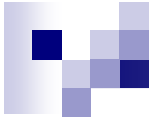




Timor-Leste National Survey Results

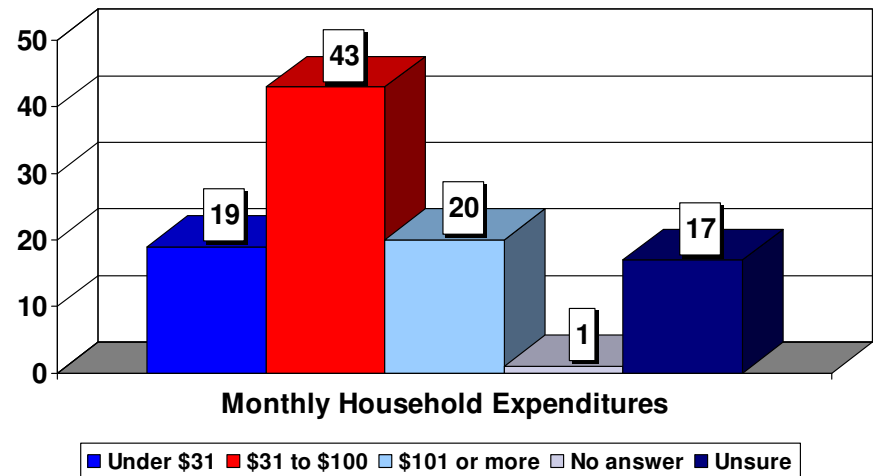
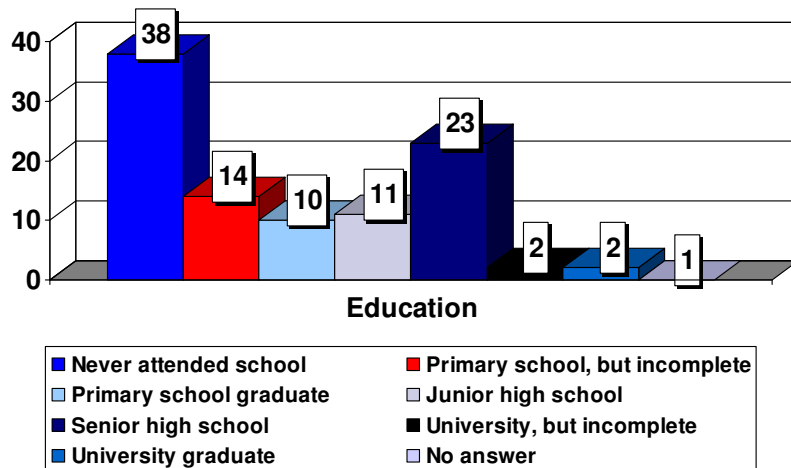
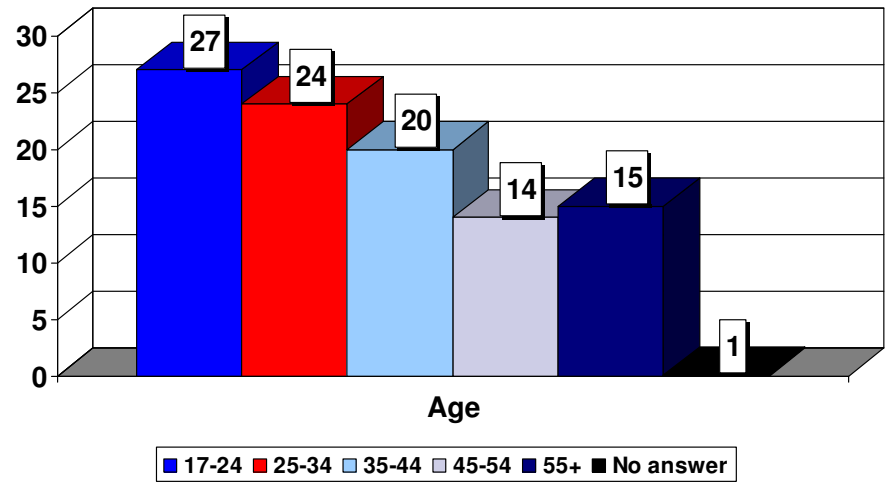
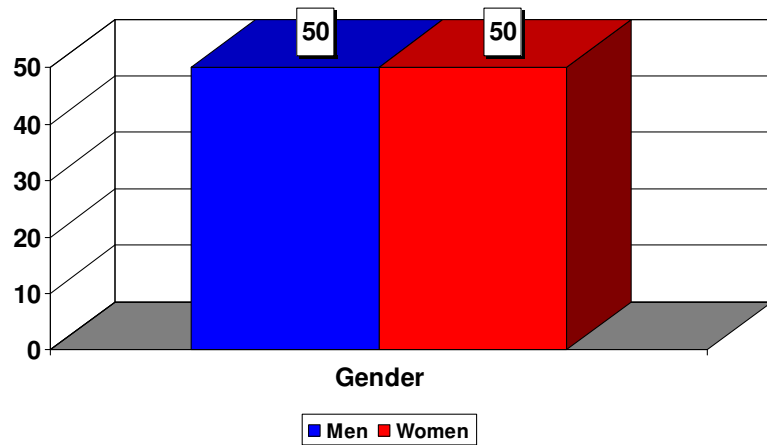
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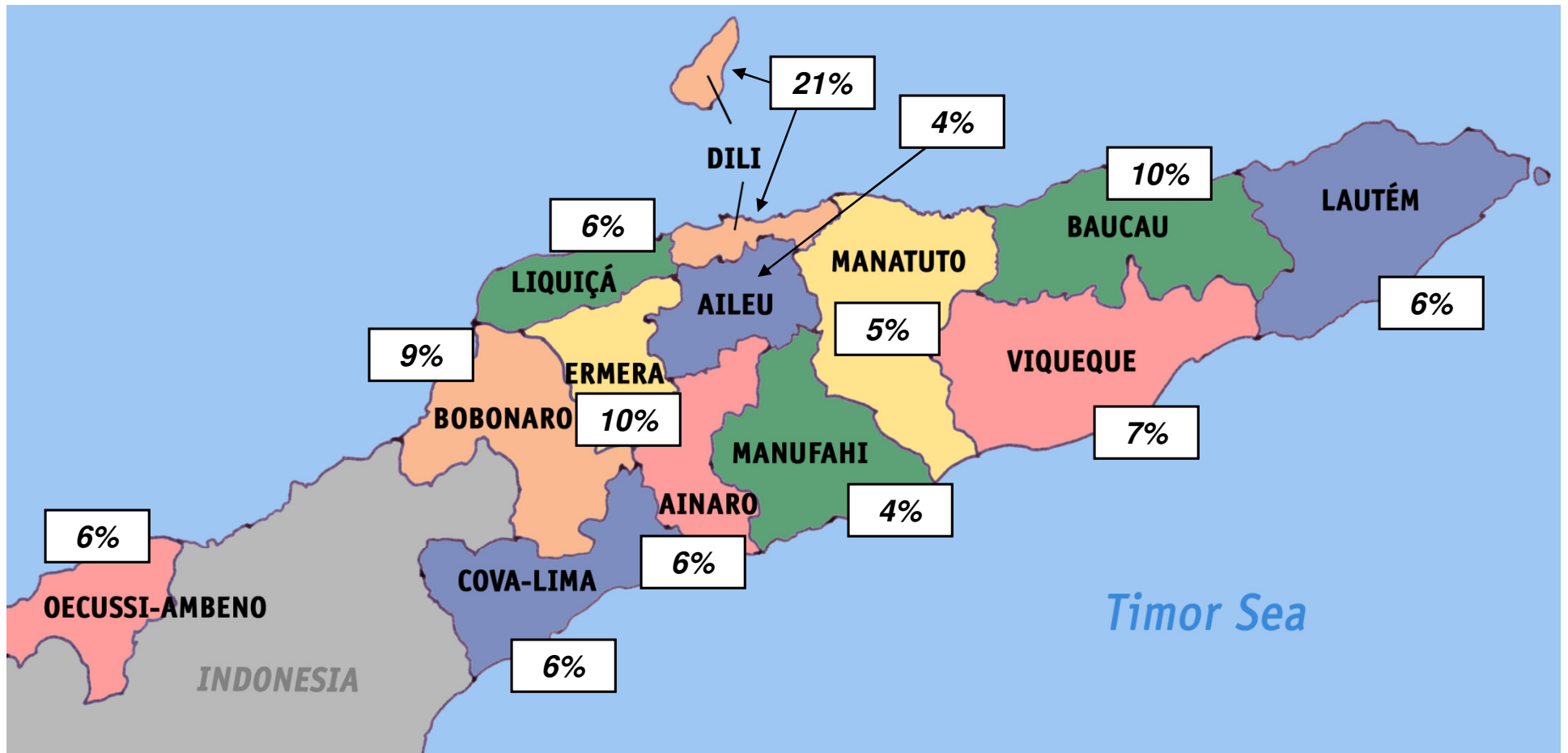
- The survey was comprised of 1,500 residents of Timor-Leste who were 17 years of age or older at the time of the survey.
- Data was gathered through face-to-face interviews between randomly-selected household respondents and trained interviewers.
- Interviewers were selected from among members of the student body at Dili Institute of Technology and were supervised by faculty members and staff
- Multi-stage sampling was used to select sucos and aldeias from each of Timor-Leste's 13 districts to be included in the sample.
 - A suco is a recognized administrative area of land incorporated within a sub-district
 - An aldeia is the hamlet or village where the household dwelling is located.
- Household respondents were chosen using a Kish grid to randomly choose a participant among those residing at the home or dwelling.
- The estimated overall margin of sampling error is +/- 2.53 percent, although it differs for each individual question, resulting in a confidence interval of 5.06 percent within which the results may have varied due to sampling.
- Adjustments were made to proportionately weight the results for age, gender and geography toward the actual demographic and geographic characteristics of Timor-Leste.
- The interviewing was conducted during the period of November 10, 2008 to December 16, 2008.
- The survey was sponsored and commissioned by the International Republican Institute.
- Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100 percent.

Methodological Information

Survey Data Characteristics



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Proportion of Data by District



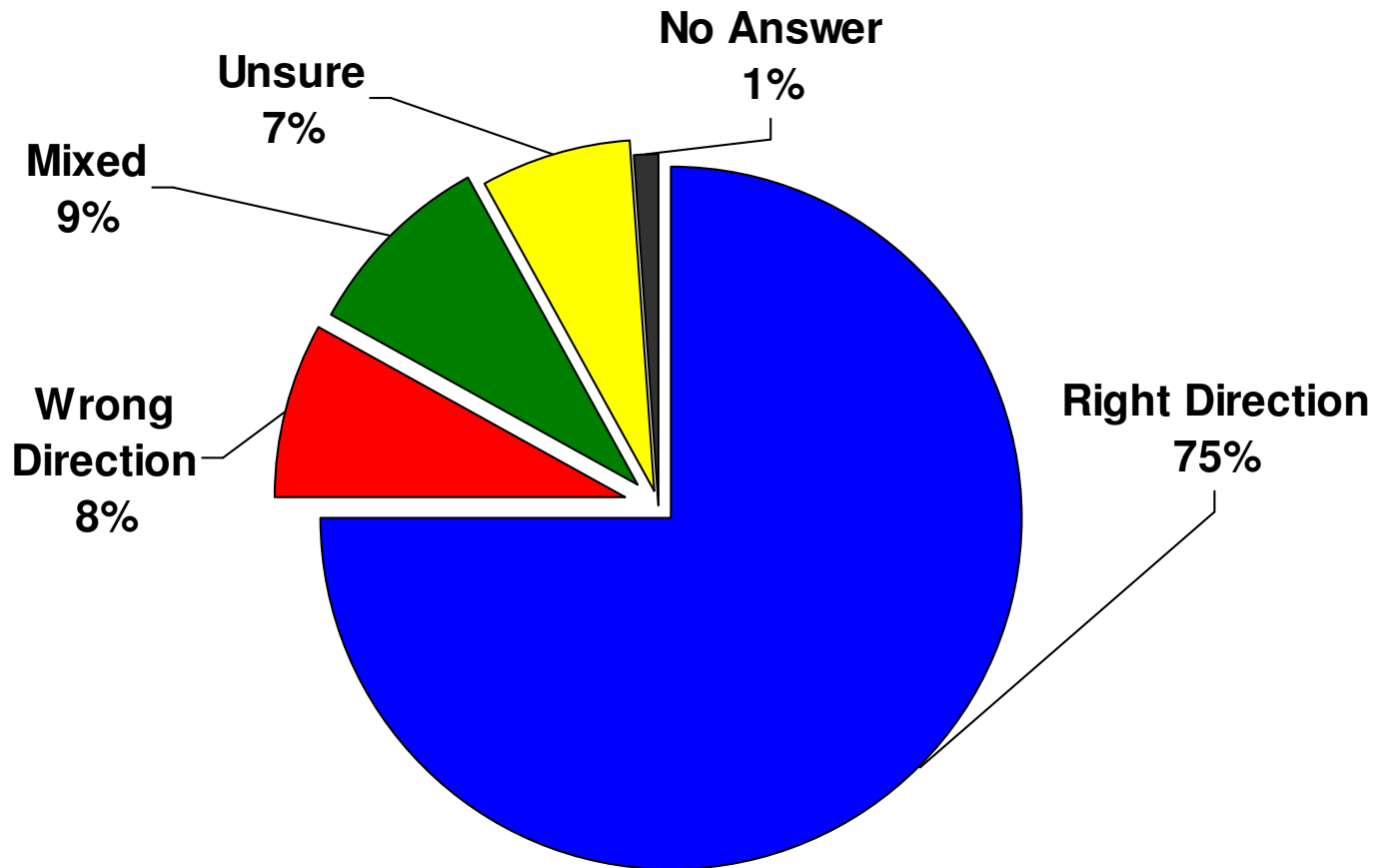
Acronyms


- IDP = Internally Displaced Person
- F-FDTL = Falintil-Forças de Defesa de Timor-Leste
(National Army)
- PNTL = Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste
(National Police)
- STAE = Technical Secretariat for Election Administration



Timor-Leste General Opinion Environment


In your opinion, in which direction do you think Timor-Leste is currently moving?





Why do you think the country is moving in the right direction? (n=1,129)

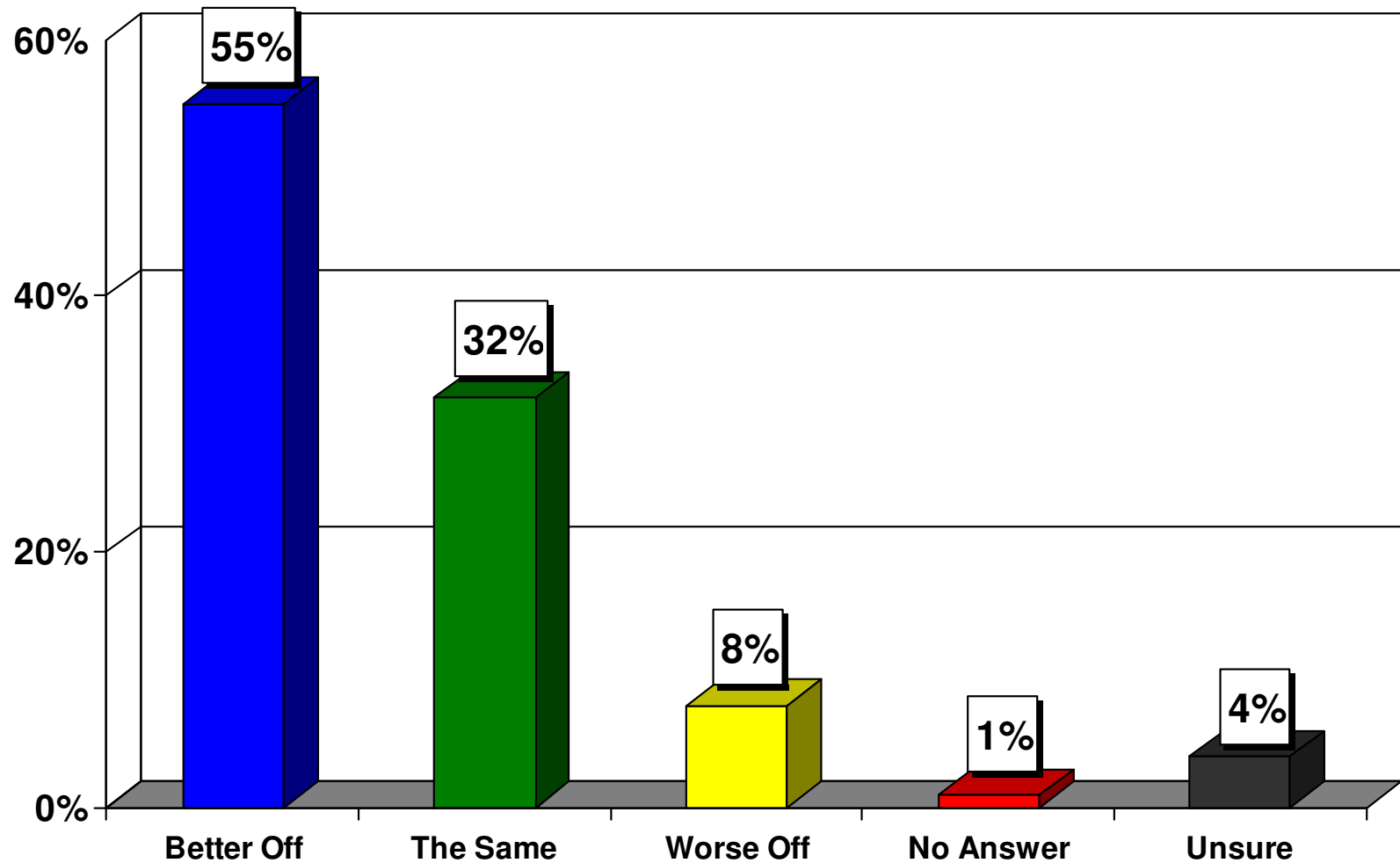
Government governs well, assisting its people	28%
There is peace and security	11%
Timor-Leste is independent	10%
The general environment is good or improving	8%
Unsure	8%
Other	5%
No answer	3%
Economic conditions are good	2%
Skipped – did not say country is moving in right direction <i>(Note: These respondents were not asked this follow up question)</i>	25%



Why do you think the country is moving in the wrong direction? (*n=113*)

The government is not governing well	4%
Economic conditions are not good	1%
Government corruption	1%
The country is not stable	1%
Other	1%
No Answer	1%
Unsure	1%
Skipped – did not say country was moving in wrong direction <i>(Note: These respondents were not asked this follow up question)</i>	92%

Since the new government was formed last year, in your opinion, do you think Timor-Leste is better off, the same or worse off?

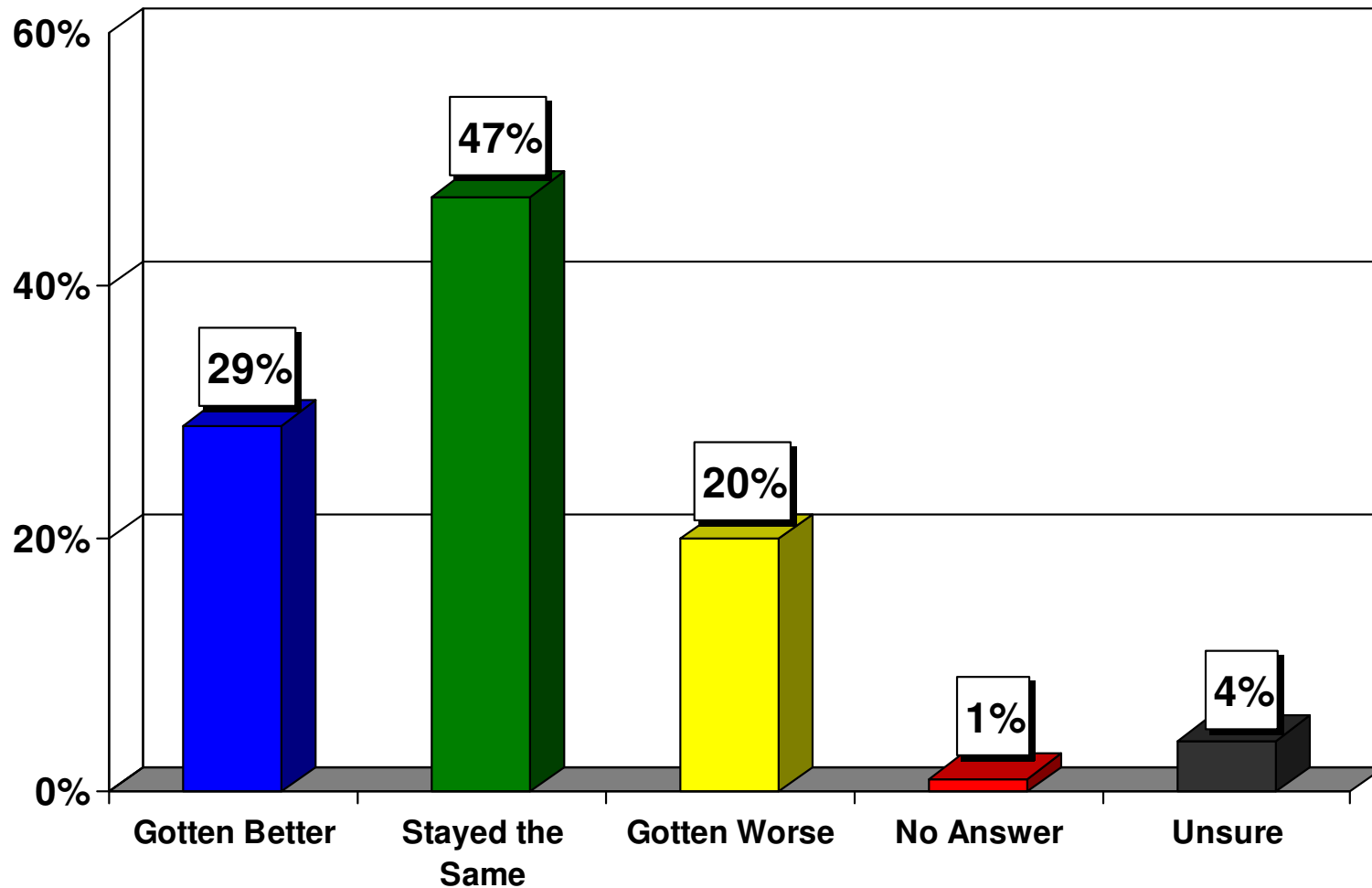




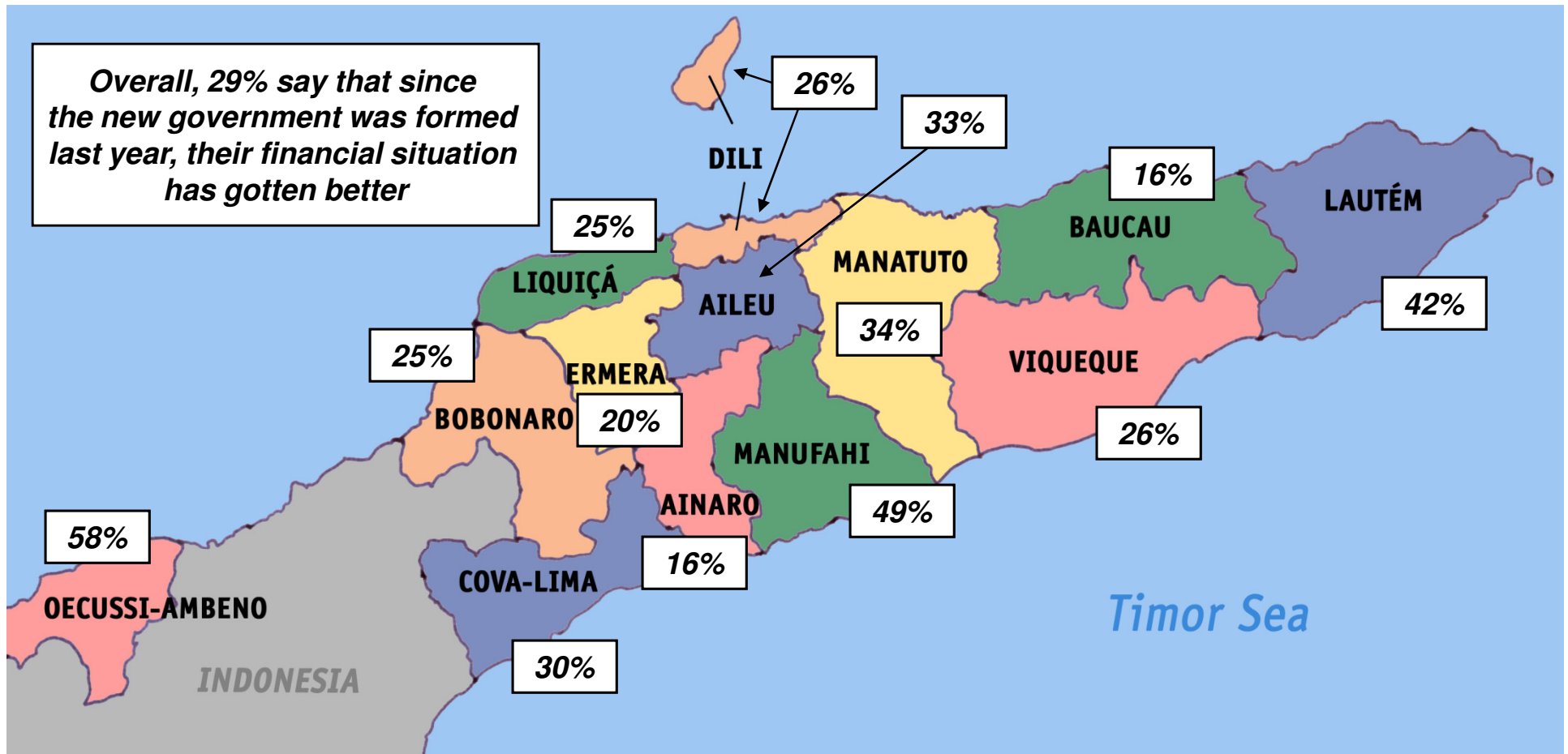
In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing Timor-Leste?

Education	33%
Roads	16%
Employment	10%
Unsure	9%
Electricity	7%
Prices of goods and foods	6%
Health	5%
National unity	4%
Development	3%
Other	3%
Agriculture	2%
Crime	1%
Veterans	1%
IDPS	1%
Government relations with neighboring countries	1%

Since the new government was formed last year, has your financial situation gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse?

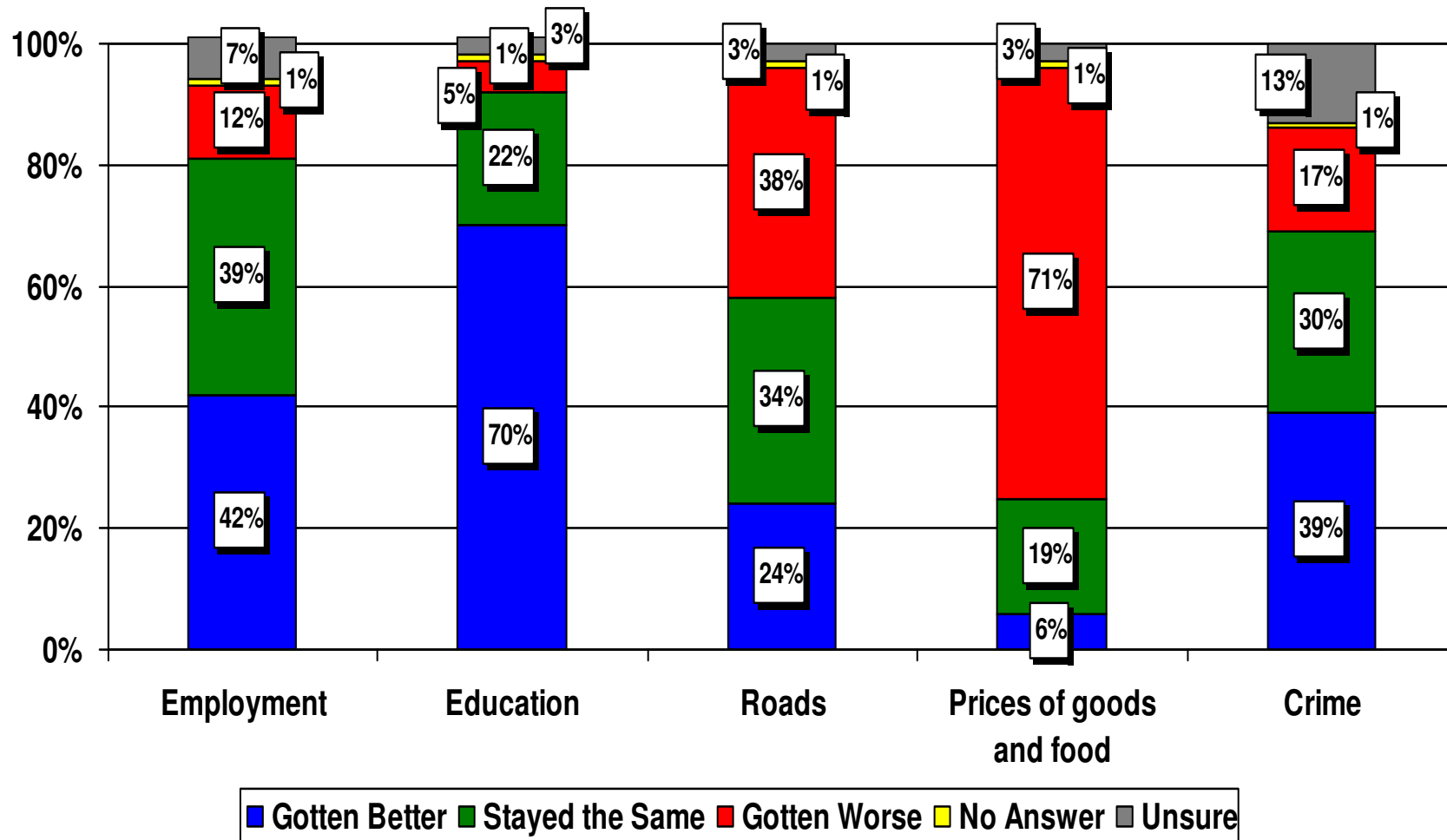


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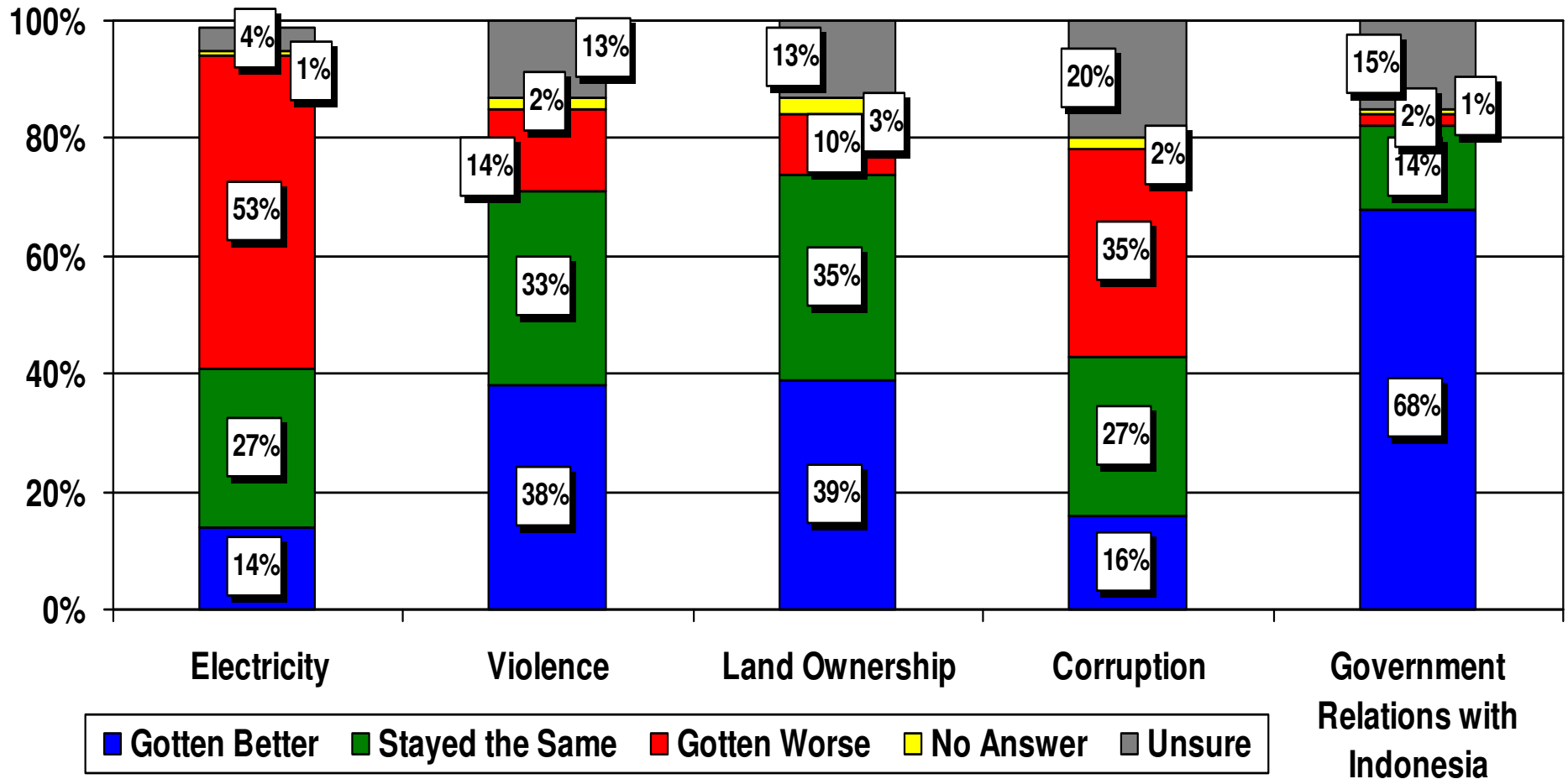


Gotten Better Analyzed by District

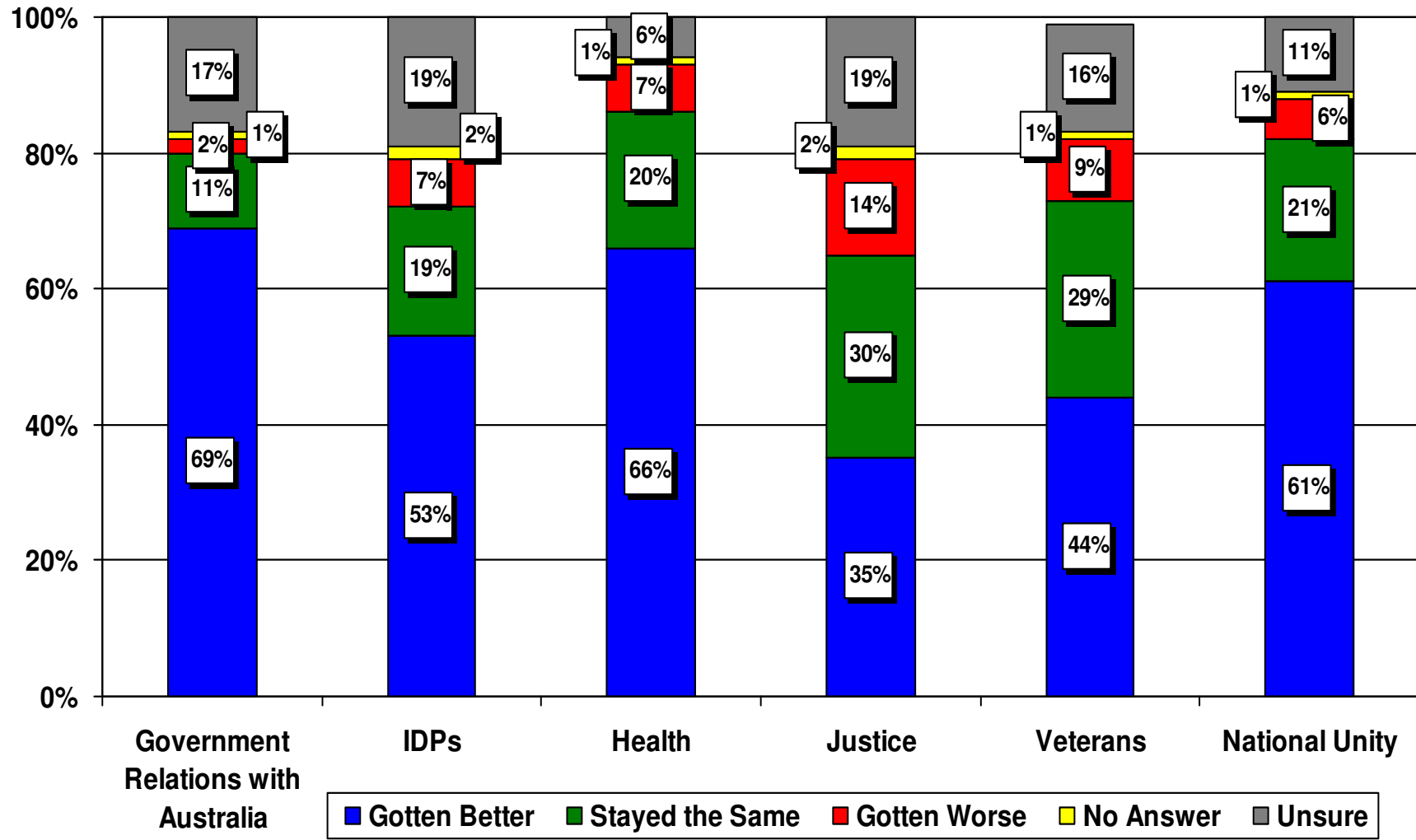
For each issue below, please state whether you think the condition of the issue has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse since the new government was formed last year.



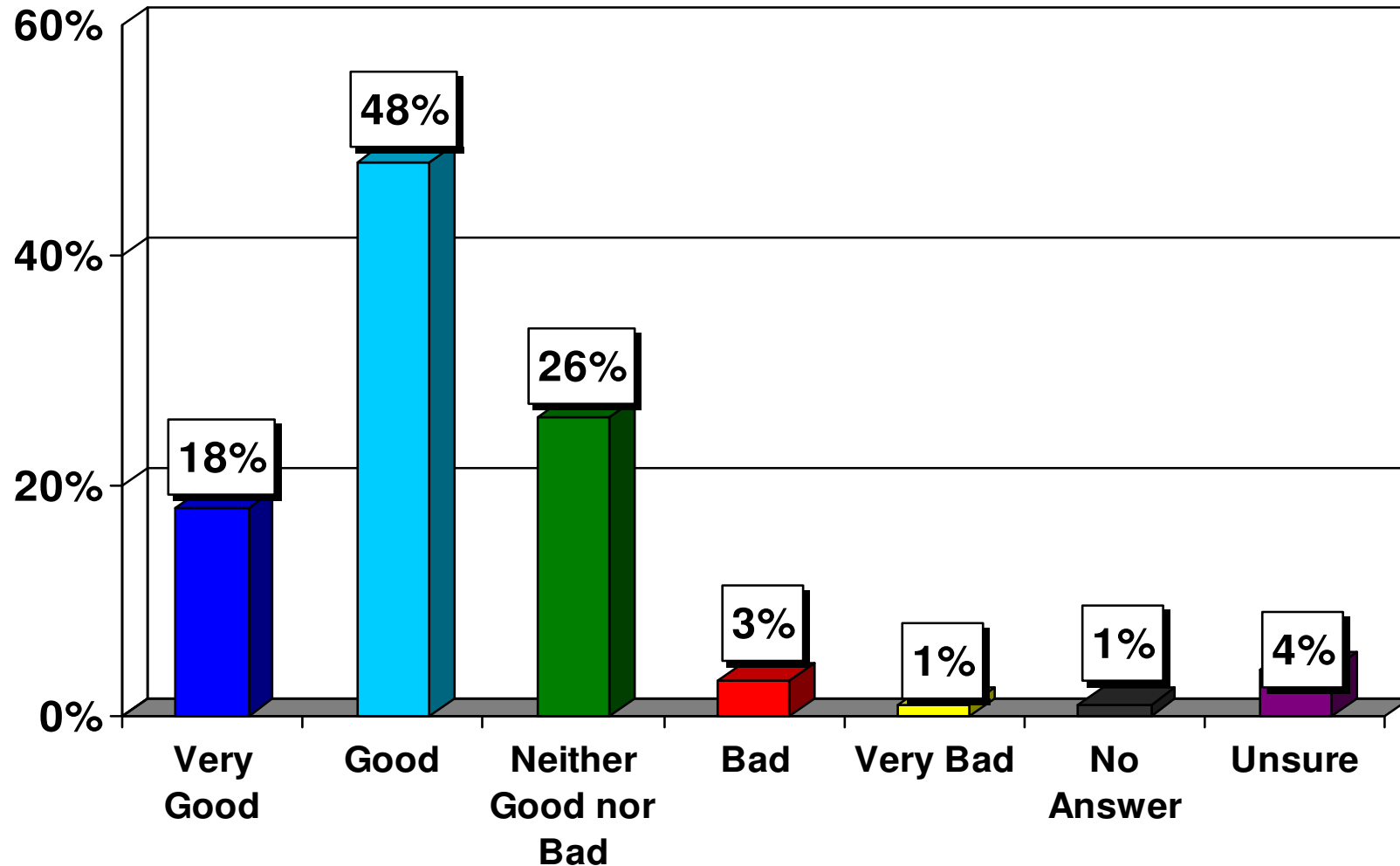
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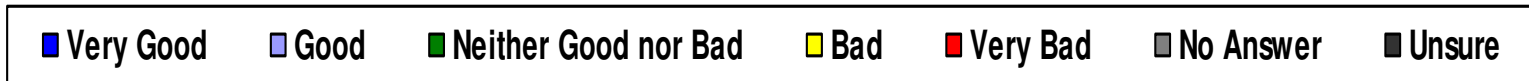
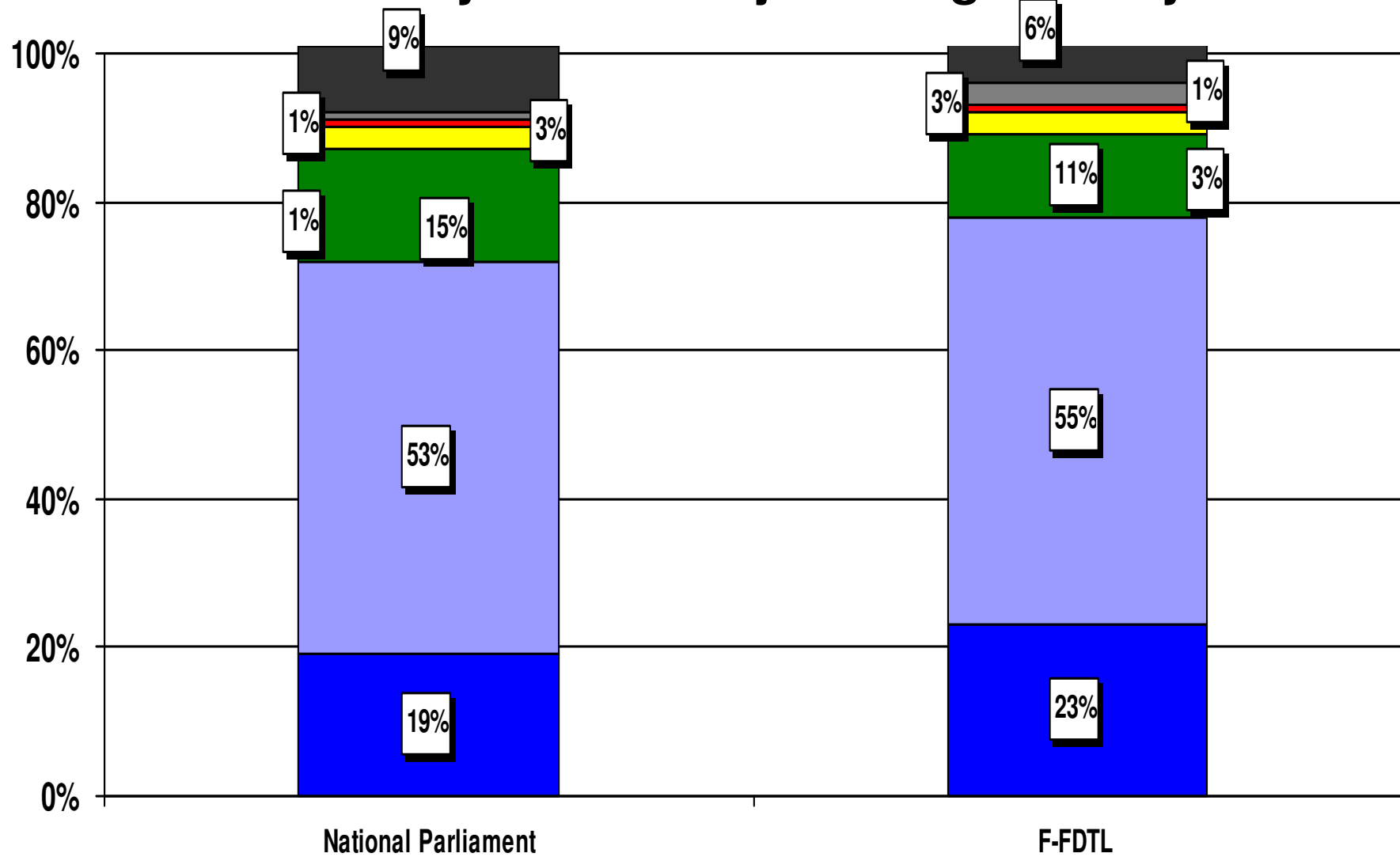
In general, how would you rate the job the government of Timor-Leste is doing?



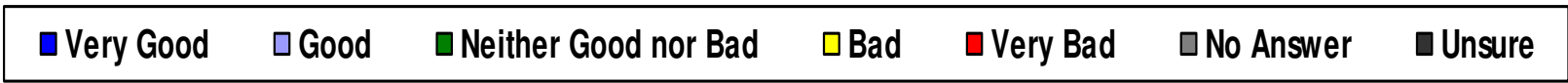
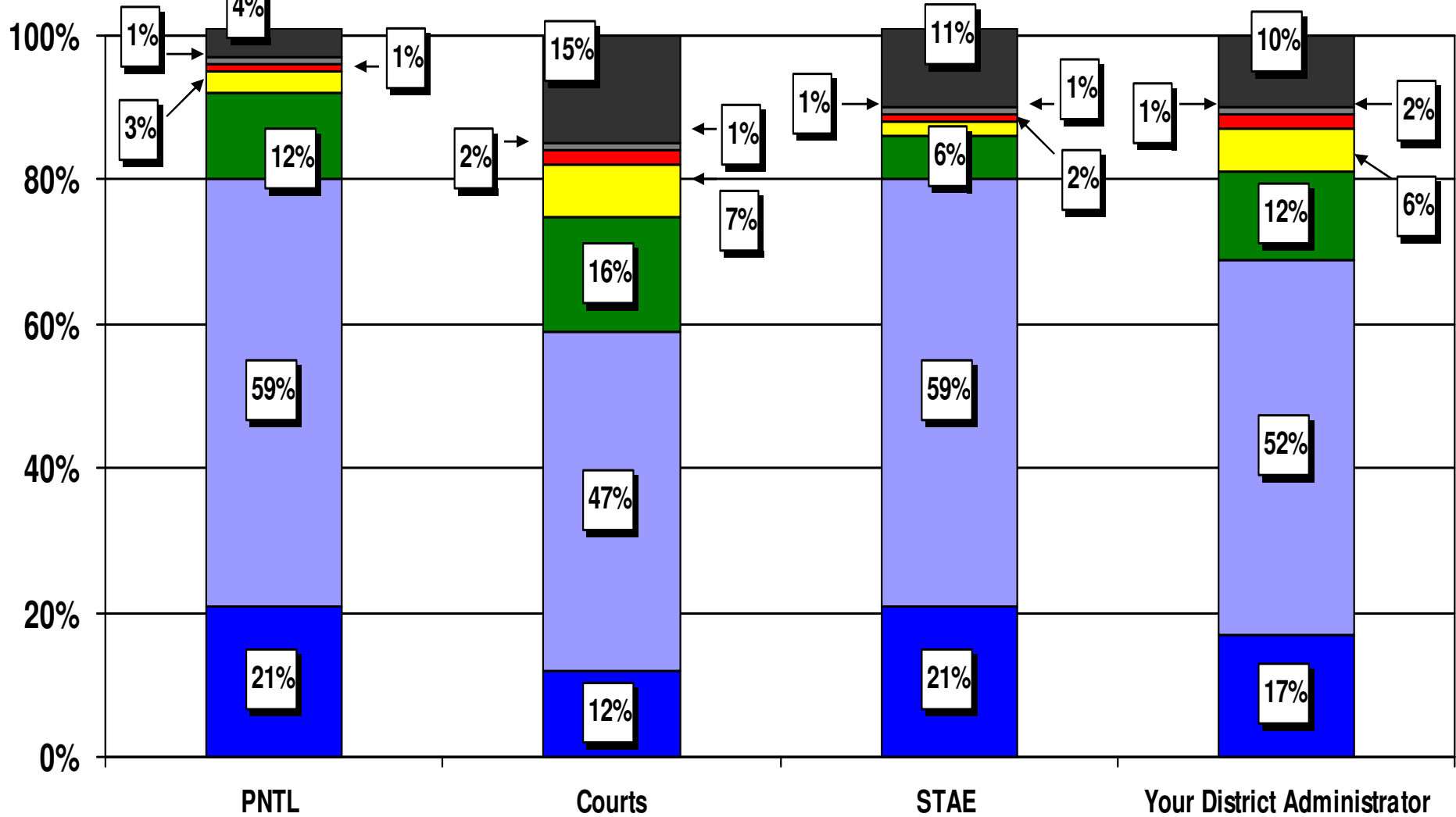


Timor-Leste Government Approval and Performance

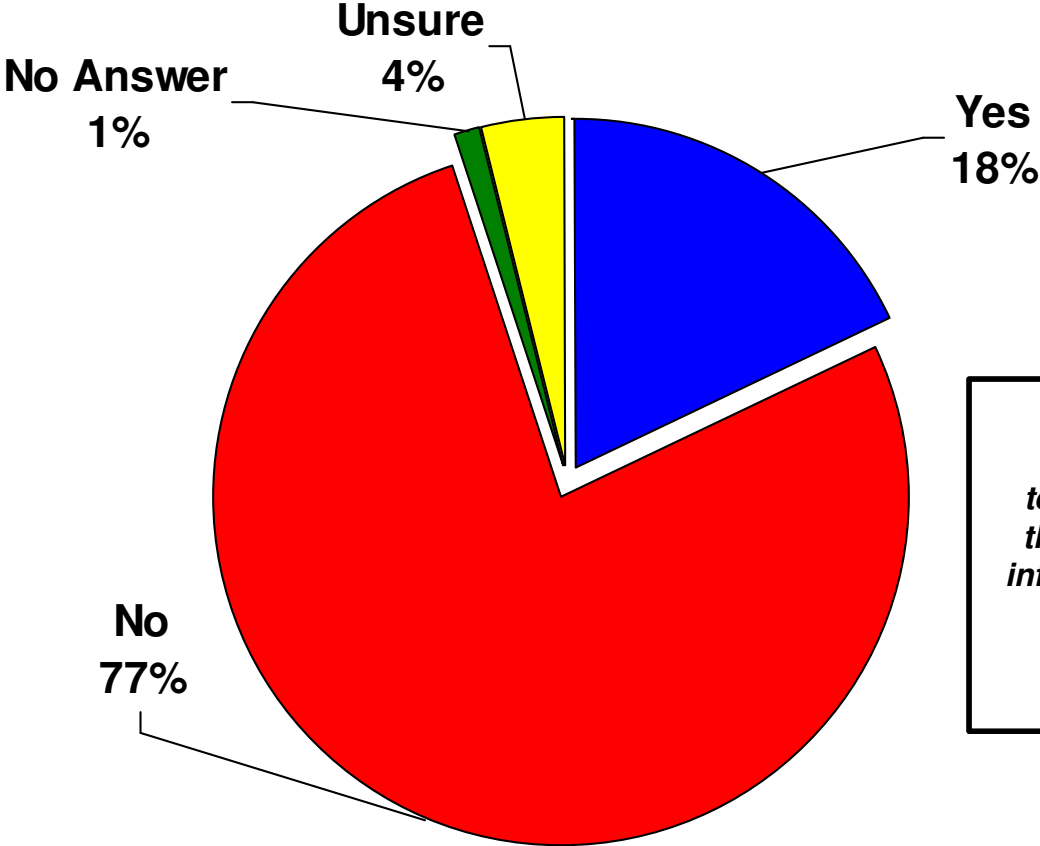
How would you rate the job being done by...



How would you rate the job being done by...

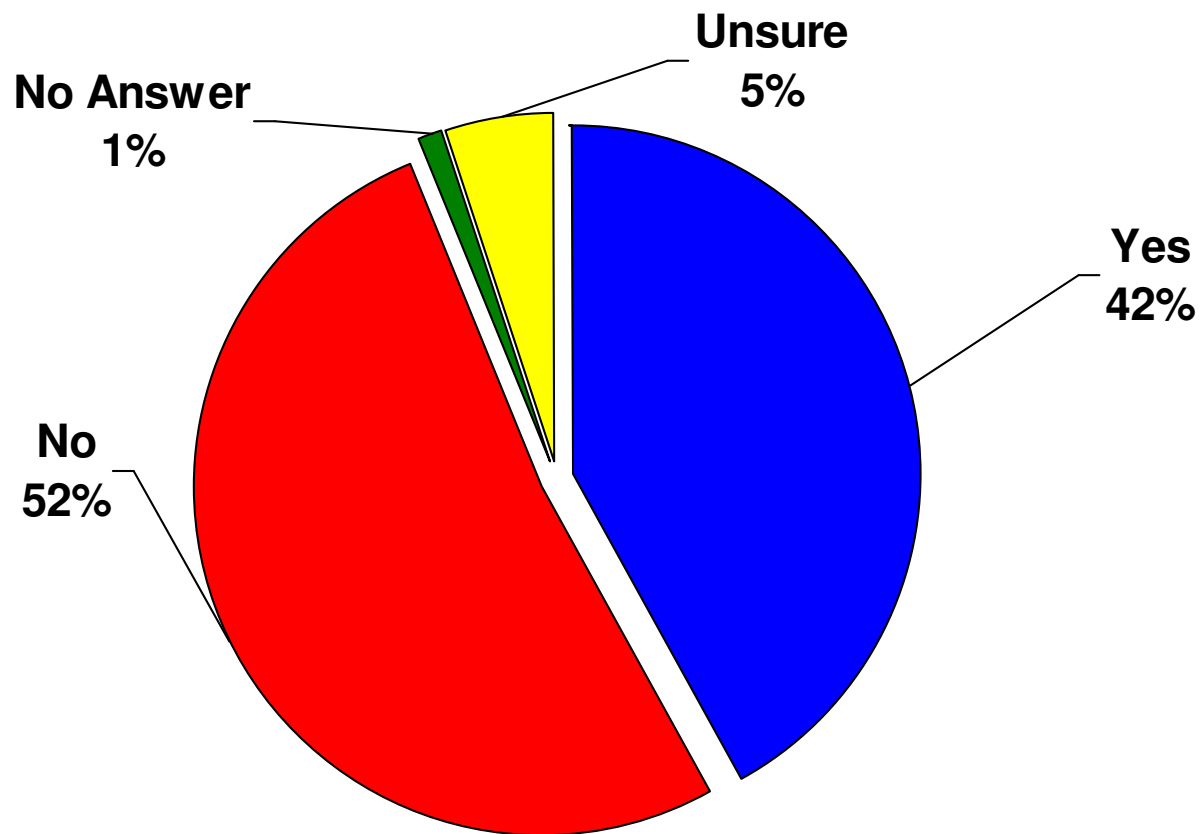


Have you heard about the government's plan to create elected municipal assemblies?



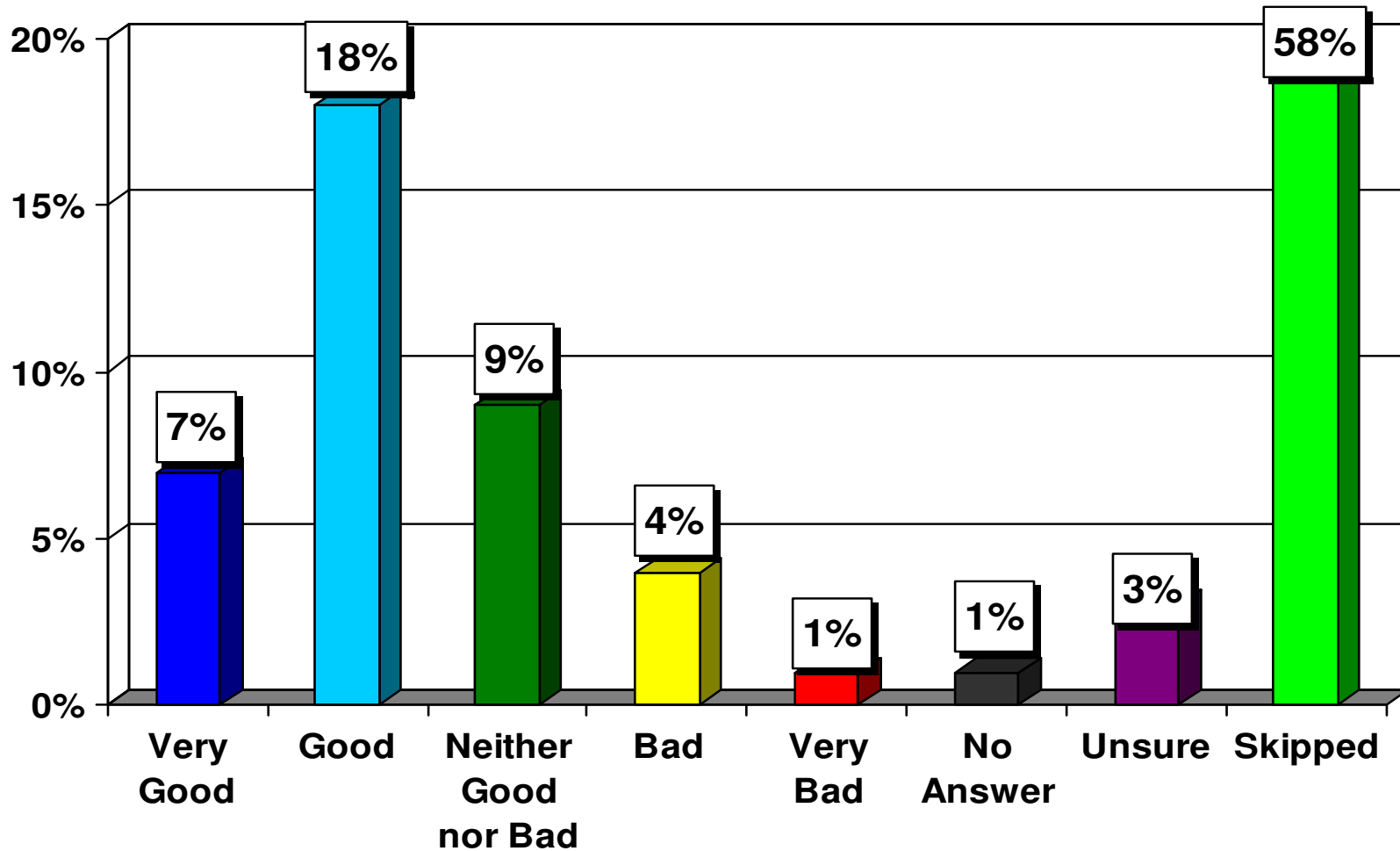
Among those who rely on television or newspapers for their main source of political information, 27% said they had heard of the plan to create municipal assemblies

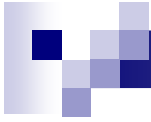
Have you heard about the government's petroleum fund?



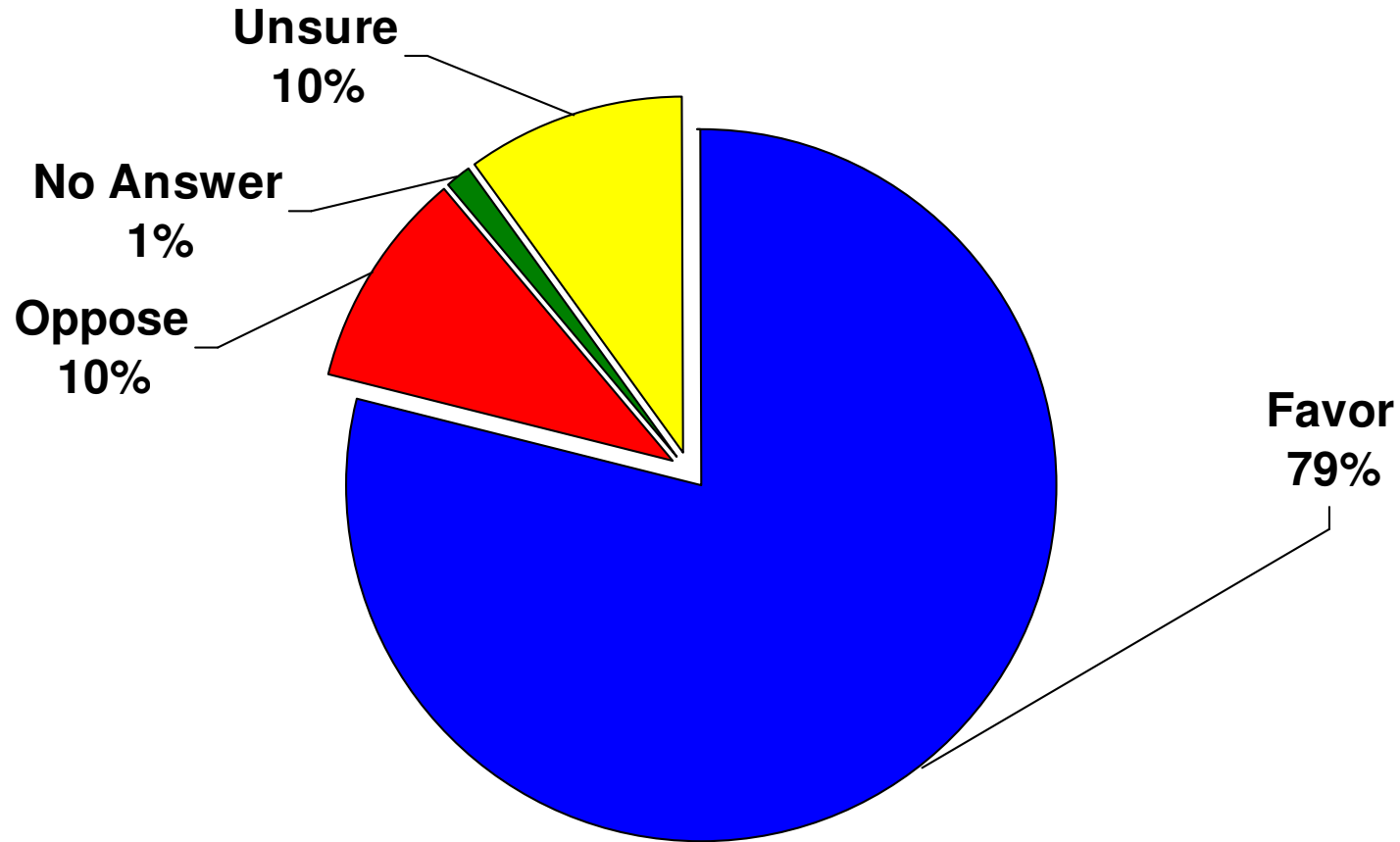
Among those who rely on newspapers for their main source of political information, 66% said they had heard of the government's petroleum fund

In general, how would you rate the government's use of petroleum fund money?

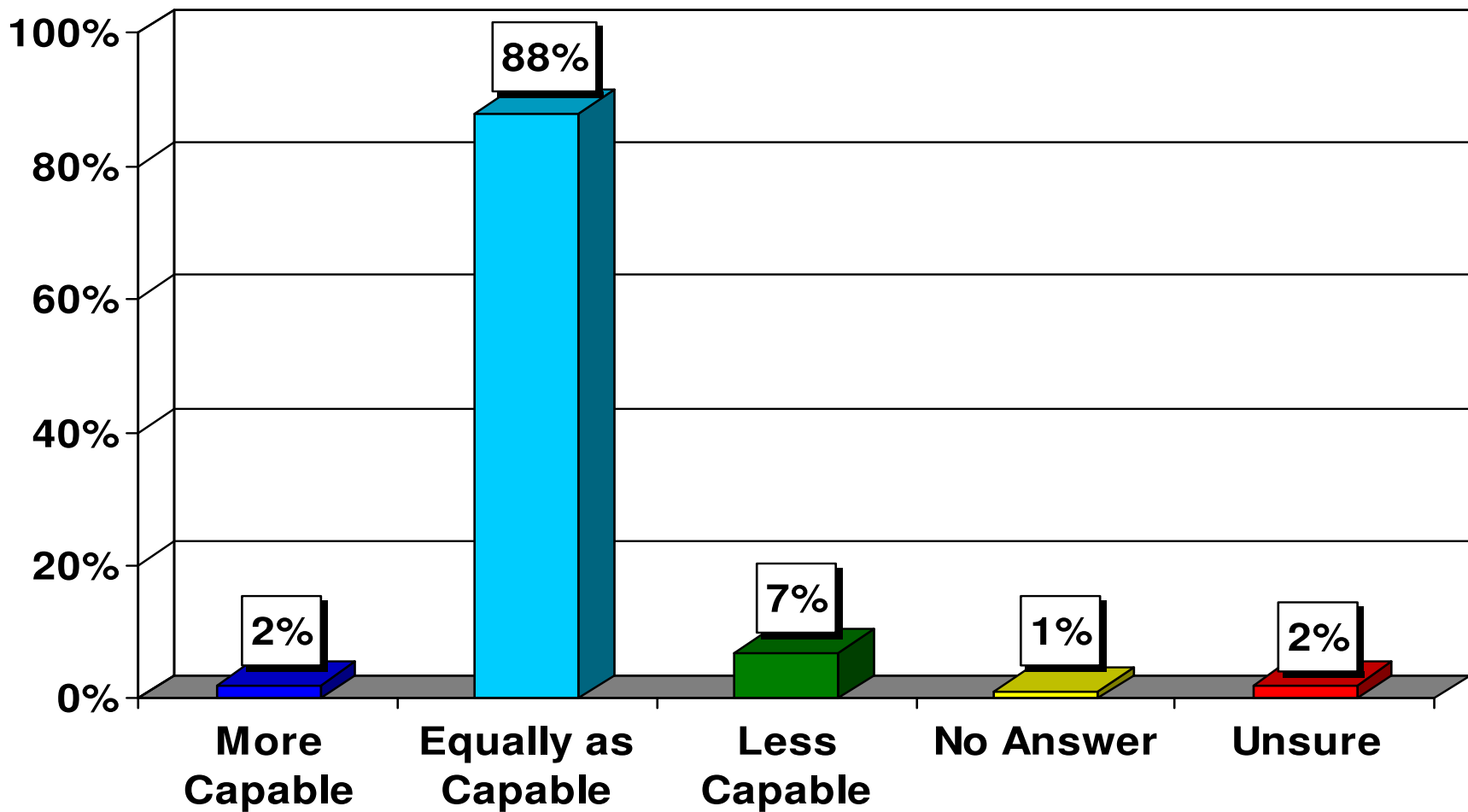




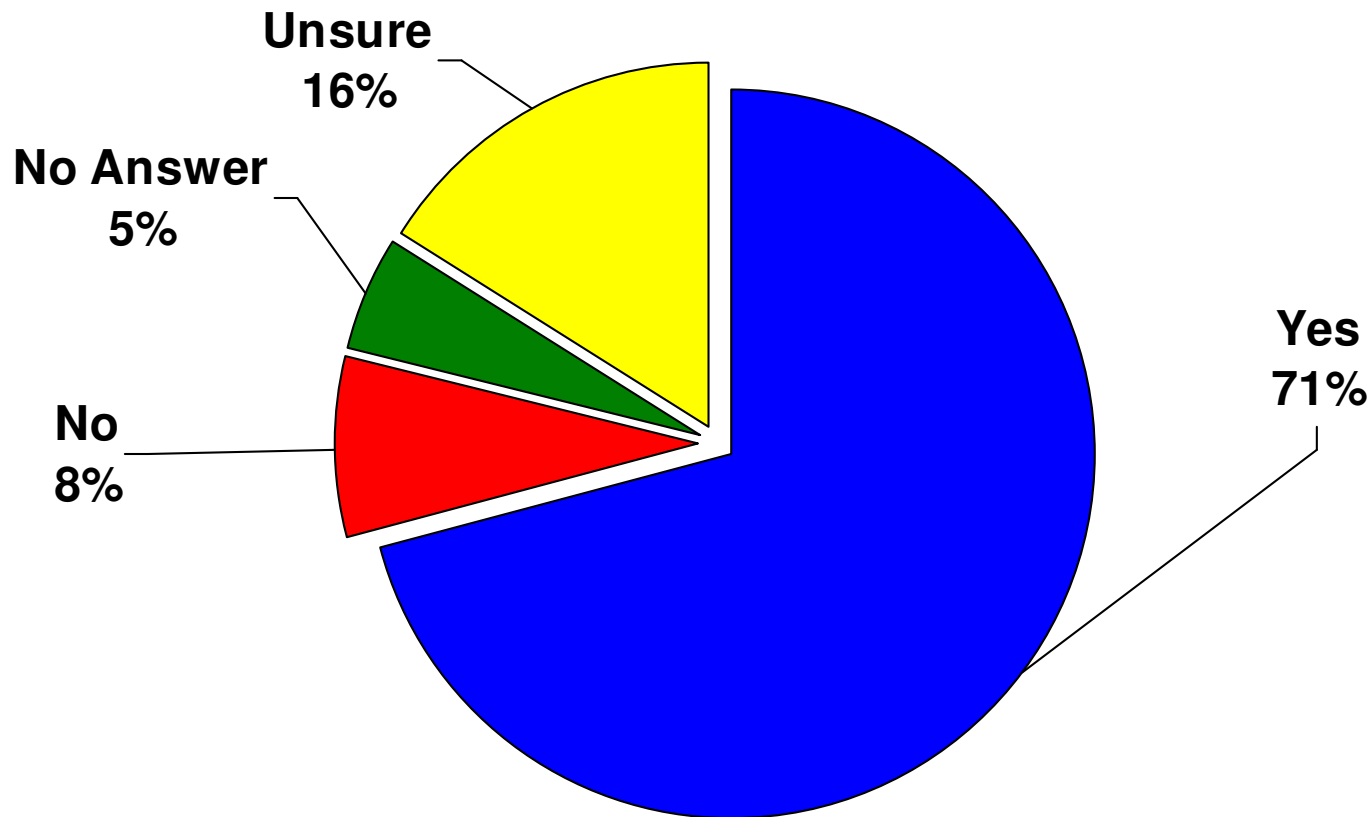
Do you favor or oppose the creation of an Anti-Corruption Commission?



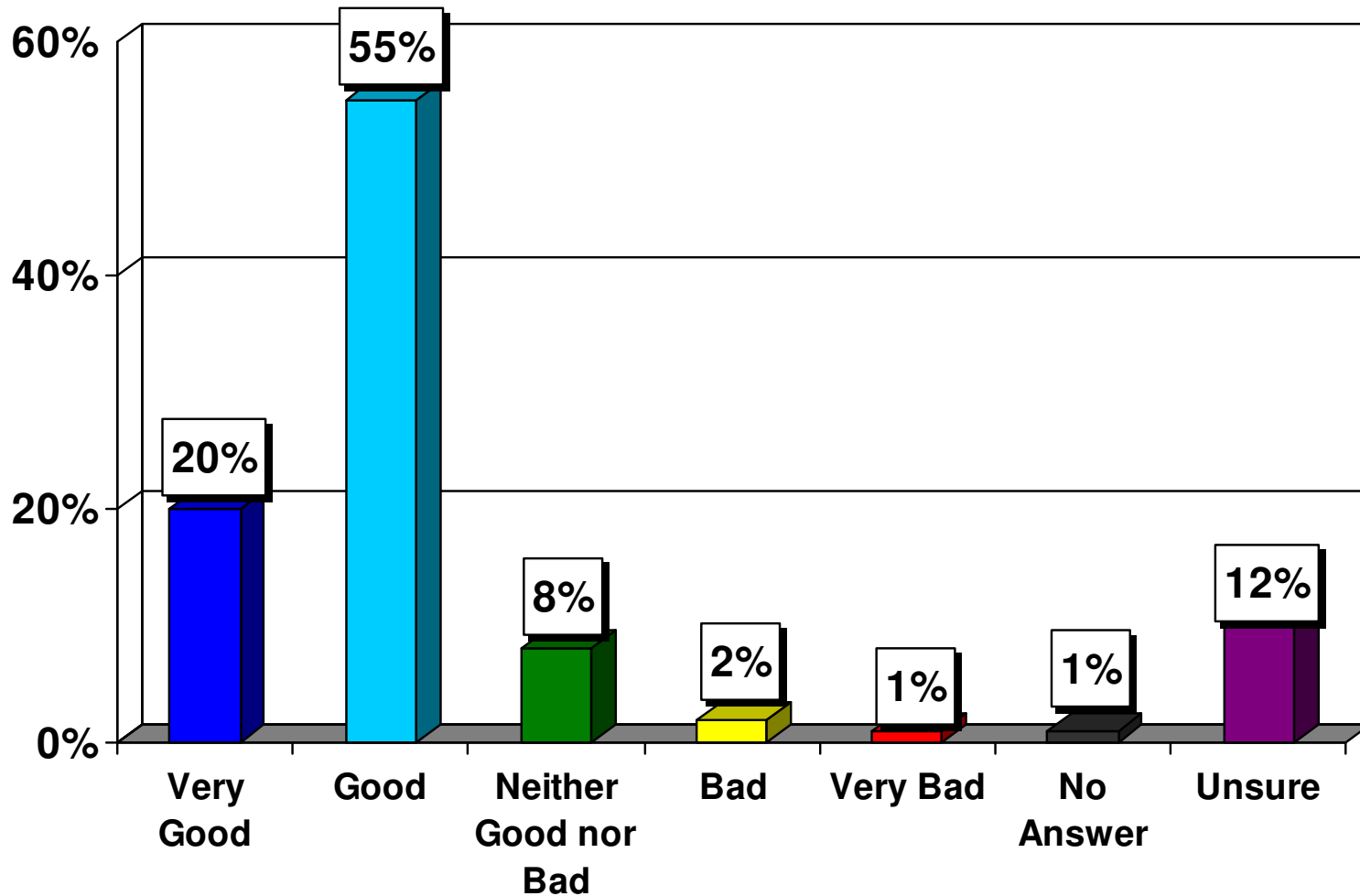
In your opinion, are women more capable, equally as capable, or less capable than men to serve in elected positions in government?



Would you be willing to vote for a female political candidate in a future election?



In general, how would you rate the United Nation's assistance to the government of Timor-Leste?



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(n=1,299)

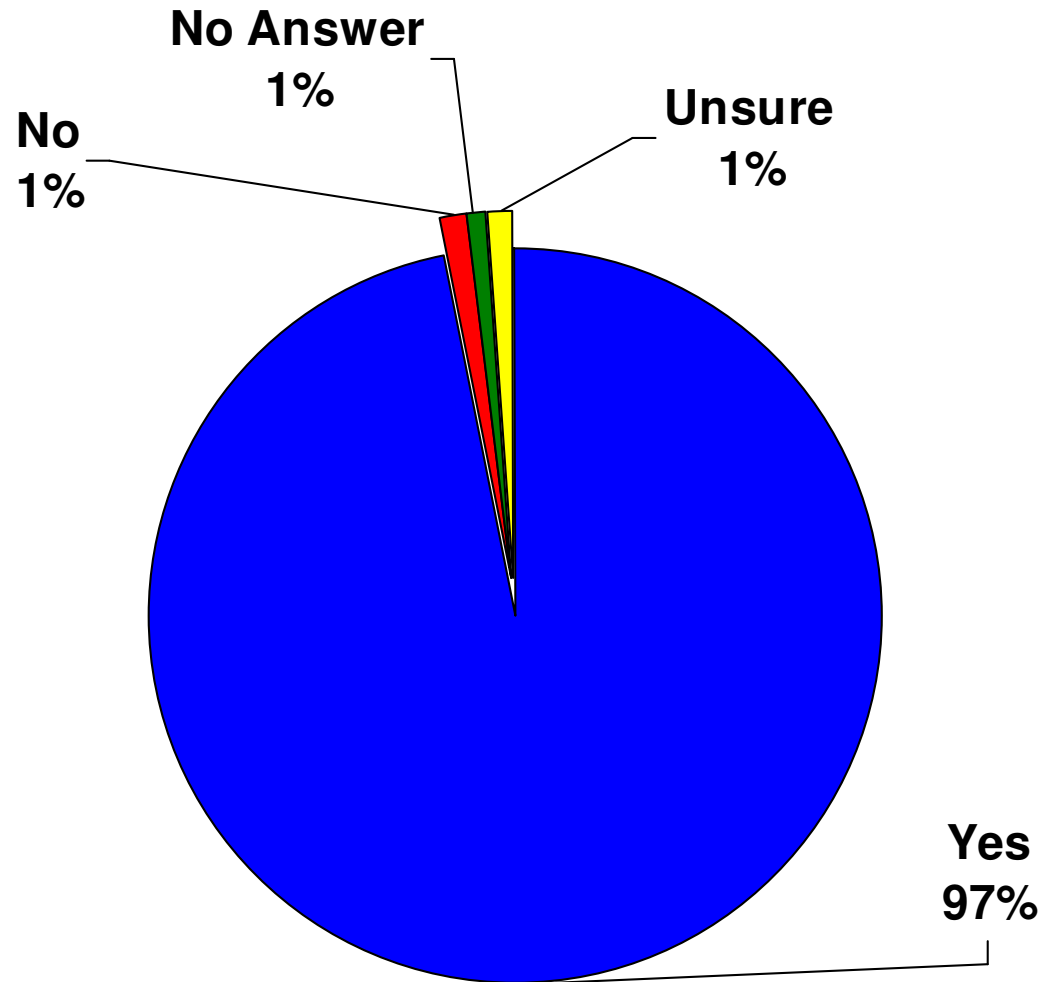
Positive Responses	
Assists peace and security	33%
Assists development in Timor-Leste	9%
Provides Economic and Humanitarian Assistance	8%
Assisted Timor-Leste obtain independence	6%
Assists with some things but not others	3%
Provides training for security forces	1%
Creates job opportunities	1%

Negative Responses	
Unsure	11%
Other	8%
No answer	4%
Has stayed to long	1%
Has had no effect	1%
Has not acted in the interest of Timor-Leste	1%
Skipped – did not say good or bad <i>(Note: These respondents were not asked this follow up question)</i>	13%

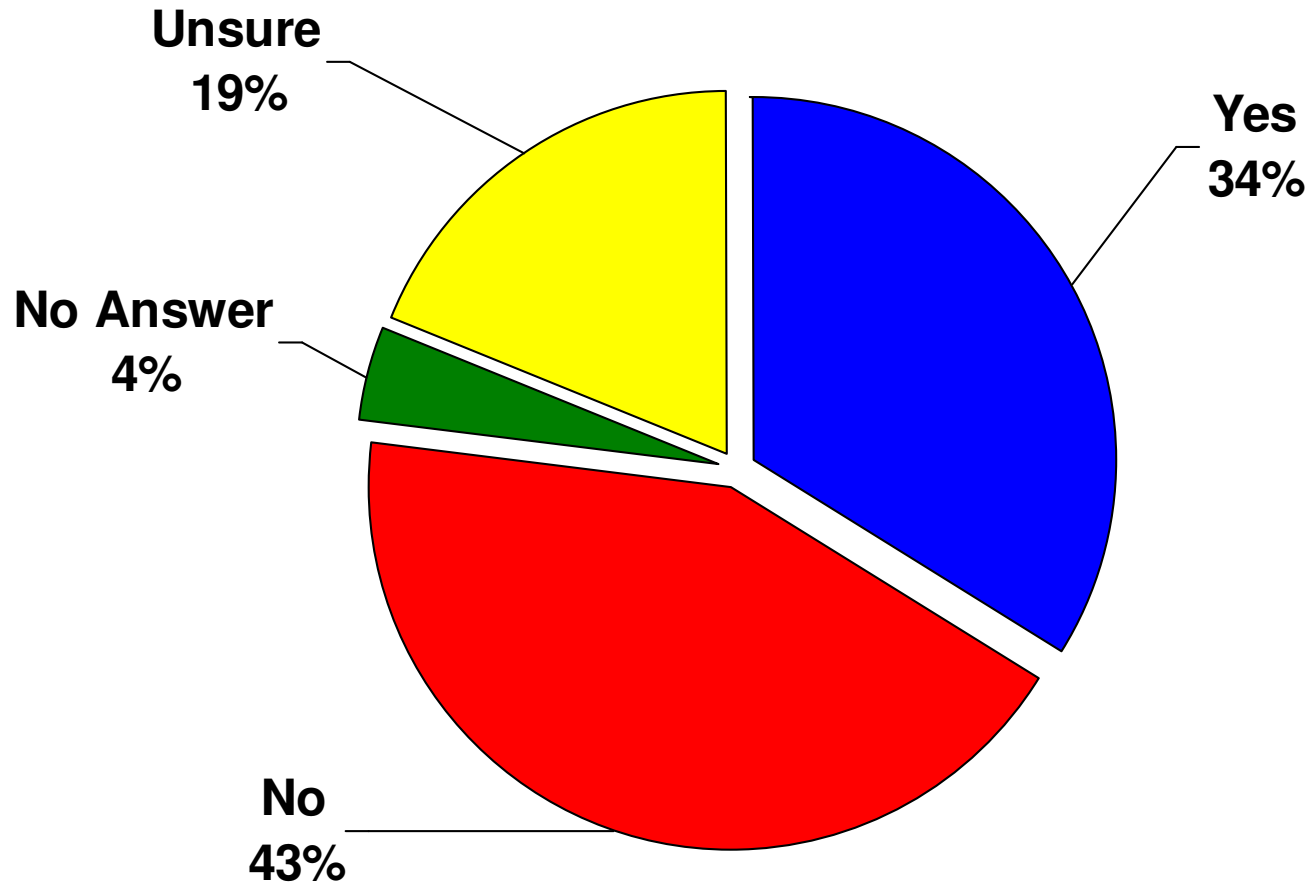


Timor-Leste 2009 Elections

Do you plan to vote in the upcoming Suco Council elections?



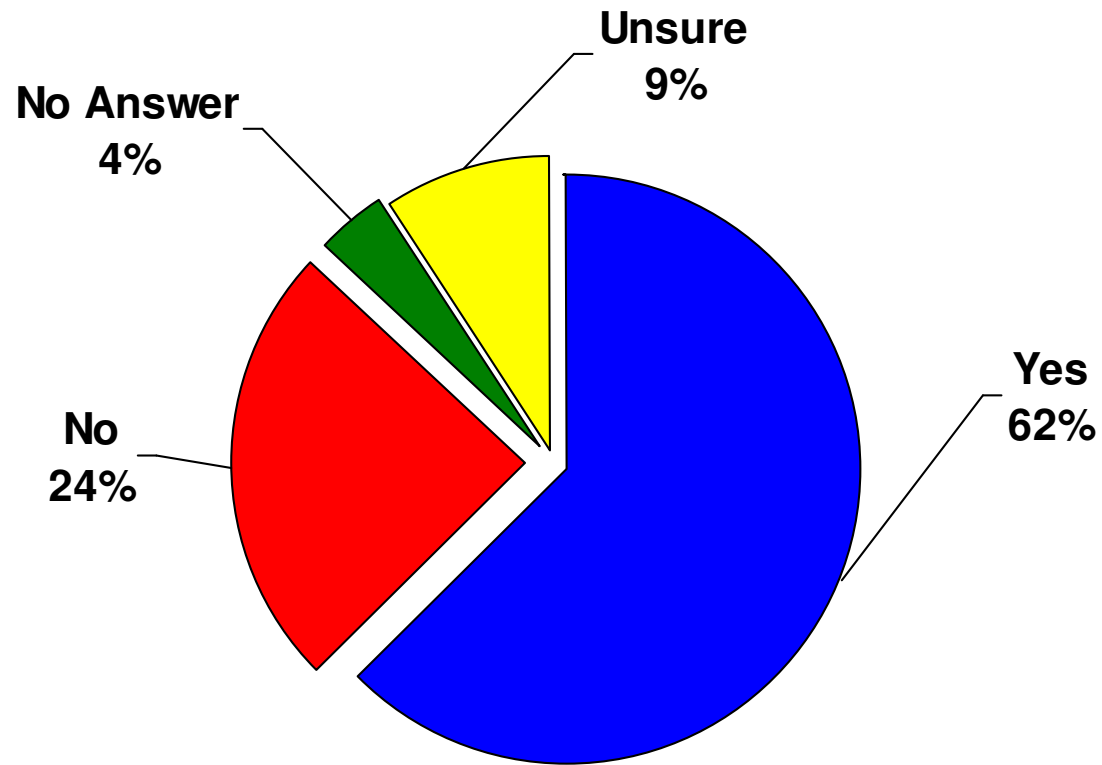
Do you think early parliamentary elections should be held?



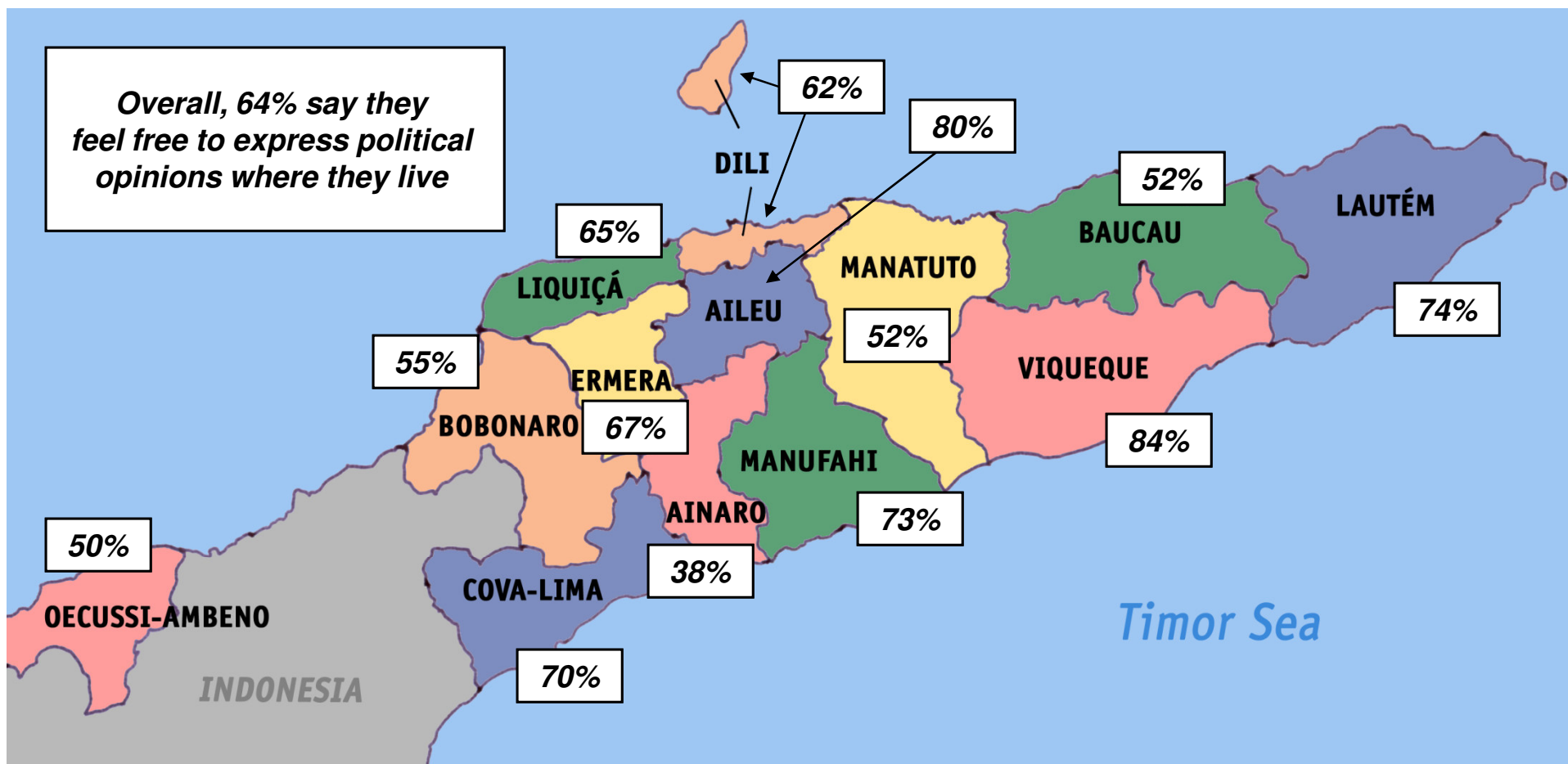


Timor-Leste Political Participation

Do you feel free to express your political opinions in the area where you live?

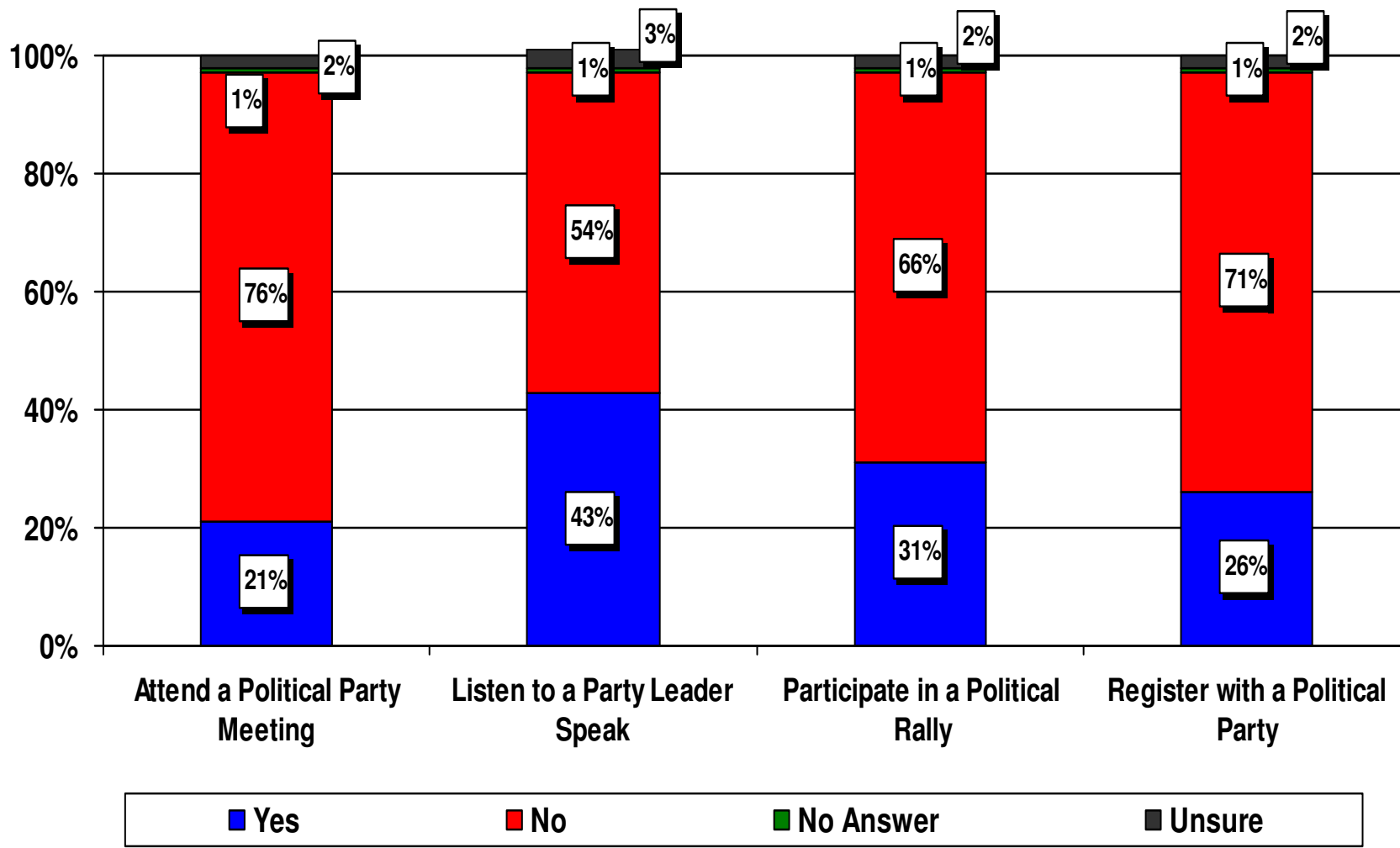


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Feel Free to Express Political Opinions Analyzed by District

Thinking about your participation in government and politics, during the past year did you ...





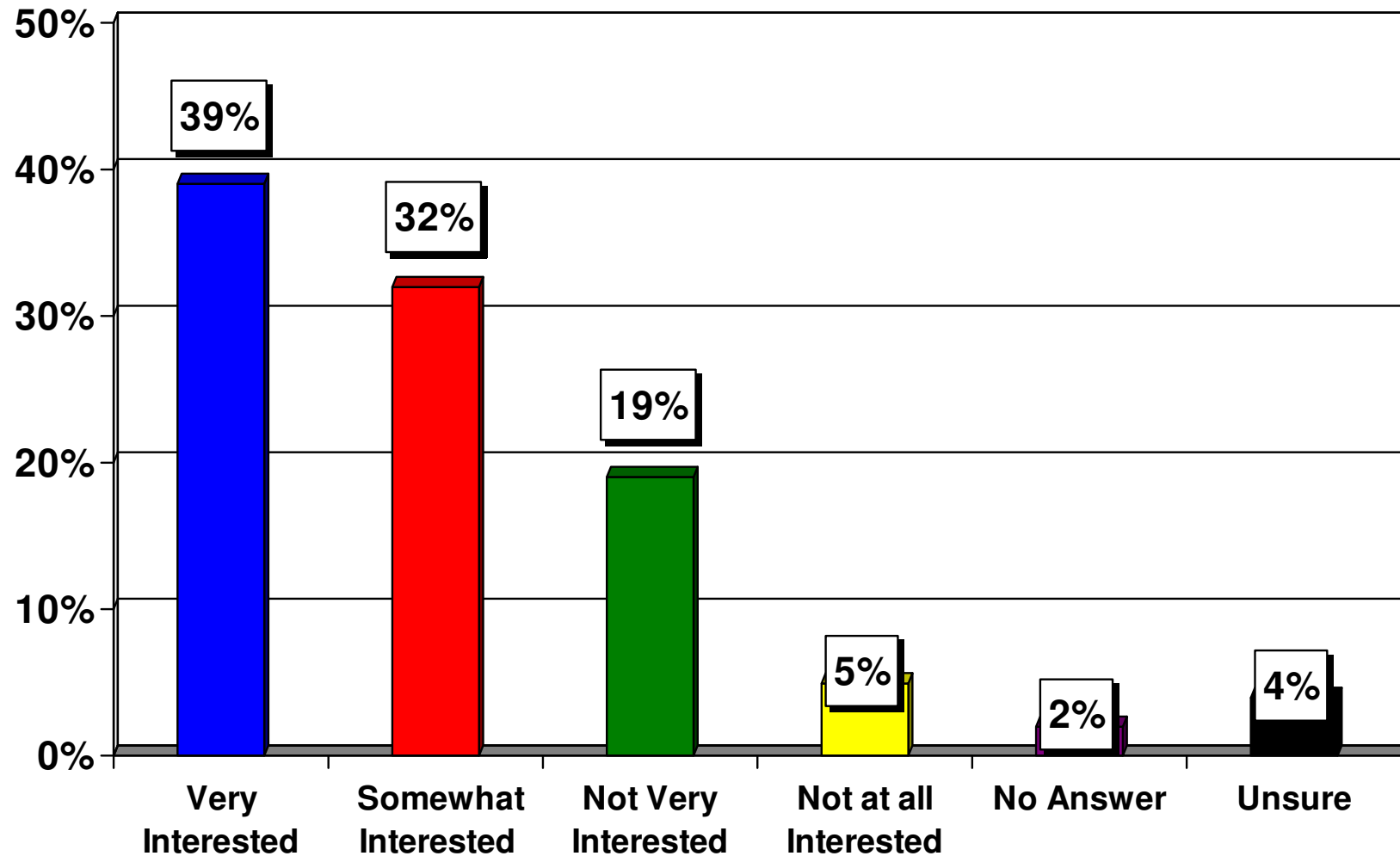
What is your main source for political news?

Radio	31%
Television	27%
Friends, family or neighbors	13%
Unsure	12%
Local chiefs	9%
Newspapers	3%
No answer	2%
No access to information	1%
Religious leader	1%
Political parties/leaders	1%
Other	1%

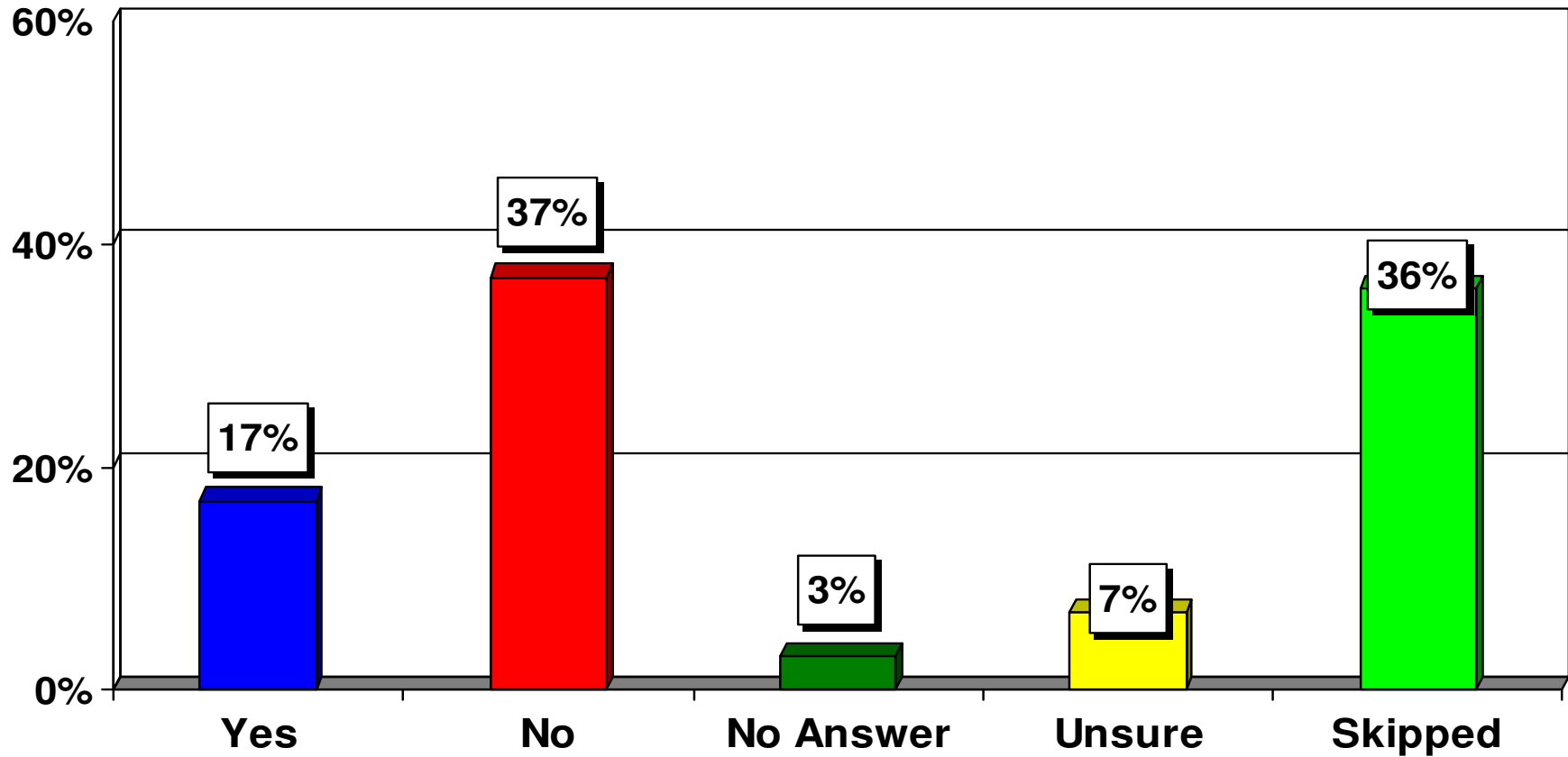


Timor-Leste Political Parties

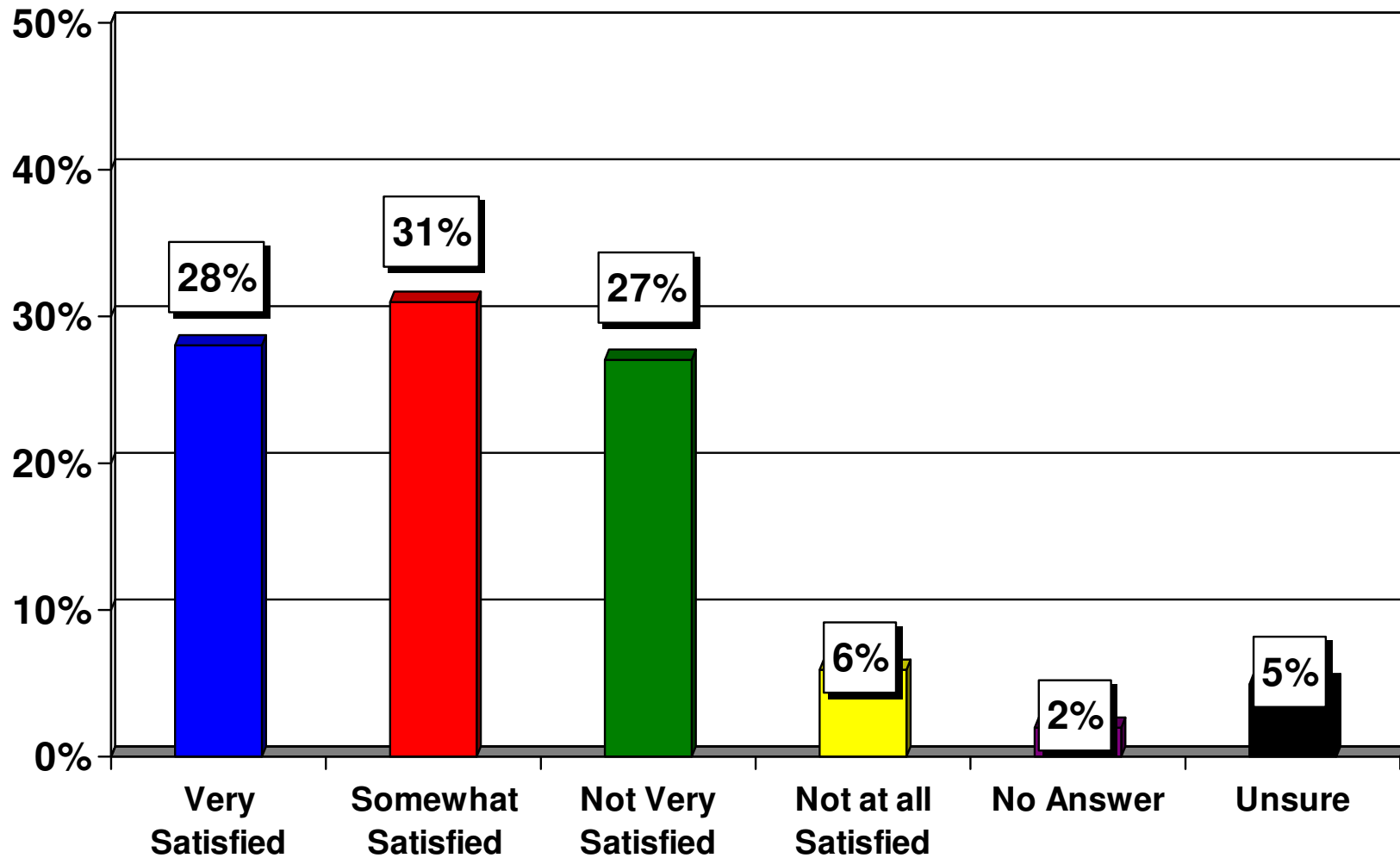
How interested are you in political parties and candidates?



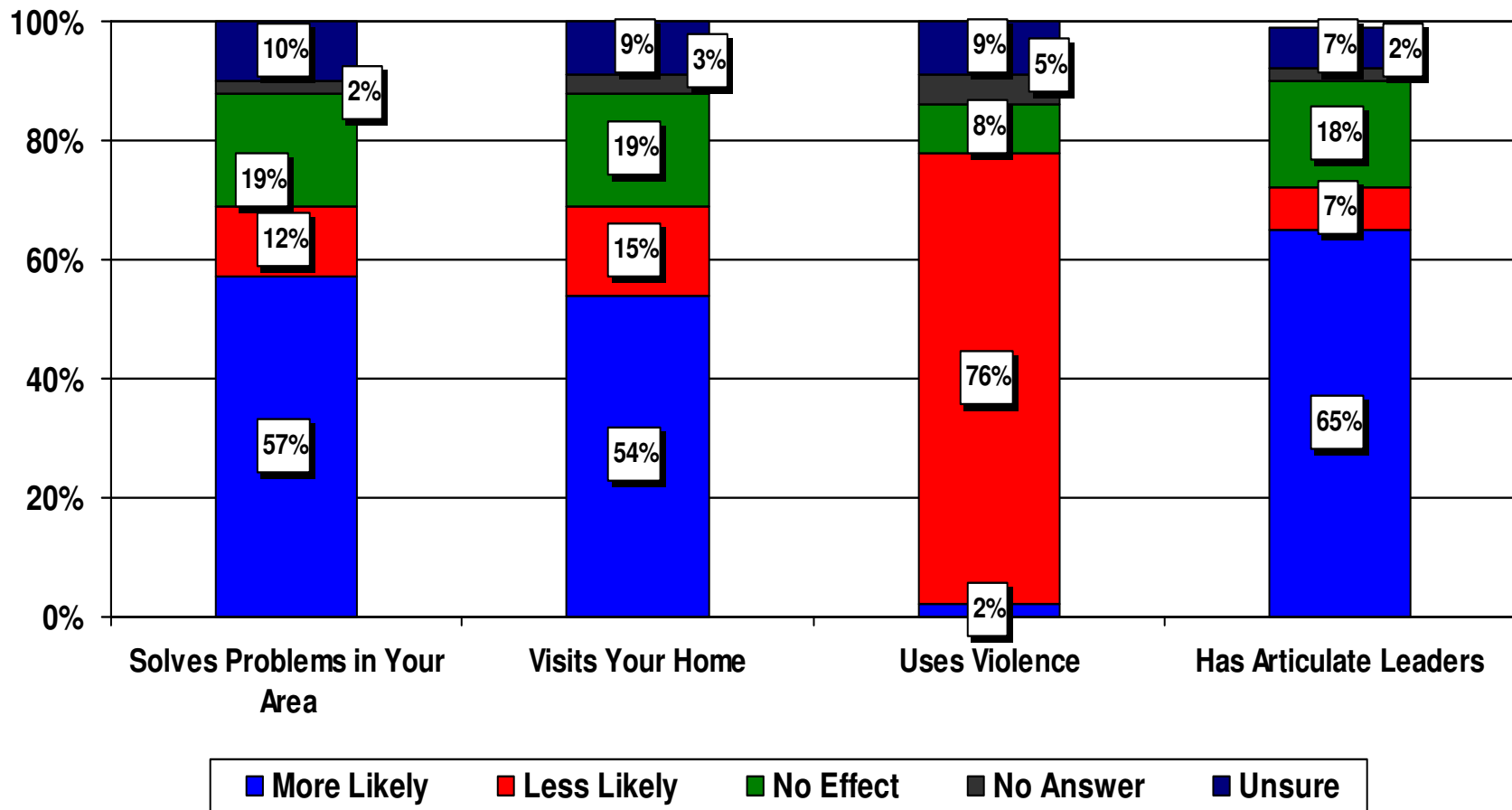
Will you consider voting for candidates of other parties in future elections?



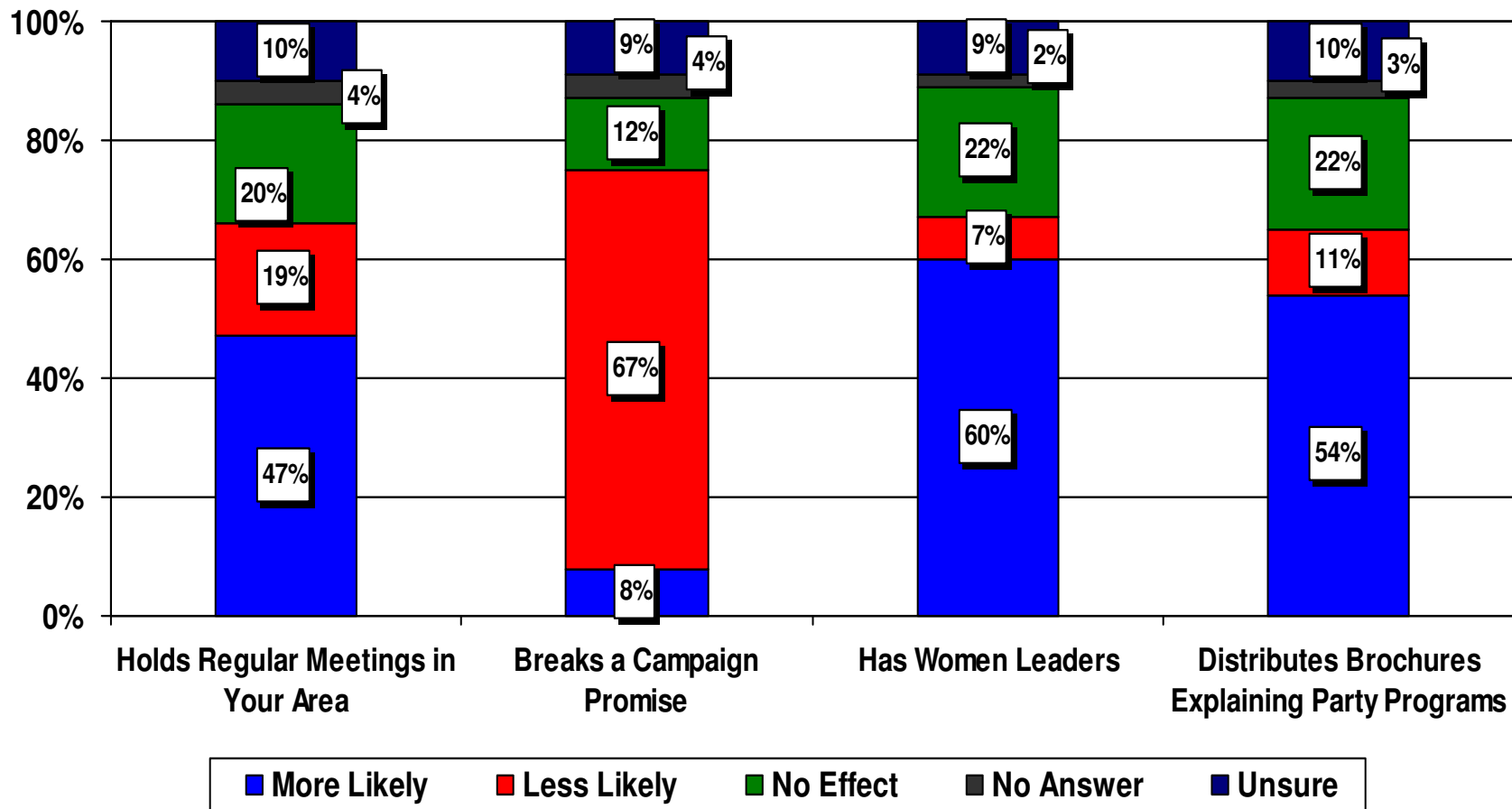
In general, how satisfied are you with the political parties in Timor-Leste?



Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a political party that...



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