

# Georgian National Study

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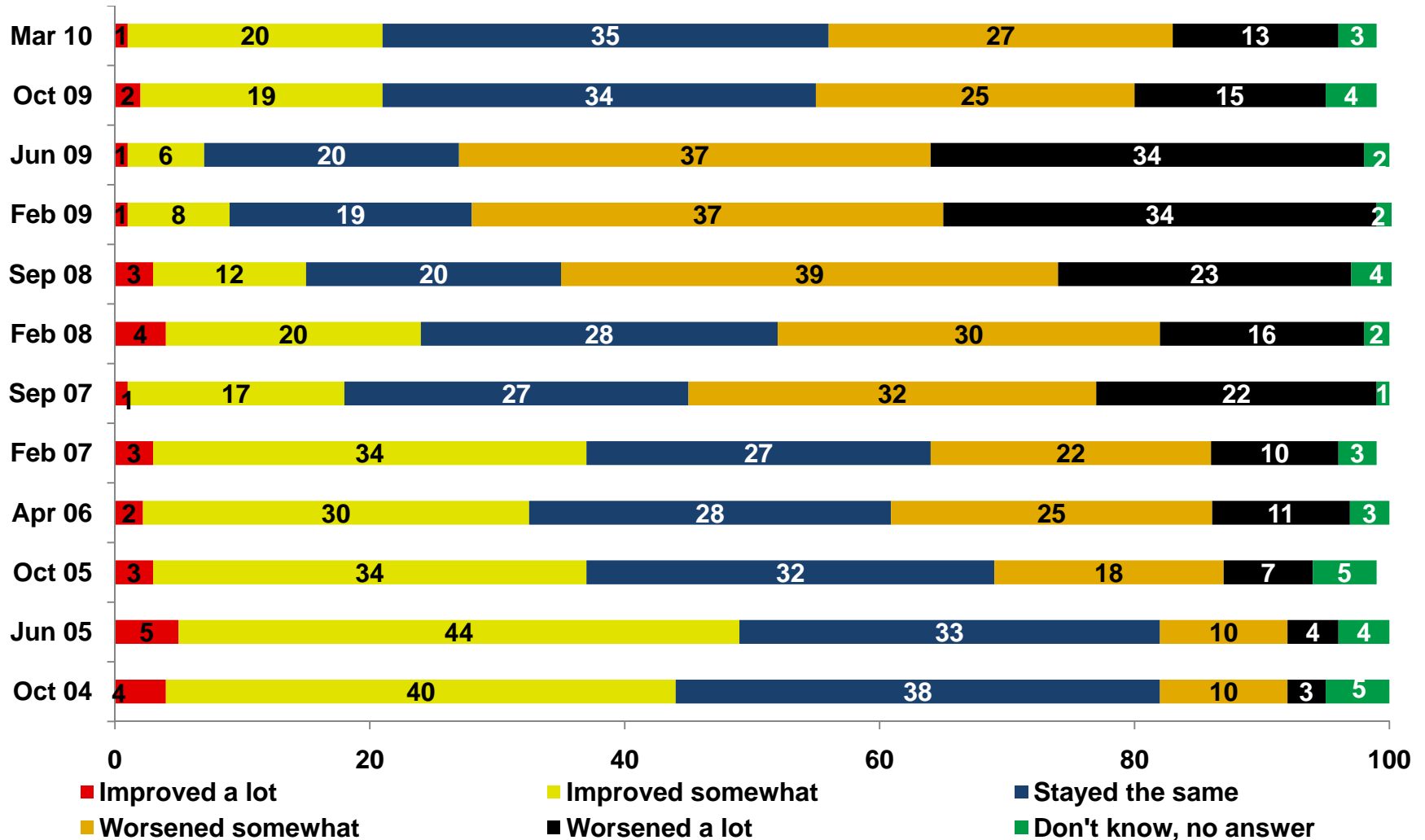


# INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

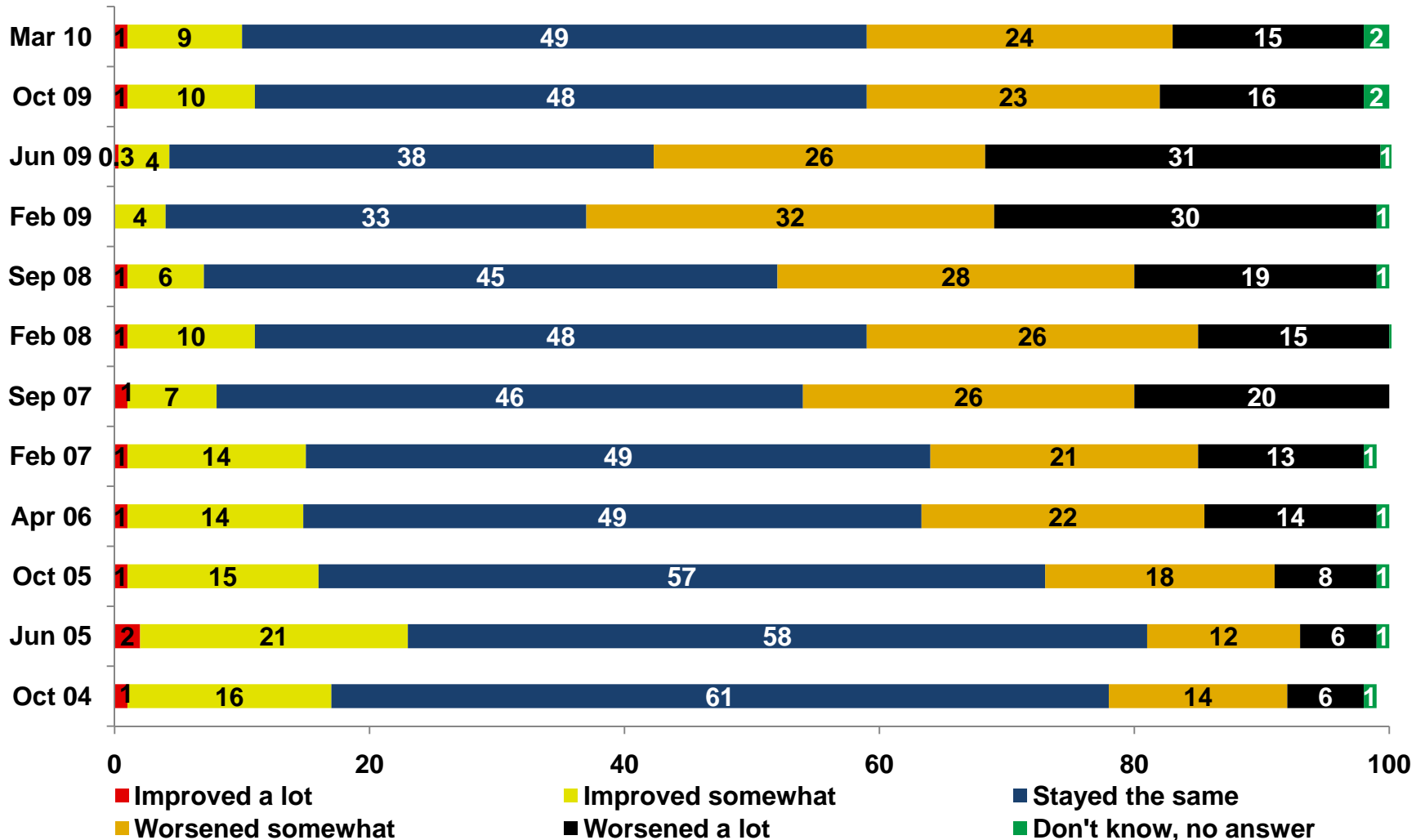
- The survey was conducted by the Institute of Polling and Marketing for Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- The sample consisted of 1,800 permanent Georgian residents older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote, and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education and religion. An oversample was conducted in Tbilisi.
- The sample design was a multi-stage random sample.
  - Stage One: Break country into official administrative regions.
  - Stage Two: Select clusters of sampling points based on settlement population (large, medium, small towns and villages). One sample point = approximately one percent of survey population (10-12 surveys). Sampling points in each region were selected based on the percentage of population living in the various levels of settlement in that same region.
- Respondents were selected by the random route method, using the next birthday rule to select a respondent from within a household.
- Data was collected March 4 - March 13, 2010, through face-to-face interviews with the respondents.
- Poll was conducted nationwide, including the capital and all major regional centers.
- The margin of error does not exceed three percent.
- Response rate was 69 percent.

# MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

# Over the last two months, the economic situation in Georgia has...?

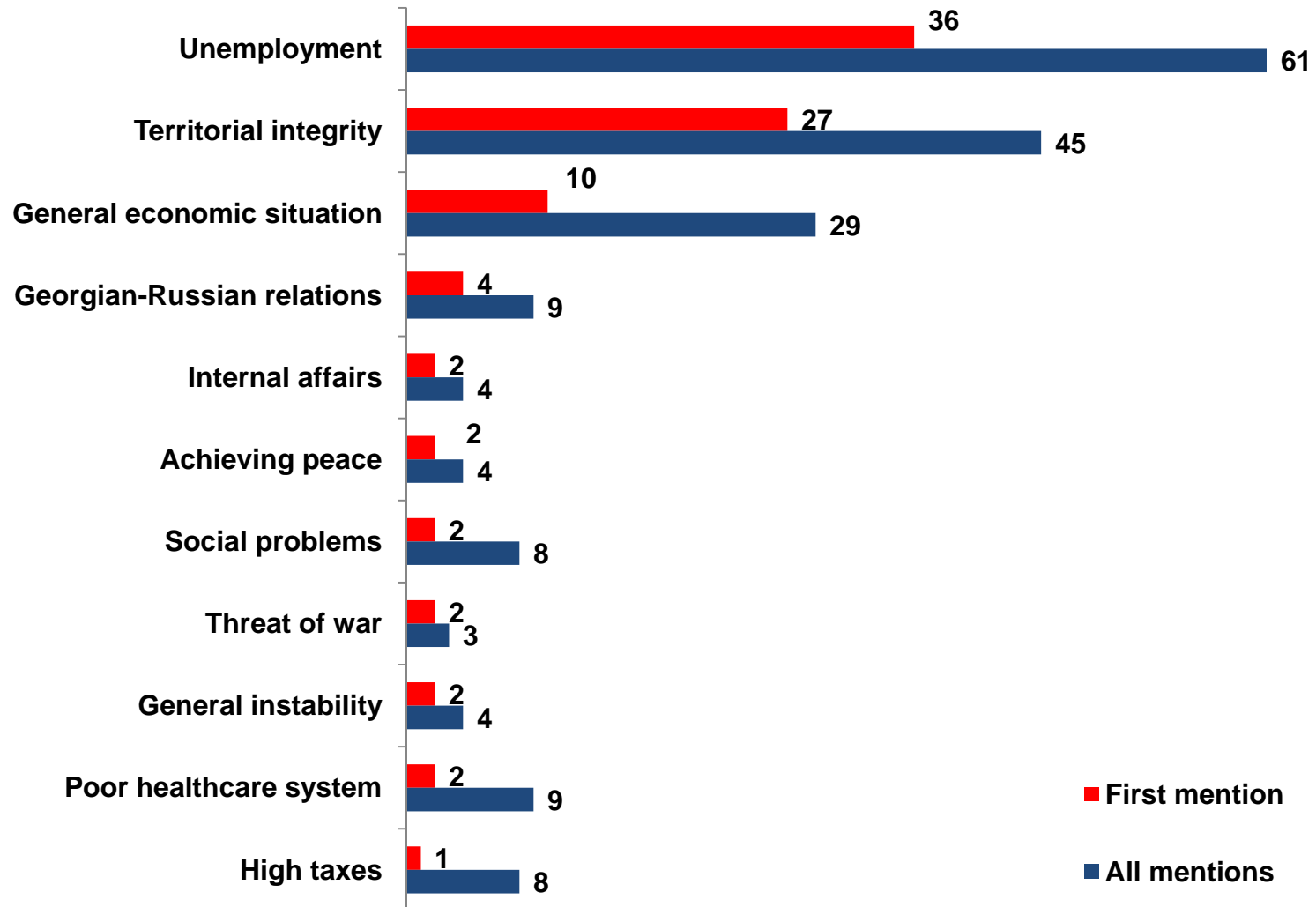


# Over the last two months, the financial situation of your household has...?

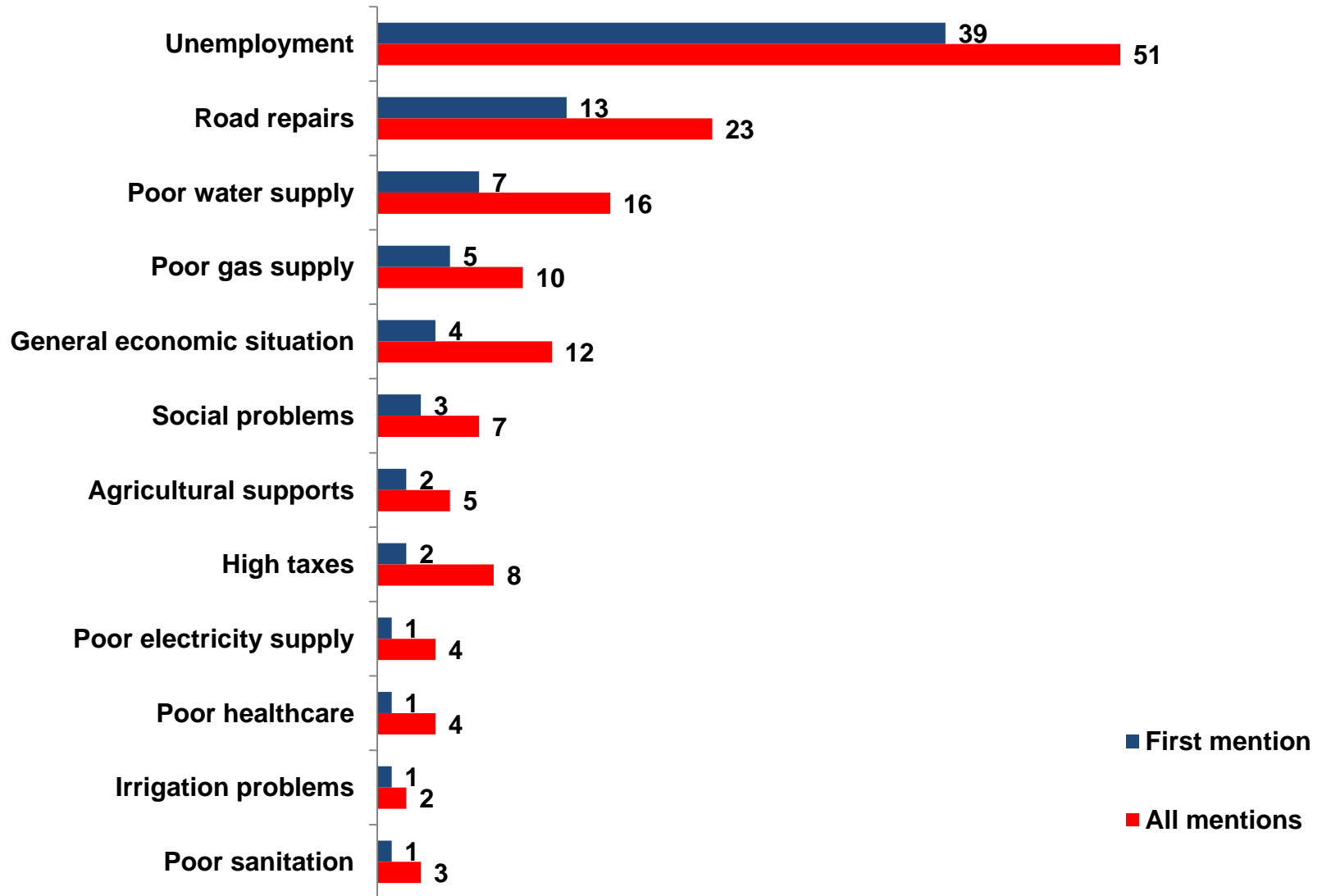


# ISSUES

# What are the main problems that Georgia is facing at the moment?

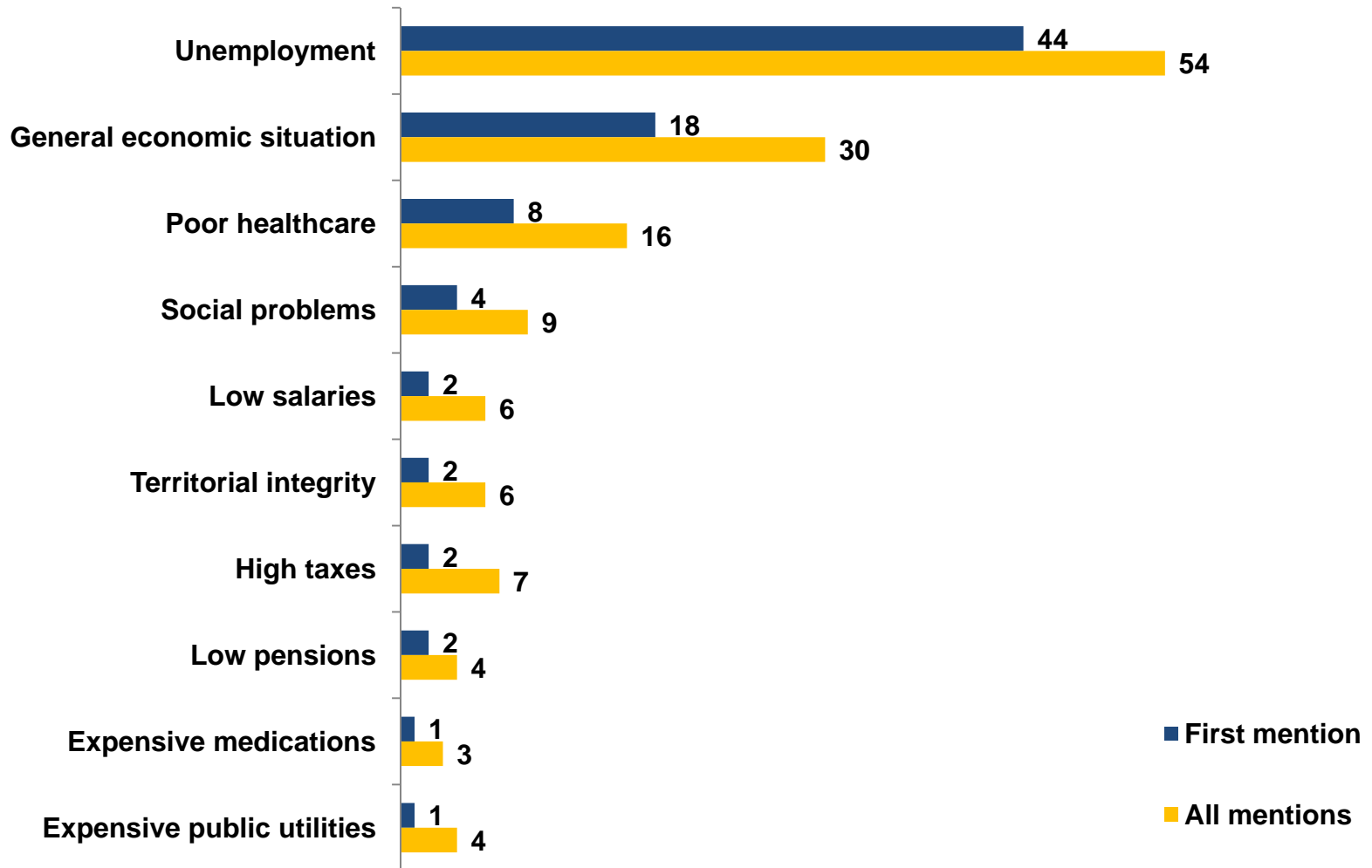


# What are the main problems your town/village is facing at the moment?

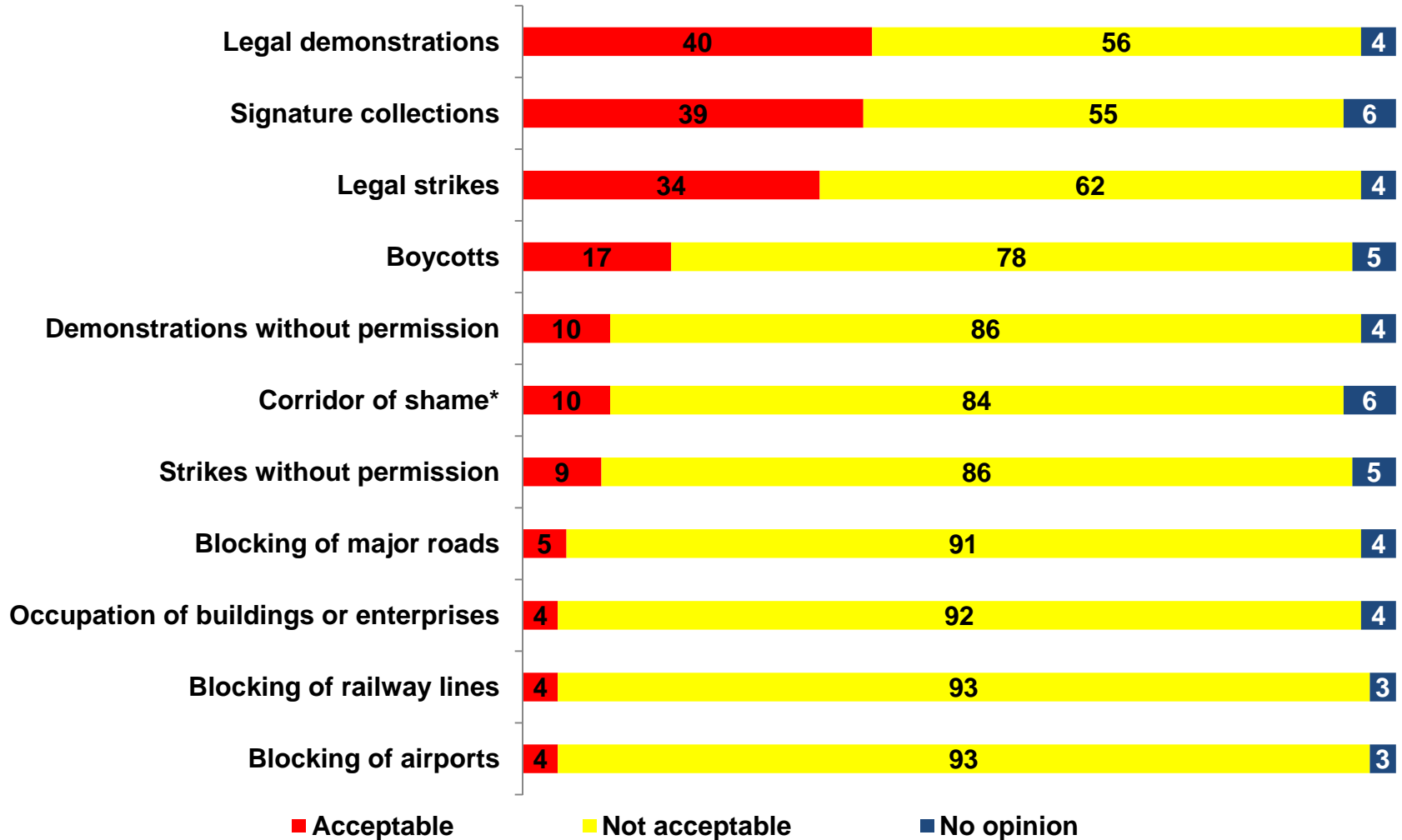




# What is the most important issue your household is facing at the moment?

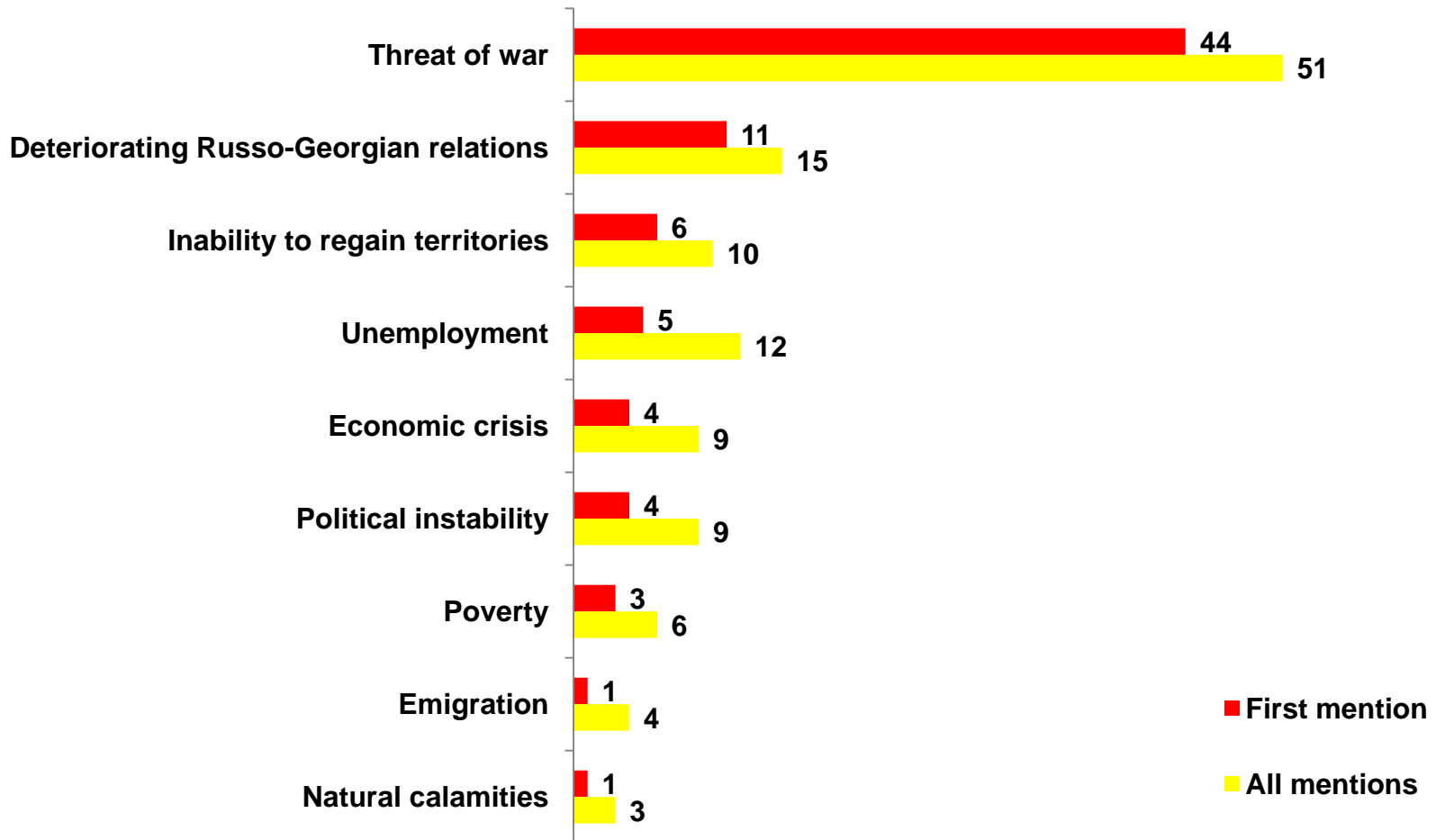


# Do you think these forms of protest are acceptable?



\* - During street protests in 2008, protestors lined up outside parliament and other government buildings to jeer Members of Parliament and government staff as they went to work.

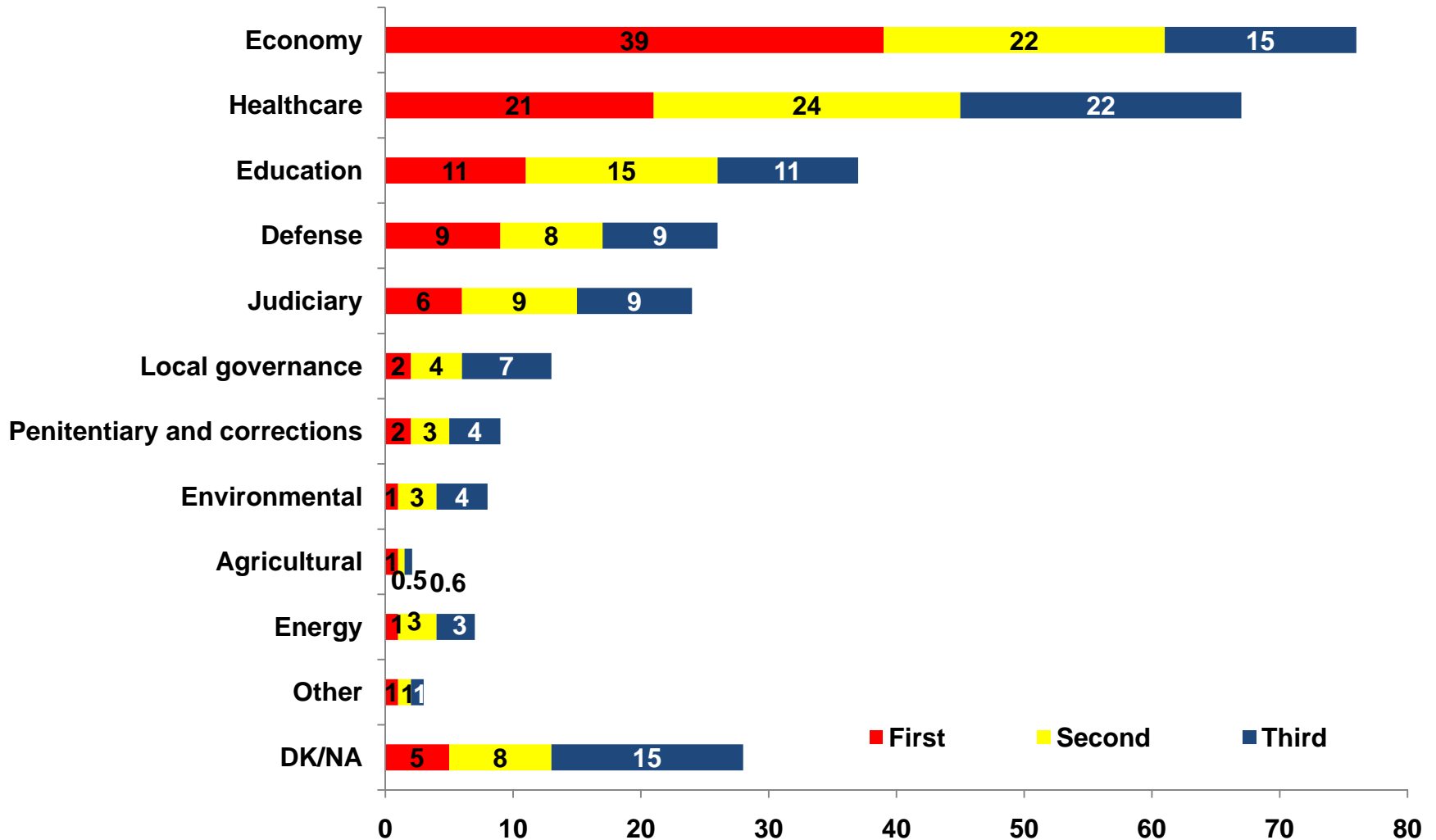
# Thinking about the current situation and the future of the country, what are you afraid of most?



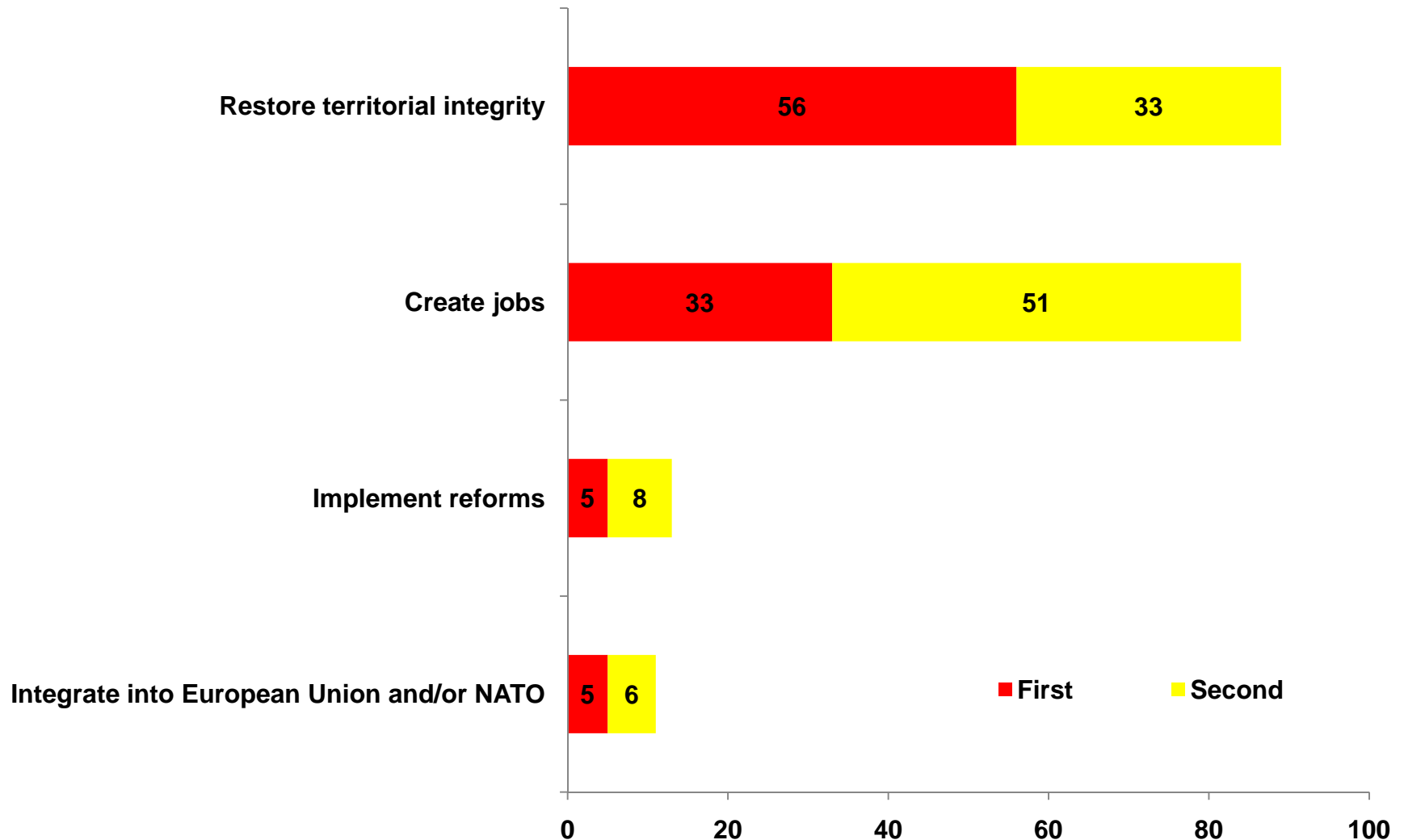
# Have you been in a situation over the last 12 months when you had to pay a bribe in order to get a service or a decision?



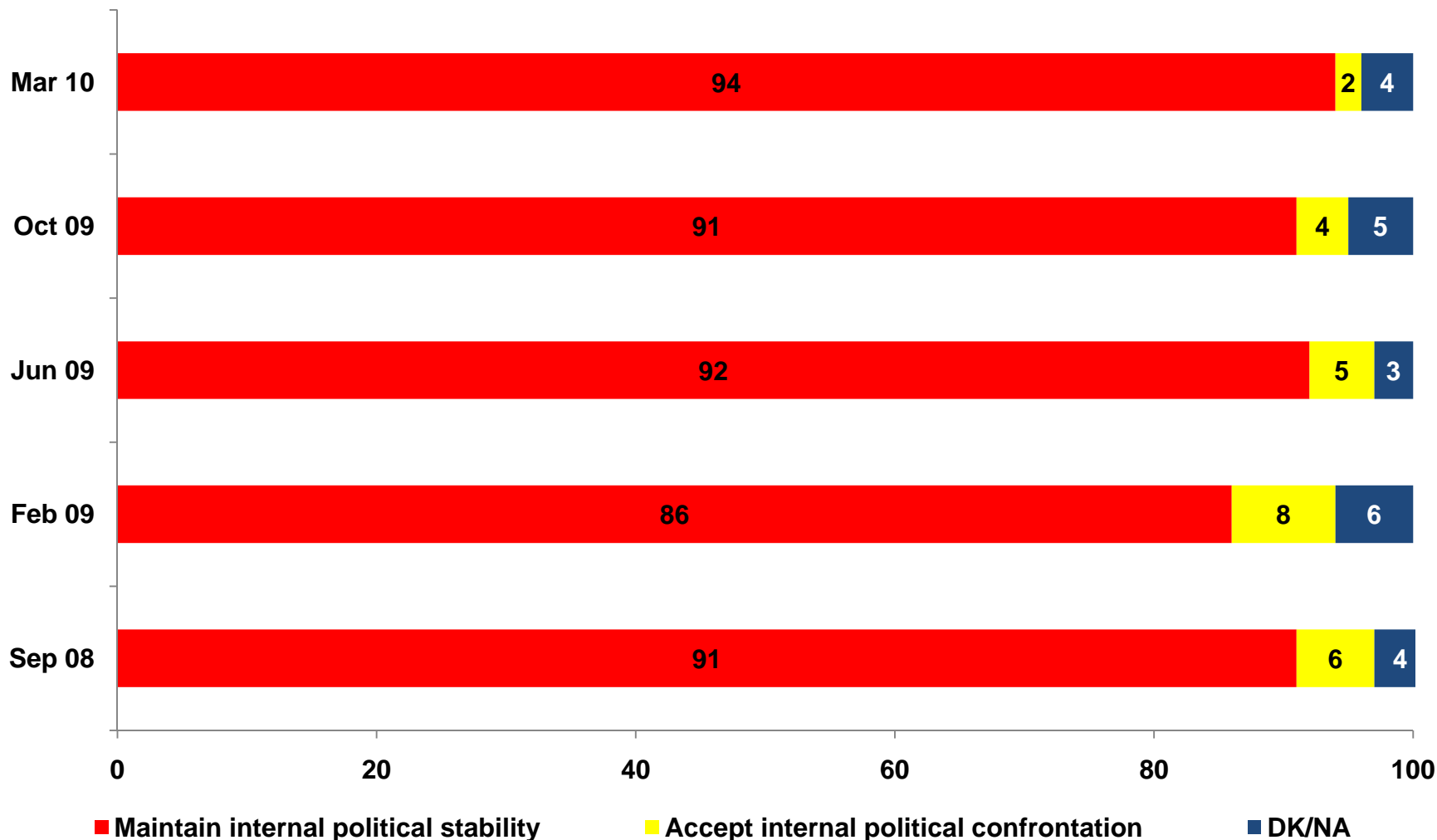
# In what field should the Georgian government carry out reforms first, second and third?



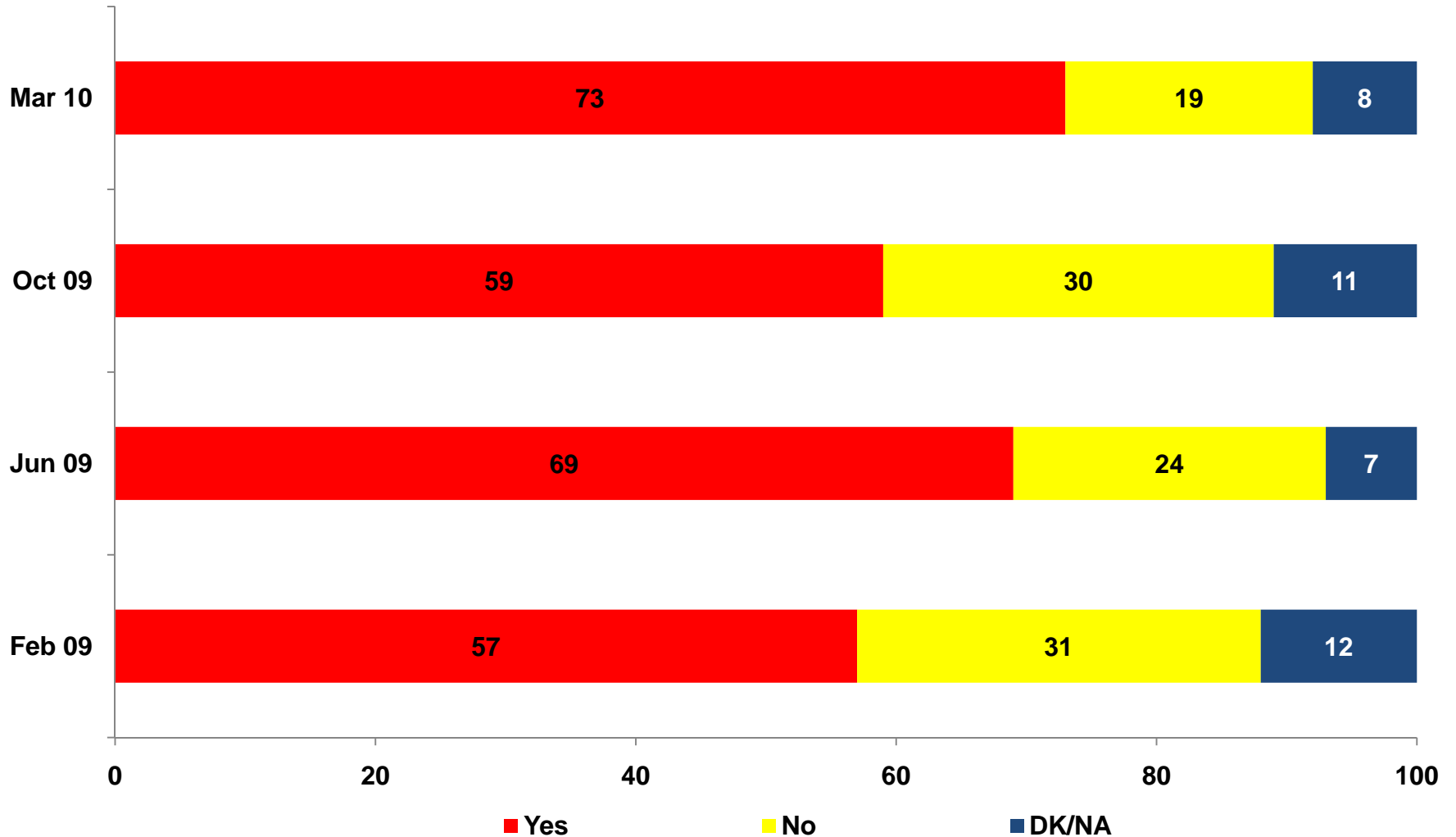
# Which of these should be the Georgian government's first and second priorities?



# Do you accept internal political confrontation or should politicians strive to maintain political stability?



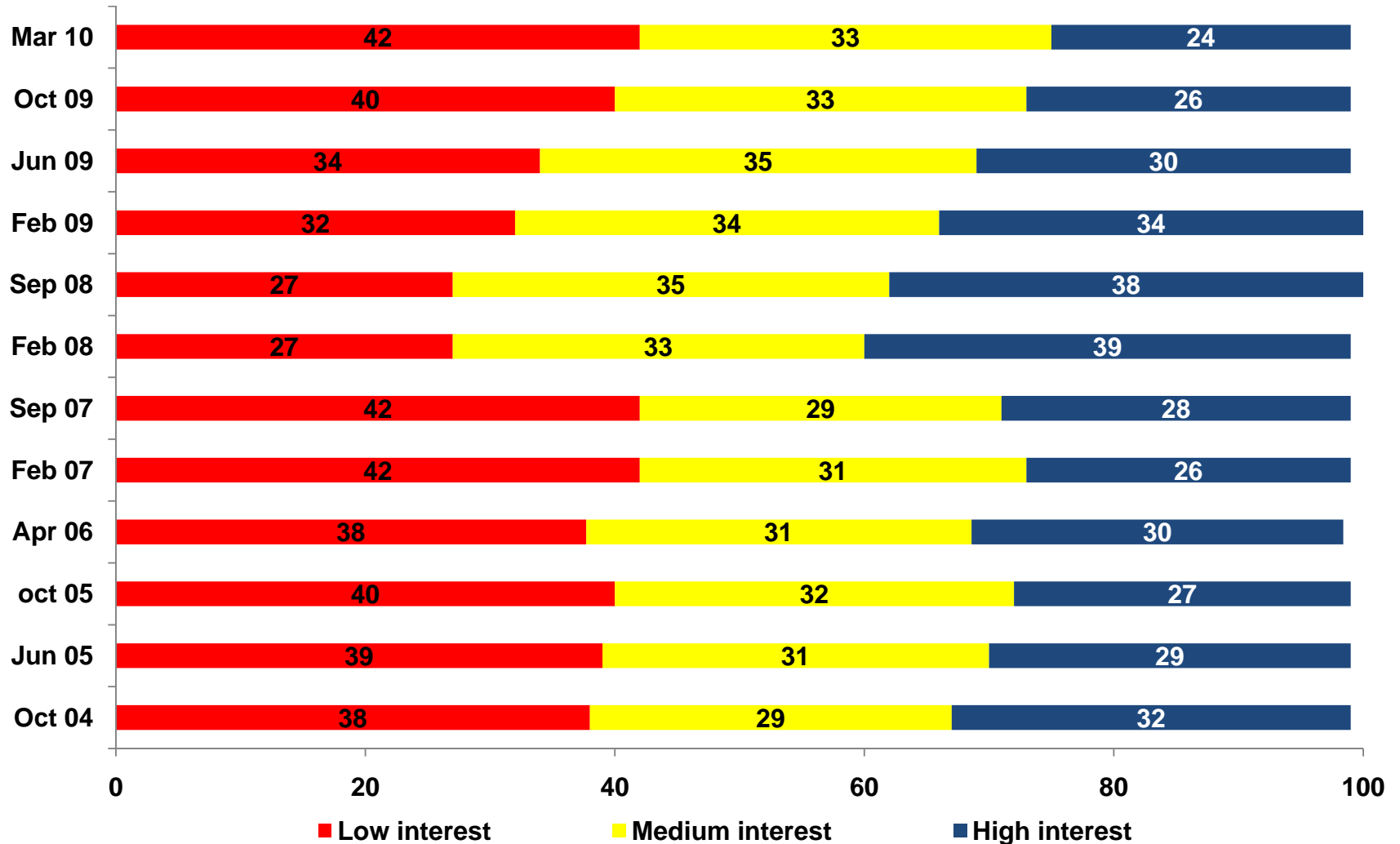
# Do you feel effects from the world financial crisis?



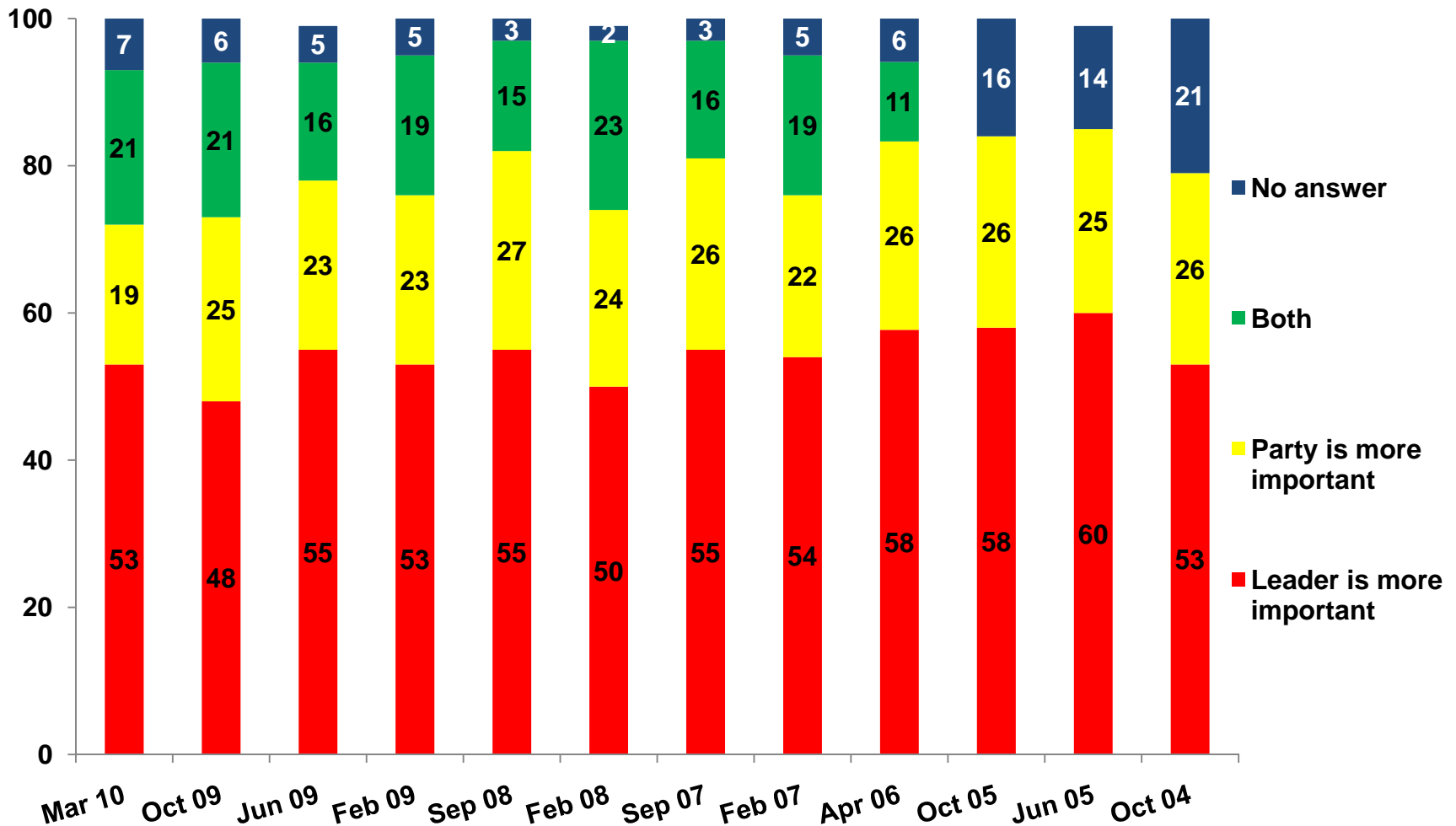


# POLITICS

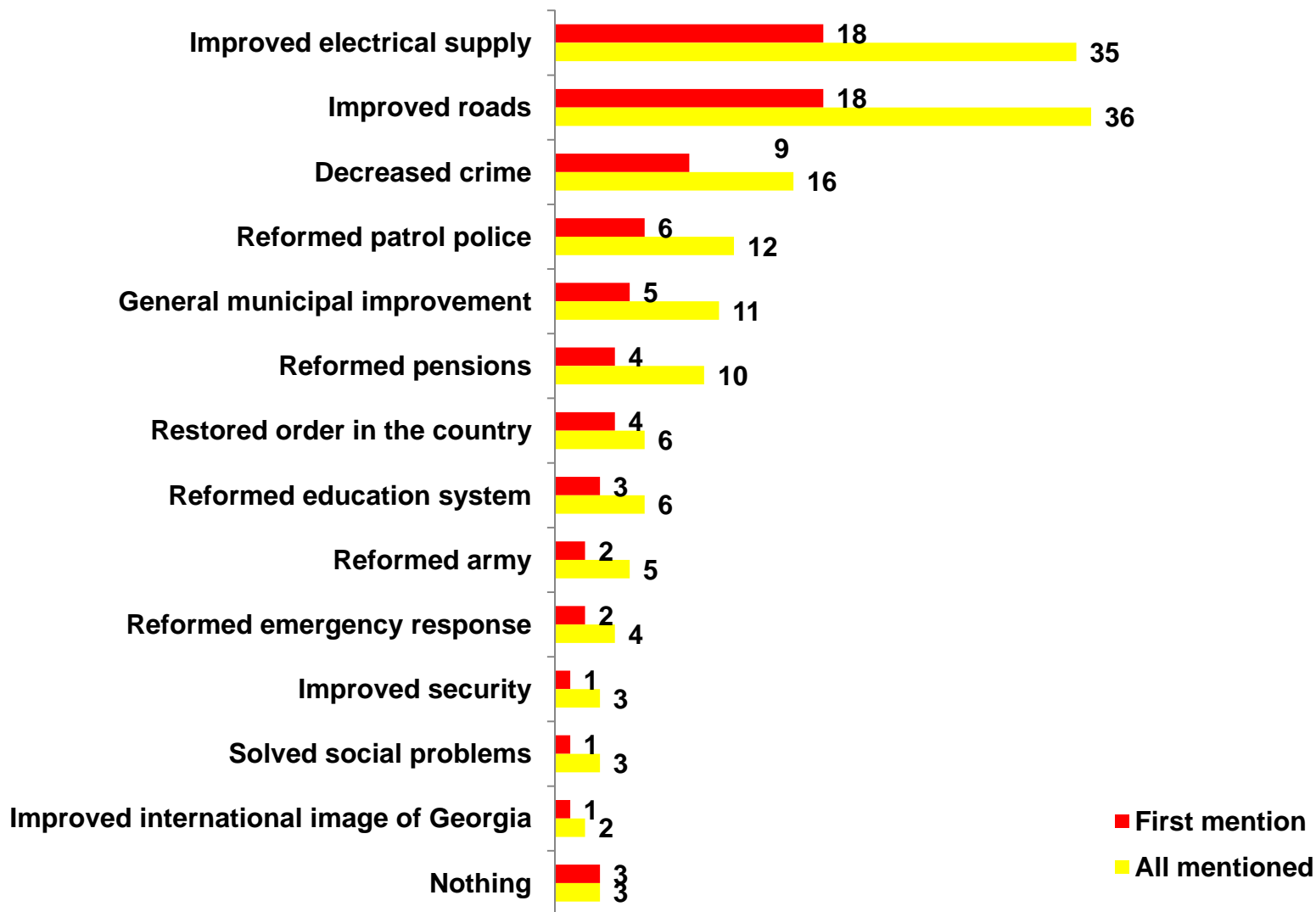
# How would you rate your interest in politics?



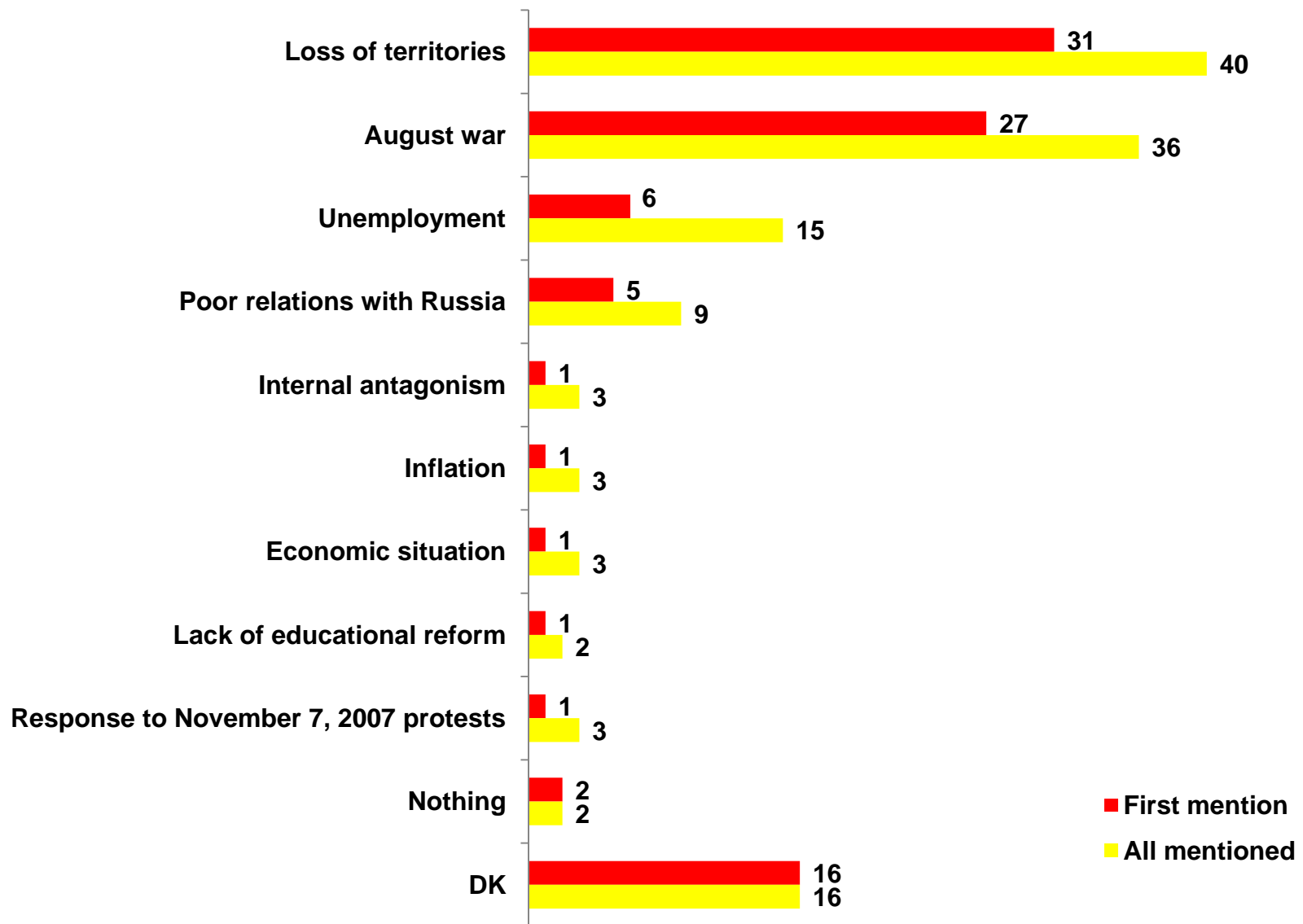
# When considering which party to vote for, which is more important?



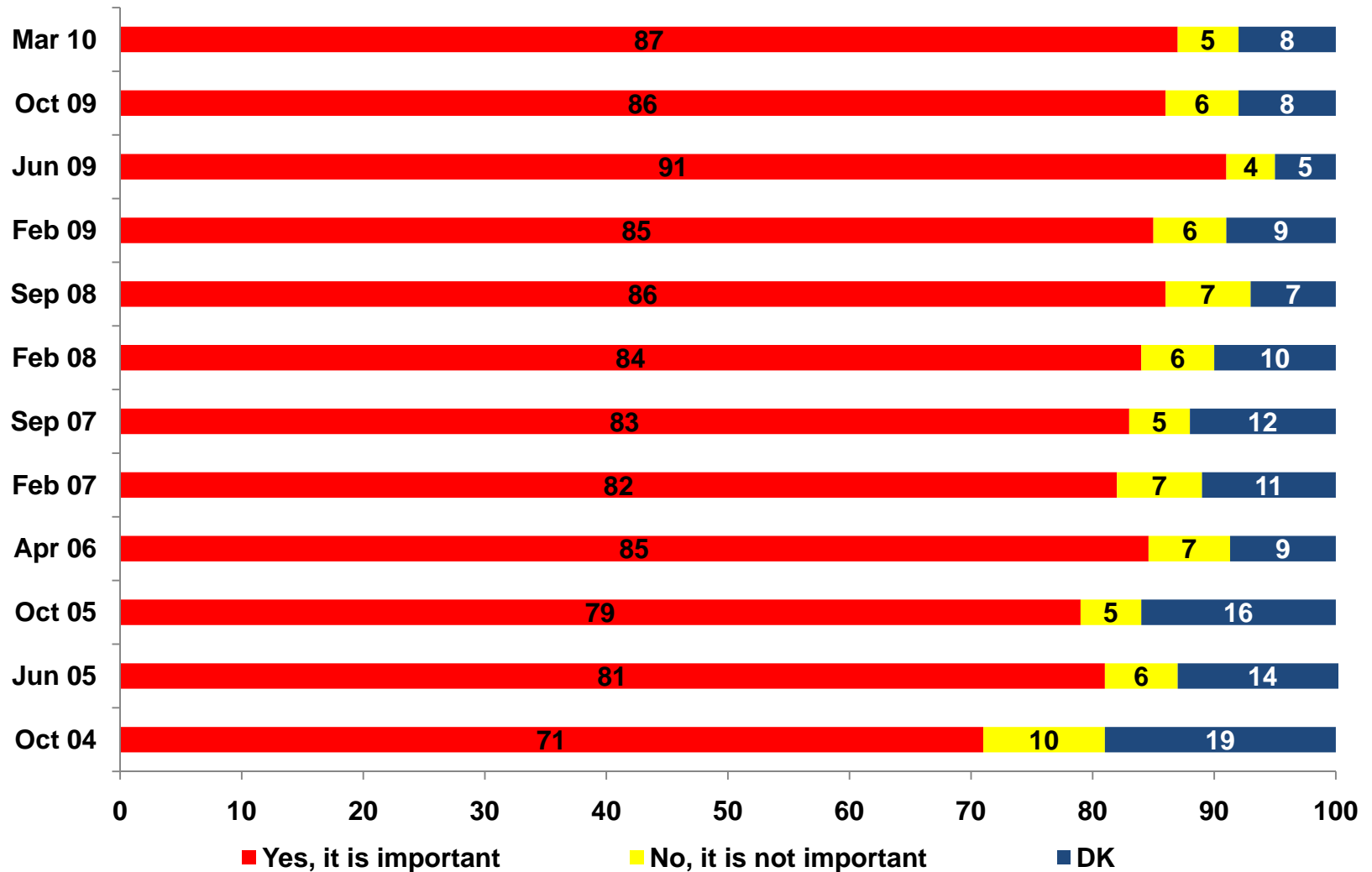
# What are the biggest achievements of the Georgian government?



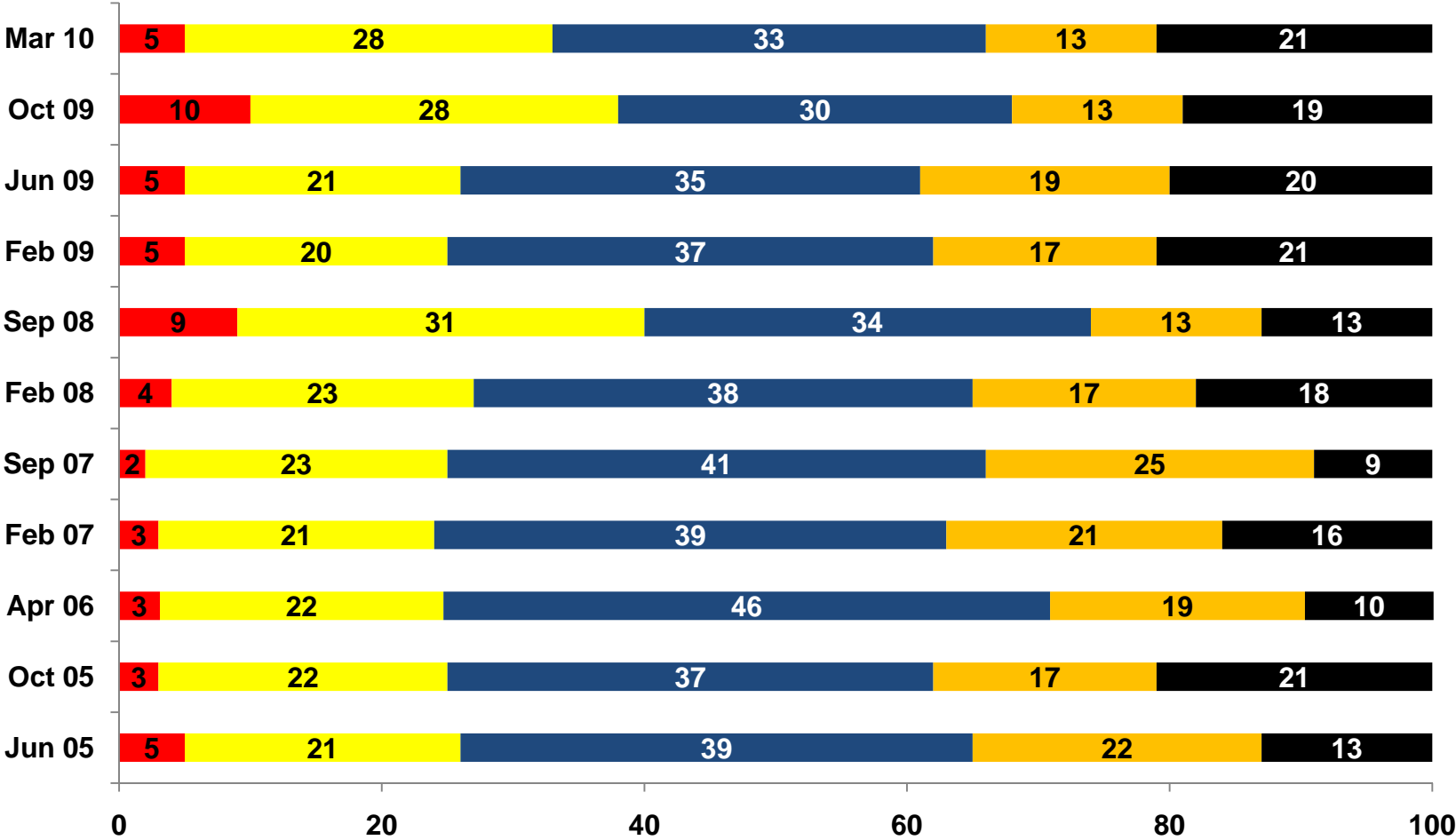
# What are the biggest failures of the Georgian government?



# Is it important for Georgia to have a political opposition?

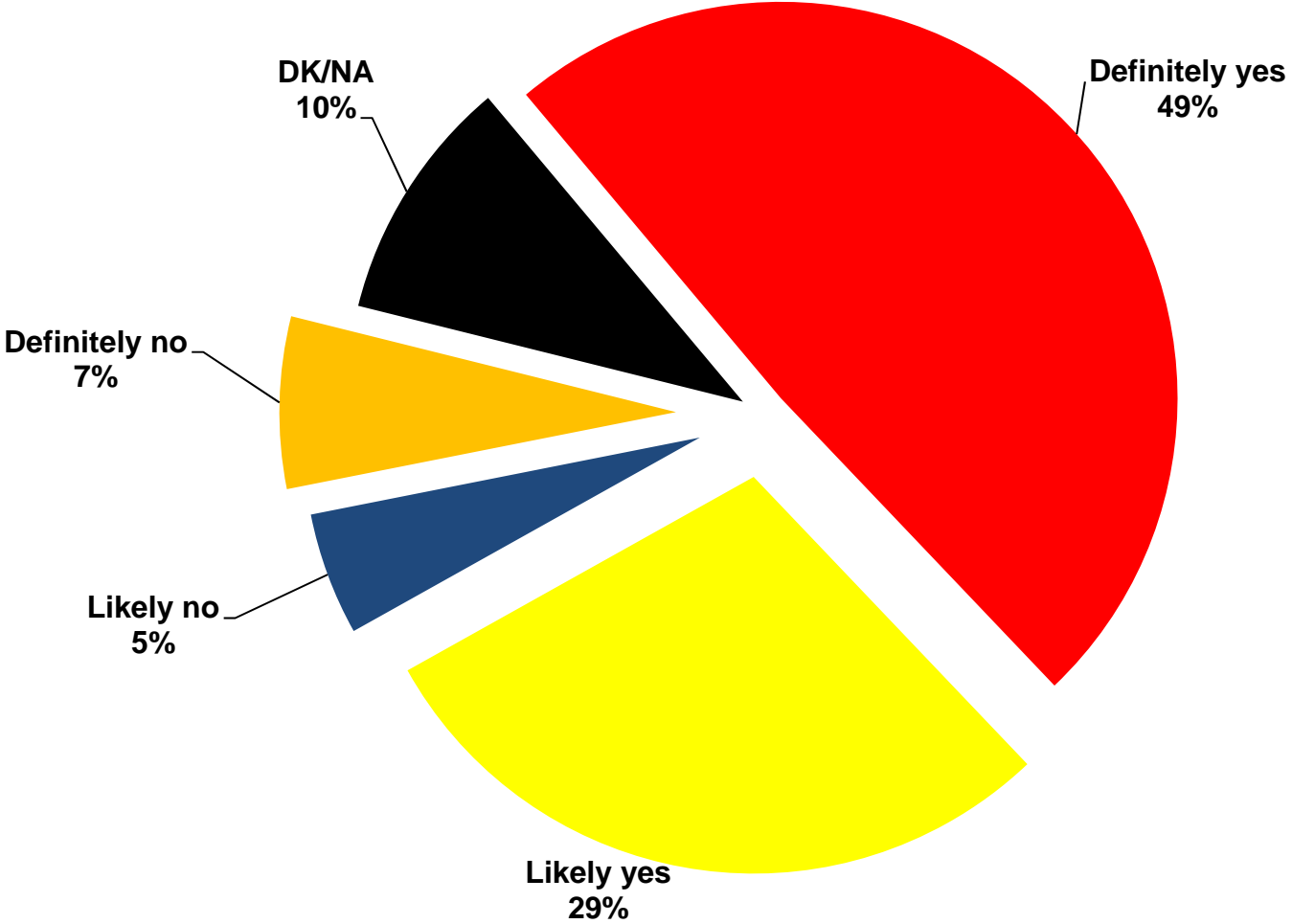


# Do you feel the governor of your region is doing a good job and is working effectively to address the problems of your region?



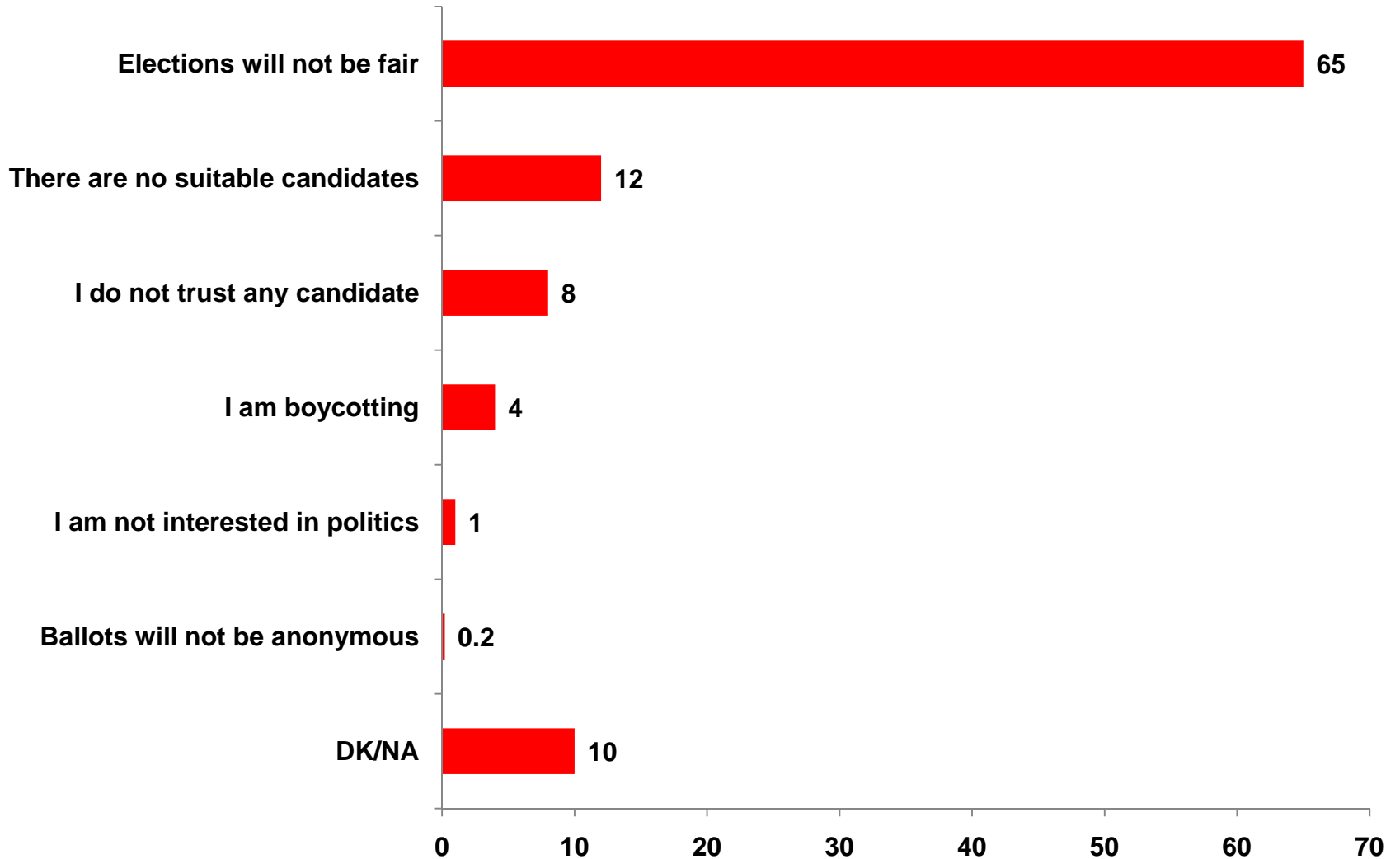
■ Very effectively 
 ■ Somewhat effectively 
 ■ Somewhat ineffectively 
 ■ Very ineffectively 
 ■ DK/NA

# If local elections were held next Sunday, would you vote in them?

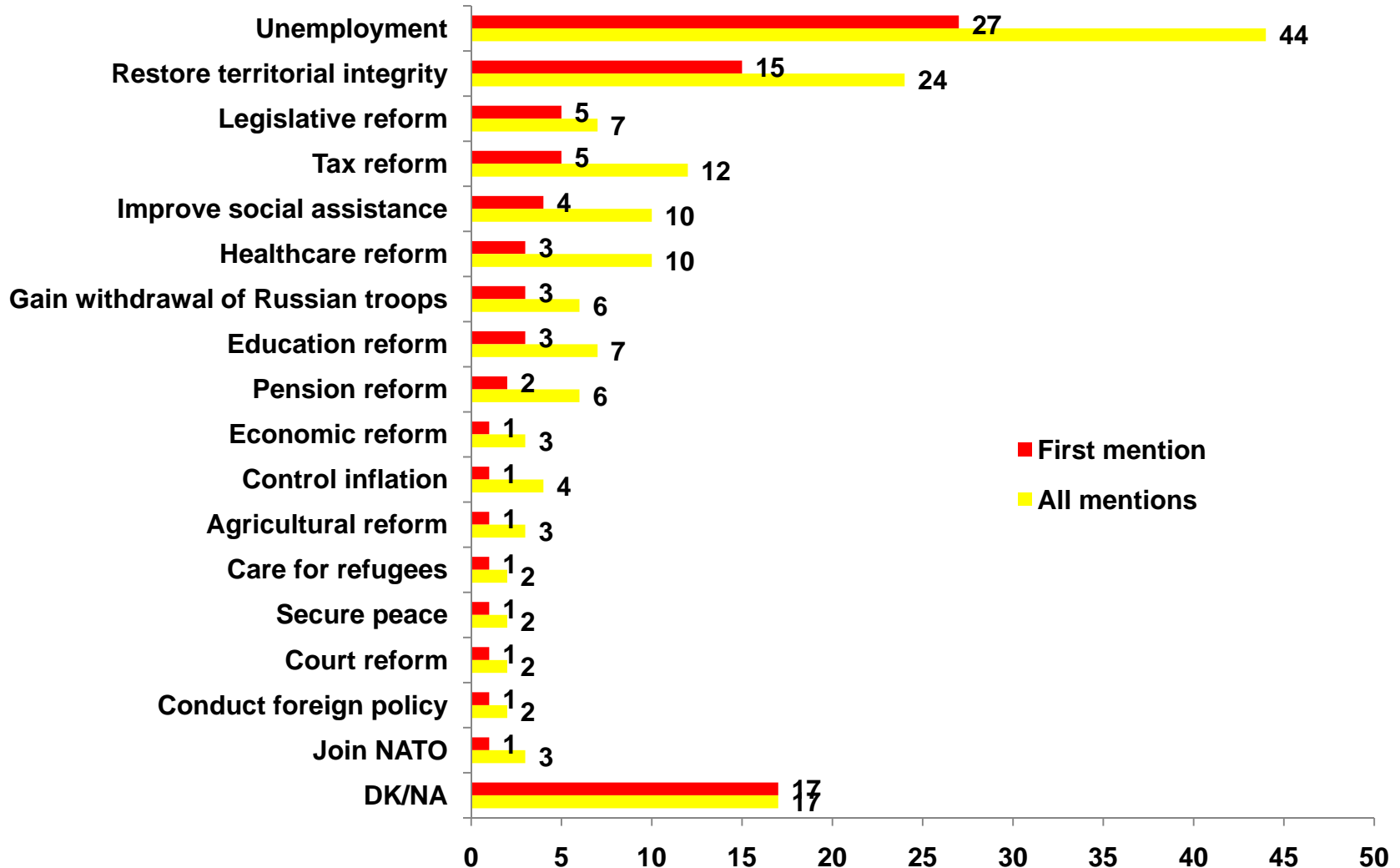




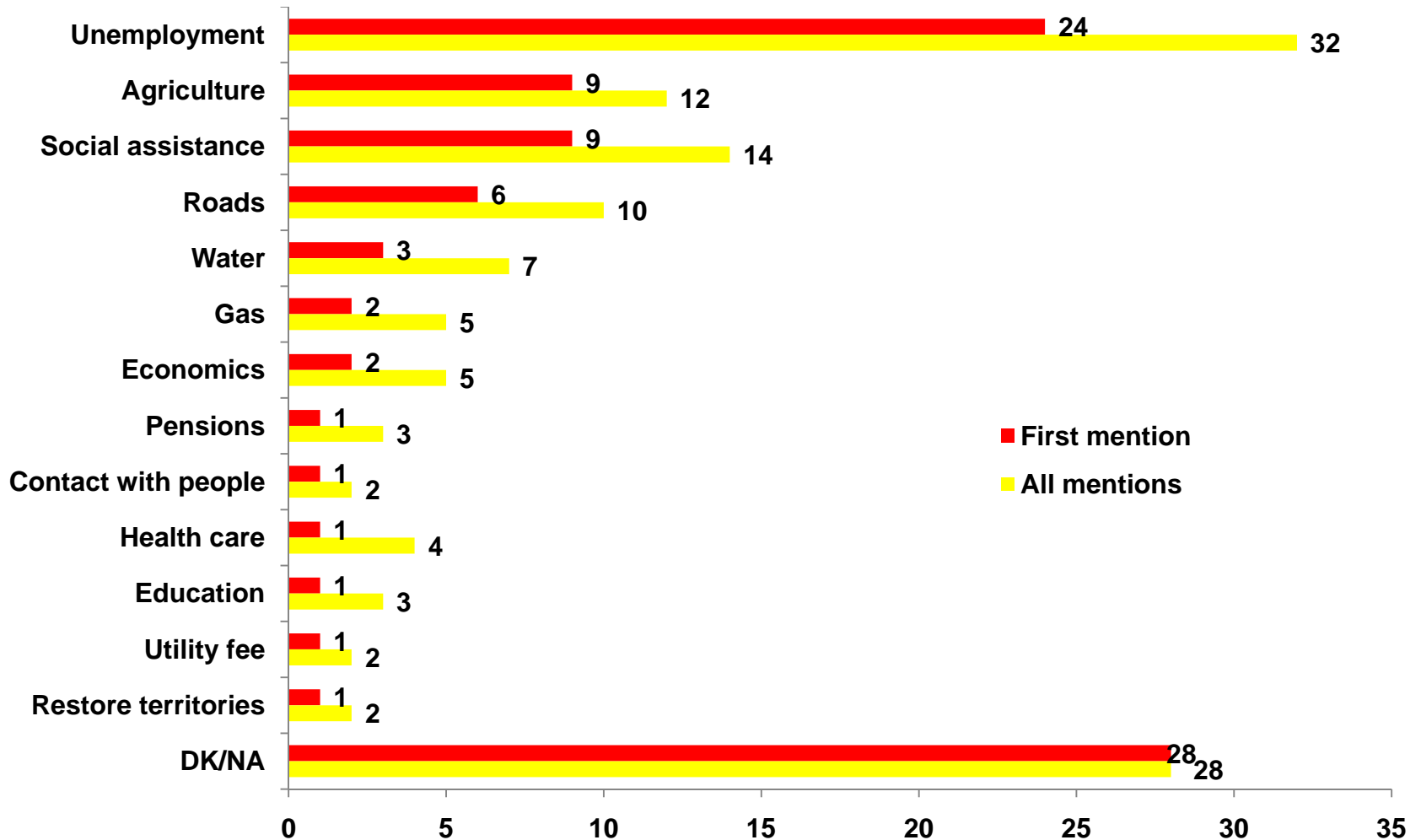
# If you are likely not voting or not voting, why not? (N=207)



# What are three major issues that parliament first needs to address?

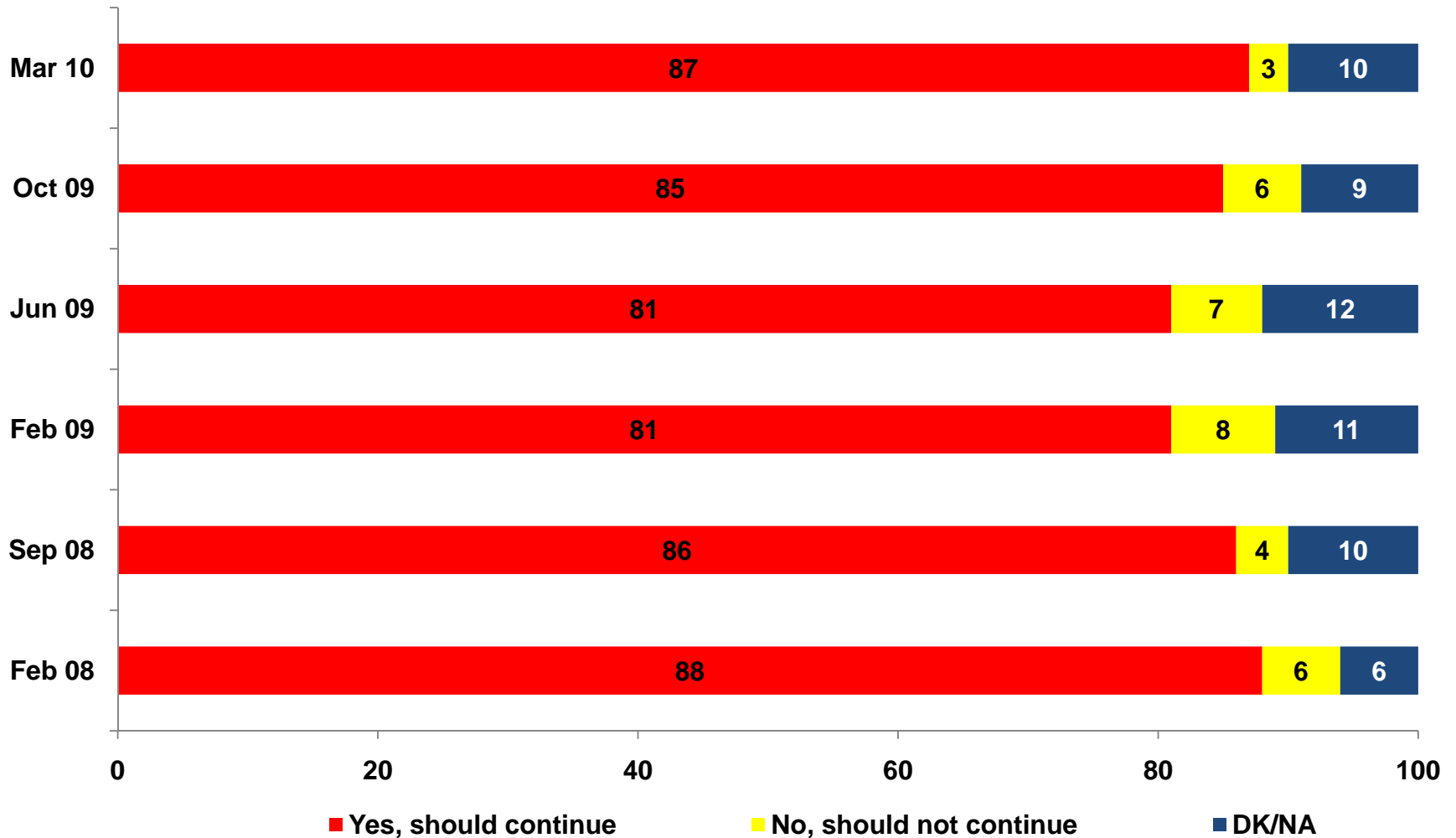


# What are three major issues that the newly elected sakrebulos\* need to address?

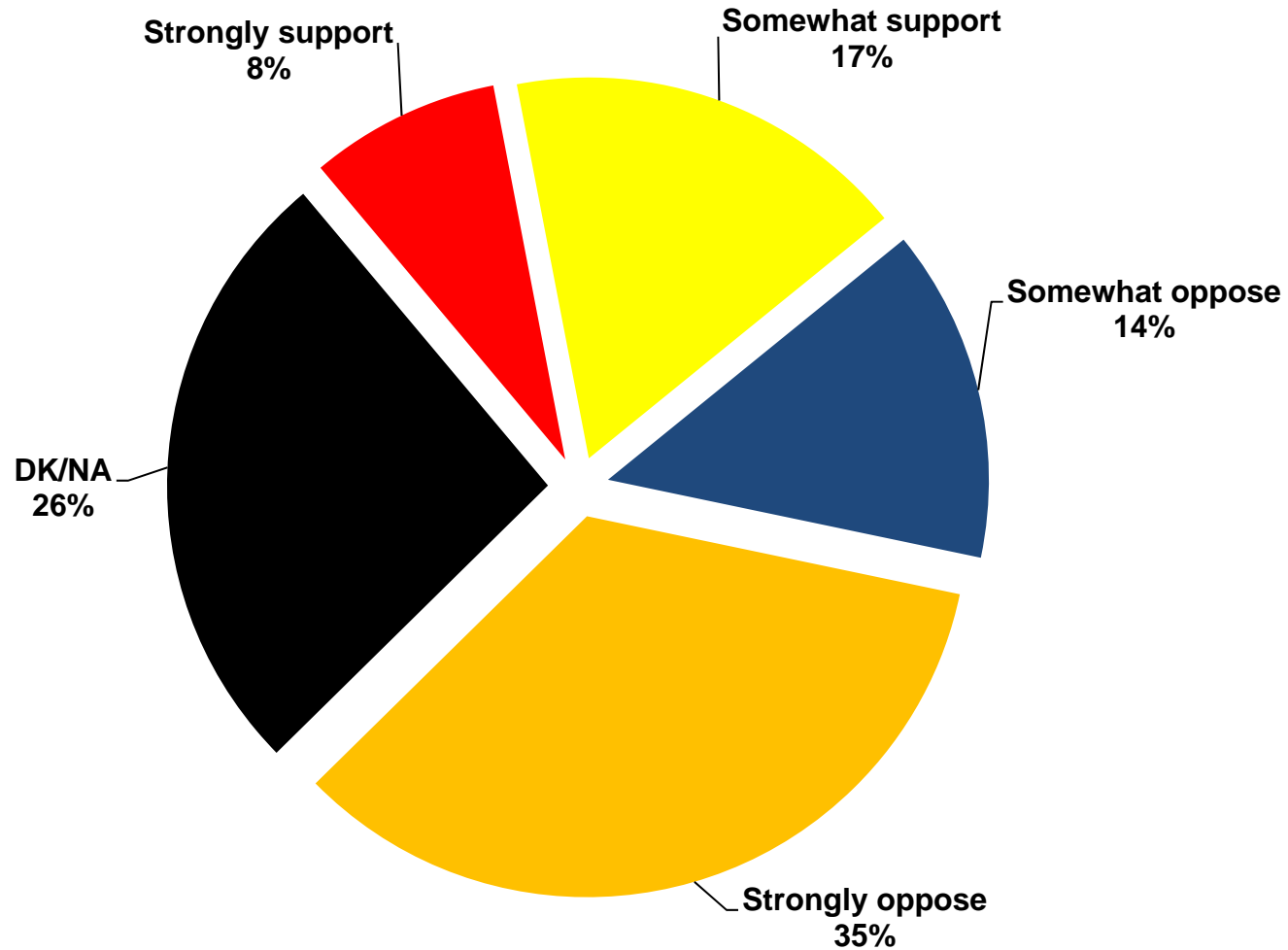


\* - Sakrebulos are locally elected councils.

# Do you think that government and opposition should continue dialog?

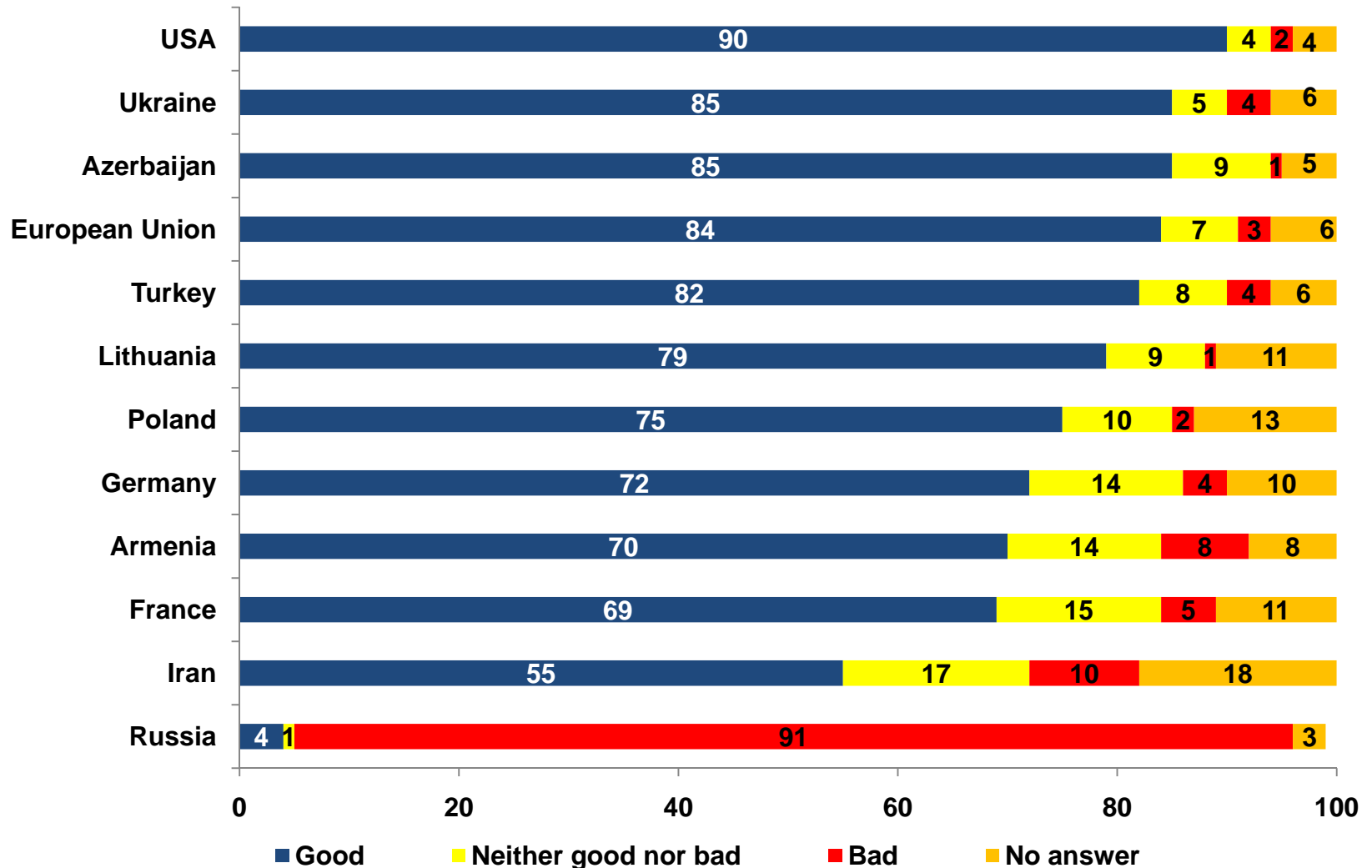


# Do you support the decision of some political parties to boycott the local elections?

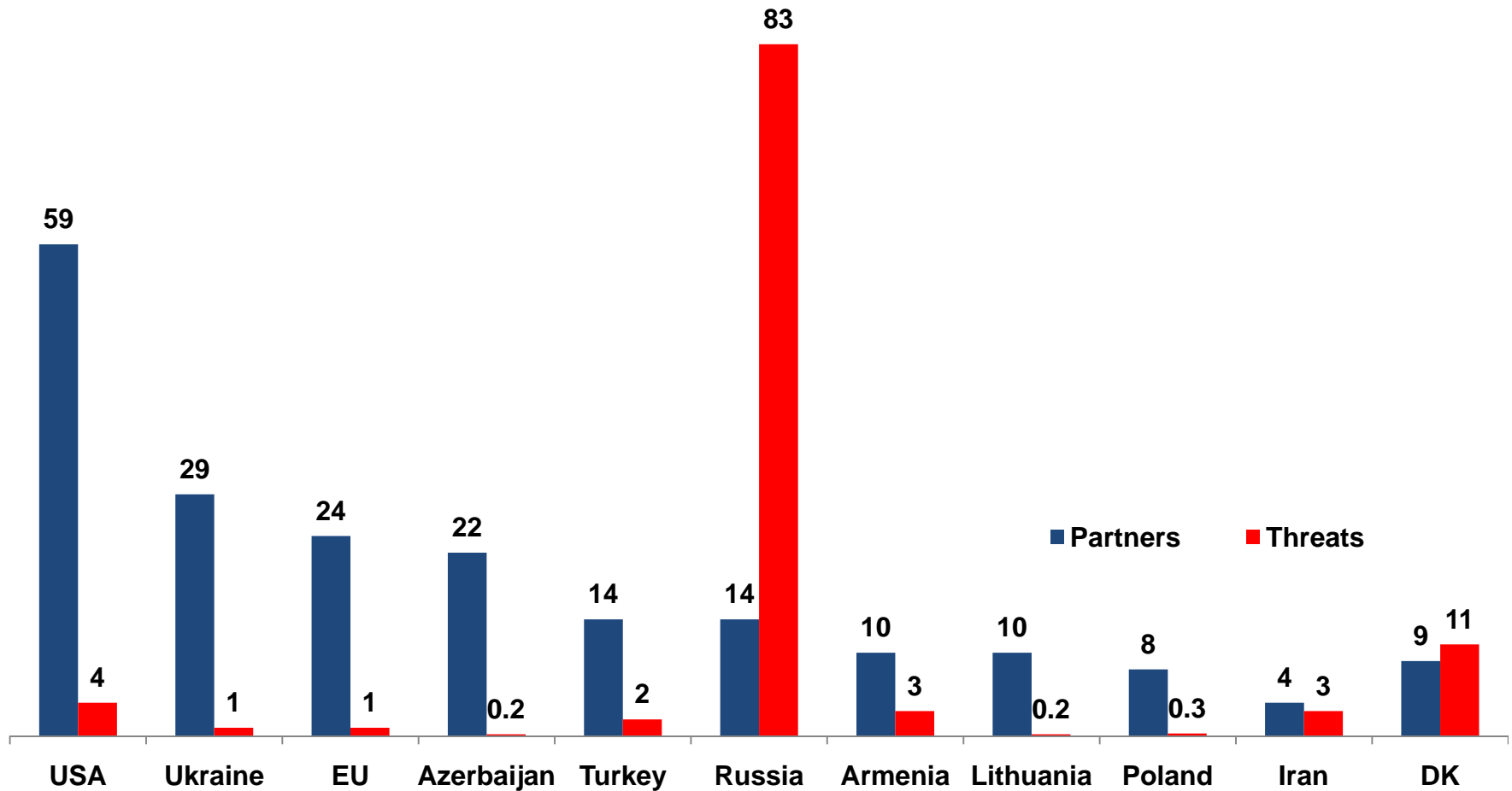


# **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

# How would you evaluate Georgia's relations with the following countries?

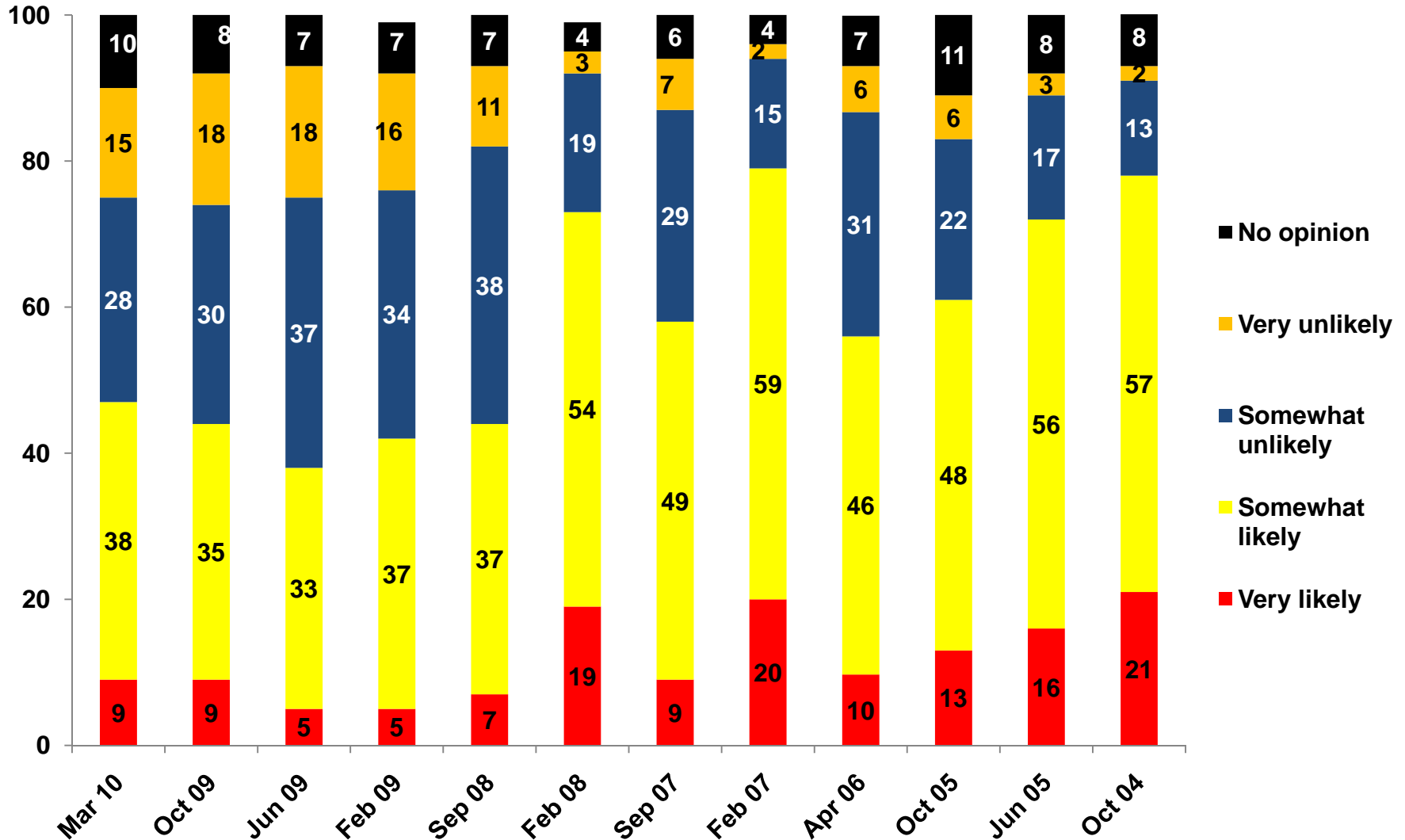


# Which countries are the most important partners for Georgia? Which comprise the most political and economic threat?

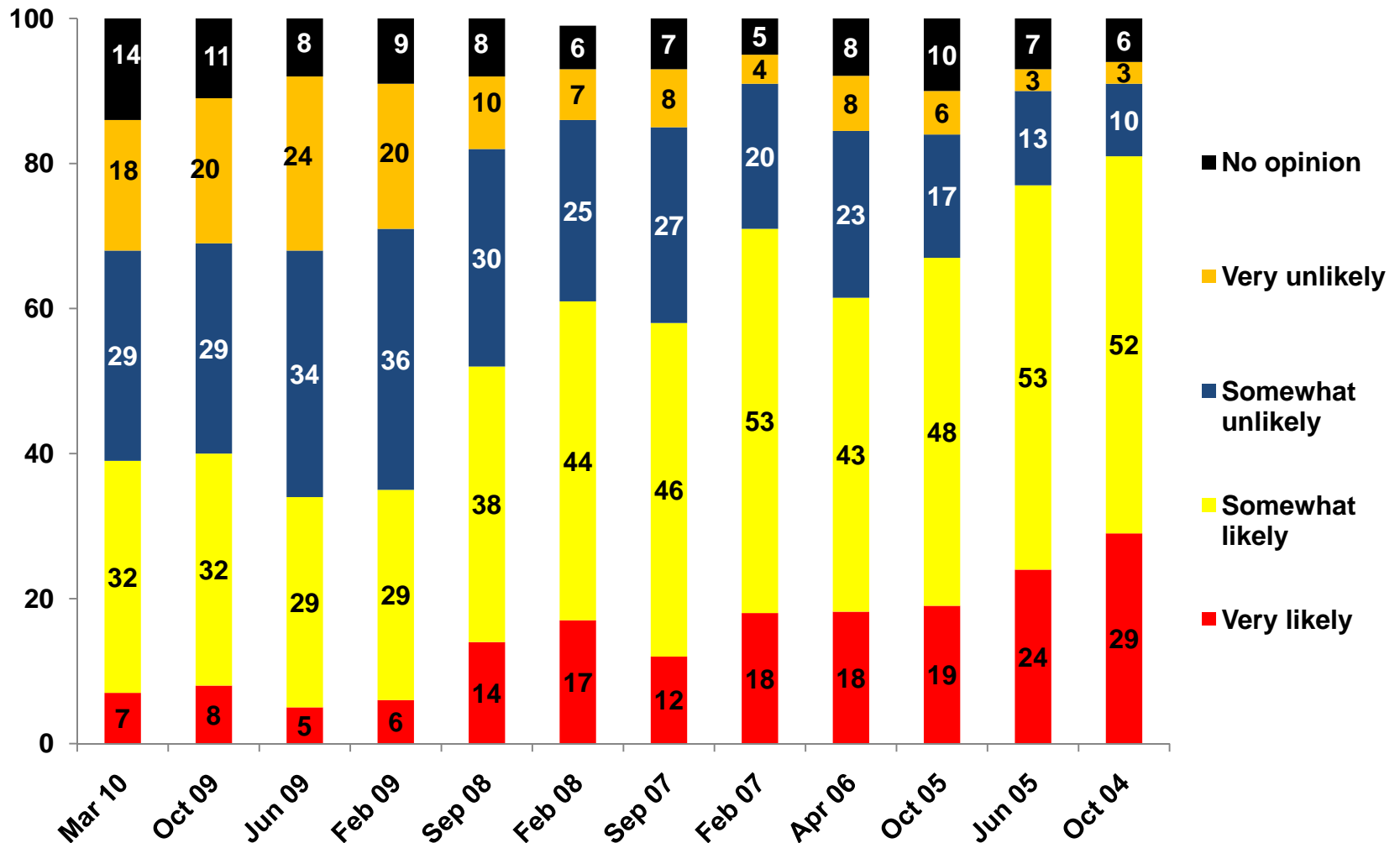




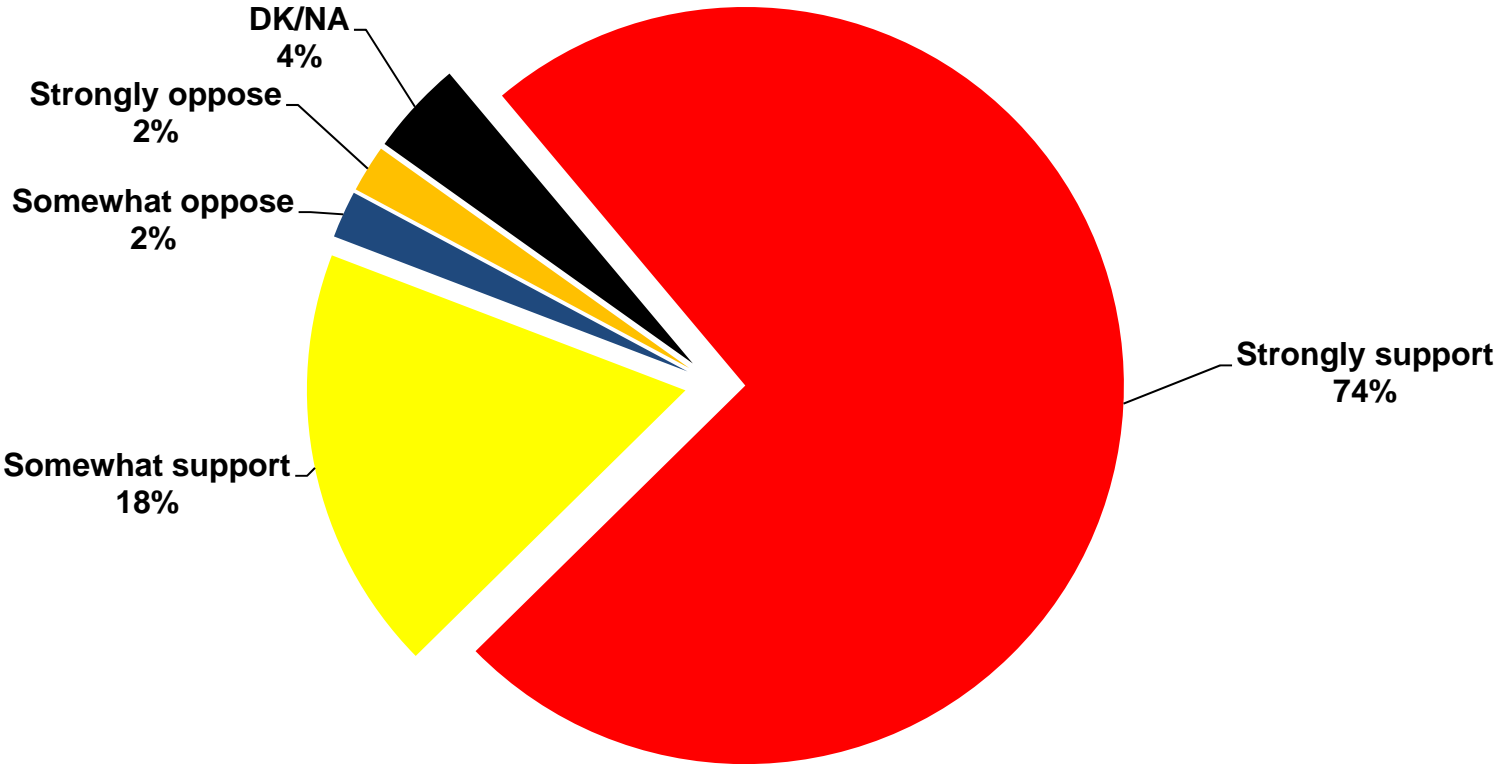
# Will the Georgian government improve relations between Georgia and Russia?



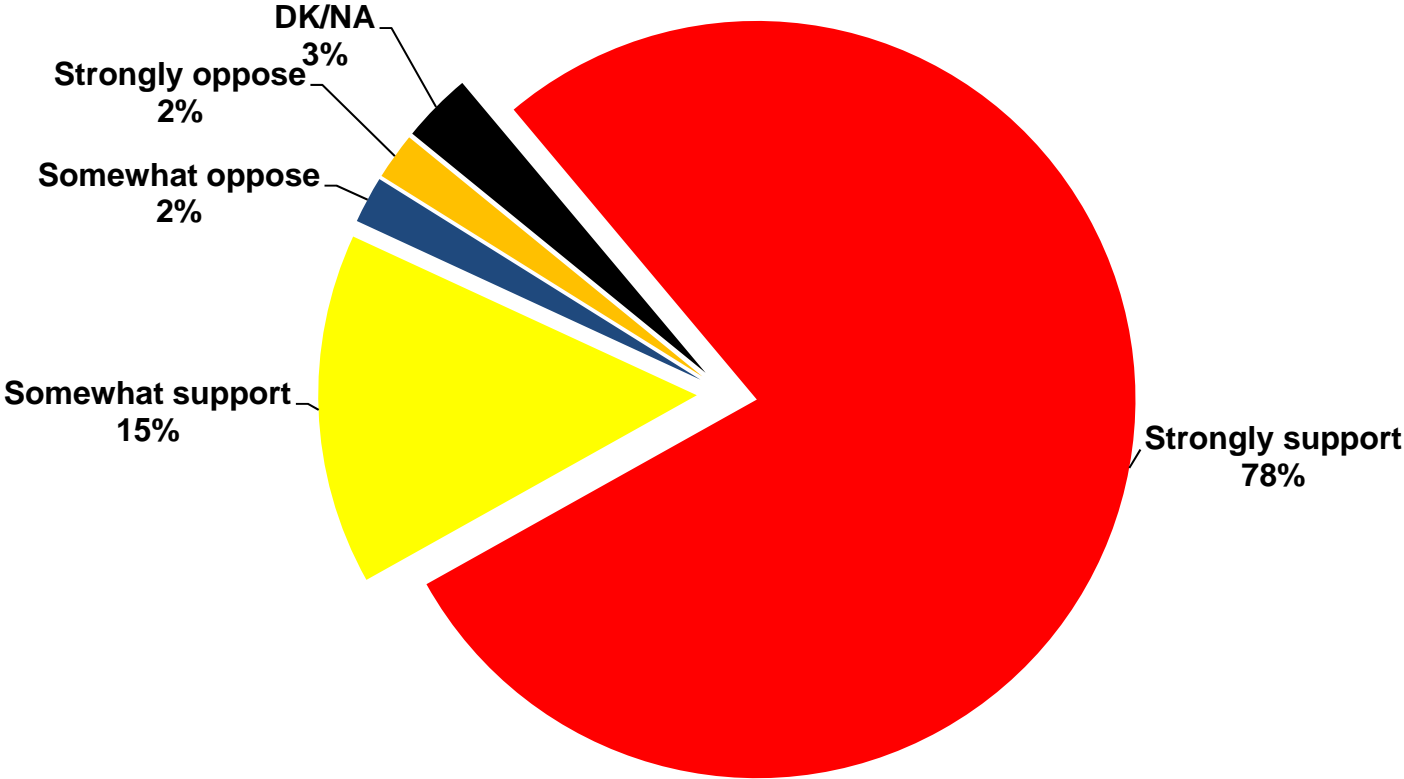
# Will the Georgian government solve the problems related to Abkhazia and South Ossetia?



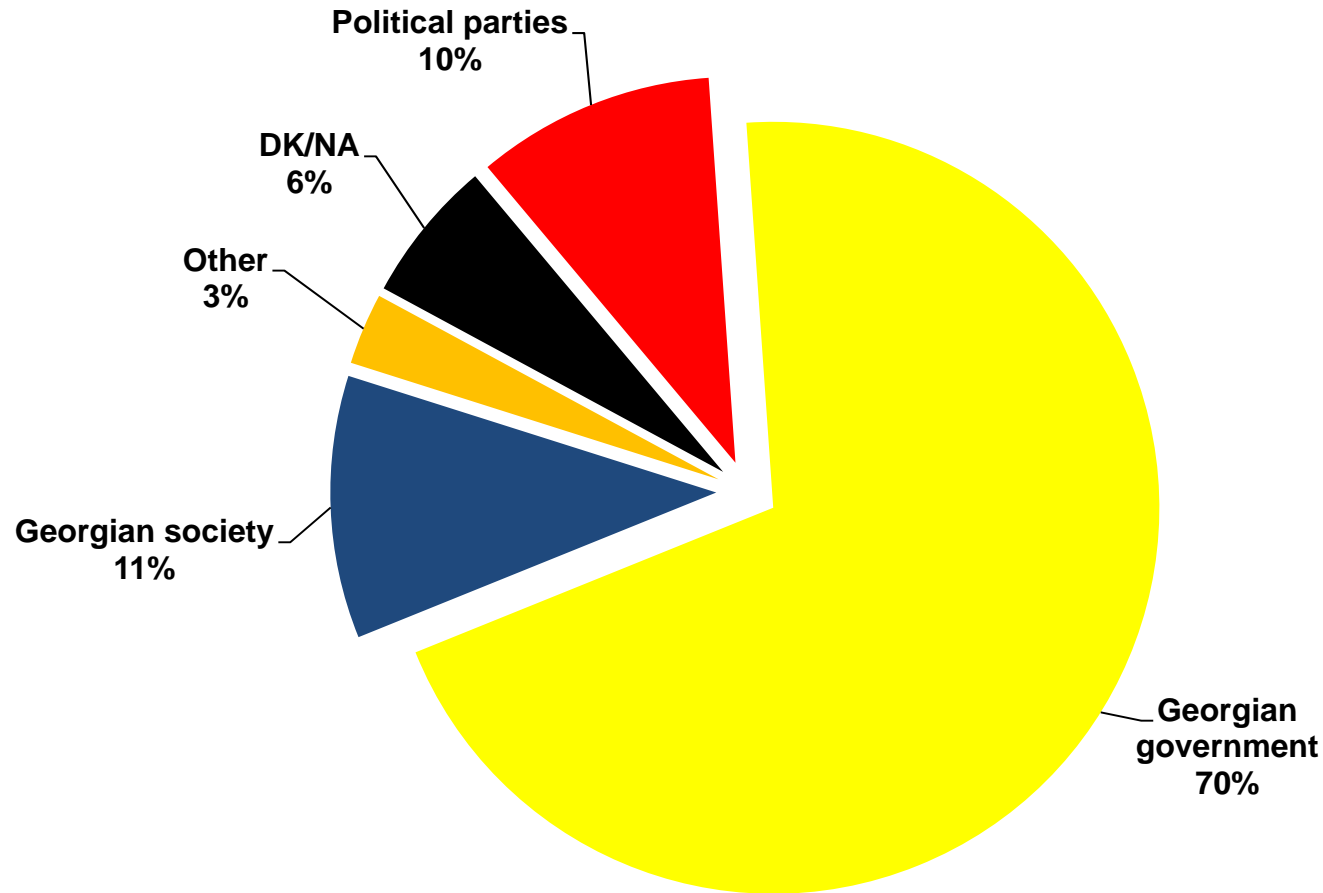
# Would you support efforts to open the Russian market to Georgian goods?



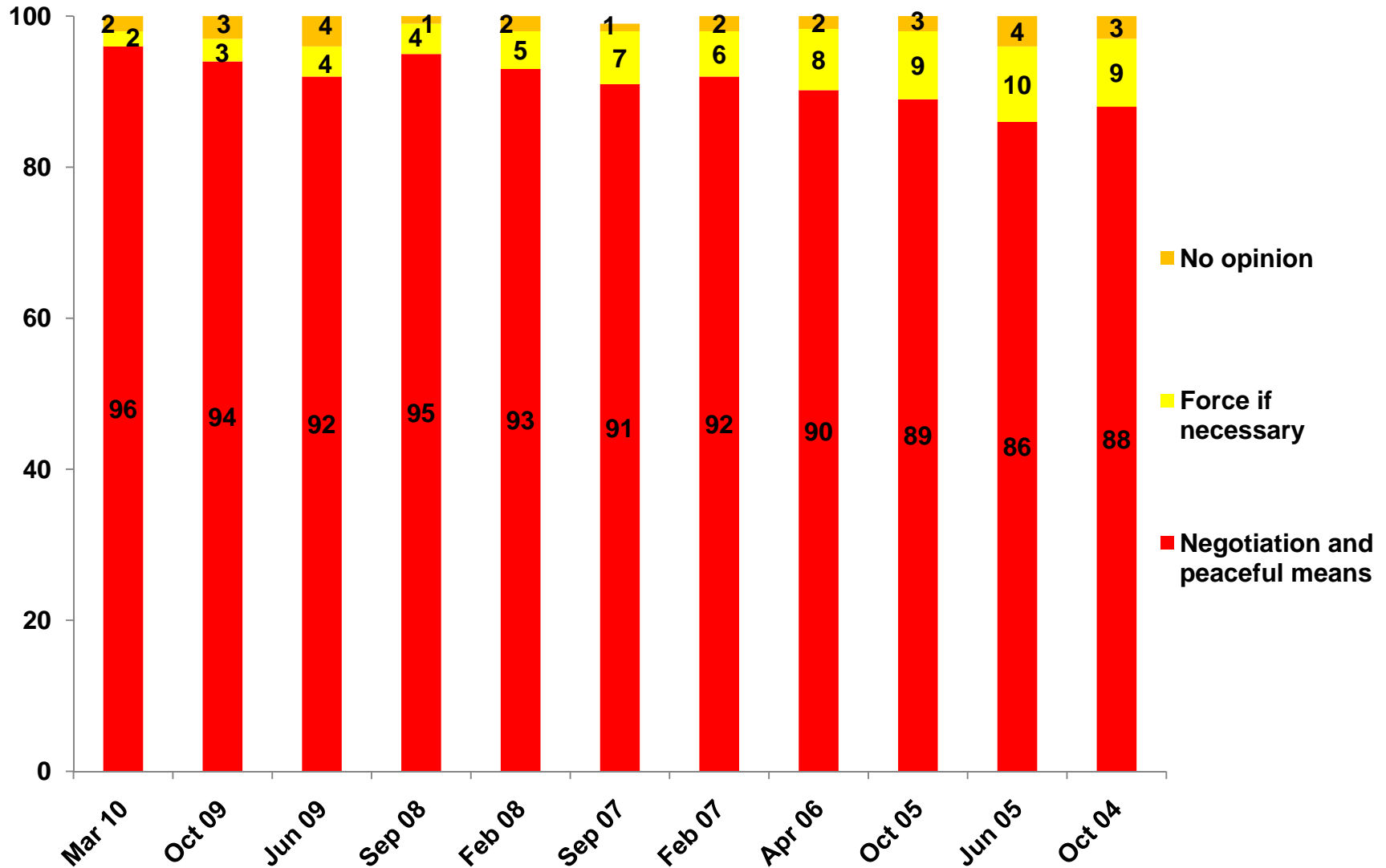
# Would you support further dialogue with Russia?



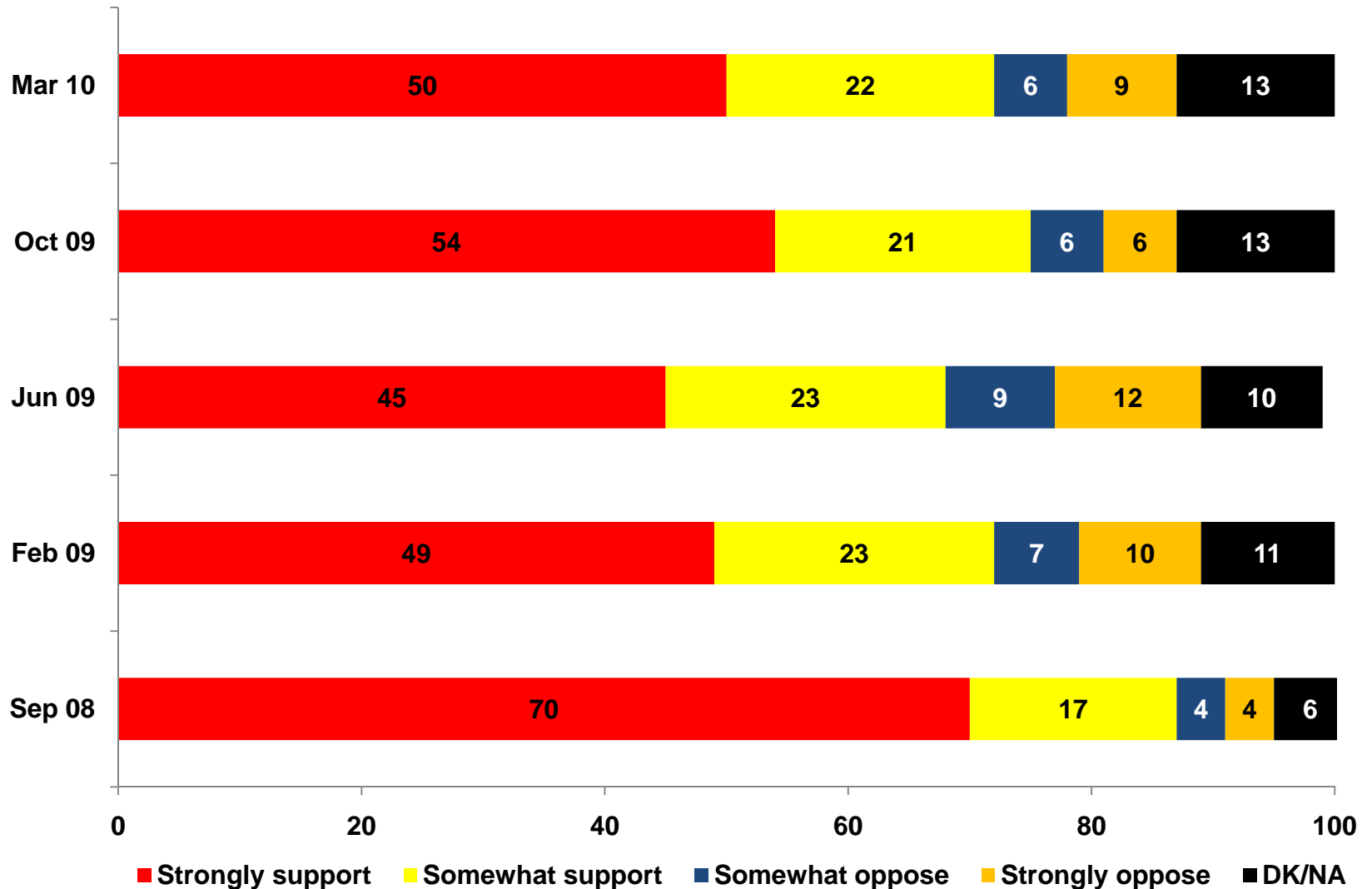
# Who should engage in the dialogue? (Those fully or somewhat supporting dialogue, N=1,667)



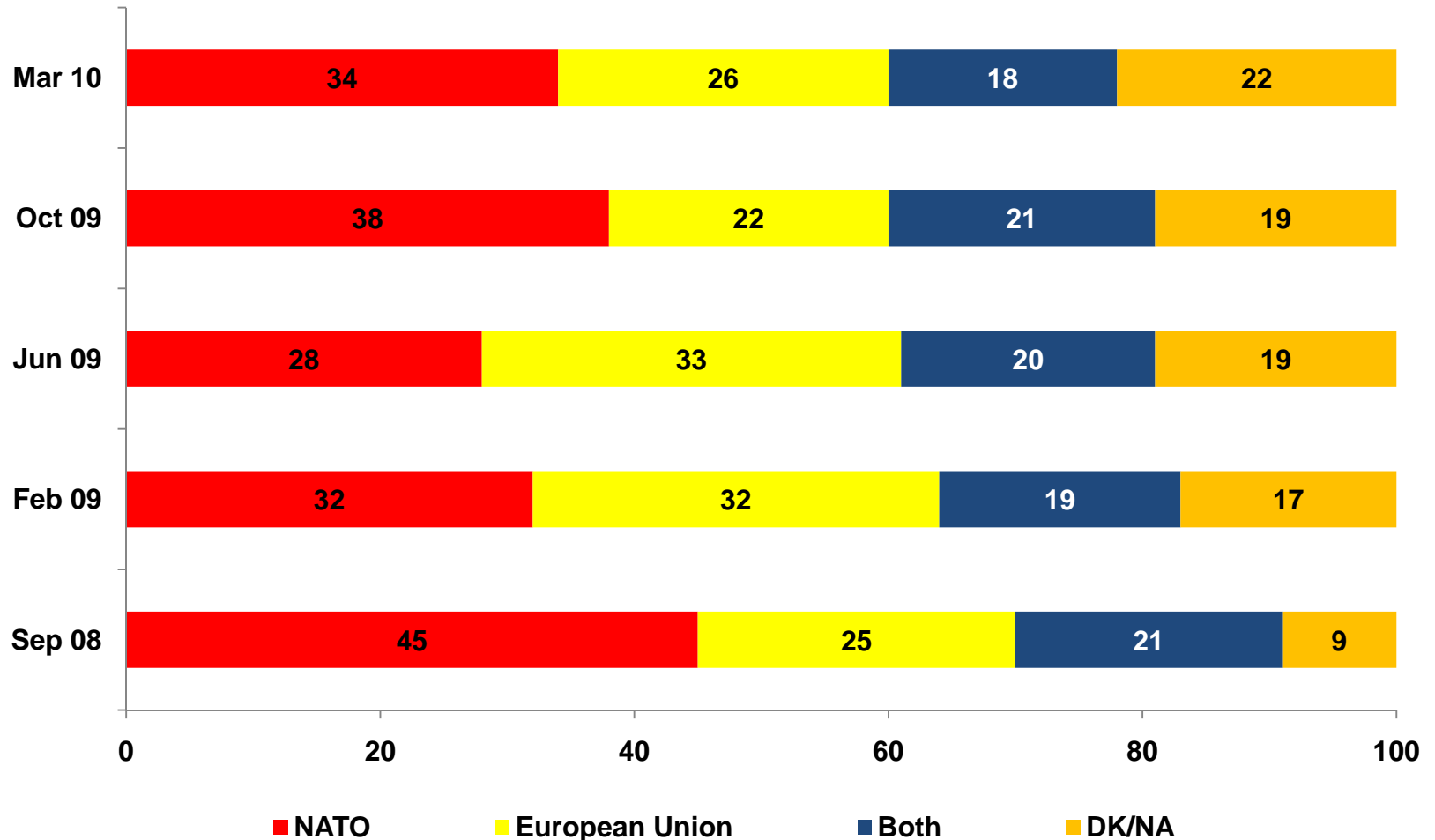
# What is the best means to deal with the problems in Abkhazia and South Ossetia?



# Do you support Georgia joining NATO?

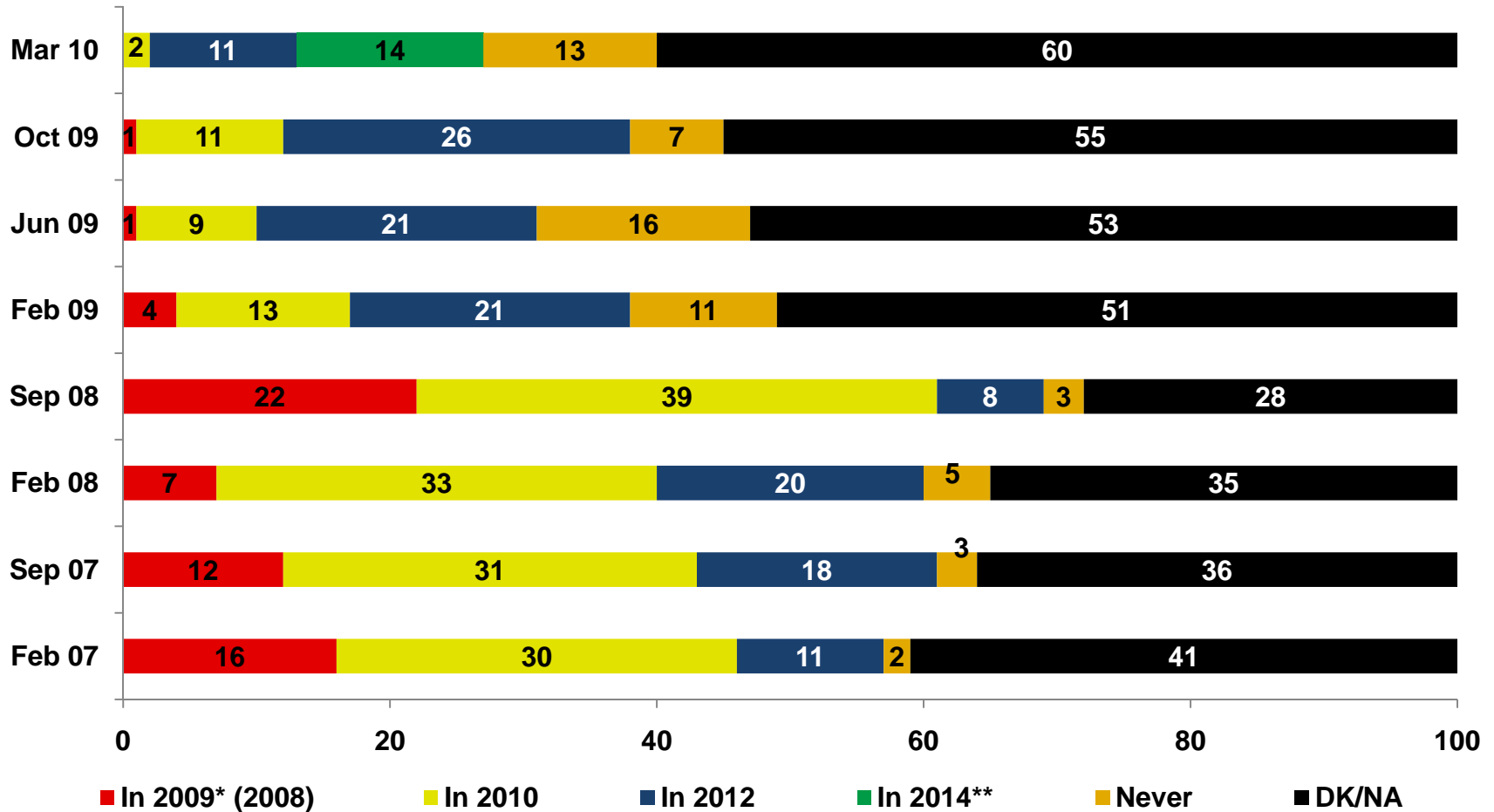


# What is more important to you: Georgia joining the NATO or Georgia joining the European Union?





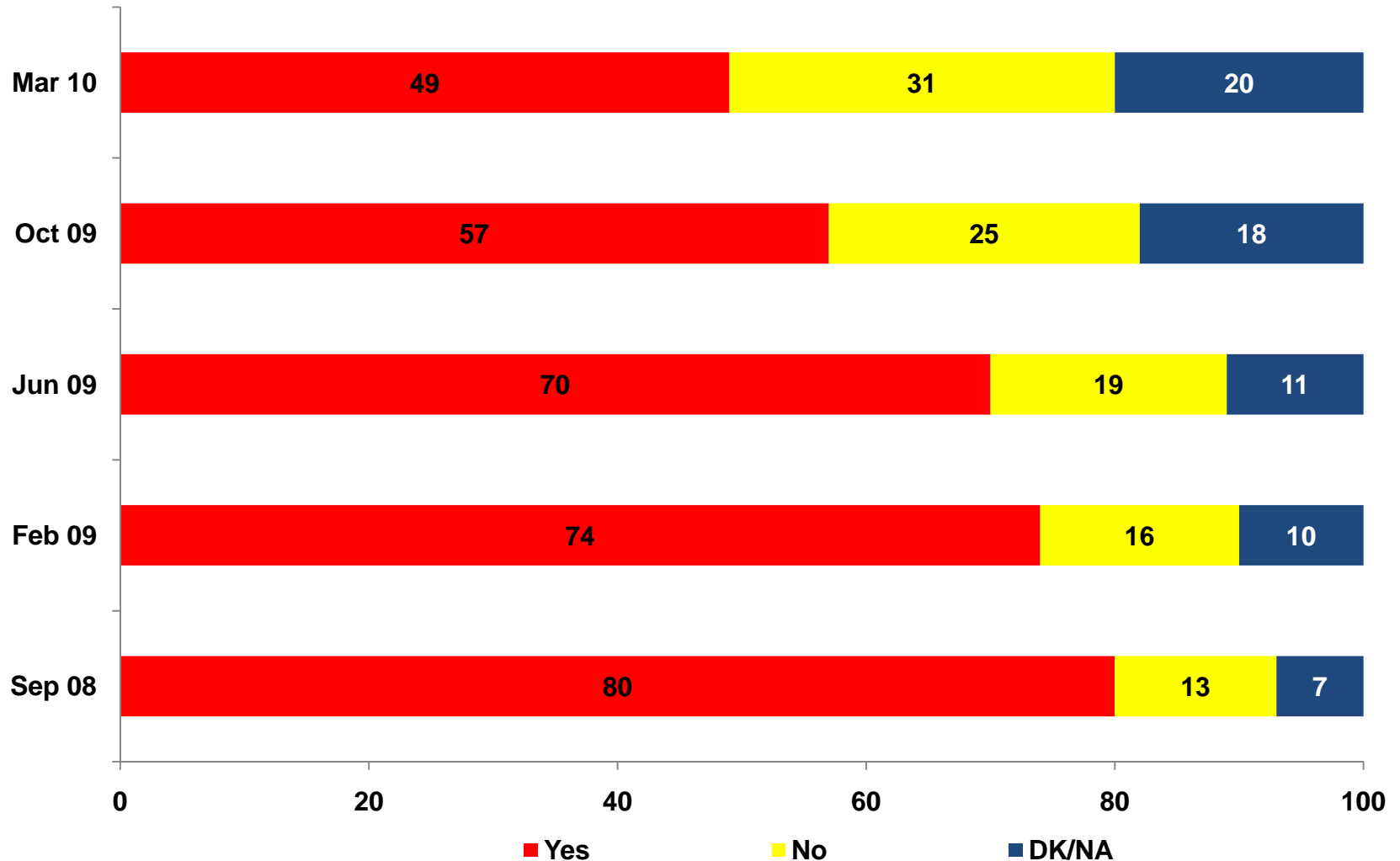
# When do you think Georgia will become a member of NATO?



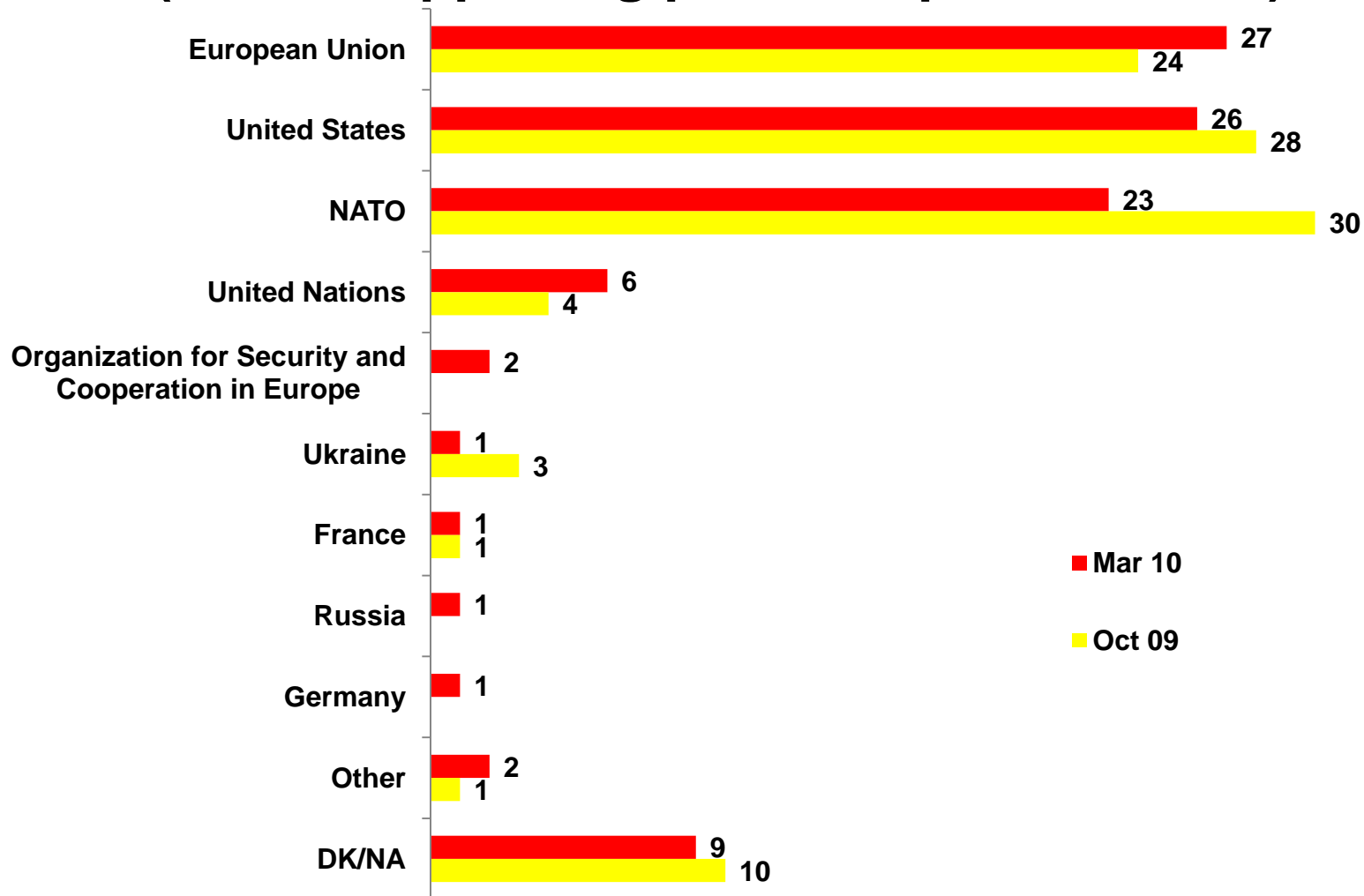
\*In 2007 and 2008 years the answer category was “In 2008”, in February 2009 this answer category was changed to “In 2009”

\*\* Included only in March 2010

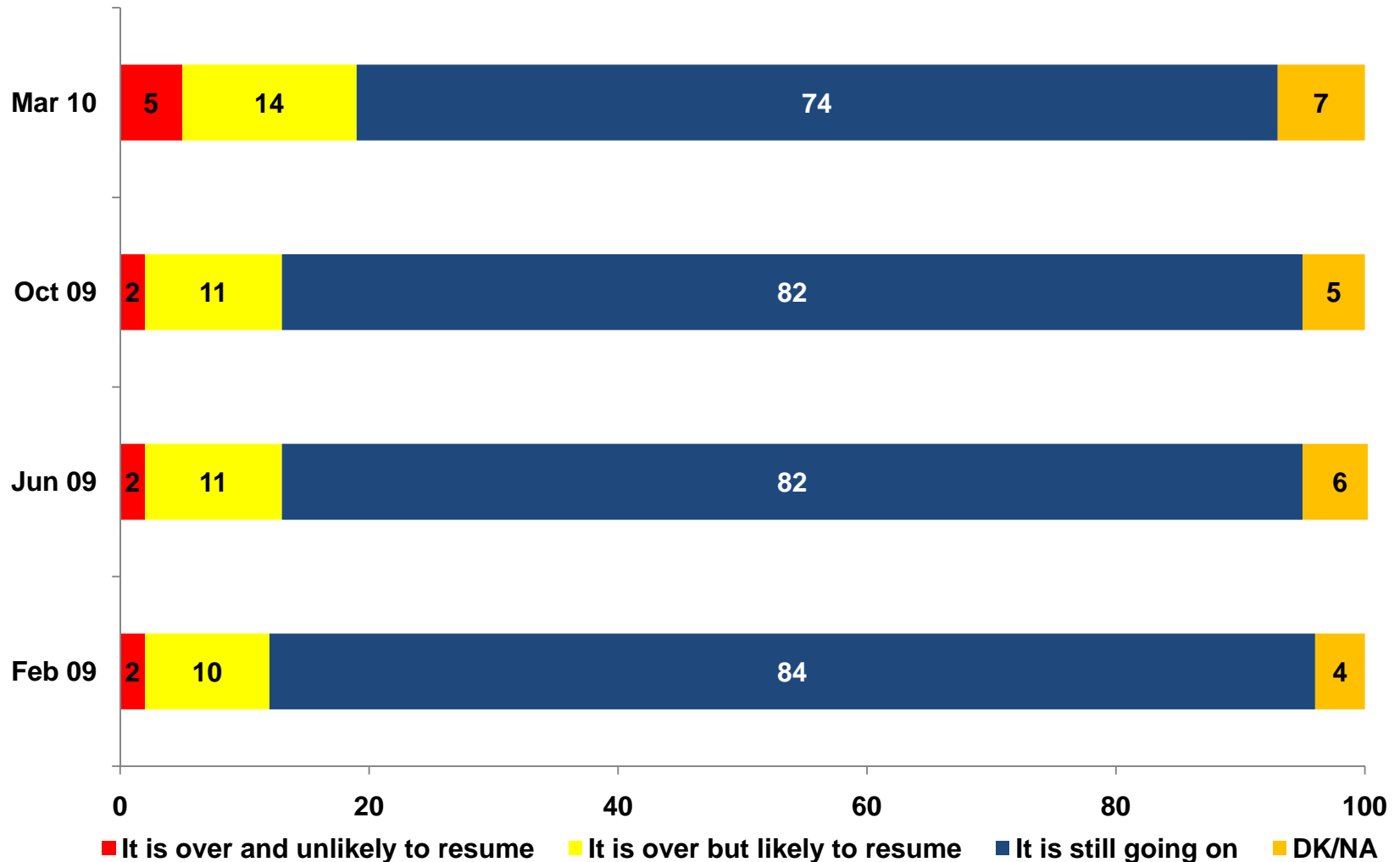
# Do you support an international peacekeeping force in Georgia?



# Which country or international organization should provide the peacekeeping force? (Those supporting peacekeepers, N = 875)

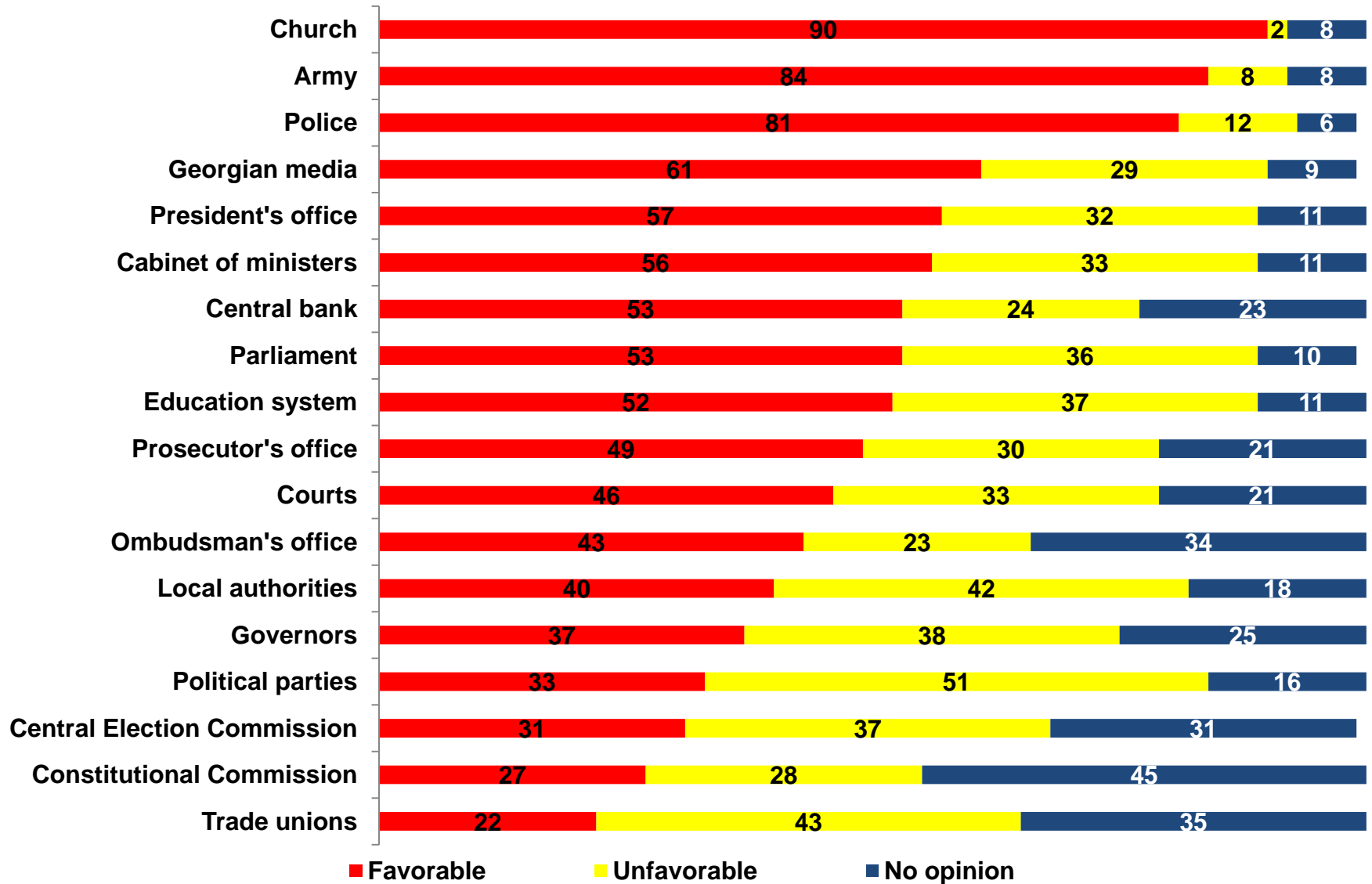


# Do you think that Russian aggression toward Georgia is over or is it still going on?

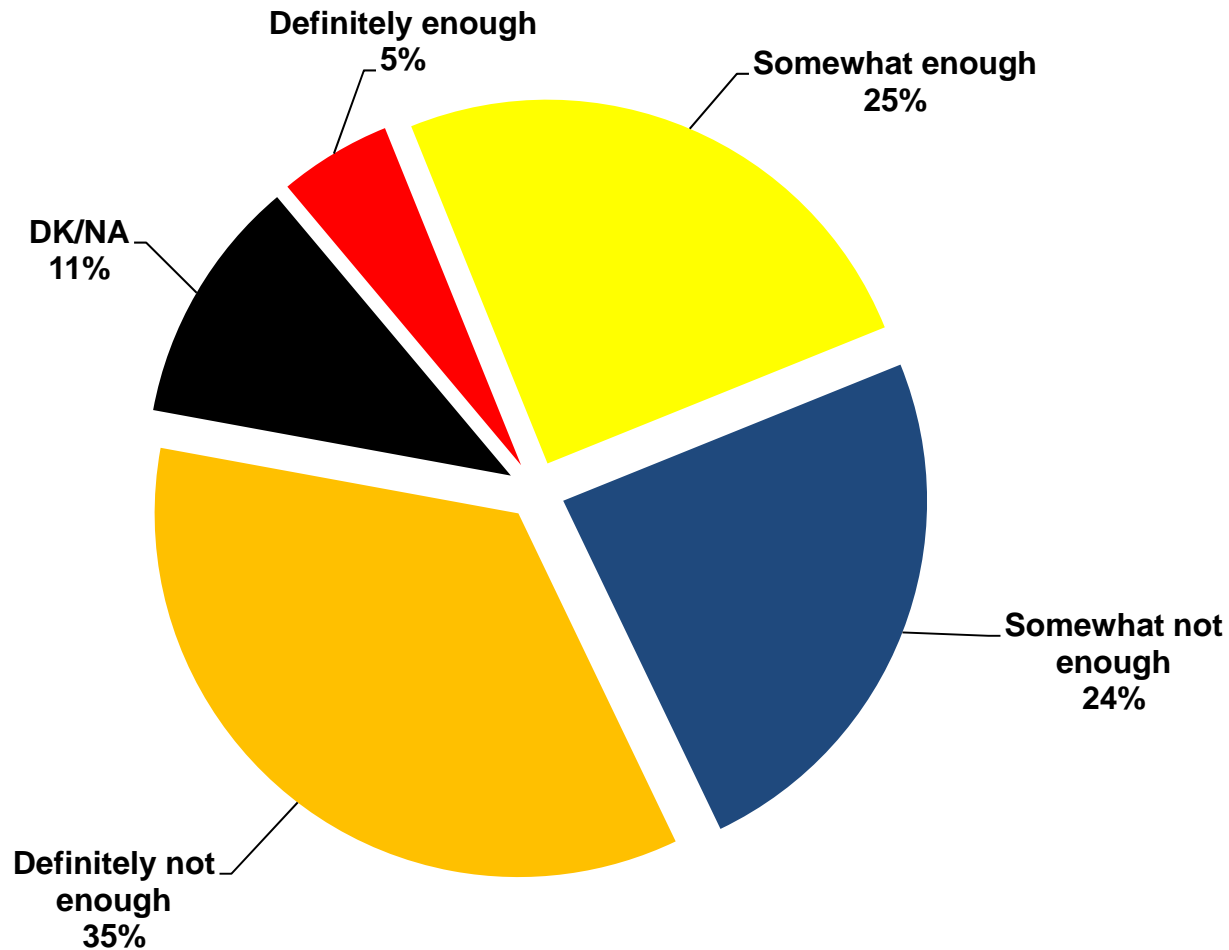


# INSTITUTIONS

# What is your opinion about the work of each of these institutions?



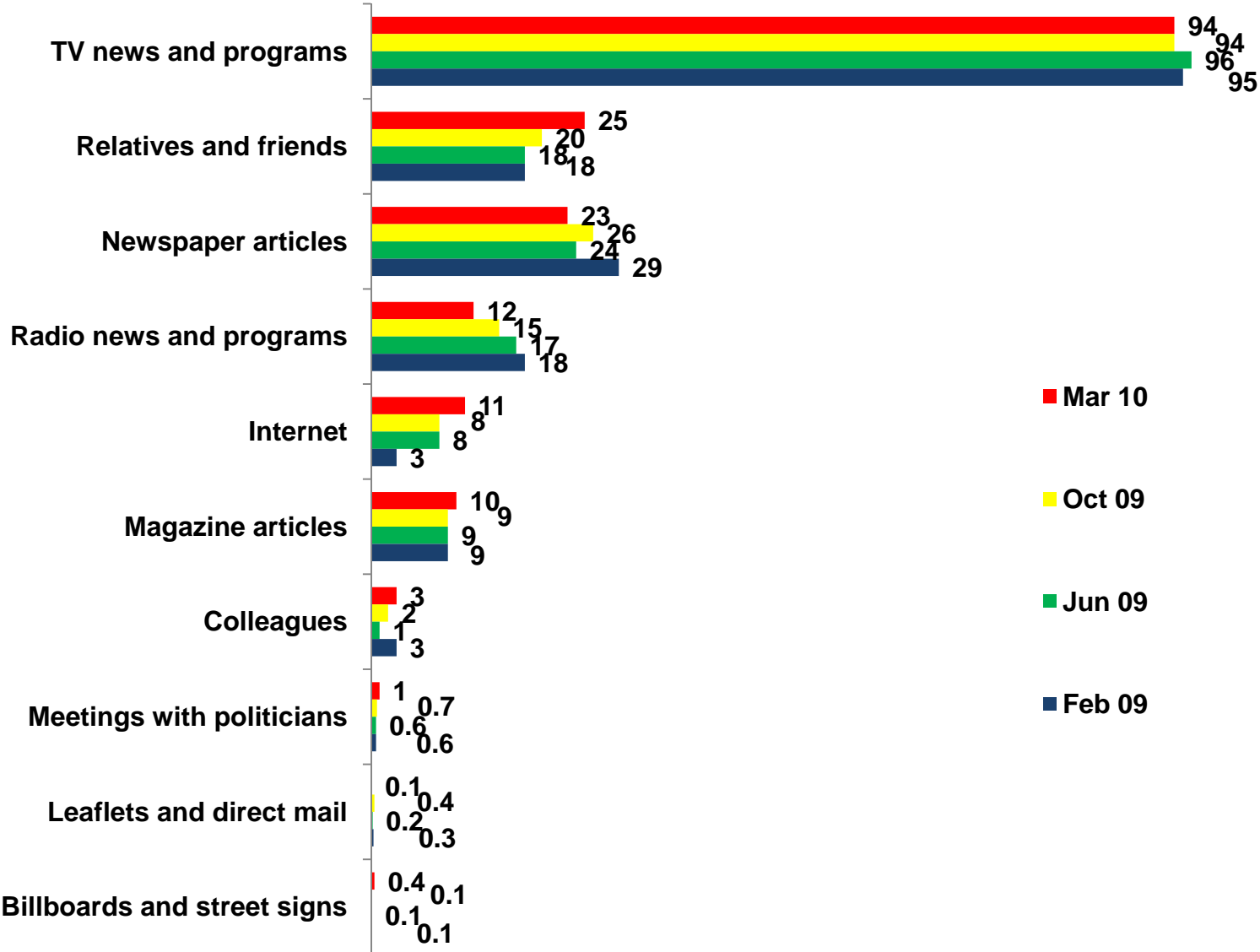
# Do you as a citizen feel that you have received enough information on the workings of the Central Election Commission?



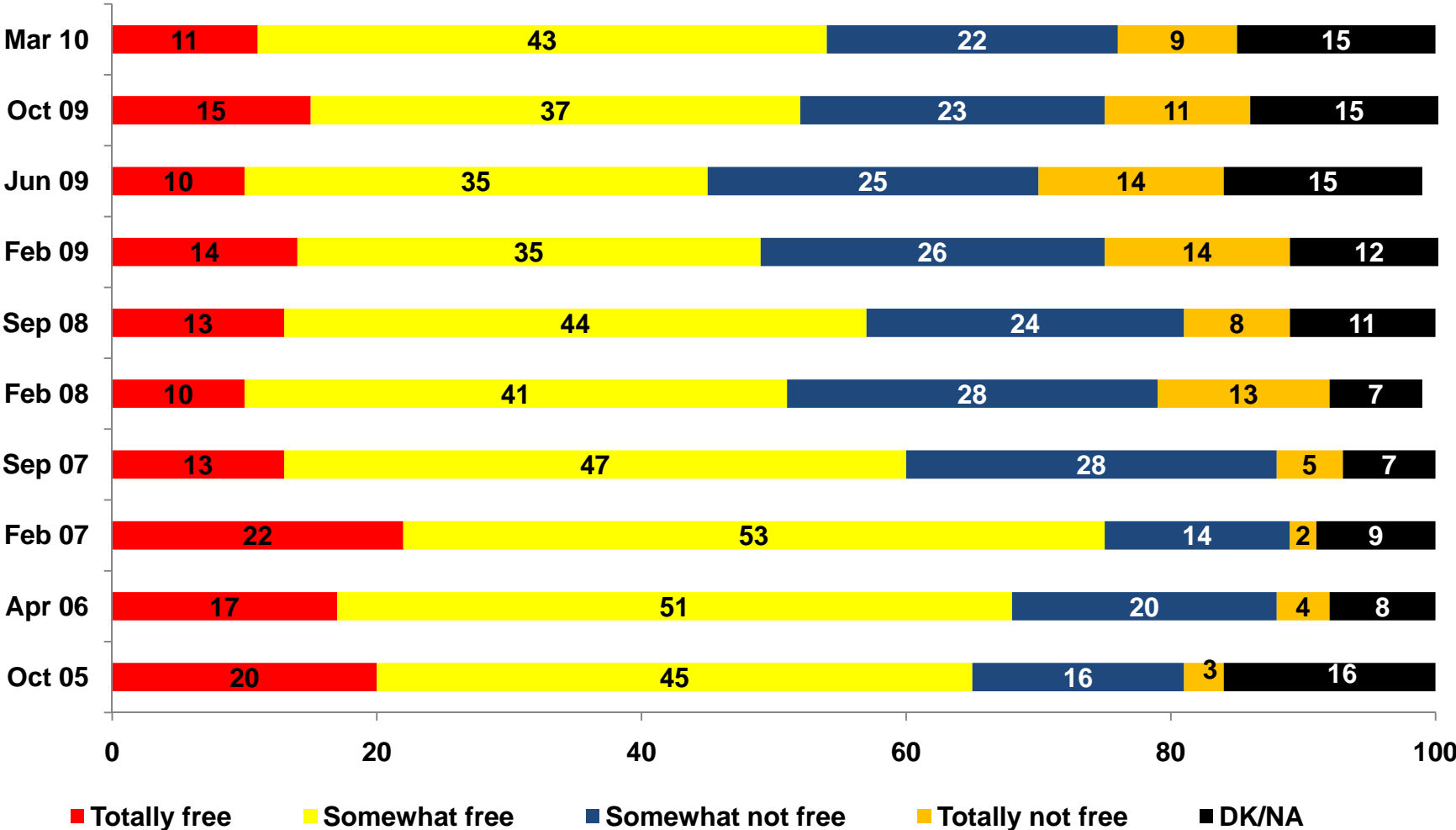
# **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**



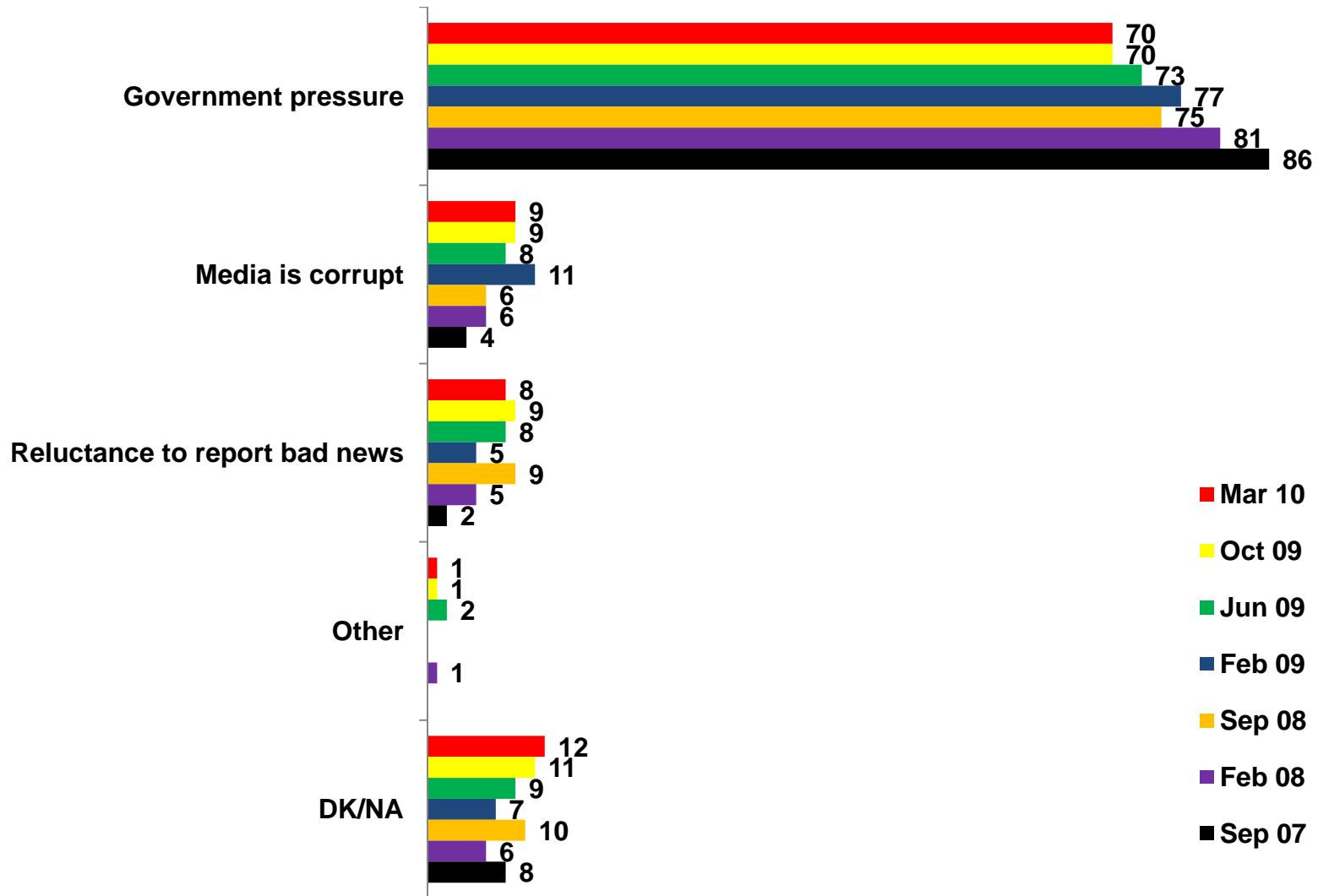
# What are your sources of political information?



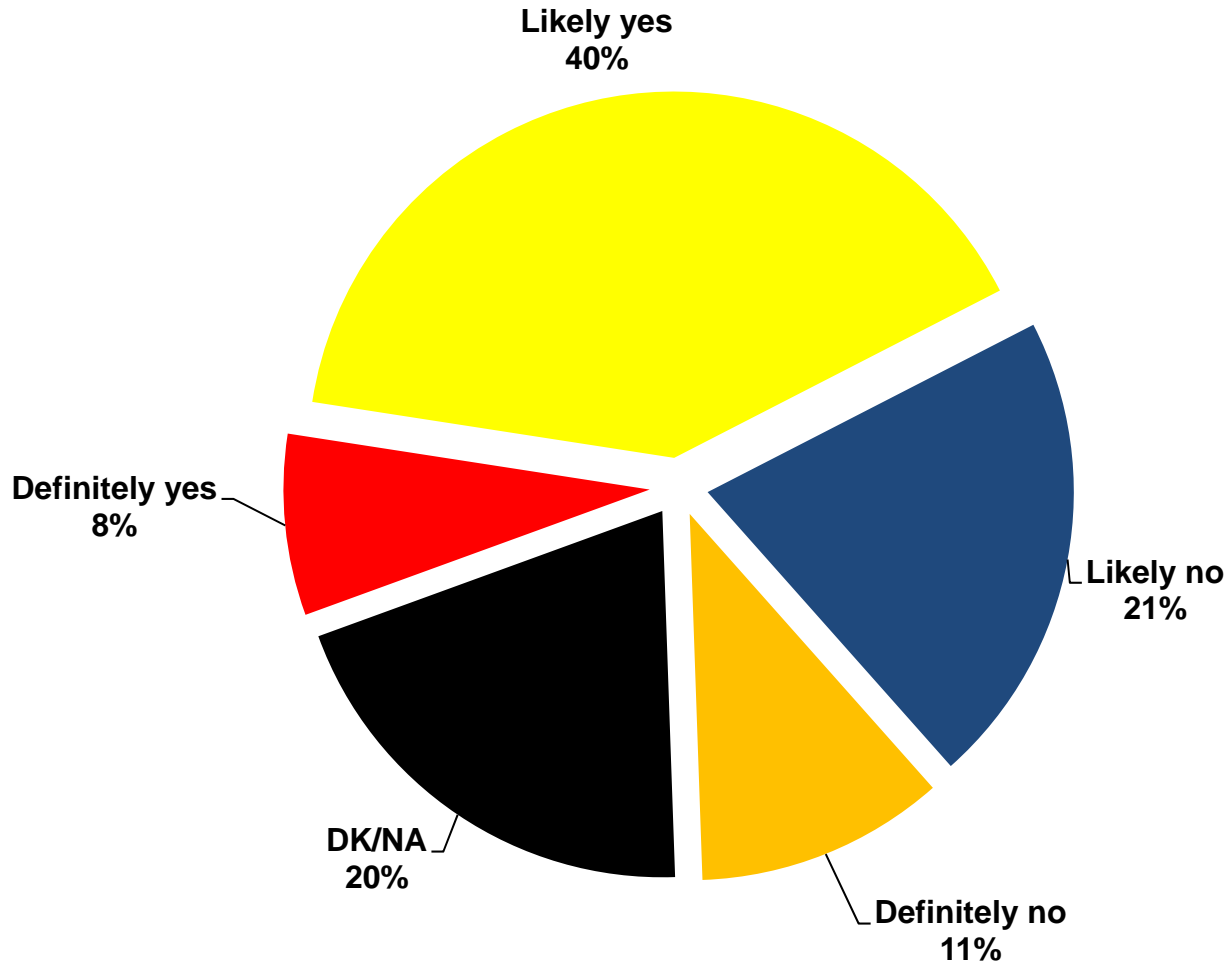
# Is Georgian mass media free to express various political views or is there control from the government over media content?



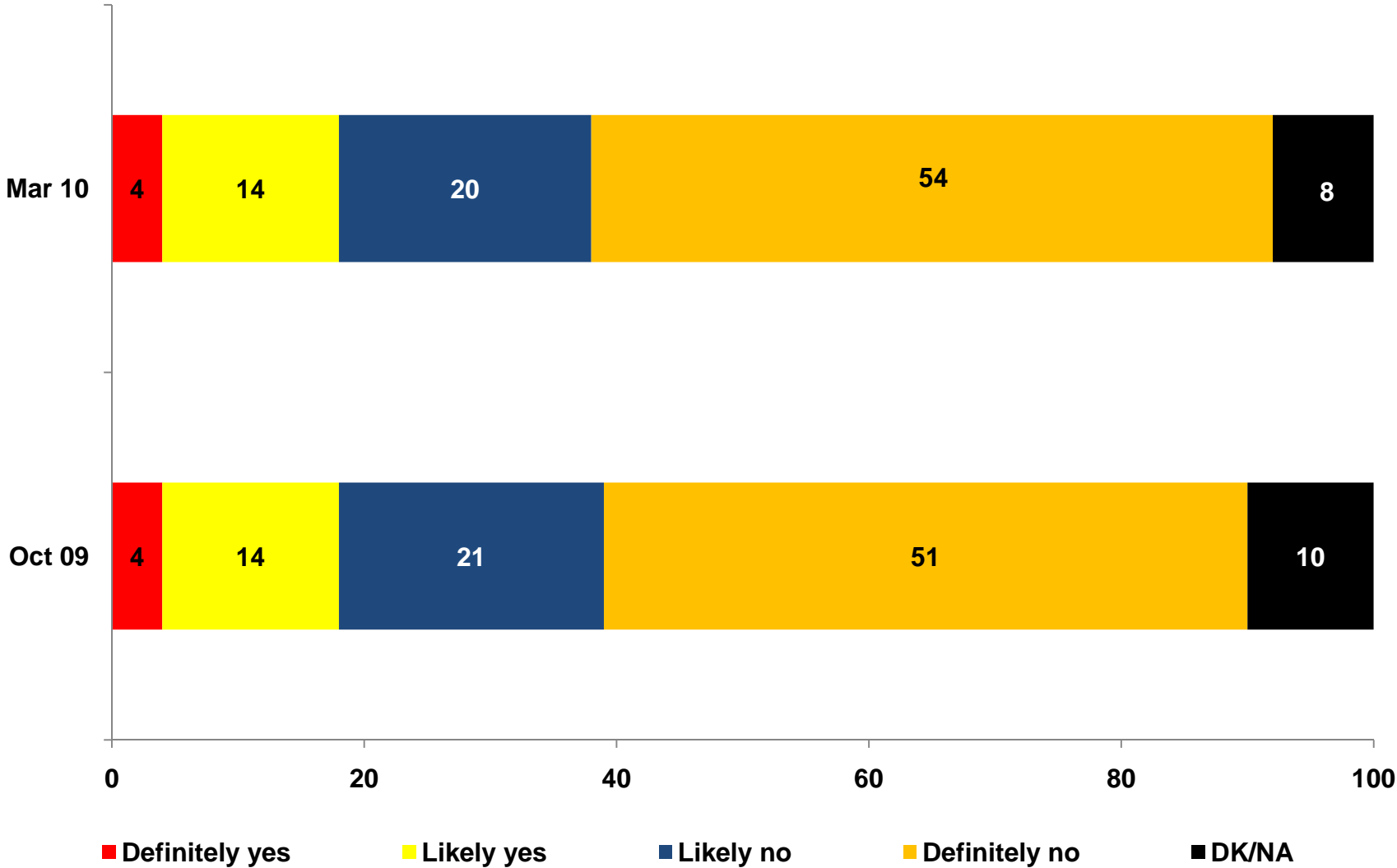
# Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views? (n = 554)



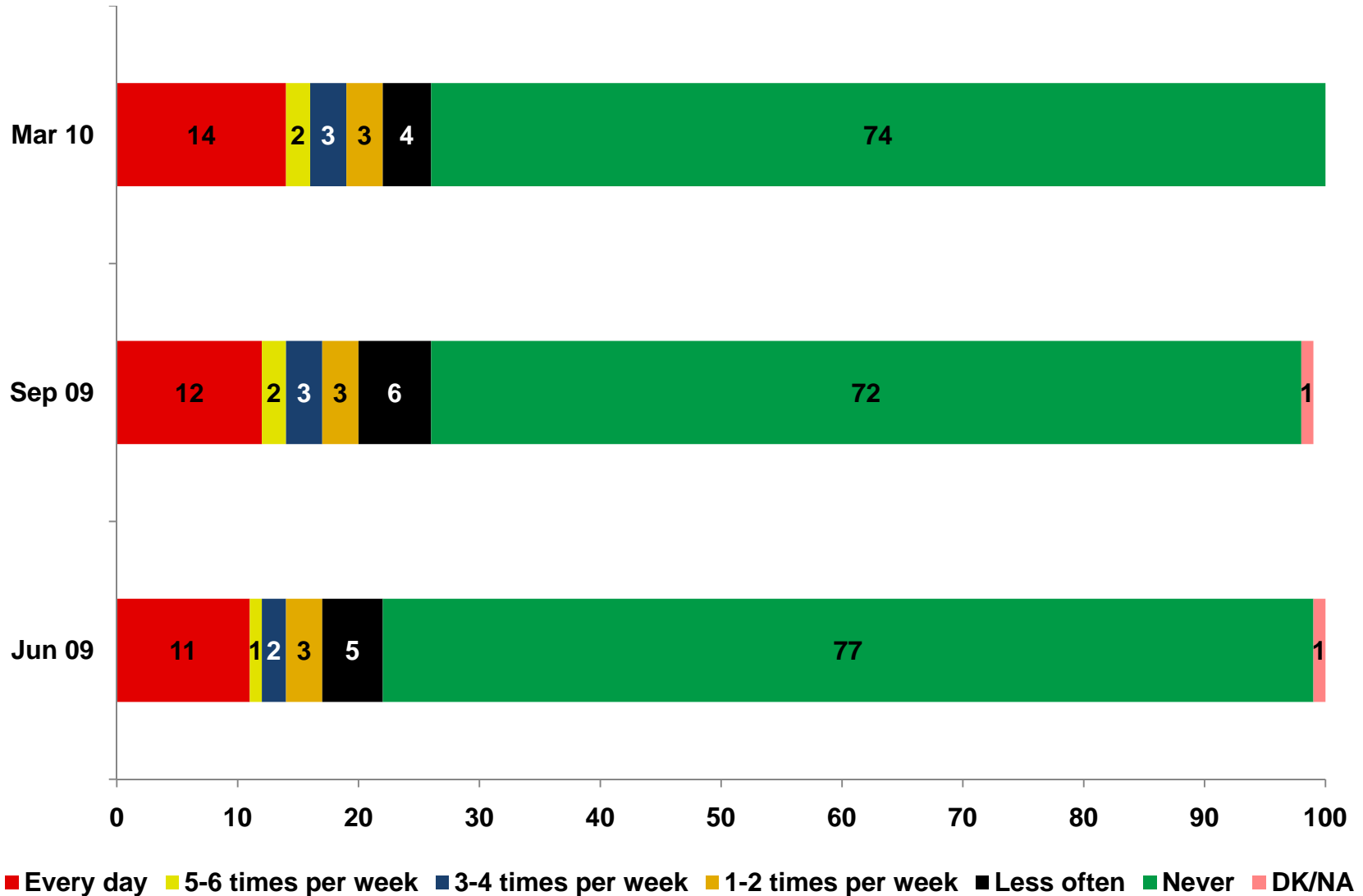
# In your opinion, will the national TV channels provide fair and equal coverage for all political parties?



# Do you support further street protests in the future/fall?



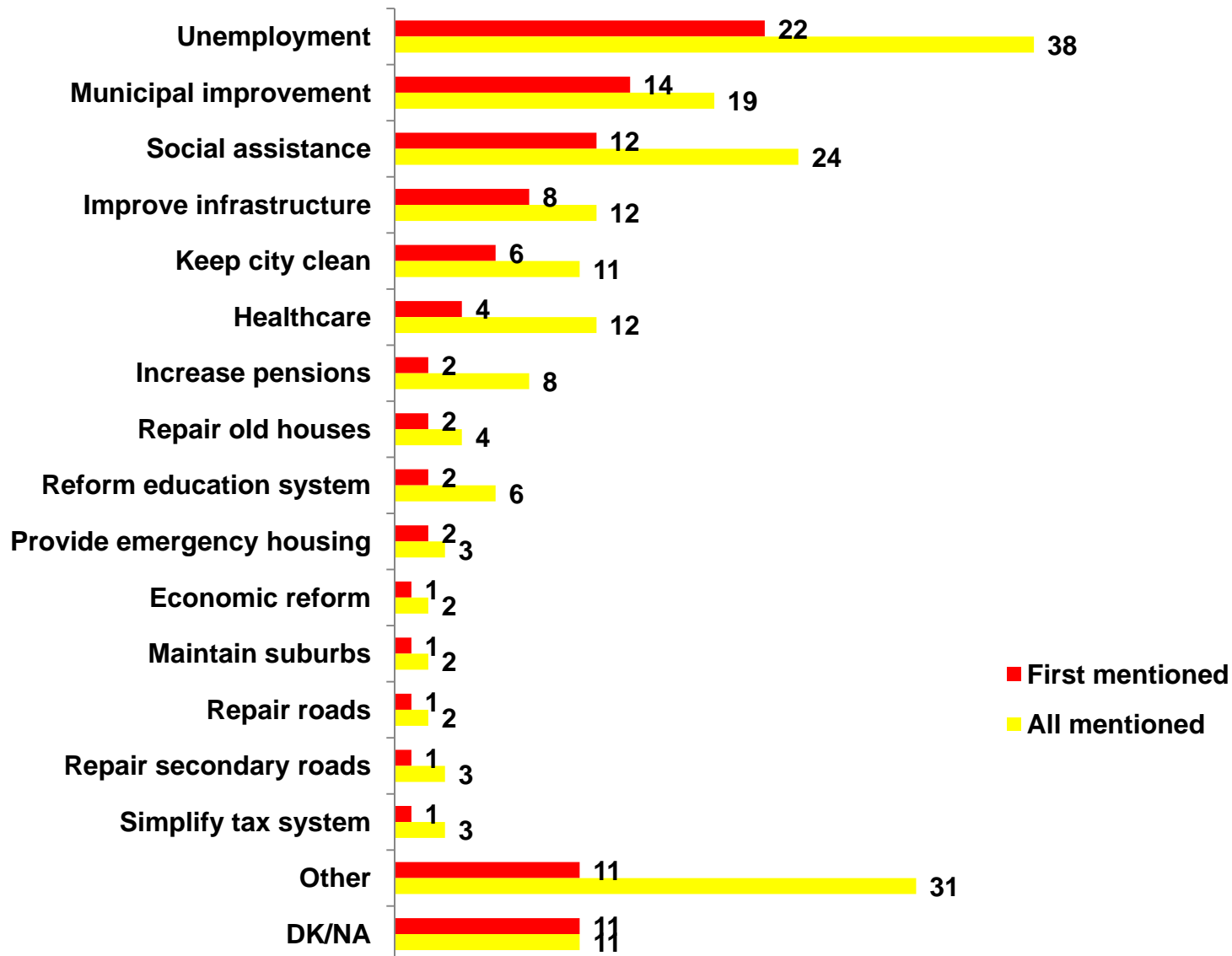
# How many times per week do you access the Internet?



# **TBILISI**

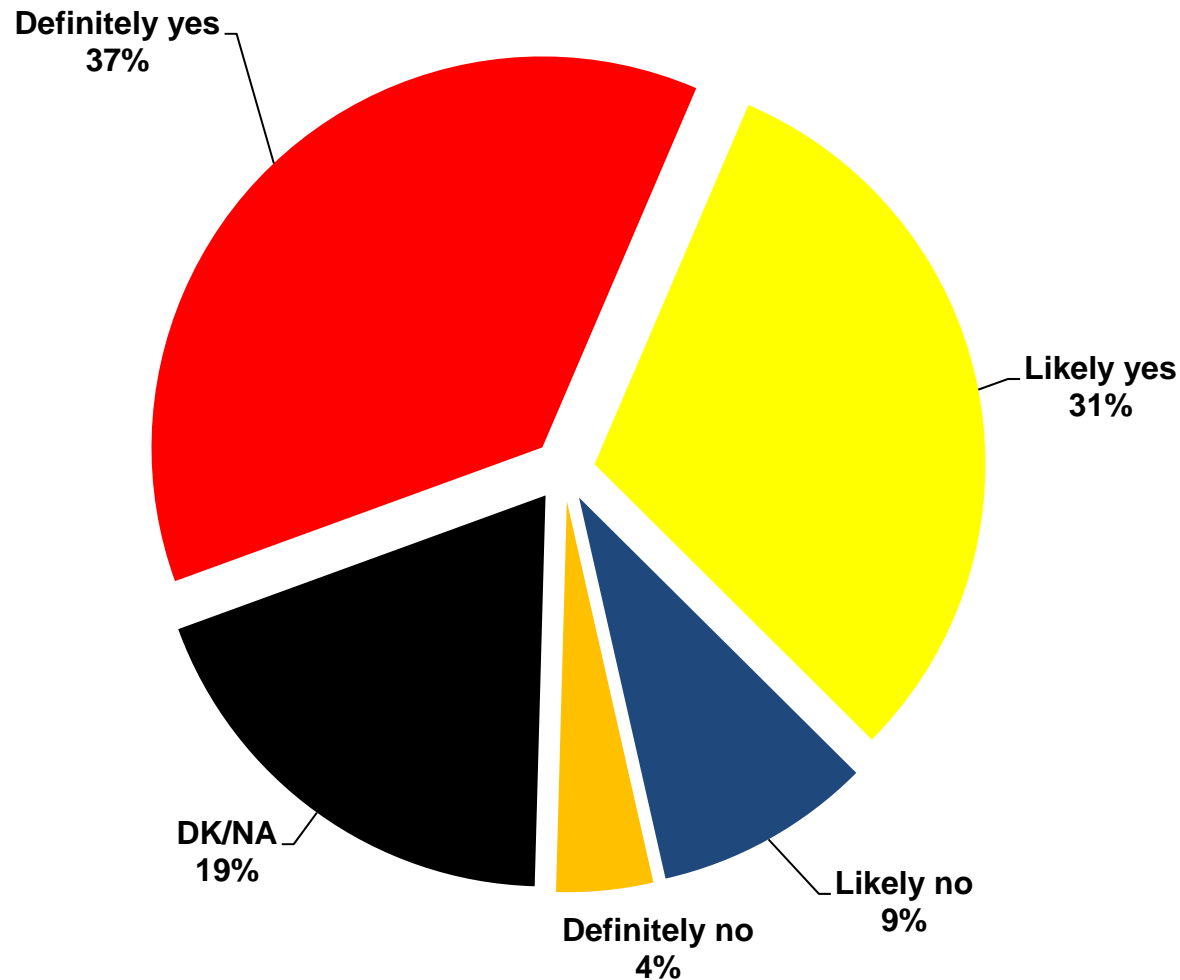
## **(N = 800)**

# What are three issues that the Mayor of Tbilisi needs to address?



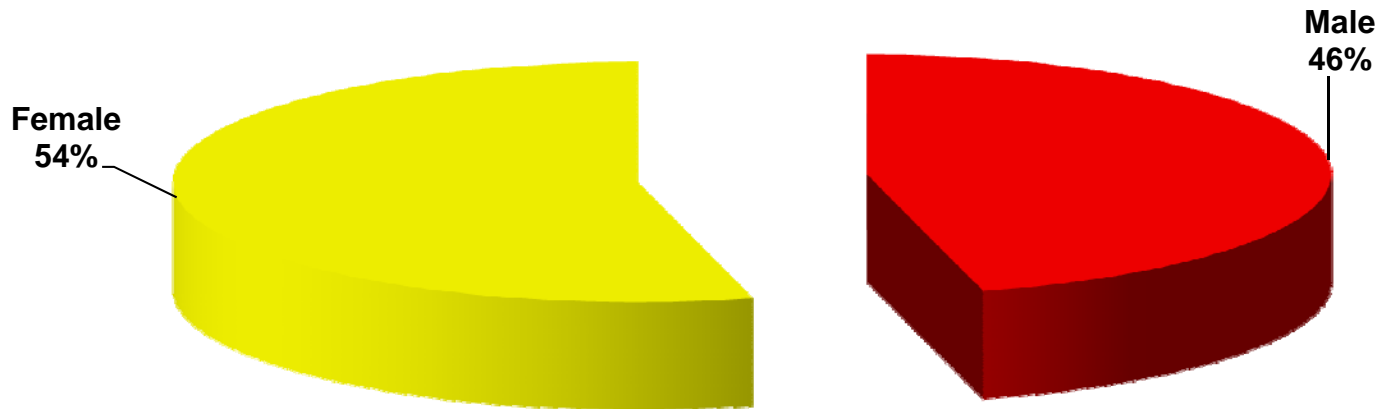


# Should non-parliamentary opposition parties unite to elect a single candidate for mayor?

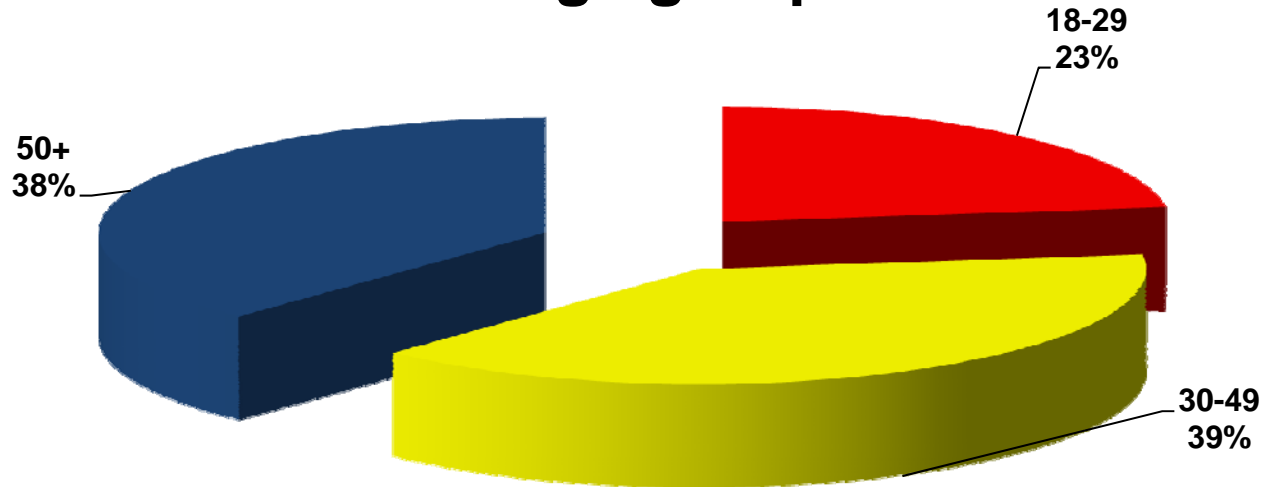


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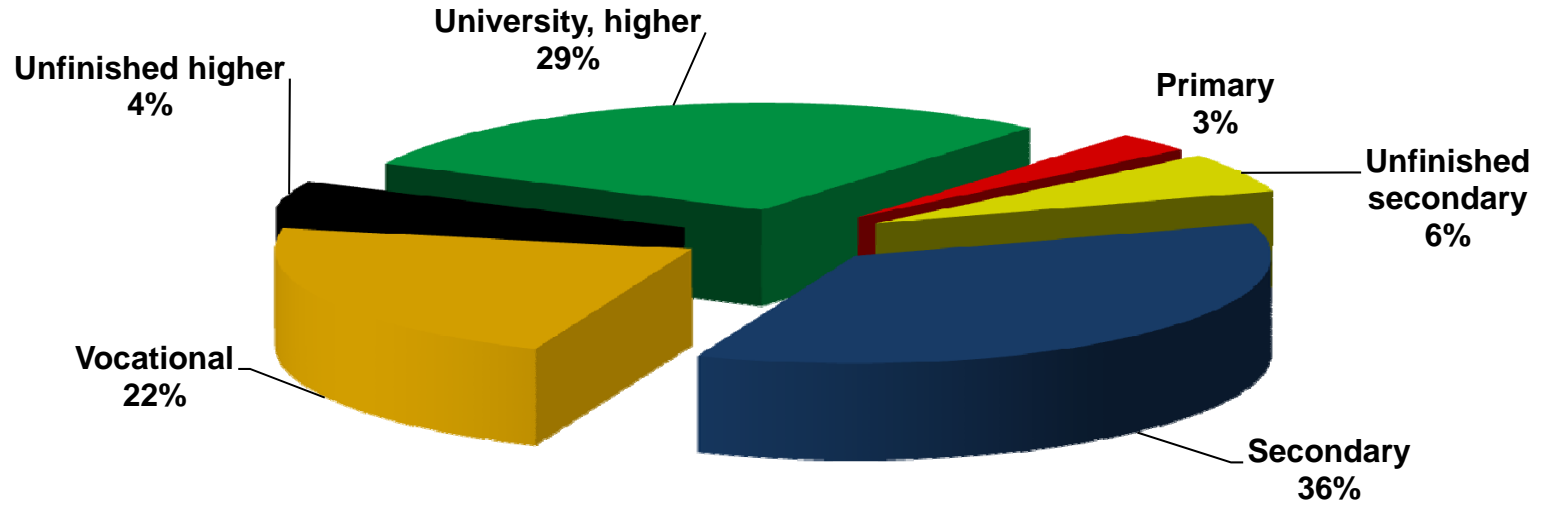
# Gender



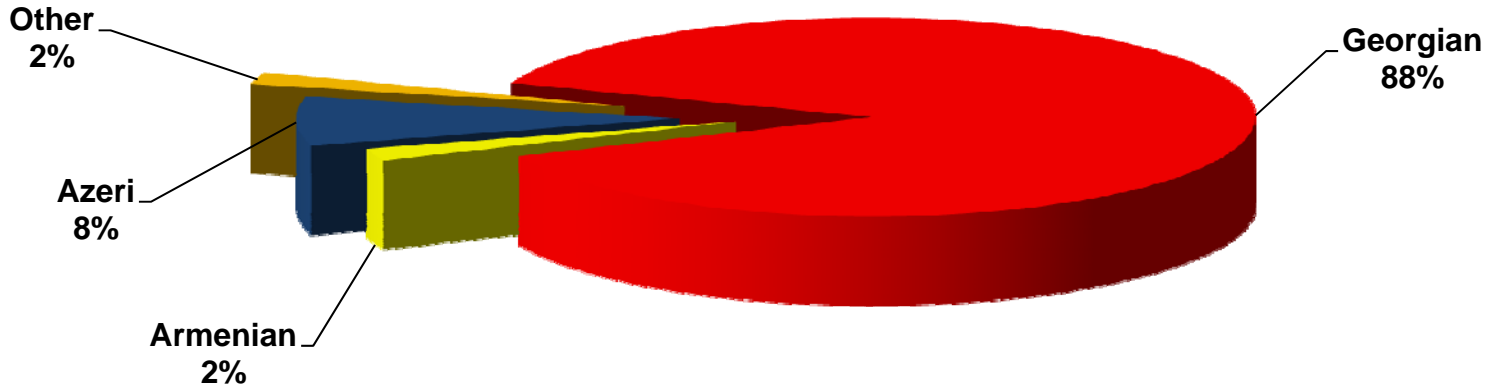
# Age groups



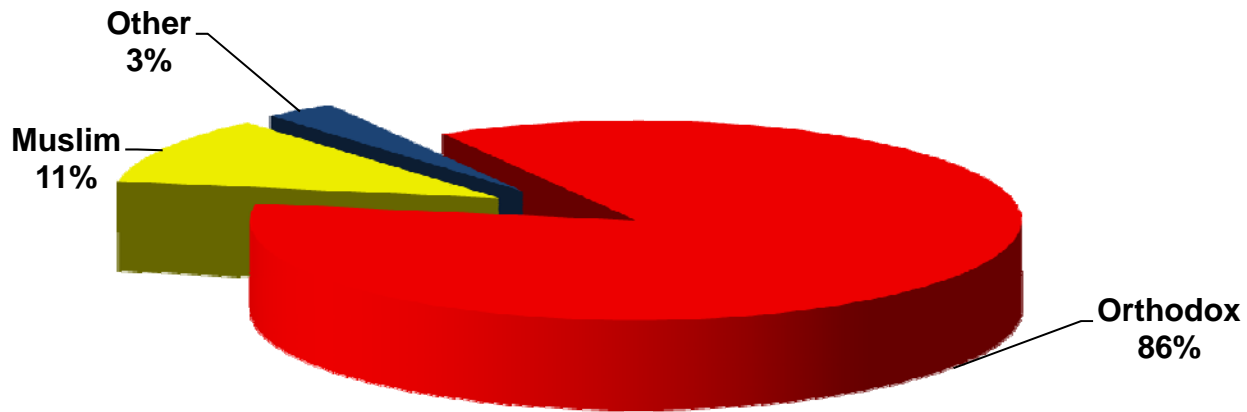
# Education



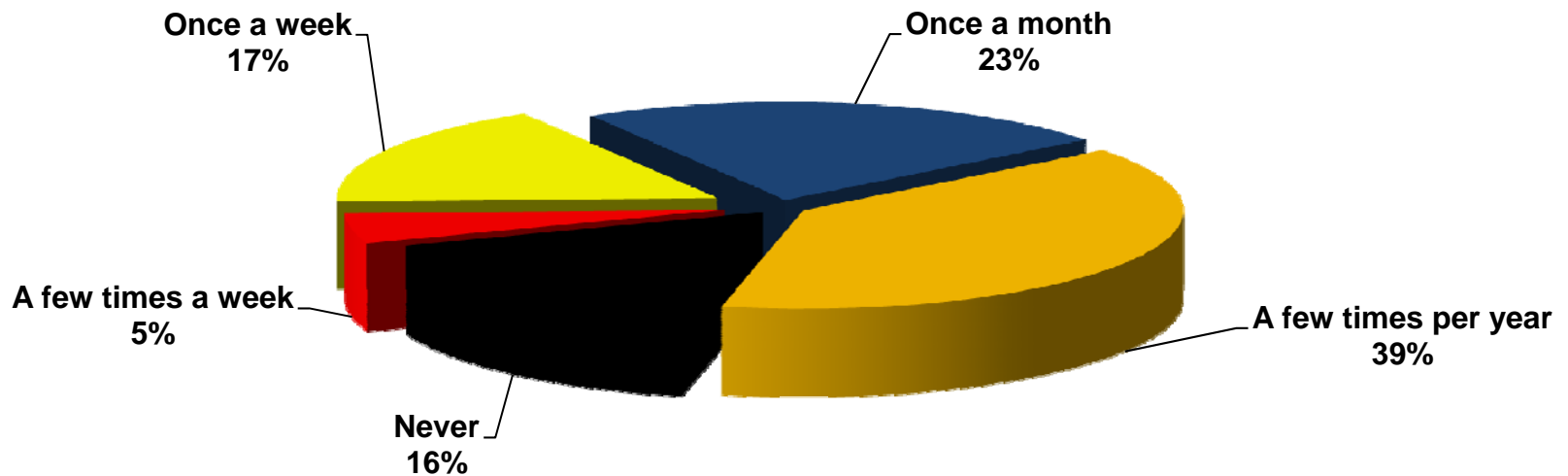
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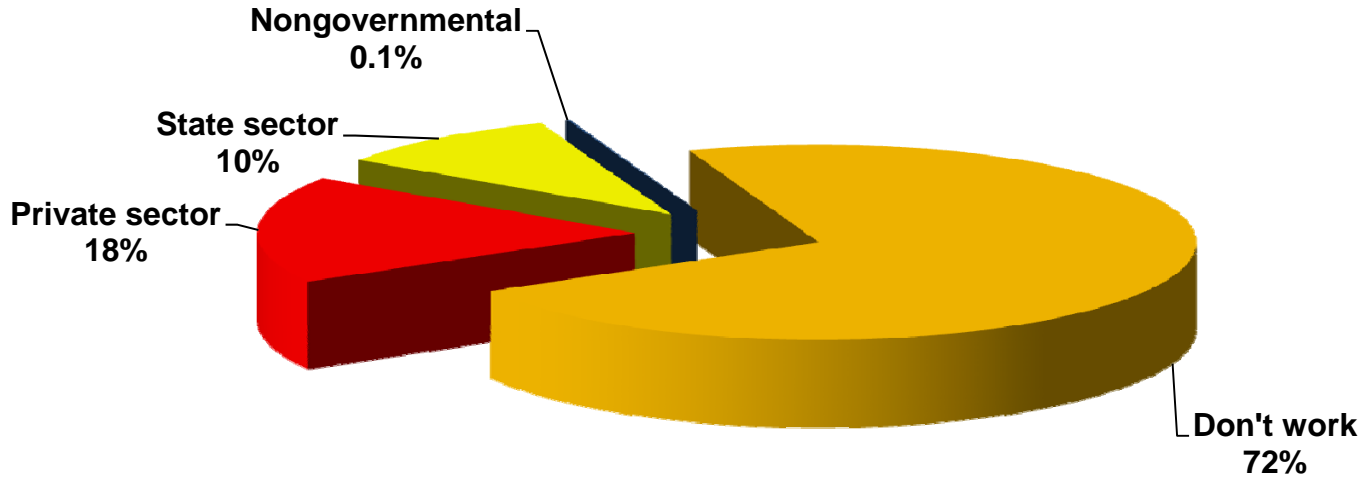
# Religion



# Attendance of religious service



# Sector of employment



# Occupation

