

# Georgian National Study

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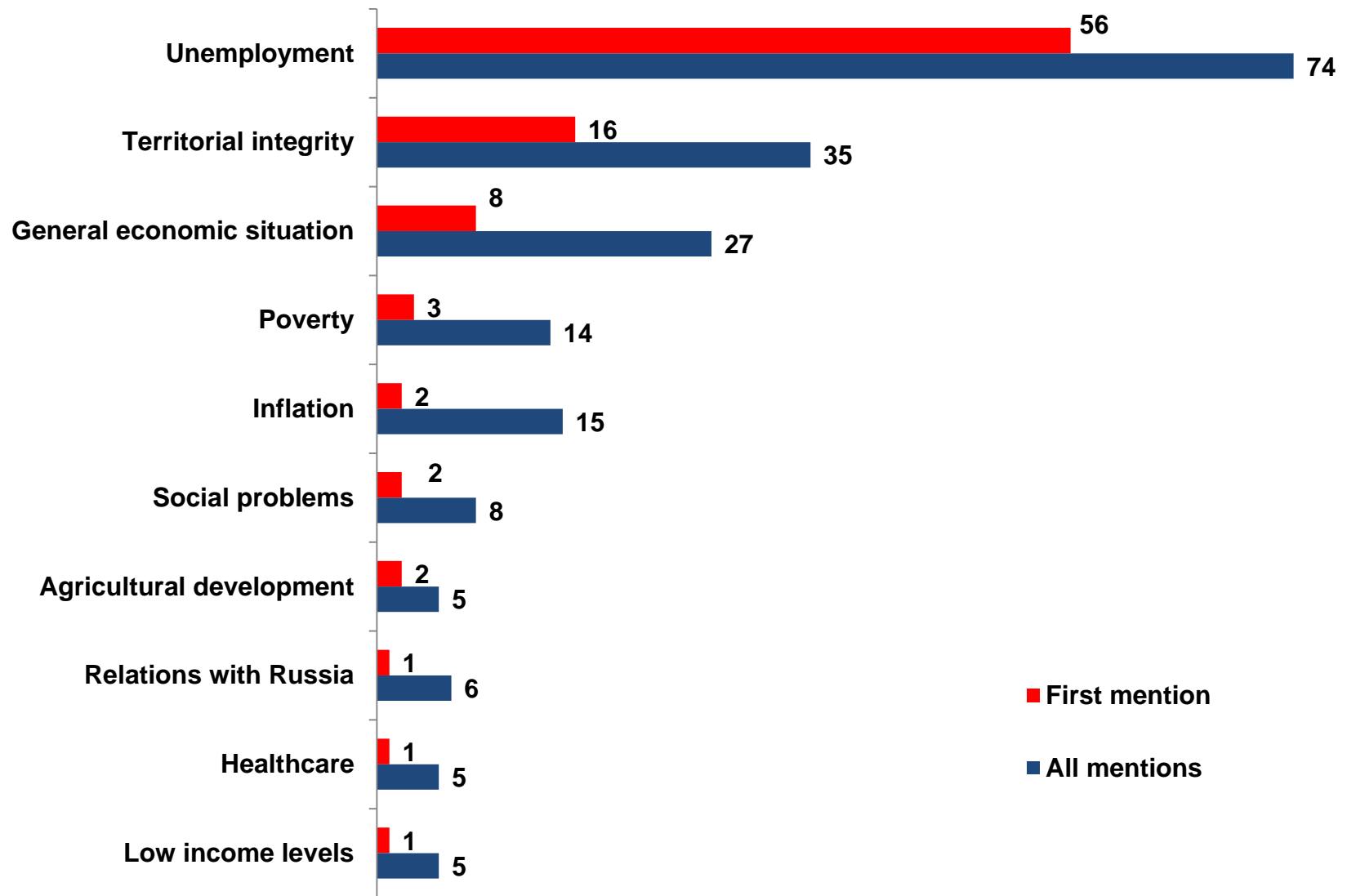


# INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

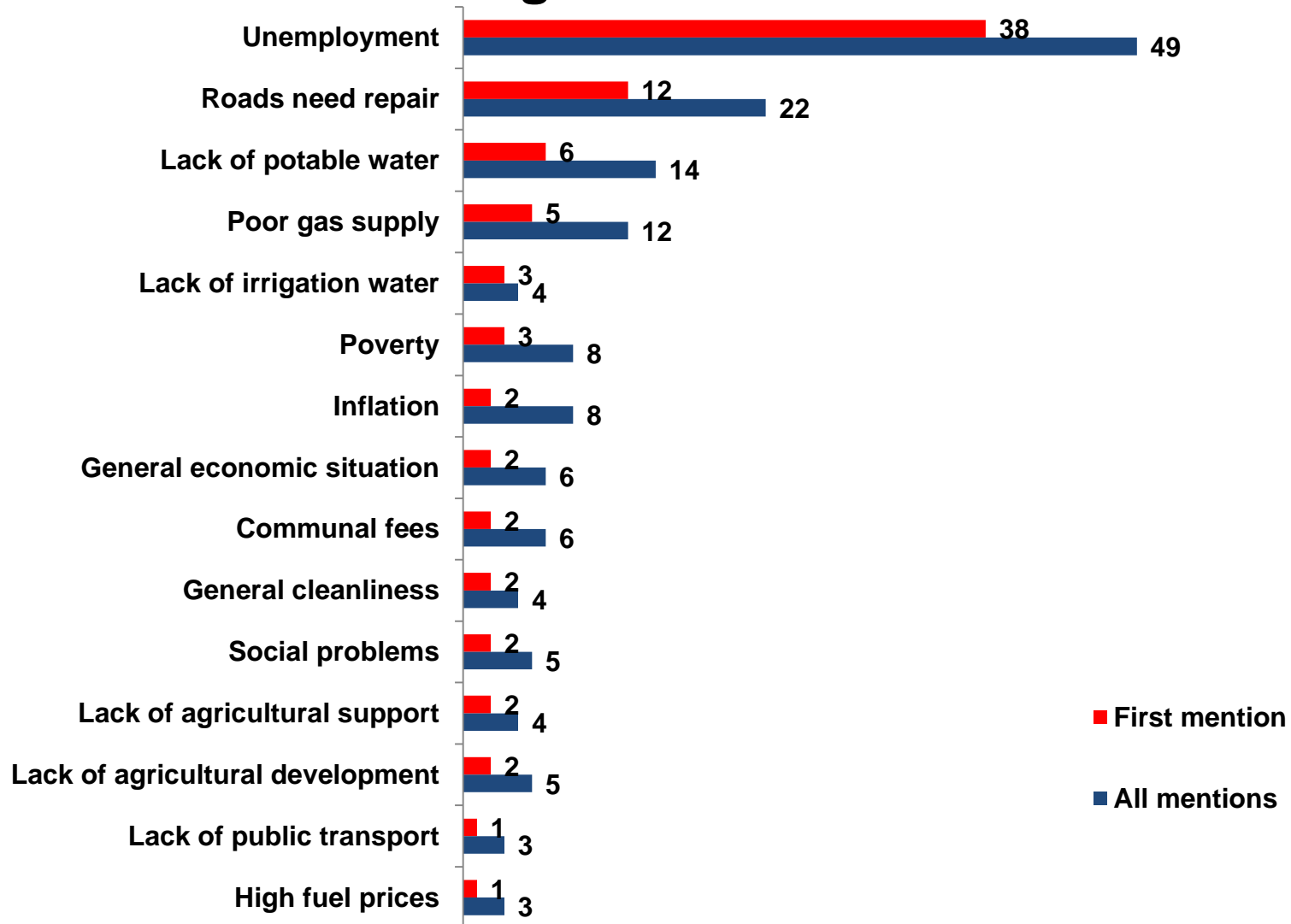
- The survey was conducted by the Institute of Polling and Marketing for Baltic surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- This national representative survey was carried out from April 26 till May 4, 2011.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent Georgian residents older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote, and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education and religion.
- 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 through face-to-face interviews with the respondents.
- The poll was conducted nationwide, including the capital and all major regional centers.
- The margin of error does not exceed +/- 2.5 percent.
- The response rate was 71 percent.

# ISSUES

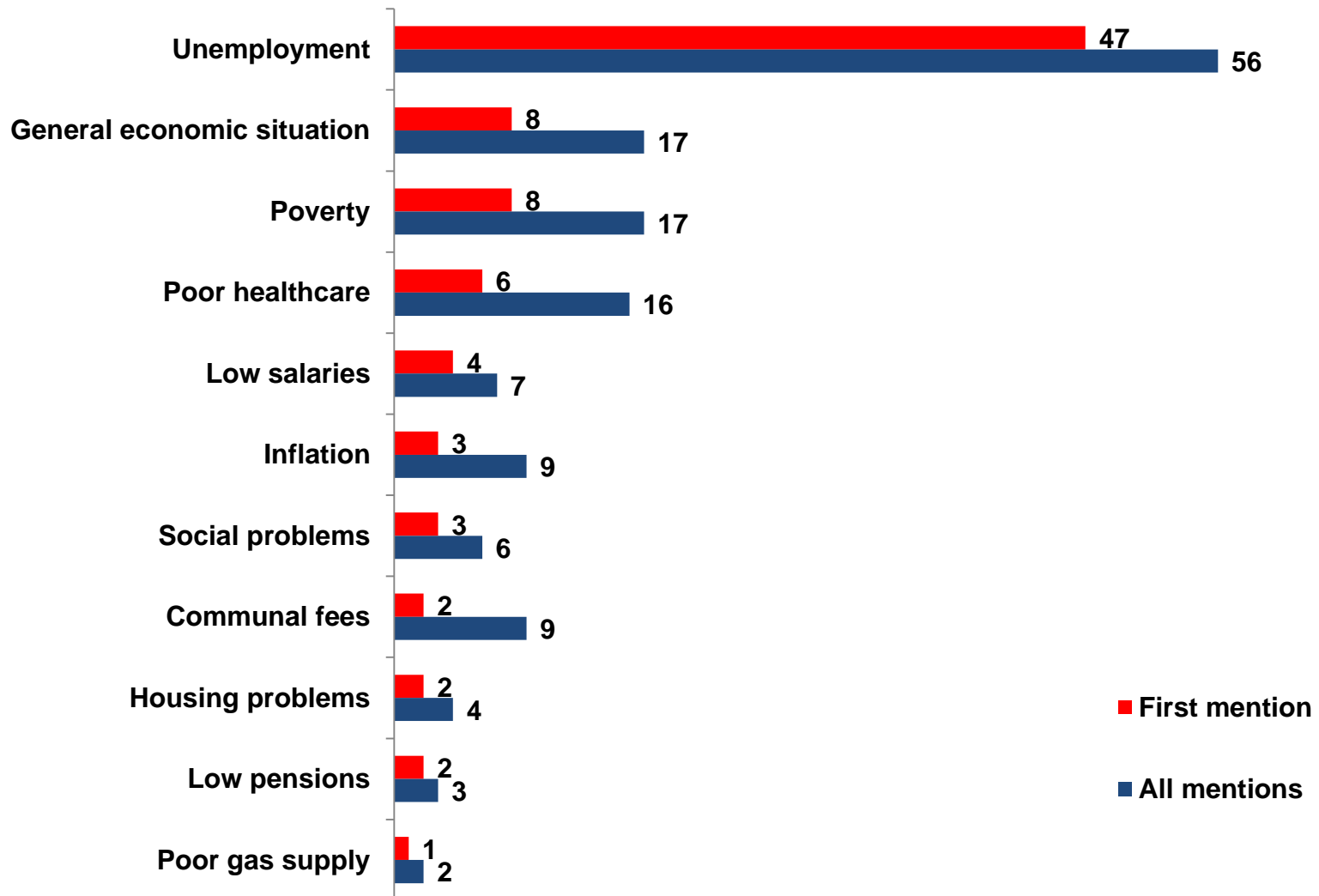
# What are the main problems Georgia is facing at the moment?



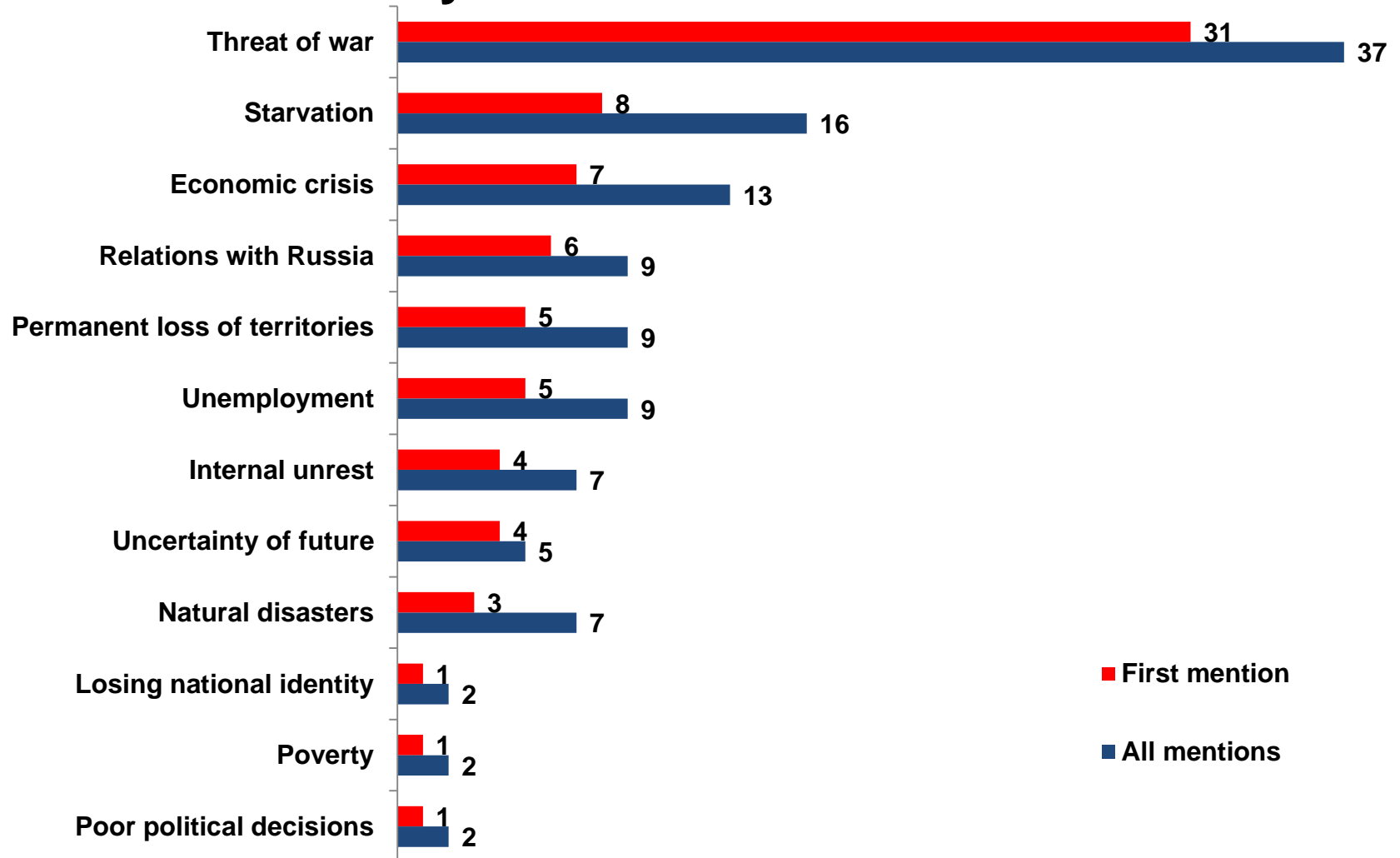
# What is the main problem your town/village is facing at the moment?



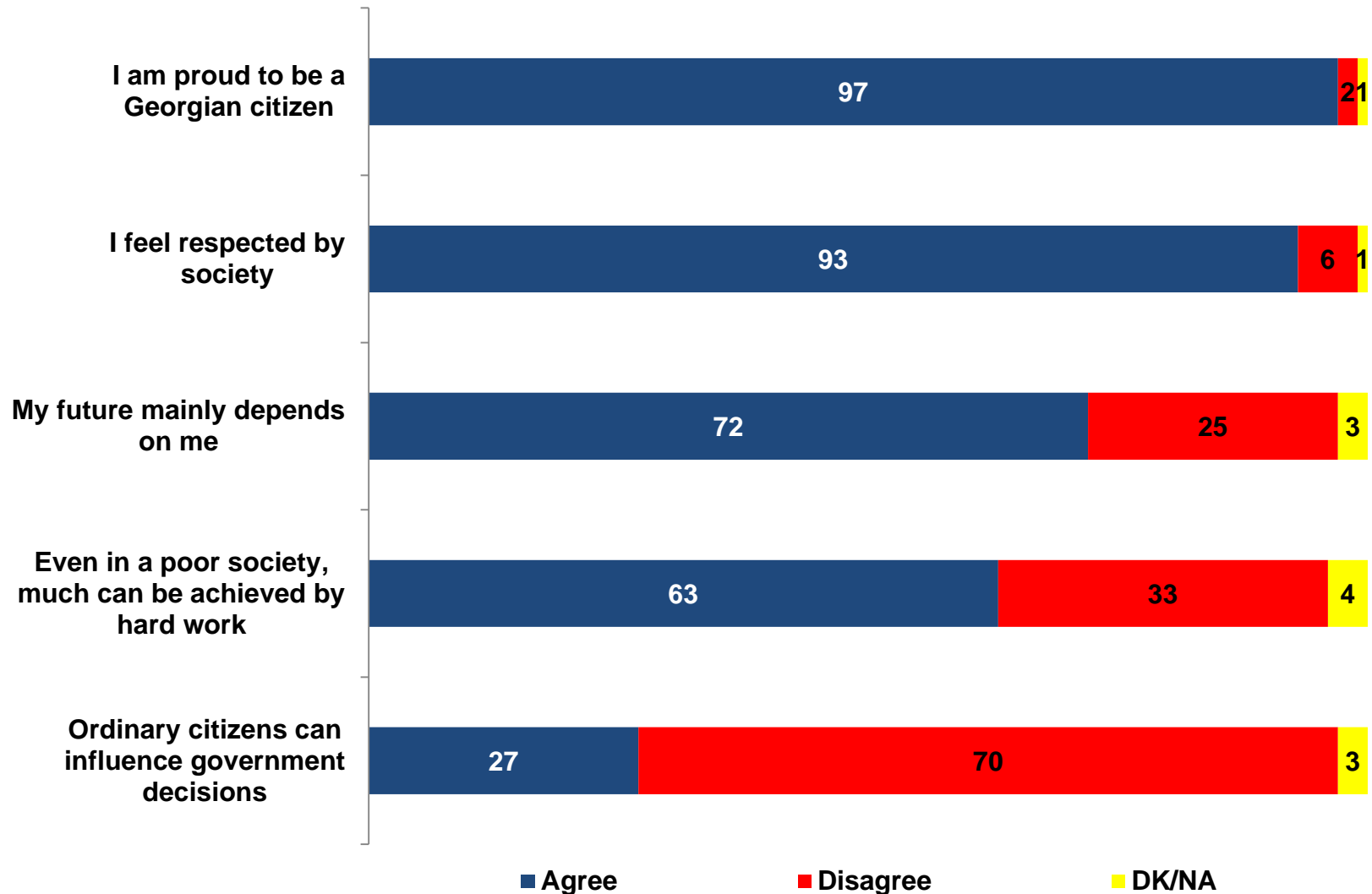
# What is the main problem your household is facing at the moment?



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

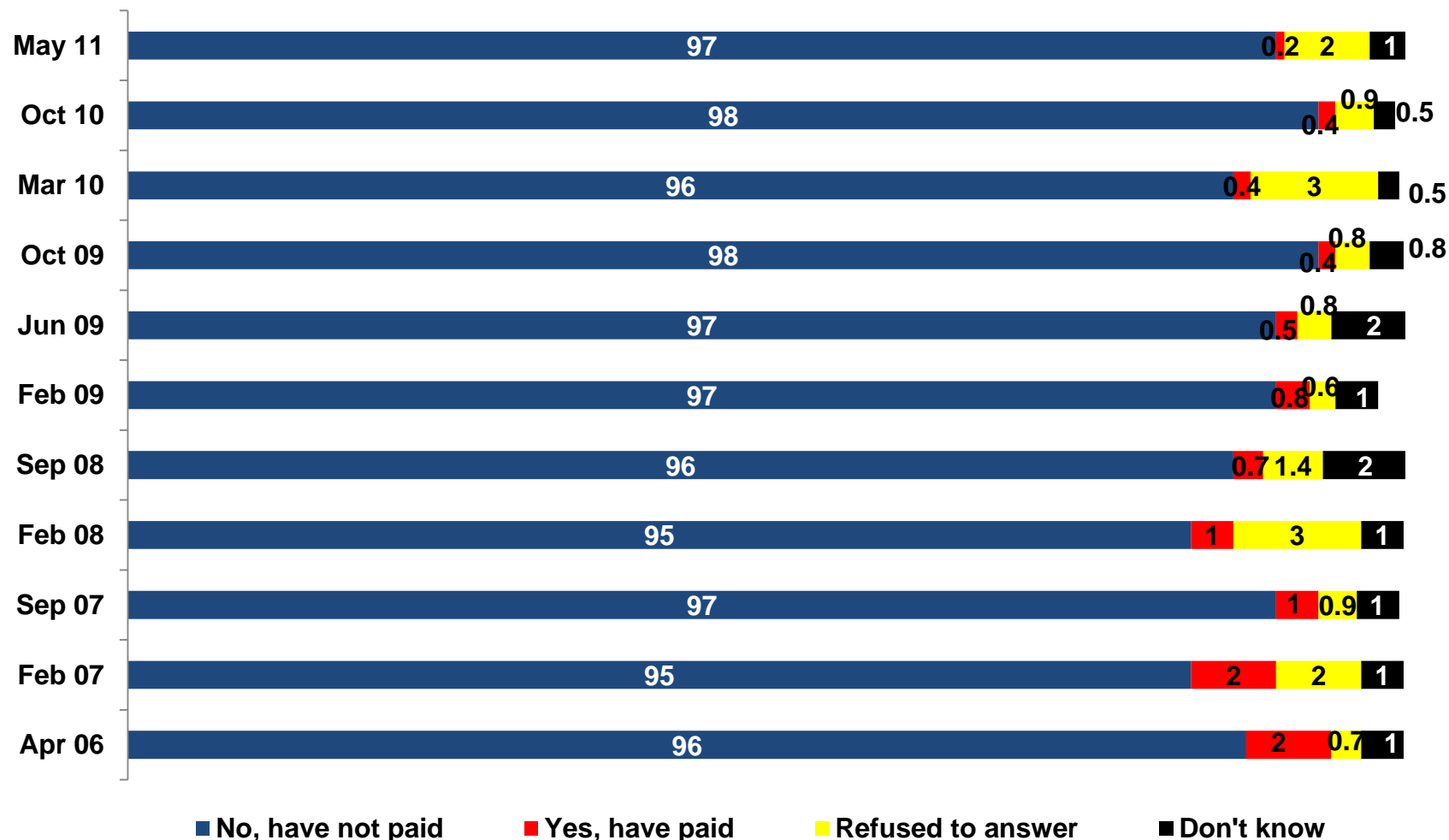


# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement...?

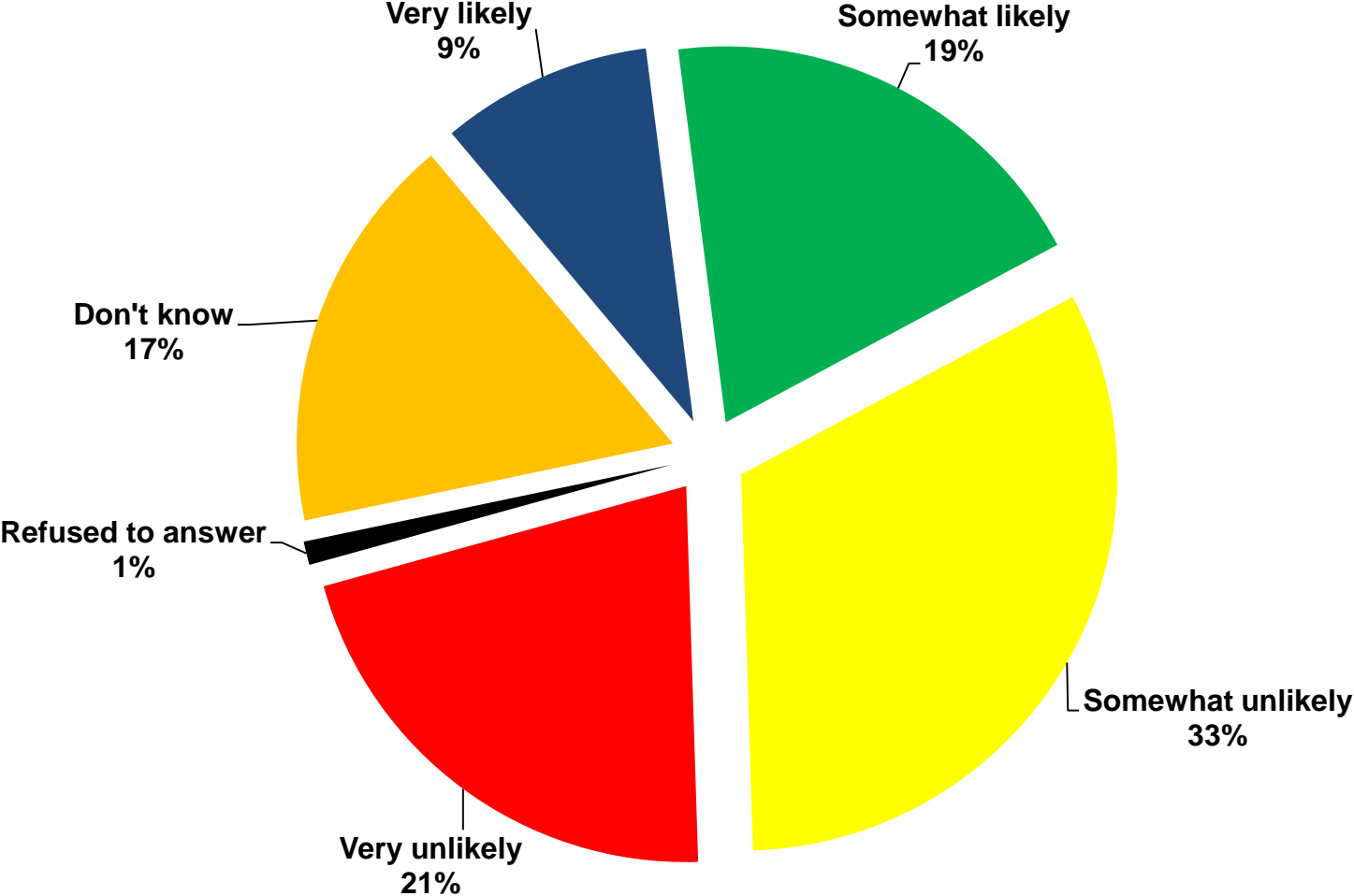




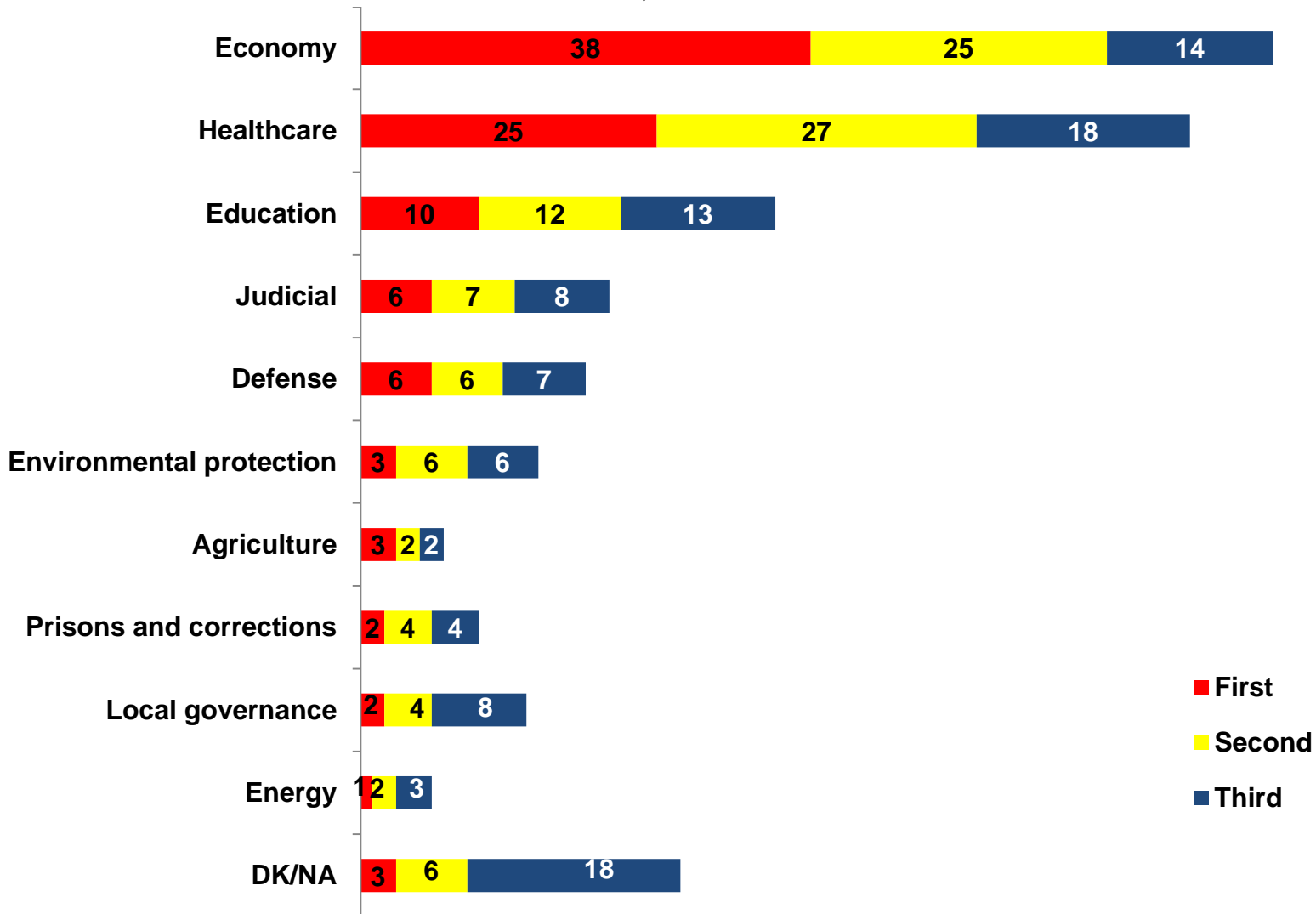
# Have you been in a situation during the last year when you had to pay a bribe in order to get a service or a decision?



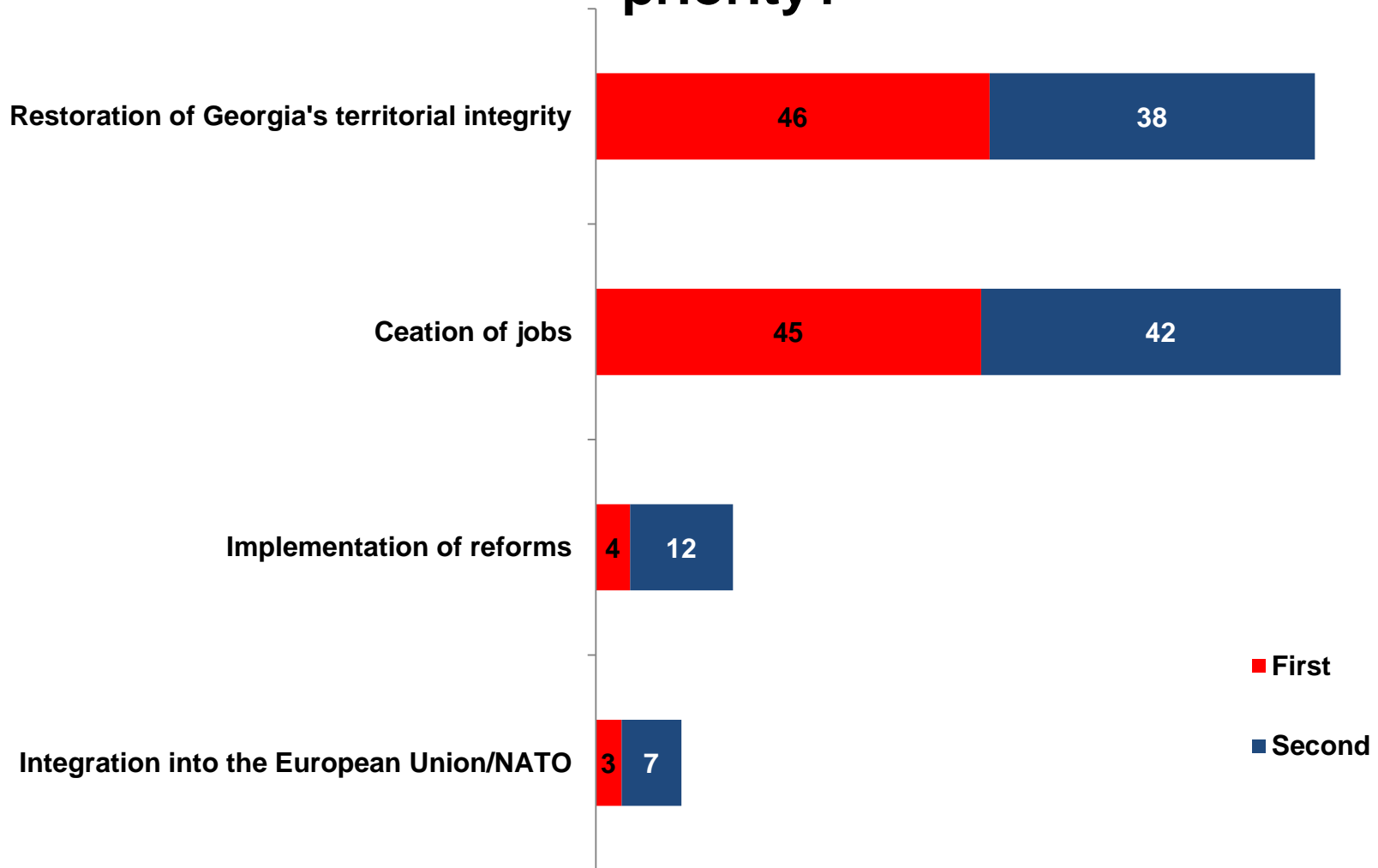
# Do you believe that high level corruption still exists?



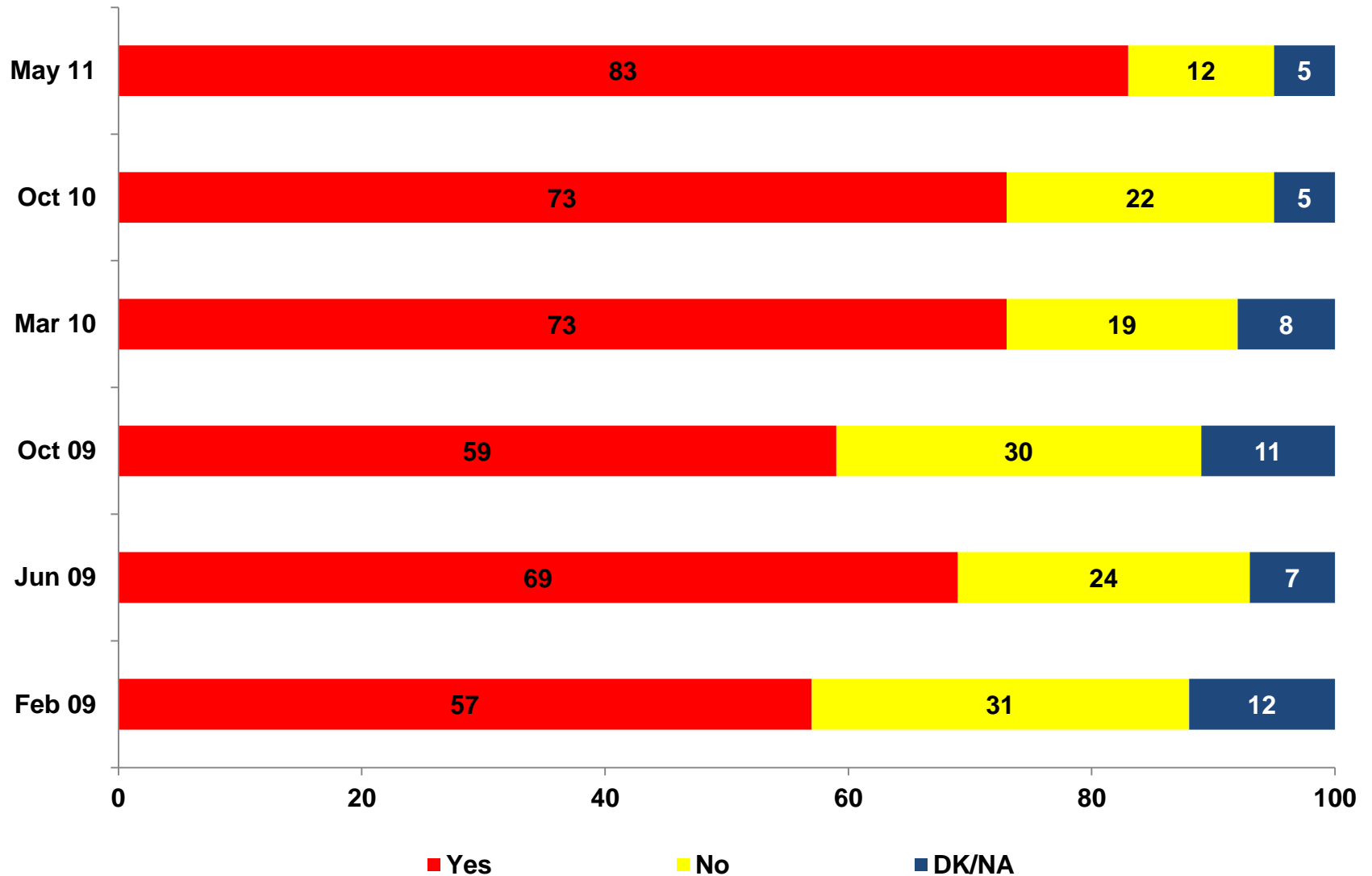
# In what area should the Georgian government carry out reforms first, second and third?



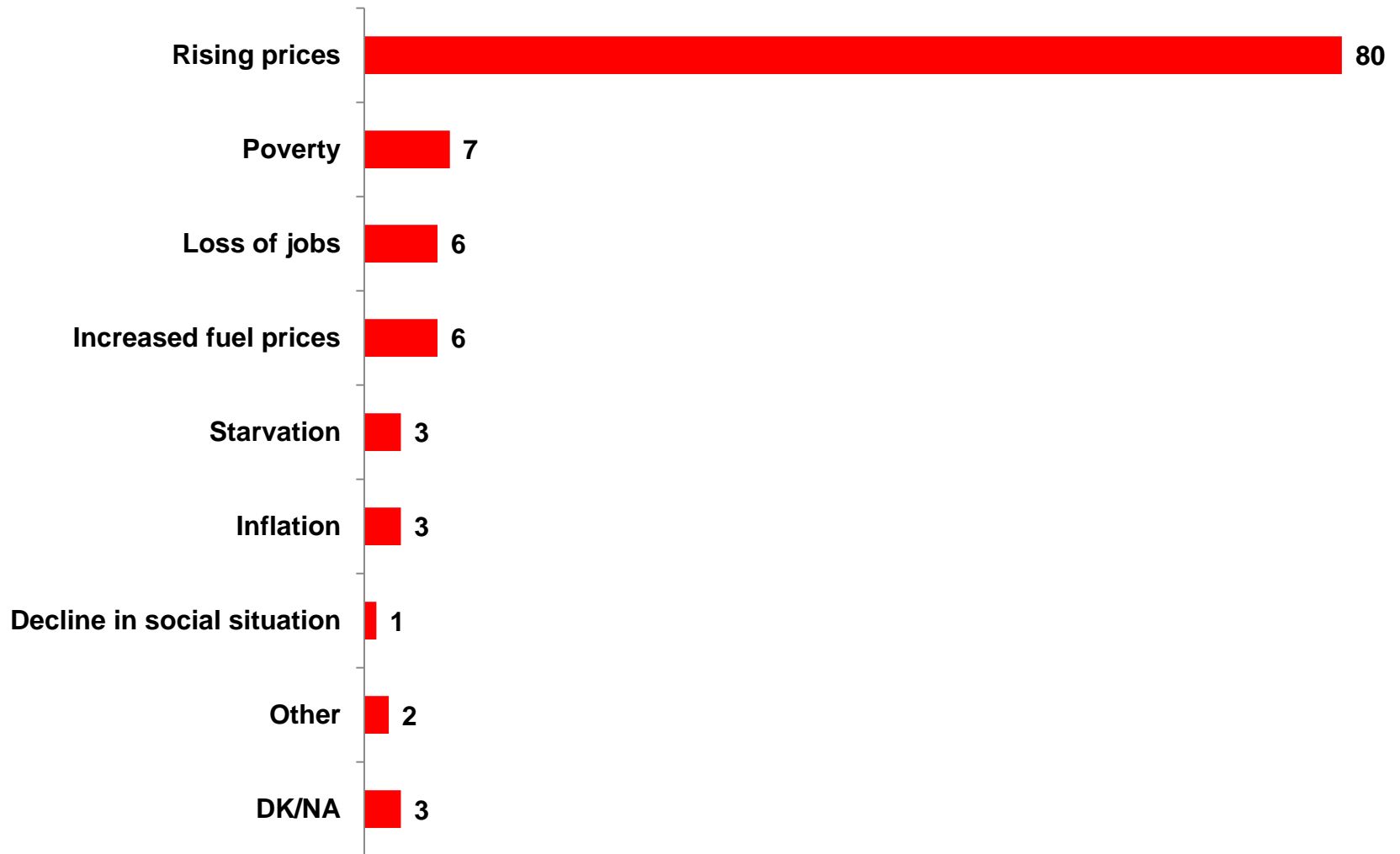
# Which of these should be the Georgian government's first policy priority? Which should be the second priority?



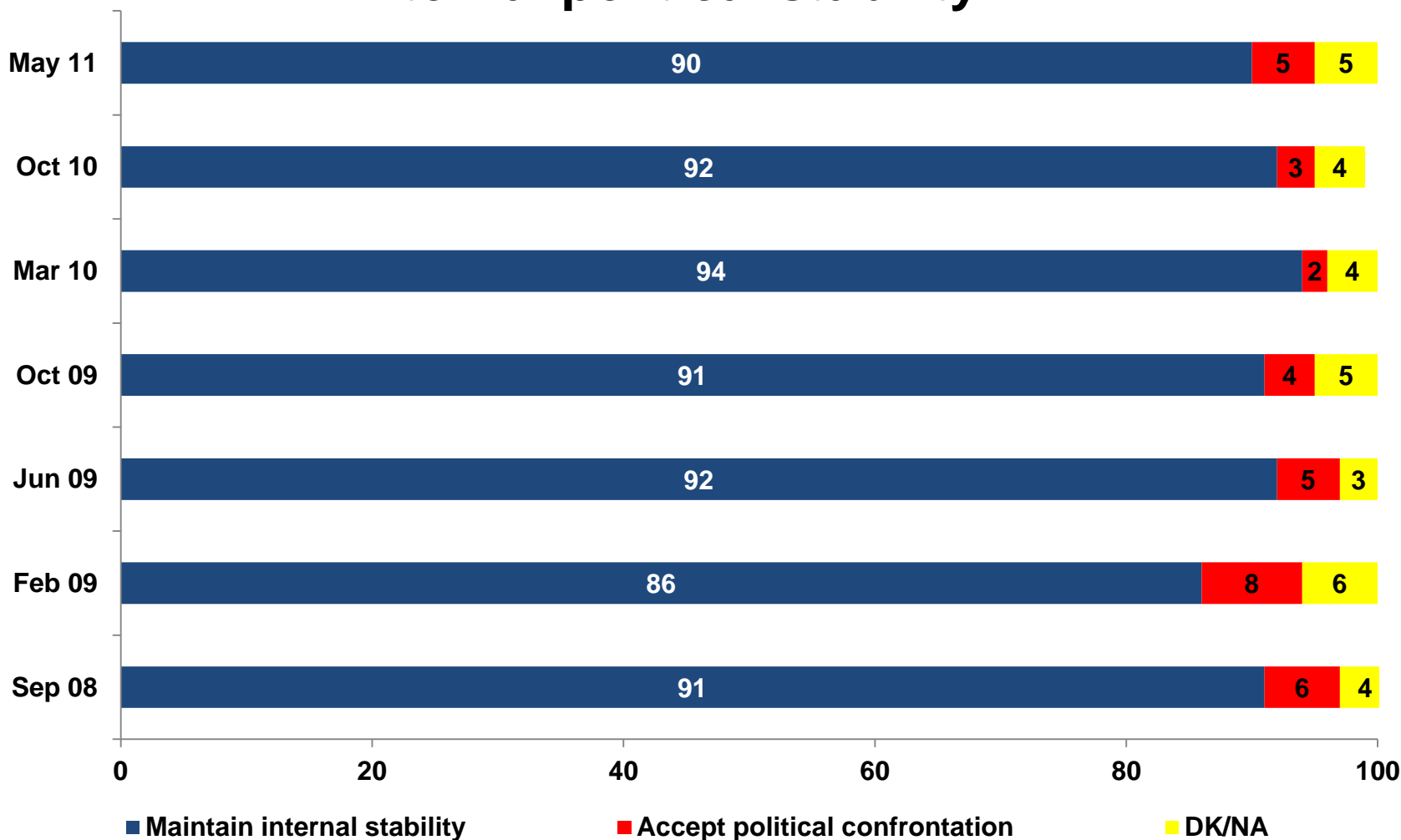
# Do you feel the effects of the world financial crisis?



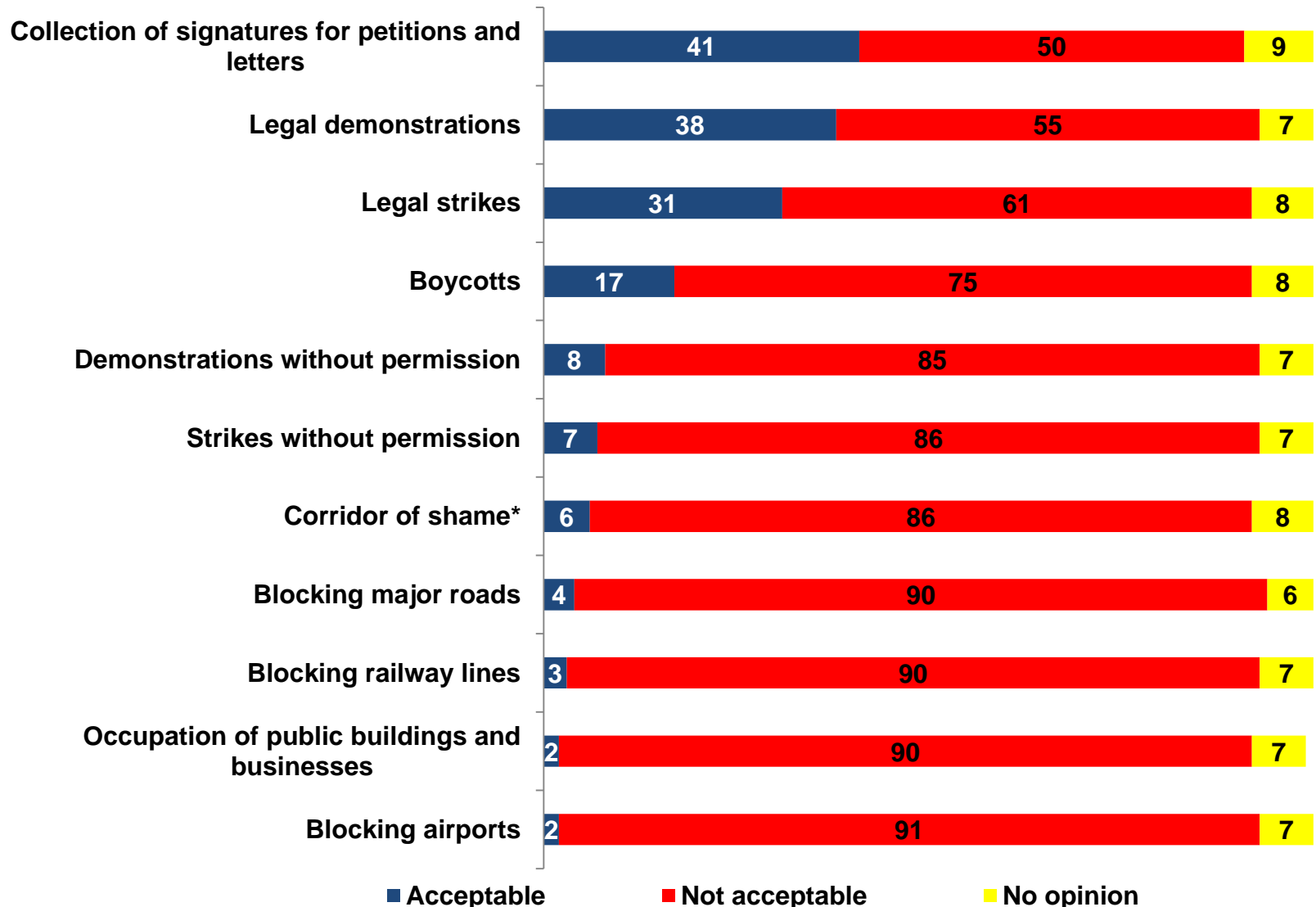
# What effects of the world finance crisis do you feel? (those who feel effects, N=1,246)



# In the current situation, is internal political confrontation acceptable or should everything be done to maintain internal political stability?



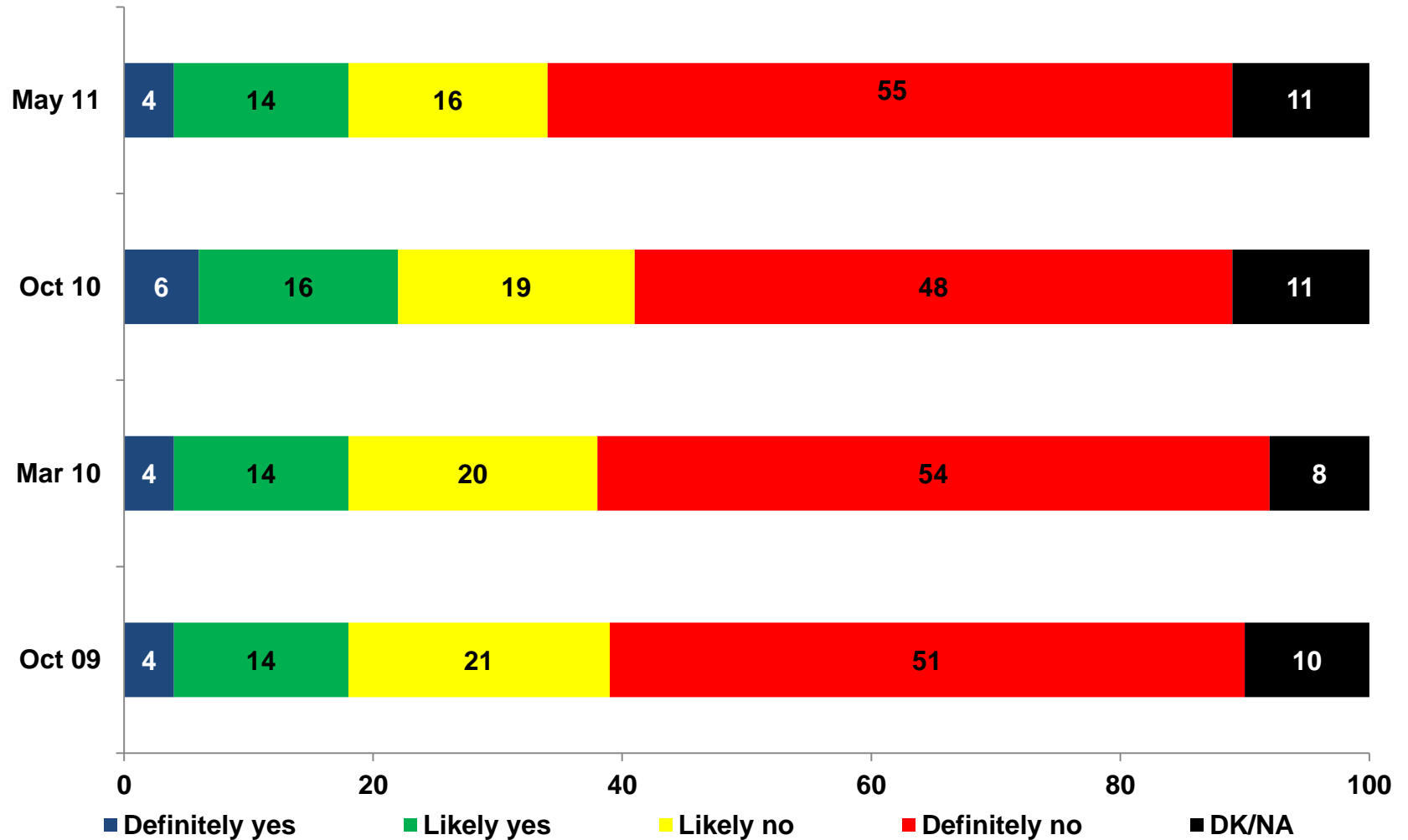
# How acceptable are the following methods of protest?



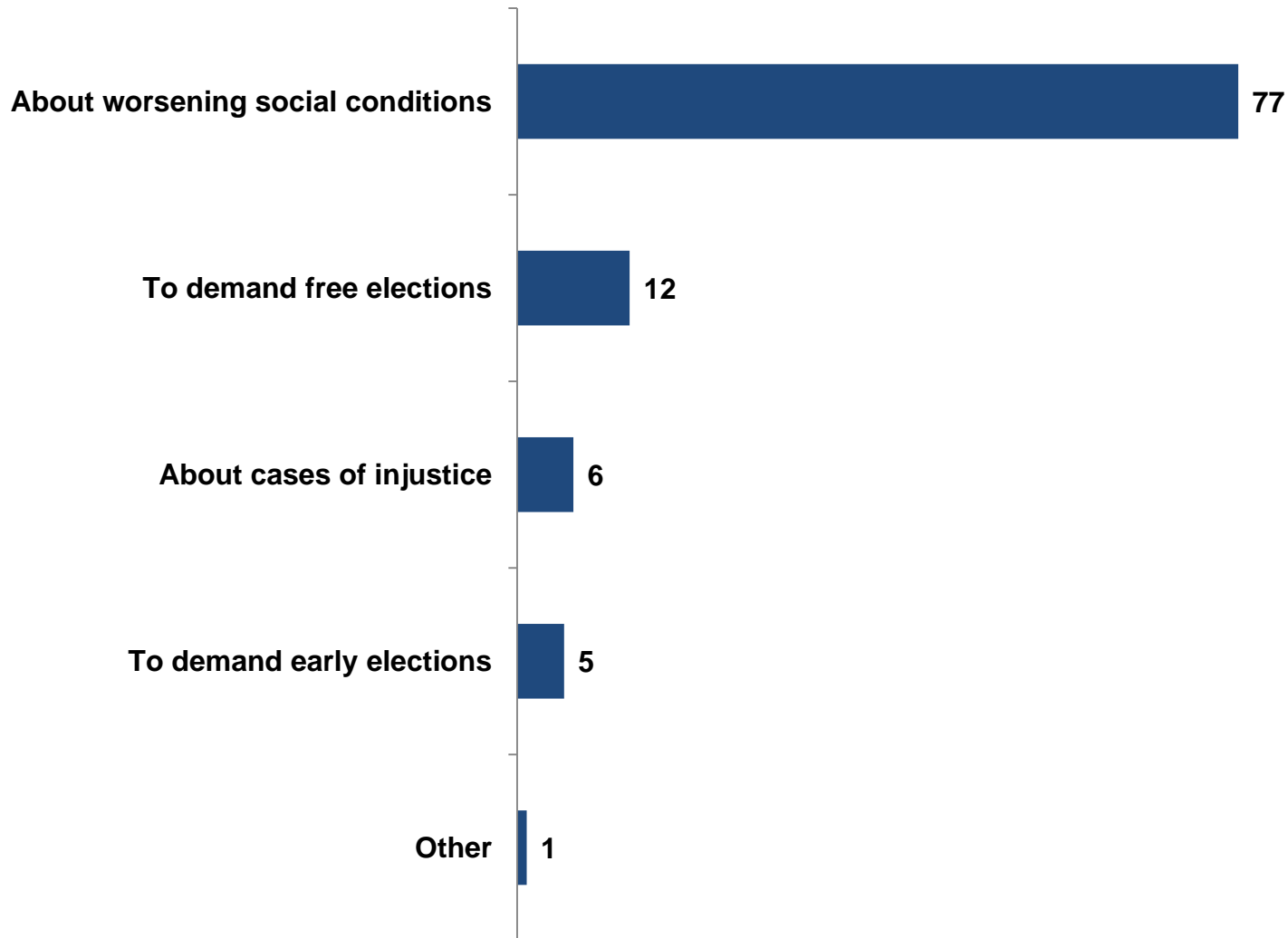
\* - During protests in 2009, opposition activists formed a cordon around parliament to hurl abuse at parliamentarians and their staffs as they entered the building.



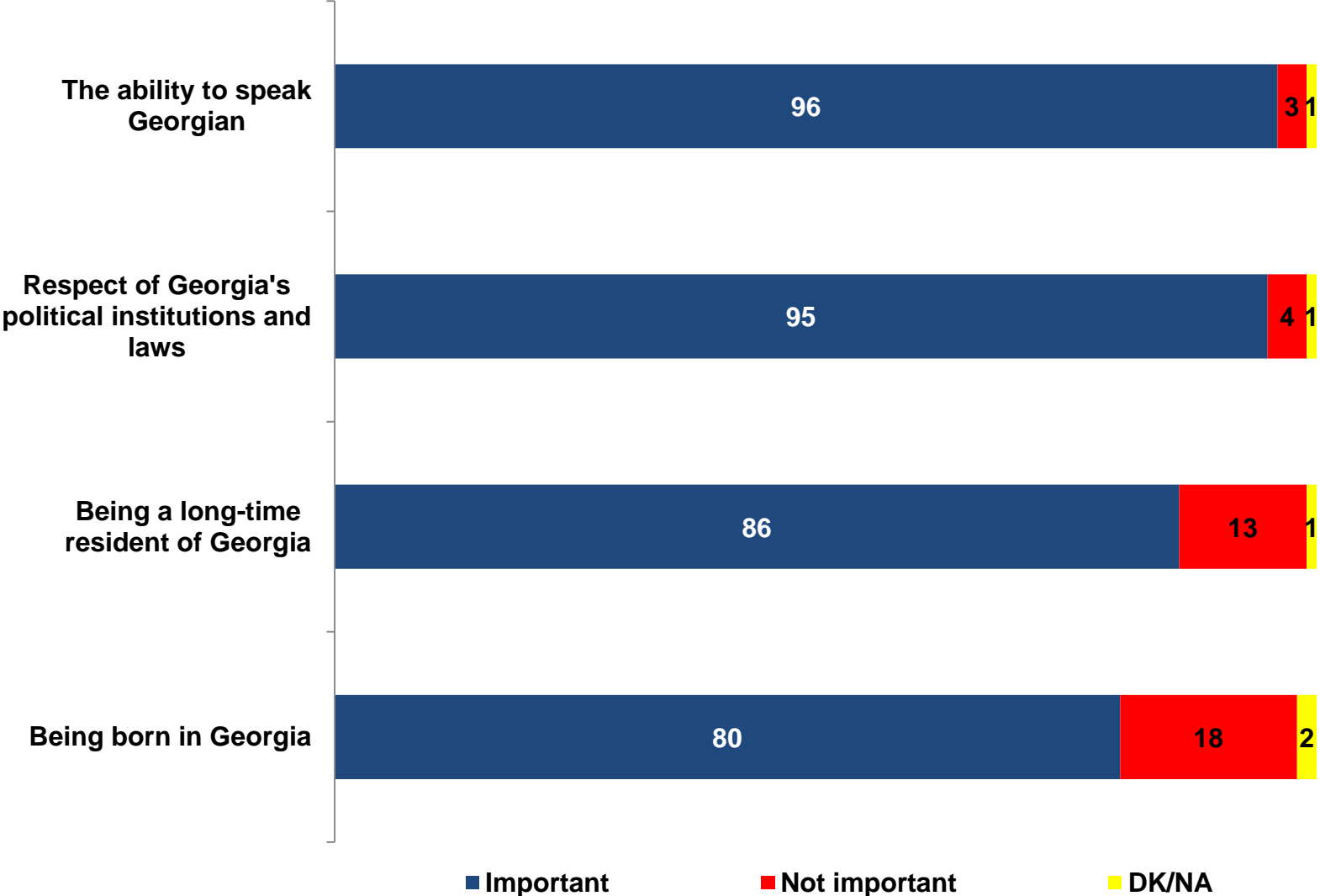
# Do you support further street protests in the near future?



# For what reason would you go to the protest action? (those supporting further protests, N=394)

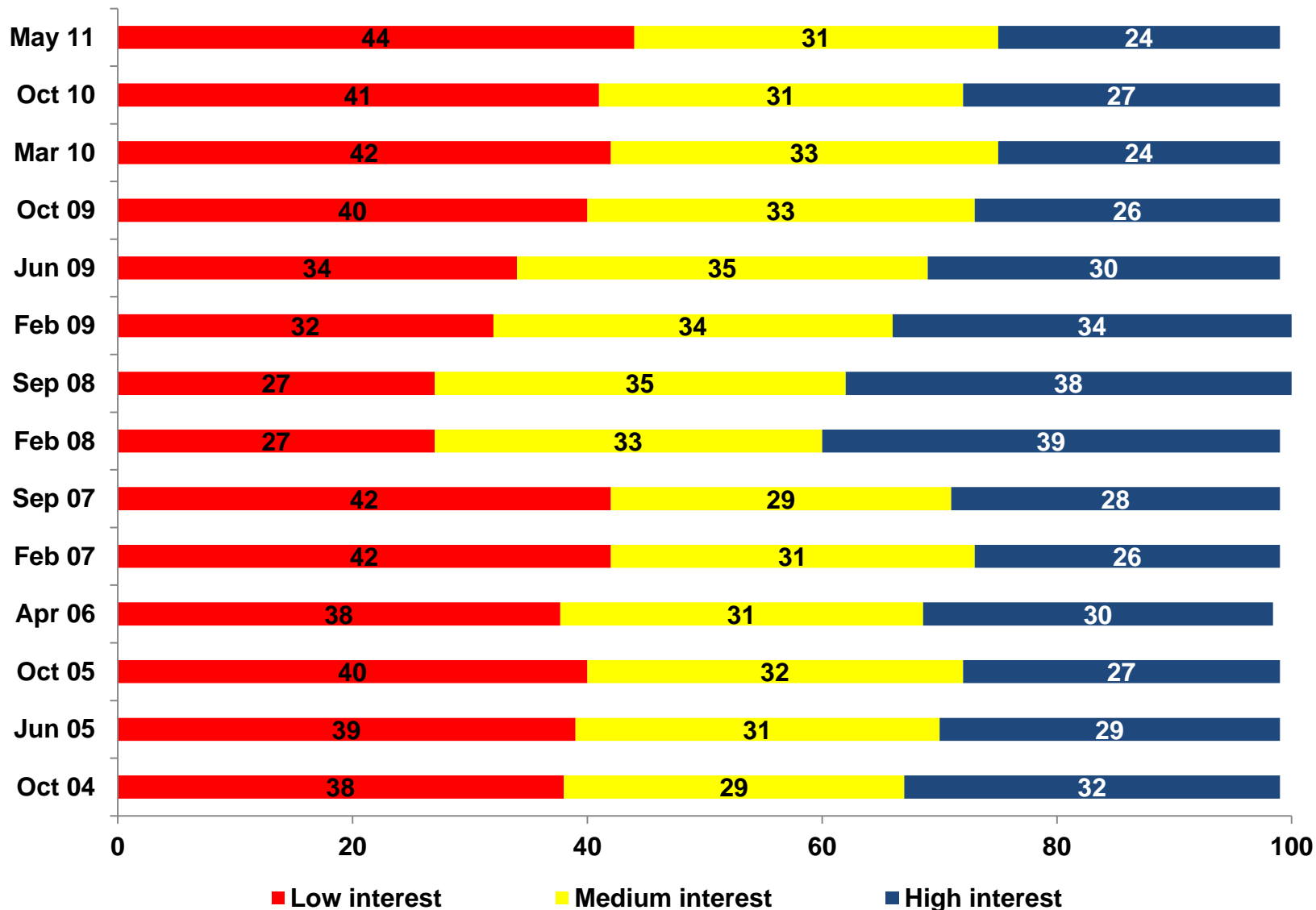


# How important do you think each of the following things is to being Georgian?

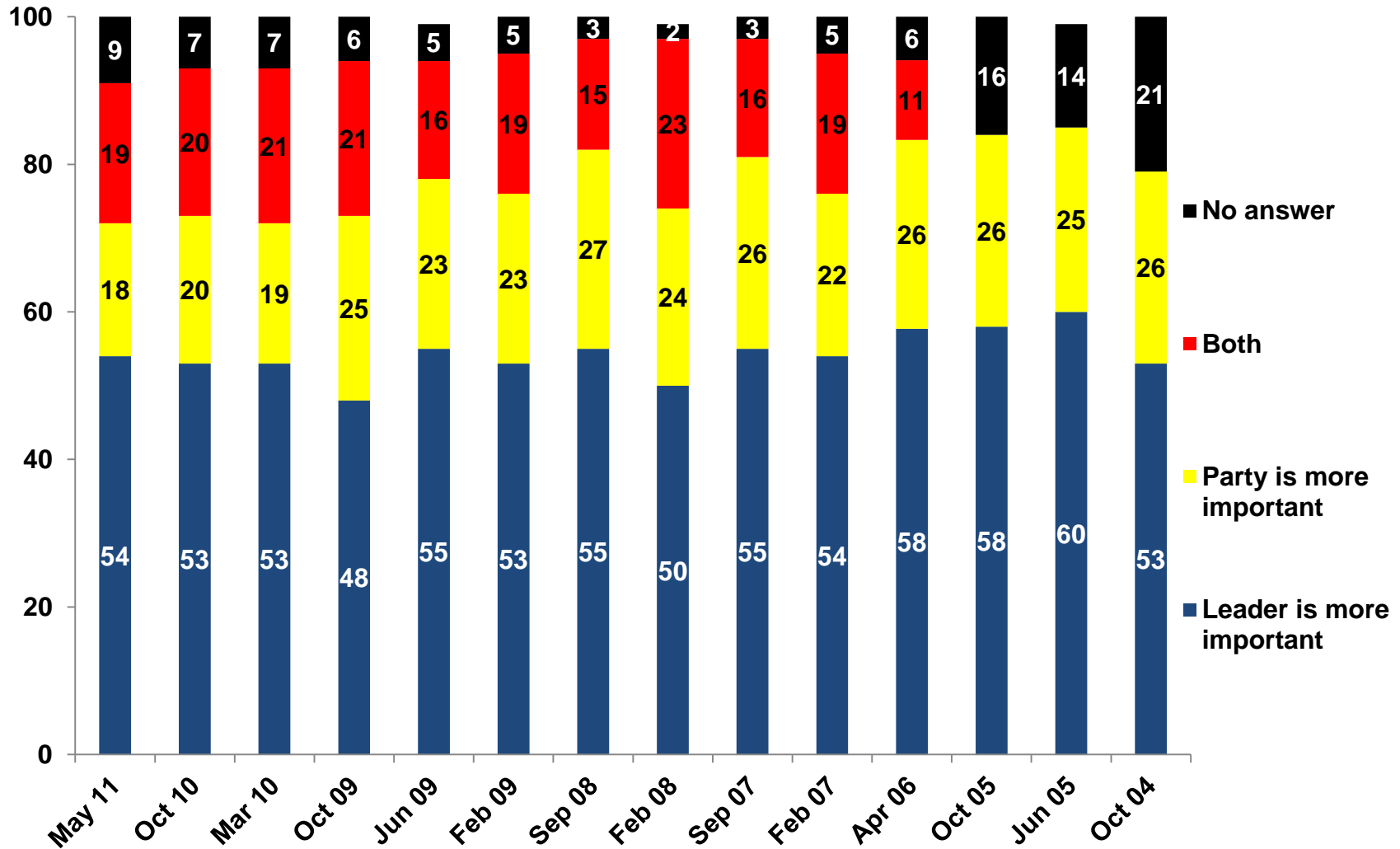


# POLITICS

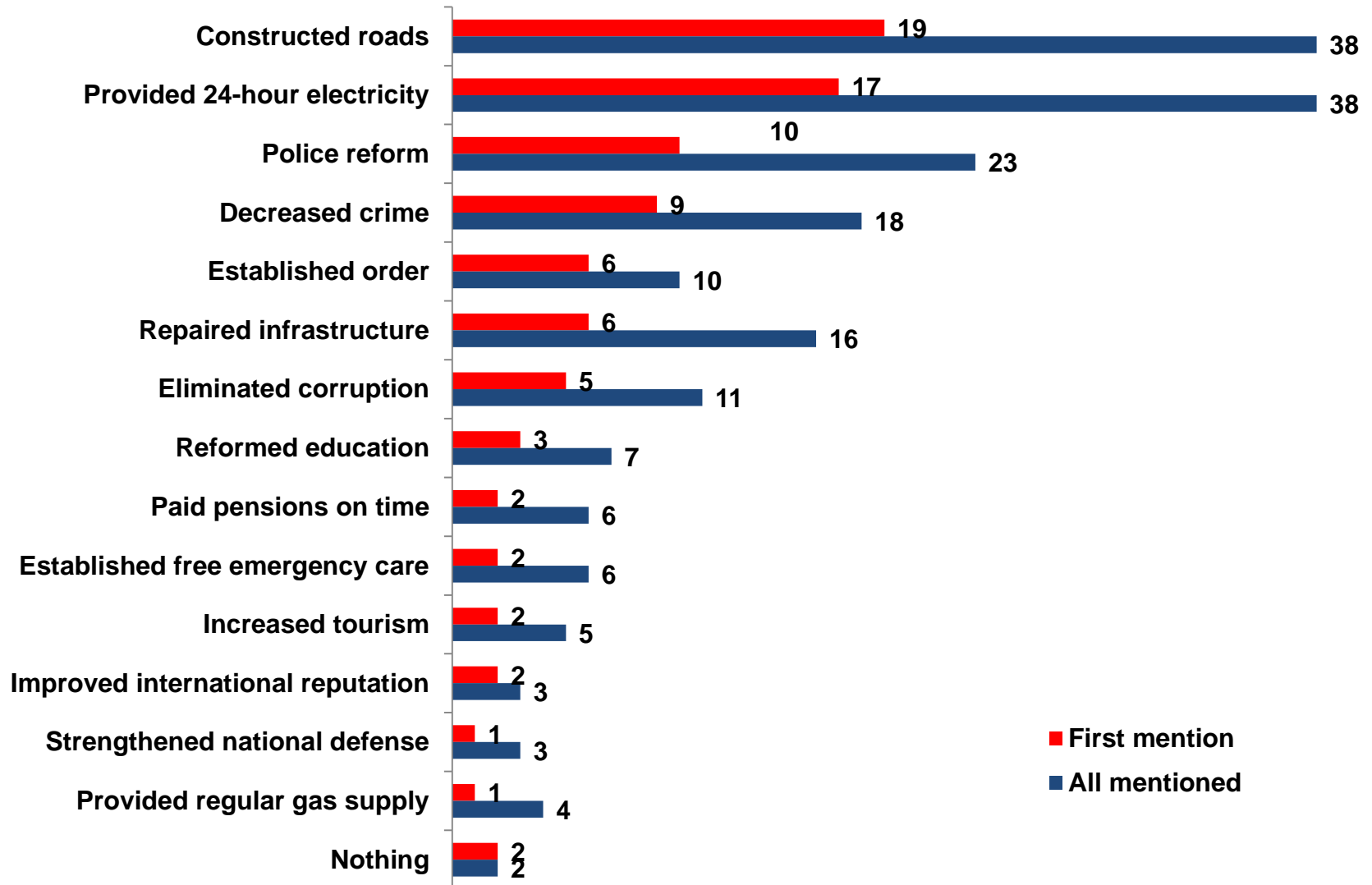
# How much interest do you have in politics?



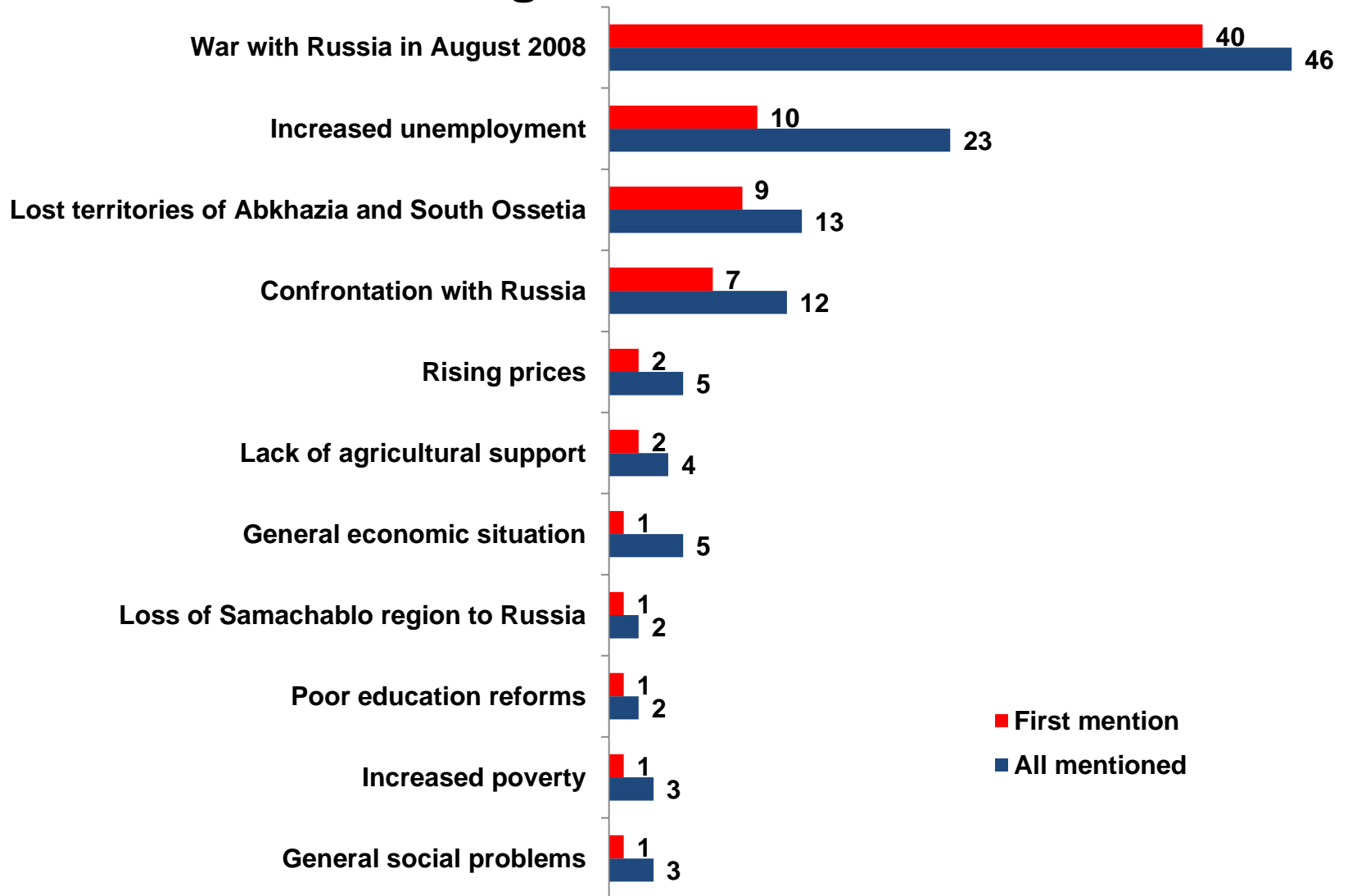
# When considering which party to vote for, which is more important?



# What are three major achievements of the Georgian government?

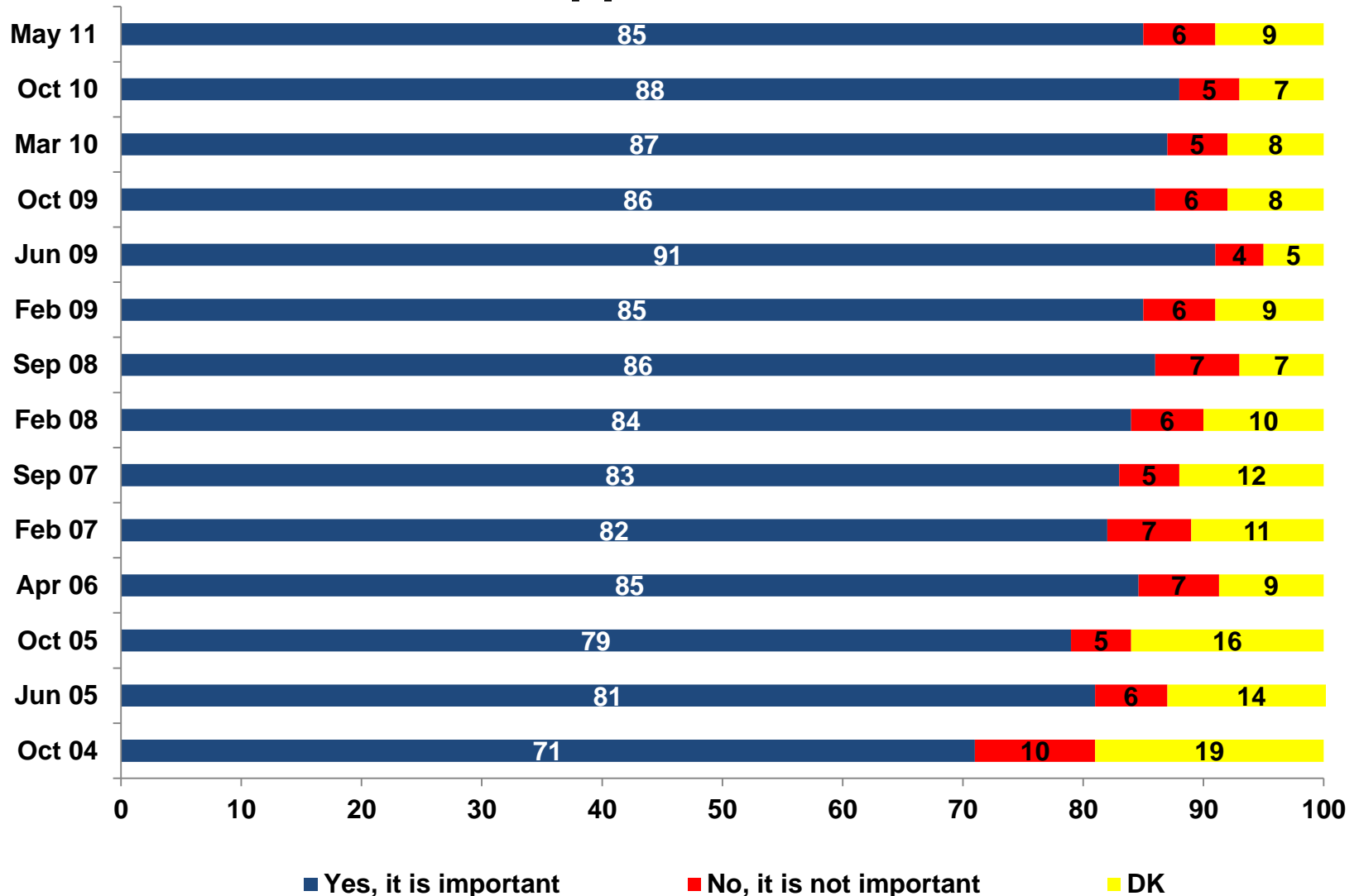


# What are three major failures of the Georgian government?

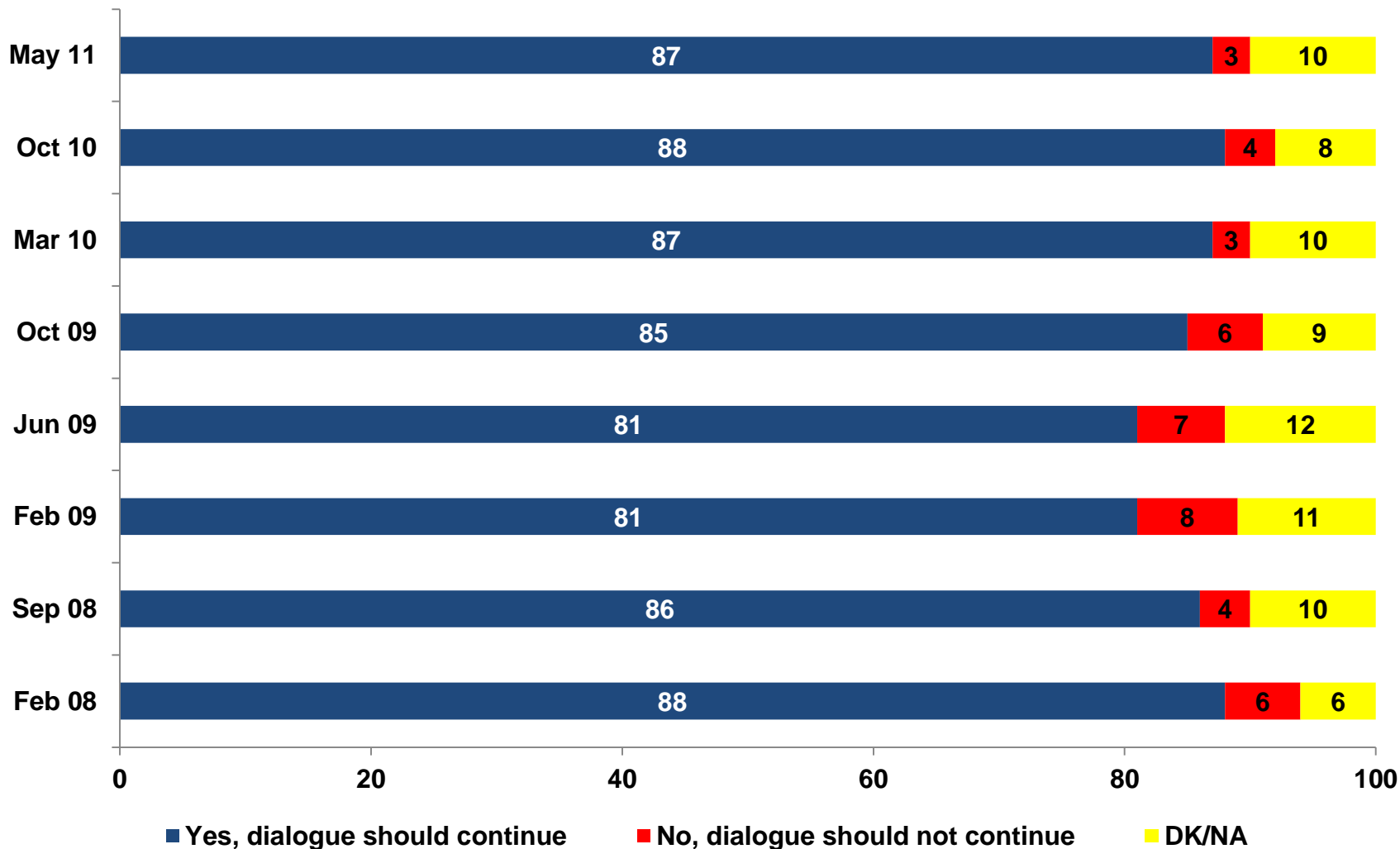




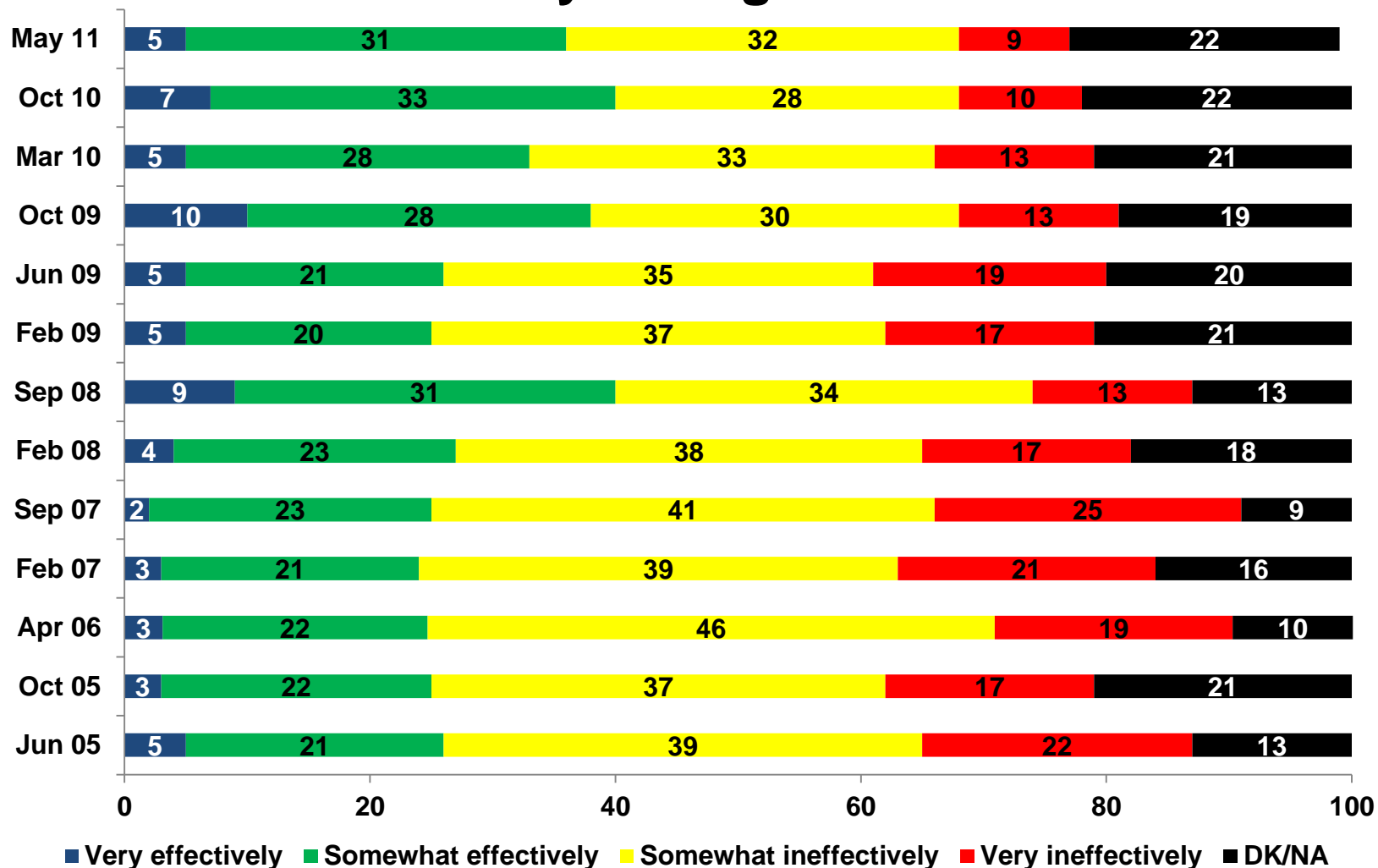
# Is it important for Georgia to have a political opposition?



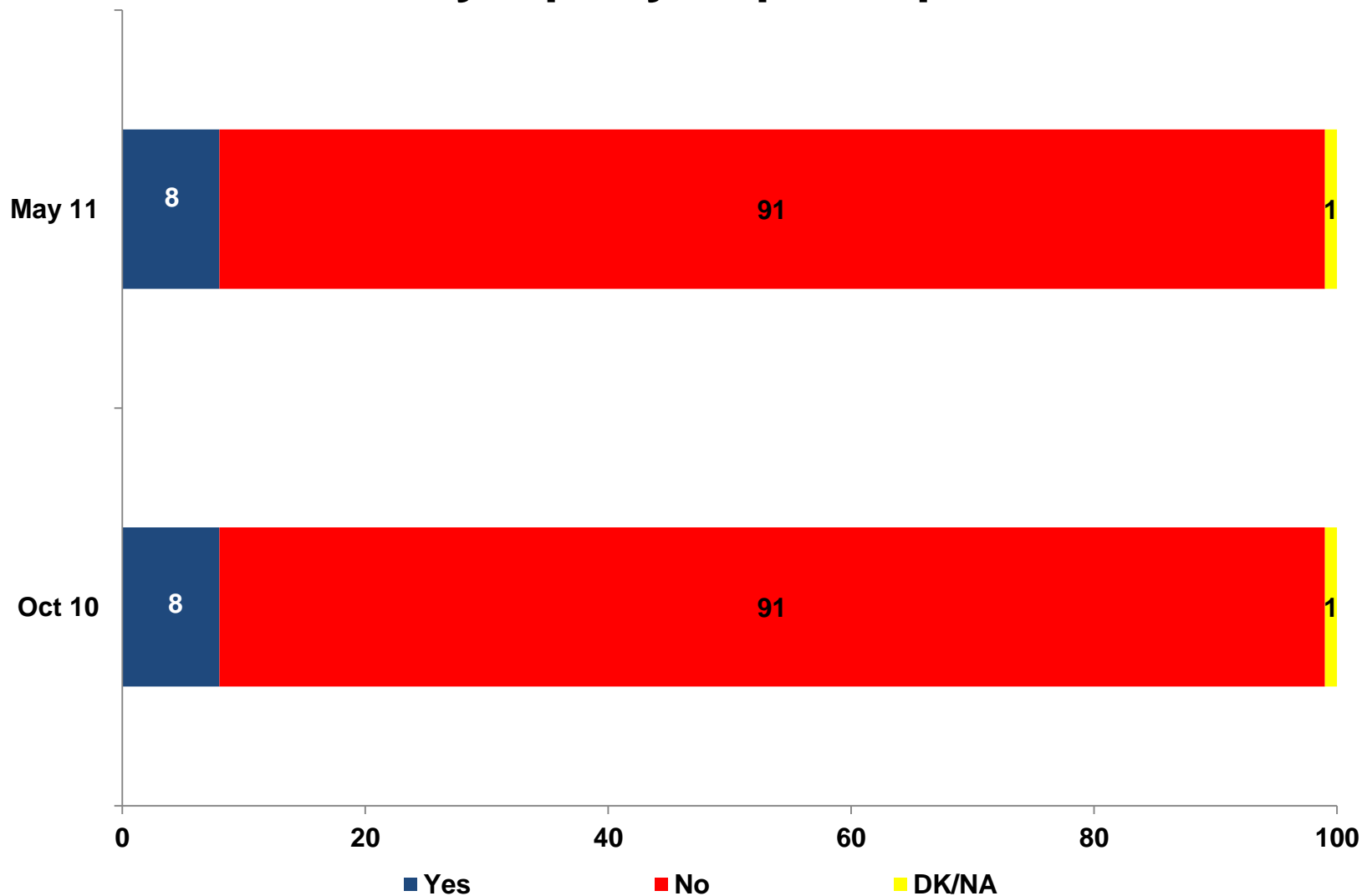
# Do you think that government and opposition should continue dialog?



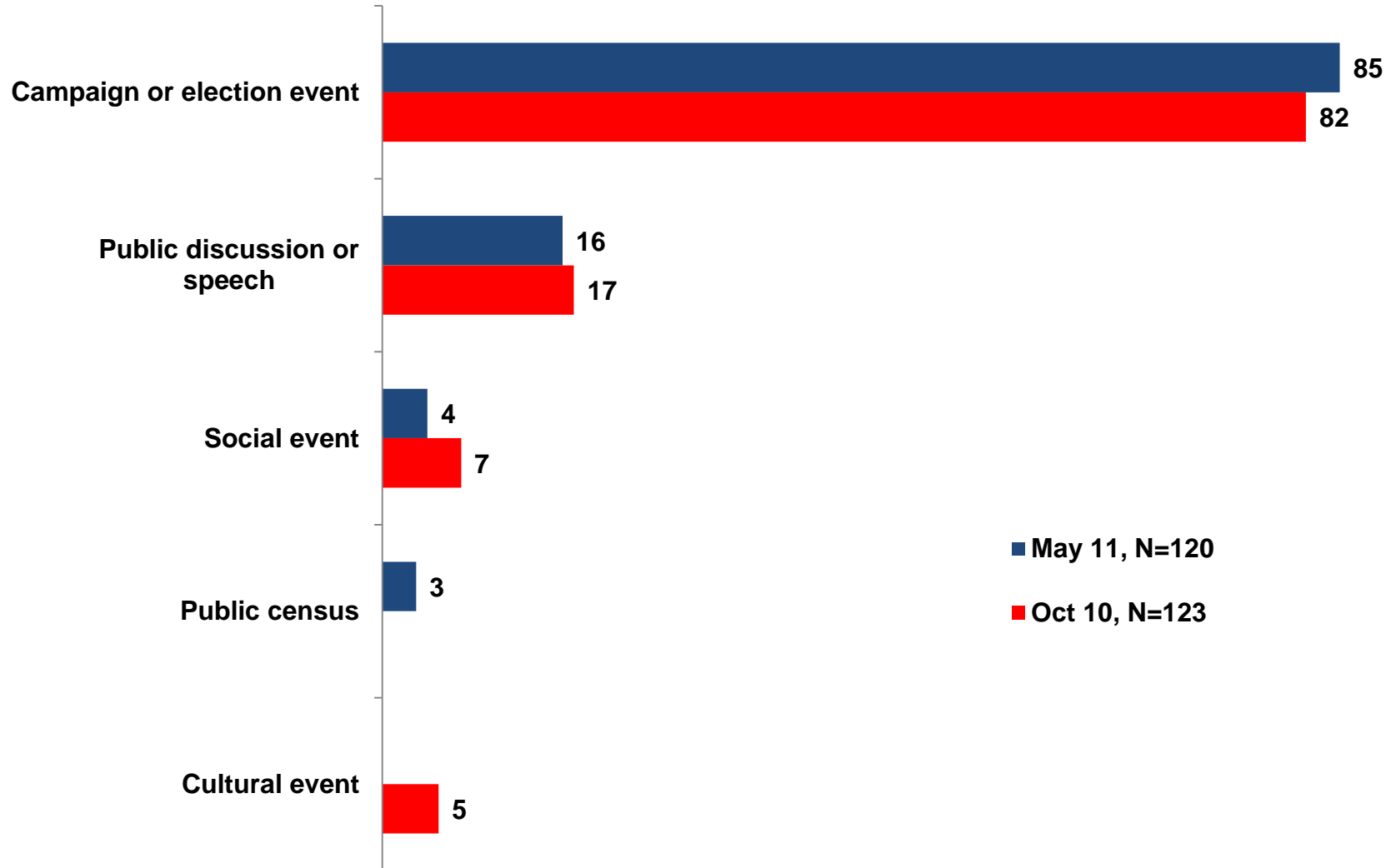
# Do you feel the governor of your region is doing a good job and is working effectively to address the problems of your region?



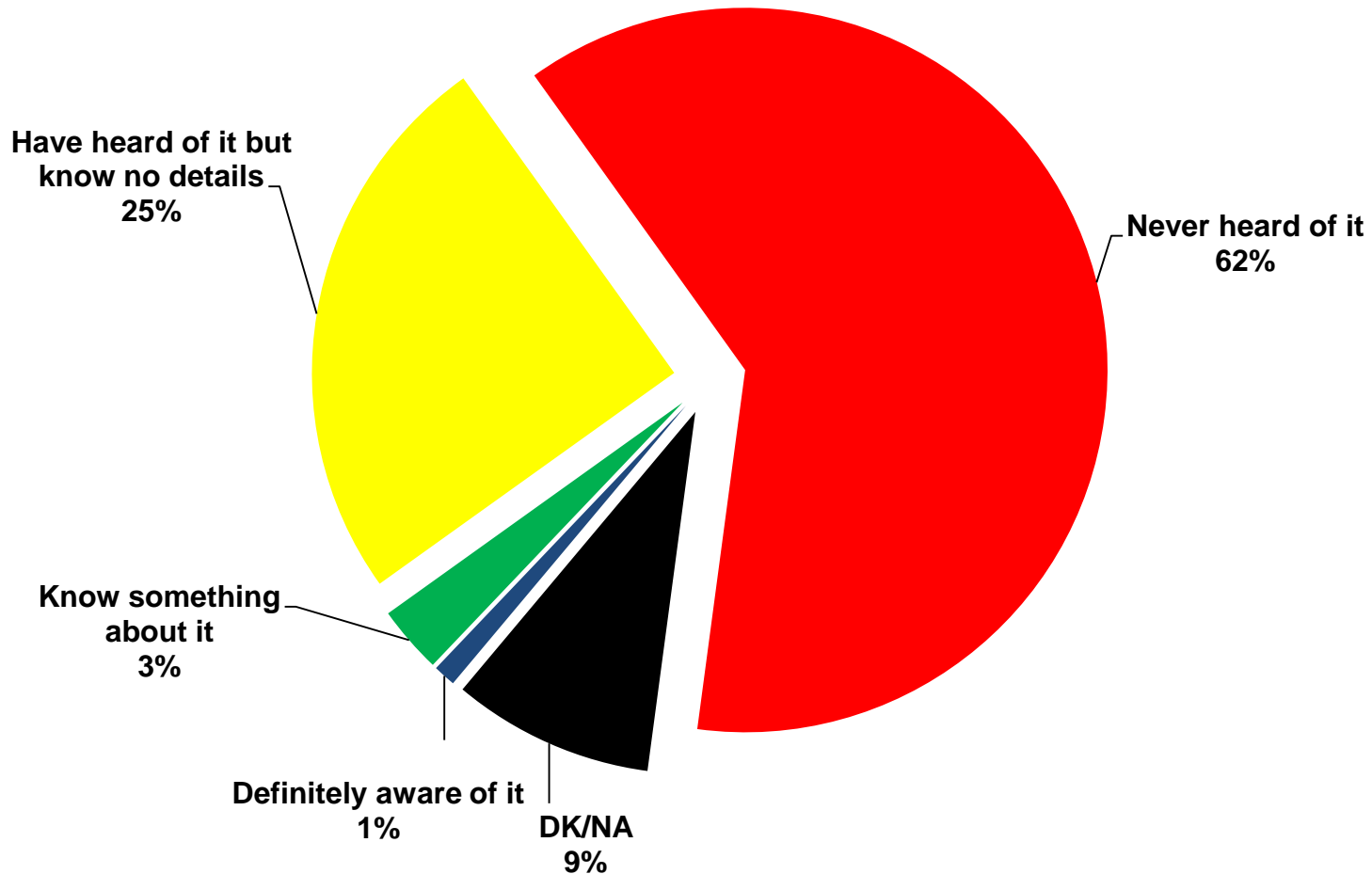
# Have you ever participated in a political party event or been contacted by a party to participate in an event?



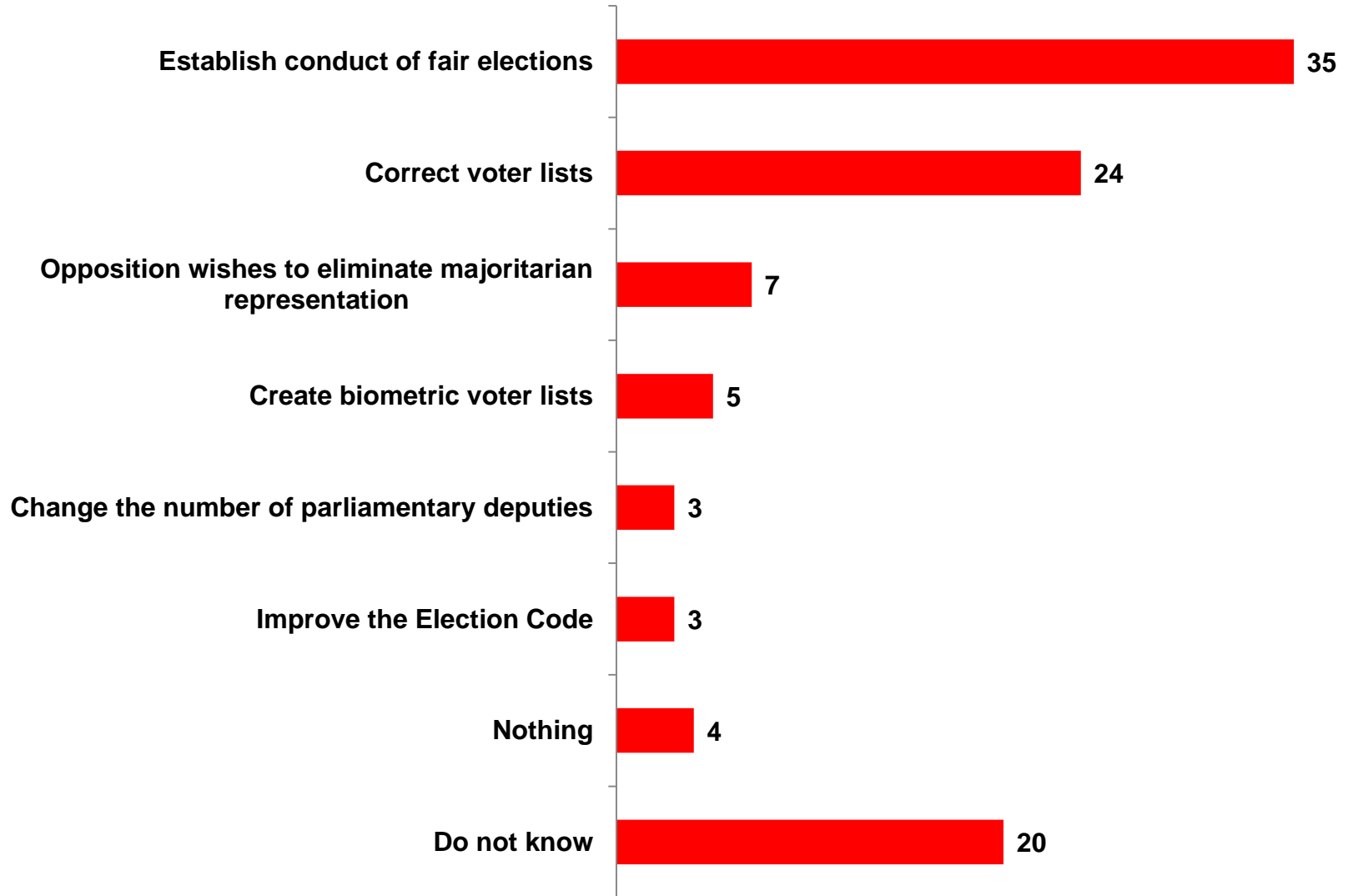
# What kind of a event was it? (those who participated in a party event)



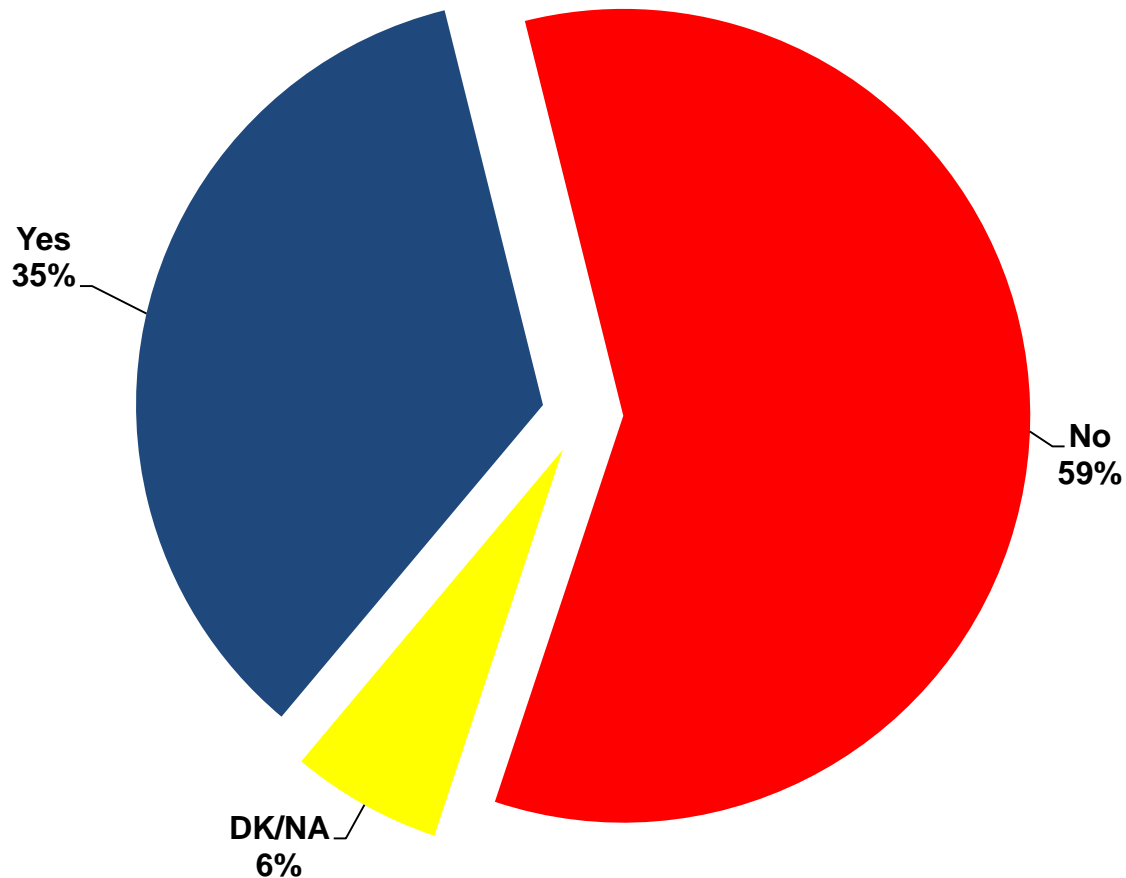
# Are you as citizen aware of the Election Code working group?



# What kind of information do you know about their activities/purposes? (those aware of the group, N=49)

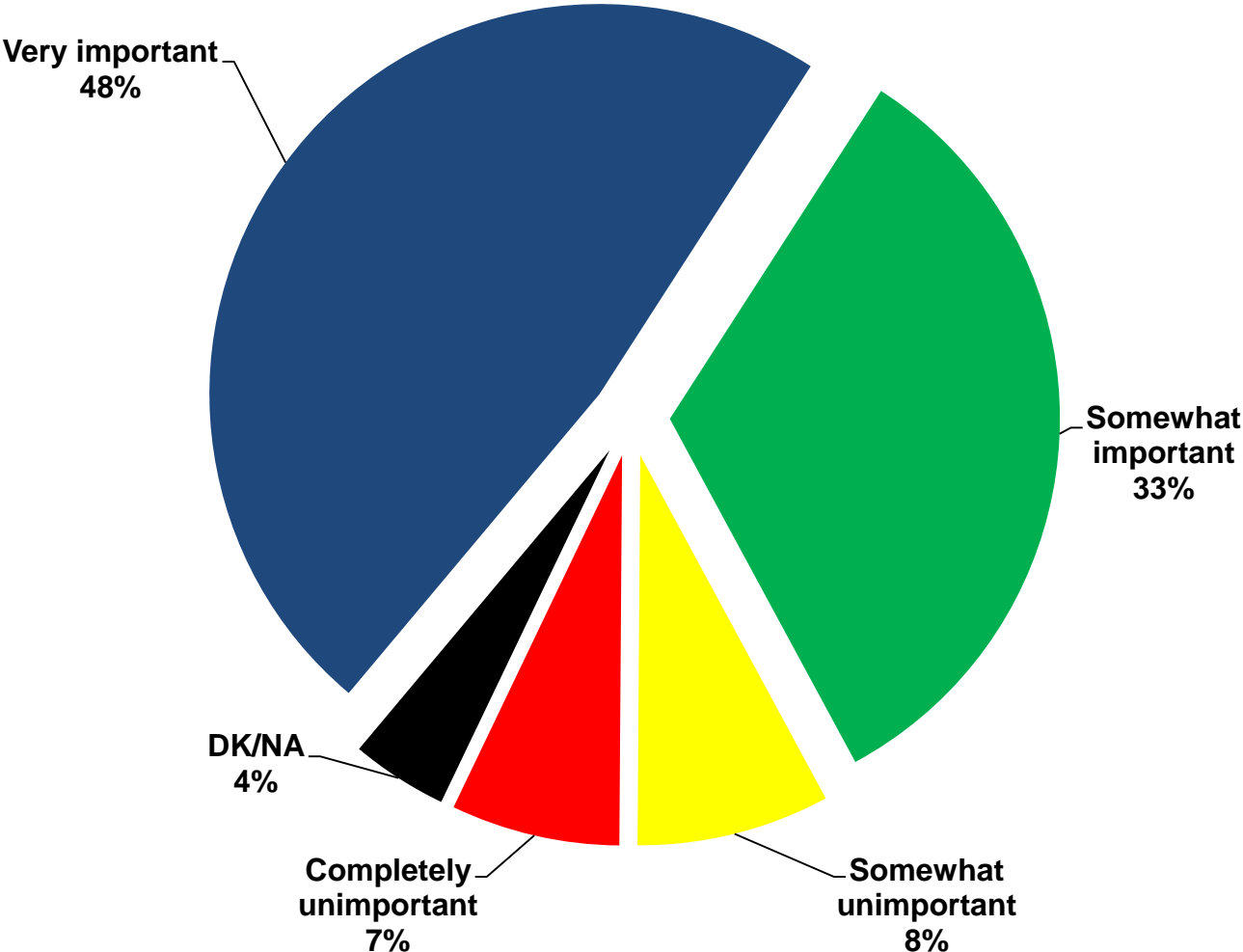


# Do you know the difference between a majoritarian representative in parliament and a representative elected by proportional system?

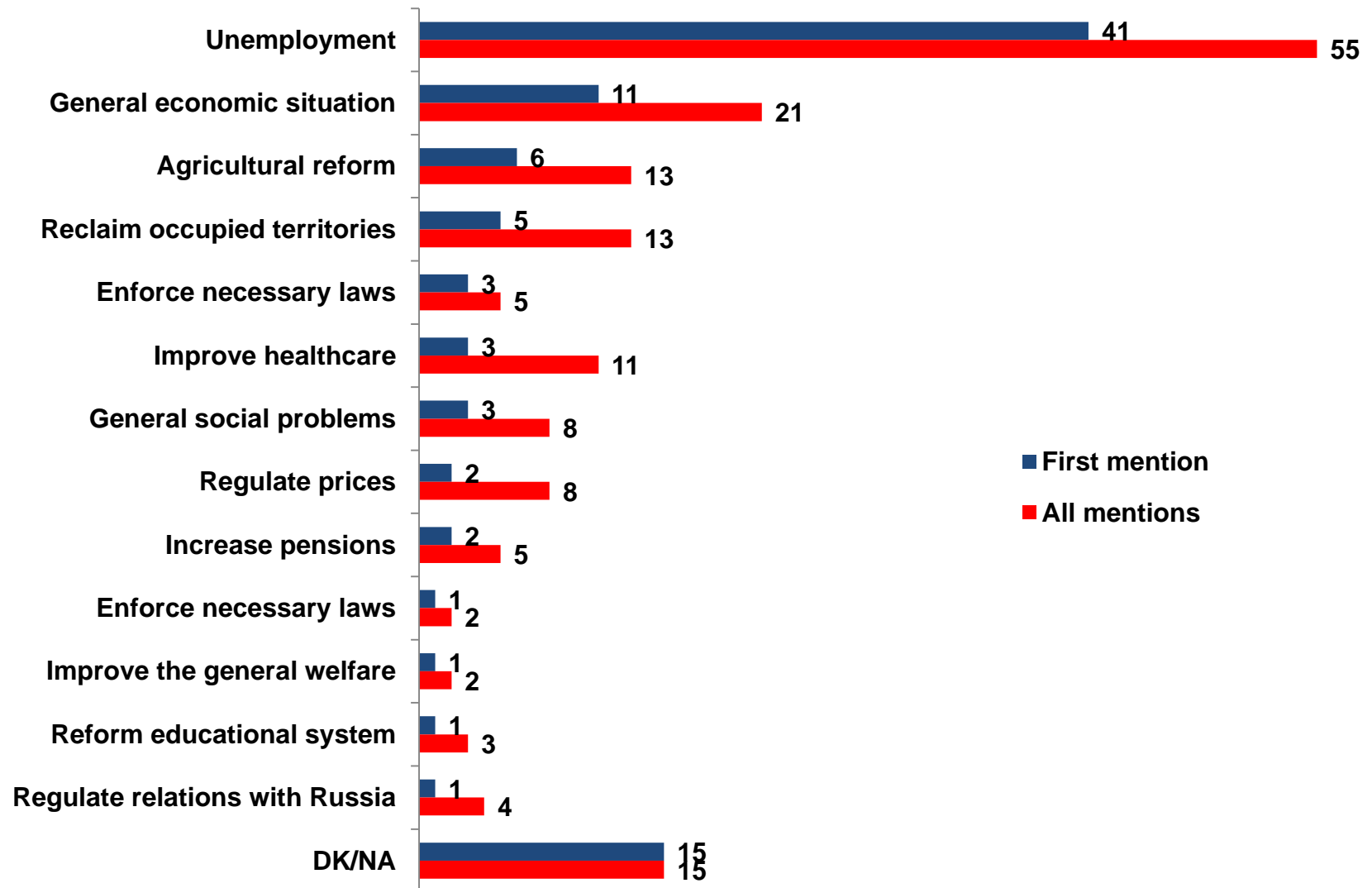




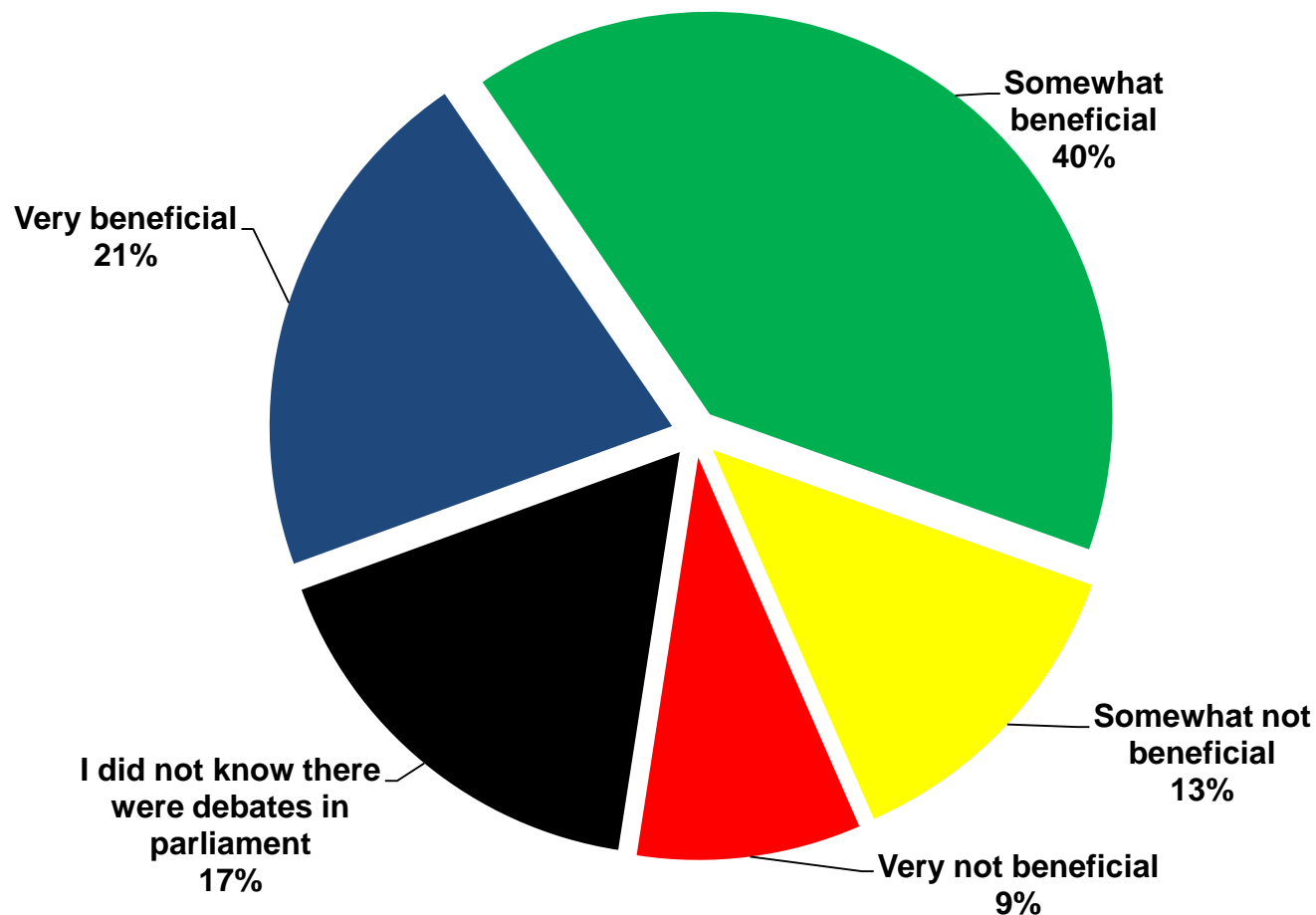
# If yes, how important is it for you to have a majoritarian representative? (N=521)



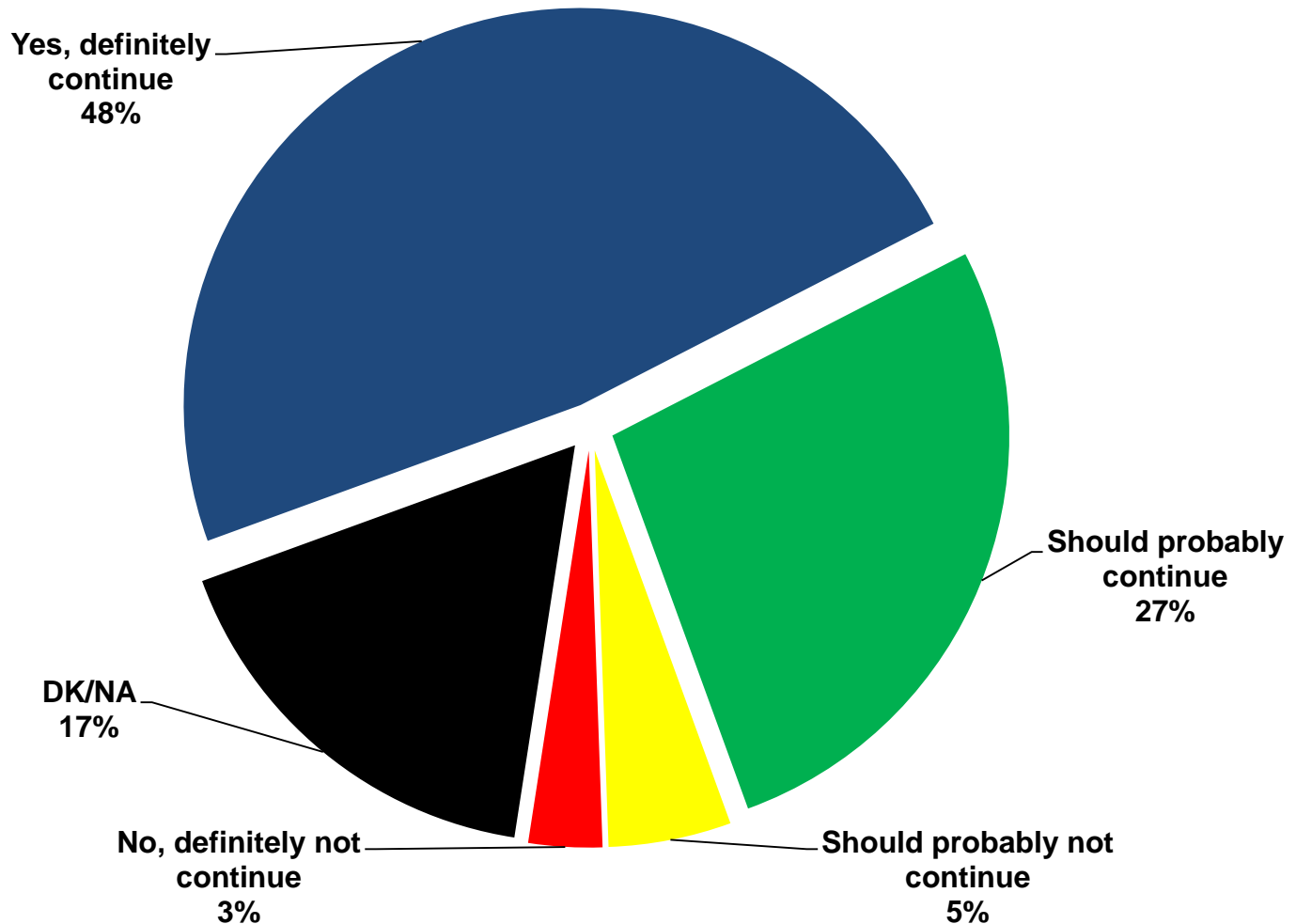
# What are three main issues that parliament needs to address?



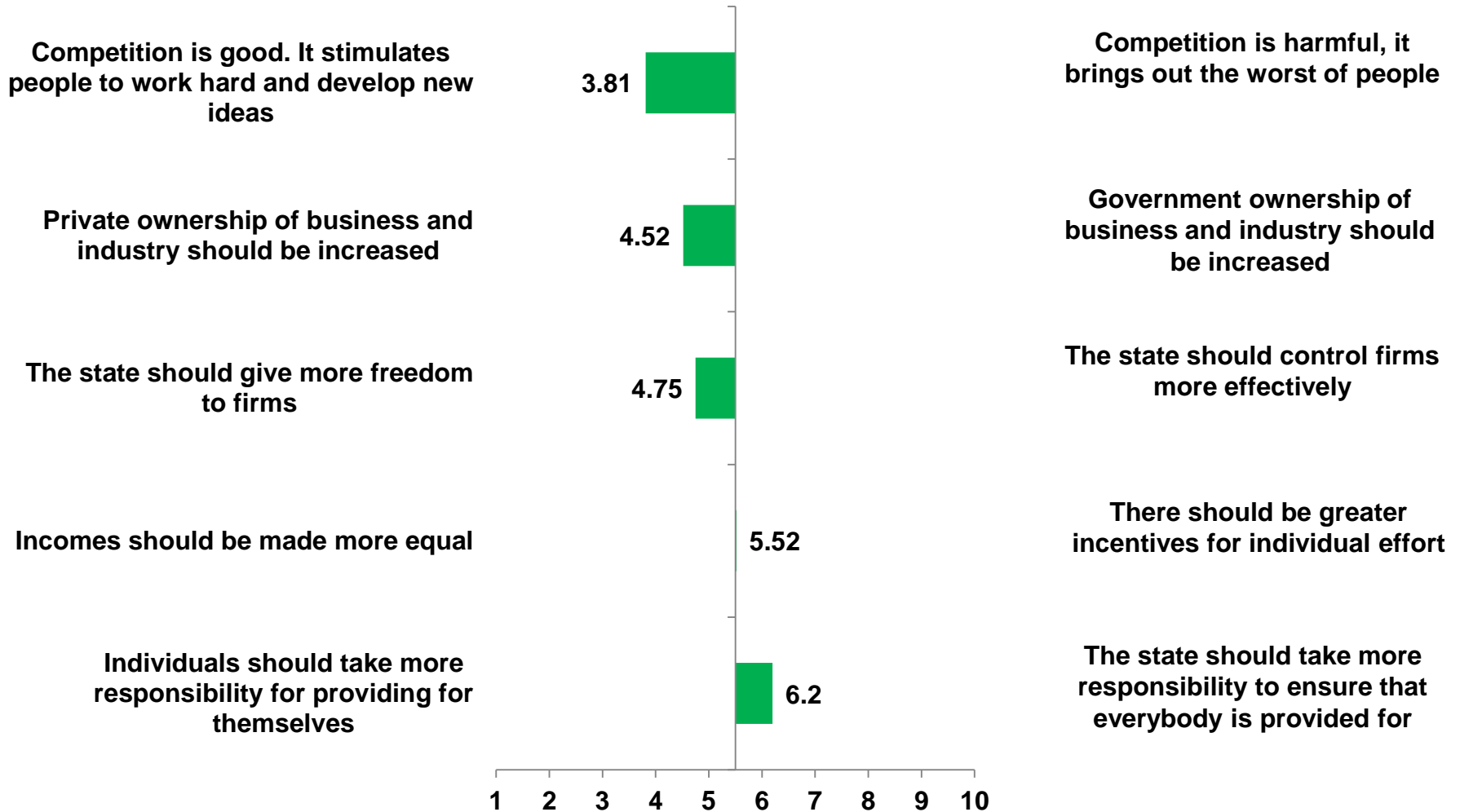
# Do you believe the debates between the parliament and the government held in parliament are beneficial to society?



# Do you believe these debates should continue in the future?

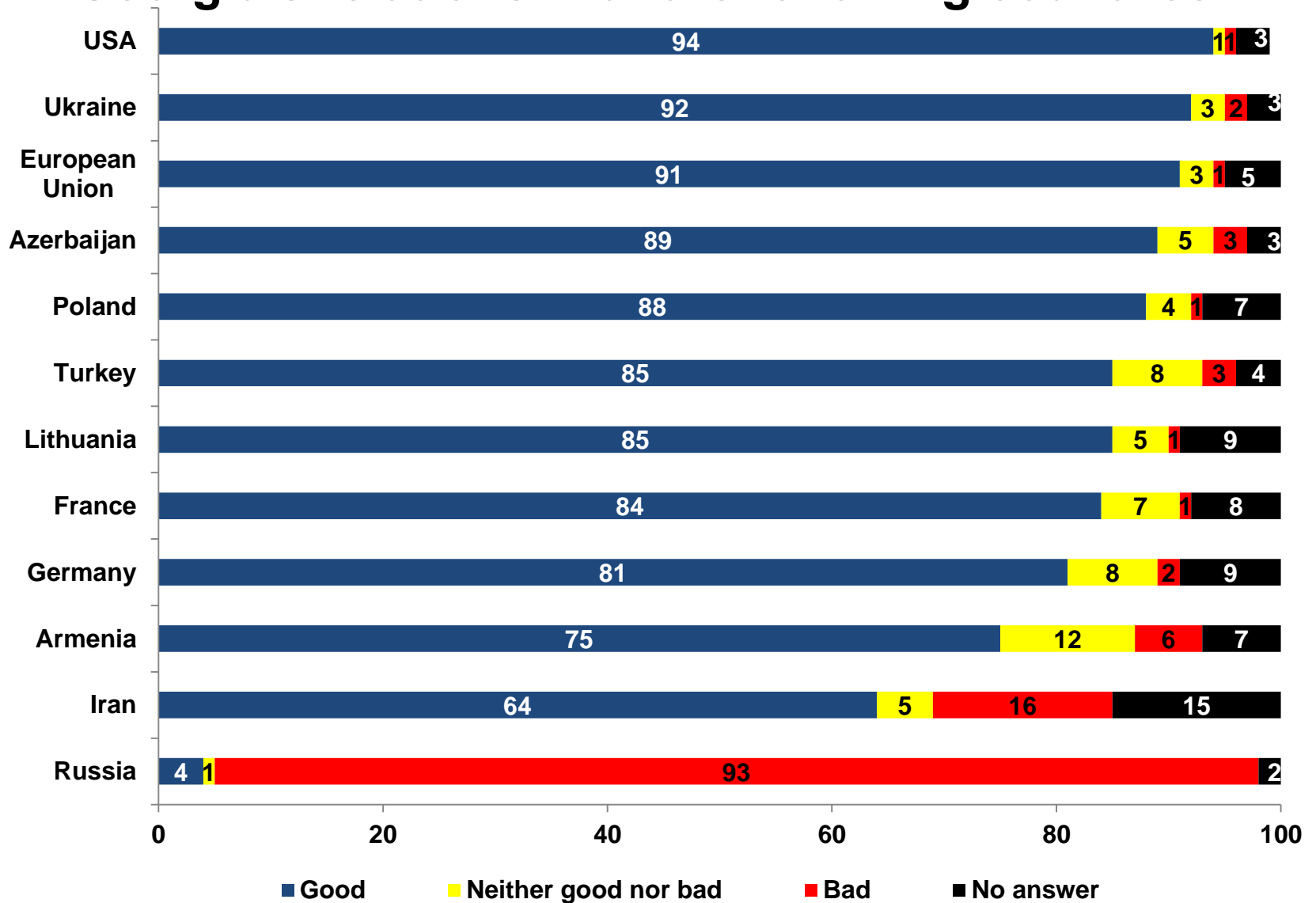


# On the scale shown, how would you rate your position on the following issues?

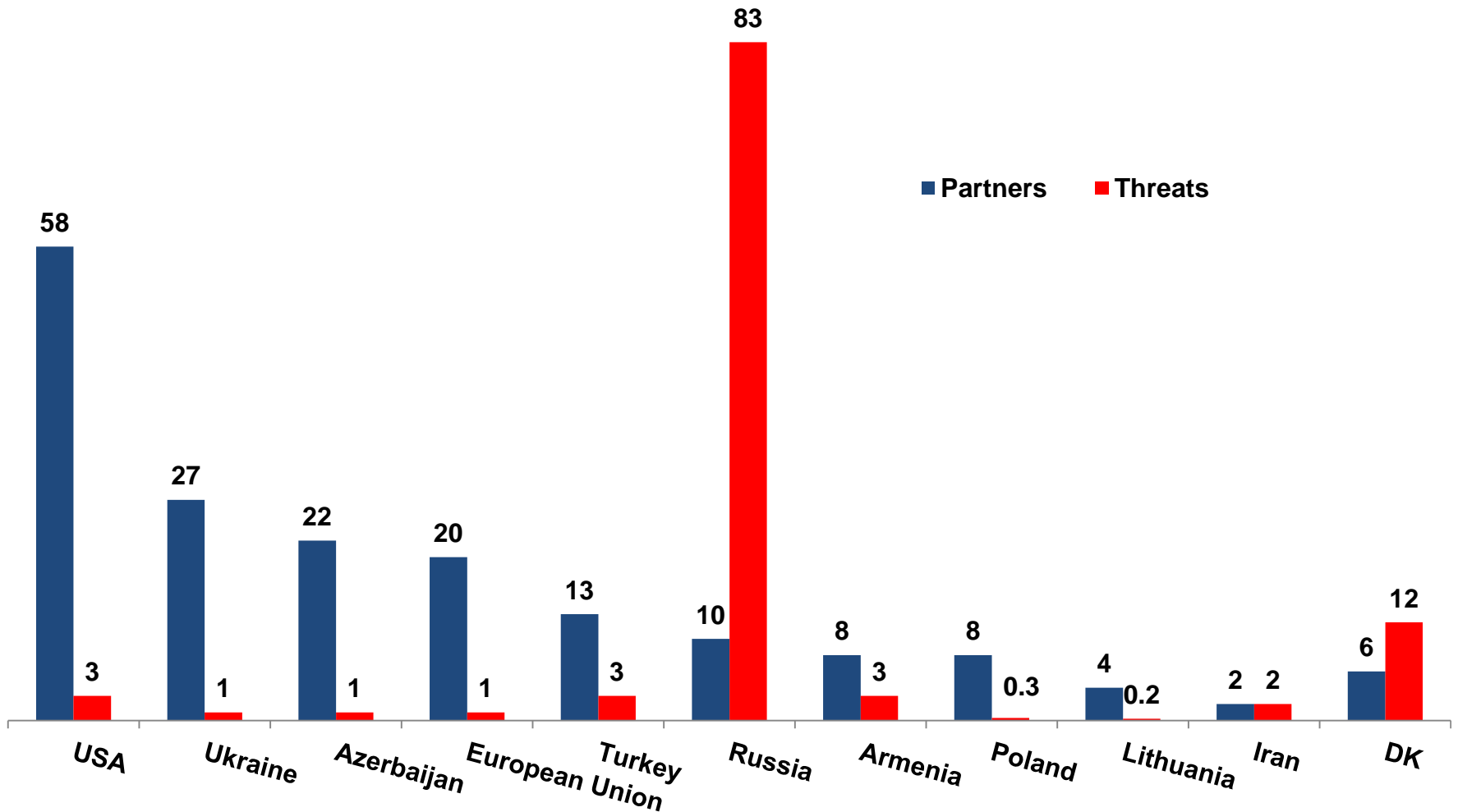


# **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

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

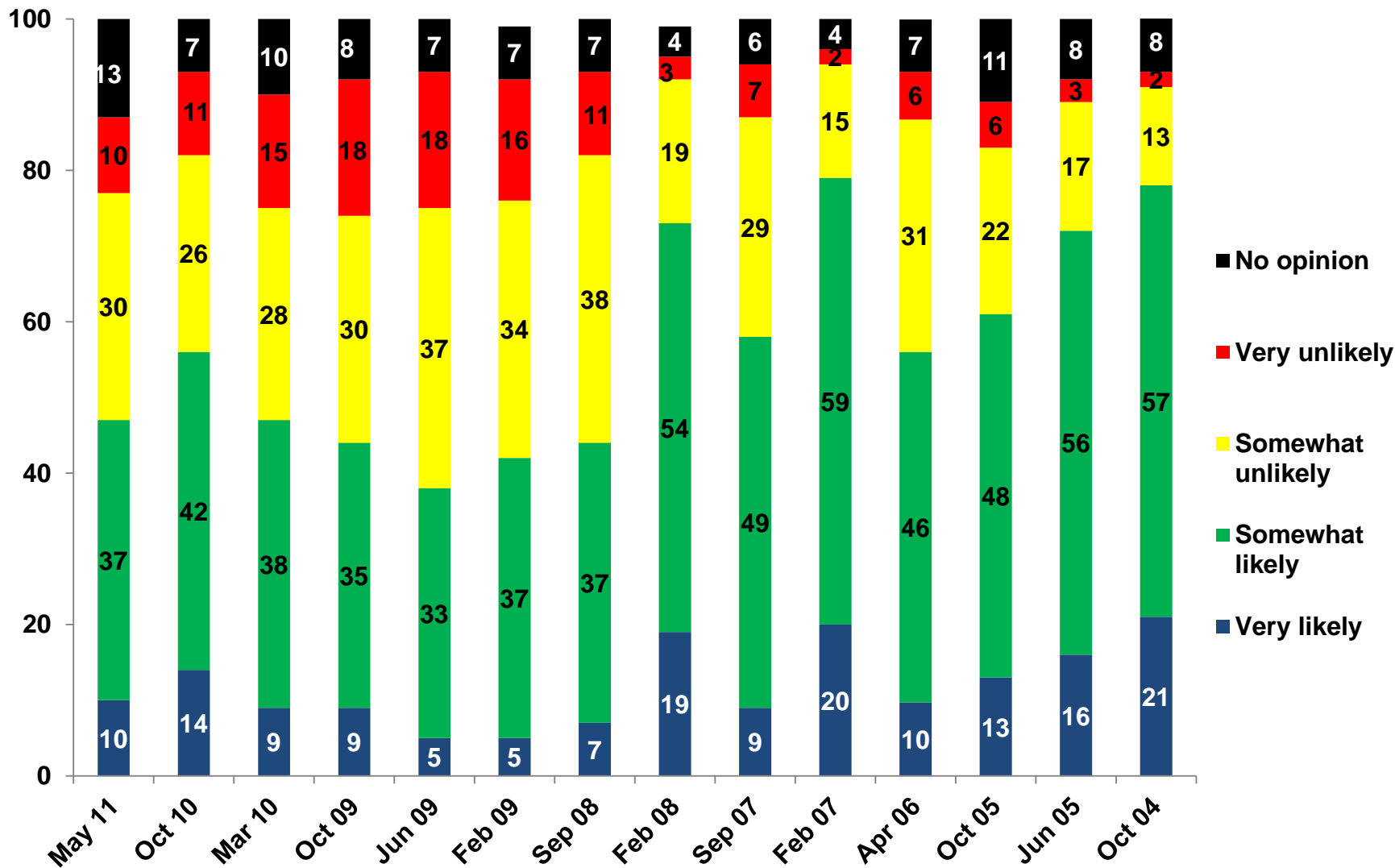


# Which countries are the most important partners for Georgia and which comprise the greatest political and economic threat?

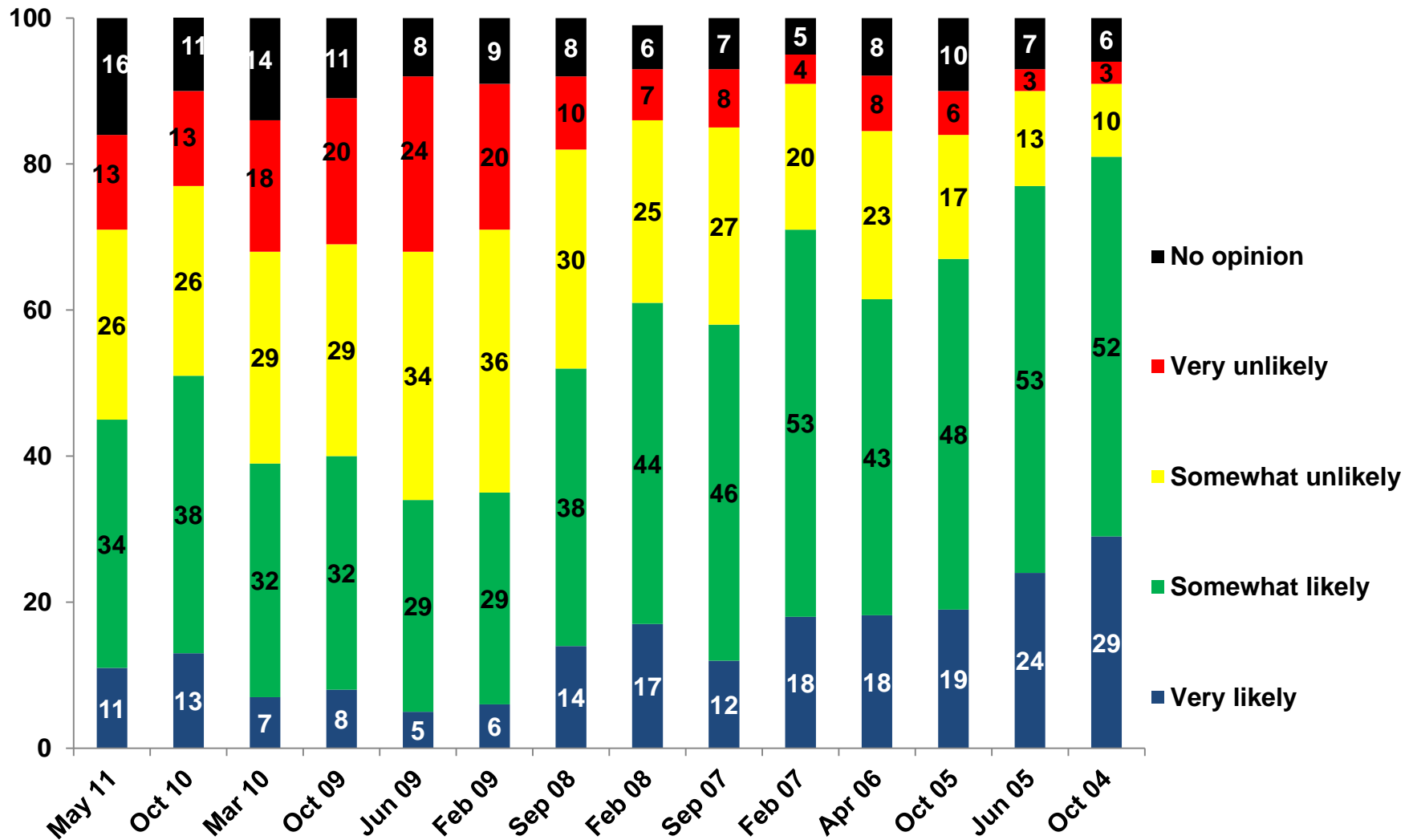




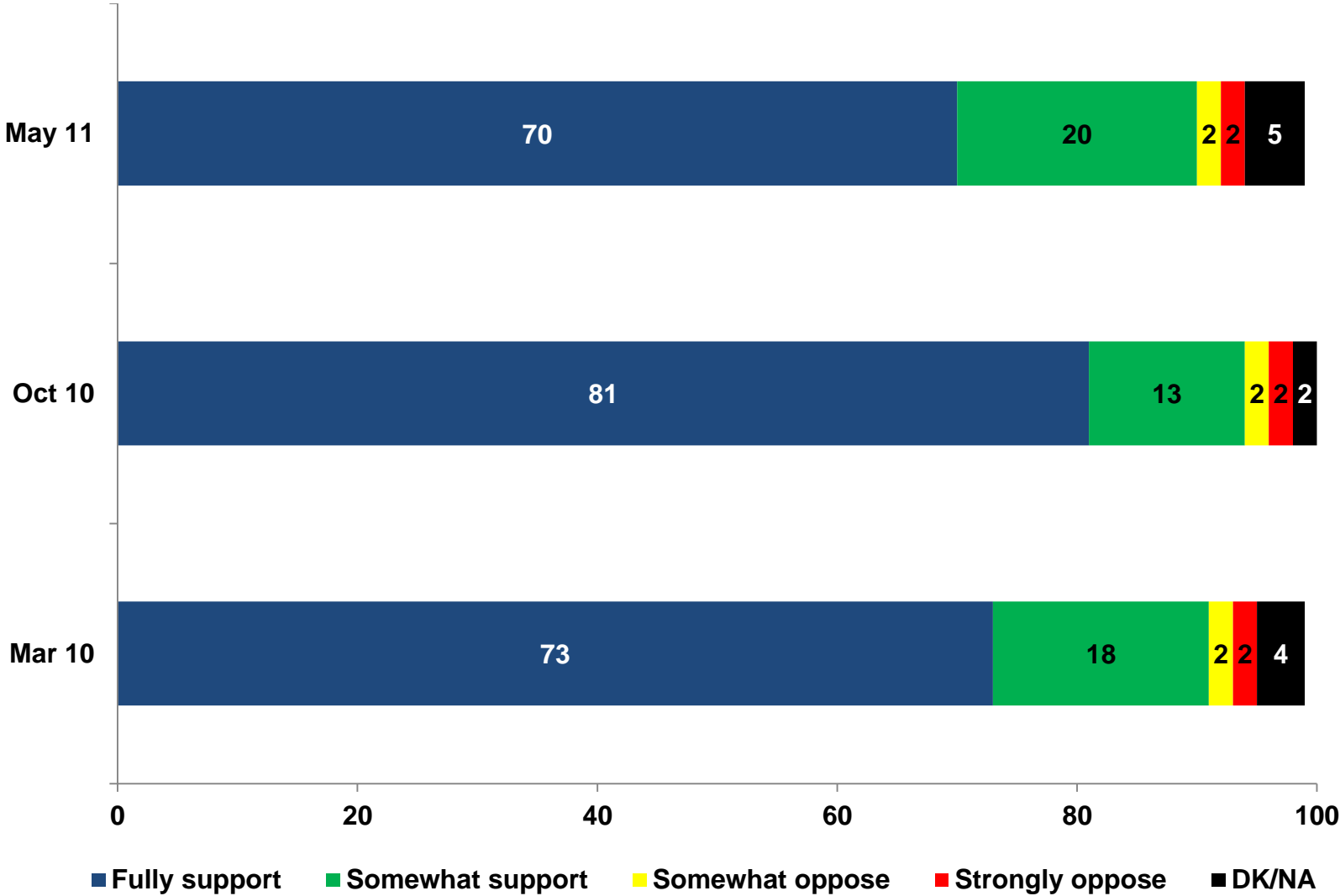
# Will the Georgian government improve relations between Georgia and Russia?



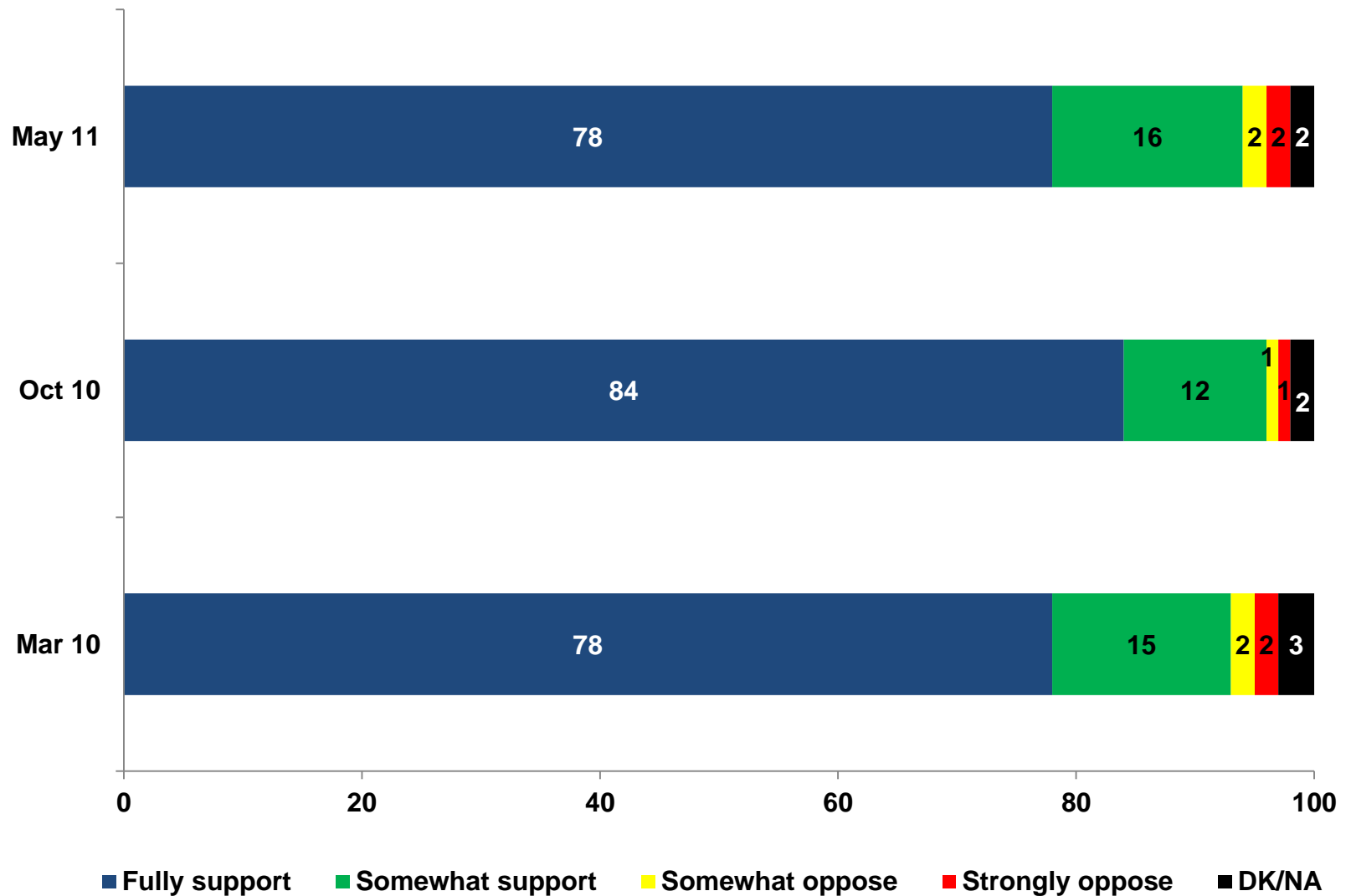
# Will the Georgian government solve the problems related to Abkhazia and South Ossetia?



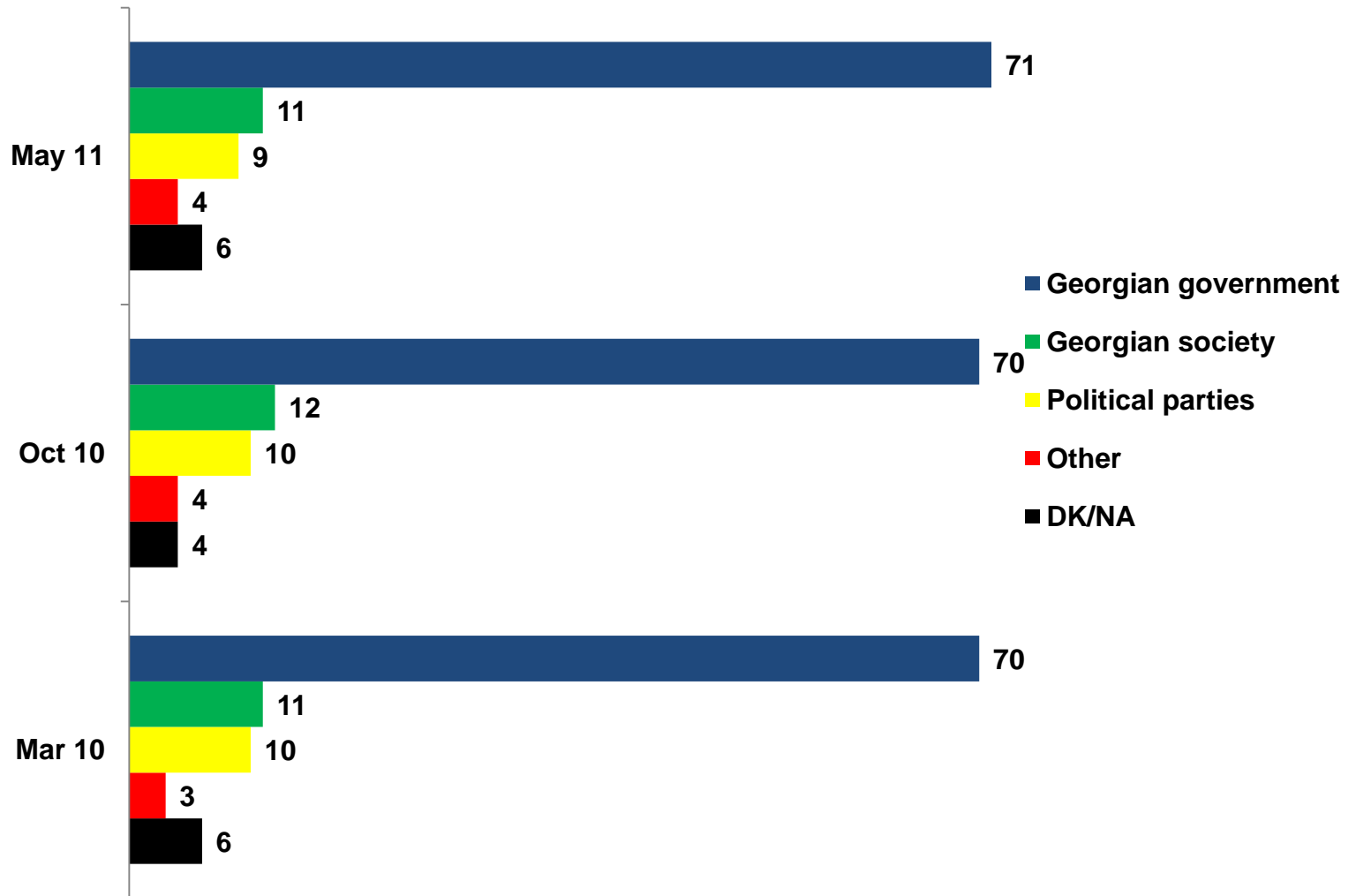
# Would you support efforts to open the Russian market to Georgian goods?



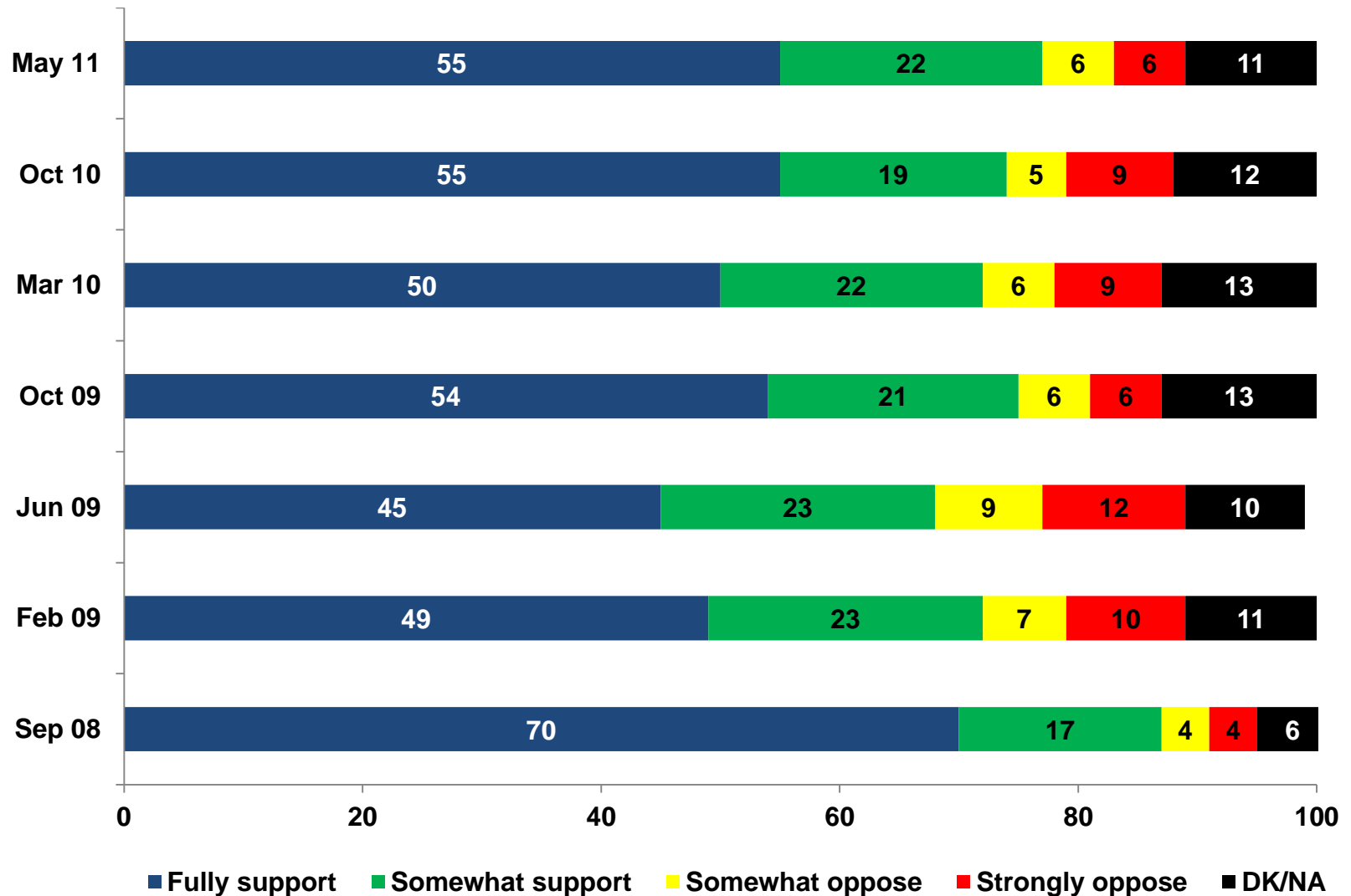
# Would you support further dialogue with Russia?



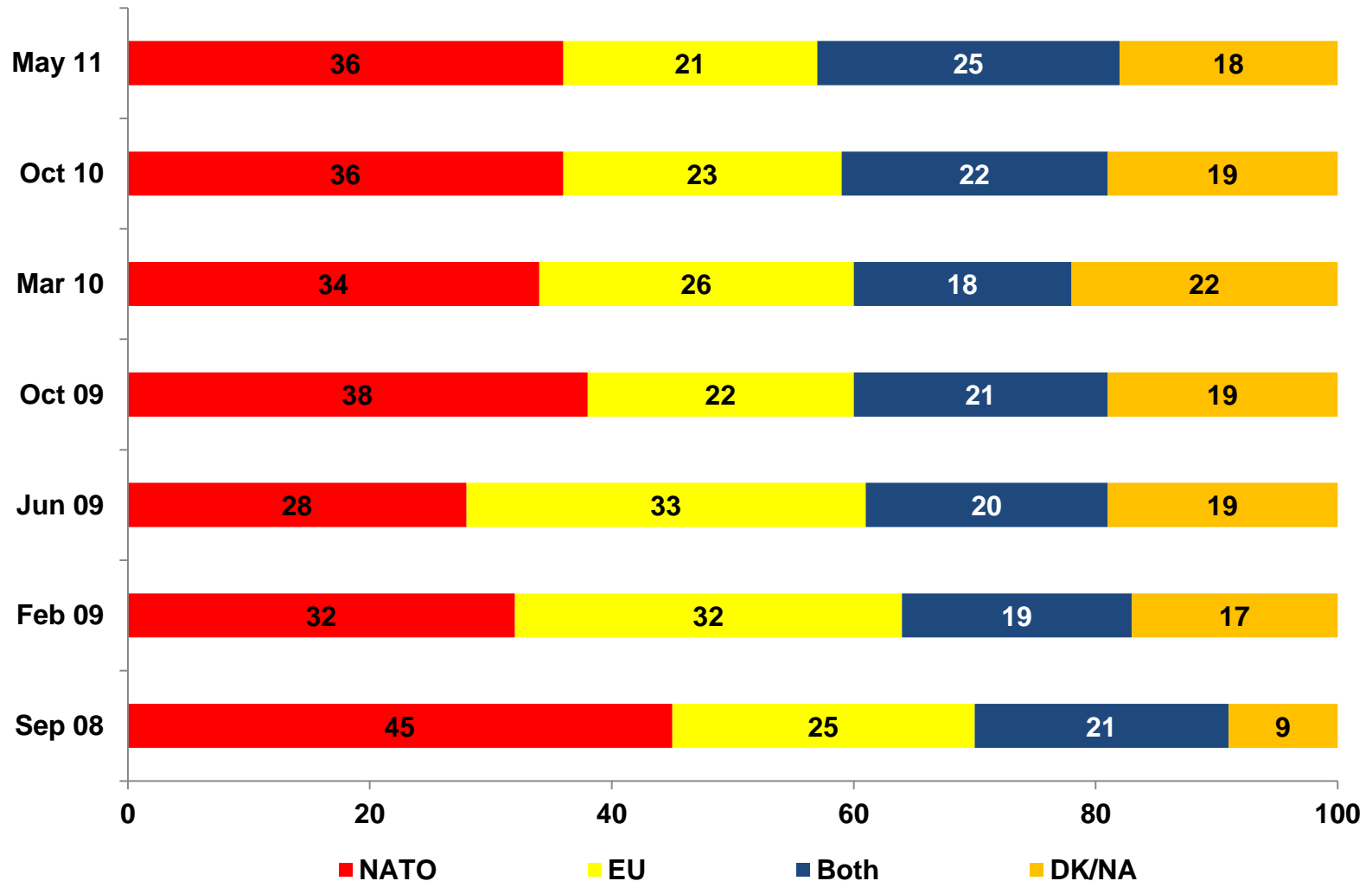
# Who should engage in the dialogue? (those supporting further dialogue, N = 1,412)



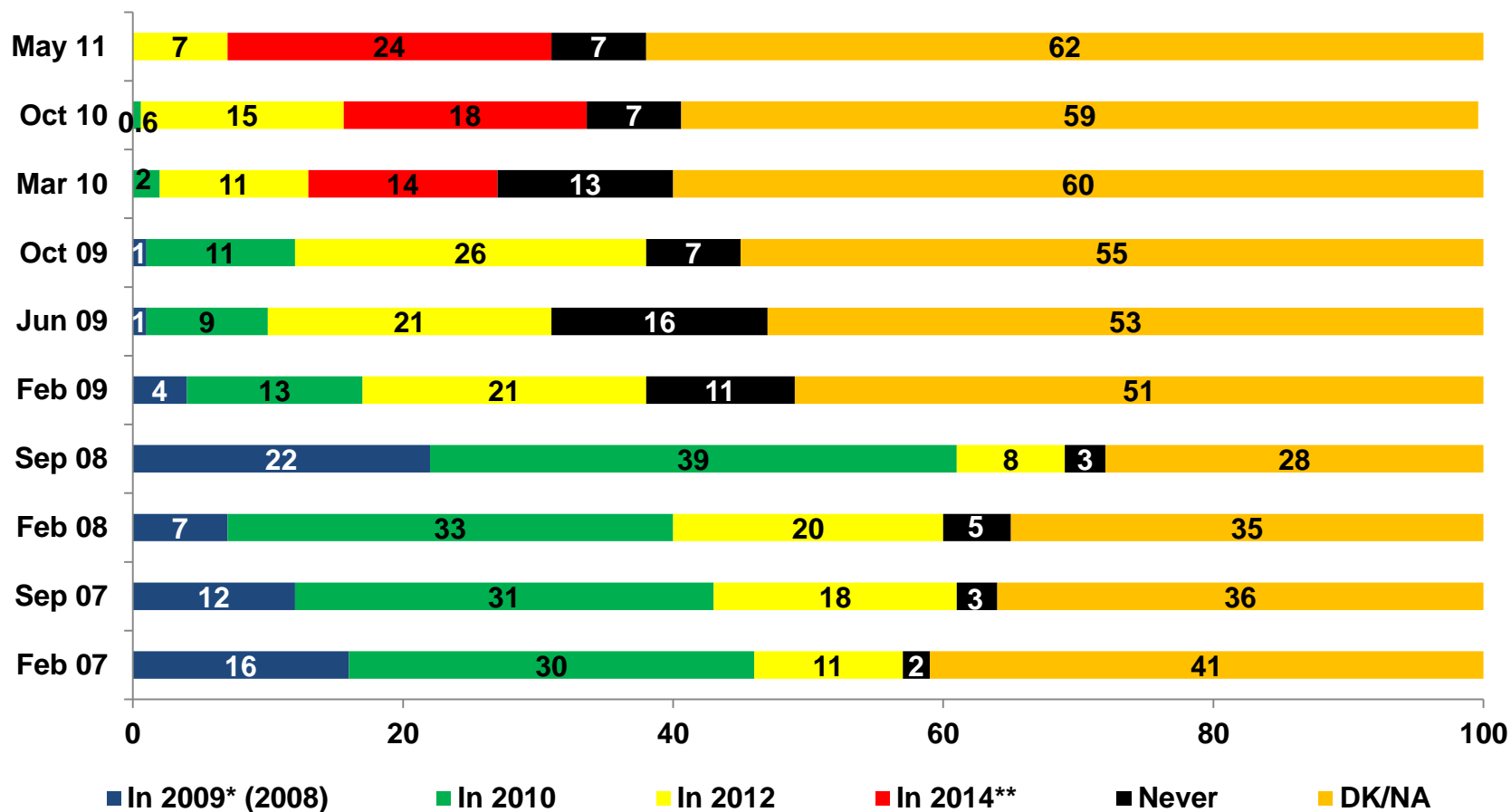
# Do you support Georgia joining NATO?



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



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

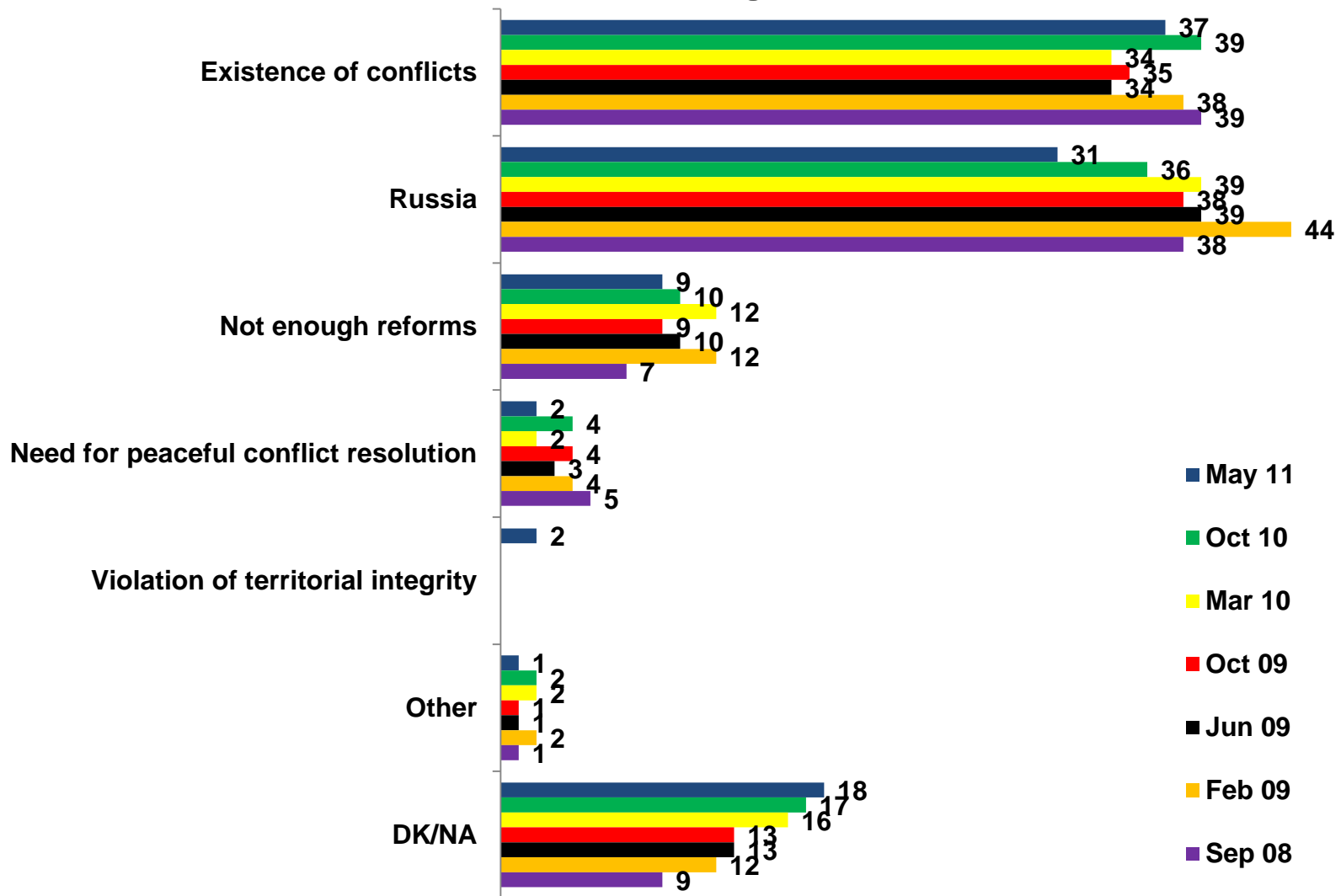


\*In 2007 and 2008 years the answer category was "In 2008", in February 2009 this answer category was changed to "In 2009"

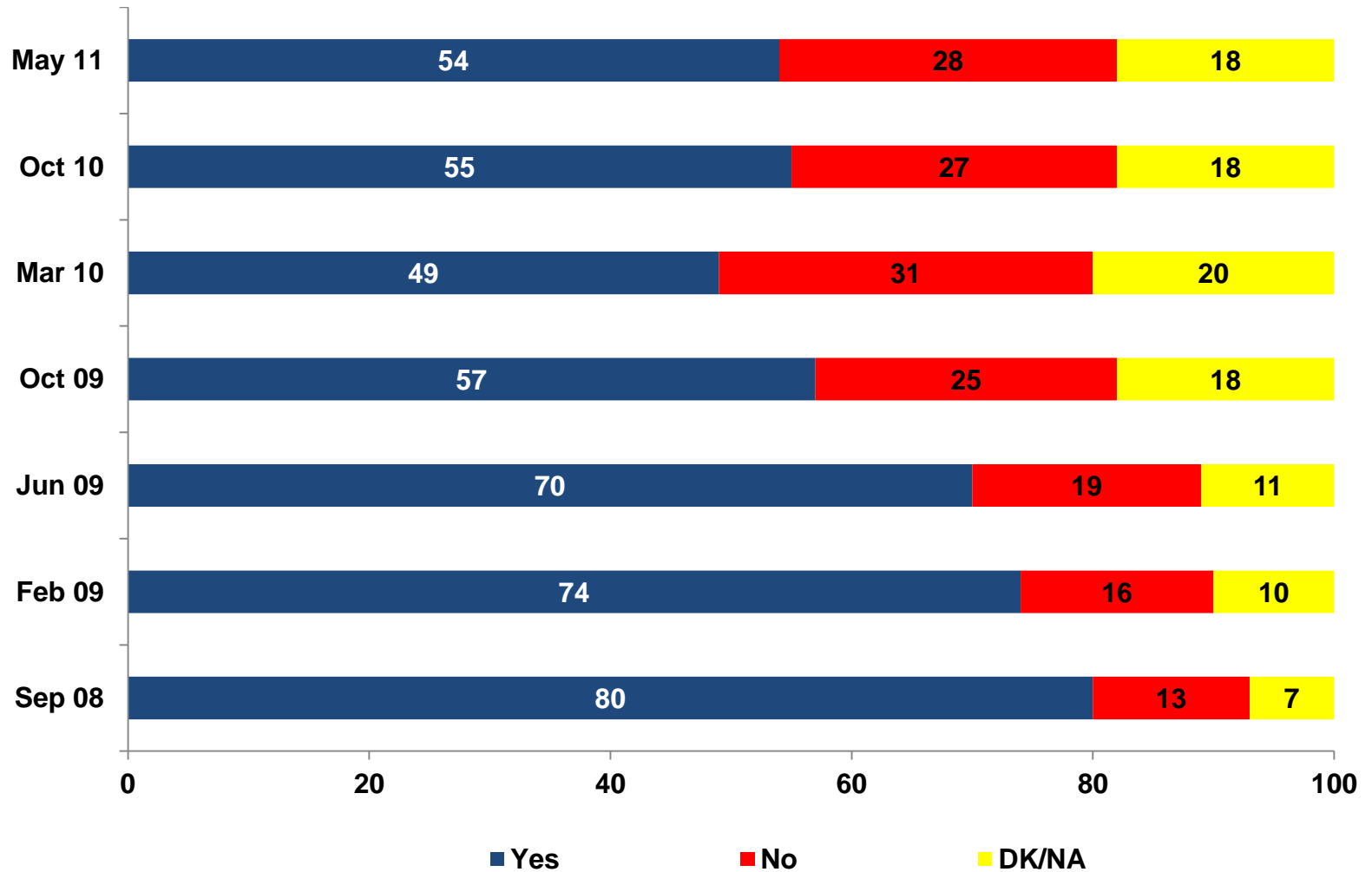
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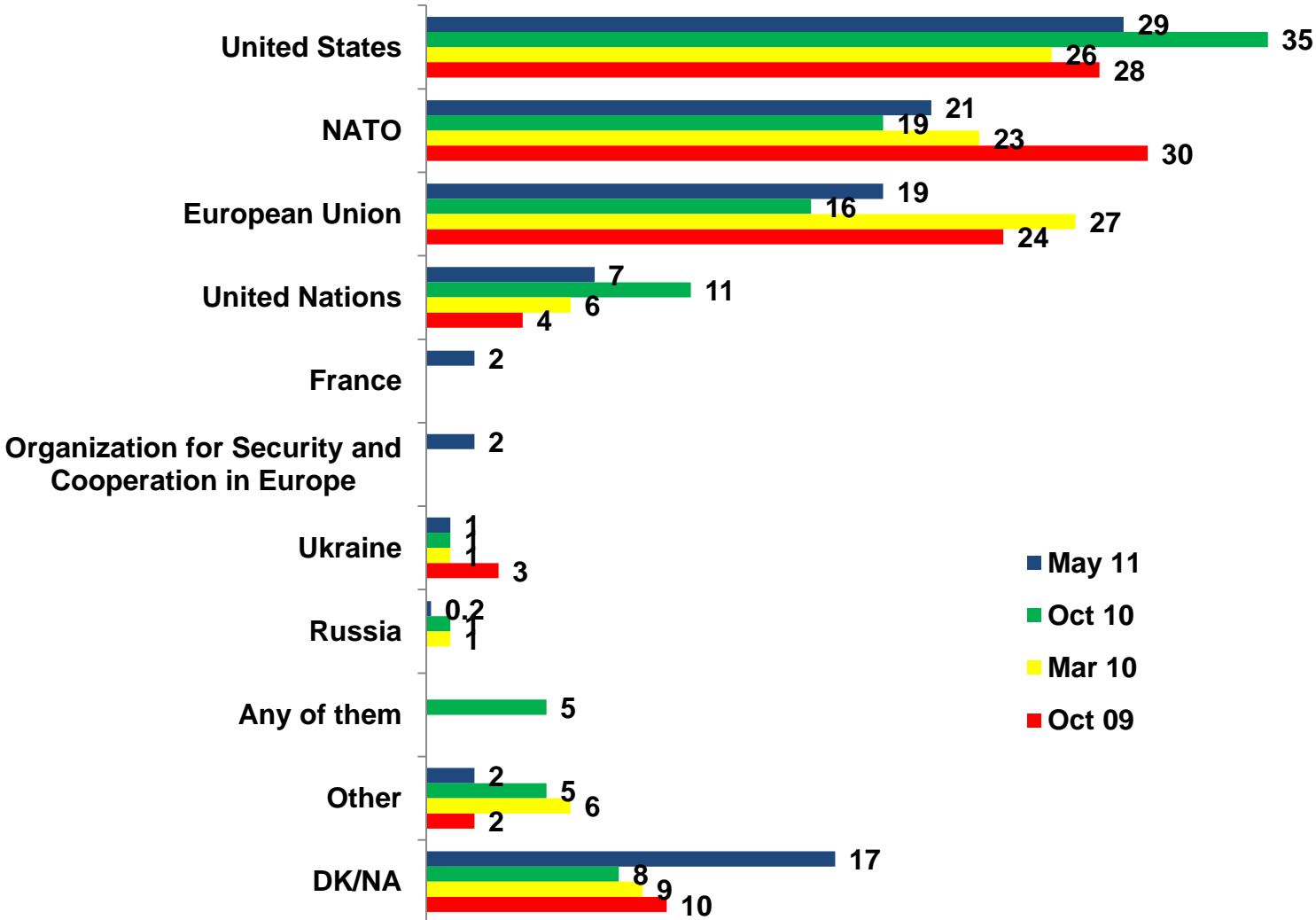
# What in your opinion, hinders Georgia's membership in NATO?



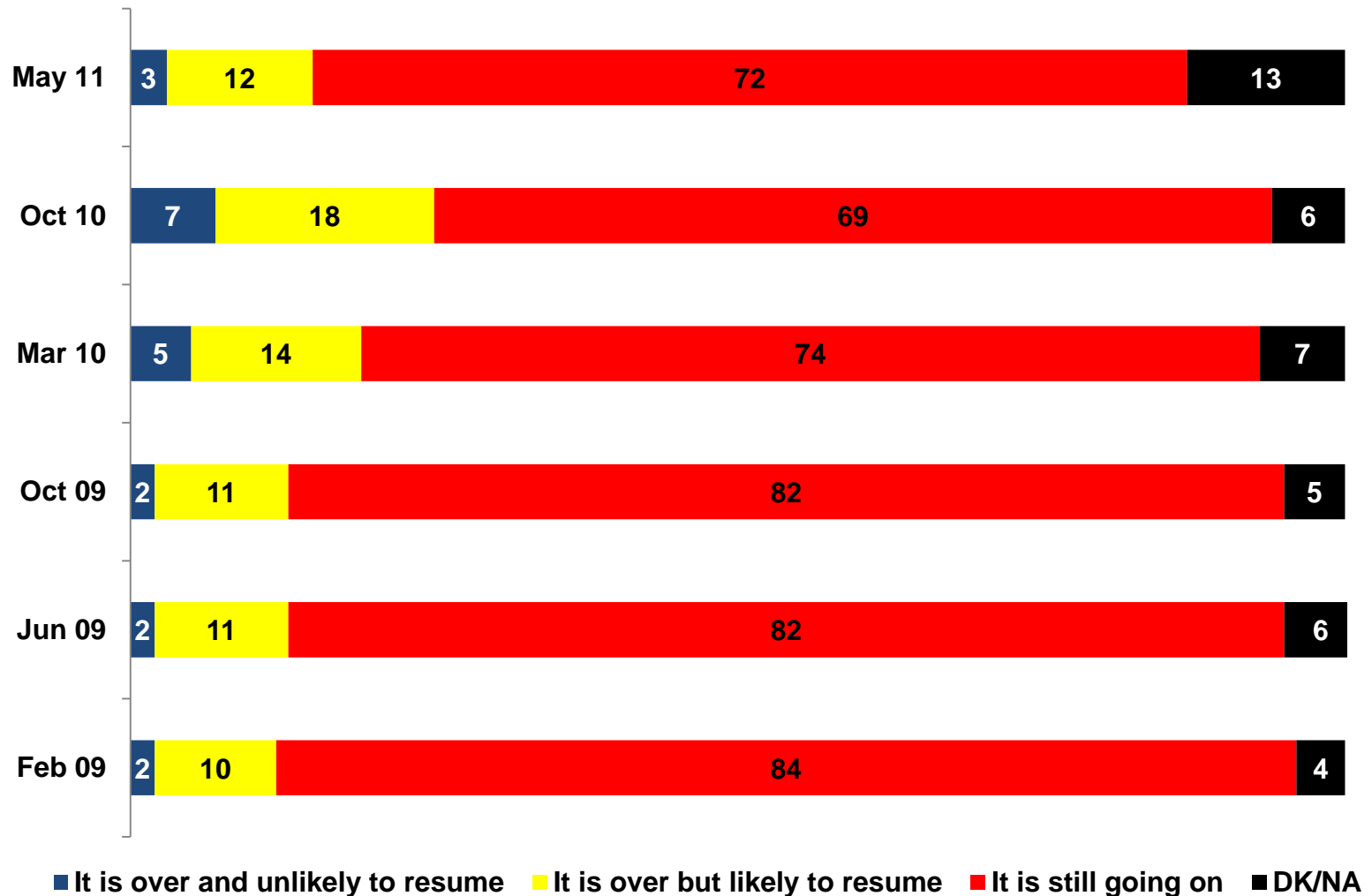
# Do you support an international peacekeeping force in Georgia?



# If yes, which country or international organization should provide the peacekeeping force? (N = 806)

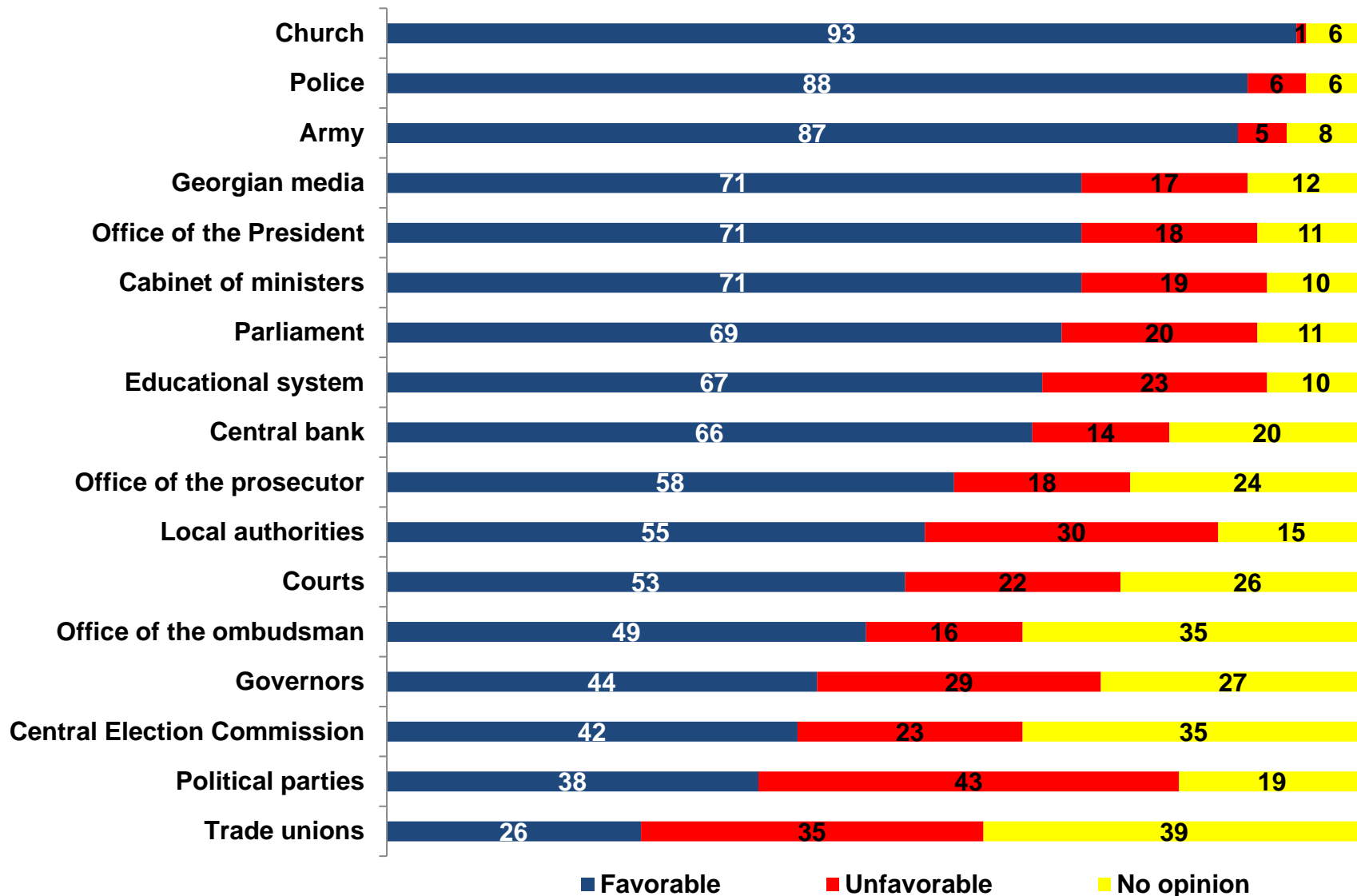


# Do you think that Russian aggression against Georgia is over or is it still going on?



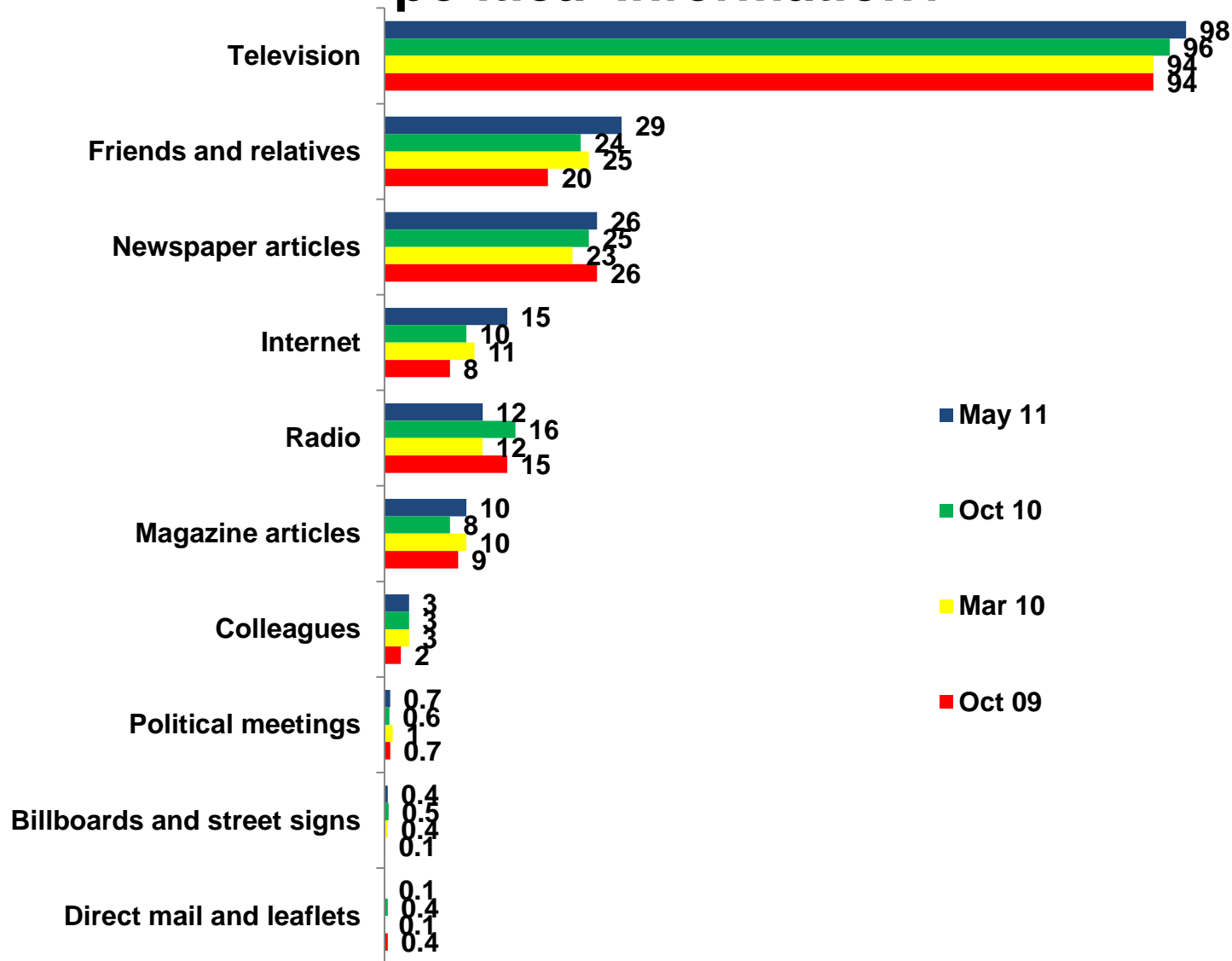
# INSTITUTIONS

# What is your opinion on the work of the following institutions?



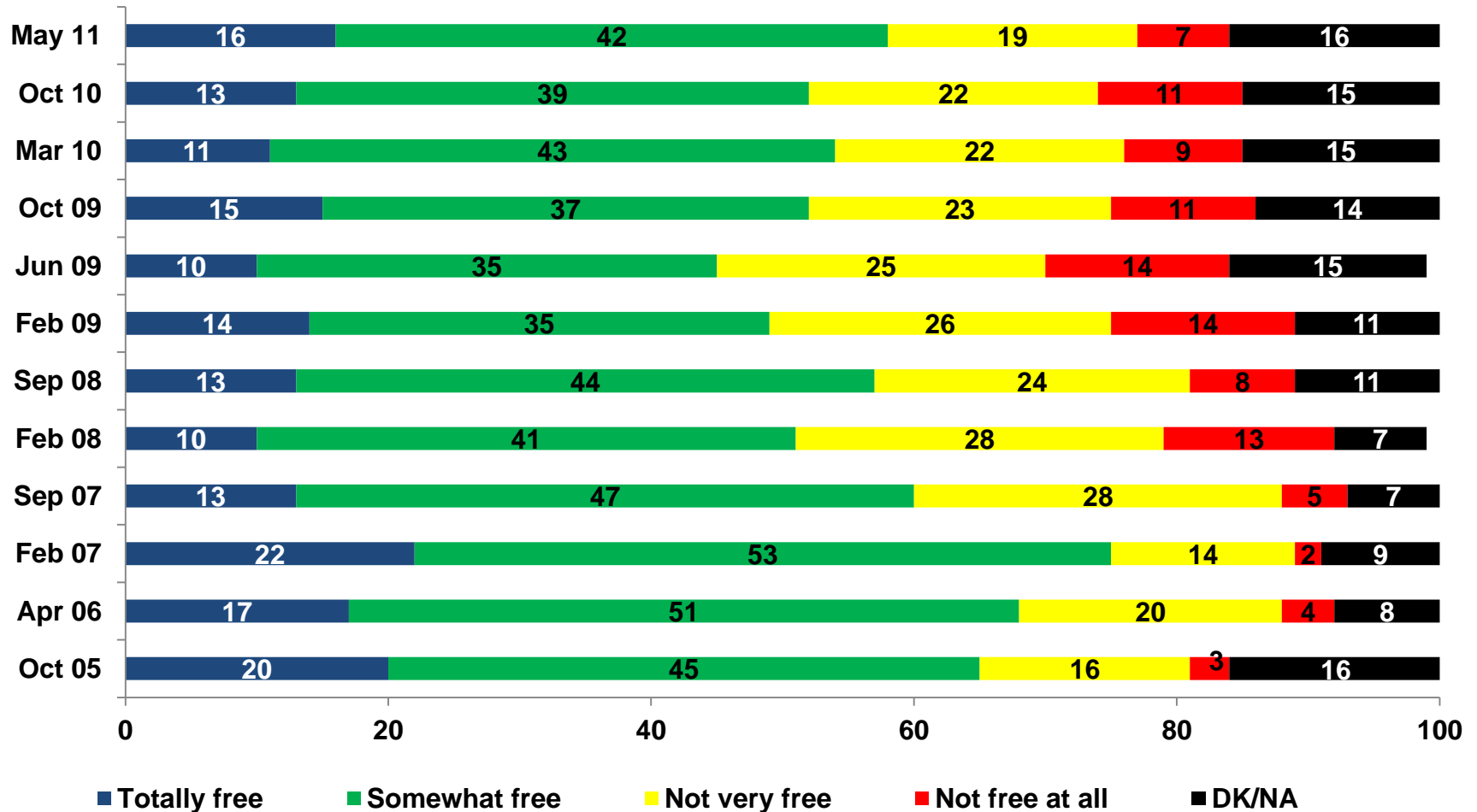
# **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

# Which of these sources do you use for obtaining political information?

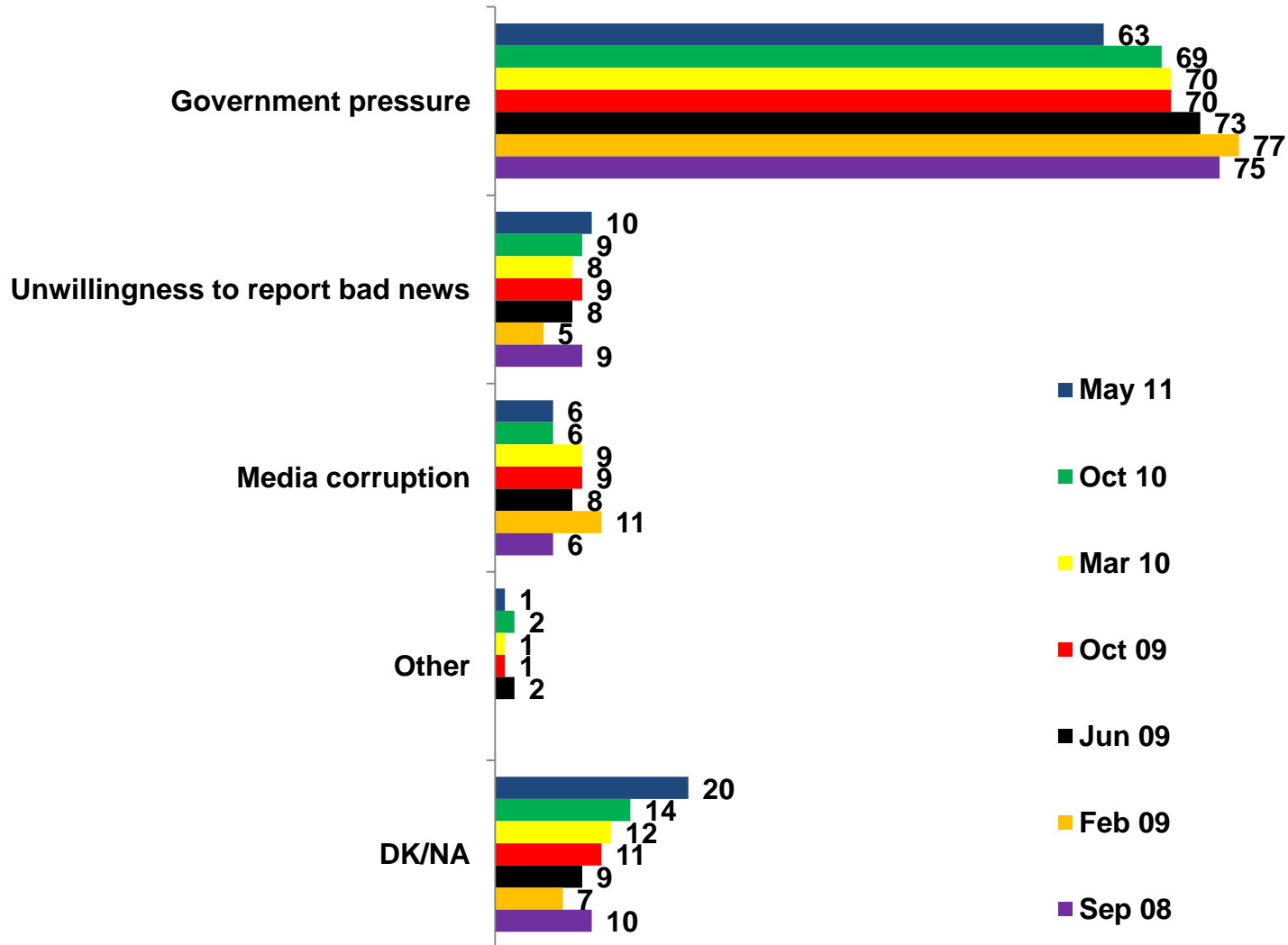




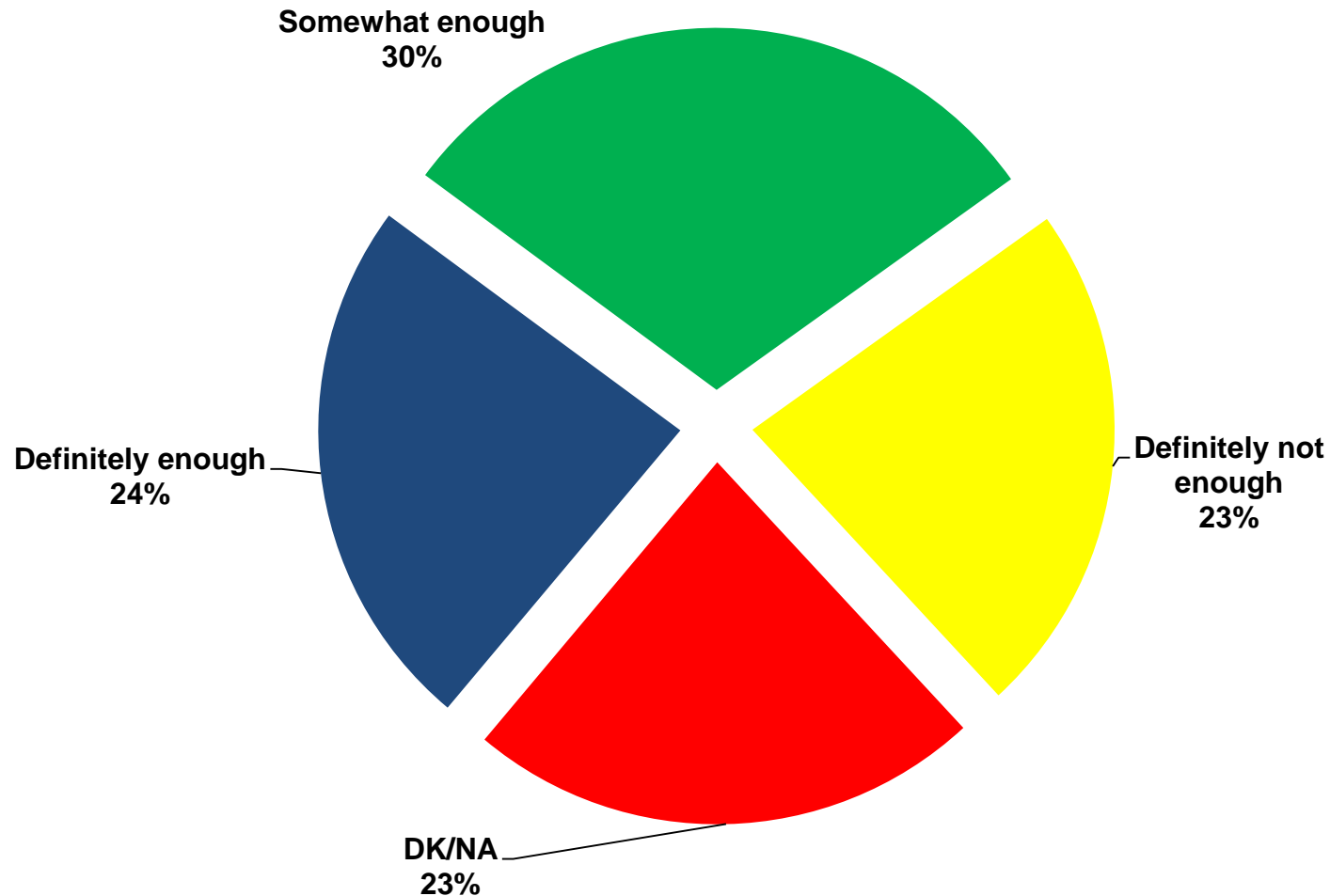
# Is Georgian mass media free to express various political views or is there government control over media content?



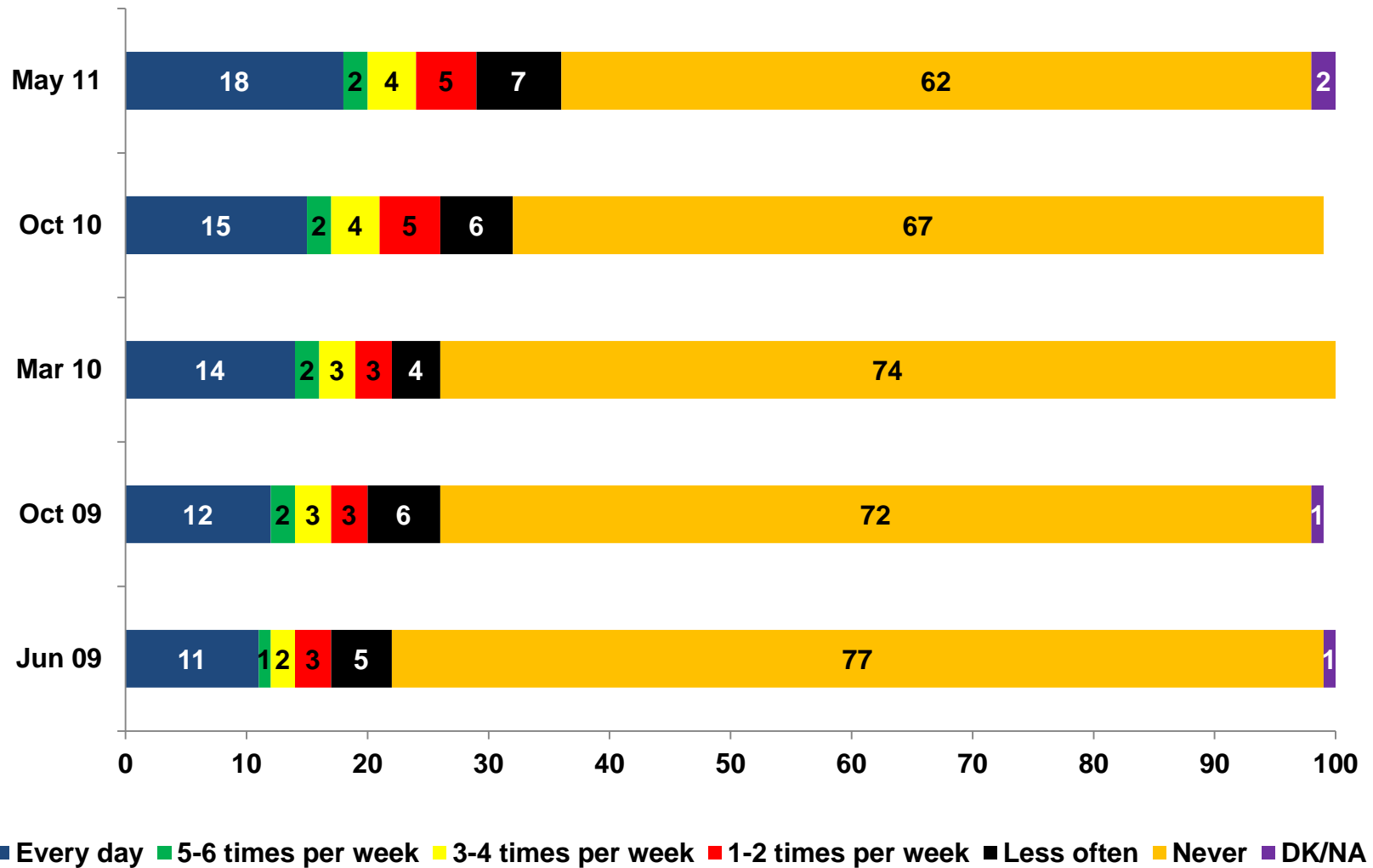
# Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views? (N = 394)



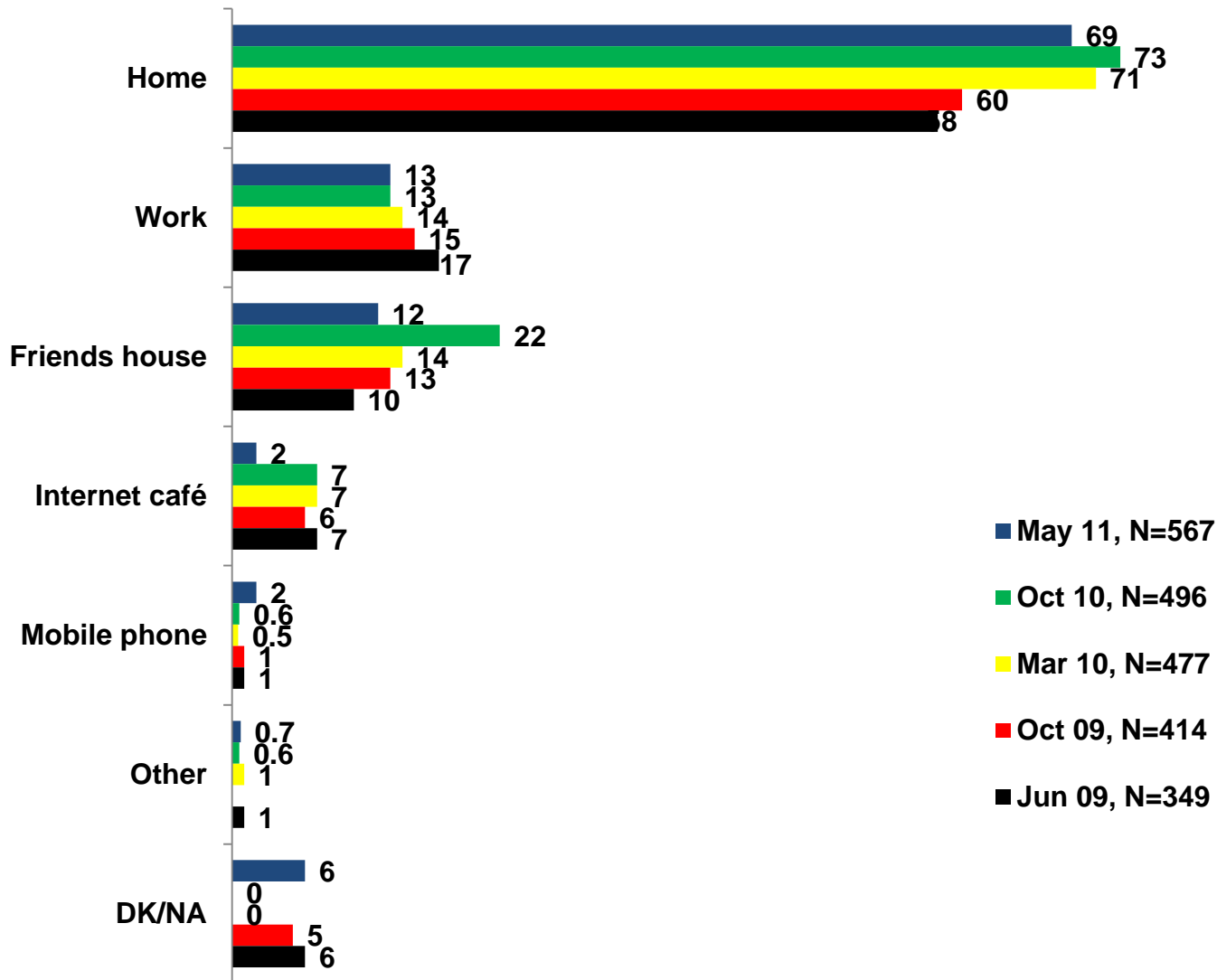
# Do you think that activities of opposition parties are given enough time on national TV channel head lines?



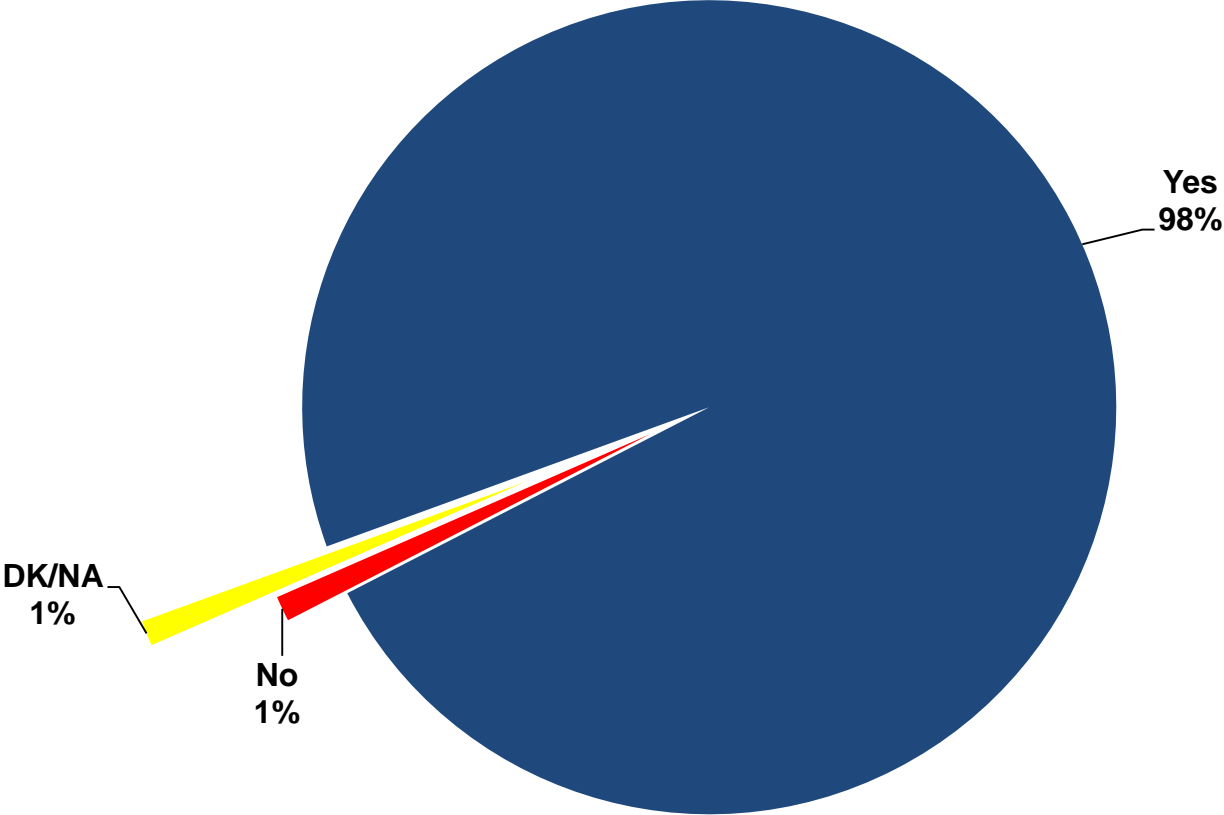
# How many times per week do you access the Internet?



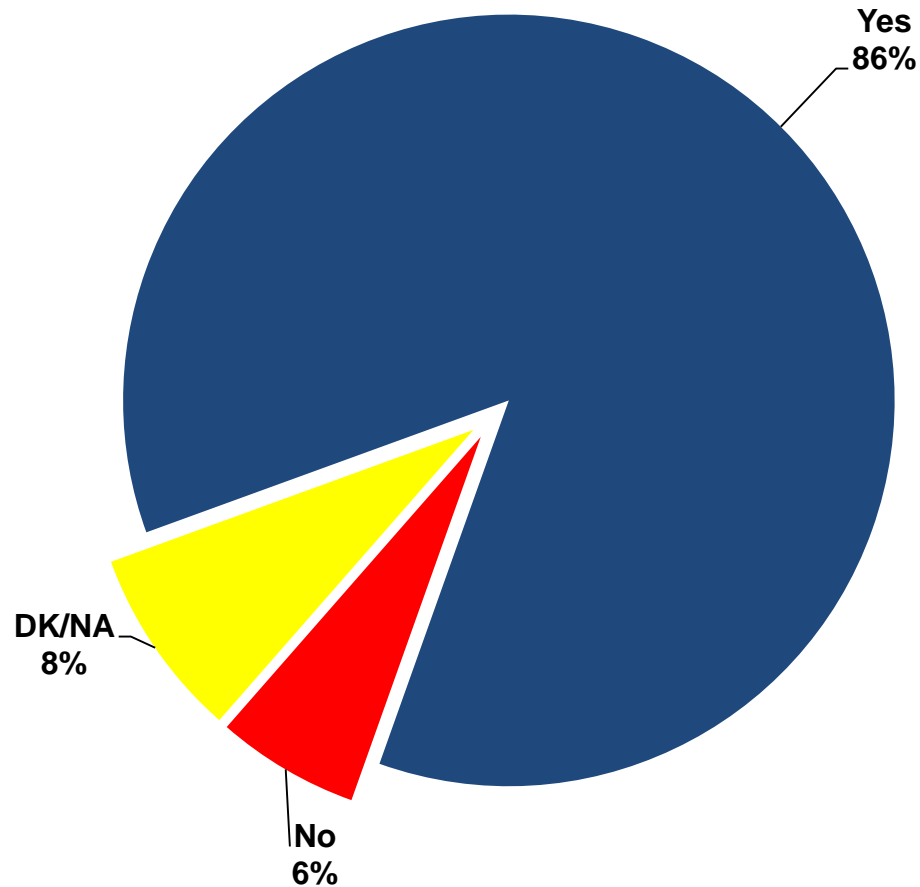
# If you do, from where do you access the Internet?



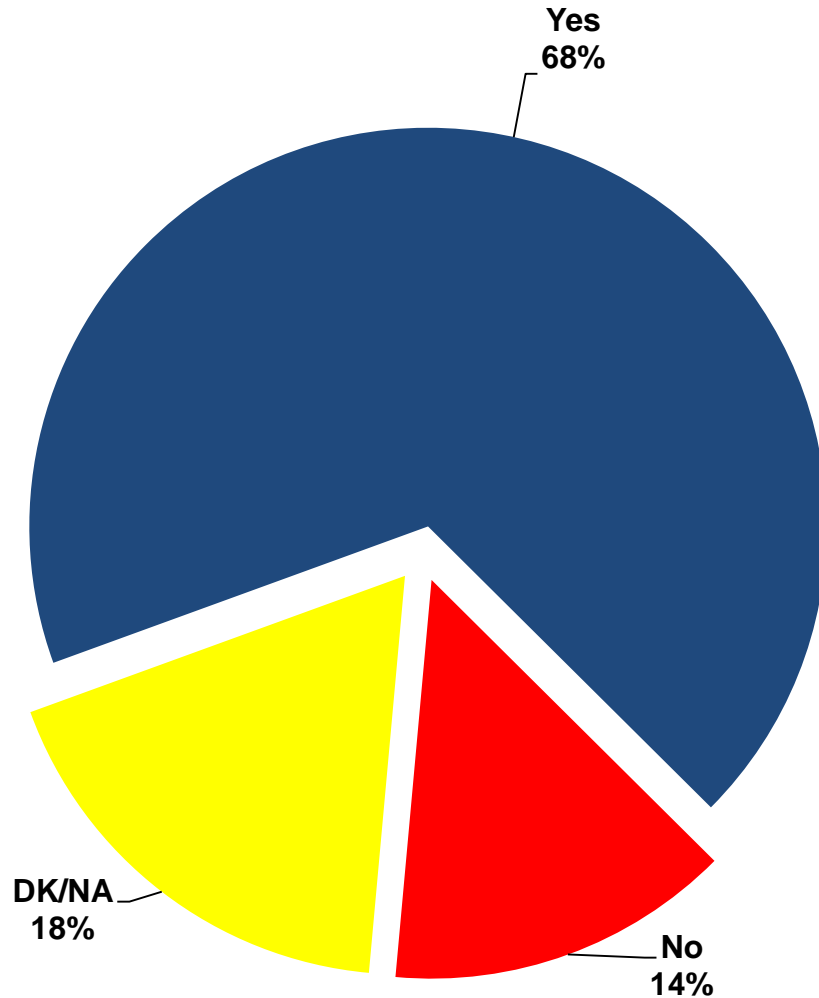
# Do you support the President's initiative to strengthen the teaching of the Georgian language in Kvemo Kartli and Javakheti regions?



# Do you support the institution of teachers' certification exams that are aimed at raising their qualifications?



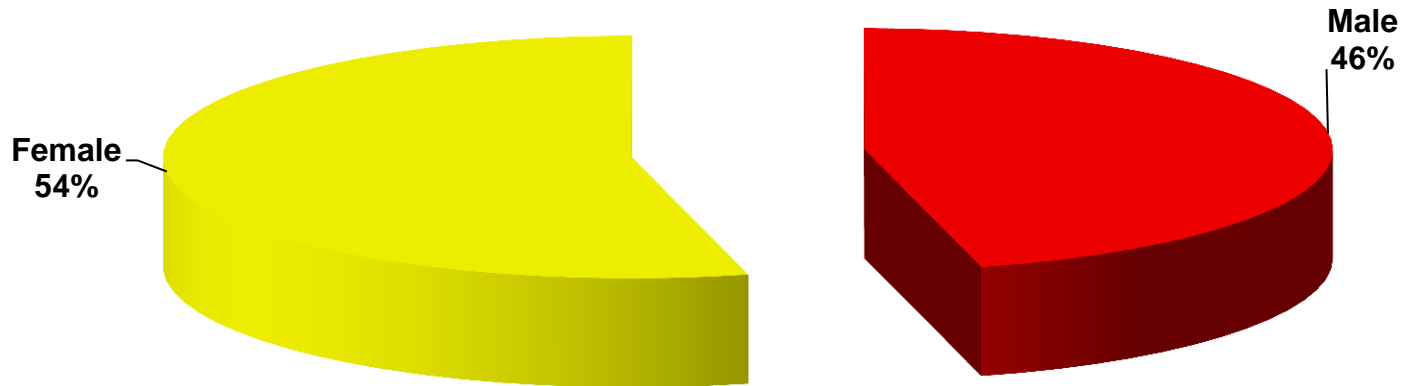
# Do you support the idea of building a branch of an American technical university in Batumi?



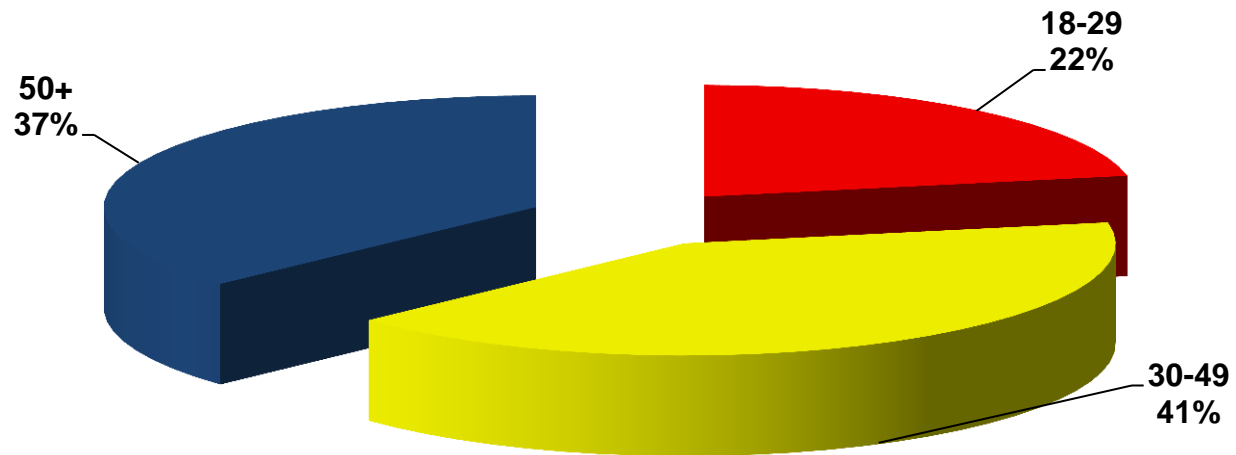


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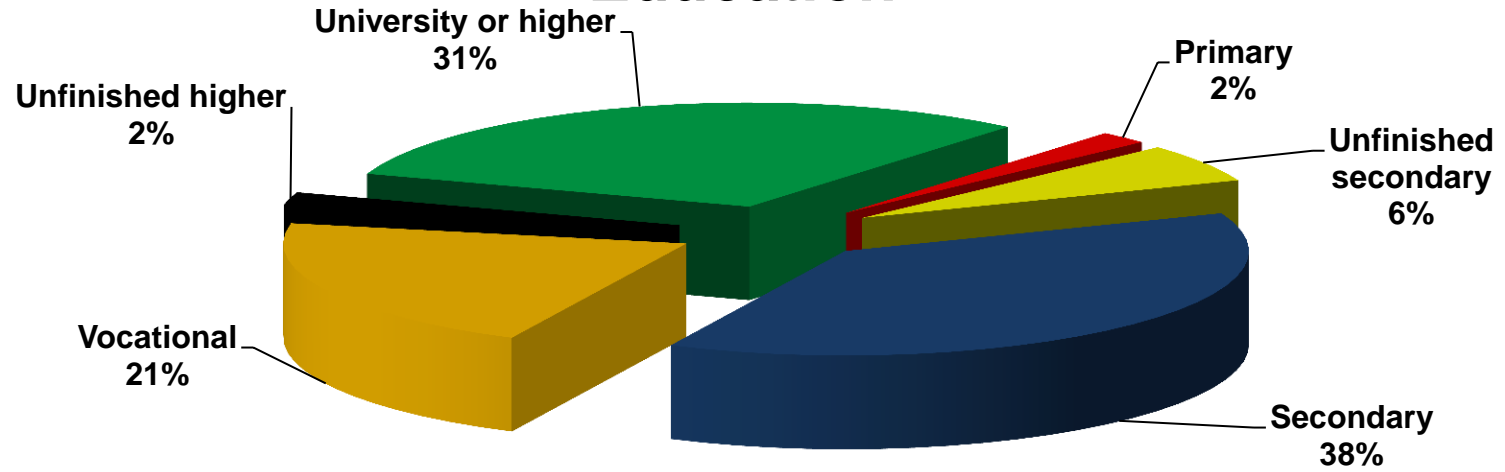
# Gender



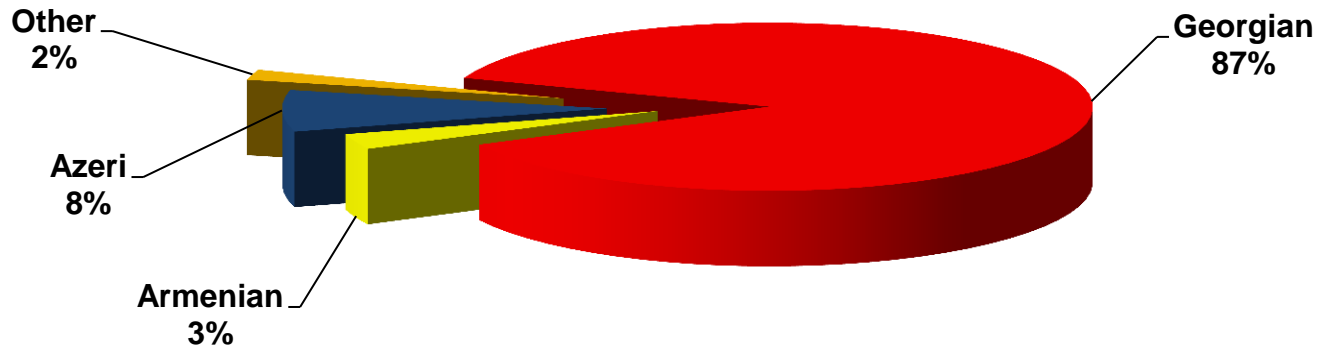
# Age groups



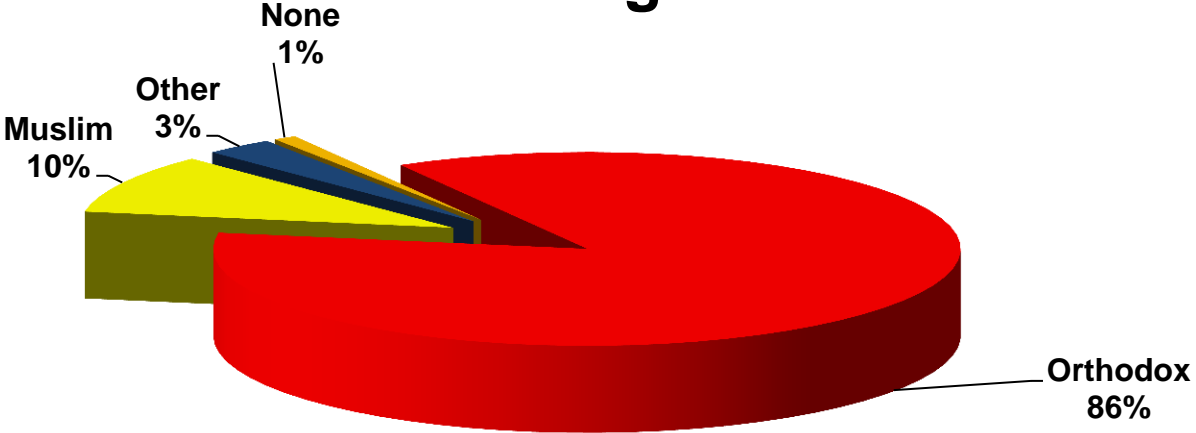
# Education



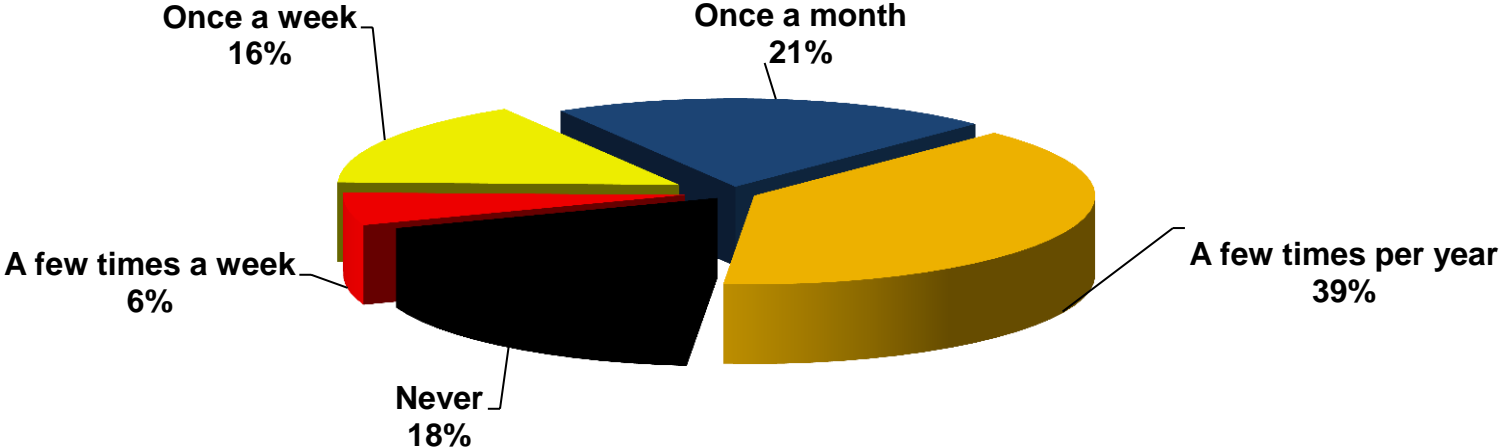
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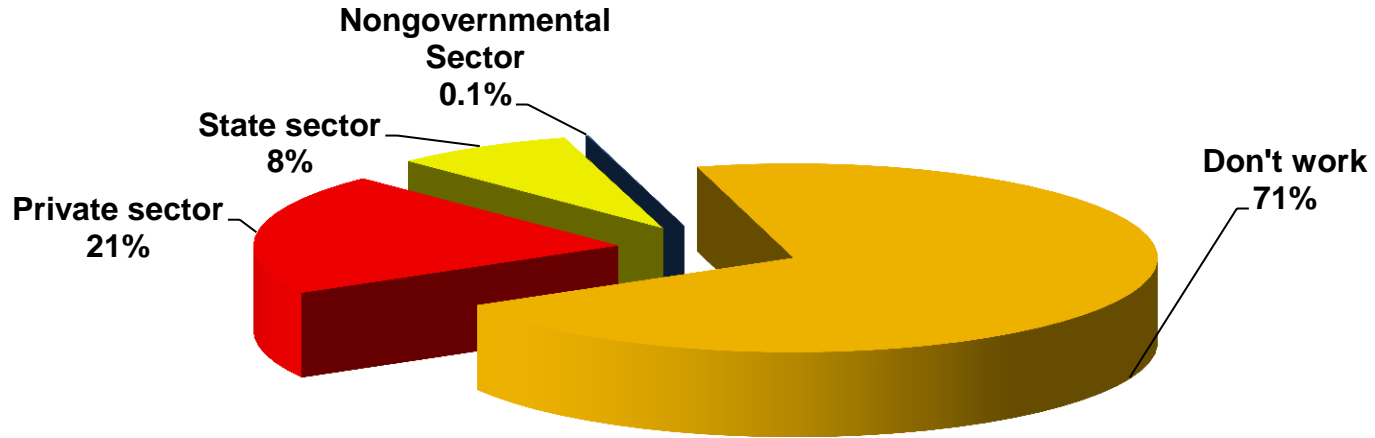
# Religion



# Attendance of religious service



# Sector of employment



# Occupation

