

SOMALILAND OPINION SURVEY - HARGEISA DISTRICT -

FIELDWORK : SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 8, 2011

Acronyms Legend

- UDUB – United People’s Democratic Party
- KULMIYE – Peace, Unity and Development Party
- UCID – Justice and Welfare Party
- BBC – British Broadcasting Corporation
- VOA – Voice of America
- NGO – Non-governmental Organization
- NAGAAD – Women’s Umbrella
- HAVAYOCO – Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee
- SONYO – Somaliland National Youth Organization
- CLHE – Candlelight for Health, Education and Environment
- COSONGO – Consortium of Somaliland NGOs
- ADO – Agriculture Development Organization
- GAVO- General Assistance Voluntary Organization
- SAHAN – Somaliland HIV/AIDS Network
- CCS – Committee of Concerned Somalis
- DOH – Doses of Hope
- SONSAF- Somaliland Non-State Actors Forum

Methodology

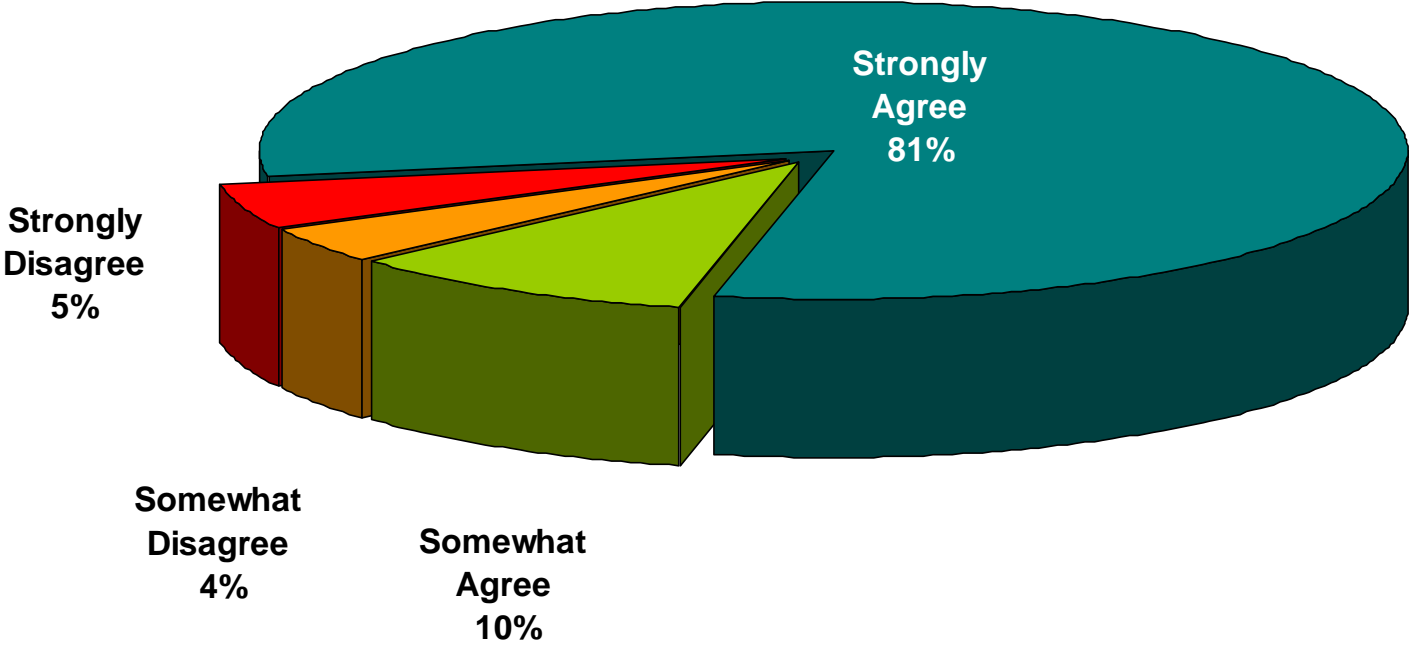
- Analysis, supervision and execution of poll was performed by Opinion Research Business (ORB), an international opinion research firm.
- This survey is the first of its kind undertaken throughout Hargeisa. The population studied was registered voters in Hargeisa District (16+). A representative random sample was designed based on the number of registered voters in each of Hargeisa's ten sub-districts.
- Enumeration areas within each sub-district were randomly selected from a list of established polling centers; households within each sampling point were then identified using a random walk method and a skip pattern; respondents were randomly chosen using a Kish grid.
- The sample size was 600. The questionnaire was offered in Somali language only.
- The total number of registered voters in the sample universe is equal to 274,216 (SOURCE:IRI/SOMALILAND N.E.C.). The margin of error for the total sample is +/- four percent. Please note that the margin of error for subsets (i.e. clans/age/education etc.) is significantly higher and should be treated as indicative only.
- The overall response rate (defined as the number of successful interviews divided by eligible houses visited) is 63 percent. To complete 600 interviews, 963 households were contacted.
- Data was collected via face-to-face interviews September 28 - October 8, 2011 using a local polling firm, Data and Research Solutions (DARS).
- Due to rounding, and multiple response questions, not all percentages add up to 100.

Respondents' Demographic Information

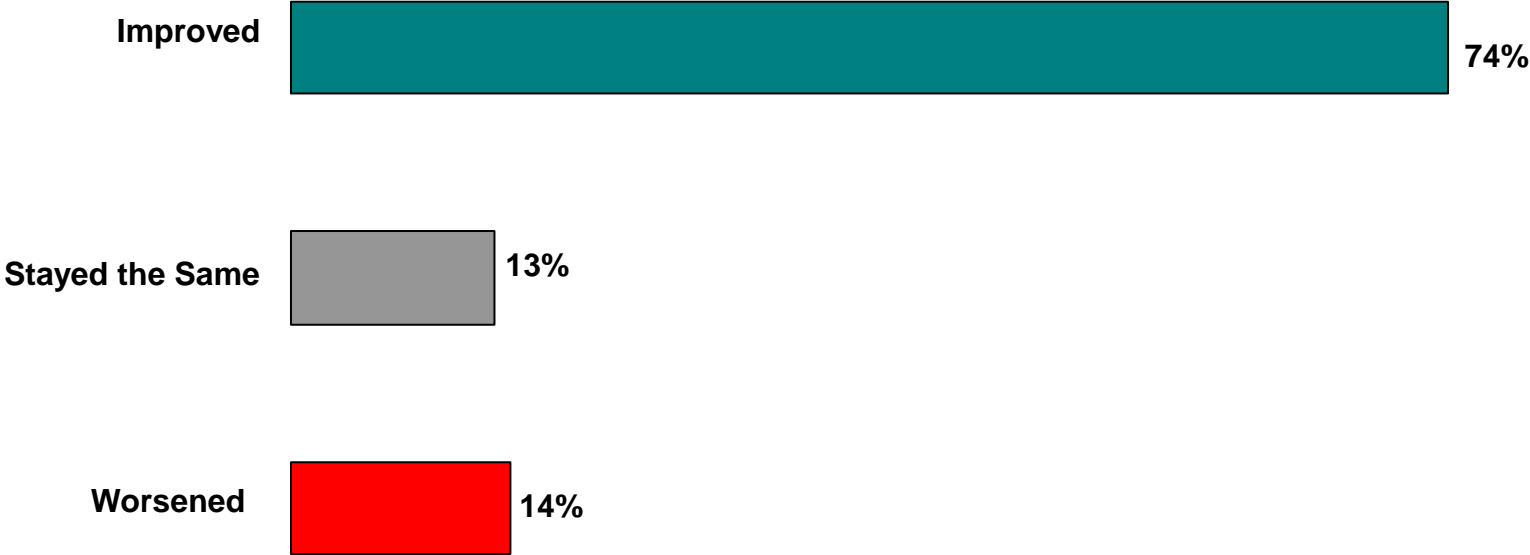
<u>Sex</u>		<u>Area Type</u>		<u>Employment Status</u>	
Male	51%	Urban	79%	Full-Time, Formal	9%
Female	49%	Rural	21%	Part-Time, Formal	7%
				Informal/Temporary	5%
				Business Owner	6%
				Housewife	33%
				Student	28%
				Retired	1%
				Unemployed	12%
<u>Age Group</u>		<u>Region</u>		<u>Marital Status</u>	
16-25	50%	Farowayne	8%	Single	48%
26-35	26%	Ga'an Libah	16%	Married	48%
36-45	14%	Dara Salaam	4%	Widowed	2%
46-55	6%	Sabaowanaag	5%	Divorced	2%
56-65	3%	Adaadlay	3%		
66+	1%	Da'ar Budhuq	3%		
		Ahmed Dhagah	13%		
		Ibrahim Kodbur	12%		
		Mohamoud Haybe	17%		
		June	19%		
<u>Education</u>					
No Formal Schooling	17%				
Some Primary Schooling	9%				
Primary Complete	7%				
Some Secondary	11%				
Secondary	10%				
Post-Secondary	1%				
Some University	10%				
University Complete	4%				
None	32%				
No Response	1%				

GENERAL DIRECTION

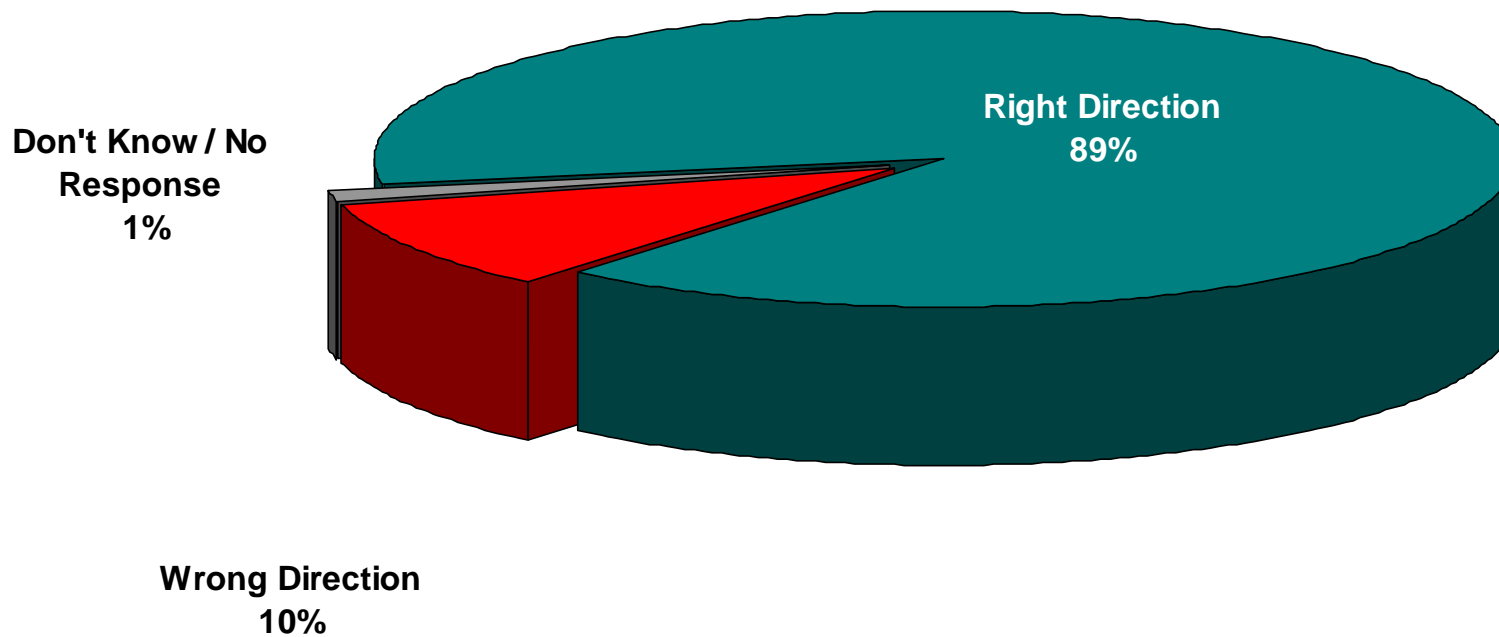
Taking all things into consideration, do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement, My future in Somaliland is bright?



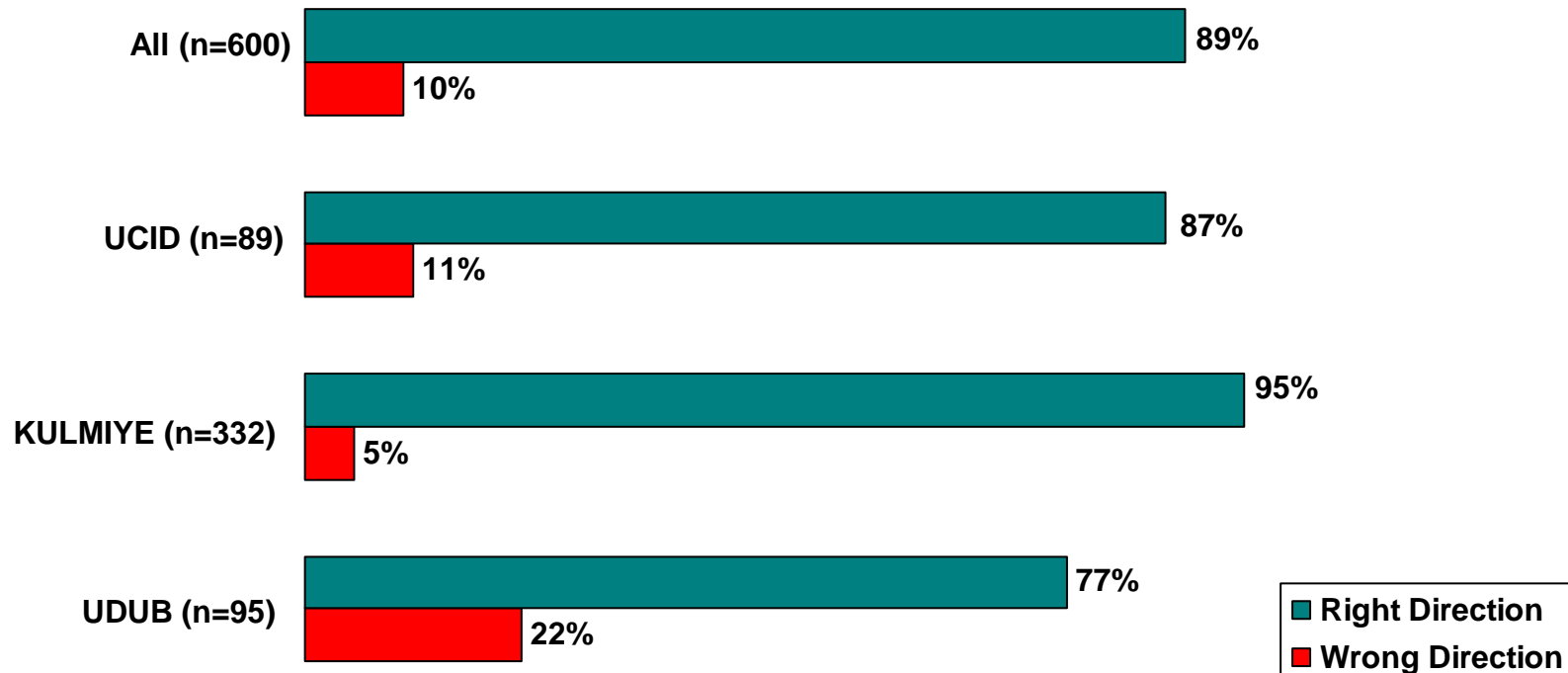
Would you say that things in Somaliland have improved over the past year, stayed the same or worsened?



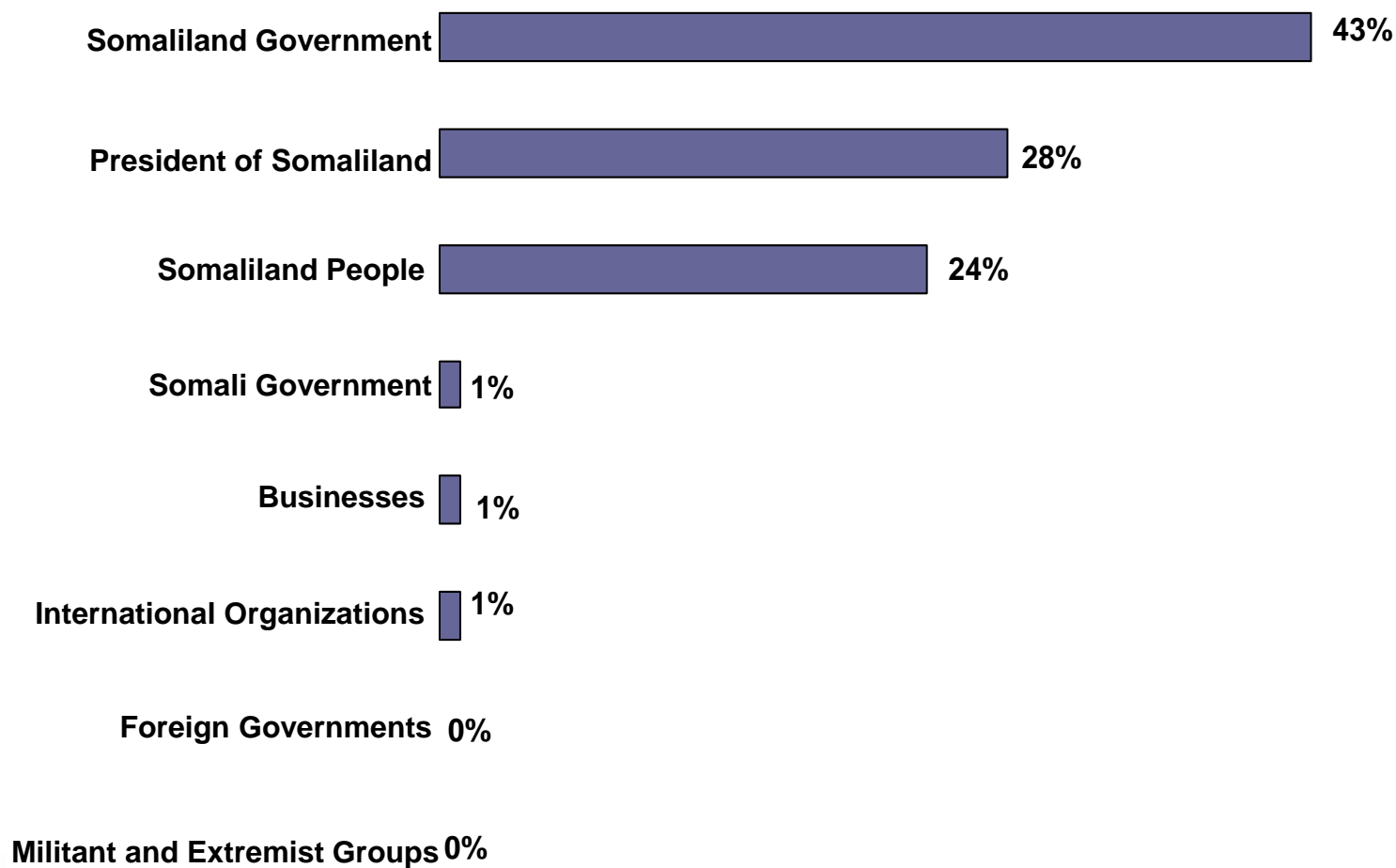
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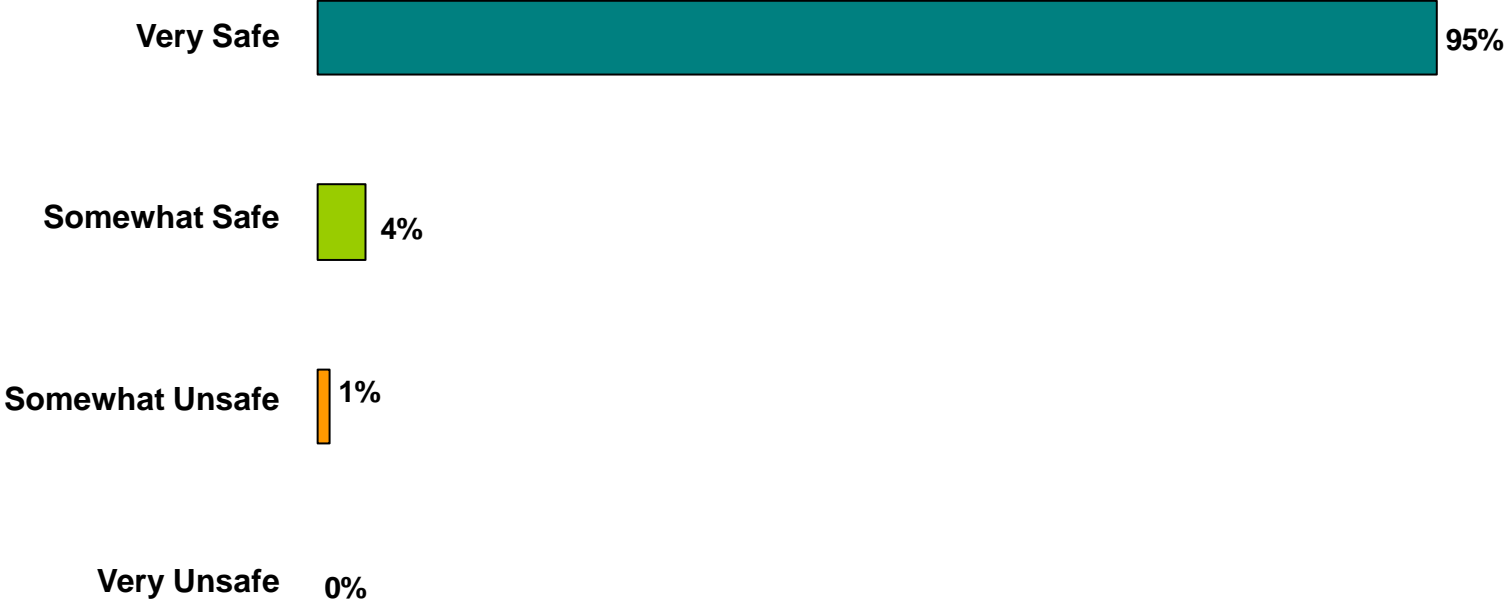
Overall, do you think that things in Somaliland are heading in the right direction or the wrong direction? (by political party)



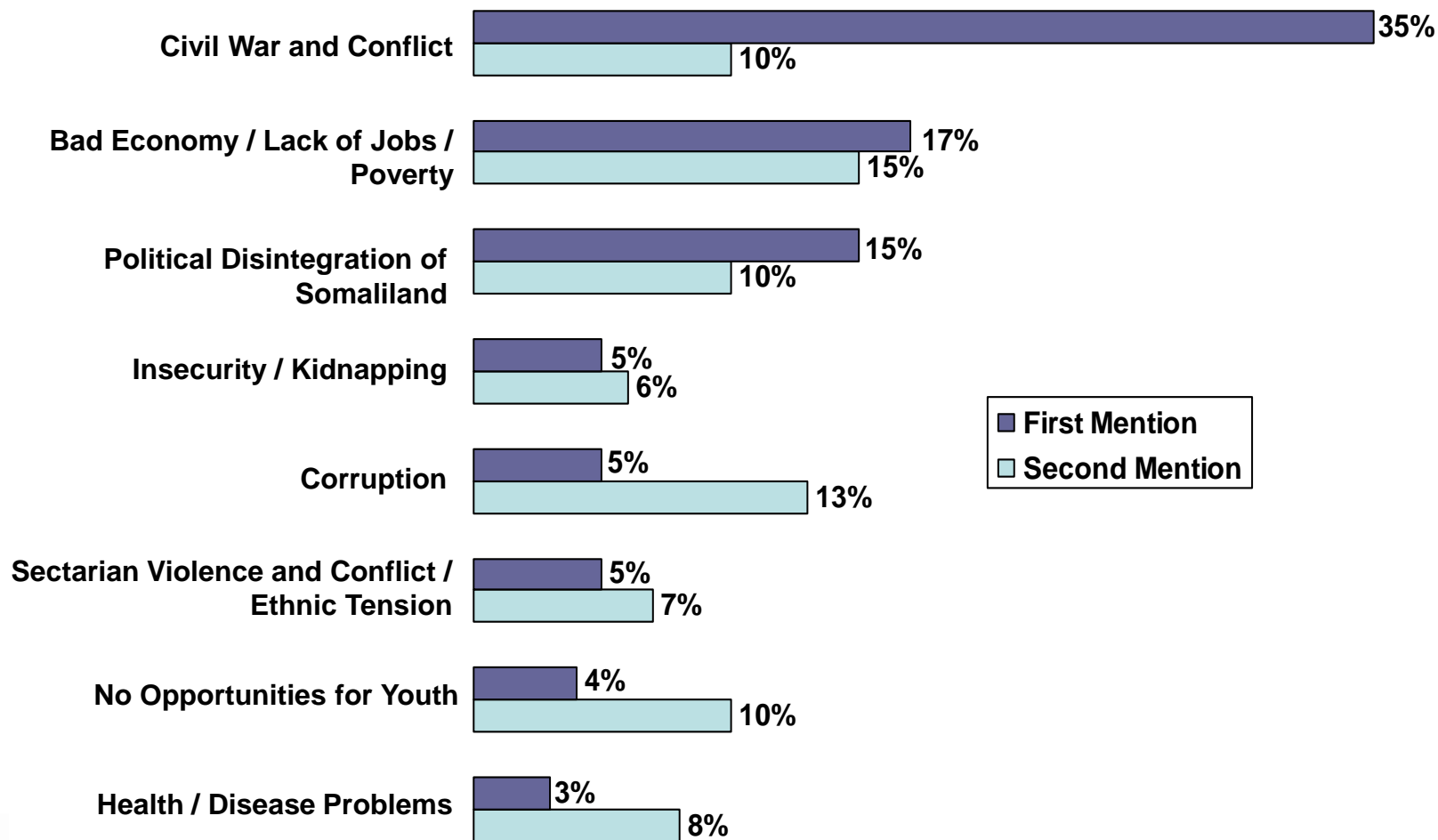
Who do you think is responsible for Somaliland heading in the right direction? (n=533)



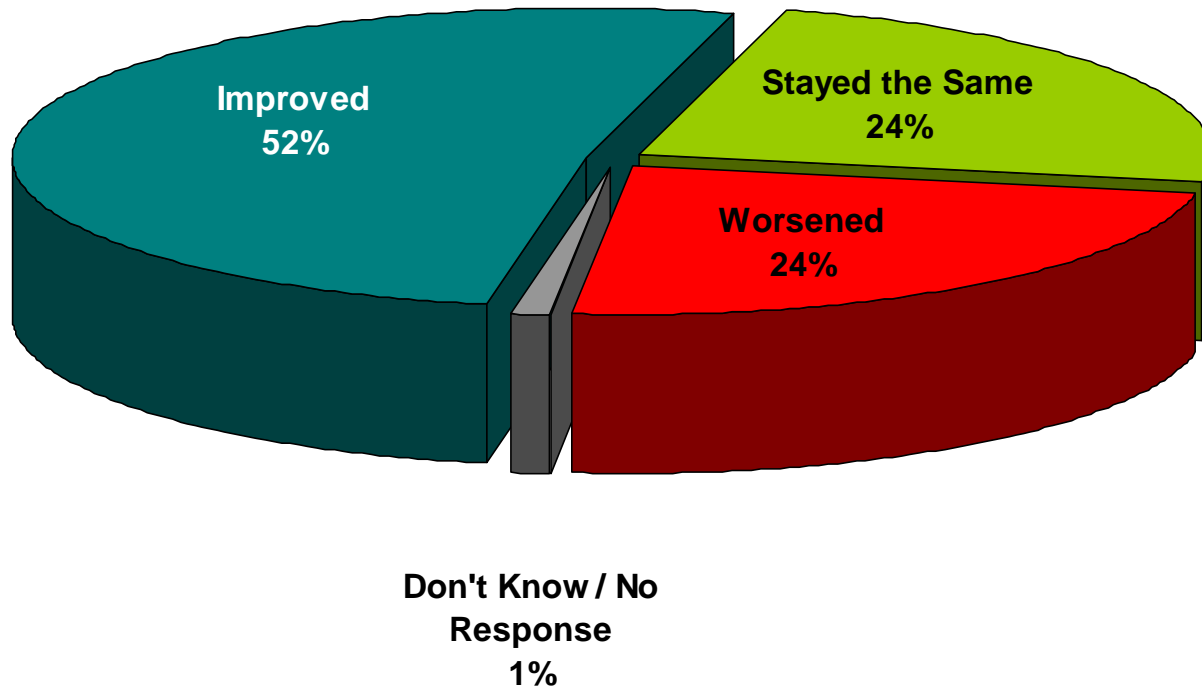
How safe do you feel in the area in which you live – very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe, or very unsafe?



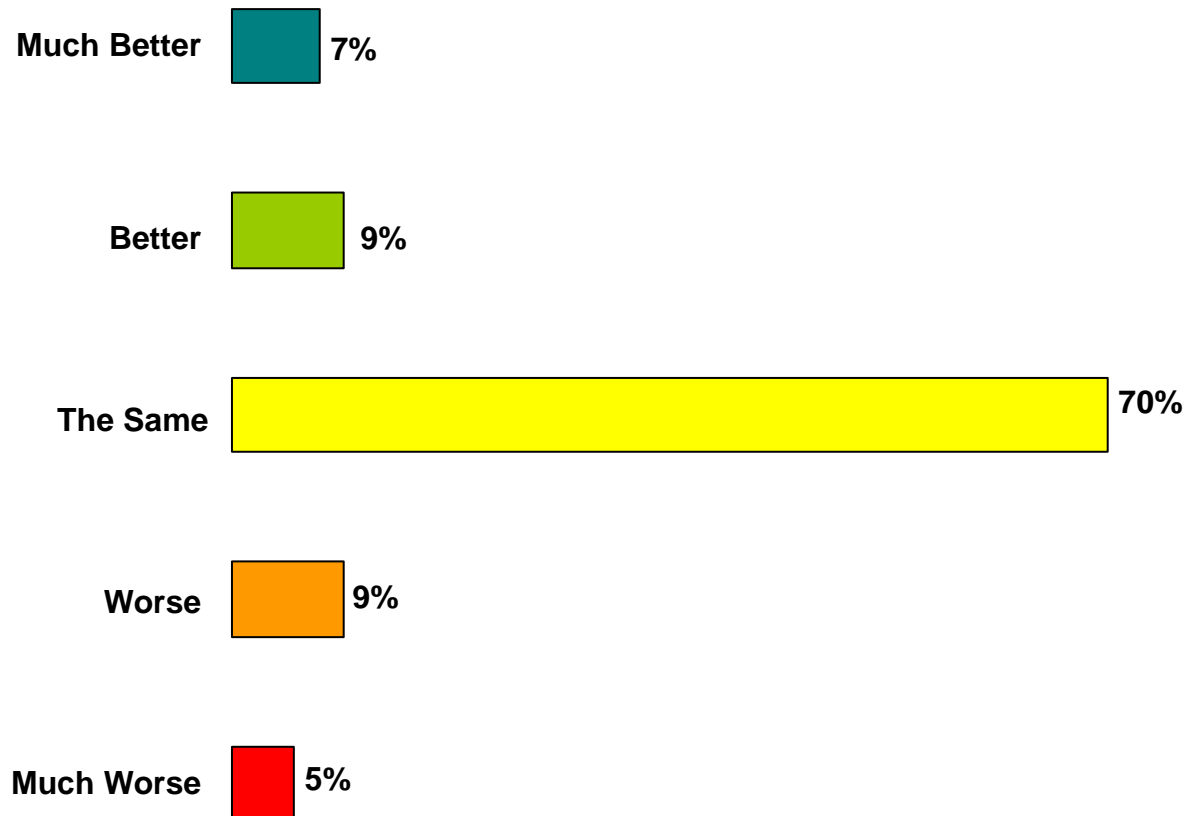
When thinking about the future of Somaliland, which of the following do you fear most? And which of is the second thing you fear most?



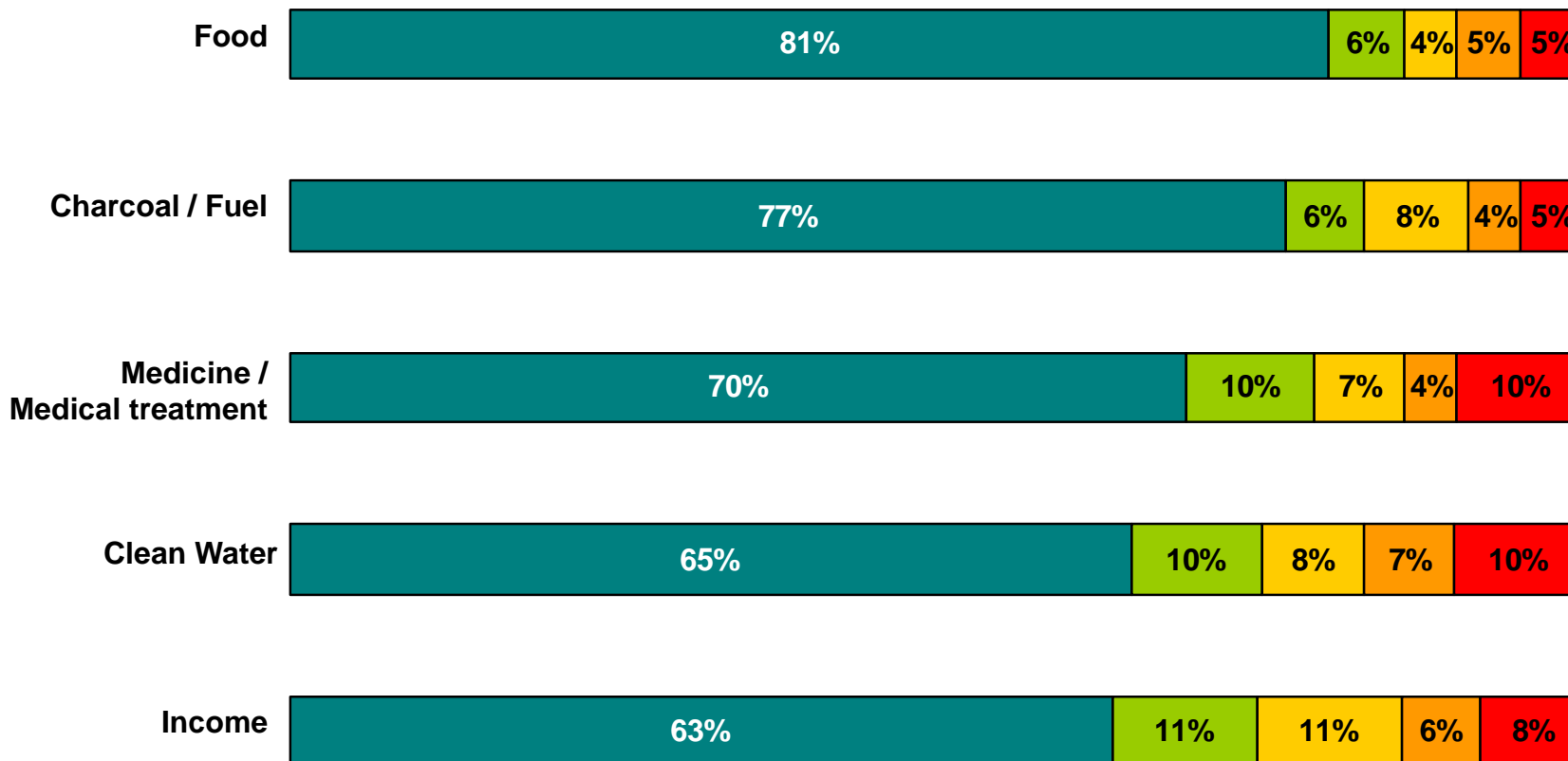
Thinking back to this time last year, has the economic situation for you and your family improved, stayed the same or gotten worse?



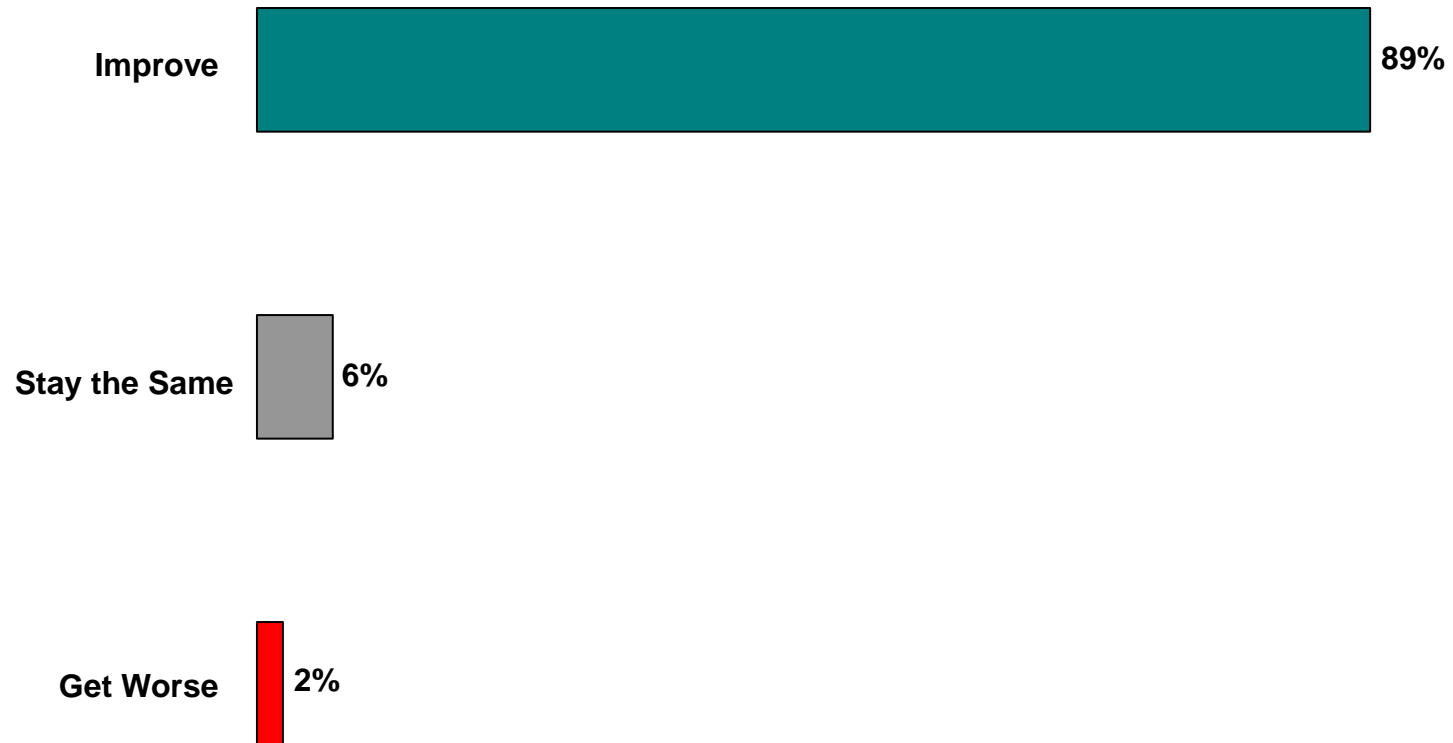
How would you compare your own economic situation to that of other Somalilanders? Is it much better, better, the same, worse or much worse?



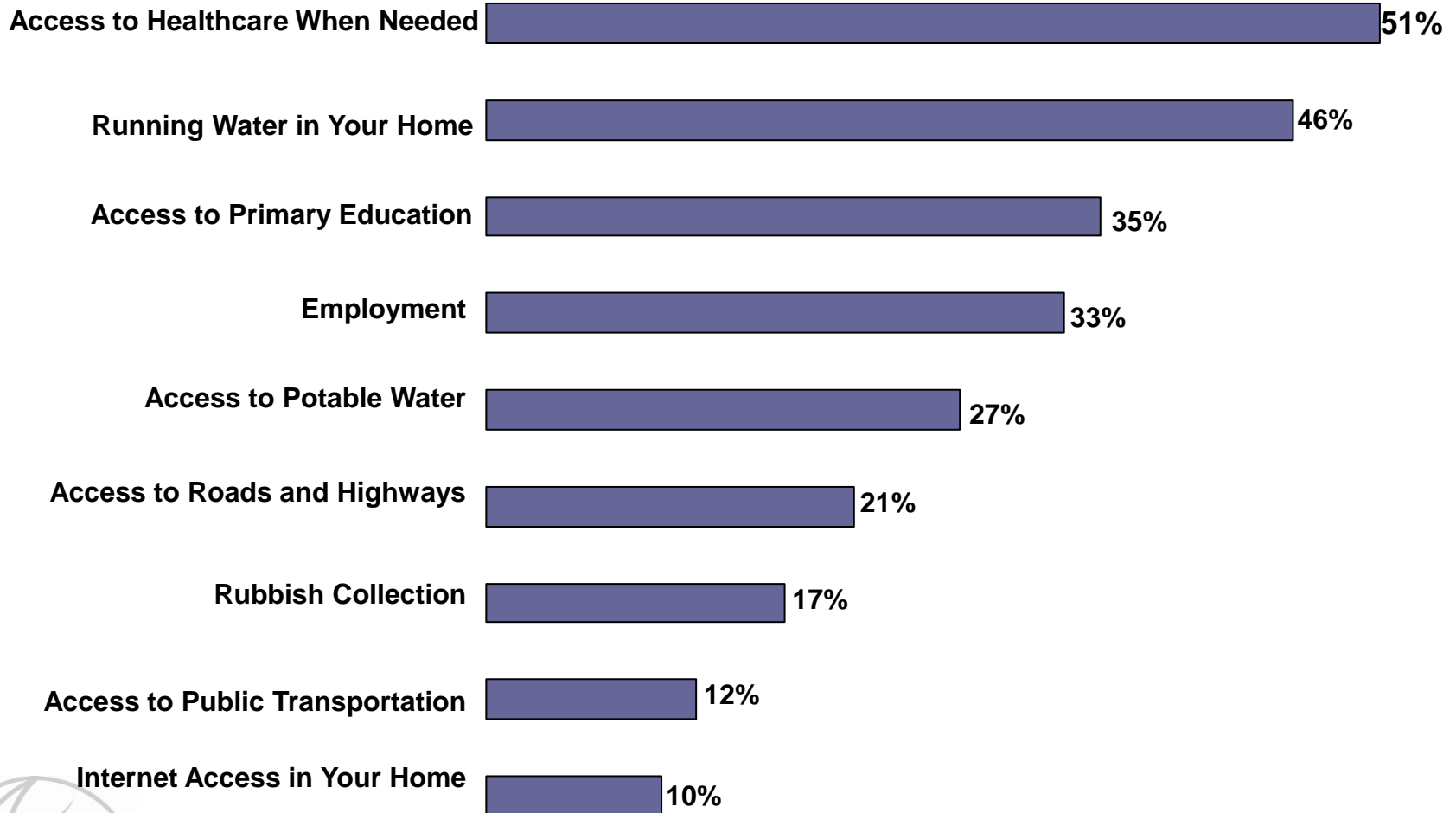
Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without:



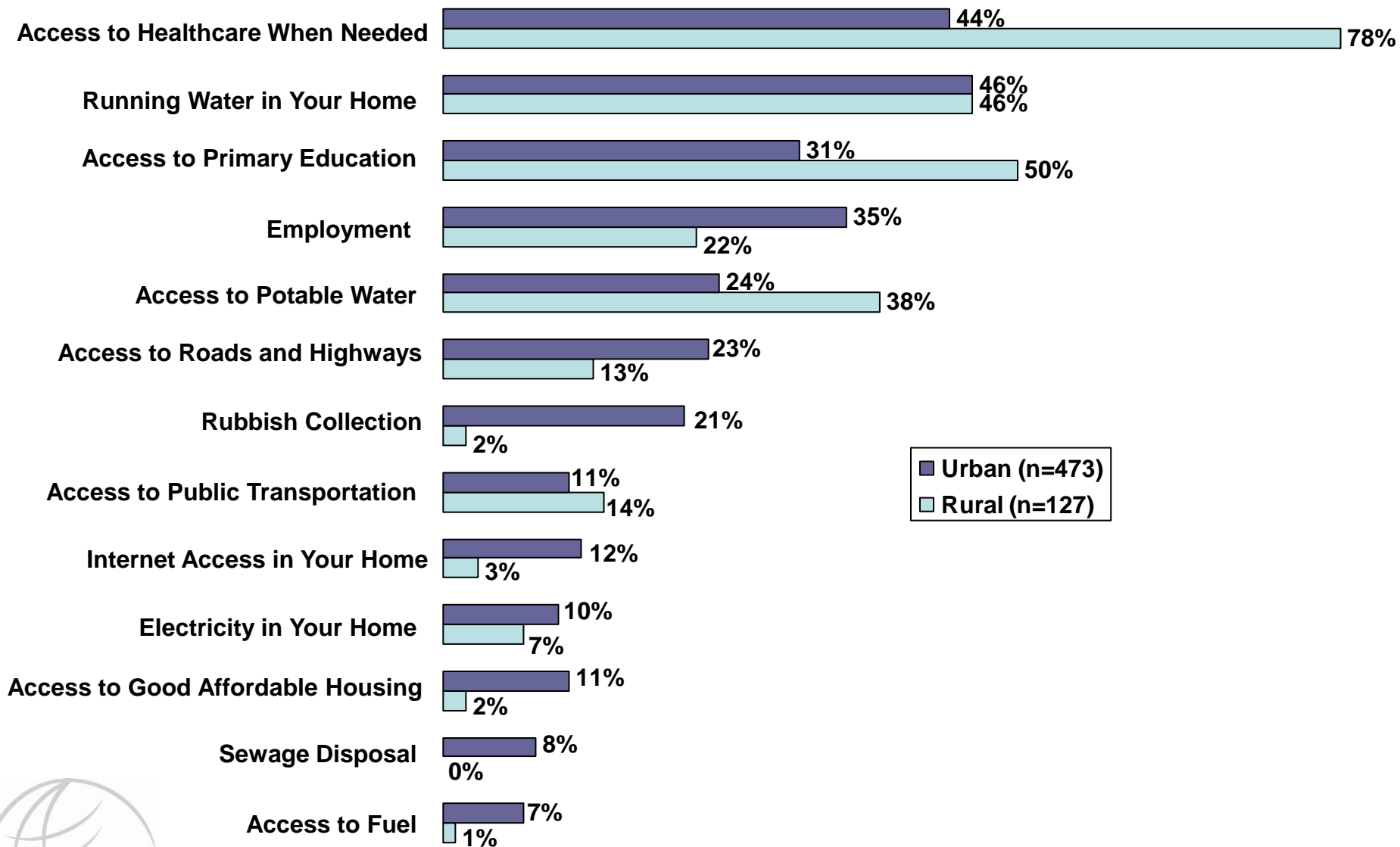
In the next year, do you expect the economic situation for you and your family to improve, stay the same or get worse?



What are your family's three greatest needs at the present time? (multiple responses)



What are your family's three greatest needs at the present time? (by area type)



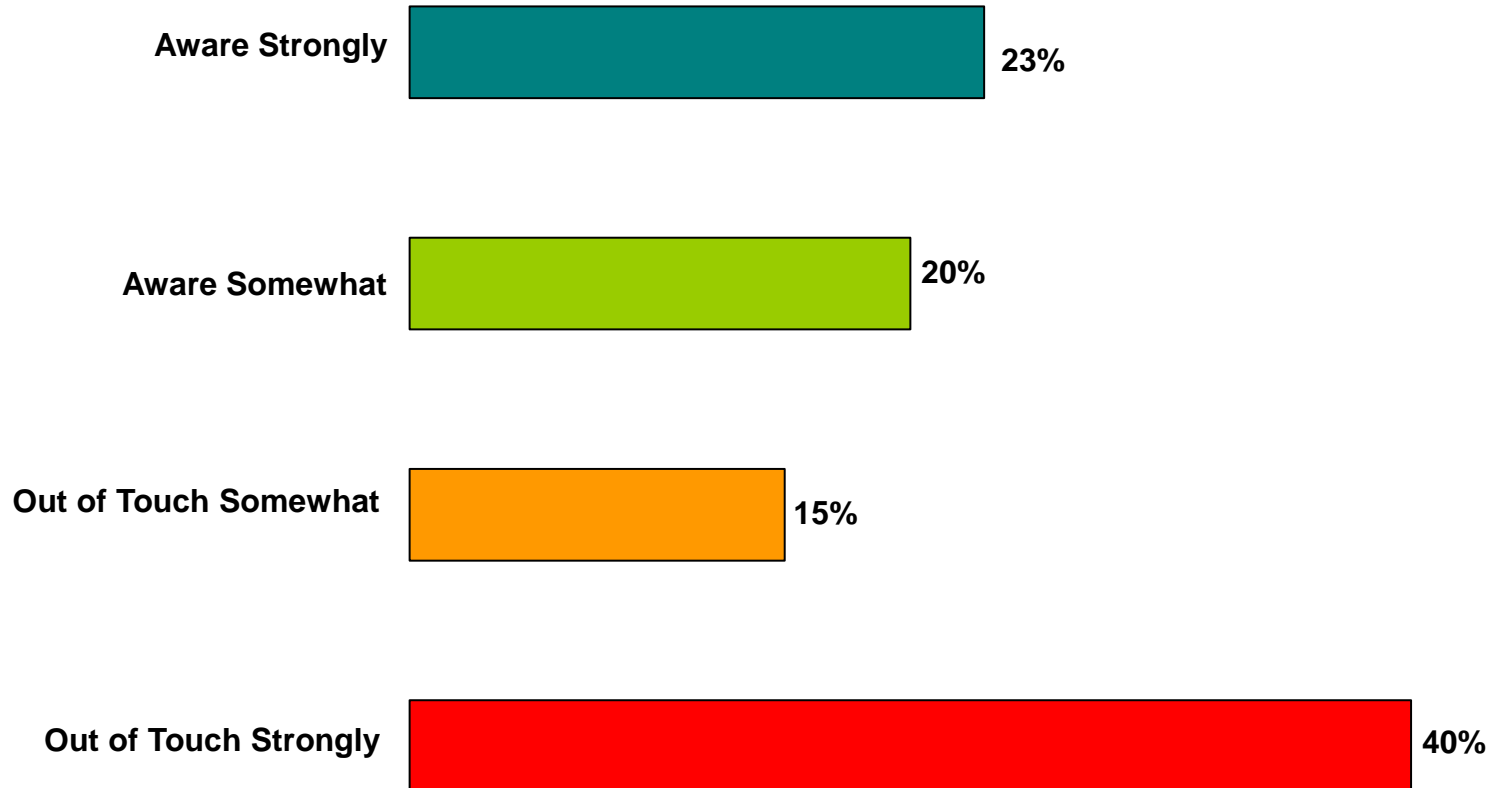
Of those three needs, which one do you feel you need the most? (top responses only)

	All (n=600)	Male (n=304)	Female (n=296)	Urban (n=473)	Rural (n=127)
Running Water	22%	15%	28%	22%	20%
Employment	19%	20%	19%	22%	8%
Access to Health Care	18%	19%	17%	16%	24%
Access to Primary Education	11%	14%	7%	8%	20%
Access to Potable Water	9%	13%	5%	7%	16%

	All (n=600)	Low (No Education or Primary) (n=386)	Mid (Secondary) (n=124)	High (Post- Secondary / University) (n=87)
Running Water	22%	26%	14%	16%
Employment	19%	15%	20%	37%
Access to Health Care	18%	19%	20%	8%
Access to Primary Education	11%	12%	8%	5%
Access to Potable Water	9%	8%	14%	7%

GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES

Do you feel that the national government is out of touch with the needs of the people and is not doing enough to improve their situation? Or do you feel that the government is aware of the people's needs and is working to improve their situation? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?



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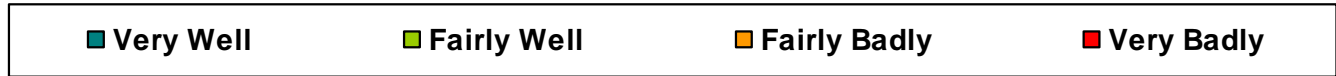
Right/Wrong Direction

	Out of Touch Strongly	Out of Touch Somewhat	Aware Somewhat	Aware Strongly
Right Direction (n=533)	38%	15%	21%	25%
Wrong Direction (n=61)	49%	16%	18%	8%
All (n=600)	40%	15%	20%	23%

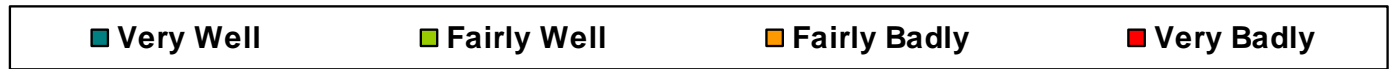
Party Affiliation

	Out of Touch Strongly	Out of Touch Somewhat	Aware Somewhat	Aware Strongly
UDUB (n=95)	34%	22%	23%	16%
KULMIYE (n=332)	40%	10%	22%	27%
UCID (n=89)	43%	17%	18%	20%
All (n=600)	40%	15%	20%	23%

How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly?



How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly? (continued from previous slide)



Providing Water / Sanitation



Improving Living for Poor



Providing Reliable Electricity



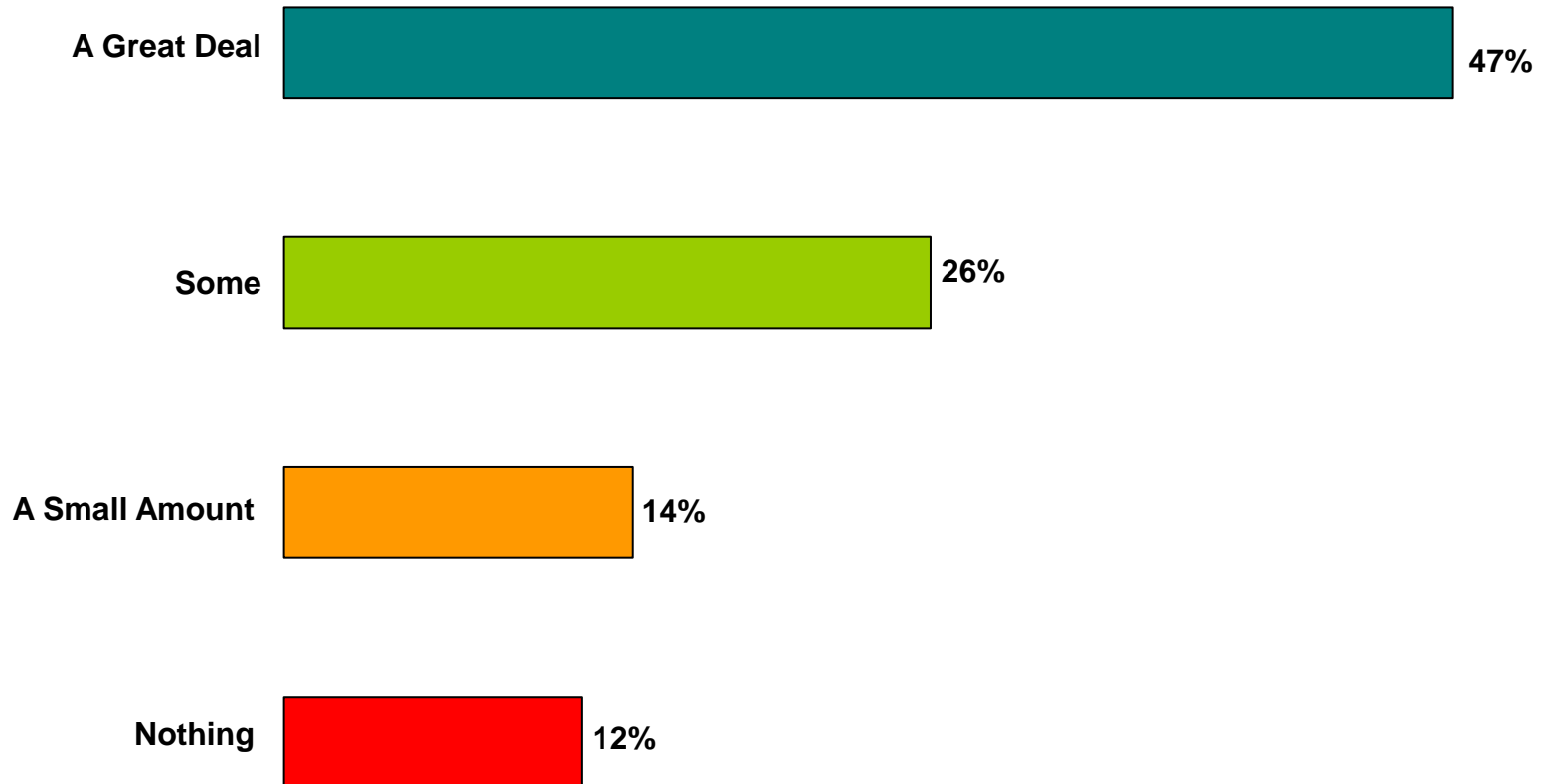
Creating Jobs



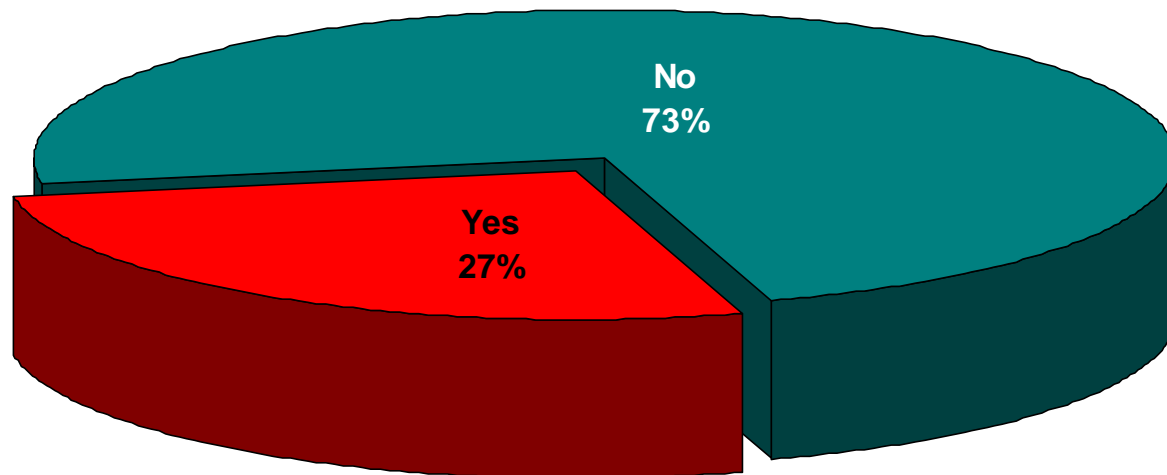
Keeping Prices Down



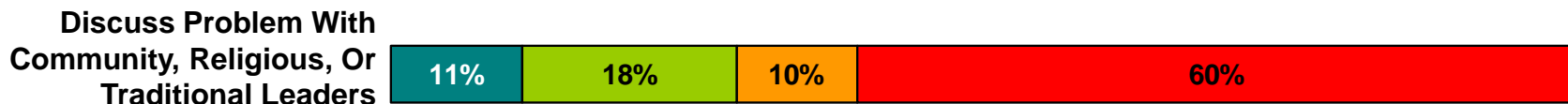
When there are problems with how the local government is run in your community, how much do you think an ordinary person can do to improve the situation, a great deal, some, a small amount or nothing?



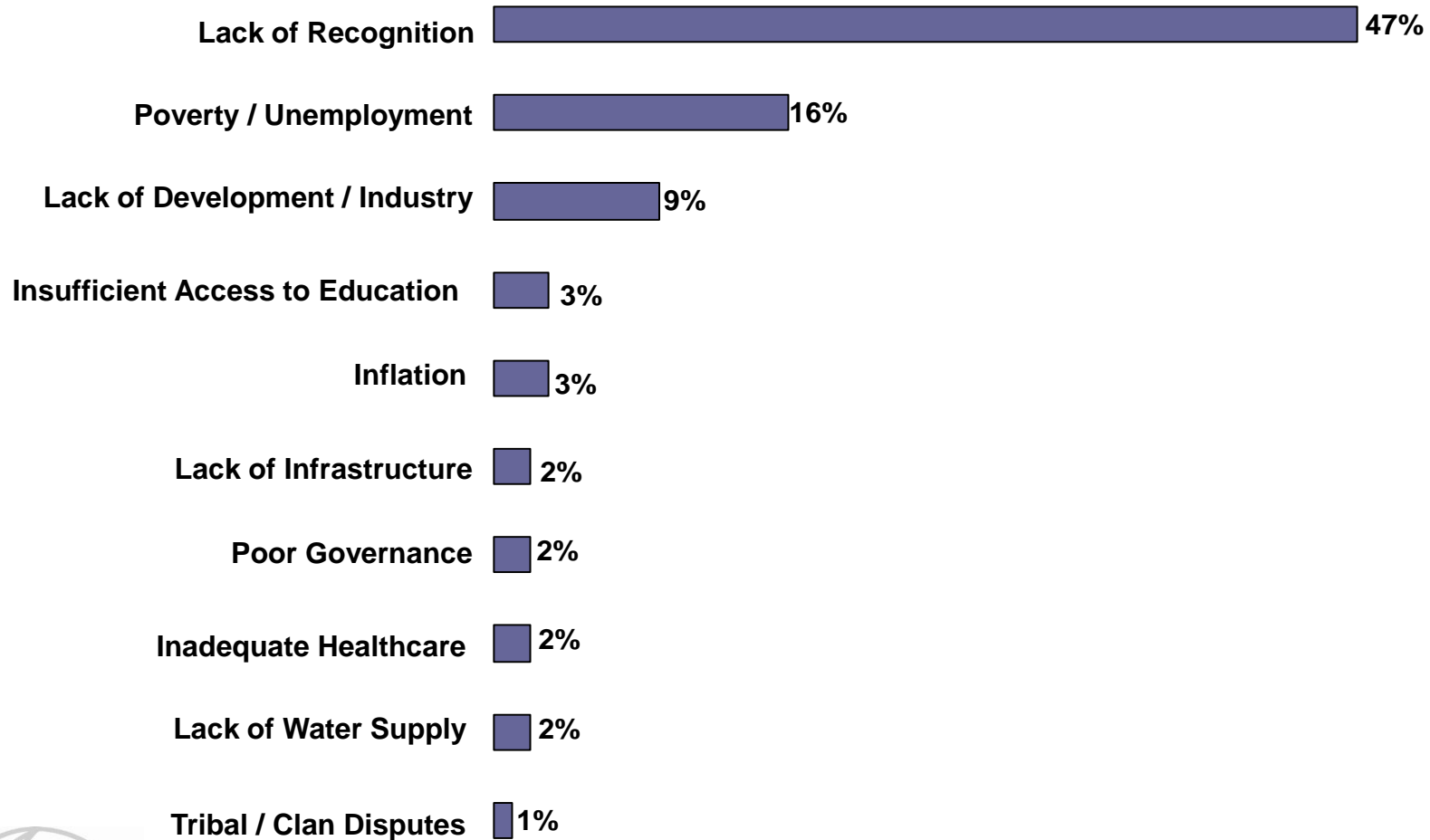
In the past year, have you yourself seen any problems with how local government is run?



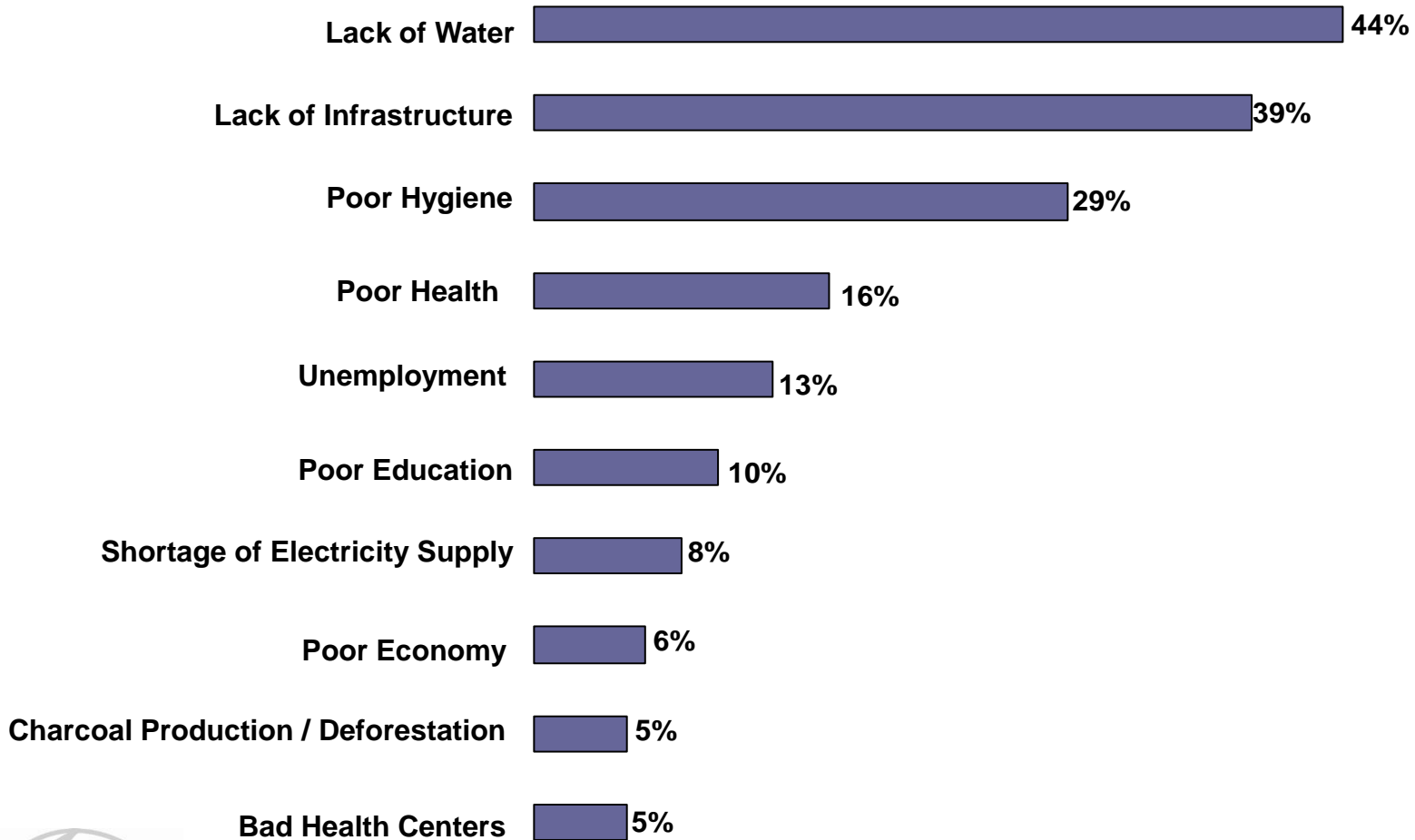
**How often, if at all, did you do any of the following in response to having seen these problems?
(all who reported seeing problems with the way local government is run, n=159)**



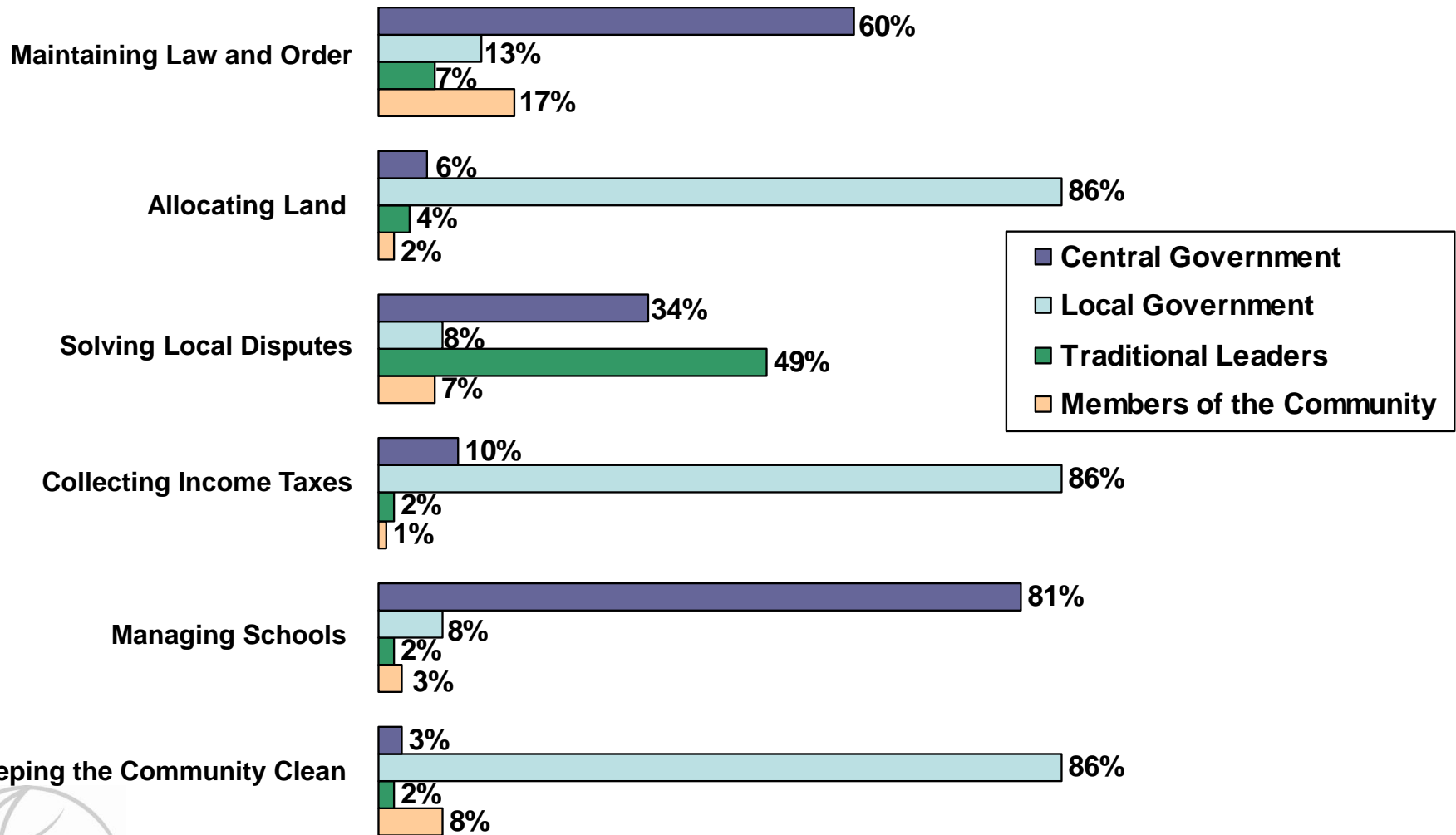
What is the most important issue or problem facing Somaliland at the present time? (top responses – first mention)



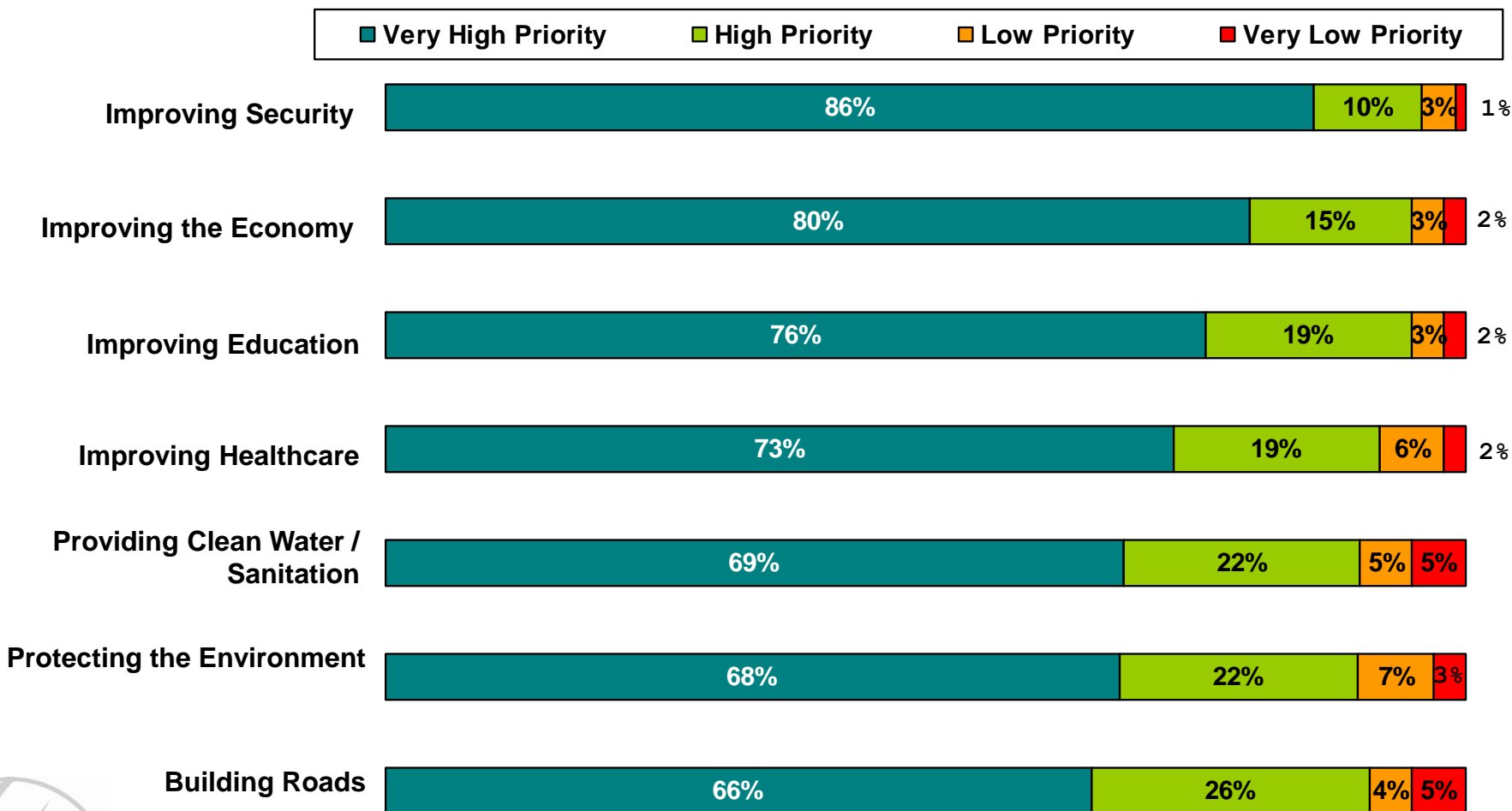
And what is the most important local issue or problem facing your community at the present time? (multiple responses)



Who do you think actually has primary responsibility for managing each of the following tasks? Is it the central government, local government, traditional leaders or members of your community?

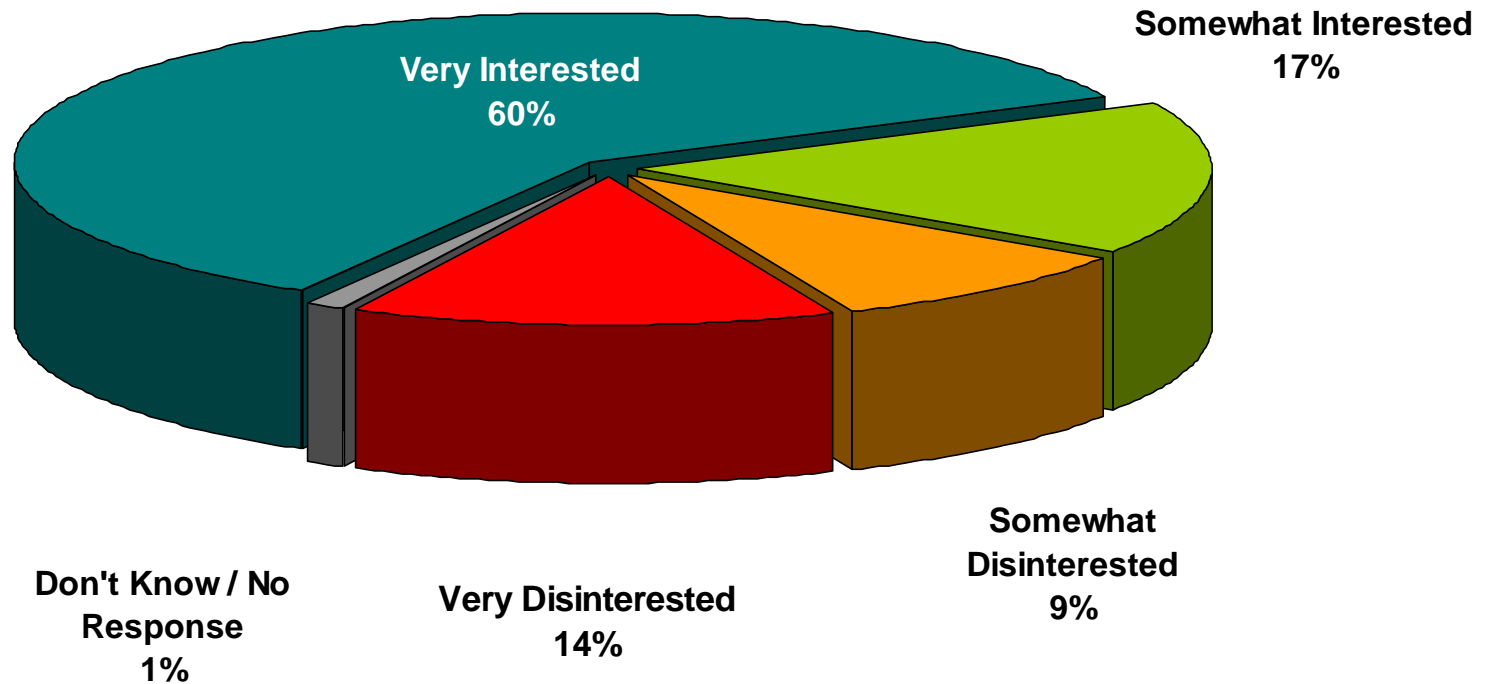


I am going to read you a list of things that the government could try to do. For each one, please tell me whether you think it is a very high priority, a priority, a low priority or not a priority at all. Please keep in mind that there is not enough money for the government to do everything at once.

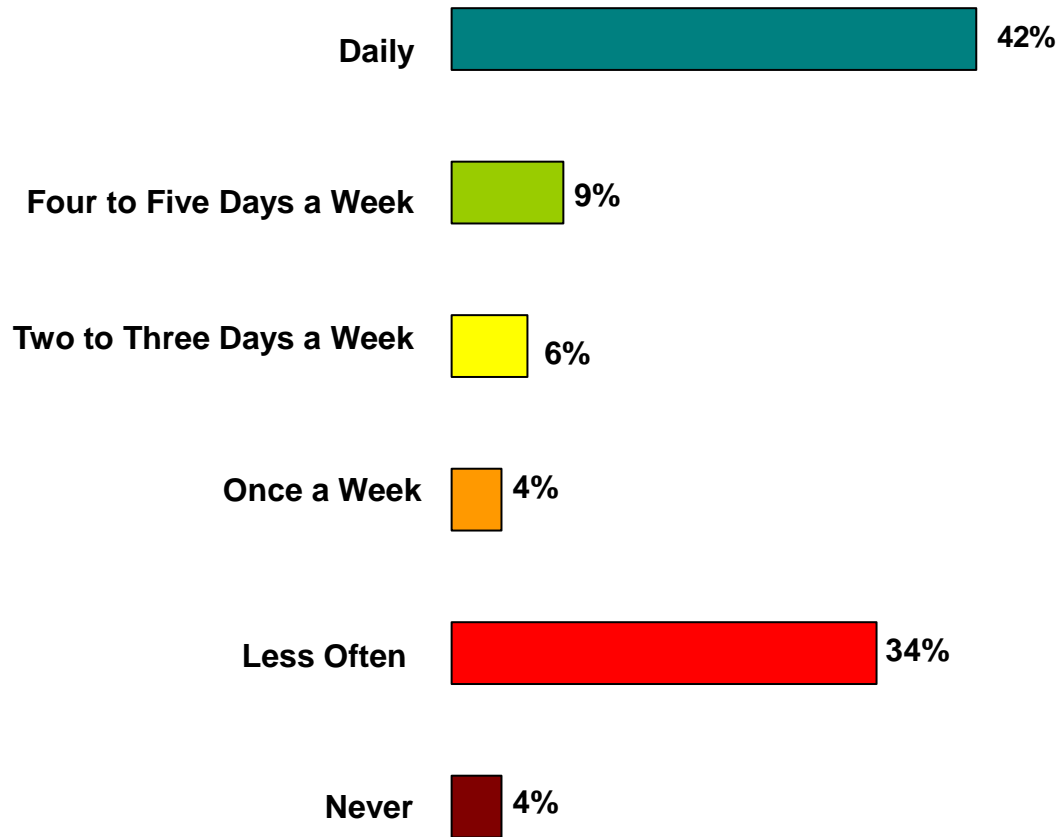


NEWS AND MEDIA HABITS

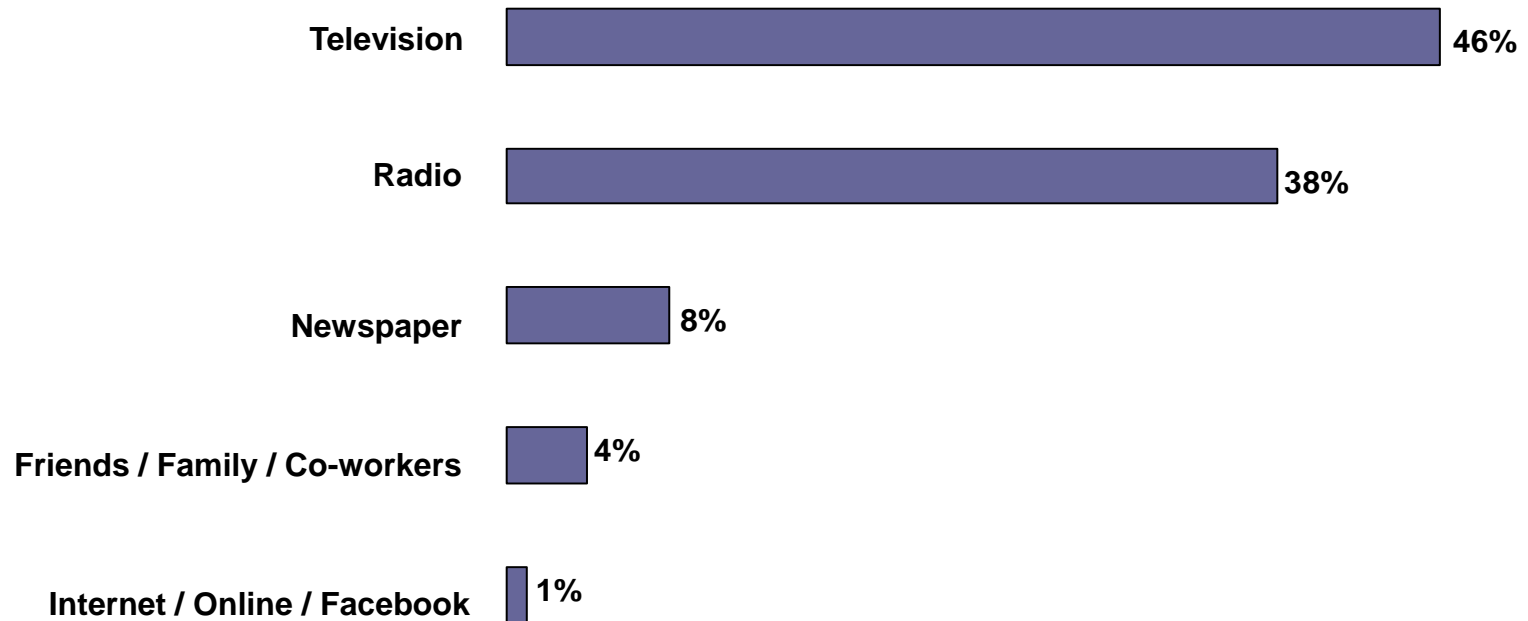
In general, how interested are you in following the news about government, politics and current events? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, somewhat disinterested or very disinterested?



How often do you read, watch or listen to the news?



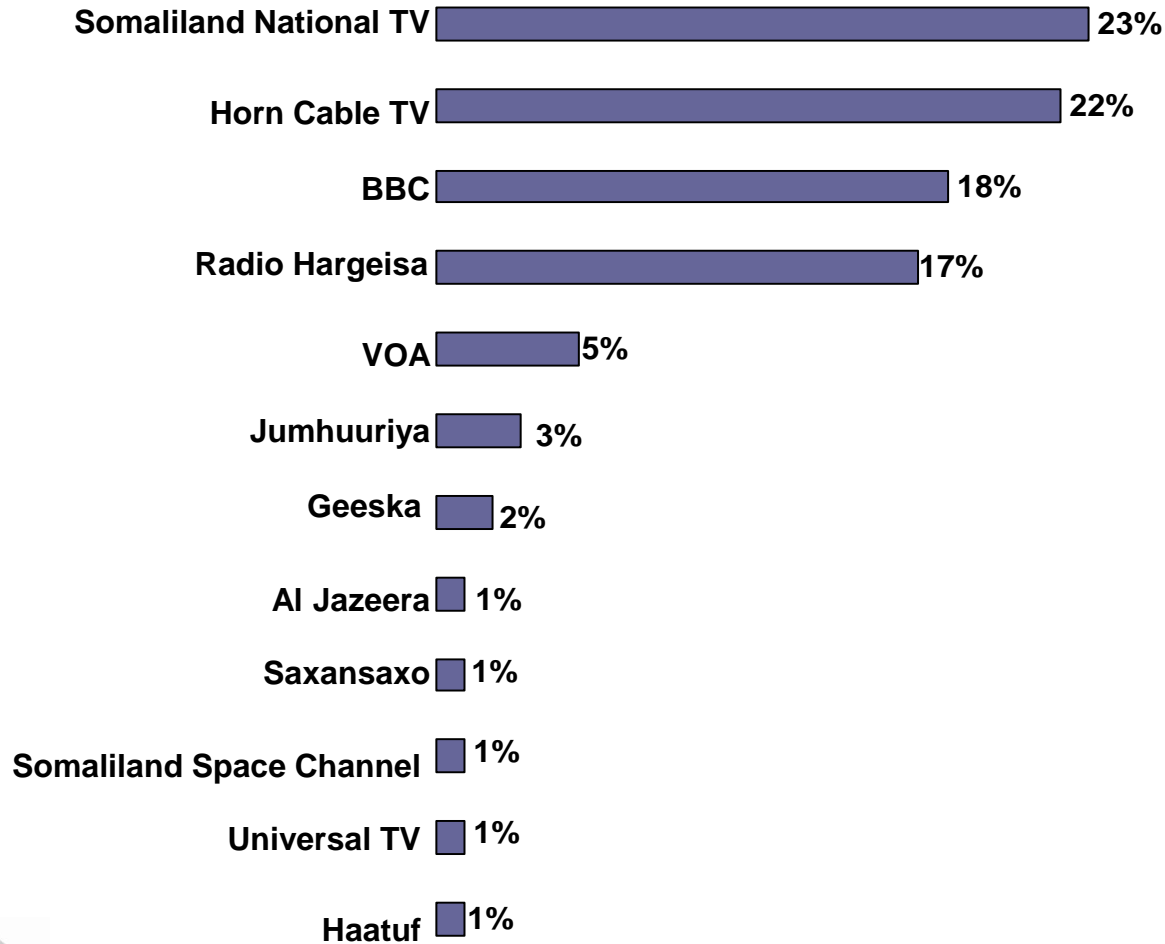
What is your main source of information for news and information about political leaders?



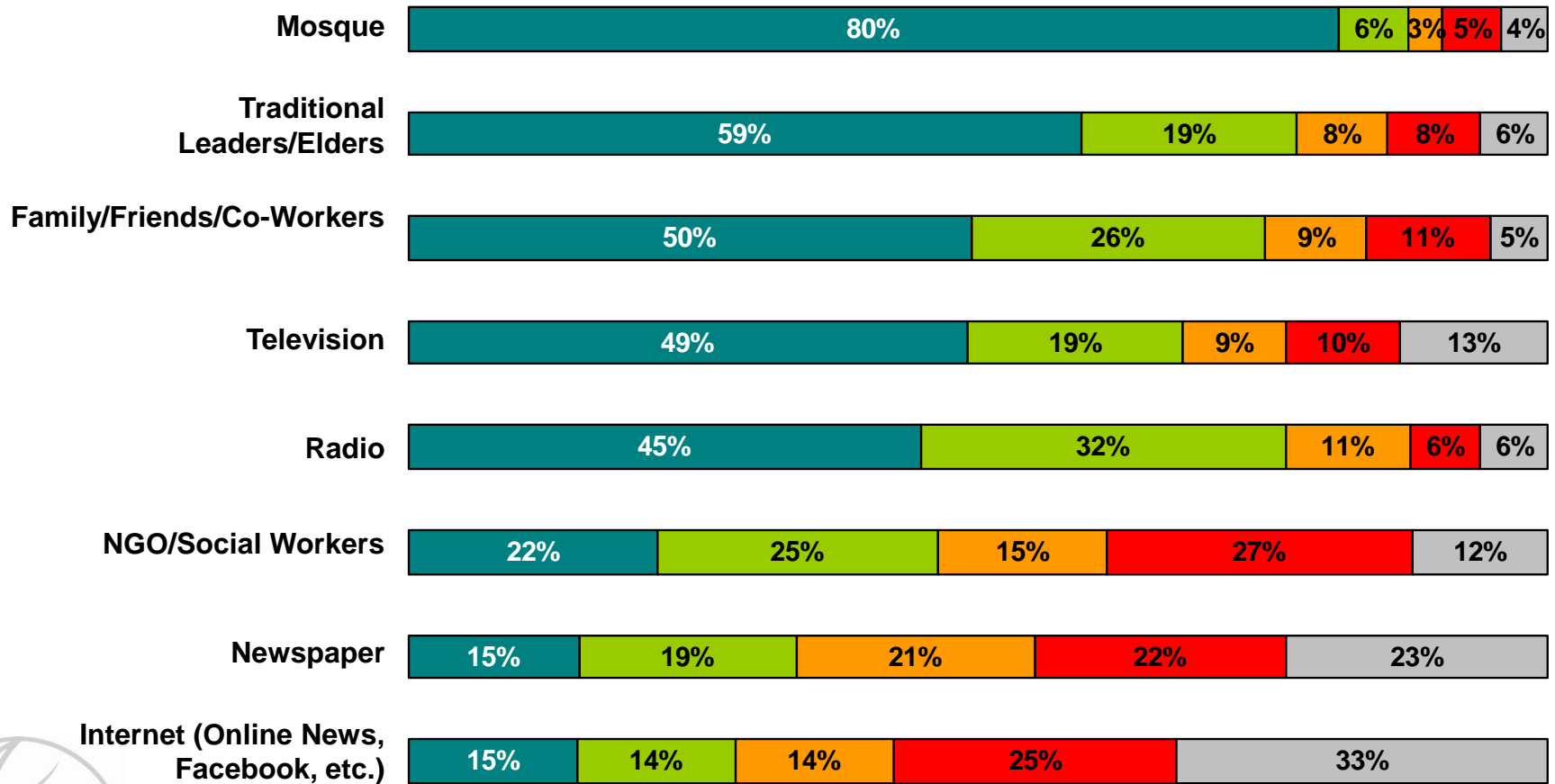
What is your main source of information for news and information about political leaders? (by area type)

	All (n=600)	Urban (n=473)	Rural (n=127)
Television	46%	58%	3%
Radio	38%	27%	81%
Newspapers/Magazines/Journals	8%	9%	2%
Internet	1%	2%	0%
Friends/Family/Co-workers	4%	3%	7%

Which source in particular is that? (all who primarily get news about political leaders from television, radio newspaper or the internet, n=559)

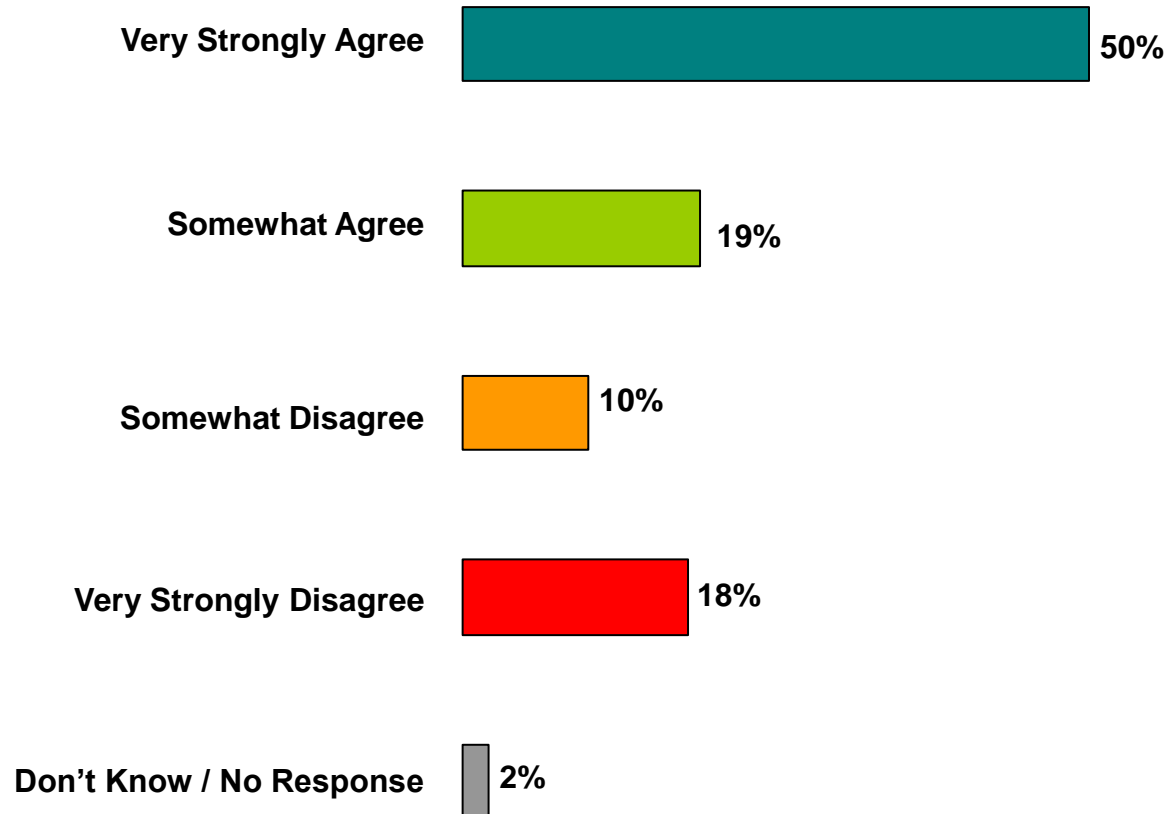


How much confidence do you have in each of these information sources? For each one please tell me whether you have a lot of confidence, some, not very much or no confidence at all?



POLITICS AND POLITICAL PARTIES

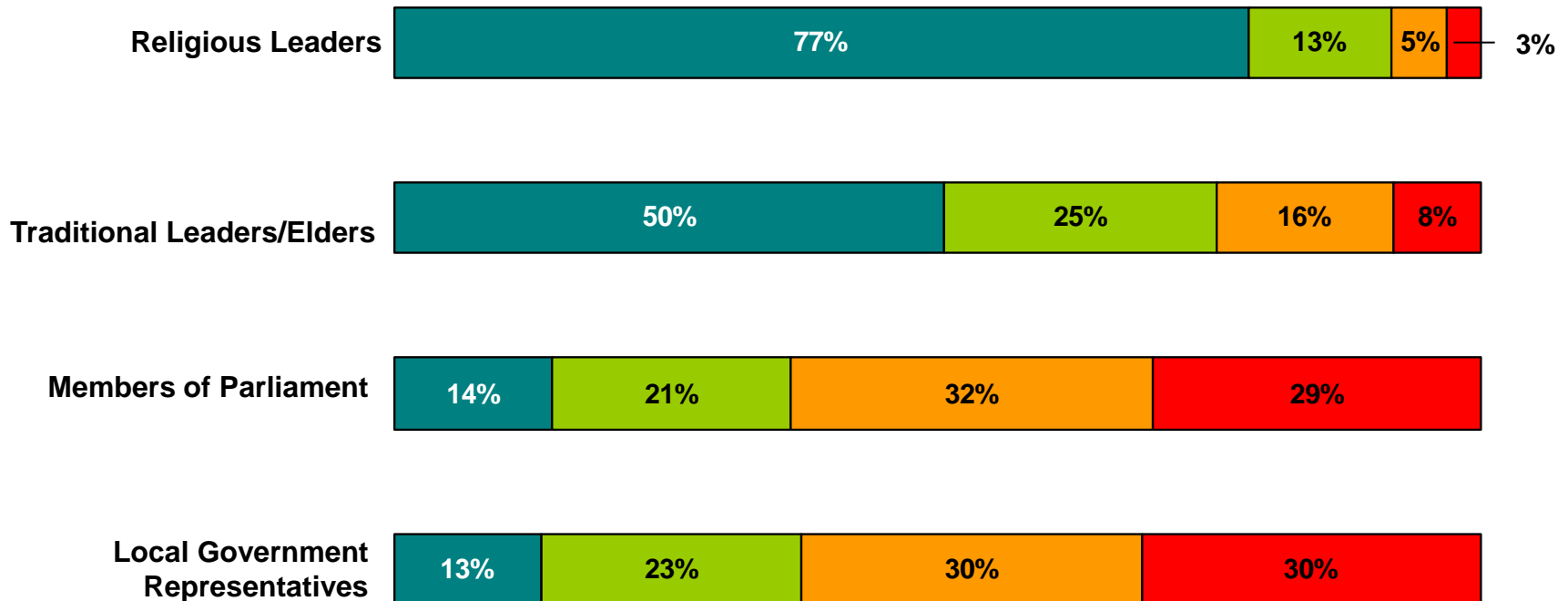
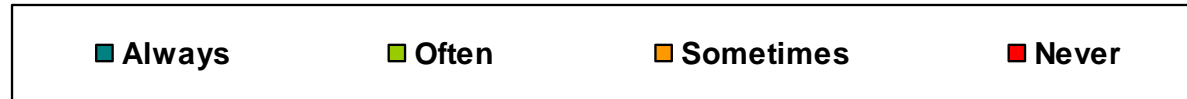
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In Somaliland, political parties discuss issues and priorities that closely match those of the people?



How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In Somaliland, political parties discuss issues and priorities that closely match those of the people? (by party affiliation)

	Very Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Very Strongly Disagree
UDUB (n=95)	51%	20%	7%	21%
KULMIYE (n=332)	55%	20%	10%	13%
UCID (n=89)	53%	18%	11%	16%
All (n=600)	50%	19%	10%	18%

How much of the time do you think the following leaders try their best to listen to what people like you have to say?



How much of the time do you think Members of Parliament try their best to listen to what people like you have to say?

Gender

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never	Don't Know / No Response
Female (n=296)	20%	23%	30%	20%	7%
Male (n=304)	9%	18%	34%	37%	2%
All (n=600)	14%	21%	32%	29%	4%

Age

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never	Don't Know / No Response
16-25 (n=300)	17%	21%	32%	26%	3%
26-35 (n=158)	10%	25%	35%	25%	4%
36-45 (n=84)	12%	17%	31%	35%	6%
46+ (n=58)	14%	10%	22%	43%	10%
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How much of the time do you think local government representatives try their best to listen to what people like you have to say?

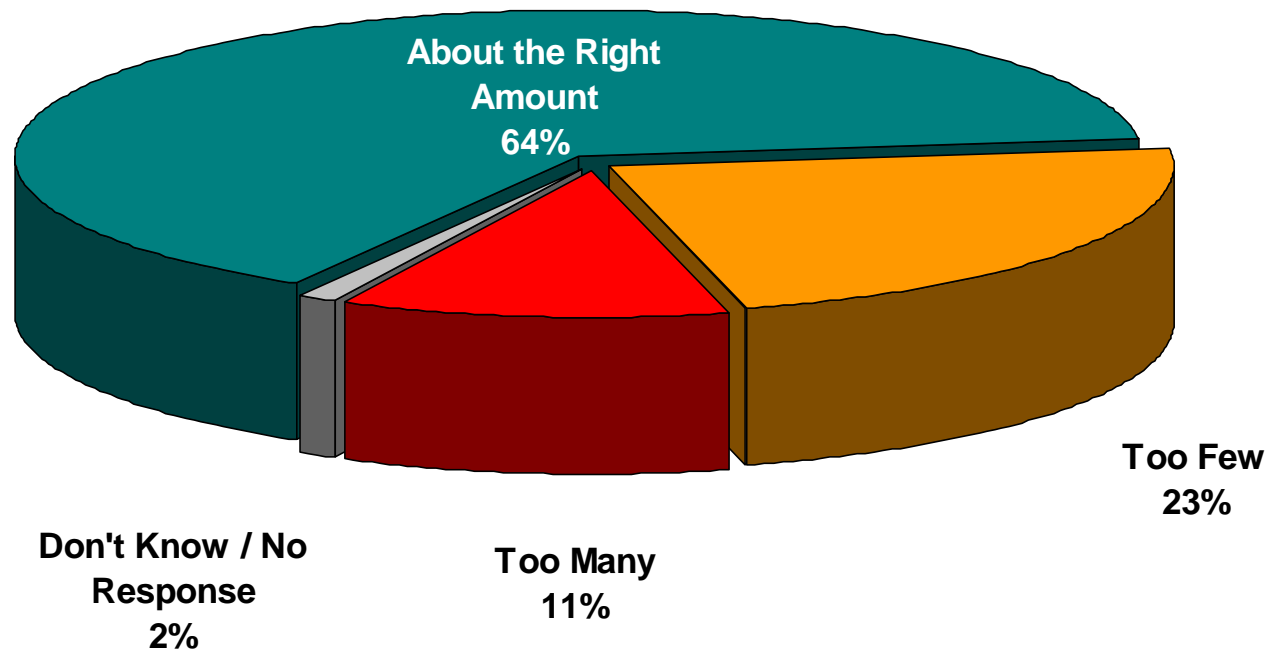
Gender

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Female (n=296)	16%	28%	28%	21%	7%
Male (n=304)	10%	17%	33%	39%	1%
All (n=600)	13%	23%	30%	30%	4%

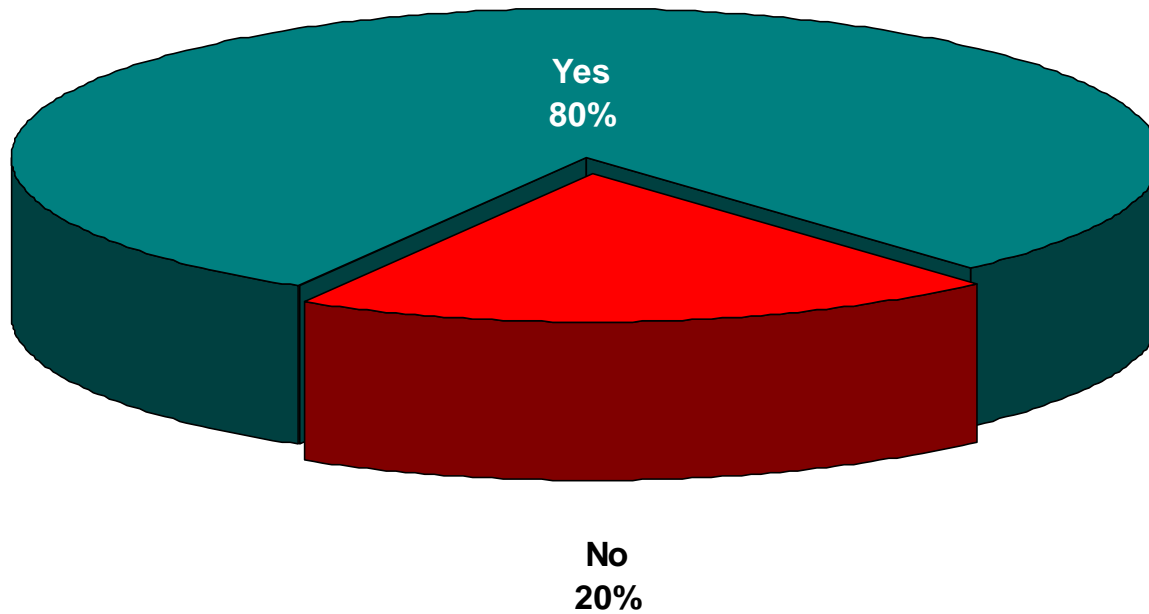
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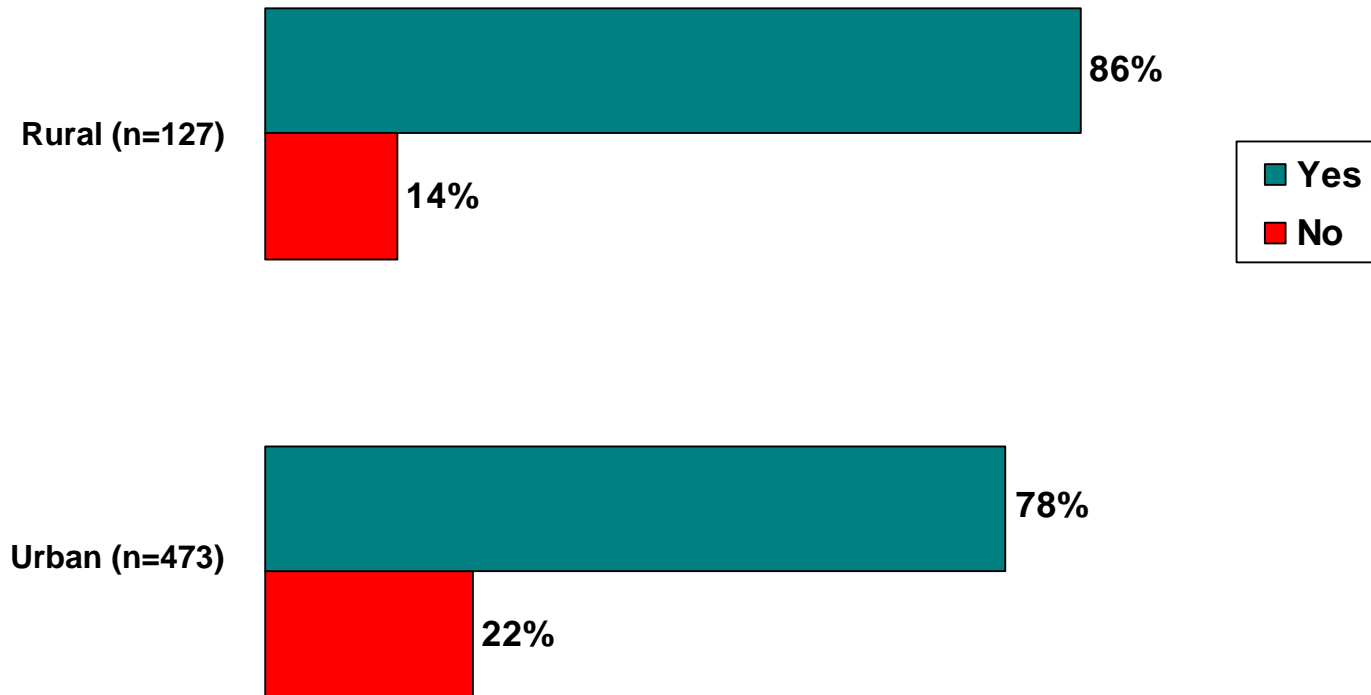
When considering elections, do you think that currently there are too few, too many or about the right number of political parties?



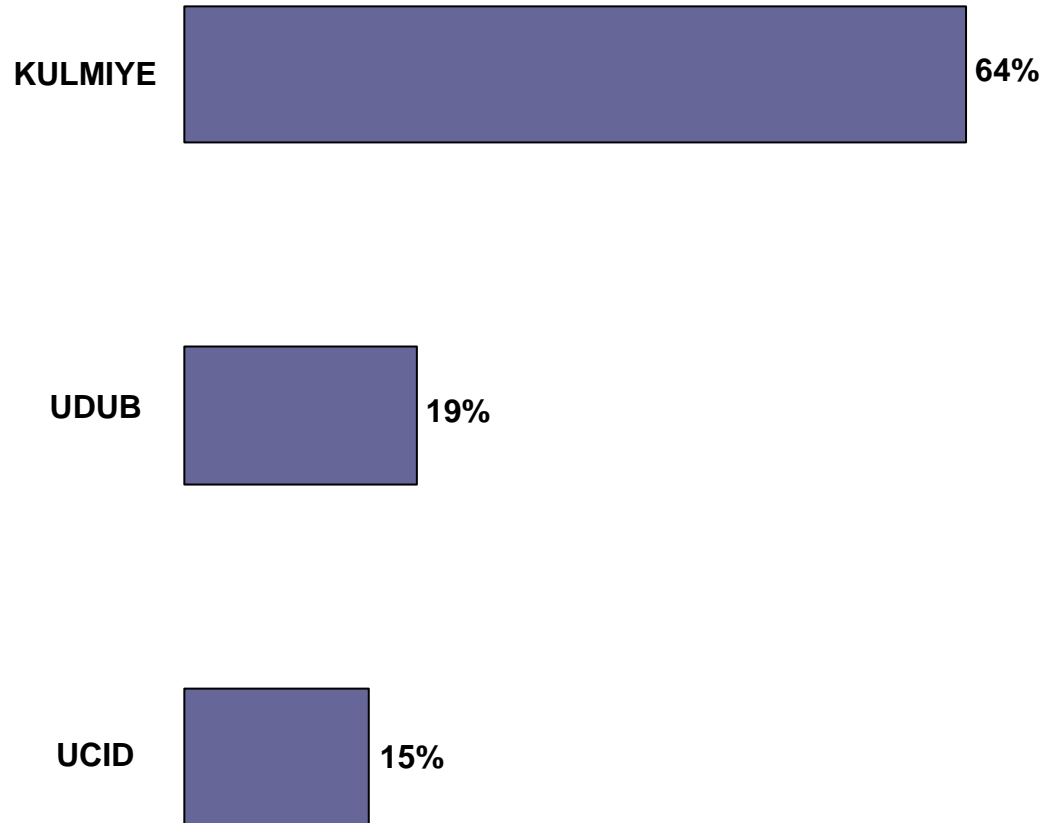
Are you a member or a supporter of a political party?



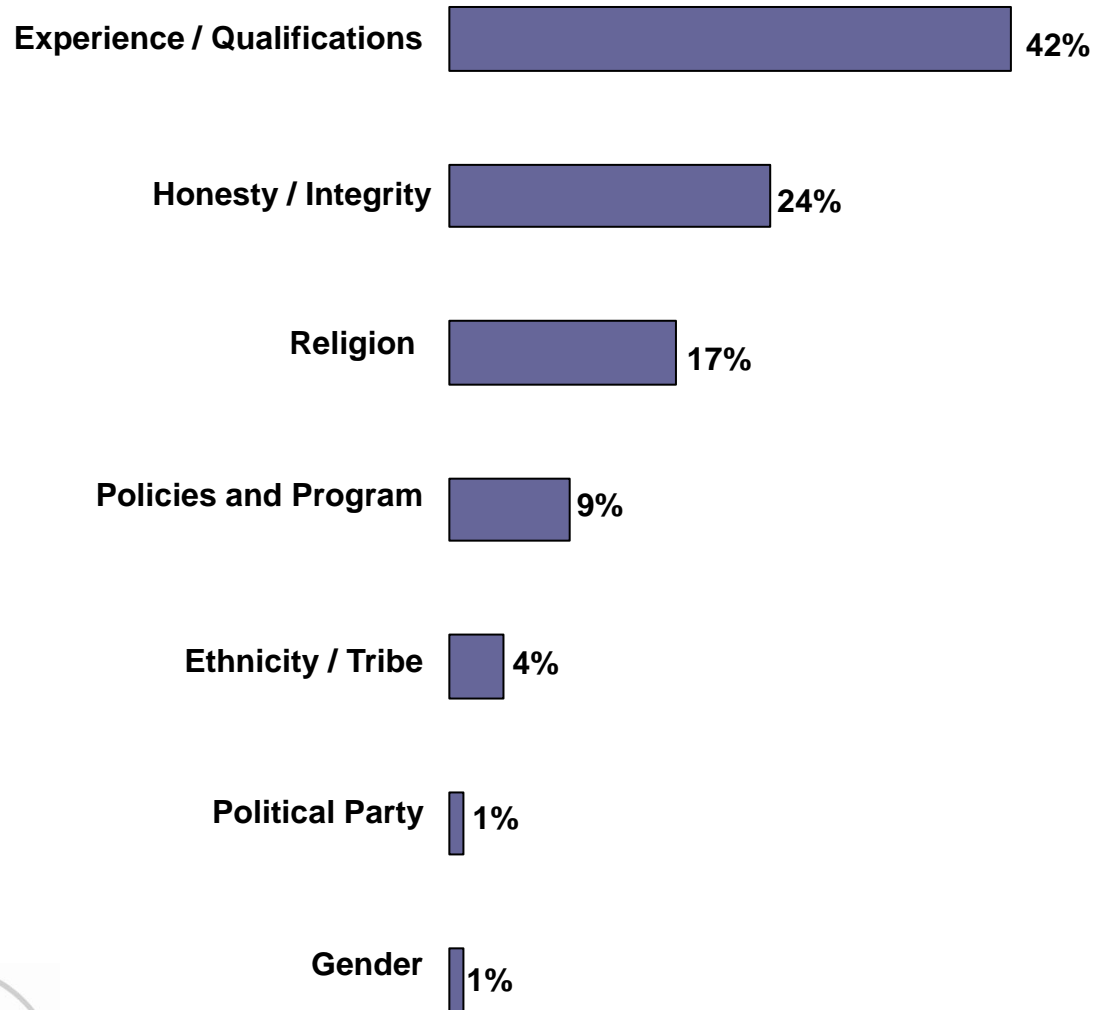
Are you a member or a supporter of a political party? (by area type)



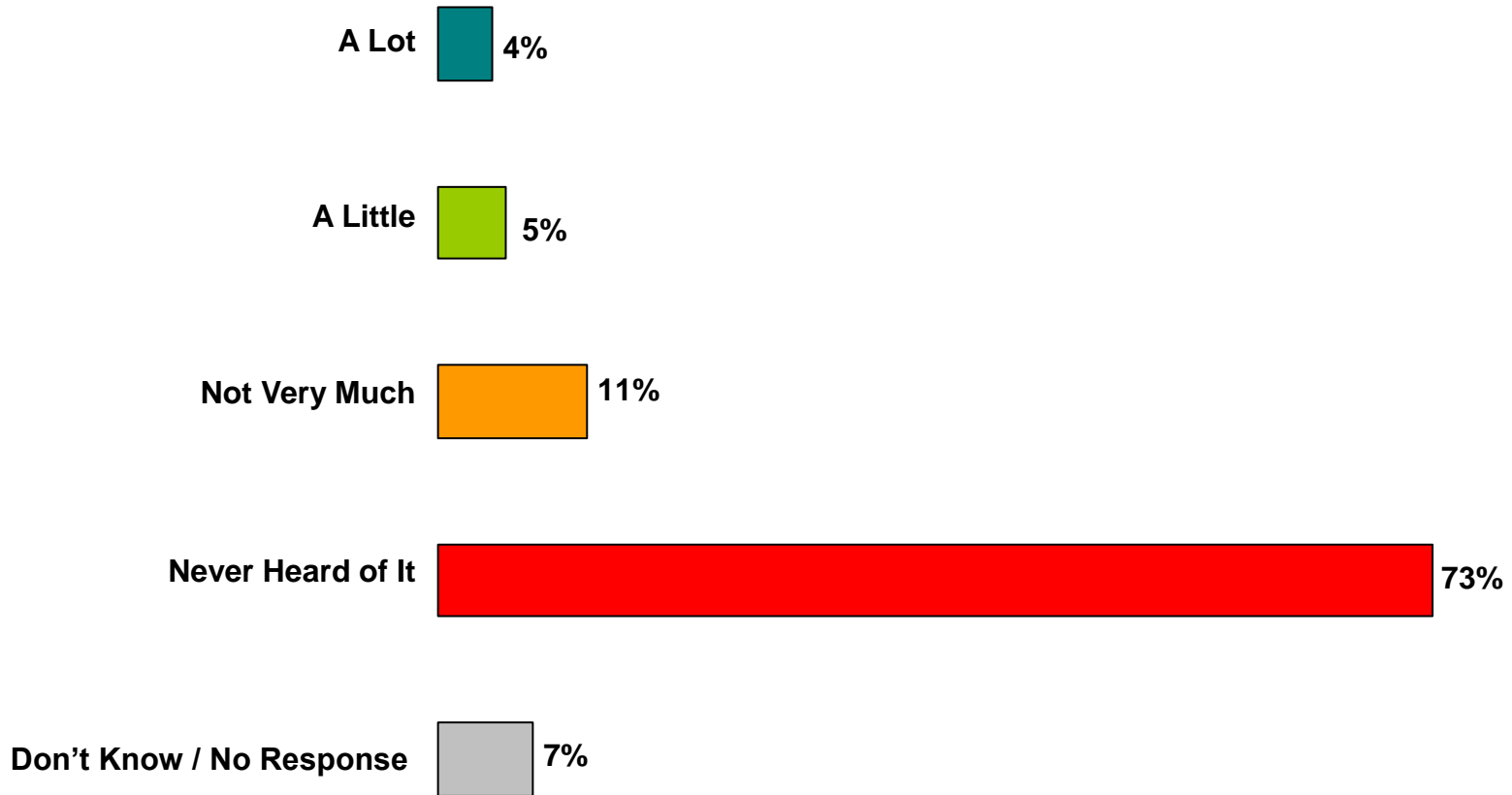
If yes, which party? (all who are members or supporters of a political party, n=478)



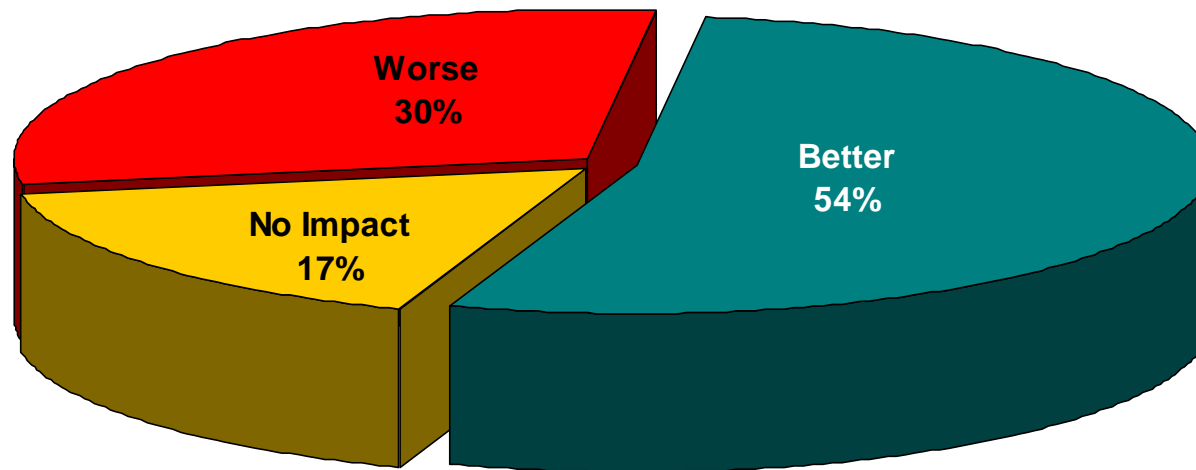
In terms of voting for political leaders, which of the following characteristics is most important?



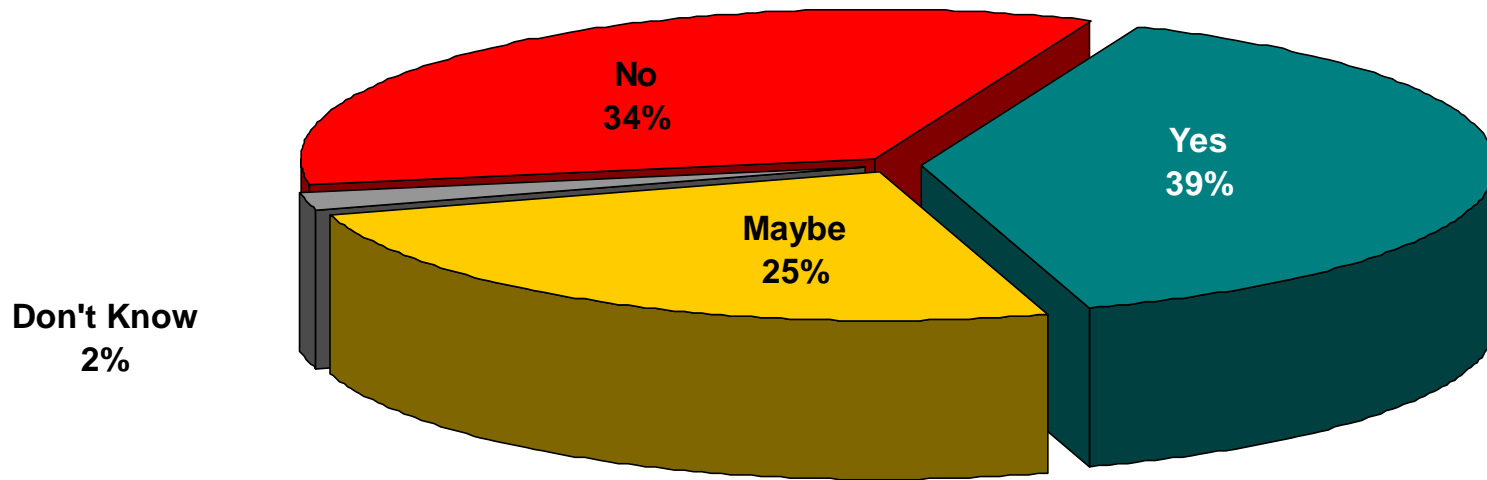
How much do you know about the Political Association Law?



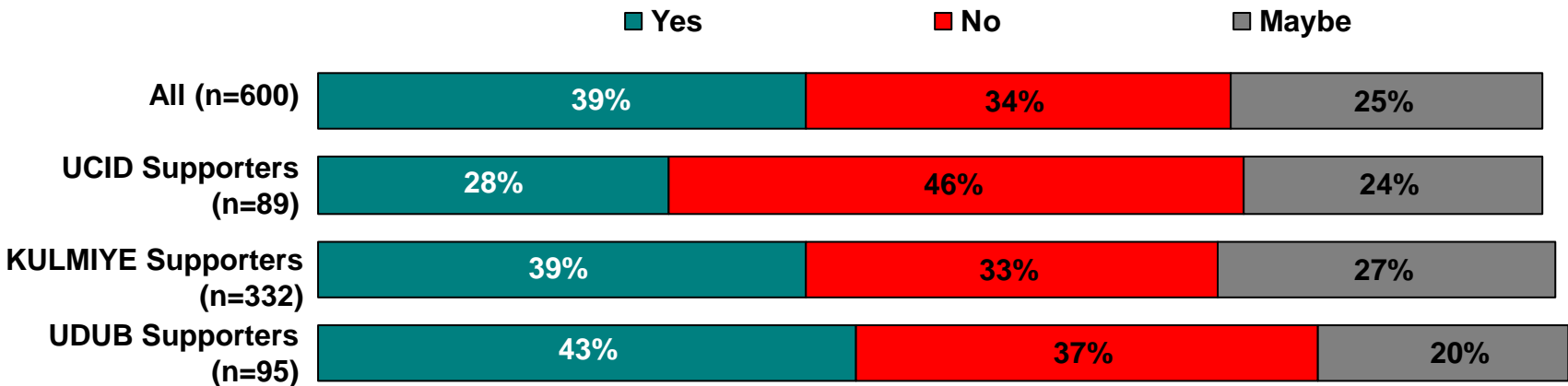
From what you have seen, read or heard, do you think the Political Association Law will make politics better, worse or make little impact here in Somaliland? (all who know a lot, a little or not very much about the Political Association Law, n=121)



If you are a member of a current party, would you consider switching to a new political association for the local elections?

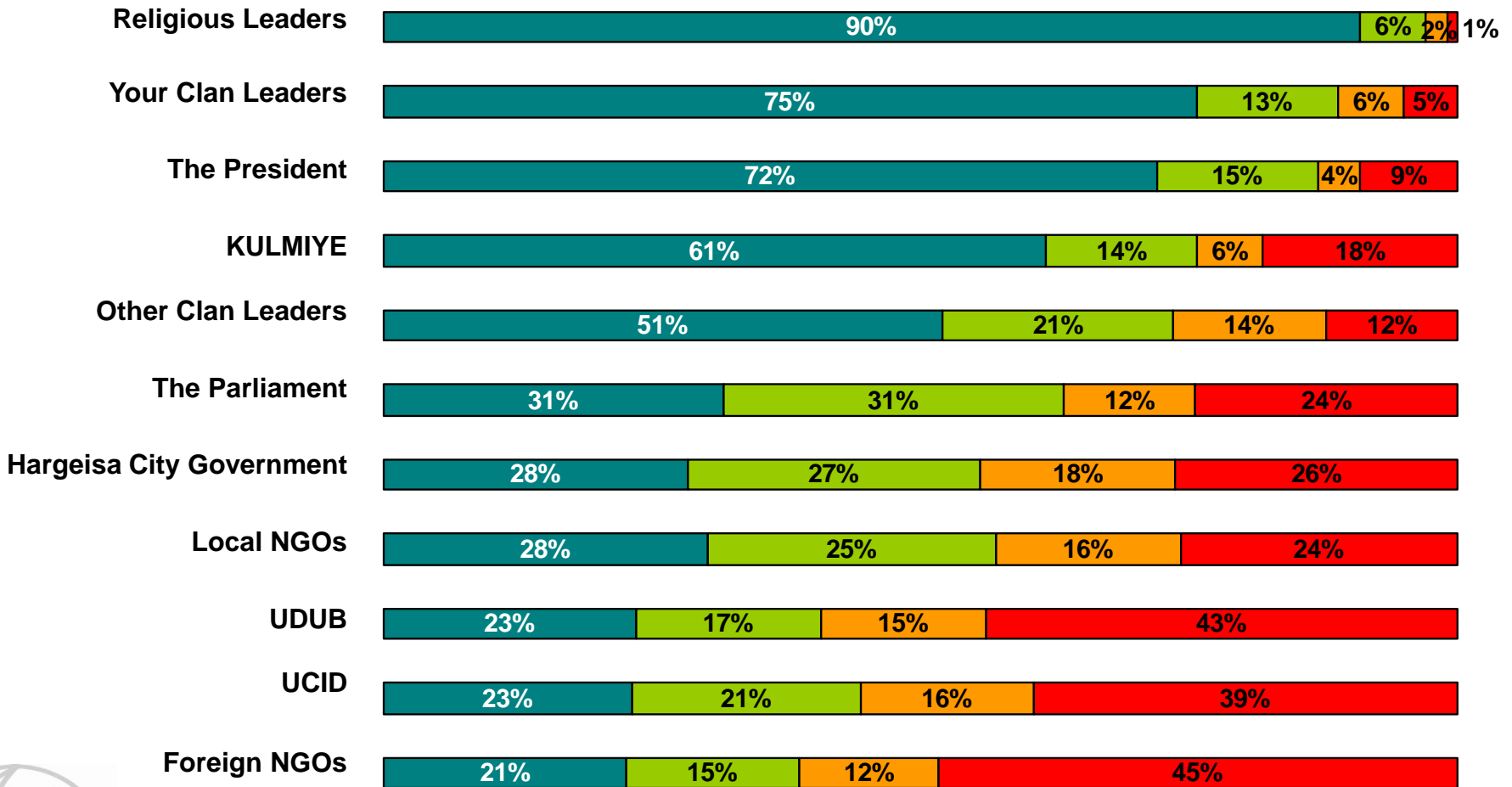


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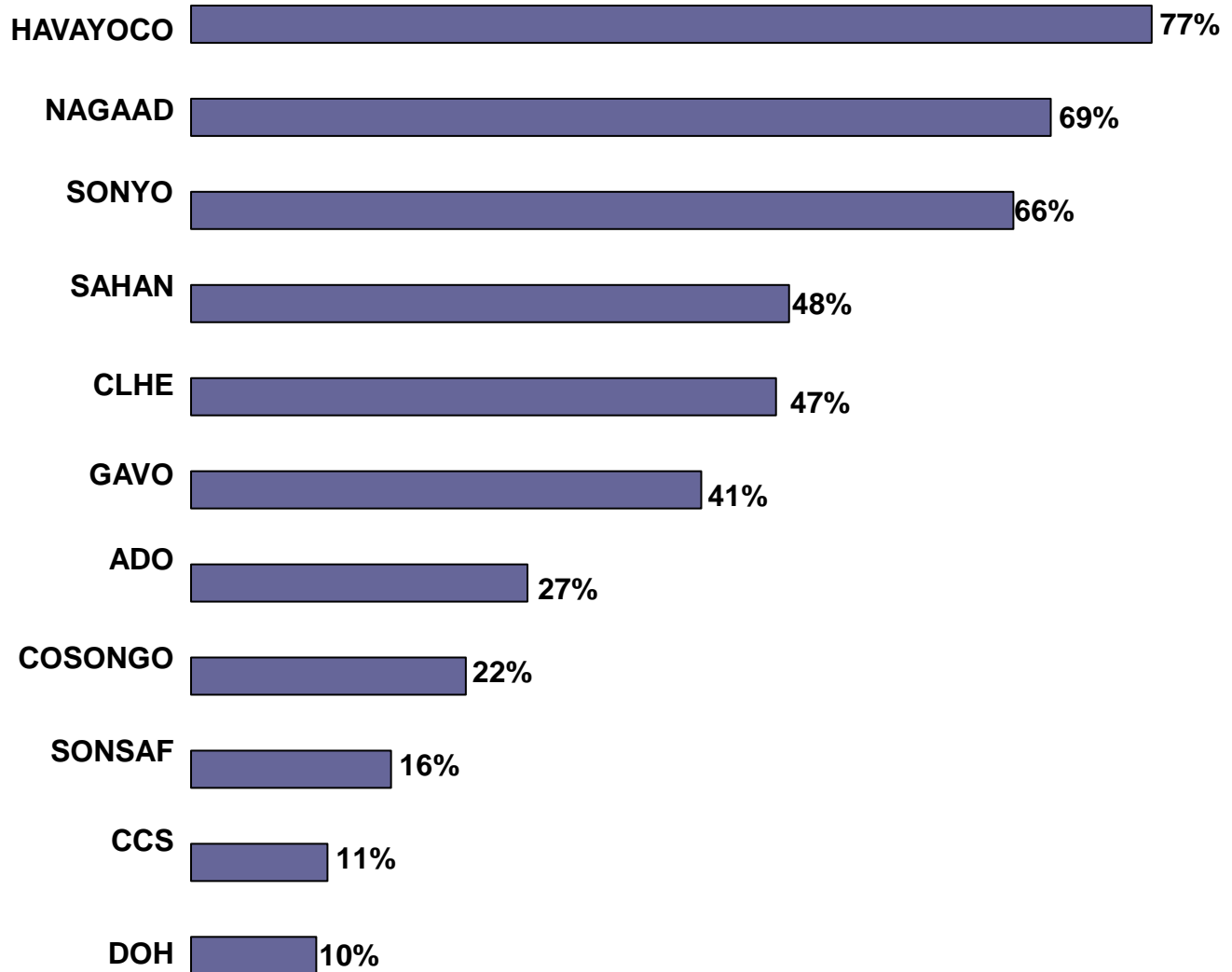


Now I will read you a list of organizations and leaders. For each one, please tell me whether you think very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorably about each of them.

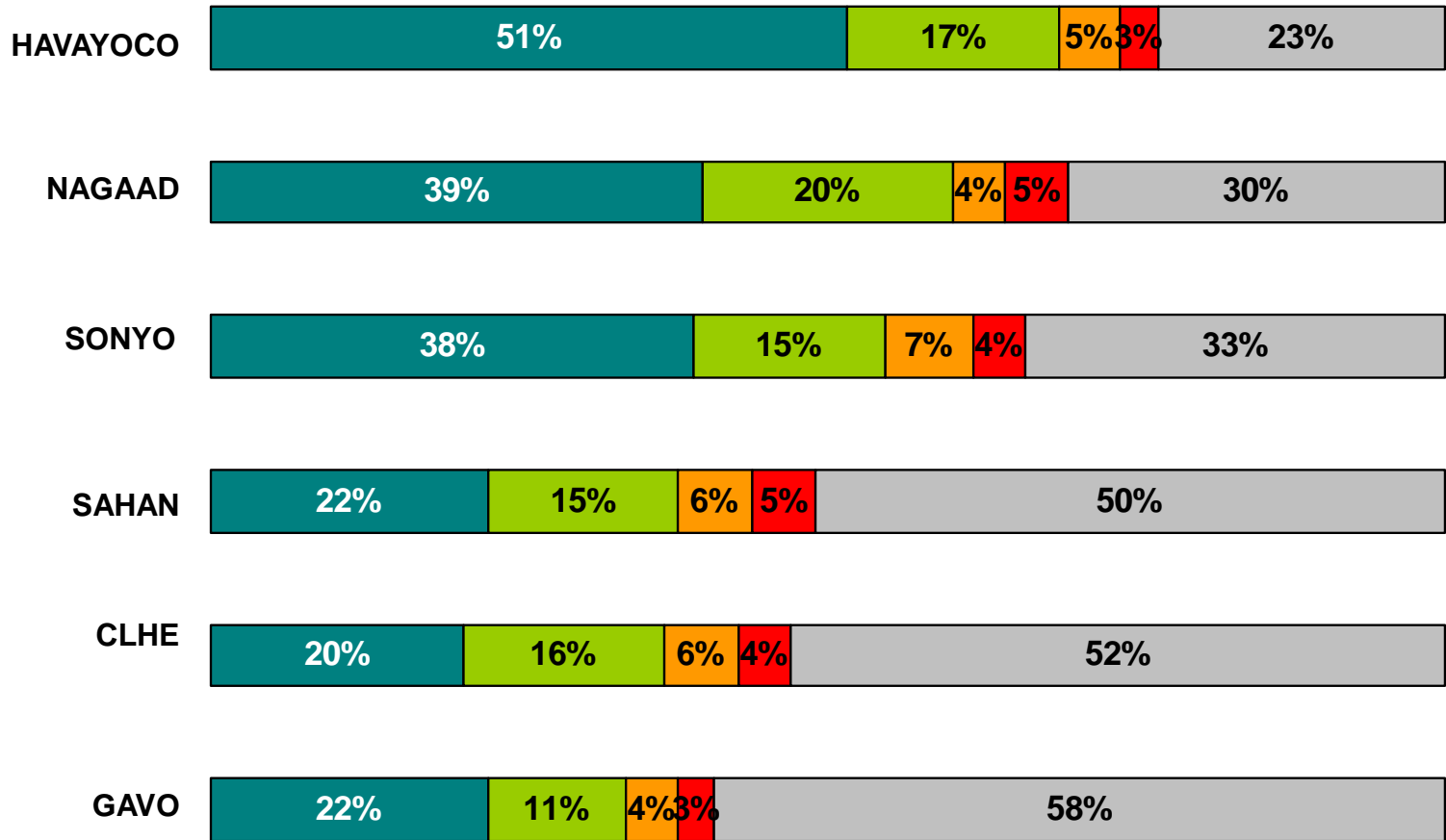
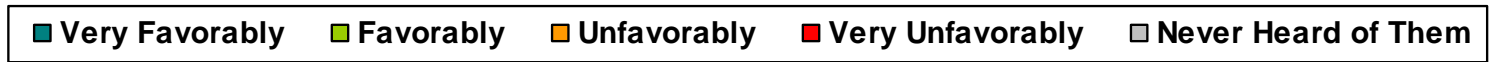
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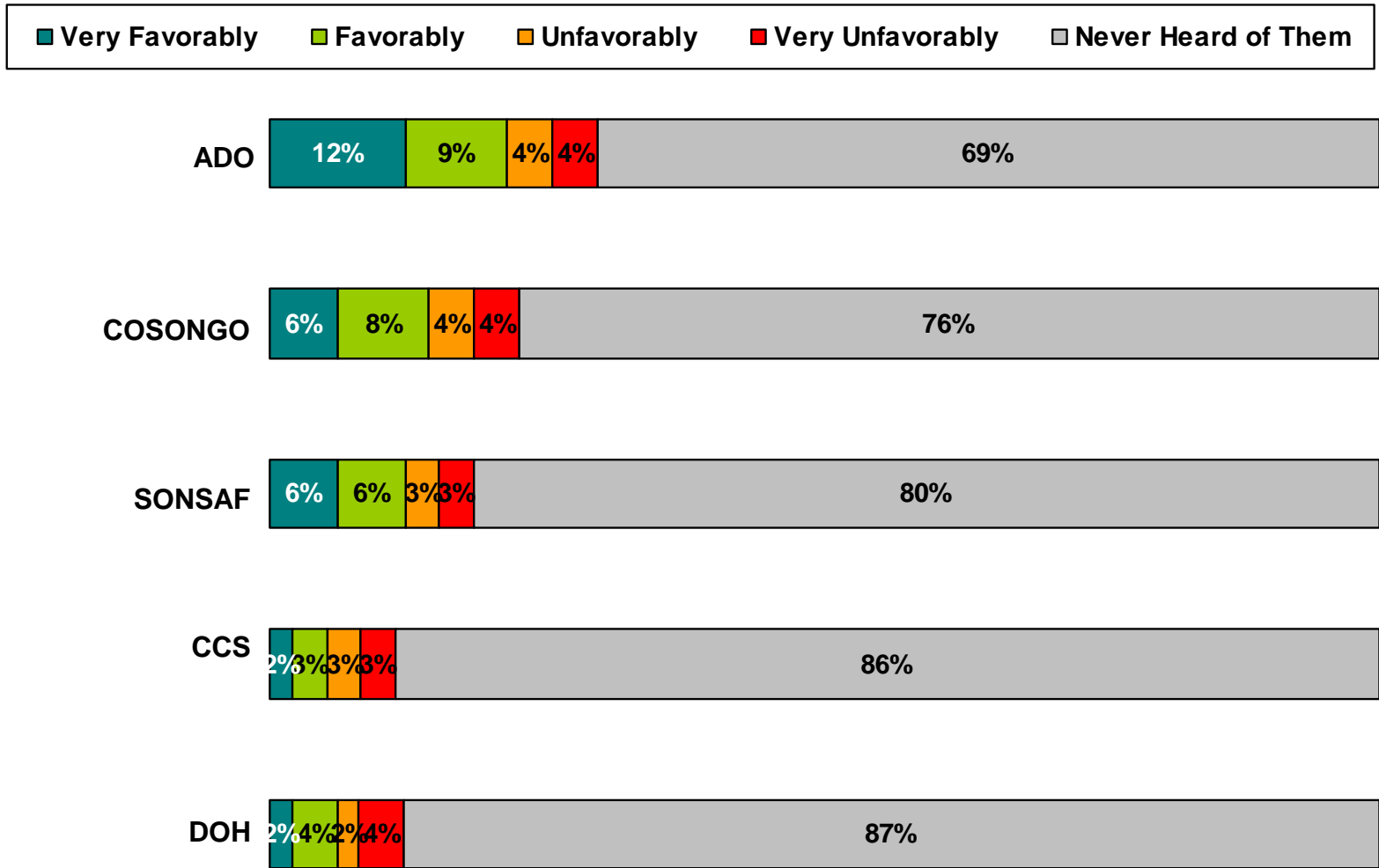
Which of the following NGOs are you familiar with?



And generally, are these NGOs performing well and doing good work for Somaliland? How favorably do you view them in this sense, very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorably?

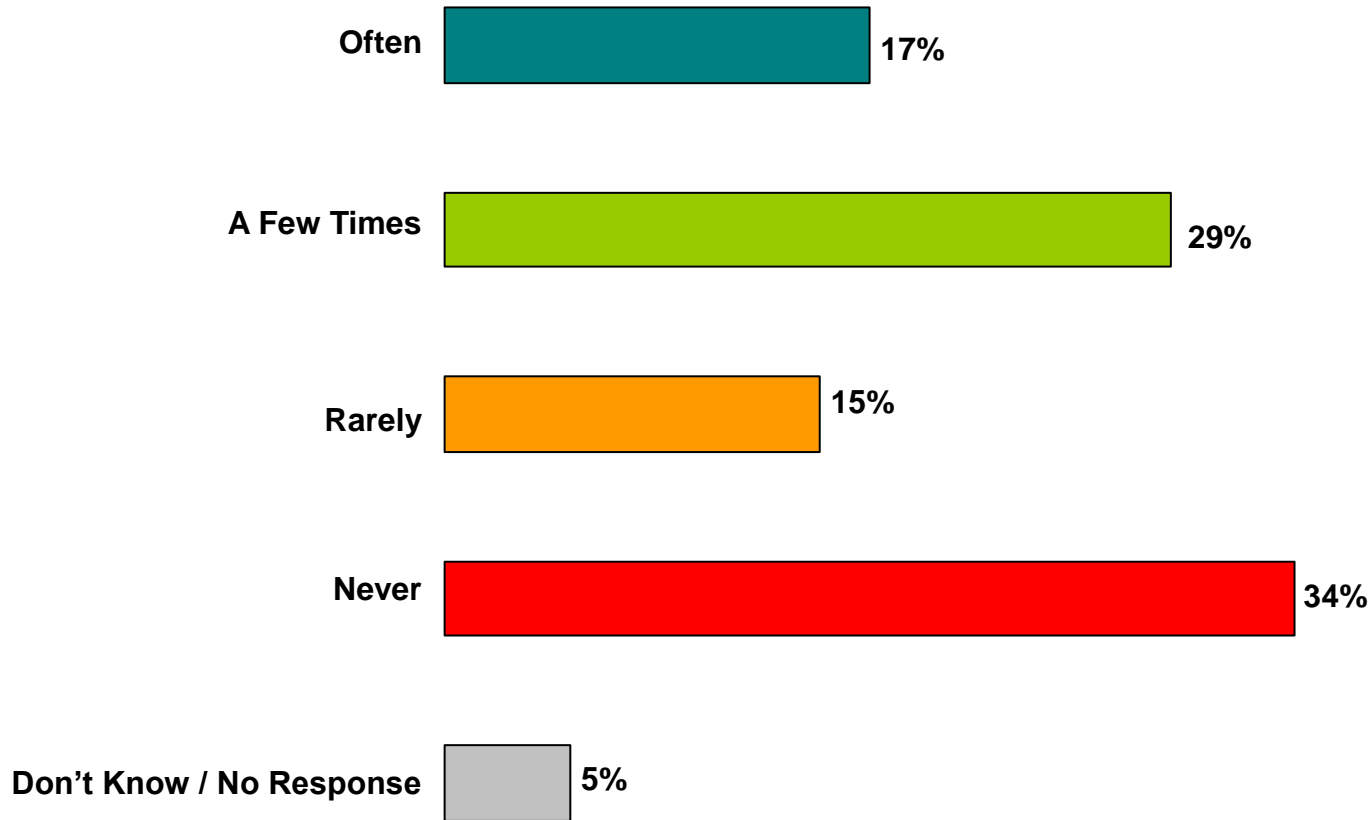


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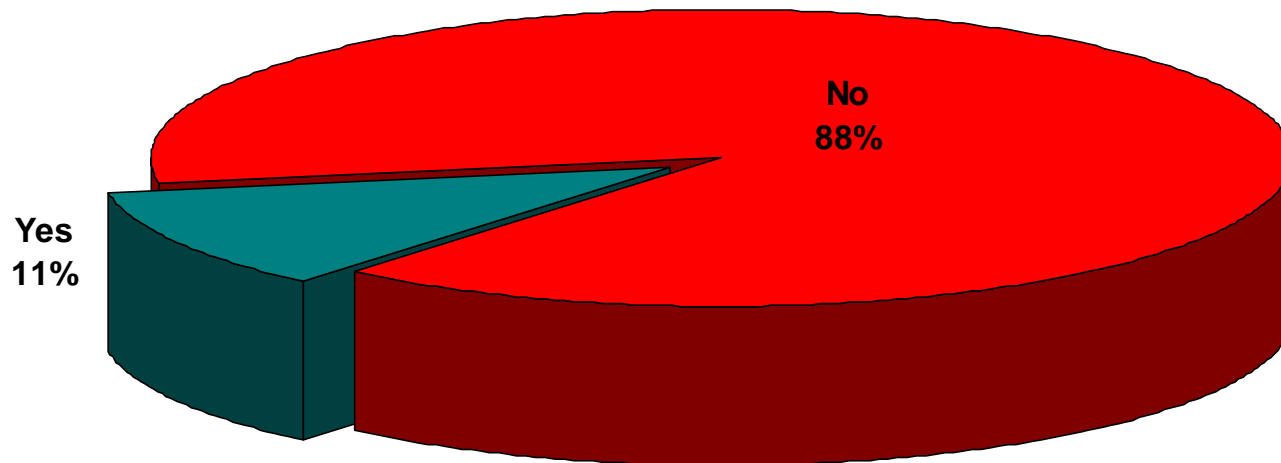


PARLIAMENT AND MEMBERS

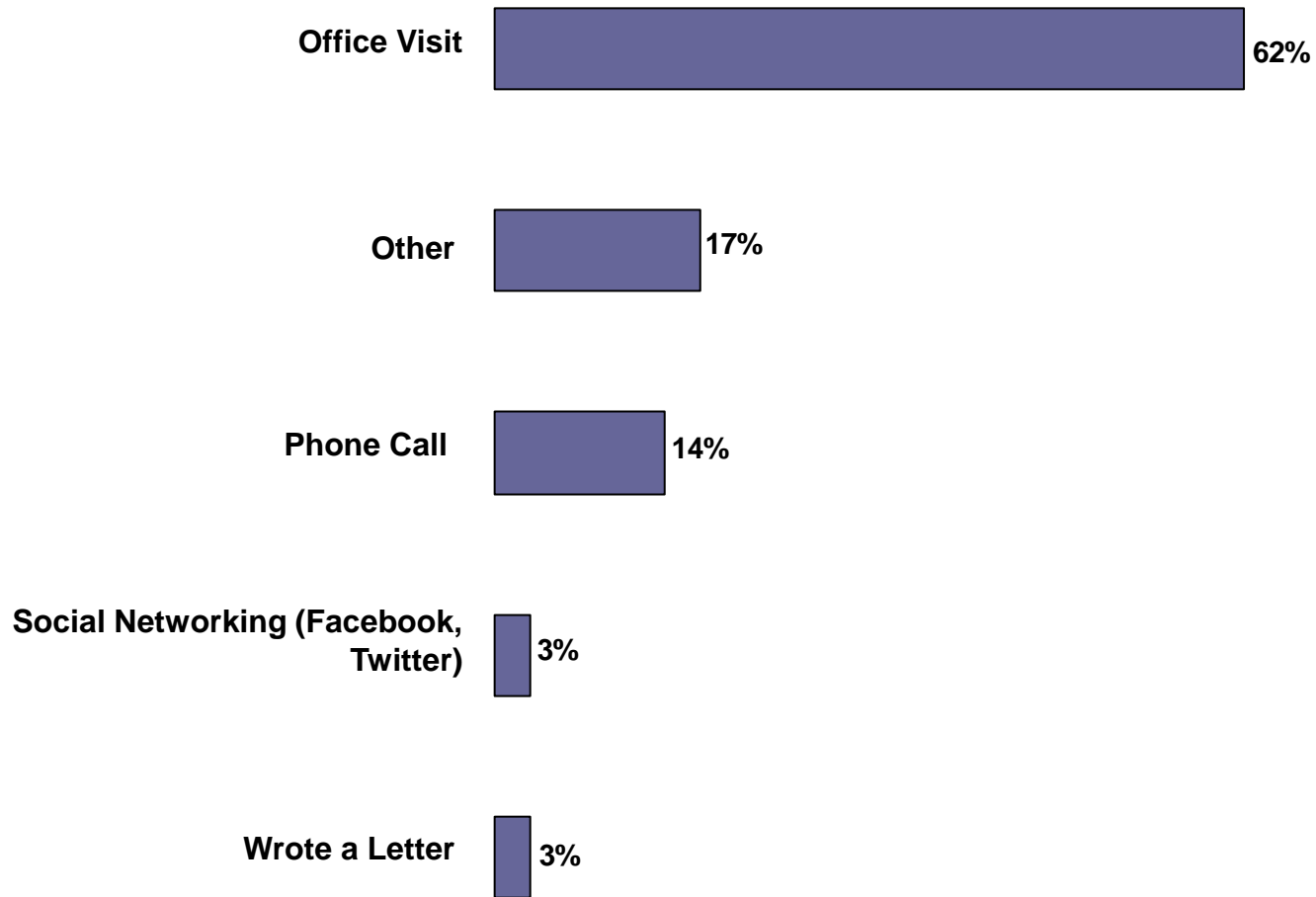
In the last six months, would you say that you have seen, read or heard something about the Somaliland parliament often, a few times, rarely or never?



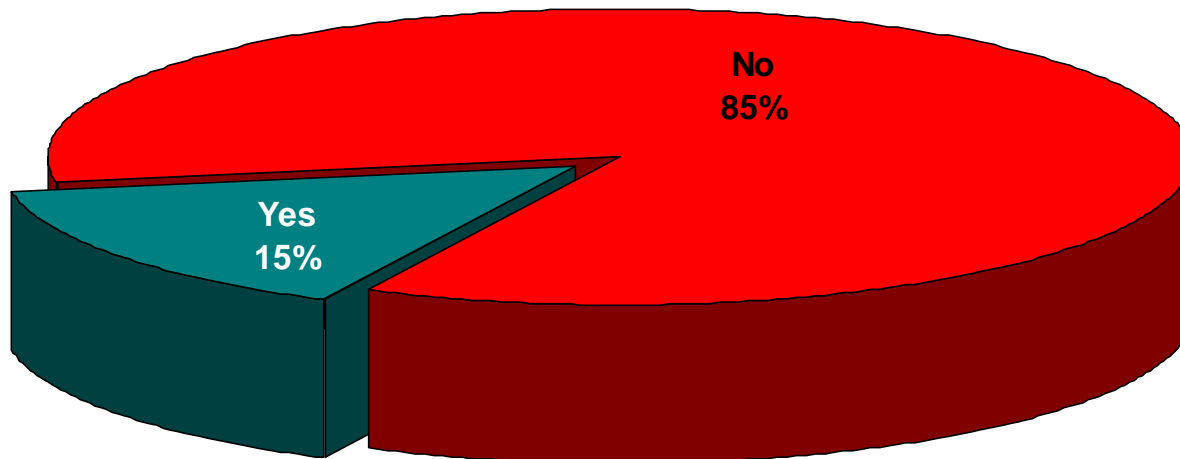
Have you ever contacted a member of parliament about an issue that was important to you or your community?



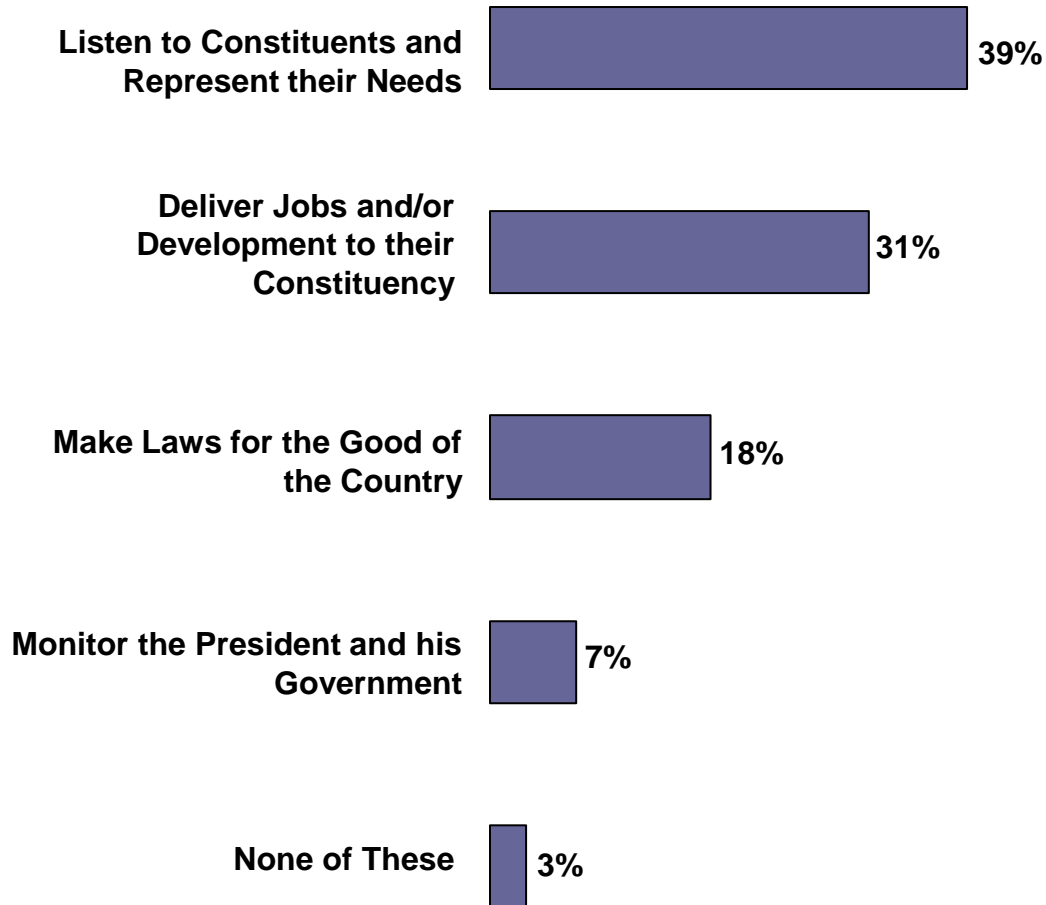
How did you contact that person? (all who have ever contacted a member of parliament about an issue of importance, n=66)



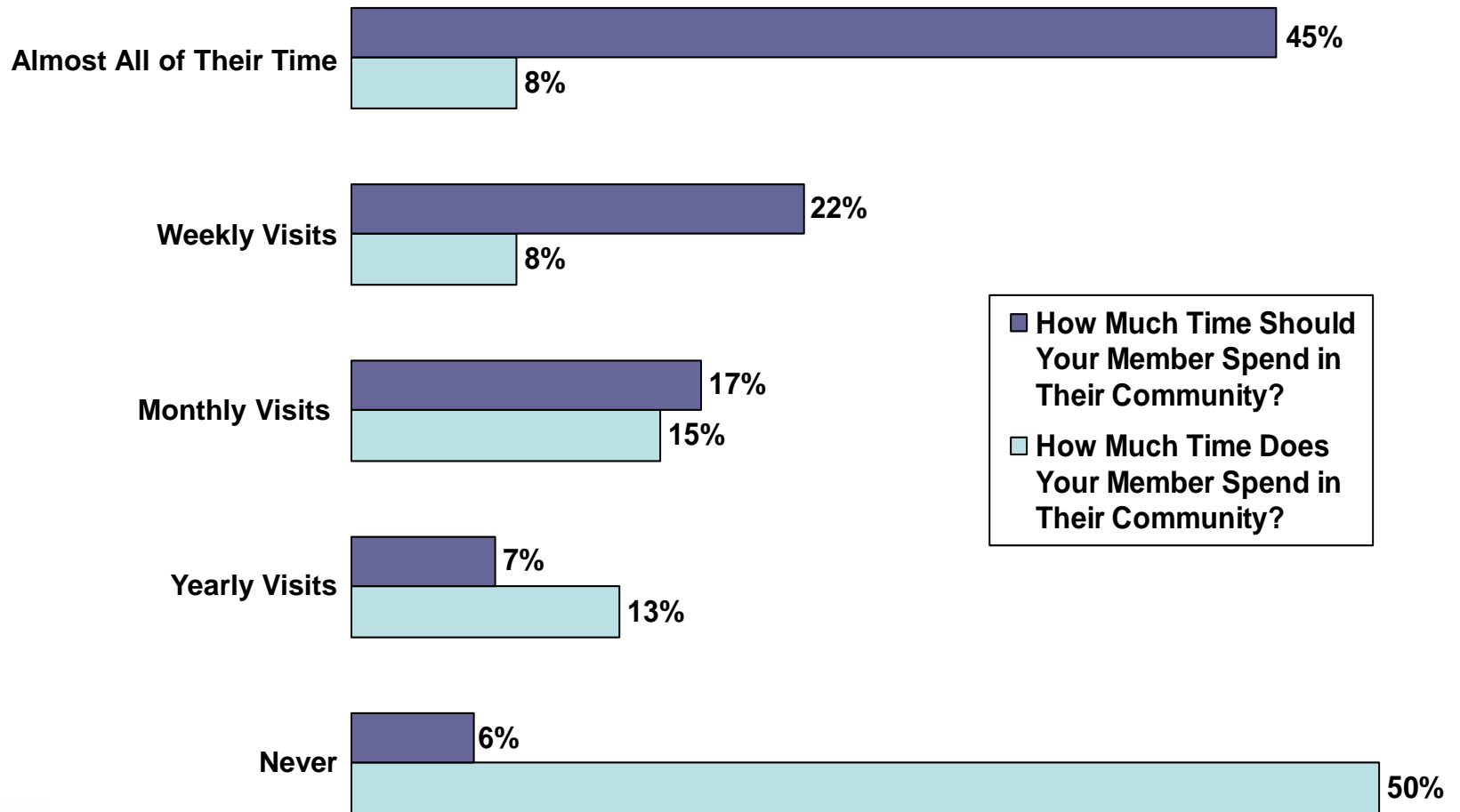
Within the last year, have you attended a public meeting sponsored by an elected official?



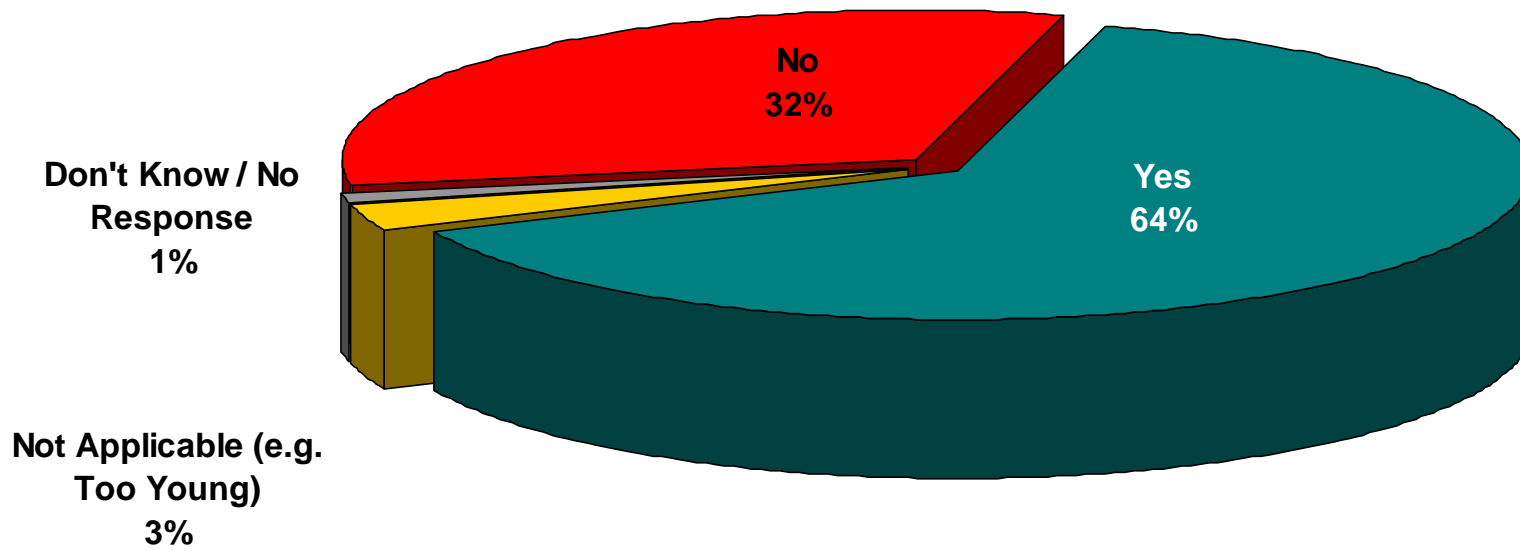
Members of parliament have different responsibilities. Which of the following do you think is the most important for your own member of parliament?



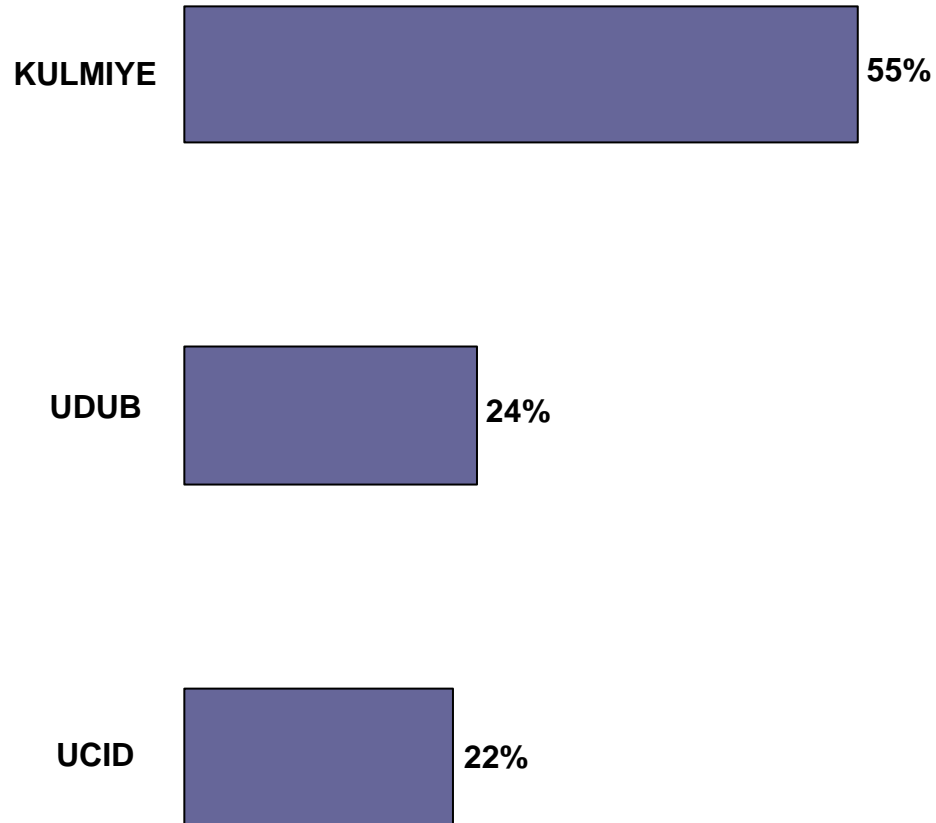
How much time do you believe your member of parliament should be spending in their community, almost all of their time, making weekly visits, monthly visits, yearly visits or never spend any time in their [represented] community? And how much time does he or she currently spend in their [represented] community?



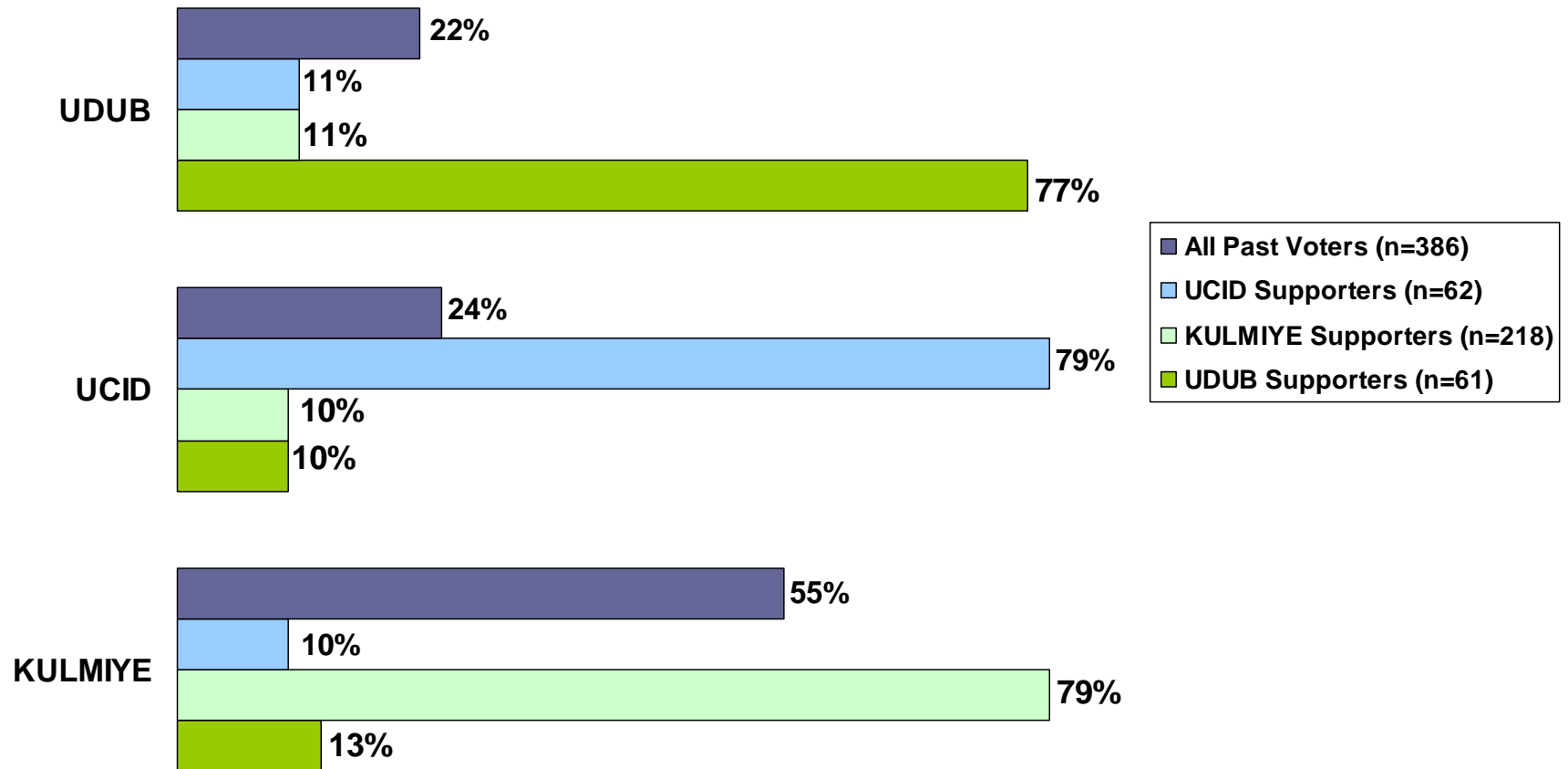
Did you vote in the last parliamentary elections?



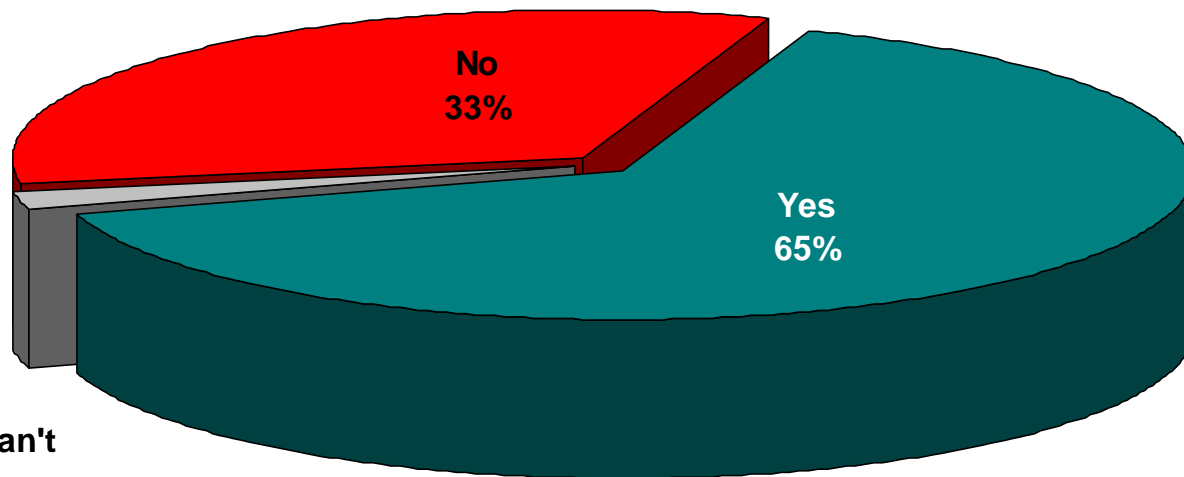
If yes, which party did you vote for? (all who voted in the last parliamentary elections, n=386)



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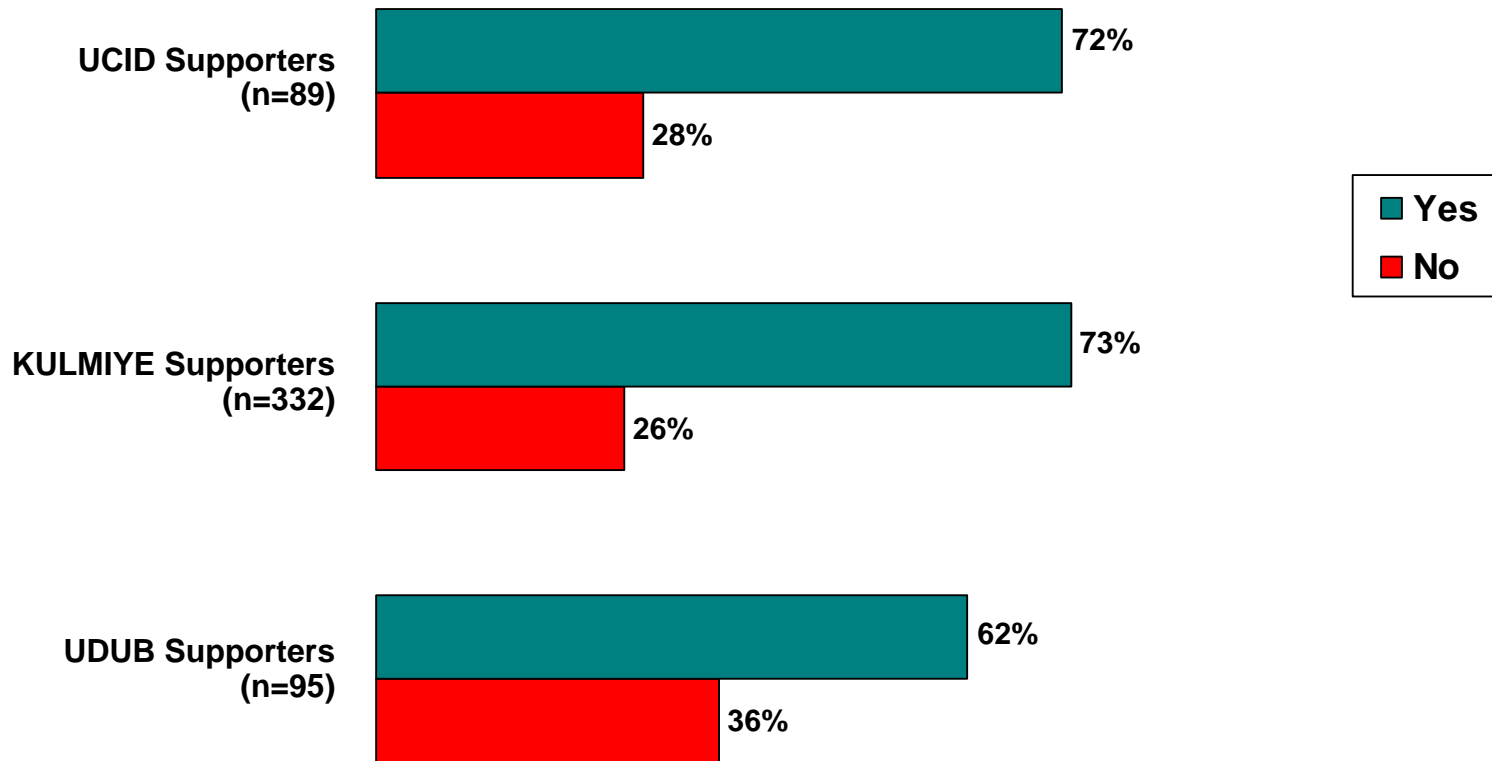


If elections were held today, would you vote for your current member of parliament?



Don't Know / Can't
Say
2%

If elections were held today, would you vote for your current member of parliament? (party supporters)



If parliamentary elections were held today, which party would you vote for?

