

# Kazakhstan National Opinion Poll

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# Methodology

- This survey was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the International Republican Institute. Field work was carried out by the Institute for Comparative Social Research – Kazakhstan.
- The national representative survey was carried out from February 17-28, 2011. The eligibility criteria was based on age (18 years and older). A sample of 1,521 Kazakh participants were interviewed face-to-face in their homes.
- The sample design was a multi-stage probability sample.
  - Stage one: the sample was stratified into 16 regions.
  - Stage two: the sample was further stratified into rural, urban and metropolitan sampling units.
  - Stage three: primary sampling units (PSUs) were described.
- The closest birthday rule was used for selection of the respondent. The households were selected using the random route method.
- The sample was distributed at the regional level, in rural and urban areas, in all 16 regions of Kazakhstan.
- The response rate was 68 percent.
- The margin of error for the survey does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent with a confidence level of 95 percent.
- One hundred thirty-two interviewers worked on the study, on average completing 8-13 interviews in one PSU. The interviews were conducted in Kazakh, Russian and Uzbek languages.
- Due to rounding, charts may not add to 100 percent.

# Methodology



Region	Oblasts and administrative districts
North	Kostanai, Pavlodar, North Kazakhstan oblast
South	Almaty city, Almaty oblast, Zhambyl, Kyzylorda, South Kazakhstan oblast
East	East Kazakhstan oblast
West	Aktyubinsk, Atyrau, West Kazakhstan oblast, Mangystau
Center	Astana city, Akmolinsk, Karagandy

# Survey Demographics

Male 47% Female 53%  
Urban 60% Rural 40%

## Age

18 to 29	31%
30 to 49	41%
Over 50	28%

## Education

Primary	1%
Secondary Unfinished	3%
Secondary	26%
Vocational	30%
Higher Unfinished	12%
University, higher	27%

## Monthly Household Income

Up to 25,000 tenge	21%
25,001 to 40,000 tenge	19%
40,001 to 60,000 tenge	21%
More than 60,000 tenge	24%
Don't know/no response	16%

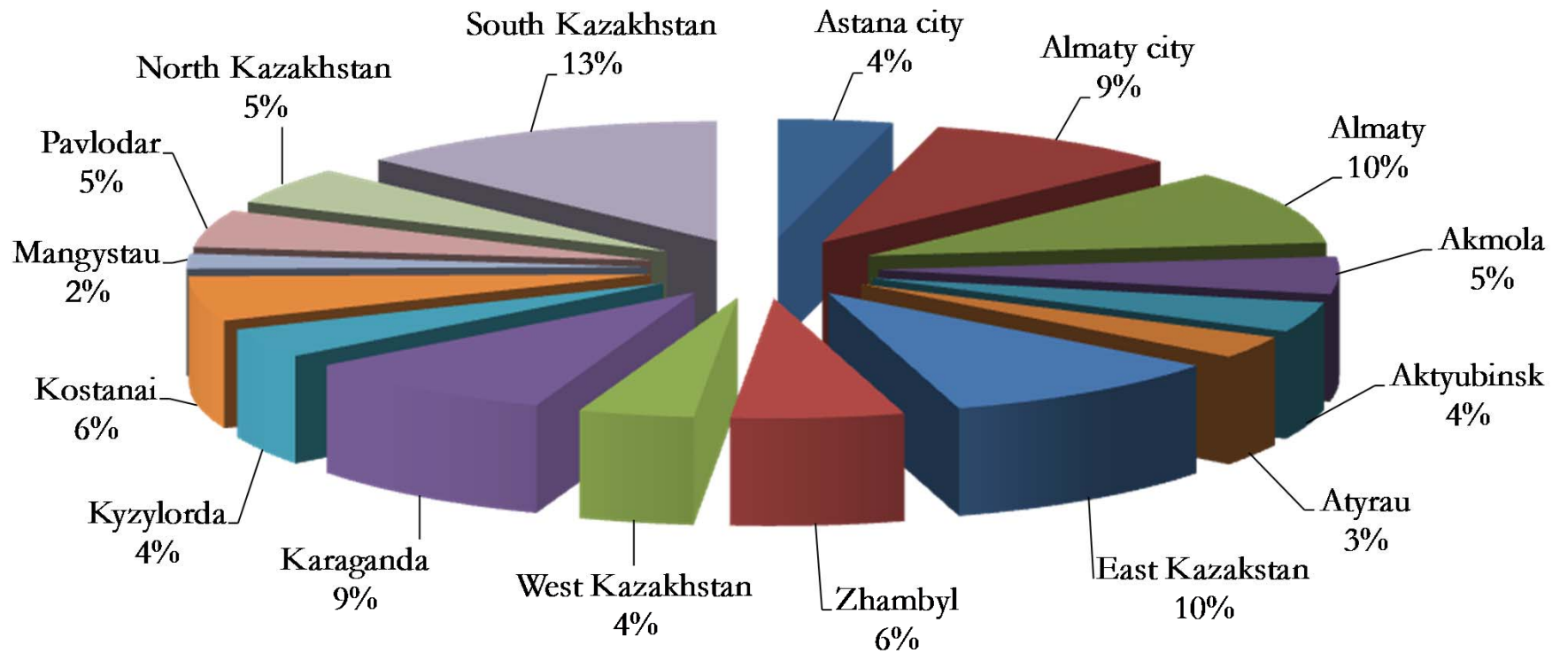
## Ethnicity

Kazakh	53%
Russian	33%
Other	13%

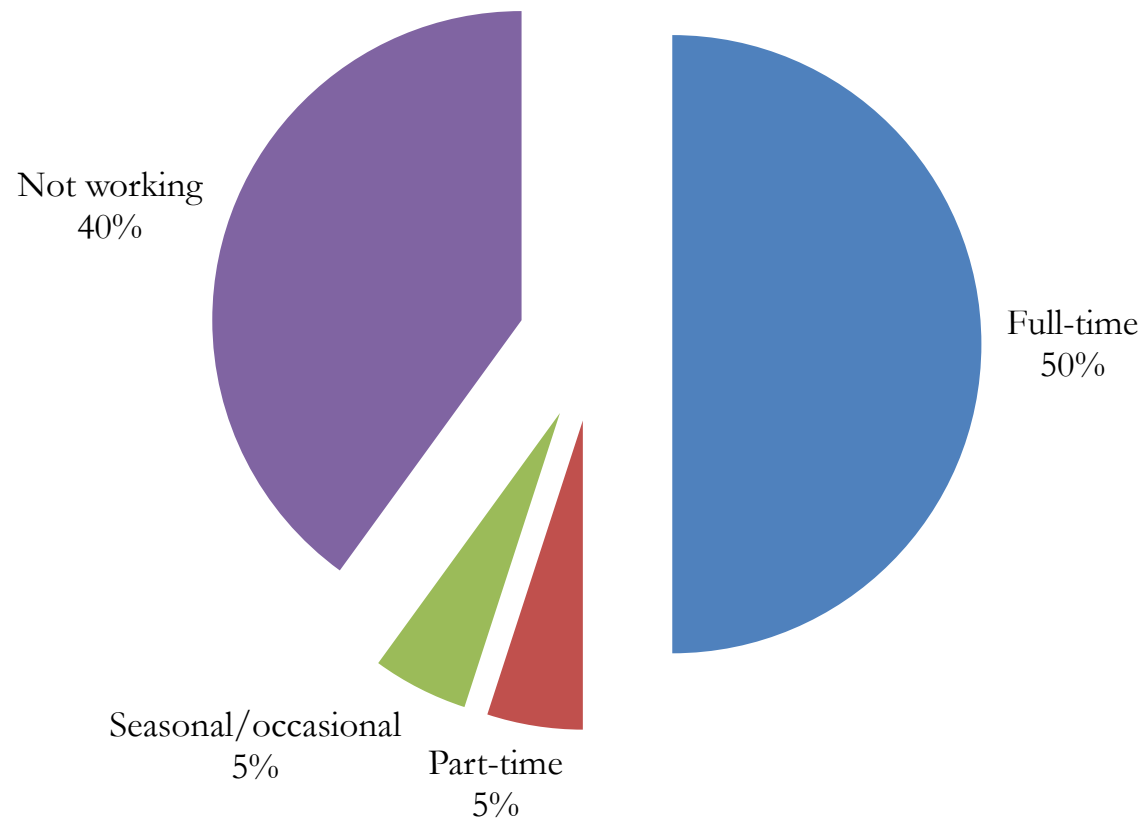
## Language of the Interview

Russian	85%
Kazakh	13%
Uzbek	2%

# Region

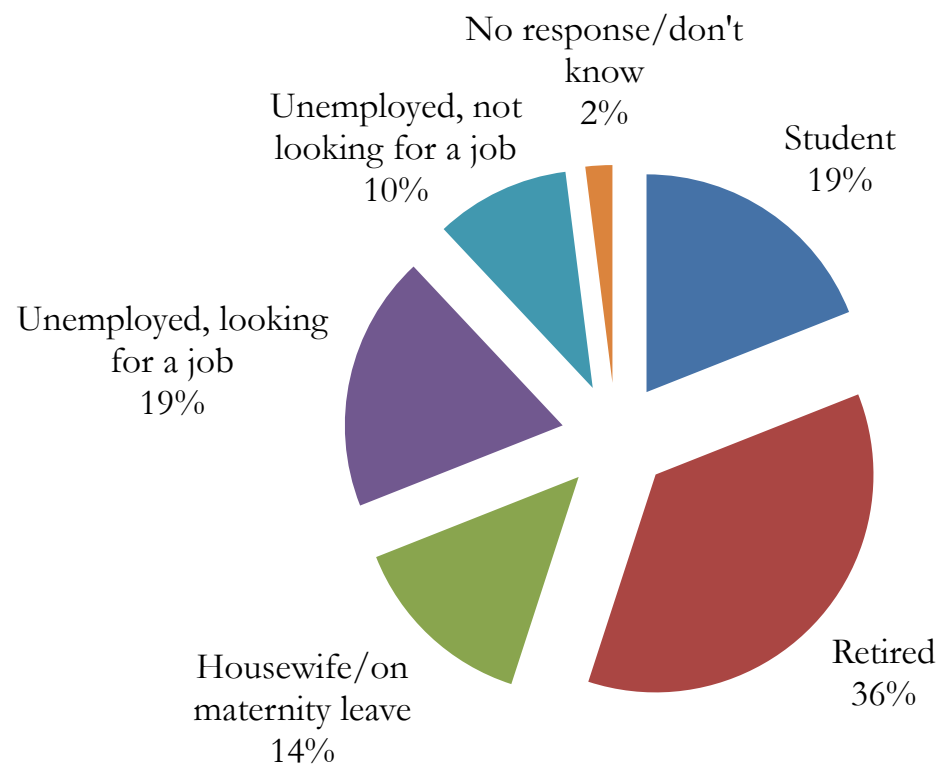


# Are you currently employed?



# If you are not employed, what is your status?

Respondents indicating that they are not working; N=615



# If you are not employed, what is your status?

Respondents indicating that they are not working  
(responses in percentage)

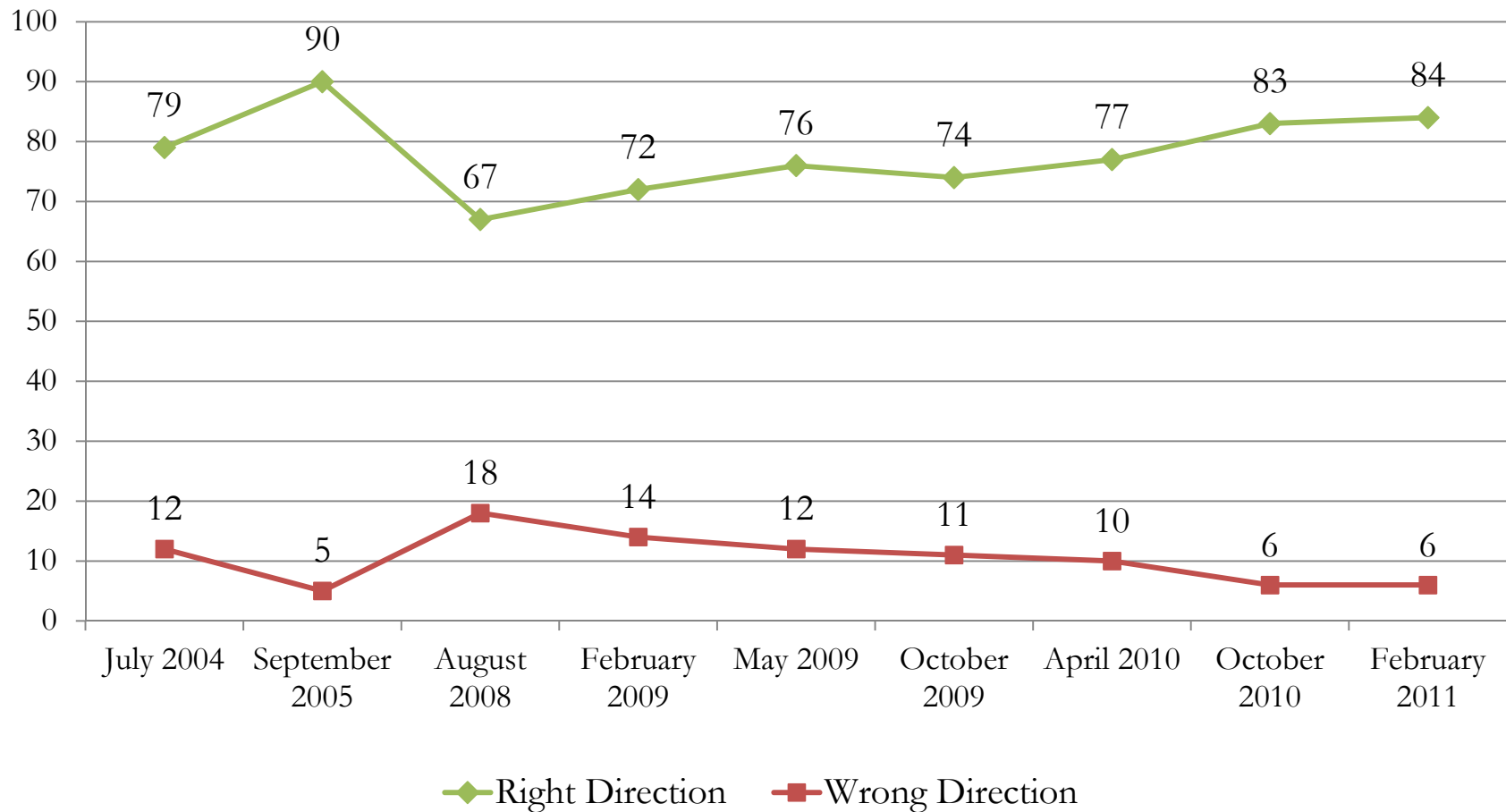




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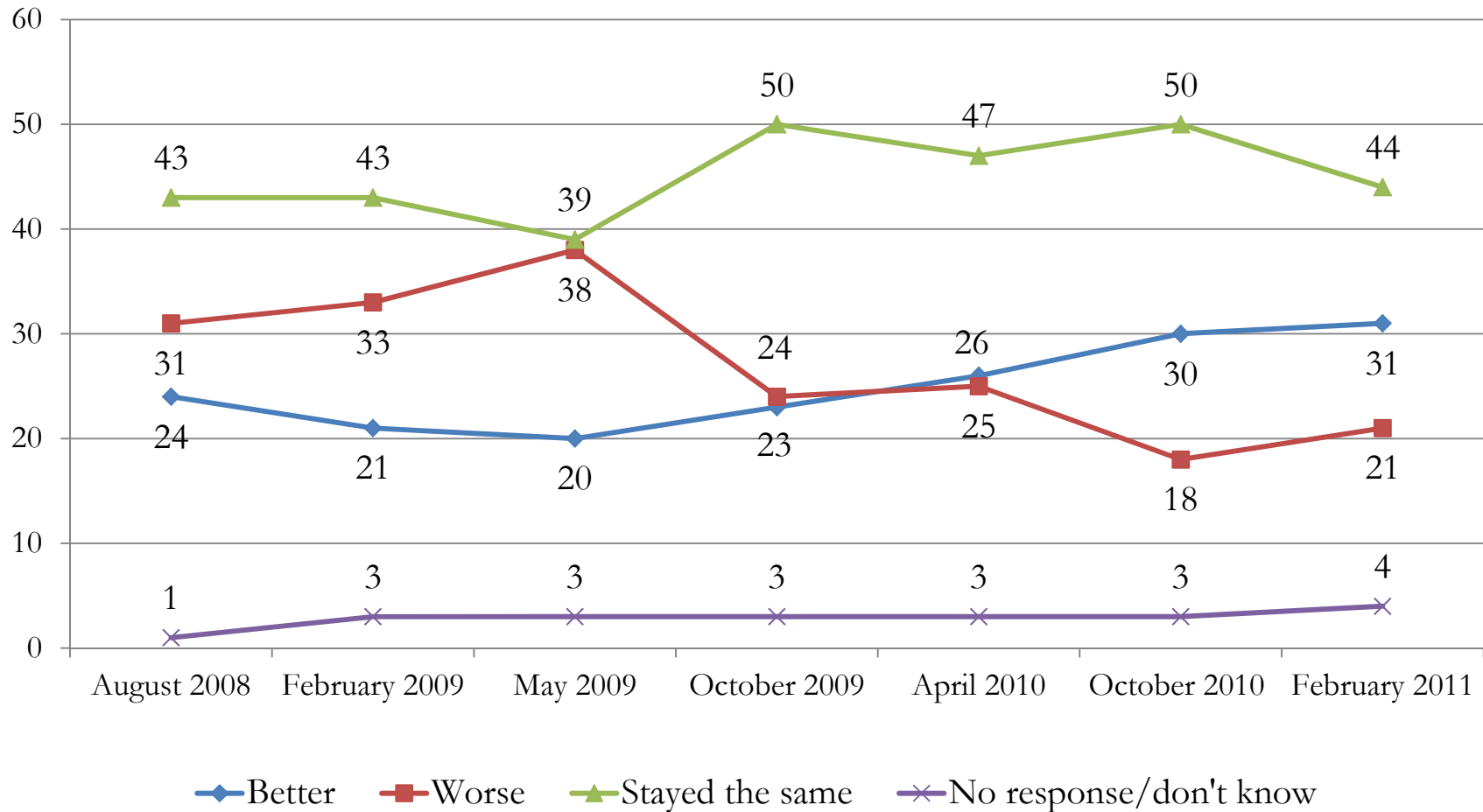
# Generally speaking, would you say that things in Kazakhstan are headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

(responses in percentage)



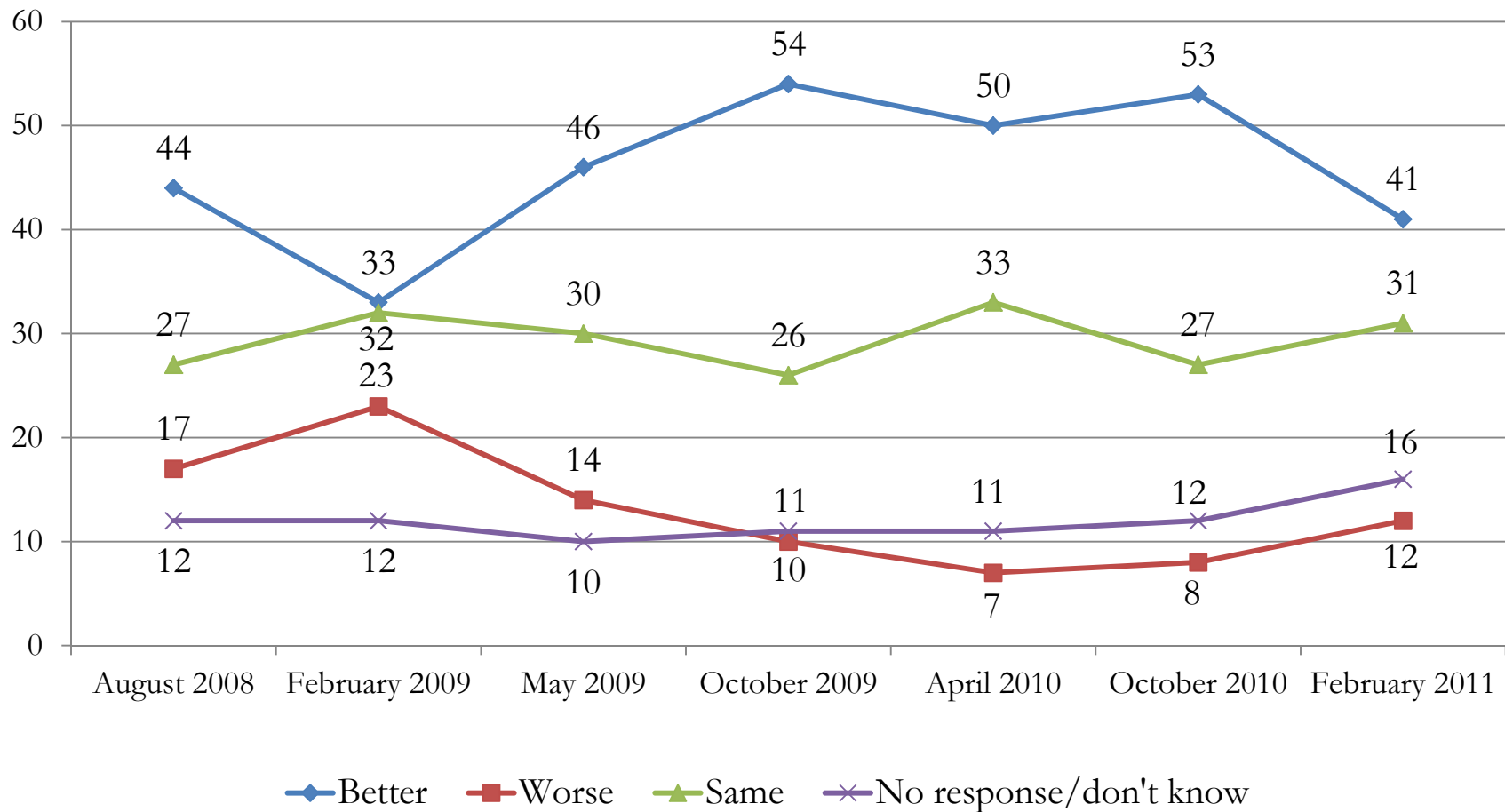
# In the past year, has your personal financial situation improved, worsened or stayed the same?

(responses in percentage)

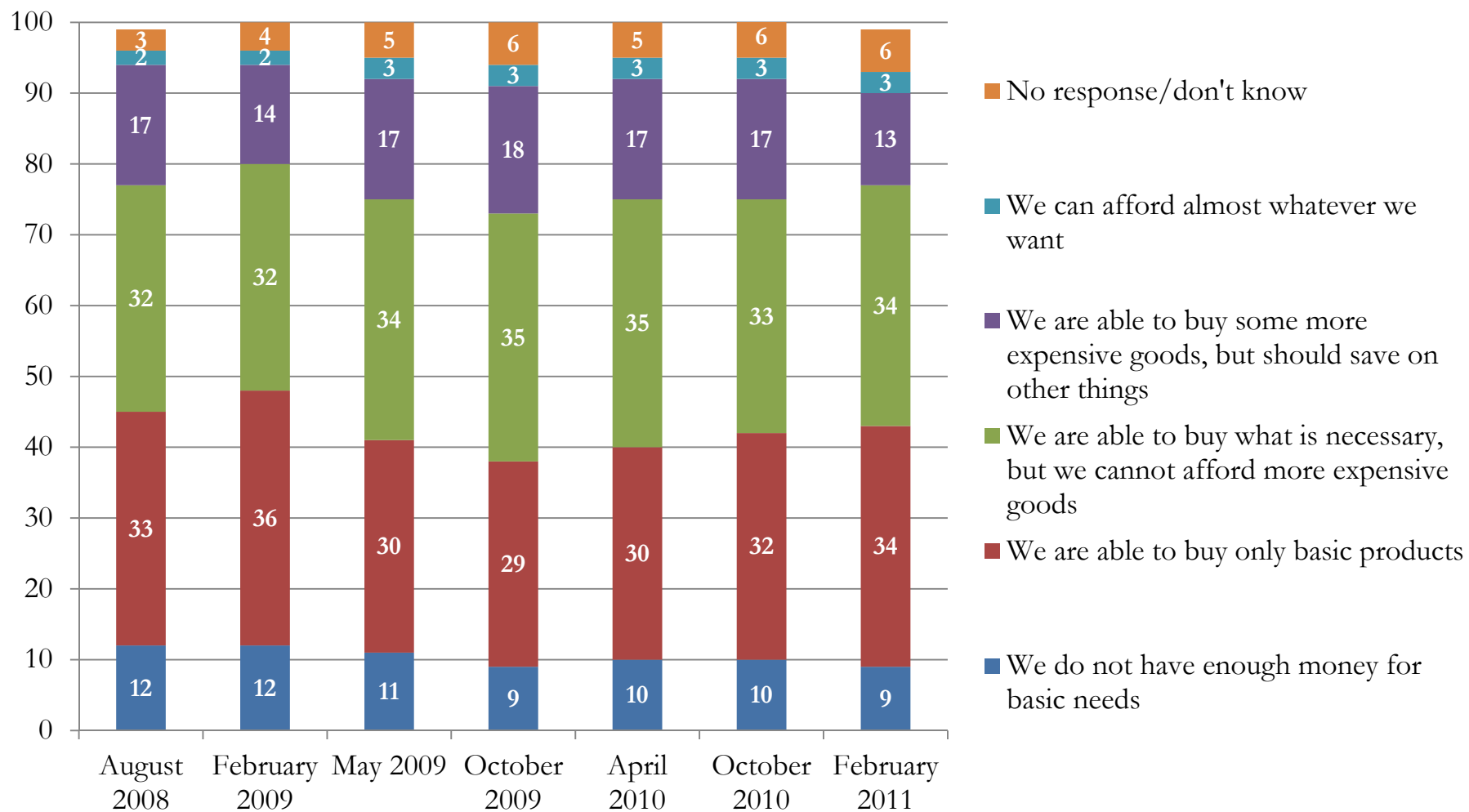


# In the next year, do you expect the economic situation in Kazakhstan to get better, worse or stay the same?

(responses in percentage)



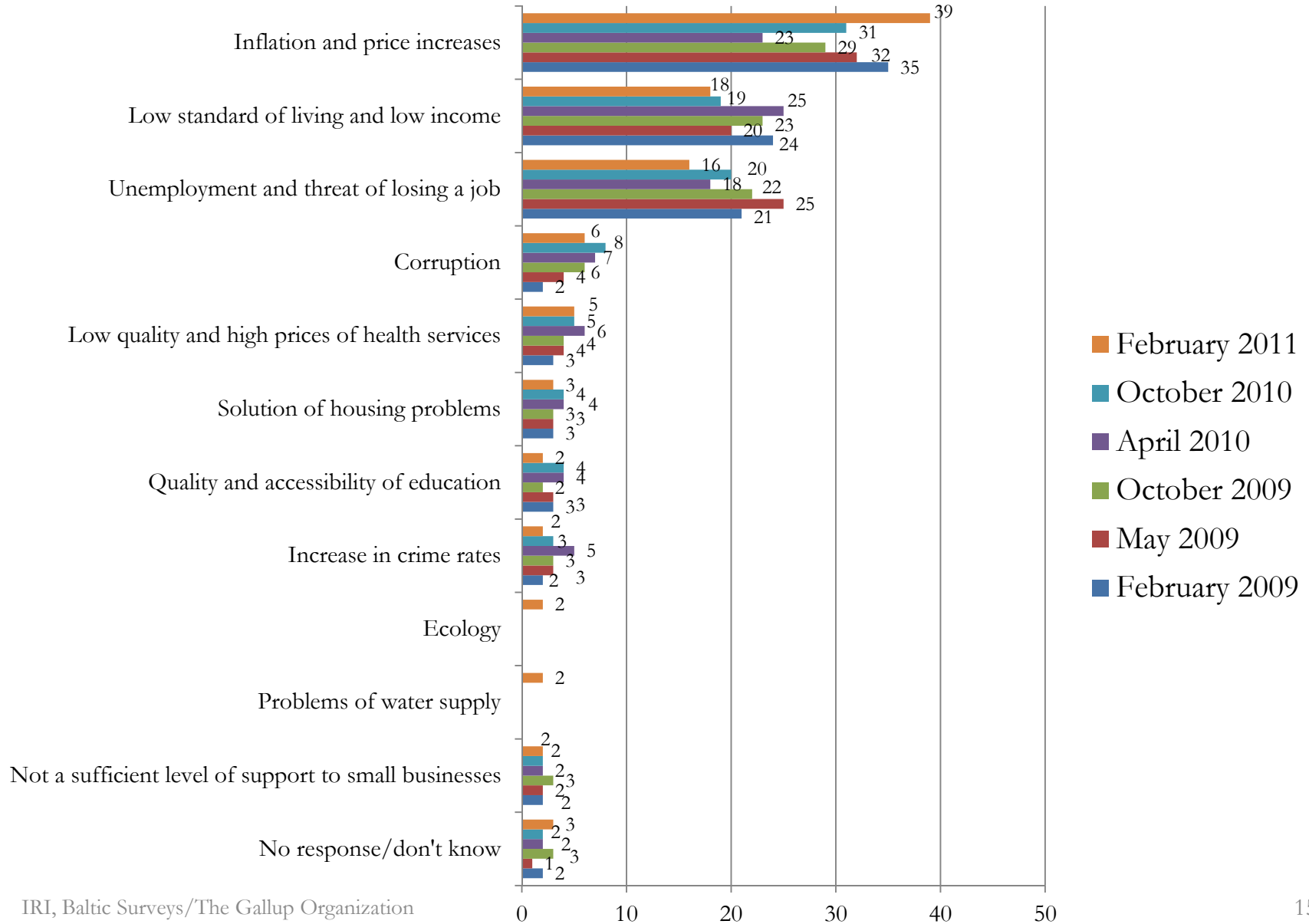
# How would you evaluate the income of your household?



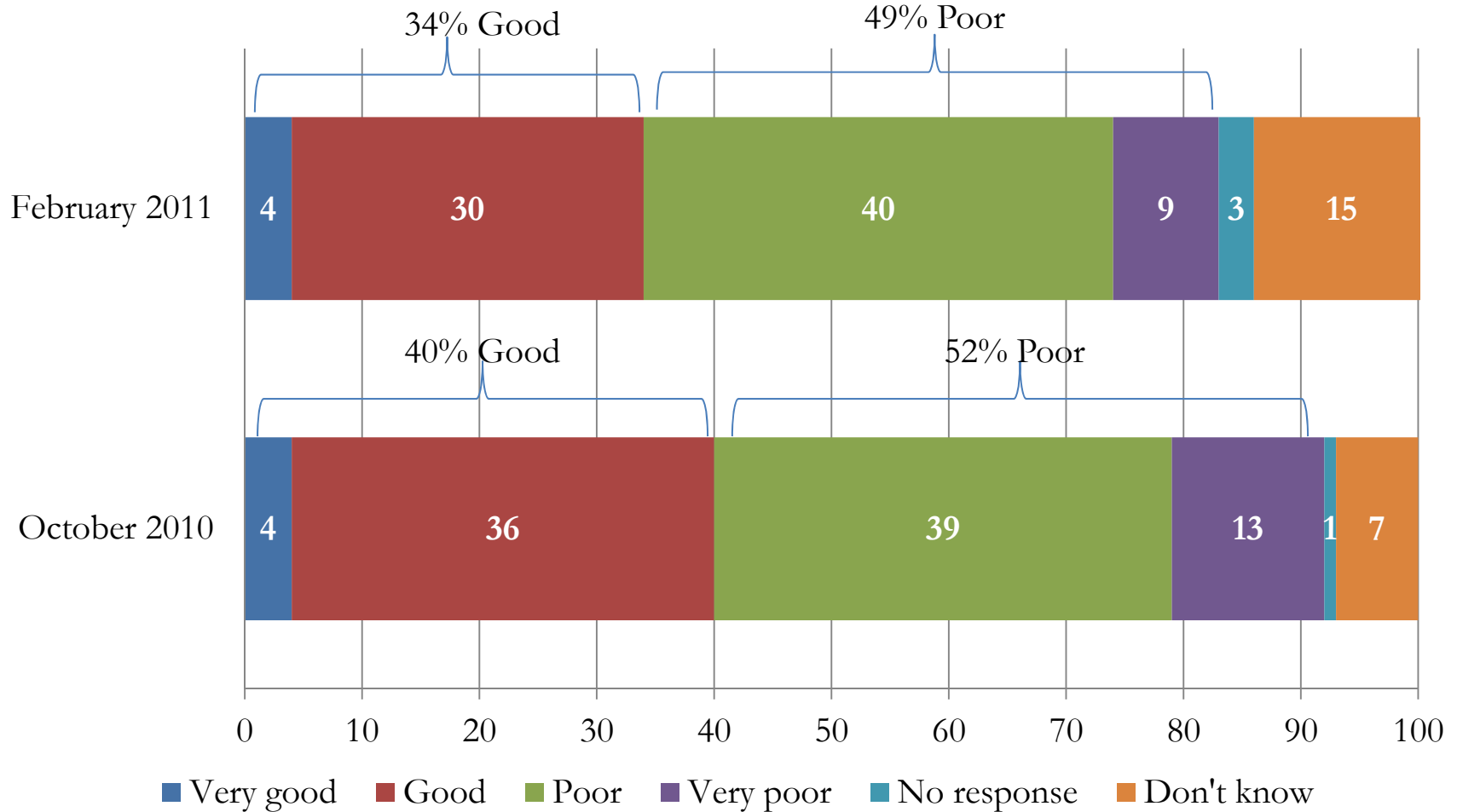
# ISSUES AND ATTITUDES INDEX

# Which one of the following issues is of greatest concern to you?

Responses two percent and greater

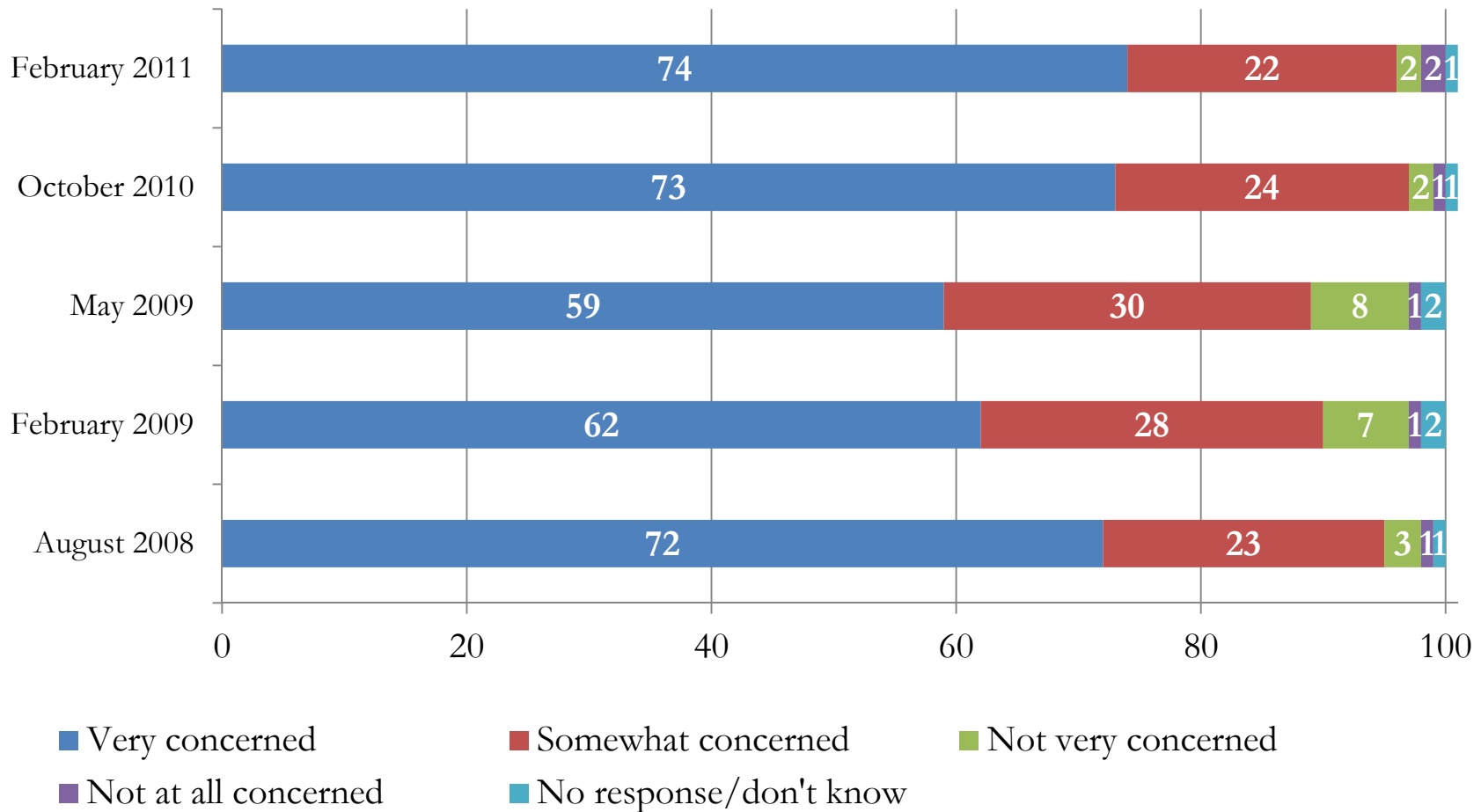


# On the issue most important to you, how has the government performed?

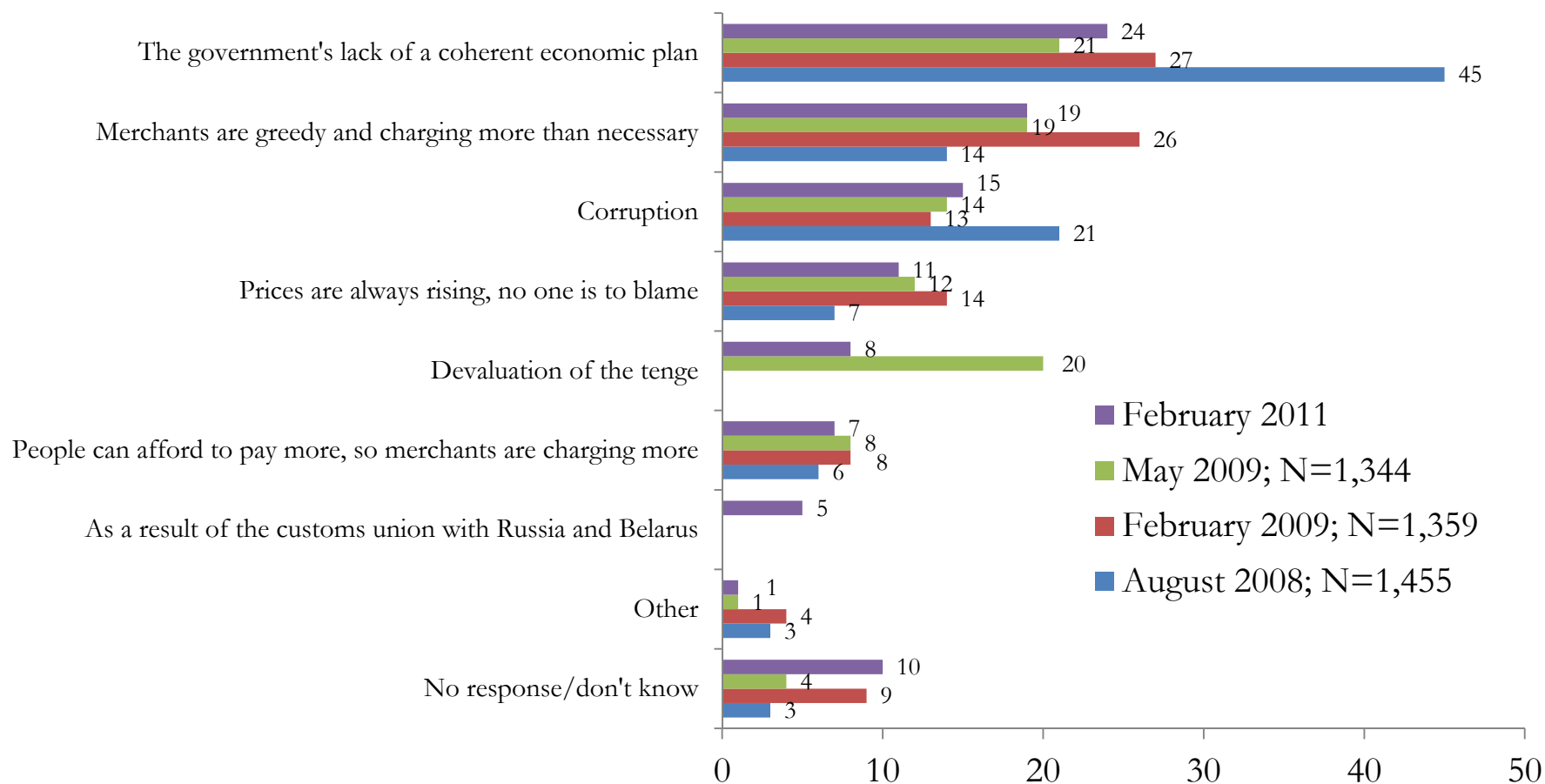




What is your opinion regarding high prices? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned?

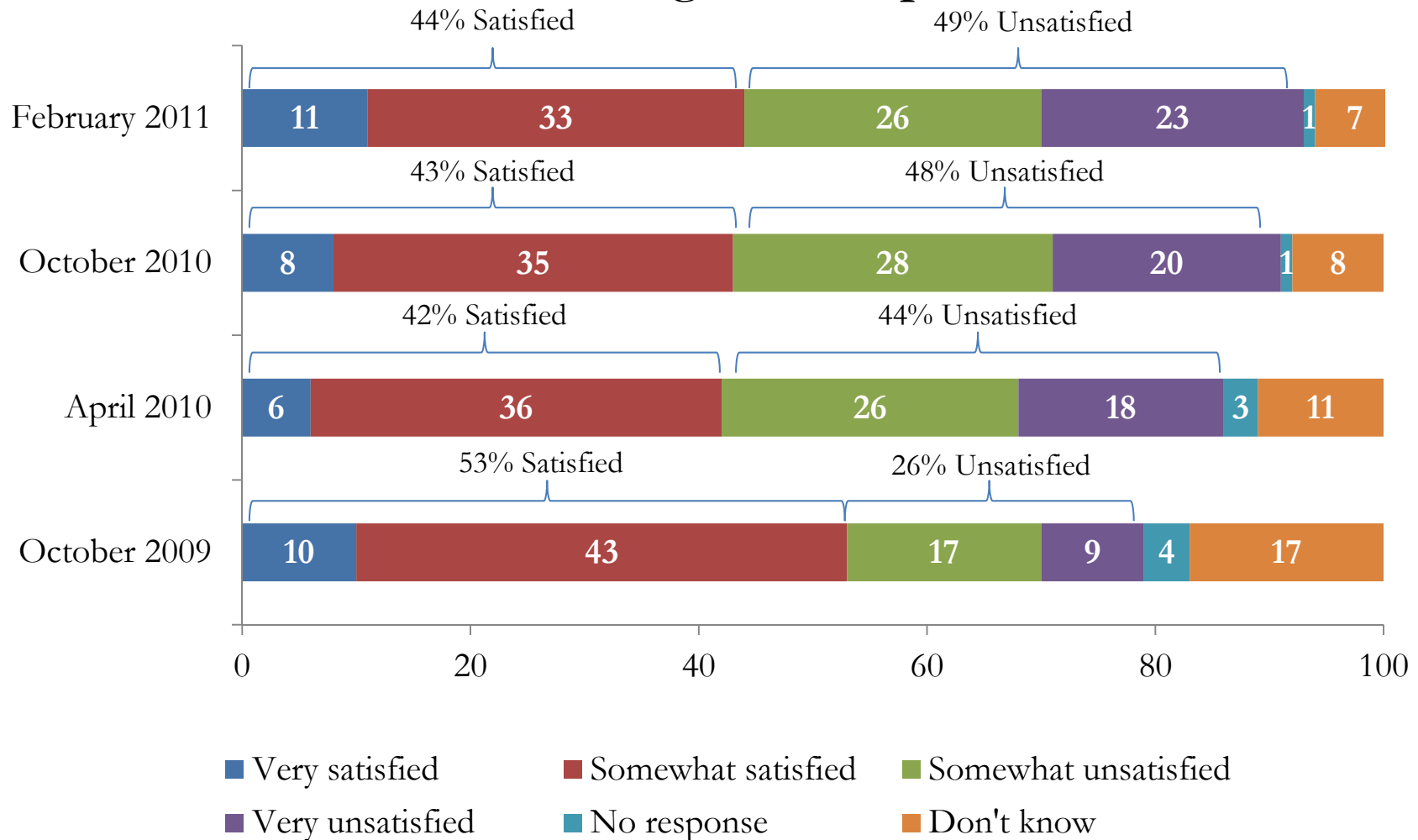


# In your view, which of the following is mostly to blame for high prices?

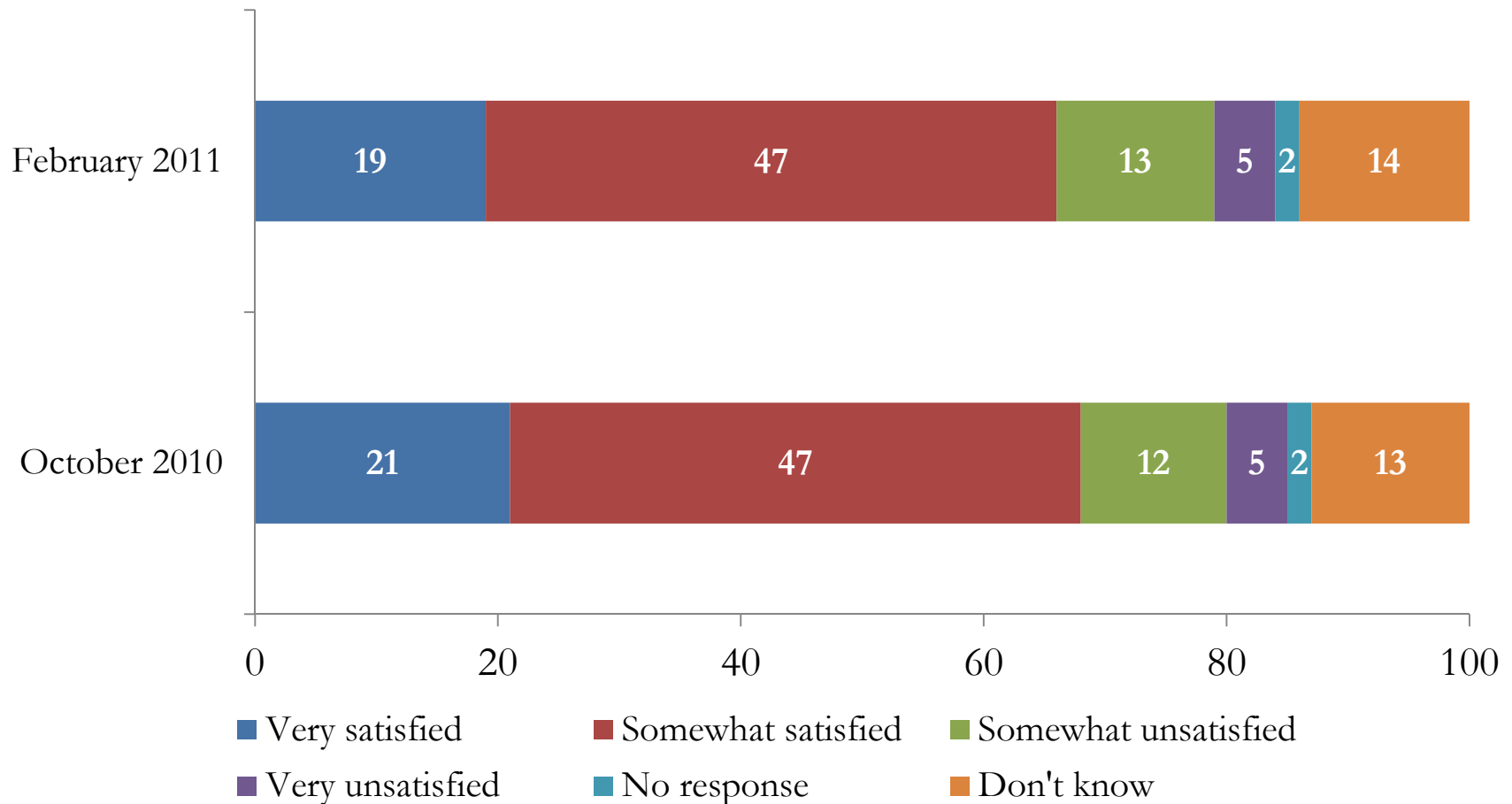


Note: in previous polls, this question was only asked of respondents who indicated that they were very concerned or somewhat concerned about high prices; in this poll, the question was asked of the full sample.

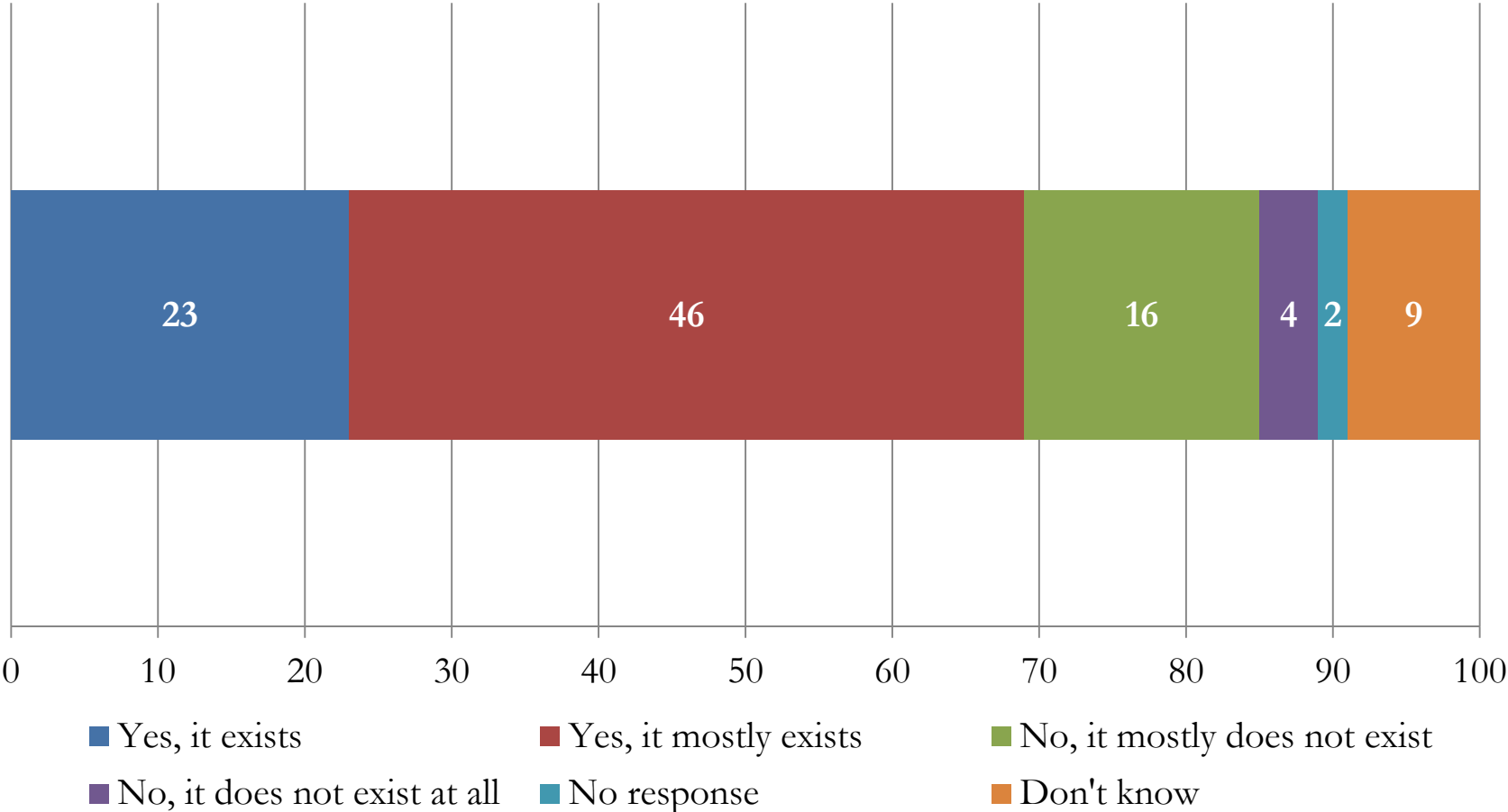
# Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the government's efforts to fight corruption?



# Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the government's efforts to protect citizens' political rights?

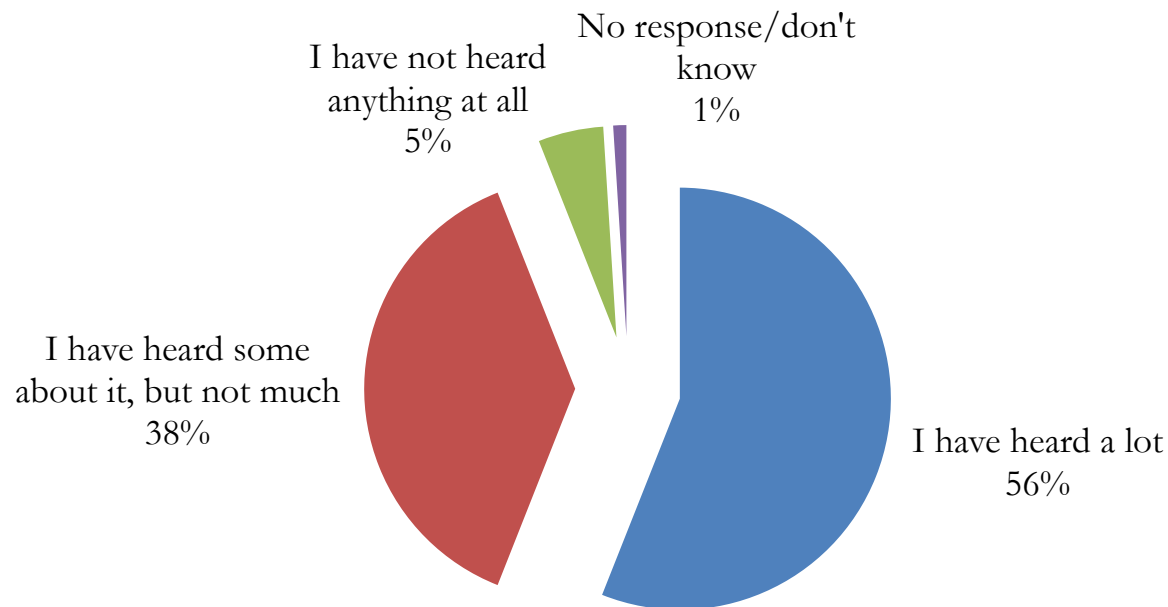


# In your opinion, does democracy exist in Kazakhstan?

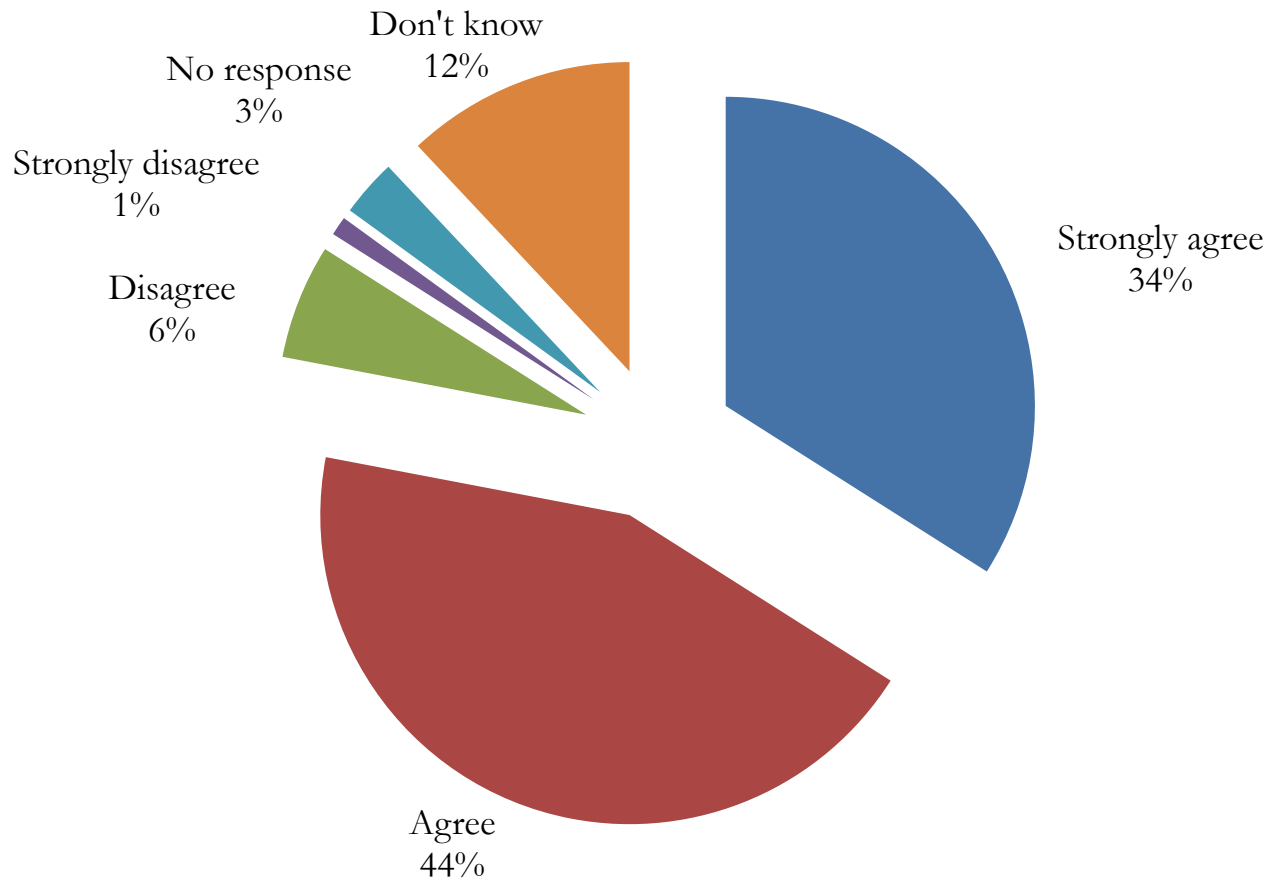


# ELECTION INDEX

# How much have you heard about the presidential election scheduled for April 3, 2011?

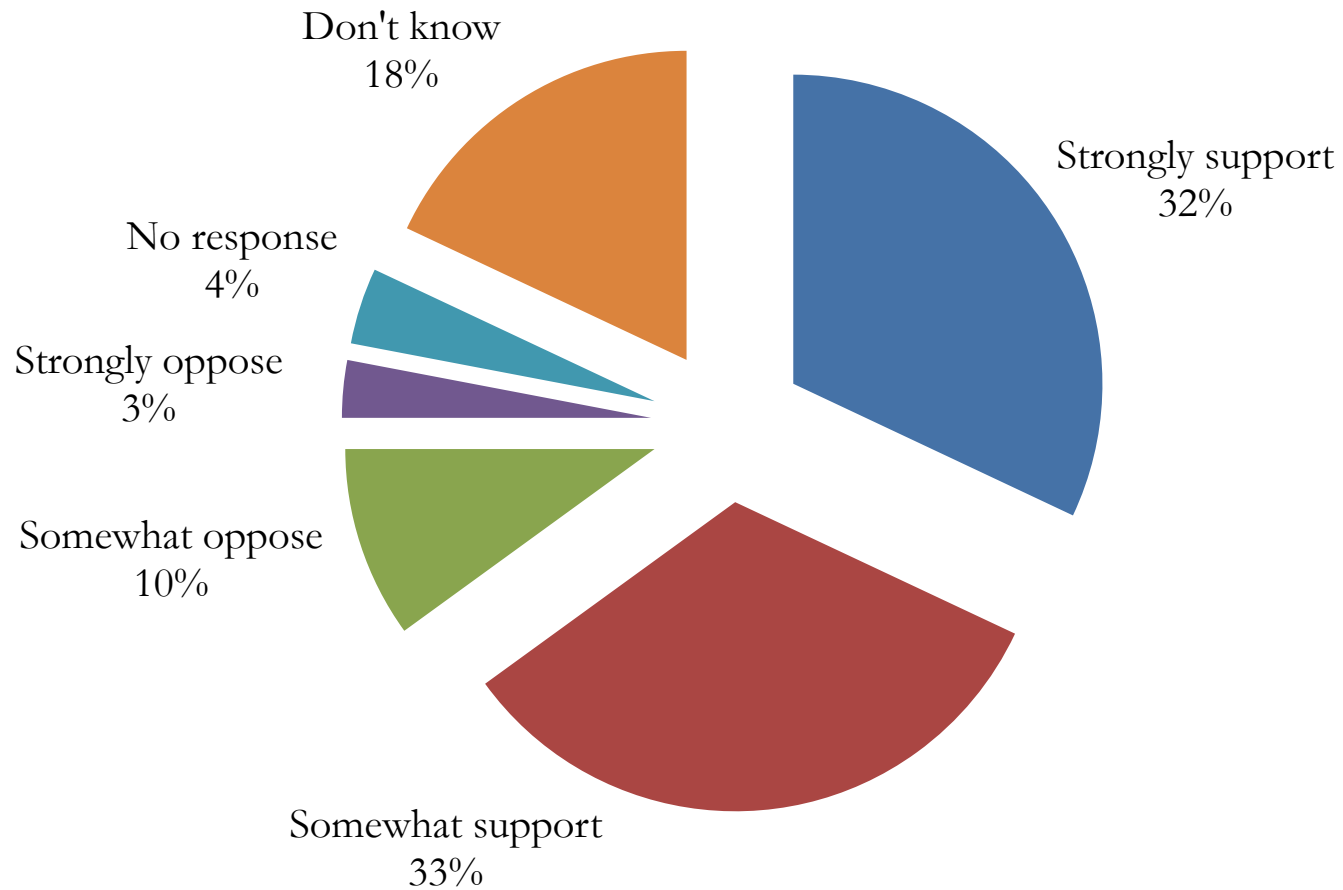


How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Kazakhstan will be ready for the April 3, 2011 election.

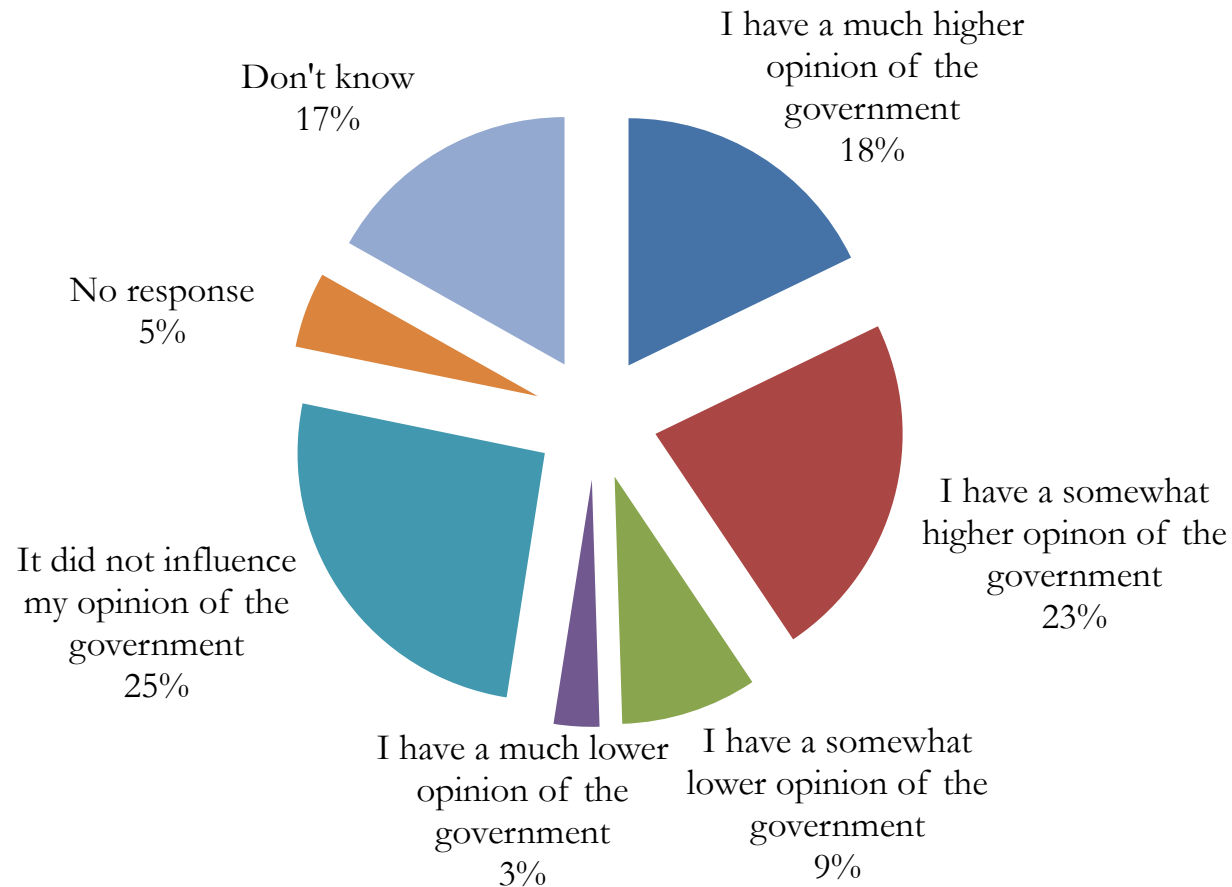




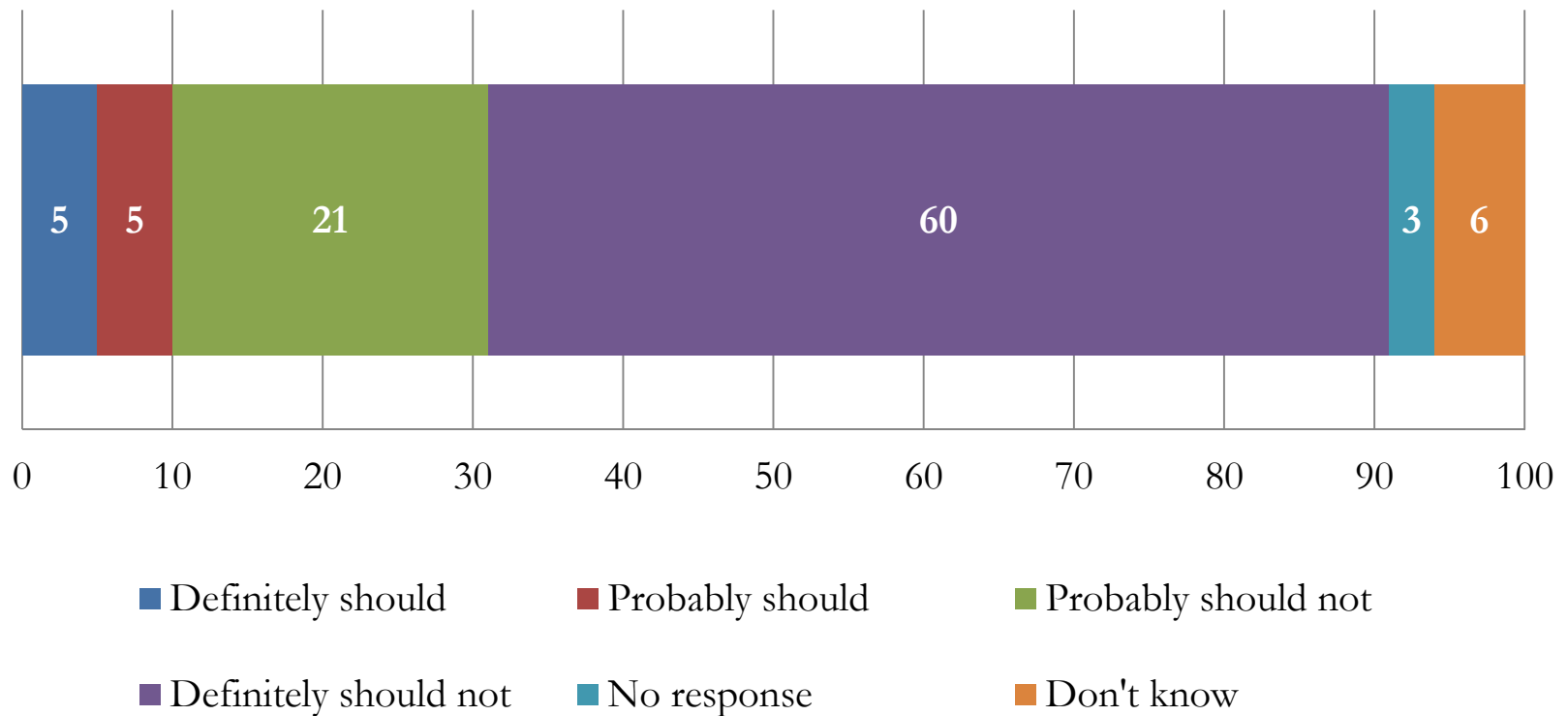
Do you support or oppose the government's decision to enact amendments to the constitution to allow them to call for an early presidential election, moving up the vote from 2012?



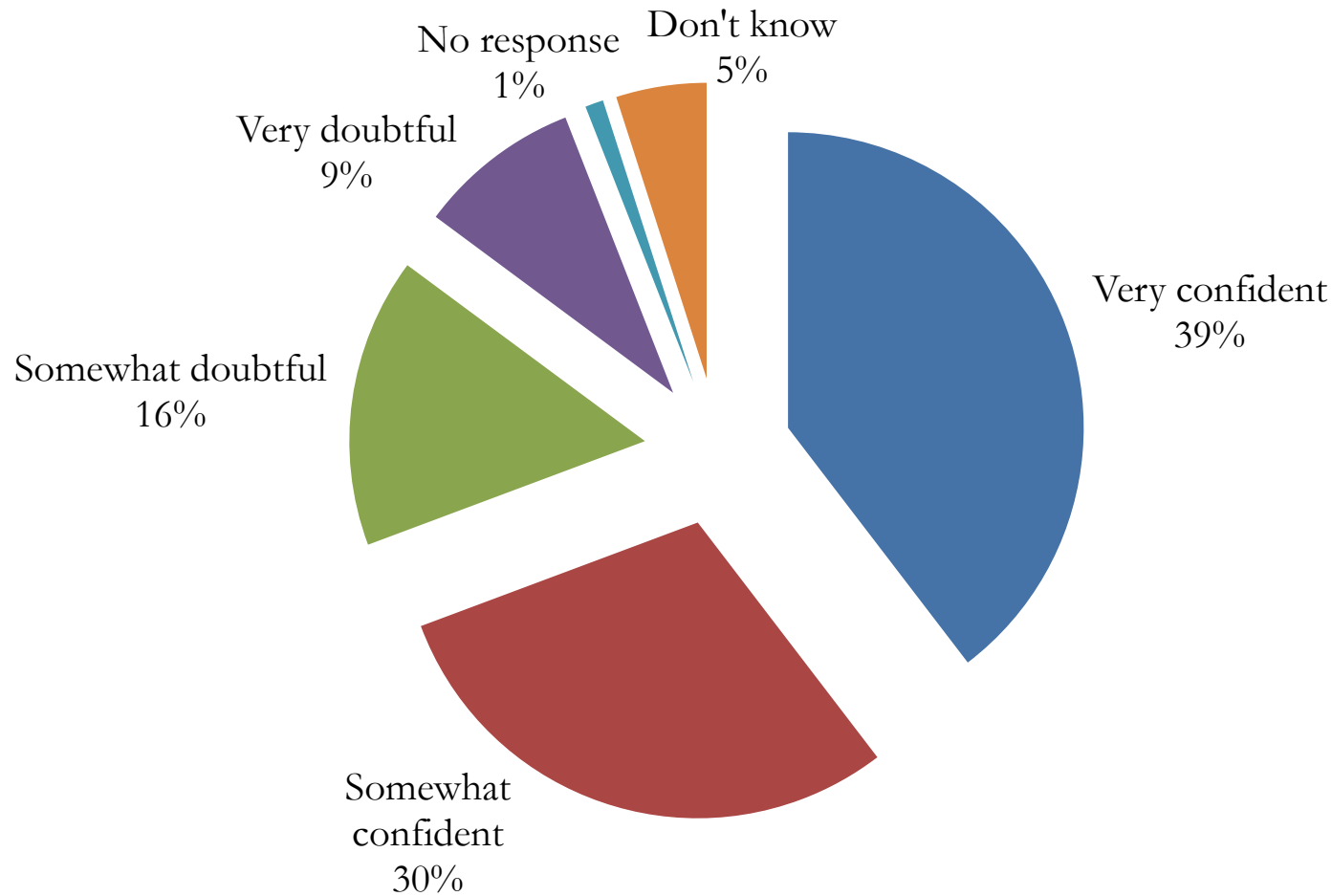
# How has the decision to hold an early presidential election affected your opinion of the government?



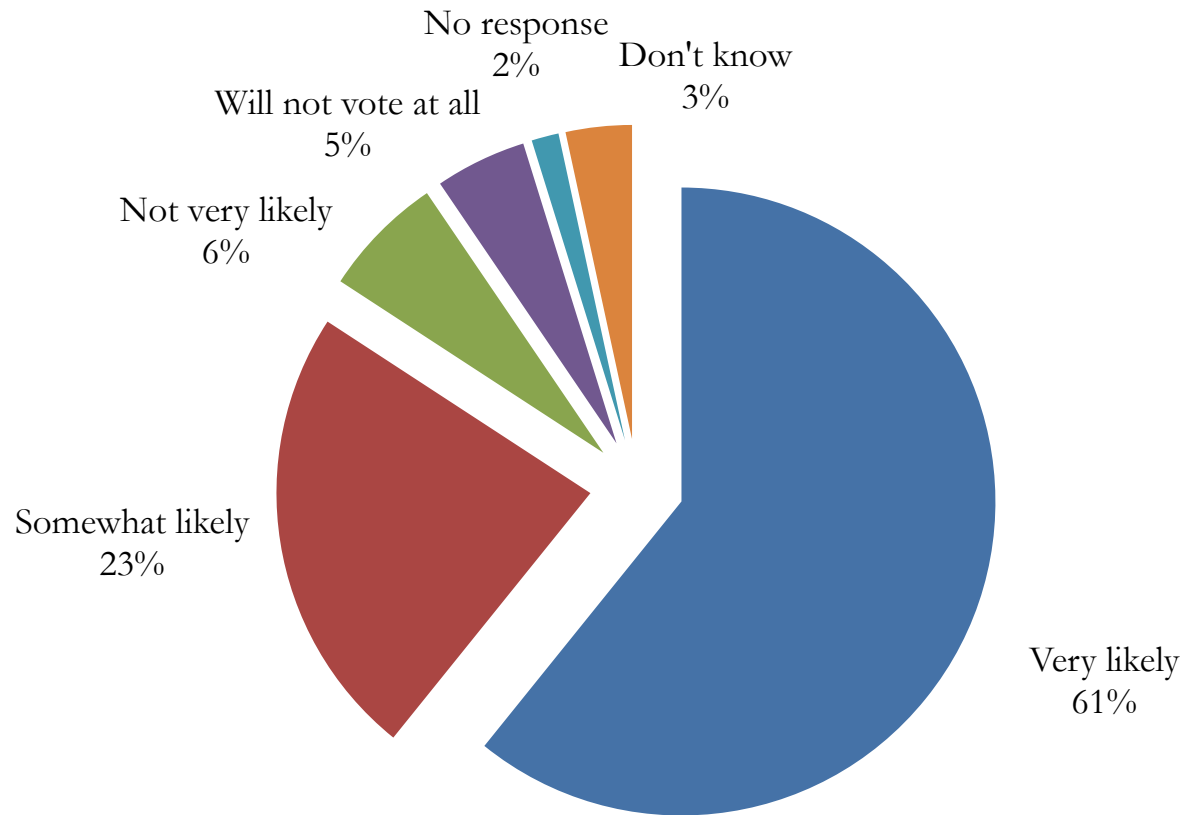
Some people have called for the resignation of President Nazarbaev. Do you think that he should resign or not?



# Thinking about where you will be voting on election day, how confident are you that your vote will be counted freely and fairly?

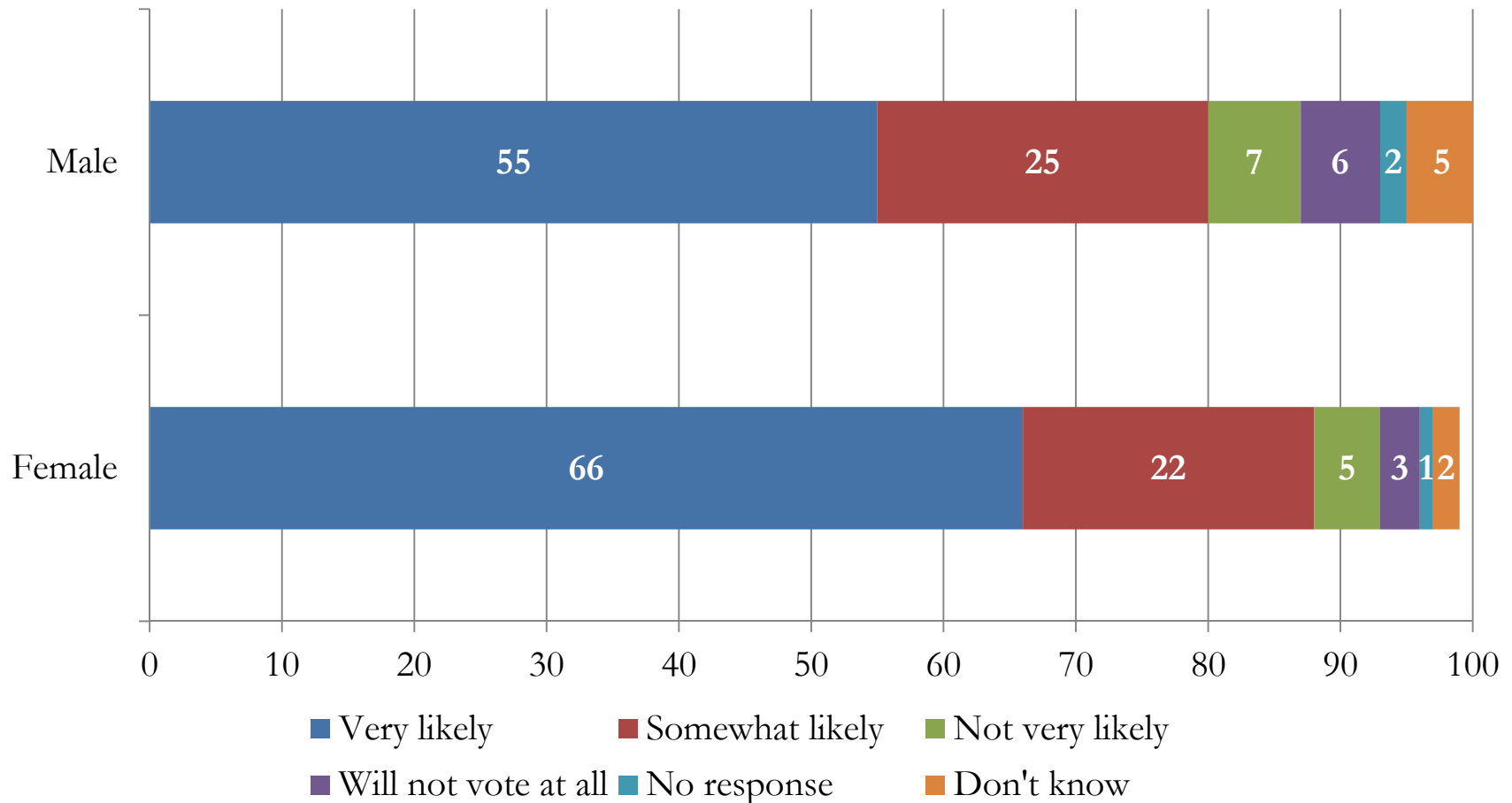


# How likely is it that you will vote in the April 3 presidential election?



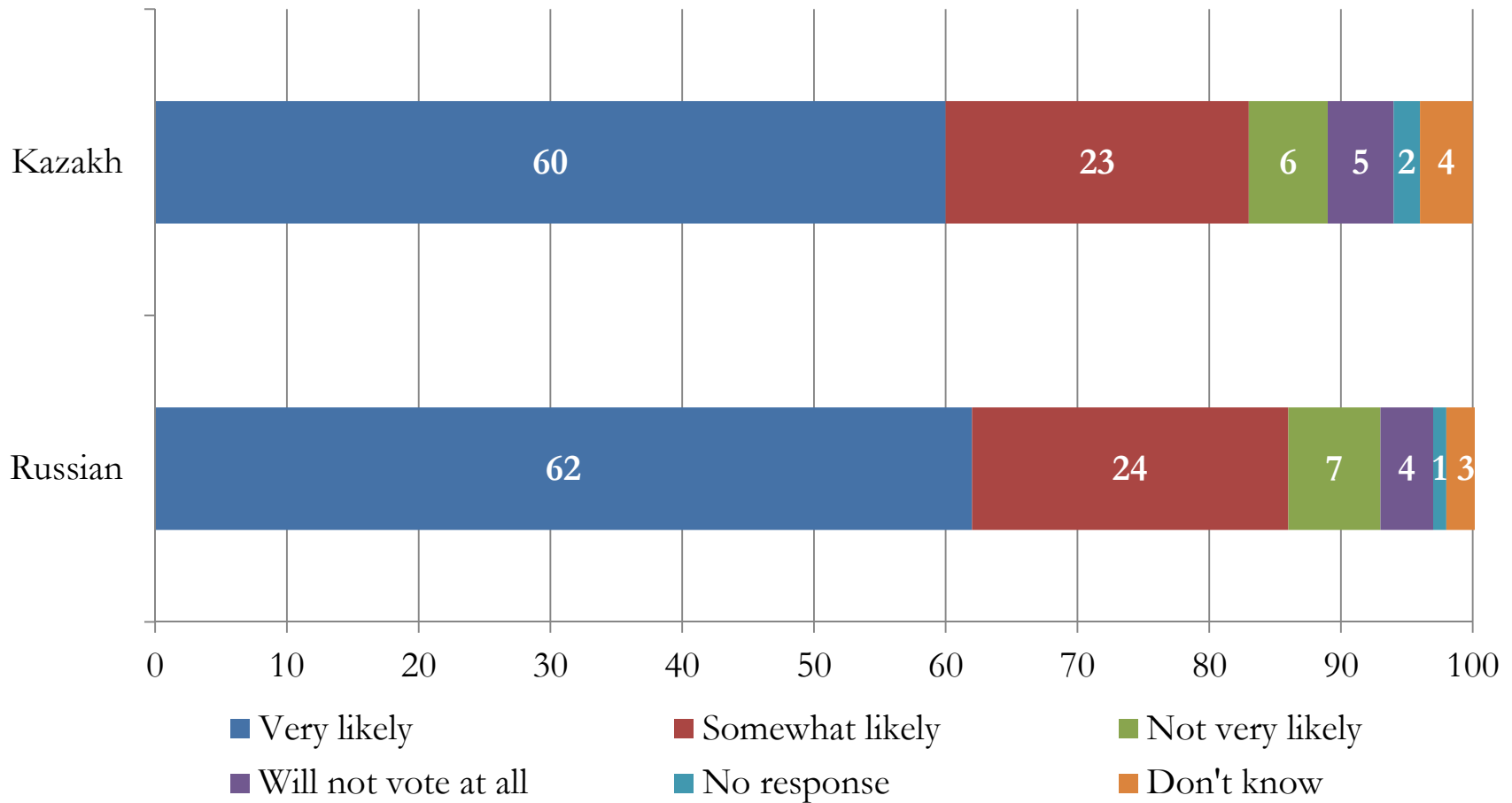
# How likely is it that you will vote in the April 3 presidential election?

Breakdown by gender



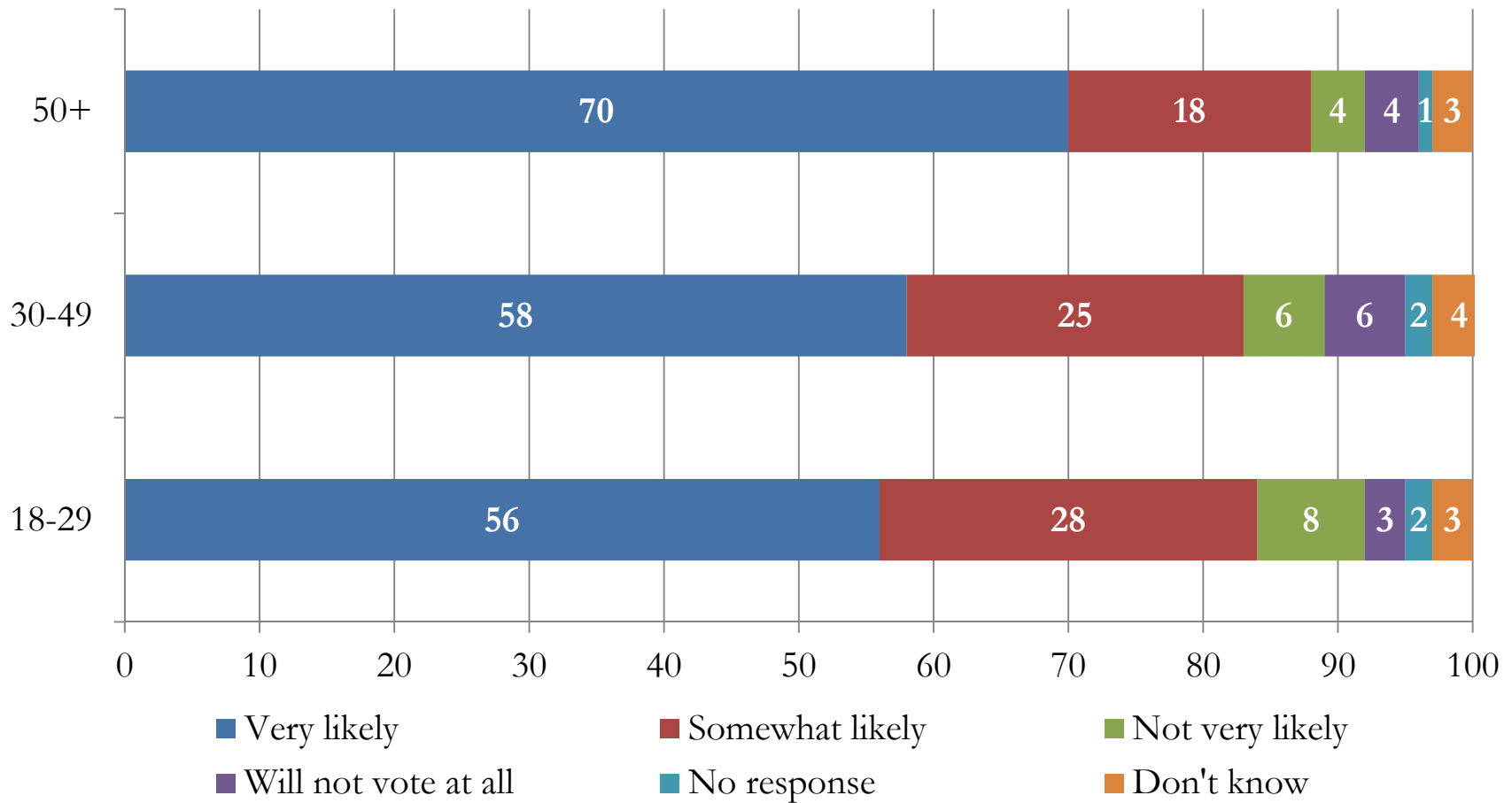
# How likely is it that you will vote in the April 3 presidential election?

Breakdown by ethnicity



# How likely is it that you will vote in the April 3 presidential election?

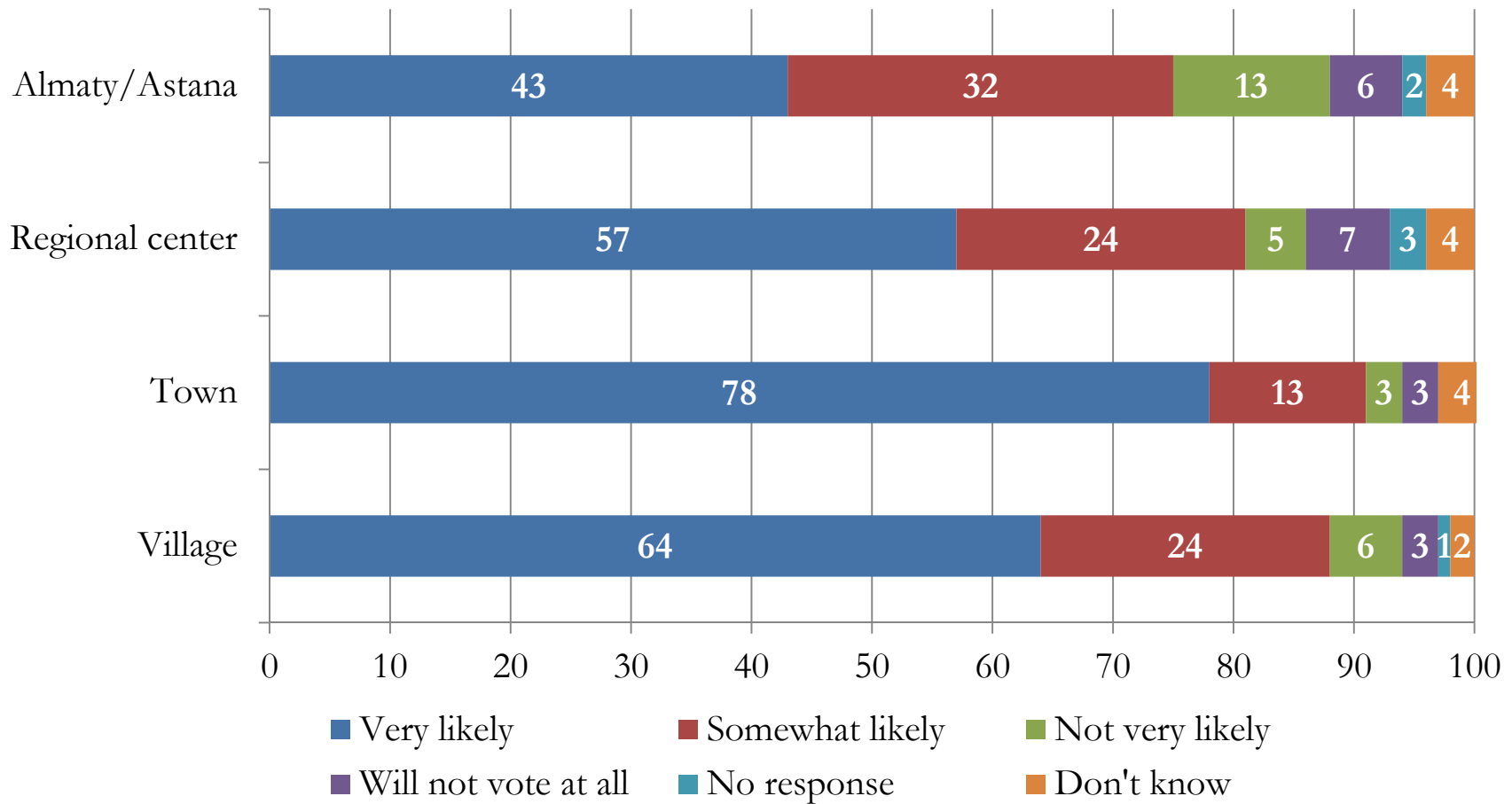
Breakdown by age





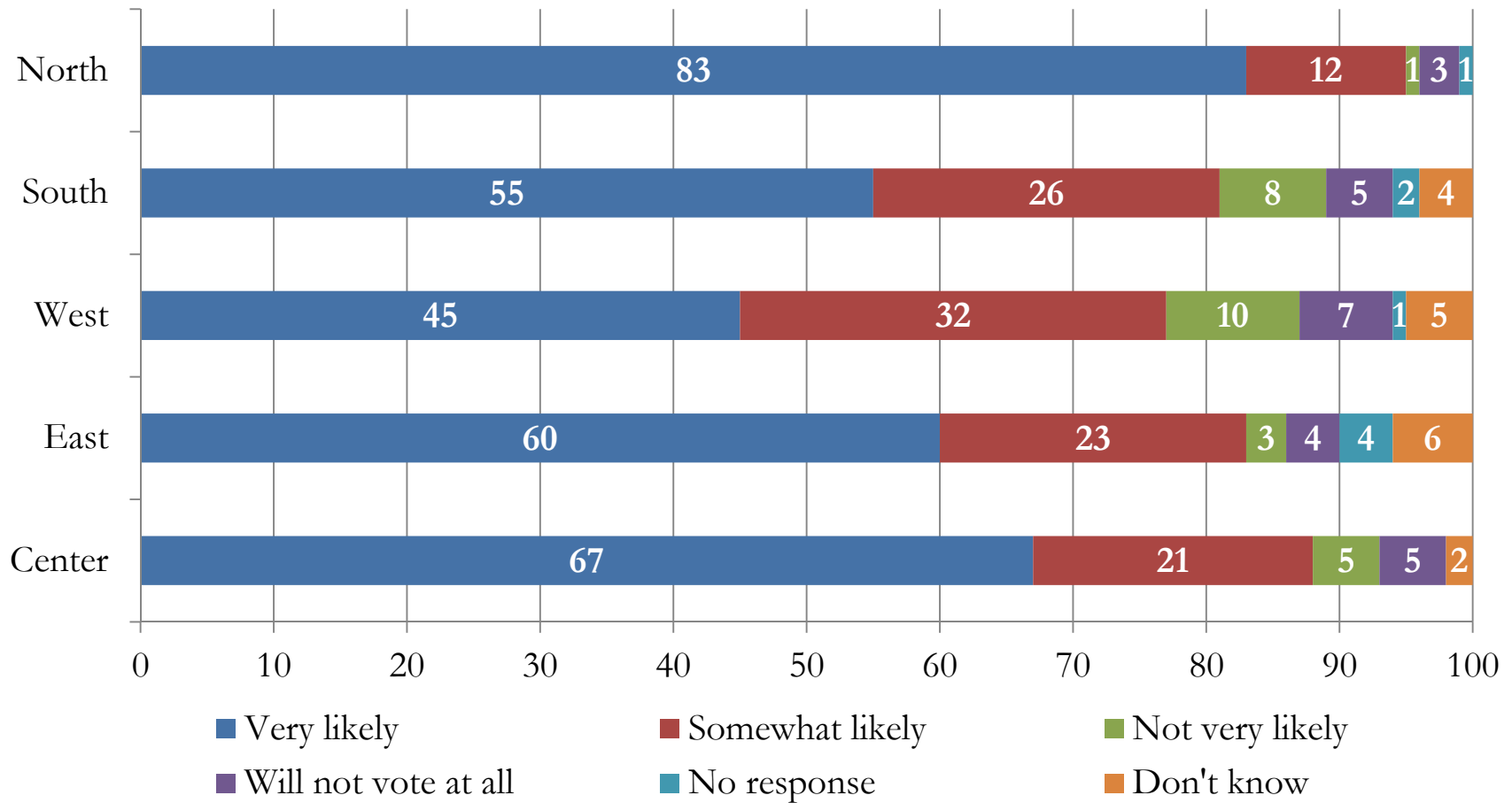
# How likely is it that you will vote in the April 3 presidential election?

Breakdown by population density



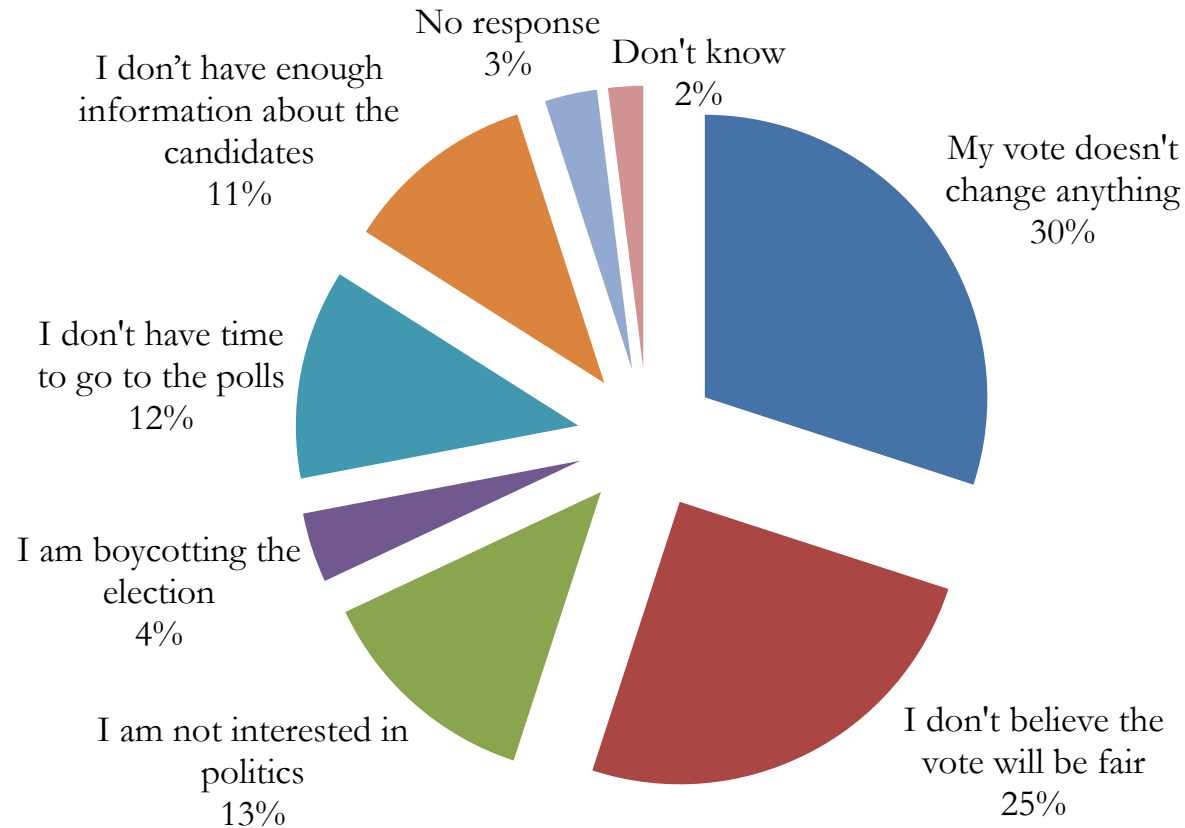
# How likely is it that you will vote in the April 3 presidential election?

Breakdown by region

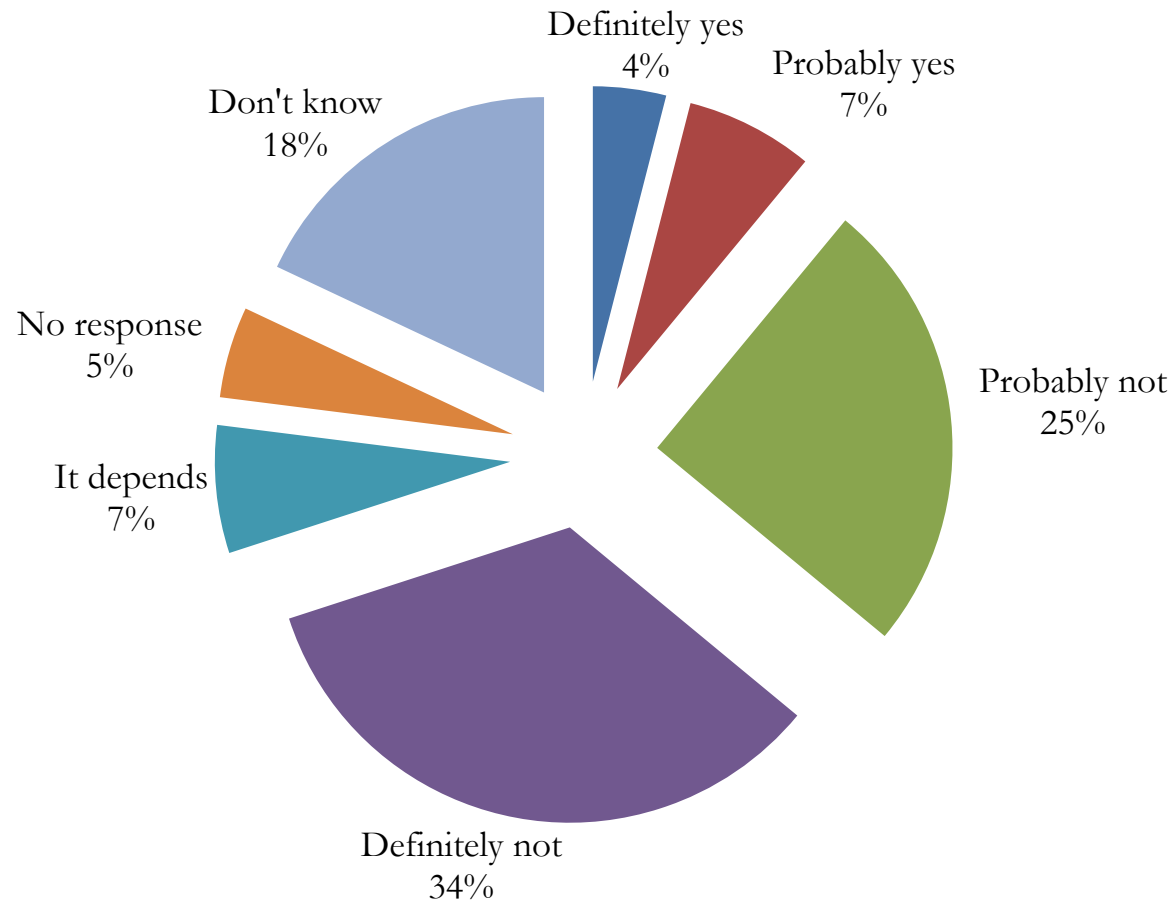


# Why wouldn't you vote in the April 3 election?

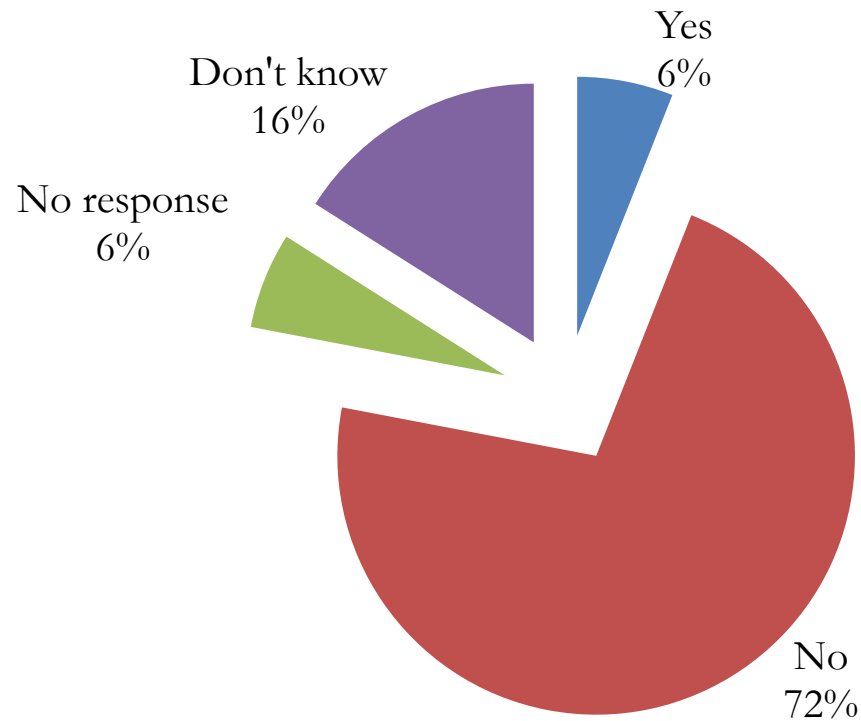
Respondents indicating that they are not very likely to or will not vote; N=167



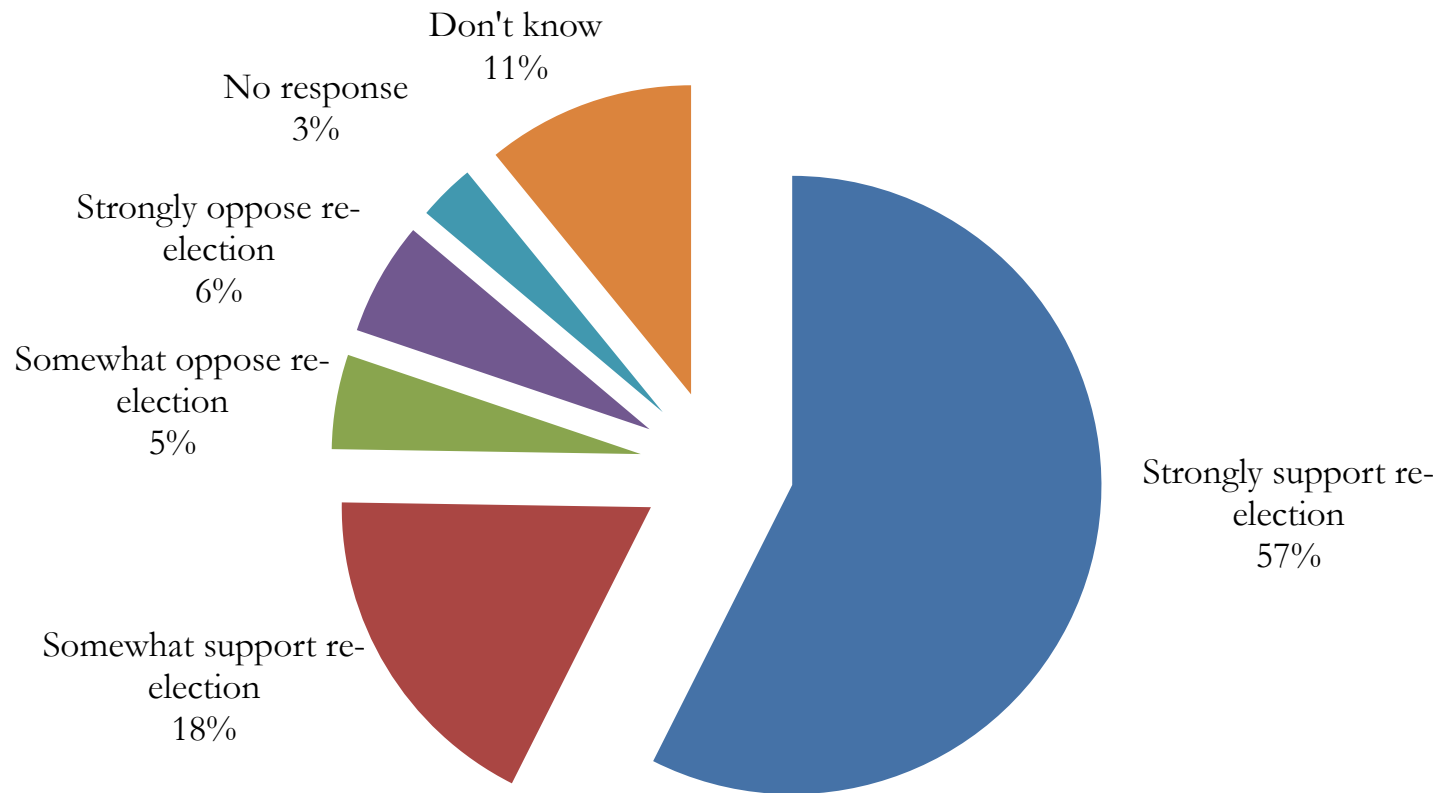
# If opposition groups decided to support a single opposition candidate, would you support this candidate or not?



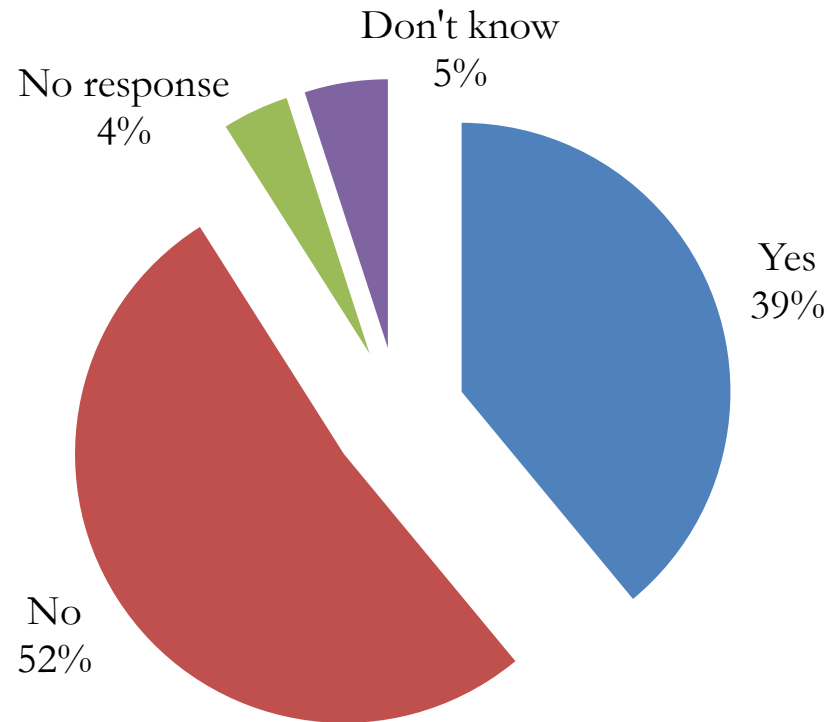
Some opposition groups are considering a boycott of the election because they say that the early election is an attempt by Nazarbaev to avoid a challenge from an alternative candidate for the election scheduled in 2012. Would you support a boycott of the election?



Now that you have more information about the upcoming presidential election, do you support or oppose President Nazarbaev's re-election to another term as president?

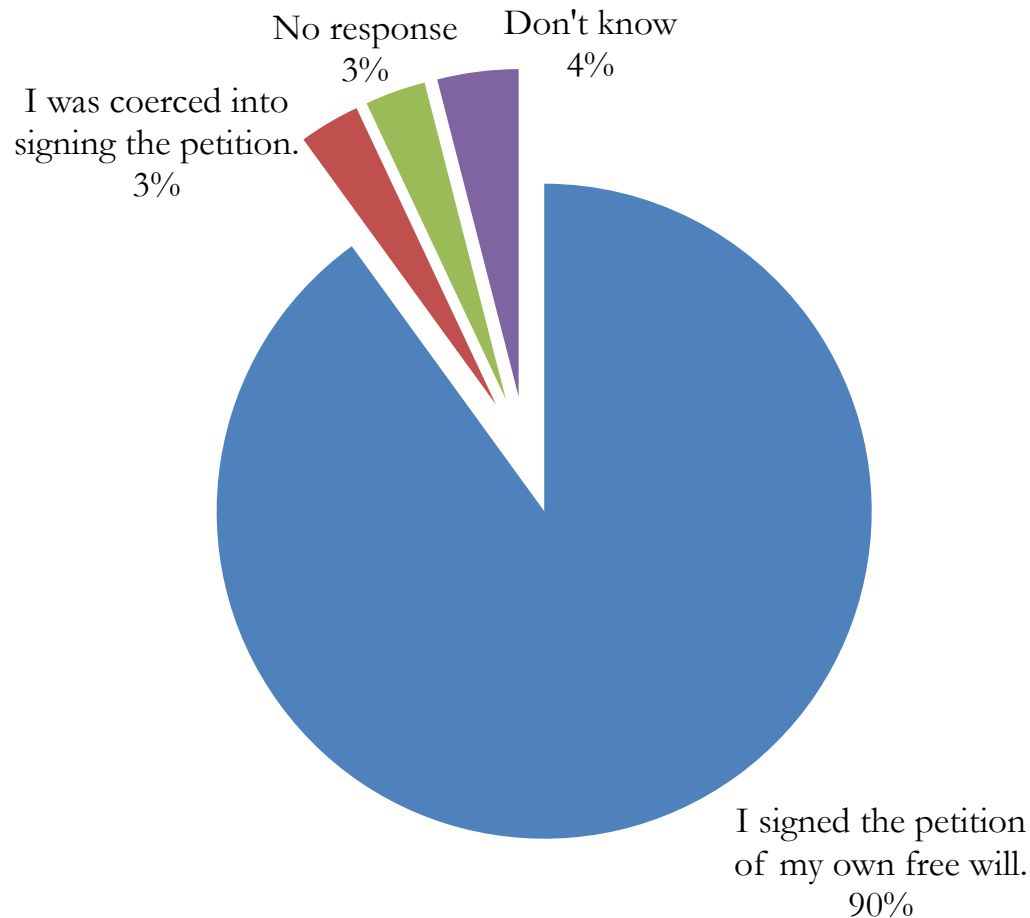


This winter, a referendum initiative group collected signatures of those in support of a referendum to extend the current term of President Nursultan Nazarbaev until 2020. Did you sign this petition?



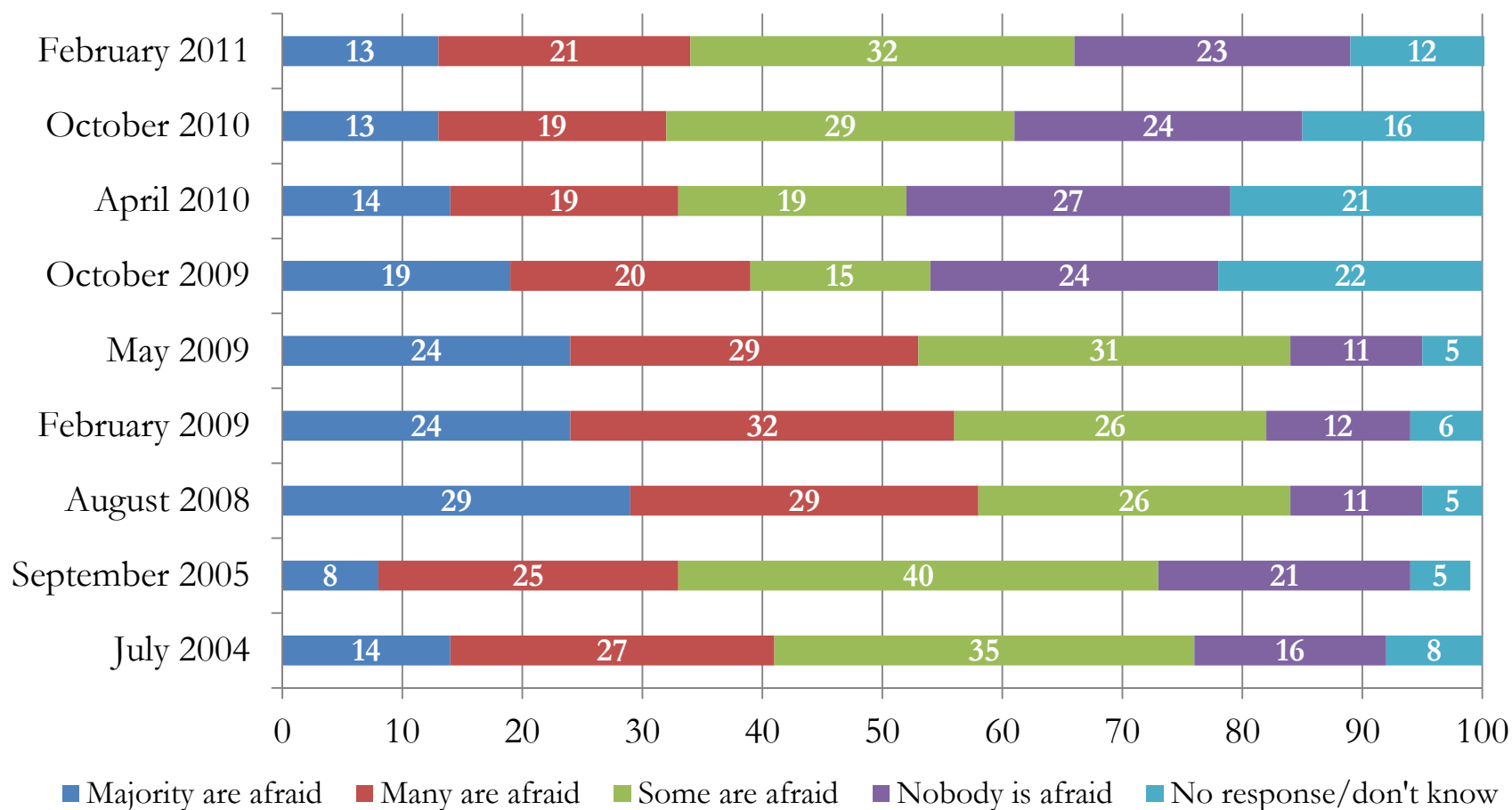
Some people have raised questions about the methods used by the initiative group to collect signatures. Which of the following statements describes your experience?

Respondents indicating that they signed the petition; N=598

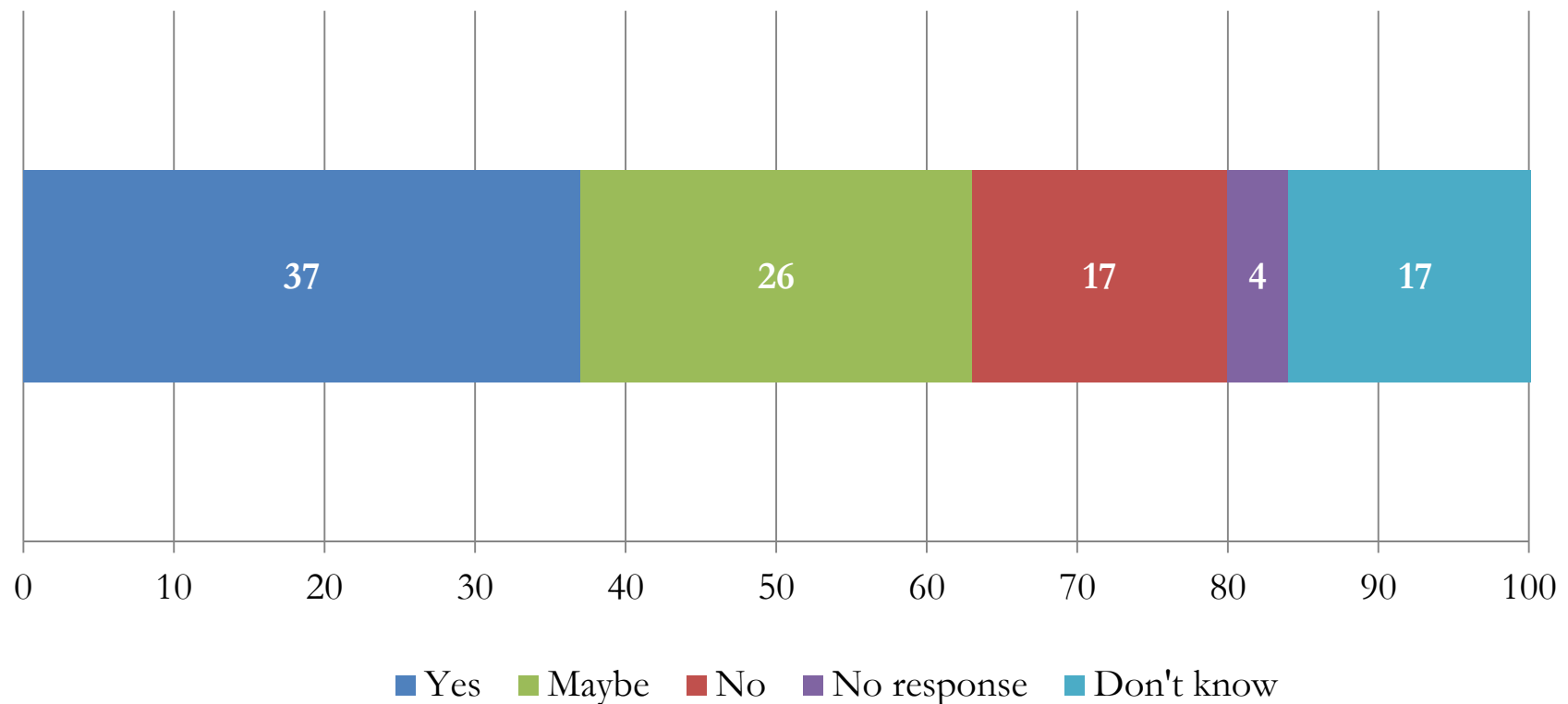




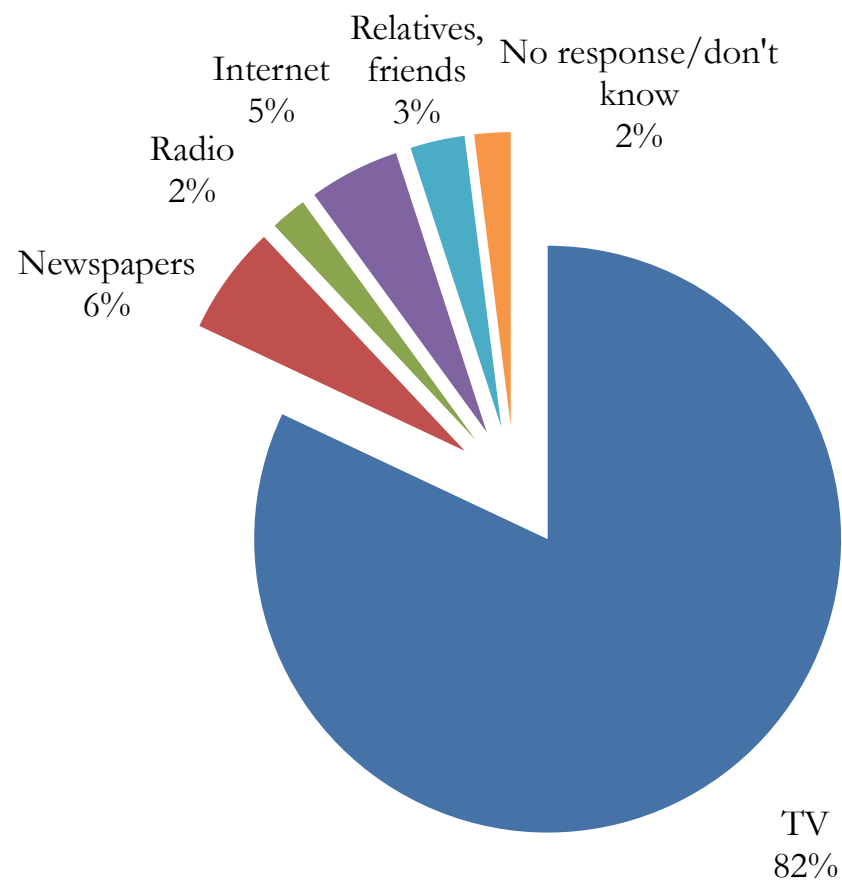
# In your opinion, are people in Kazakhstan afraid to openly express their political views or not?



Thinking about the next few years, do you think that it will be a risk to the country's stability if President Nazarbaev does not identify a potential successor?



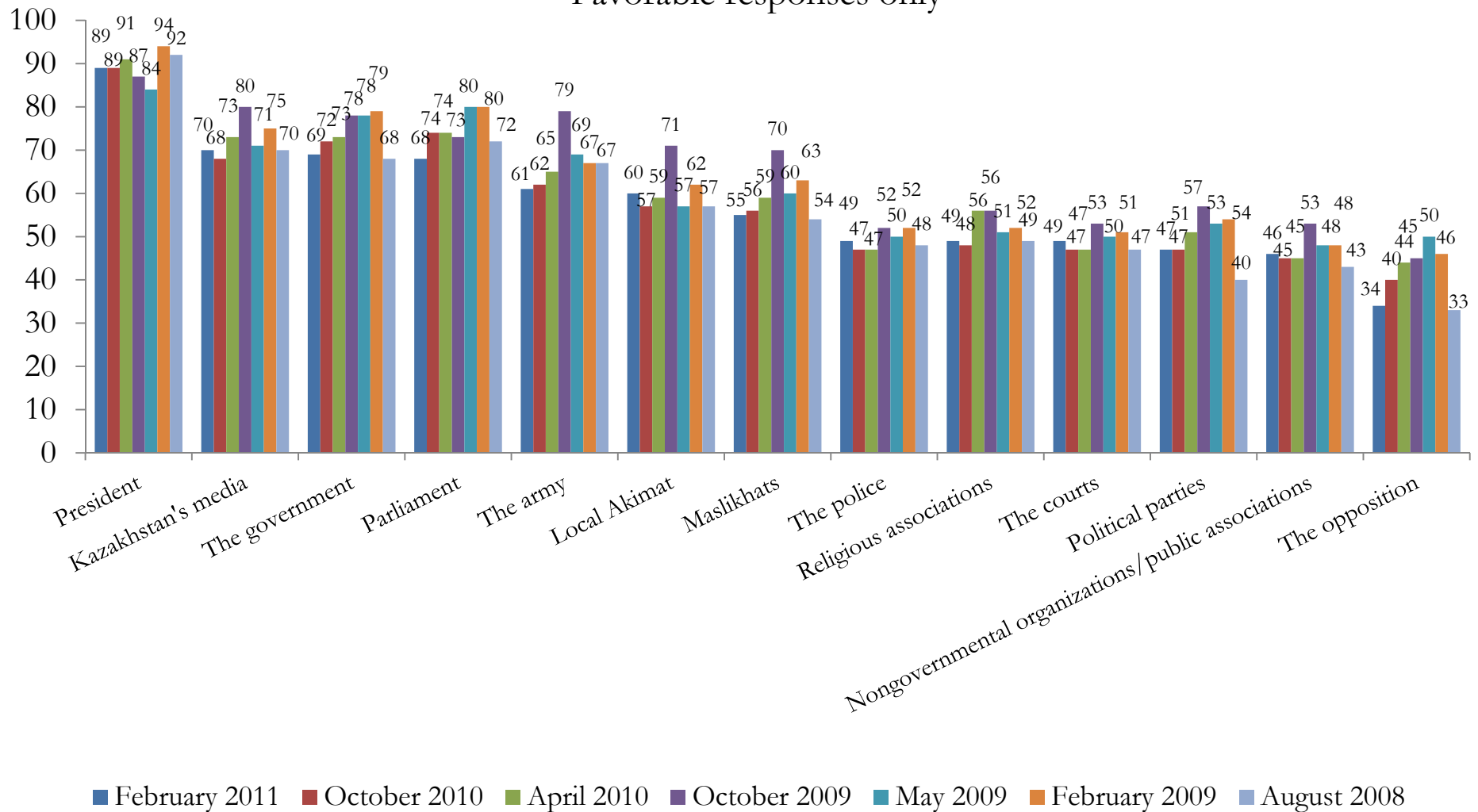
# What is your primary source of information about the upcoming presidential election?



# INSTITUTIONAL RATINGS

# What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?

Favorable responses only



# Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Nursultan Nazarbaev is handling his job?

(responses in percentage)

