



Public Opinion Poll Residents of Kyrgyzstan

November 21 - December 3, 2019



Detailed Methodology

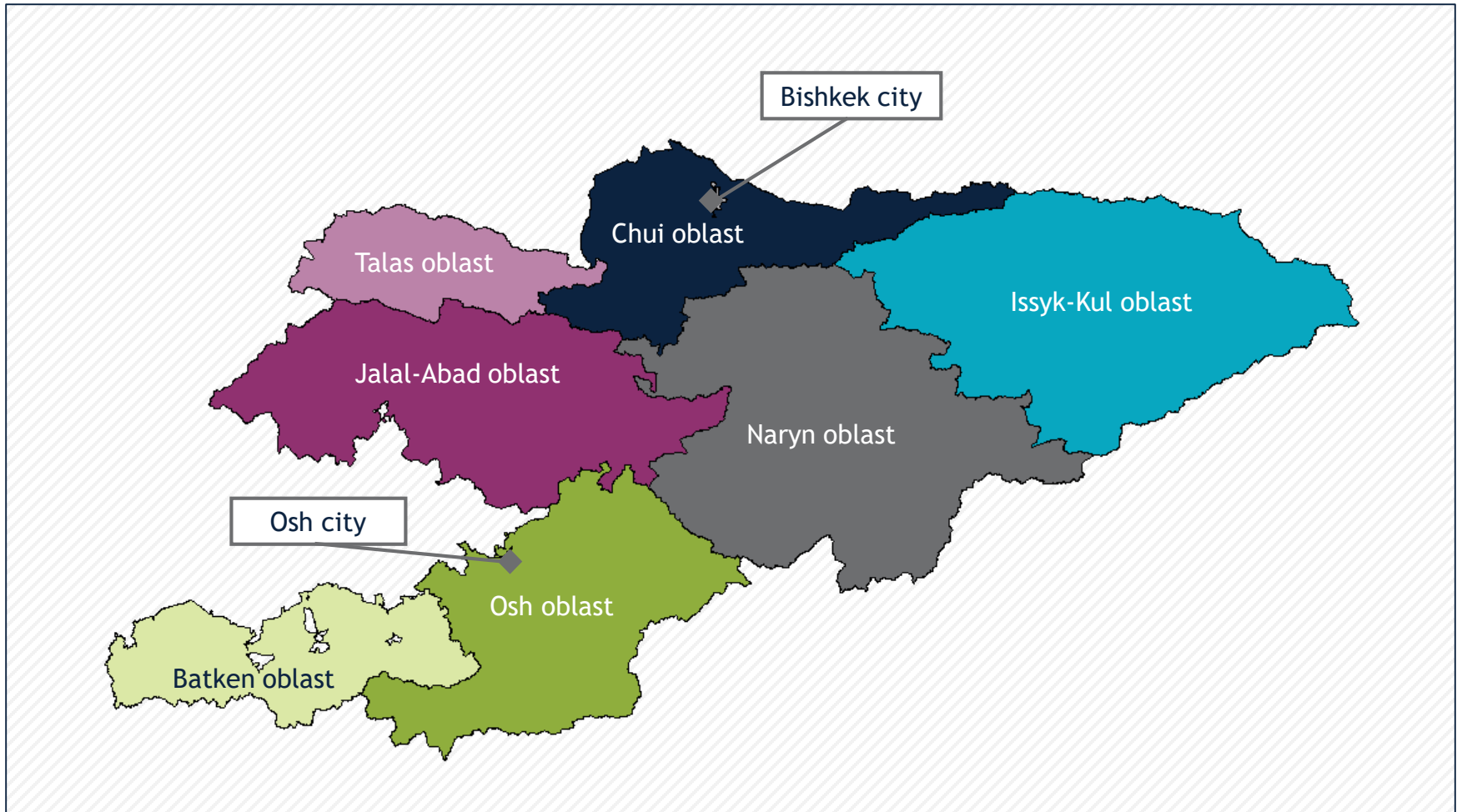
- The survey was conducted by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene of the public and market research company Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the [International Republican Institute](#). The fieldwork was carried out by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Kyrgyzstan on November 21 - December 3, 2019 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,483 permanent residents of Kyrgyzstan aged 18 and older and eligible to vote.
- Sampling frame: Demographic Yearbook of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2019.
- Weighting: Data weighted for age, gender, urban/rural settlement and 9 regional groups (7 oblasts and 2 cities - Bishkek and Osh).
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, employing the random route and Kish Method for respondents' selection procedures.
 - Stage one: All districts of Kyrgyzstan were grouped into seven regions plus Bishkek. Each region of Kyrgyzstan was surveyed.
 - Stage two: Settlements were selected at random within urban and rural areas. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a particular type of the settlement in that region.
 - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error for the full sample does not exceed ± 2.5 points at the 95% confidence level.
- The response rate was 74 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Interviews were conducted in the Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek languages.
- The survey was funded by the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#).

Frequently Cited Disaggregates

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Oblast/City	Bishkek city	n=259
	Chui oblast	n=228
	Issyk-Kul oblast	n=115
	Naryn oblast	n=65
	Talas oblast	n=57
	Osh oblast	n=296
	Jalal-Abad oblast	n=274
	Batken oblast	n=117
	Osh city	n=72
Gender	Male	n=772
	Female	n=761
Age Groups	Age 18-35	n=703
	Age 36-55	n=522
	Age 56 and older	n=258

*Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with sample size n.

Geographical Key: 7 Oblasts and 2 Cities

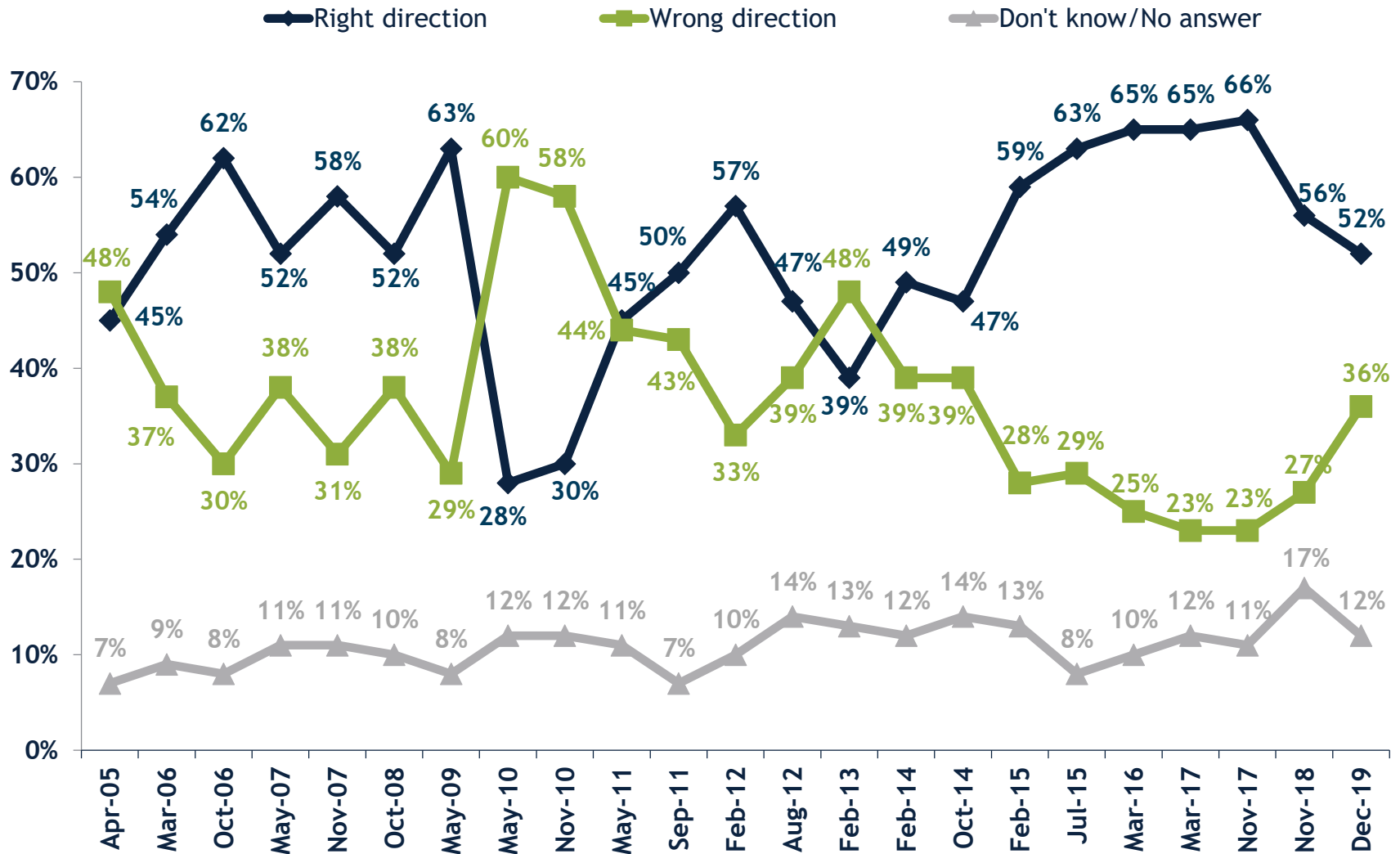




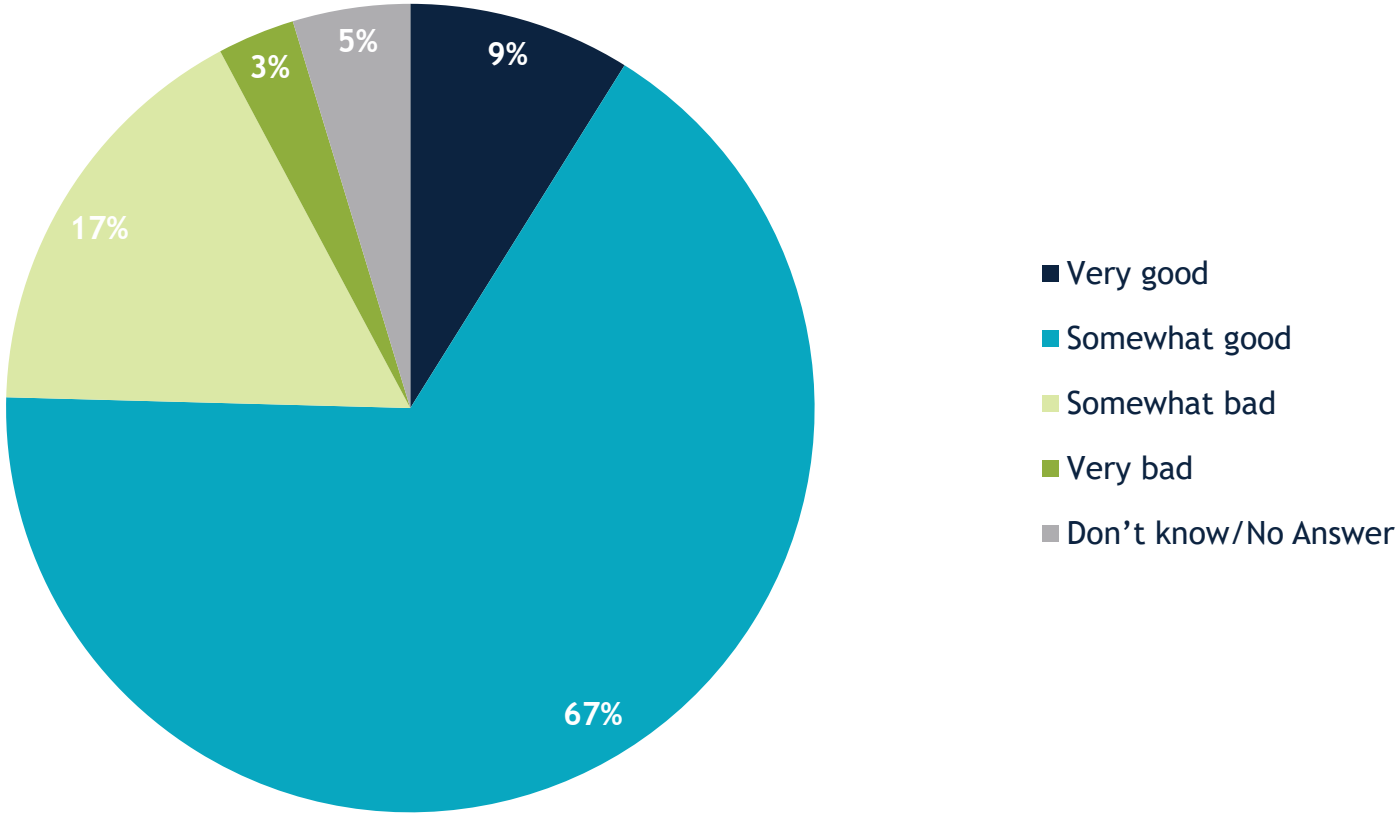
Mood of the Country



In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

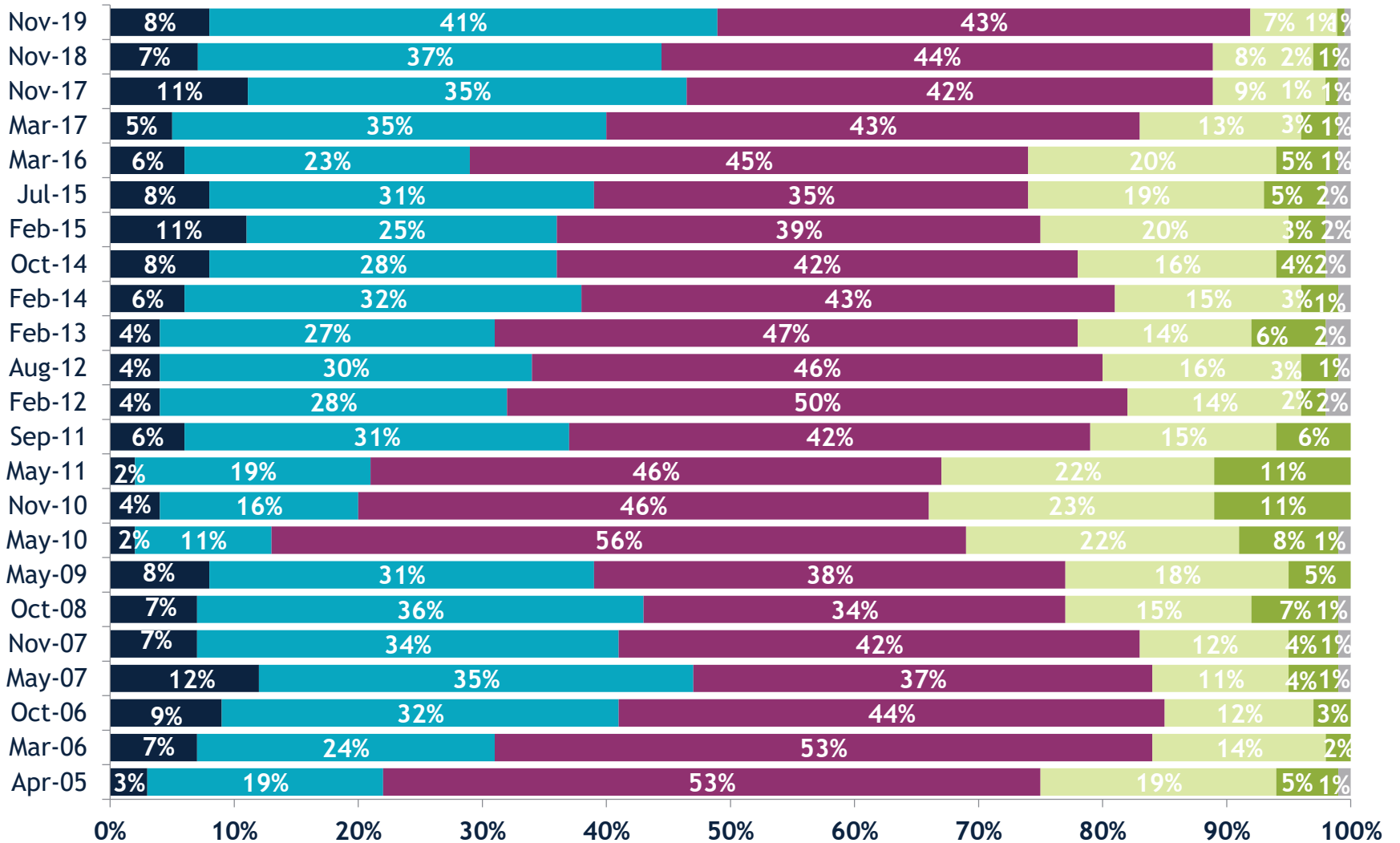


How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?



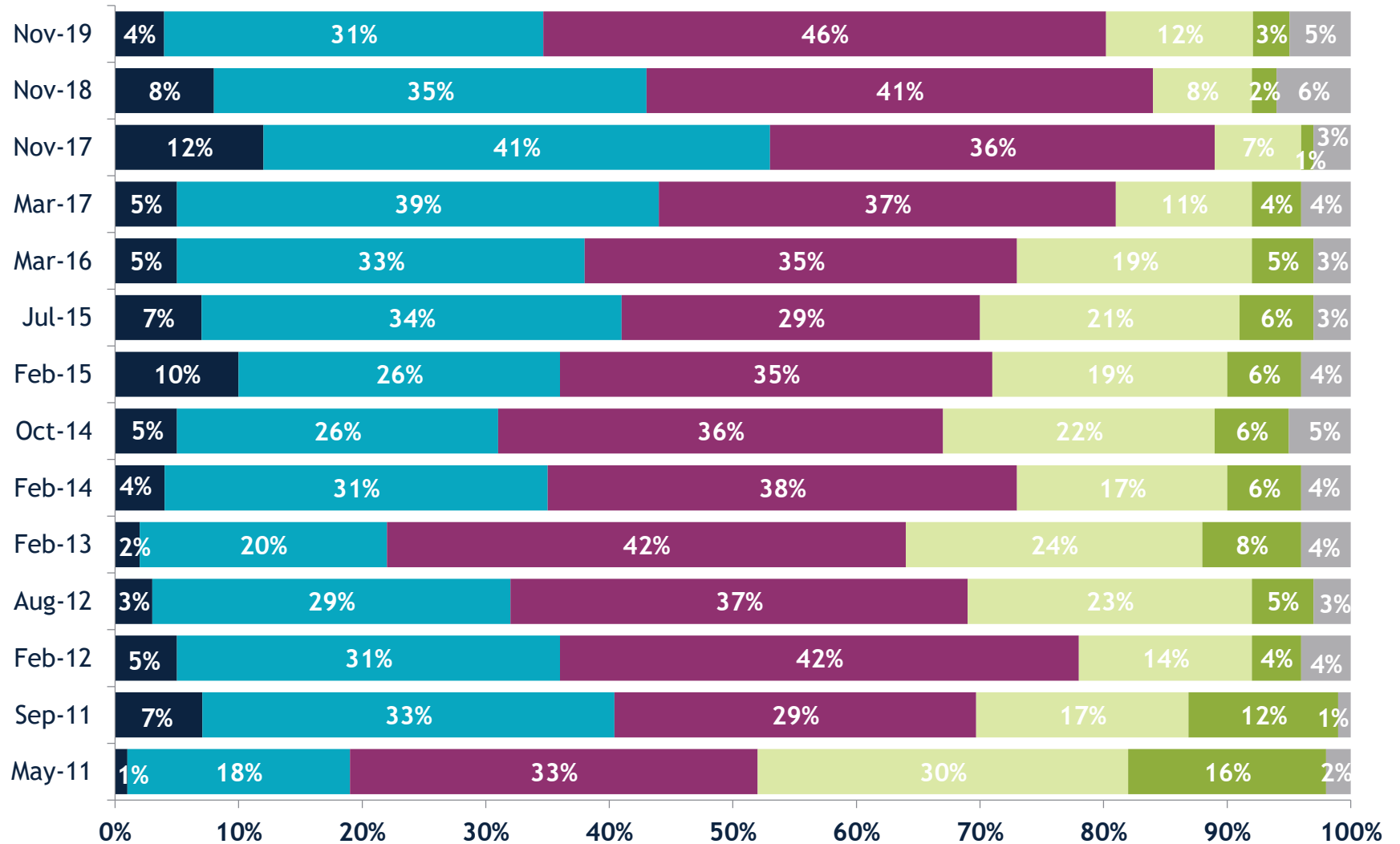
Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

■ Improved a lot
 ■ Improved somewhat
 ■ Stayed the same
 ■ Worsened somewhat
 ■ Worsened a lot
 ■ Don't know/No answer



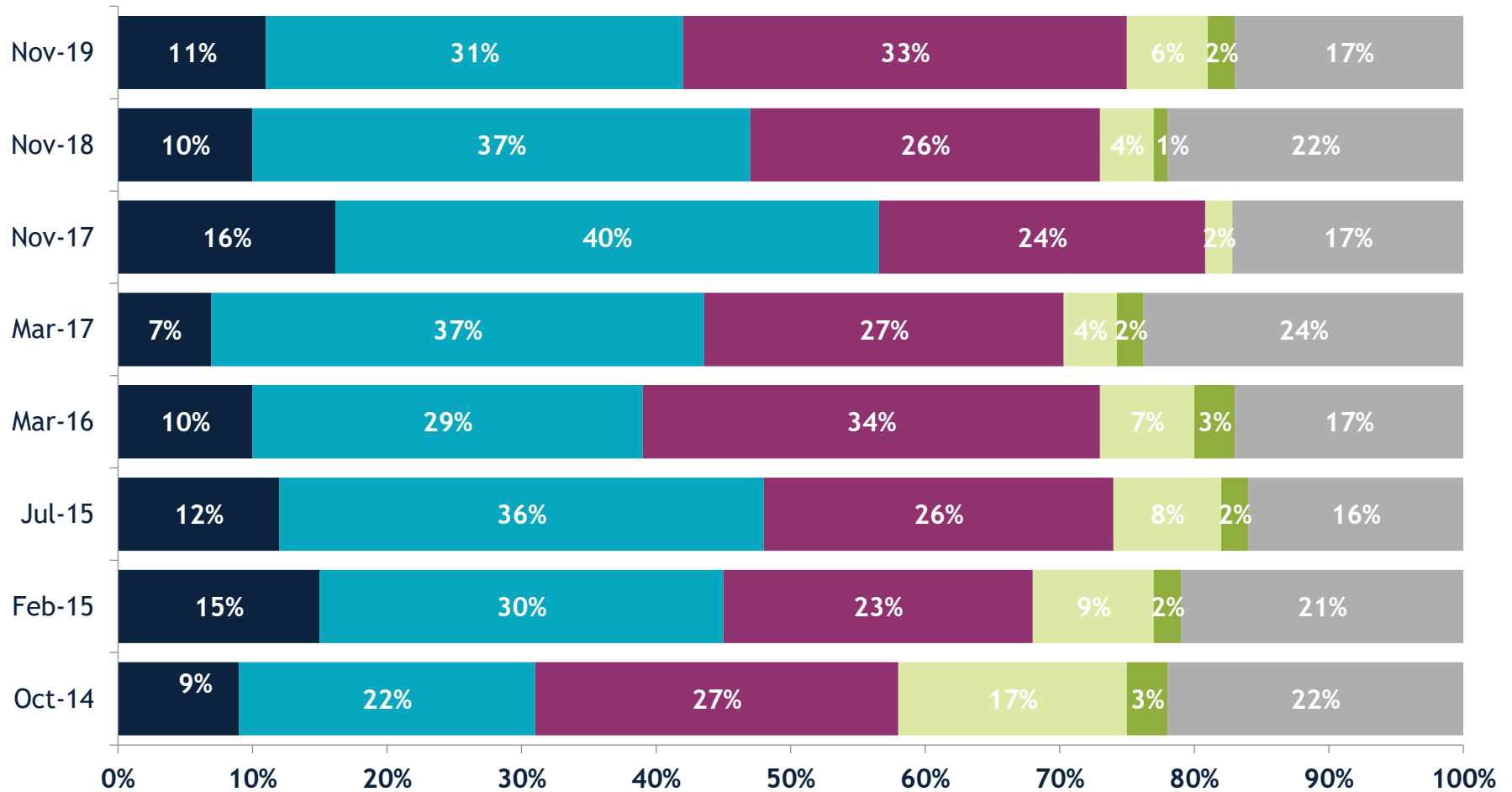
Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Kyrgyzstan changed?

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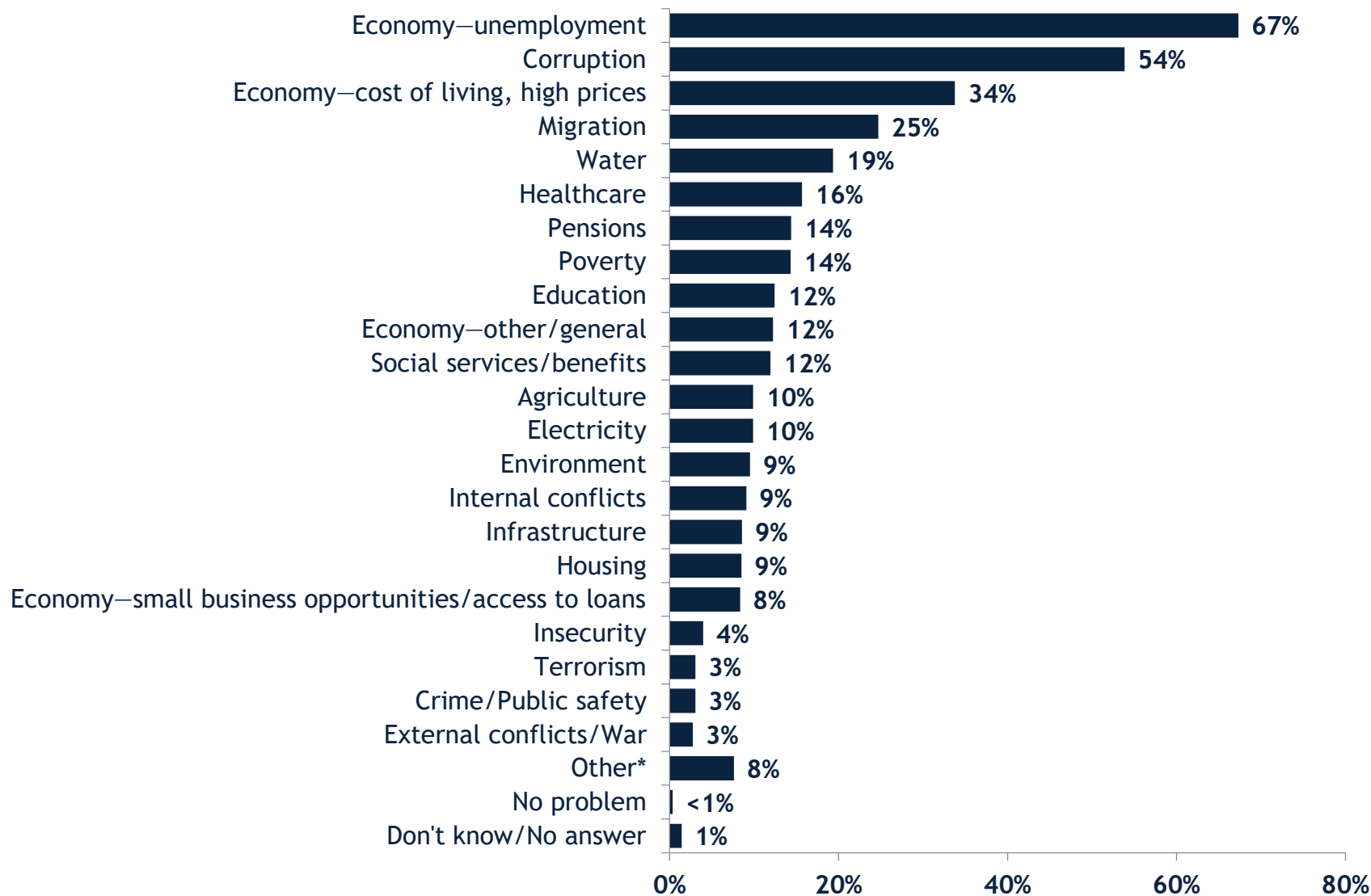
In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Kyrgyzstan change in the next 12 months?

■ Improve a lot
■ Improve somewhat
■ Stay the same
■ Worsen somewhat
■ Worsen a lot
■ Don't know/No answer



What are the most important problems that Kyrgyzstan is facing at the moment?

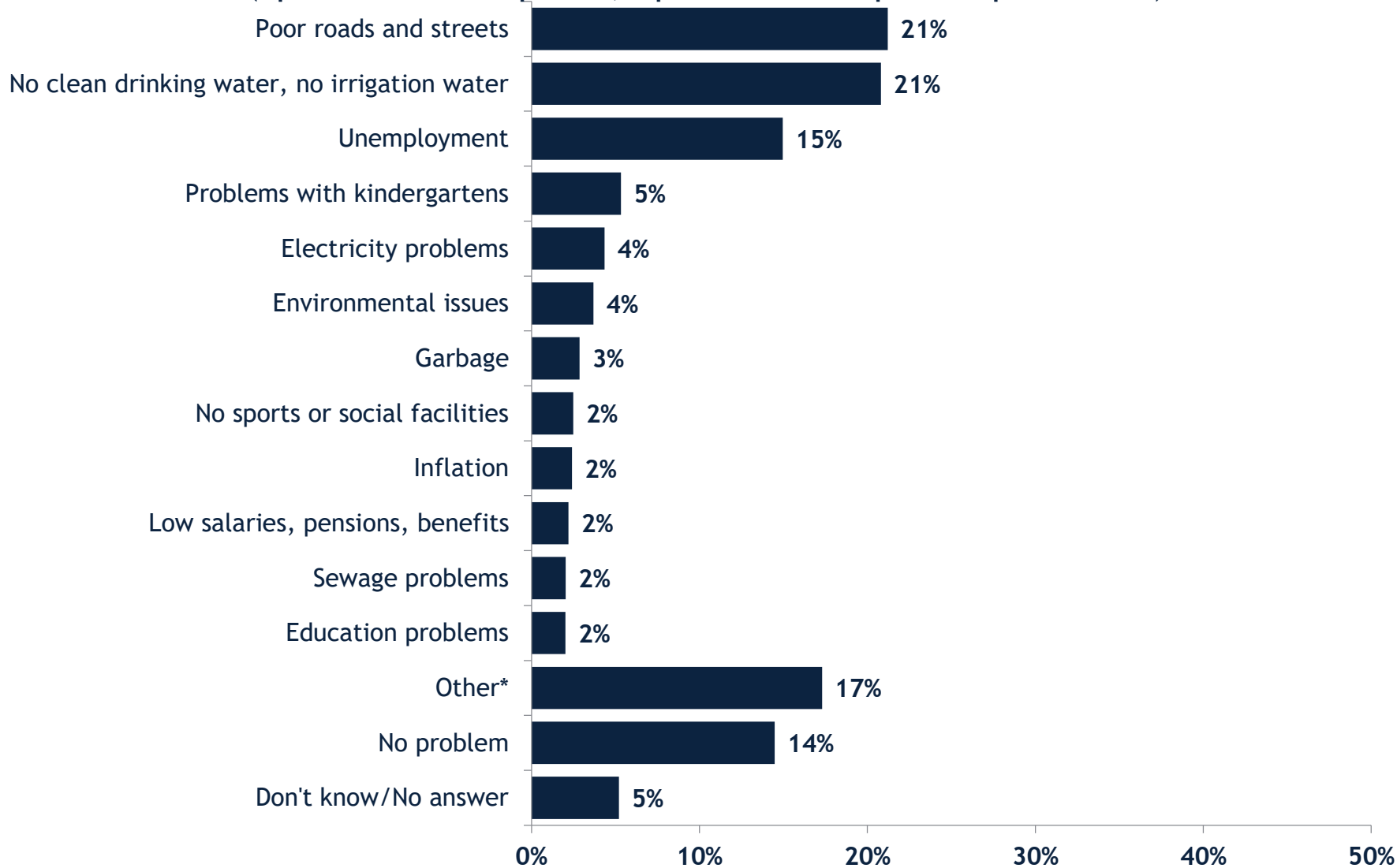
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What are the most important problems facing your town/village today?

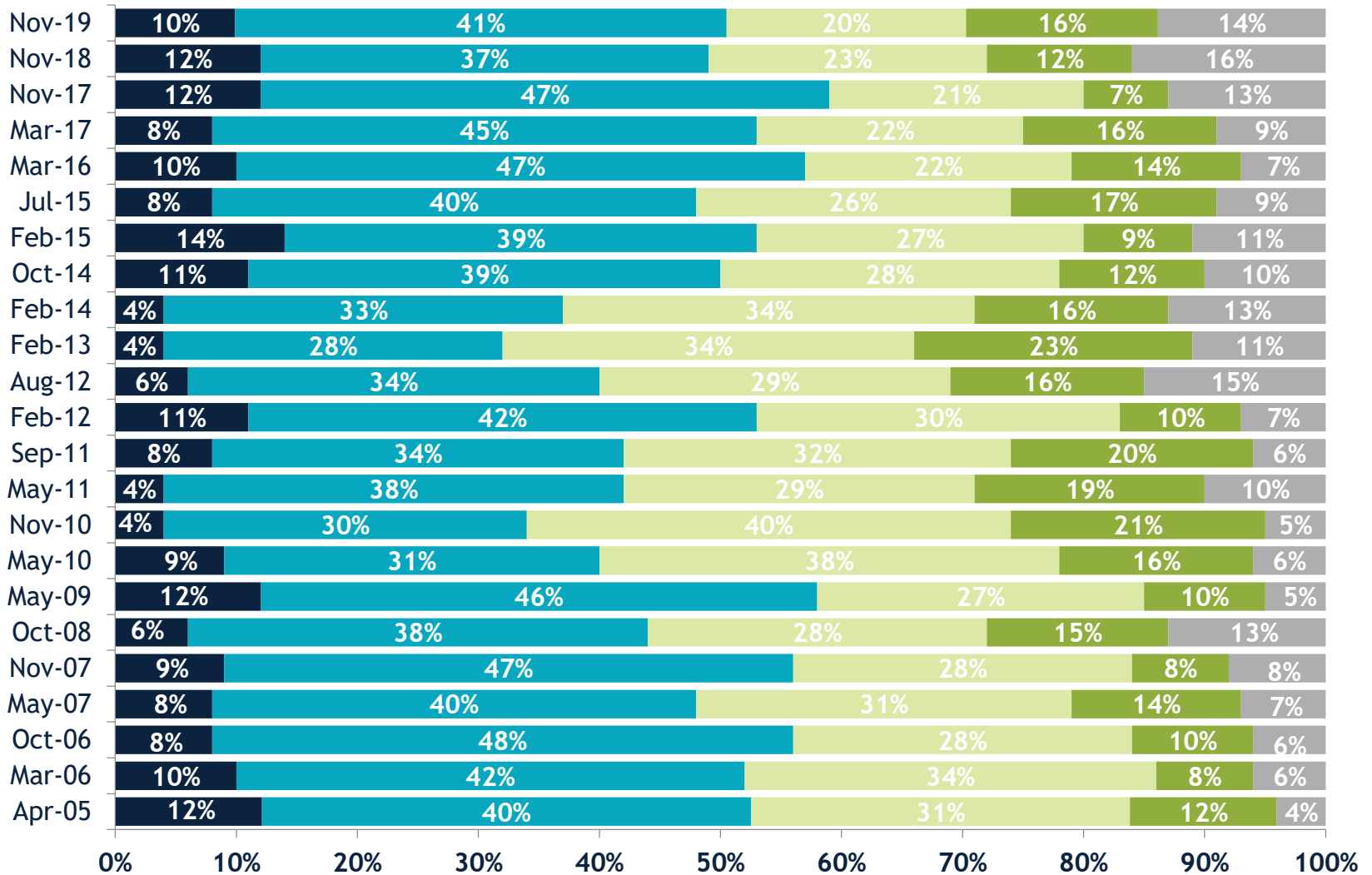
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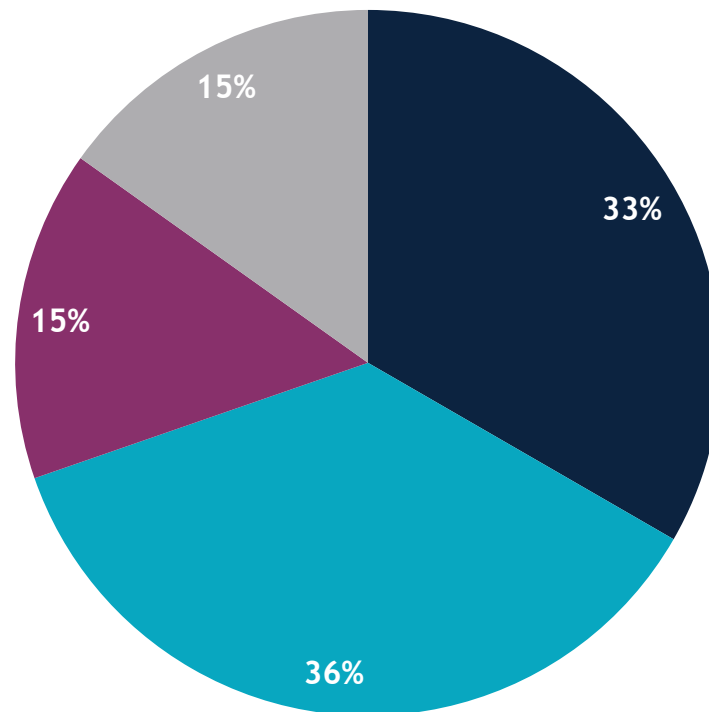
How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Kyrgyzstan?

■ Very satisfied
 ■ Somewhat satisfied
 ■ Somewhat dissatisfied
 ■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ Don't know/No answer



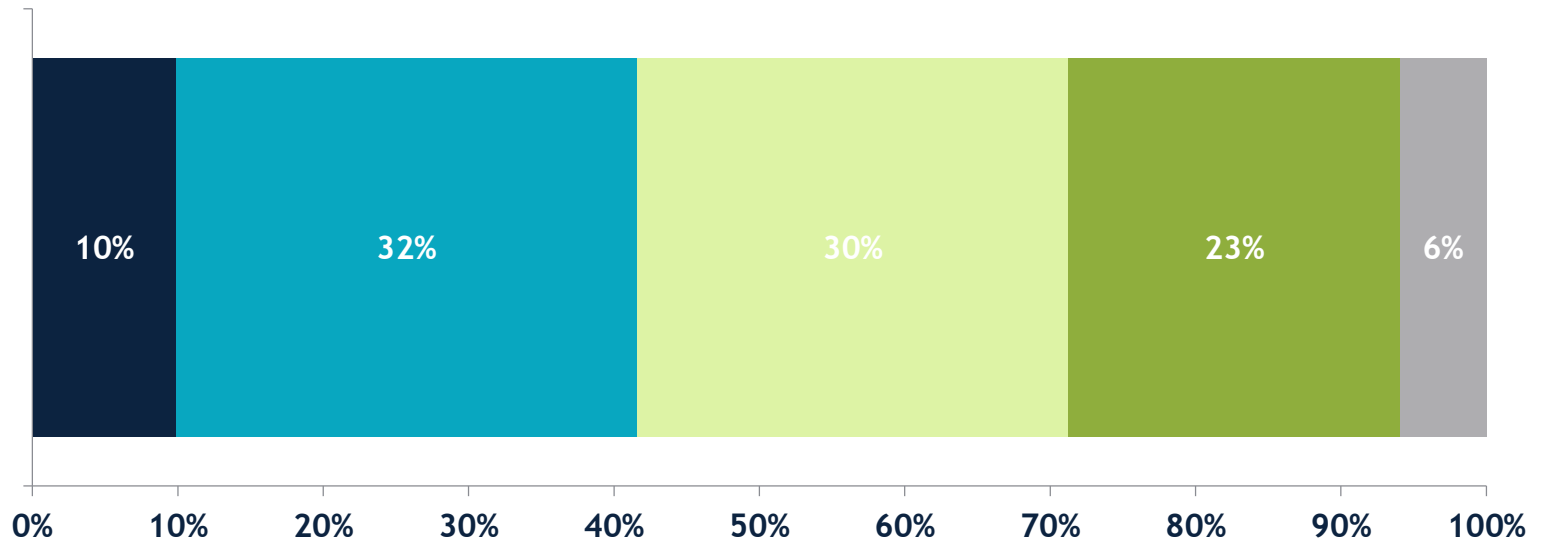
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy.
- Don't know/No answer

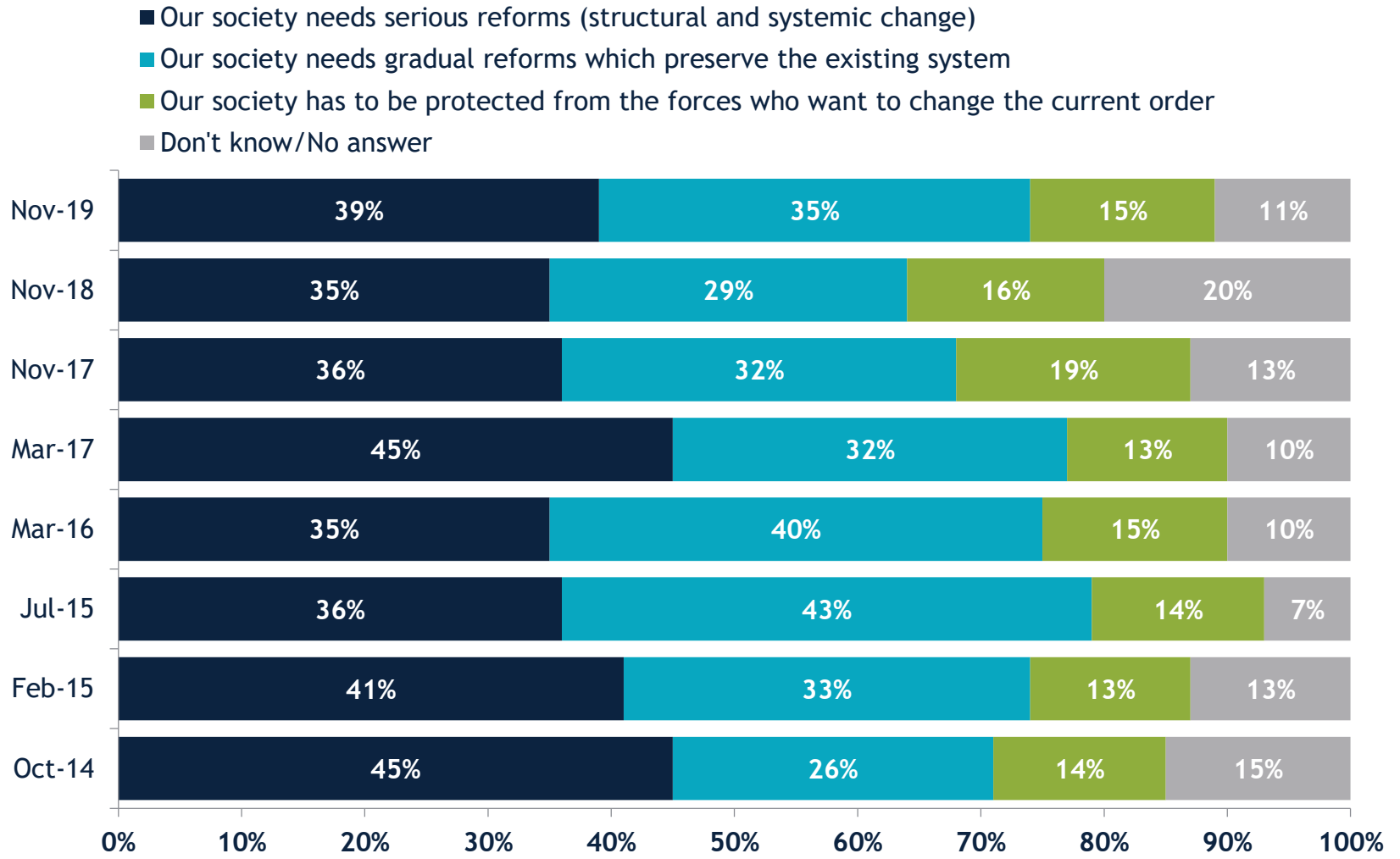


How likely or unlikely are ordinary people to be able to influence decisions made in our country?

■ Very likely ■ Somewhat likely ■ Somewhat unlikely ■ Very unlikely ■ Don't know/No answer



Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?

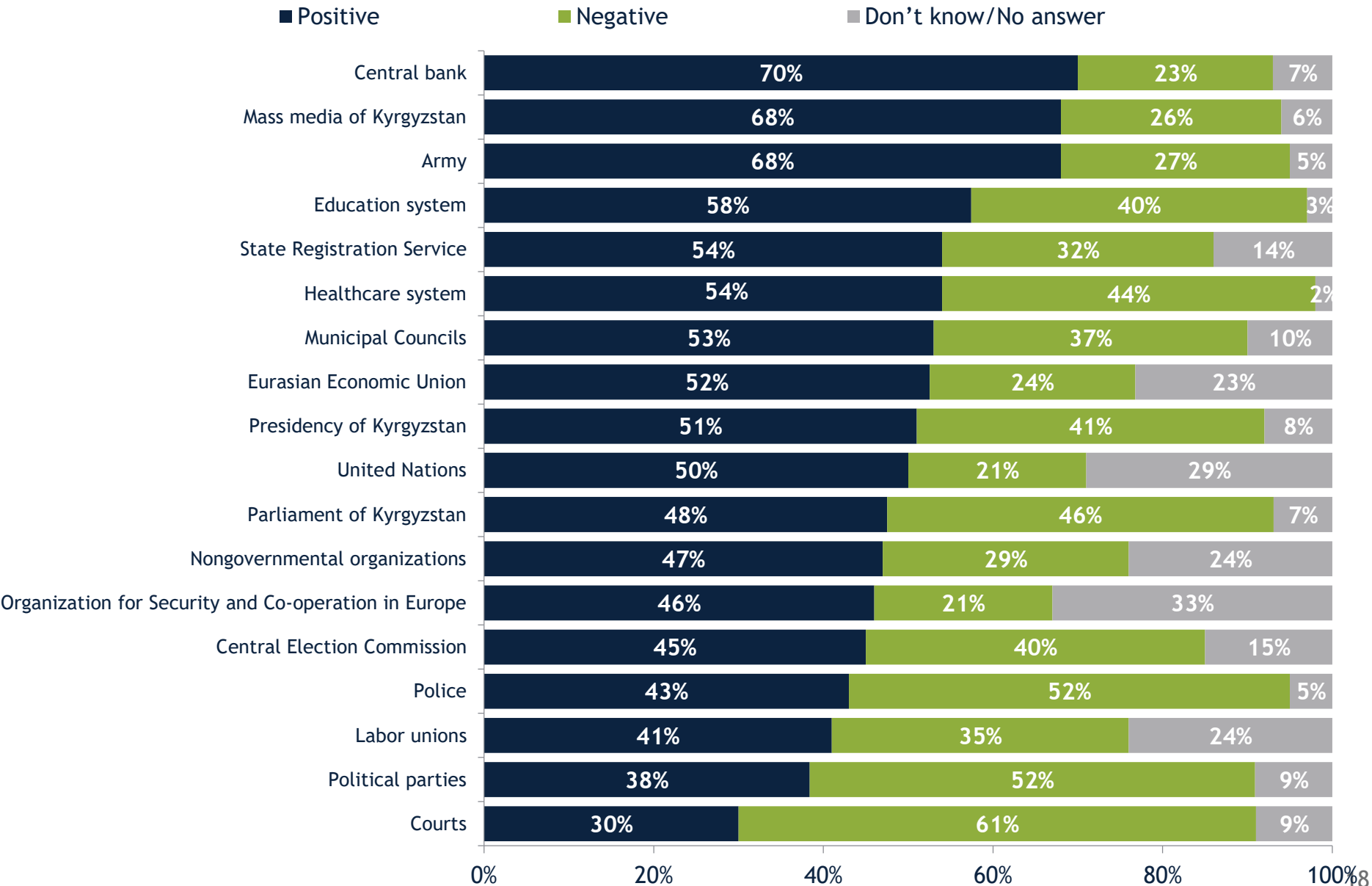




Government/Institutions

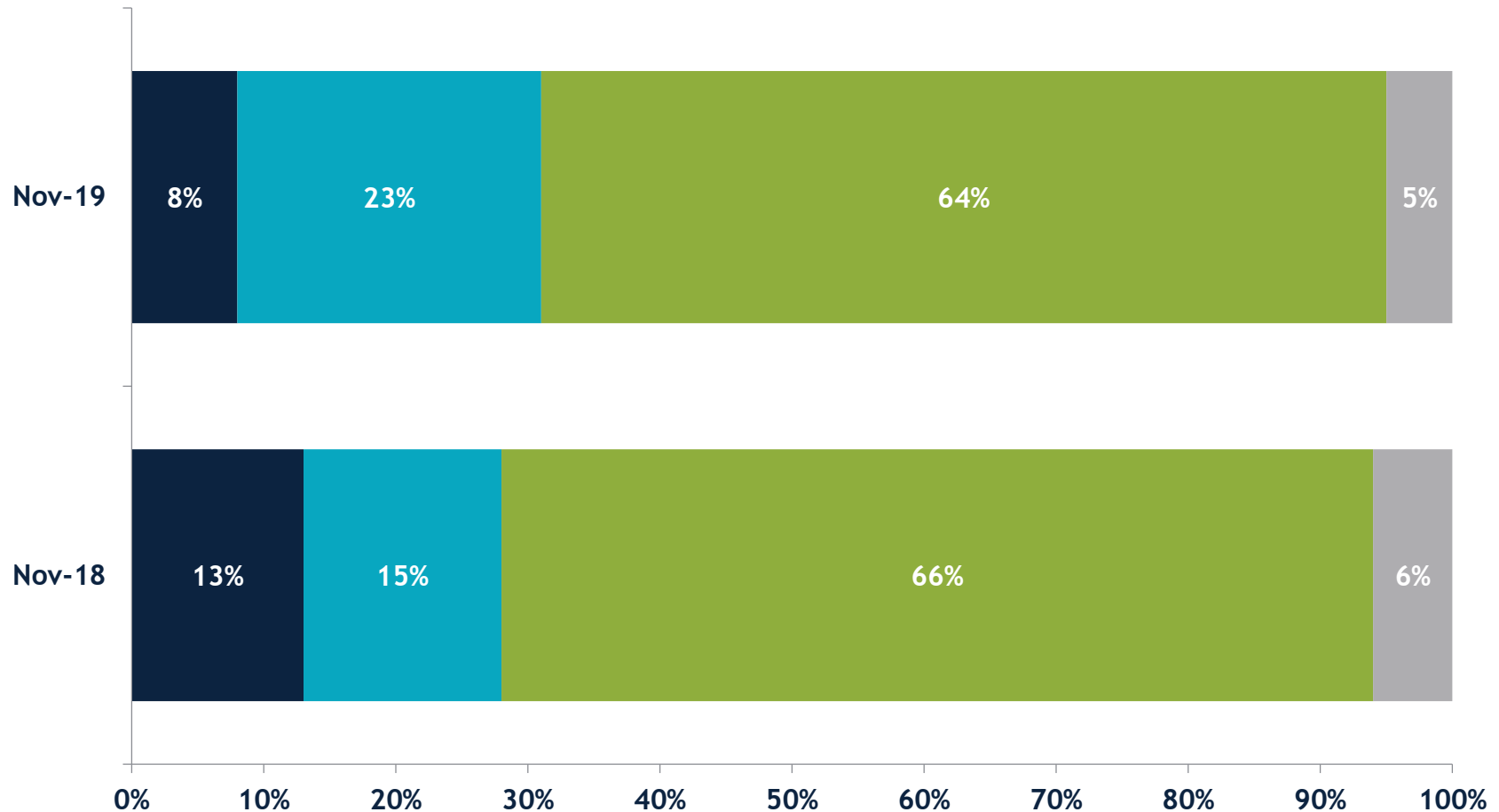


What is your opinion about the work of the following Kyrgyz and international institutions?



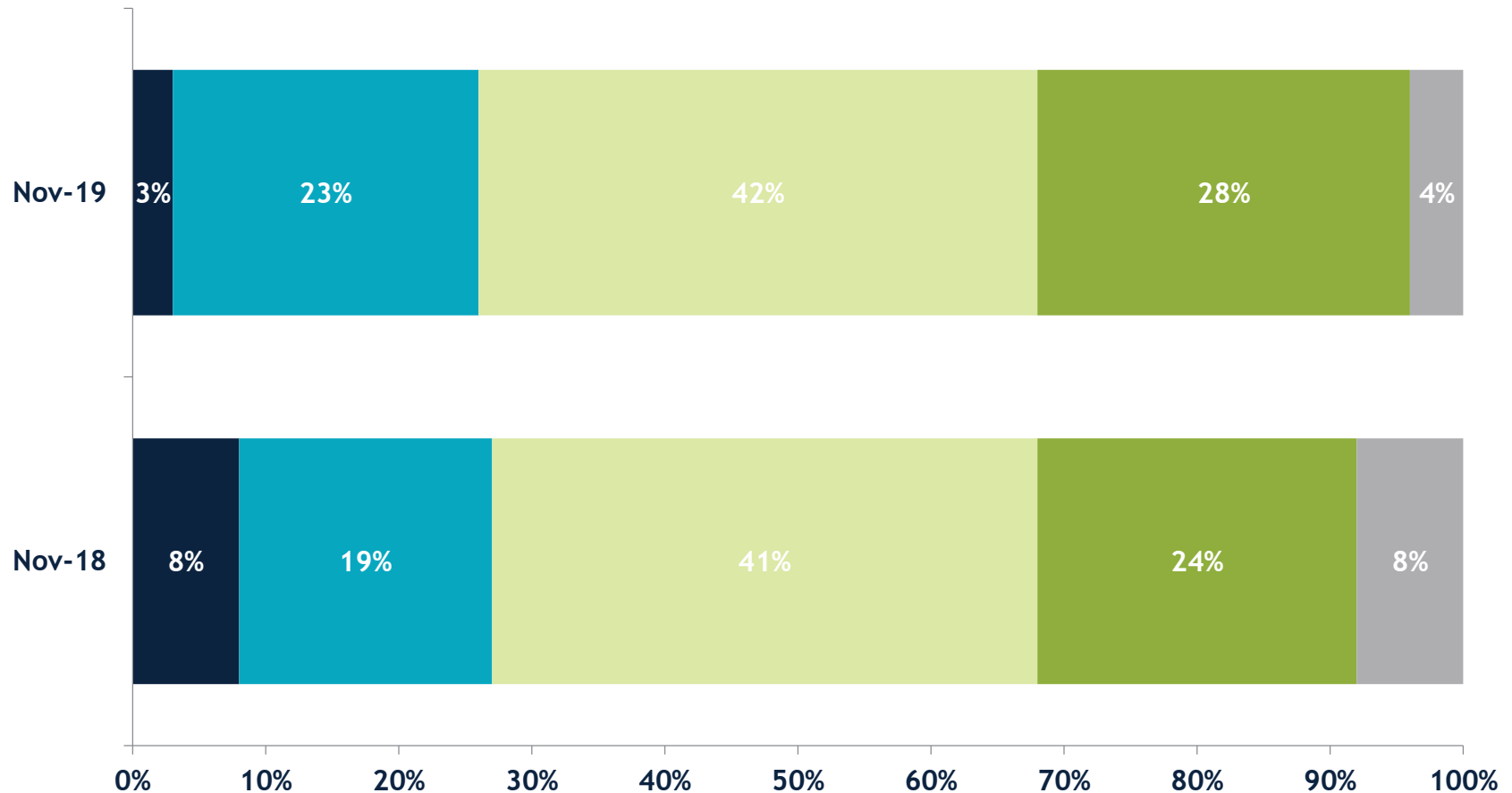
Do you know how to make an appeal to Parliament or to a specific Member of Parliament to express your opinion?

■ Yes ■ I know some ■ No ■ Don't know/No answer

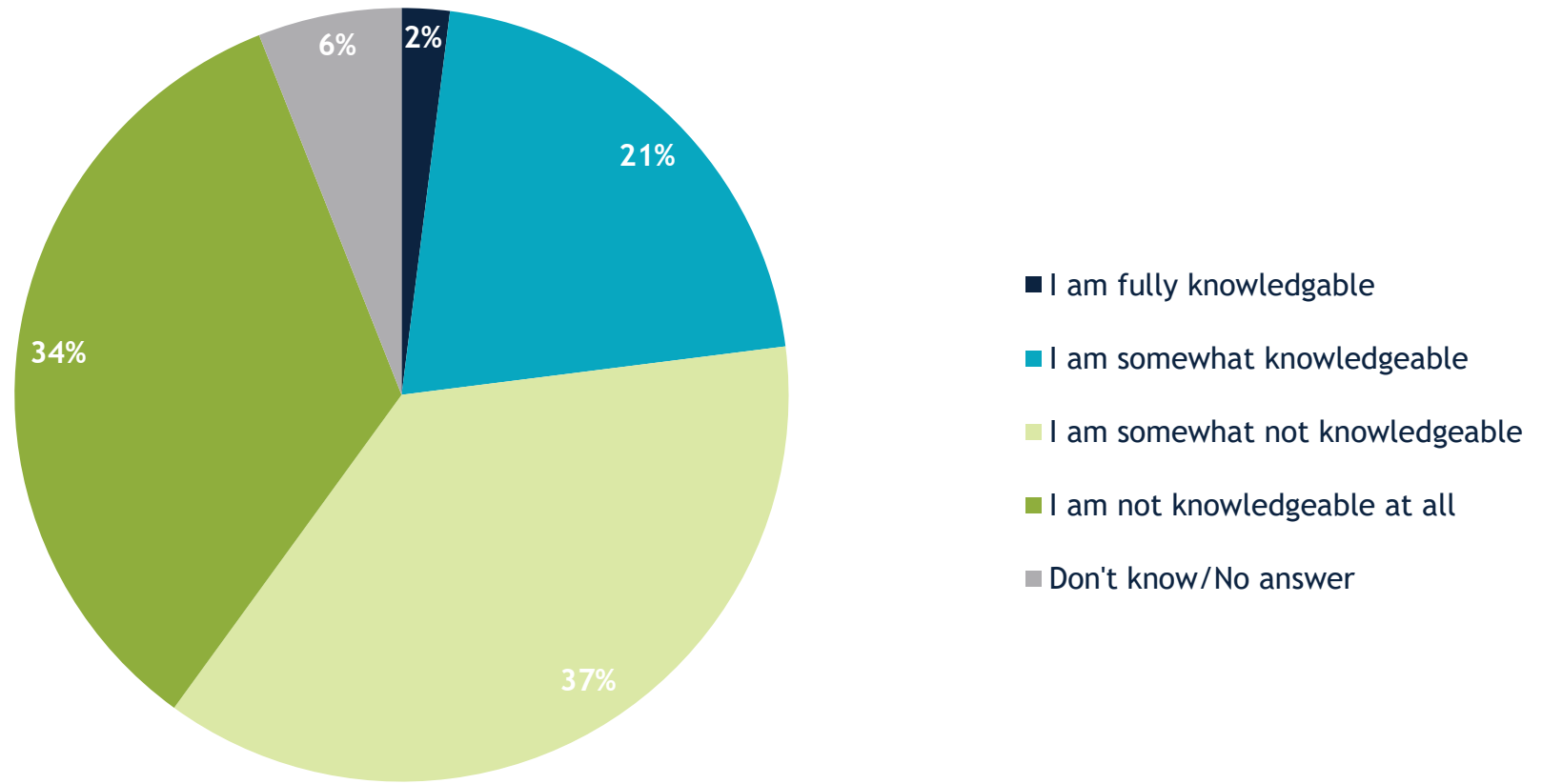


How informed are you about the work of the Parliament, the laws it passes, or other decisions it makes?

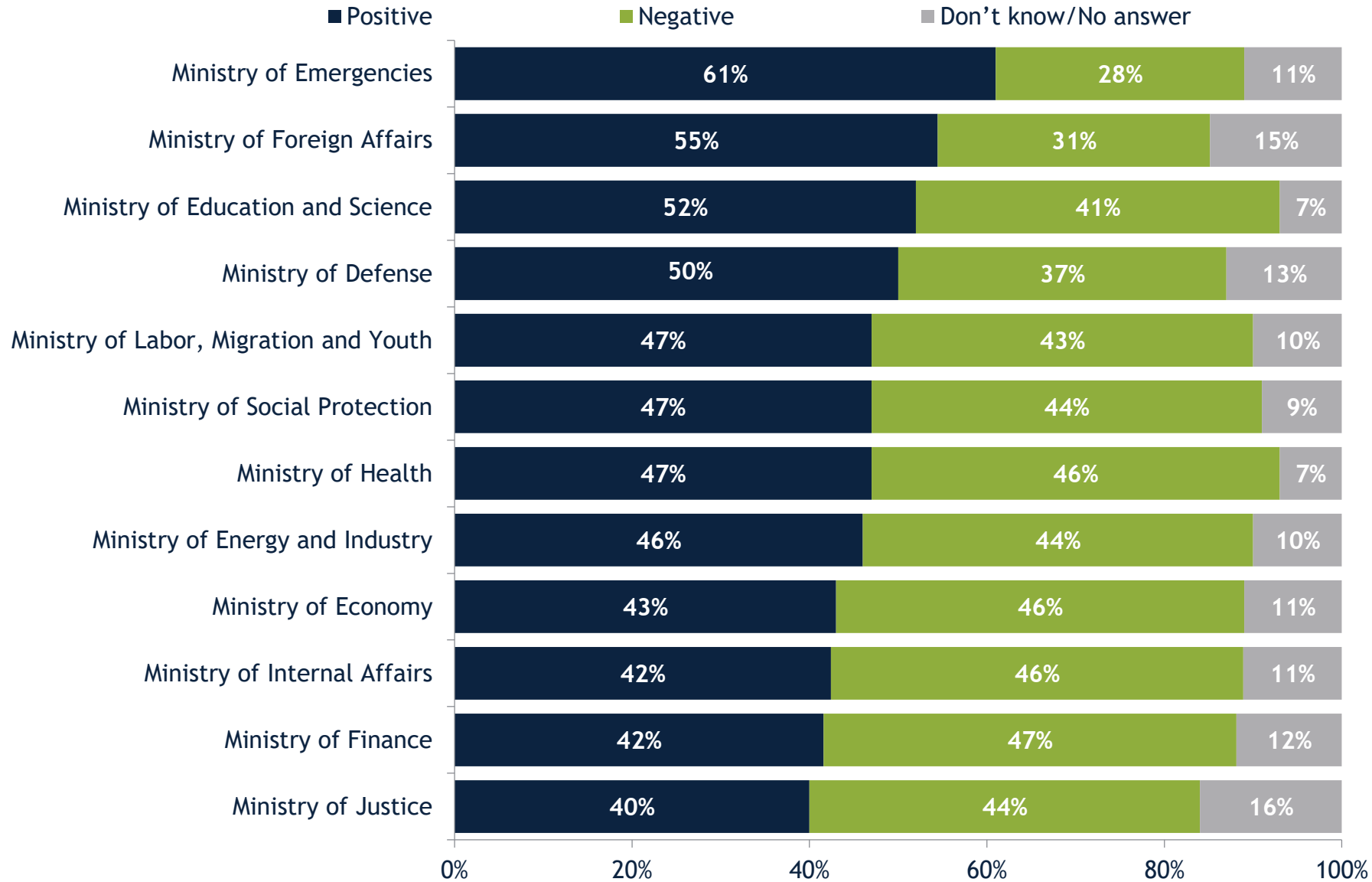
■ Fully informed ■ Mostly informed ■ Mostly uninformed ■ Not informed at all ■ Don't know/No answer



Do you feel that you have the necessary knowledge about the functioning of the Parliament in order to interact with it effectively?

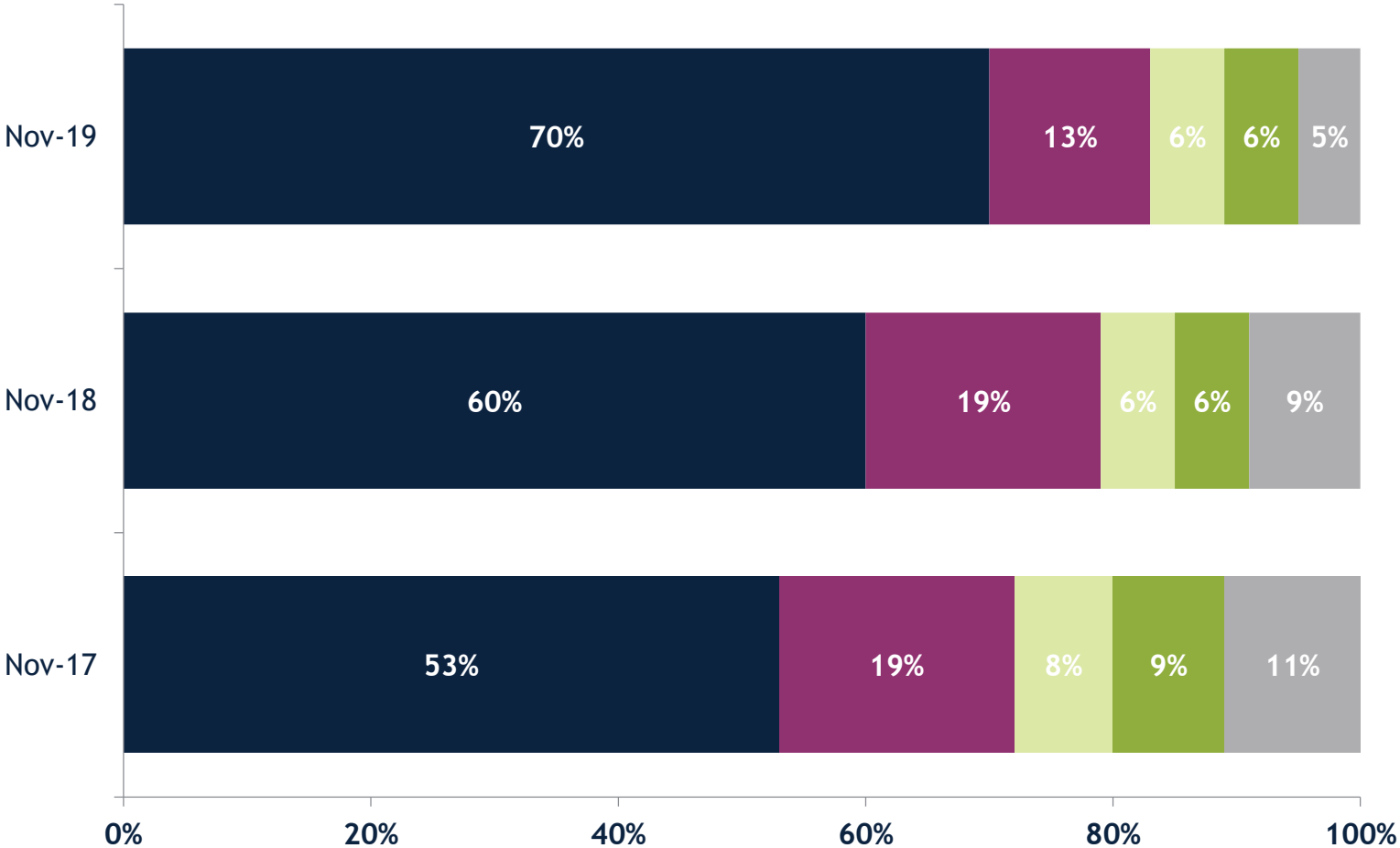


What is your opinion about the activities of each of these ministries?



Do you believe that citizens should play a larger or smaller role in the governmental decision-making process?

- Larger role
- Same role as they are currently playing
- Smaller role
- Citizens have no place in decision-making. The job is for leaders.
- Don't know/No answer



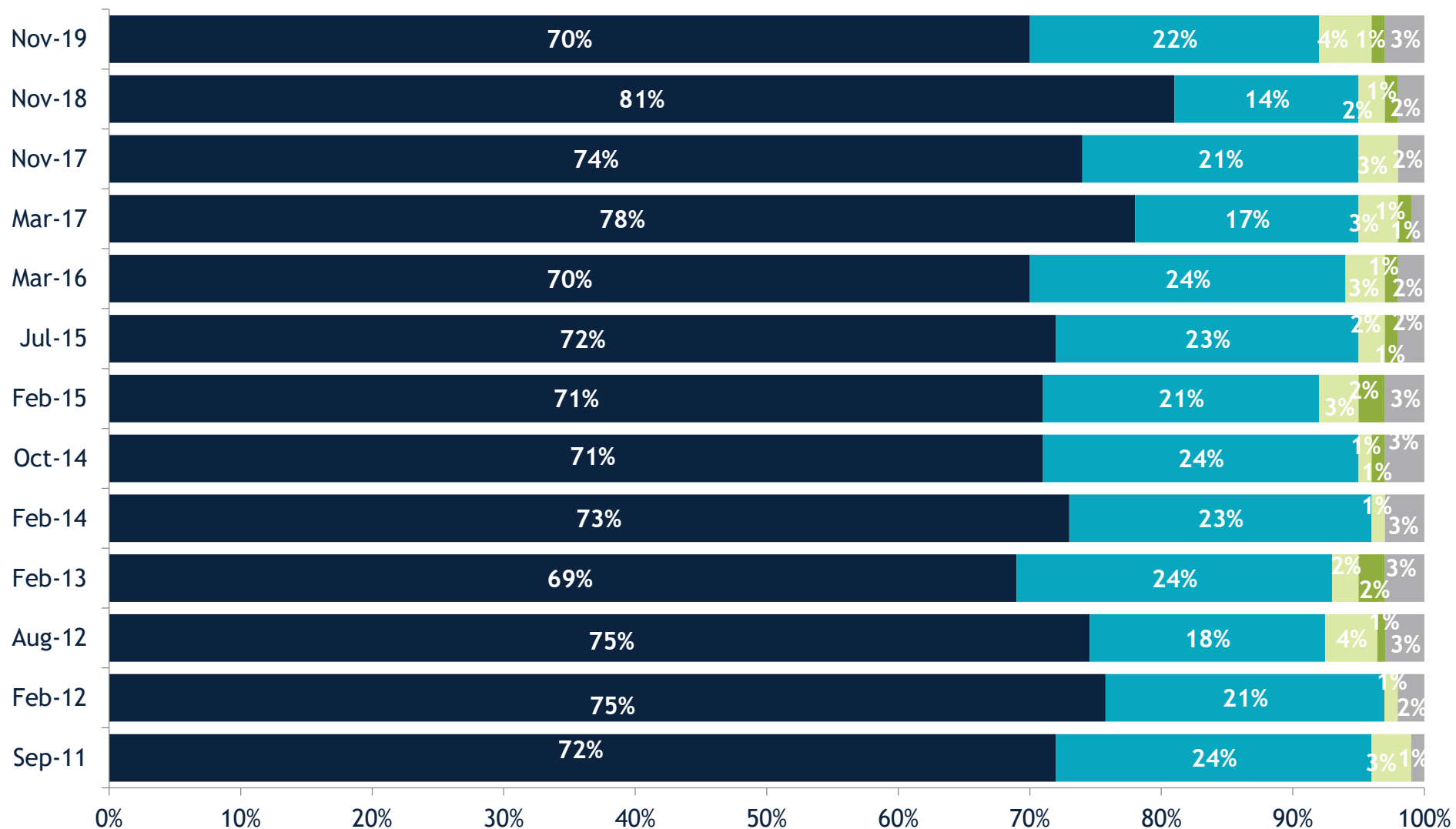


Corruption

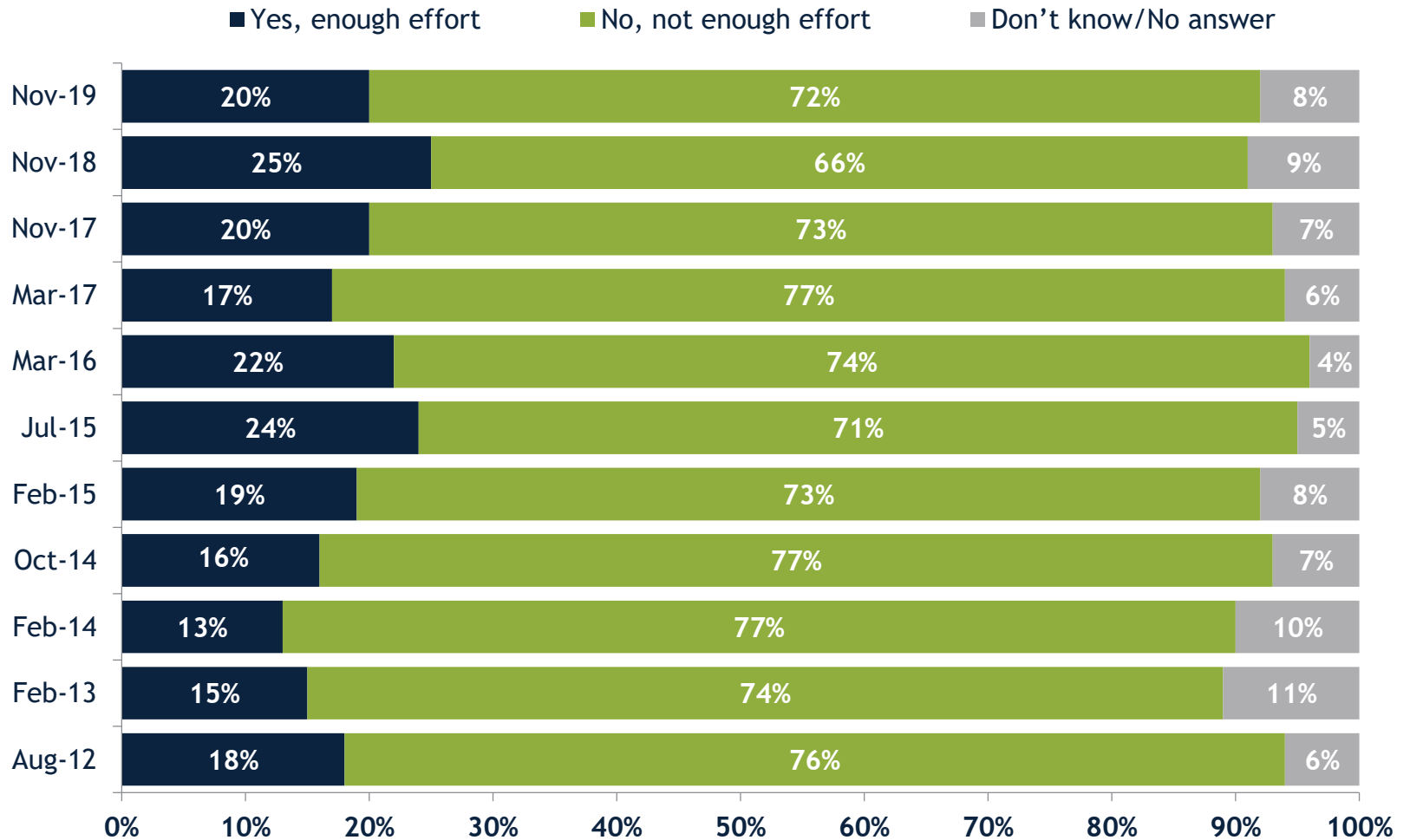


Is corruption a big problem in Kyrgyzstan today?

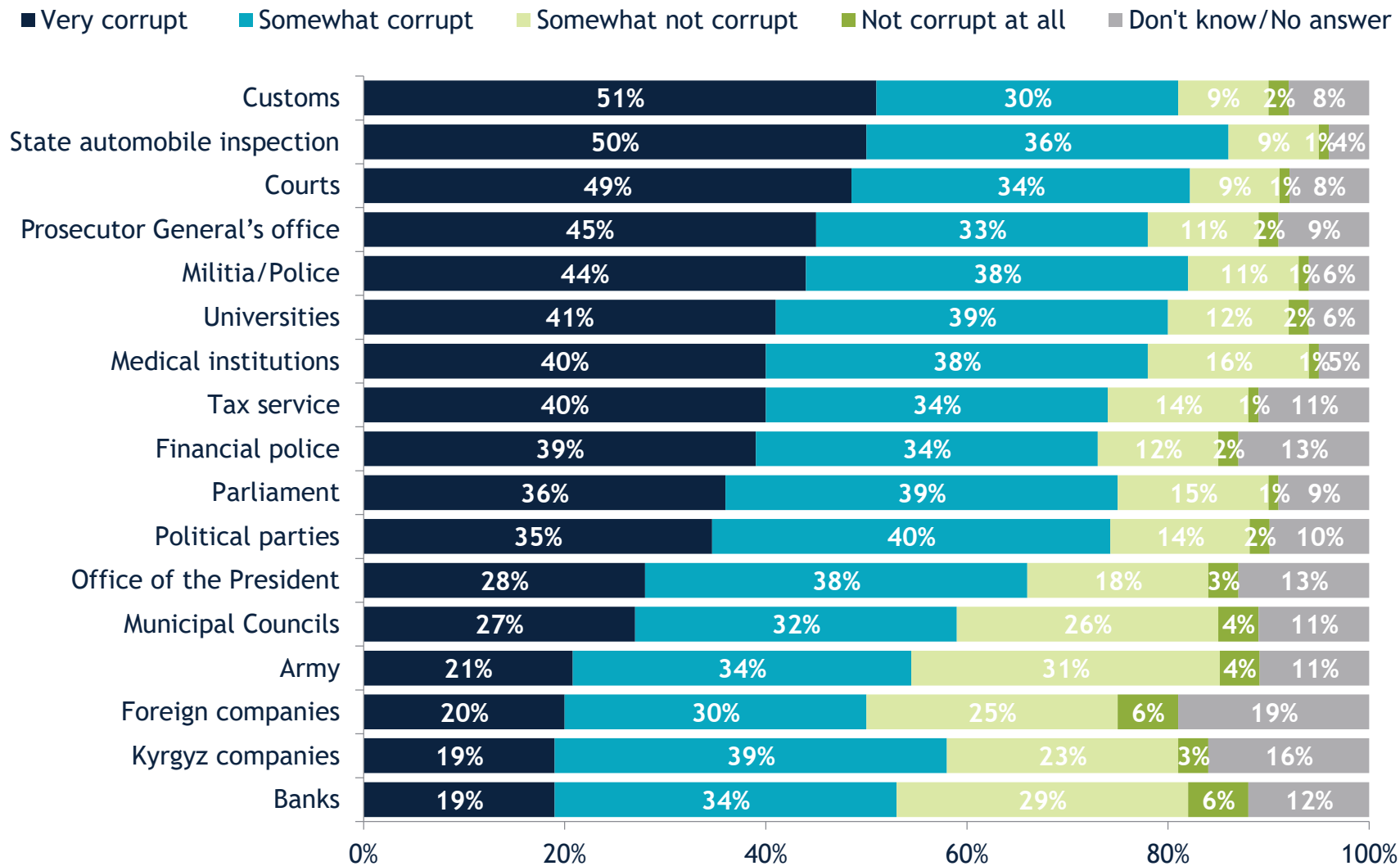
■ It is a very big problem
■ It is a big problem
■ It is not a big problem
■ It is not a problem at all
■ Don't know/No answer



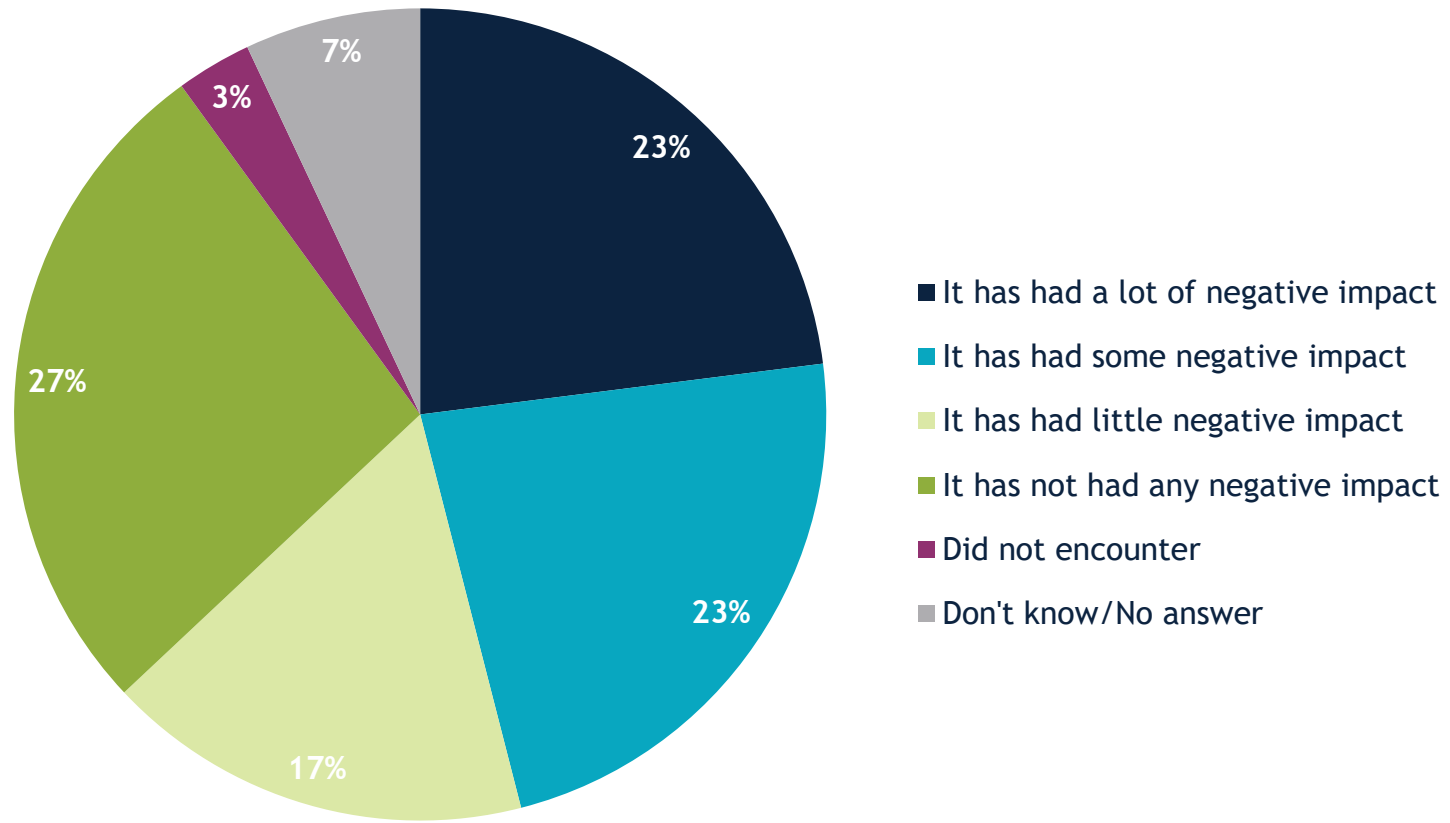
Do you think the Kyrgyz government is making enough effort to fight corruption?



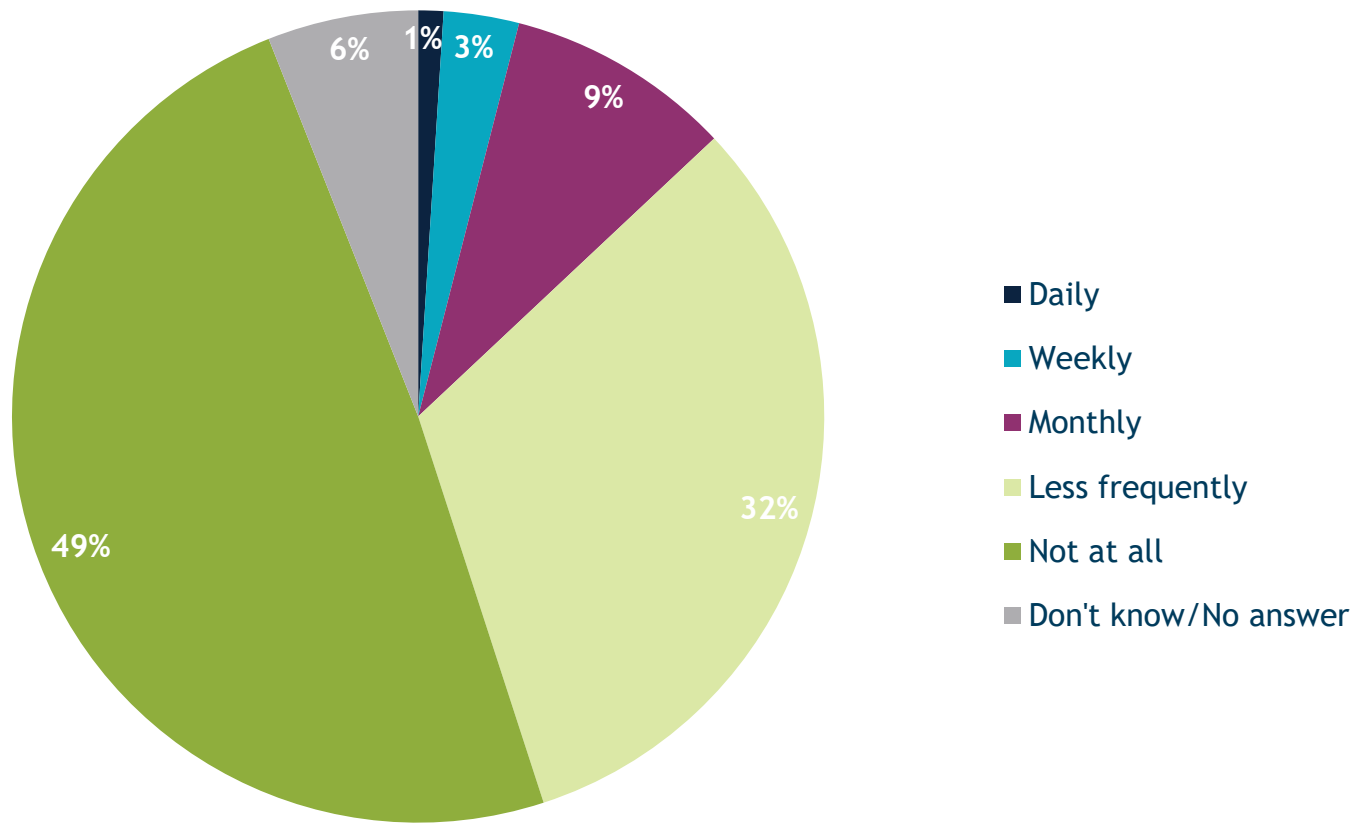
In your opinion, how corrupt are the following organizations?



Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gain. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?

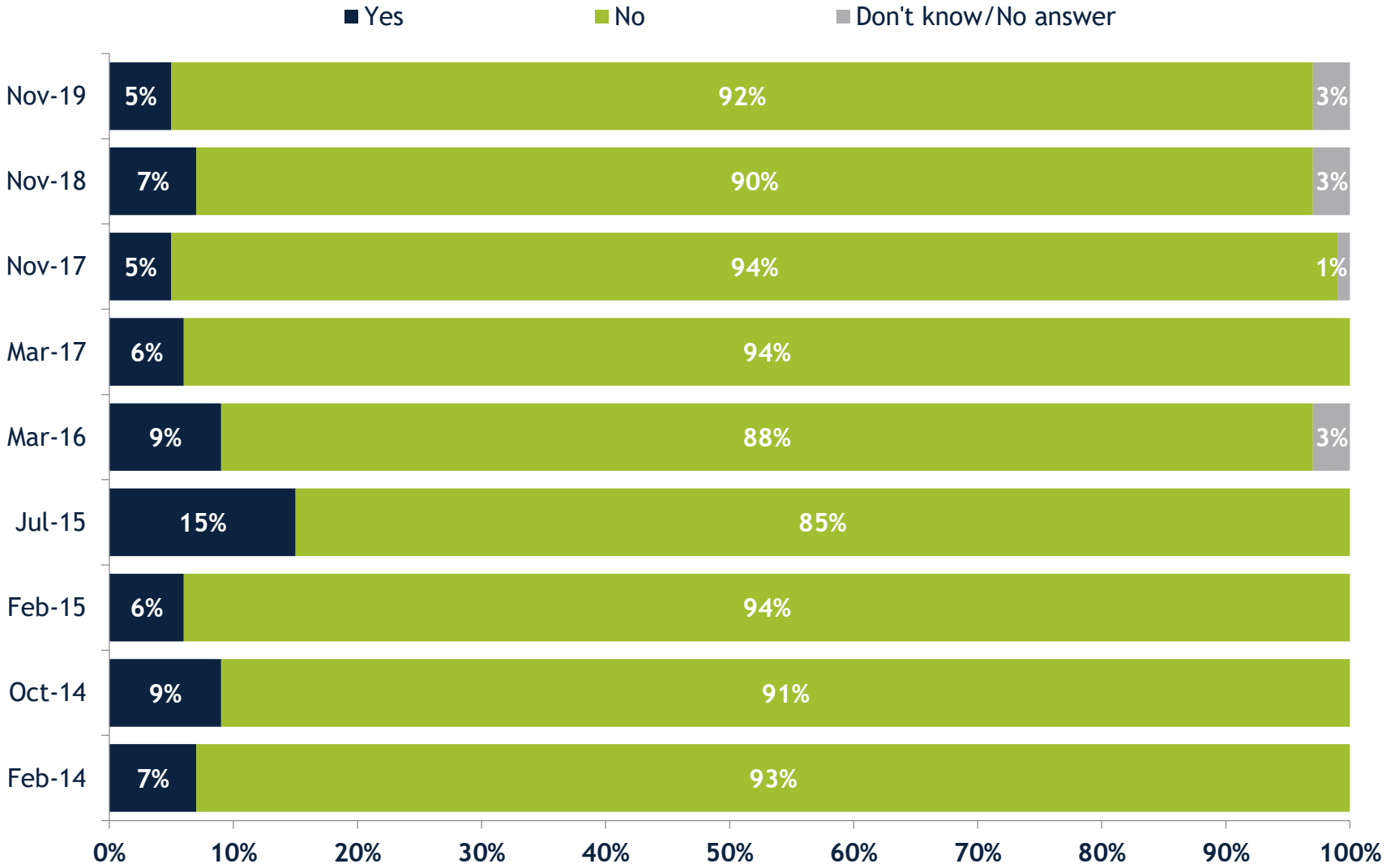




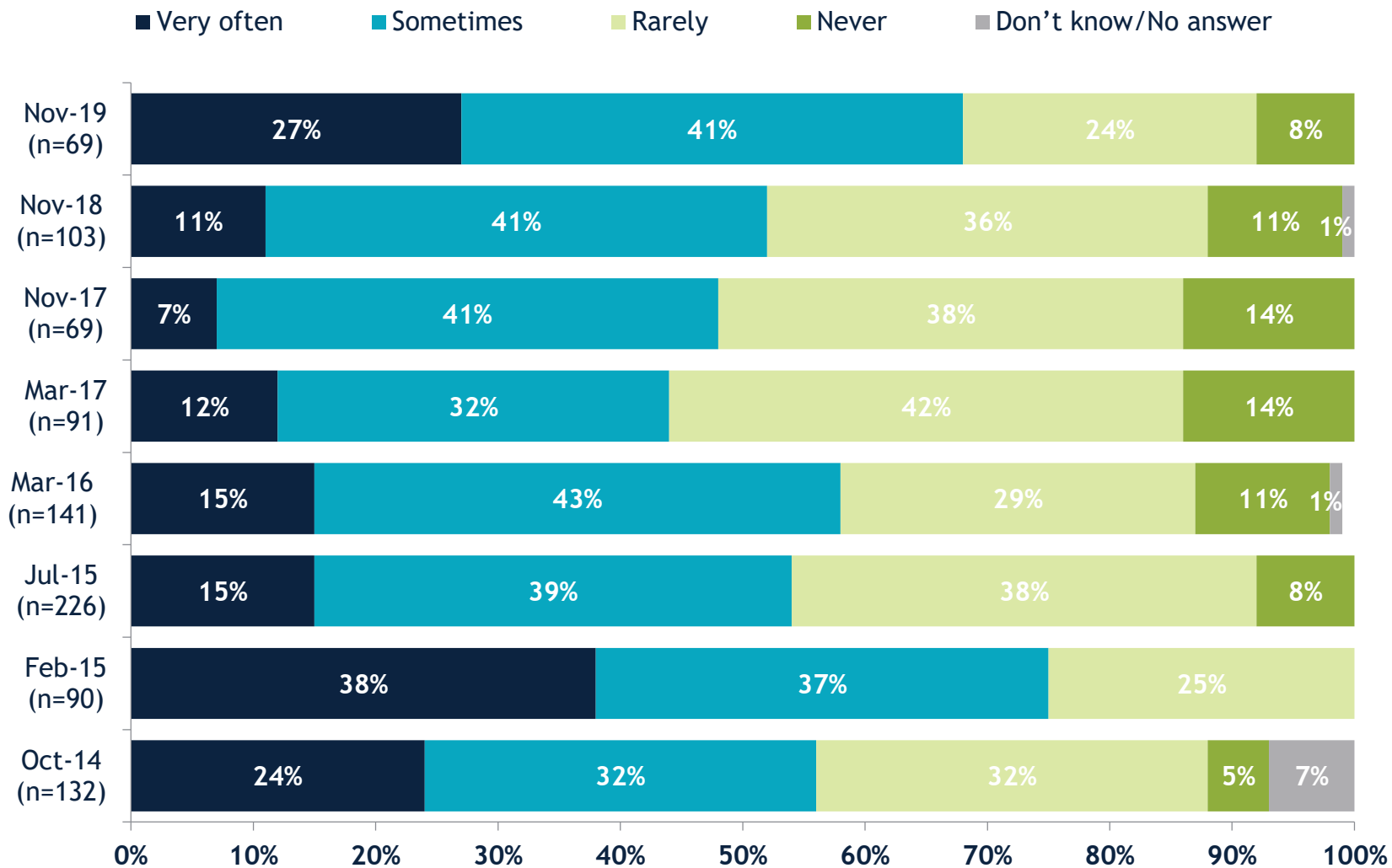
Politics



Are you a member of a political party?

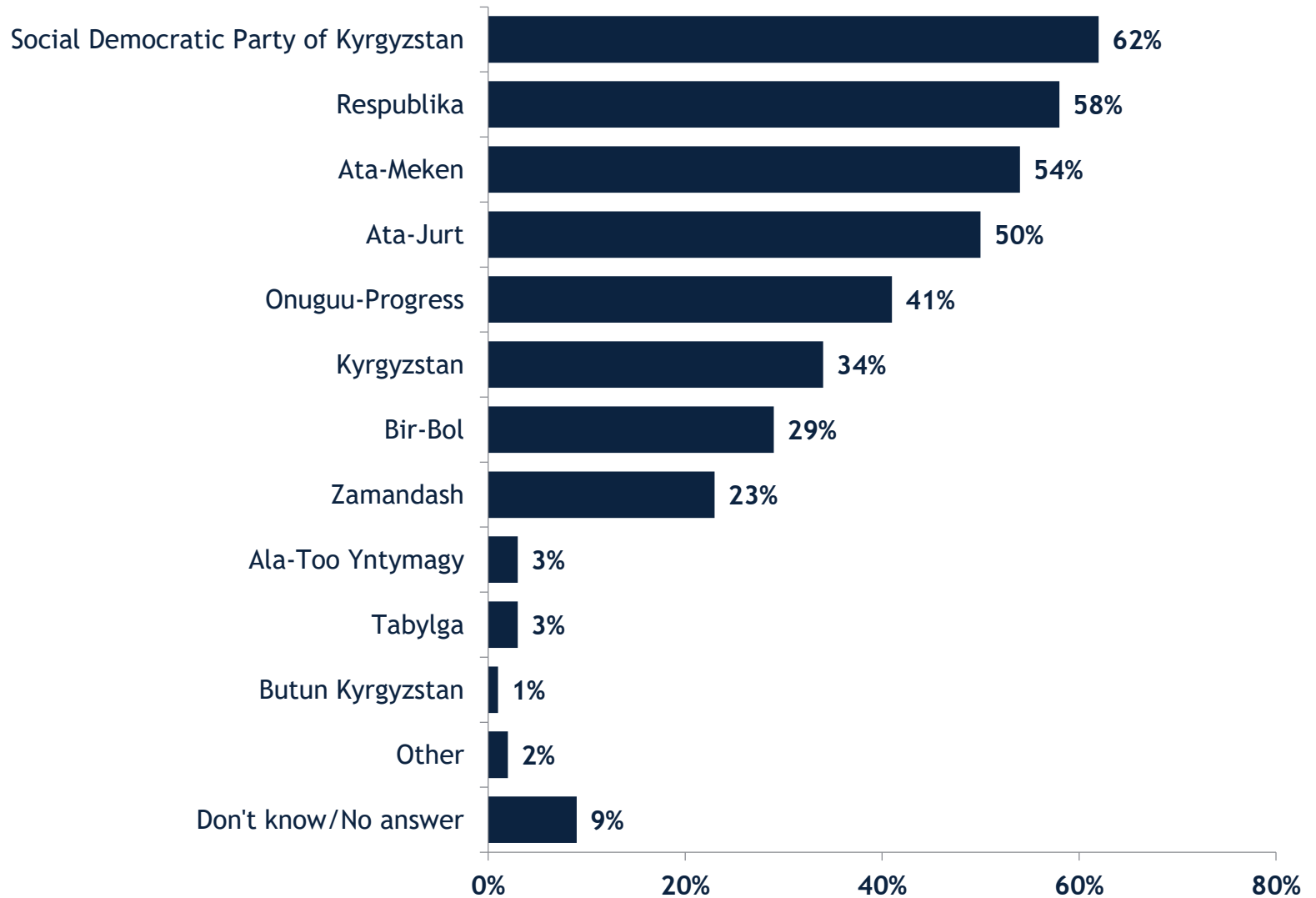


How often do you participate in political party activities? (Among respondents who are members of political parties)

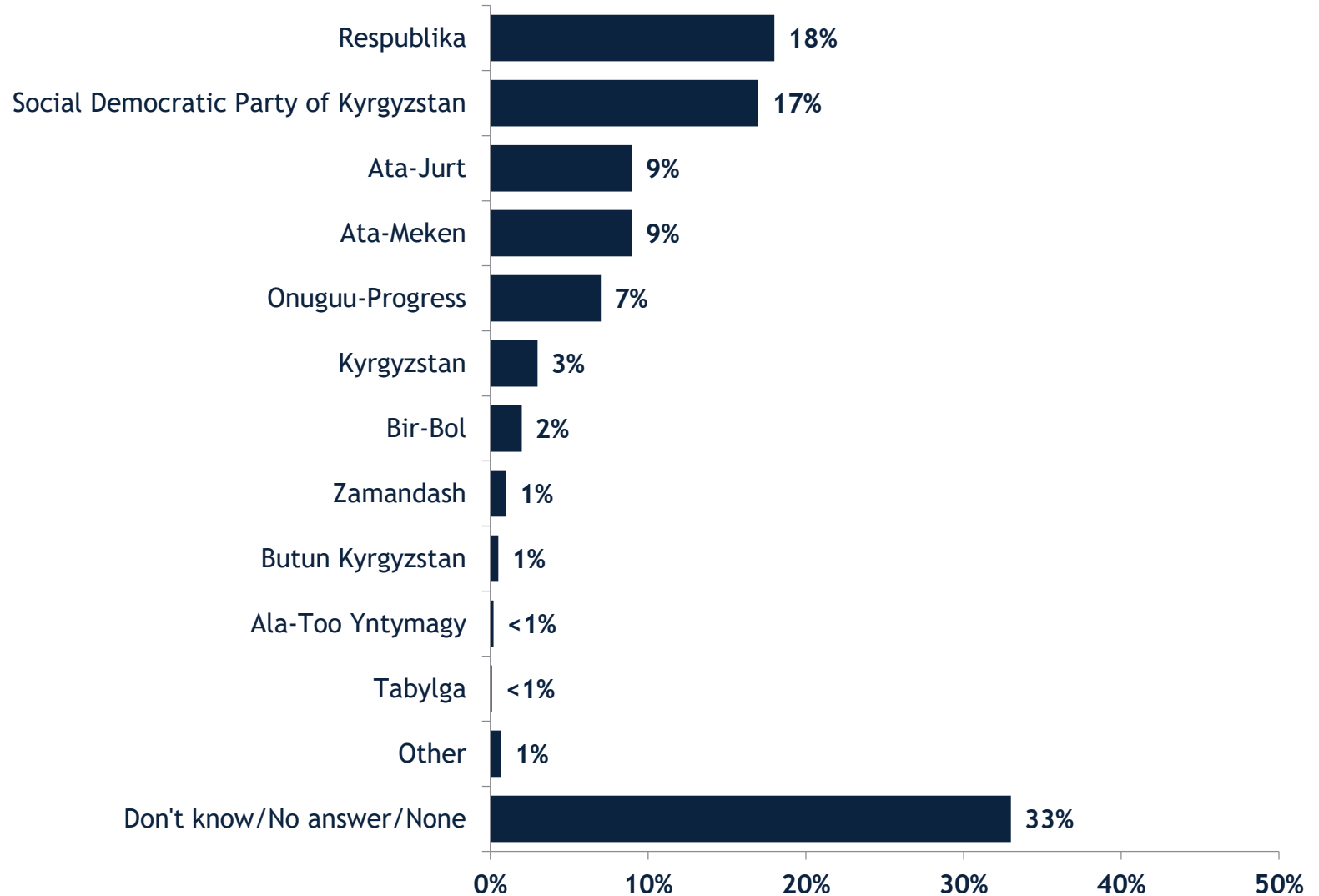


Please name all the political parties you are familiar with in your region?

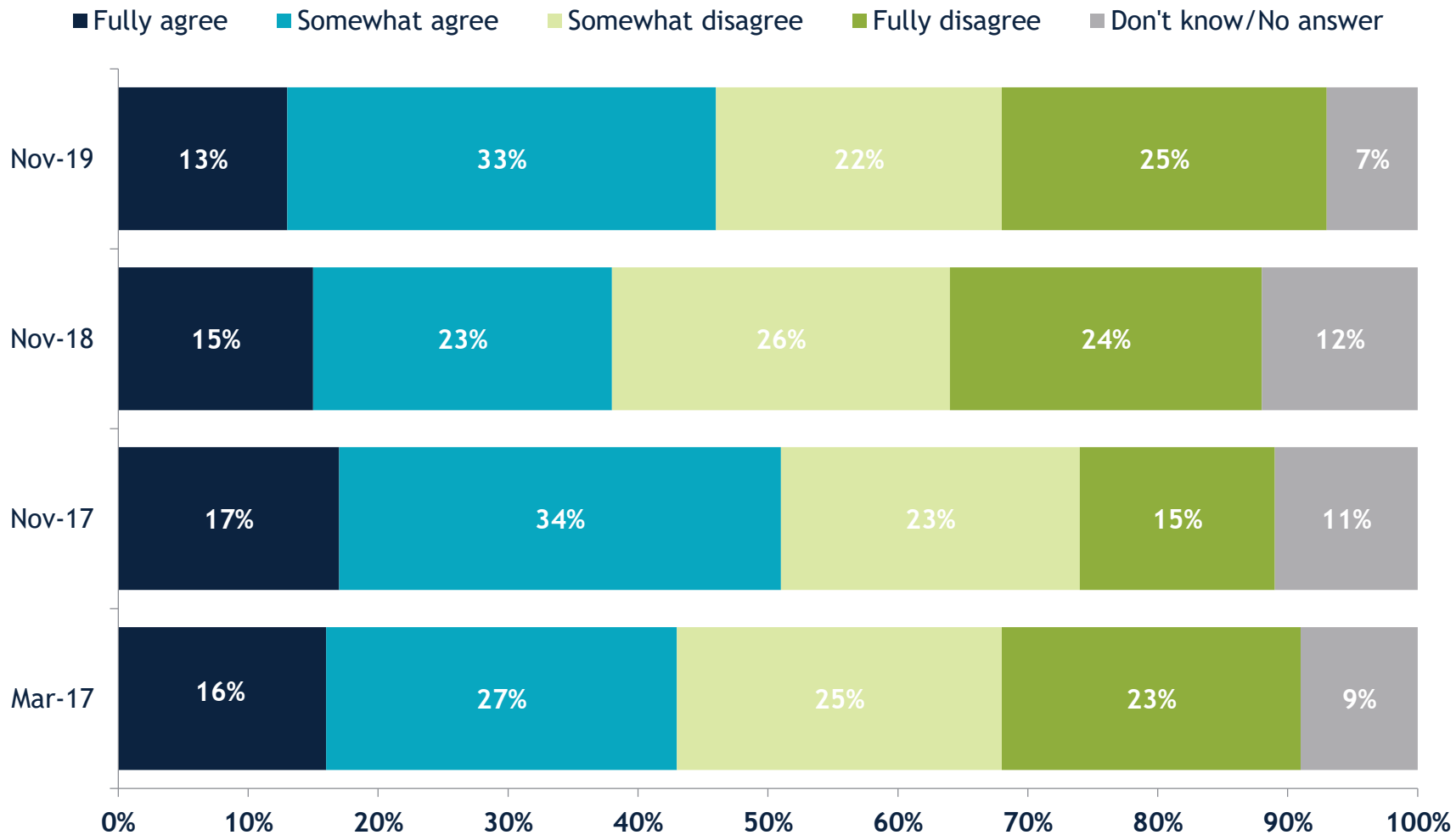
(Spontaneous response, multiple responses permitted)



Which political party can most successfully solve the current issues Kyrgyzstan is facing? (Spontaneous response)



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “It is healthy for Kyrgyzstan’s democracy to have multiple parties in power.”

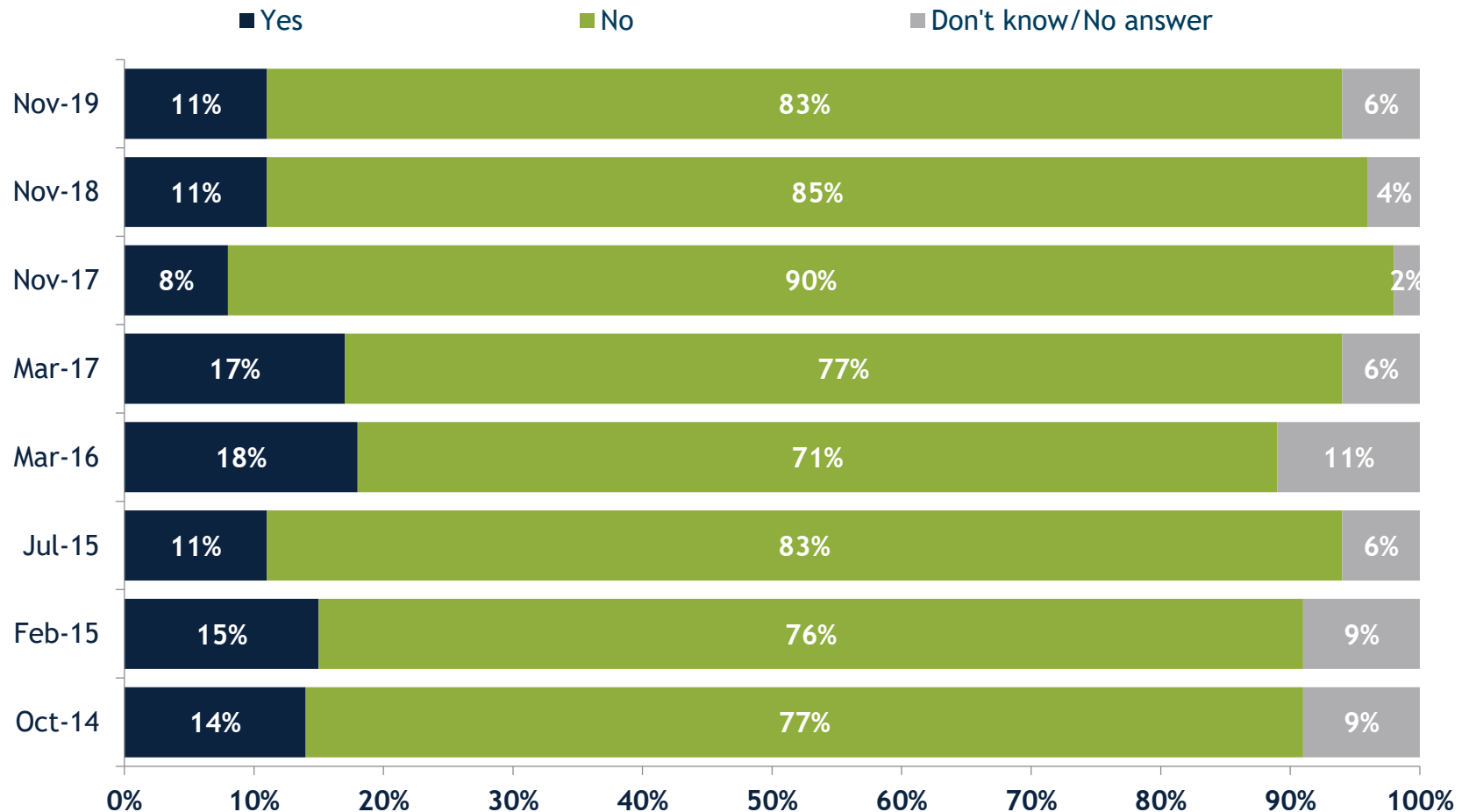




Elections



Do election results have an impact on your financial situation?*



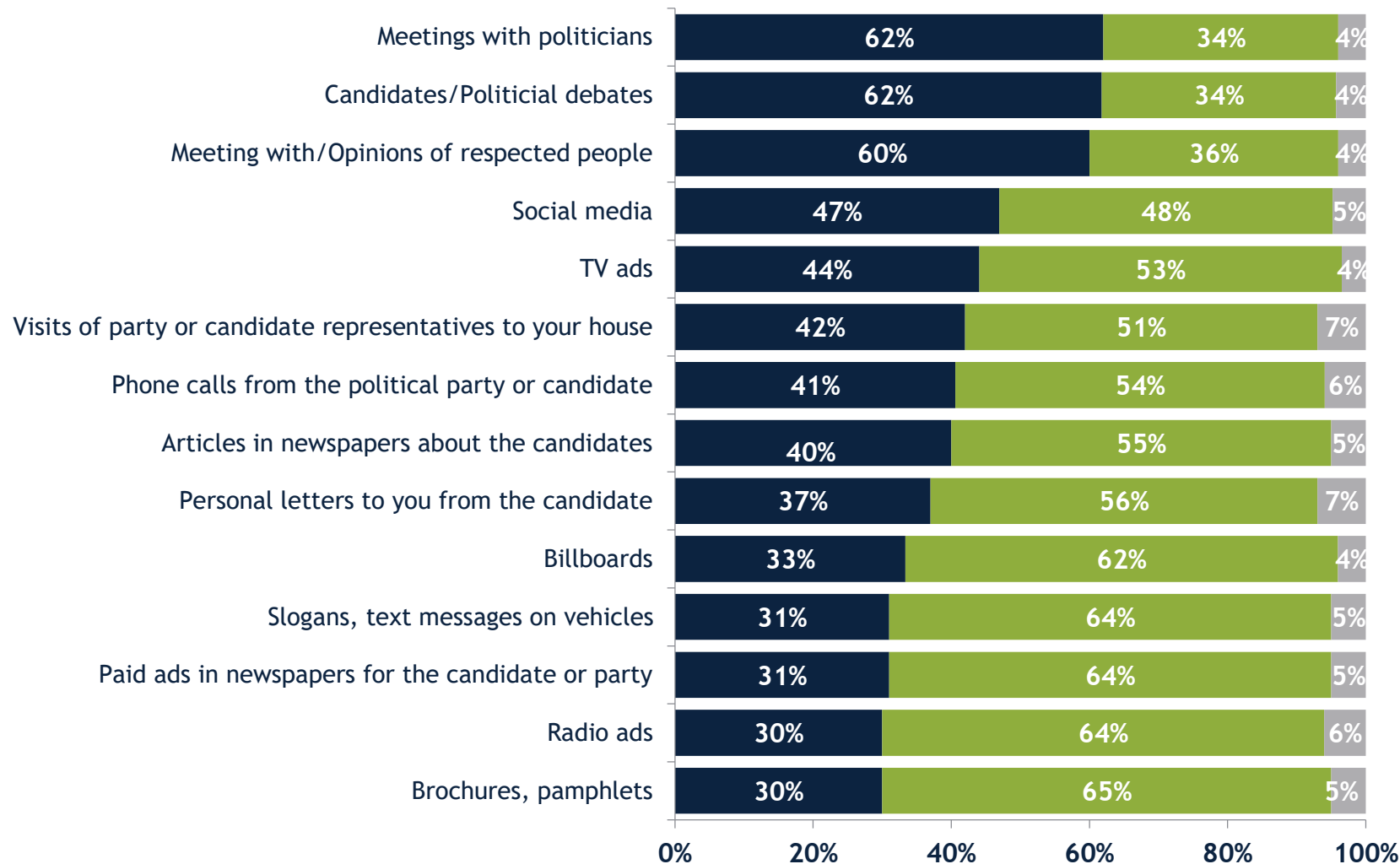
*In polls before November 2017, the question wording was different: "In your opinion, does your financial situation depend on the results of elections in general?"

For each of the items I will read to you, please tell me if they have great influence, some influence, not much influence or no influence at all on your views of parties or candidates?

■ Great/Some influence

■ Not much/No influence

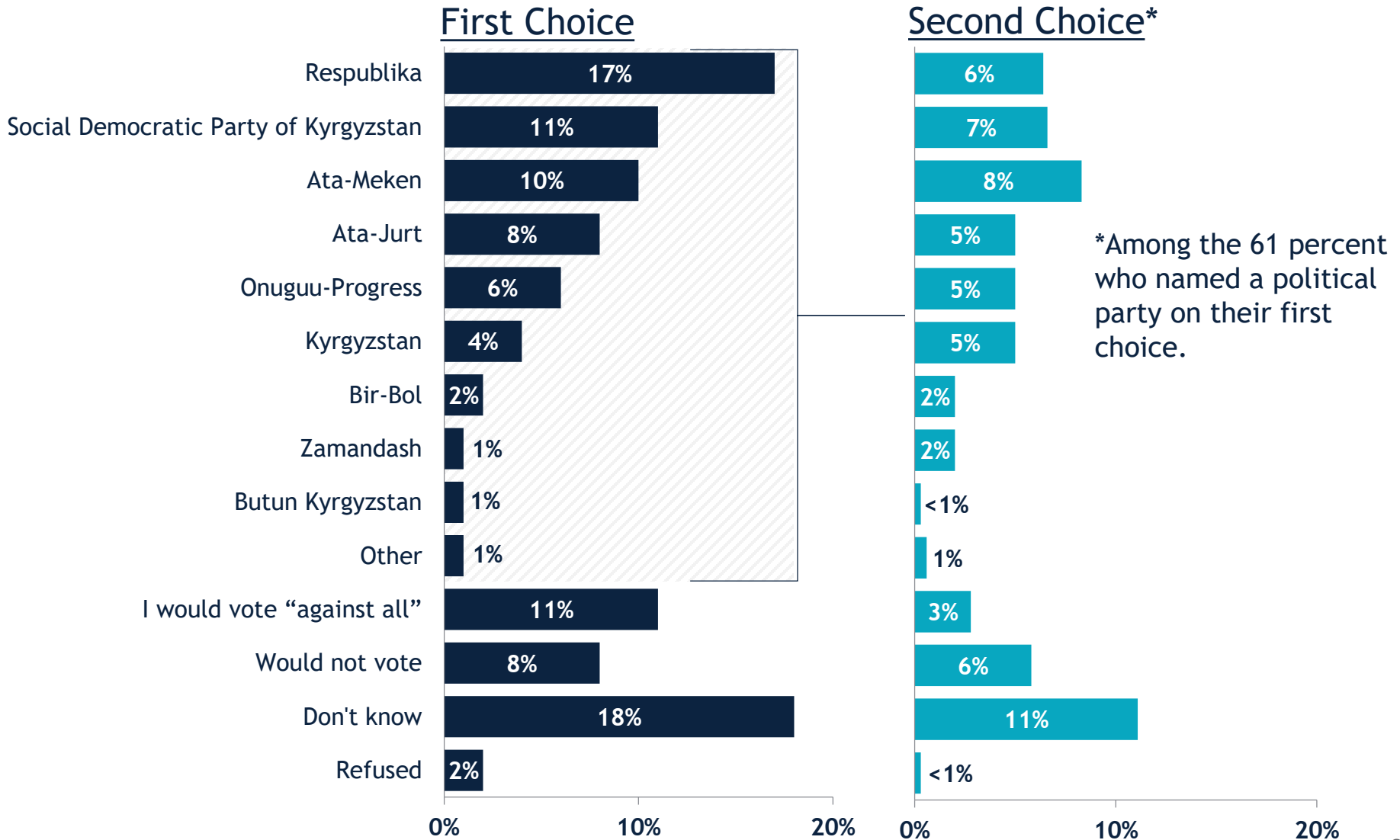
■ Don't know/No answer



If the parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, for which party would you vote?

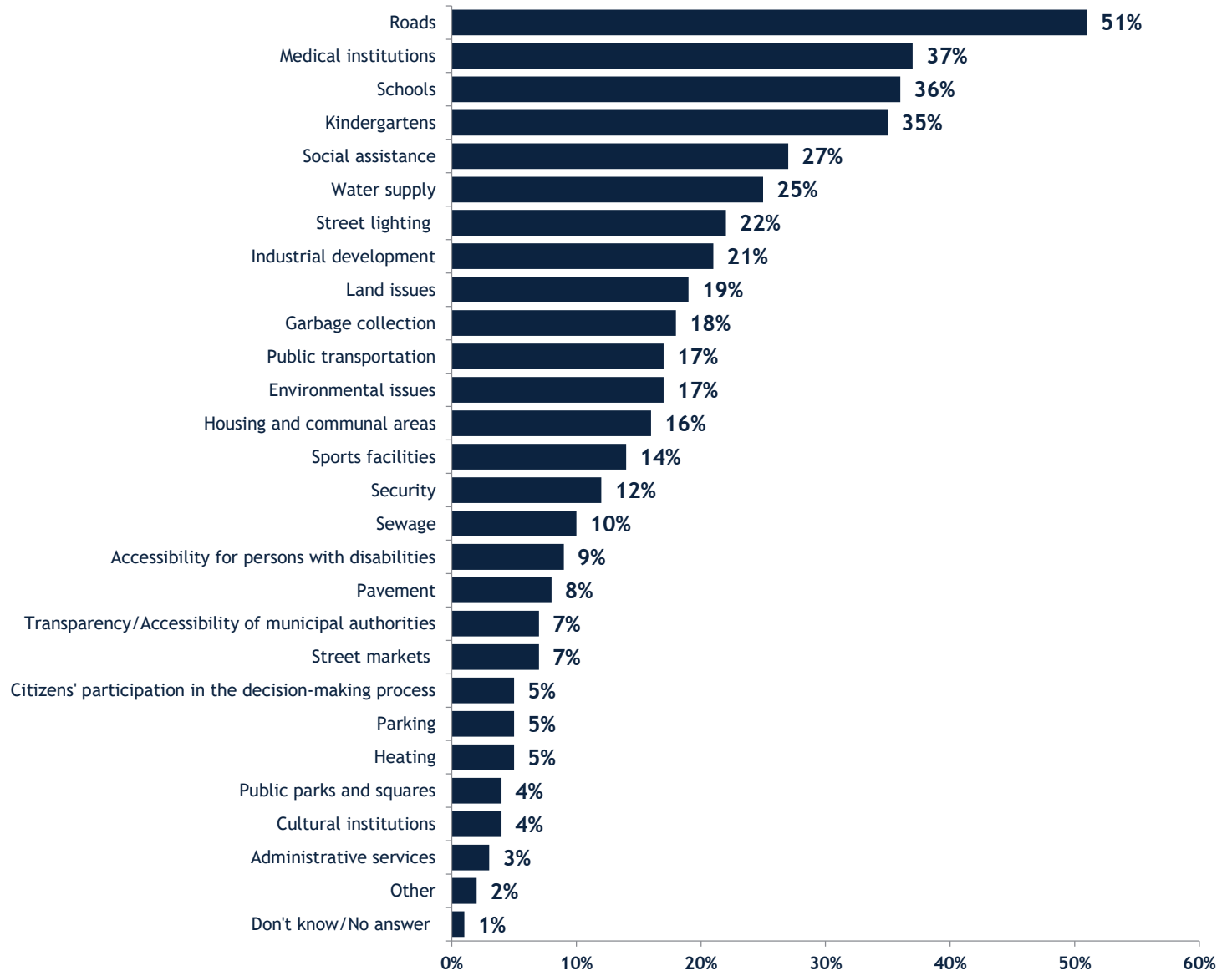


If, for some reason, the party you previously mentioned as your first voting choice does not participate in the elections, for which other party would you vote?



In your opinion, what areas should be of top priority for candidates in the next local elections?

(Up to five responses permitted)



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Oblast/City, Top local priorities, part 1

Local priority	Bishkek city	Chui oblast	Issyk-Kul oblast	Naryn oblast	Talas oblast	Osh oblast	Jalal-Abad oblast	Batken oblast	Osh city
Housing and communal areas	24%	22%	9%	3%	2%	20%	8%	16%	24%
Public transportation	18%	17%	4%	14%	6%	18%	14%	18%	44%
Medical institutions	38%	36%	48%	29%	29%	40%	27%	37%	50%
Schools	23%	25%	34%	59%	38%	49%	40%	24%	47%
Kindergartens	28%	24%	45%	28%	40%	46%	39%	30%	26%
Garbage collection	33%	22%	22%	23%	8%	9%	10%	13%	17%
Pavement	9%	5%	9%	0%	2%	8%	12%	8%	10%
Parking	13%	3%	2%	0%	0%	2%	5%	4%	13%
Roads	39%	56%	48%	68%	64%	58%	40%	55%	60%
Street lighting	21%	22%	12%	4%	22%	34%	15%	36%	7%
Industrial areas/industrial development	32%	37%	4%	25%	4%	24%	16%	6%	8%
Transparency/accessibility of local authorities	4%	6%	6%	7%	20%	5%	14%	2%	7%
Sports establishments	6%	8%	18%	11%	8%	16%	16%	34%	11%
Cultural institutions	4%	0%	19%	2%	0%	3%	4%	2%	5%
Street markets	6%	1%	2%	0%	0%	10%	15%	2%	5%
Public parks and squares	5%	2%	7%	0%	2%	5%	7%	5%	2%

*Top 3 issues per oblast/city are highlighted.

In your opinion, what areas should be of top priority for candidates in the next local elections? (Up to five responses permitted)

Oblast/City, Top local priorities, part 2

Local priority	Bishkek city	Chui oblast	Issyk-Kul oblast	Naryn oblast	Talas oblast	Osh oblast	Jalal-Abad oblast	Batken oblast	Osh city
Security	20%	10%	5%	3%	20%	12%	10%	10%	9%
Water supply	6%	47%	19%	19%	18%	27%	28%	30%	5%
Land issues	14%	13%	33%	23%	16%	26%	9%	27%	20%
Environment	41%	21%	31%	2%	8%	3%	10%	1%	12%
Heating	4%	10%	1%	0%	0%	3%	7%	2%	8%
Social assistance	27%	24%	40%	16%	56%	22%	18%	47%	13%
Administrative services provision	0%	1%	5%	1%	8%	1%	5%	13%	2%
Citizens' participation in the decision-making process	3%	1%	16%	0%	11%	5%	3%	12%	7%
Accessibility for persons with disabilities	9%	3%	9%	3%	26%	8%	4%	25%	9%
National external (foreign) debt	0%	0%	0%	9%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Unemployment	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Other	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%	2%	3%
Don't know/No answer	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	6%	1%	0%

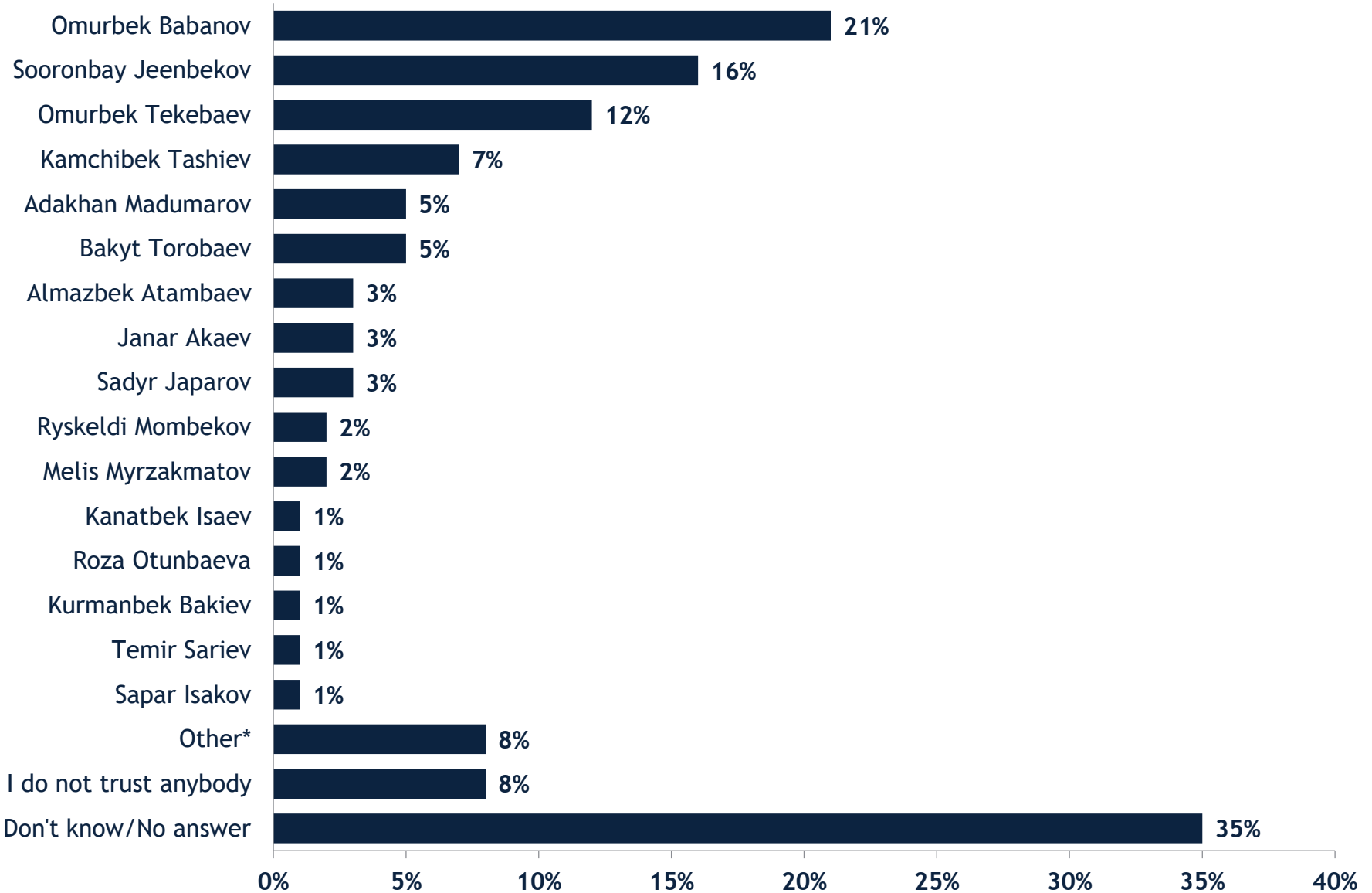
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Politicians

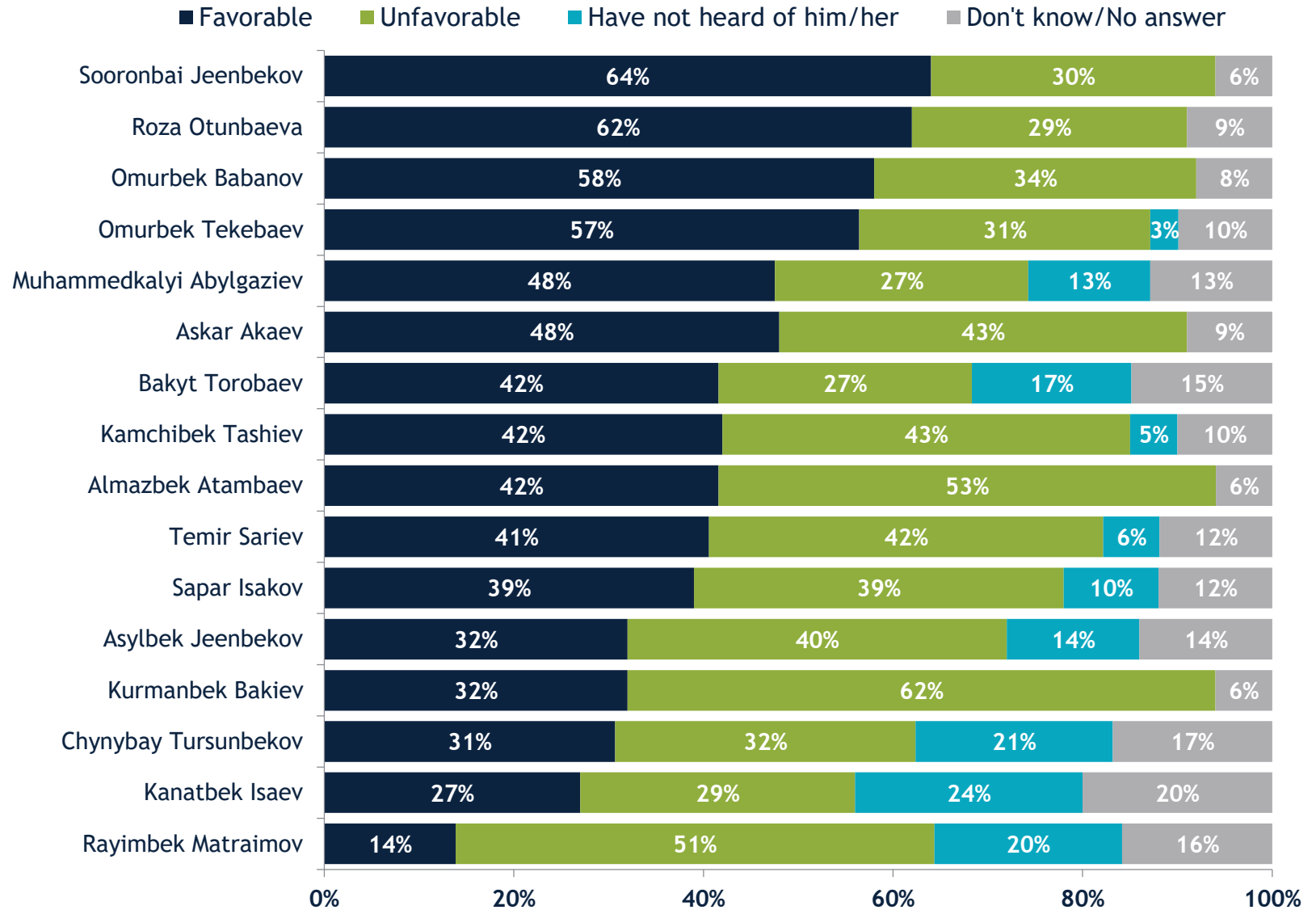


Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most? (Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



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What is your opinion of each of the following Kyrgyz politicians?

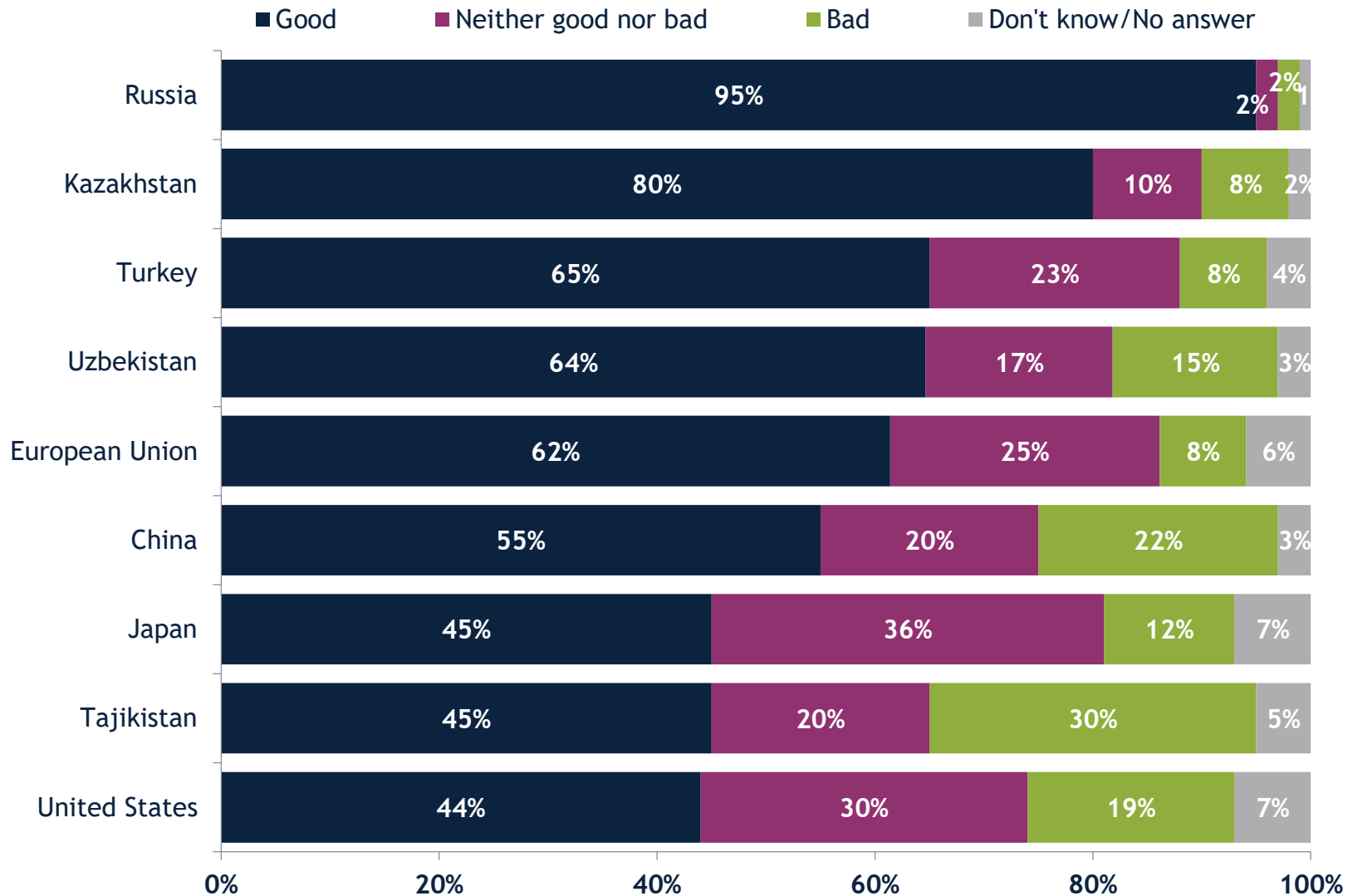




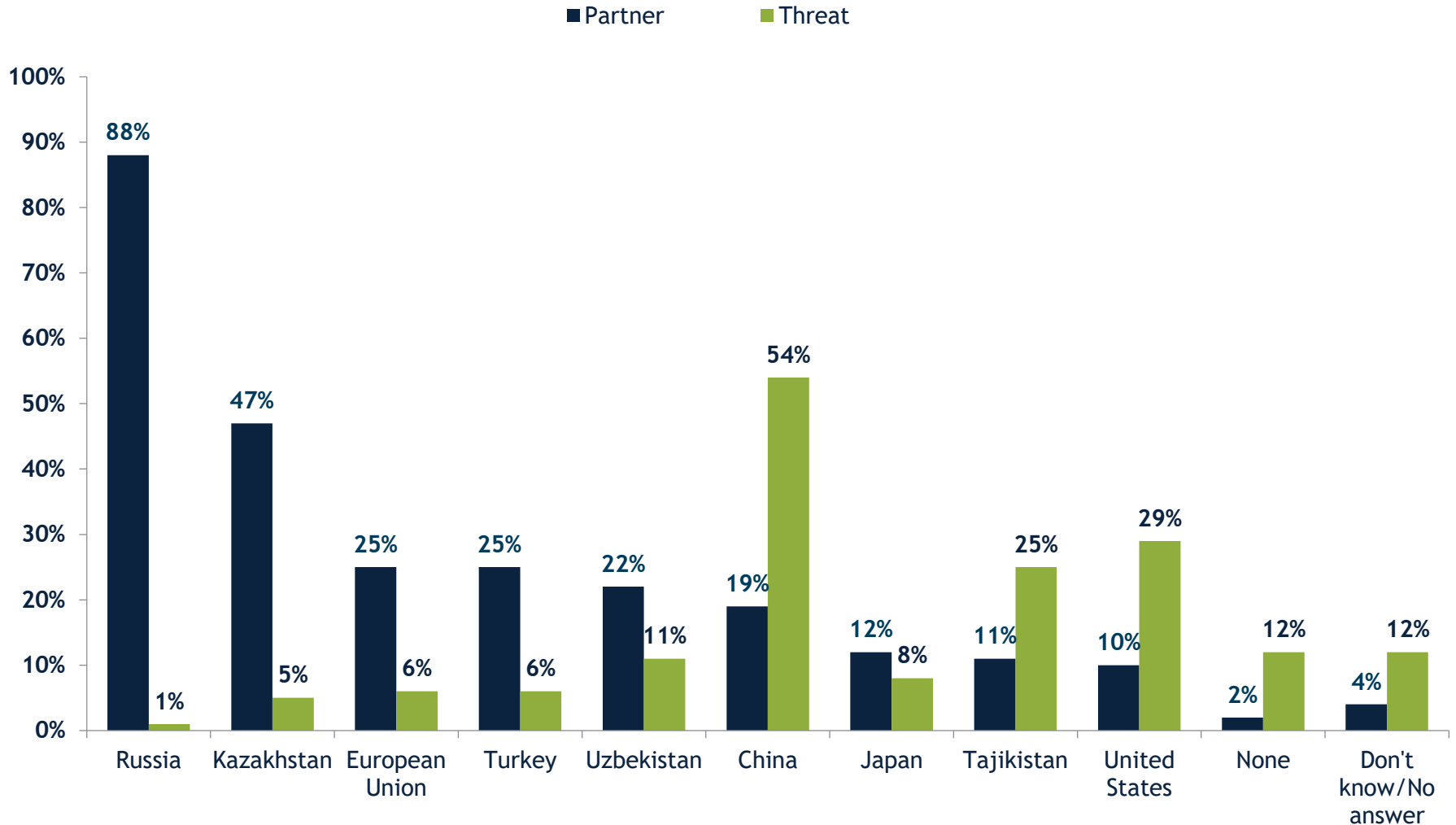
International Relations



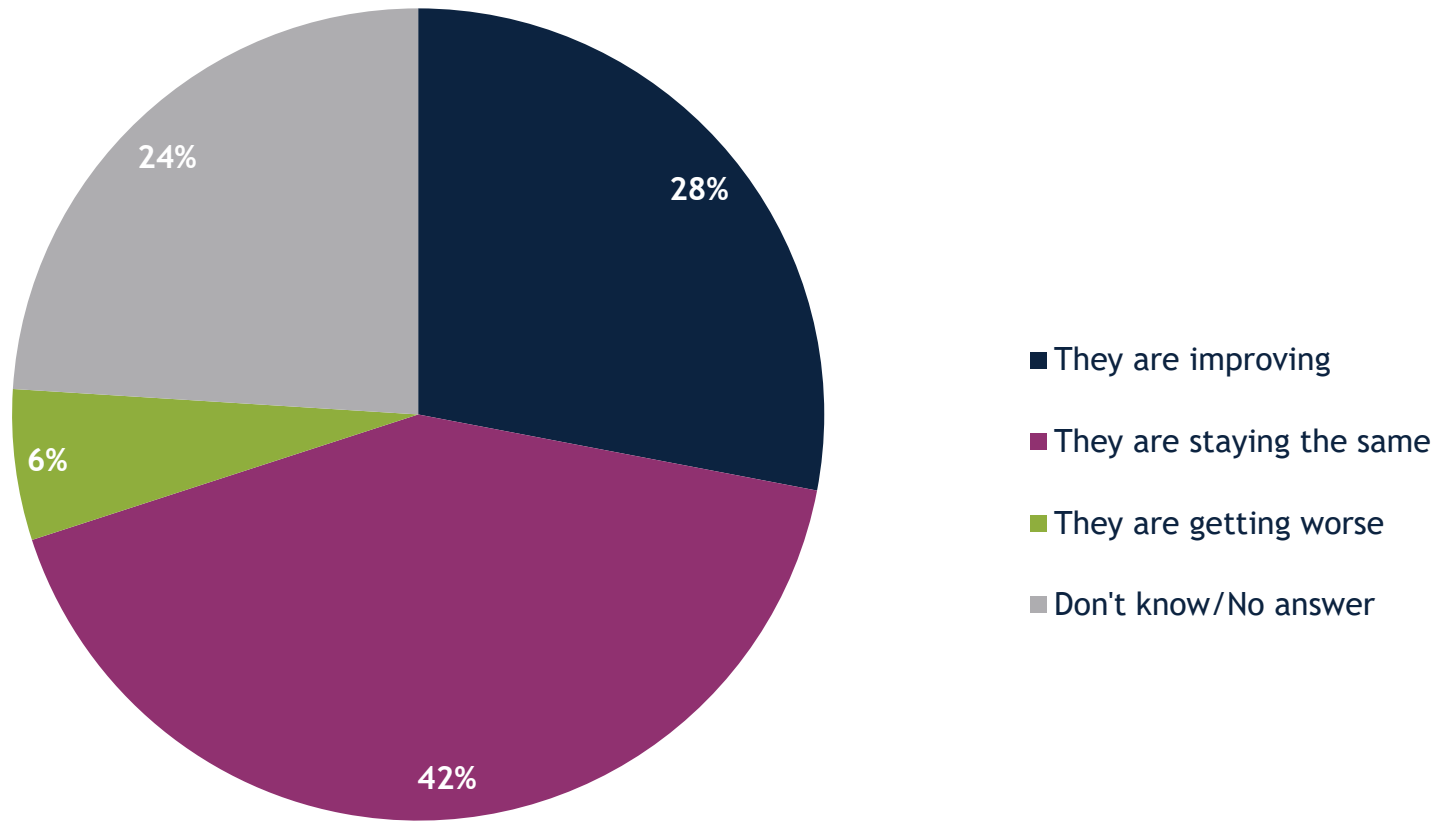
How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and the following countries?



Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partners and biggest economic threats to Kyrgyzstan? (Multiple responses permitted)

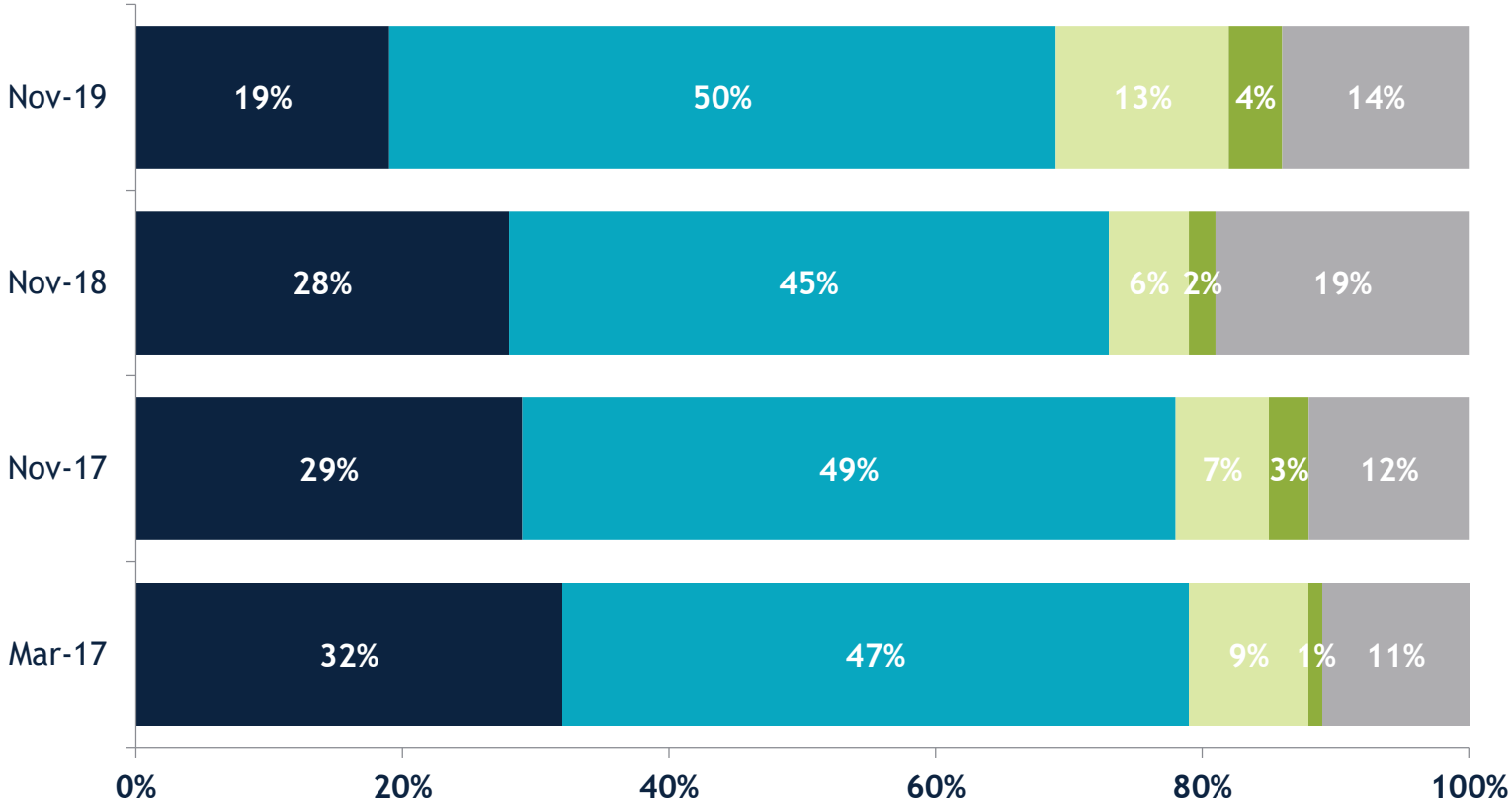


How do you feel about the current levels of regional cooperation between Central Asian countries?



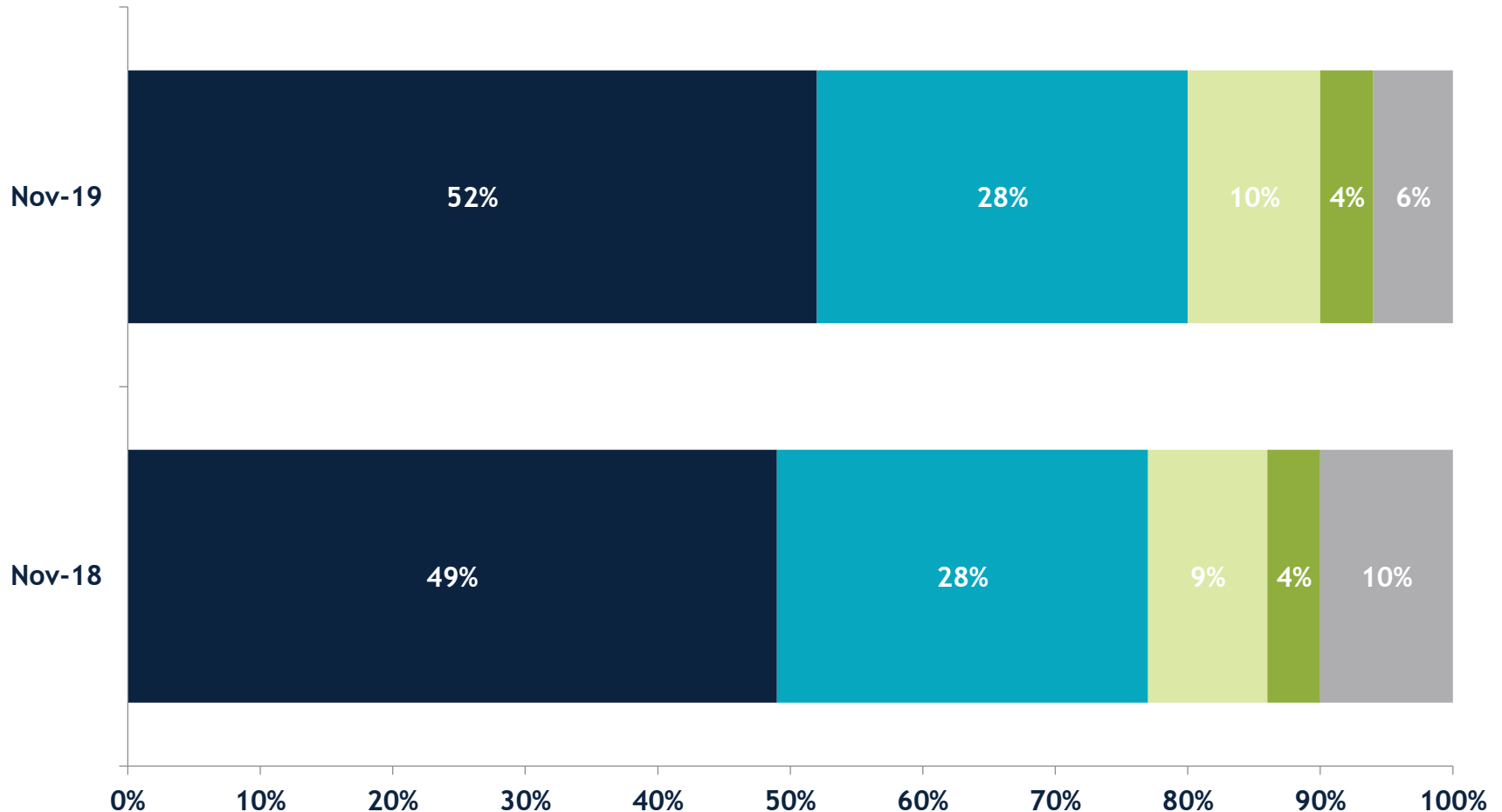
Do you believe that Kyrgyzstan joining the Eurasian Economic Union with Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Armenia has been positive or negative for Kyrgyzstan?

■ Very positive
 ■ Somewhat positive
 ■ Somewhat negative
 ■ Very negative
 ■ Don't know/No answer



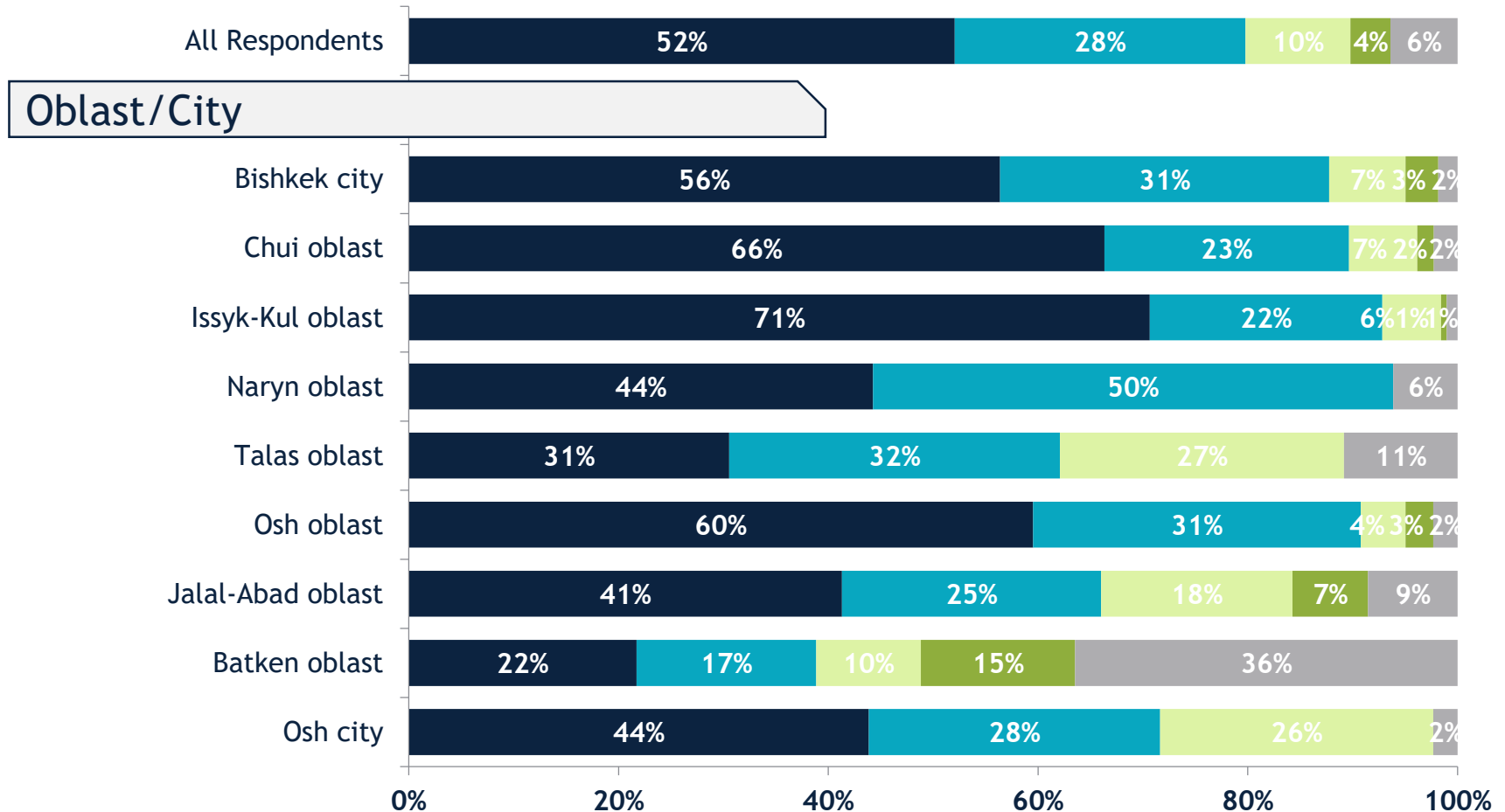
Do you believe that violent religious extremism poses a threat in Kyrgyzstan?

- It is a very serious threat
- It is a somewhat serious threat
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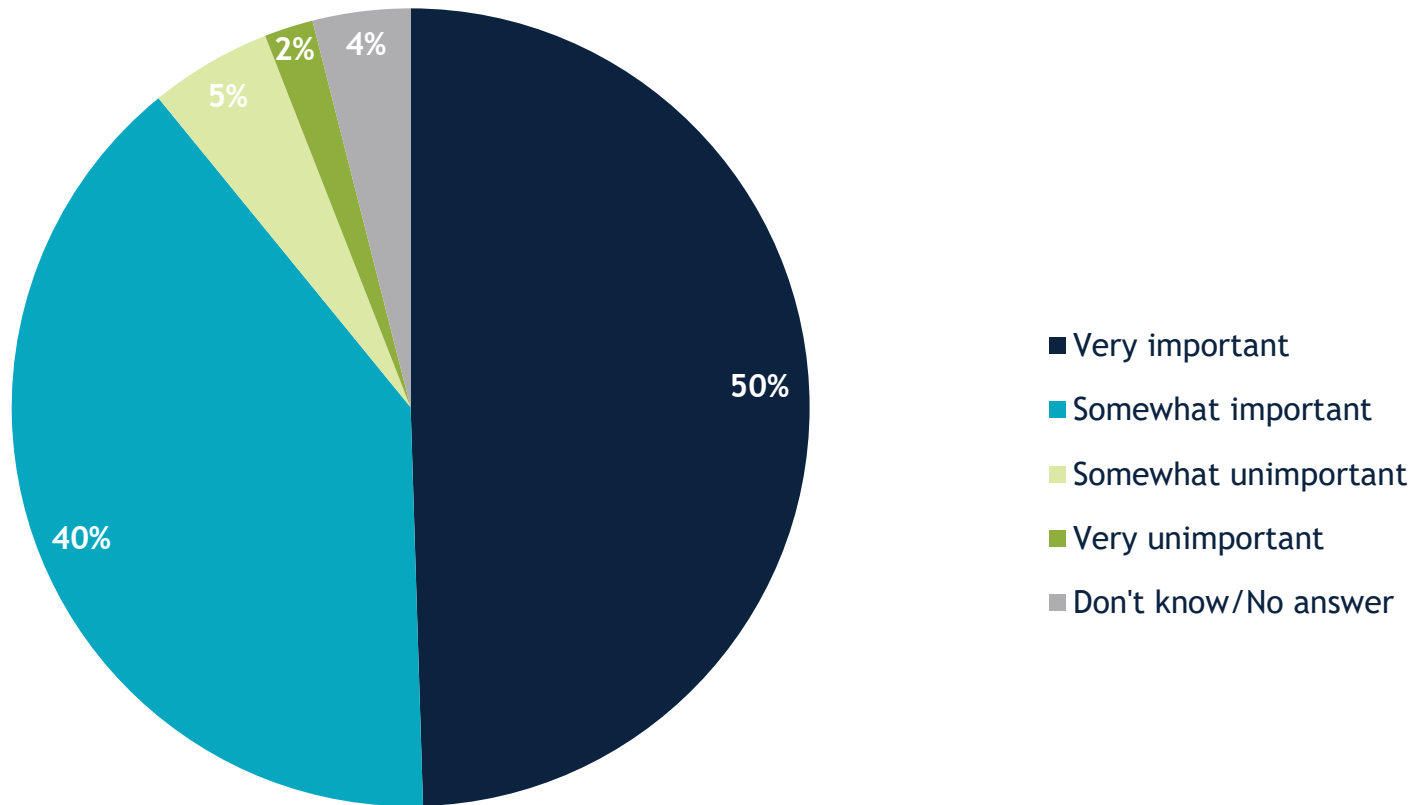




Inclusion

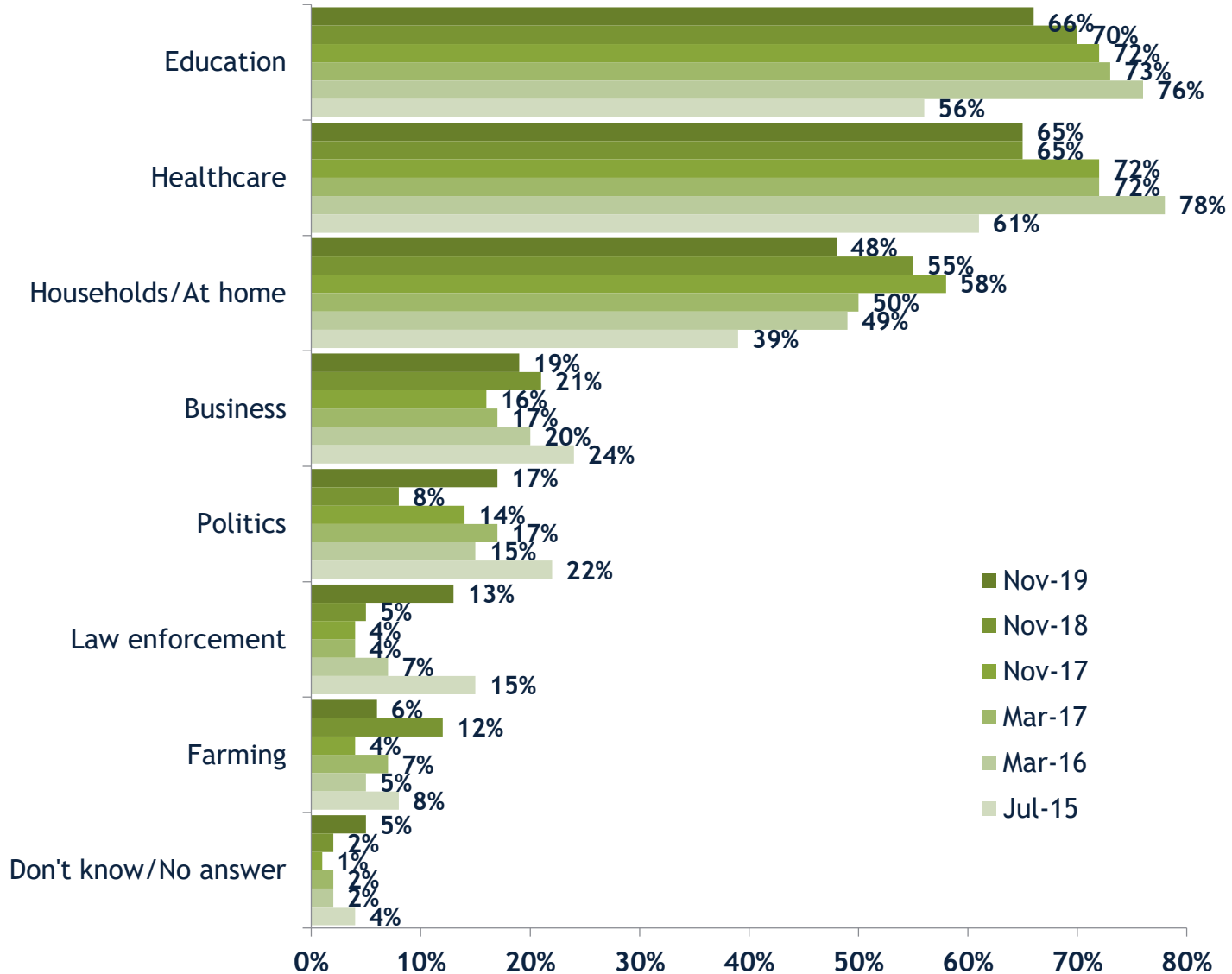


How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision-making?

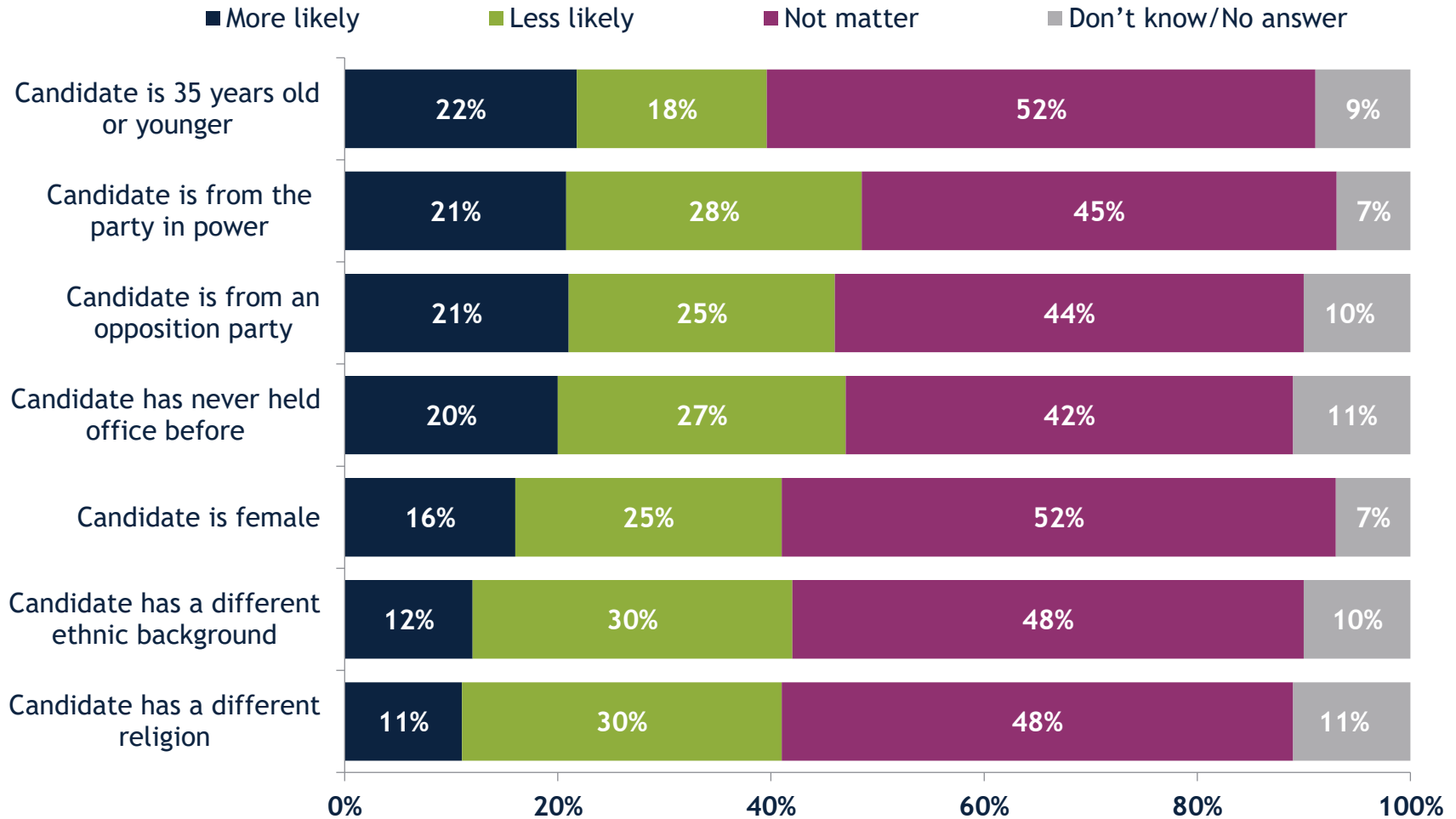


In which sectors of society do you feel it is most important for women to play an expanded role?

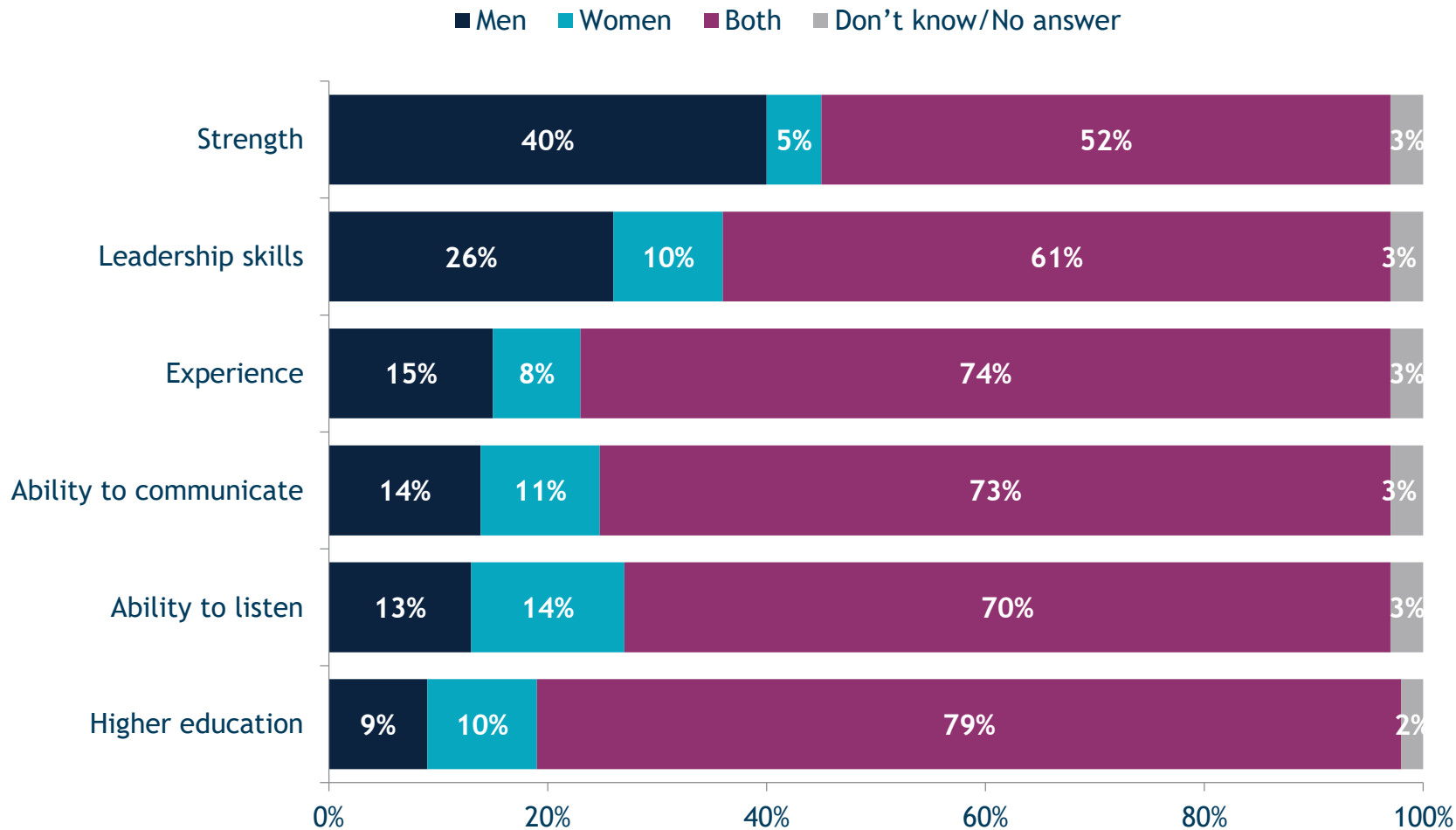
(Up to three responses permitted)



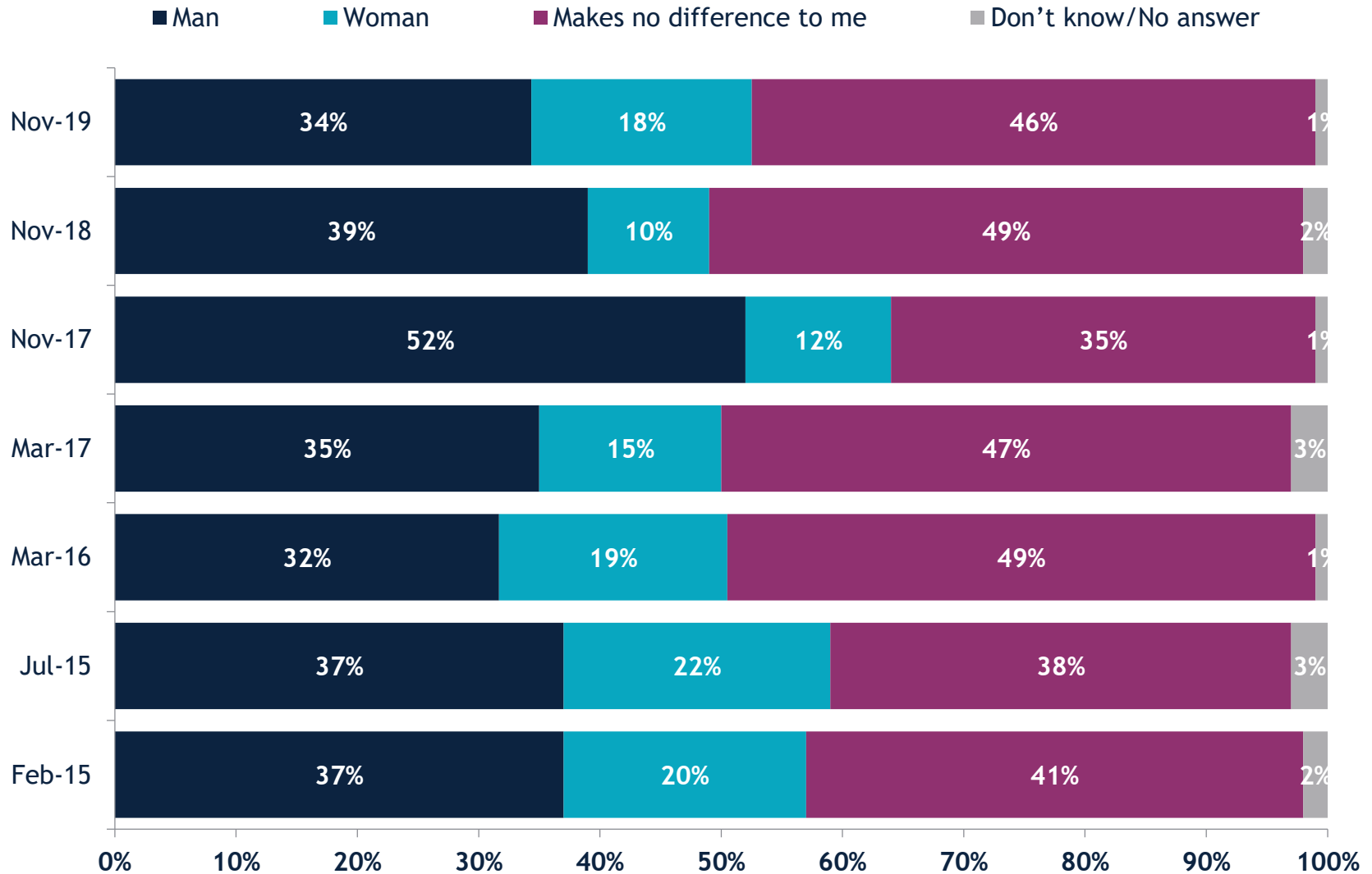
I will read you a list of several attributes a candidate running for office may have. For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter?



I will read you a list of several qualities voters commonly seek in politicians. For each quality, please tell me if it is more likely for men to have it, for women to have it, or if both genders are equally likely to have it.

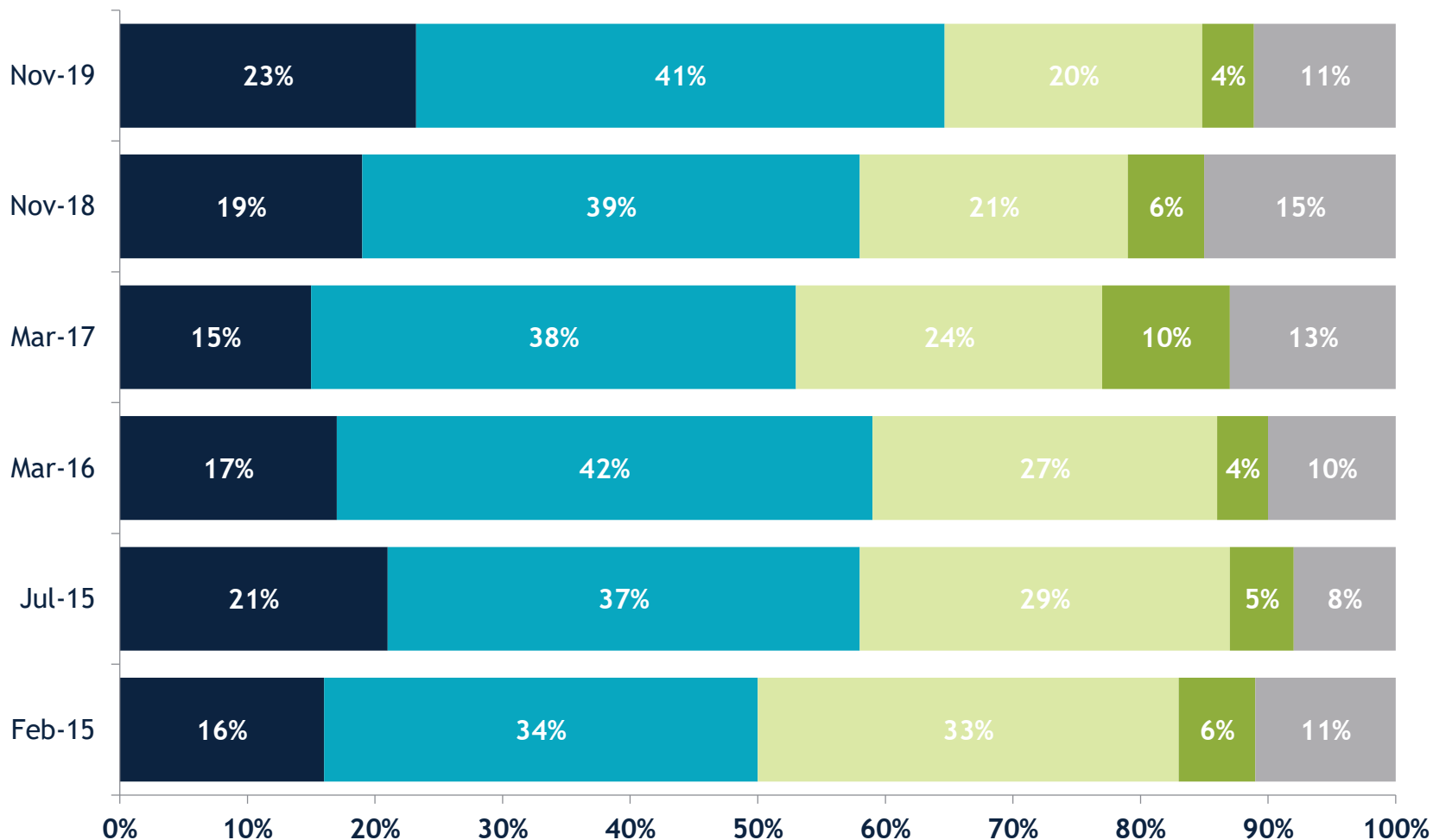


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians and political parties do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”*

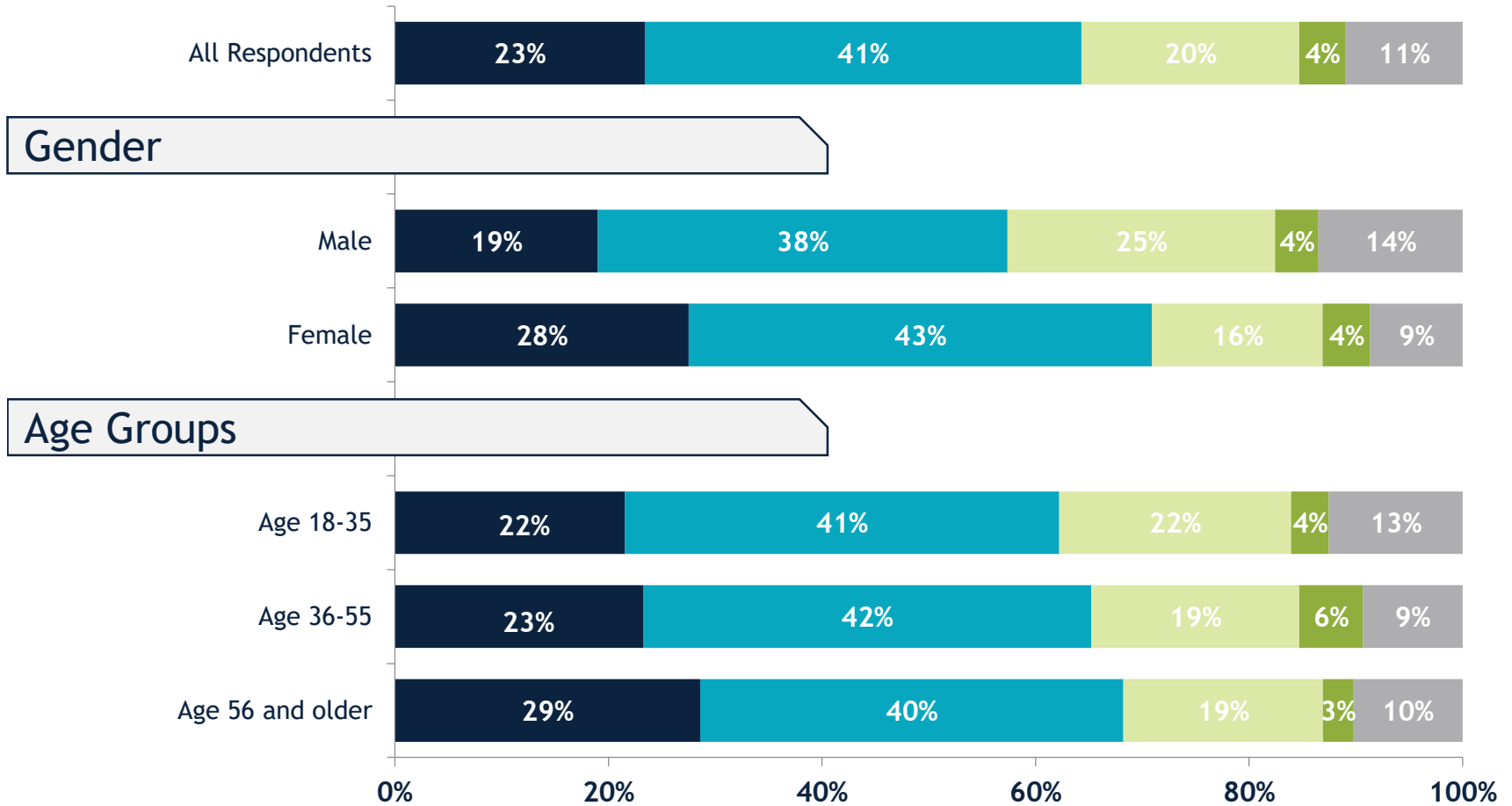
■ Strongly agree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Don't know/No answer



* Before November 2019, wording of statement was different: “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”

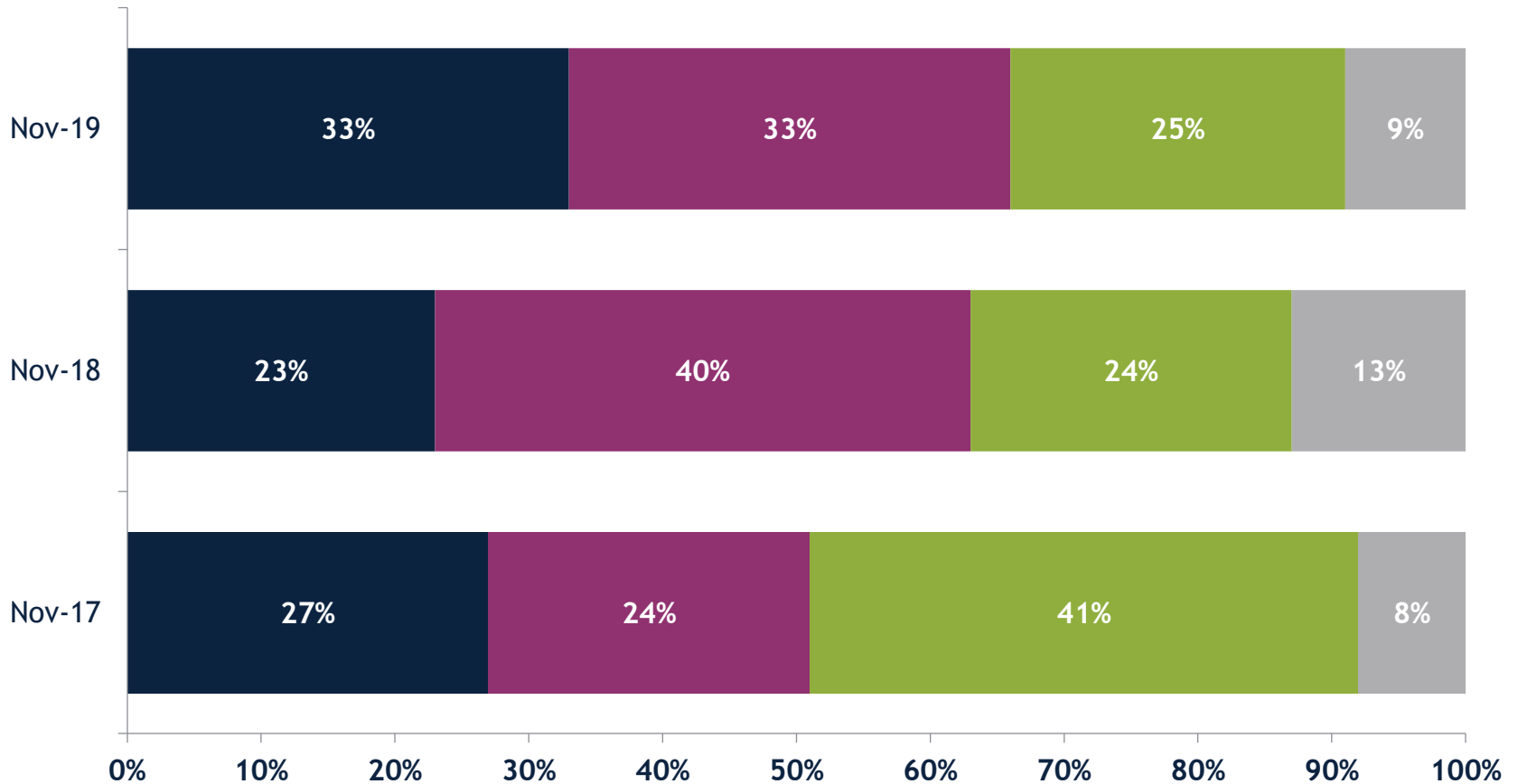
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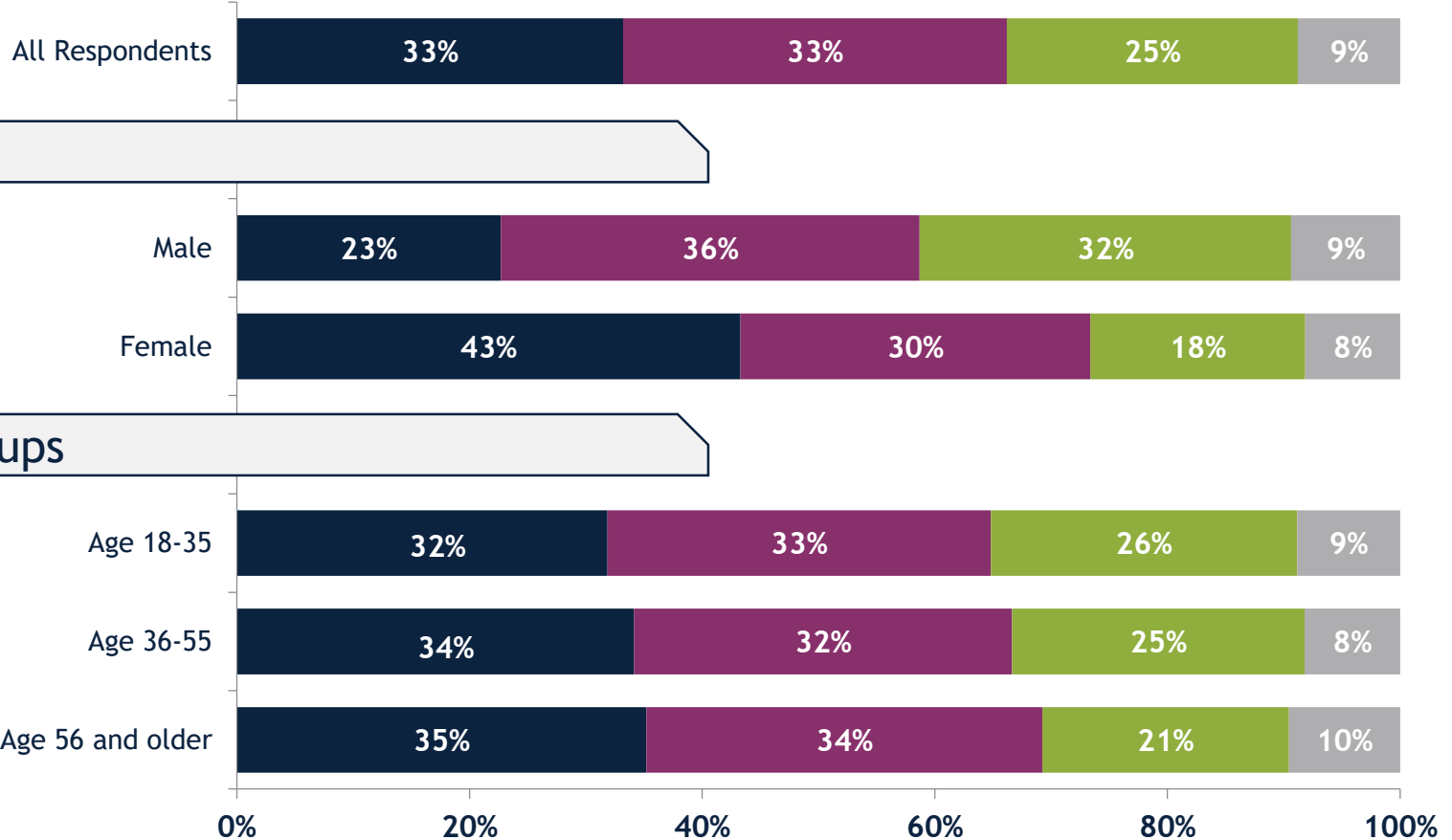
In your opinion, should there be more women in Kyrgyz politics?

- Yes, there should be more women in Kyrgyz politics
- There should be the same amount of women as there currently is
- No, there should be fewer women in Kyrgyz politics
- Don't know/No answer



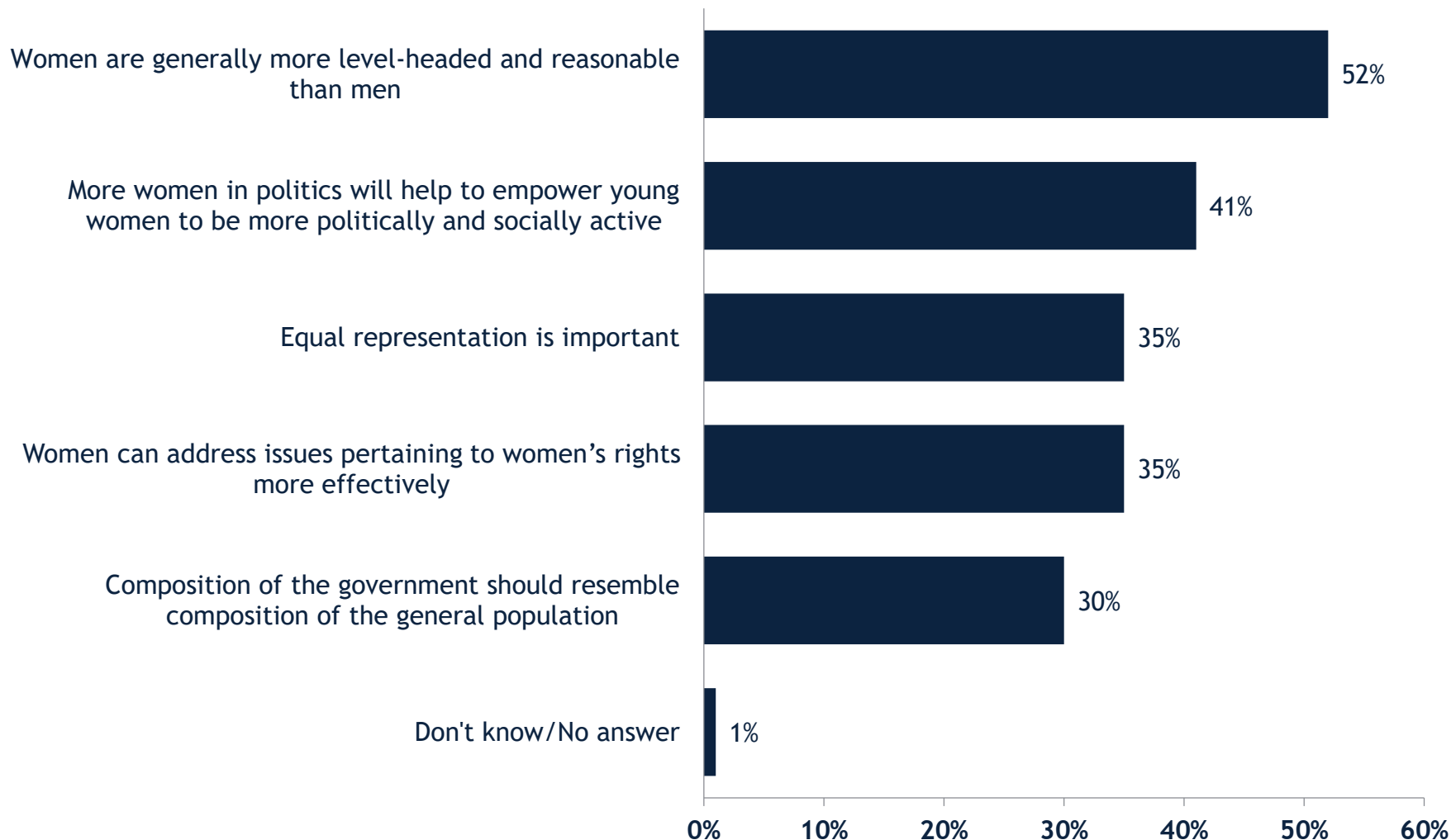
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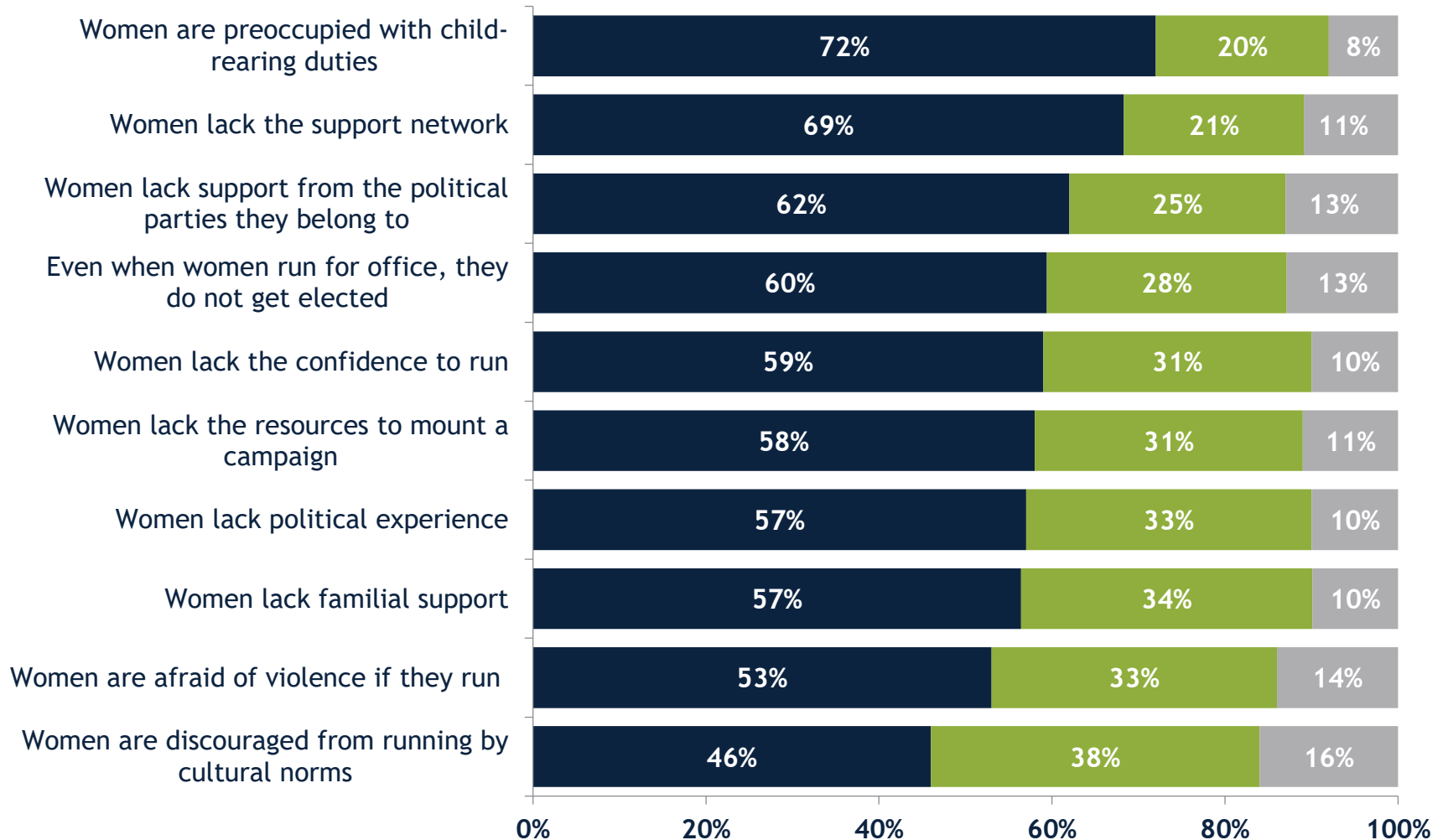
If yes, why do you believe there should be more women in Kyrgyz politics?

(Multiple responses permitted; among respondents who believe there should be more women in Kyrgyz politics, n=493)

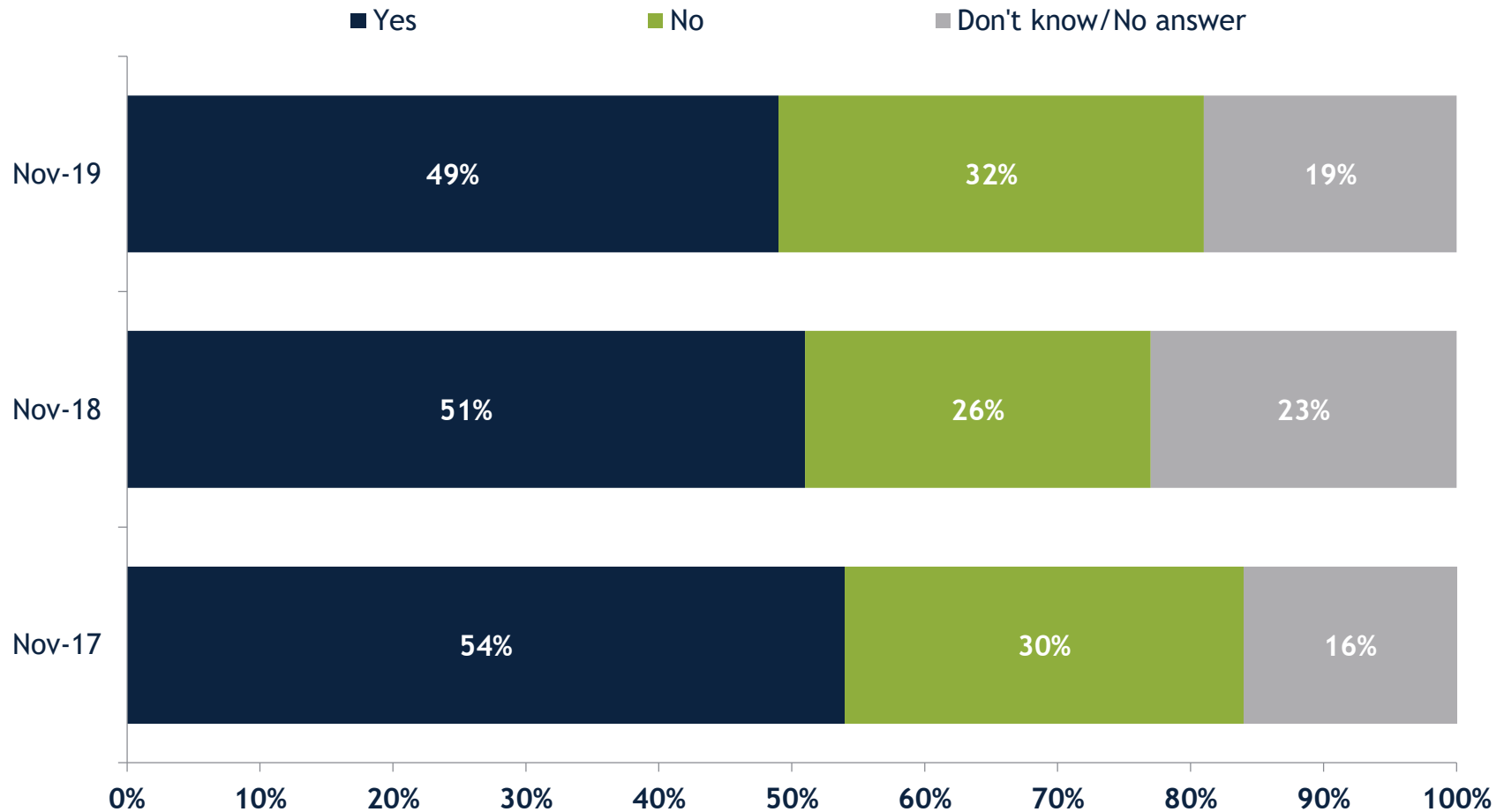


Why are there not more women politically engaged in Kyrgyzstan?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/No answer

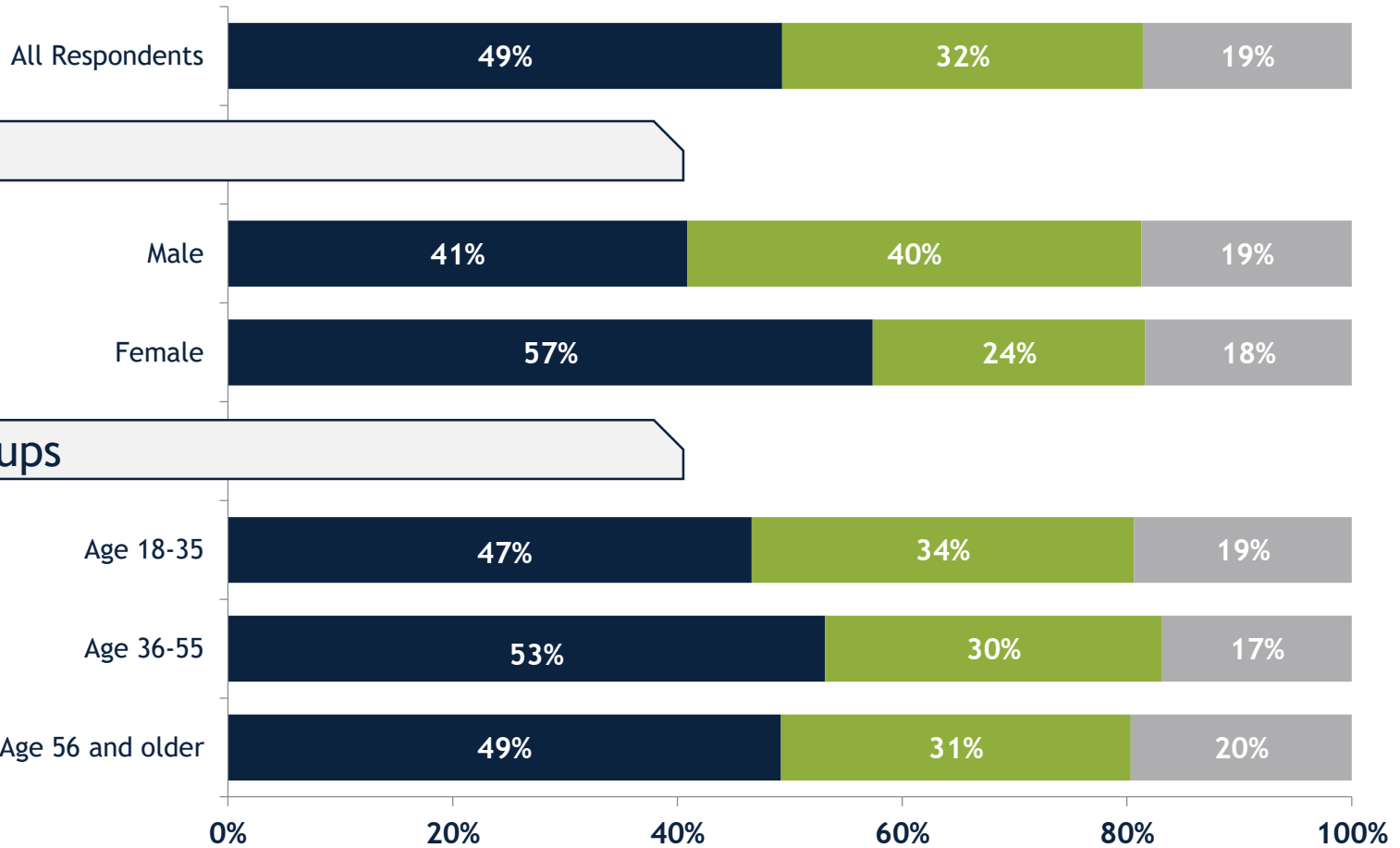


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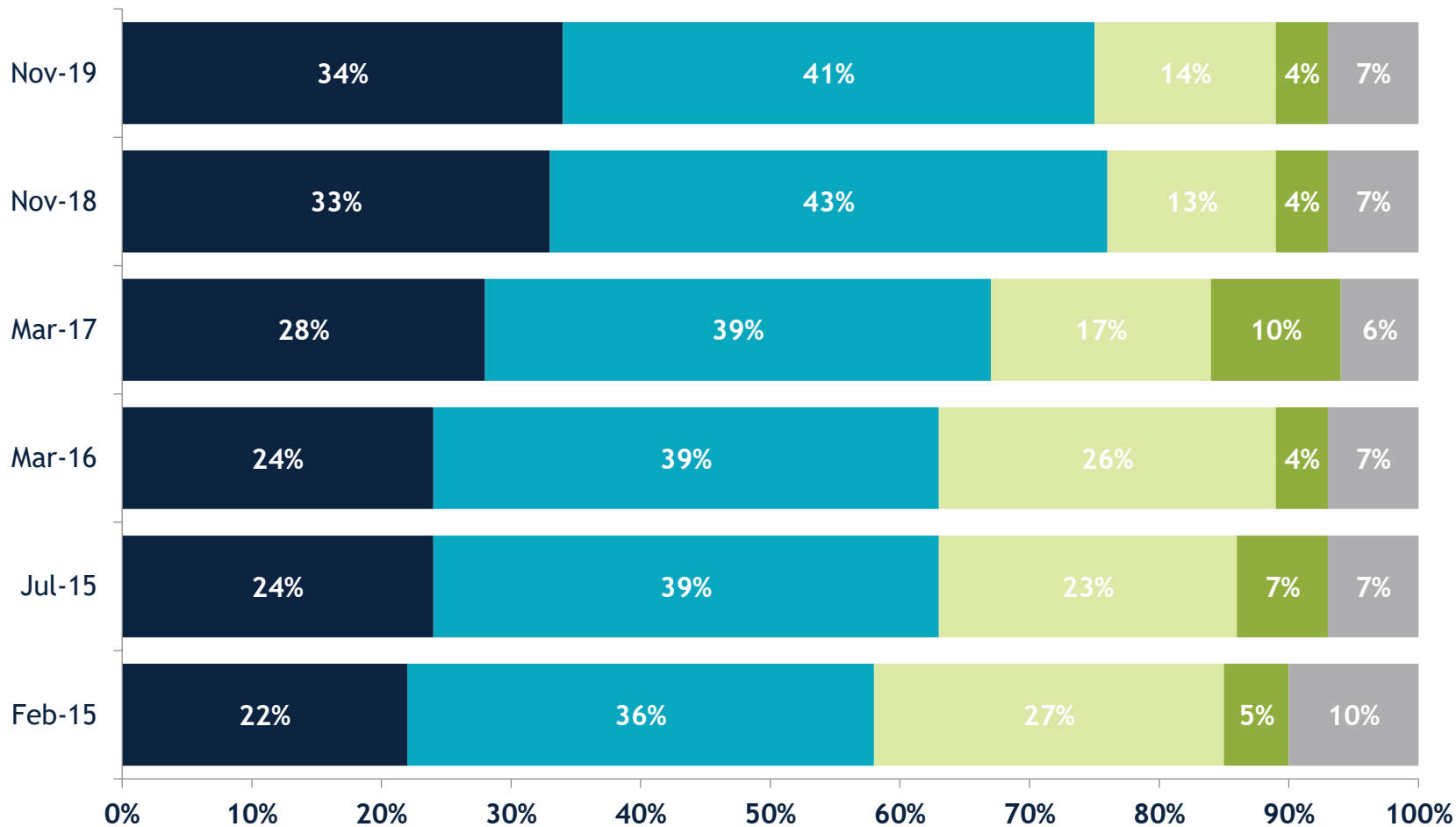
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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians and political parties do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”*

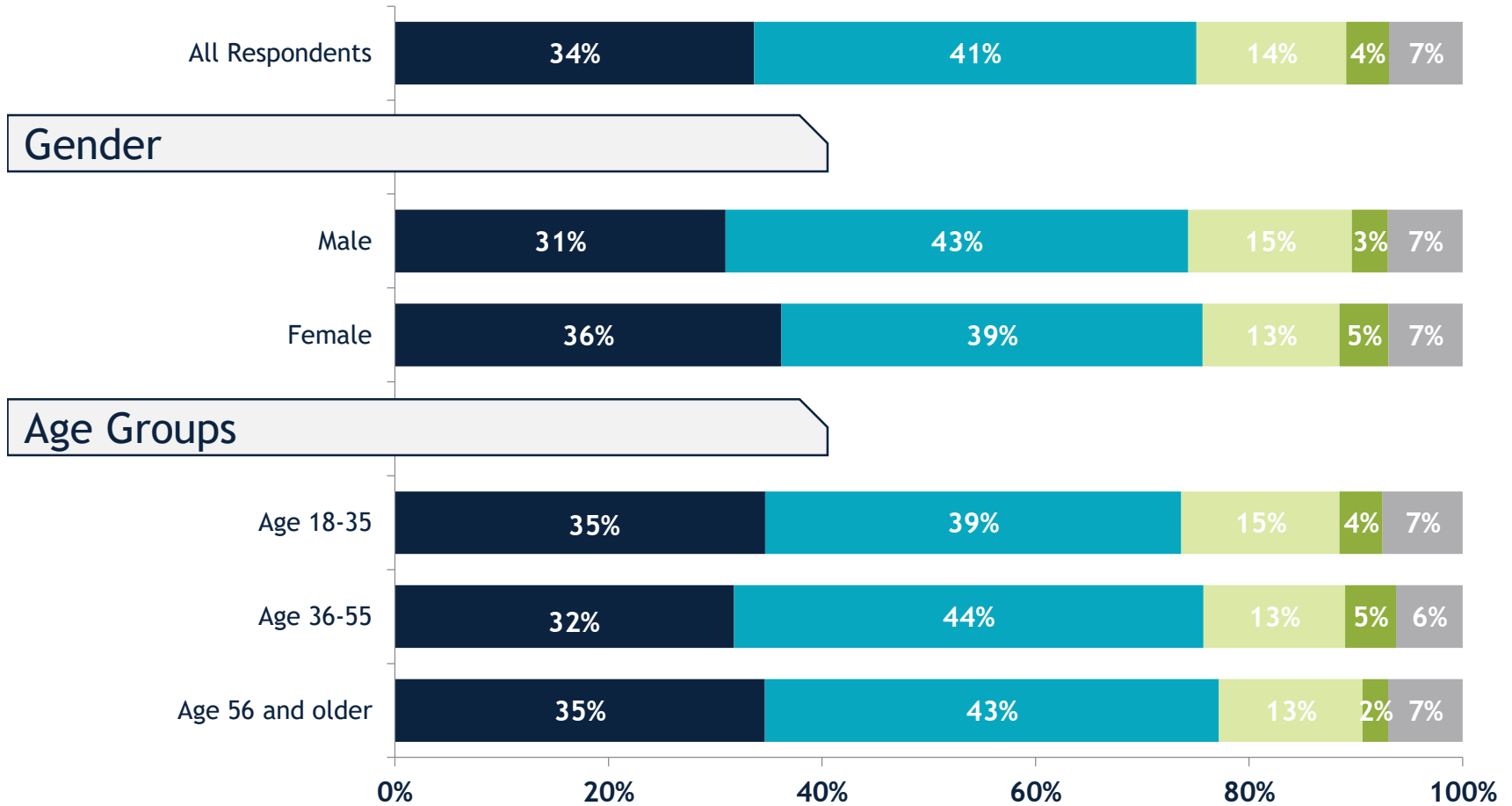
■ Strongly agree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Don’t know/No answer



* Before November 2019 wording of statement was different: “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”

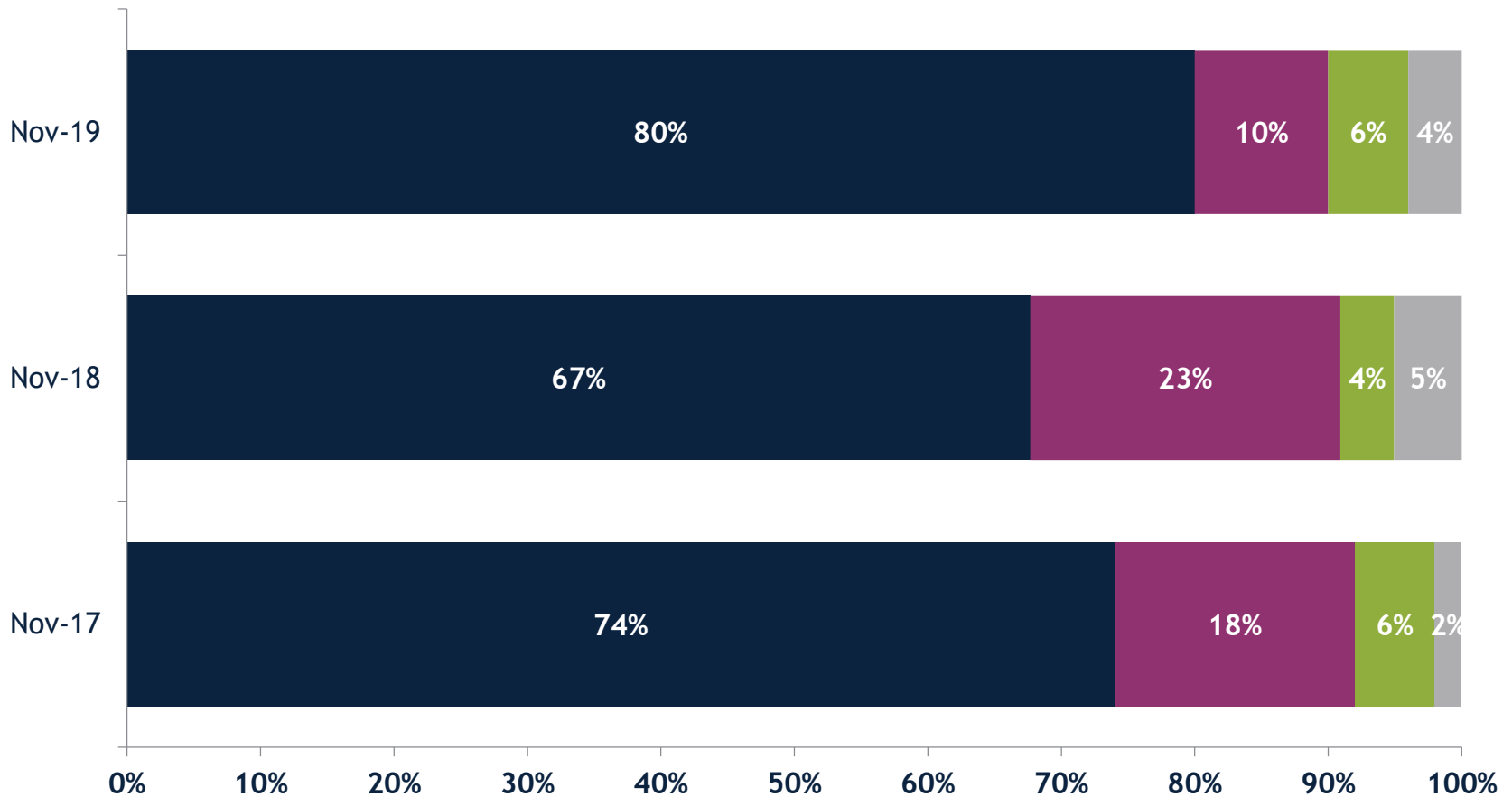
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians and political parties do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”

■ Strongly agree
■ Somewhat agree
■ Somewhat disagree
■ Strongly disagree
■ Don't know / Refused



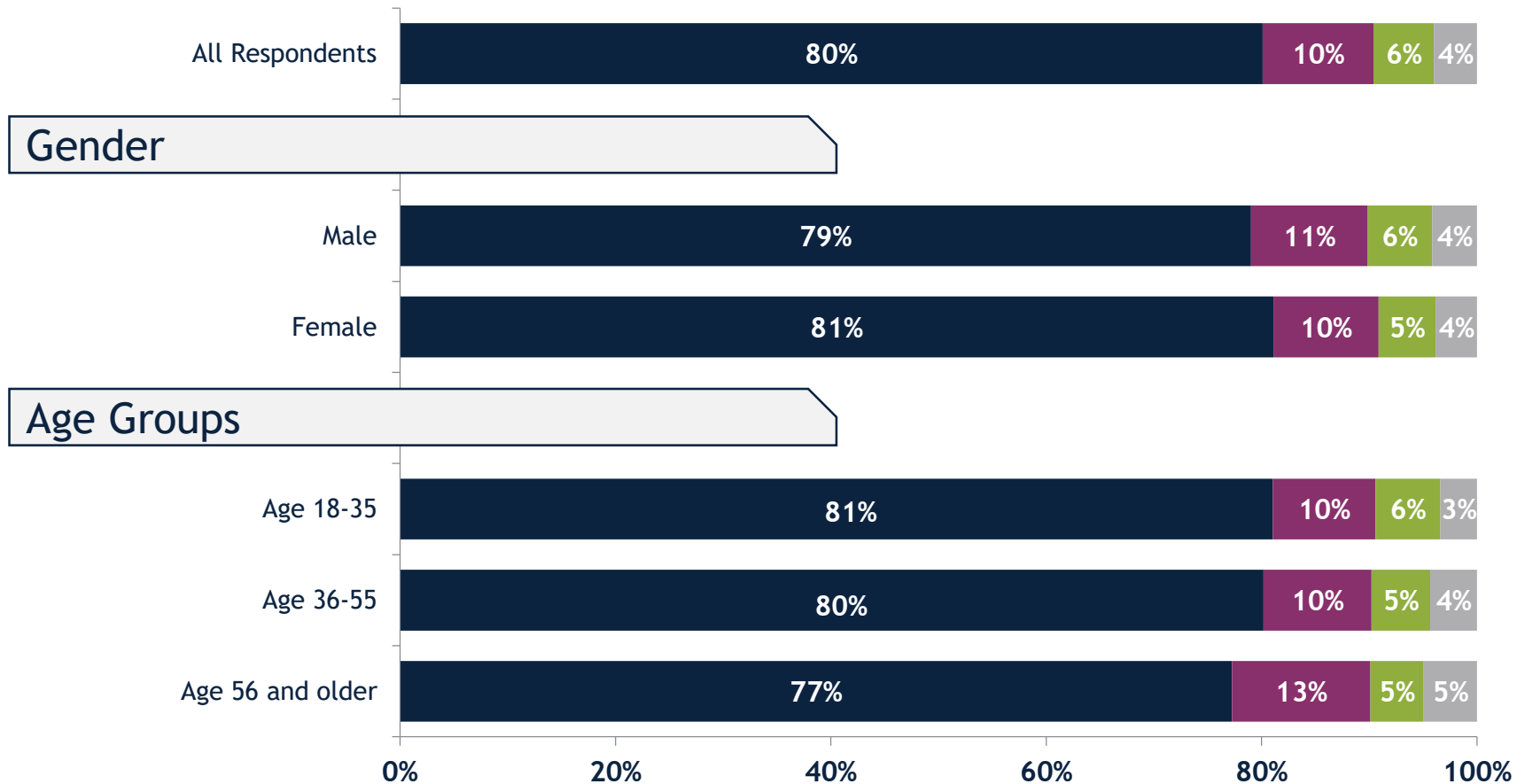
In your opinion, should there be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

- Yes, there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics.
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- Don't know/No answer



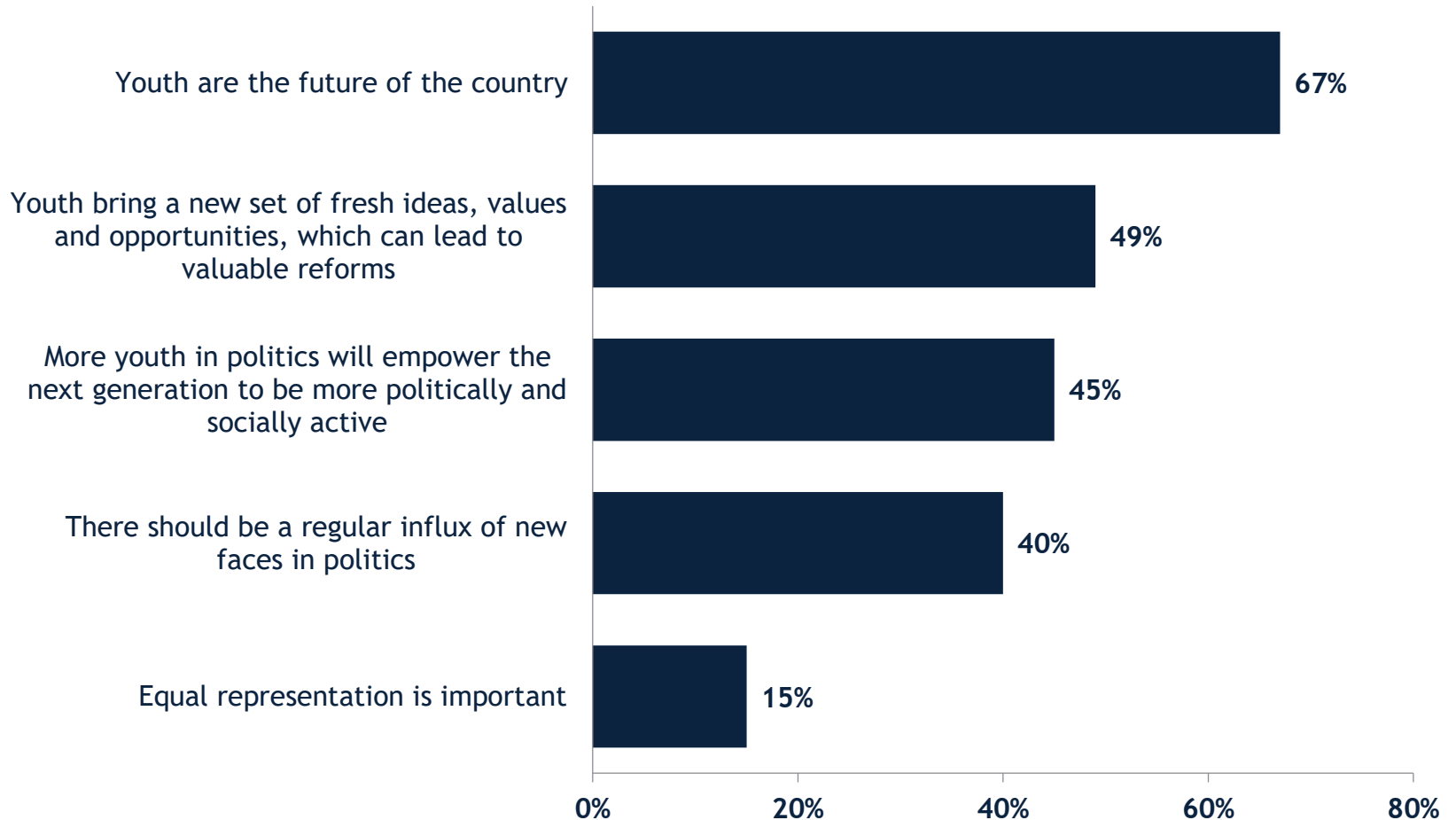
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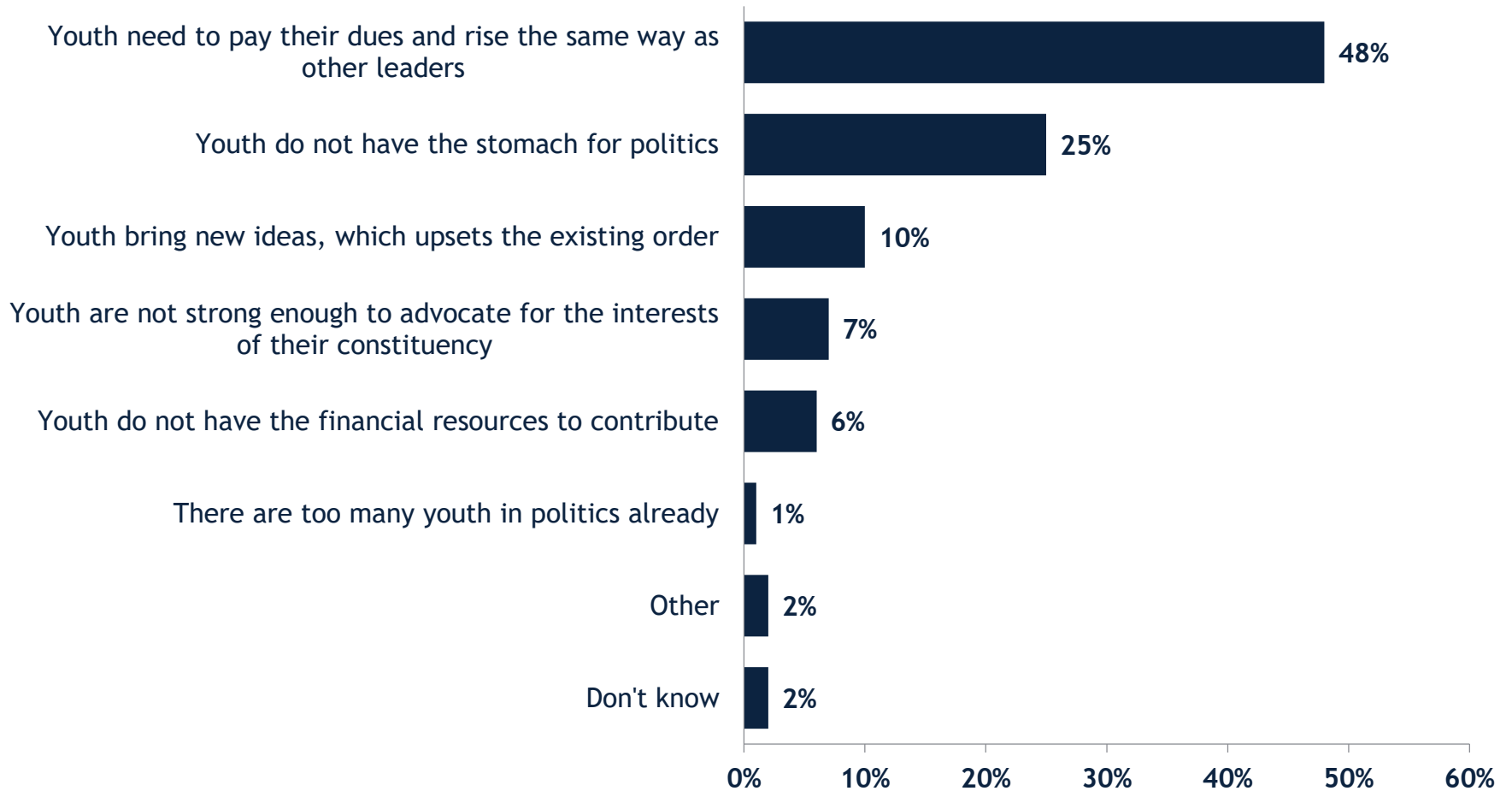
If yes, why do you believe there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

(Multiple responses permitted; among respondents who believe that there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics, n=1,188)



If no, why should there not be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

(Multiple responses permitted; among respondents who believe that there should not be more youth in politics, n=236)



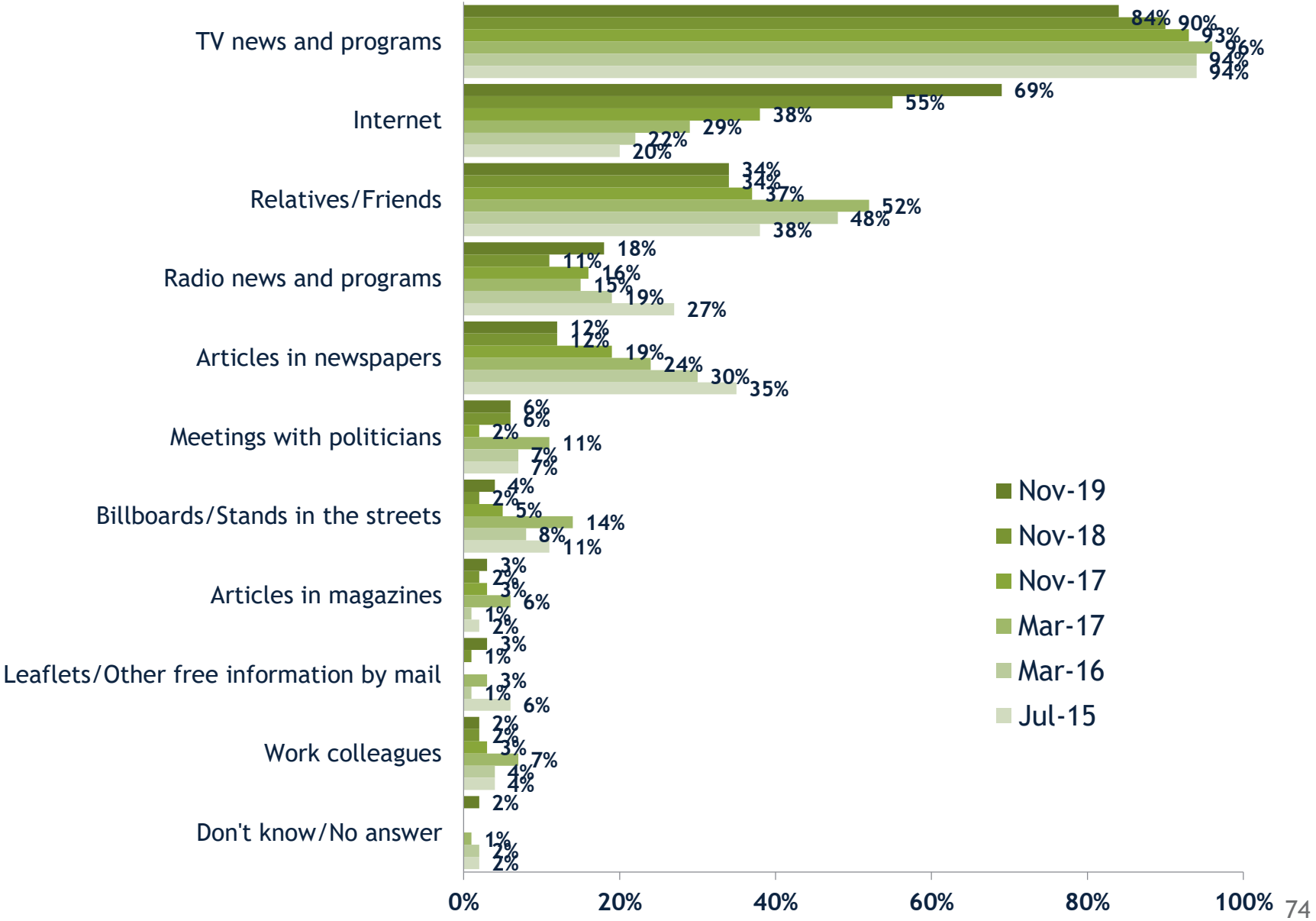


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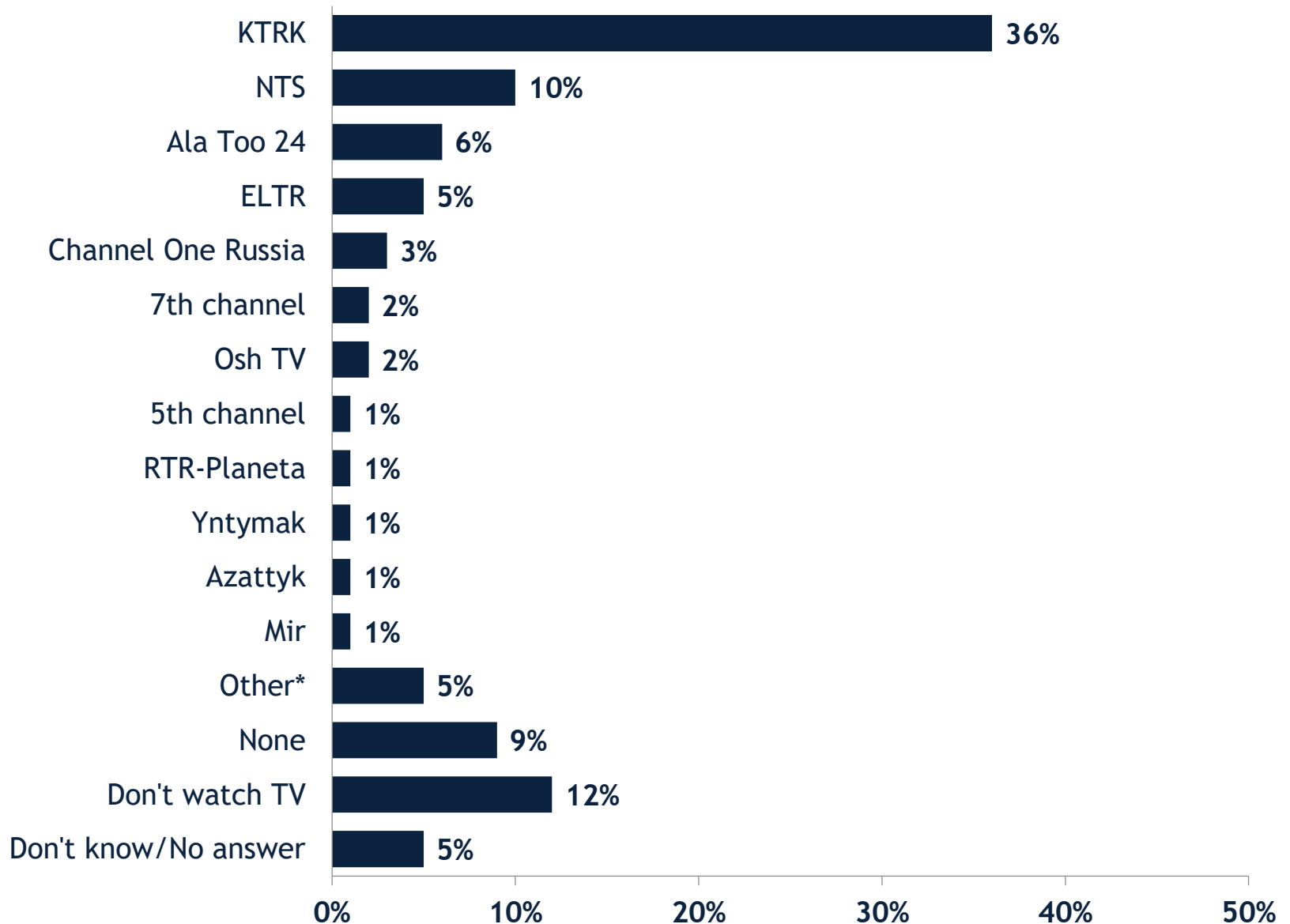


Which of these media outlets do you use for gaining political information?

(Multiple responses permitted)

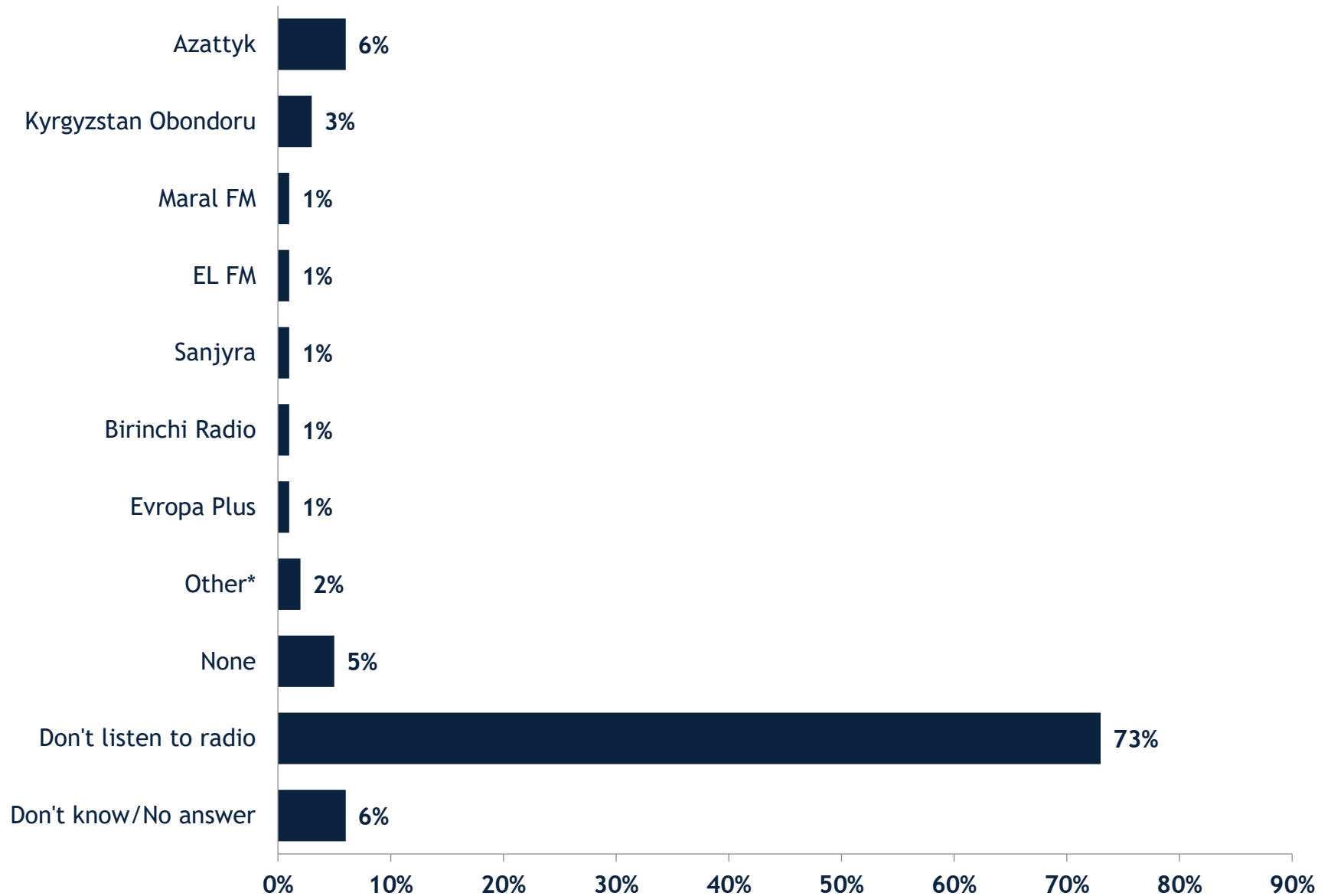


Which TV channel do you trust most for news and political information?



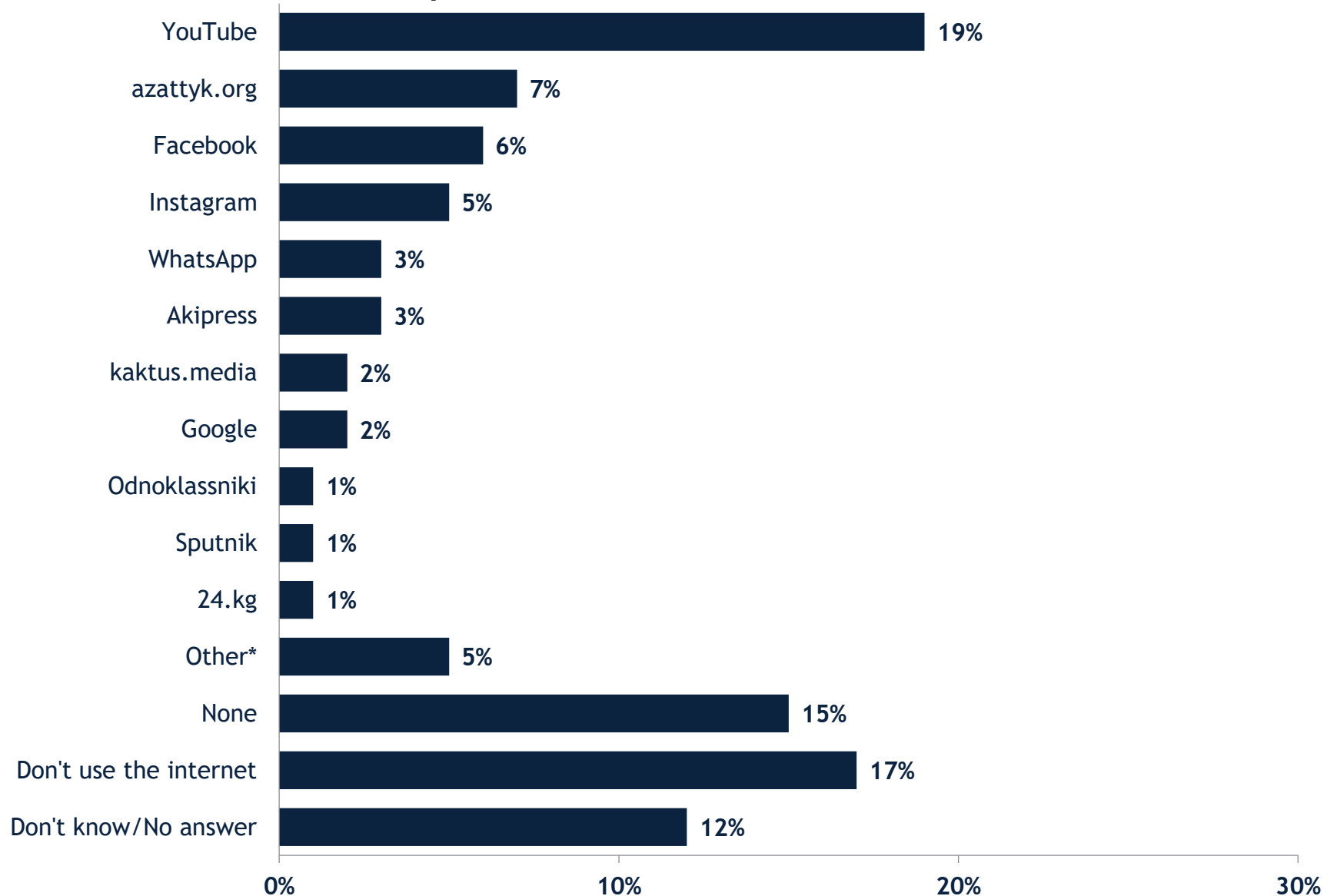
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Which radio station do you trust most for news and political information?



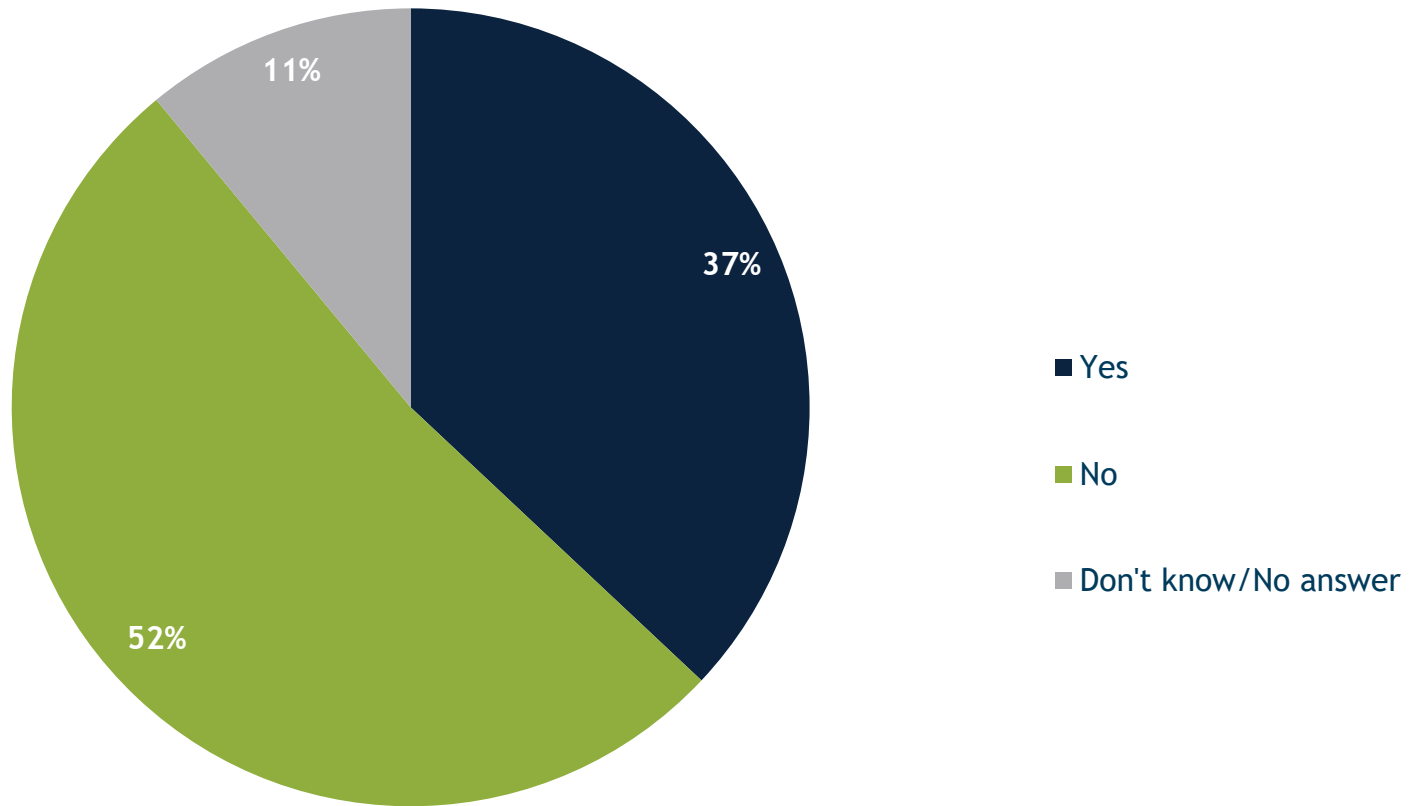
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Which website/online resource do you trust most for news and political information?



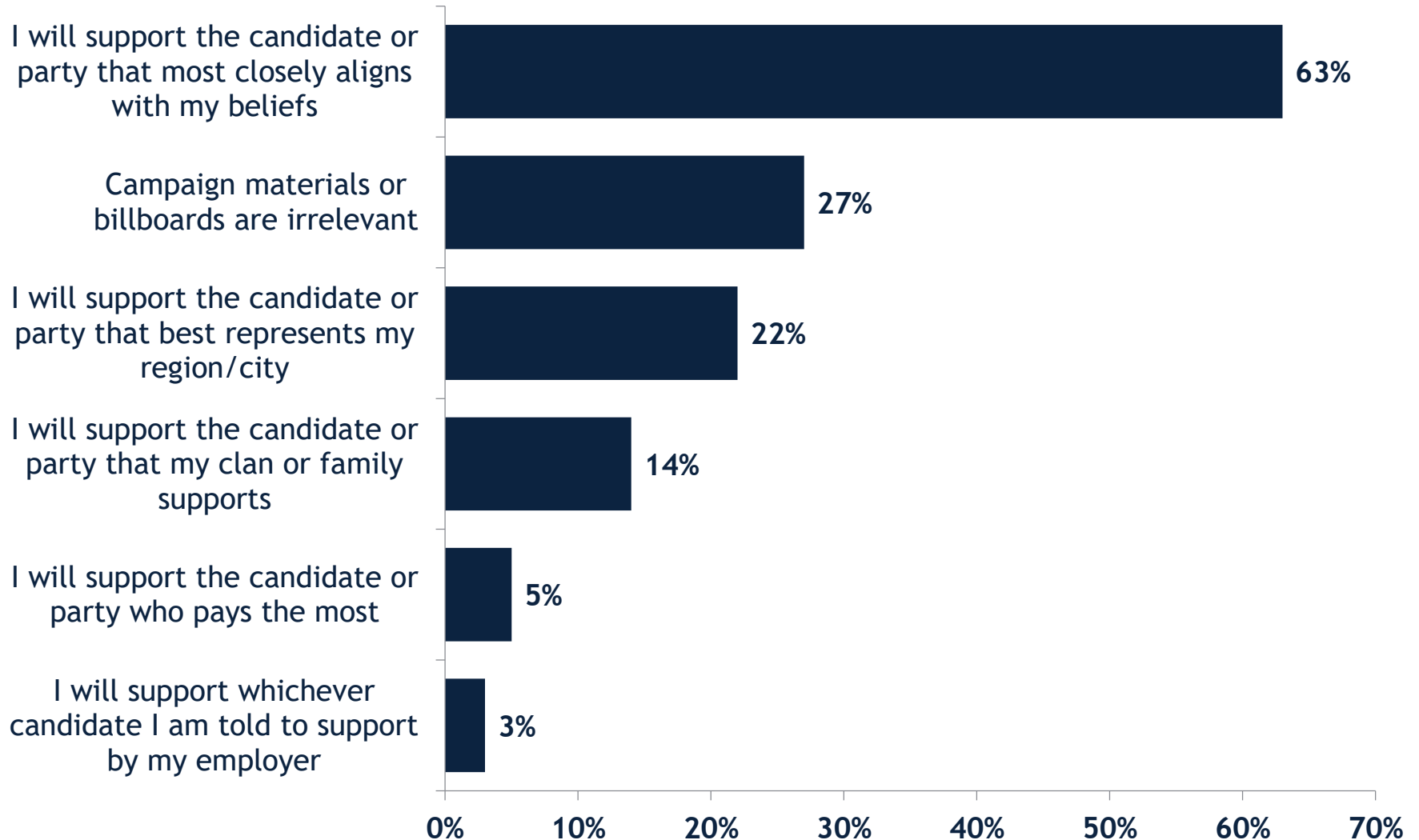
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Would you vote for a candidate or party that did not post billboards and campaign materials across the city?



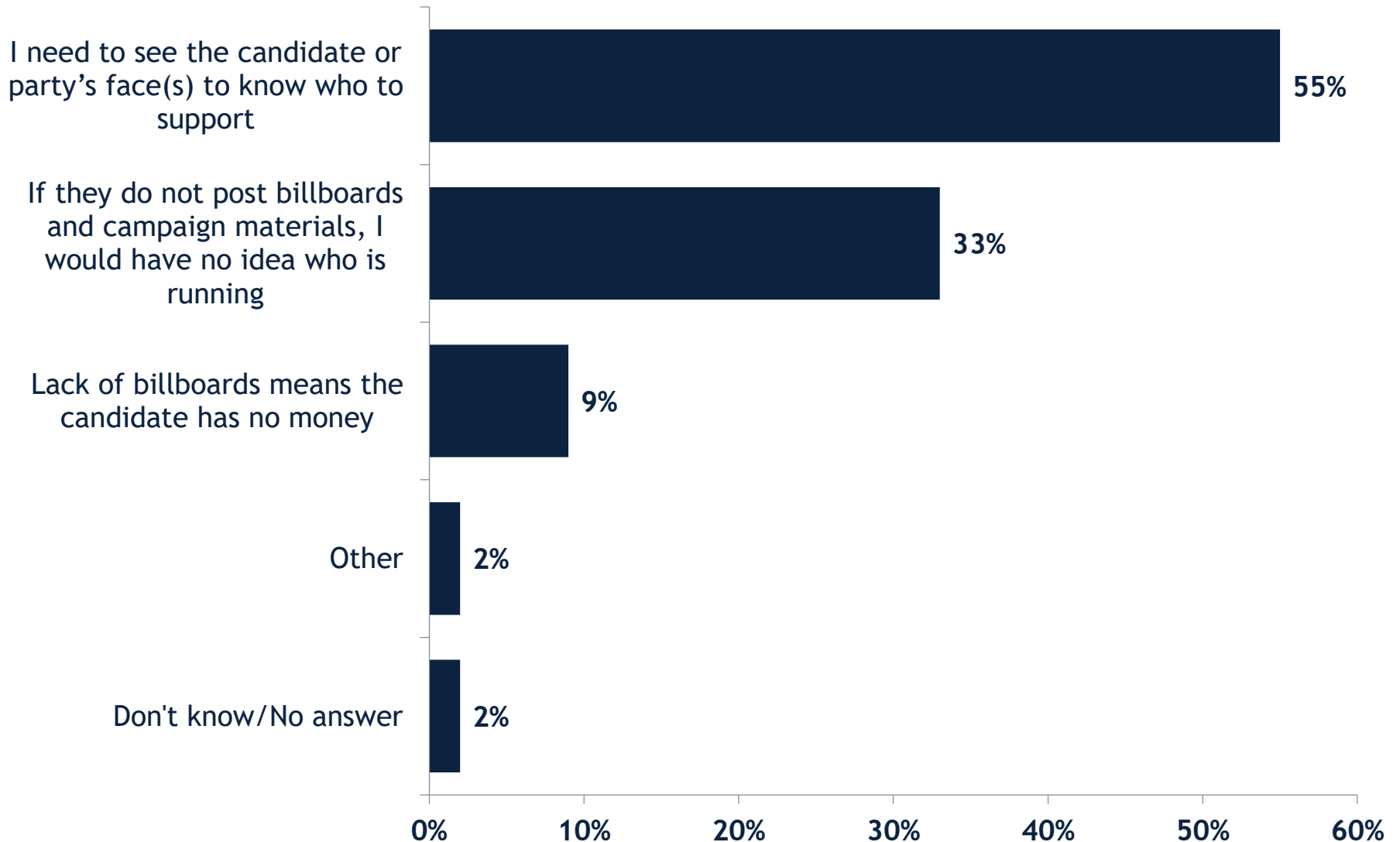
If yes, why?

(Multiple responses permitted; Among respondents who are likely to vote for a candidate or party that did not post billboards and campaign materials across the city, n=548)

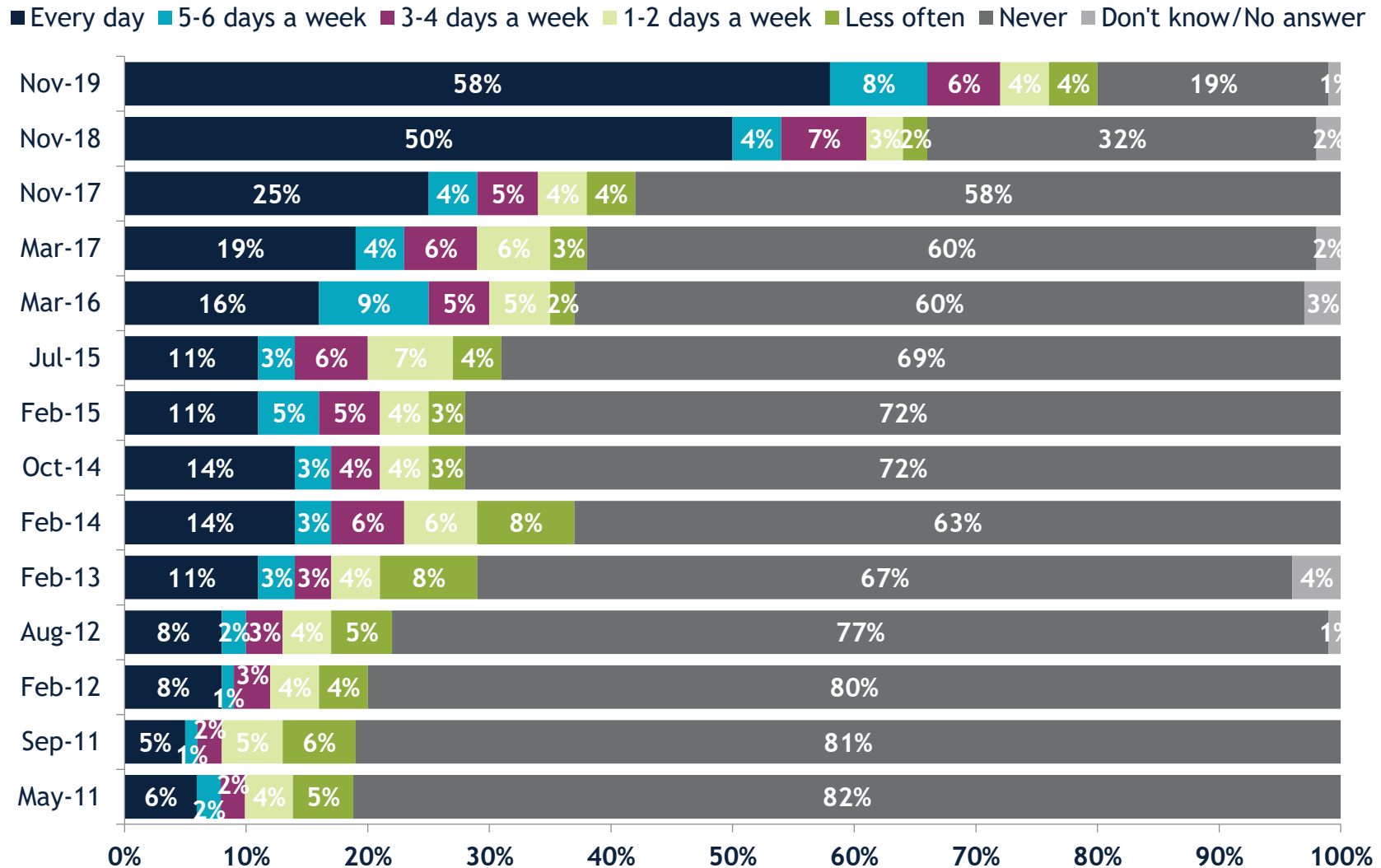


If no, why?

(Among respondents who are not likely to vote for a candidate or party that did not post billboards and campaign materials across the city, n=772)

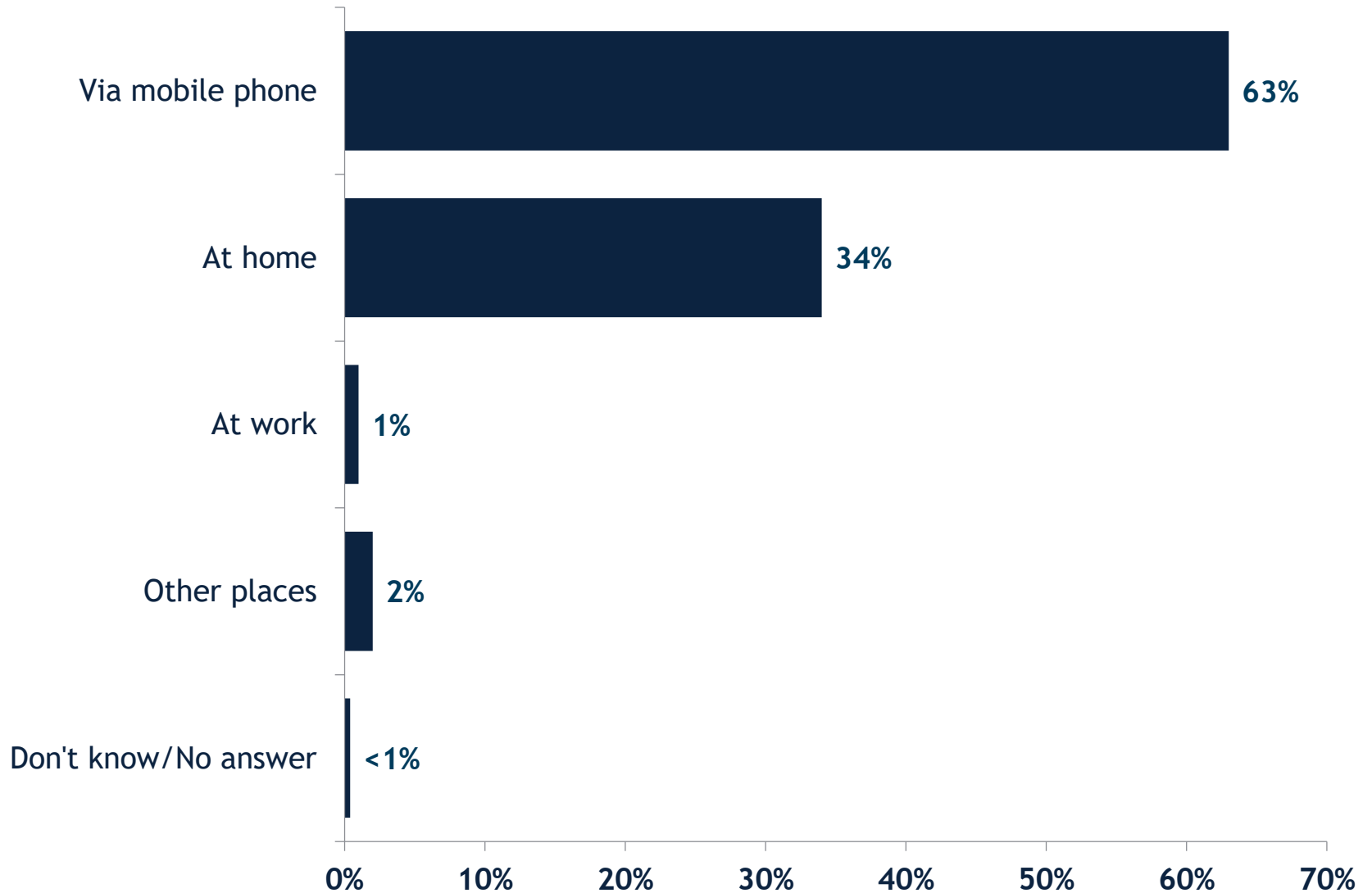


How often do you use the internet?

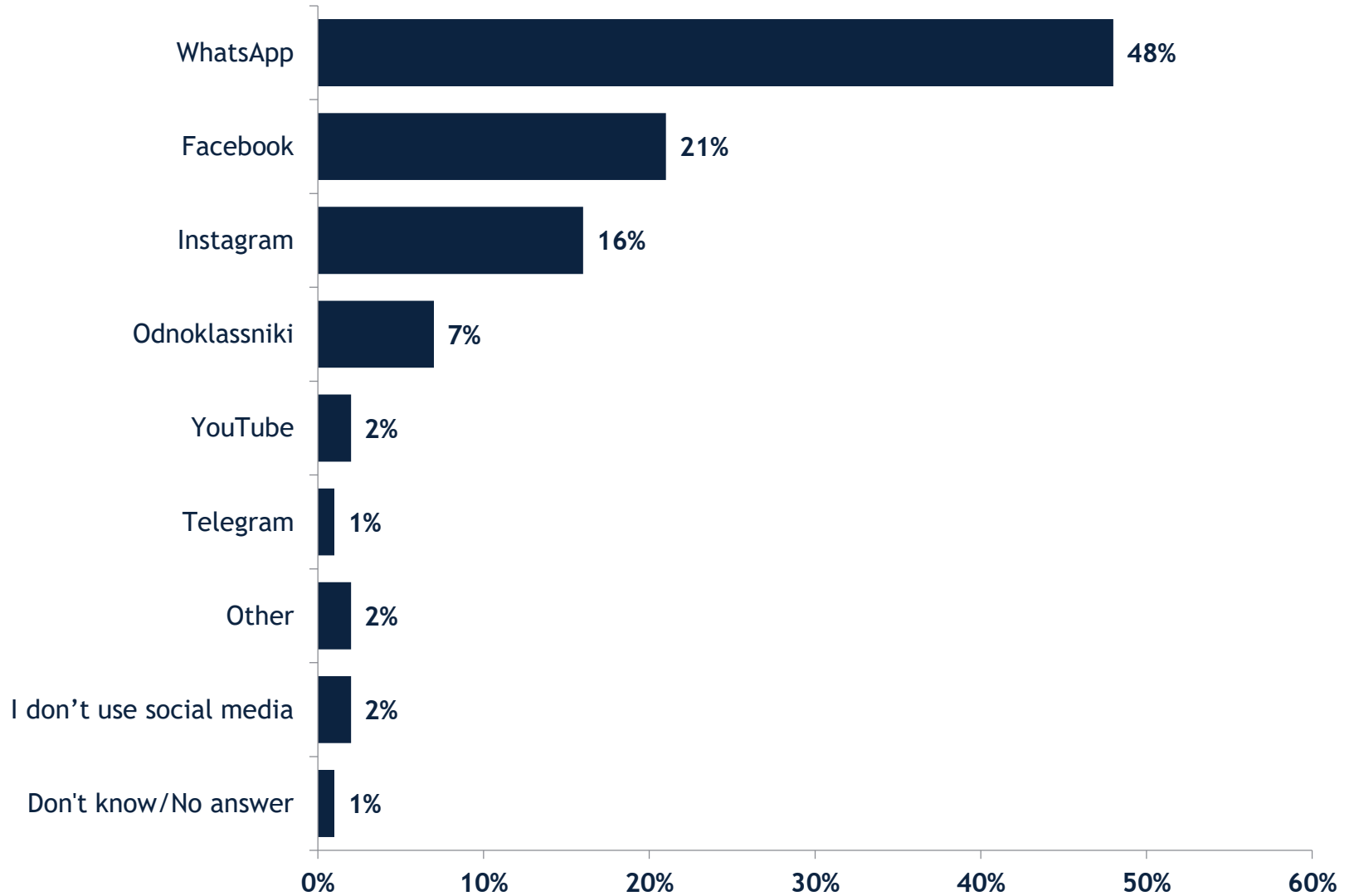


*While internet usage is increasing, weighting plays a role in the stark difference to the November 2017 poll. Unweighted November 2018 every day usage is 43%.

Where do you most often access the internet? (Among internet users, n=1,188)



Which social media site or app do you use most often? (Among internet users, n=1,188)

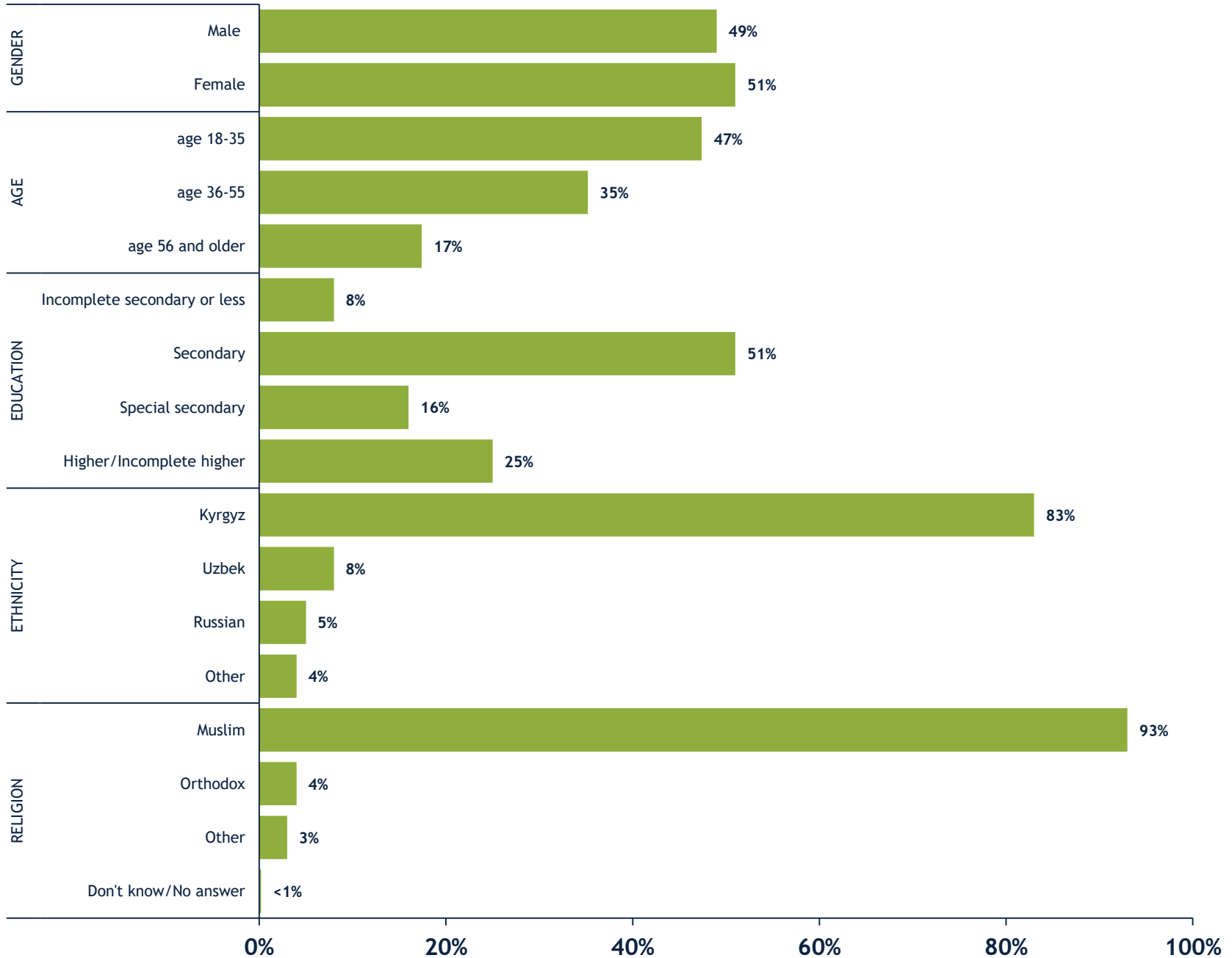




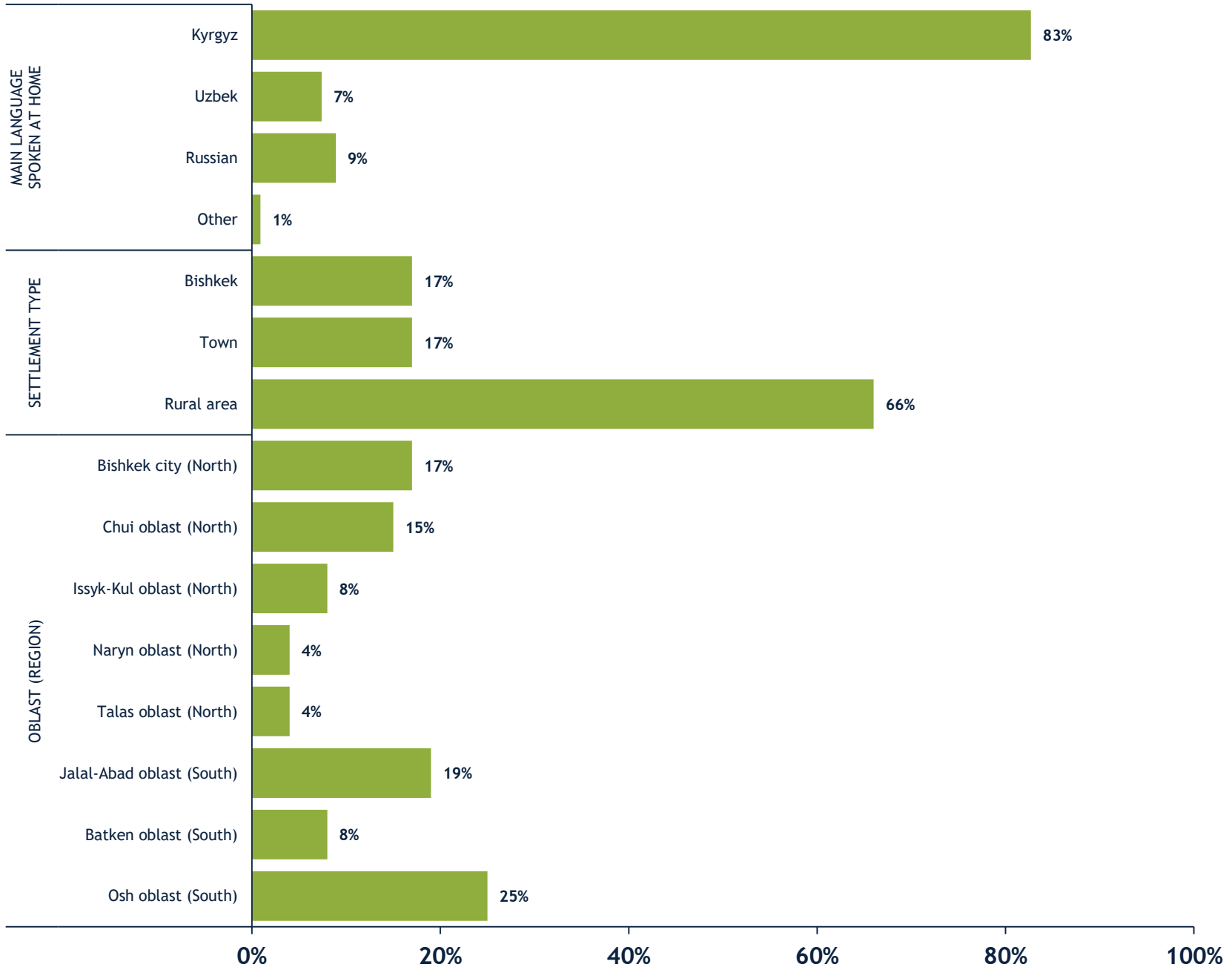
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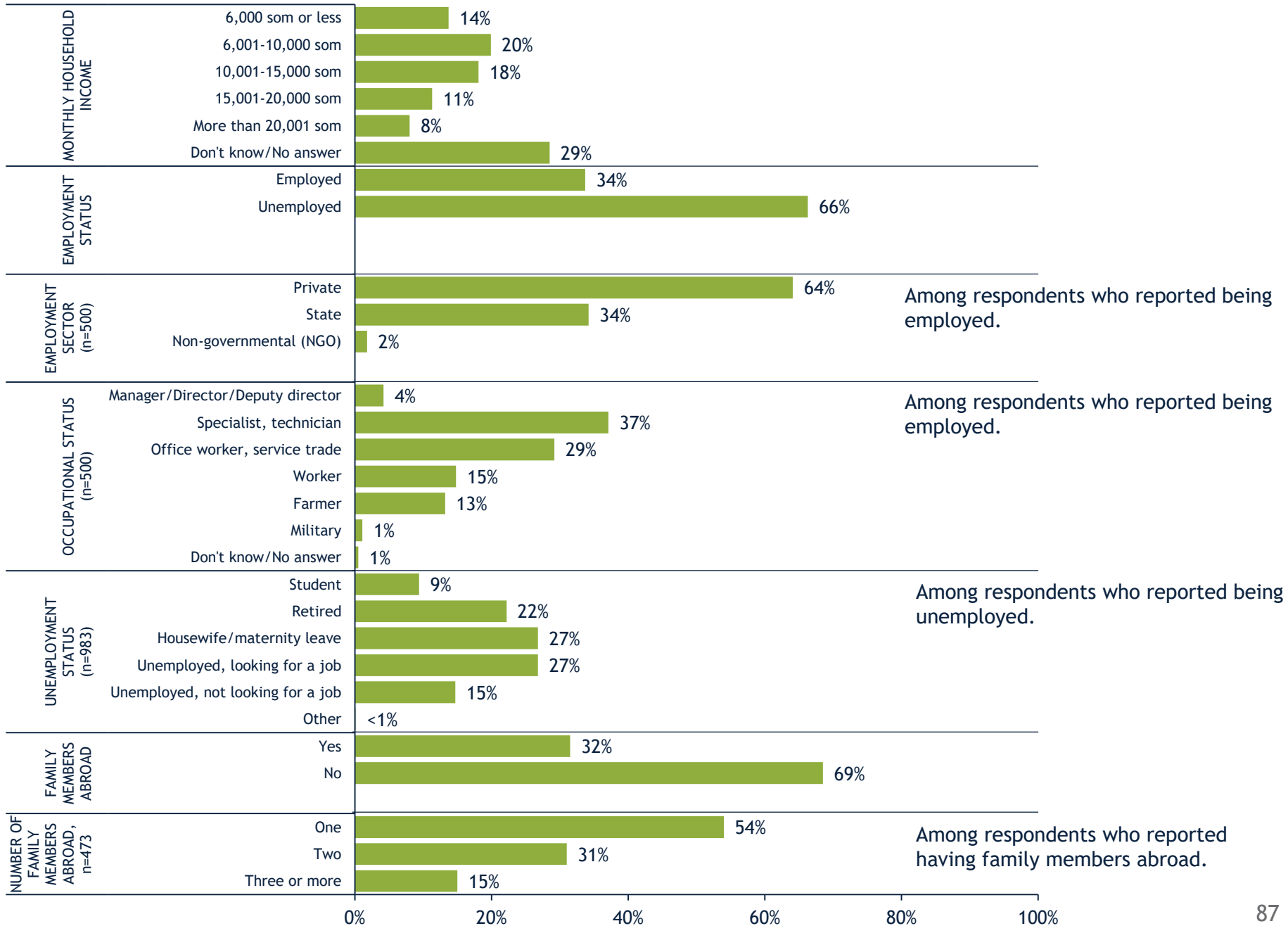
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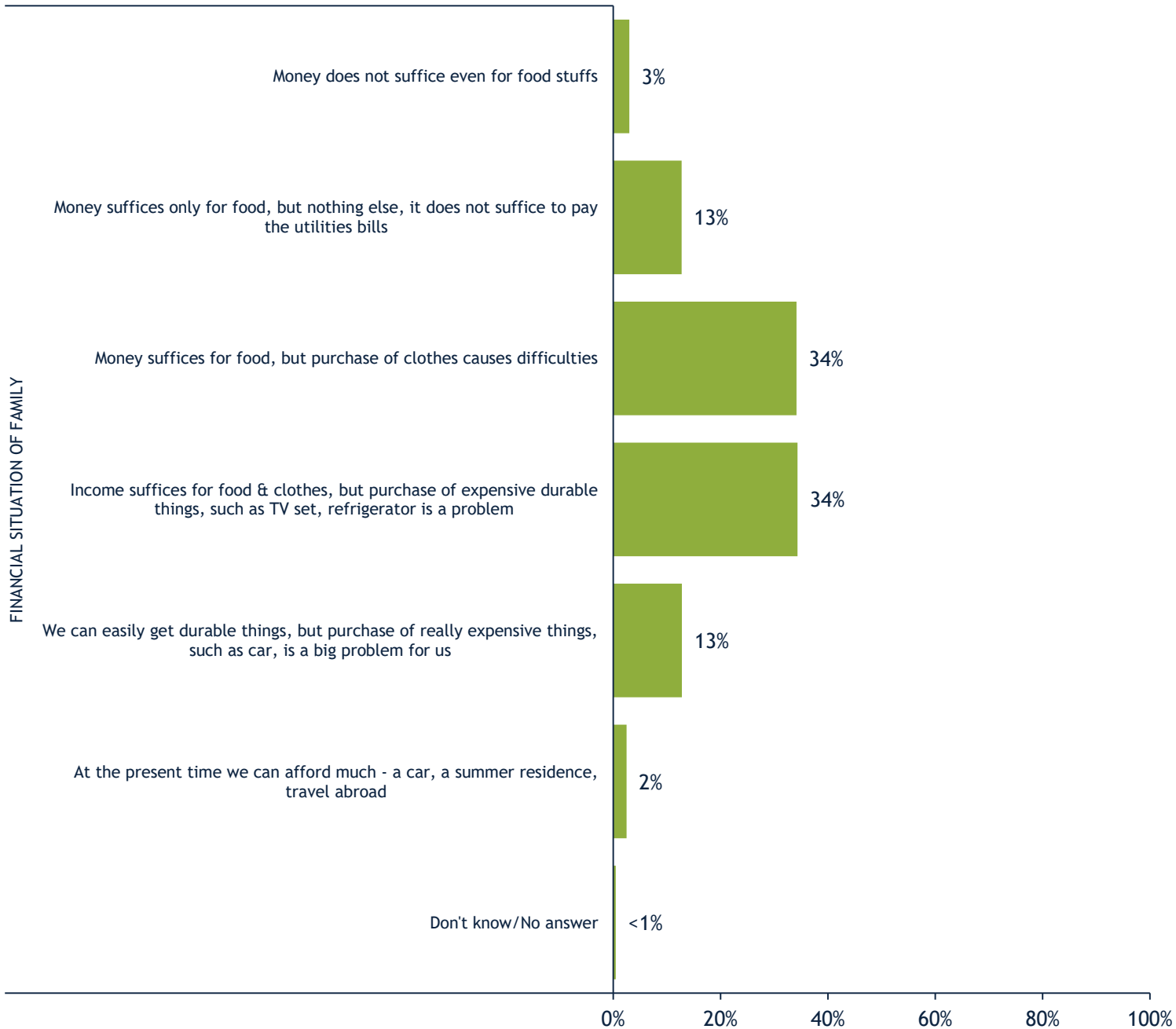
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