# NATIONAL POLL OF KYRGYZSTAN

July 6 – July 16, 2021

CENTER FOR INSIGHTS IN SURVEY RESEARCH

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# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's Center for Insights in Survey Research (CISR) by SIAR Research and Consulting.
- Data was collected between July 6 and July 16, 2021, through computer-assisted telephone interviews administered via mobile and landline numbers.
- The sample consists of n=1,211 residents of Kyrgyzstan, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic's 2019 Demographic Yearbook of the Kyrgyz Republic (January 1, 2019). The sample was stratified by oblast/city and urbanicity.
    - An initial database of mobile and landline numbers was assembled that comprised two separate sources. Two-thirds of the database's numbers are sourced from SIAR's proprietary database of previous survey participant phone numbers. SIAR's database is derived from phone numbers collected during nationally-representative surveys conducted throughout the past twelve months. The remaining third of the database's phone numbers are randomly generated from operators' area codes at the time of this study. Numbers were randomly selected from the combined database.
    - The respondent selection methodology depended on the type of line used to contact respondents. For mobile numbers, the mobile phone user is selected. For landline numbers shared by multiple individuals, the last birthday protocol is used for randomized respondent selection.
    - The data was weighted by age and gender according to the 2019 Demographic Yearbook of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- The response rate for the survey was 40%. The margin of error at the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ±2.8 points at the 95% confidence level.
- Interviews were conducted in Kyrgyz (73%), Russian (25%), and Uzbek (2%).
- Cited bases are unweighted. Charts and graphs may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

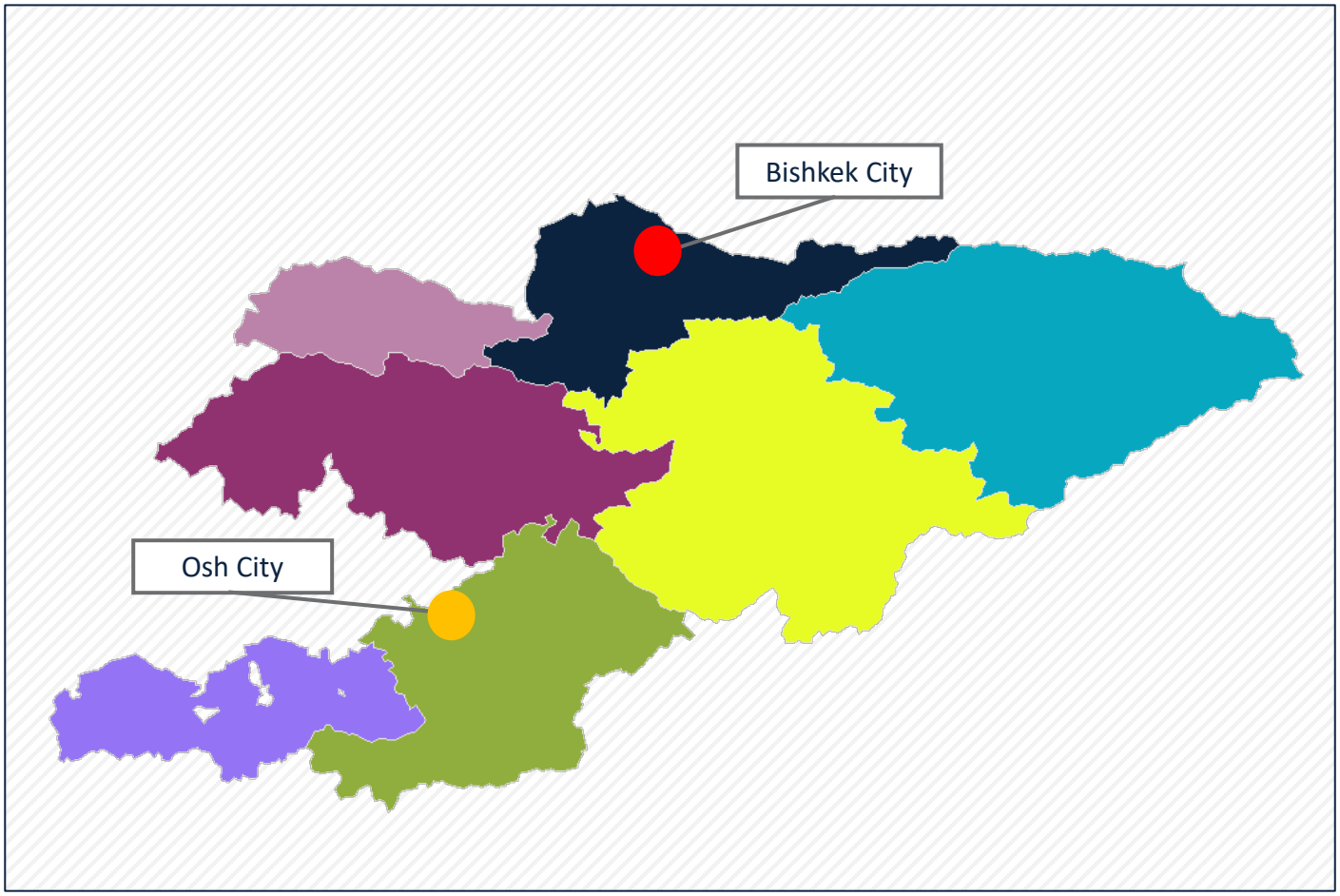
# Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

| Disaggregate | Category | Base |
|---|---|---|
| Age Brackets | Age 18-35 | n = 606 |
| | Age 36-55 | n = 404 |
| | Age 56+ | n = 201 |
| Gender | Men | n = 563 |
| | Women | n = 648 |
| Urbanicity | Urban | n = 430 |
| | Rural | n = 781 |
| Oblast/City | Bishkek City | n = 213 |
| | Chui Oblast | n = 183 |
| | Issyk-Kul Oblast | n = 92 |
| | *Naryn Oblast | n = 52 |
| | *Talas Oblast | n = 47 |
| | Osh Oblast | n = 240 |
| | Jalal-Abad Oblast | n = 225 |
| | Batken Oblast | n = 140 |
| | Osh City | n = 140 |

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

**Disaggregates for Naryn and Talas Oblasts should be interpreted with caution due to small sample size n.*

# Geographical Key: 7 Oblasts and 2 Cities




- Issyk-Kul Oblast
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# Previous IRI Kyrgyzstan polls

| Poll | Fieldwork Dates | Total Sample Size |
|---|---|---|
| Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan | Feb. 21 – Mar. 5, 2021 | n = 1,200 |
| Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan | Dec. 12 – Dec. 21, 2020 | n = 1,200 |
| Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan | Aug. 6 – Aug. 15, 2020 | n = 1,223 |
| Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan | Nov. 21 – Dec. 3, 2019 | n = 1,483 |
| Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan | Nov. 22 – Dec. 4, 2018 | n = 1,500 |
| Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan | Nov. 19 – Dec. 2, 2017 | n = 1,500 |

## *About the Center for Insights In Survey Research* (CISR)

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Research and qualitative and quantitative public opinion data is a cornerstone of IRI's approach to programming. Our data ensures citizens' needs are at the center of the political debate and guide our projects' goals. **To date, IRI has conducted more than 900 polls in over 100 countries, surveying more than 1.5 million people and measuring community attitudes on a wide range of issues.**

IRI's research approach integrates CISR's methodological polling best practices protocol and field partner in-depth knowledge of the local research environment. This close collaboration begins at project design, with carefully calibrated sampling and instrument development, and continues throughout the entire fieldwork cycle to ensure the collection of reliable qualitative and quantitative data.

← For more of IRI's public opinion research, see CISR's content.

# National Outlook

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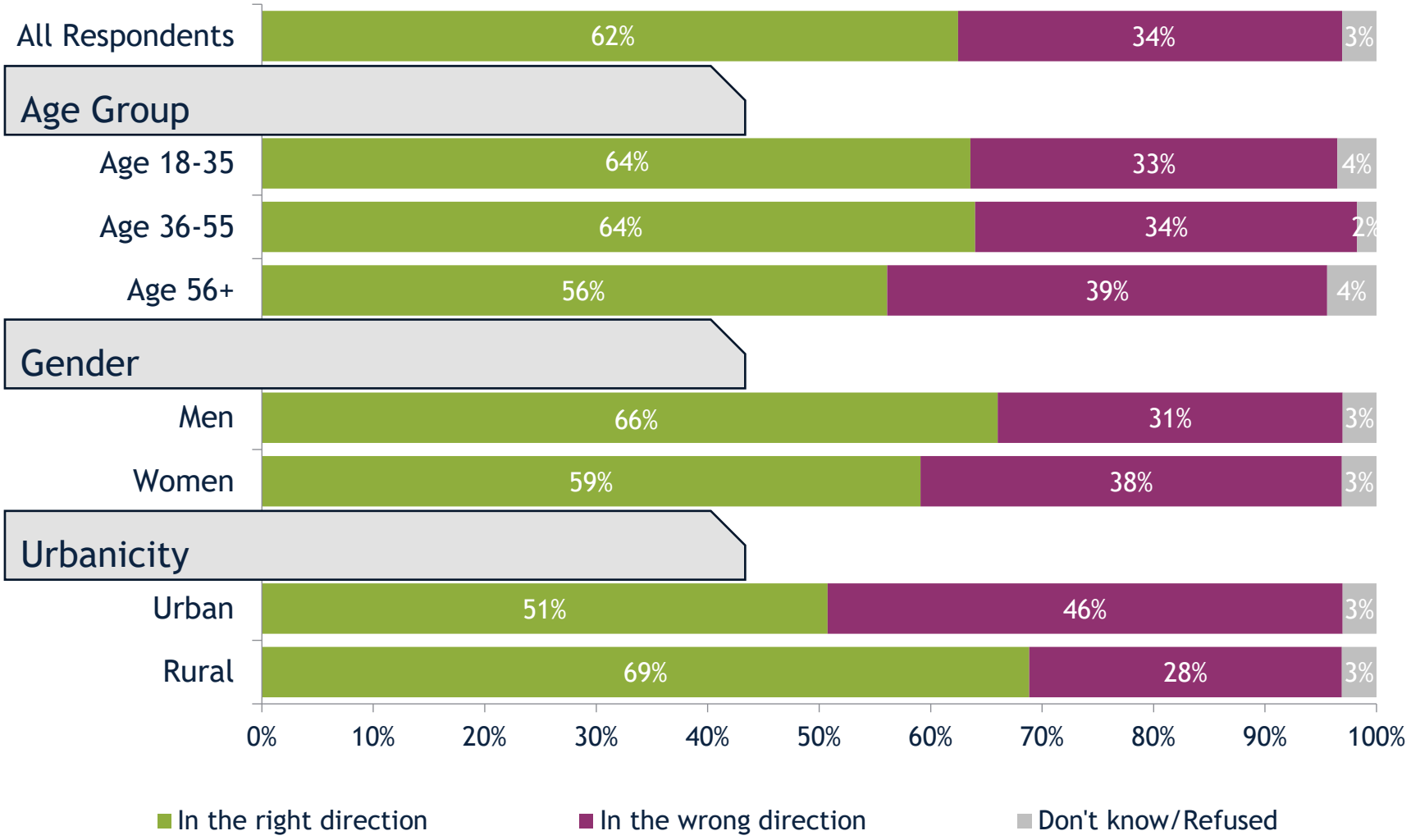

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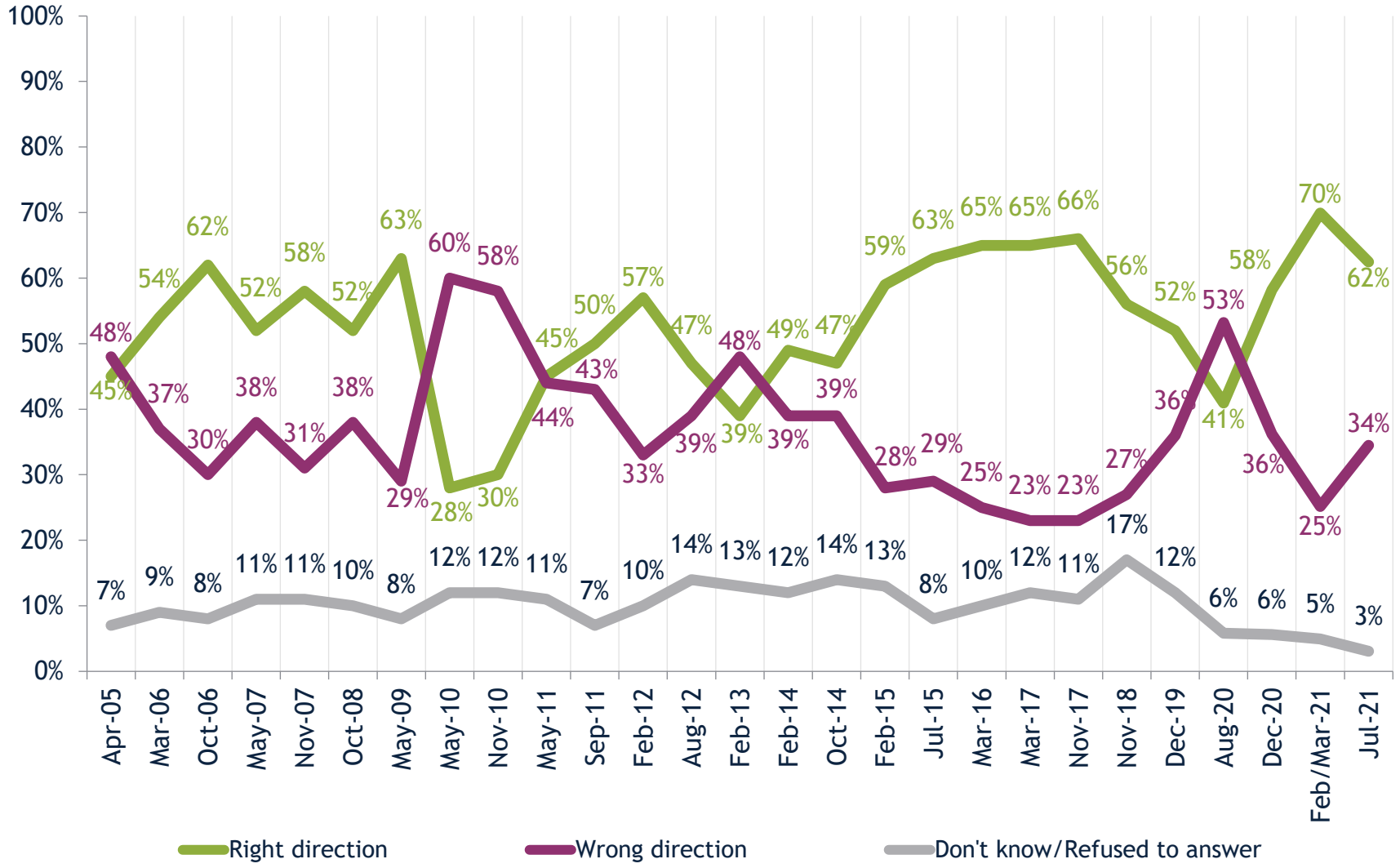
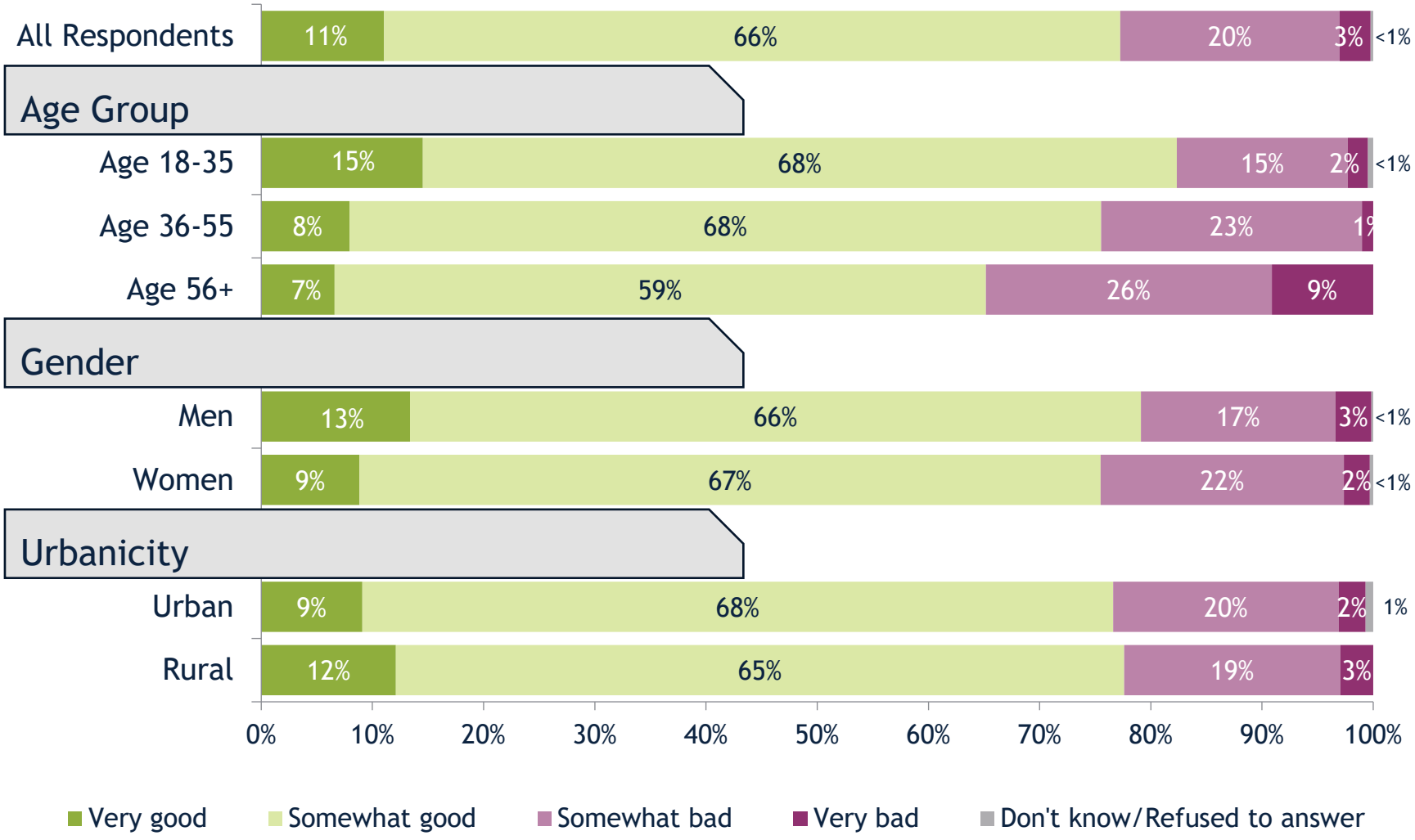



**Comparison between polls in August 2020 or after, and polls before August 2020 should be treated with caution due to differing methodologies. The polls done before August 2020 were conducted via face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.*

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



# What is the most important problem facing our country today?

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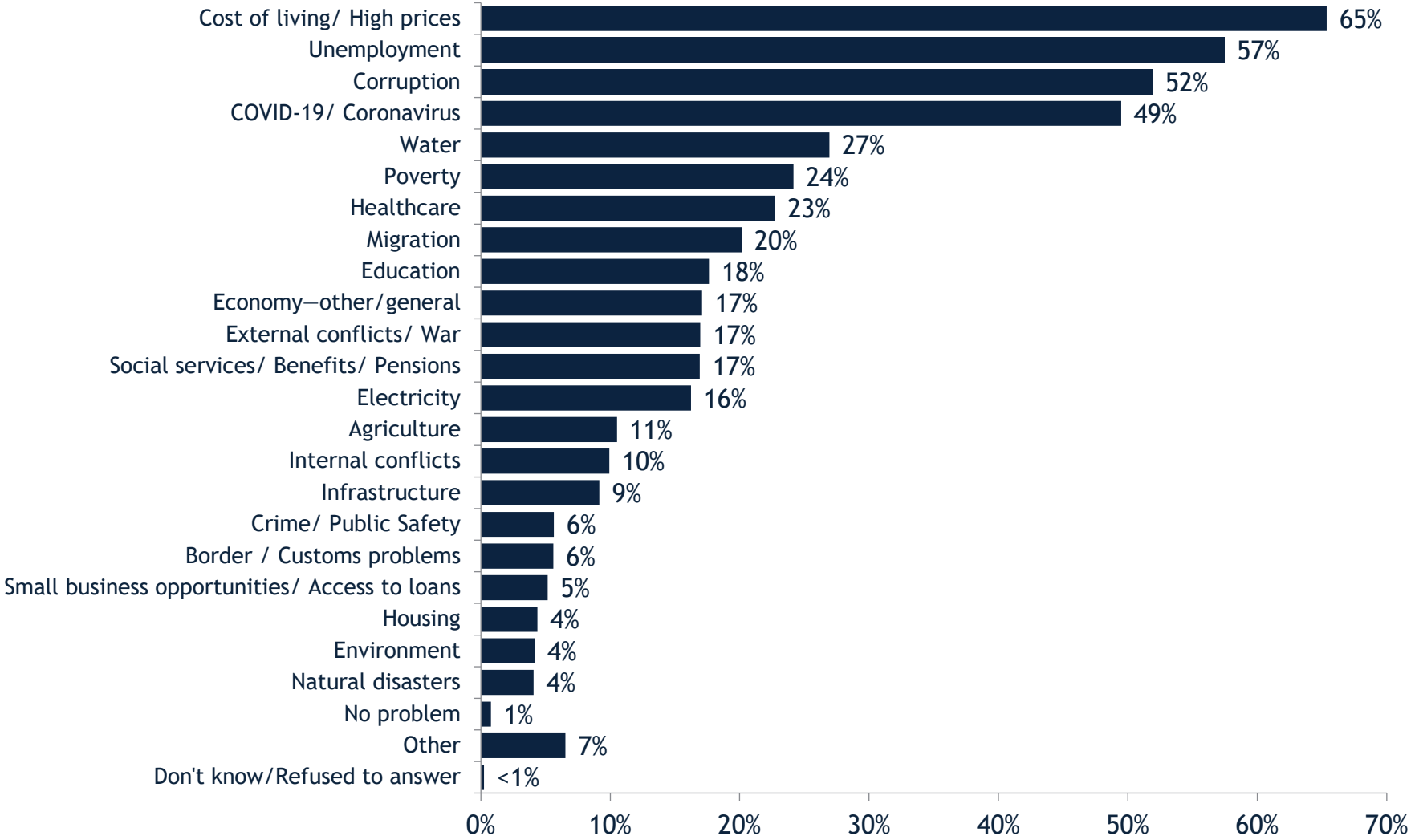


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# Democracy and Political Interest

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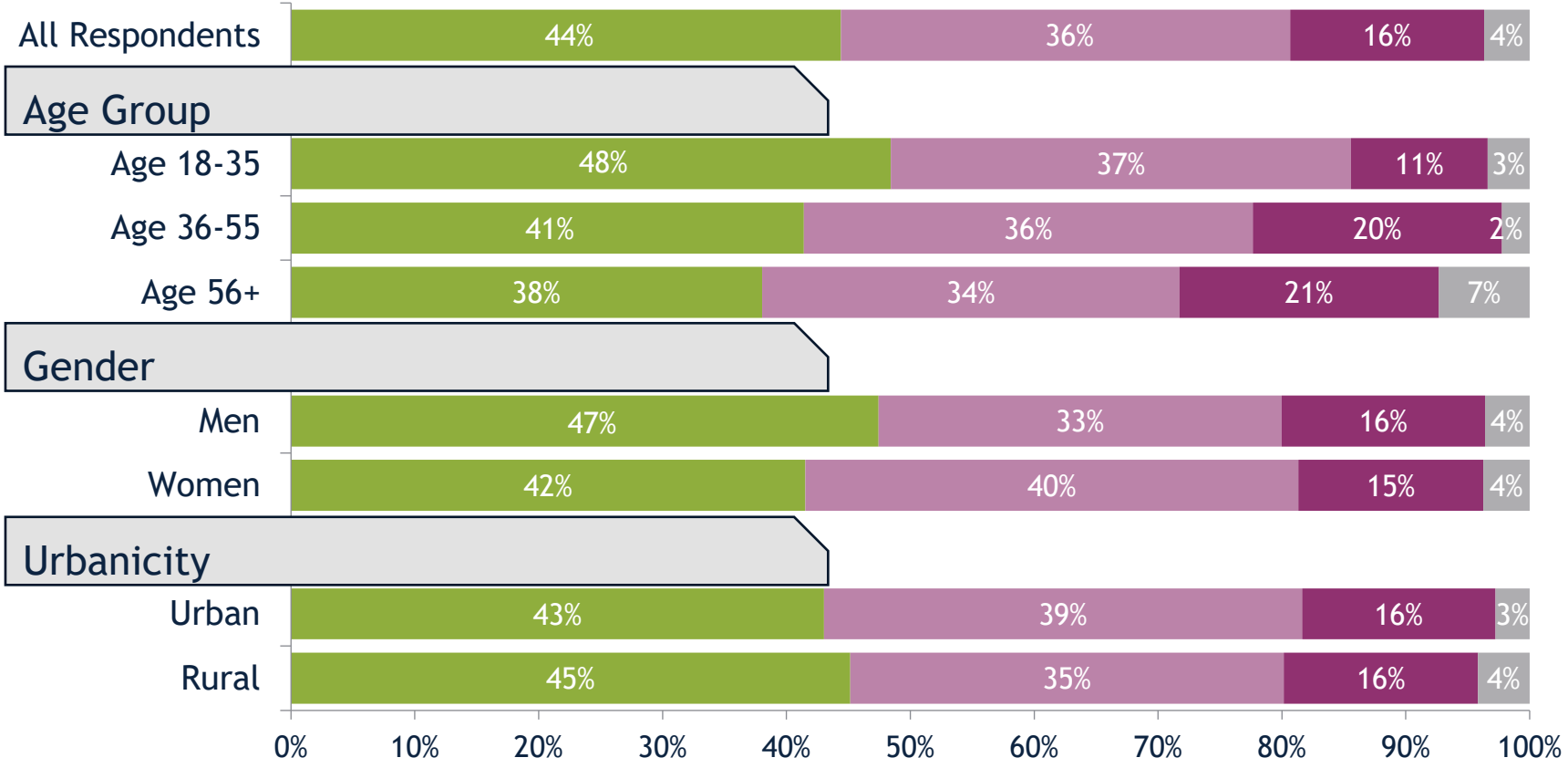

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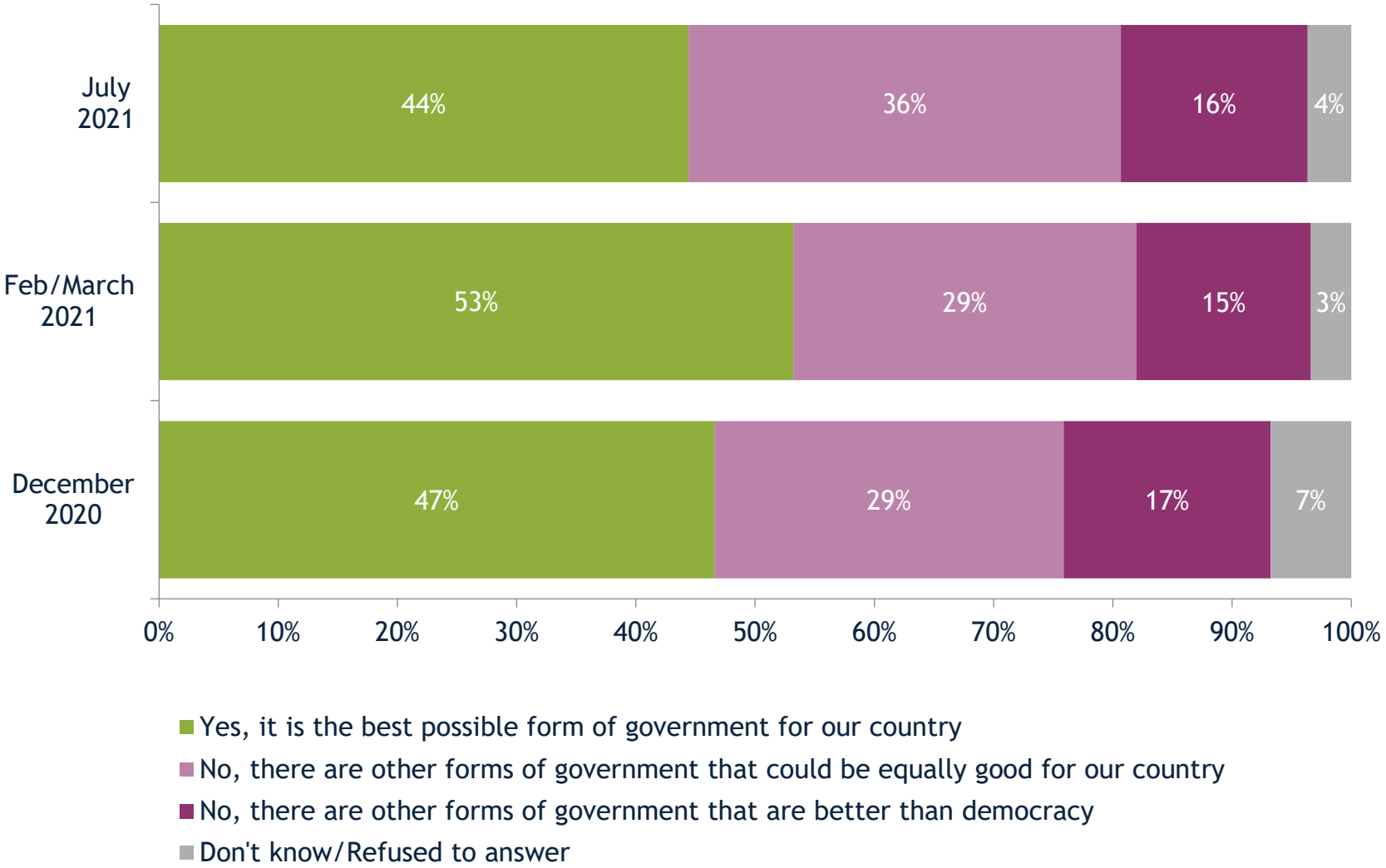

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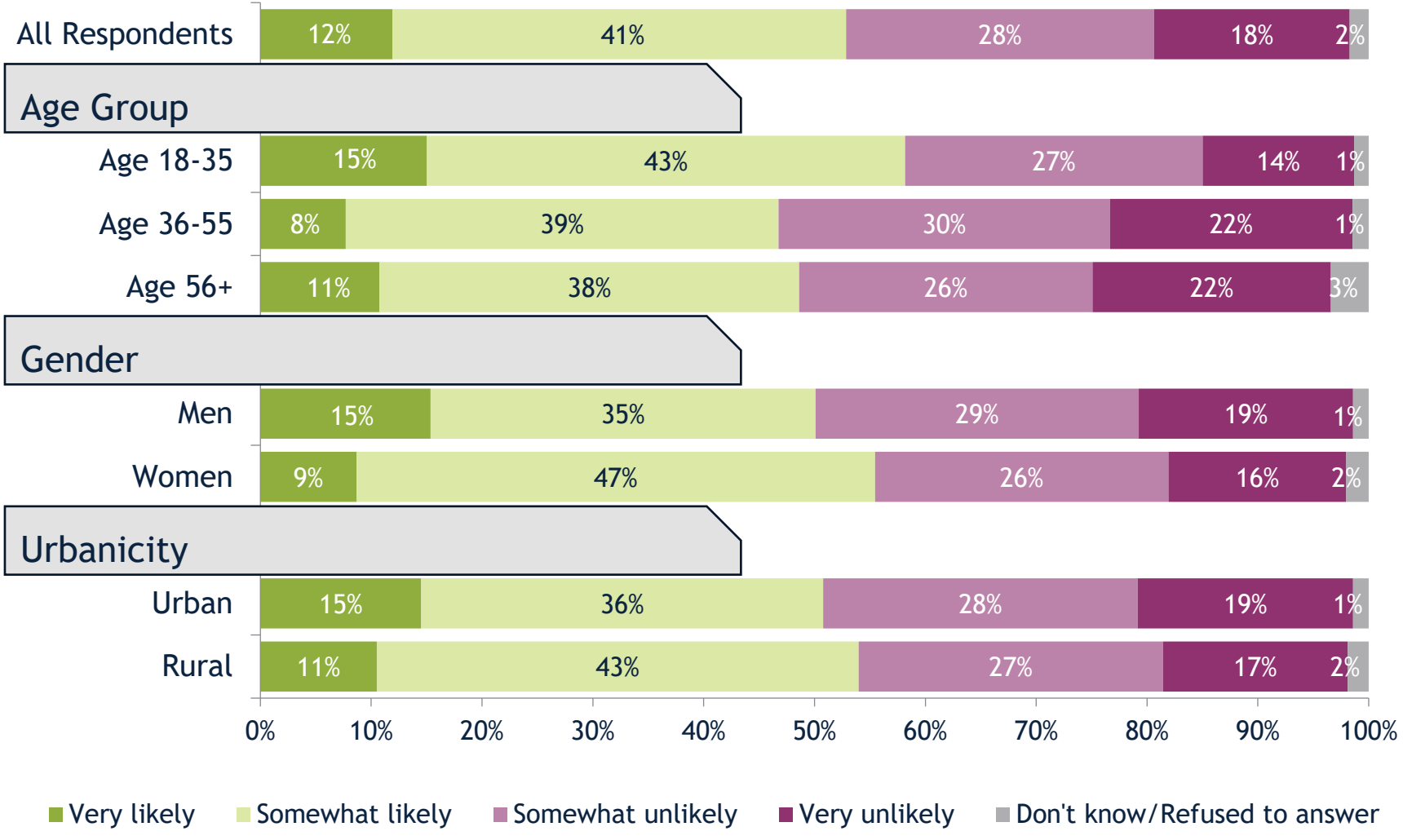

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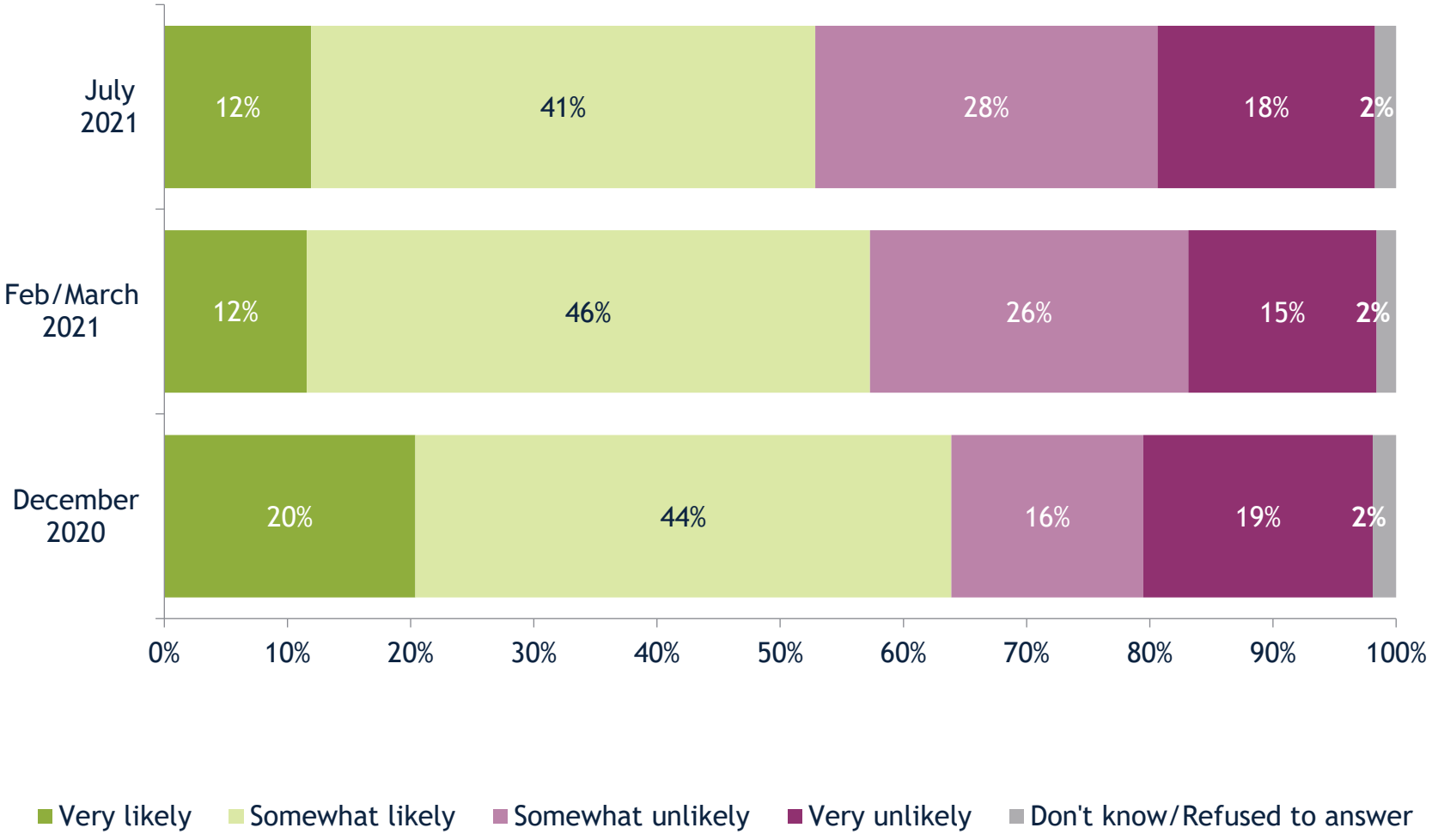
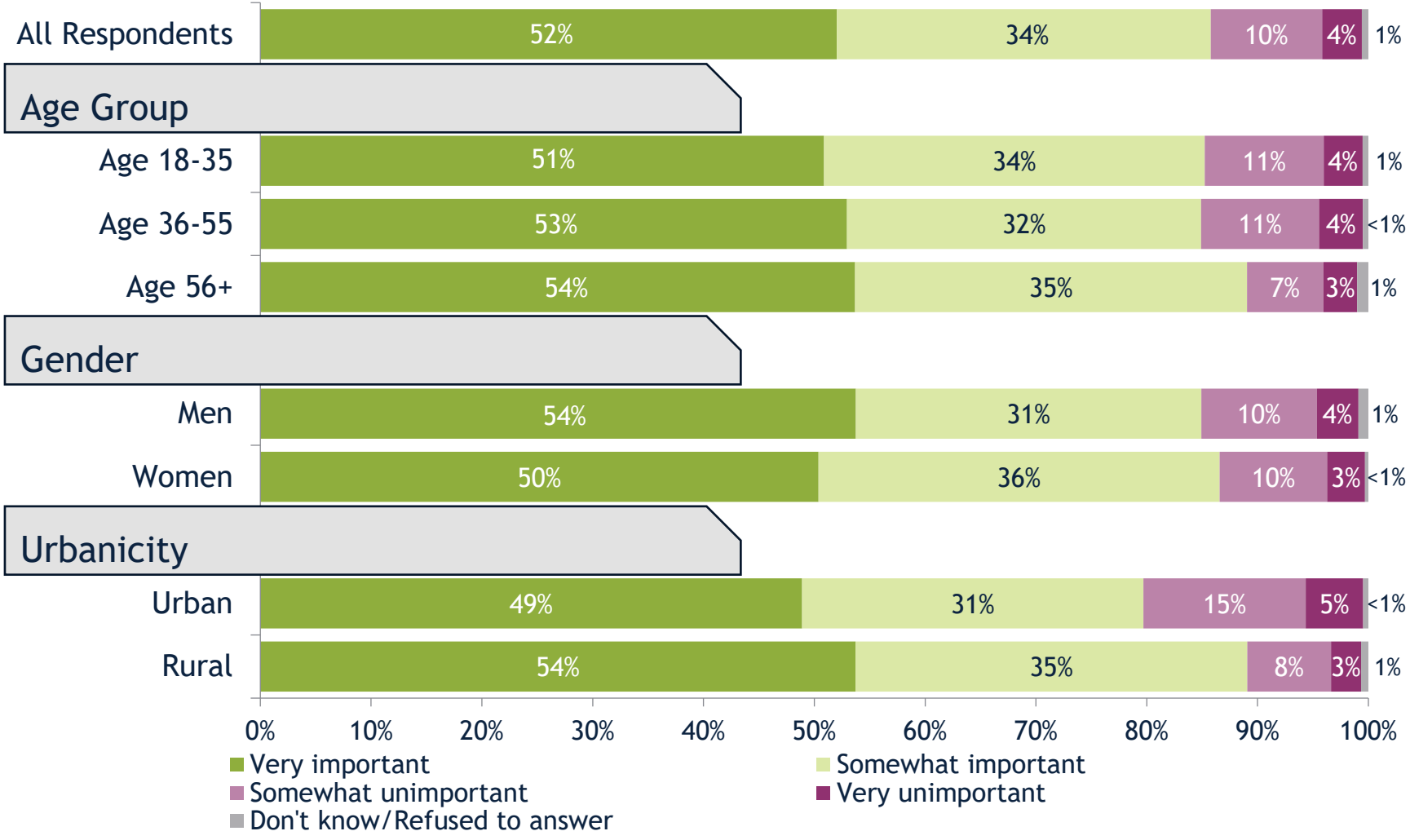


## How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?



## What factors are most important to you in determining whether or not you will vote for a candidate?

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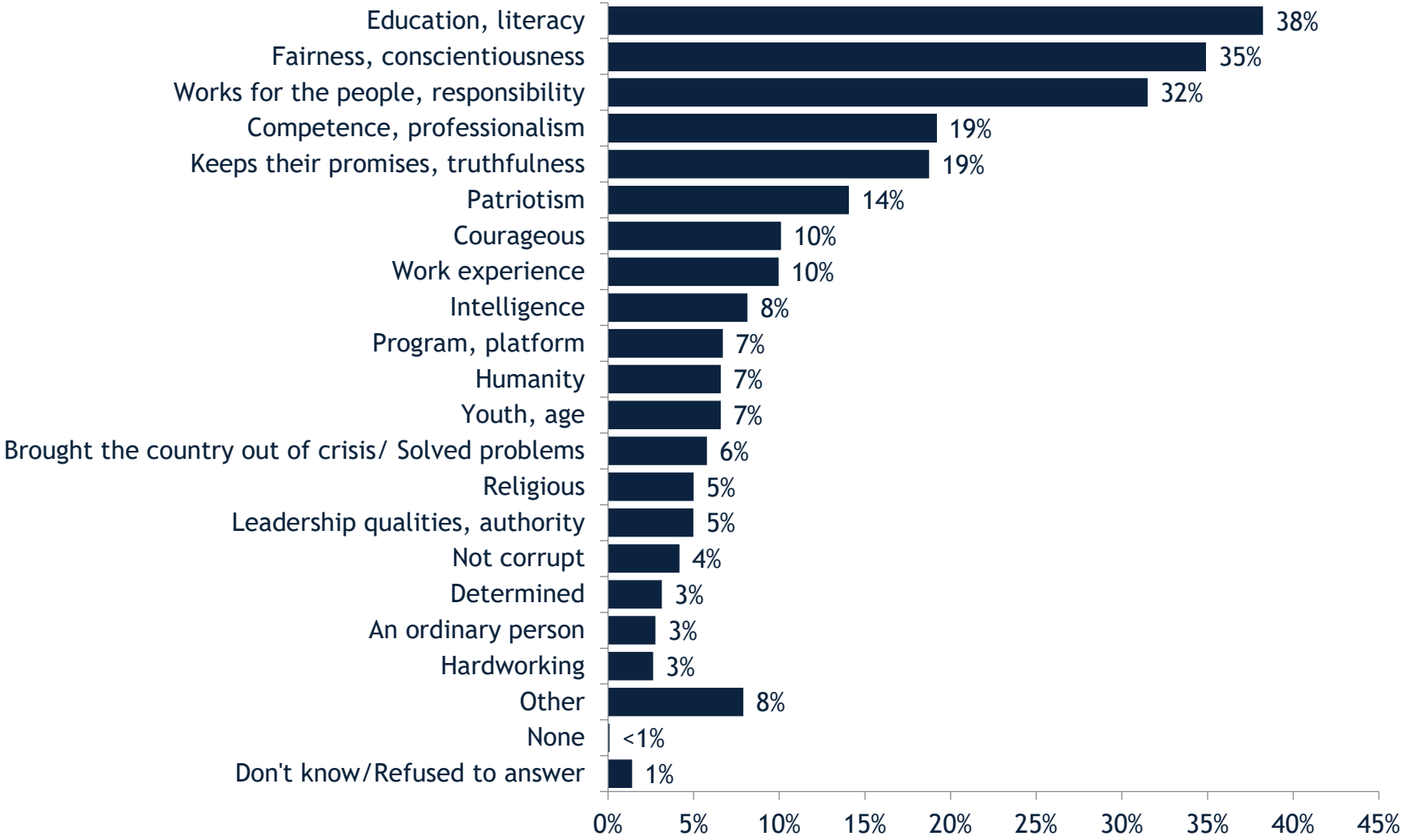


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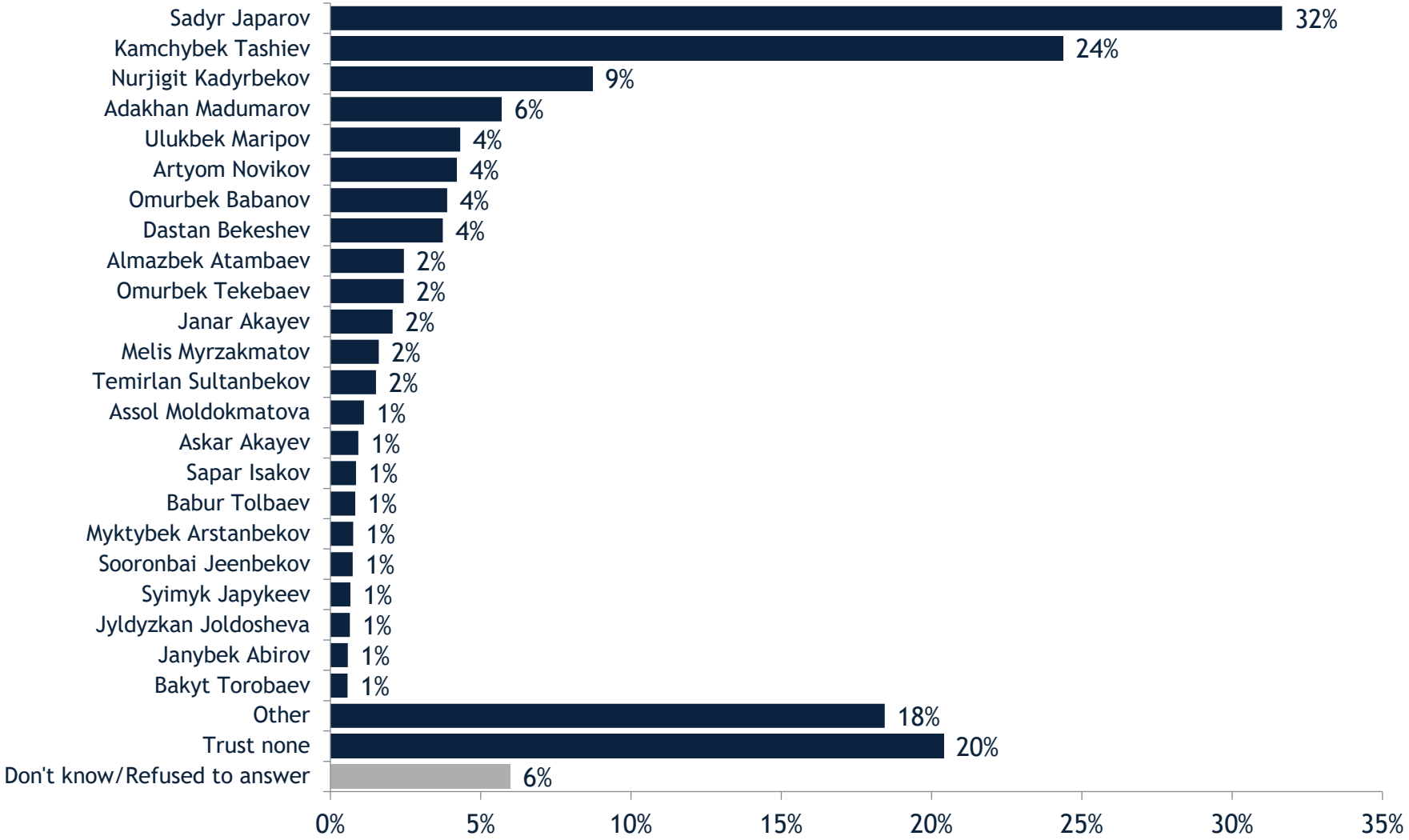


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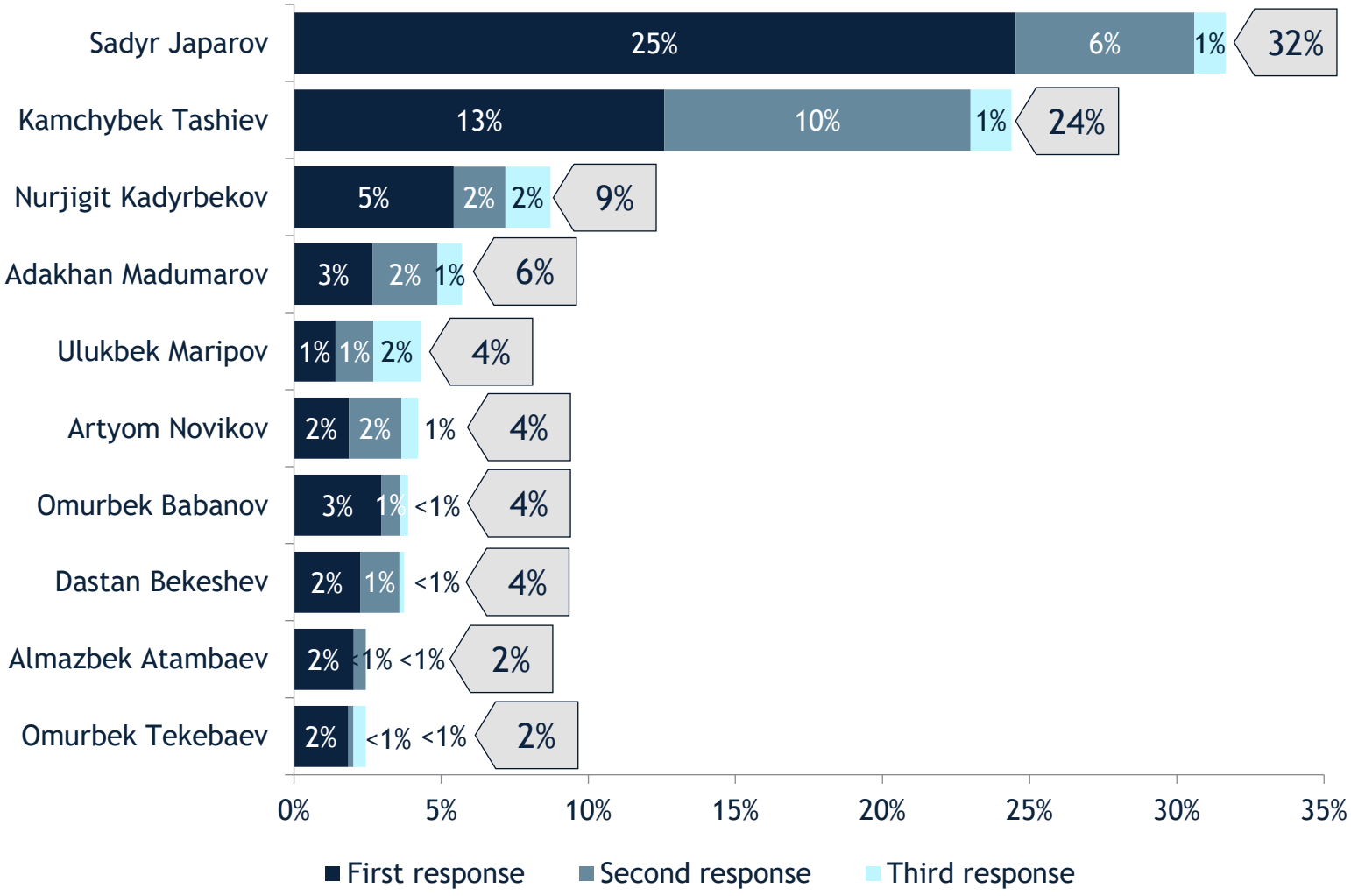

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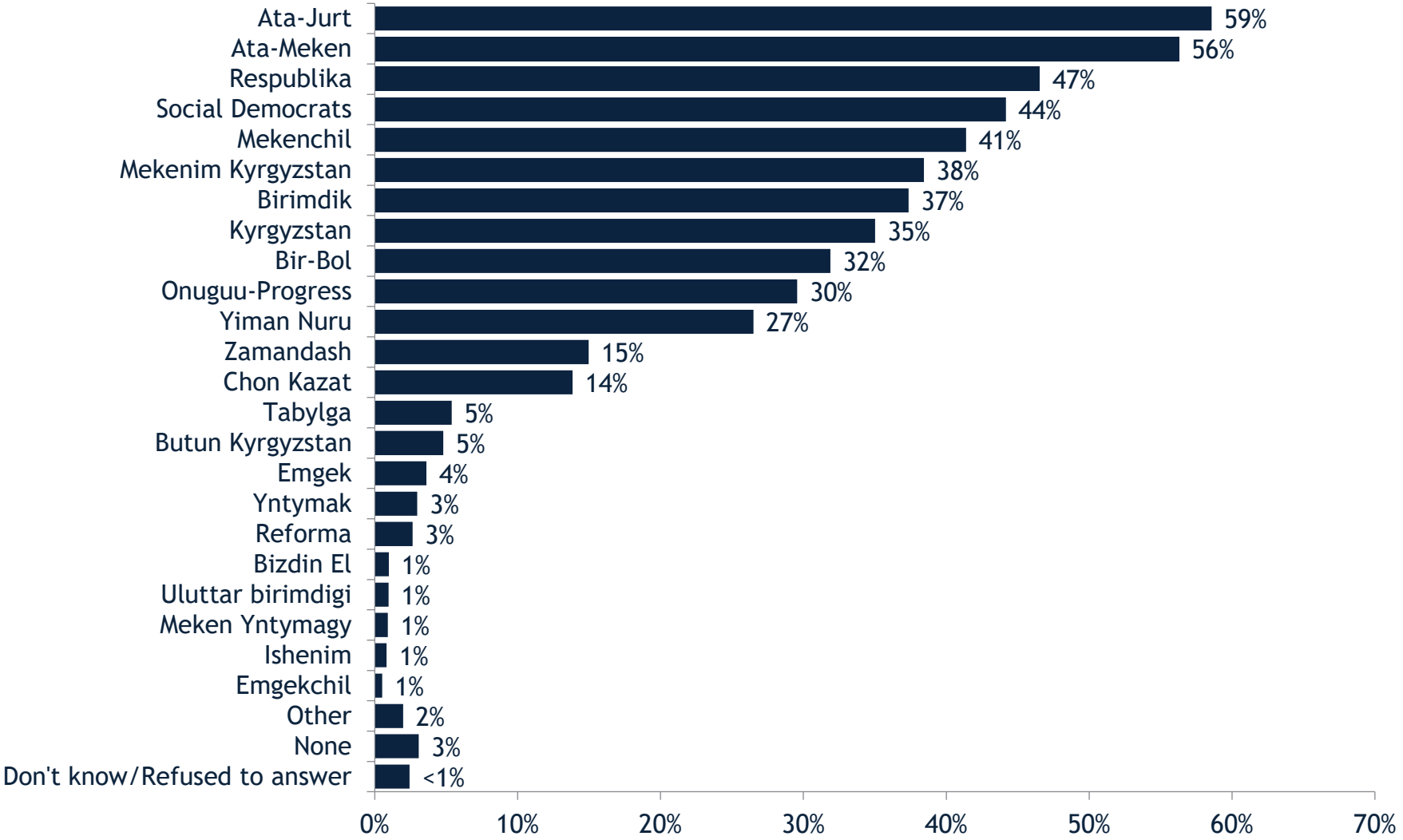


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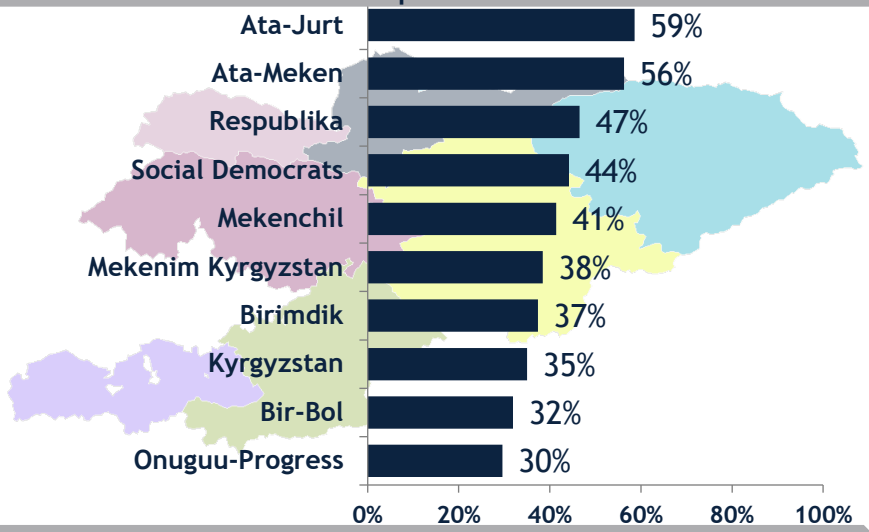


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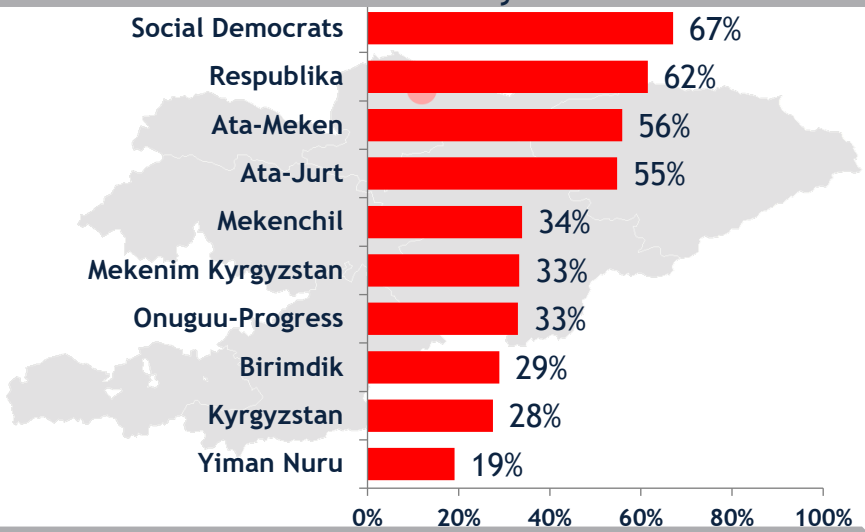


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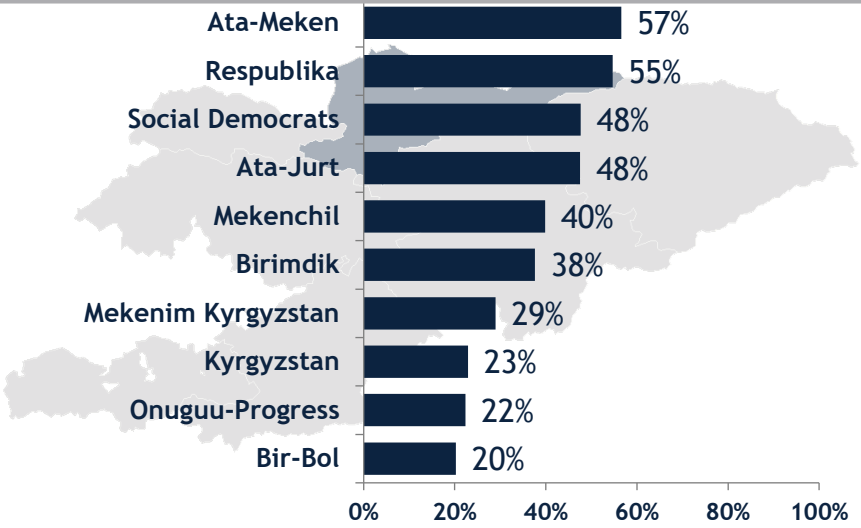


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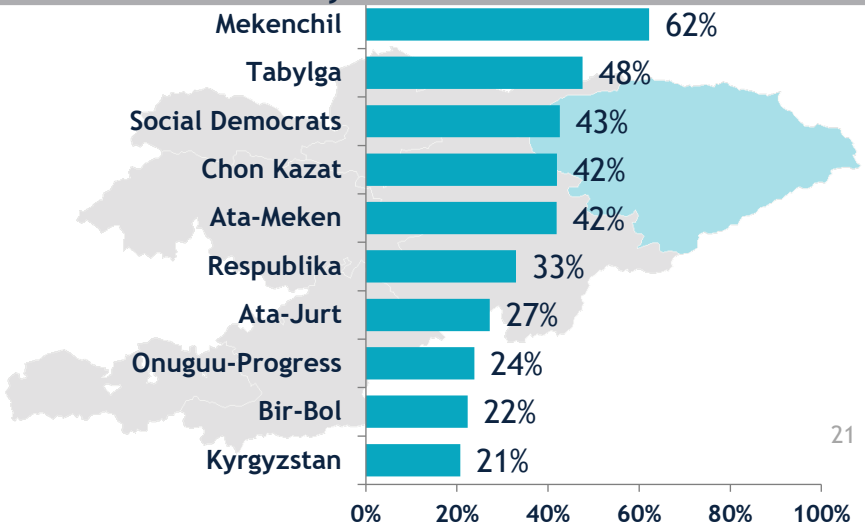

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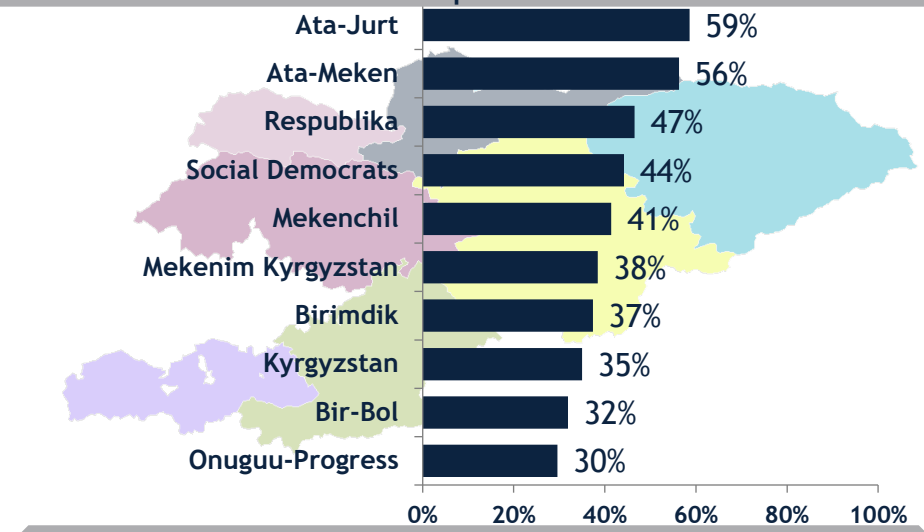


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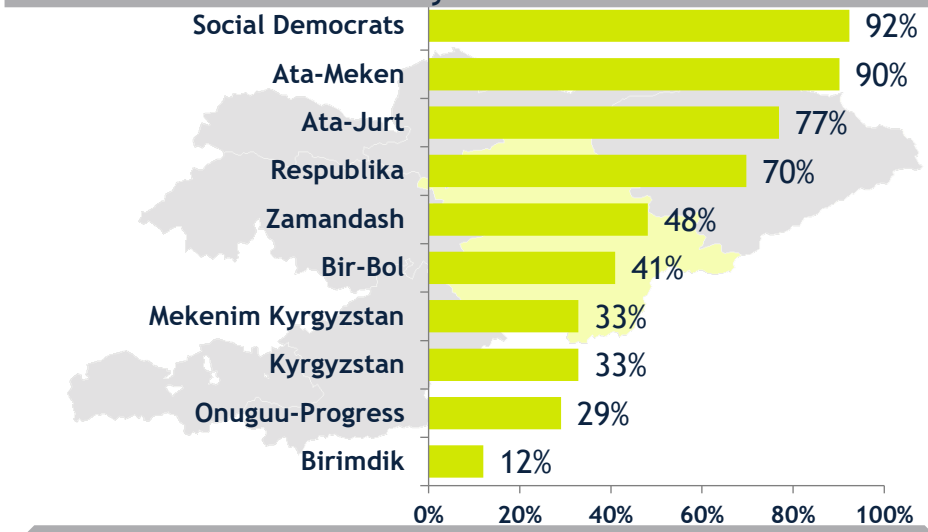


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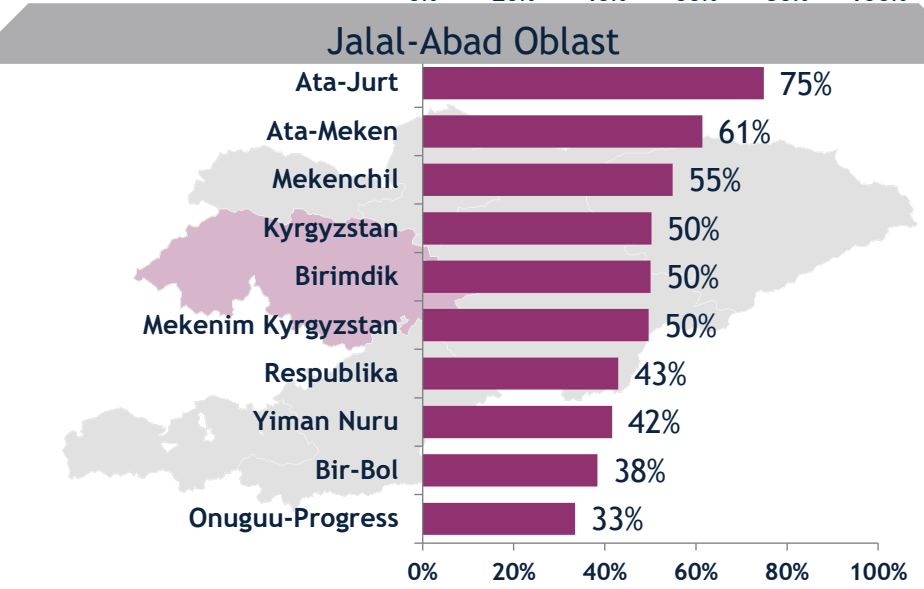


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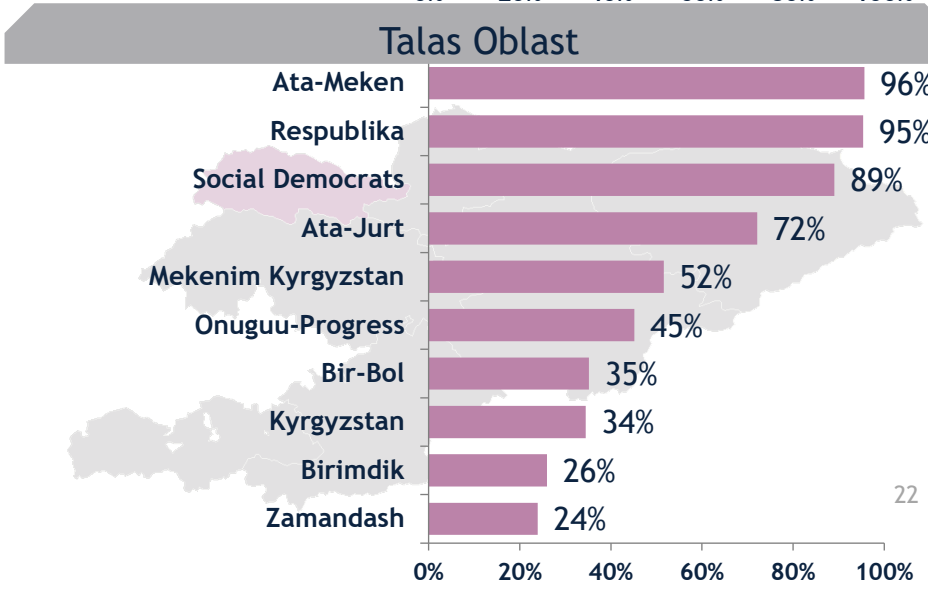

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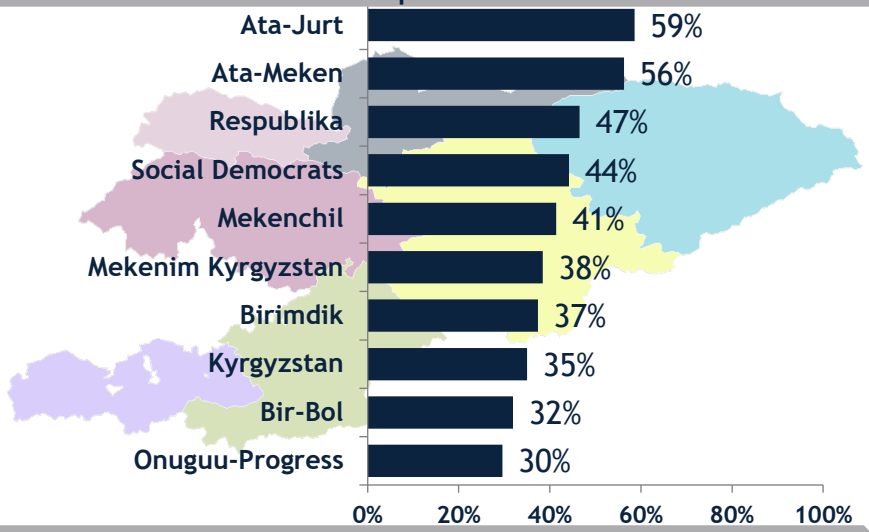


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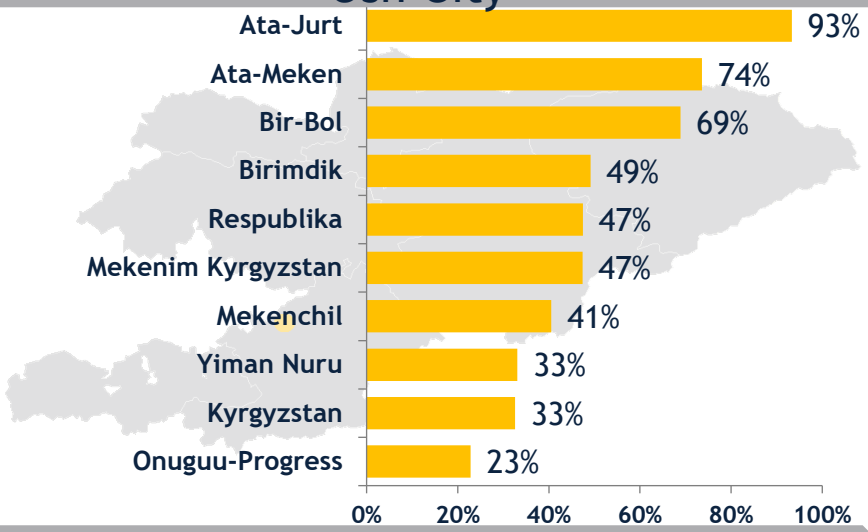


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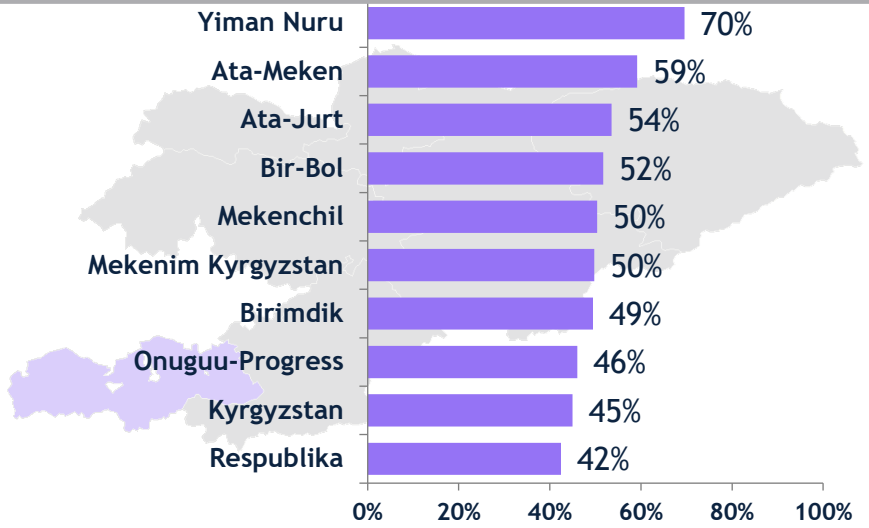


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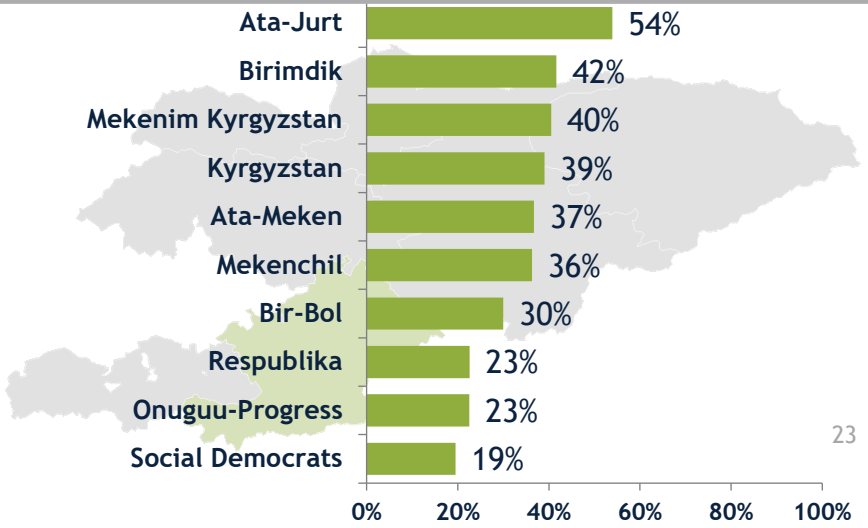
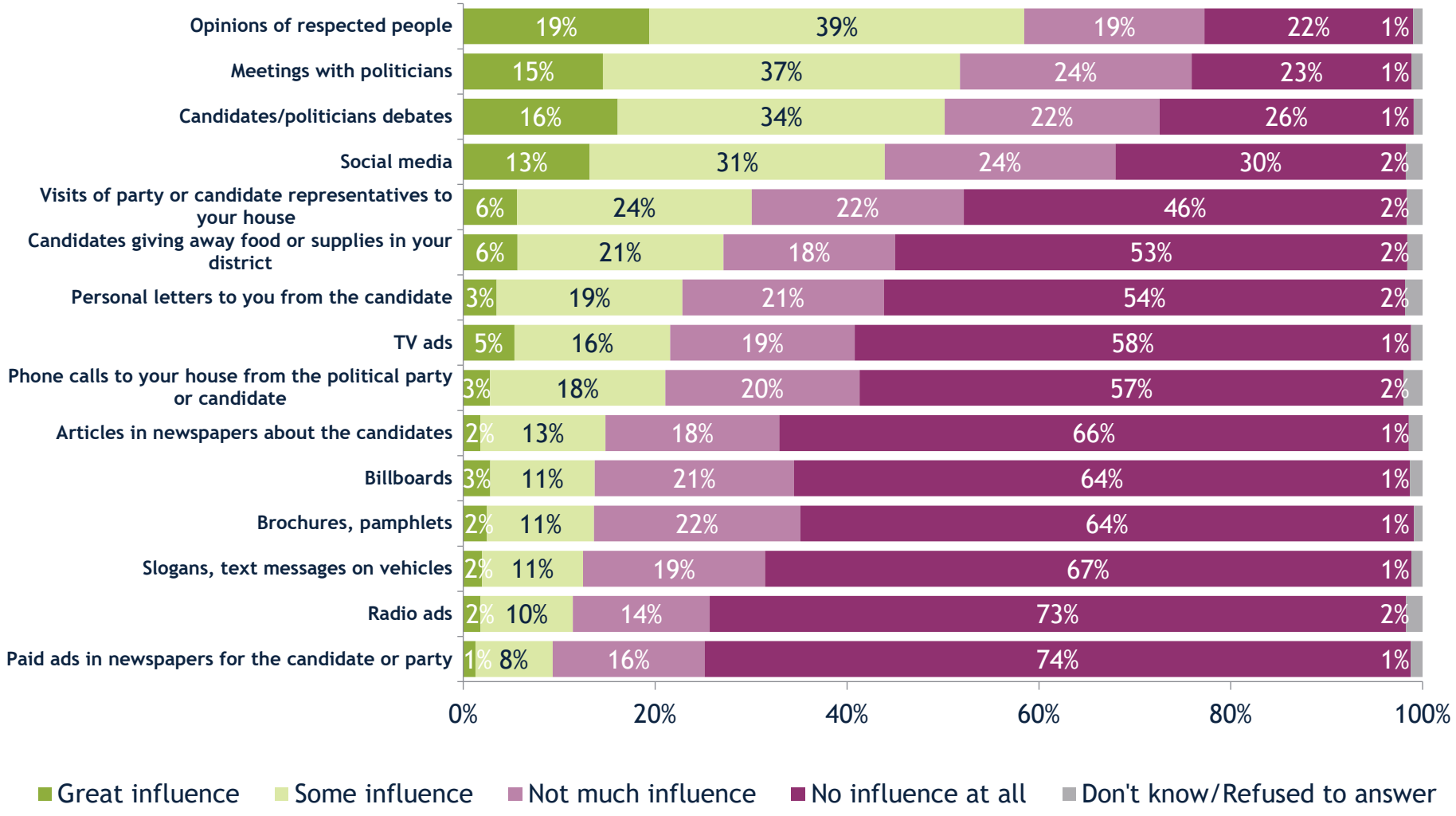


# For each of following items, [… do] they have great influence, some influence, not much influence, or no influence at all on your views of political parties?



# Electoral Confidence and Integrity

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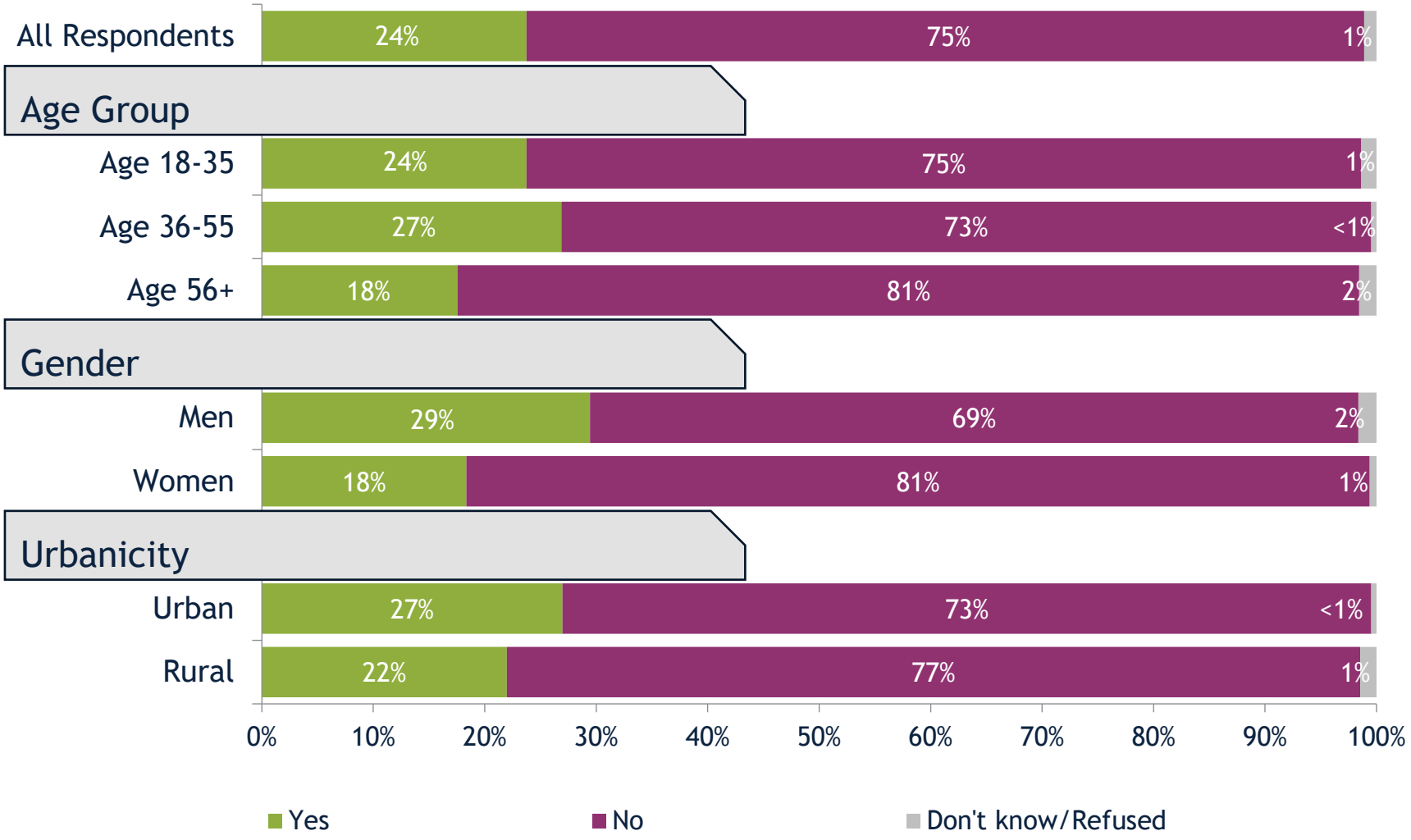

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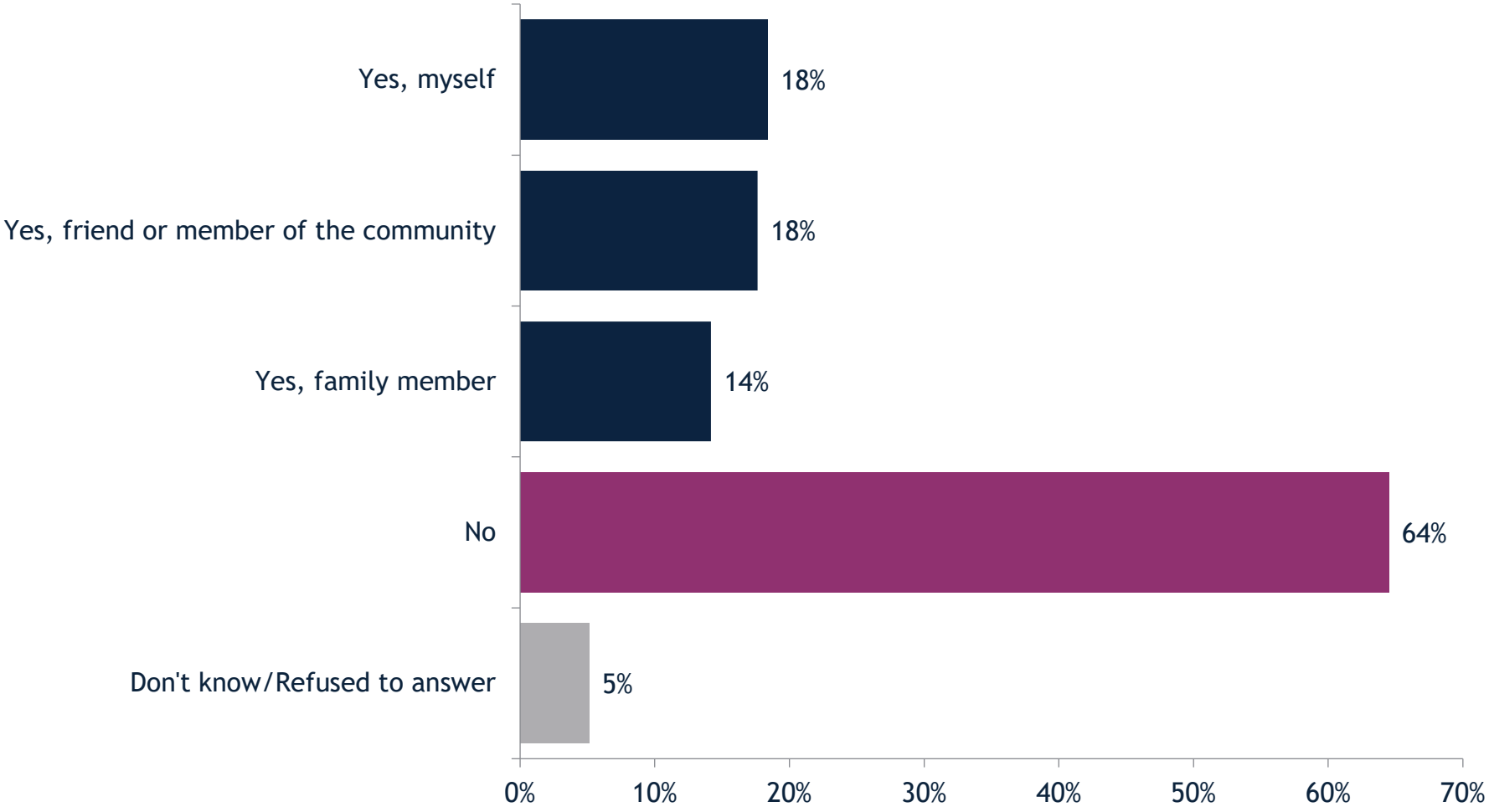
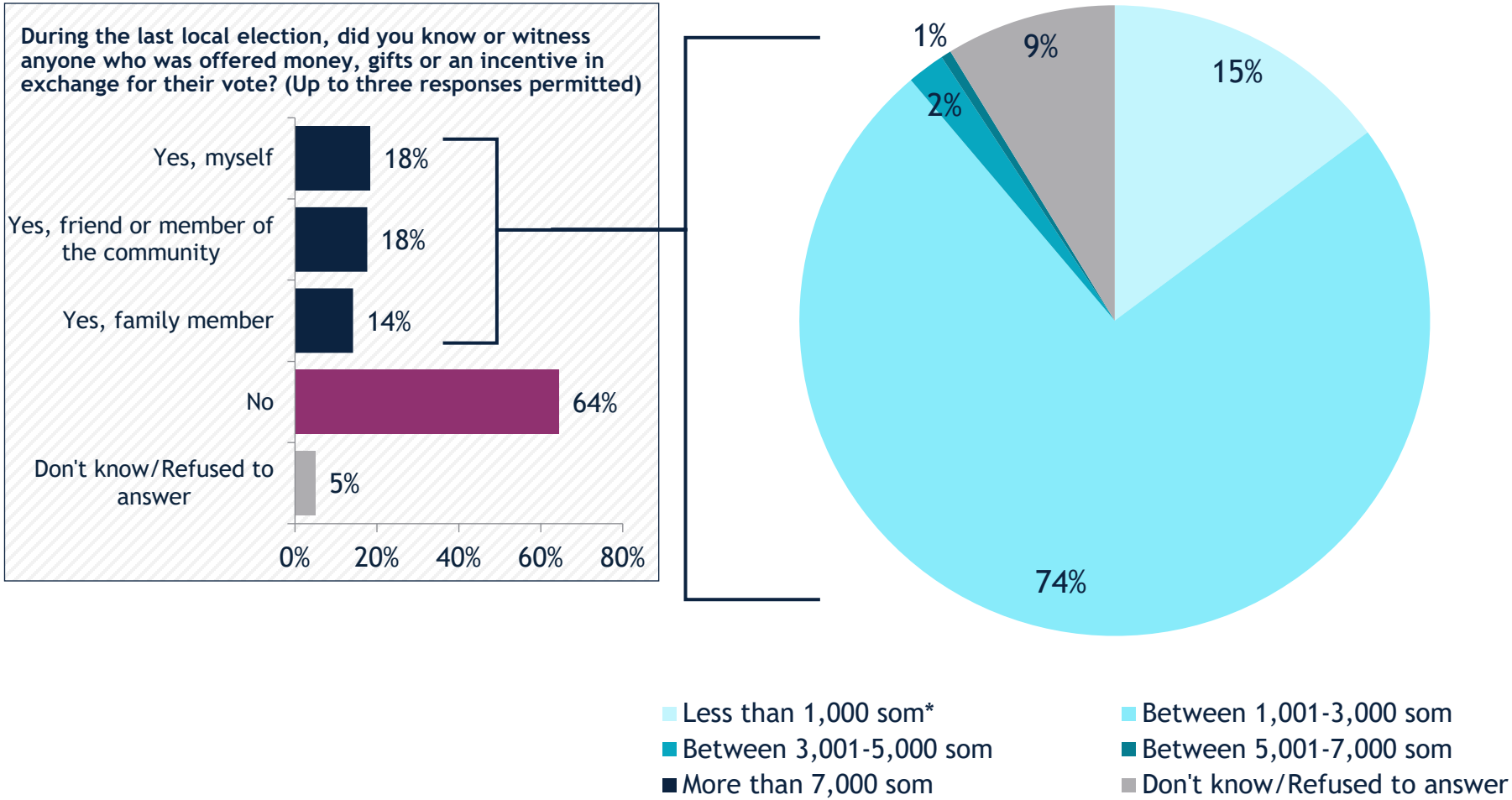


## If yes, how much were [you/they] offered in exchange for [your/their] vote?

(Among those who know of or witnessed money, gifts or an incentive being offered in exchange for votes, n=367)

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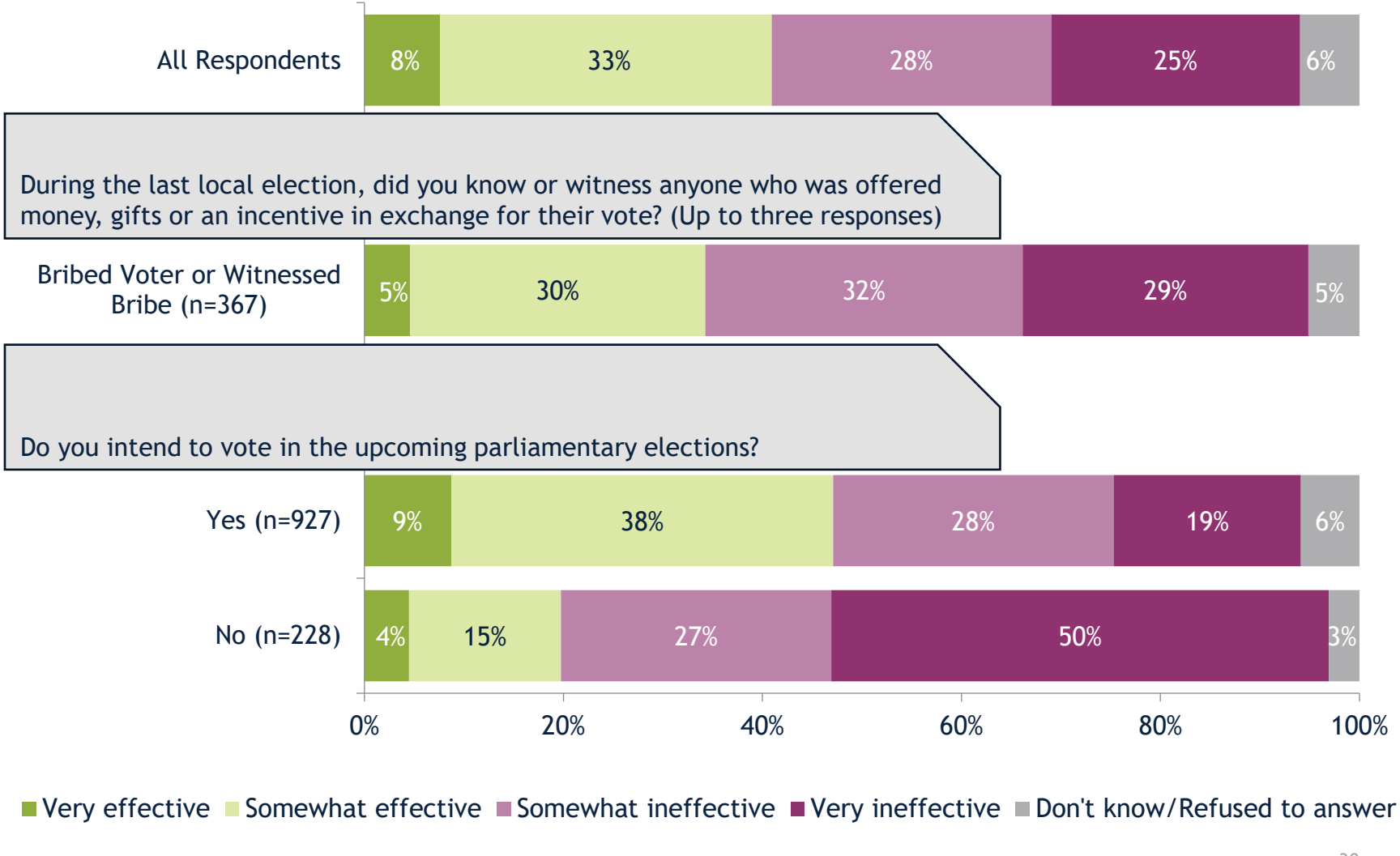

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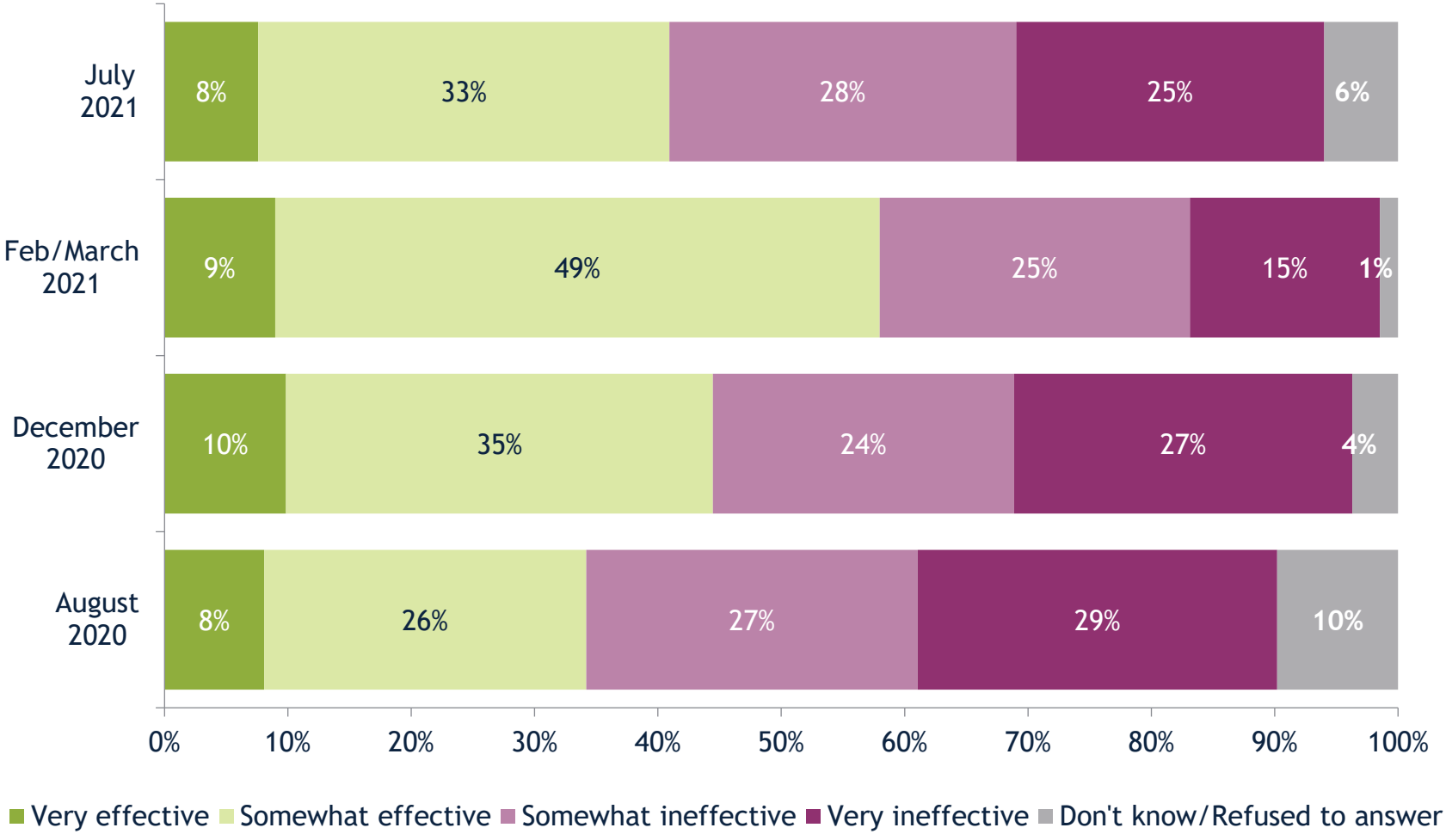

# Upcoming Elections

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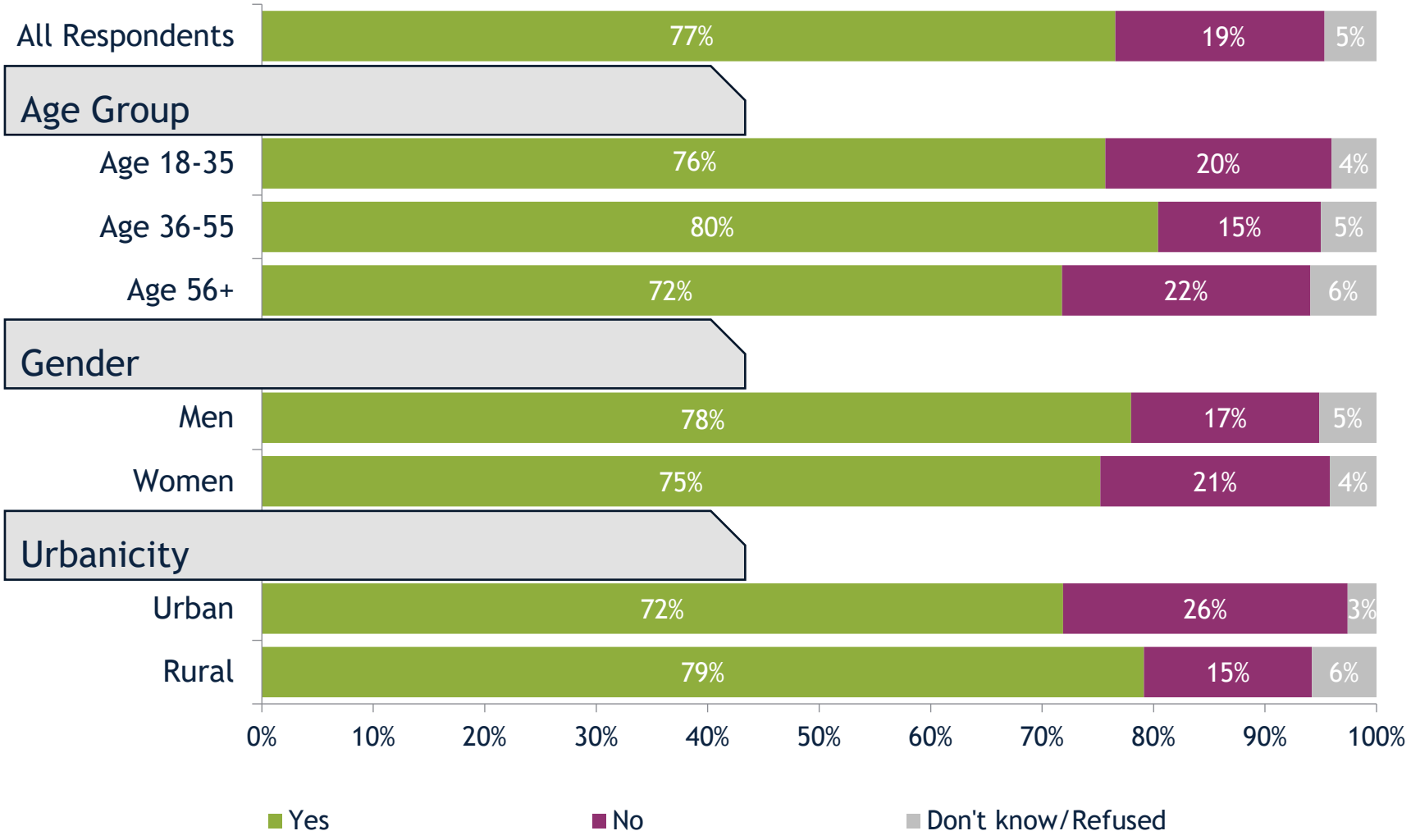
# Do you intend to vote in upcoming elections?



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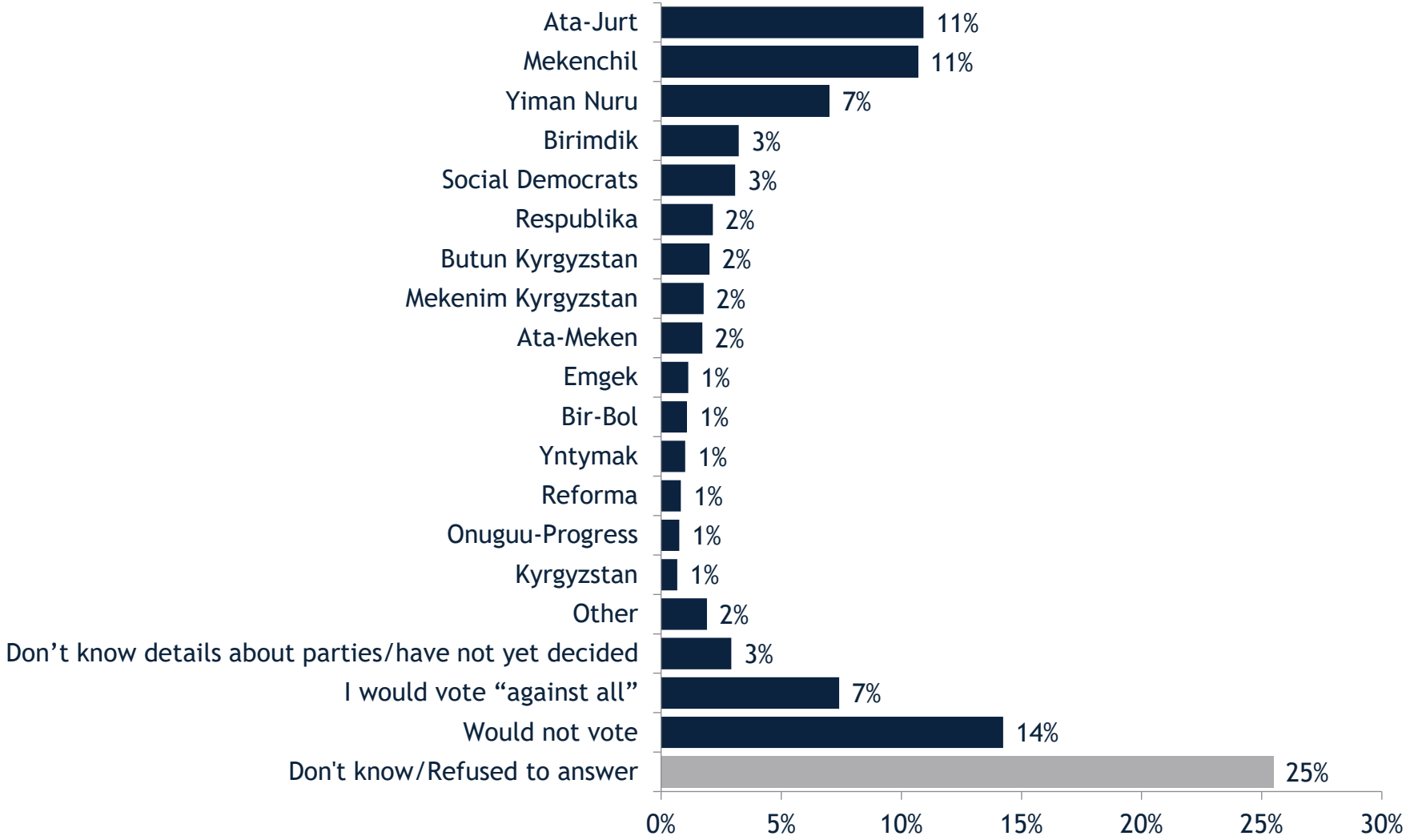


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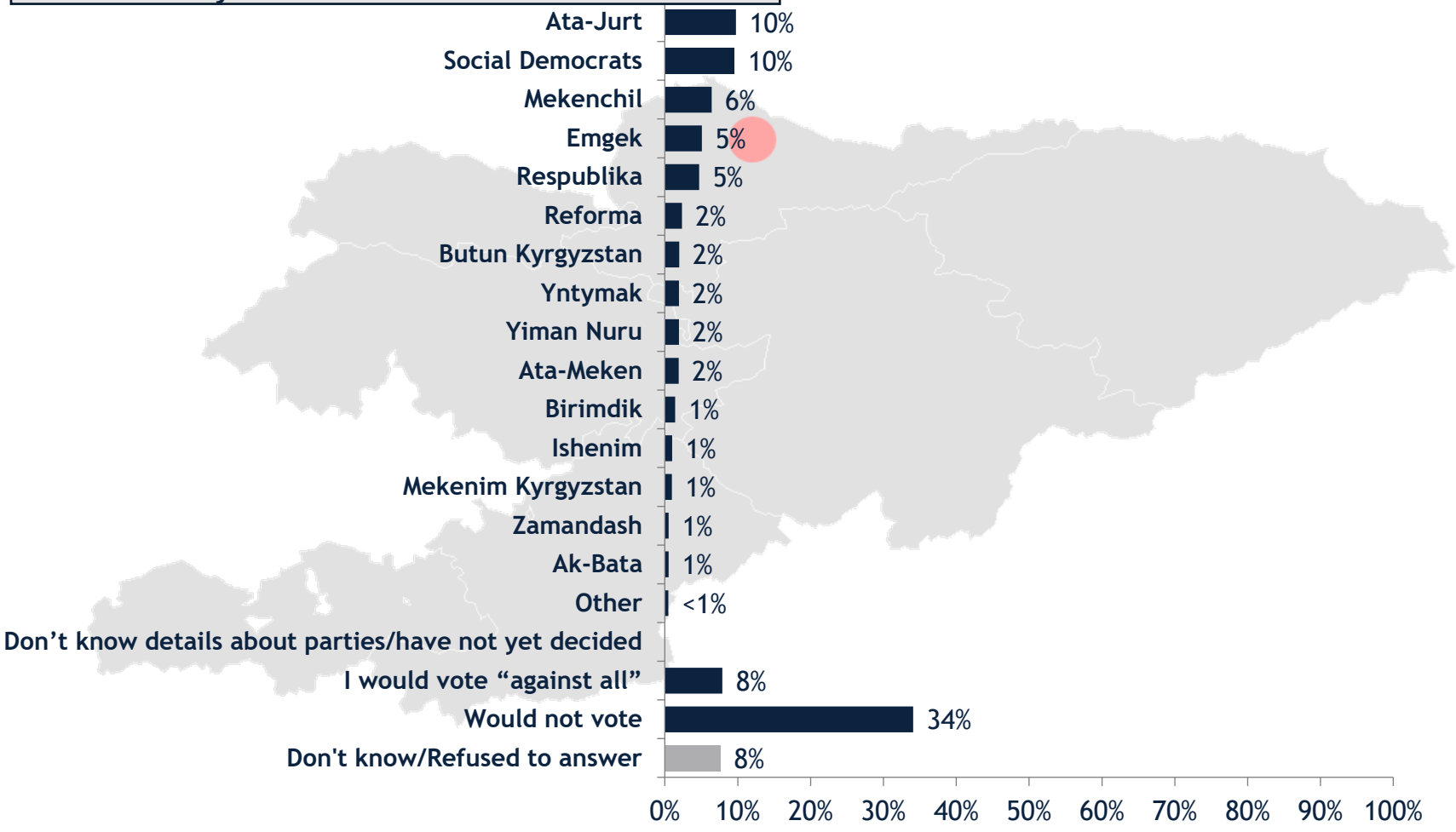


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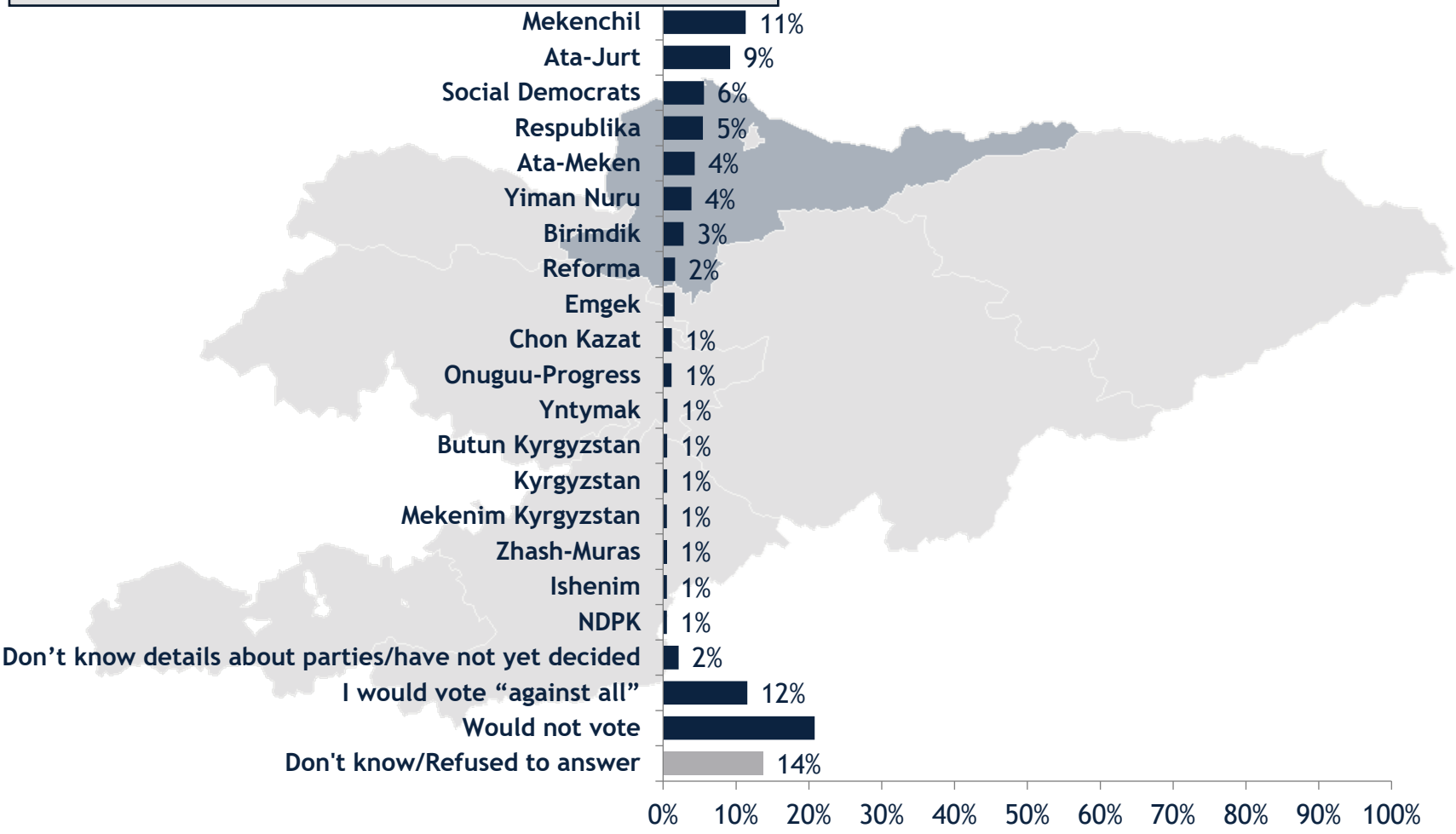

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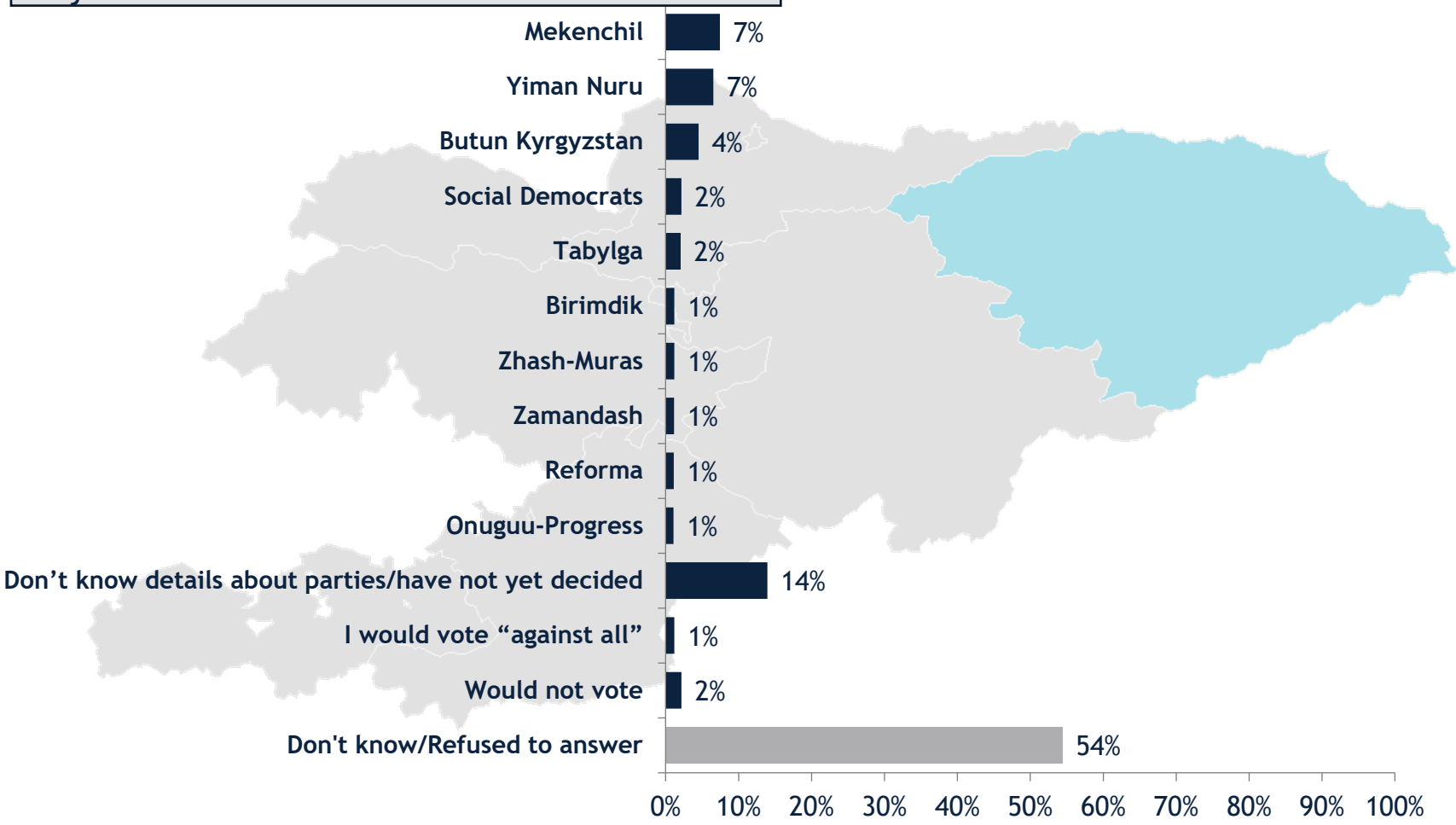

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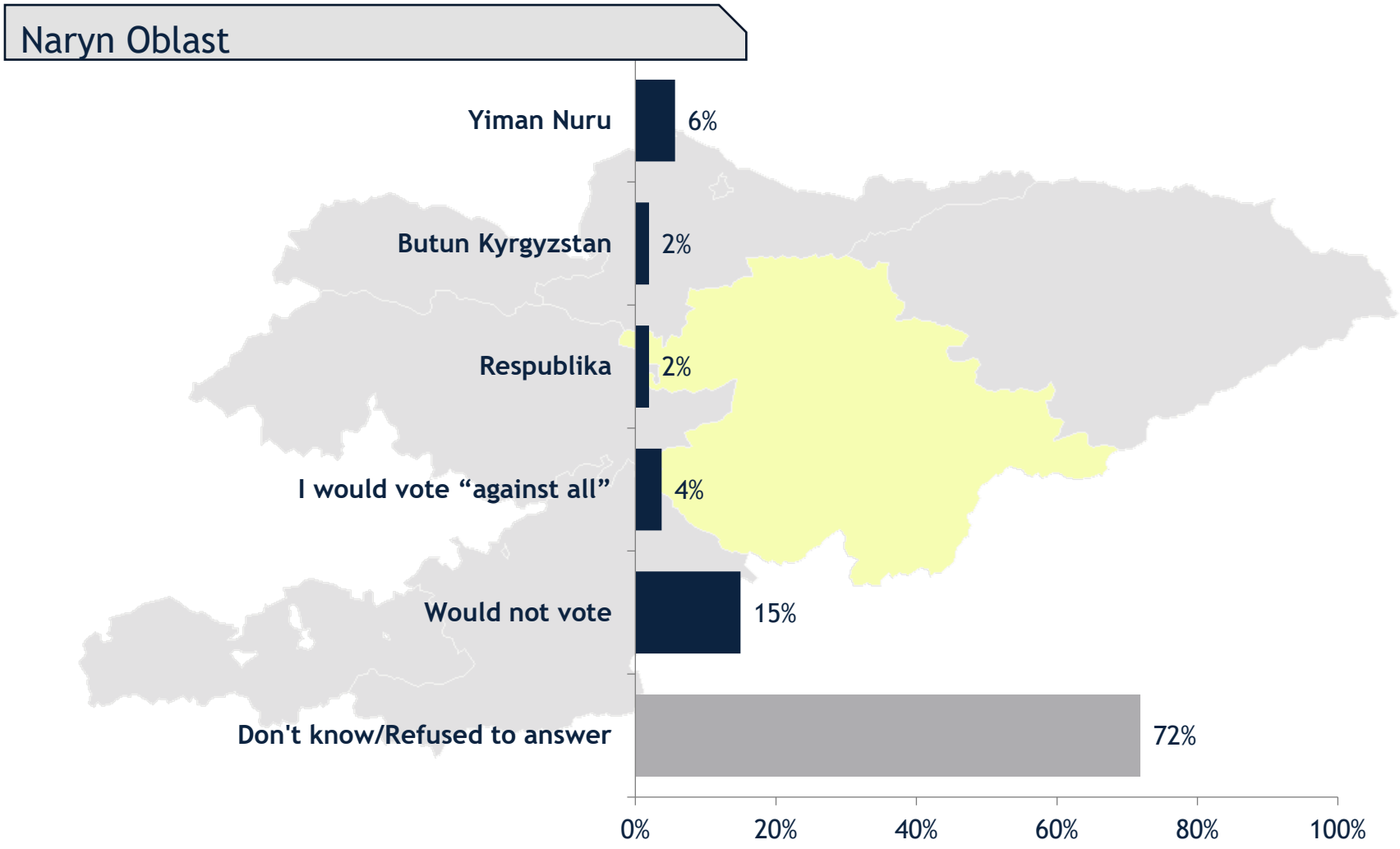

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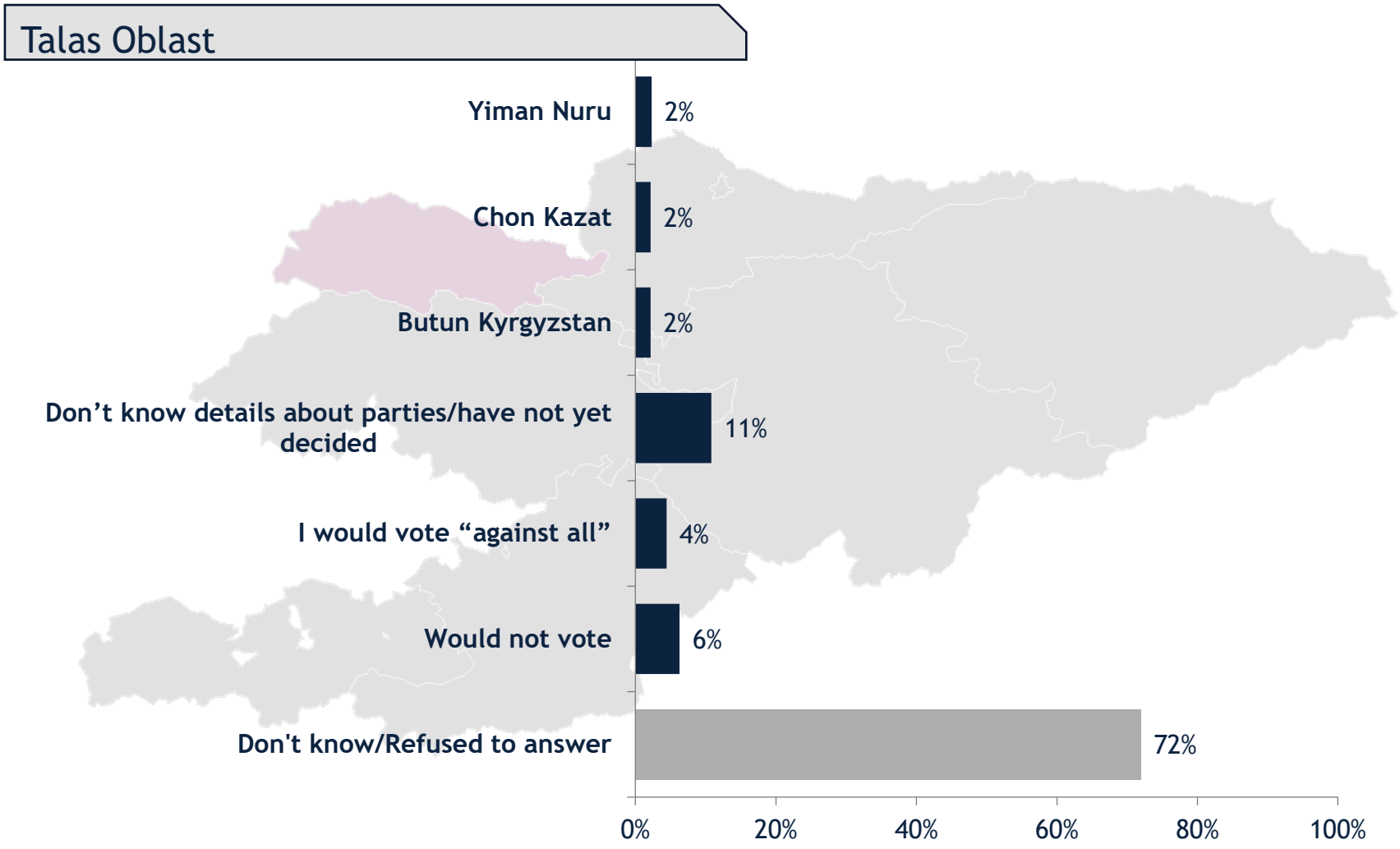

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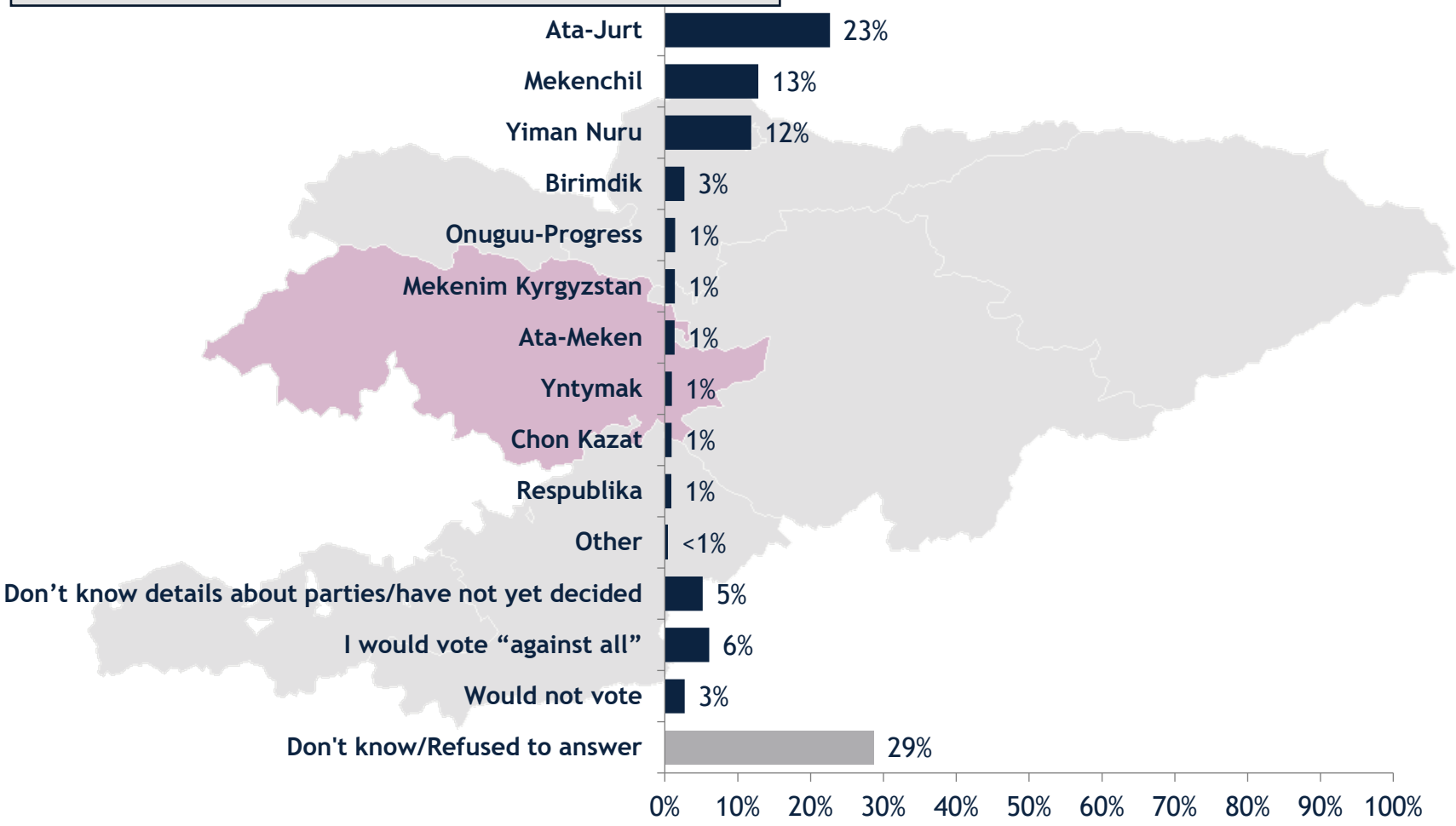


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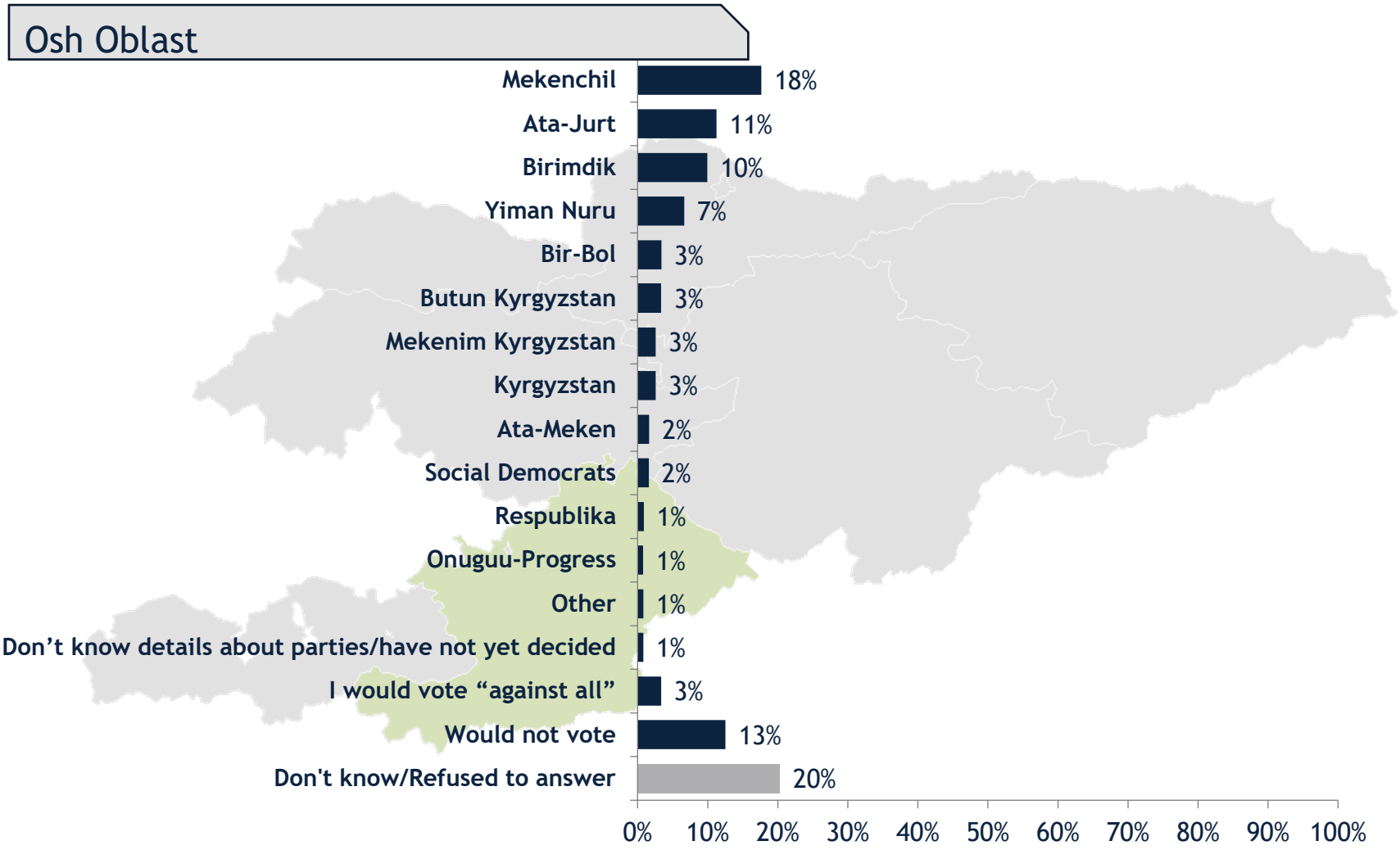


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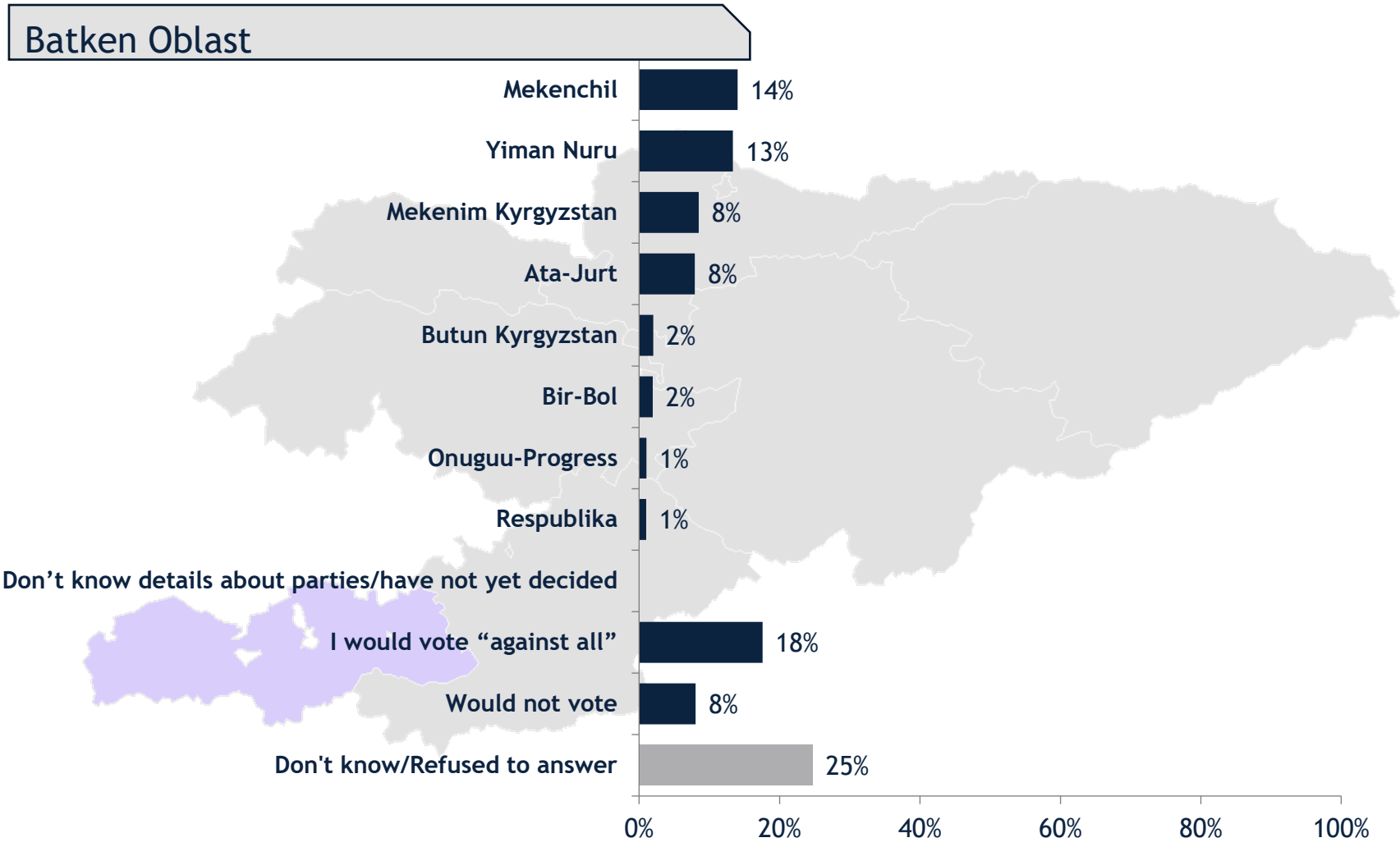

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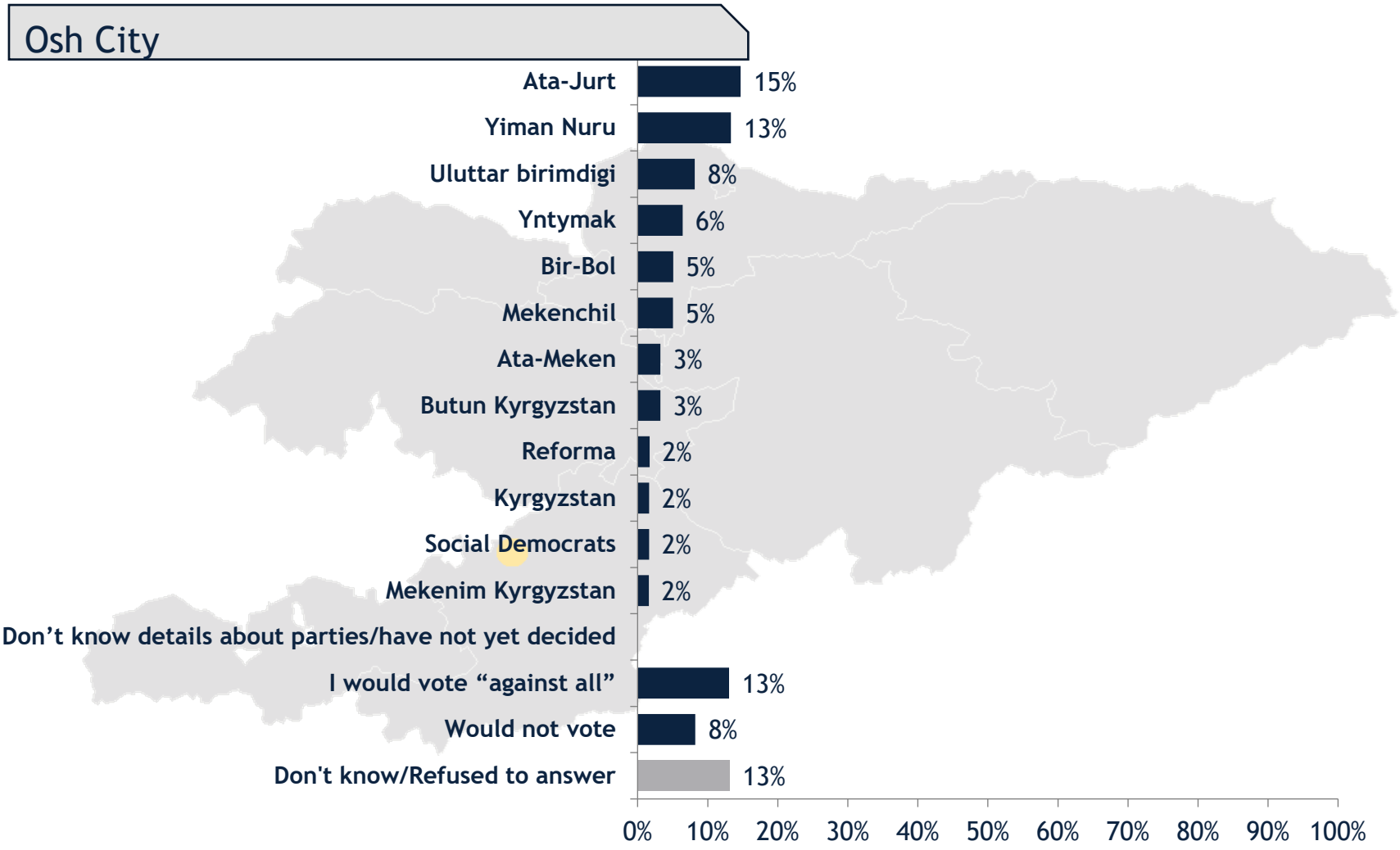

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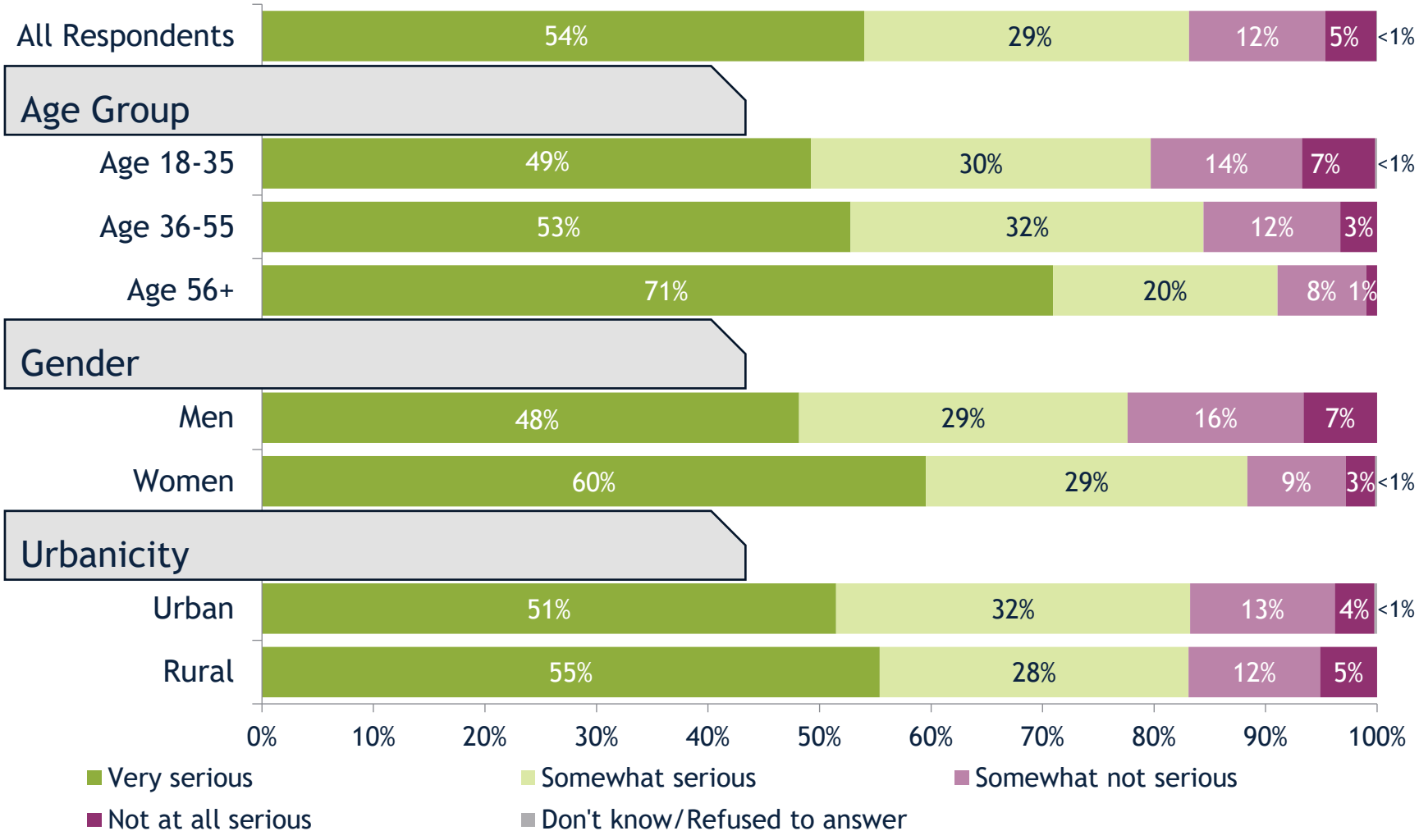

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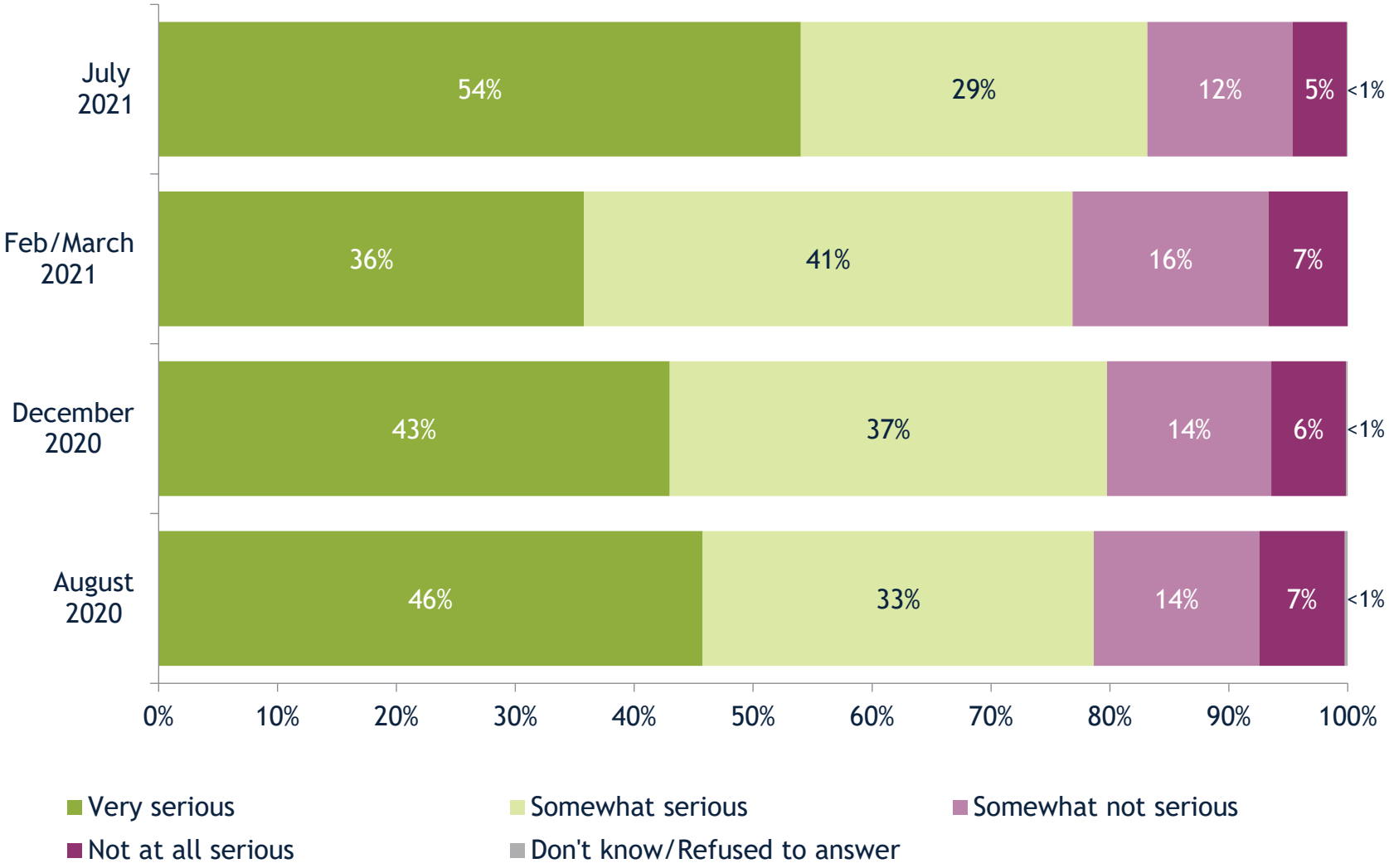

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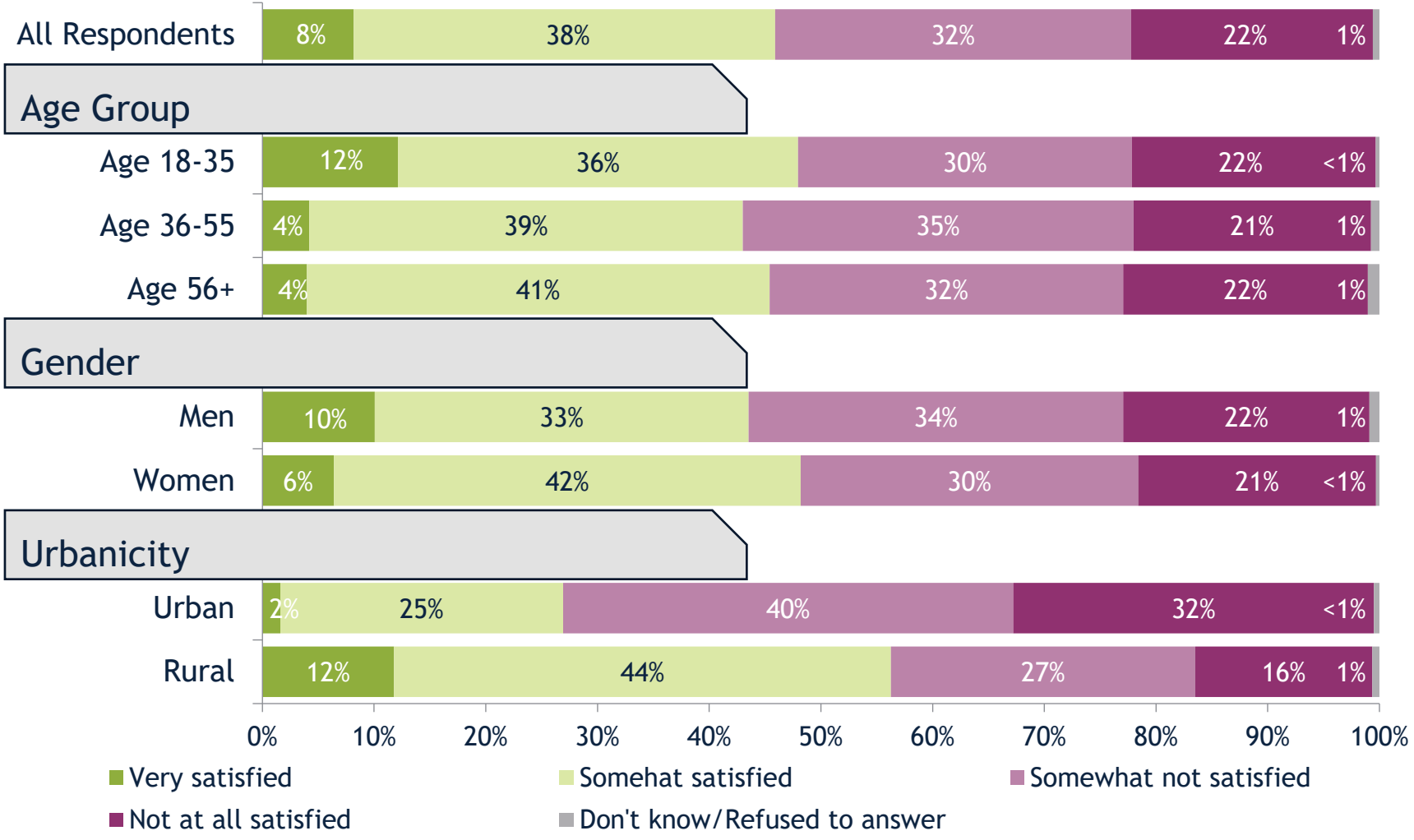

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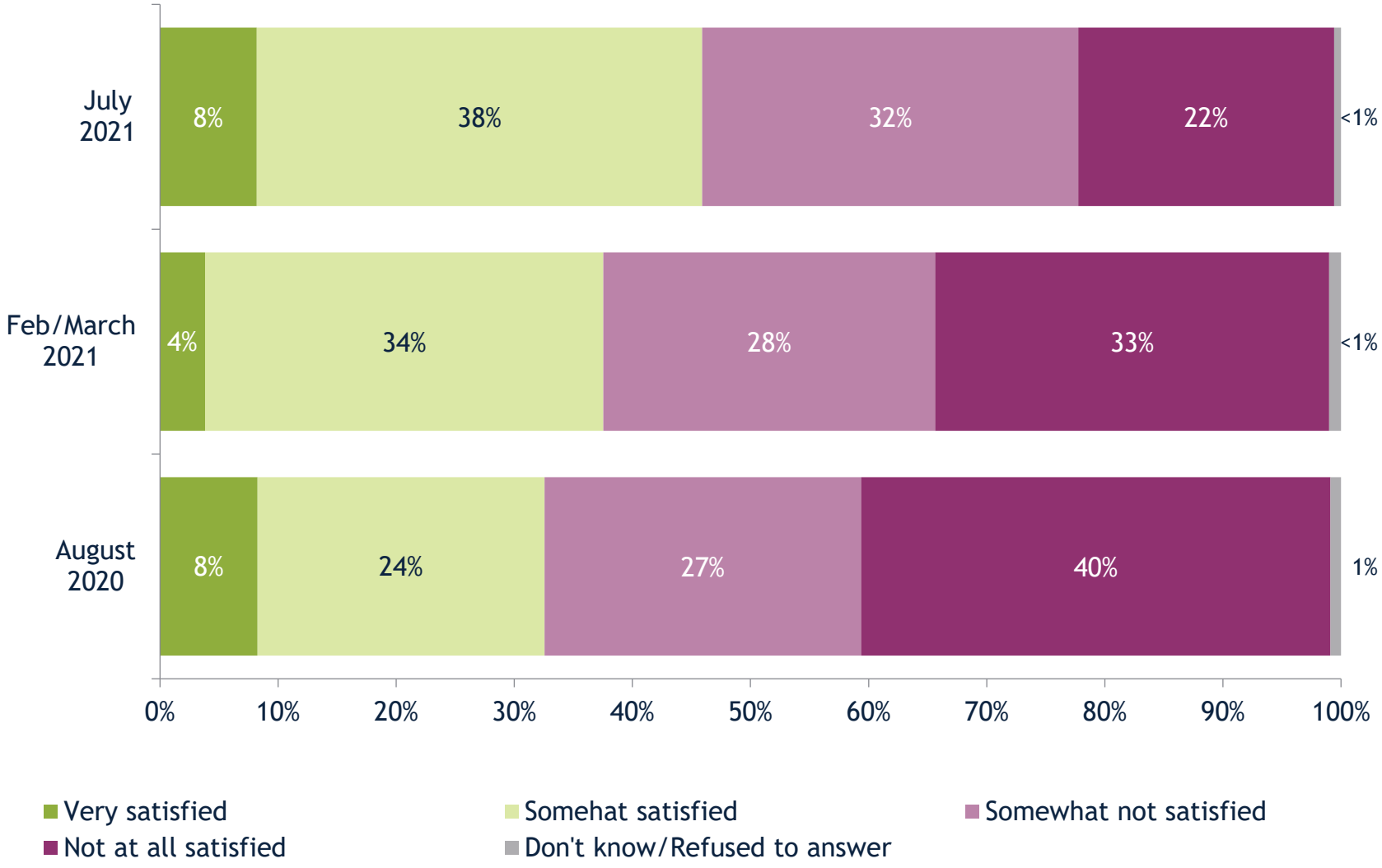

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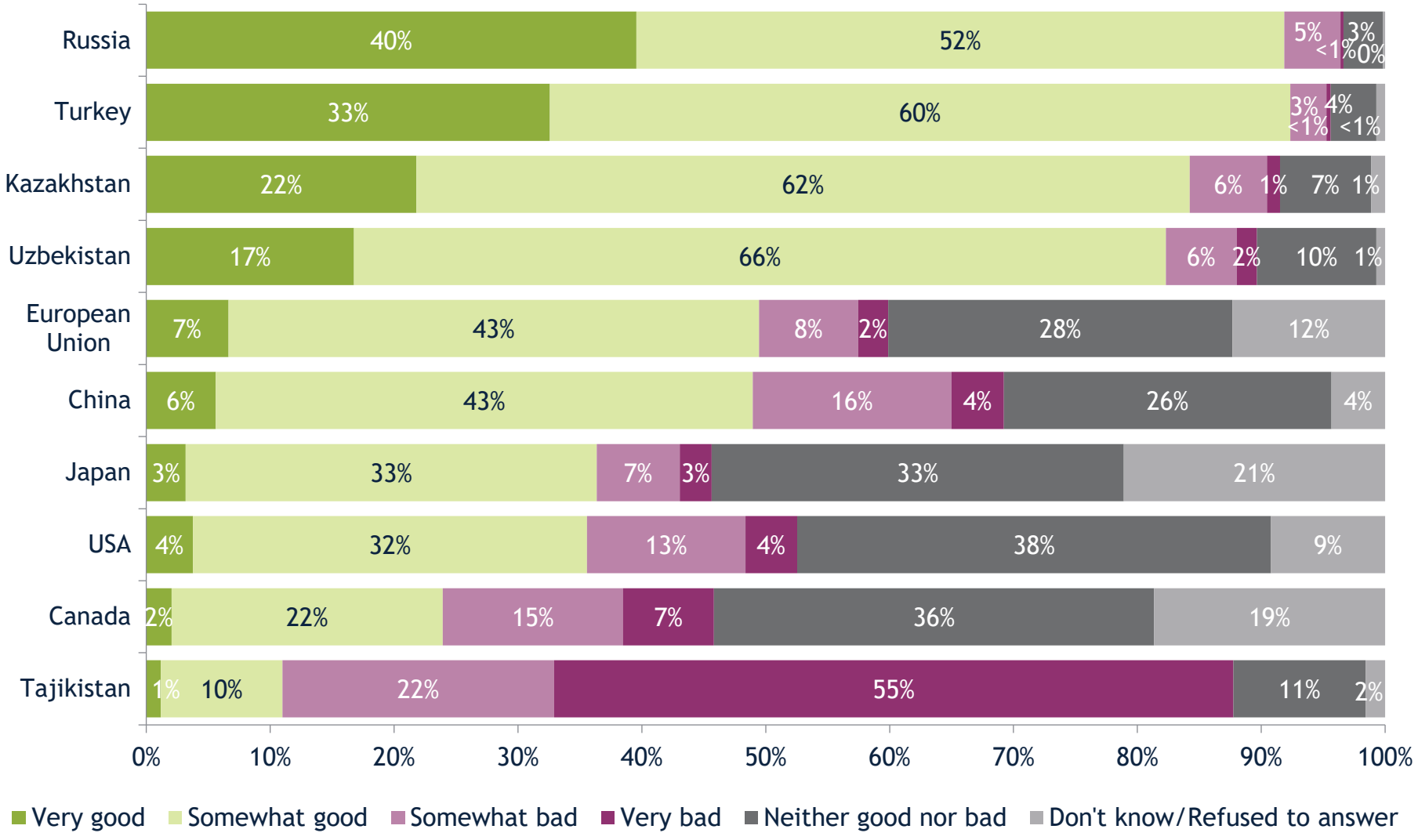

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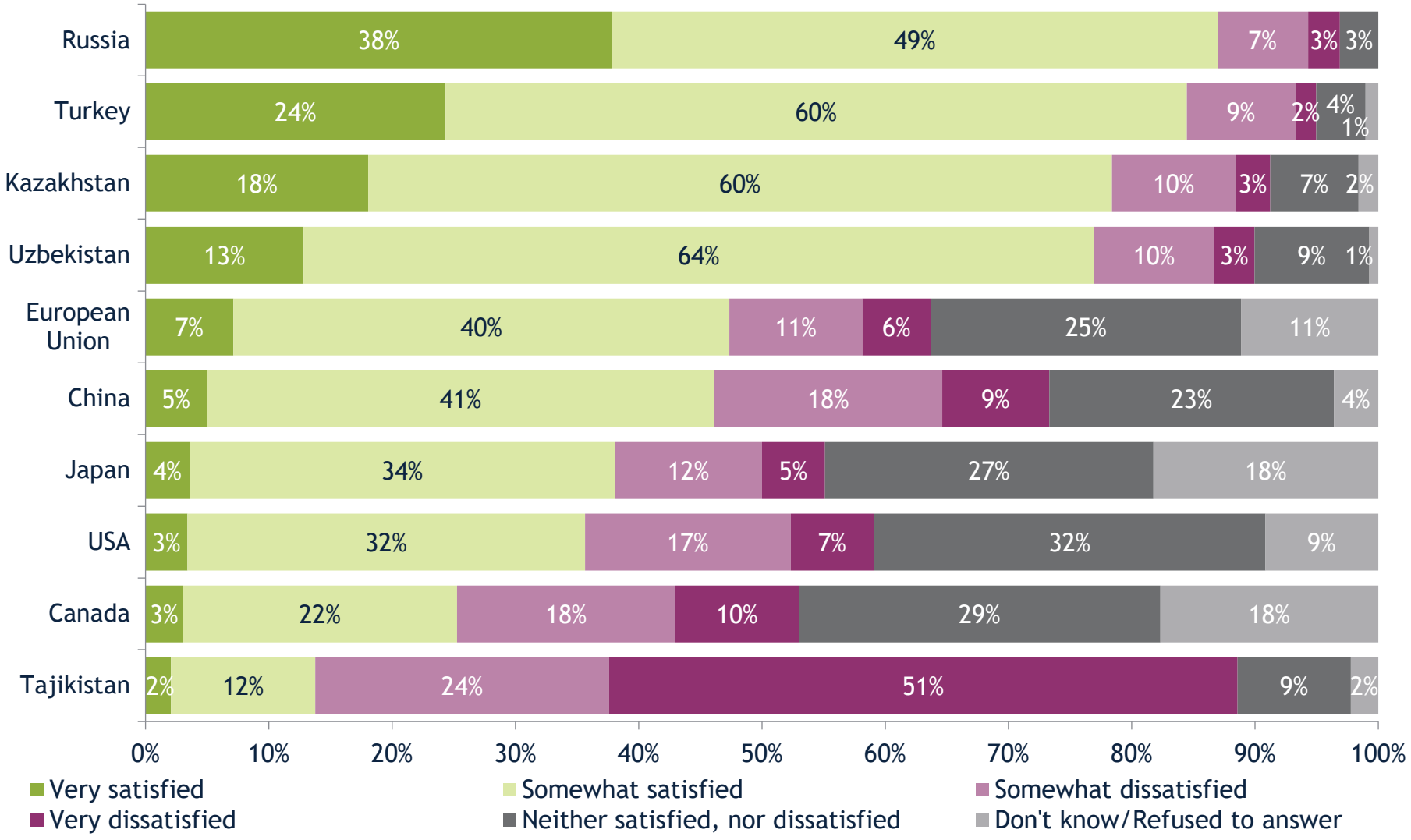

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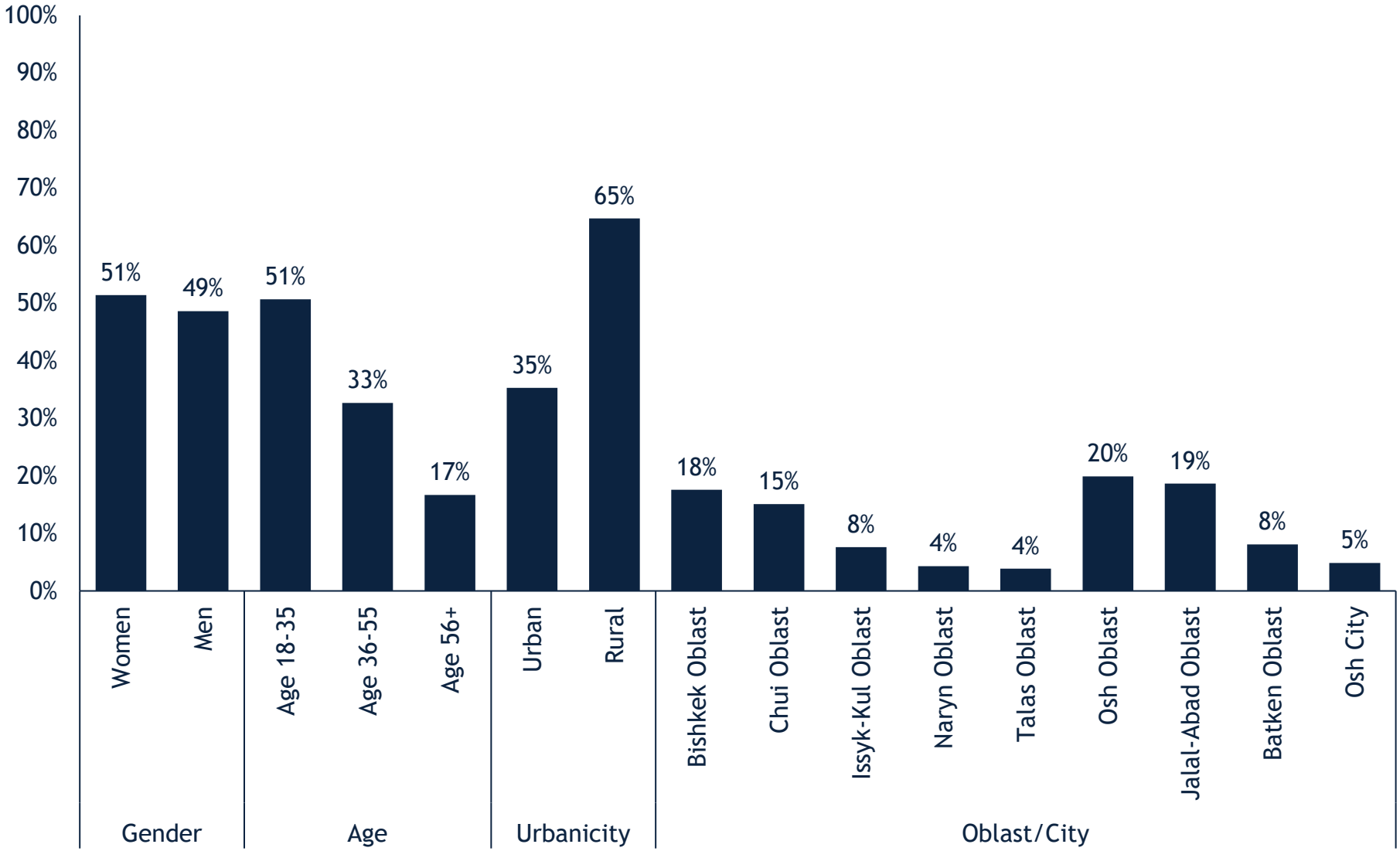

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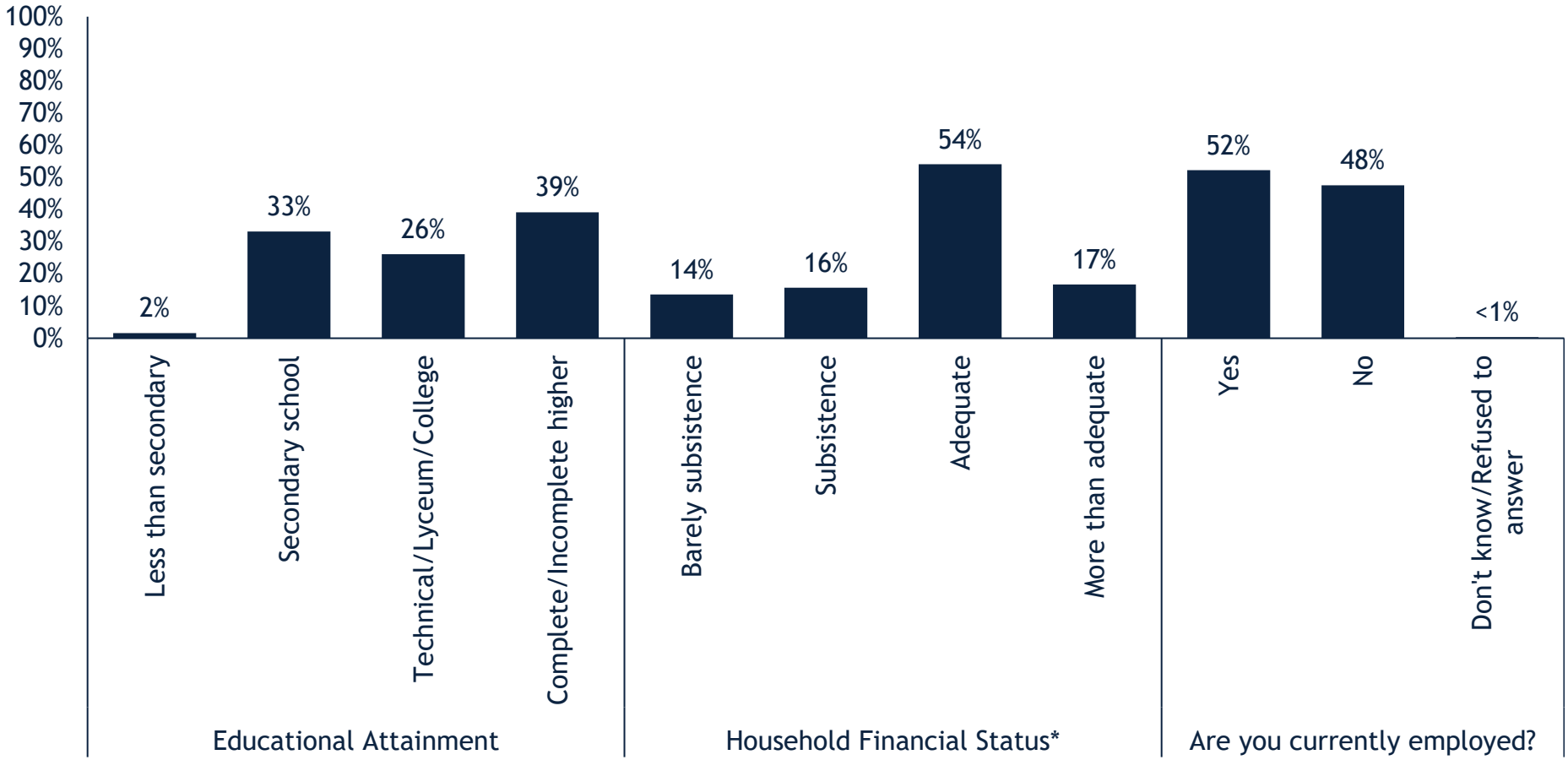


**Household Financial Status* brackets are generated from the question "How would you assess the financial position of your family?"*

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- ***Subsistence*** = "Money suffices for food, but purchase of clothes causes difficulties"
- ***Adequate*** = "Income suffices for food and clothes, but purchase of expensive durable things, such as TV set, refrigerator is a problem"
- ***More than adequate*** = "We can easily get durable things, but purchase of really expensive things, such as car, is a big problem for us" and "At the present time we can afford much - a car, a summer residence, travel abroad"

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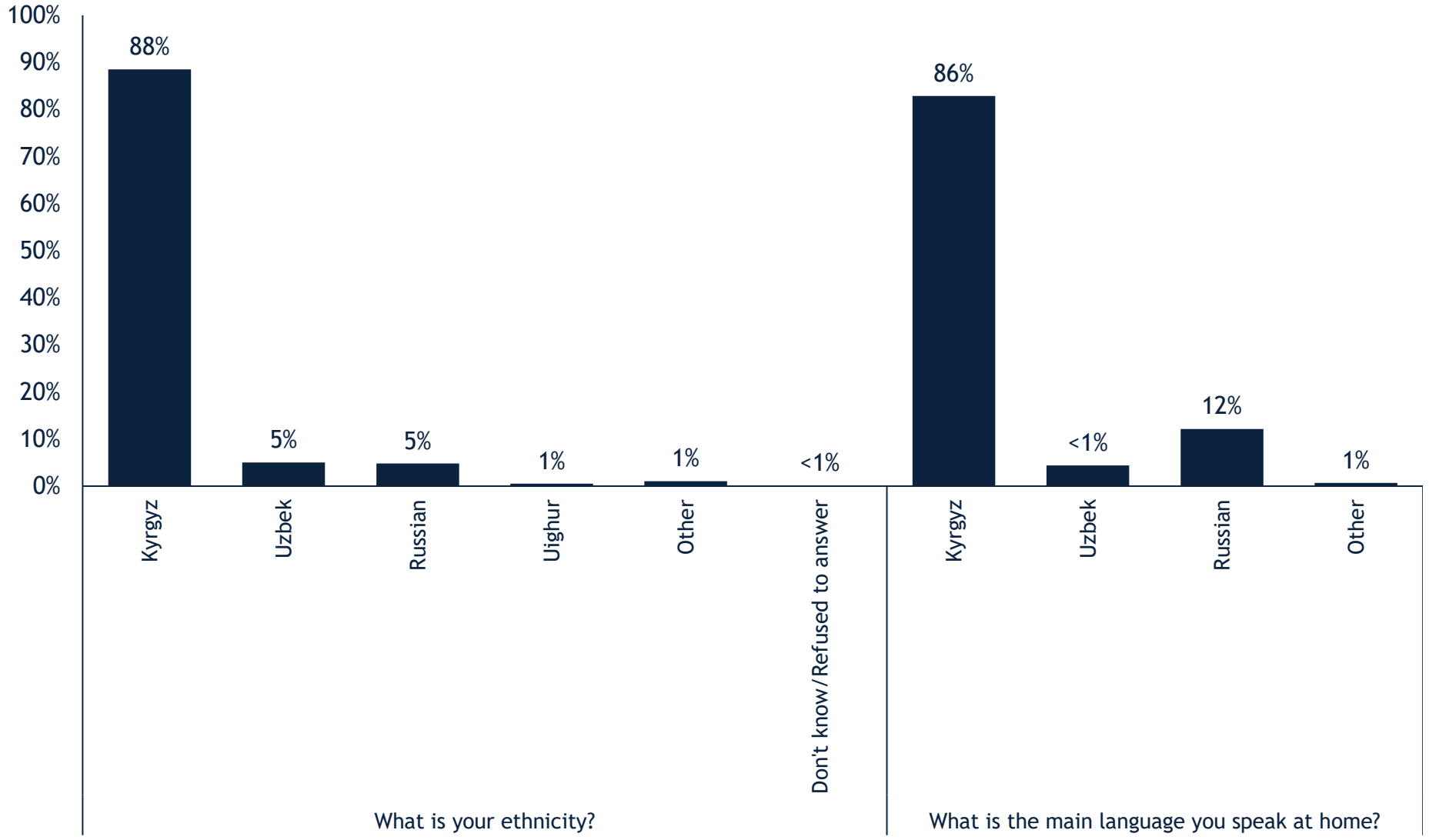

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