

Georgian National Survey

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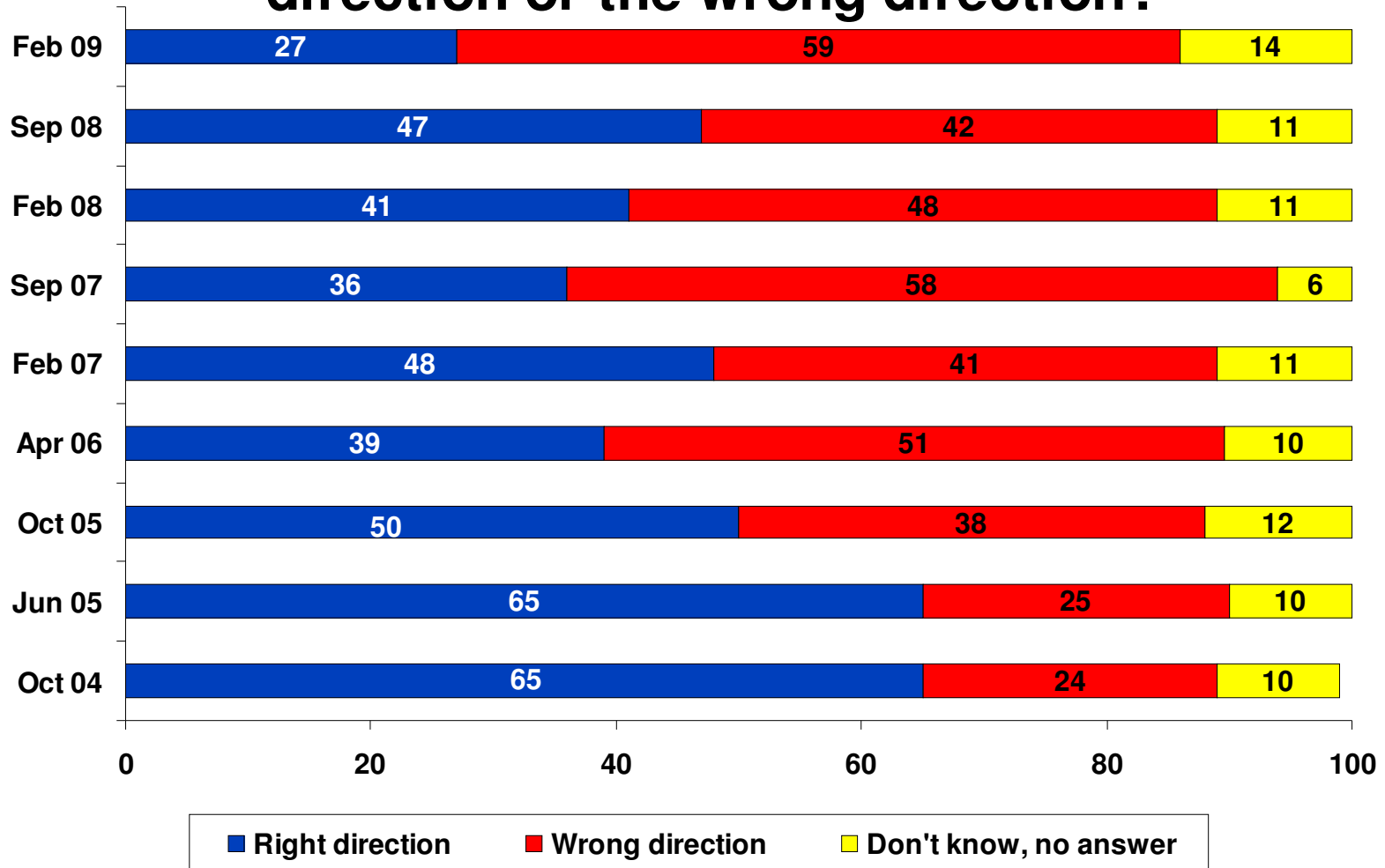
INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

- **The survey was conducted by the Institute of Polling and Marketing for Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute.**
- **The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent Georgian residents over the age of 18 and eligible to vote, and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education and religion.**
- **The sample design was a multi-stage random sample.**
 - **Stage One: Break country into official administrative regions.**
 - **Stage Two: Select clusters of sampling points based on settlement population (large, medium, small towns and villages). One sample point = approximately one percent of survey population (10-12 surveys). Sampling points in each region were selected based on the percentage of population living in the various levels of settlement in that same region.**
- **Respondents were selected by the random route method, using the next birthday rule to select a respondent from within a household.**
- **Data is collected February 21-March 3, 2009, through face-to-face interviews with the respondents.**
- **Poll was conducted nationwide, including the capital and all major regional centers.**
- **The margin of error does not exceed three percent.**
- **Response rate was 73 percent.**

MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

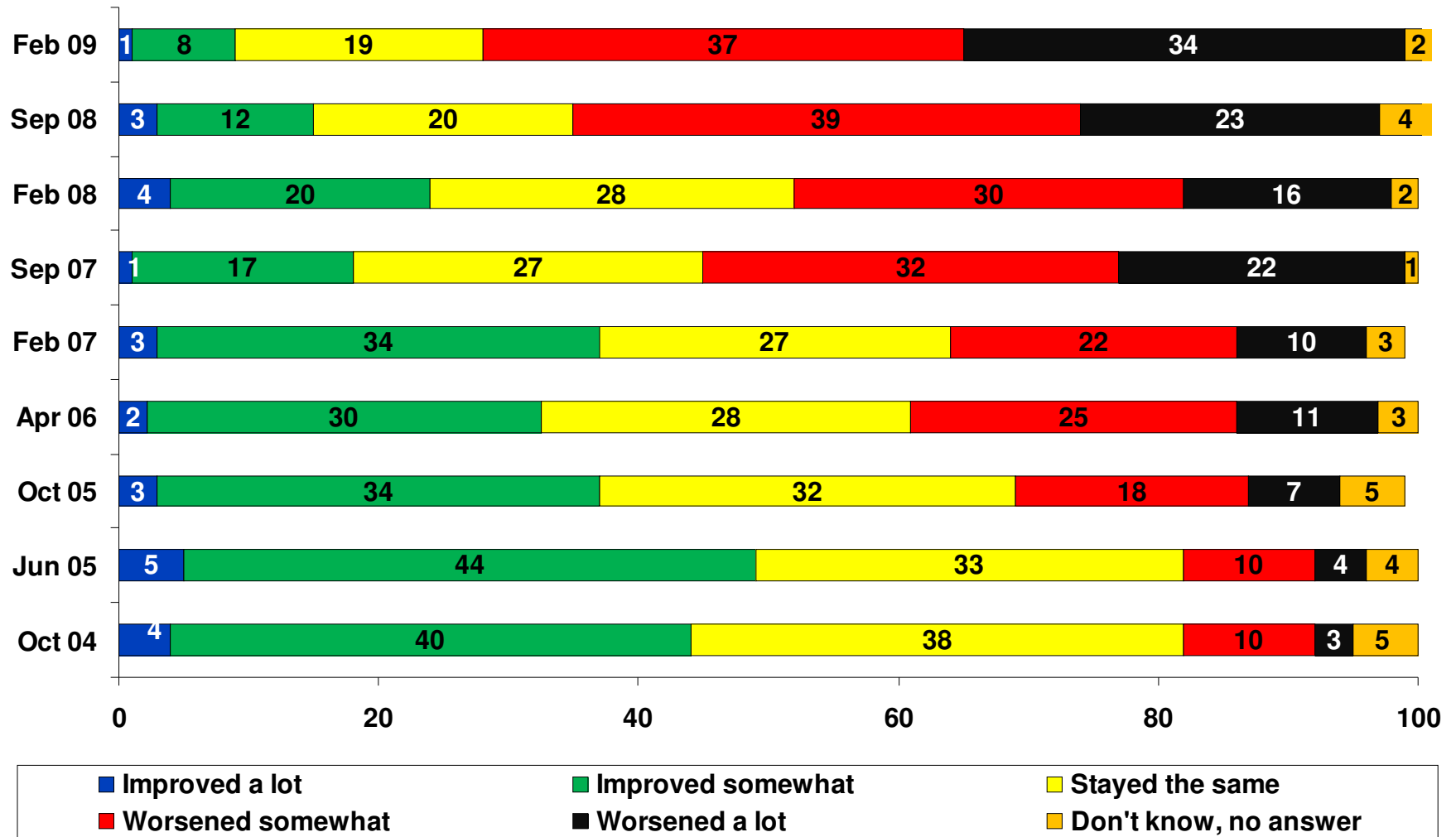
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Generally speaking, do you think that things in Georgia are going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



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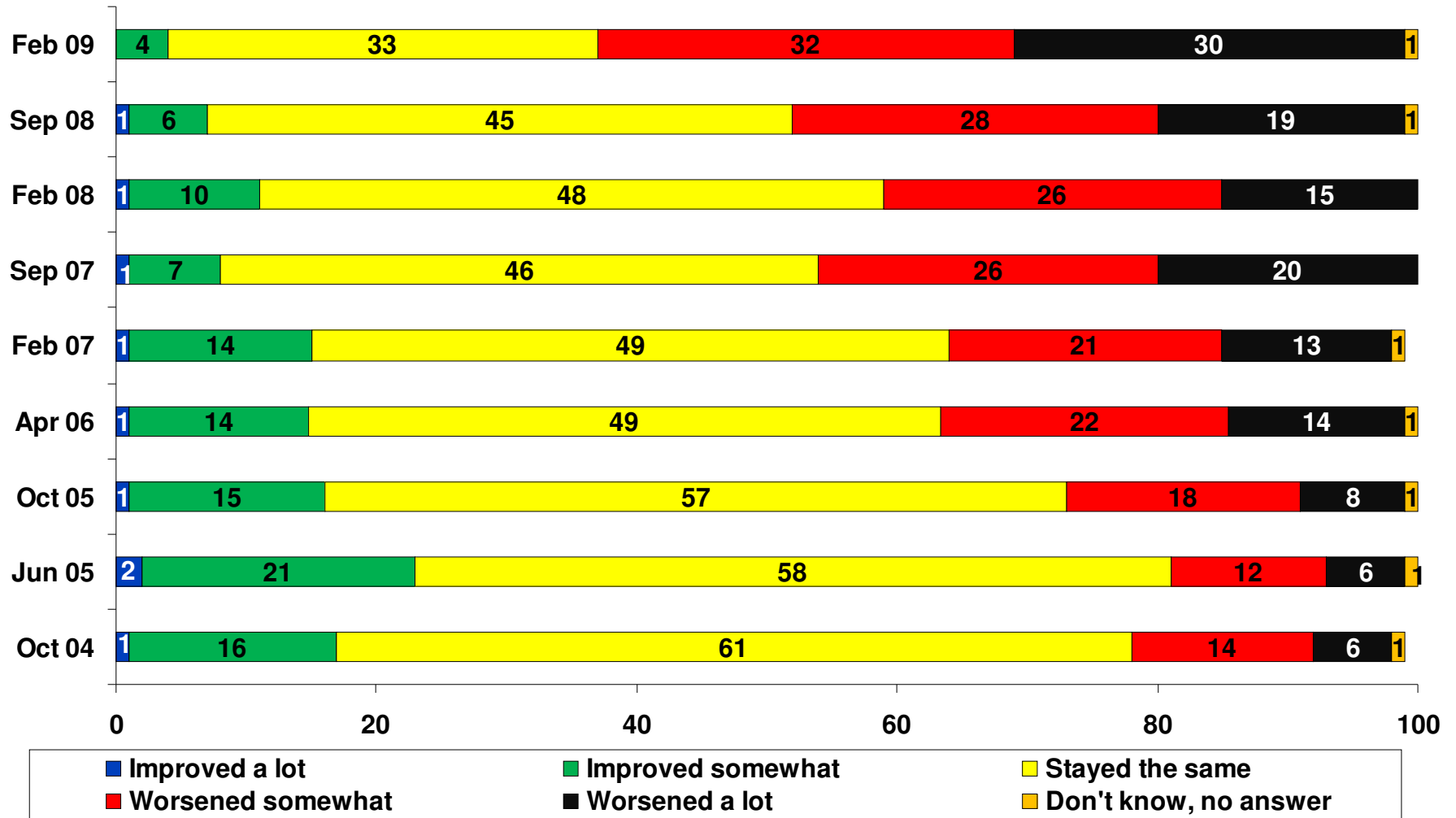
Over the last two months* the economic situation in Georgia has...?



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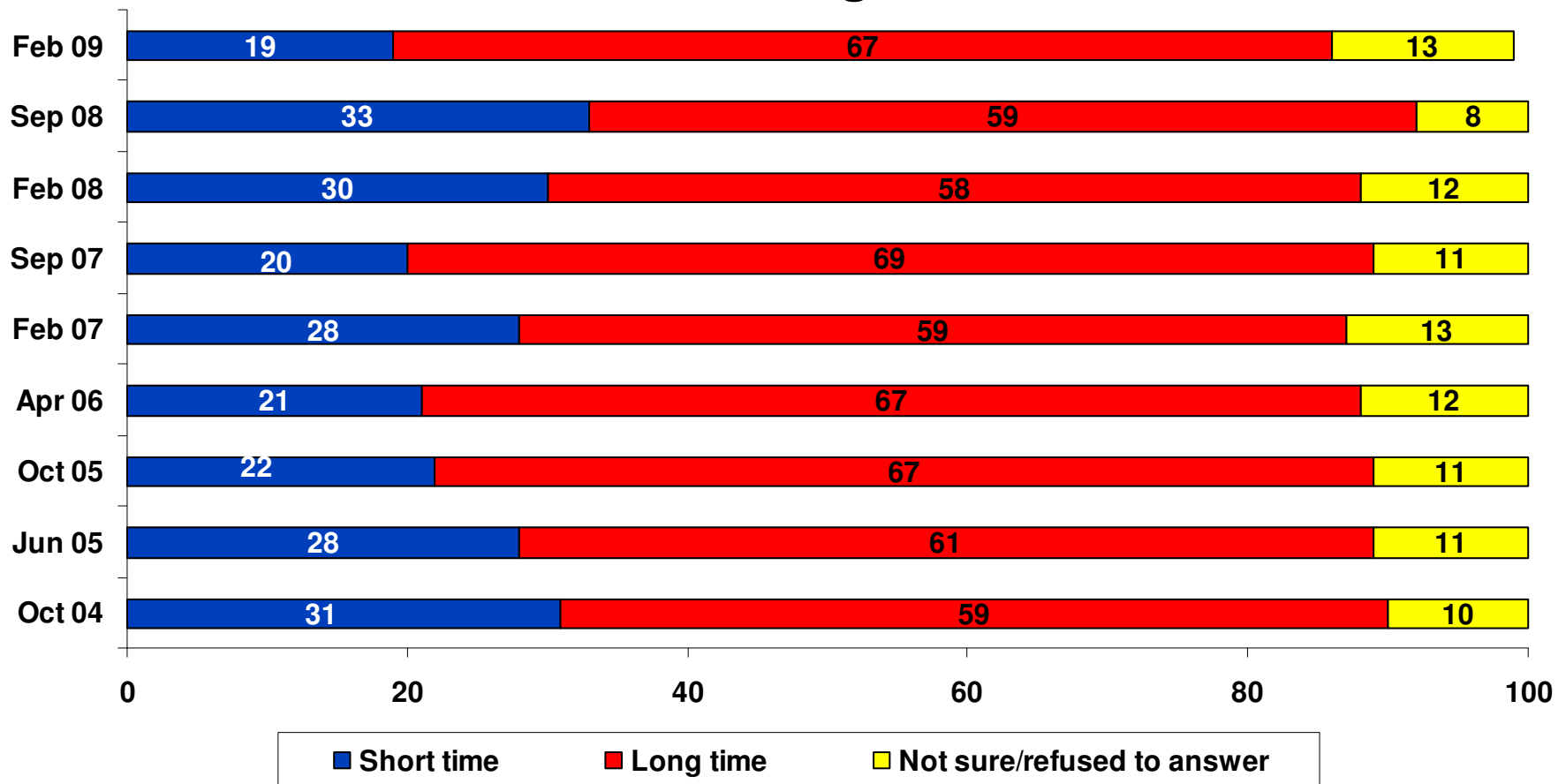
Over the last two months* the financial situation of your household has...?



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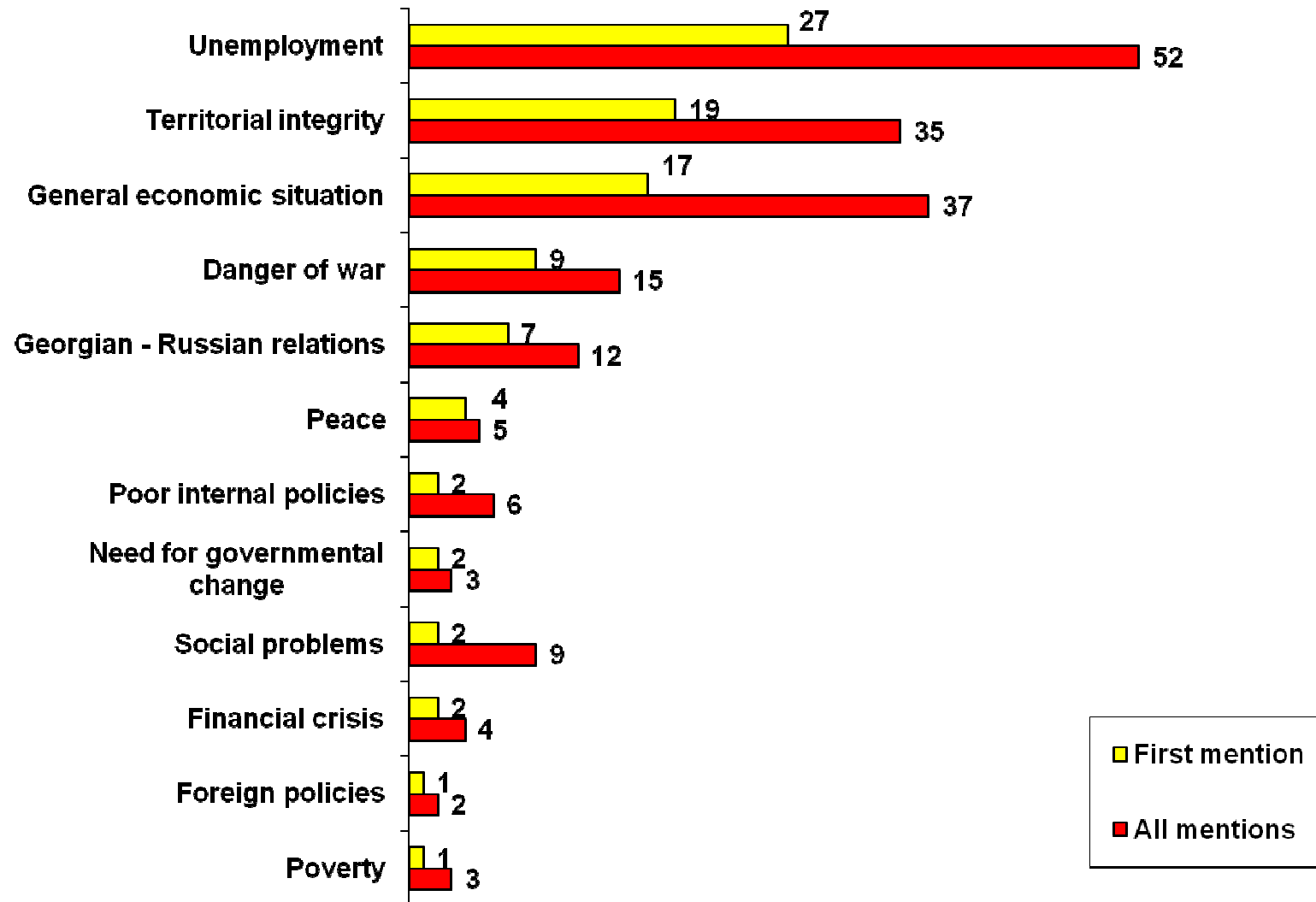
Do you believe that things will get better in a short amount of time or do you think that it will take a long time for things to get better in Georgia?



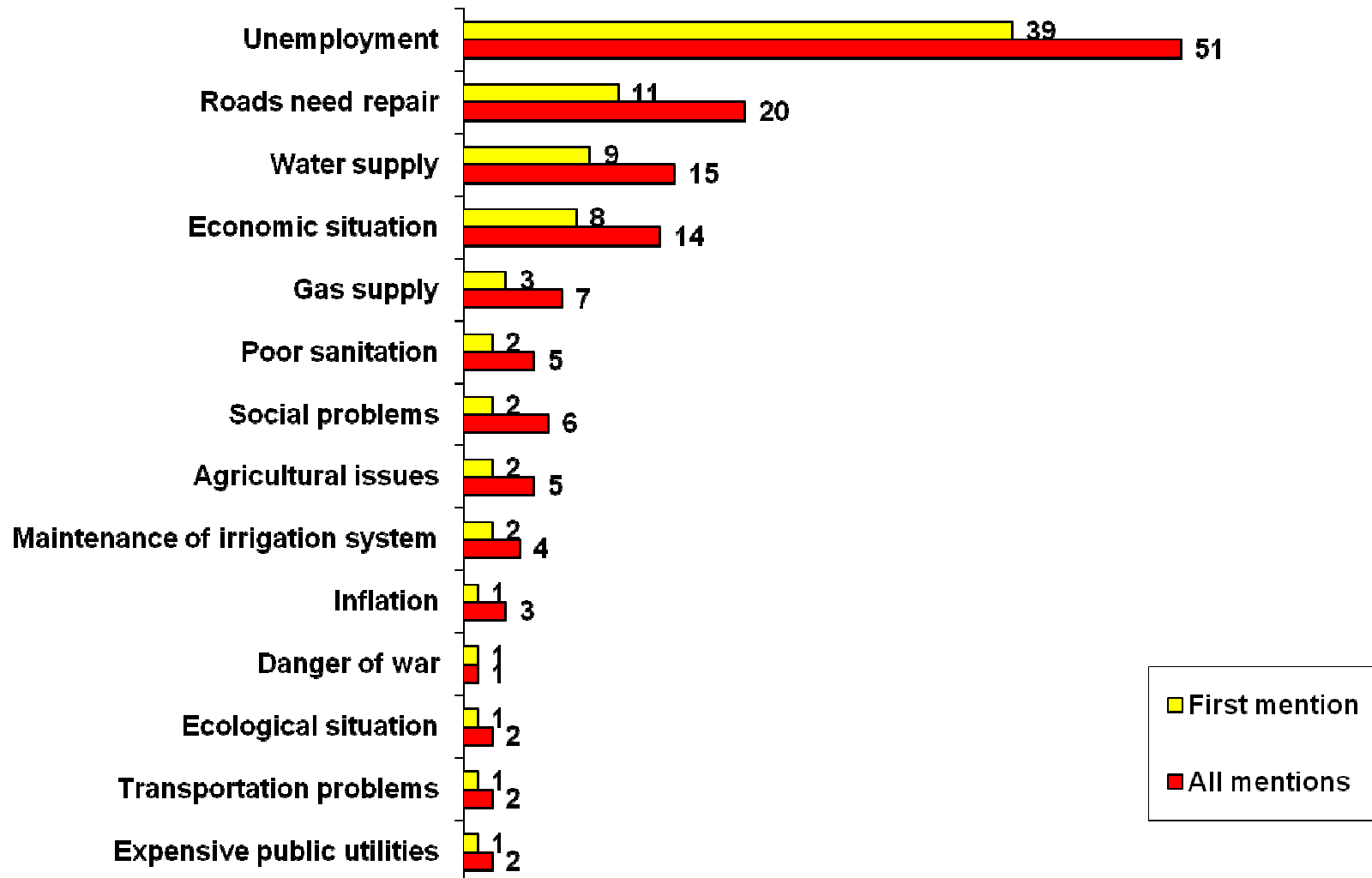
ISSUES

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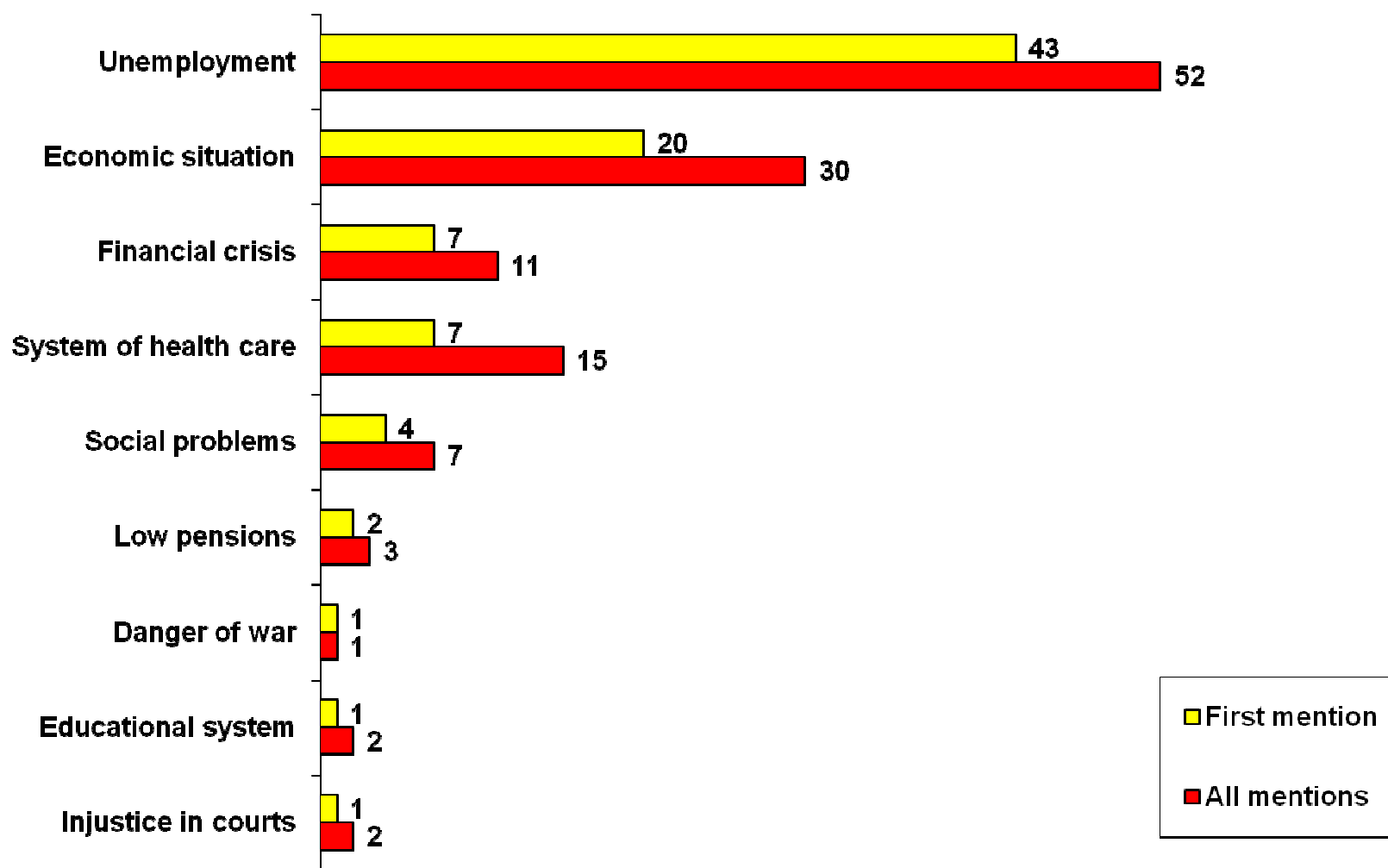
What are the main problems that Georgia is facing at the moment?



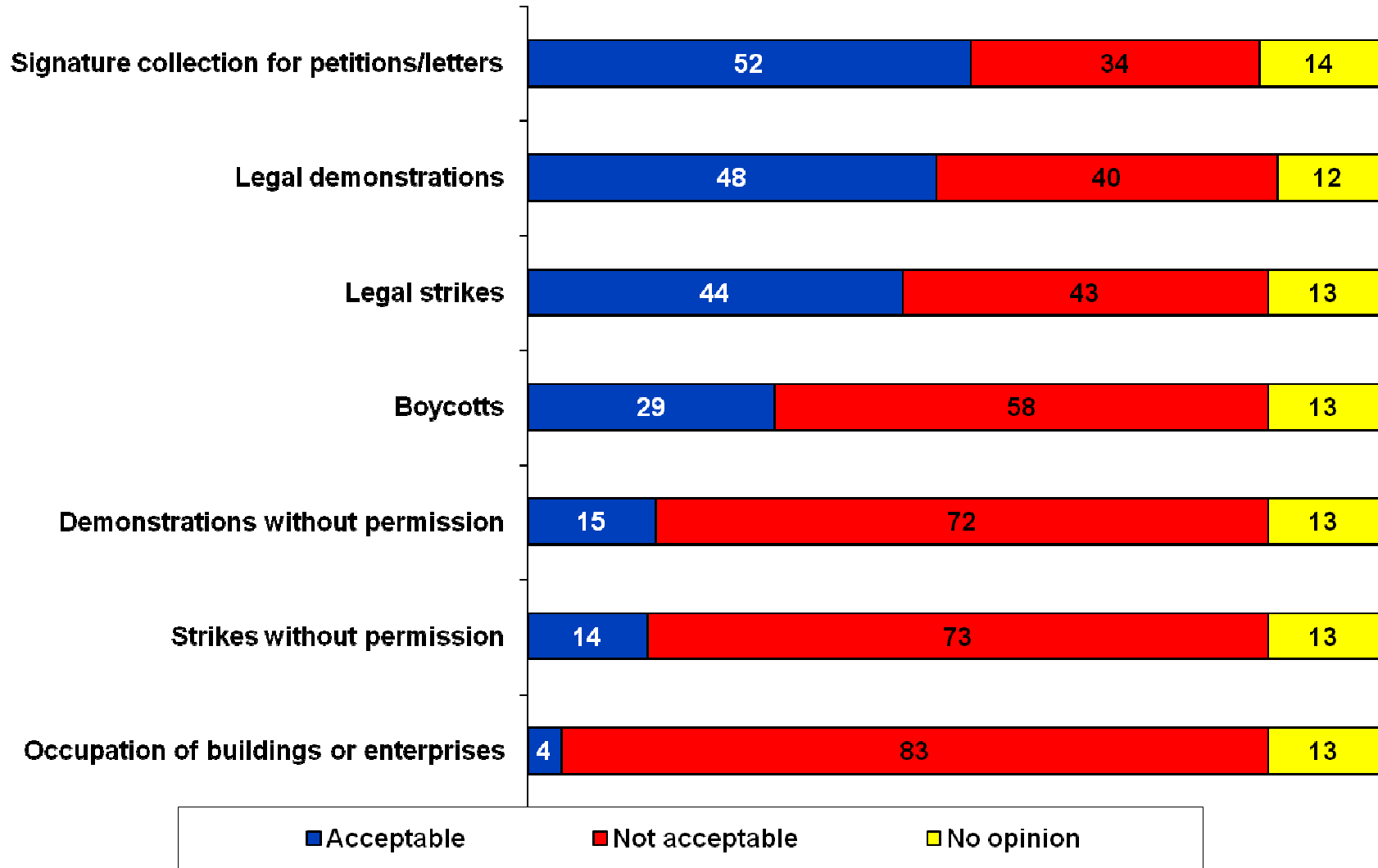
What are the three main problems you'd say that your town/village is facing at the moment?



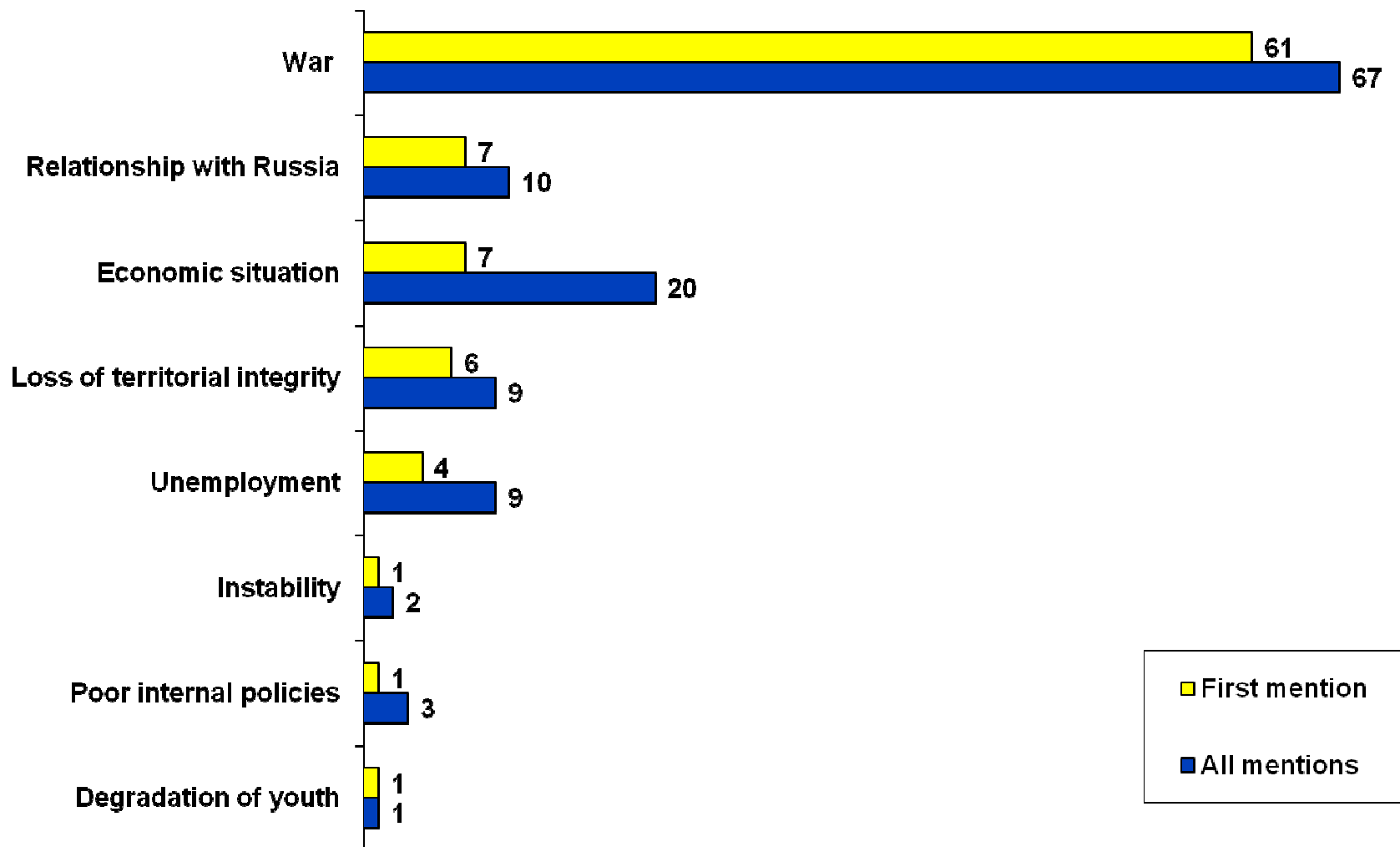
What are the three most important problems for you and your household members?



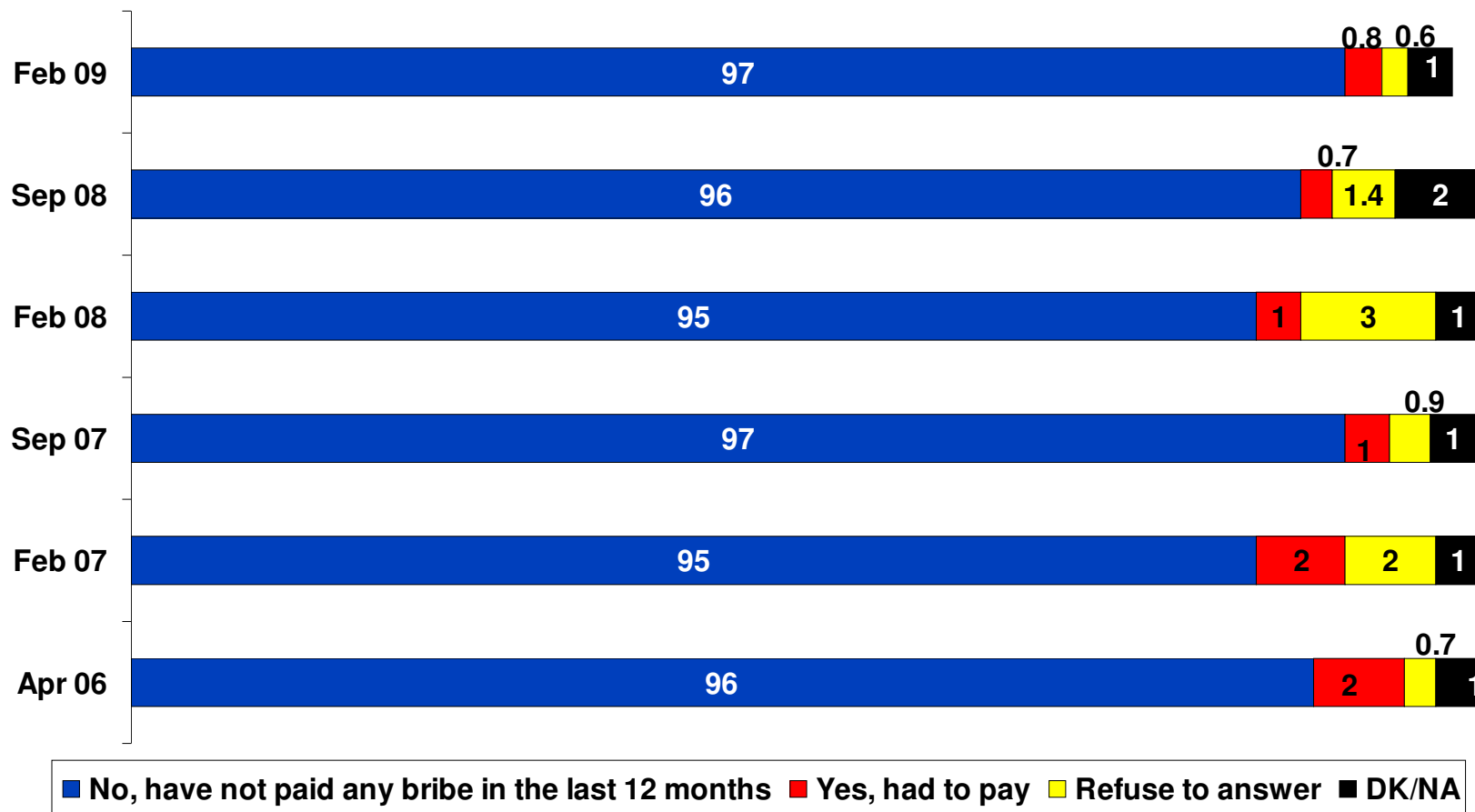
Do you think it is acceptable for some groups to use the following methods of protest?



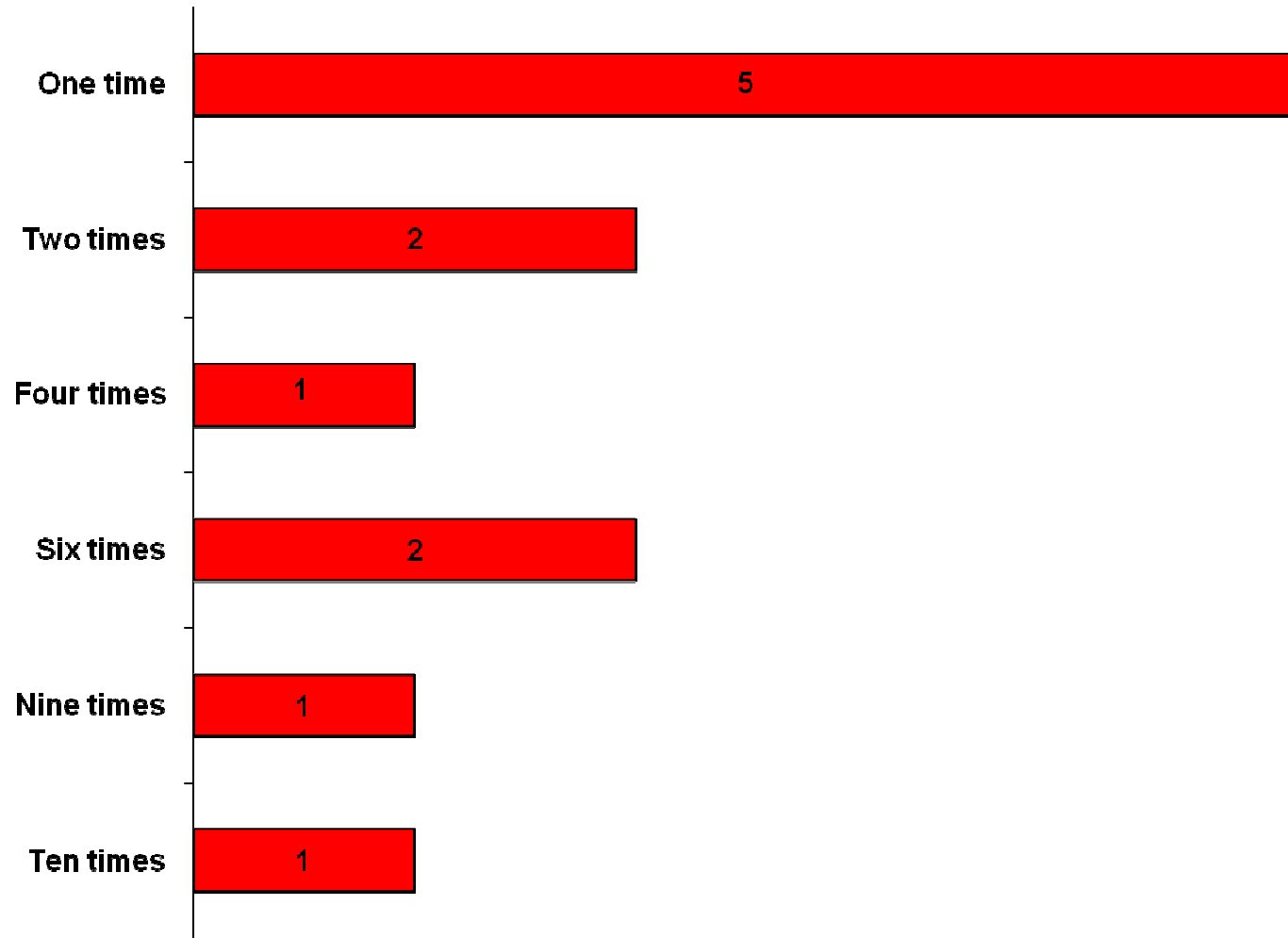
Thinking about the current situation and the future of our country, what are the three things you are afraid of most of all?



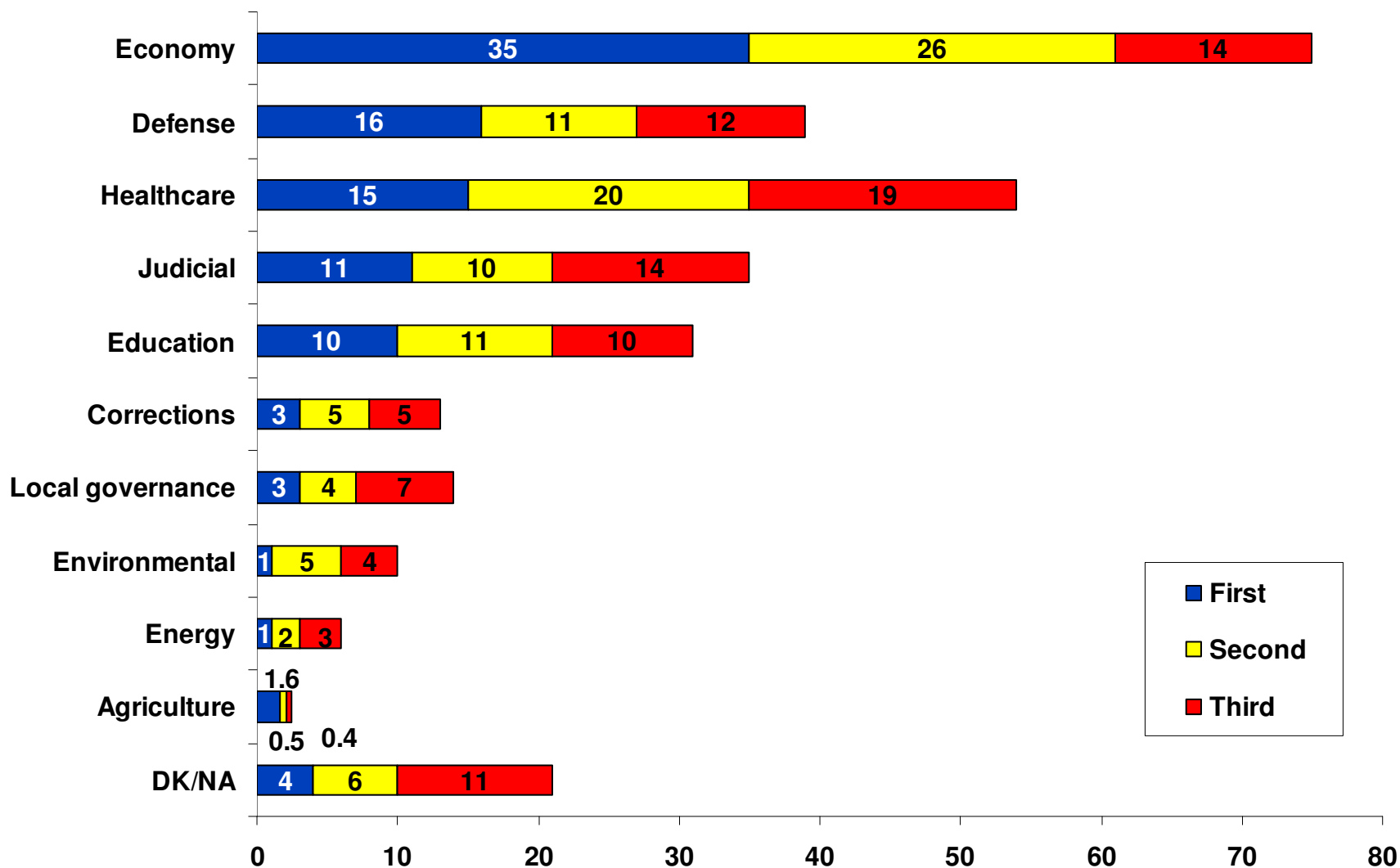
Have you been in a situation over the last 12 months when you had to pay a bribe in order to get a service or a decision that you needed?



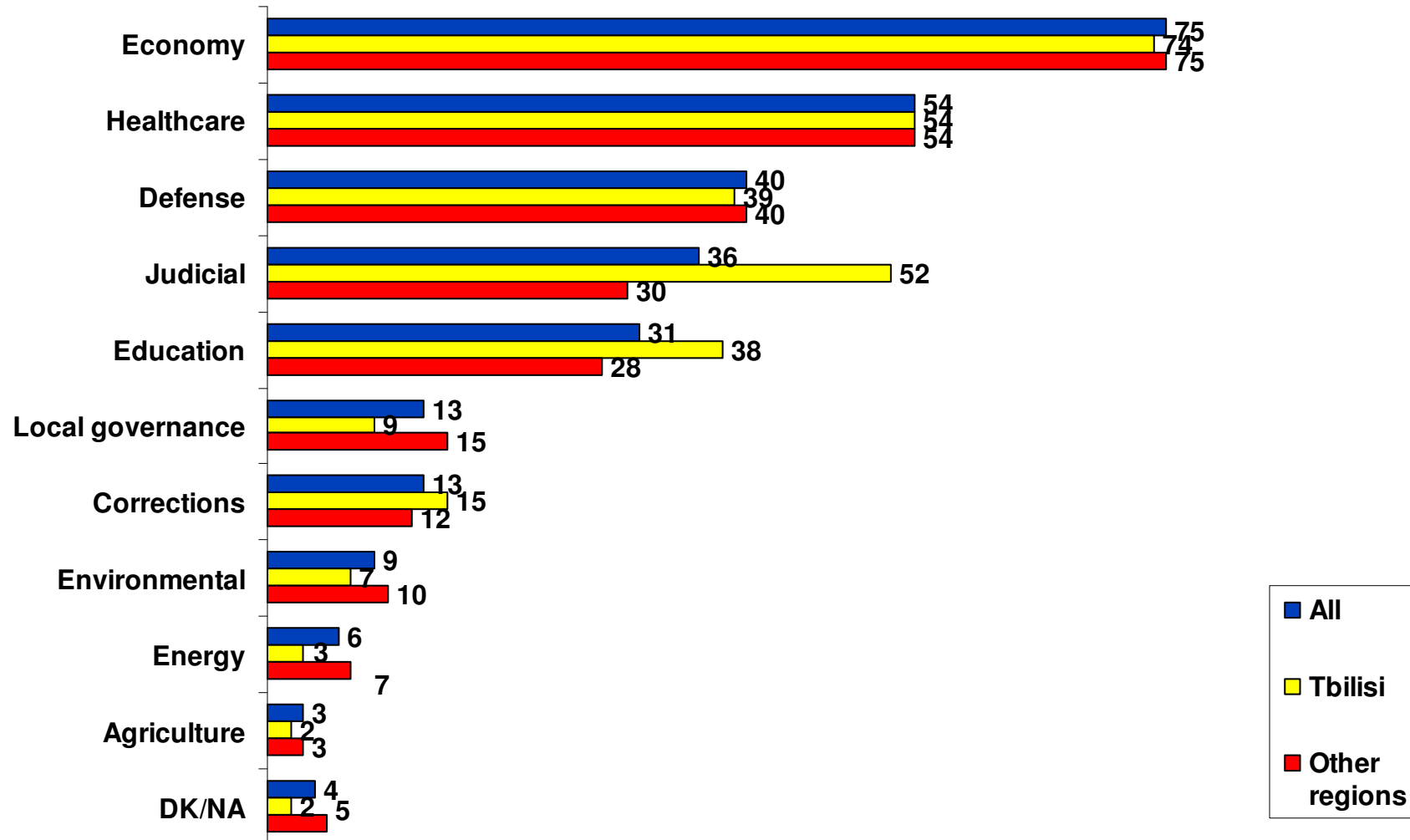
If yes, how many times did you have to pay a bribe in the last 12 months? (those who paid, N=12)



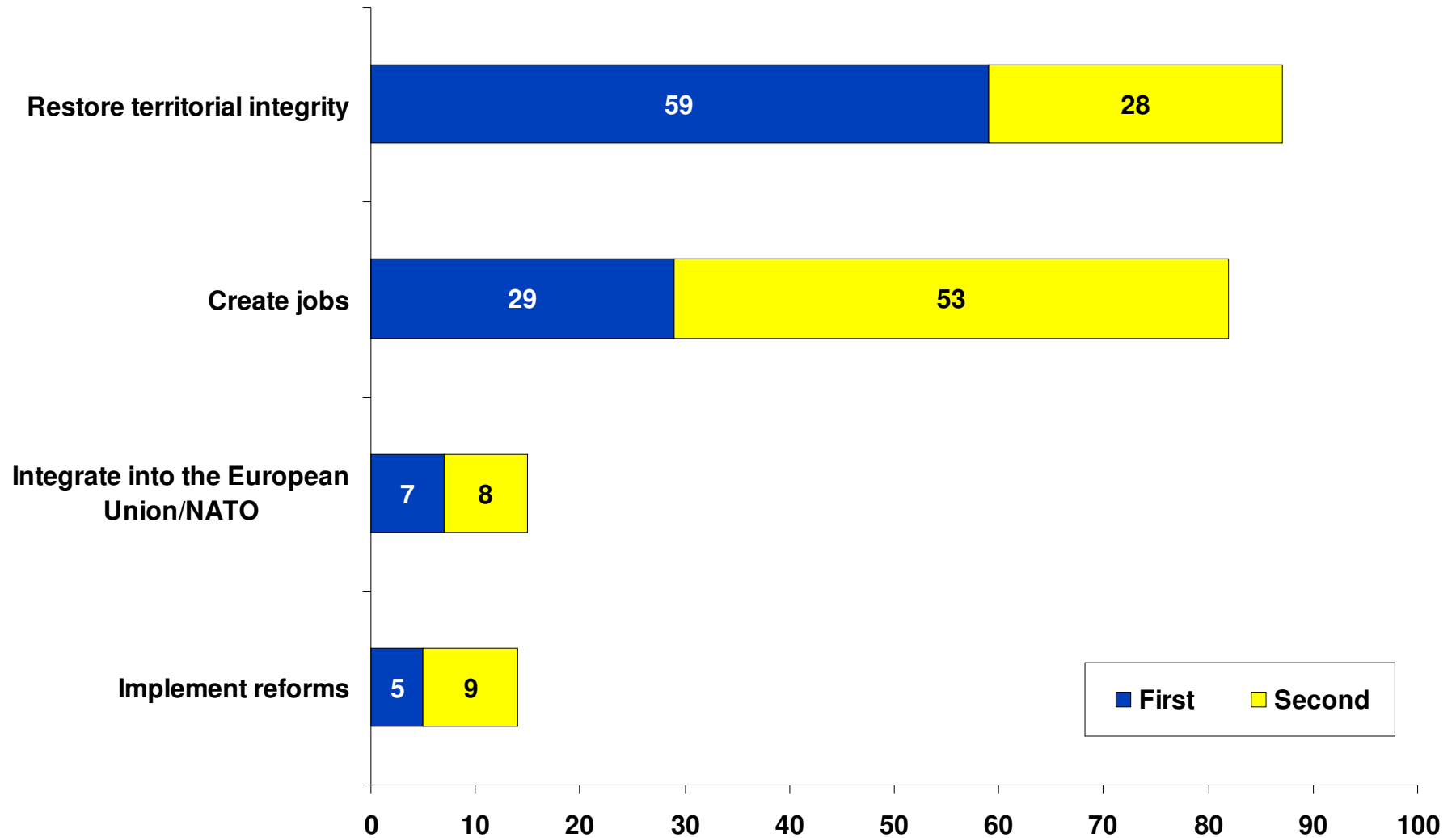
In what area should the Georgian government carry out reforms first?



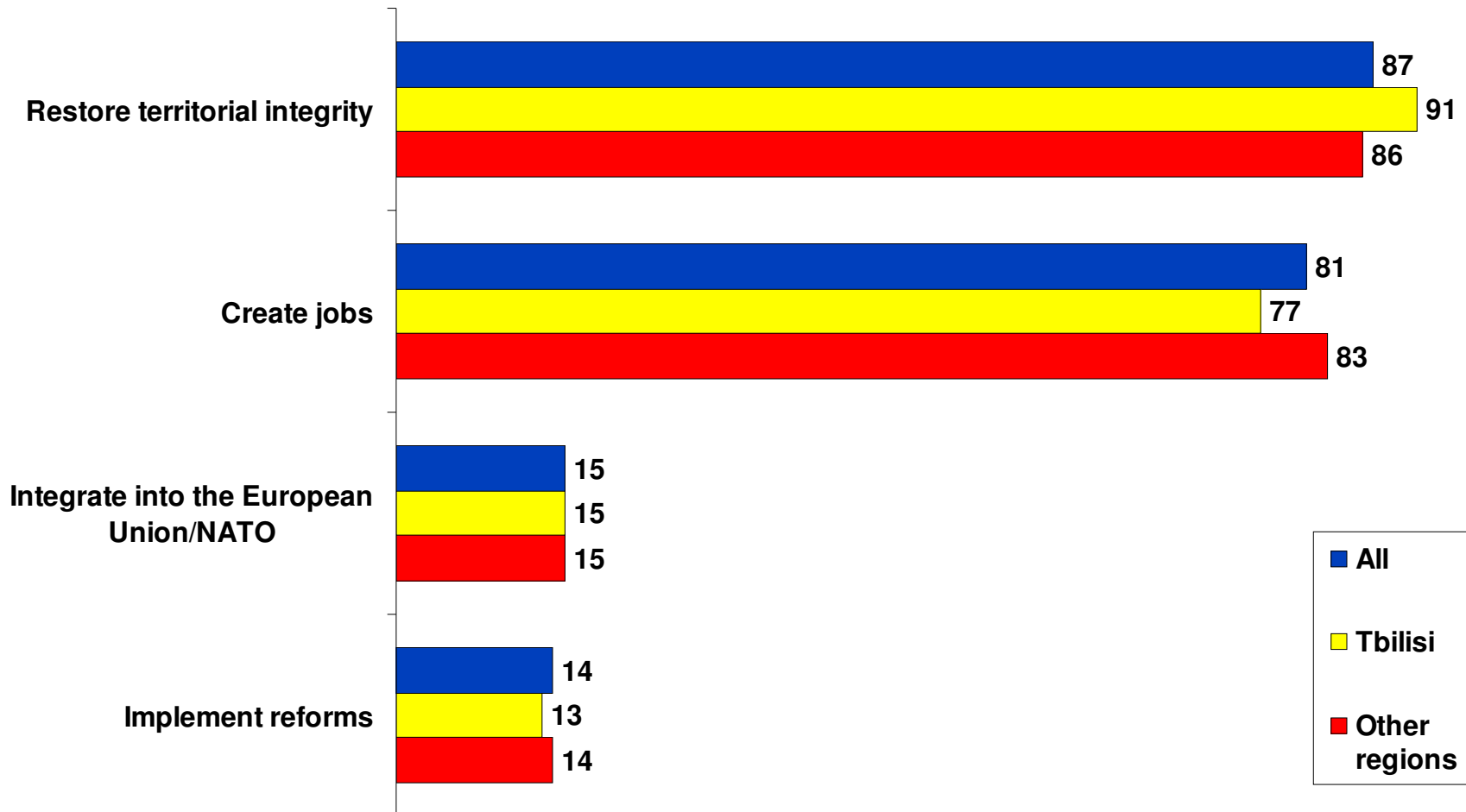
What is the area in which the Georgian government should carry out reforms? (all mentions by location)



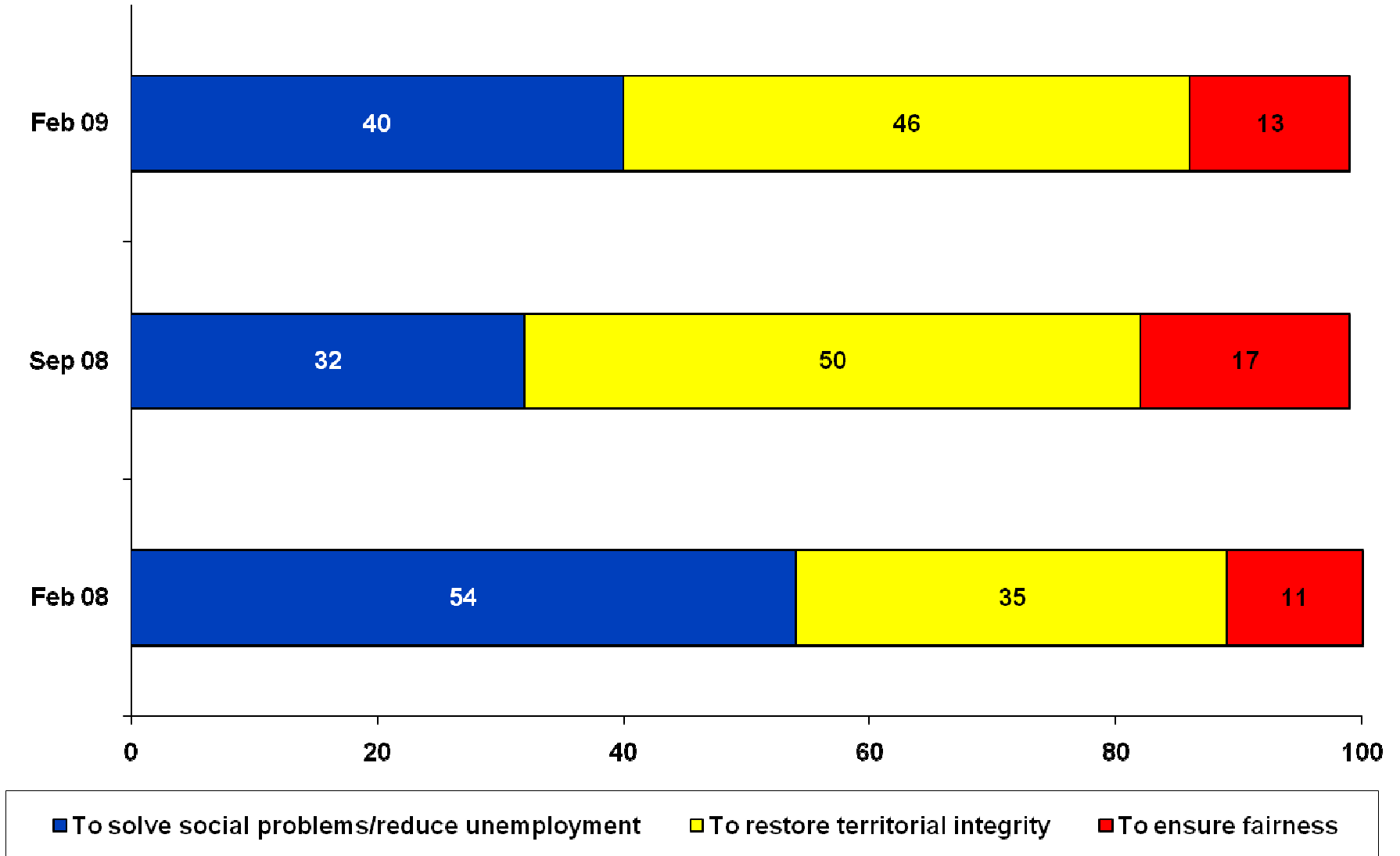
Which of these should be the Georgian government's first policy priority?



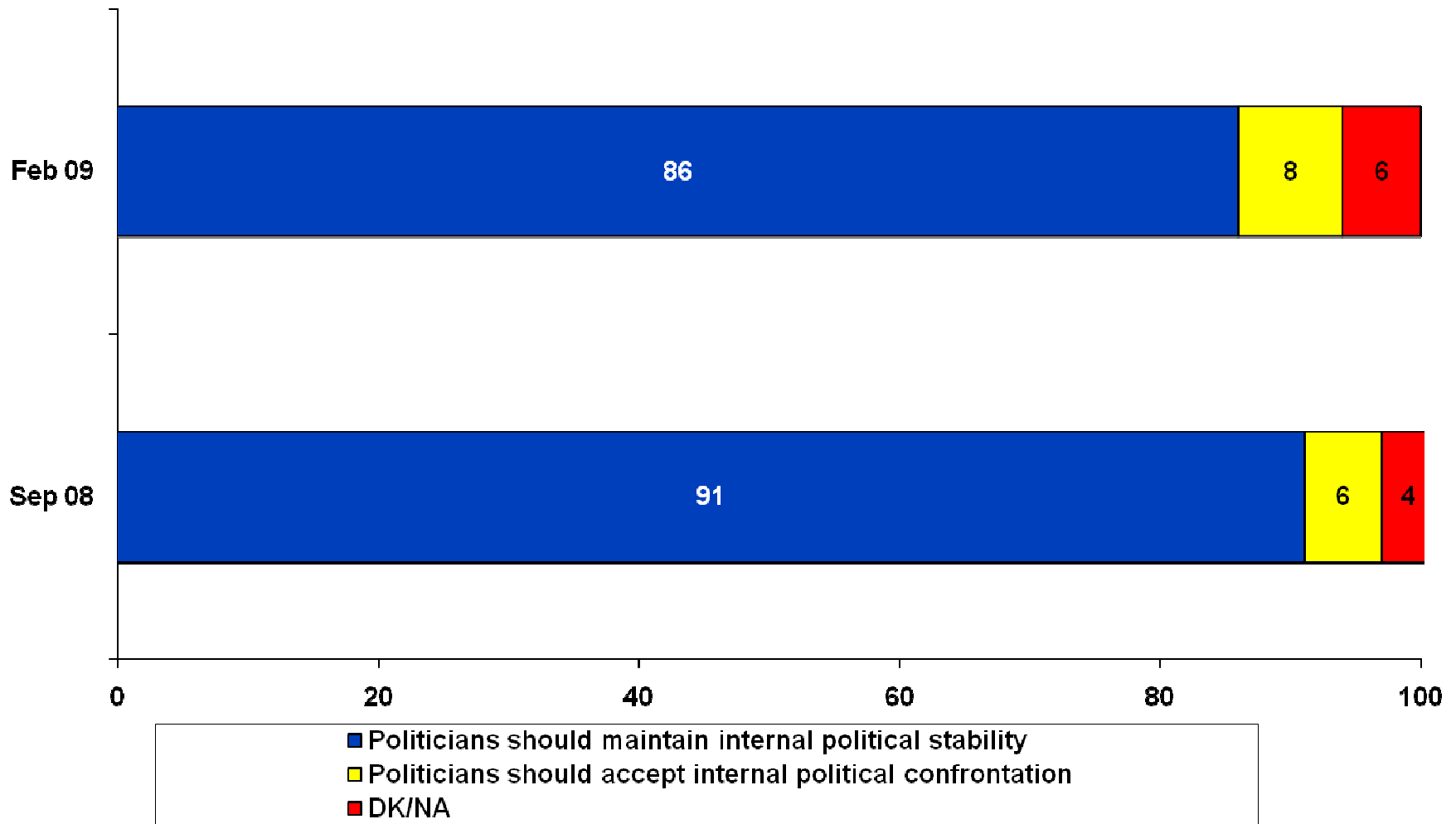
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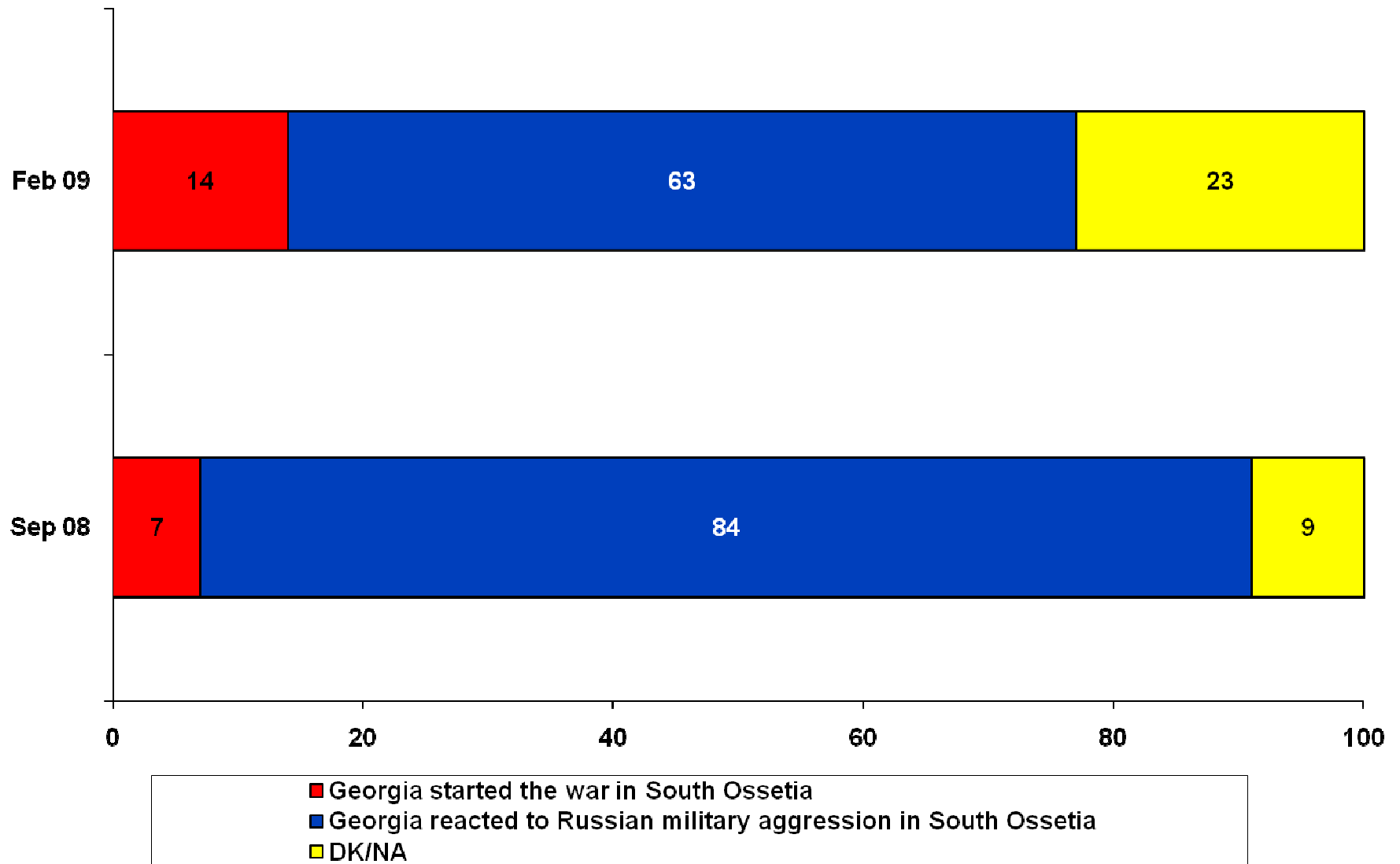
What is more important for you?



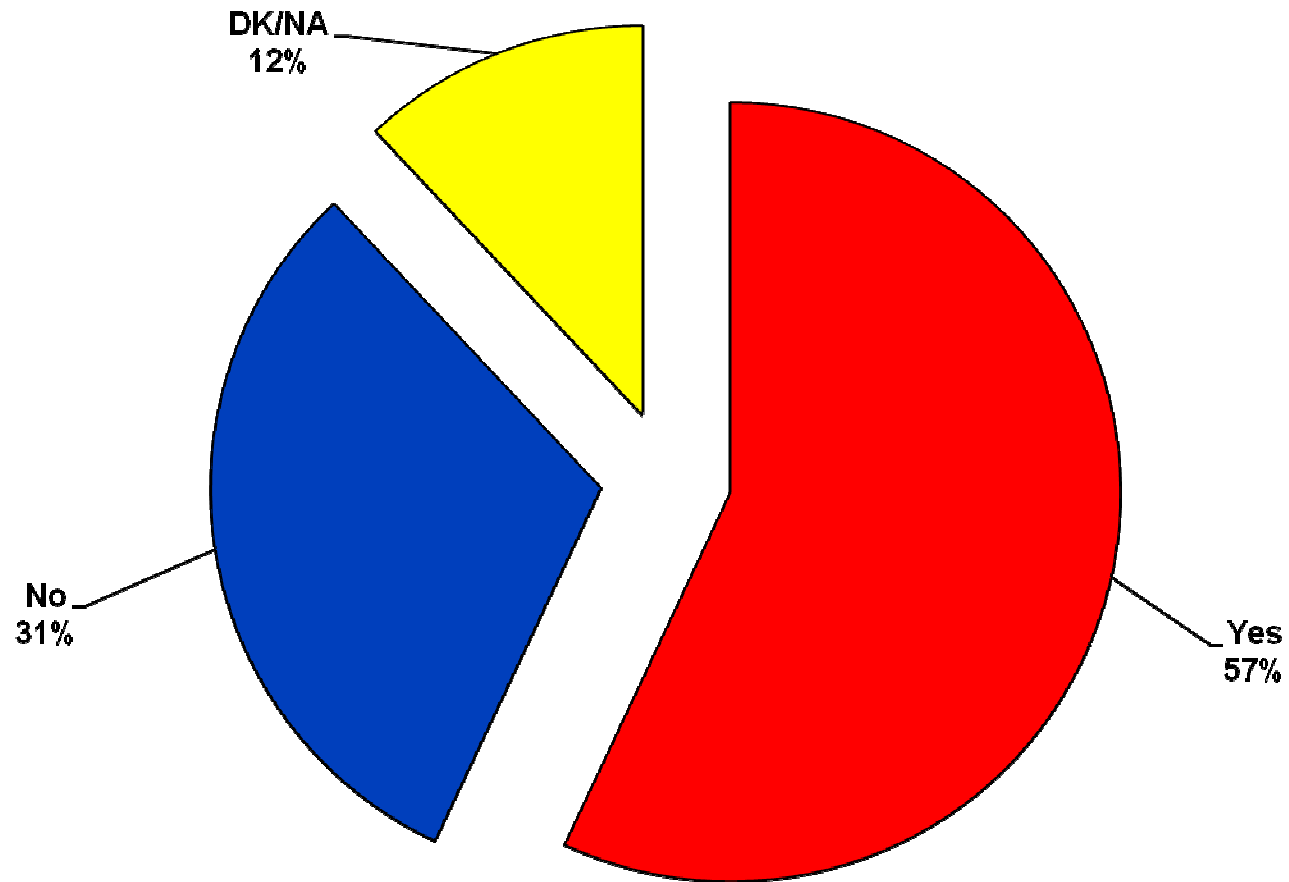
Given the current situation, do you accept the possibility of internal political confrontation, or should everything be done to keep internal political stability?



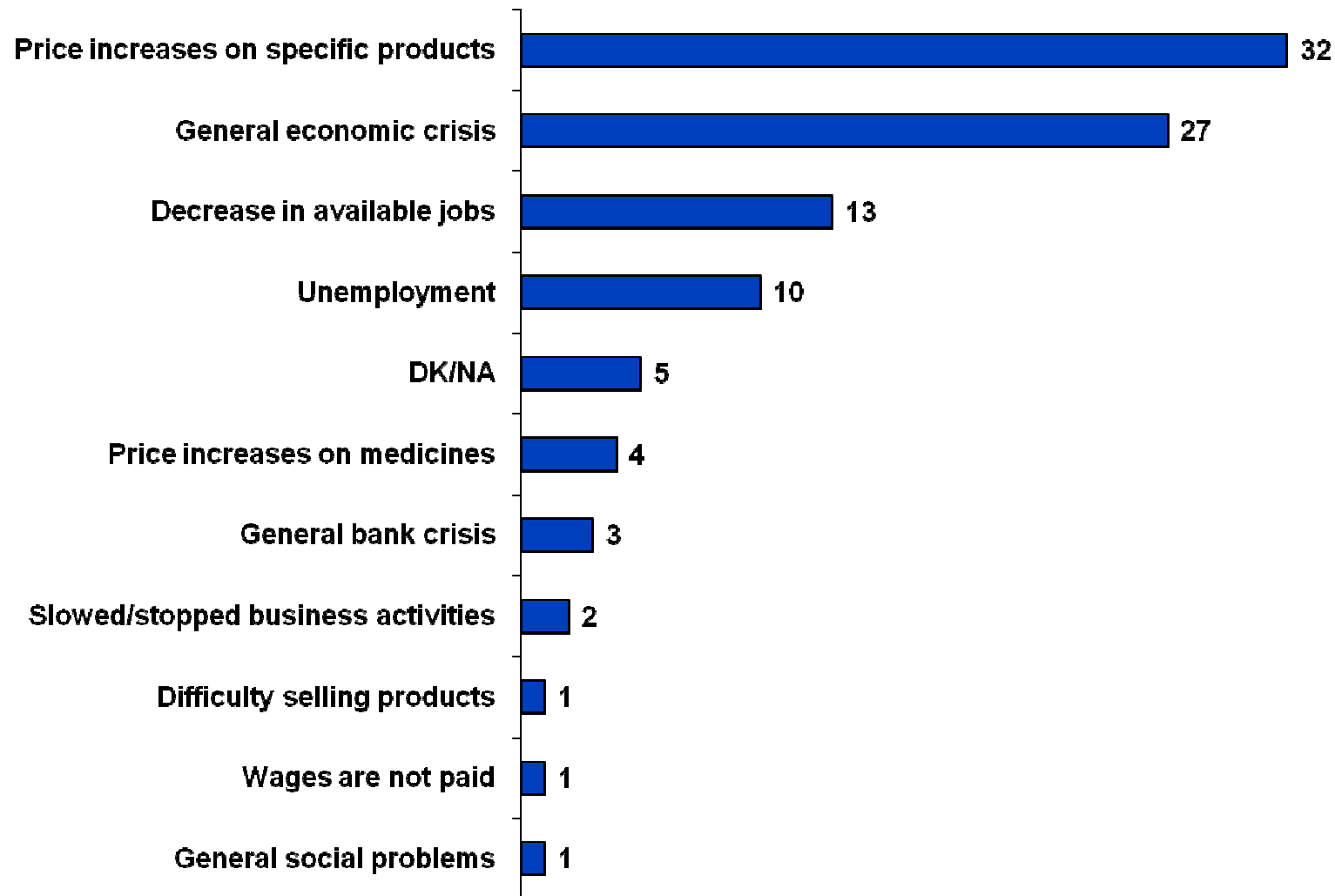
Which statement best describes your opinion?



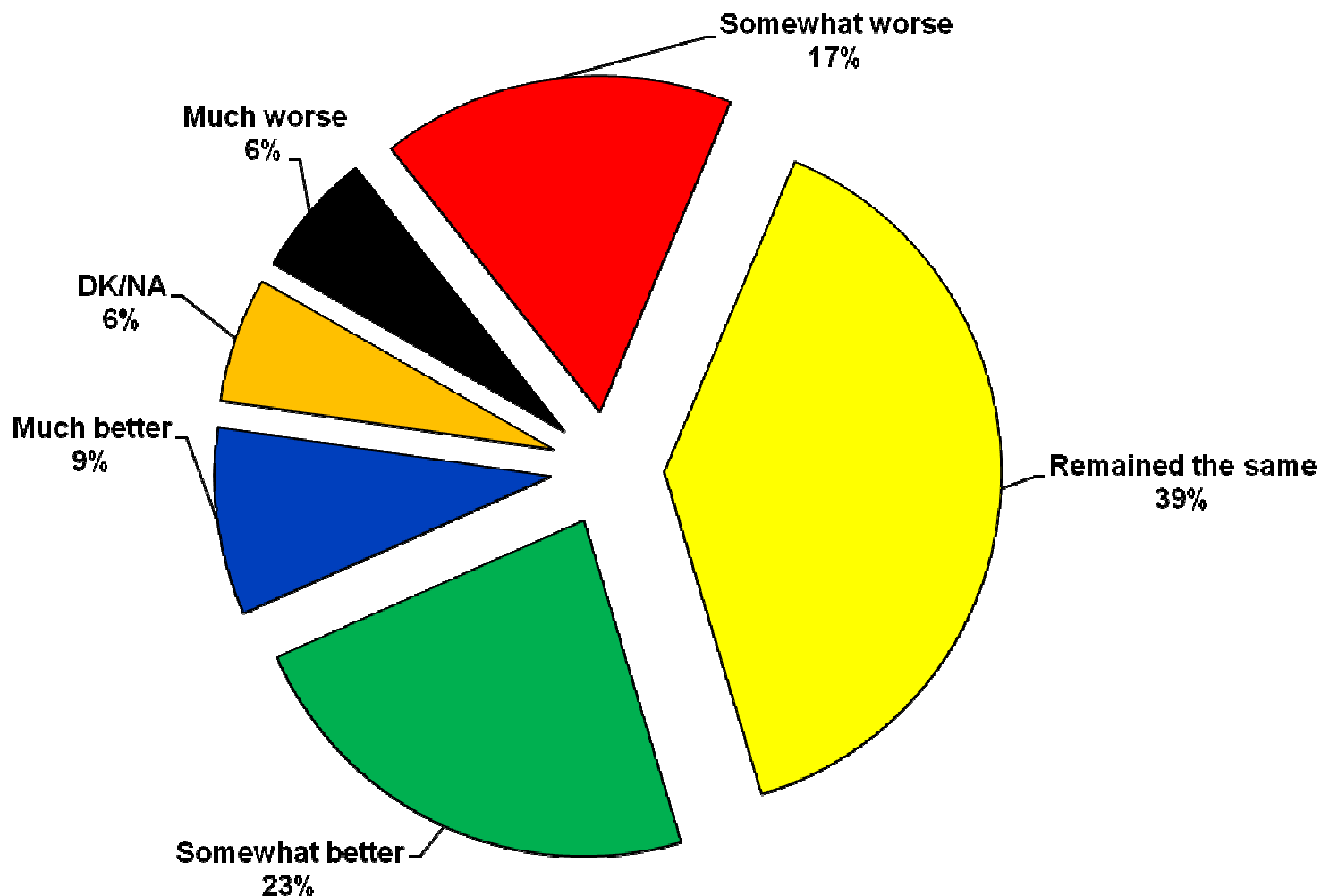
Do you feel effects of the world financial crisis?



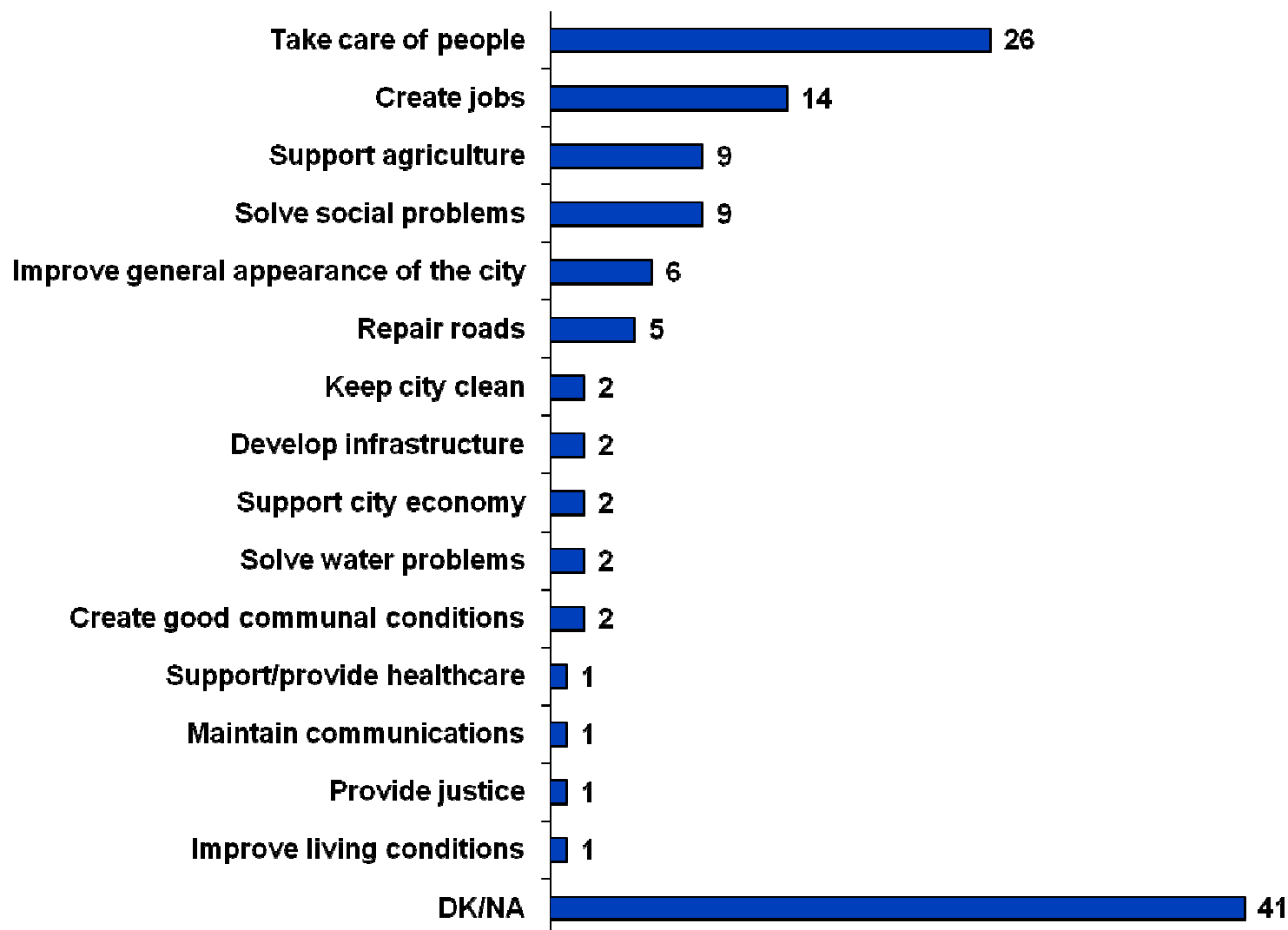
What effects of the world financial crisis do you feel? (those who feel the effects, N=849)



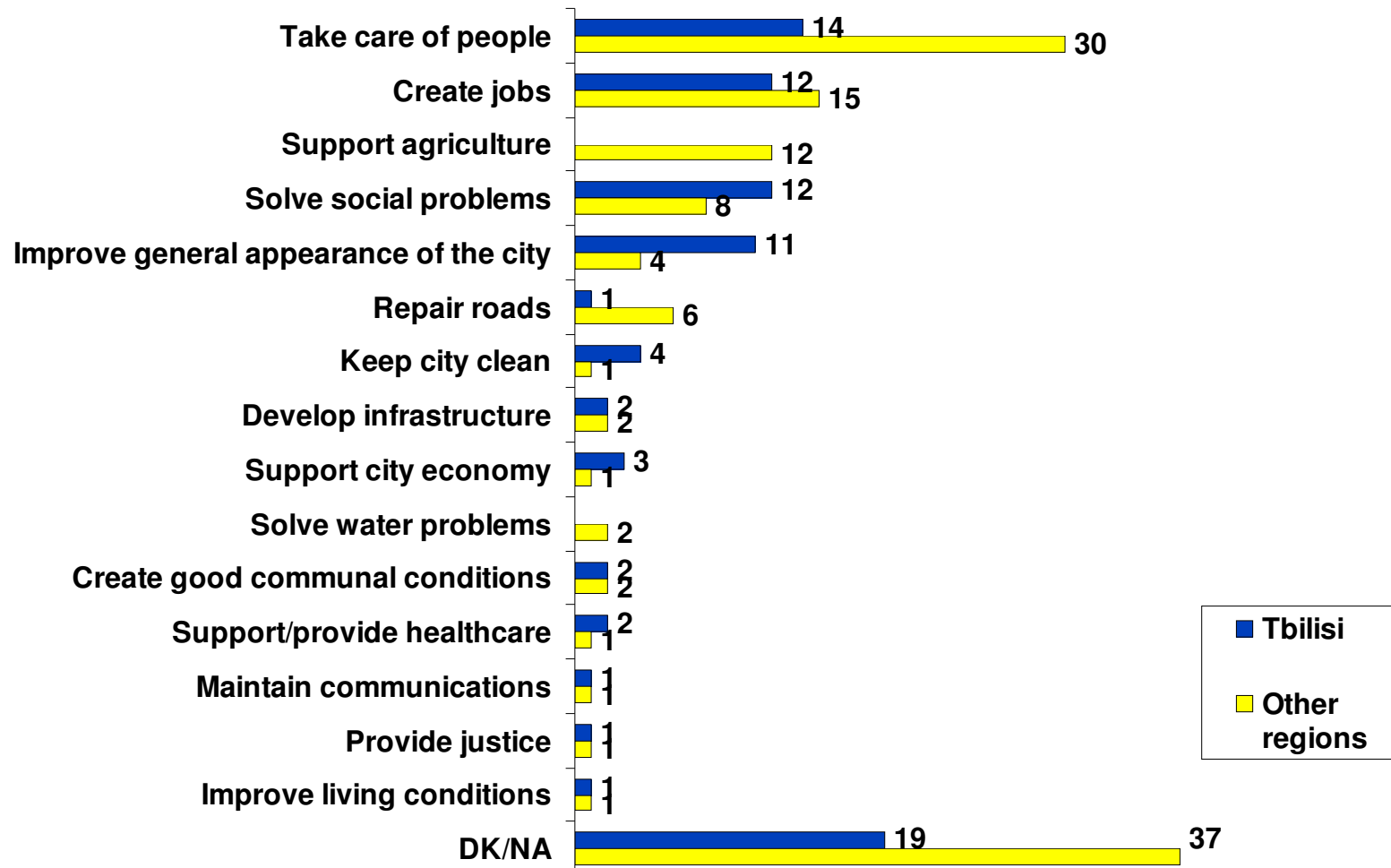
In the last six months, would you say that the criminal situation in Georgia became worse, remained the same or improved?



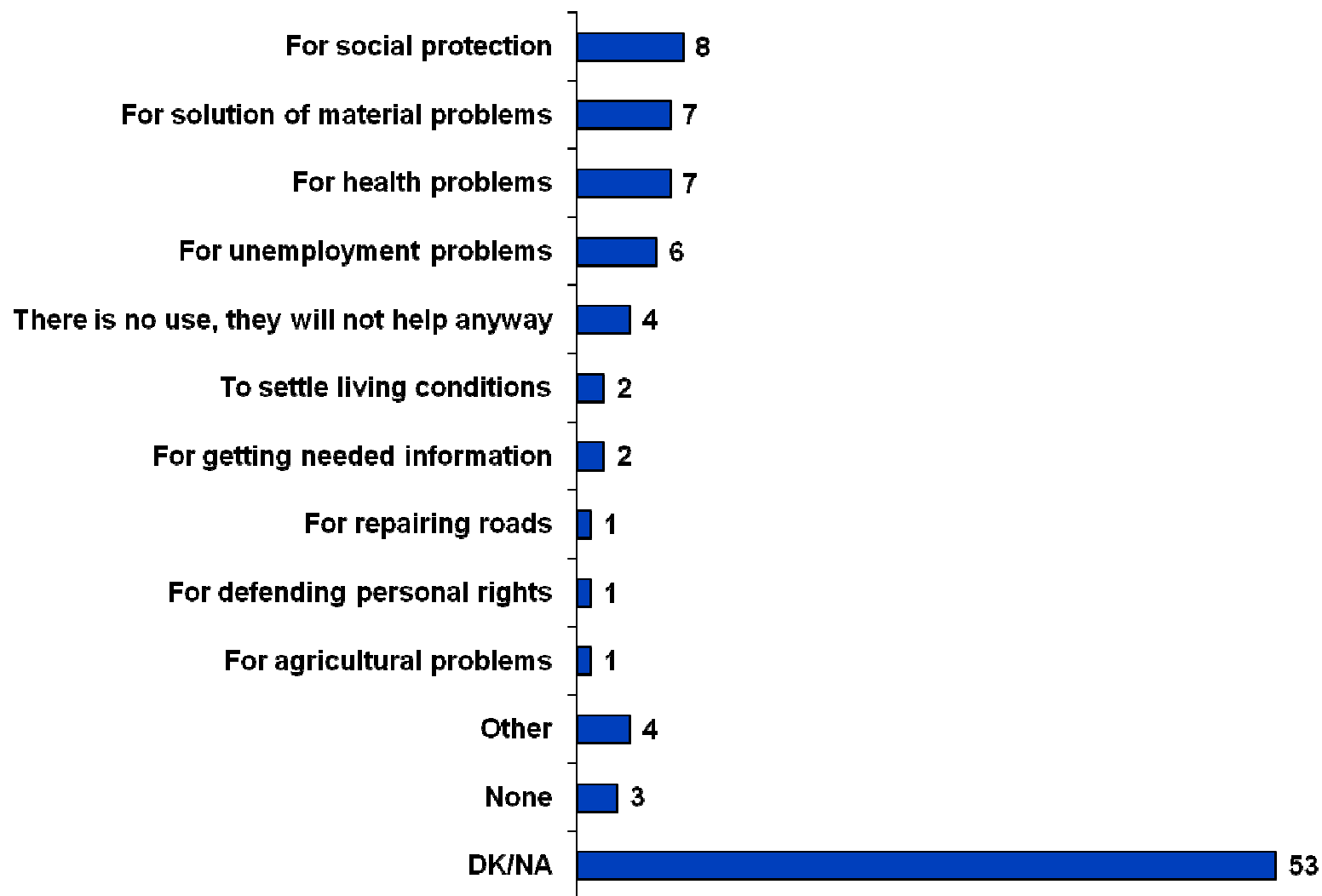
What are the main responsibilities of municipal government? (up to three mentions)



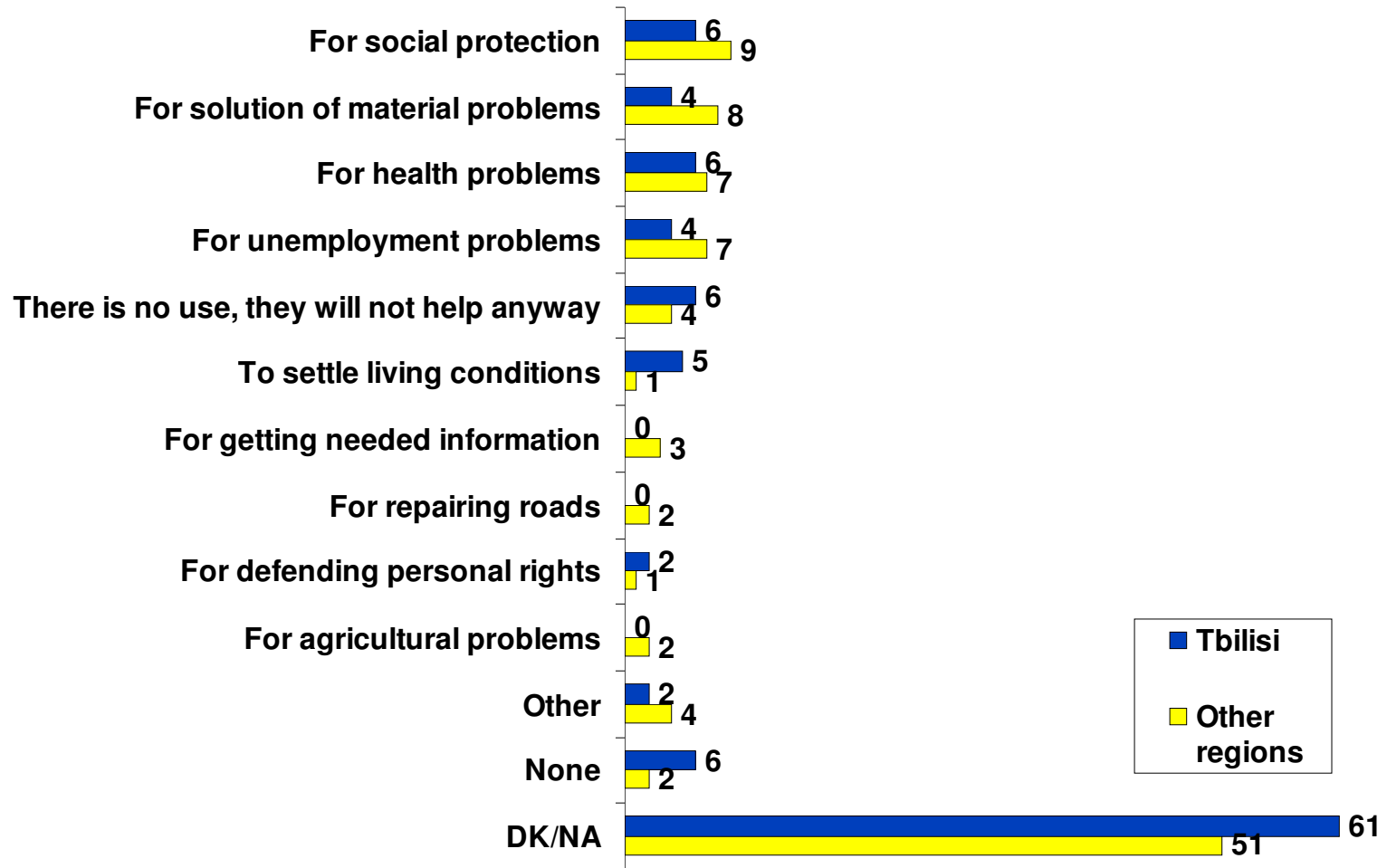
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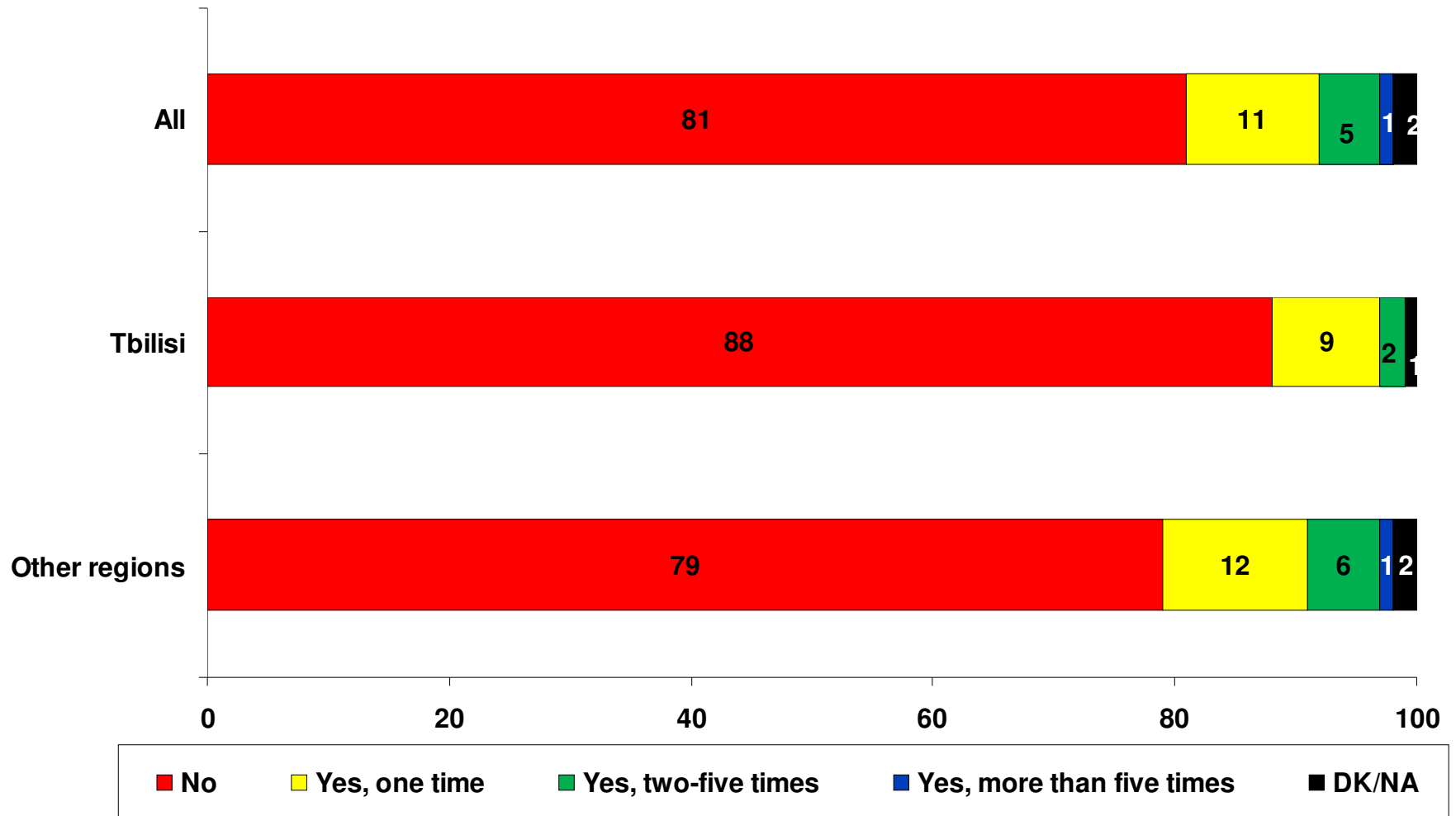
What would be/is the reason for you to ask for help/approach your local government?



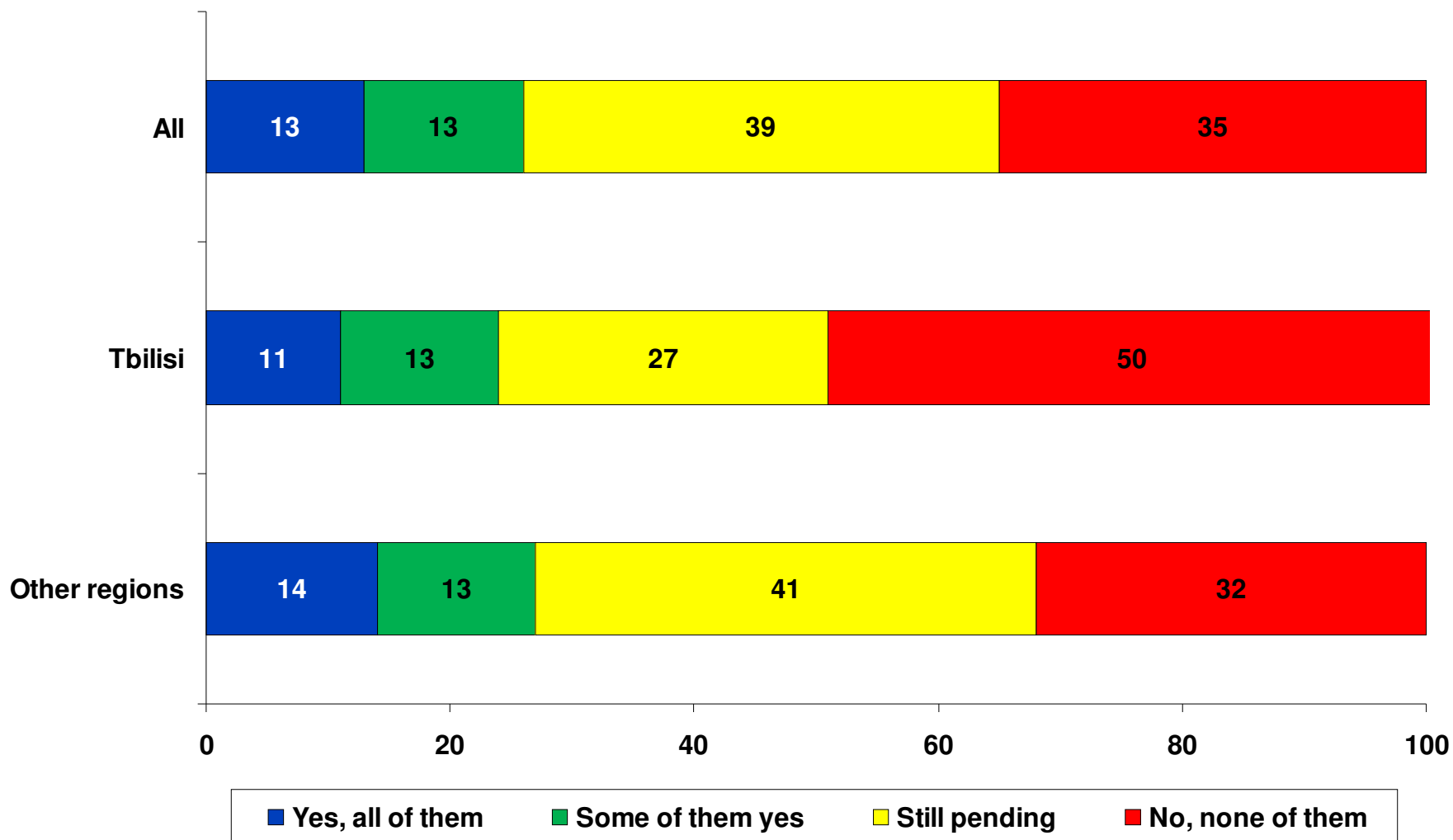
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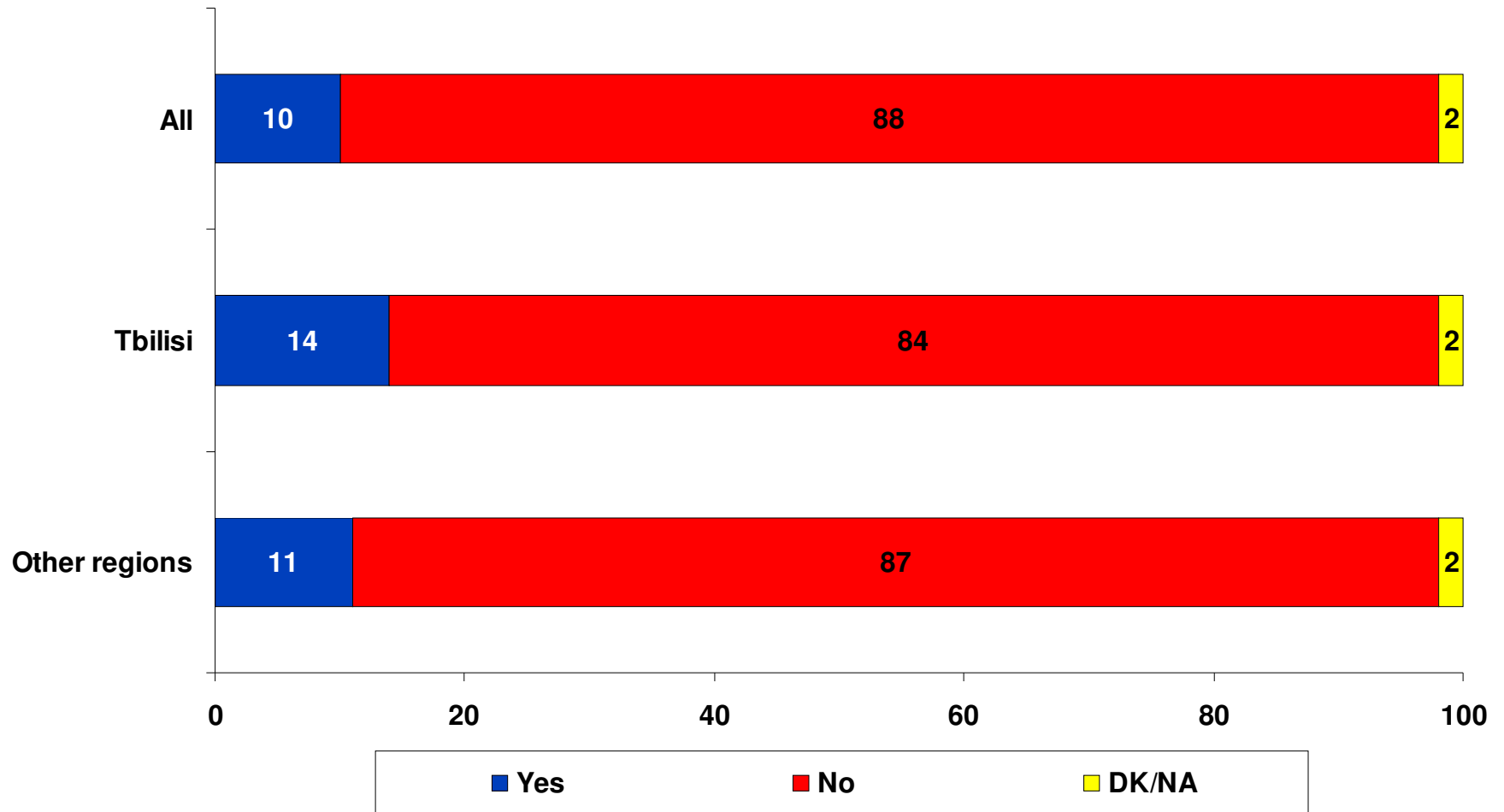
In the last two years, have you contacted/approached your local government representative with some request?



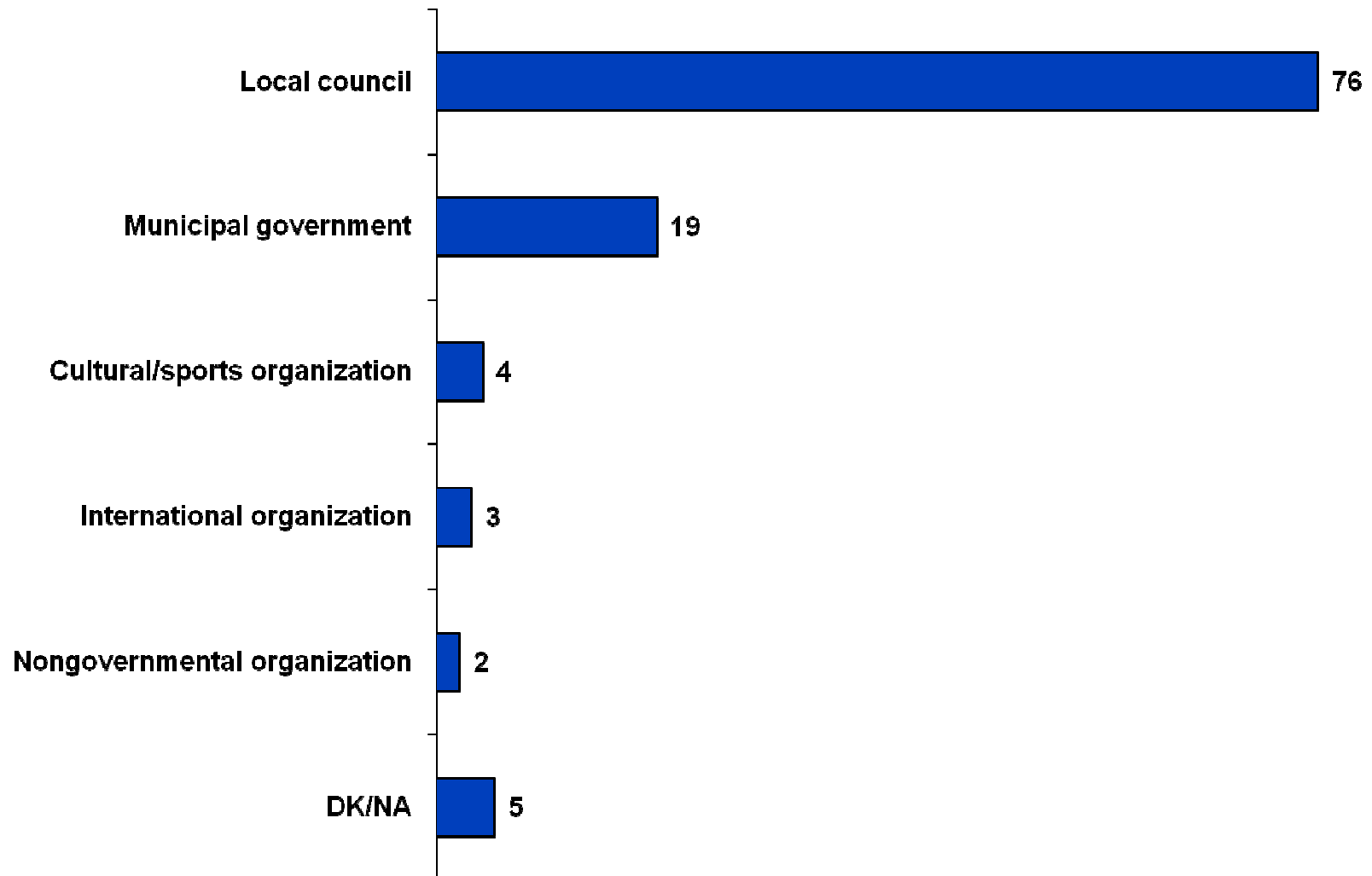
Was the issue/request resolved or not? (those who contacted/approached local government, N=251)



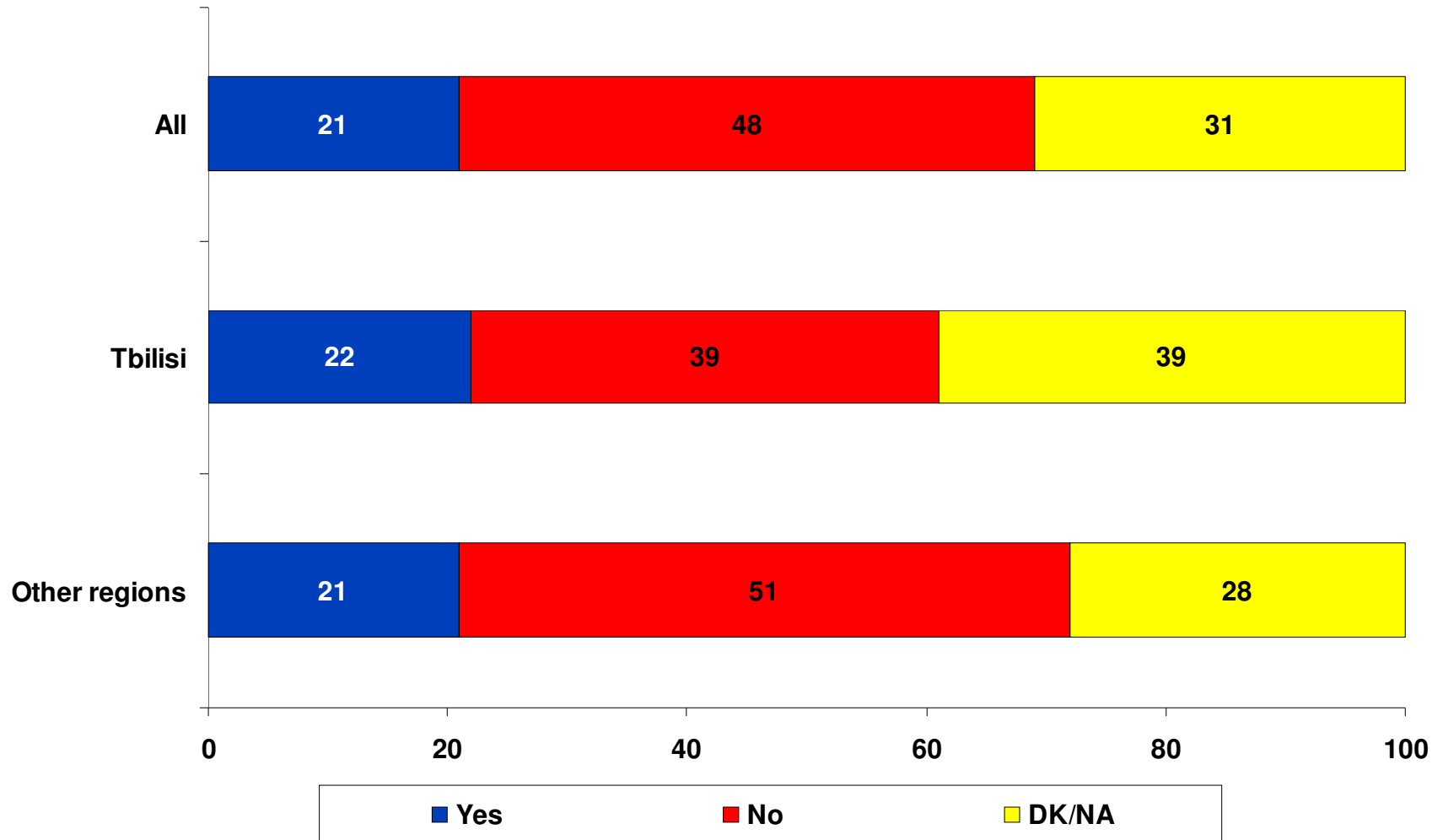
Have you ever participated in meetings to discuss projects in your neighborhood?



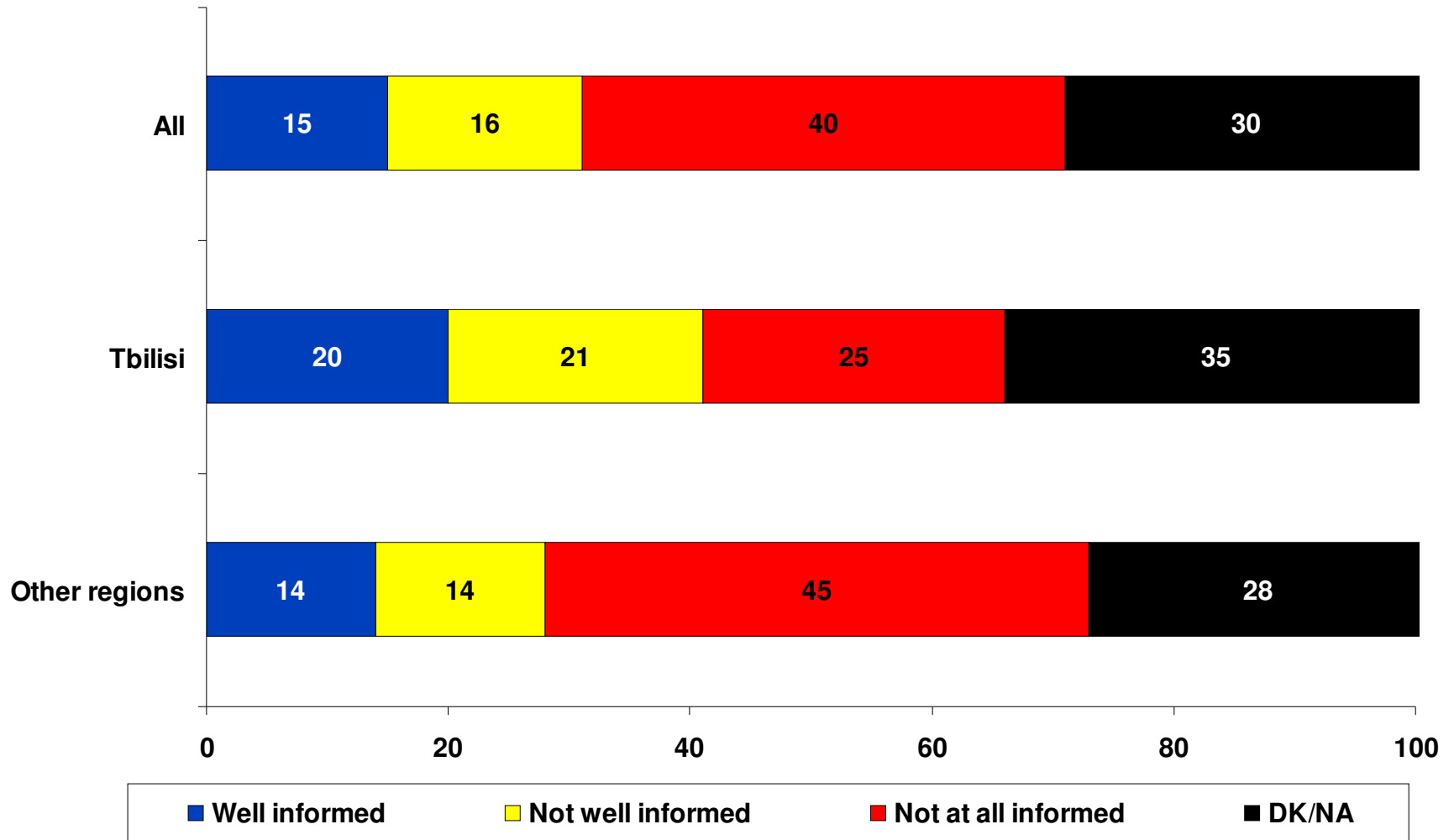
What kind of meetings you have participated in? (those who participated in meetings, N=172)



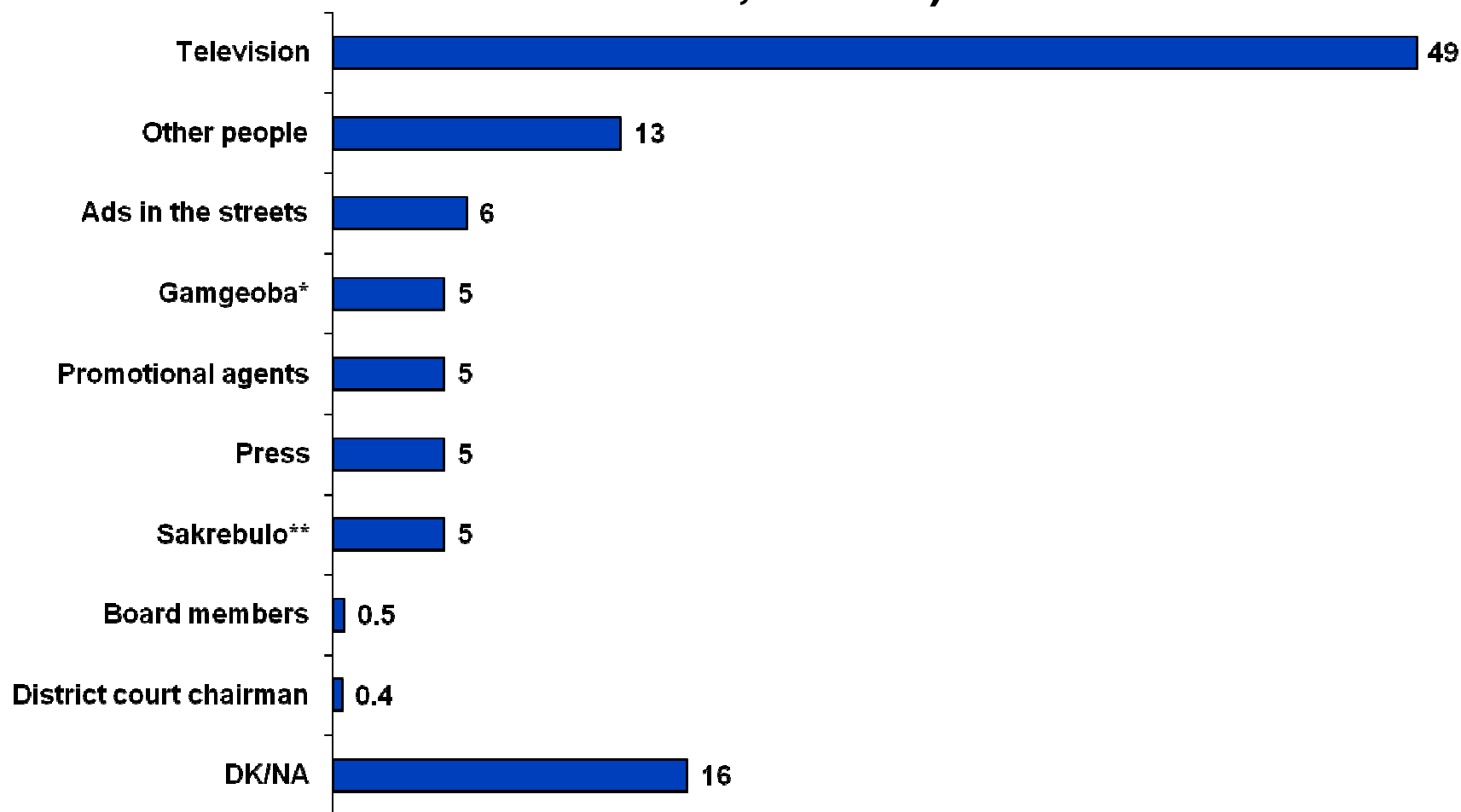
Does local government offer opportunities for citizens to actively participate in the activities that they organize?



Does local government keep citizens well informed of its activities?



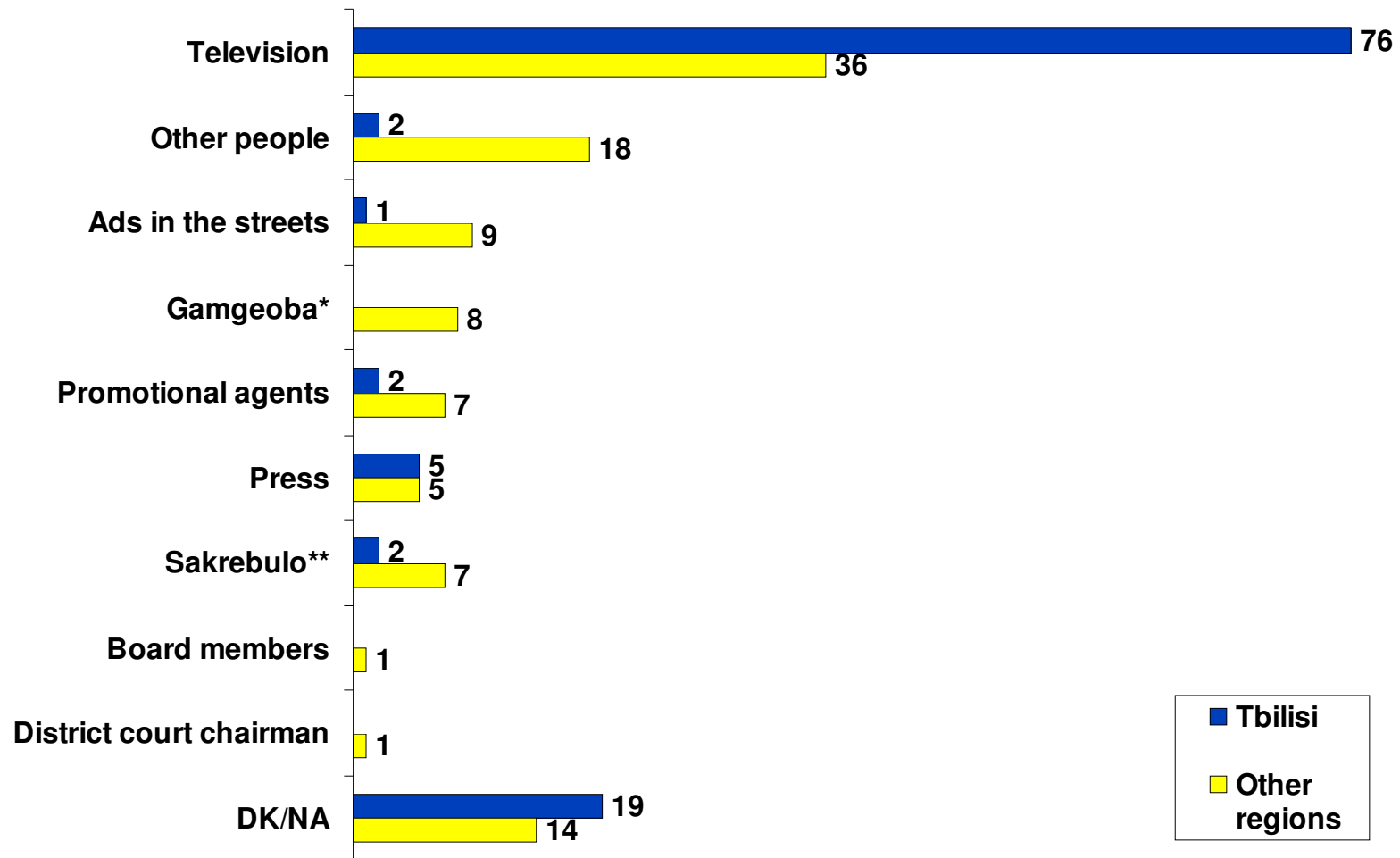
From what sources do you learn about such activities? (those who think that local government informs citizens, N=463)



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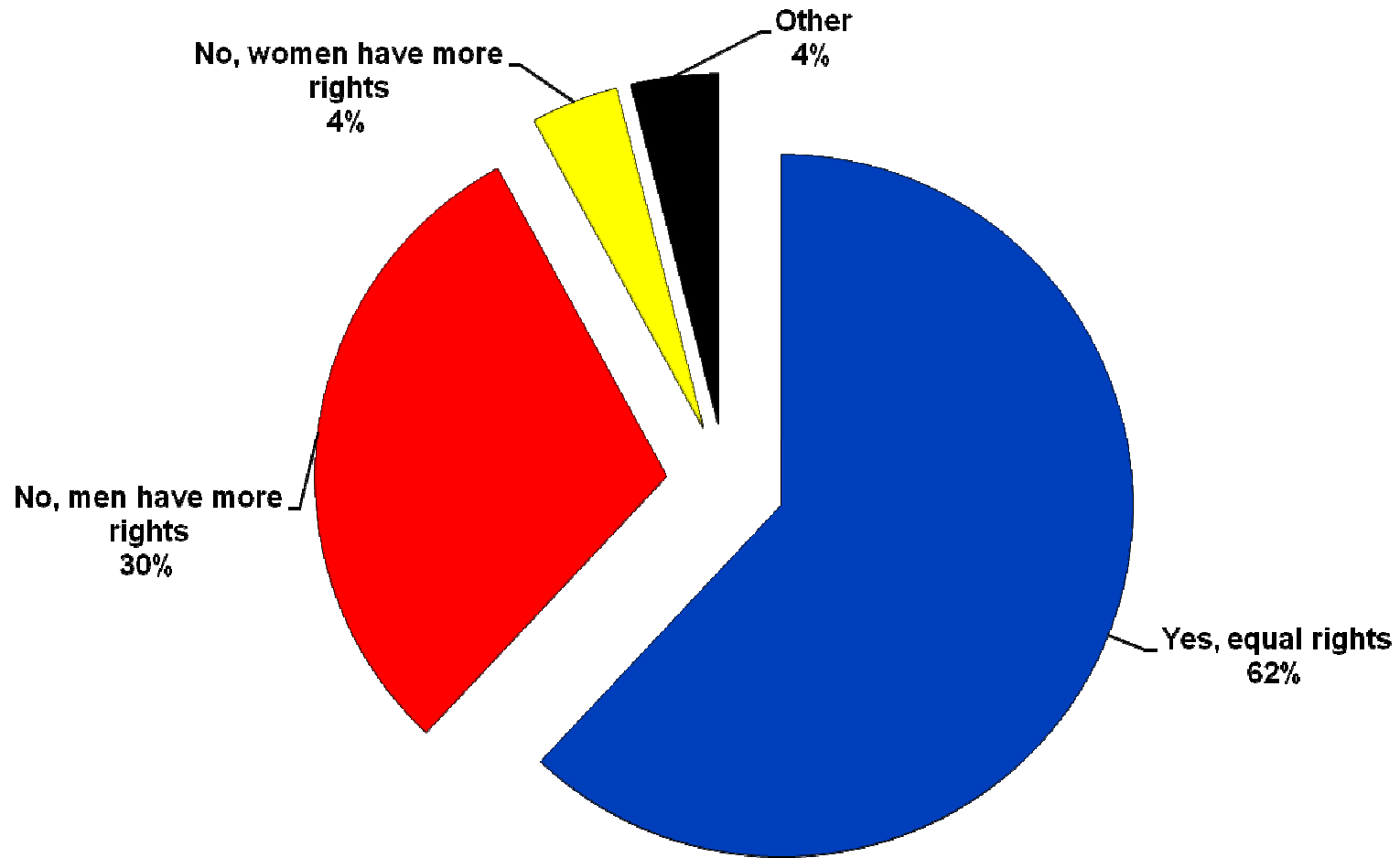
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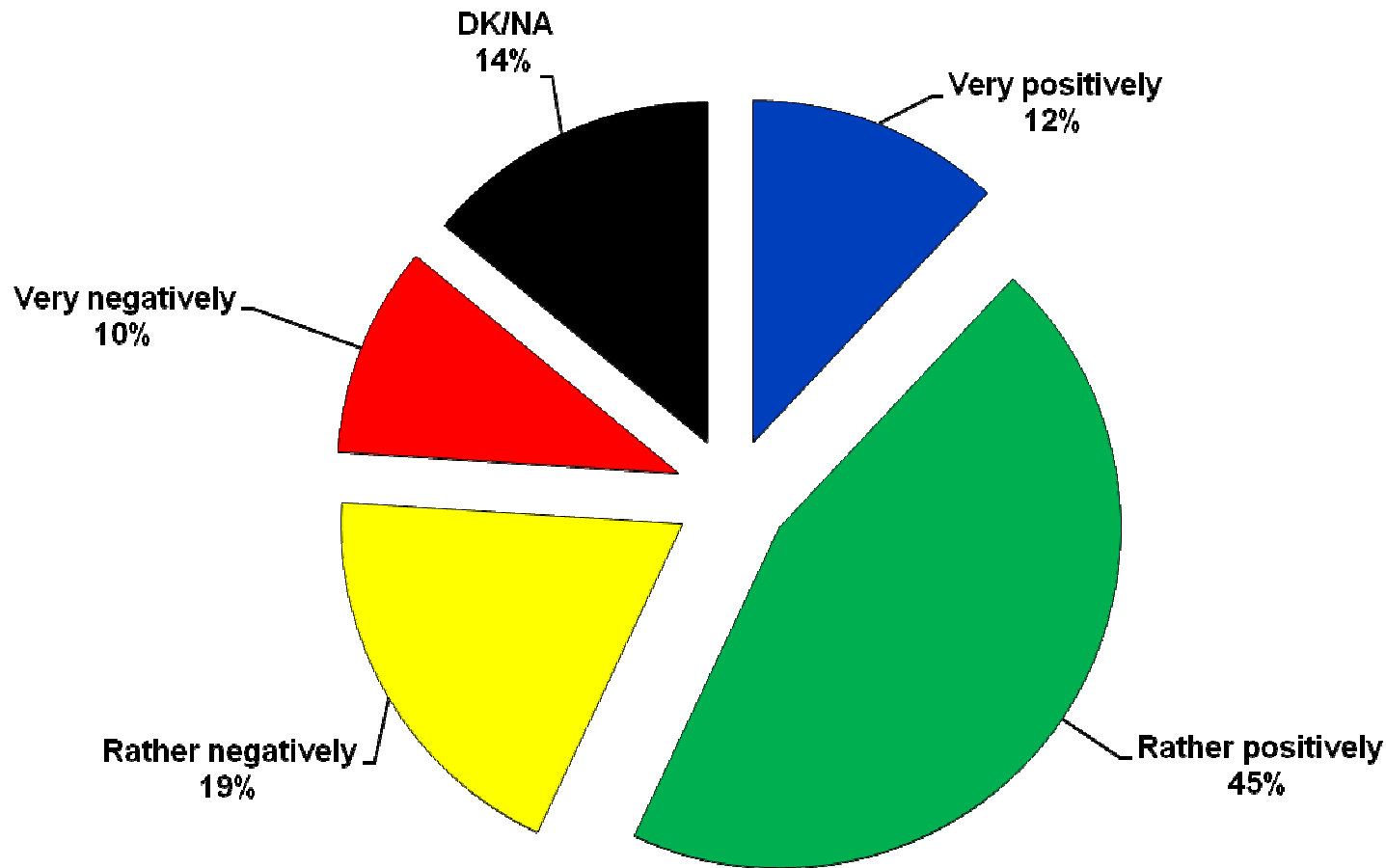
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Do men and women in Georgia have equal rights?



How do you evaluate the government's work solving the problems of internally displaced persons from Samachblo and Kodori Gorge?*

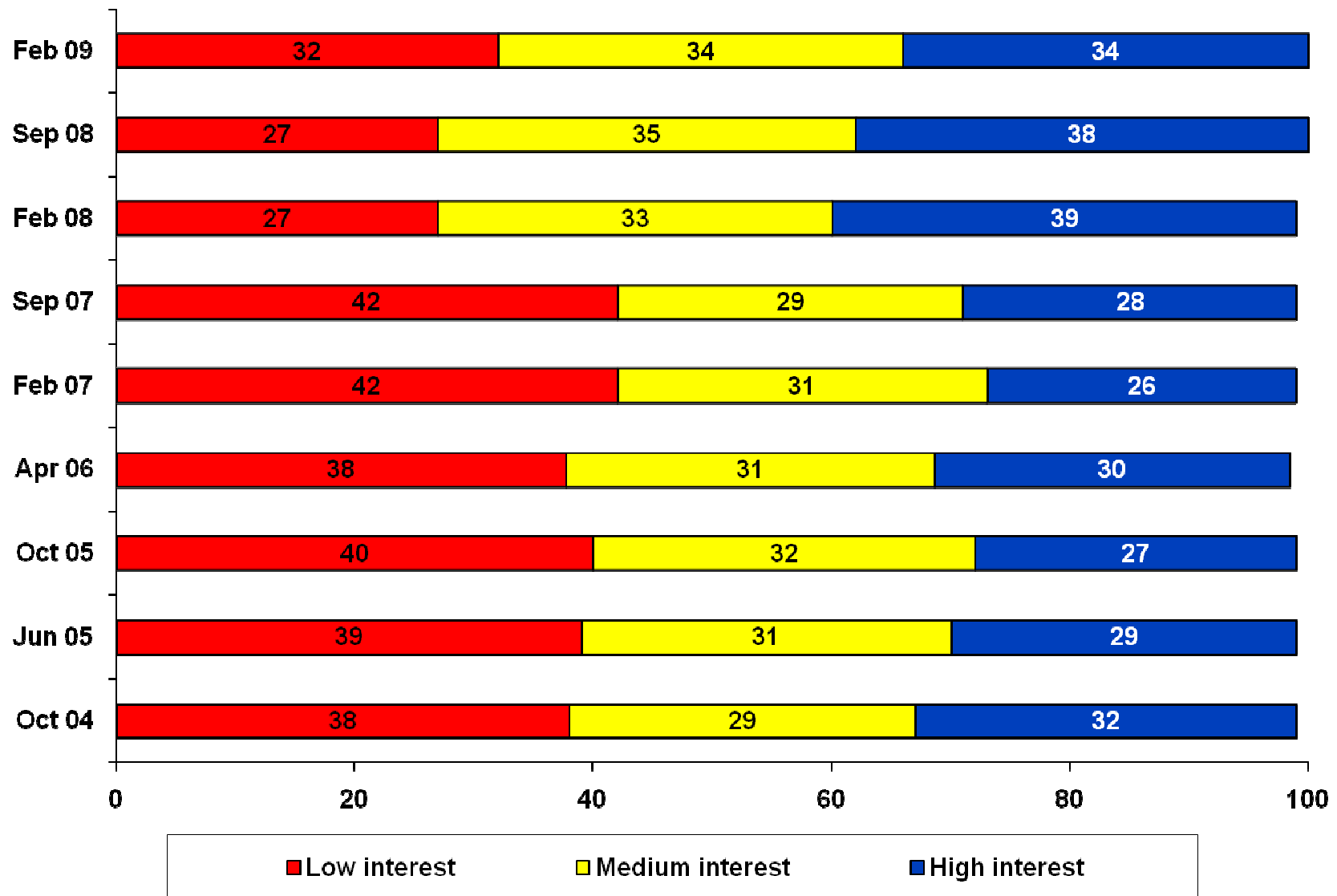


*Displaced during the August 2008 war

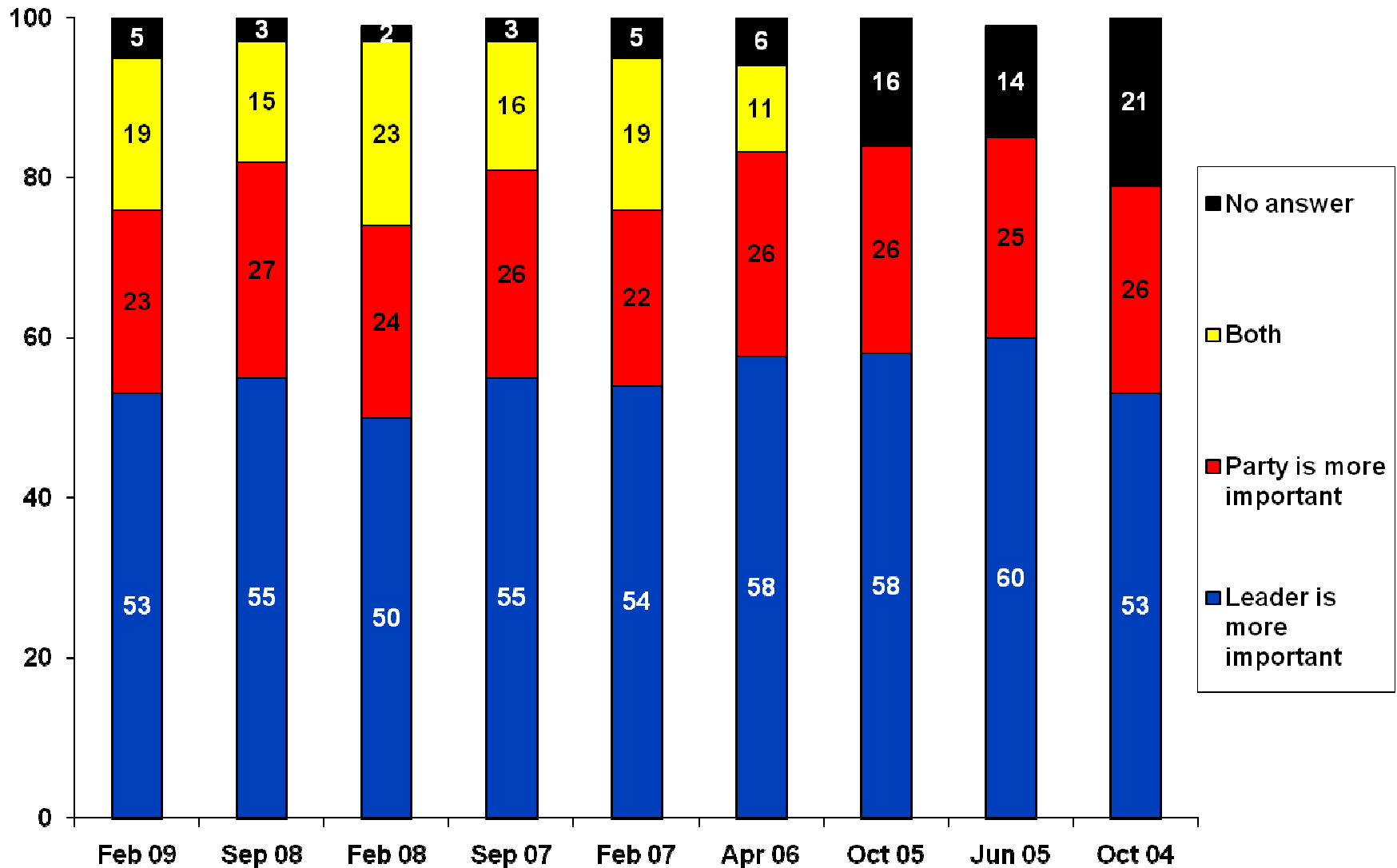
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POLITICS

How much interest do you have in politics?

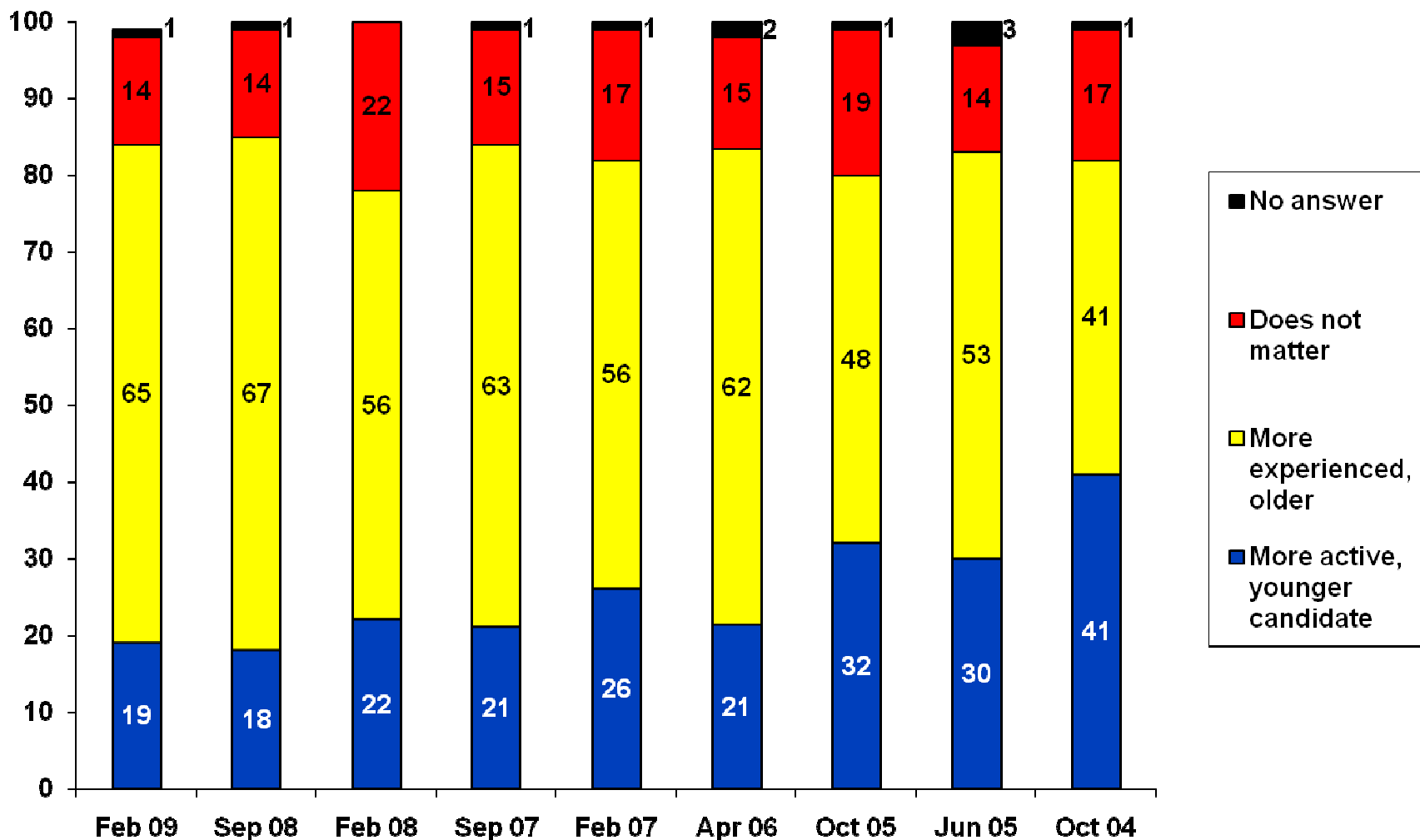


When you consider which party to vote for, what is more important, the party leader or the party itself?

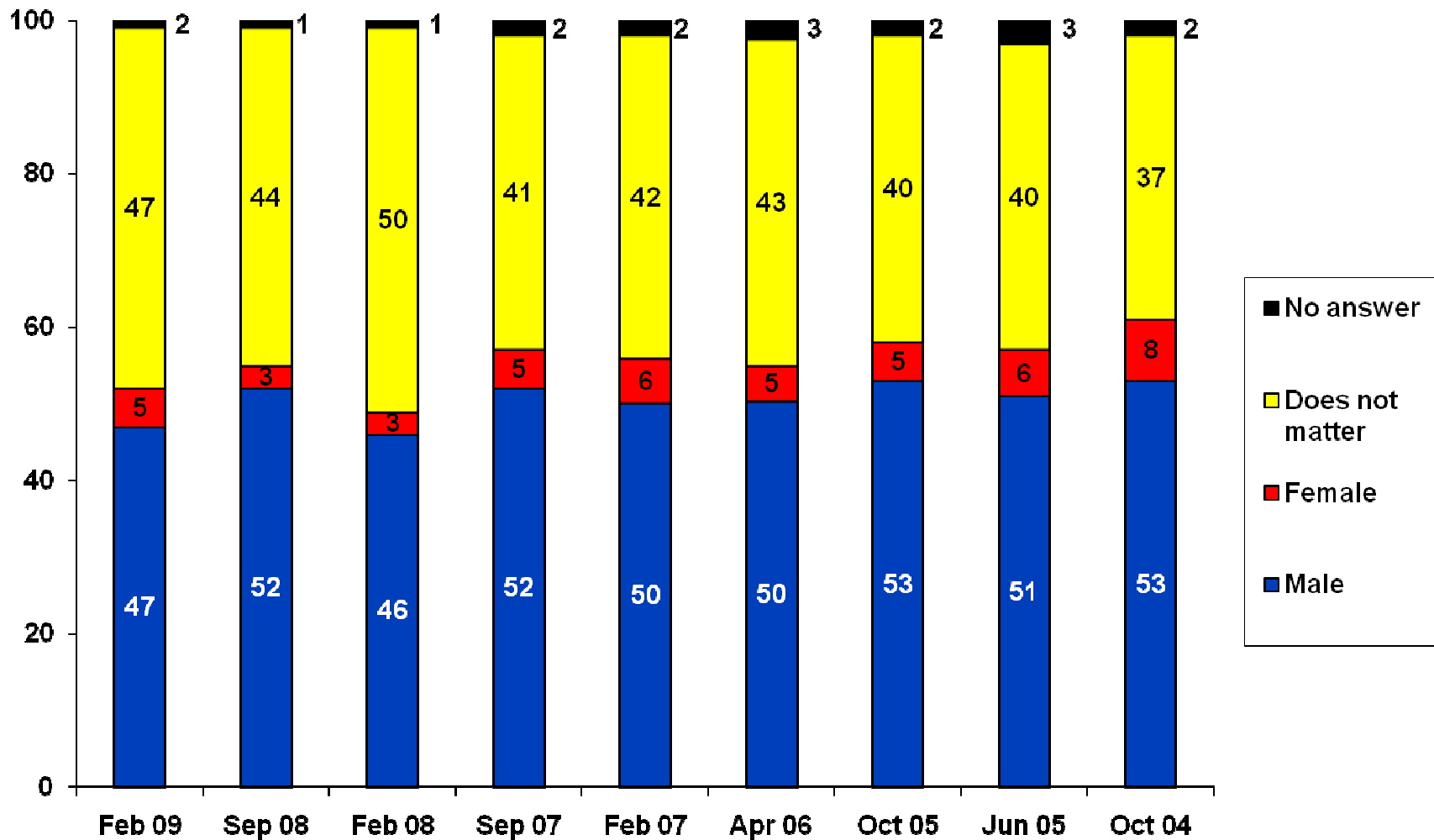


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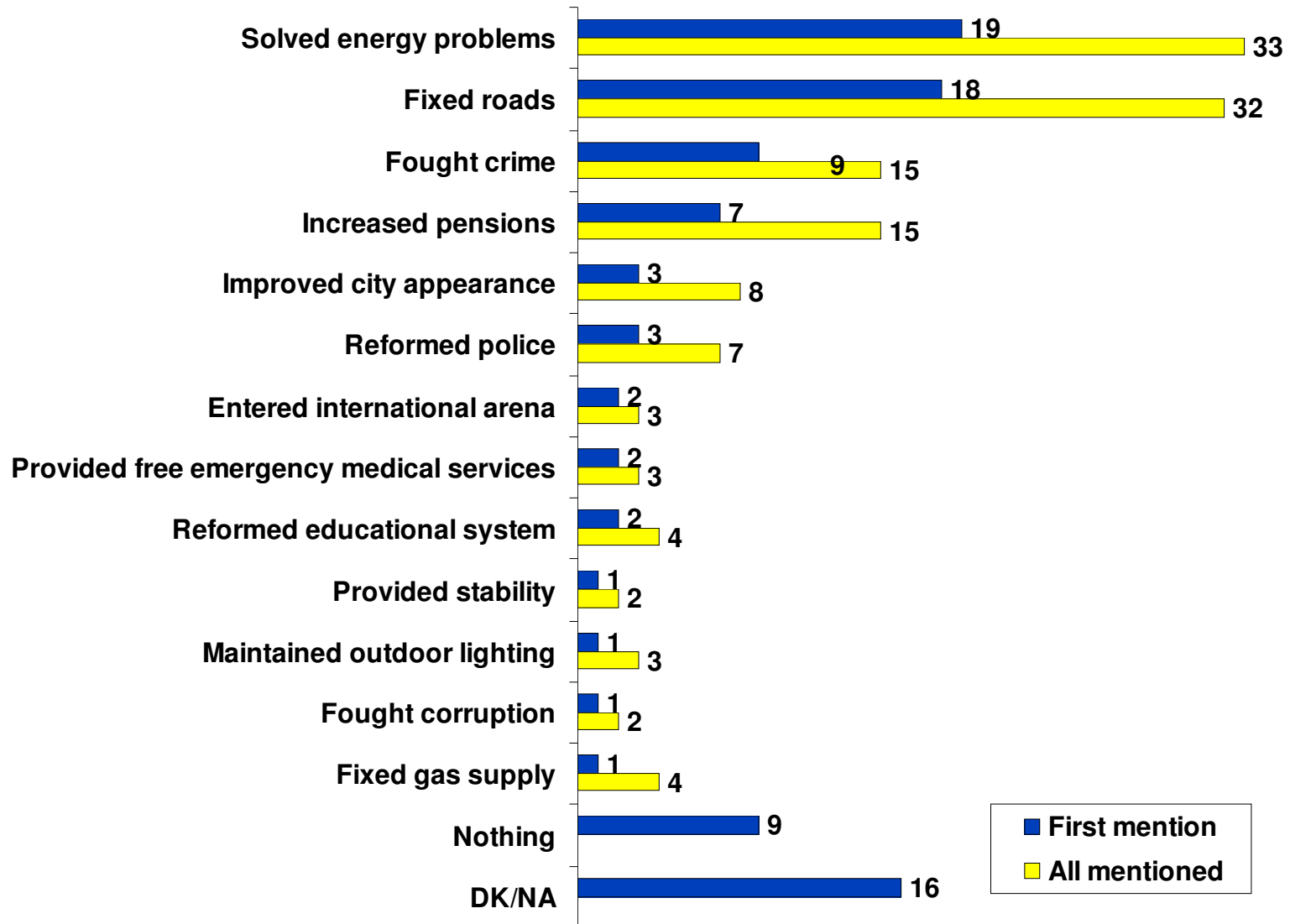
If all other characteristics are equal, would you prefer to vote for the parliamentary candidate who is...?



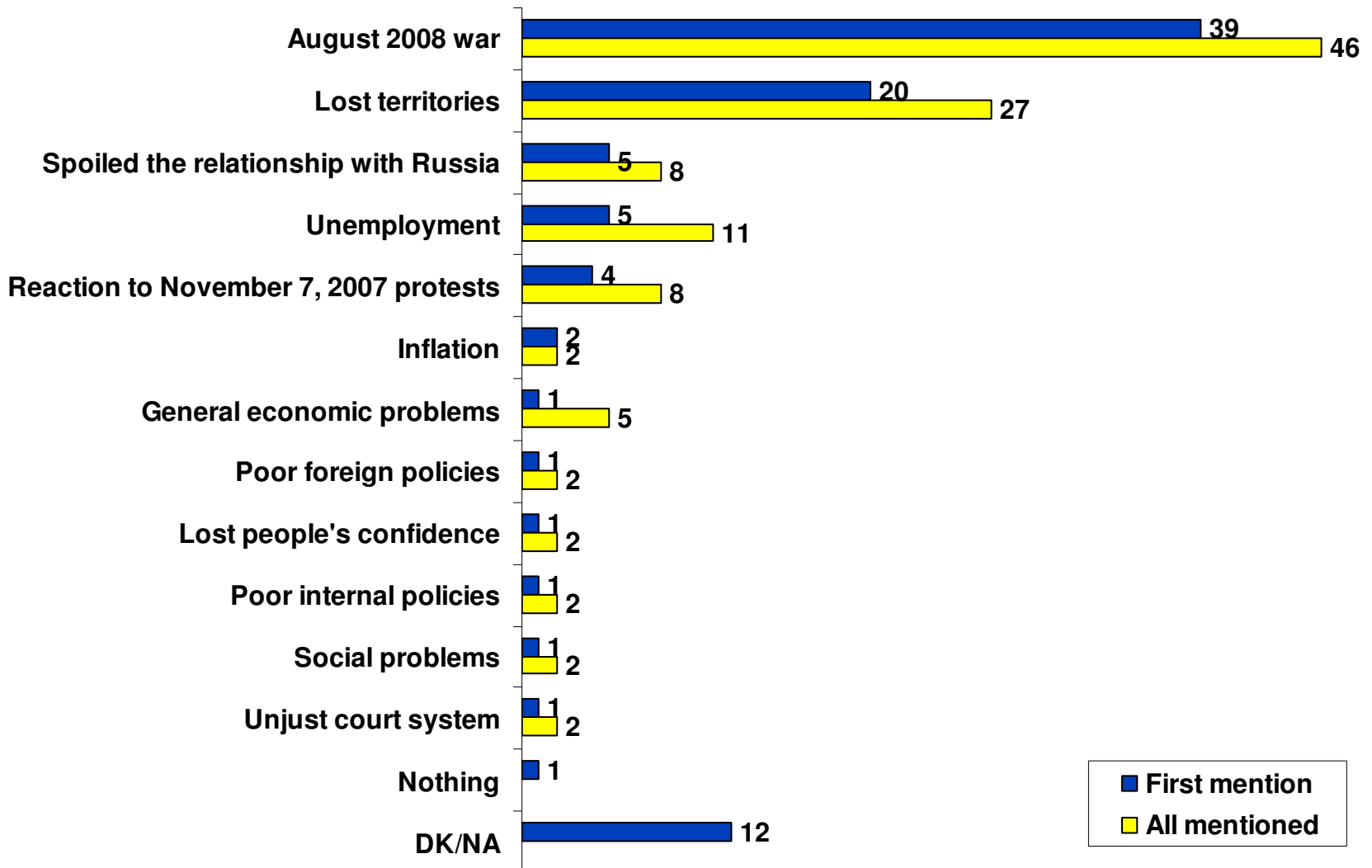
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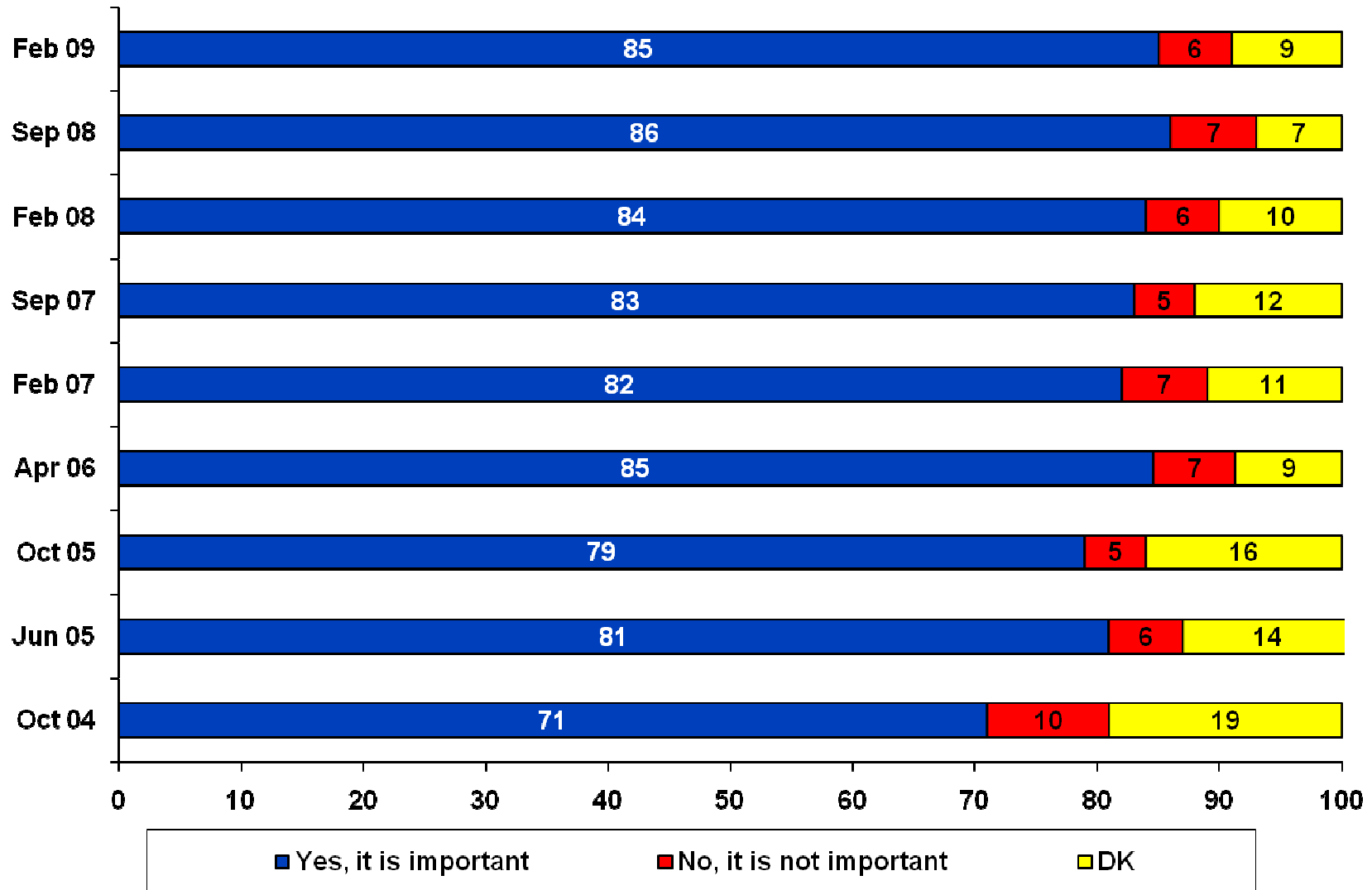
What are the three major achievements of the Georgian government?



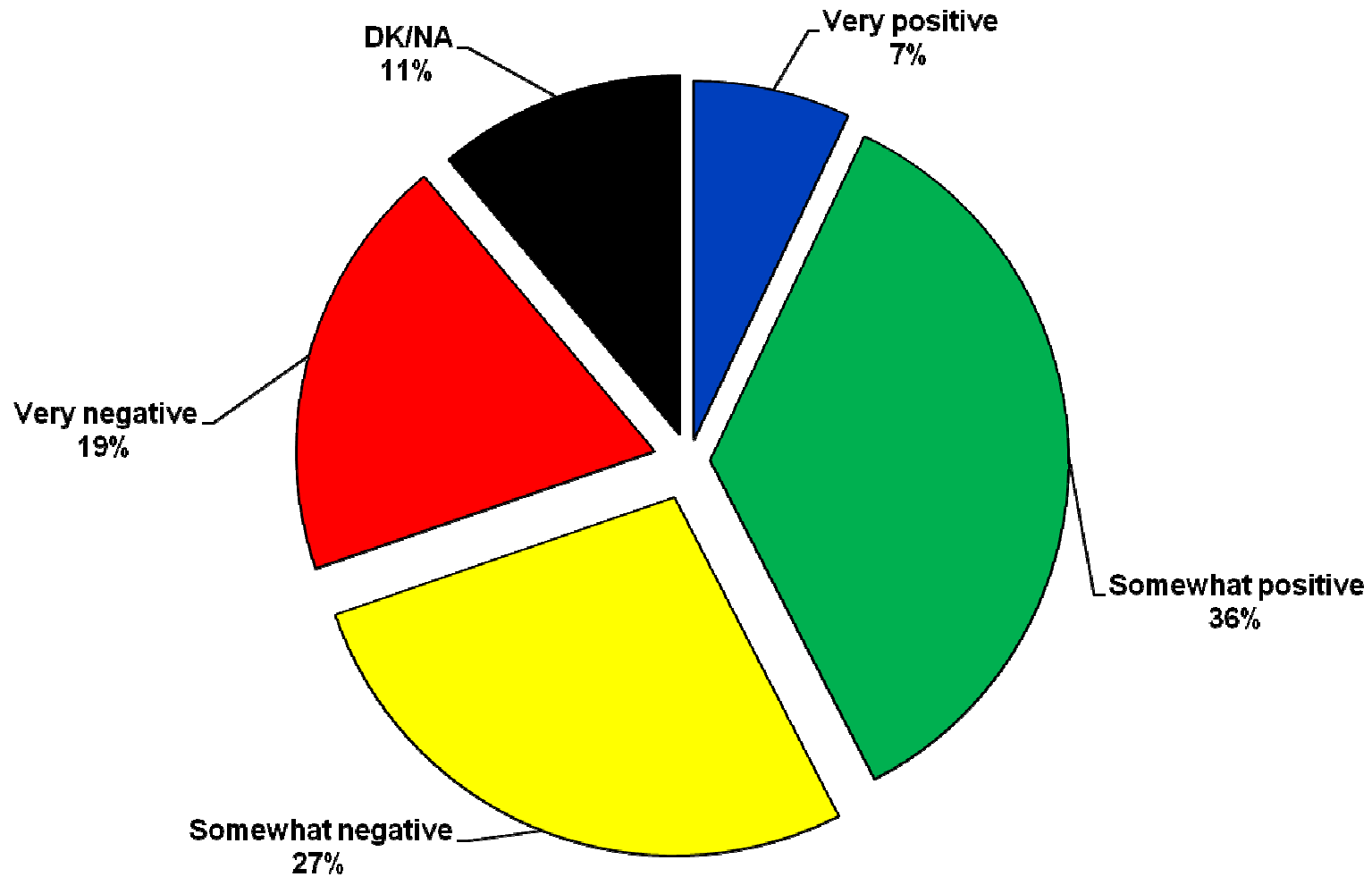
What are the biggest failures of the Georgian government?



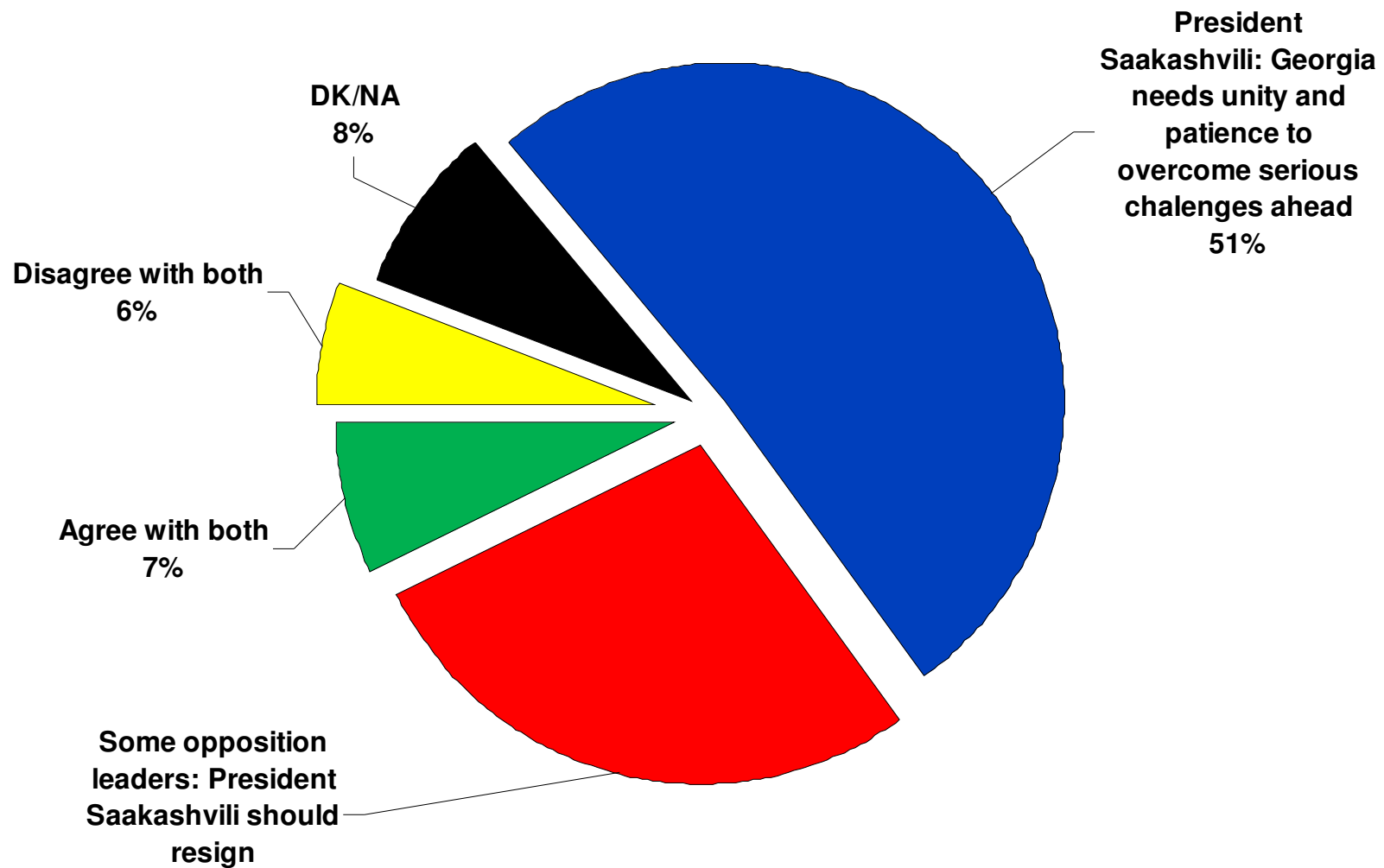
In your opinion, is it important for Georgia to have political opposition?



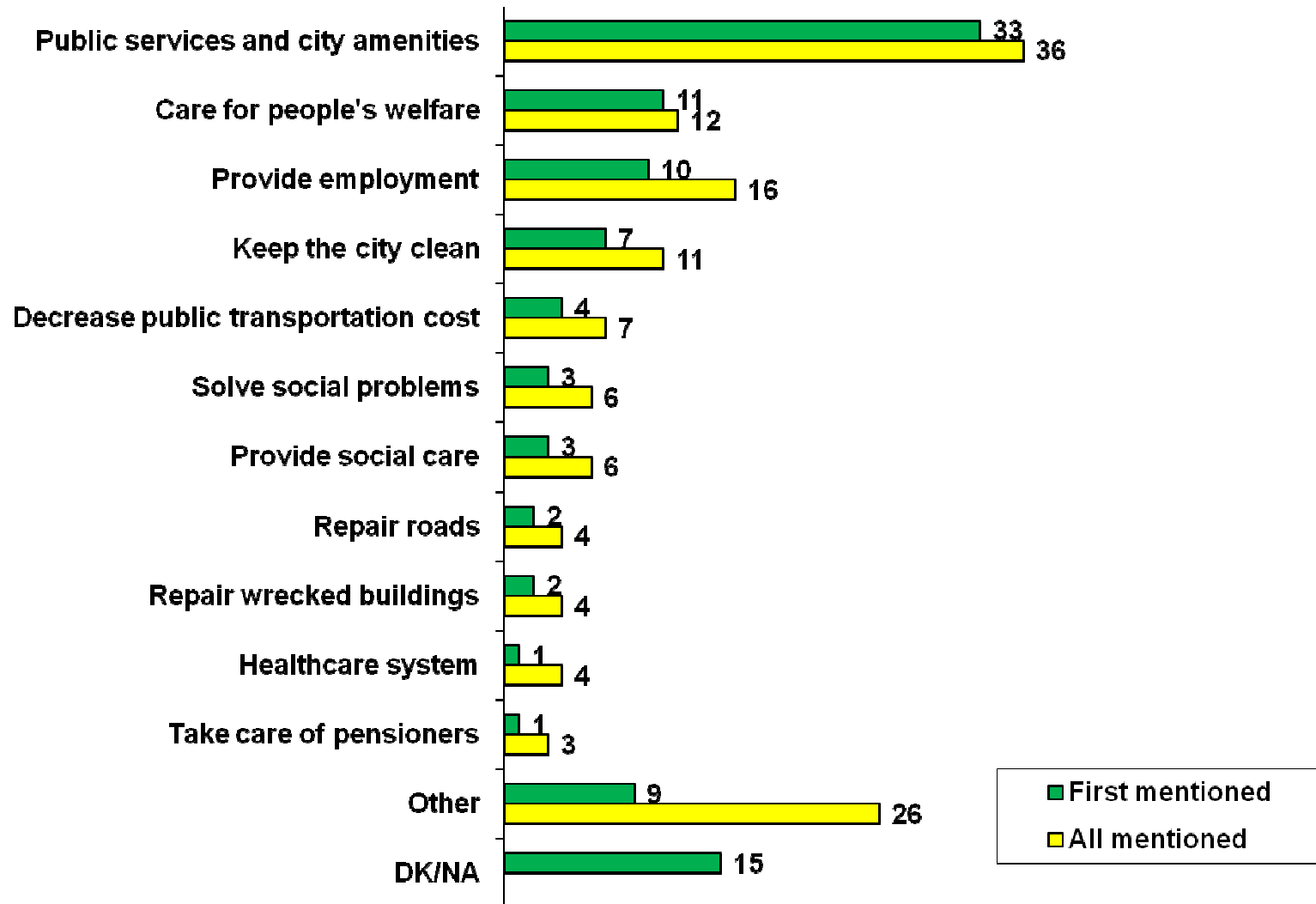
How do you evaluate President Saakashvili and the government's performance during the financial crisis?



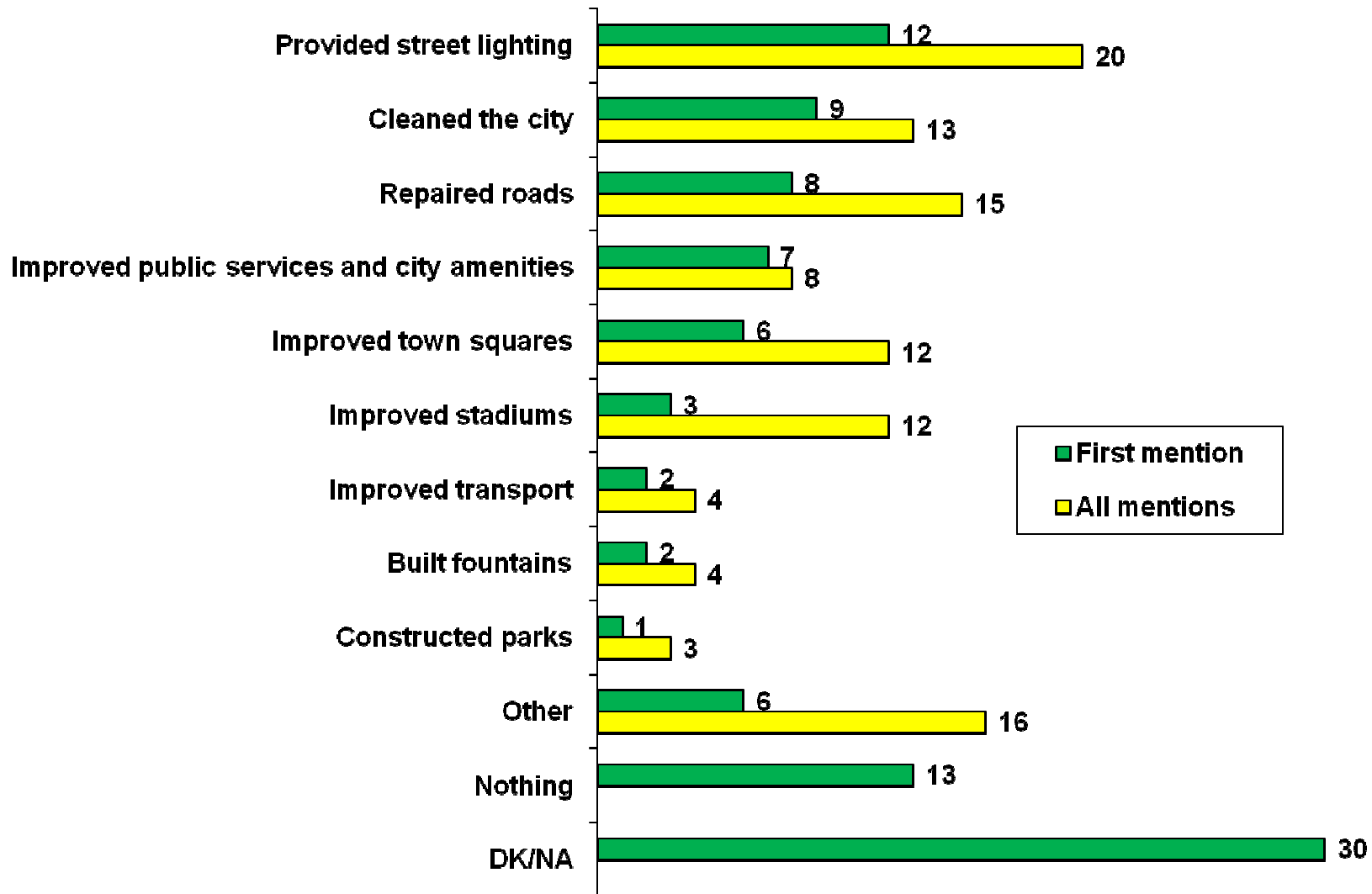
Which statement comes closer to your own point of view?



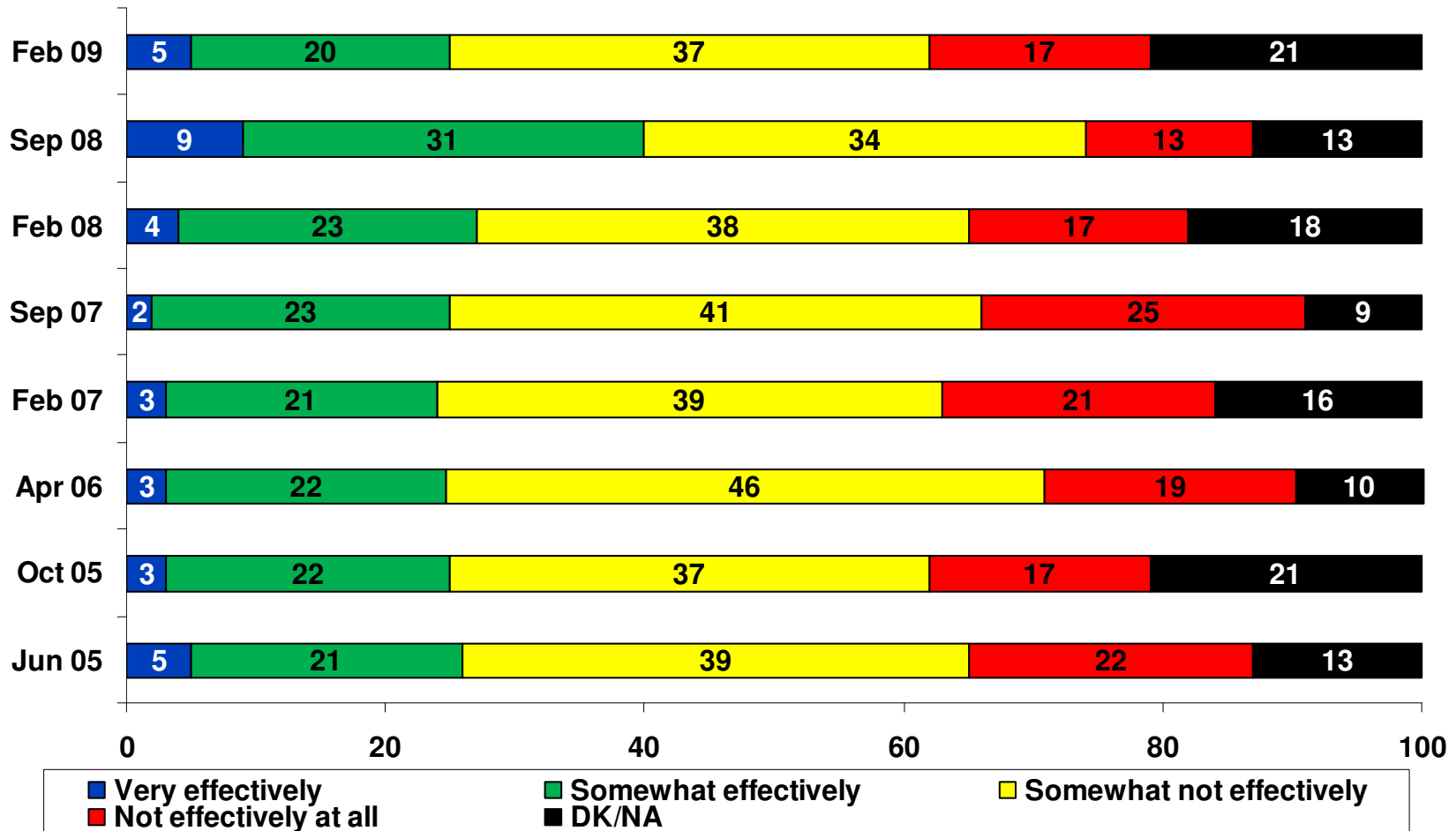
What are the three main issues that the Mayor of Tbilisi needs to take care of? (residents of Tbilisi, N=386)



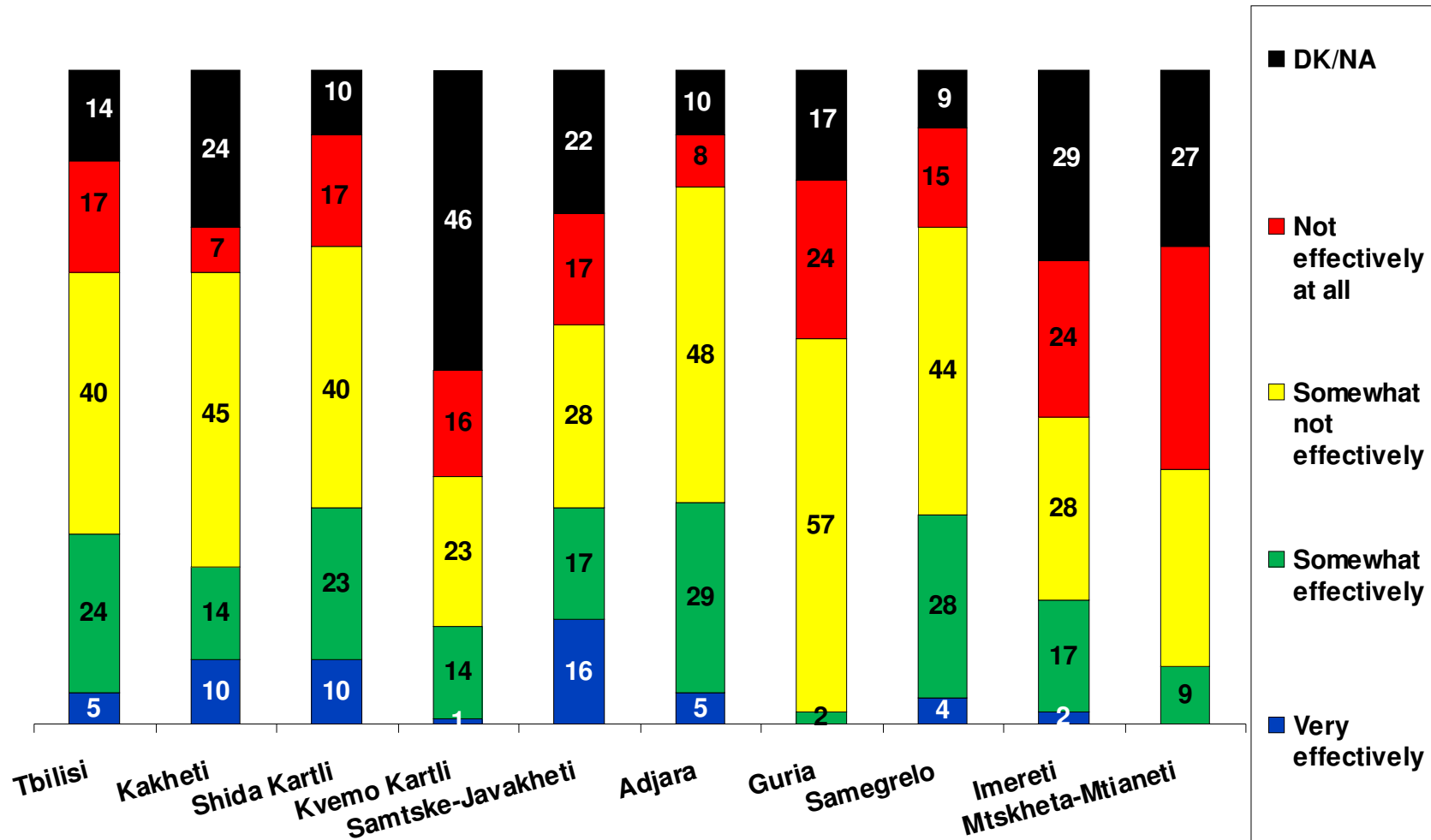
What are the three major achievements of Tbilisi Mayor Gigi Ugulava? (residents of Tbilisi, N=386)



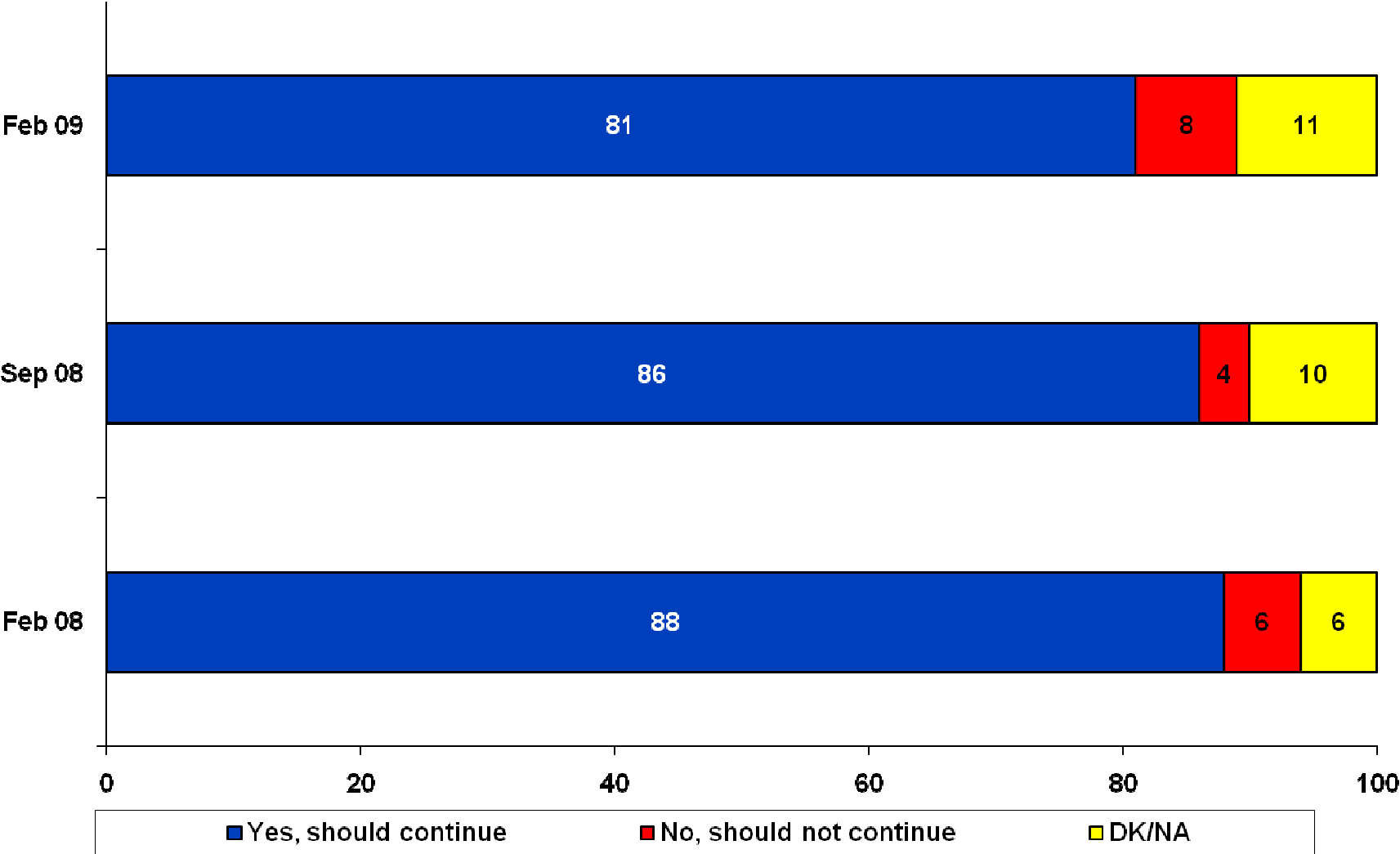
Do you feel the Governor of your region is doing a good job and is working effectively to address the problems of your region?



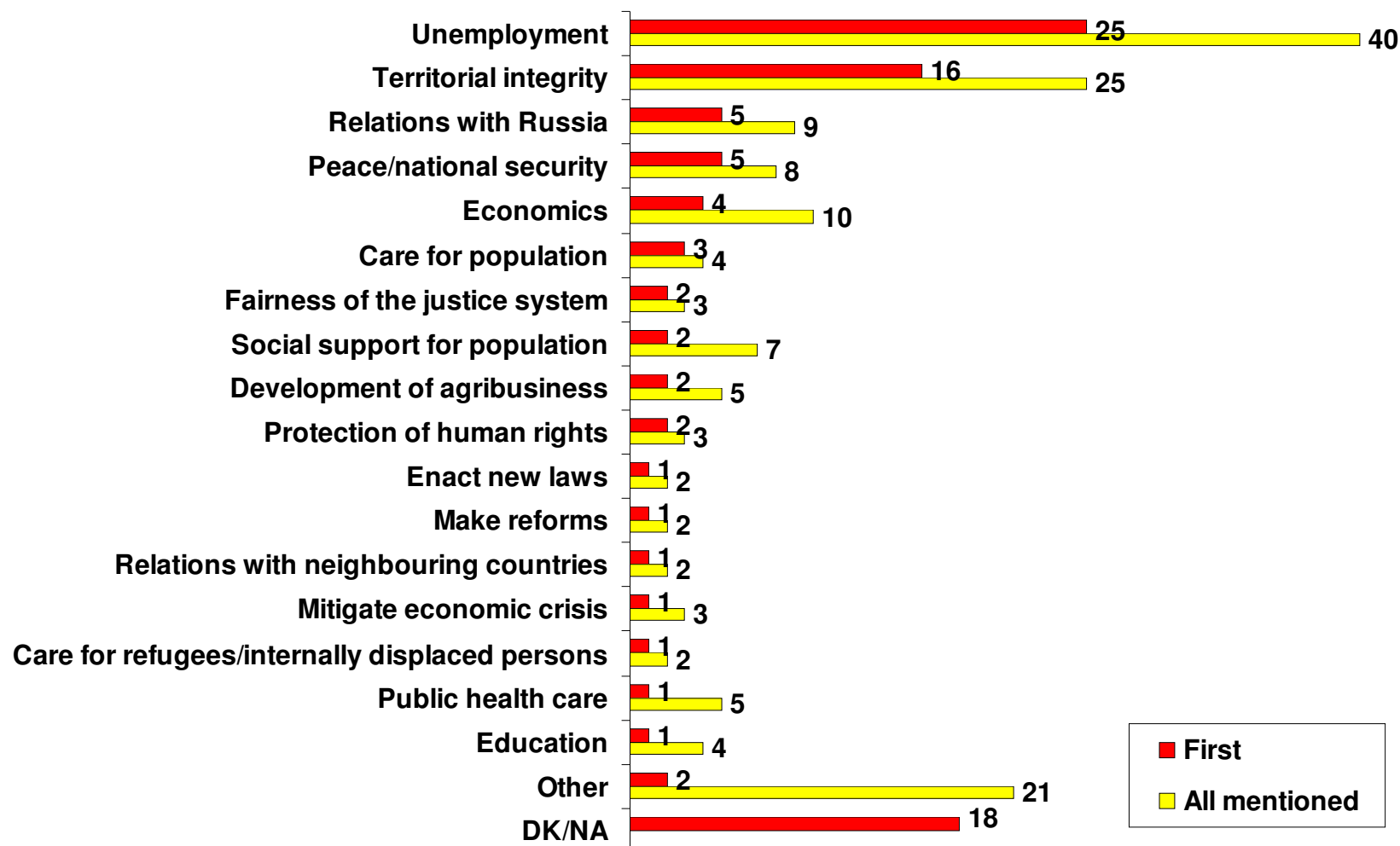
Do you feel the Governor of your region is doing a good job and is working effectively to address the problems of your region? (by region)



Do you think that government and opposition should continue dialog?

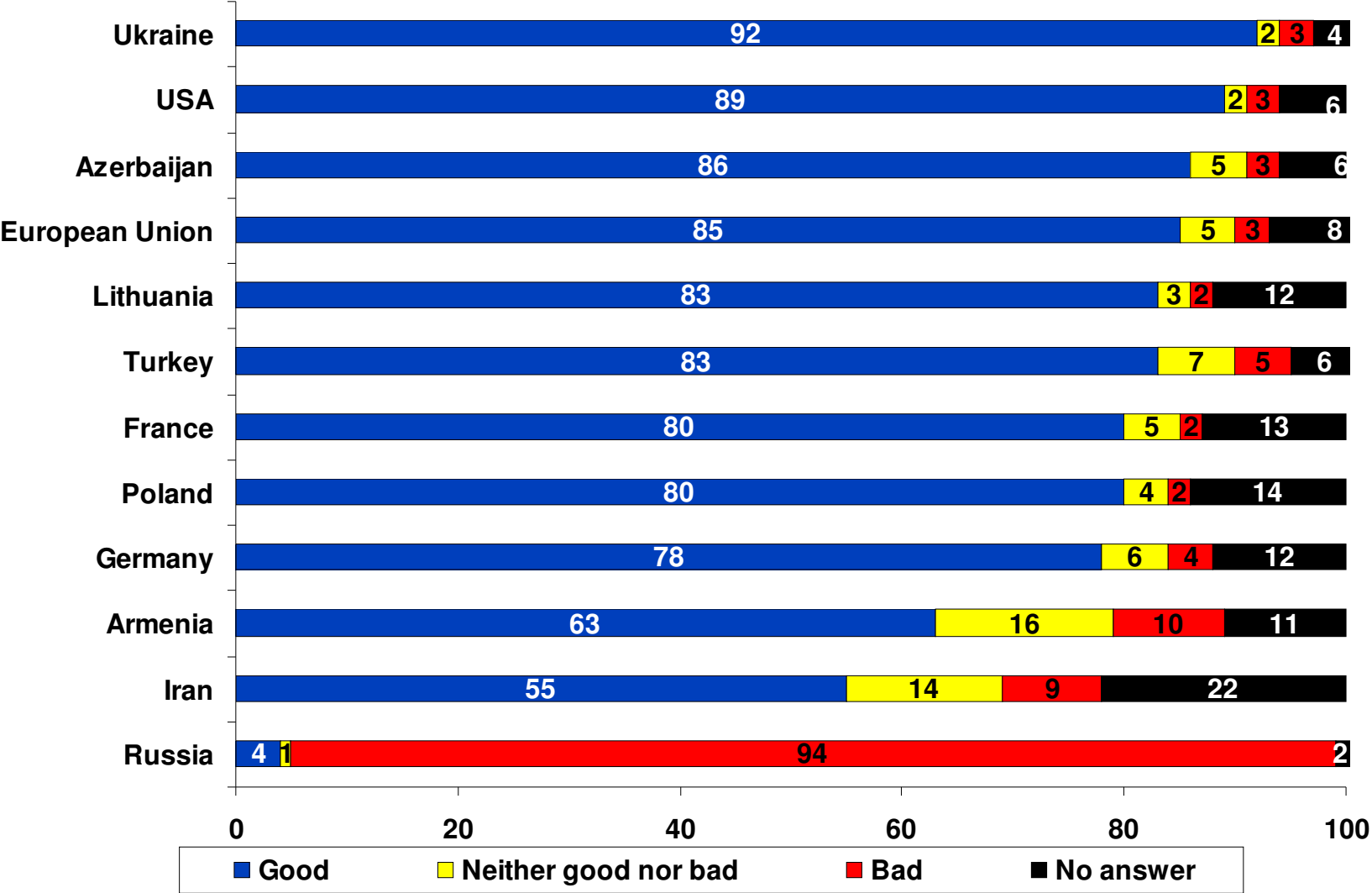


What are three main issues that the newly elected Parliament needs to take care of?

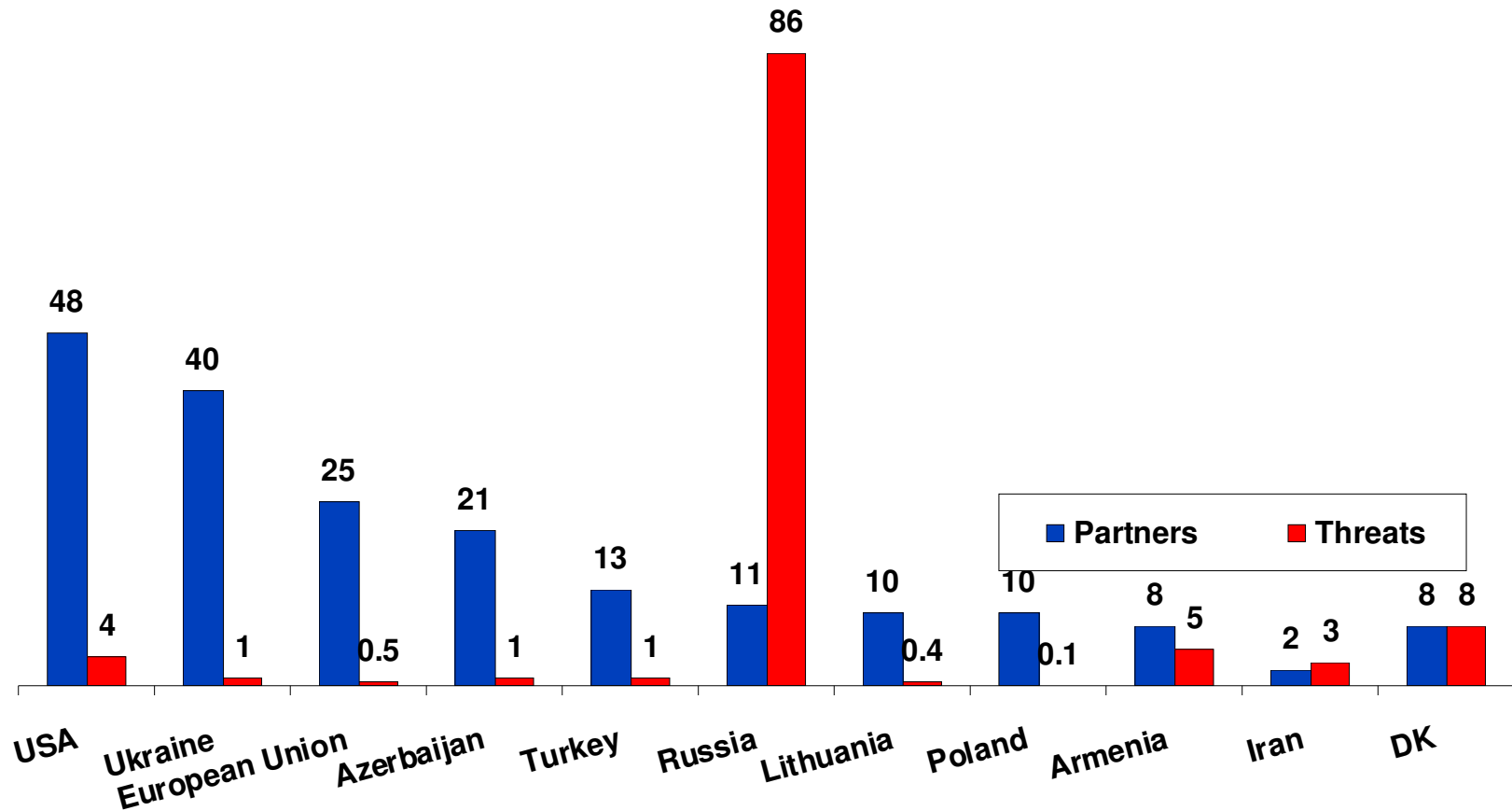


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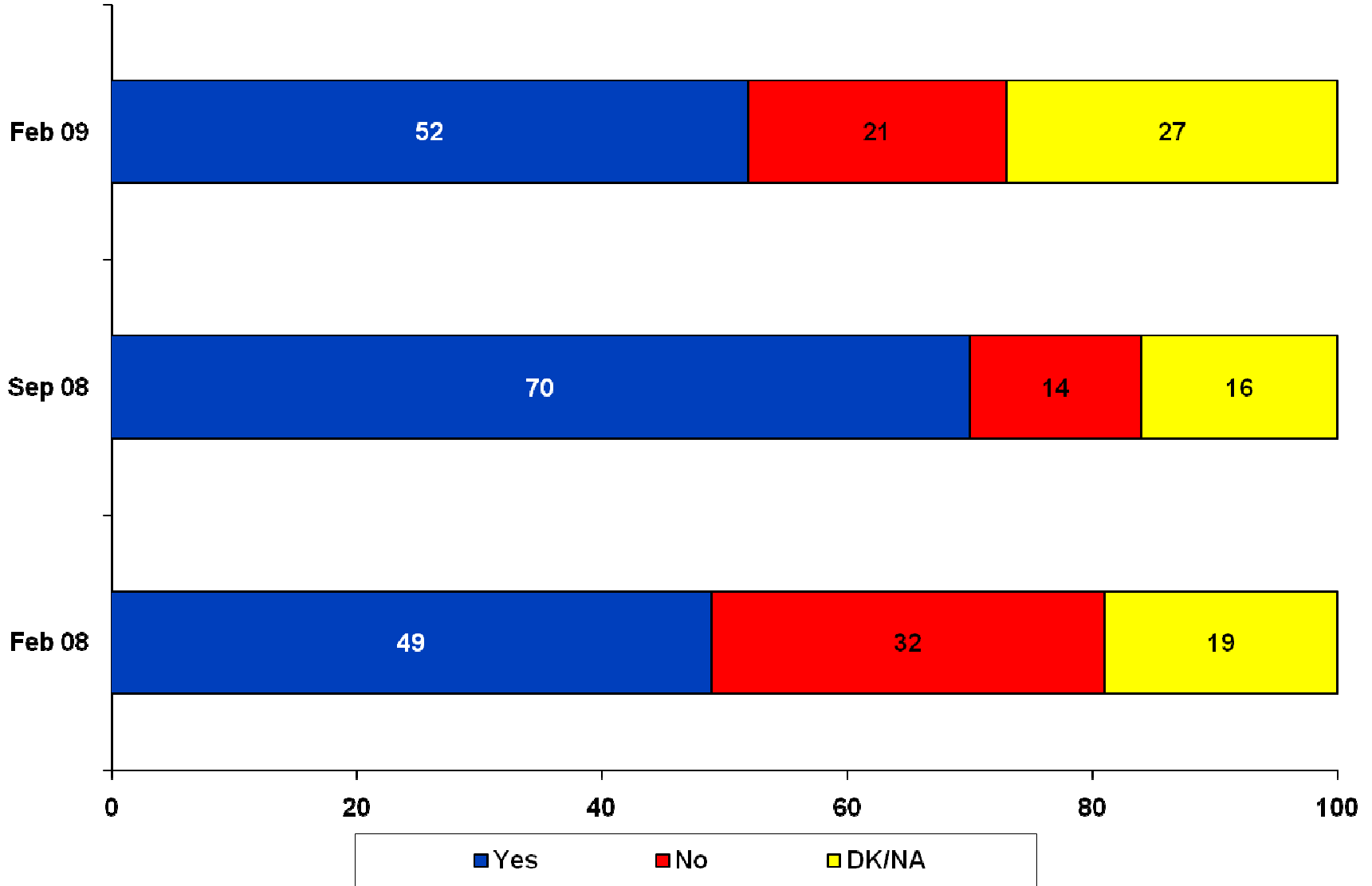
How would you evaluate the current state of relations between Georgia and...?



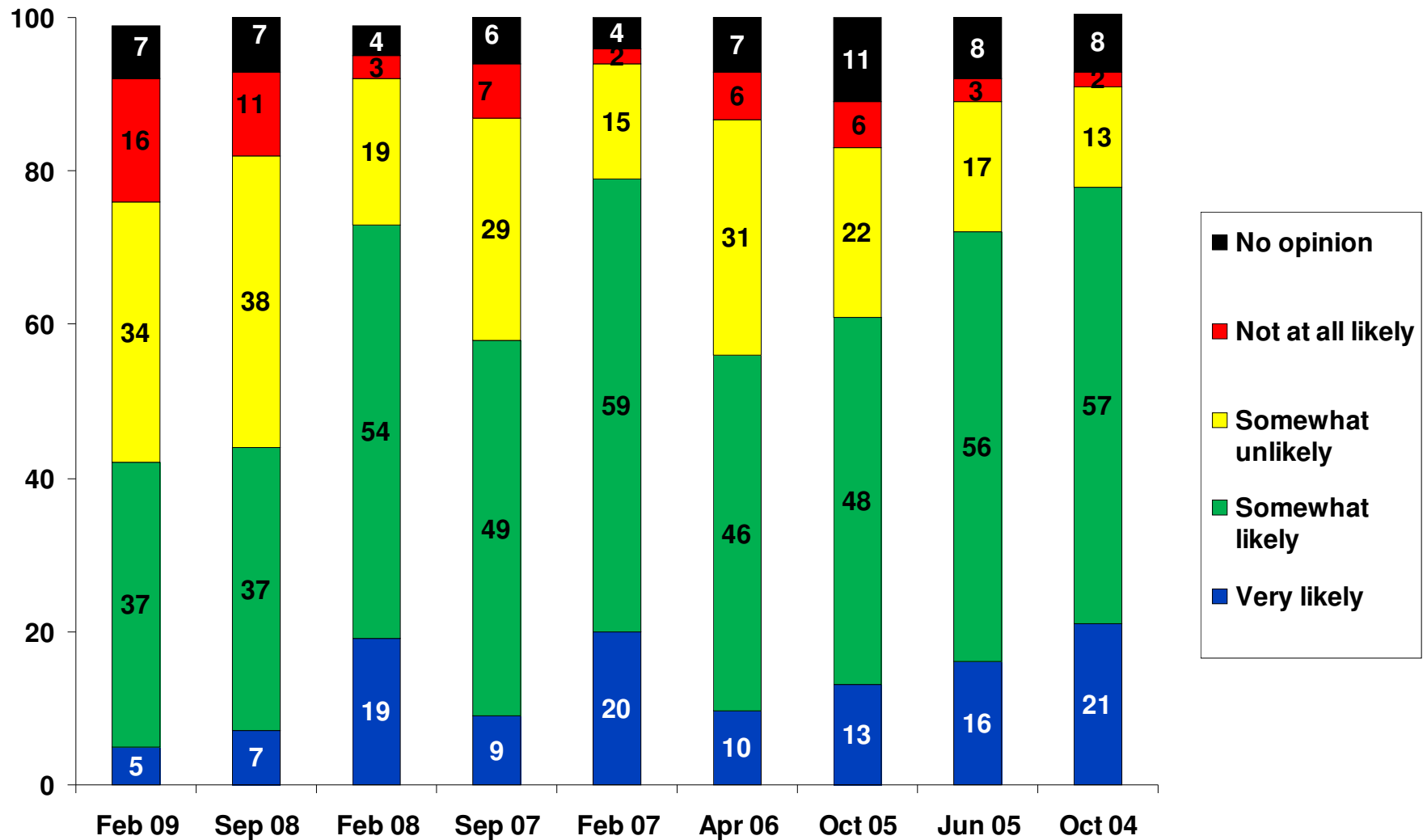
Which countries are the most important partners for Georgia? Which comprise the most political and economic threat?



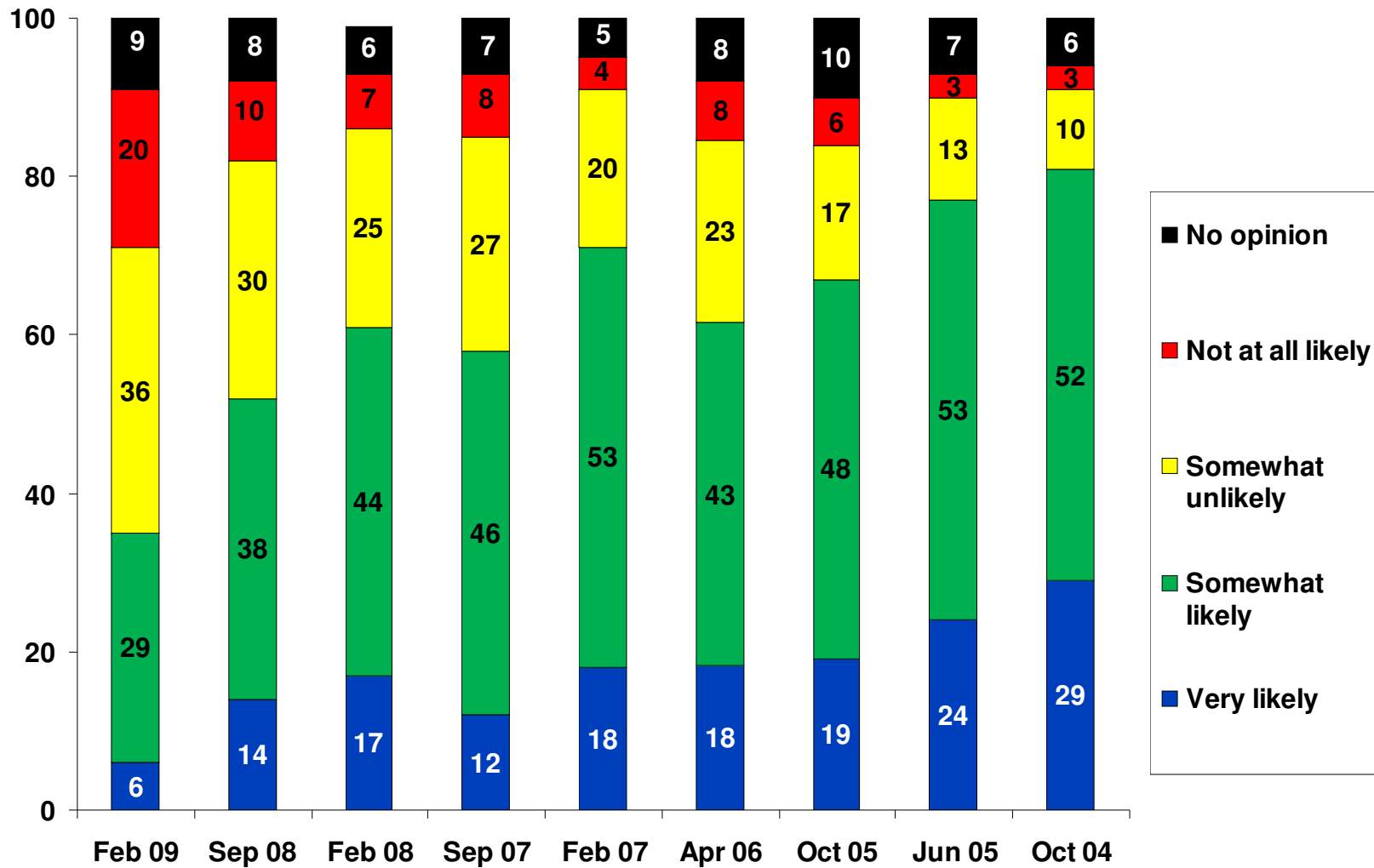
Is the USA a reliable friend of Georgia?



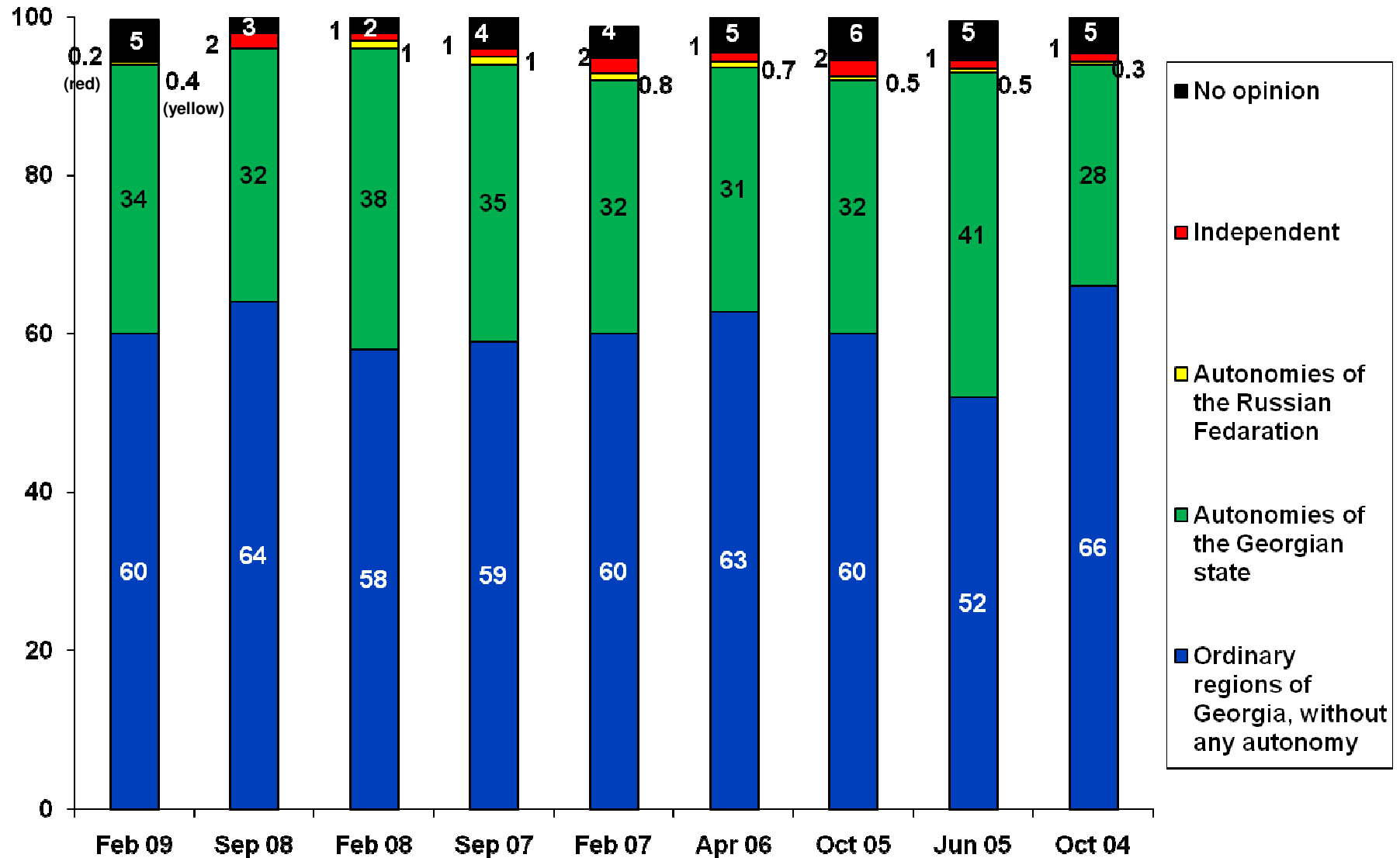
Is it likely that the Georgian government will improve relations between Georgia and Russia?



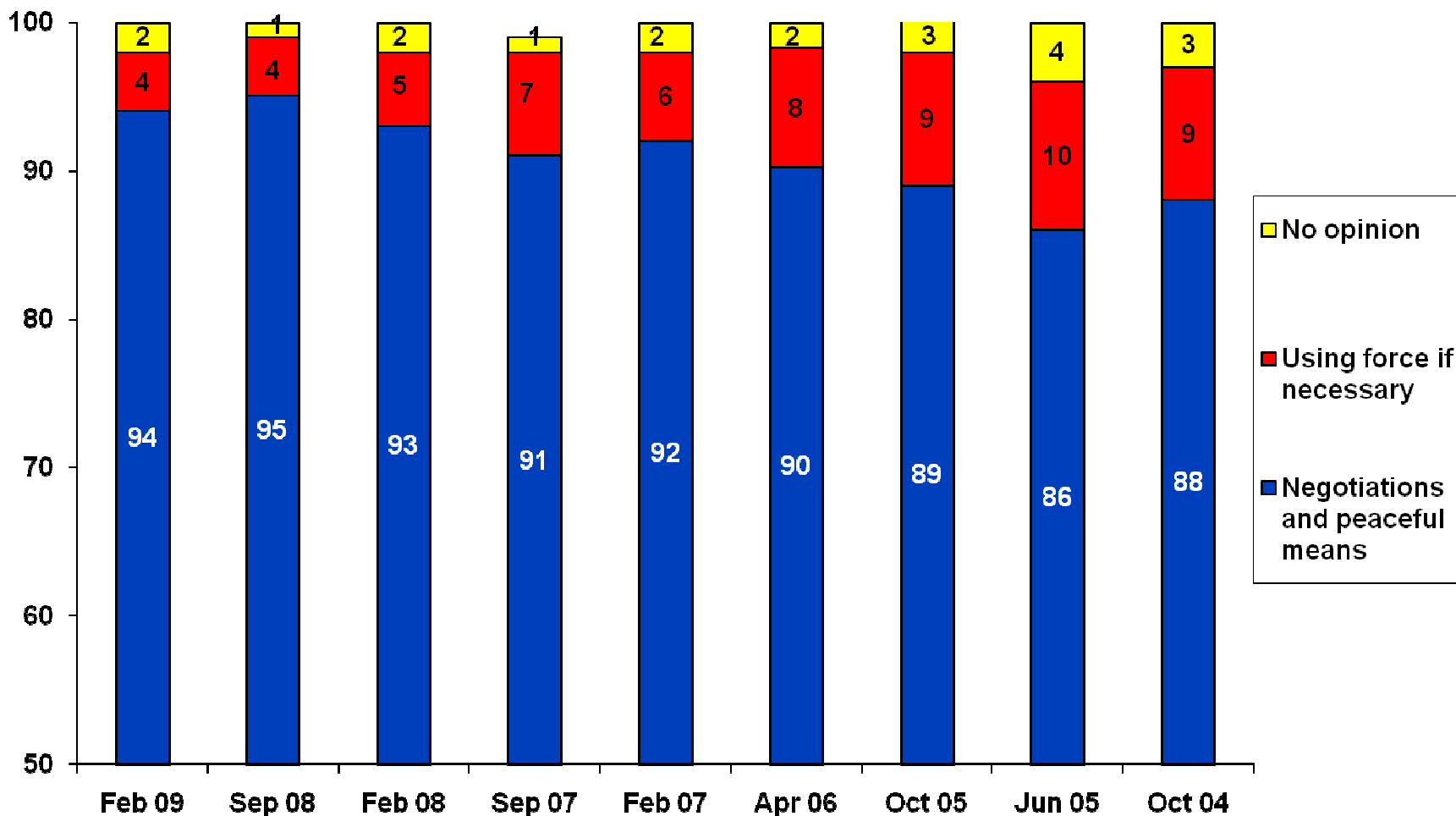
Is it likely that the Georgian government will solve the problems related to Abkhazia and South Ossetia?



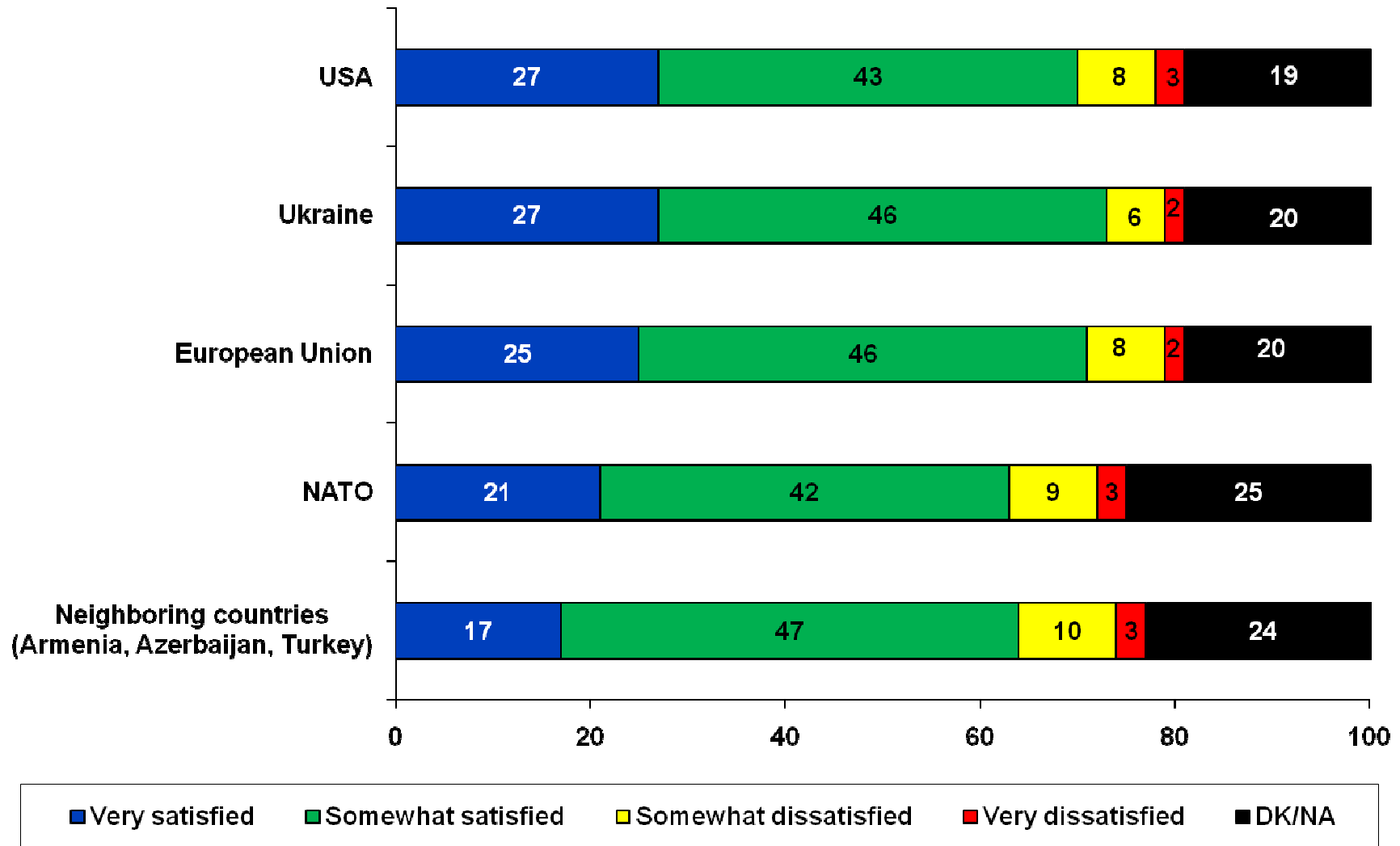
Do you think that Abkhazia and South Ossetia should be...?



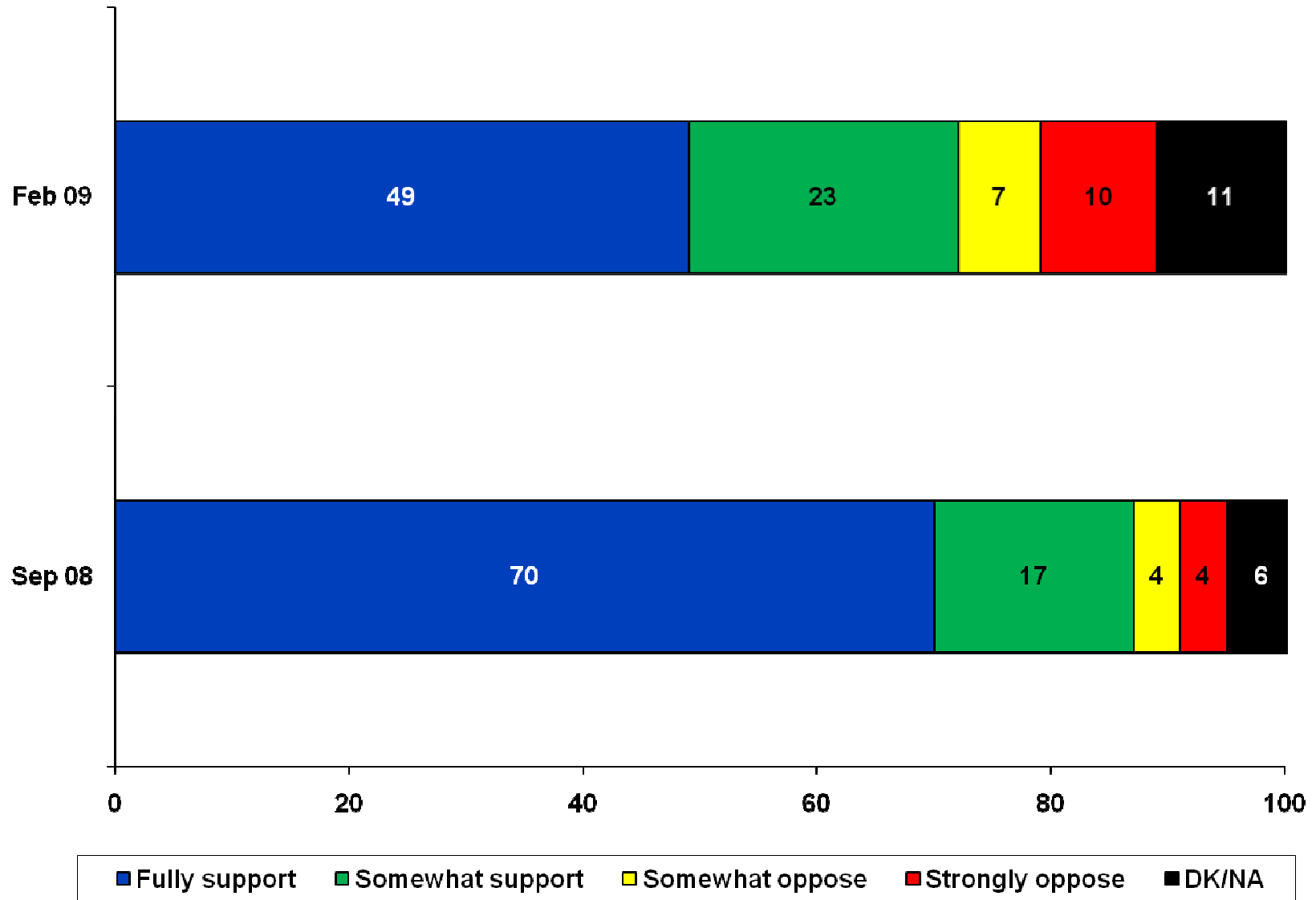
Do you think that the current situation in regard to the status of Abkhazia and South Ossetia should be resolved through negotiations and peaceful means or through force if necessary?



How satisfied are you with the amount of financial support now being given to Georgia by...?

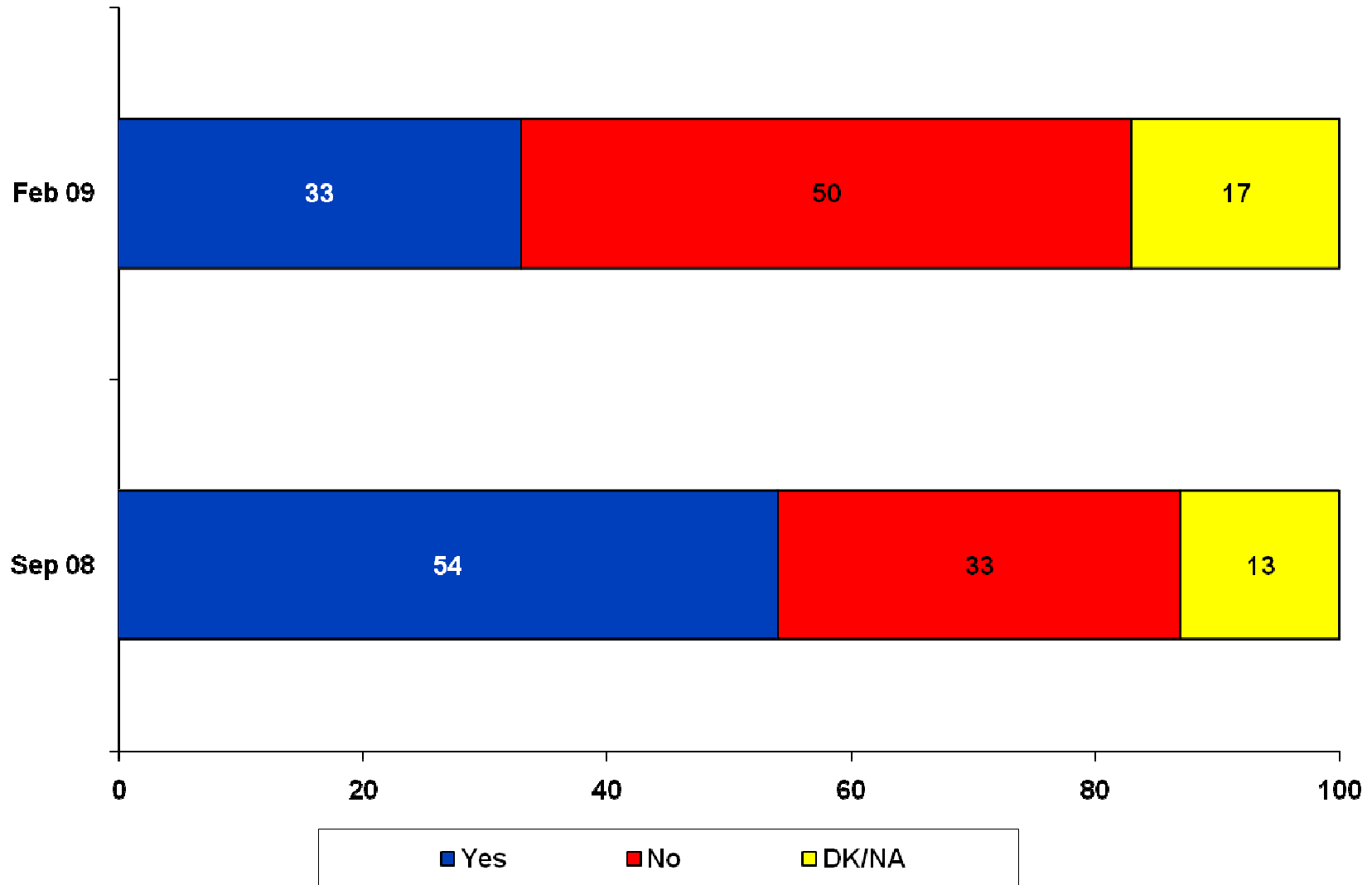


Do you support Georgia joining NATO?



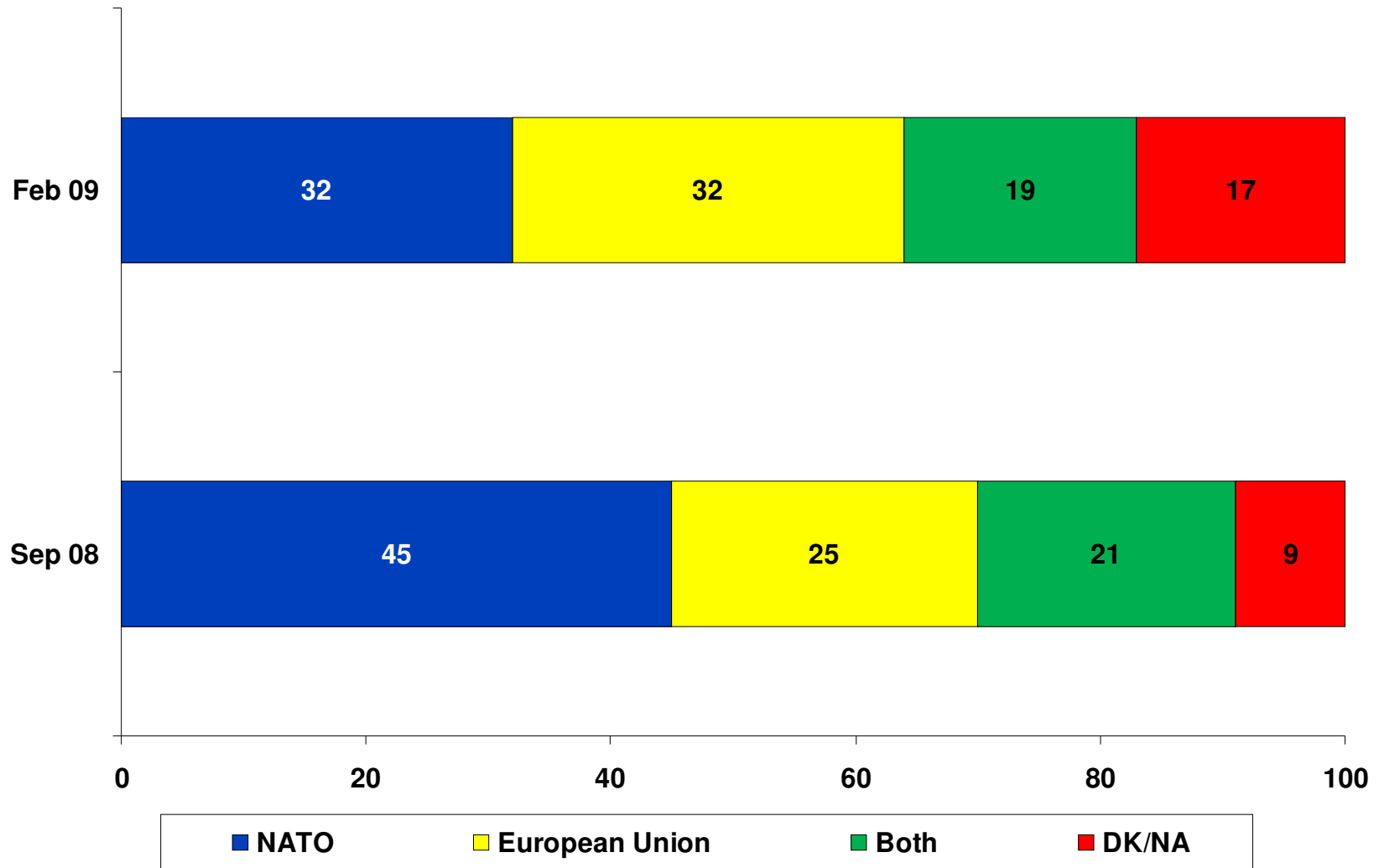
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Would you support NATO military bases being built in Georgia?

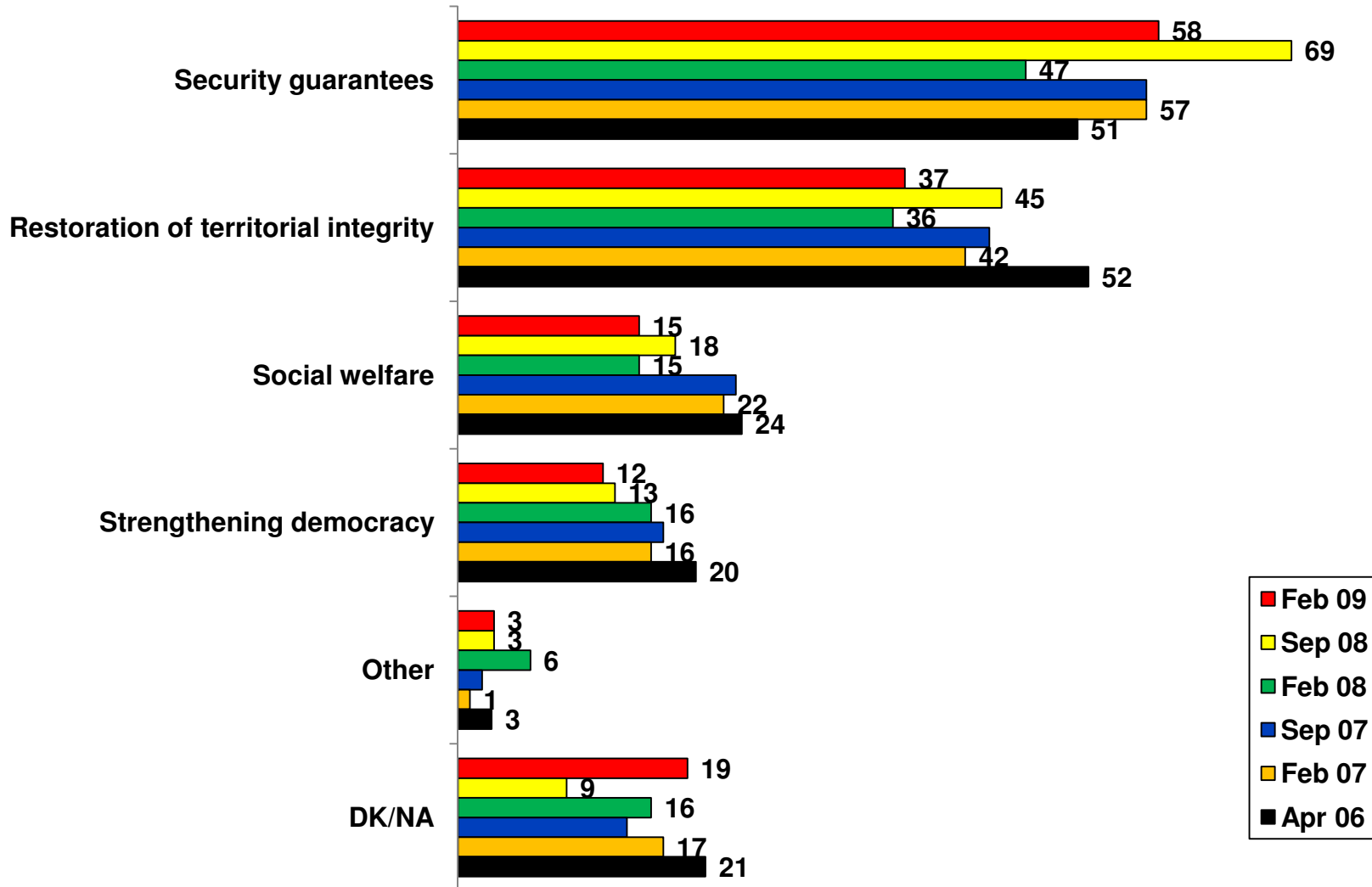


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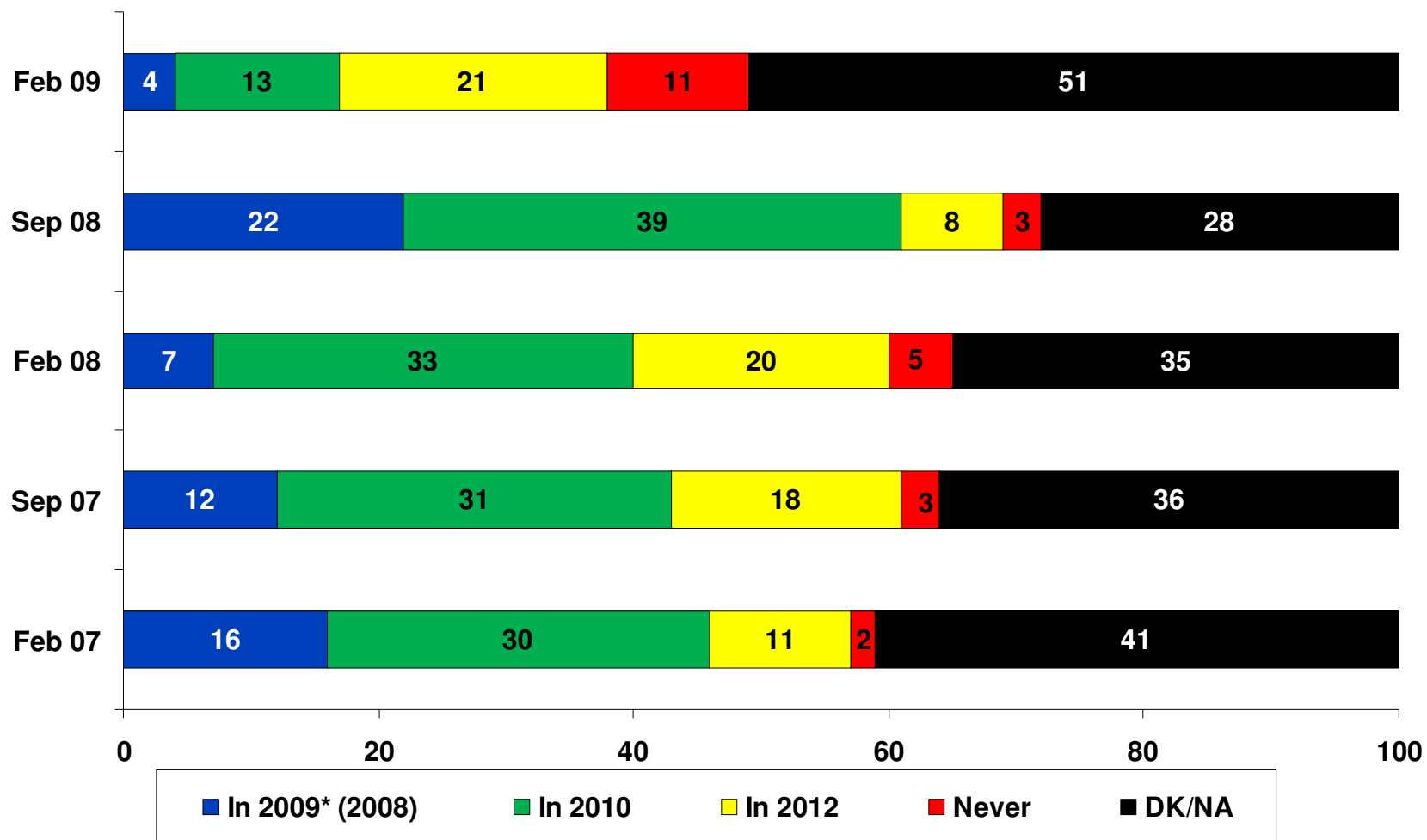
What is more important to you: Georgia joining NATO or Georgia joining the European Union?



What do you expect from NATO membership? (up to three answers)

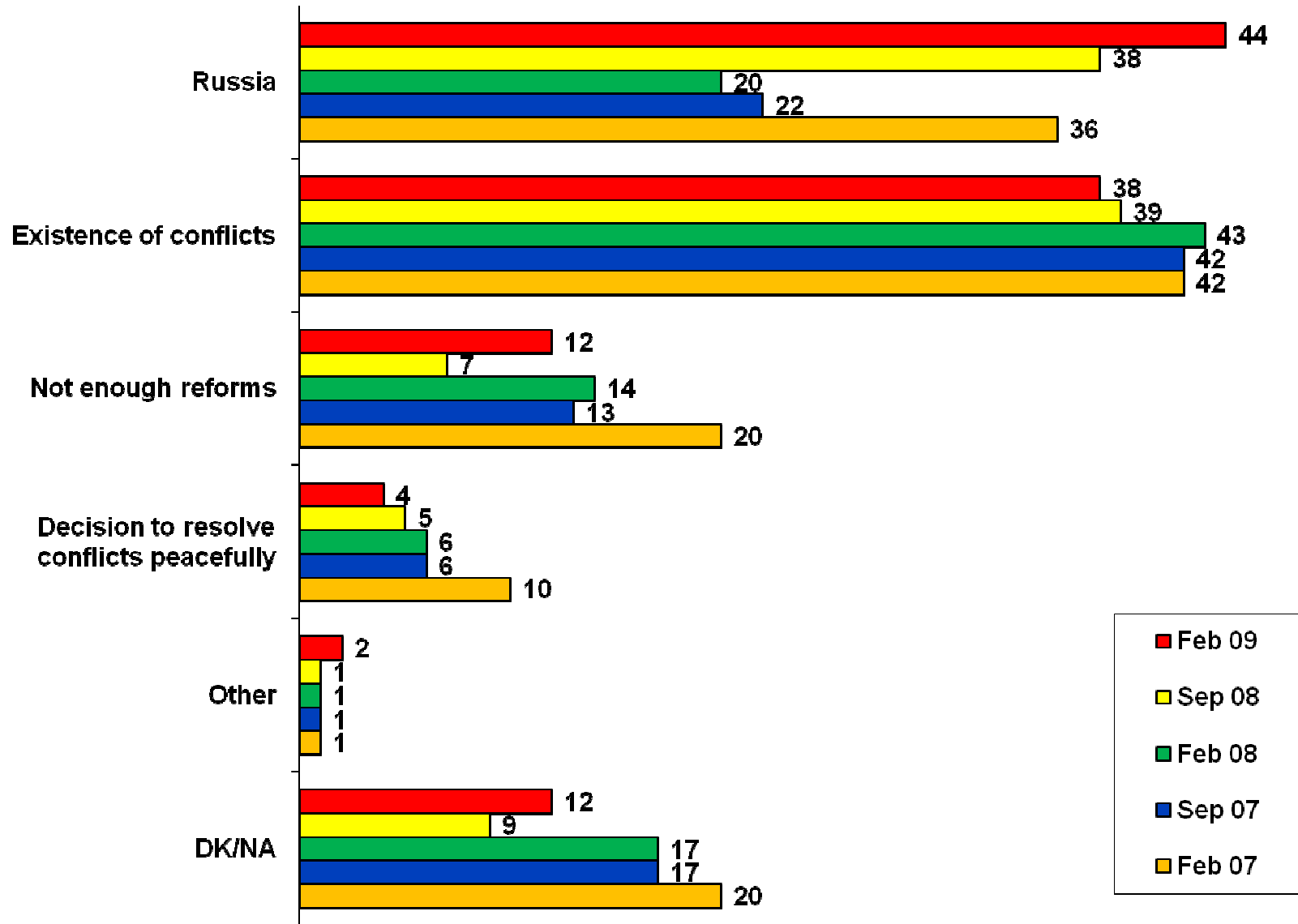


When do you think Georgia will become a member of NATO?

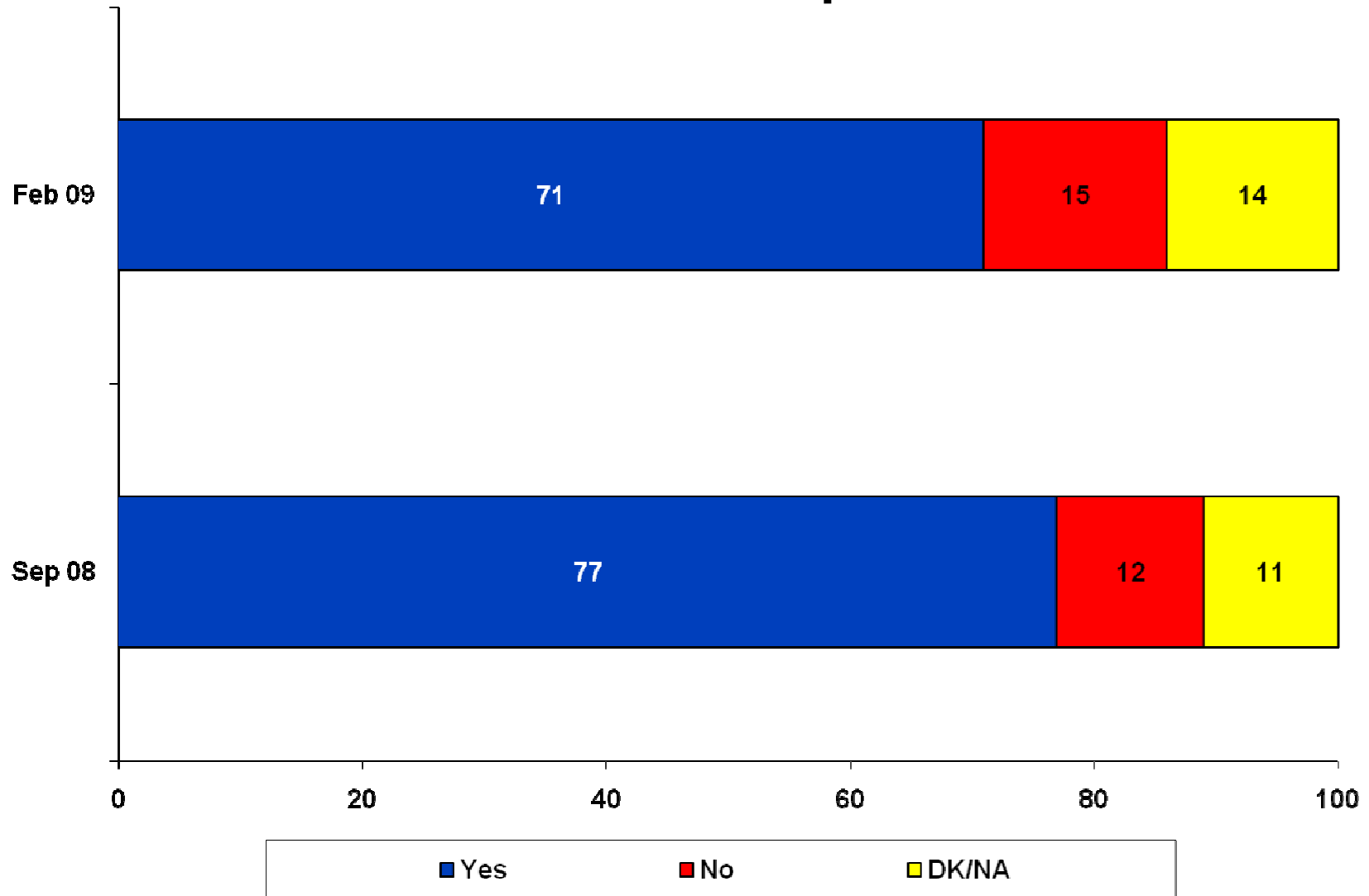


*In 2007 and 2008 years the answer category was "In 2008", in February 2009 this answer category was changed to "In 2009"

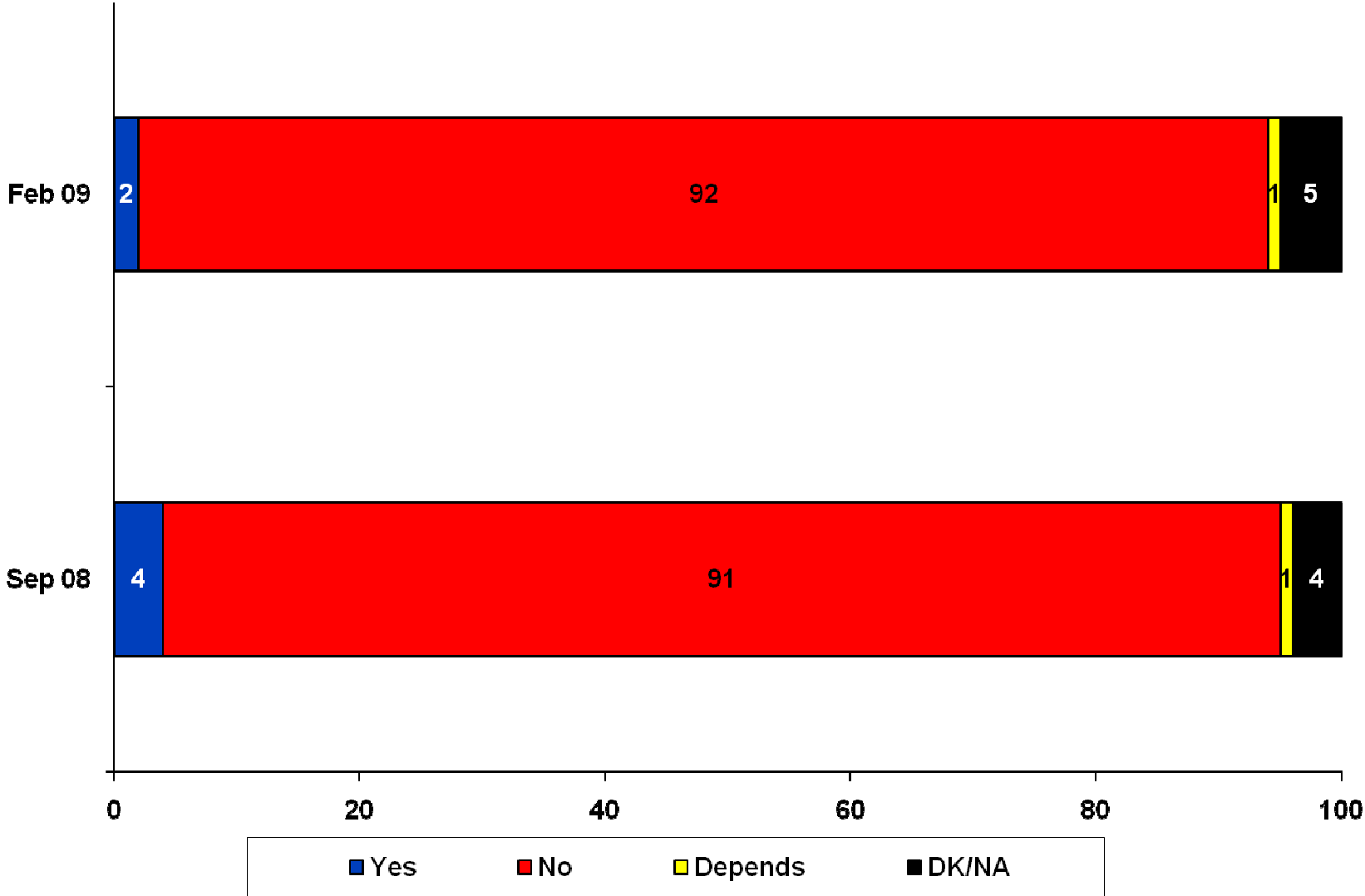
What hinders Georgia's membership in NATO?



Do you support the government's decision to leave the Commonwealth of Independent States?

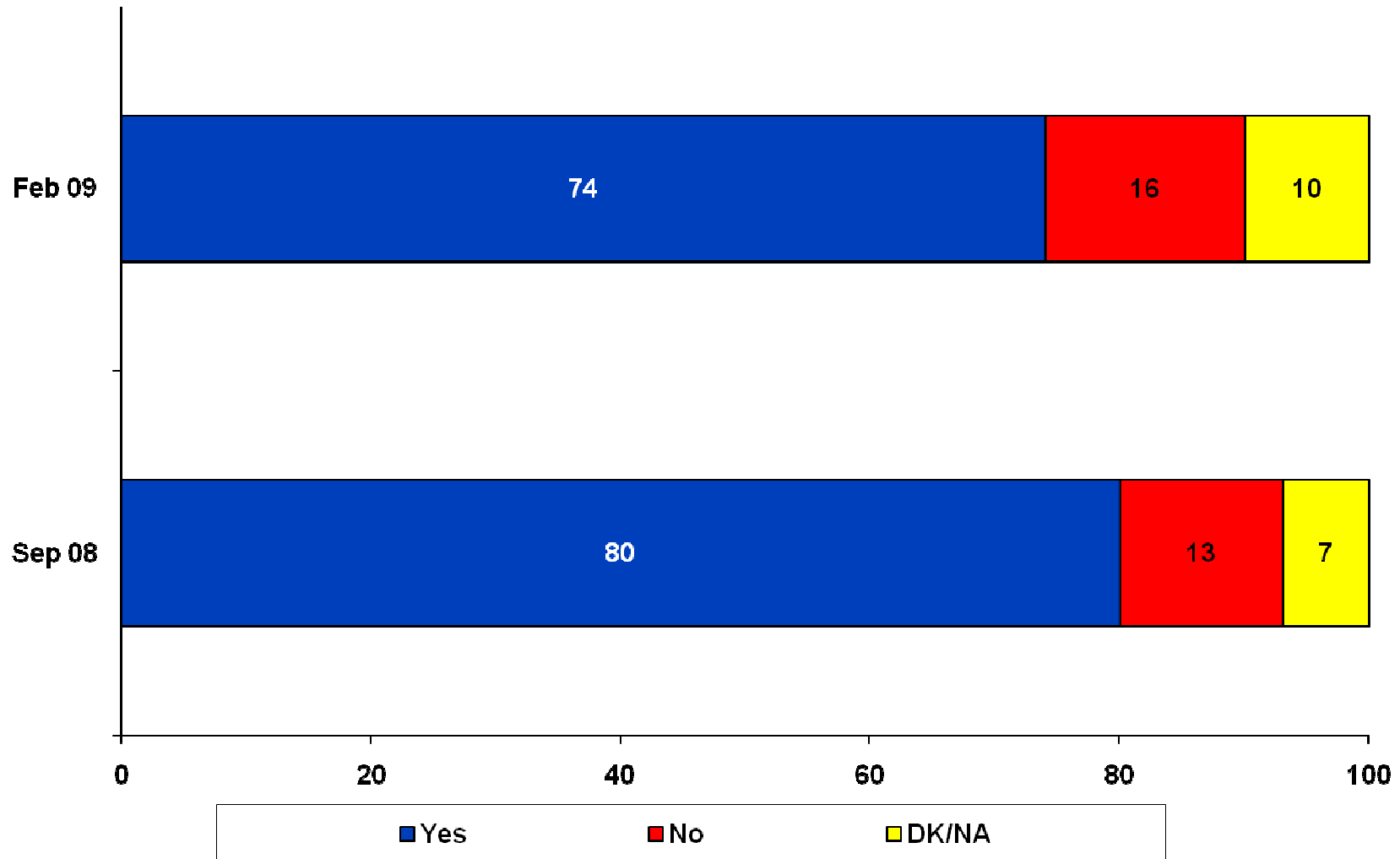


Would you ever accept the independence of South Ossetia and/or Abkhazia?

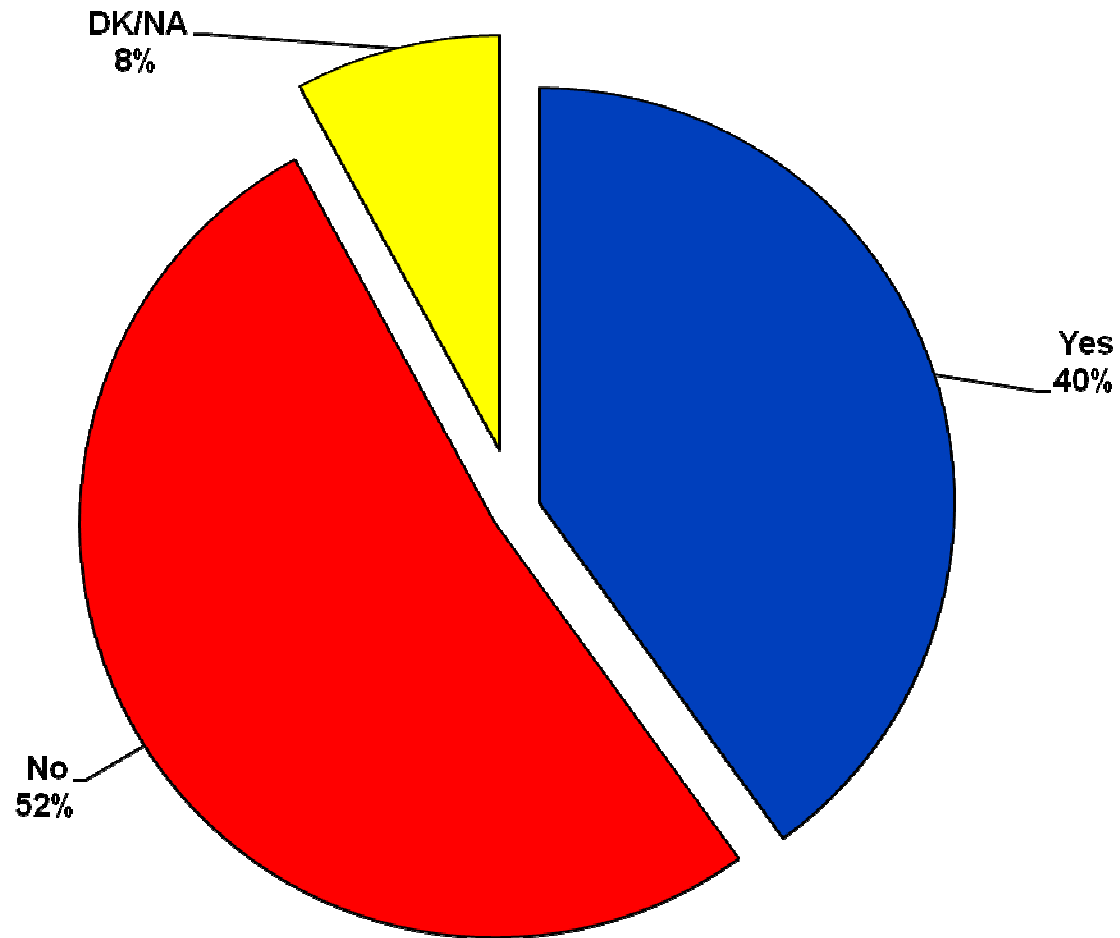


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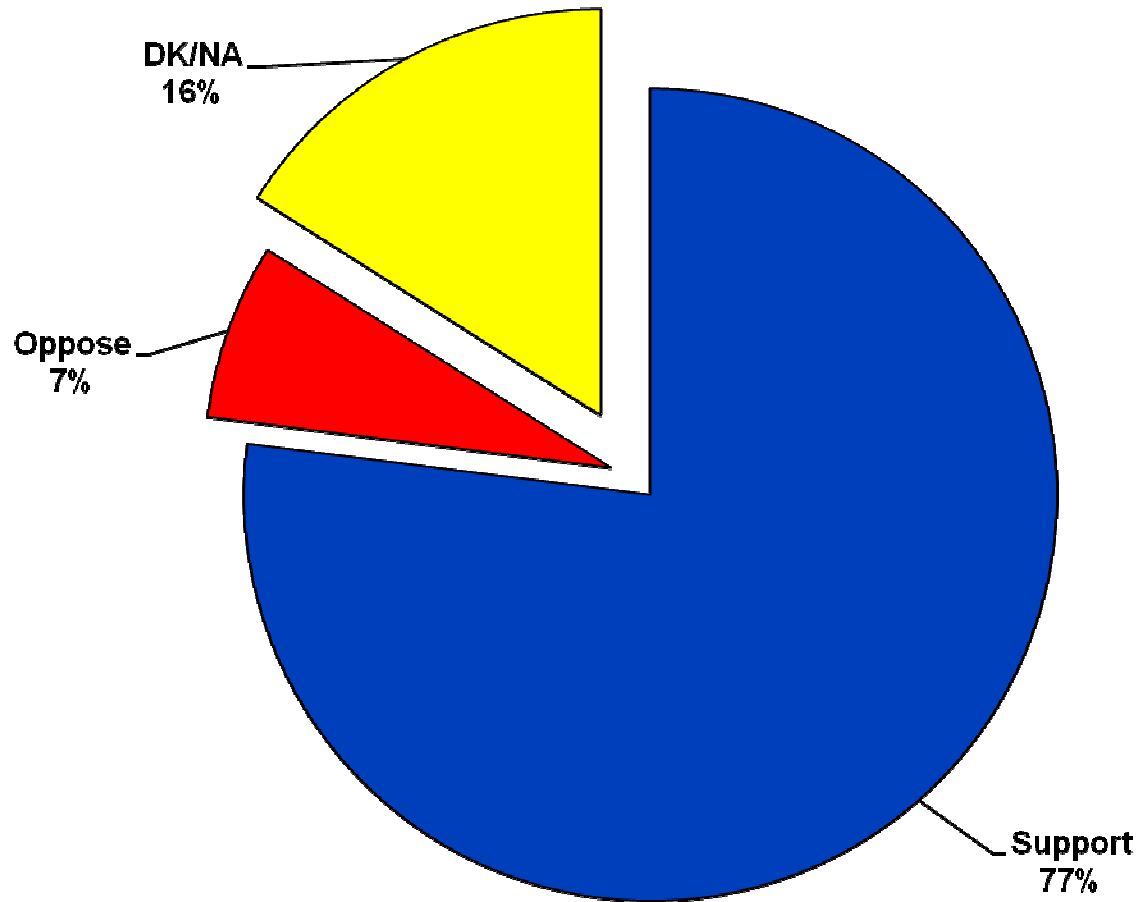
Do you support an international peacekeeping force in Georgia?



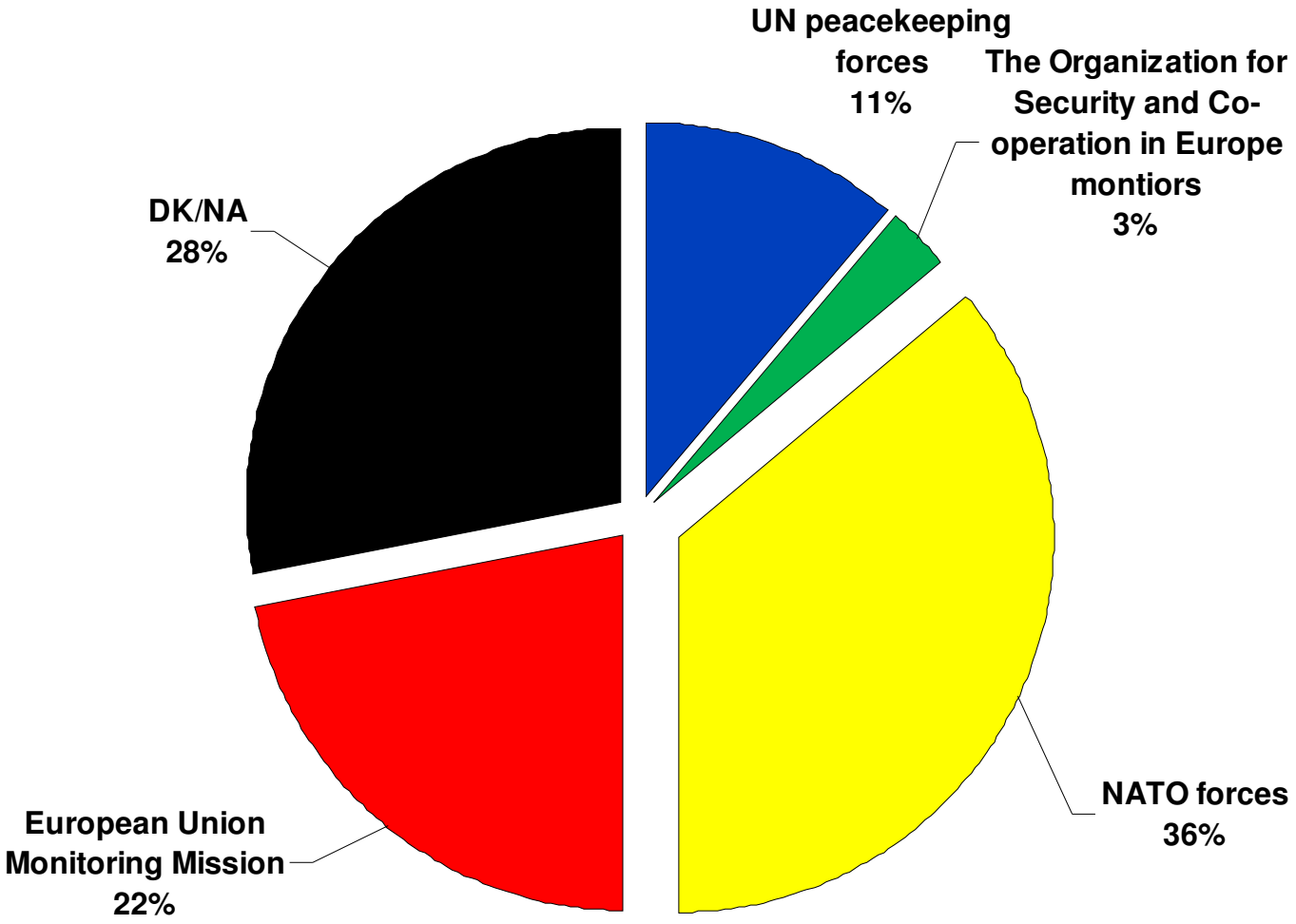
Have you heard about the charter that Georgia and the USA signed?



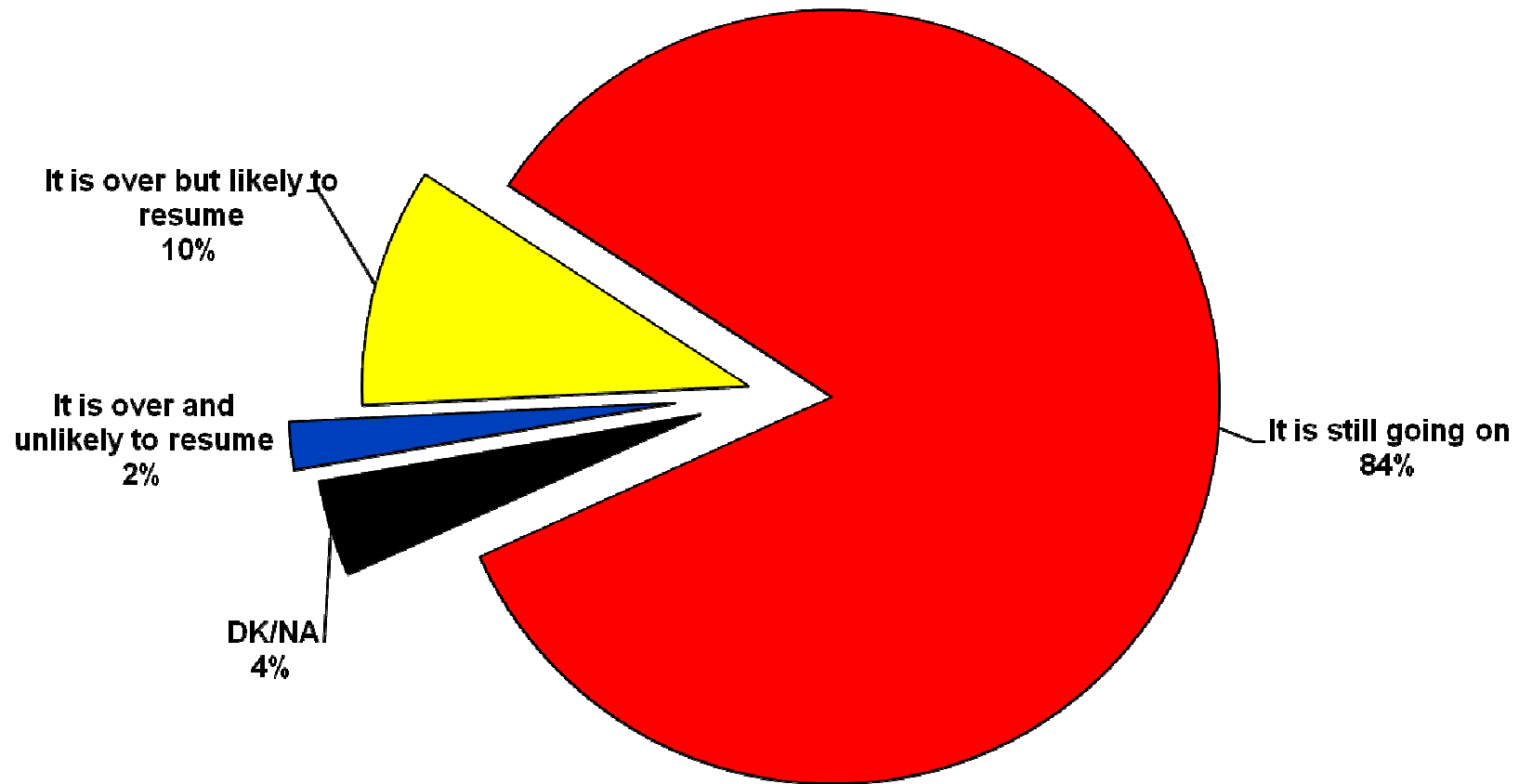
Do you support or oppose this charter? (those who have heard, N=600)



Who can best provide security for Georgia in conflict areas?



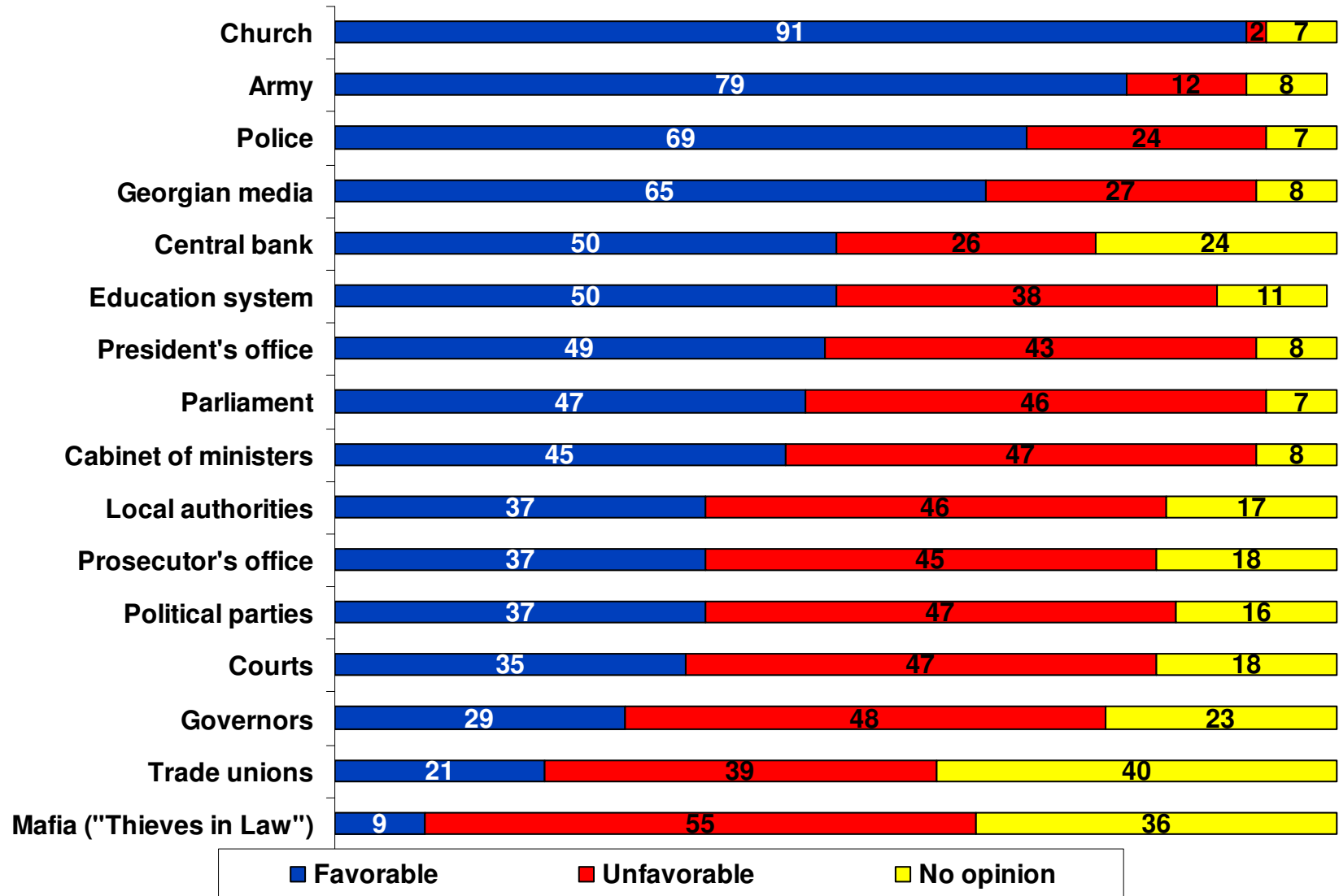
Do you think that Russian aggression toward Georgia is over or is it still going on?



INSTITUTIONS

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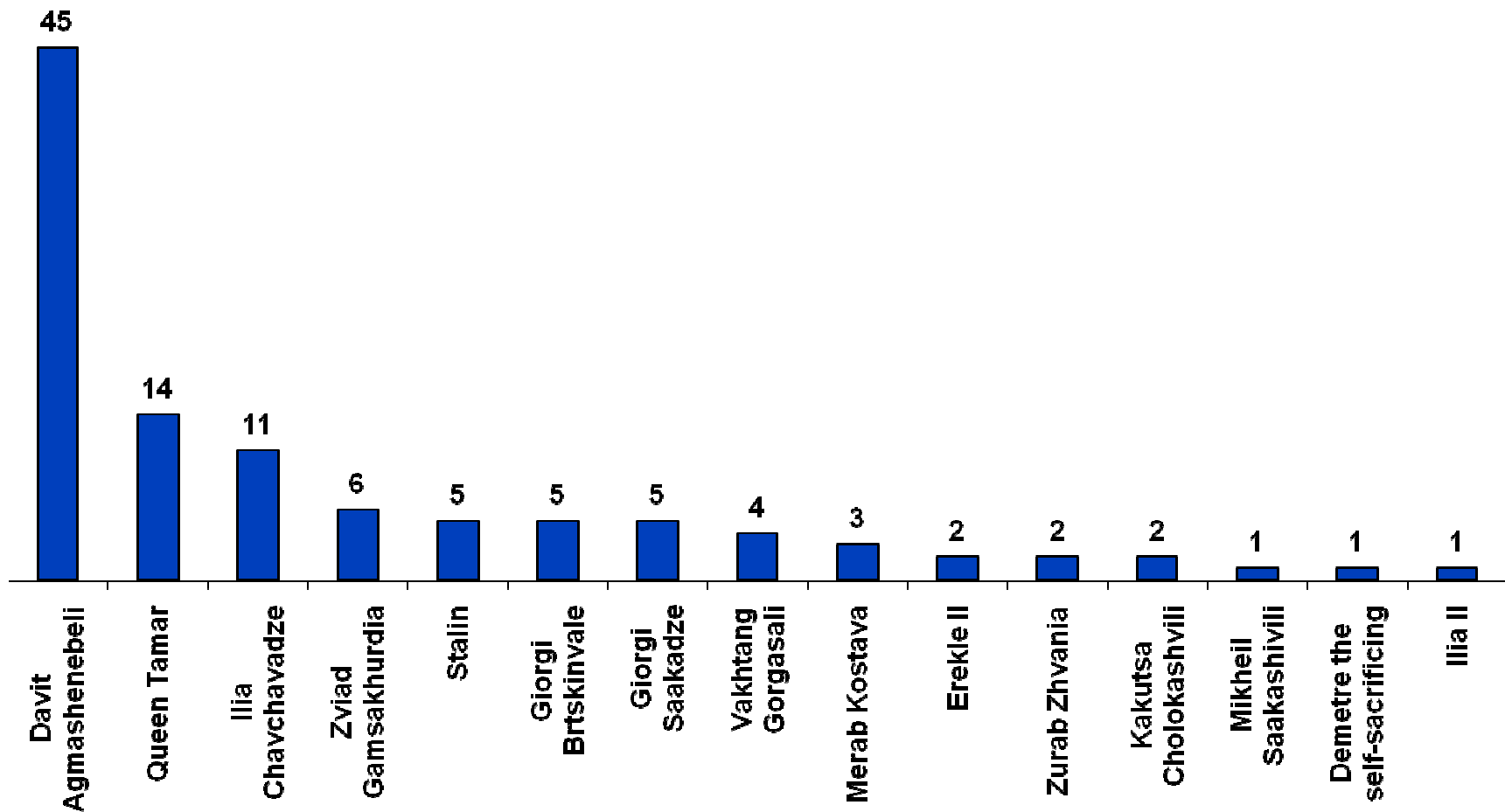
What is your opinion about the work of each of these institutions?



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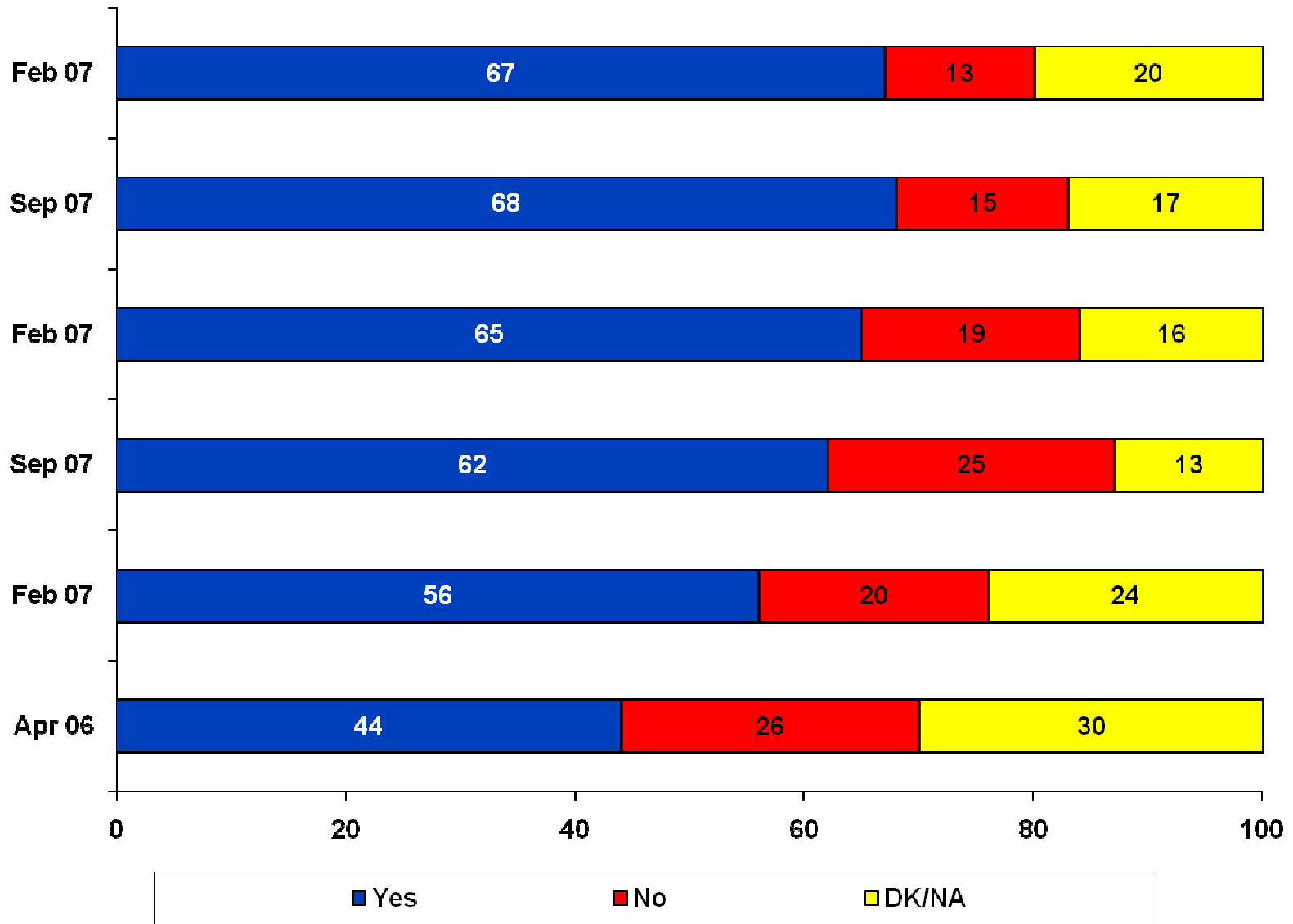
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Of prominent Georgians and characters from Georgian history and folk culture, who is most suitable to be a national hero or leader in the current time?

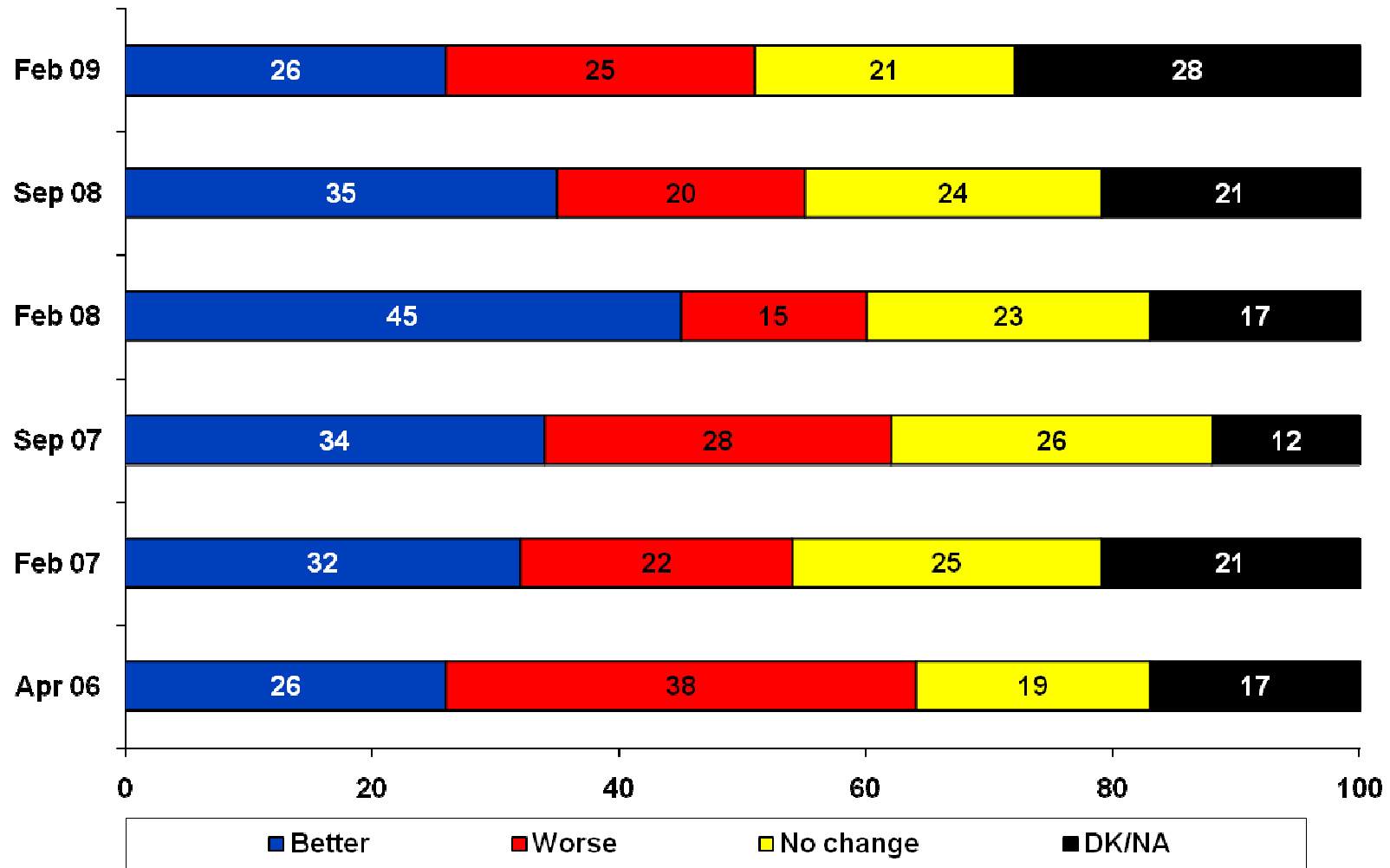


TOLERANCE

Is Georgia a tolerant society?



Are the relations between Georgians and ethnic minorities in regions such as Kvemo Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti getting better or worse?

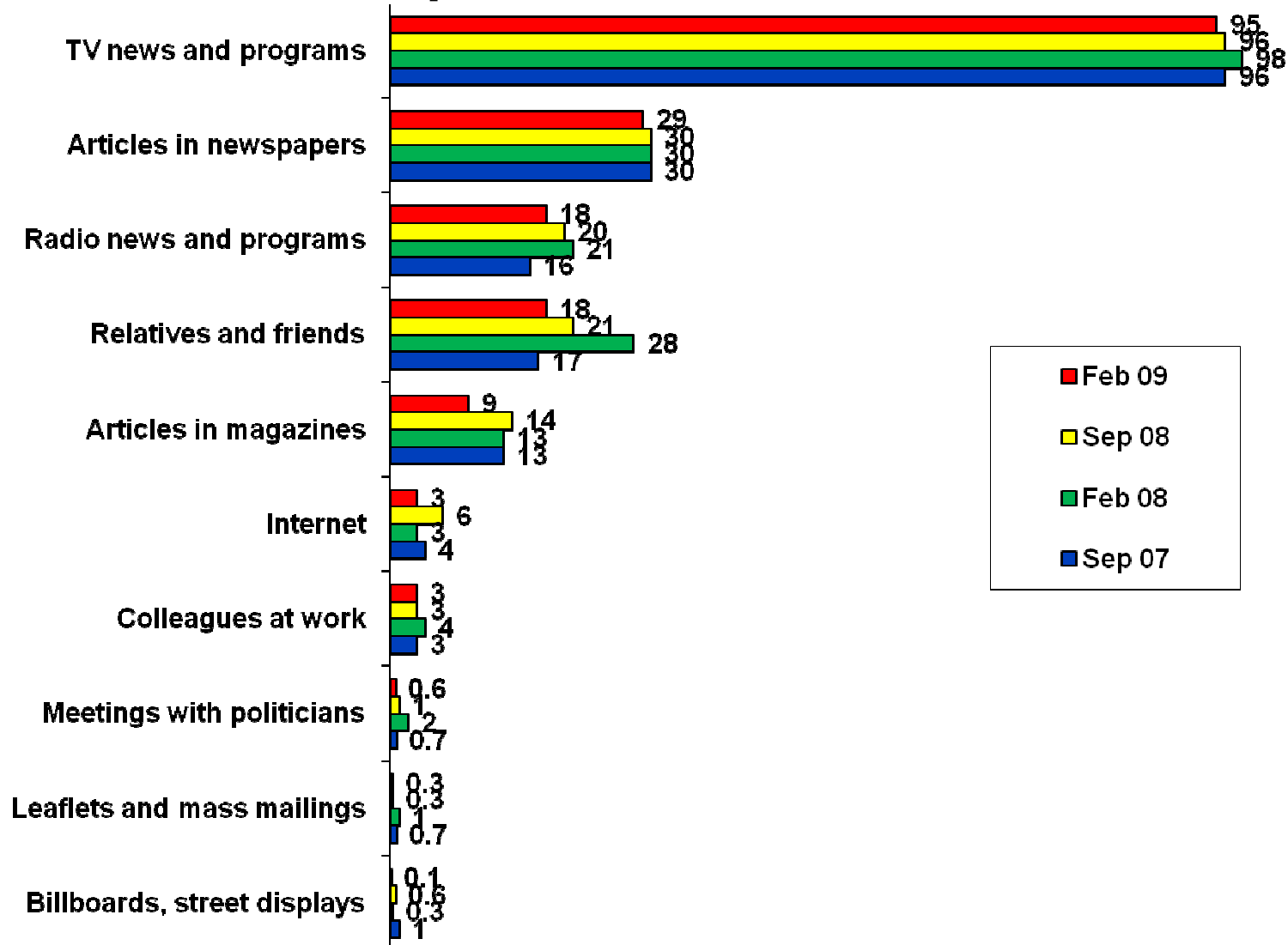


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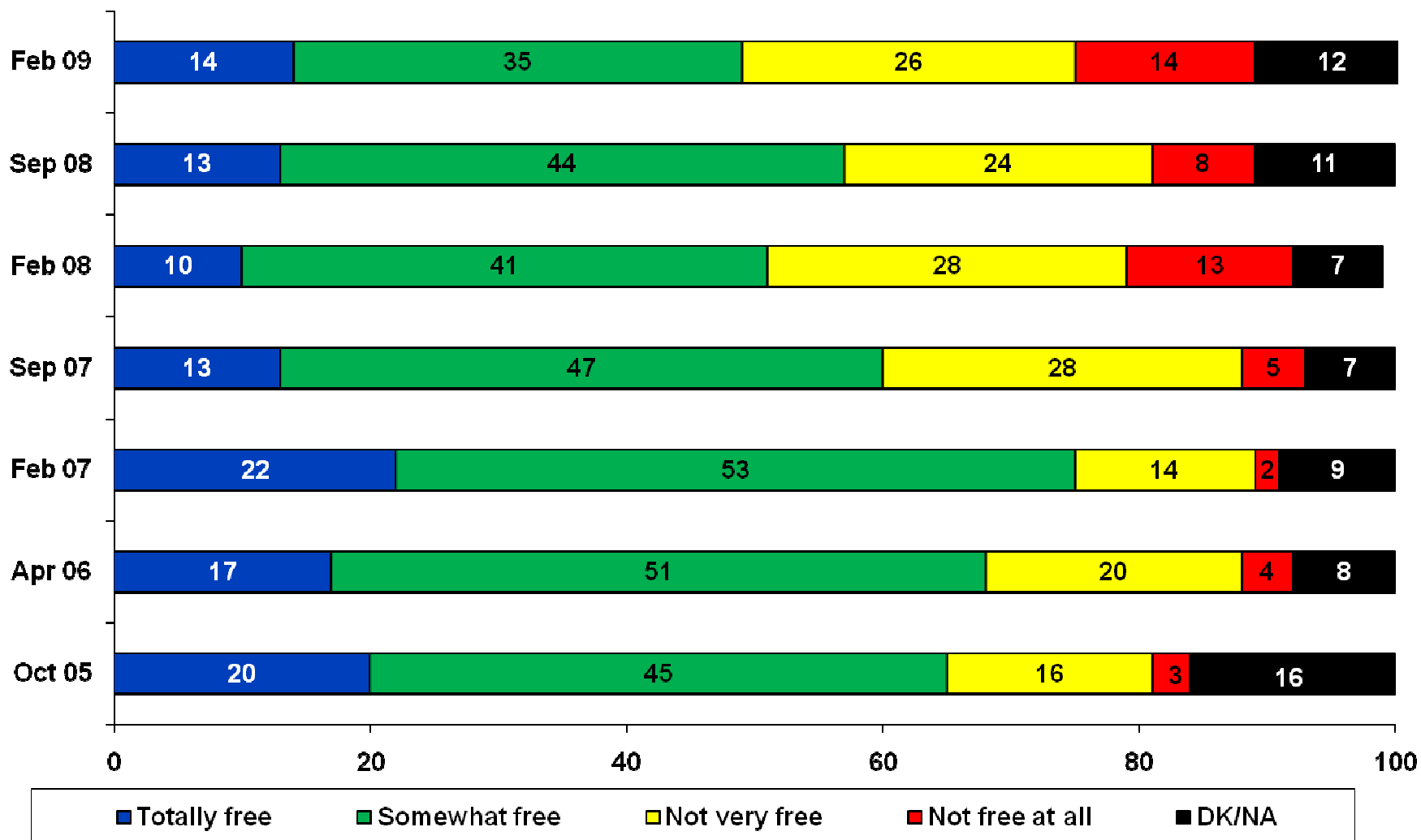
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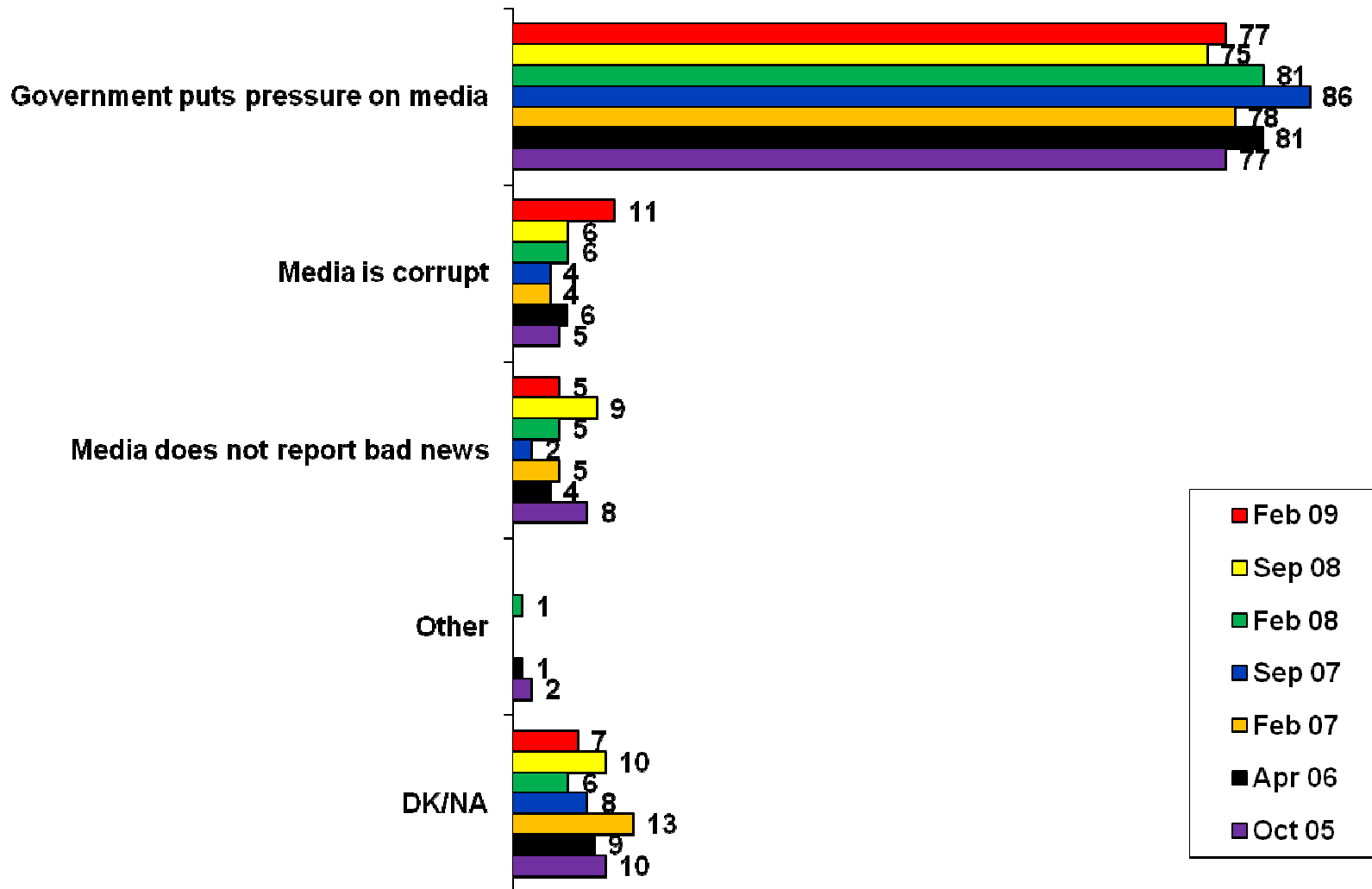
Which of these sources do you use for obtaining political information?



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



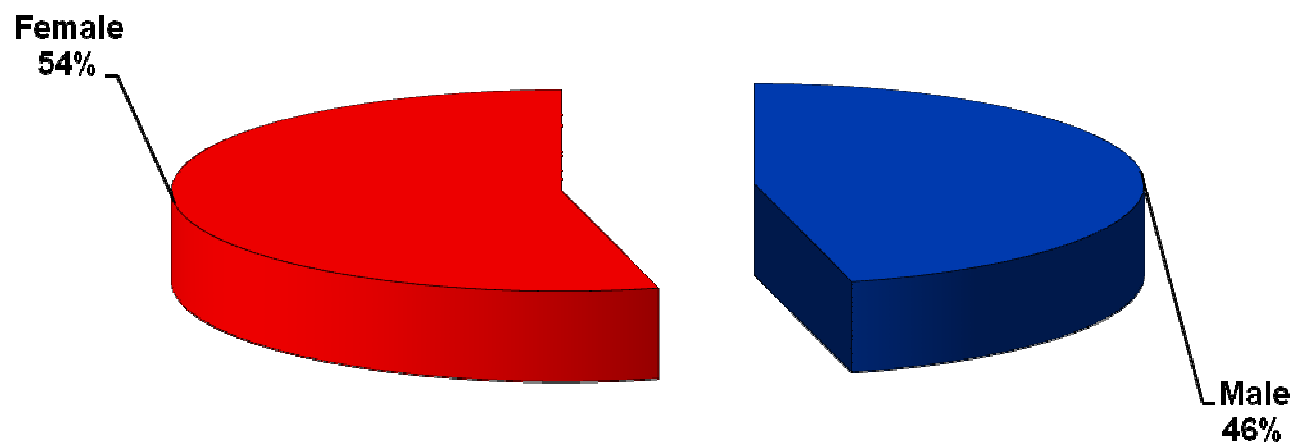
Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views? (those who answered not free, N=589)



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Gender



Age groups

