



# Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Georgia

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April 10-22, 2018



# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene from the public and market research company [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#). The fieldwork was carried out by [IPM Research, Ltd.](#)
- Data was collected throughout Georgia (excluding the occupied territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia) between April 10-22, 2018, through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Georgia older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and size/type of settlement.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, employing the “random route” and “next birthday” respondent selection procedures.
  - Stage one: All districts of Georgia are grouped into 10 regions. The survey was conducted throughout all regions of Georgia, except for the occupied territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. The city of Tbilisi was treated as a separate region.
  - Stage two: The territory of each region was split into settlements and grouped according to subtype (i.e. cities, towns and villages).
    - Settlements were selected at random.
    - The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a particular type of the settlement in each region.
  - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent for the full sample. Data are weighted by the variables of gender, age, region and size of the settlement using the latest data from Geostat.
- Response rate was 71 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#).

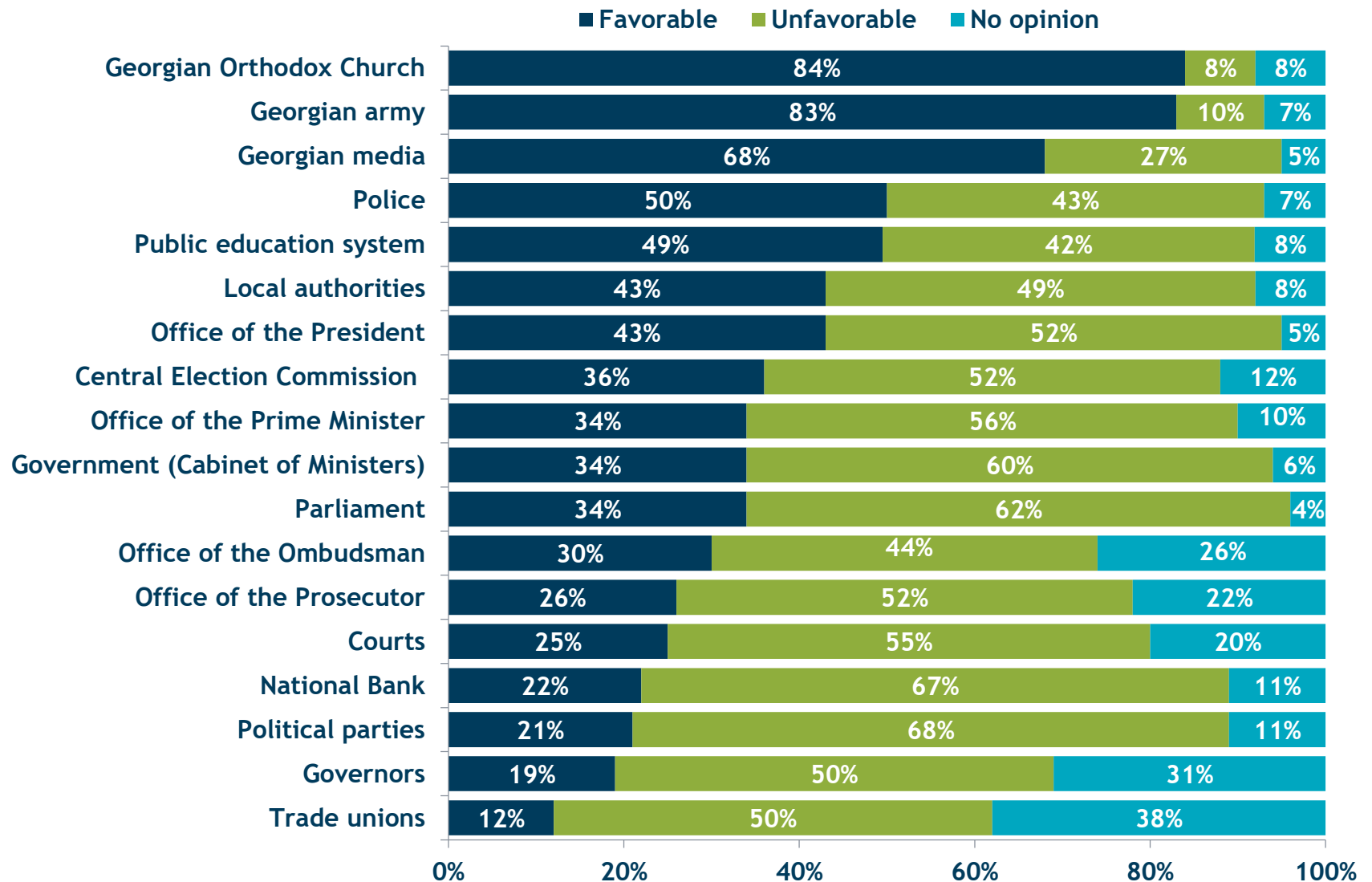


# National Institutions Losing Favorability

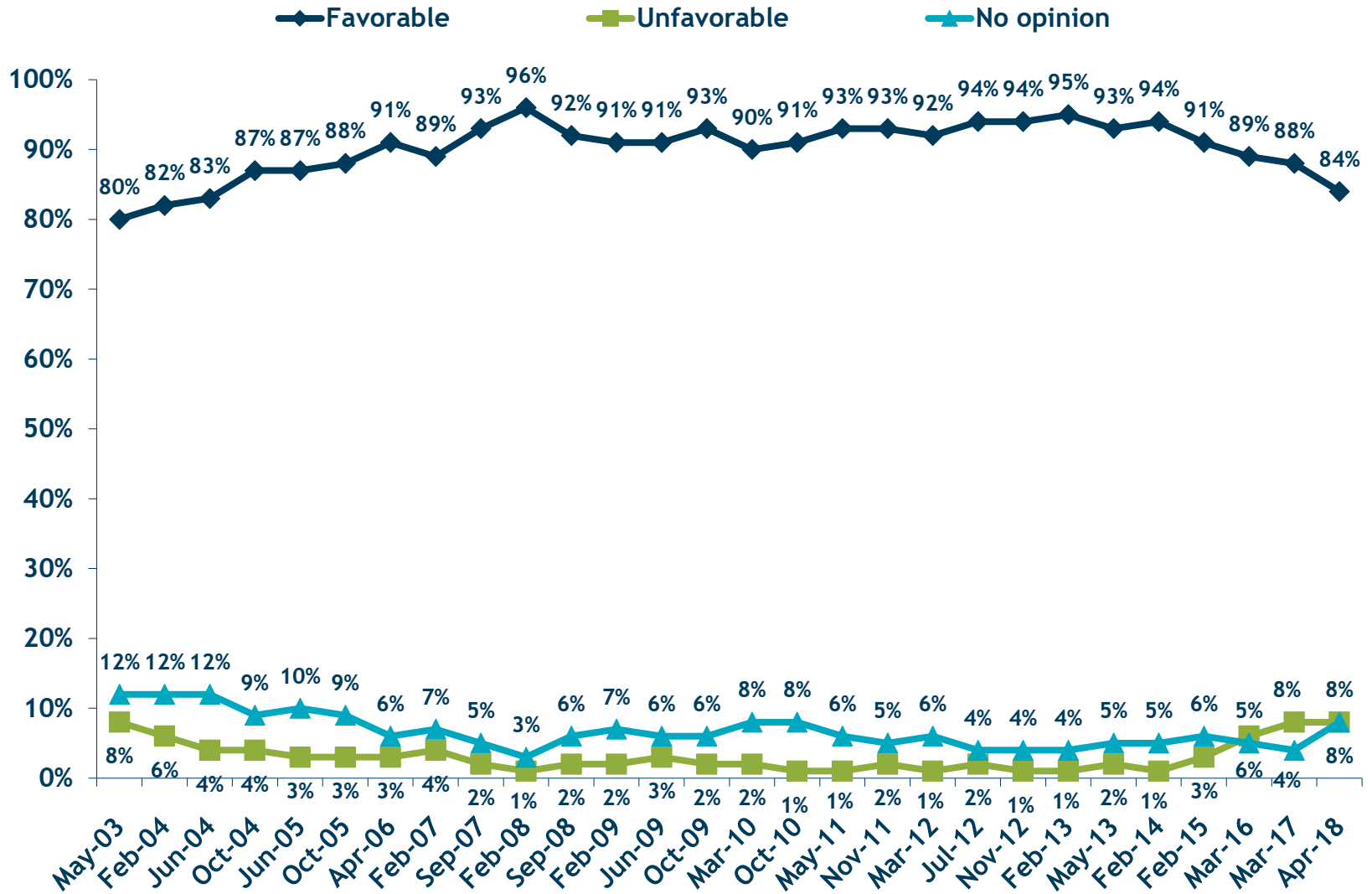
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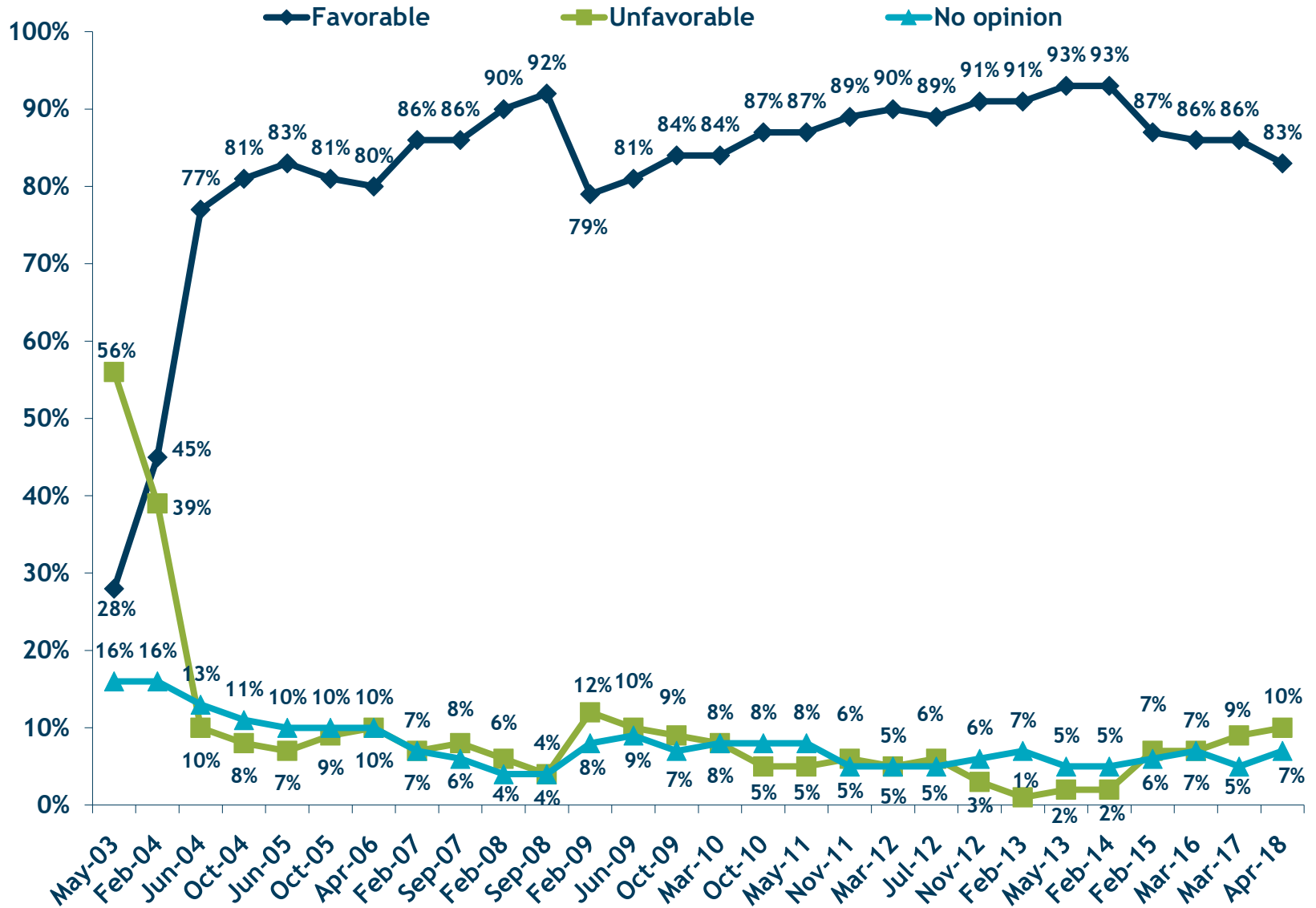
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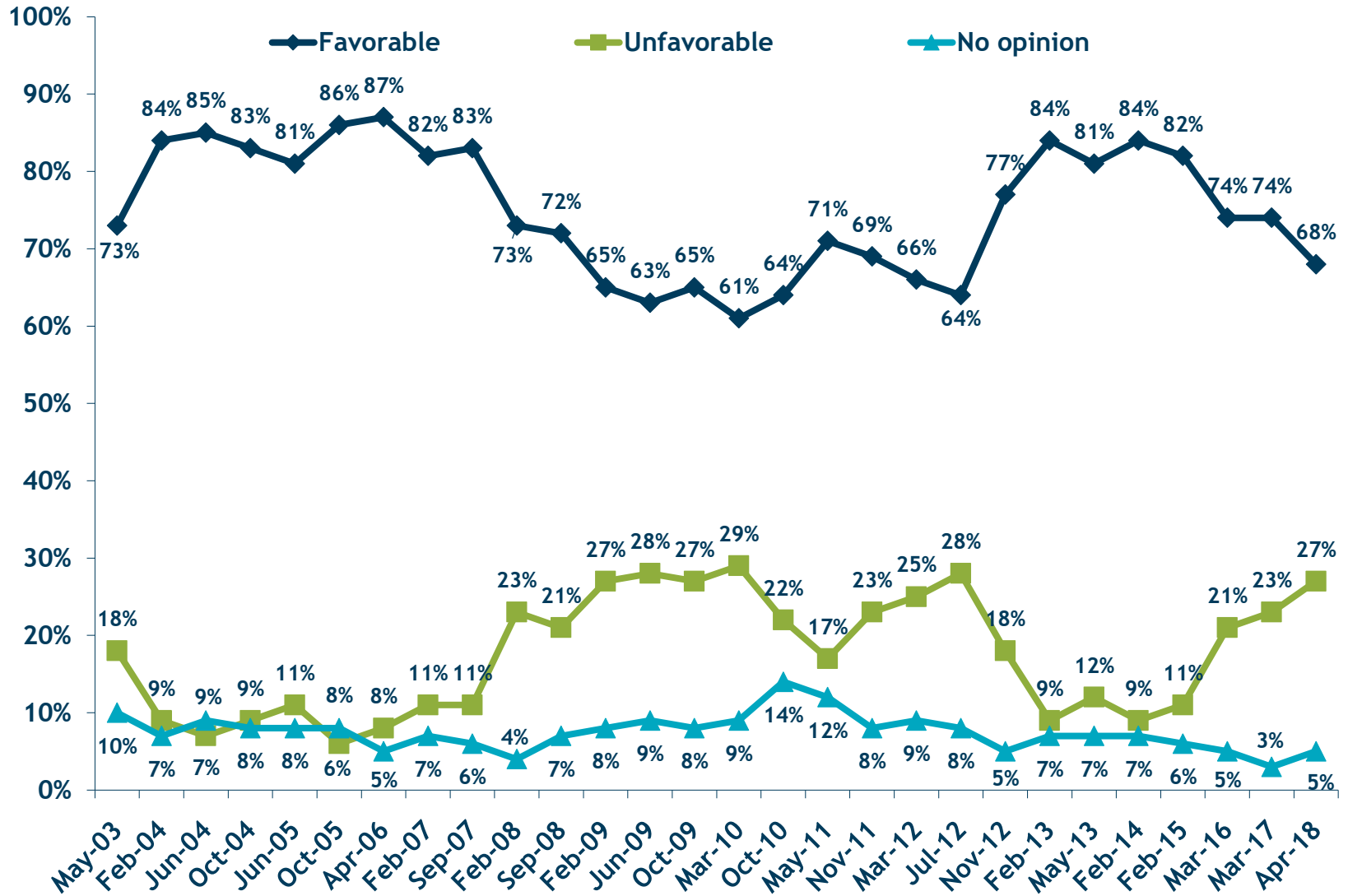
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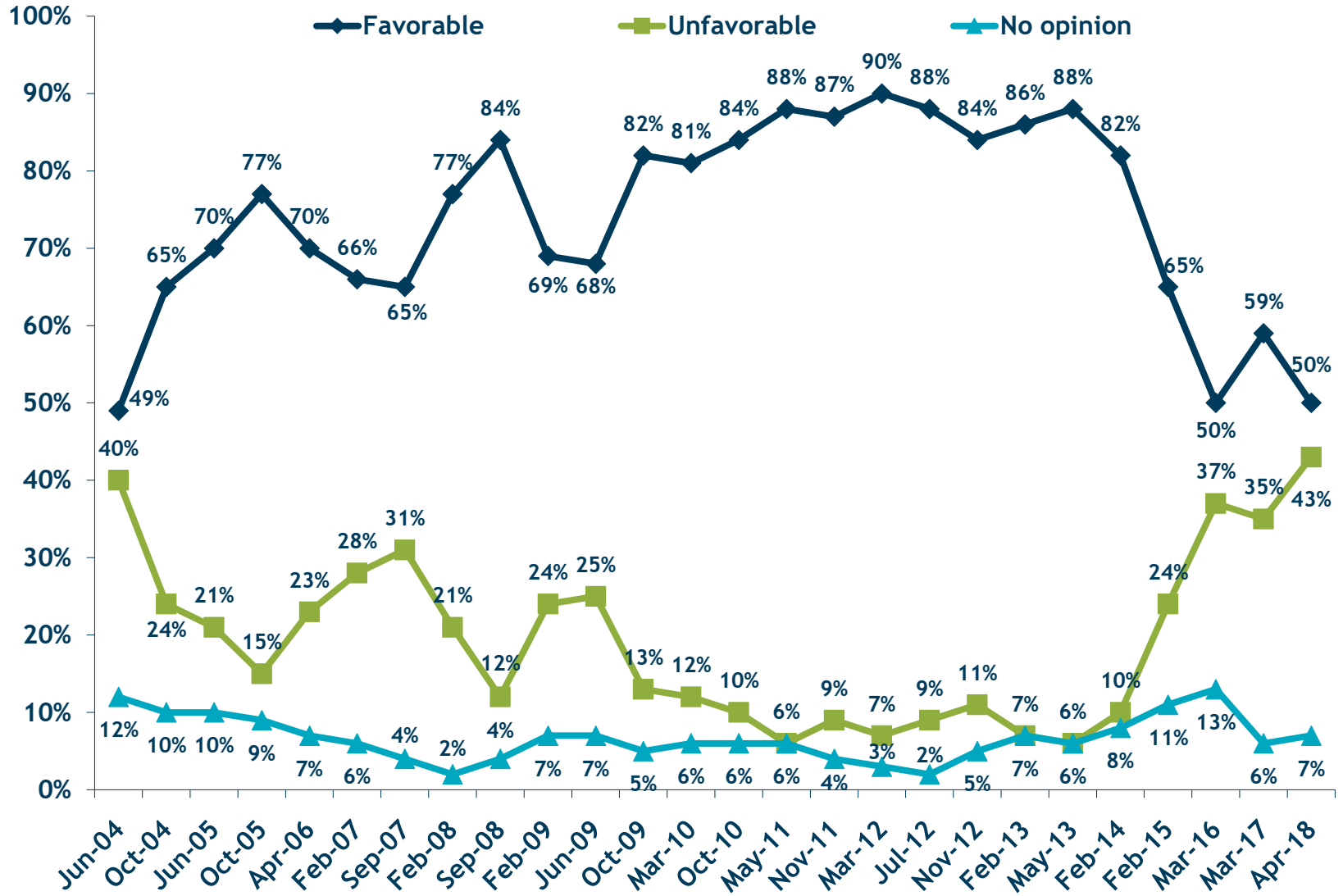
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# Opinions of Institutions: Georgian Media

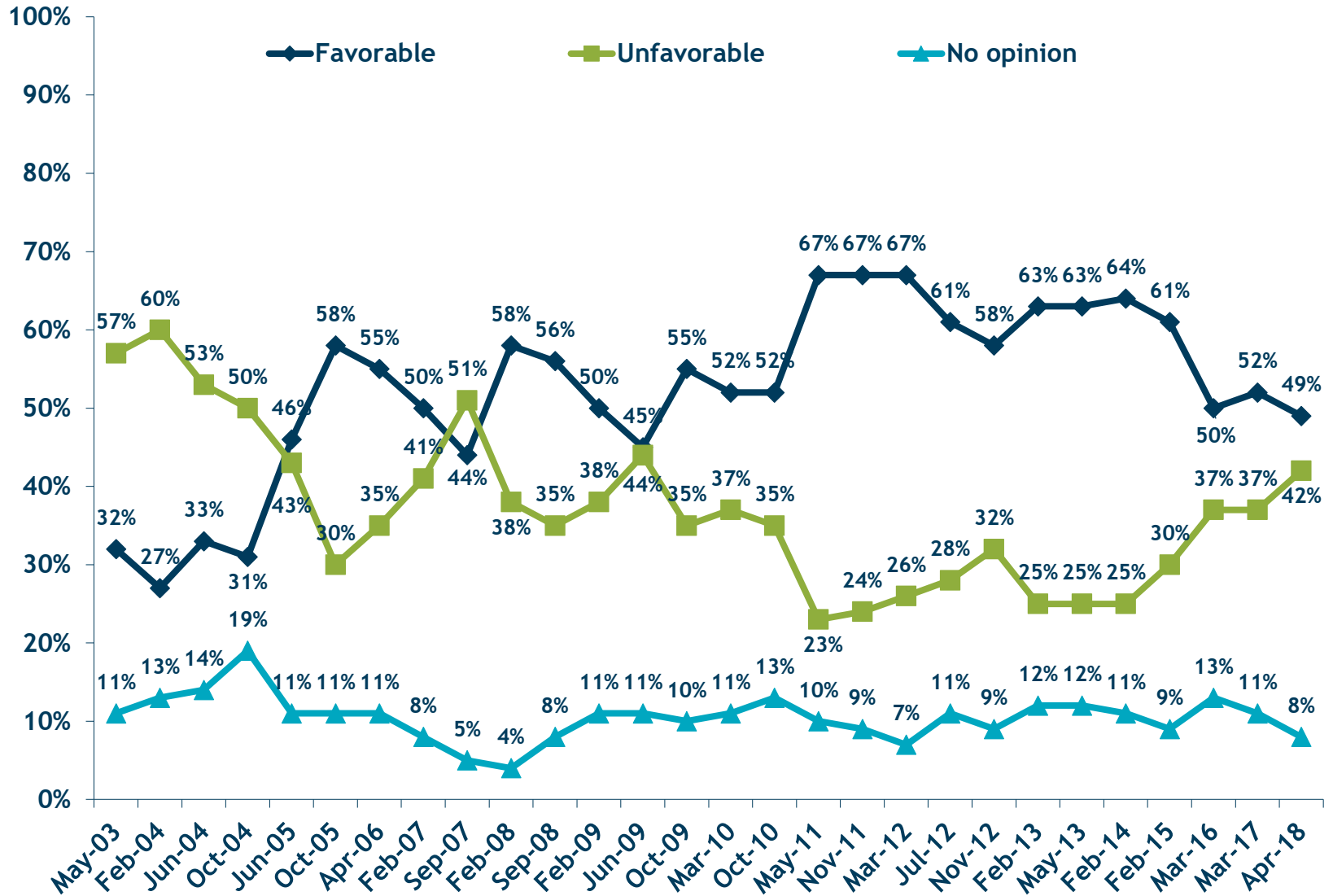


# Opinions of Institutions: Police

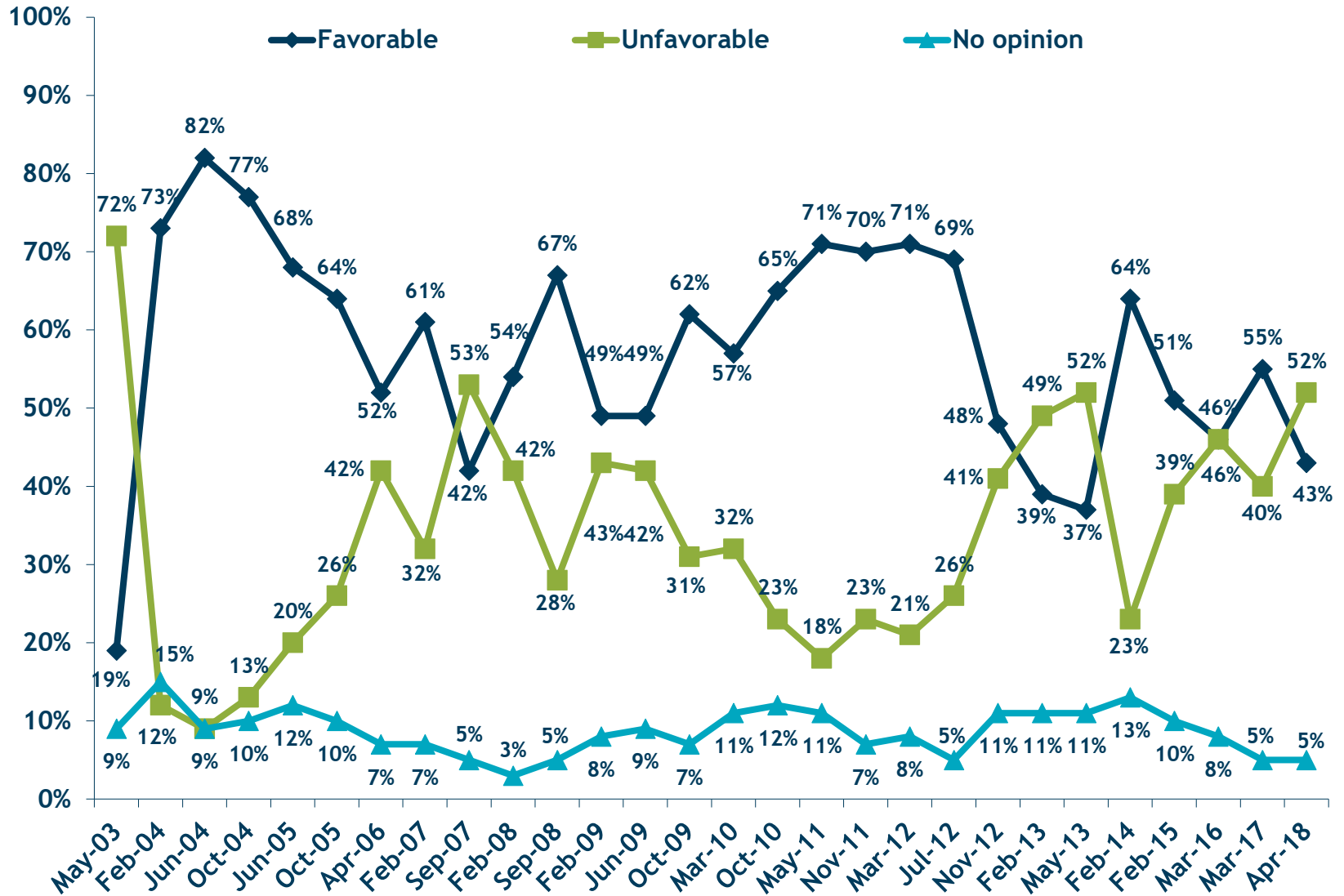




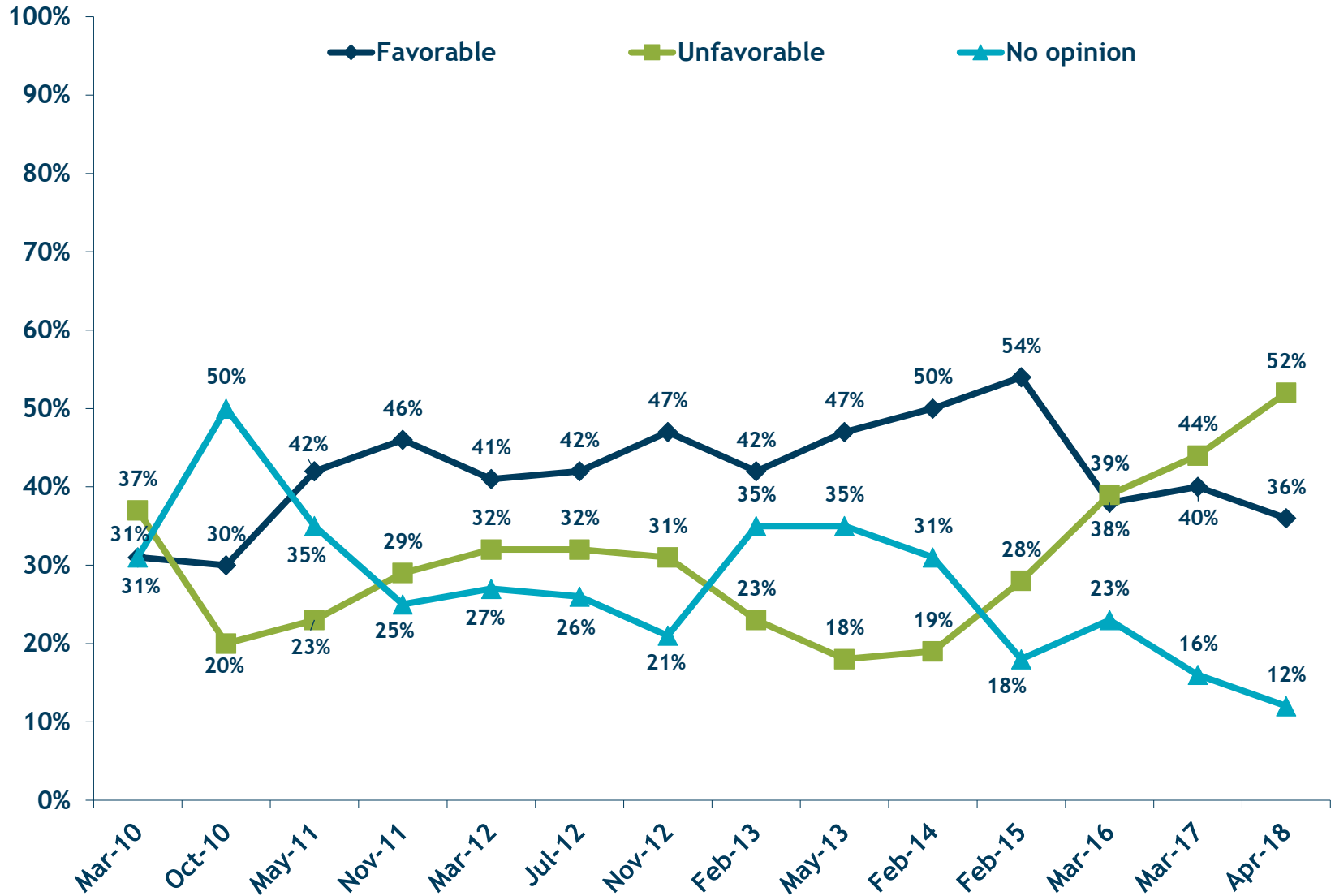
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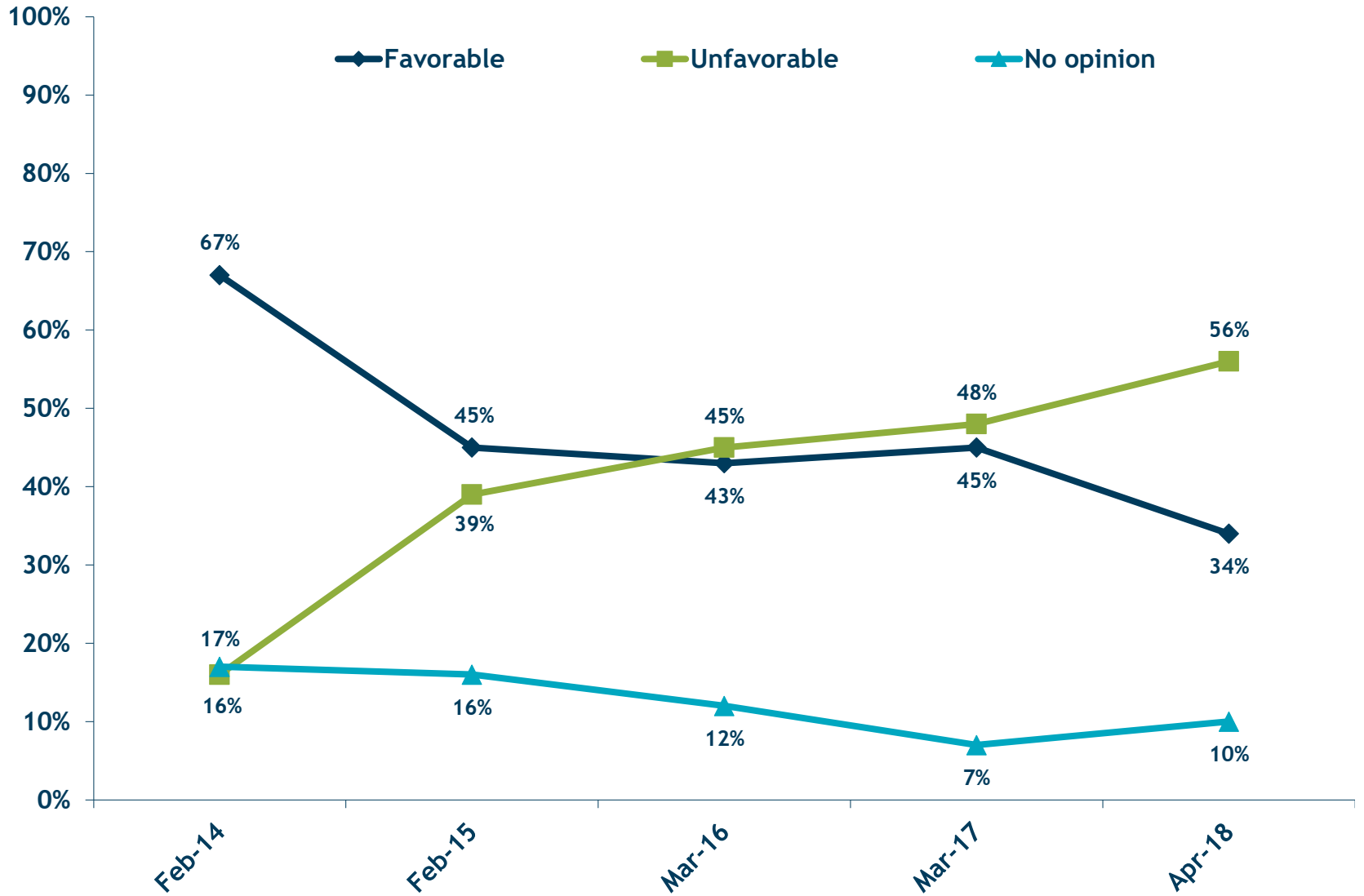
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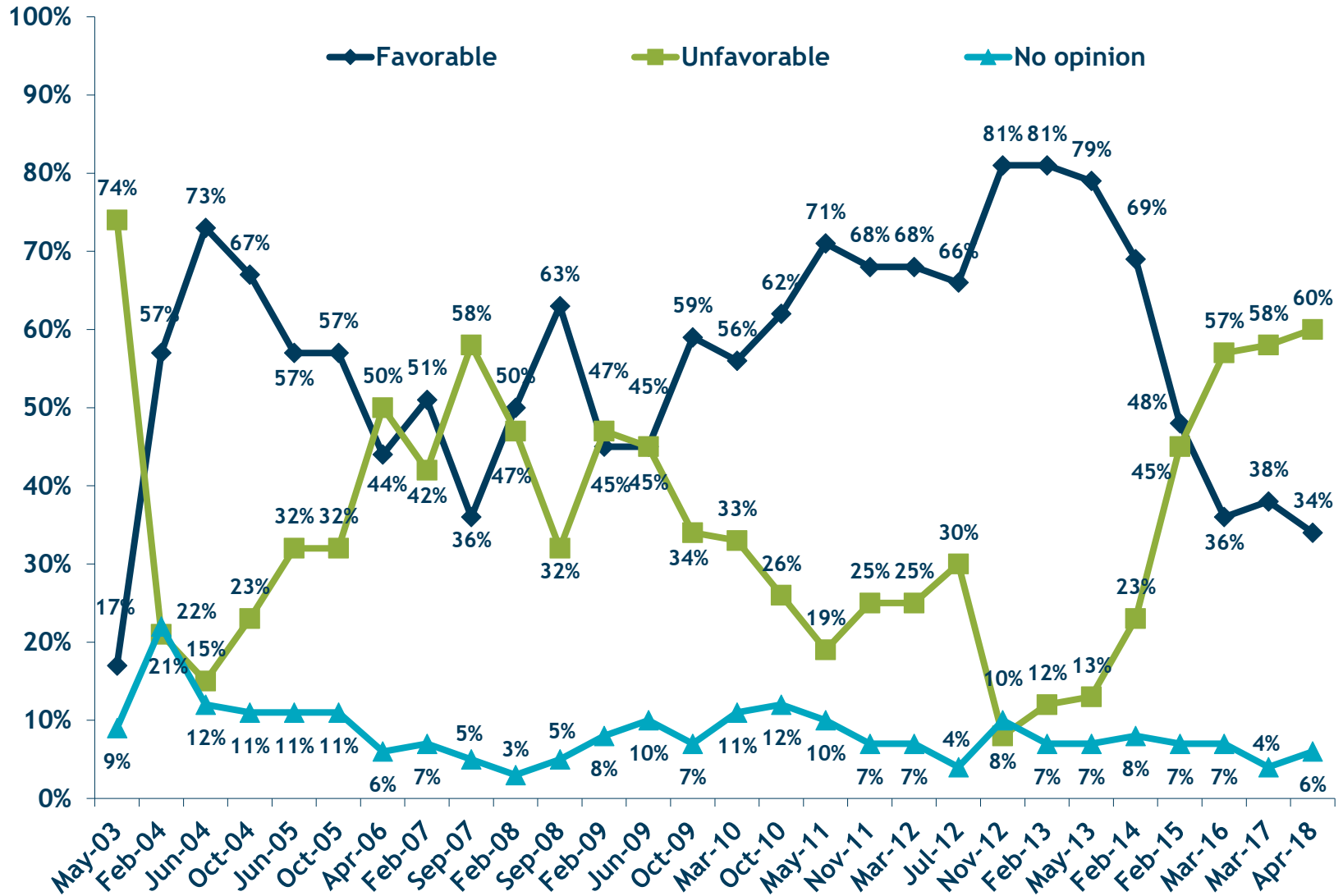
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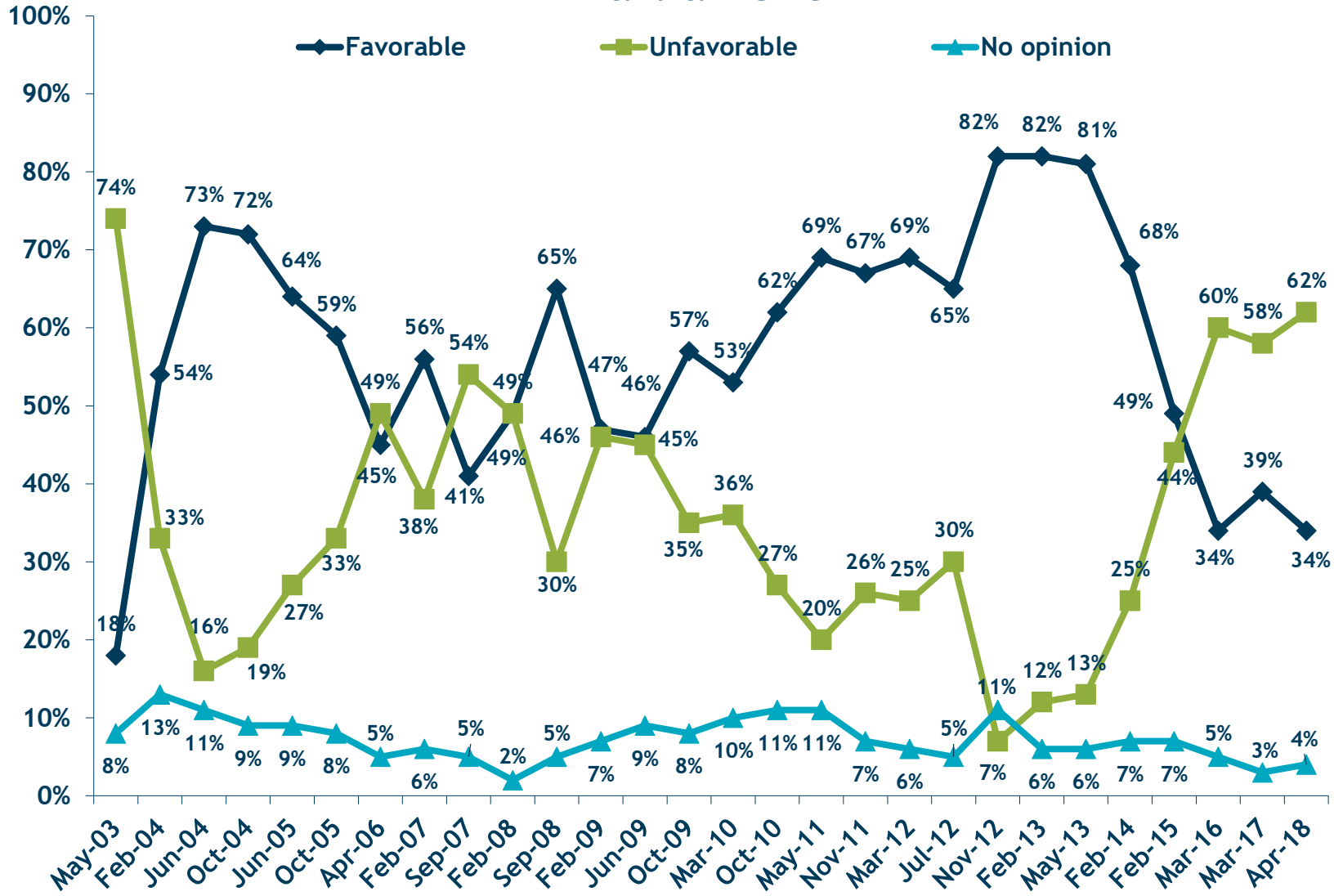
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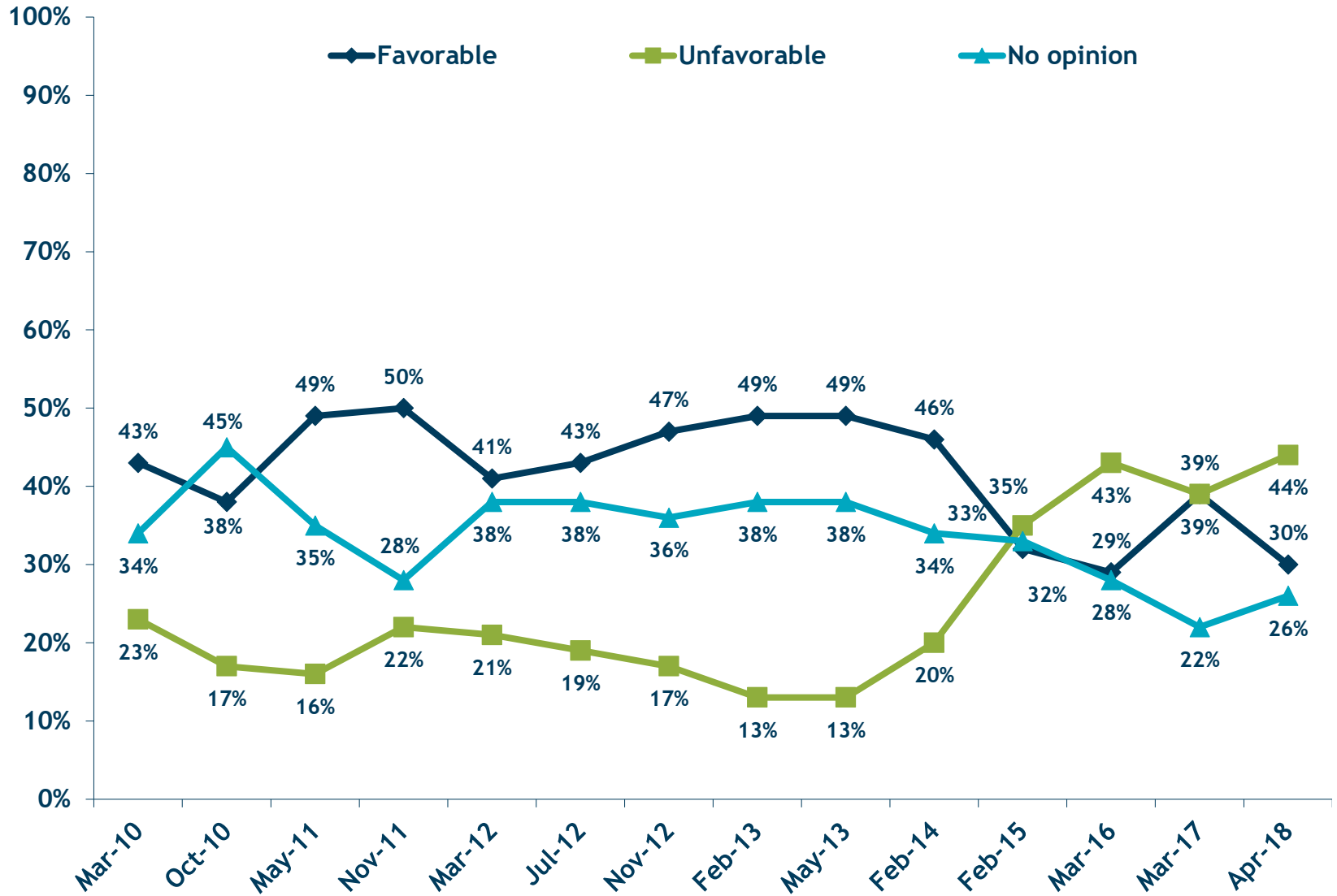
# Opinions of Institutions: Government (Cabinet of Ministers)



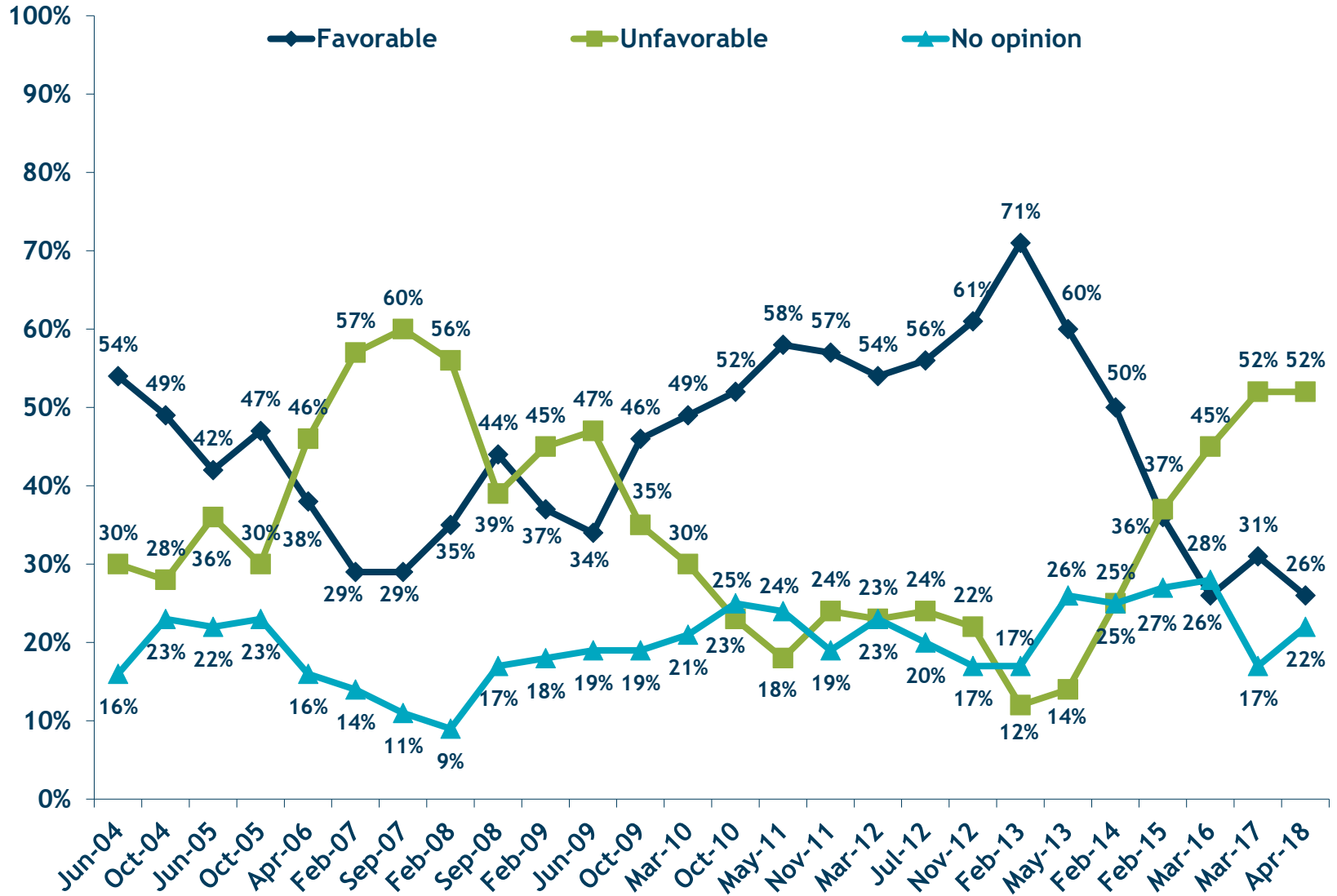
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# Opinions of Institutions: Office of the Ombudsman

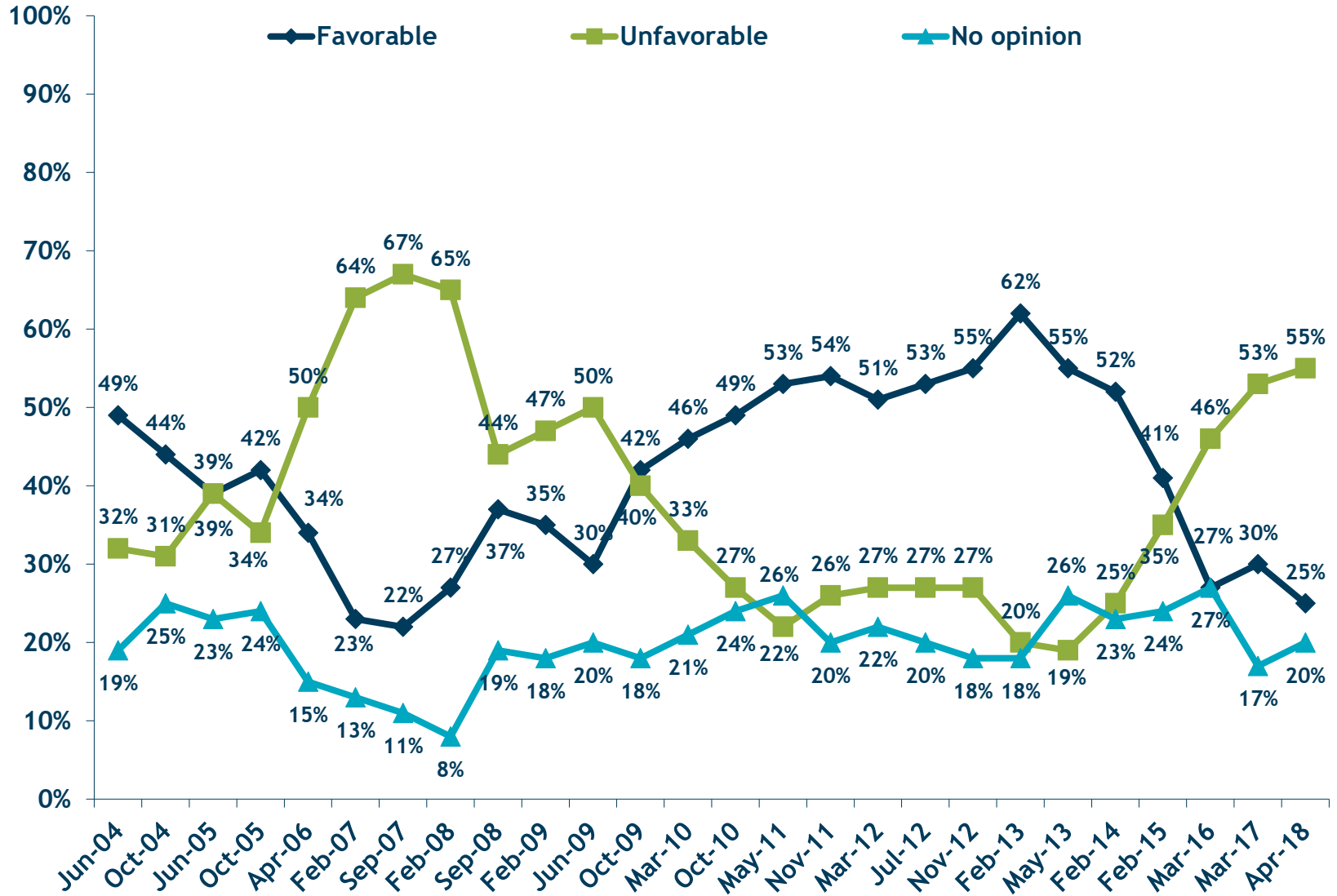


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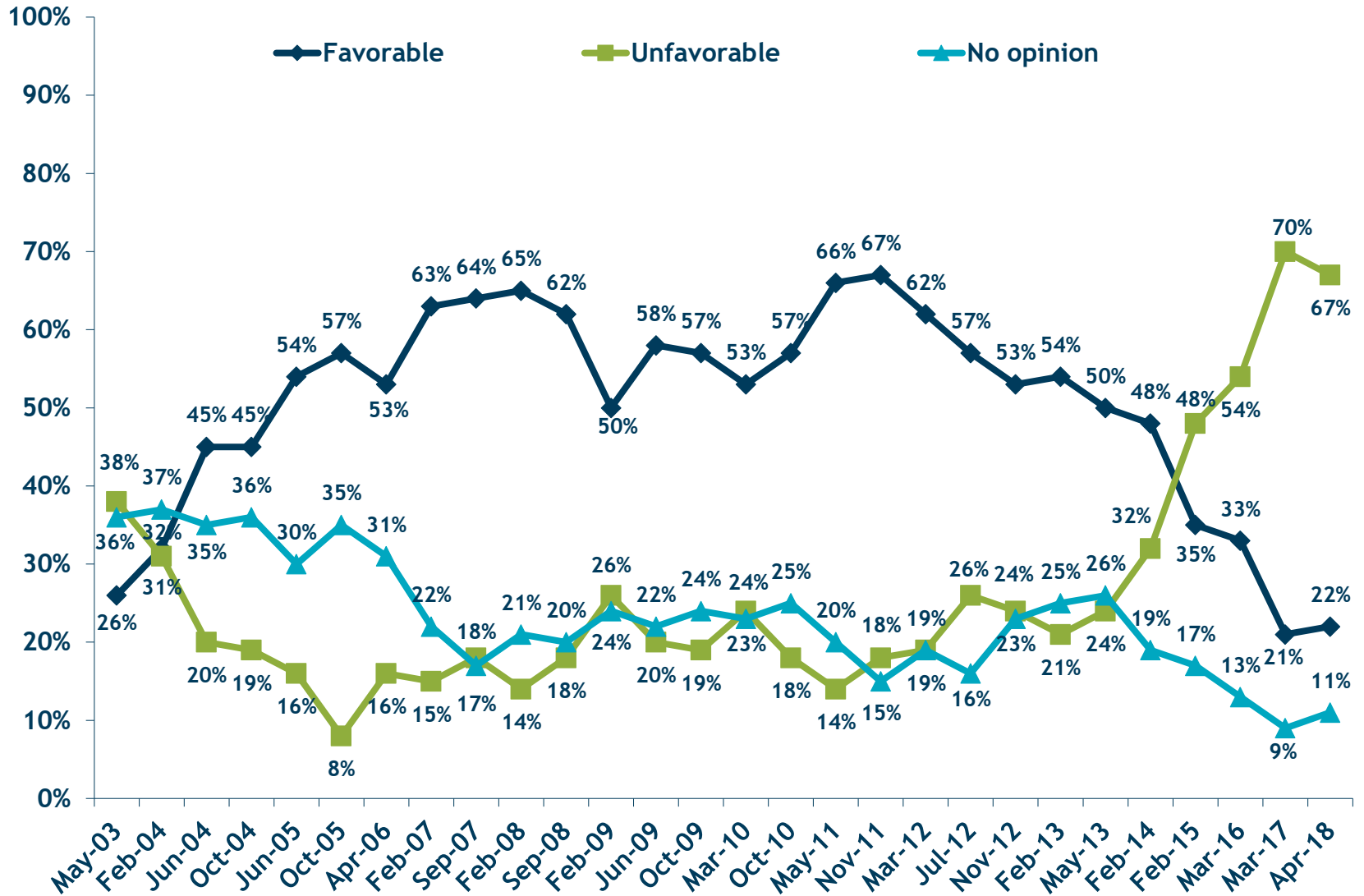




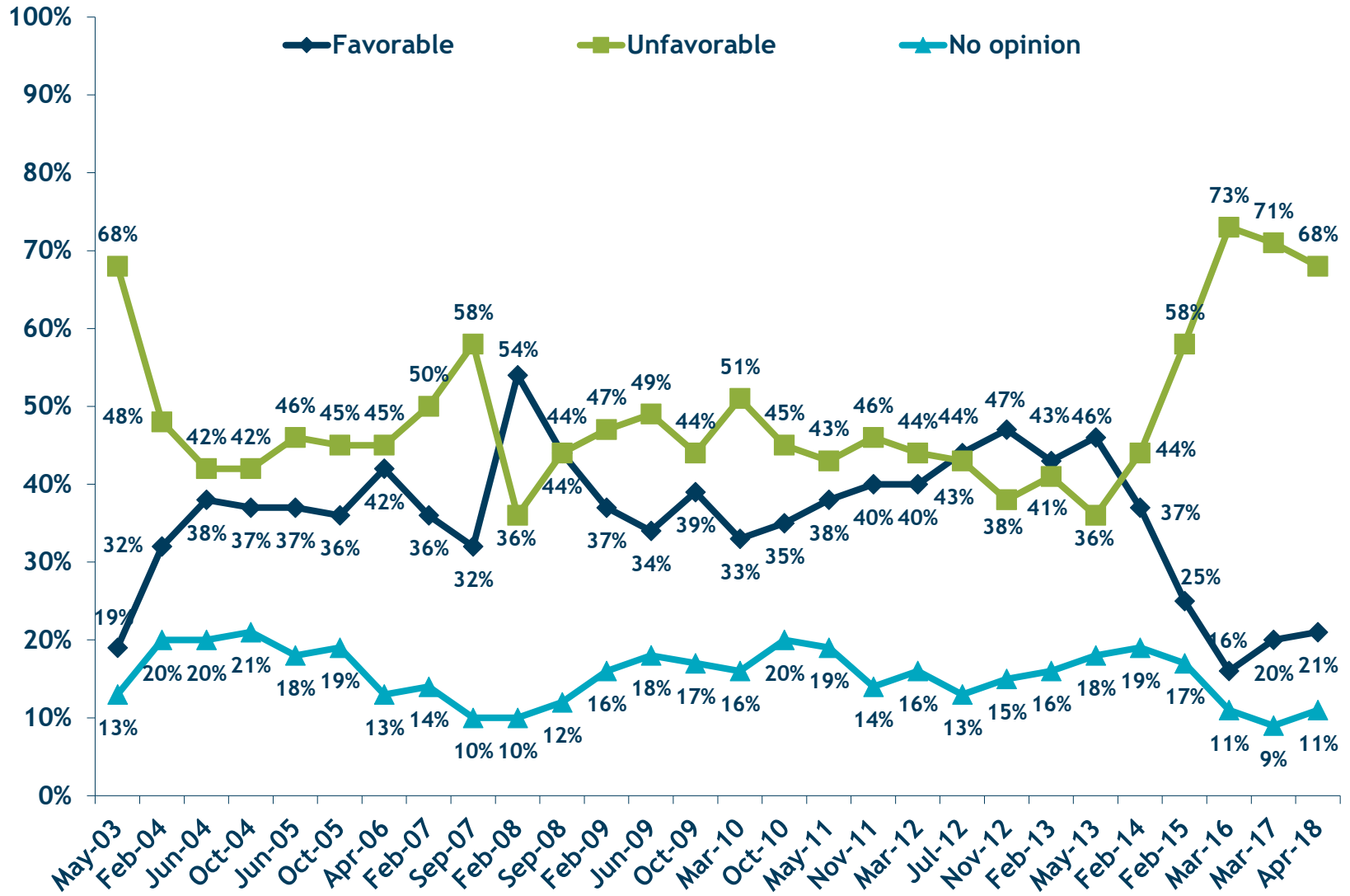
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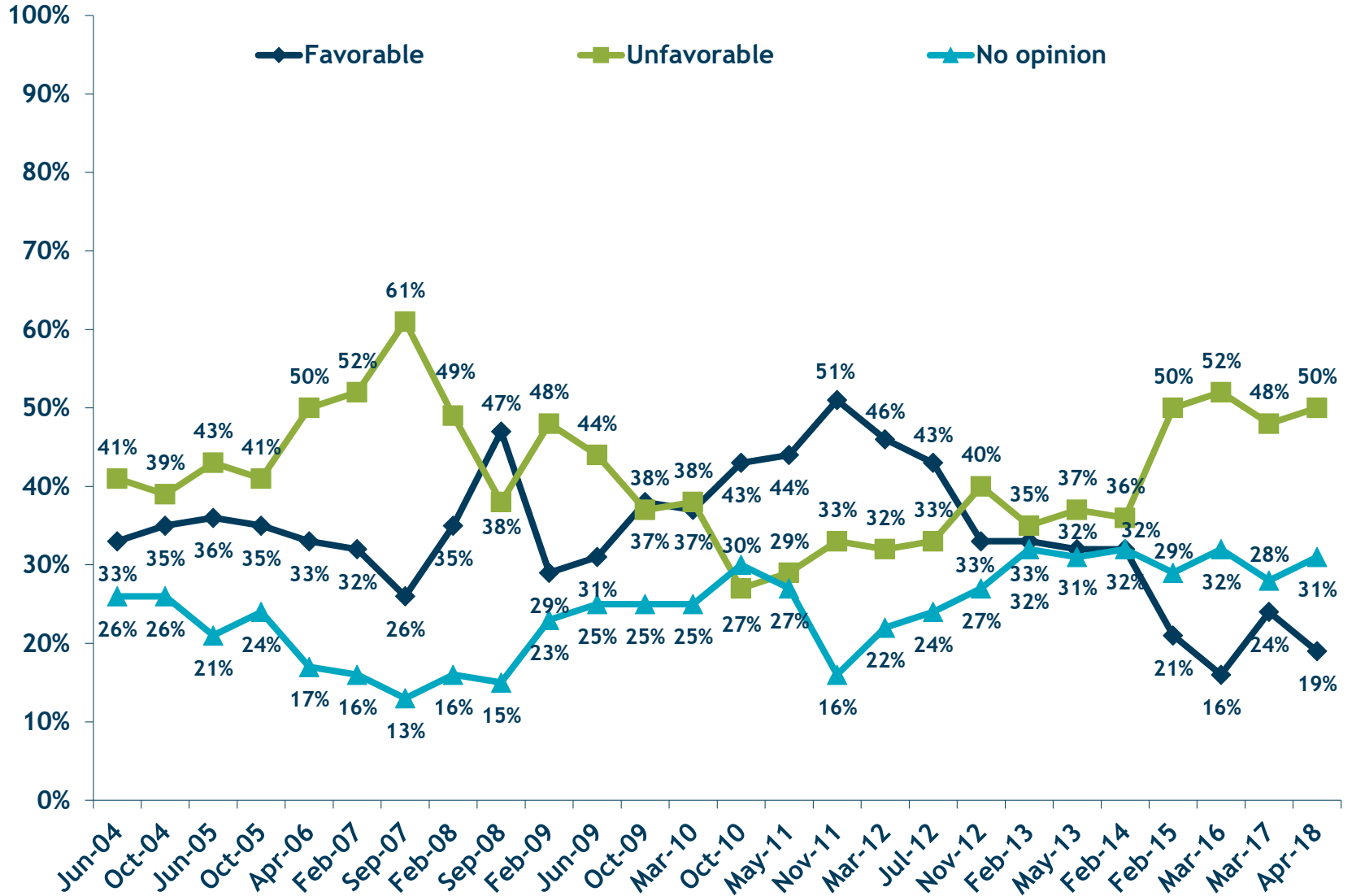
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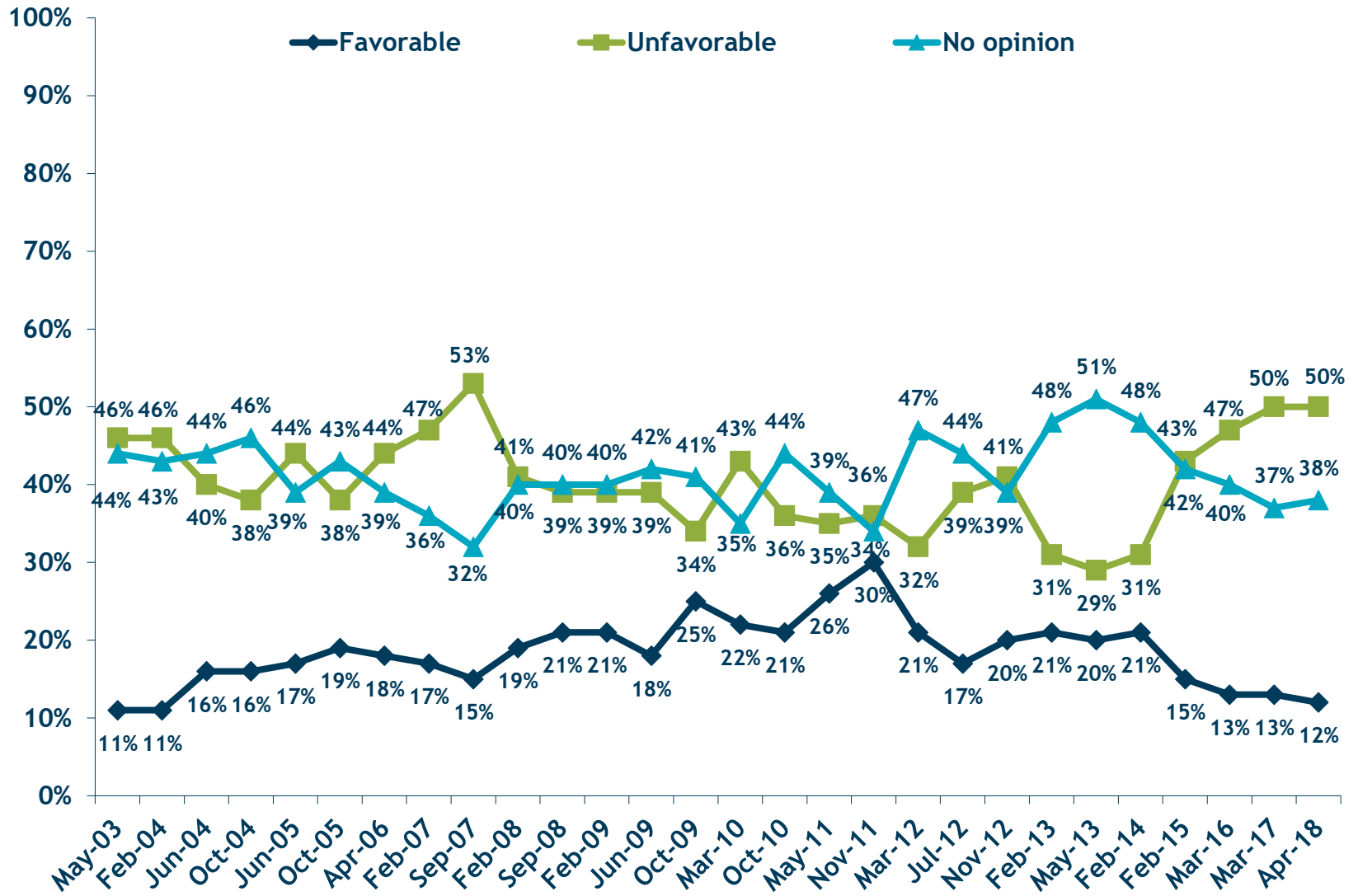
# Opinions of Institutions: Political Parties



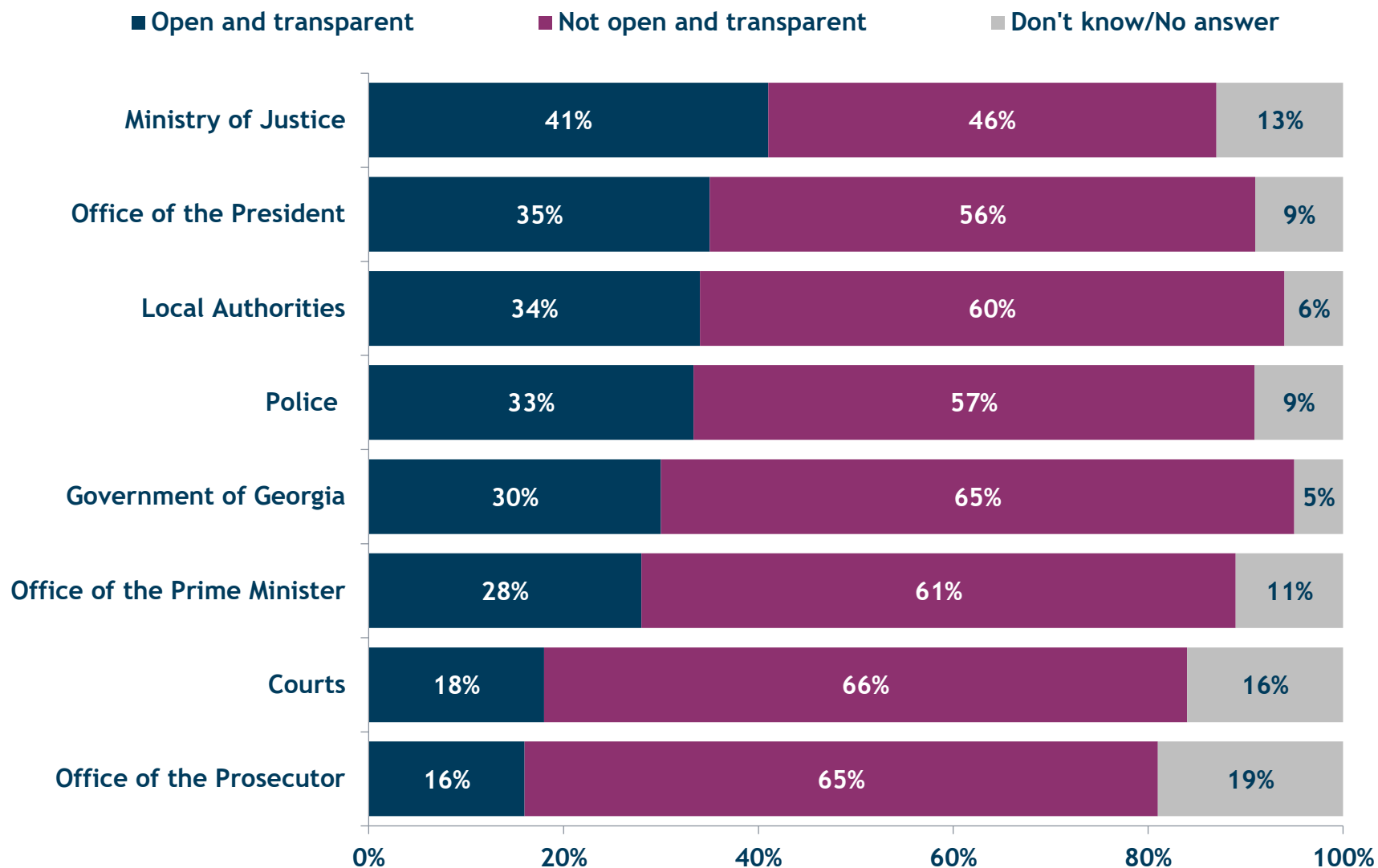
# Opinions of Institutions: Governors



# Opinions of Institutions: Trade Unions



# How do you assess the performance of the following institutions in terms of openness and transparency?



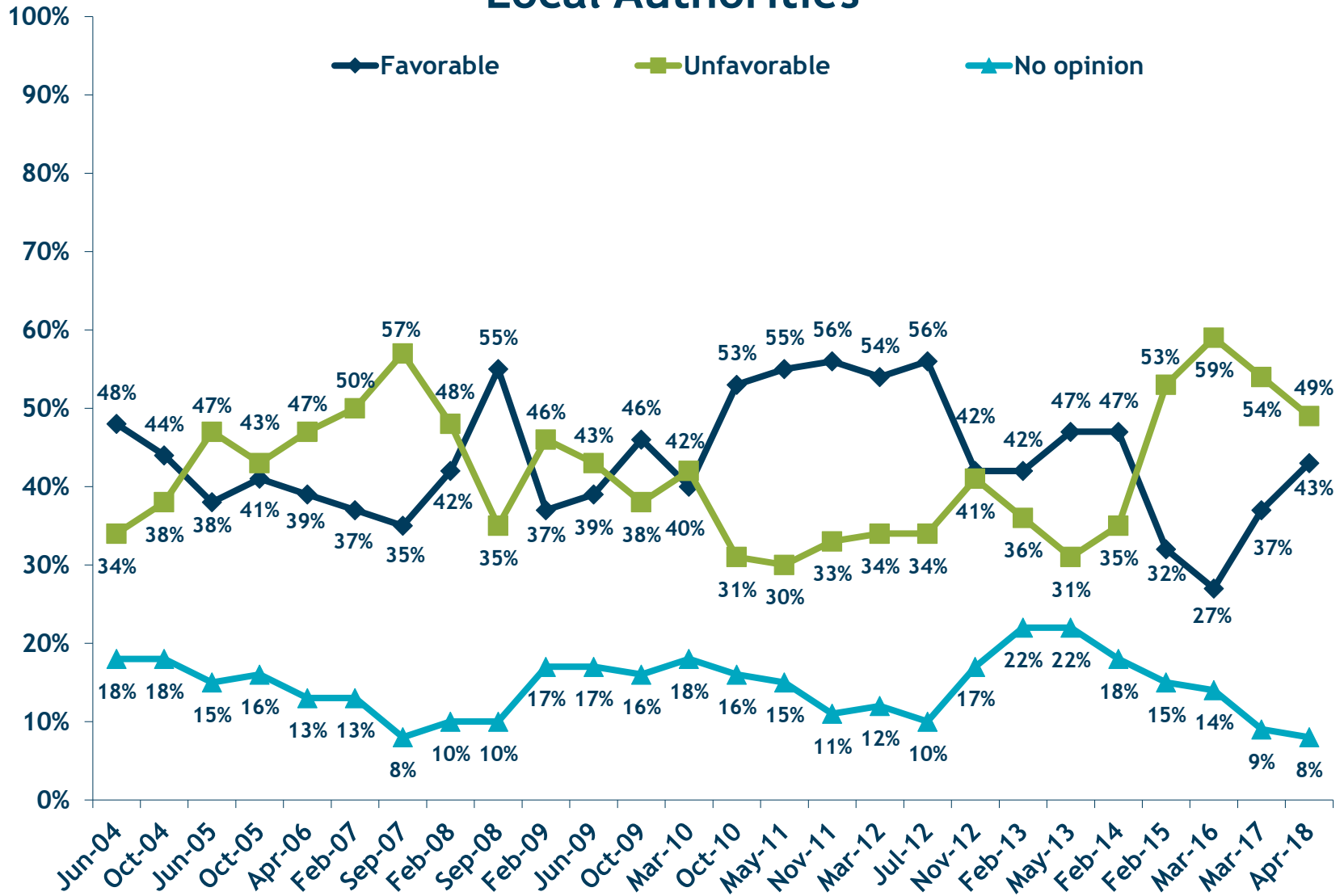


# Popularity of Local Authorities

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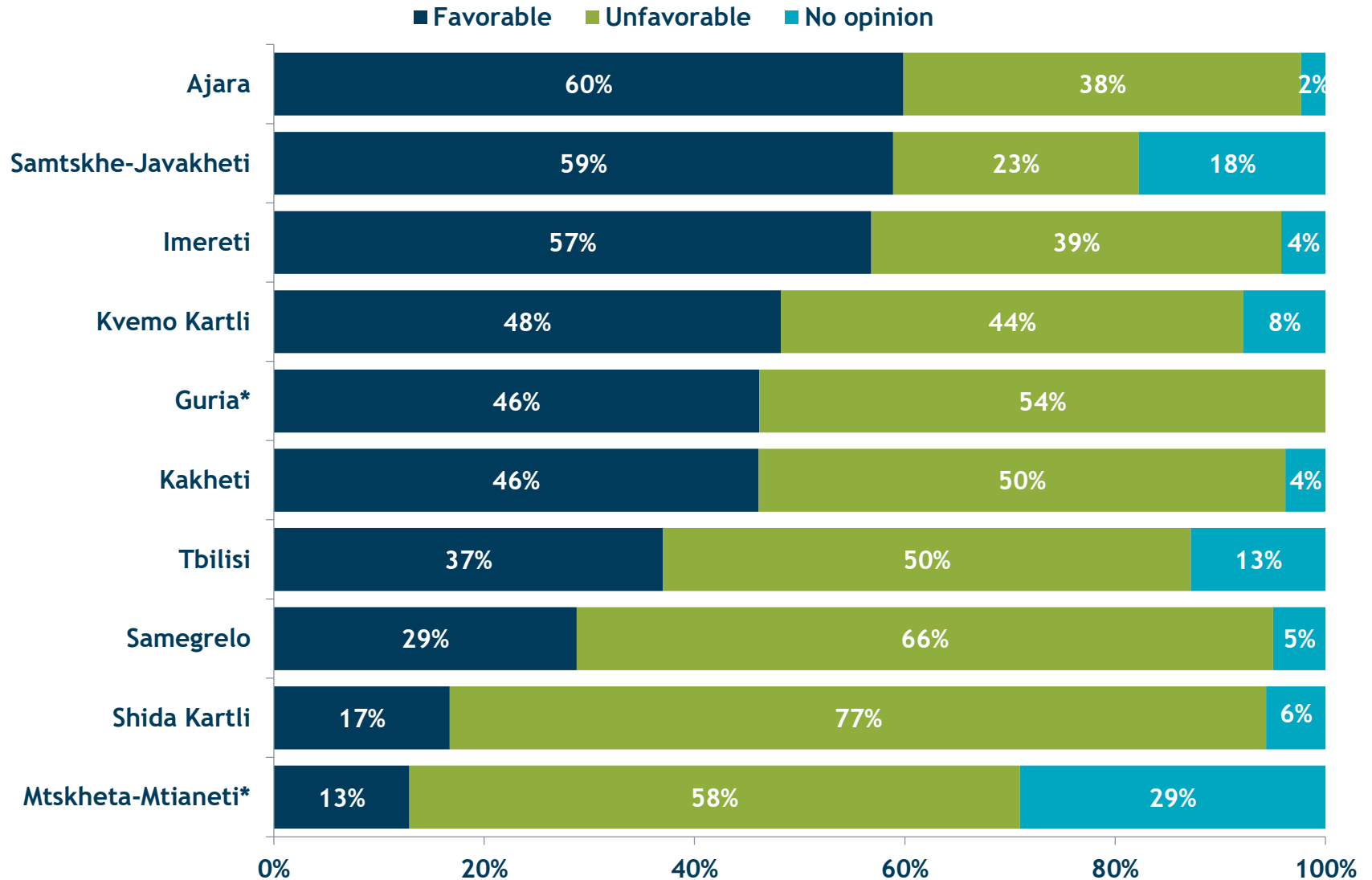
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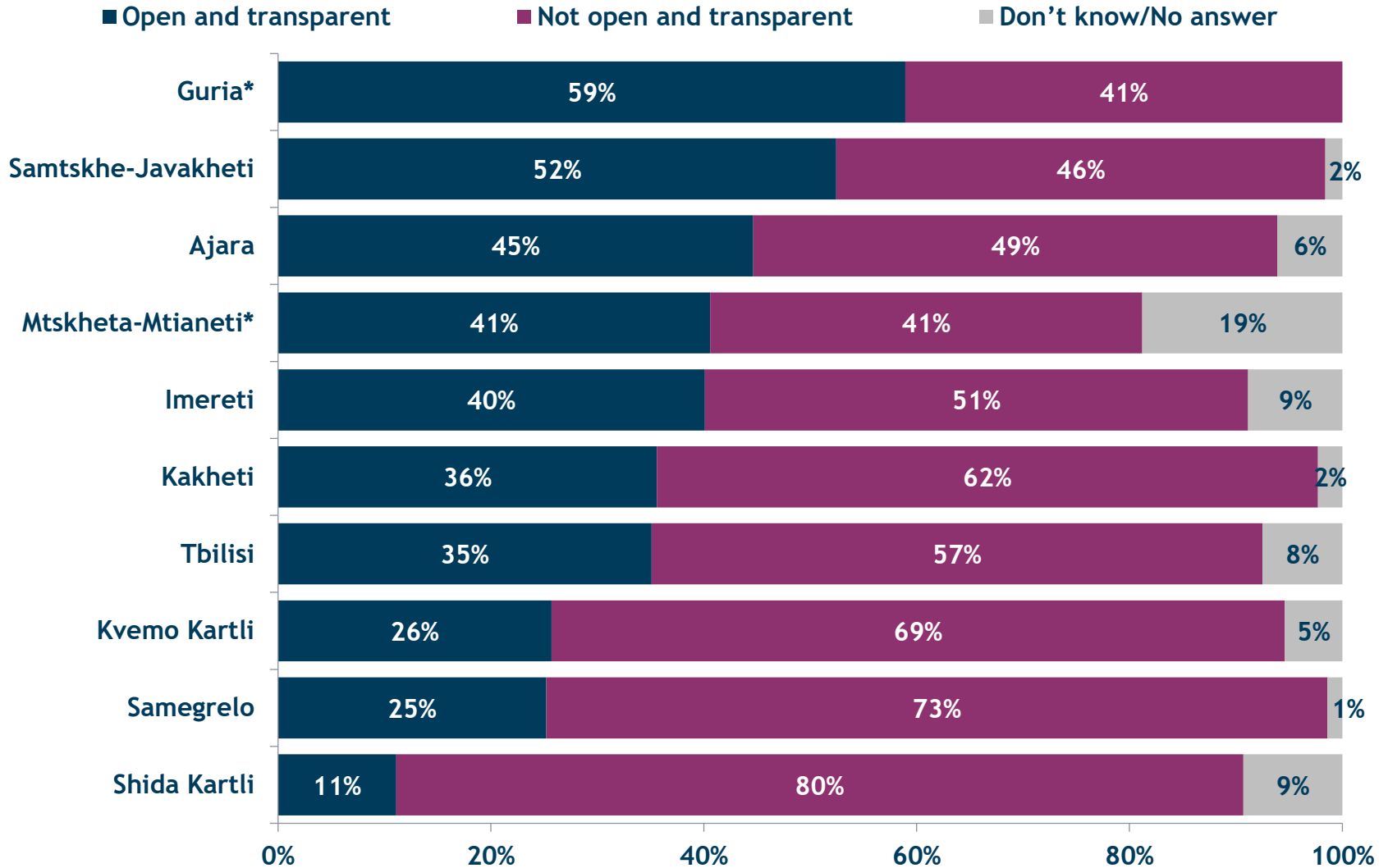
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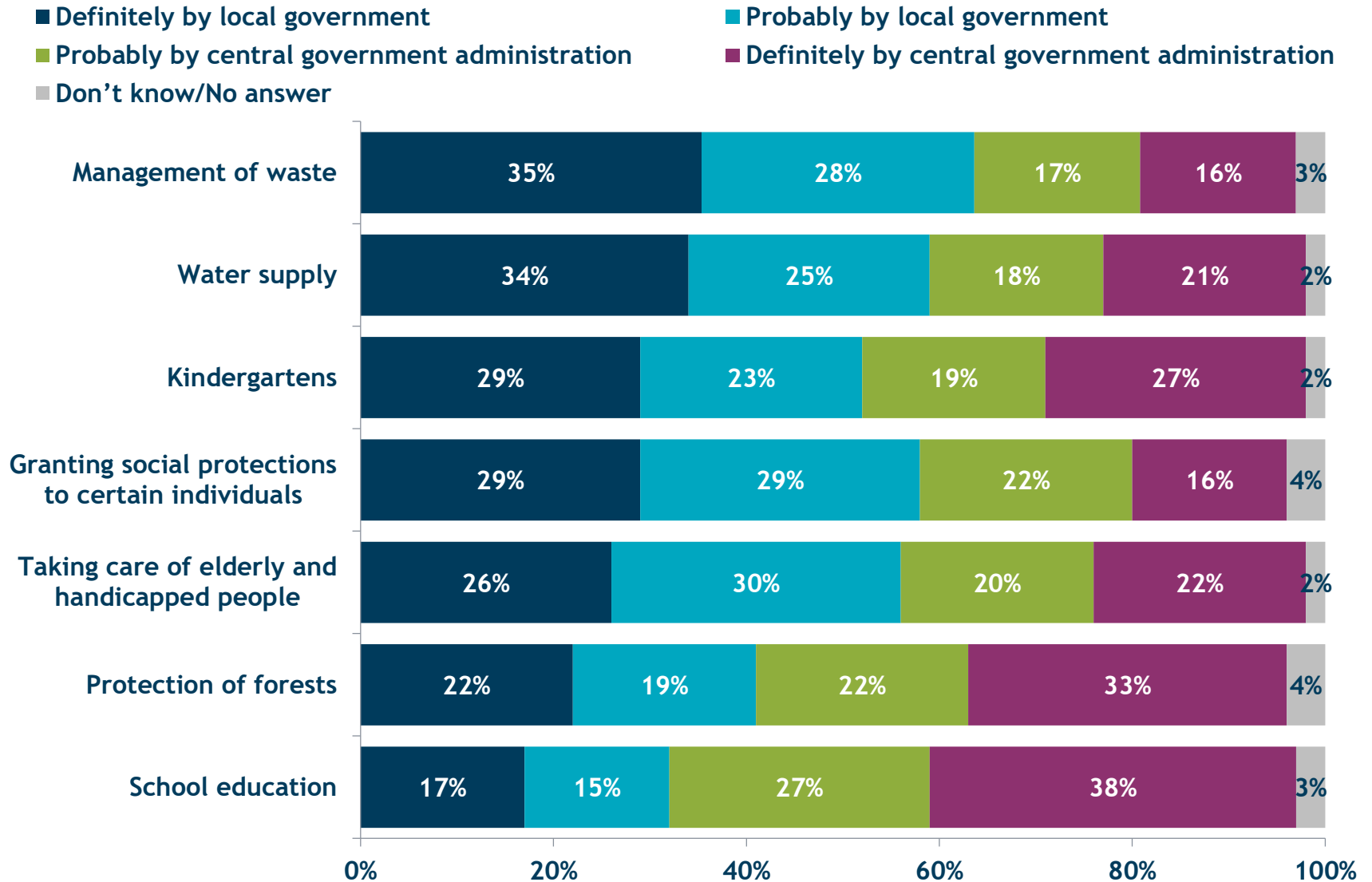
# Openness and transparency: Local Authorities

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# Do you think that the following services should be provided by local governments or by the central government?



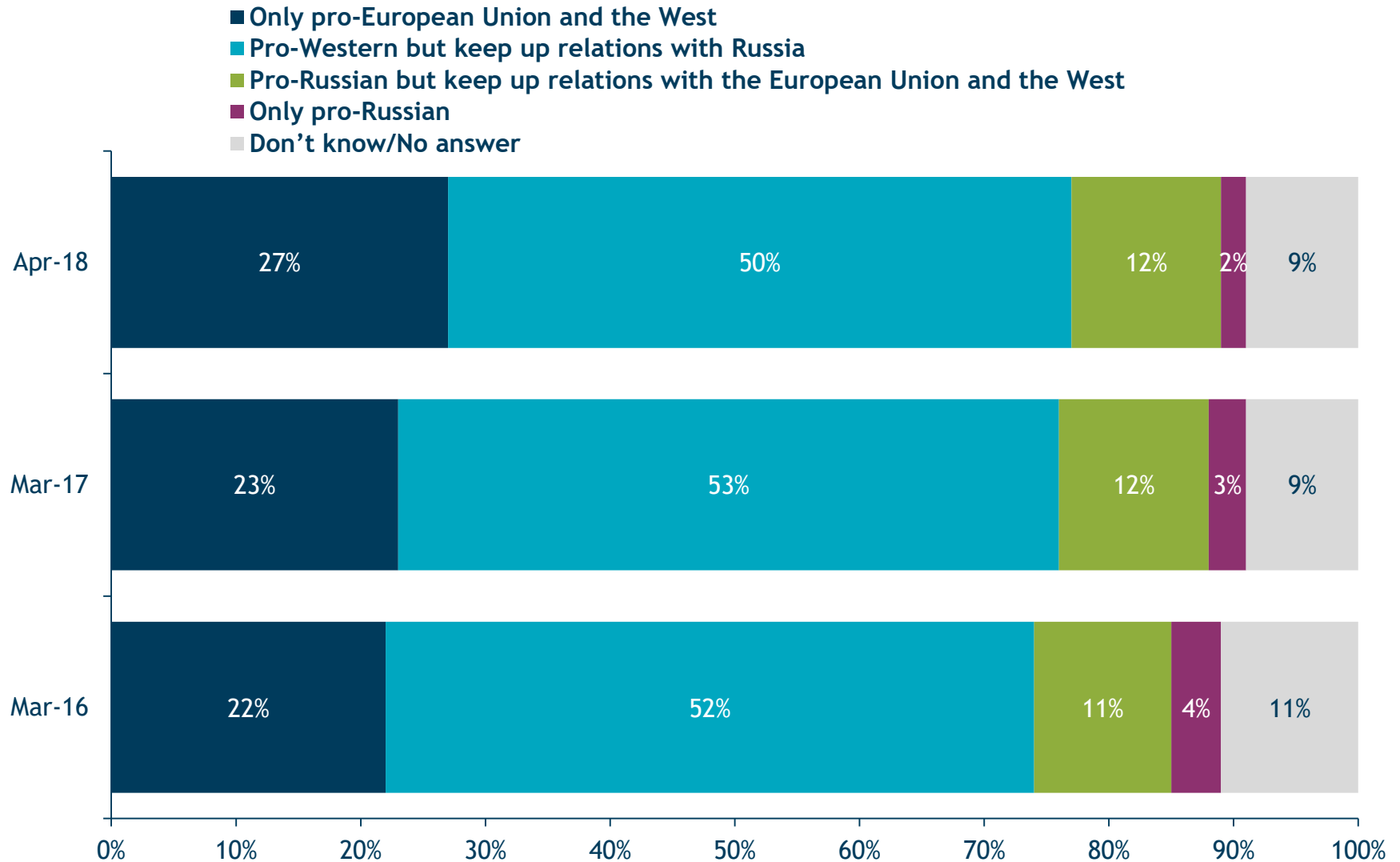


# Attitudes Toward Foreign Policy

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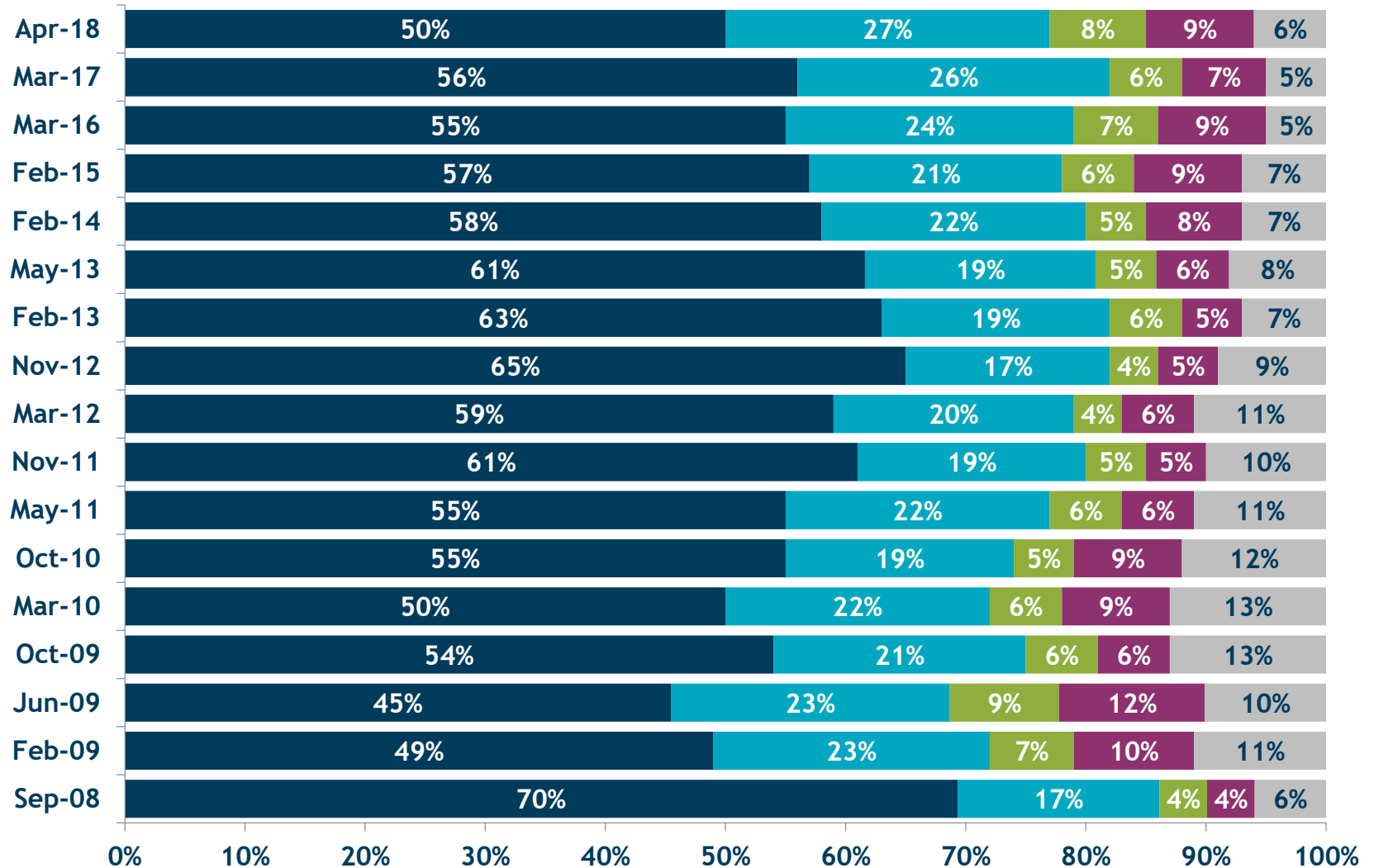


# In your opinion what should Georgia's foreign policy course be?

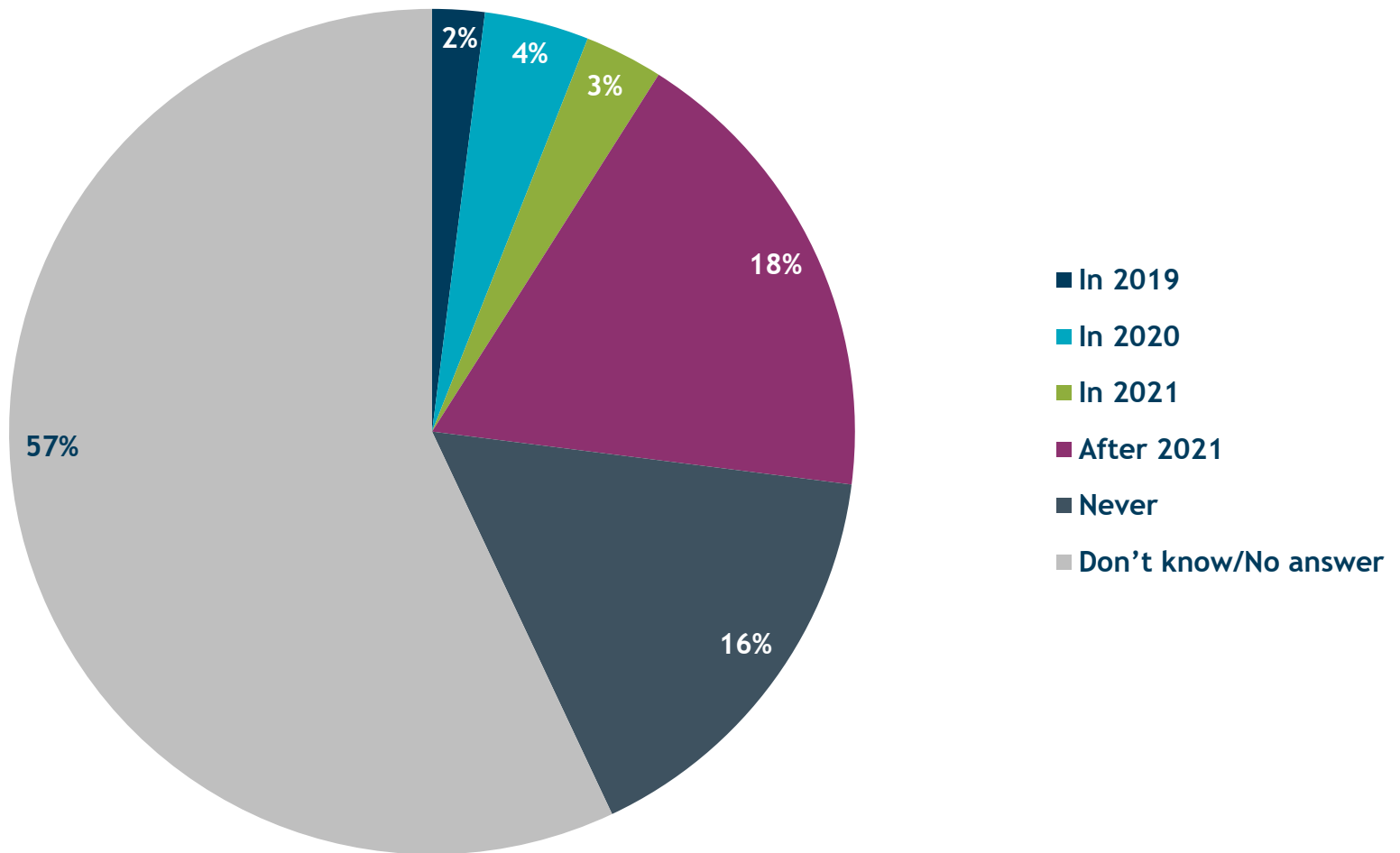


# Do you support Georgia joining NATO?

■ Fully support  
 ■ Somewhat support  
 ■ Somewhat oppose  
 ■ Strongly oppose  
 ■ Don't know/No answer

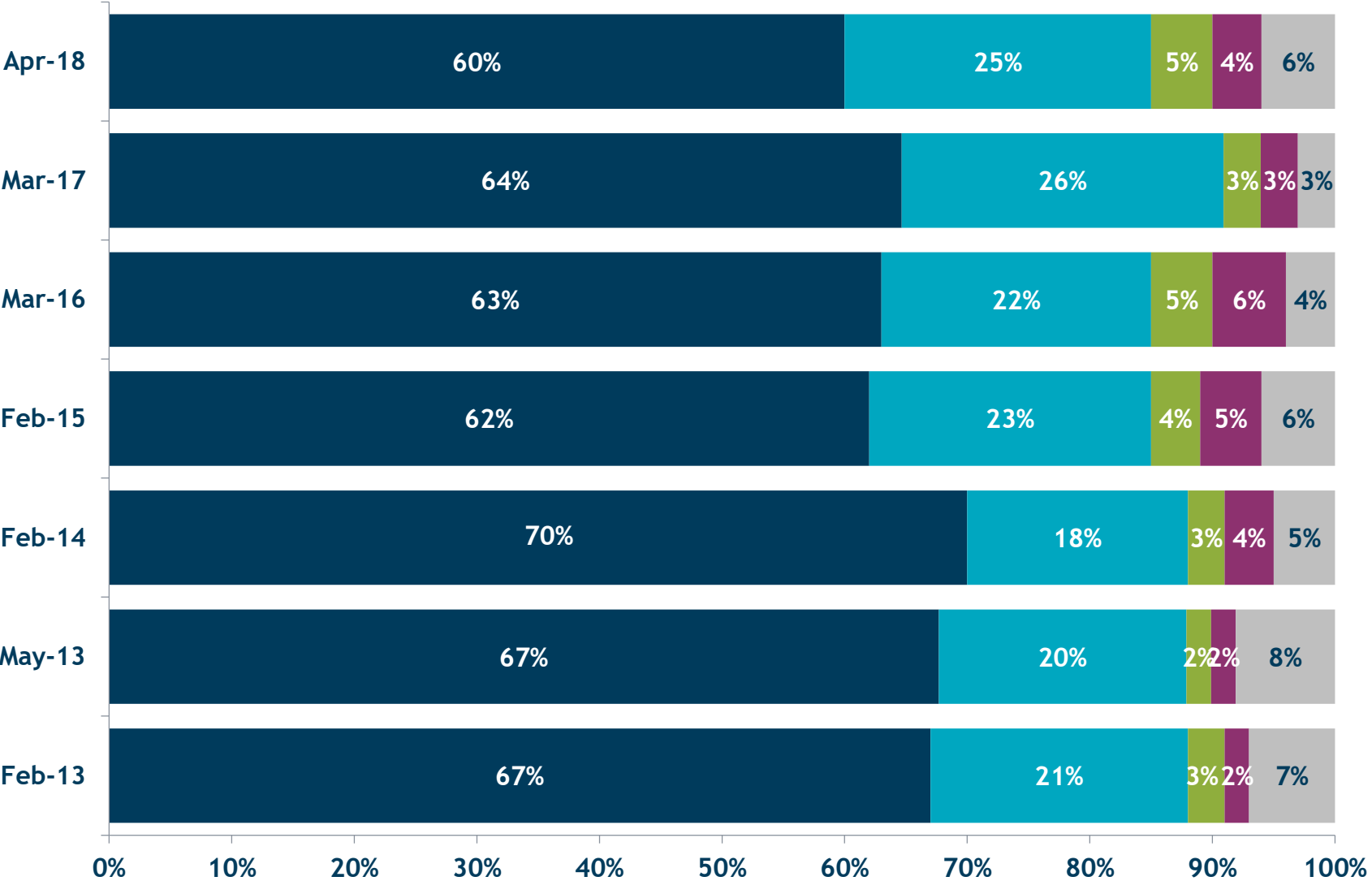


## When do you think Georgia will become a member of NATO?



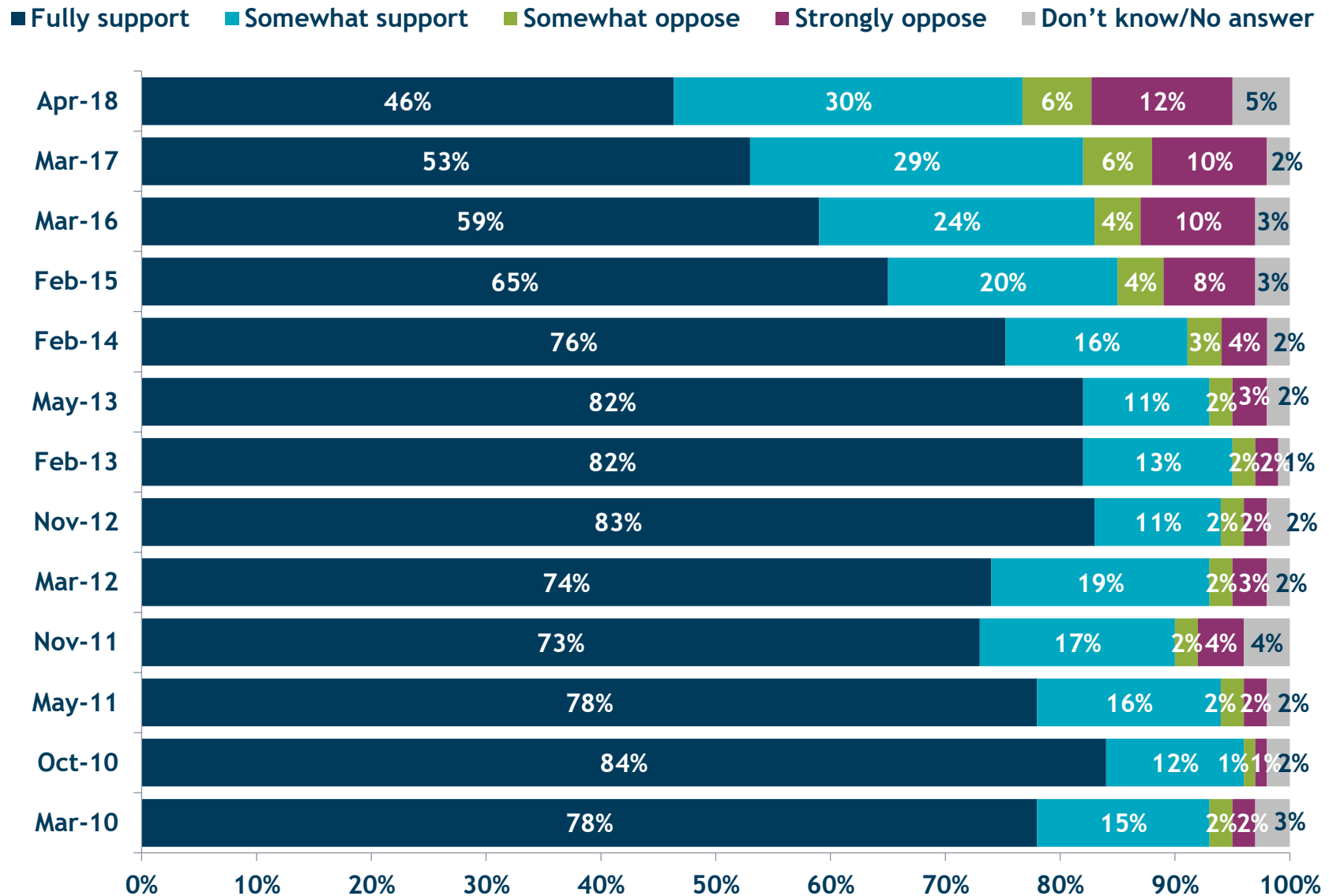
# Do you support Georgia joining the European Union?

■ Fully support 
 ■ Somewhat support 
 ■ Somewhat oppose 
 ■ Strongly oppose 
 ■ Don't know/No answer



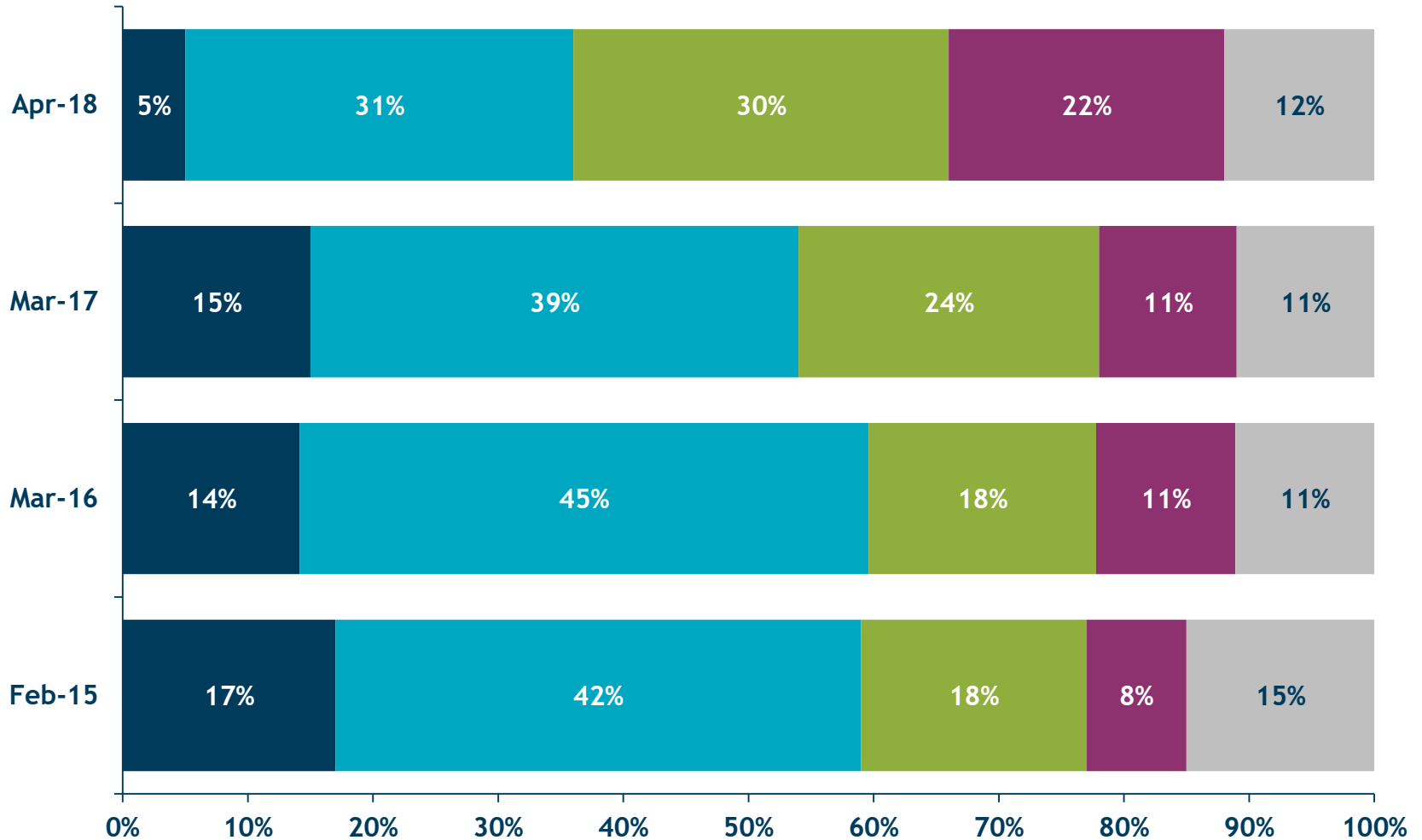


# Would you support further dialogue with Russia?



# How do you rate the current government's handling of Georgia's relationship with Russia?

Very positively   Somewhat positively   Somewhat negatively   Very negatively   Don't know/No answer



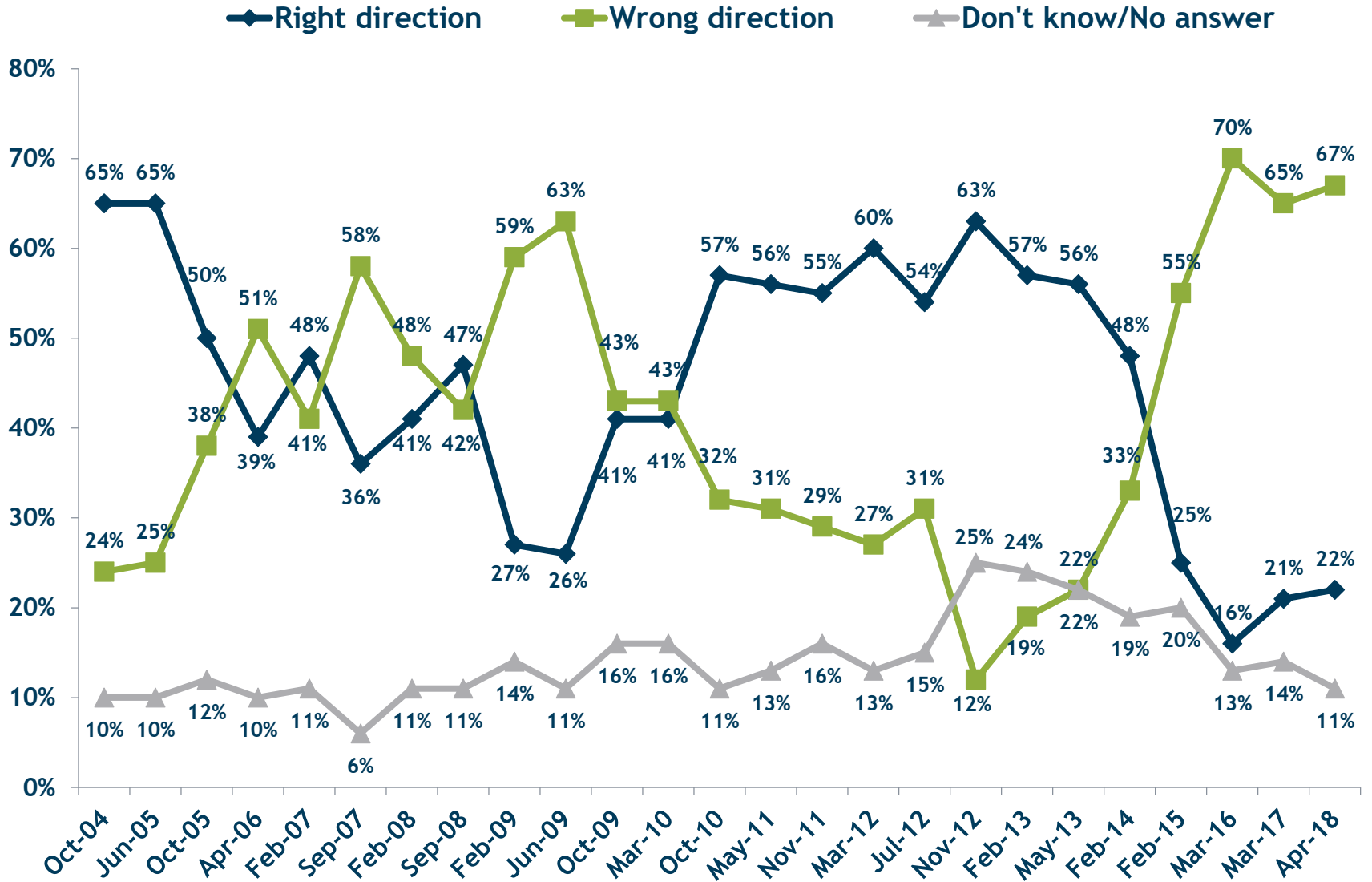


# Mood of the Country

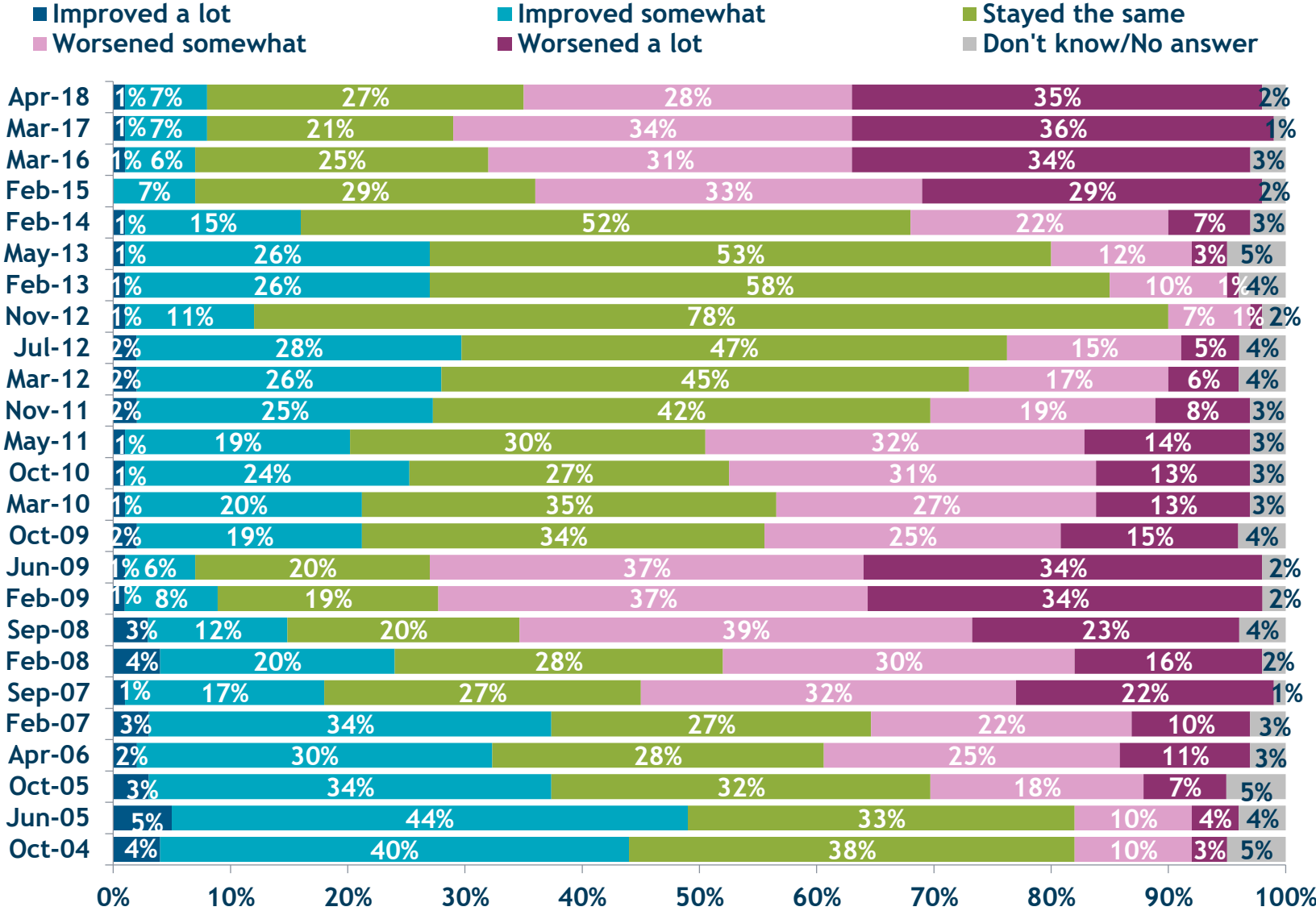
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# Do you think that things in Georgia are going in the:

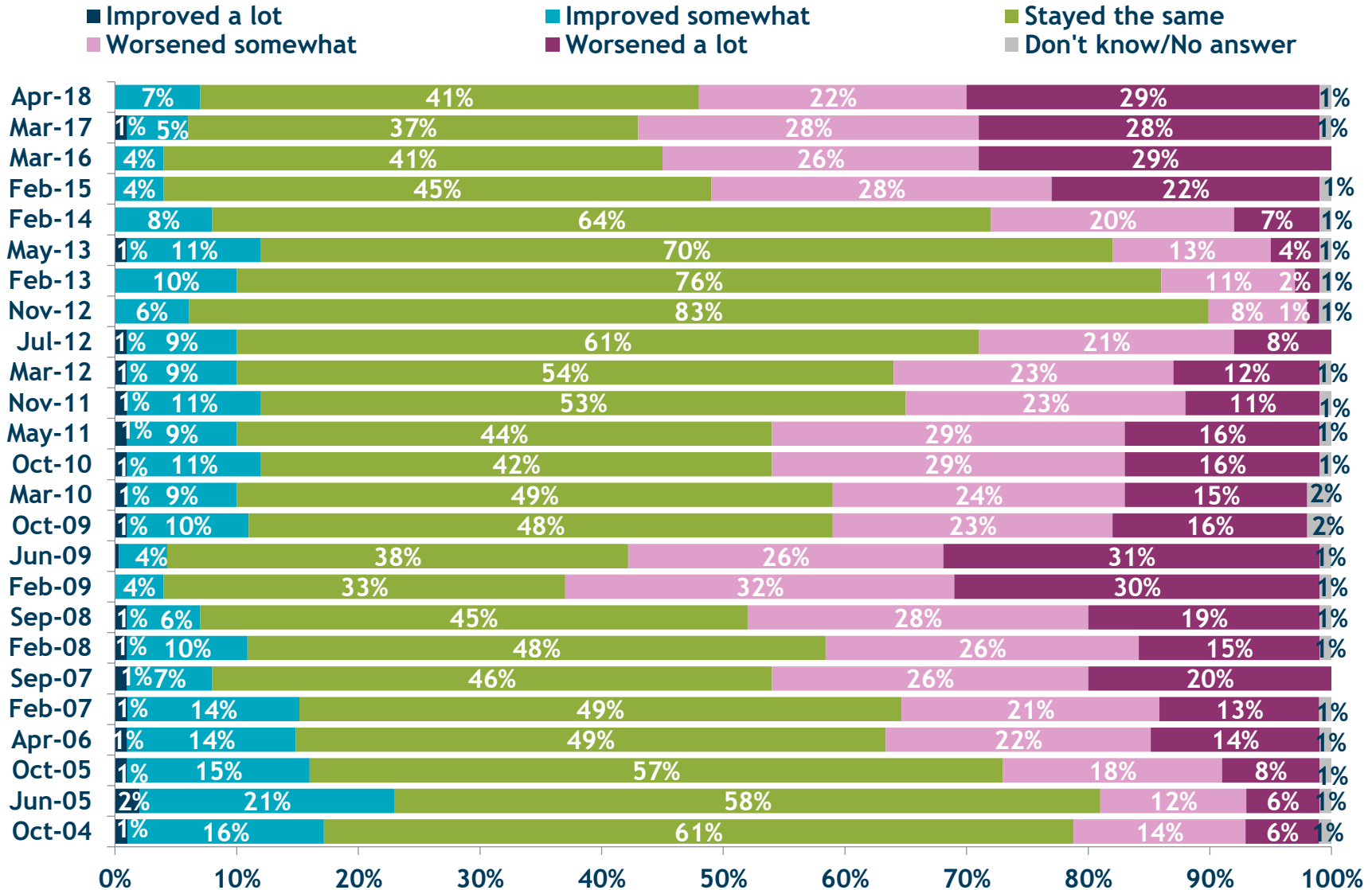


# Over the last 12 months,\* the economic situation in Georgia has:



\* In surveys before 2008, respondents were asked about the three months prior to the poll.

# Over the last 12 months,\* the financial situation of your household has:



\* In surveys before 2008, the question was about the previous three months. In surveys from 2008 to 2017 the question was about the previous two months.



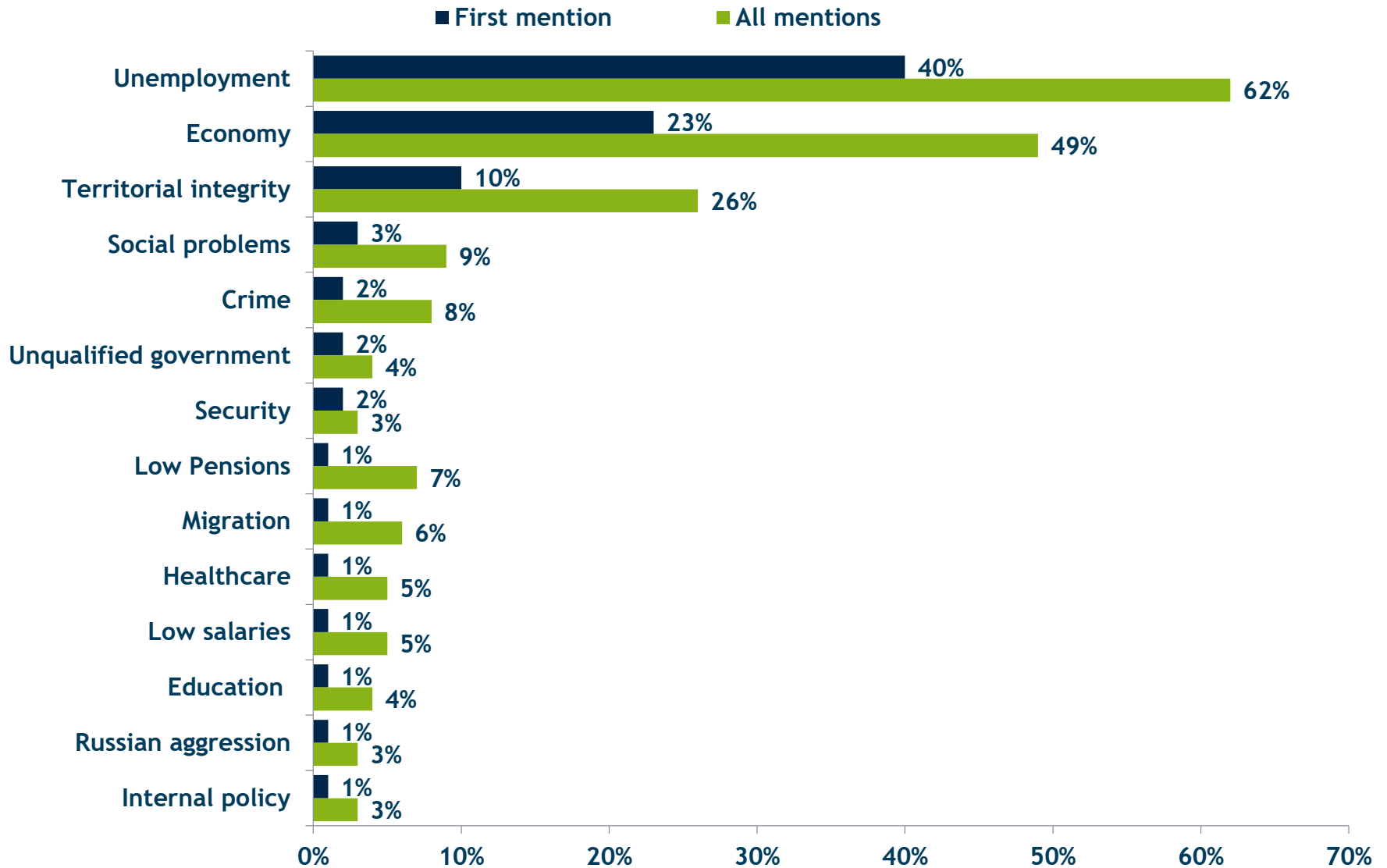
# Issues of Concern

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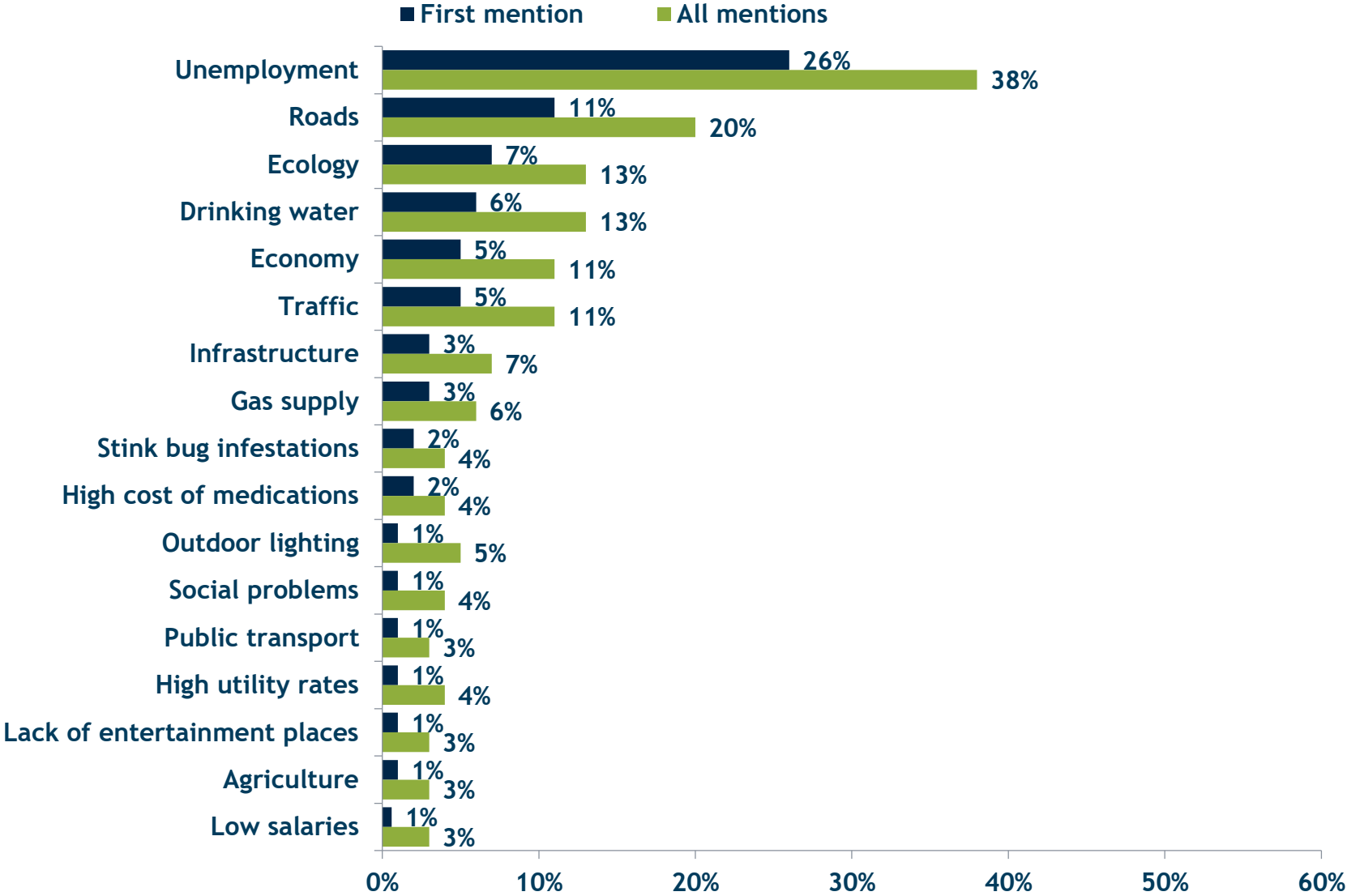
# What are the main problems currently facing Georgia?

(Three possible answers; spontaneous response)

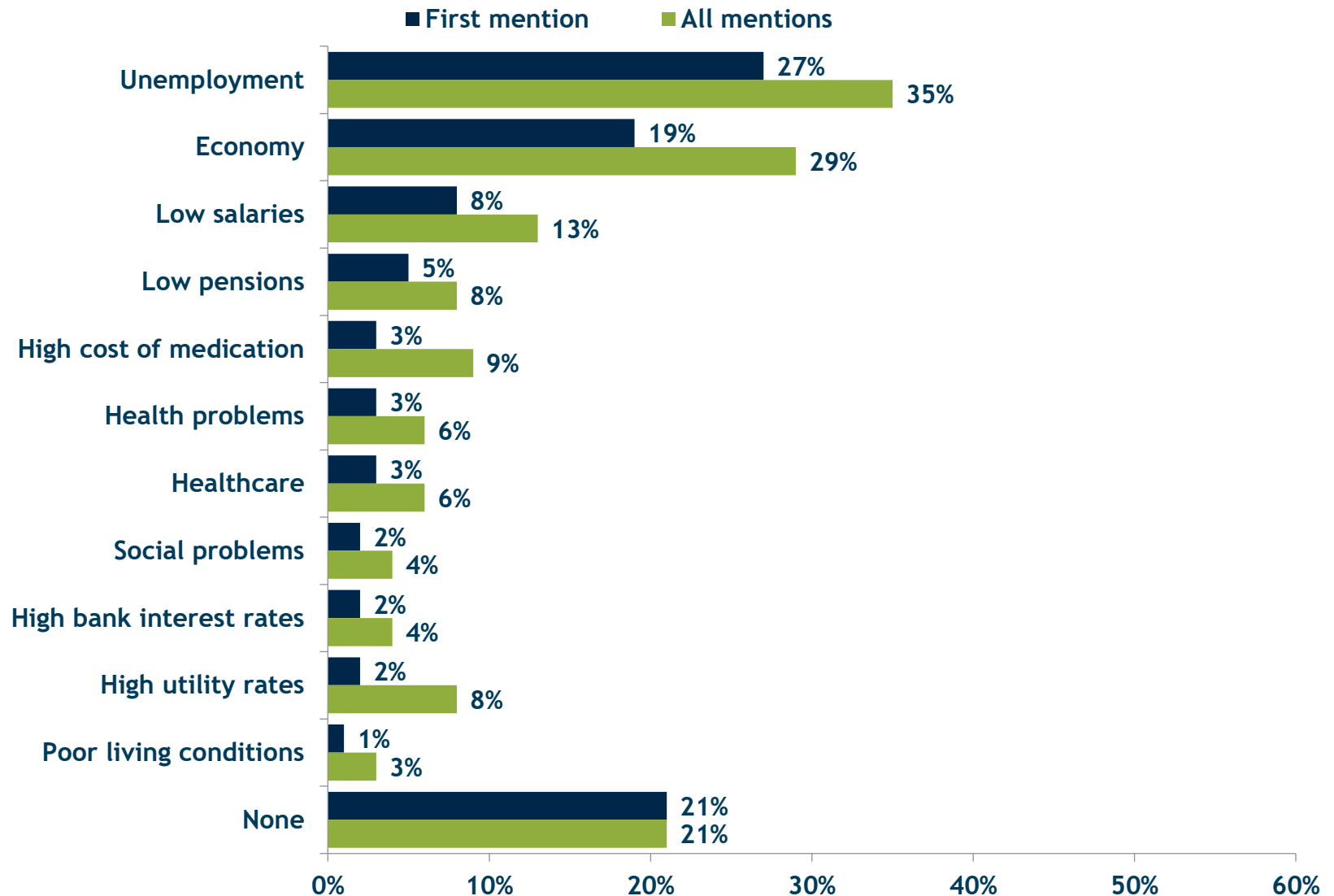




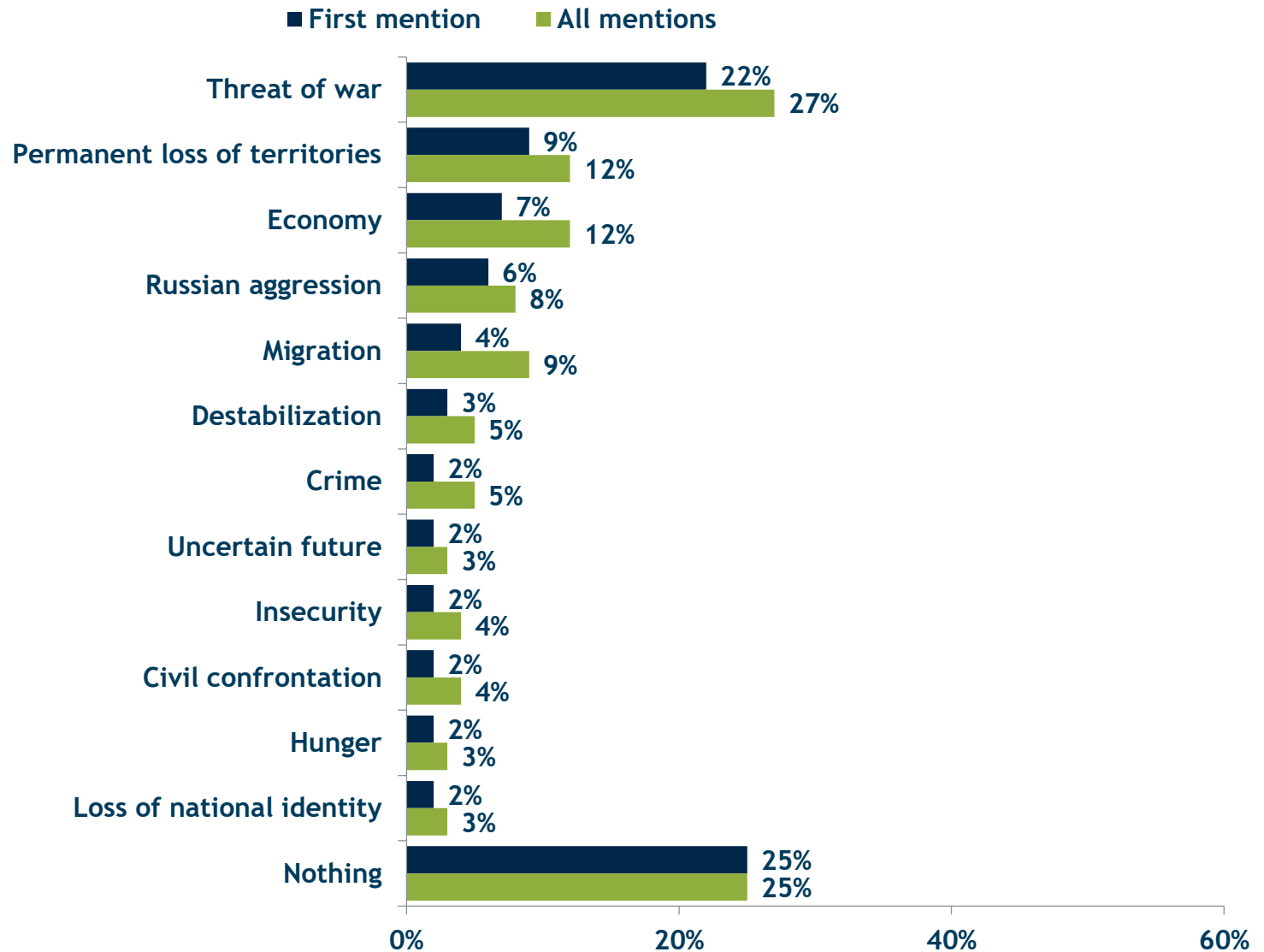
# What are the main problems currently facing your town or village? (Three possible answers; spontaneous response)



# What are the main problems currently facing your household? (Three possible answers; spontaneous response)



# What concerns you most about the future of the country? (Three possible answers; spontaneous response)





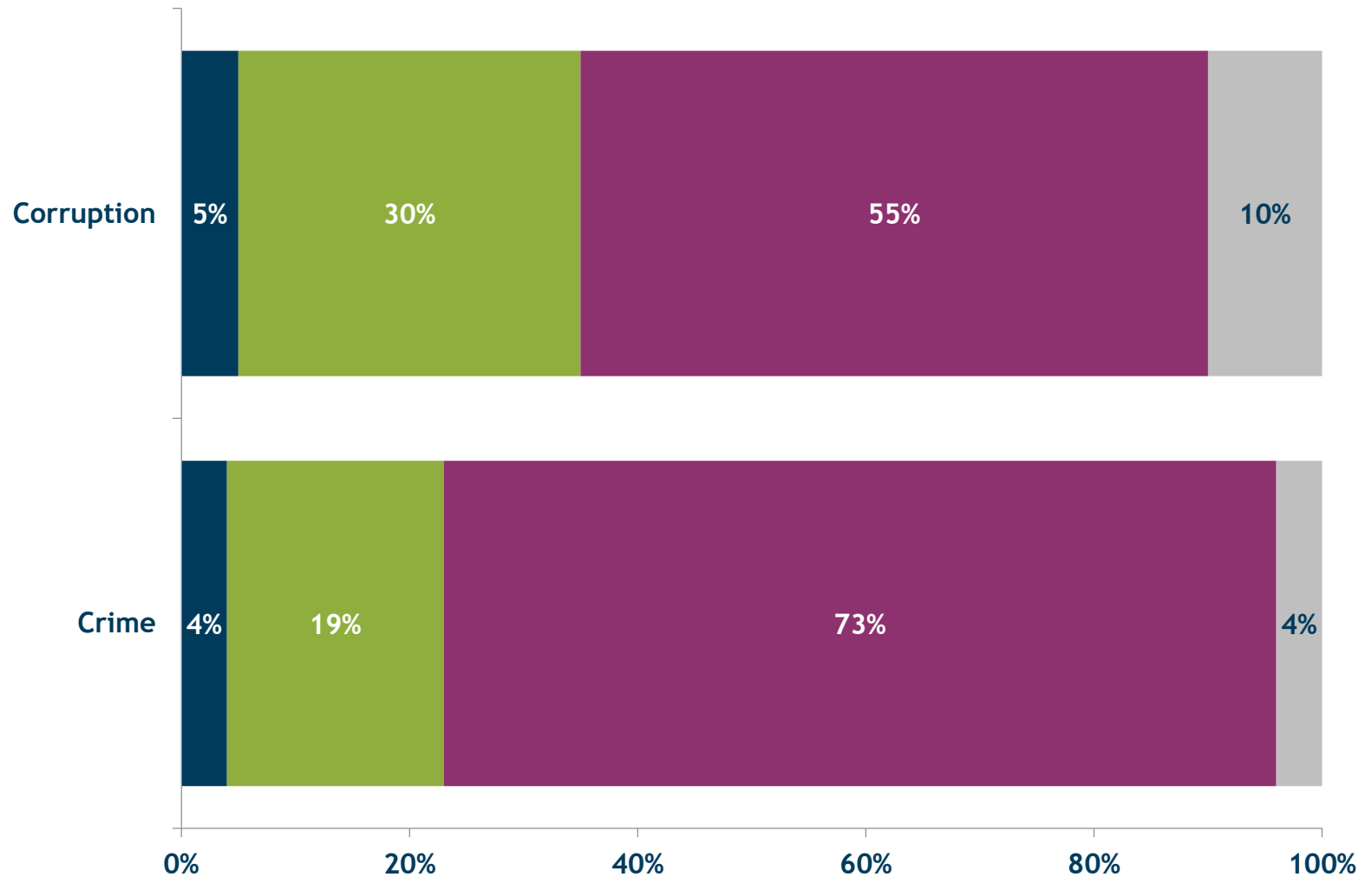
# Governance and Transparency

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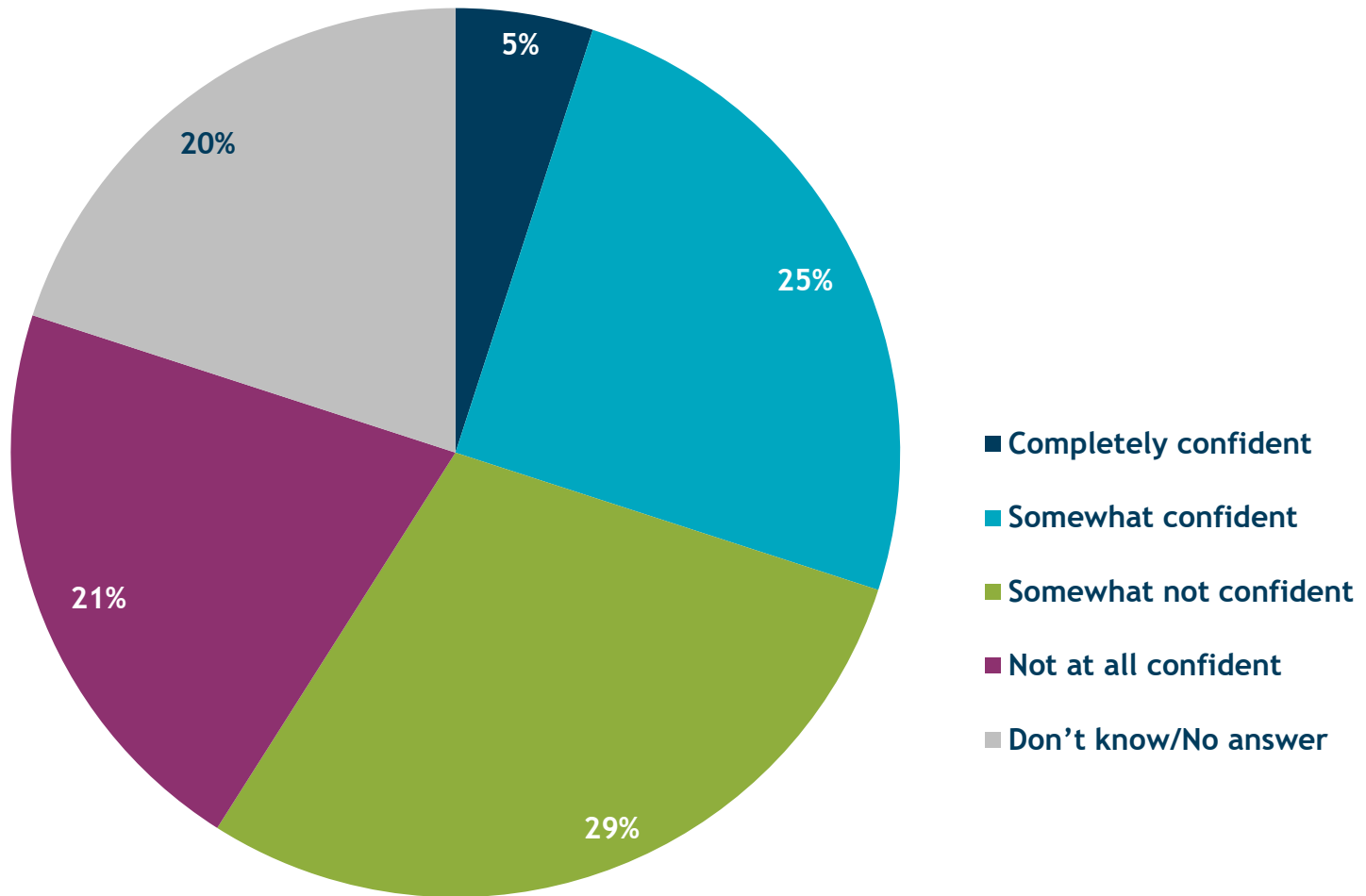


# In your opinion, how has the following issue changed in the last two years?

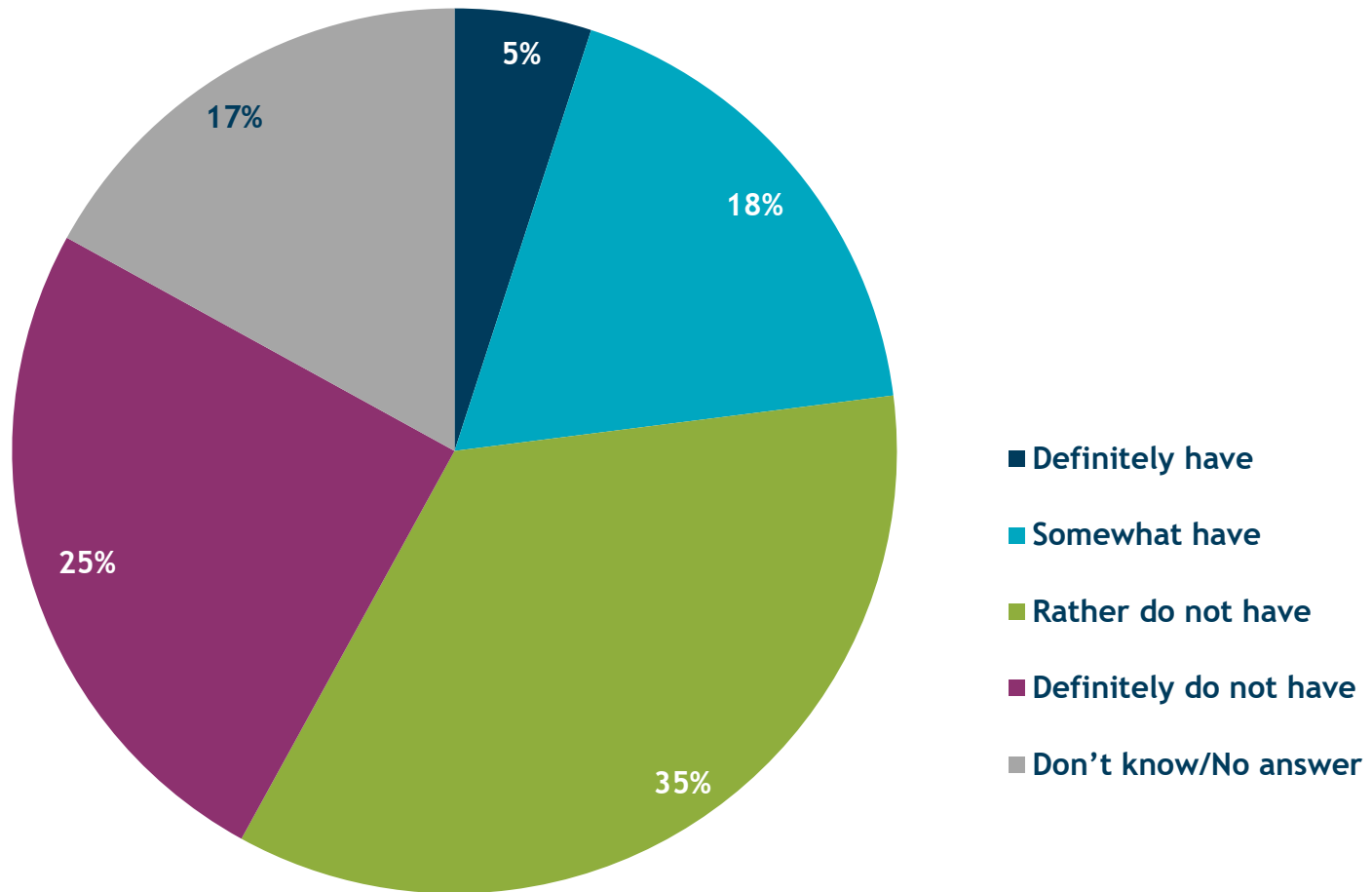
■ Improved    ■ Remained the same    ■ Deteriorated    ■ Don't know/No answer



# How would you evaluate your confidence in Georgia's court system?

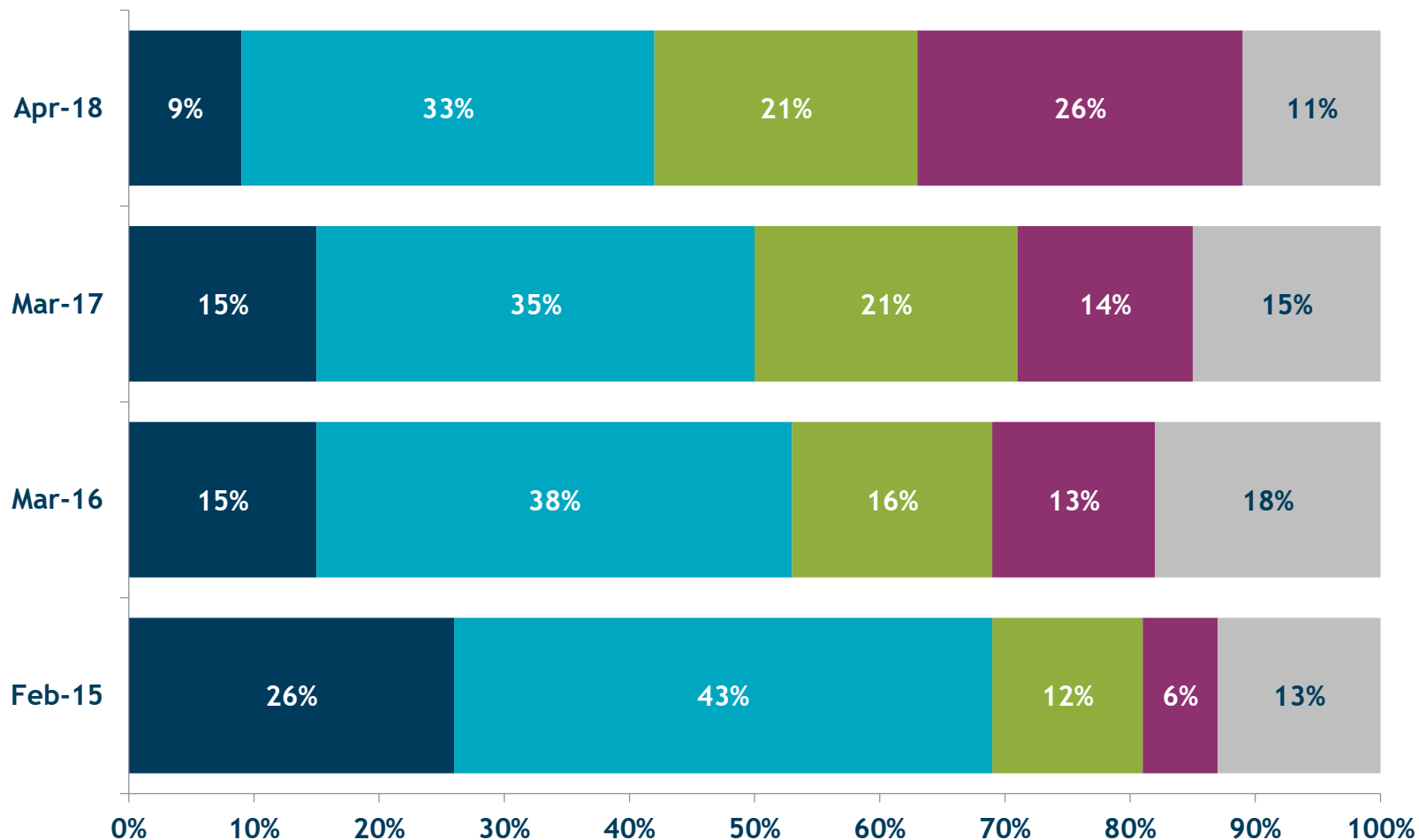


# Do think all Georgian citizens have equal access to justice in Georgia or not?



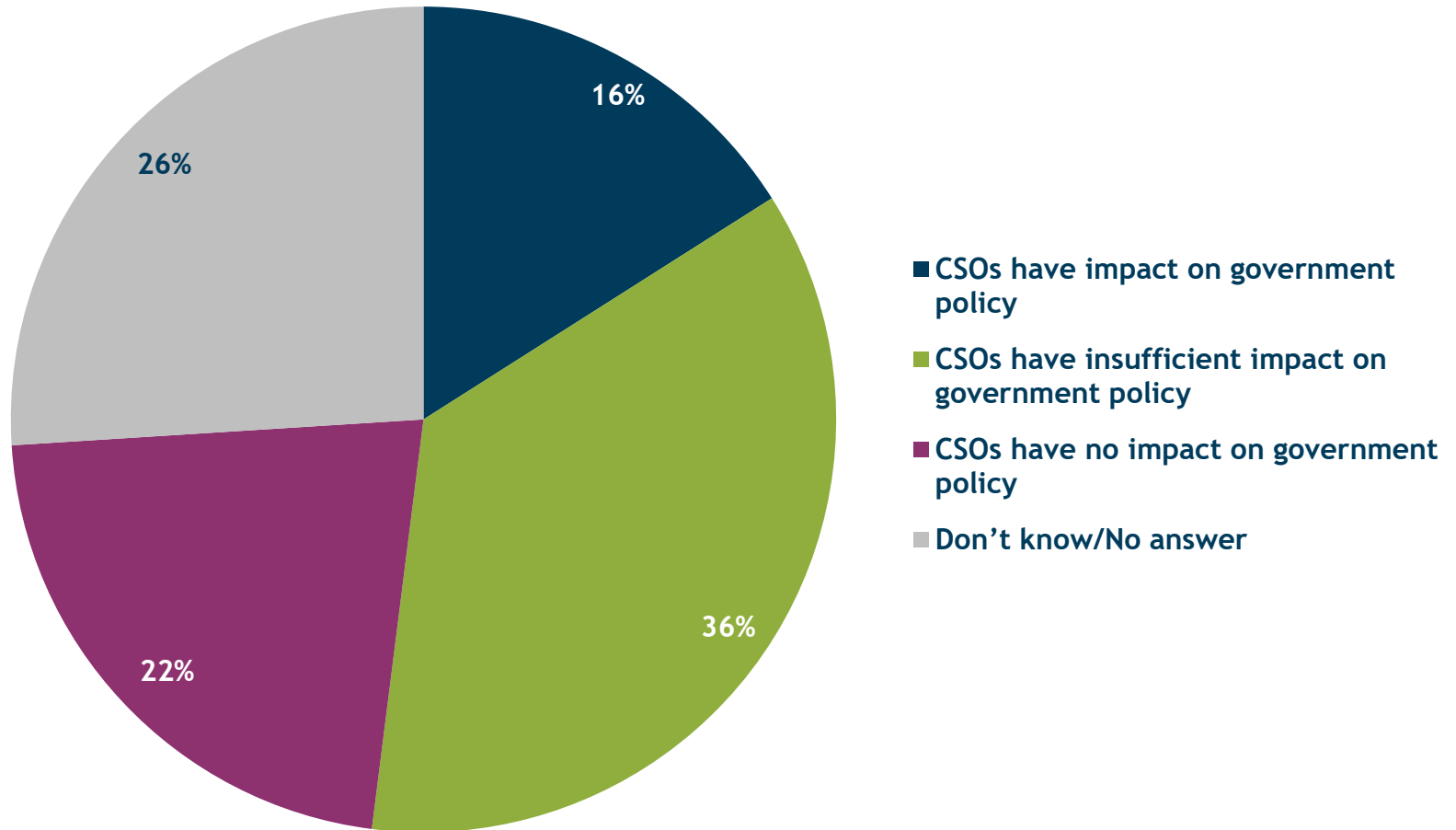
# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “The Central Election Commission (CESKO) performs its work in a trustworthy manner.”

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



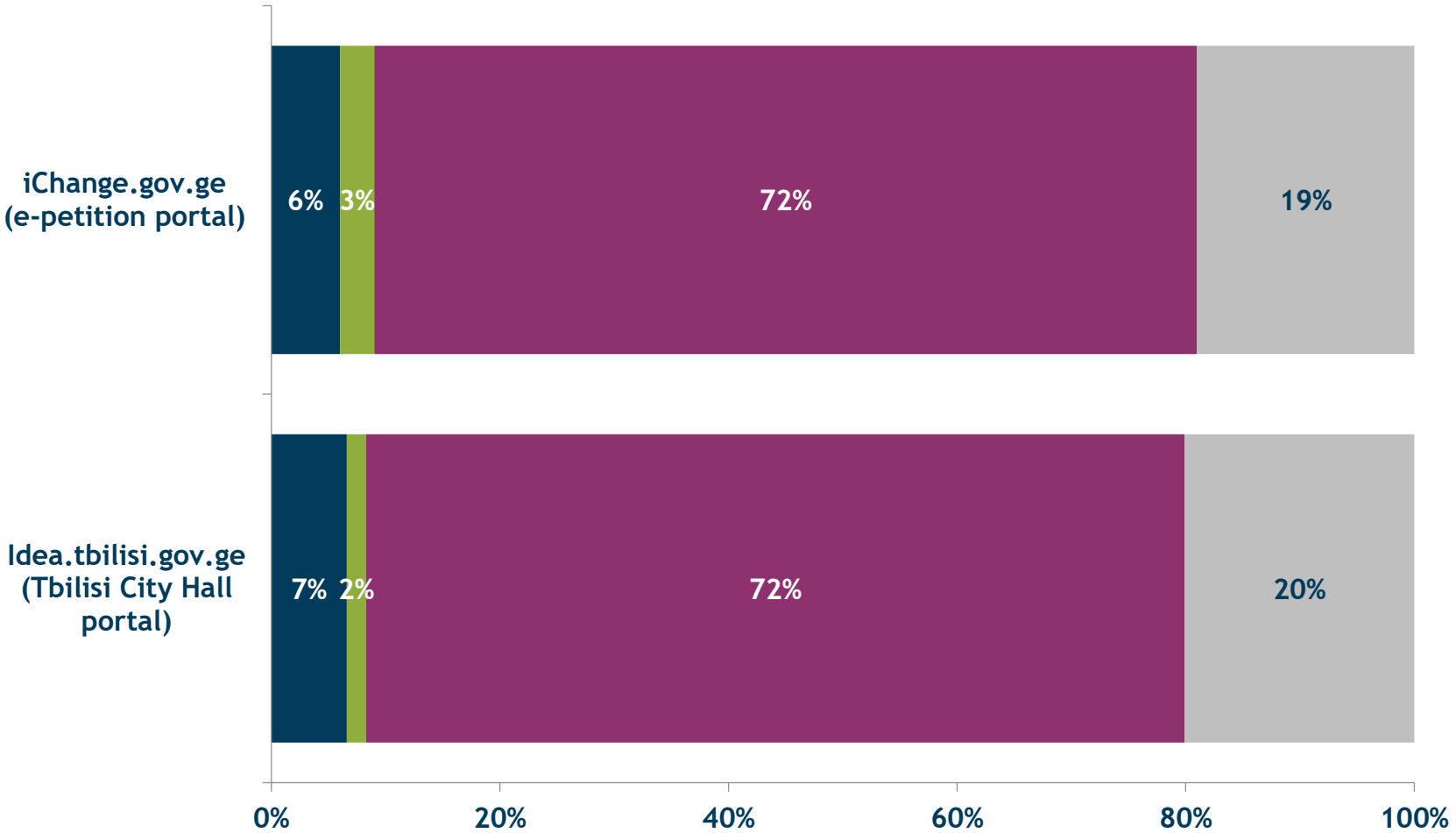


# What is your perception of the level of impact of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Georgia?

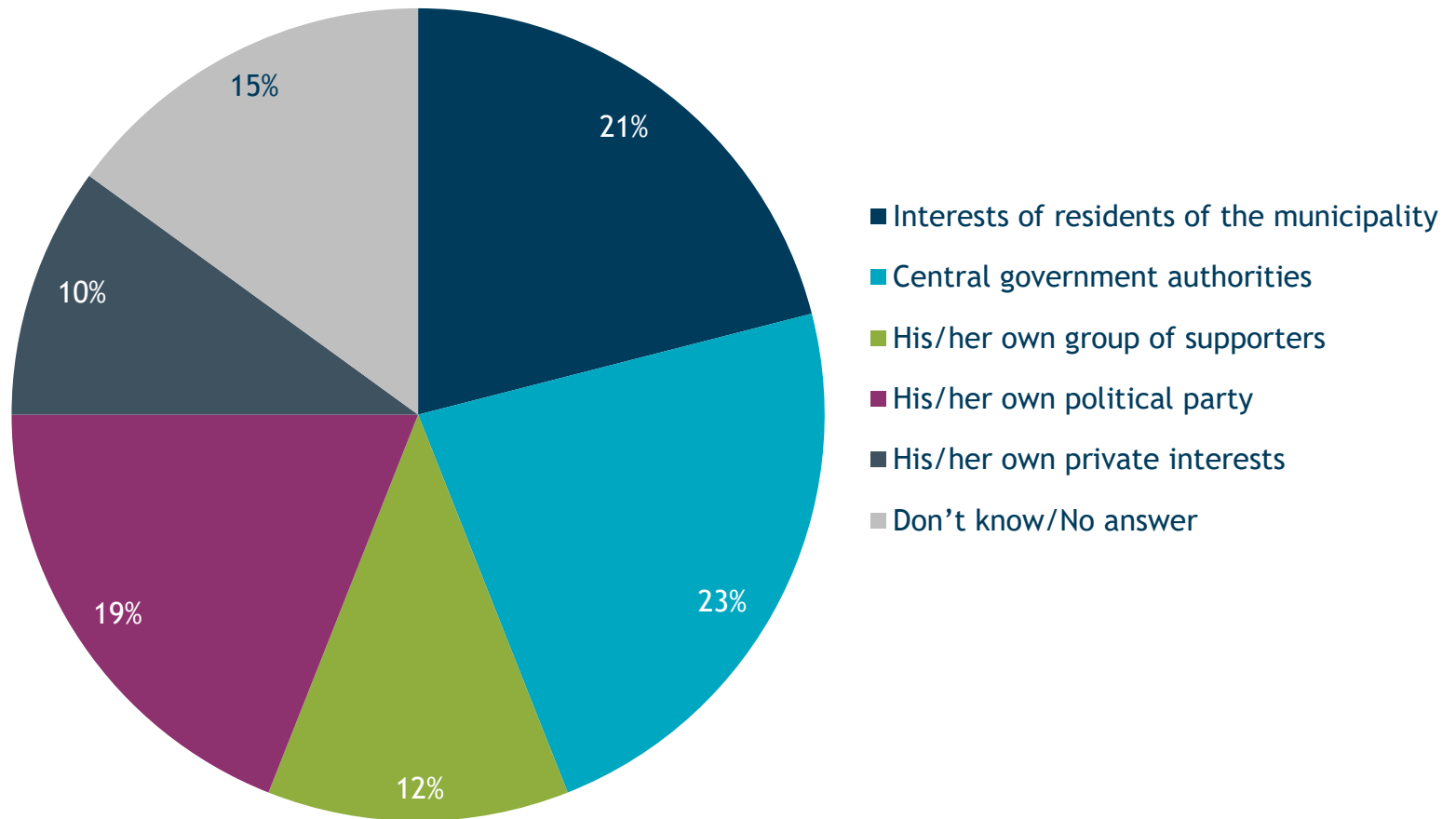


# Have you heard of and/or used any of the new citizen engagement mechanisms introduced by national/local governments?

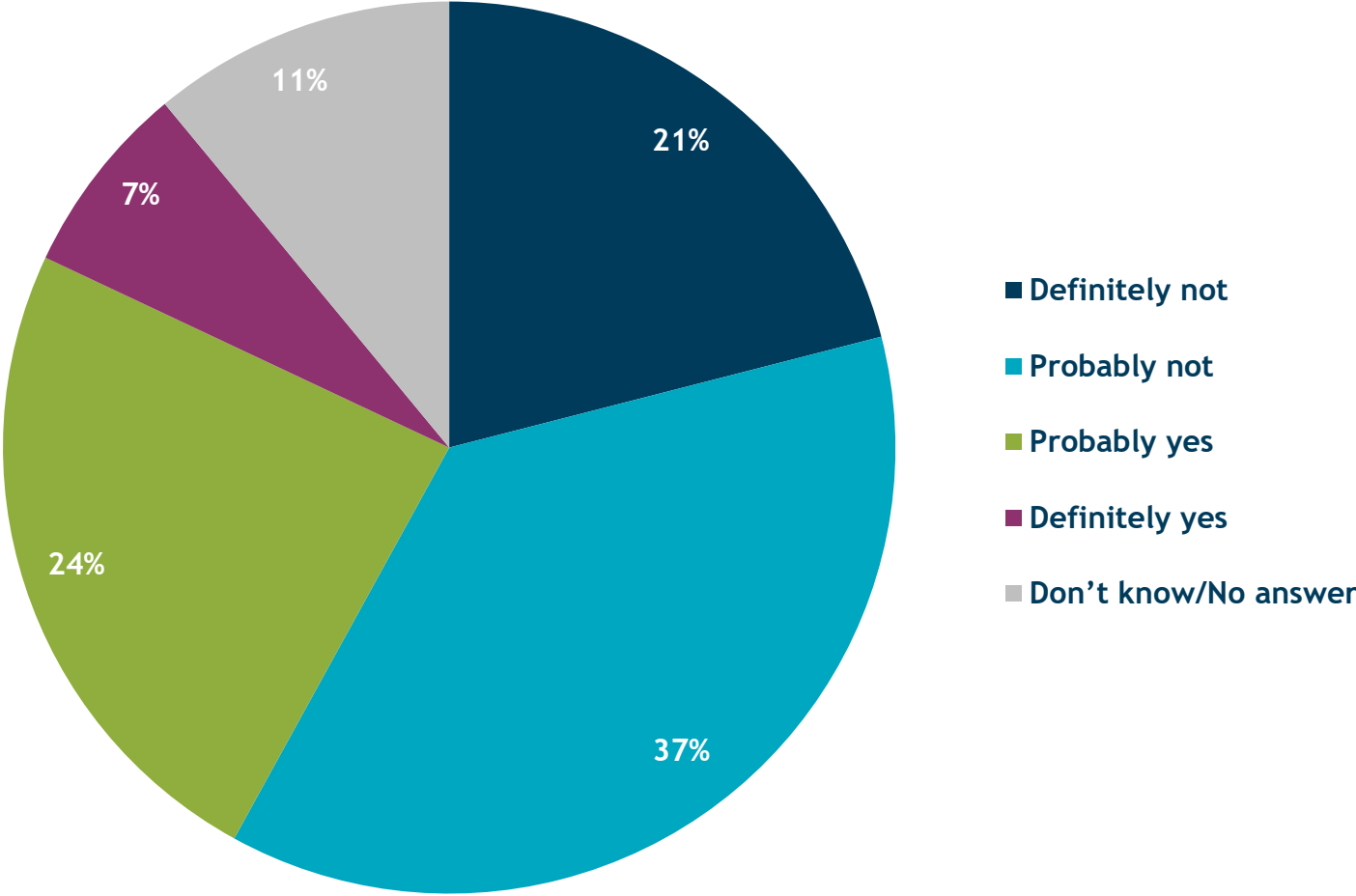
■ Have heard of, but not used ■ Have both heard of and used ■ Neither heard nor used ■ Don't know/No answer



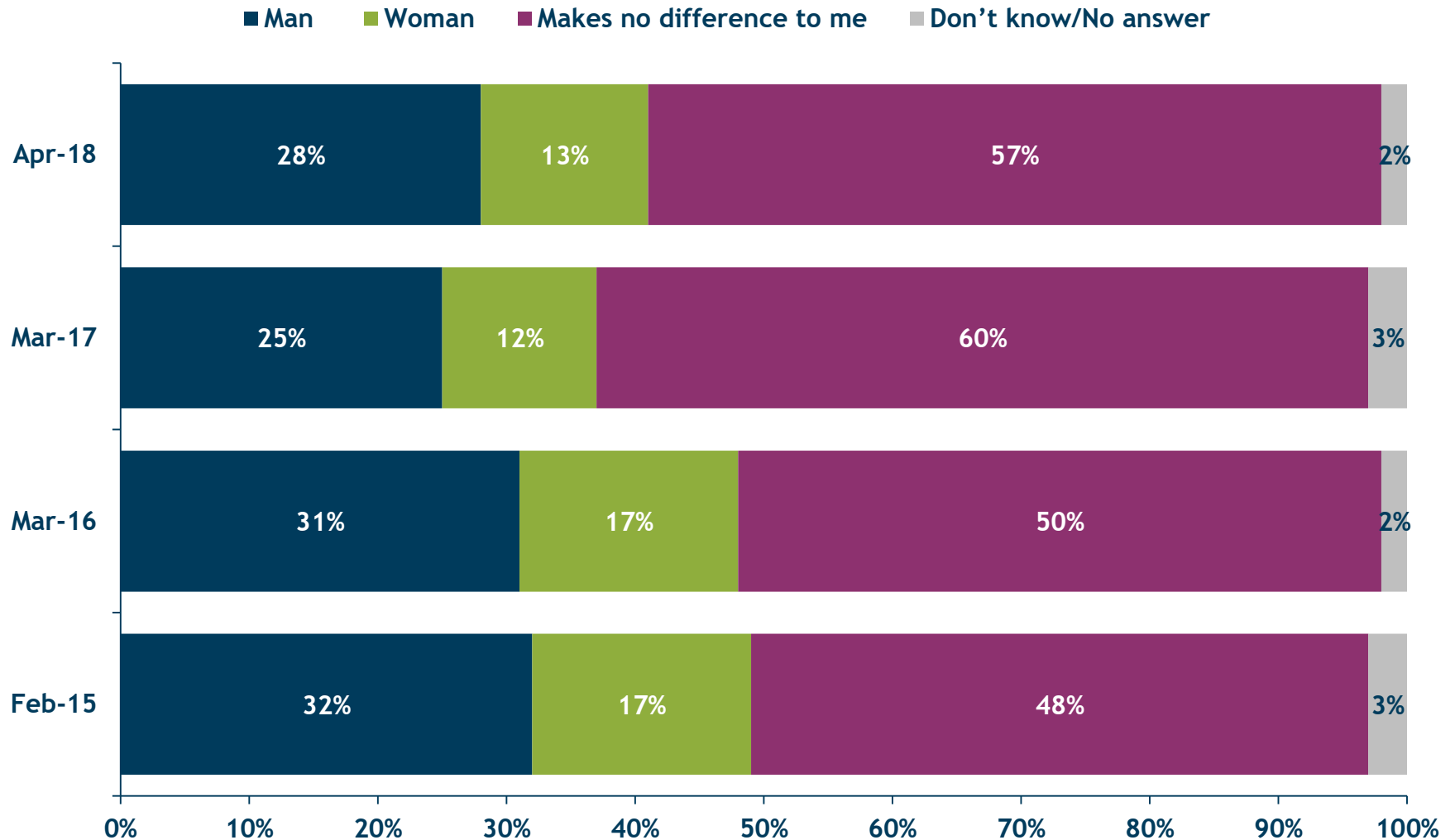
# In your opinion, whose interests are most represented by the mayor in your municipality?



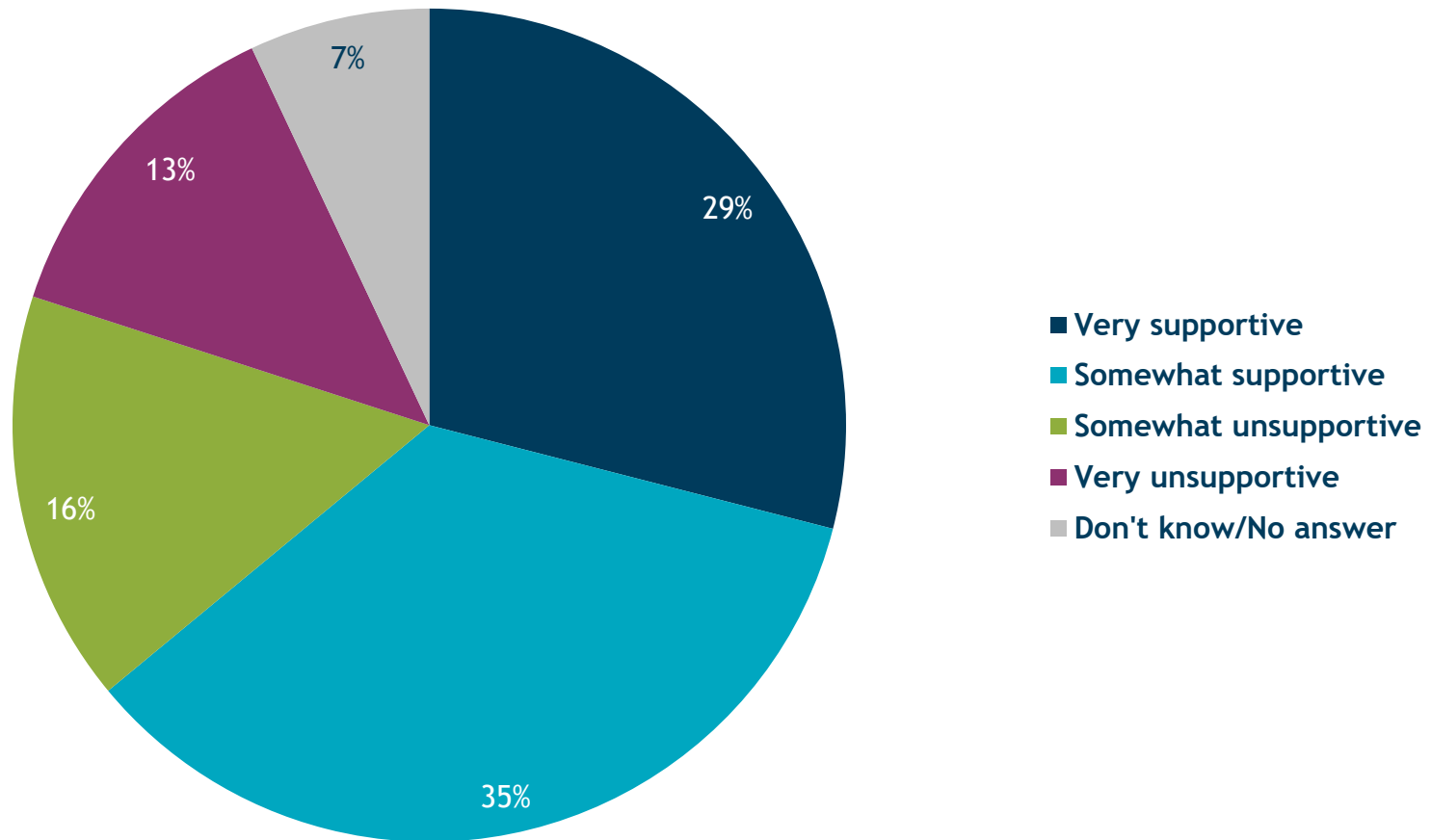
# Do you believe that people like you can influence decisions made in your municipality?



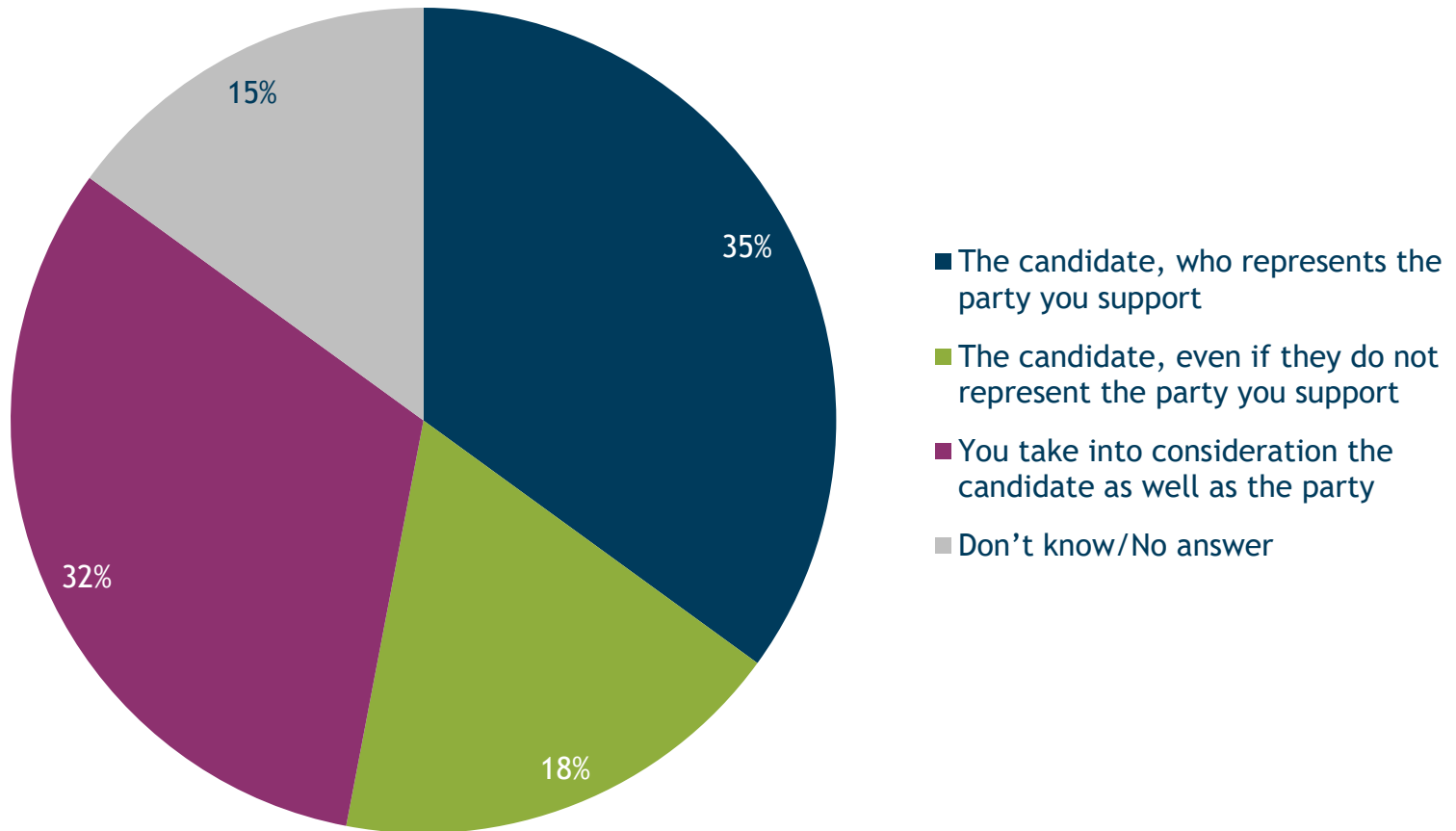
# If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



# Do you support efforts to establish quotas for women's representation in elected bodies, including the parliament and sakrebulos?



# When voting in the elections and selecting a Presidential candidate, you vote for:





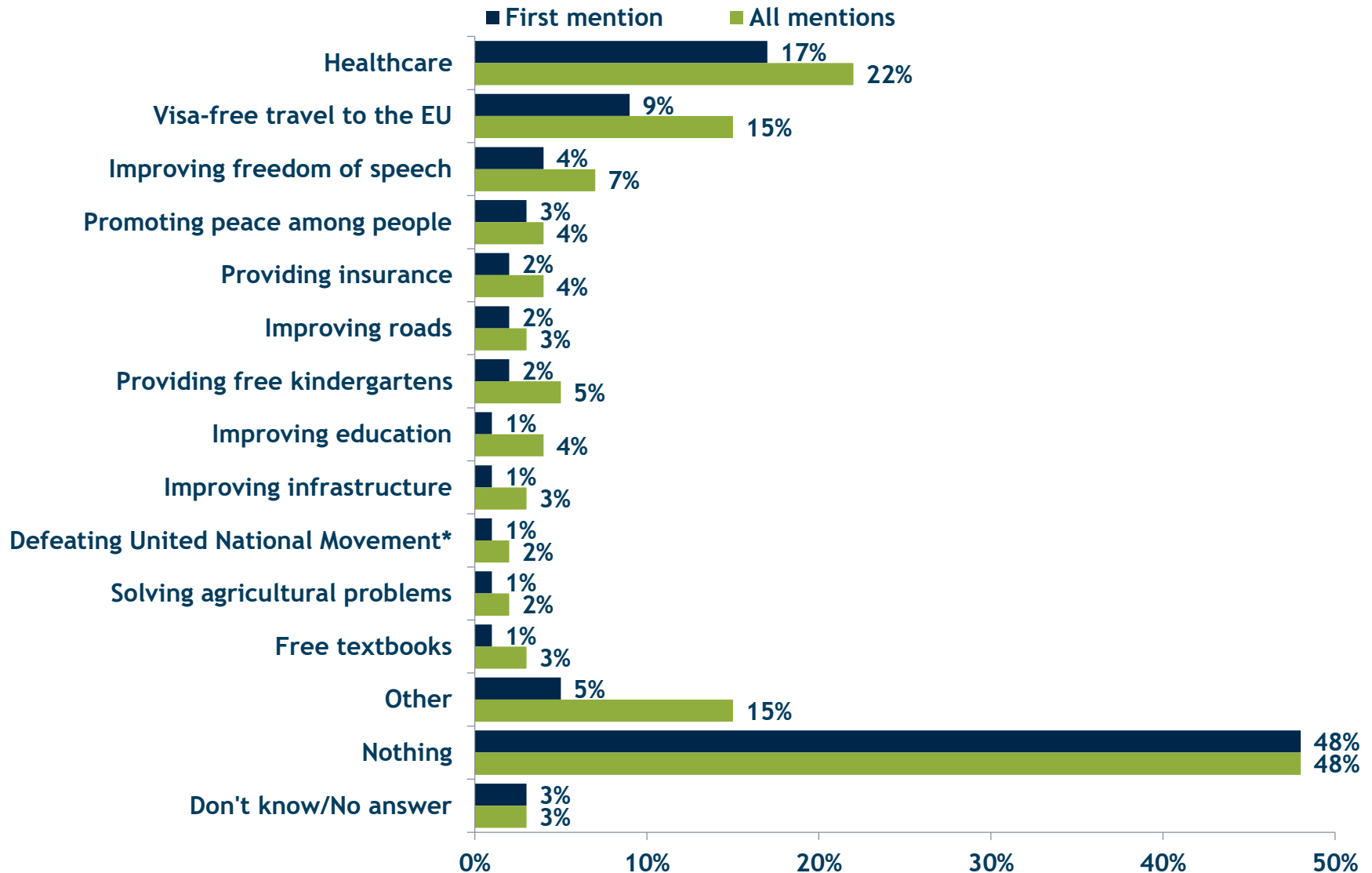
# Domestic Policy

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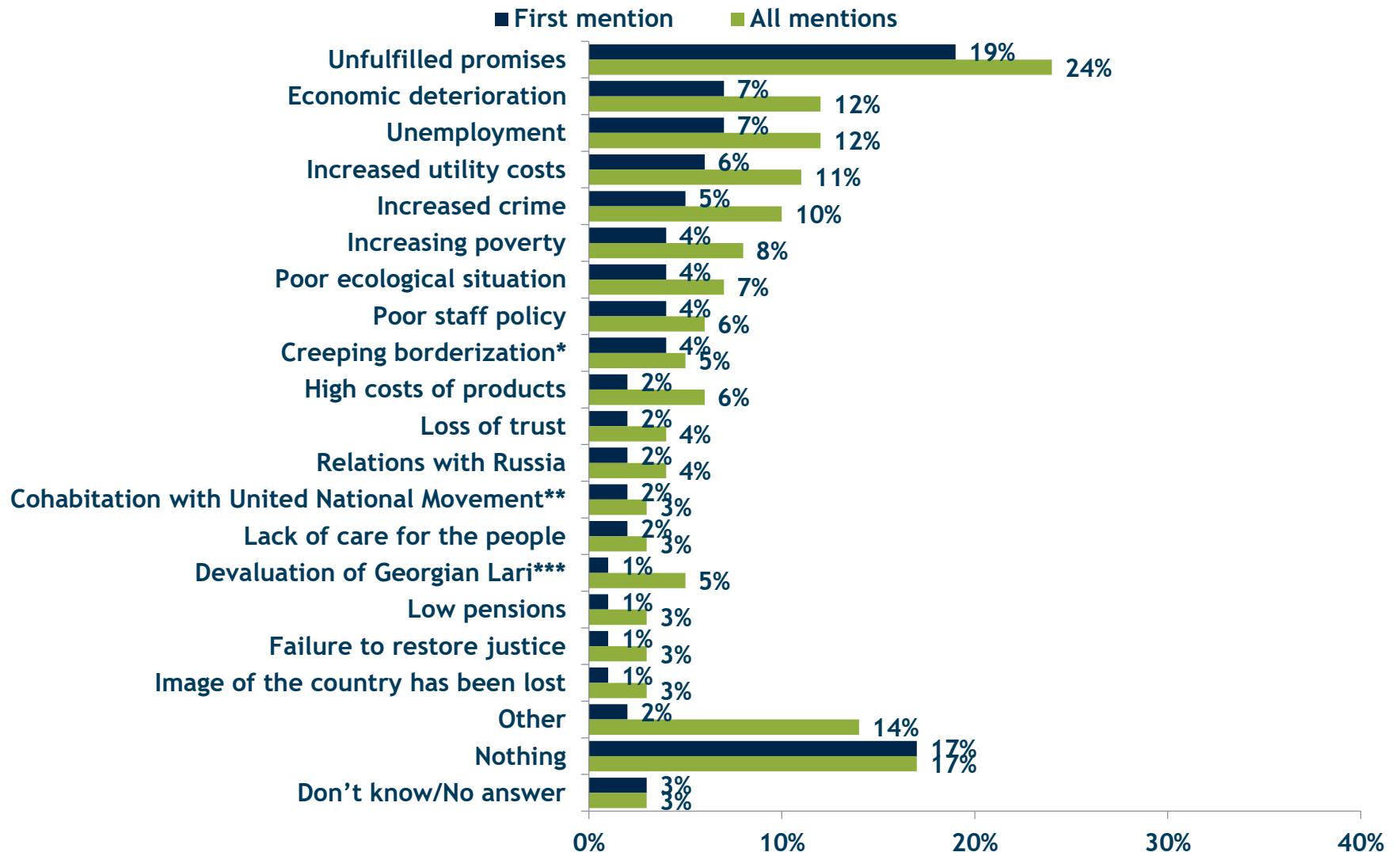


# What are the three main accomplishments of the government? (Three possible answers; spontaneous response)



\* United National Movement and former President Mikheil Saakashvili led the Georgian government from 2004-2012.

# What are the three biggest failures of the government? (Three possible answers; spontaneous response)

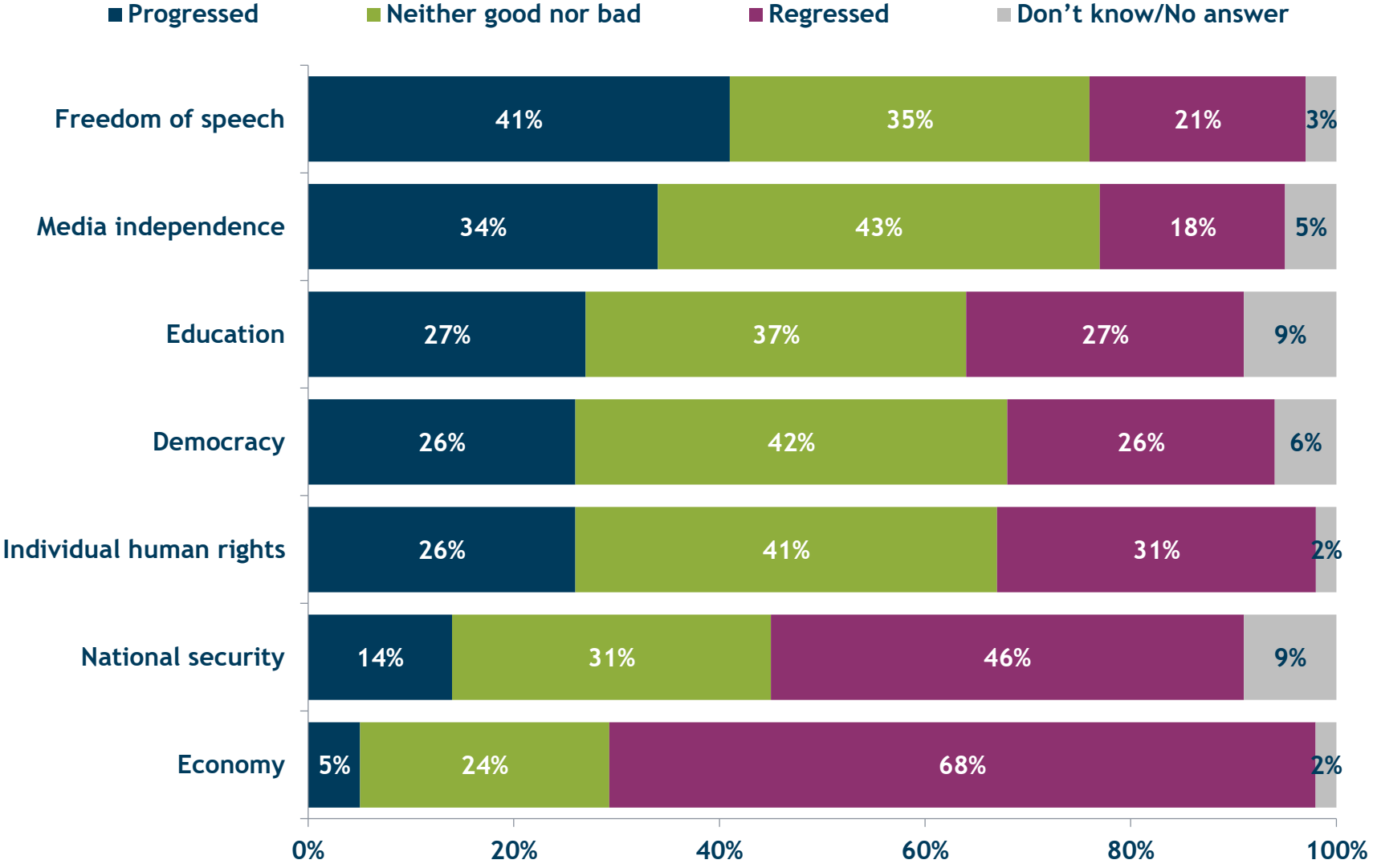


\* Creeping borderization is the Russian practice of gradually shifting the borders of occupied territories further into Georgian-controlled land.

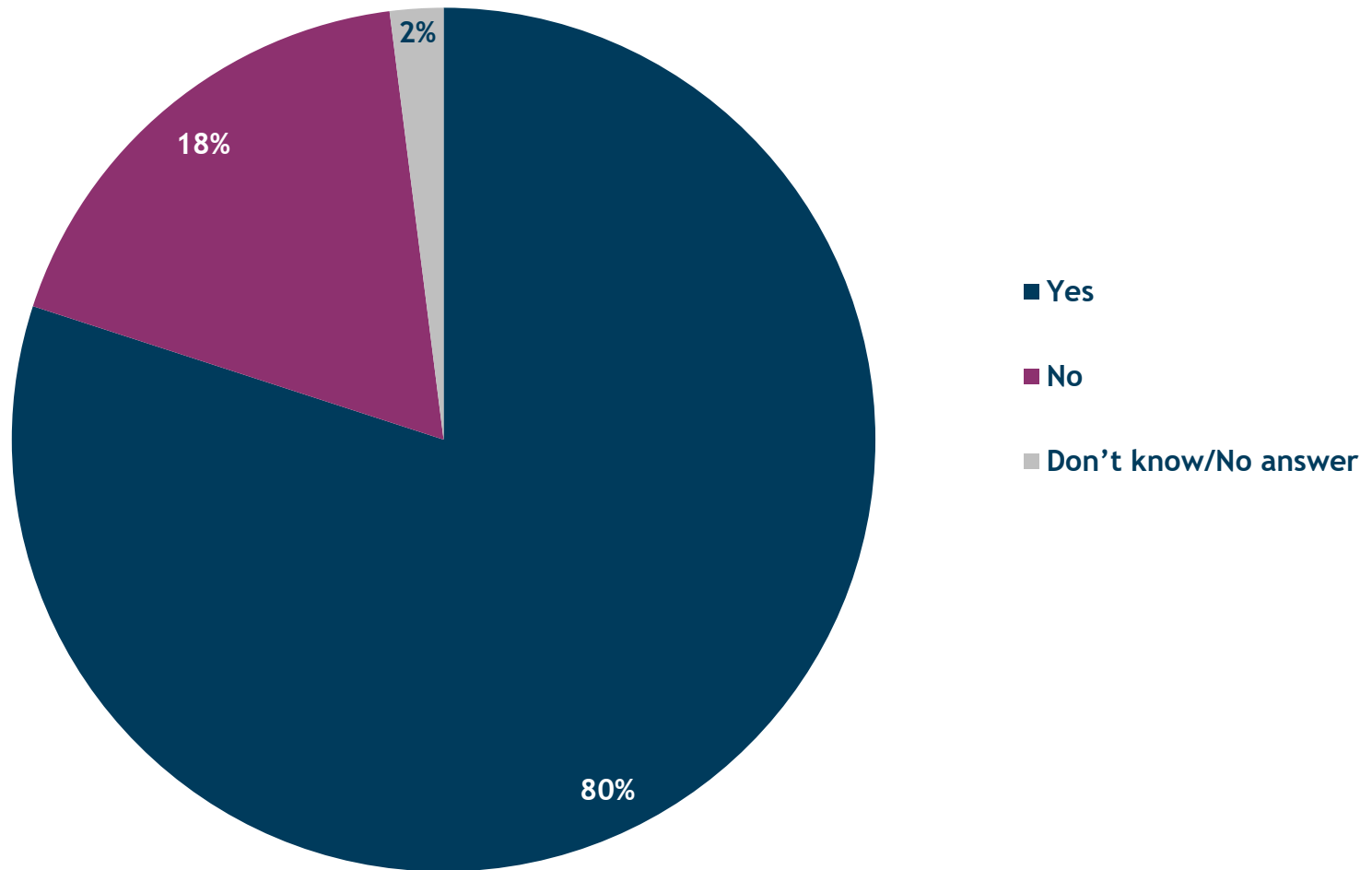
\*\* Cohabitation refers to the period of 2012-2013 when Georgian Dream controlled Parliament and UNM controlled the presidency.

\*\*\* The Lari (GEL) is the Georgian currency.

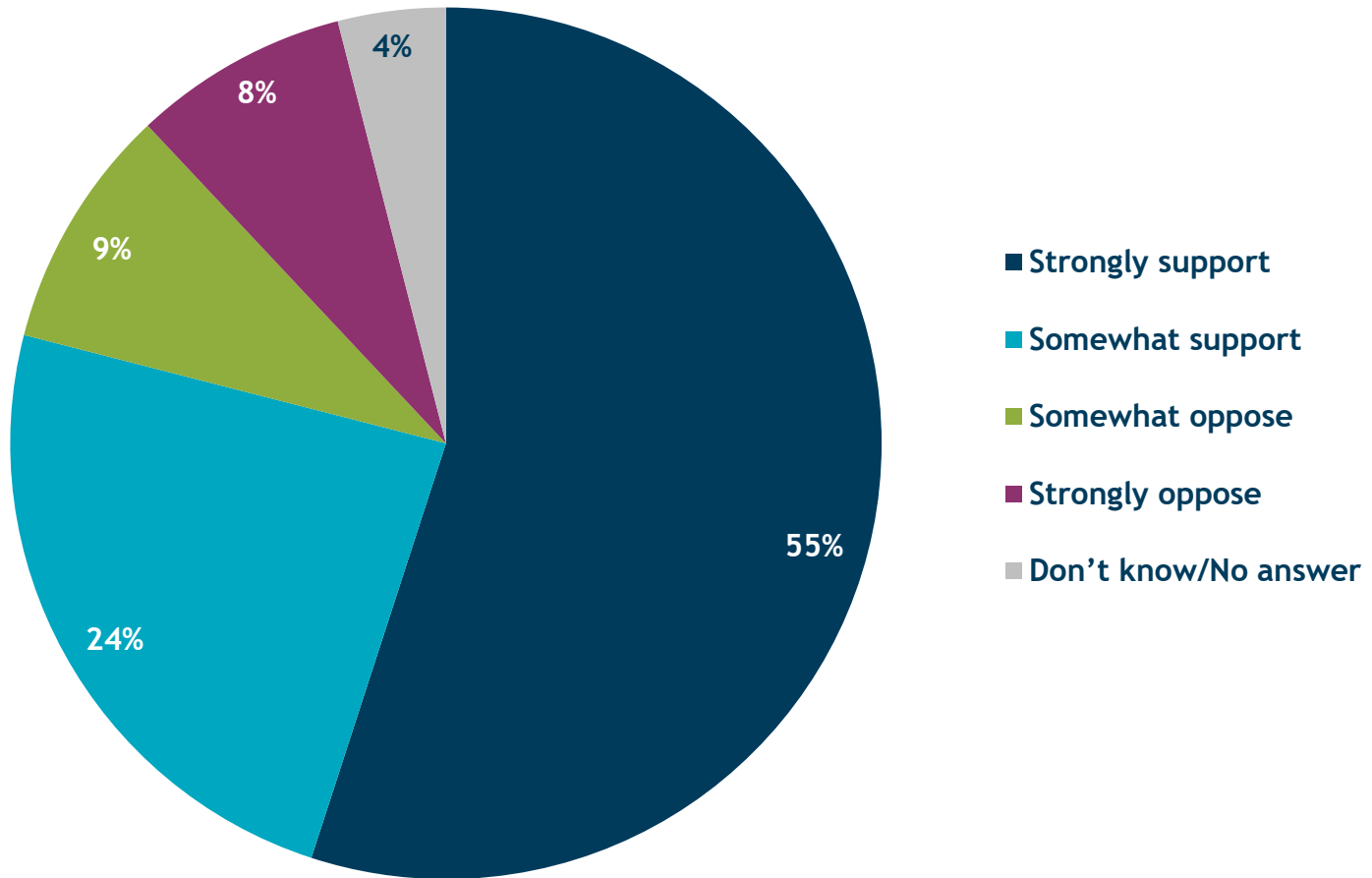
# How do you feel about the direction of each of the following issues during the past four years?



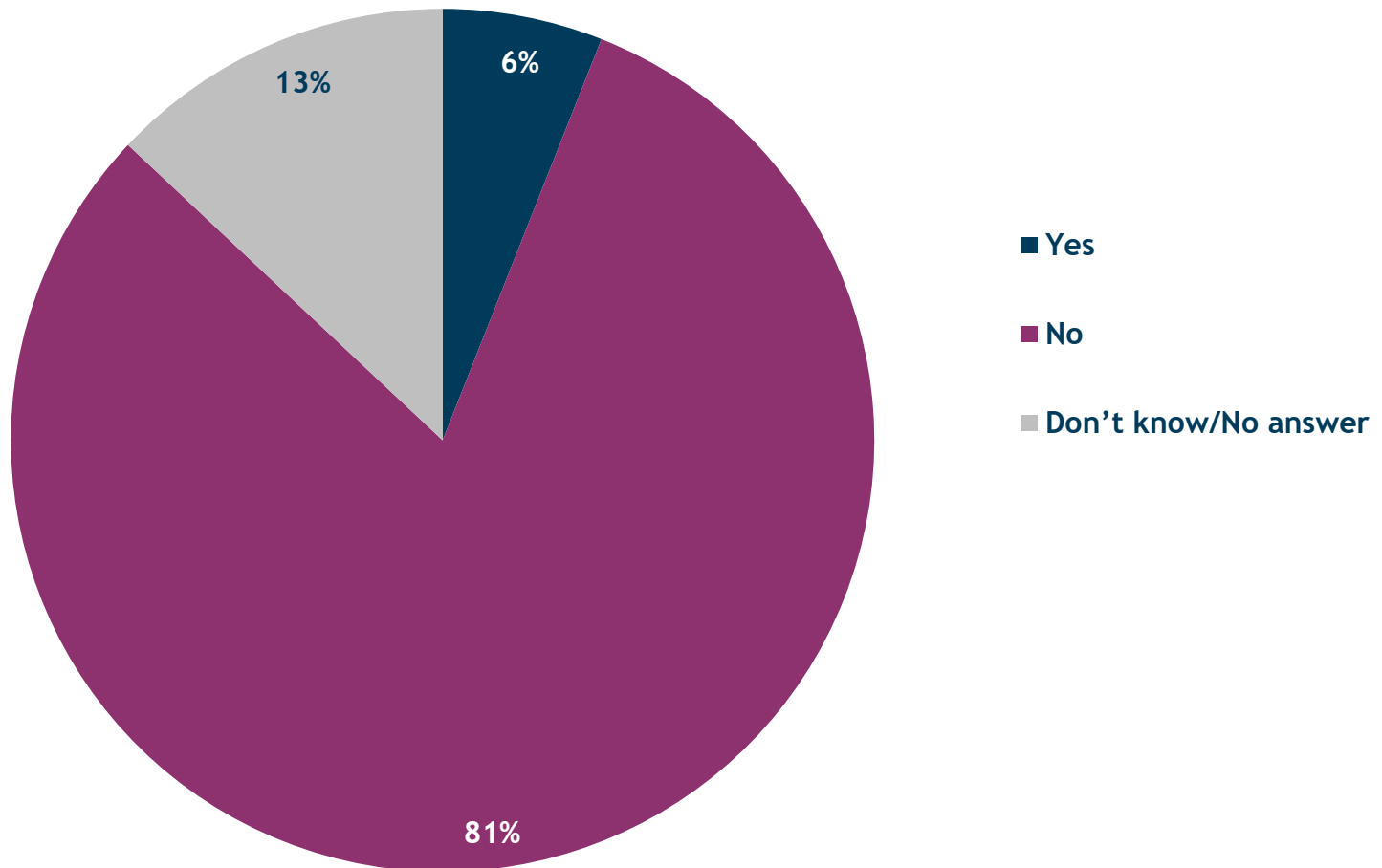
# Are you aware of the new technical car inspection requirement?



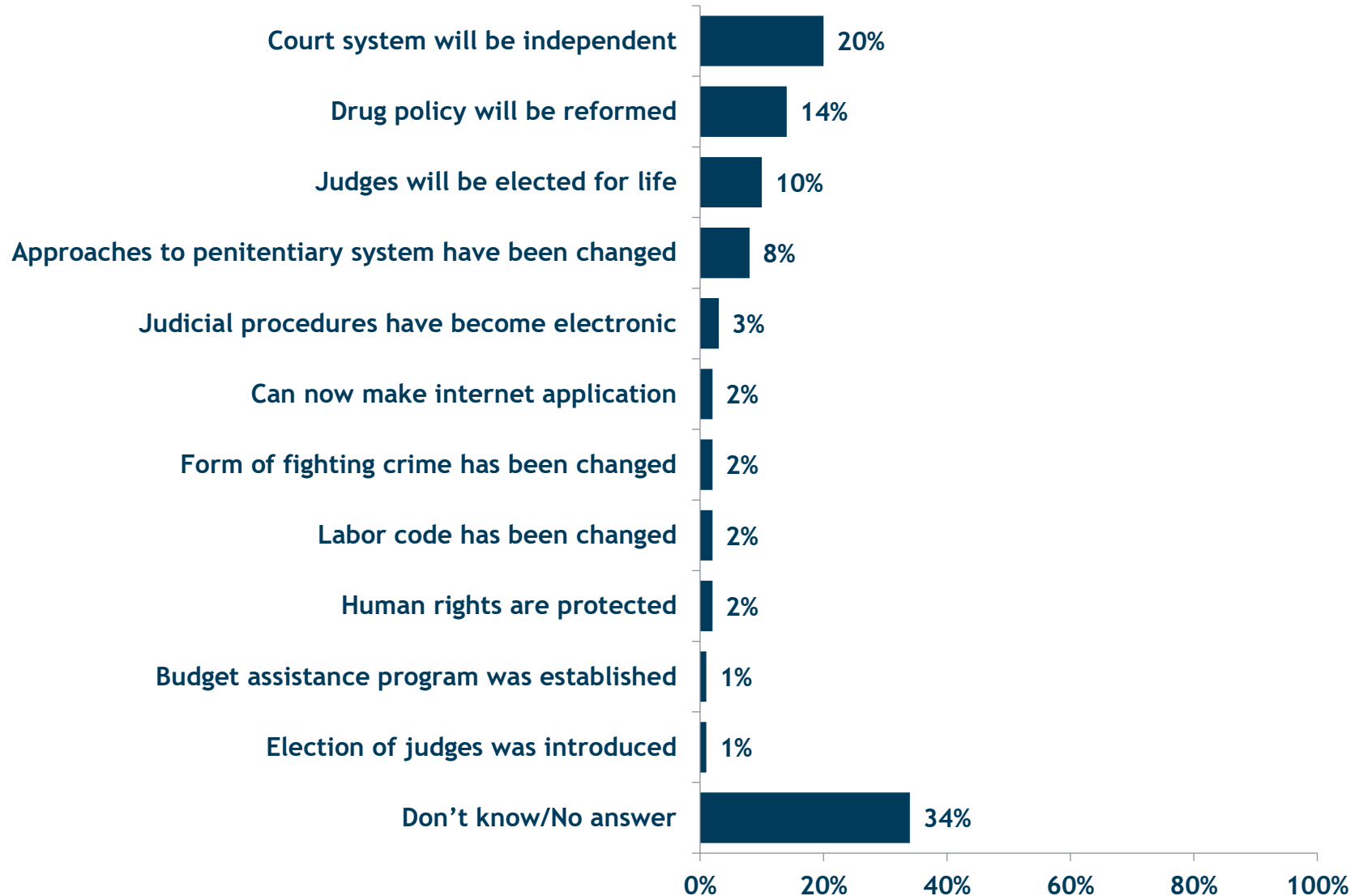
## If yes, do you support or oppose the inspections? (Those who are aware of inspection requirement: N=1,194)



# Have you heard of any efforts by the Georgian Government or Parliament to reform the justice system?



# If yes, please name the reform you have heard about. (Those who heard of reform efforts: N=82, spontaneous response)





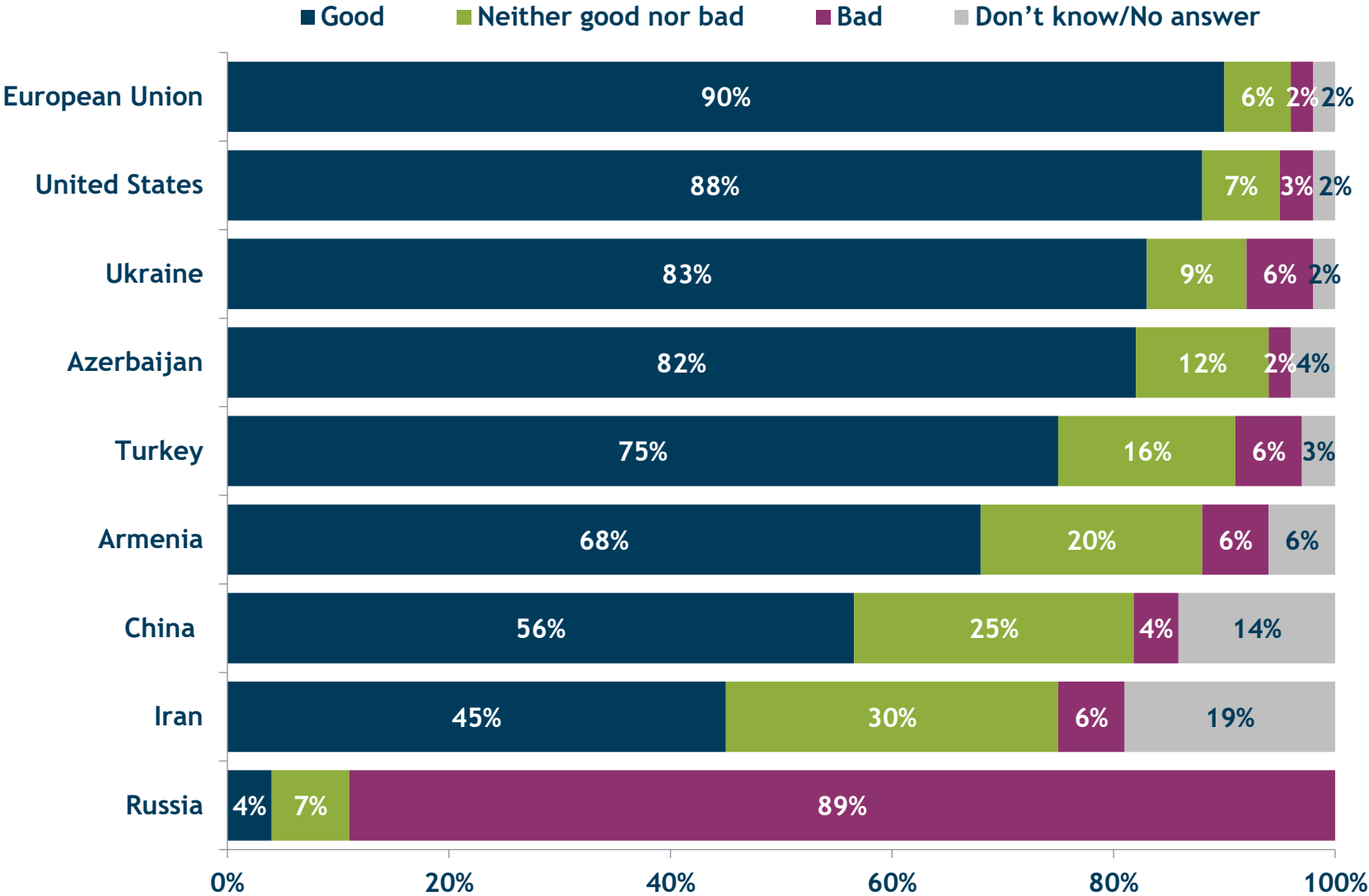
# International Relations

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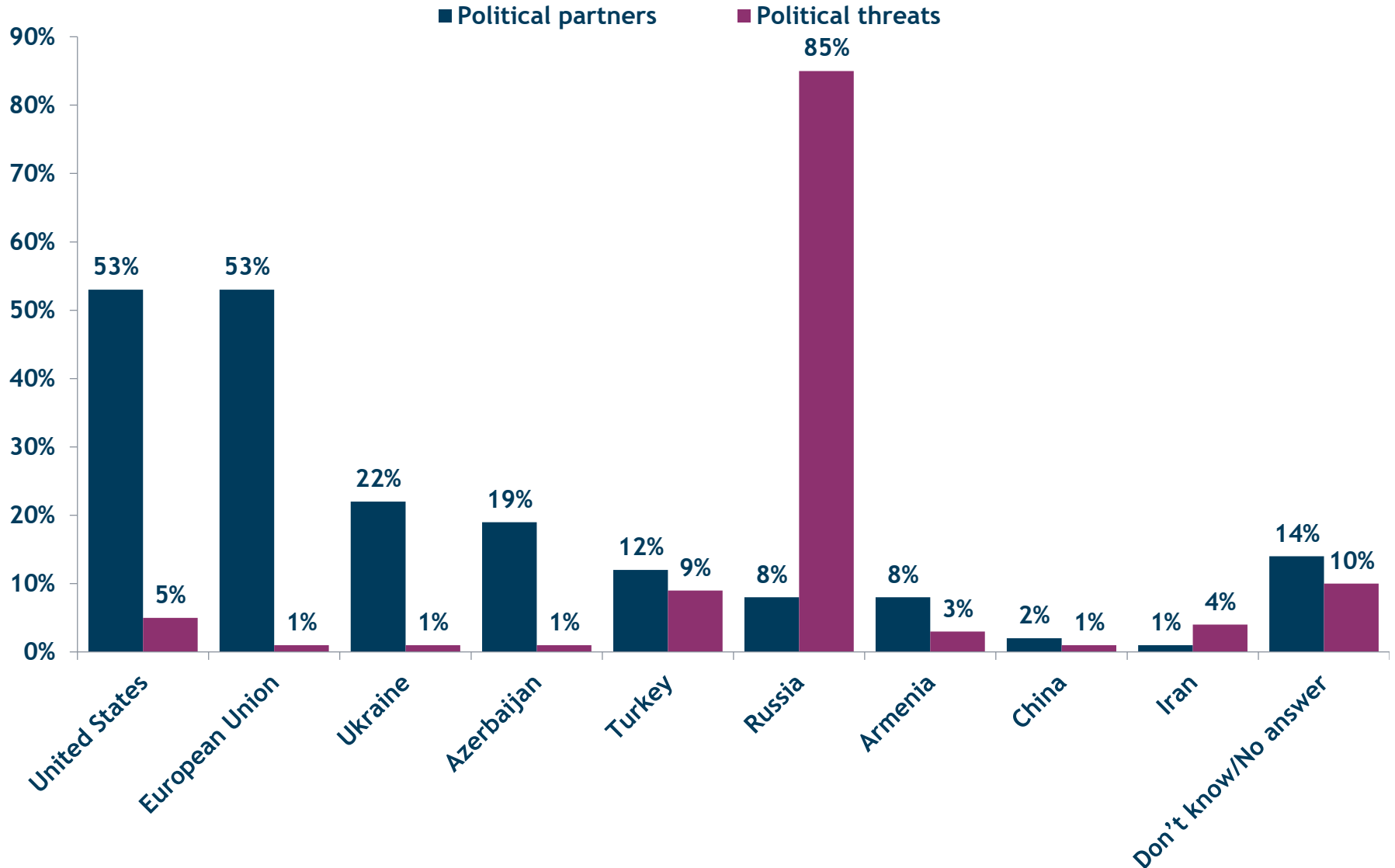


# How would you characterize the current state of the relationship between Georgia and the following countries?



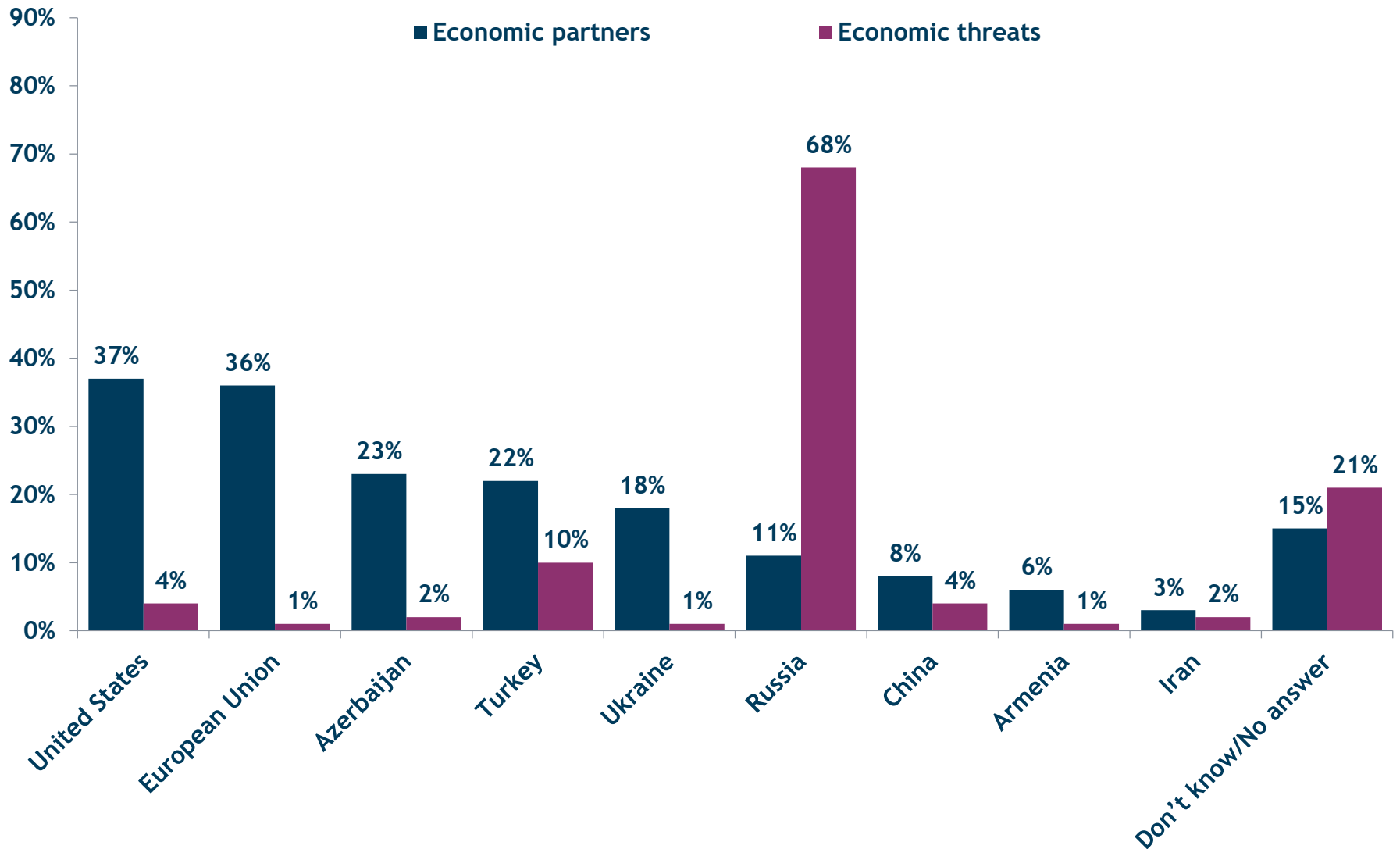
# Which of these countries do you consider to be Georgia's important political partners? Political threats?

(Three answers possible for each)

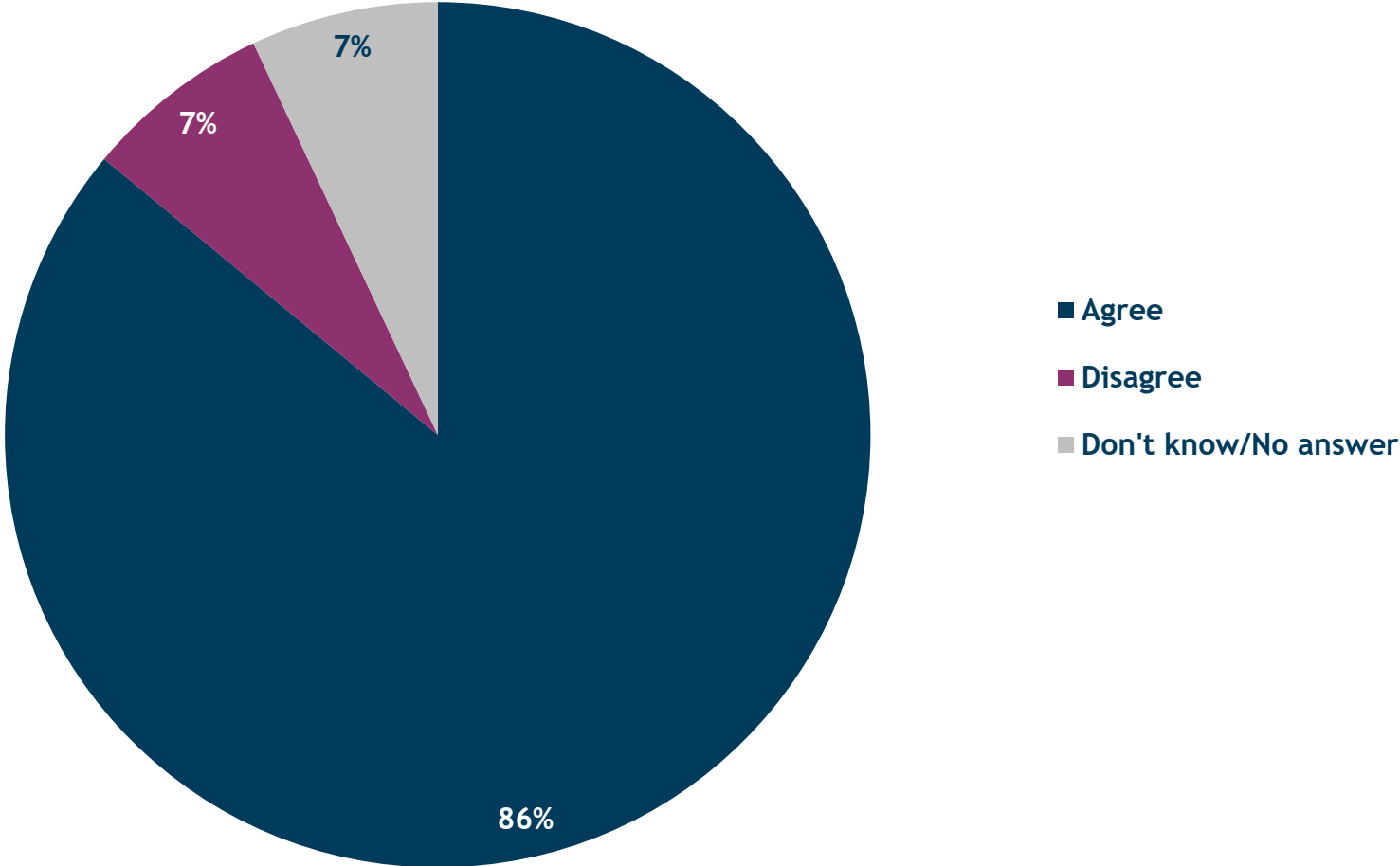


# Which of these countries do you consider to be Georgia's important economic partners? Economic threats?

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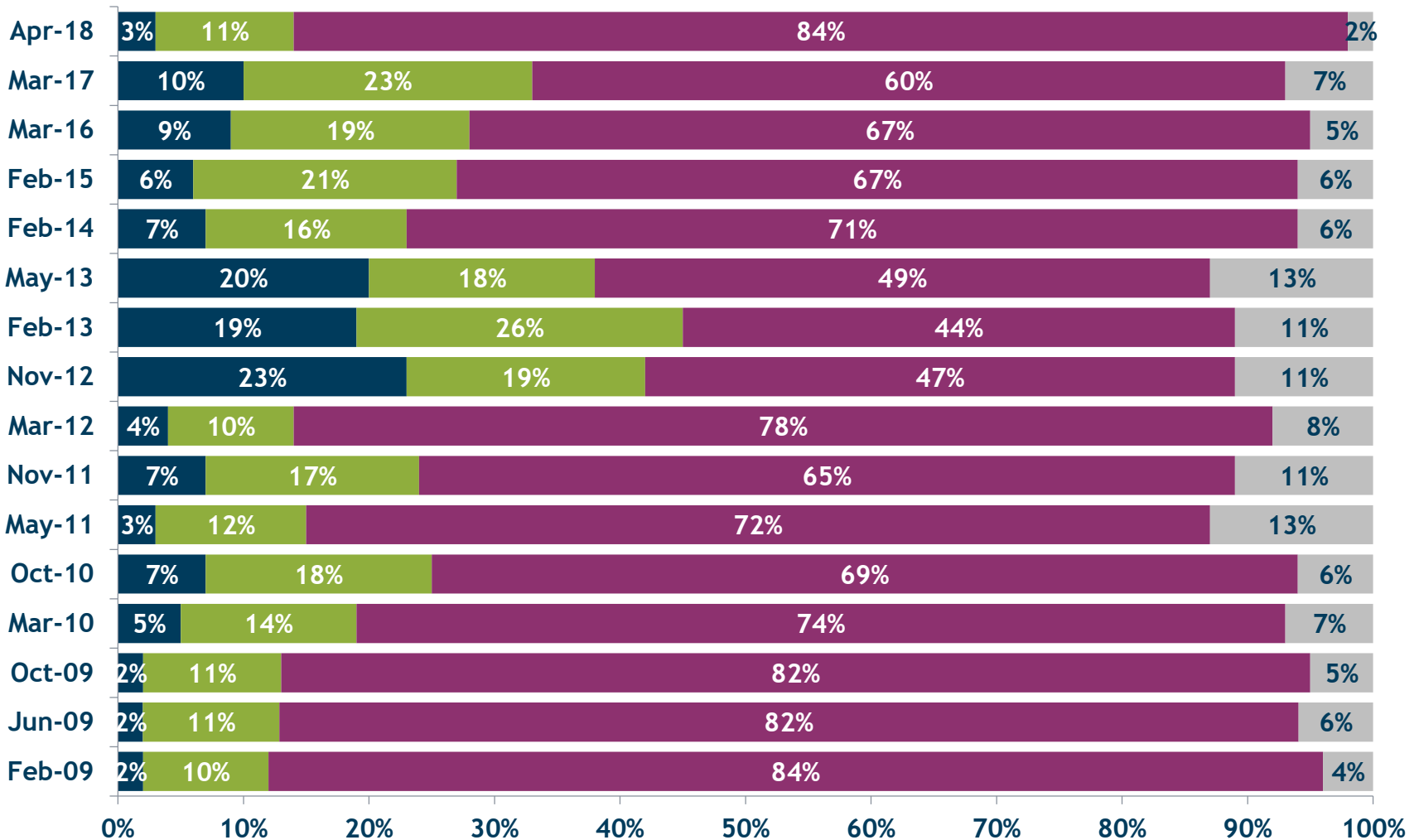
# Do you agree or disagree that there has been Russian aggression toward Georgia since August 2008?



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

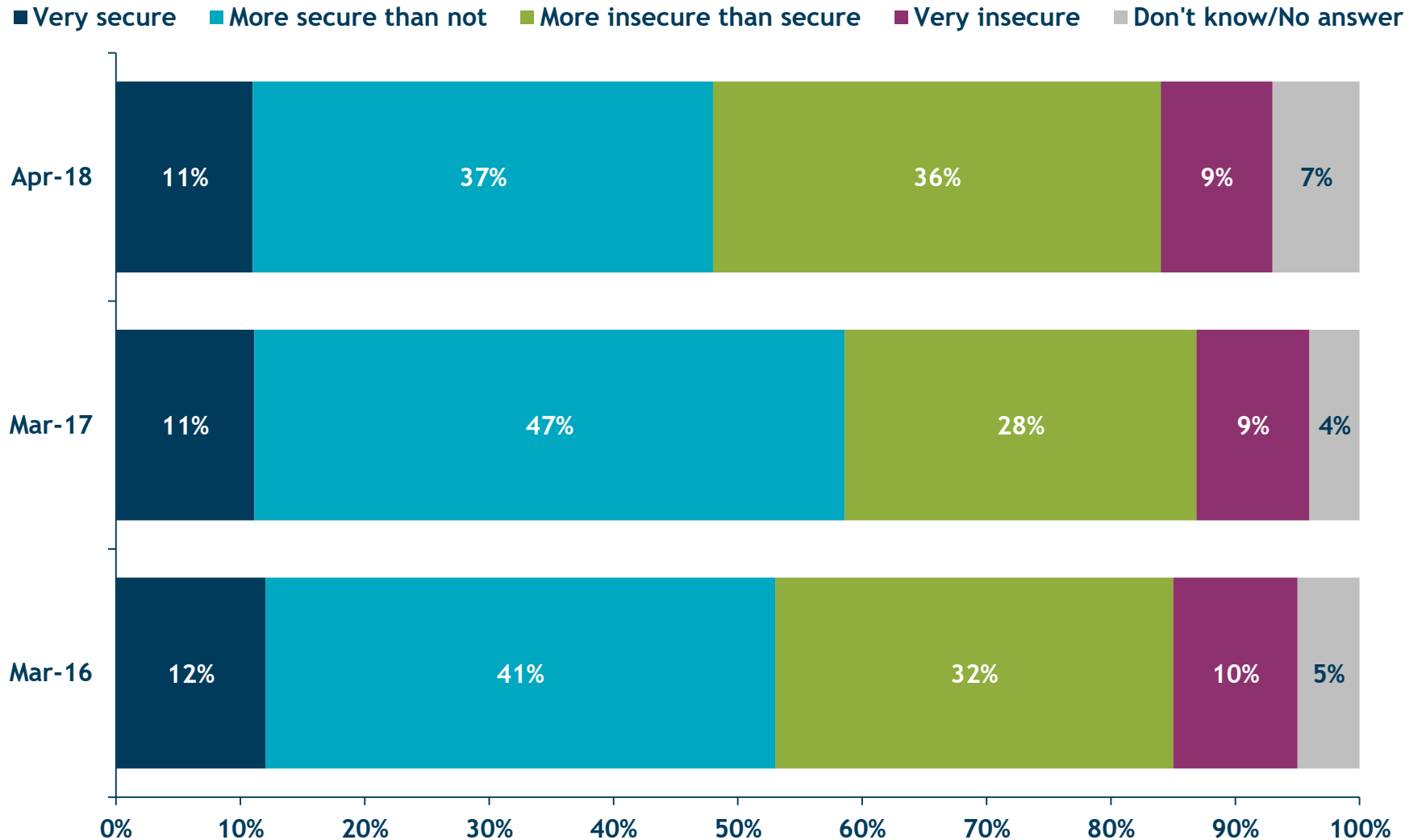
(Those who agree that there has been Russian aggression: N=1,284)

■ It is over and unlikely to resume ■ It is over but likely to resume ■ It is still going on ■ Don't know/No answer

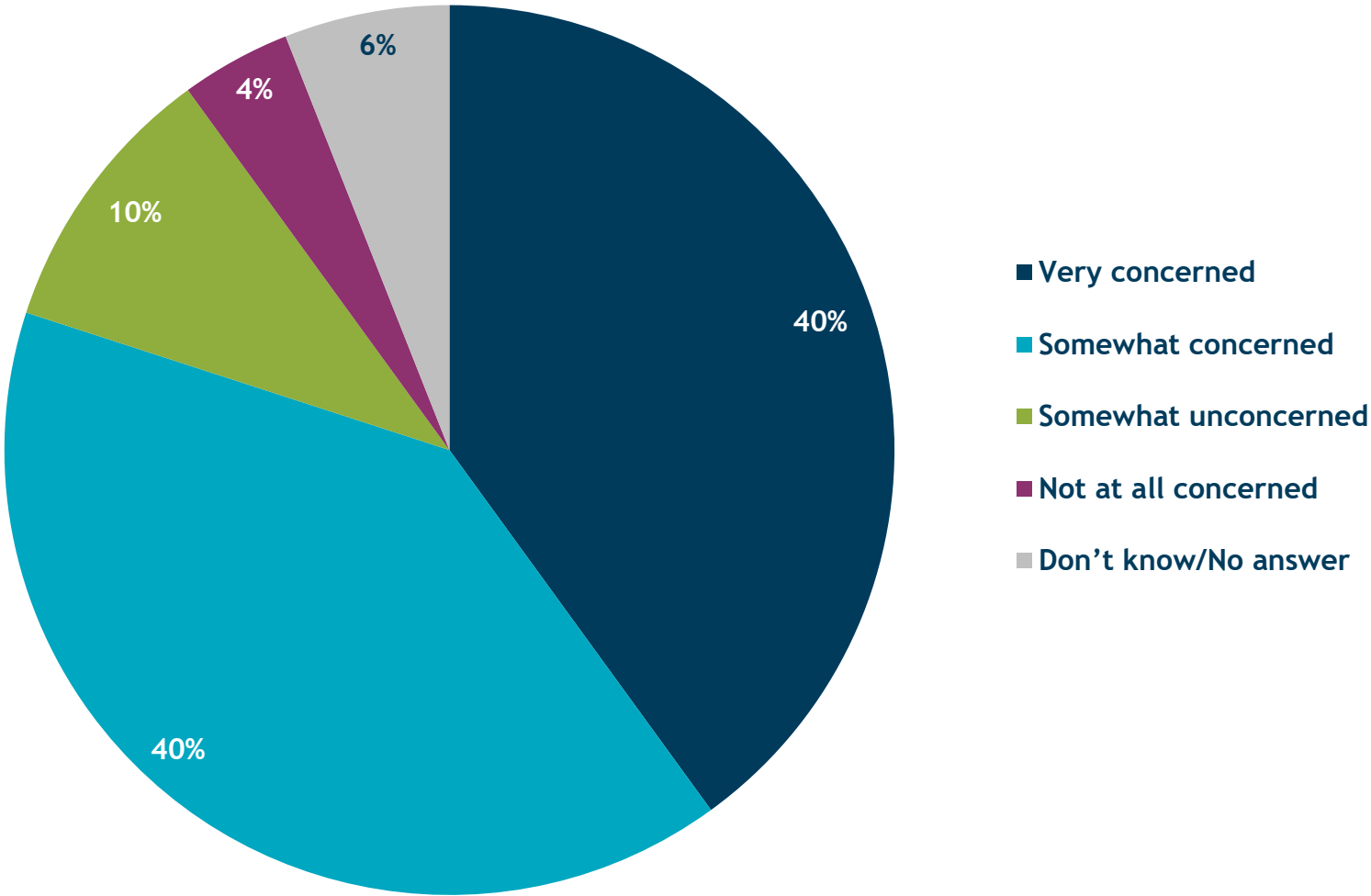


\* In April 2018, this question was only asked of those who agreed there is Russian aggression. In previous polls, it was asked of all respondents.

# Given the current state of Georgia's relationship with Russia, how secure do you feel living in Georgia?



# Are you concerned about terrorist activity occurring in Georgia?





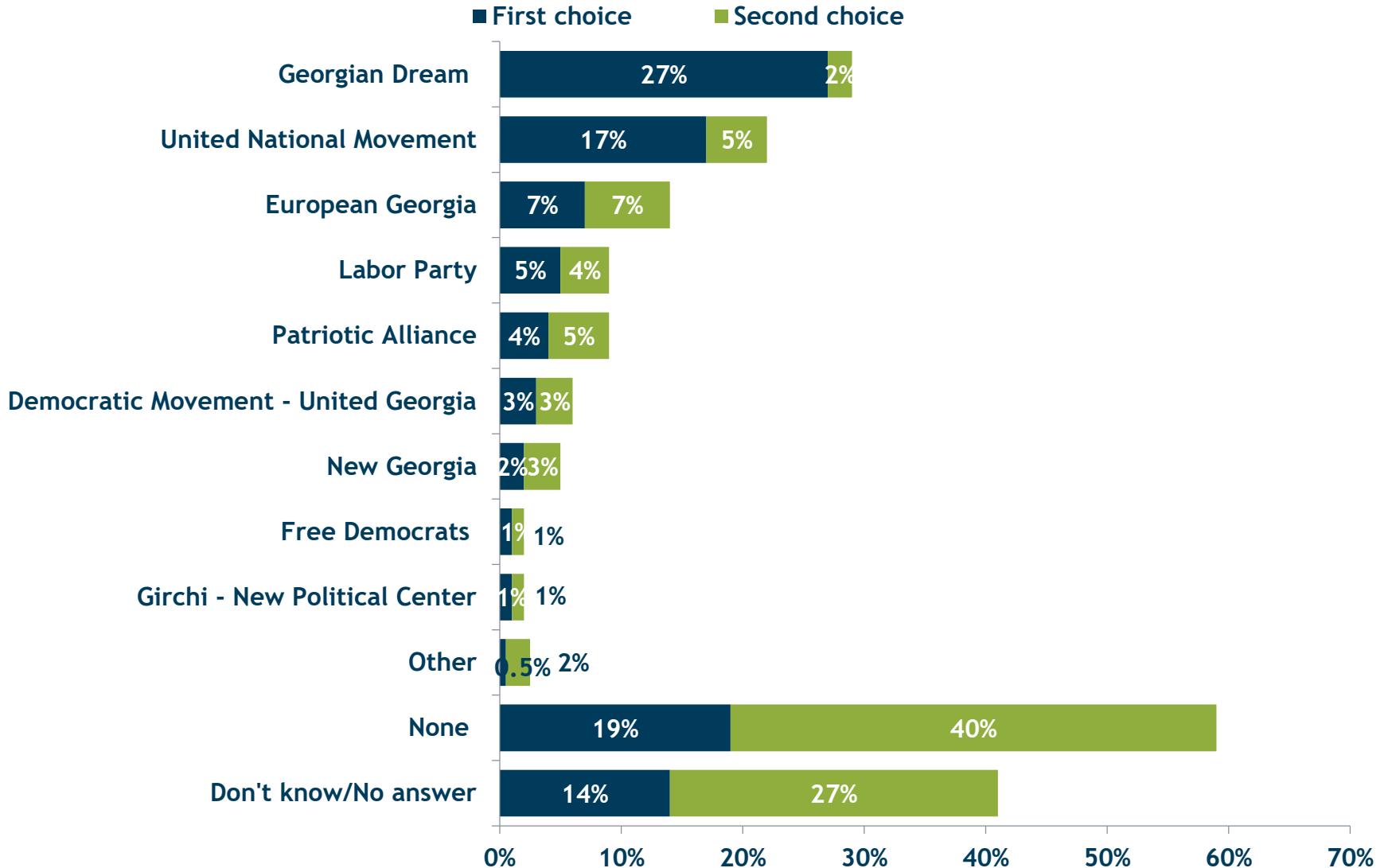
# Political Parties

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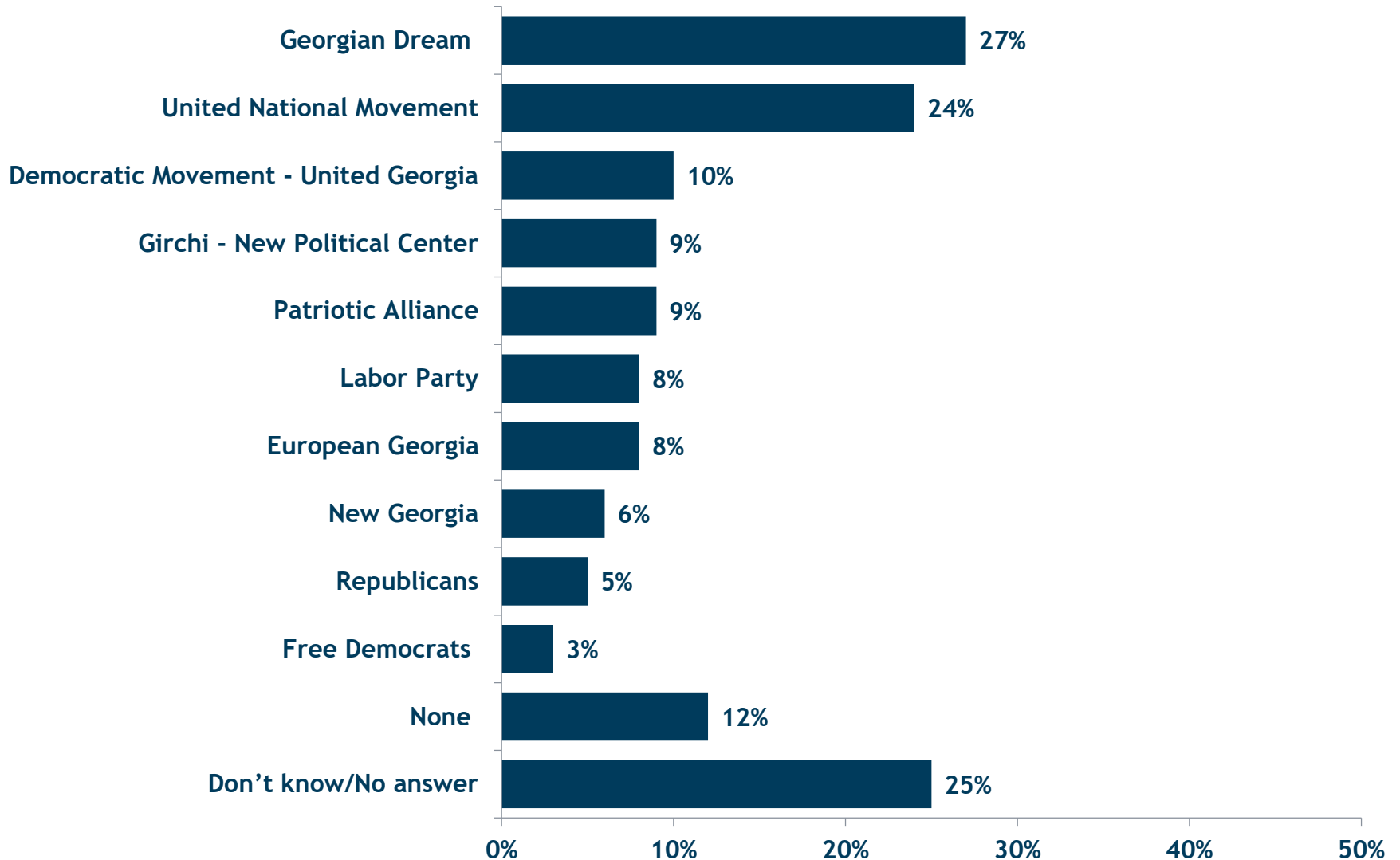




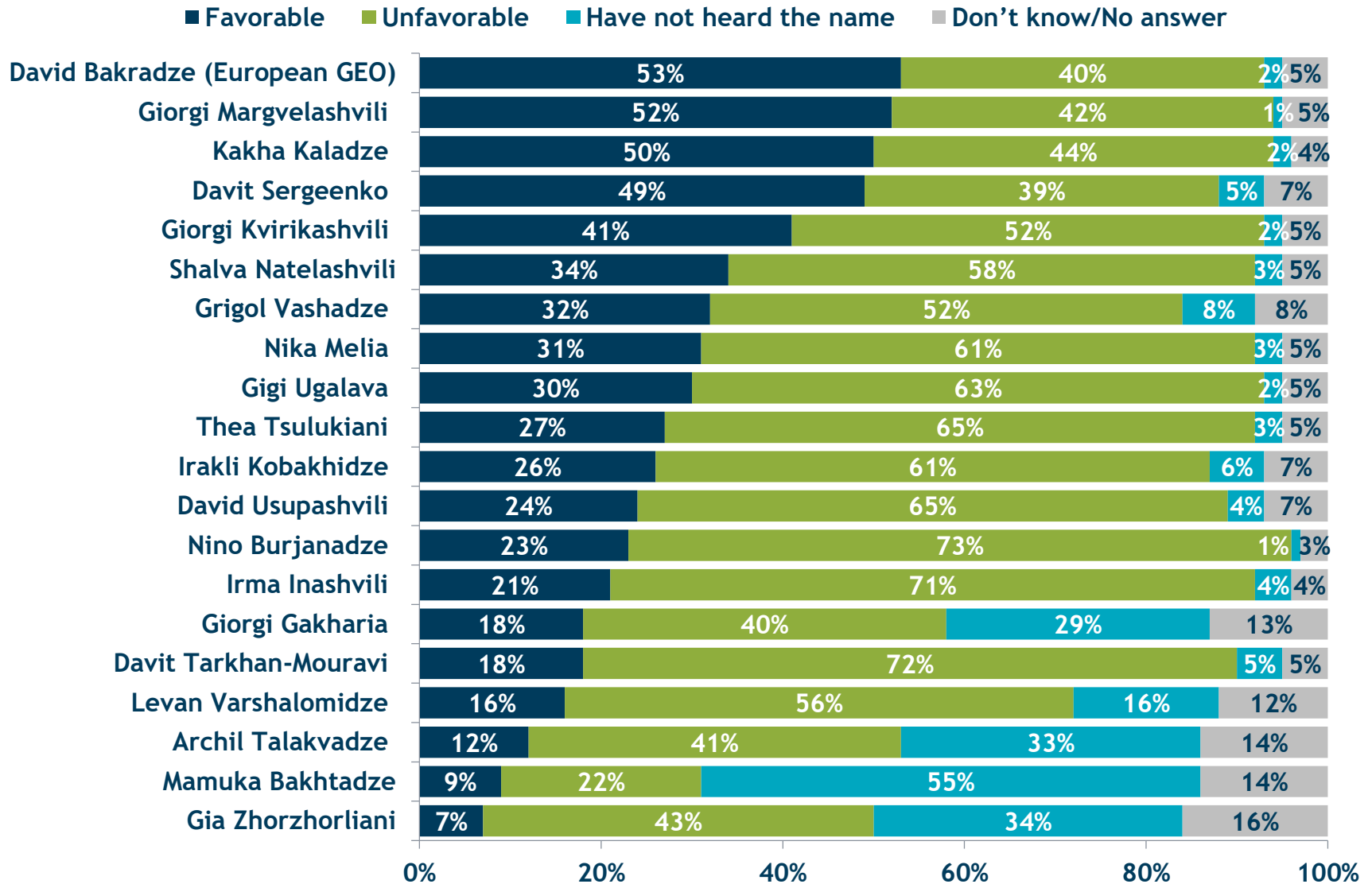
# Which of these political parties would you vote for if parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and these parties were participating?



# Which political parties would you never vote for? (Multiple answers possible)



# What is your opinion of the following Georgian politicians and other well-known individuals in Georgian society?





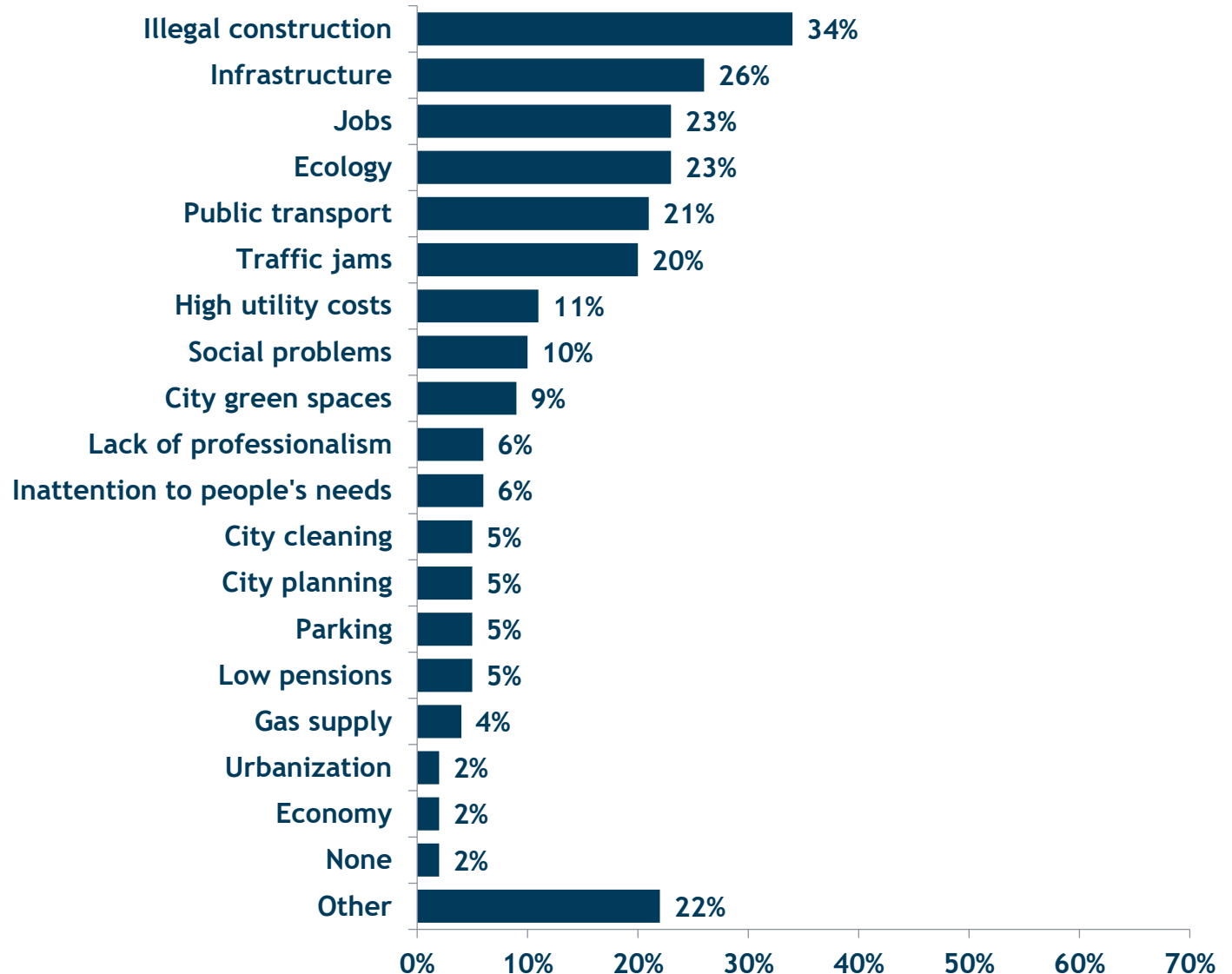
# Residents of Tbilisi

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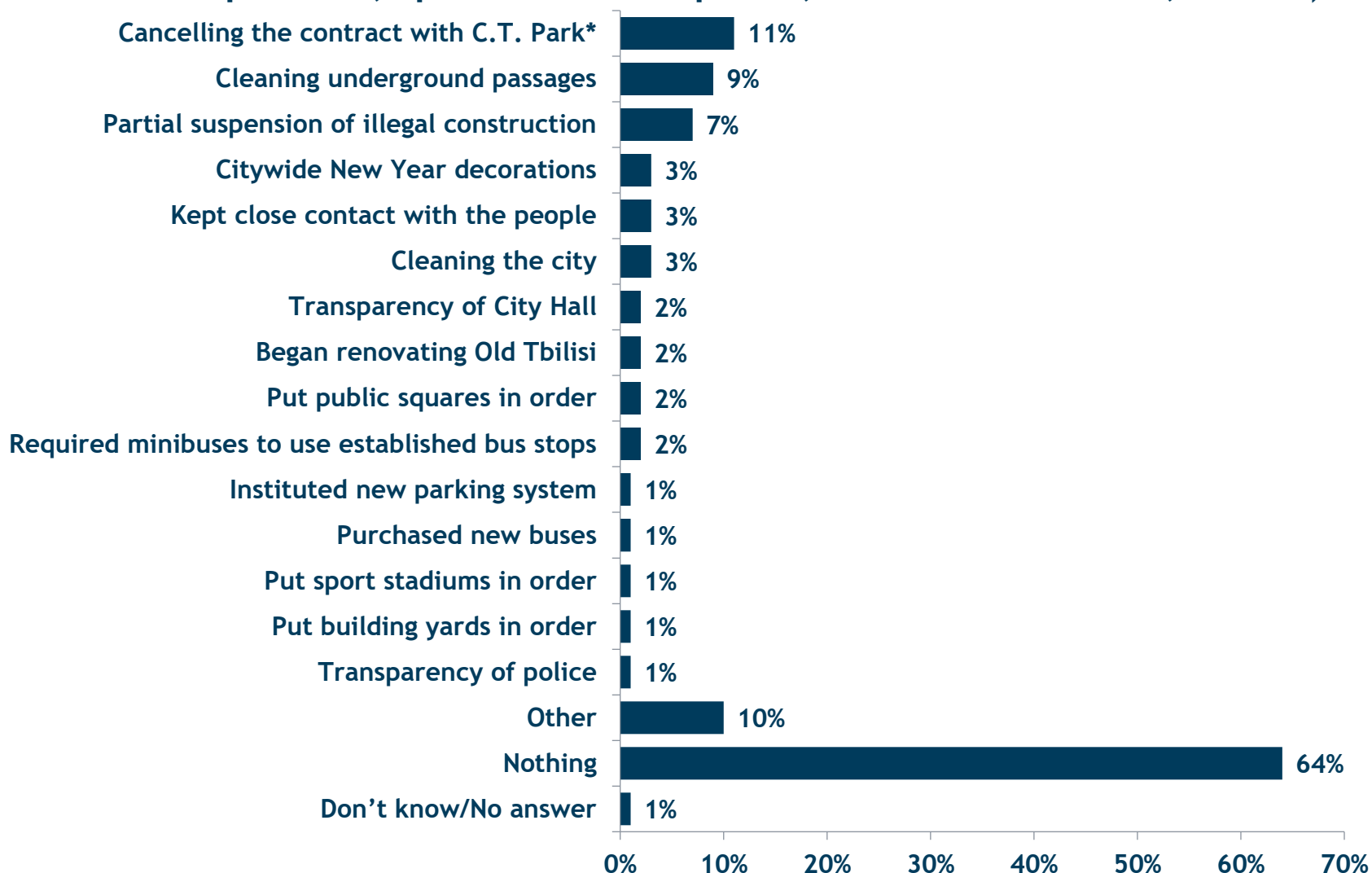
# What are the three main problems that Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze needs to address?

(Three answers possible; spontaneous response; residents of Tbilisi, N=453)



# What are the three major accomplishments of Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze's first five months in office?

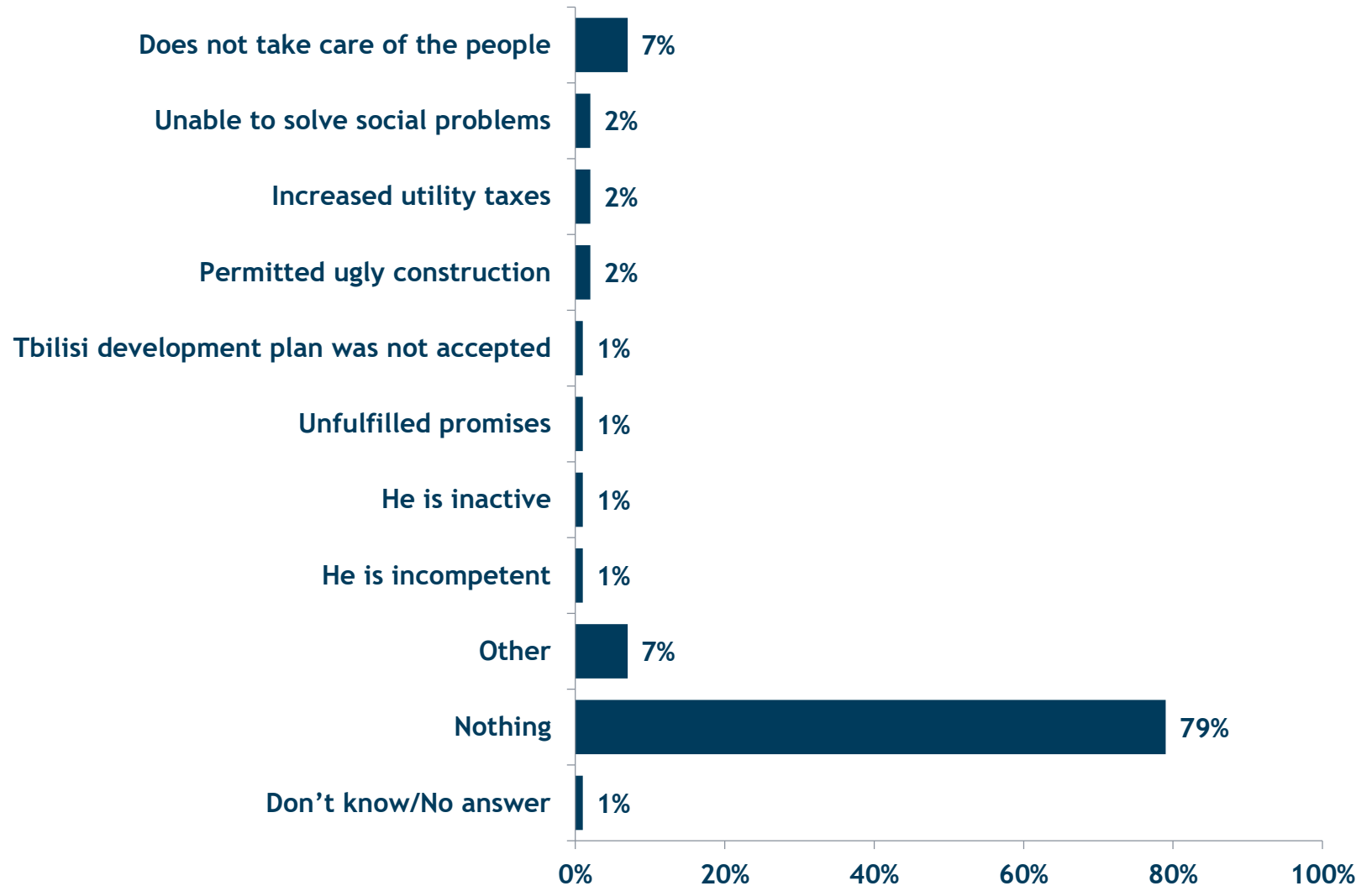
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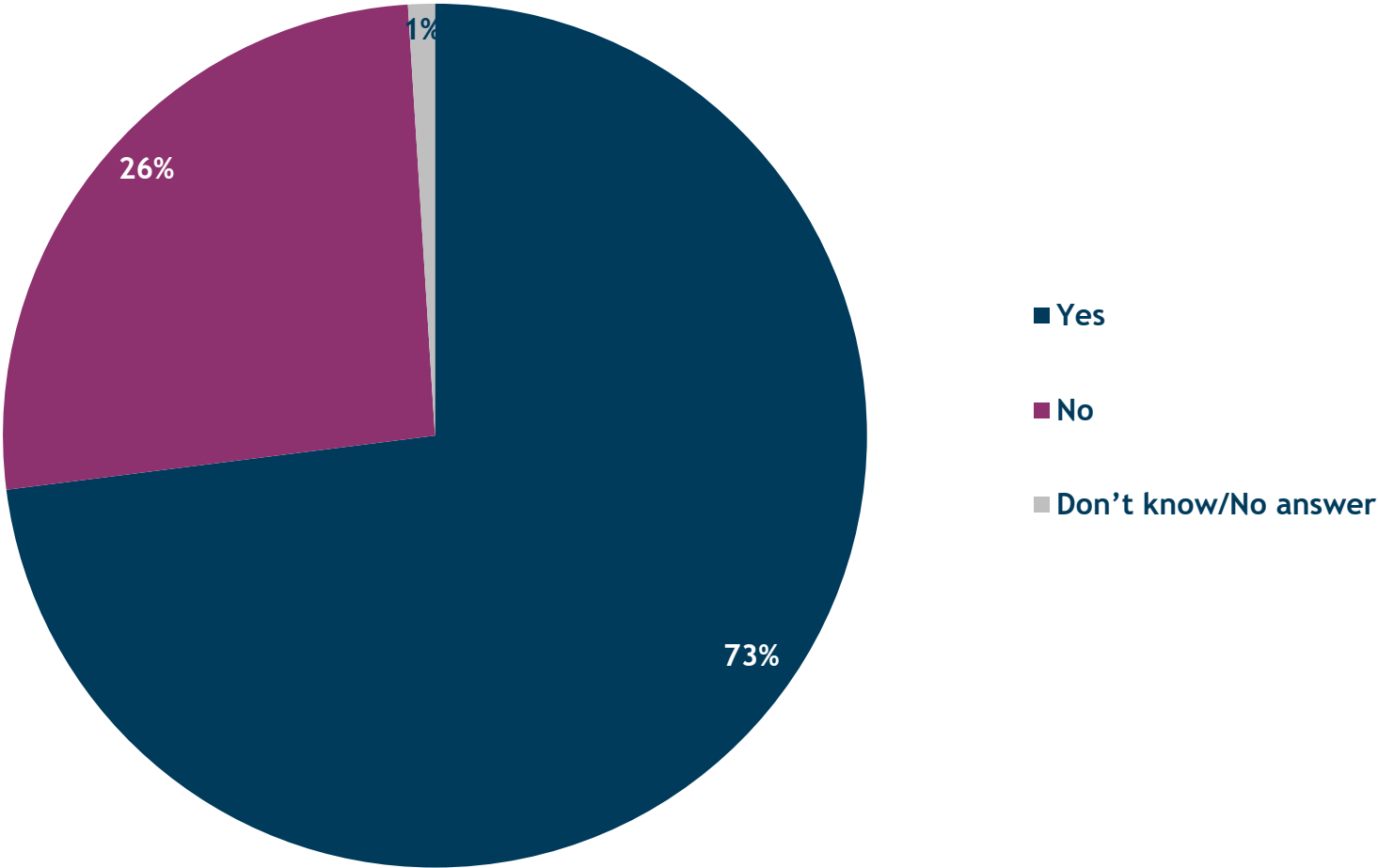
\* C.T. Park was given the contract to run parking and ticketing in Tbilisi by former Mayor Gigi Ugulava of UNM.

# What are the three major failures of Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze's first five months in office?

(Three answers possible; spontaneous response; residents of Tbilisi, N=453)

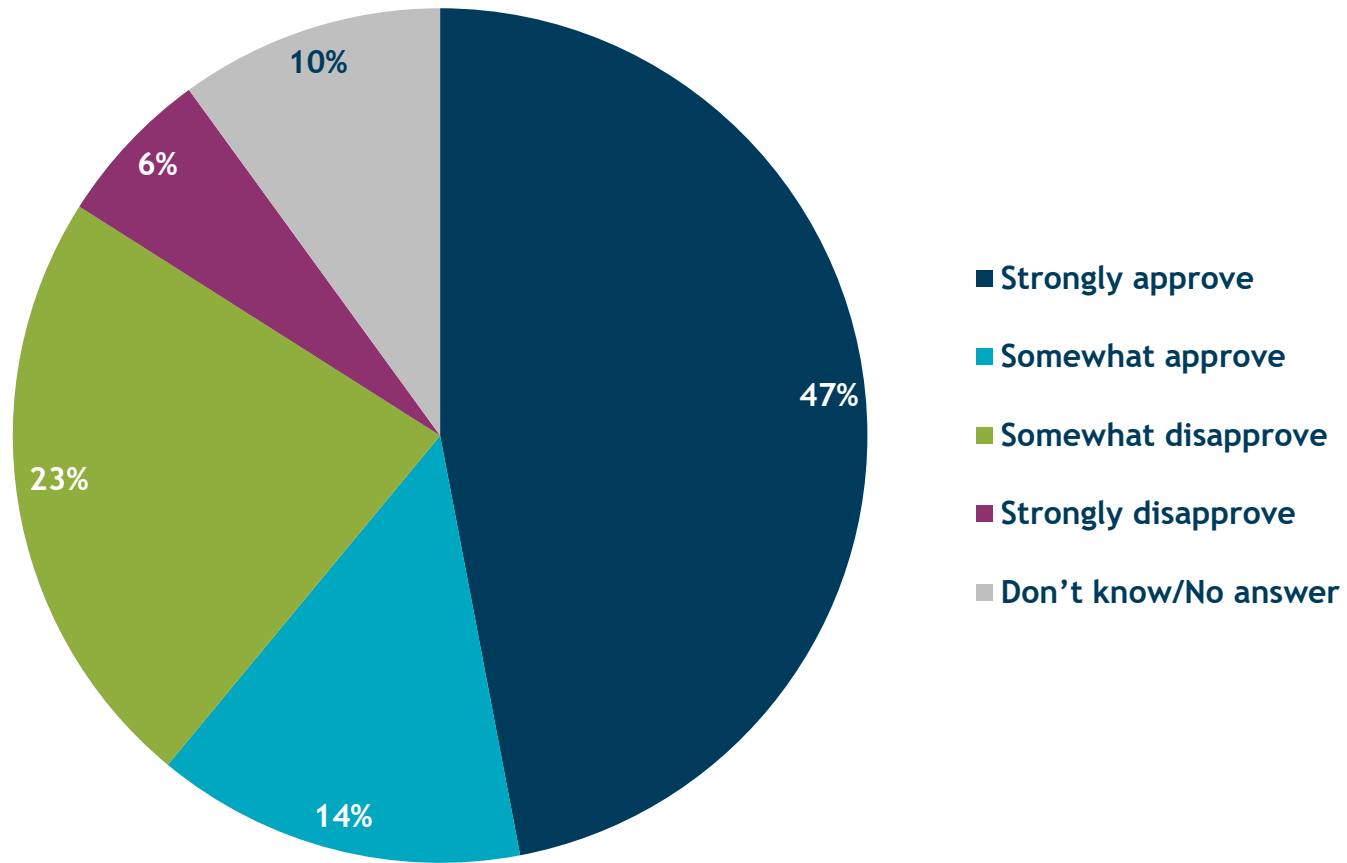


# Are you aware of the proposed regulations on taxis? (Residents of Tbilisi: N=453)

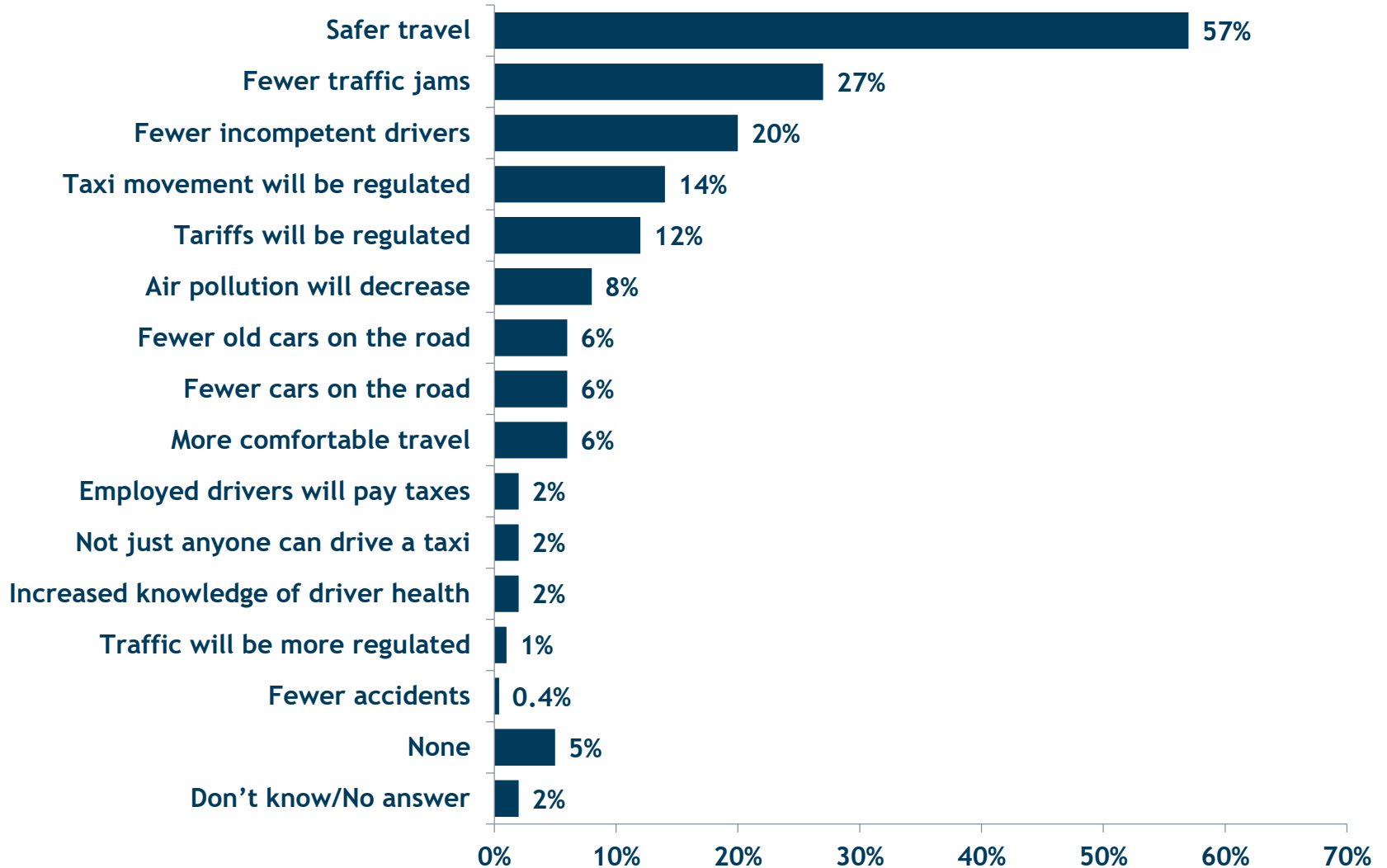




# If yes, do you approve or disapprove of the proposed regulations on taxis? (Those who are aware of the proposed regulation: N=329)



# If approve, why do you approve of the proposed regulations? (Those approving of regulations: N=201; spontaneous response)



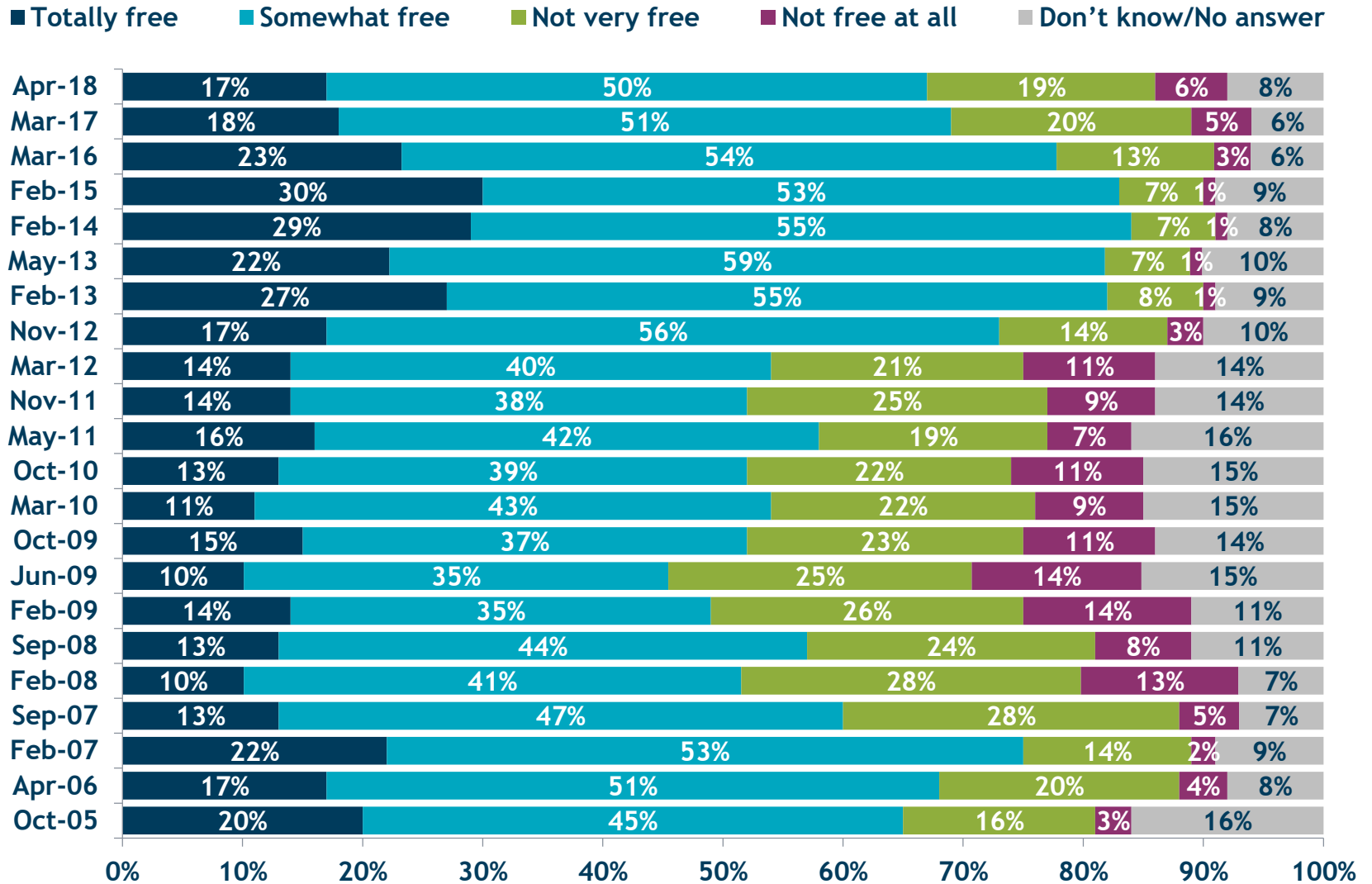


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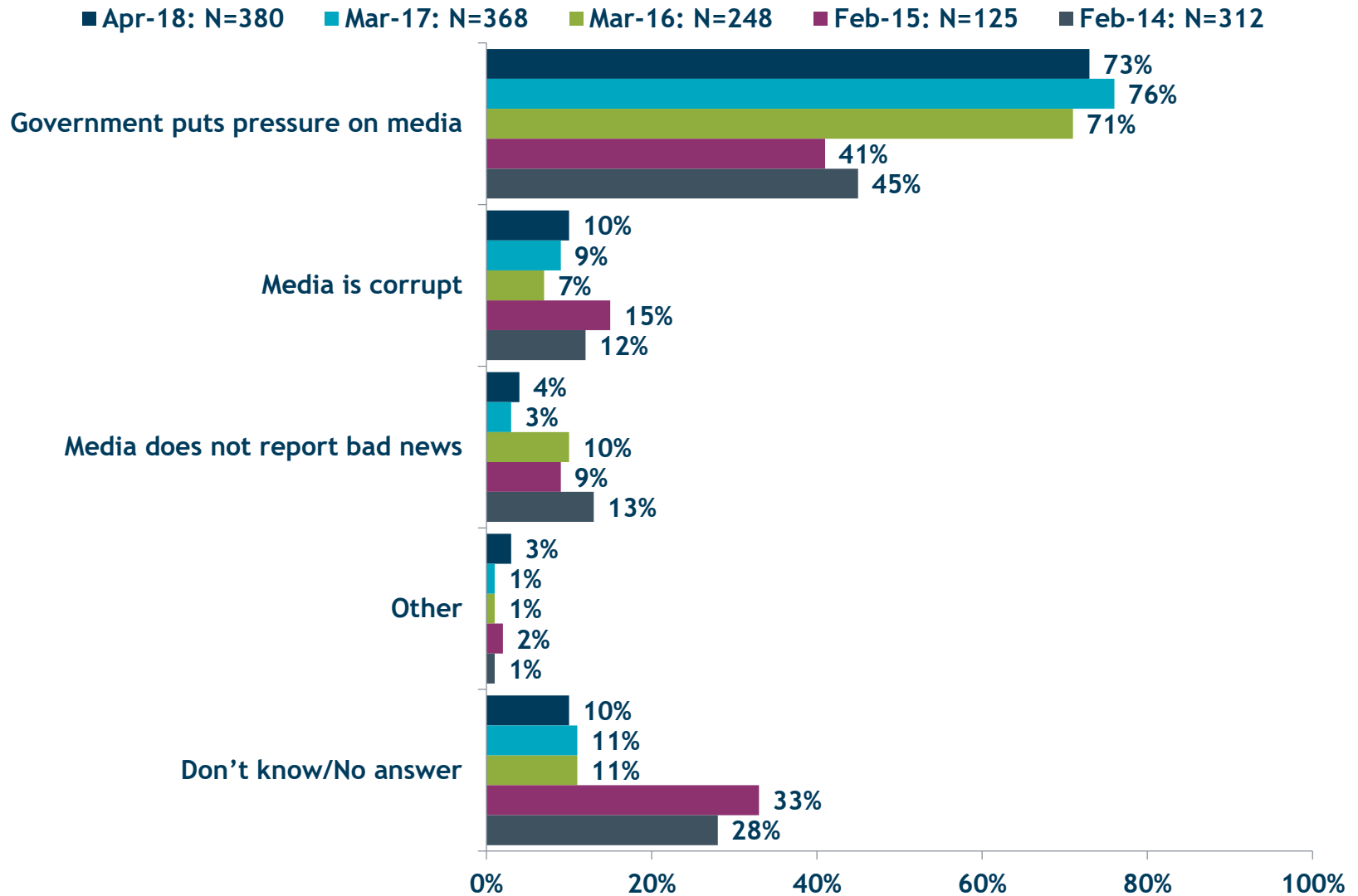
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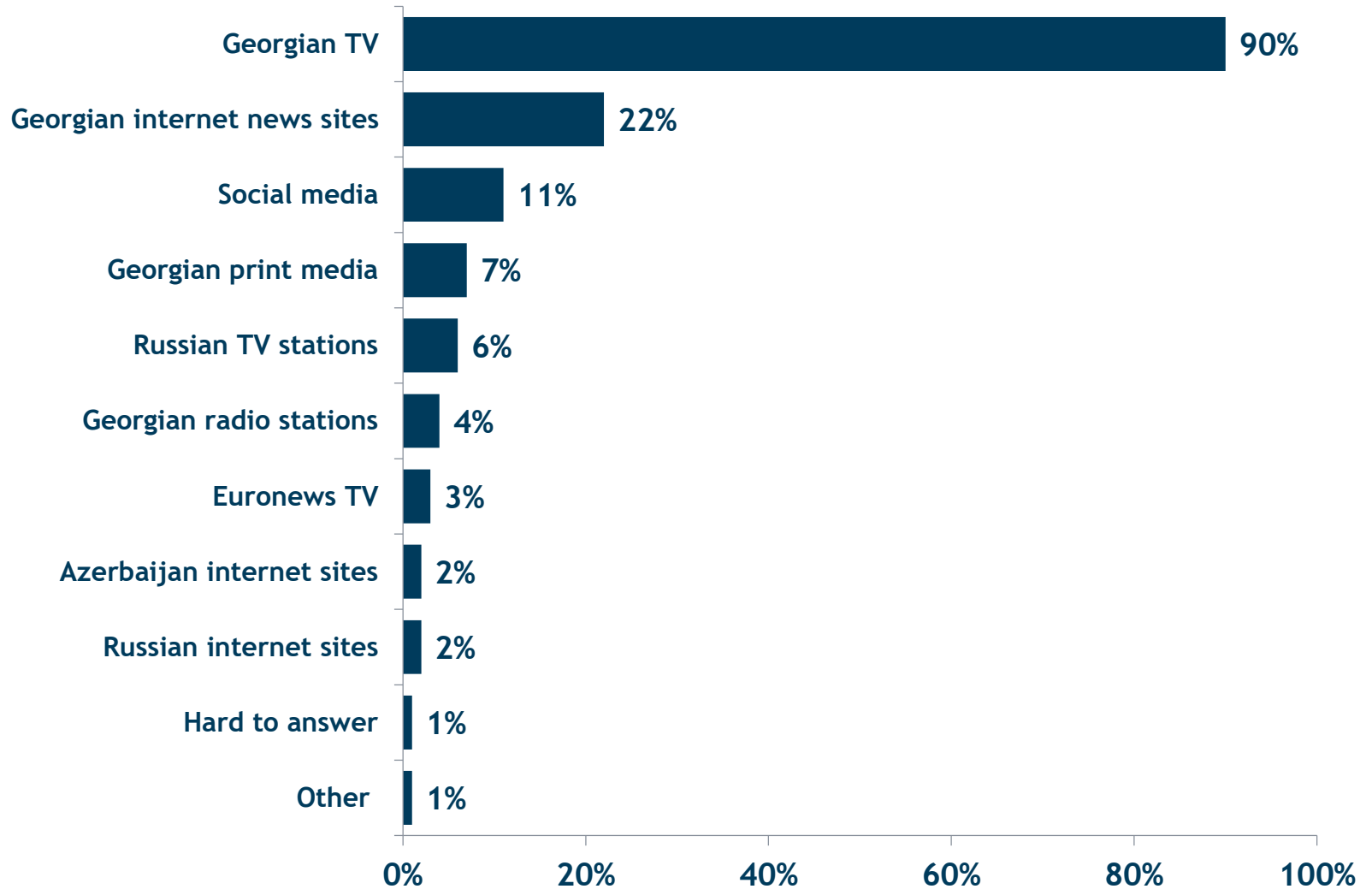
# Is Georgian mass media free to express various political views or does the government control media content?



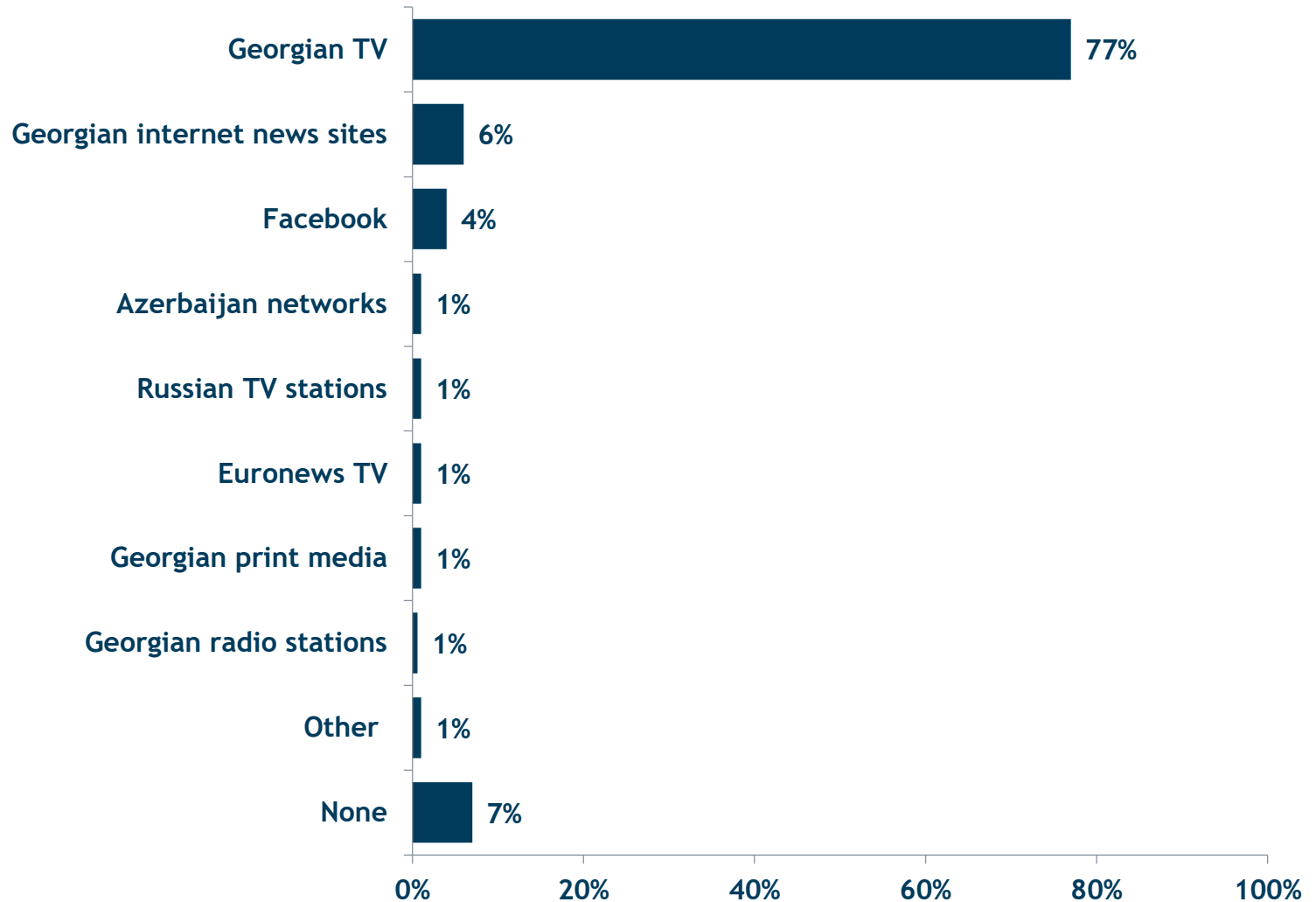
# Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views? (Those who believe mass media is not free)



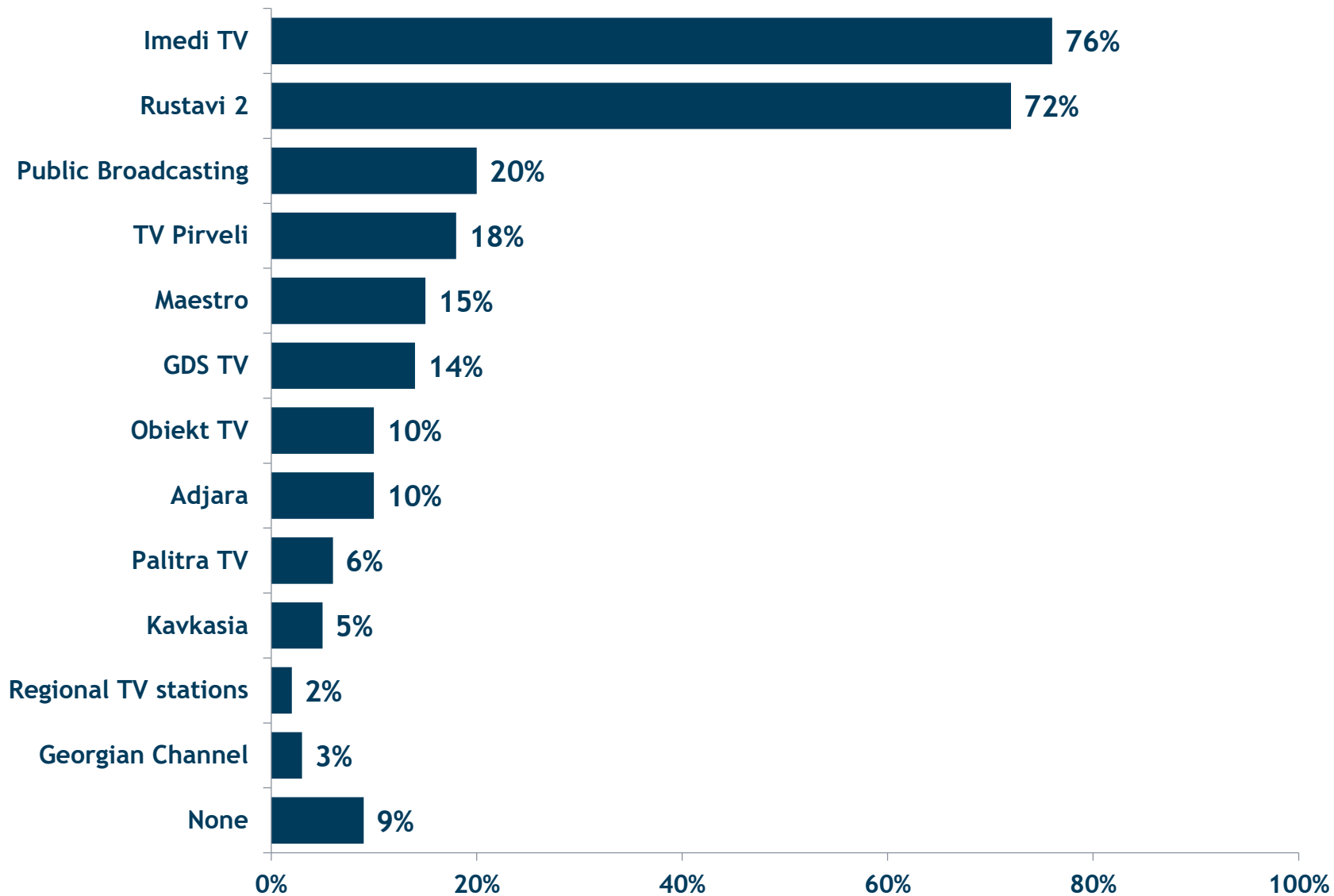
# Which sources of information you use for information about the current international situation?



# Which of these information channels do you trust most for information about the current international situation?

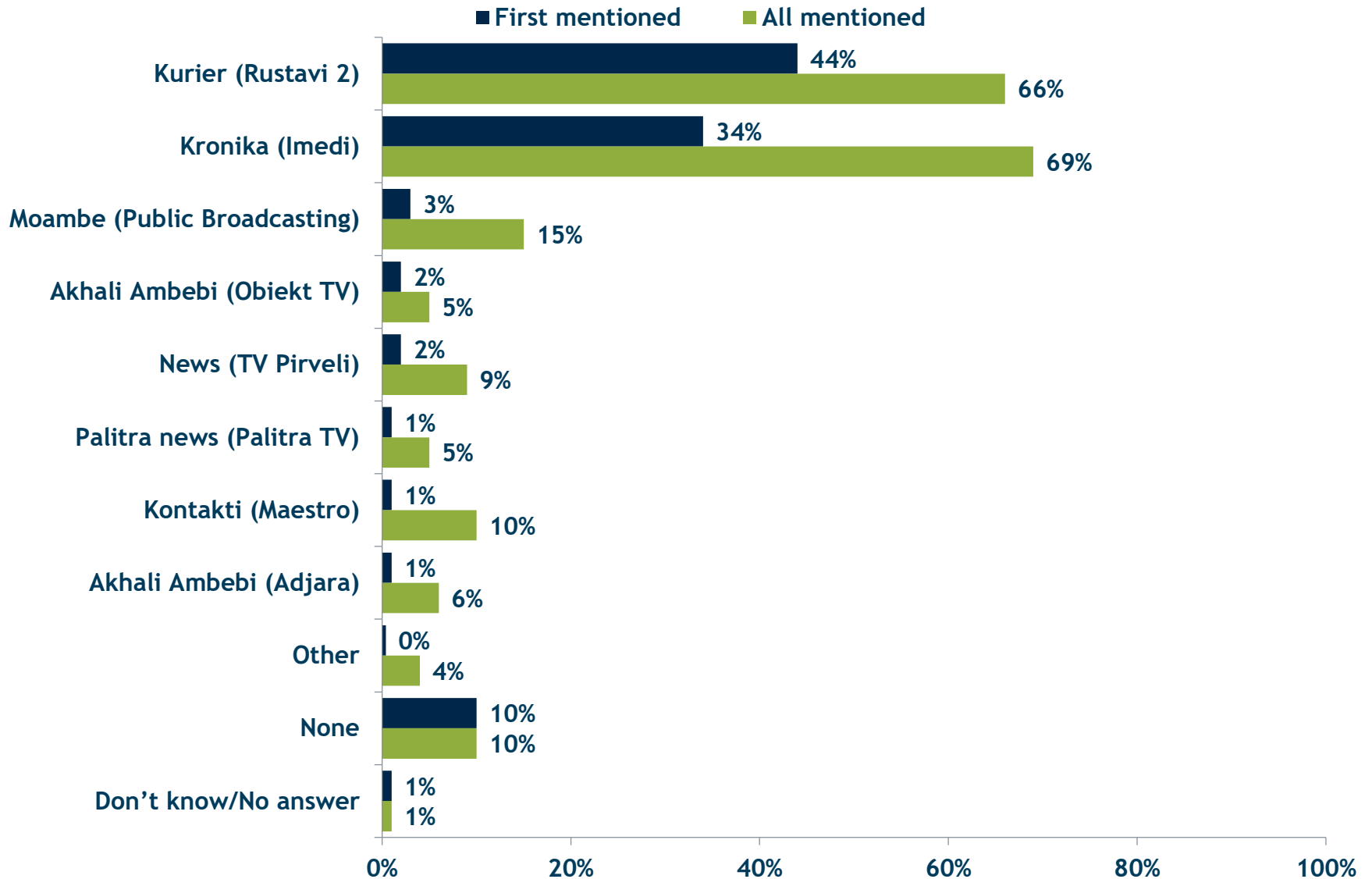


# Which Georgian TV stations do you watch regularly? (Multiple answers allowed)

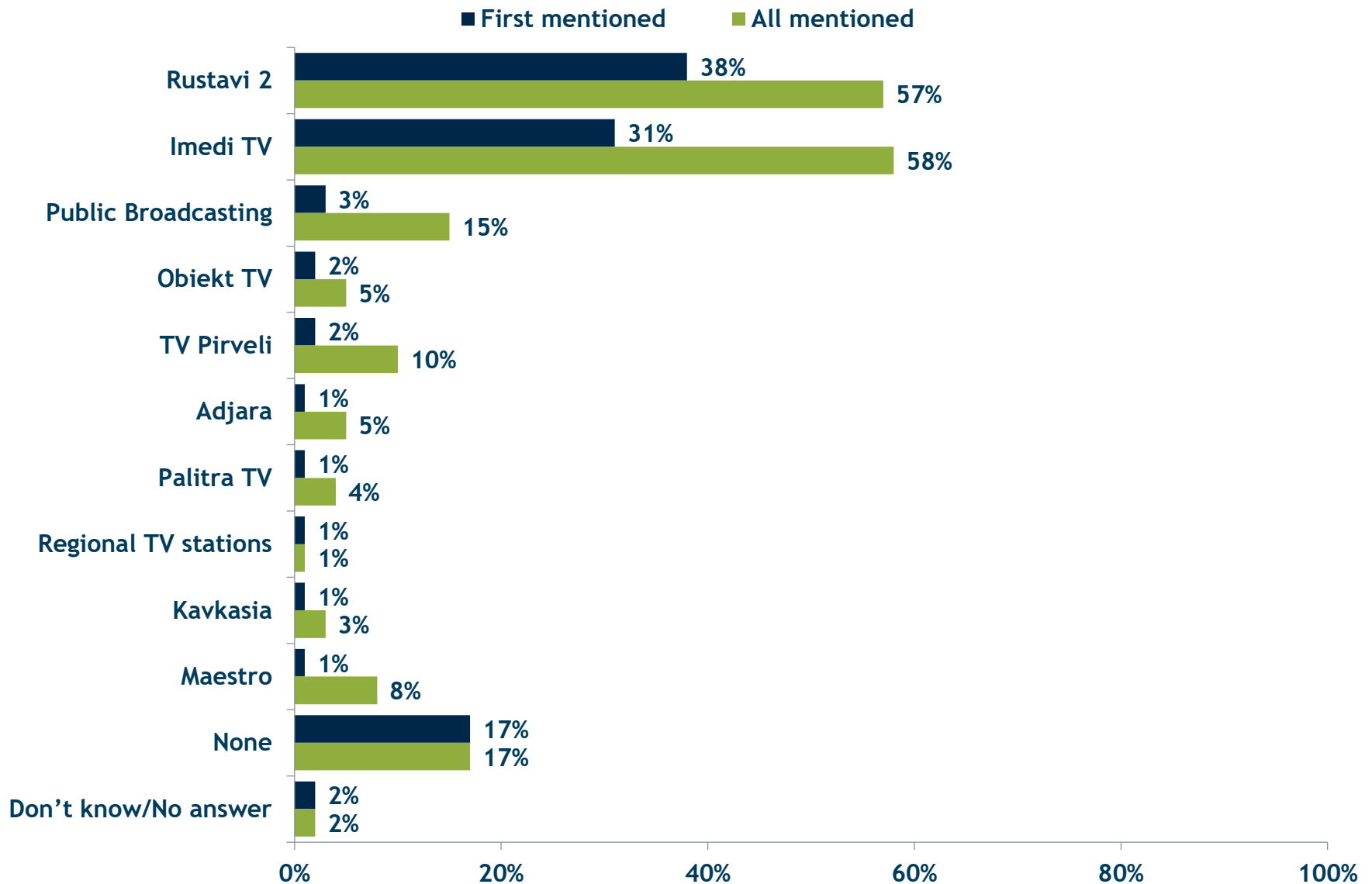




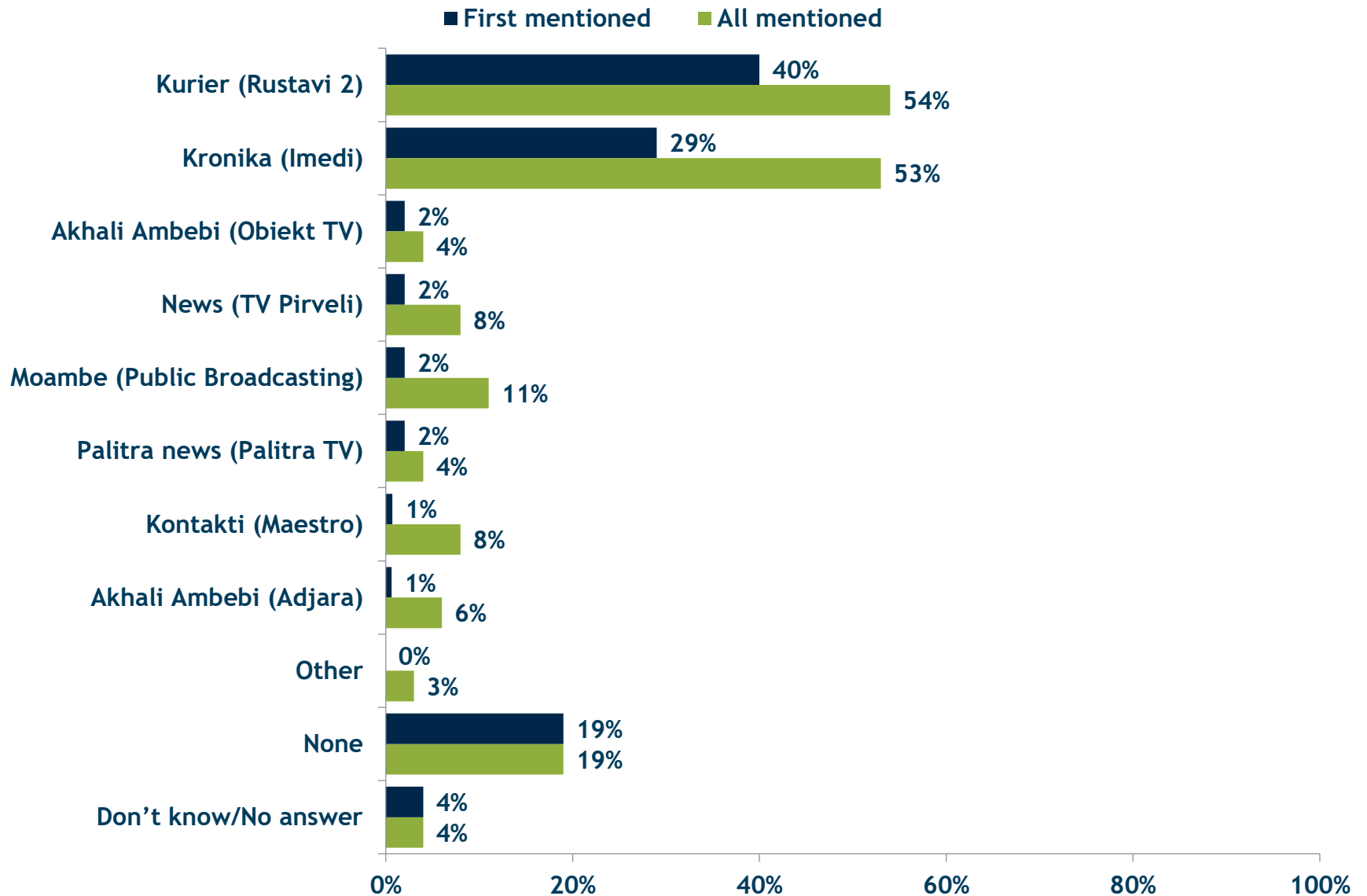
# Which TV news program do you watch most frequently? (Three answers possible)



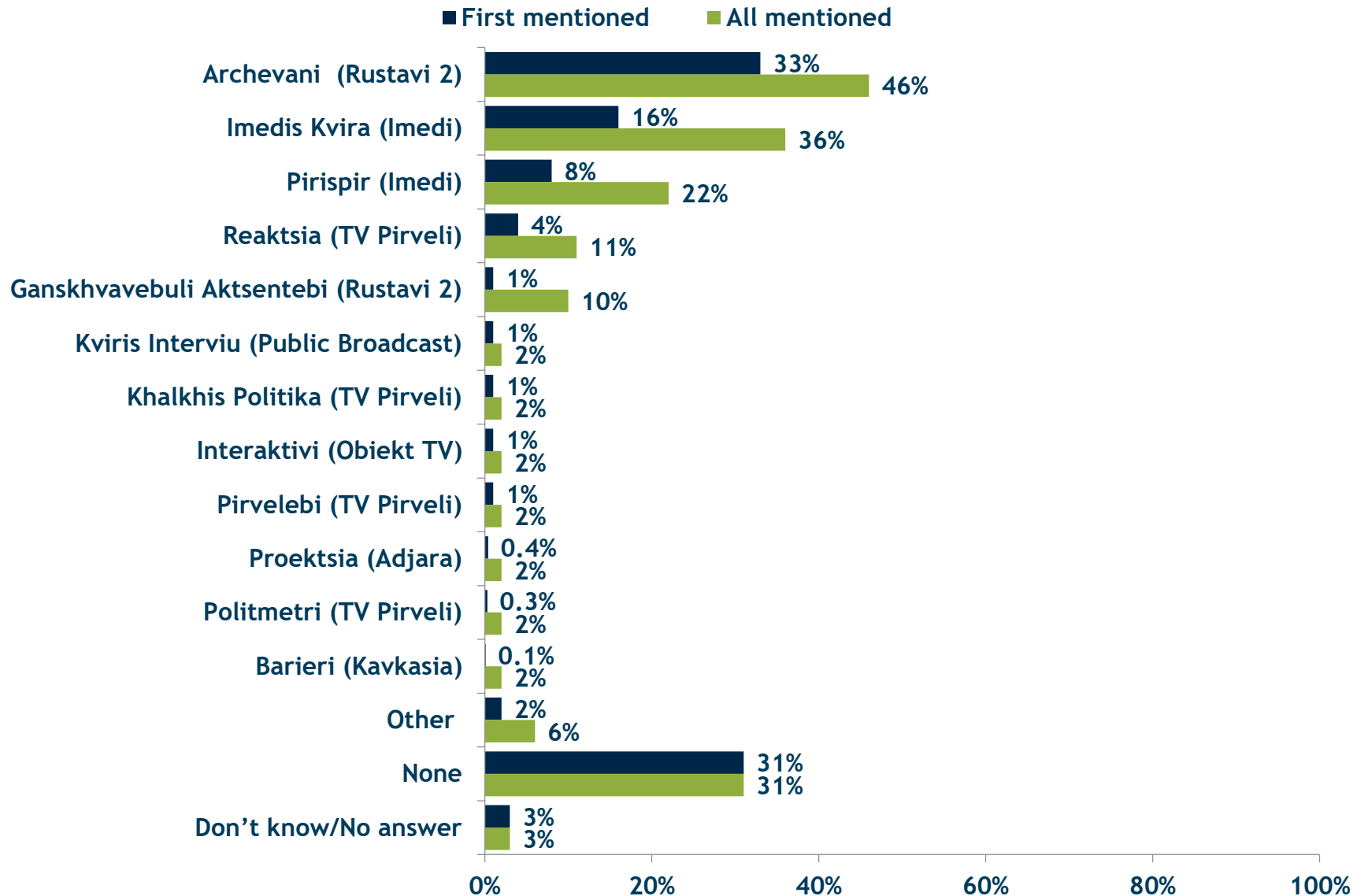
# Which Georgian TV station's news and political information do you trust the most? (Three answers possible)



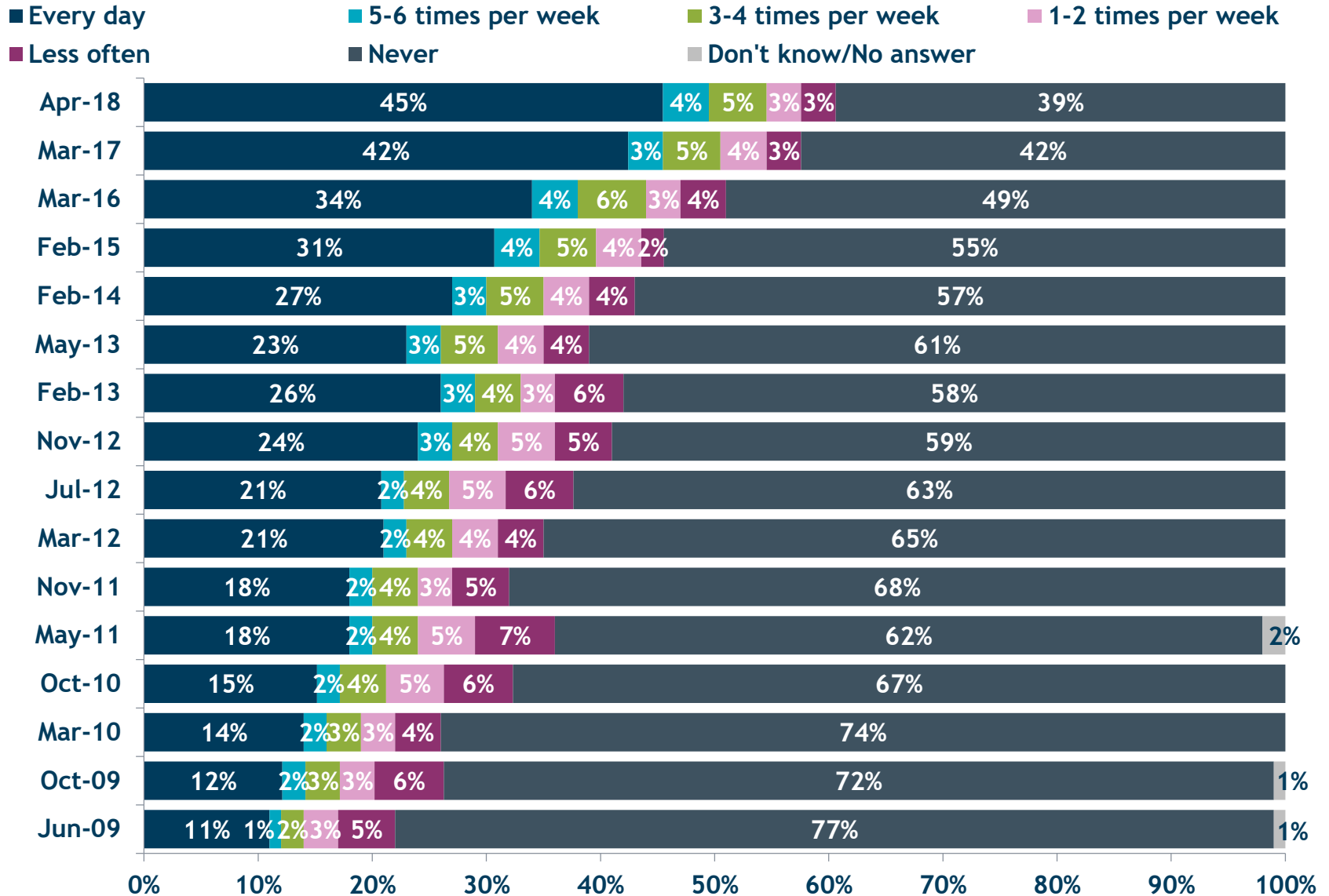
# Which TV news program do you trust the most? (Three answers possible)



# Which TV talk show do you watch most frequently? (Three answers possible)

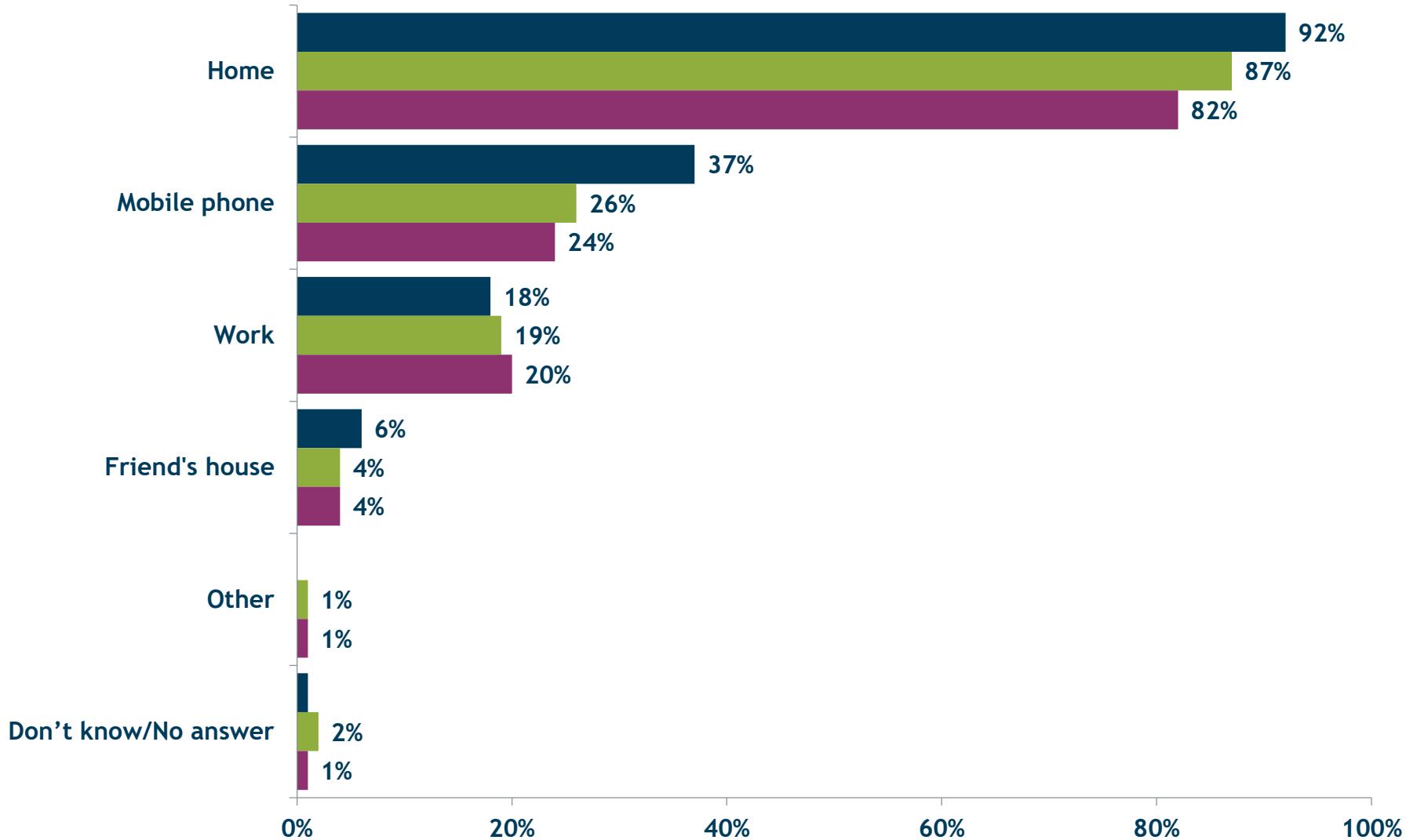


# How many times per week do you access the internet?

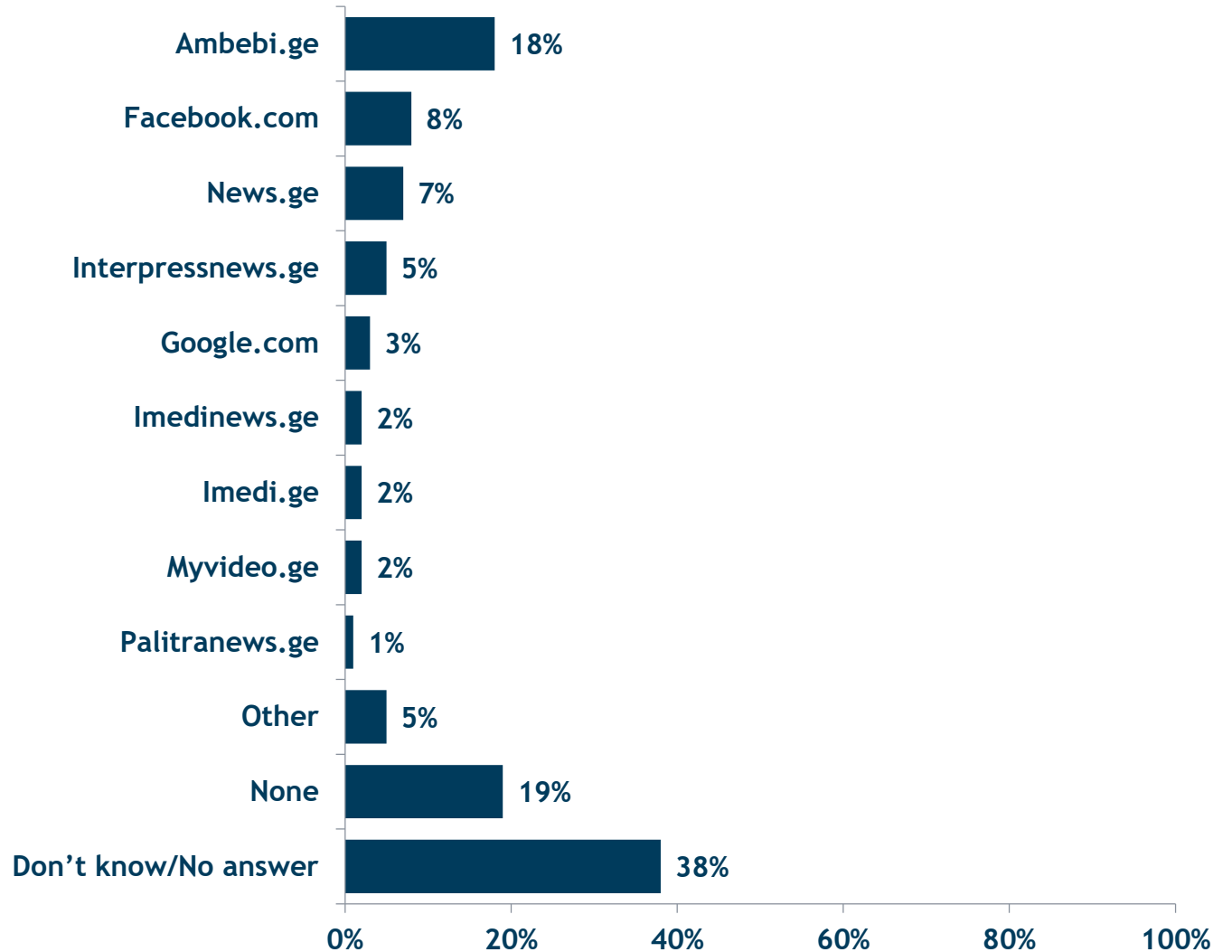


# Where do you access the internet? (Internet users)

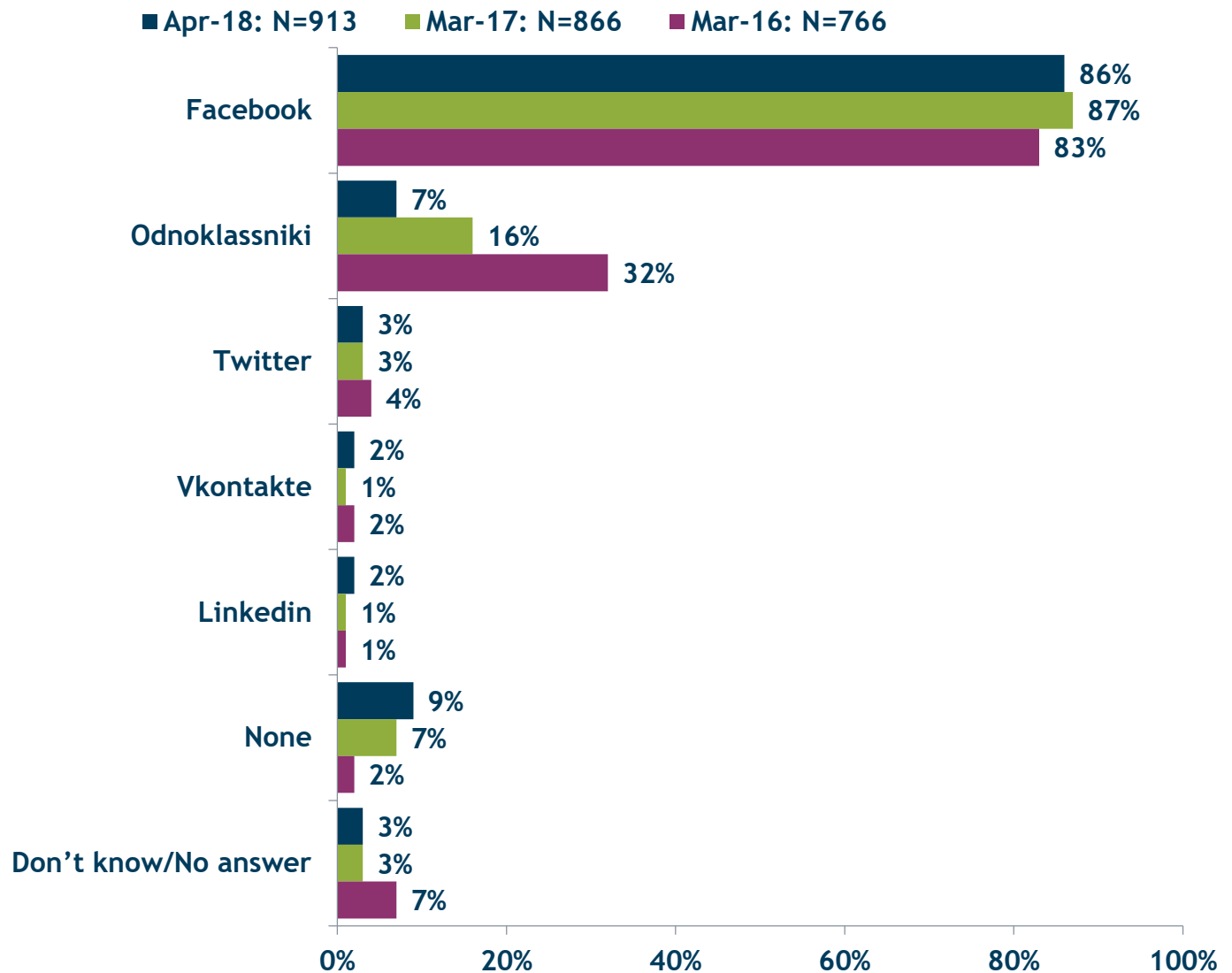
■ Apr-18: N=913   ■ Mar-17: N=866   ■ Mar-16: N=766



# What internet sites do you visit most often for news? (Internet users: N=893)



# Which social media sites do you use most often? (Three answers possible; internet users)







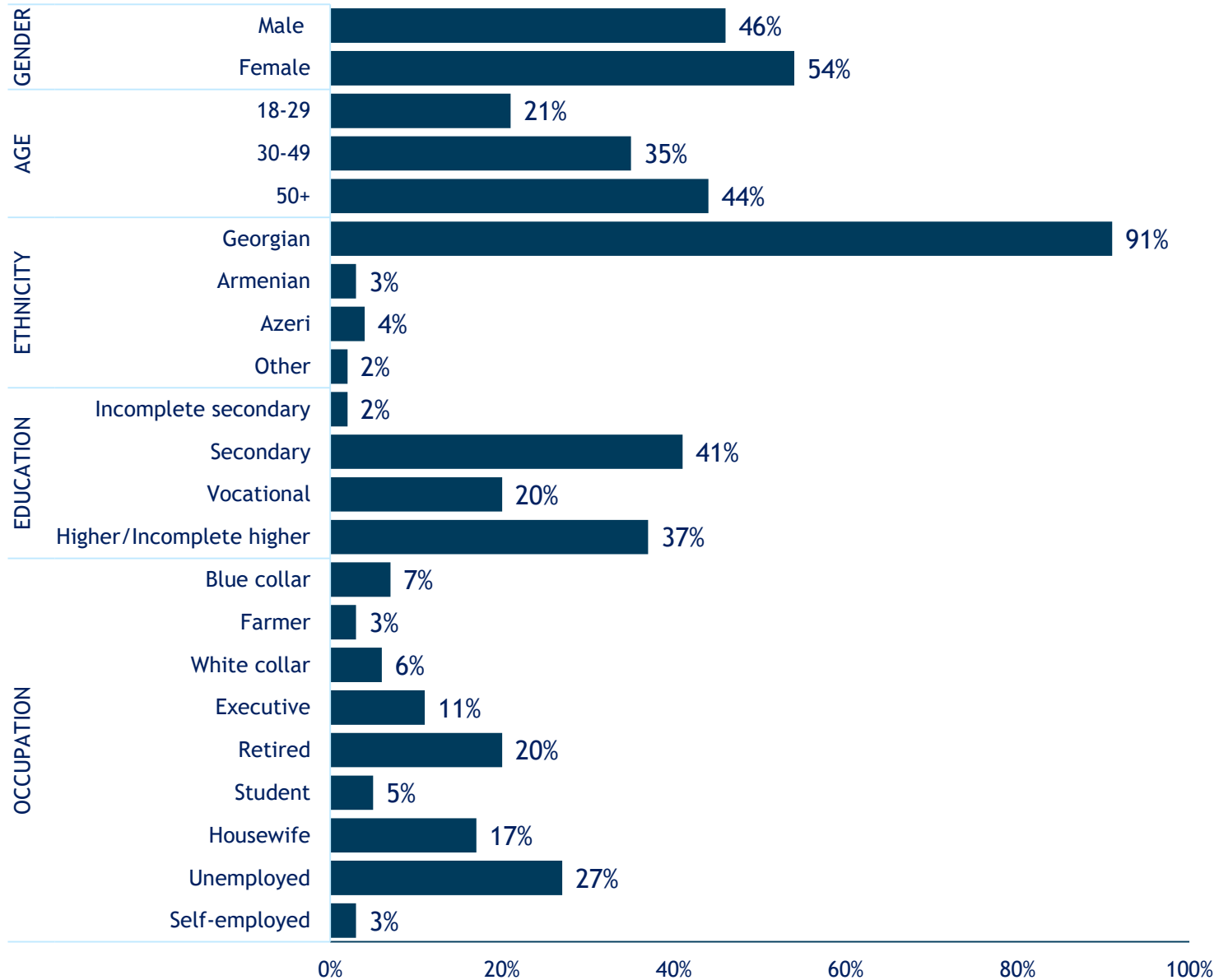
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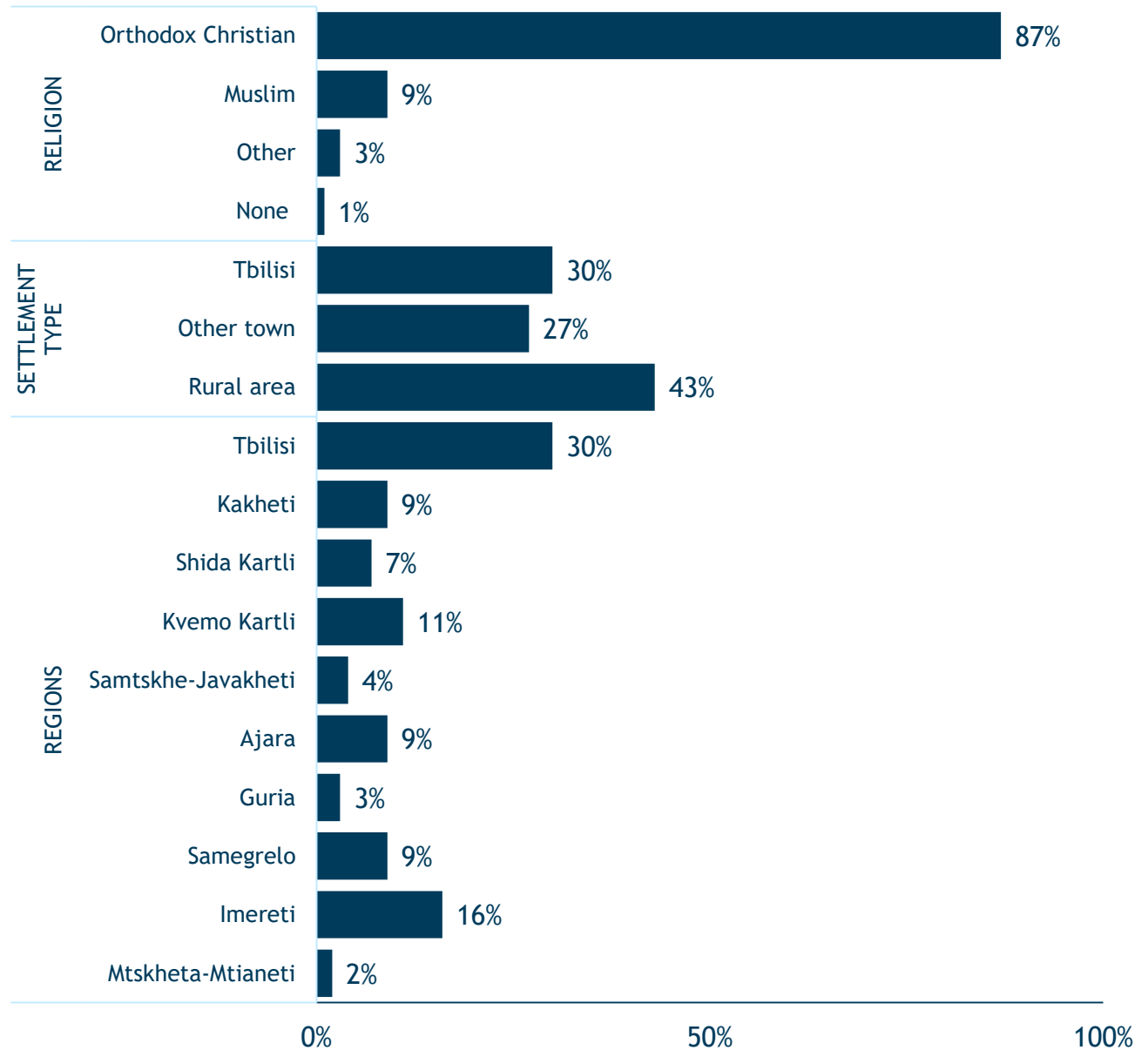


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