



# Public Opinion Survey: Myanmar

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June - July 2019



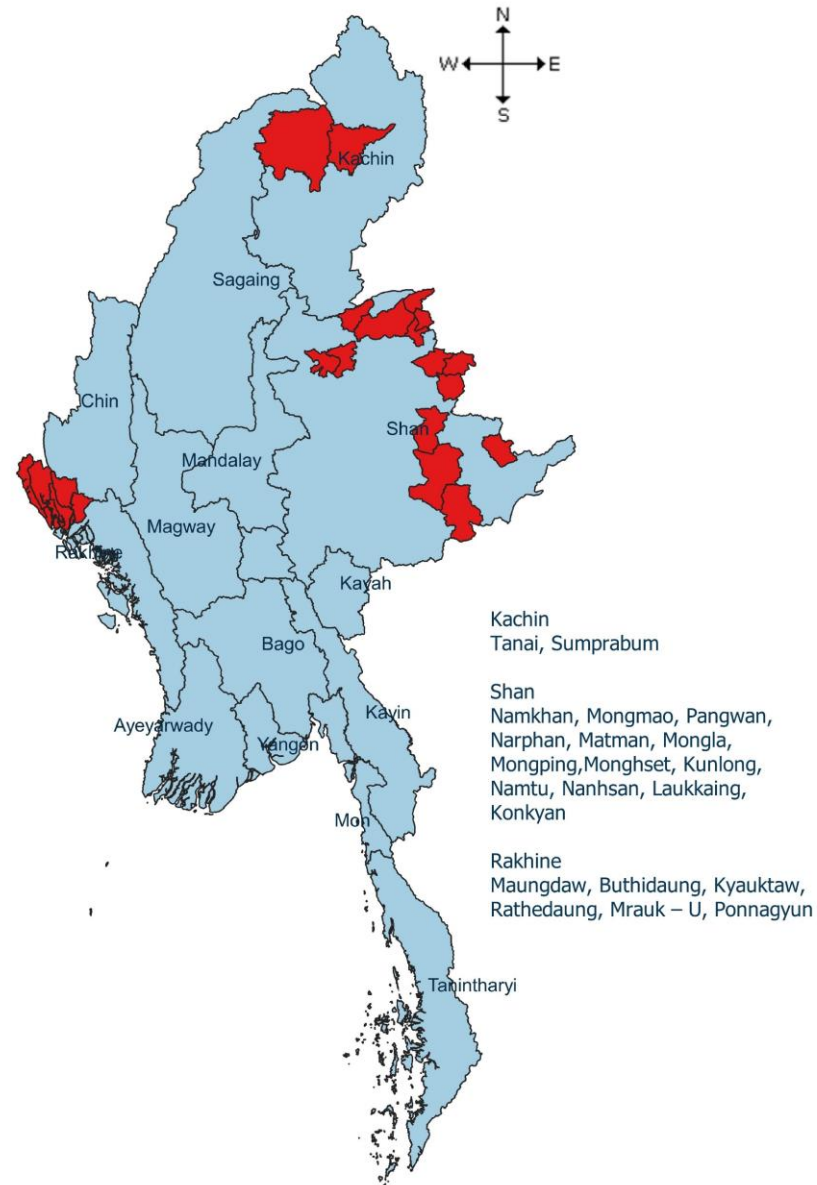
# Detailed Methodology

- Data was collected between June 19 and July 14, 2019 by Myanmar Survey Research (MSR) under the supervision of the [International Republican Institute](#).
- A multi-stage sampling approach was designed to yield a nationally representative sample of the population aged 18 and older, with the following stages of sampling:
  - Stratification of 18+ population into states and regions according to PPS (probability proportionate to size) design;
  - Stratification of urban and rural in each state and region according to PPS design;
  - PPS selections of townships and random selection of wards and villages within each stratum to constitute sampling points;
  - Random selection of households within each selected sampling point via random walk;
  - Random selection of respondents within each selected household via KISH grid.
- In addition to the above described PPS sample, less populous states were allocated booster samples to allow for analysis by state level. Each state had a minimum of n=200 interviews. Any oversamples were weighted back down to their national proportion for national level analysis. The total sample size was n=4,030.
- Multiple townships in Rakhine, Shan and Kachin states were excluded from the sample due to ongoing conflict. The excluded population totals 1.04 million.
- The margin of error is plus or minus 1.5 percentage points for national level analysis.
- The overall response rate for this study is 63%.
- Charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Data and bases cited in this presentation are weighted for State/Region, Urban/Rural, Gender, Age and Education.

## State/Region Level, Unweighted Sample Size, and Margin of Error

State/Region	Sample Size: “n”	Margin of Error (denoted as +/- percentage points)
Kachin	200	6.9
Kayah	200	6.9
Kayin	200	6.9
Chin	200	6.9
Shan	280	5.9
Sagaing	330	5.4
Bago	300	5.7
Magway	250	6.2
Mandalay	400	4.9
Nay Pyi Taw	200	6.9
Rakhine	200	6.9
Yangon	490	4.4
Mon	200	6.9
Ayeyarwaddy	380	5.0
Tanintharyi	200	6.9

# Conflict-Affected Areas Excluded from the Sample



## Frequently Cited Bases (Weighted)

	Base	“n”
Gender	Male	1,893
	Female	2,137
Age Group	18-35	1,719
	36-55	1,584
	56+	727
Education	Illiterate/No schooling/ Monastic schooling/ Incomplete primary	937
	Primary	1,557
	Middle	897
	High school or higher	638

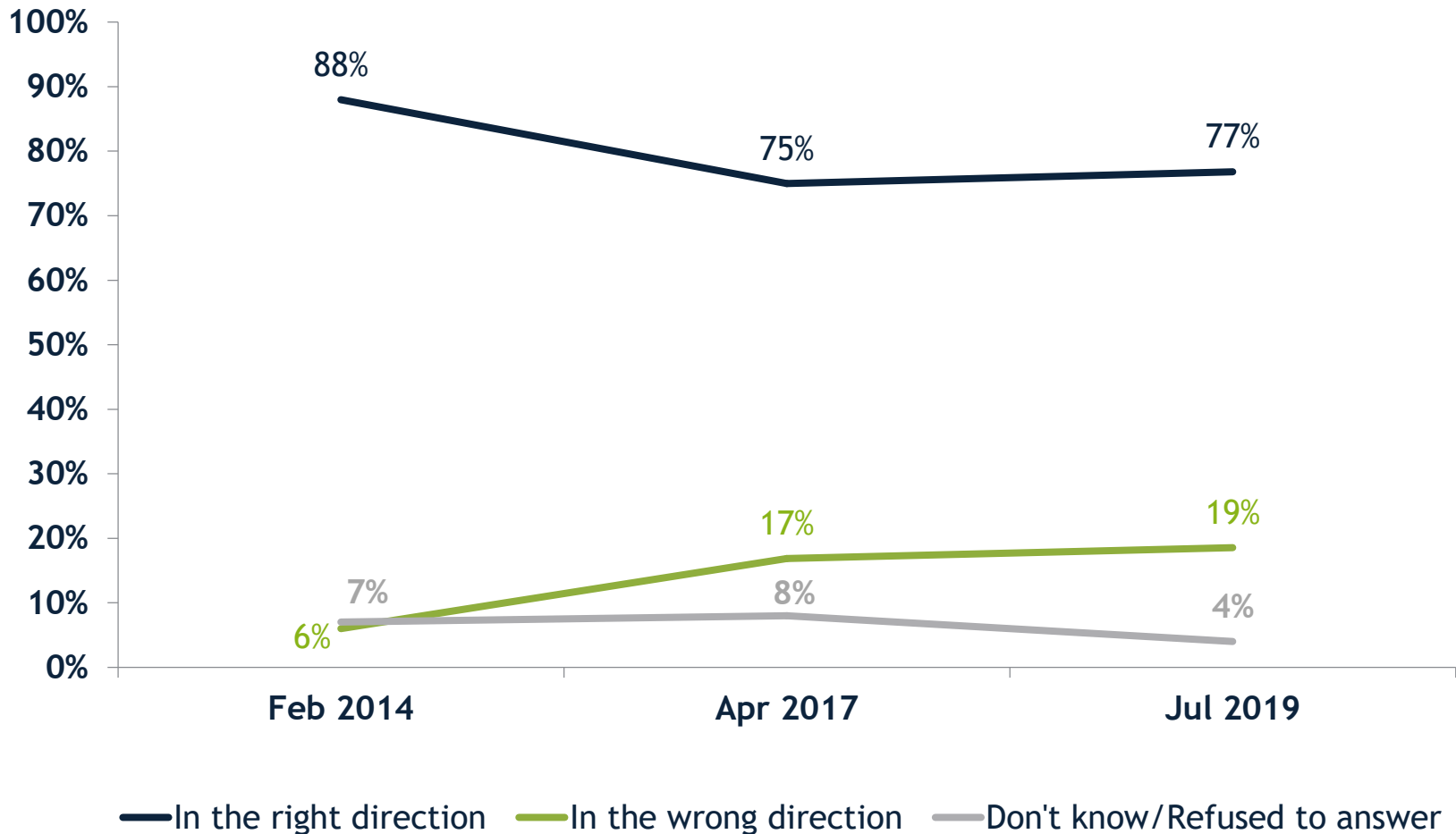


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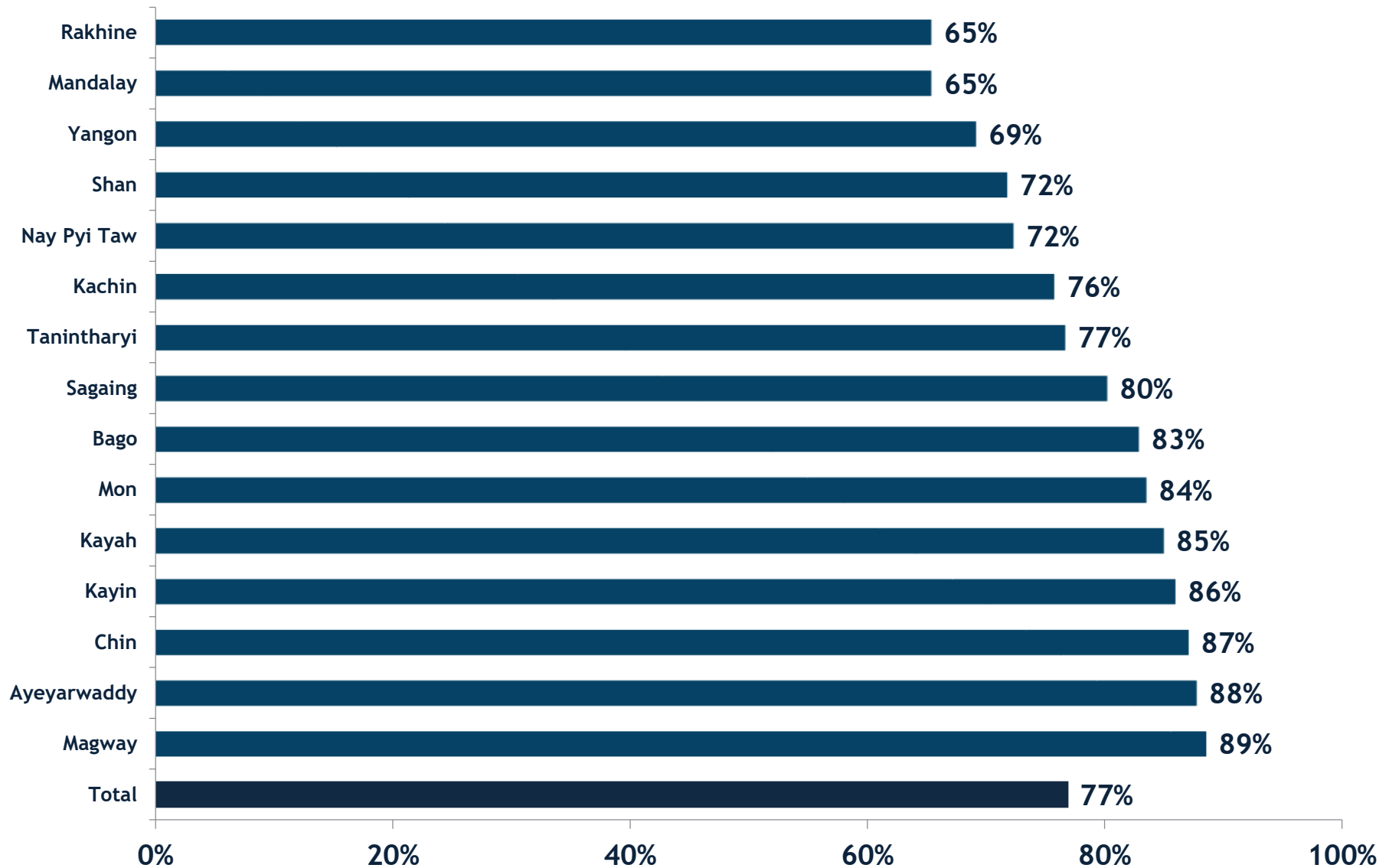
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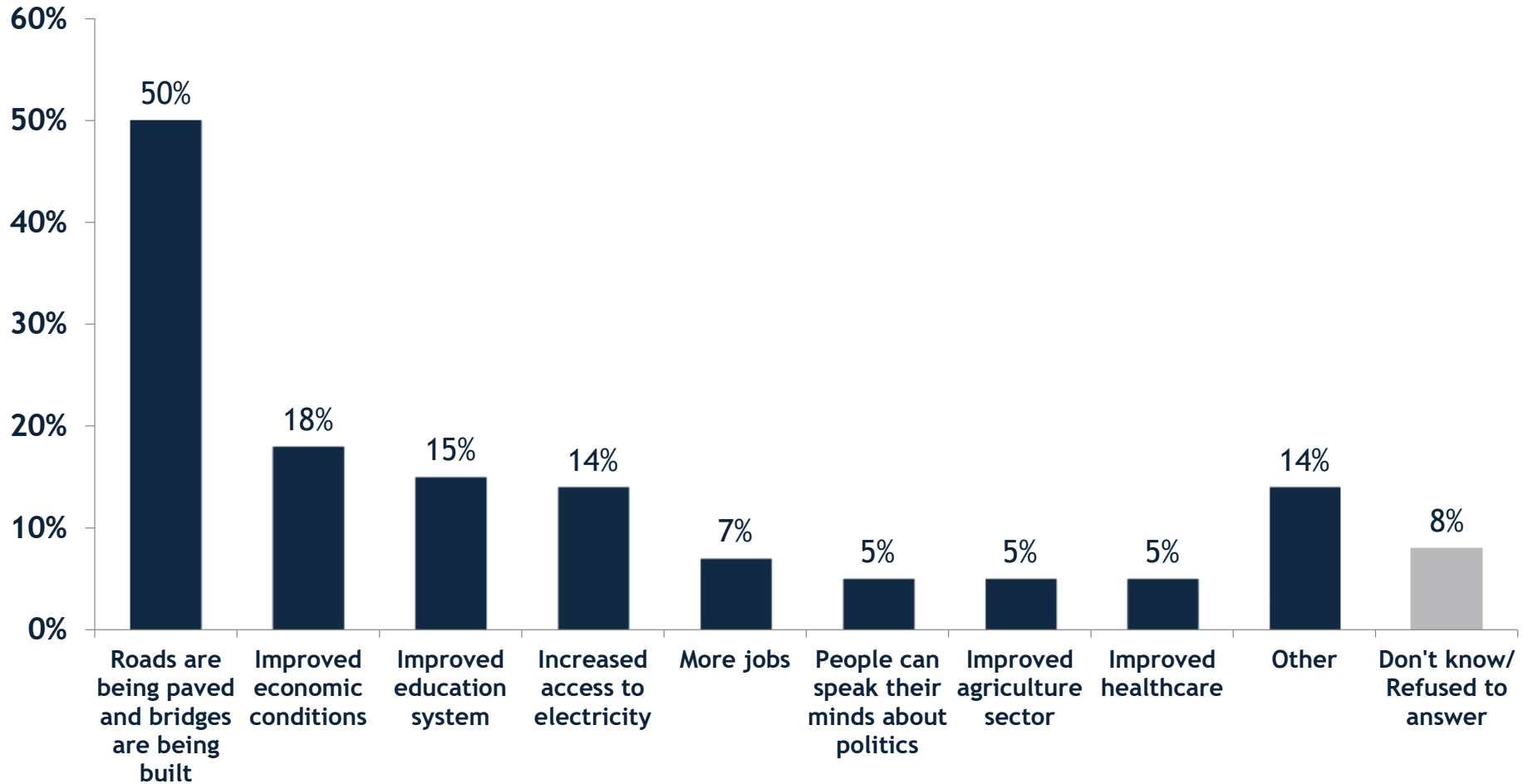
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Percentage of respondents stating “in the right direction.”



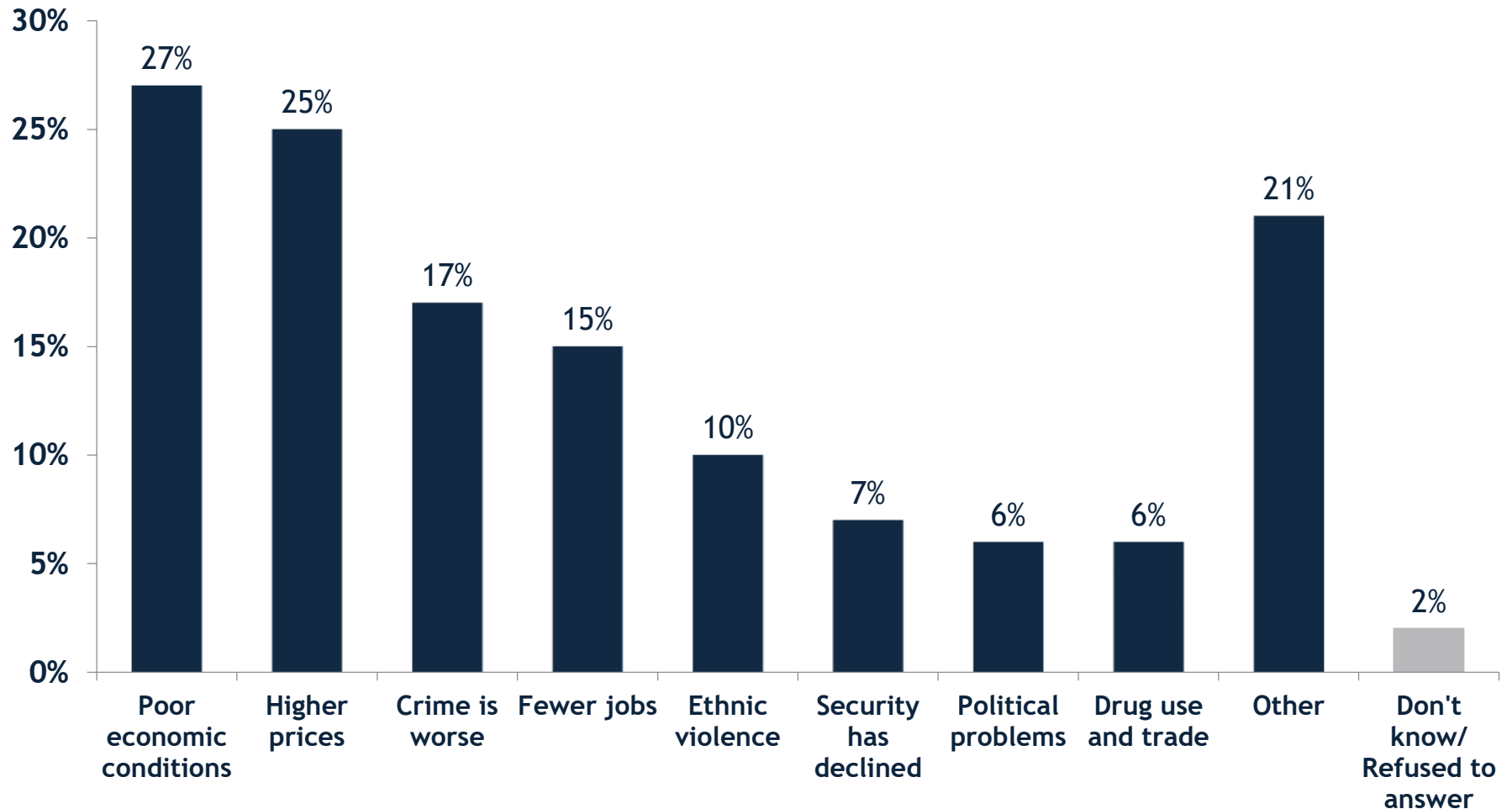
# In general, why do you think that things are heading in the right direction?



Only responses named by at least 5% of respondents are displayed.

Among n=3,096 respondents who think things are heading in the right direction, spontaneous reply, multiple responses accepted.

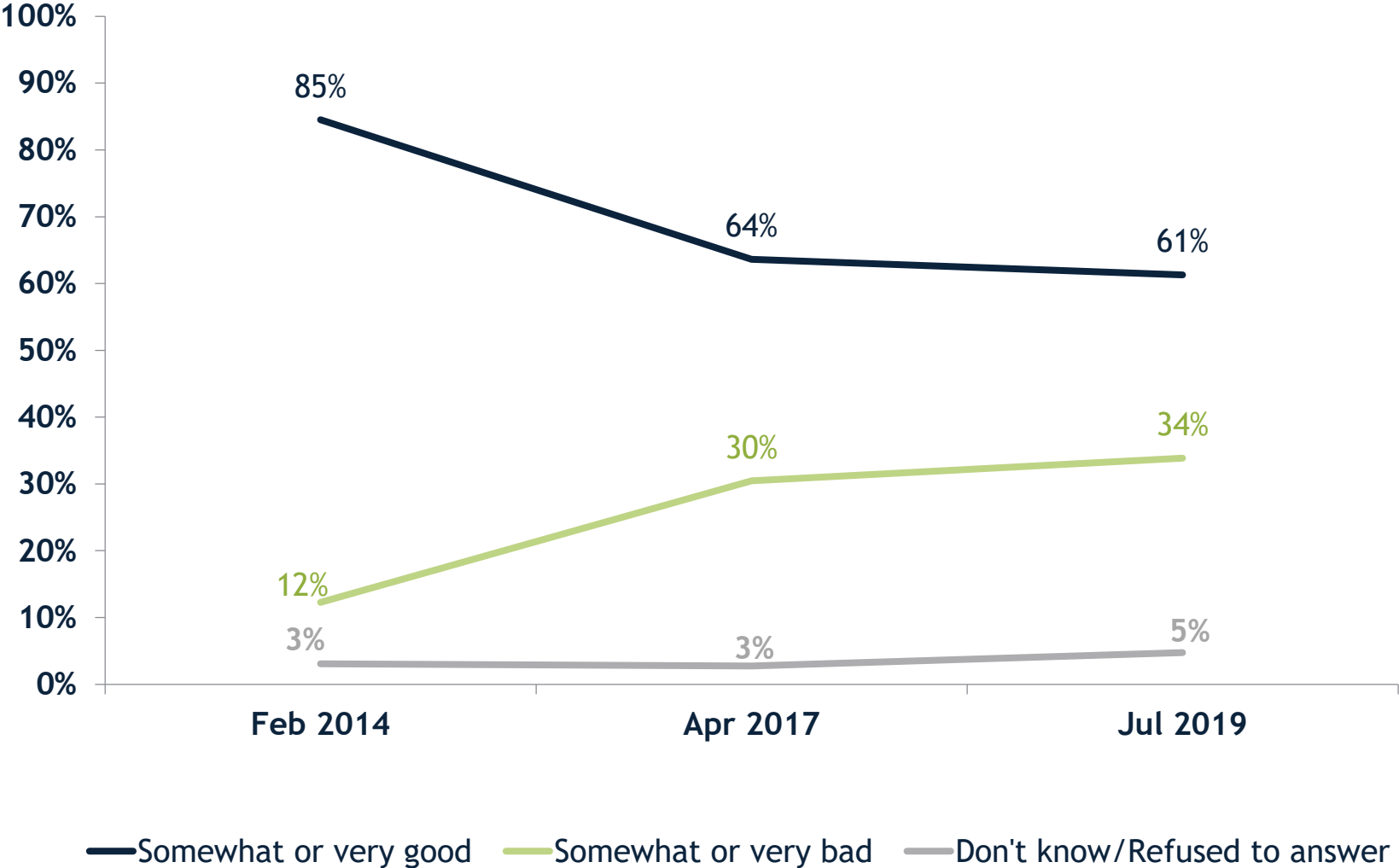
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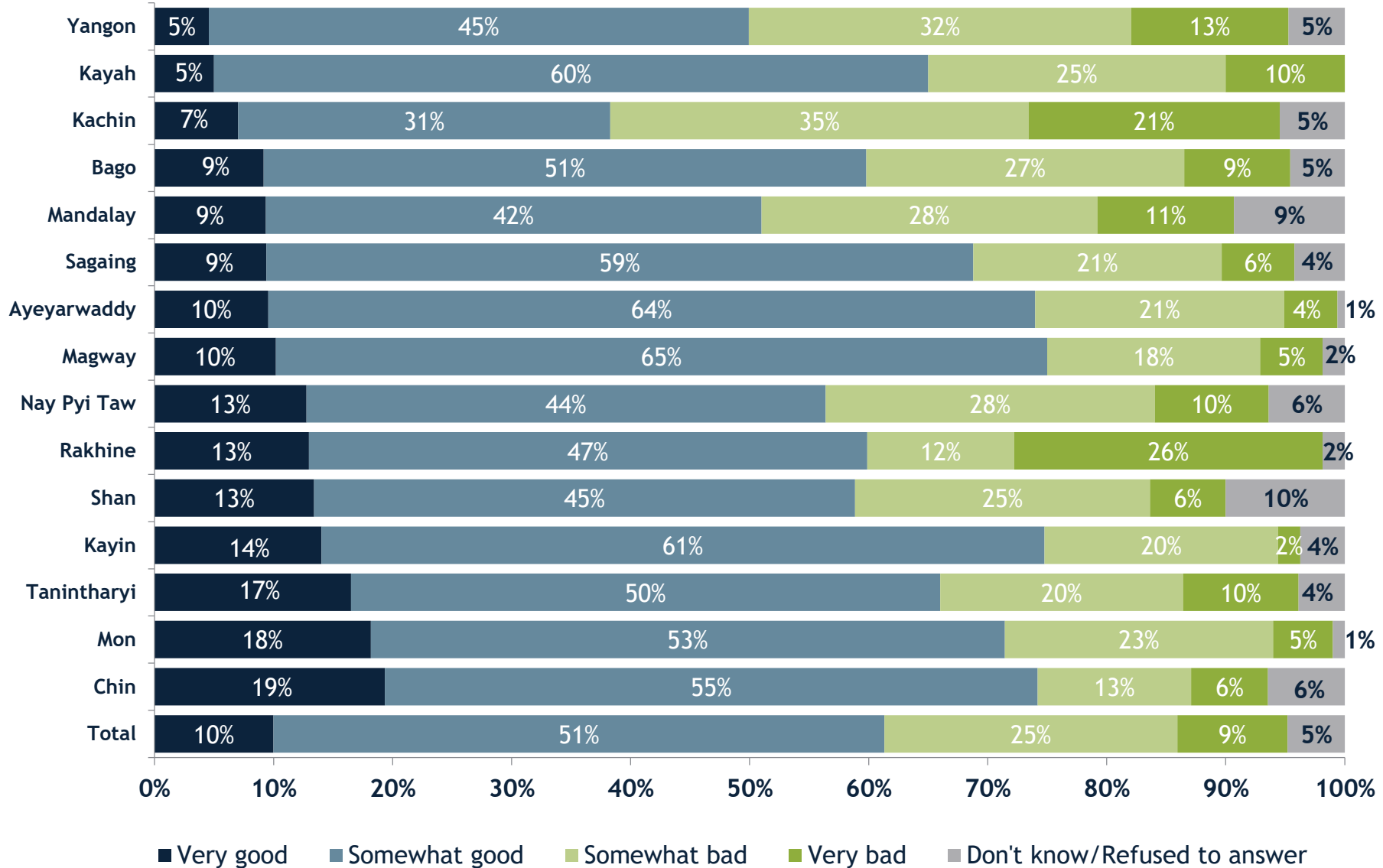
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Among n=747 respondents who think things are heading in the wrong direction, spontaneous reply, multiple responses accepted.

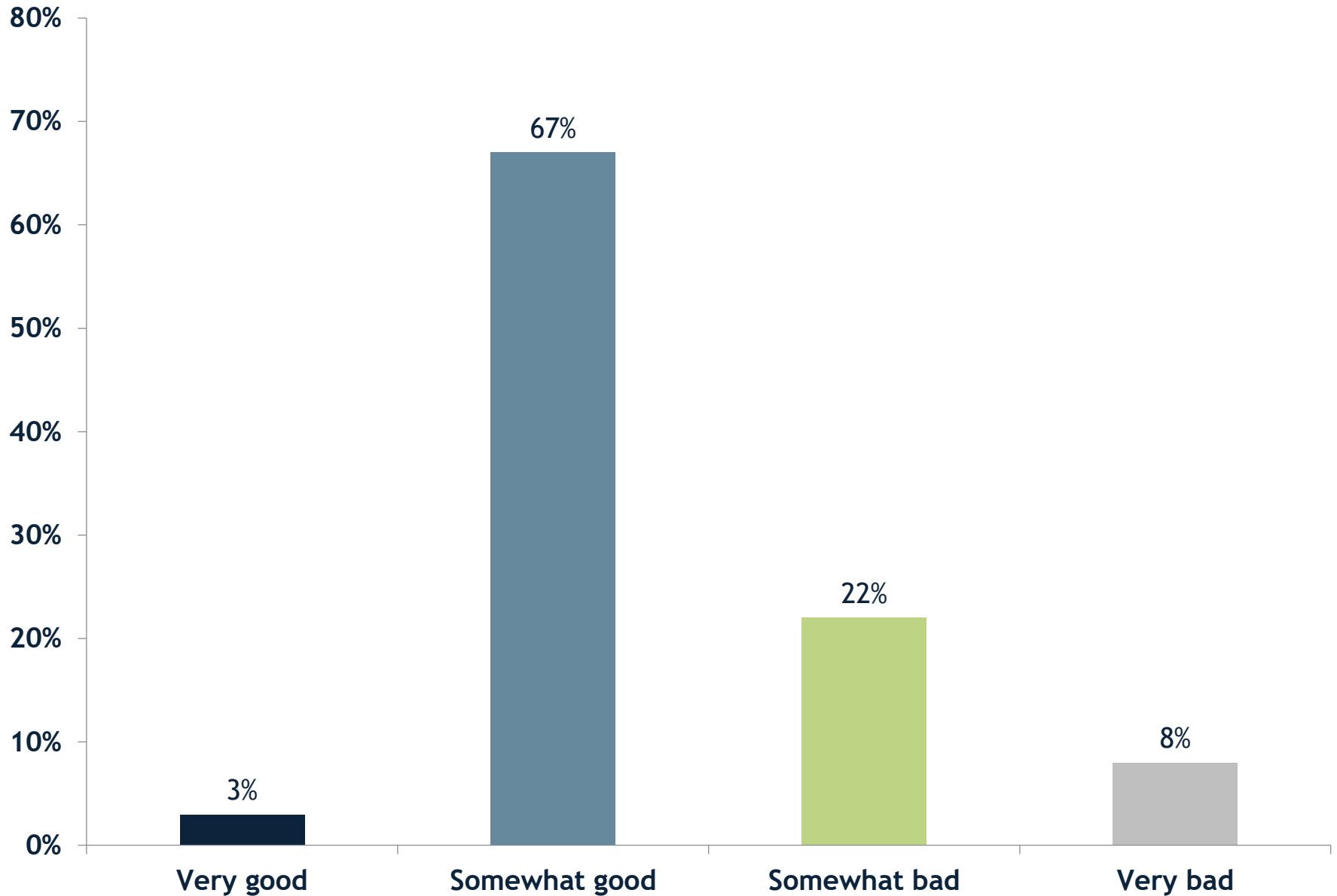
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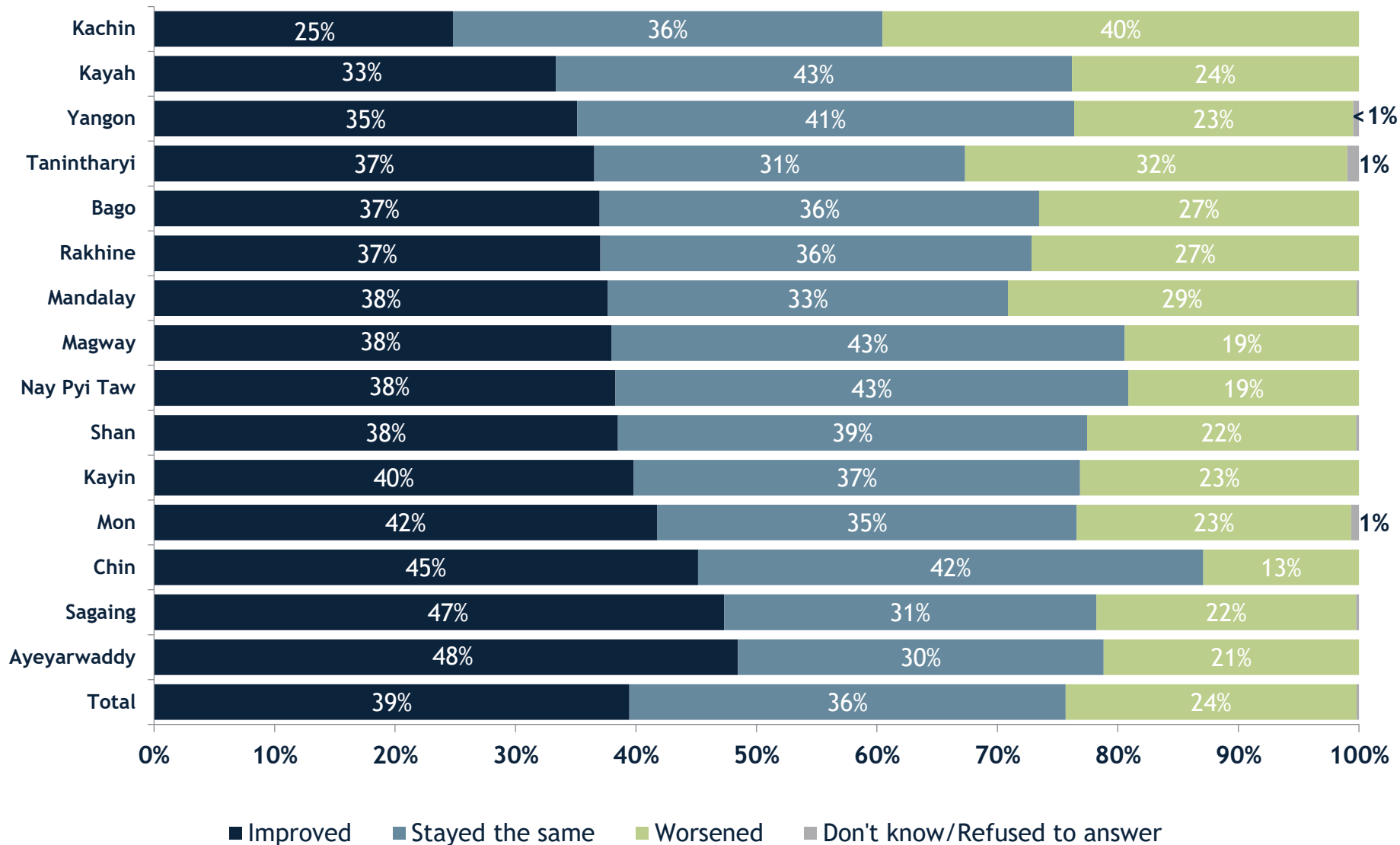
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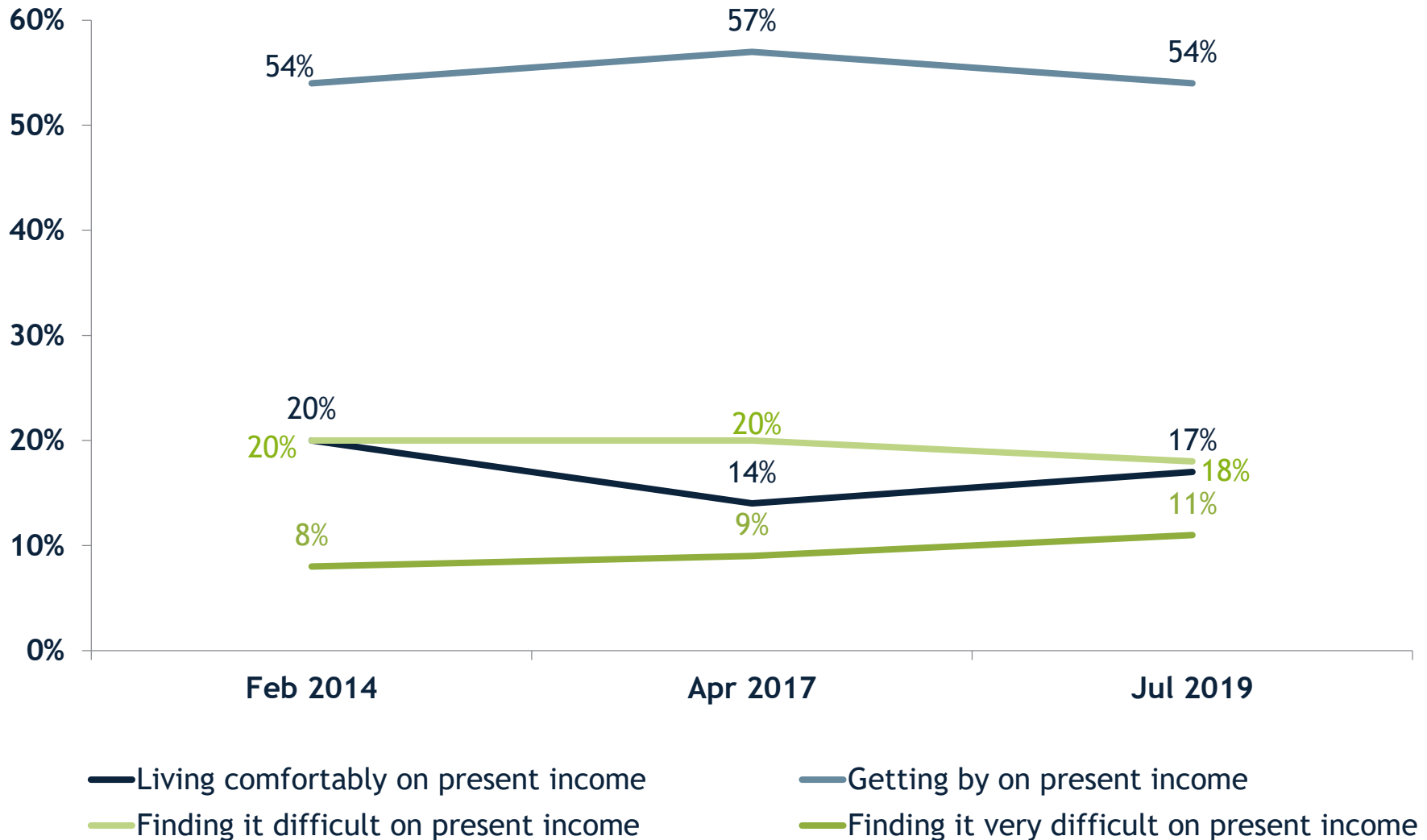
# How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?



# Thinking now about your personal economic situation, compared to a year ago, has it improved, stayed the same or worsened?



# Which one of these phrases comes closest to your own feelings about your household's income these days?





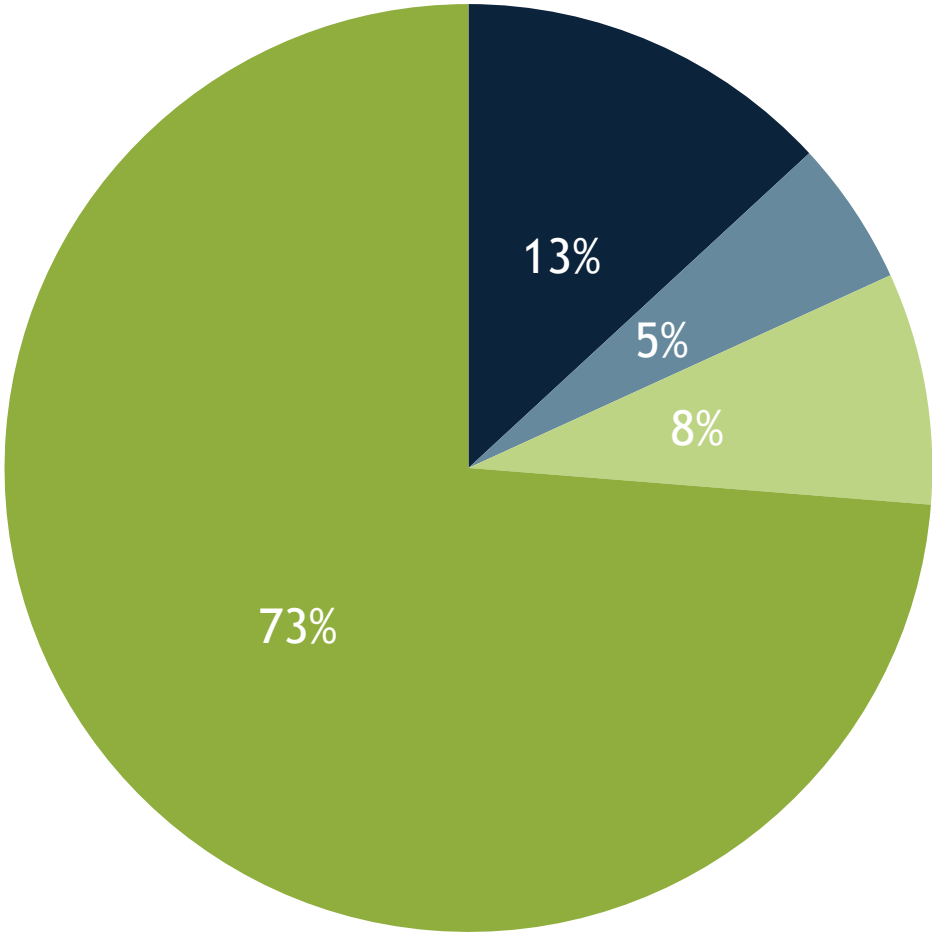
# Corruption

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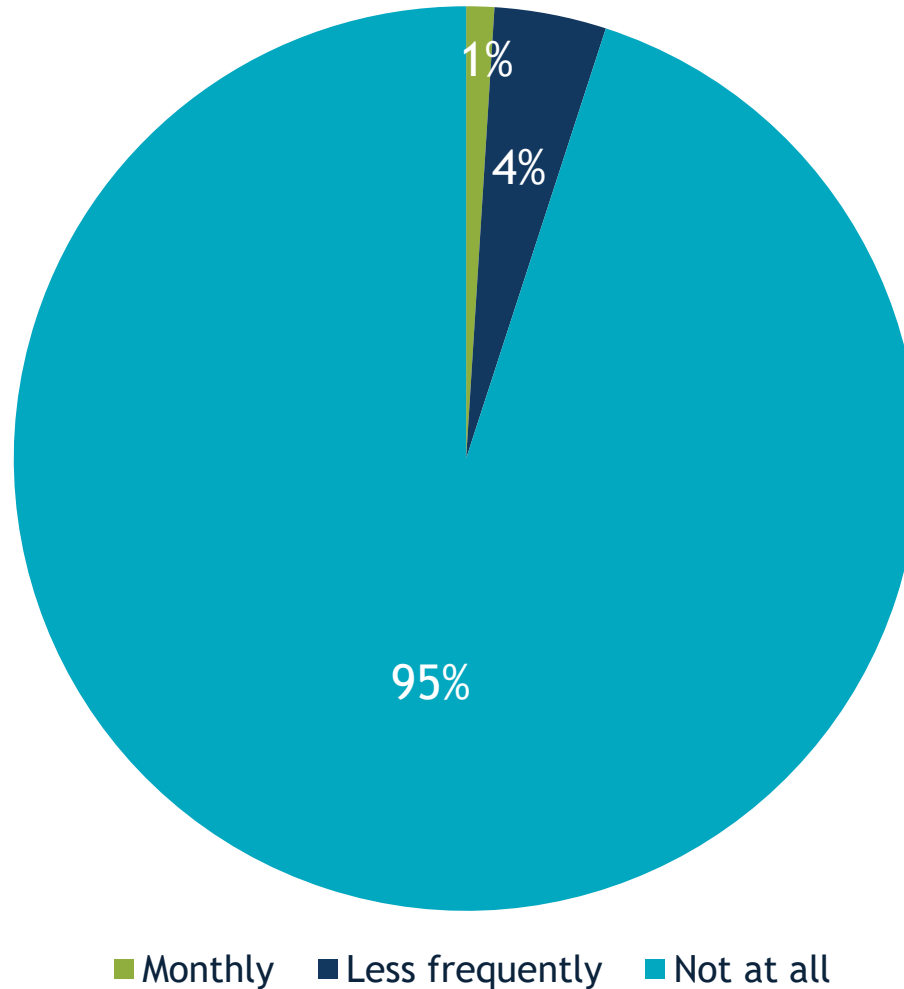


# To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



- It has had a lot of negative impact
- It has had some negative impact
- It has had little negative impact
- It has not had any negative impact

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



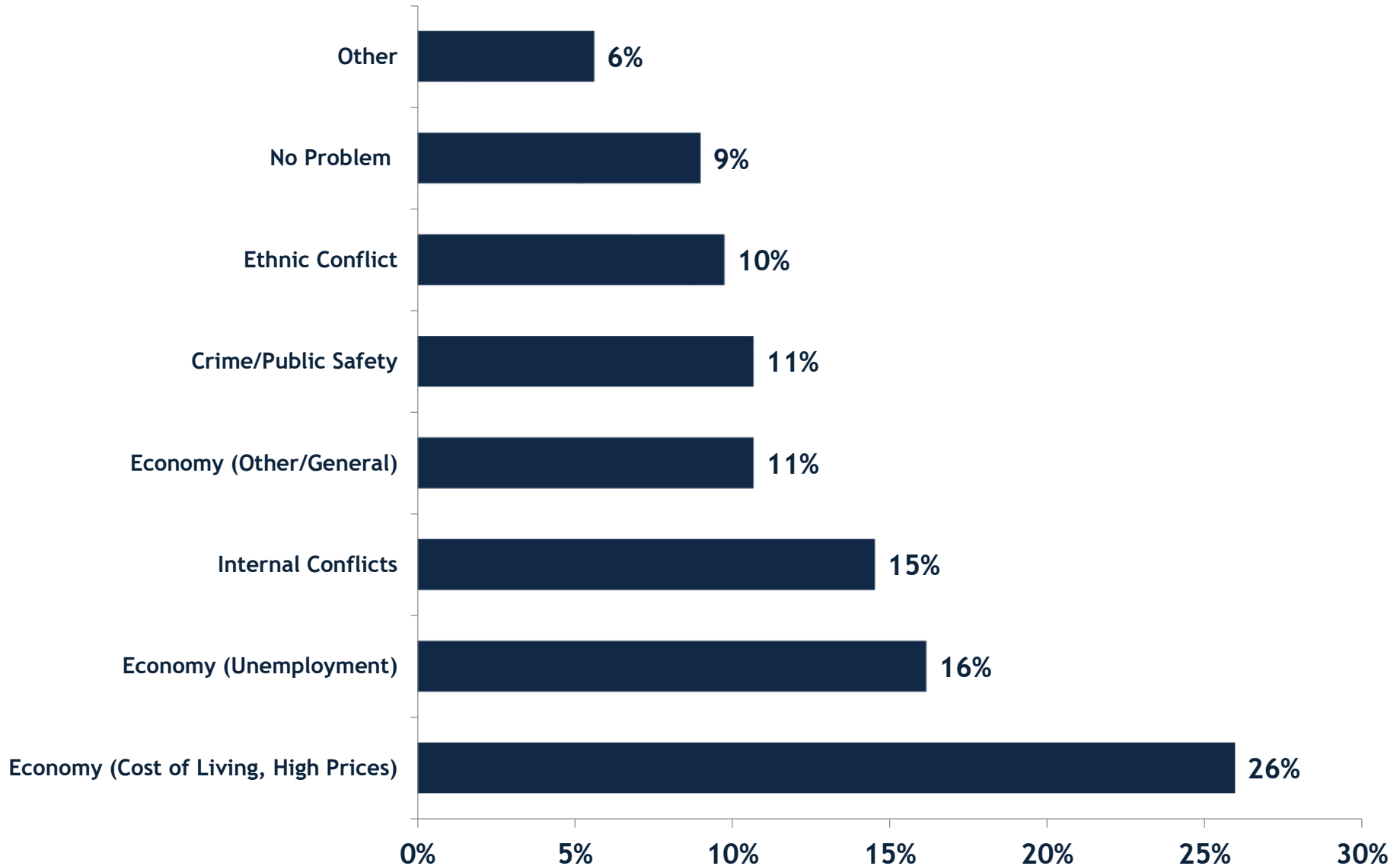


# Priority Policy Issues and Government Performance

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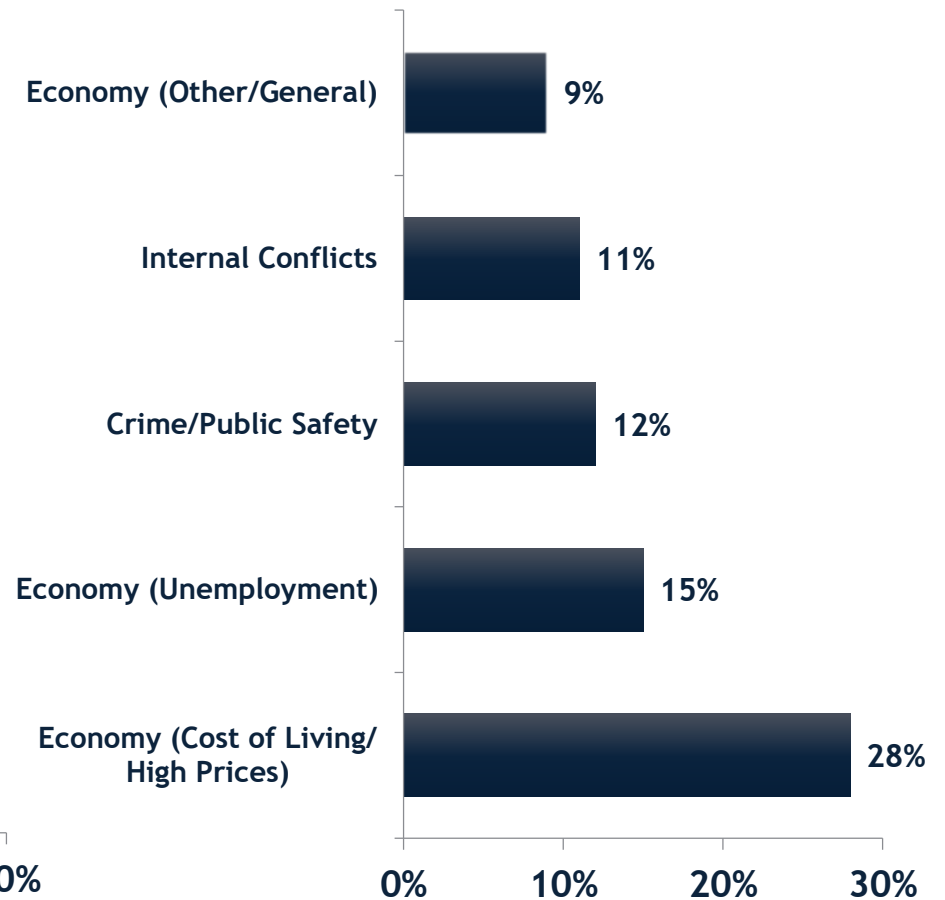


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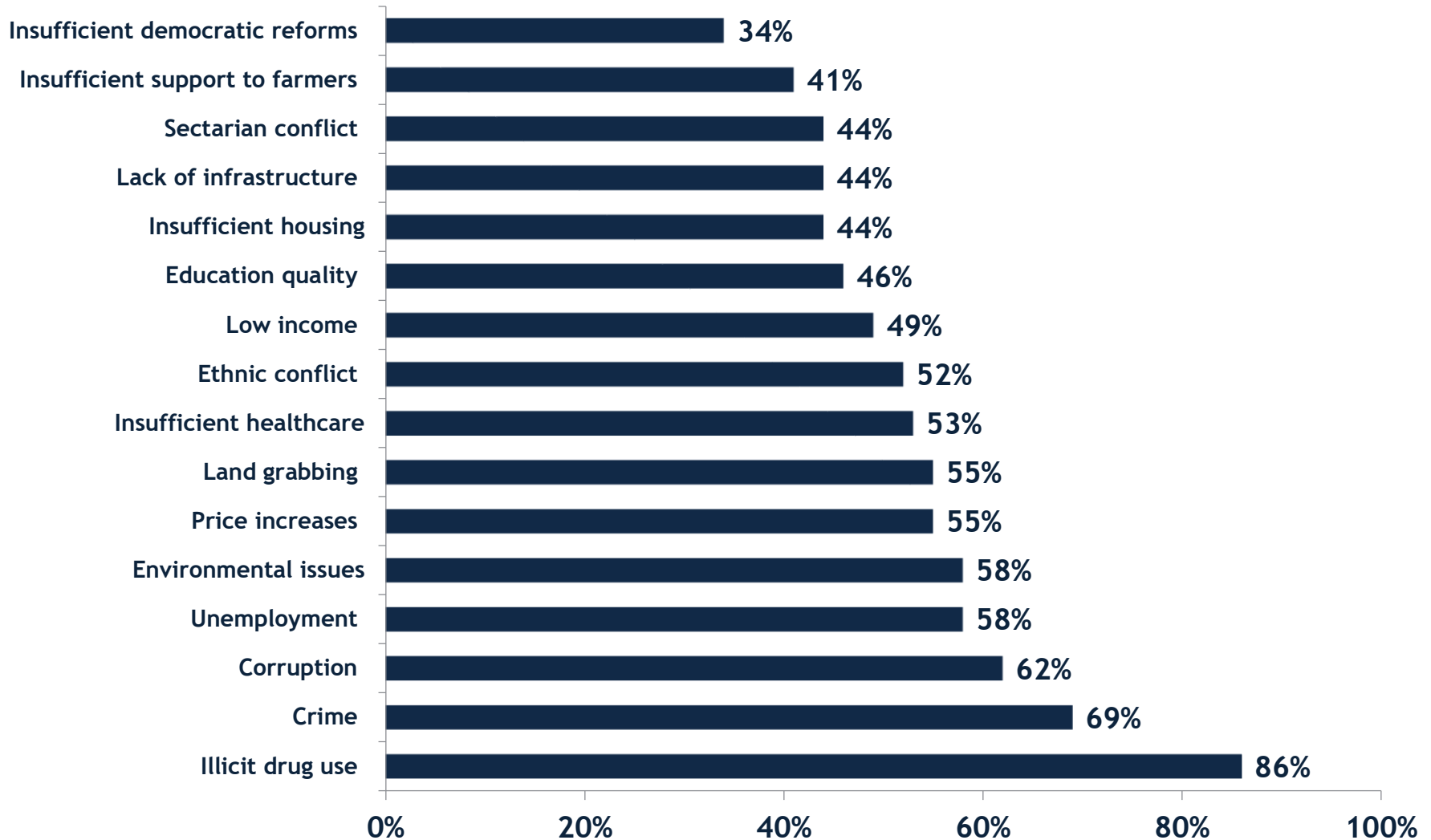


Only problems named by at least 10% of respondents are displayed. 13% did not know or refused to answer this question. Spontaneous reply, combined top three mentions.

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



# On each of these issues, would you say that they are a serious problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem at all?



Environmental issues: illegal logging, domestic trash, etc. Lack of infrastructure: water and sanitation, electricity, roads, etc.

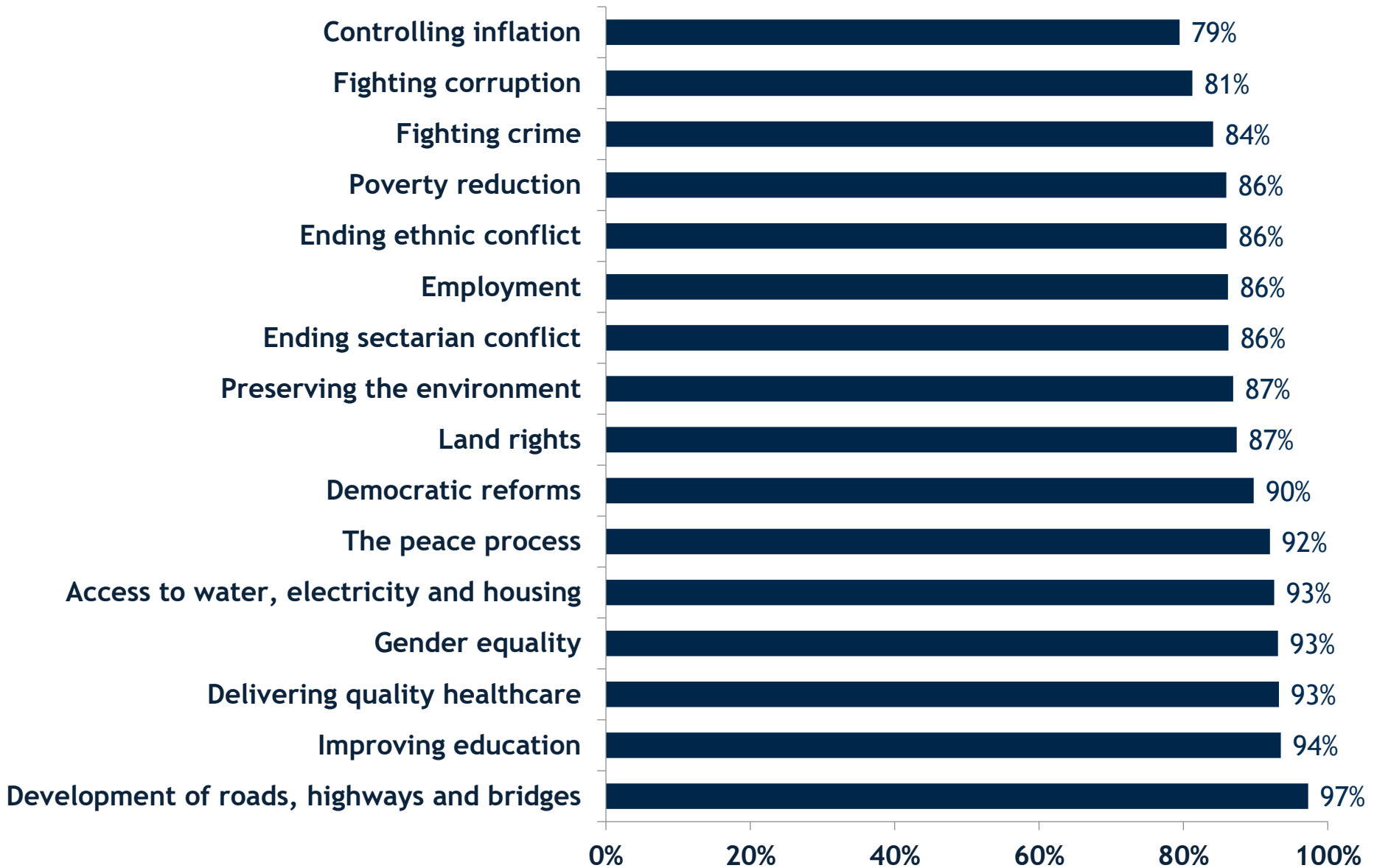
Percentage of respondents stating, “serious problem.”

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	<b>Problem 1</b>	<b>Problem 2</b>	<b>Problem 3</b>
Kachin	Illicit drug use (91%)	Crime (73%)	Corruption (66%)
Kayah	Illicit drug use (91%)	Crime (76%)	Land grabbing (76%)
Kayin	Illicit drug use (86%)	Crime (63%)	Land grabbing (59%)
Chin	Illicit drug use (77%)	Lack of infrastructure (68%)	Unemployment (68%)
Sagaing	Illicit drug use (89%)	Crime (64%)	Corruption (62%)
Tanintharyi	Illicit drug use (84%)	Land grabbing (58%)	Crime (58%)
Bago	Illicit drug use (85%)	Crime (69%)	Unemployment (59%)
Magway	Illicit drug use (81%)	Crime (61%)	Corruption (58%)
Mandalay	Illicit drug use (96%)	Crime (84%)	Corruption (79%)
Mon	Illicit drug use (86%)	Corruption (67%)	Crime (65%)
Rakhine	Illicit drug use (91%)	Ethnic conflict (73%)	Crime (72%)
Yangon	Illicit drug use (88%)	Crime (78%)	Corruption (71%)
Shan	Illicit drug use (79%)	Land grabbing (56%)	Crime (54%)
Ayeyarwaddy	Illicit drug use (80%)	Crime (69%)	Environmental issues (56%)
Nay Pyi Taw	Illicit drug use (93%)	Crime (74%)	Corruption (67%)

Percentage of respondents stating “serious problem.”  
Only the three most frequently named serious problems per state displayed.

Now I am going to read [from a list of] various issues. Please rate the national government's performance on each one.



Percentage of respondents rating performance as “somewhat” or “very” good.

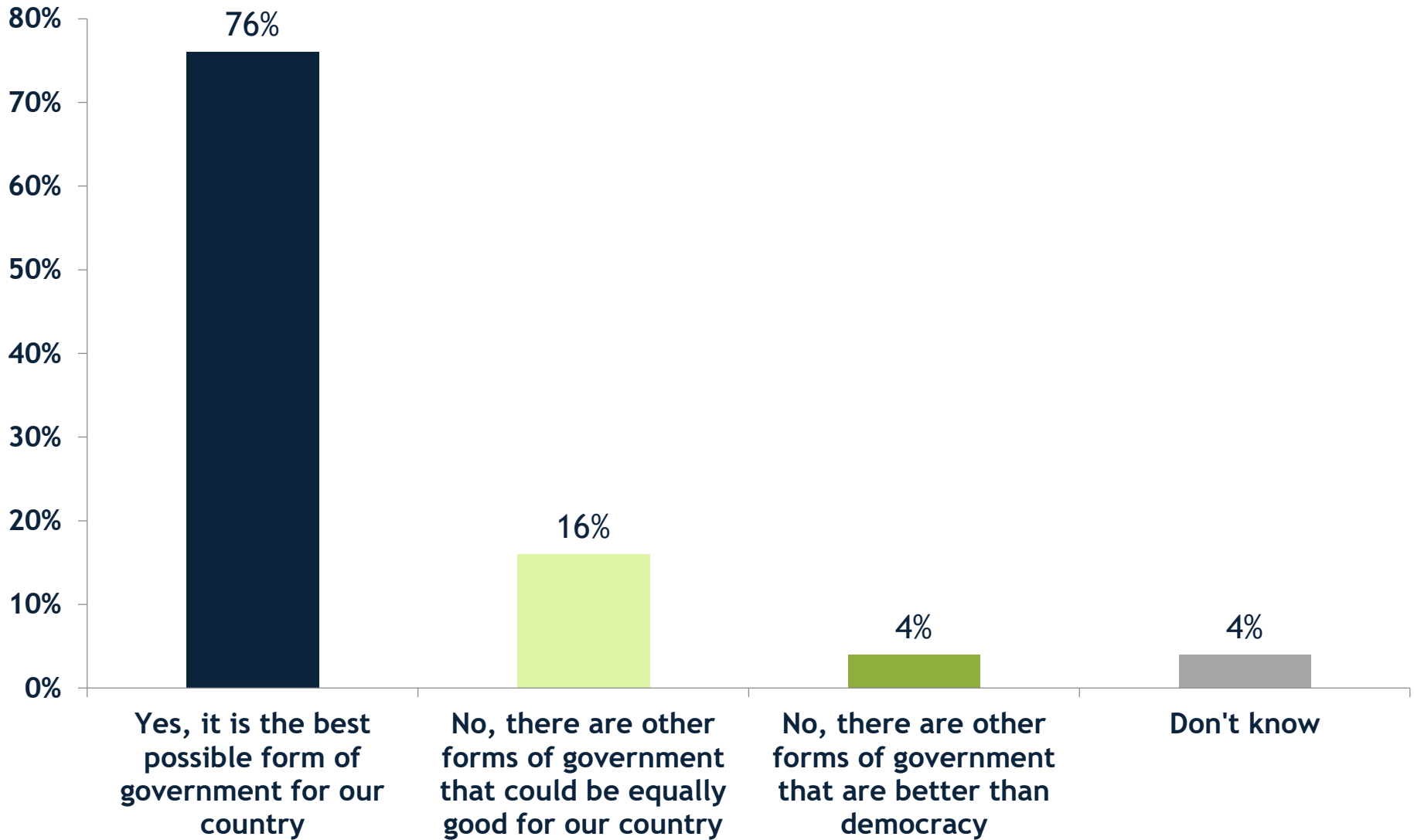




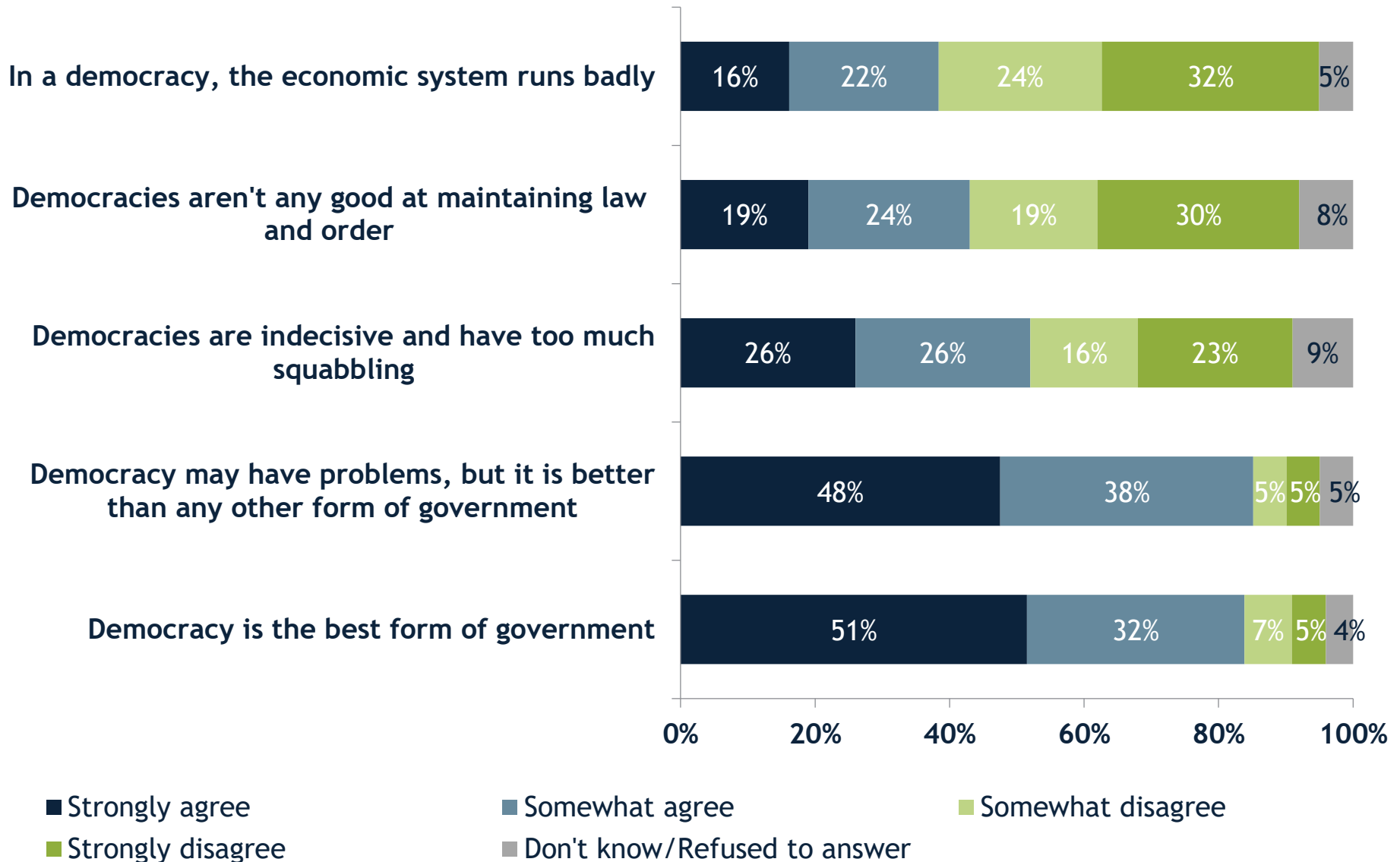
# Democracy and Political Parties



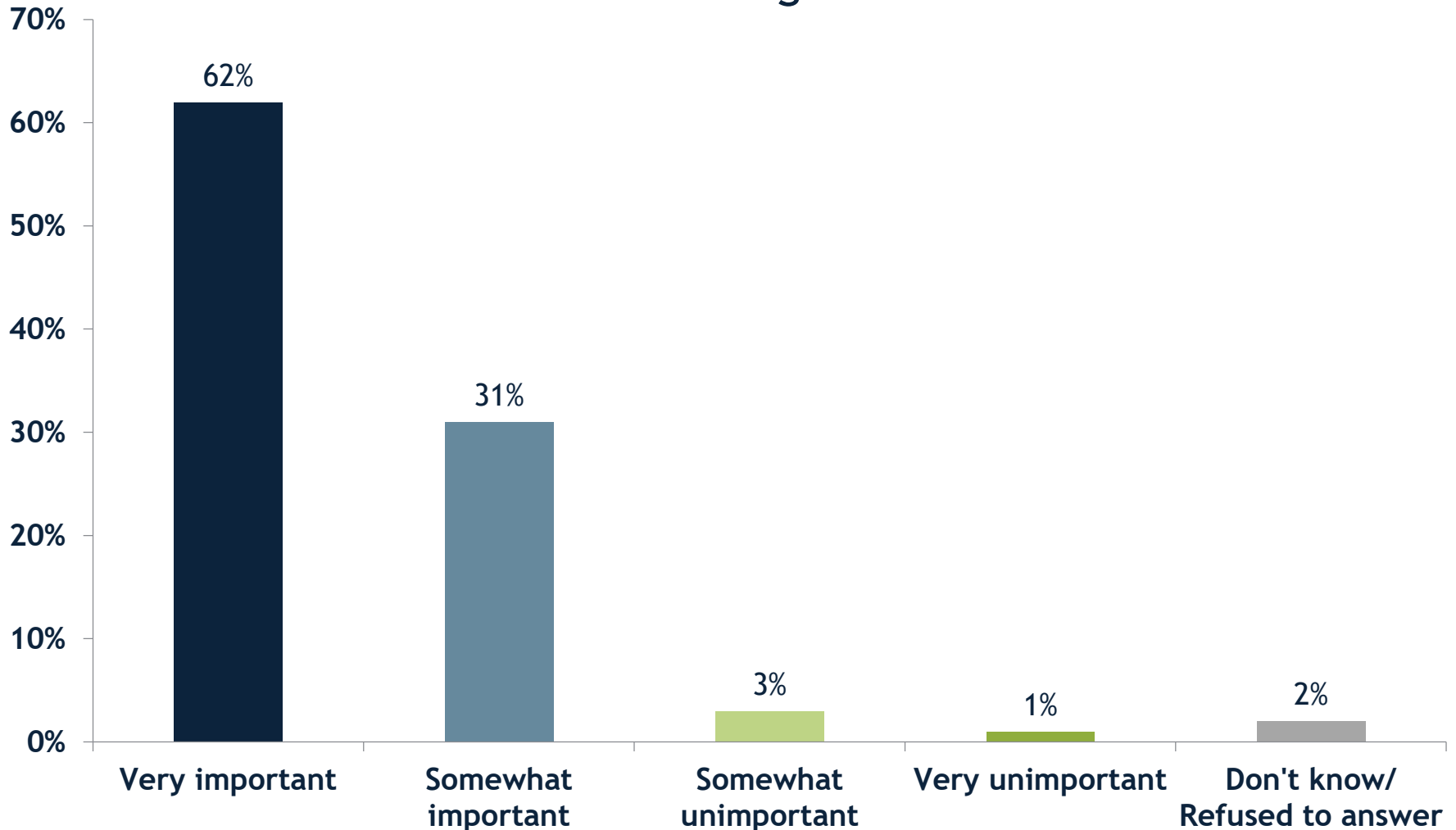
# Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



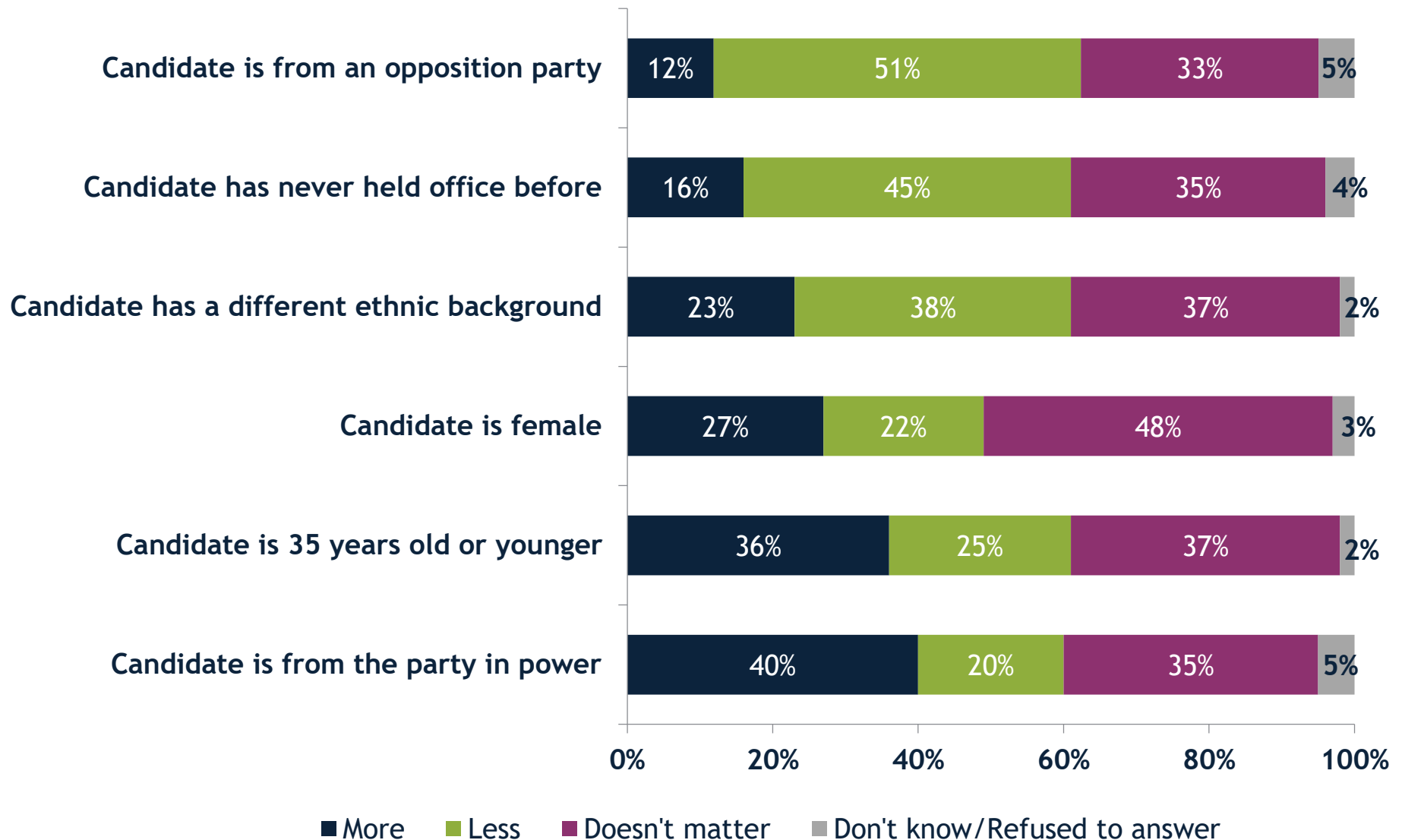
# Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of these statements?



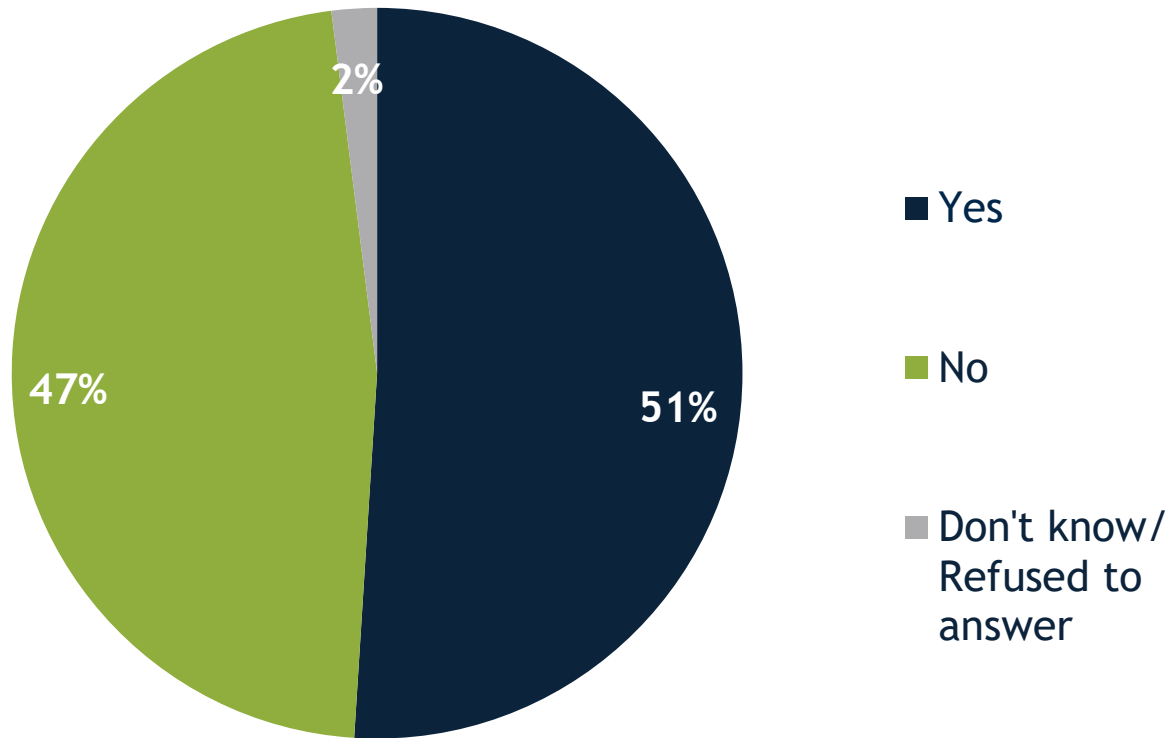
# How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population—including women, youth, minorities, and people with disabilities—are included in political decision-making?



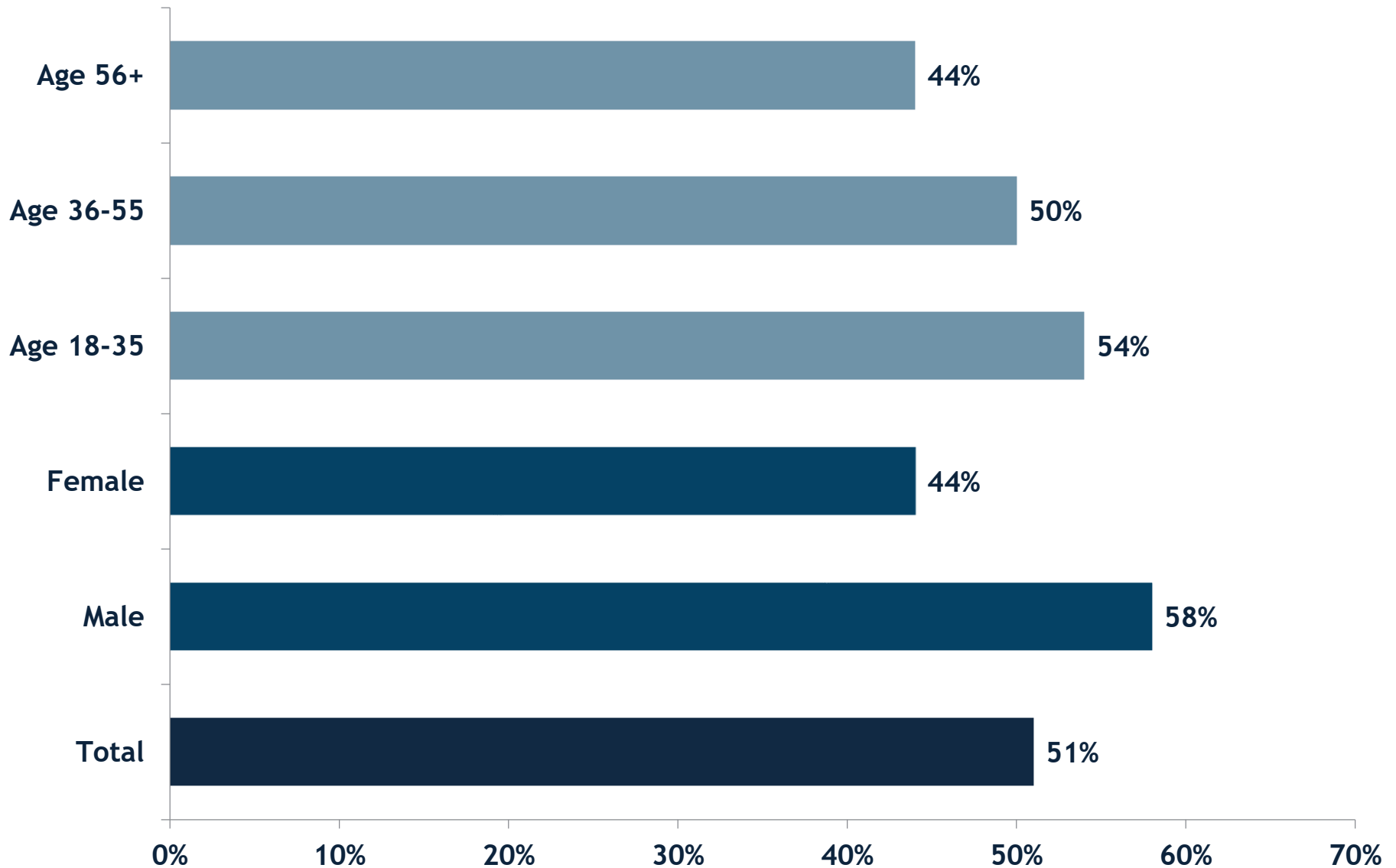
For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it does not matter.



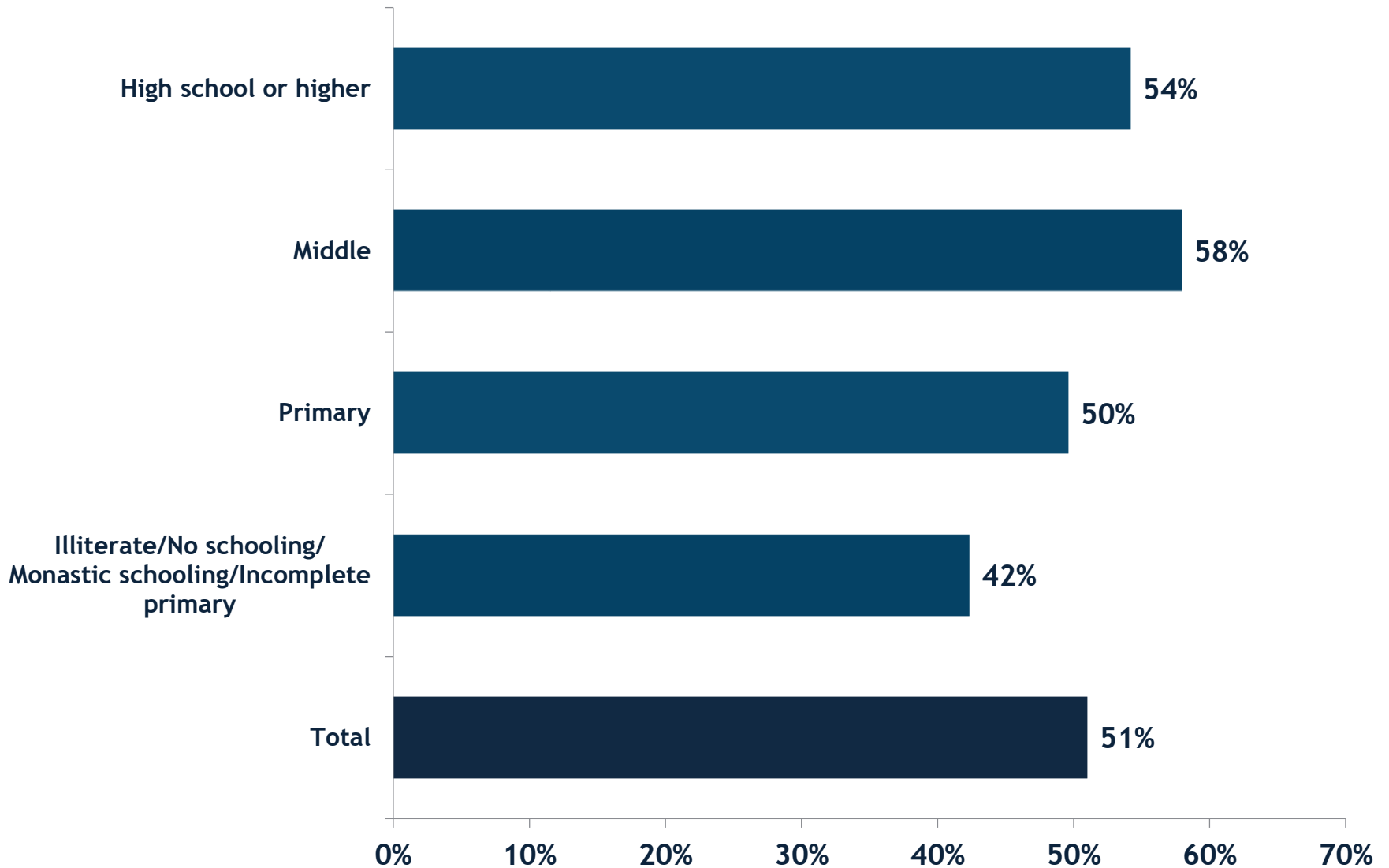
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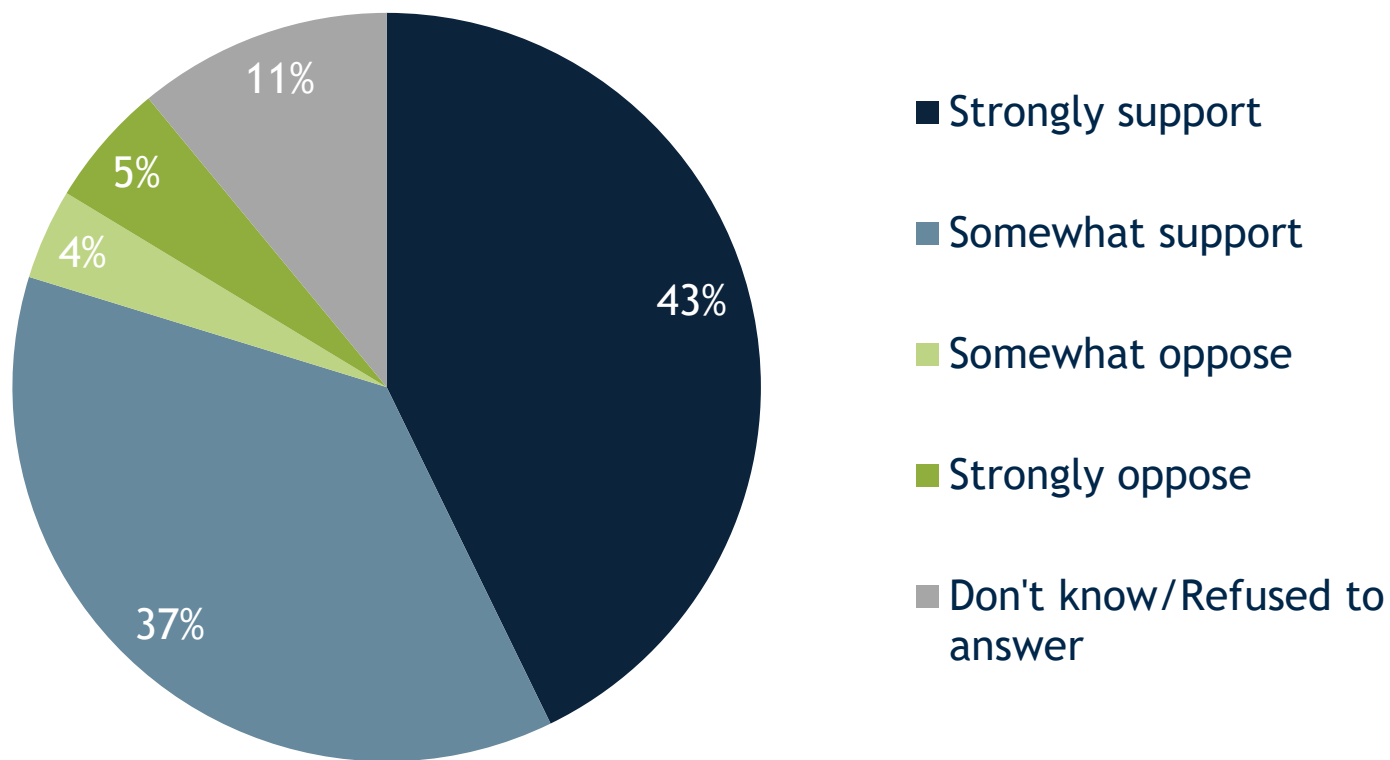


# Constitutional and Federal Issues

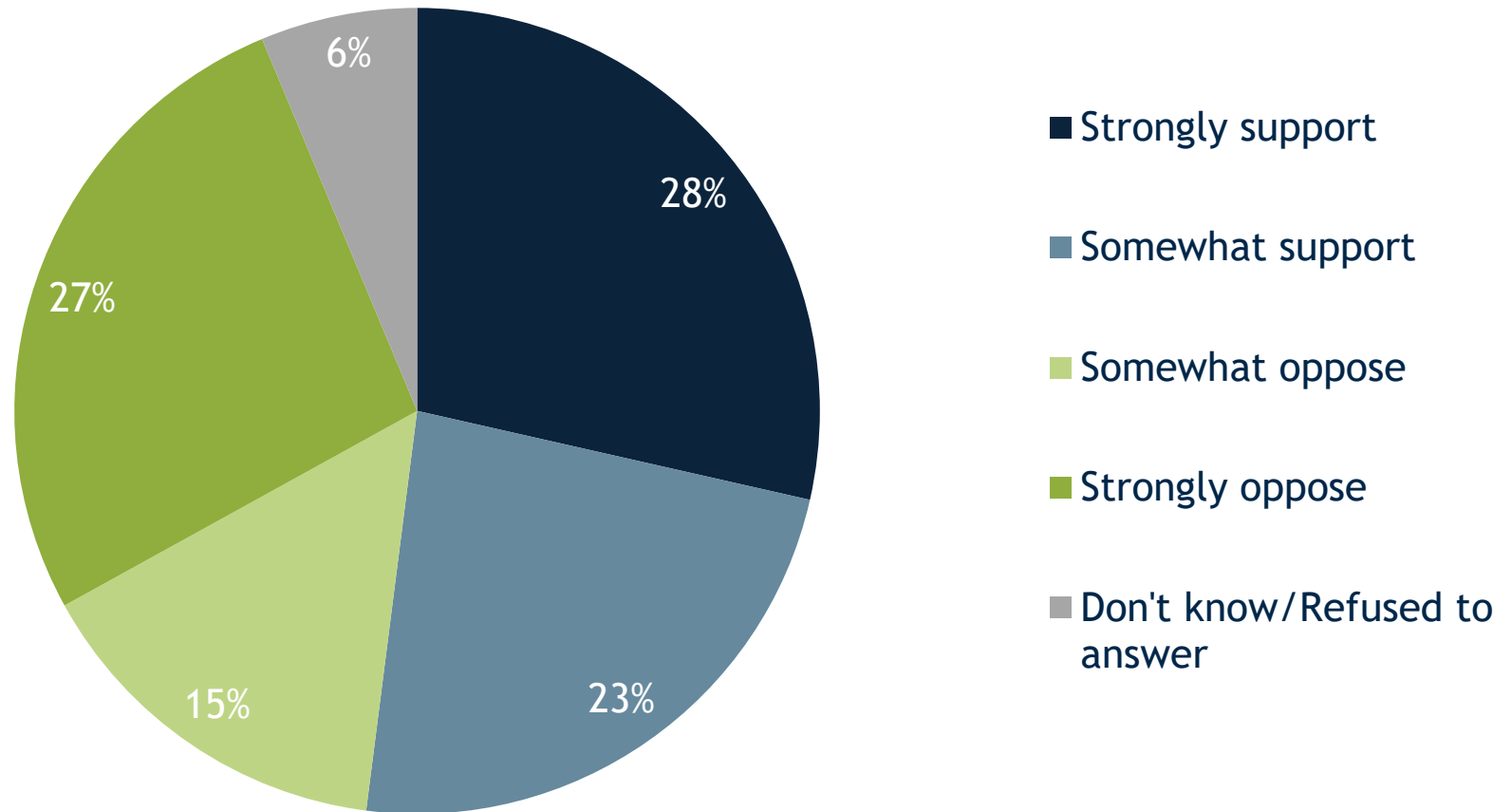
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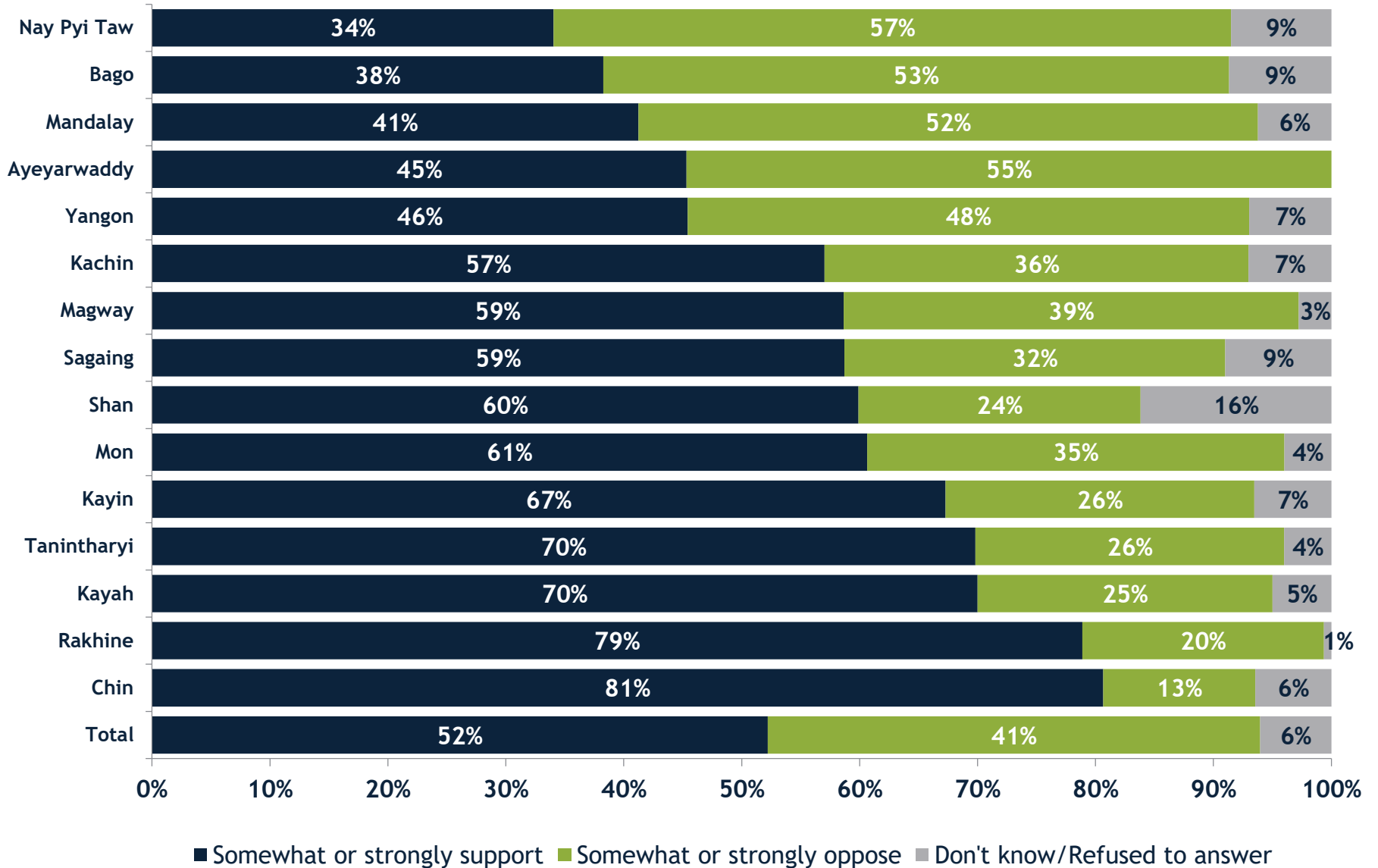
As of now, in order to amend the Constitution it would require the support of more than 75% of Parliament. Do you support or oppose making it easier to amend the Constitution by changing this requirement?



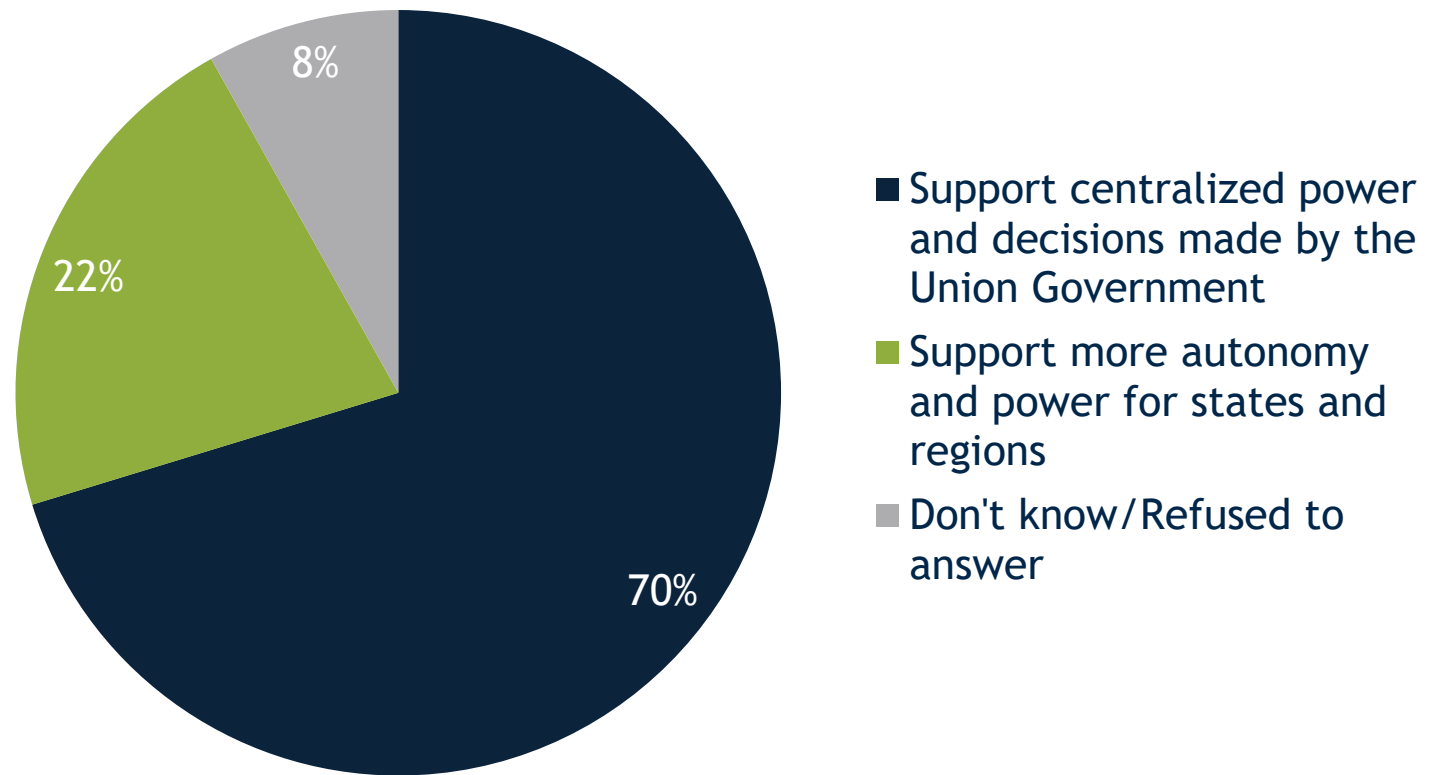
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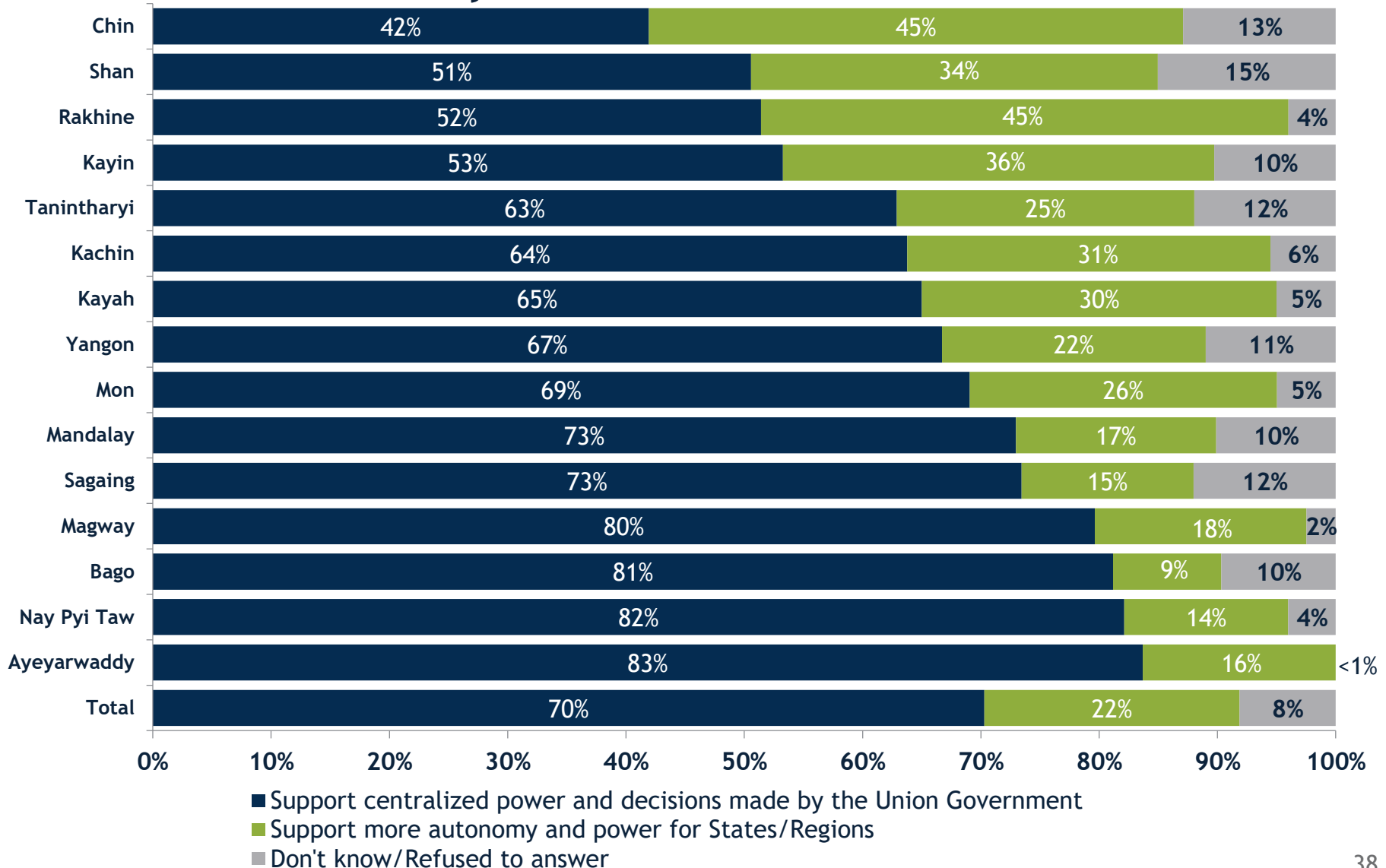
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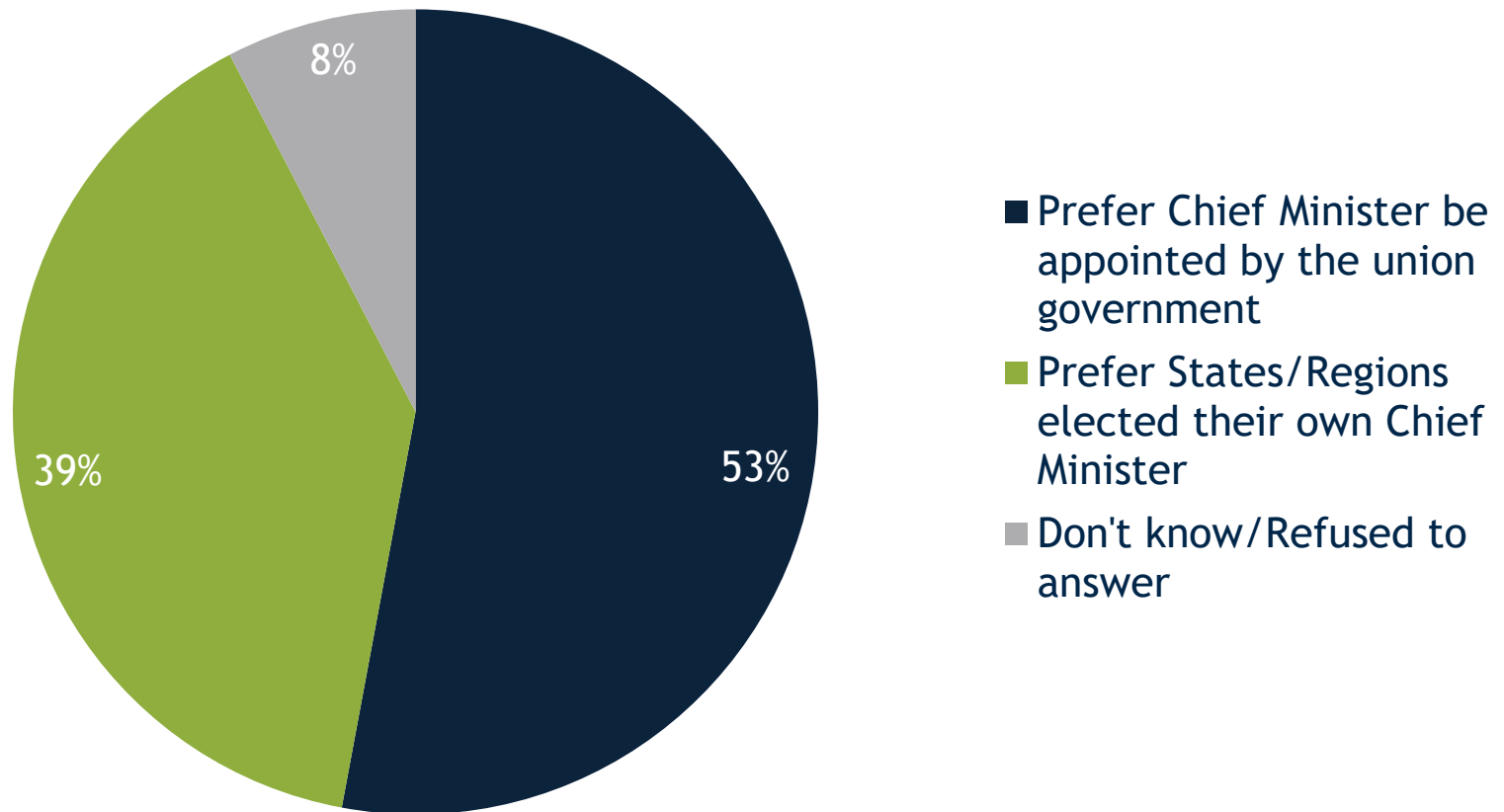
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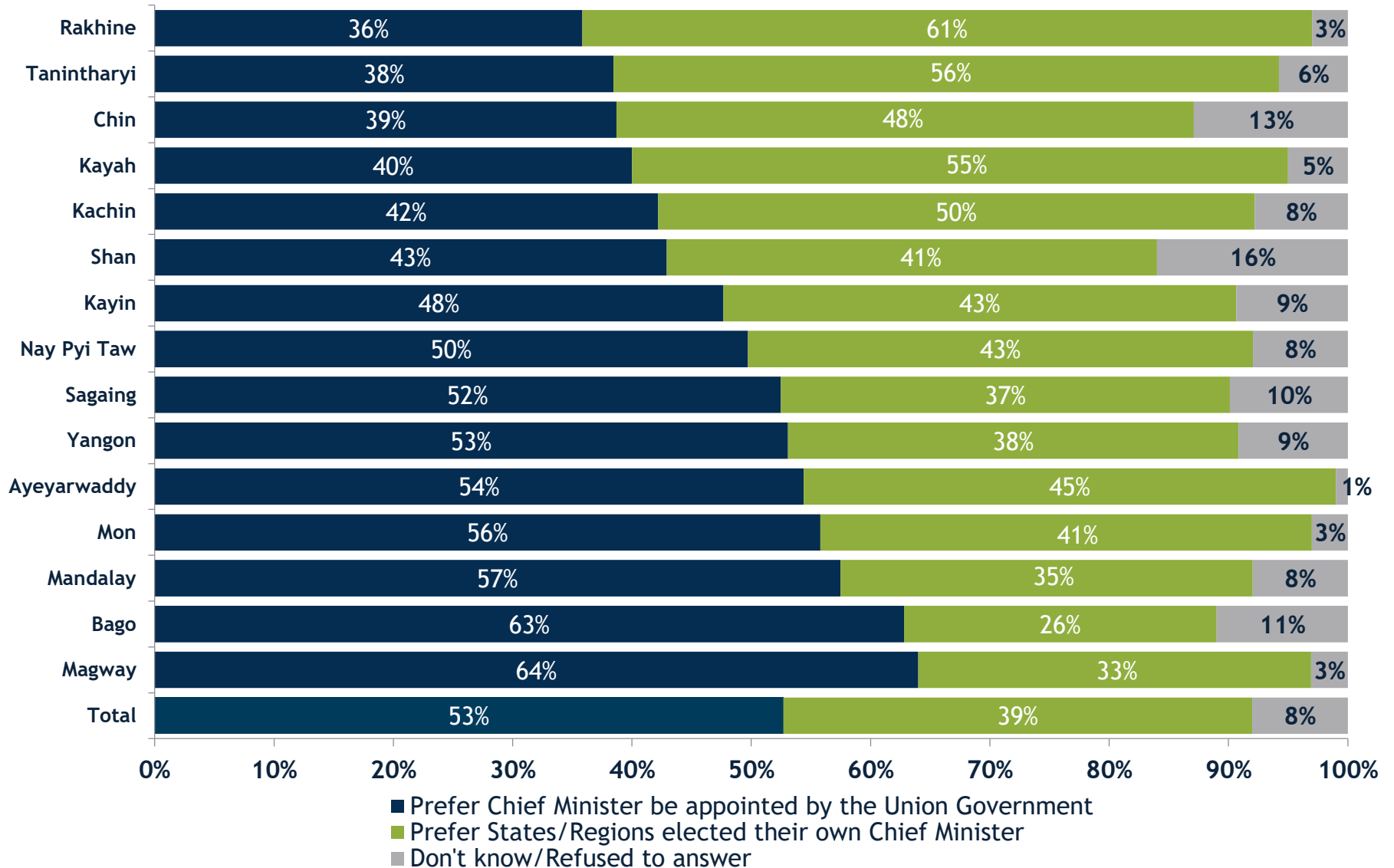
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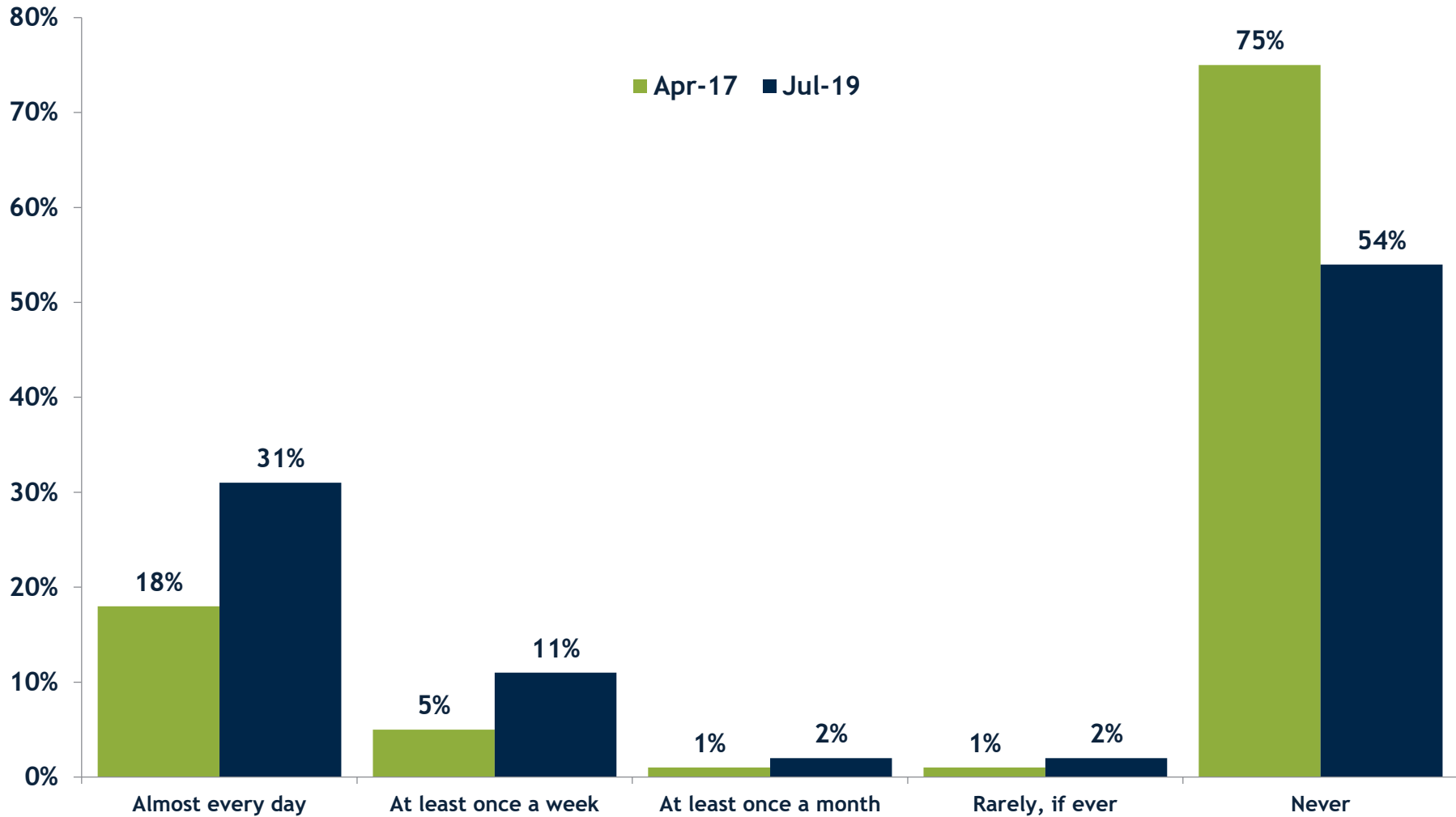


# Media Usage

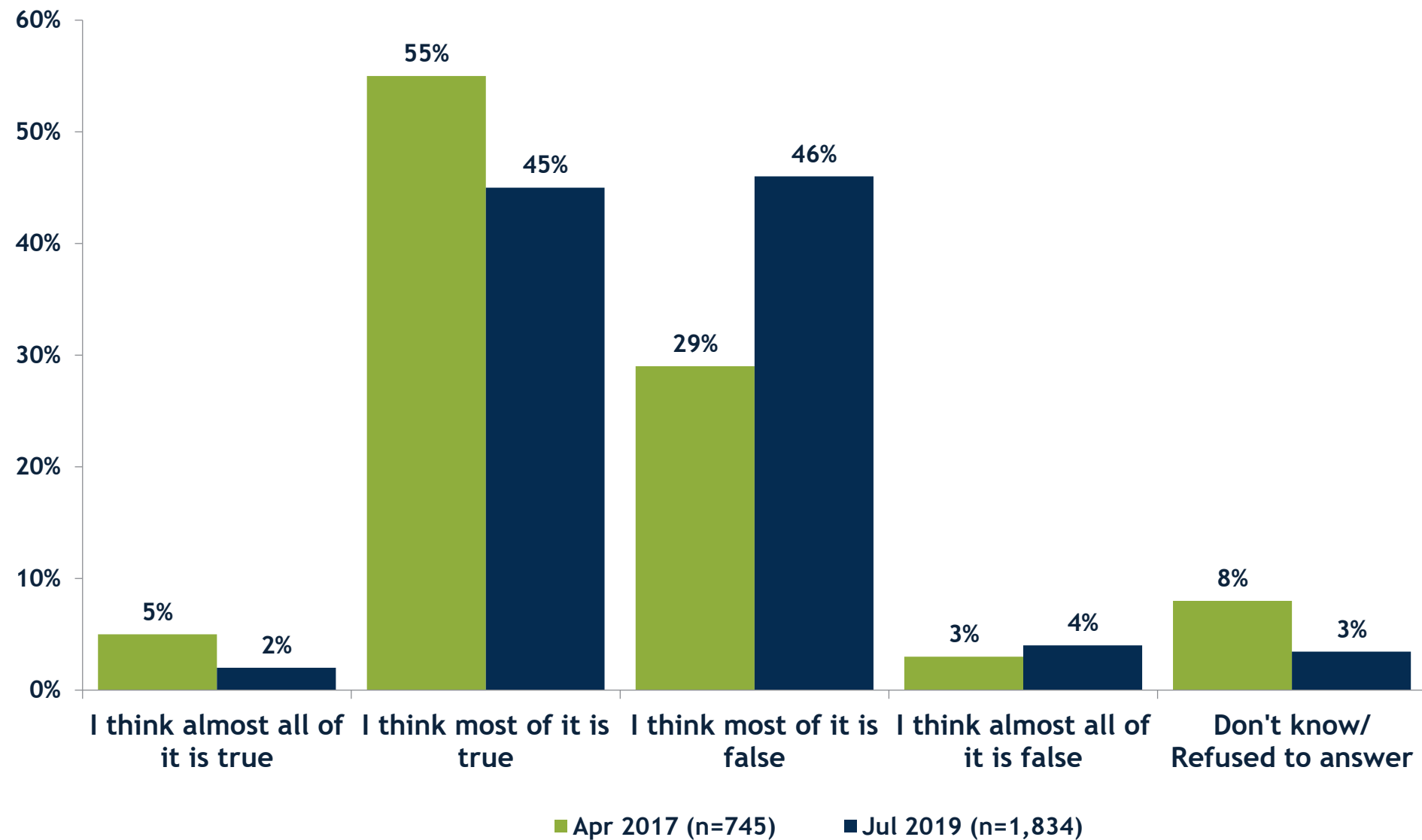
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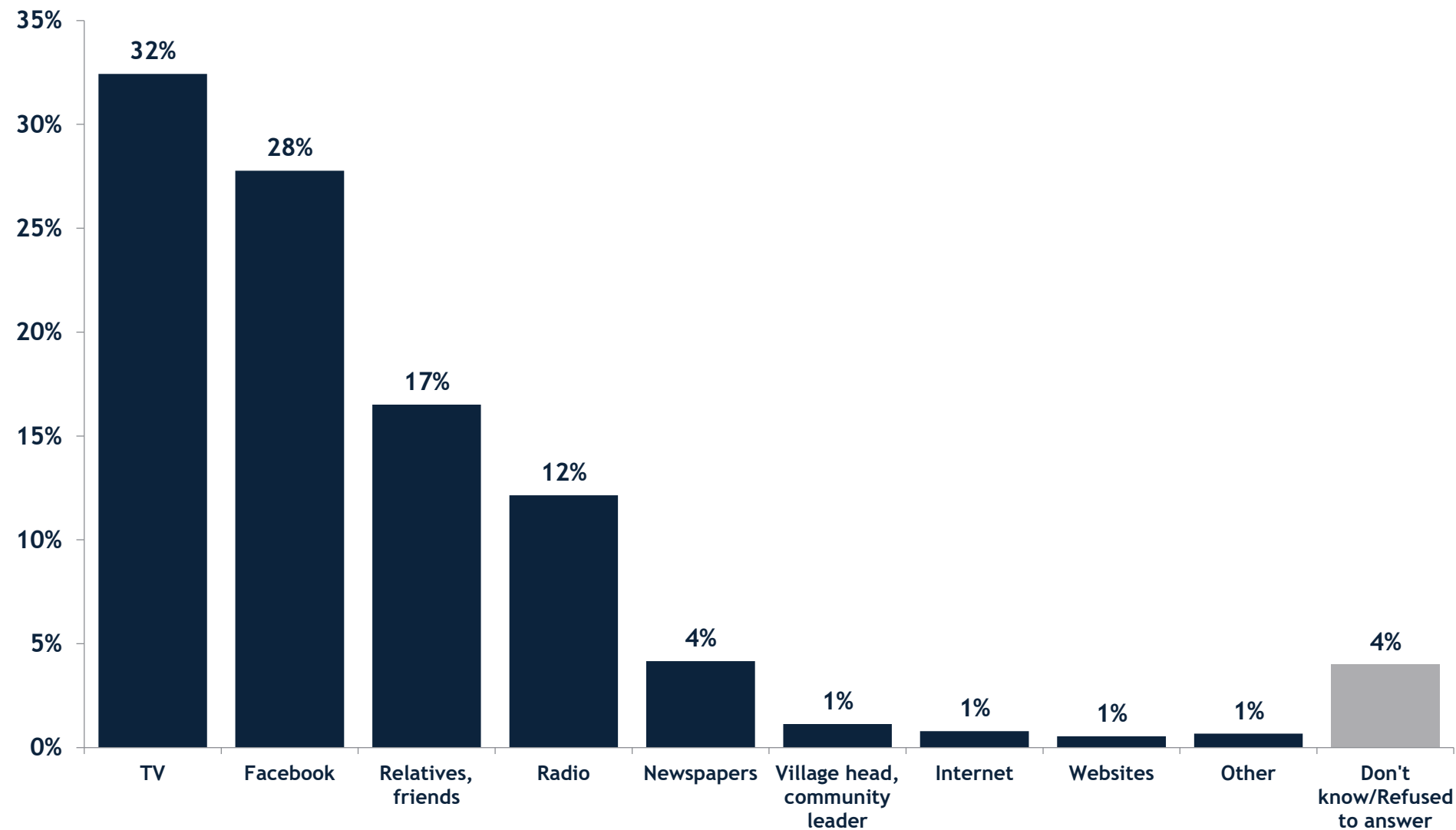
# How often do you use Facebook?



# When it comes to the content you see on Facebook, to what extent do you think it is true?

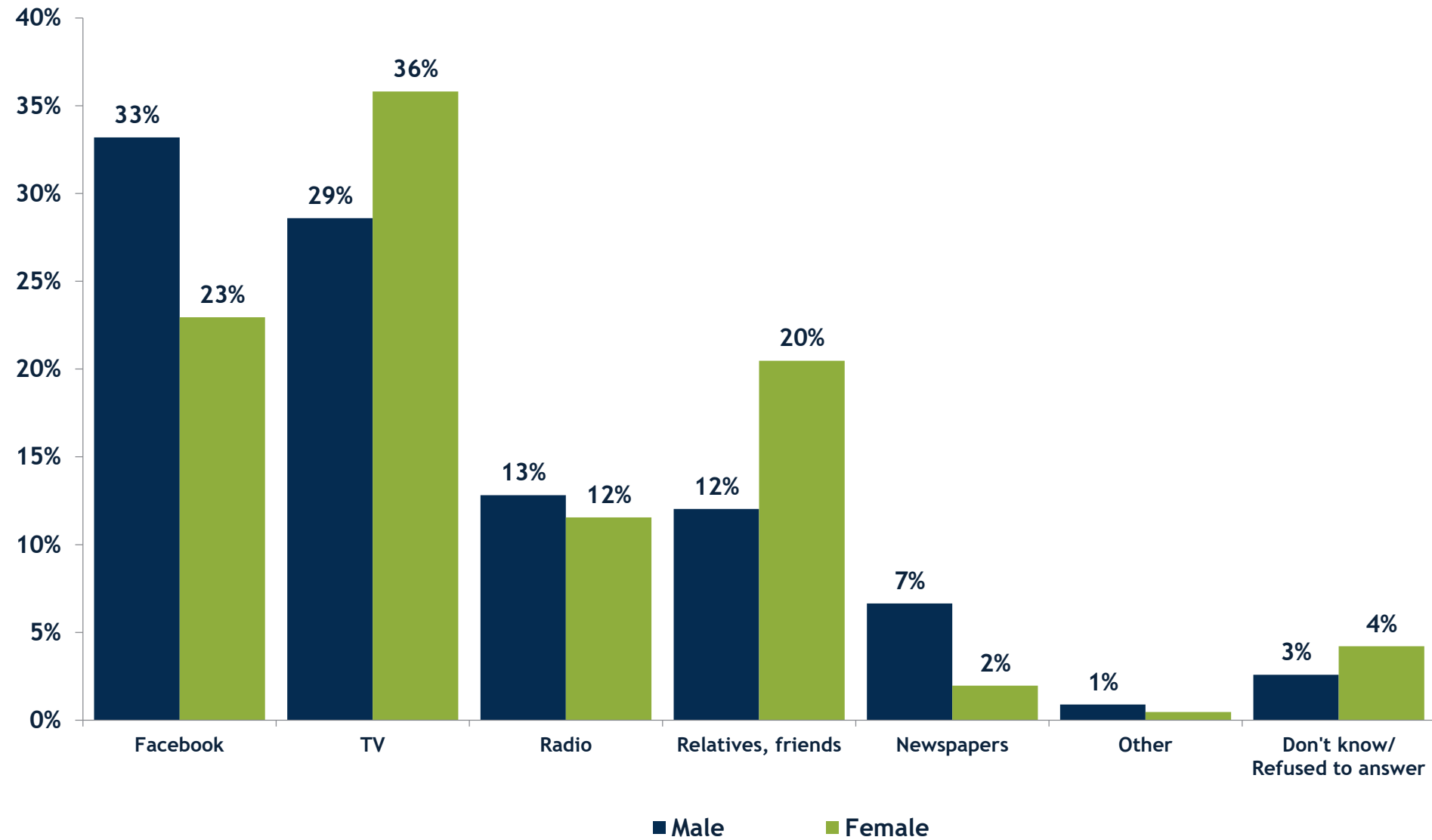


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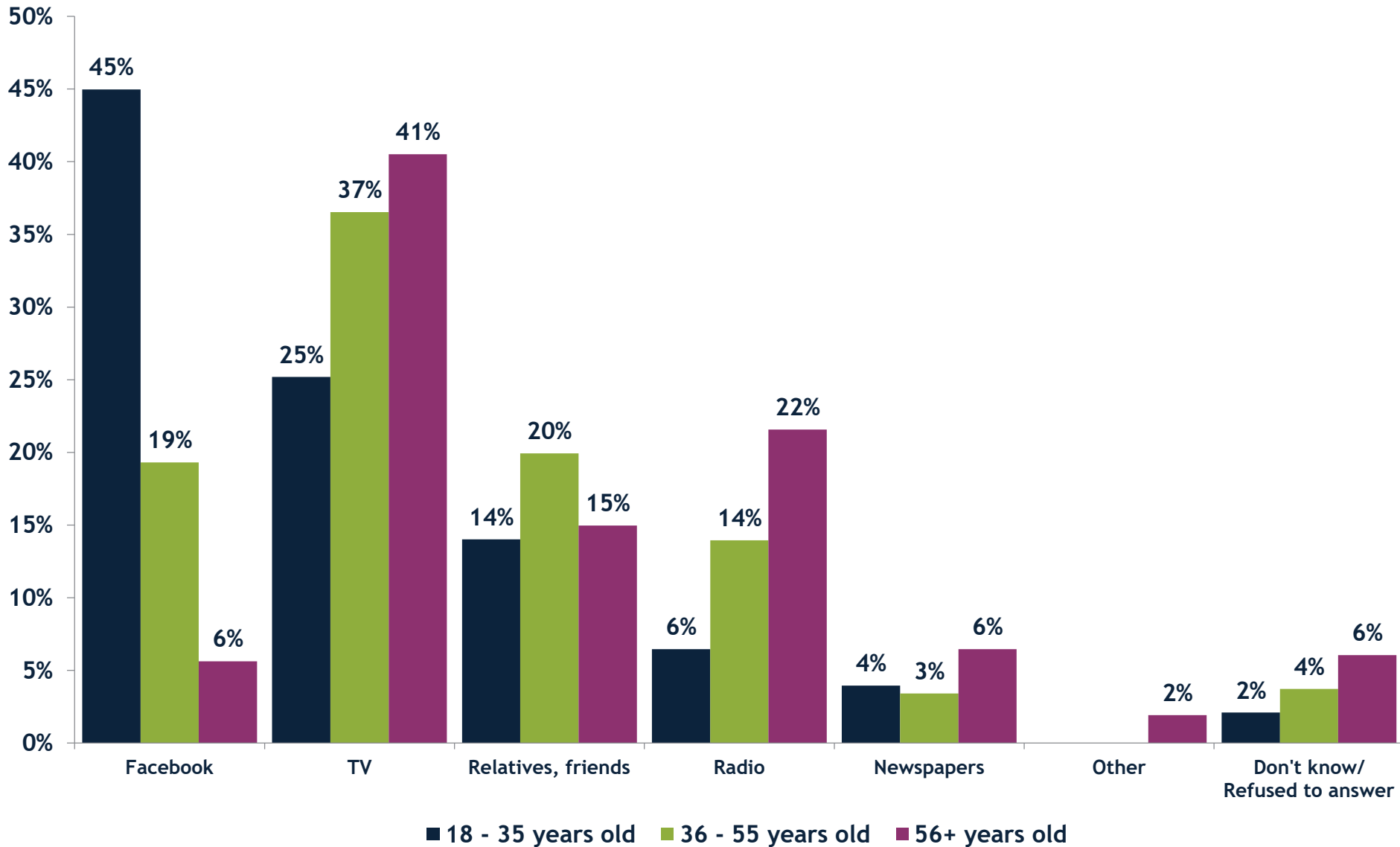
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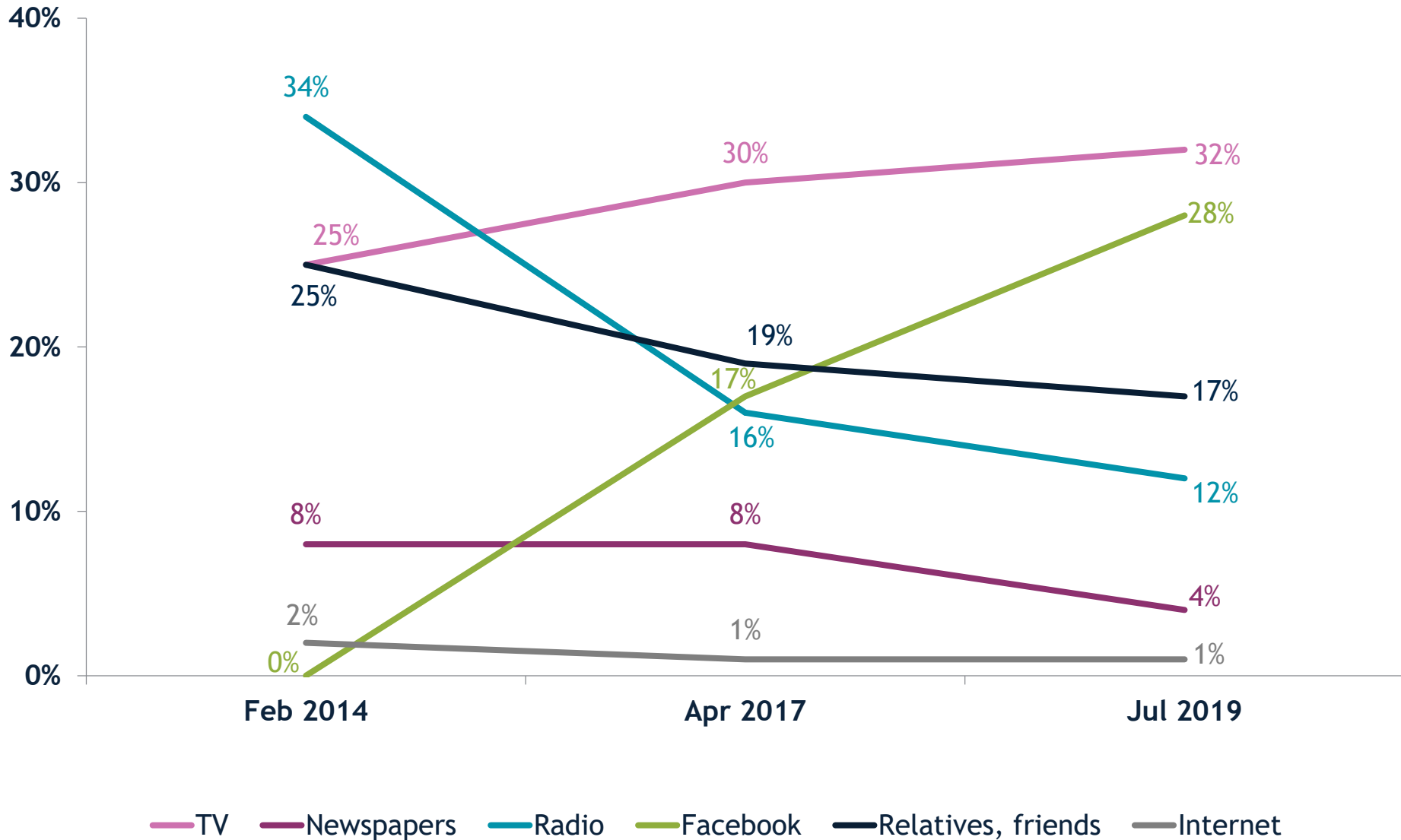
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# Demographics

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Gender	
Male	47%
Female	53%

Location	
Urban	32%
Rural	68%

State/ Region	
Ayeyarwaddy Region	12%
Bago	10%
Chin	1%
Kachin	3%
Kayah	1%
Kayin	3%
Magway	8%
Mandalay	13%
Mon	4%
Nay Pyi Taw	2%
Rakhine	4%
Sagaine	11%
Shan	11%
Thanintharyi	3%
Yangon	16%

Age	
18-25 years	22%
26-40 years	35%
41-55 years	26%
More than 55 years	18%

Monthly Household Income	
1 - 50,000 Kyat	4%
50,001 - 100,000 Kyat	12%
100,001 - 500,000 Kyat	70%
500,001 - 1,000,000 Kyat	10%
1,000,001 and above	3%
Don't know	1%

Ethnicity	
Bamar	70%
Kachin	1%
Kayin	6%
Kayah	0%
Shan	11%
Chin	3%
Mon	1%
Rakhine	5%
Myanmar Chinese	0%
Myanmar Indian (Indian/Pakistani/ Bangladeshi/Nepali)	2%
Other	2%

Religion	
Buddhism	92%
Christianity	6%
Islam/Muslim	2%
Hinduism	0%

Ethnicity	
Bamar	70%
Non-Bamar	30%

Education Level	
Illiterate	3%
No schooling - literate	2%
Monastic schooling	4%
Some Primary school	15%
Primary attainment (Completed grade 5)	39%
Middle attainment (Completed grade 9)	22%
High school attainment (Completed grade 11)	8%
Vocational college/diploma	1%
Completed undergraduate degree or higher	7%

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