



# Survey of South Sudan Public Opinion

*September 6-27, 2011*



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# Survey Methodology



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- In September 2011, the International Republican Institute (IRI) undertook the first countrywide poll of the new nation of the Republic of South Sudan which had achieved independence two months earlier on July 9, 2011.
- The nationwide poll sampled a target population of South Sudan adults ages 18 and older from all 10 states of South Sudan: Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Lakes, Jonglei, Northern Bahr el Ghazal Unity, Upper Nile, Warrap, Western Bahr el Ghazal and Western Equatoria.
- Data collection was performed by trained local South Sudanese personnel under the supervision of IRI. The sample frame was based on the latest population estimates by 2010 Statistical Yearbook for South Sudan from the South Sudan Center for Statistics and Evaluation. Consultative guidance on fieldwork and analysis was provided by Pechter Polls of Princeton, New Jersey.
- The survey tool was administered through face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice: Dinka, Nuer, Juba Arabic, Classical Arabic or English.
- A stratified multi-stage sample procedure was used for interviewing. Population within states was broken down by counties and geography (urban/rural). Quotas were set by county and by geography within each district. The corresponding households were then randomly selected within each county, and a respondent 18 years of age or older was randomly selected from each household according to next birthday, taking into account the female/male quota of each team. A gender quota ensured that every other interview was with a female.

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- A total of 2,225 interviews were completed from September 6-27, 2011. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.1 percent overall. Quotas were set by state to allow for state and gender analysis and all 2,225 interviews have been weighted proportionally by state and gender.
- After the data was collected (2,225 interviews), state results were weighted in proportion to the South Sudan population. For example, Central Equatoria represents 13.3 percent of the adult population; therefore the 296 interviews collected from Central Equatoria were weighted to 13.3 percent of all interviews. Similar weighting was applied to each state to ensure that data are consistent with data from the South Sudan Center for Statistics and Evaluation.
- Gender in the survey was 51.9 percent male and 48.1 percent female. This is consistent with the gender breakdowns from the the South Sudan Center for Statistics and Evaluation.
- Verification was performed by supervisors on 44 percent of the sample, either by actual observation or through follow-up interviews.
- Tables may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Response rate was 94.6 percent.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies.

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South Sudan State	Sample Size	Percent	Margin of Error
Central Equatoria	296	13%	5.7%
Eastern Equatoria	239	11%	6.3%
Lakes	187	8%	7.1%
Jonglei	358	16%	5.2%
Northern Bahr El Ghazal	205	9%	6.8%
Unity	174	8%	7.4%
Upper Nile	265	12%	6.0%
Warrap	248	11%	6.2%
Western Bahr El Ghazal	91	4%	10.2%
Western Equatoria	162	7%	7.7%
<b>Total South Sudan</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

Weighted By State

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Region	Sample Size	Percent	Margin of Error
Bahr El Ghazal	731	33%	3.6%
Greater Equatoria	696	11%	3.7%
Greater Upper Nile	797	36%	3.5%
Total South Sudan	2,225	100%	2.1%

Weighted By State

# Glossary

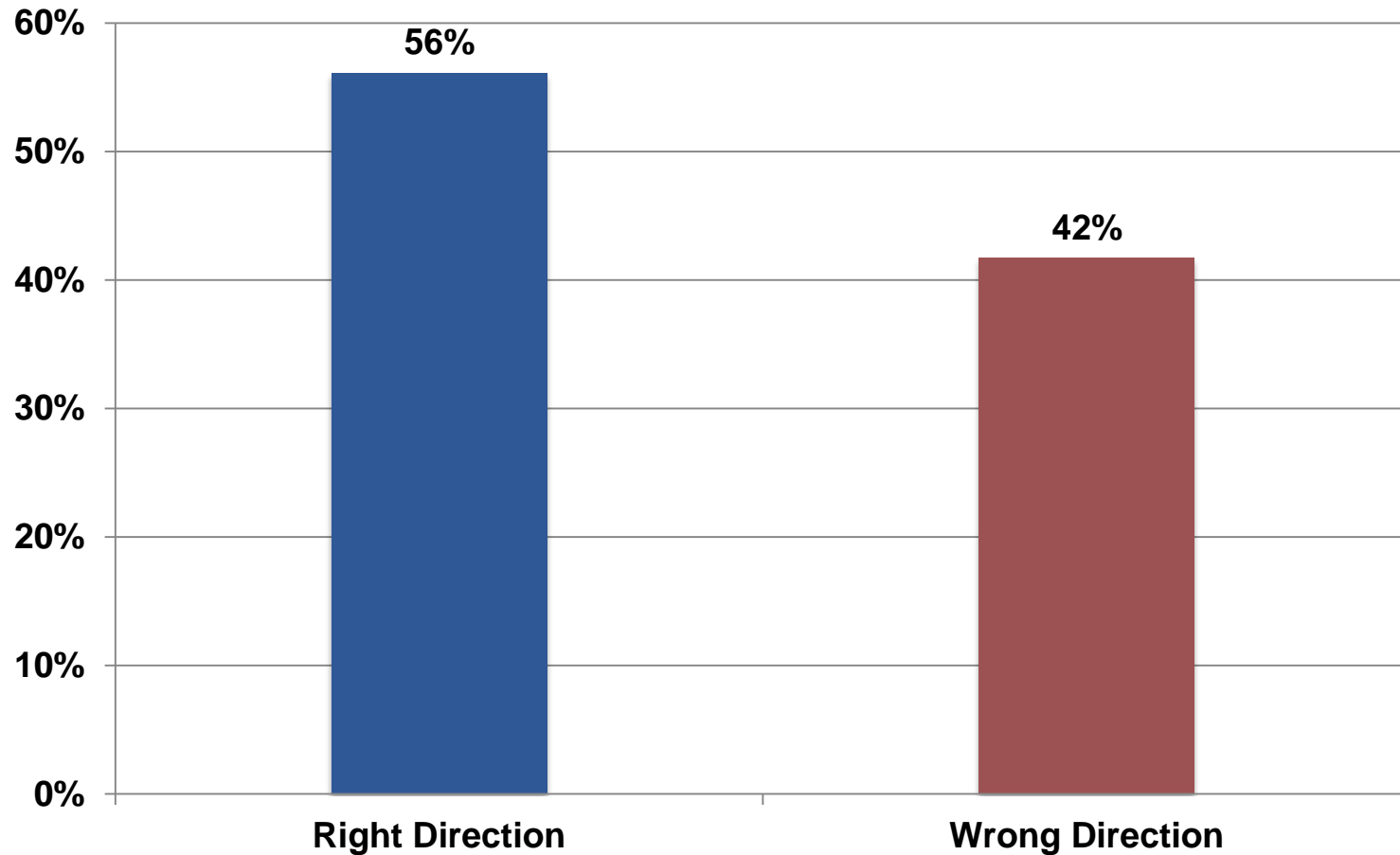
<b>ANC</b>	<b>African National Congress</b>
<b>CPA</b>	<b>Comprehensive Peace Agreement</b>
<b>GOSS</b>	<b>Government of Southern Sudan</b>
<b>IRI</b>	<b>International Republican Institute</b>
<b>NCP</b>	<b>National Congress Party</b>
<b>NGO</b>	<b>Nongovernmental Organization</b>
<b>SANU</b>	<b>Sudan African National Union</b>
<b>SPLA</b>	<b>Sudan People's Liberation Army</b>
<b>SPLM</b>	<b>Sudan People's Liberation Movement</b>
<b>SPLM-DC</b>	<b>Sudan People's Liberation Movement – Democratic Change</b>
<b>SSDF-Forum</b>	<b>South Sudan Democratic Forum</b>
<b>SSDF-Front</b>	<b>South Sudan Democratic Front</b>
<b>SSLA</b>	<b>South Sudan Legislative Assembly</b>
<b>ROSS</b>	<b>Republic of South Sudan</b>
<b>UDF</b>	<b>United Democratic Front</b>
<b>UDSF</b>	<b>United Democratic Salvation Front</b>
<b>UDSF-M</b>	<b>United Democratic Salvation Front – Mainstream</b>
<b>USAP</b>	<b>United Sudan African Party</b>



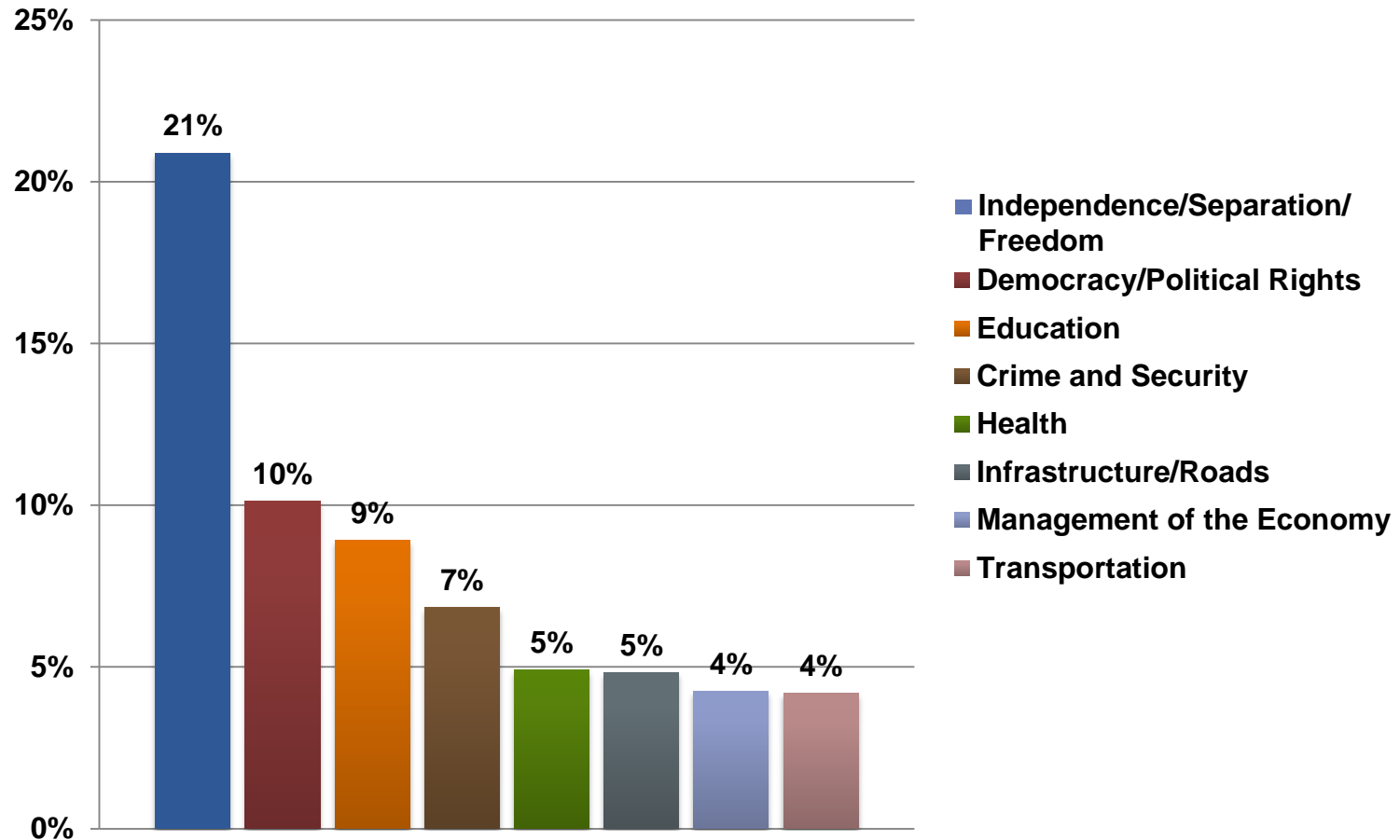
# General Environment



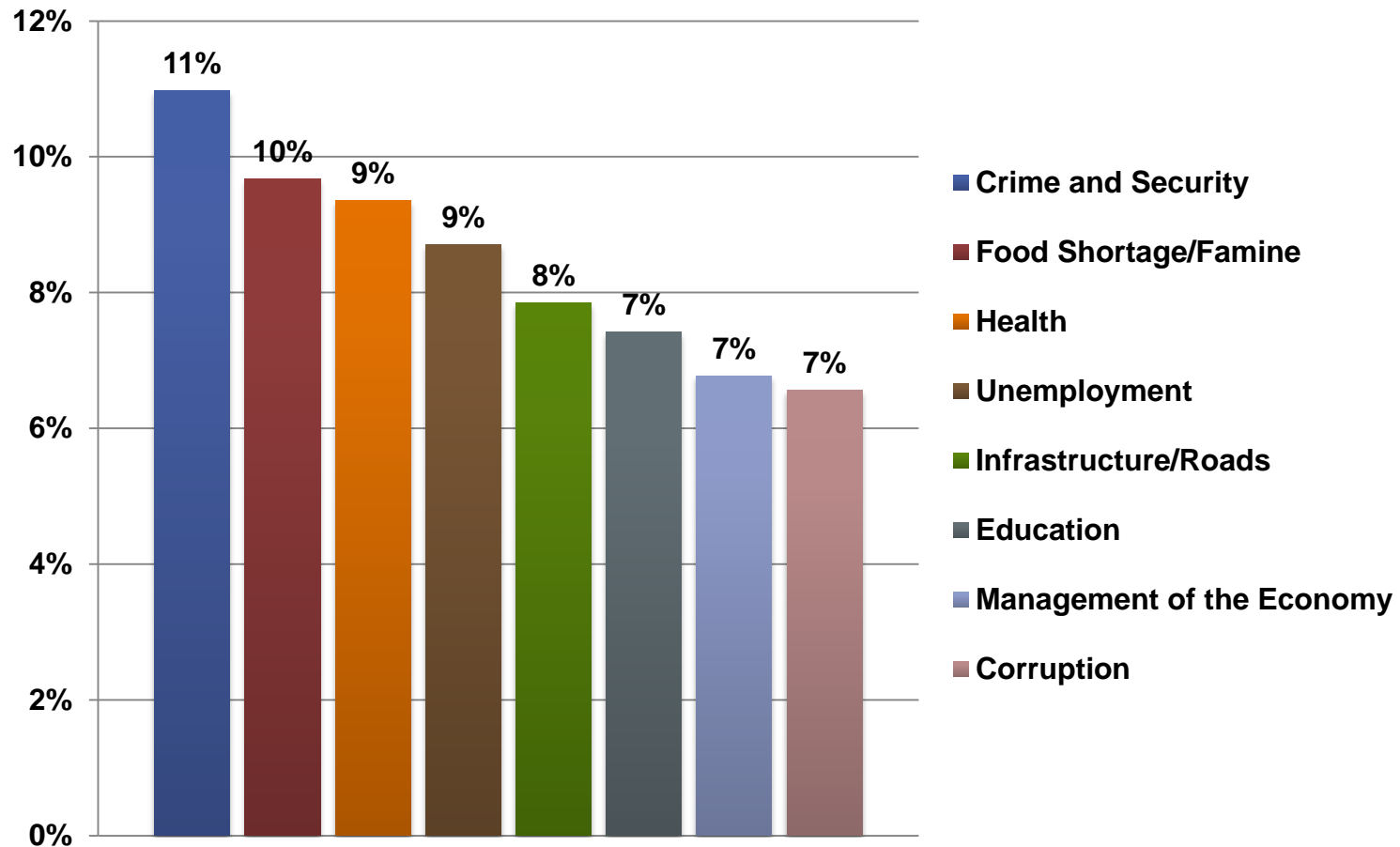
## Do you feel that South Sudan is generally heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?



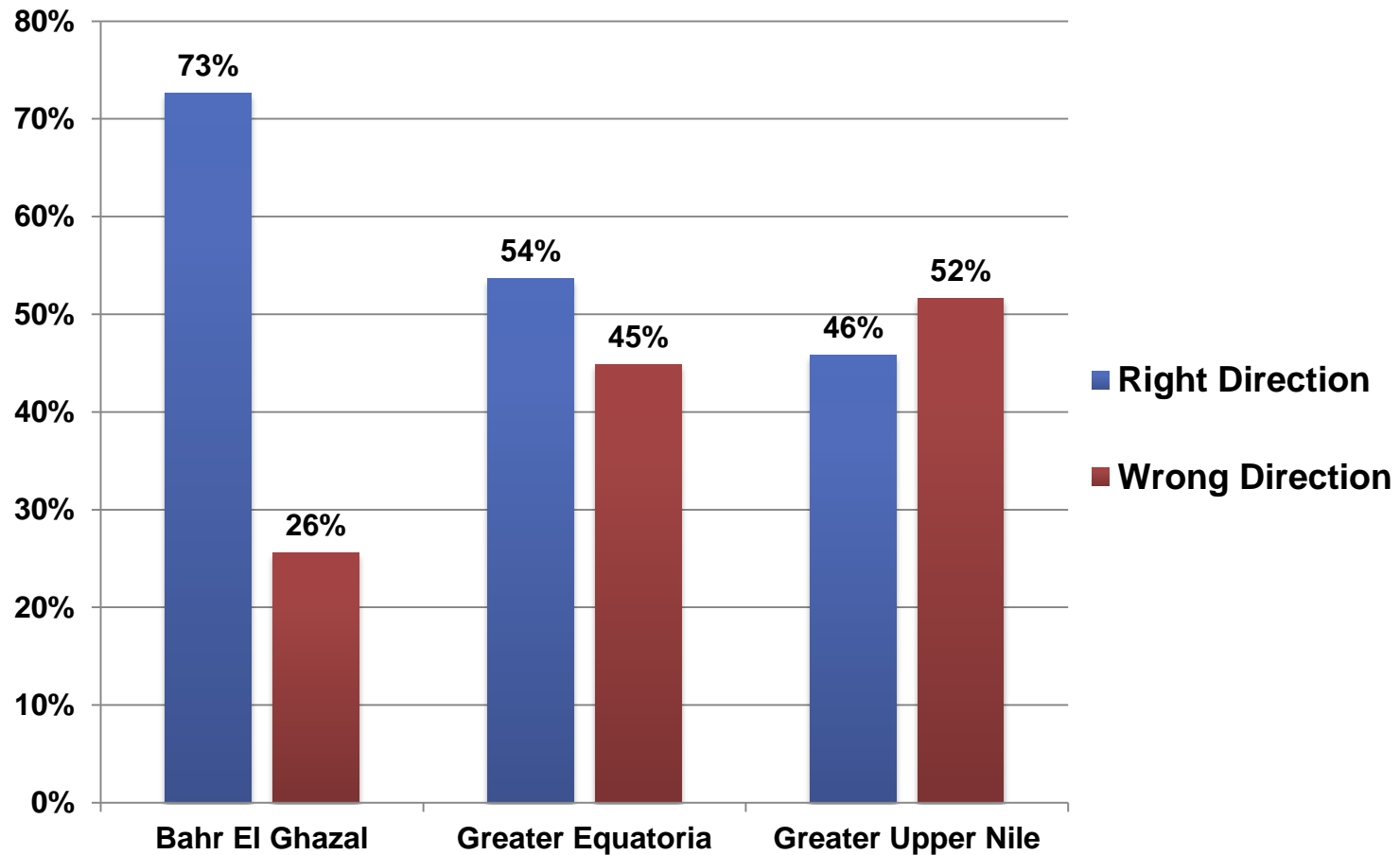
# Why do you say that the country is heading in the right direction? N = 1,239



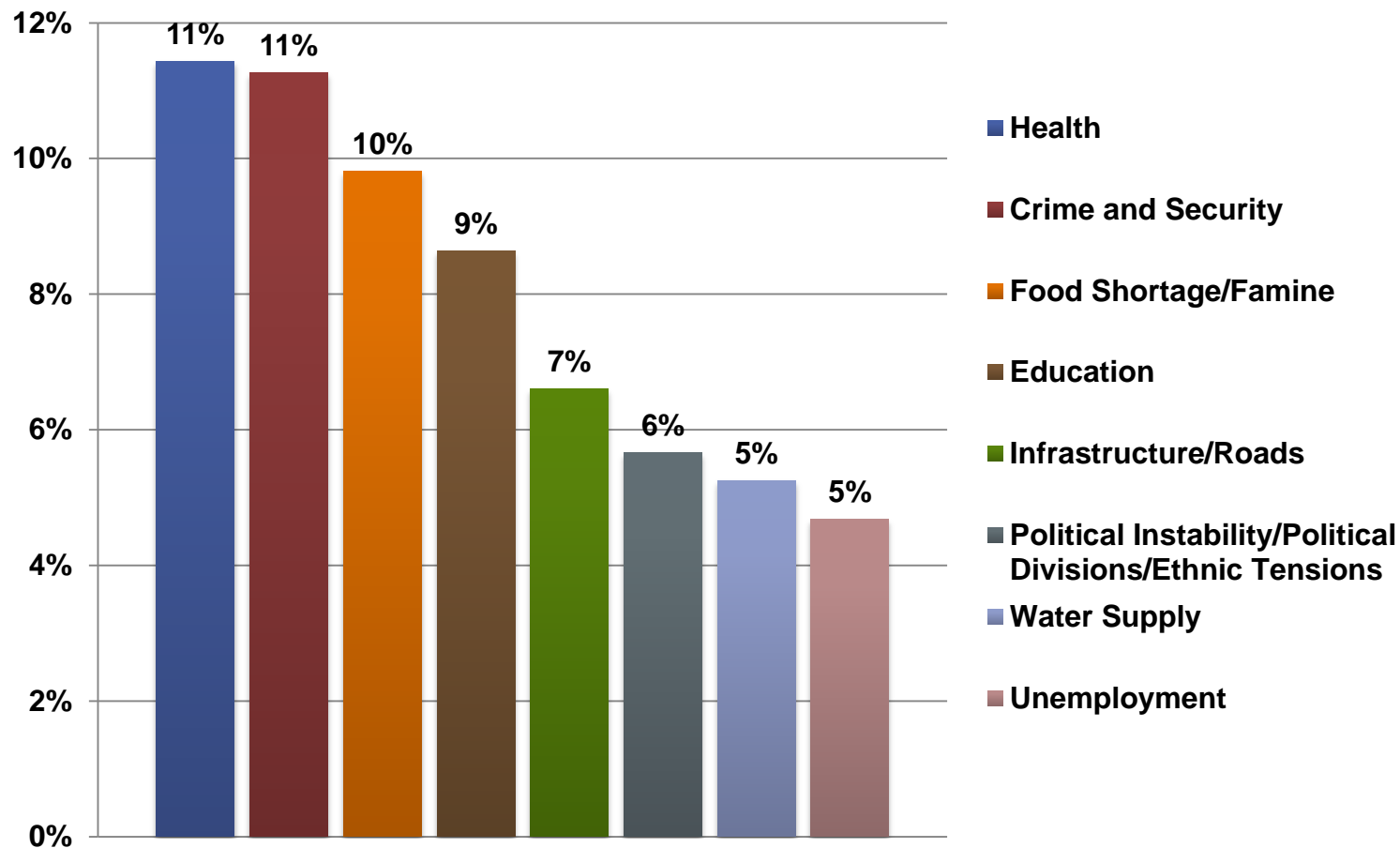
# Why do you say that the country is heading in the wrong direction? N = 921



## Do you feel that South Sudan is generally heading in the right direction or the wrong direction? (by region)



# In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country?





# Indicators



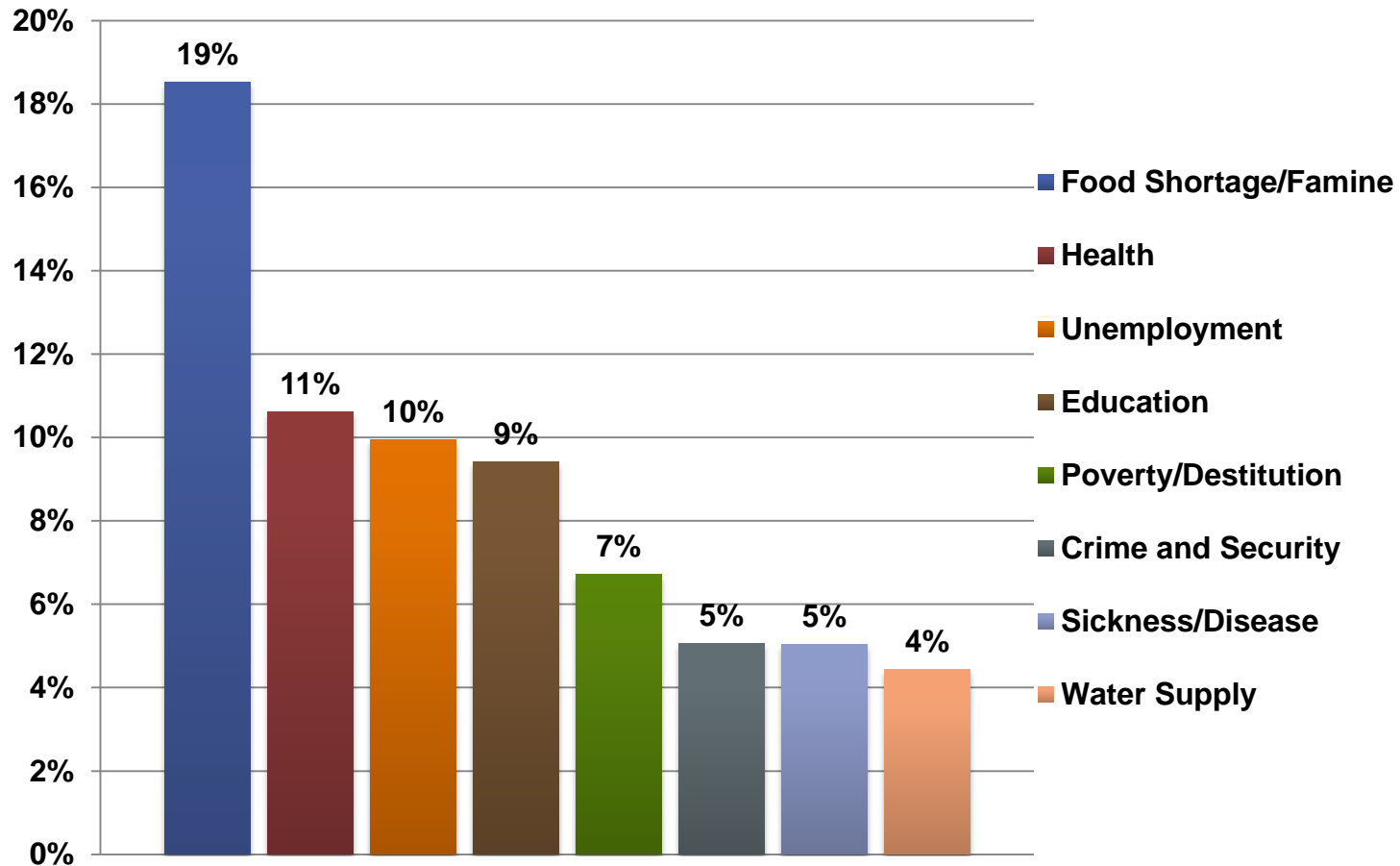
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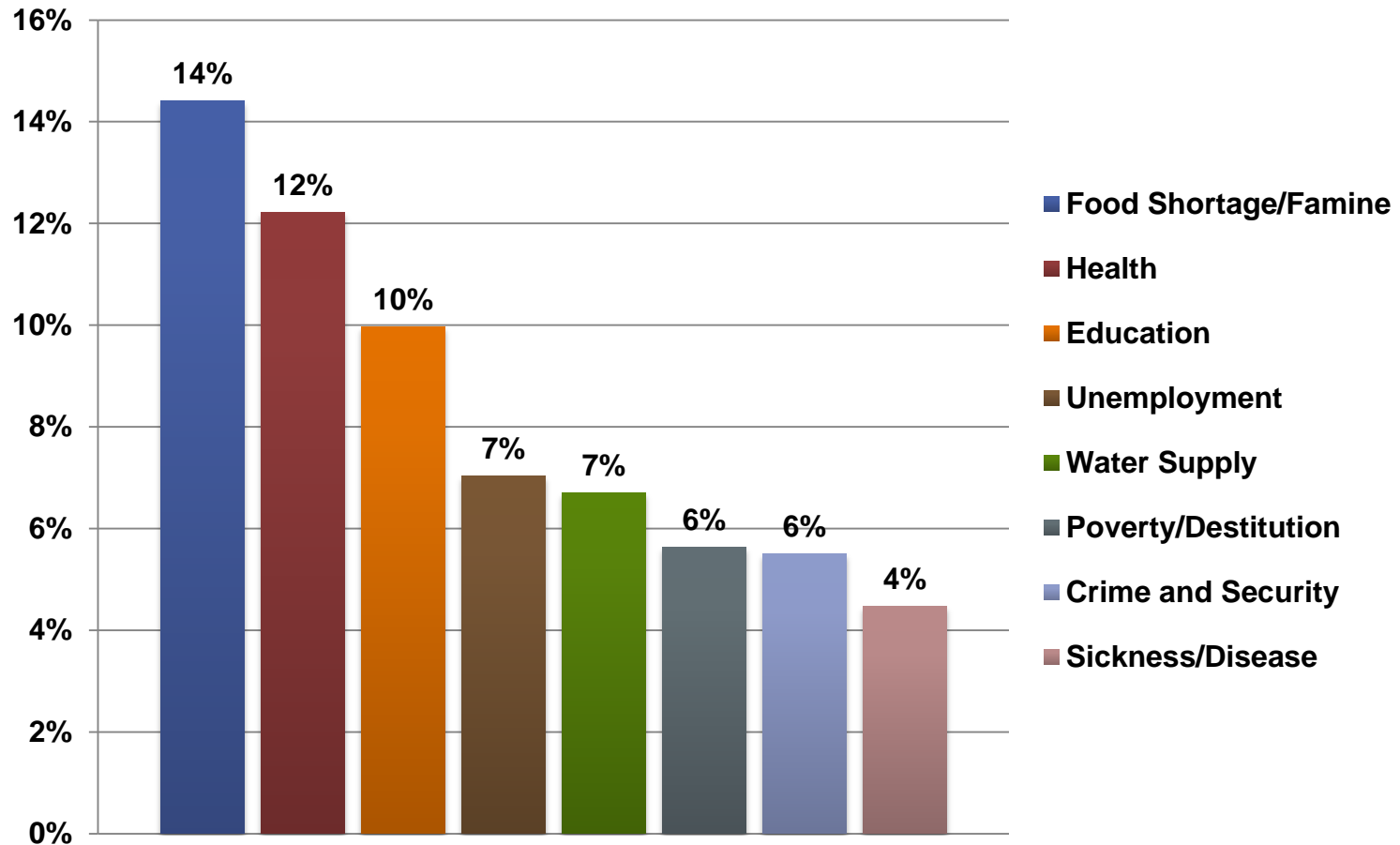
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## *First Top Concerns*



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## *Second Top Concerns*





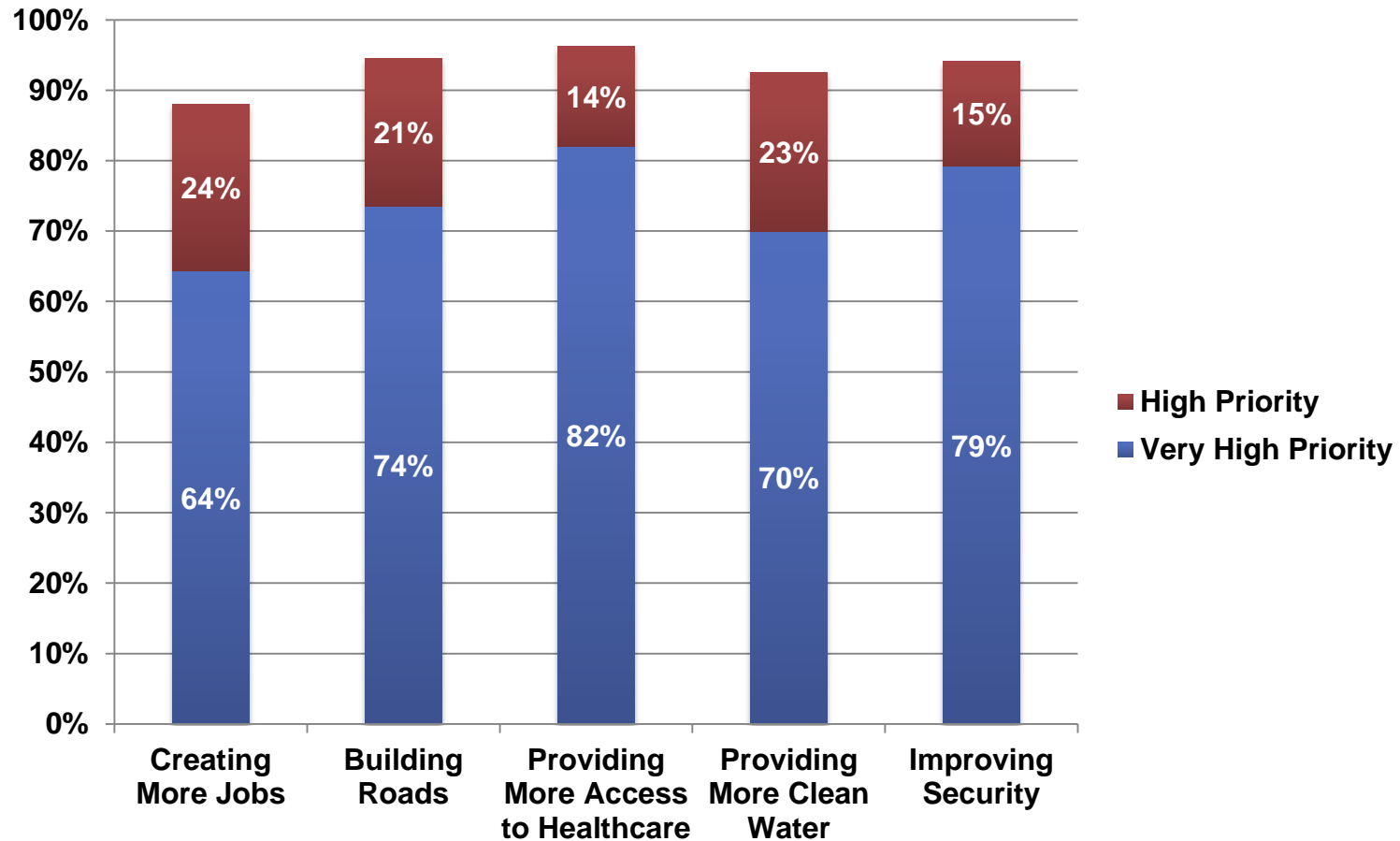
# What top issues or concerns do you feel most impact your daily life or family?

First Concern		Second Concern		Third Concern	
Food Shortage/Famine	19%	Food Shortage/Famine	14%	Health	11%
Health	11%	Health	12%	Education	9%
Unemployment	10%	Education	10%	Food Shortage/Famine	8%
Education	9%	Unemployment	7%	Water Supply	7%
Poverty/Destitution	7%	Water Supply	7%	Sickness/Disease	6%
Crime and Security	5%	Poverty/Destitution	6%	Crime and Security	6%
Sickness/Disease	5%	Crime and Security	6%	Unemployment	5%
Wages/Incomes and Salaries	5%	Sickness/Disease	4%	Poverty/Destitution	4%



# National Priorities

Now, I'm going to read you a list of things that the government could try to do. For each one, please tell me whether you think it is a very high priority, a priority, a low priority or a very low priority for the government. Please keep in mind that there is not enough money for the government to do everything at once.



**For each institution and individual, please tell me whether you think very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorably about them.**

	Very Favorably	Favorably	Unfavorably	Very Unfavorably
The President	50%	32%	10%	4%
The Parliament	31%	40%	14%	6%
South Sudanese Armed Forces (Former SPLA)	49%	32%	11%	5%
Your State's Governor	24%	32%	18%	20%
Women Politicians	36%	35%	13%	7%
Your State's Government	24%	36%	21%	12%
Opposition Political Parties	20%	33%	20%	11%
The Police	37%	35%	15%	9%
Judges and the Courts	32%	37%	15%	10%
Your Tribal Leaders	39%	39%	13%	5%
Foreign Government Officials	39%	38%	9%	4%
Foreign NGOs	57%	28%	6%	4%
South Sudanese Who Lived in Sudan (North) and are Now Coming Back	46%	30%	12%	8%
South Sudanese Returning from Another Country	50%	34%	8%	5%

**For each institution and individual, please tell me whether you think very favorably or favorably about them. (by region)**

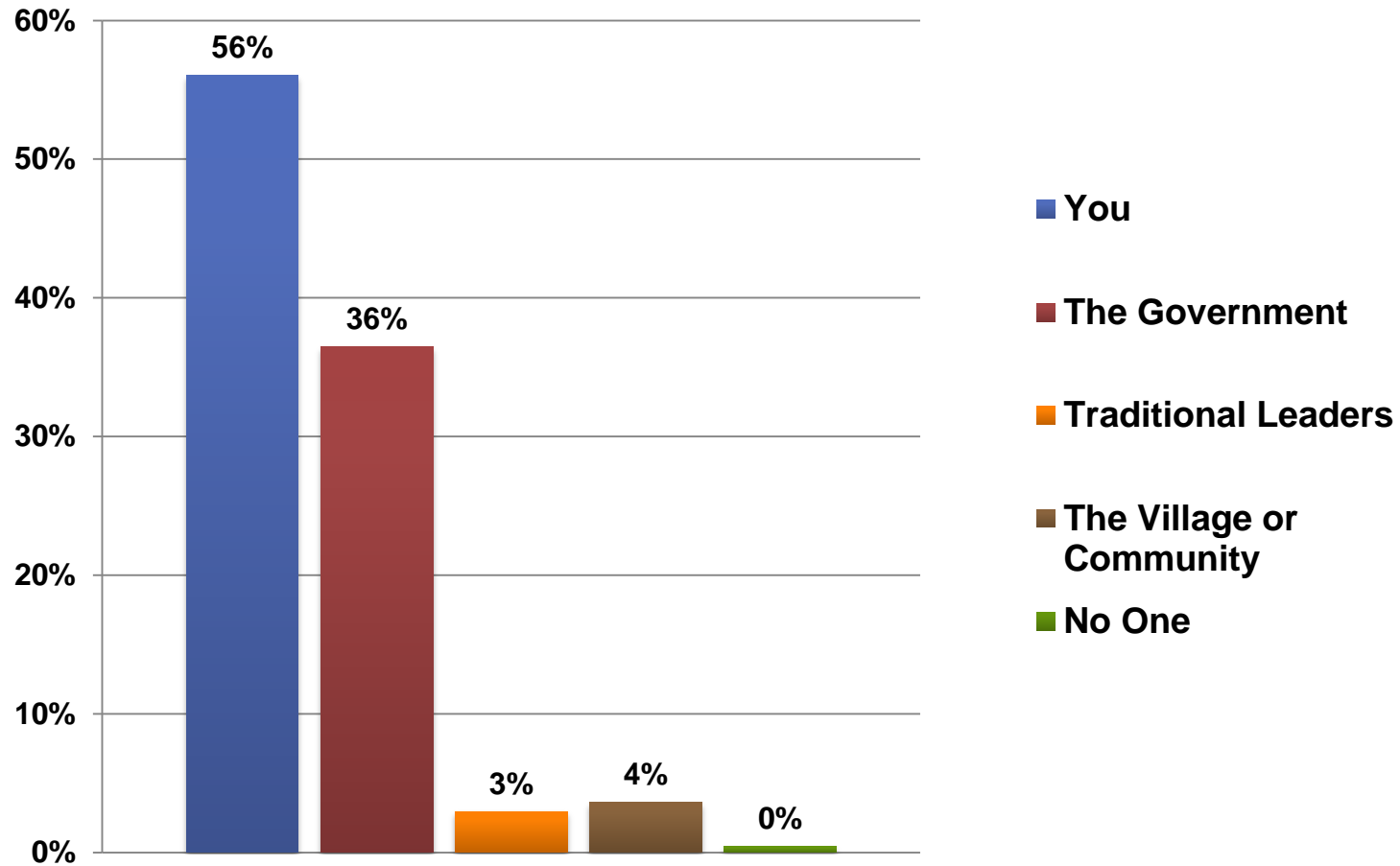
		Bahr El Ghazal	Greater Equatoria	Greater Upper Nile
The President	Very Favorably	79%	40%	32%
	Favorably	17%	40%	41%
The Parliament	Very Favorably	40%	24%	28%
	Favorably	35%	46%	40%
South Sudanese Armed Forces	Very Favorably	66%	36%	42%
	Favorably	22%	43%	30%
Opposition Political Parties	Very Favorably	22%	15%	21%
	Favorably	30%	33%	35%
South Sudanese Who Lived in Sudan (North)	Very Favorably	55%	33%	44%
	Favorably	27%	40%	26%
South Sudanese Returning from Another Country	Very Favorably	57%	40%	50%
	Favorably	32%	43%	29%

# Land Ownership

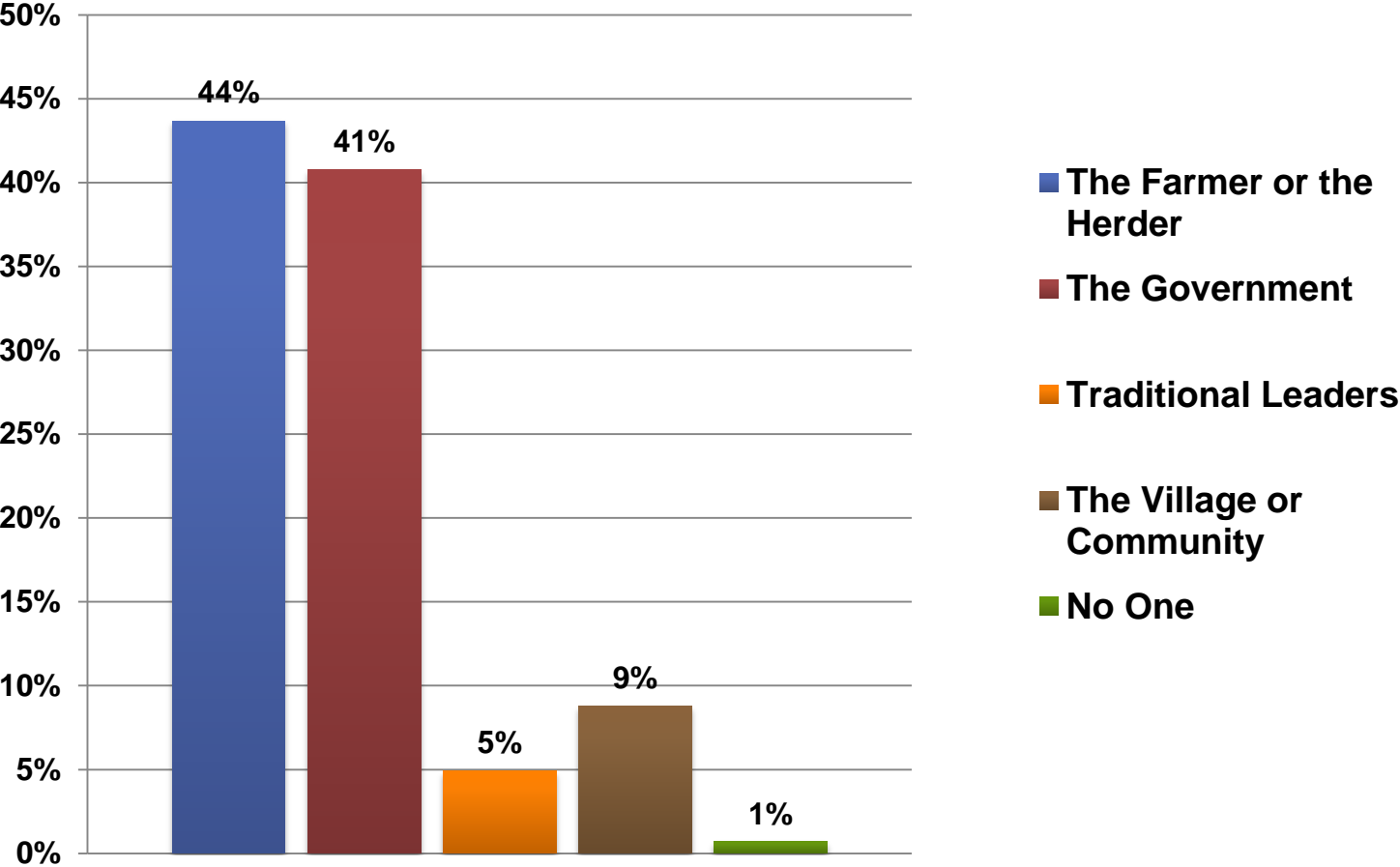


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# Thinking of the land under your house, it should be owned by...?



# How about farm land or grazing land? Who should own it?







# Provision of Services

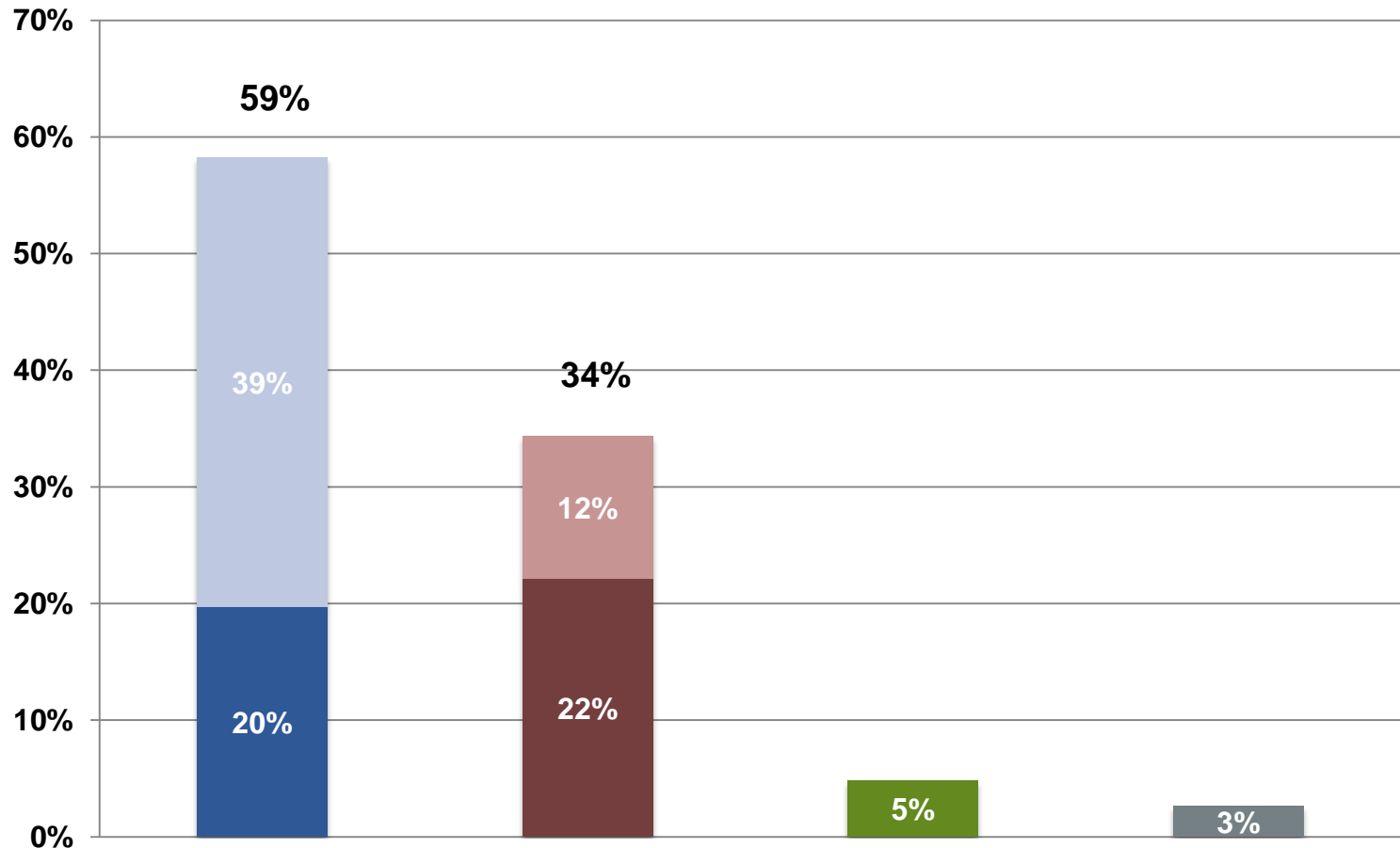
# Who do you think actually has primary responsibility for managing each of the following tasks?

	National Government	State Government	Local Government	Traditional Leaders	Members of the Community
Building Roads/Hospitals and Schools	67%	22%	6%	2%	2%
Keeping the Community Clean	8%	17%	30%	9%	34%
Managing Schools	23%	31%	30%	6%	8%
Collecting Taxes	12%	22%	43%	17%	3%
Solving Local Disputes	10%	10%	26%	42%	11%
Allocating Land	16%	26%	34%	16%	7%
Protecting Rivers and Forest	37%	24%	25%	6%	5%
Providing Security	53%	28%	13%	3%	2%



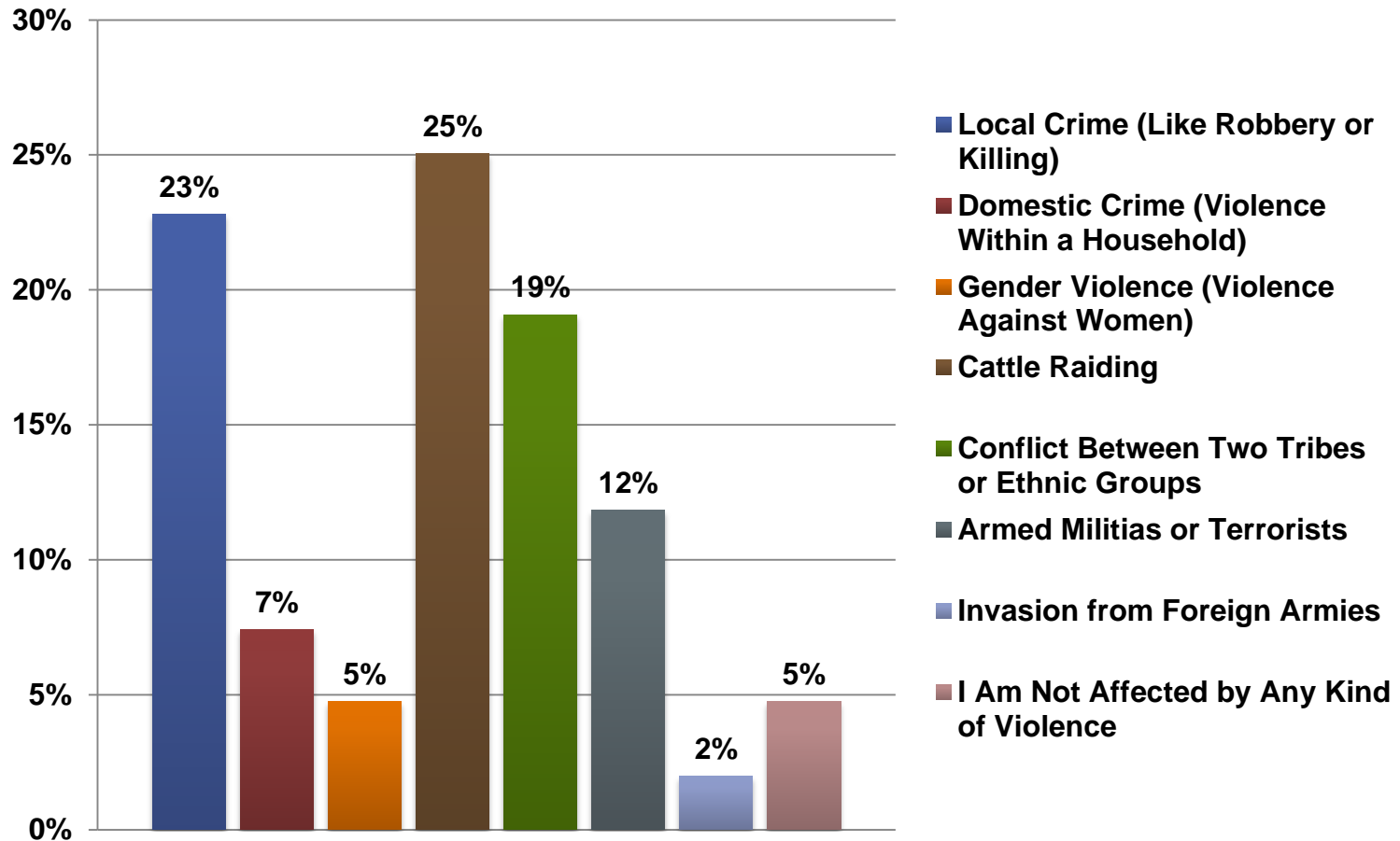
# Security

# Over the last year, would you say that security in South Sudan has gotten...?



**Much Better**   **Somewhat Better**   **Much Worse**   **Somewhat Worse**   **Same**   **Don't Know/No Response**

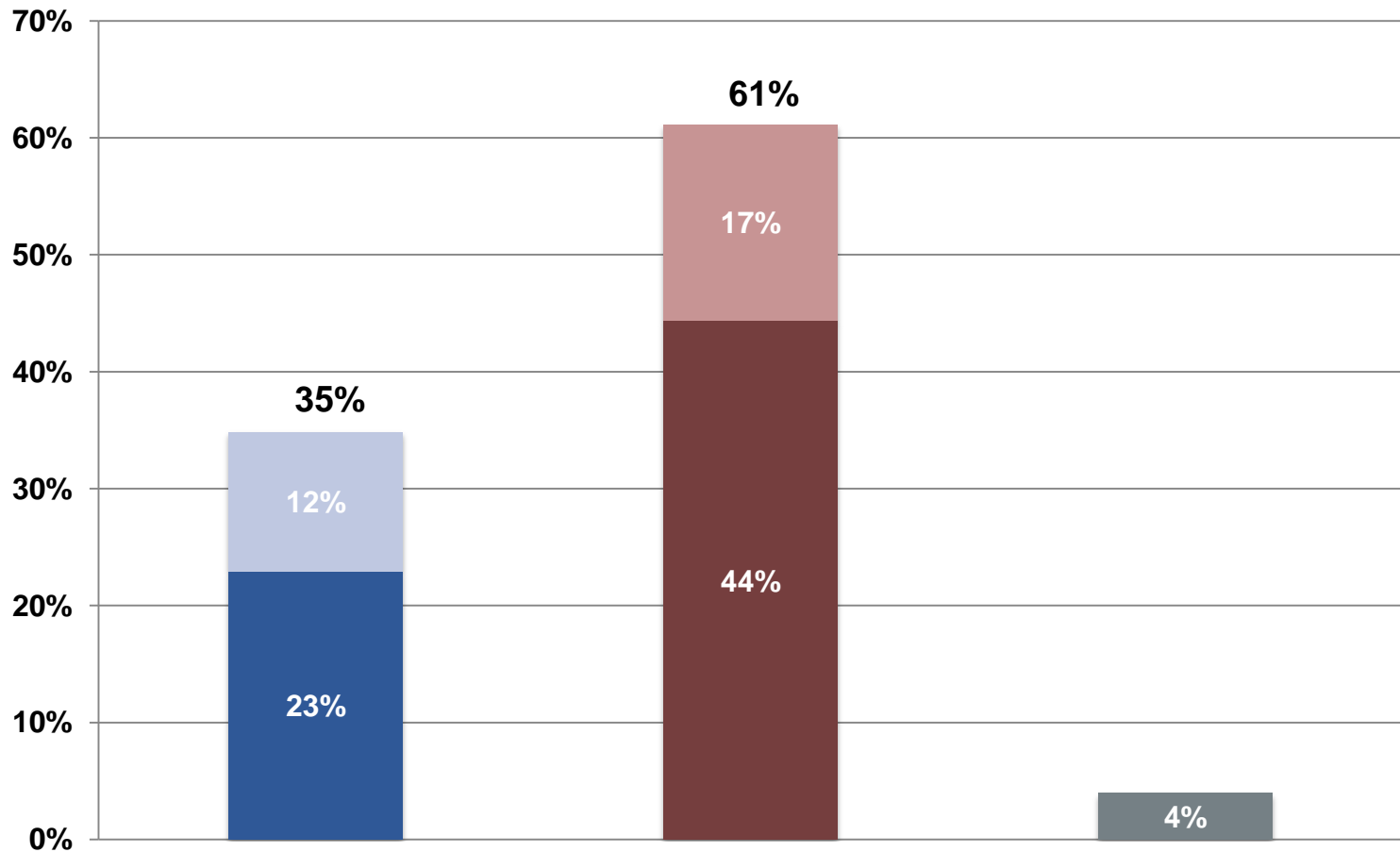
# In some areas of South Sudan, violence is a major concern for people. Which of the following types of violence concerns you the most in your daily life?





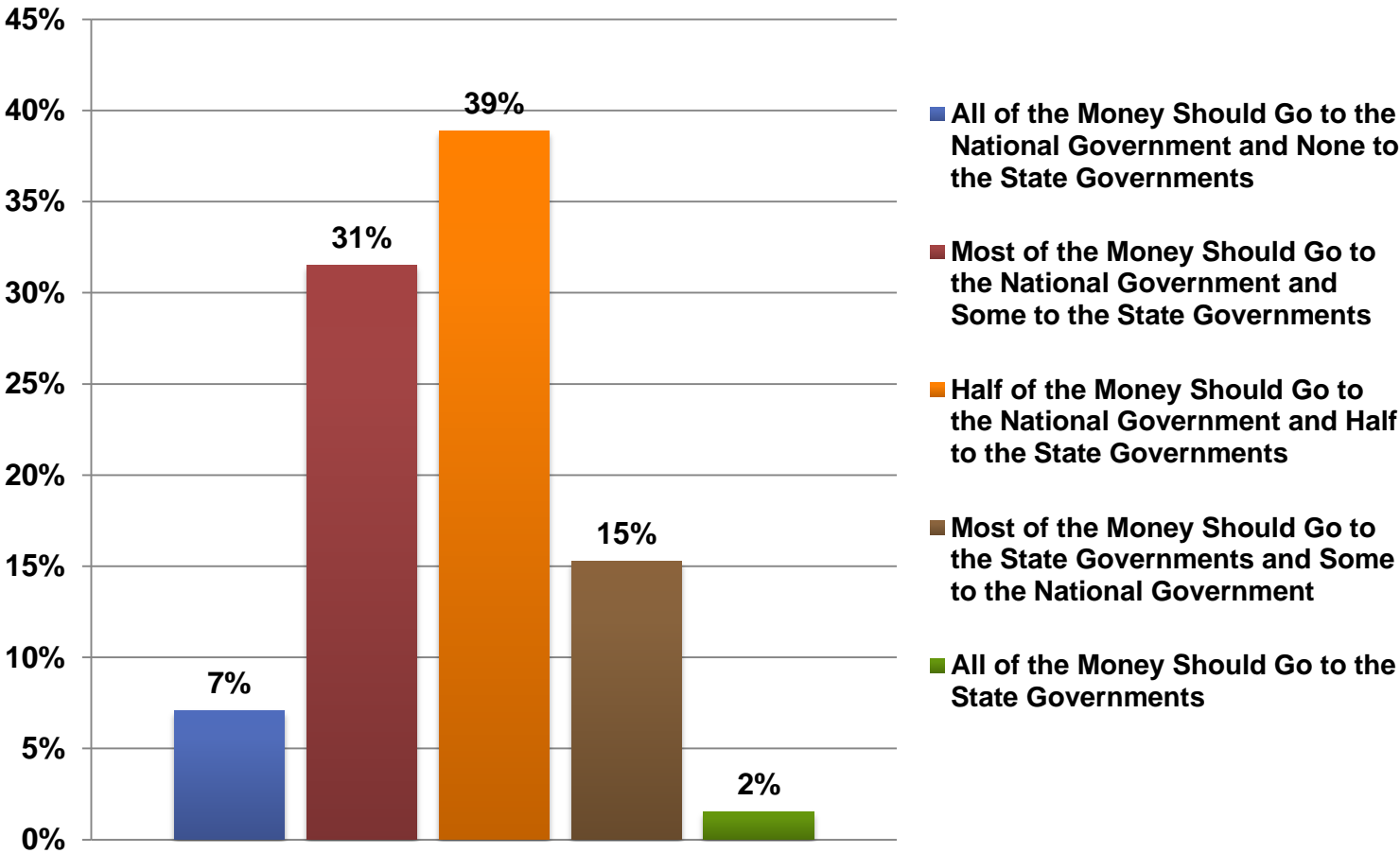
# Federalism

# Would you prefer that the state governments were stronger or the national government is stronger?



Strongly Prefer State Somewhat Prefer State Somewhat Prefer National Strongly Prefer National Don't Know/No Response

# Thinking of the money from oil and other sources going to these two levels of government, do you think that...?



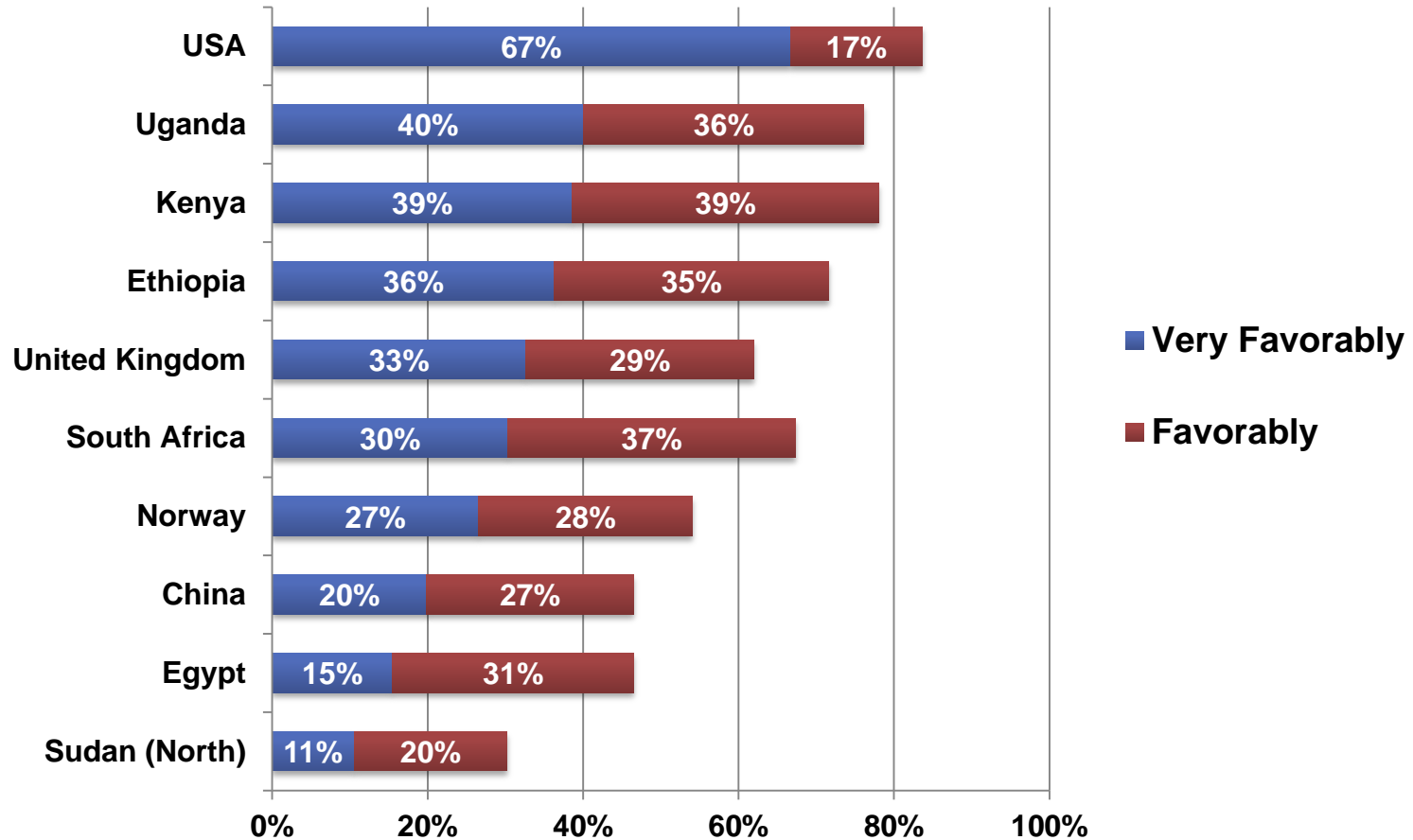


# International Attachments



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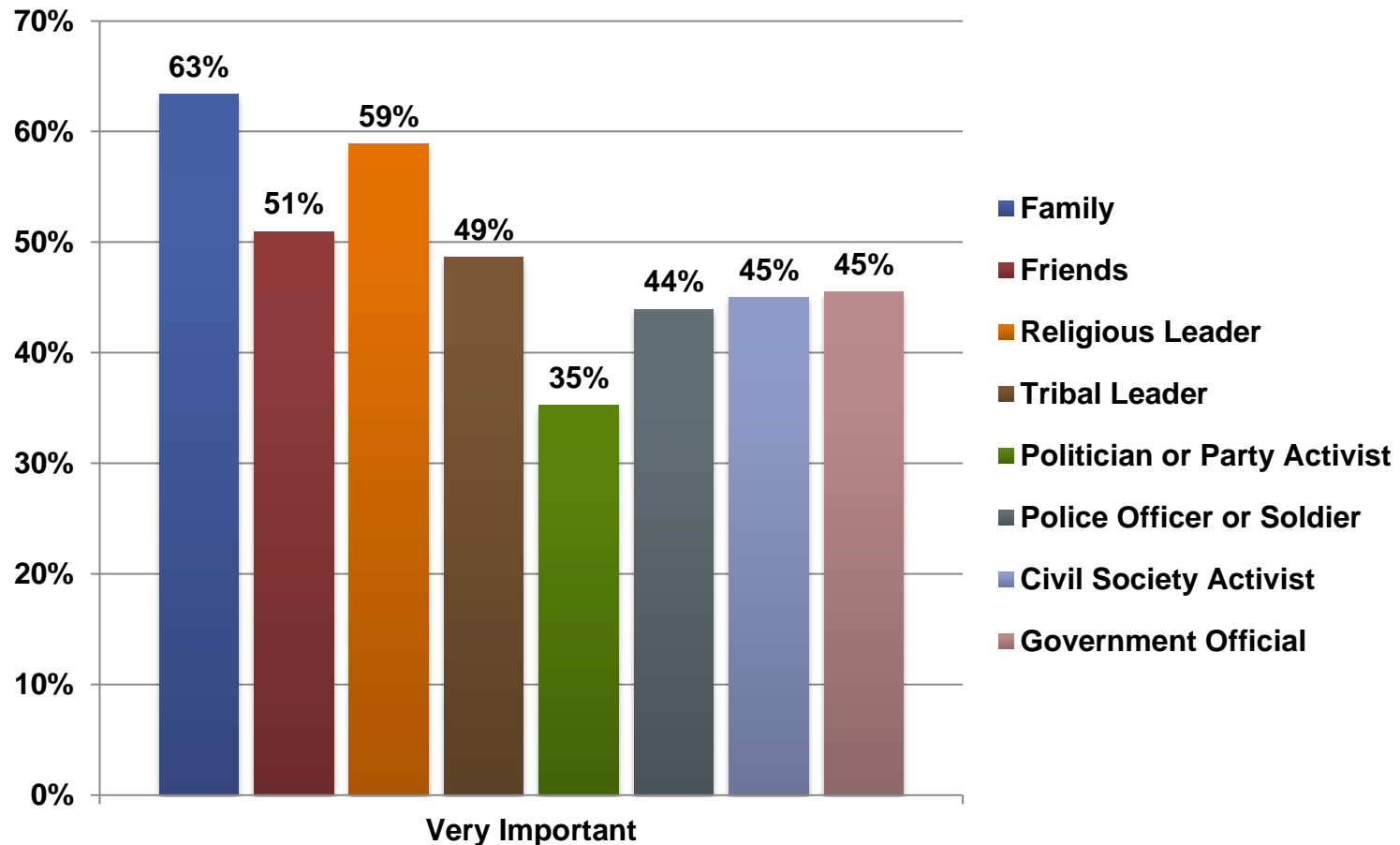
Now, I'm going to read you a list of countries. For each one, please tell me whether you think very favorably or favorably about them.





# Voting Behaviors

# When voting in an election or a referendum, how important to you personally is advice from the following types of people?



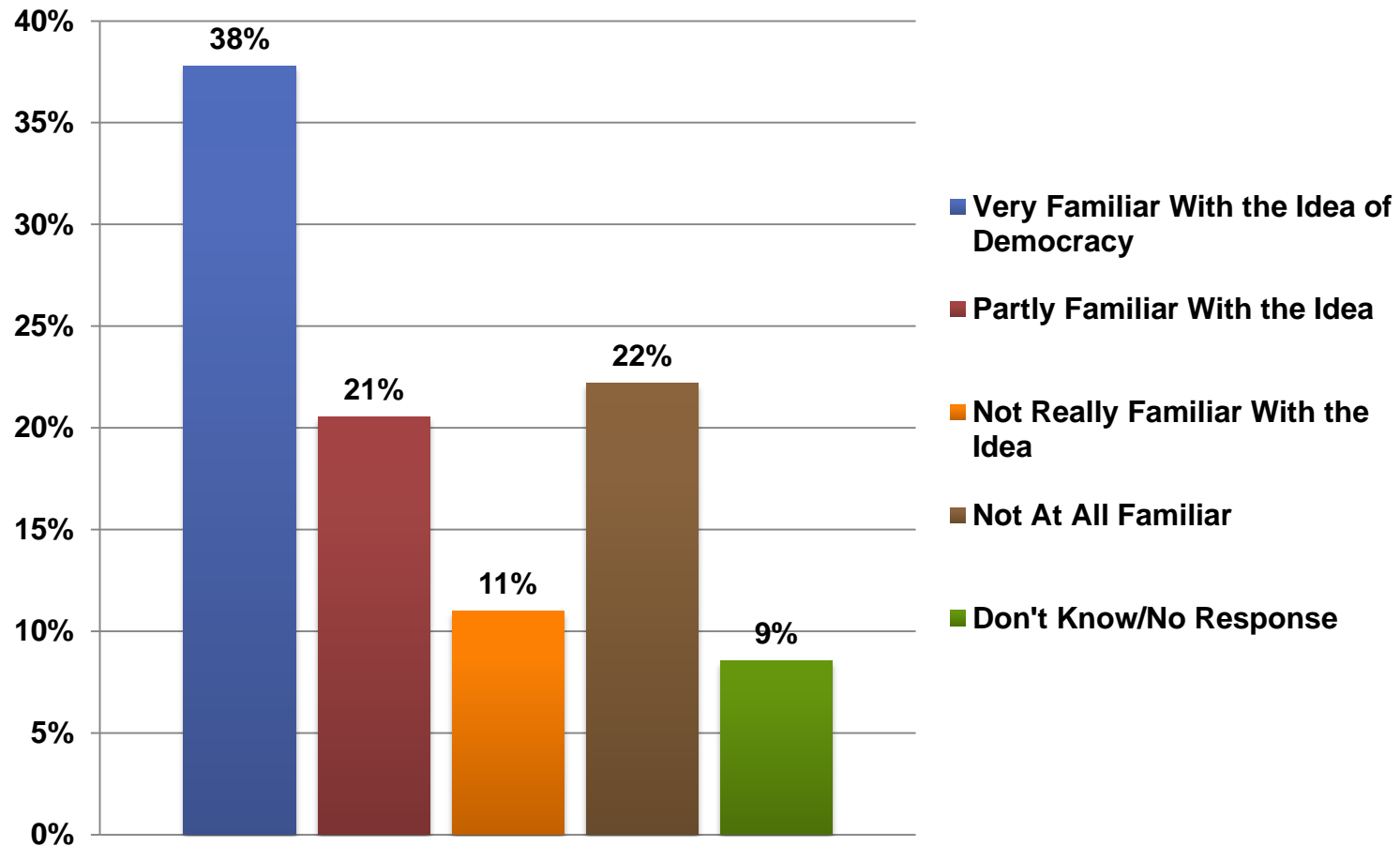
# In an election, how likely would you vote for the following people?

	Very Likely	Likely
South Sudanese Returning from Another Country	38%	32%
South Sudanese Returning from Northern Sudan	28%	30%
A Person from Your Tribe or Ethnic Group	42%	38%
A Person from Another Tribe or Ethnic Group	38%	40%
A Woman	53%	33%
A Person Younger Than 35	37%	31%
A Person from Your Political Party	41%	35%
A Person from Your Religious Background	47%	36%



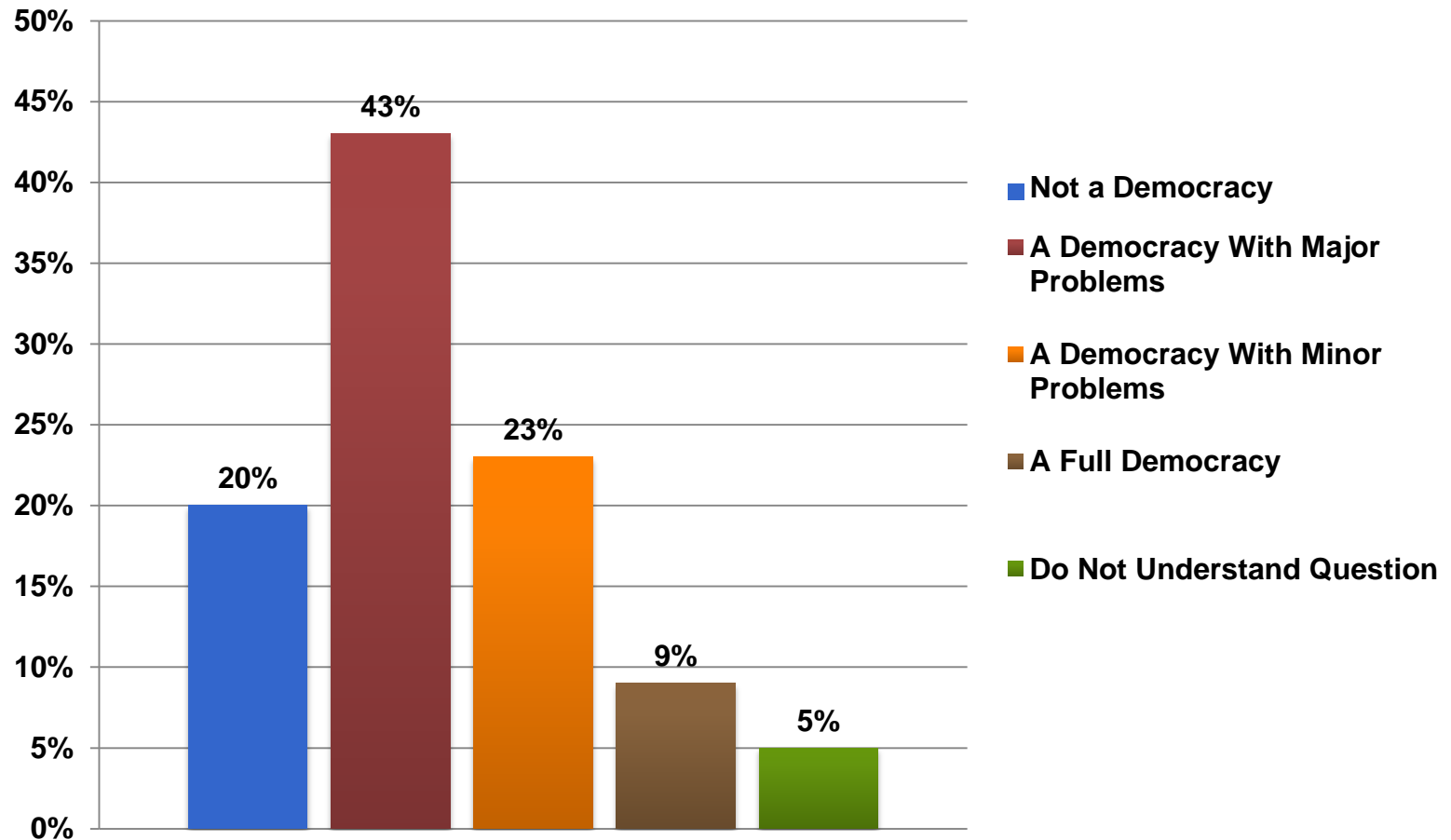
# Democracy Attitudes

## Turning to another topic, the idea of democratic government, please tell me if you feel that you are...



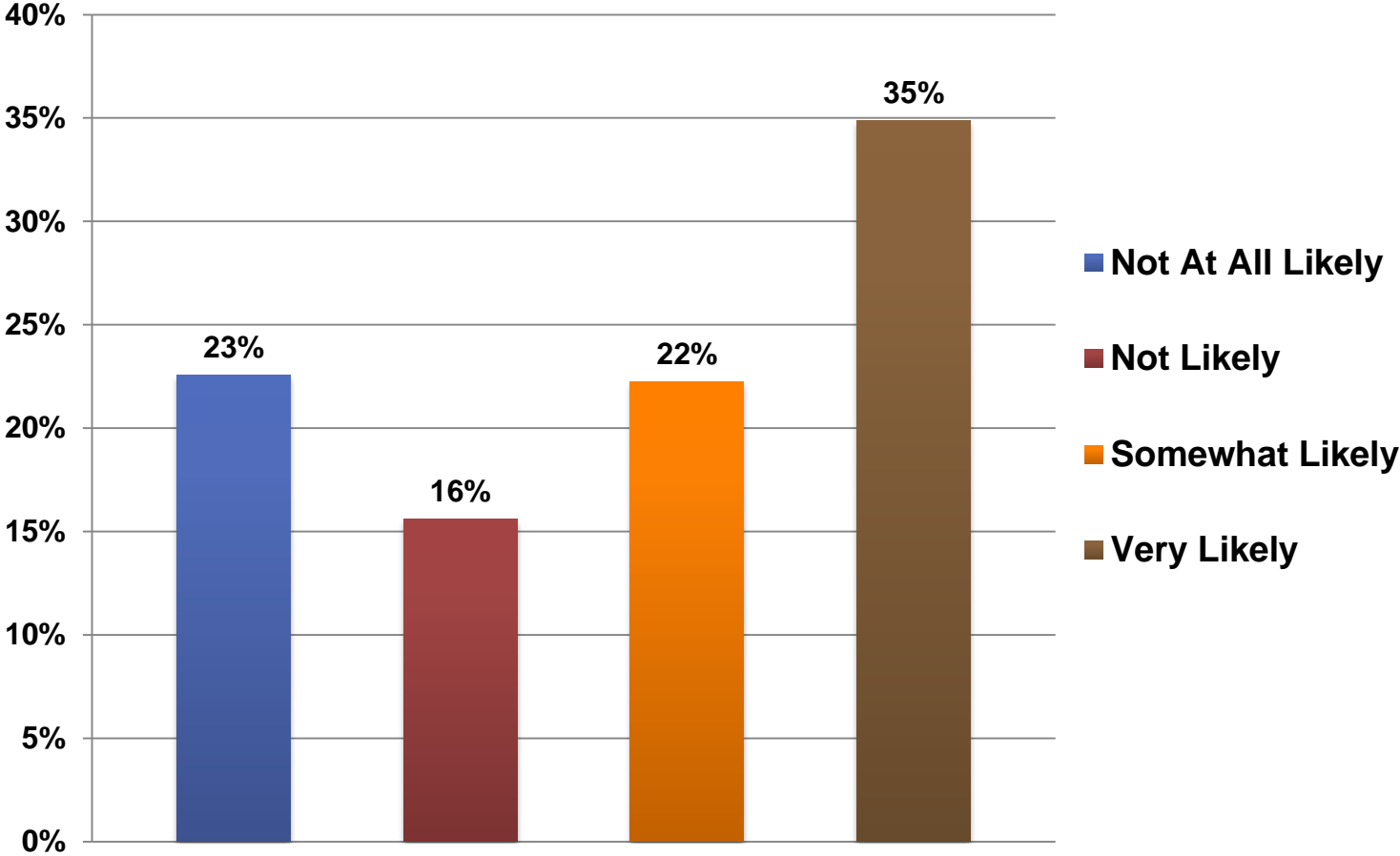
# In your opinion, how much of a democracy is South Sudan today?

N = 1,531 (responses of persons familiar with the concept of democracy)





# In your opinion, how likely is it that you can talk to your member of parliament in the SSLA about an important issue?



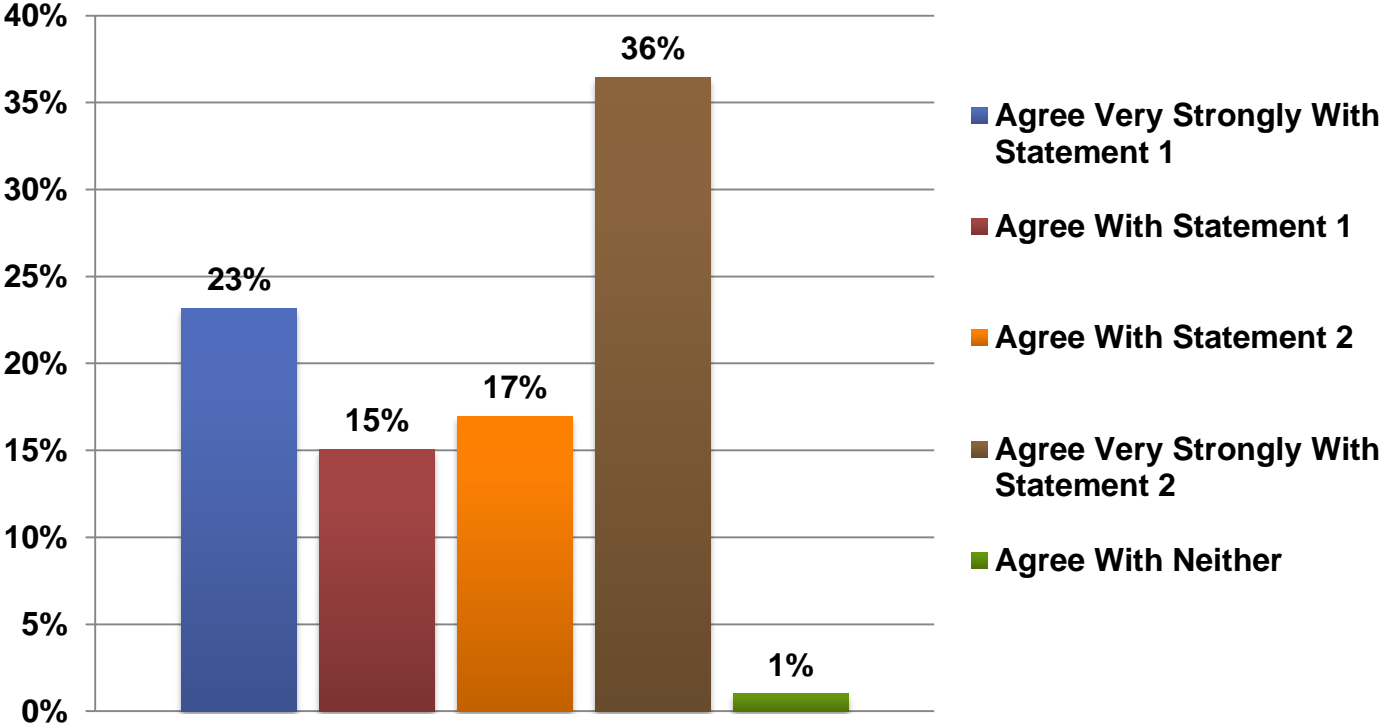
## Talking about officials in the national government, how much time...

	...should your Member of Parliament spend in this constituency to visit the community and its citizens?	...does your Member of Parliament spend in this constituency?
Almost All of Their Time	10%	5%
At Least Weekly	18%	20%
At Least Once A Month	43%	29%
At Least Once a Year	15%	18%
Never	10%	20%

# Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

**Statement 1: Political parties create division and confusion; it is therefore unnecessary to have many political parties in South Sudan.**

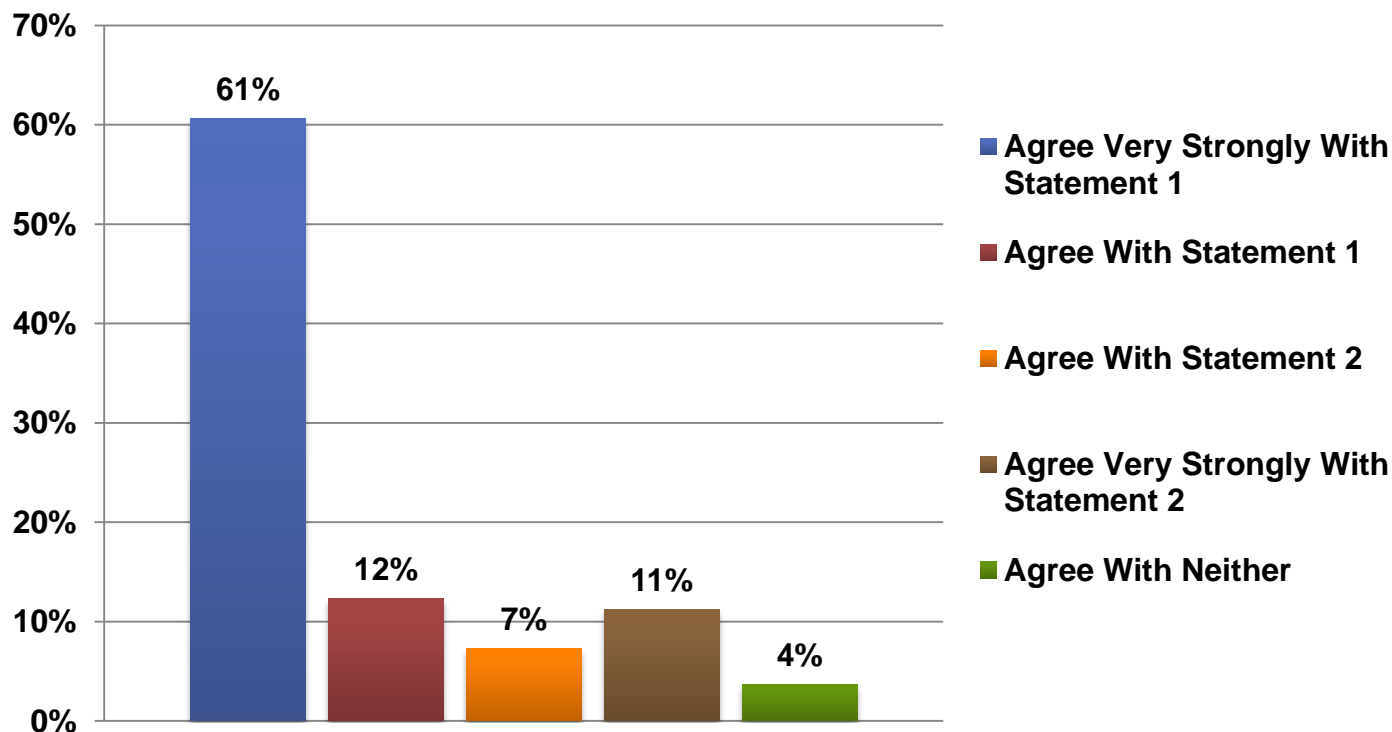
**Statement 2: Many political parties are needed to make sure that South Sudanese have real choices in who governs them.**



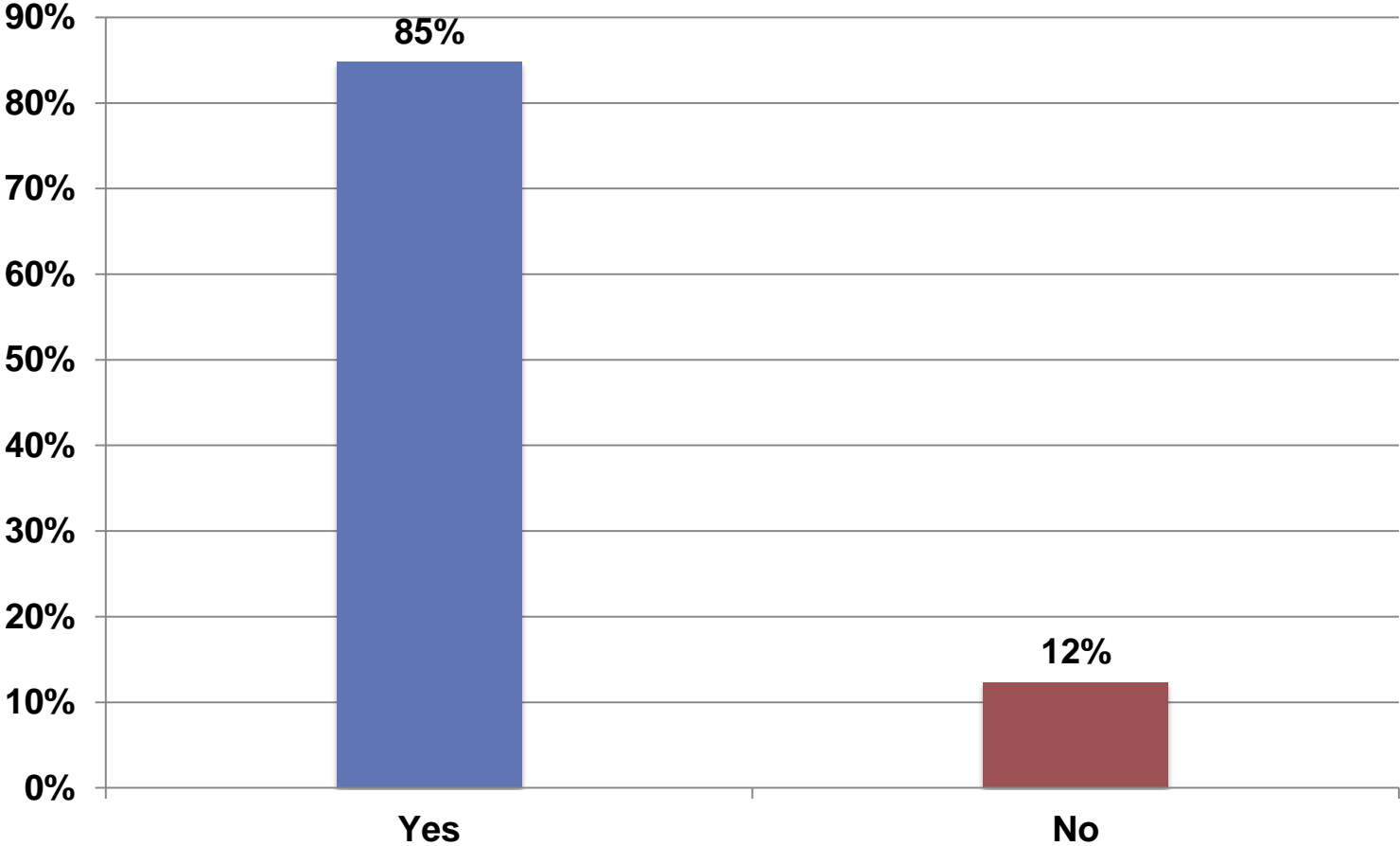
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**Statement 1: Members of Parliament represent the people; therefore they should make laws for this country, even if the President does not agree.**

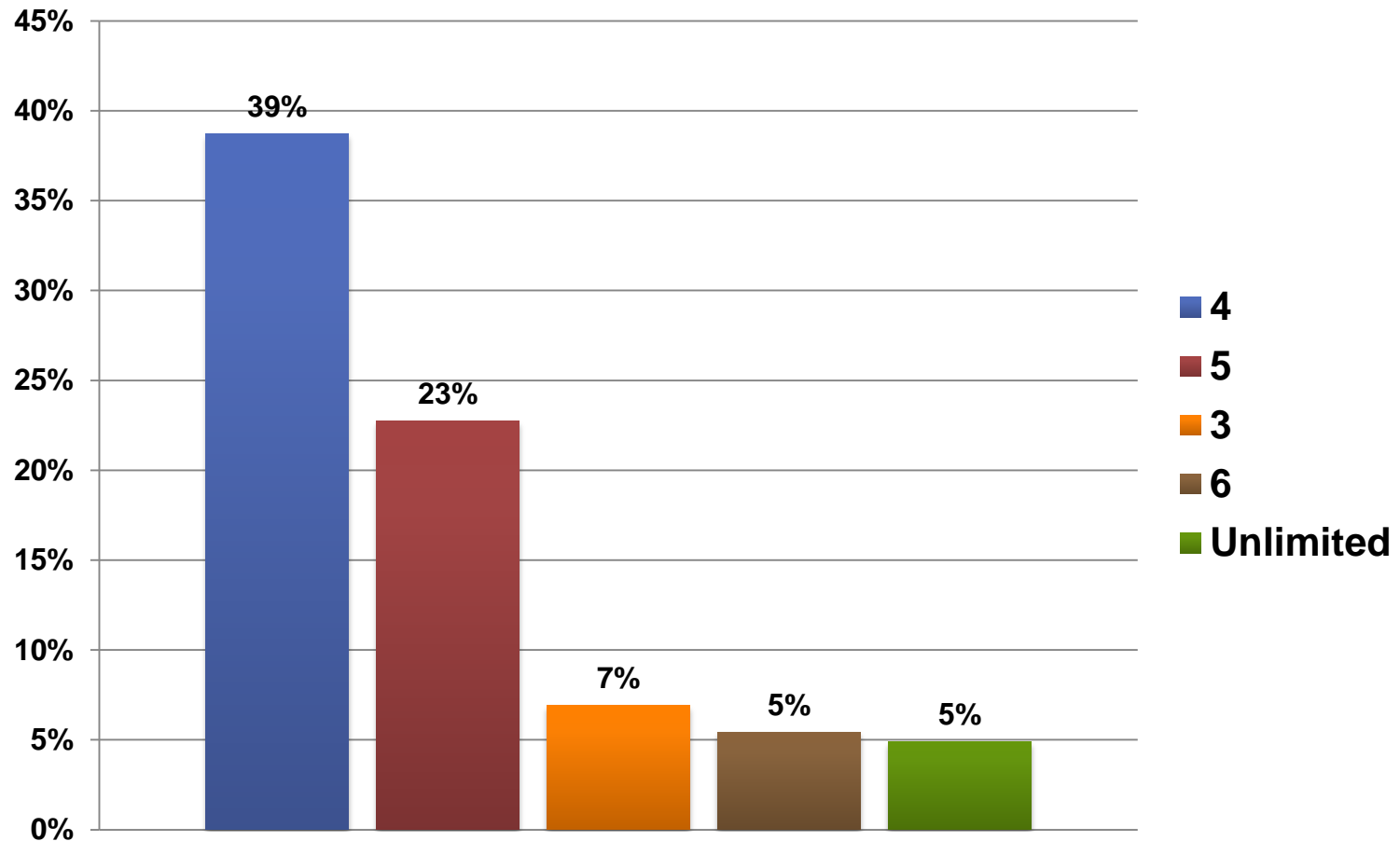
**Statement 2: Since the President represents all of us, he should pass laws without worrying about what Parliament thinks.**



# Do you think a constitution should limit the number of years an elected president is in office?



# How many years should an elected president be in office? Top Five Responses

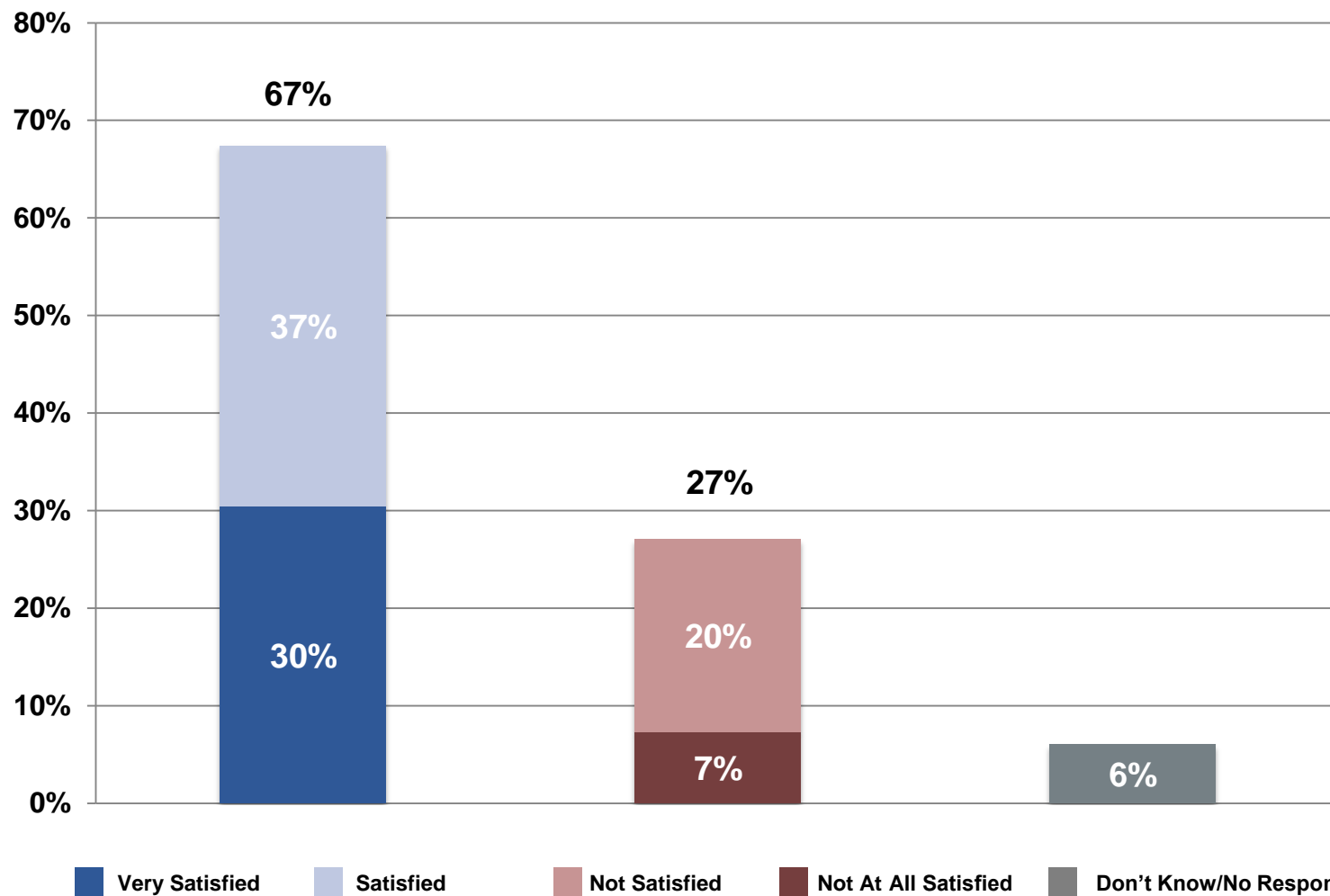


# Political Parties



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# How satisfied are you with the SPLM's performance as the ruling party?

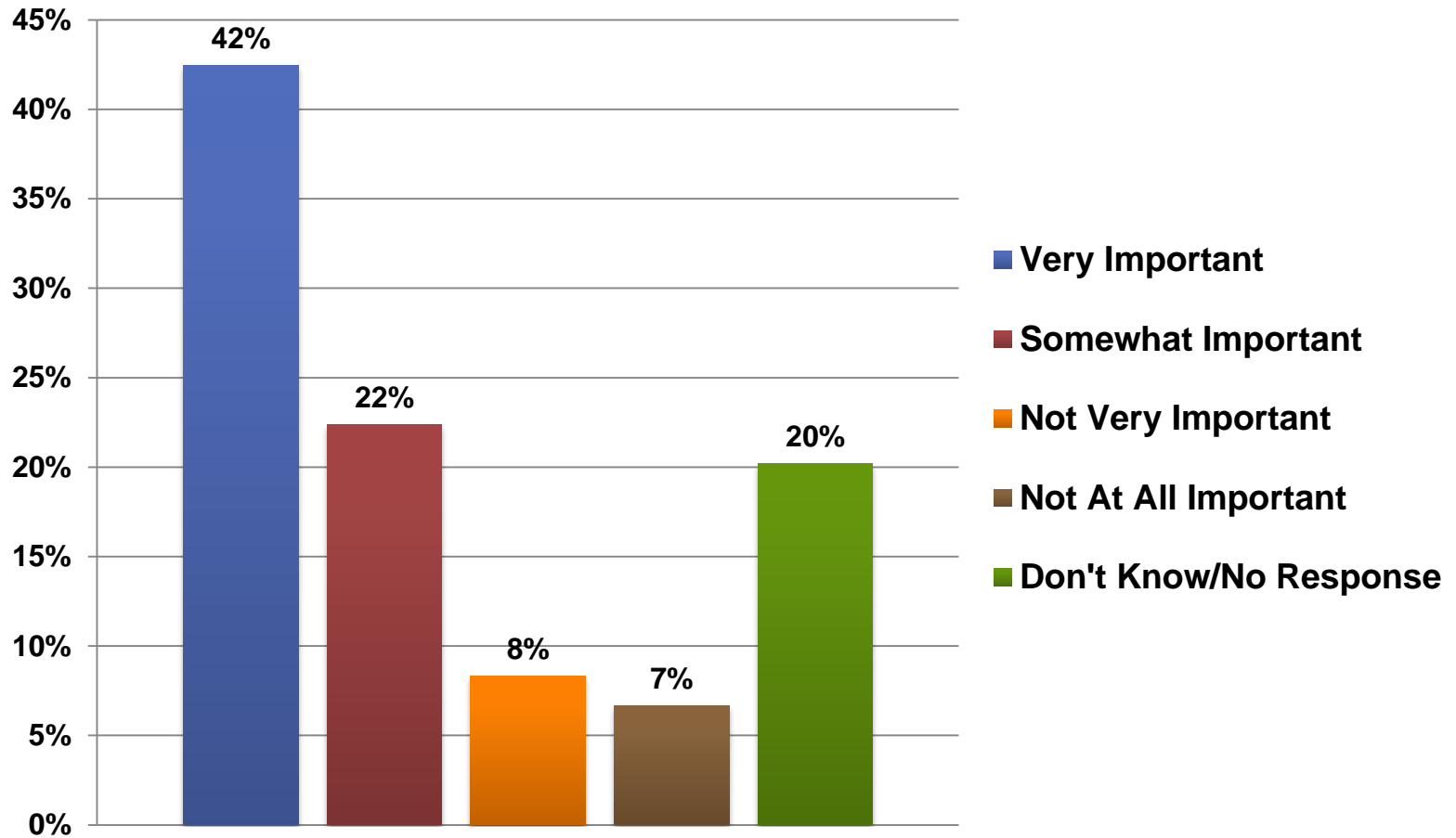




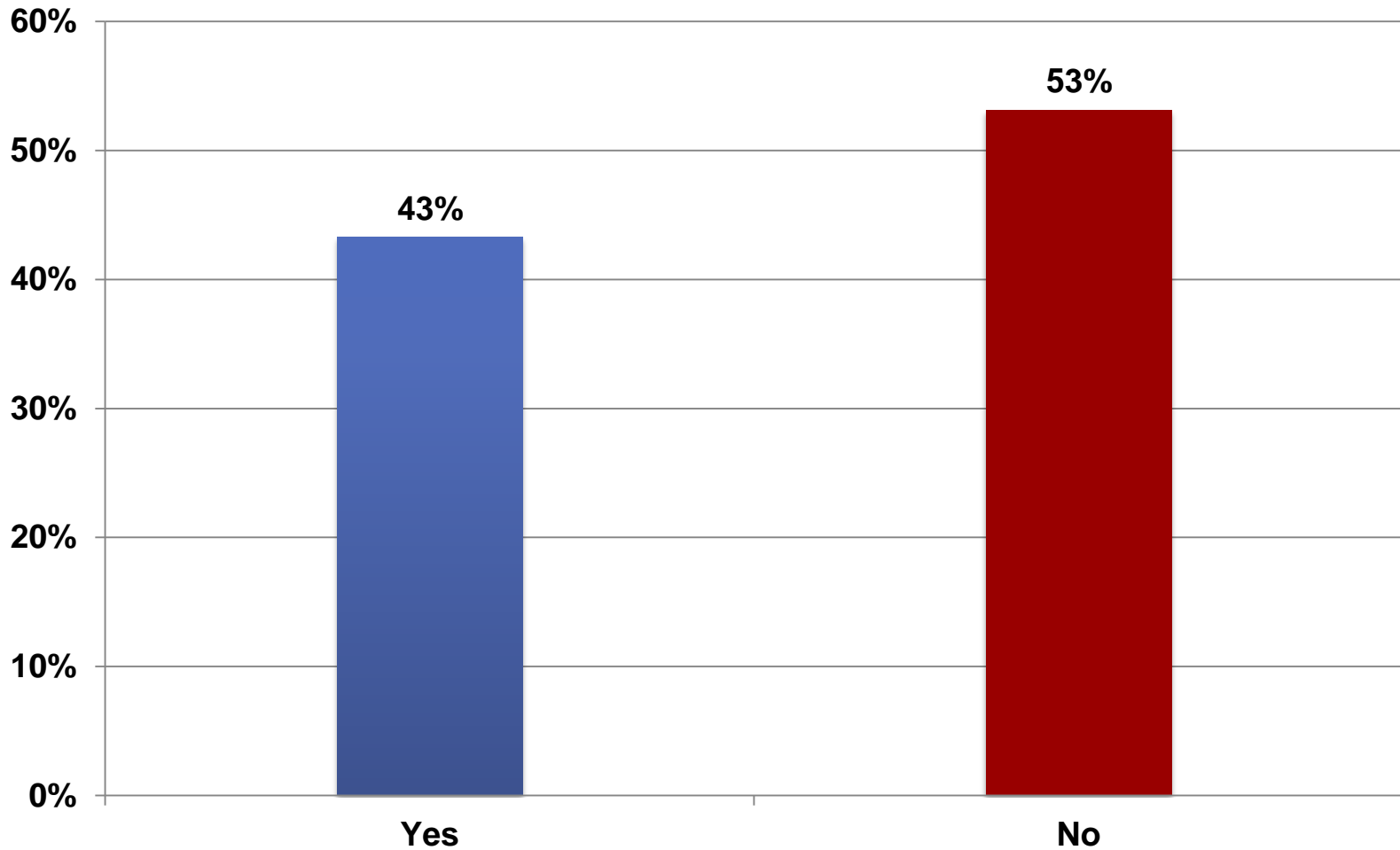
## How favorable are you towards the following political parties?

	Very Favorably	Favorably	Unfavorably	Very Unfavorably	Don't Know/No Response
<b>SPLM</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>UDF</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>UDSF</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>SSDF-Forum</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>SSDF-Front</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>UDSF-M</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>SPLM-DC</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>ANC</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>USAP</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>SANU</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>65%</b>

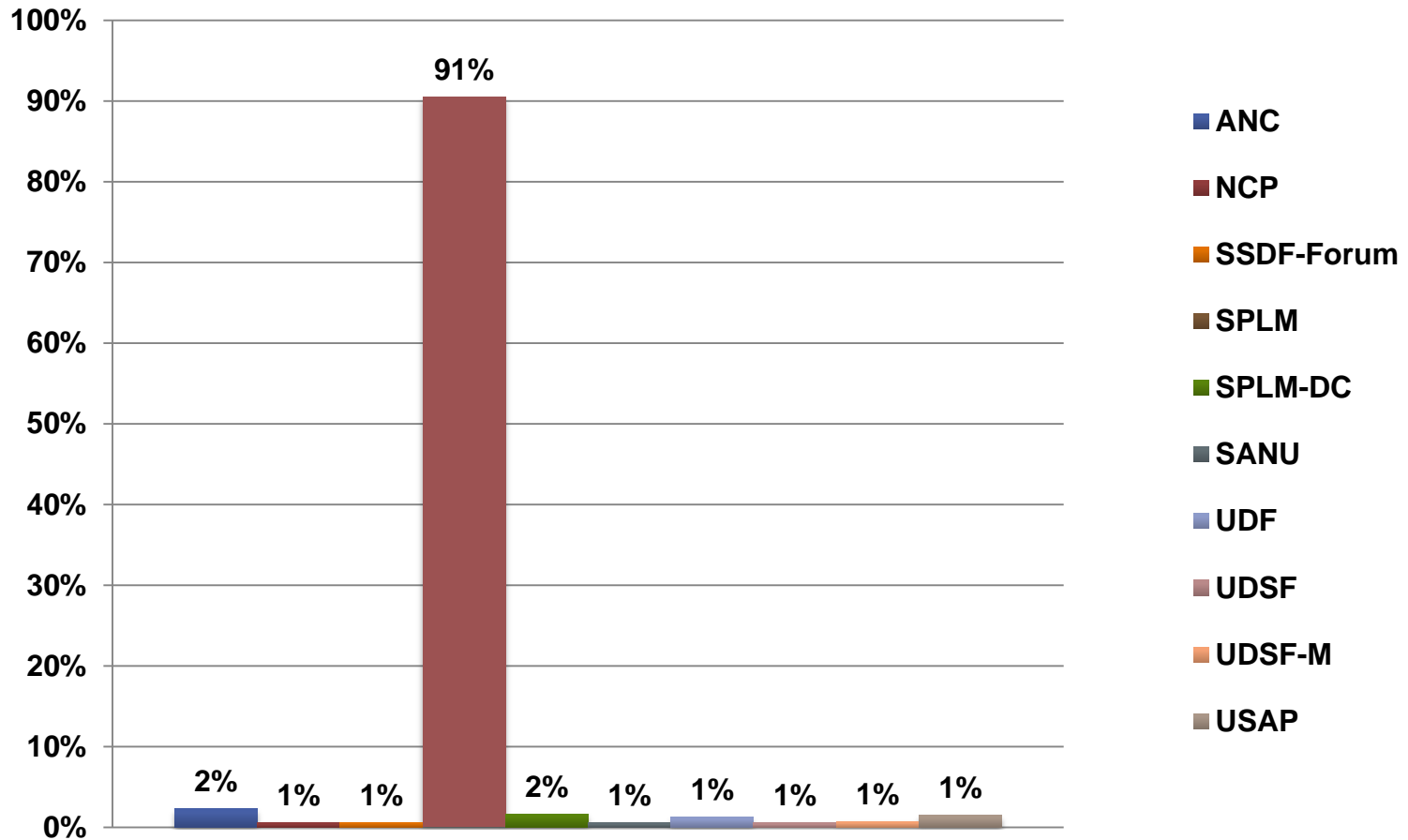
# How important do you think the participation of opposition parties is in determining the future of the country?



# Are you a member of a political party?



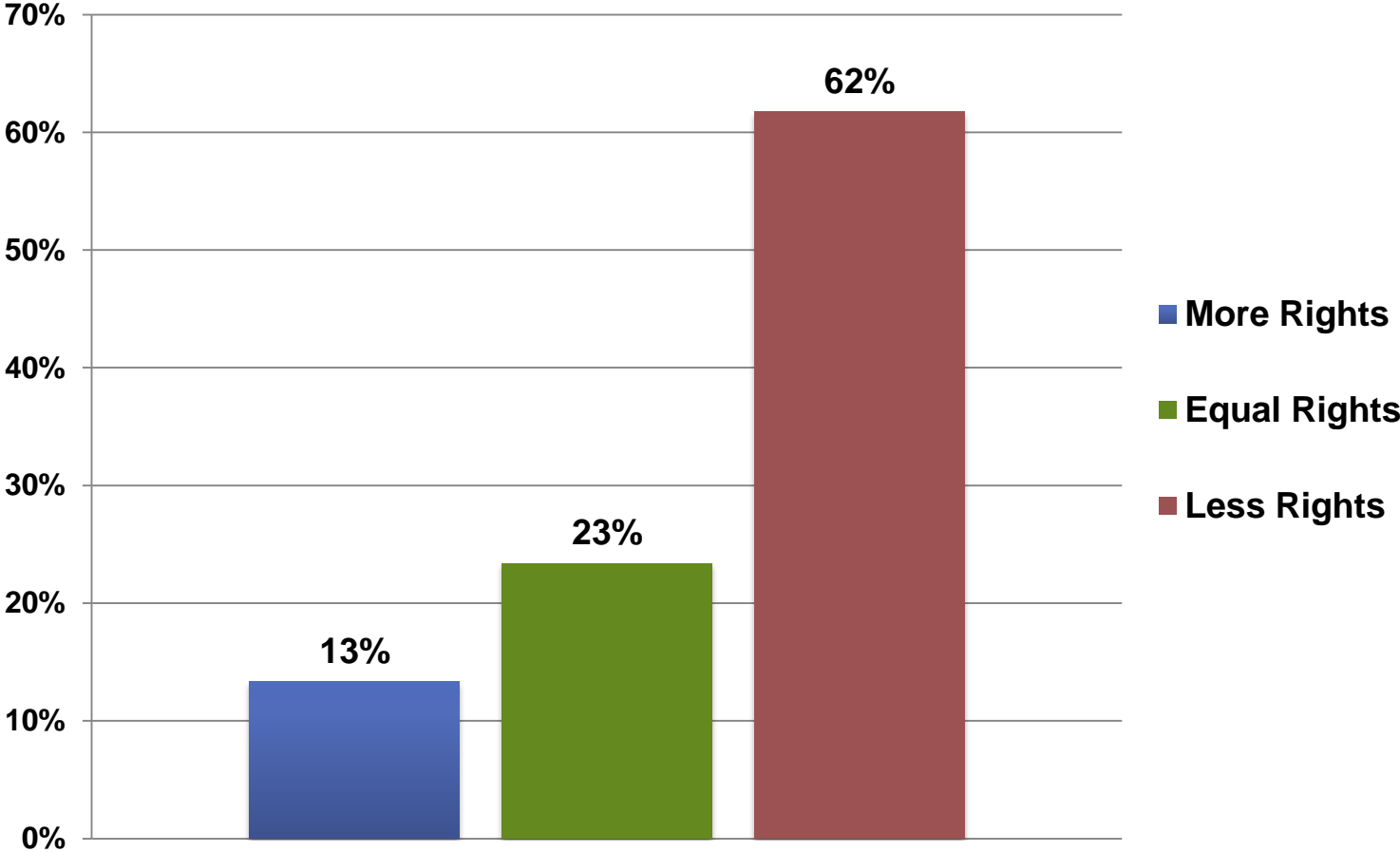
# If yes, which party? N=956



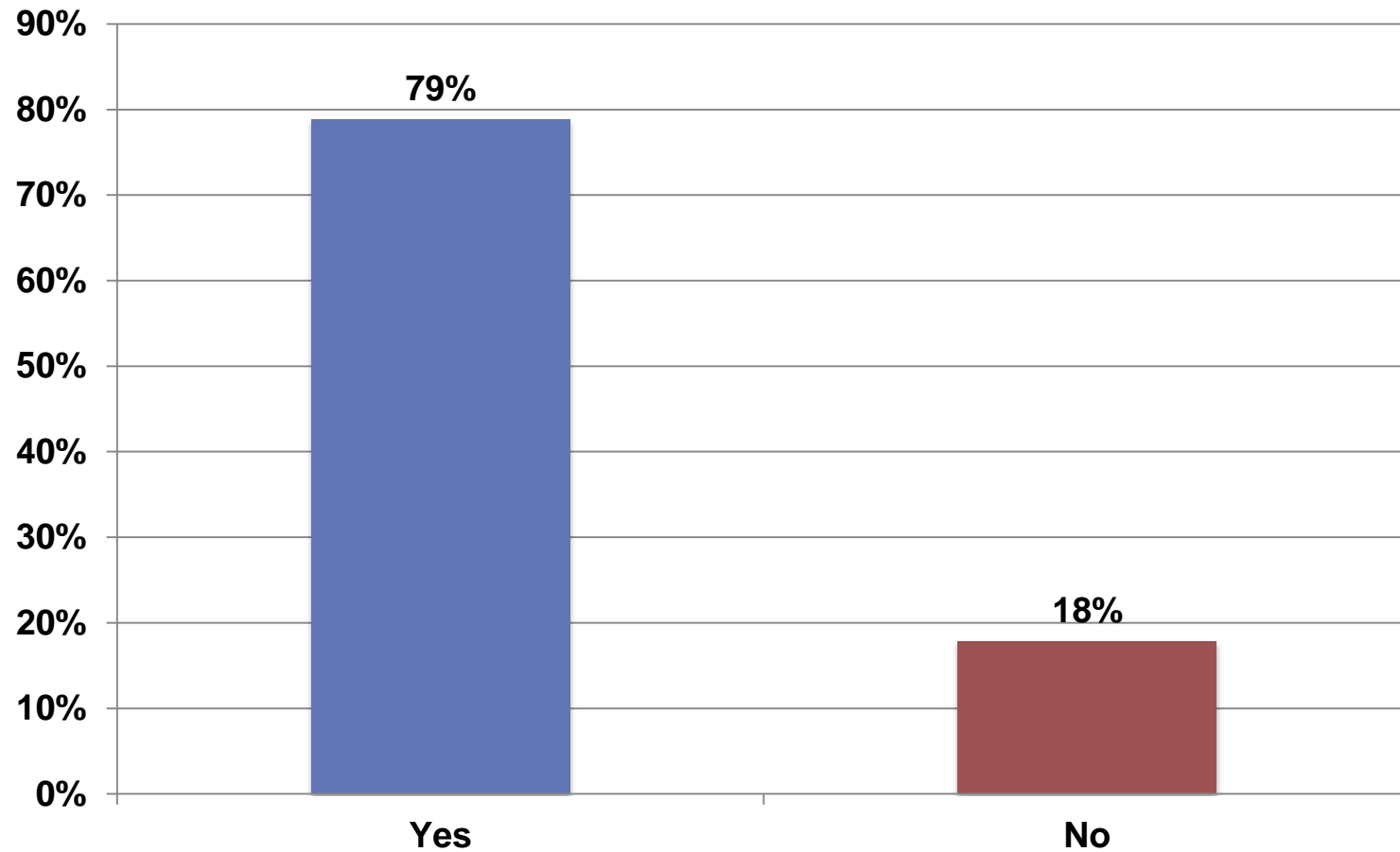


# Women's Issues

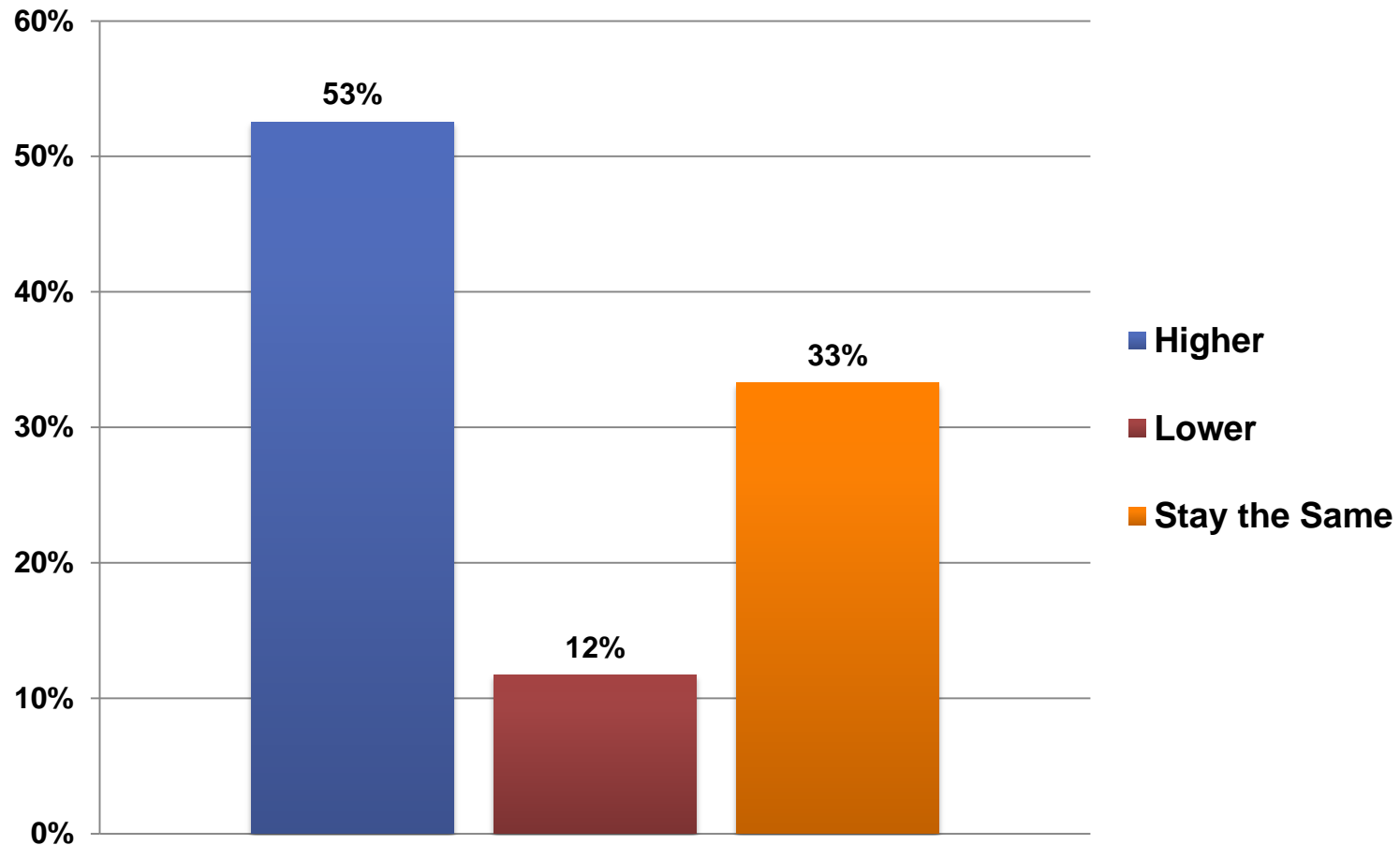
# Compared to men, do you think women living in South Sudan have...?



# Do you think women would make good legislators?

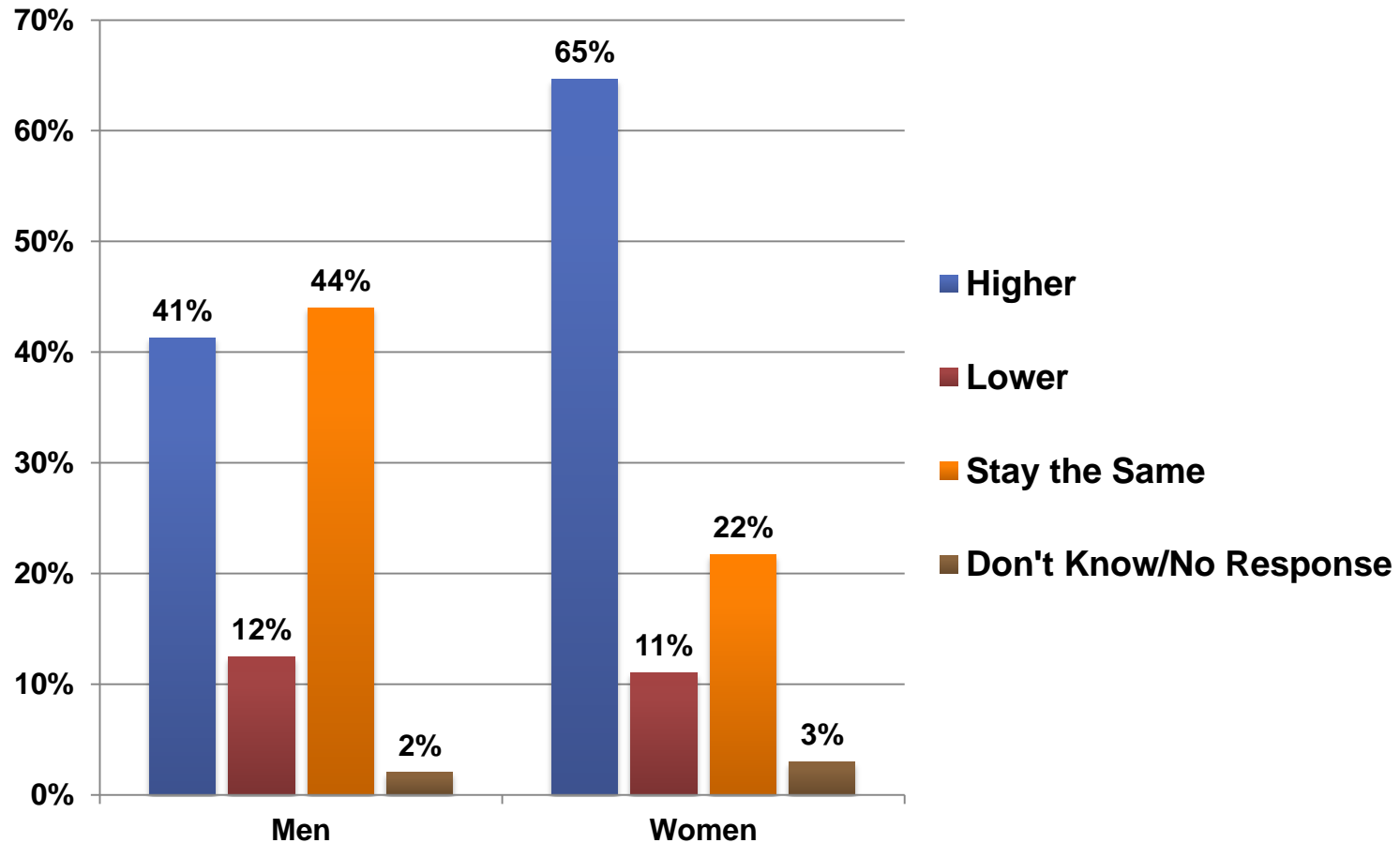


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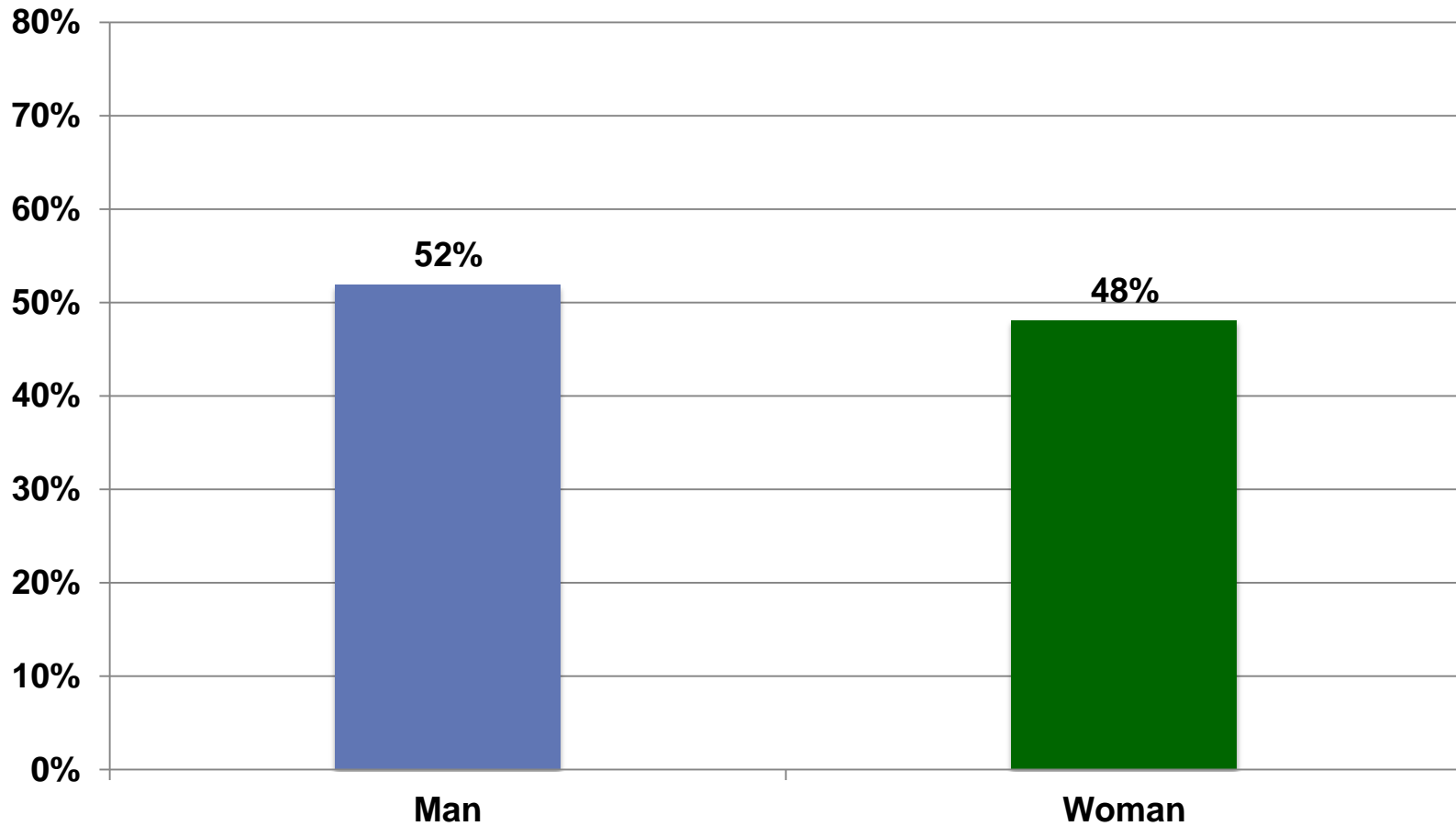


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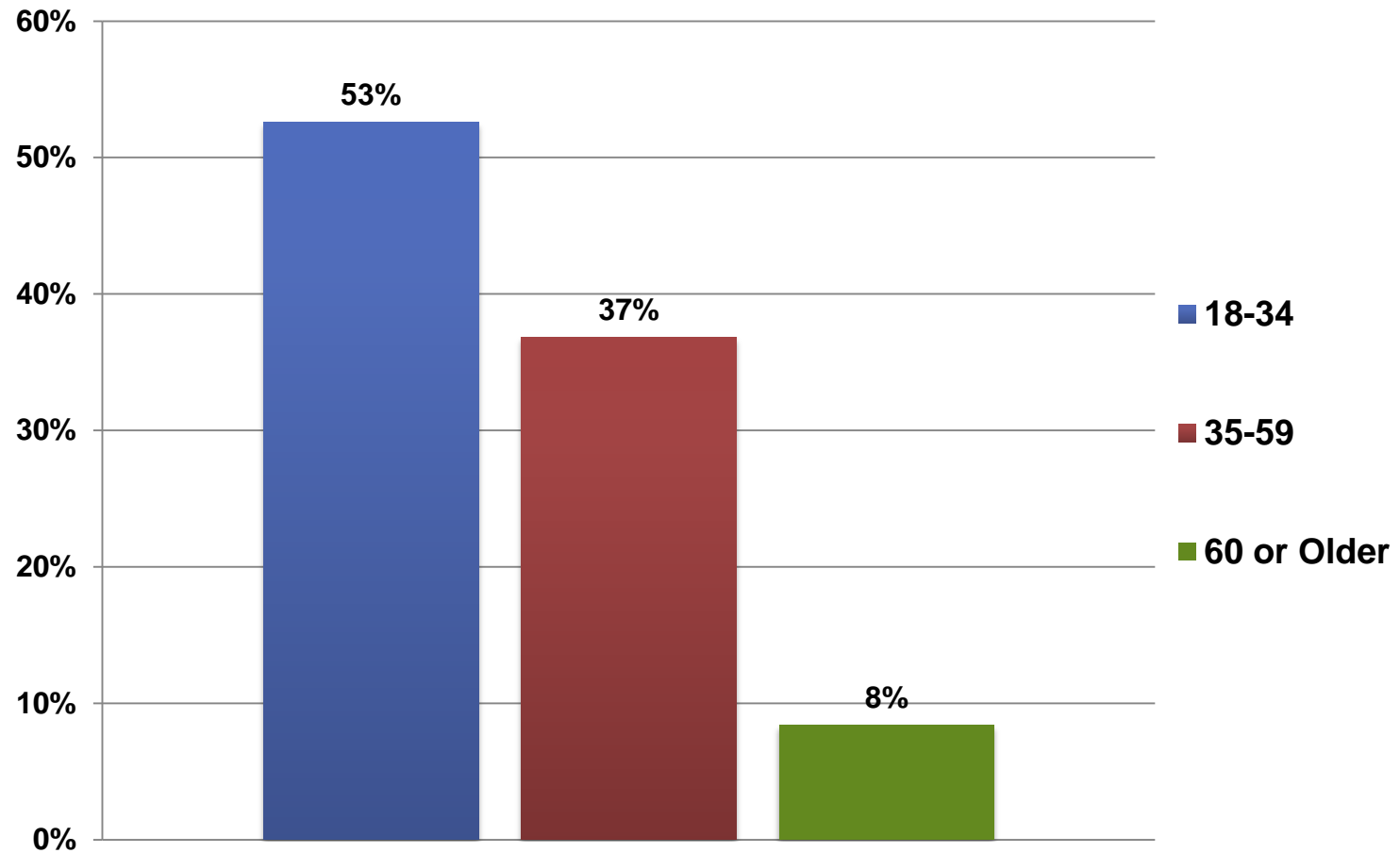


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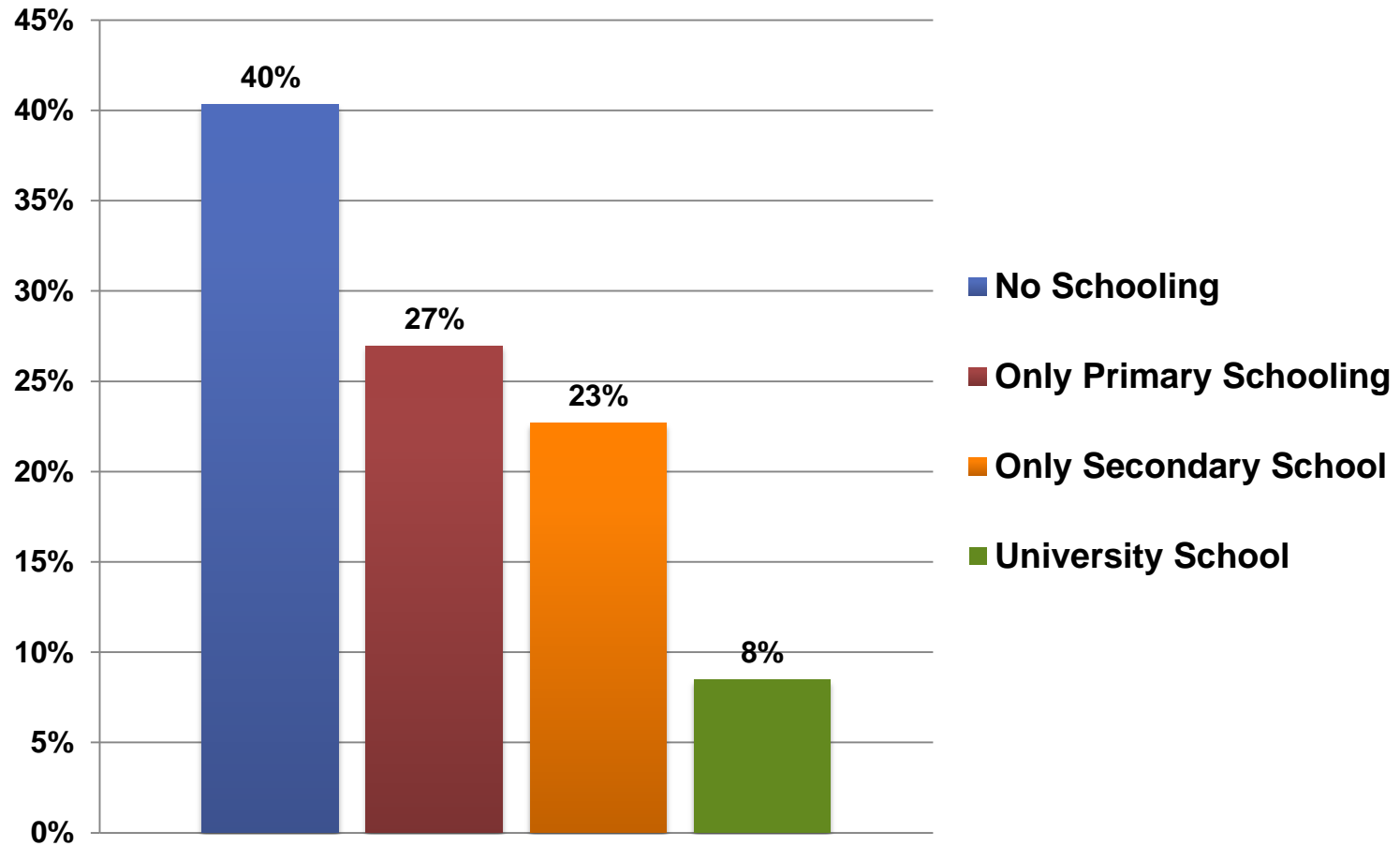
# Is the person interviewed person a man or a woman?



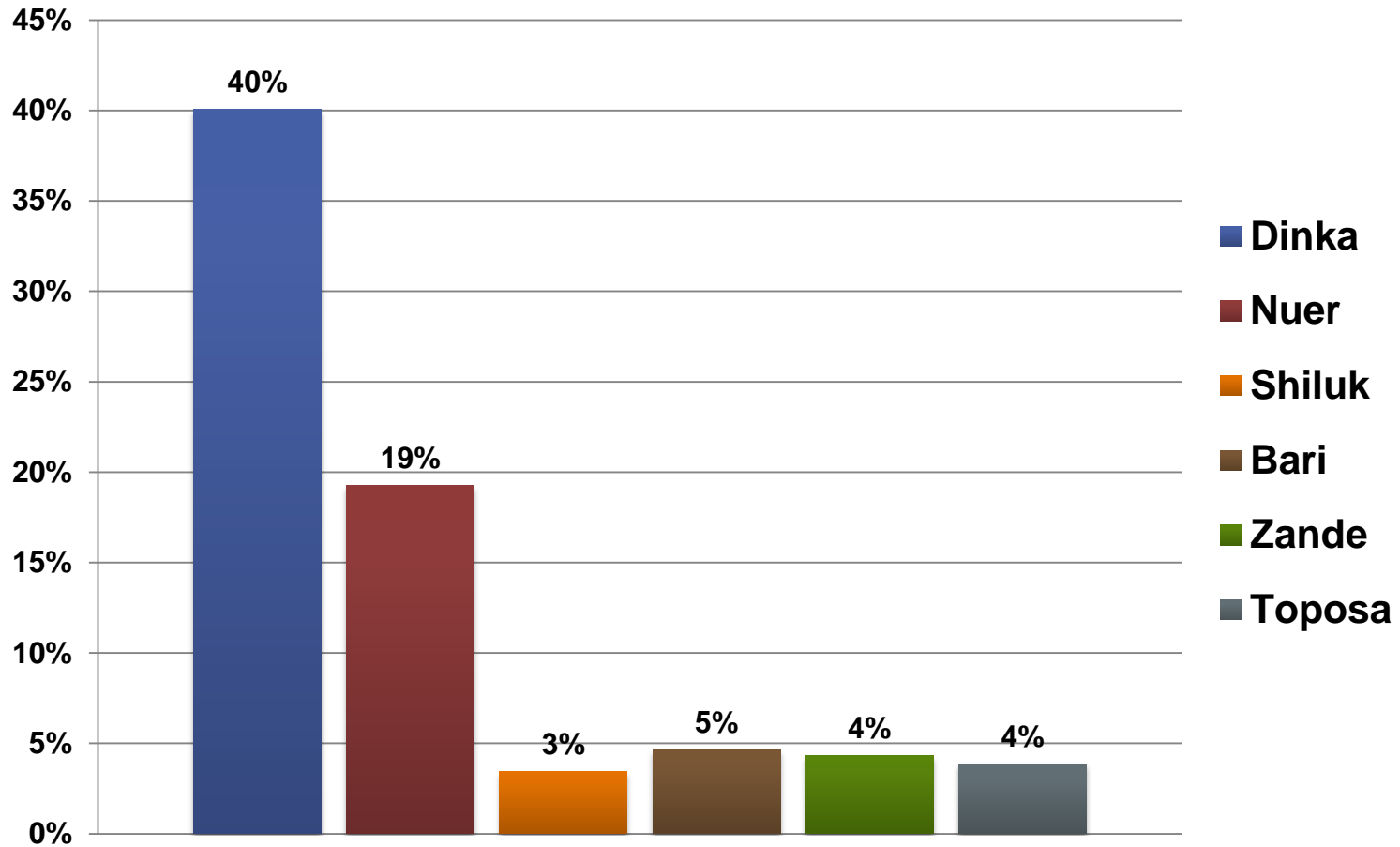
# Would you please tell me your age range?



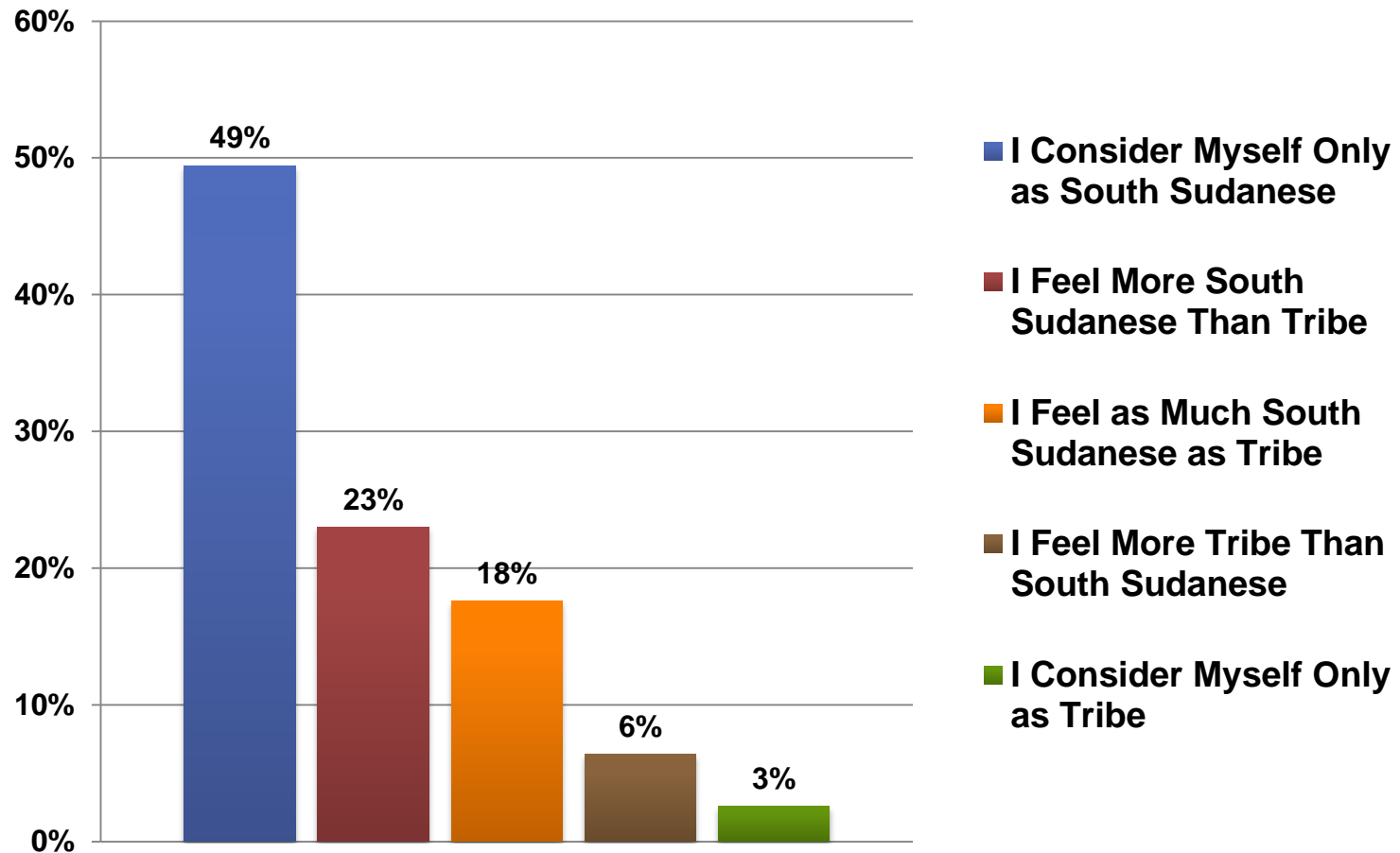
## What is the level of your schooling? Have you had...?



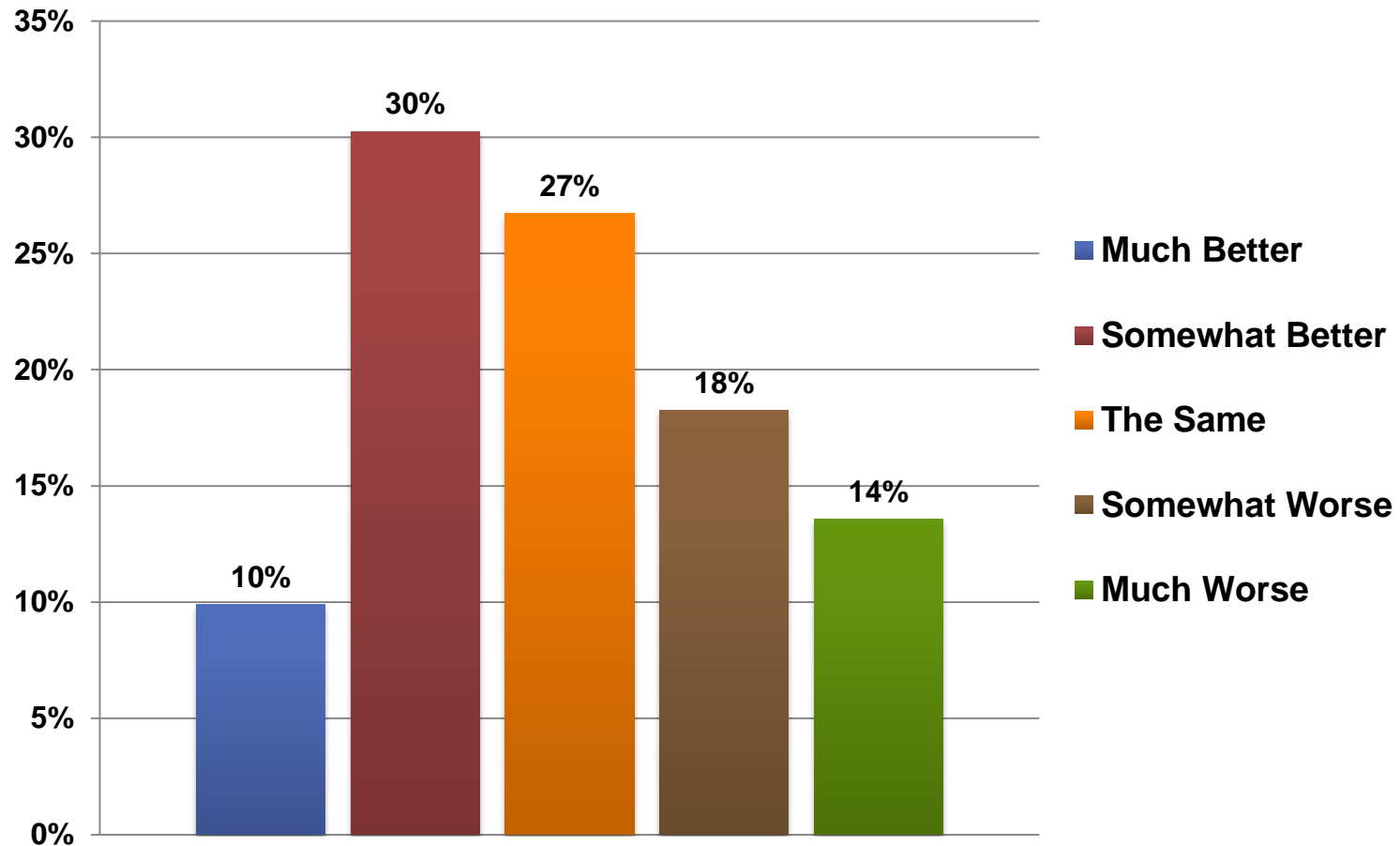
# What is your ethnic background? Top Six Responses



# Which of the following statements most applies to you?

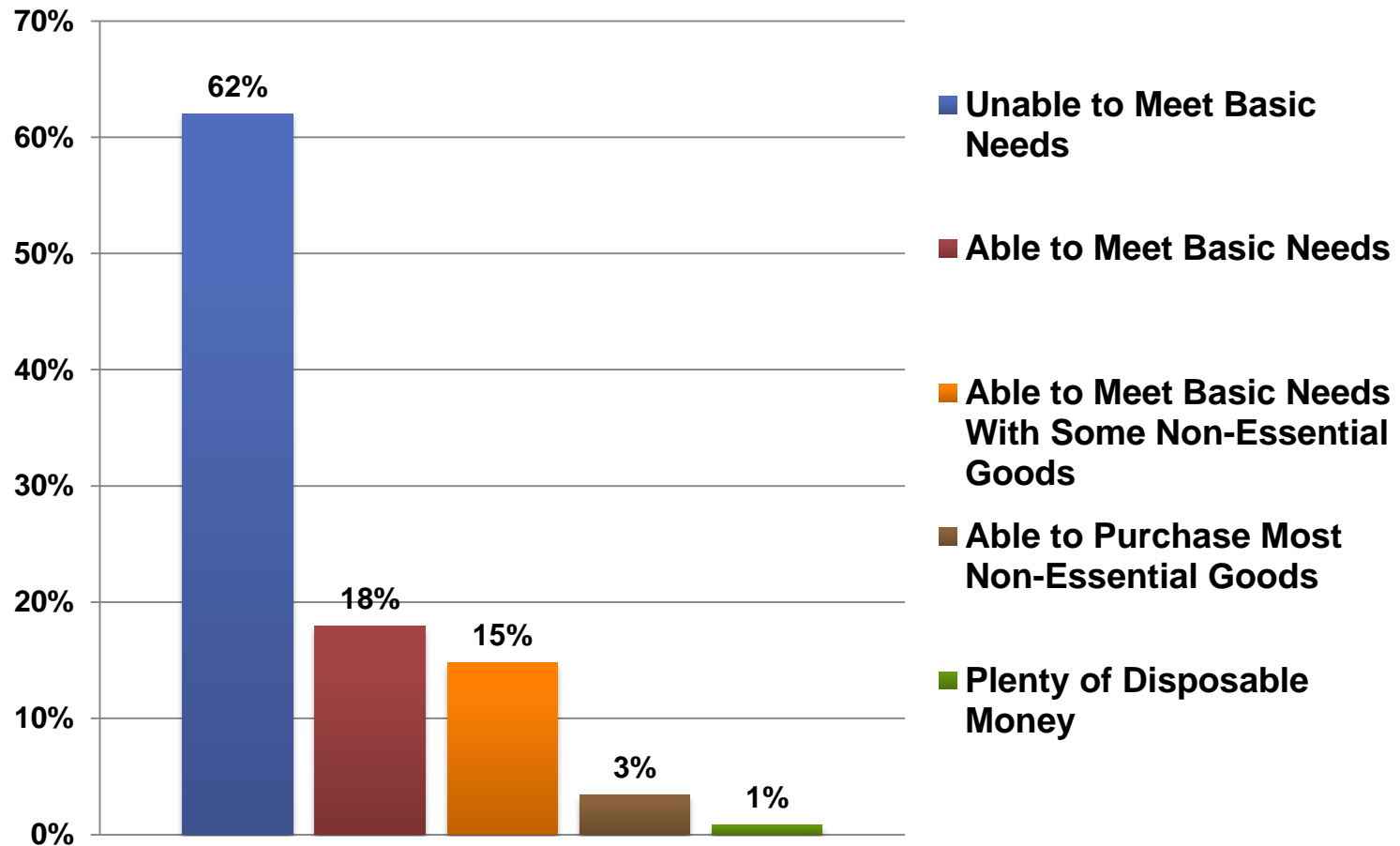


# In general how do you rate your living conditions compared to other South Sudanese?

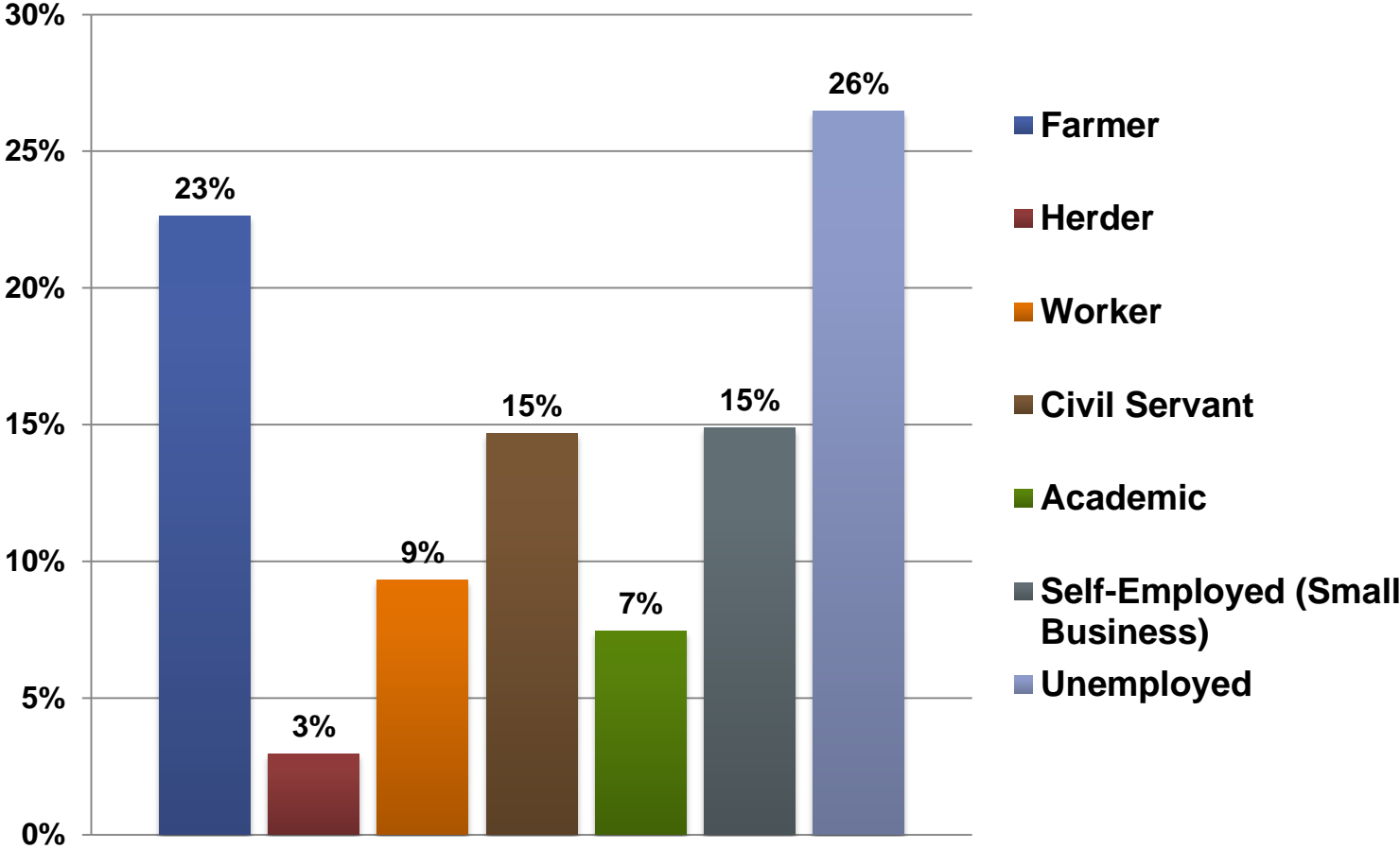




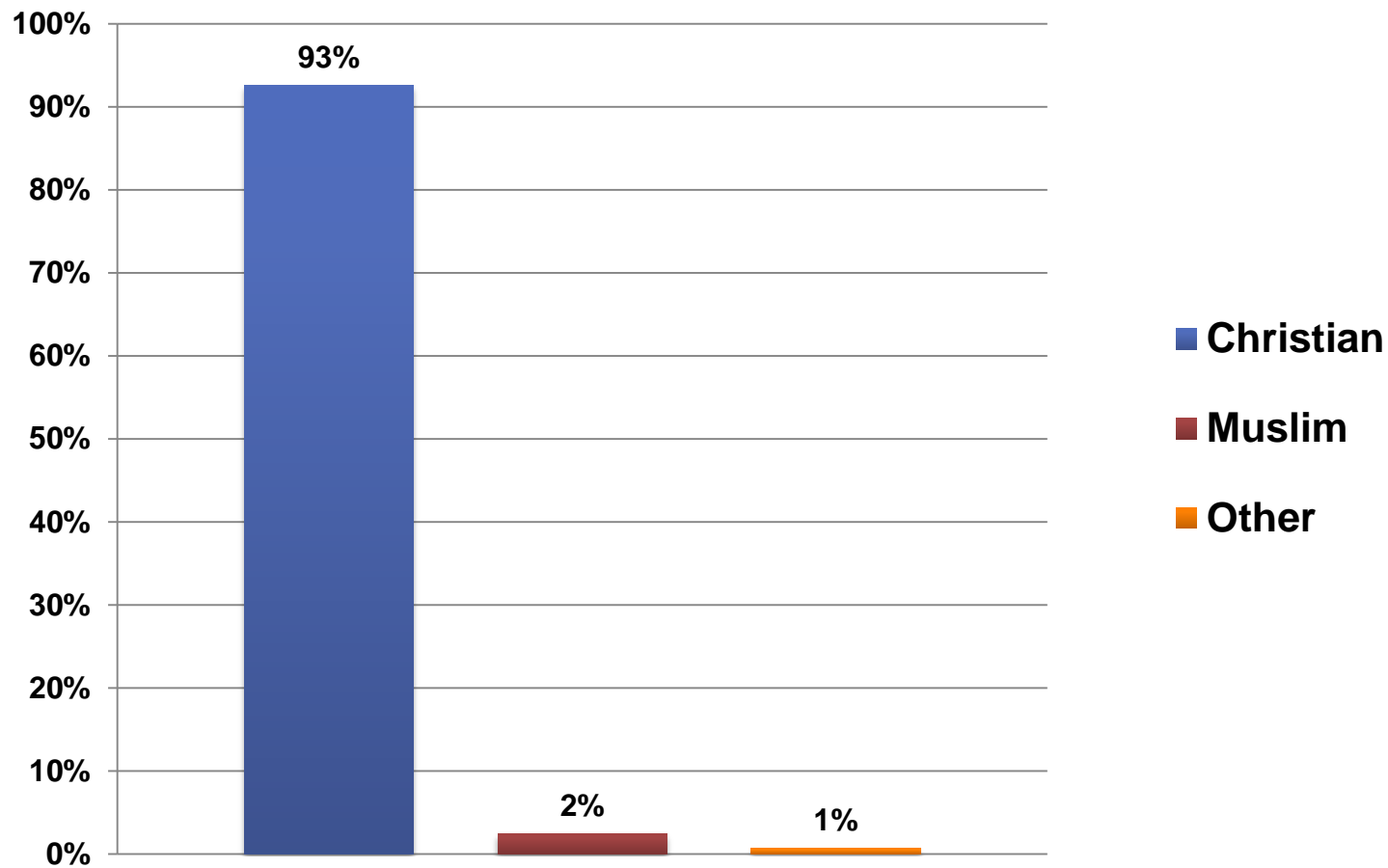
**Thinking about the amount of money your family spends per month, please tell me which of the following phrases best suites your household situation.**



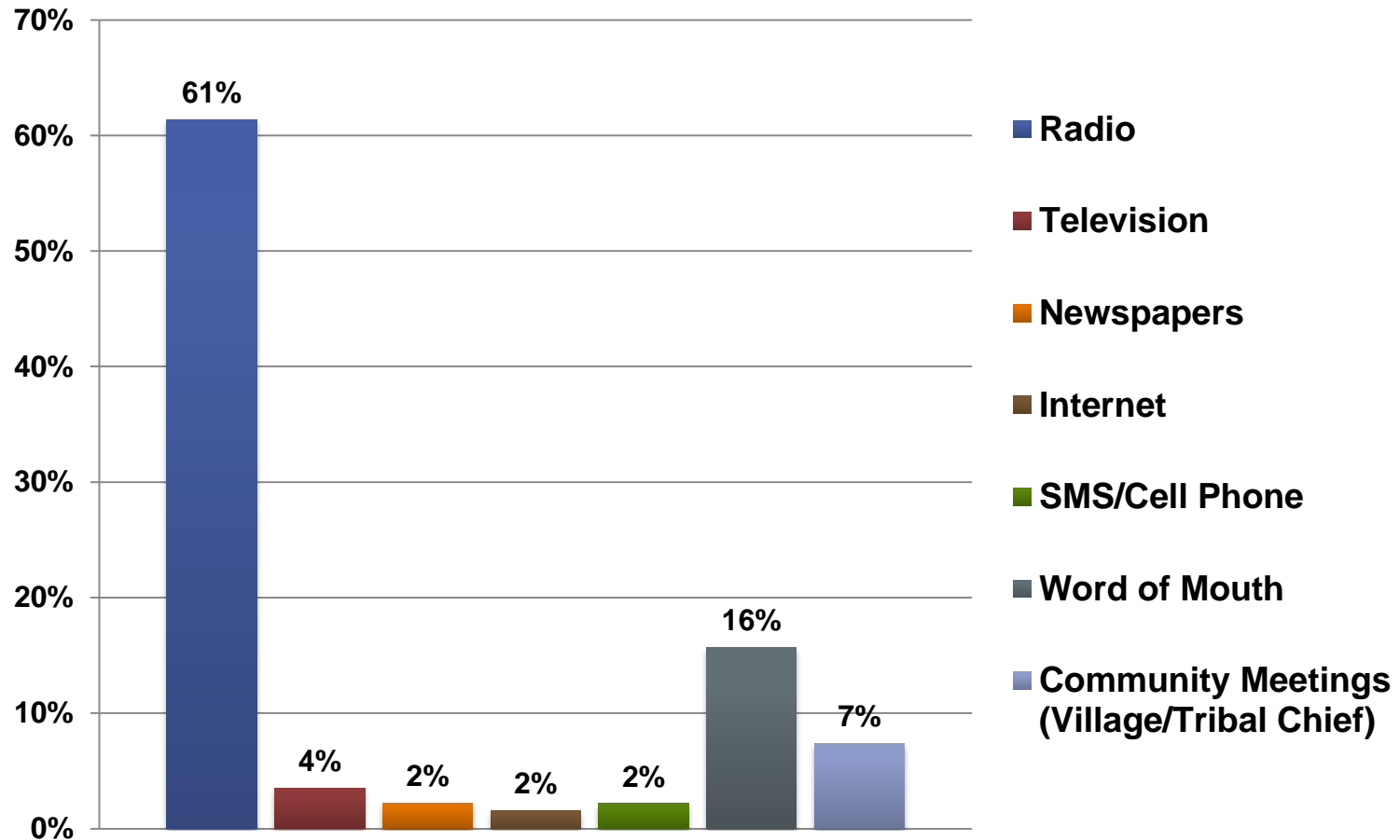
# What is your present occupation?



## What is your religion? Are you...?



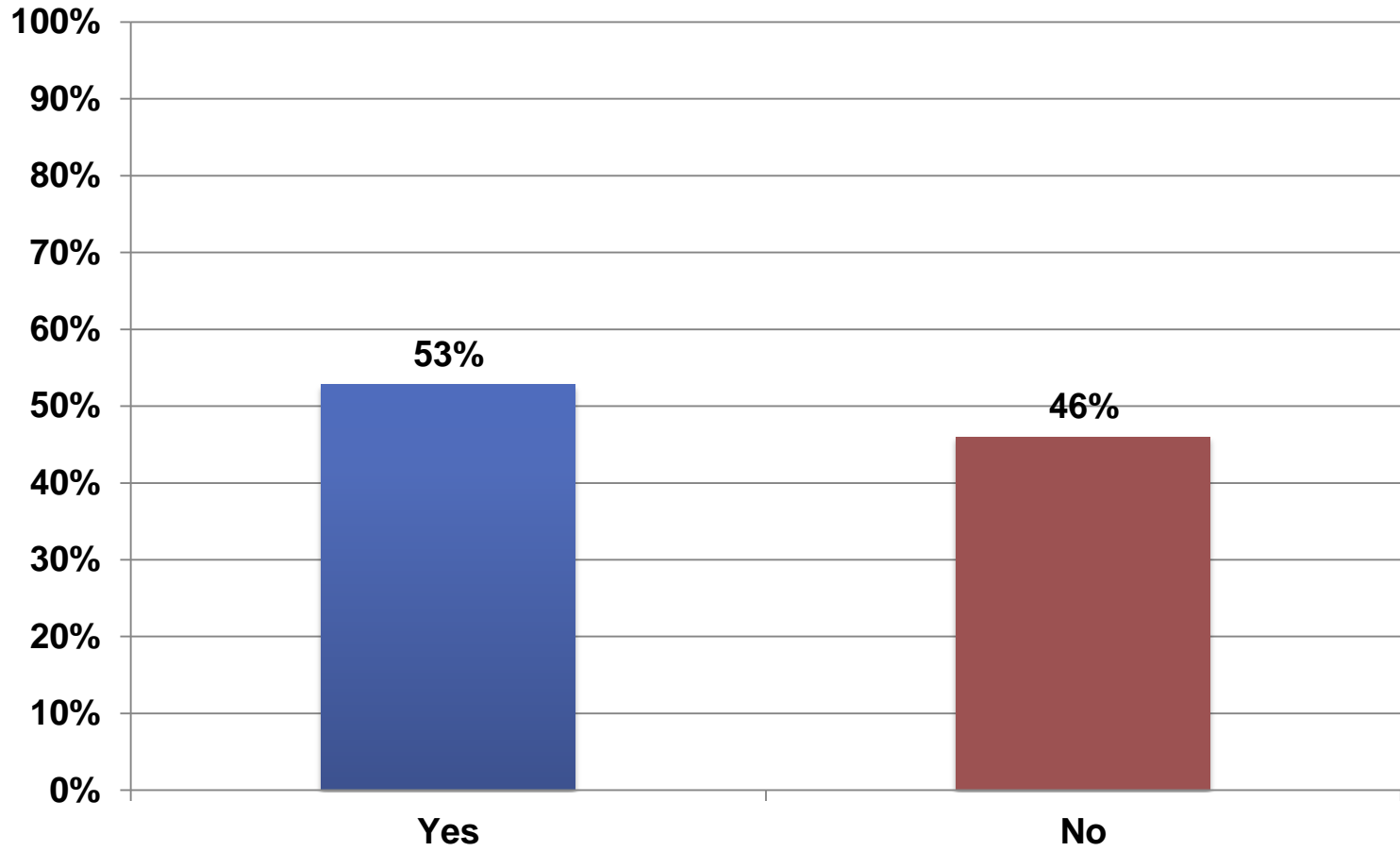
# What is your primary source of news and information?



## How often do you get news and information from the following sources?

	Never	Less Than Once a Month	Few Times a Week	Everyday	Don't Know/ No Response
Radio	28%	4%	16%	48%	4%
Television	69%	5%	12%	8%	7%
Newspapers	73%	7%	8%	4%	8%
SMS/Cell Phone	62%	5%	9%	17%	7%
Internet	82%	4%	4%	3%	8%

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