



# Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Moldova

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May 8, 2019 - June 10, 2019



# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene from [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#). The field work was carried out by [Magenta Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (with the exception of Transnistria) between May 8, 2019 and June 10, 2019 through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The main sample consisted of 1,243 permanent residents of Moldova aged 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and settlement size. 300 booster interviews were conducted in Chisinau. 617 Chisinau residents were interviewed in total.\*
- Sampling frame: Moldova Statistical Databank. Weighting: There are 2 weight coefficients calculated. Data of the main sample was weighted for 11 regional groups, urban/rural and gender. The data of Chisinau was weighted separately.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, with the random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
  - Stage one: All districts of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups; all regions (with the exception of Transnistria) were surveyed.
  - Stage two: Selection of the settlements (cities and villages).
    - Settlements were selected at random.
    - The number of settlements selected in each region was proportional to the share of population living in the particular type of settlement in each region.
  - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent.
- The response rate was 59 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [United States Agency for International Development](#).

\*Post-stratification weighting brings the Chisinau sample to 603 respondents.



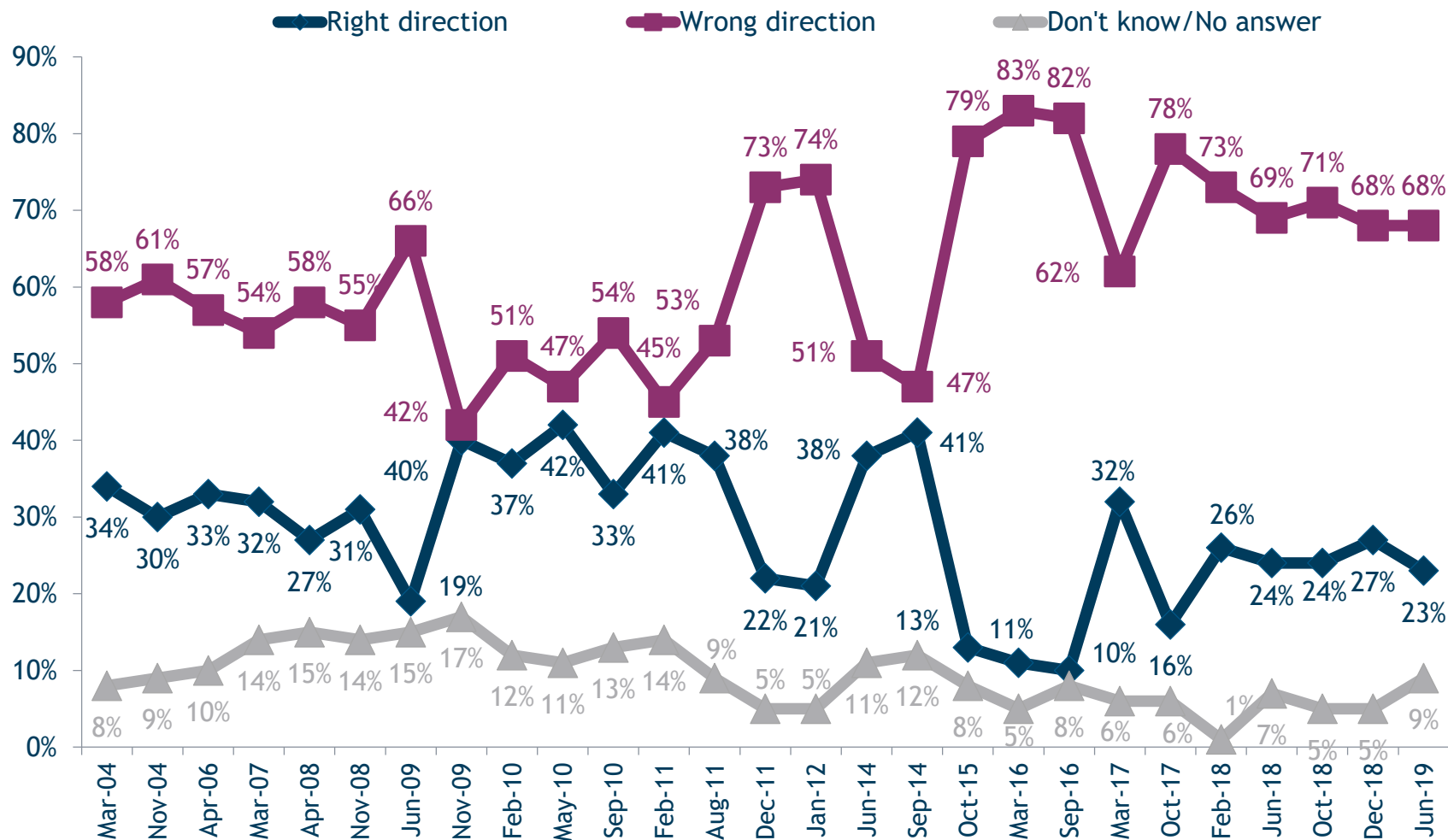
# Mood of the Country

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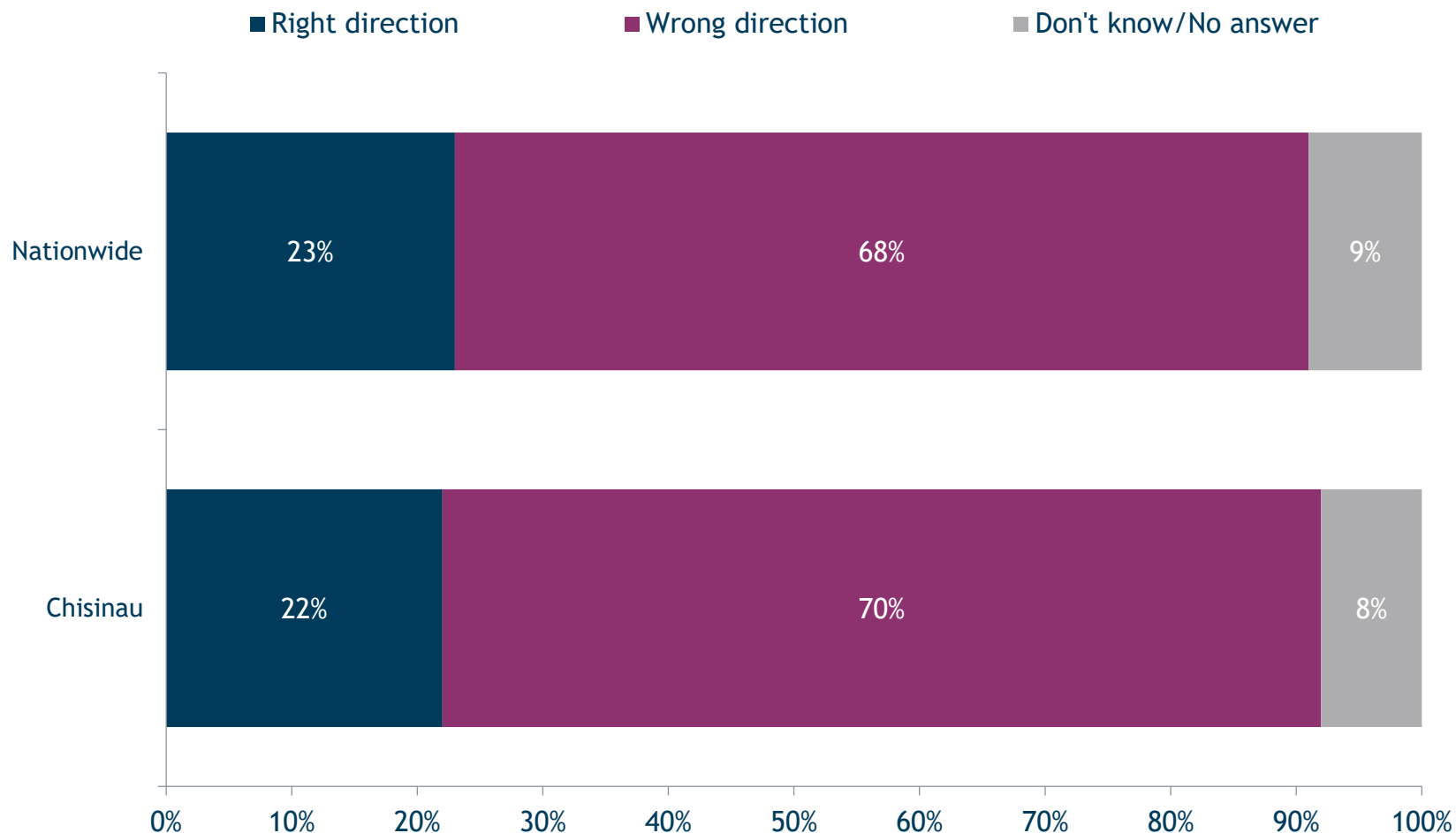
# Generally speaking, do you think that things in Moldova are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



\*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal involving nearly \$1 billion missing from three state banks. The scandal is often referred to as “the stolen billion.”

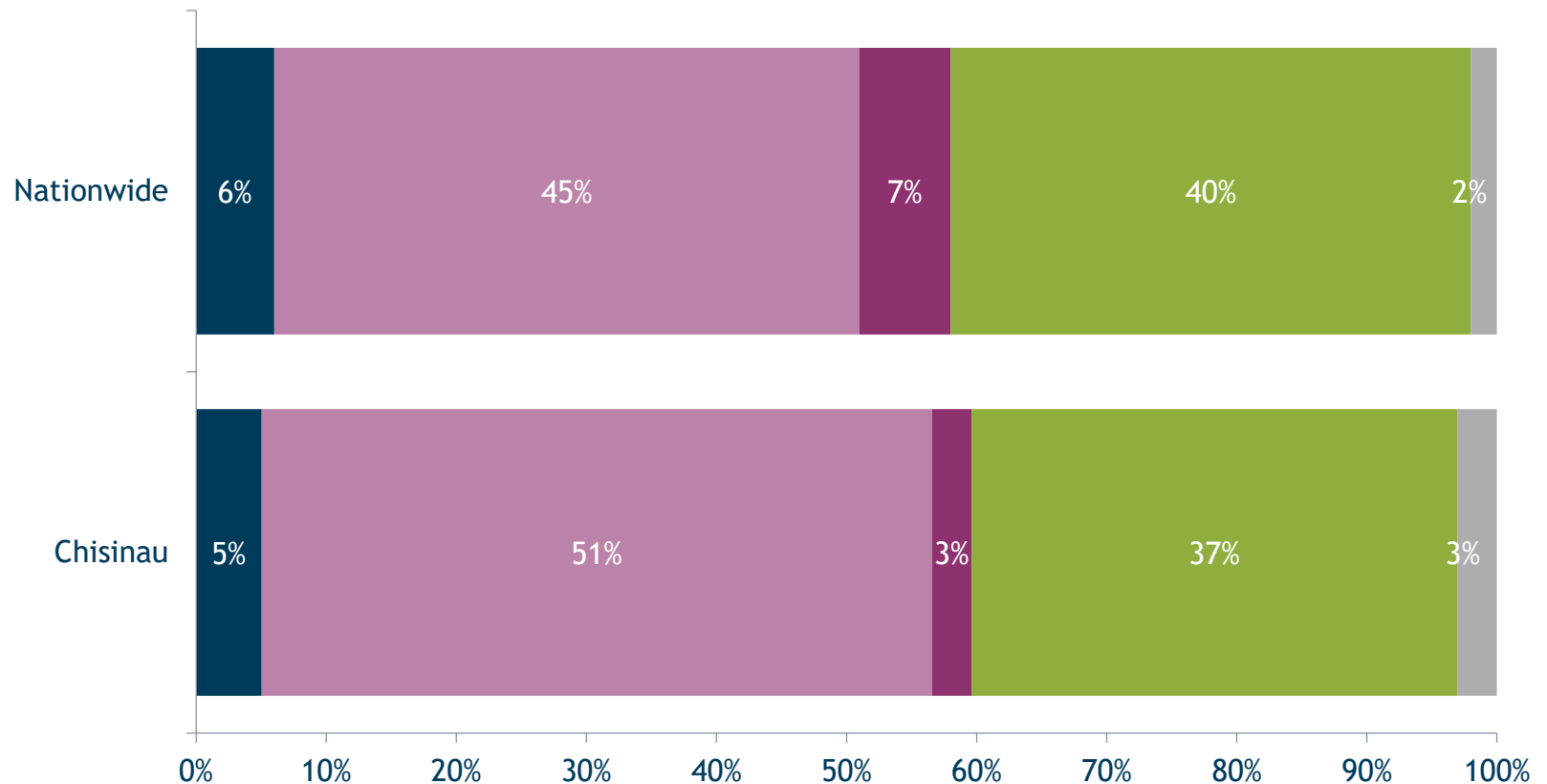
\*\*In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular election of the president since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second round contest on November 13, 2016.

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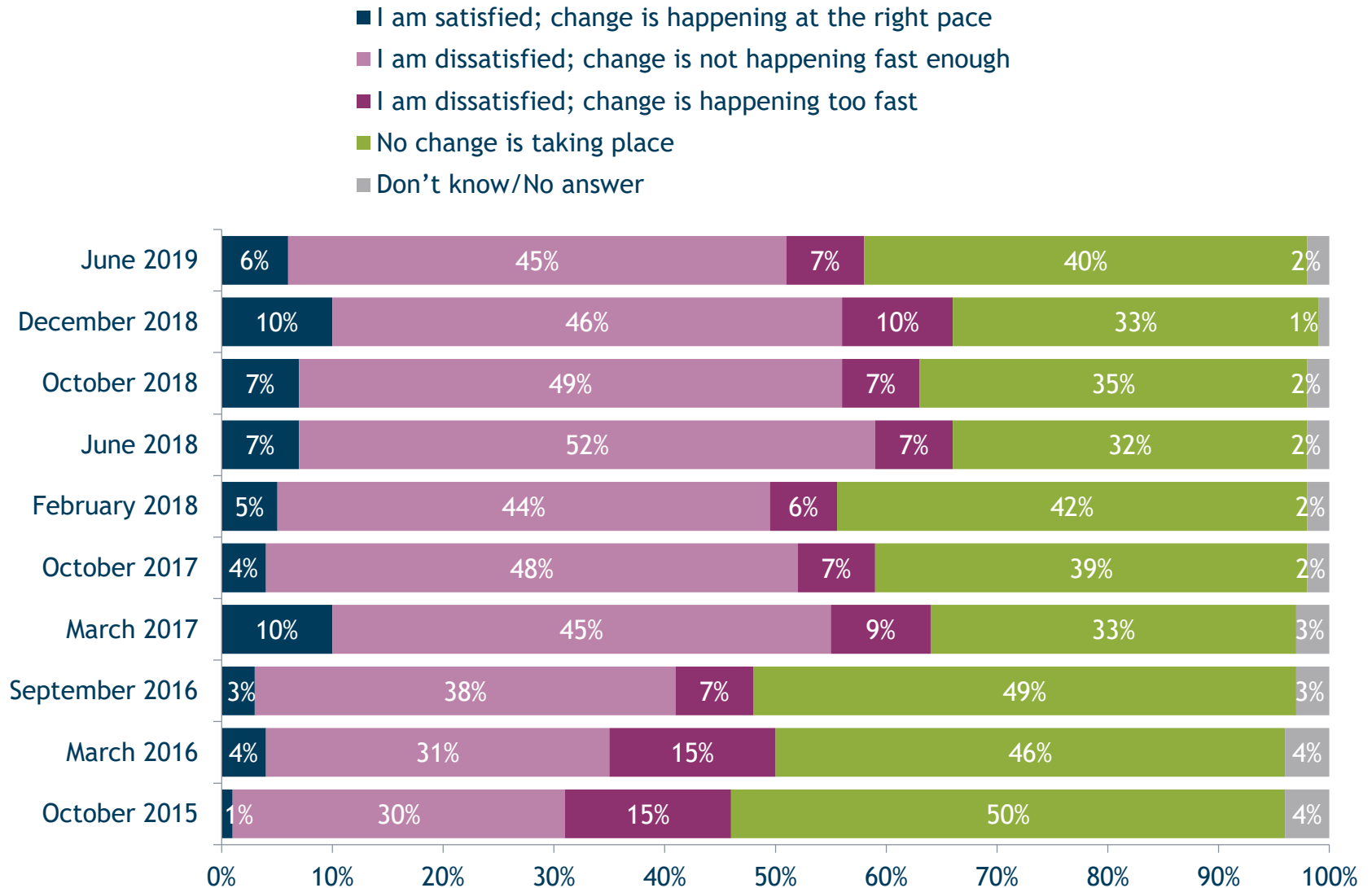


# Are you satisfied with the pace of change in Moldova today?

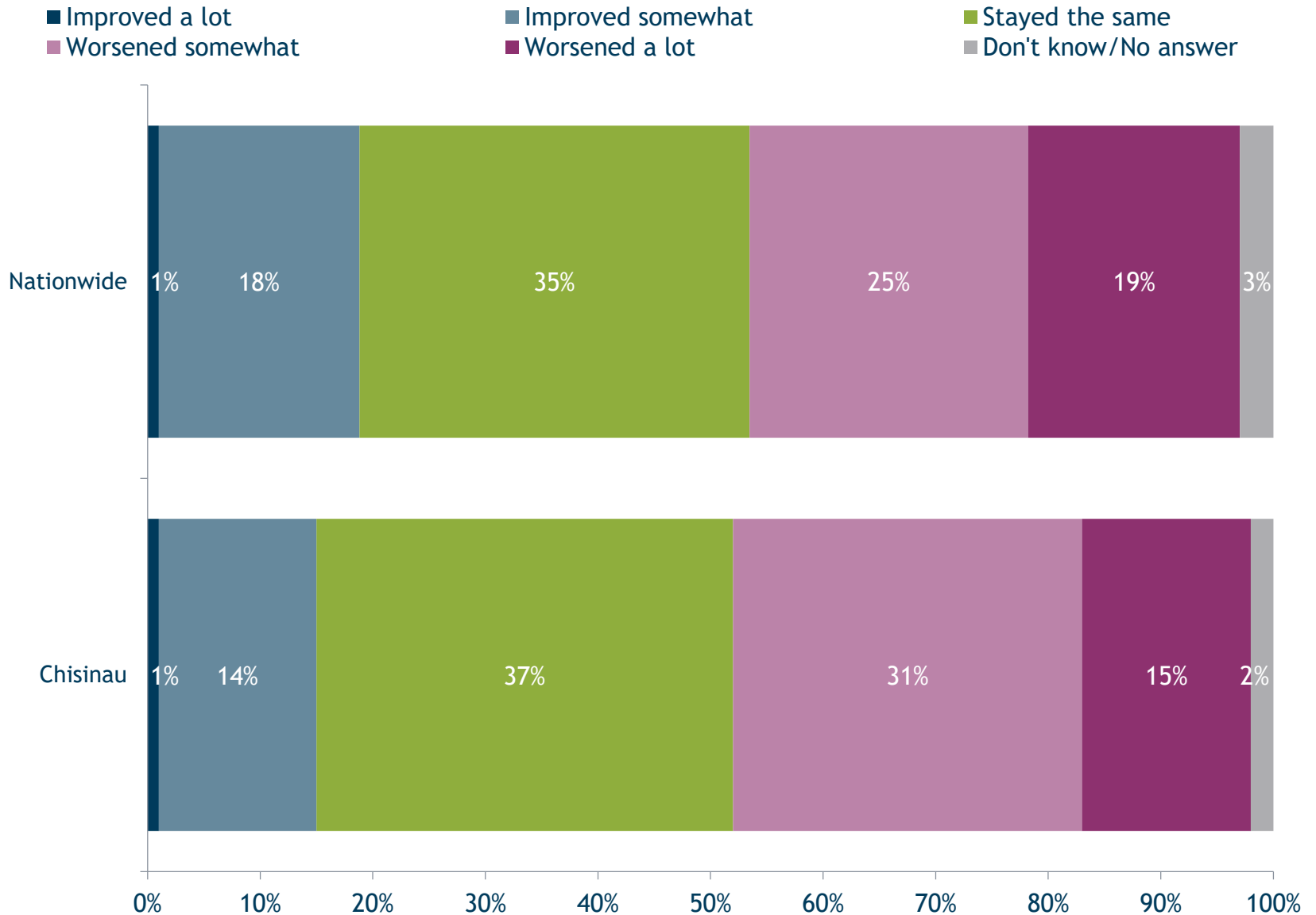
- I am satisfied; change is happening at the right pace
- I am dissatisfied; change is not happening fast enough
- I am dissatisfied; change is happening too fast
- No change is taking place
- Don't know/No answer



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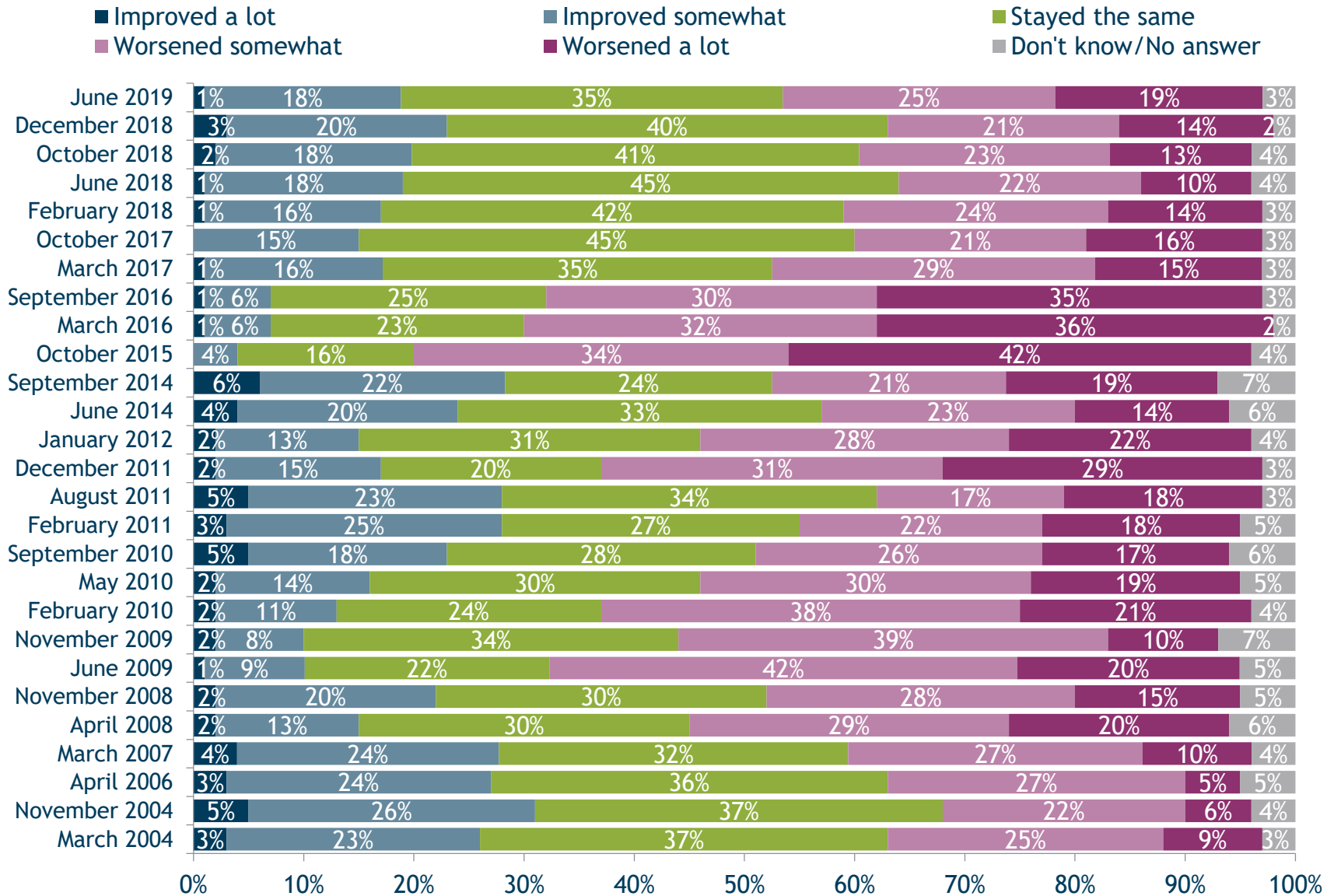


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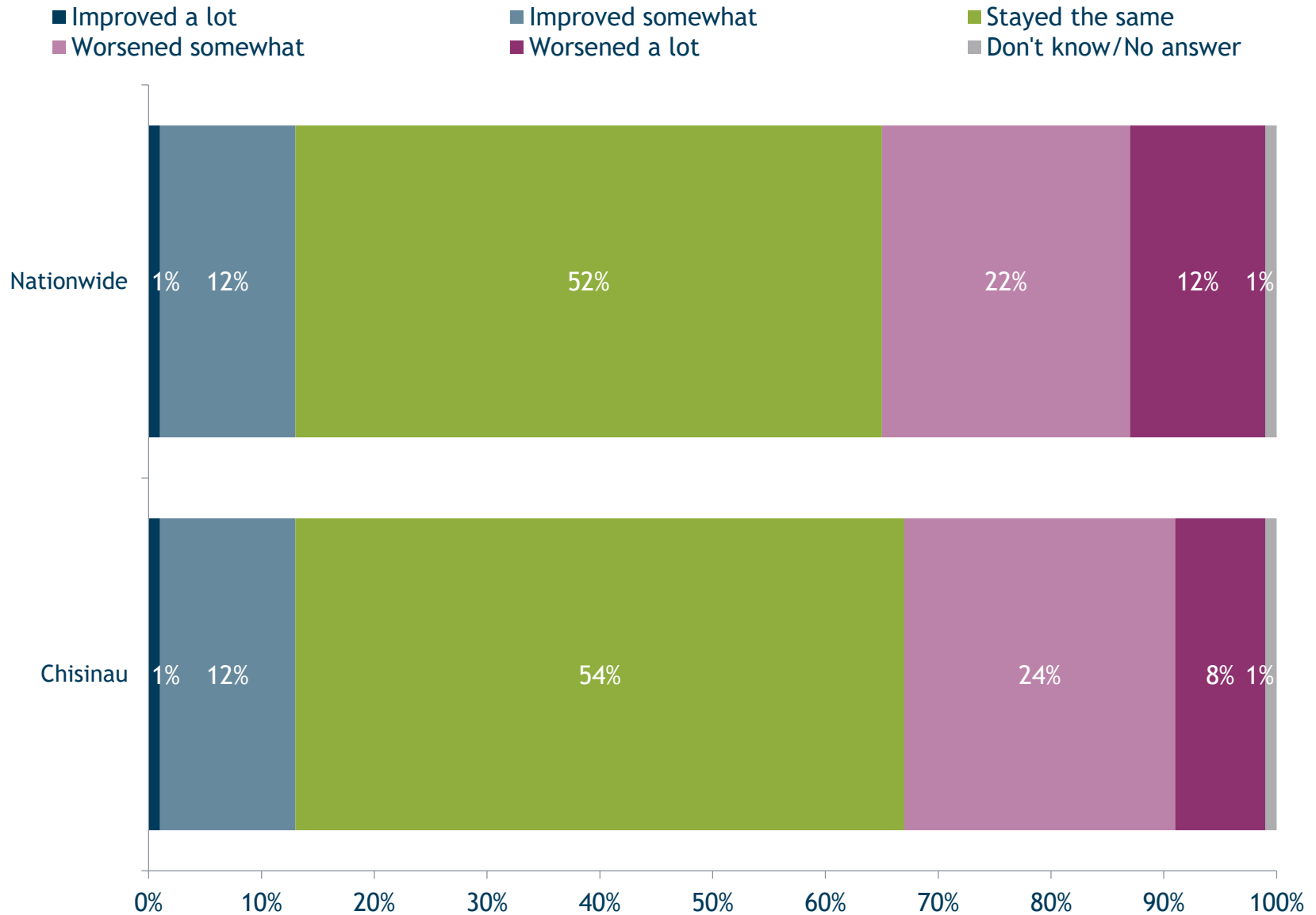




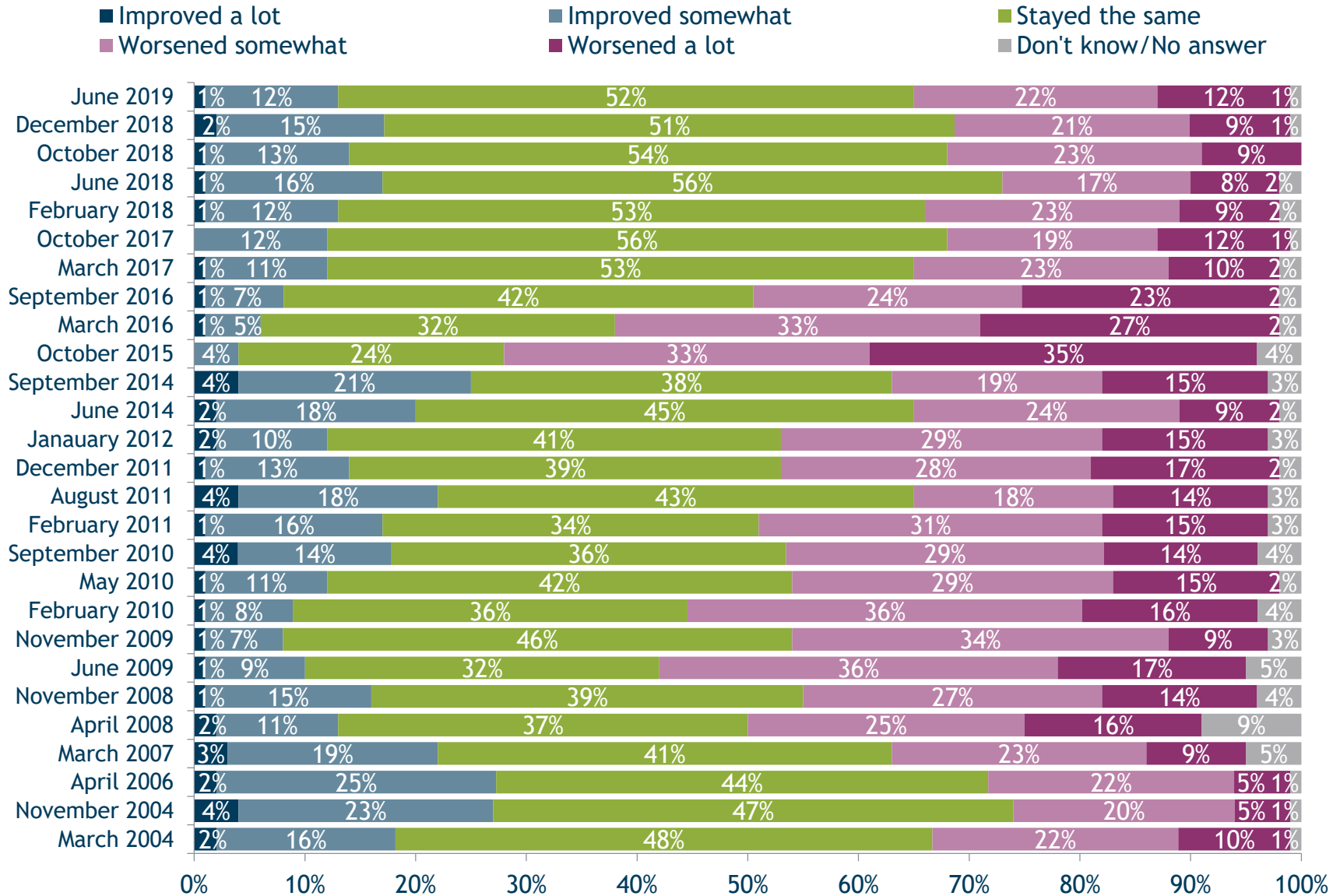
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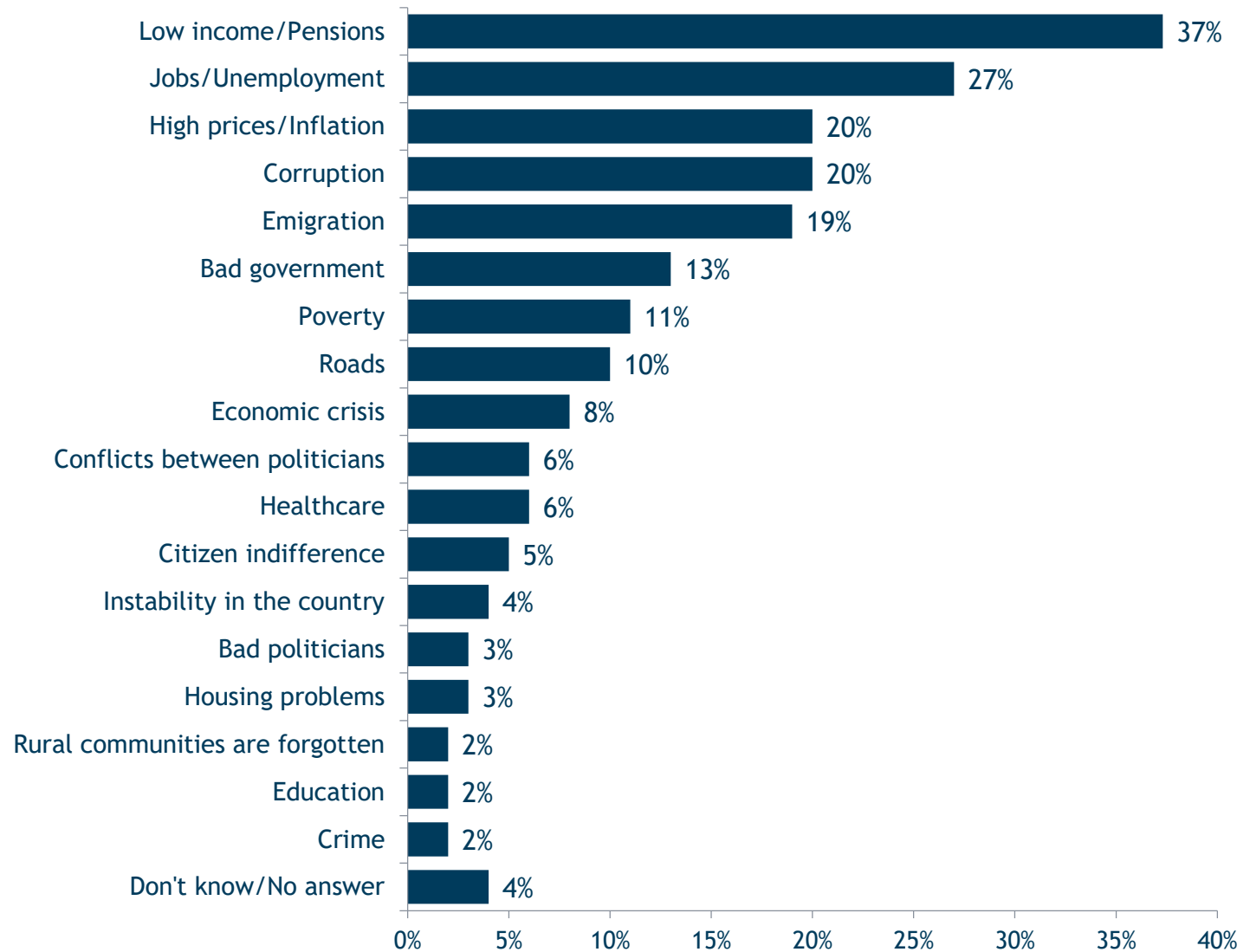


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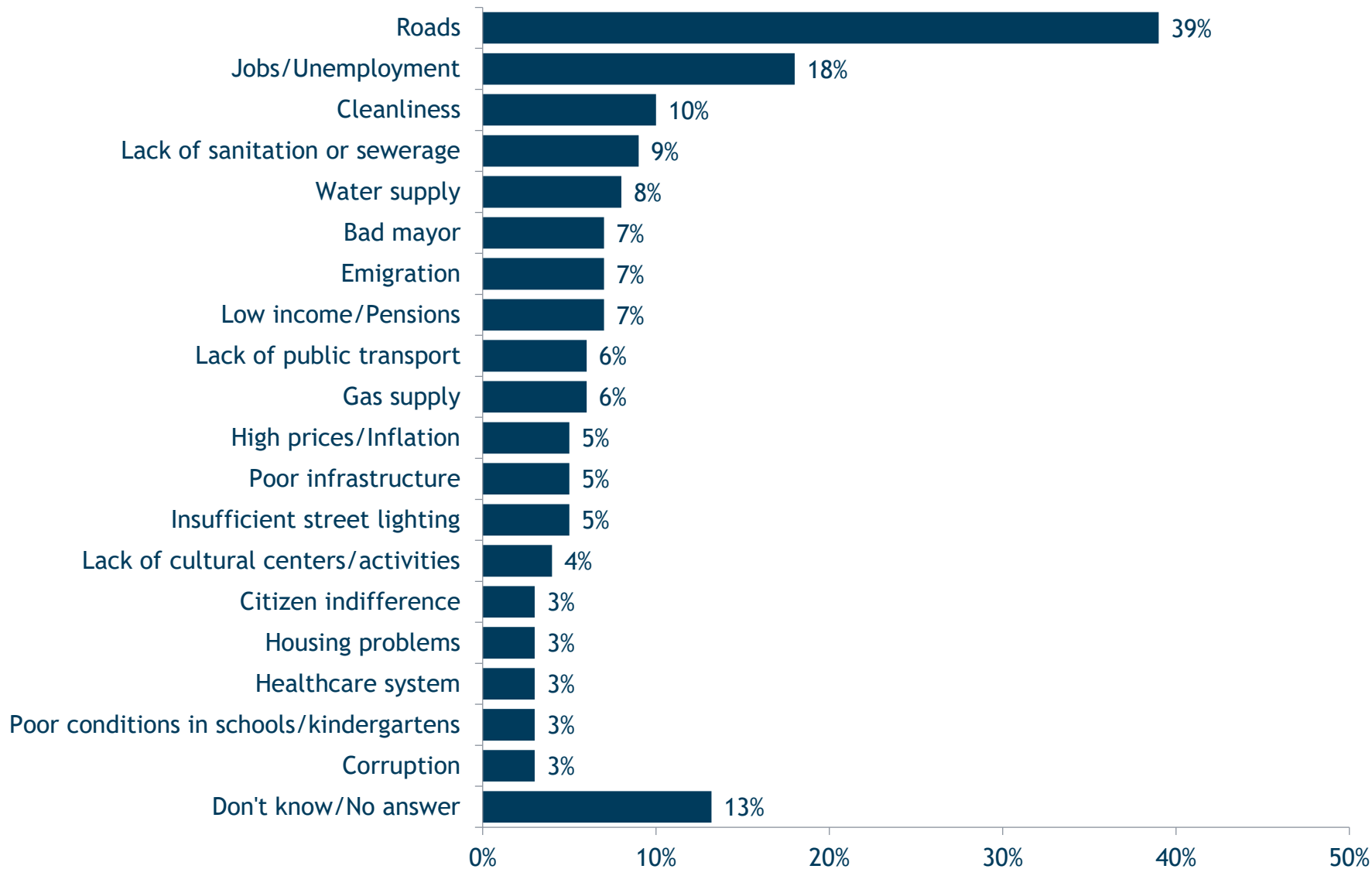
# What are the most important problems that Moldova is facing at the moment?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; problems mentioned by at least 2 percent of respondents)



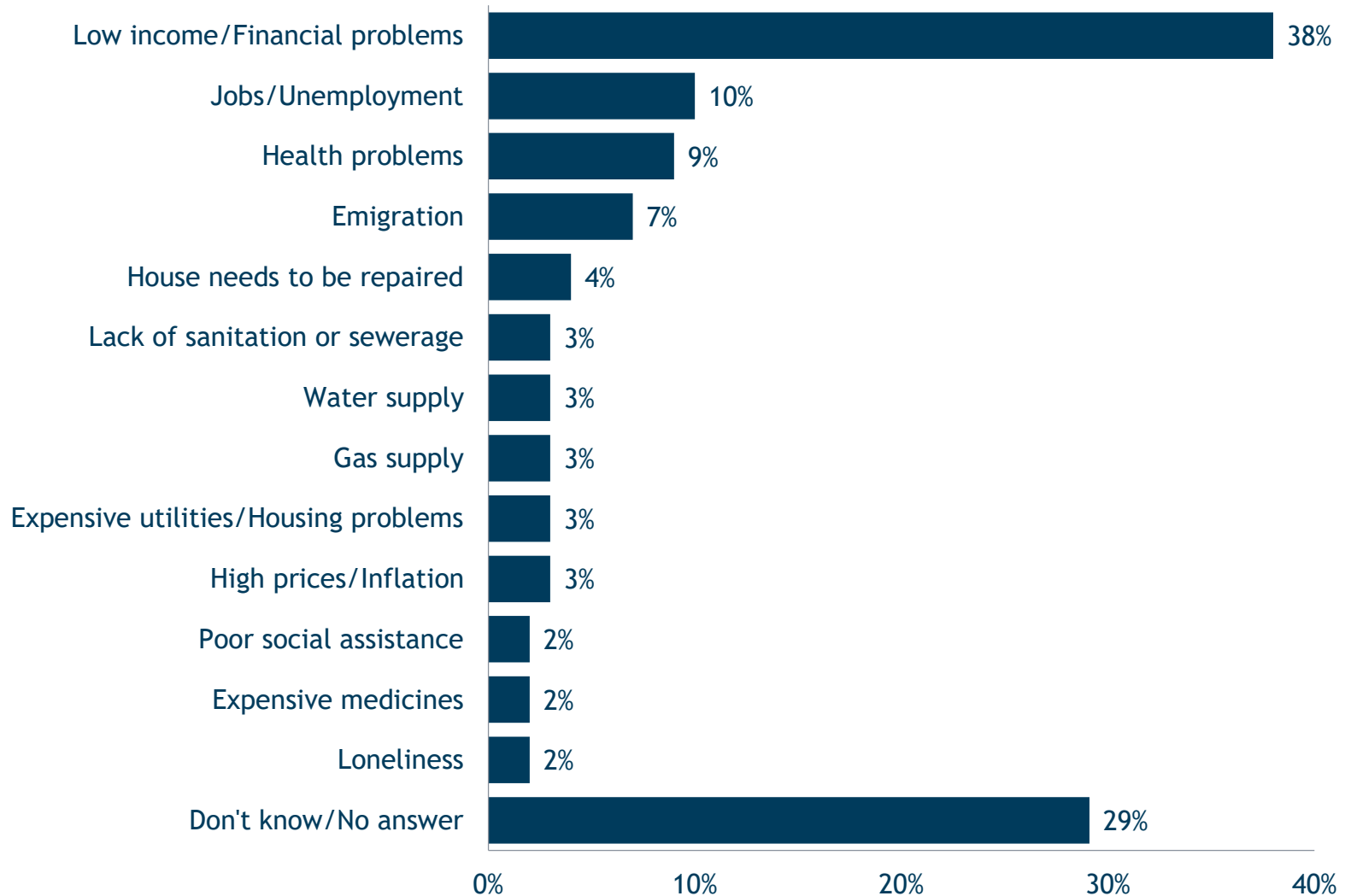
# What are the most important problems facing your village/town at the moment?

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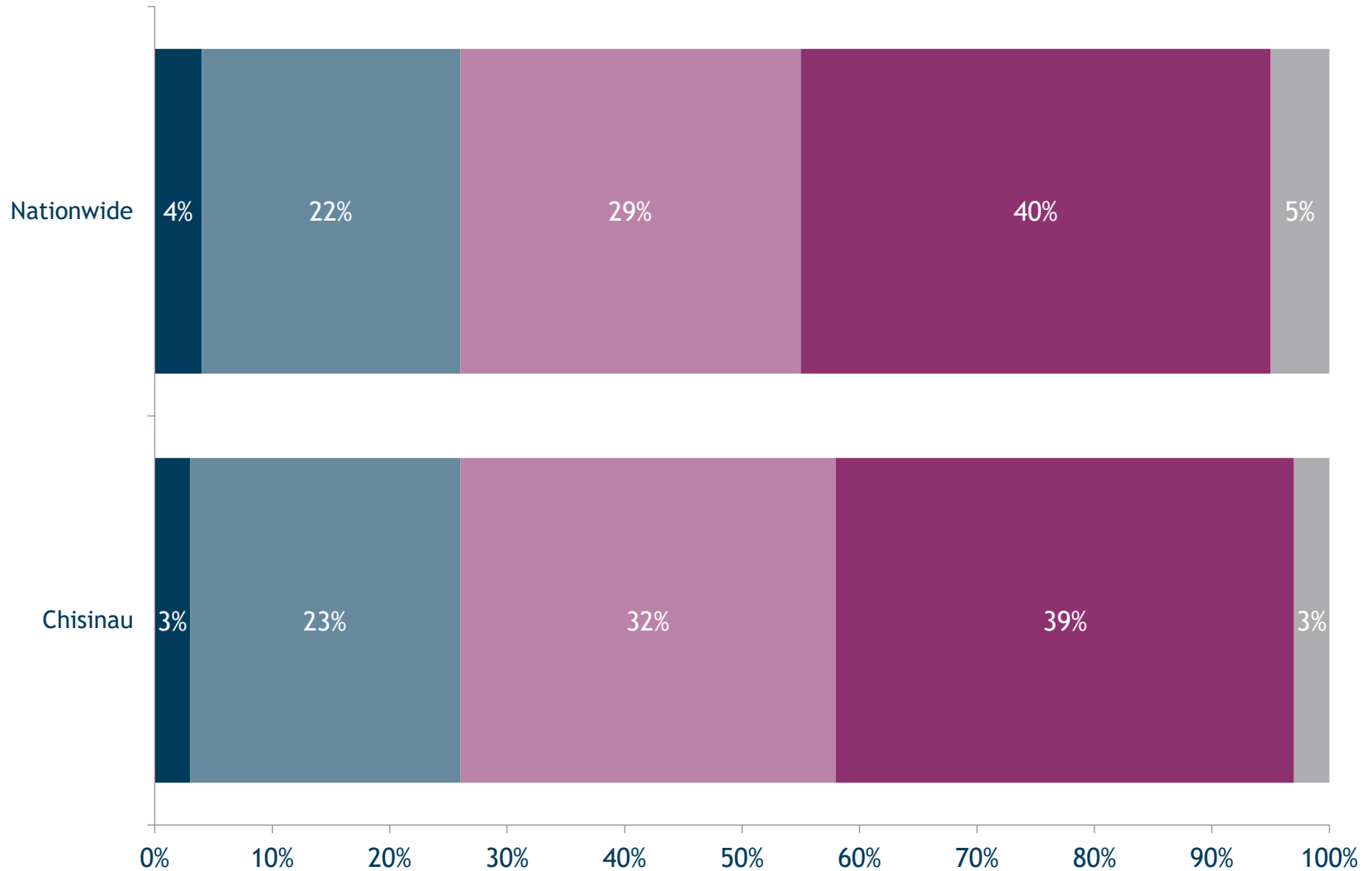
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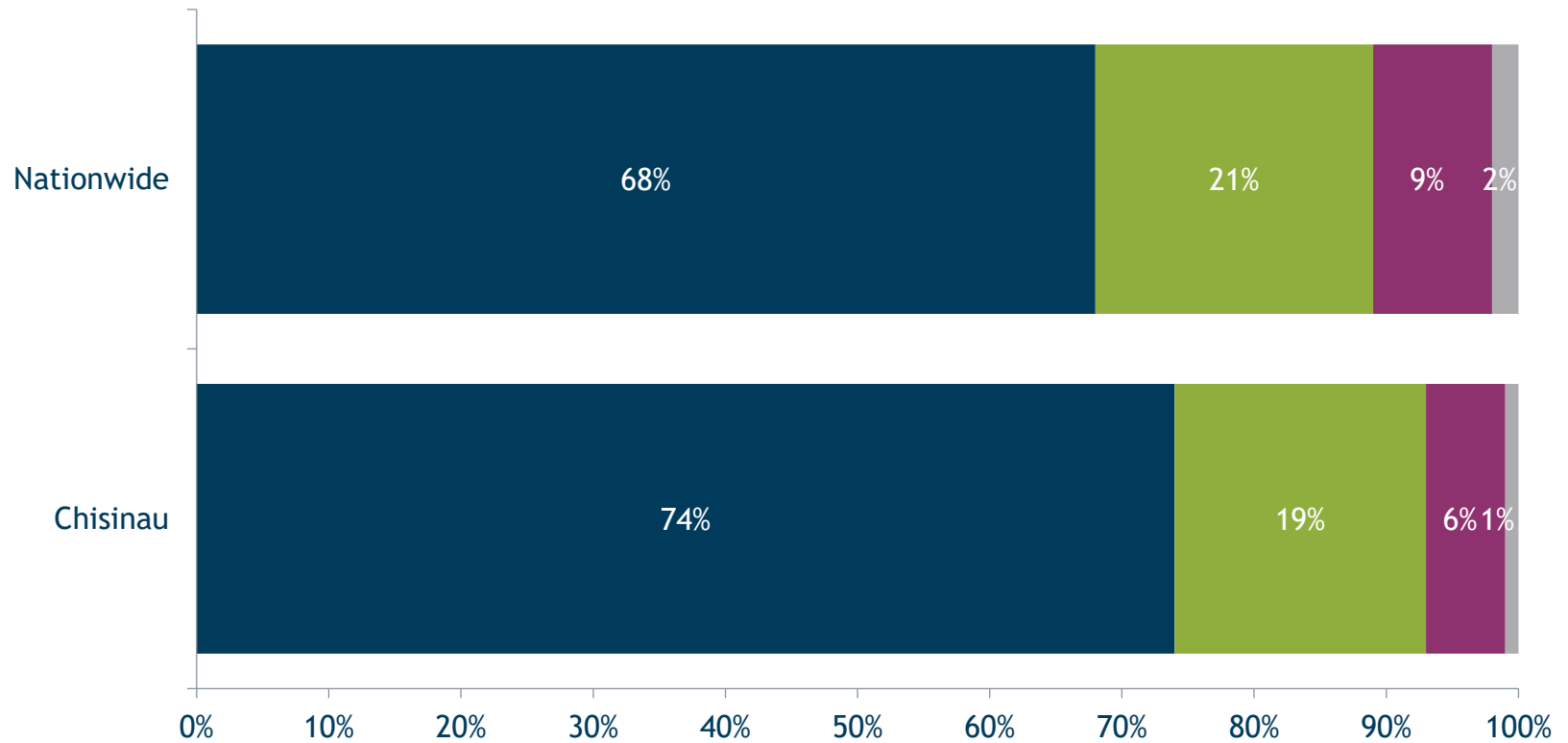
# How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Moldova?

■ Very satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Somewhat dissatisfied ■ Very dissatisfied ■ Don't know/No answer



# Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?

- Our society needs serious reforms (structural and systemic change)
- Our society needs gradual reforms which preserve the existing system
- Our society has to be protected from the forces who want to change the current order
- Don't know/No answer







# Views on Corruption

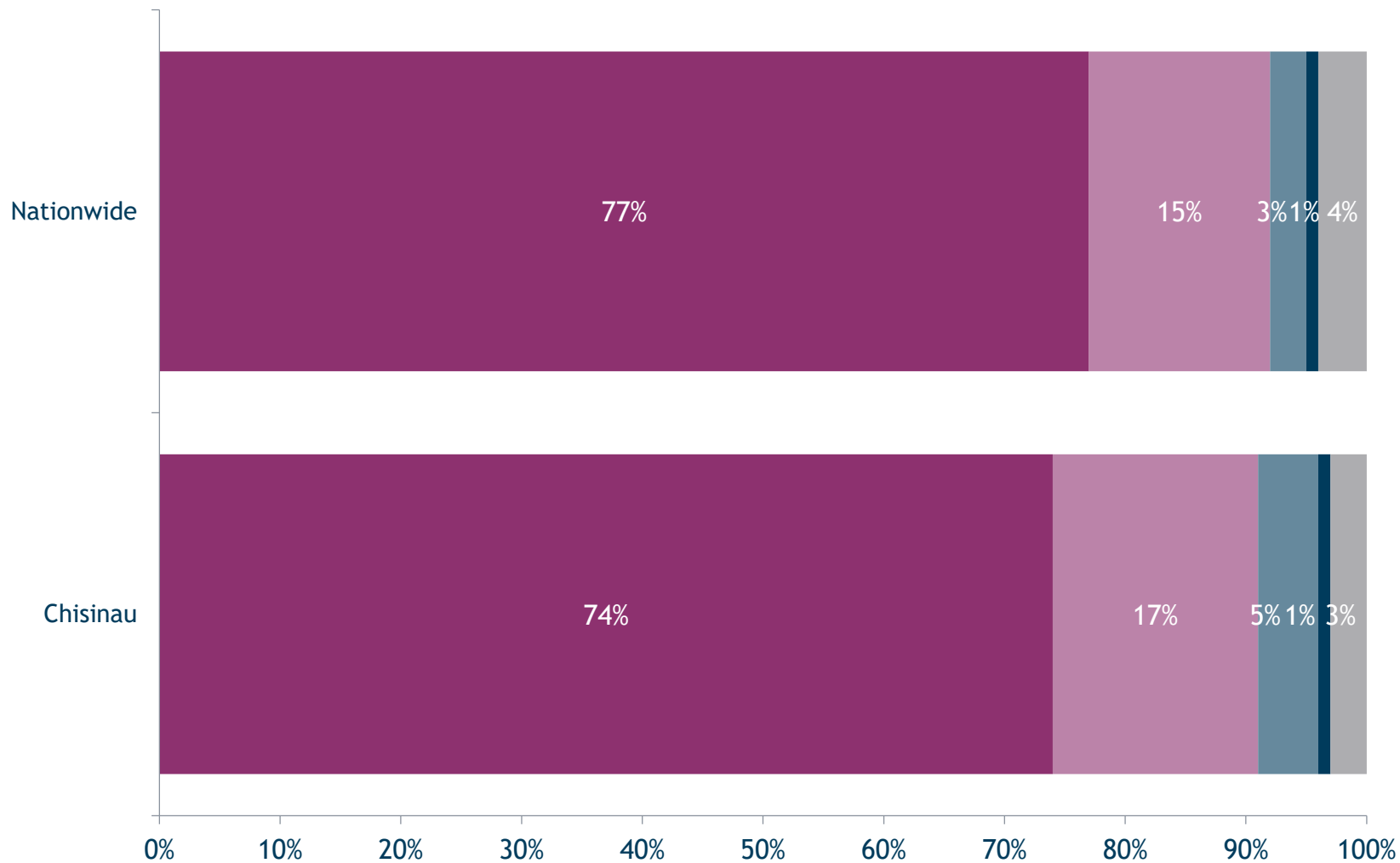
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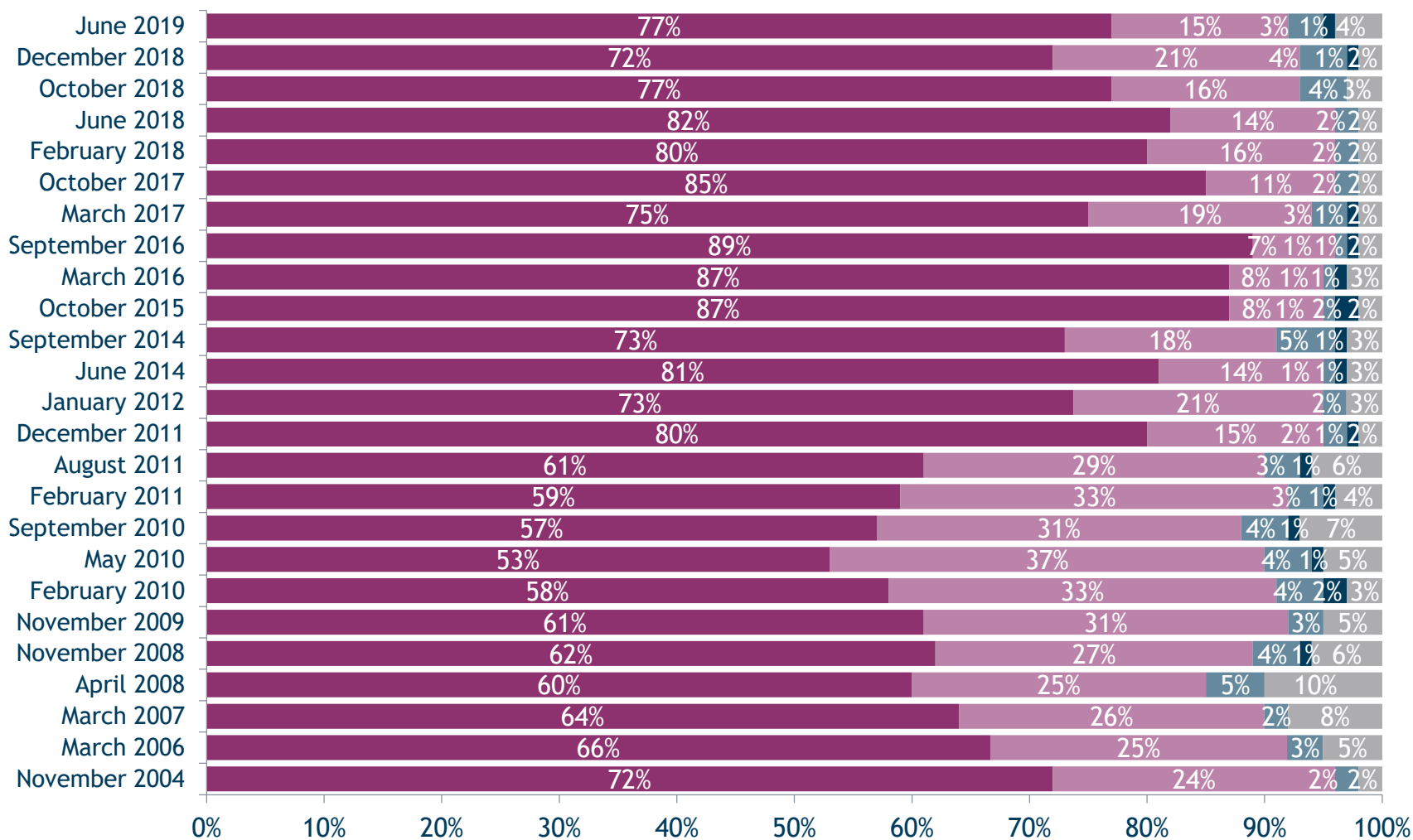
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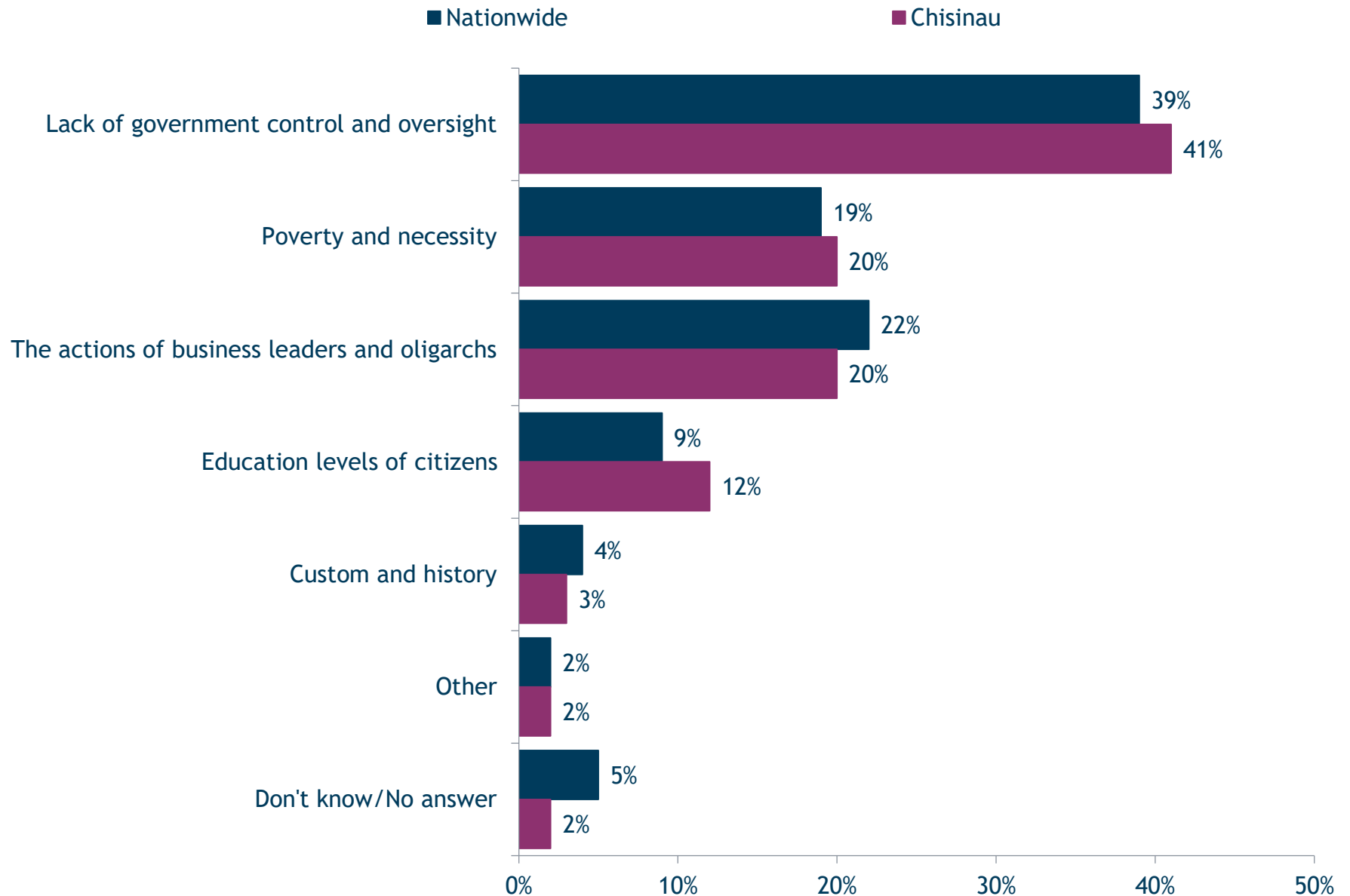


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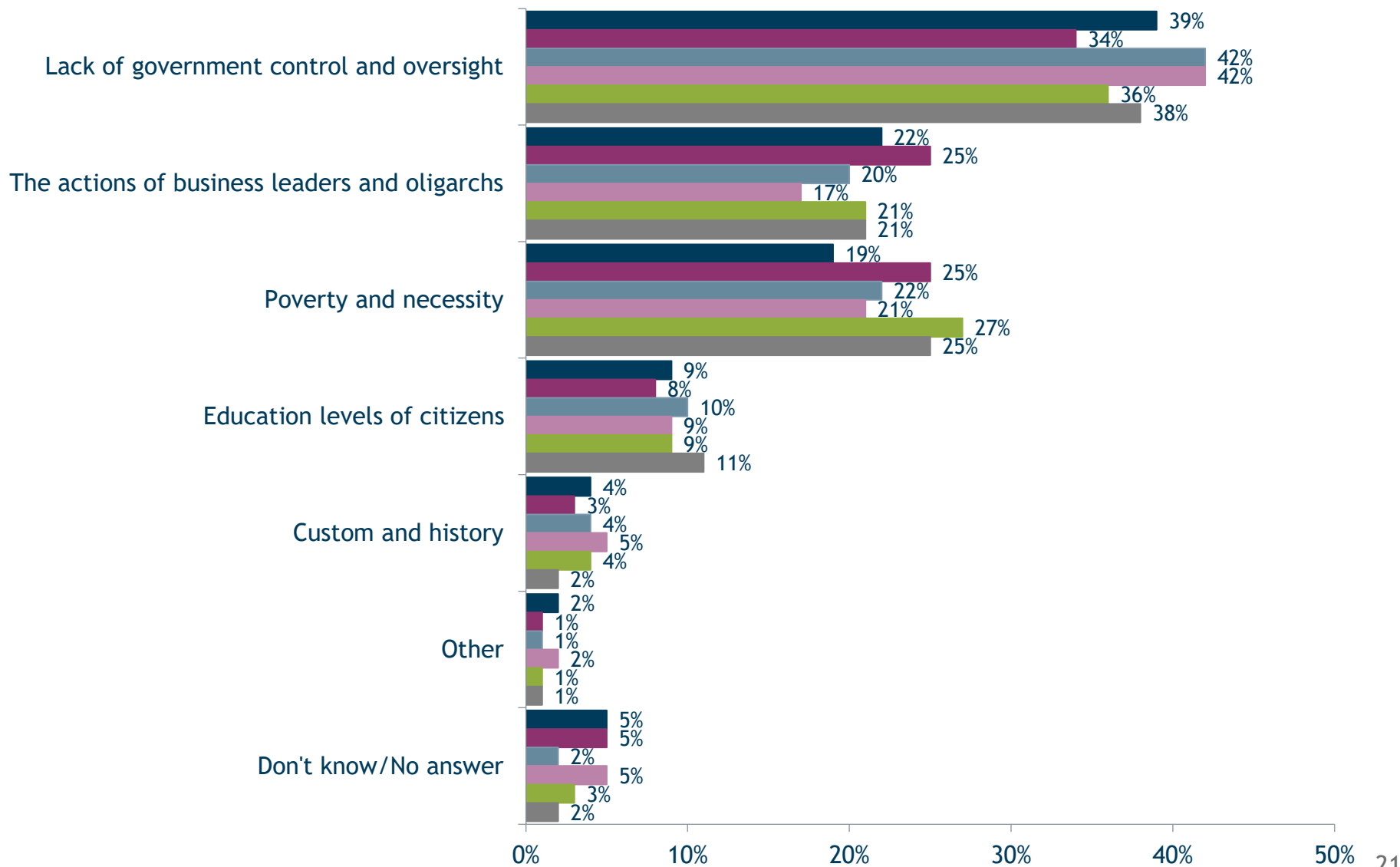


# What, in your opinion, is the greatest cause of corruption in Moldova?

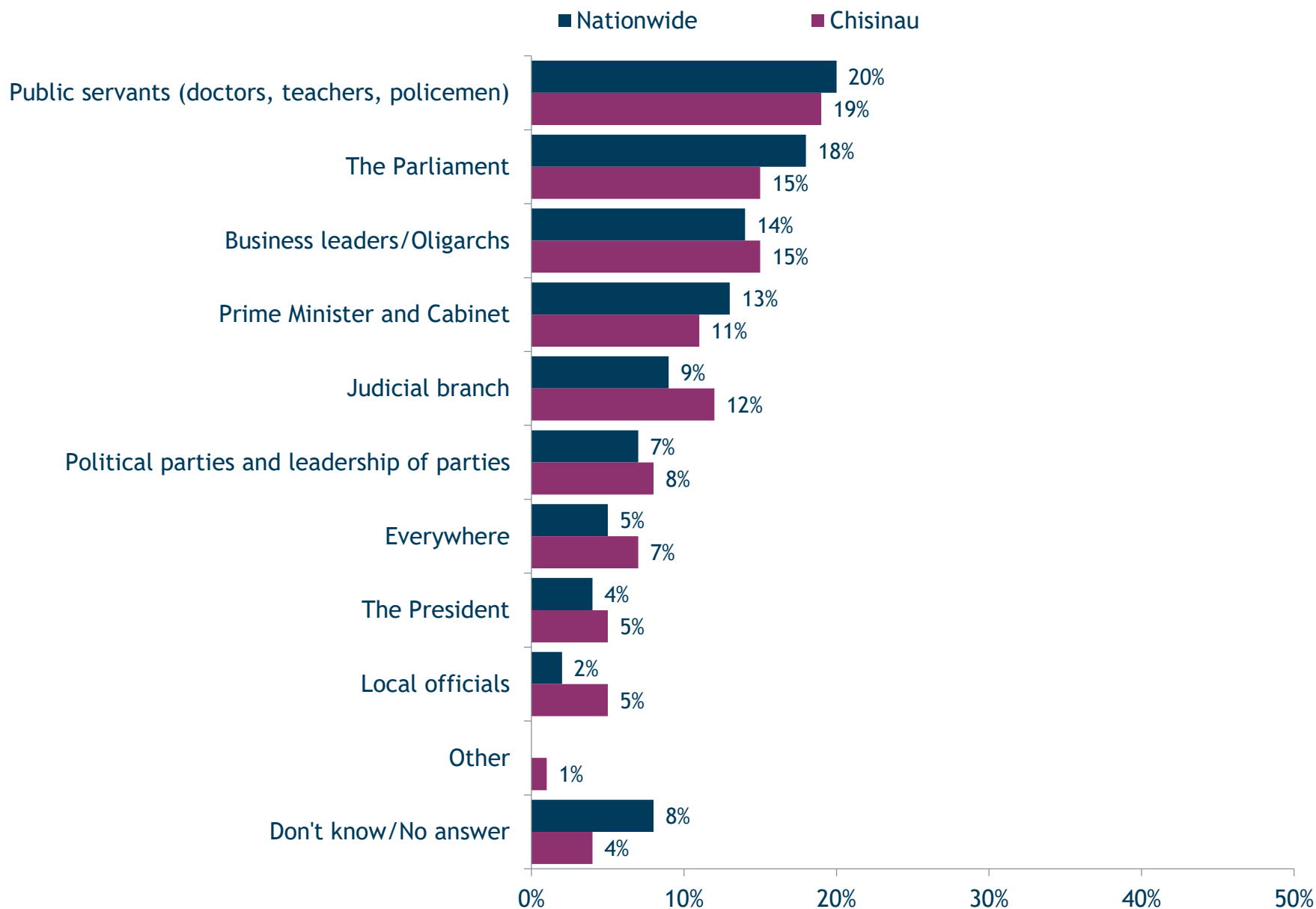


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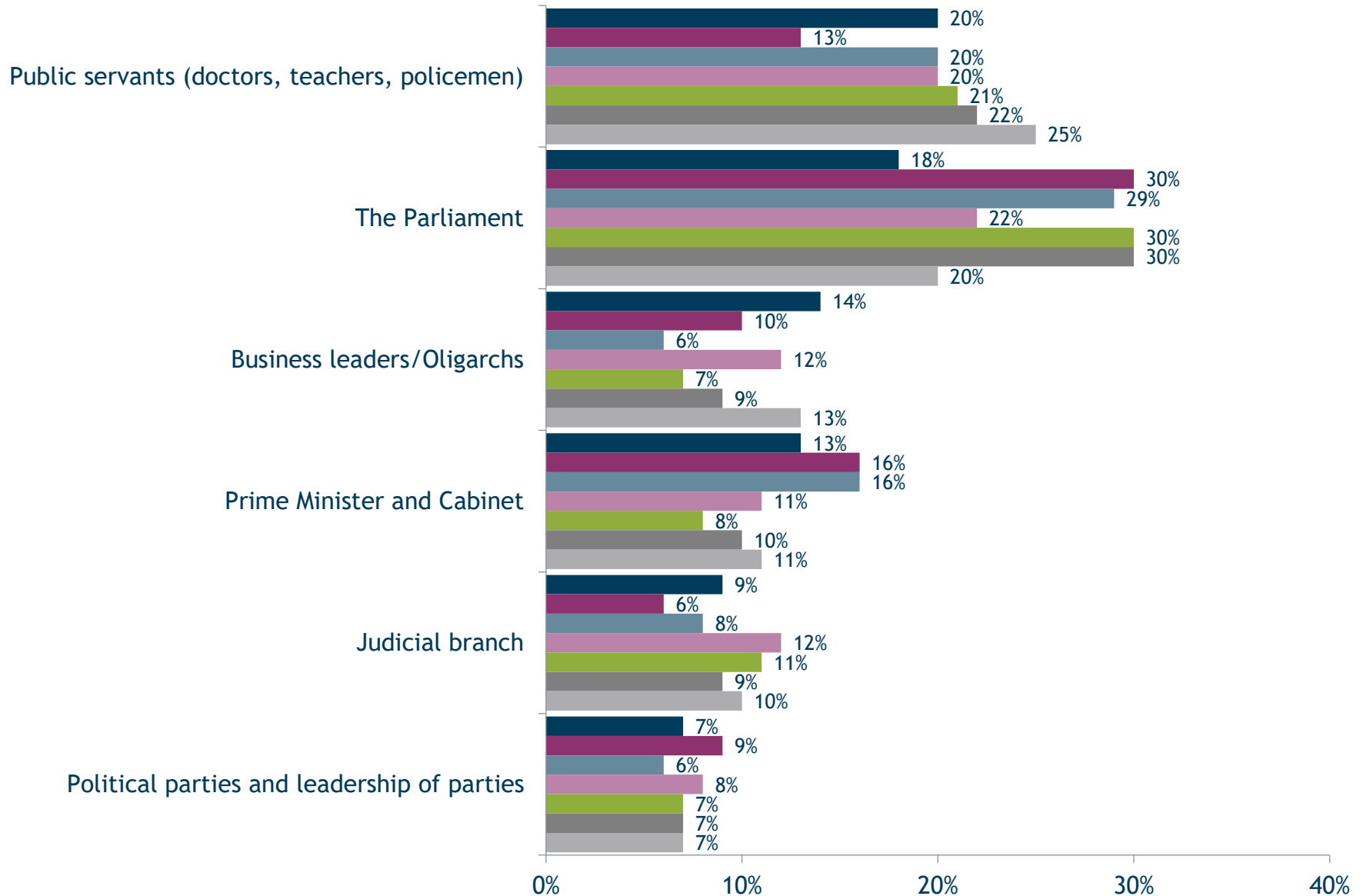


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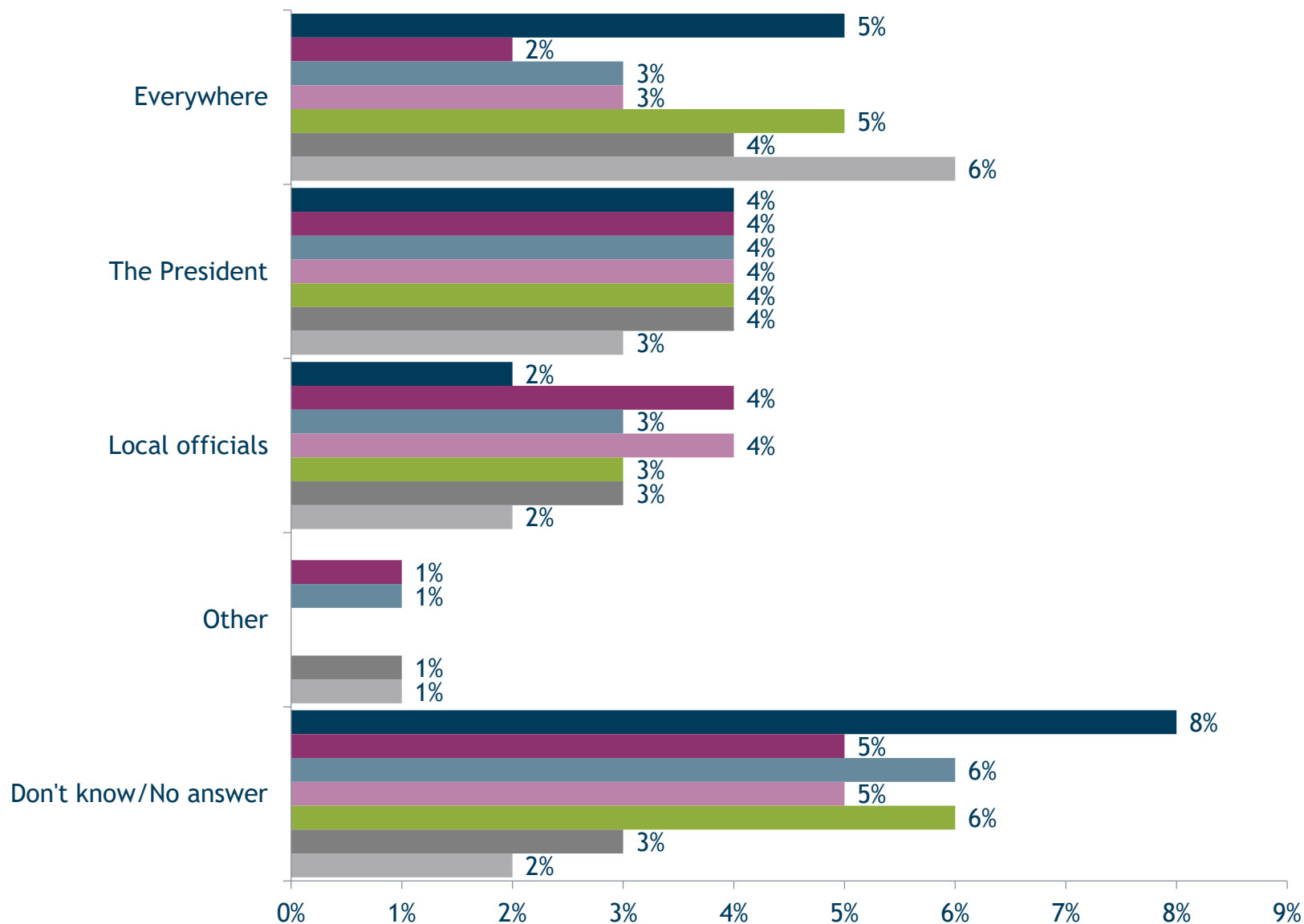
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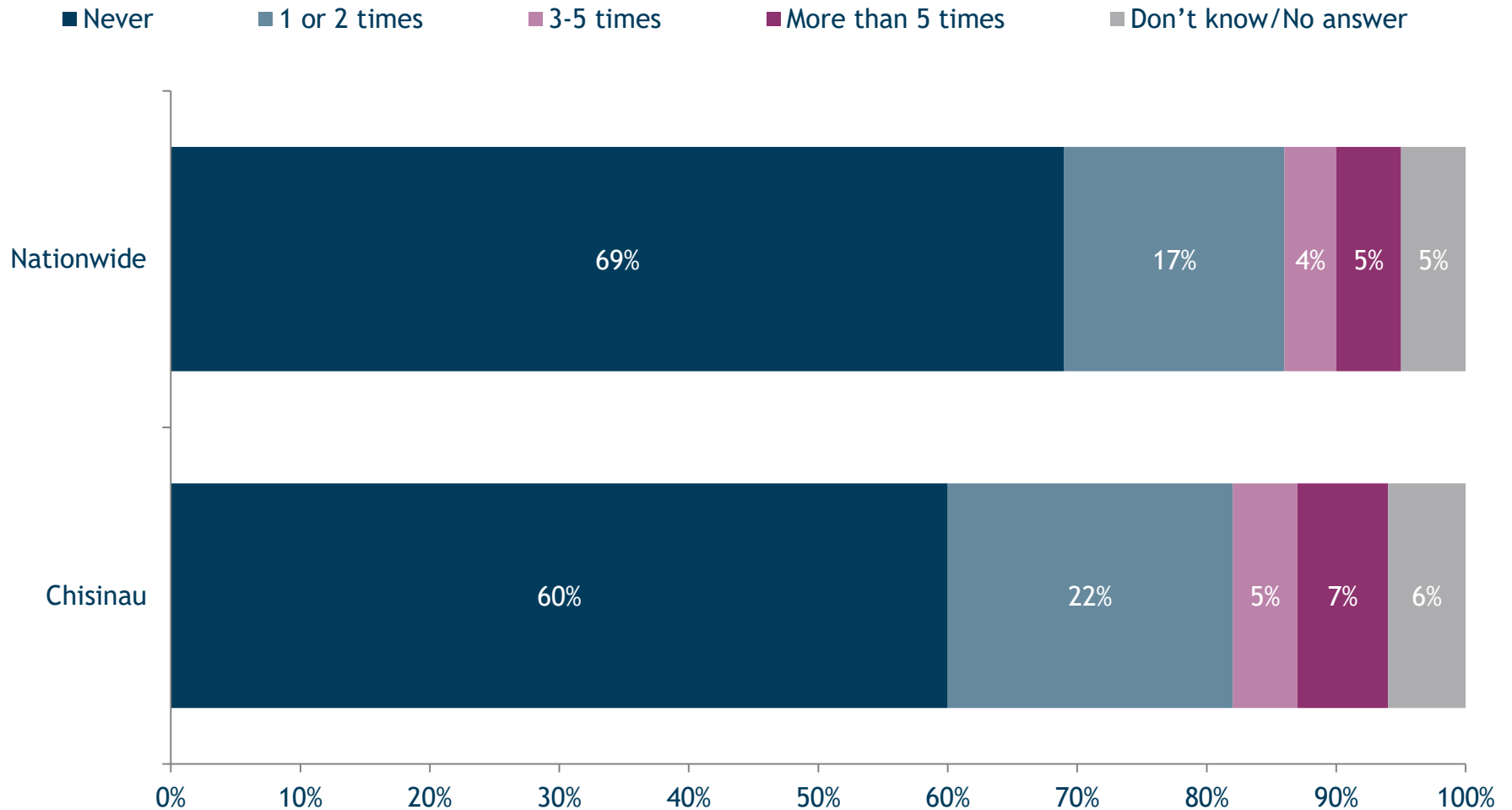
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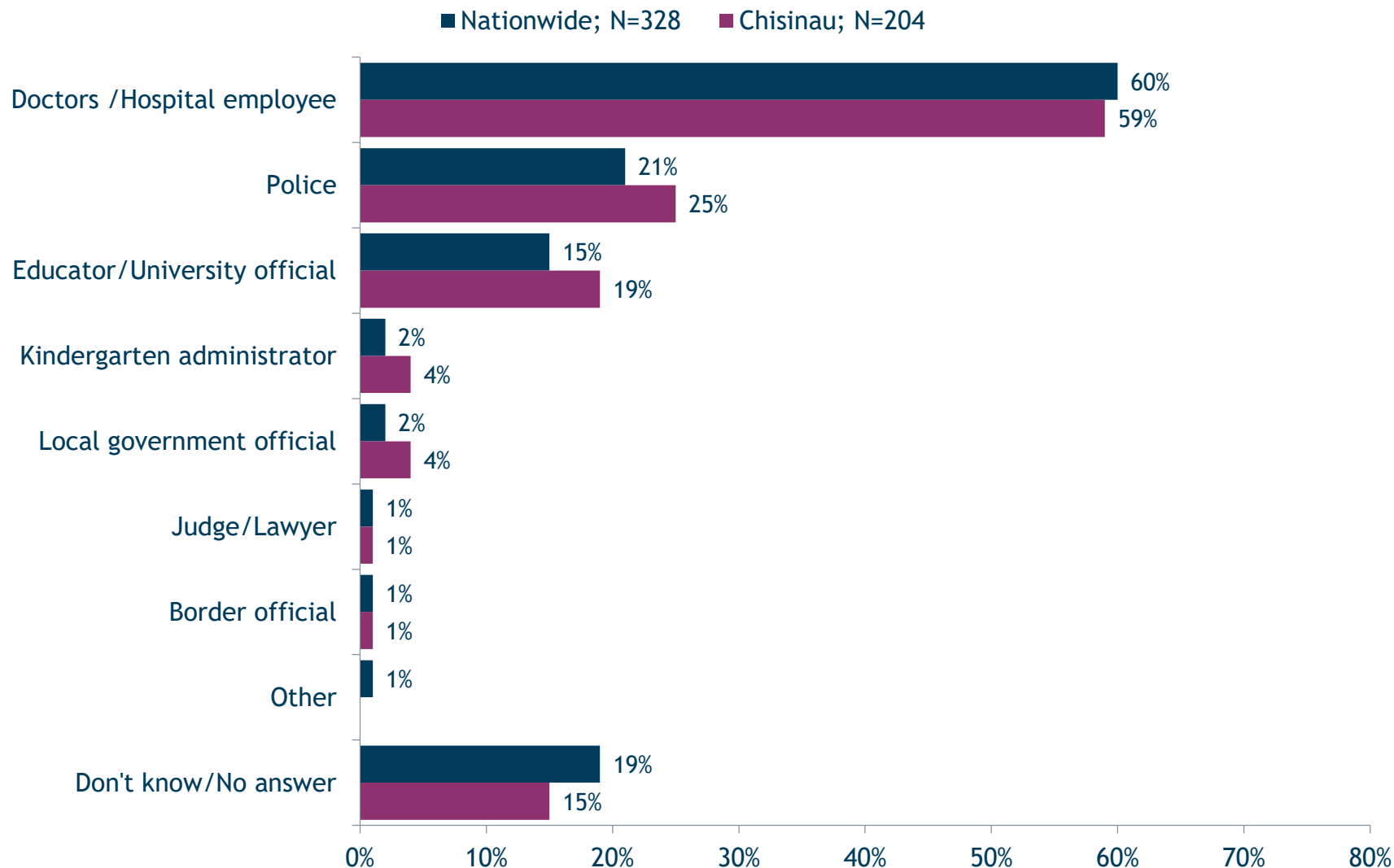


# In the past 12 months, how often, if ever, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe in order to receive services?



# For whom have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe in order to receive services?

(Respondents who had to do this in the last 12 months; respondents permitted to supply three answers)





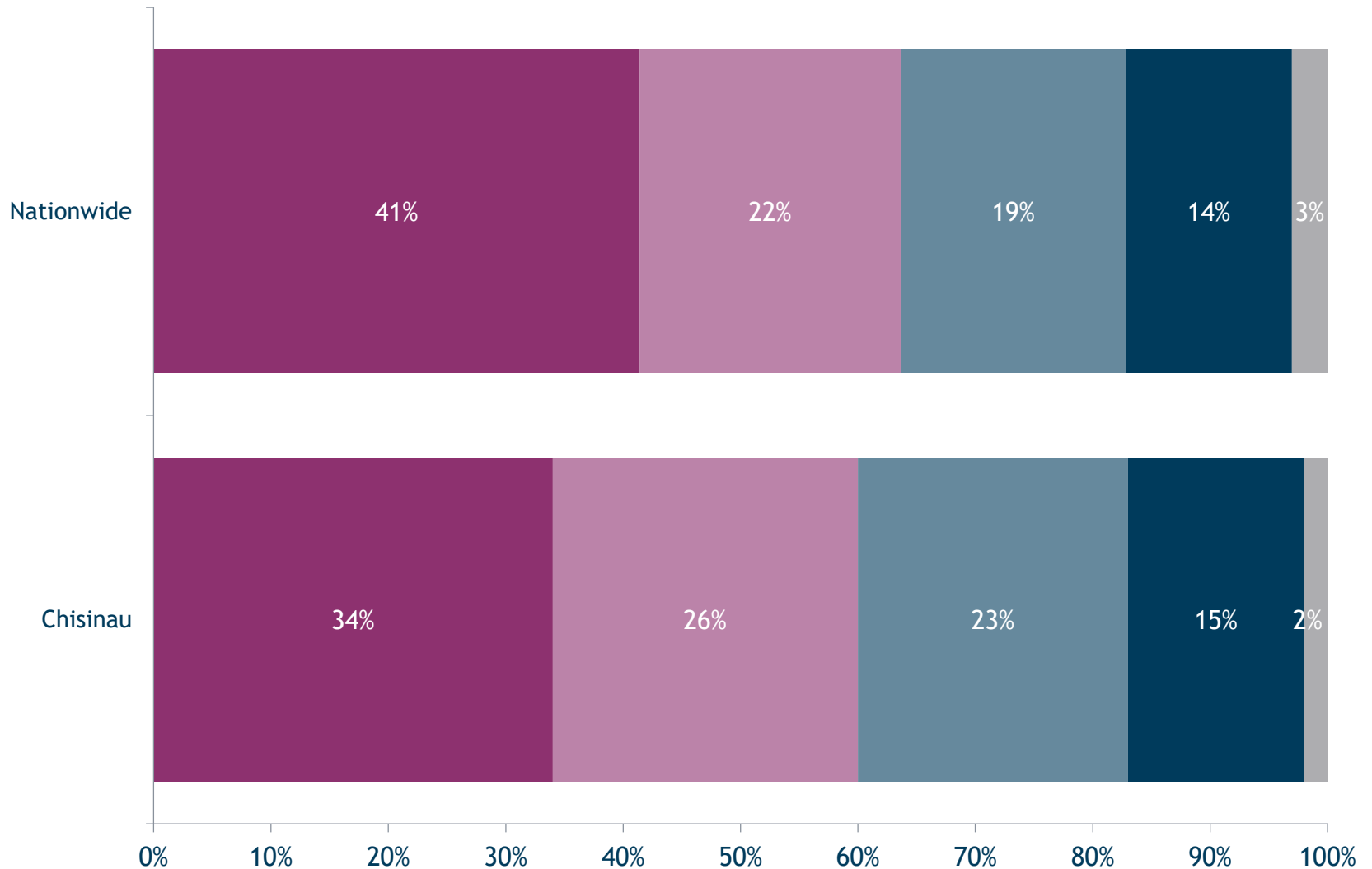
# Politics

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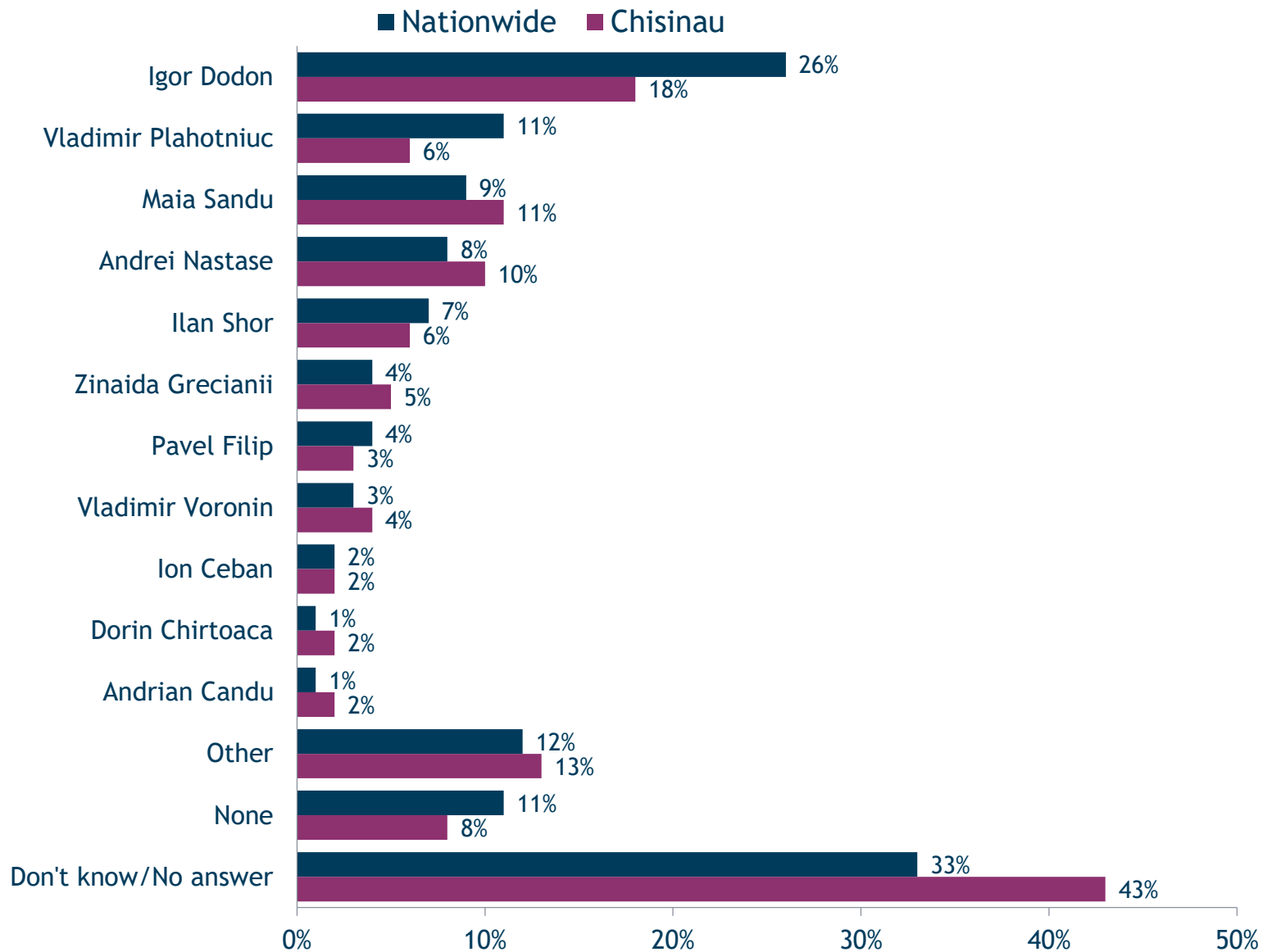
# Are people in Moldova afraid or not to openly express their political views?

■ Majority are afraid   ■ Many are afraid   ■ Some are afraid   ■ Nobody is afraid   ■ Don't know/No answer

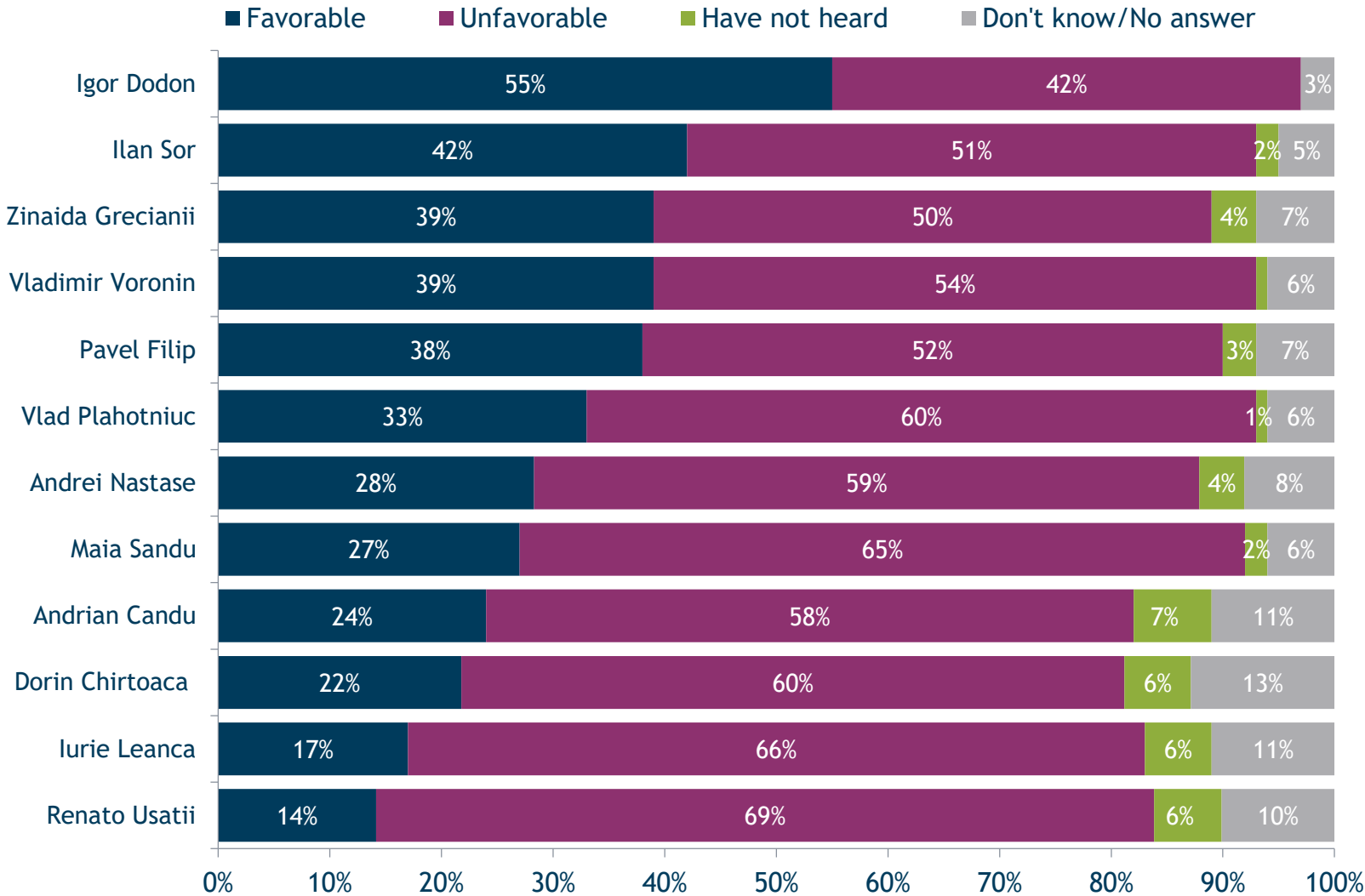


# Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)

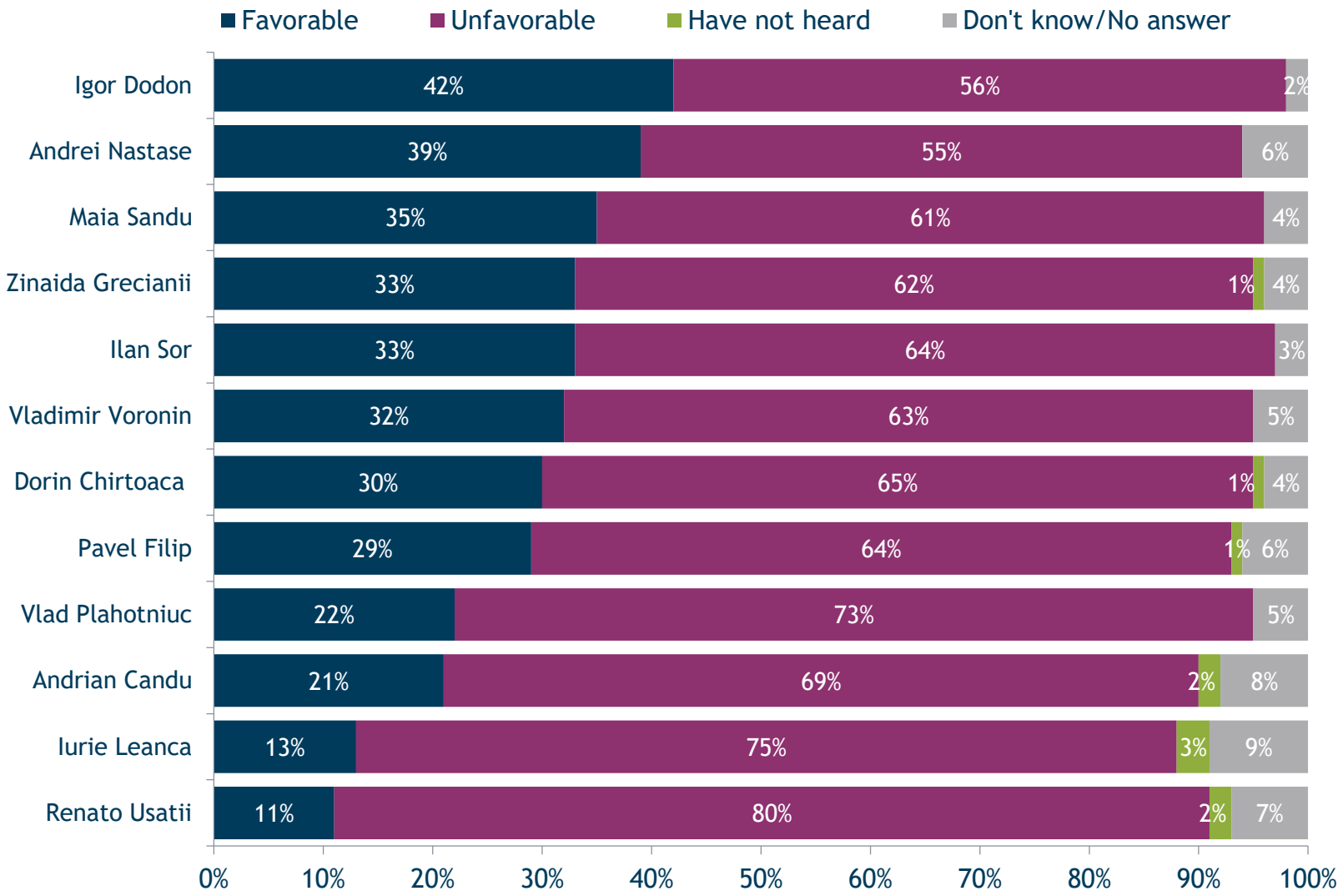


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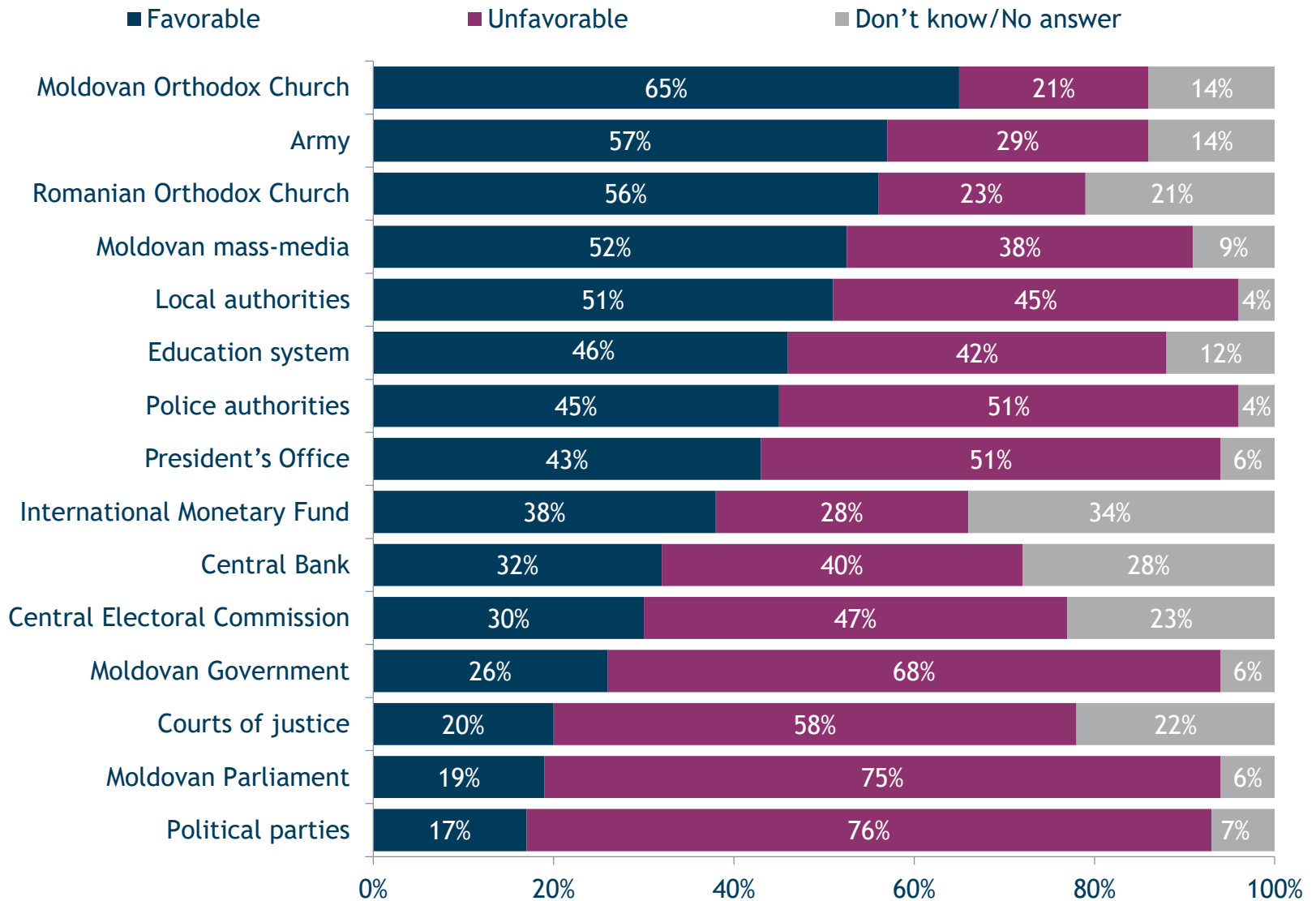
# Attitudes Toward the President, Government and Local Authorities

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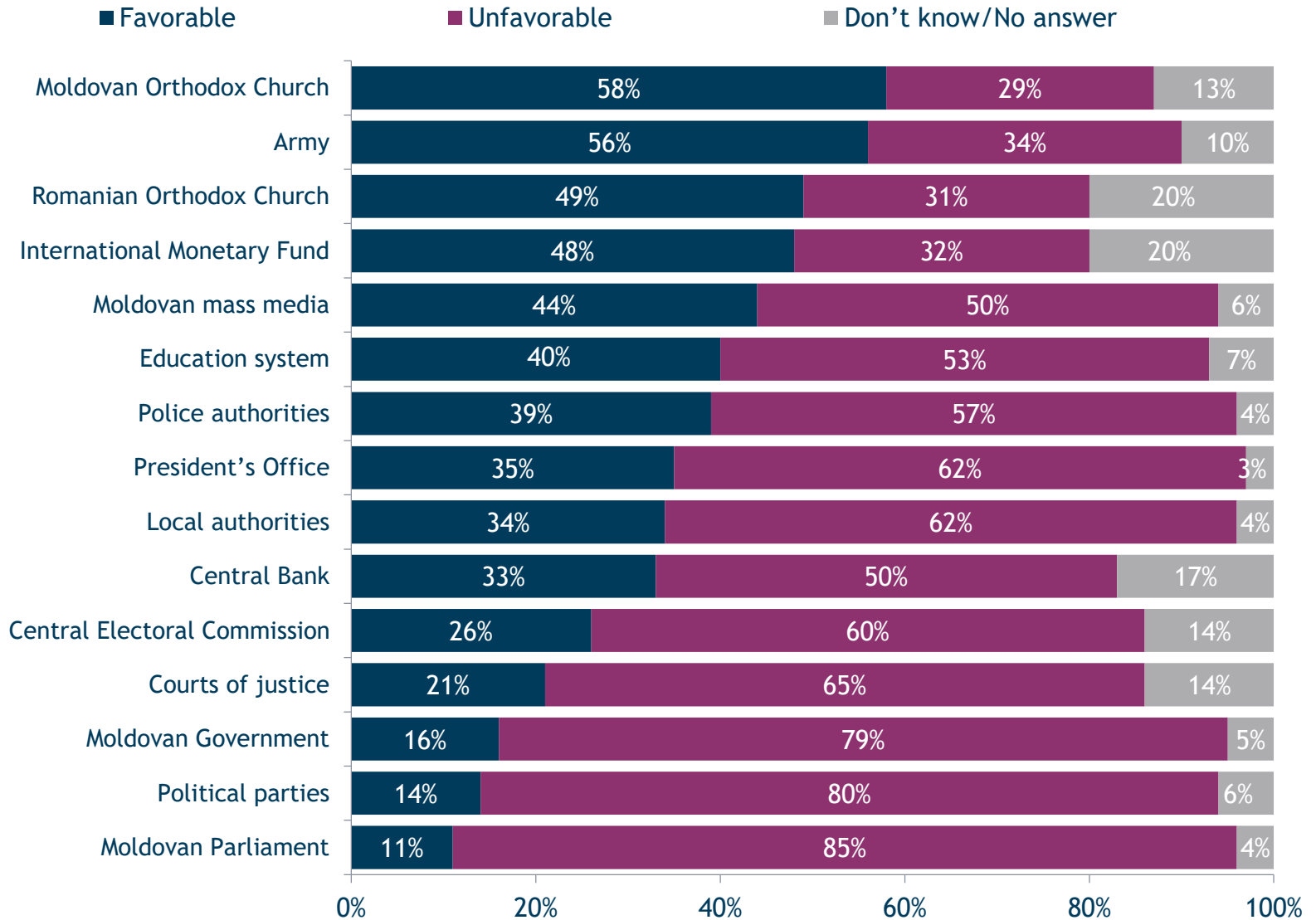


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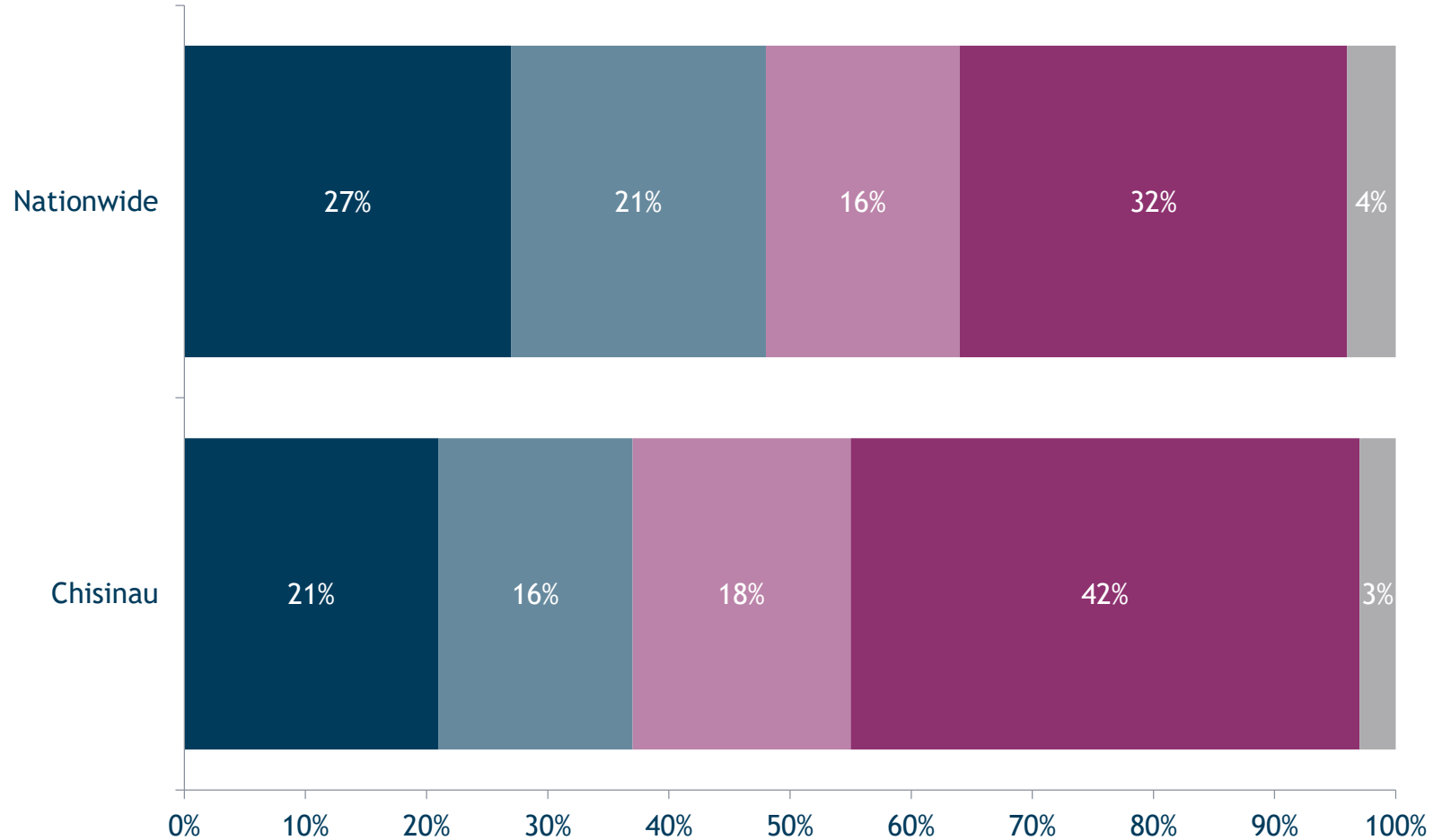
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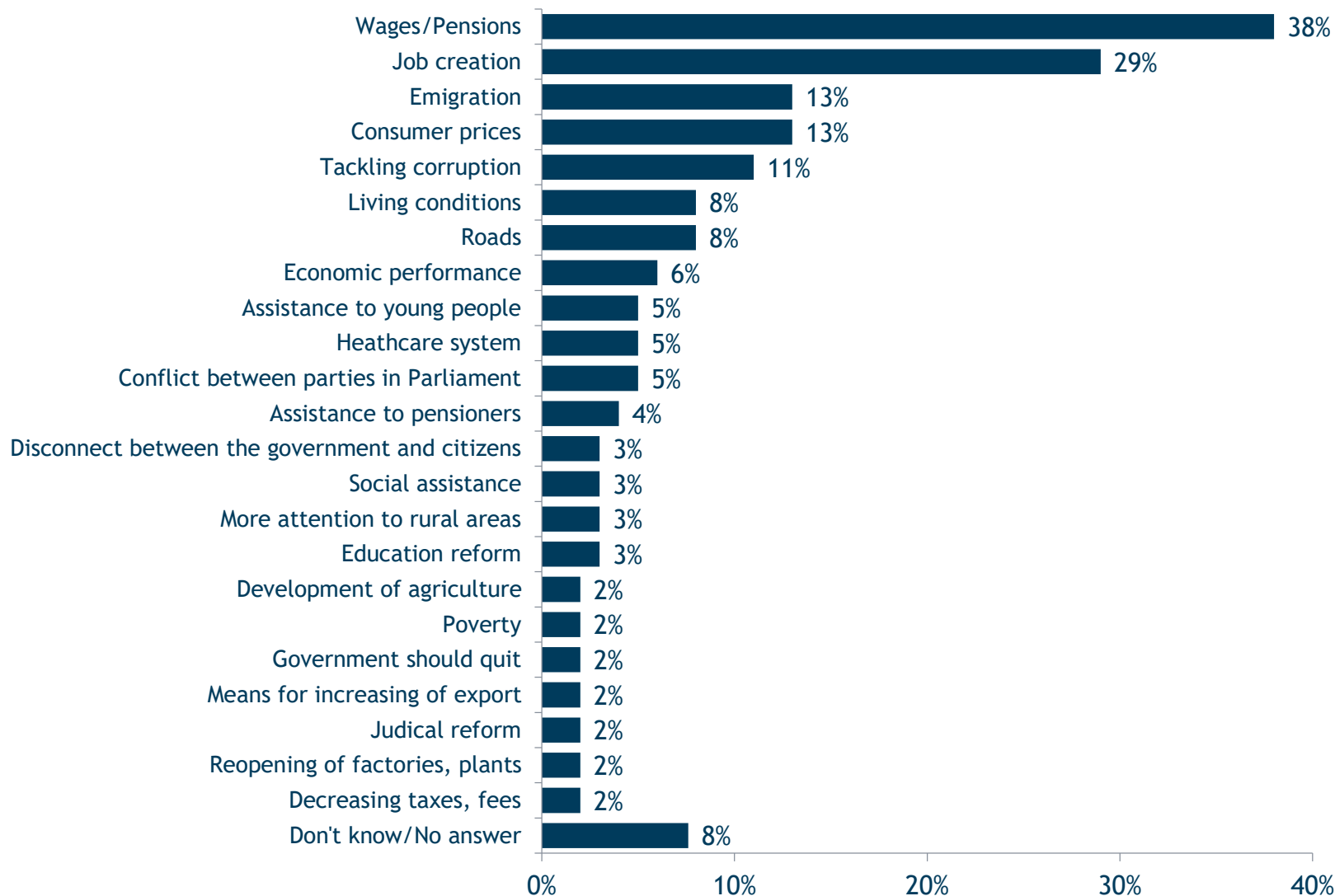
# Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the President of Moldova Igor Dodon?

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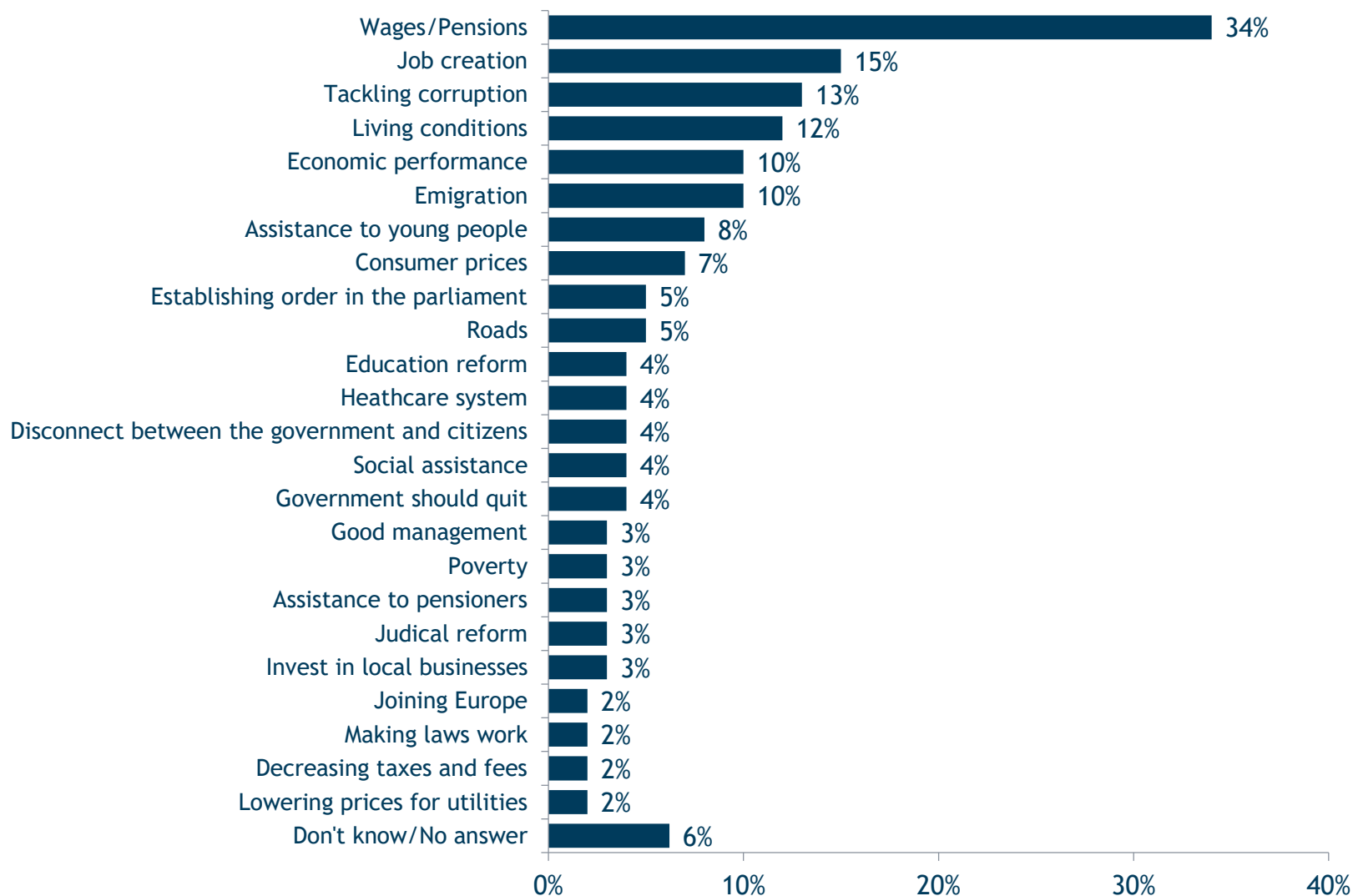
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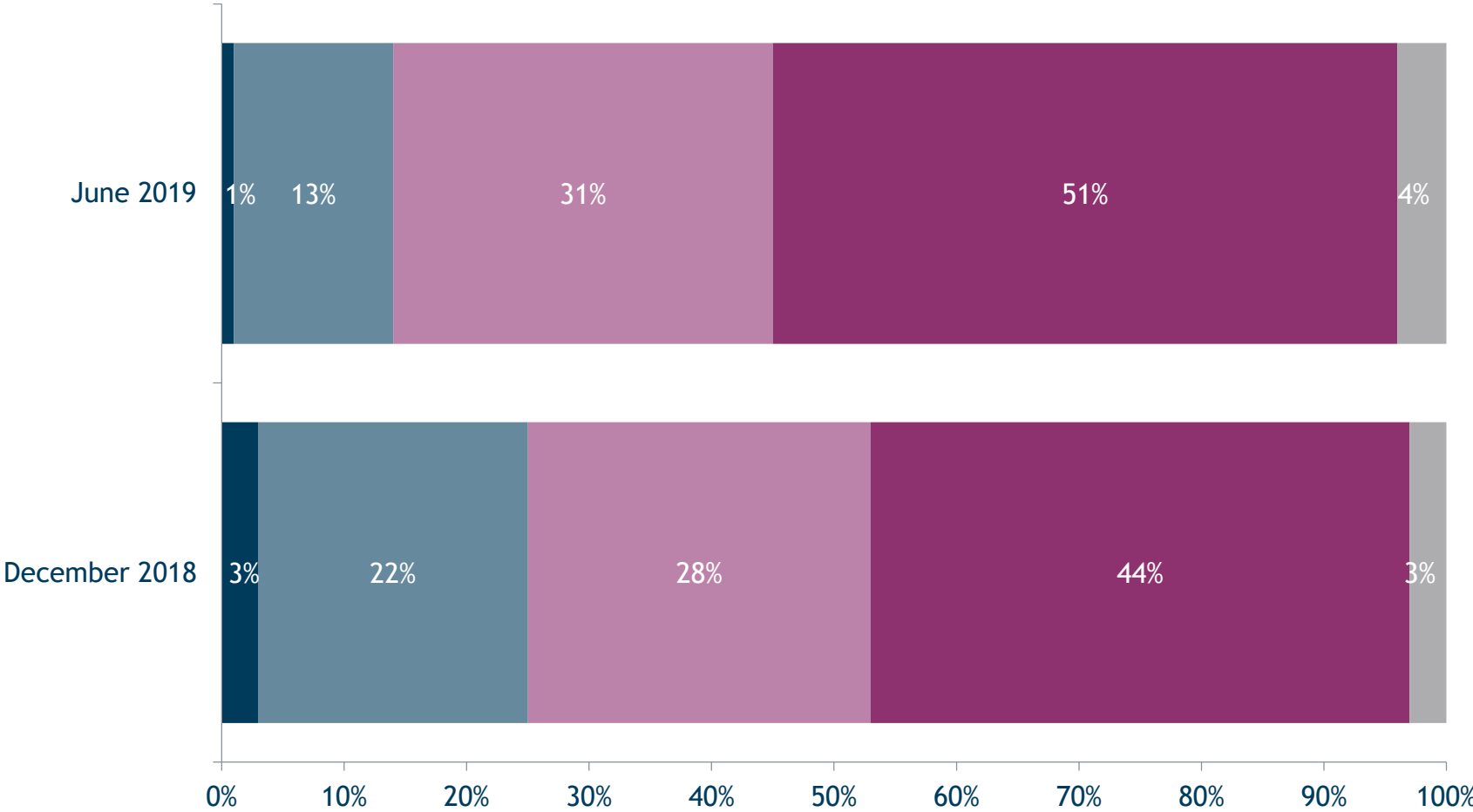
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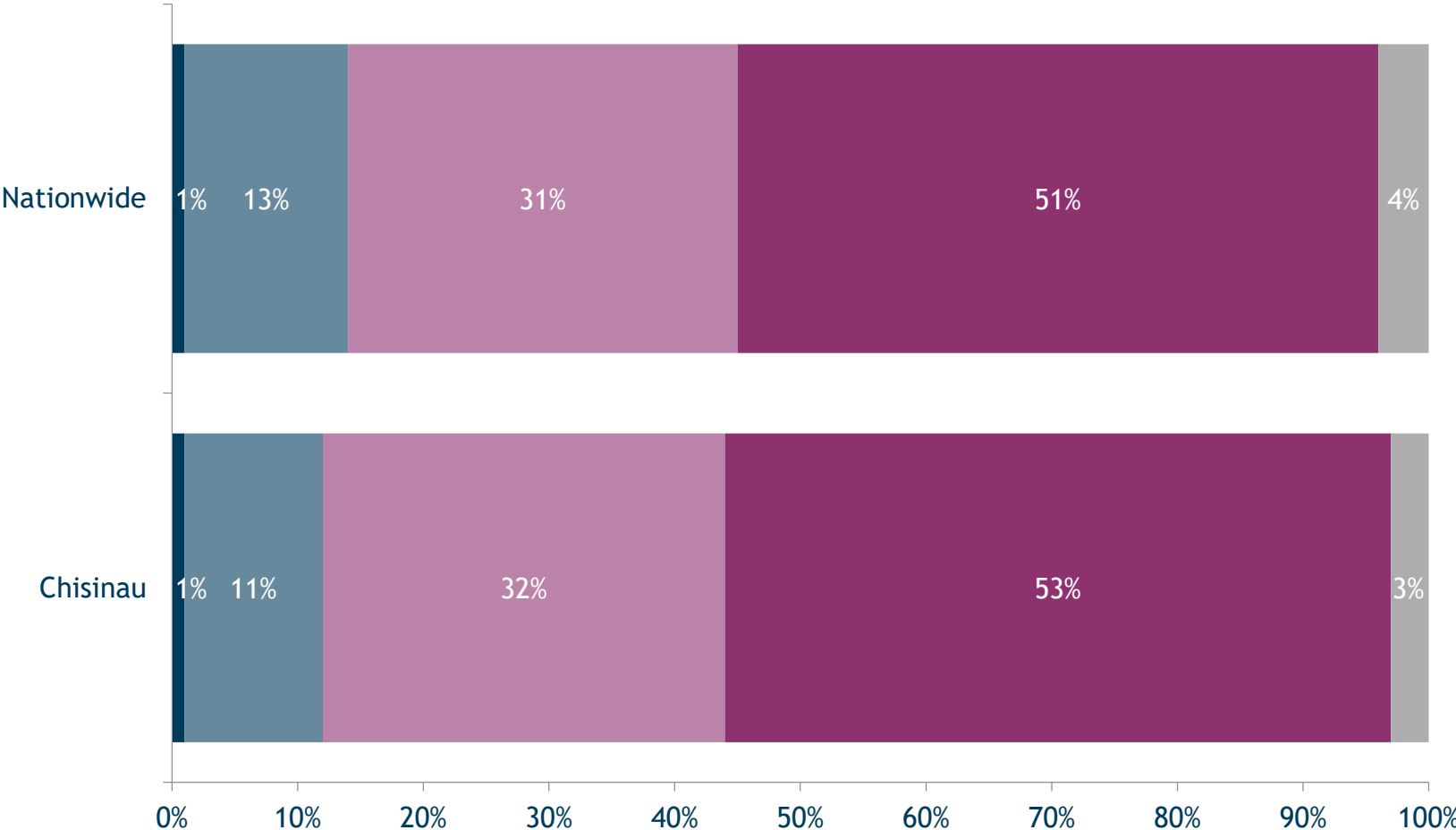
# Do you think that the Moldovan parliament is responsive to the needs of citizens like you?

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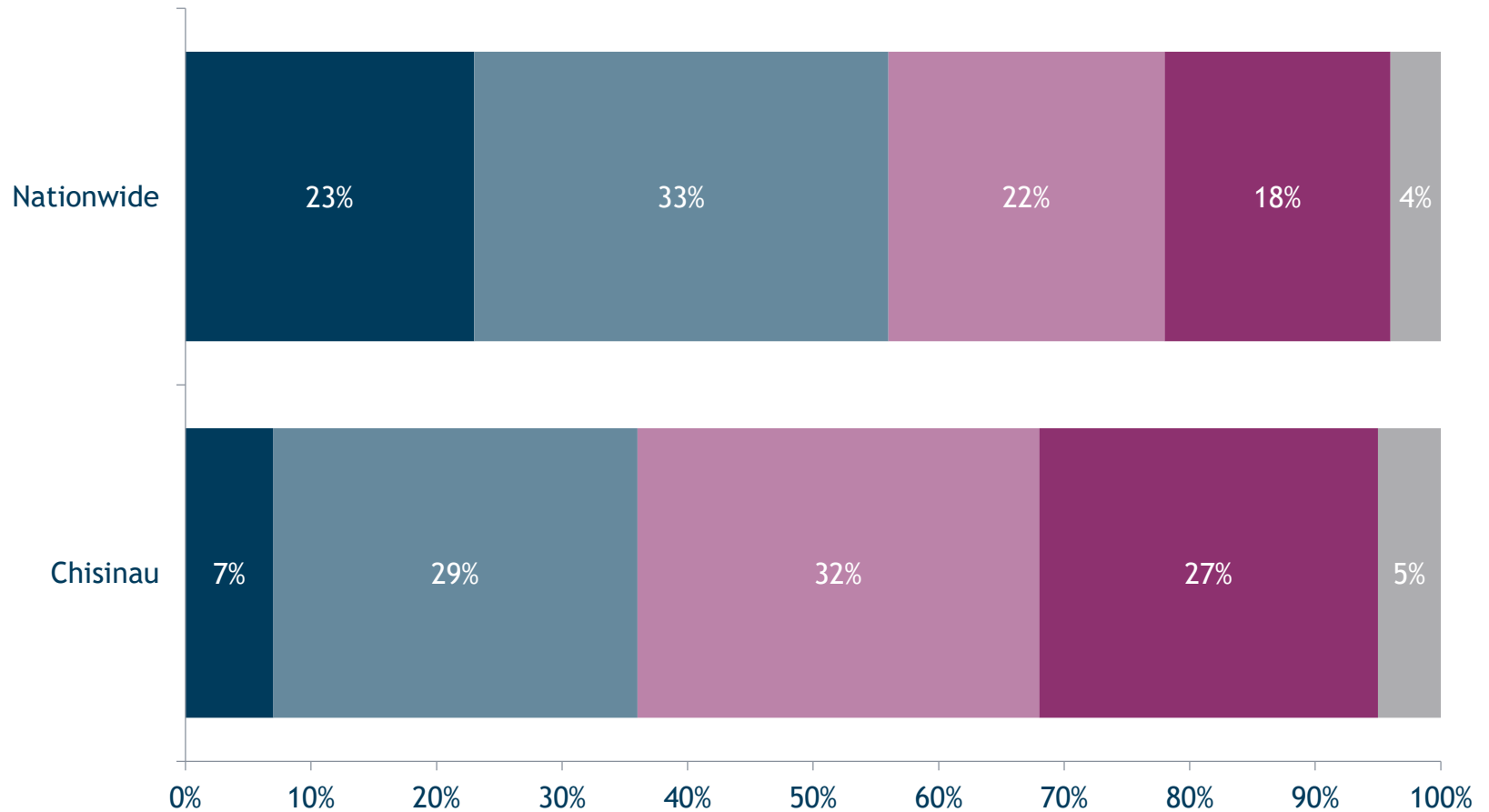
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# Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of your local government (i.e. mayor, local councilors and *raion* councilors)?

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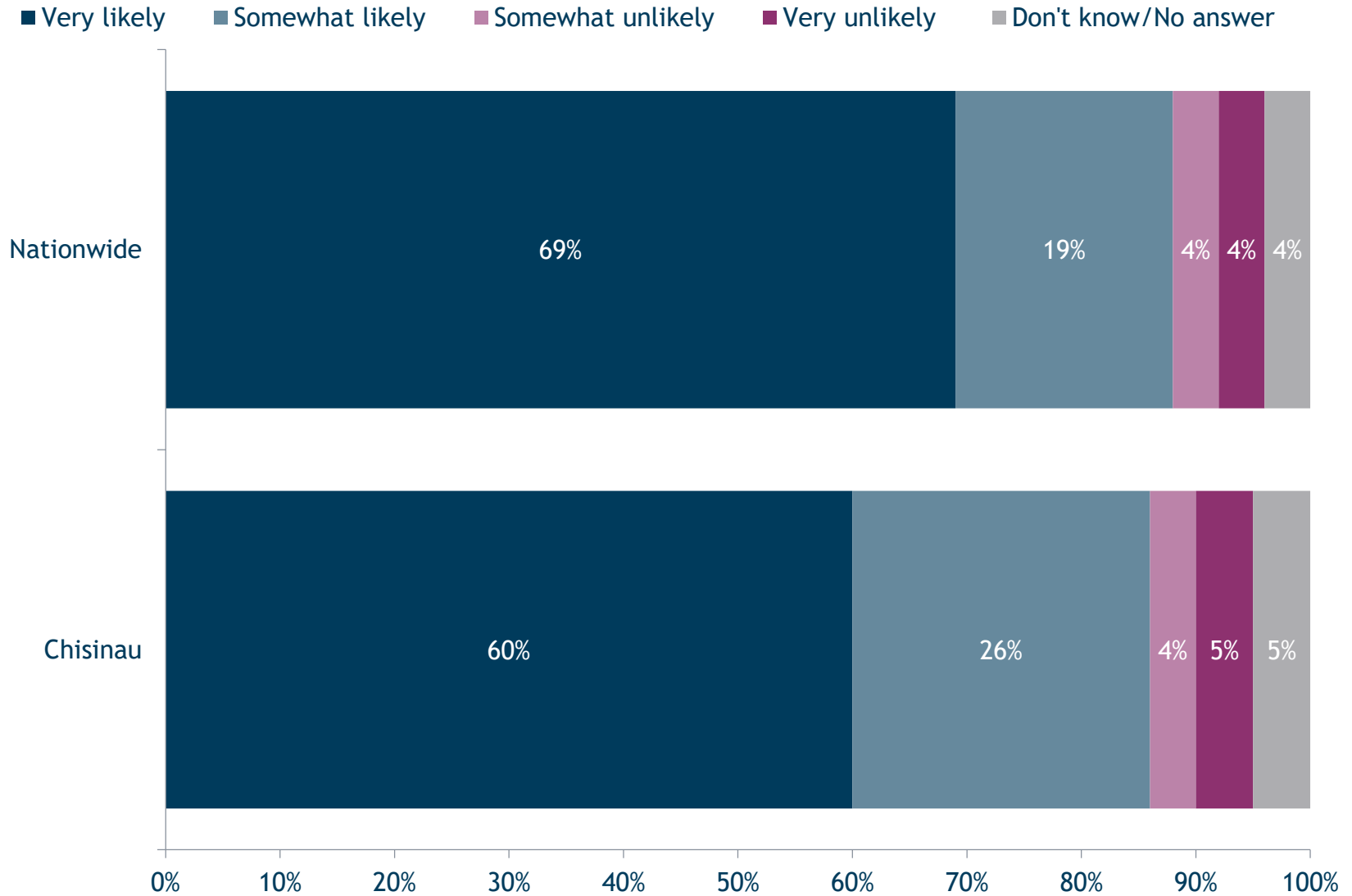


# Local Elections

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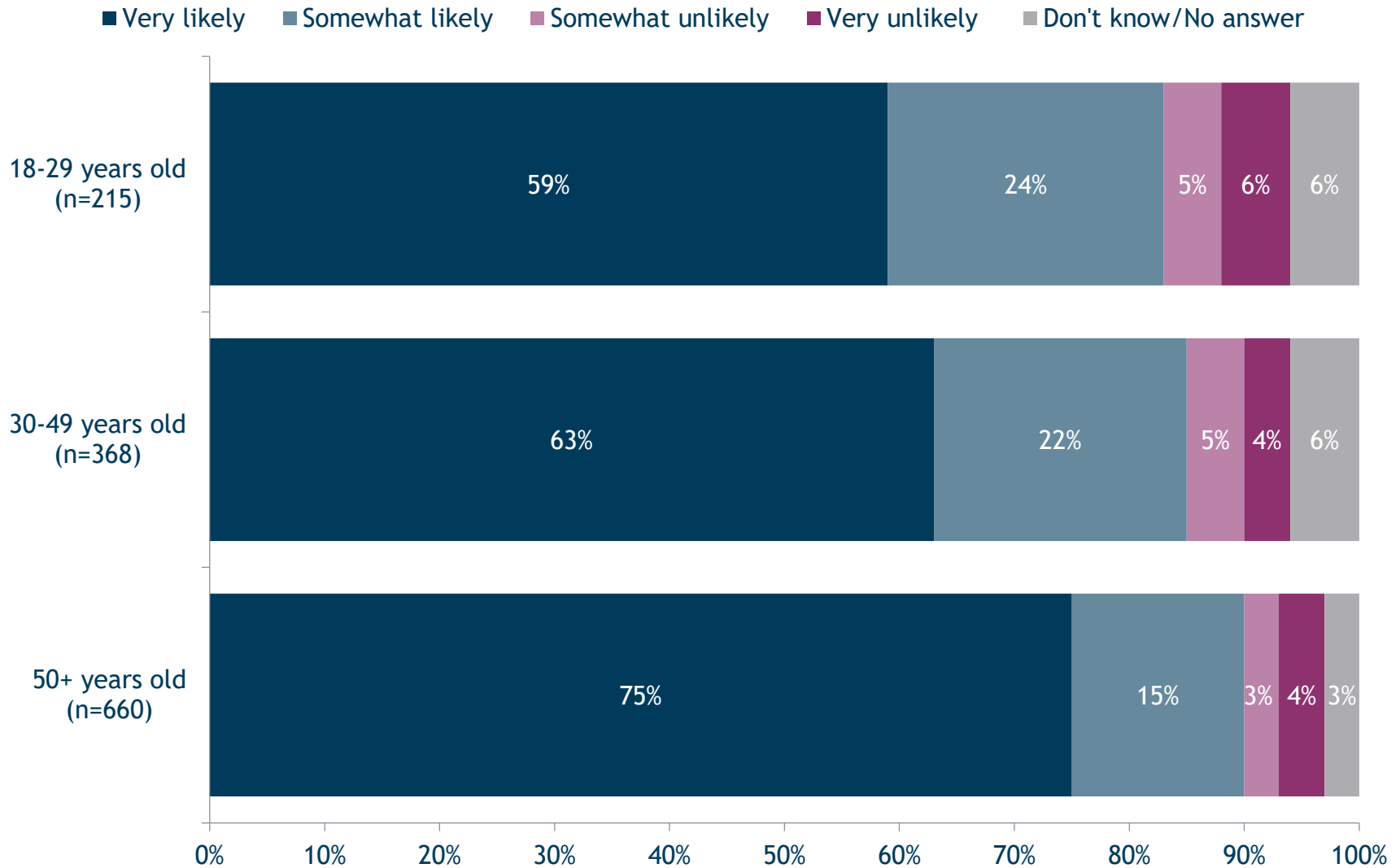


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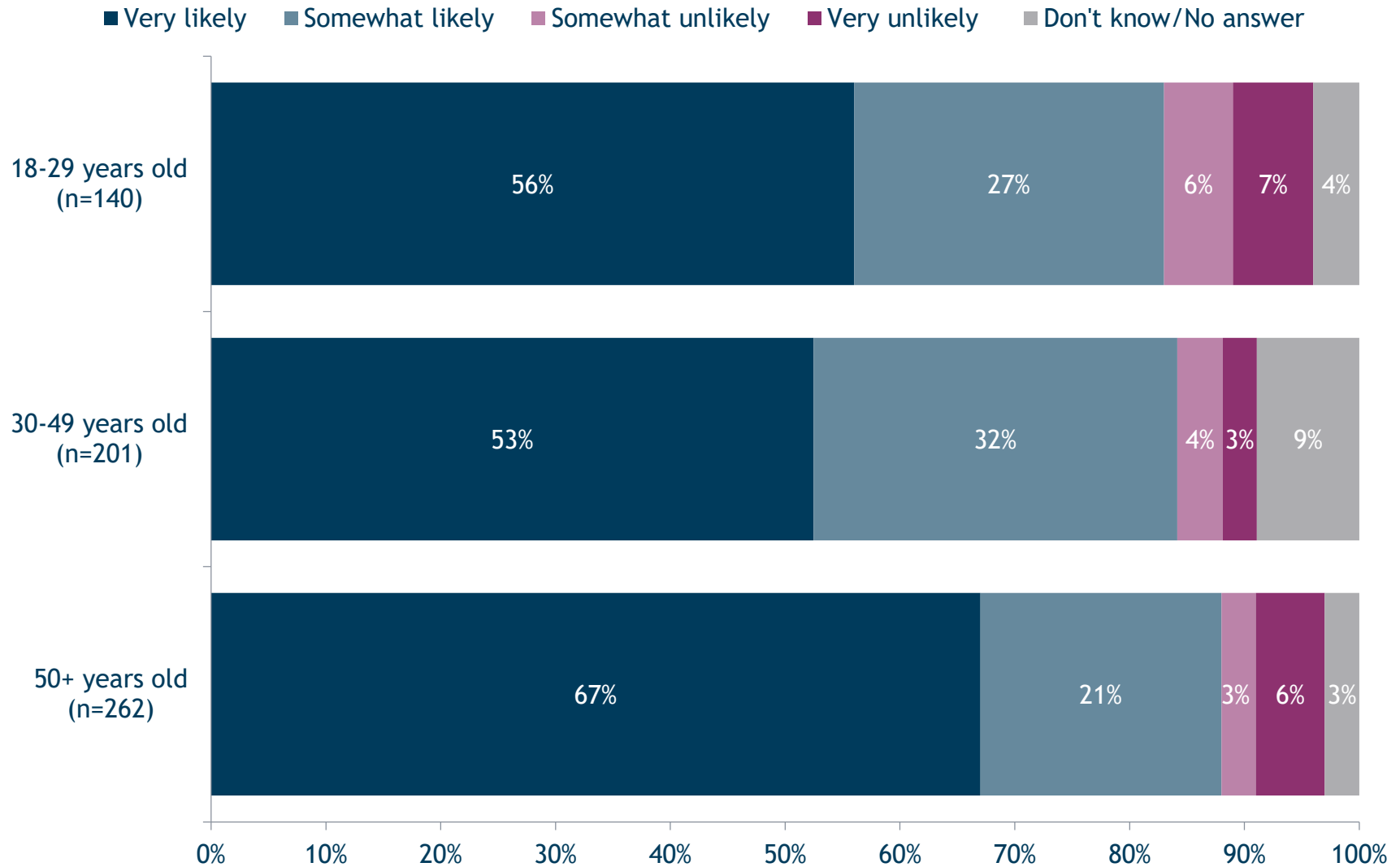
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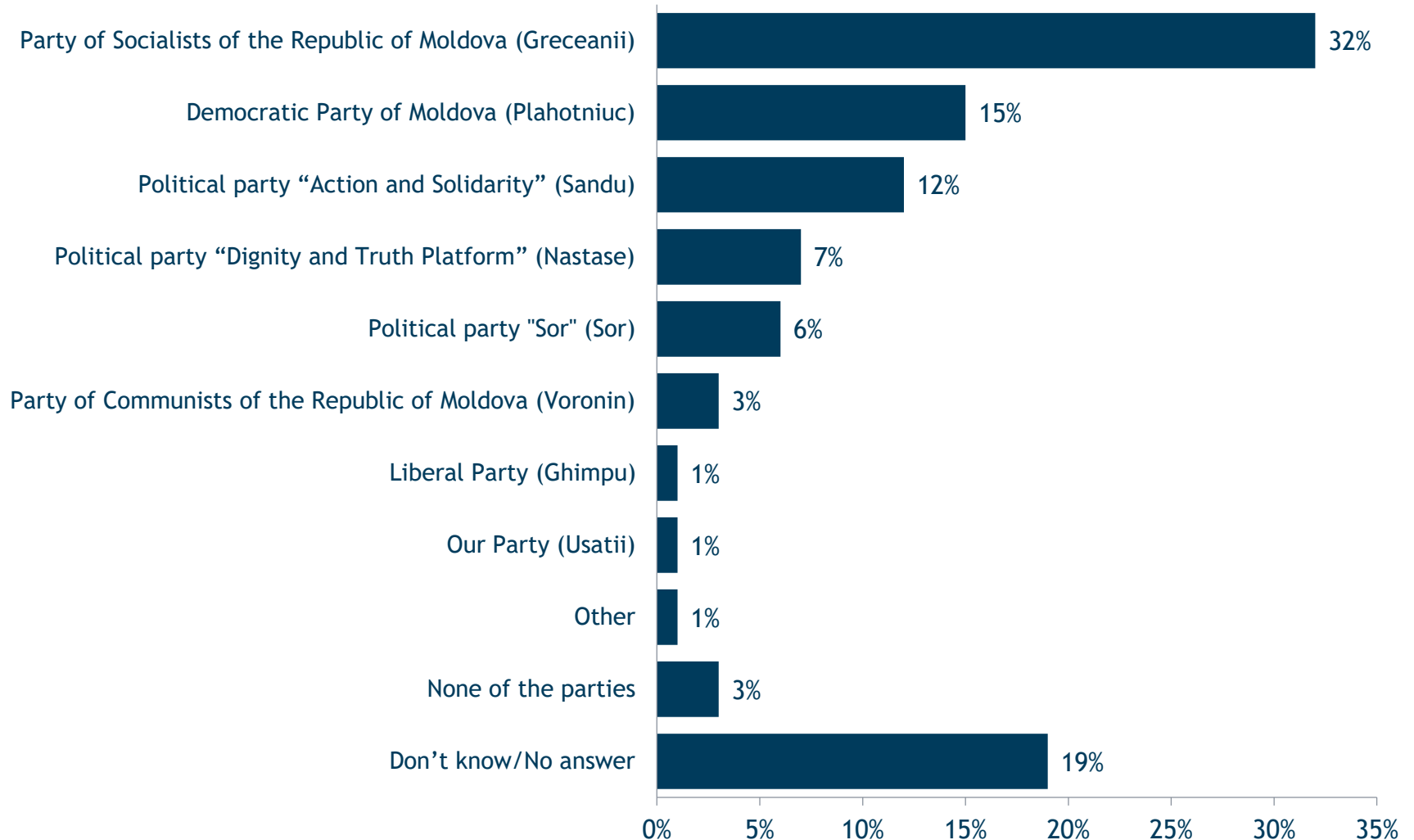
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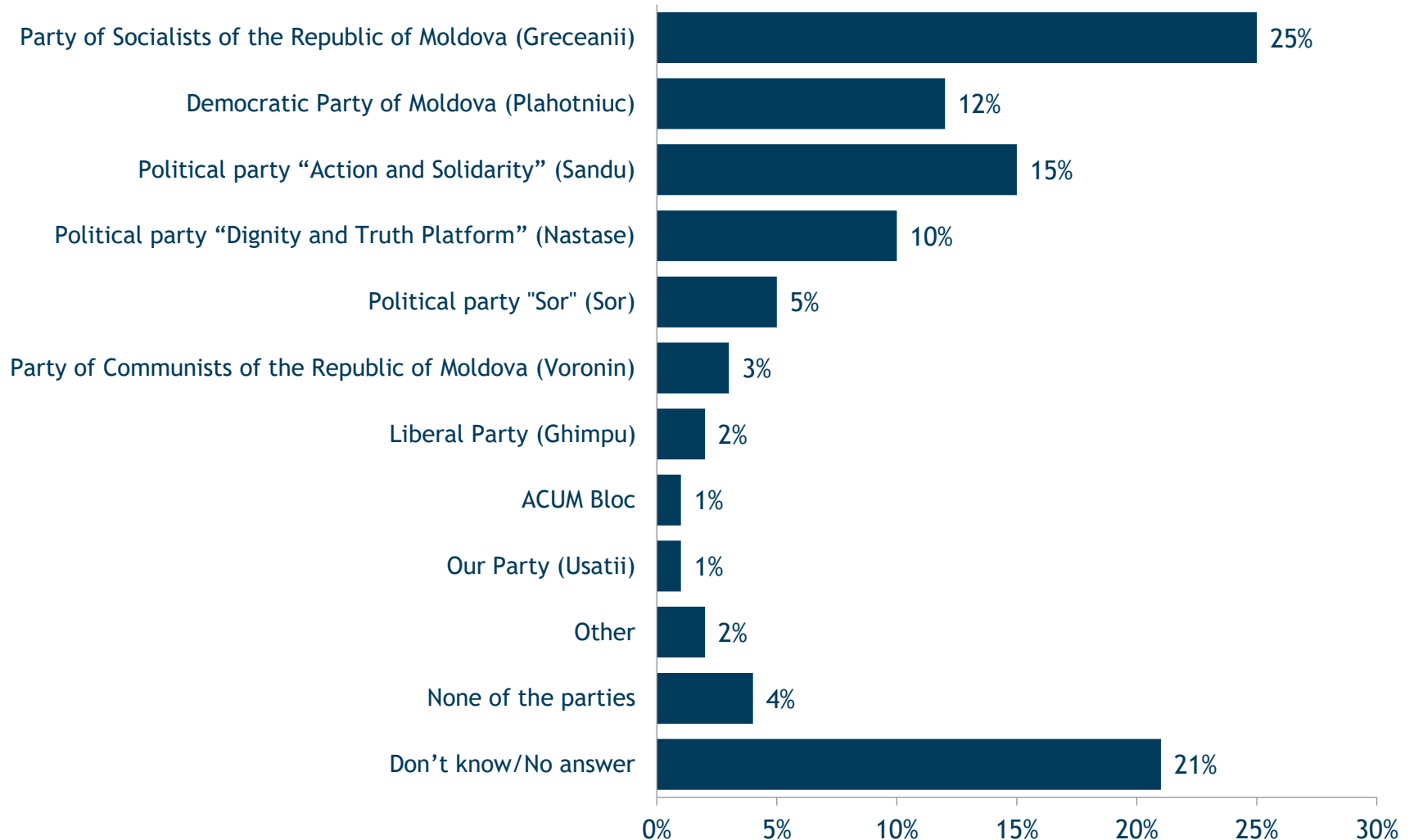
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(Likely voters: n=1,085)

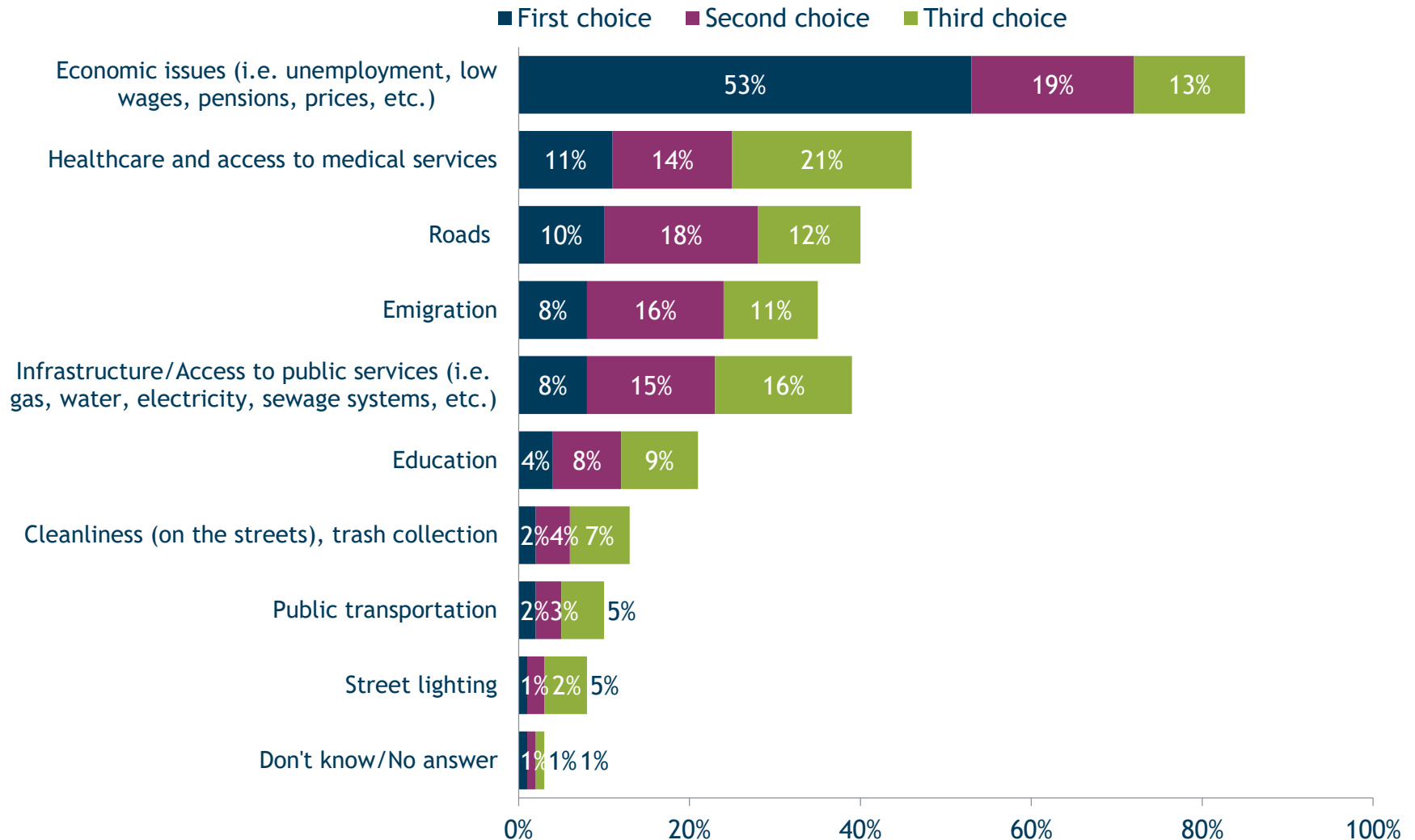


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(Chisinau respondents; likely voters: n=514)

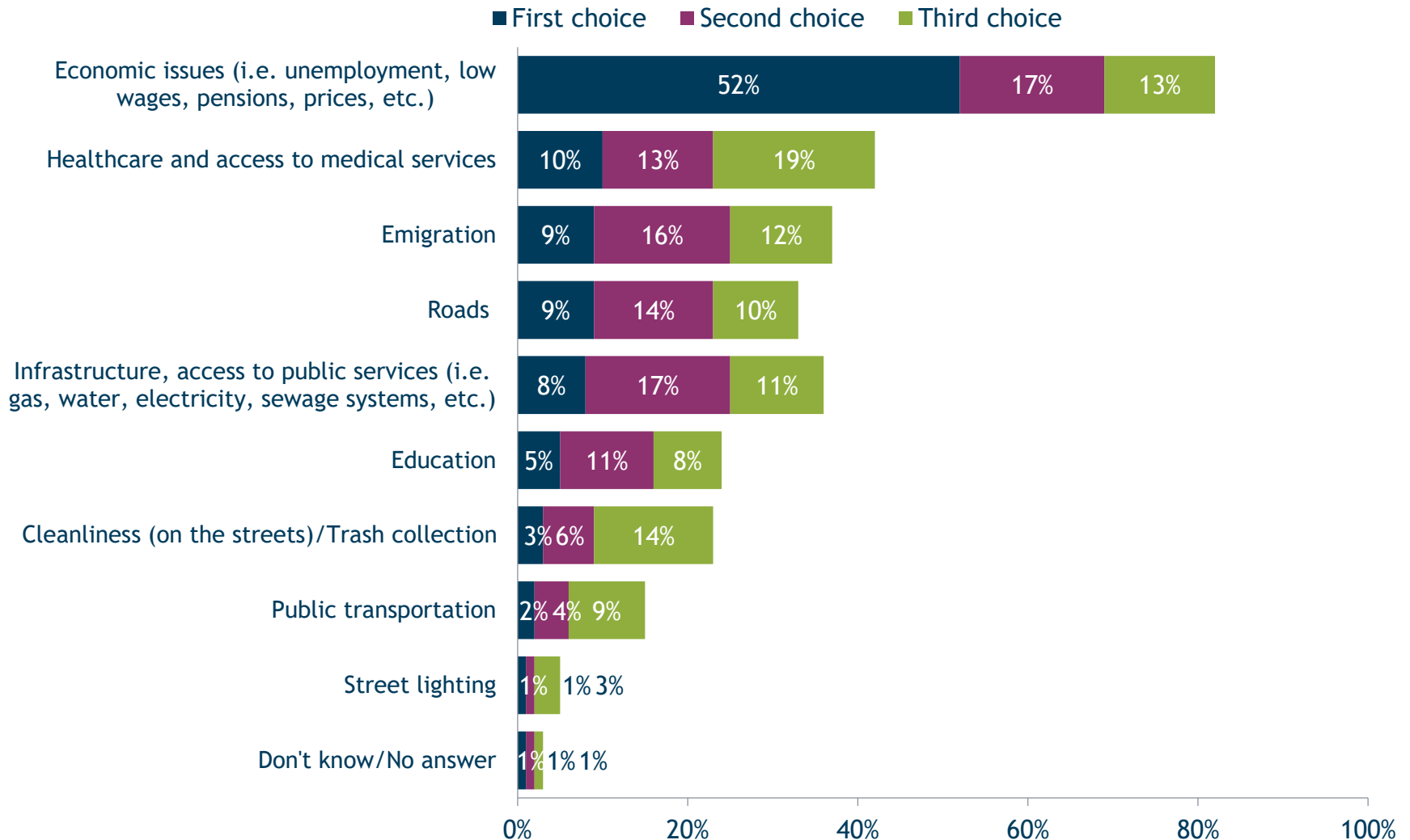


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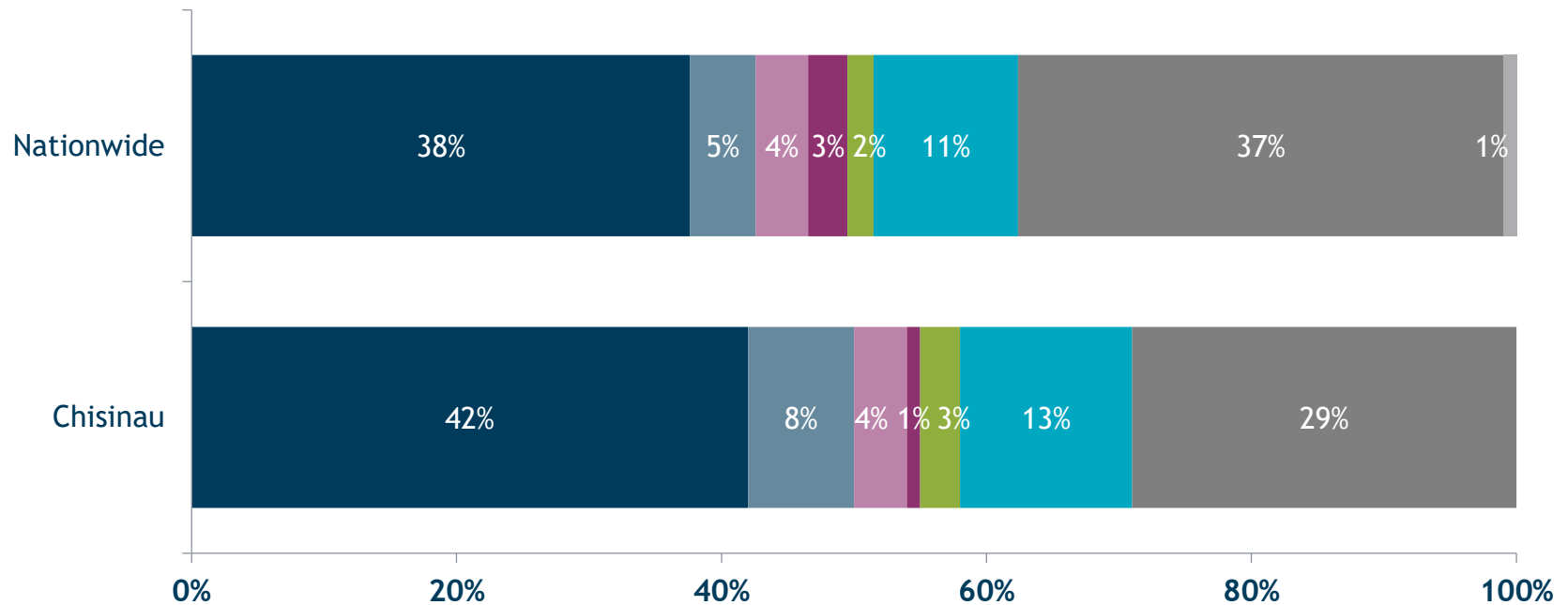
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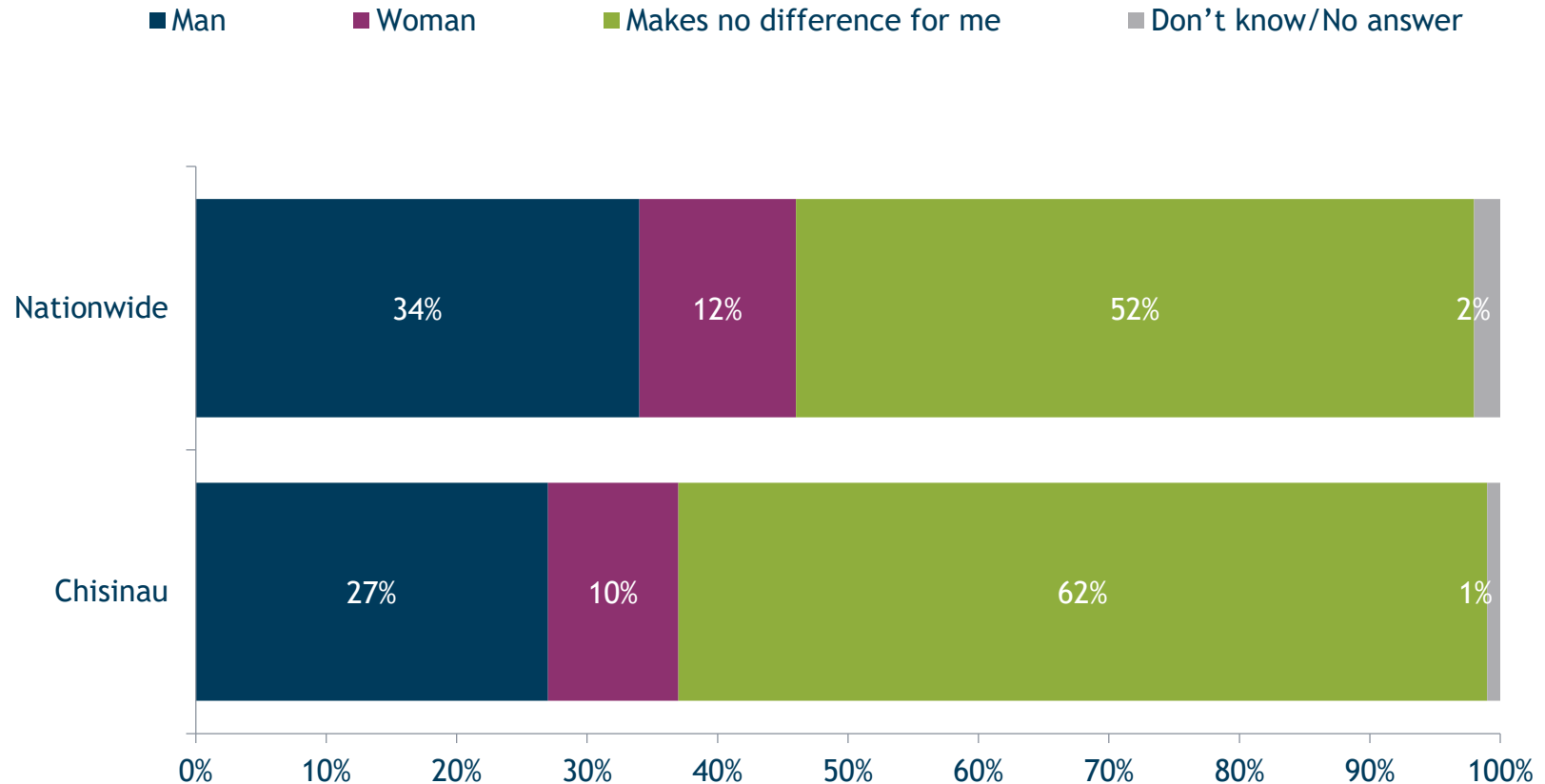


# When voting for a candidate to serve as mayor and councilor in your locality, what is more important to you?

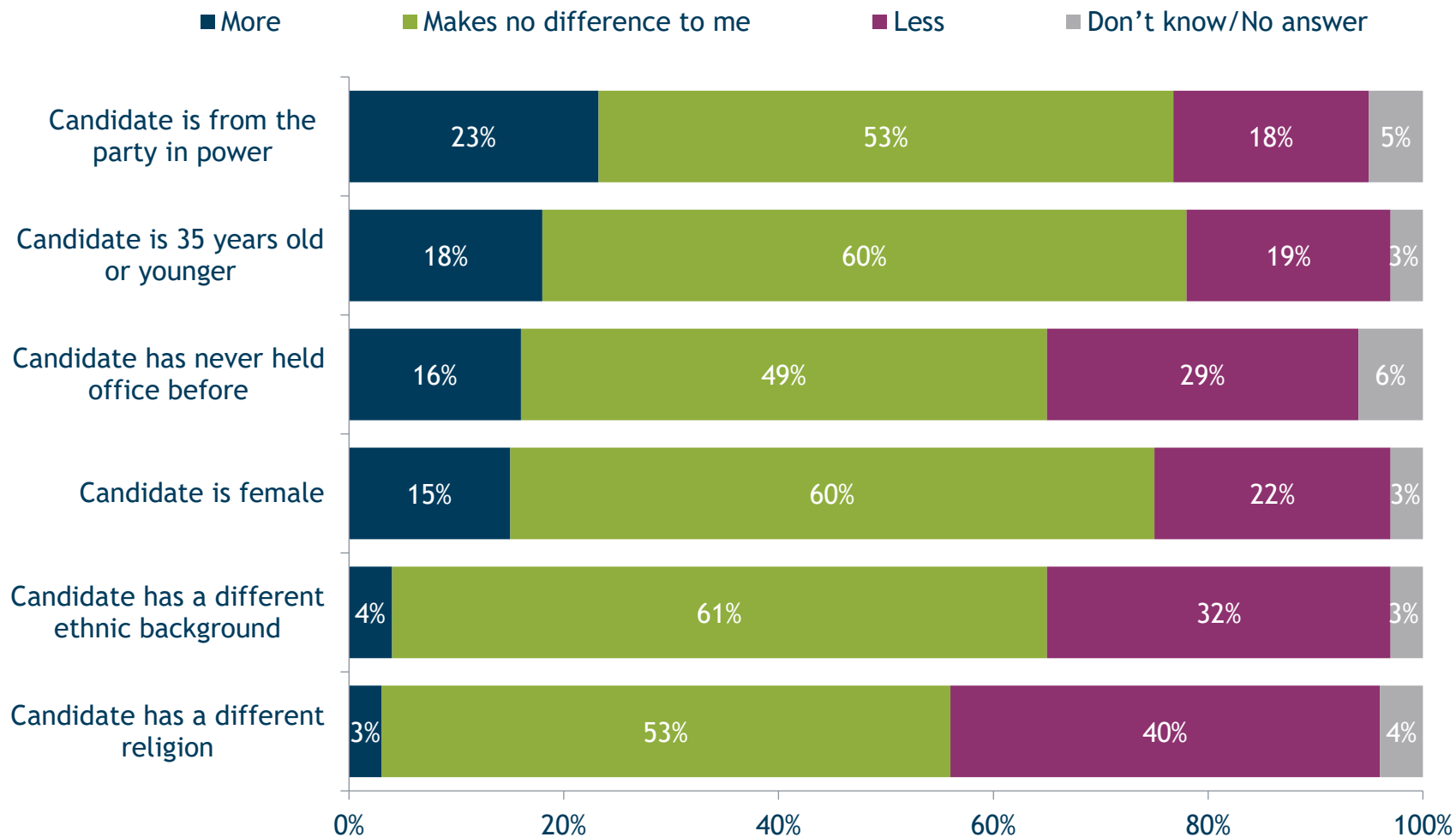
- The candidate as a person
- The party or bloc the candidate represents
- The fact that the candidate is independent
- The fact that the candidate is from my city/raion/village
- The fact that the candidate is a well-known national political leader
- The fact that the candidate is a trusted local figure
- All are equally important
- Don't know/No answer



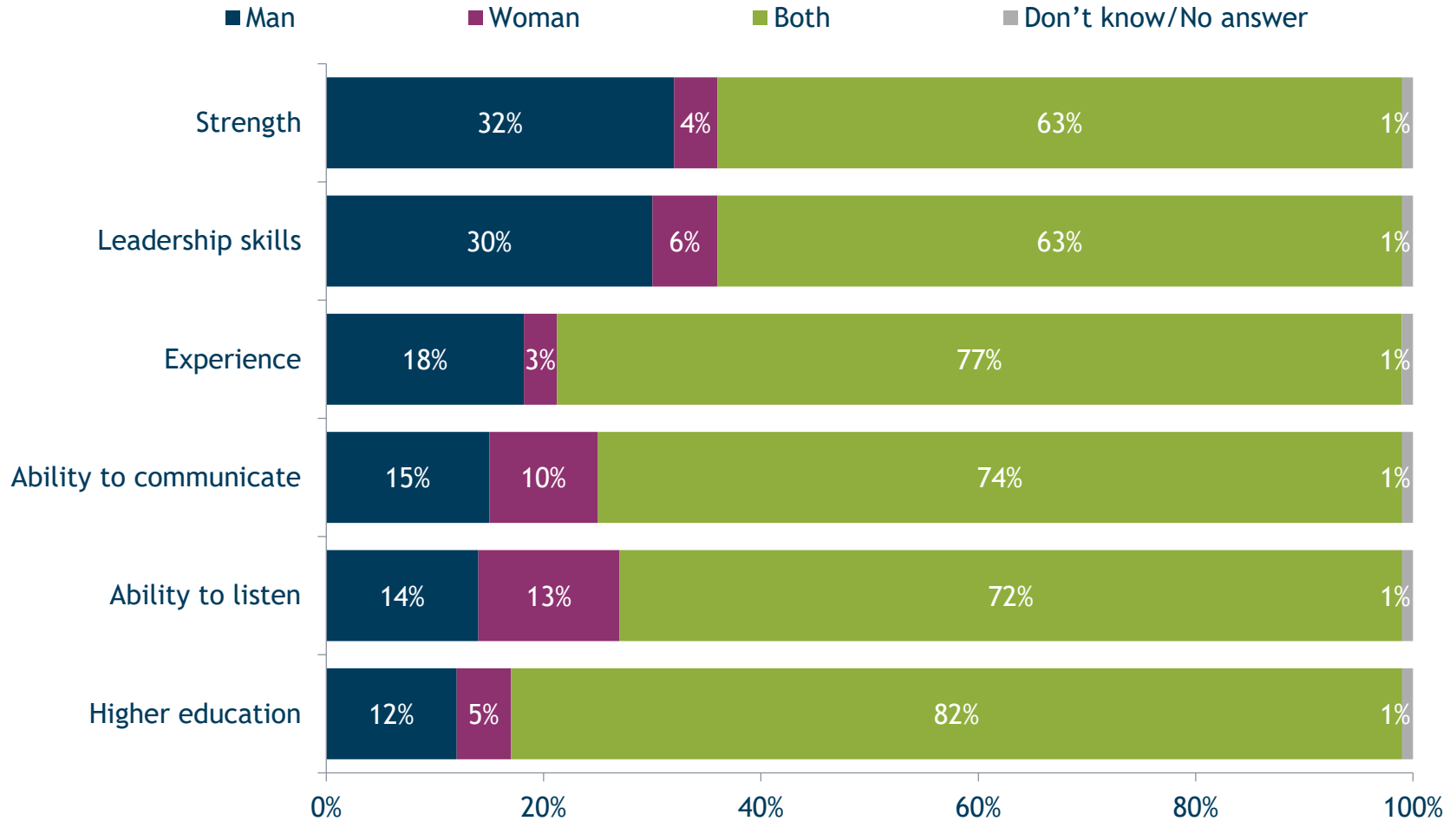
# If there are two candidates running for local elections and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



I will read you a list of several attributes a candidate running for office may have. For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter?

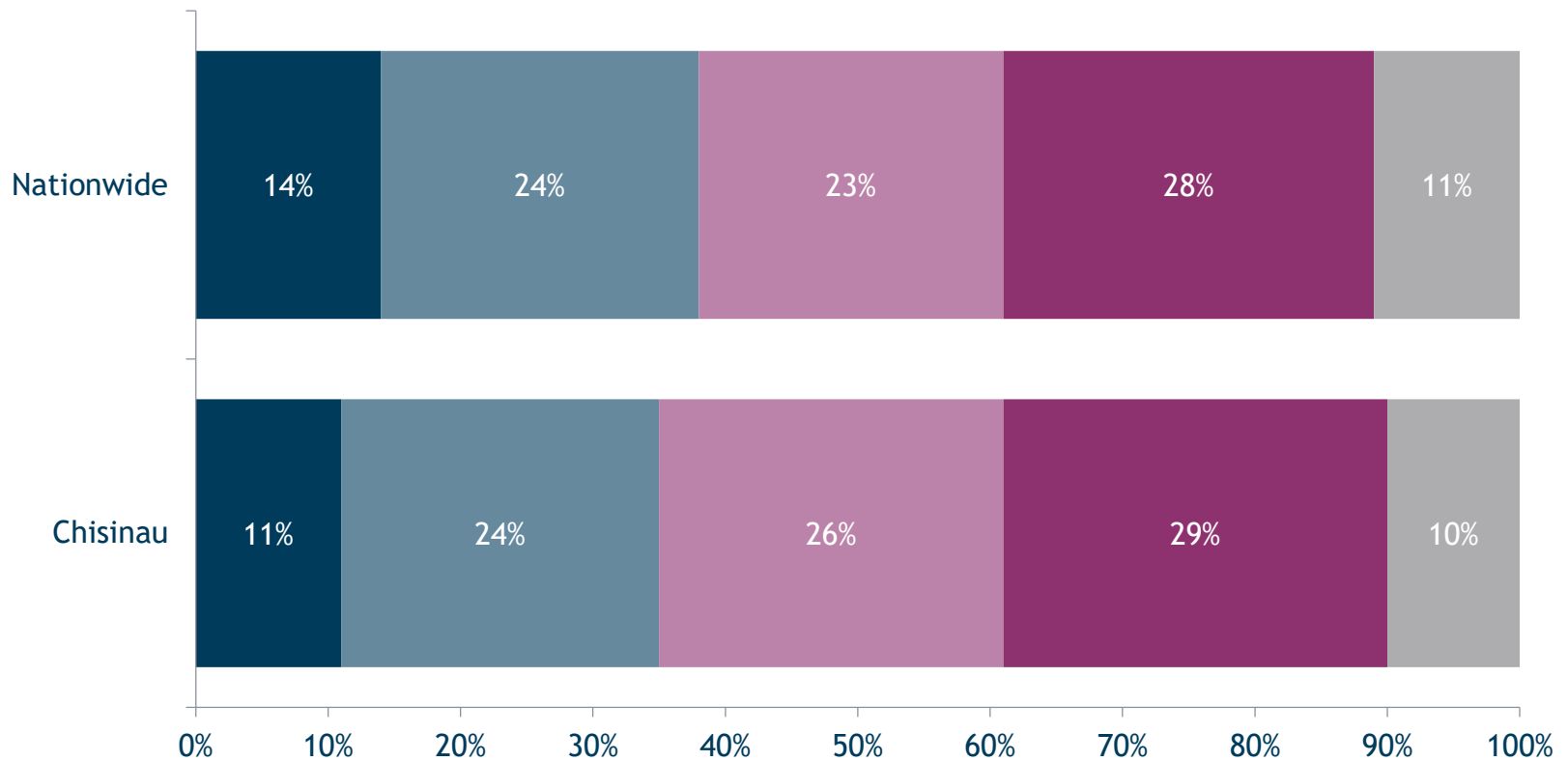


I will read you a list of several qualities voters commonly seek in politicians. For each quality, please tell me it is more likely for men to have it, for women to have it, or if both genders are equally likely to have it?



# Do you feel that the February 24 parliamentary elections were free and fair?

■ Completely free and fair      ■ Somewhat free and fair      ■ Somewhat not free and fair  
■ Not free and fair at all      ■ Don't know/No answer



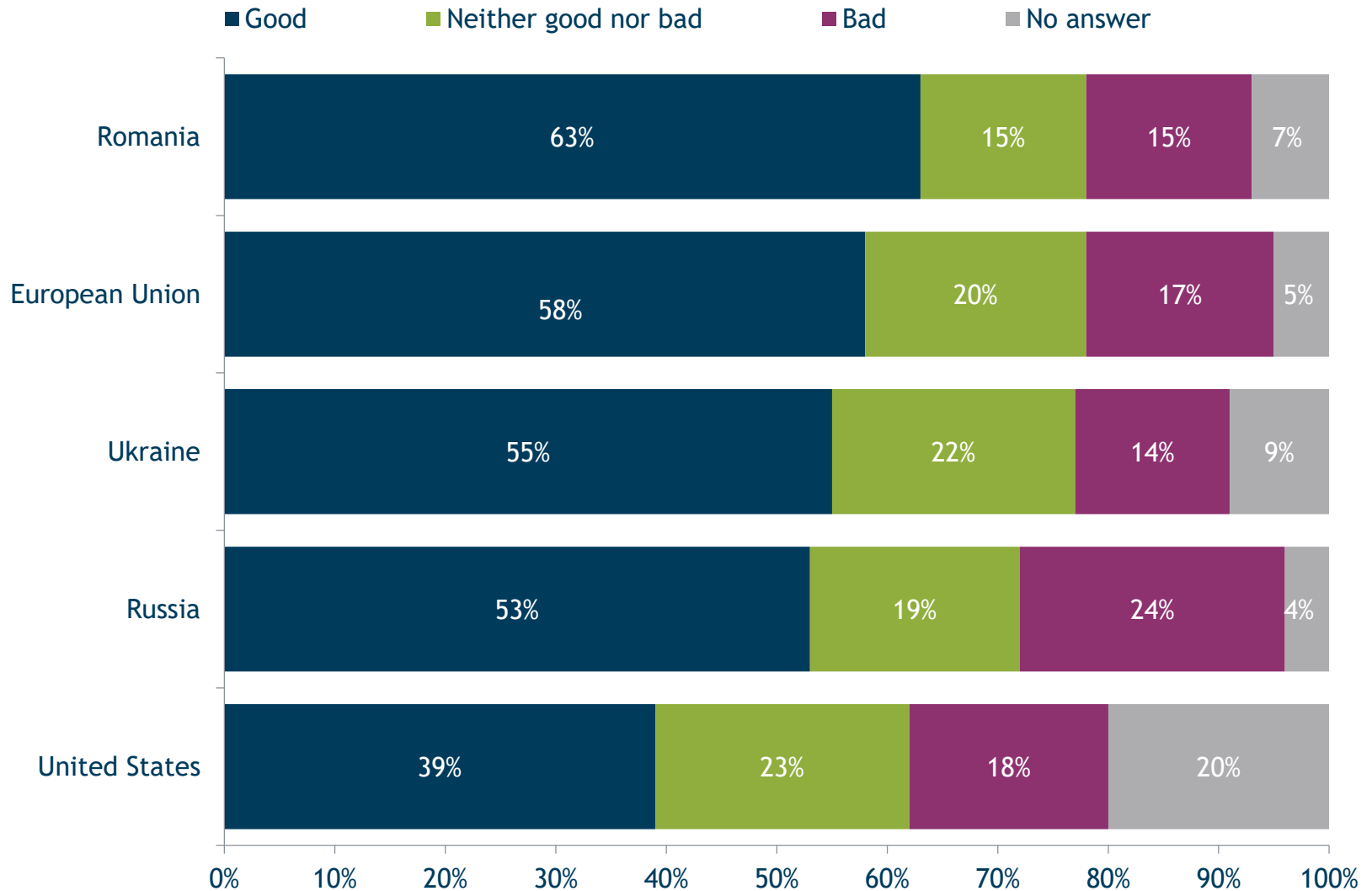


# International Relations



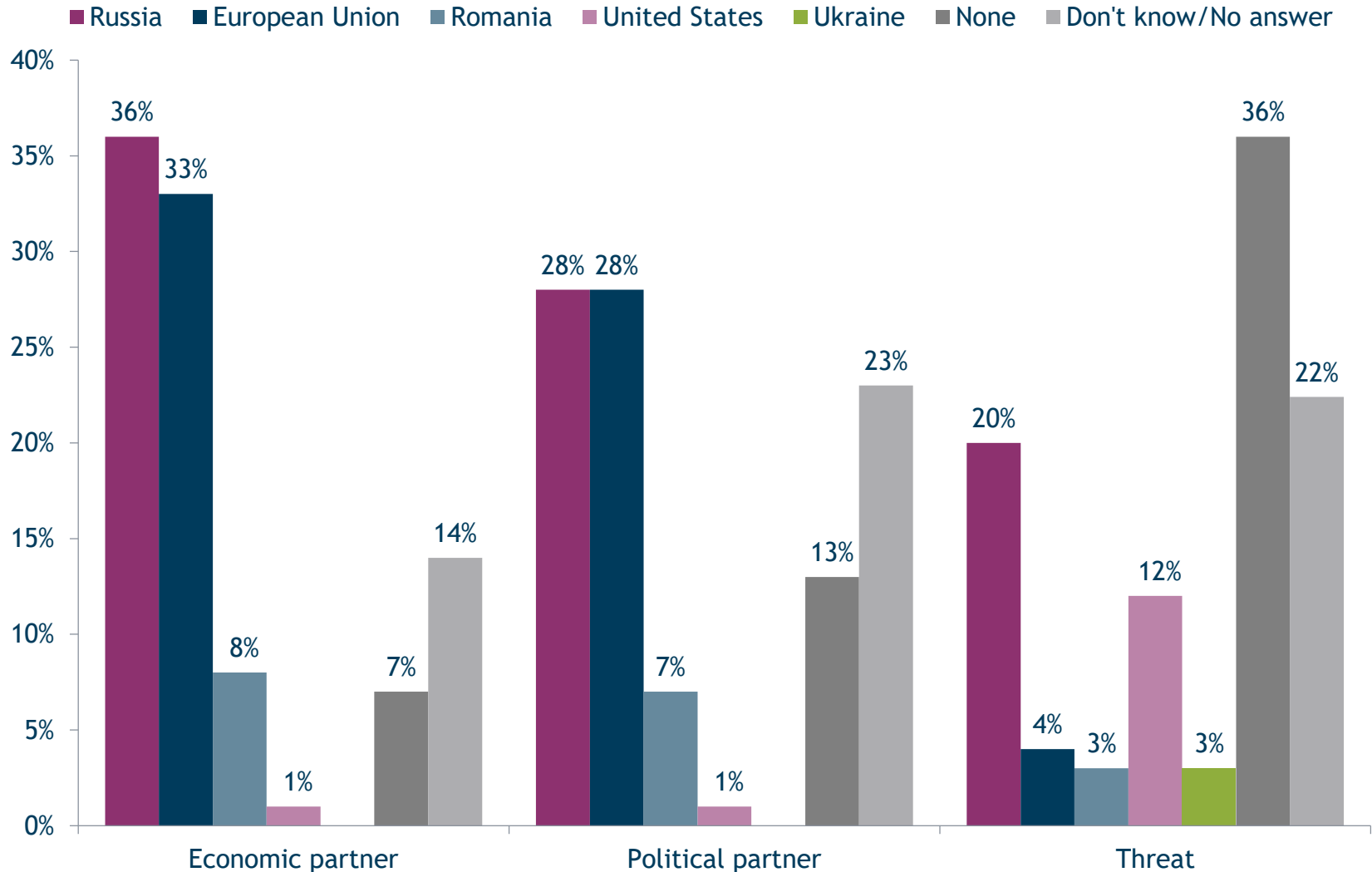
# How would you assess current relations between Moldova and each of the following countries?

Nationwide



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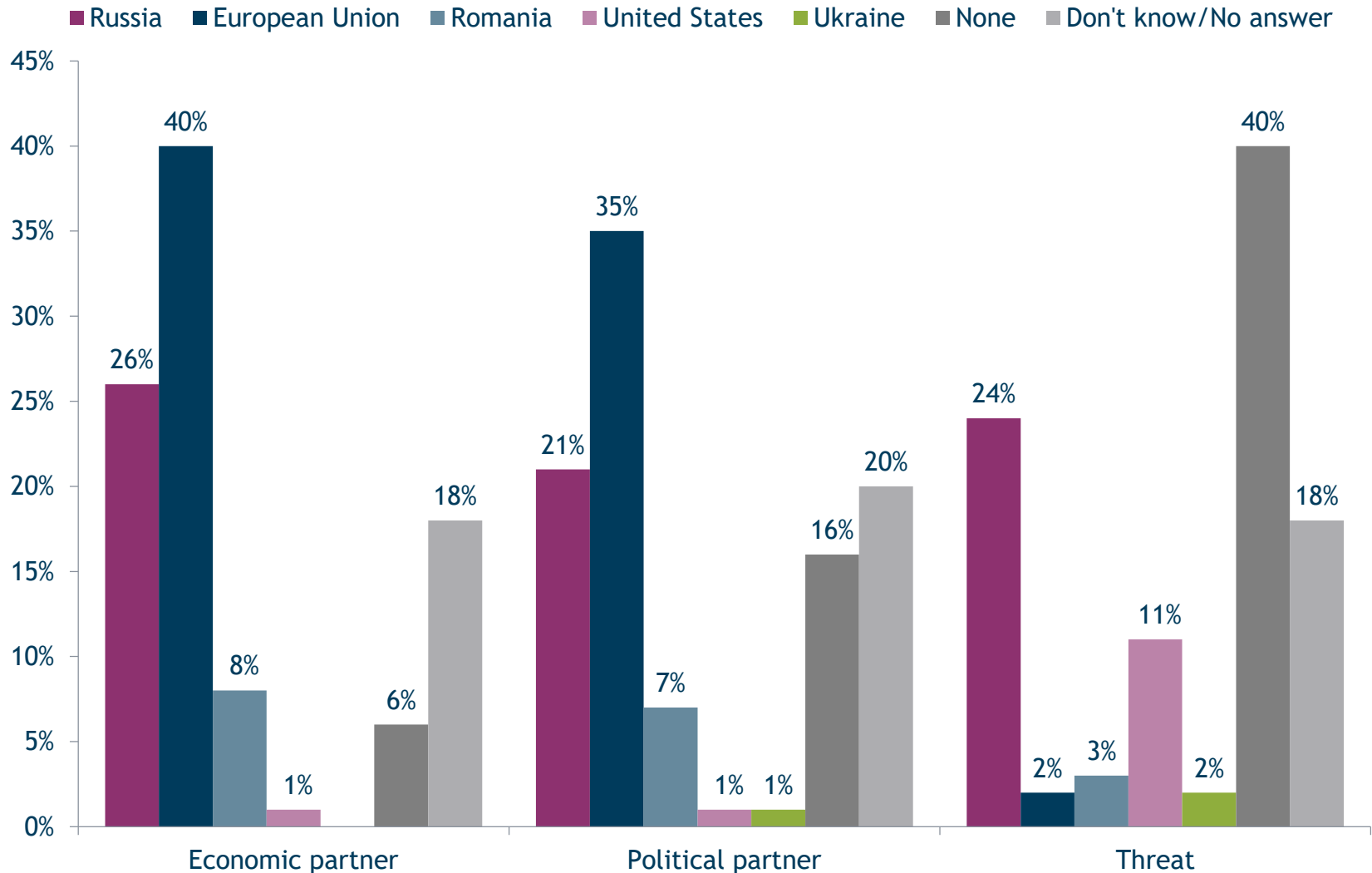


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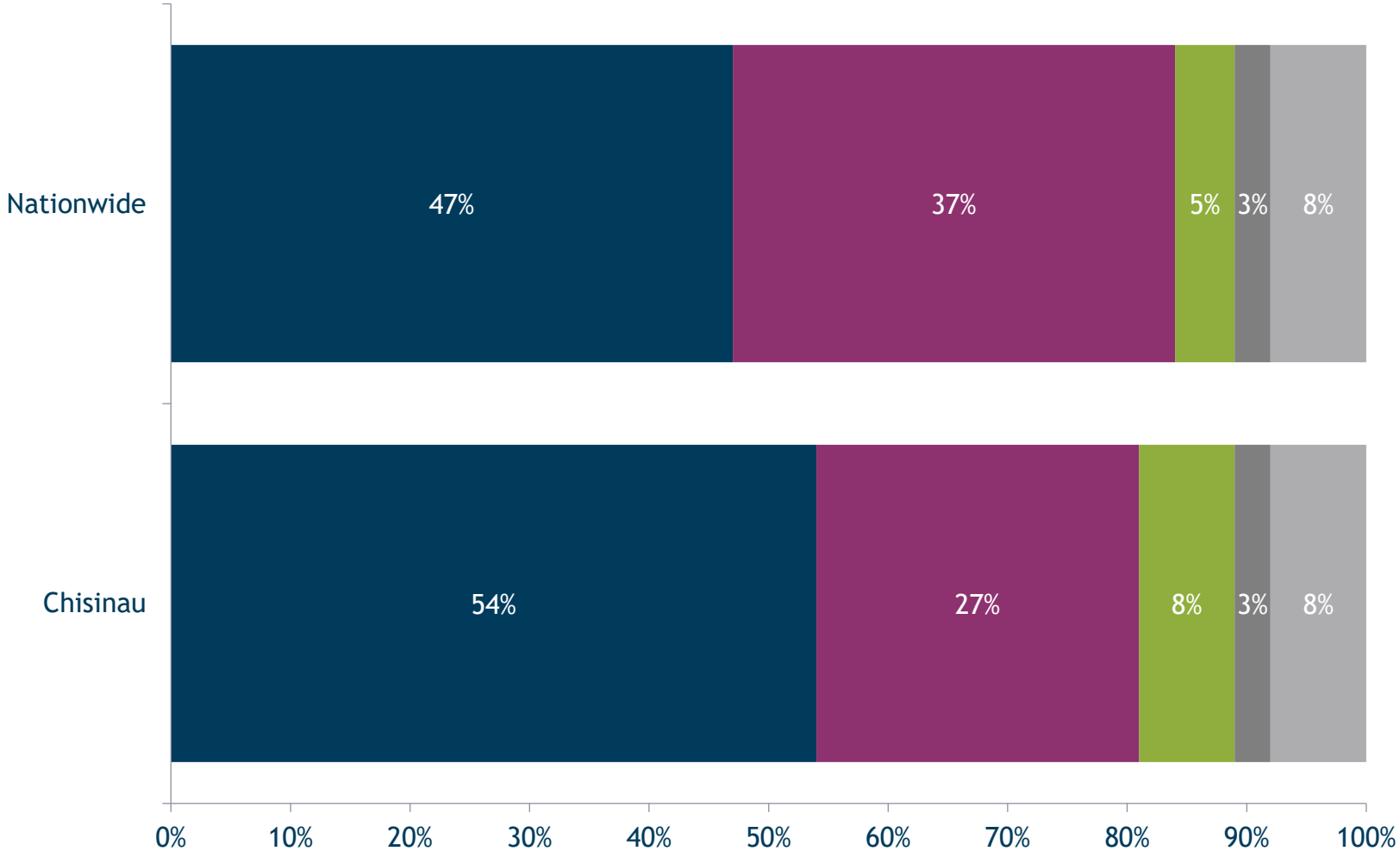
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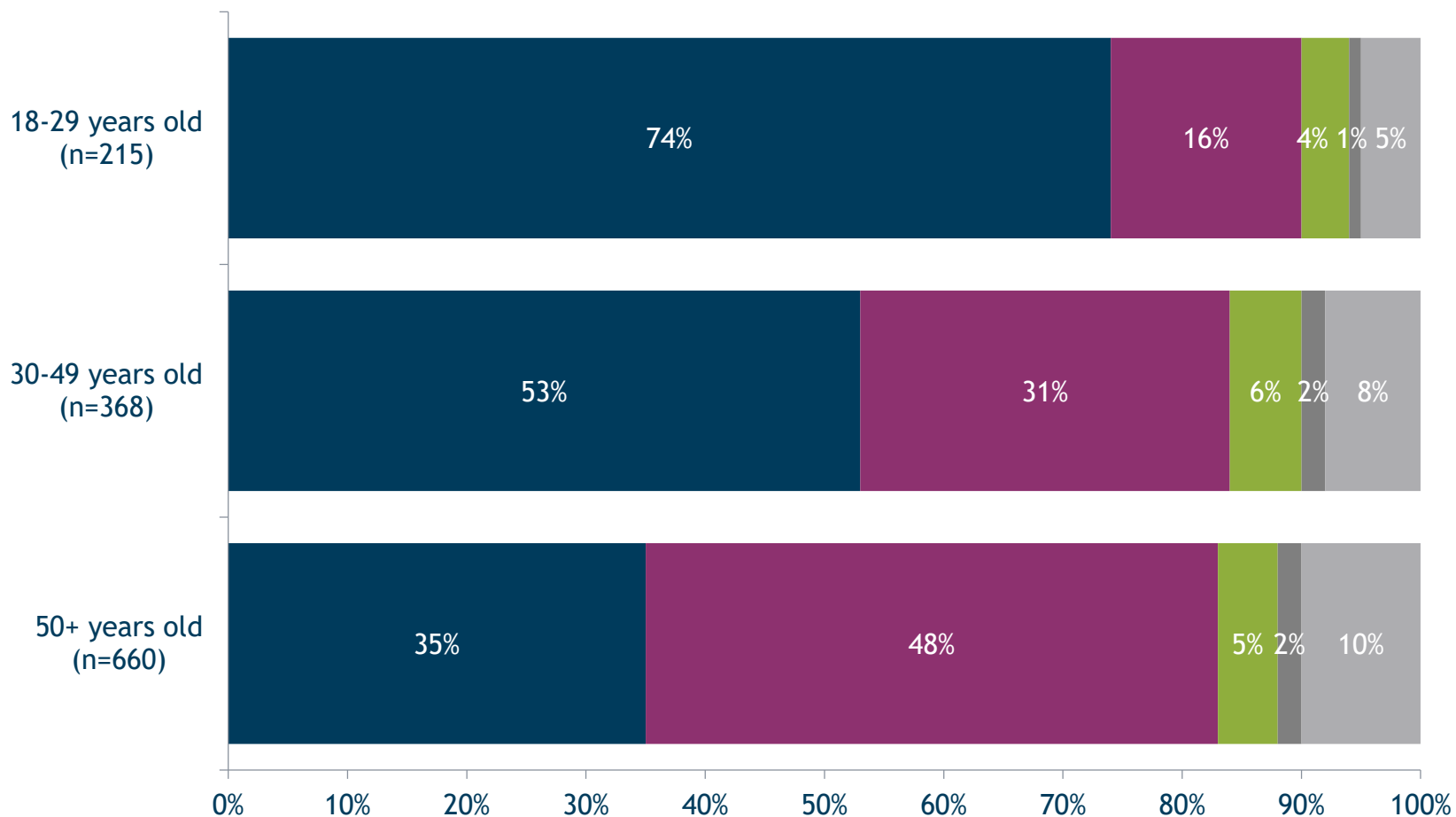
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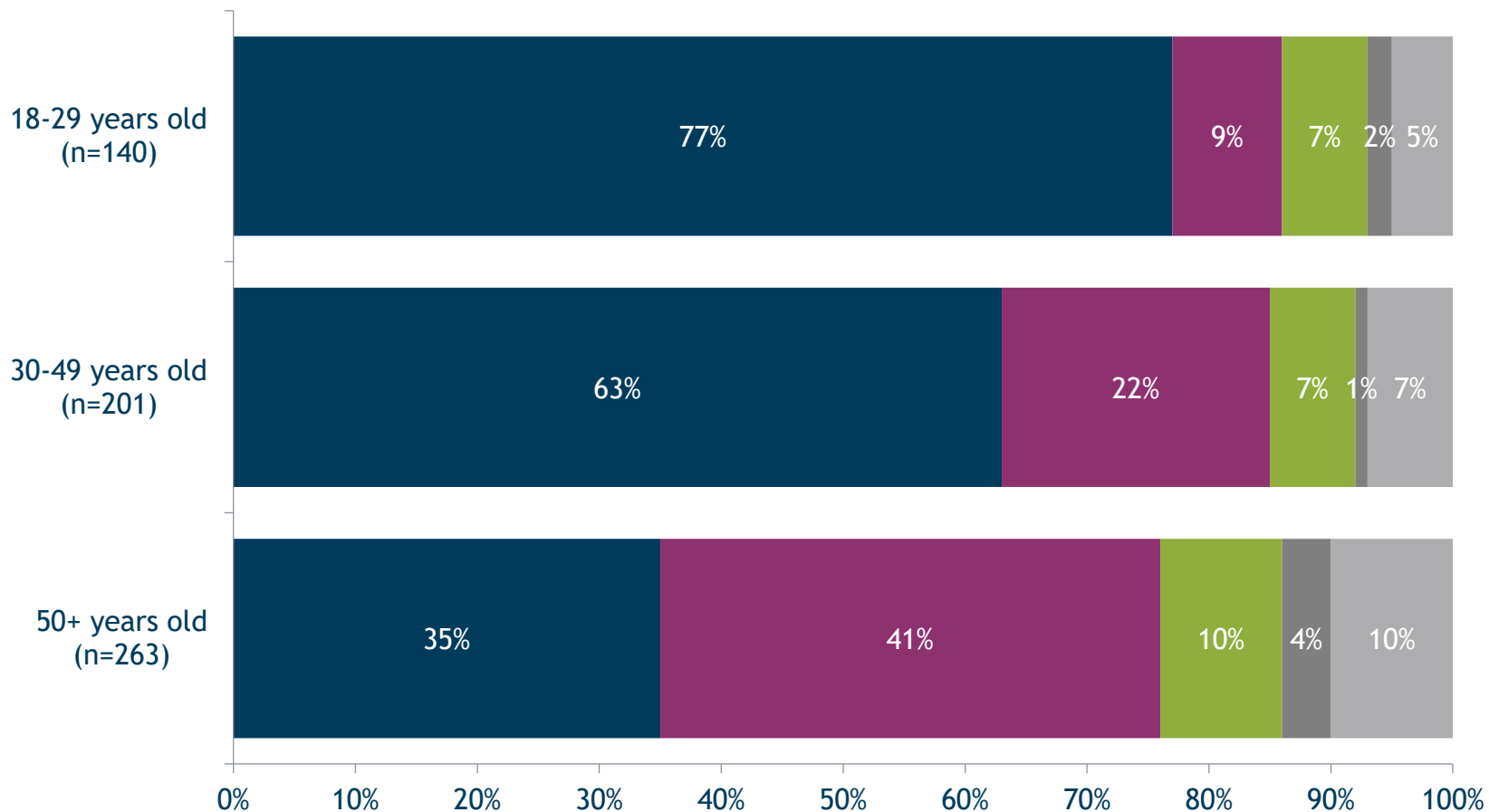
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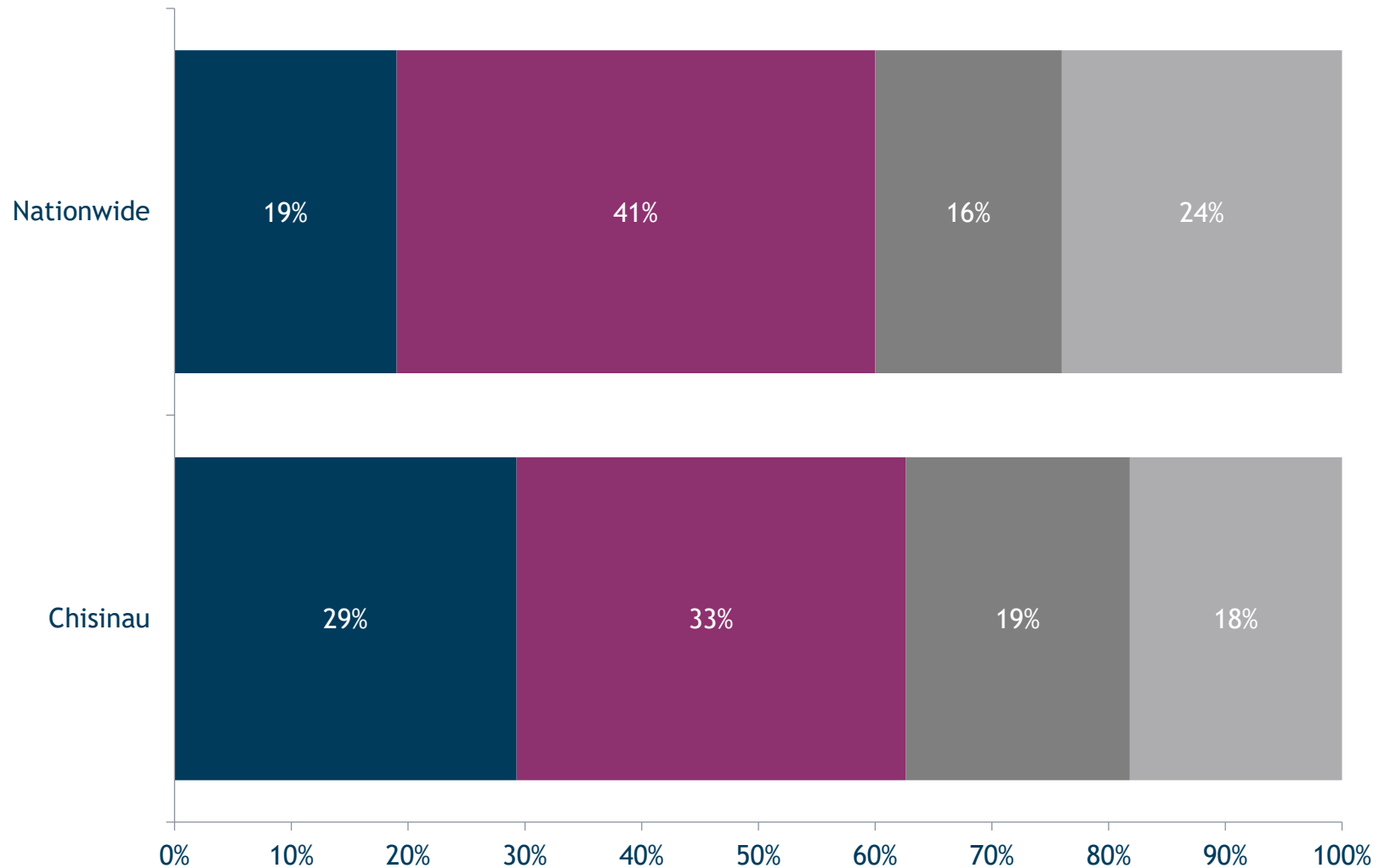
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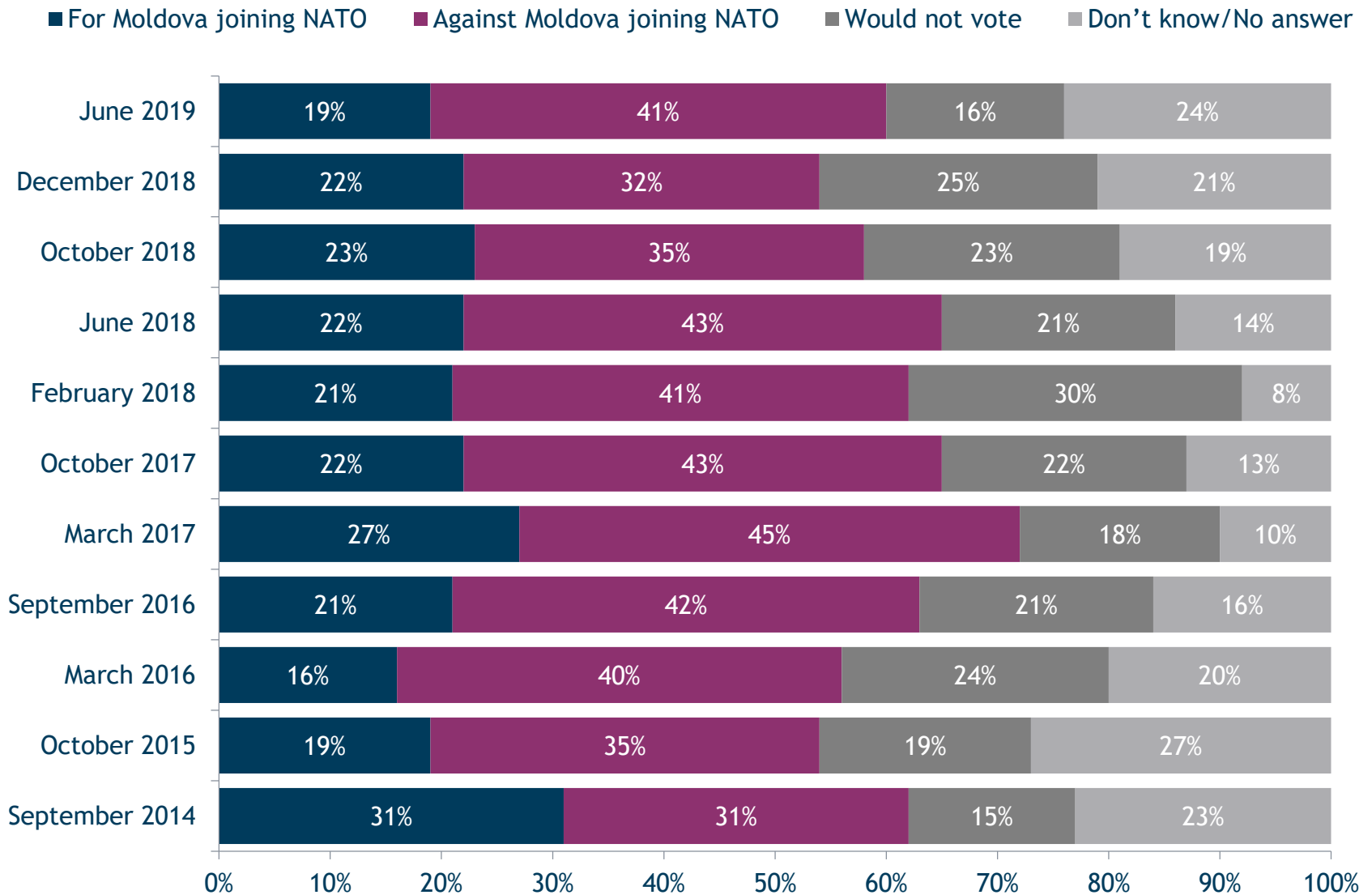


# If a referendum were held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?

■ For Moldova joining NATO   ■ Against Moldova joining NATO   ■ Would not vote   ■ Don't know/No answer



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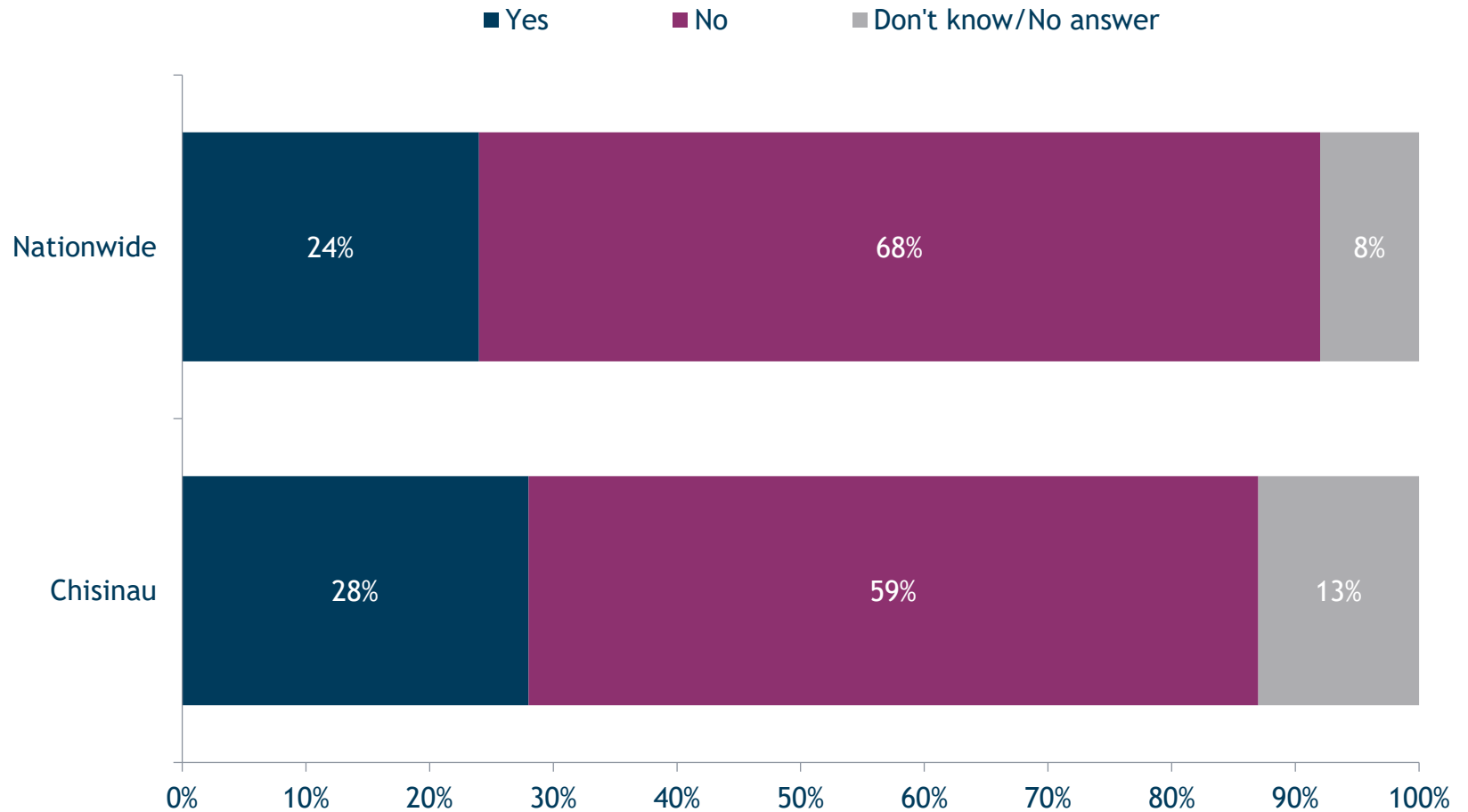




# Youth Political Engagement

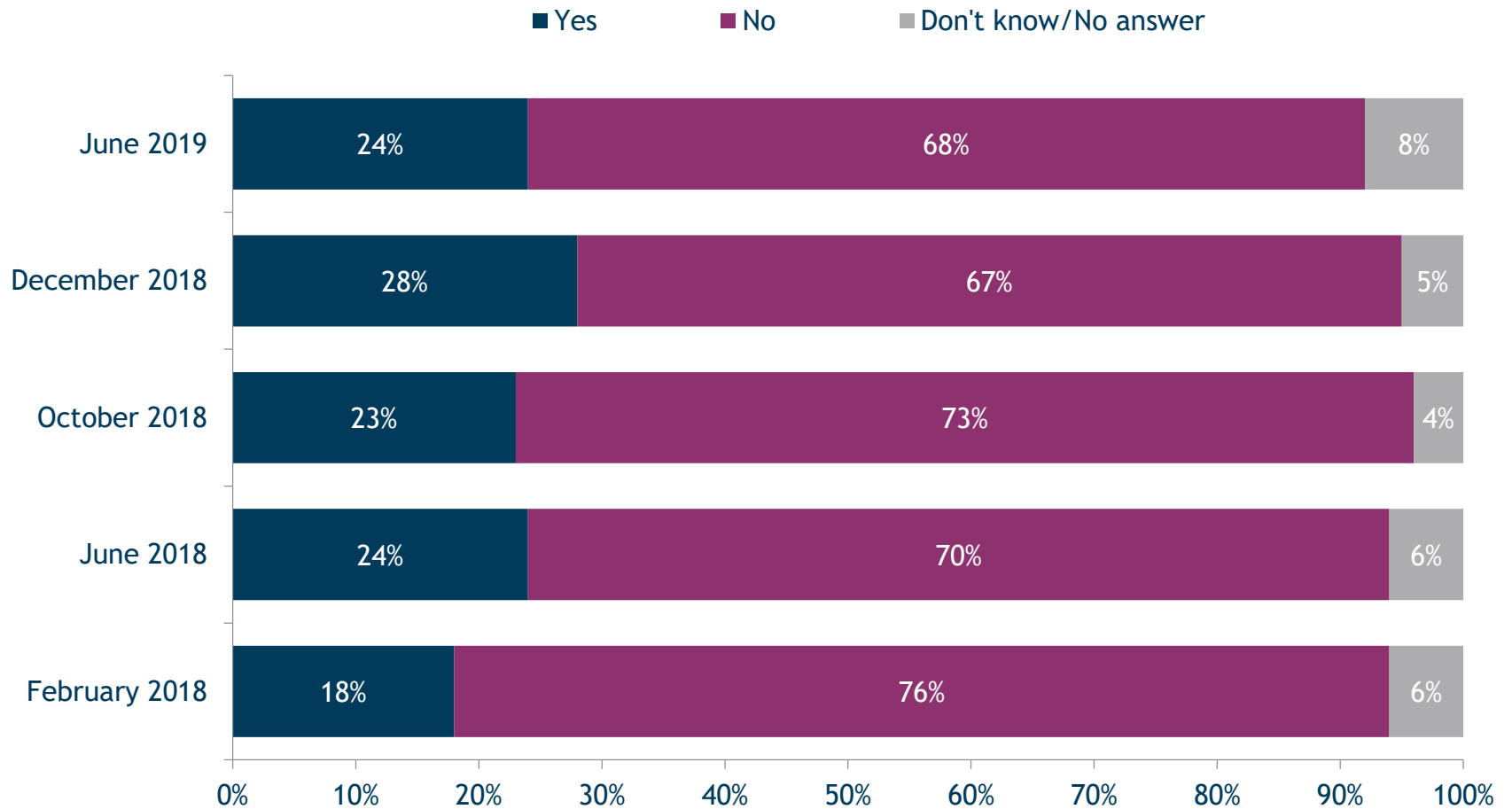


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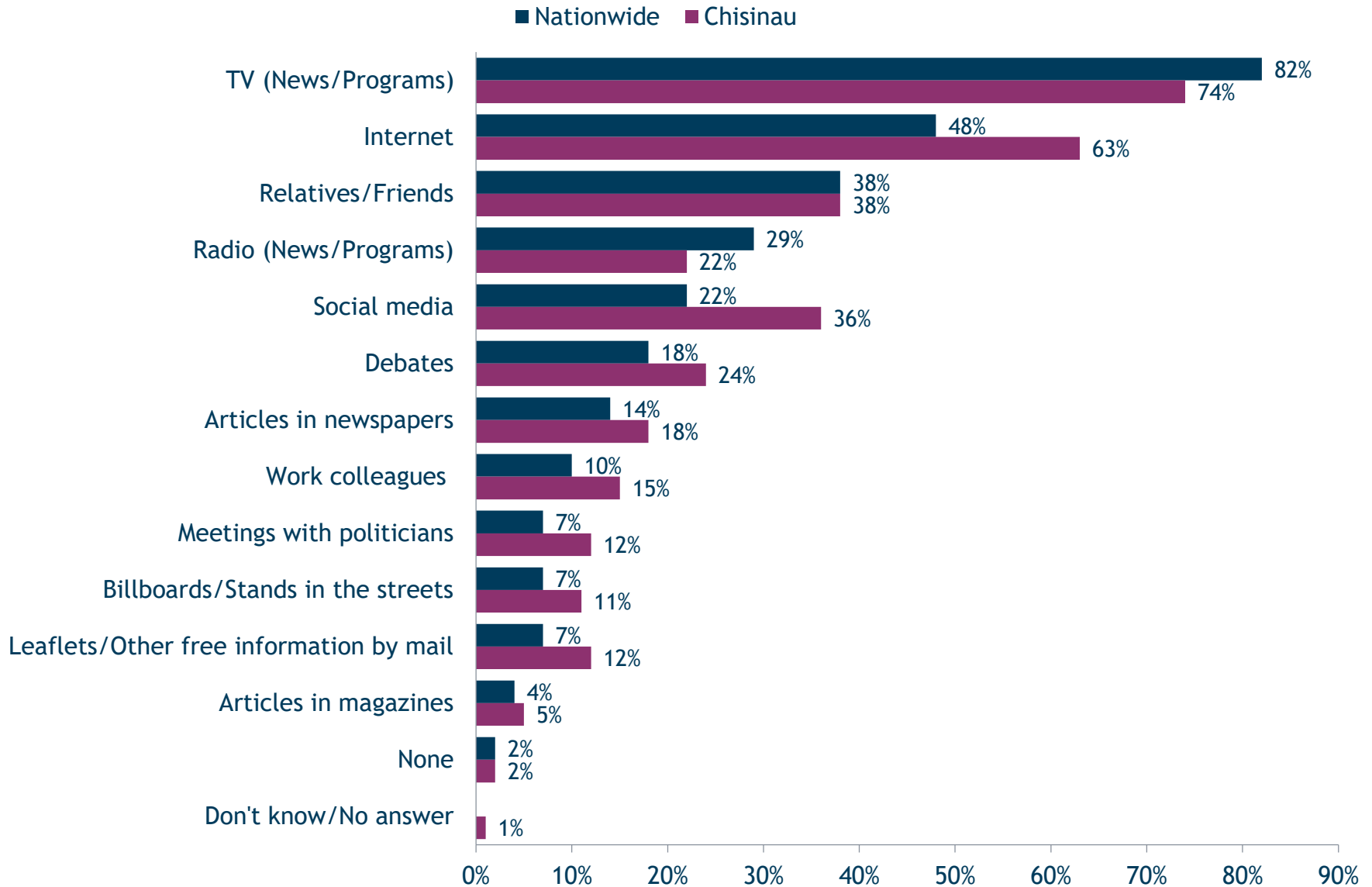
# Sources of Information

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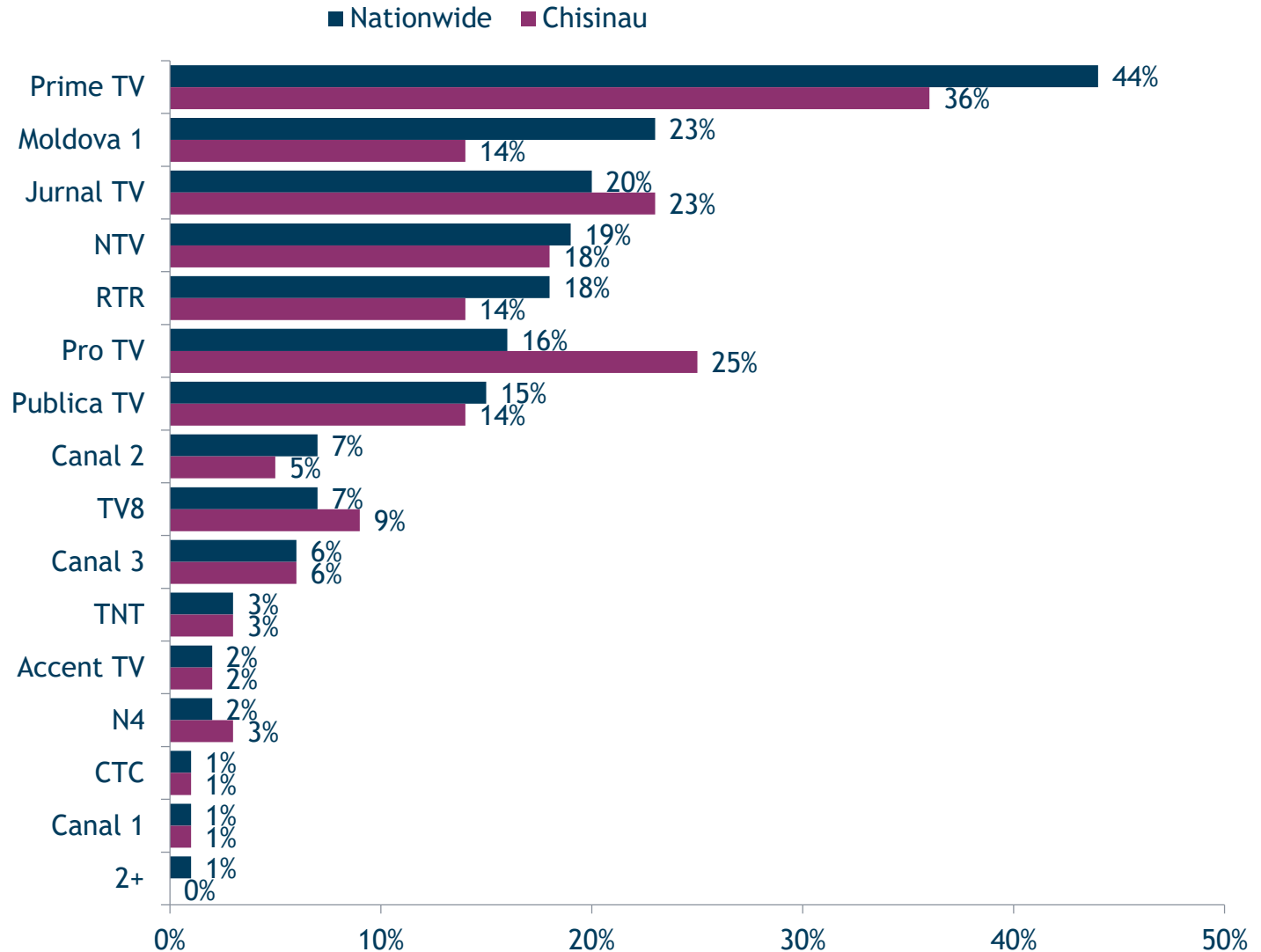
# Which of these media outlets do you use for political information?

(Respondents permitted to supply several answers)



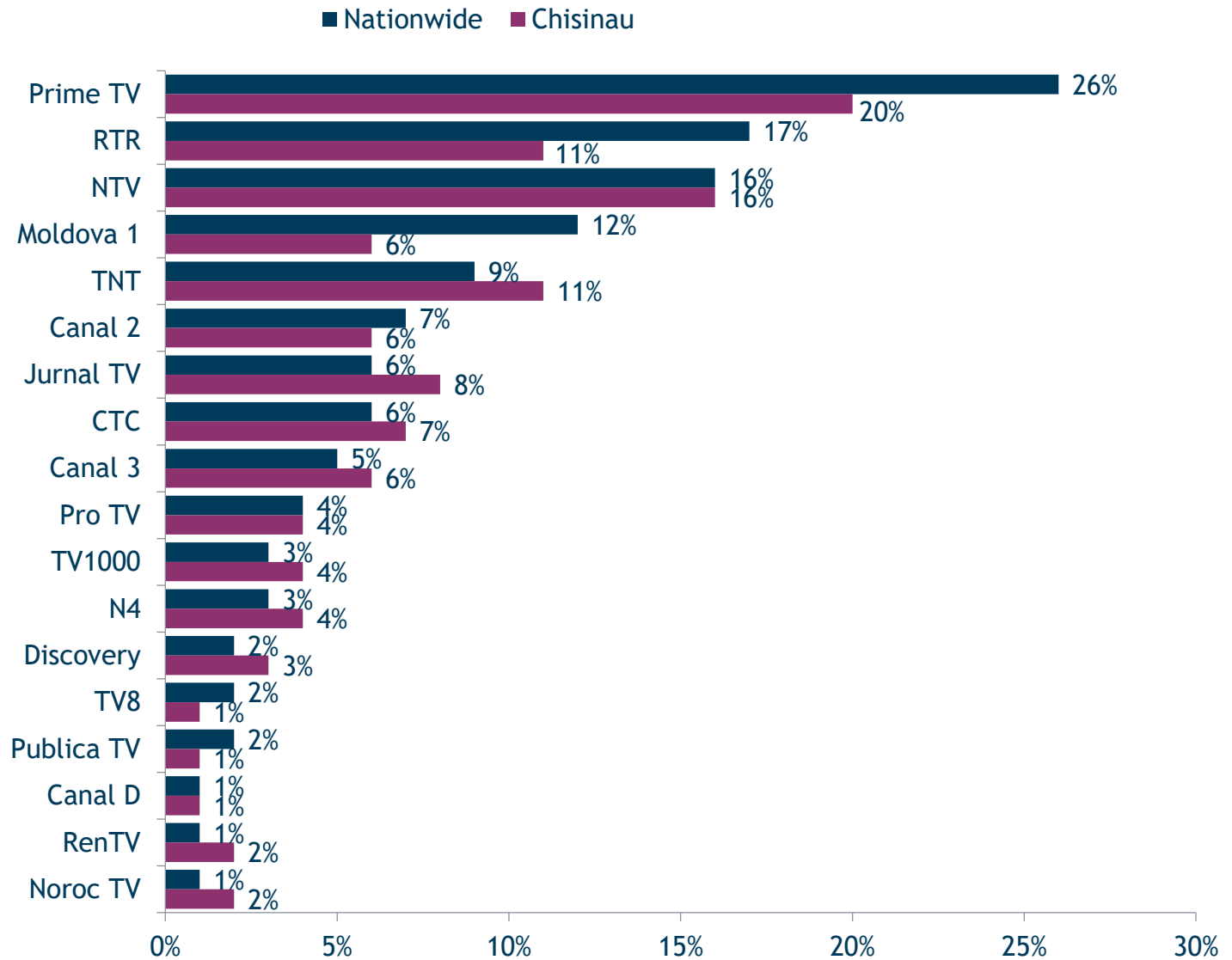
# Which television channels do you watch for political information?

(TV channels mentioned at least by 1 percent of respondents)

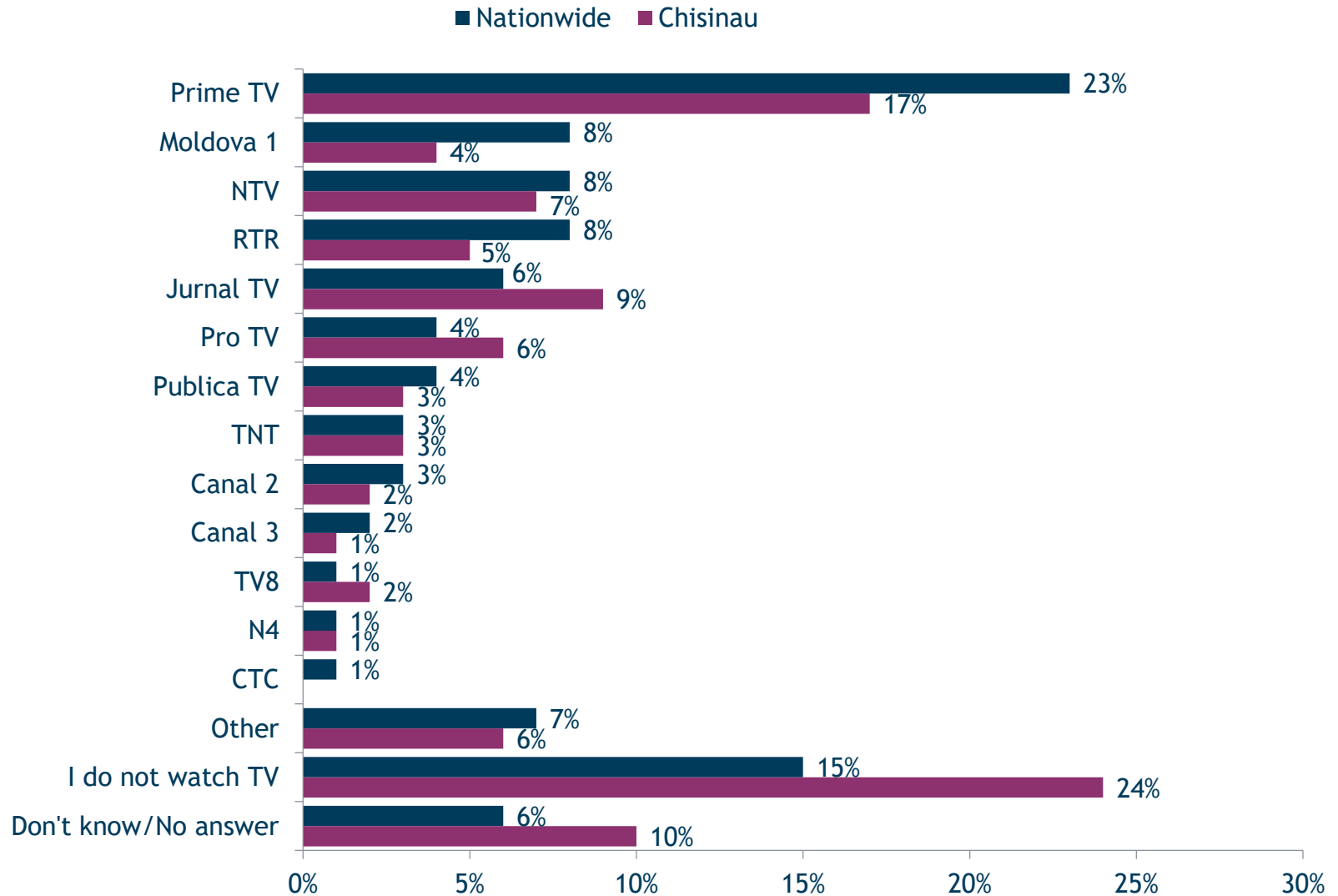


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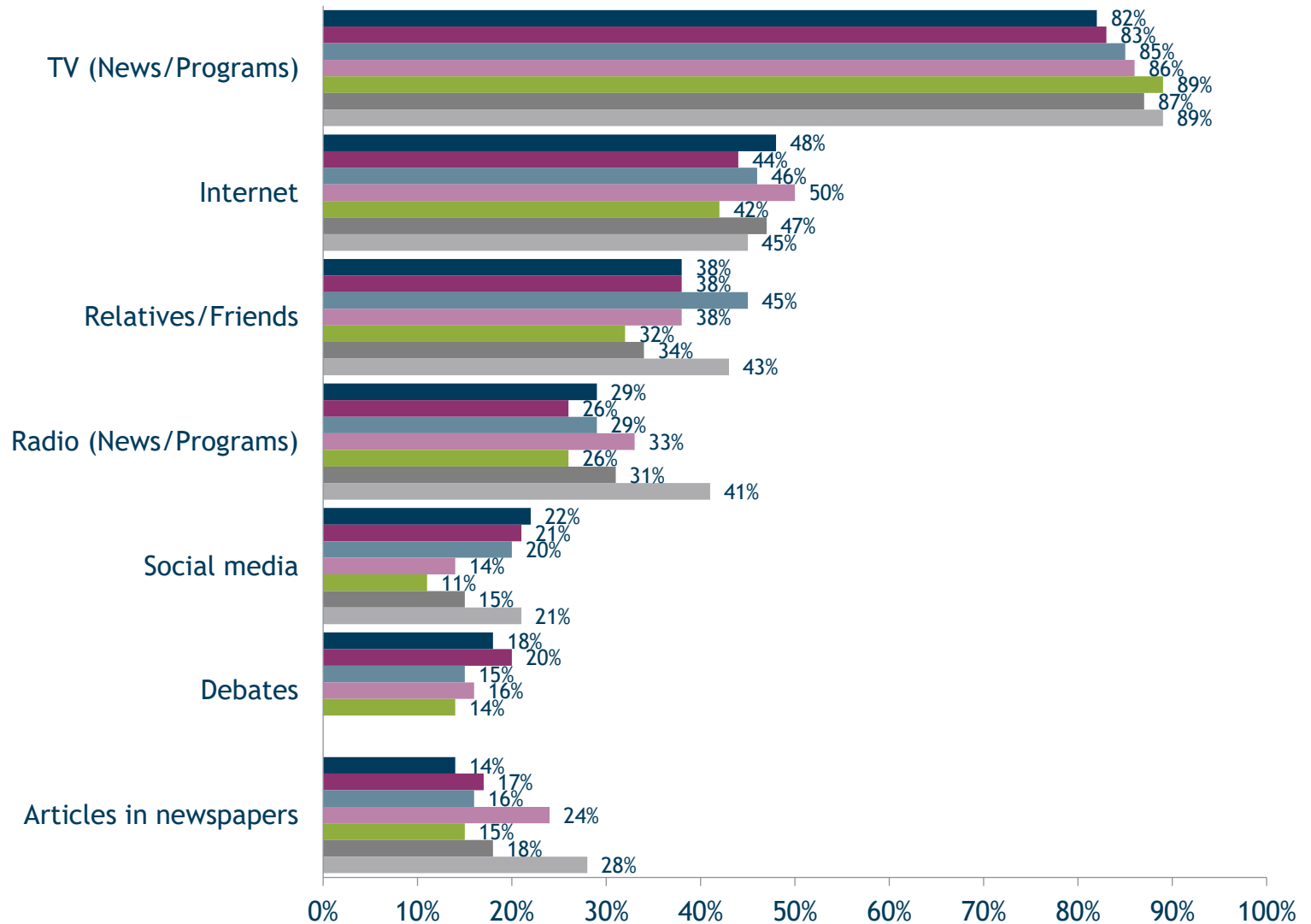
# Which of the following is the primary channel you watch most of the time if you had to choose one?



# Which of these media outlets do you use for political information?

(Respondents permitted to supply several answers)

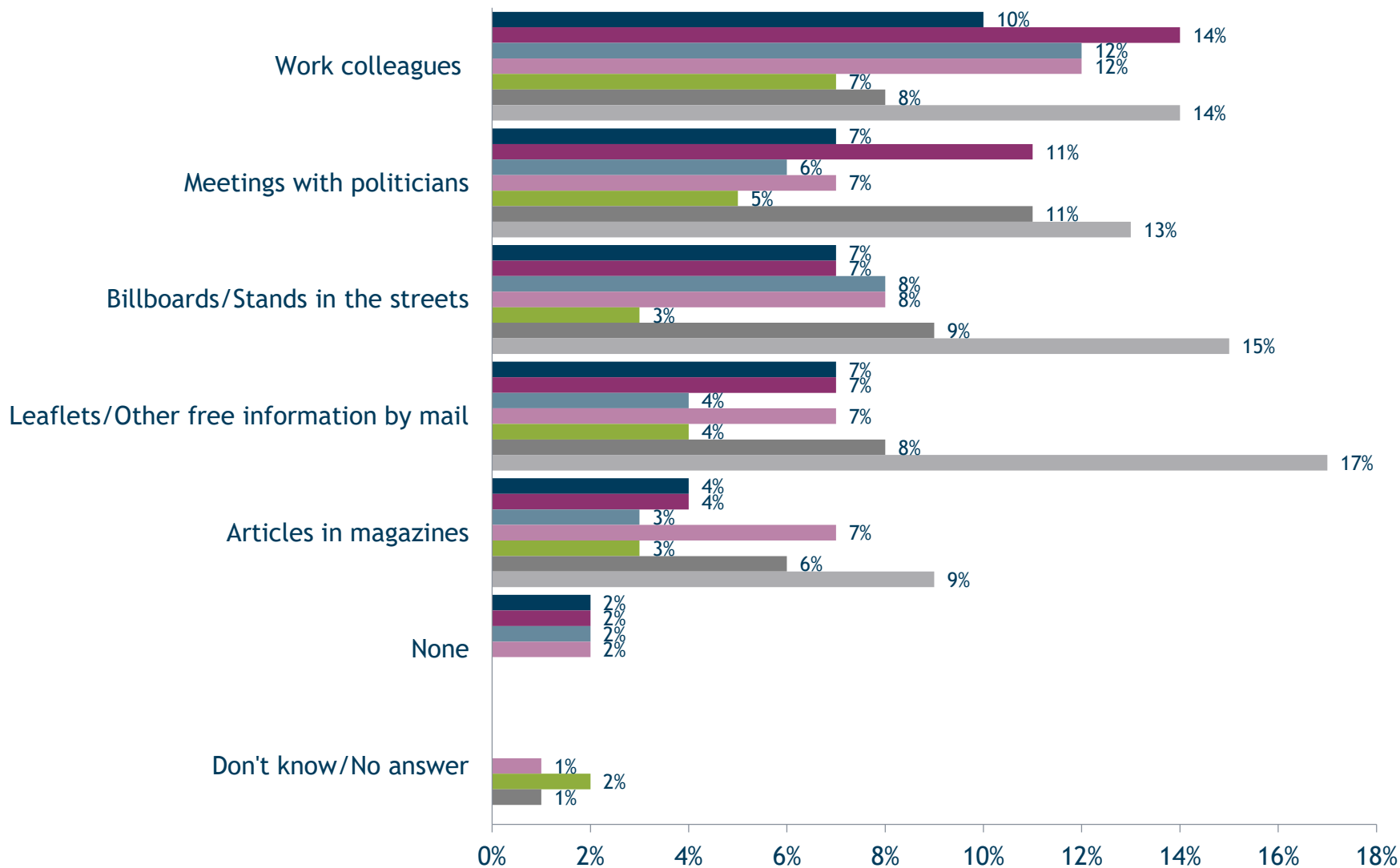
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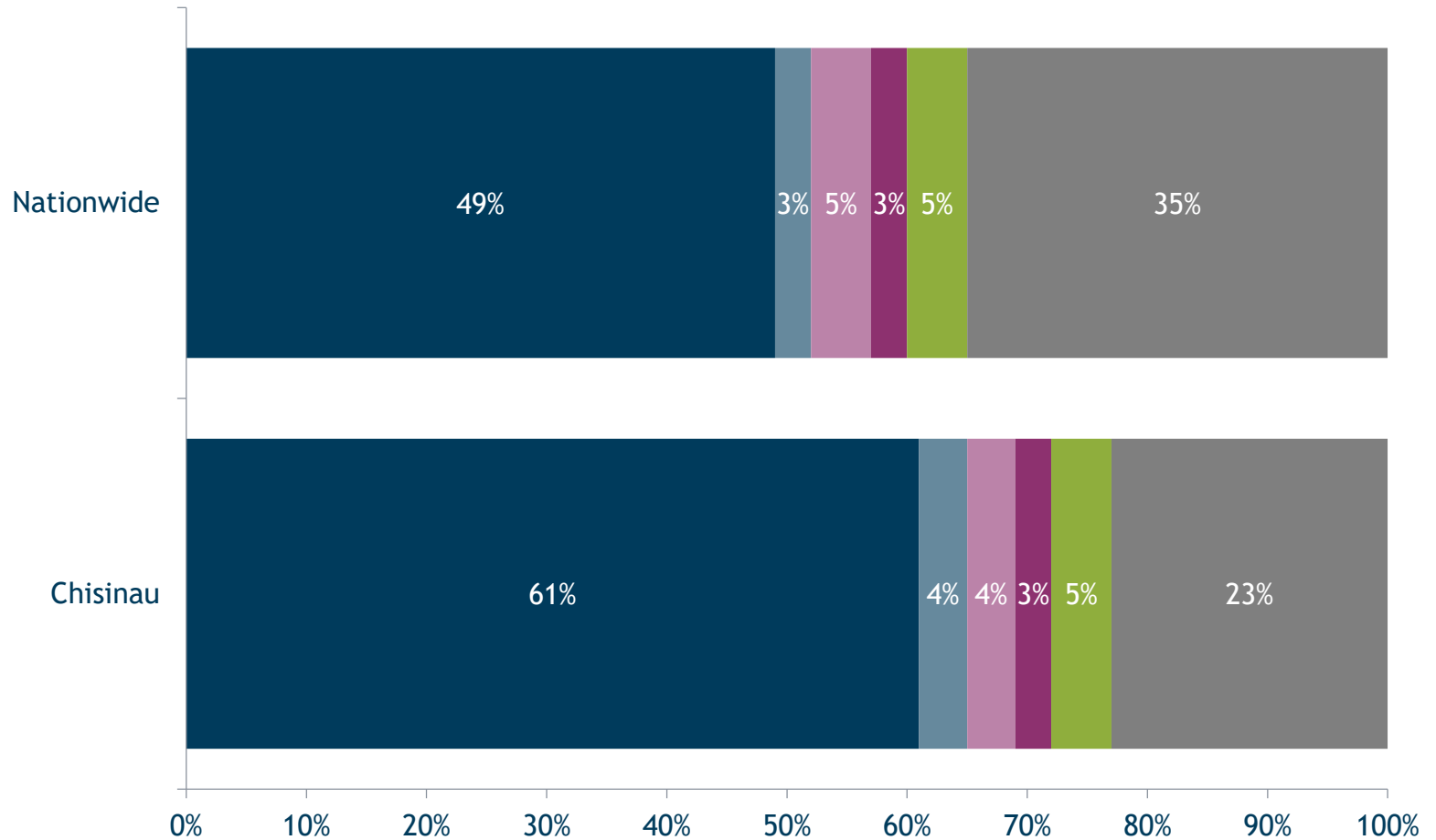
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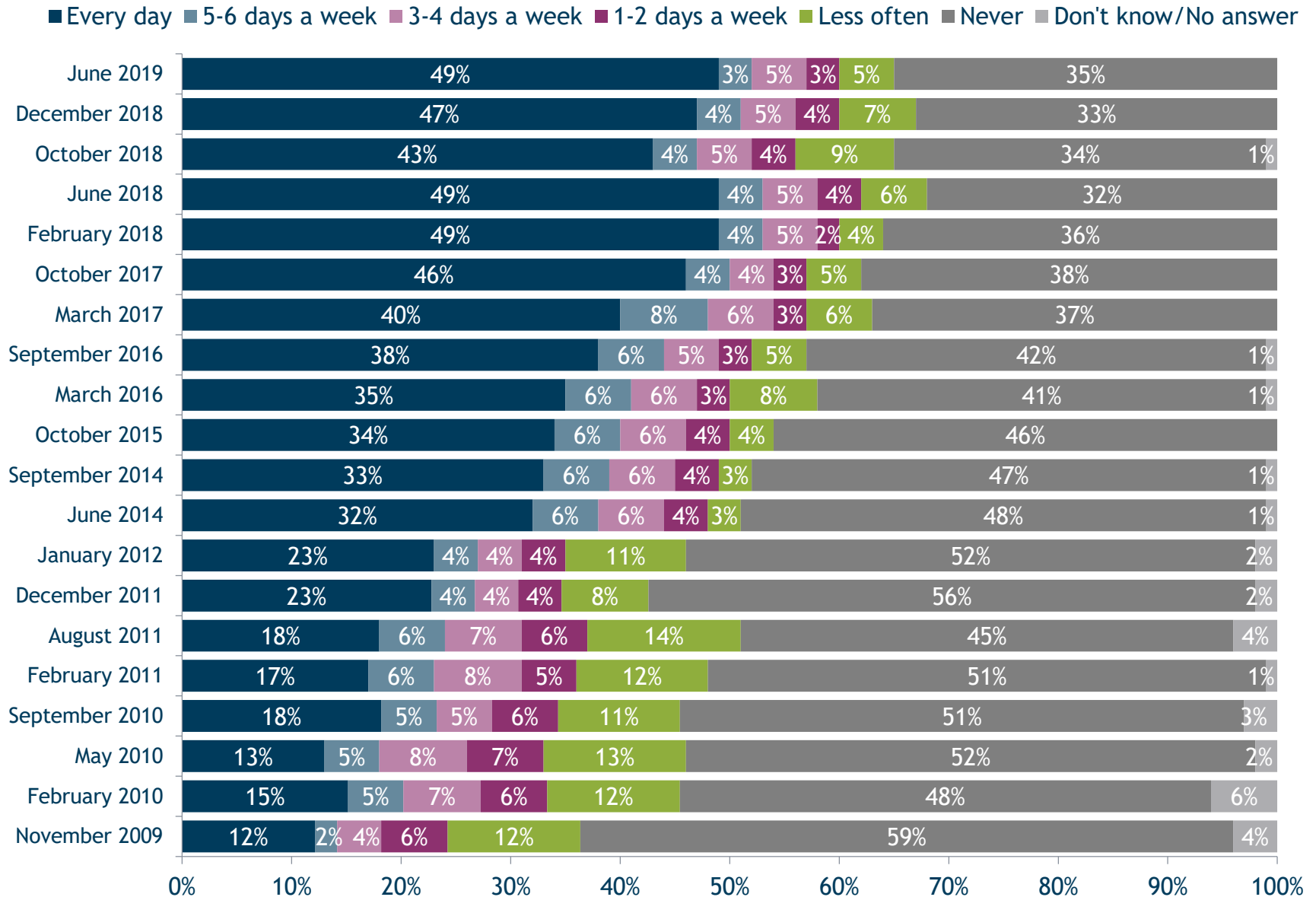


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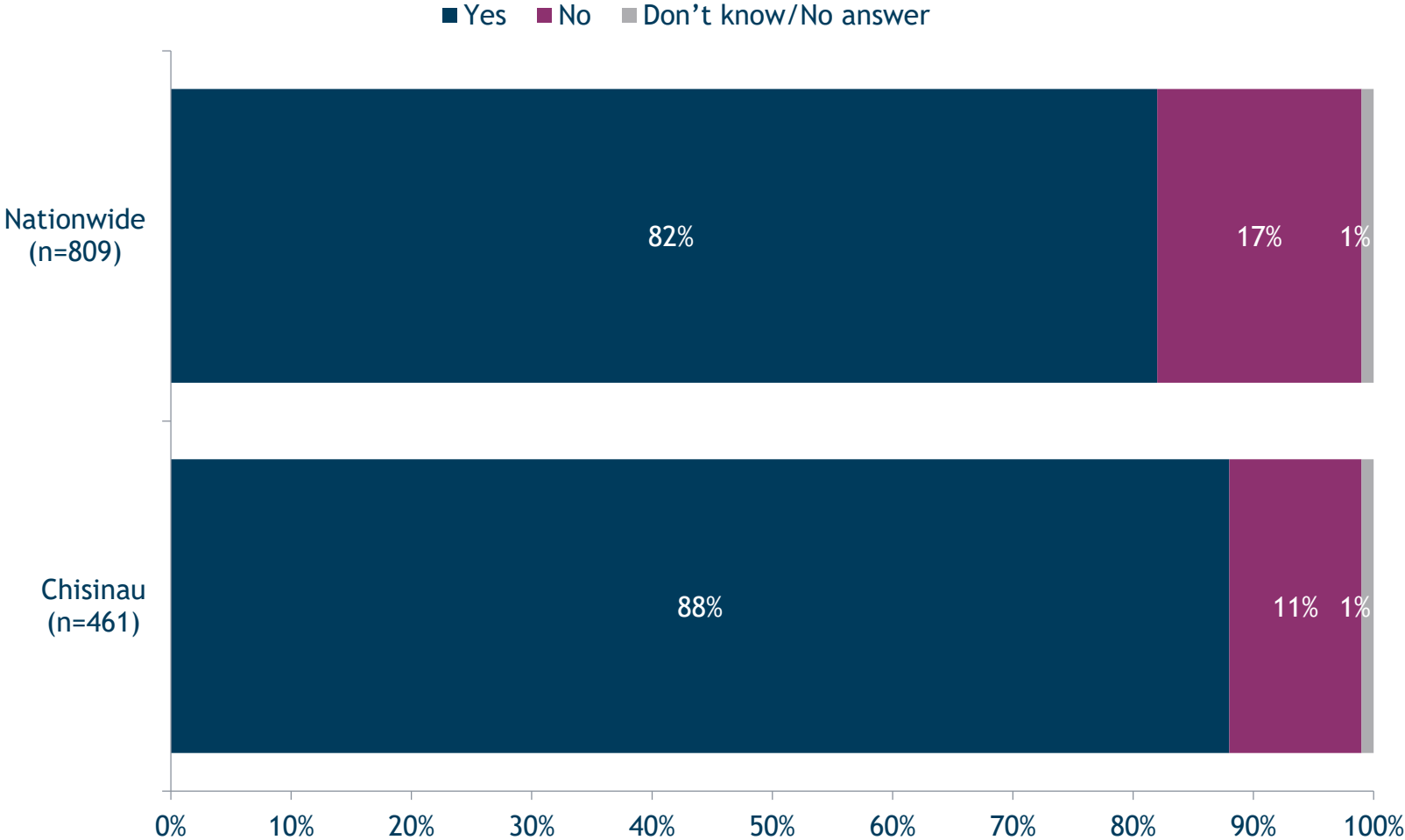


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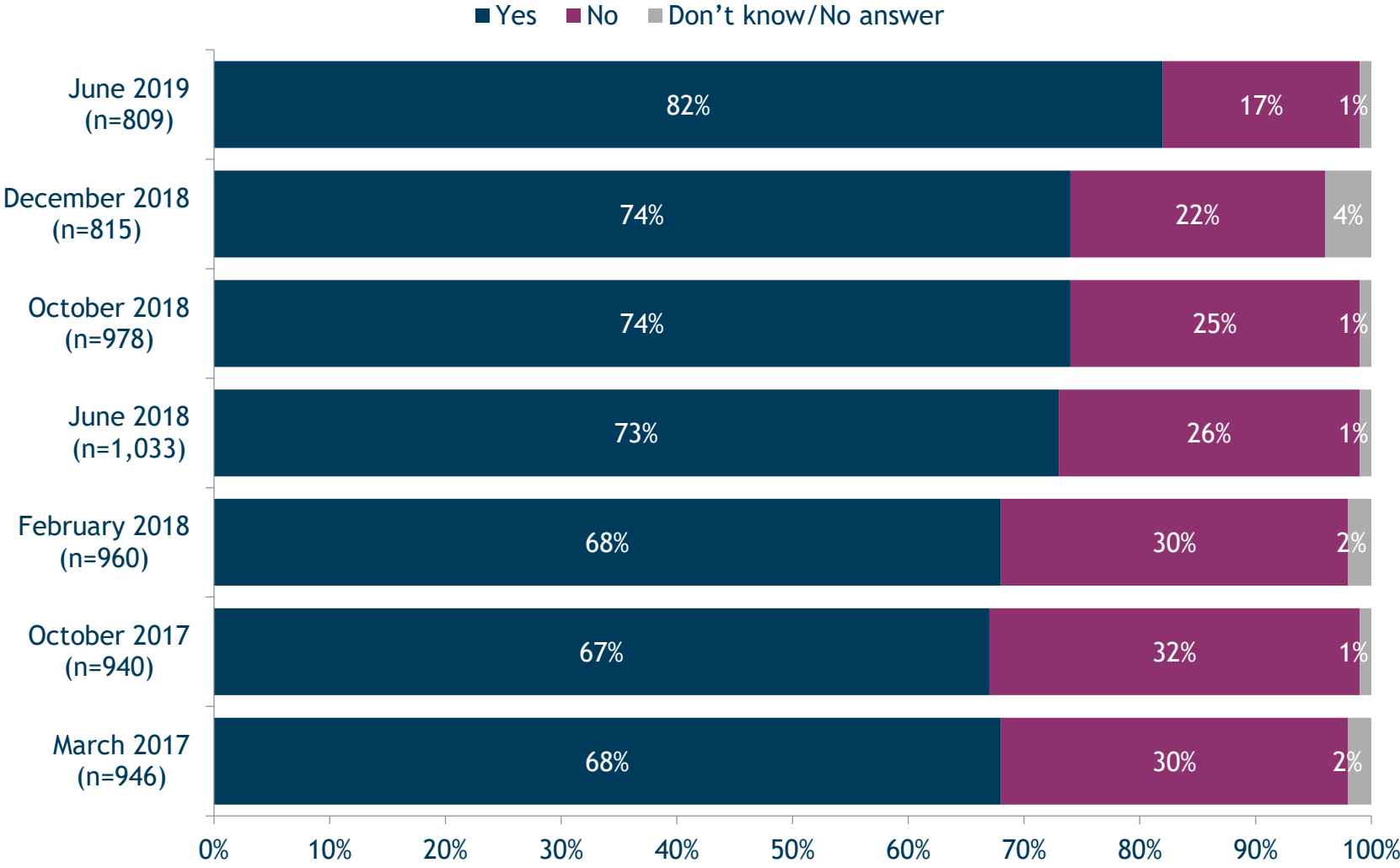
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(Respondents who use the internet)



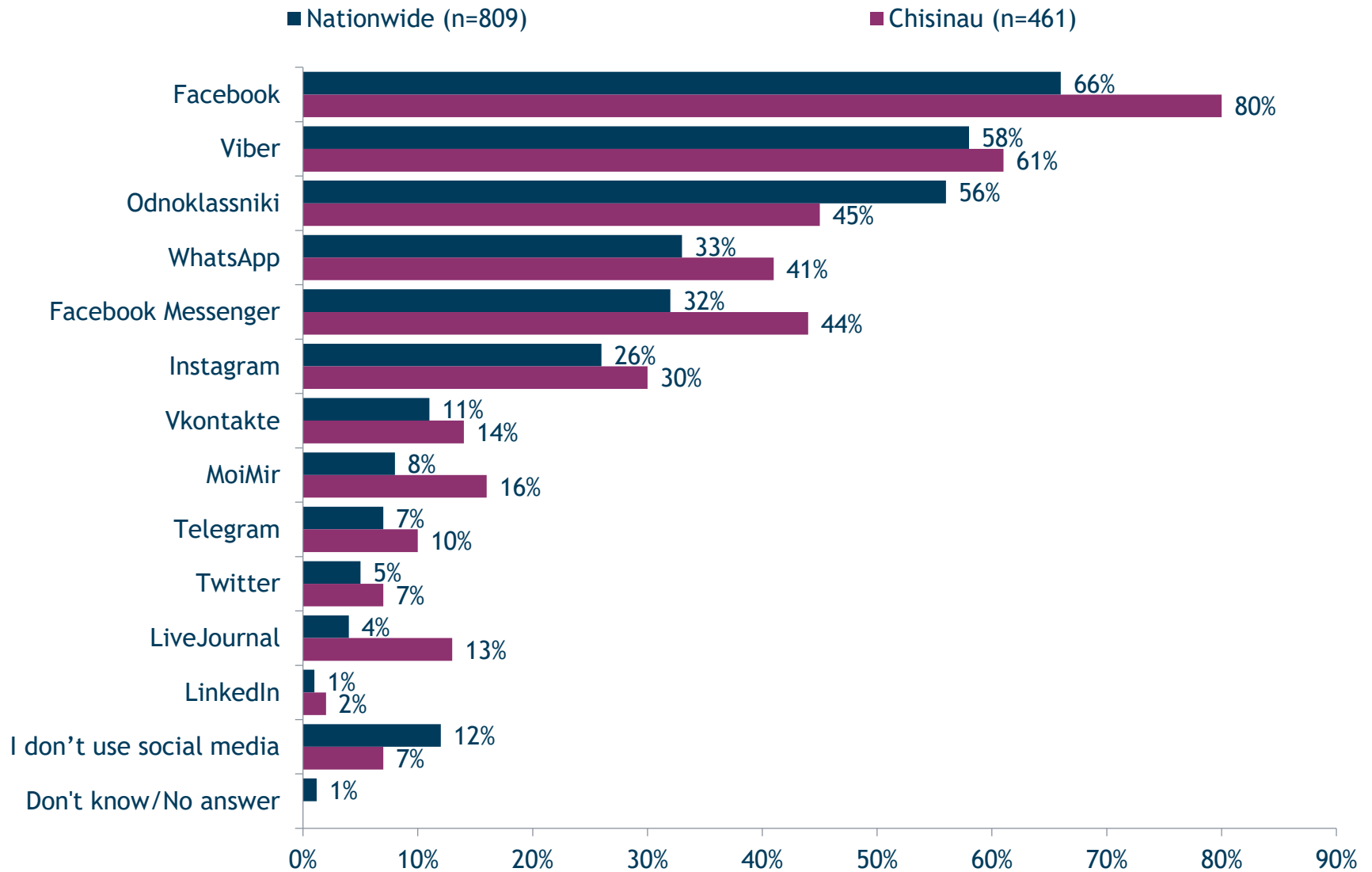
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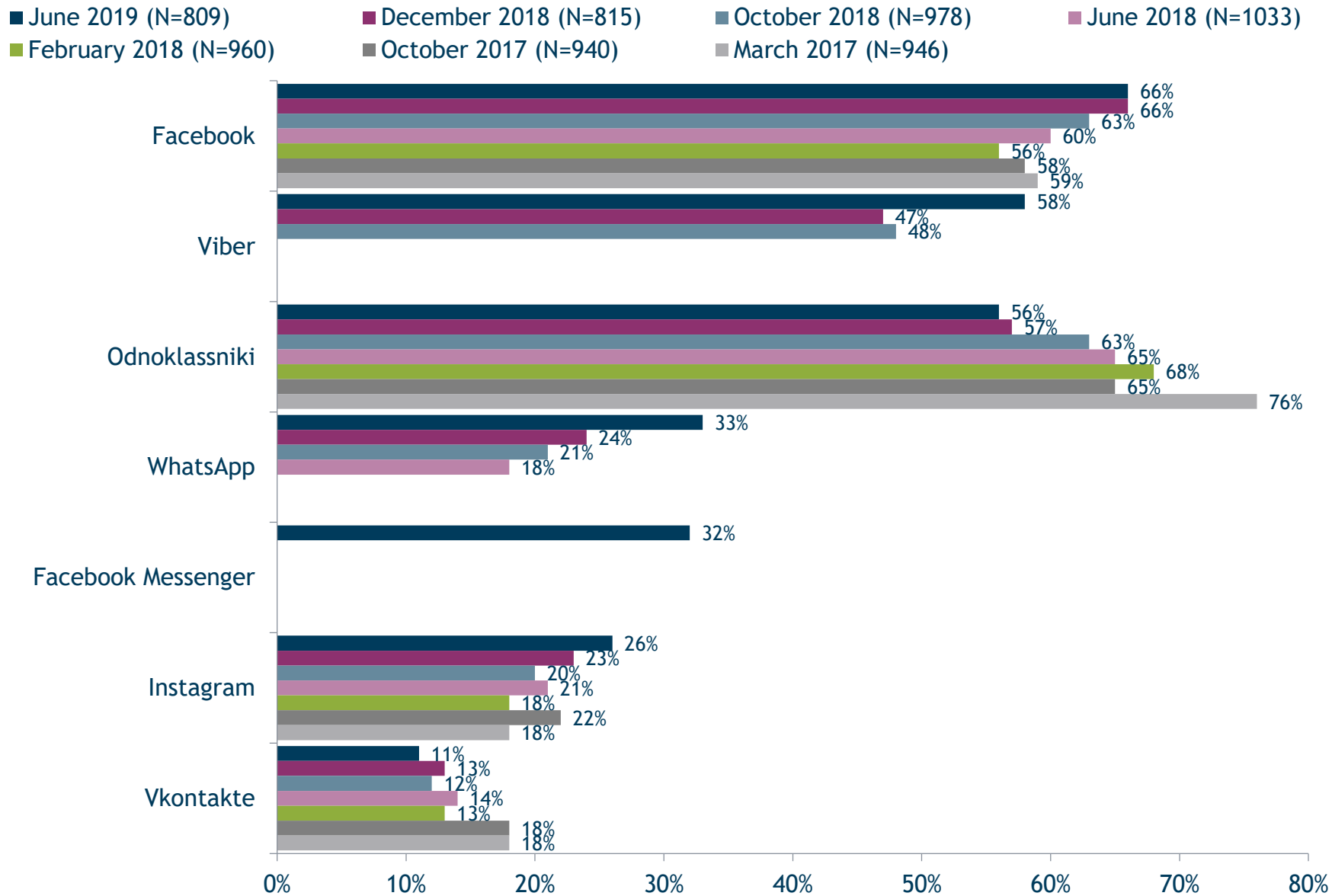
# Do you use any of the following social media sites?

(Respondents who use the internet)



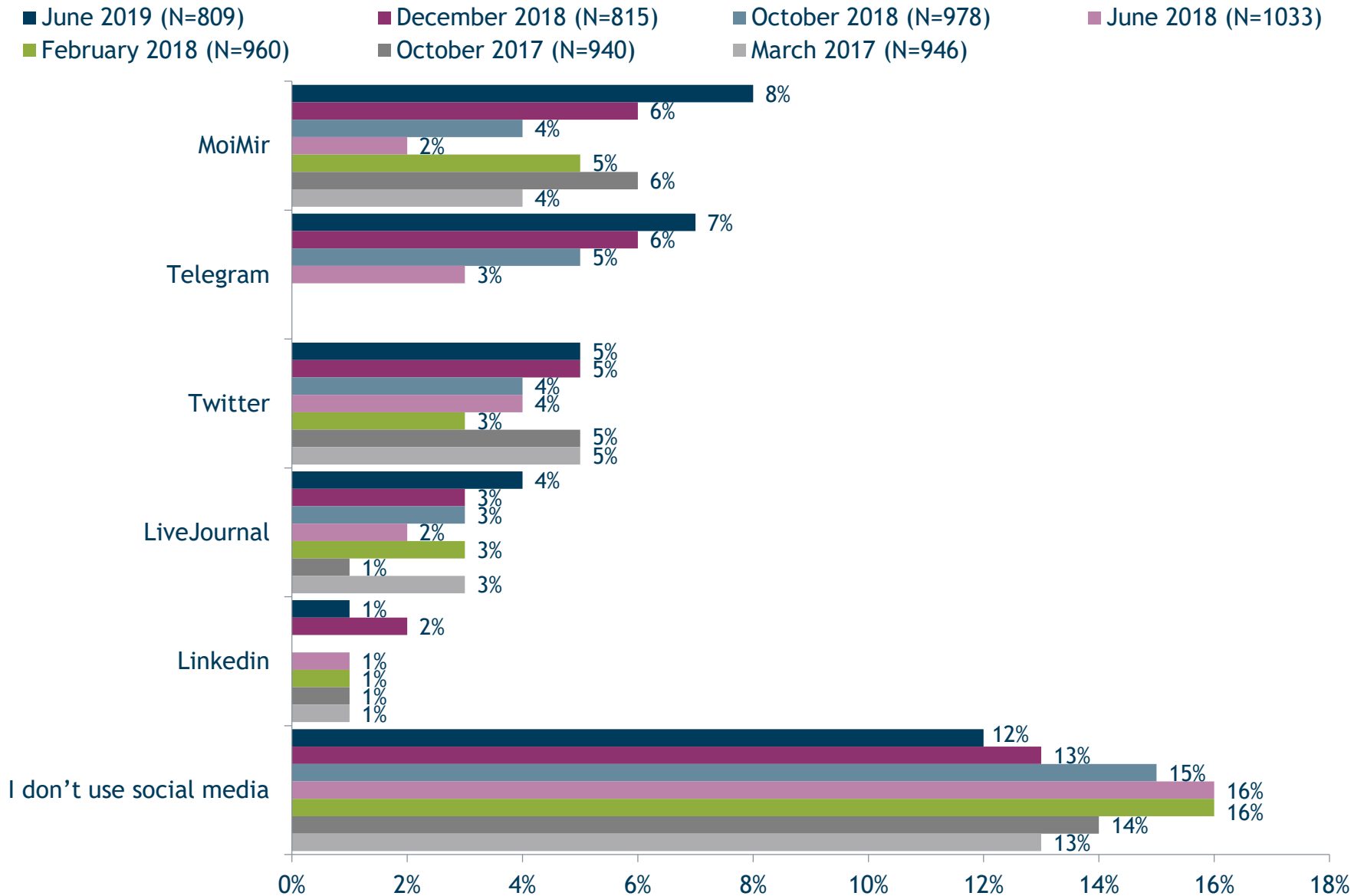
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(Respondents who use the internet)



# Do you use any of the following social media sites? (Continued)

(Respondents who use the internet)



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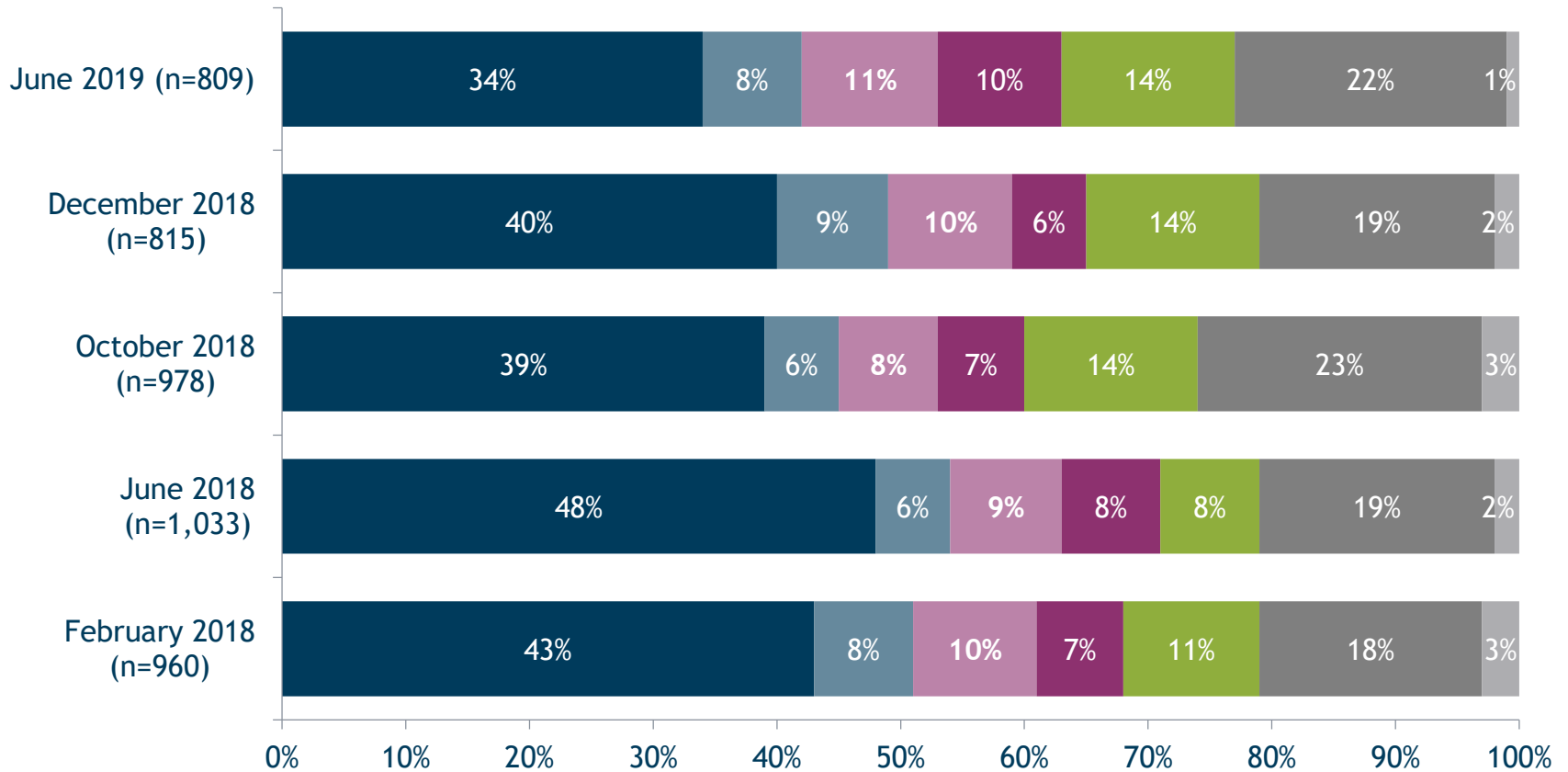




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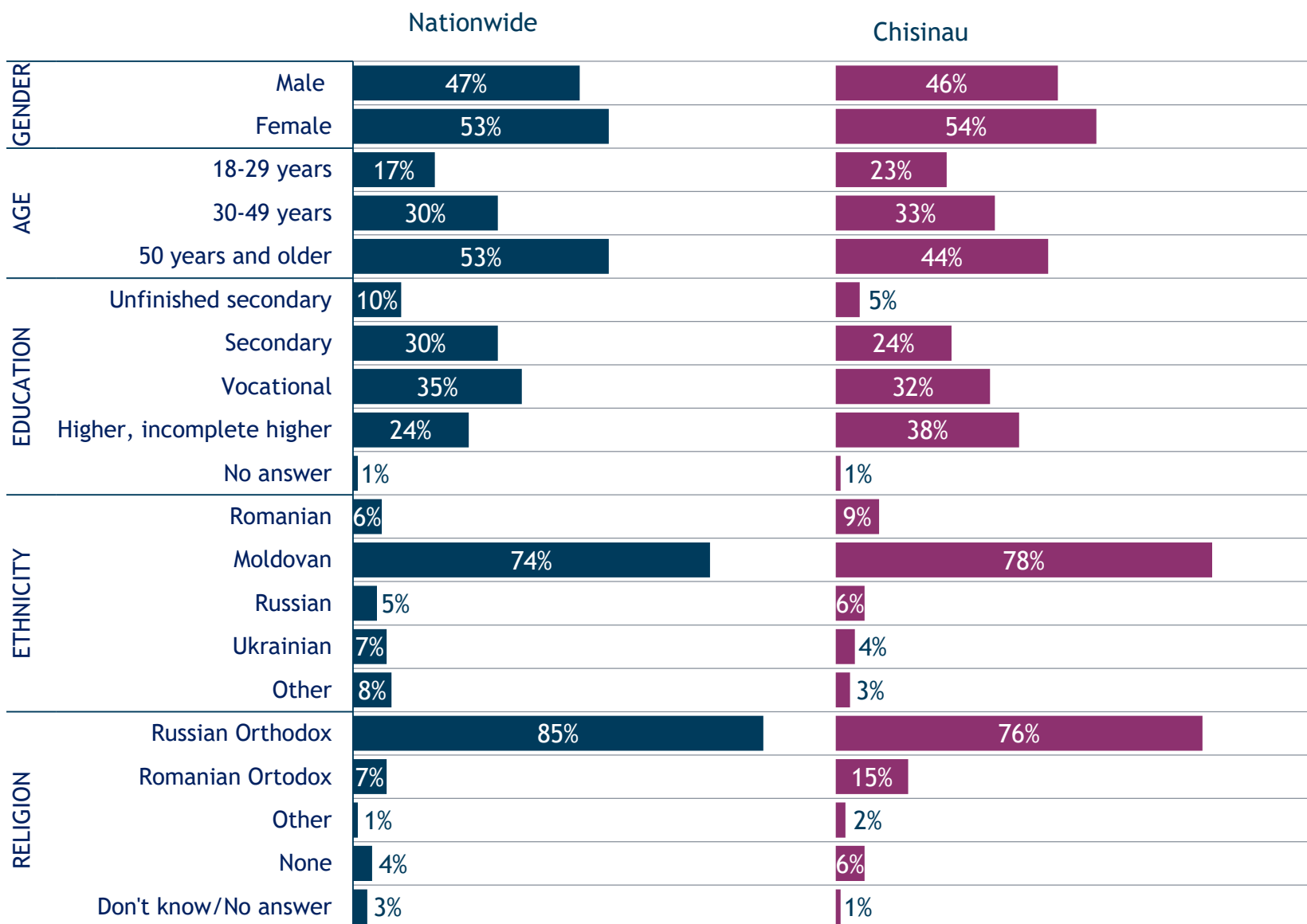


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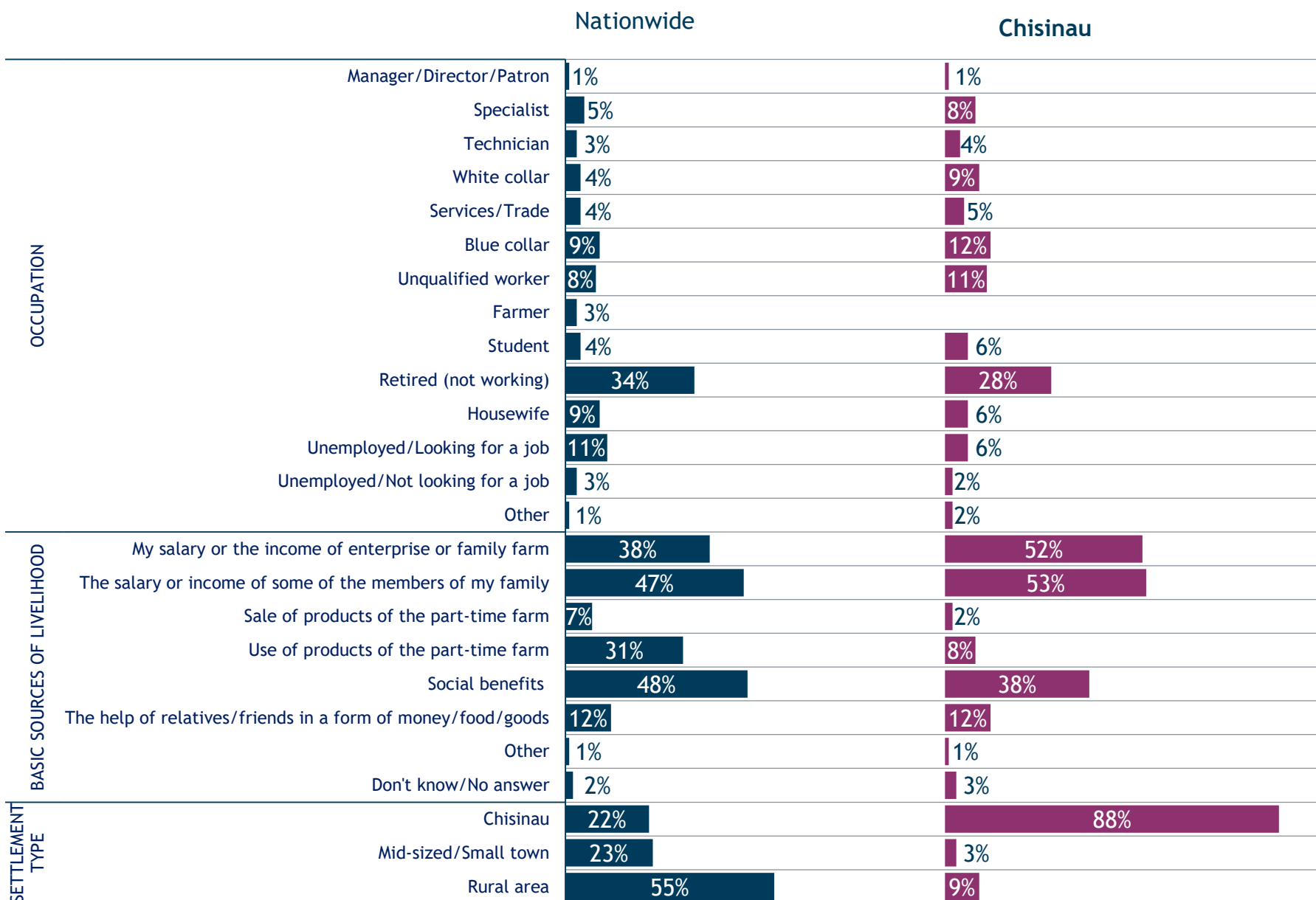
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