



Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Moldova

November 16, 2019 - December 8, 2019



Detailed Methodology

- The survey fieldwork was carried out by [Magenta Consulting](#) on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#).
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (with the exception of Transnistria) between November 16, 2019 and December 8, 2019 through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of n=1,204 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.
- Sampling frame: Moldova Statistical Databank. Weighting: Data was weighted for age groups and gender using newly released population figures by the National Bureau of Statistics.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, with random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
 - Stage one: All districts (*raions*) 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 2.8 points at the 95% confidence level.
- The response rate was 62 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](#).

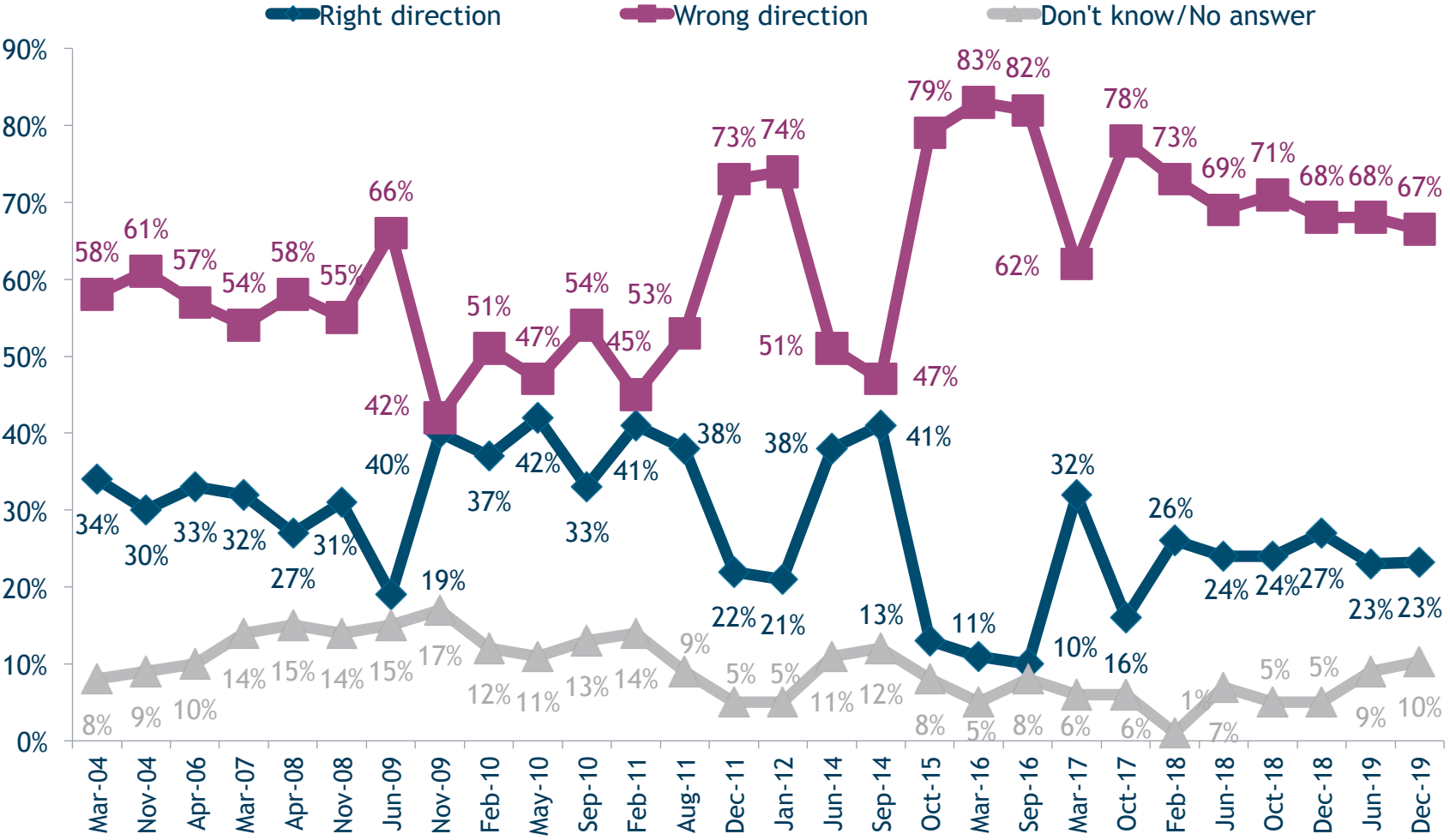


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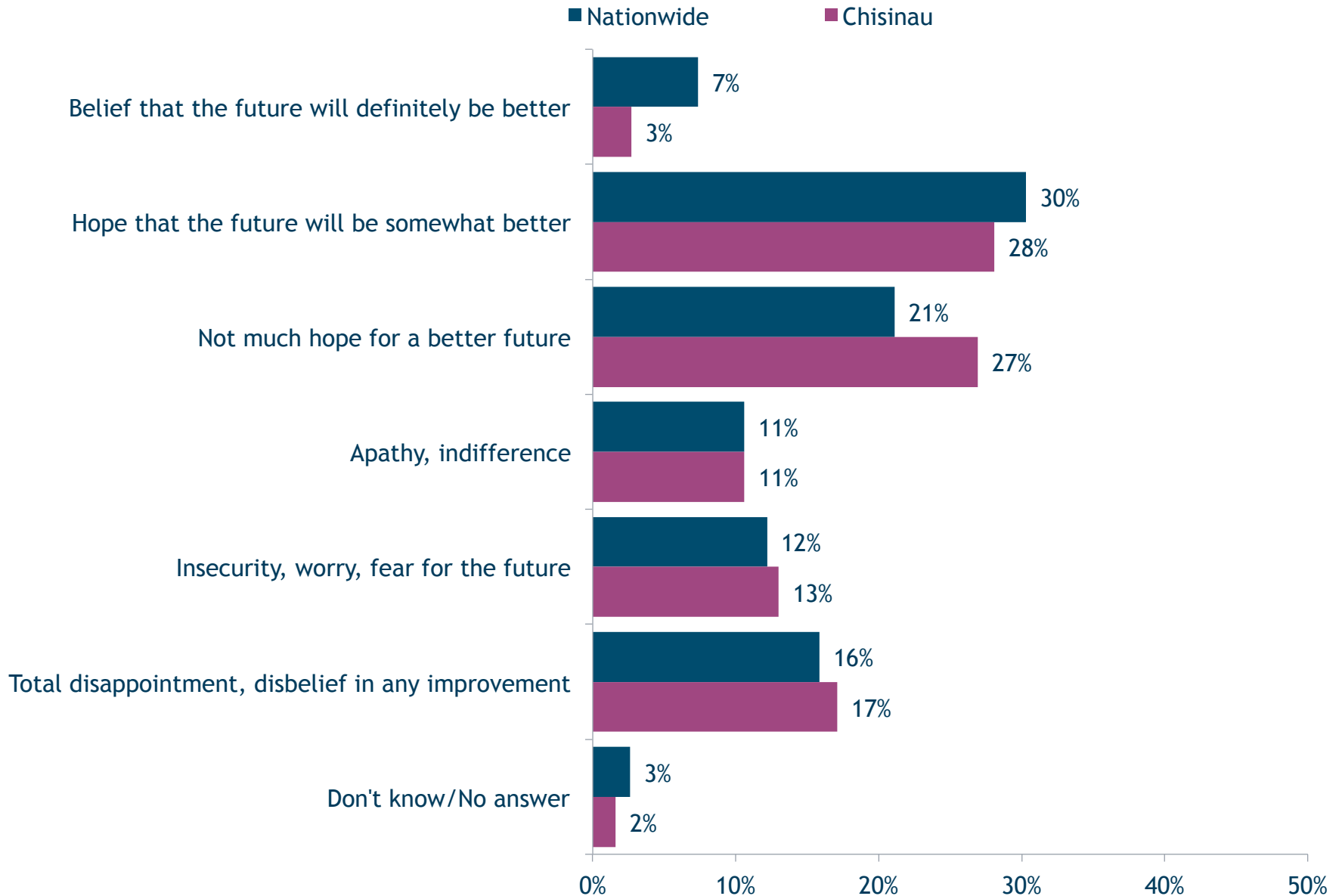
In general, would you say that Moldova is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?



*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.”

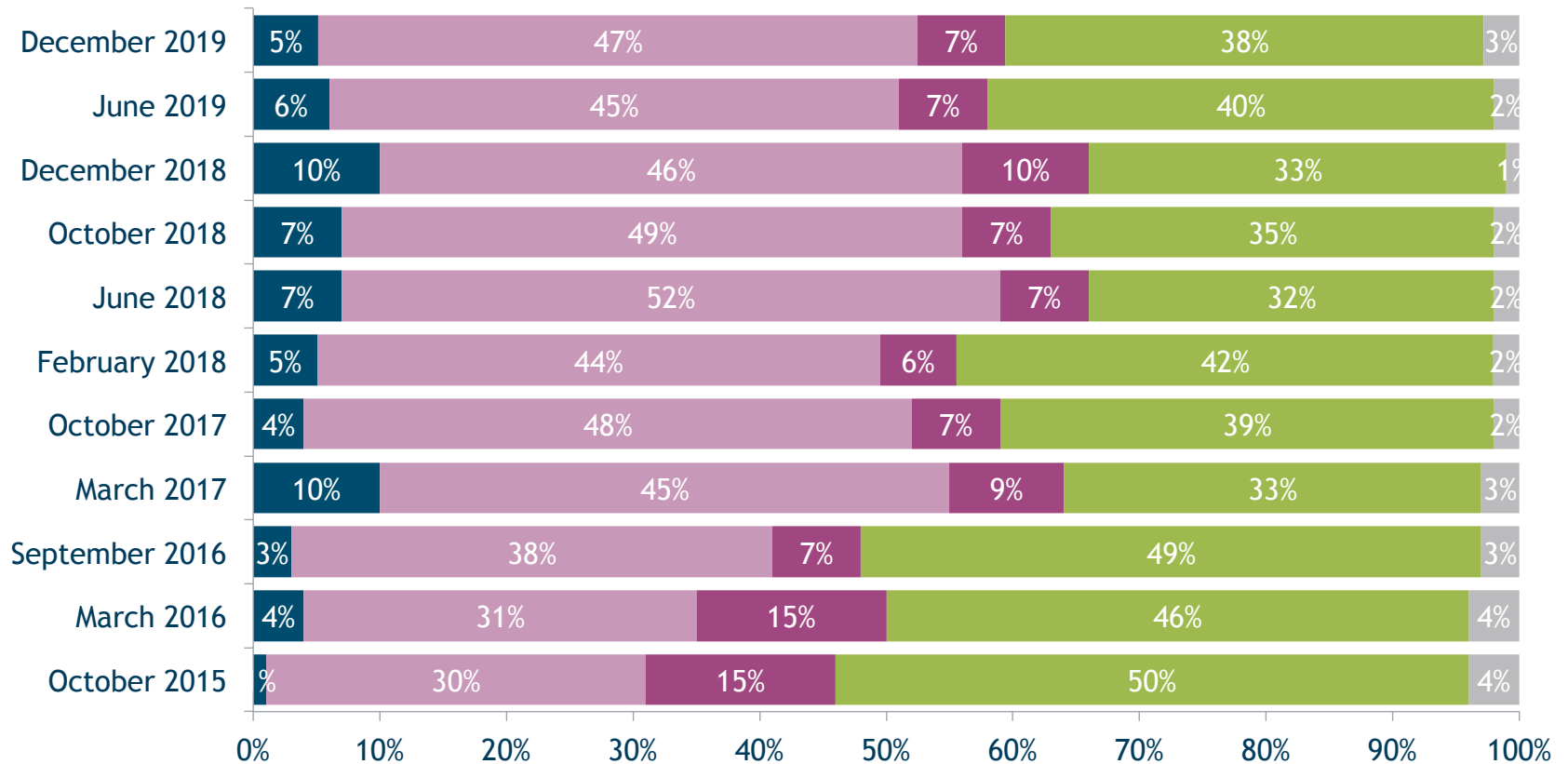
**In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular election of the president since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second round contest on November 13, 2016.

How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Moldovan population?

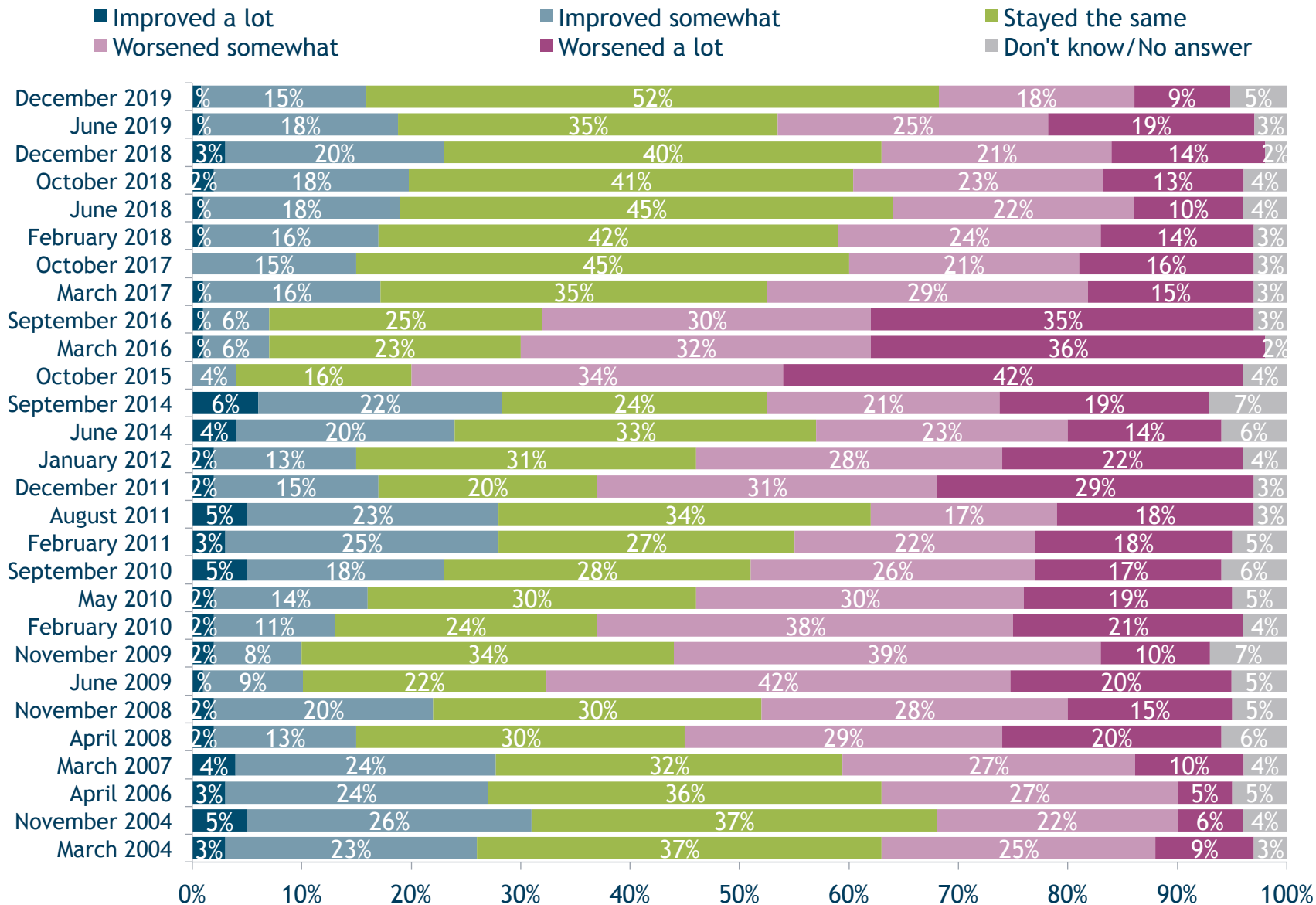


How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the pace of change in the country?

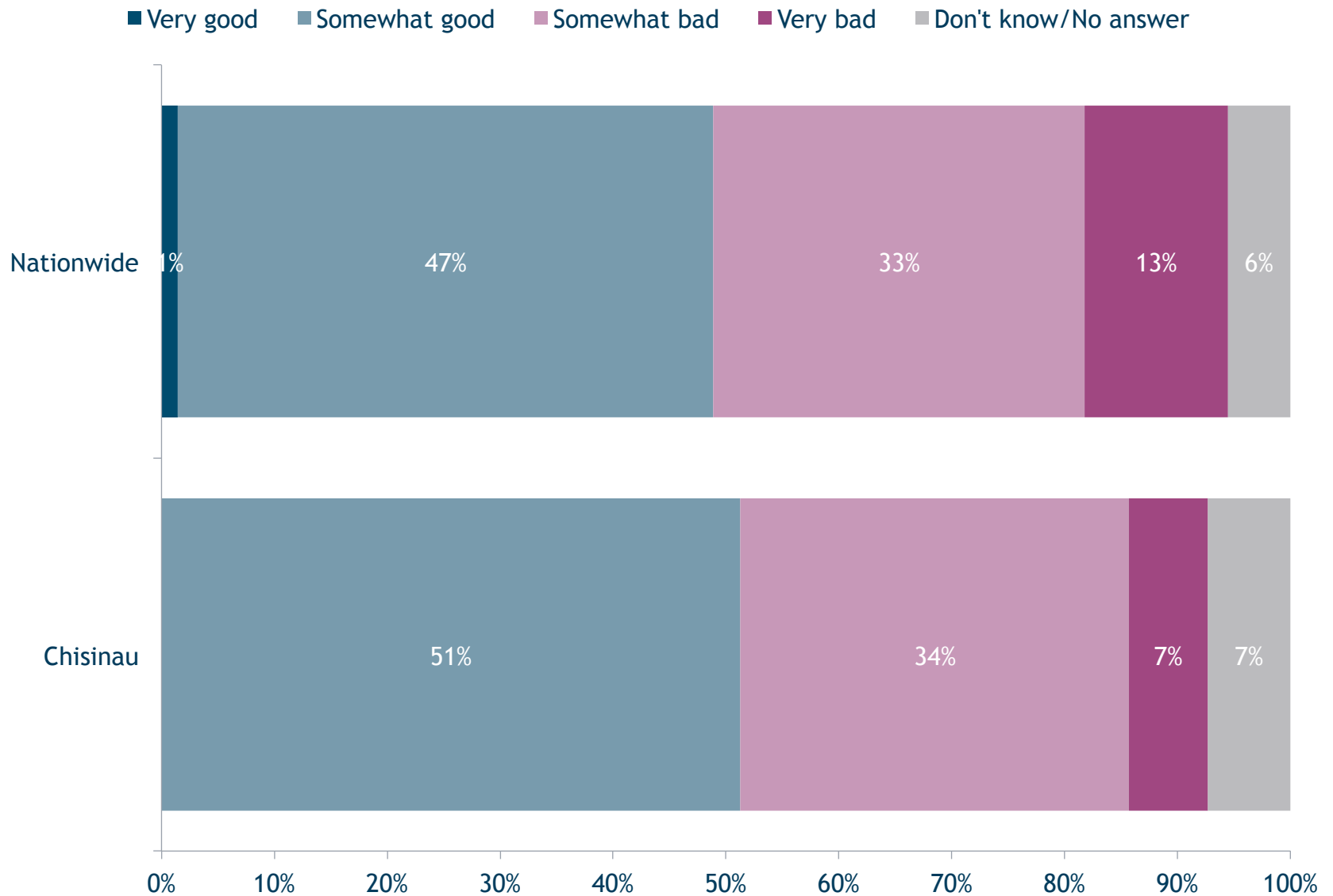
- I am satisfied; change is happening at the right pace
- I am dissatisfied; change is not happening fast enough
- I am dissatisfied; change is happening too fast
- No change is taking place
- Don't know/No answer



Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation of Moldova changed?

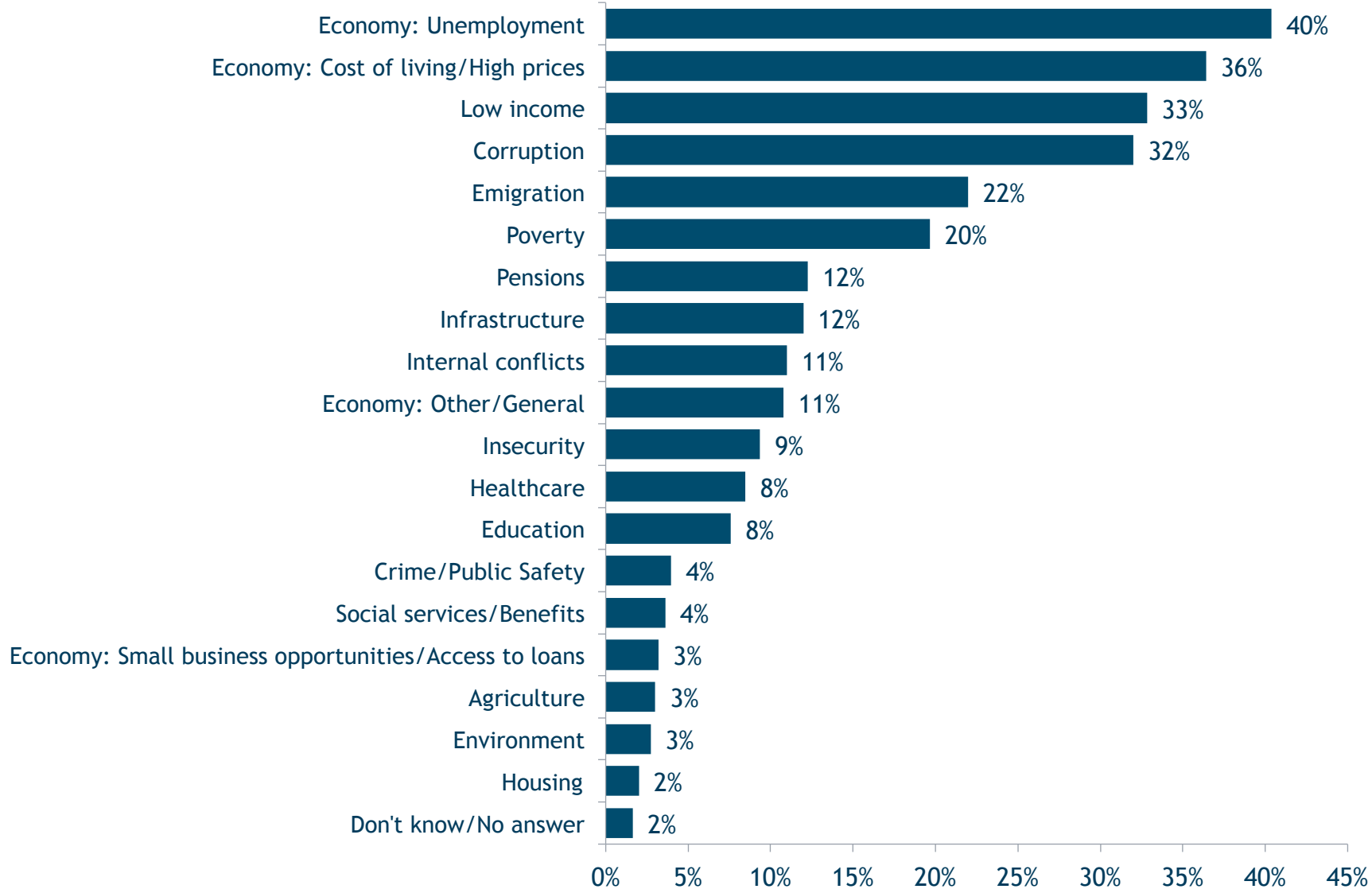


How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?



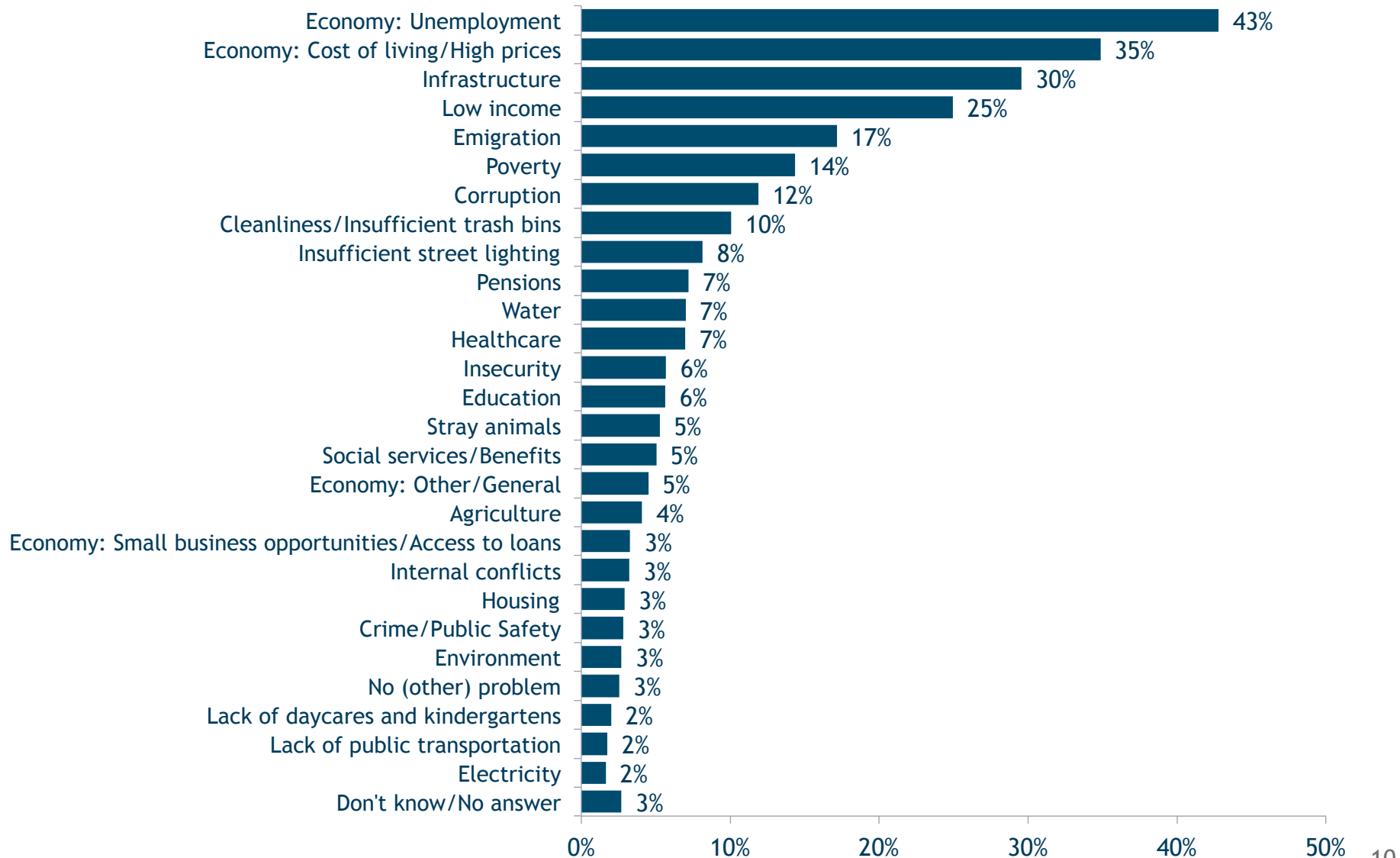
What is the most important problem facing Moldova today?

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



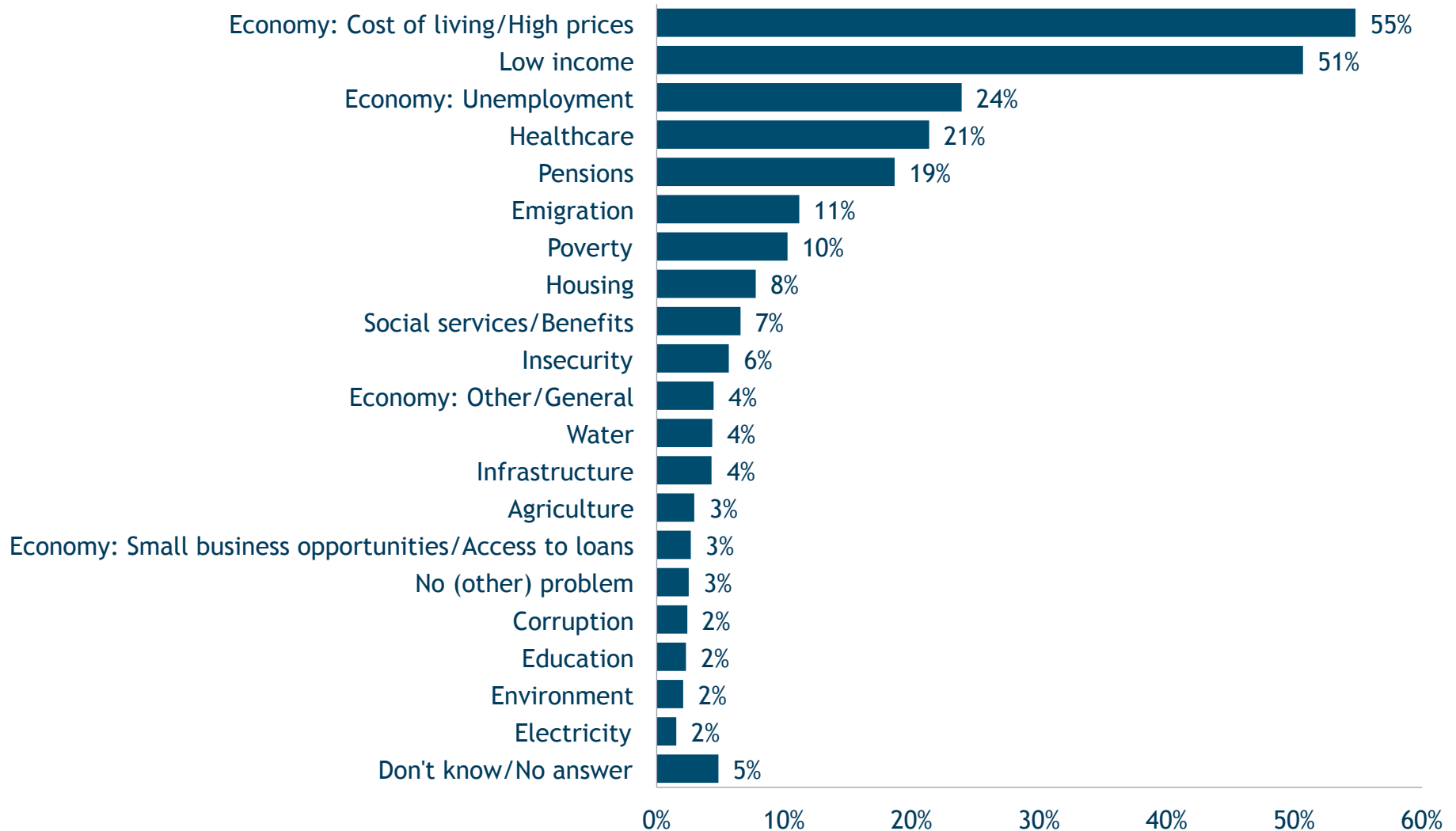
What is the most important problem facing your town/village today?

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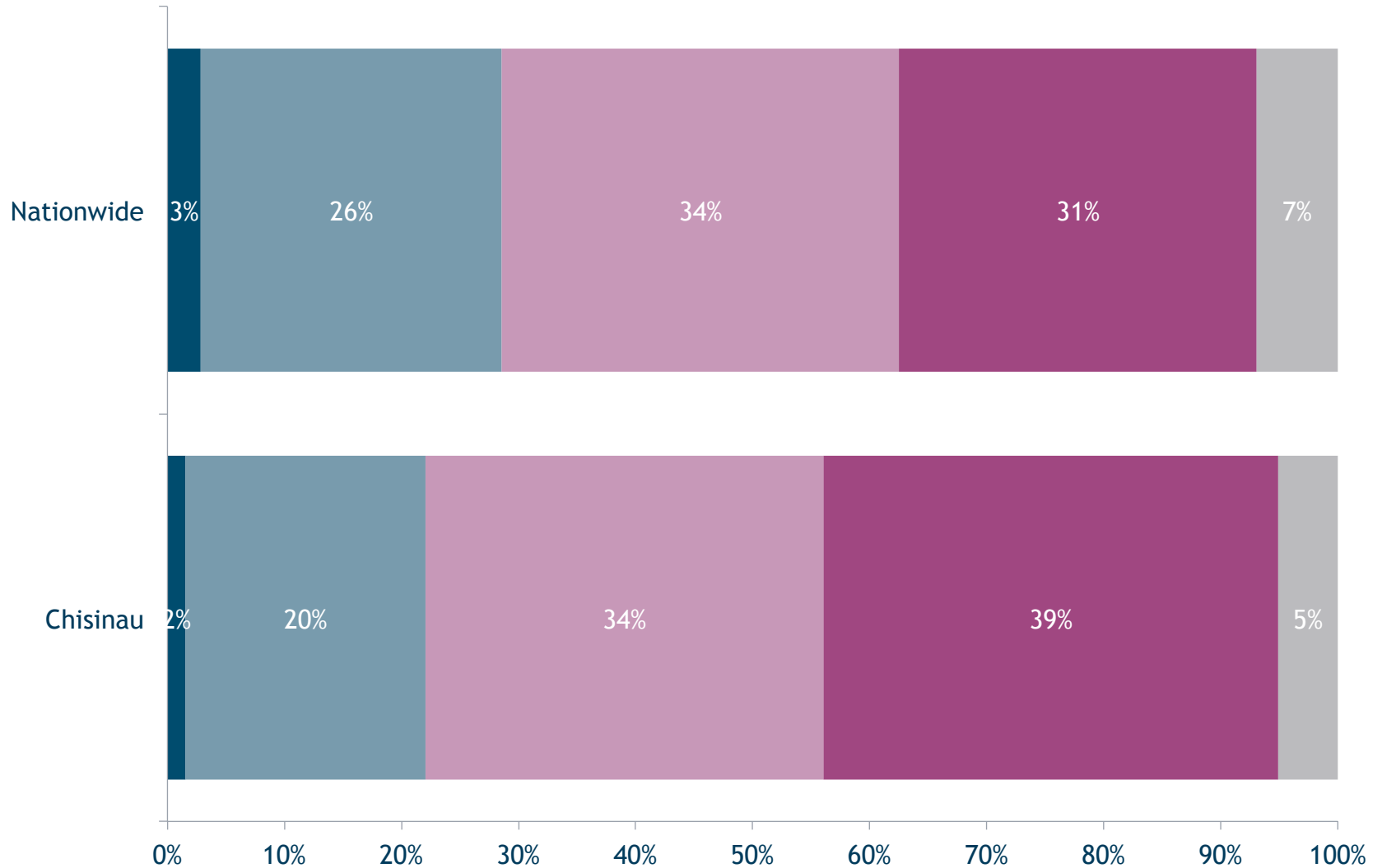
What is the most important problem facing your household today?

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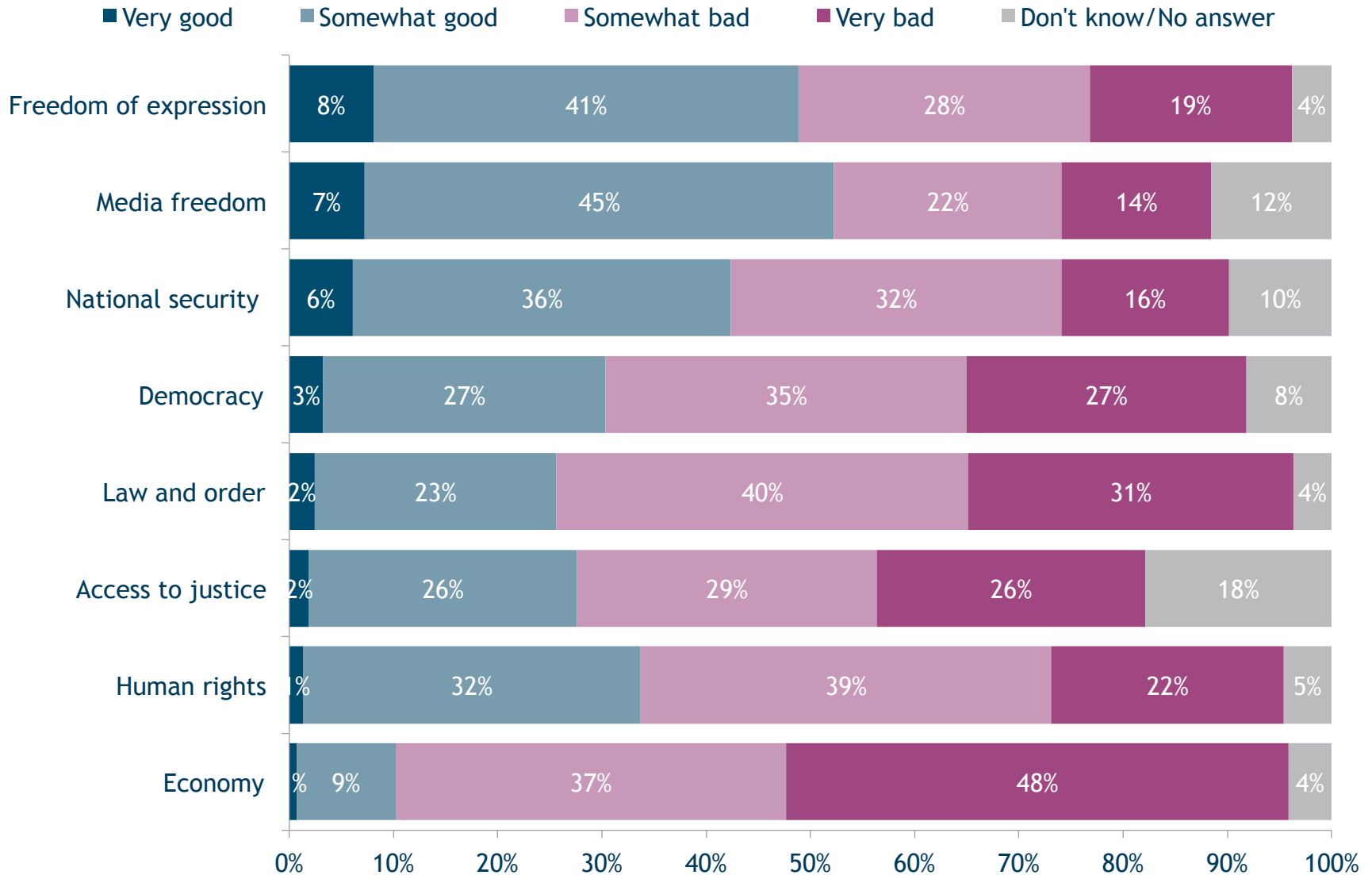


How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?

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



How would you describe the current status of each of the following items in our country?

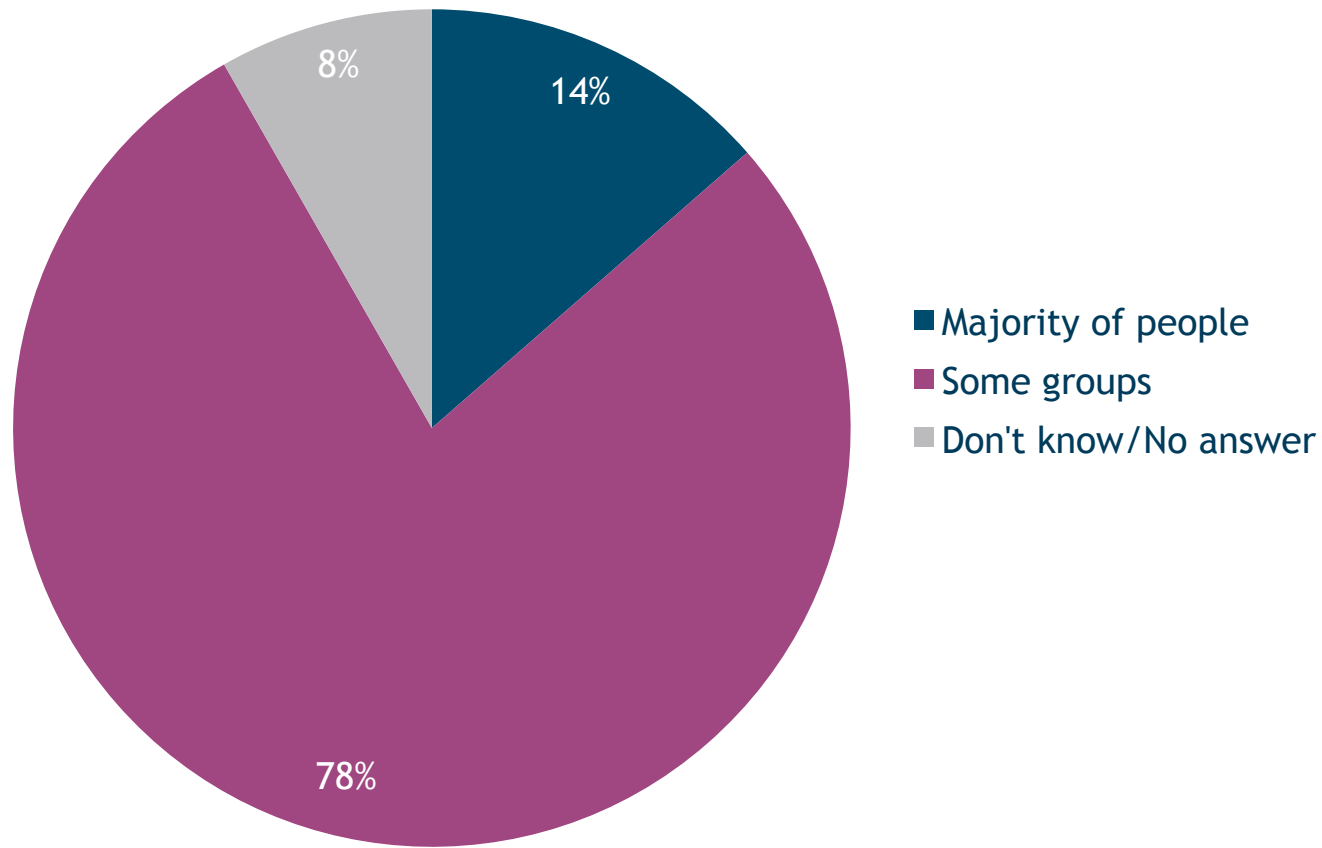




Views on Corruption

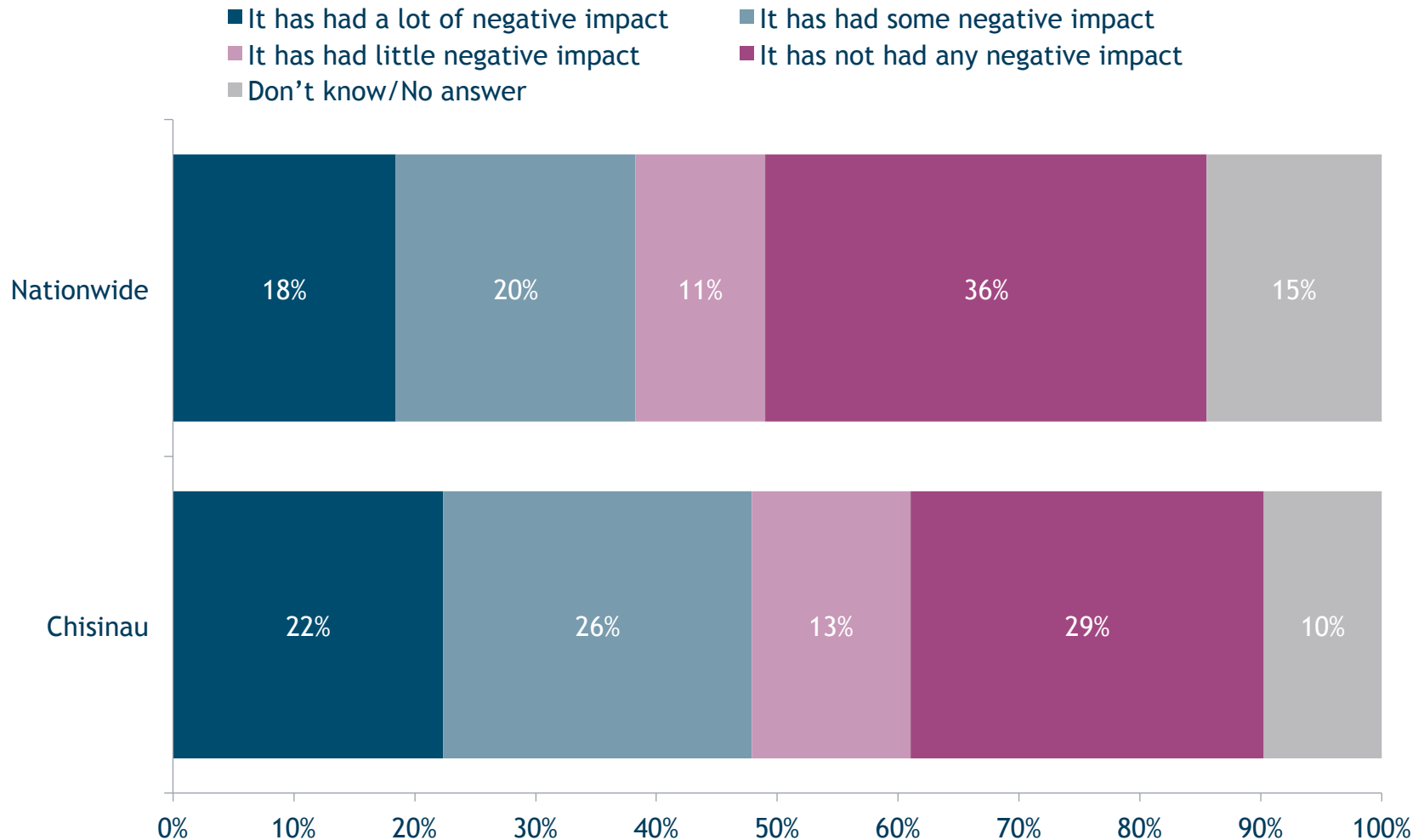


Do you consider our country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or in the interest of some groups?

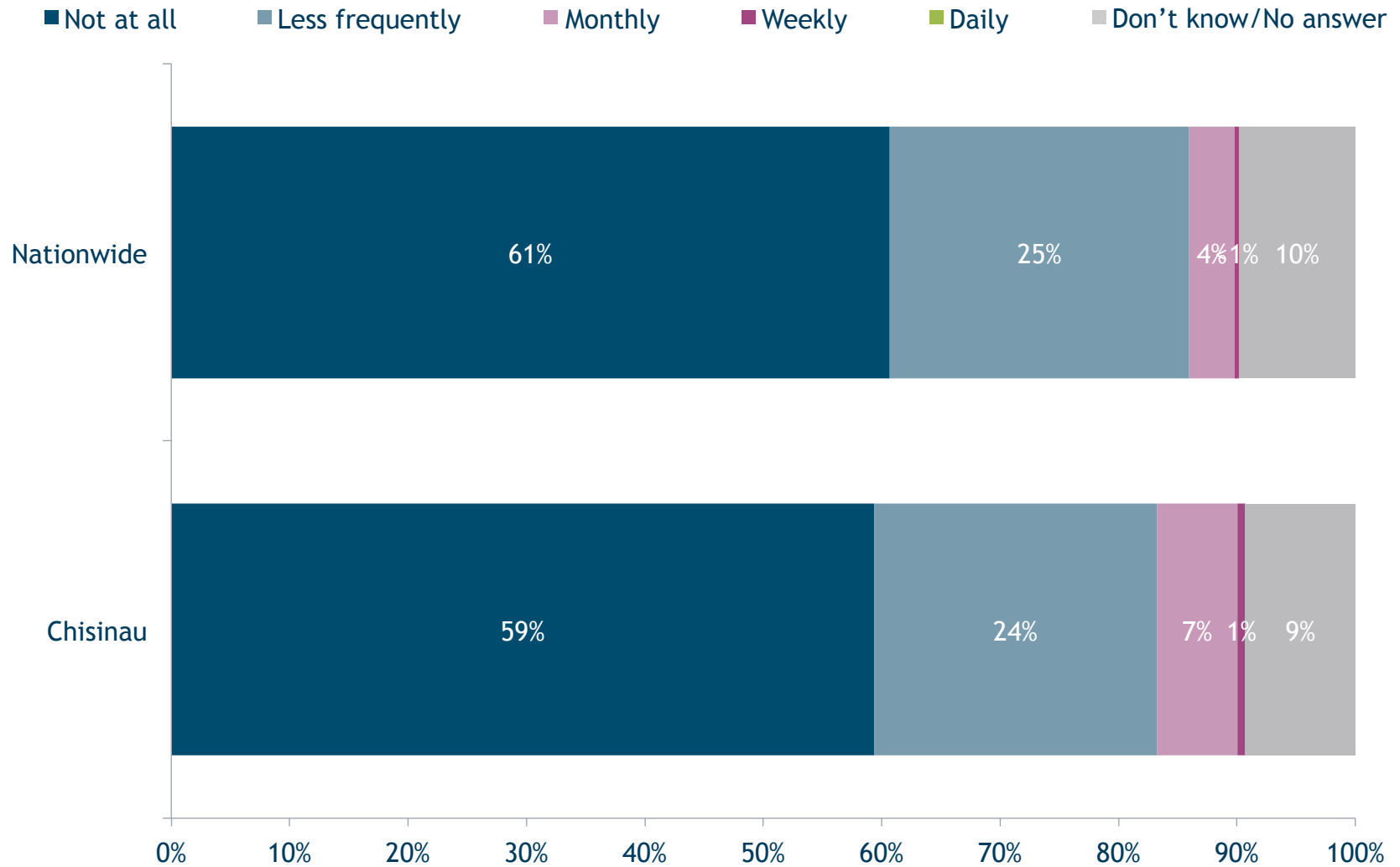


Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains.

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

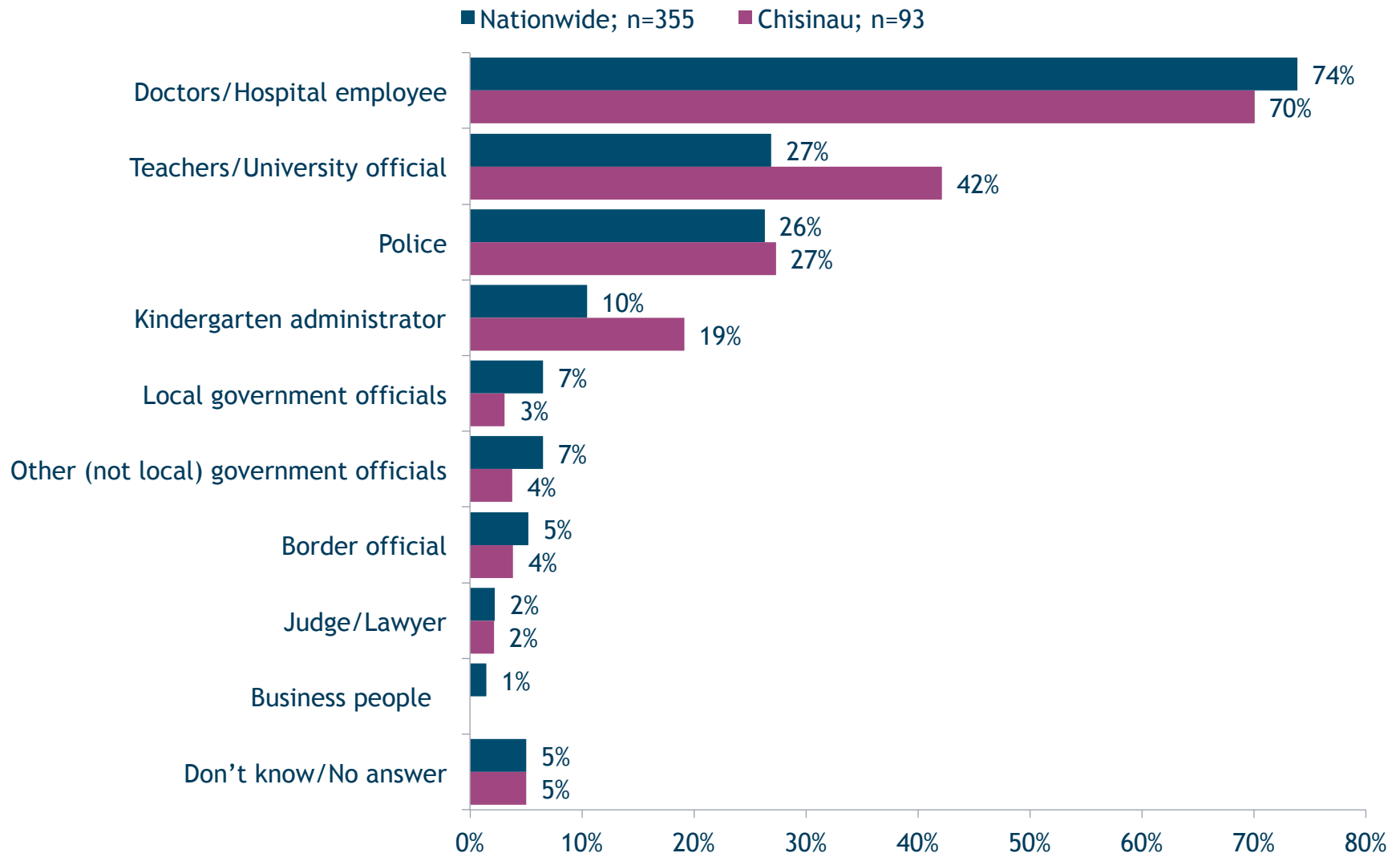


In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?

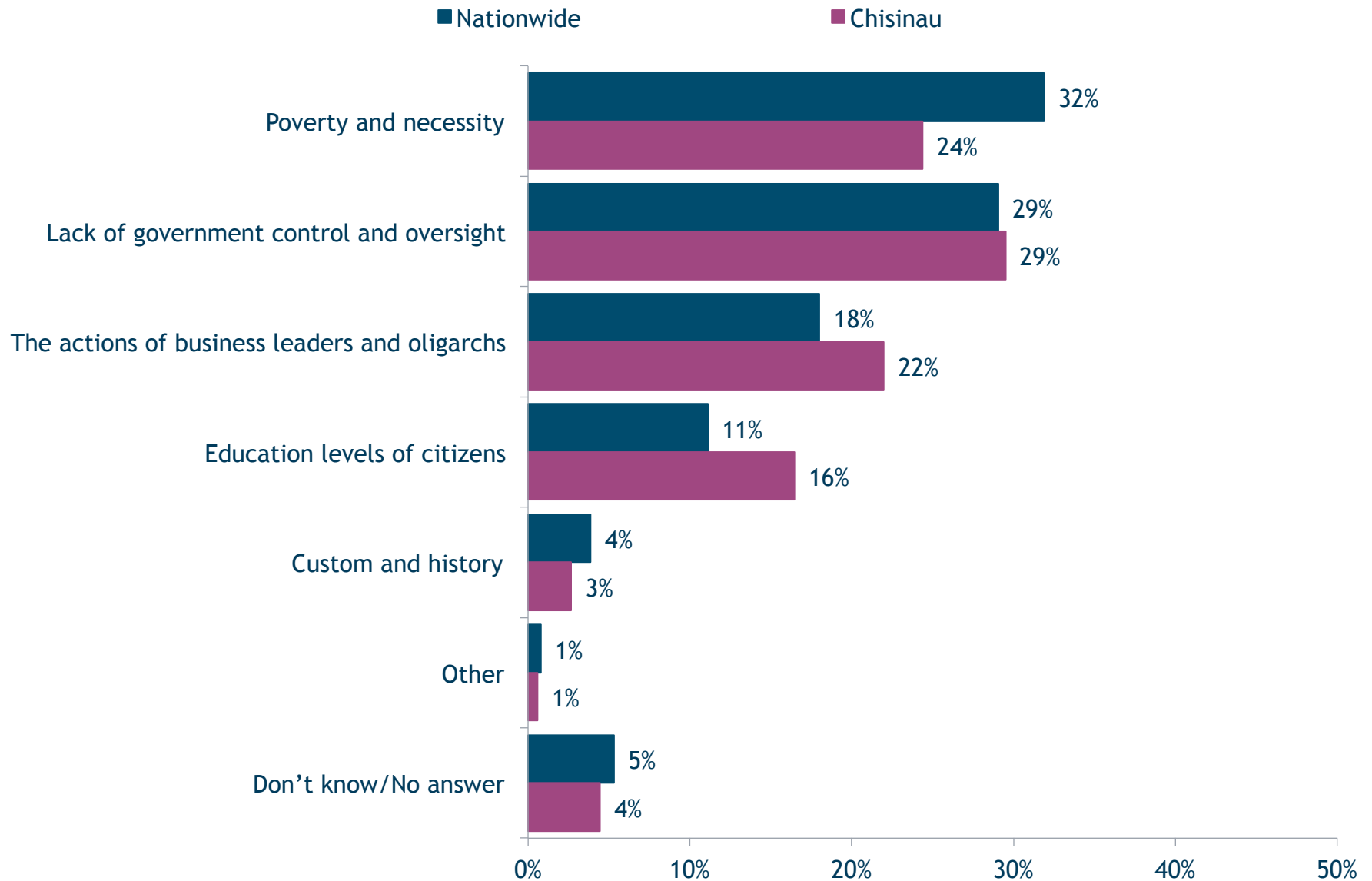


Whom did you have to do favors for, give gifts or pay bribes to?

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



What, in your opinion, is the greatest cause of corruption in our country?

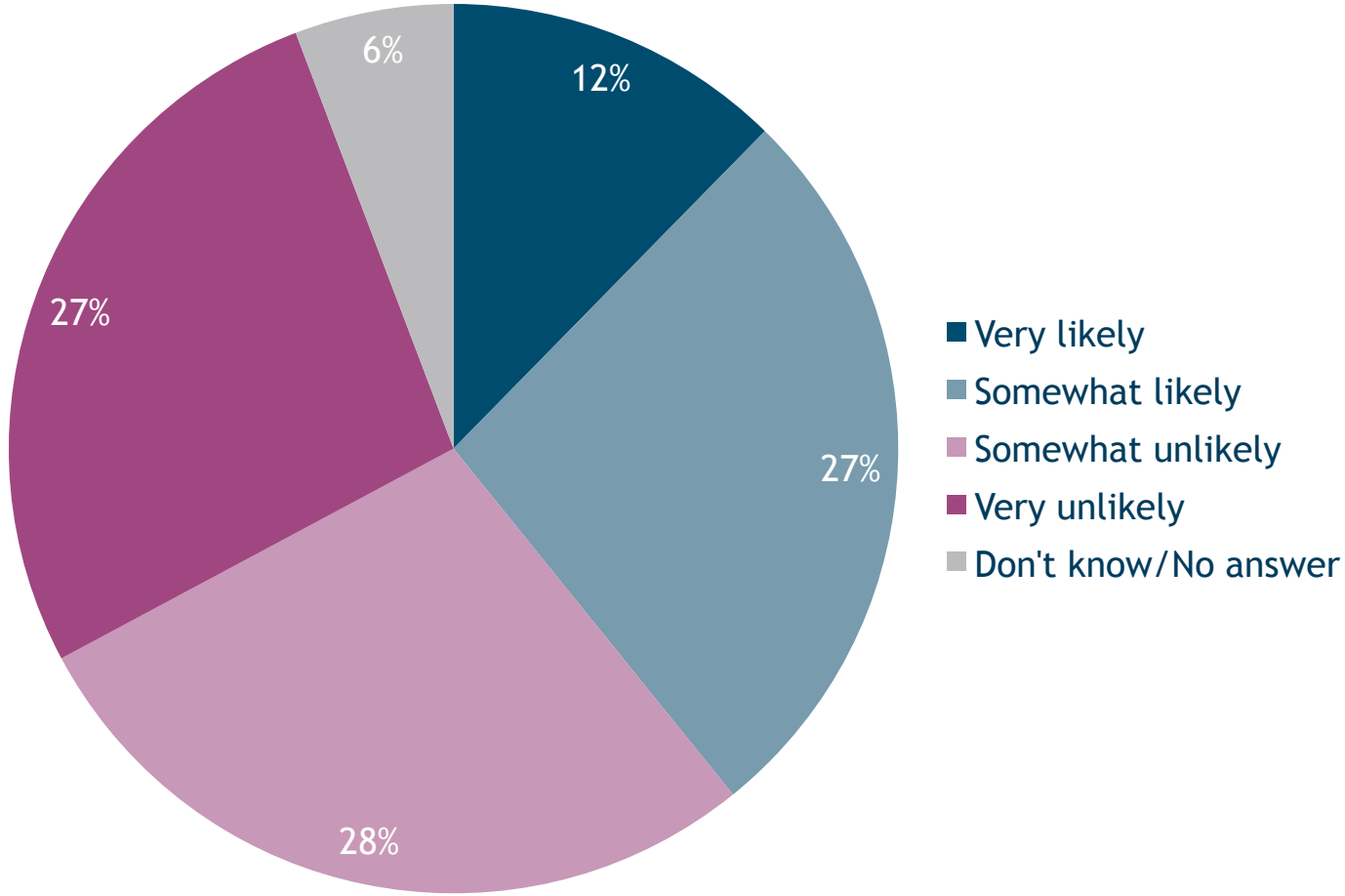




Politics

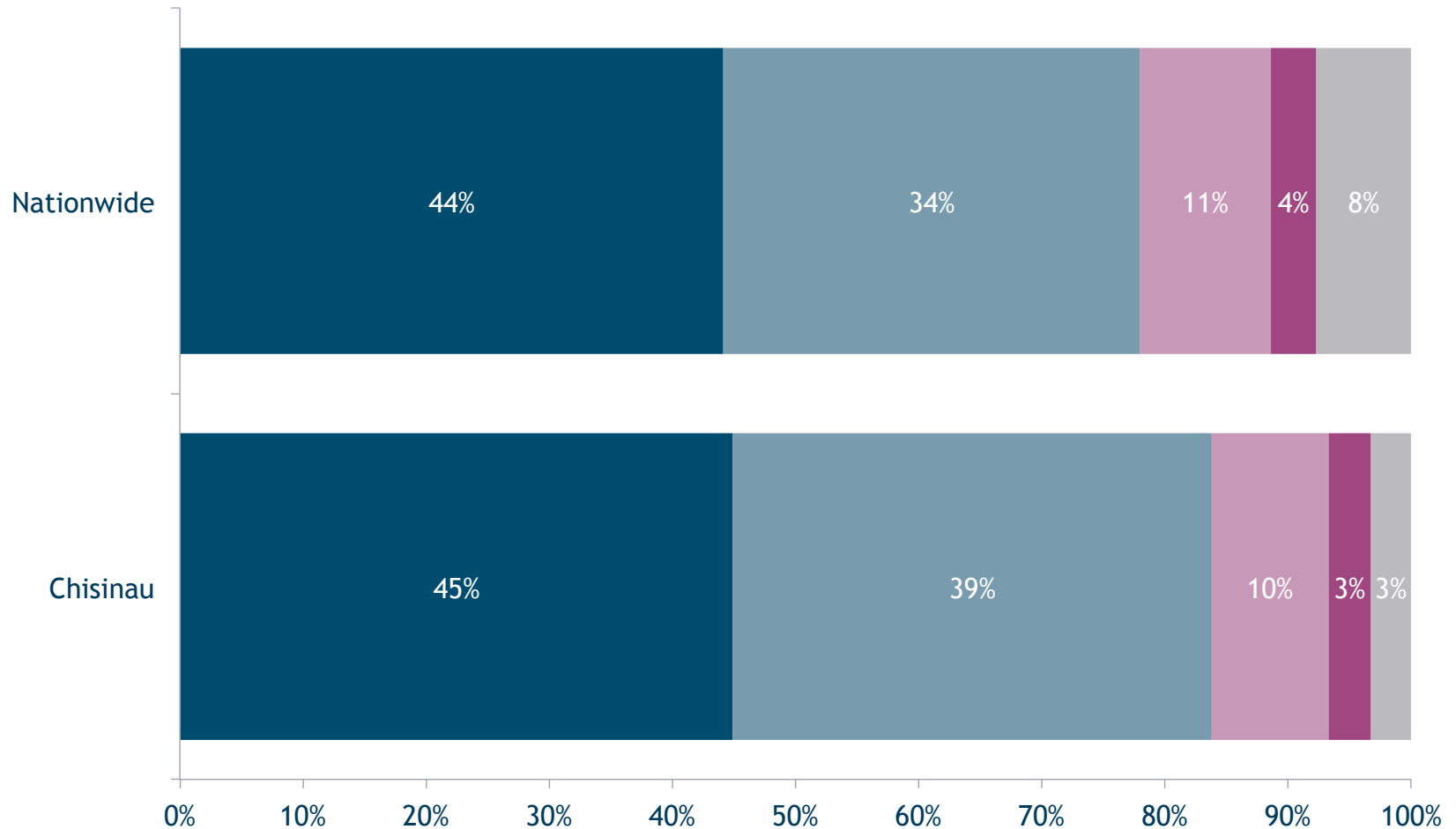


How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?



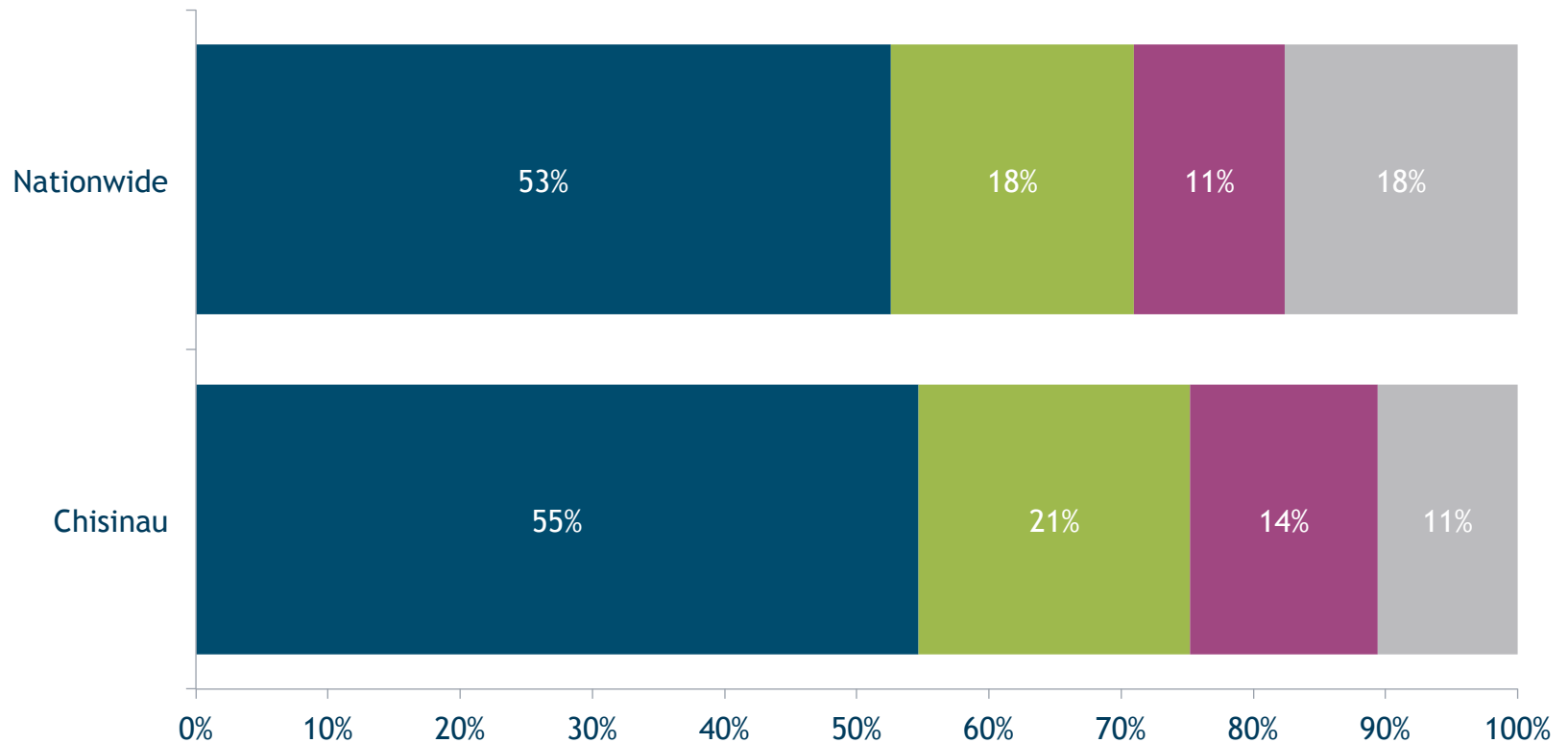
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, youth, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?

■ Very important ■ Somewhat important ■ Somewhat unimportant ■ Very unimportant ■ Don't know/No answer



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

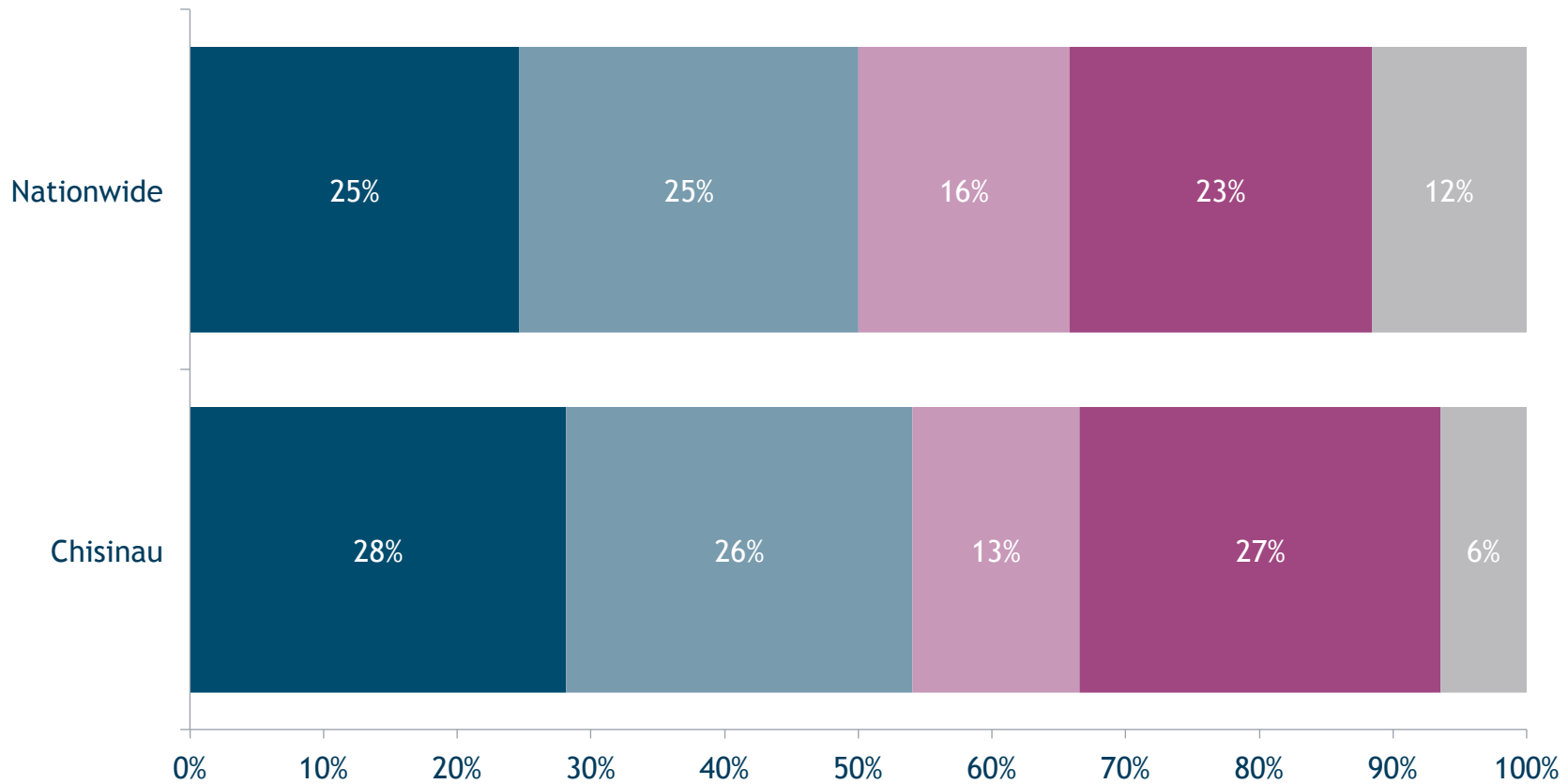
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- Don't know/No answer



The rule of law in a democracy could be understood as “a state when all people and institutions are accountable to the law and the Constitution, and the Constitution and the law are equally applied towards all.”

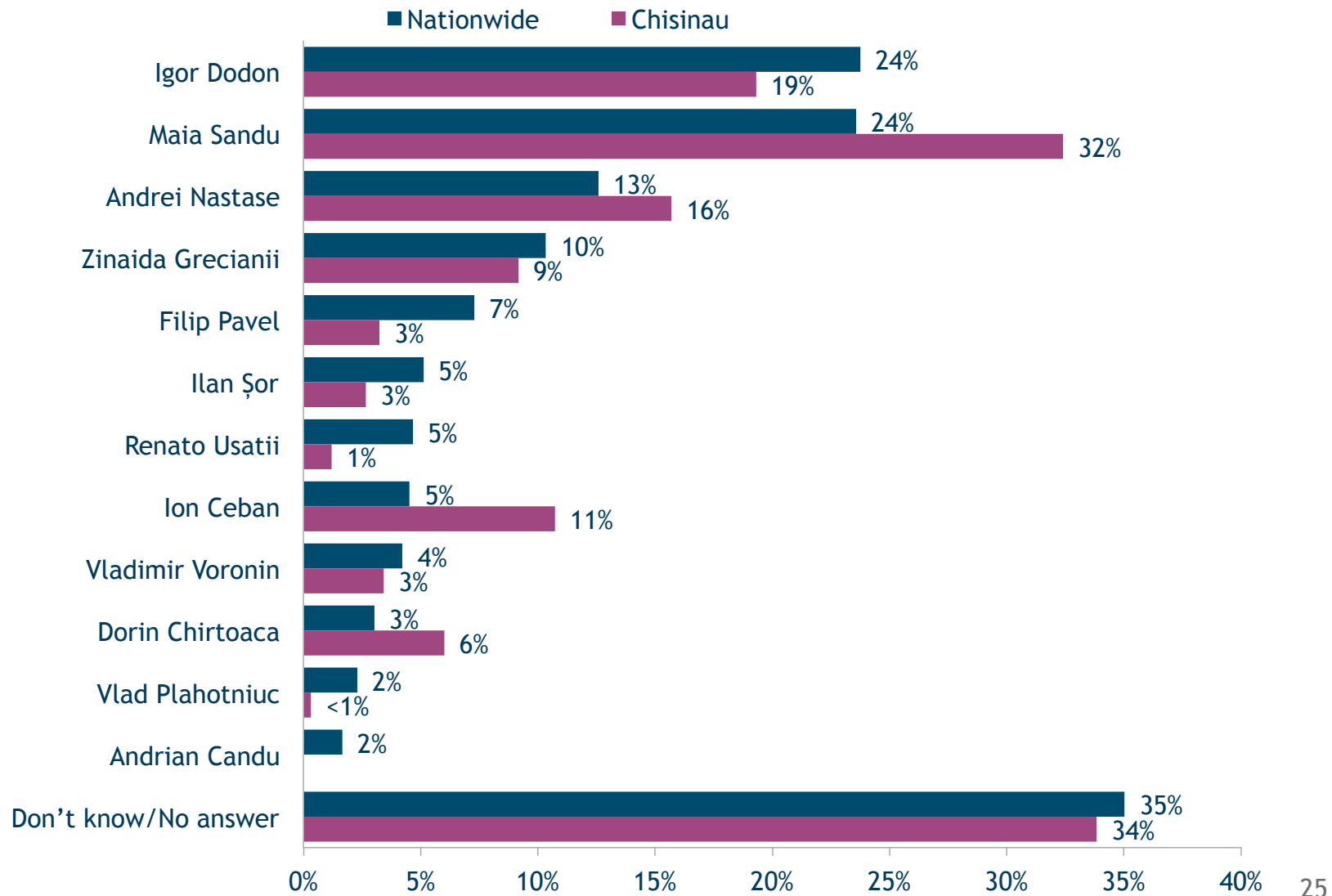
How strongly do you agree or disagree that rule of law exists in our country?

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

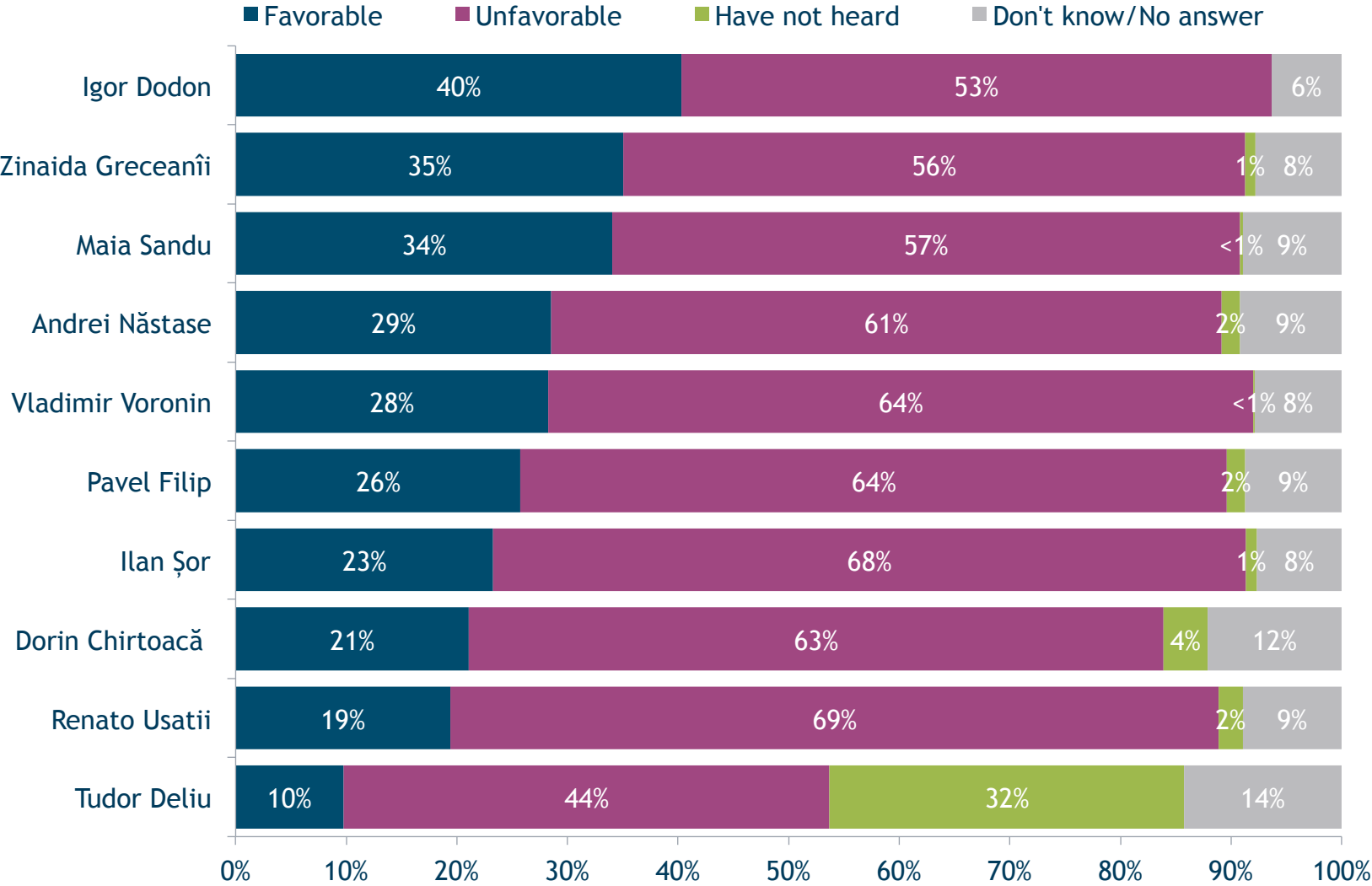


Which politician or public person do you trust the most?

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



What is your opinion of the following Moldovan politicians or members of the Moldovan government?



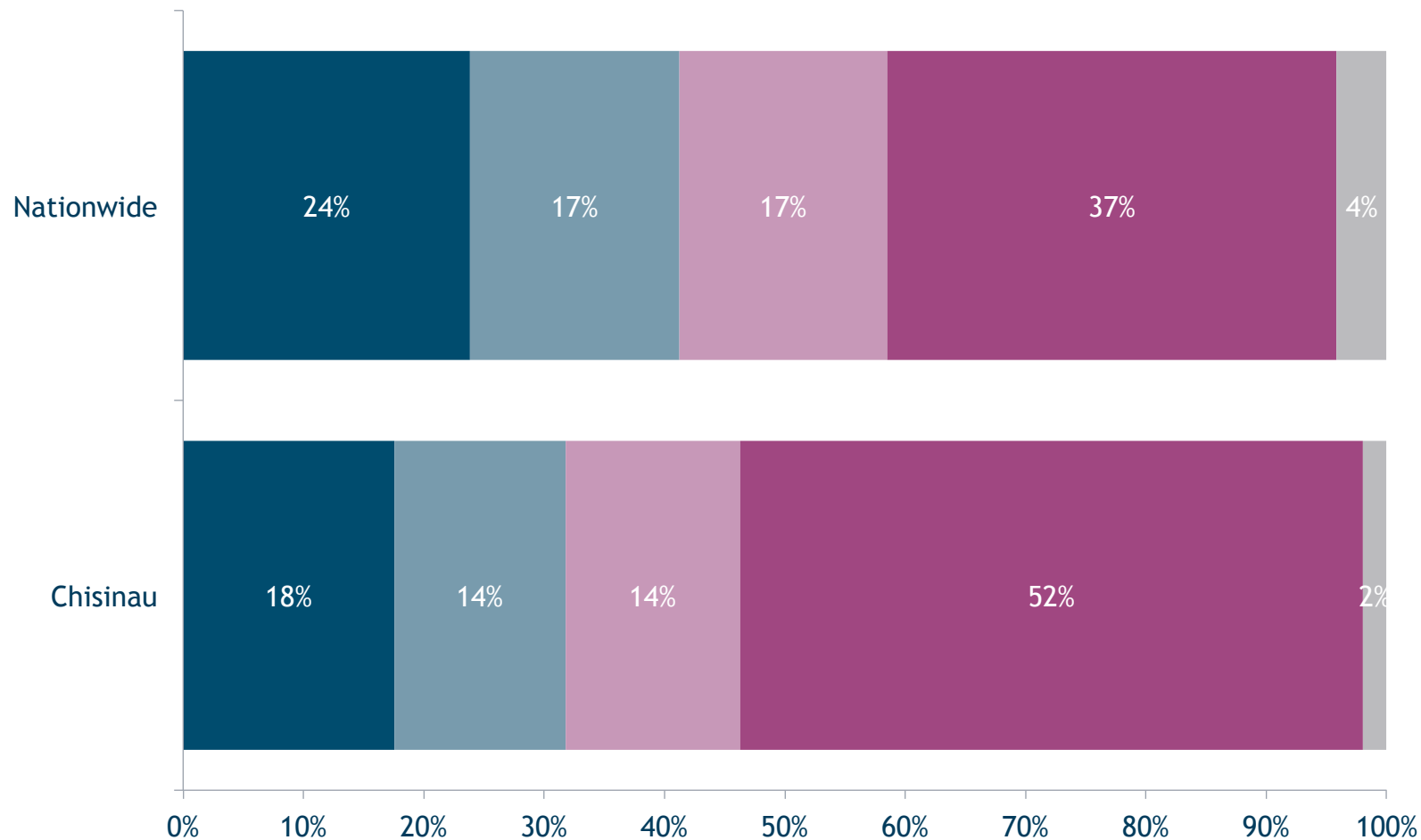


Attitudes Toward the President, Government and Local Authorities



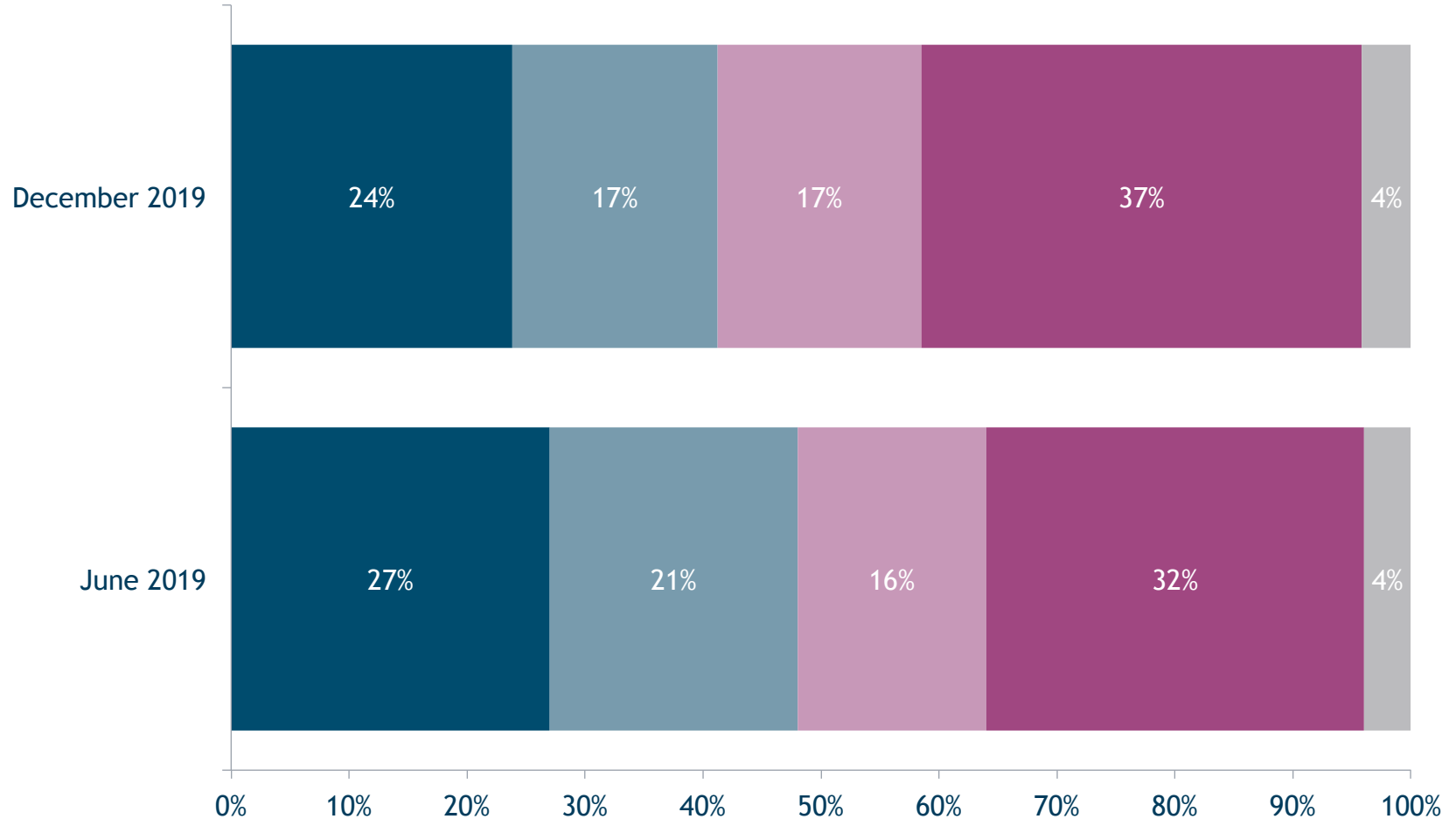
Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the President of Moldova Igor Dodon?

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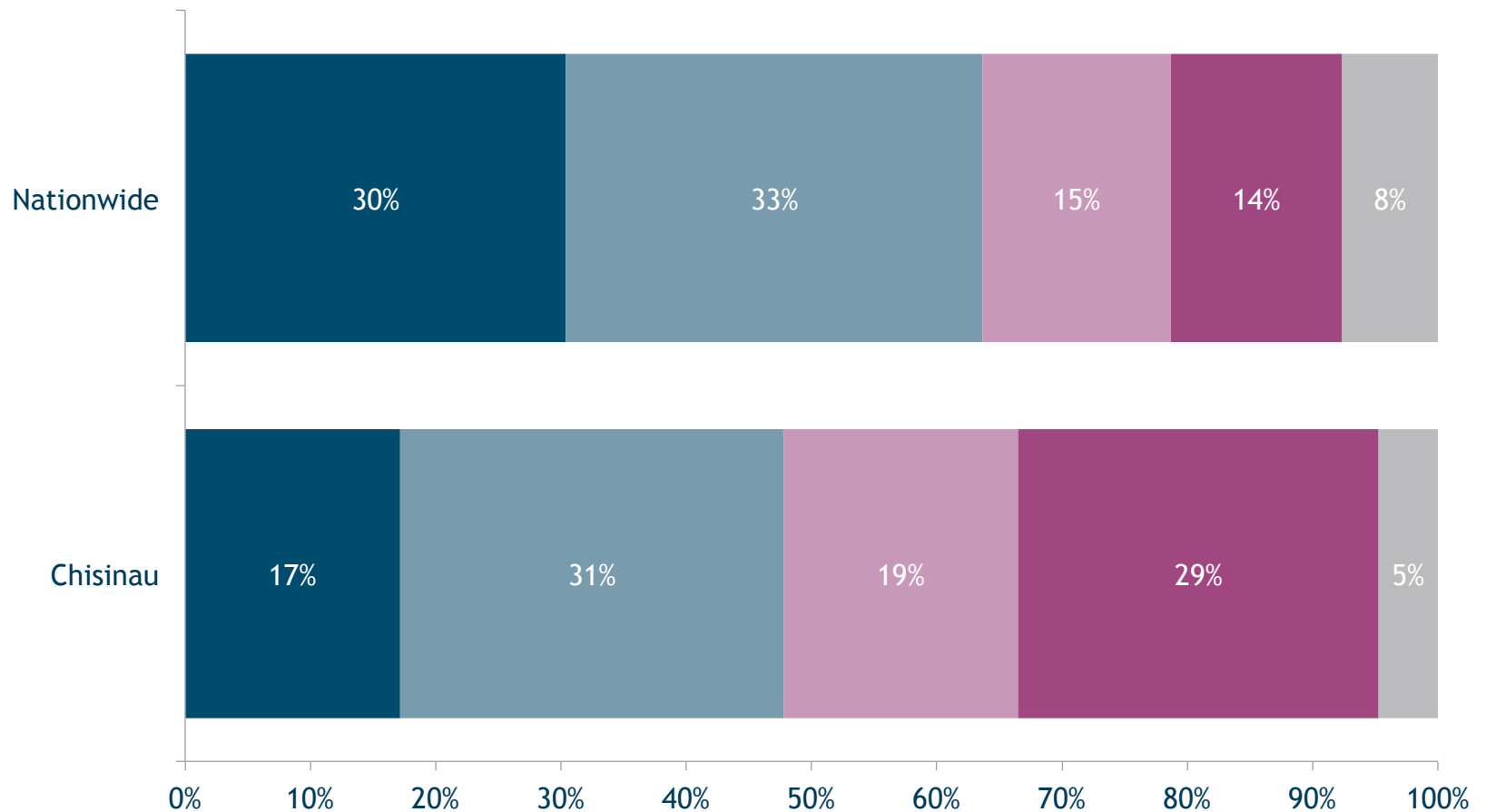
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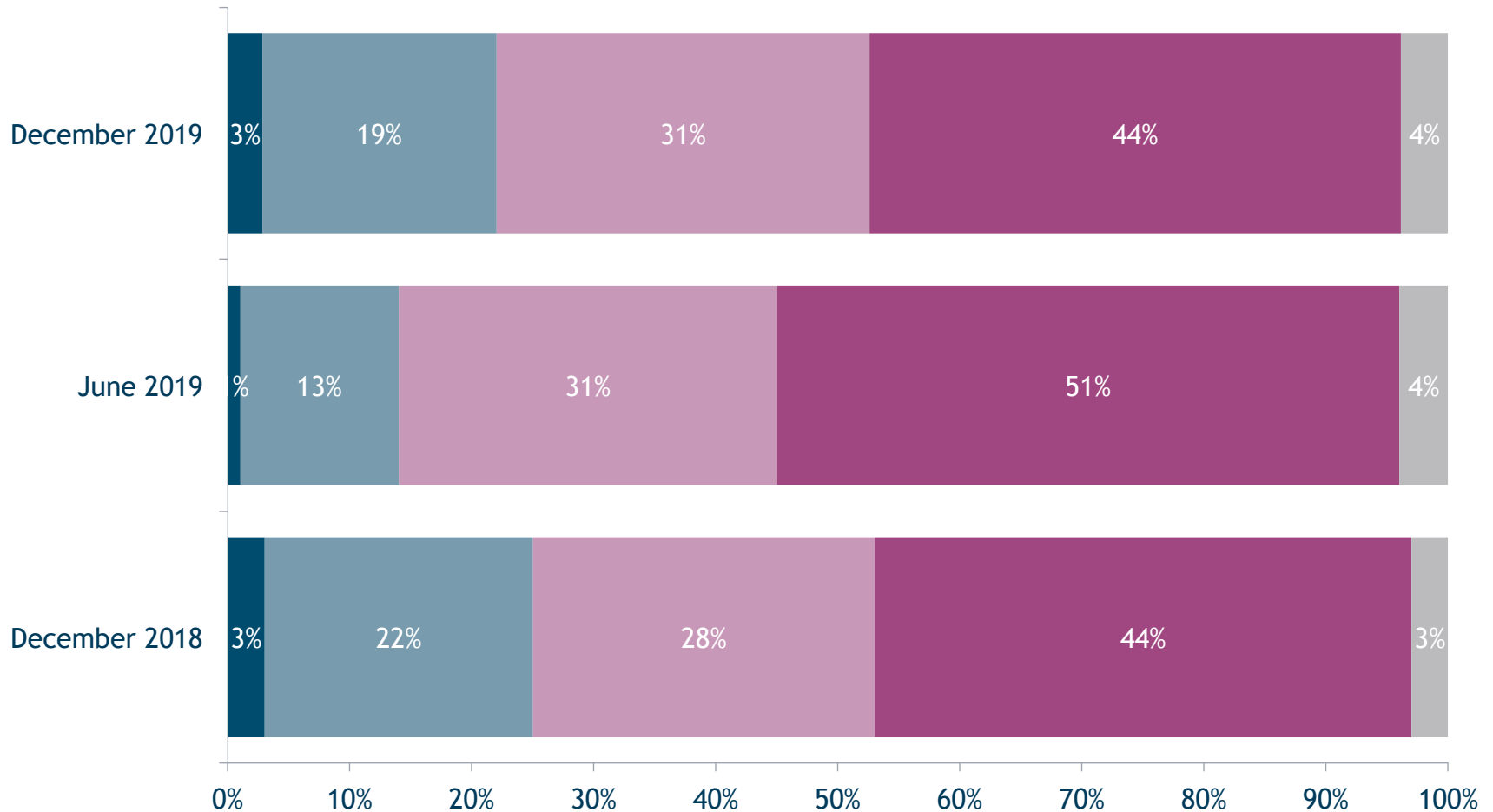
Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of your local government (i.e. mayor, local councilors and *raion* councilors)?

■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Somewhat disapprove ■ Strongly disapprove ■ Don't know/No answer



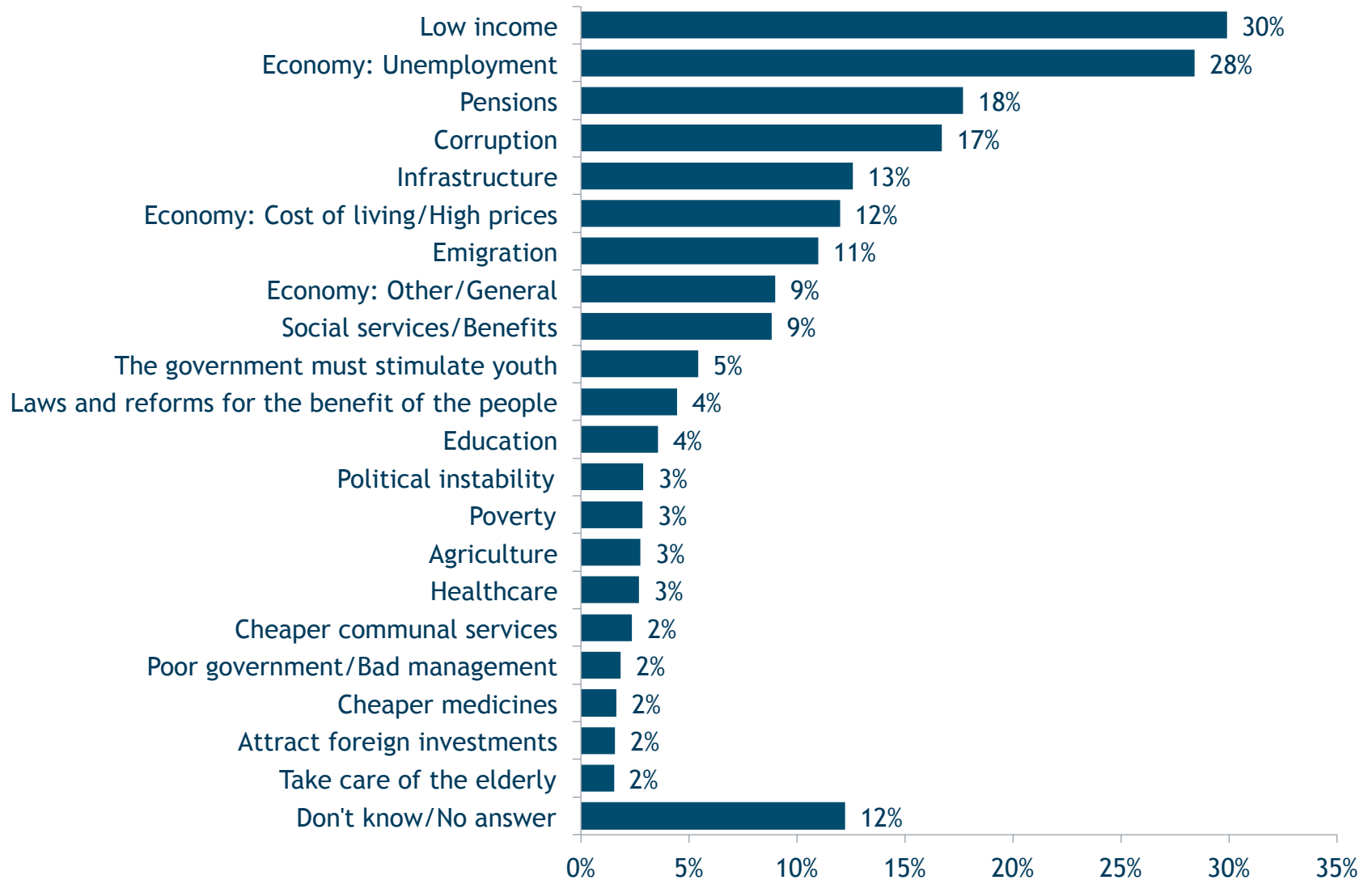
Do you think the Moldovan Parliament is responsive to the needs of voters like you?

■ Very responsive ■ Rather responsive ■ Rather unresponsive ■ Not responsive at all ■ Don't know/No answer

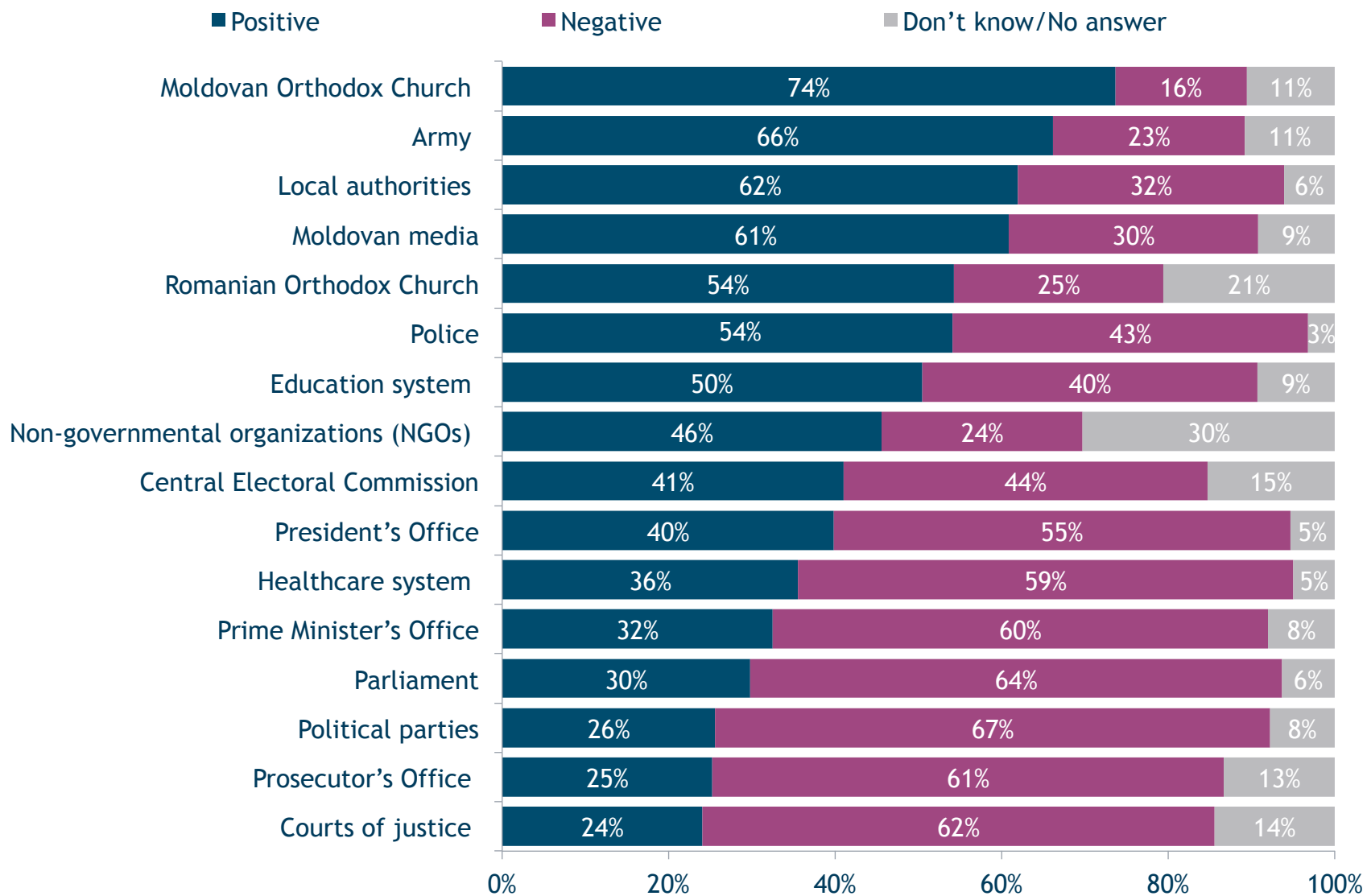


What specific issues should be the top priority for the government to address?

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

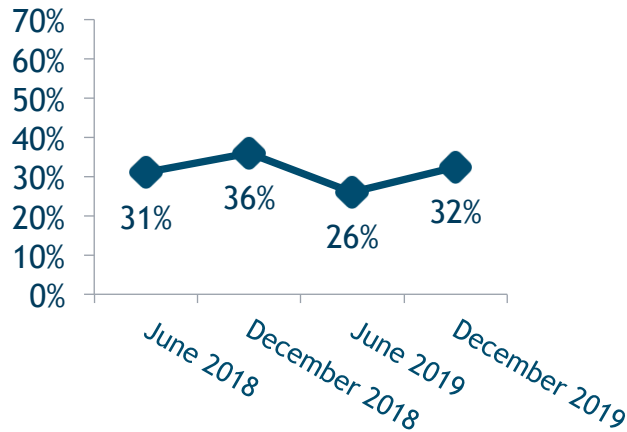


What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?

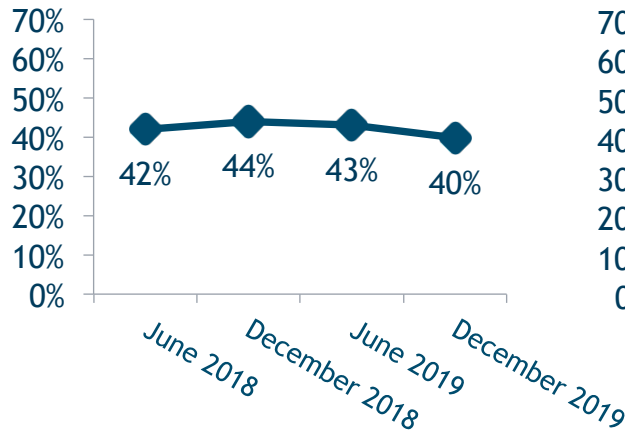


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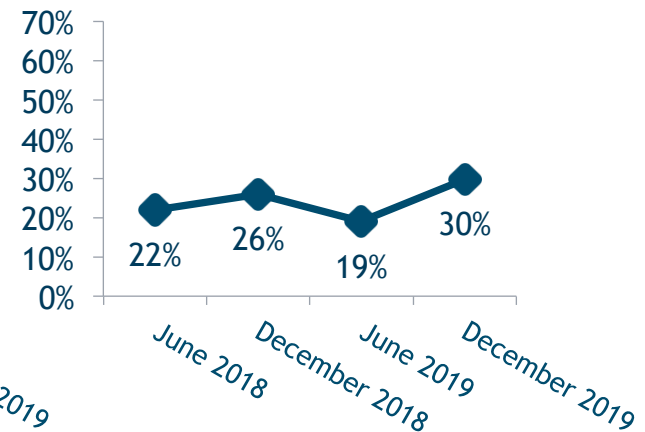
Government/Prime Minister's office*



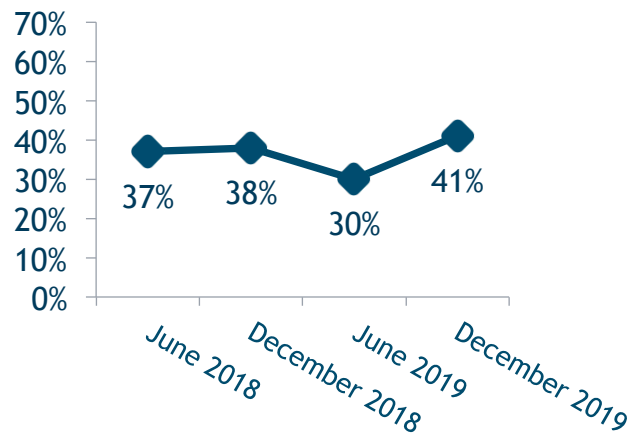
President's office



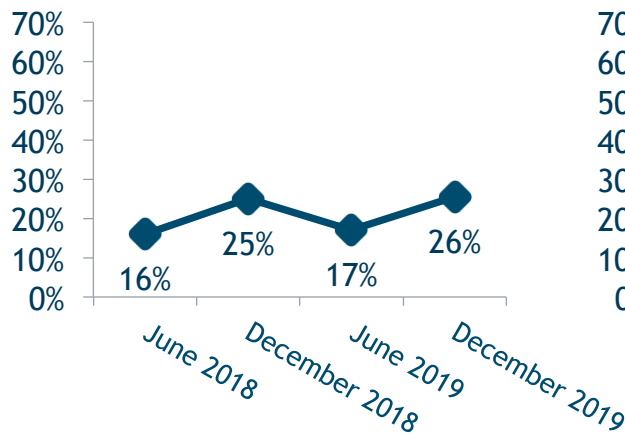
Parliament



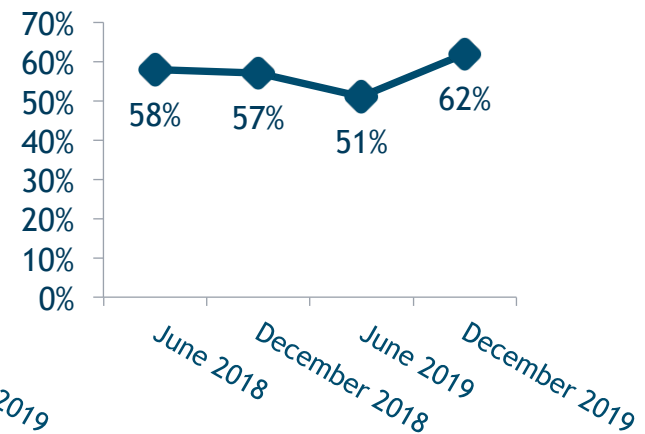
Central Election Commission



Political parties



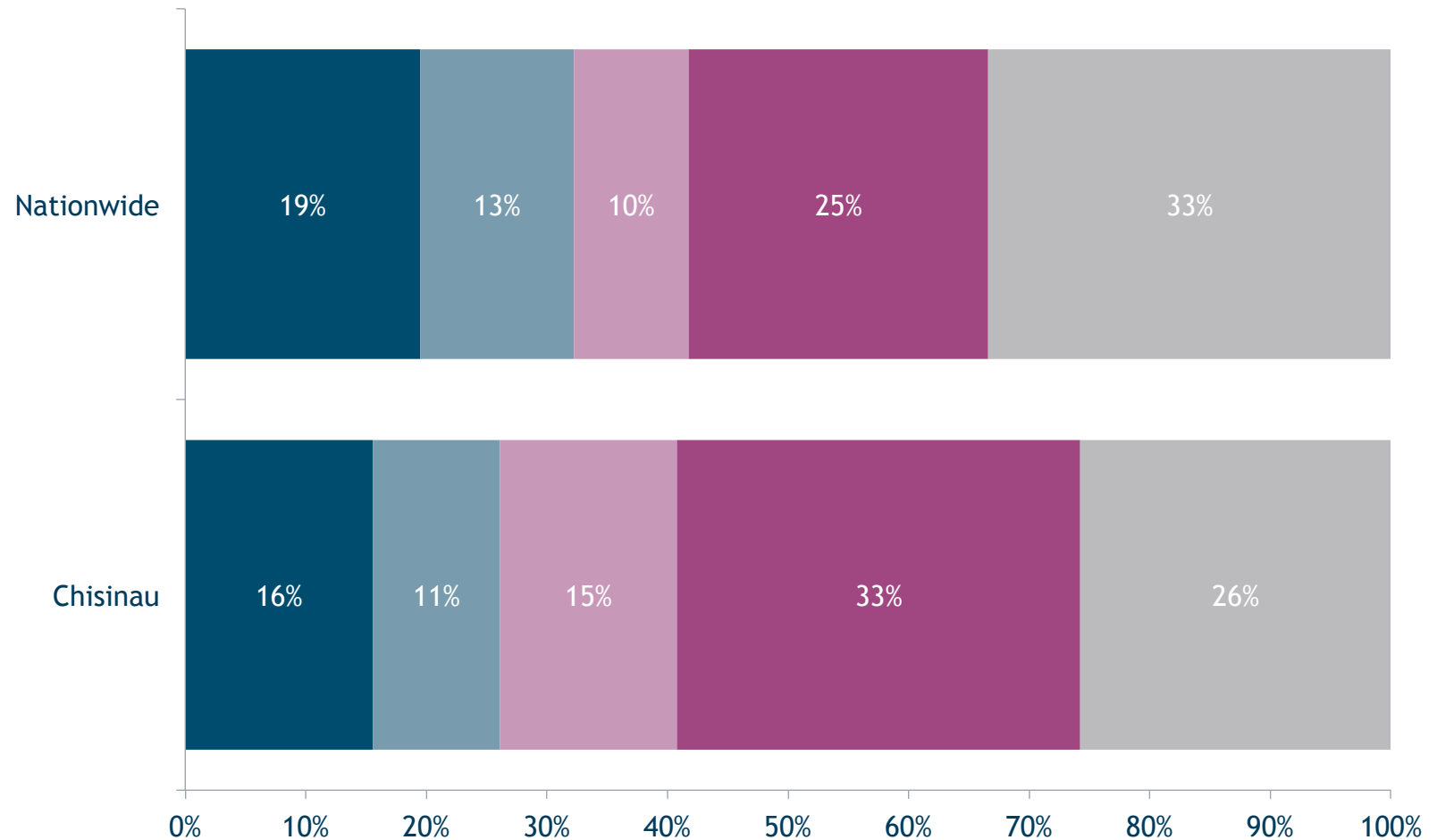
Local authorities



*This question was asked as "What is your opinion of the Prime Minister's office" during the December 2019 poll.

How do you view the dismissal of the Sandu government through the vote-of-no-confidence?

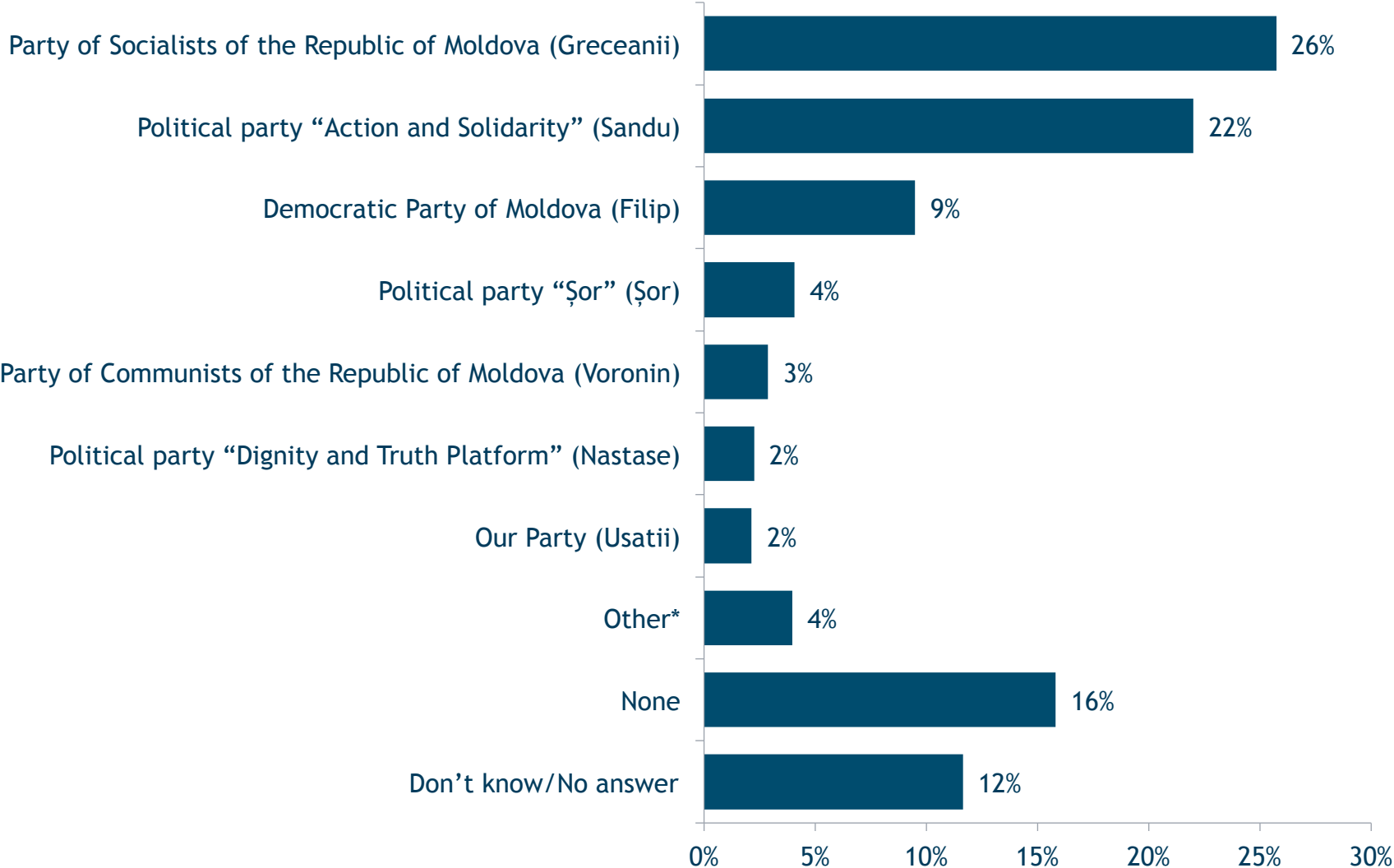
■ Very positive ■ Somewhat positive ■ Somewhat negative ■ Very negative ■ Don't know/No answer



*On November 12, 2019, the coalition government led by Prime Minister Maia Sandu collapsed after losing a no-confidence vote in parliament. The no-confidence motion was filed on November 8 after Sandu's cabinet changed the procedure for appointing the prosecutor general.

Which political party do you think is the best to address each of the following issues?

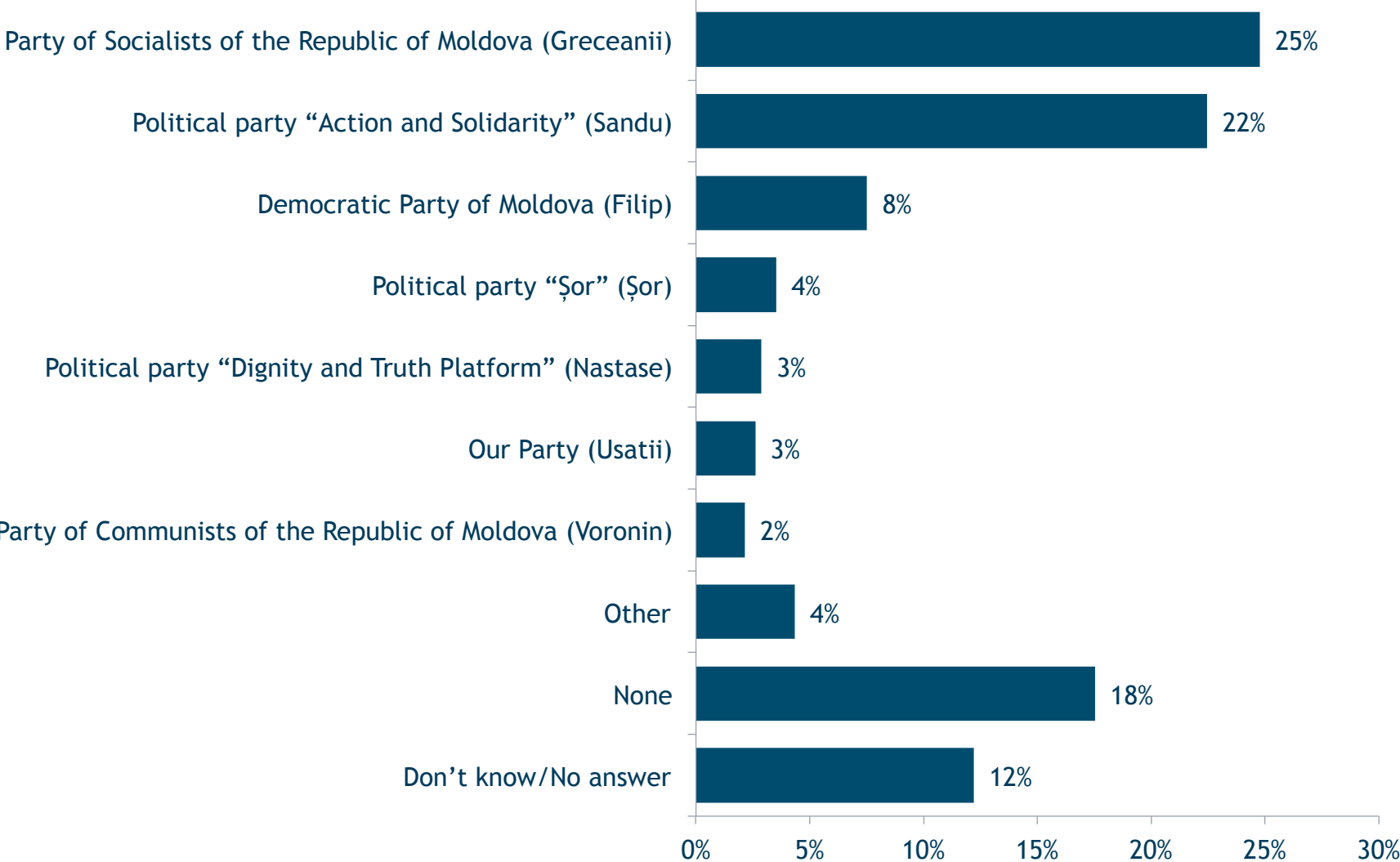
Grow the Economy



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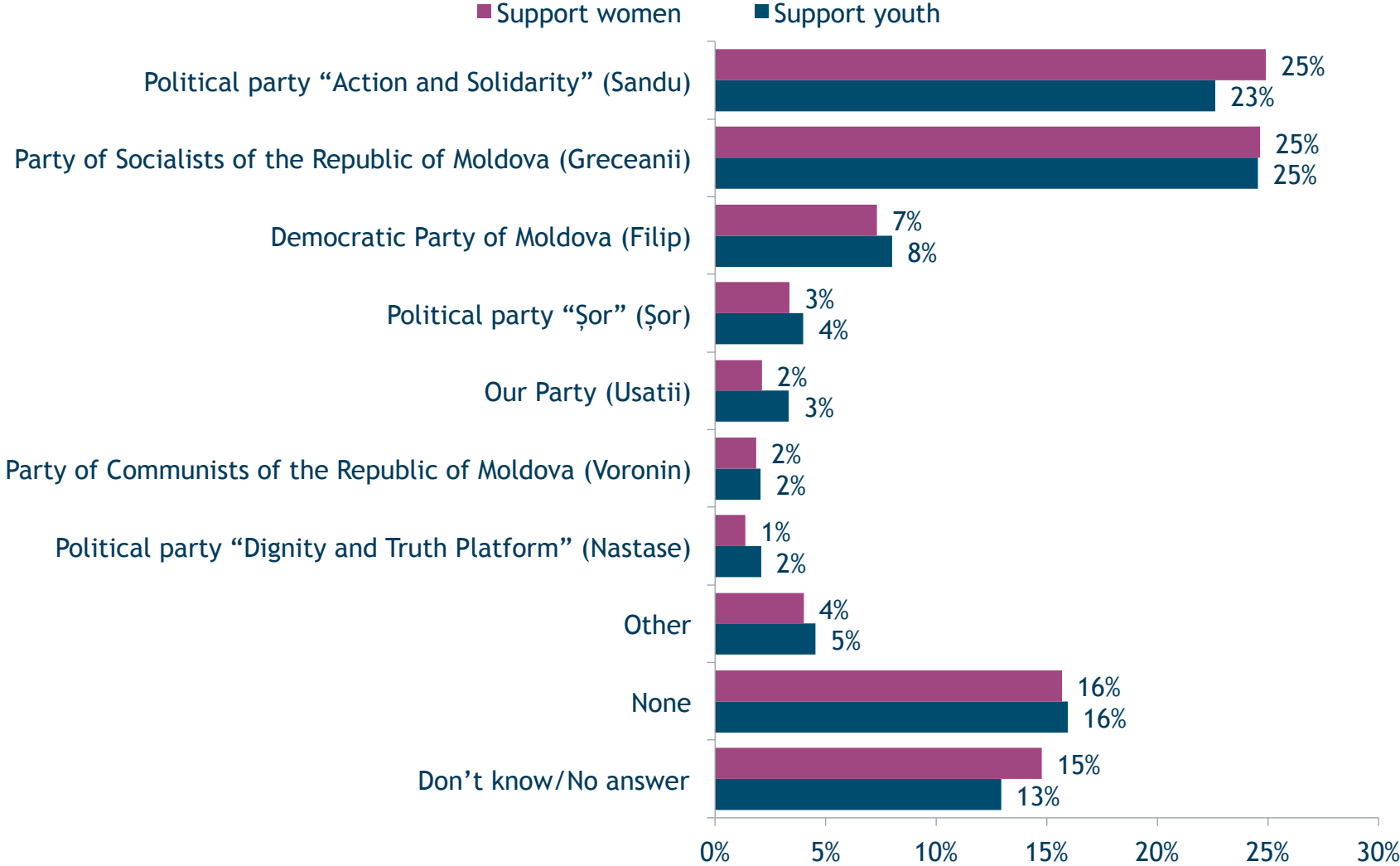
Fight Corruption



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Support Women and Youth



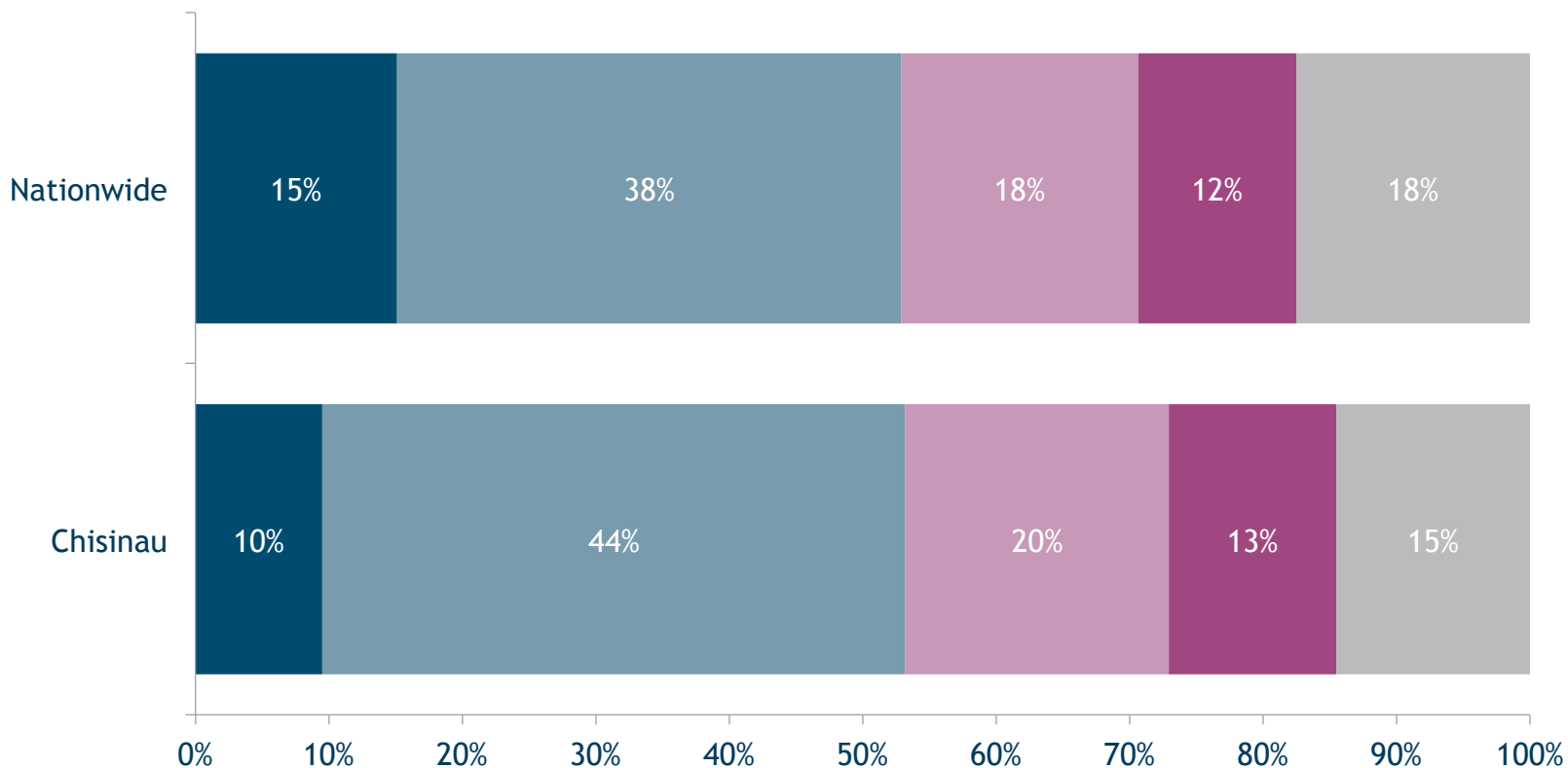


Elections

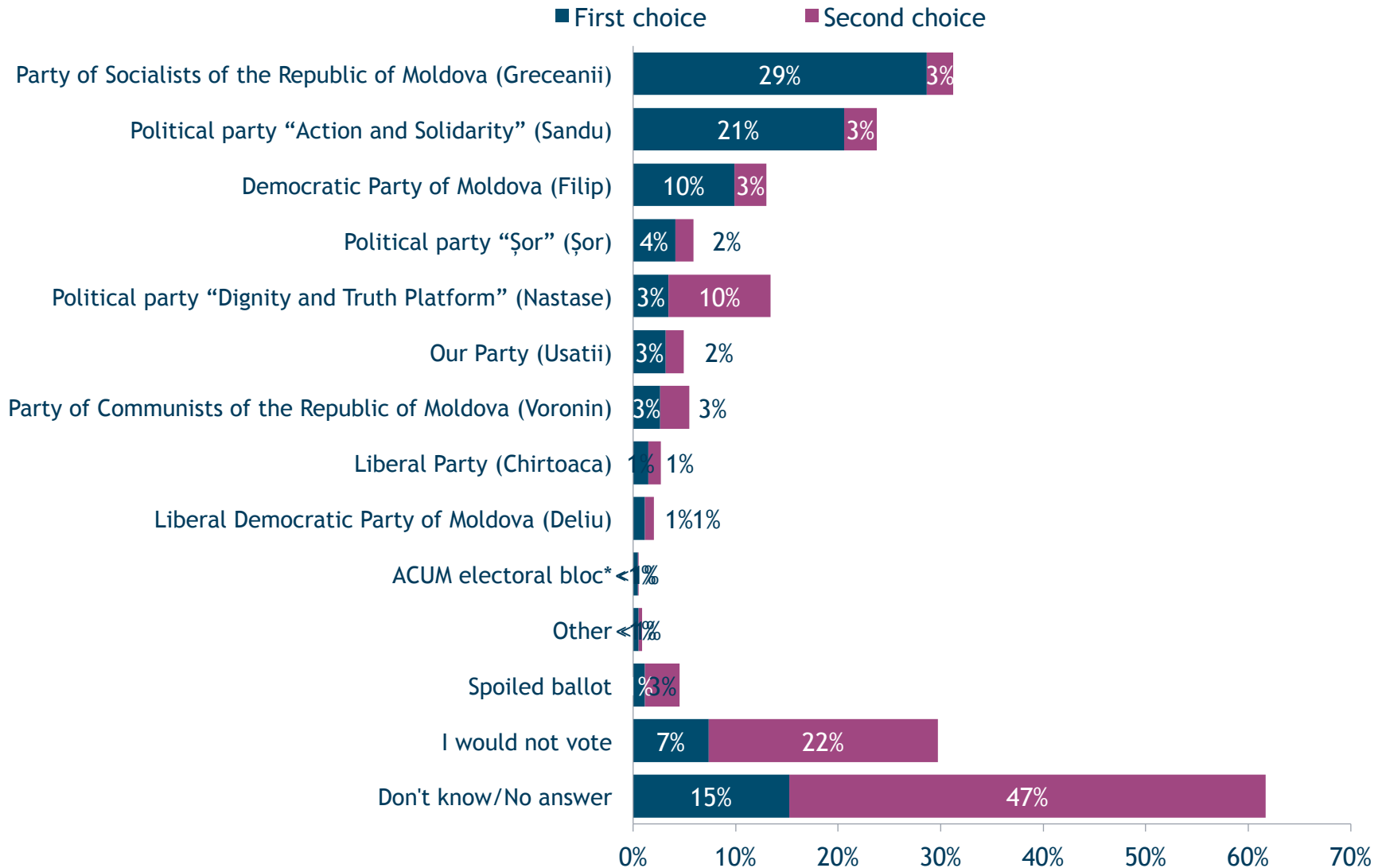


Do you feel that the upcoming elections will be free and fair or not?

- Definitely free and fair
- Probably free and fair
- Probably not free and fair
- Definitely not free and fair
- Don't know/No answer



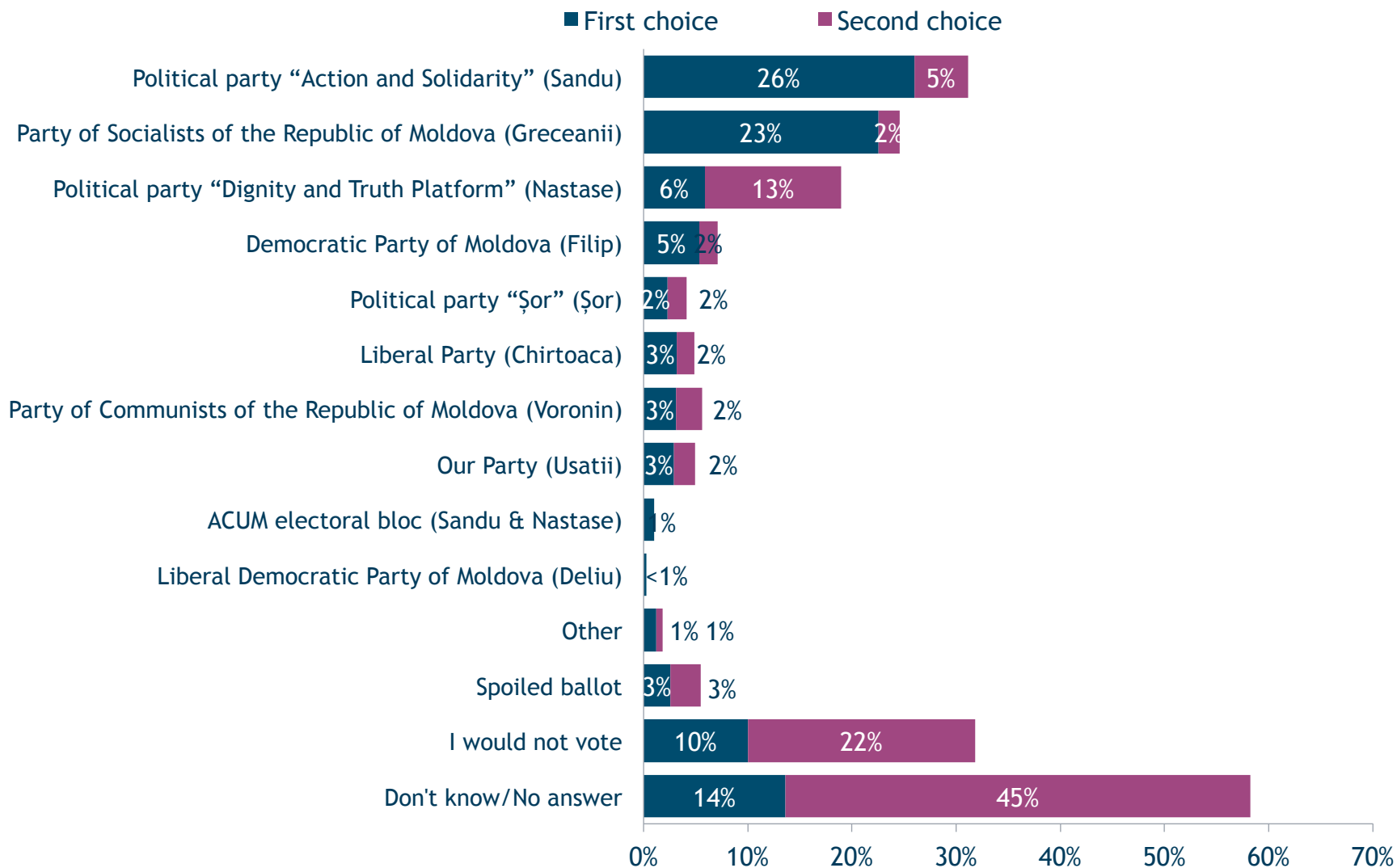
If parliamentary elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote?



*The political parties "Action and Solidarity" (Sandu) and "Dignity and Truth Platform" (Nastase) ran together as an electoral bloc for the previous two election cycles: February 2019 parliamentary elections and October/November 2019 local elections.

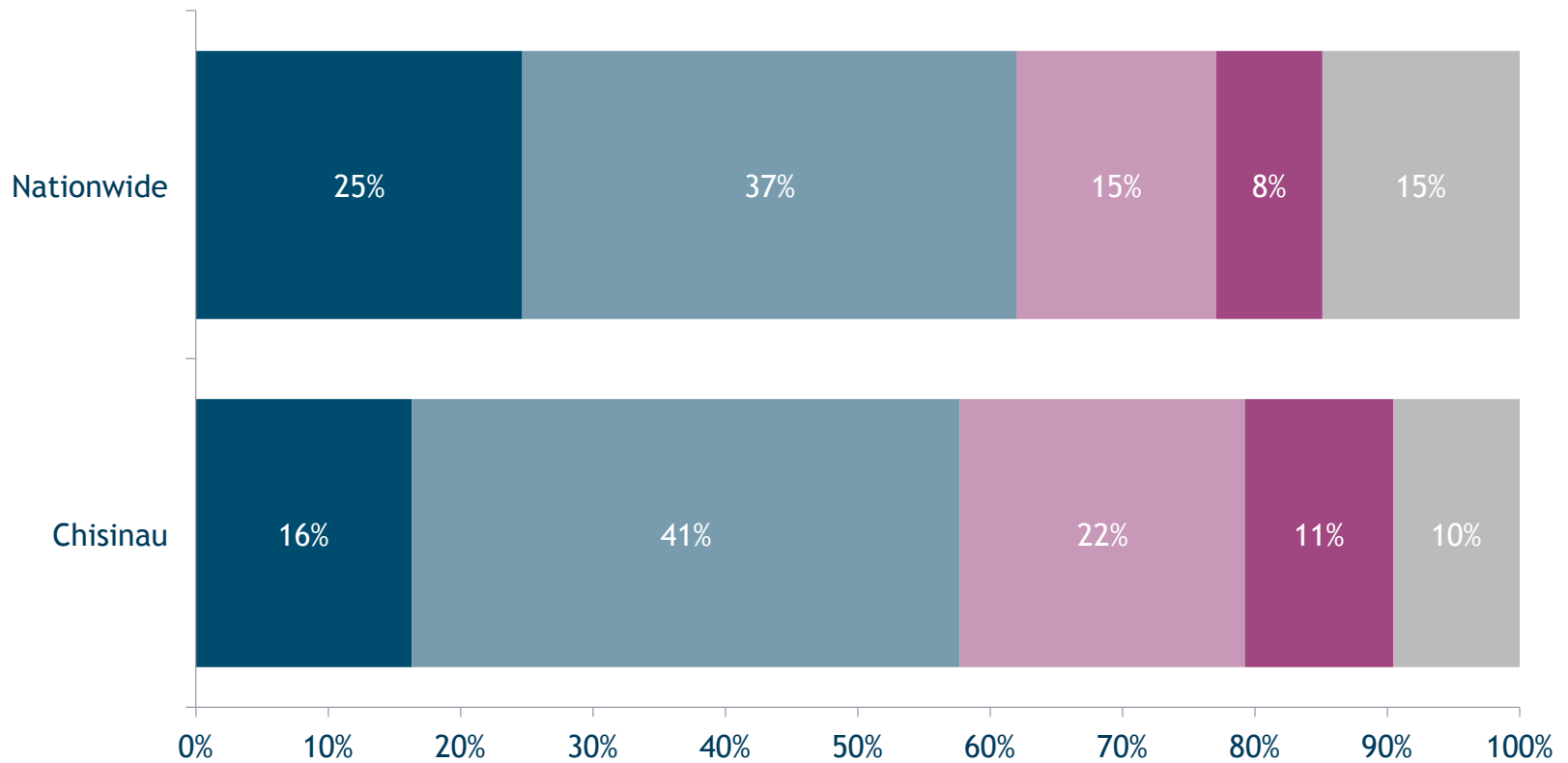
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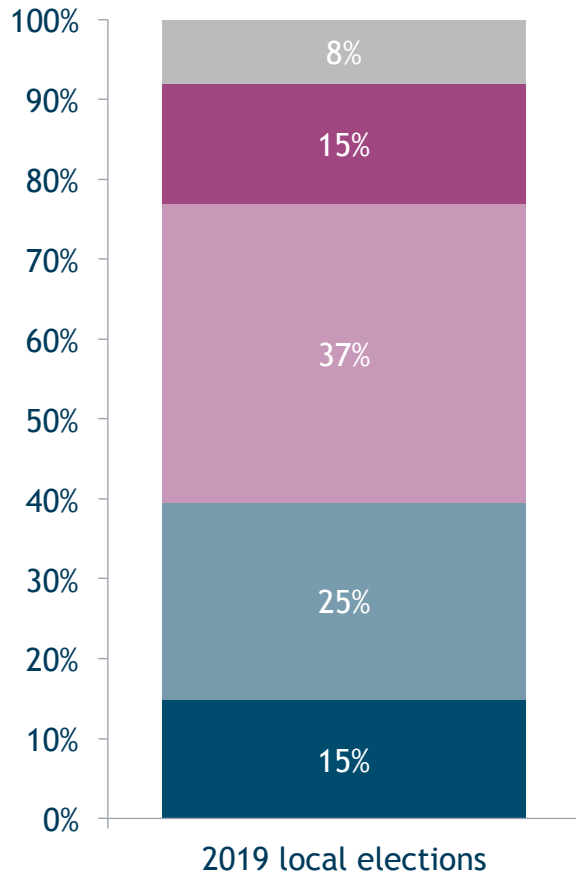


Do you feel that the October 20/November 3 local elections were free and fair or not?

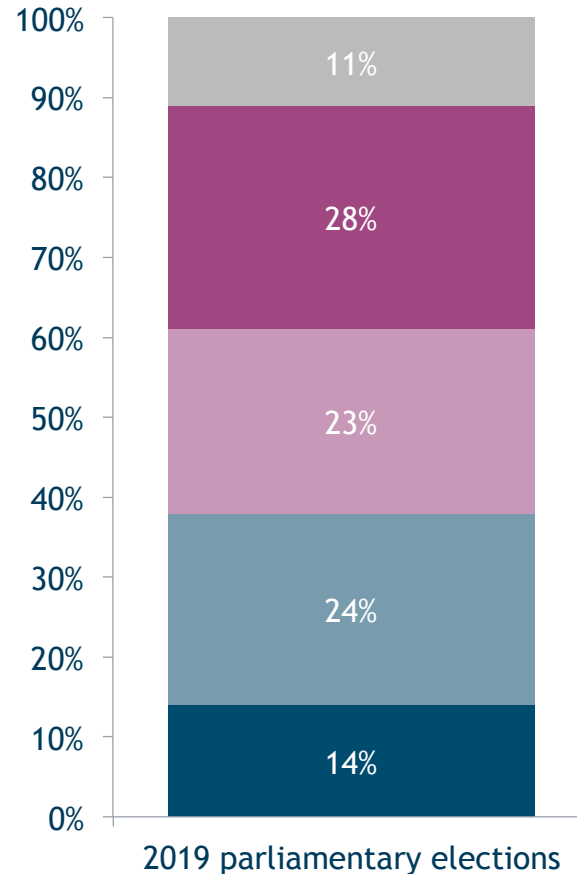
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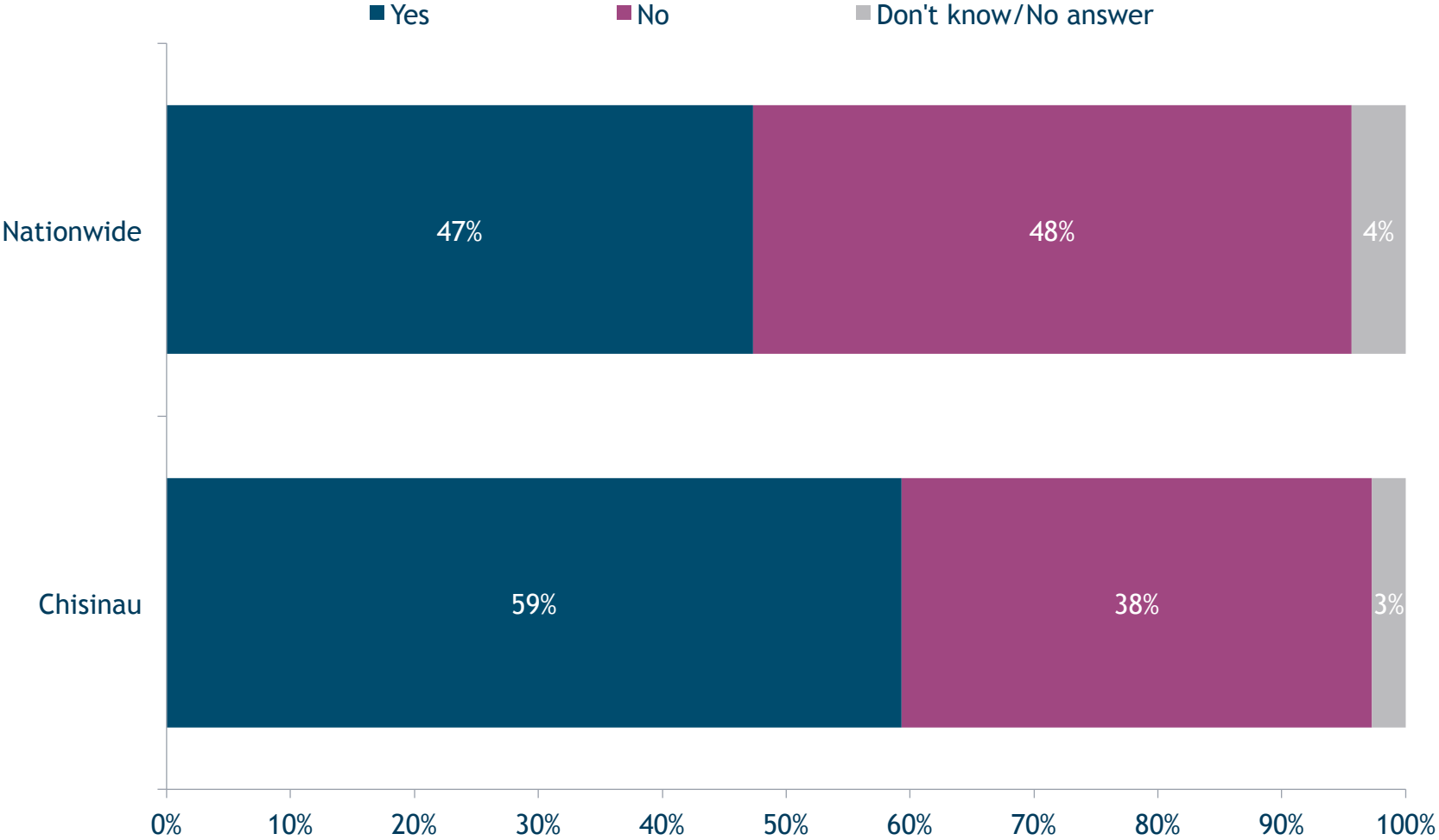


Do you feel that the February 24 parliamentary elections were free and fair?



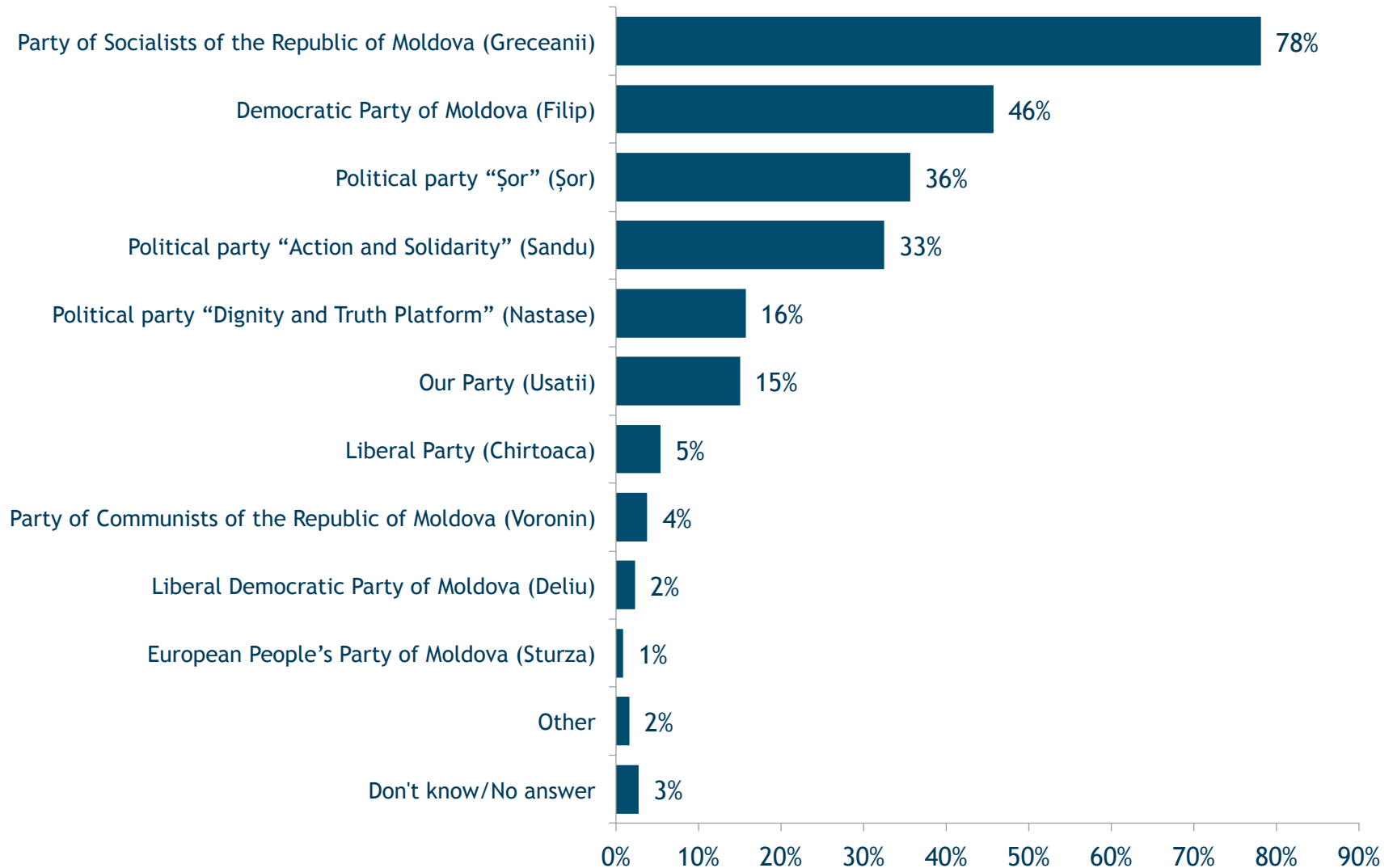
- Don't know/No answer
- Definitely free and fair
- Probably free and fair
- Probably not free and fair
- Definitely not free and fair

Have you seen any political party activists working in your area in the last 12 months?

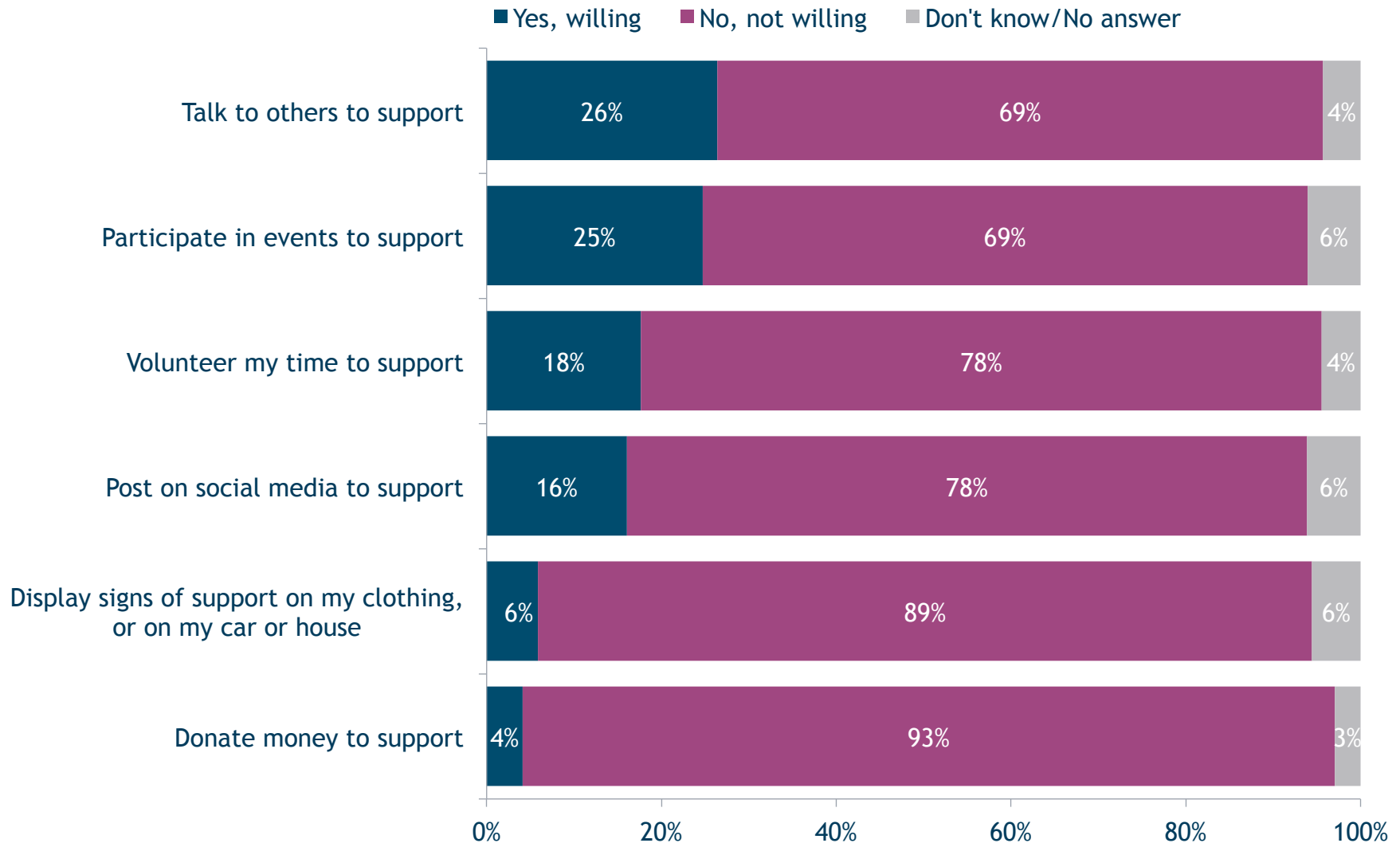


Which political parties did the activists in your area represent?

(Respondents who reported having seen political activists working in their area, n=570; Respondents allowed to provide multiple answers)



Would you be willing to engage in any of the following support activities for a political party or political movement you support?



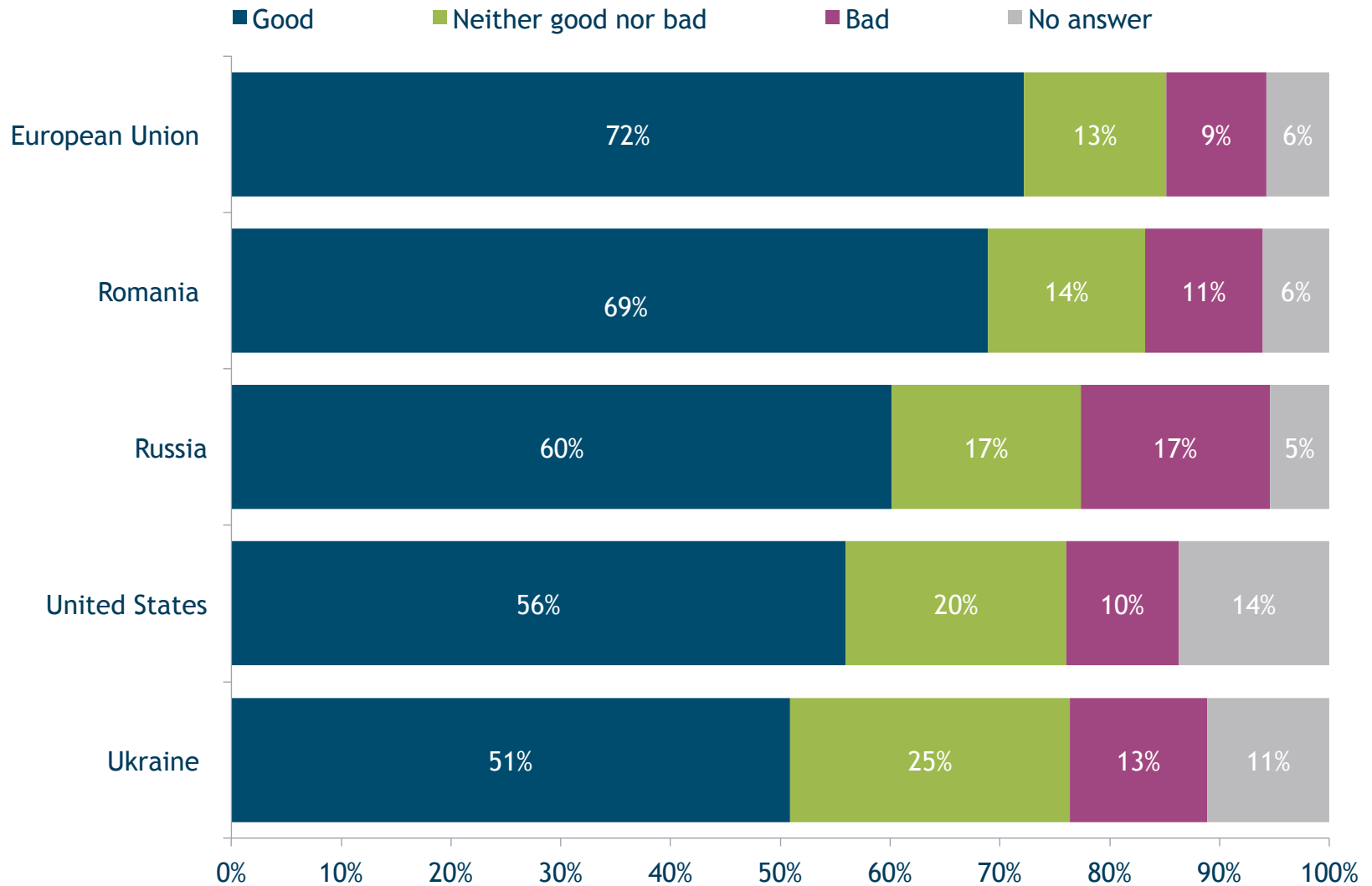


International Relations



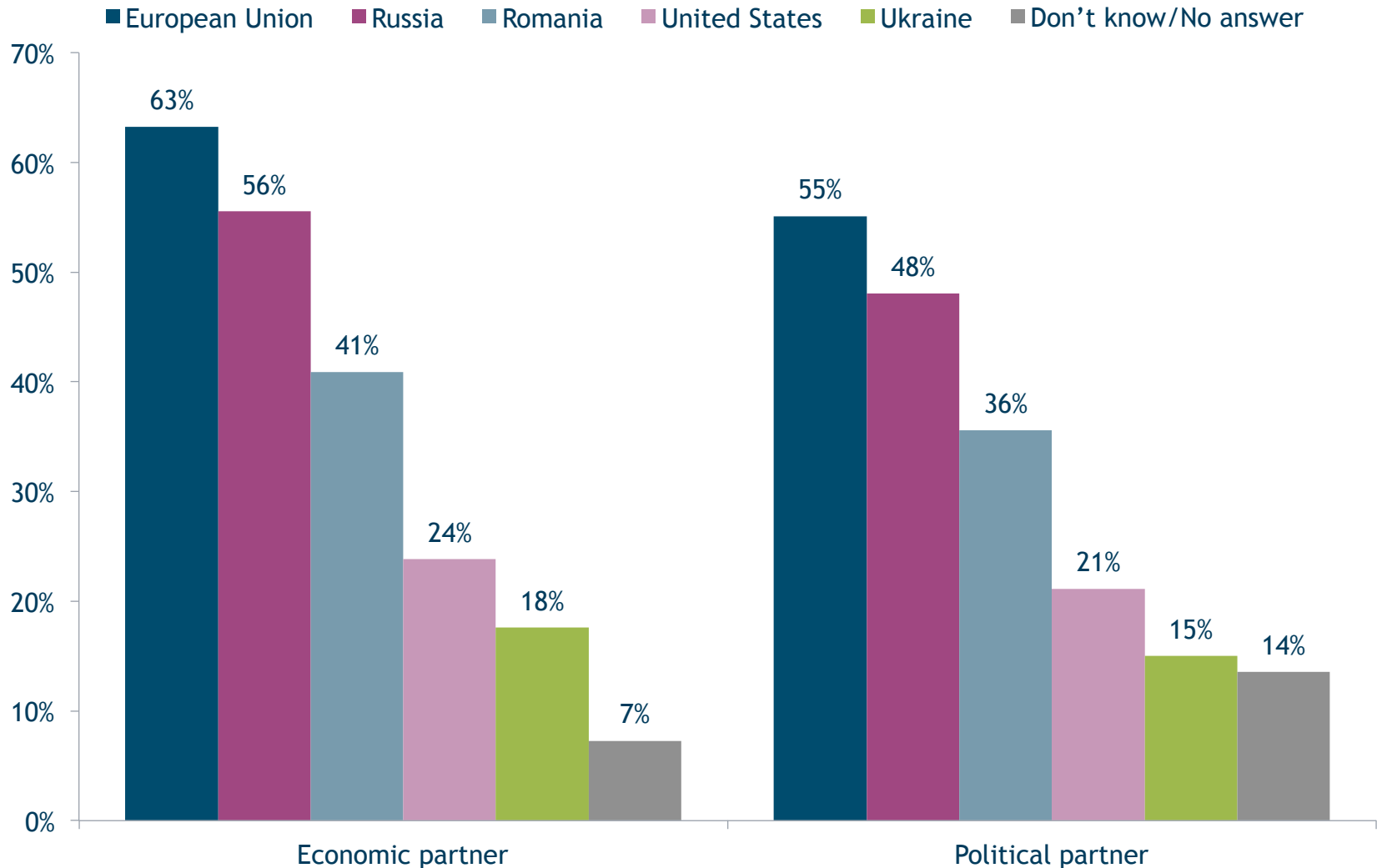
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How would you assess current relations between Moldova and...



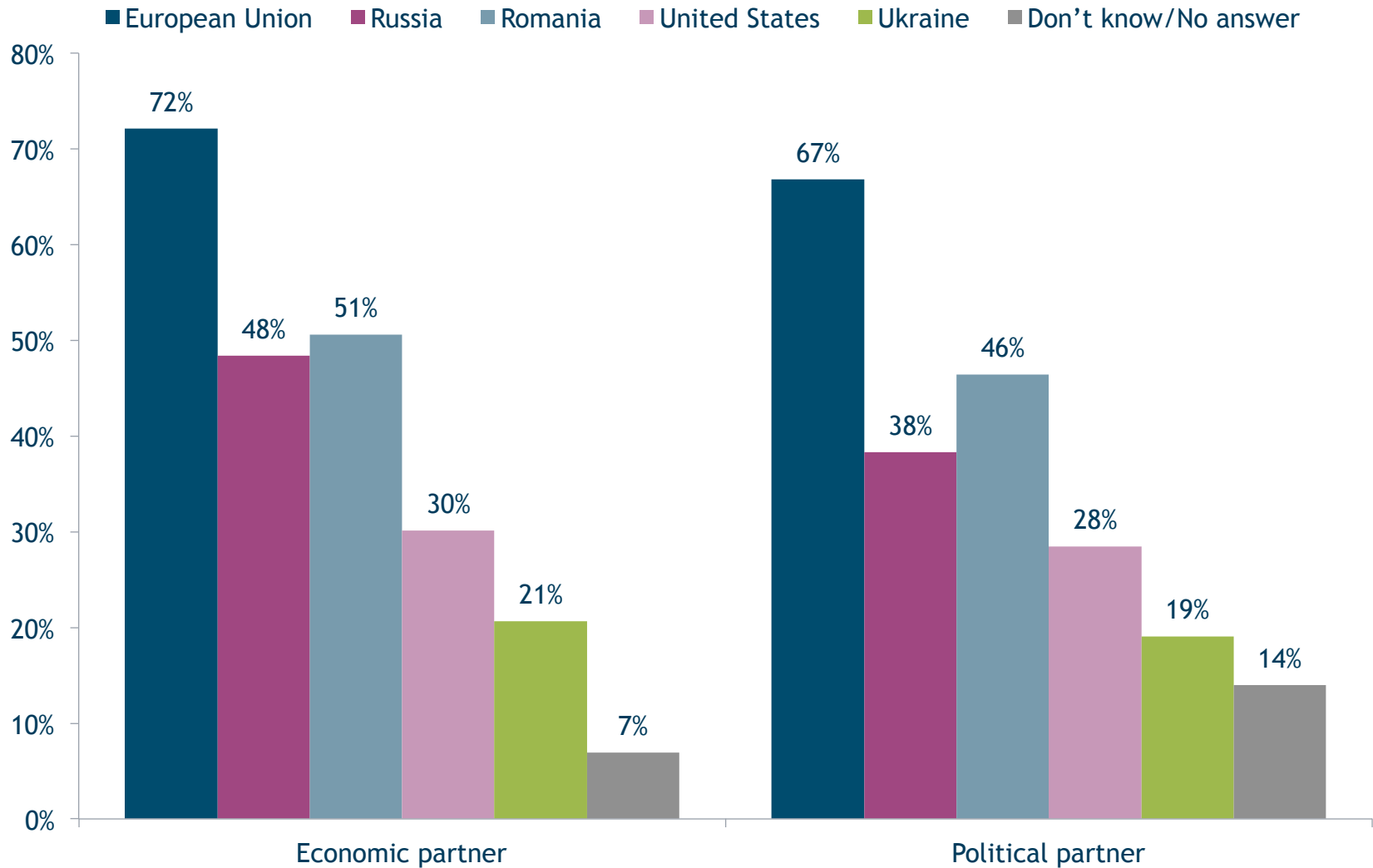
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(Respondents allowed to provide multiple answers)



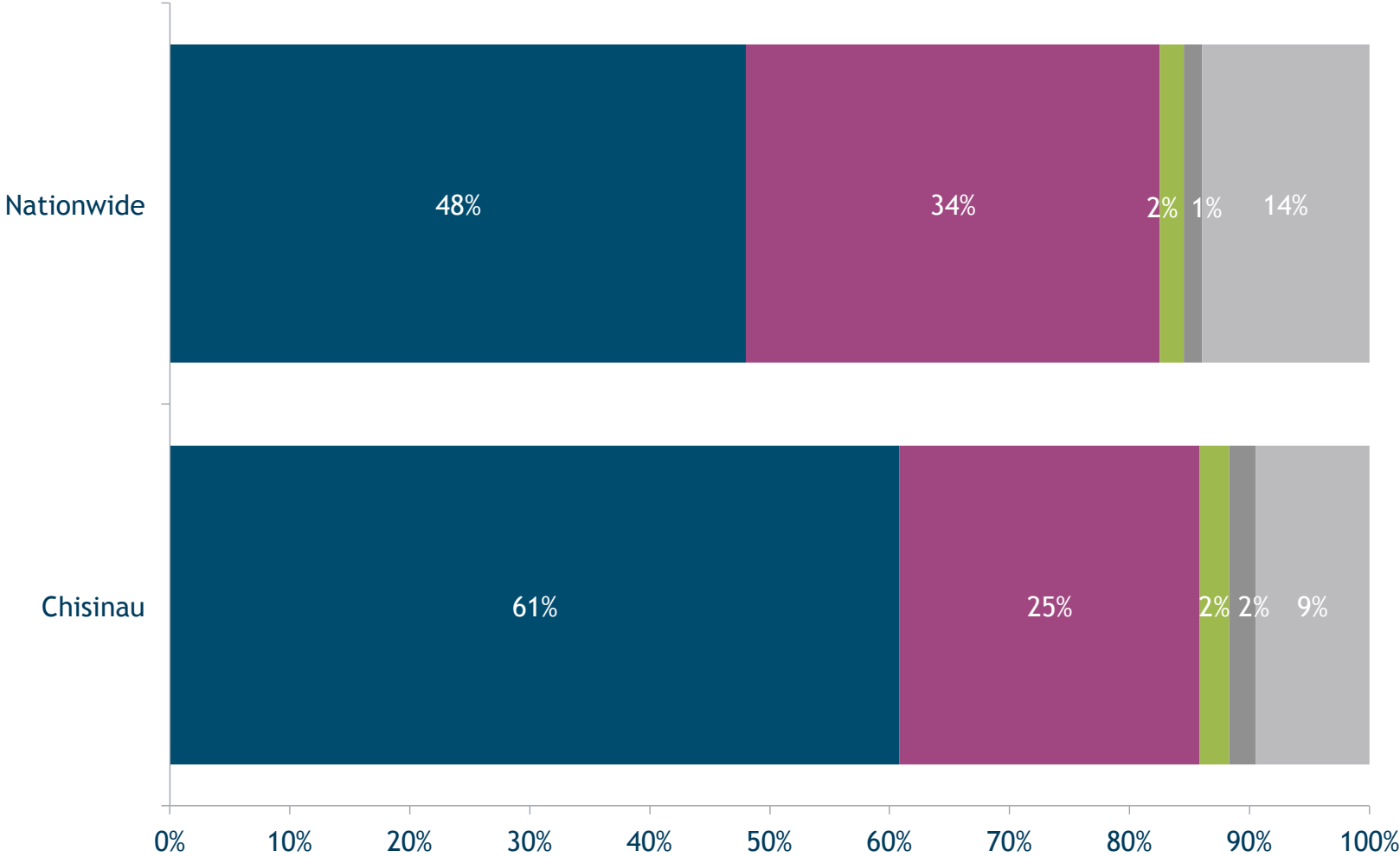
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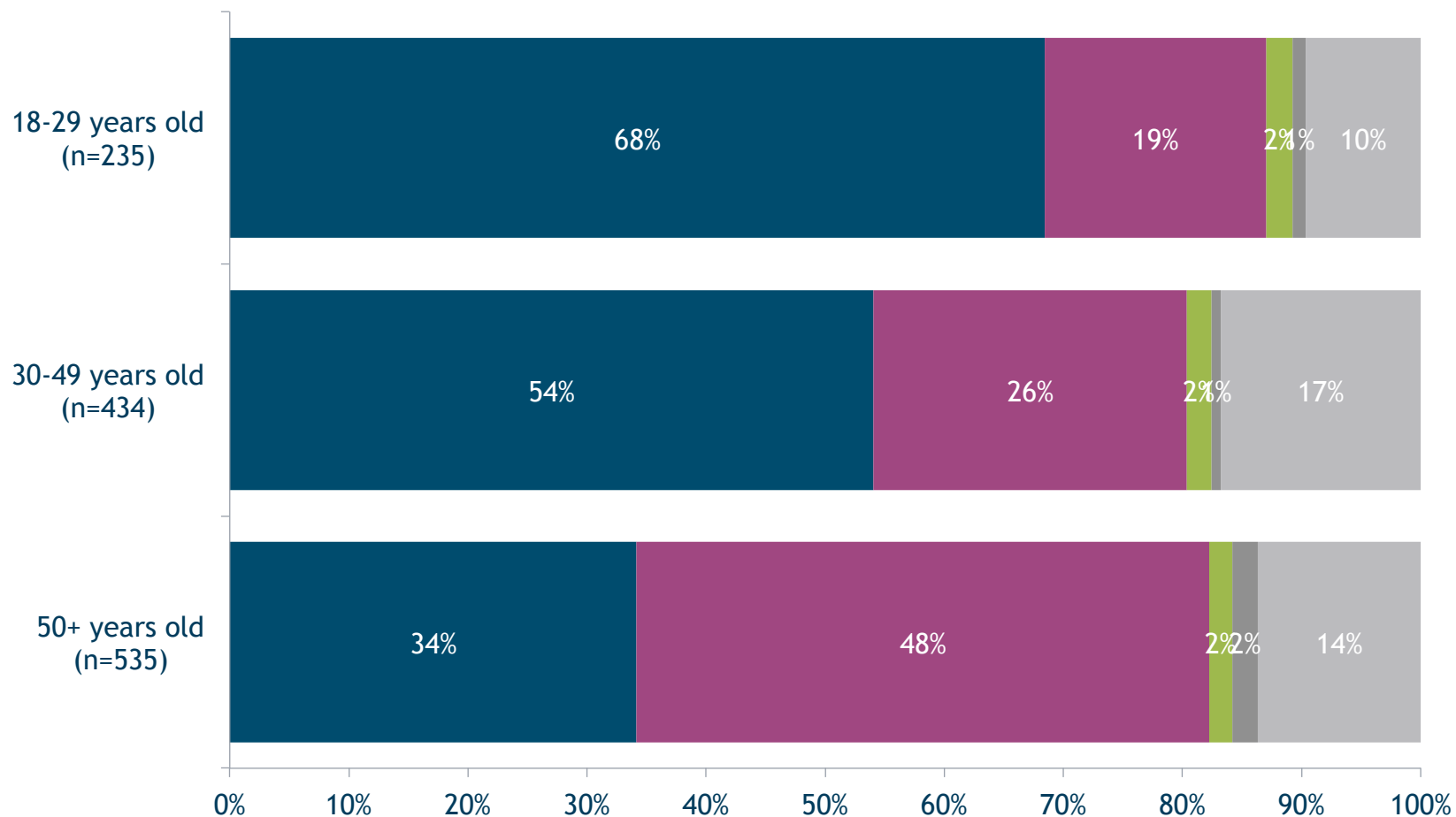
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(Disaggregated by age)

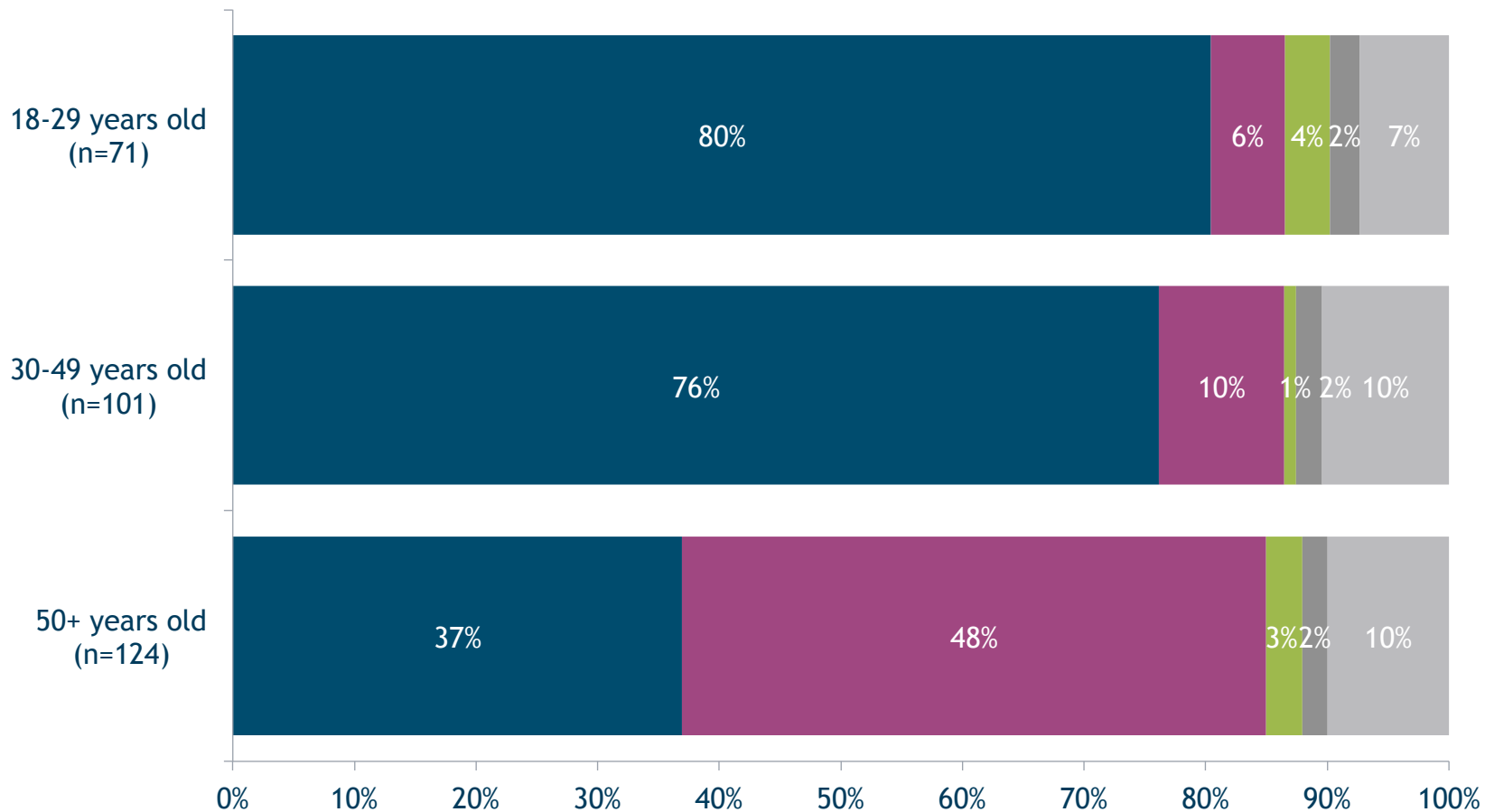
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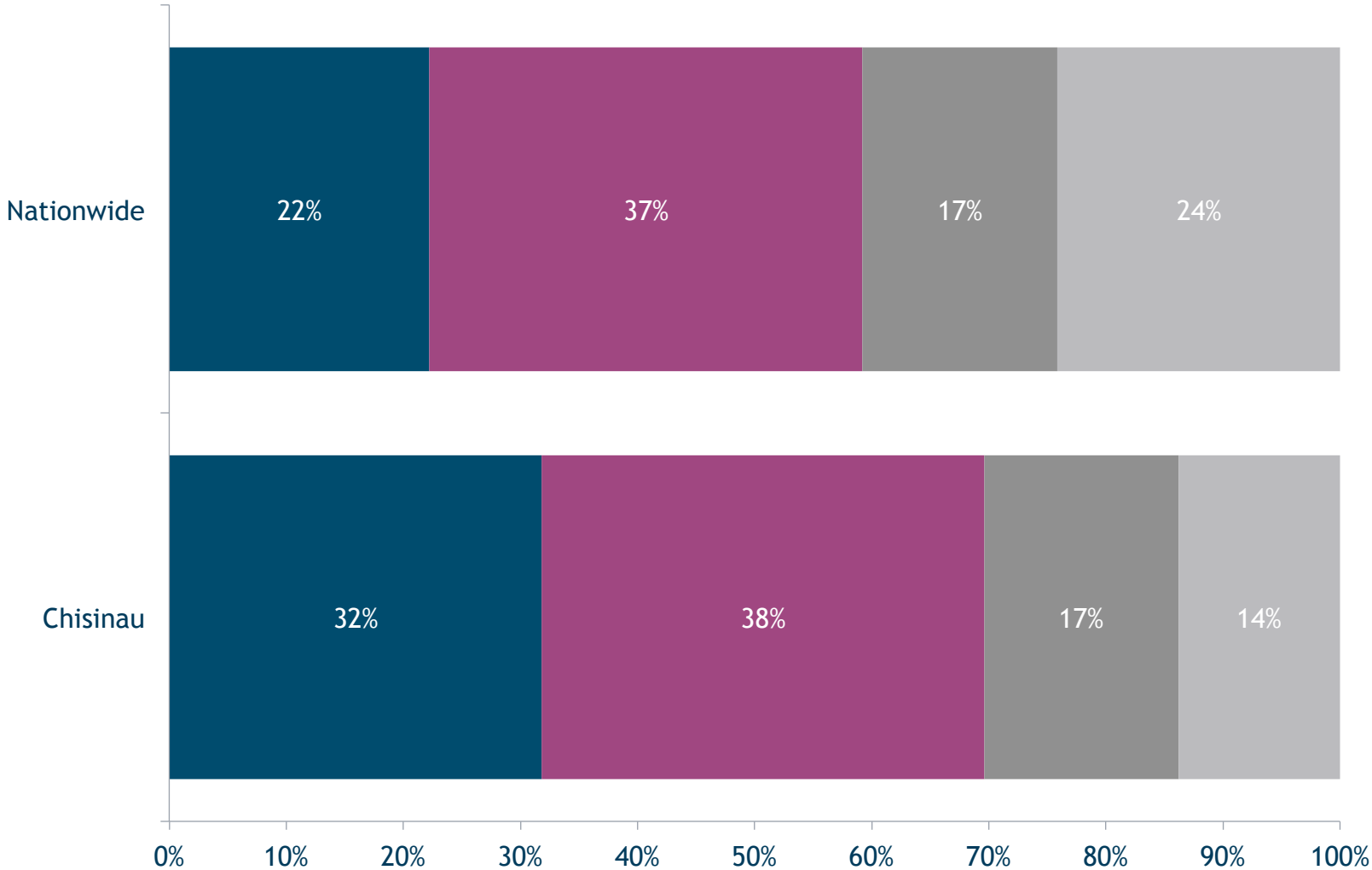
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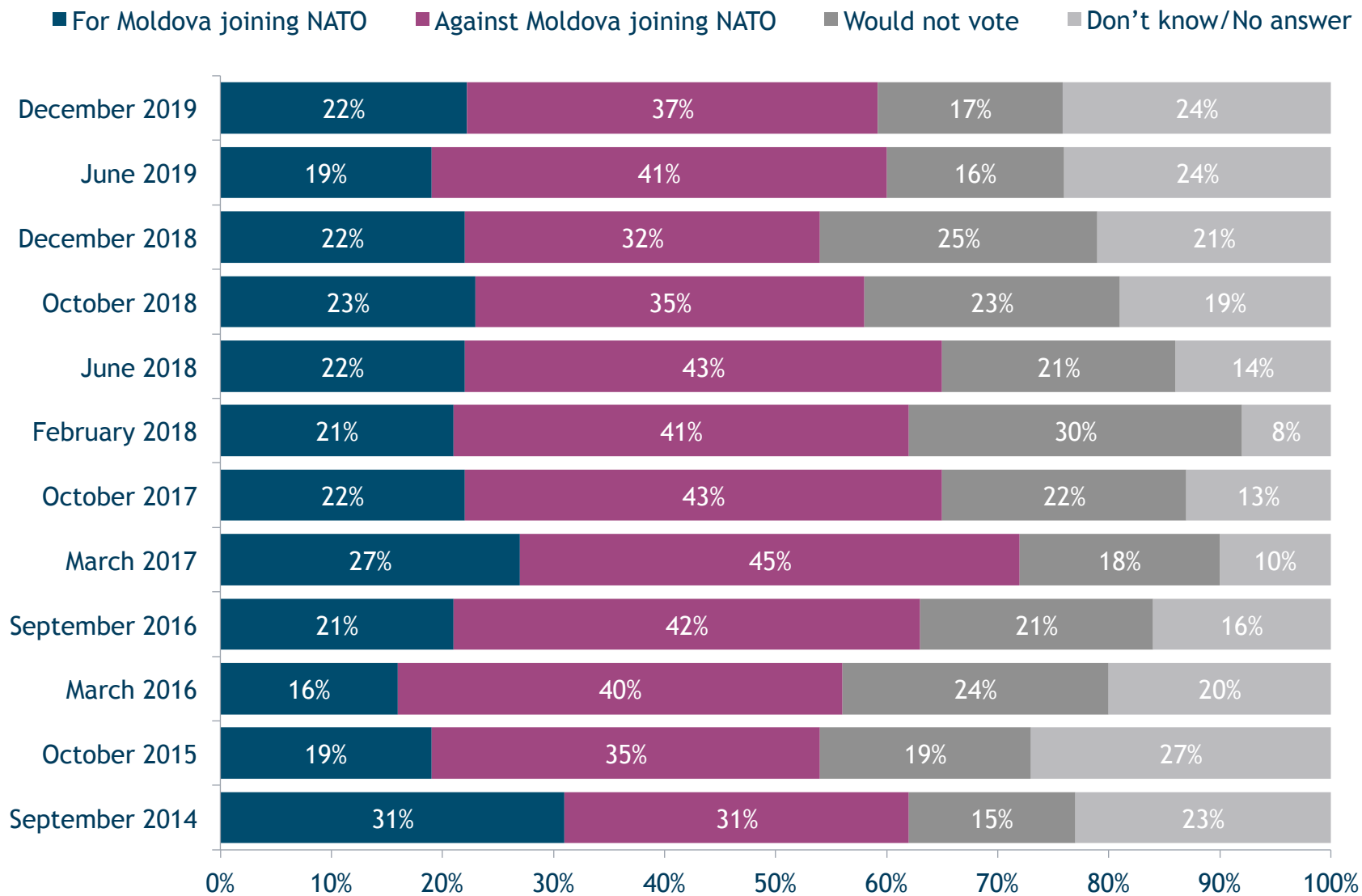


If a referendum was held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?

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

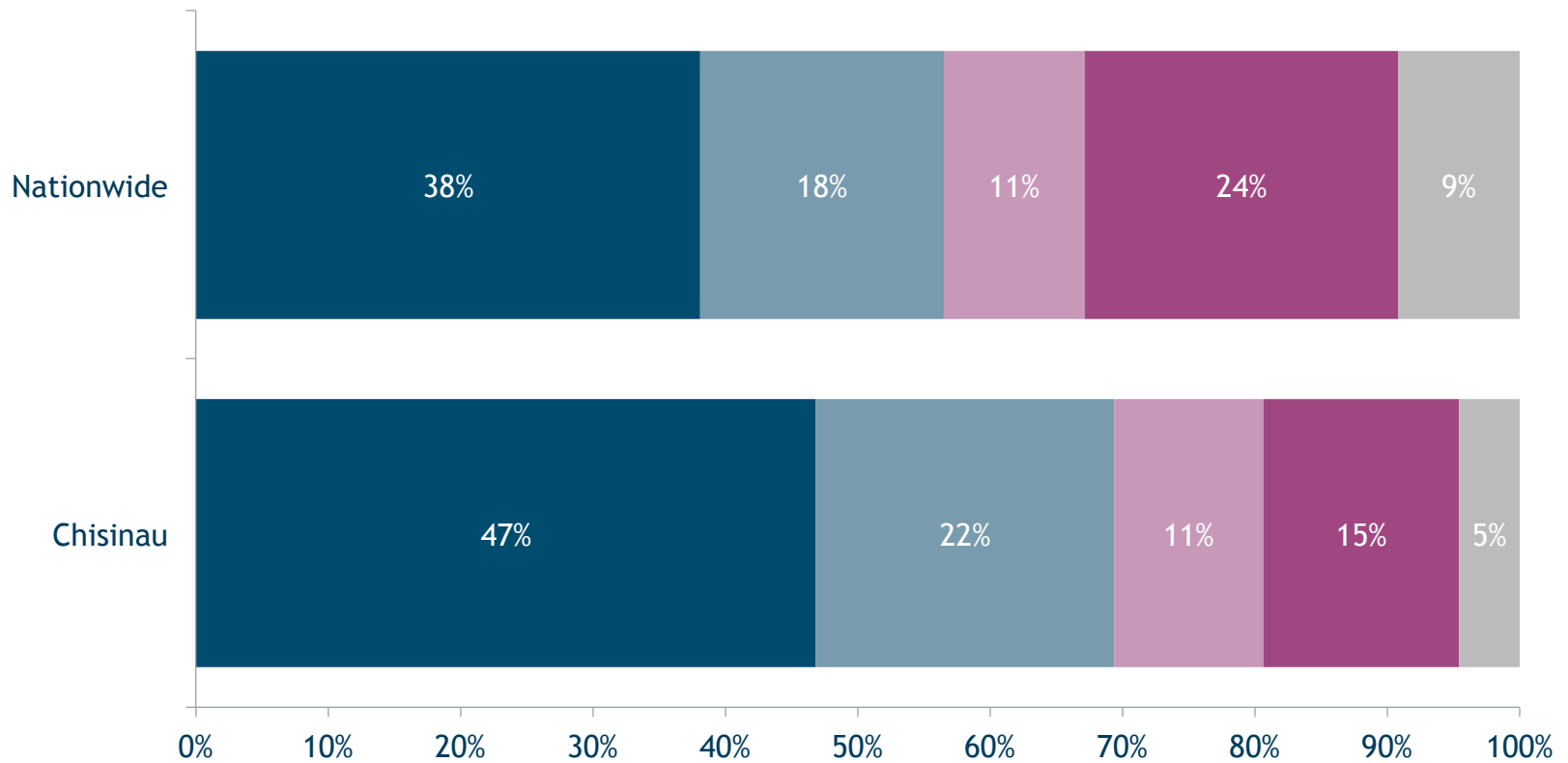


If a referendum was held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?



To what extent do you support or oppose deepening our country's integration with Europe?

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

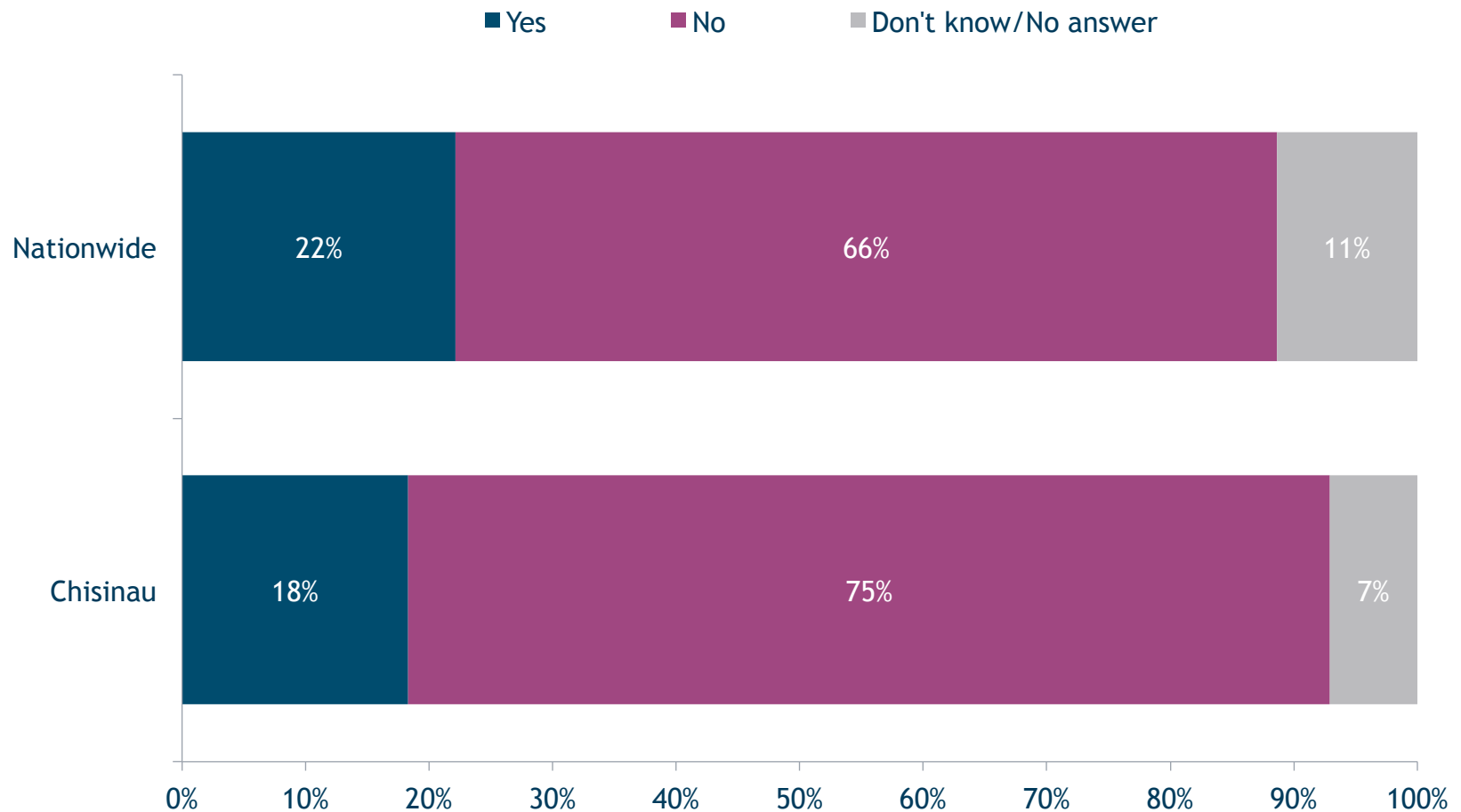




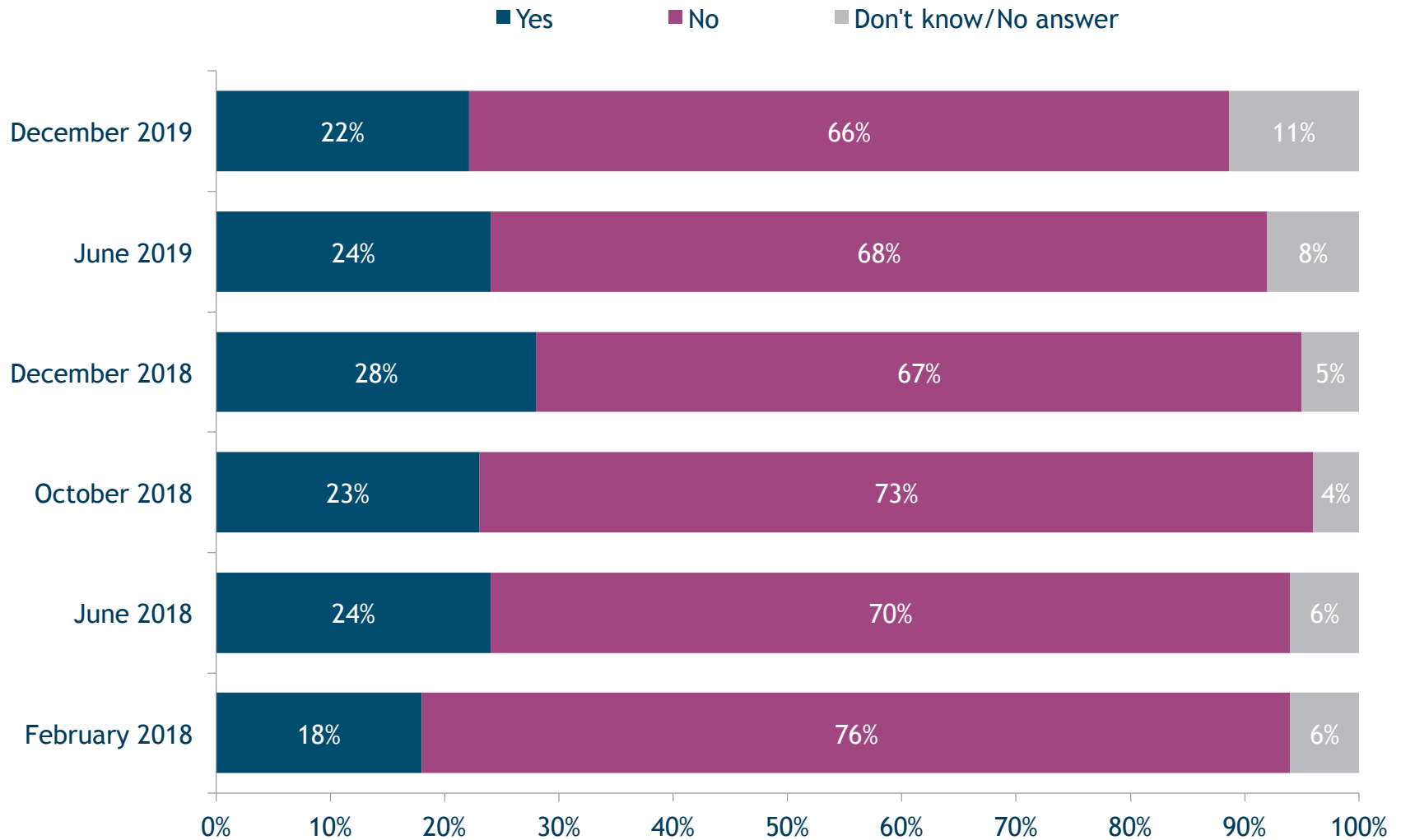
Youth Political Engagement and Migration



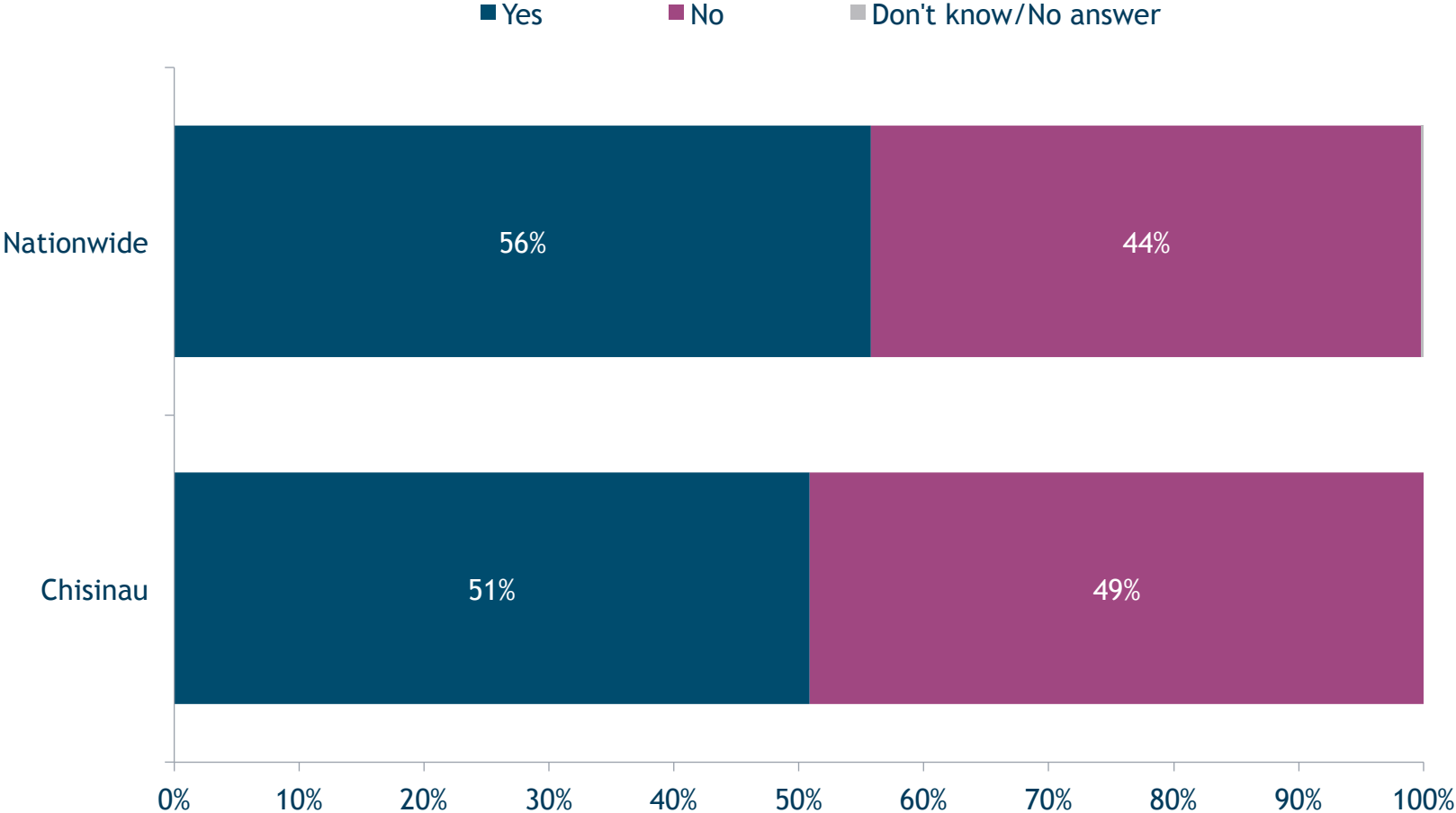
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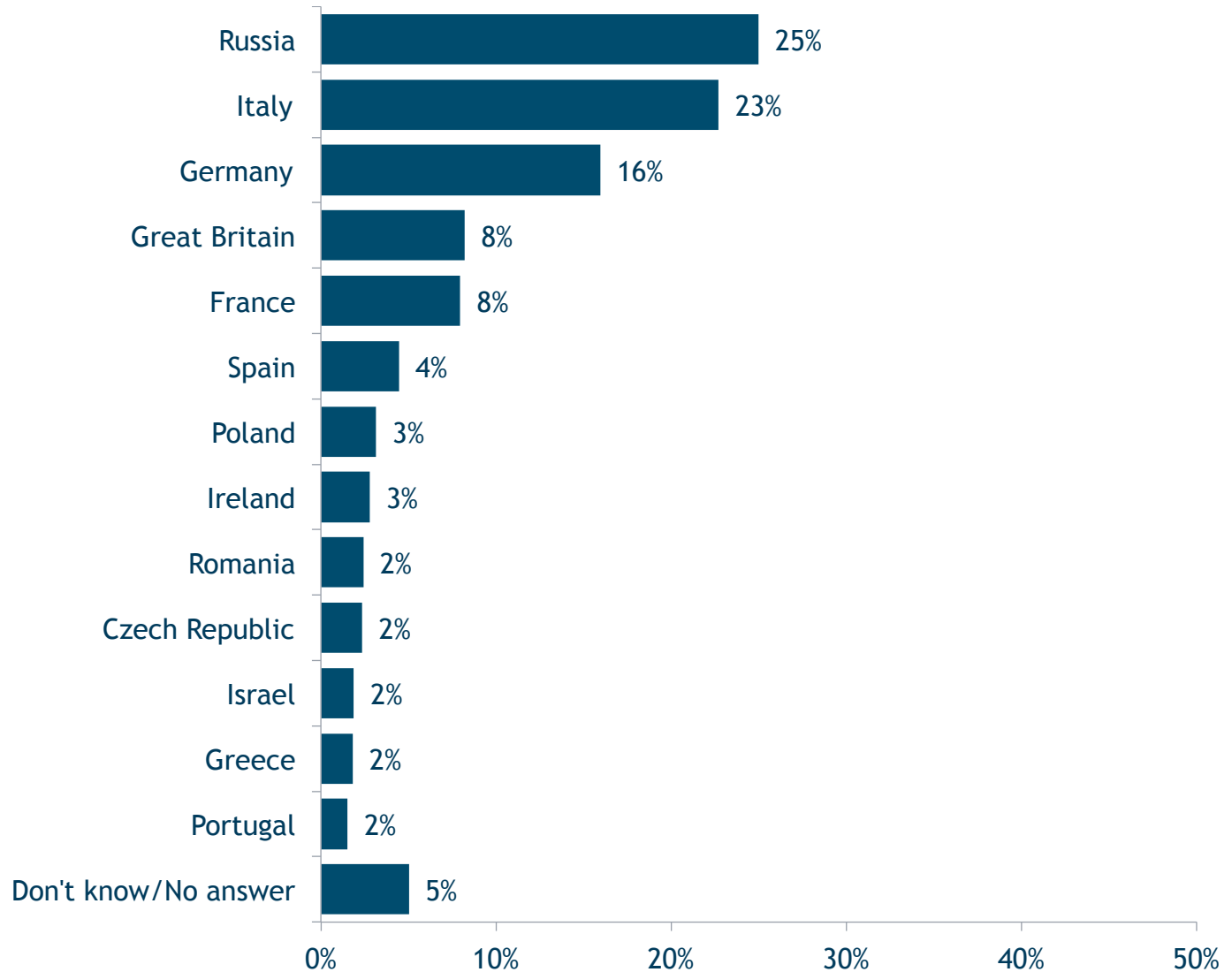


Do any members of your household currently live or work abroad?



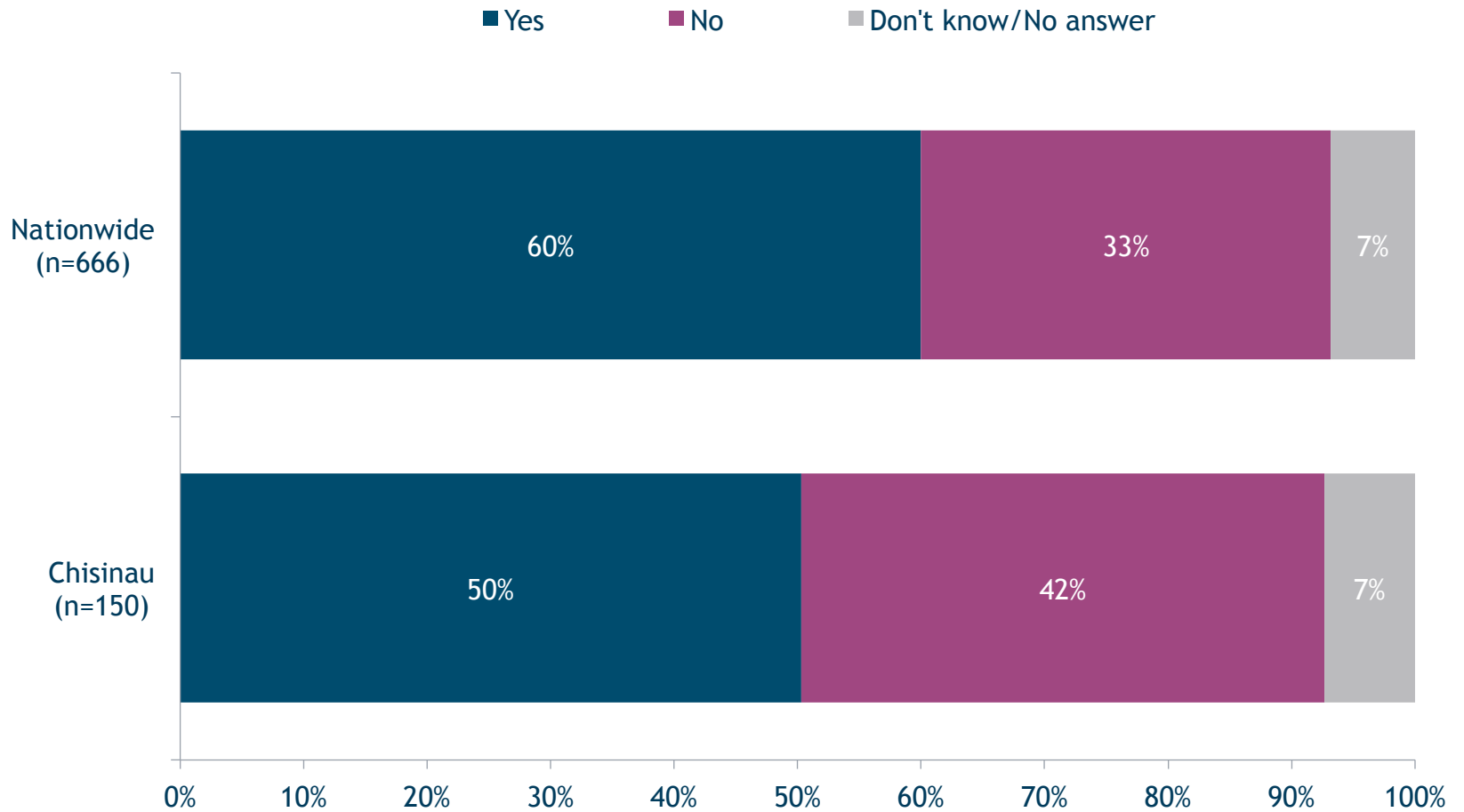
In which country or countries members of your household currently live or work abroad?

(Respondents who have household members abroad, n=666; multiple answers permitted; shows countries with at least 2 percent of respondents)

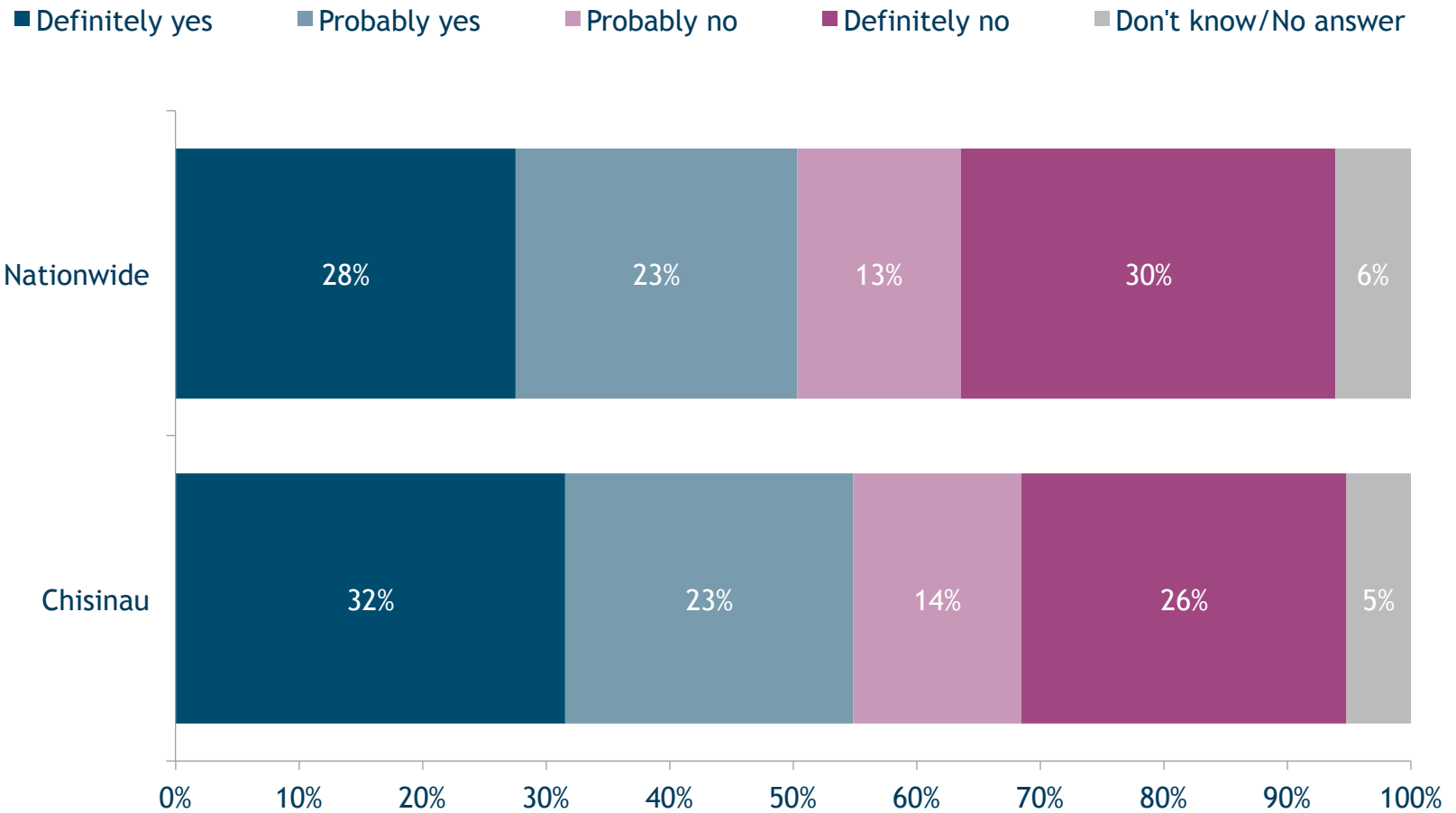


Does your household receive remittances sent by household members abroad?

(Respondents who have household members abroad)

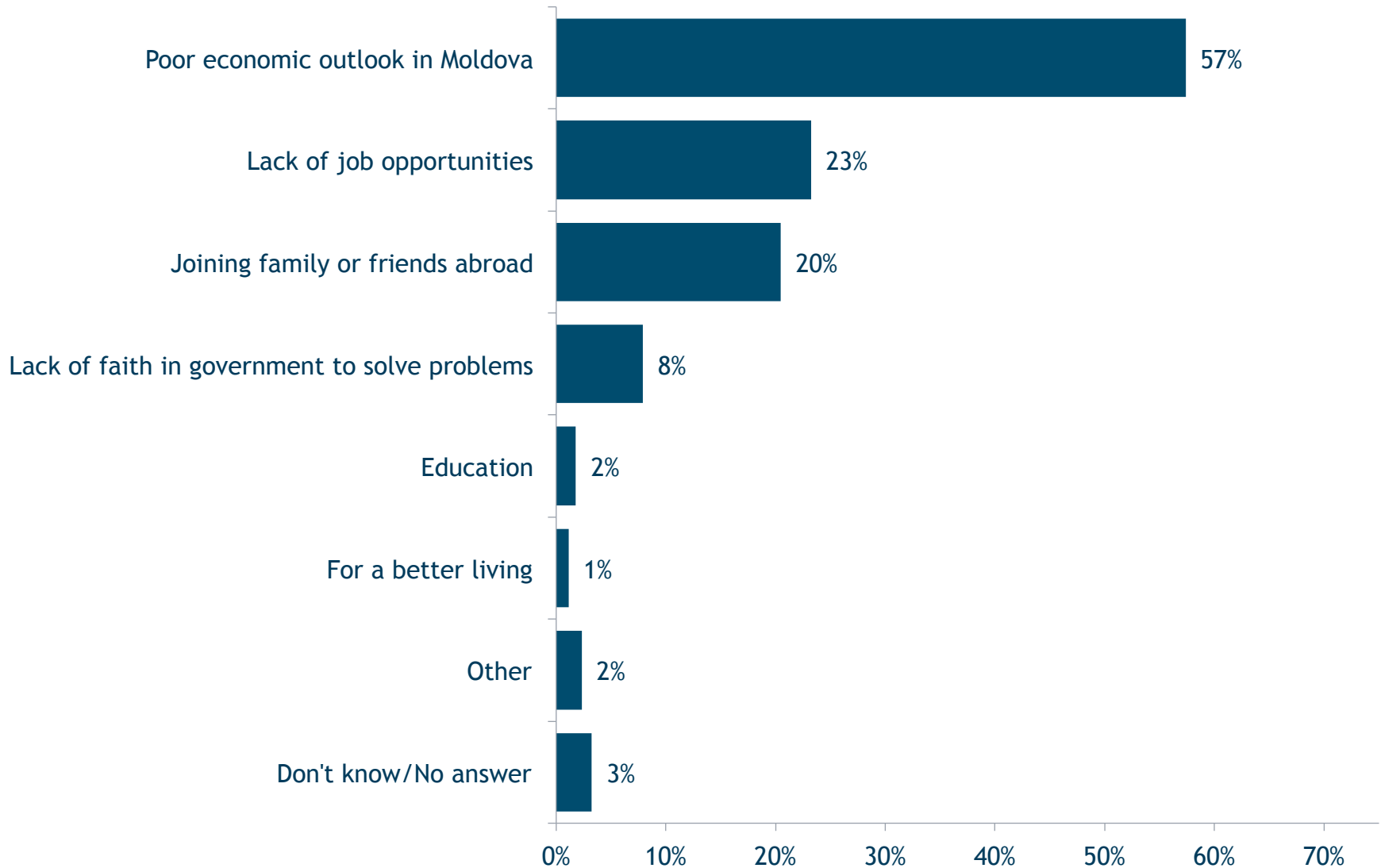


If you had the opportunity, would you choose to go abroad, not just for a vacation, but for a longer period?



If yes, why you would choose to go abroad for a long period?

(Respondents who would choose to go abroad, n=606; multiple responses accepted, motives mentioned by at least 1 percent of respondents)



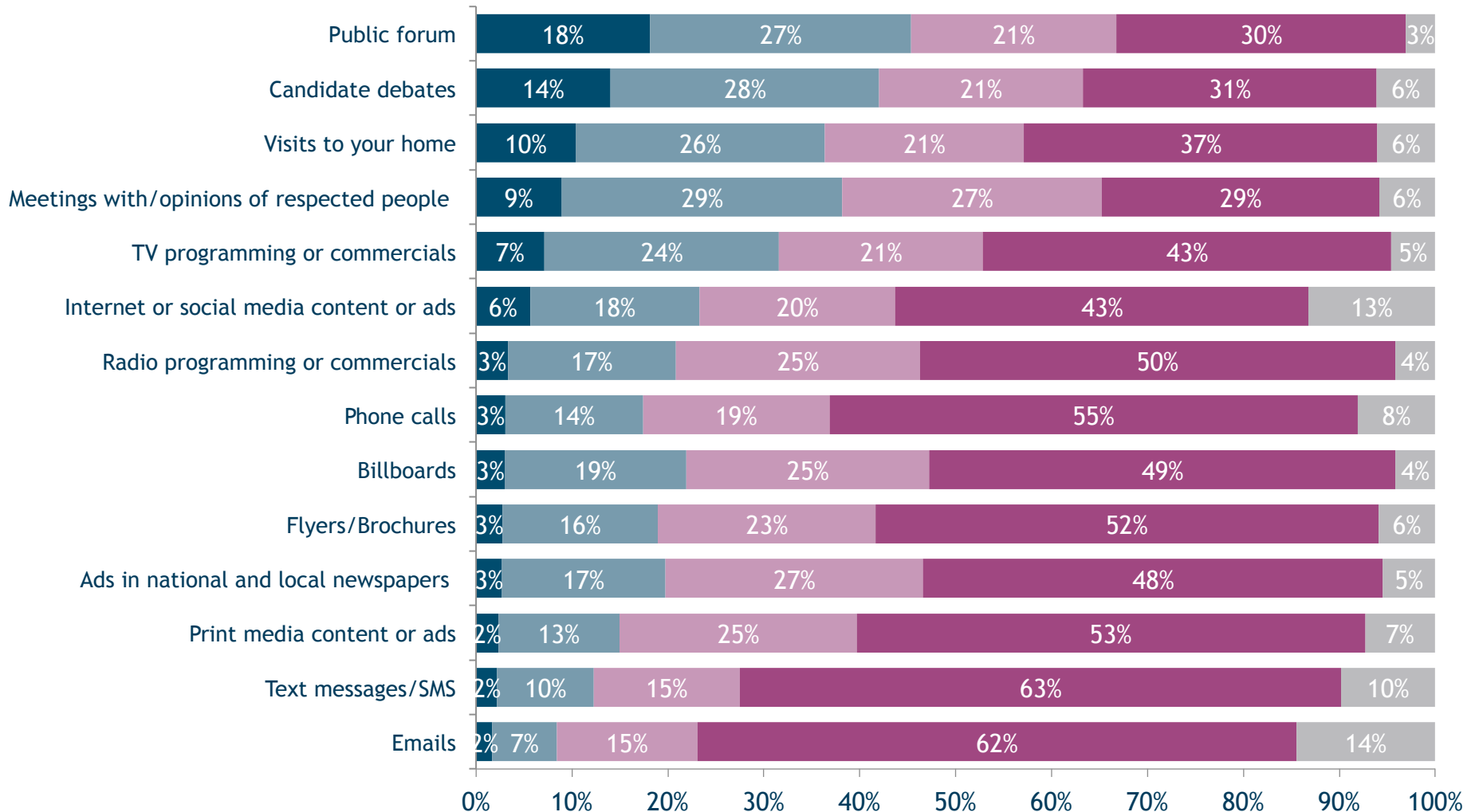


Sources of Information



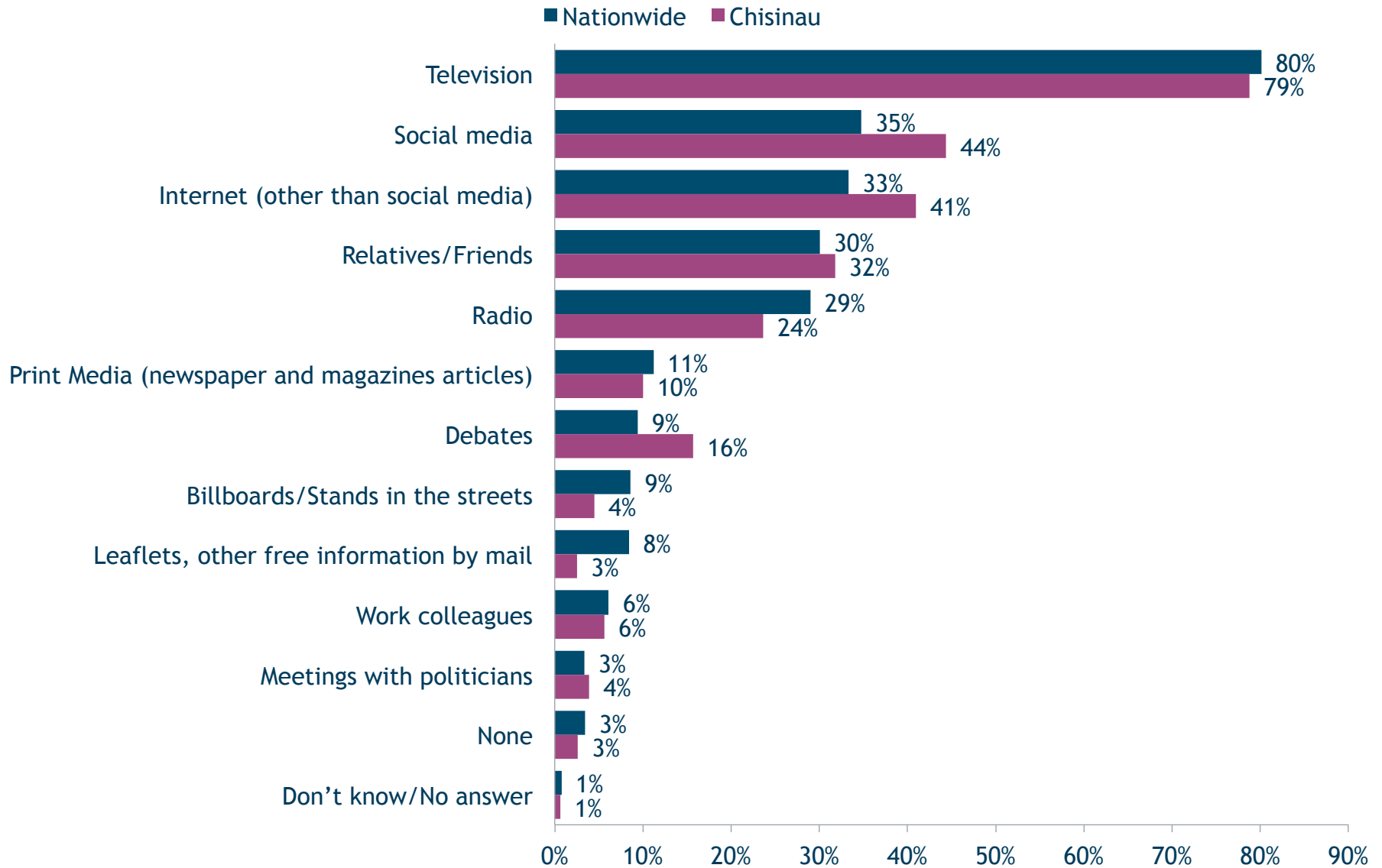
In general, what is the influence of each of these forms of election campaigning on you?

■ Great influence
 ■ Some influence
 ■ Little influence
 ■ No influence at all
 ■ Don't know/No answer



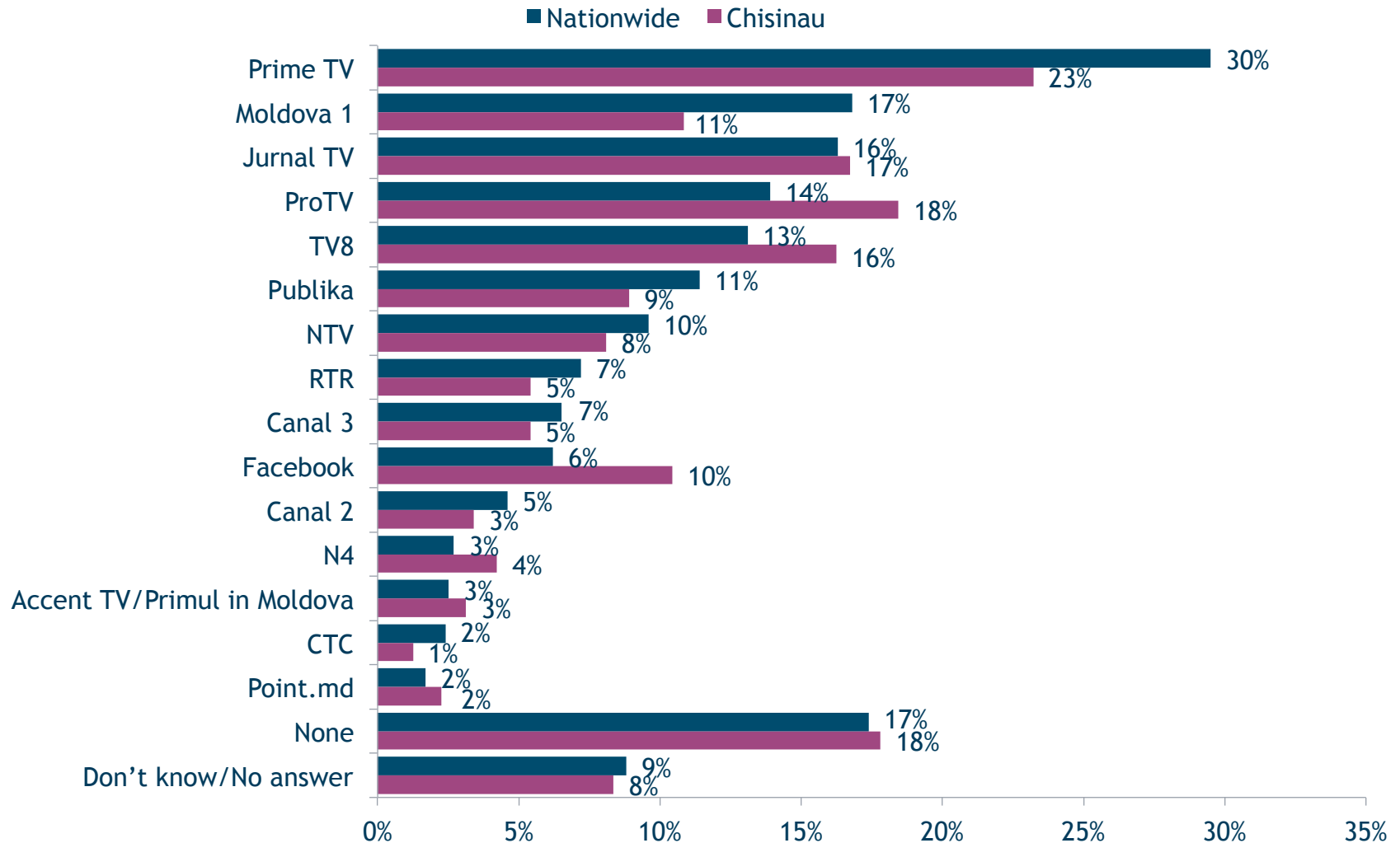
Which sources of information do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

(Respondents permitted to supply three answers)



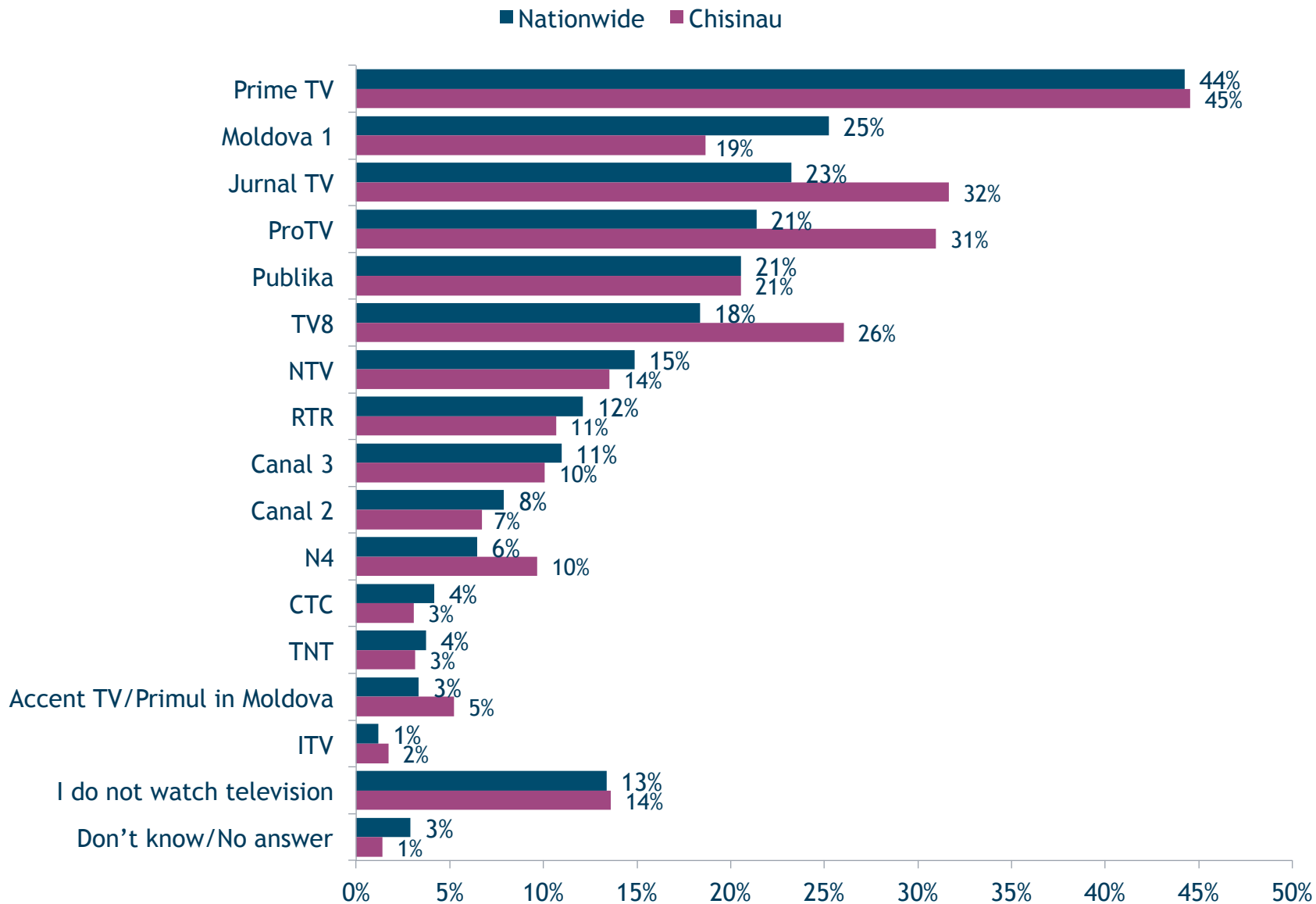
Which specific media outlets, such as a specific TV channel, radio station, newspaper, website, etc. do you consider most trustworthy for political information?

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



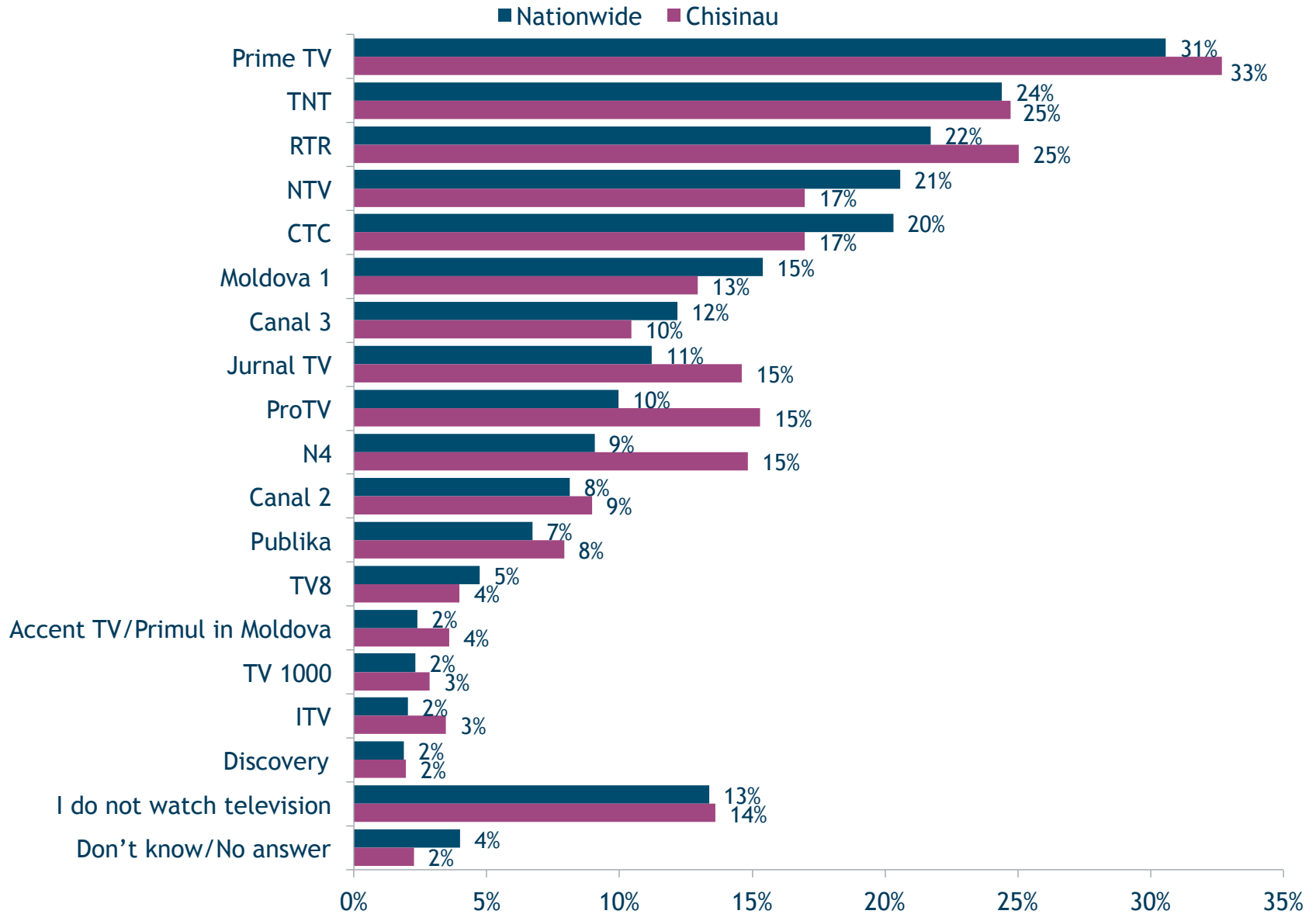
Which television channels do you watch for political information?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; TV channels mentioned at least by 1 percent of respondents)

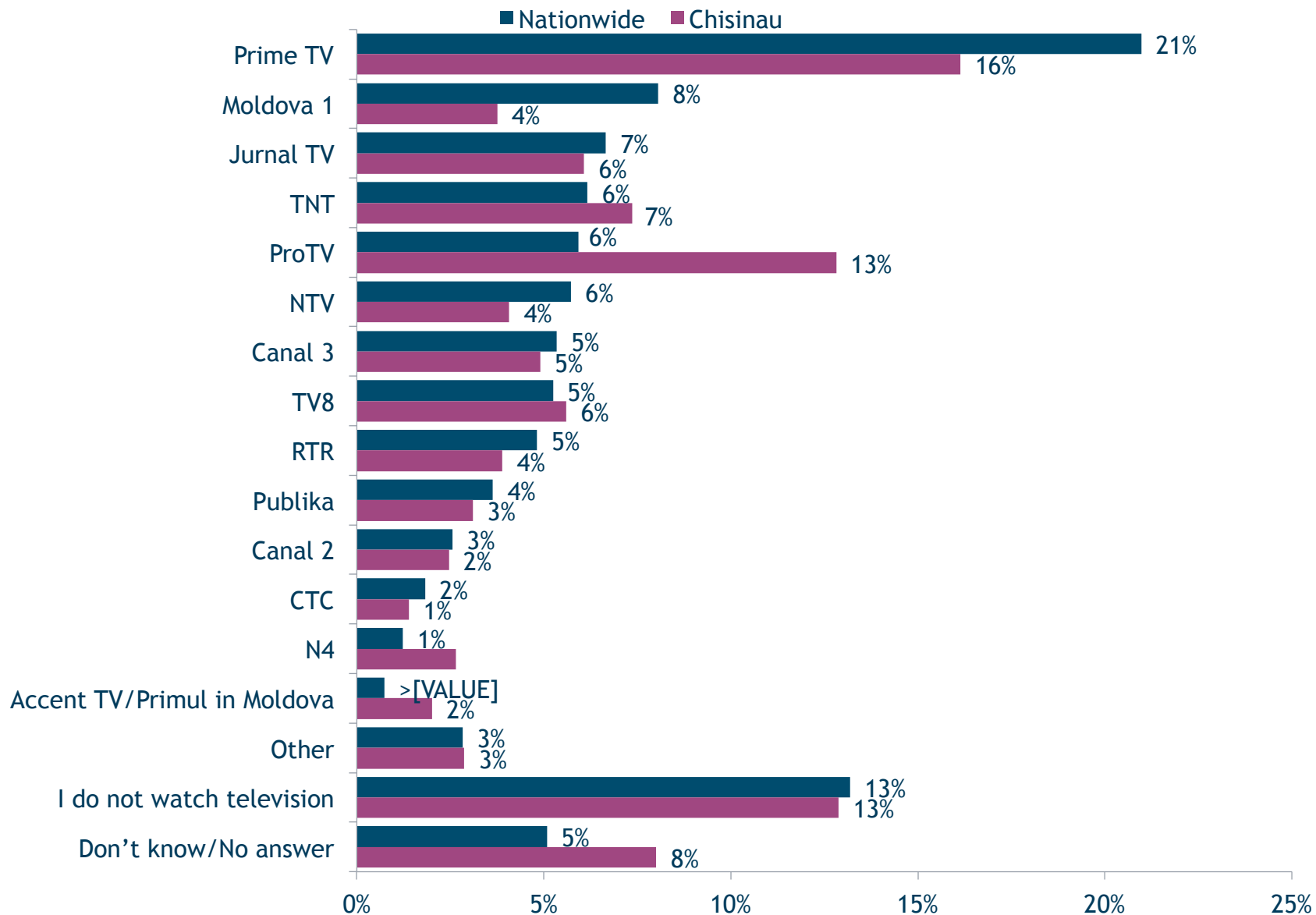


What television channels do you watch for entertainment?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; TV channels mentioned at least by 1 percent of respondents)

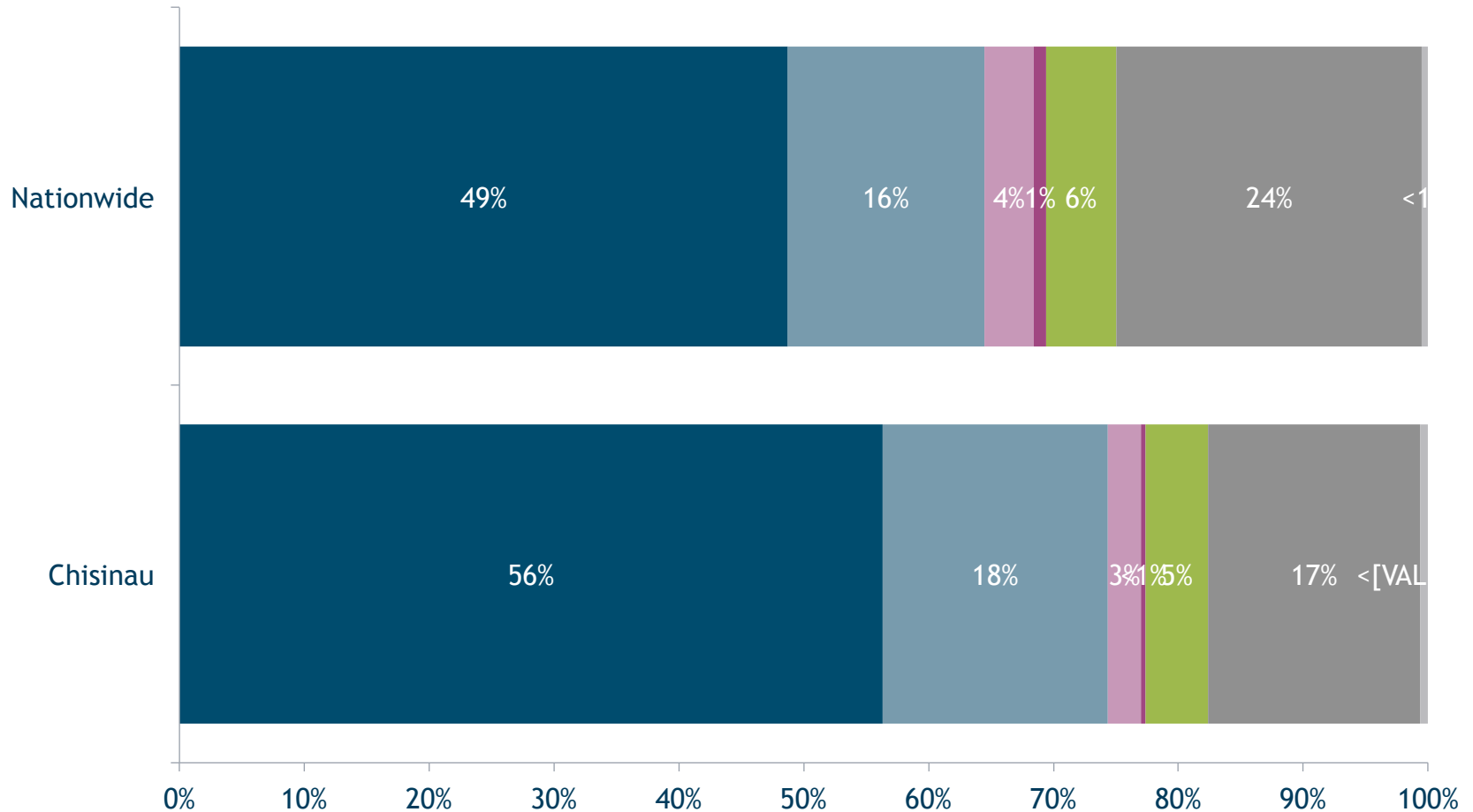


Which of the following is the primary channel you usually watch most of the time if you had to choose one?

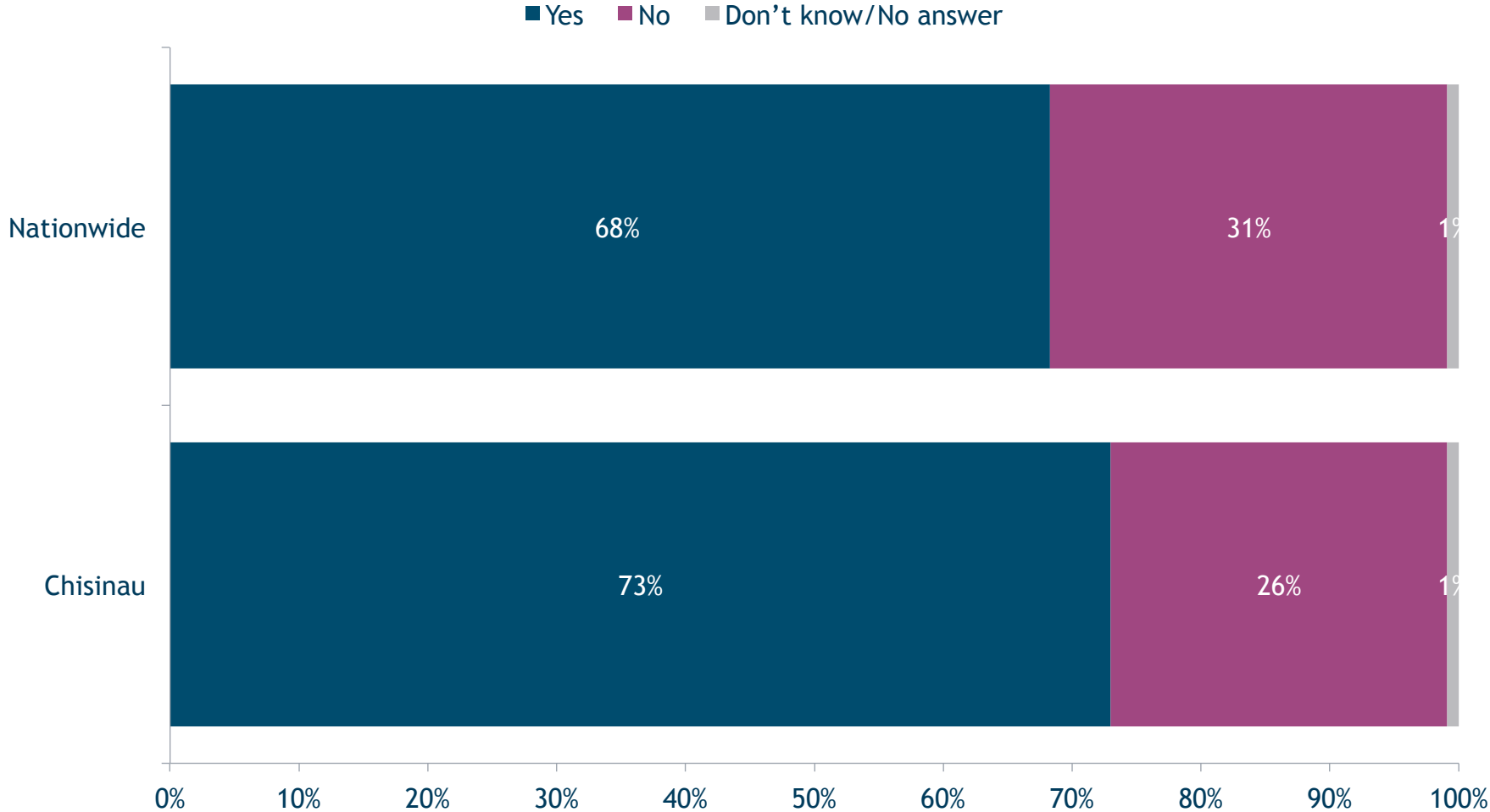


How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?

■ Daily or almost daily ■ Several times a week ■ Weekly ■ Monthly ■ Less often ■ Never ■ Don't know/No answer

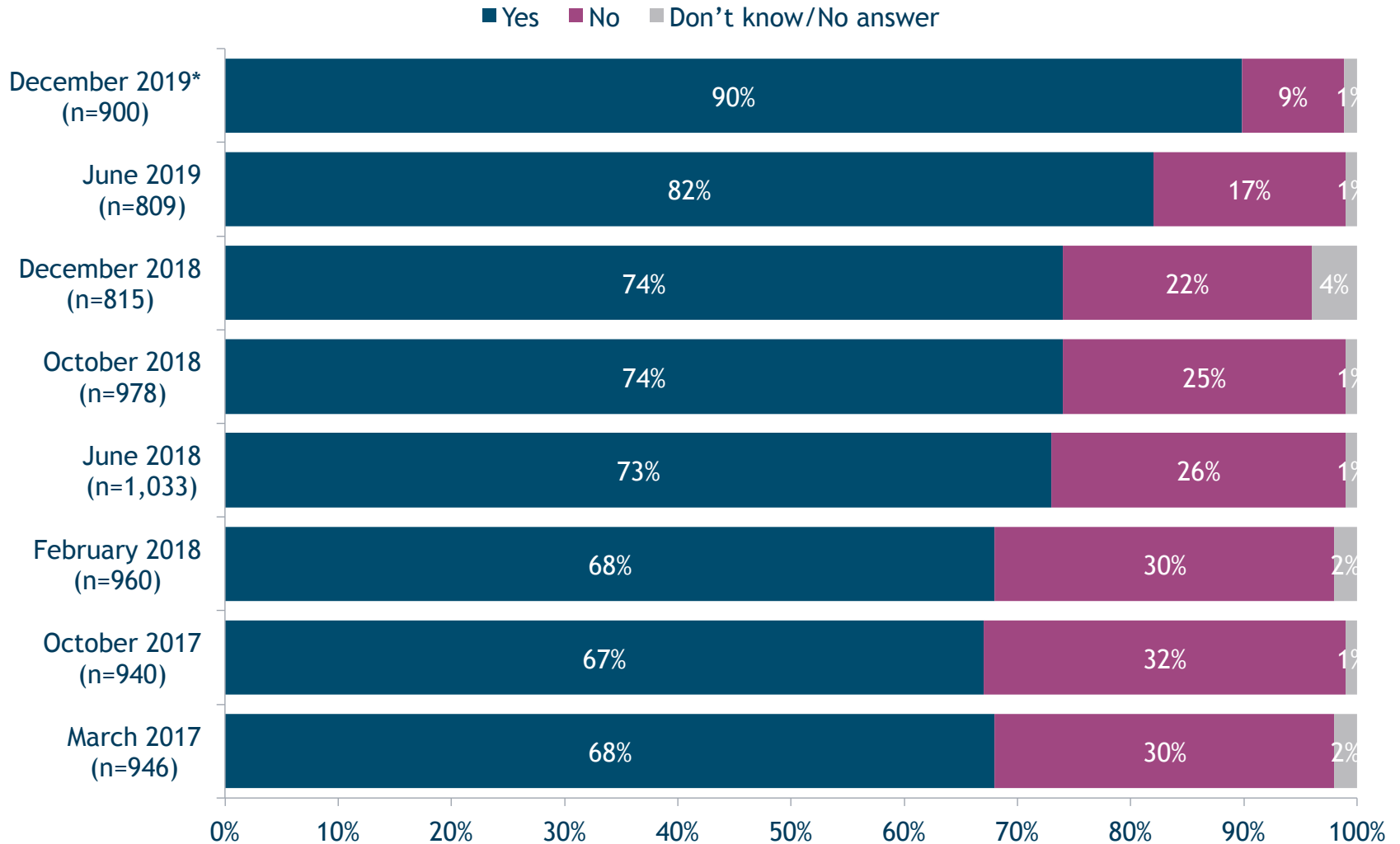


Do you own a smartphone that you use to access the internet or apps such as Facebook and WhatsApp?



Do you own a smartphone which can access the internet?

(Respondents who use the internet)

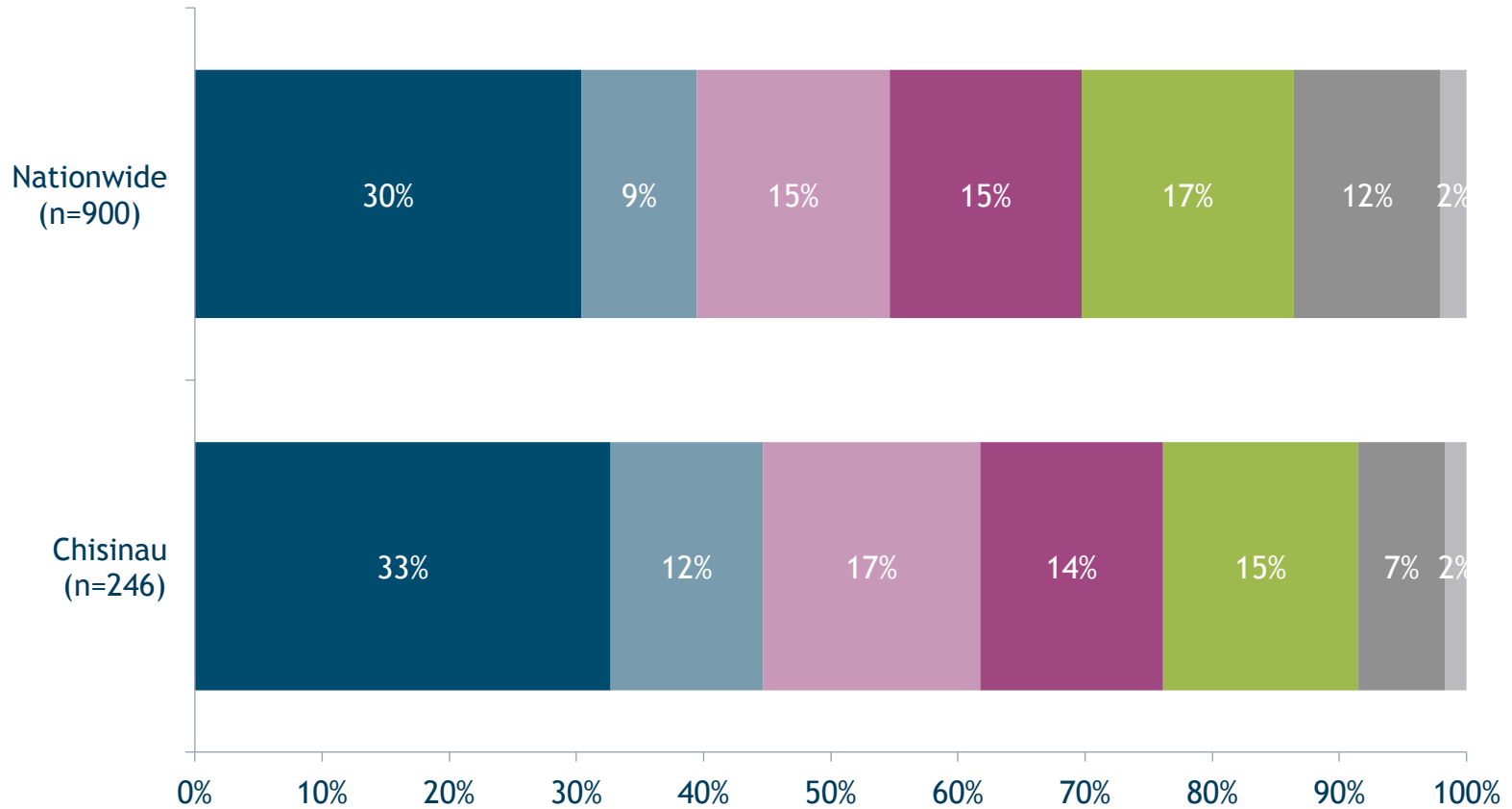


*This question was asked as “Do you own a smart phone that you use to access the internet or apps such as Facebook and WhatsApp?” during the December 2019 poll.

How often do you use social media as a source of daily news?

(Respondents who use the internet)

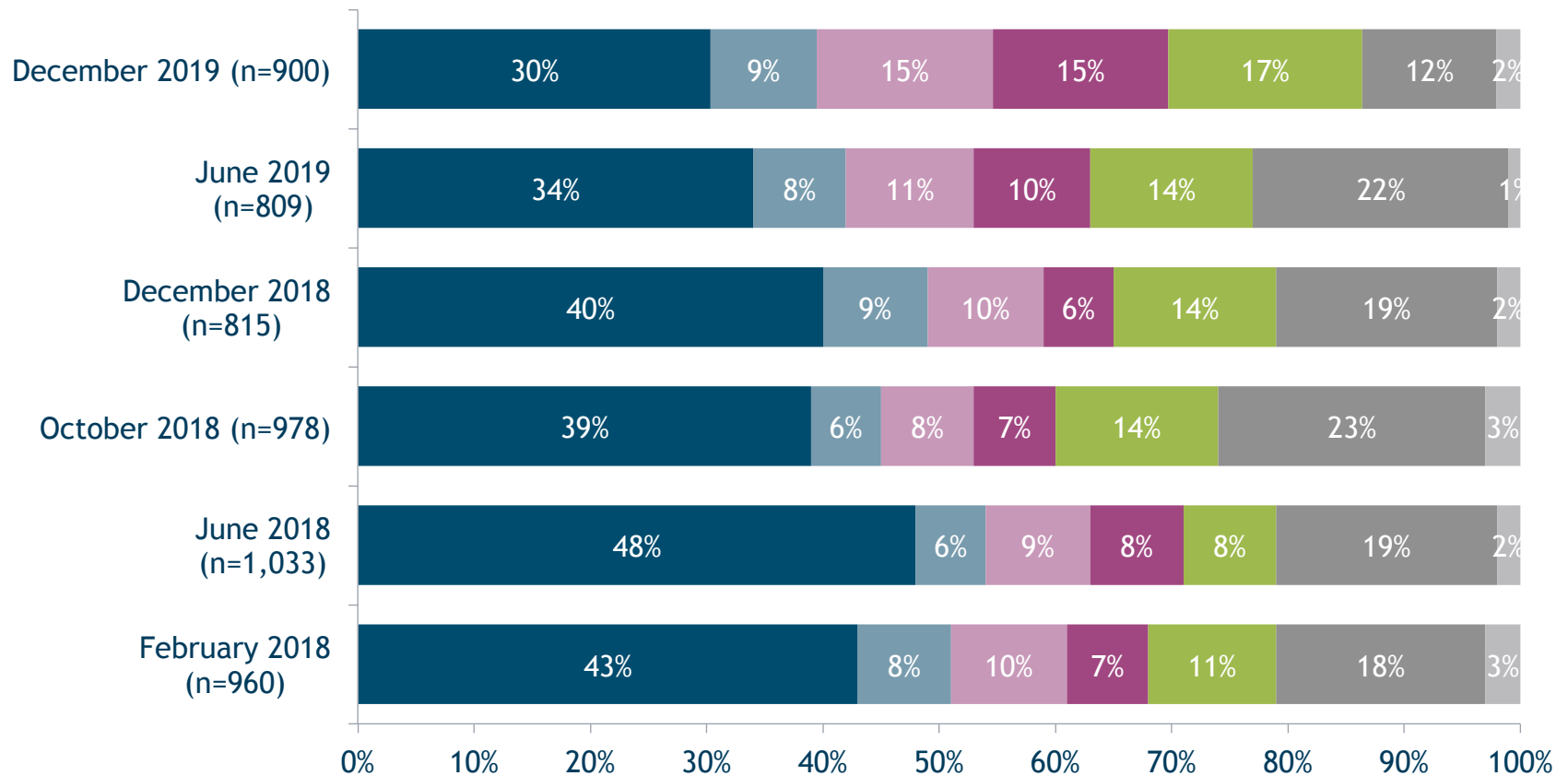
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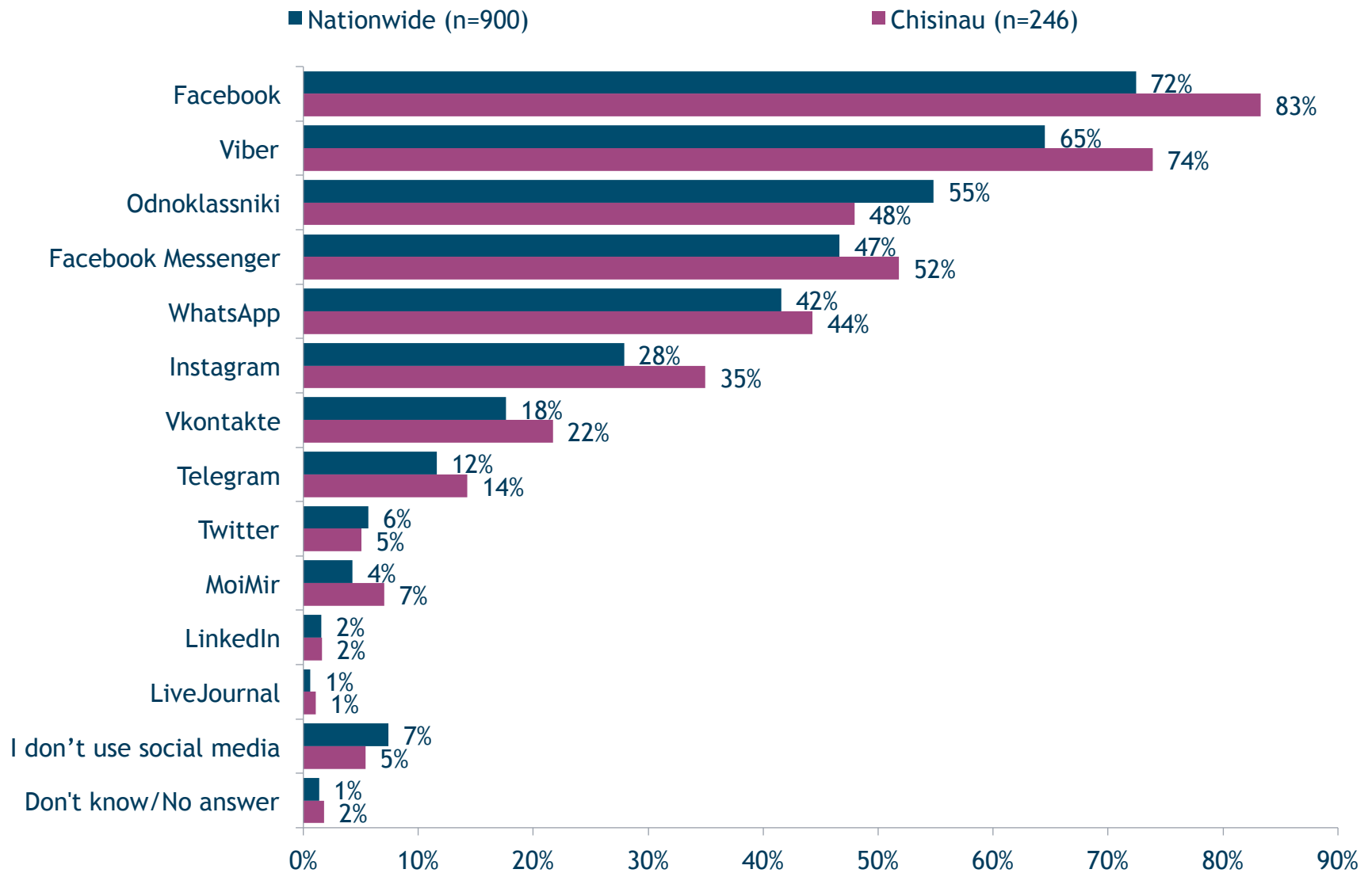
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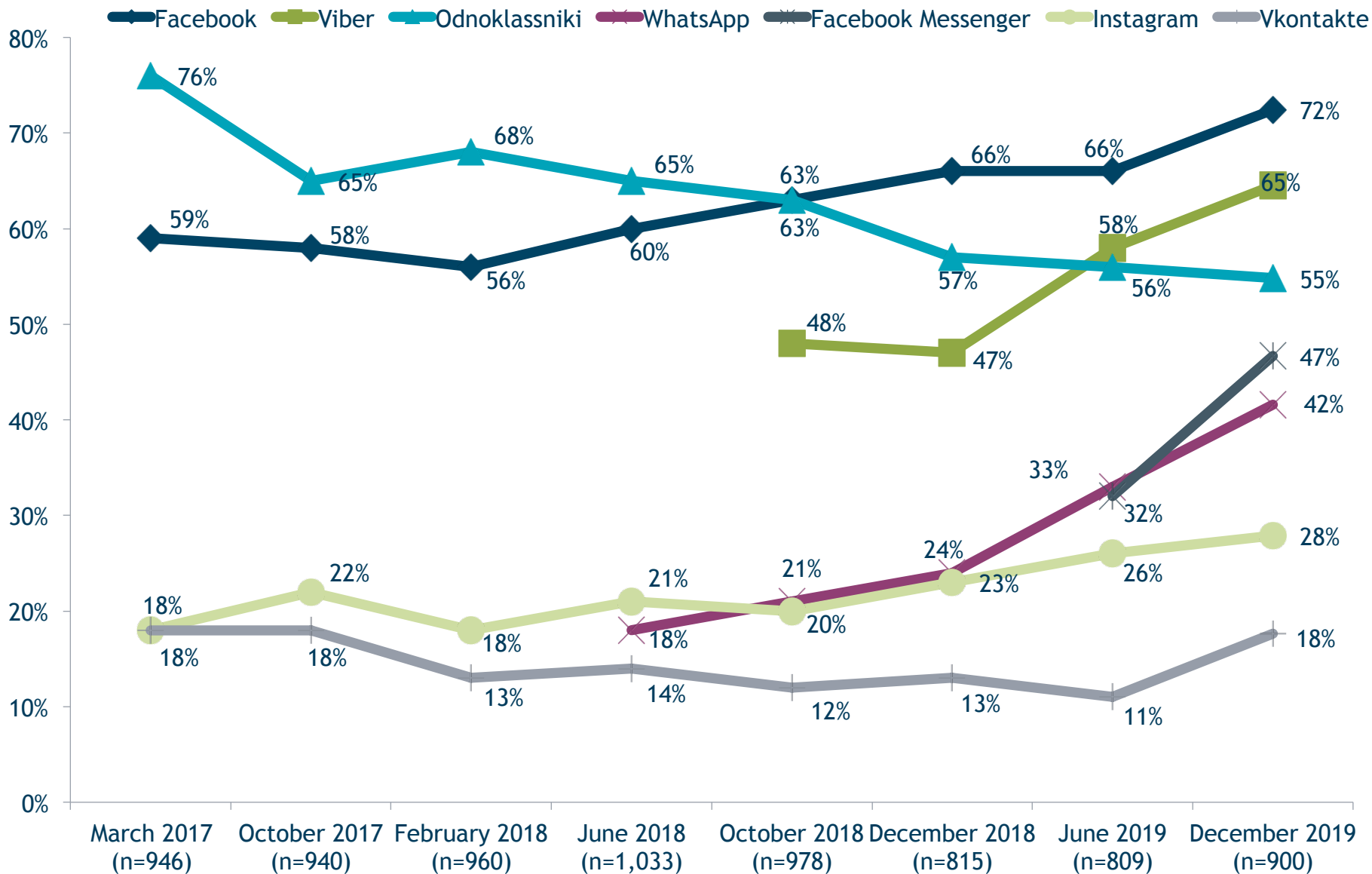
Do you use any of the following social media sites?

(Respondents who use the internet)



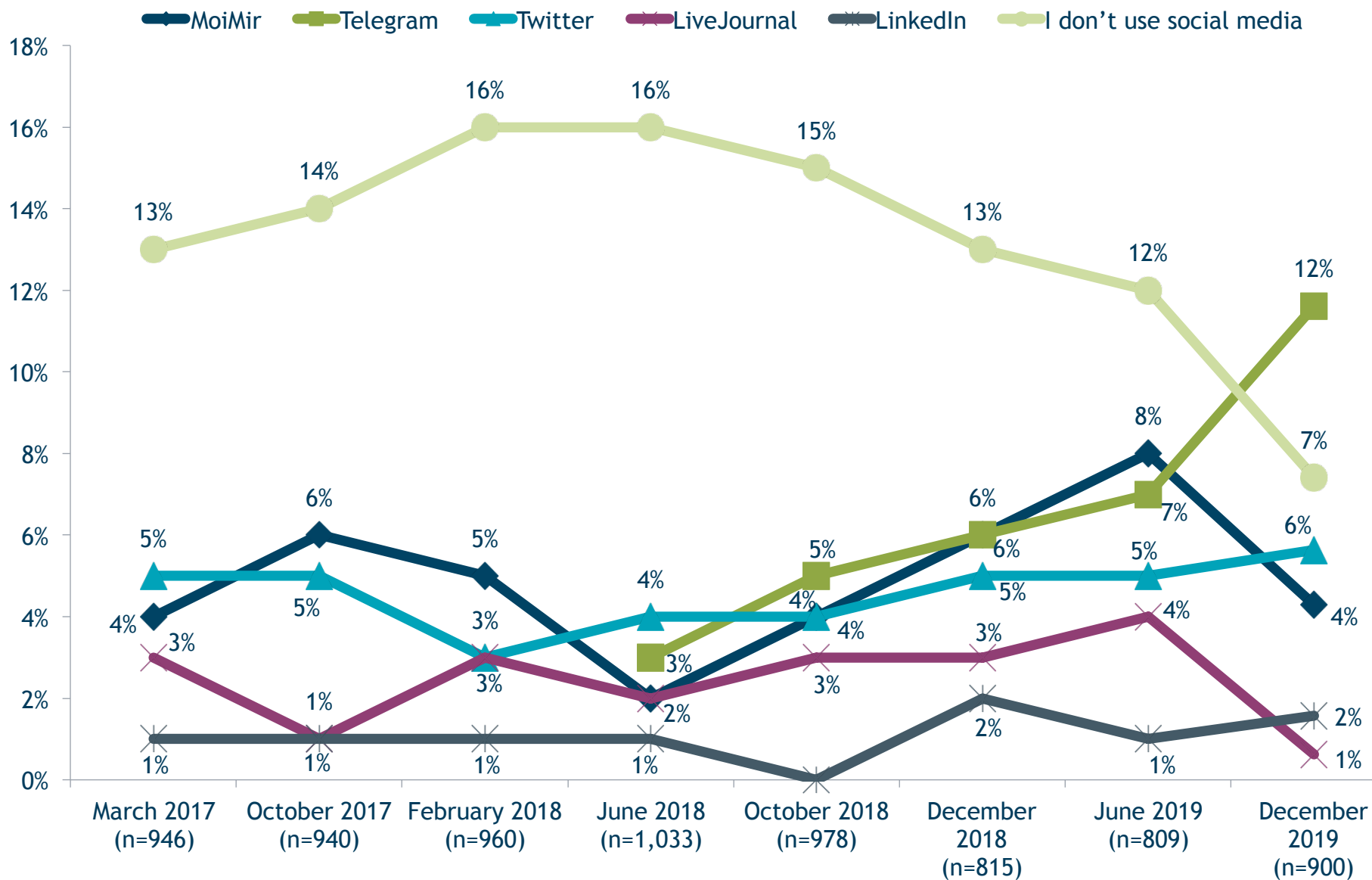
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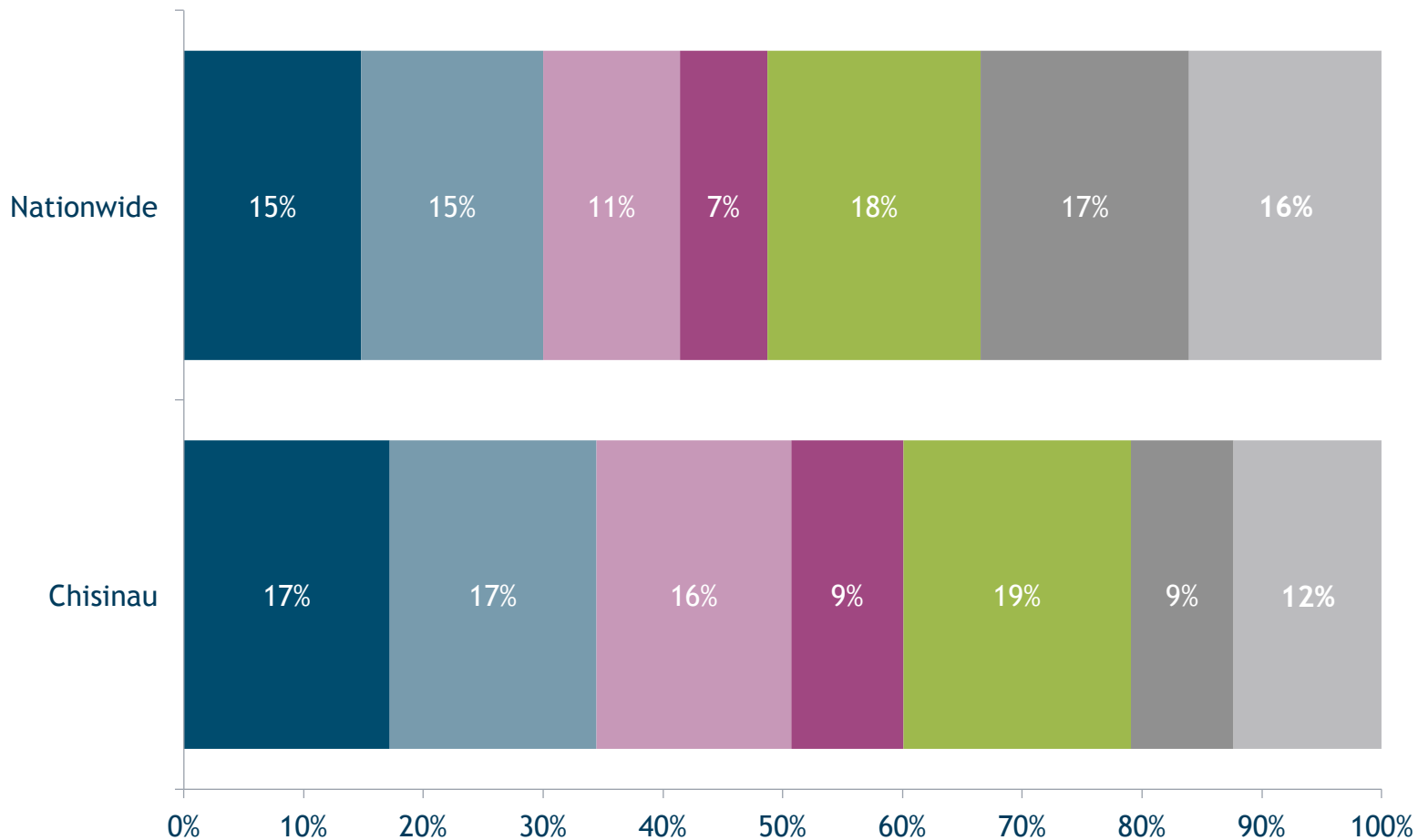
Do you use any of the following social media sites? (Continued)

(Respondents who use the internet)



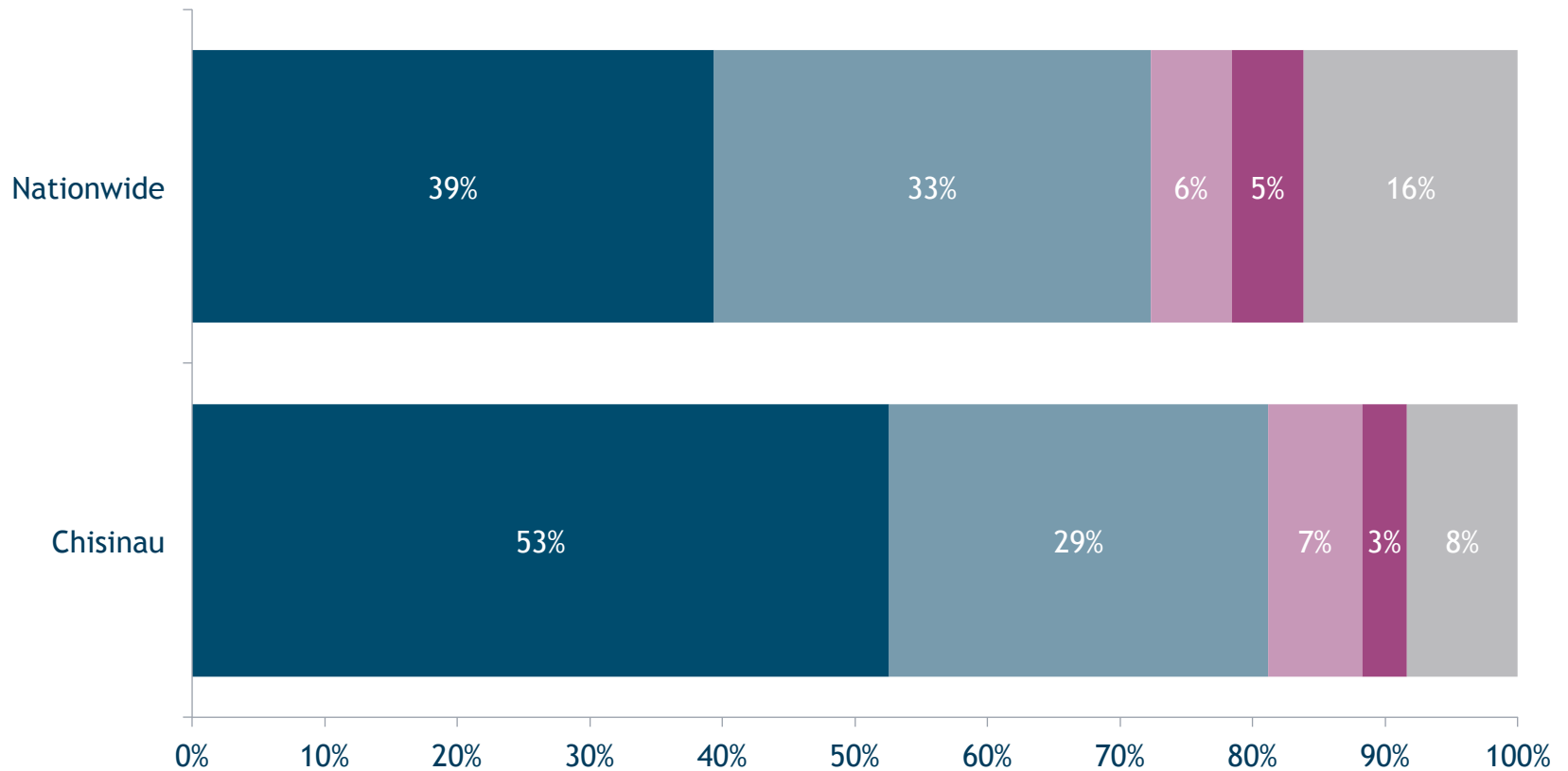
How frequently do you encounter information in the media, including social media, that you believe is misleading or false?

■ Daily or almost daily ■ Several times a week ■ Weekly ■ Monthly ■ Less often ■ Never ■ Don't know/No answer



To what extent is misleading or false information in the media problematic for our country?

■ Very problematic ■ Somewhat problematic ■ Somewhat unproblematic ■ Very unproblematic ■ Don't know/No answer

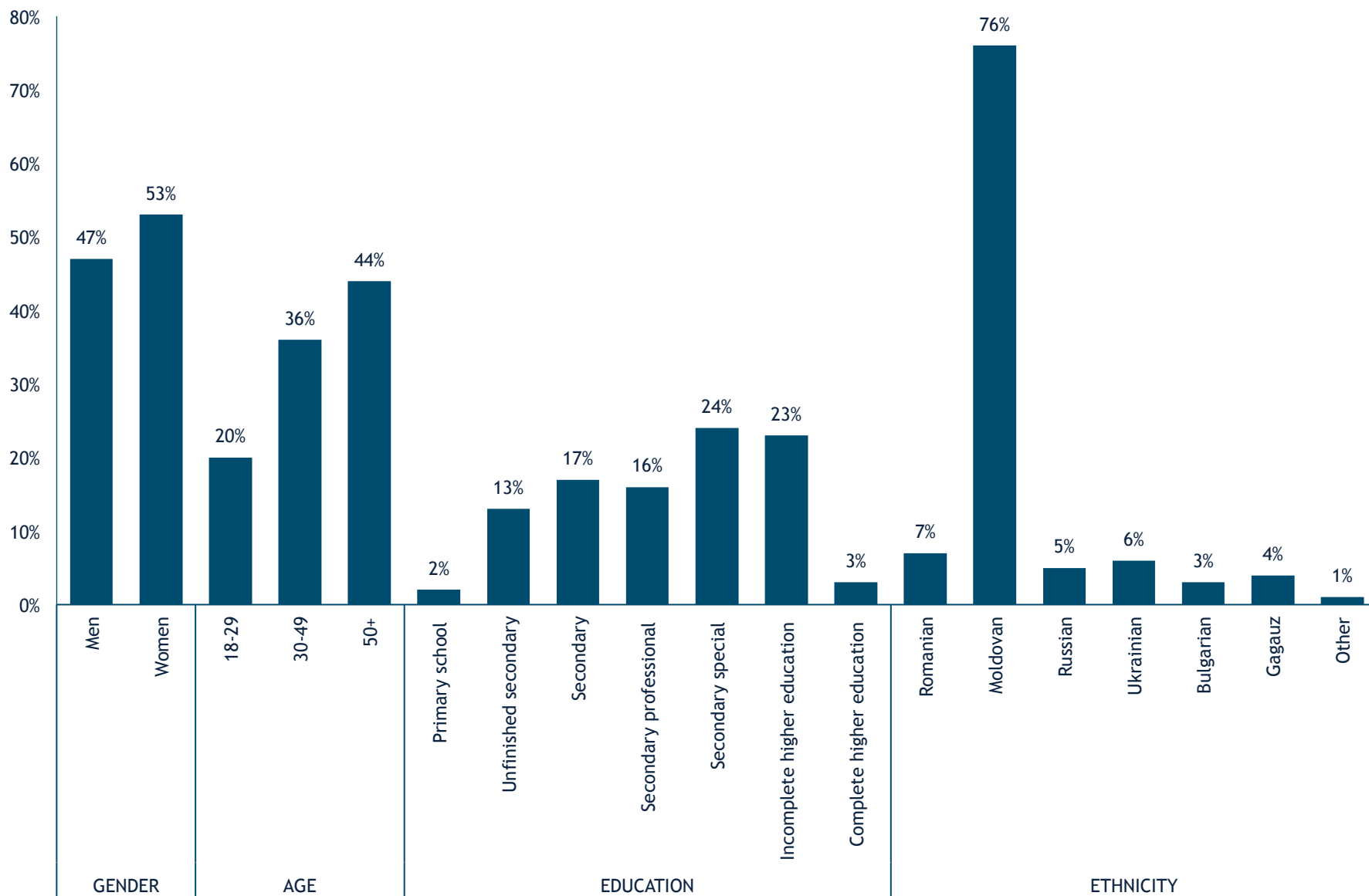




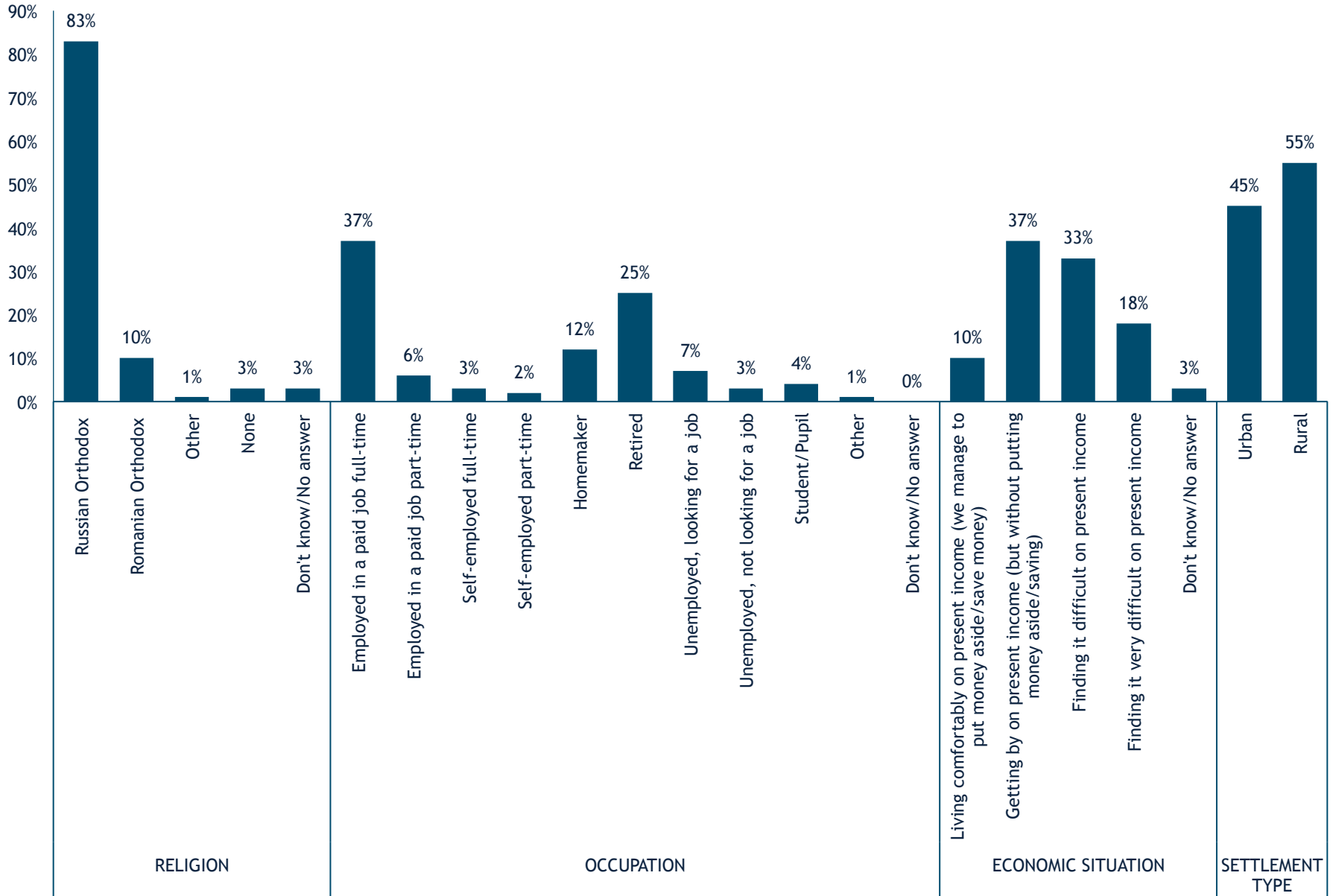
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