

Kazakhstan National Opinion Poll

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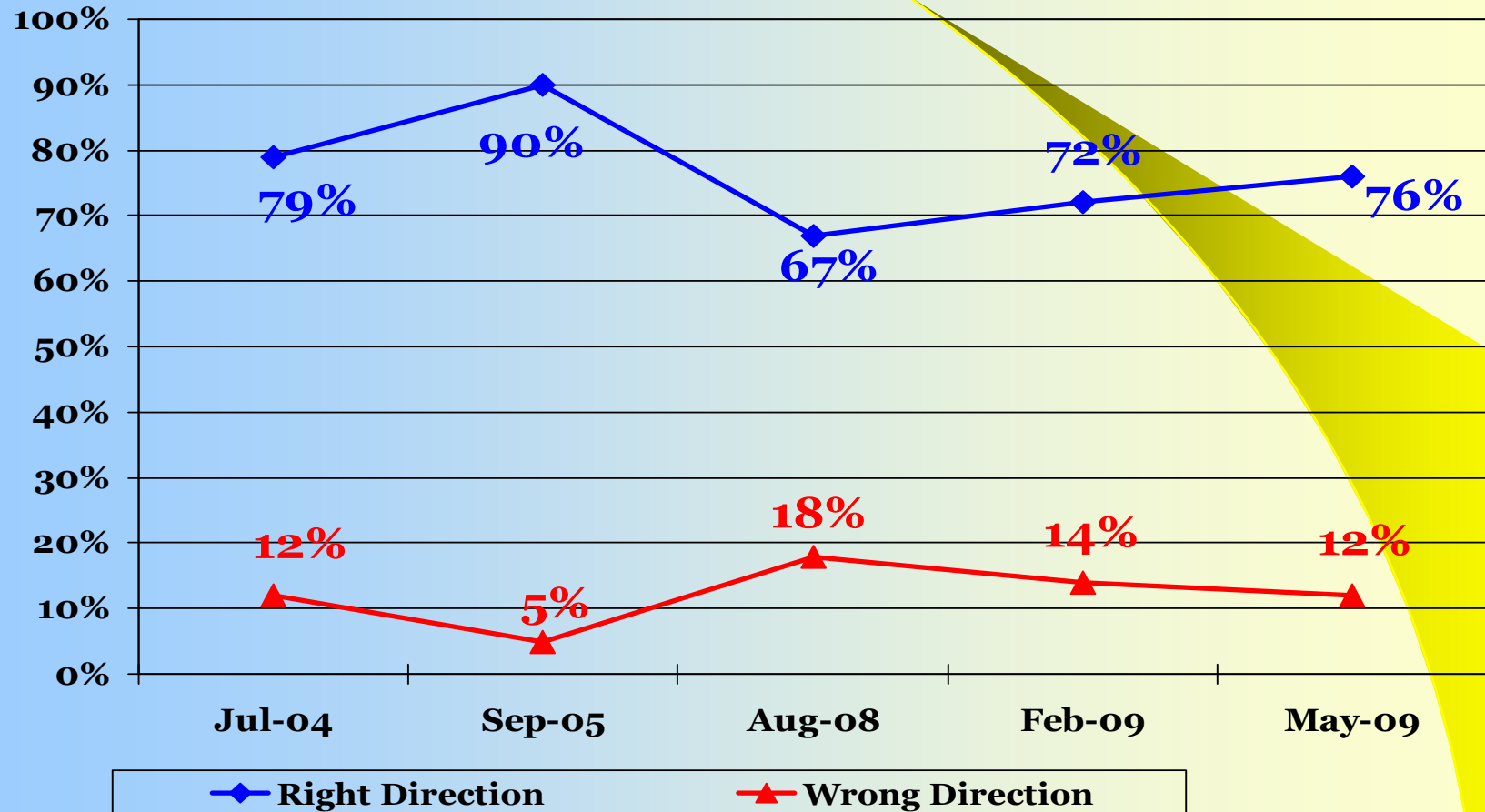
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METHODOLOGY

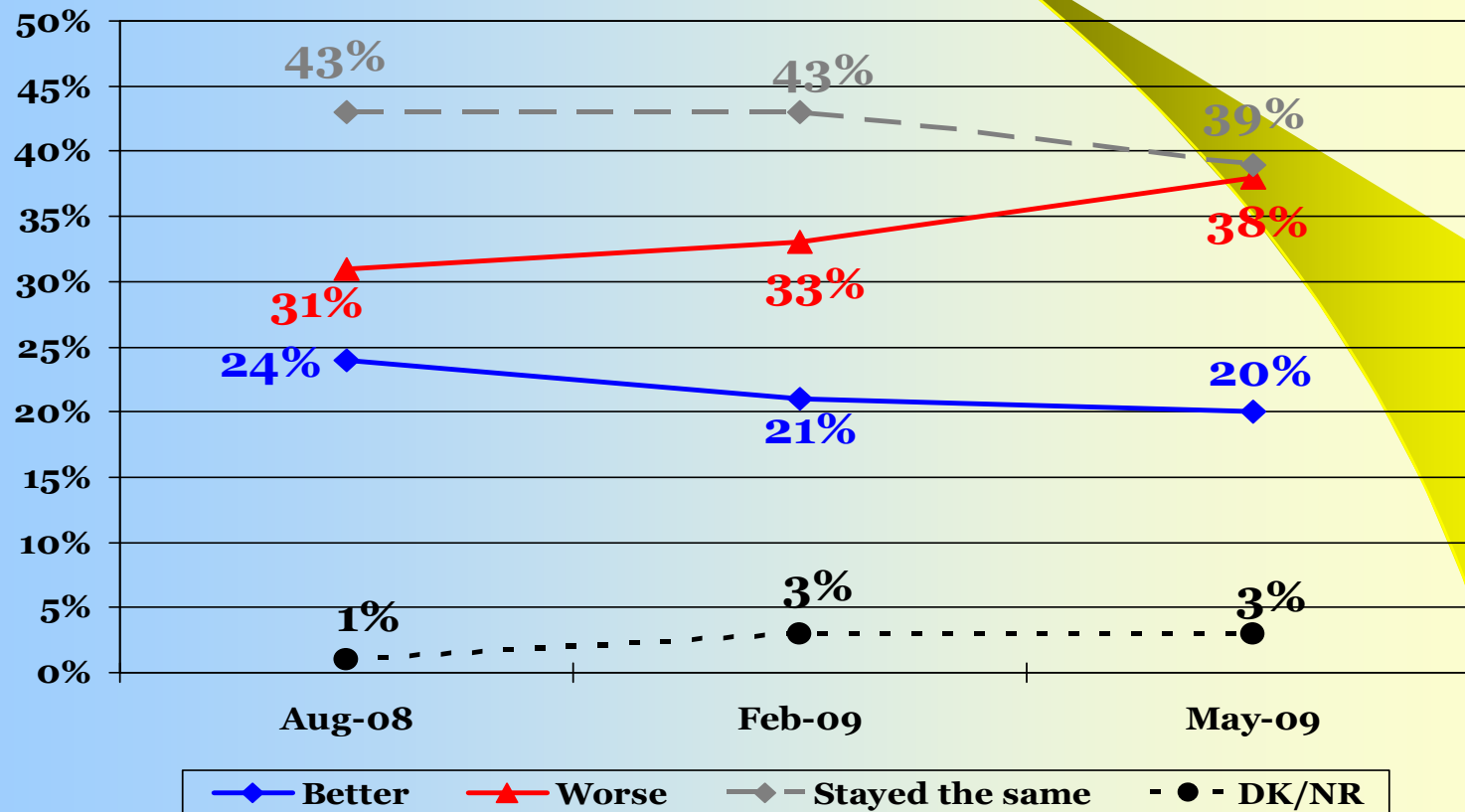
- **This survey was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the International Republican Institute. Field work was carried out by the Institute for Comparative Social Research-Kazakhstan.**
- **The national representative survey was carried out from May 9 - 23, 2009. The eligibility criteria was based on age (18 years and older). A sample of 1,516 Kazakh participants were interviewed face-to-face in their homes.**
- **The sample design was a multi-stage probability sample.**
 - **Stage one: the sample was stratified into 16 regions.**
 - **Stage two: the sample was further stratified into rural, urban and metropolitan sampling units.**
 - **Stage three: Primary Sampling Units (PSU) were described.**
- **The closest birthday rule was used for the selection of the respondent. The households were selected using random route method.**
- **The sample was distributed at the regional level, in rural and urban areas, in all 16 regions of Kazakhstan.**
- **The response rate was 67 percent.**
- **The margin of error for the survey results does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent with the confidence level of 95 percent.**
- **One hundred and thirty-six interviewers worked on the study, on average completing 10-12 interviews in one PSU. The interviews were done in Russian, Kazakh and Uzbek languages.**
- **Due to rounding, charts may not add up to 100 percent.**

SOCIAL INDICATORS INDEX

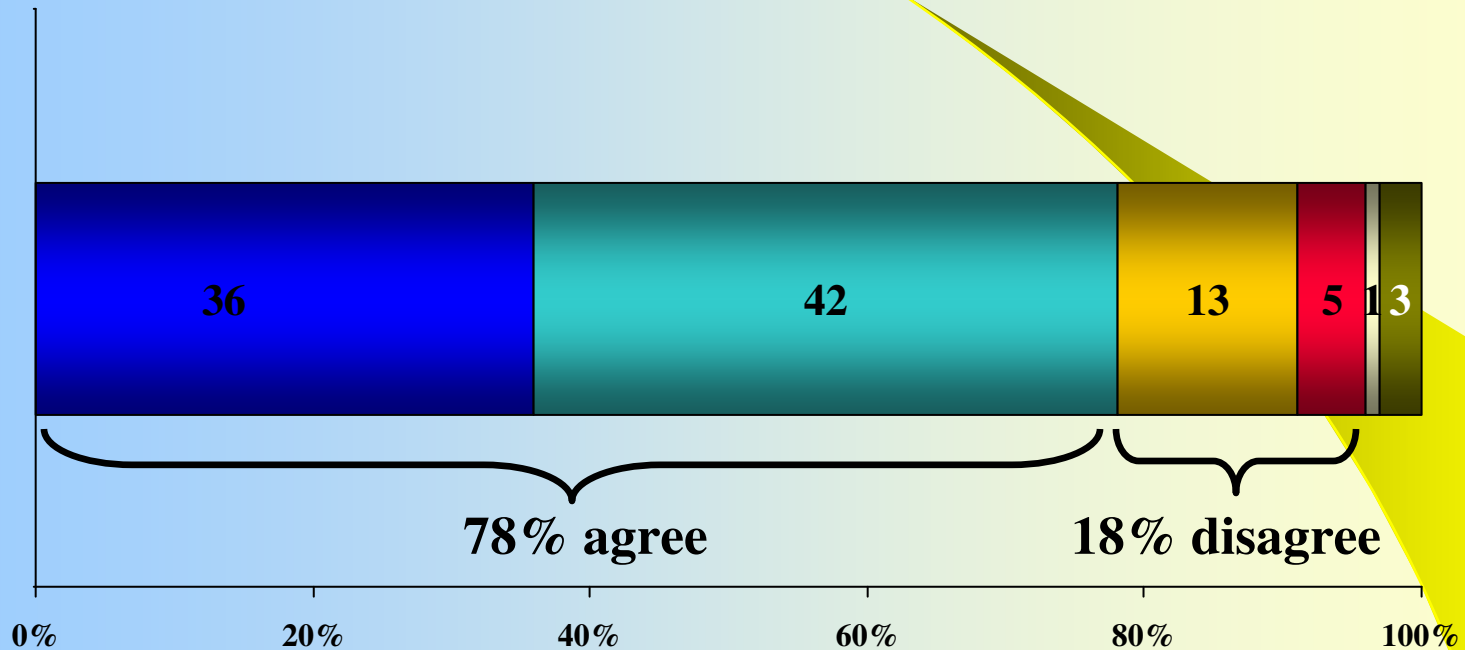
Generally speaking, would you say that things in Kazakhstan are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



In the past year, has your personal financial situation gotten better, worse, or stayed the same?

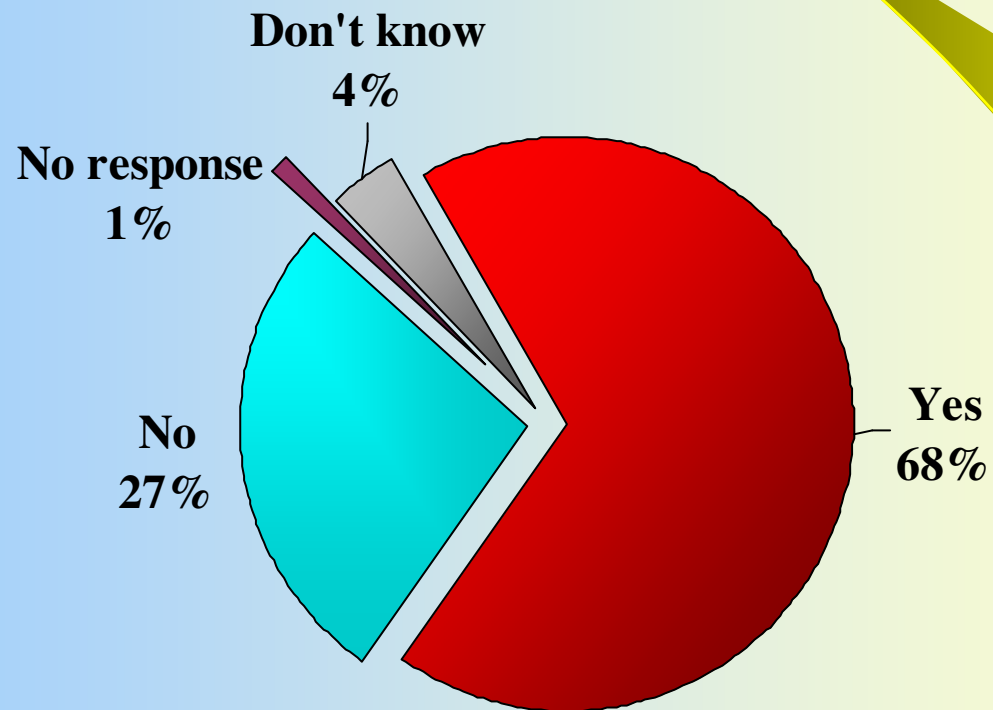


Some argue that Kazakhstan is currently experiencing a serious financial crisis. Do you agree or disagree with this idea?

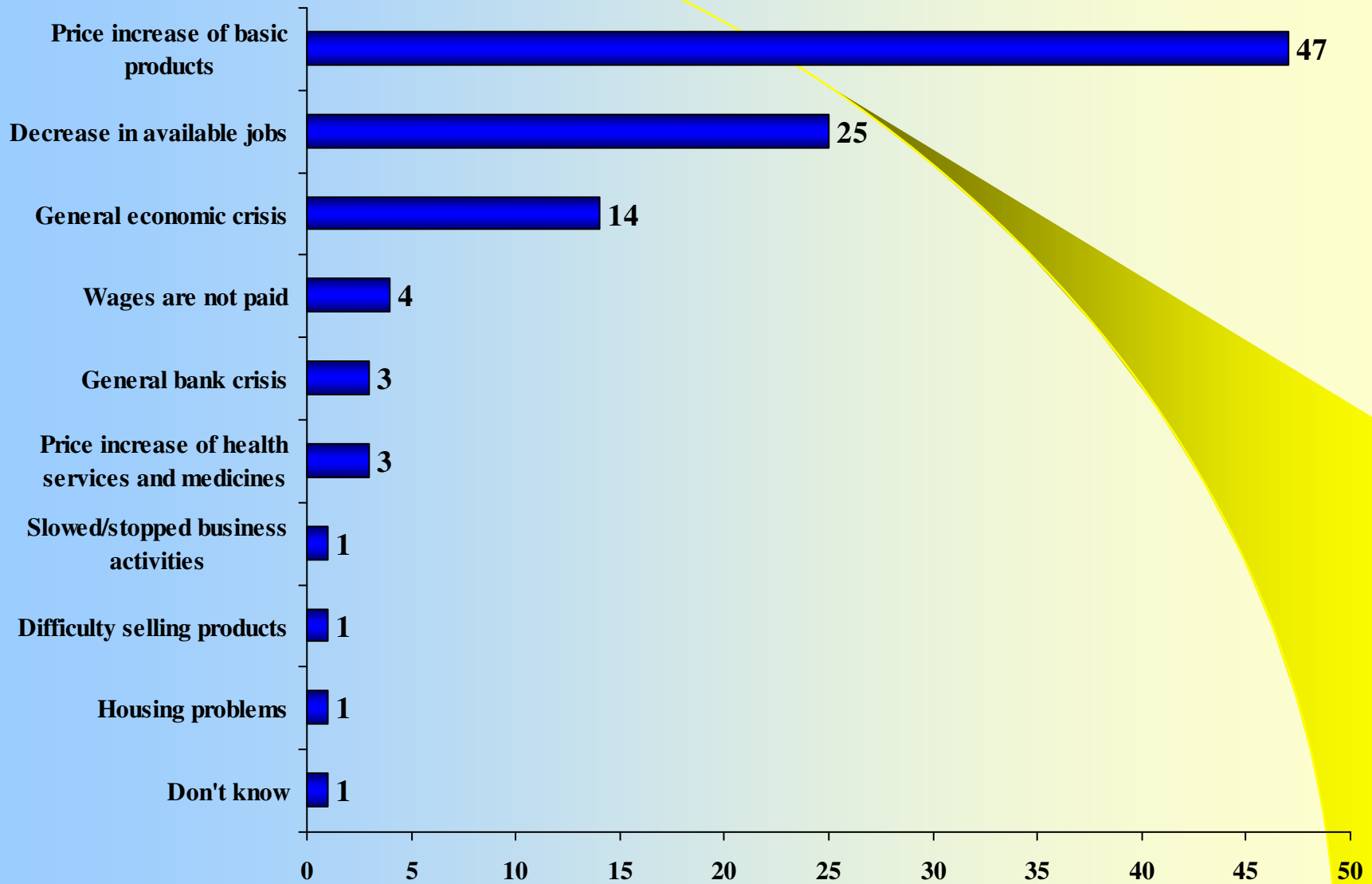


■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ No response ■ Don't know

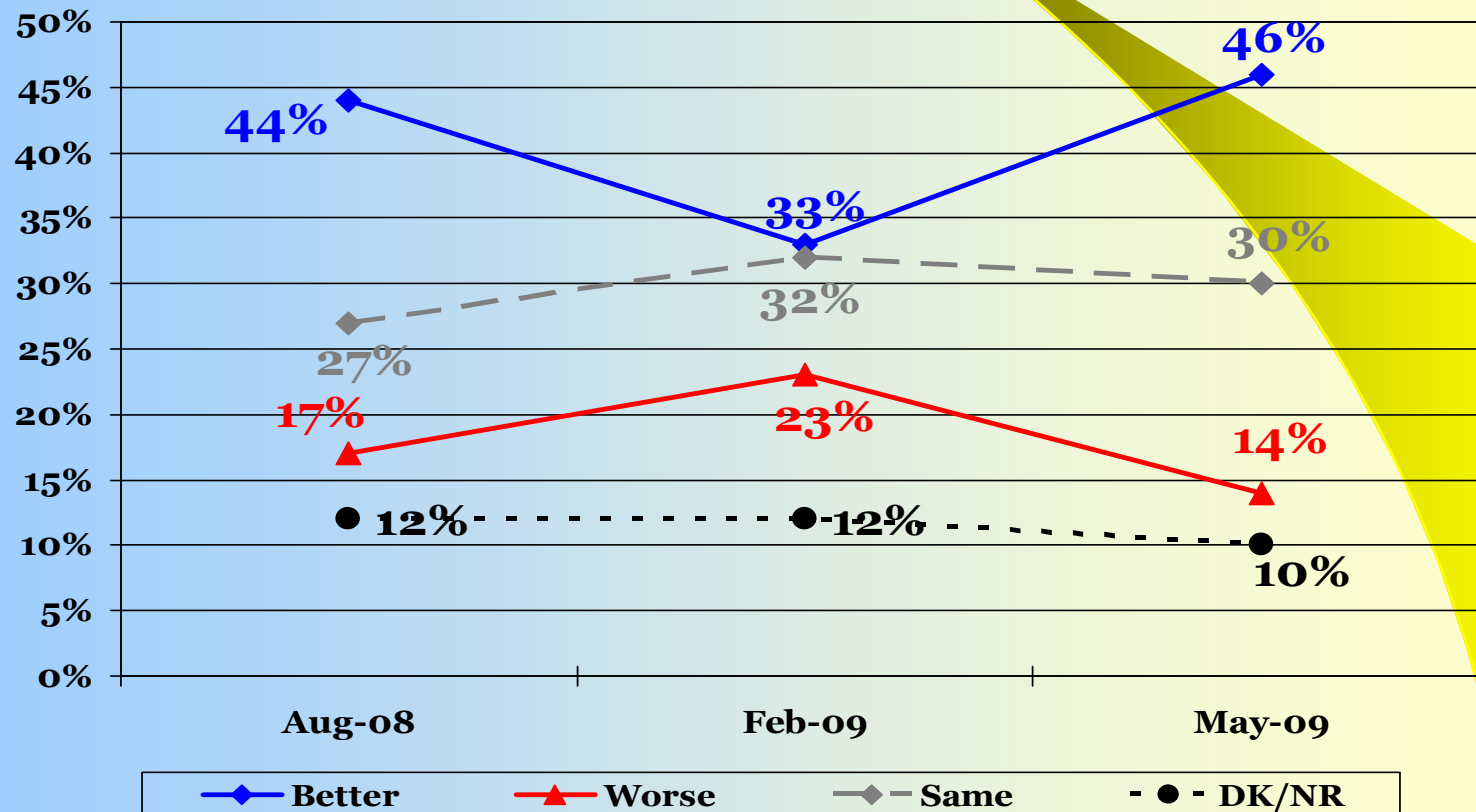
Do you feel effects of the world financial crisis in your city/village?



What one effect of the world financial crisis do you feel most?

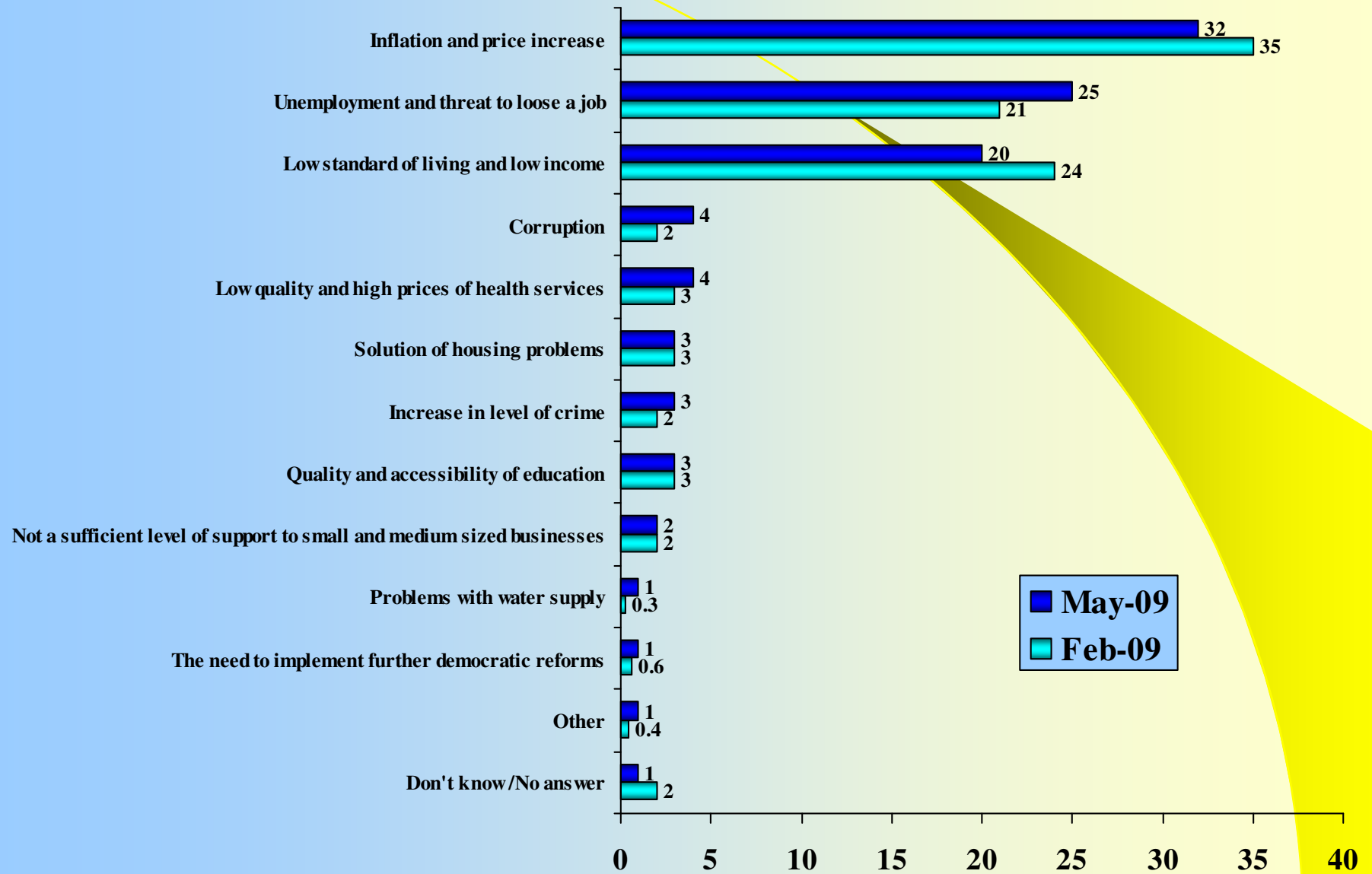


In the next year, do you expect the economic situation in Kazakhstan to get better, worse, or stay the same?

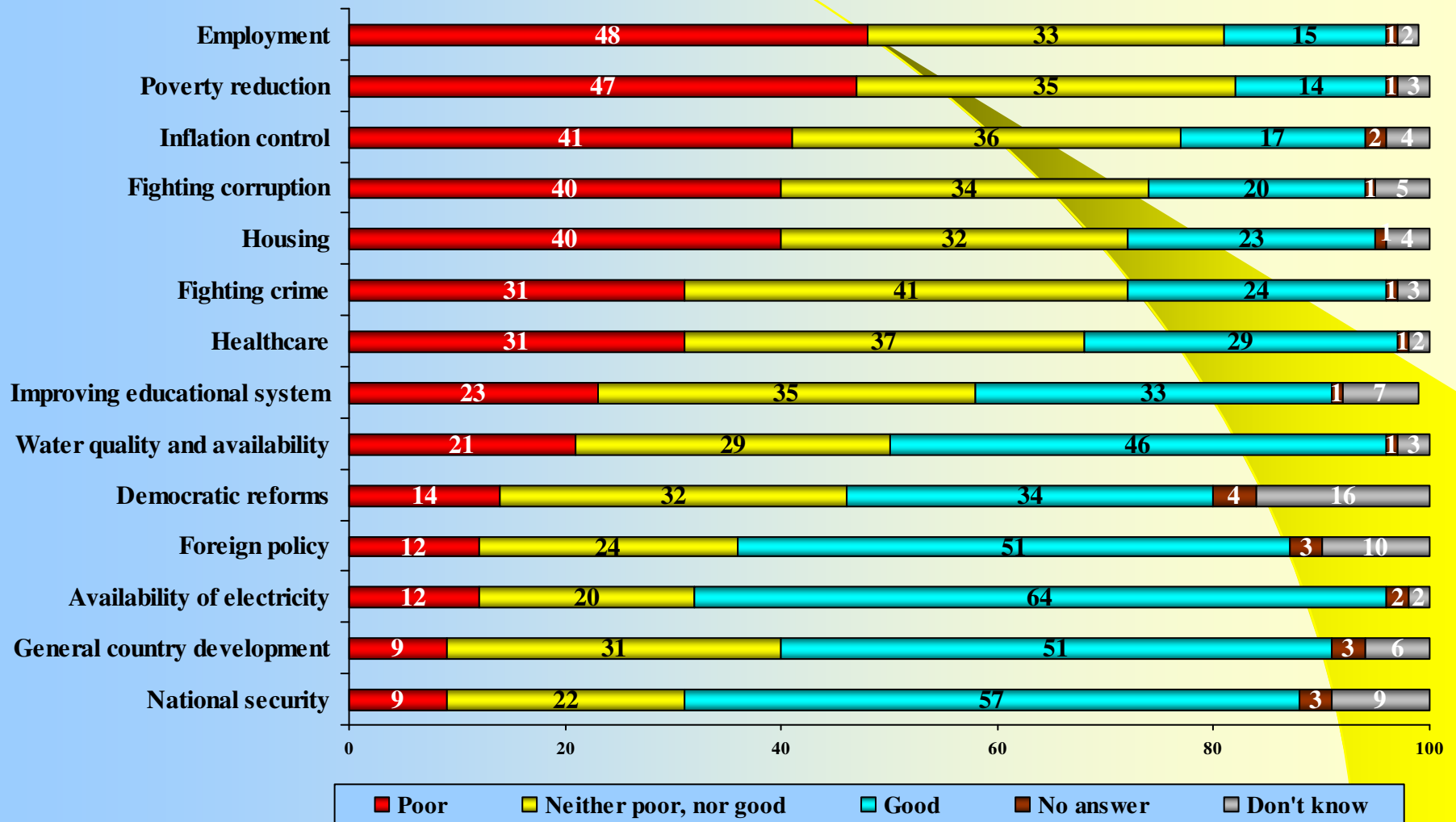


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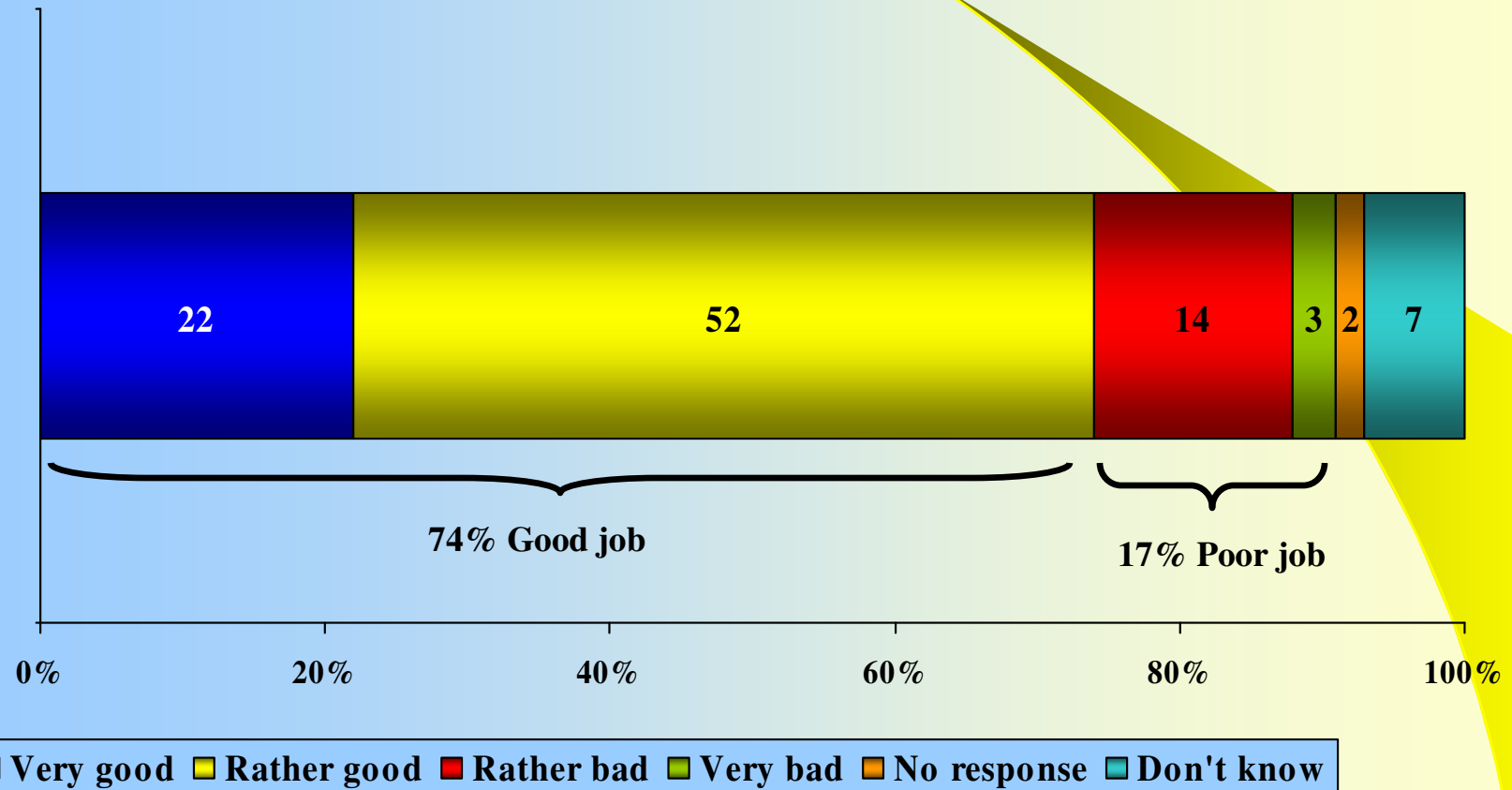
Which one of the following issues is of the greatest concern to you?



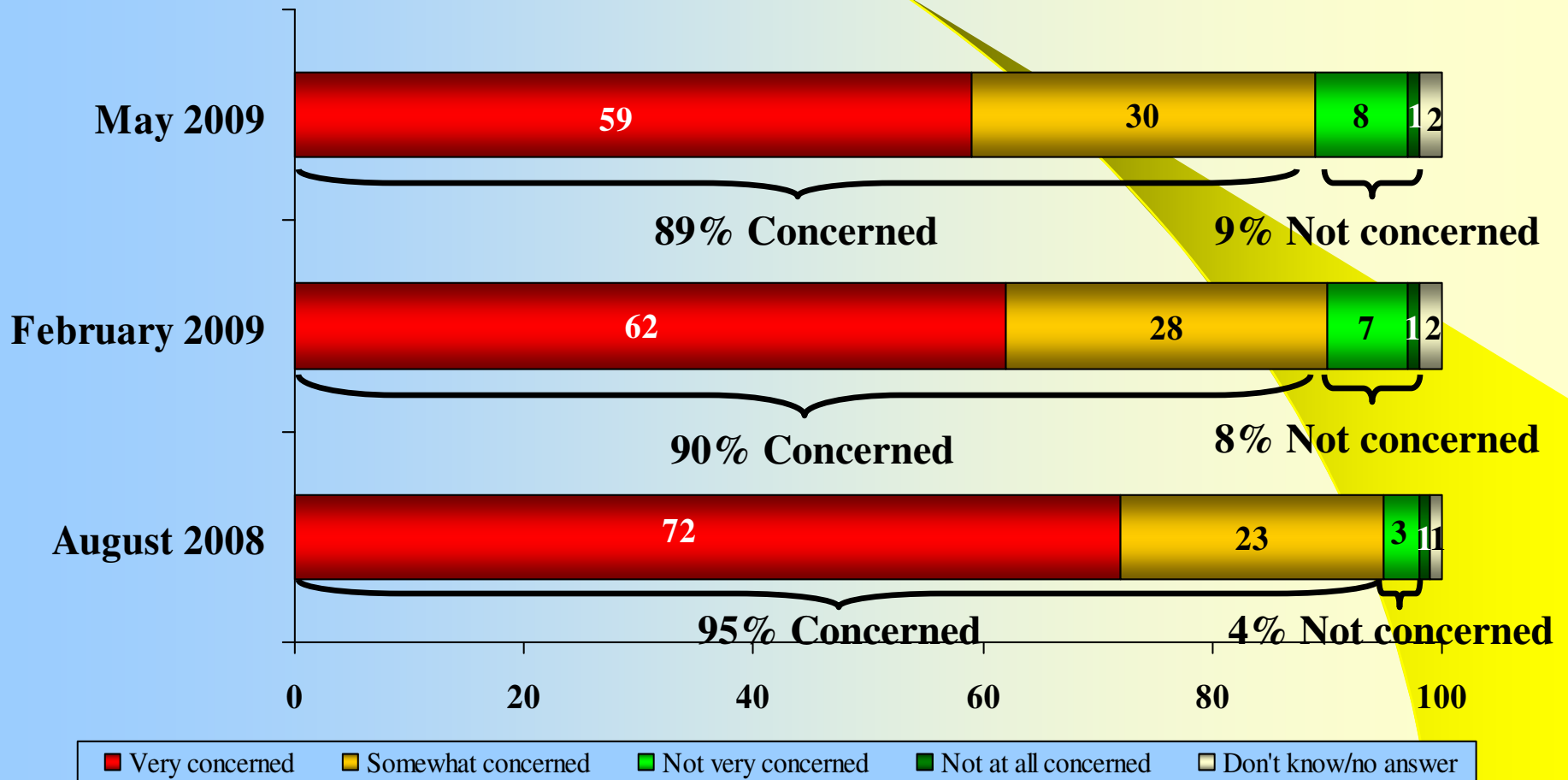
Rate the national authorities' performance on issues on a ladder scale from one to five, where one means very poor and five means very good performance.



Do you think President Nazarbaev and the government are doing a very good, rather good, rather bad or bad job handling the problems of the world financial crisis?

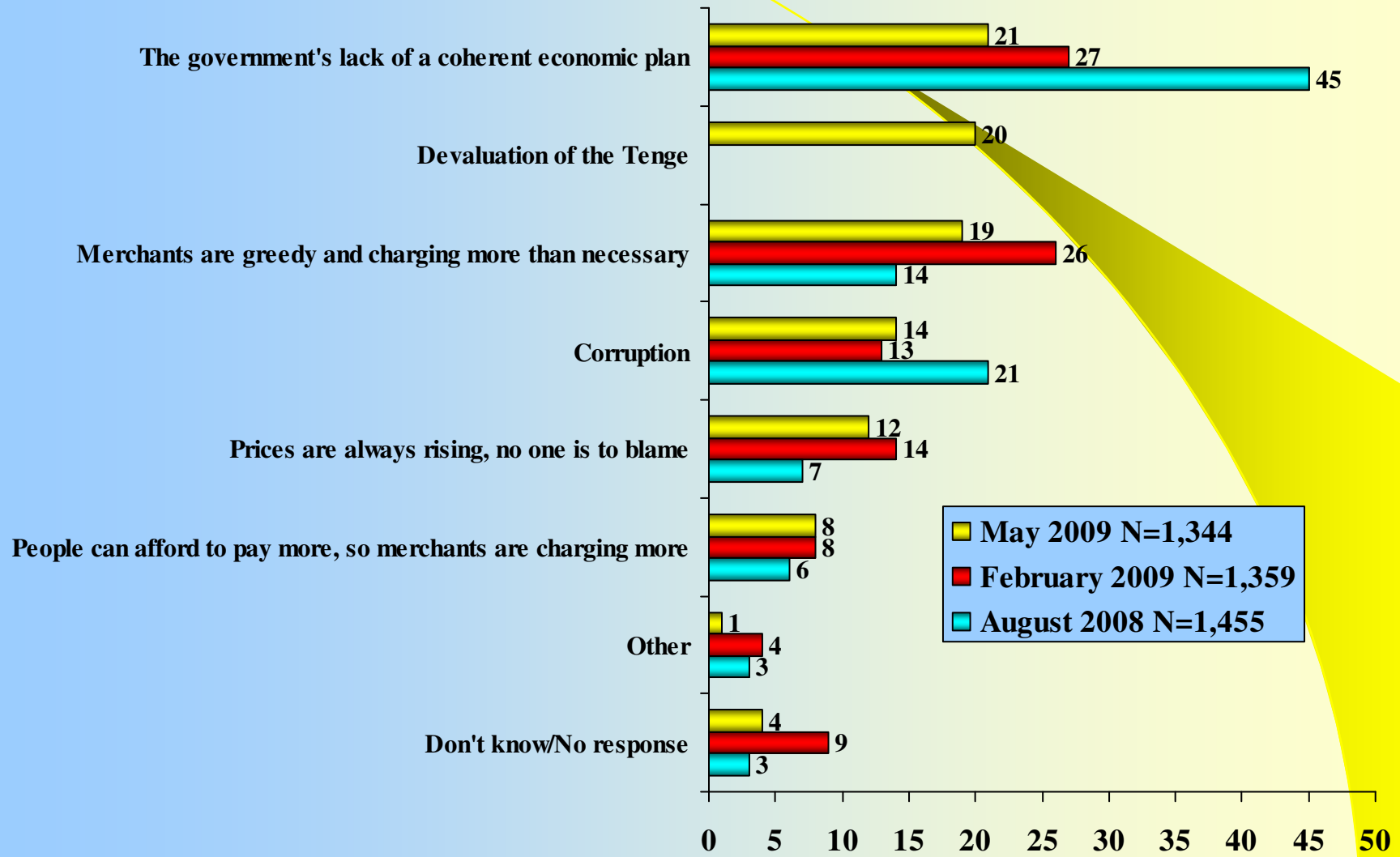


What is your opinion about high prices? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned?

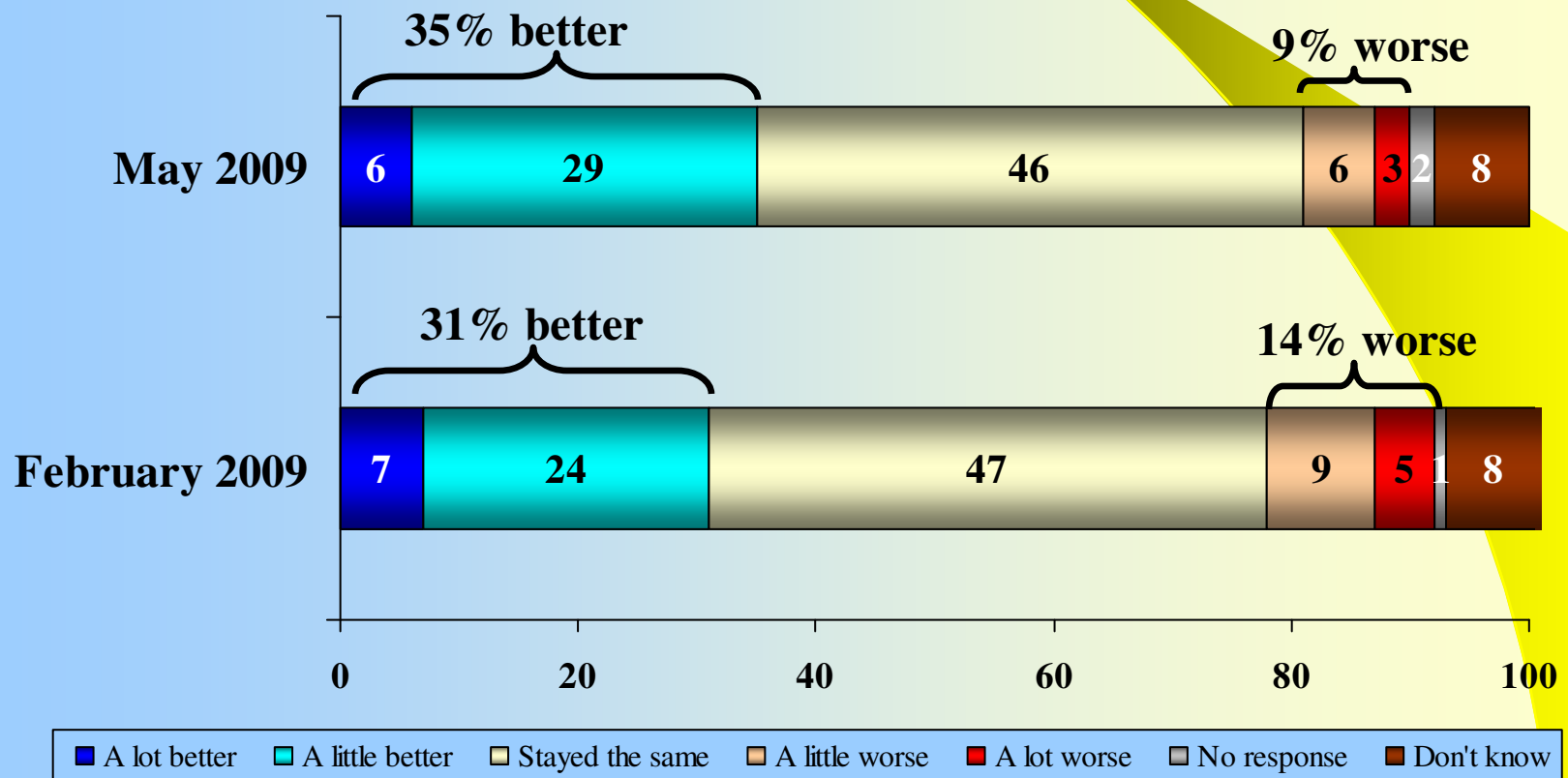


In your view, which of the following is mostly to blame for high prices?

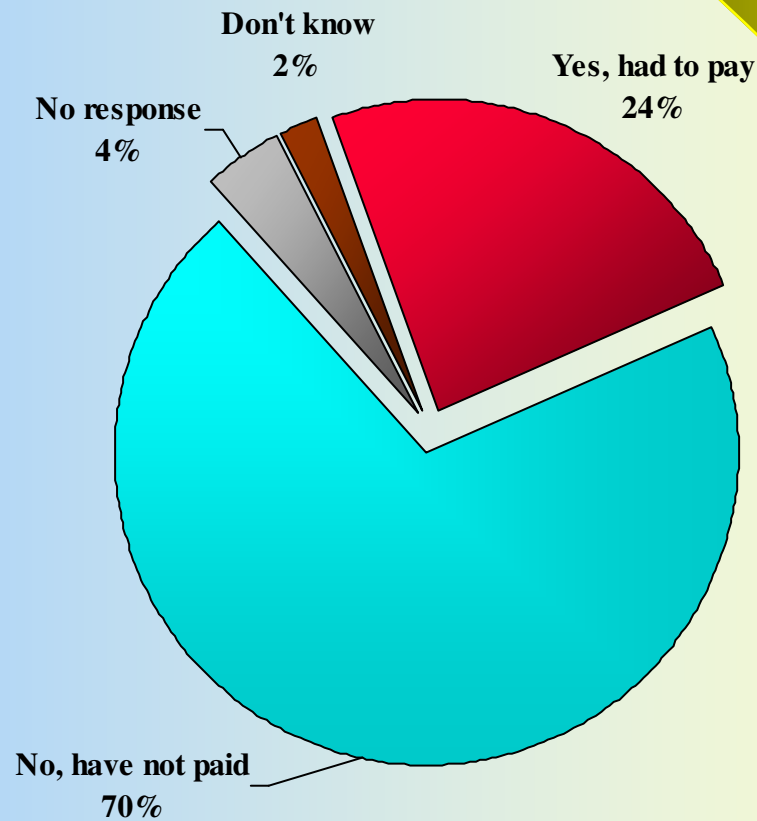
Respondents who are very or somewhat concerned about high prices.



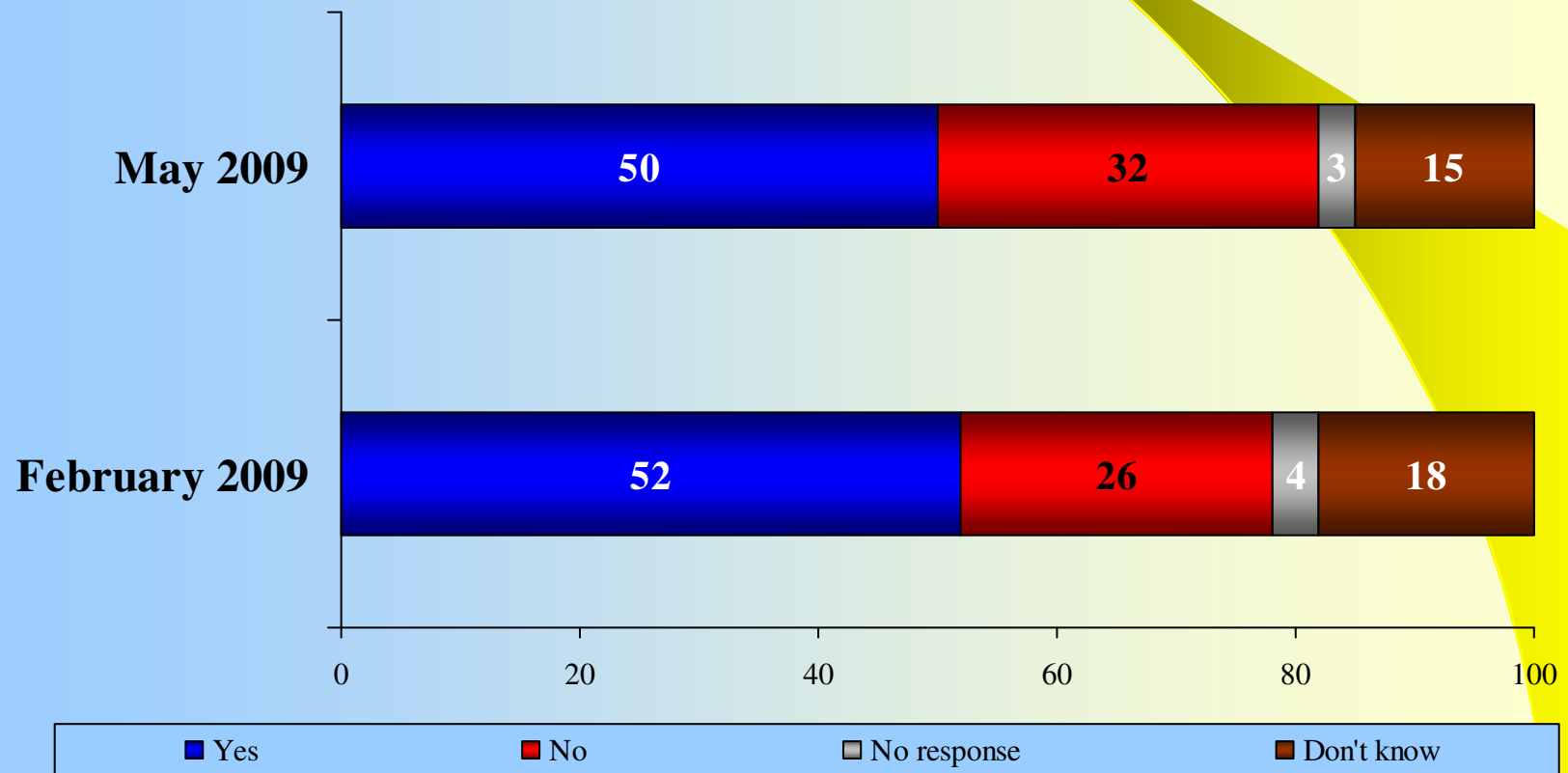
Compared to a few years ago, do you think corruption in Kazakhstan has gotten a lot better, gotten a little better, stayed the same, gotten a little worse or gotten a lot worse?



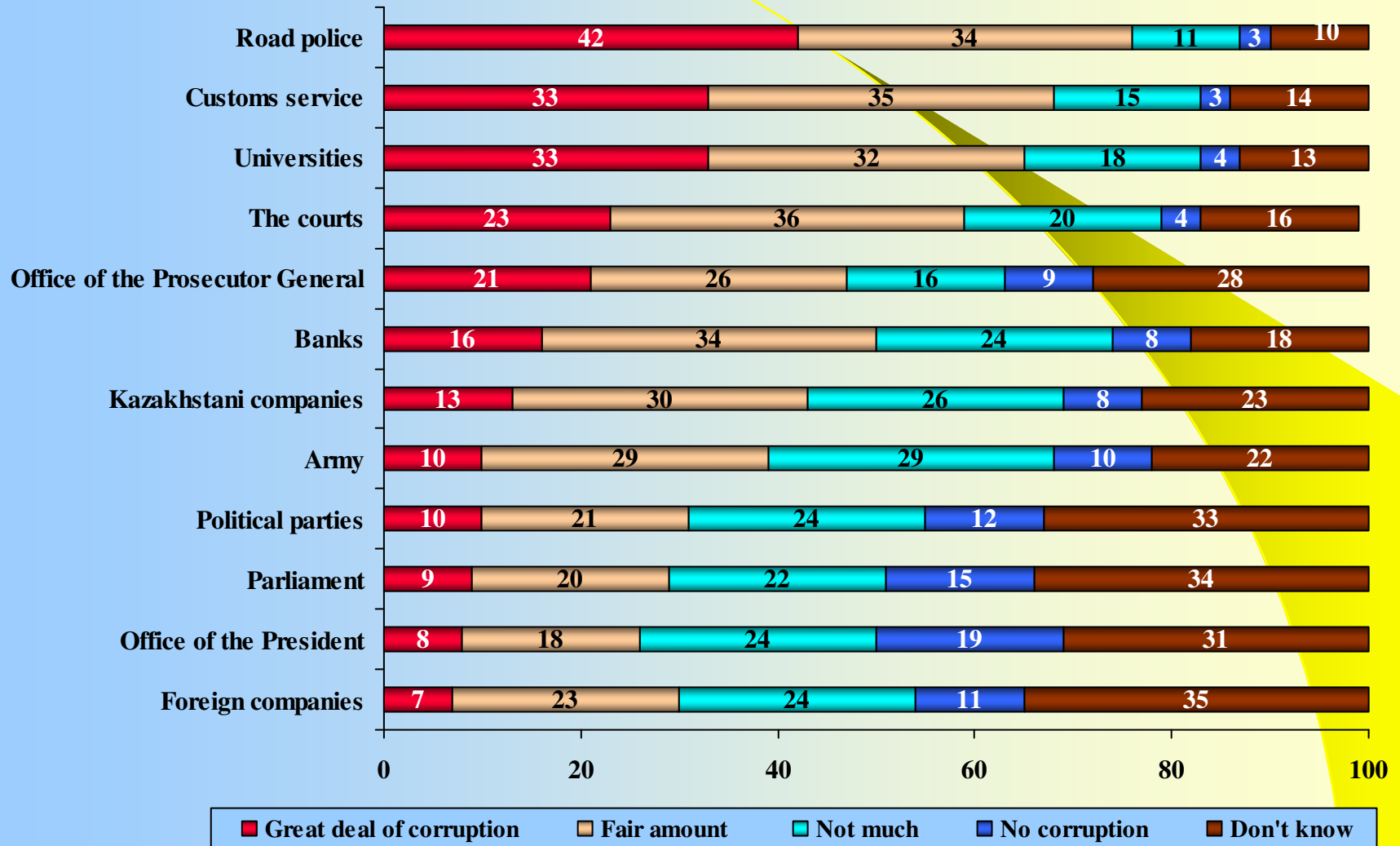
Have you been in a situation over the last 12 months in which you have had to pay a bribe in order to get a service or a decision that you needed?



Thinking of the next few years, do you think that the current political leadership is capable of significantly reducing the level of corruption in Kazakhstan?

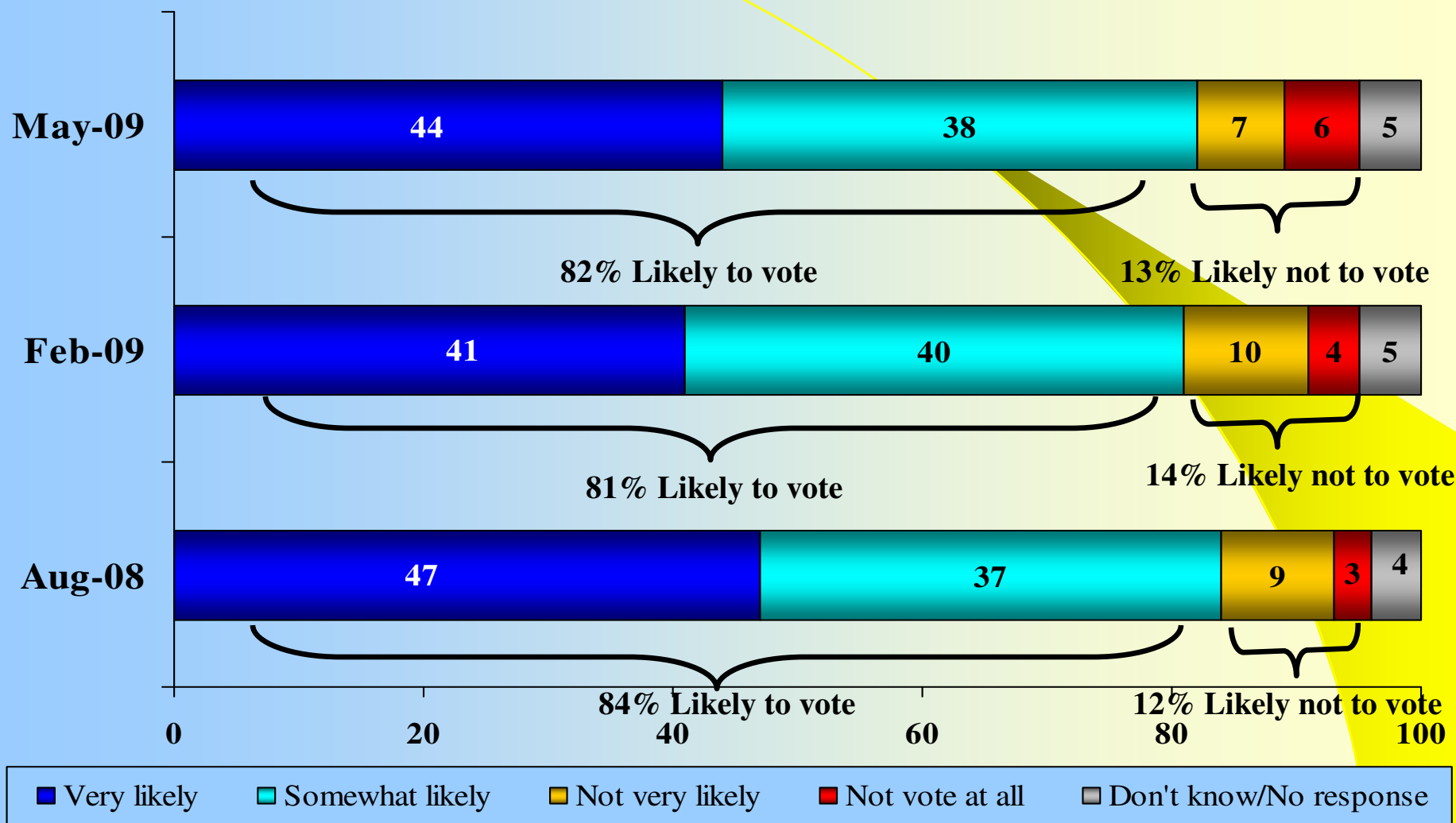


Please tell how much corruption you think there is among each of the following institutions. Do you think there is none, not very much, a fair amount or a great deal?



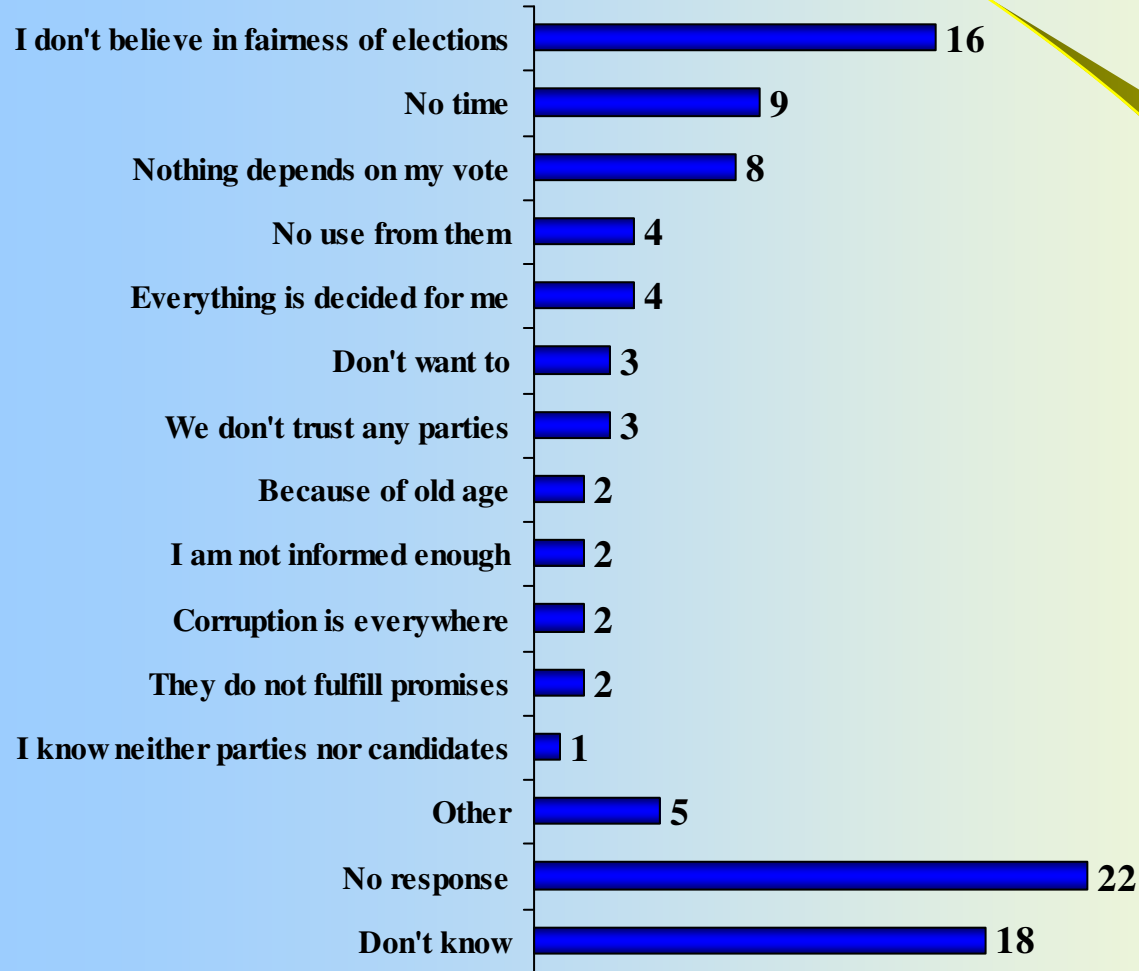
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If parliamentary elections were held next week, how likely is it that you would vote?

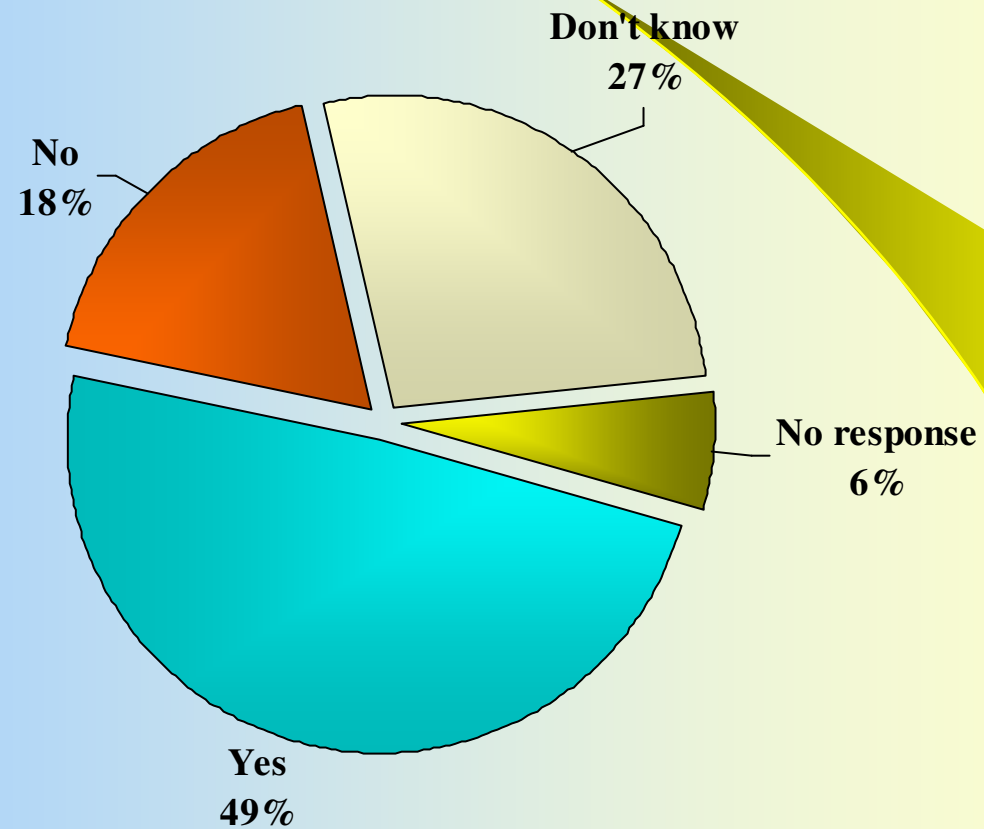


Why wouldn't you vote in parliamentary elections if they were held next week?

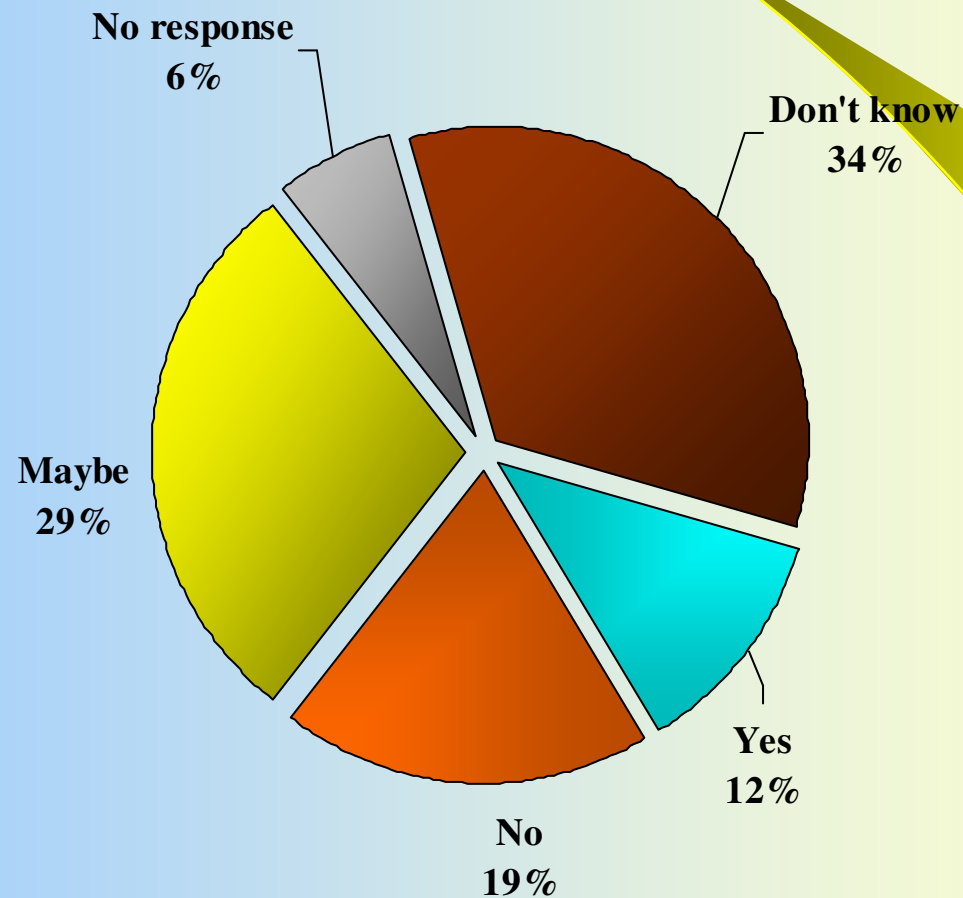
(If not very likely to vote or not at all. N=195)



Will the 2012 presidential election be free and fair?

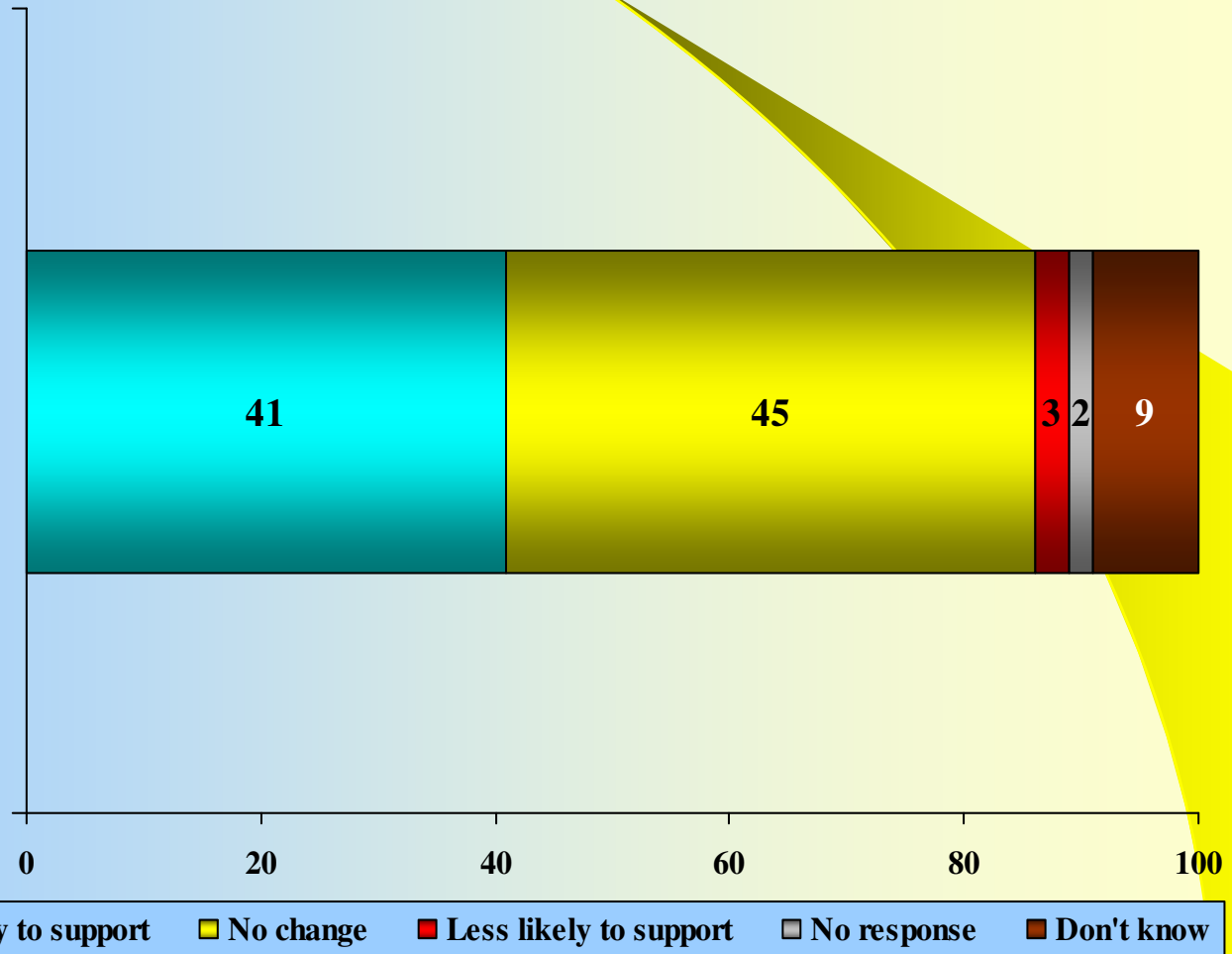


Democratic Party Azat, People's Party Alga (DCK), All National Social Democratic Party (OSDP) and the Communist Party of Kazakhstan have recently decided to form a democratic opposition alliance. Would you be open to supporting this alliance or not?



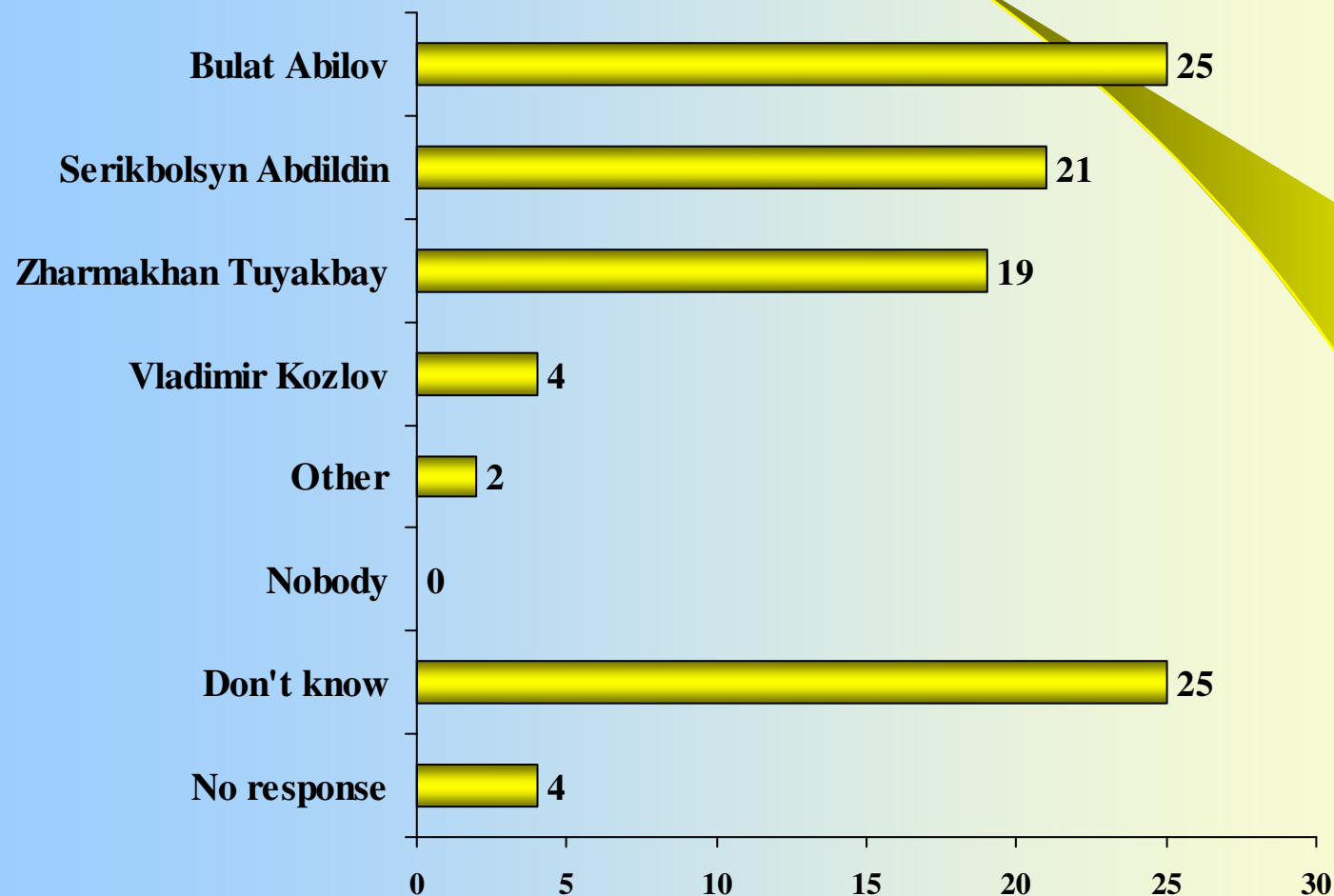
Thinking about this democratic opposition alliance, would you be more or less likely to support the alliance if these four parties decided to unite and form one new opposition party?

Respondents open to supporting this alliance (N=185)



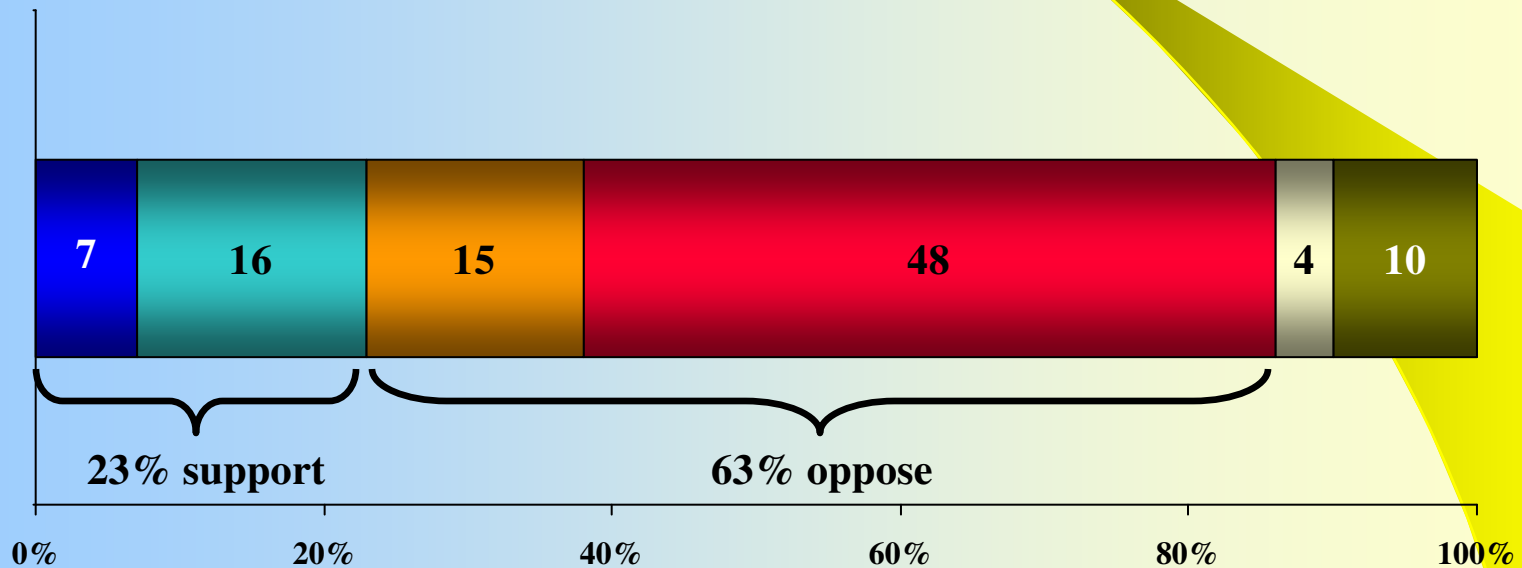
Thinking again about this democratic opposition alliance, if they were to field one candidate in the next presidential election, who do you believe would be the best candidate?

(Respondents open to supporting this alliance. N=185)



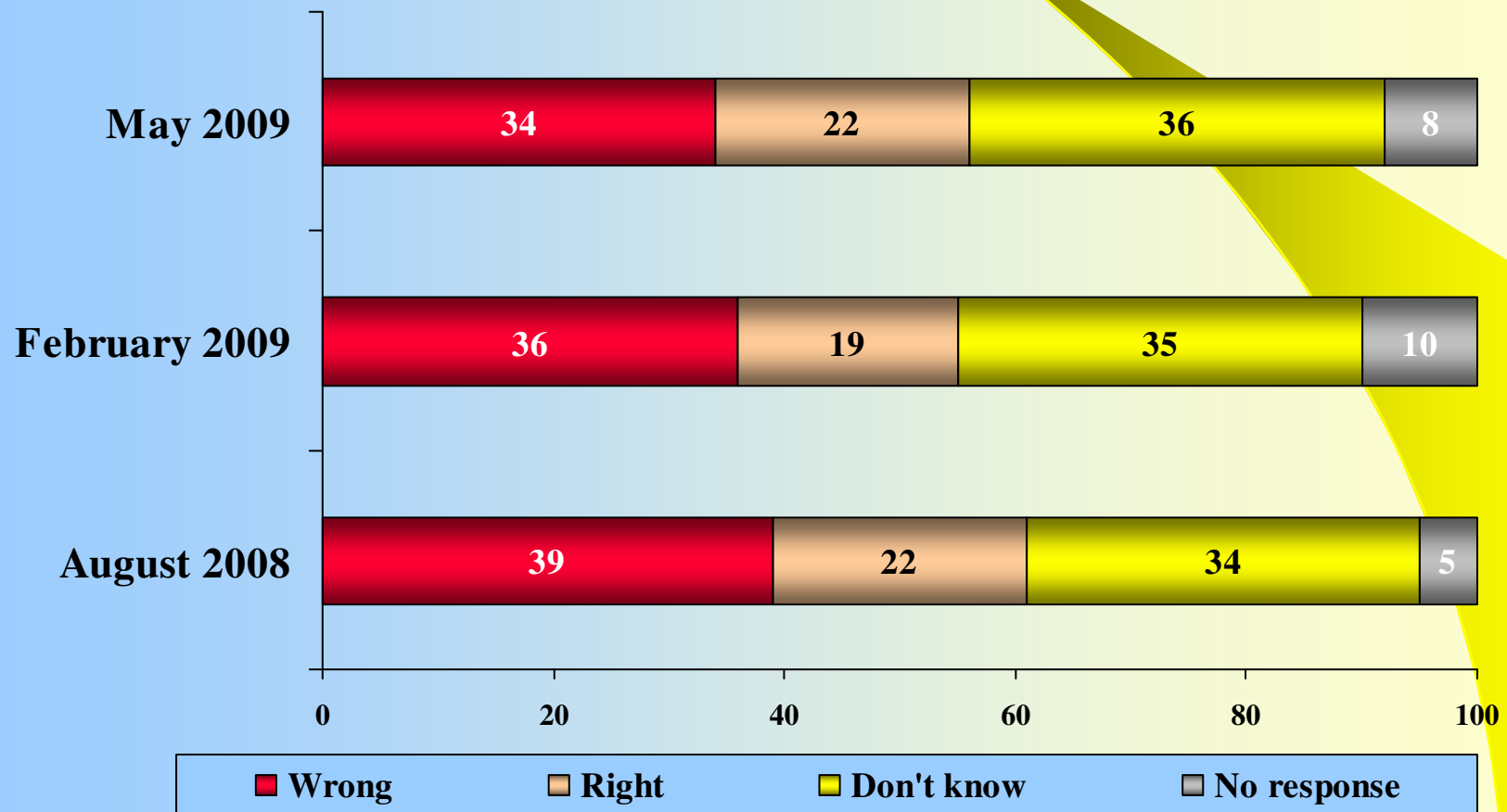
OTHER ISSUES

Recently President Nazarbaev has offered to host an international nuclear fuel bank in the country that would hold a reserve of low-enriched uranium for nuclear fuel for various countries to use for peaceful purposes. Would you support the creation of a nuclear bank in Kazakhstan?

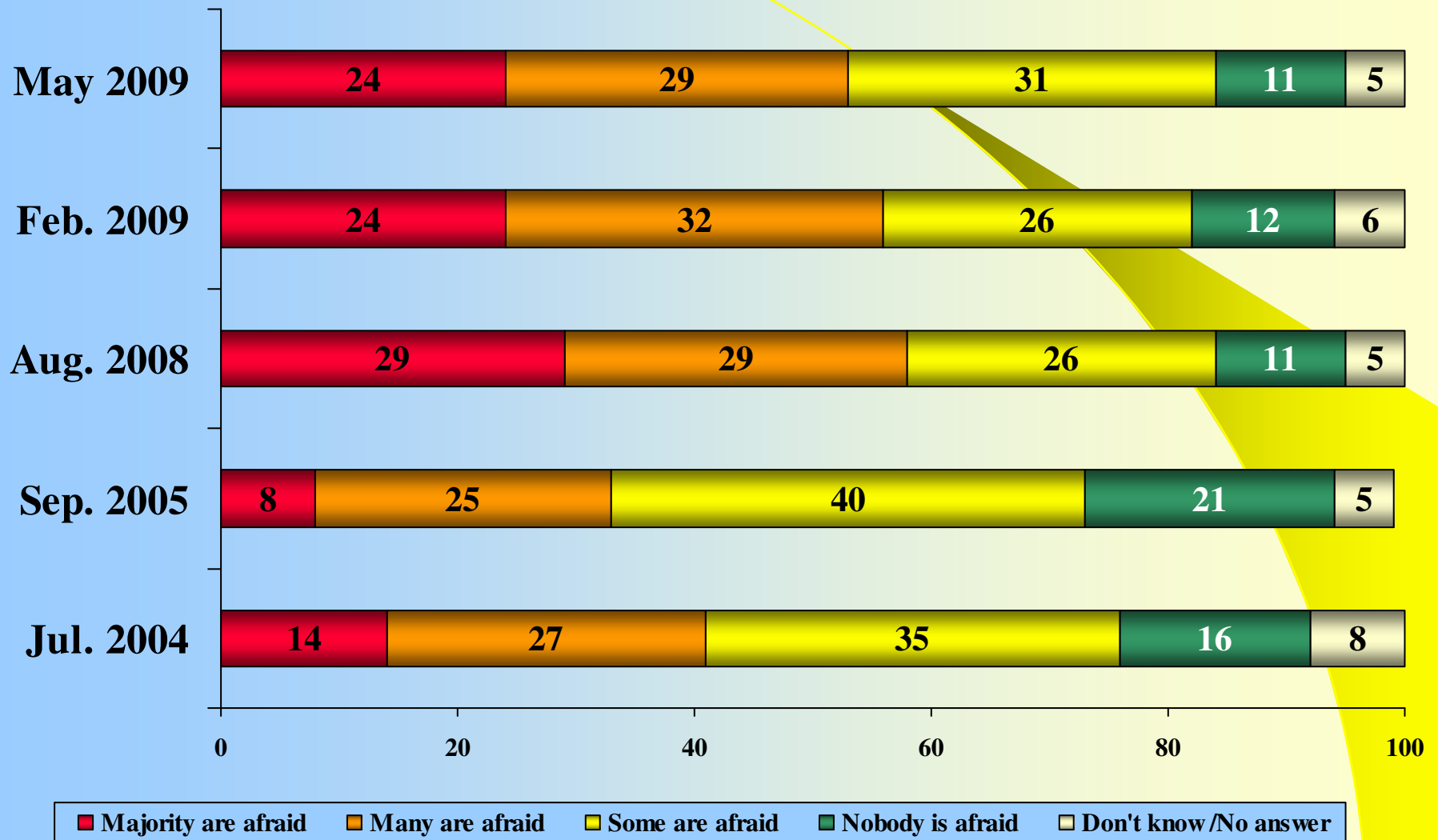


■ Strongly support ■ Somewhat support ■ Somewhat oppose ■ Strongly oppose ■ No response ■ Don't know

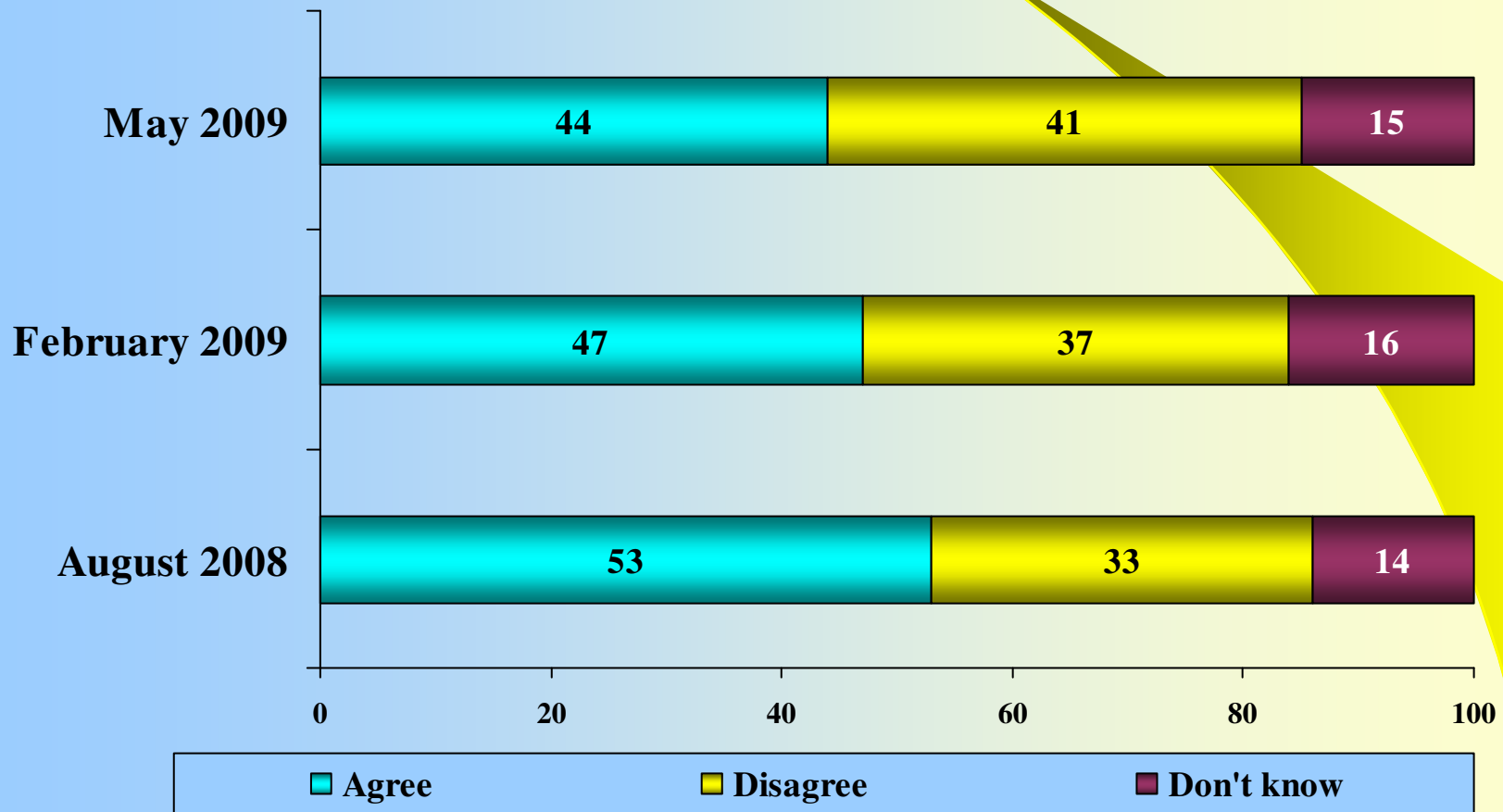
Since Democratic Choice of Kazakhstan (DCK) was banned in 2005, its successor Alga (DCK) has been unable to obtain registration with the Ministry of Justice. Do you believe that it is wrong for the government to deny legal status to a major opposition party?



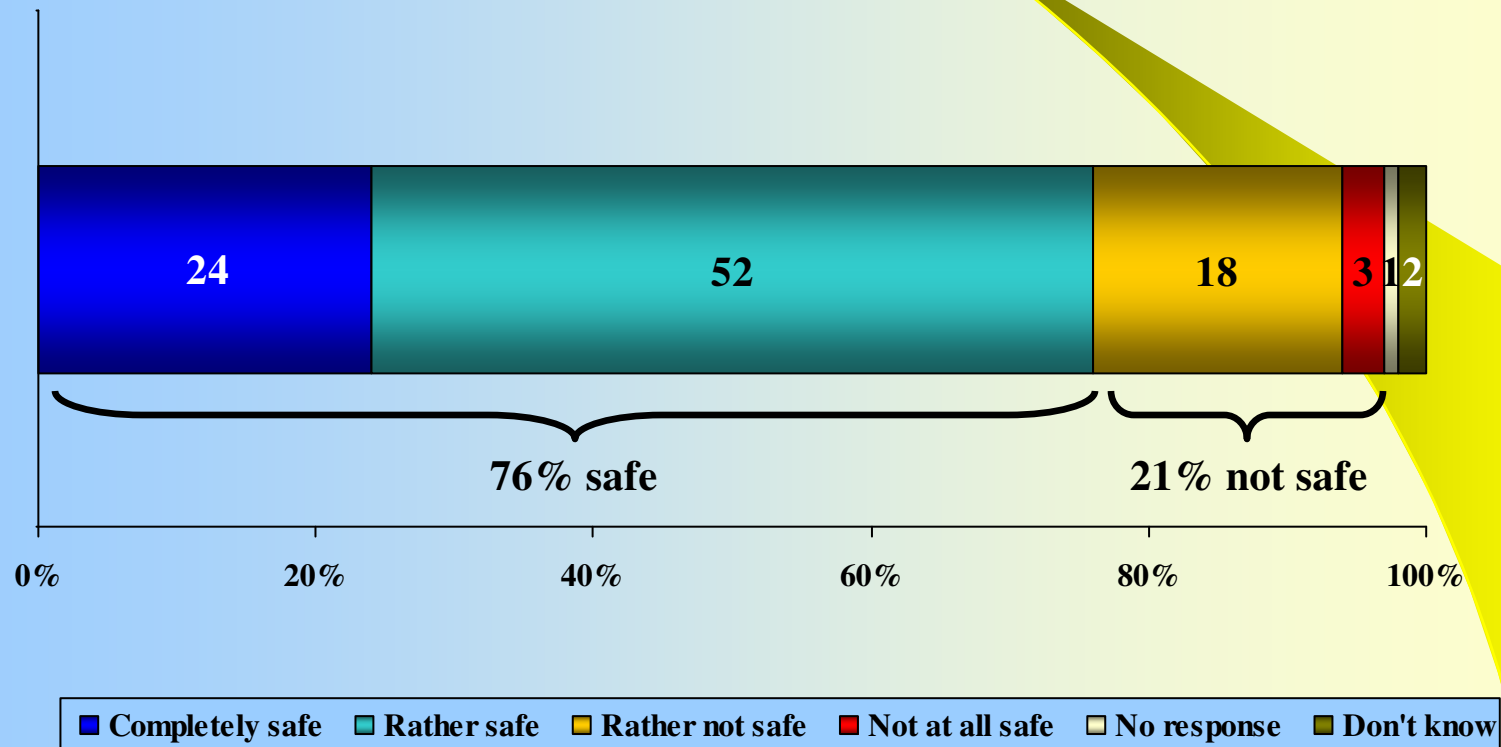
Are people in Kazakhstan afraid to openly express their political views?



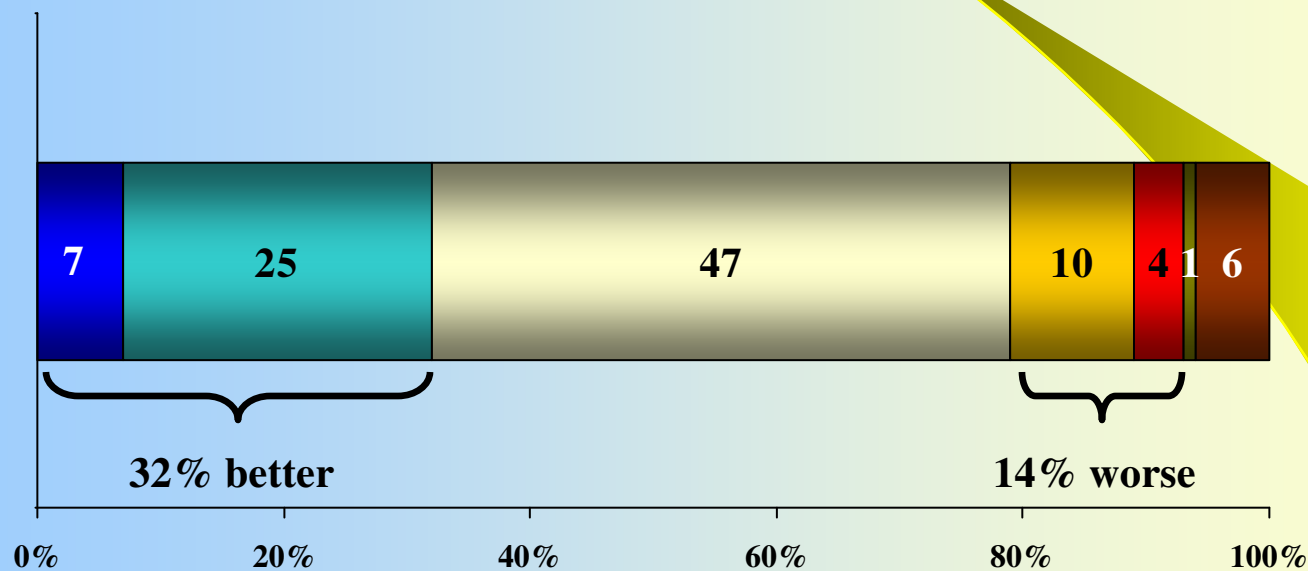
How much do you agree with the following statement? Religious extremism is a threat to Kazakhstan.



How safe do you feel in the city/village where you live?

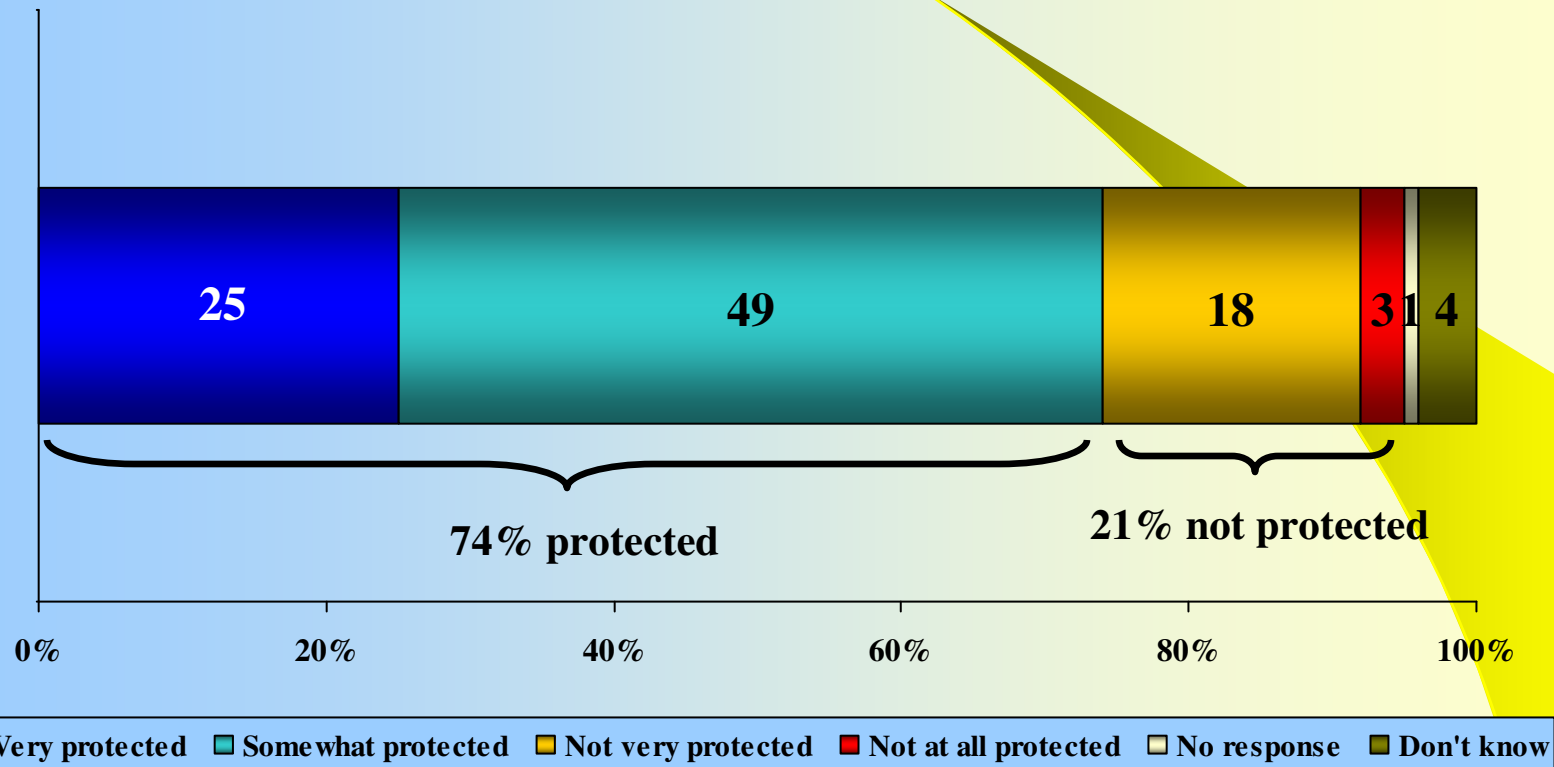


In the last six months, would you say that the criminal situation in your city/village became worse, remained the same, or improved?



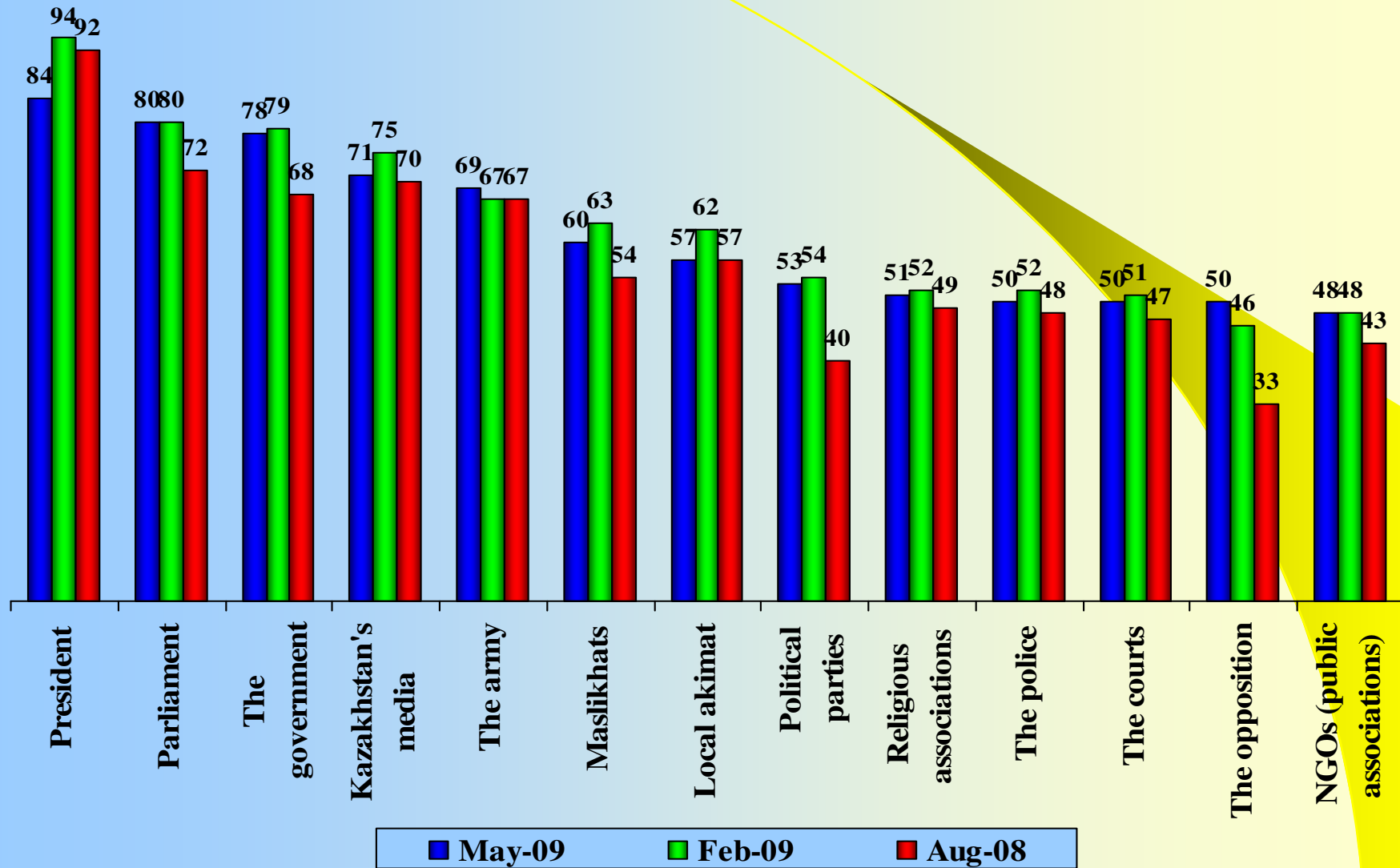
■ Much better ■ Somewhat better ■ Remained the same ■ Somewhat worse ■ Much worse ■ No response ■ Don't know

Are property rights in your city/village protected?

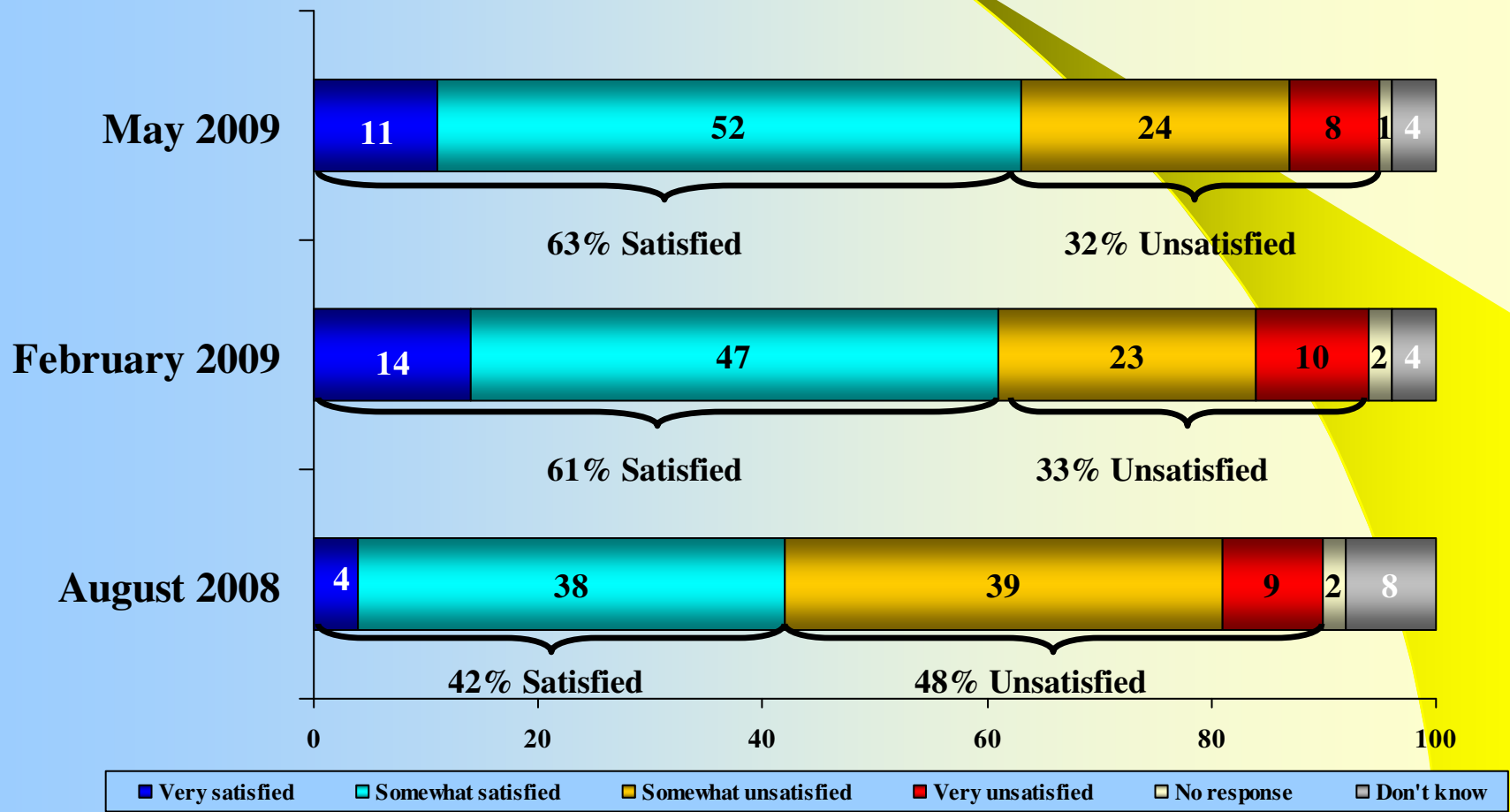


INSTITUTIONAL RATINGS

How would you rate each of the following institutions? (Favorable)

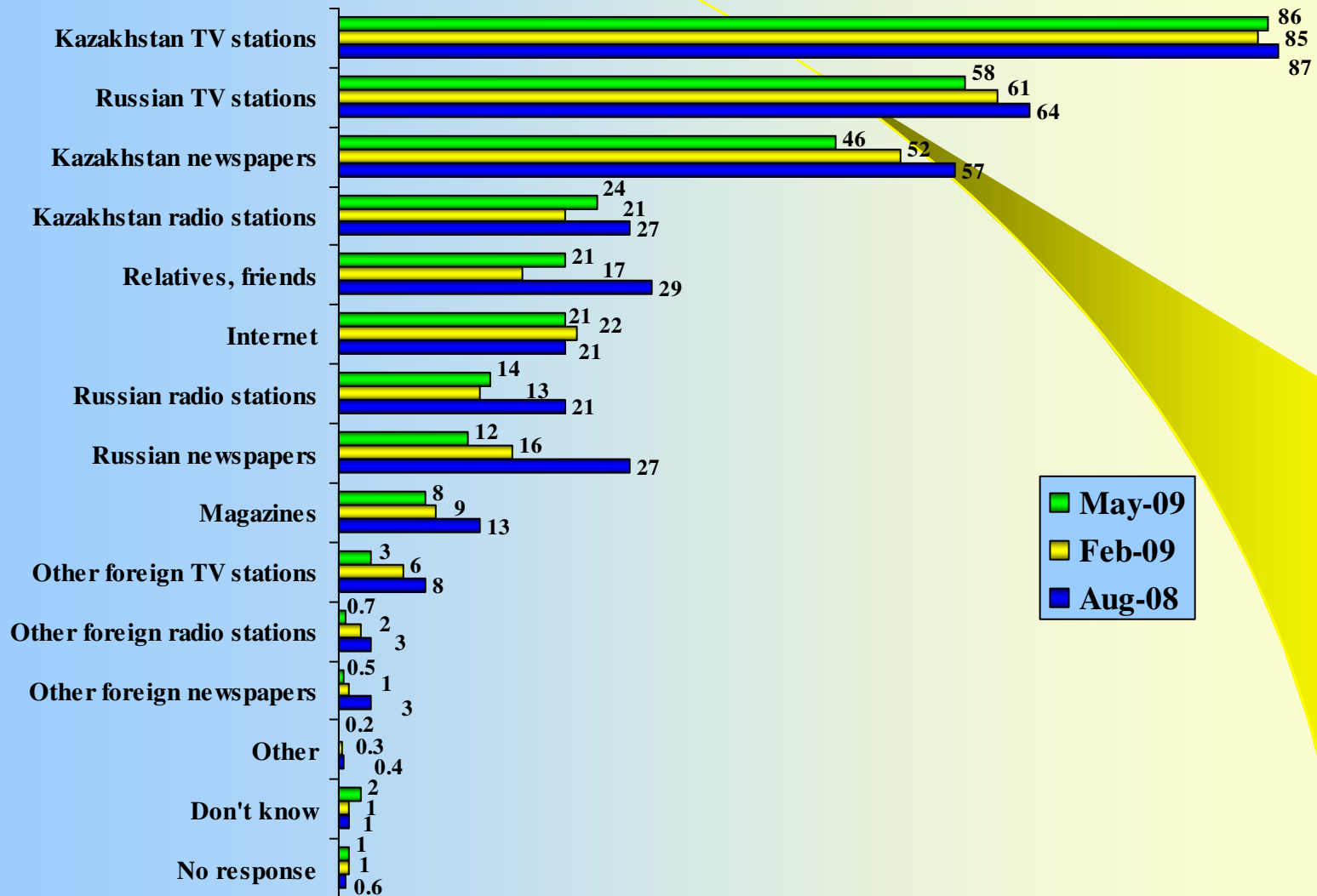


Are you satisfied with the quality of work provided by the local government in your city/village?

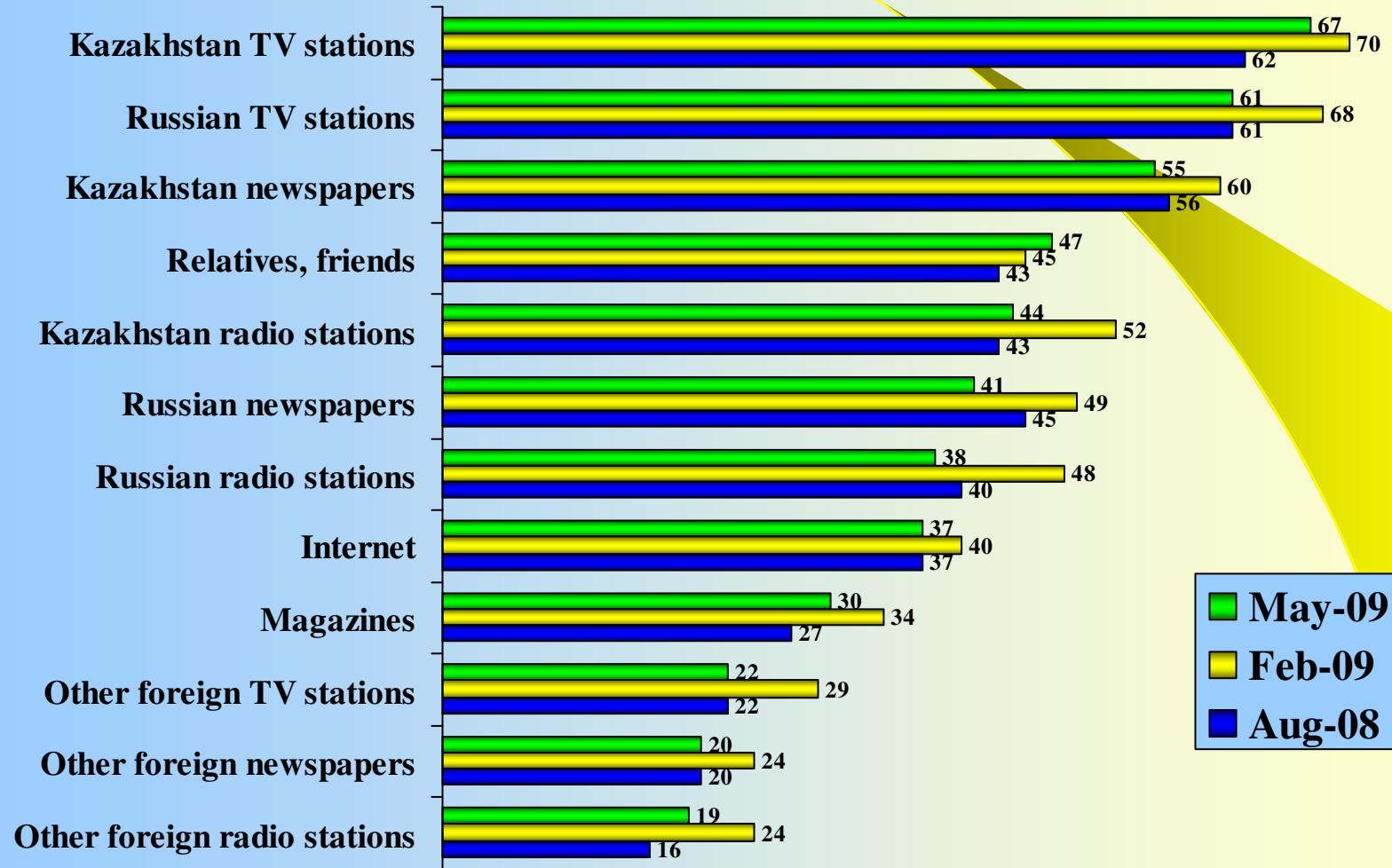


SOURCES OF INFORMATION

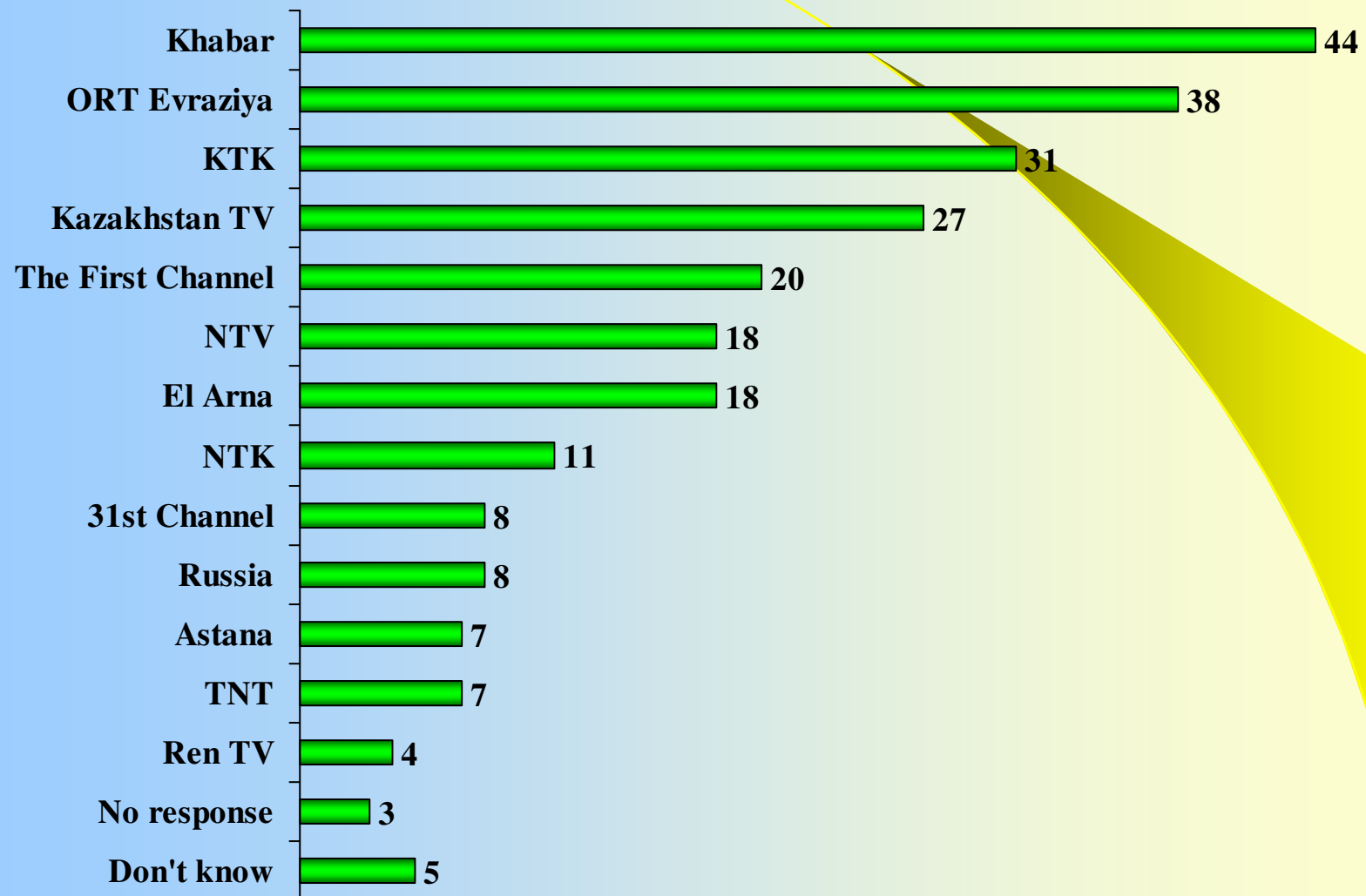
What are the main sources of political information for you?



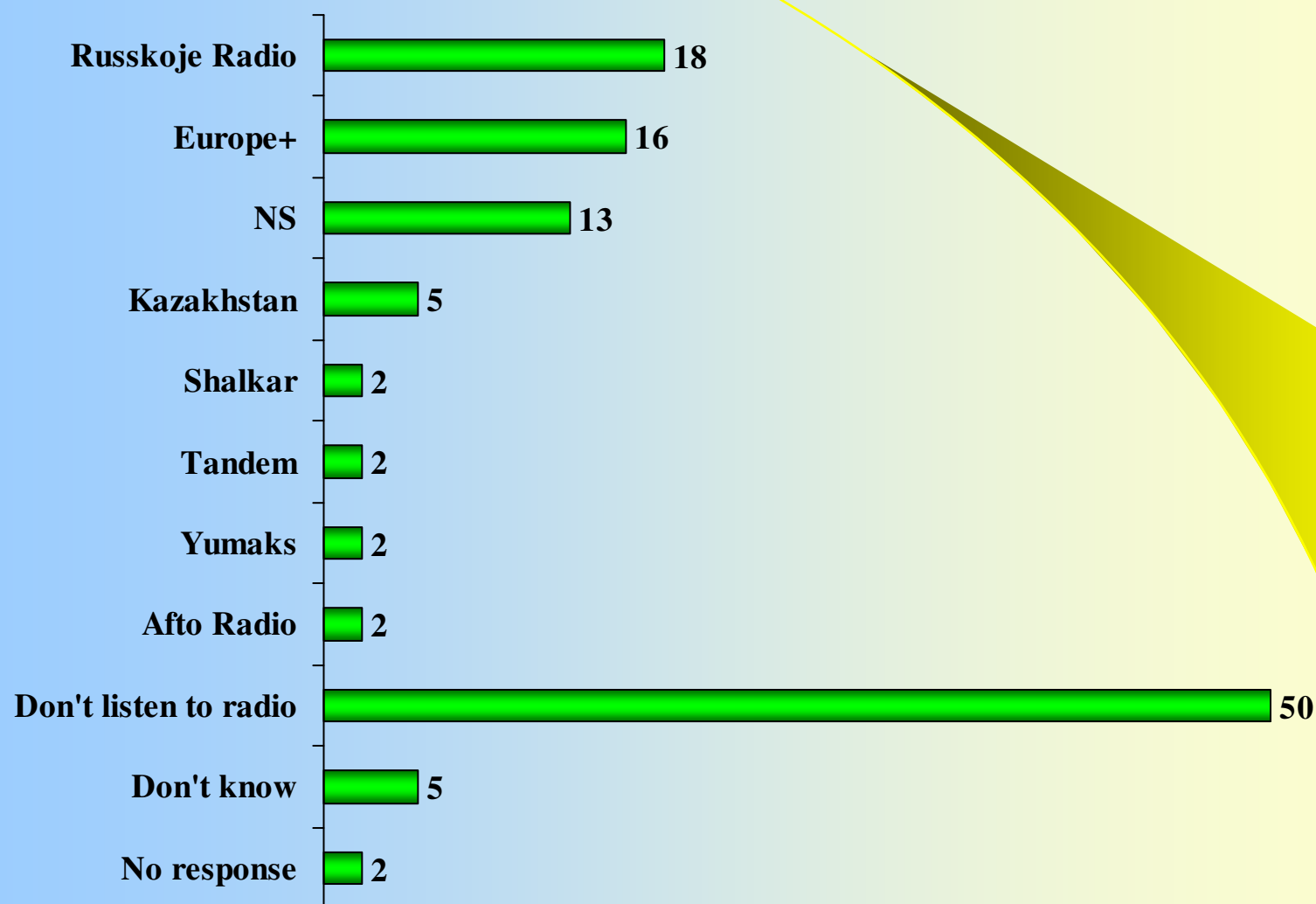
How do you rate the credibility of these information sources on a five-point scale where one means very unreliable and five means very credible?



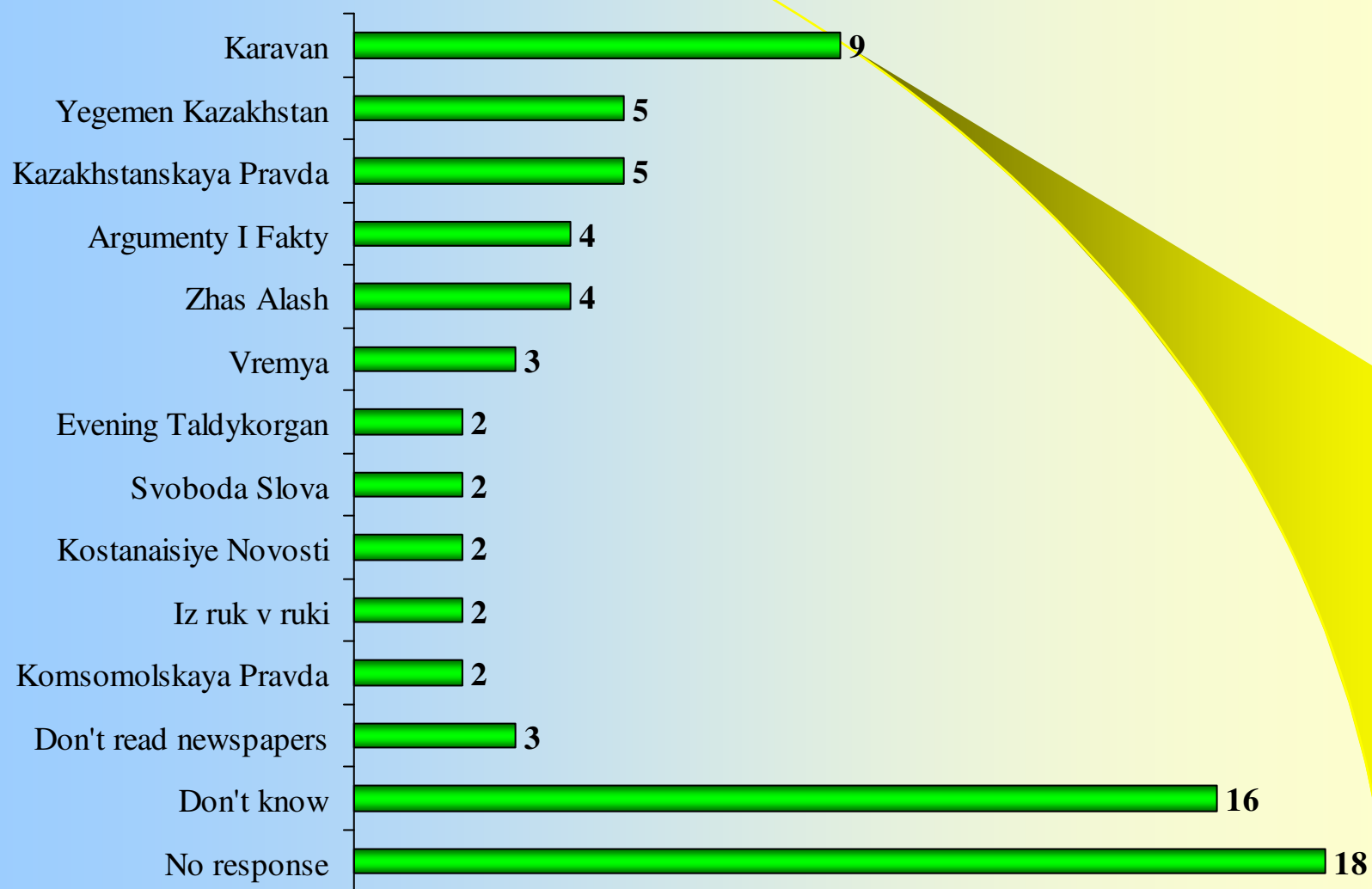
Which TV stations do you watch regularly? (Most often mentioned)



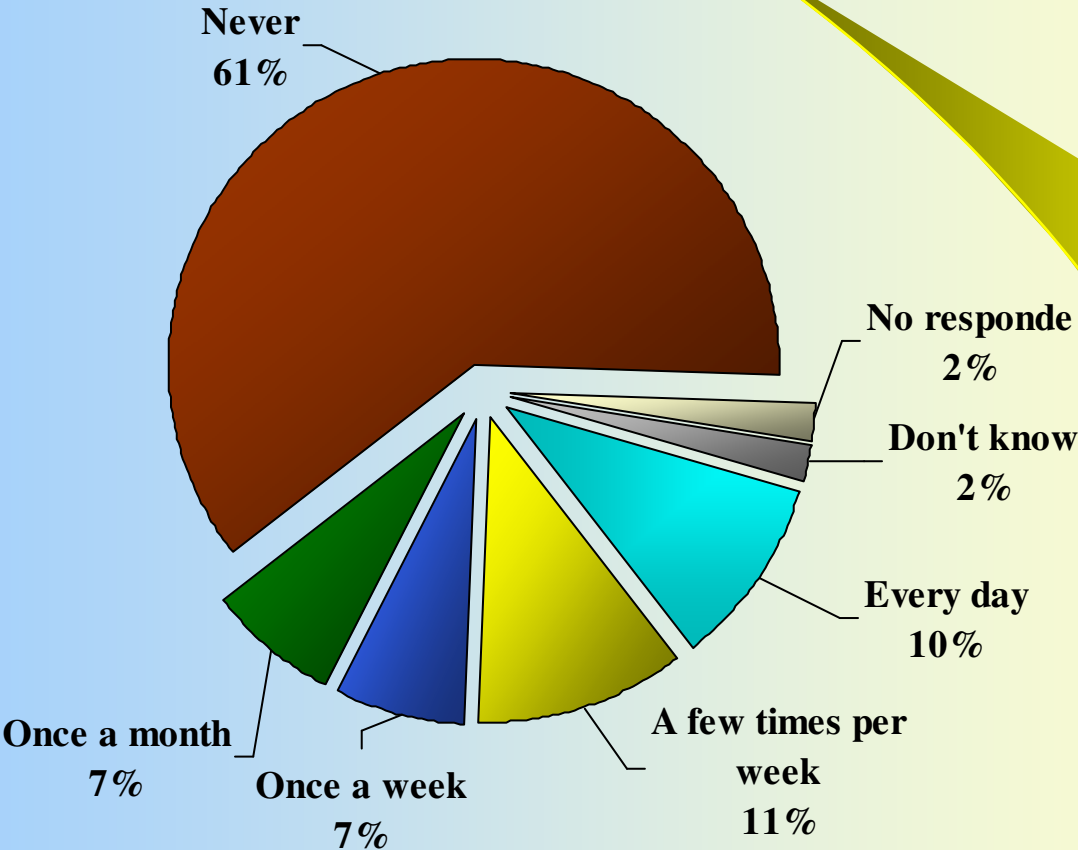
Which radio stations do you listen to regularly? (Most often mentioned)



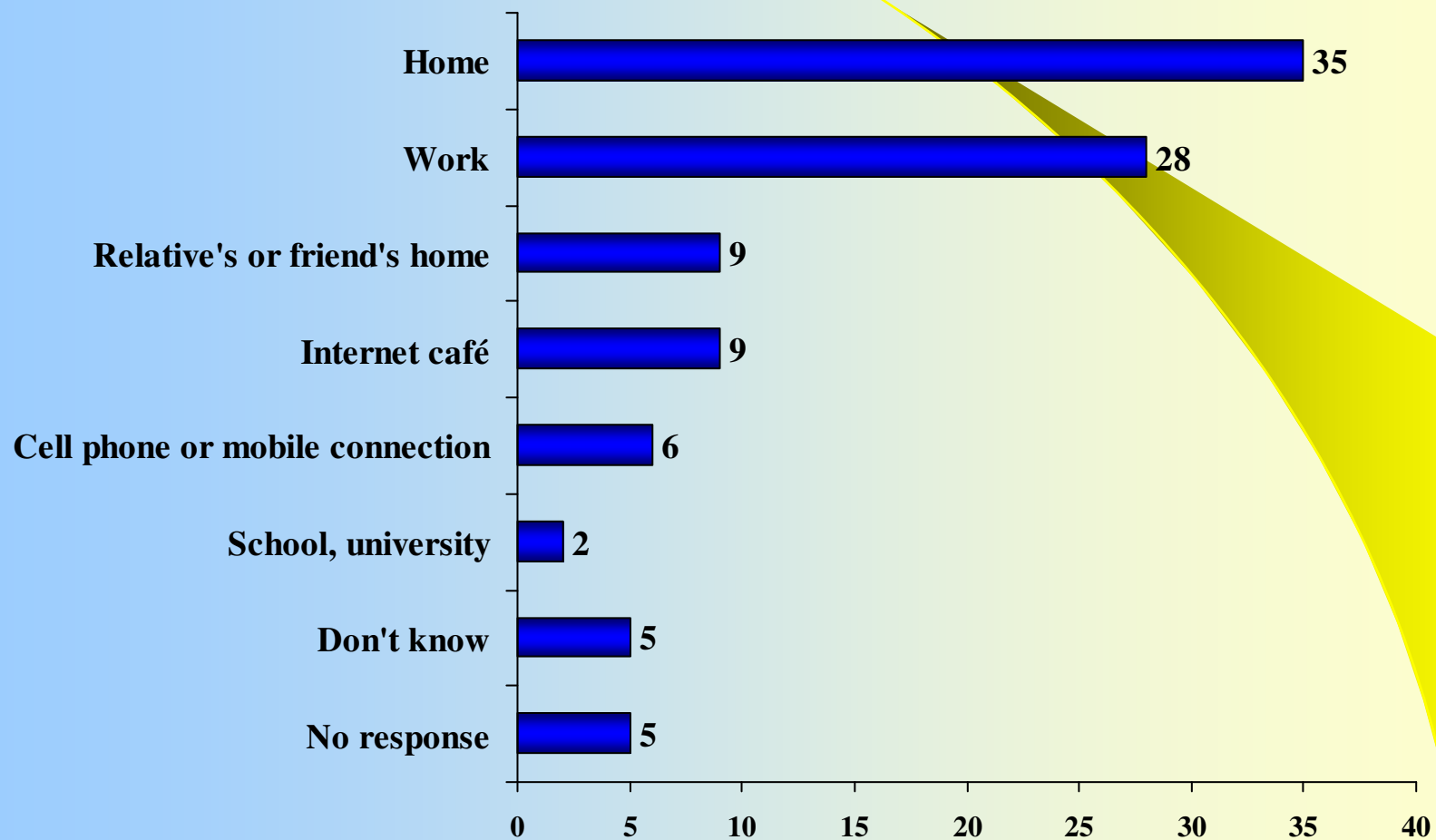
Which newspapers do you read regularly? (Most often mentioned)



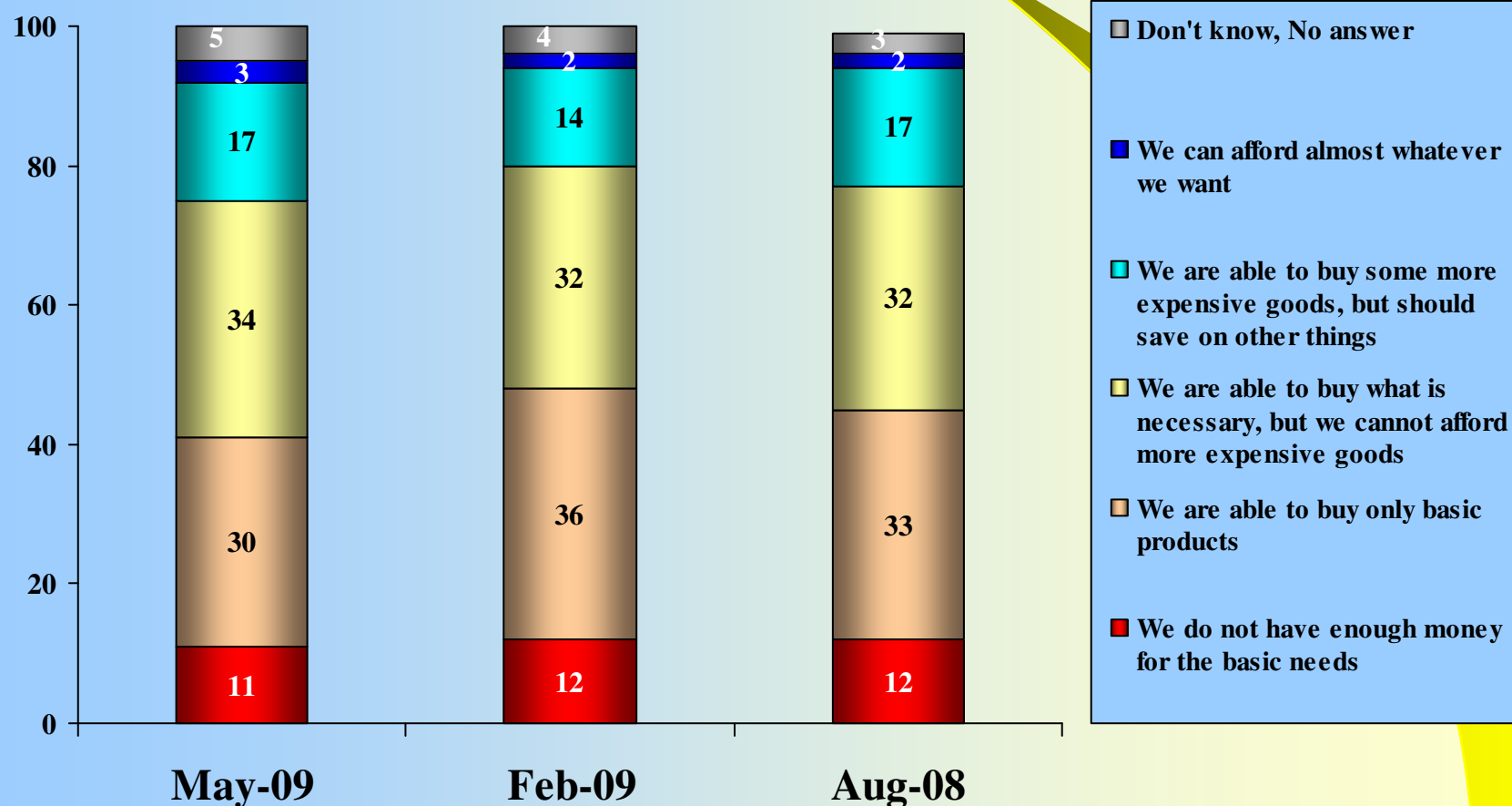
On average, how many times per week do you use internet?



Where do you most regularly access the internet? (Users of Internet. N=592)

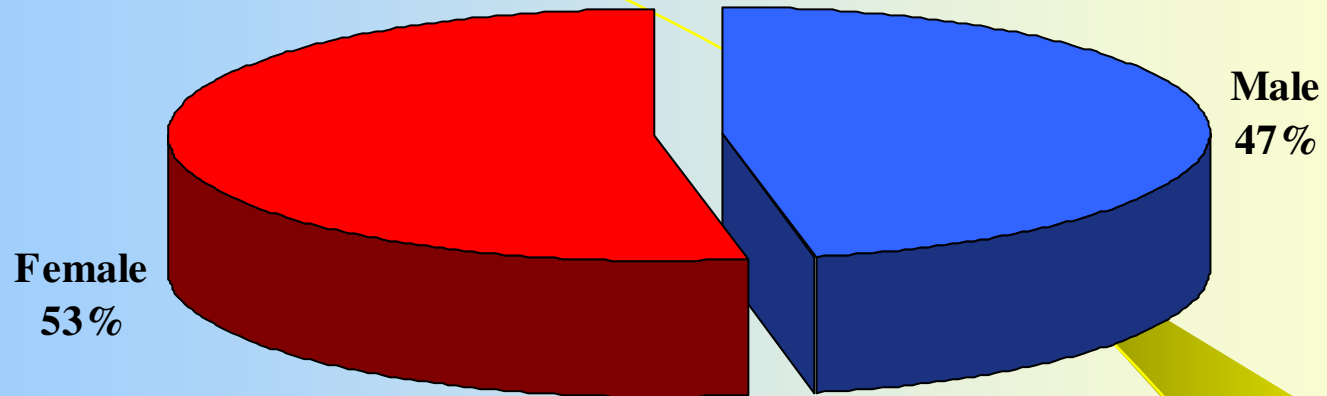


How would you evaluate the income of your household?

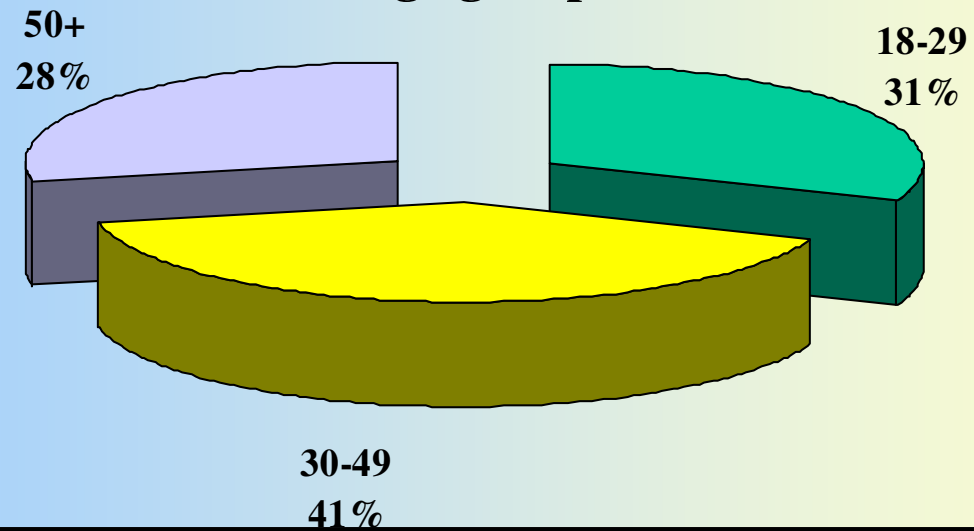


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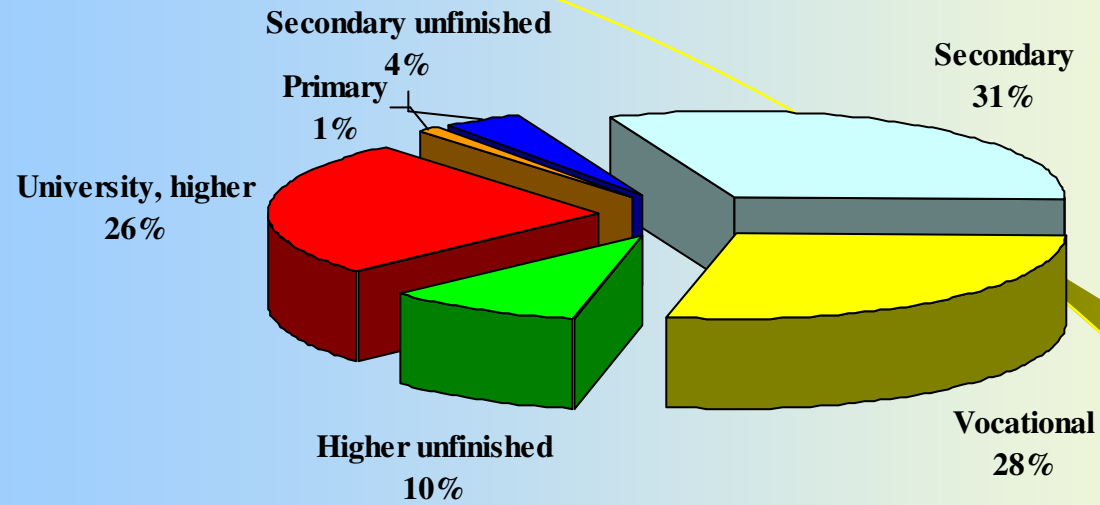
Gender



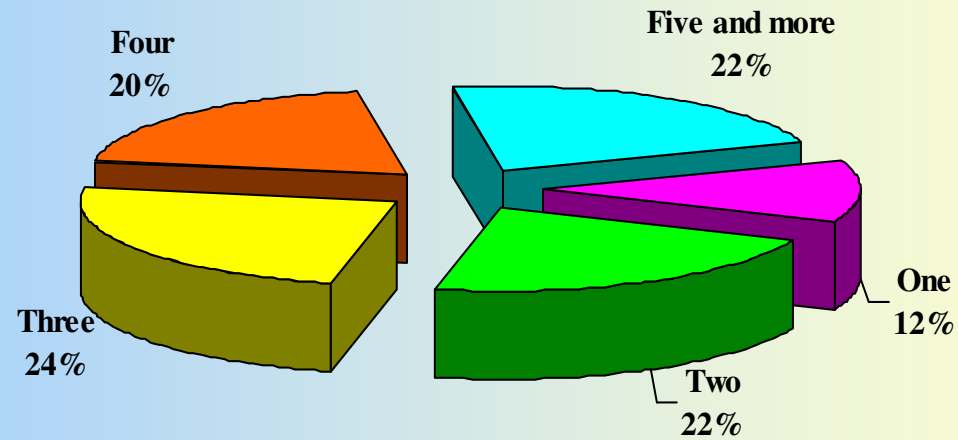
Age groups



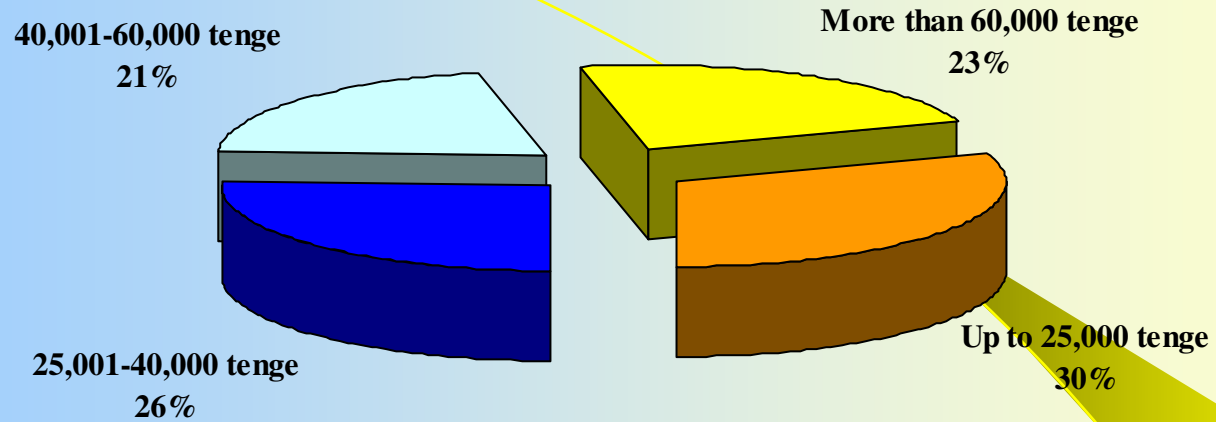
Education



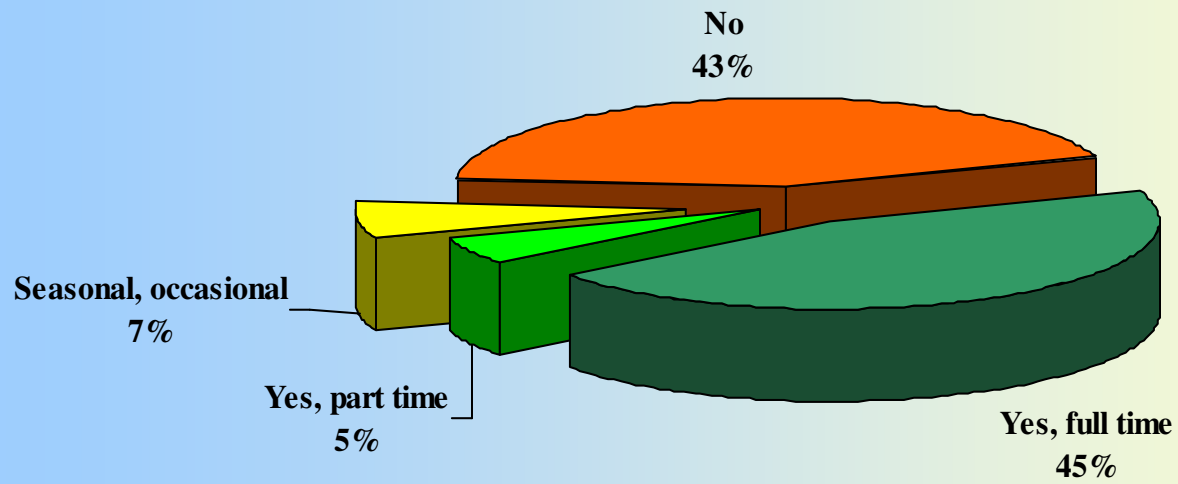
Household size



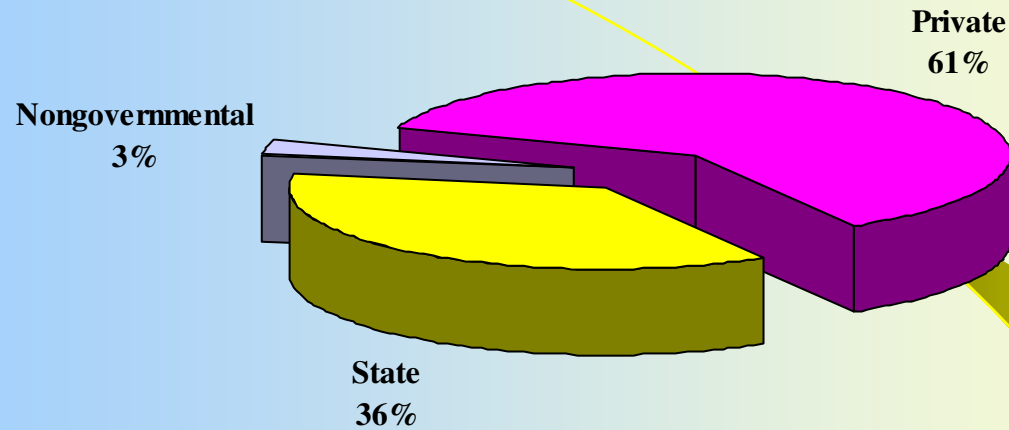
Household income



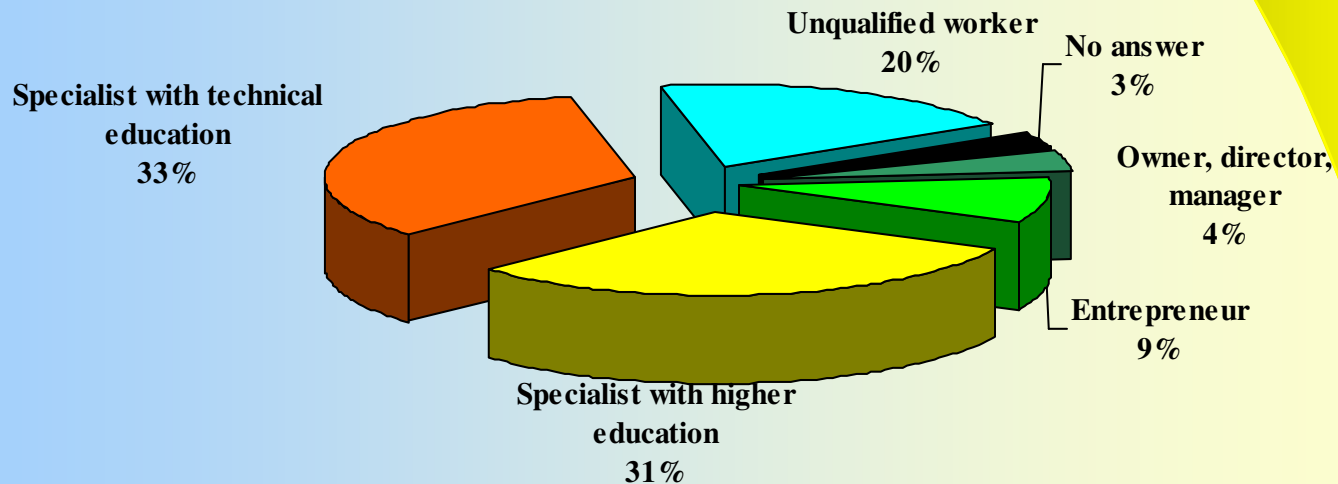
Working status



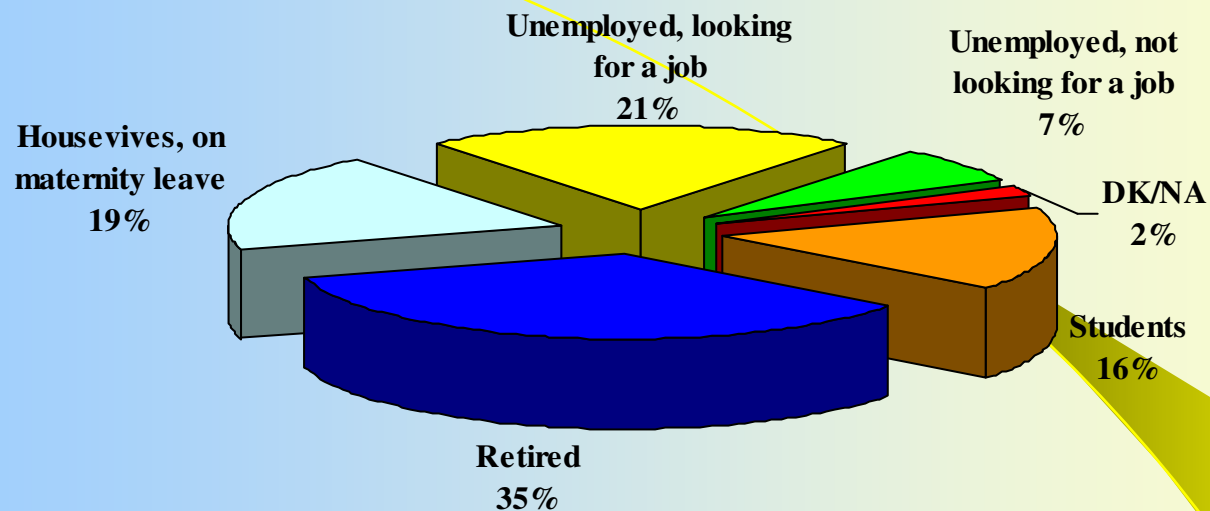
Sector of employed respondents. N=862



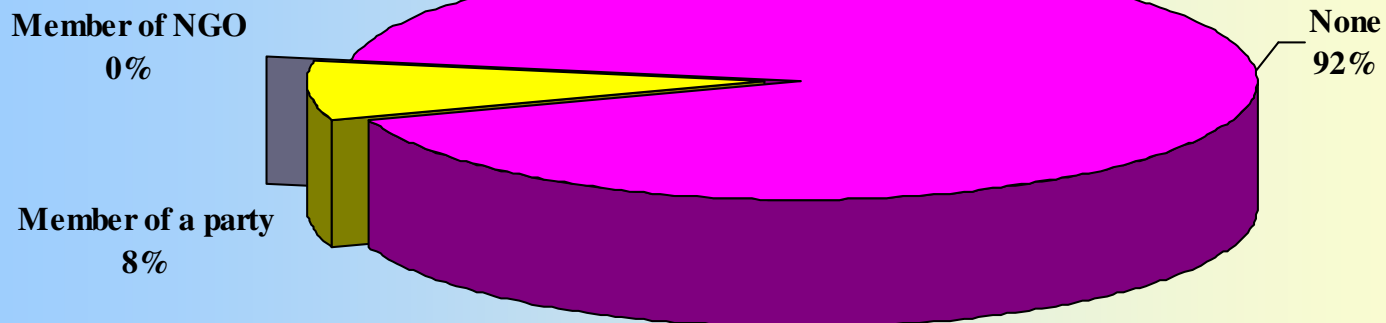
Occupations of employed respondents. N=862



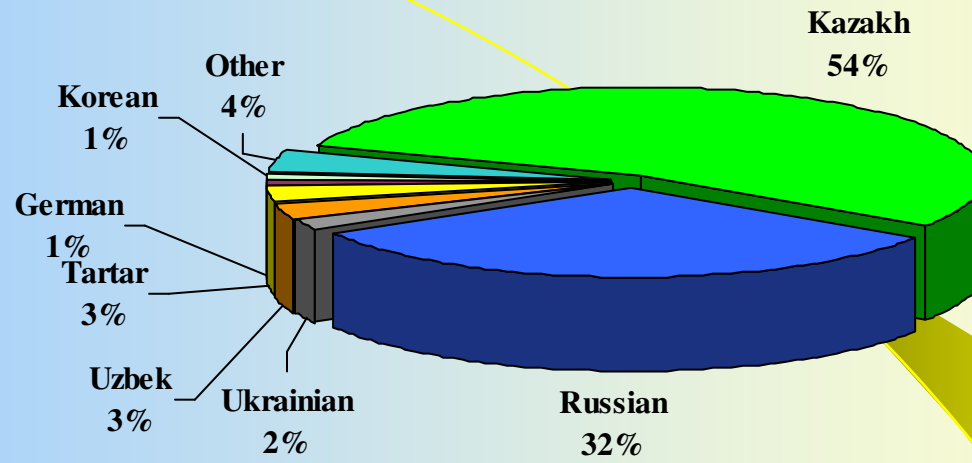
Unemployed respondents. N=654



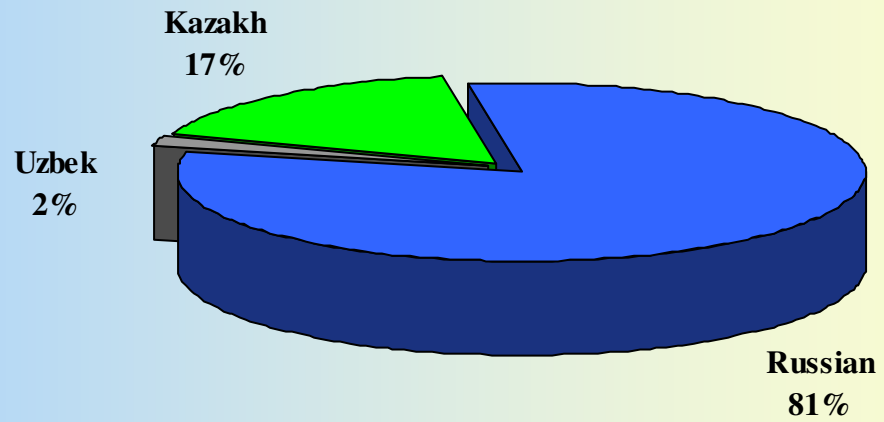
Are you a member of any political party or a nongovernmental organization (NGO)?



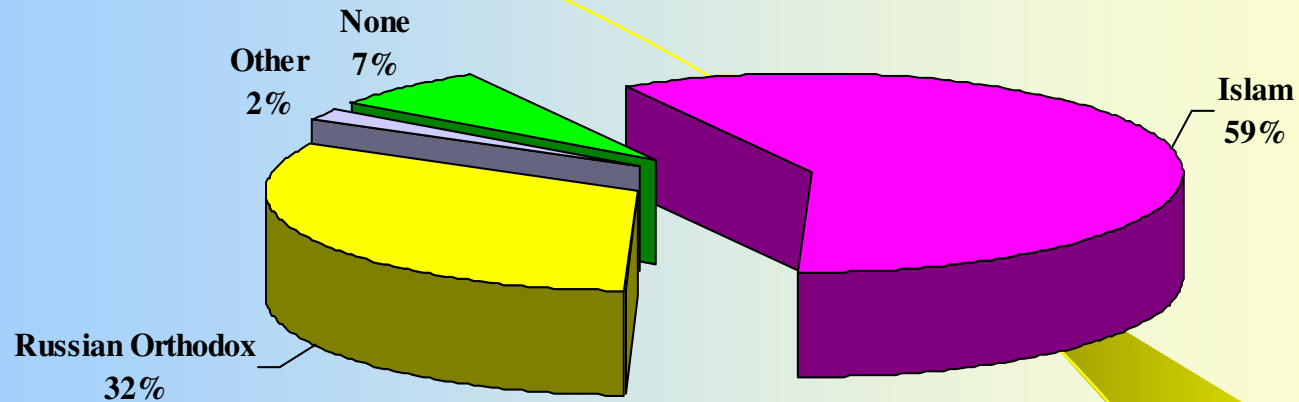
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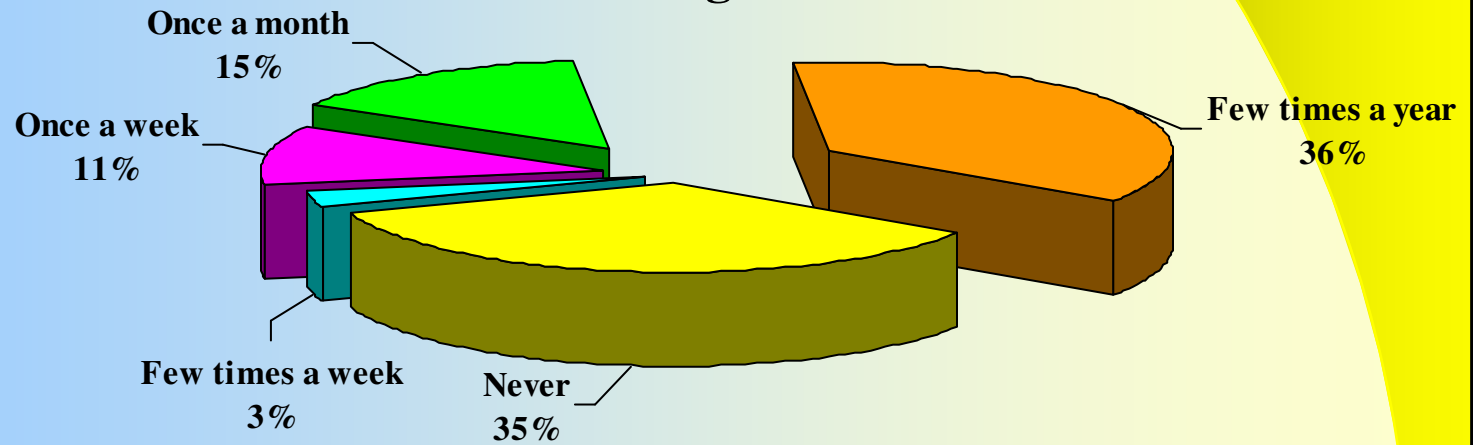
Language of interview



Religion



Attendance of religious service



Region

