

# Kazakhstan National Opinion Poll

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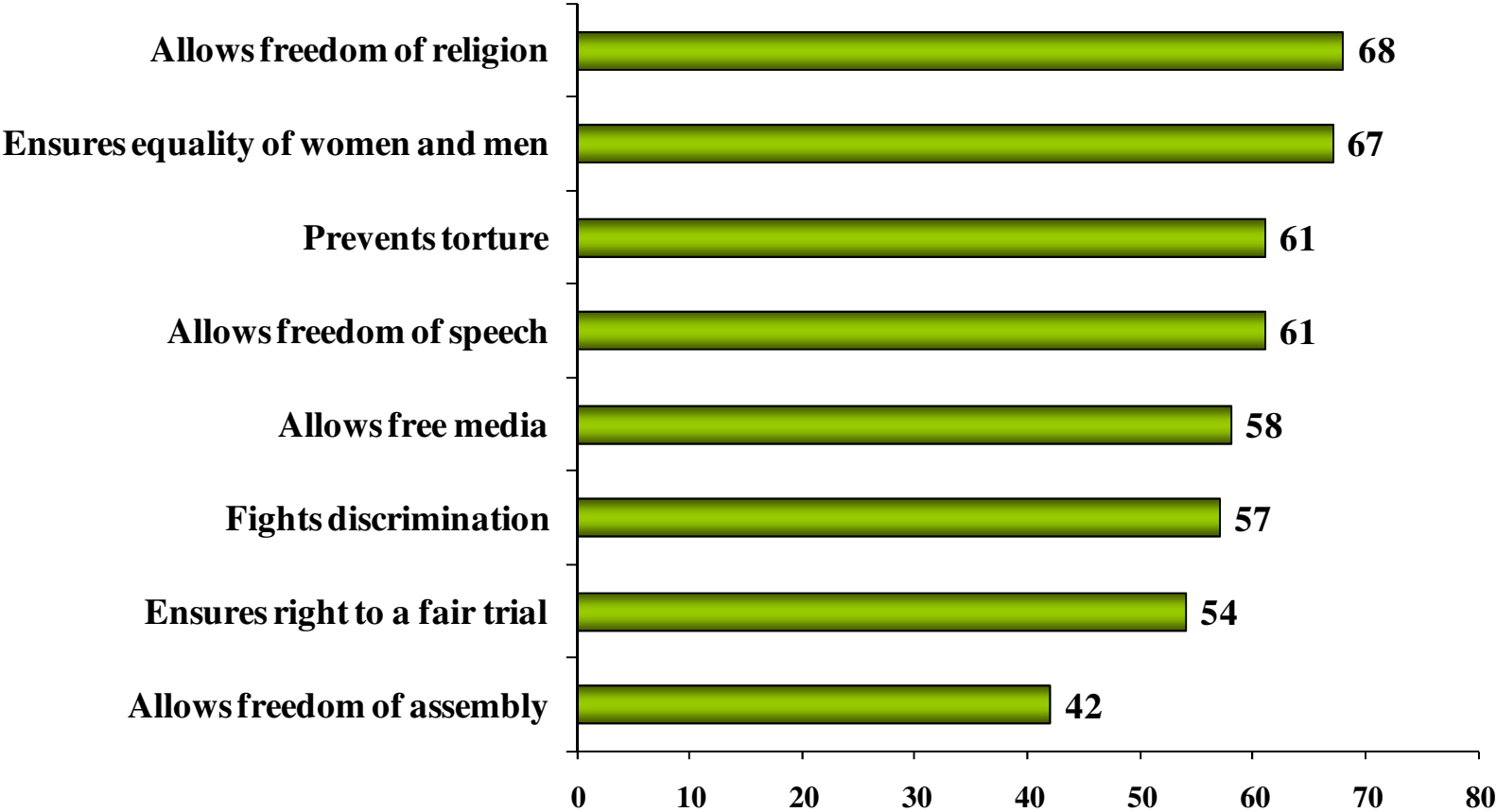
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# METHODOLOGY

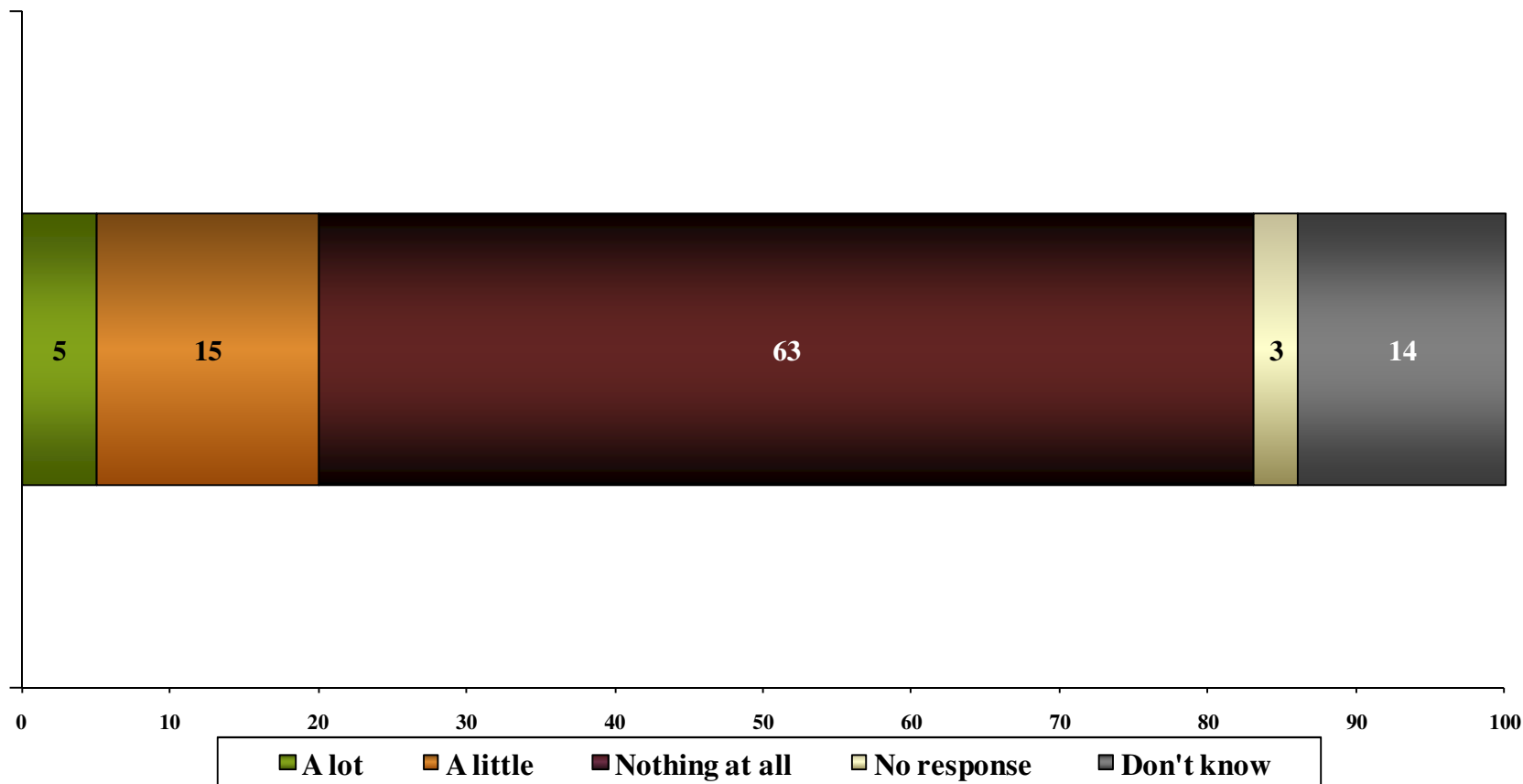
- **This survey was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the International Republican Institute. Field work was carried out by the Institute for Comparative Social Research-Kazakhstan.**
- **The national representative survey was carried out from October 15 - 30, 2009. The eligibility criteria was based on age (18 years and older). A sample of 1,527 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 53 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 twenty-nine 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.**

# Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the Human Dimension

**Next year Kazakhstan will hold the chairmanship of the OSCE. OSCE participating states make commitments to ensure full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. On scale of one to five, where one means very poor and five means very good, how would you rate the government's performance to ensure the following rights and freedoms?  
(Positive ratings 4&5)**

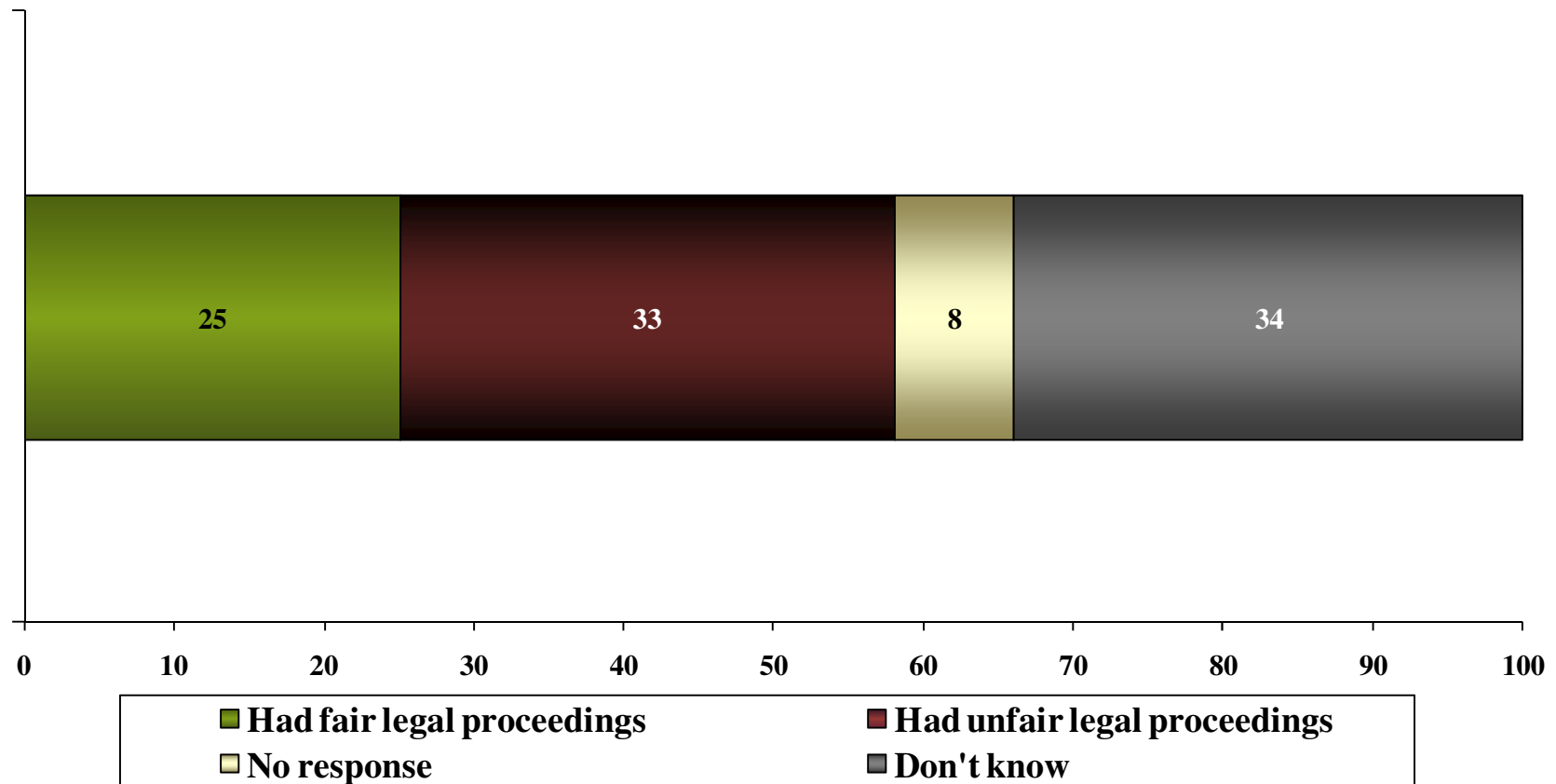


# How much, if anything, have you heard about the trial and jailing of human rights campaigner Yevgeny Zhovtis?

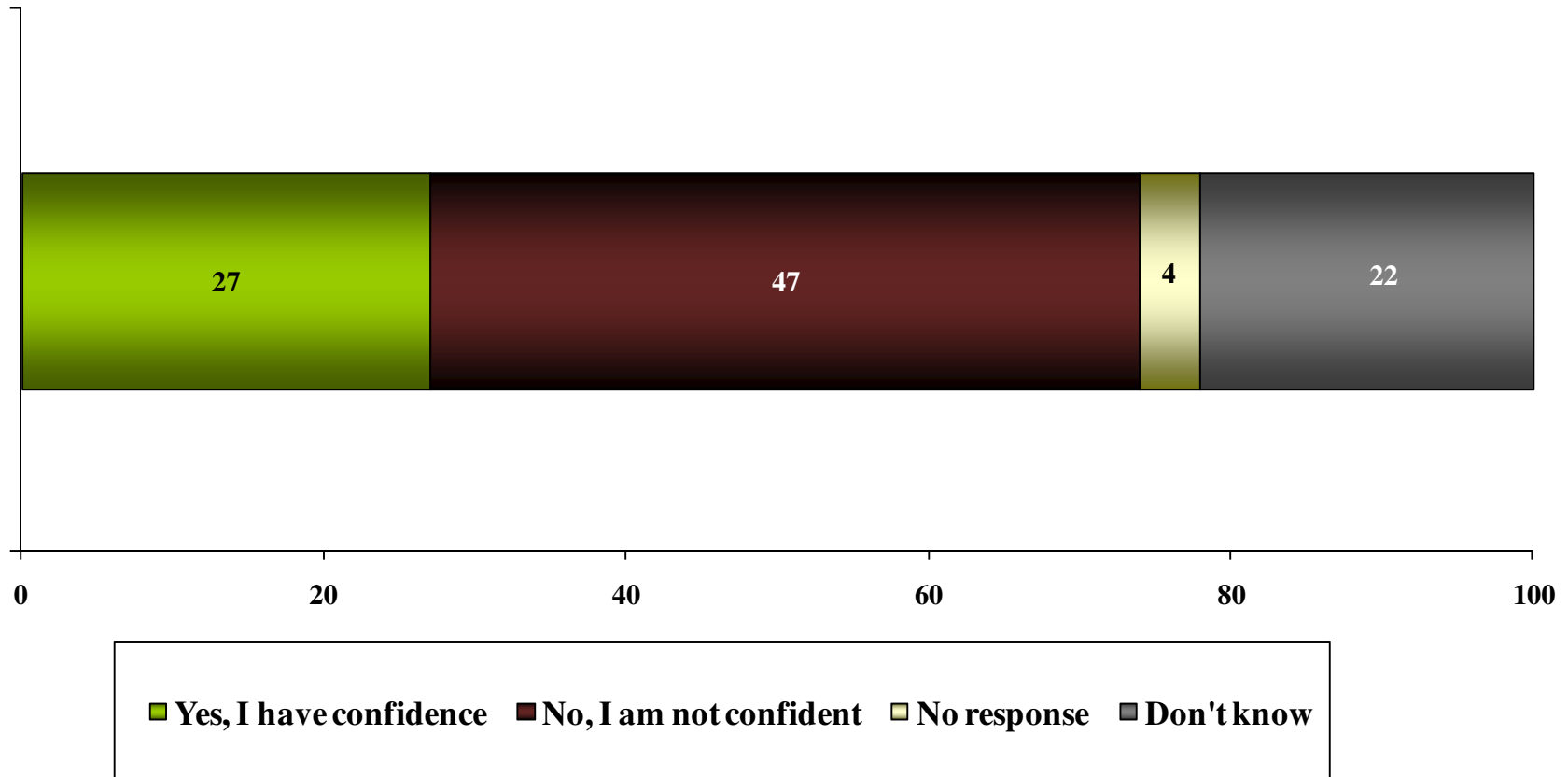


# From what you have seen or heard of the trial, do you think that Yevgeny Zhovtis had fair or unfair legal proceedings consistent with Kazakhstan law?

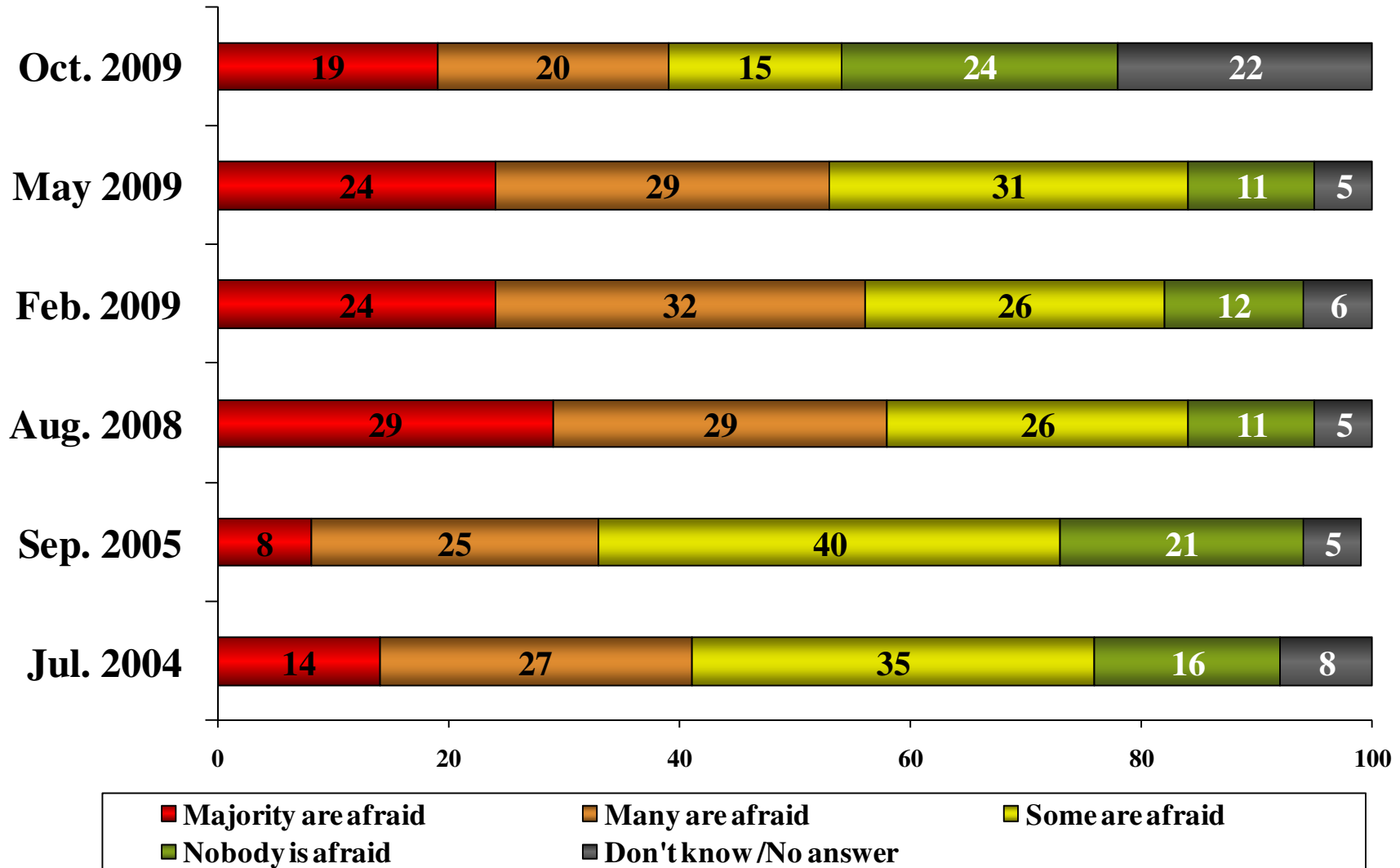
People aware of trial and jailing of Yevgeny Zhovtis, N=309



# Do you have confidence in the fairness of the judicial system, or courts in the country?



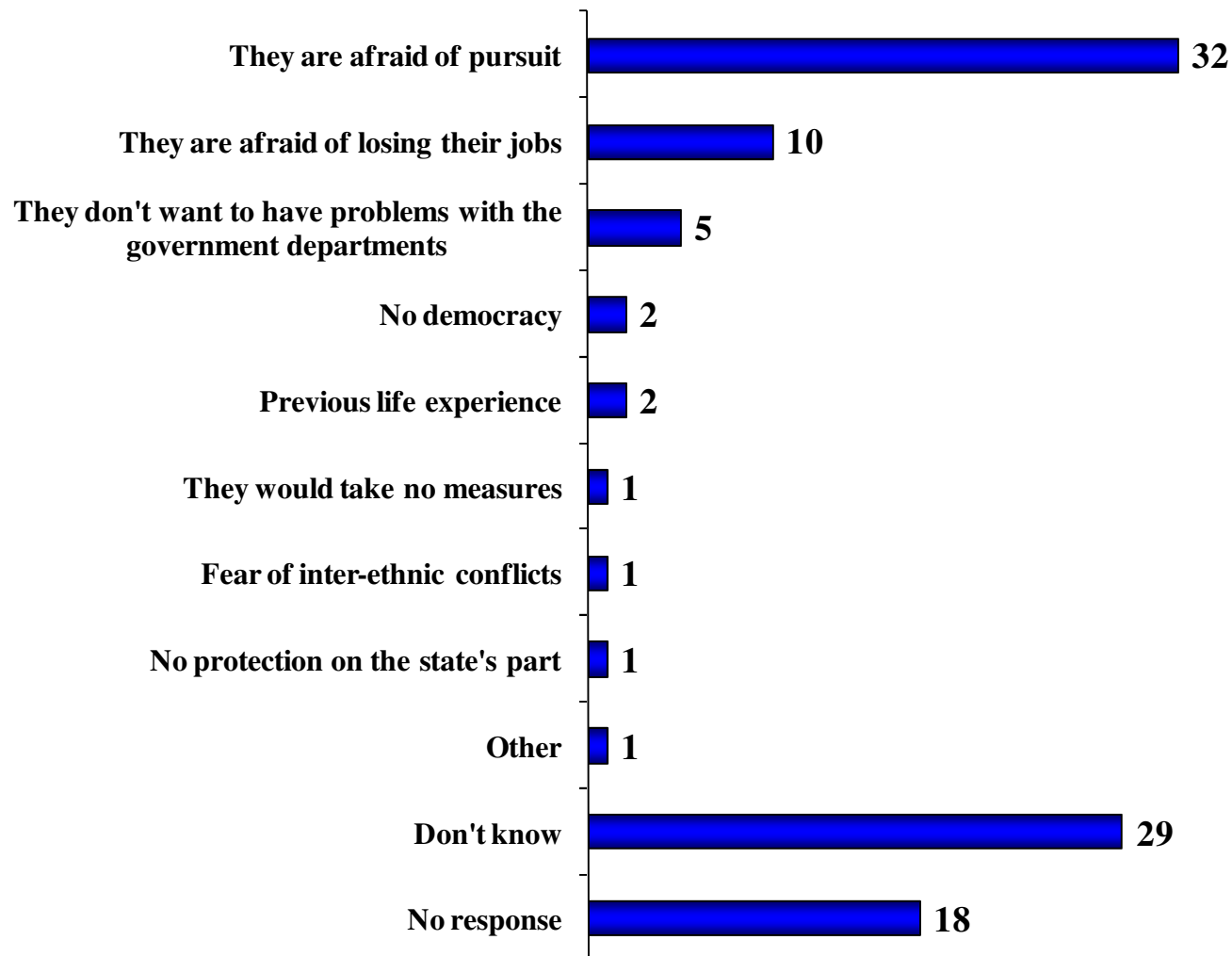
# Are people in Kazakhstan afraid to openly express their political views?



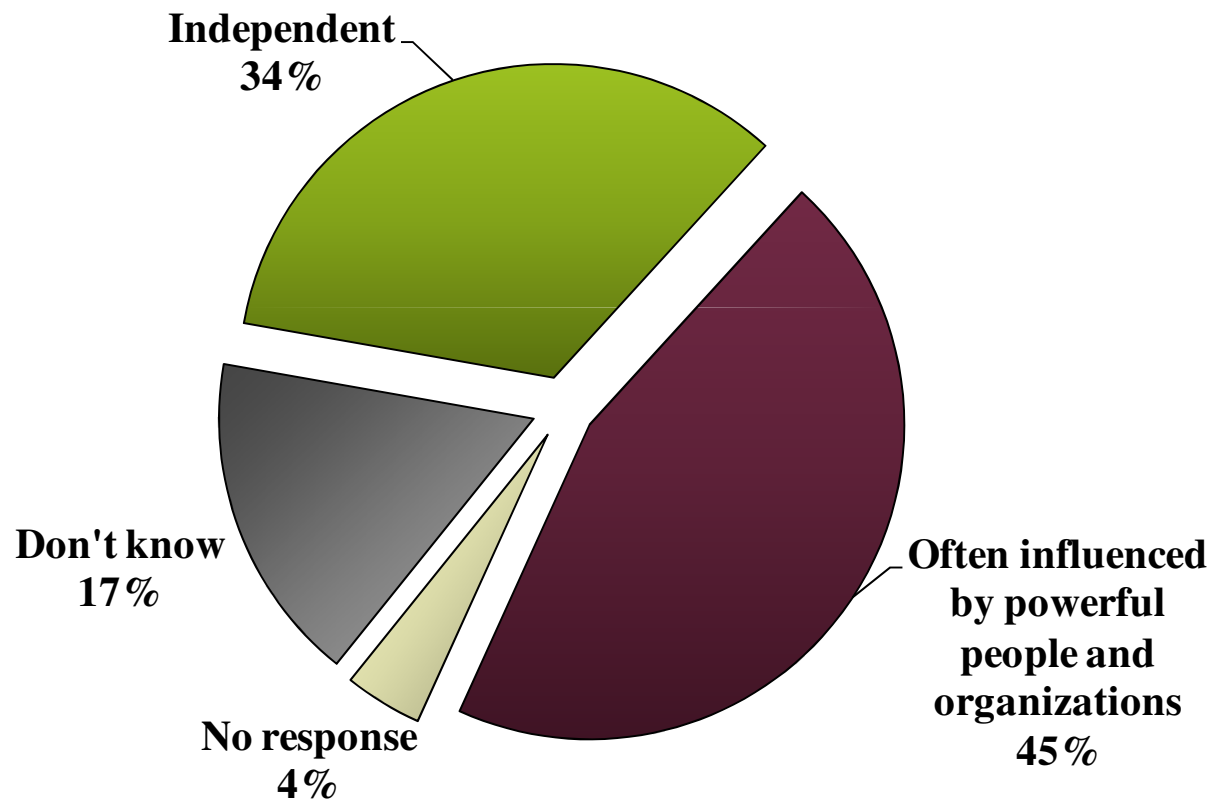


# Why do you think people are afraid to openly express their political views?

Respondents who think that people are afraid, N=822

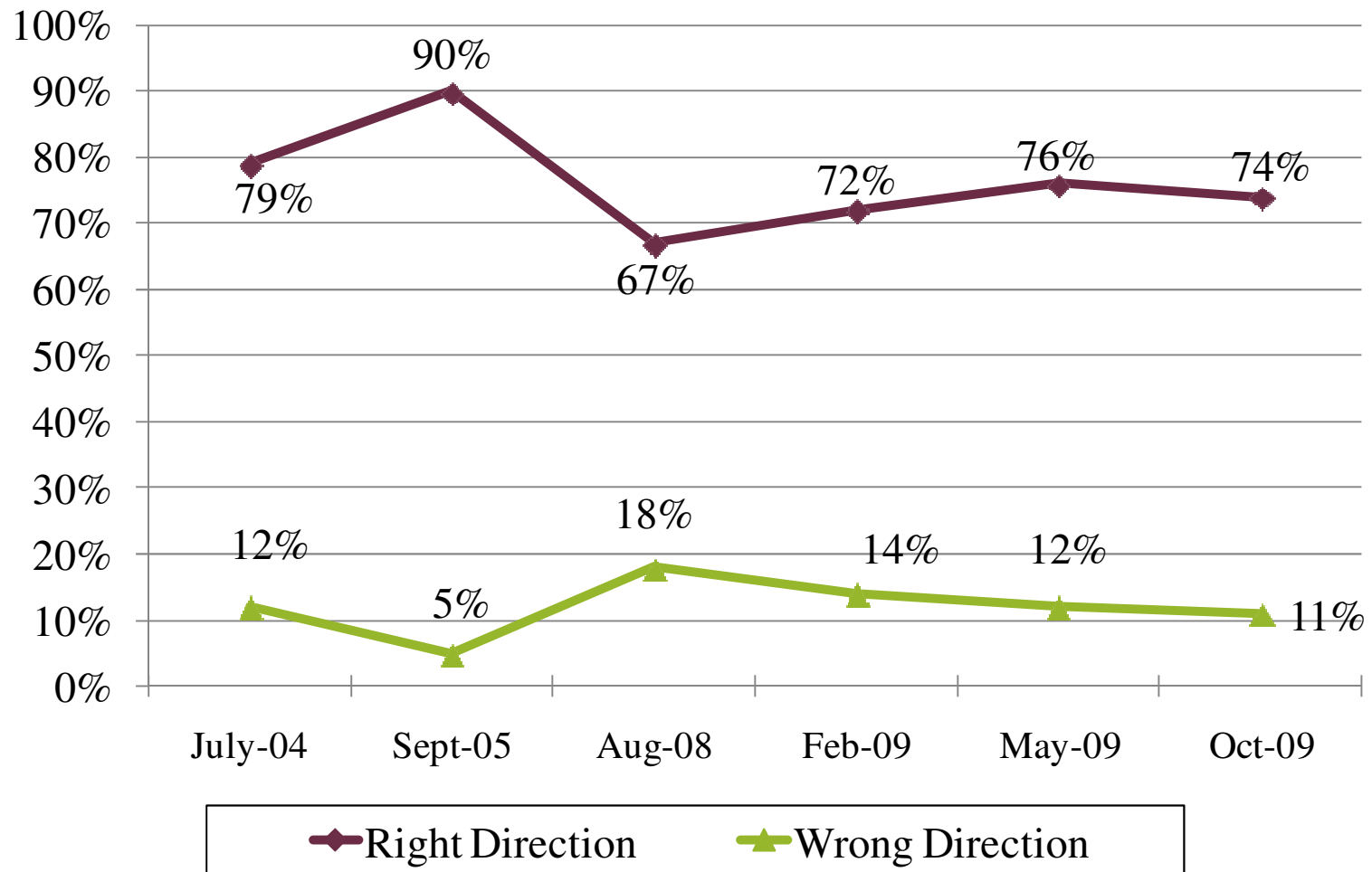


# Do you think that mass media in the country is independent, or it is often influenced by powerful people and organizations?



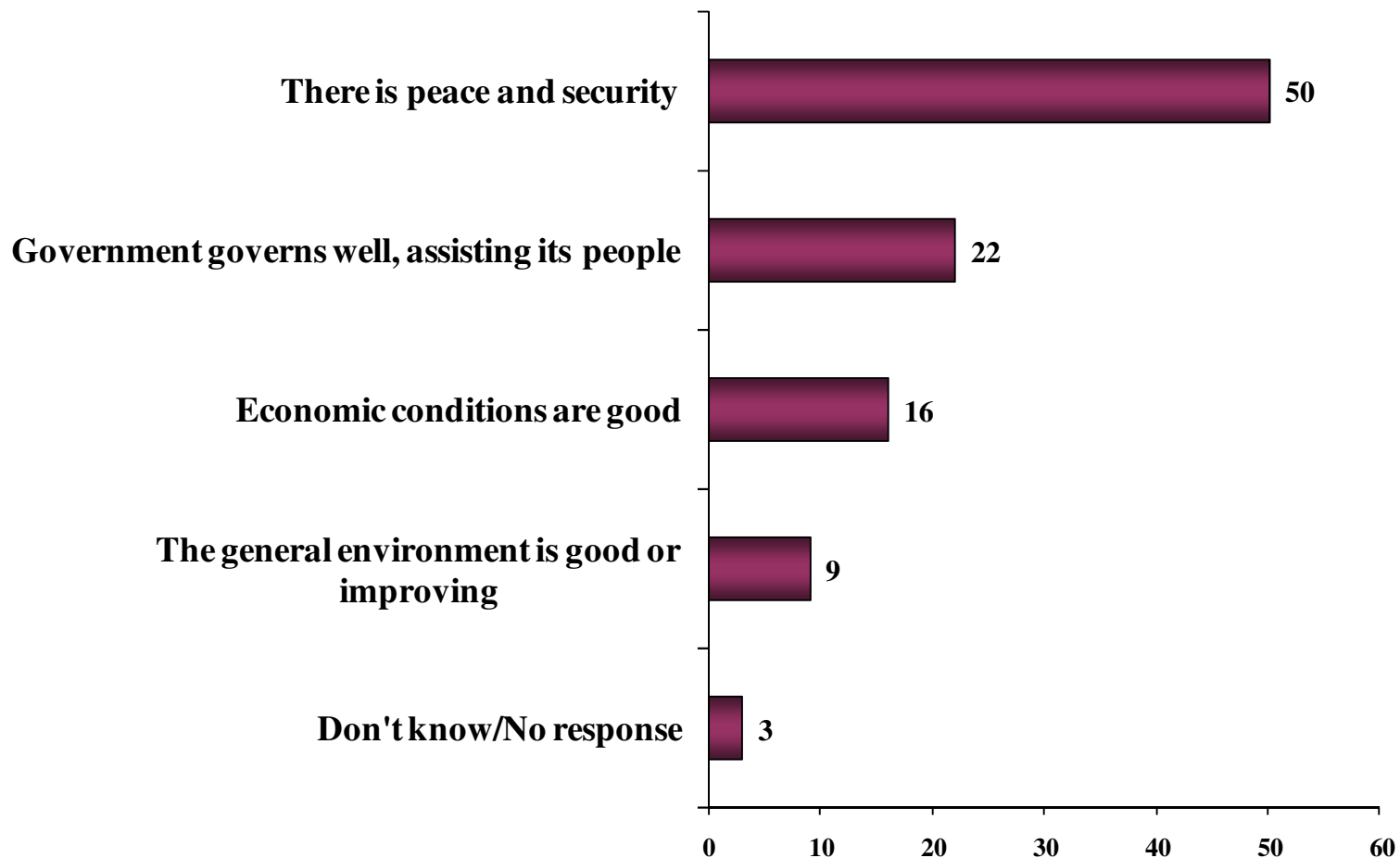
# SOCIAL INDICATORS INDEX

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



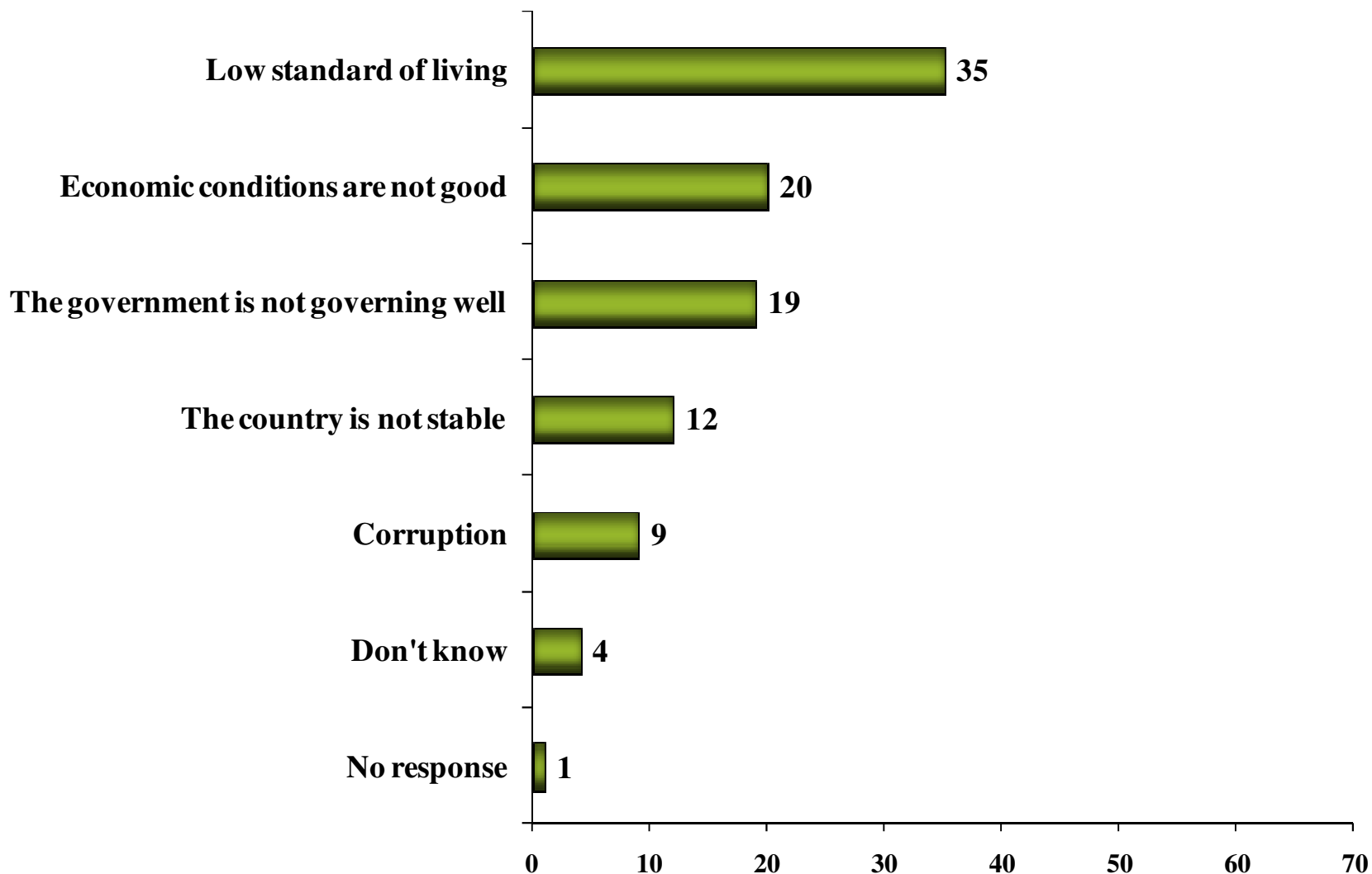
# Why do you think the things in Kazakhstan are headed in the right direction?

Respondents that think things are headed in the right direction, N=1,137

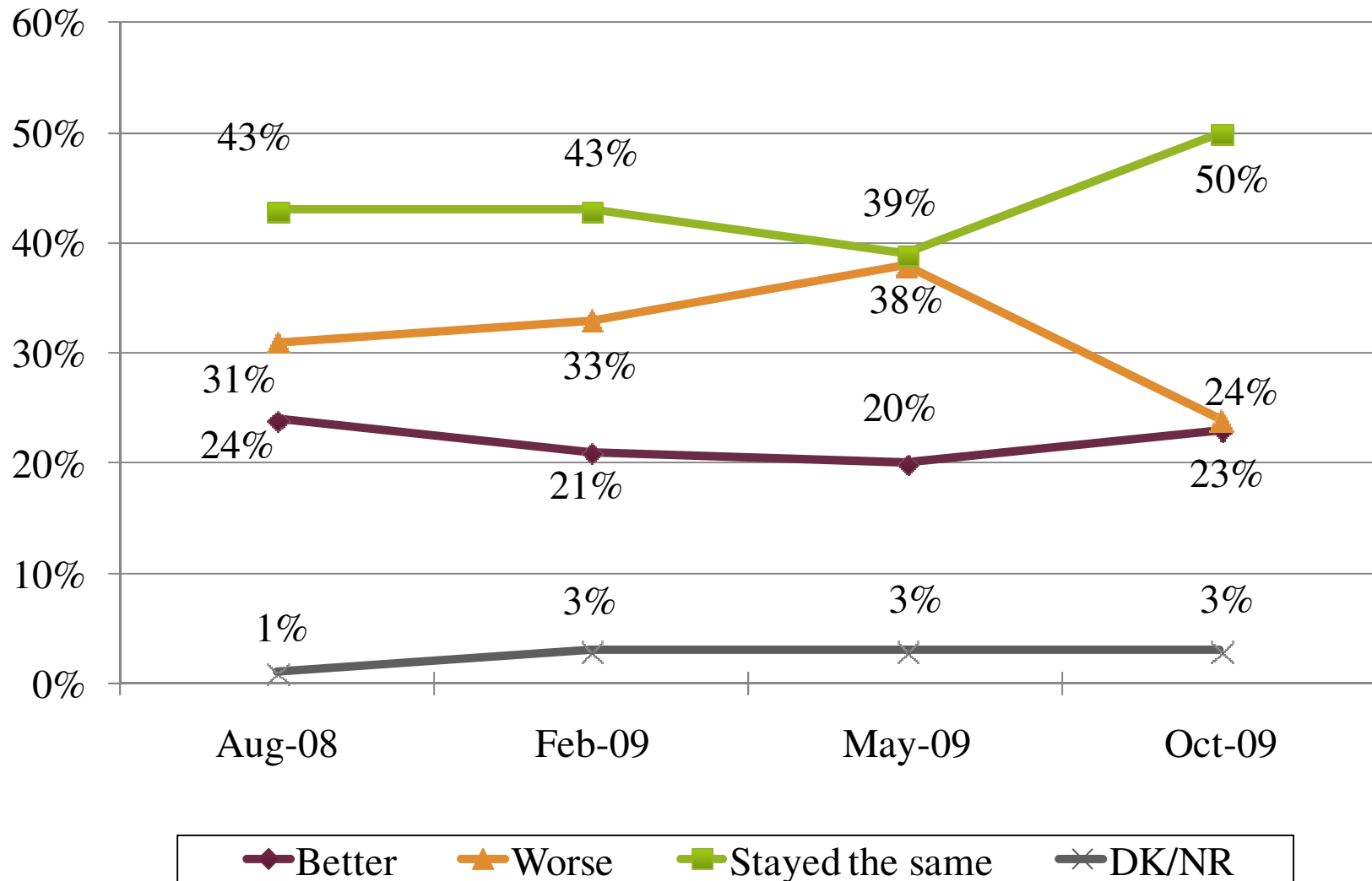


# Why do you think the things in Kazakhstan are headed in the wrong direction?

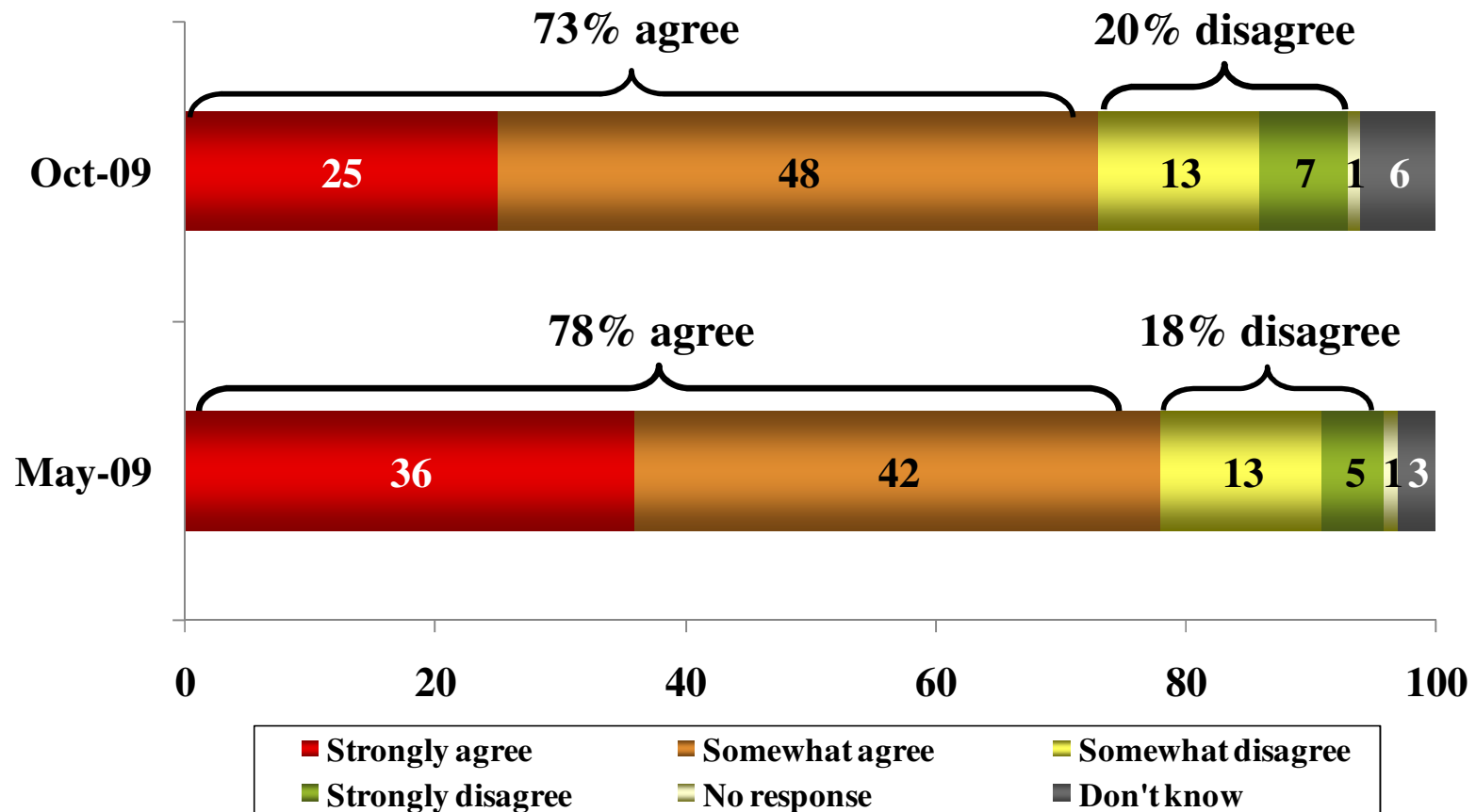
Respondents that think things are headed in the wrong direction, N=171



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

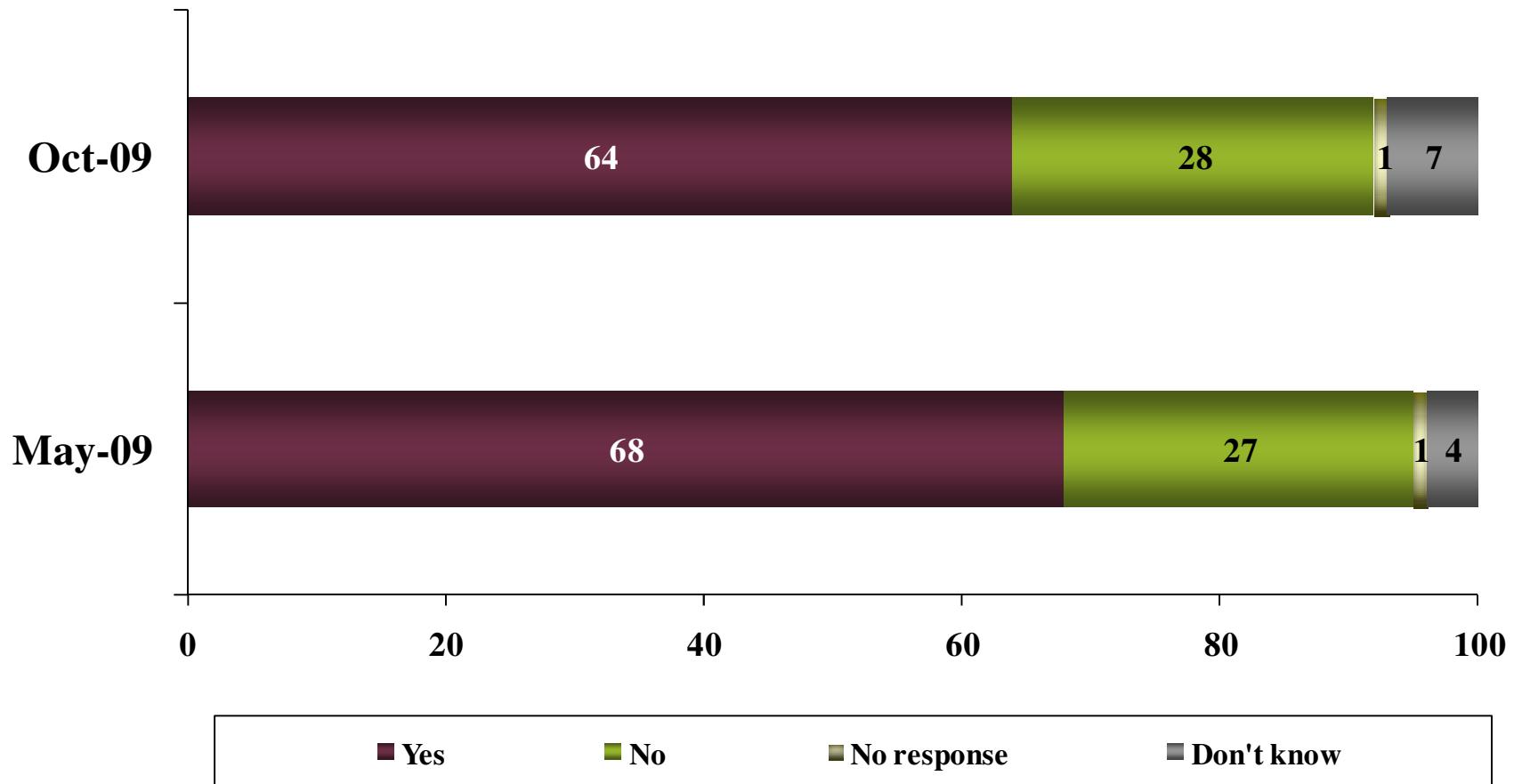


**Some argue that Kazakhstan is nowadays experiencing a serious financial crisis. Do you agree or disagree with this idea?**

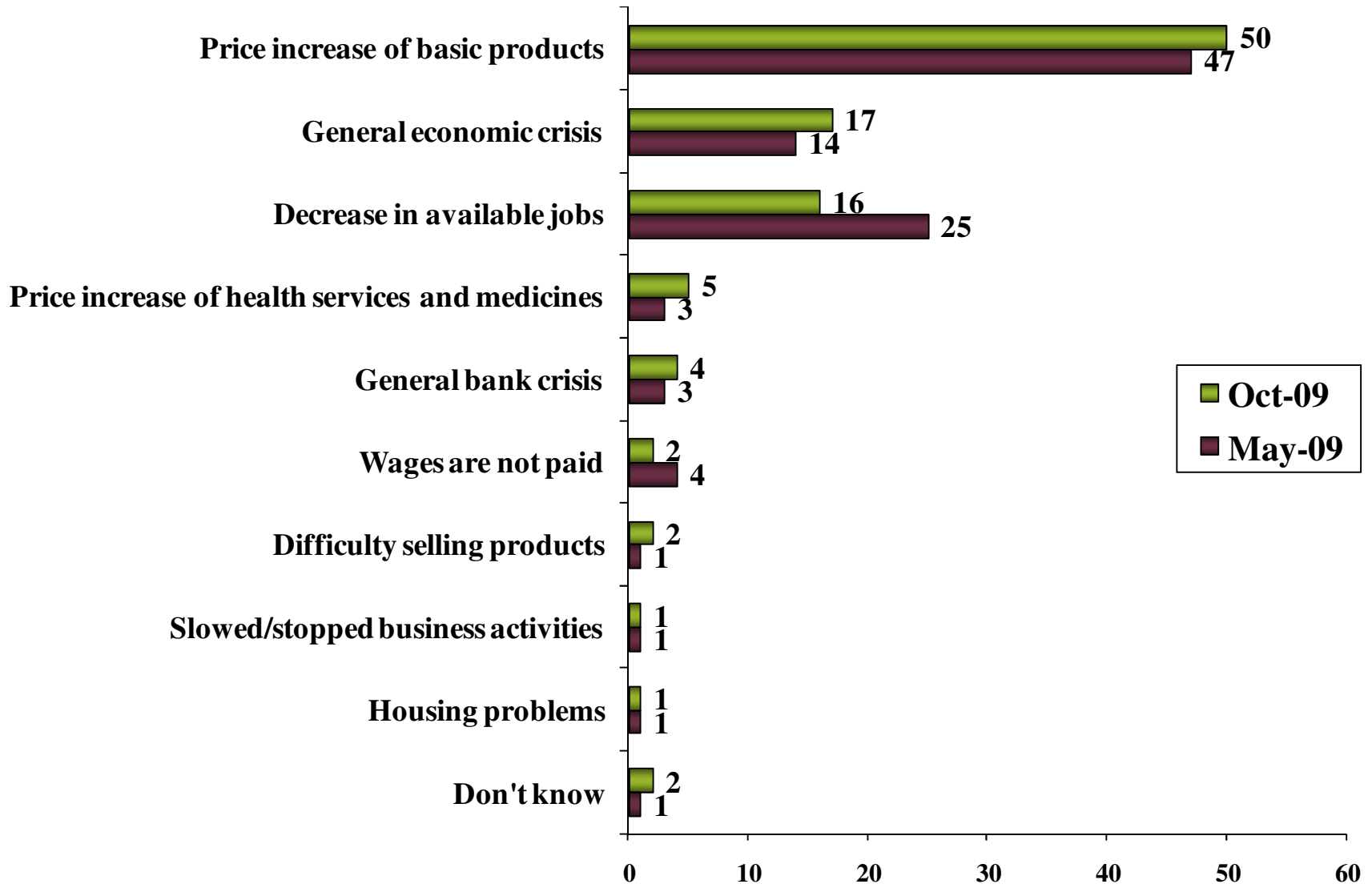




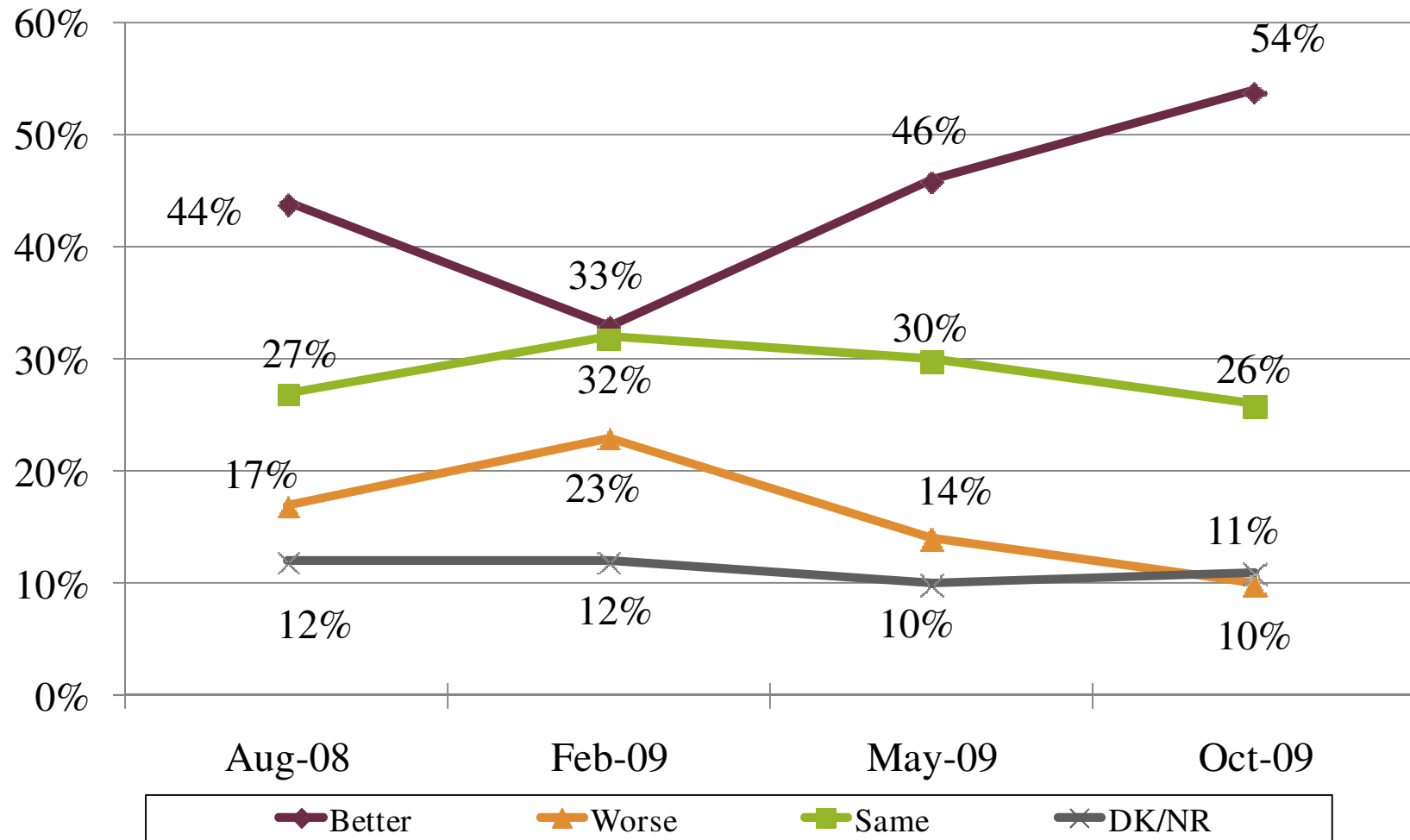
# Do you feel effects of the world financial crisis in your city/village?



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

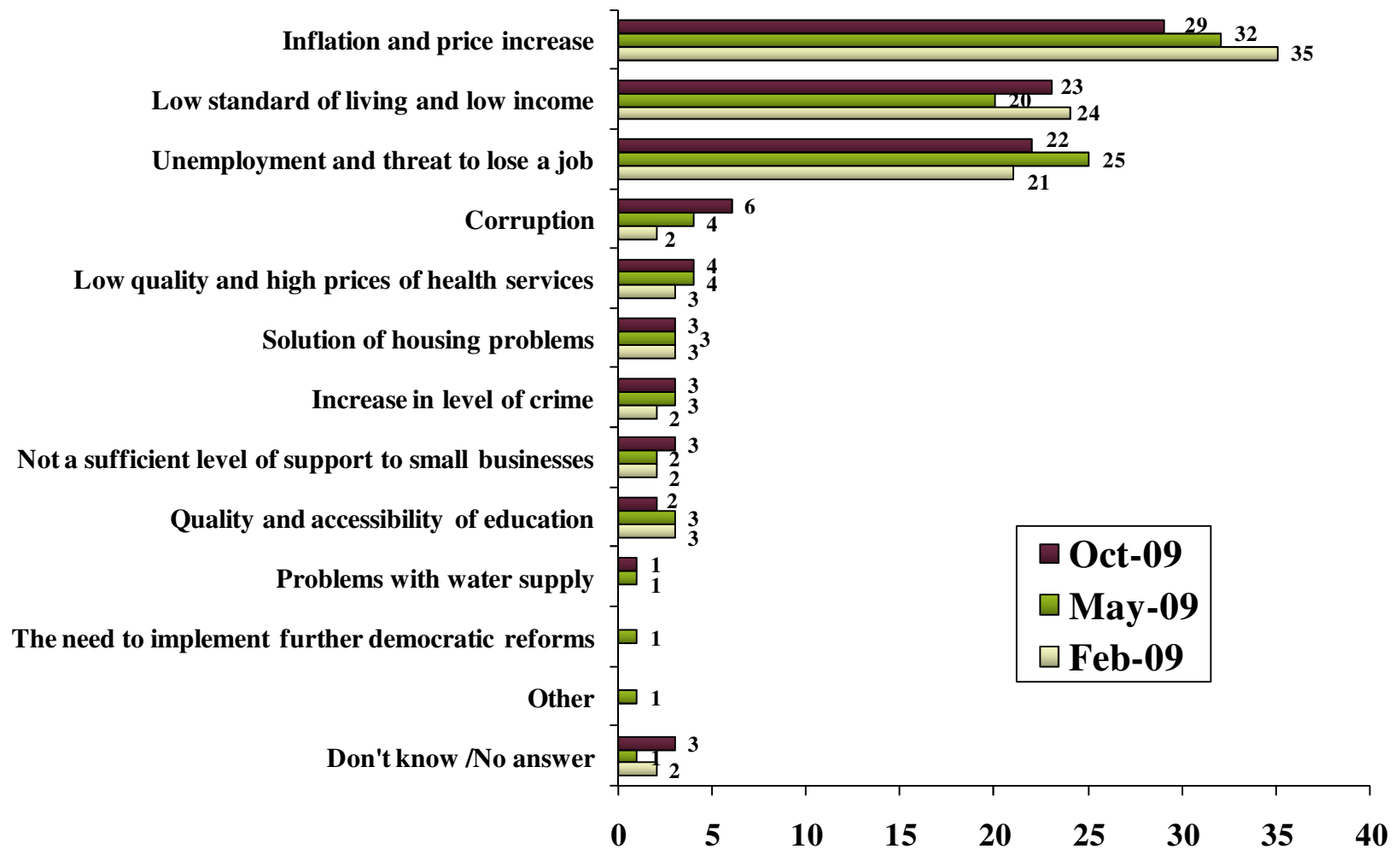


## In the next year, do you expect the economic situation in Kazakhstan to get better, worse, or stay the same?

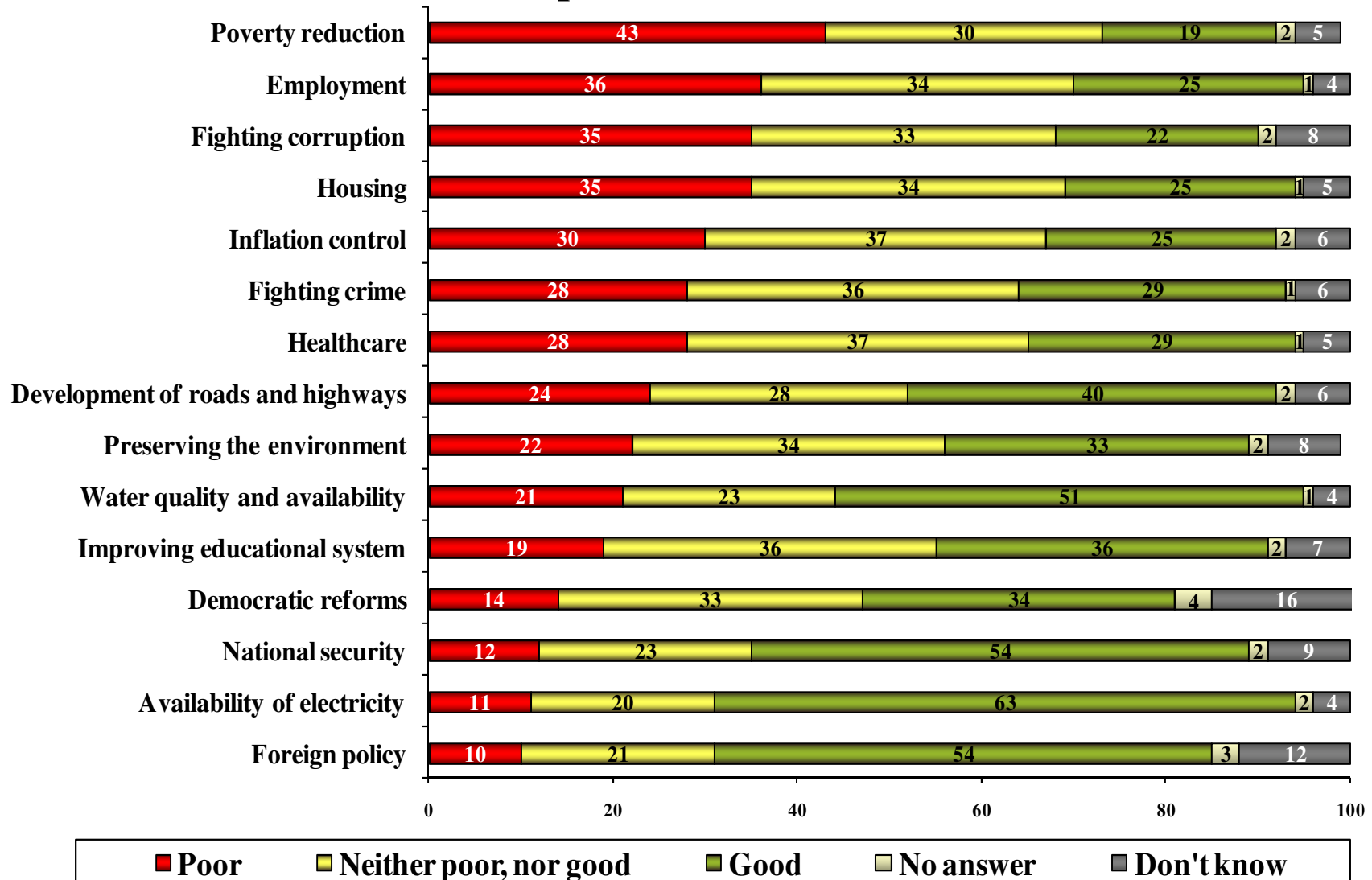


# ISSUES AND ATTITUDES INDEX

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

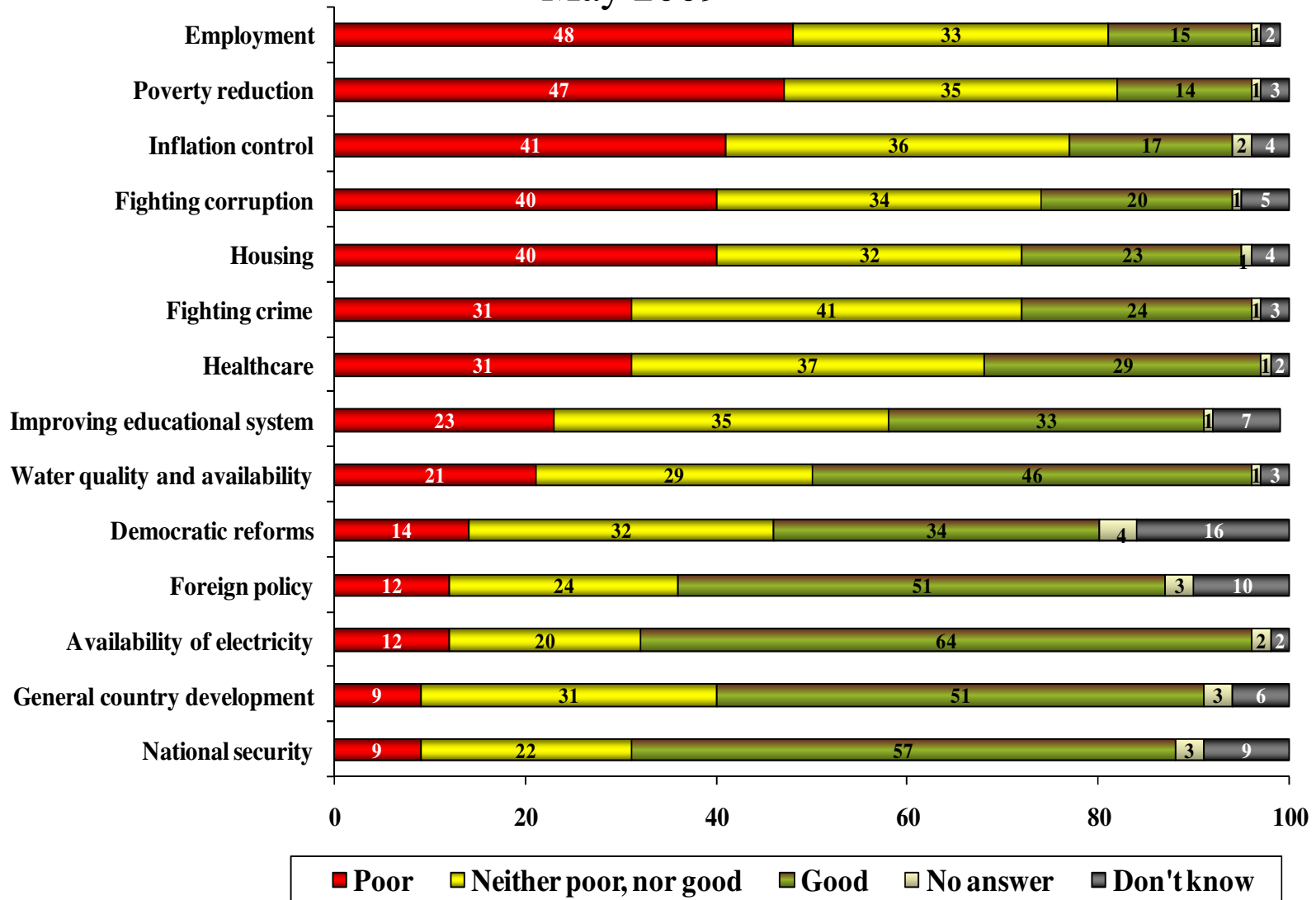


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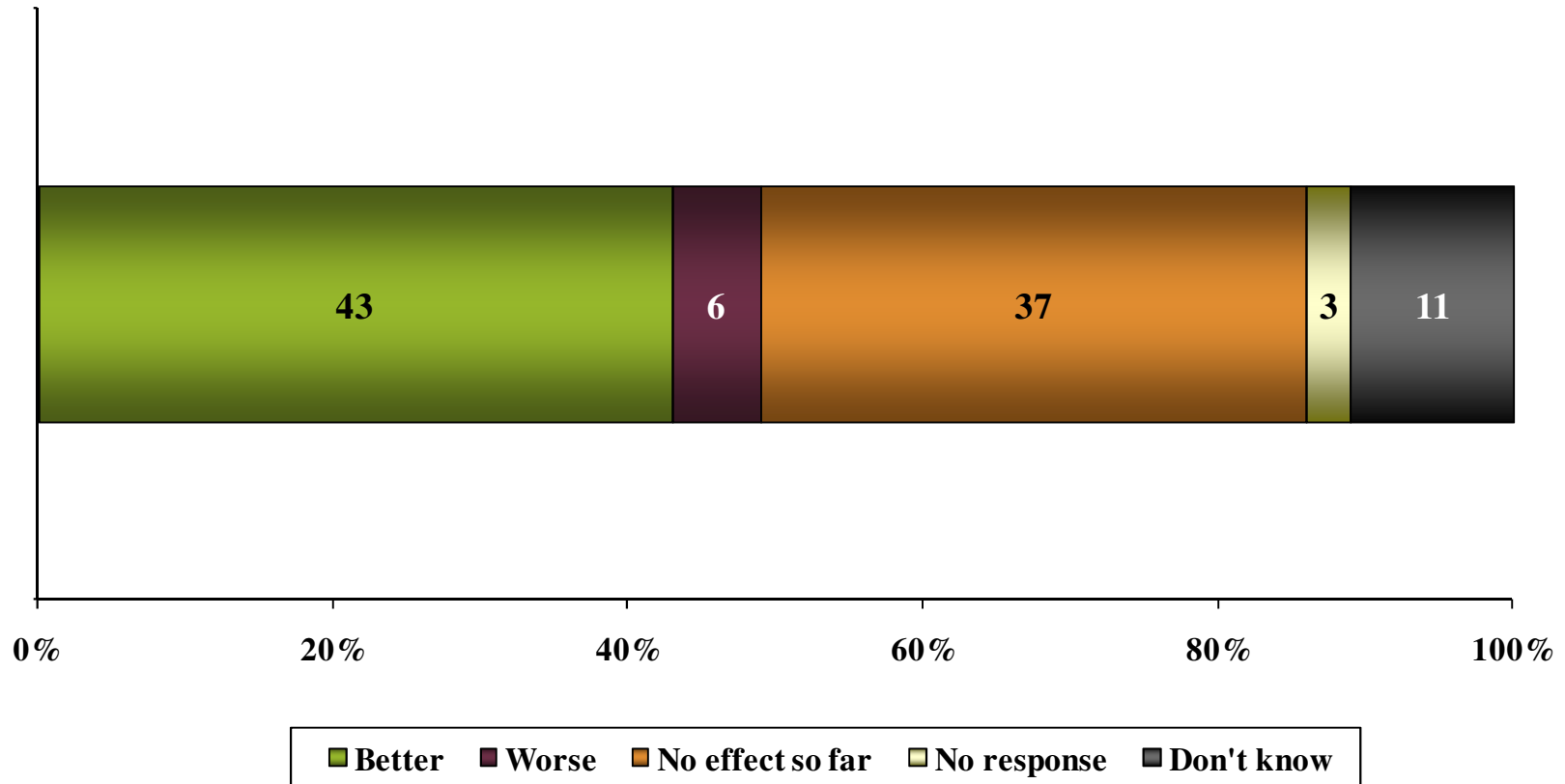


# Do you think the government is doing a very good, rather good, rather bad or bad job handling the problems of the world financial crisis?

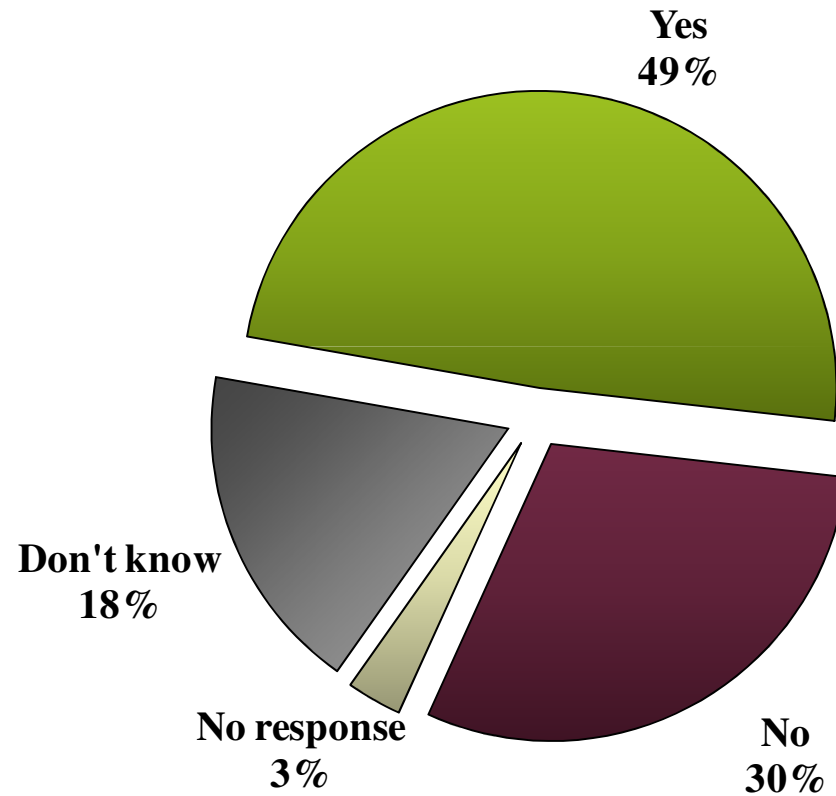




# Have President Nazarbaev's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse or had no effect so far?

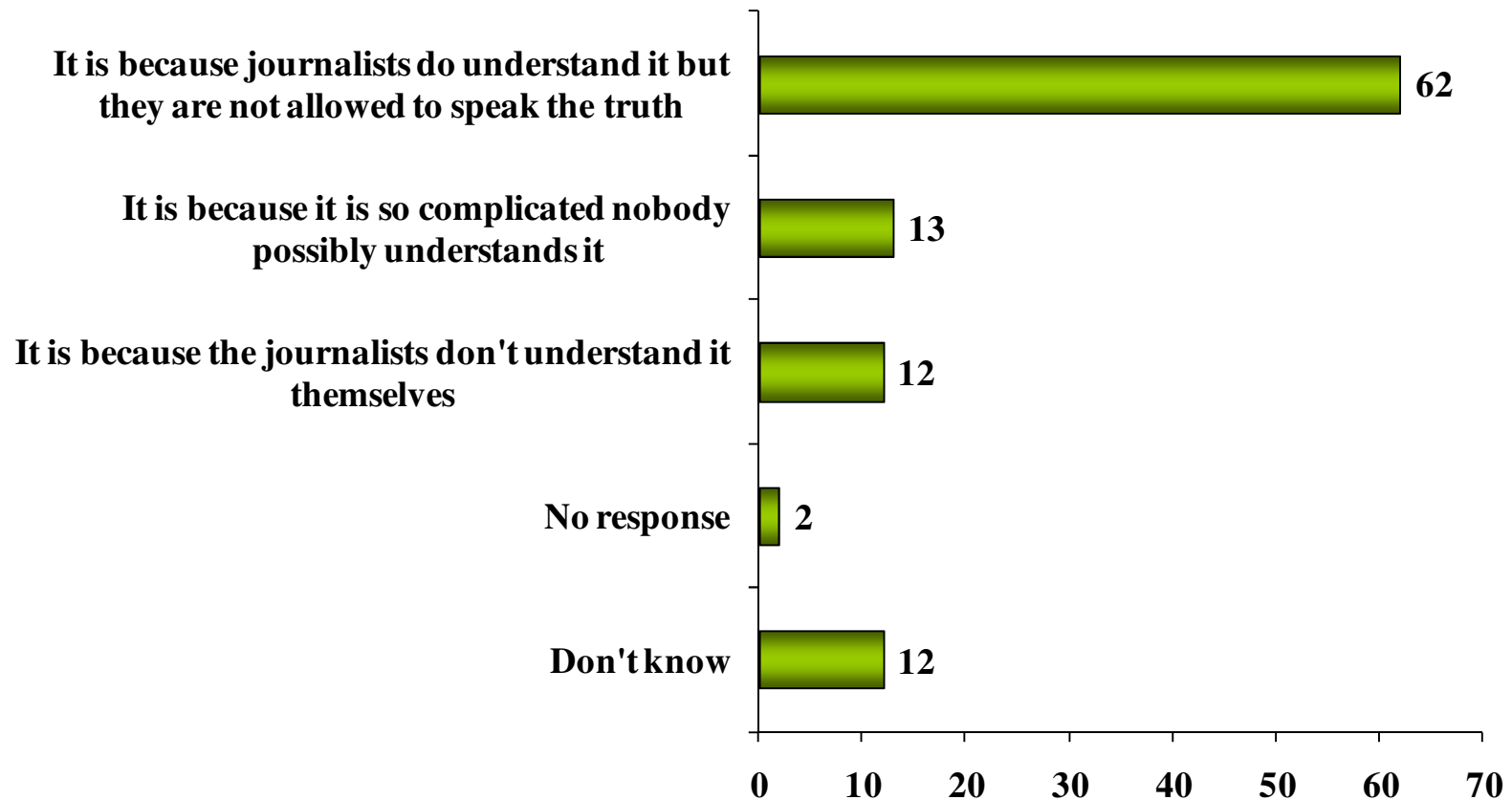


# Do you think that TV channels in Kazakhstan are accurately reporting the economic situation in the country?

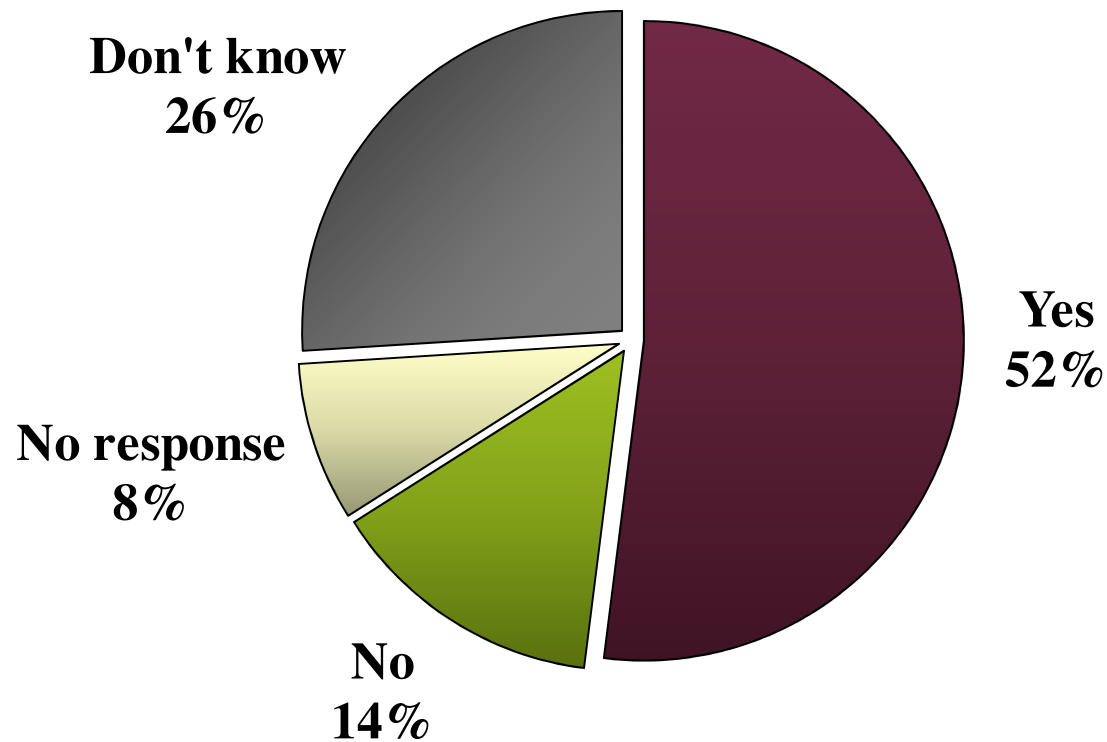


# Why do you think TV channels are not accurately reporting the economic situation?

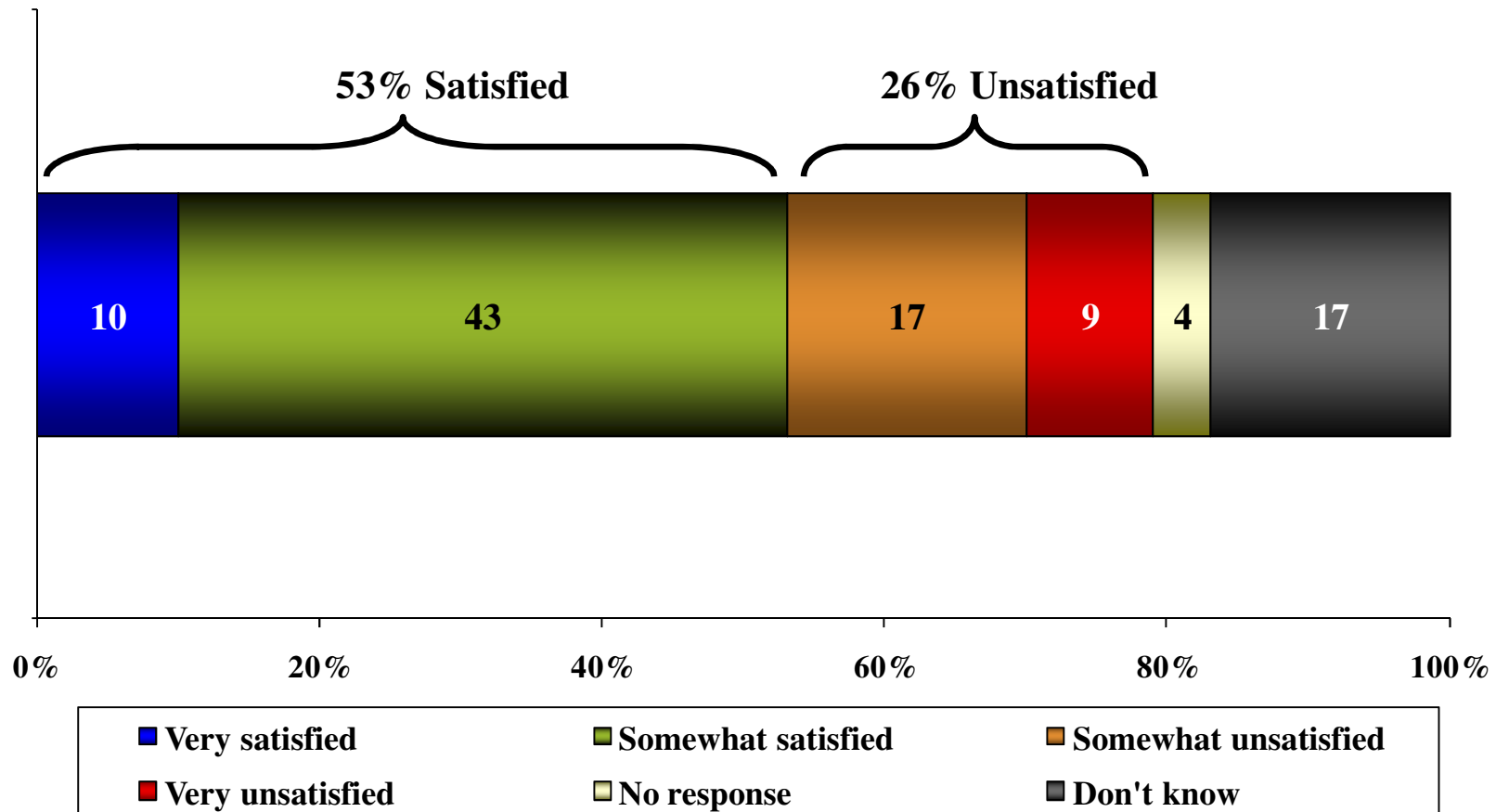
People that think TV channels are not accurately reporting, N=457



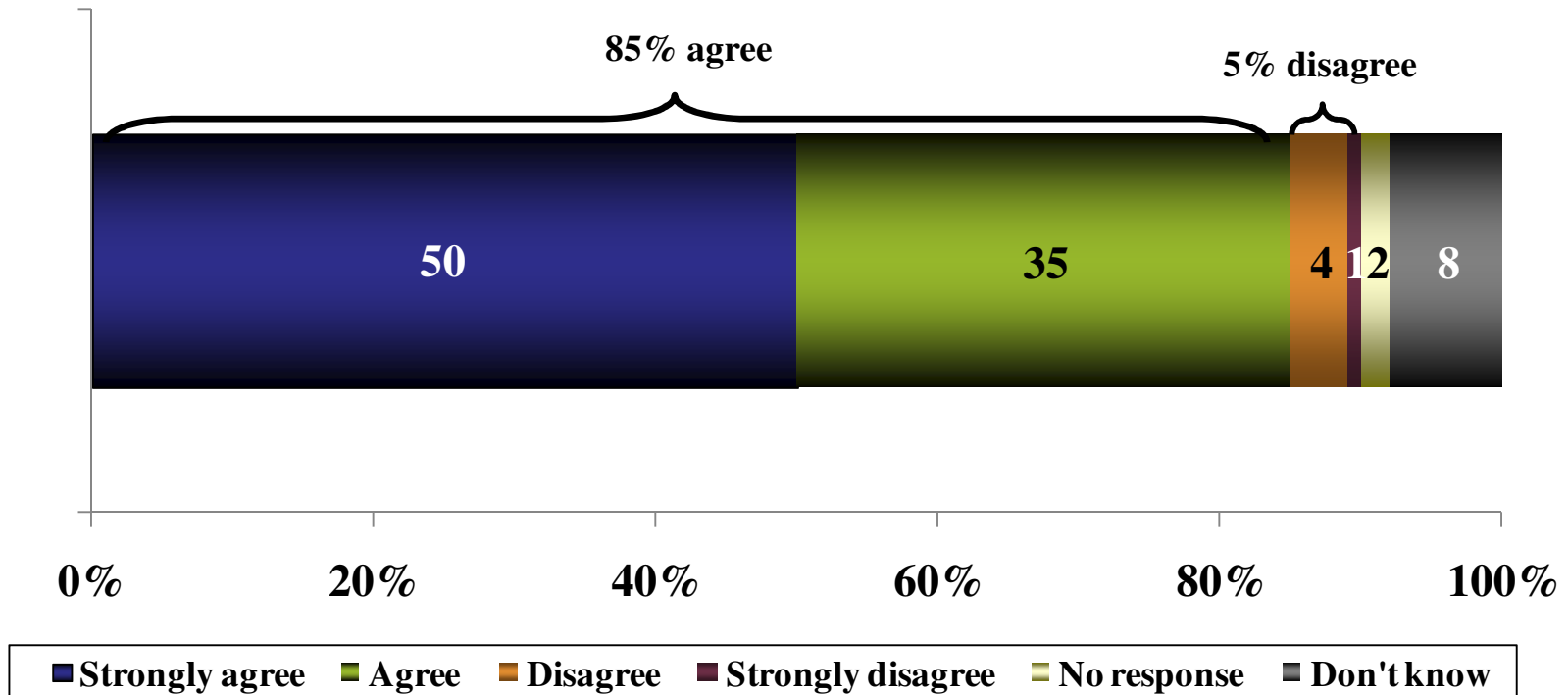
# In your opinion is corruption widespread throughout the government or not?



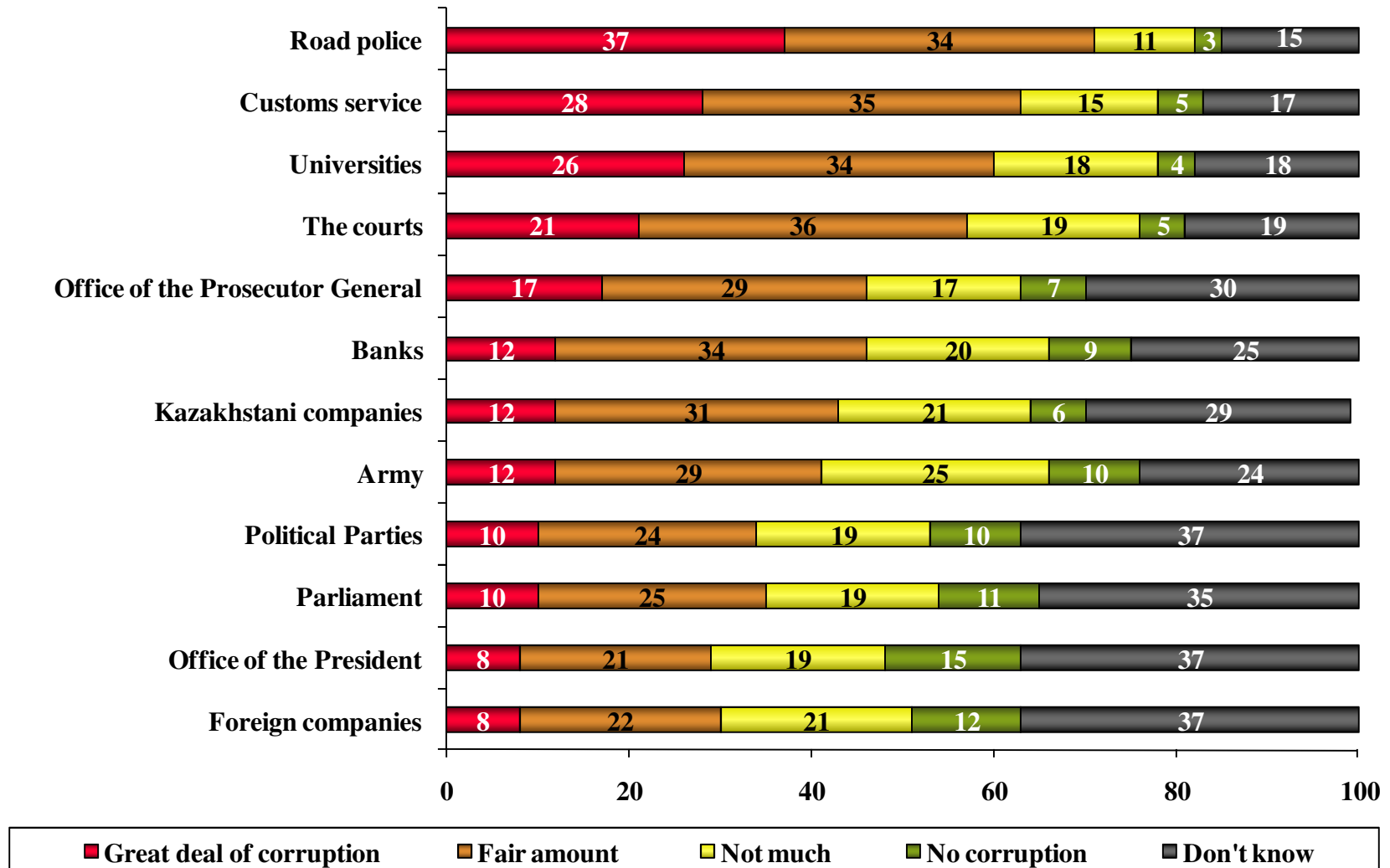
# Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the government's recent efforts to further fight corruption?



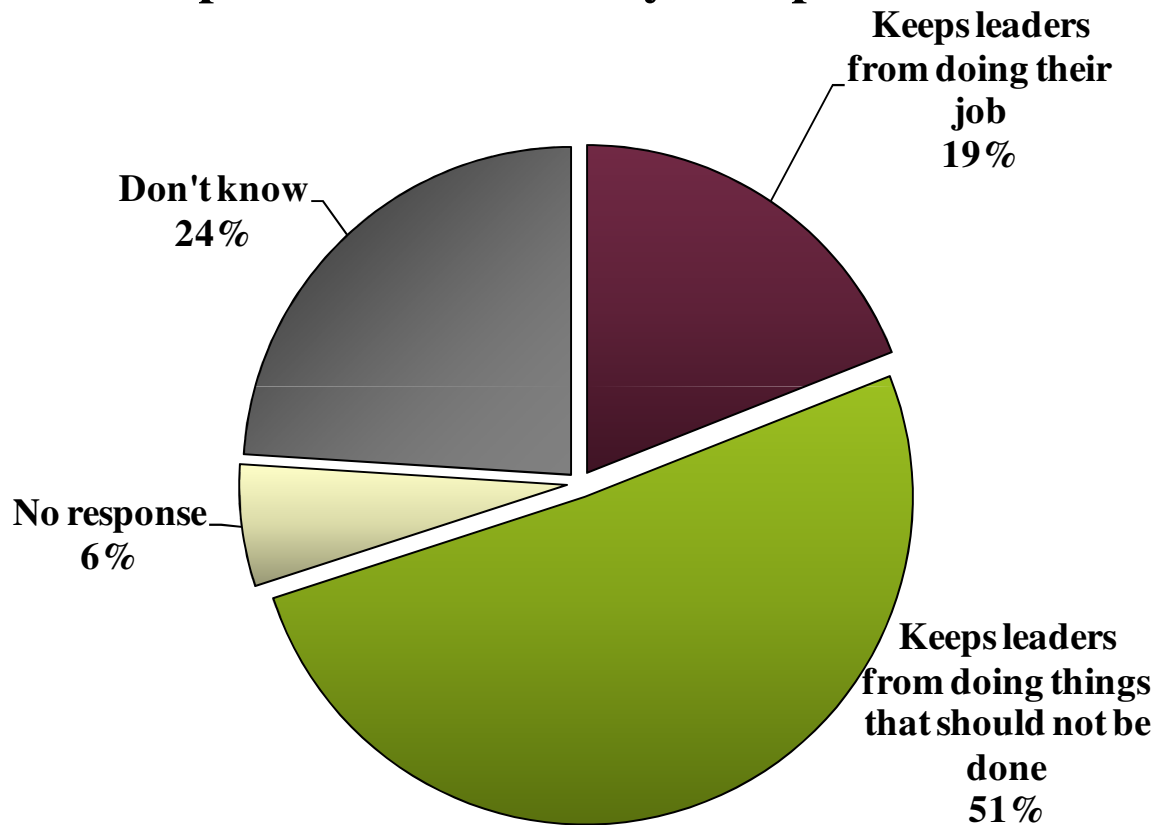
**I am going to ask your level of agreement or disagreement  
with the following statement:  
The government needs to do more to spread the country's  
oil wealth to ordinary citizens.**



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



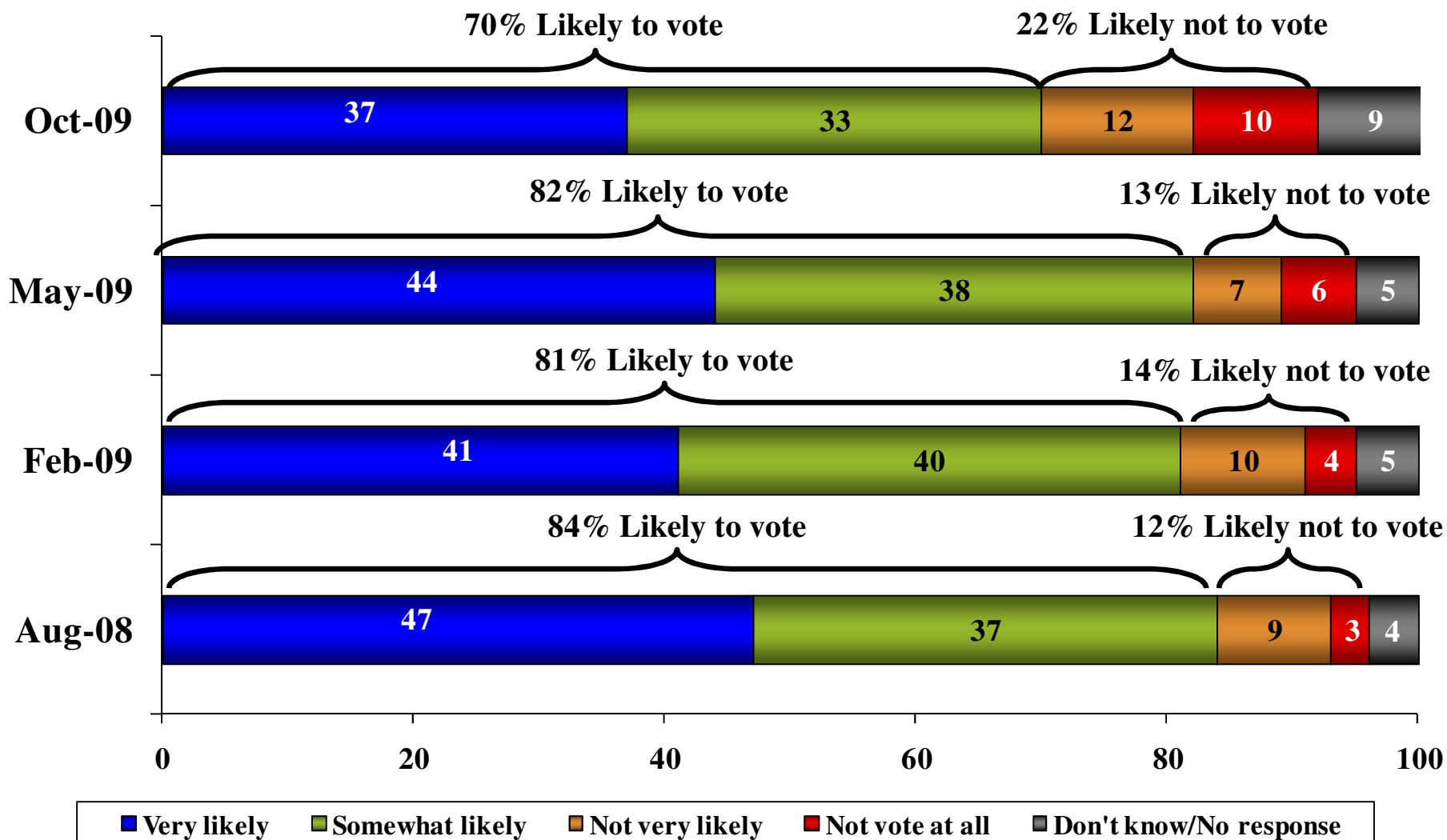
**Some people think that criticizing political leaders keeps them from doing their job. Others think that such criticism is worthwhile because it keeps political leaders from doing things that should not be done. Which position is closer to your opinion?**





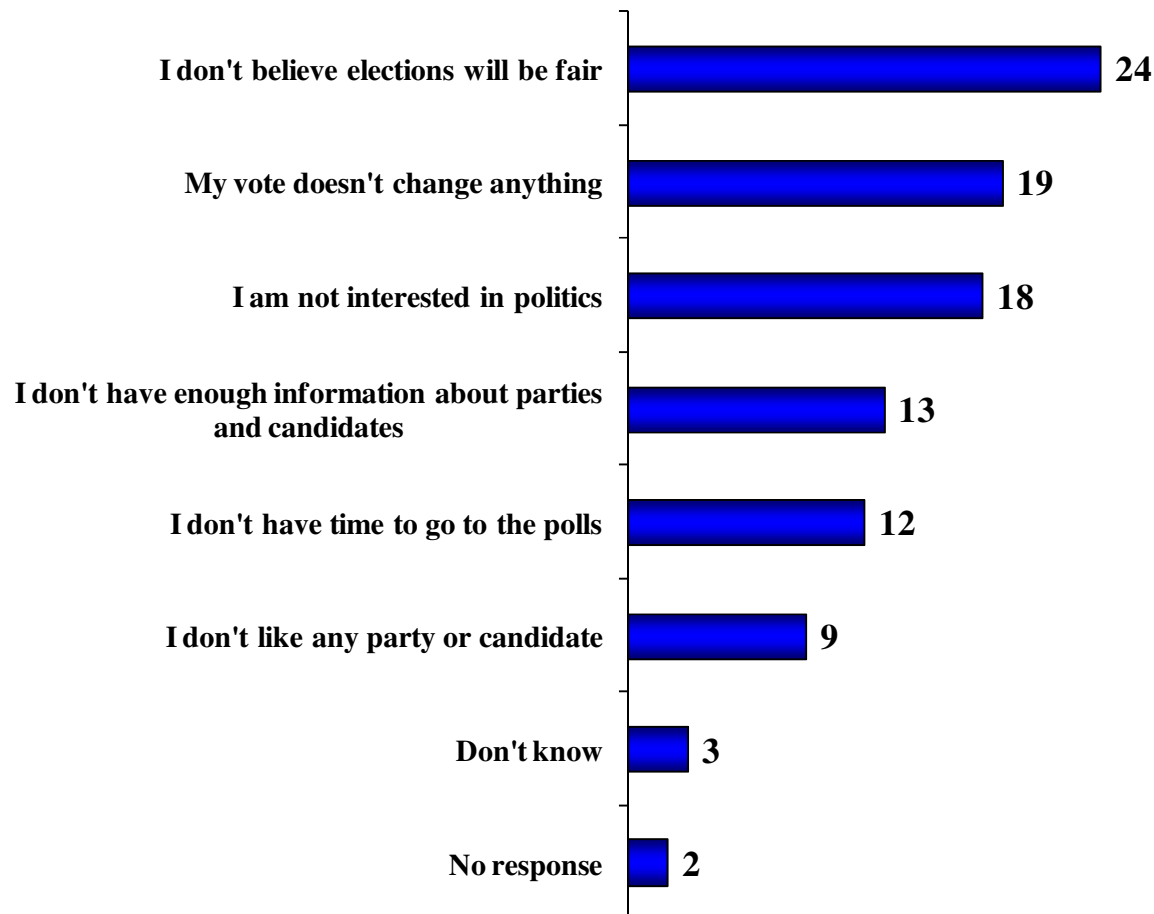
# ELECTION INDEX

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

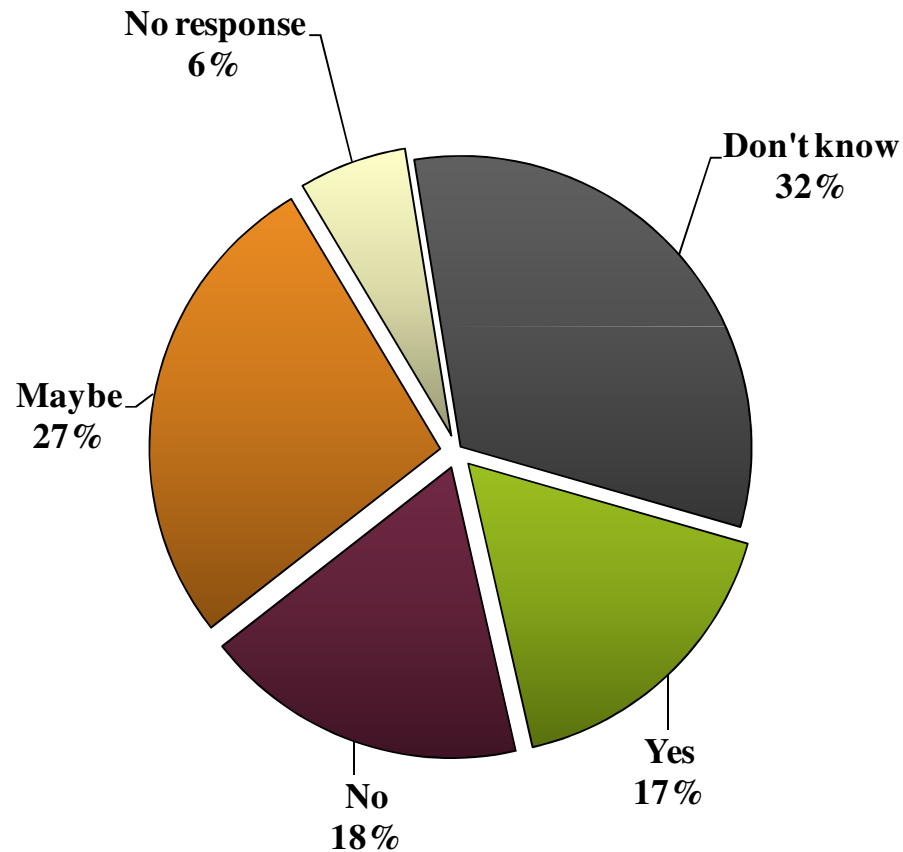


# Why wouldn't you vote in parliamentary elections if they were held next week?

If not very likely to vote or not at all, N=326

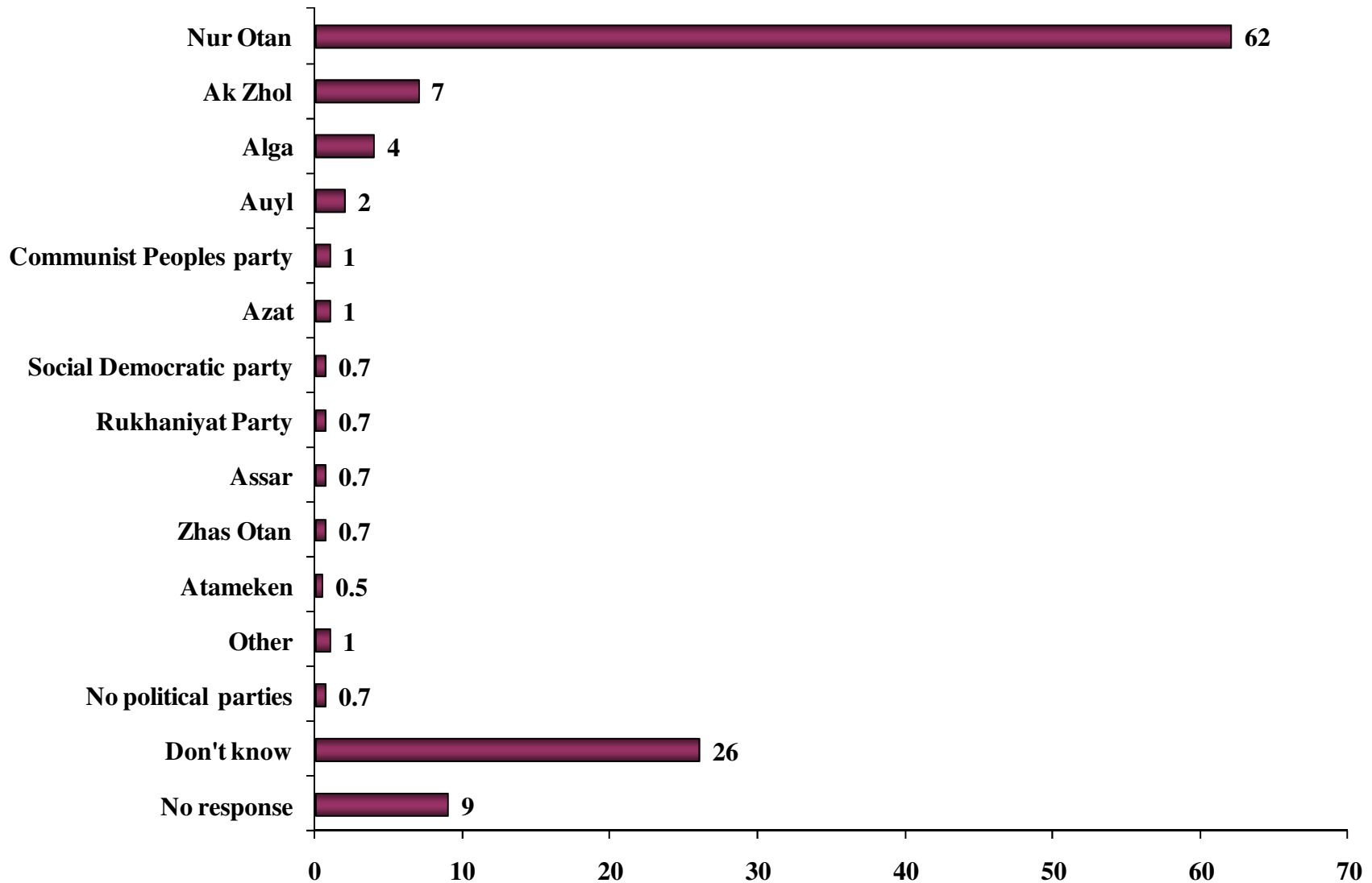


**People's Party Alga (DCK), All National Social Democratic Party (OSDP) and Communist Party of Kazakhstan have recently decided to form a democratic opposition block For a Just Kazakhstan. Would you be open to supporting this block or not?**

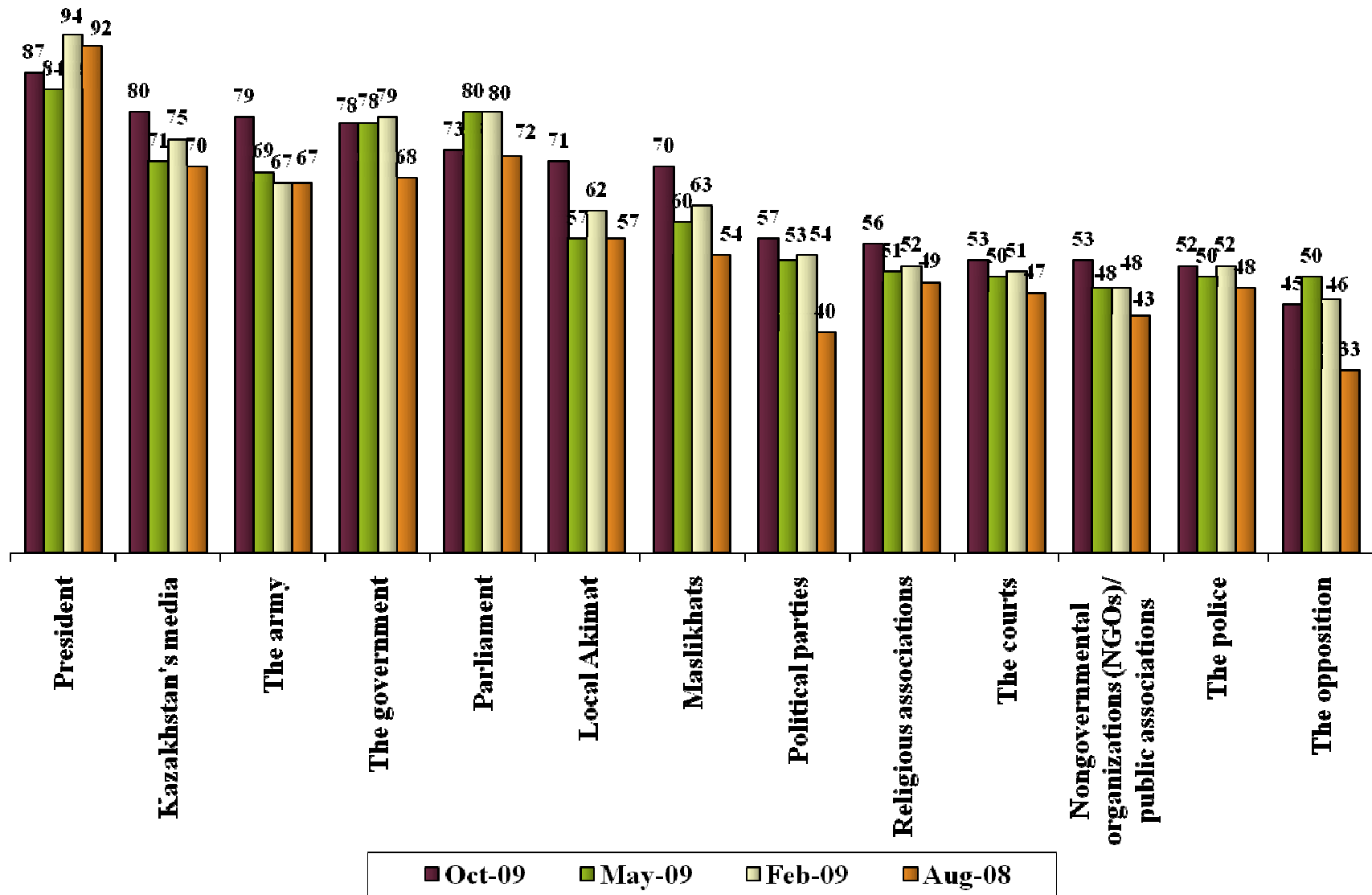


# INSTITUTIONAL RATINGS

## Which political parties working in your region do you know?



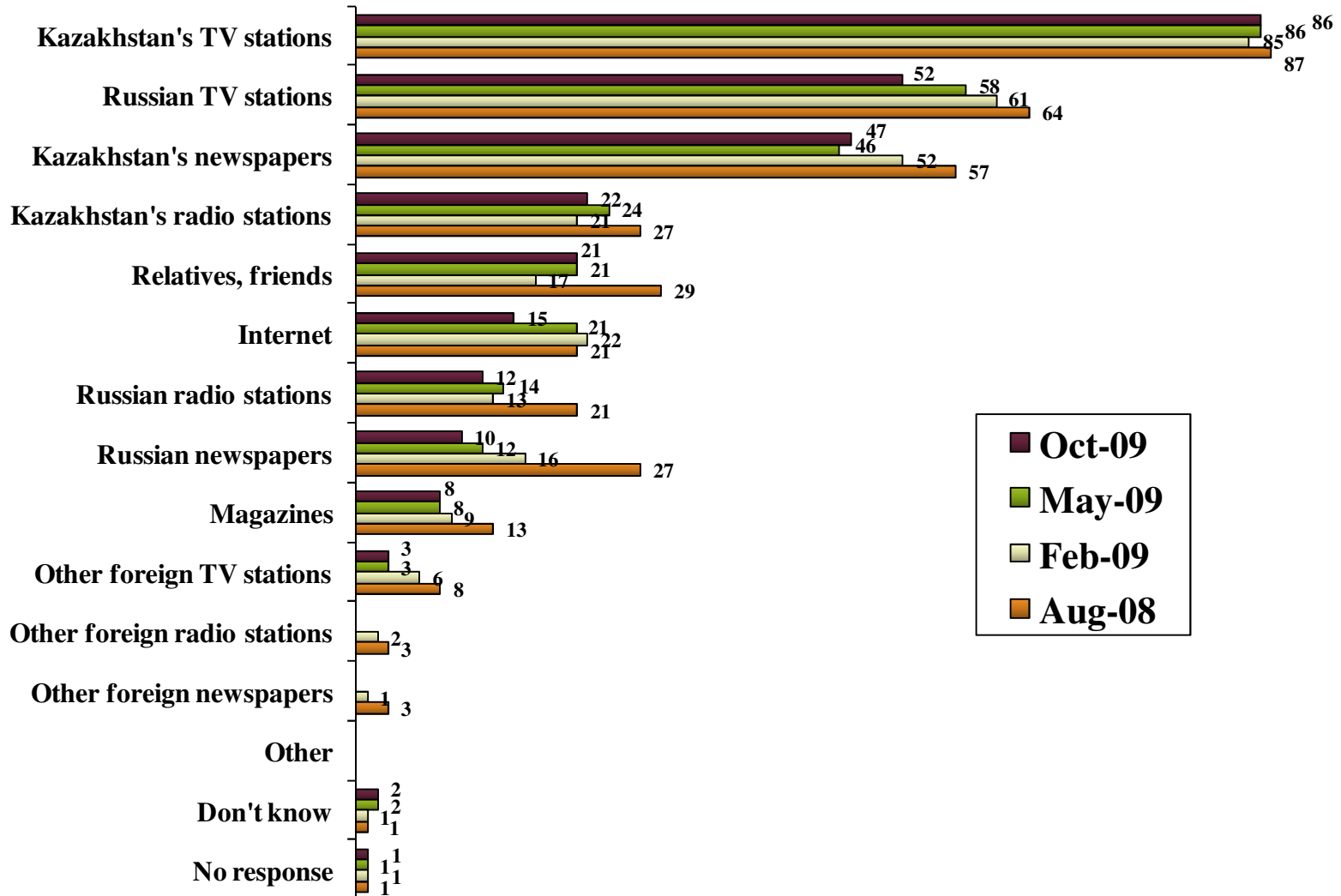
# How would you rate each of the following institutions? (Favorable)



# SOURCES OF INFORMATION

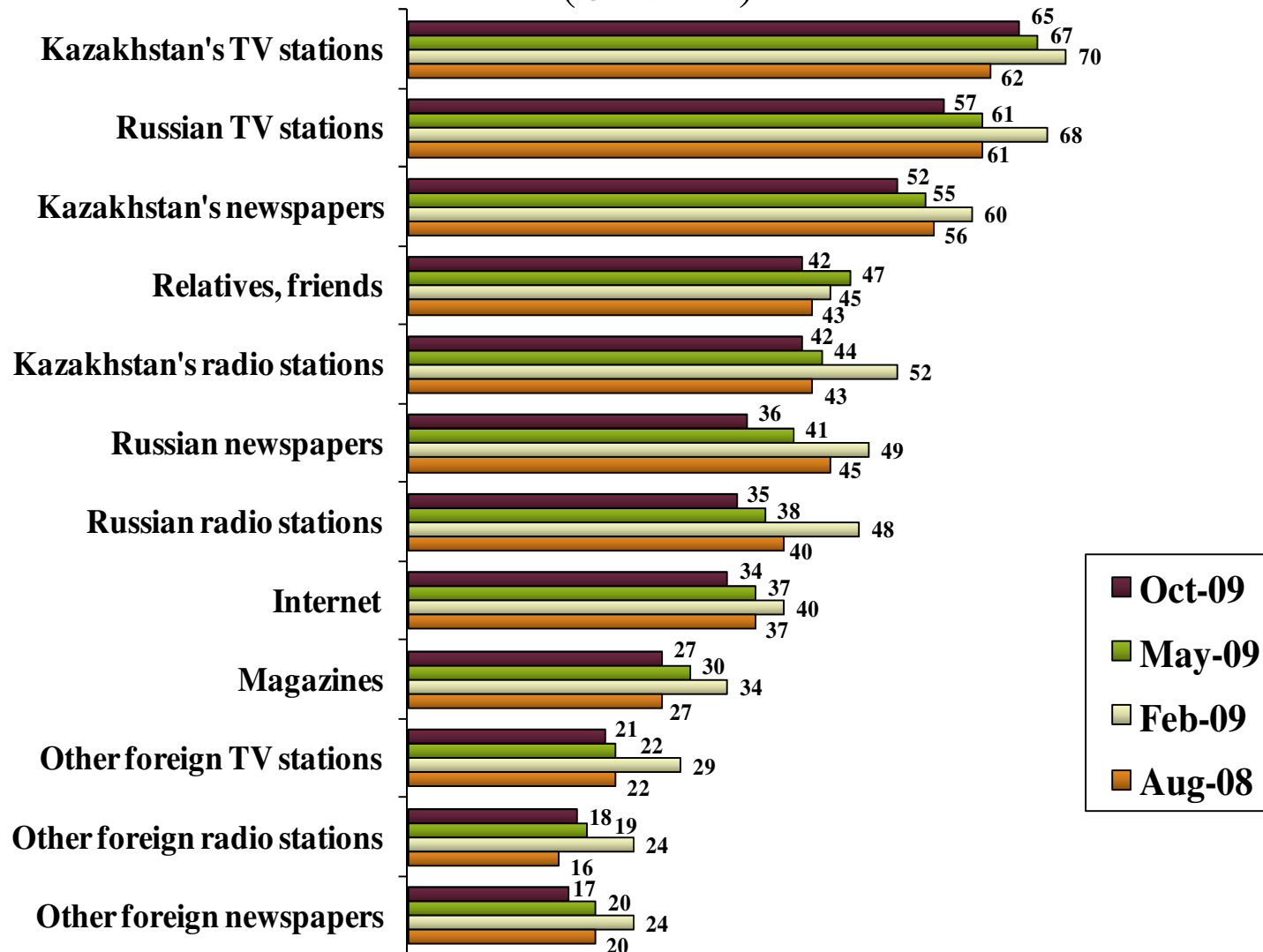


# What are the main sources of political information for you?

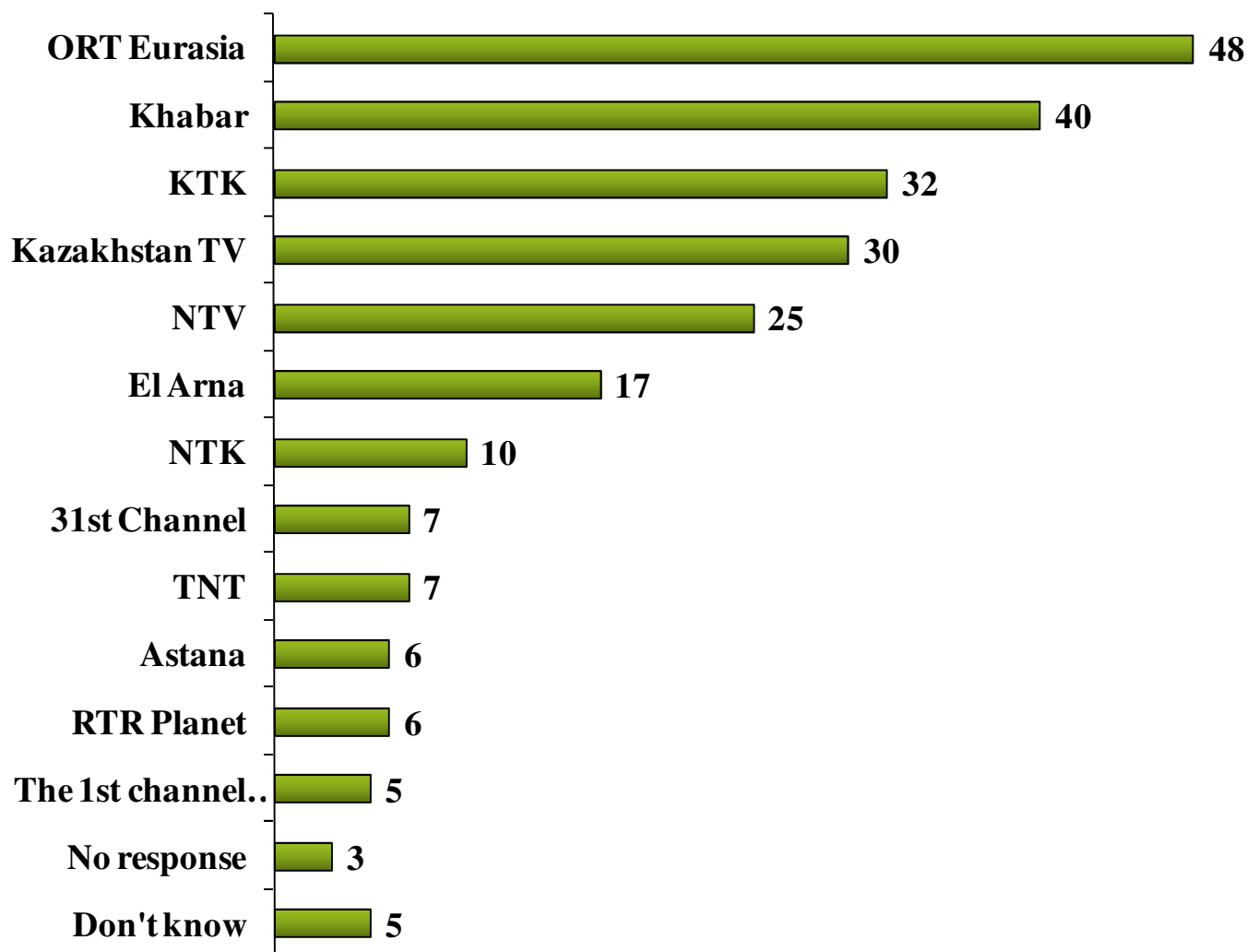


# How do you rate the credibility of these information sources on a five-point scale where one means very unreliable and five means very credible?

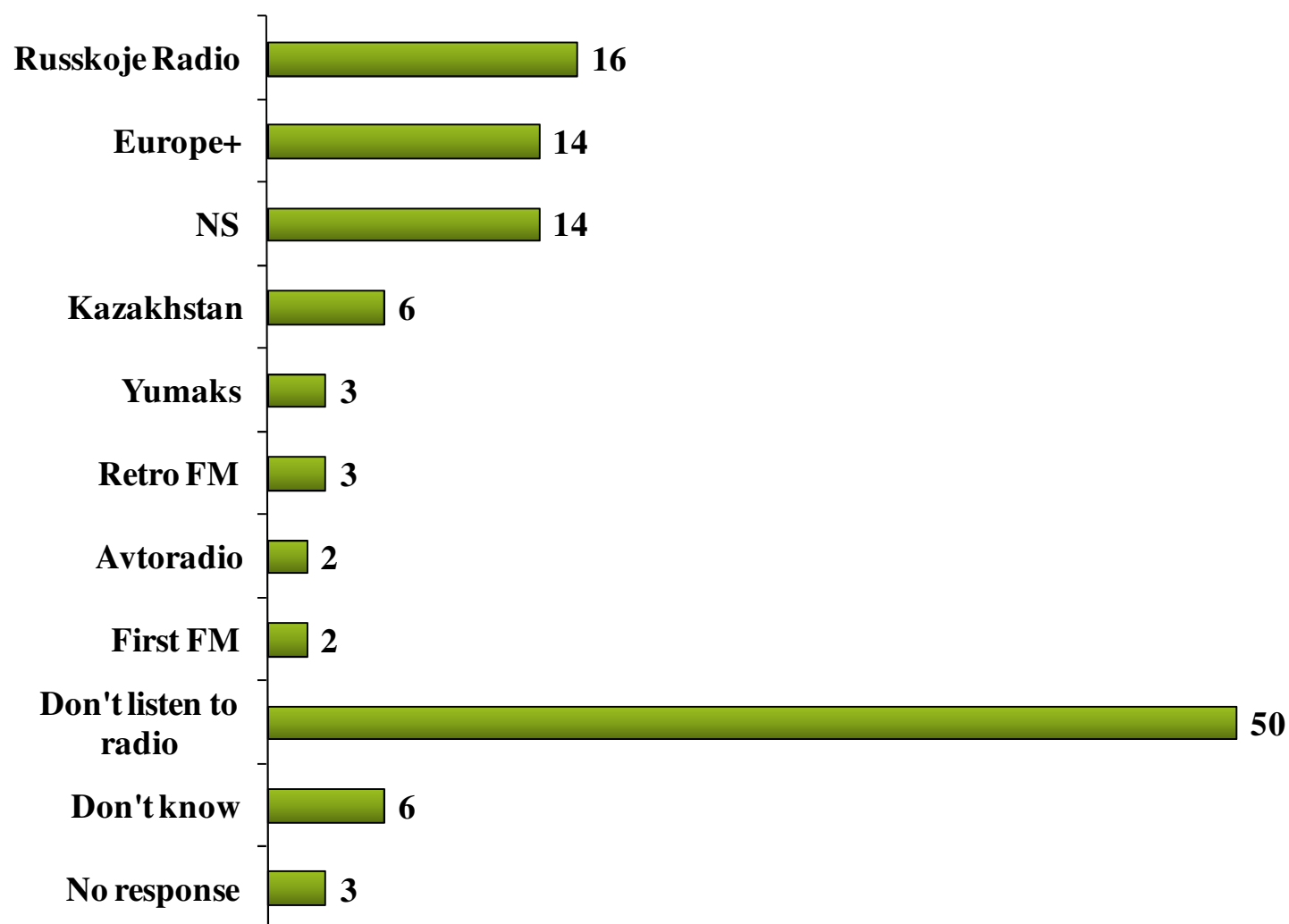
(Credible)



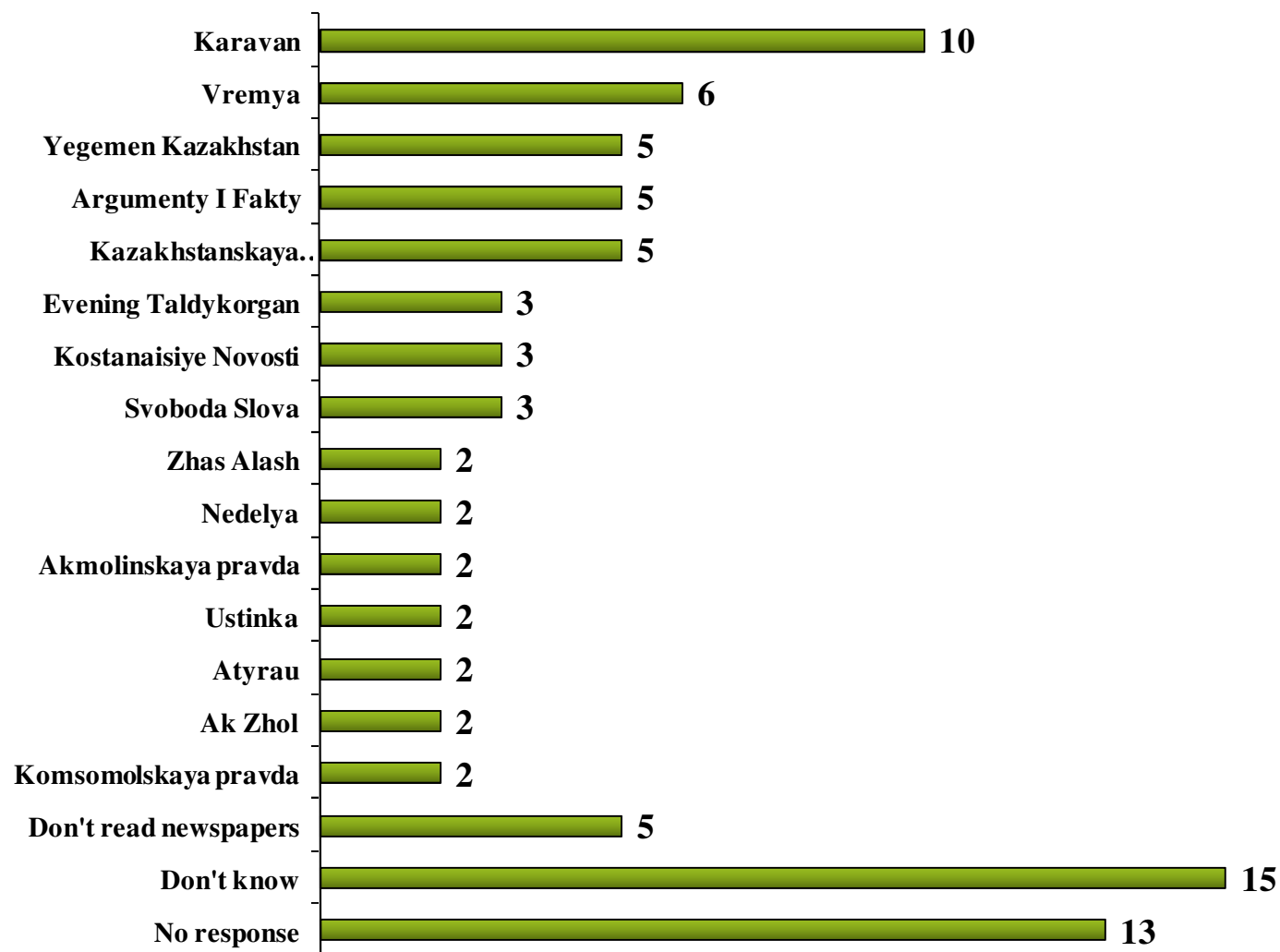
# Which TV stations do you watch regularly? (Most often mentioned)



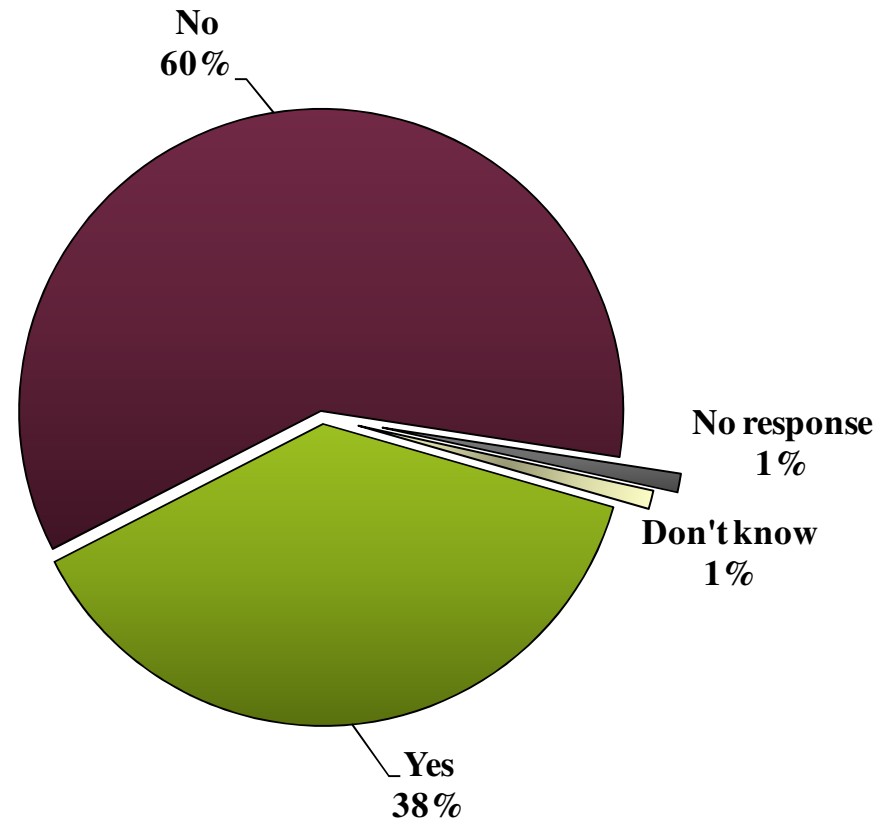
# Which radio stations do you listen to regularly? (Most often mentioned)



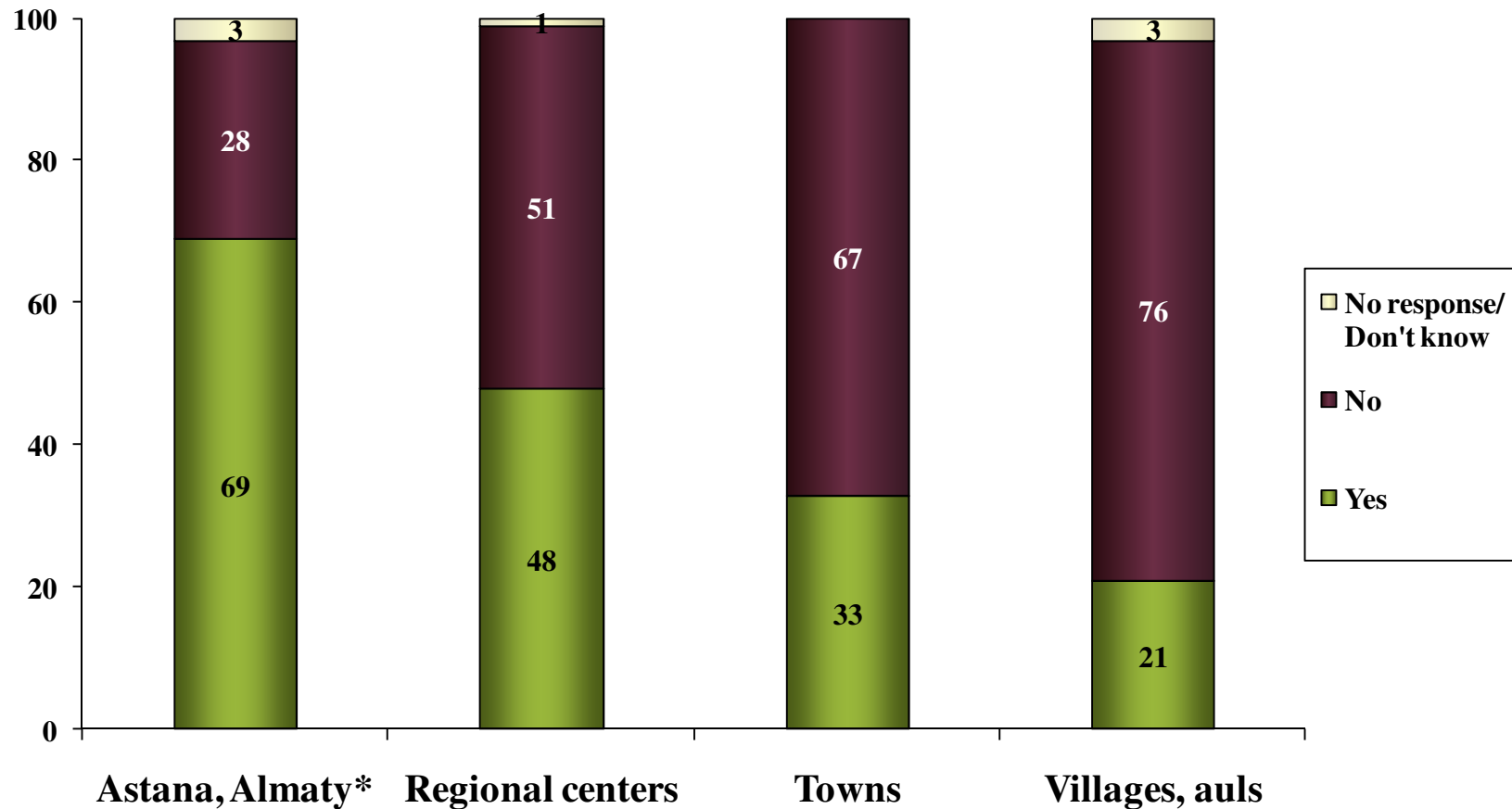
# Which newspapers do you read regularly? (Most often mentioned)



# Does your household own a computer?

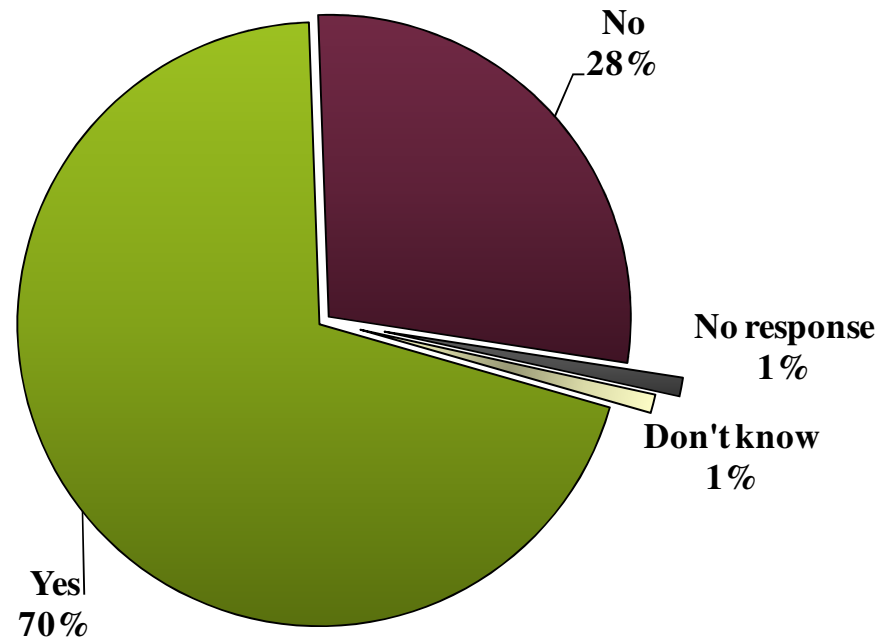


# Does your household own a computer? (Breakdown by population density)



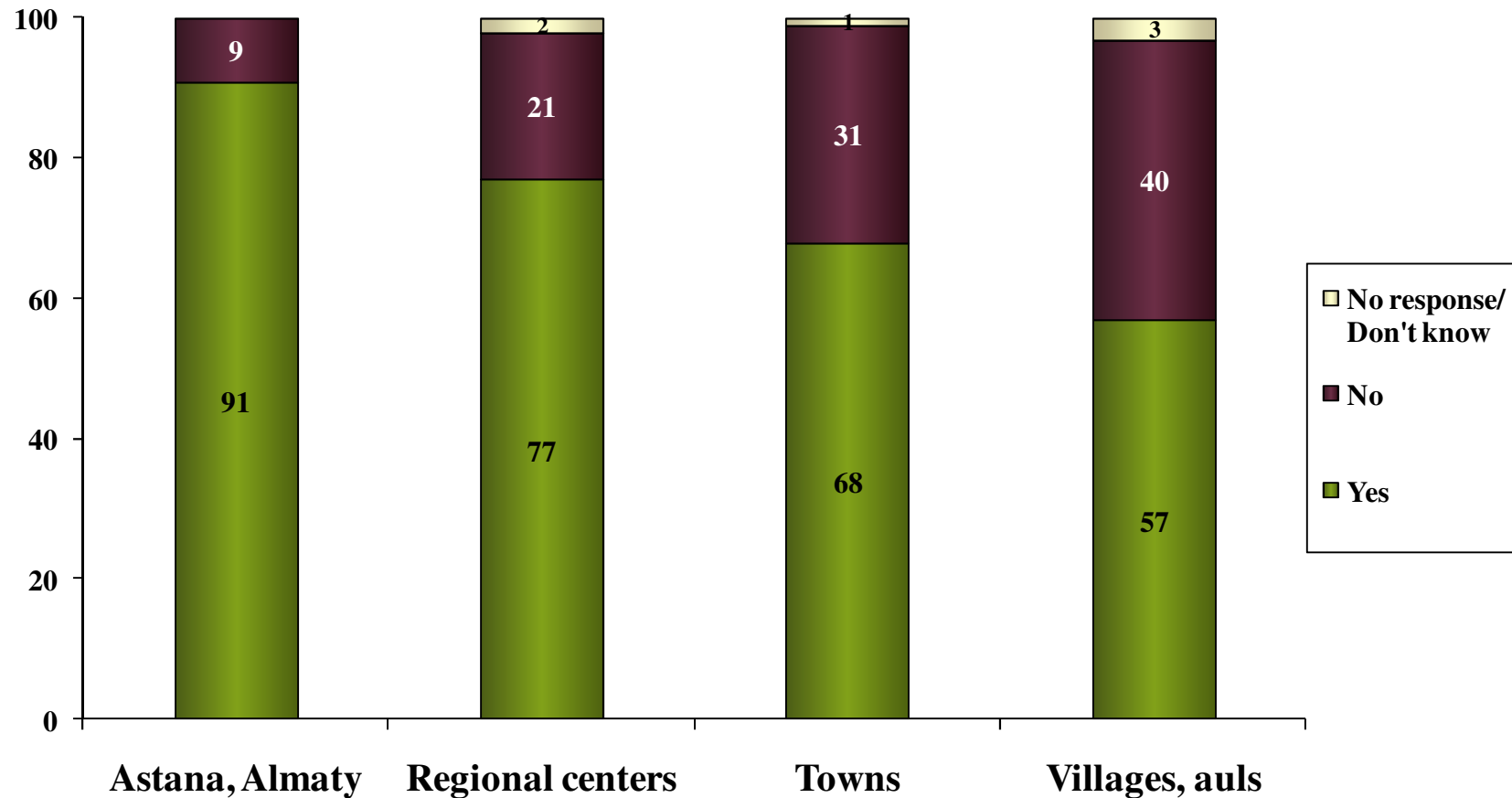
\*Astana and Almaty are Kazakhstan's two largest cities.

# Do you own a cellular phone?

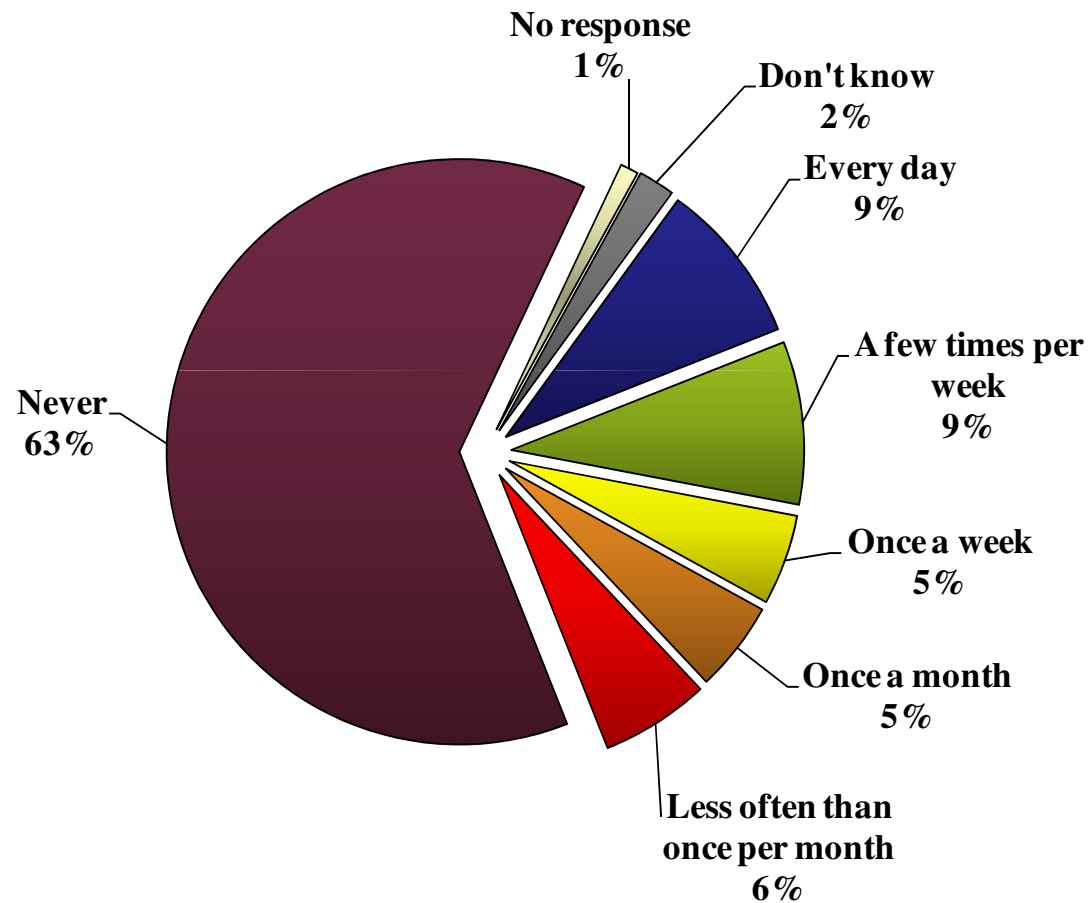




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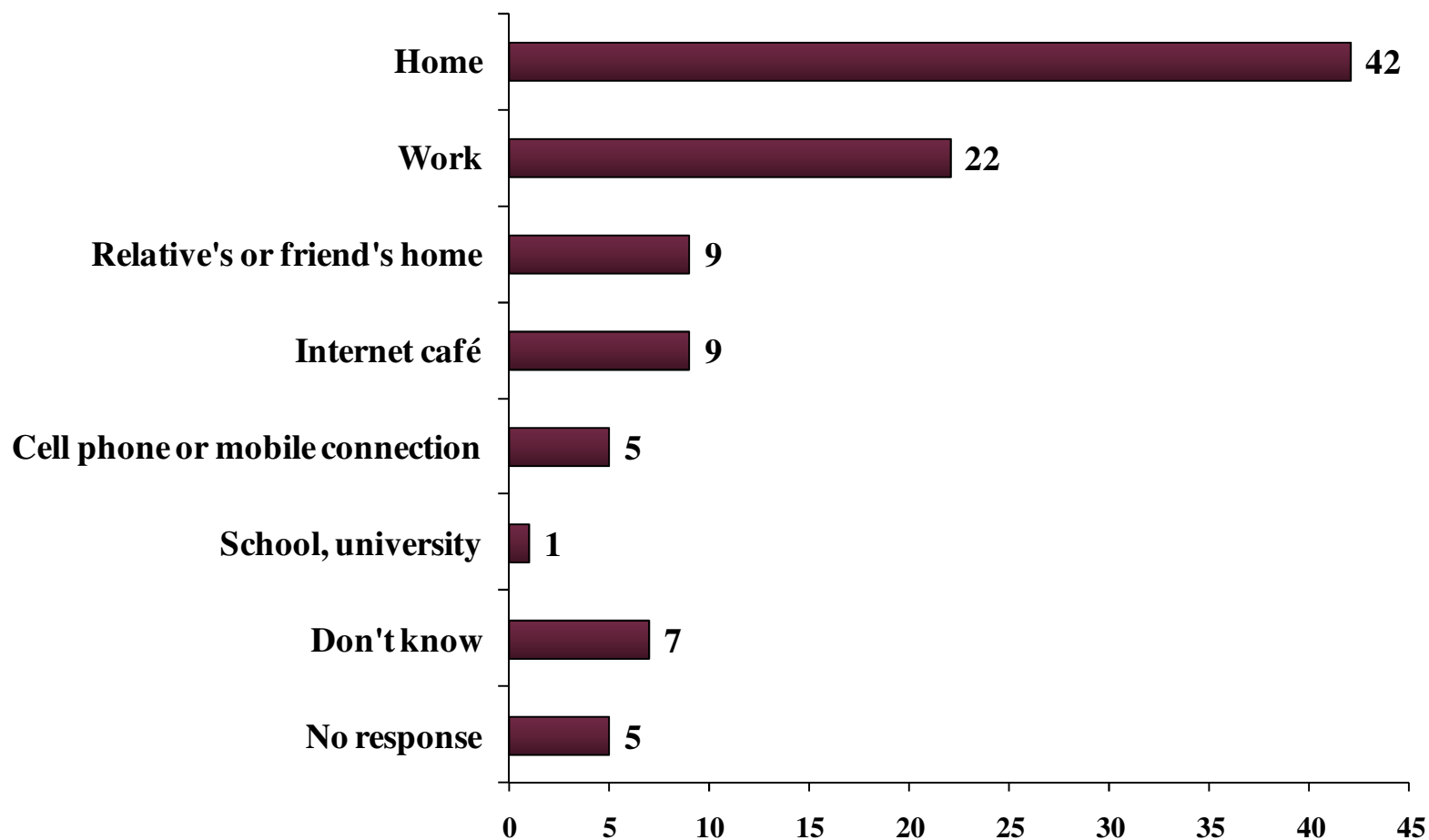


# On average, how many times per week do you use Internet?

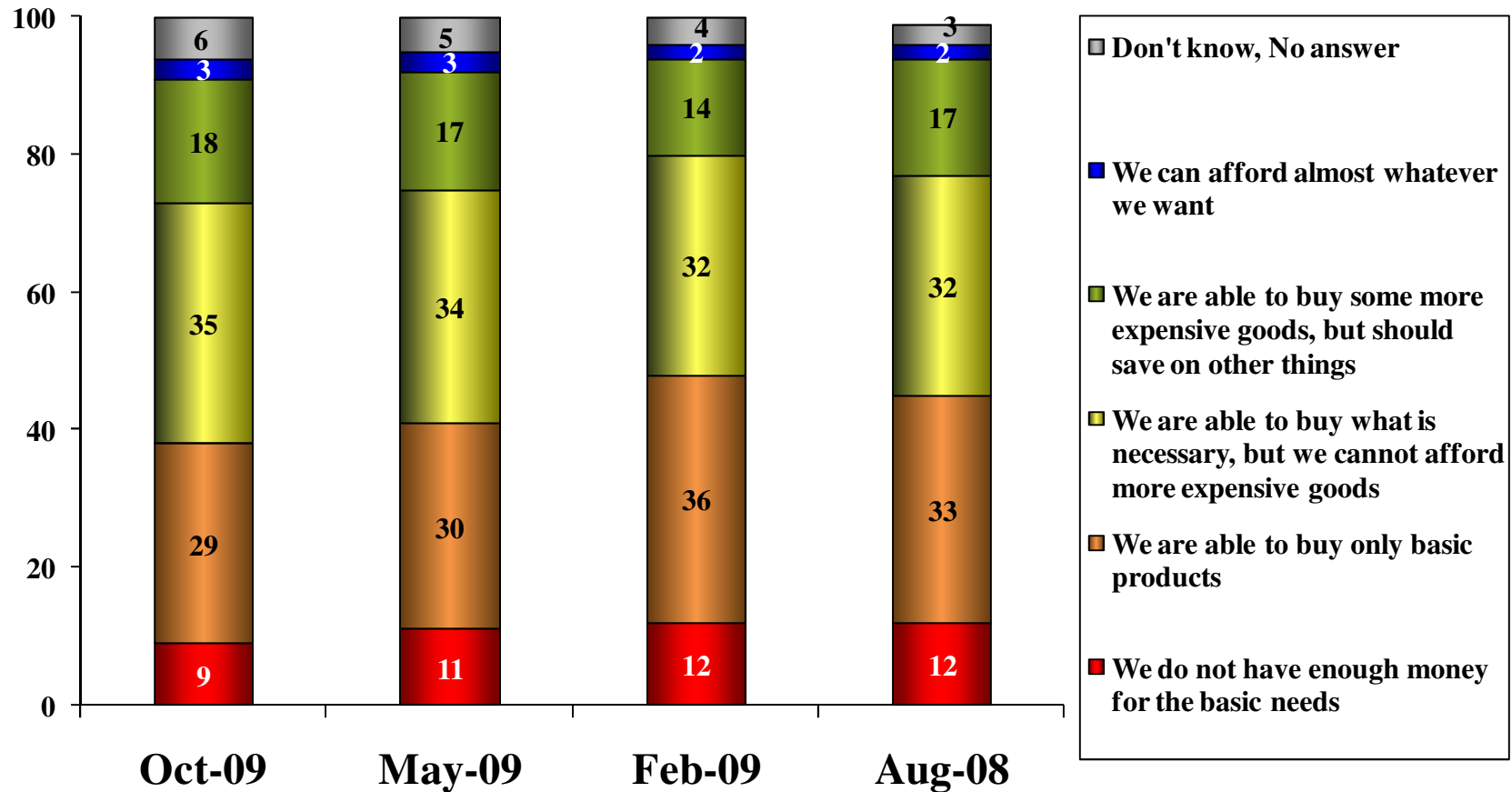


# Where do you most regularly access the Internet?

Users of Internet, N=566

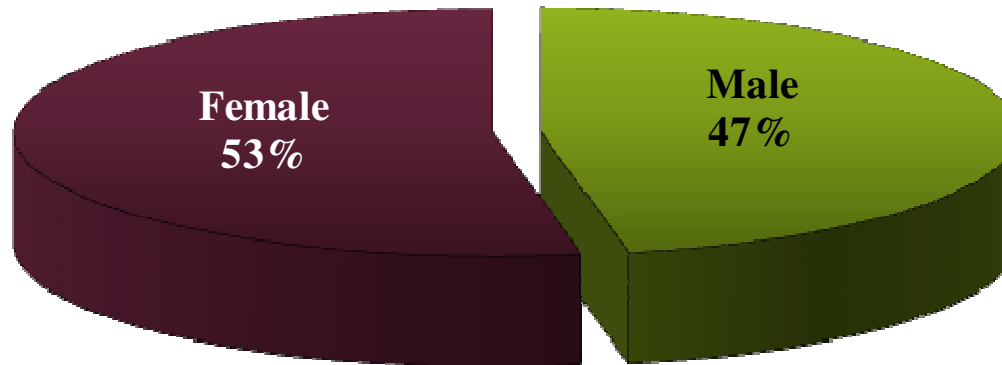


# How would you evaluate the income of your household?

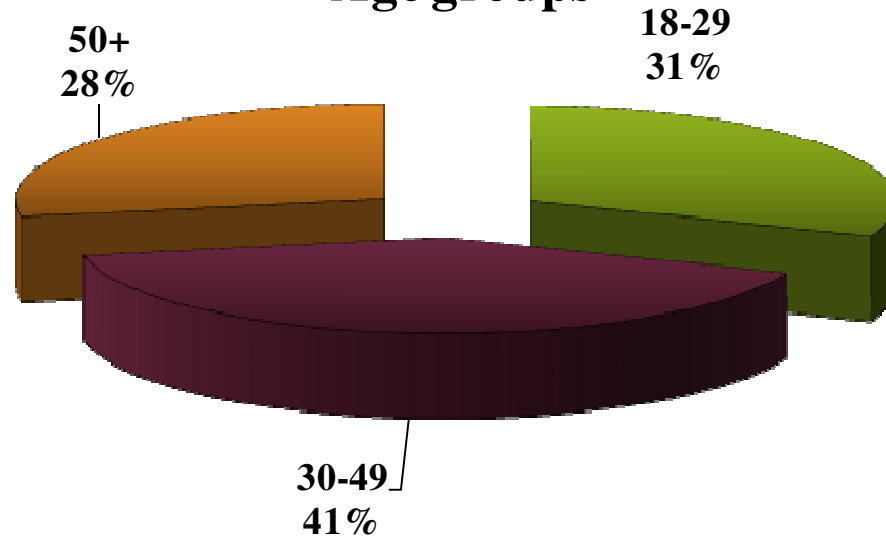


# SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

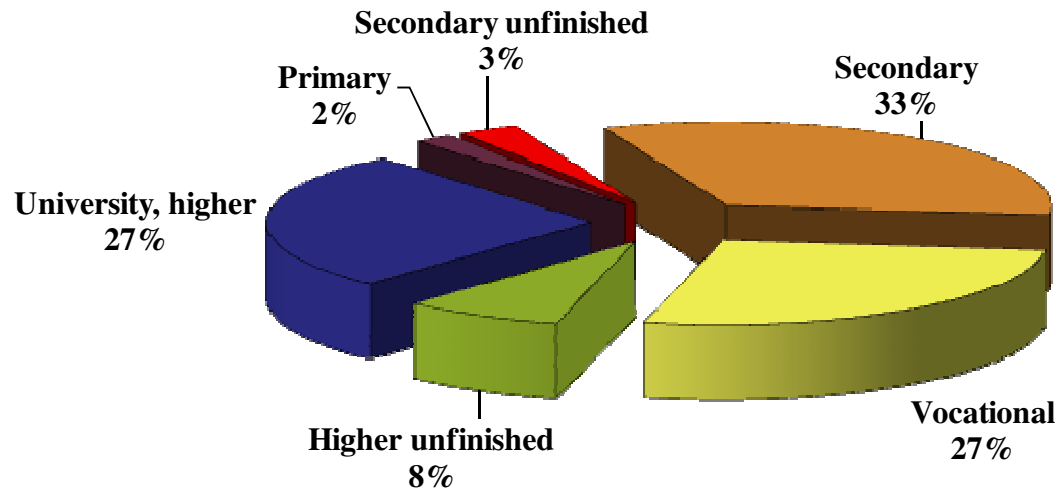
## Gender



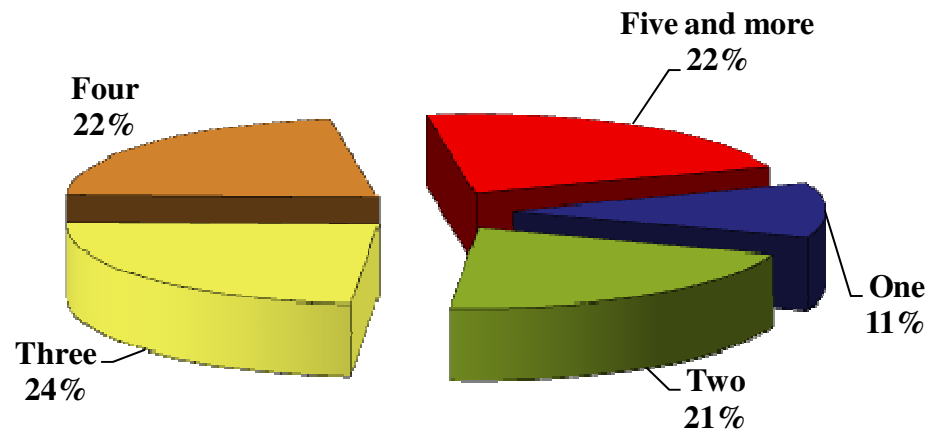
## Age groups



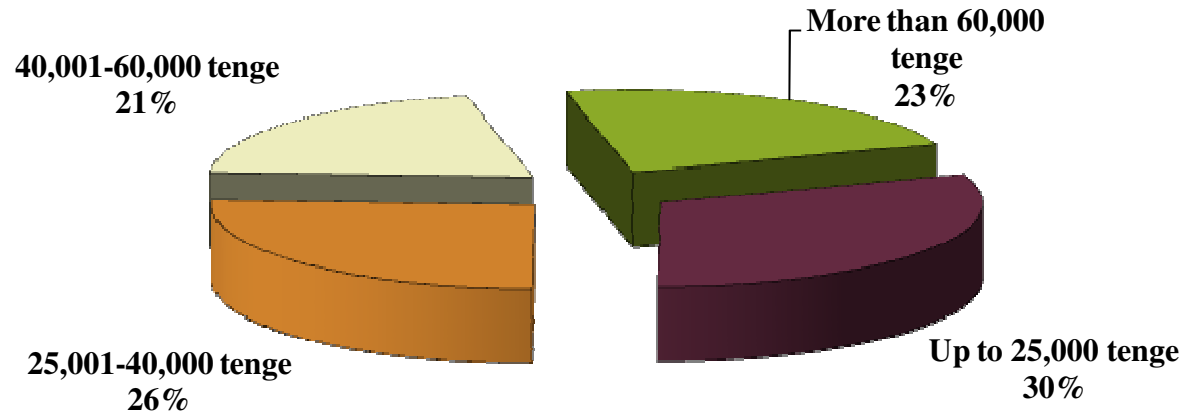
## Education



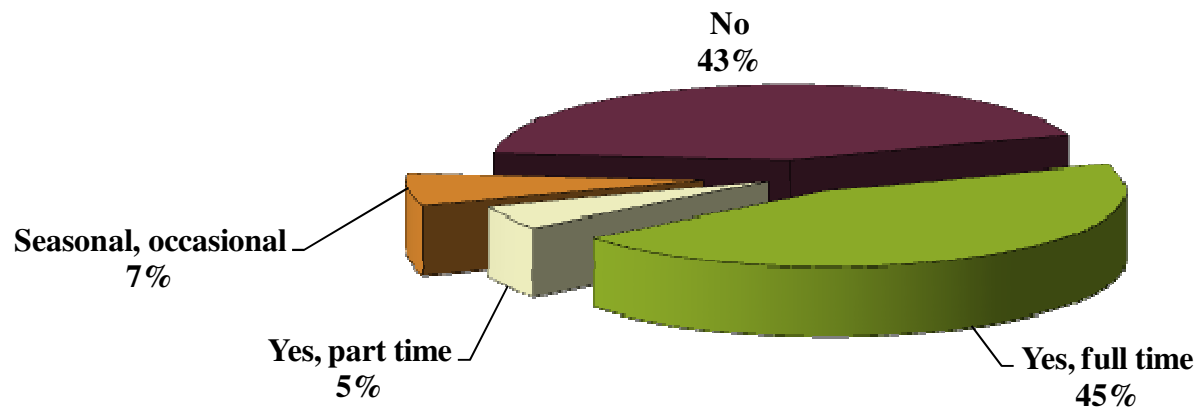
## Household size



## Household income

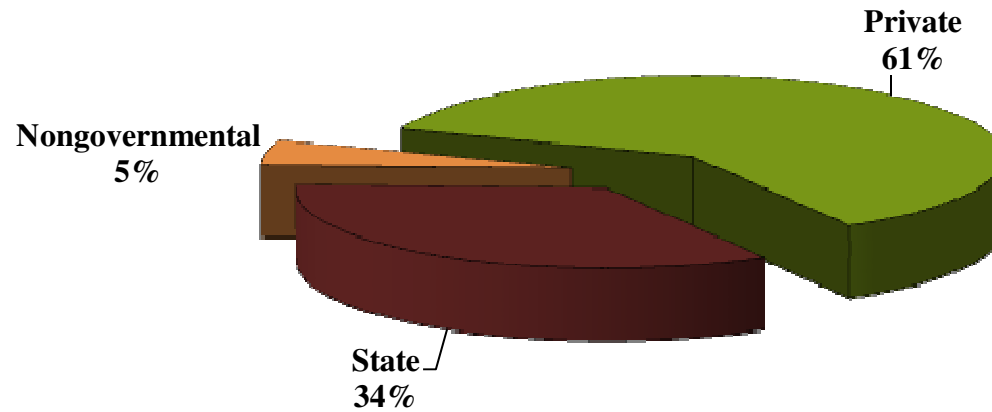


## Working status

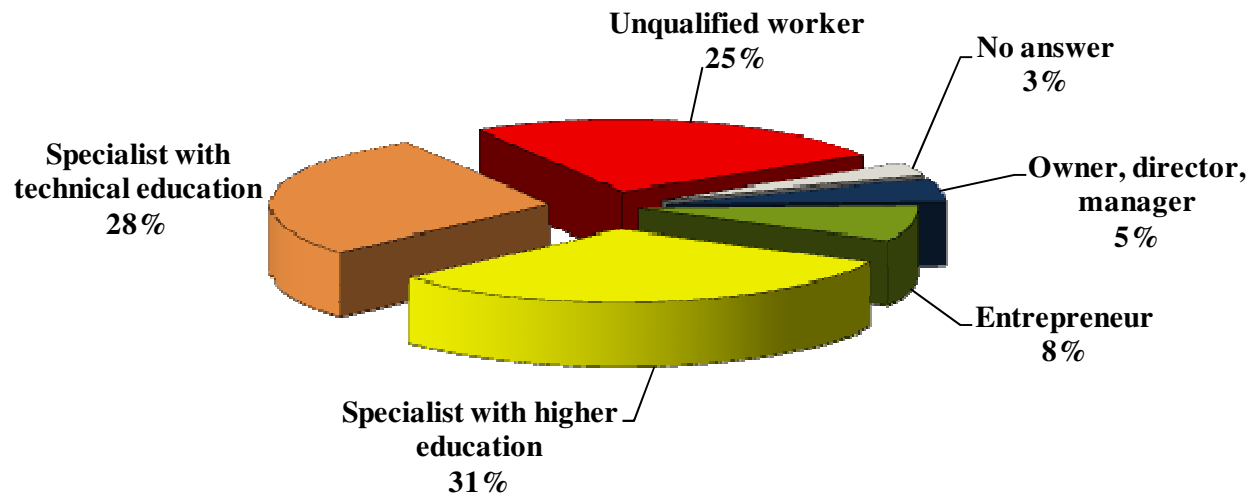




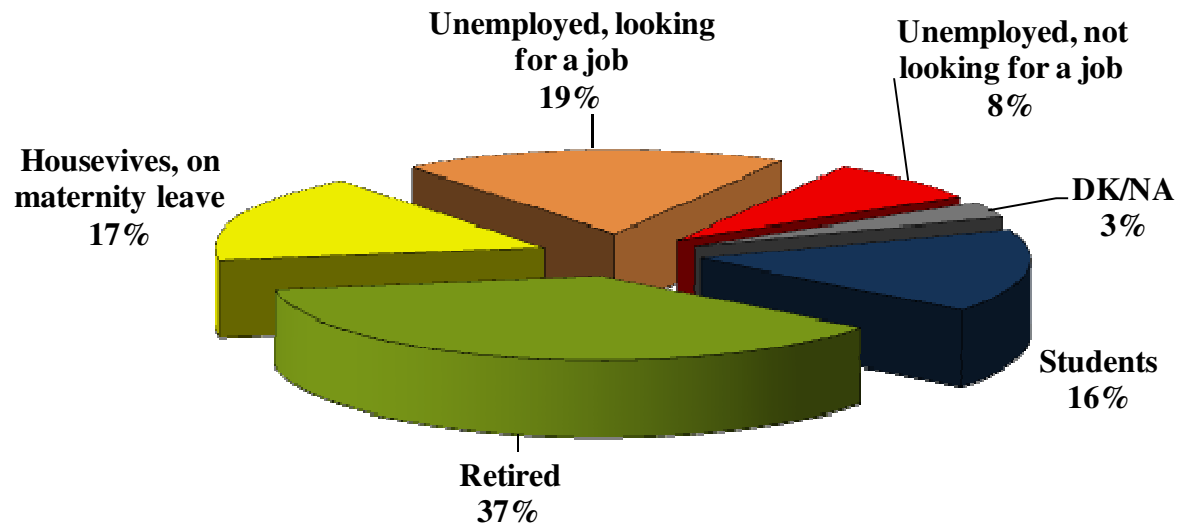
## Sector of employed respondents, N=891



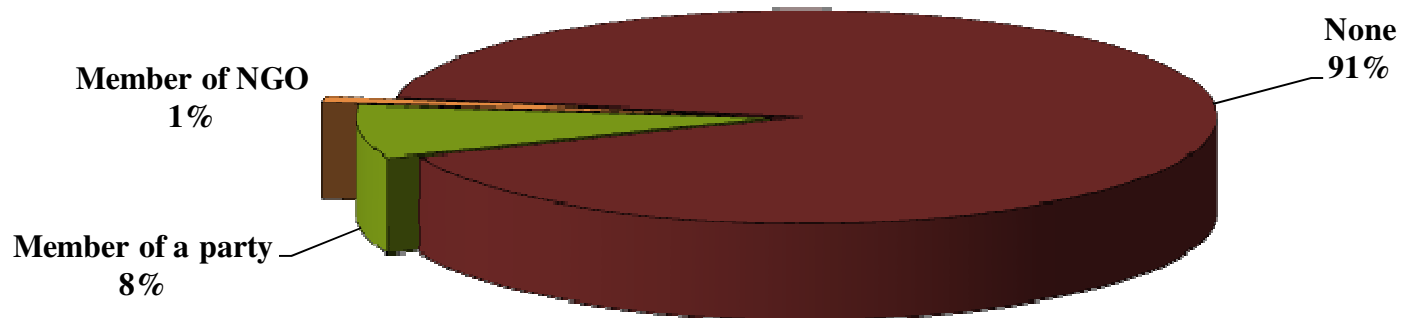
## Occupations of employed respondents, N=891



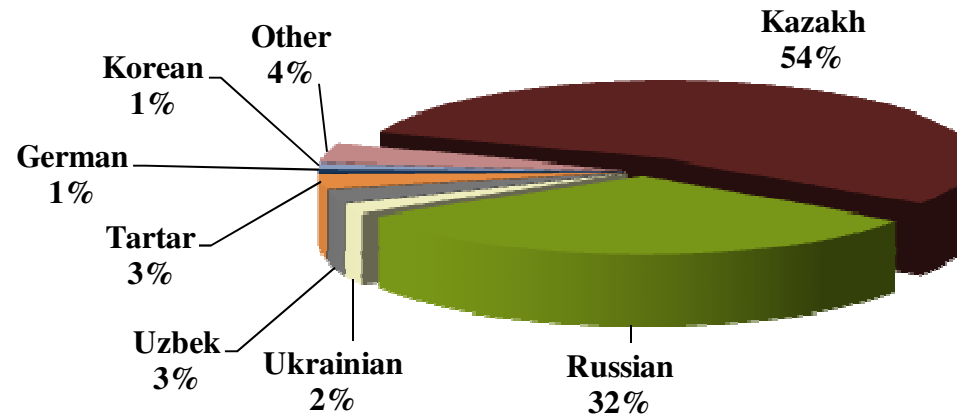
### Unemployed respondents, N=636



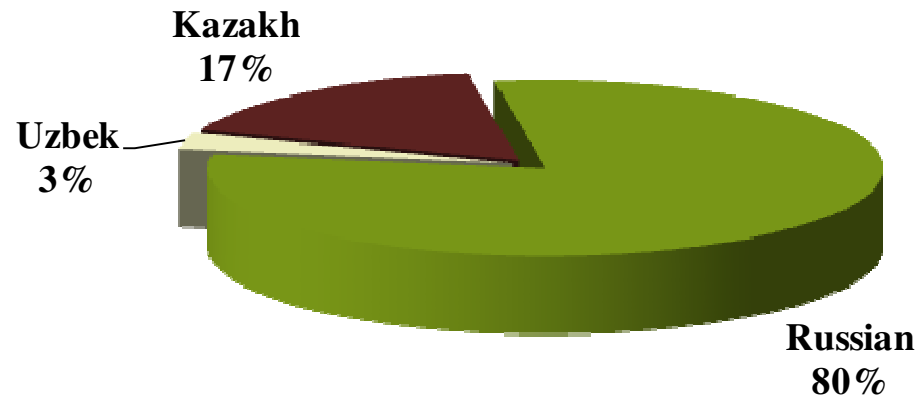
### Are you a member of any political party or nongovernmental organization (NGO)?



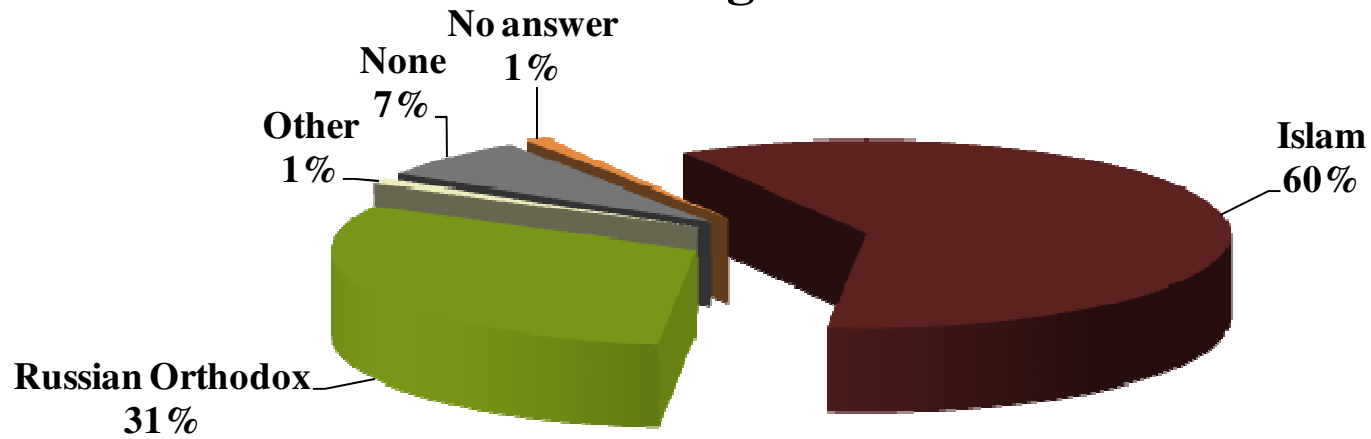
## Ethnicity



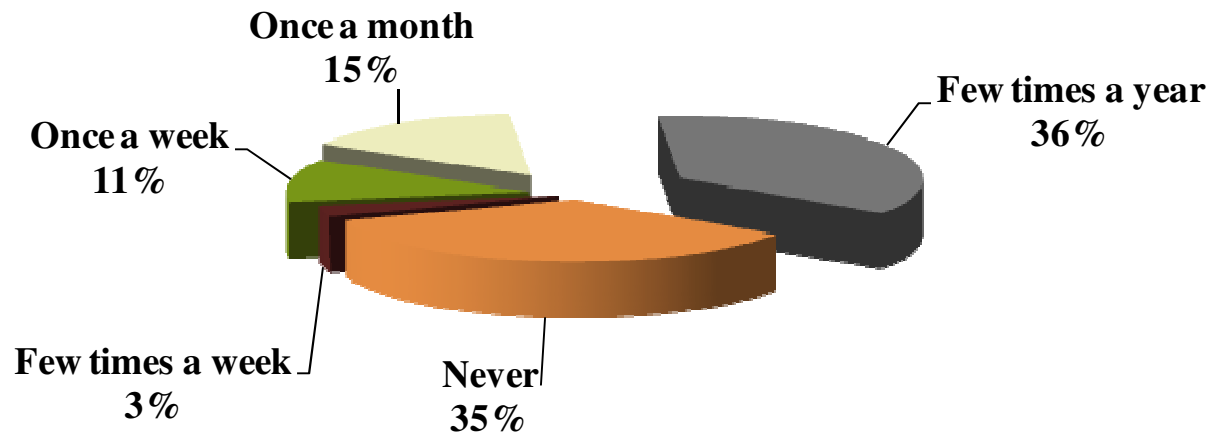
## Language of interview



## Religion



## Attendance of religious service



# Region

