



Afghanistan Post-Election Survey: November 16-25, 2009

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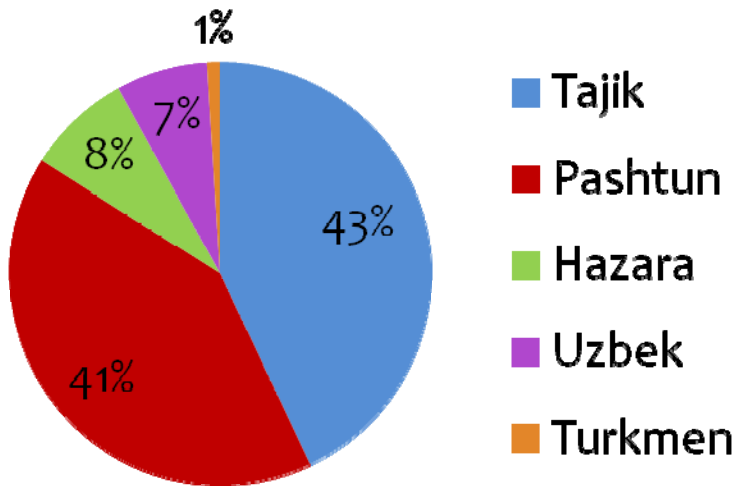


Survey Specifications

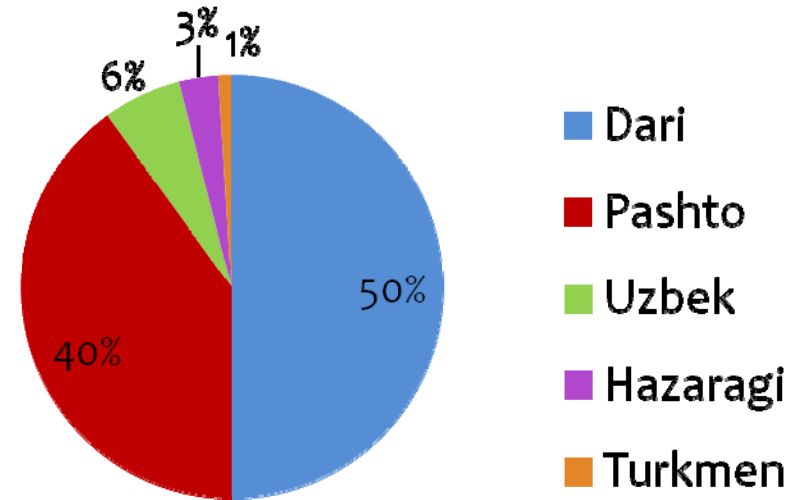
- International Republican Institute conducted.
- Supervision of fieldwork, oversight, and analysis provided by Lapis, Ltd., Kabul, Afghanistan and Williams & Associates of Salem, Massachusetts.
- The national survey was conducted from November 16-25, 2009.
- The sample was 2,380 adult Afghans (18+).
- The overall margin of error is ± 2.0 percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level.
- Interviews collected using in-person, face-to-face methodology by trained professional interviewers using a multistage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution, with random selection of households and respondents in 34 provinces of Afghanistan.
- Men interviewed men and women interviewed women.
- All 34 provinces were selected at the first level of stratification, and approximately five districts within each province were selected, including the provincial capital district and four other randomly selected districts. The clusters, which were the primary sampling unit, each contain between six and 10 villages exhibiting similar characteristics.
- Kish method was used to select respondents 18 years and older within the randomly selected household. The right hand method was used to select every third household in localities selected through area probability sample.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies.
- All data shown is from this November survey, unless otherwise noted as a July 16-26, 2009 national survey or a May 3-16, 2009 national survey.
- Figures in charts and tables may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

Survey Statistics

Ethnic Distribution of Respondents



Language Distribution of Respondents



- 50 percent male to 50 percent female ratio of respondents

Regional Breakdown by Province

Southwest Region

- Daikundi
- Helmand
- Kandahar
- Nimroz
- Urozgan
- Zabul

Southeast Region

- Ghazni
- Khost
- Paktia
- Paktika

East Region

- Kunar
- Laghman
- Nangarhar
- Nuristan

Central Region

- Kabul
- Kapisa
- Logar
- Panjsher
- Parwan
- Wardak

Northeast Region

- Badakhshan
- Baghlan
- Kunduz
- Takhar

Northwest Region

- Balkh
- Faryab
- Jowzjan
- Samangan
- Sar-e-Pul

West Region

- Badghis
- Bamiyan
- Farah
- Ghor
- Herat

Acronyms Legend

DK – Don't Know

REF – Refuse to Answer

ISAF – International Security Assistance Force

ANA – Afghan National Army

ANP – Afghan National Police

CDC – Community Development Council

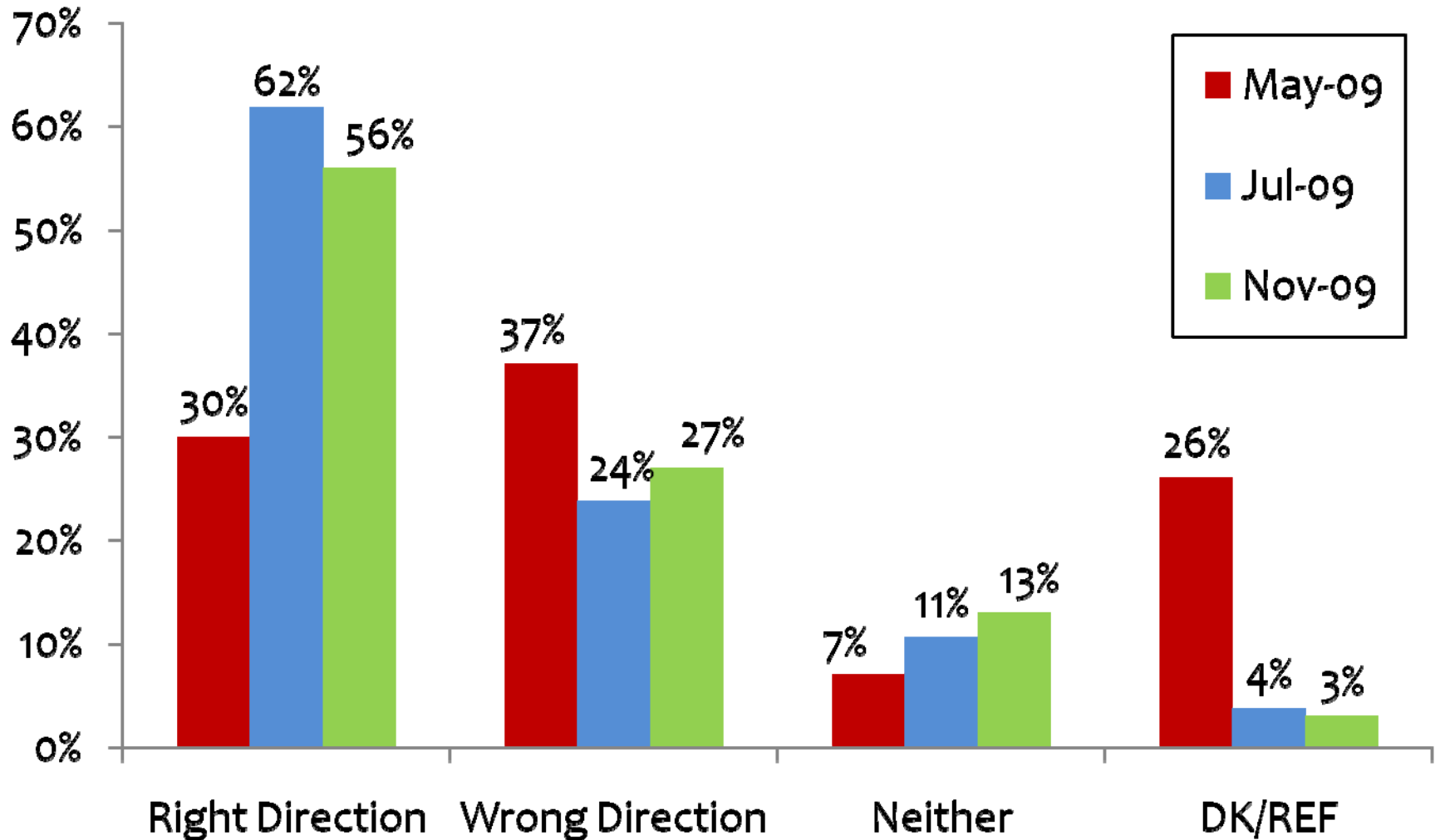
IEC – Independent Elections Commission

ECC – Electoral Complaints Commission

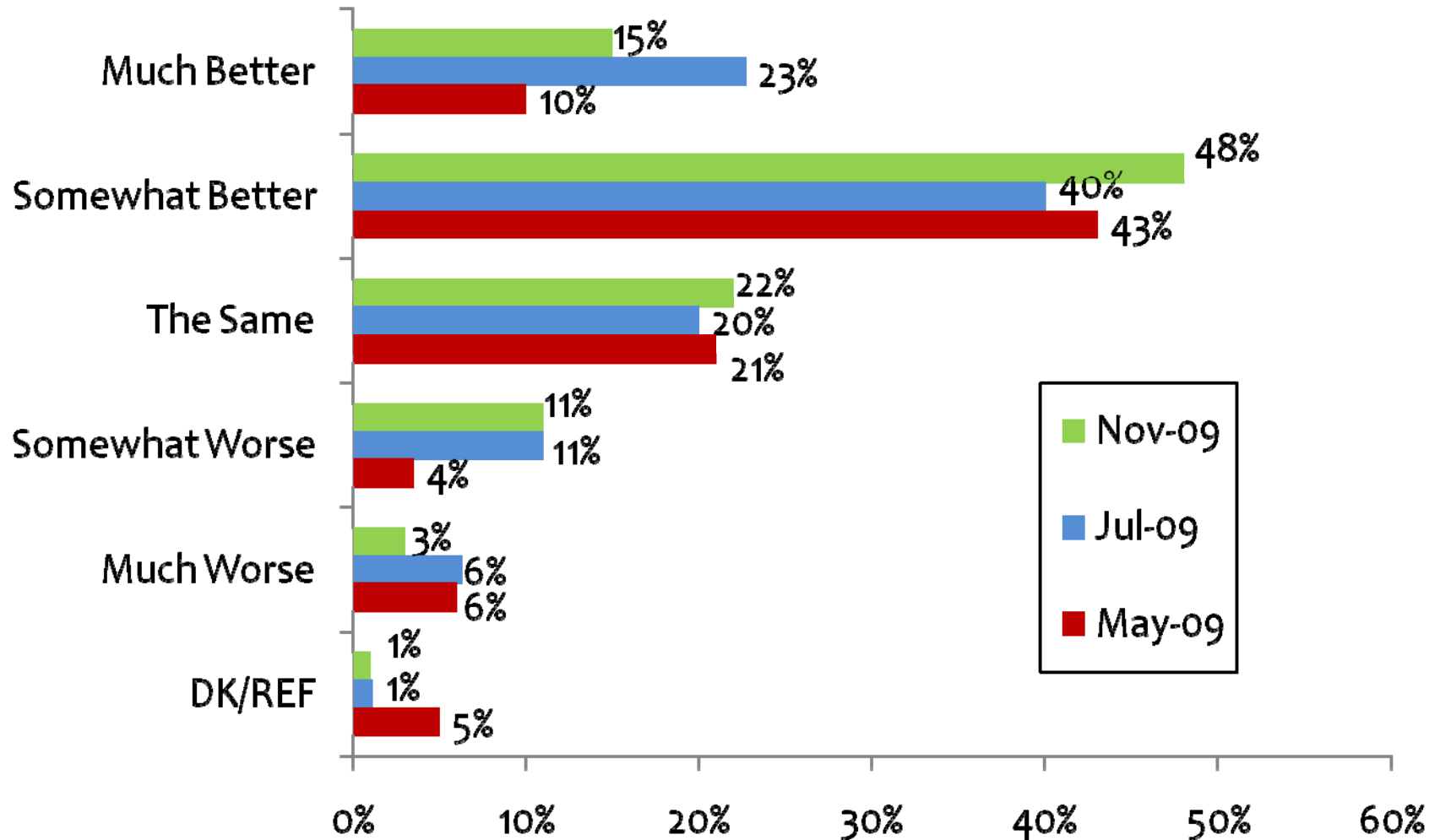


Afghanistan Environment

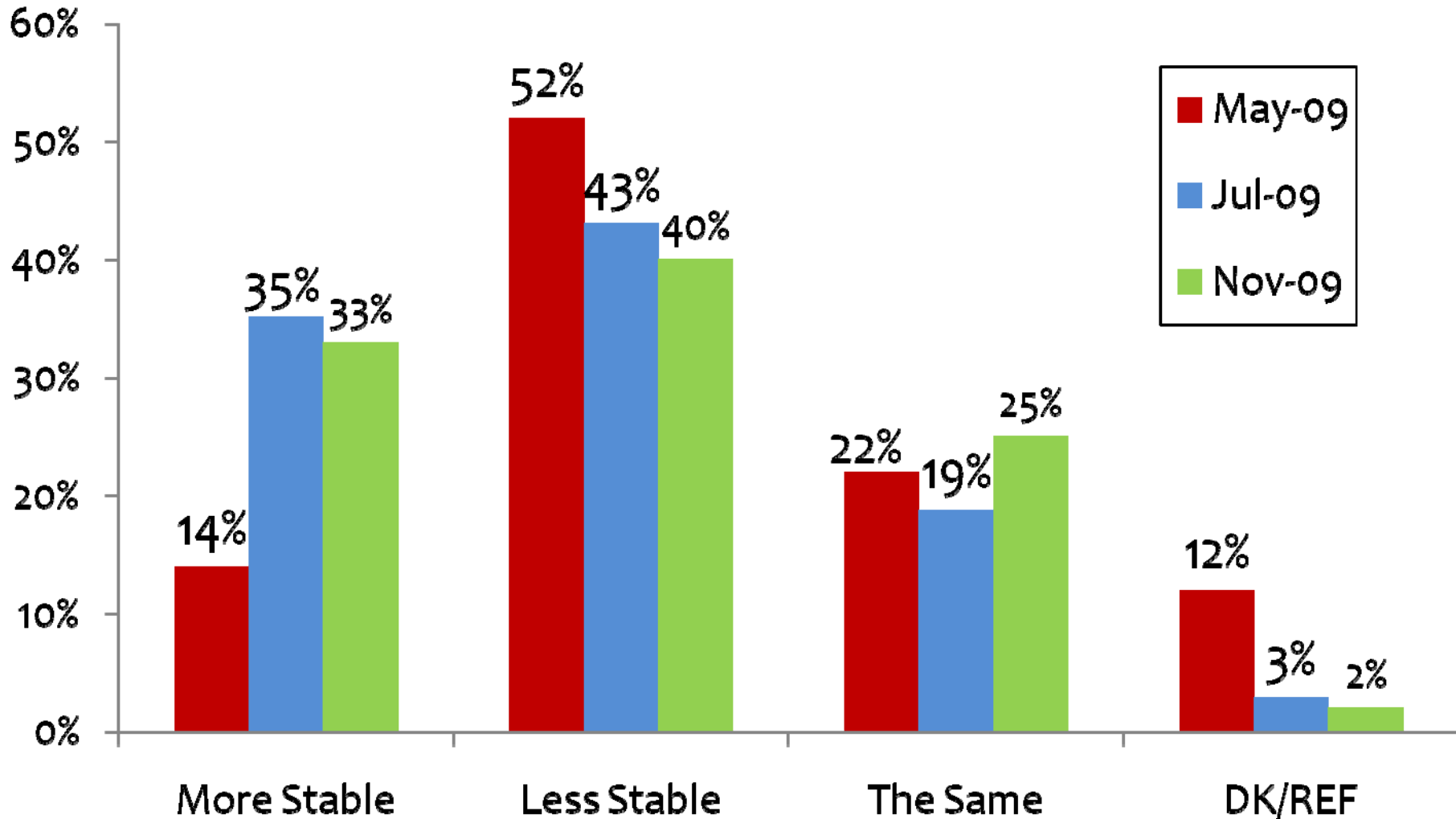
Do you think Afghanistan is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?



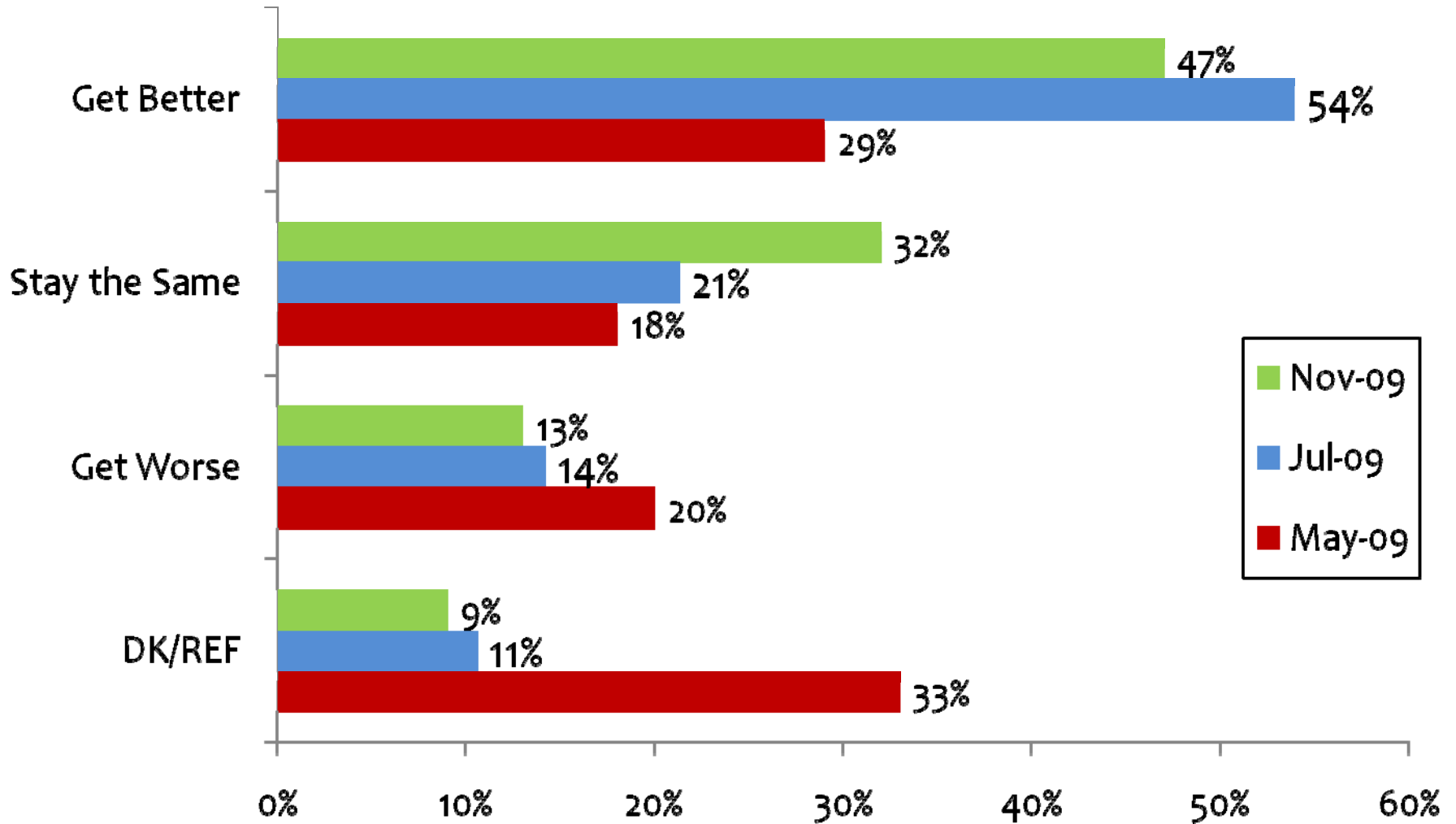
How is your family's economic situation compared to five years ago?



Is Afghanistan more or less stable than it was one year ago?



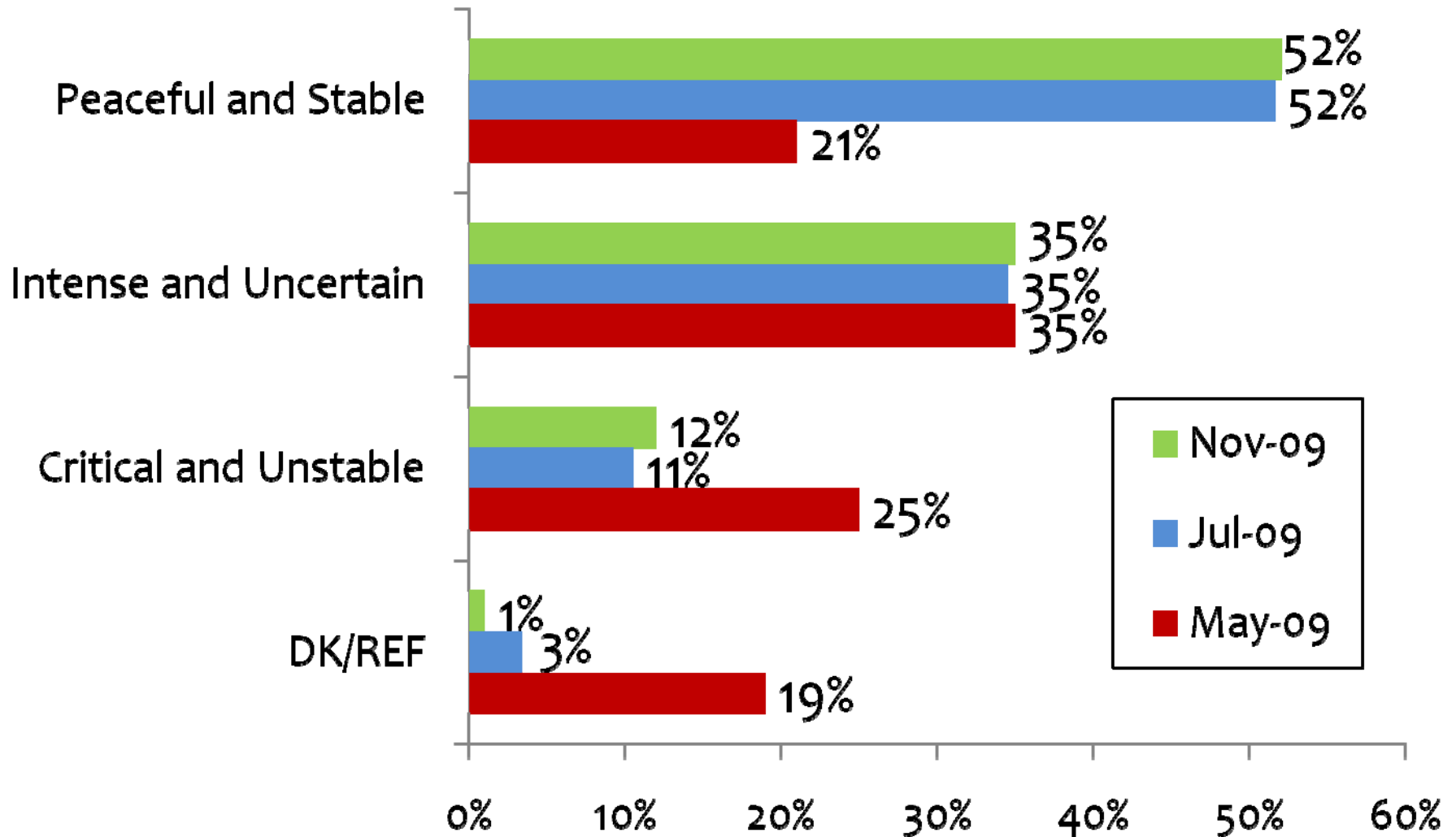
In the next year, do you think the economy in Afghanistan will get better, get worse or stay the same?



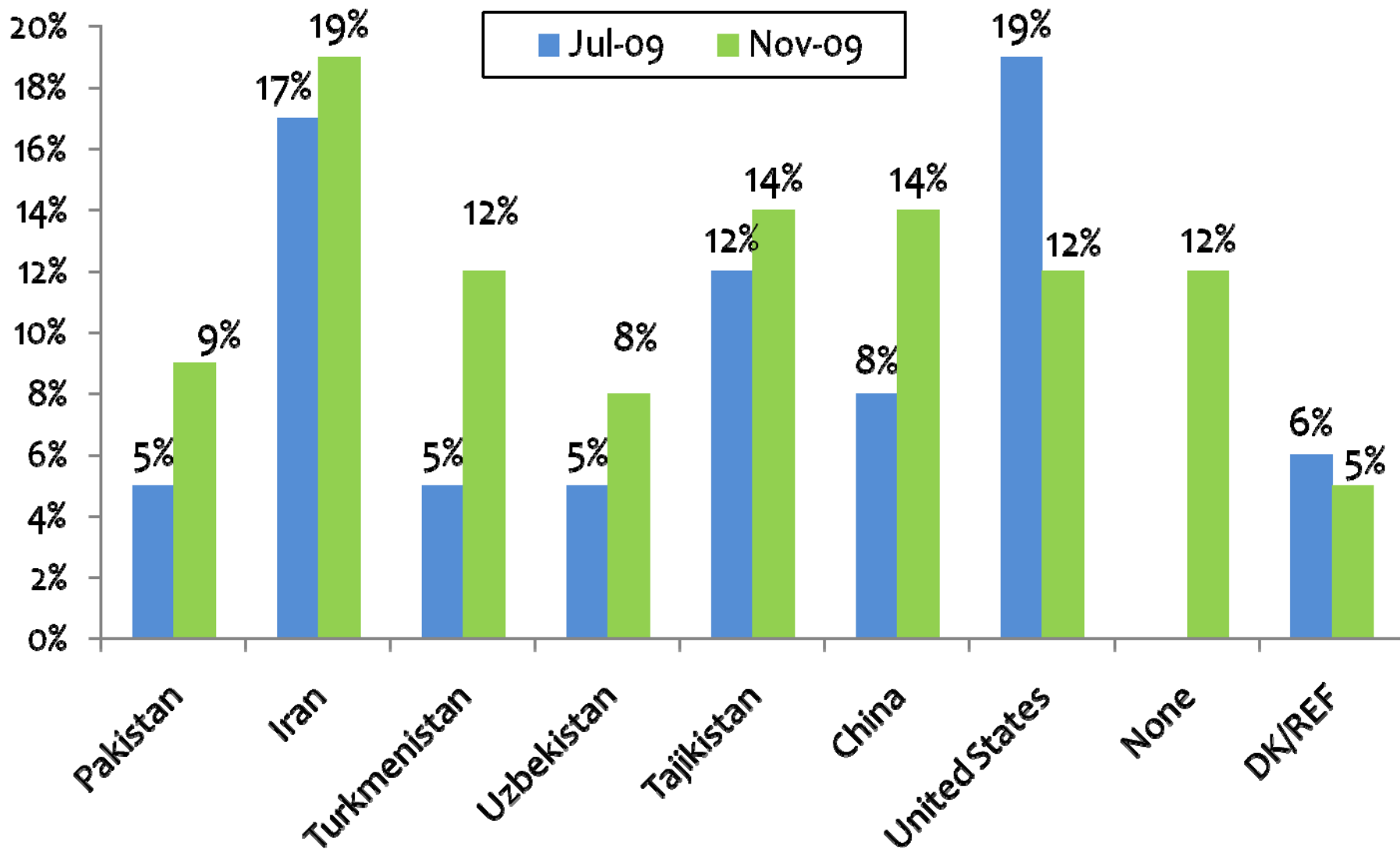
What are the two most important problems facing Afghanistan today? (open-ended question)

	Total May	Total July	Total November
Security and Crime	57%	56%	56%
The Economy	26%	35%	23%
Jobs and Unemployment	20%	33%	31%
Government Problems and Corruption	8%	10%	13%
Illiteracy	--	8%	6%
Poverty and Standard of Living	9%	7%	10%
Problems with Elections	9%	5%	1%
Terrorism, Internal Conflicts	15%	12%	7%
Lack of Educational Opportunities	7%	4%	3%
Lack of Power, Roads and Water	2%	4%	3%
Need for Reconstruction/Rebuilding the Country	5%	3%	5%
Drugs and Narcotics	5%	3%	3%
Foreign Forces	4%	3%	3%
Lack of Freedom	2%	3%	0%
Agriculture	2%	2%	0%
Improvised Explosive Devices	2%	2%	4%
Other	22%	9%	3%
DK/REF	7%	5%	11%

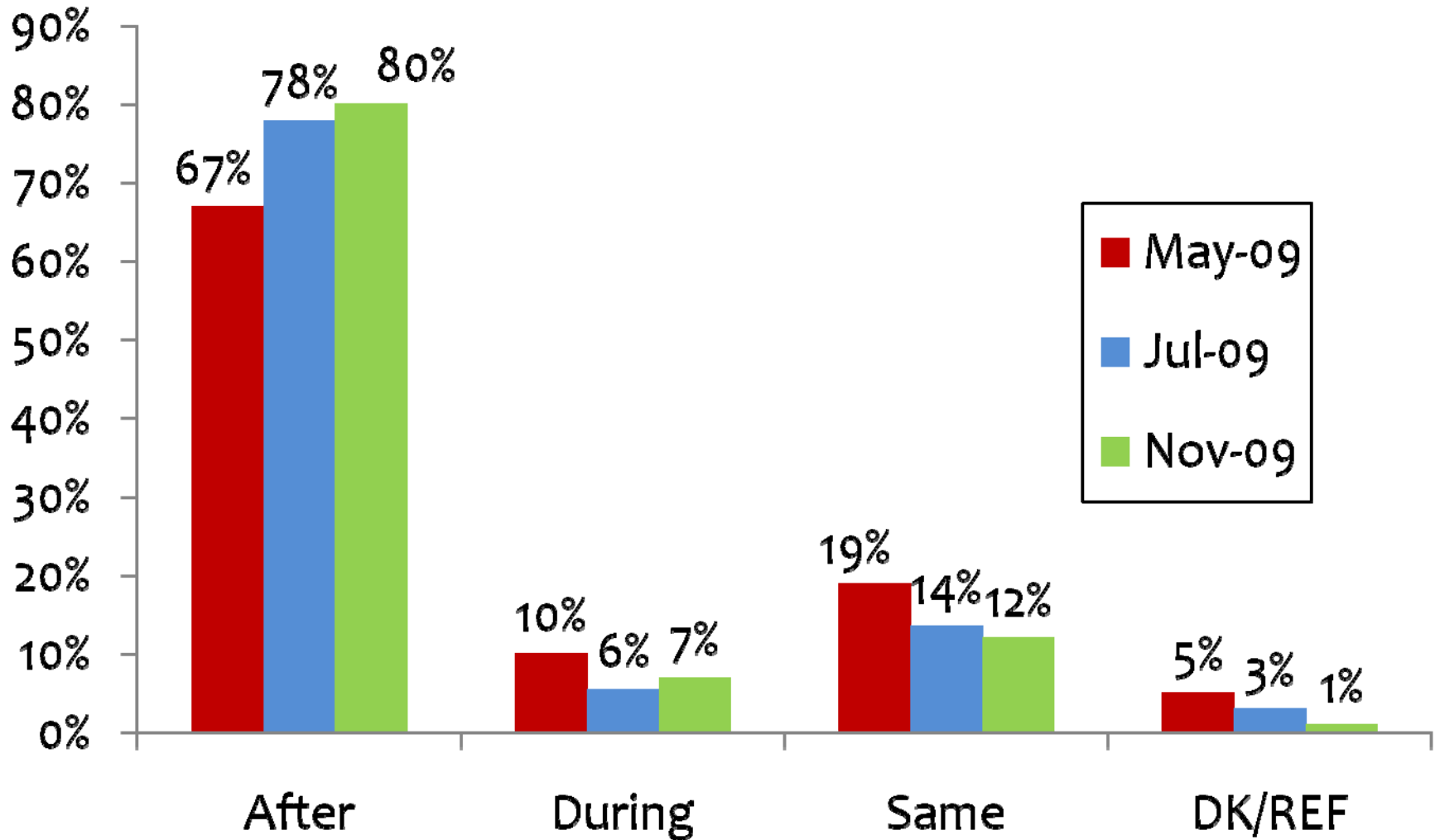
How would you describe the current political and security situation in the region?



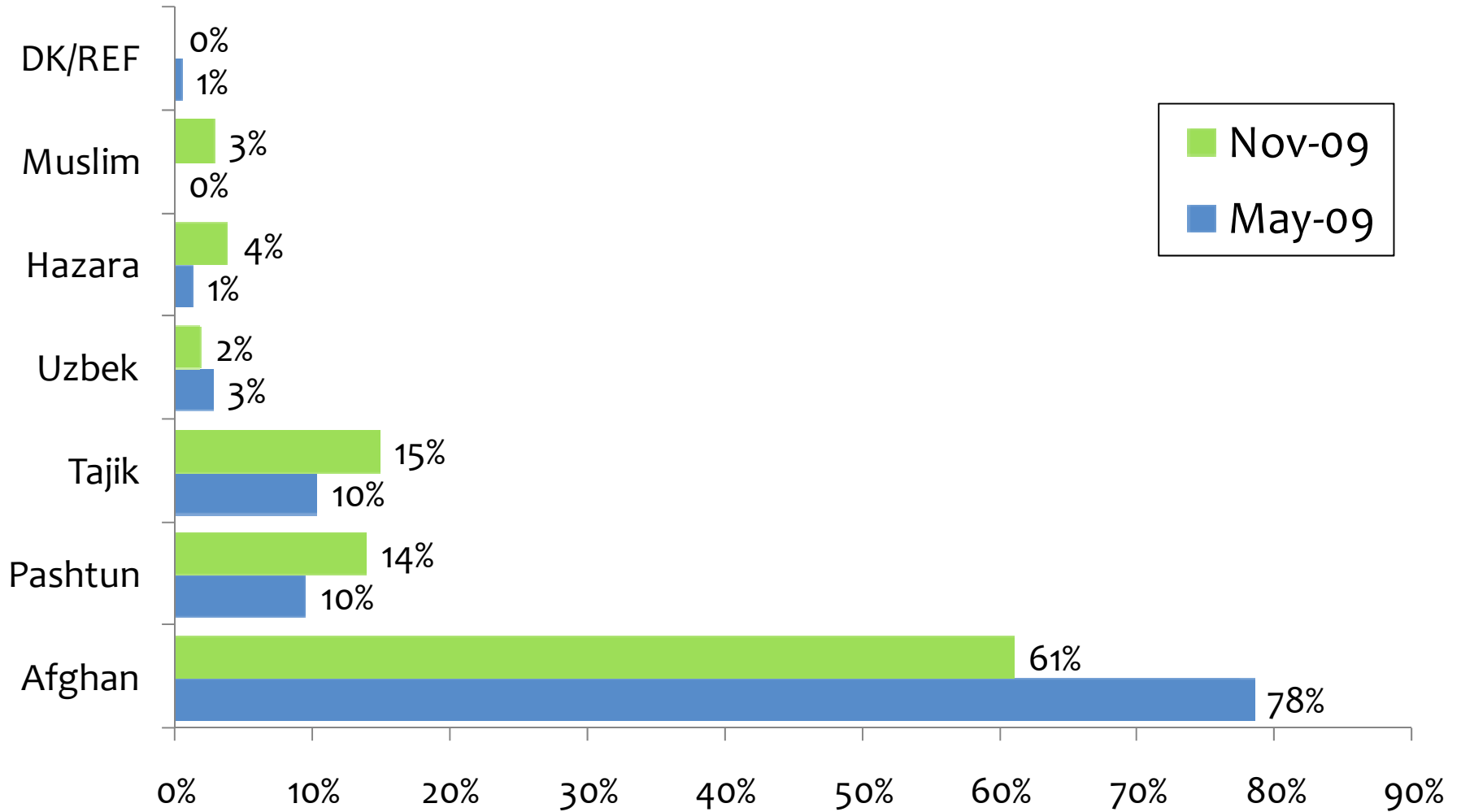
In your opinion which of the following countries have good relations with Afghanistan?



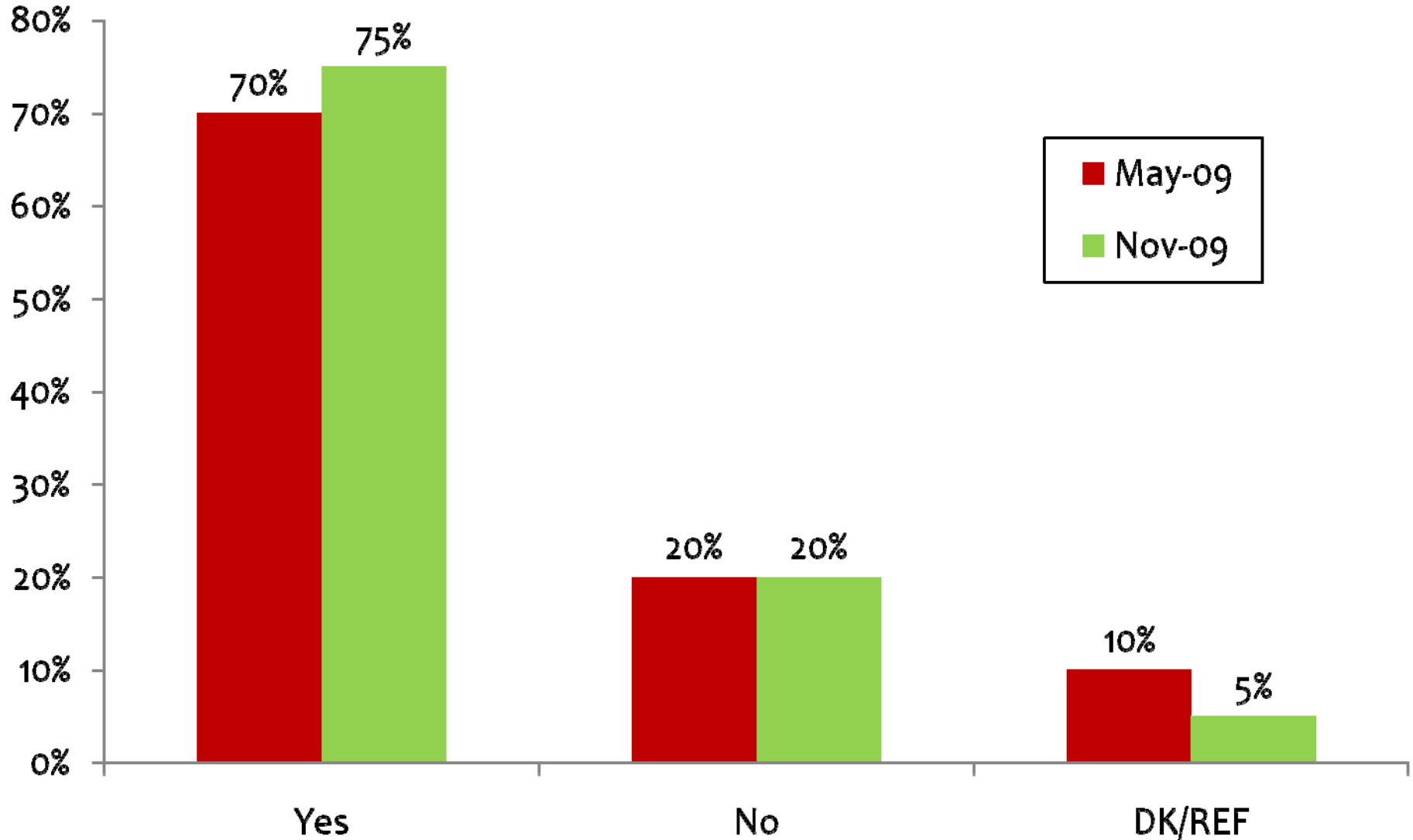
Do you have more personal freedom during or after Taliban rule?



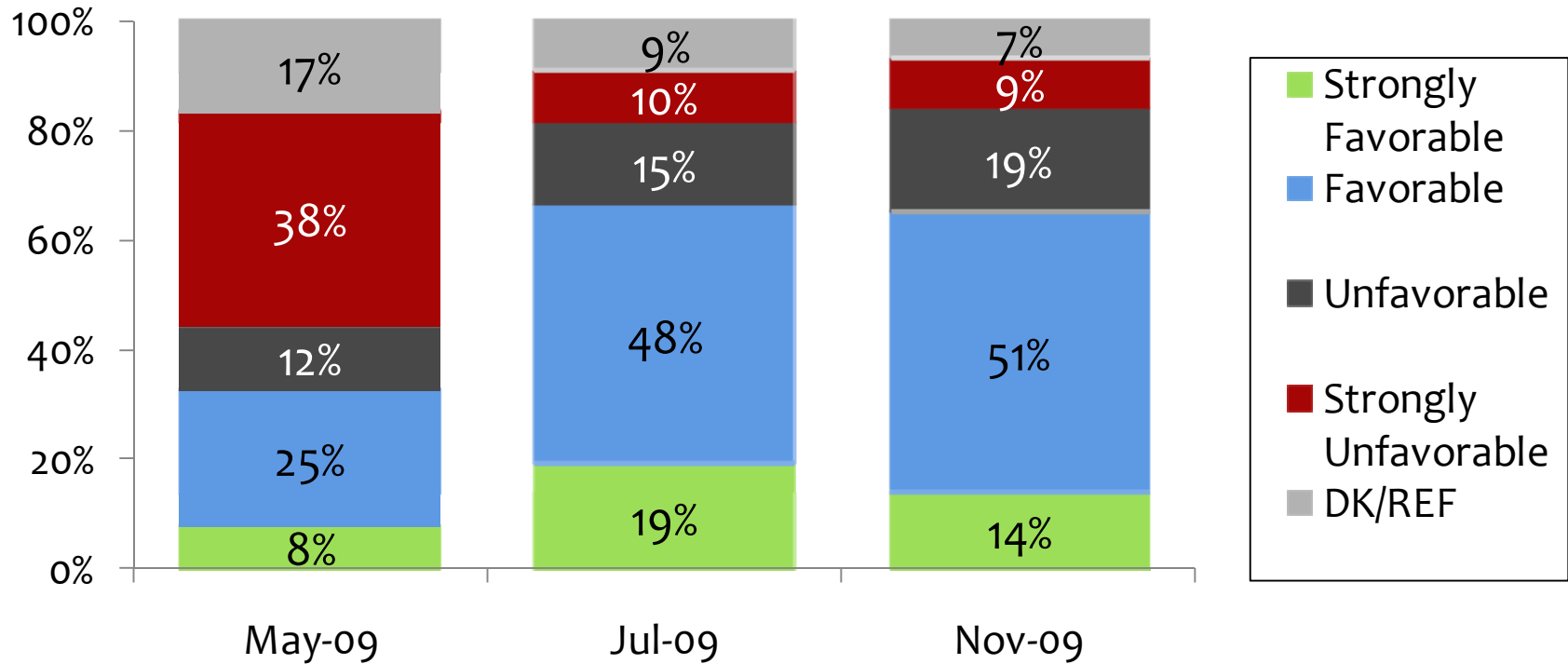
What do you consider yourself first?



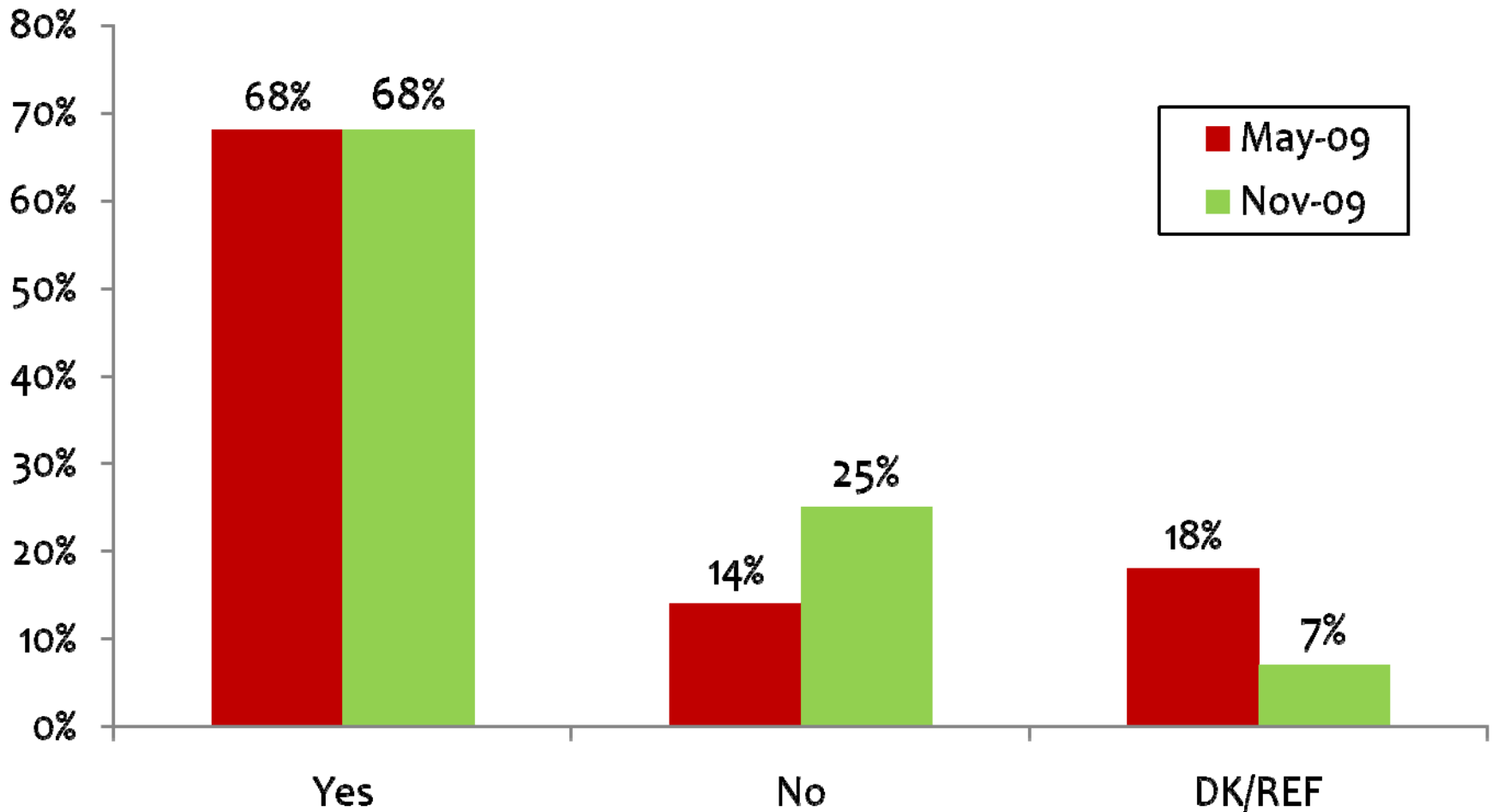
Would you be willing to vote for someone for president who is not from your ethnic group?



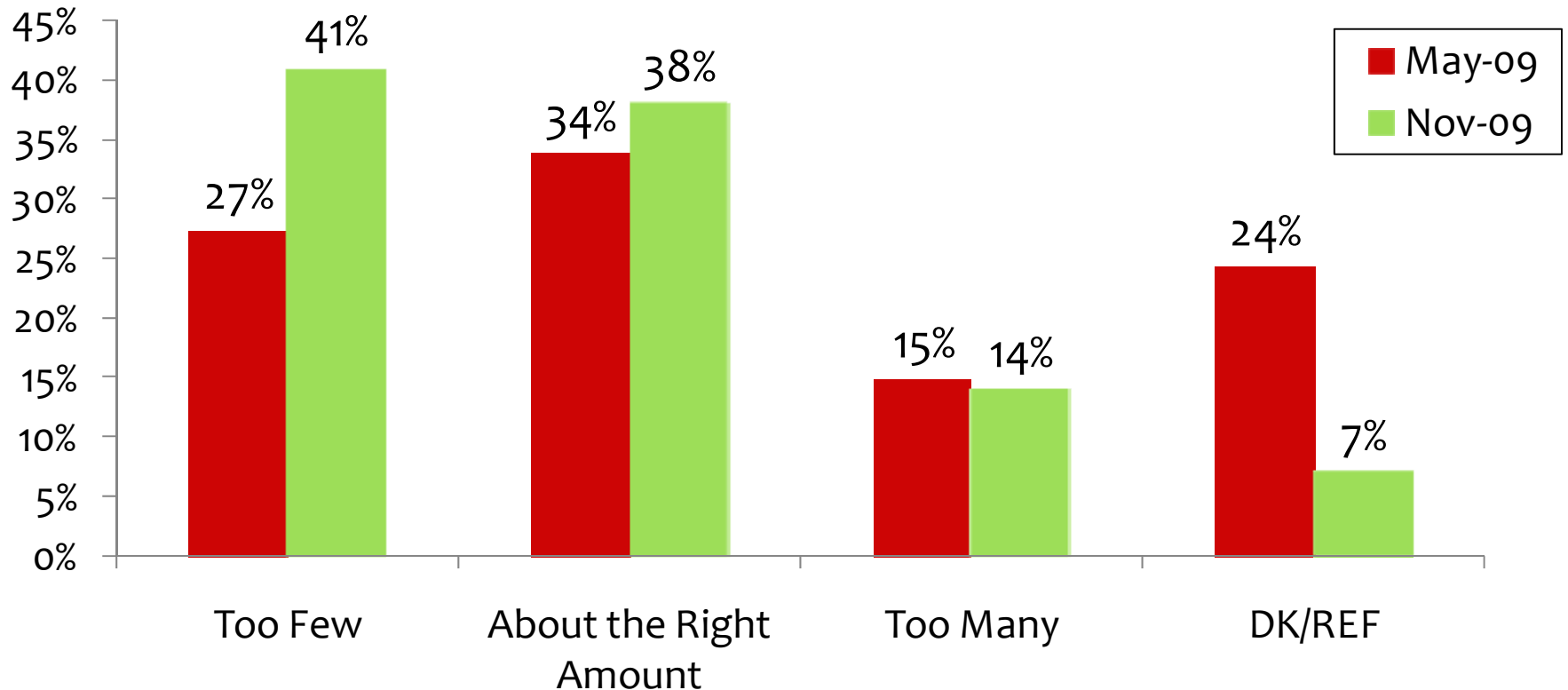
What is your opinion of national parties?



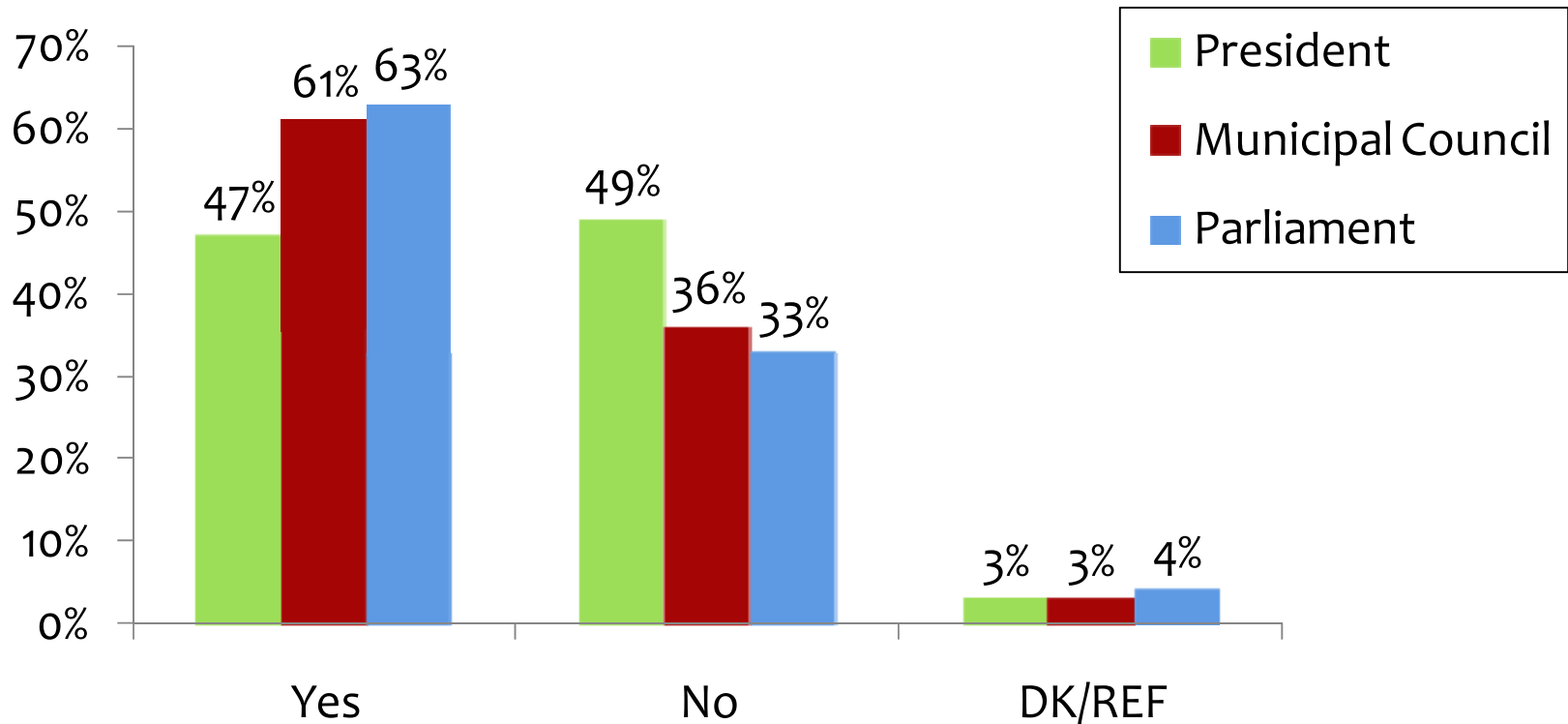
Do you think the government should hold talks and reconcile with the Taliban?



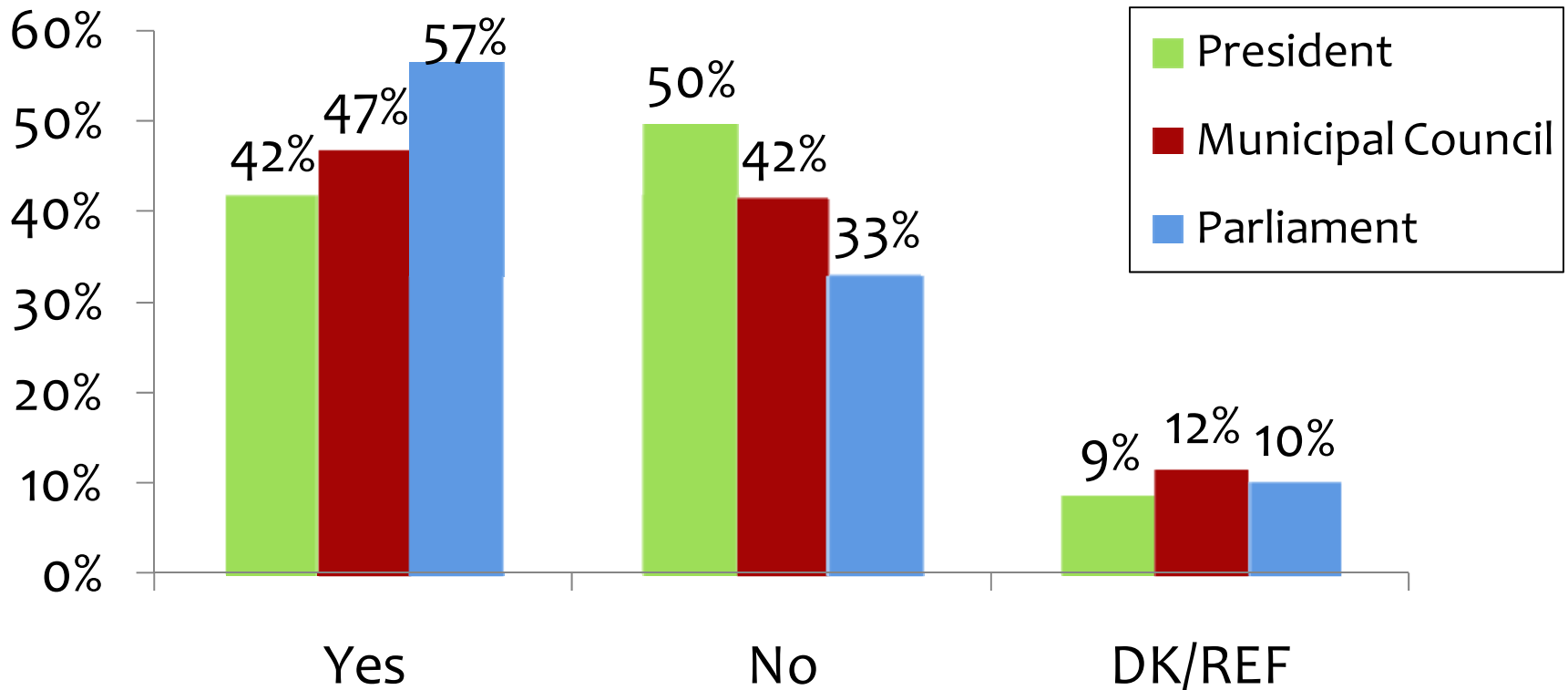
Do you think the number of elected women in Afghanistan is adequate, or should Afghanistan have more women in elected office?



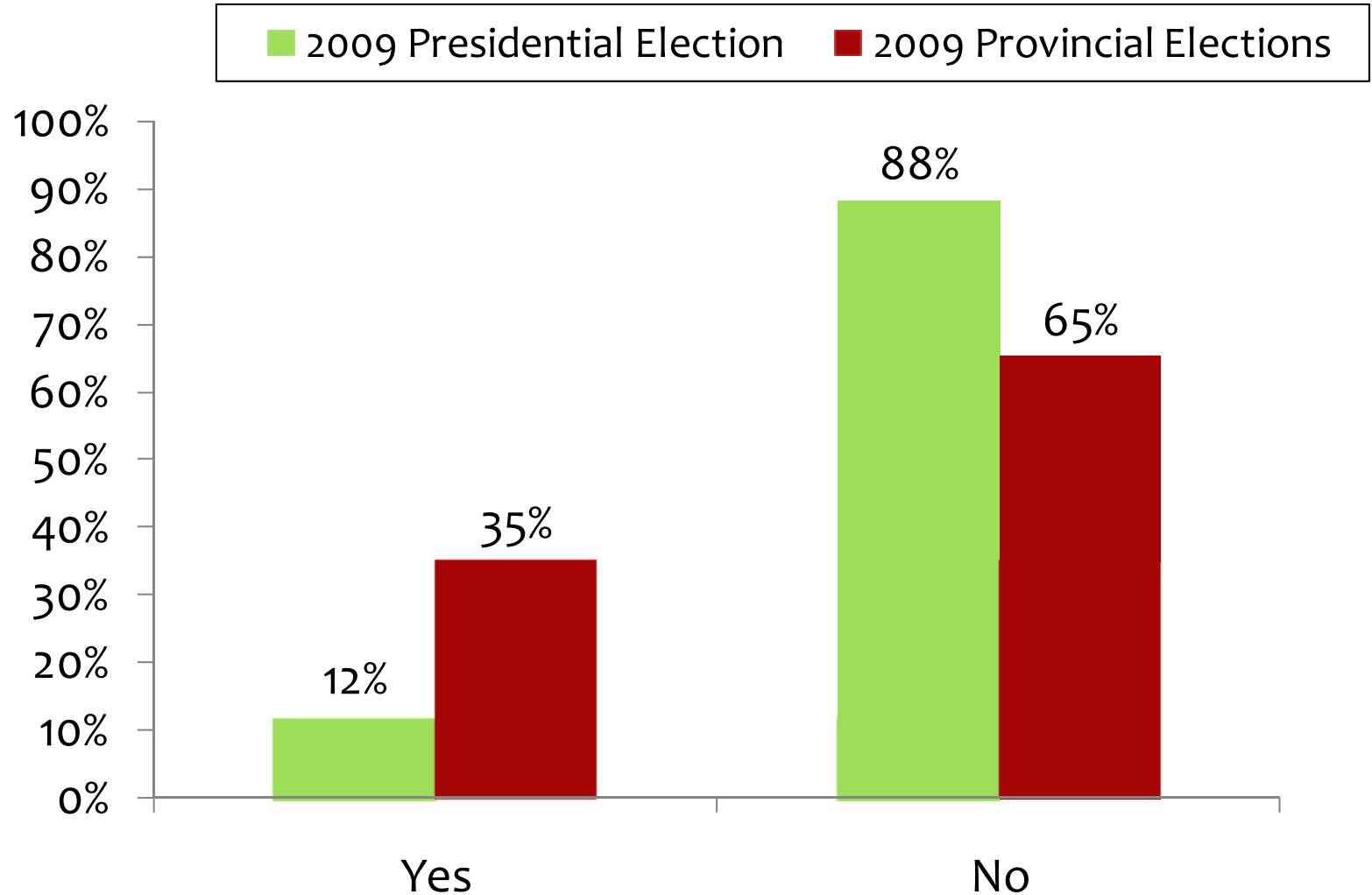
Would you vote for a woman for...? (November 2009)



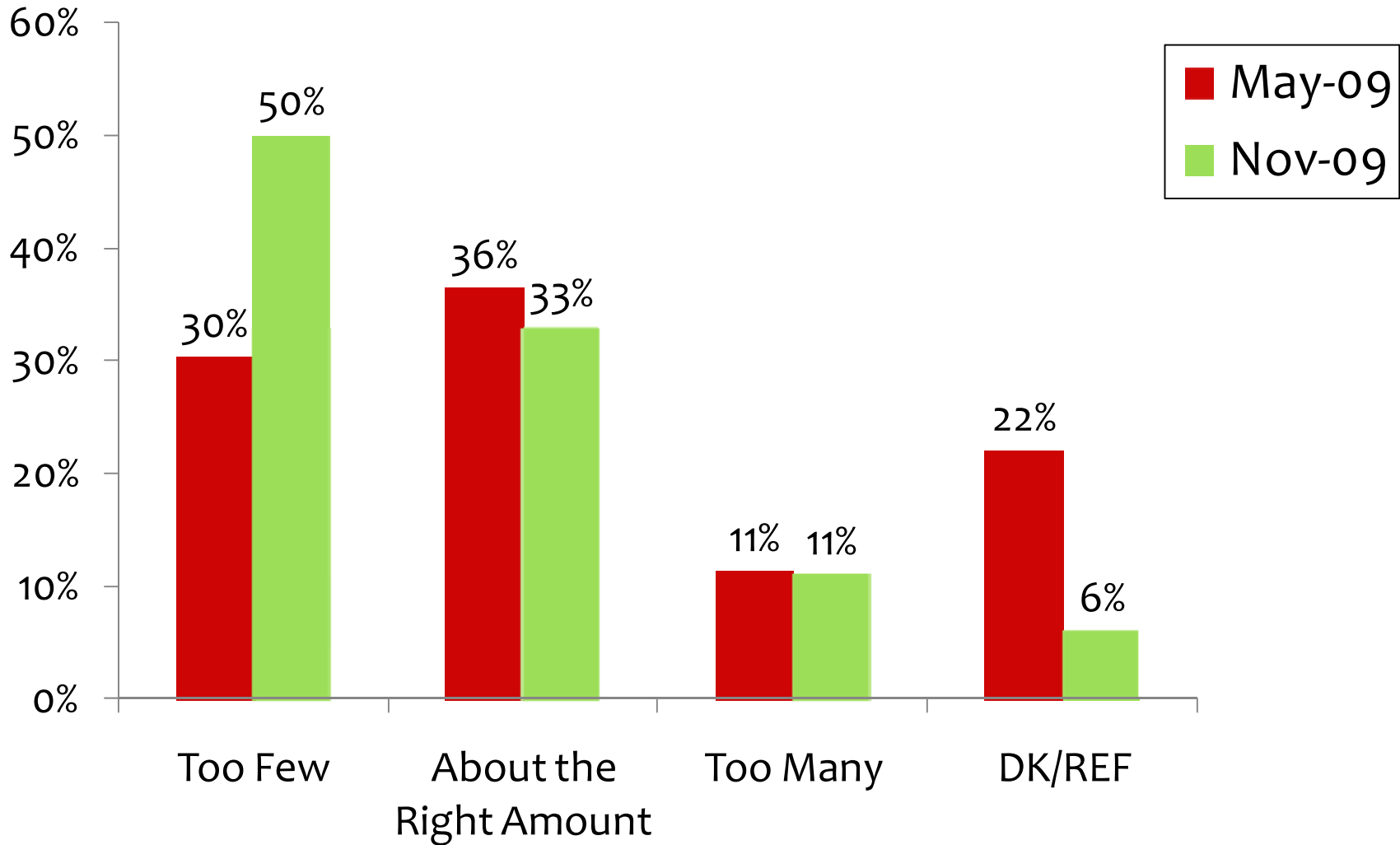
Would you vote for a woman for...? (May 2009)



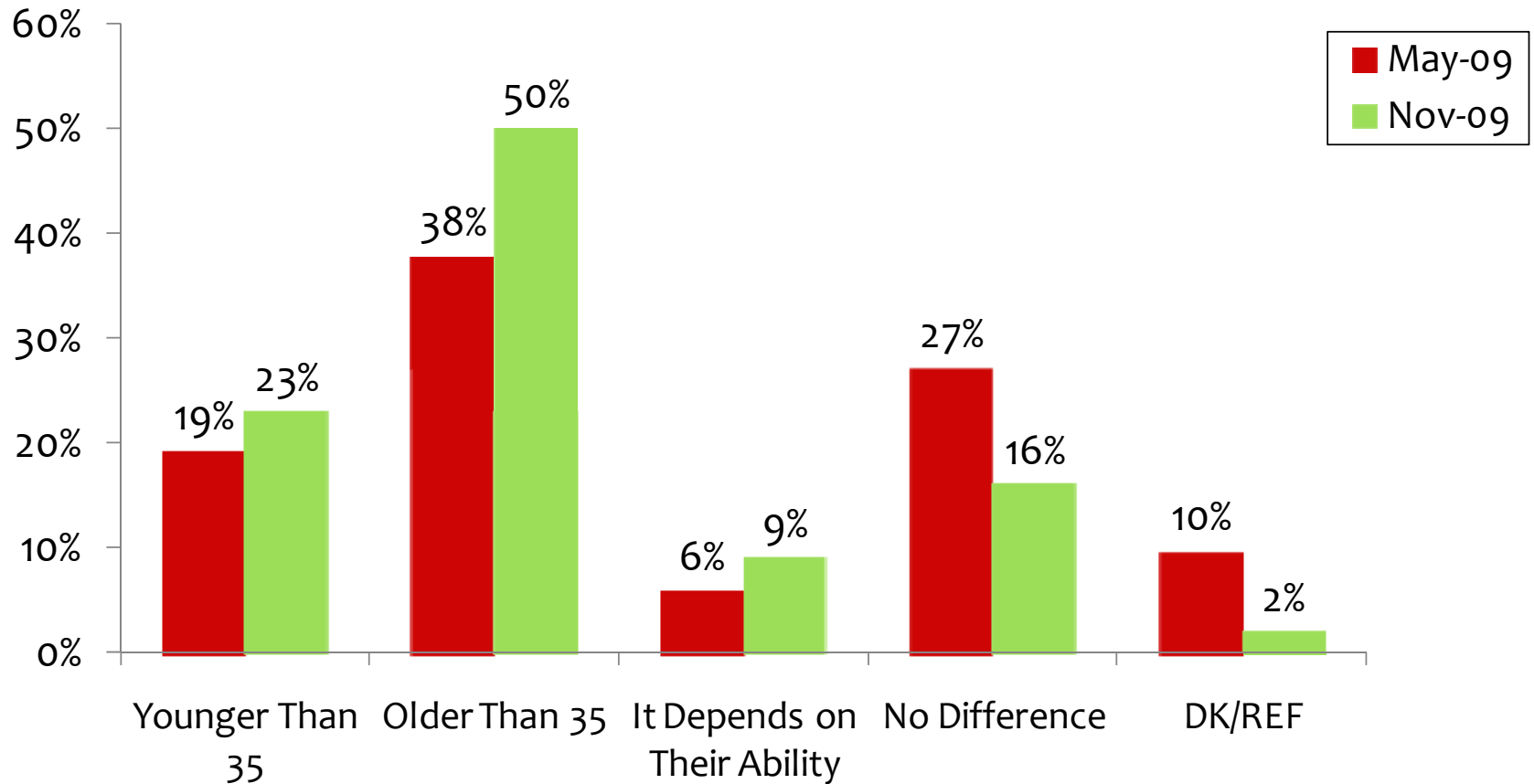
Did you vote for a woman in the 2009 presidential and provincial council elections?



What about young people: do you think that young people are adequately represented in elected government in Afghanistan?



In general, who do you think is better in elected office: someone younger than 35 or someone older than 35?



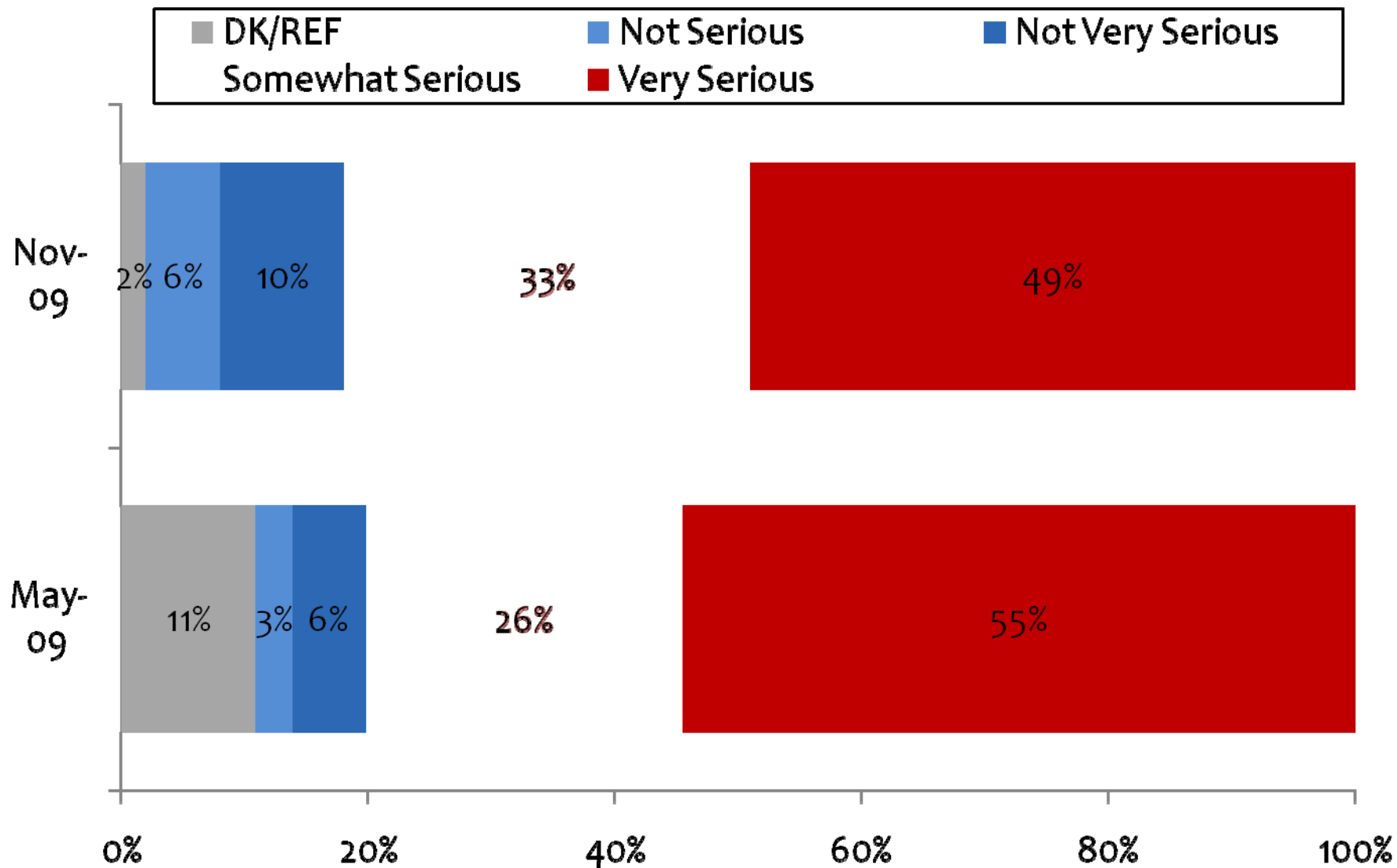


Performance of Government

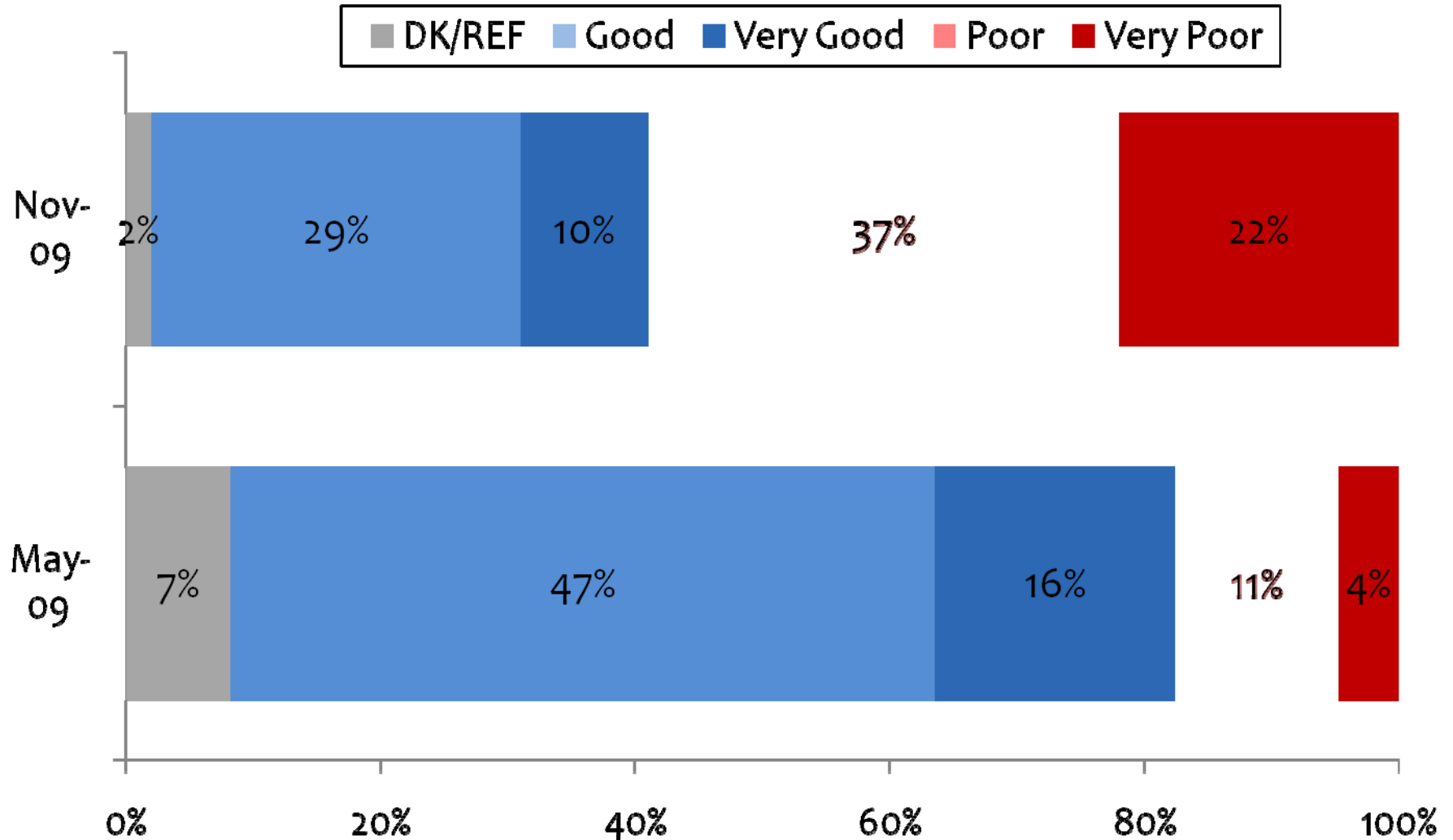
What should your president do to make your life better? (open-ended question, responses 2% or greater)

First Priority	November 2009
Create Employment Opportunities	32%
Provide Security	19%
Establish Factories	7%
Improve Education	6%
Provide Food	5%
Serve the Country	4%
Reconstruct the Country	4%
Improve the Economy	4%
Remove Corruption	3%
Reduce Inflation	3%
Provide Shelter	3%
Provide Water, Power	2%
Focus on Basic Human Rights	2%
Other	5%

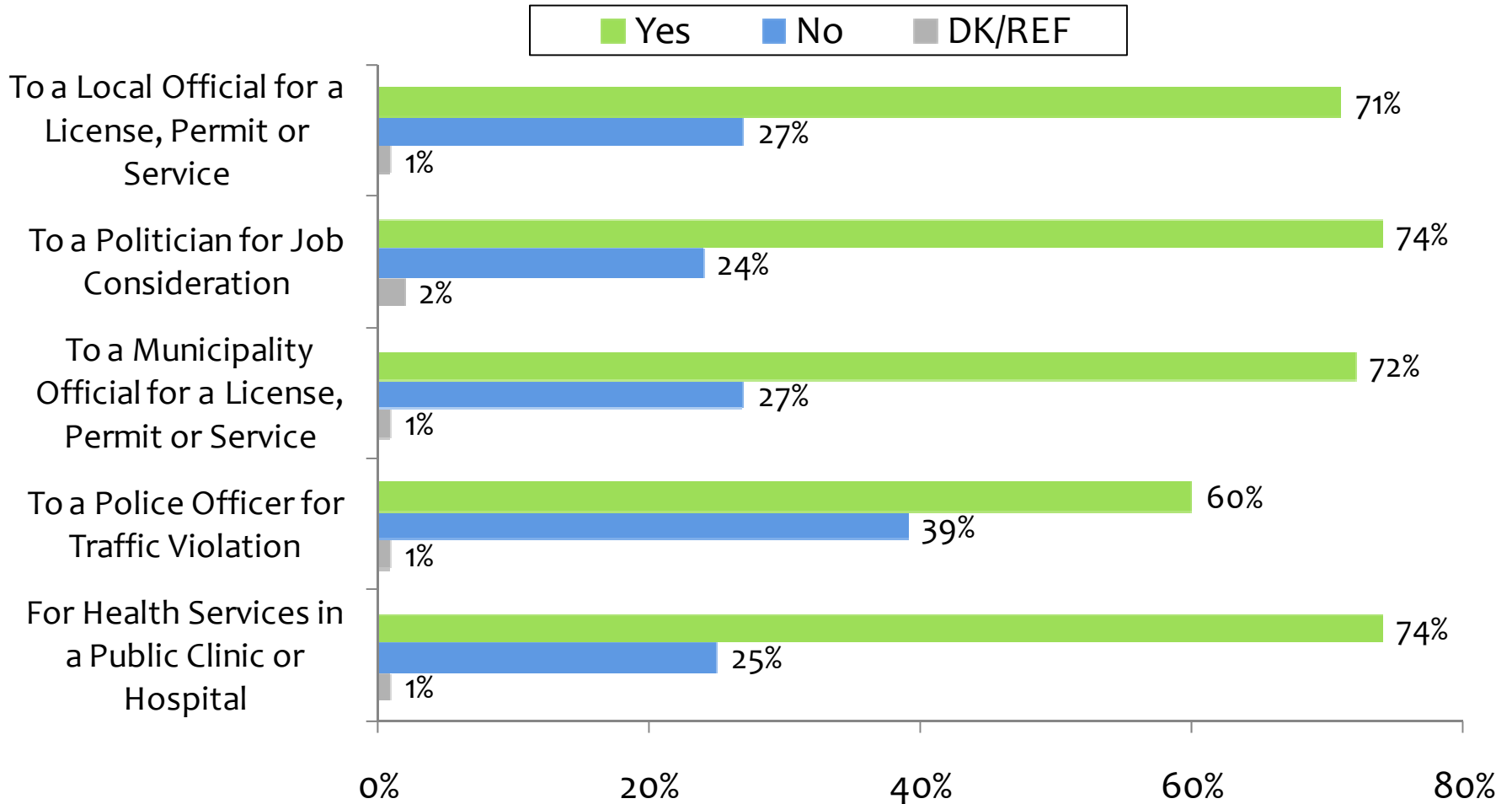
In your opinion how serious is corruption in Afghanistan?



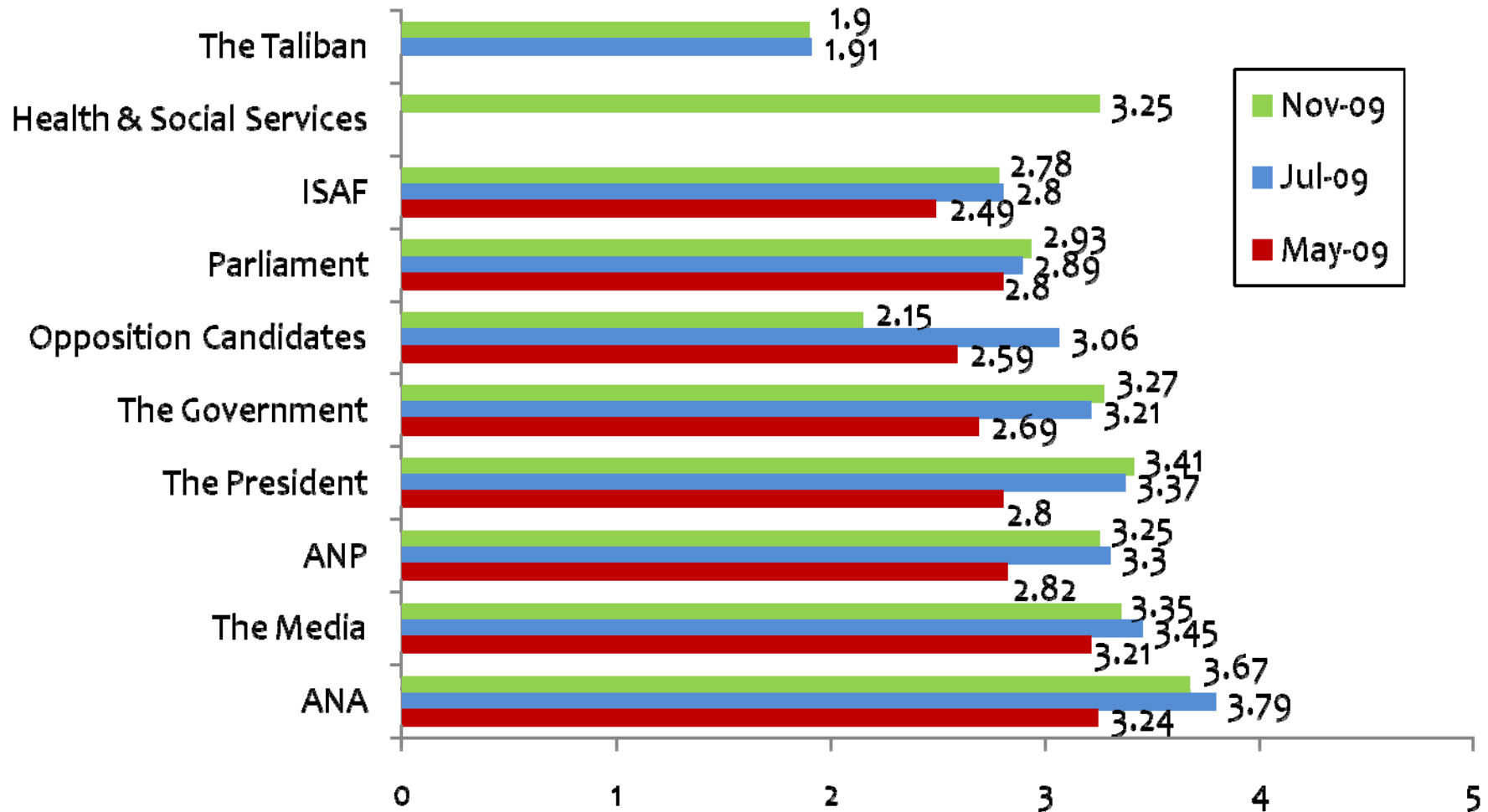
In general, how has the current government performed in controlling corruption compared to the previous government?



Have you or a friend or relative had to pay a bribe or offer a gift to a government employee or official in the following situations?

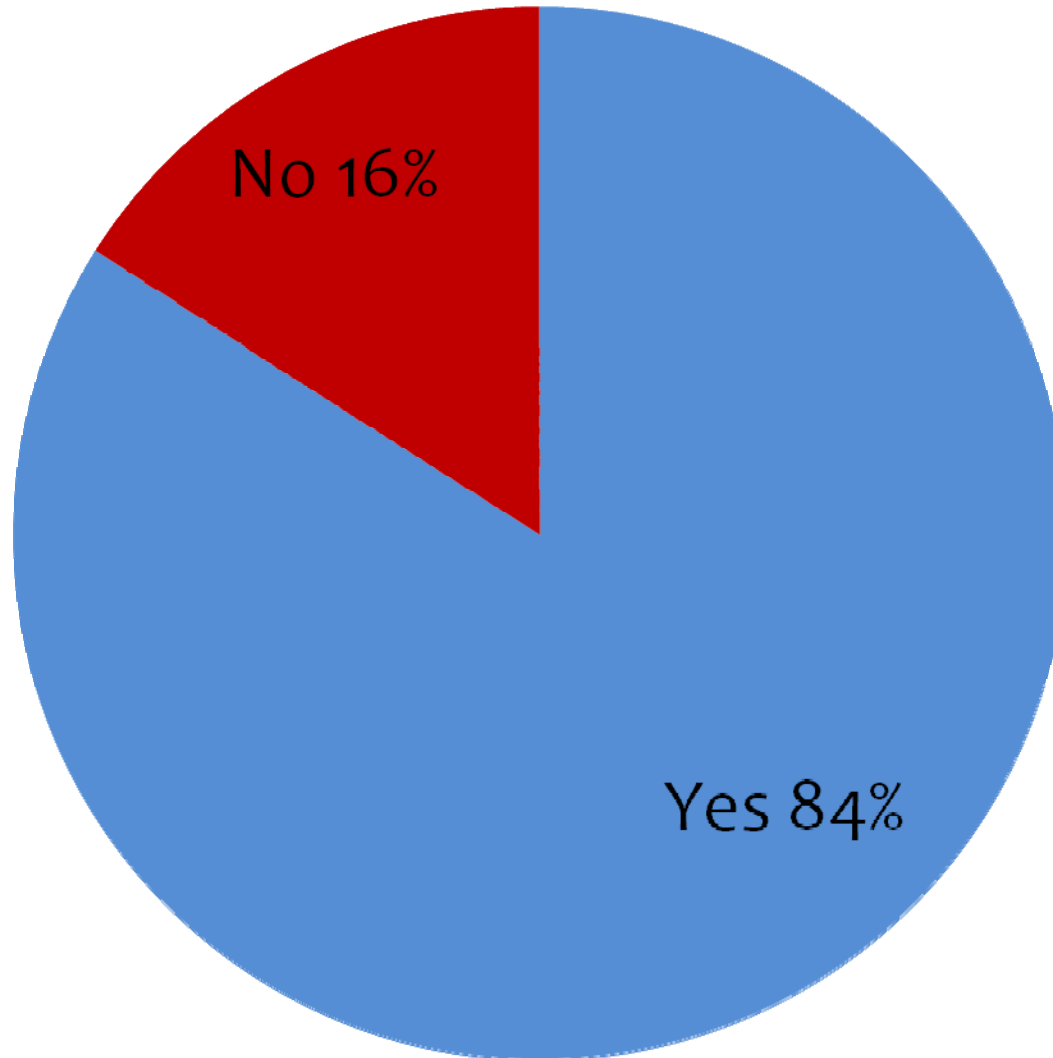


Using a scale from one to five where one is worst and five is best, what grade would you give the overall performance of...?

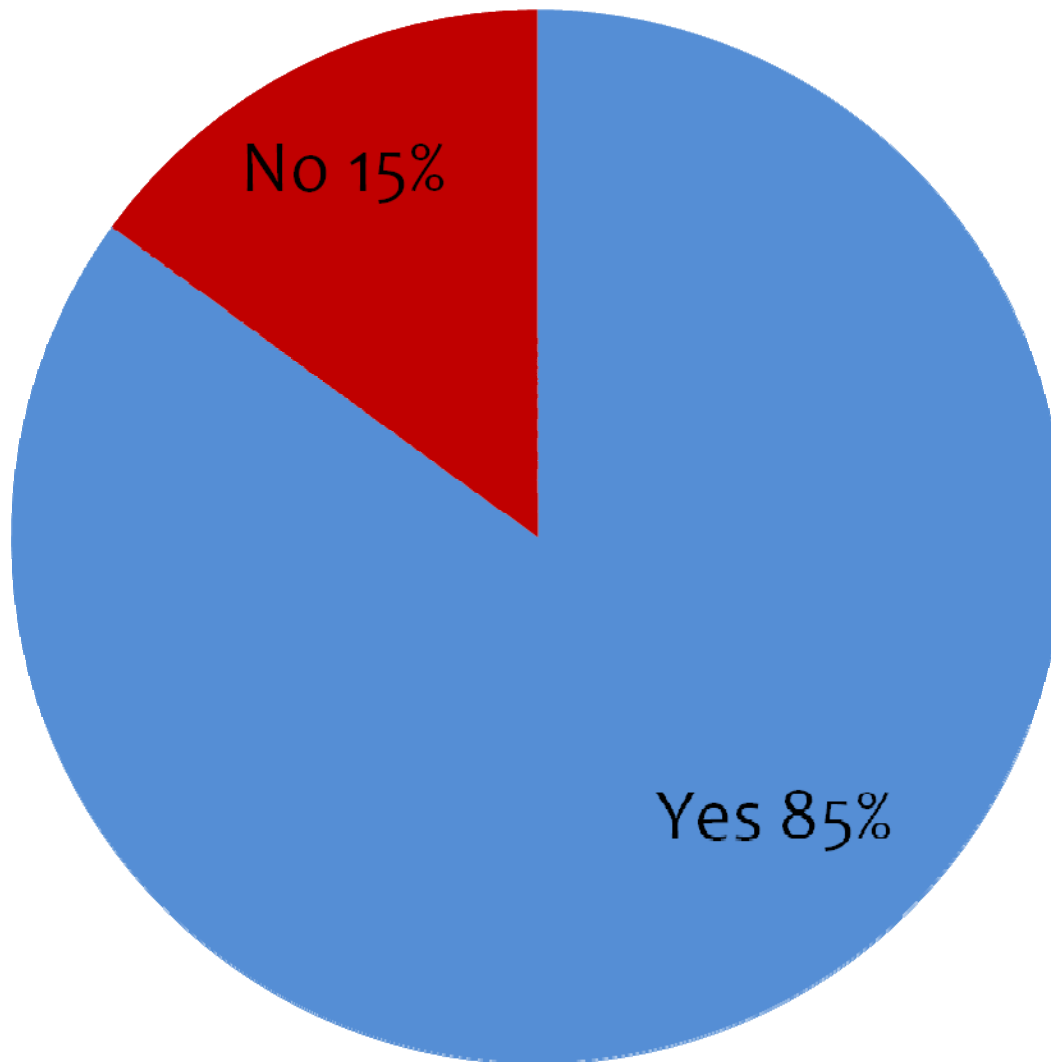


Performance of the Taliban was not asked in the May 2009 survey. Performance of Health and Social Services was not asked in the May 2009 or July 2009 surveys.

Do you think your CDC Shura member should be responsible for your local village security?



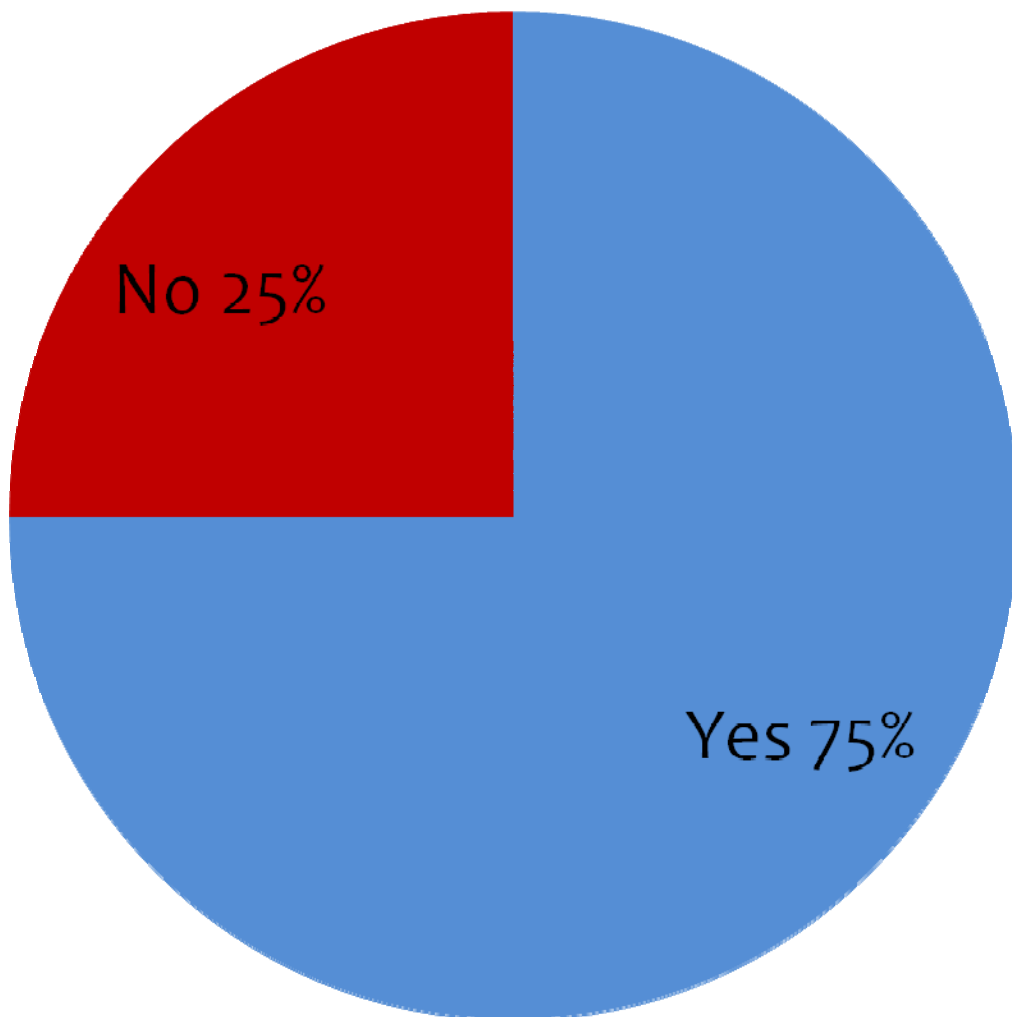
Do you think your CDC Shura should represent your voice at the national government in Kabul?



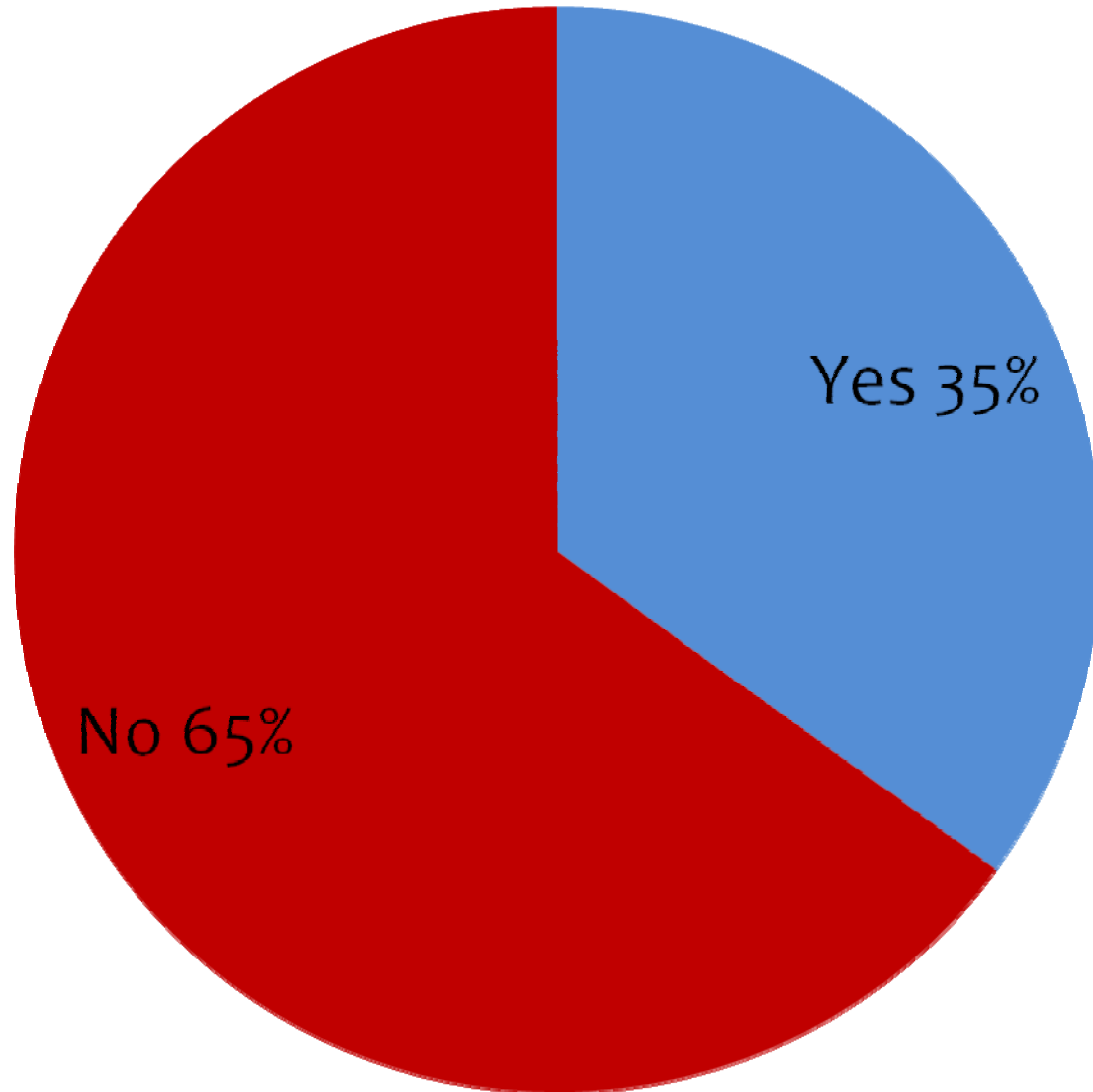


Elections

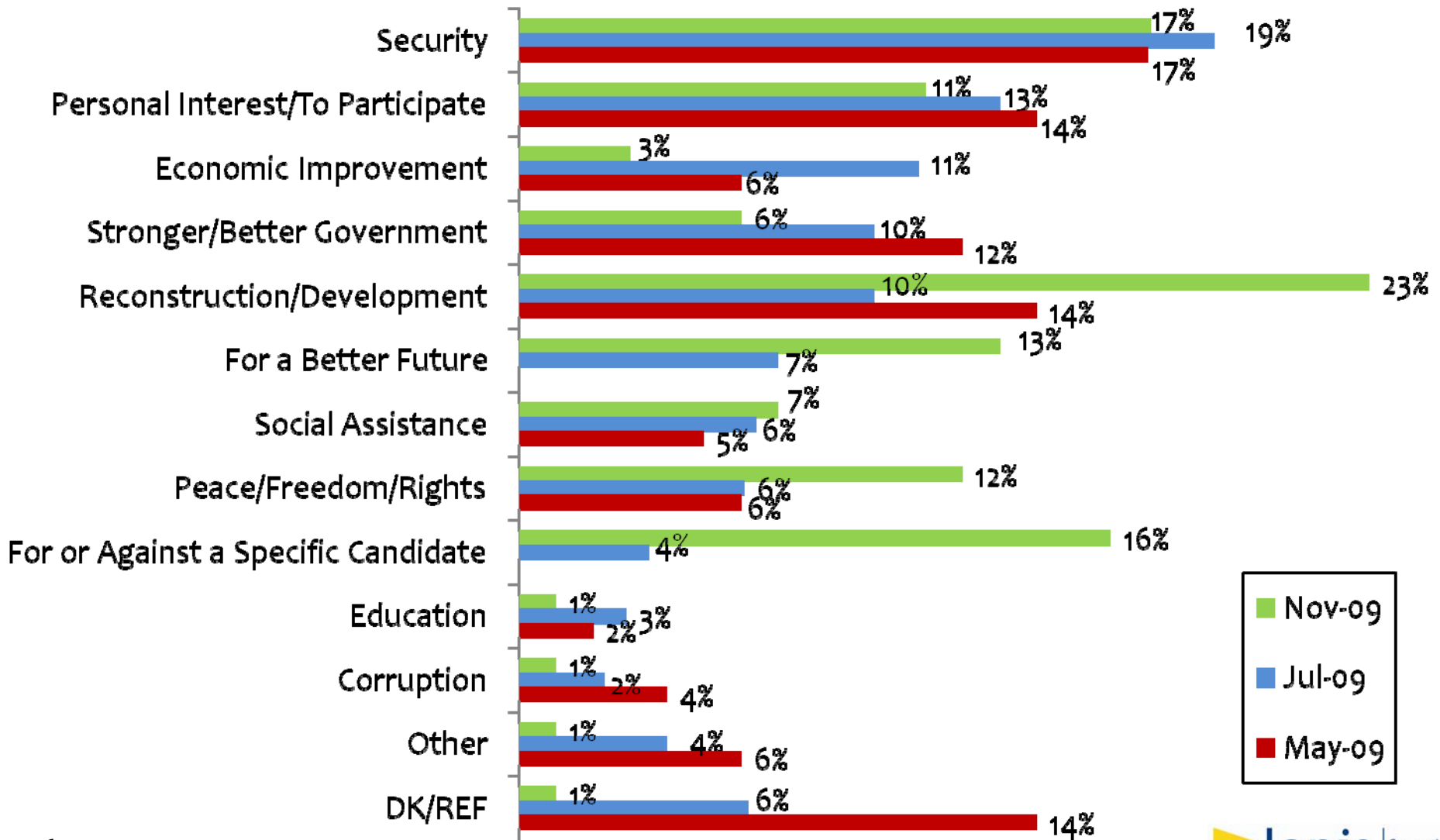
Are you registered to vote?



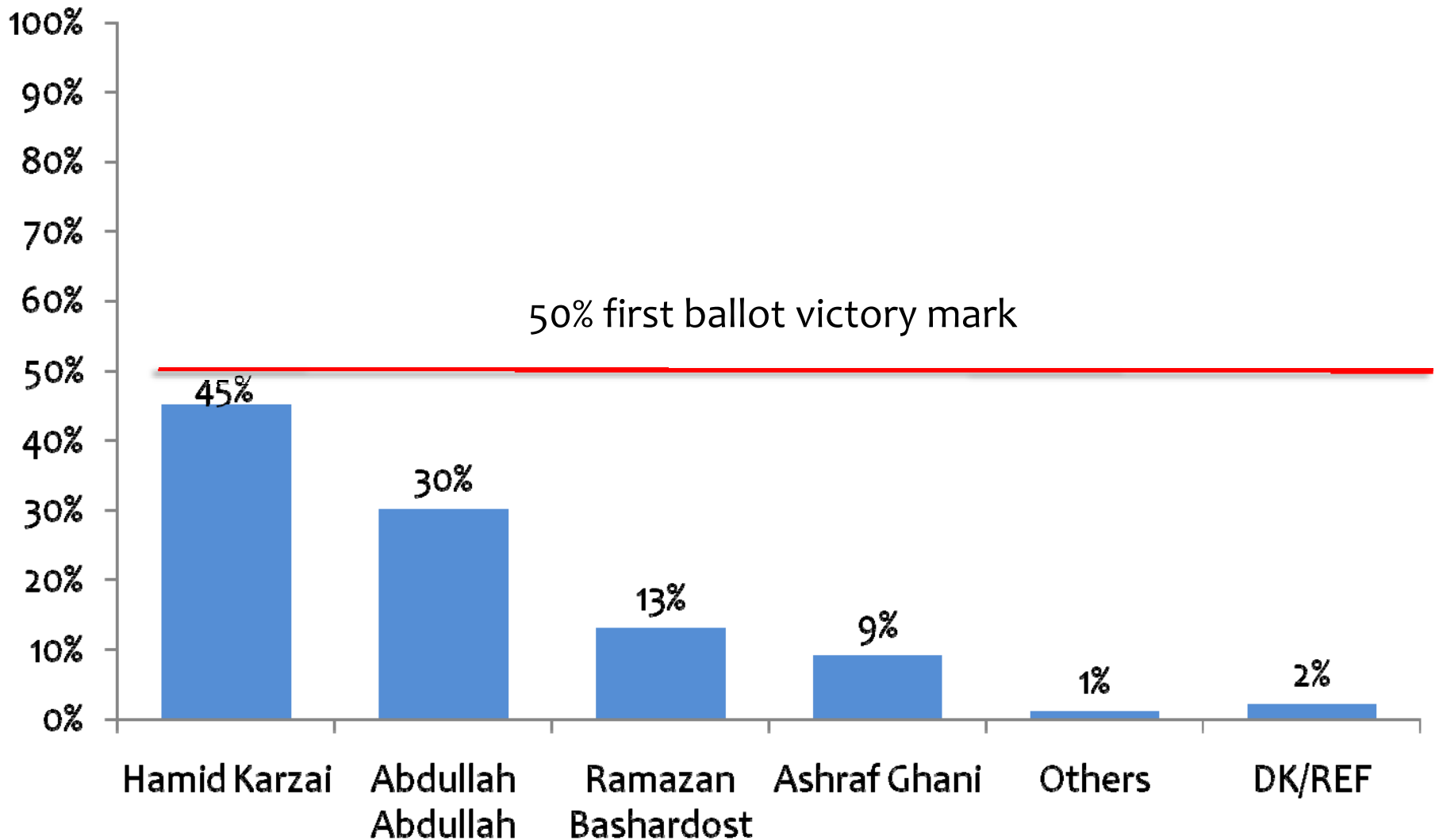
Did you vote in the August 20, 2009 presidential election?



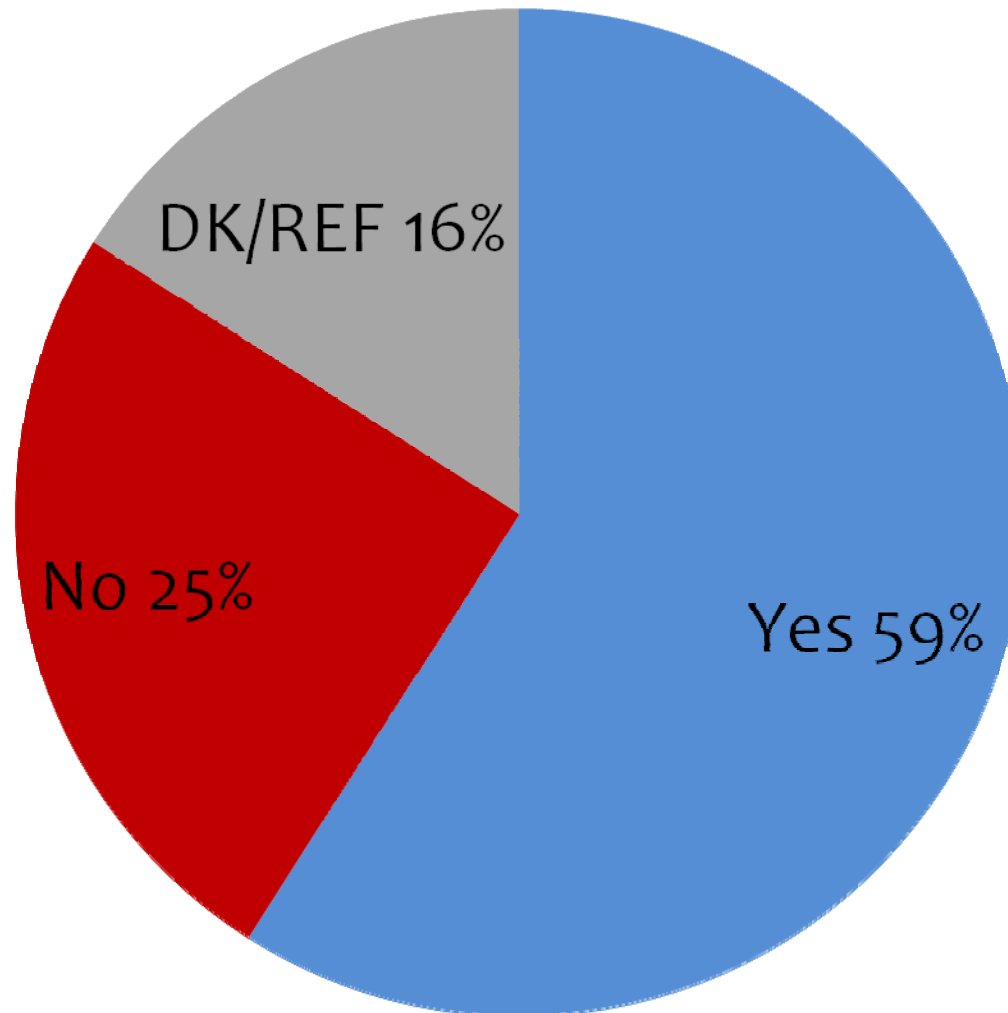
What was your personal motivation to vote in the presidential election? (open-ended question)



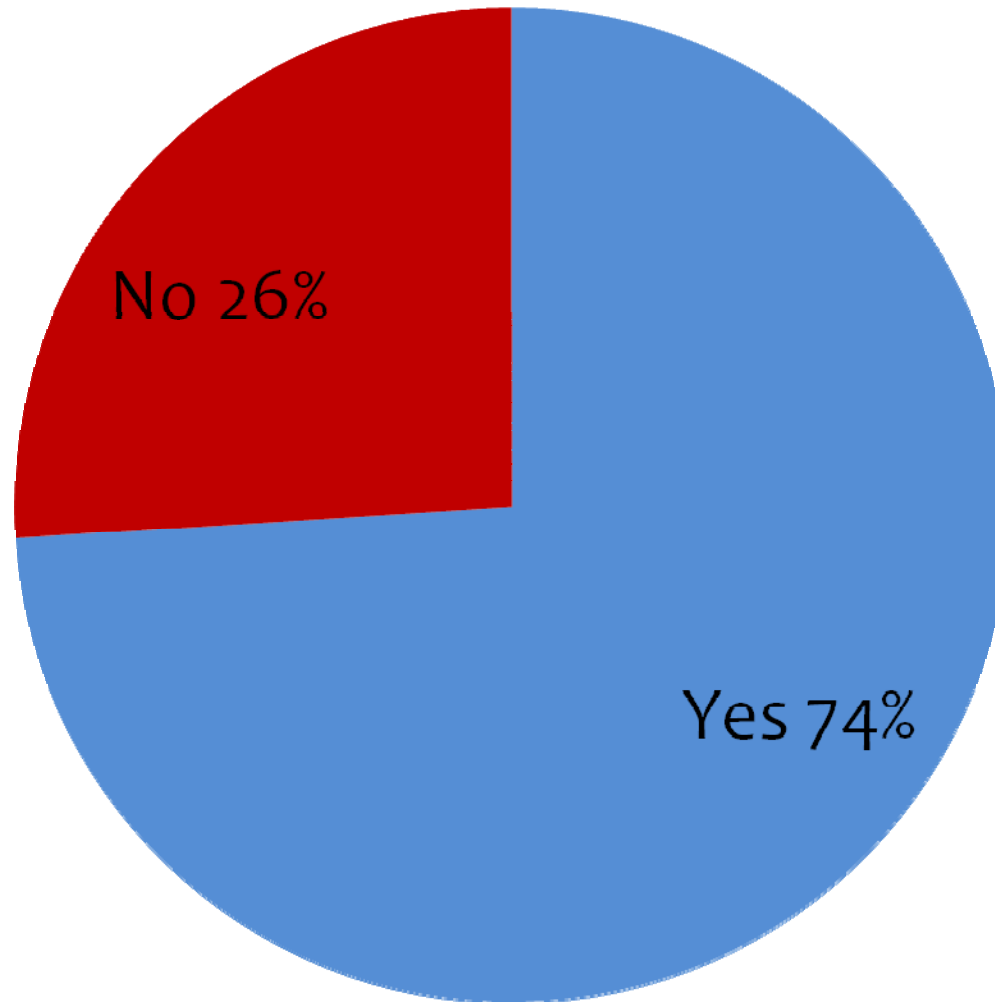
Who did you vote for in the presidential election? (n = 809)



Do you feel there should be a voter registration for the 2010 parliamentary and district council elections?



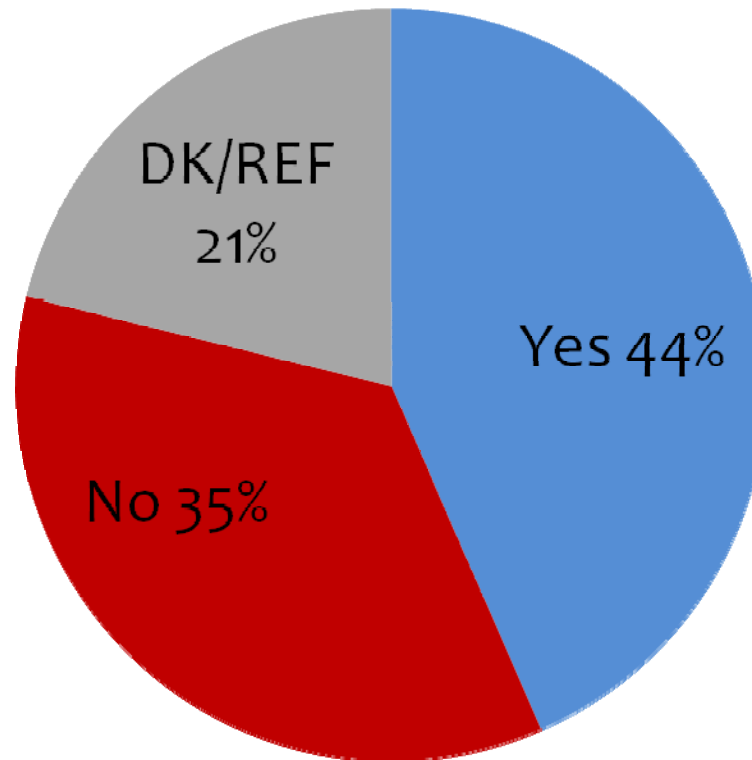
If parliamentary and district council elections (scheduled for 2010) were held today, would you vote?



If you would not vote, why not? (open-ended question, n = 610)

	Total November 2009
Fraud in the Elections	23%
Insecurity	18%
Don't Want To	10%
Parliament Hasn't Served the People Well	10%
Don't Like Candidates	10%
Not Allowed to by Family Members	9%
Tired of the Elections	9%
No Voter Card	7%
DK/REF	6%

Do you think the presidential election held on August 20, 2009 was free and fair?



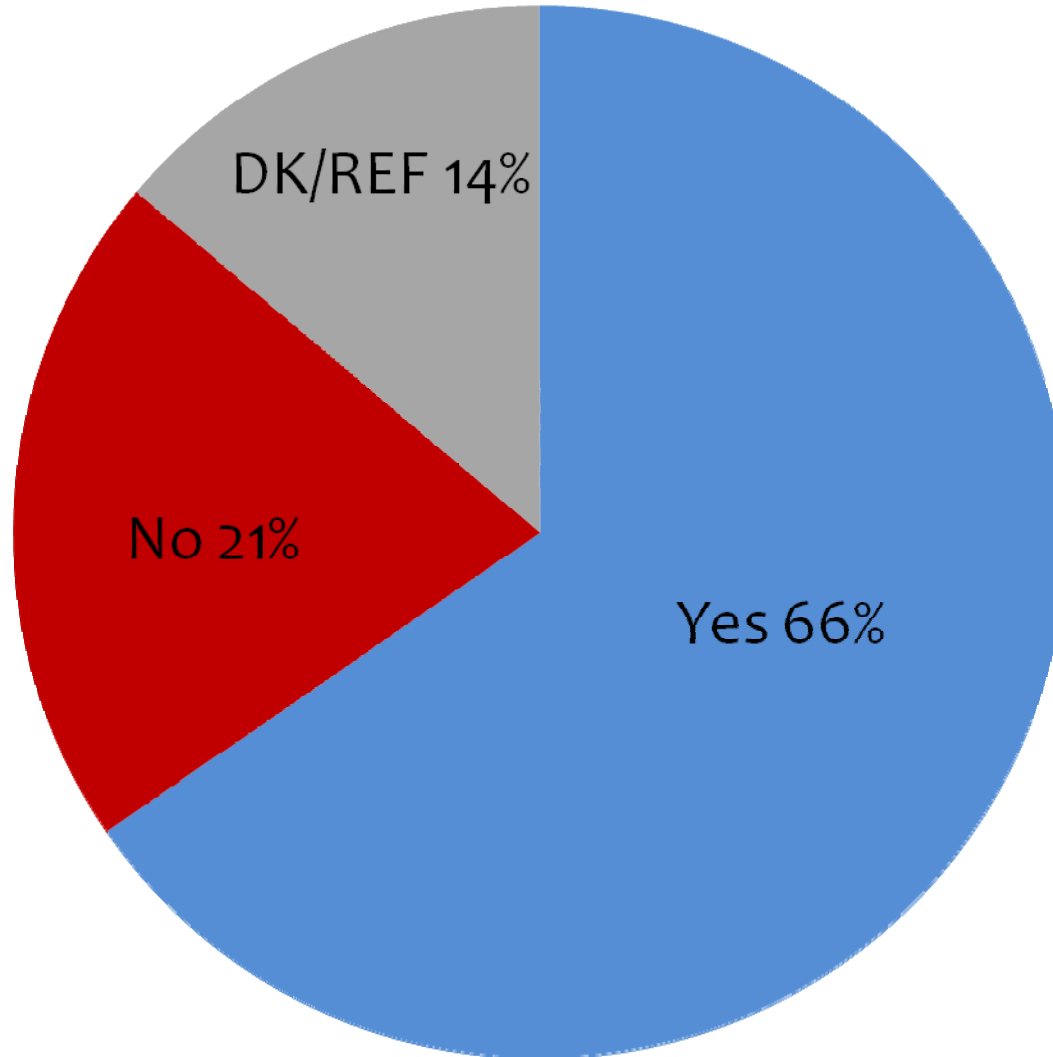
If yes it was a free and fair election, why? (open-ended question, n = 1,035)

	Total November 2009
Transparency	41%
People's Satisfaction	24%
Good security	16%
Many Facilities for Voting	6%
People liked Karzai	5%
No Fraud Witnessed	4%
Non-Warlike Atmosphere	1%
DK/REF	3%

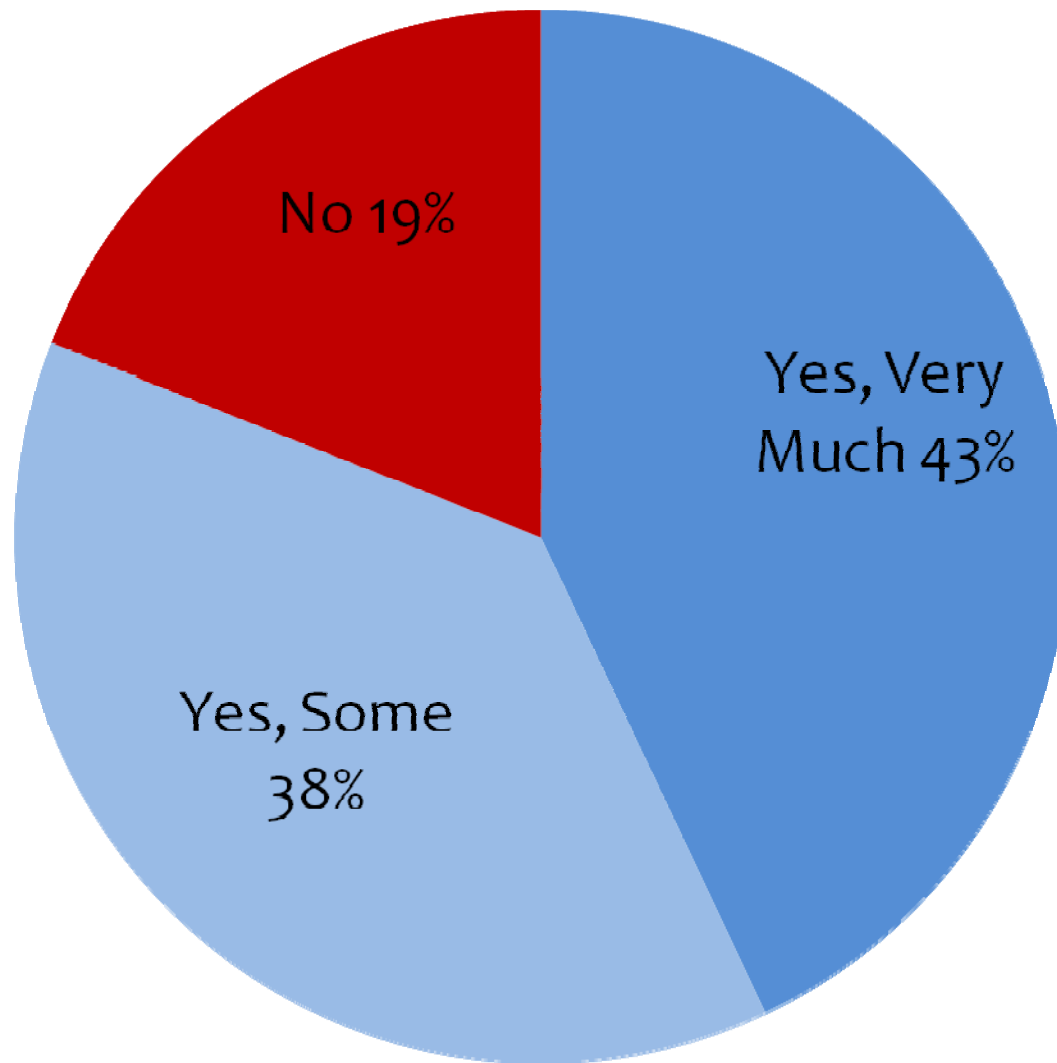
If no it was not a free and fair election, why not? (open-ended question, n=840)

	Total November 2009
Fraud Witnessed	71%
Election Was Not Just or Fair	8%
Public Dissatisfaction	6%
People Participated for Money	3%
Few Voters	2%
Candidates are Criminals	2%
Someone Else Voted for Me	1%
DK/REF	8%

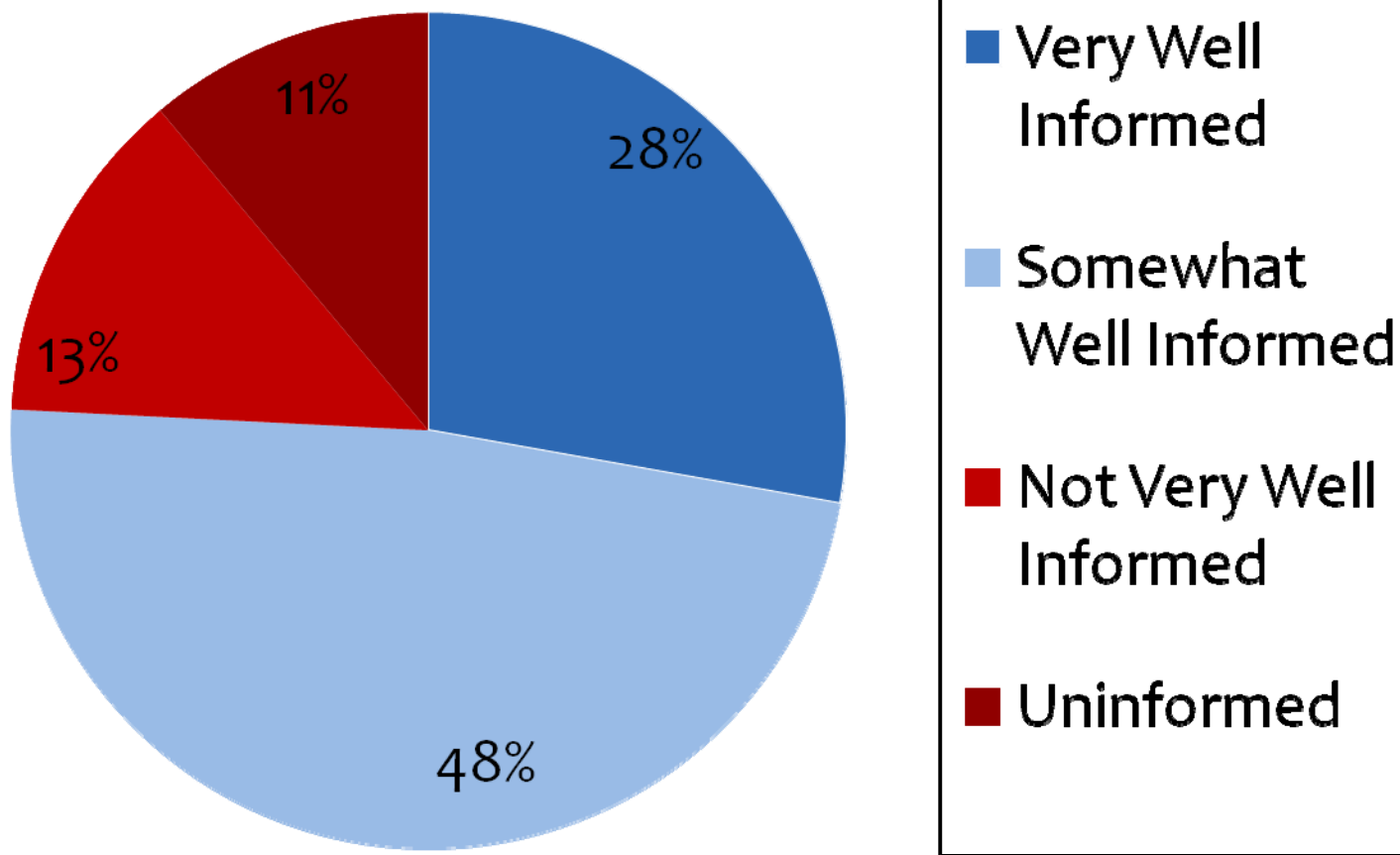
Do you think Hamid Karzai is the legitimate President of Afghanistan?



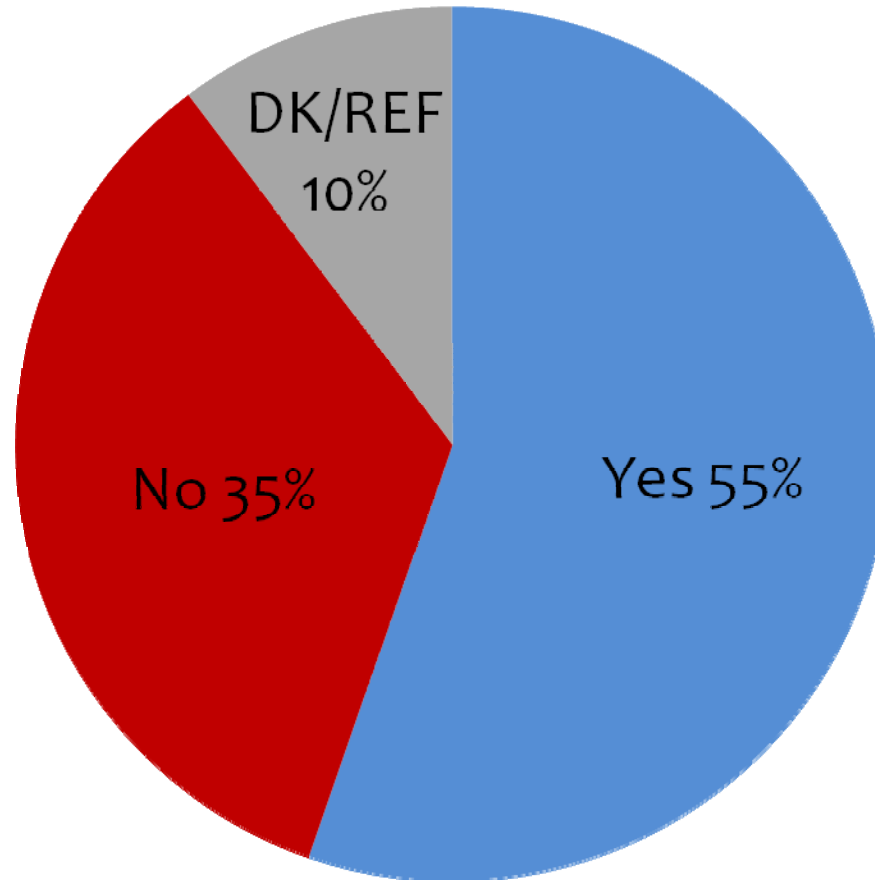
Do you believe there was corruption during the presidential election?



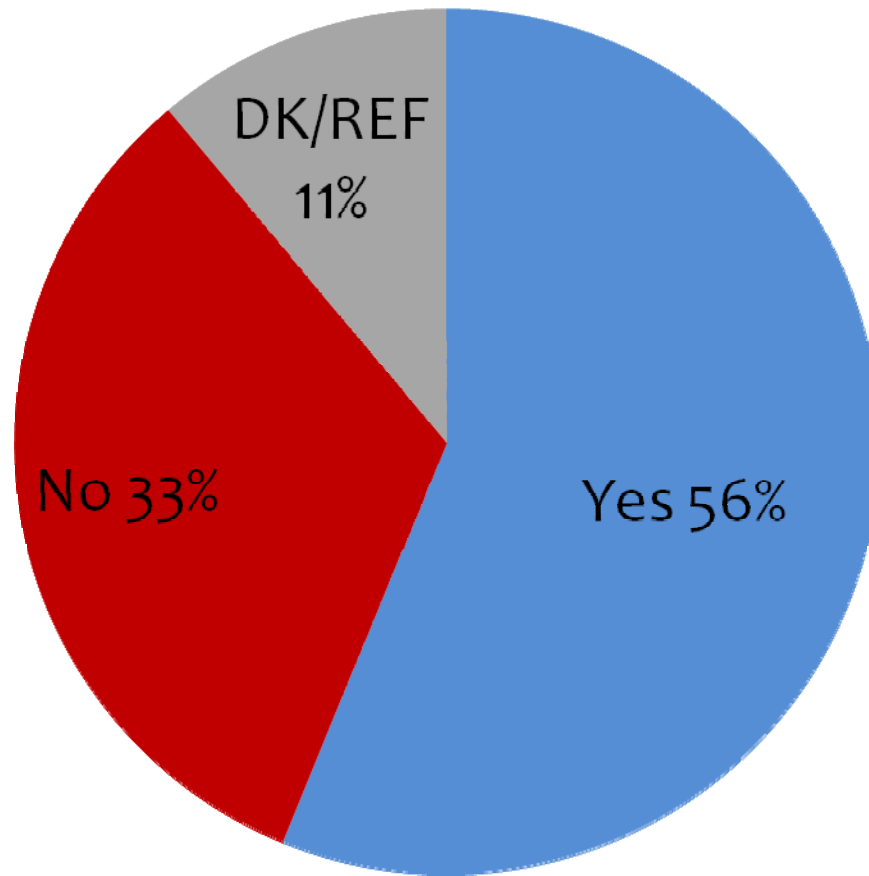
How do you feel about the IEC's sharing of information during the audit period of the presidential election?



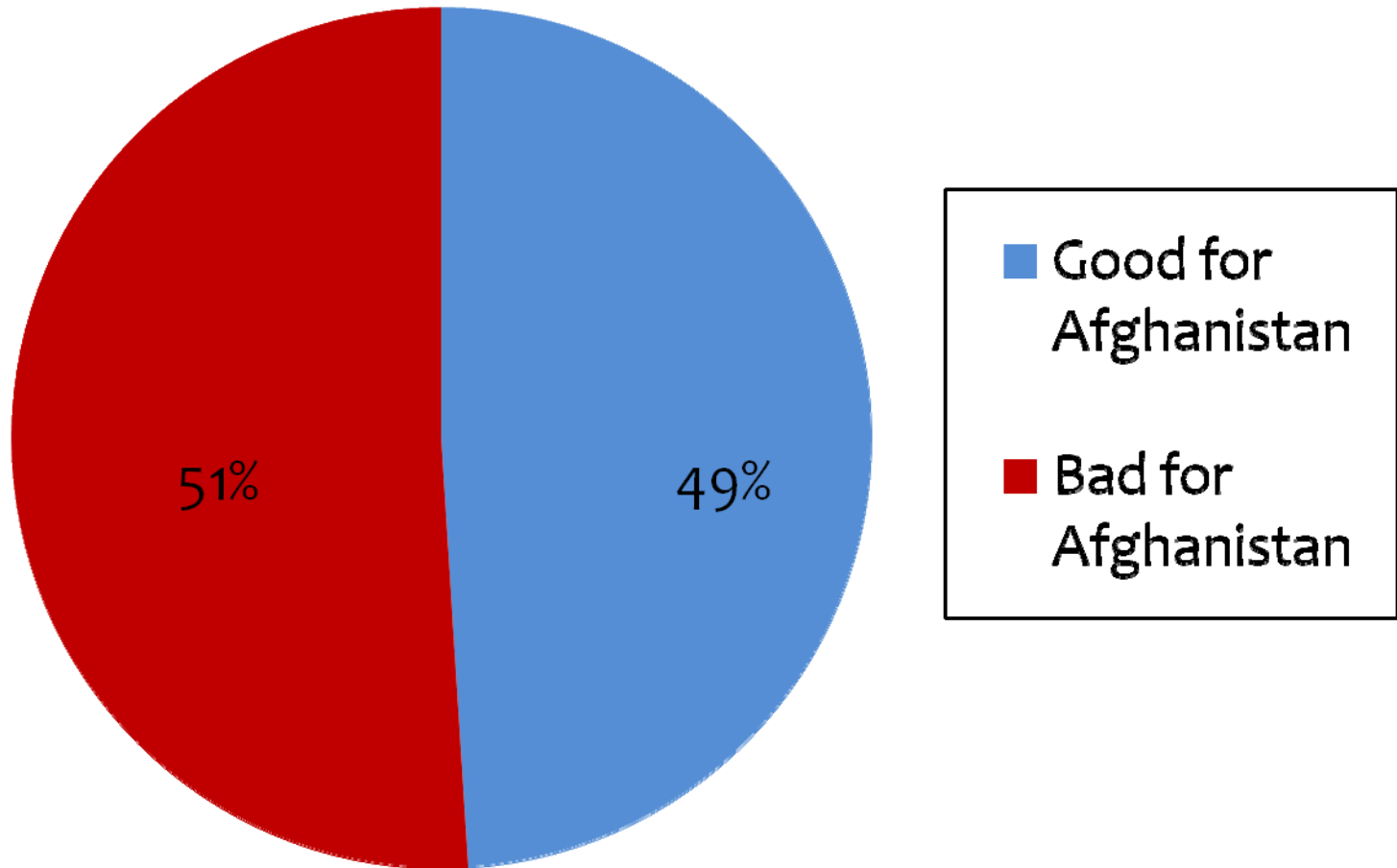
Do you think that the IEC organized the election well?



Do you think the IEC is independent and credible?



How do you view the ECC's decision to send the elections into a second round?





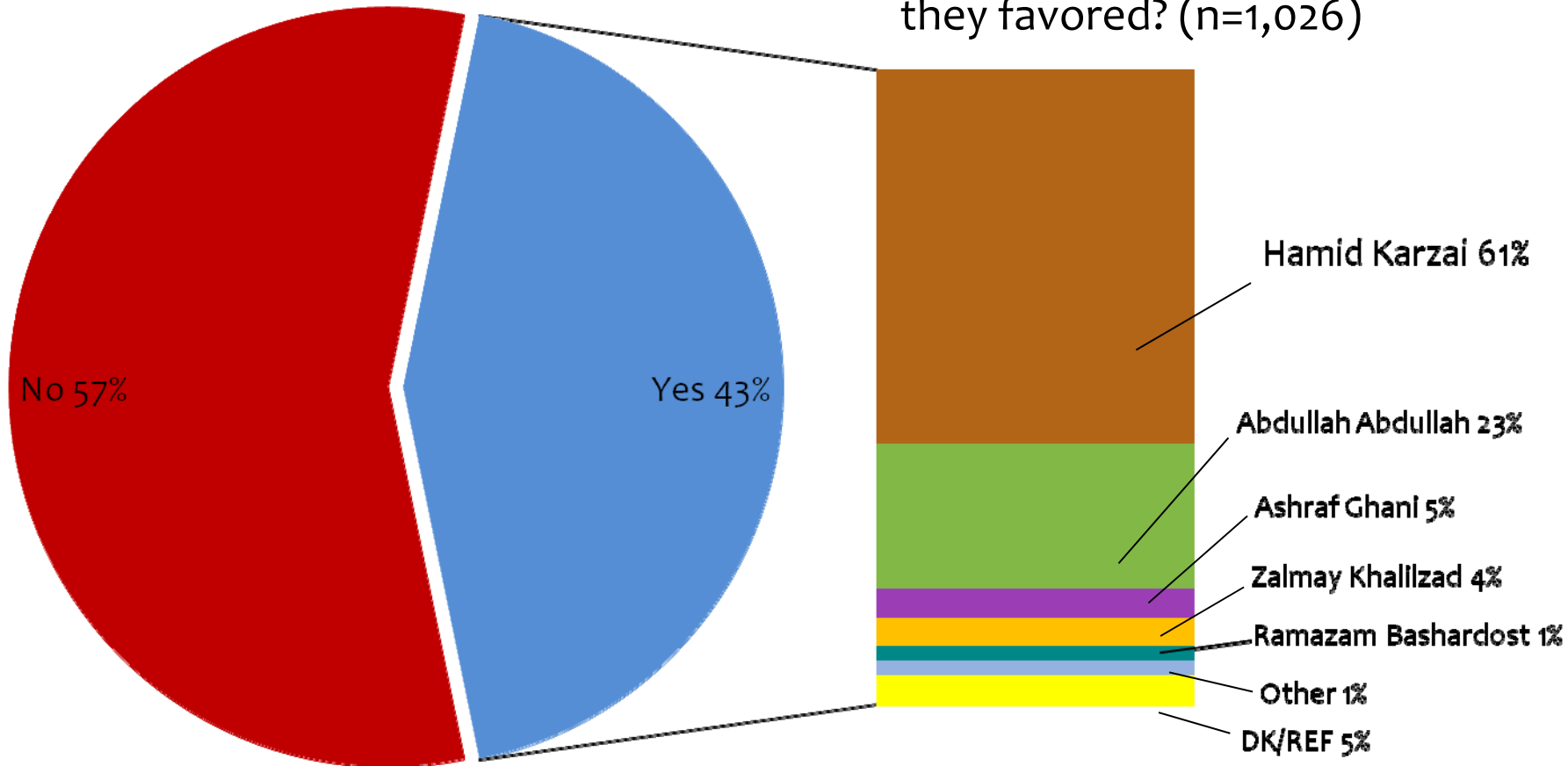
Politics

Why do you think Dr. Abdullah withdrew from the second round election? (open-ended question)

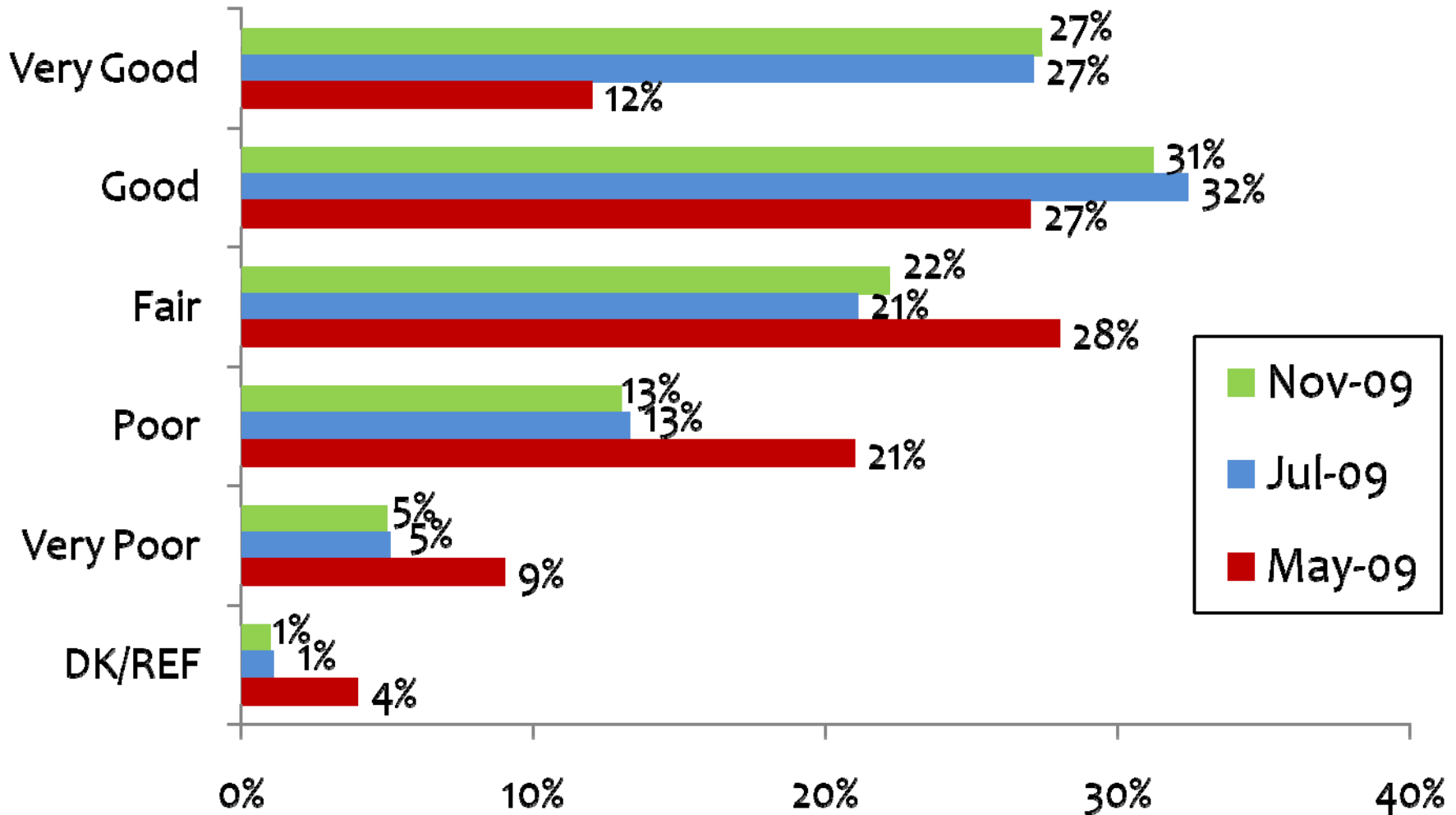
	Total November 2009
He Knew He Would Lose	41%
Lack of Transparency in Elections	20%
International Pressure	12%
His Expectations/Conditions Were Not Met	9%
He Didn't Want to Worsen Security	2%
The People Didn't Want Him	2%
He had Political Reasons	1%
American Interference	1%
Sold His Votes	.5%
Couldn't Afford the Expenses	.3%
DK/REF	12%

Do you believe the United States and the international community had a favored candidate in this election?

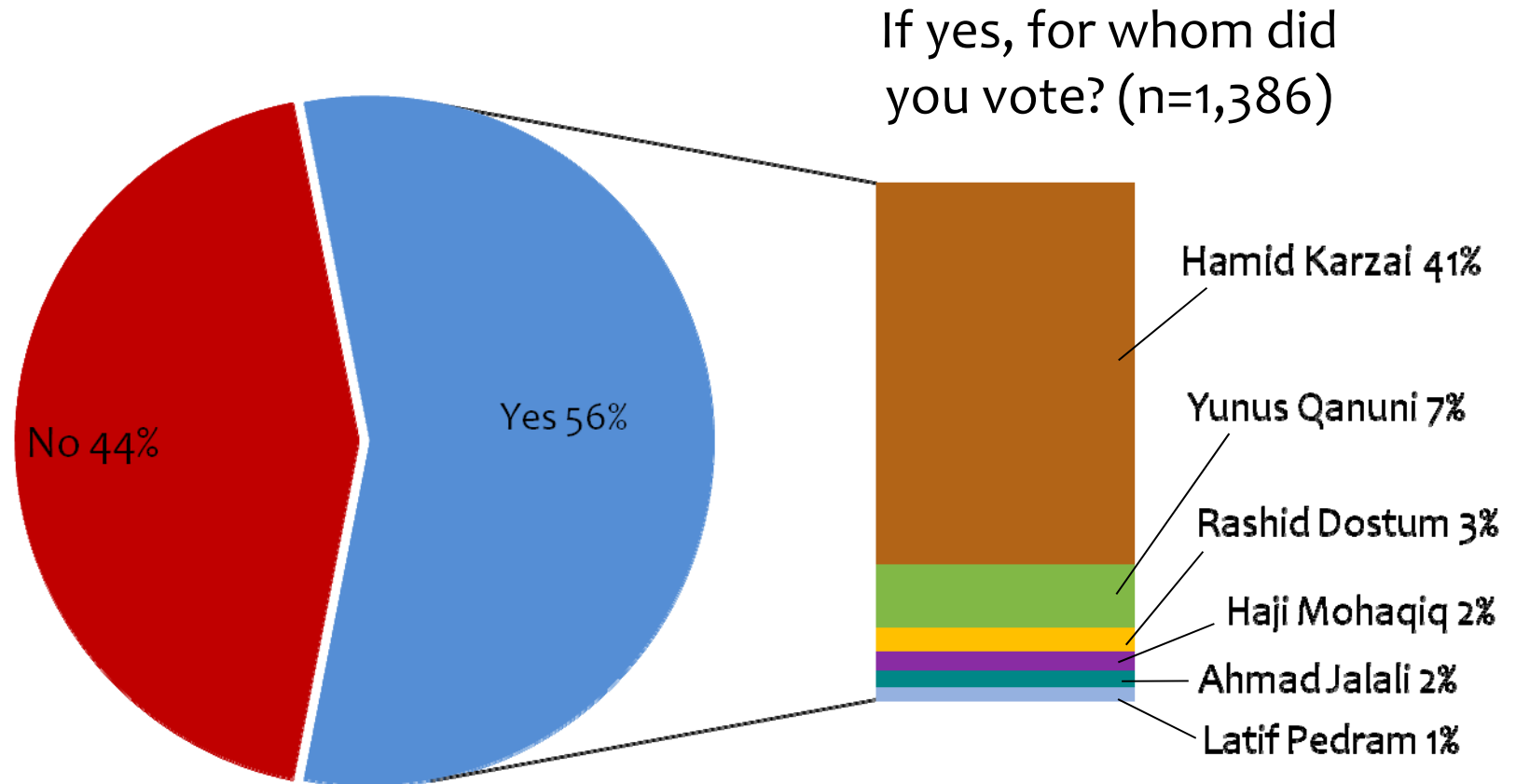
If yes, who do you think they favored? (n=1,026)



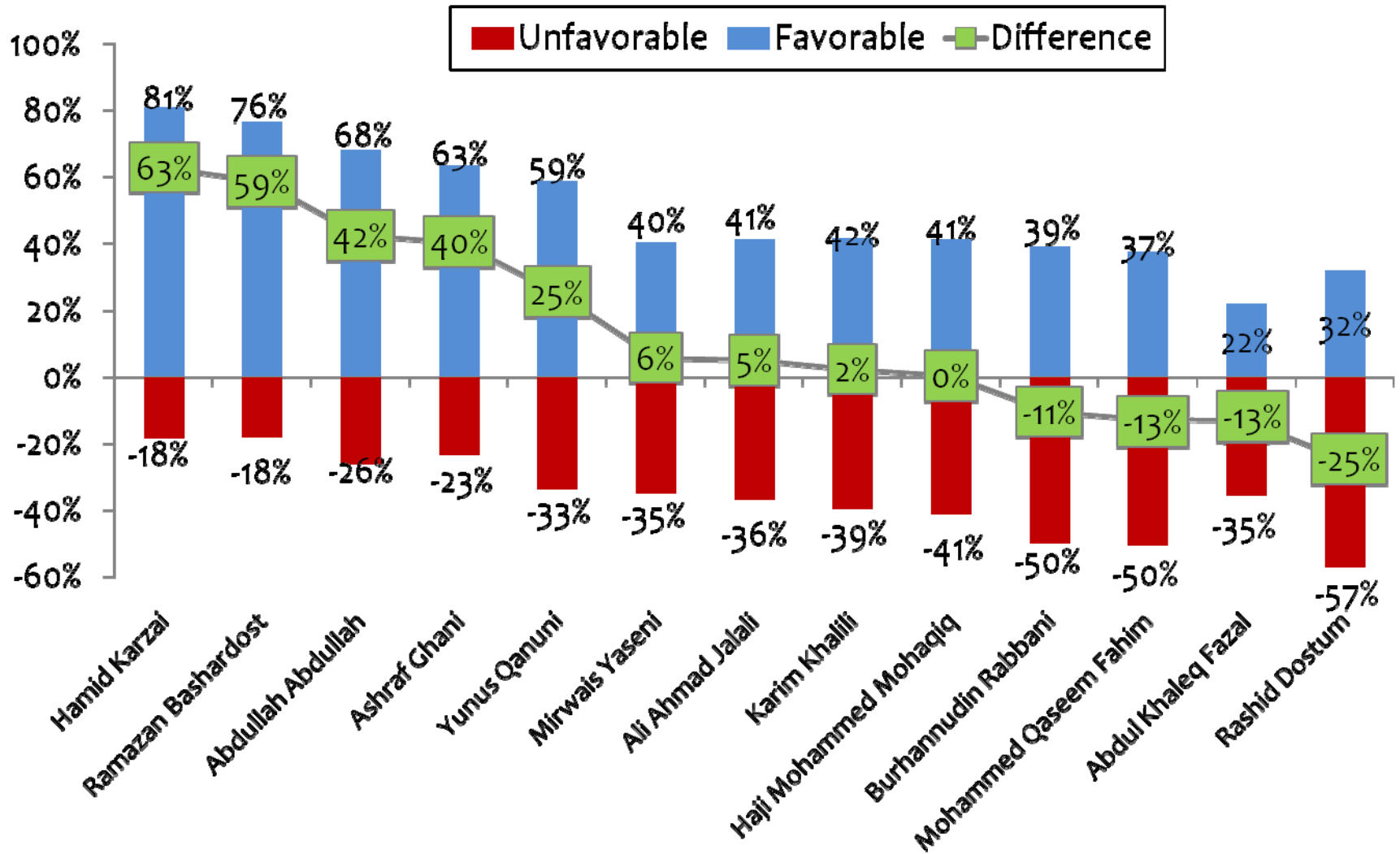
How would you rate Hamid Karzai's performance as president?



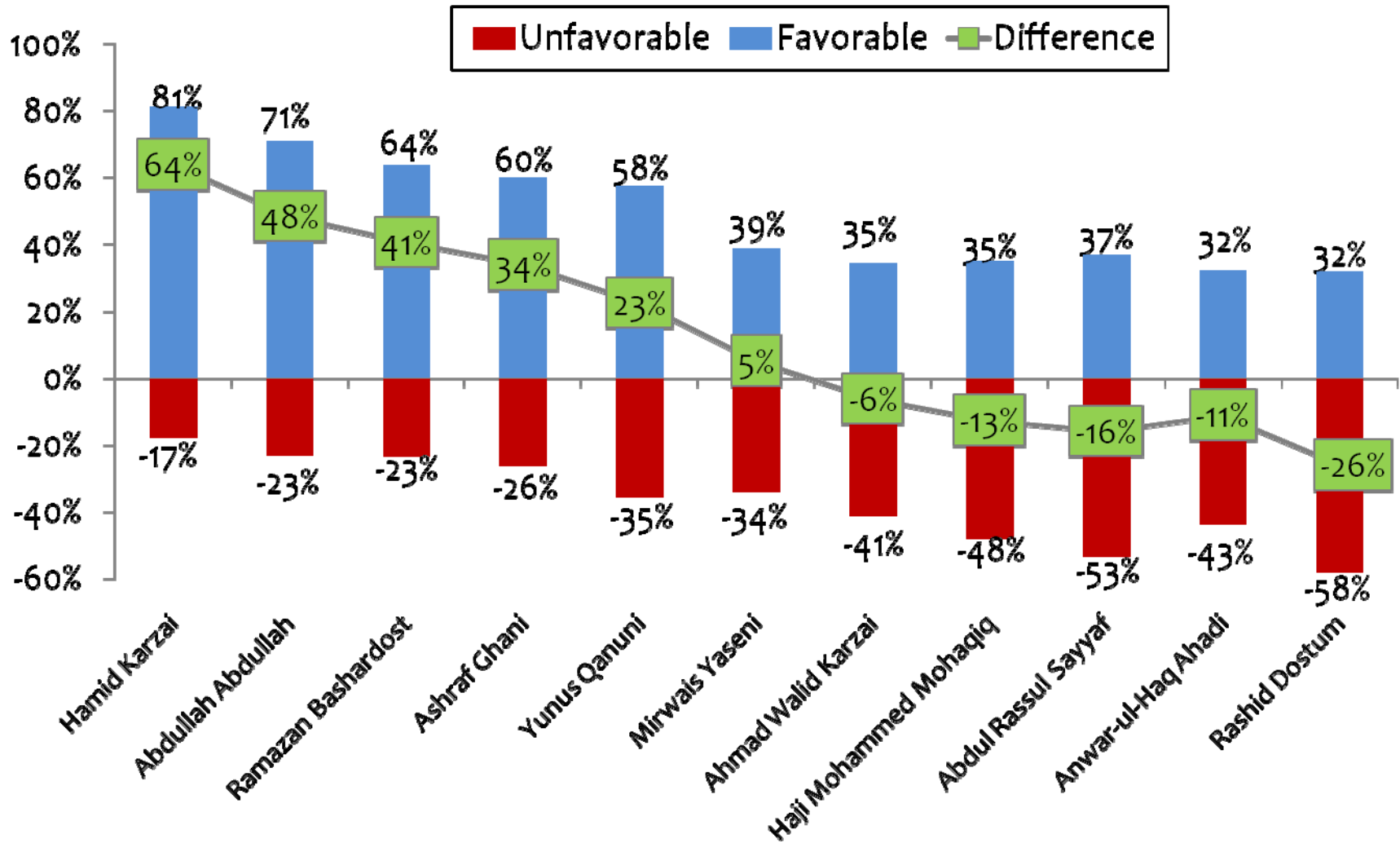
Did you vote in the 2004 presidential election?



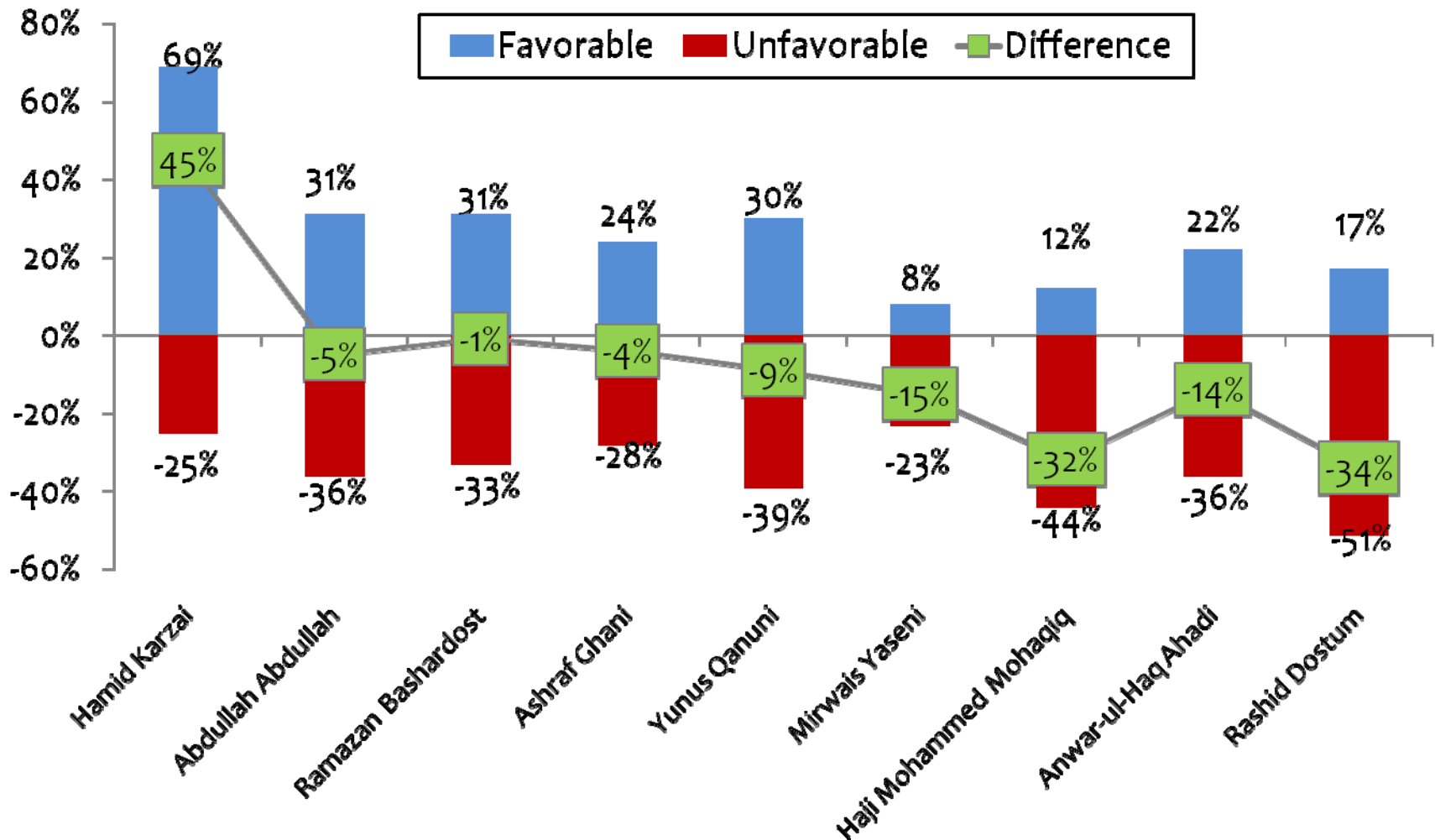
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following individuals leadership qualities? (November 2009)



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following individuals leadership qualities? (July 2009)

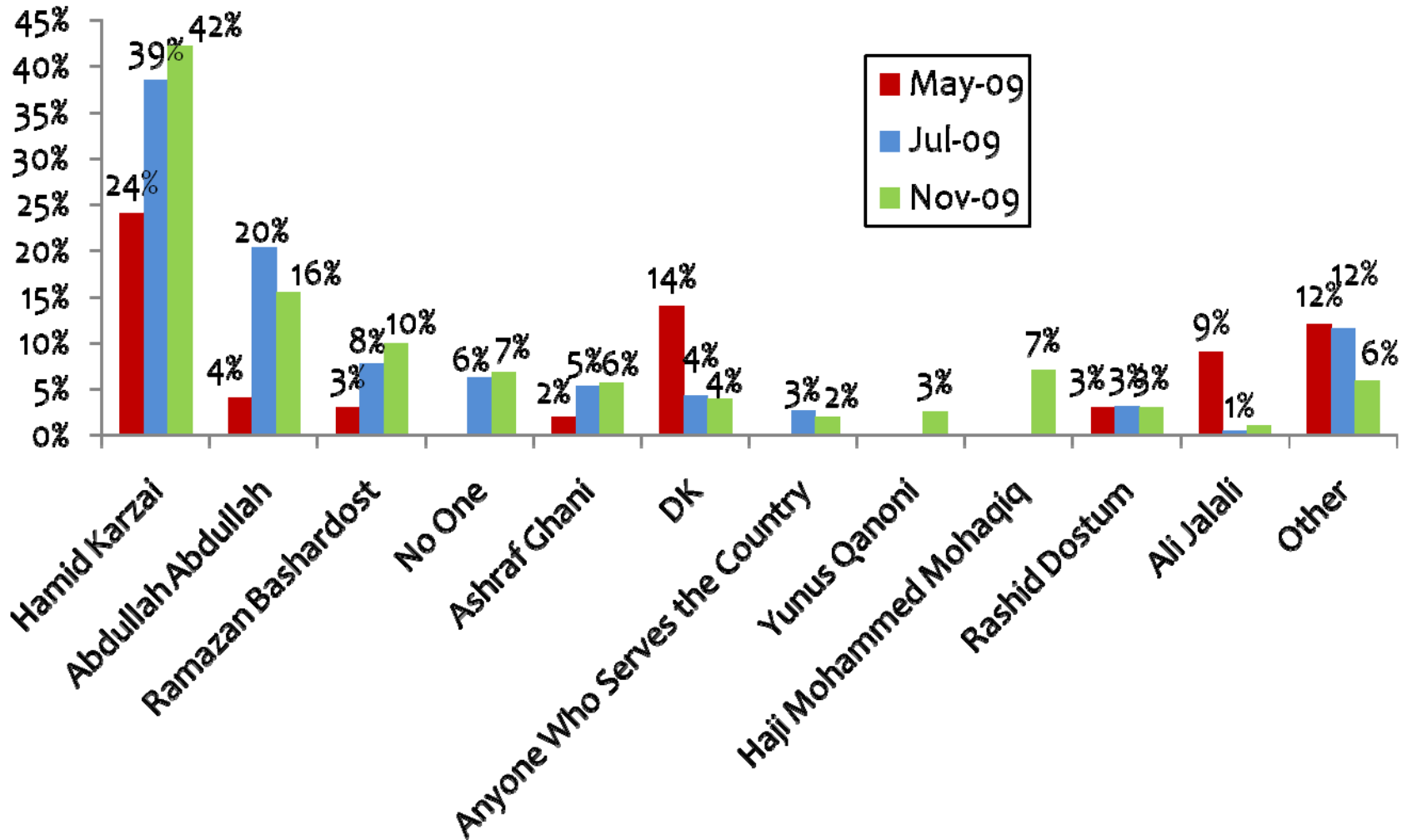


Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following individuals leadership qualities? (May 2009)



Note: Ahmad Wali Karzai and Abdul Rasul Sayyaf were not polled in May 2009

When you think about people in political life, who is the one person in Afghanistan that you view most favorably? (open-ended question)



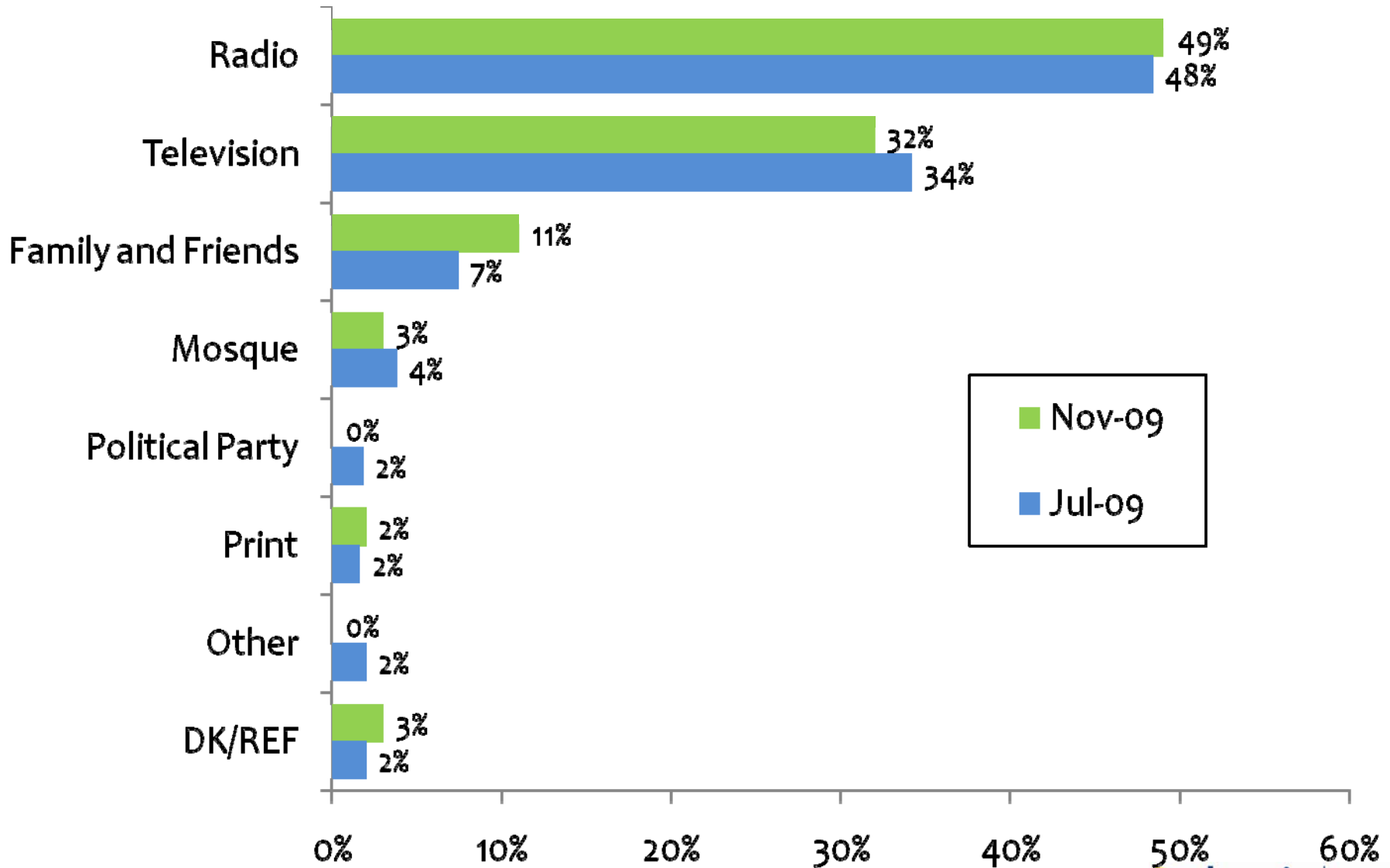
What should be the first priority of the president after the election? (open-ended question)

First Priority	May 2009	July 2009	Nov 2009
Security	42%	30%	33%
The Economy/Unemployment/Improved Standard of Living	12%	22%	14%
Reconstruction/Development/Improving Infrastructure	7%	11%	6%
Social Assistance/Helping Citizens	7%	7%	5%
Education	4%	6%	3%
Improving Government	0%	4%	6%
Rule of Law/Peace/Justice	4%	4%	2%
Corruption/Abuse of Power	3%	4%	16%
Human Rights	3%	2%	1%
Religion/Cultural Issues	3%	2%	0%
Terrorism/Ending Internal Violence	5%	2%	1%
International Relations	2%	1%	1%
Other	5%	3%	0%
DK/REF	3%	3%	1%

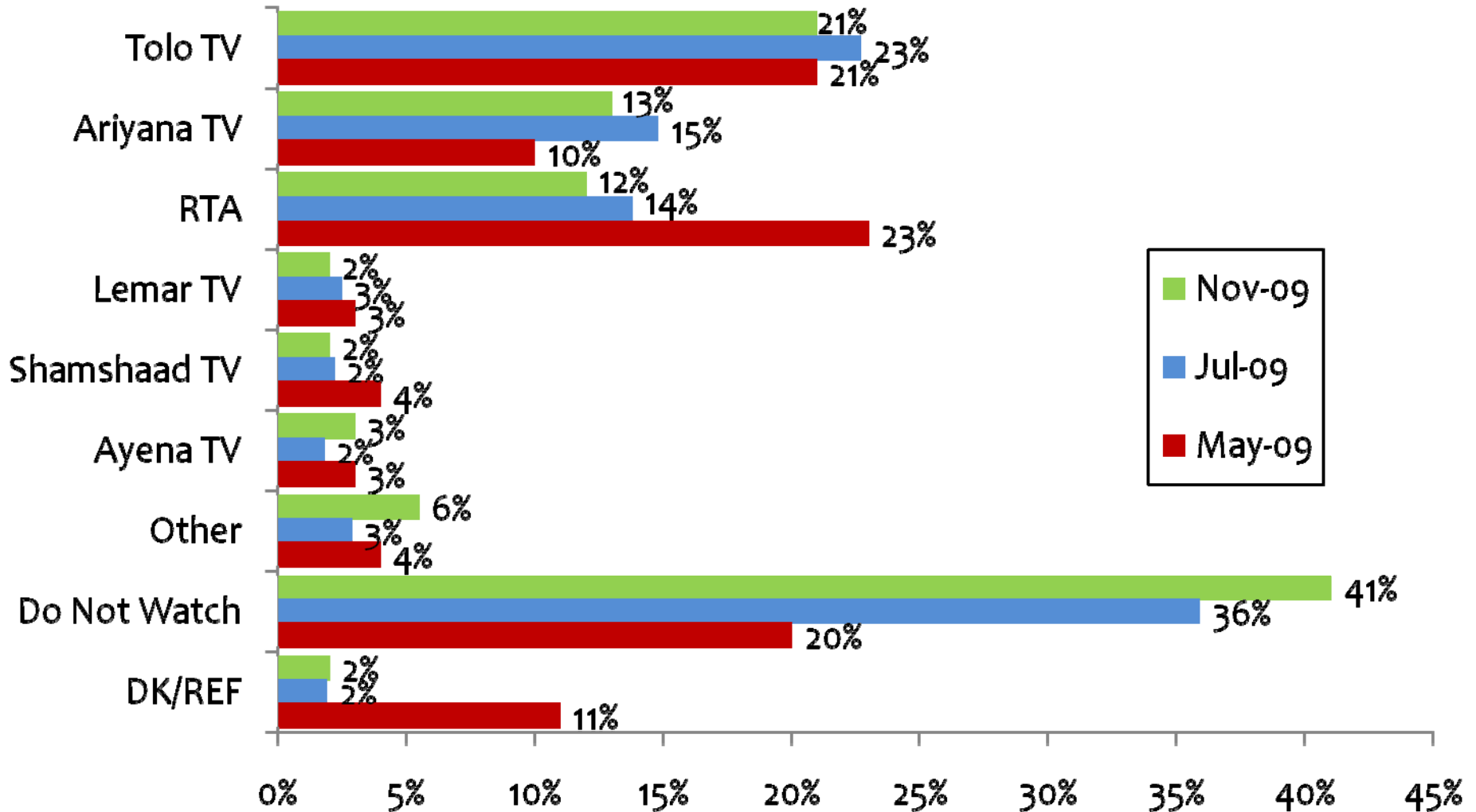


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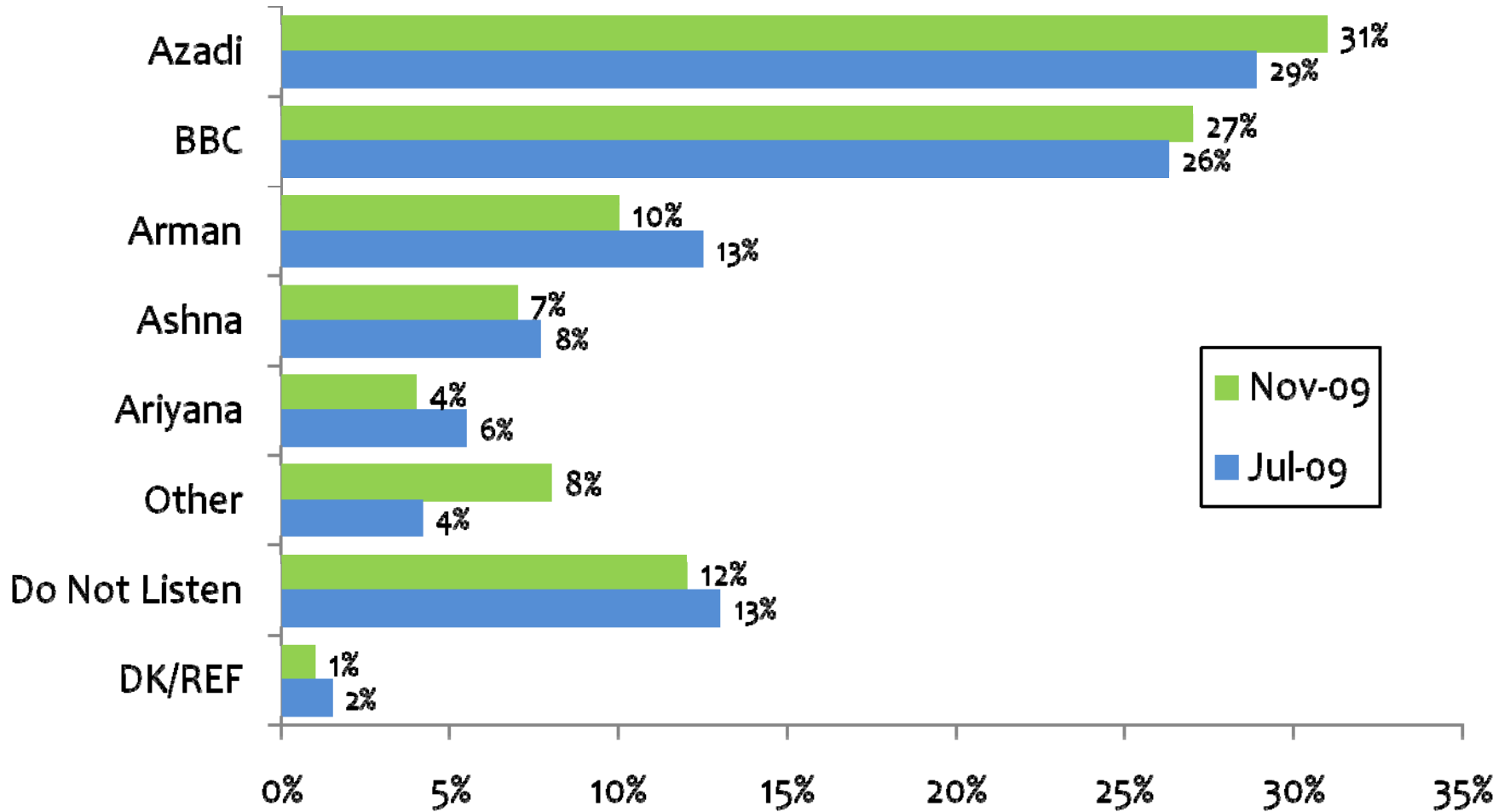
What is your primary source of political news?



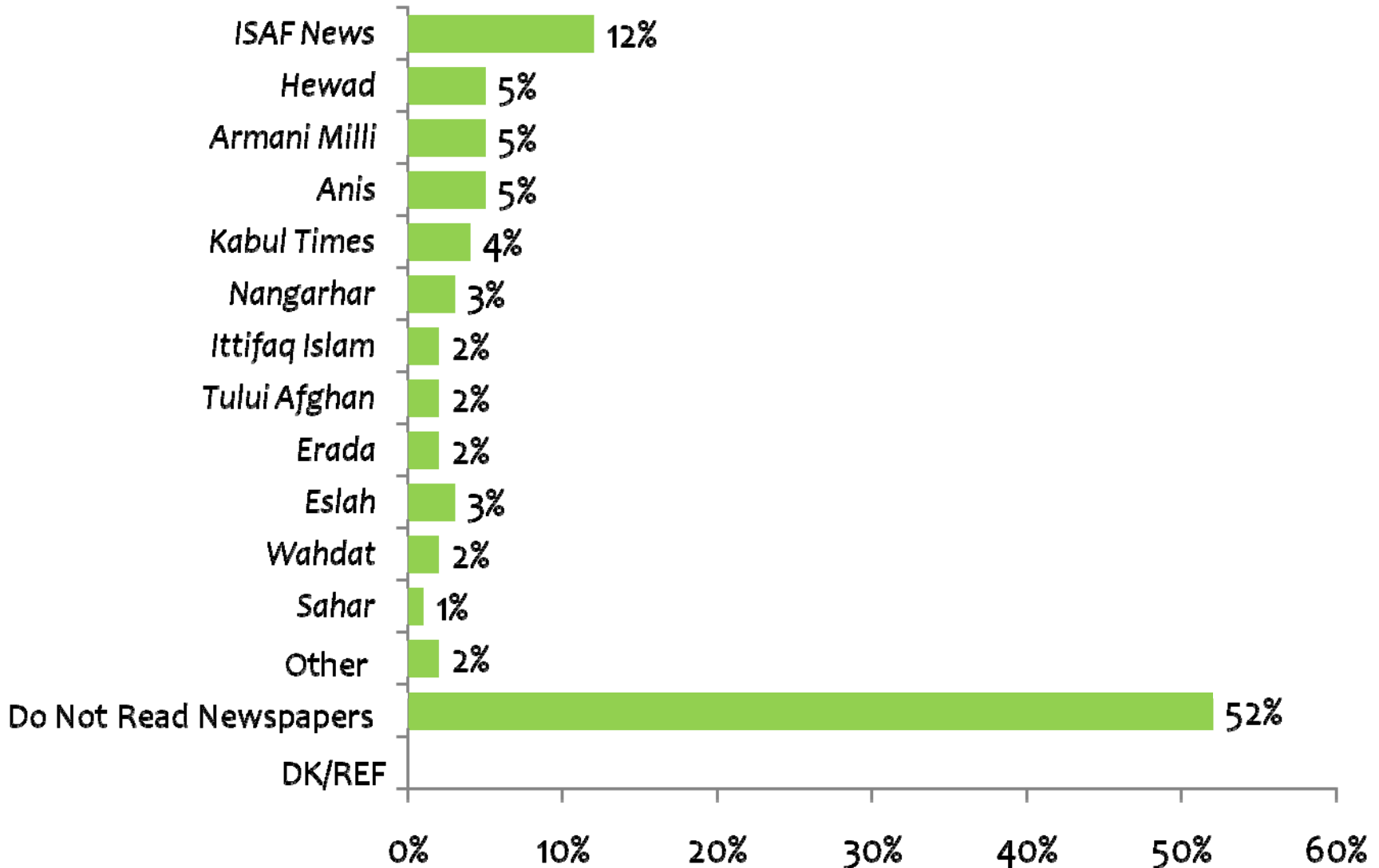
Which television station do you watch most often for political news?



What radio station do you listen to most often for political news?



What newspaper do you read most often for political news?

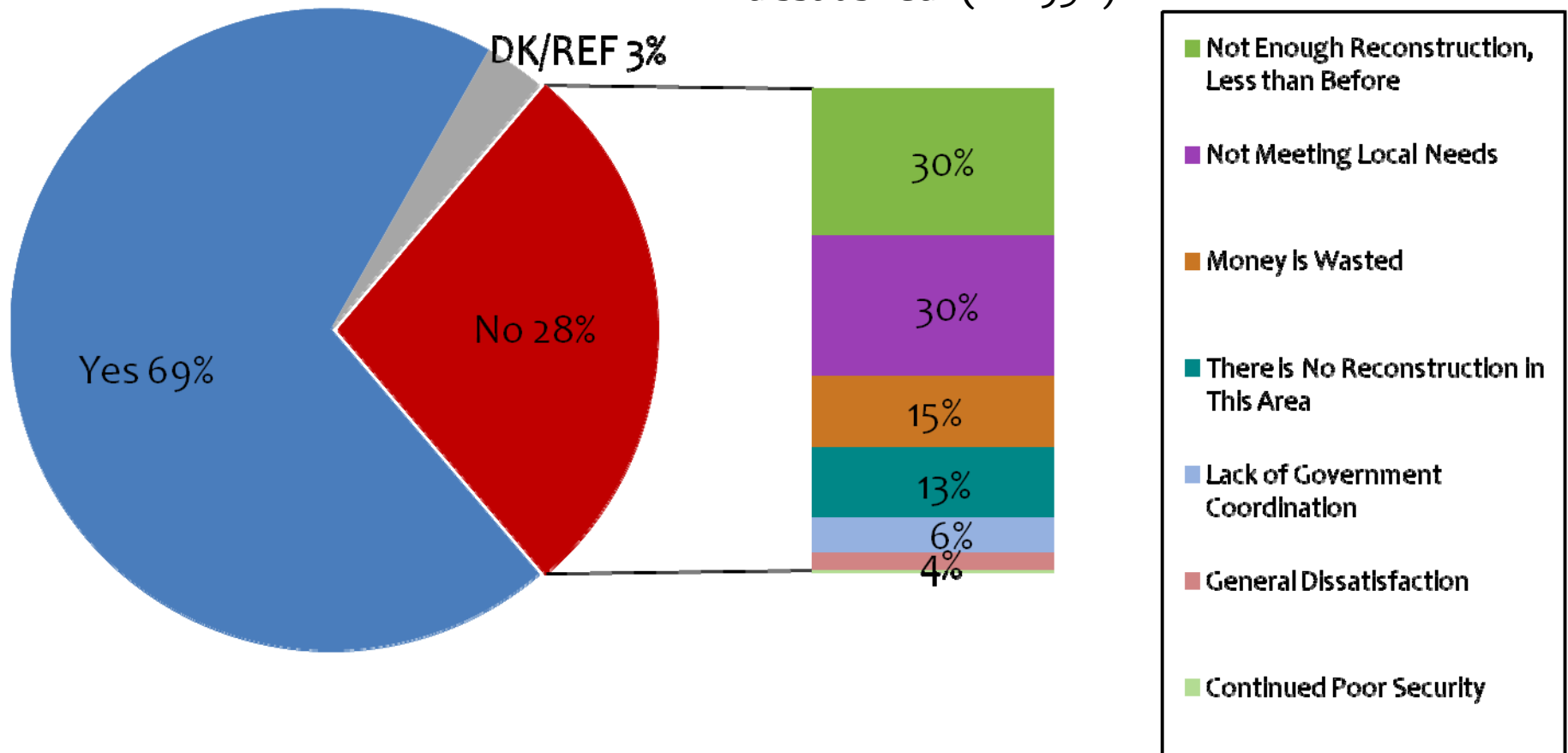




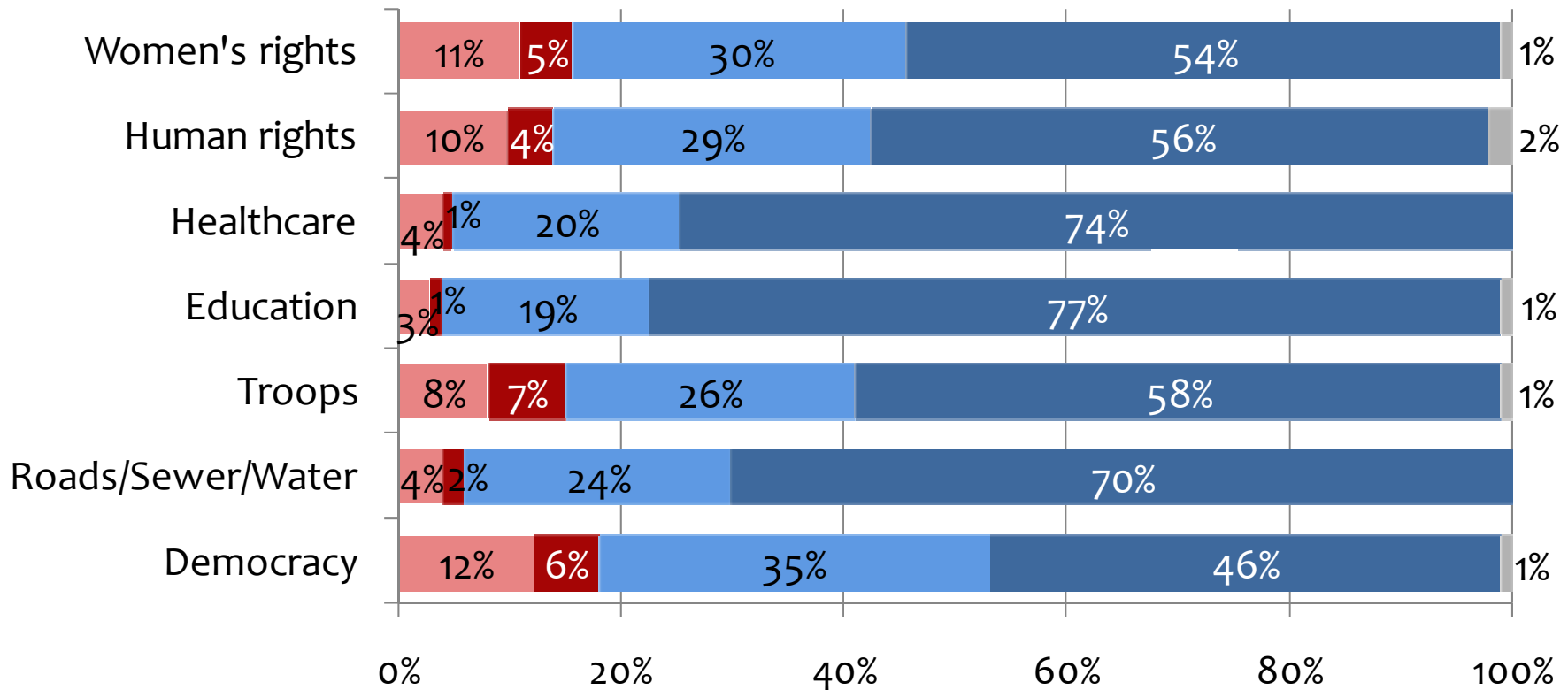
International Forces & Foreign Assistance

Are you satisfied with the rehabilitation/development projects that are being implemented by the international community?

If no, why are you dissatisfied? (n = 930)



How important to you are each of the following uses of foreign assistance?



Which of these same issues would you say is the most important?

