

# Survey of Tunisian Public Opinion

December 24, 2011-January 6, 2012



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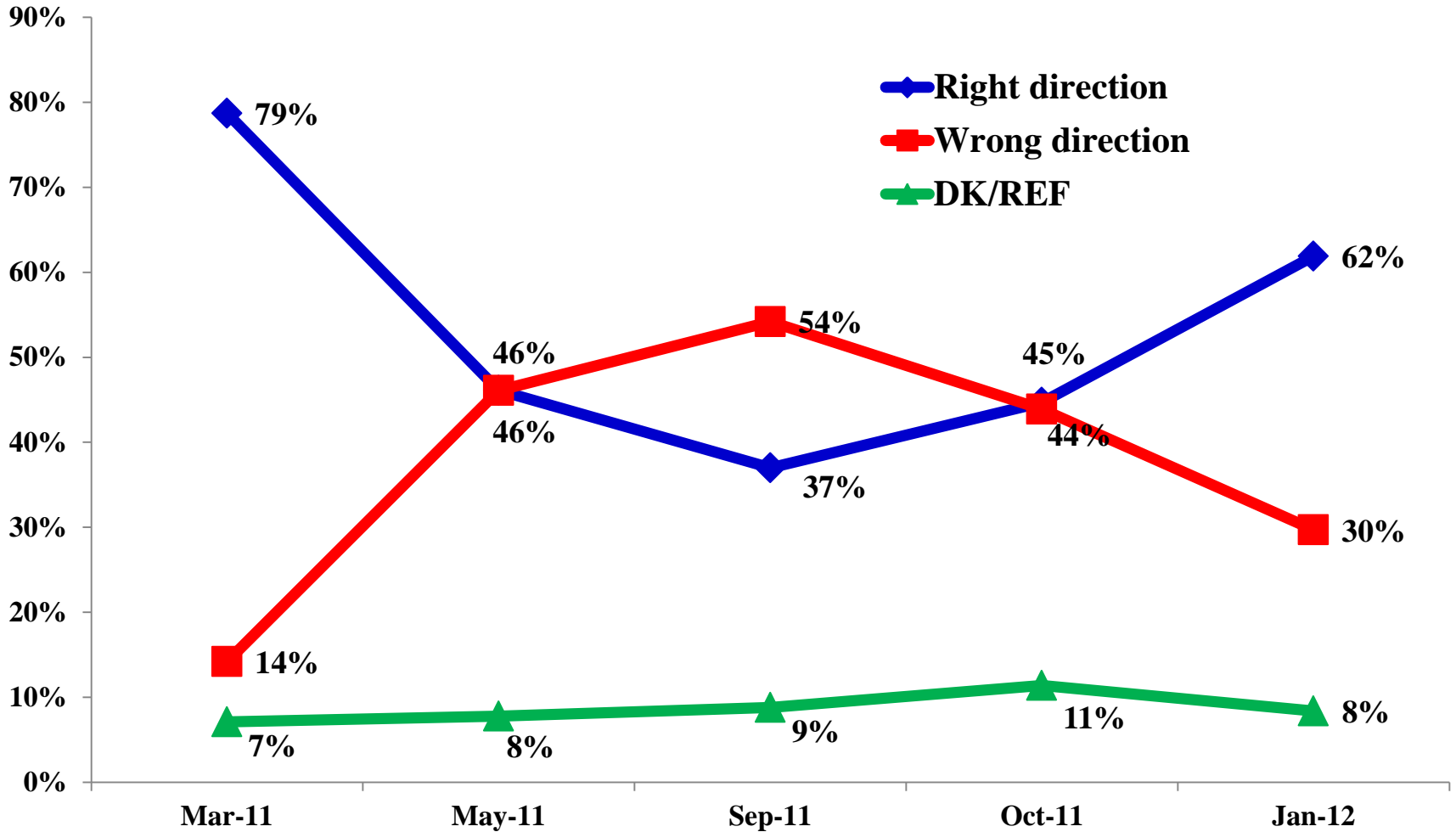
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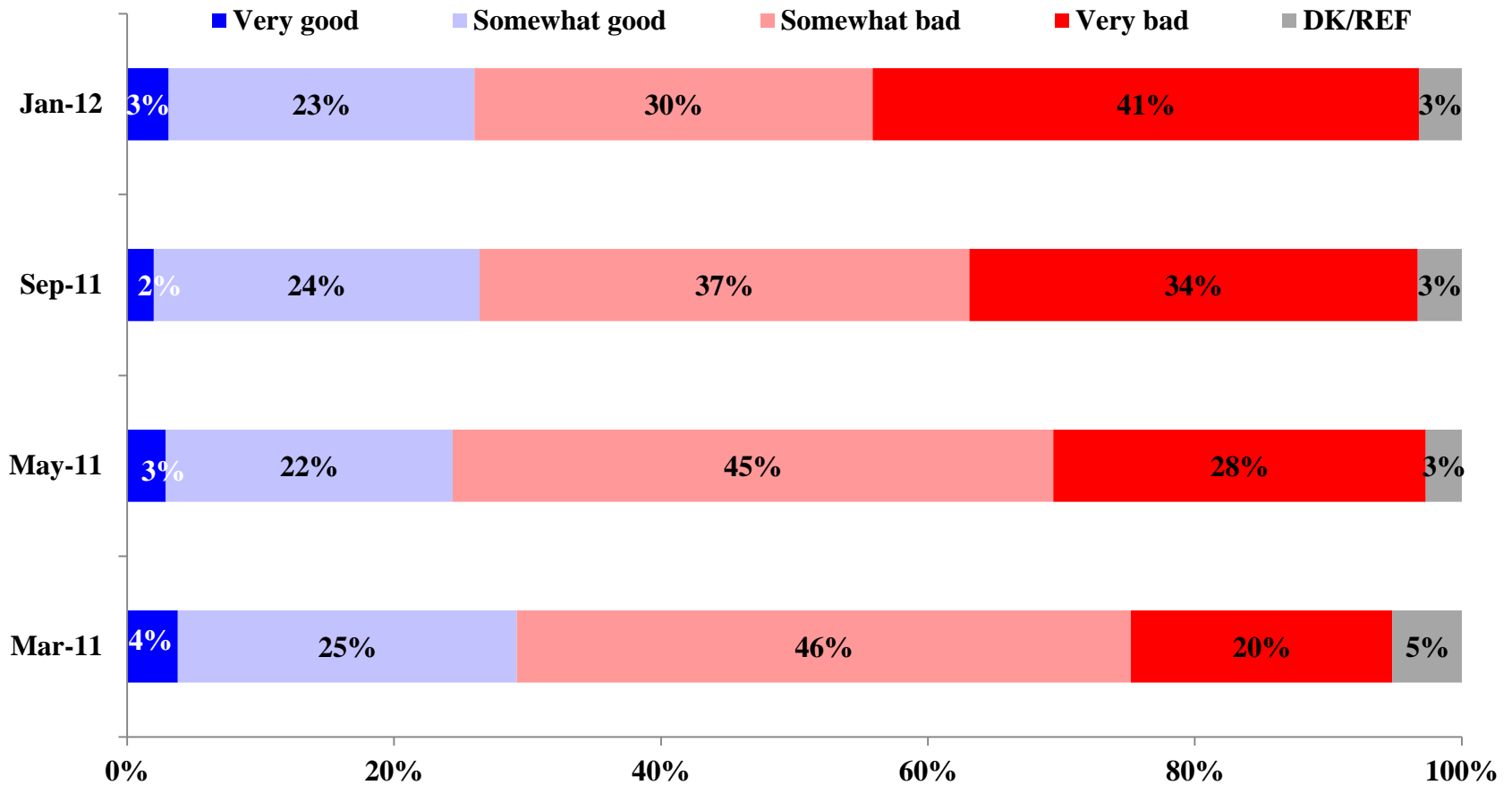
## Survey Specifications

- The International Republican Institute (IRI) conducted a national survey of adult Tunisians (18+ years) from December 24, 2011–January 6, 2012.
- Data was collected in the field by a Tunisian-owned and operated marketing research firm, Elka Consulting, under the supervision of David Williams from Williams and Associates of Salem, Massachusetts.
- Interviewing was collected using the in-person, face-to-face methodology by trained professional interviewers using a multistage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution.
- The Kish method was used to select respondents 18 years and older within the randomly selected household. The left hand method was used to select every third household in localities selected through an area probability sample.
- Stratification was based on three stages: a proportional division among Tunisia’s 24 governorates, proportional division of urban and rural categories, and proportional division by gender and age group according to the most up-to-date data from Tunisia’s National Statistics Institute collected in July 2009. The sample was then post-weighted to make it proportionate to national representation by province.
- Each of Tunisia’s 24 governorates was divided into territorial sections or districts. In every territorial section at least one point of survey was selected with the overall number of points determined by population density. In every point of survey, interviewers were called to do no more than 10 interviews. Points of survey were distributed proportionally between rural and urban areas in every governorate and in every geographical section of the governorate. Points of survey in a territorial section within a governorate were selected randomly.
- A total of 1,308 interviews were completed yielding an overall margin of error of  $\pm 2.76$  percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level.
- The male-to-female ratio of respondents was 50 percent male to 50 percent female.
- The urban-to-rural ratio of respondents was 64 percent urban to 36 percent rural.
- The geographic and demographic distributions conform to the most recent generally accepted official statistics available.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies.
- Figures in charts and tables may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.
- This poll was conducted with support from the [Middle East Partnership Initiative](#).

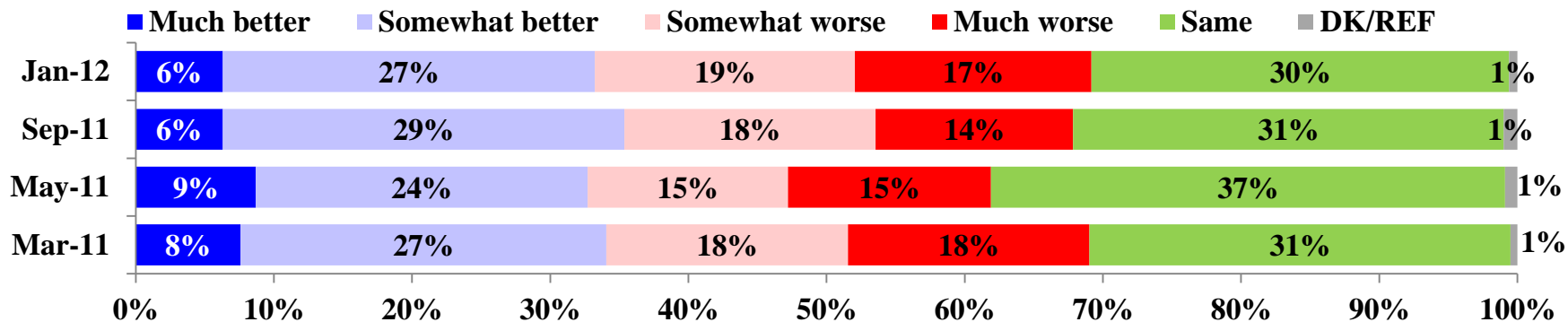
## How would you say that things are going in Tunisia these days, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



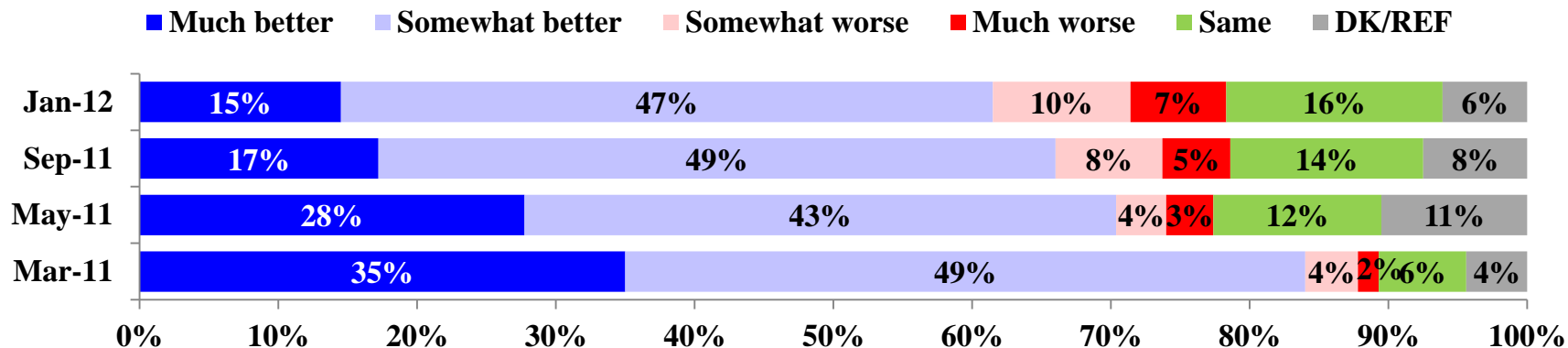
## How would you describe the current economic situation in Tunisia?



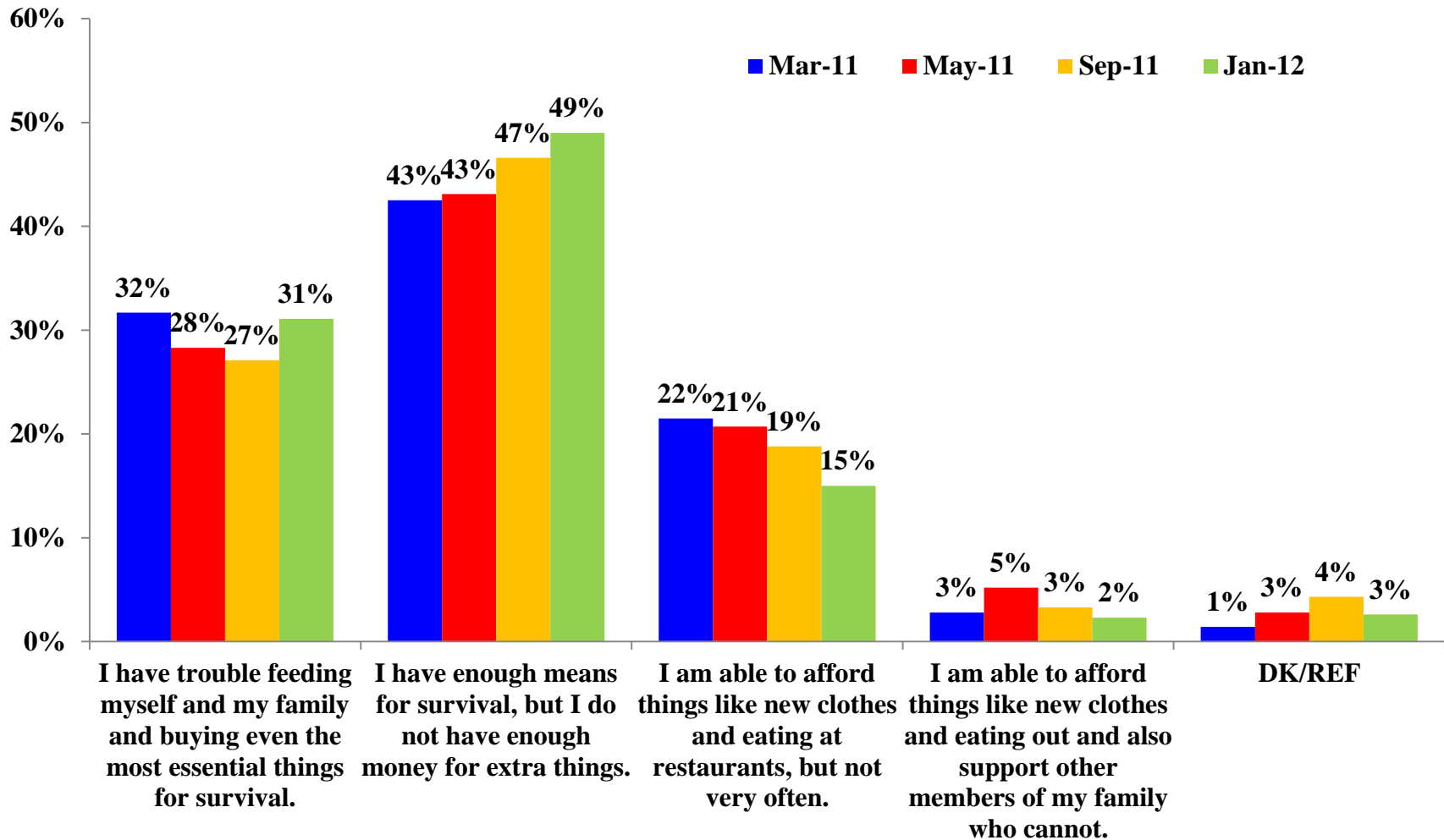
## Has your household's financial situation gotten better or worse over the last year?



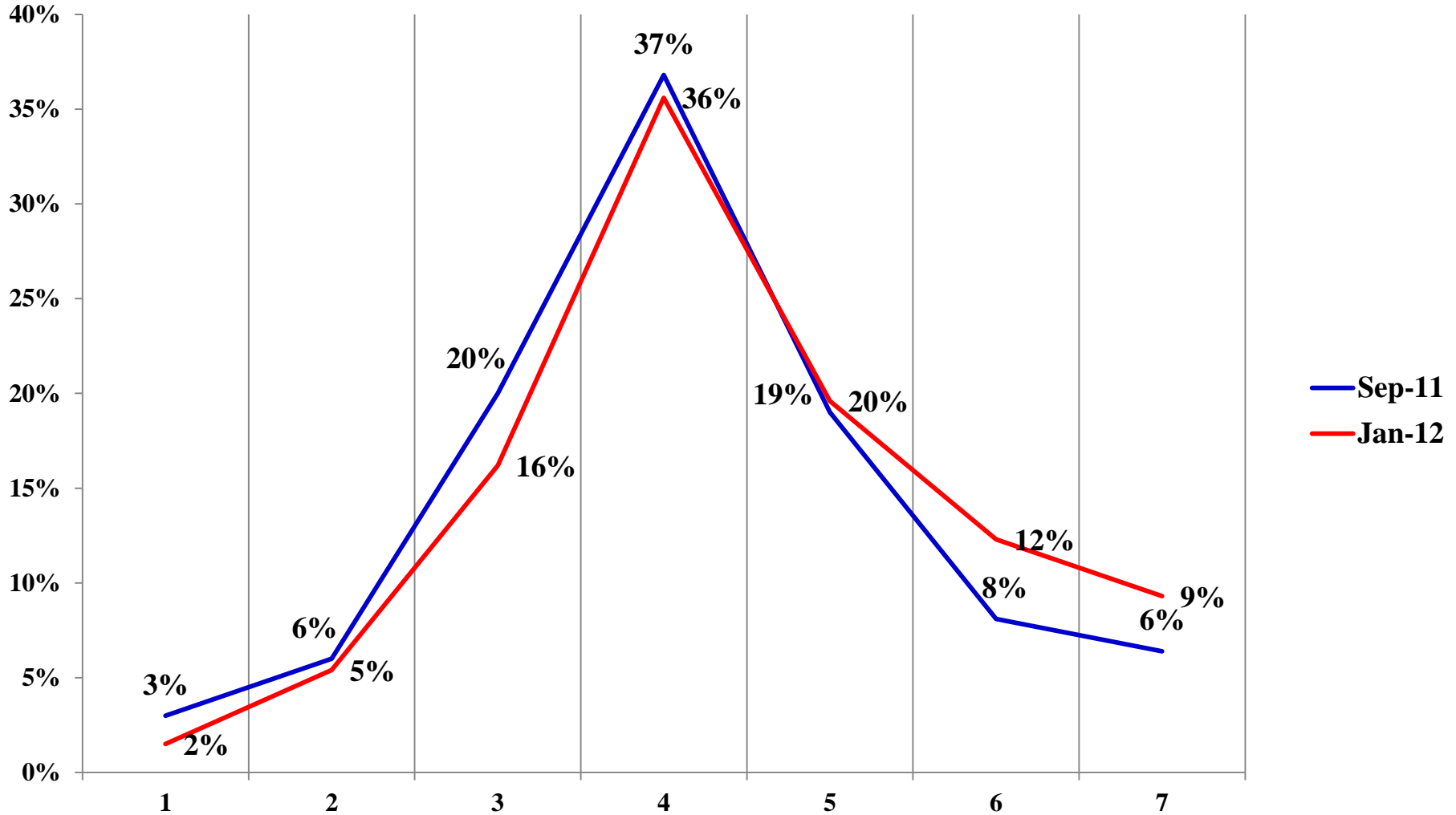
## Thinking ahead to next year, do you expect your household's financial situation to be better or worse?



# Which answer best describes your current economic situation?



**On a scale from one to seven, where one is outstanding and seven is terrible, how satisfied are you with the quality of your life?**

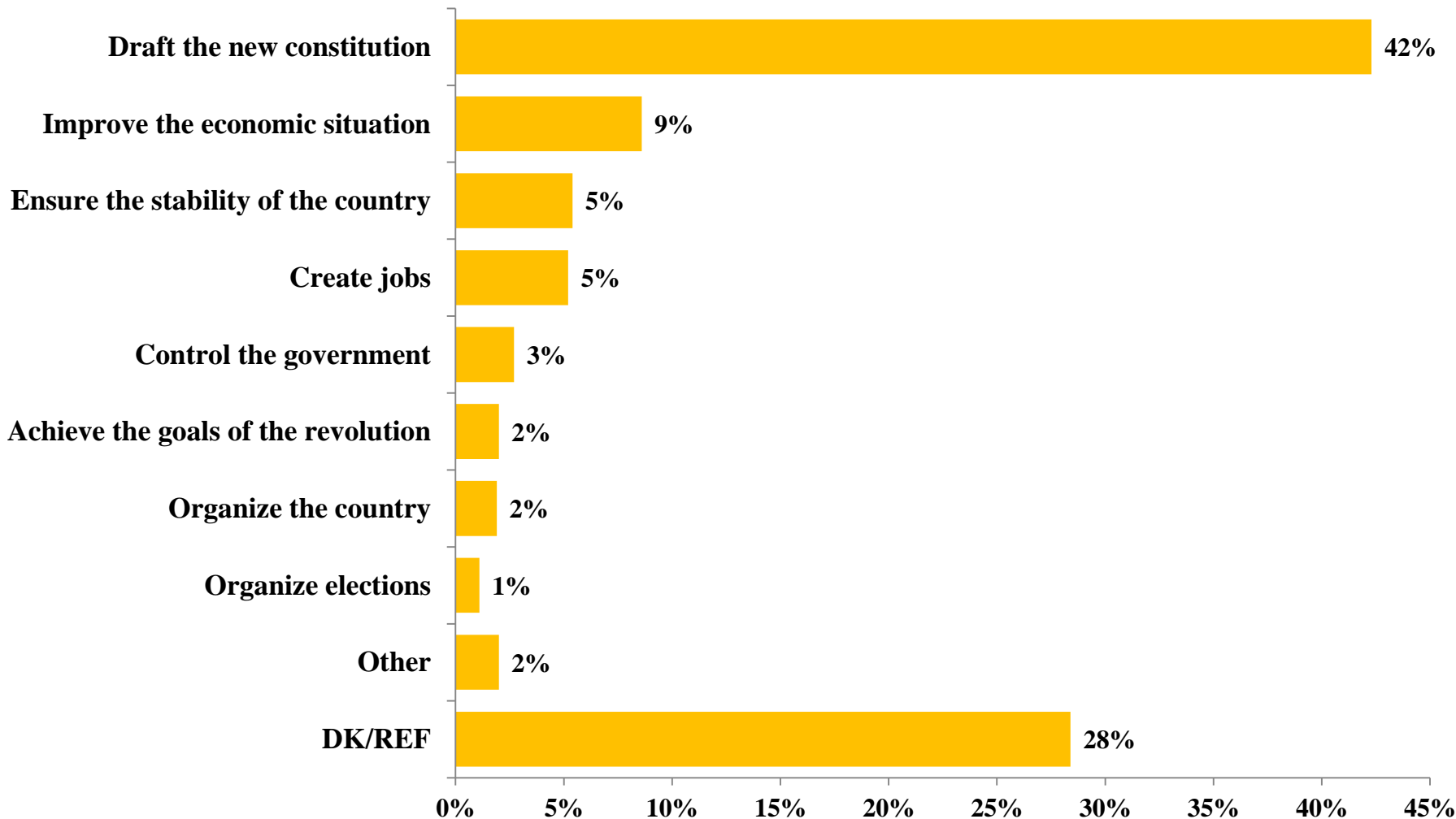


## Thinking about the current government, which of the following should be a top priority? (spontaneous response, top responses only)

Issue	First Mention	Second Mention	Third Mention	Total
Employment	55%	19%	11%	85%
Development and reform of the economy	14%	31%	13%	58%
Living standards	11%	19%	23%	53%
Social reforms	5%	8%	12%	25%
Security	7%	5%	4%	16%
Regional development	2%	5%	8%	15%
Corruption	1%	2%	3%	7%
Achieve the goals of the revolution	1%	2%	5%	7%
Transparent government communication	1%	2%	1%	4%
Organize elections	1%	1%	1%	3%
Other	2%	4%	4%	10%
DK/REF	1%	3%	14%	18%

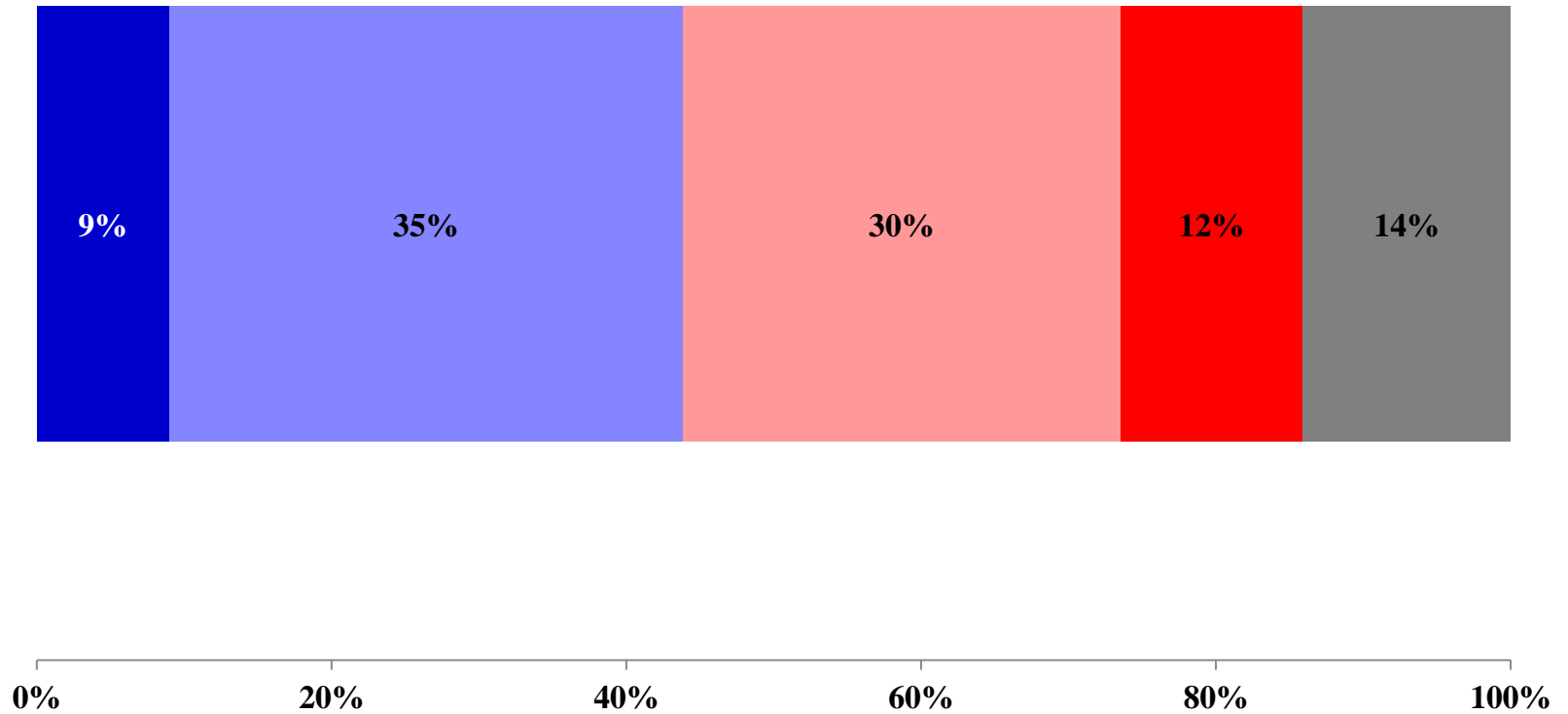


## What do you believe is the primary role of the national constituent assembly?



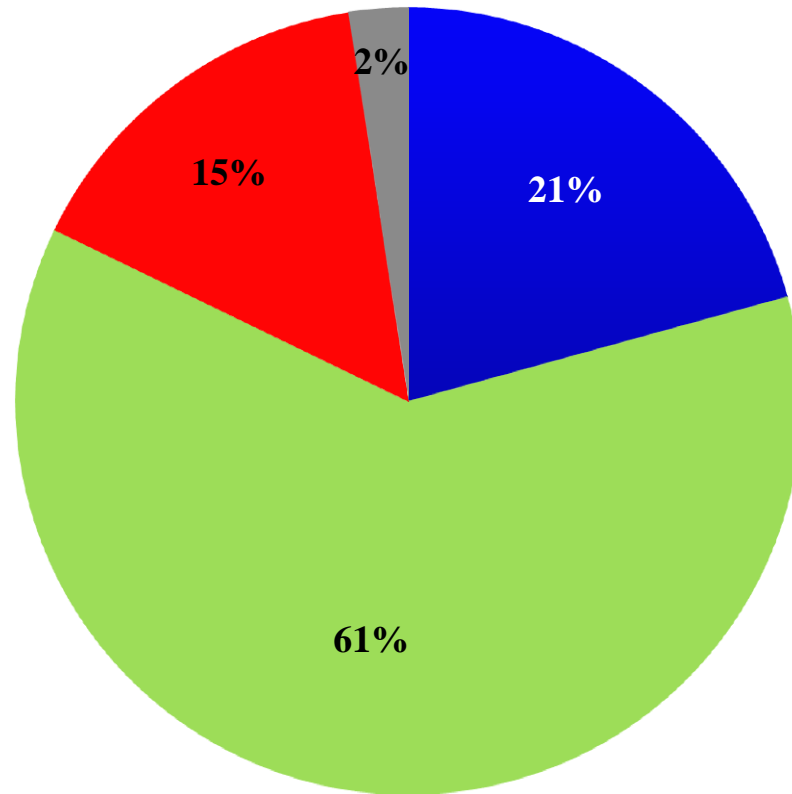
## How long do you believe the national constituent assembly should take to complete its mandate?

■ Less than one year ■ One year ■ Between one and two years ■ Three years or more ■ DK/REF

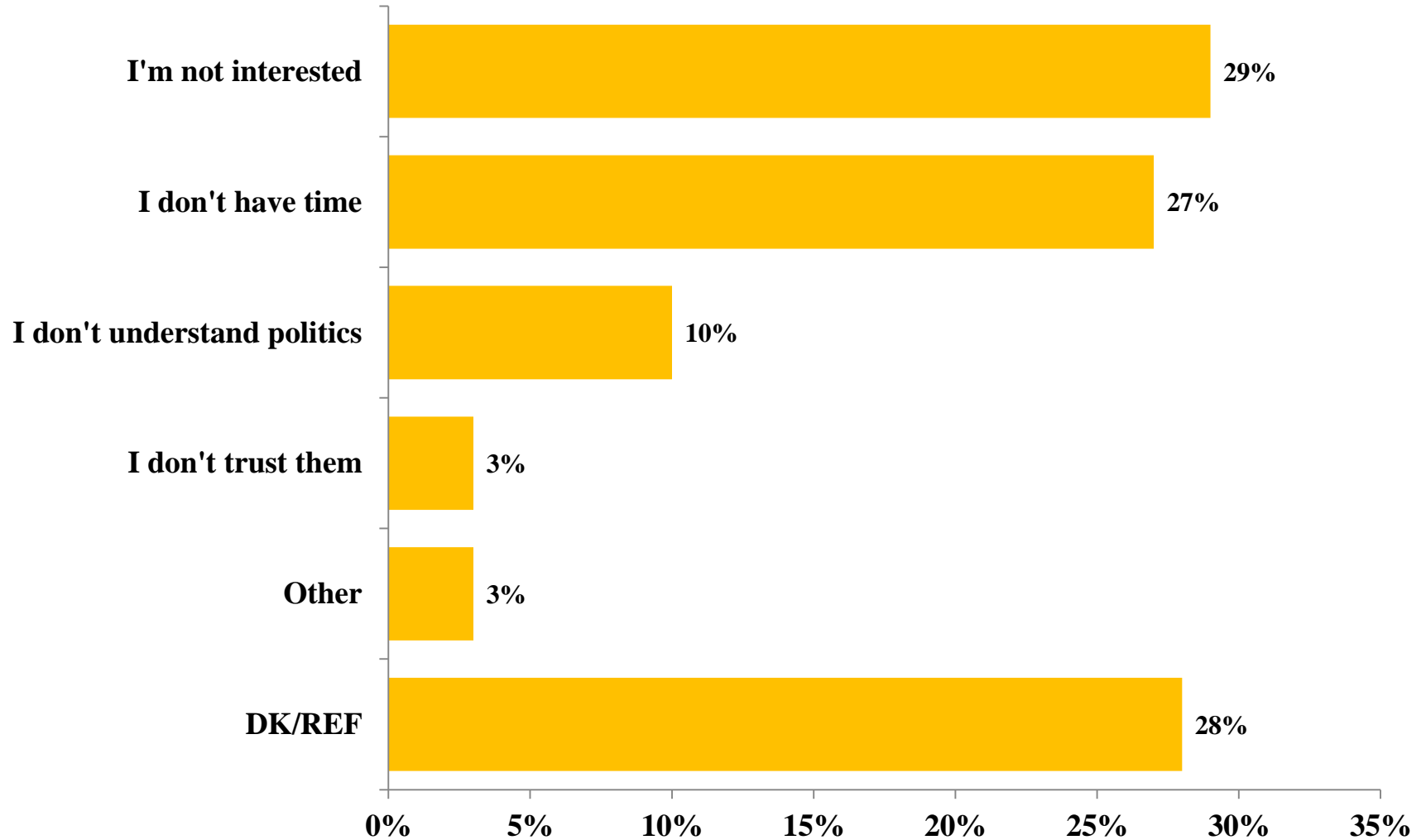


# How closely are you following the national constituent assembly's work?

■ Regularly ■ Occasionally ■ Never ■ DK/REF

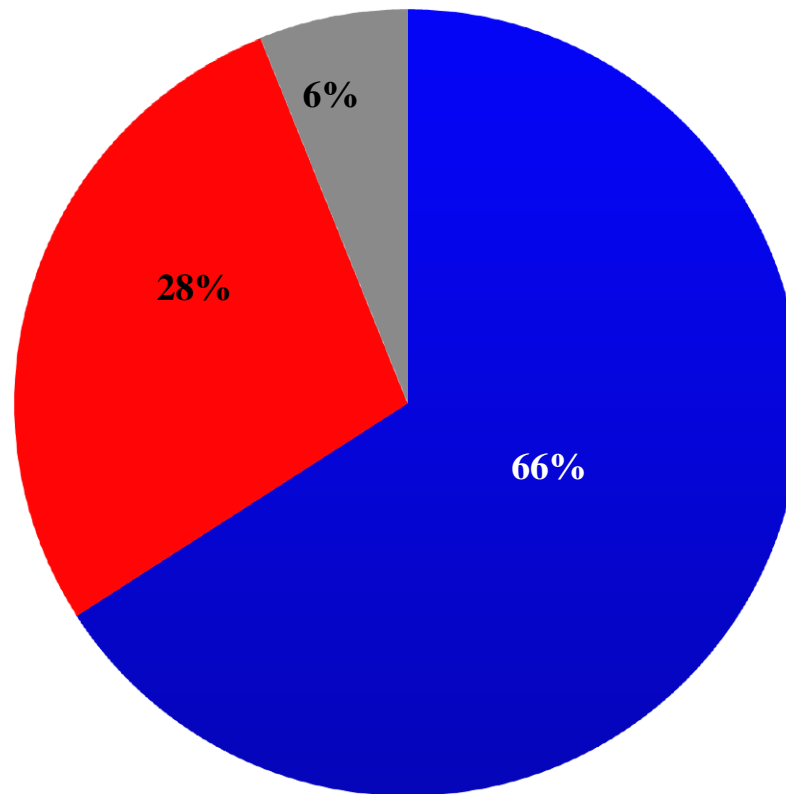


## Why aren't you following the work of the national constituent assembly? (n=202)



**As you may know, the primary goal of the constituent assembly is to draft Tunisia's new constitution. Should the new constitution be approved by a national referendum, or by a vote within the Assembly?**

■ Popular referendum ■ Assembly vote ■ DK/REF

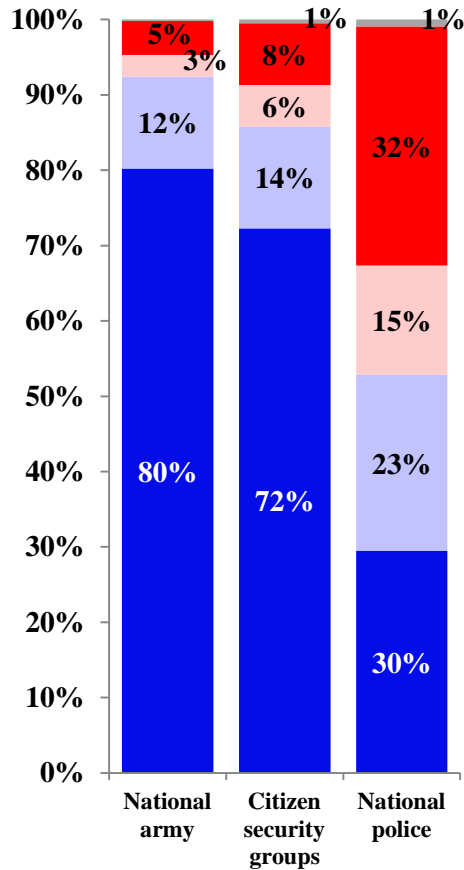


## What is the single biggest problem facing Tunisia as a whole? (spontaneous response, top responses only)

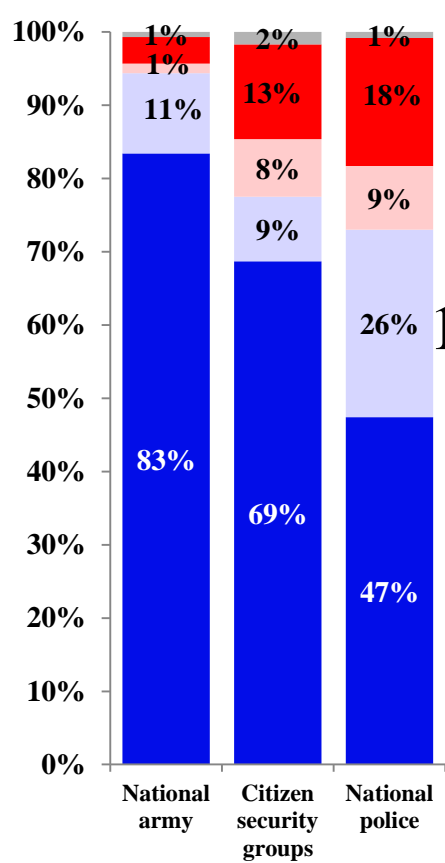
Issue	First mention	Second mention	Third mention	Total
Unemployment	49%	22%	9%	80%
Economic and financial crisis	21%	36%	18%	75%
Strikes and sit ins	11%	14%	22%	47%
Violence, delinquency, and vandalism	6%	8%	5%	19%
Corruption	2%	2%	7%	11%
Political circumstances	2%	3%	5%	10%
Security	2%	2%	5%	9%
Terrorism	2%	1%	2%	5%
Libya	1%	1%	3%	5%
Large number of political parties	1%	1%	2%	3%
Elections	0%	0%	1%	1%
DK/REF	1%	4%	17%	22%

# How much do you trust each of the following to protect your neighborhood?

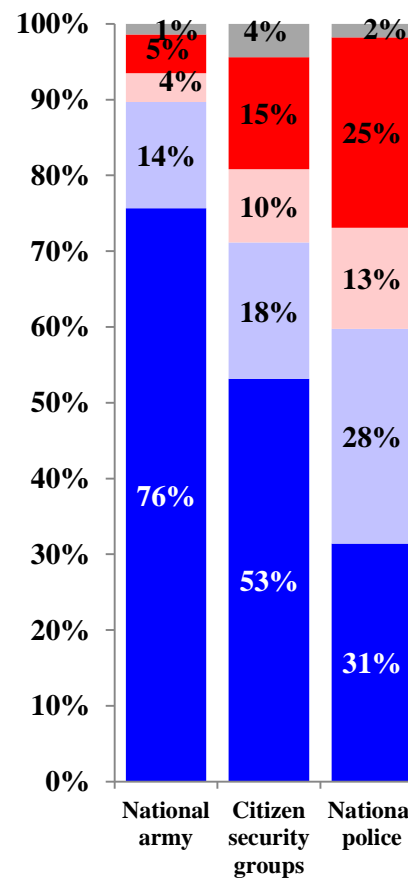
■ A great deal    ■ Fair amount  
 ■ Only a little    ■ Not at all



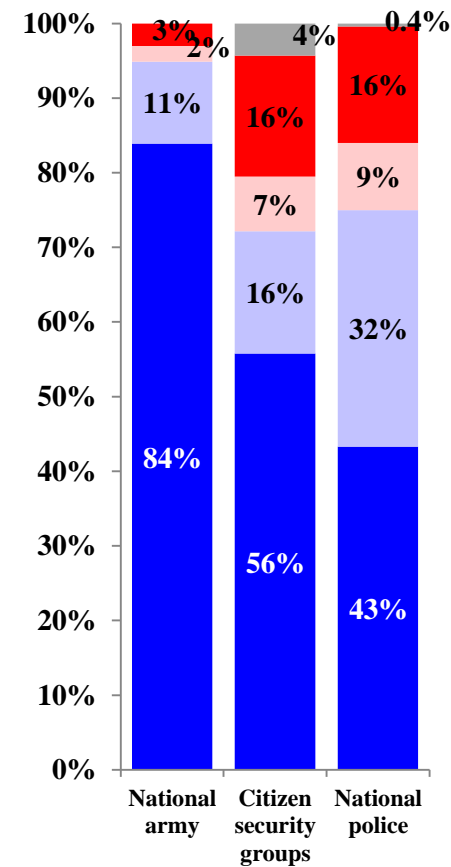
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May-2011

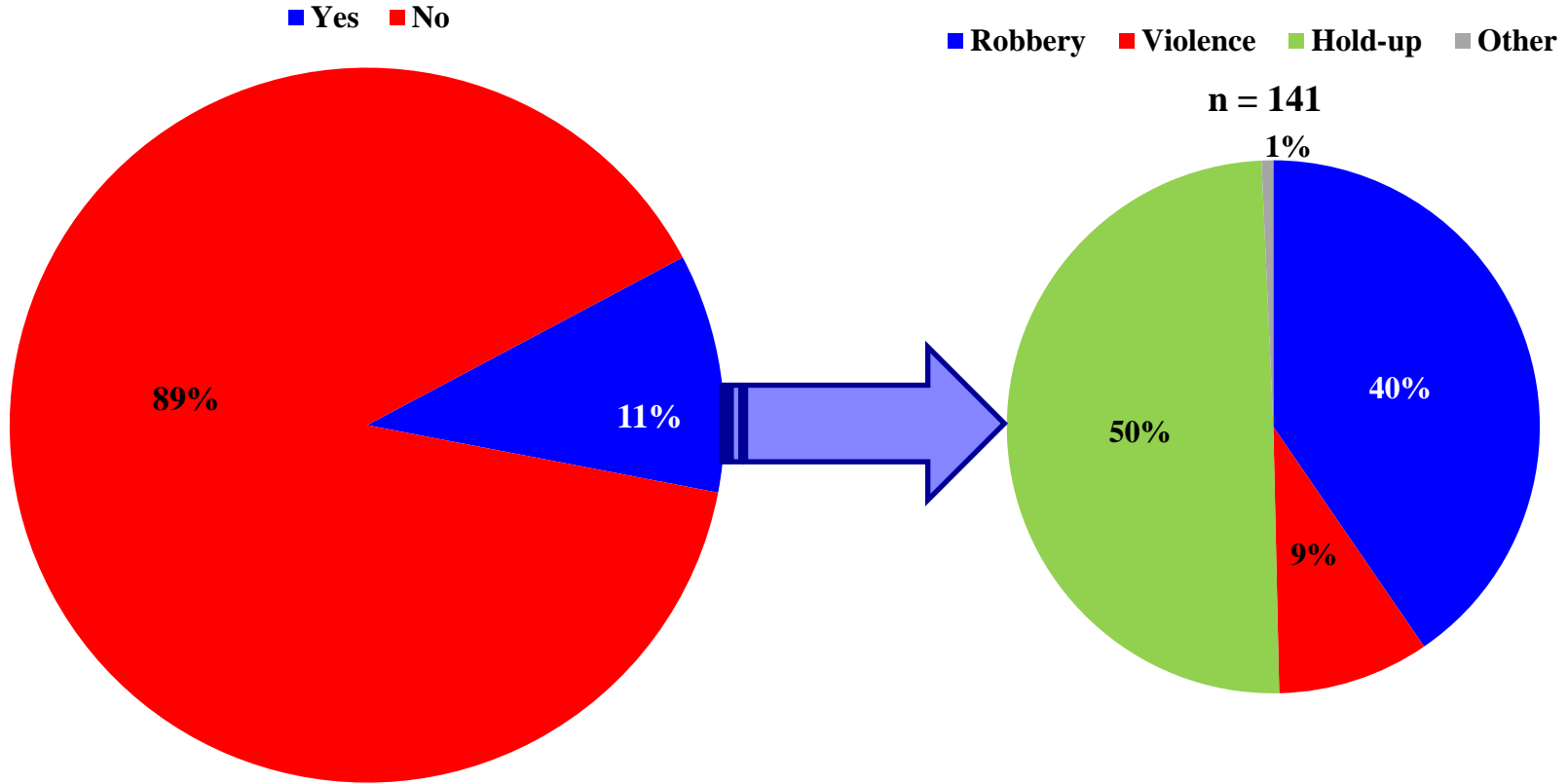


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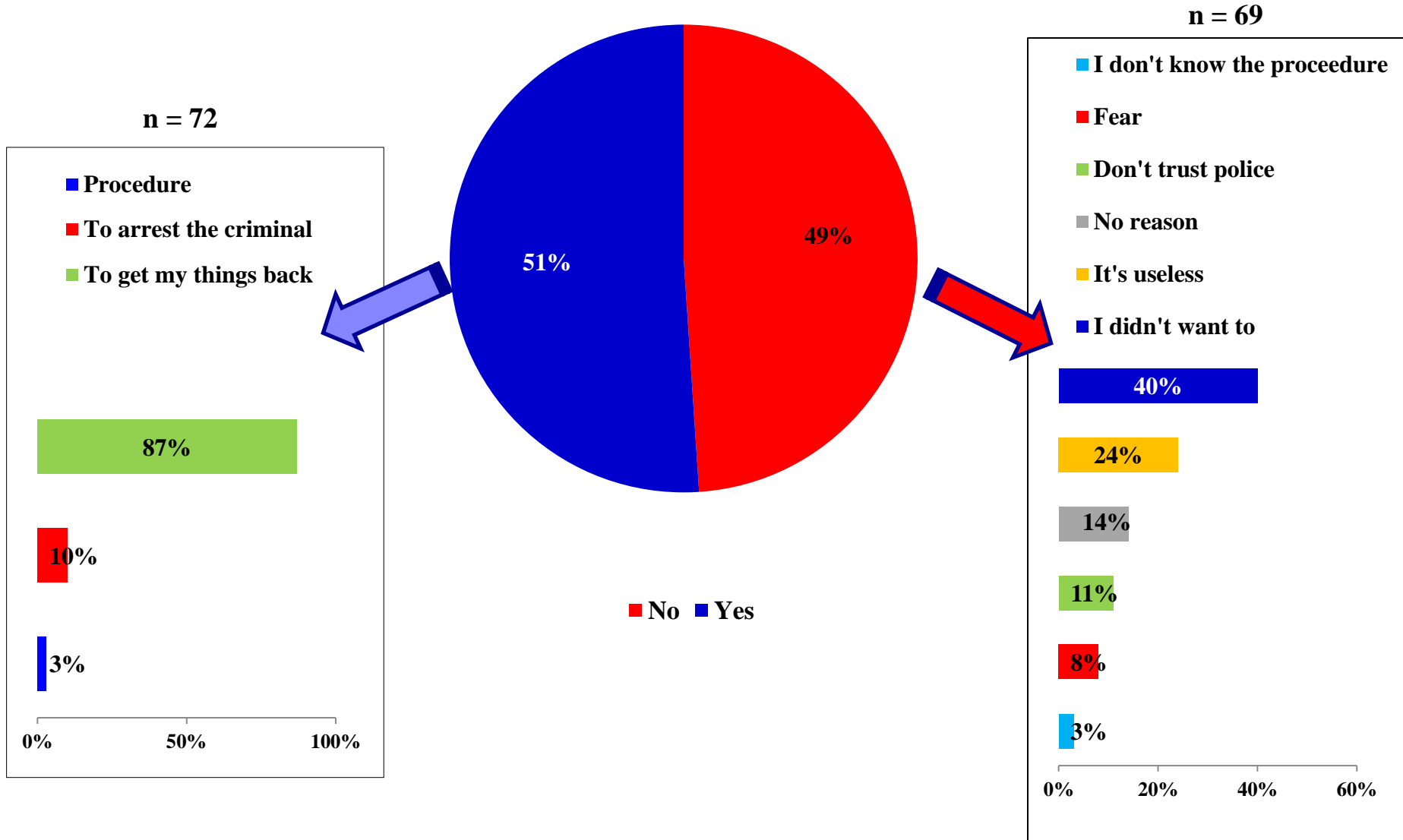
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# Have you or a member of your immediate household been victim to a crime in the last three months? If yes, what type of crime was committed?



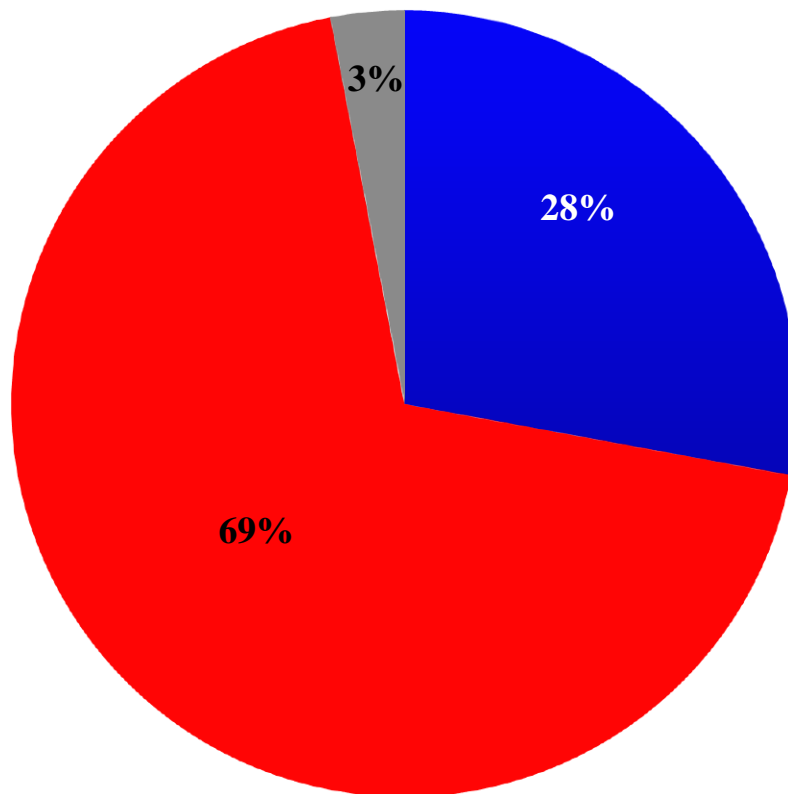


# If you were a victim of a crime in the past three months, did you report it? Why or why not? (n=141)

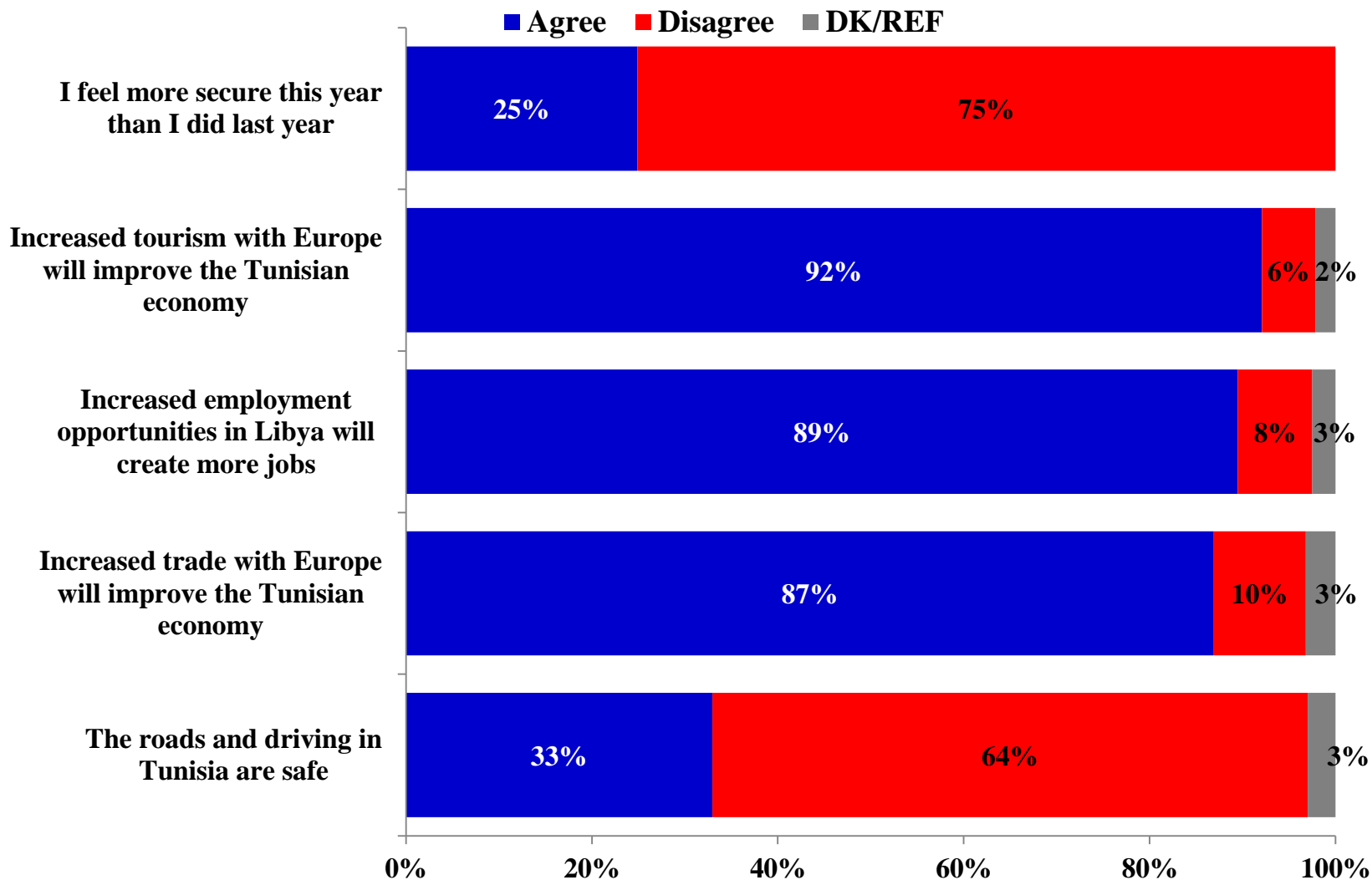


## If you reported the crime were you satisfied with the way the police responded? (n=68)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK/REF

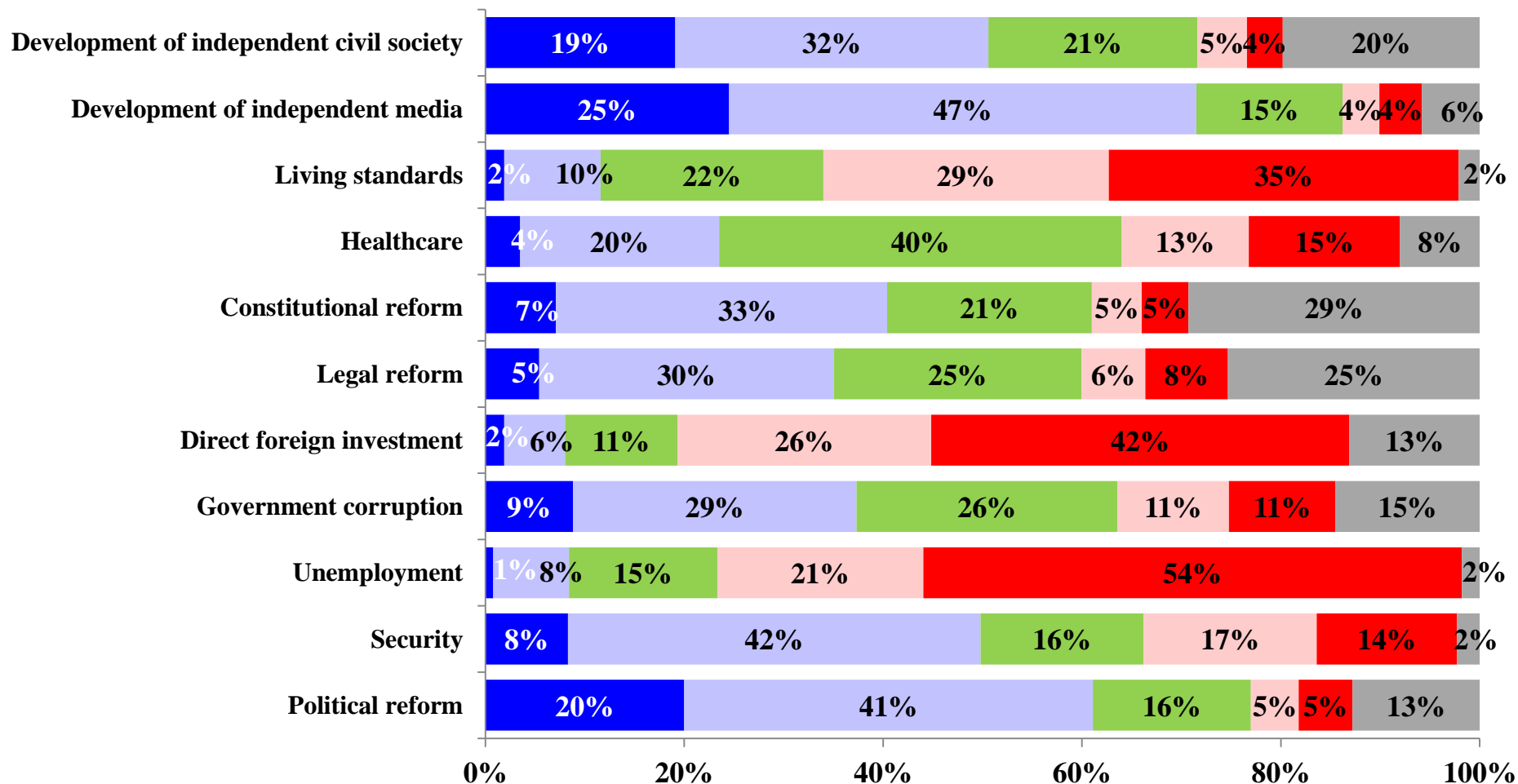


## Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

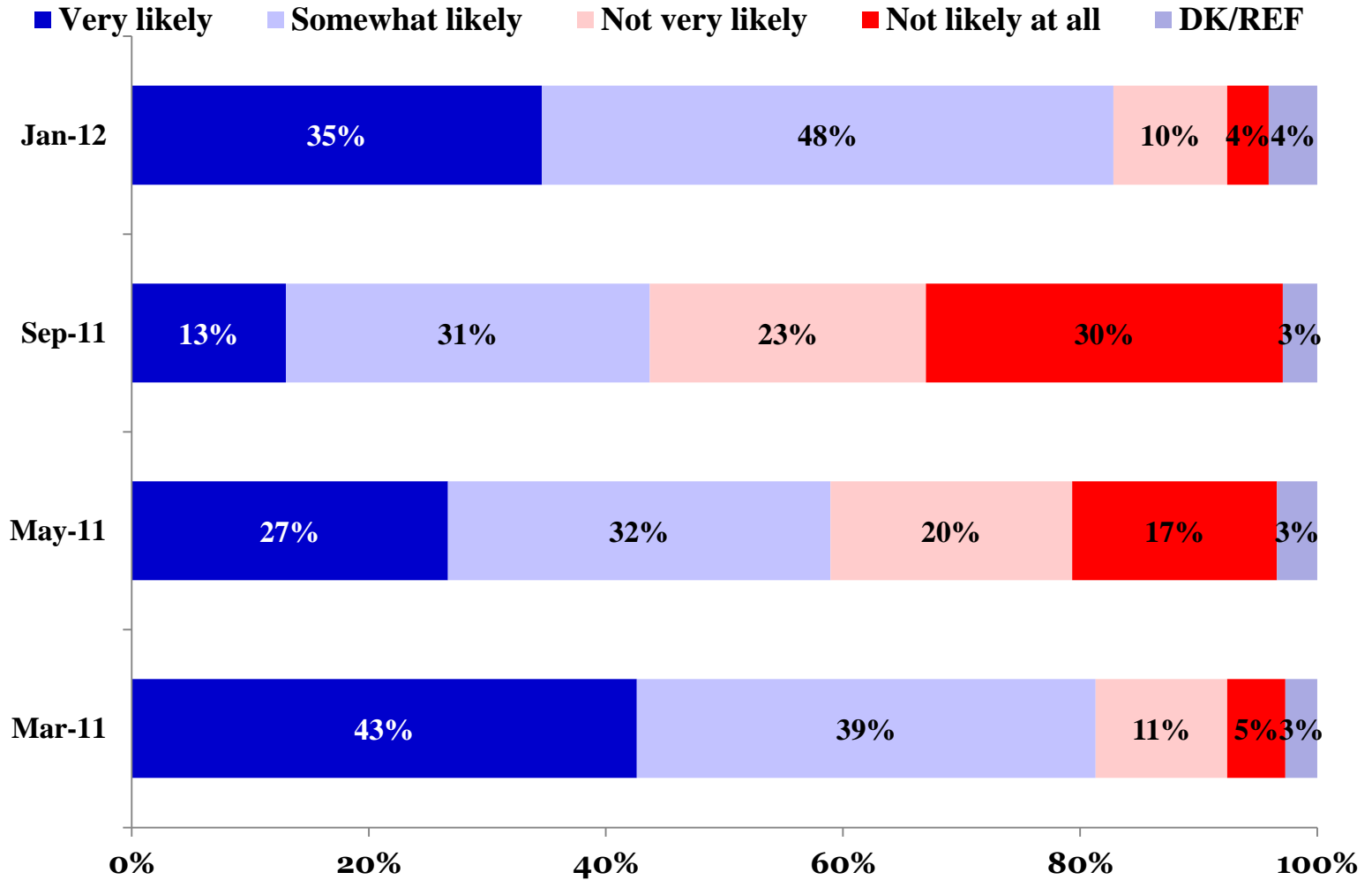


**Now I am going to read a list of issues and for each one please tell me whether you feel that the situation has gotten better, gotten worse or stayed the same over the last year.**

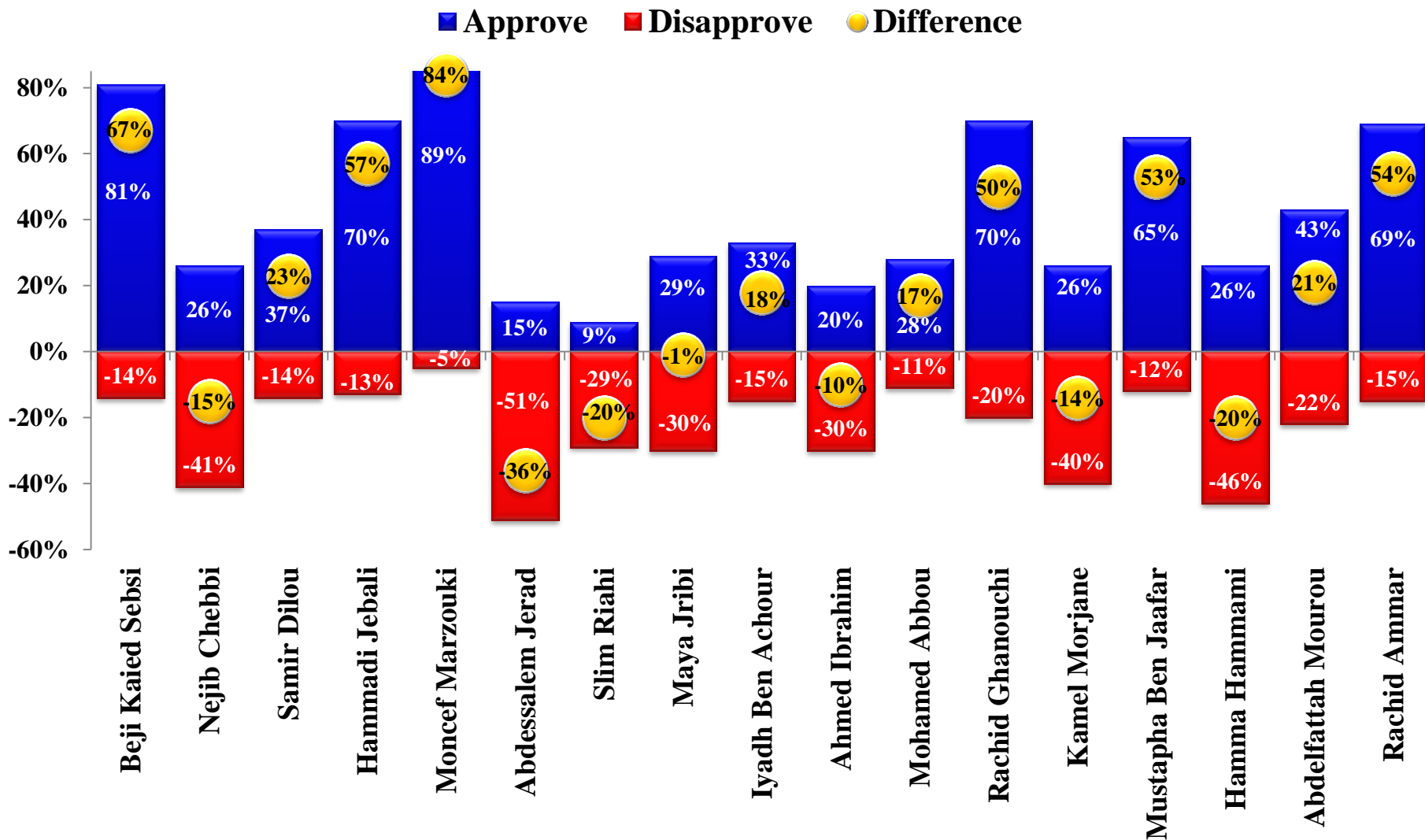
■ Much better   ■ Somewhat better   ■ Same   ■ Somewhat worse   ■ Much worse   ■ DK/REF



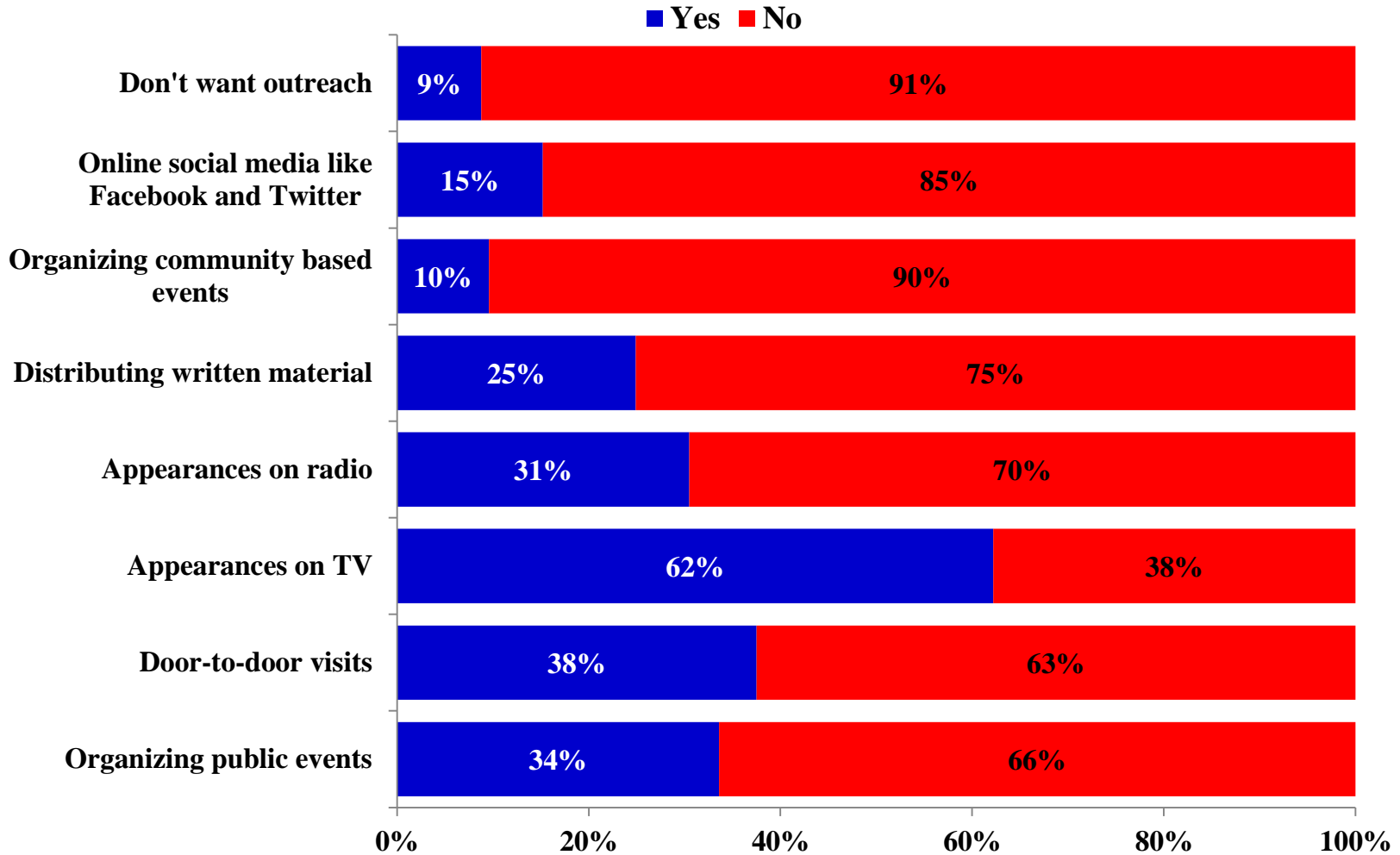
## How likely is the current government to address these issues facing Tunisia?



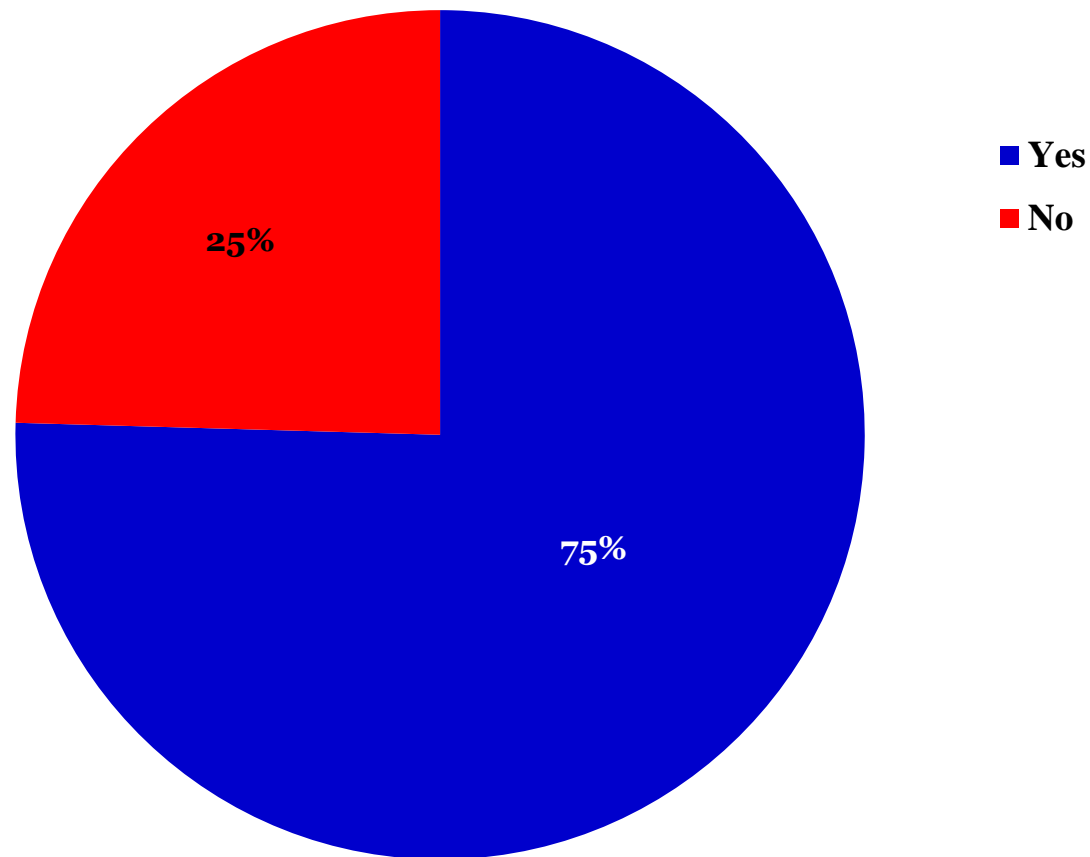
I would like to ask you about your impressions of the following groups or people. Do you approve or disapprove of the following:



## Which of the following actions by political parties do you believe were most effective in their outreach campaigns?

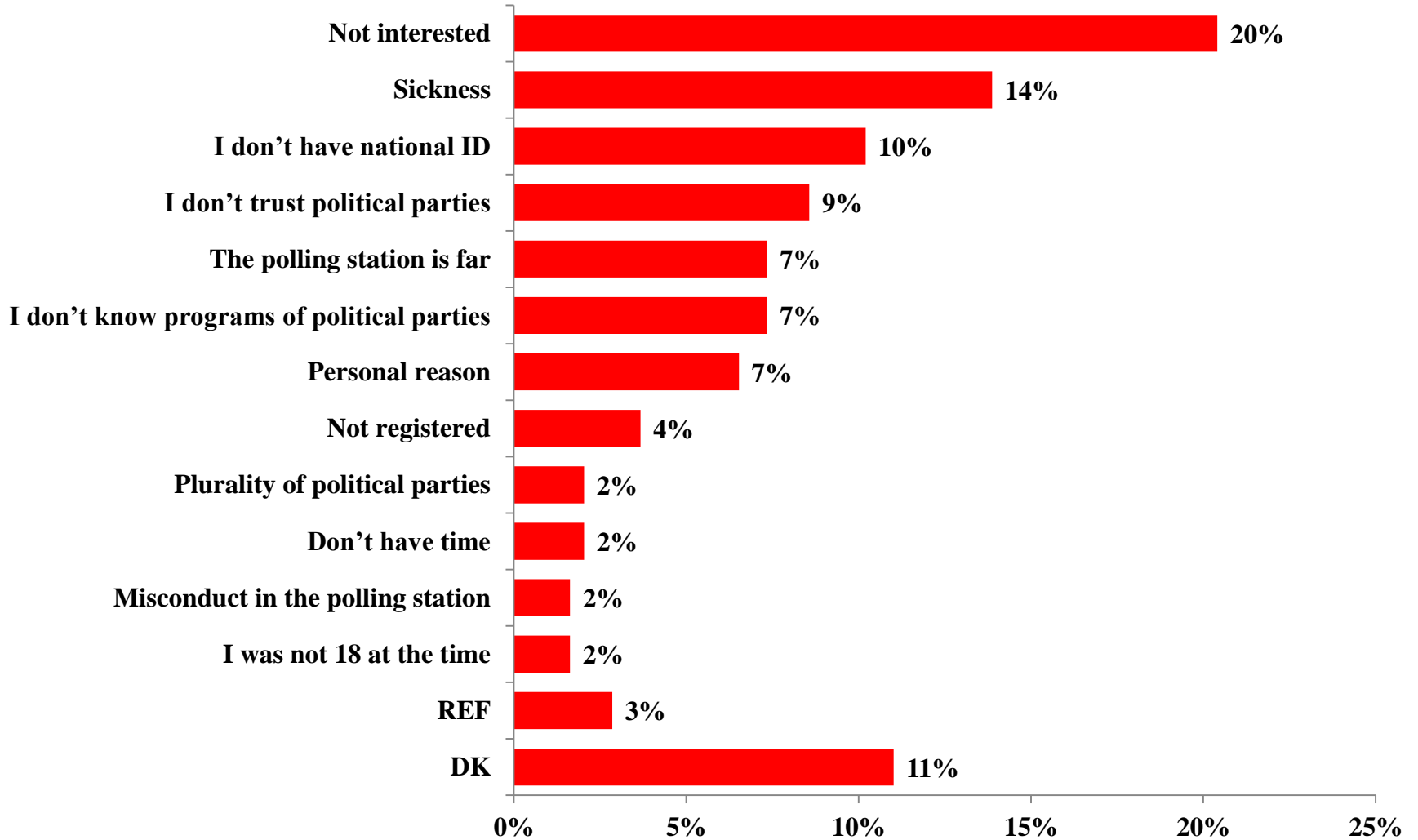


## Did you vote in the October 23, 2011 national constituent assembly elections?

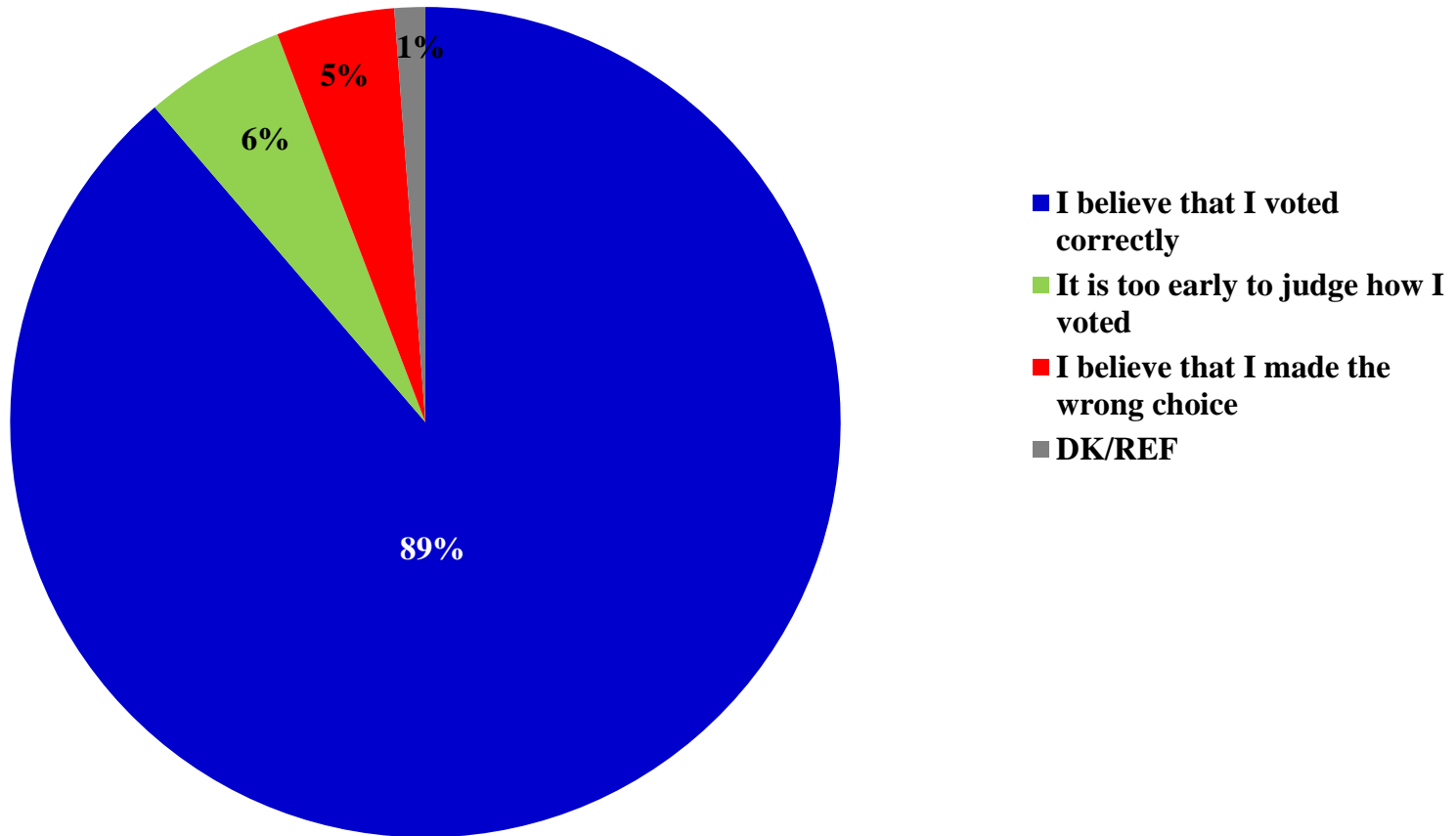




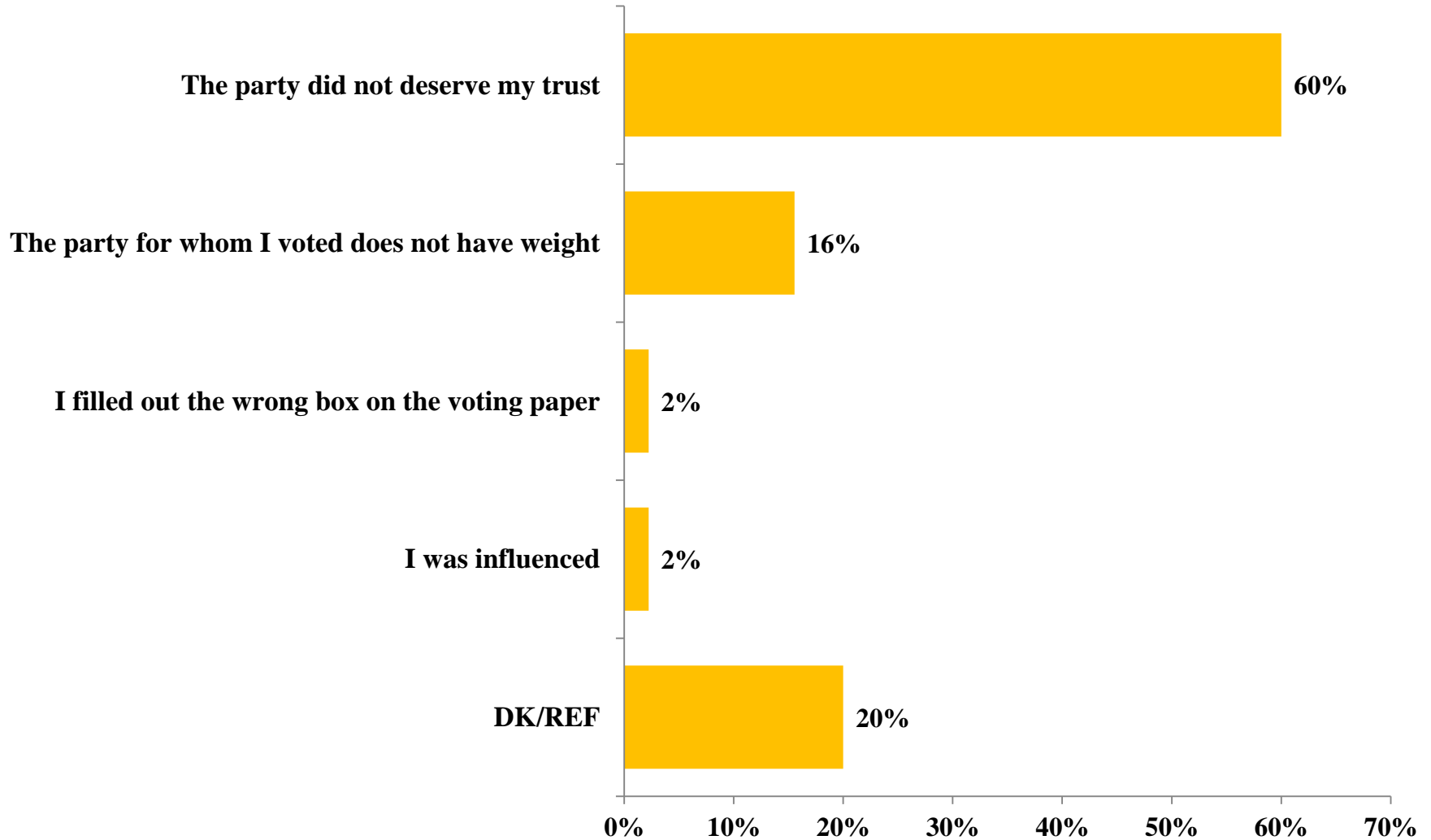
## What is your reason for not voting? (n=323)



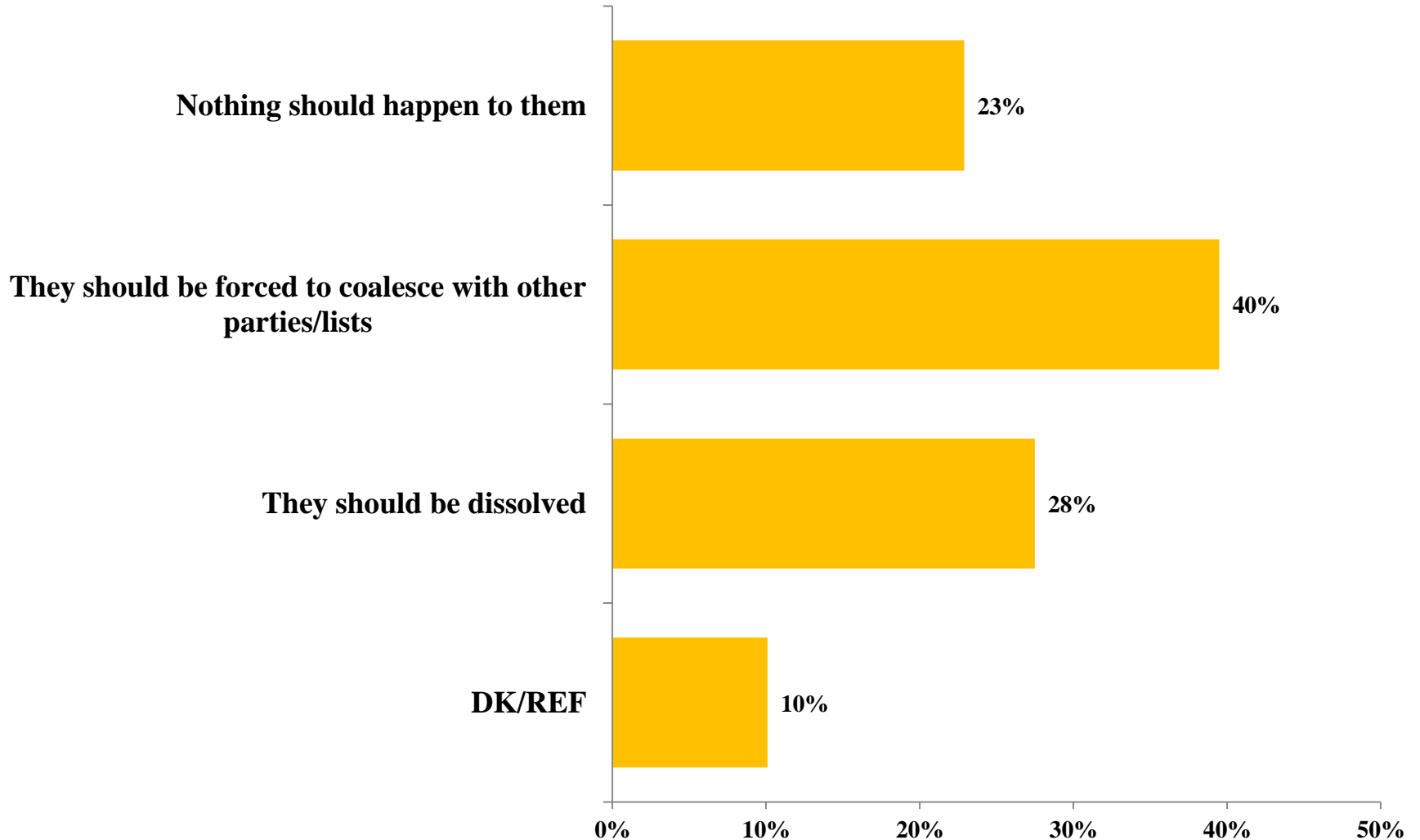
## Looking back now, would you change how you voted in the constituent assembly elections?



## Why do you believe you made the wrong choice? (n=45)

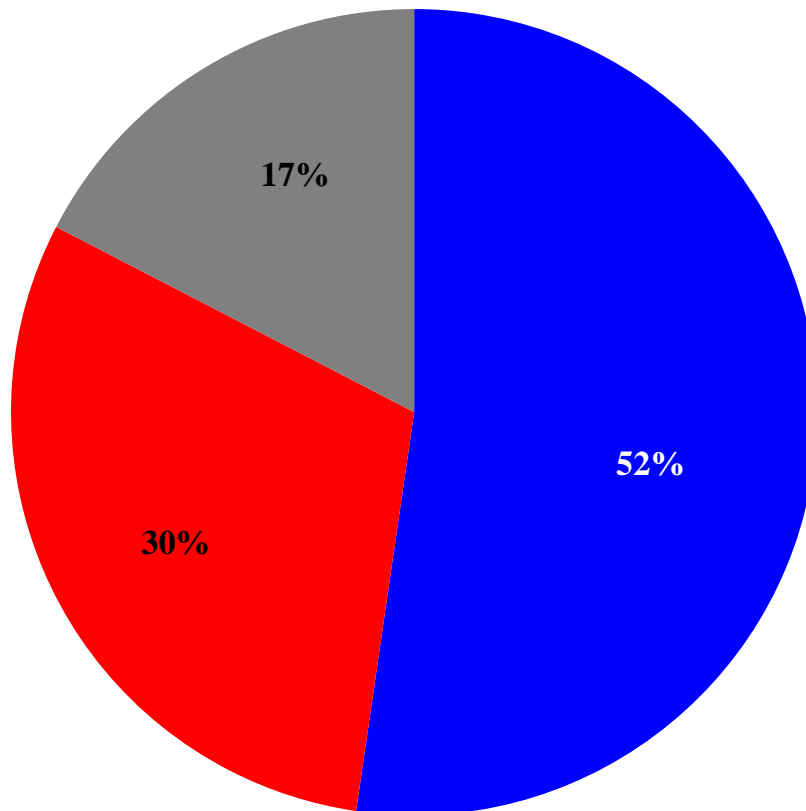


## In your opinion, what should happen to political parties that did not earn a seat in the assembly?

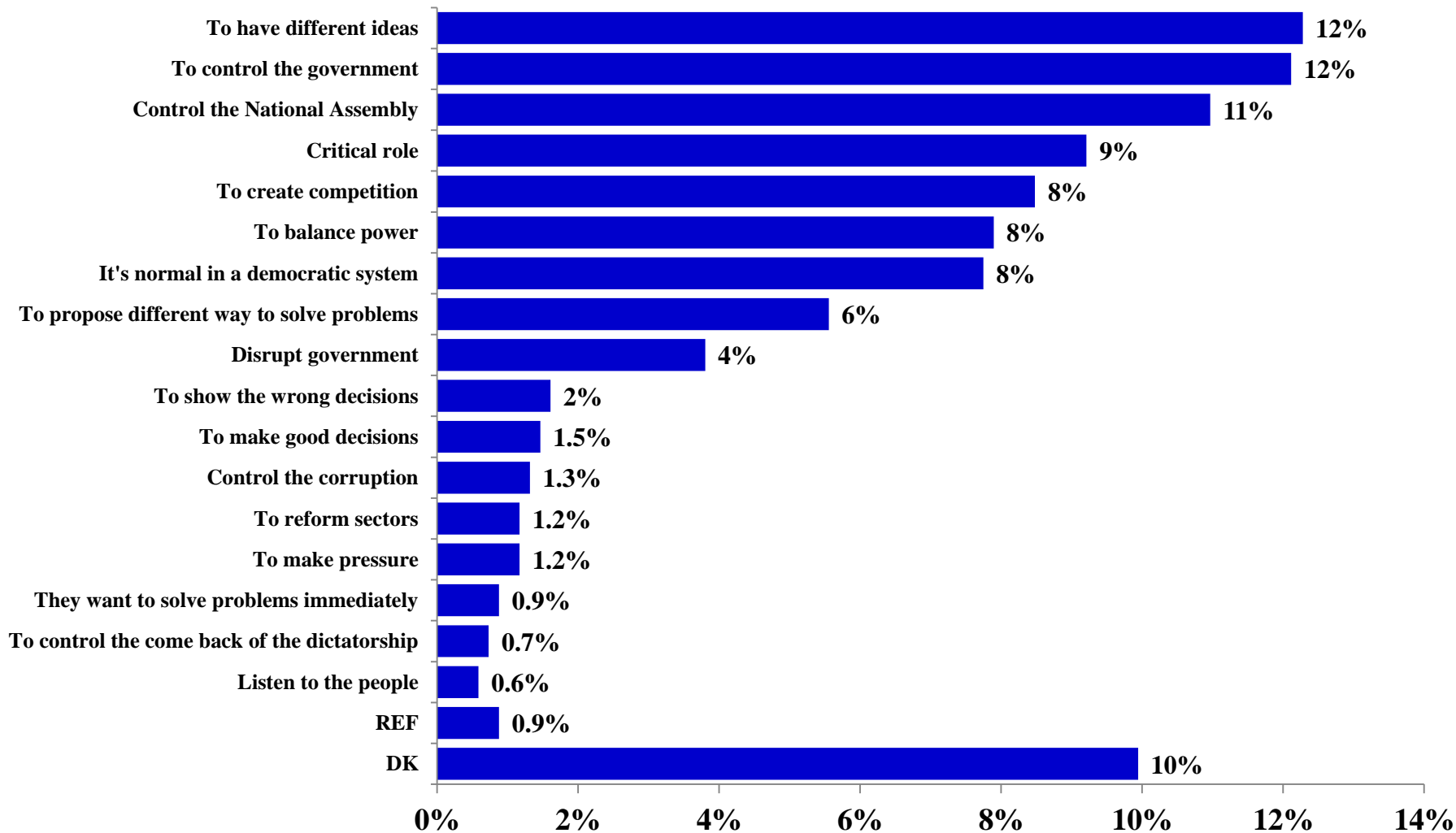


## Some political parties declared they prefer to be in the opposition. Do you think that the role of these political parties is positive or negative?

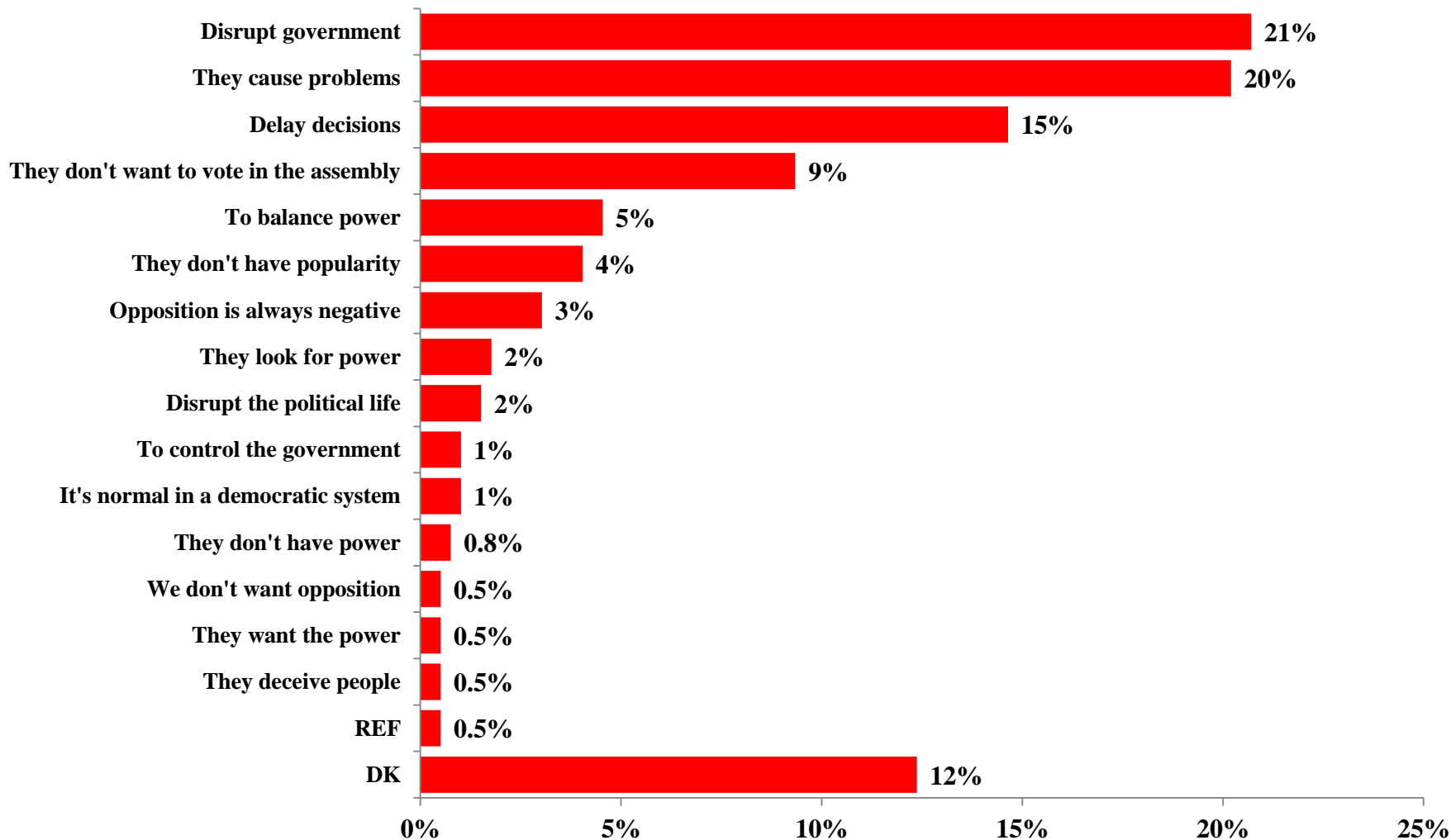
■ Positive ■ Negative ■ DK/REF



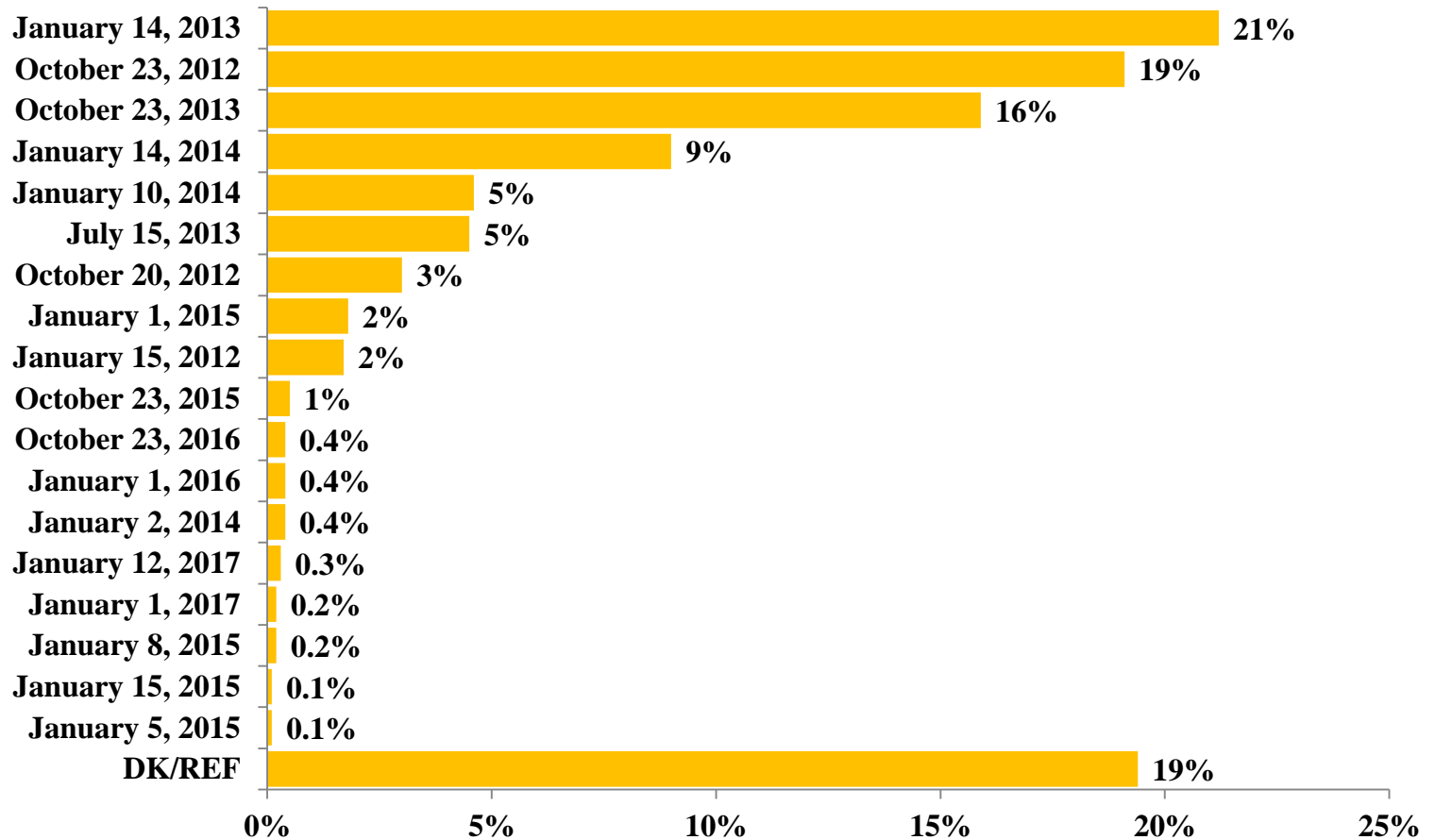
## If positive, why is this role positive (open-ended response, n=684)?



## If negative, why is this role negative (open-ended response, n=396)?



## When do you believe Tunisia's next elections\* will occur?



*\* Note: No official date has been designated for elections; the constitutional authority to call elections is yet to be determined.*

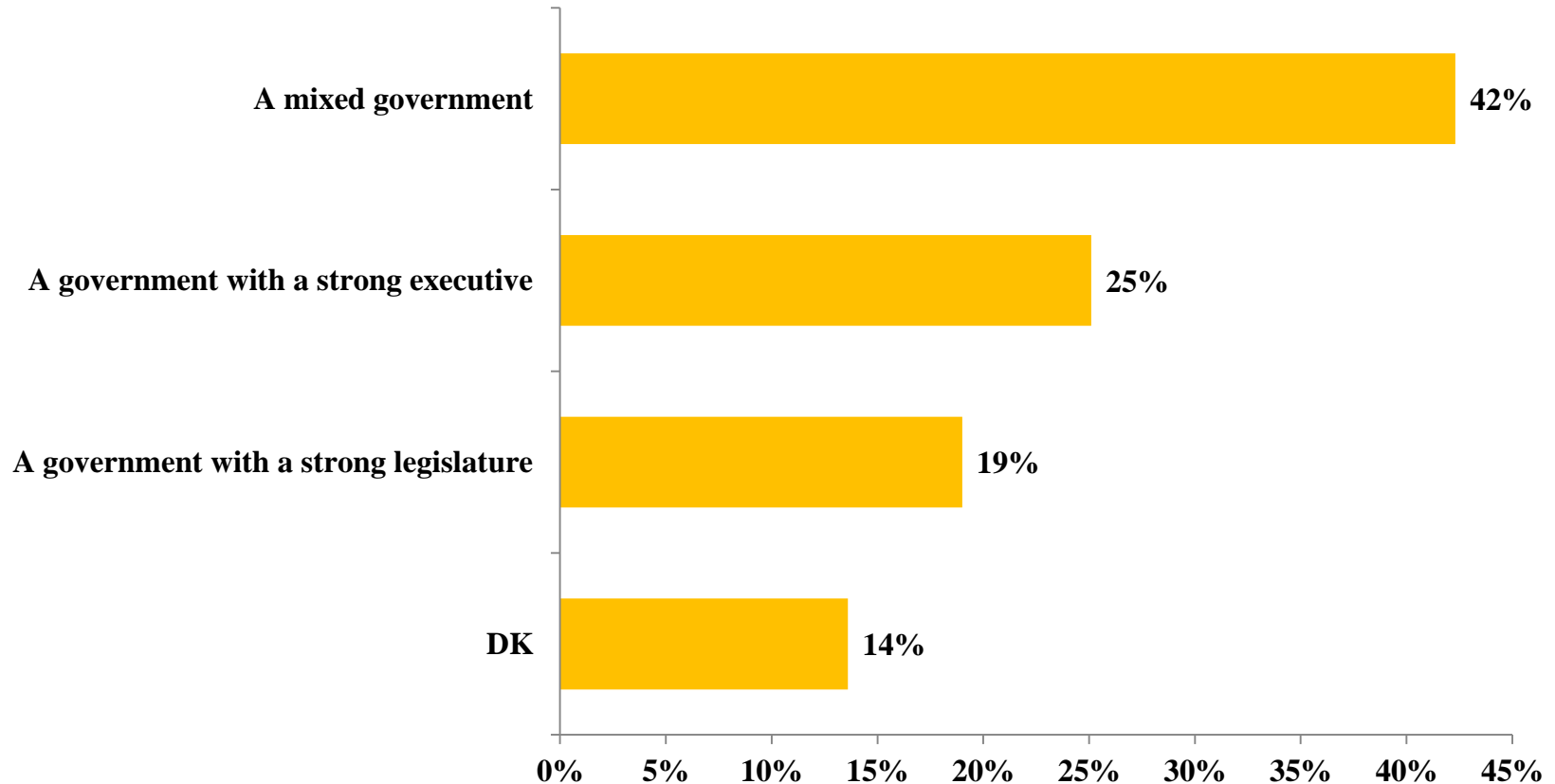


## In your opinion, what kind of elections\* will these be?



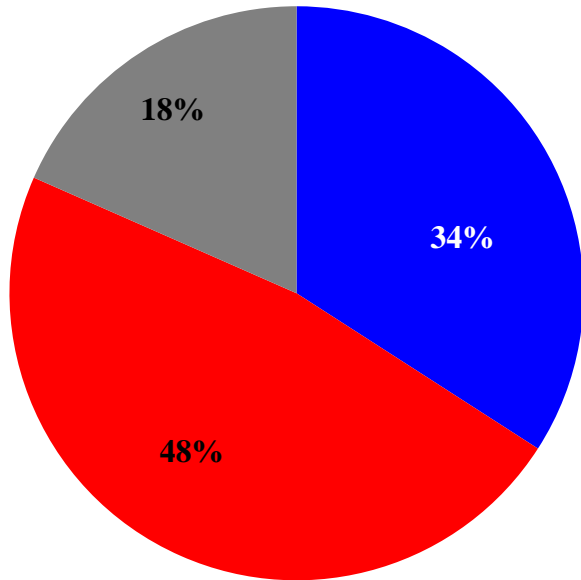
*\* Note: No type of election has been officially named. The precise political system, and the form of the next elections, will be determined by the national constituent assembly.*

## If you could pick one, which type of government would you prefer in Tunisia?

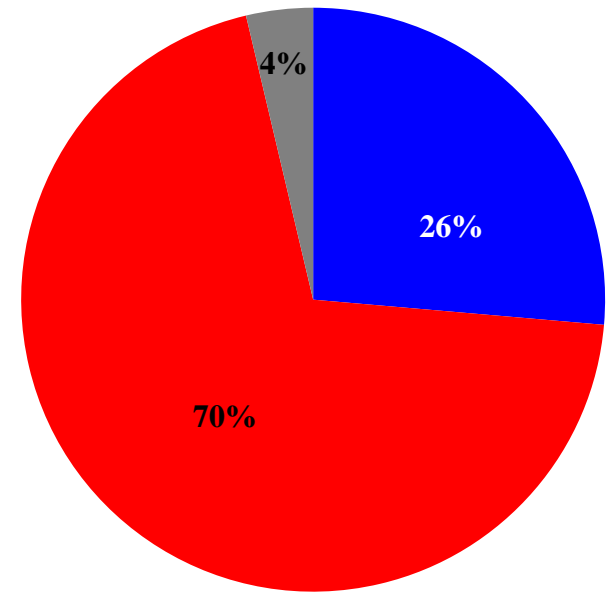


**If you had a choice between a stable and prosperous Tunisia that was ruled by a non-democratic government, or a democratic government that led to an unstable and insecure Tunisia which would you choose?**

- Authoritarian government
- Democratic government
- DK/REF



**Sep-11**

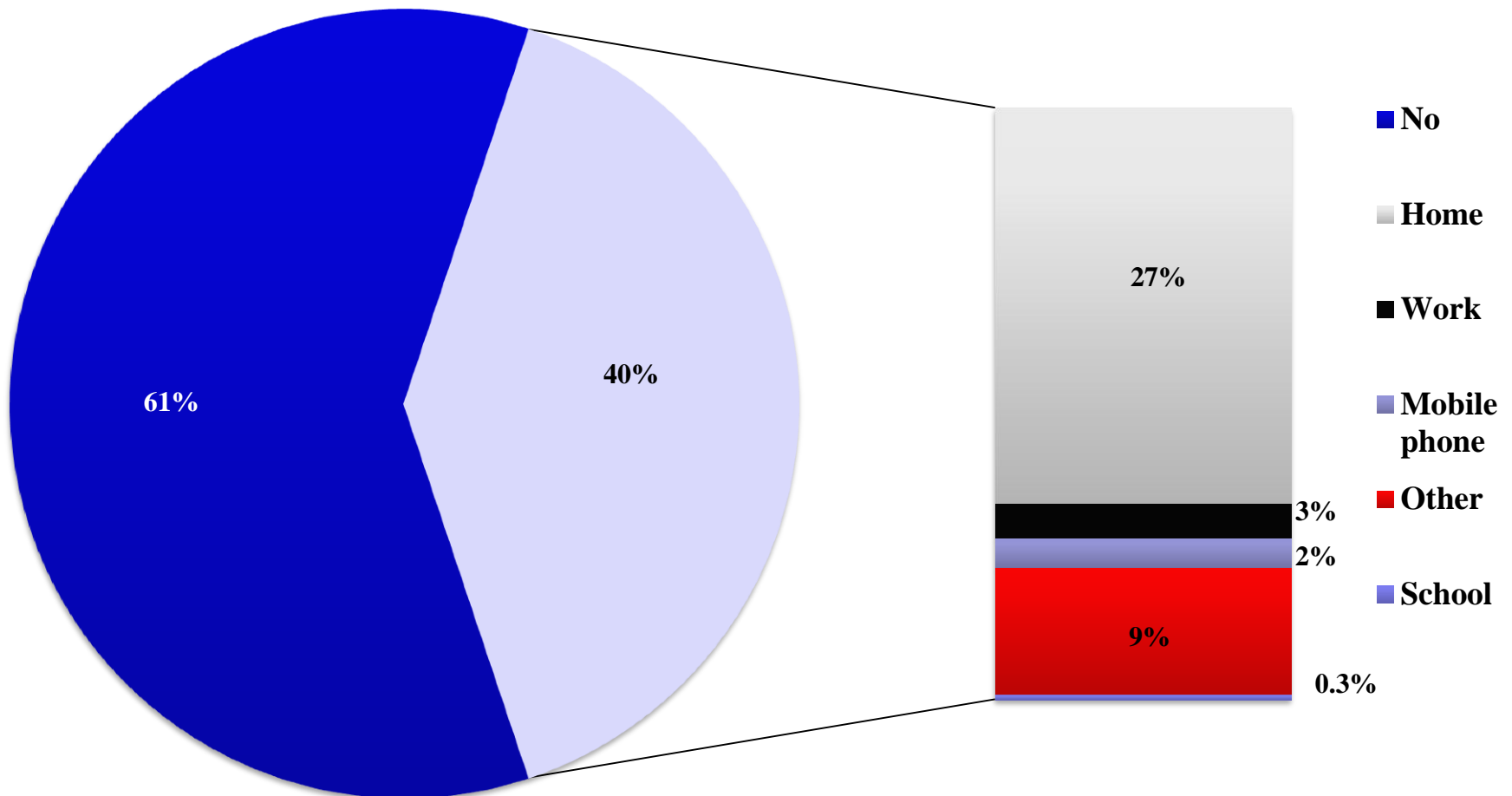


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## Where are you most likely to get your local news and information? (first mention)

Source	May-2011	Sept-2011	Jan-2012
Tunisian television	59%	35%	64%
Radio	13%	23%	7%
Newspaper	8%	26%	4%
Internet	12%	10%	14%
Gathering at public places	3%	3%	4%
SMS	1%	0%	0%
Mosque	0%	0%	0%
Other	3%	0%	6%
DK	1%	2%	1%

## Do you have access to the Internet? If yes, where do you usually access it? (n=513)

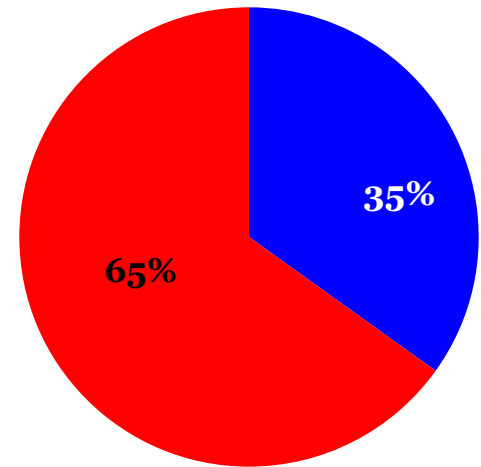
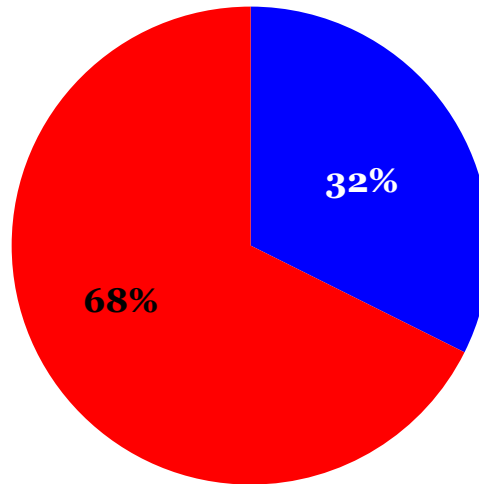
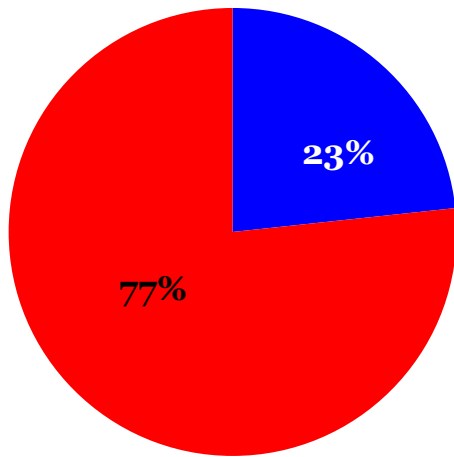


# Do you know what the difference is between a secular and a non-secular government?

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Sep-11

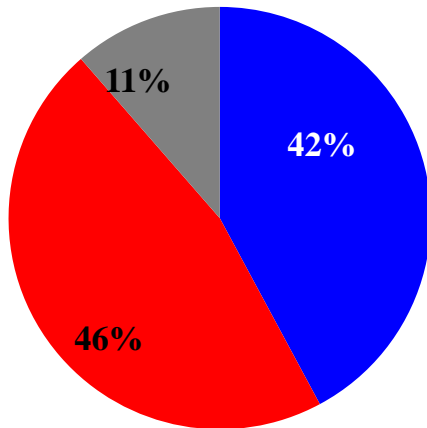
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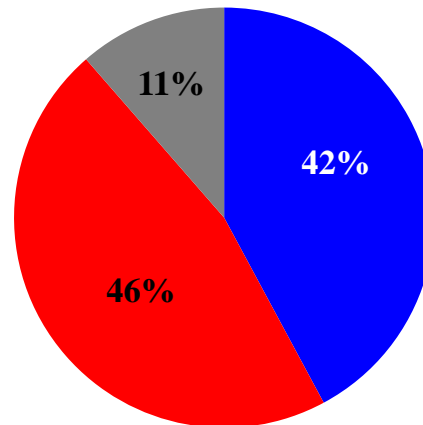
■ Yes ■ No

As you may already know, in a secular government, the government's decisions on public policy and laws are made without any consideration to religion. Some people refer to this as the separation of religion and state, it does not mean that the government is atheist just that no specific religious idea is promoted when making laws. Considering this definition of secularism, in general would you approve or disapprove of the government of Tunisia being secular?

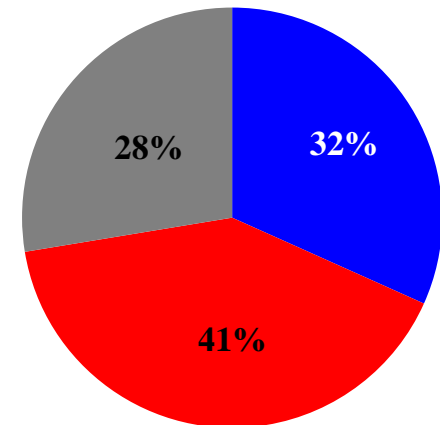
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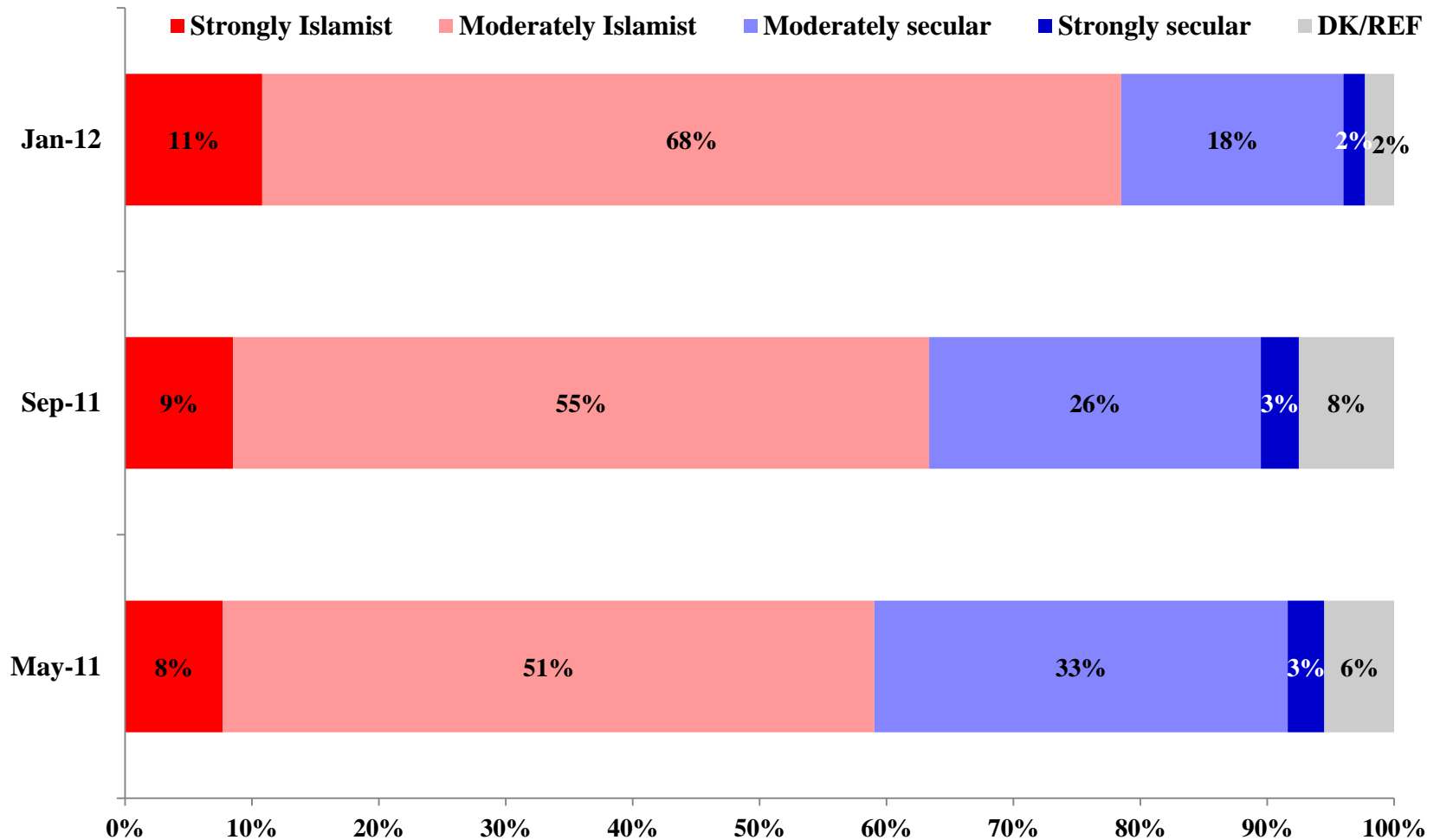


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- Approve secular government
- Disapprove secular government
- DK/REF

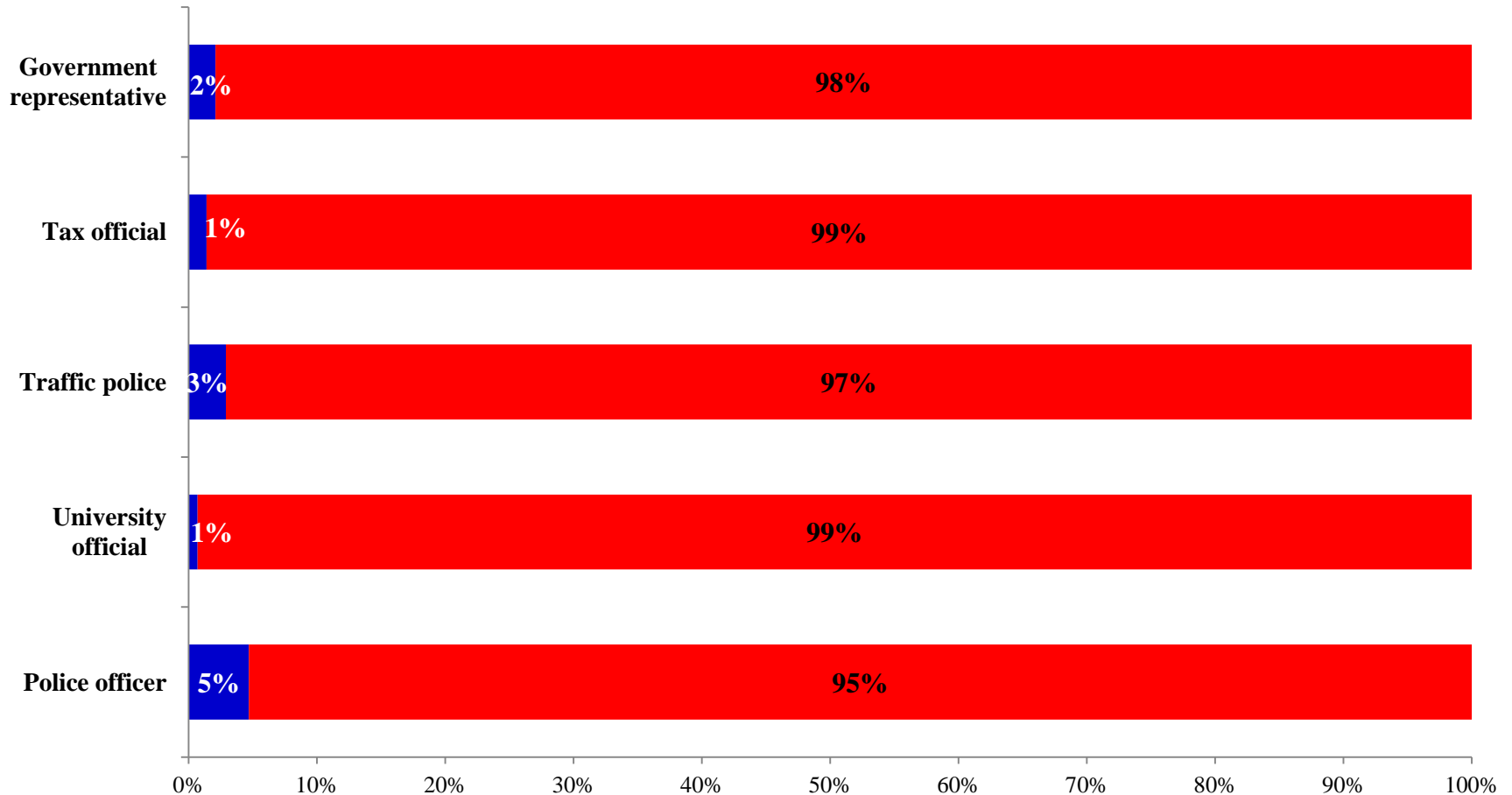
## Would you prefer to see more political parties or entities that are Islamist or secular in the national constituent assembly?



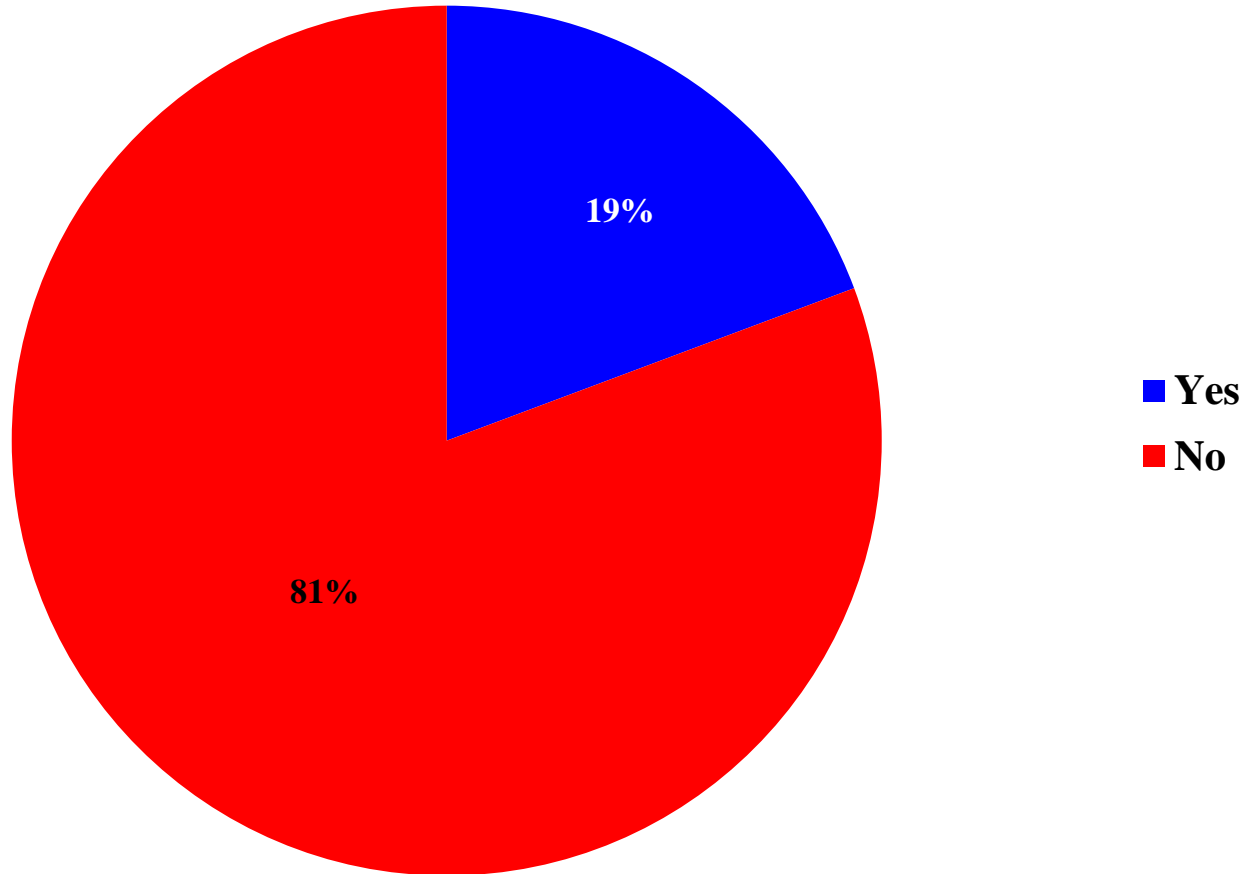


# Have you or a member of your immediate household ever had to pay a bribe or offer a gift to one of the following in the past six months?

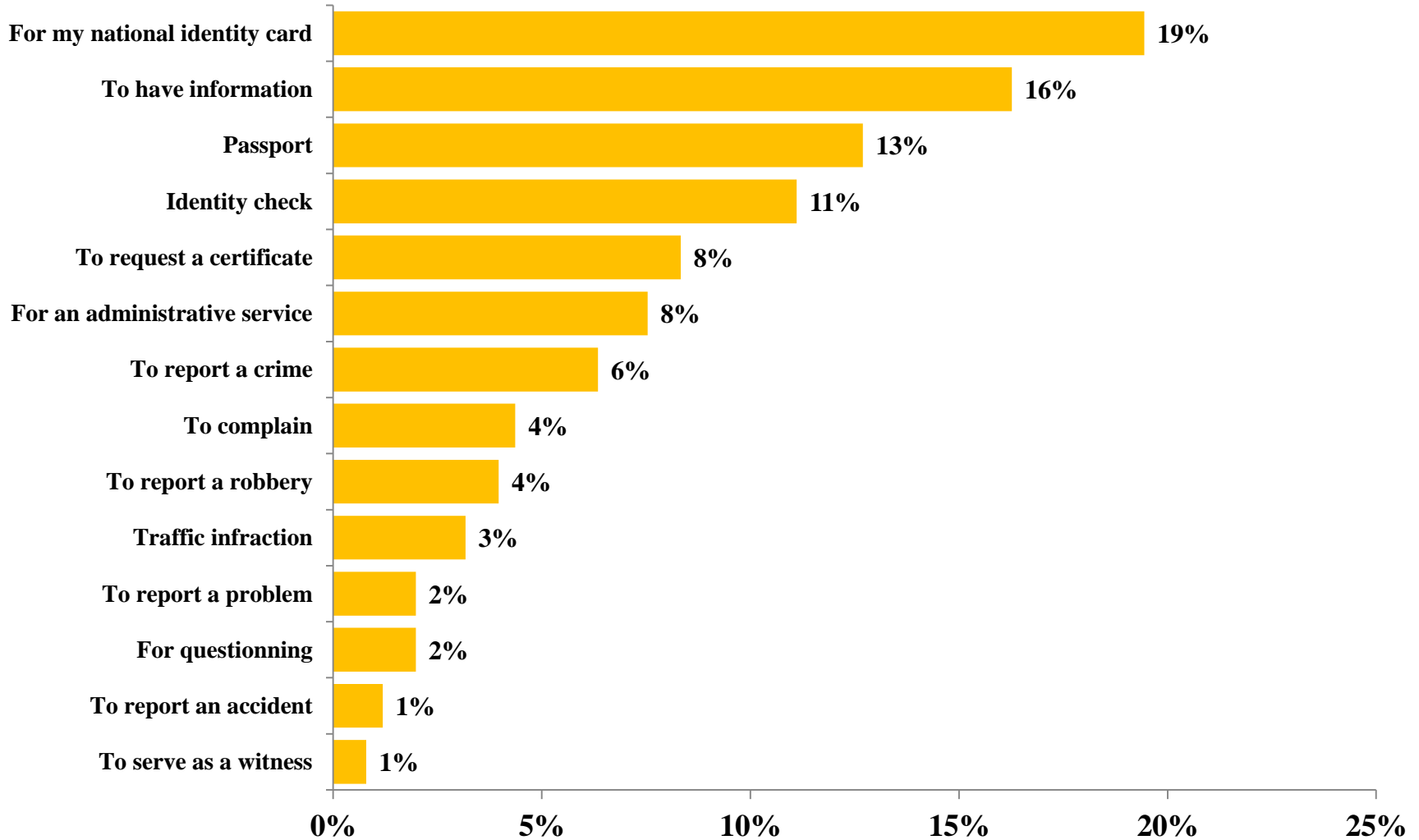
■ Yes ■ No



## Have you had any contact with the police in the last three or six months?

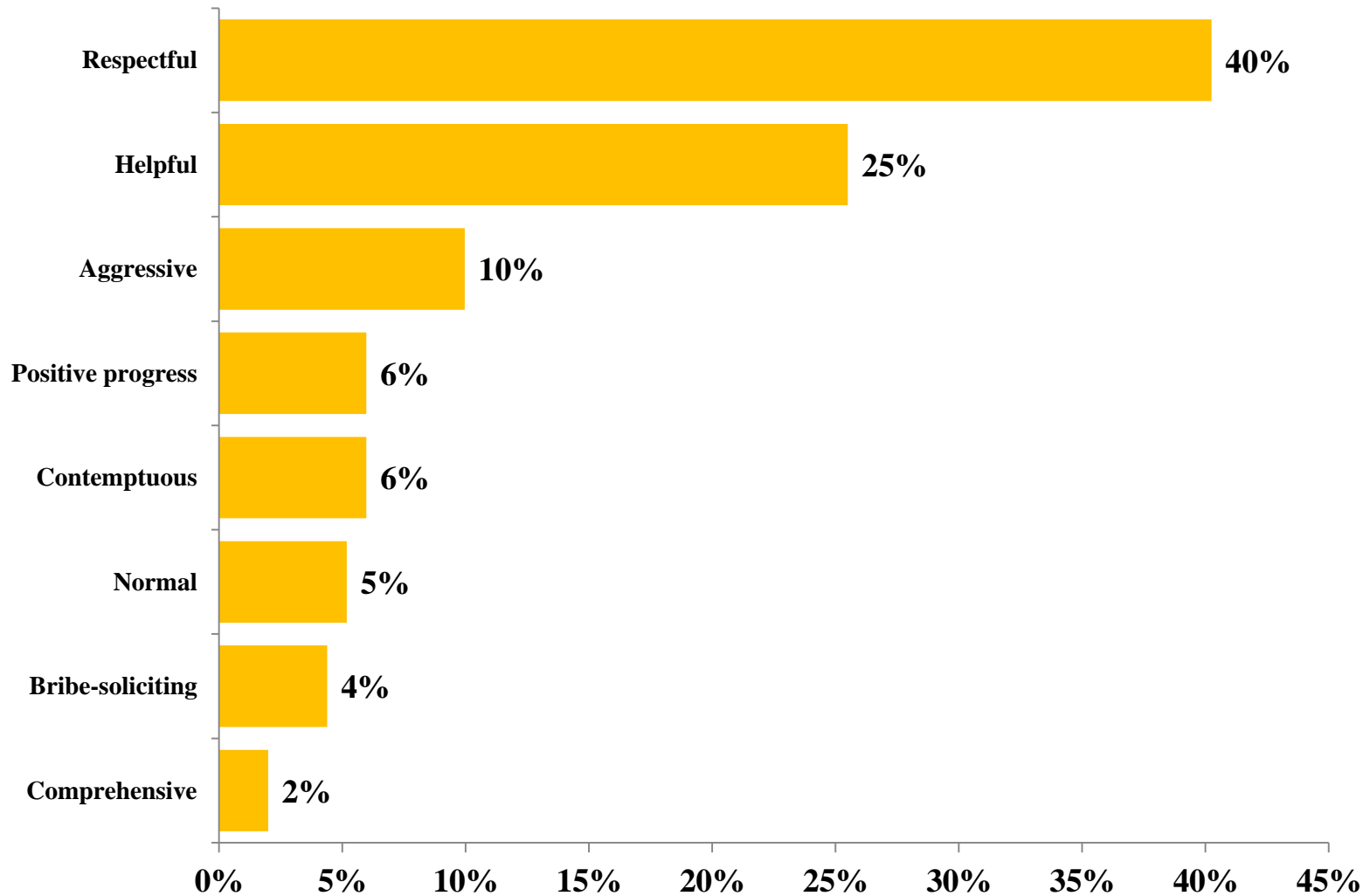


**If you did have contact with the police in the past three to six months, what was the reason? (n=252)**

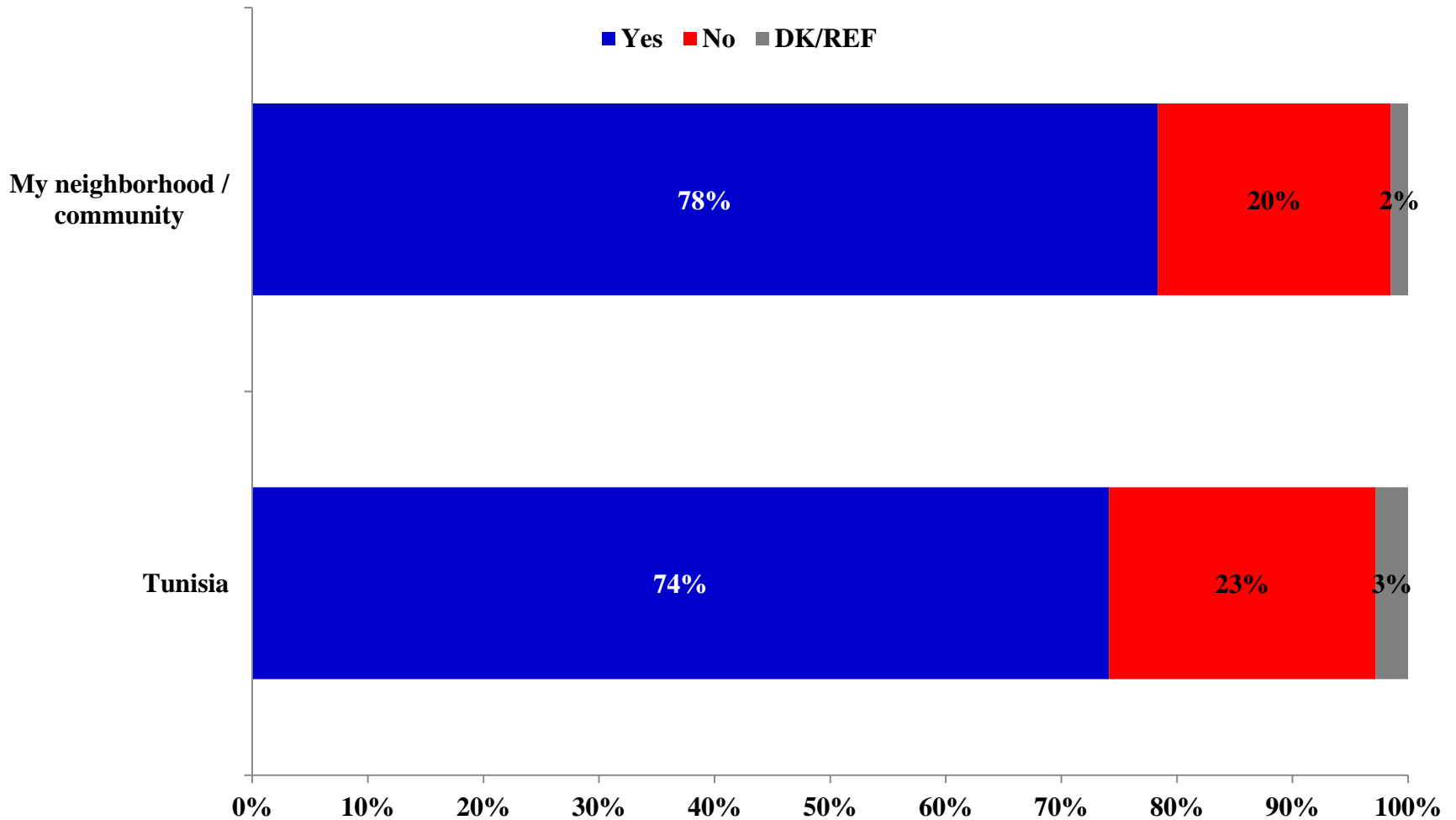


# In your opinion, how would you characterize the interaction?

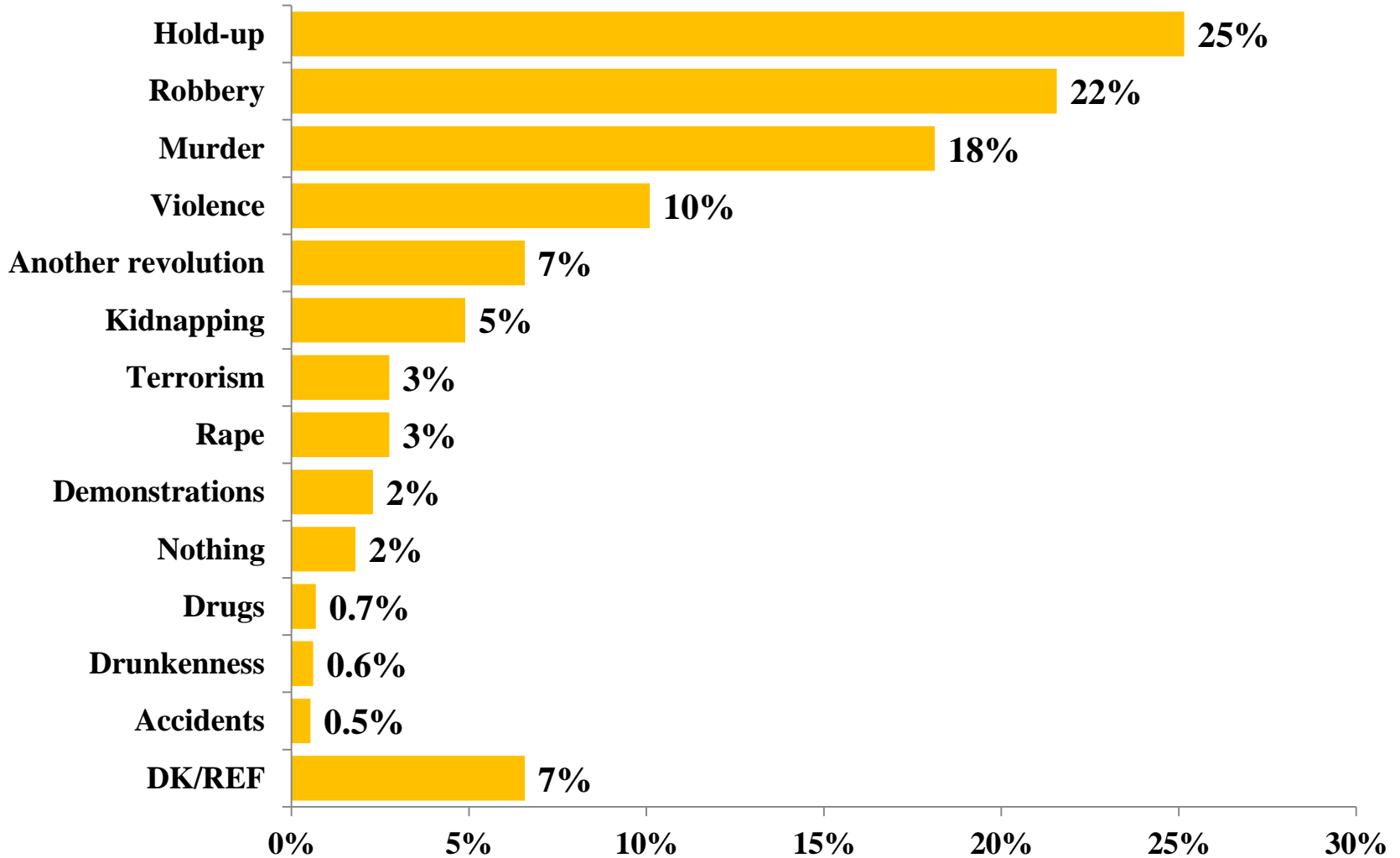
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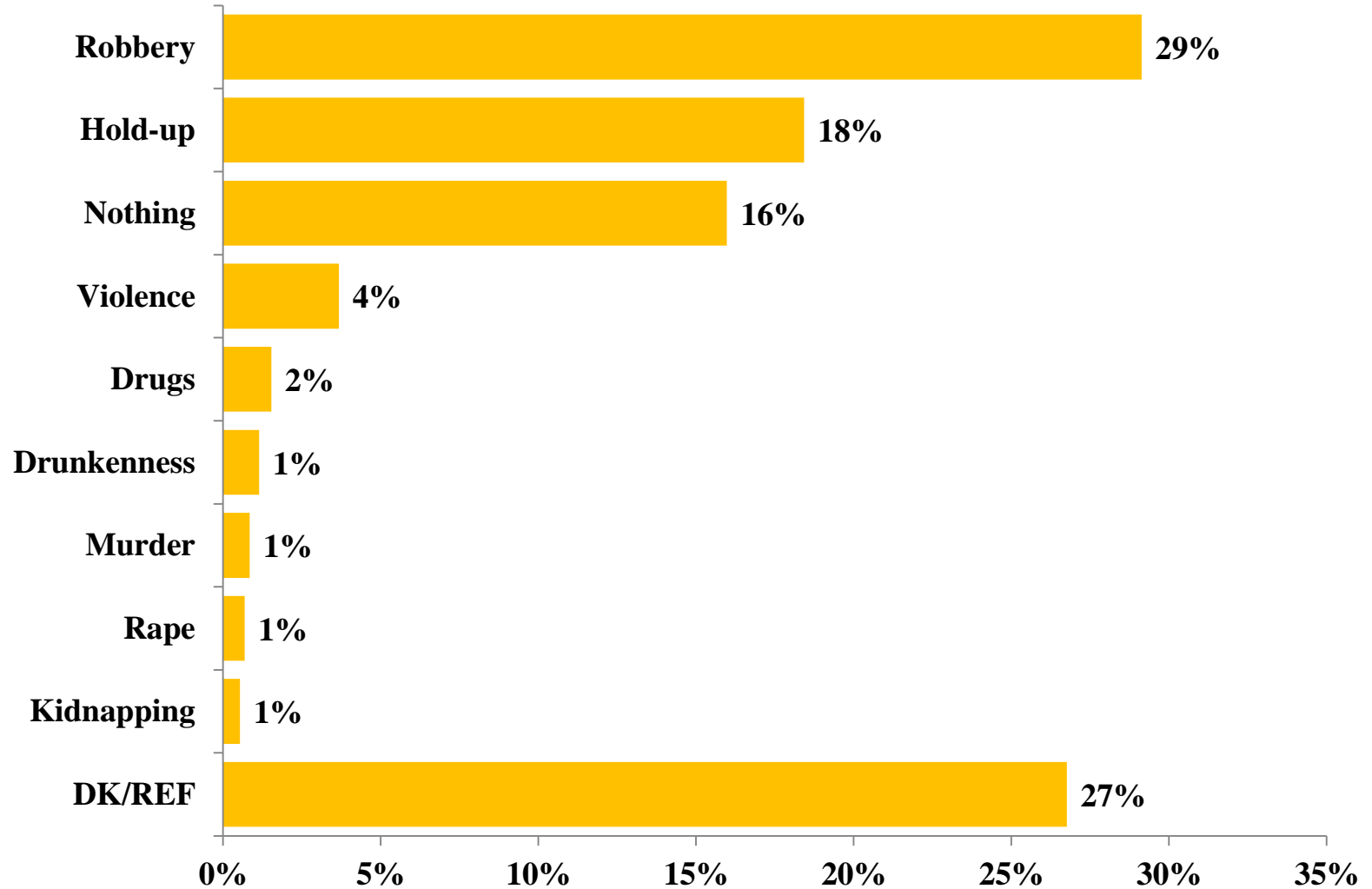
# In your opinion, has security in Tunisia improved since the elections? What about the security of your neighborhood or community?



## What crime are you most concerned about/afraid of?



## What do you think is the most prevalent crime in your neighborhood?



# Are you afraid to walk around your neighborhood during the day or at night?

