

# Survey of Tunisian Public Opinion

July 26-August 8, 2012



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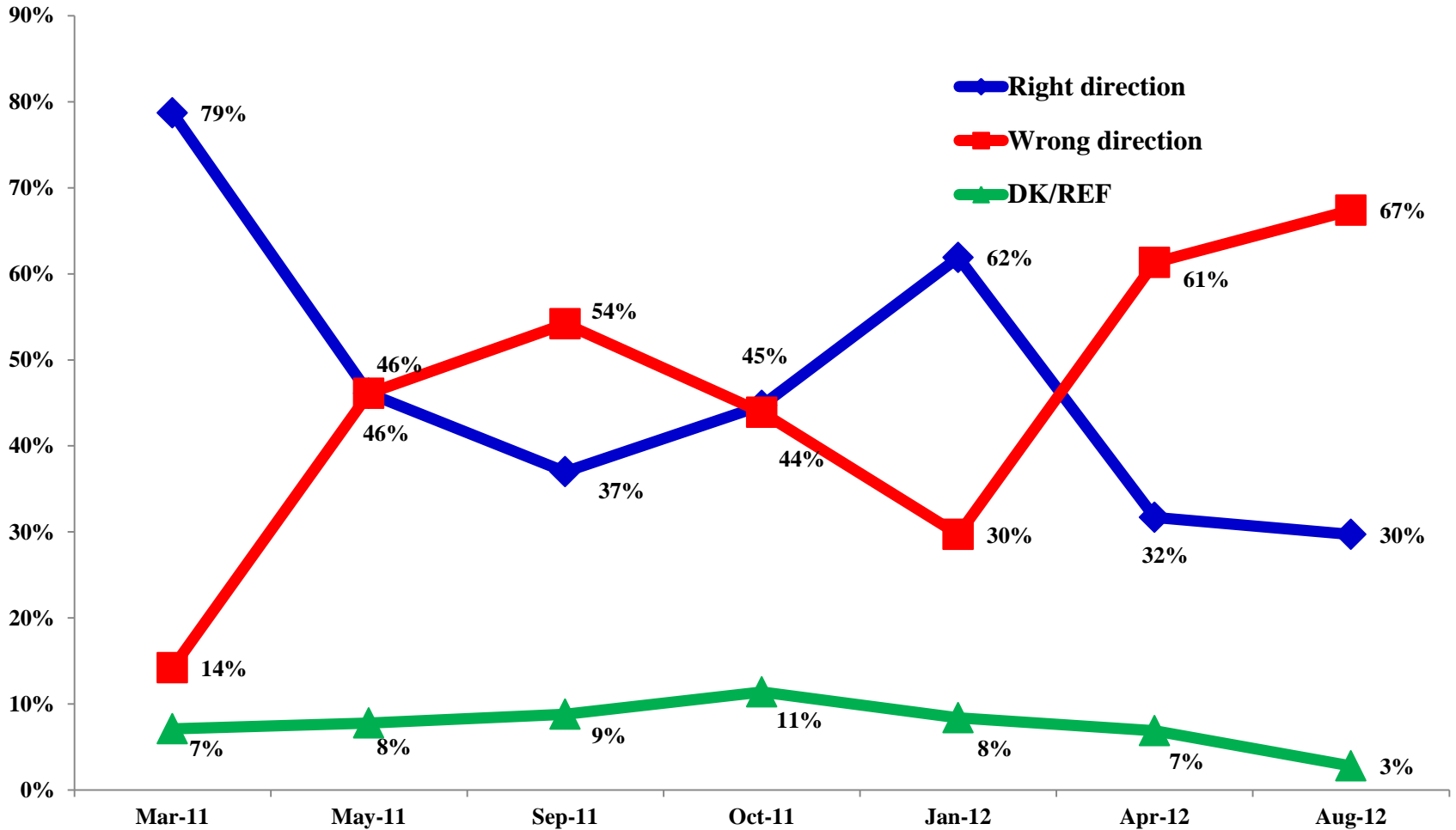
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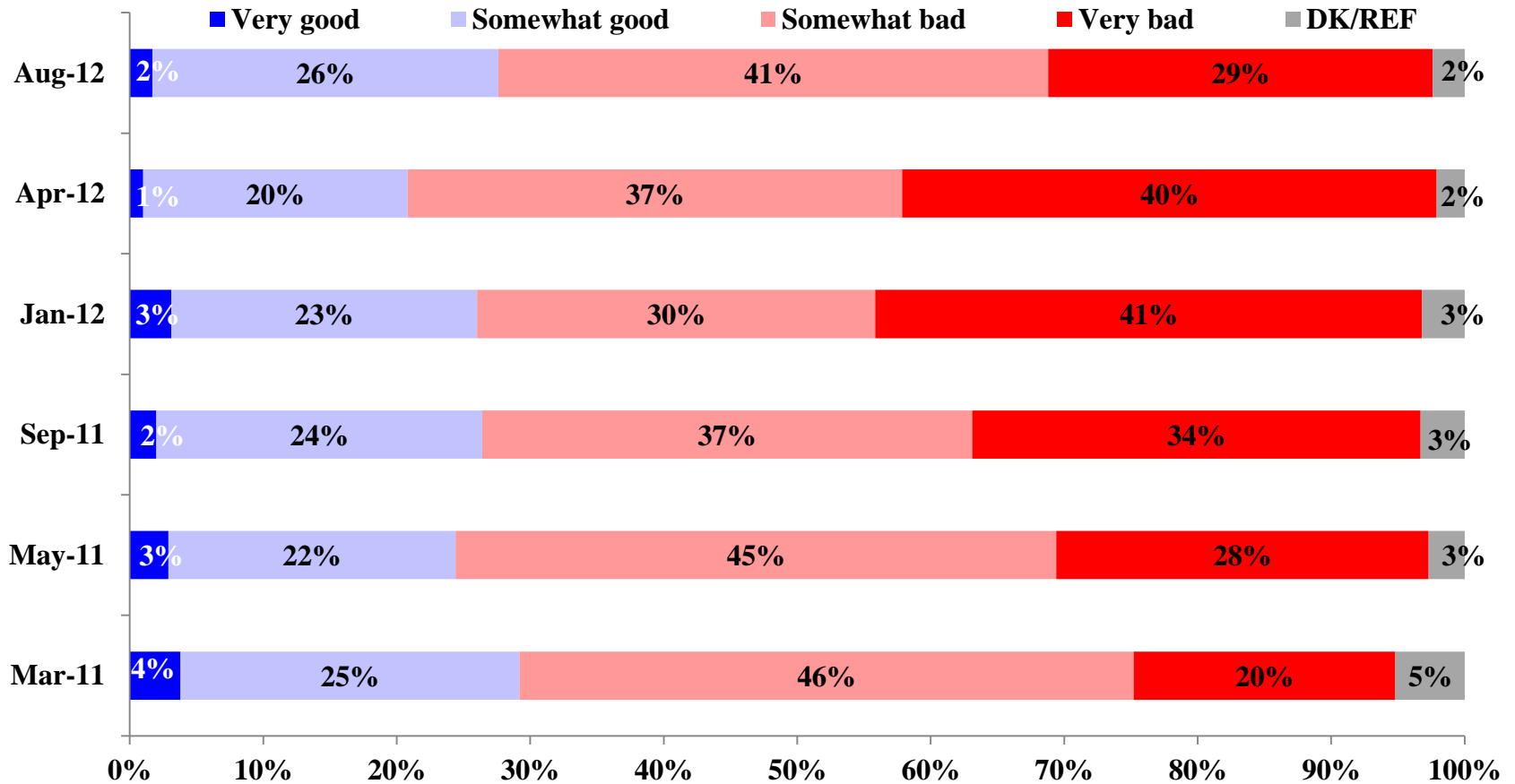
# Survey Specifications

- The International Republican Institute (IRI) conducted a national survey of adult Tunisians (18+ years) from July 26-August 8, 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 multi-stage 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 1,265 interviews were completed yielding an overall margin of error of  $\pm 2.81$  percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level.
- The male-to-female ratio of respondents was 51 percent male to 49 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.
- Stratification is based on population distribution according to the latest census.
- 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](#).

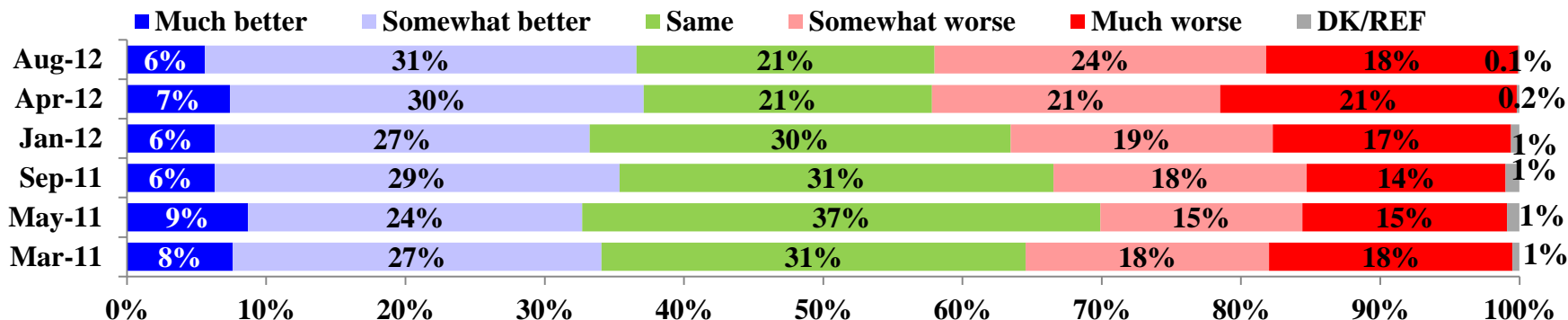
## How would you say that things are going in Tunisia these days, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



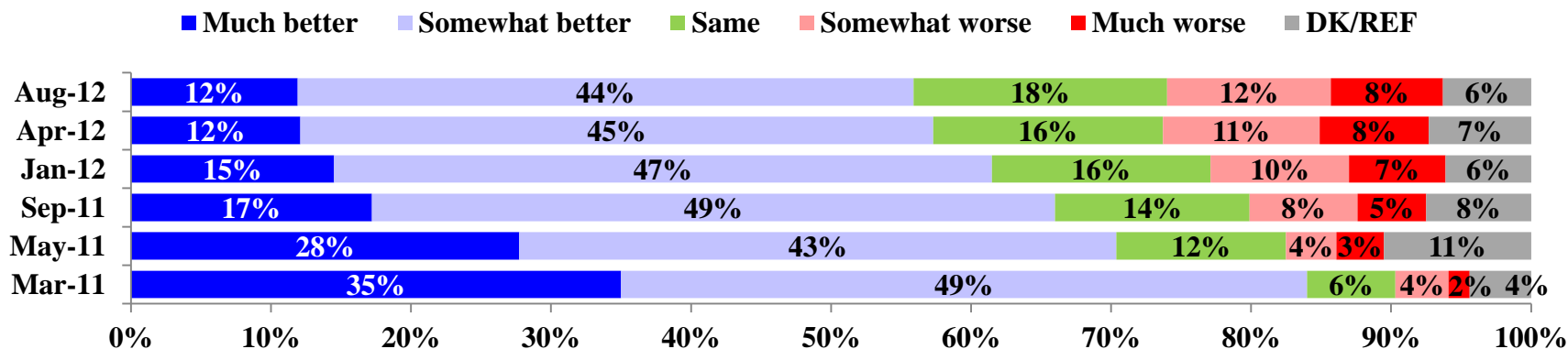
## How would you describe the current economic situation in Tunisia?



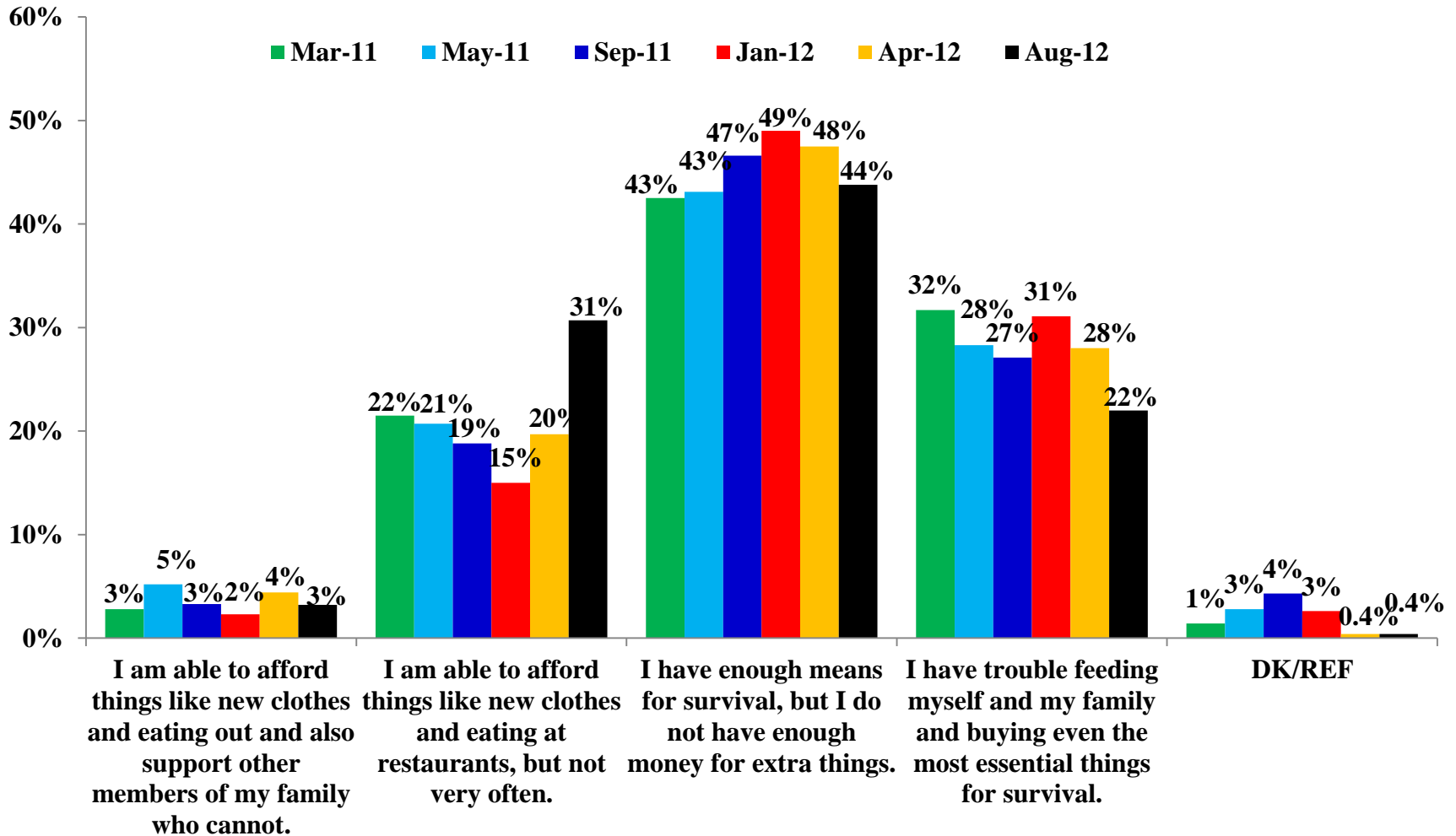
## Has your household's financial situation gotten better or worse over the last year?



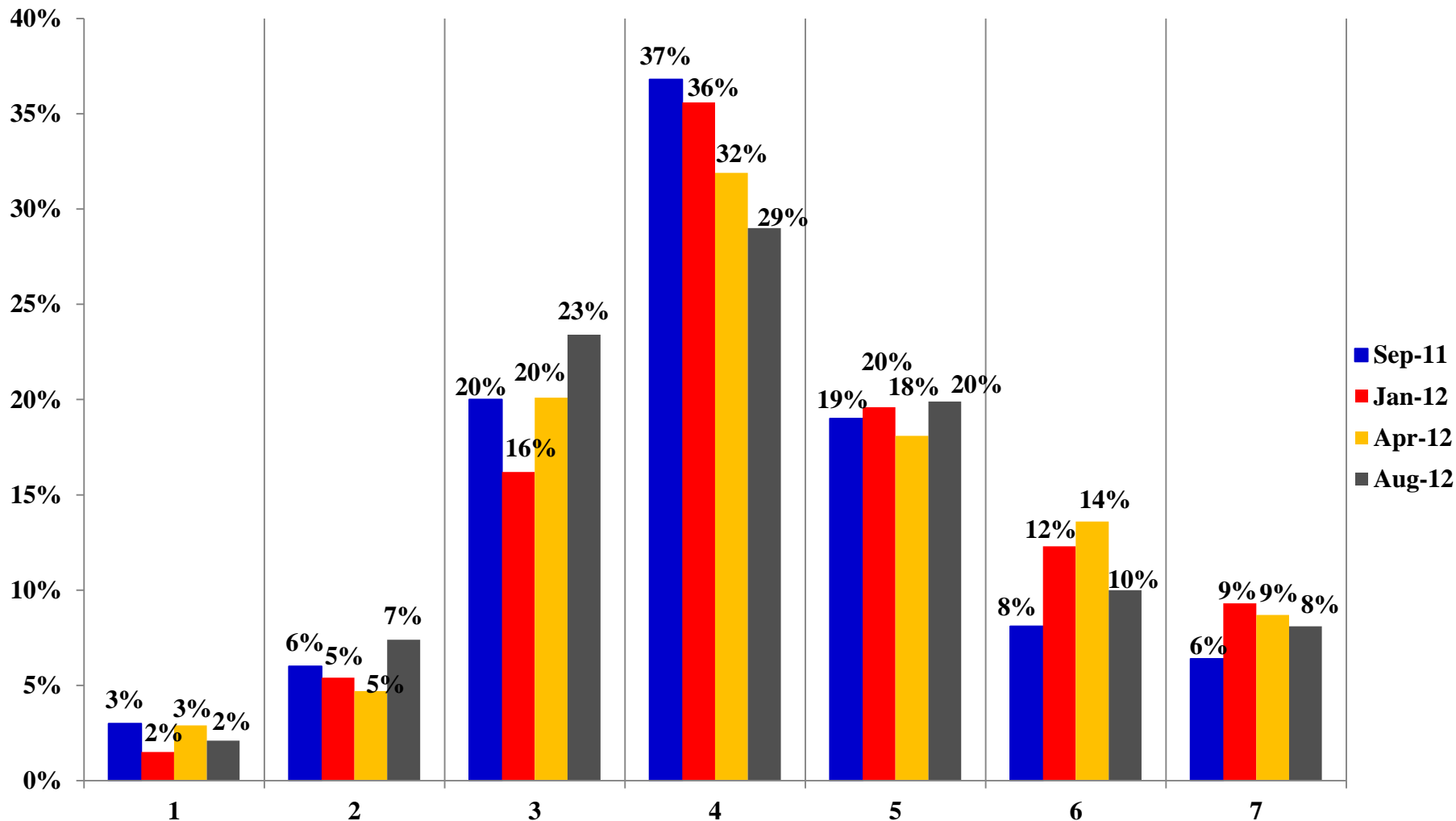
## Thinking ahead to next year, do you expect your household's financial situation to be better or worse?



# 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?





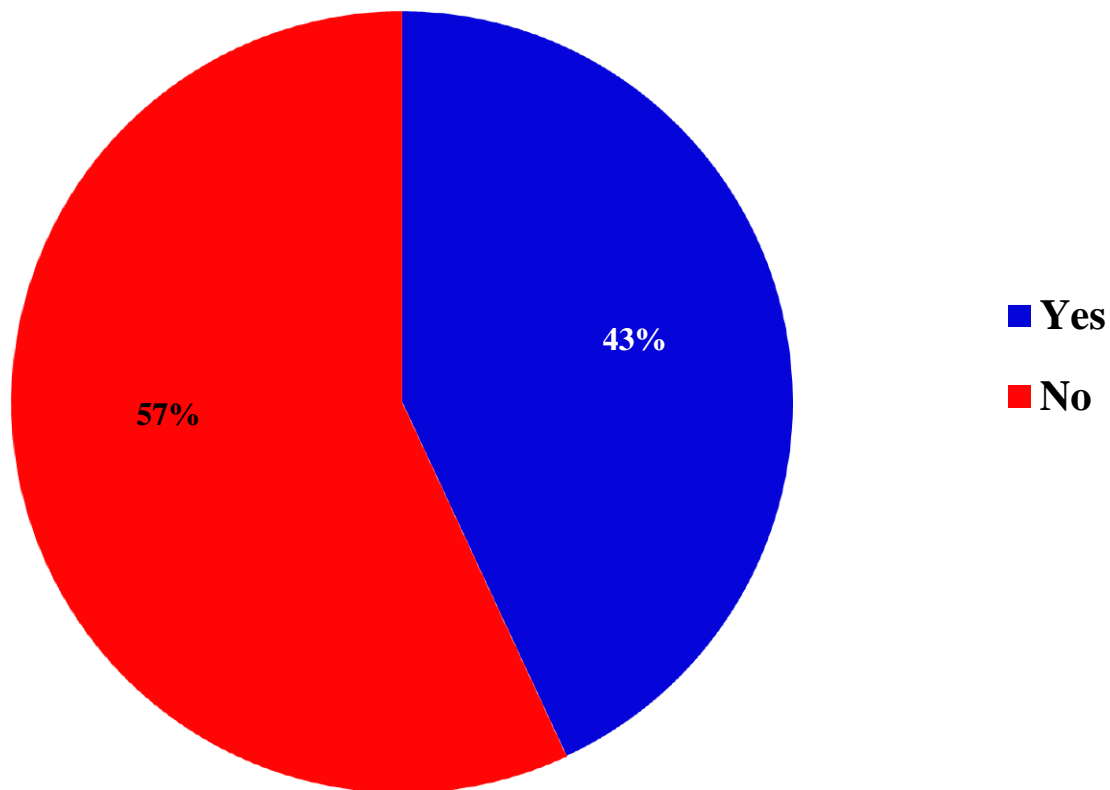
**Thinking about the current government, which of the following should be a top priority? (spontaneous response, top responses only)**



<b>Issue</b>	<b>First Mention</b>	<b>Second Mention</b>	<b>Third Mention</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Development and reform of the economy</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Living standards</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Transparent government communication</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Social reforms</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Regional development</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Corruption</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Achieve the goals of the revolution</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Draft new constitution</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Organize elections</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Security</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>DK/REF</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>19%</b>



## Are you currently employed?

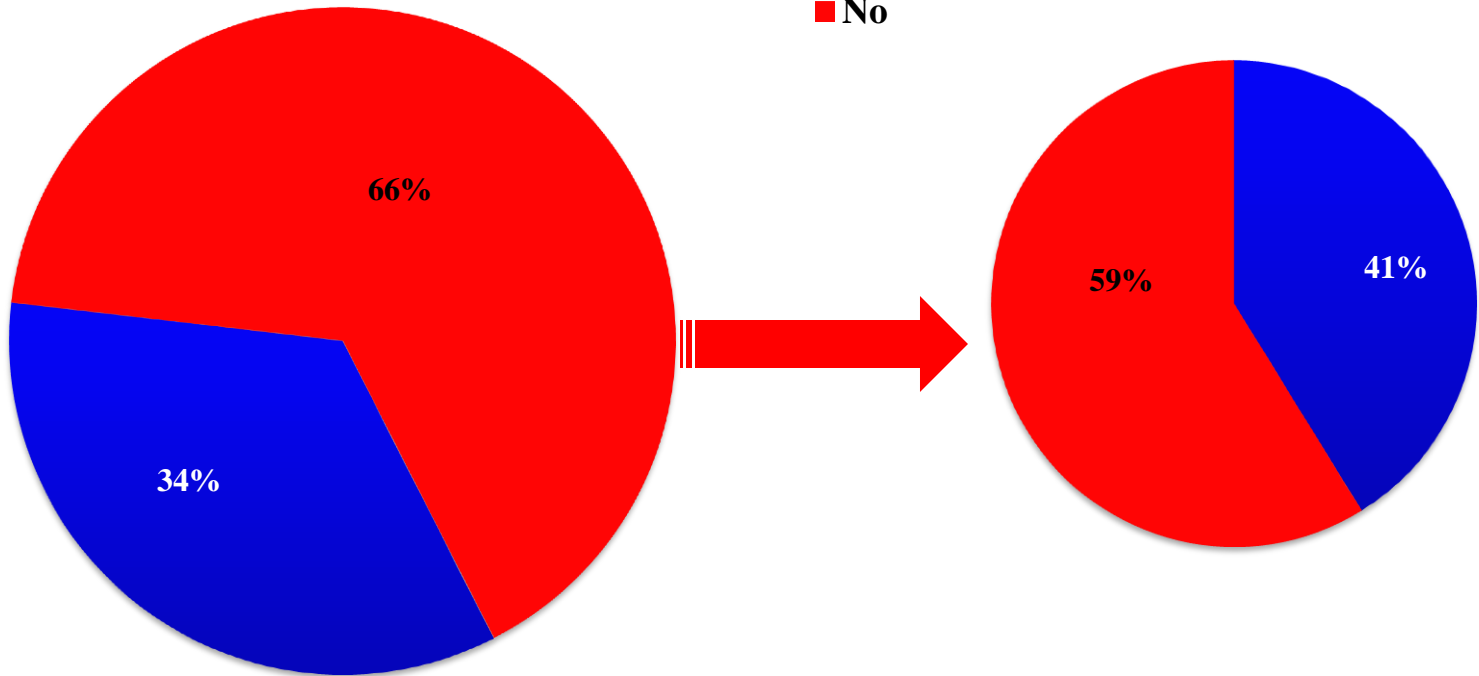


# Are you seeking a job?

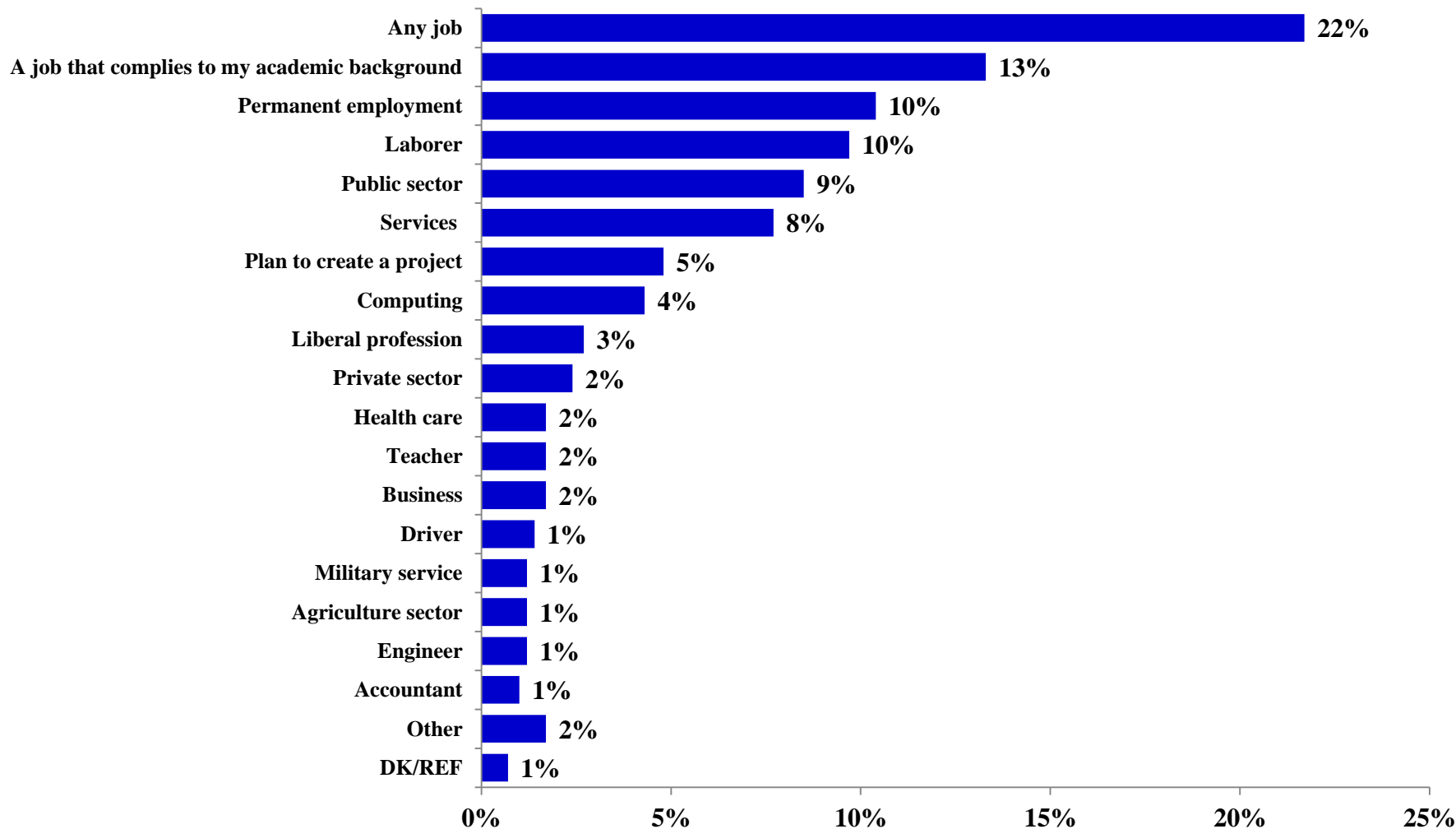
**Entire Sample (n=1,265)**

**Among unemployed only  
(n=719)**

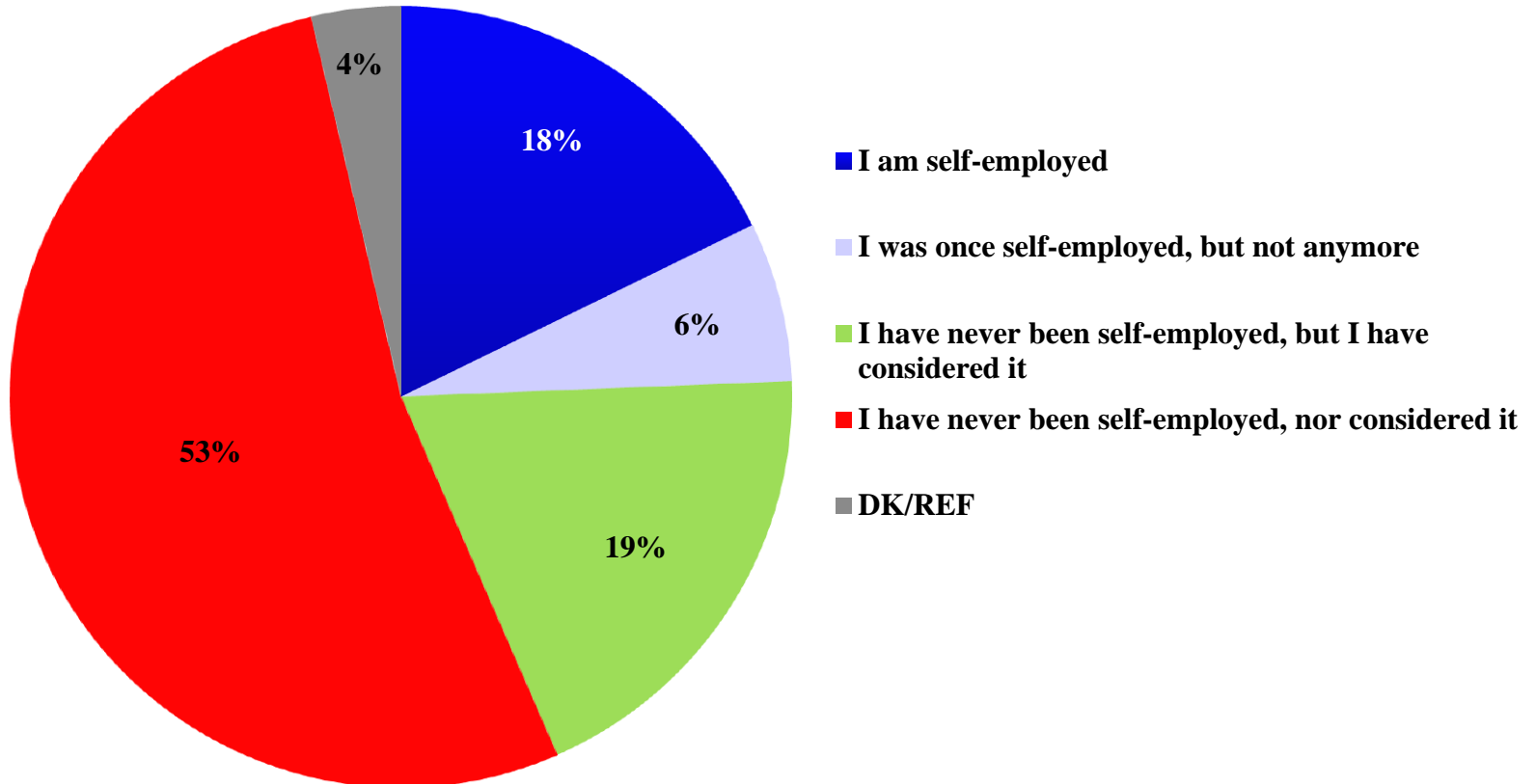
- Yes
- No



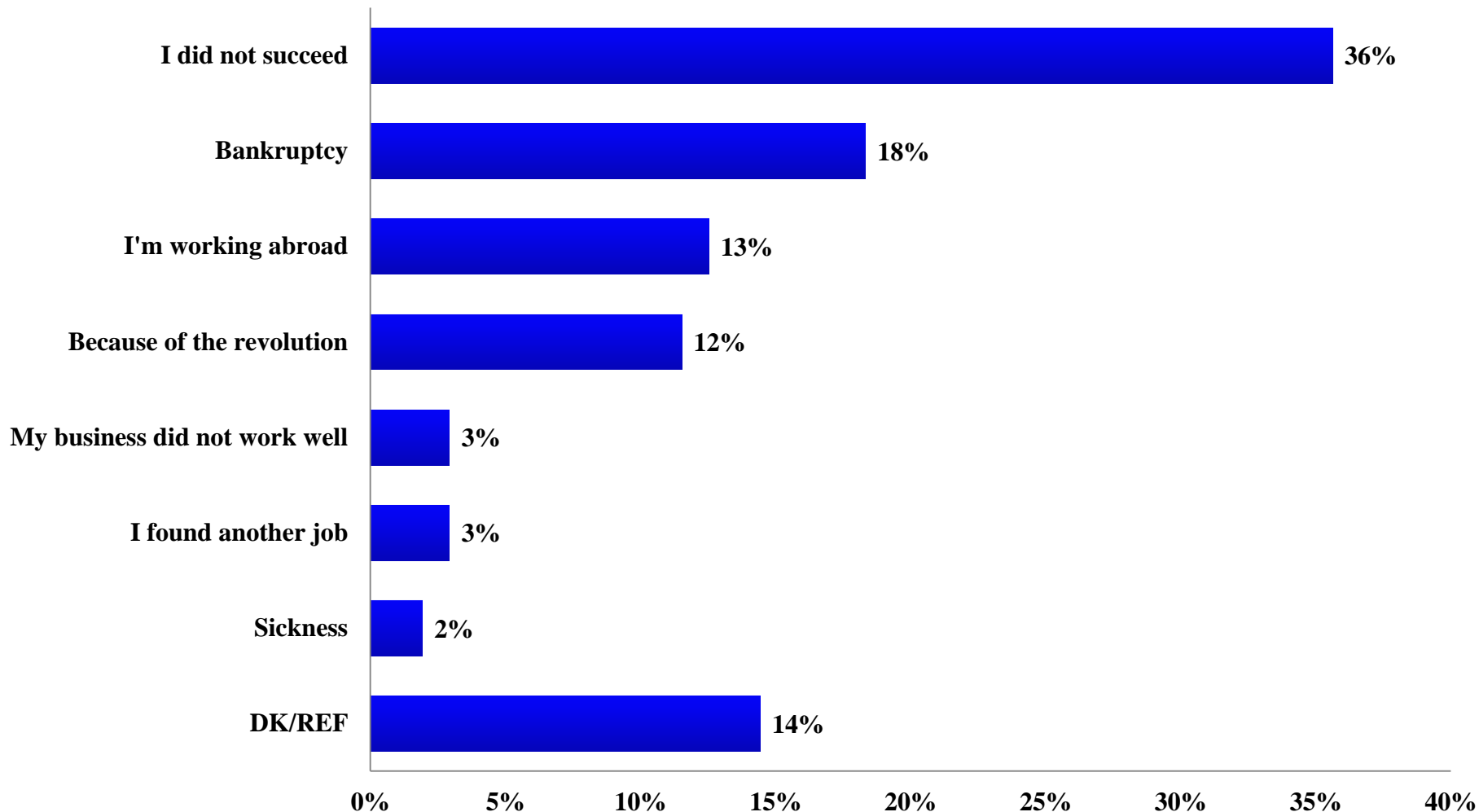
## What kind of job are you looking for? (spontaneous response, top responses only; n=414)



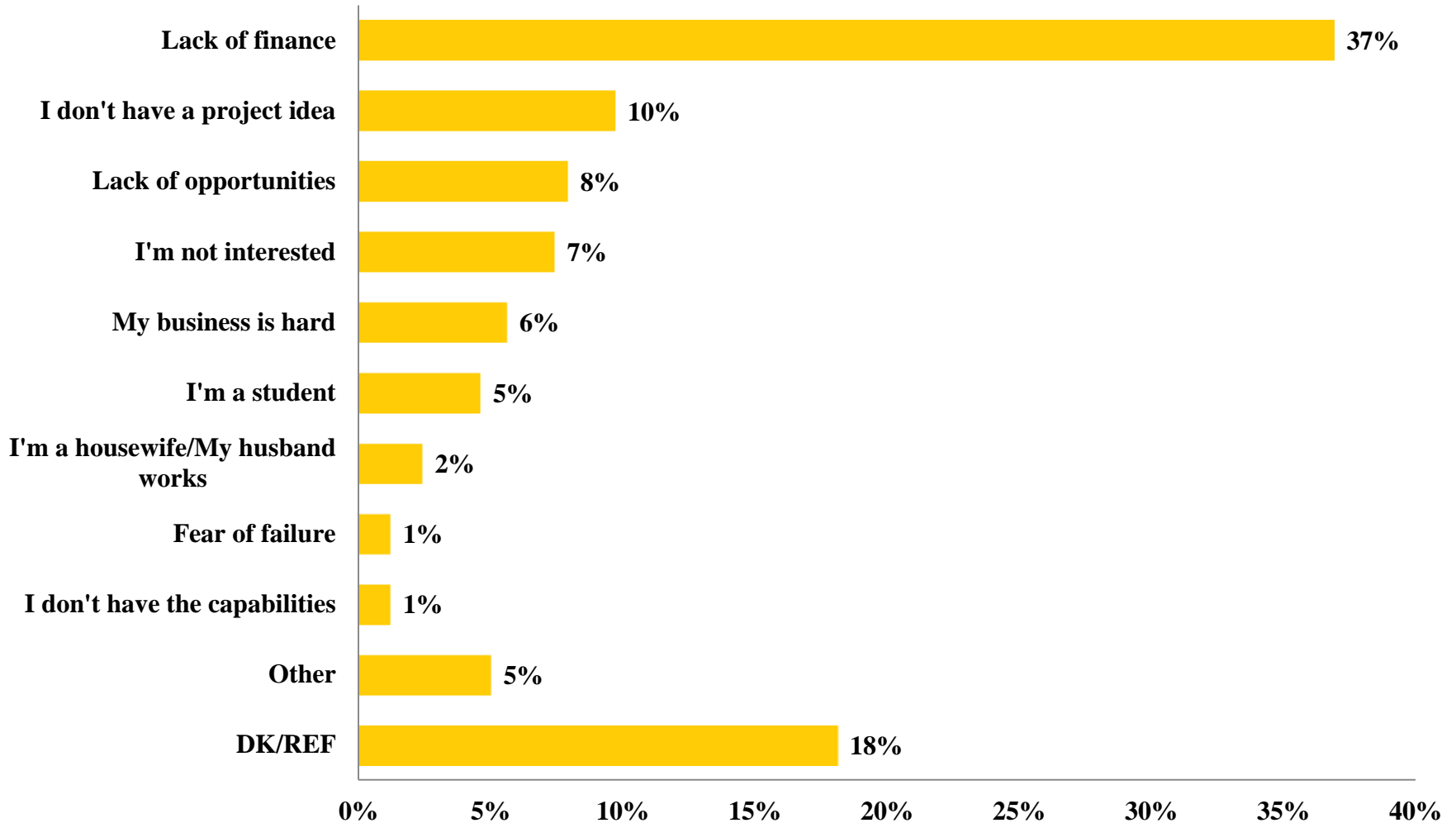
## Have you ever worked, or have you ever considered, working as a self-employed person?



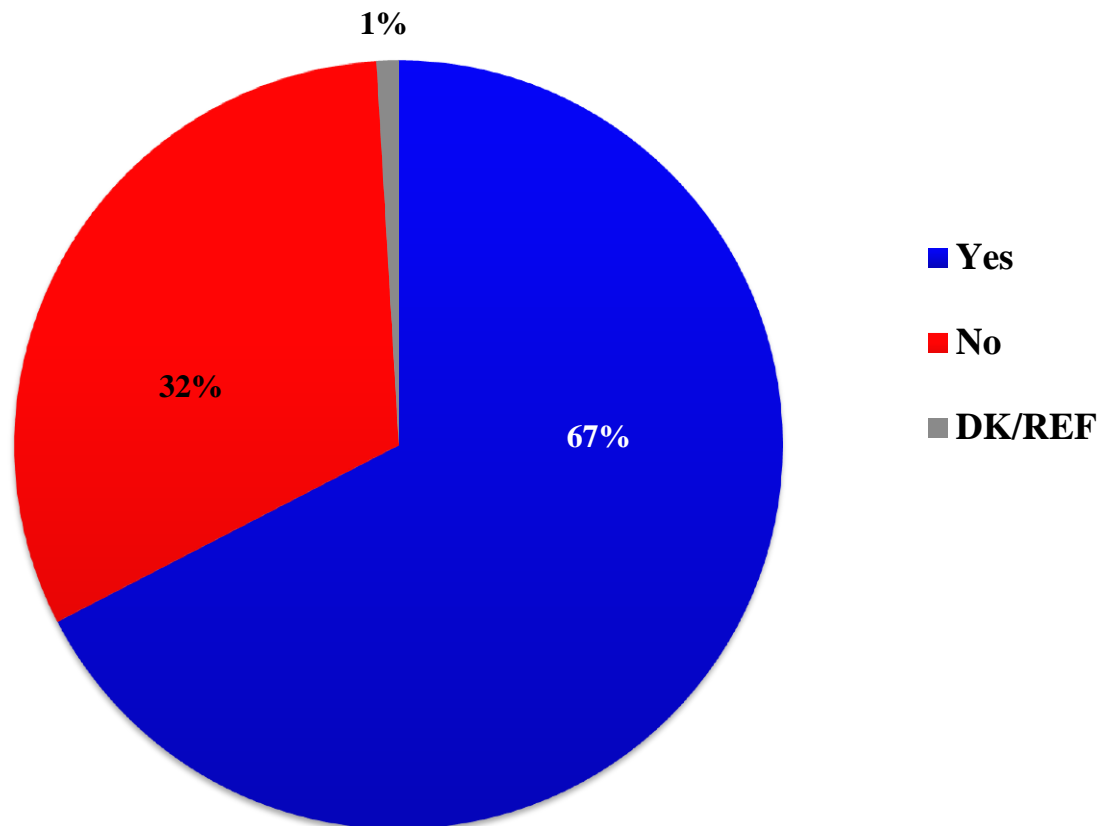
# If you were once self-employed, why did you stop working as a self-employed person? (spontaneous response, top responses only; n=104)



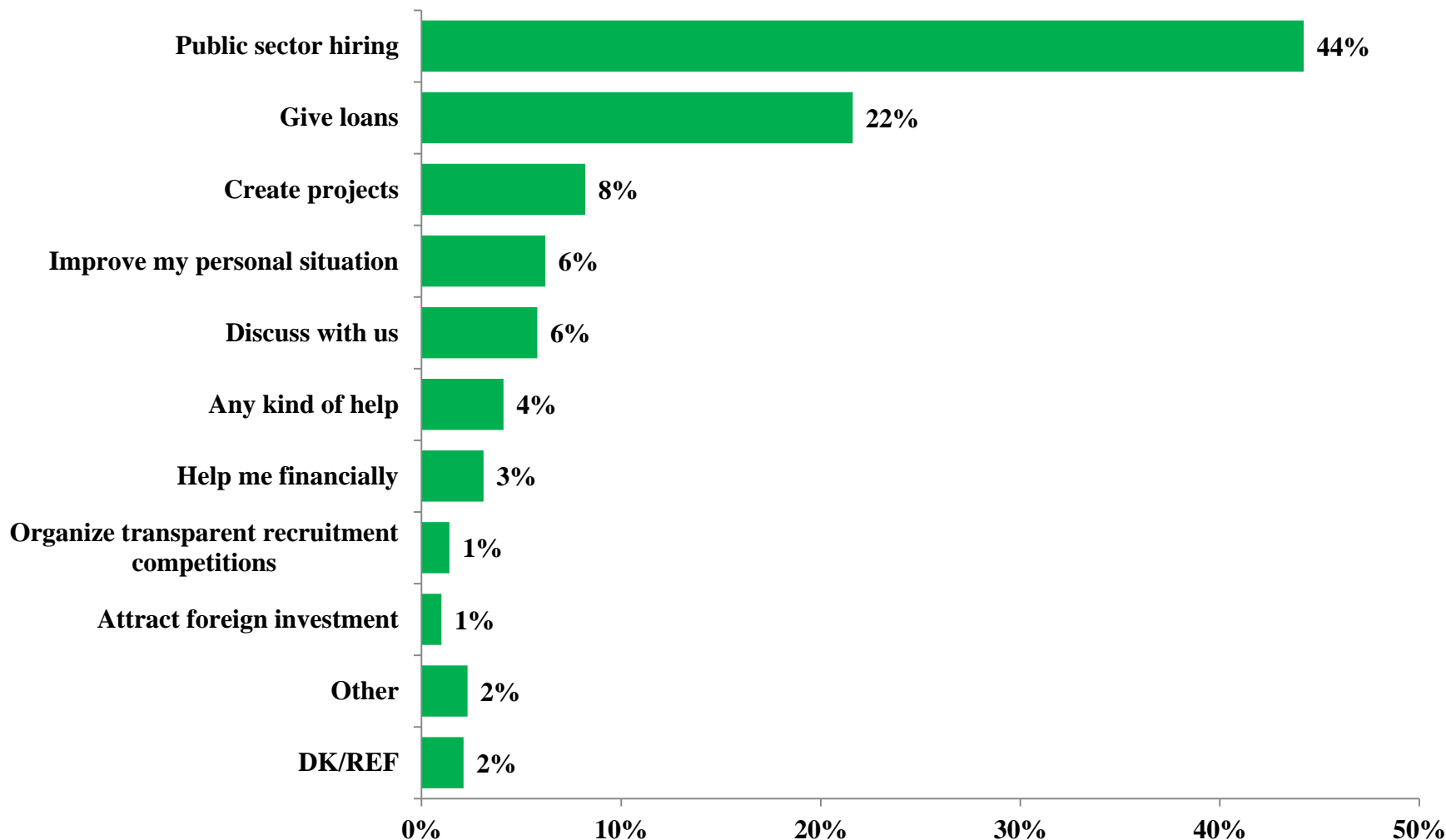
## What prevented you from working as a self-employed person? (spontaneous response, top responses only; n=431)



## If you are seeking a job, do you expect help from the government in finding a job? (n=435)

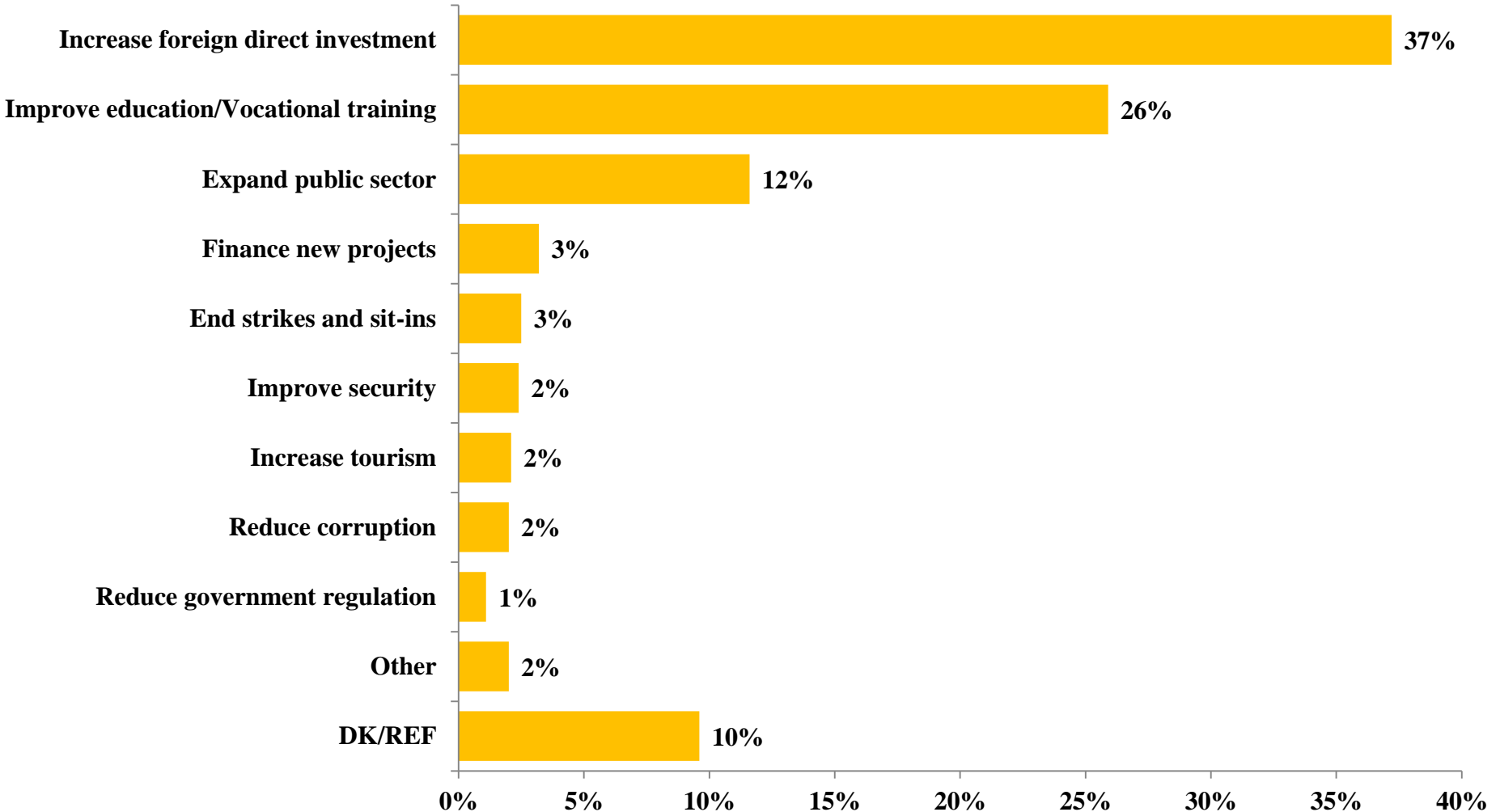


# What kind of help should the government provide? (spontaneous response, top responses only; n=292)

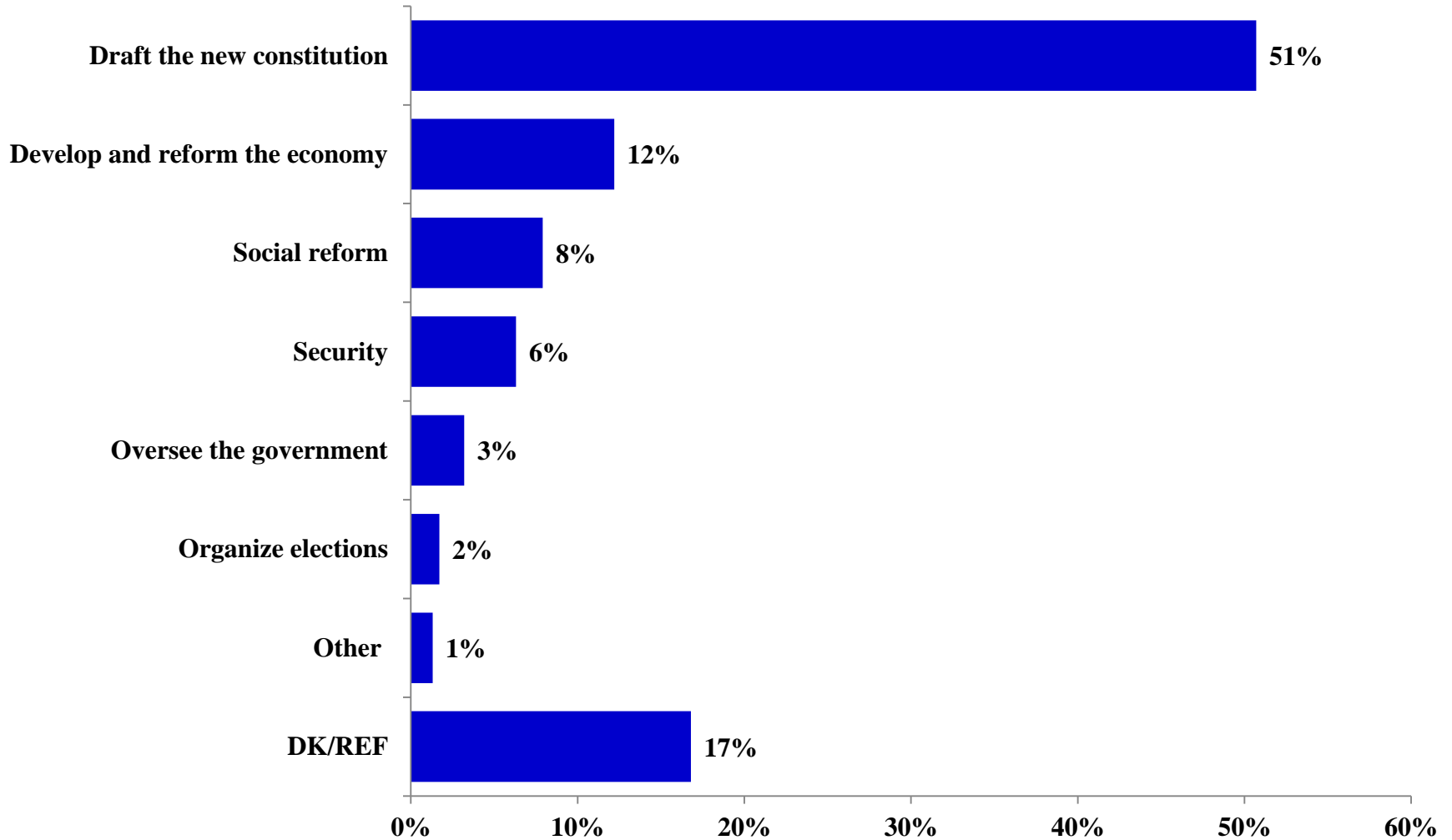




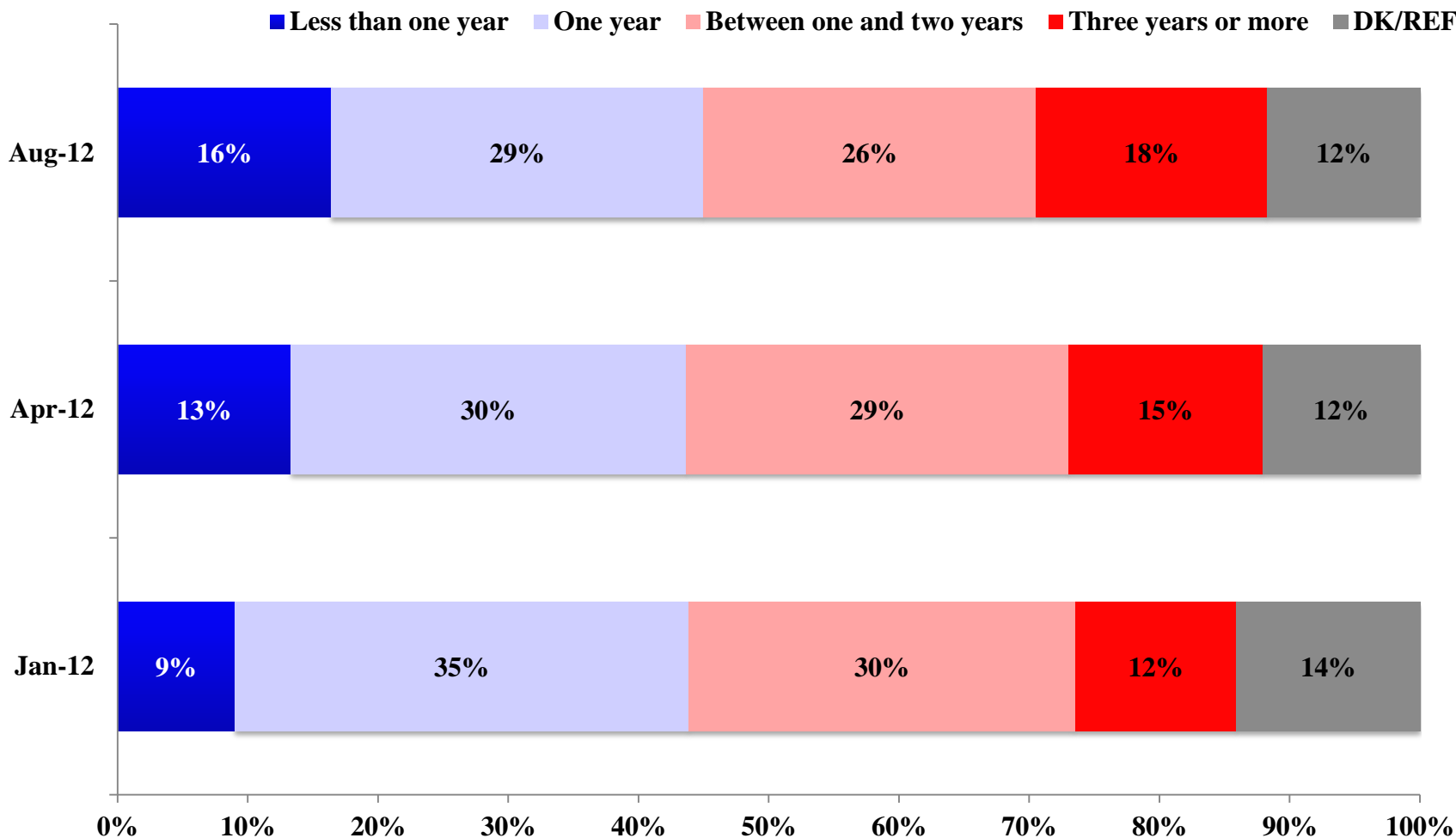
## What do you think is the best way to increase jobs in Tunisia?



## What do you believe is the primary role of the National Constituent Assembly?

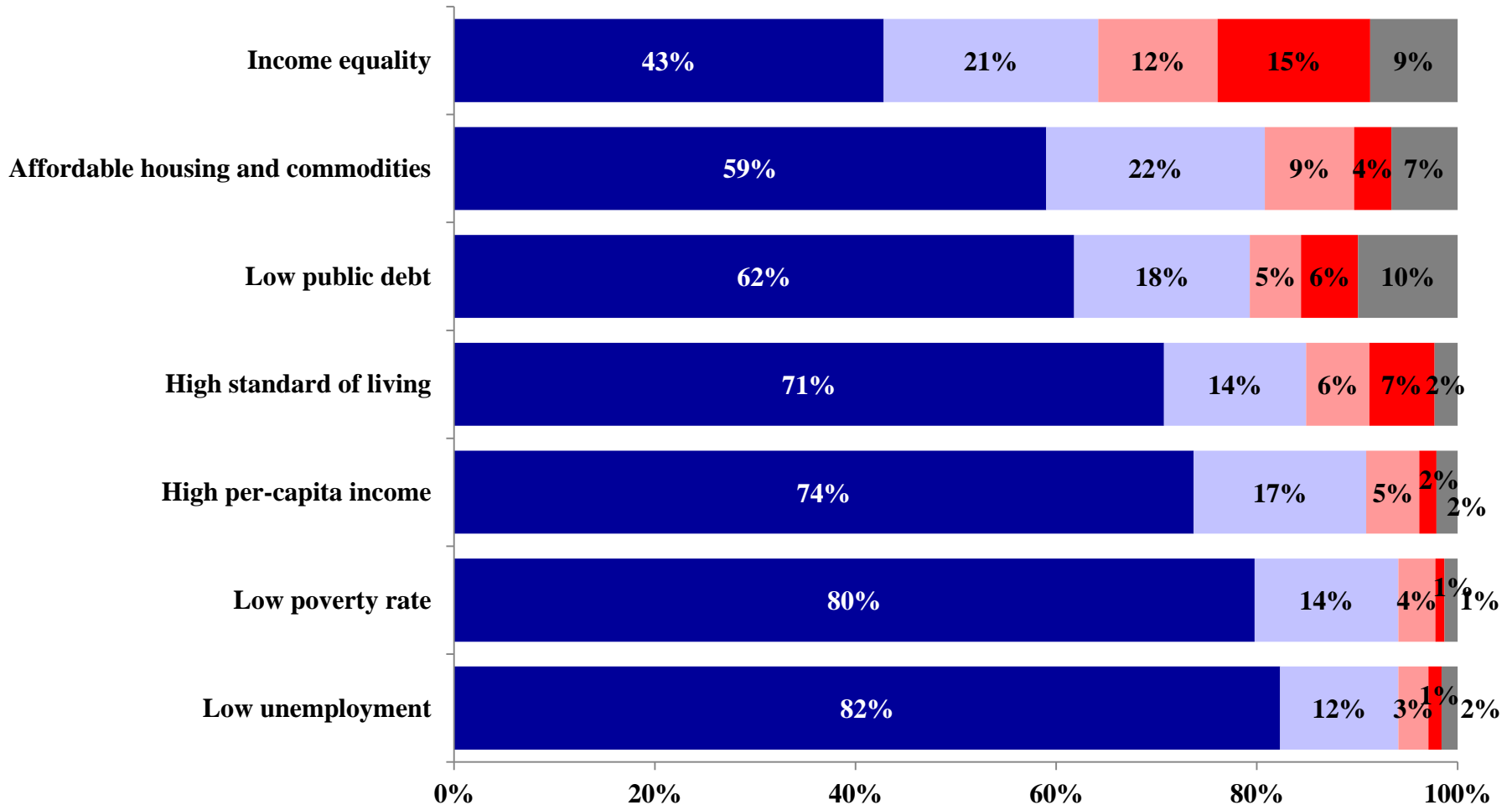


## How long do you believe the National Constituent Assembly should take to complete its mandate?



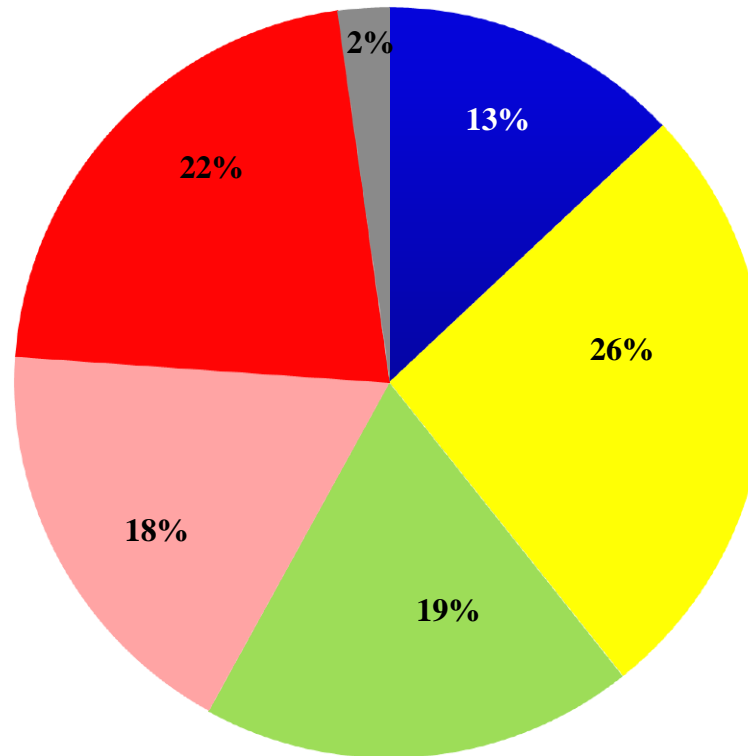
## In your opinion how closely associated is each of the following with a strong economy?

■ Closely associated    
 ■ Somewhat associated    
 ■ Weakly associated    
 ■ Not associated at all    
 ■ DK/REF



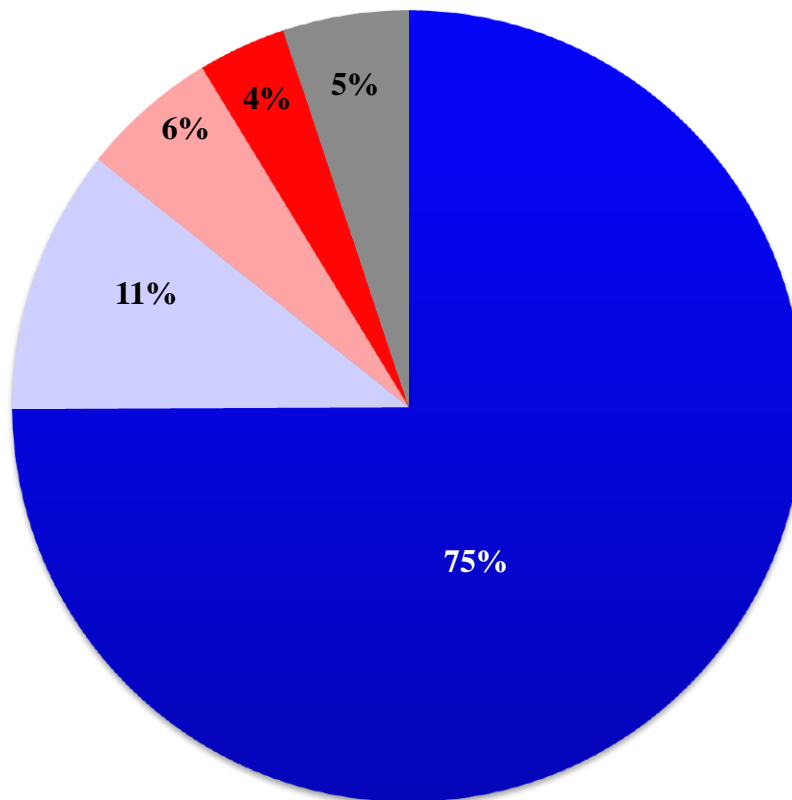
## How often do you keep informed about the National Constituent Assembly's work?

■ Once a day   ■ Once a week   ■ Once a month   ■ Less than once a month   ■ Never   ■ DK/REF

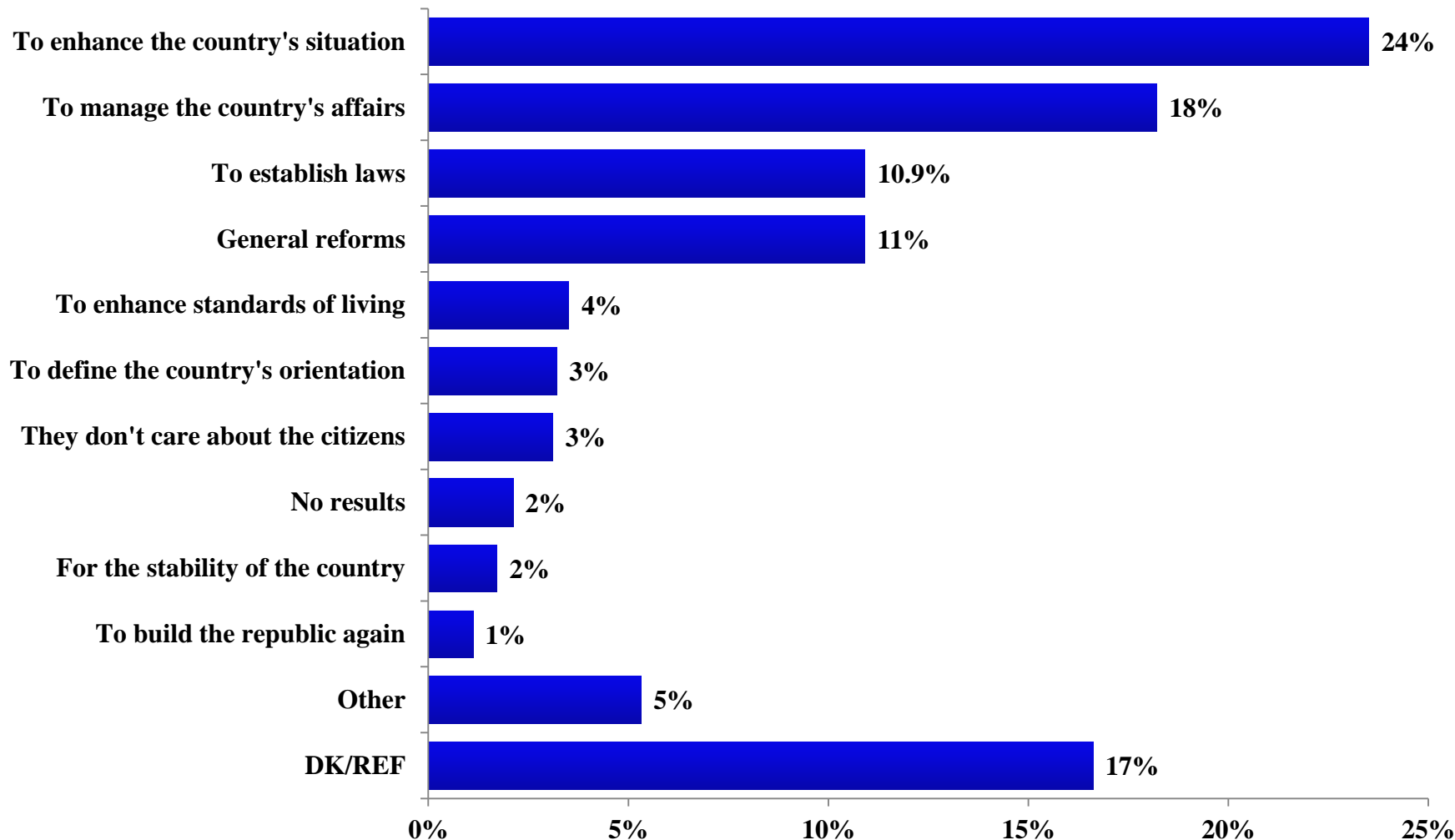


## Regarding the constitution, how important is it to you that the constitution be completed?

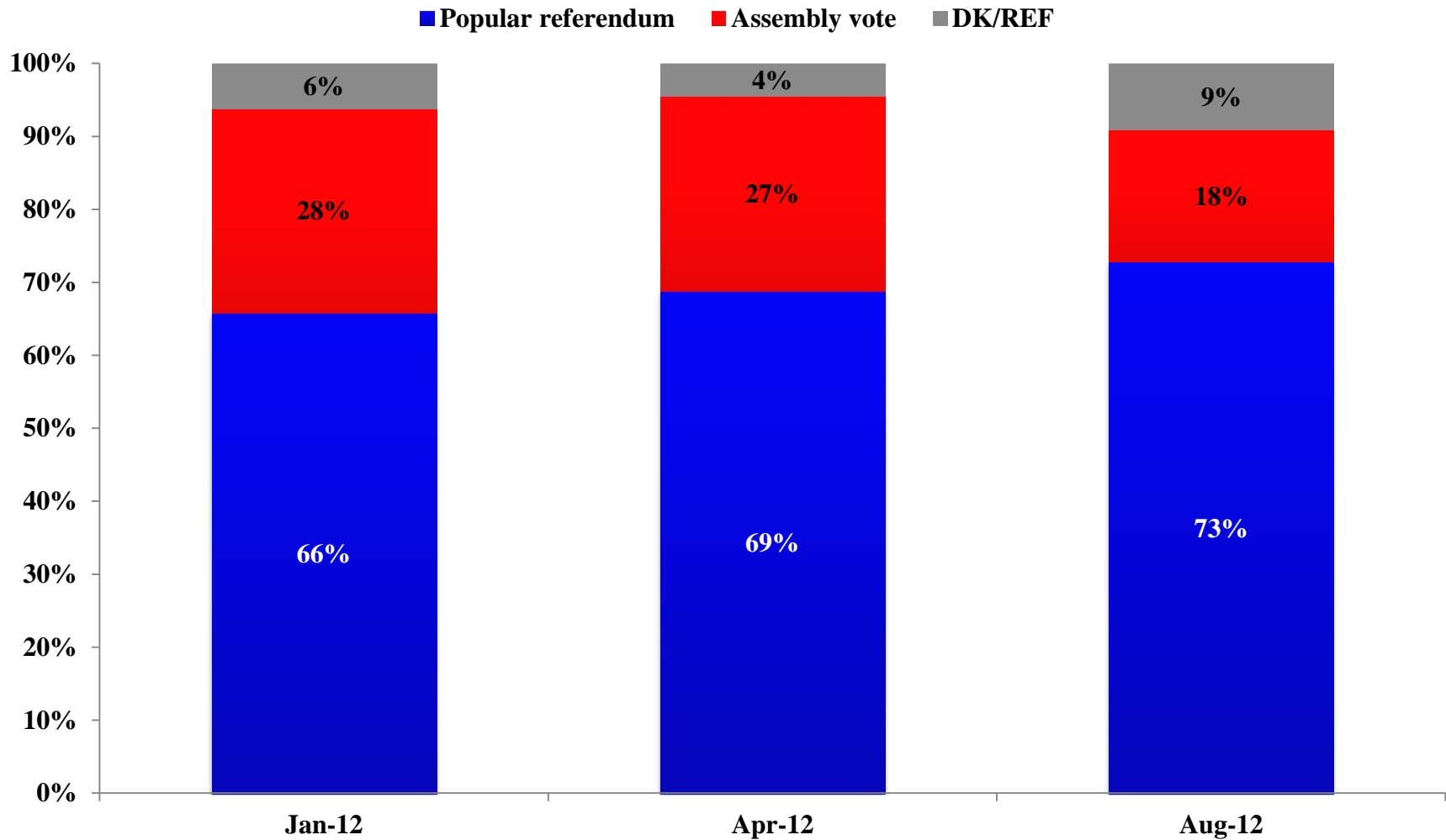
■ Very important   ■ Important   ■ Not important   ■ Not important at all   ■ DK/REF



## Could you please explain why completing the new constitution is important to you? (spontaneous response, top responses only)



# Should the new constitution be approved by a national referendum, or by a vote within the National Constituent Assembly?



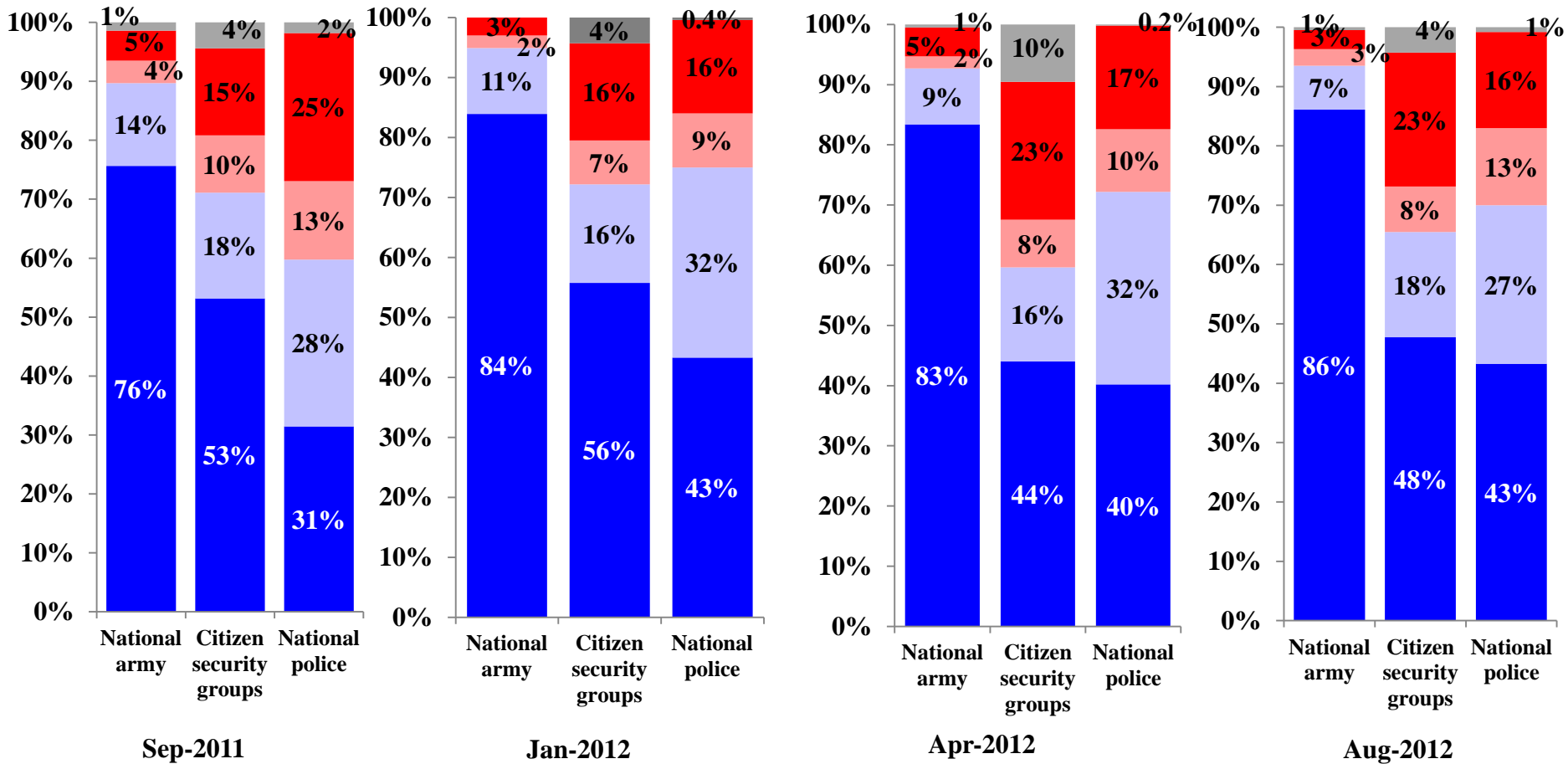


## What would you say are the most important problems facing Tunisia as a whole? (spontaneous response, top responses only)

	First Mention	Second Mention	Third Mention	Total
<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Economic and financial crisis</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Strikes and sit-ins</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Violence, delinquency and vandalism</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Corruption</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Political circumstances</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Large number of political parties</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Libya</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Security</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Standard of living</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Elections</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>DK/REF</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>28%</b>

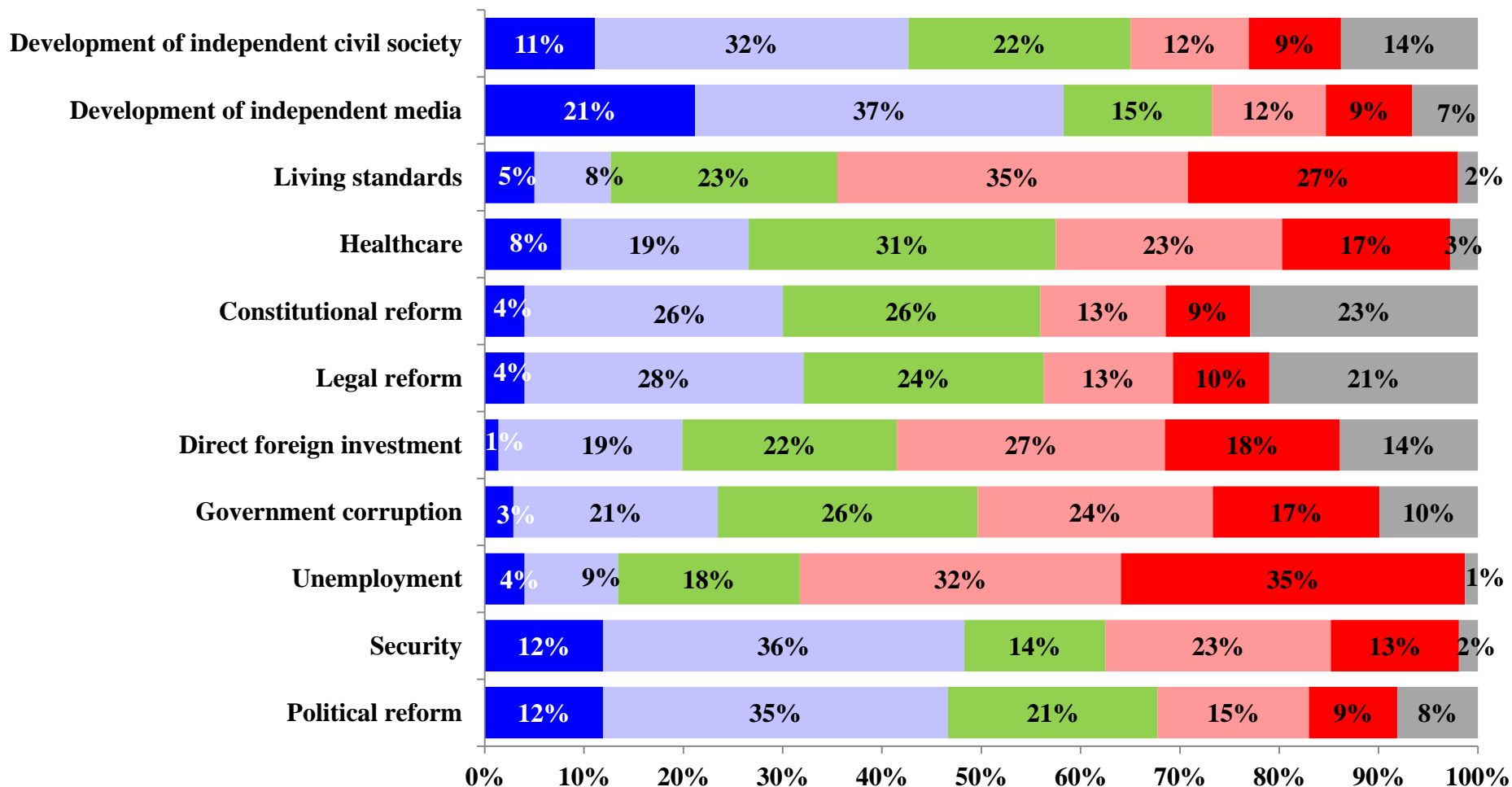
## How much do you trust each of the following to protect your neighborhood?

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

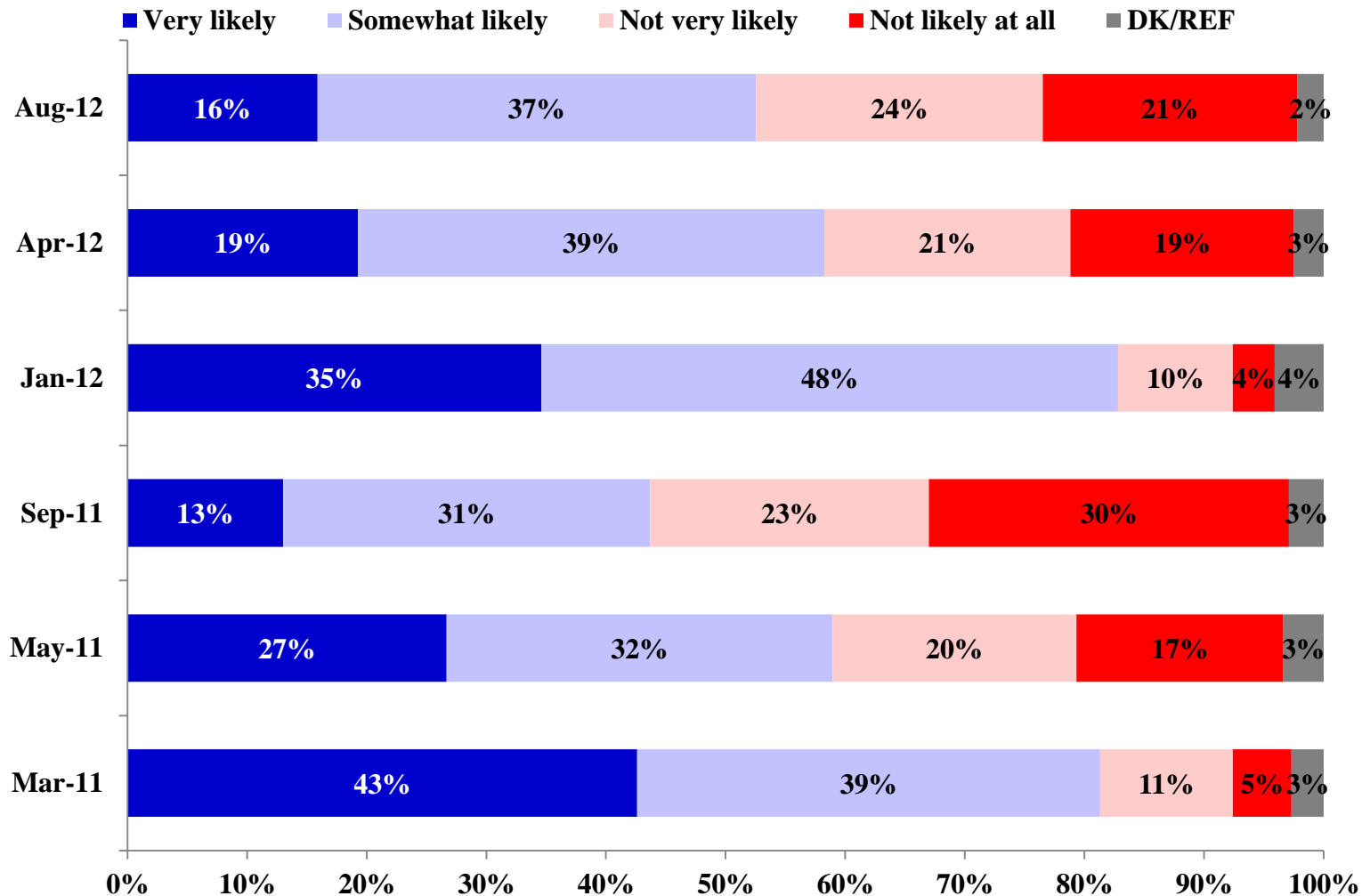


Now I am going to read a list of issues and for each one please tell me whether you feel that the situation has gotten better, gotten worse or stayed the same over the last year.

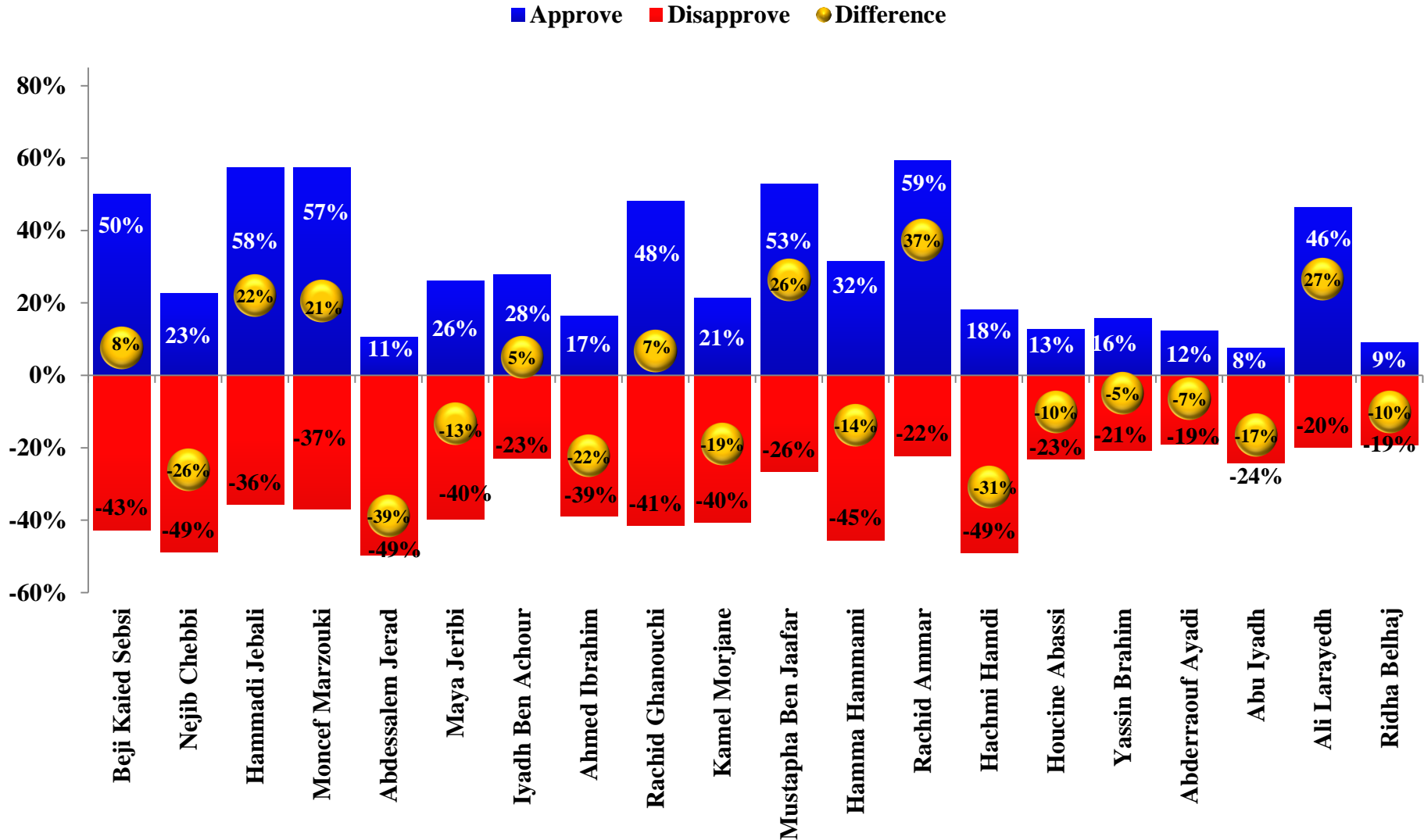
■ Much better ■ Somewhat better ■ Same ■ Somewhat worse ■ Much worse ■ DK/REF



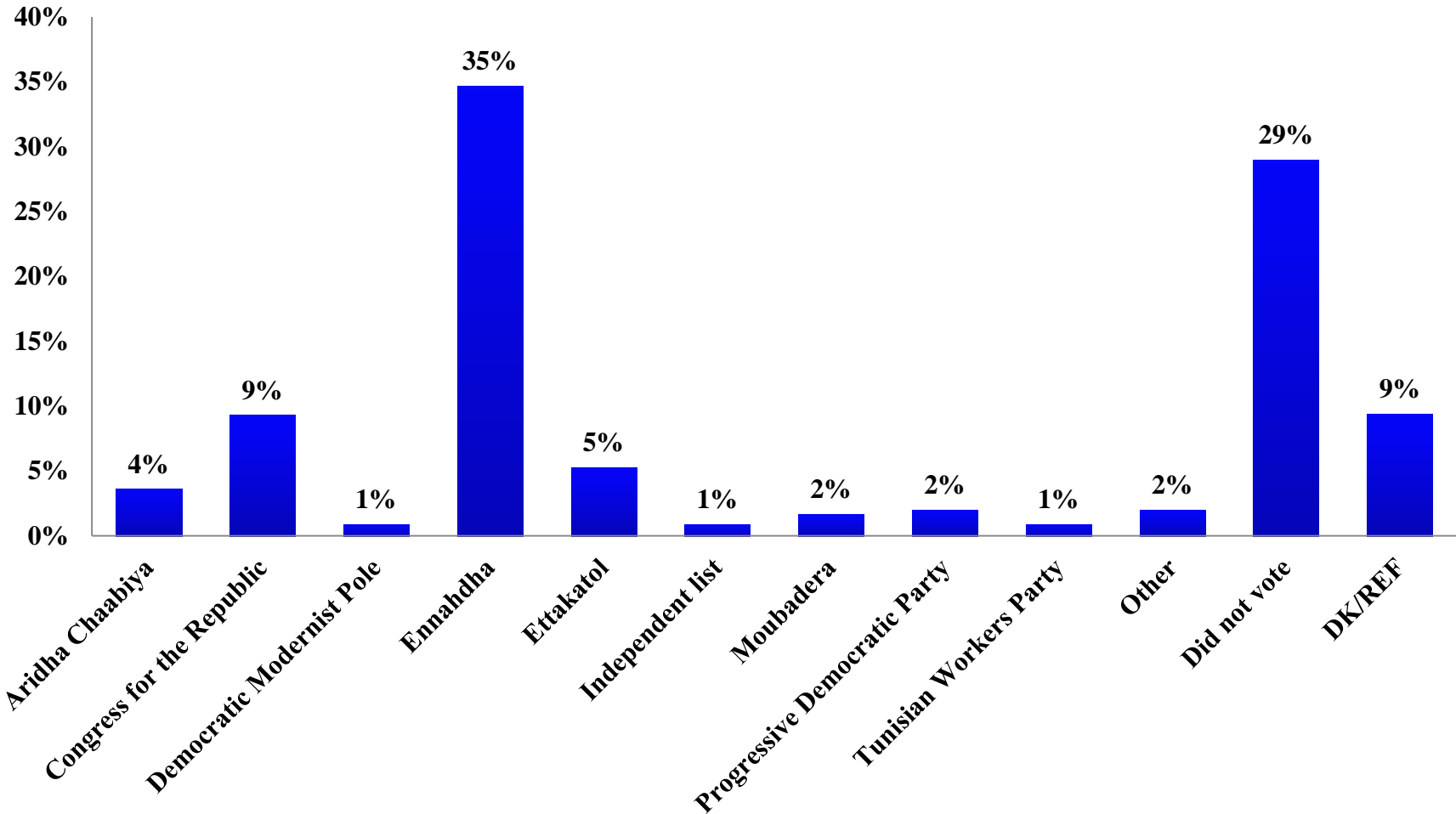
## How likely is the current government to address these issues facing Tunisia?



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

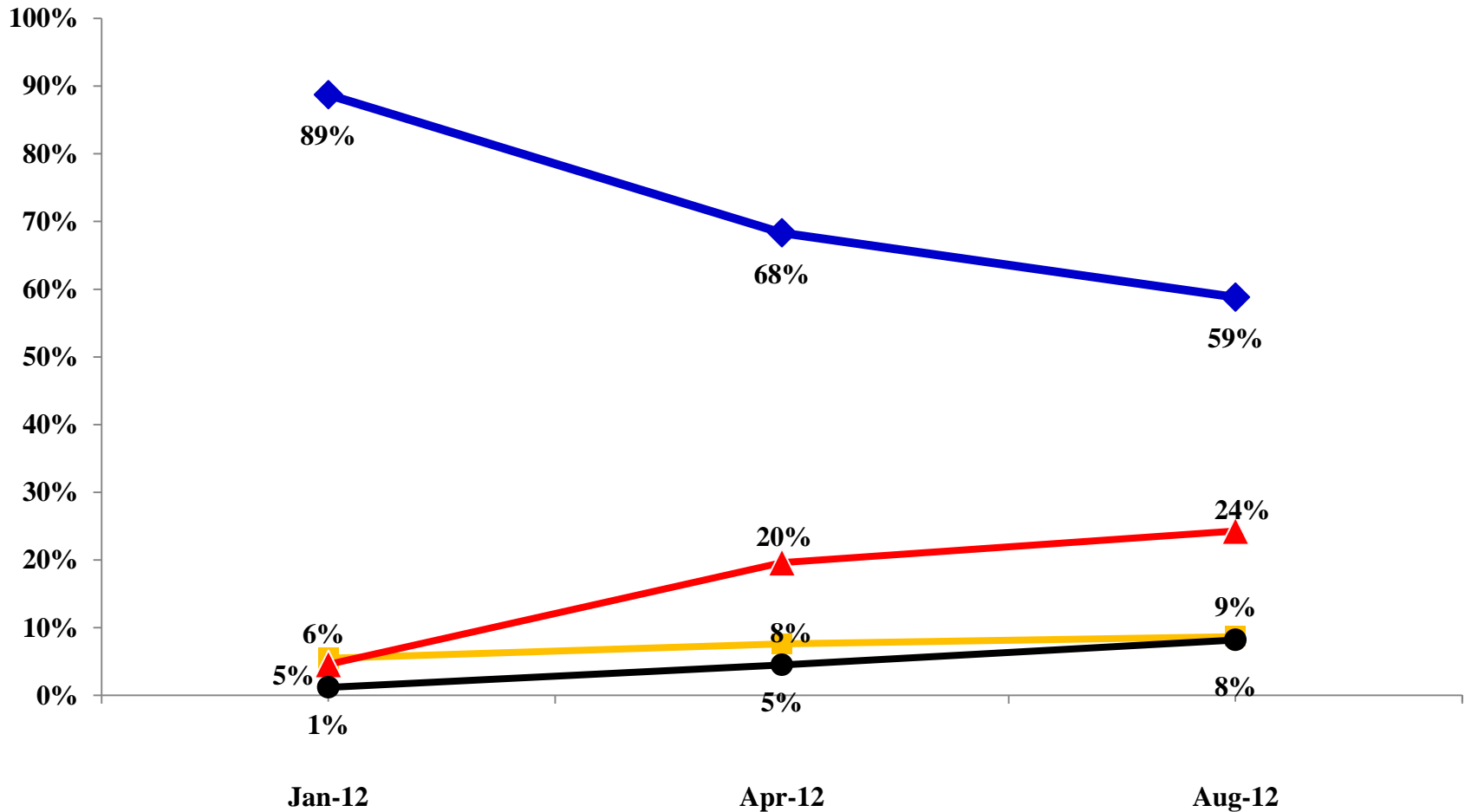


## For whom did you vote in the National Constituent Assembly elections?

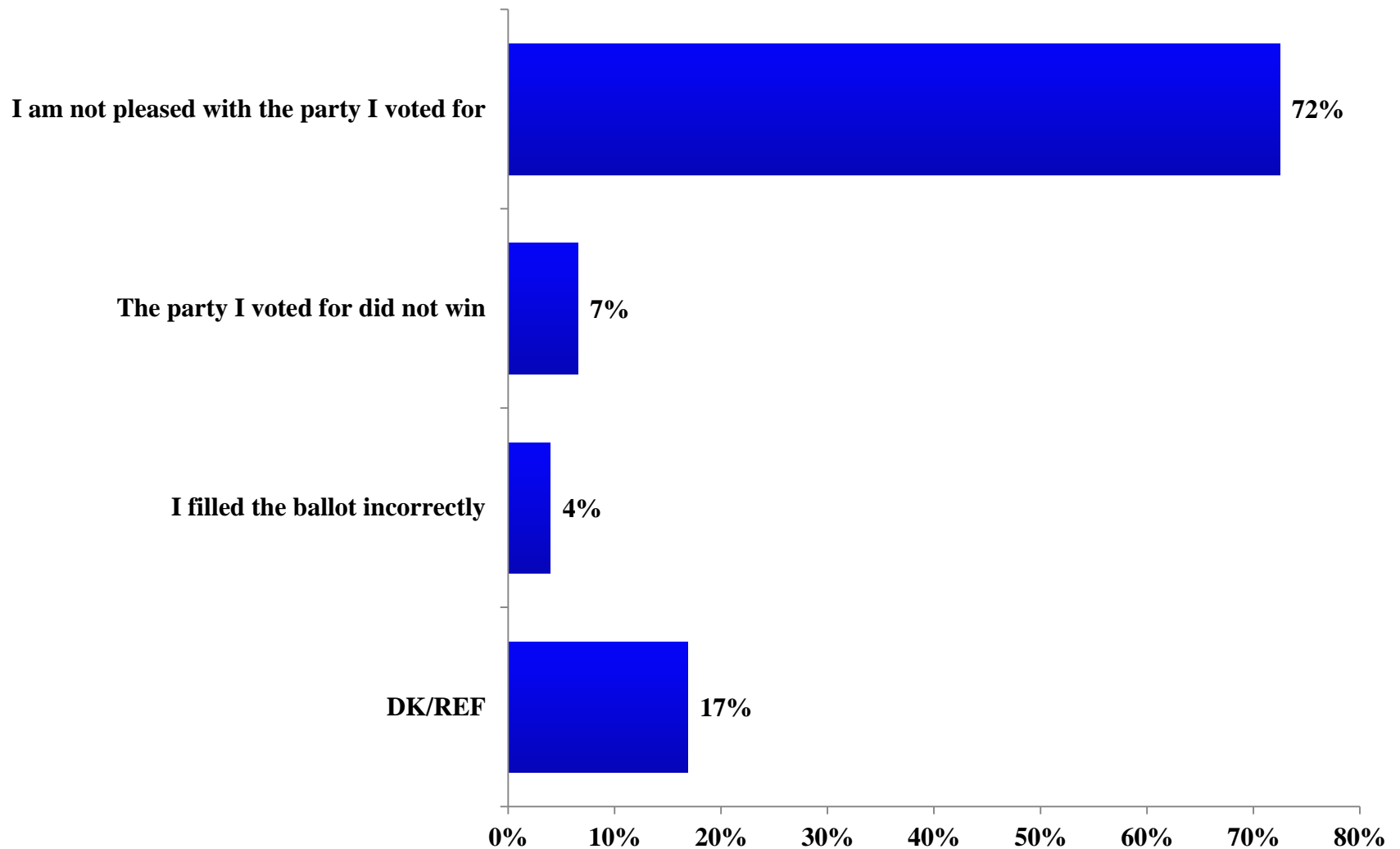


## Looking back now, would you change how you voted in the National Constituent Assembly elections? (n=908)

◆ I believe that I voted correctly     
 ■ It is too early to judge how I voted  
▲ I believe that I made the wrong choice     
 ● DK/REF

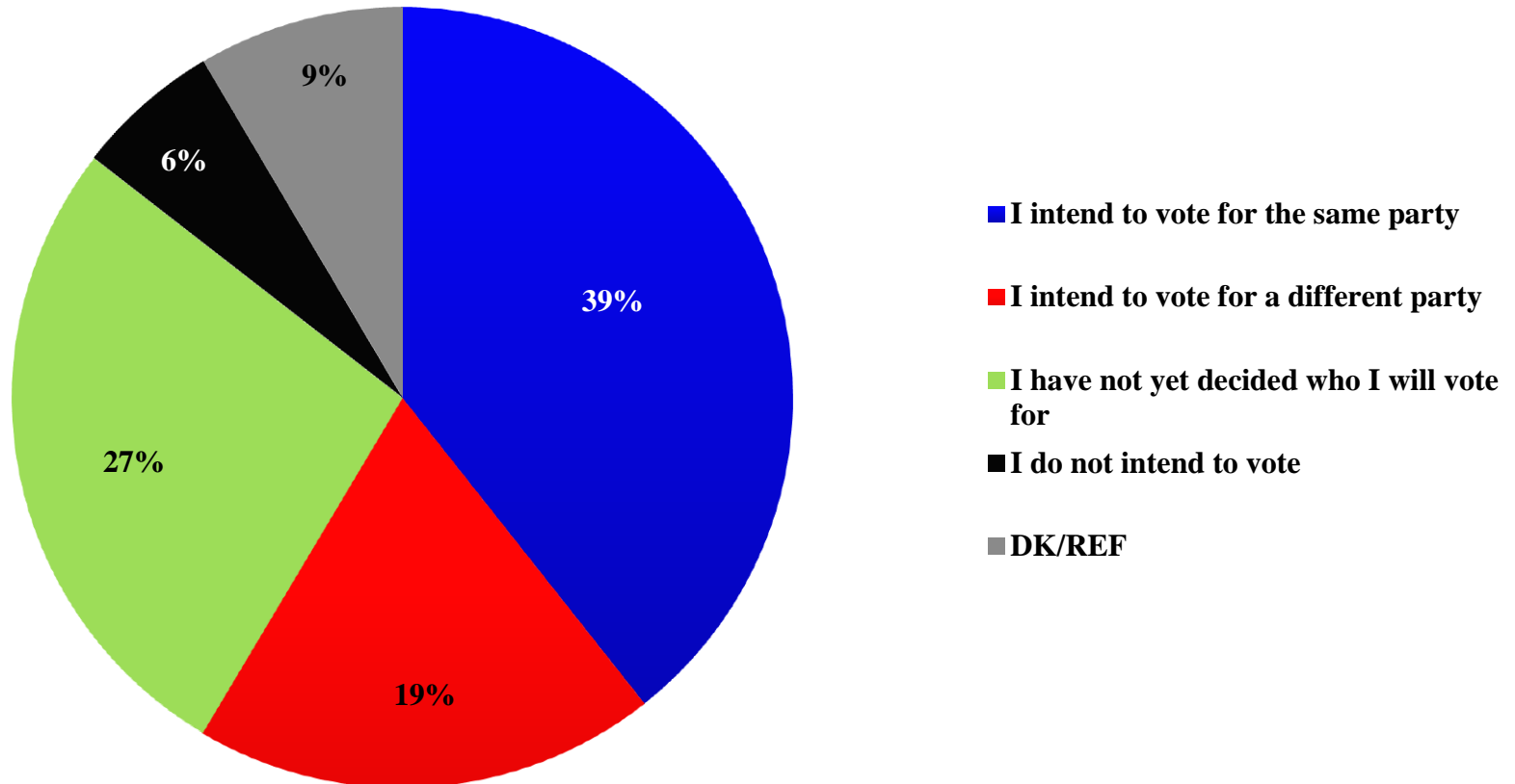


## Why do you believe you made the wrong choice? (n=232)

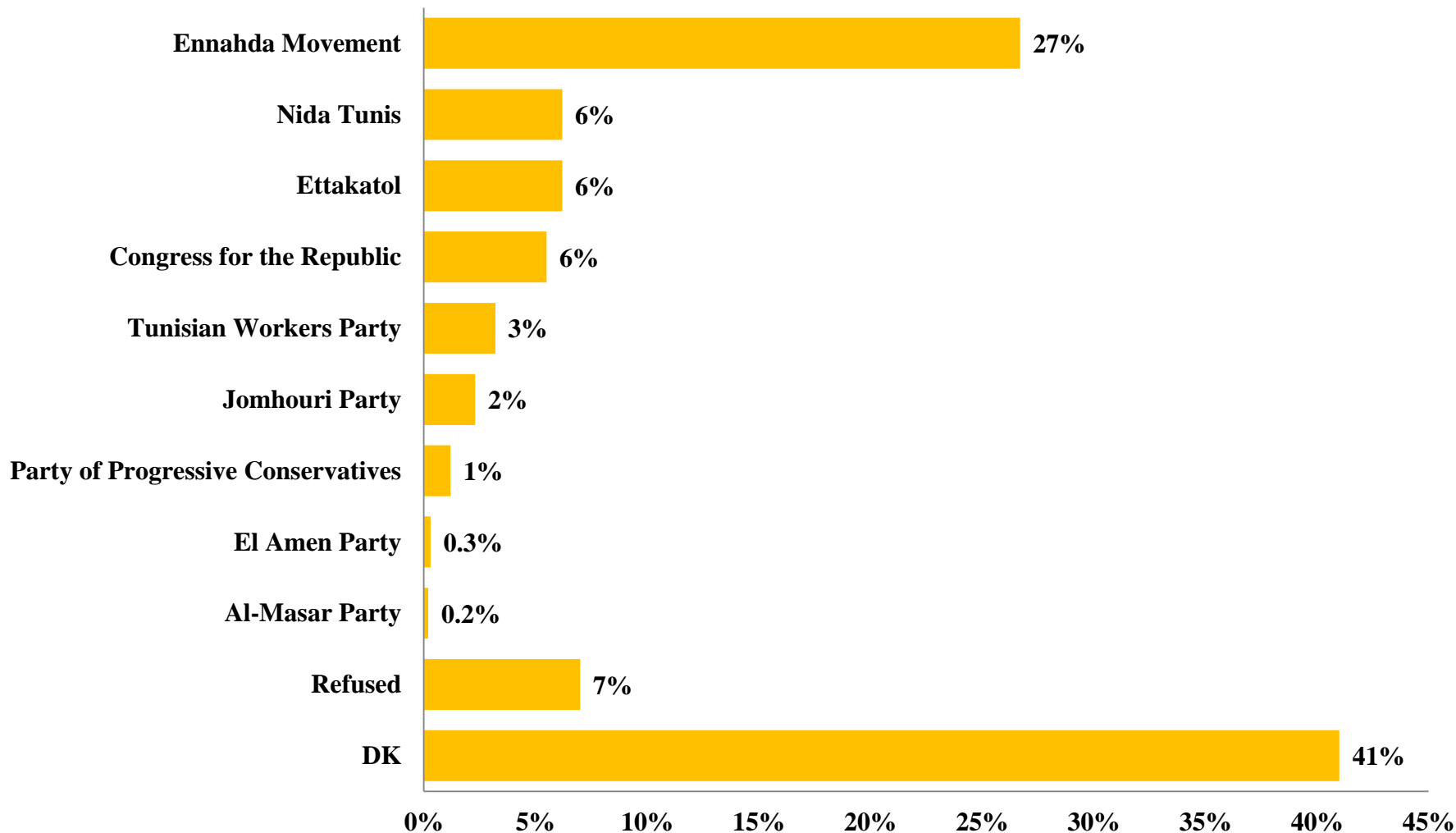




## Looking ahead to the next elections, do you intend to vote for the same party, or a different party? (n=901)

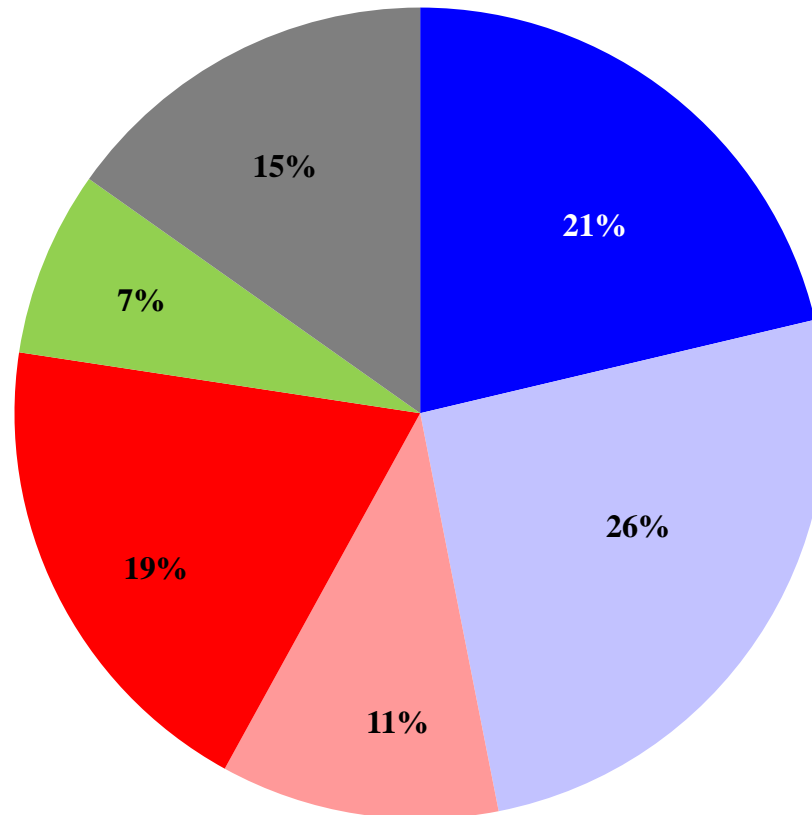


## If you had to choose from the following political parties, for whom would you vote in the next election?

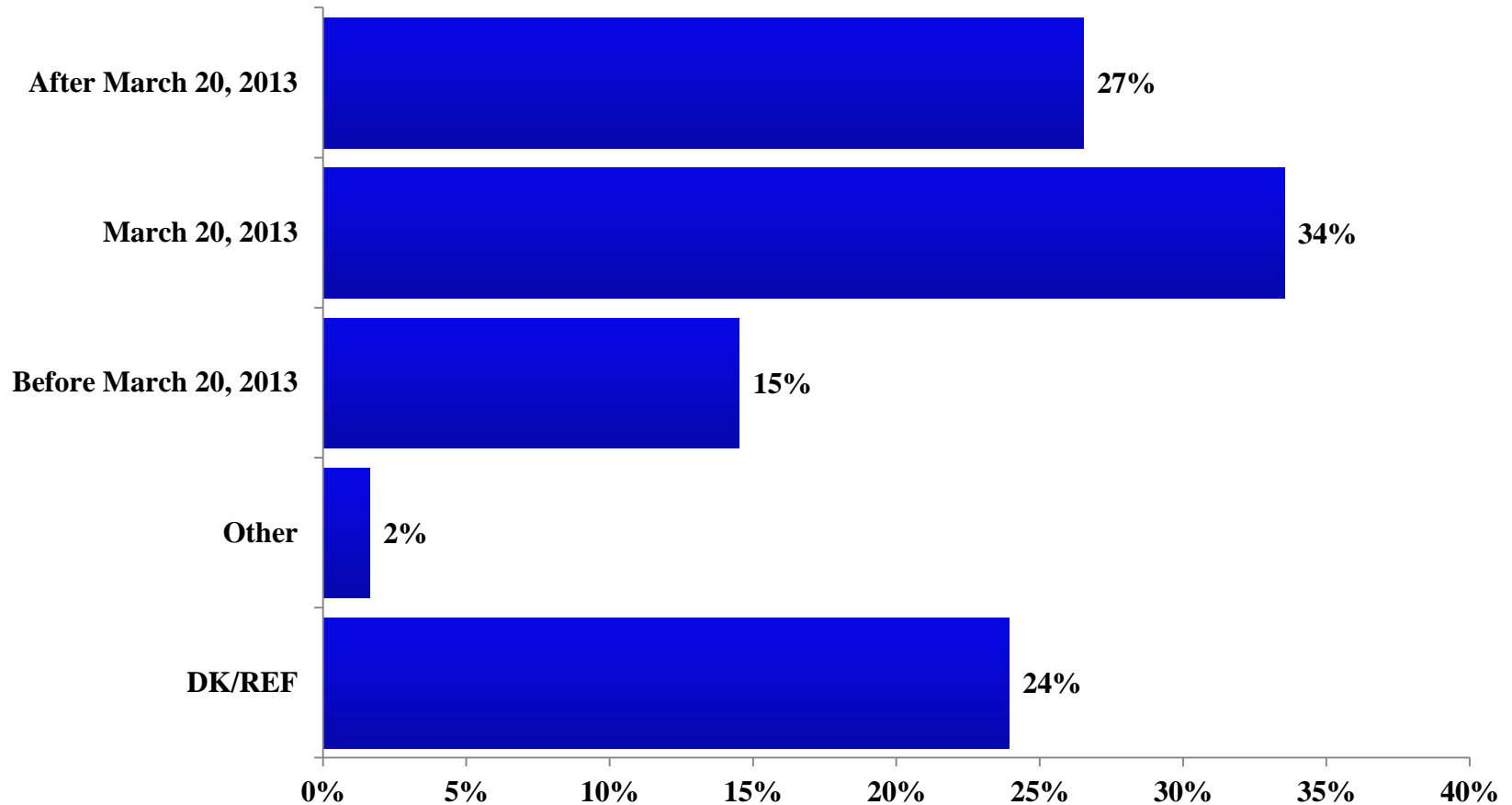


## Some political parties chose not to join the majority coalition in the National Constituent Assembly. Do you approve or disapprove of this choice, or do you have no opinion of the role of political opposition?

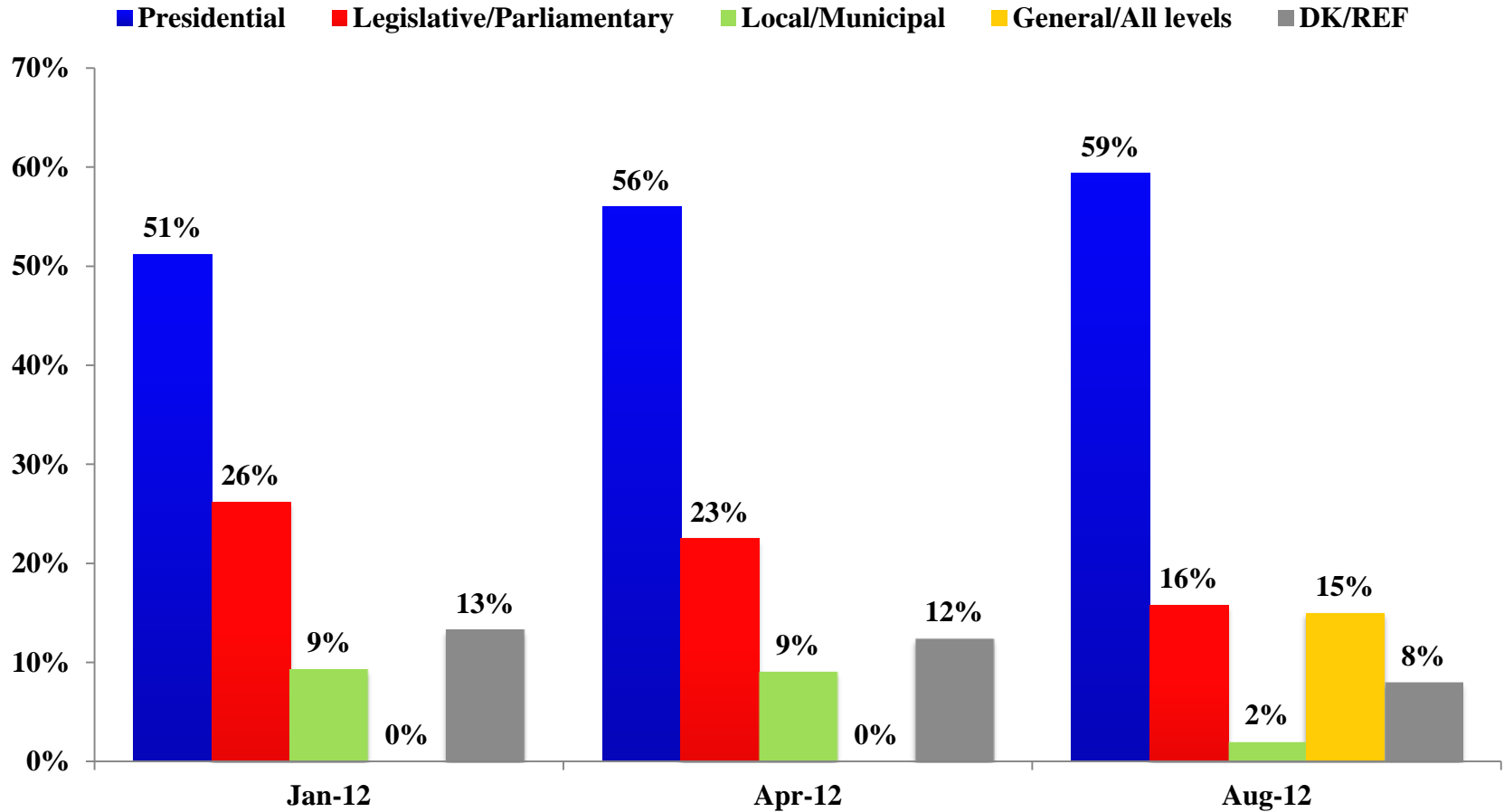
■ Strongly approve   ■ Approve   ■ Disapprove   ■ Strongly disapprove   ■ No opinion   ■ DK/REF



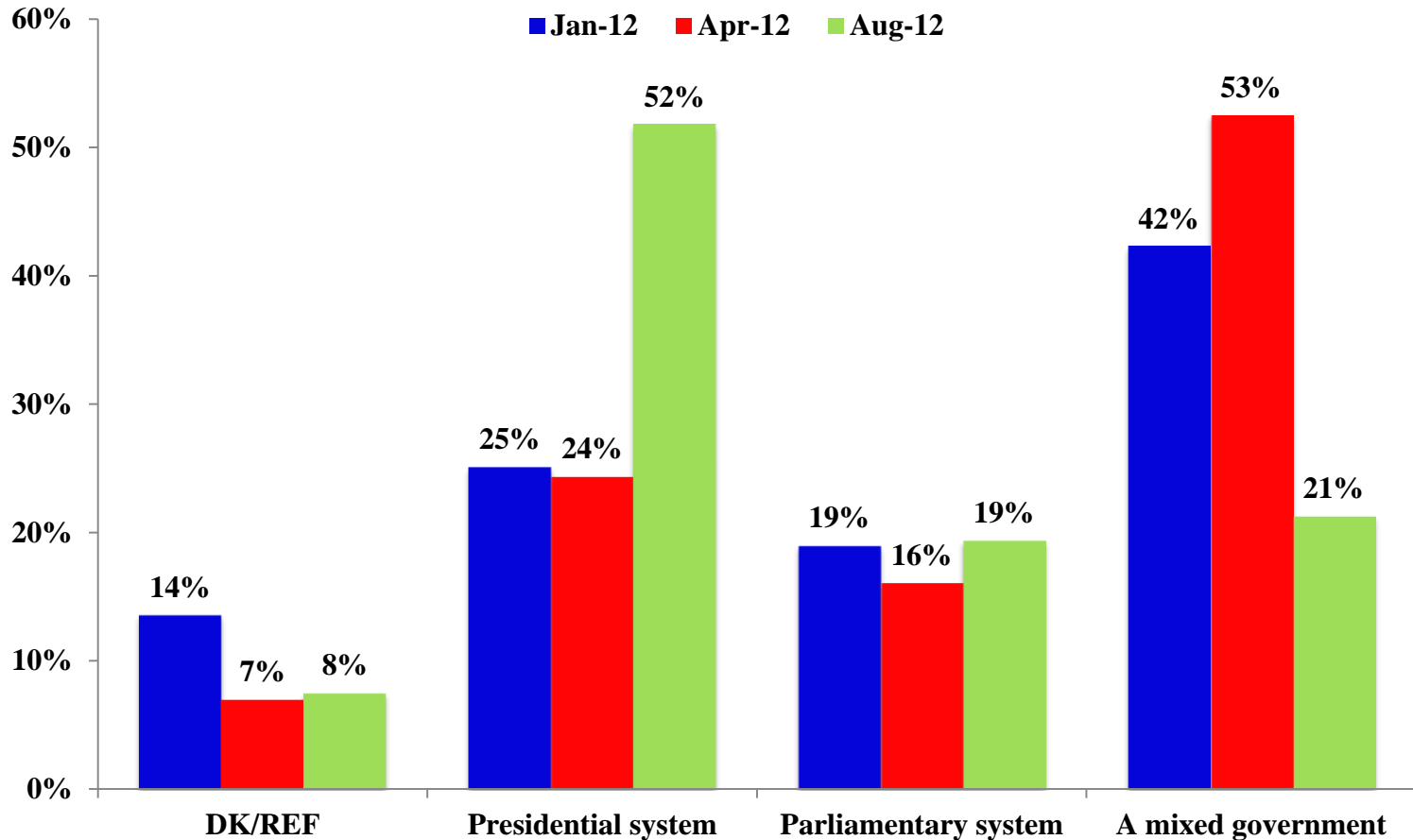
## When do you believe Tunisia's next elections will occur?



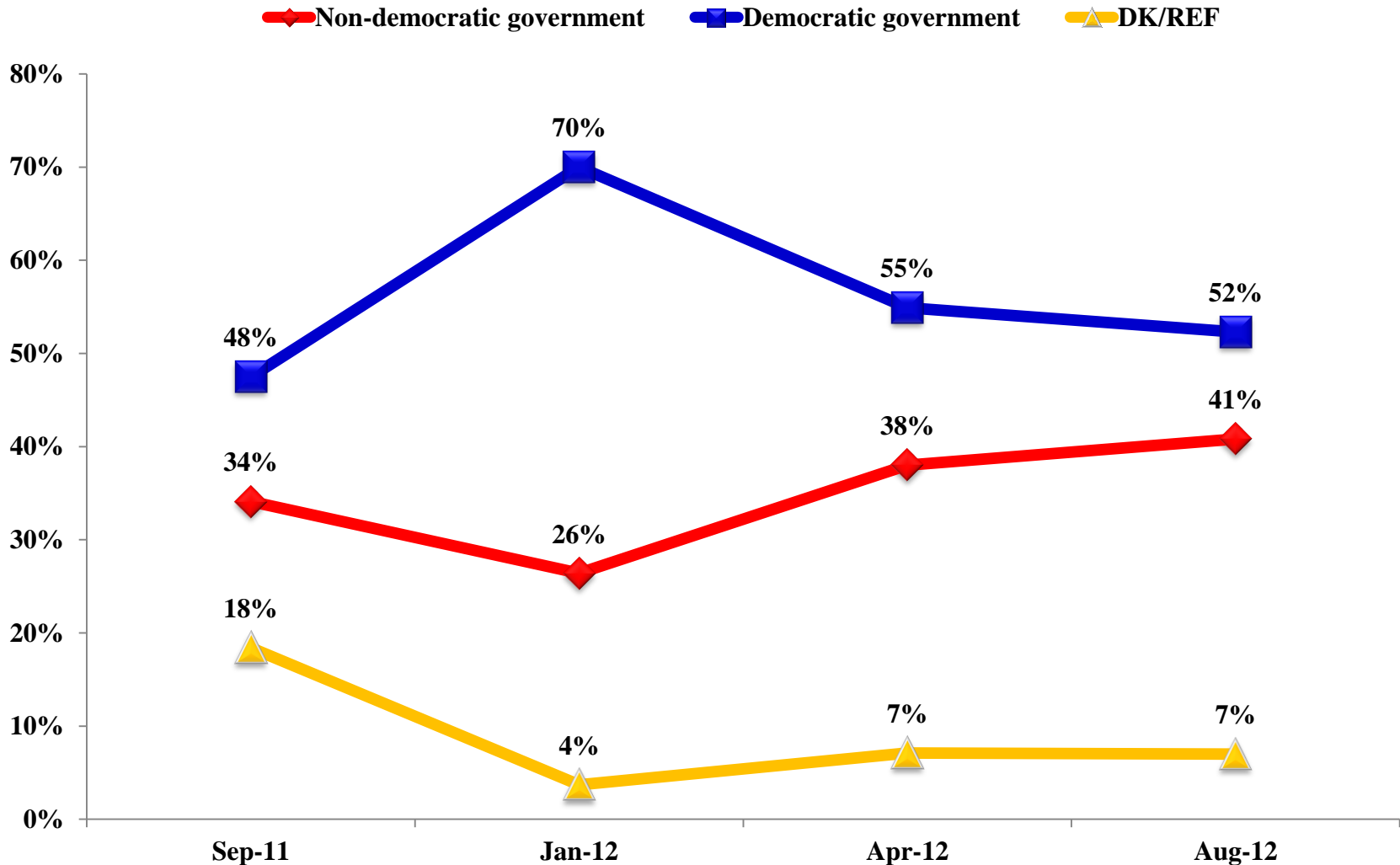
## In your opinion, what kind of elections will these be?



## If you could pick, 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?

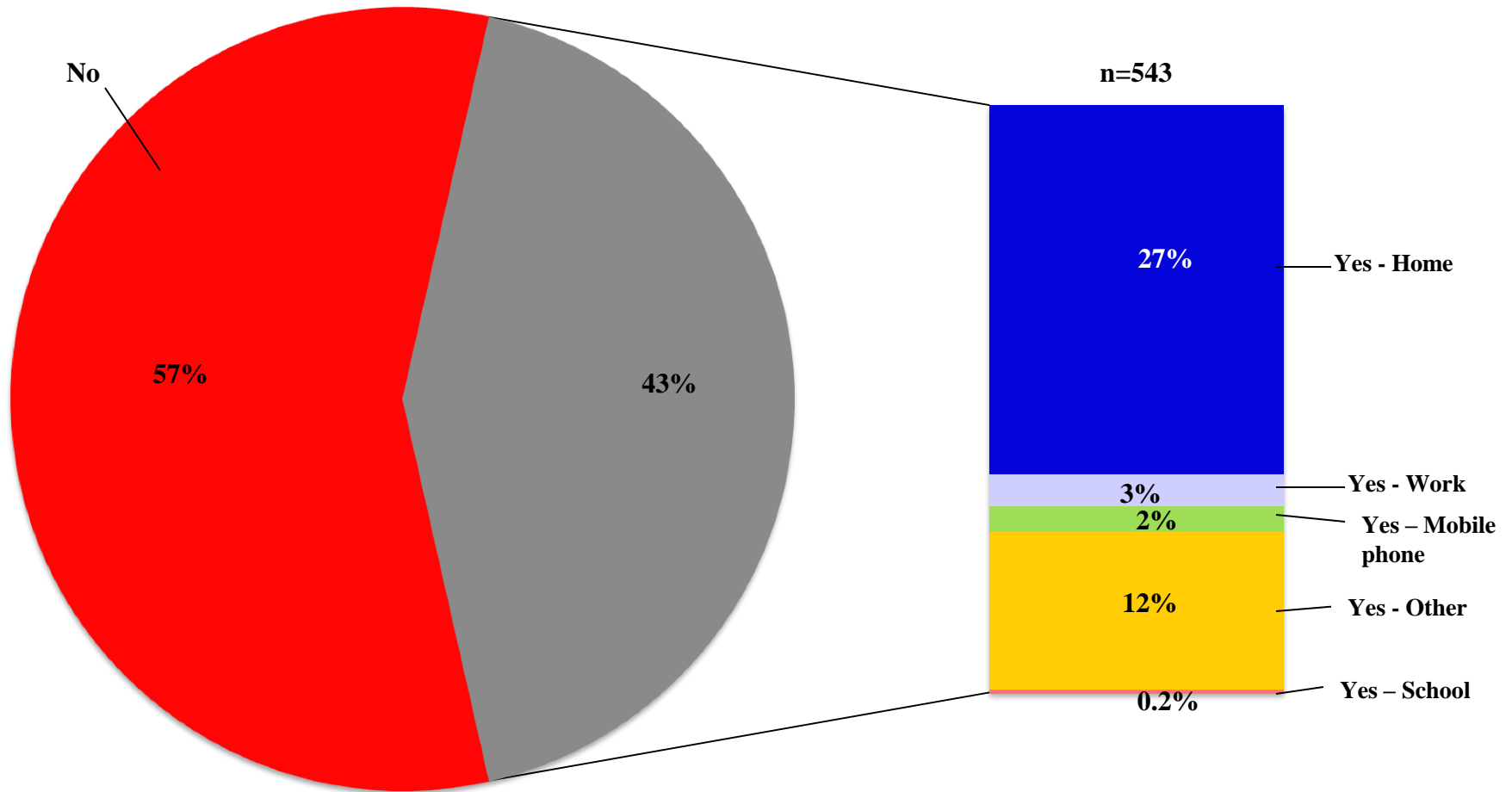


## Where are you most likely to get your local news and information?

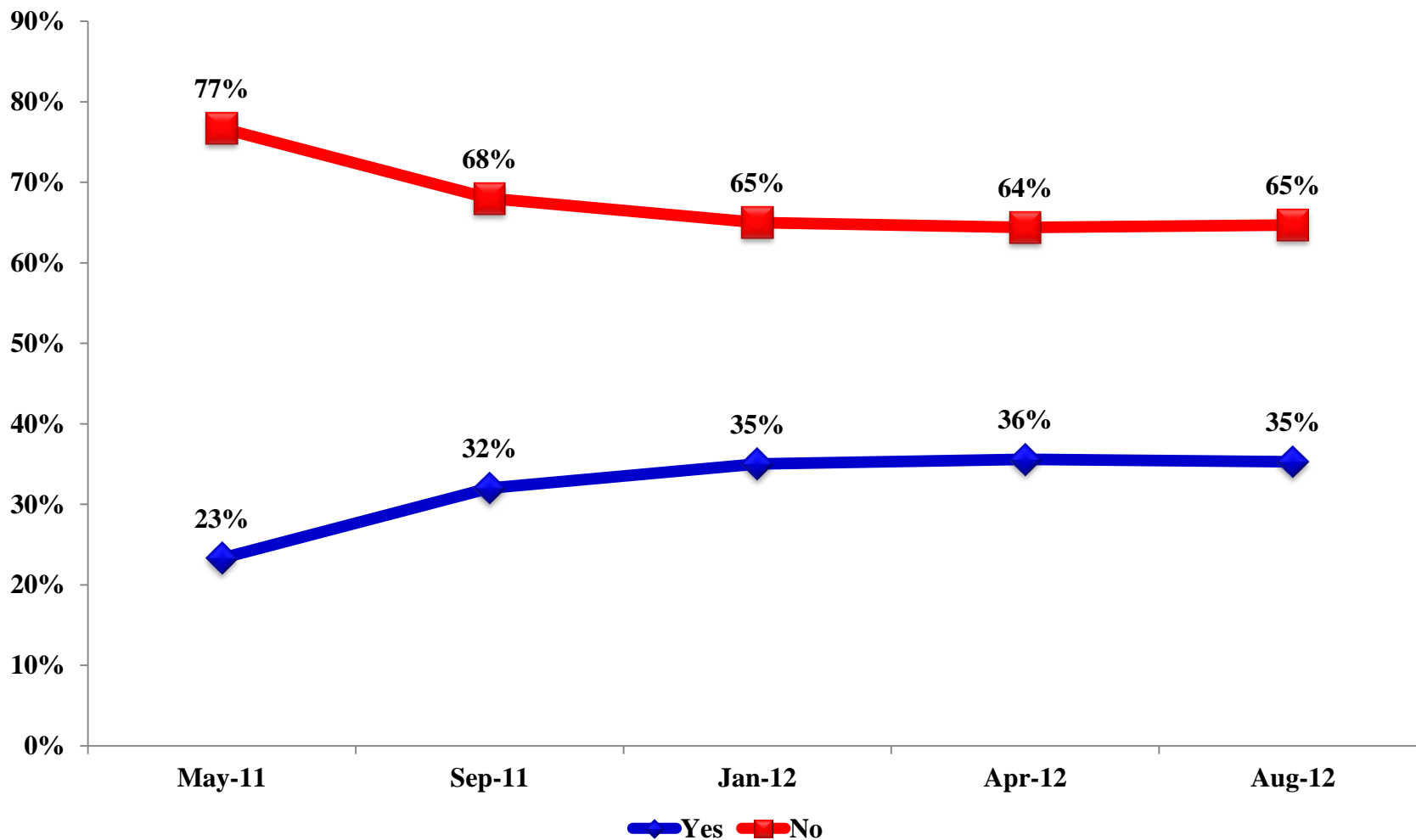
Source	First Mention	Second Mention	Third Mention	Total
Tunisian television	61%	24%	6%	91%
Radio	9%	33%	16%	57%
Newspaper	4%	11%	18%	33%
Gatherings at public places	6%	12%	14%	32%
Internet	18%	7%	4%	29%
SMS	0%	1%	0%	1%
Mosque	0%	0%	1%	1%
Other	1%	2%	4%	7%
DK/REF	1%	11%	37%	49%



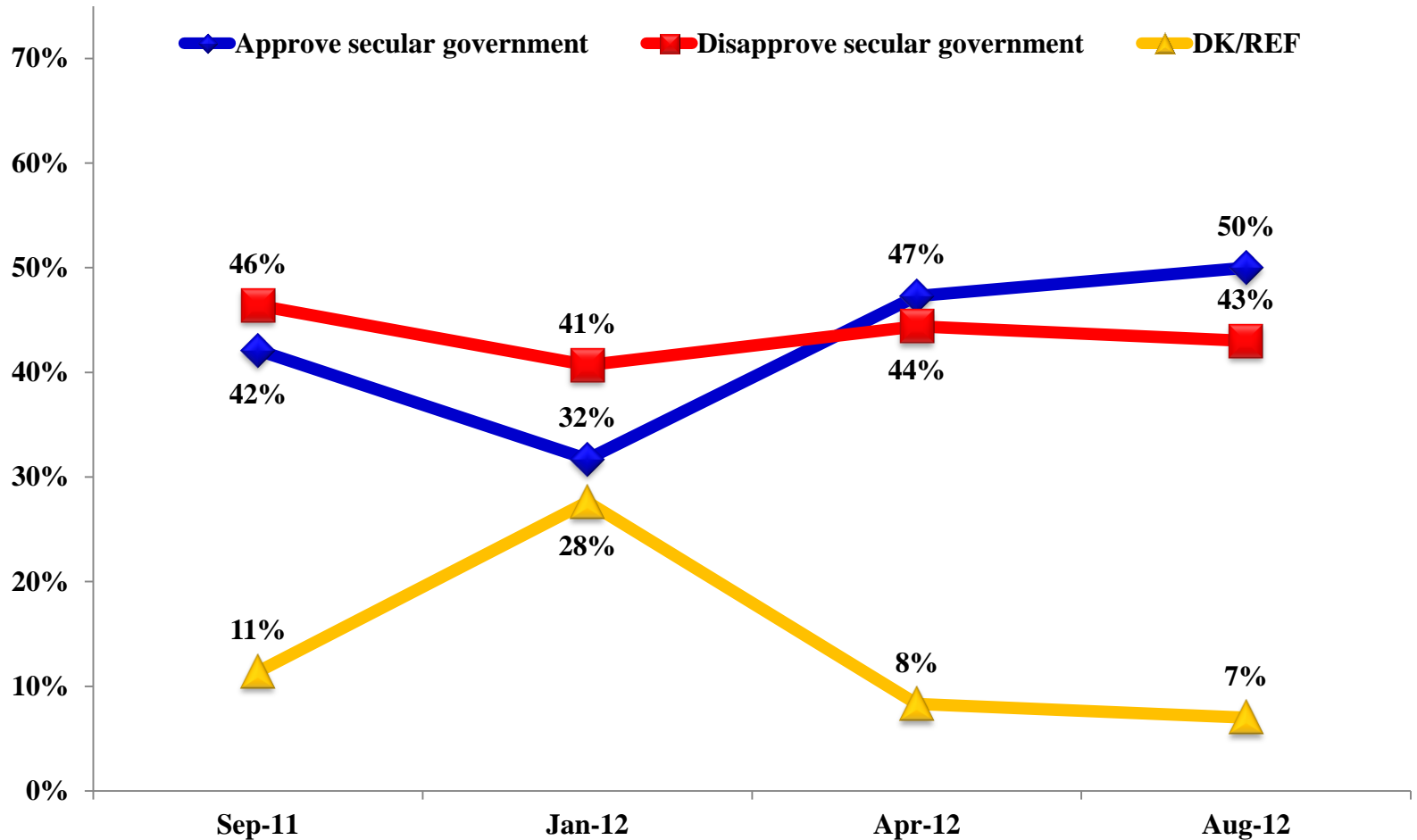
# Do you have access to the Internet? If yes, where do you usually access it?



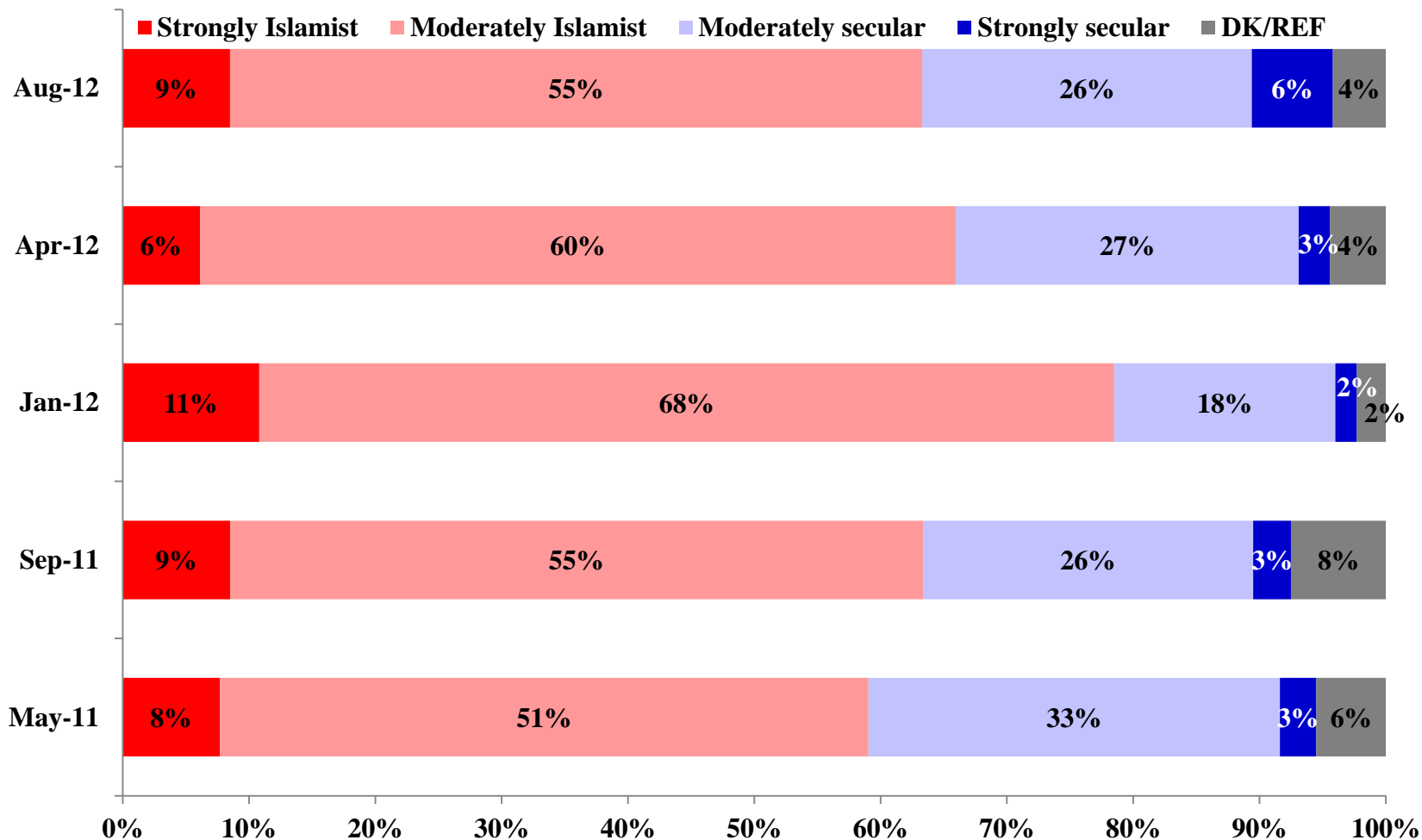
## Do you know what the difference is between a secular and a non-secular government?



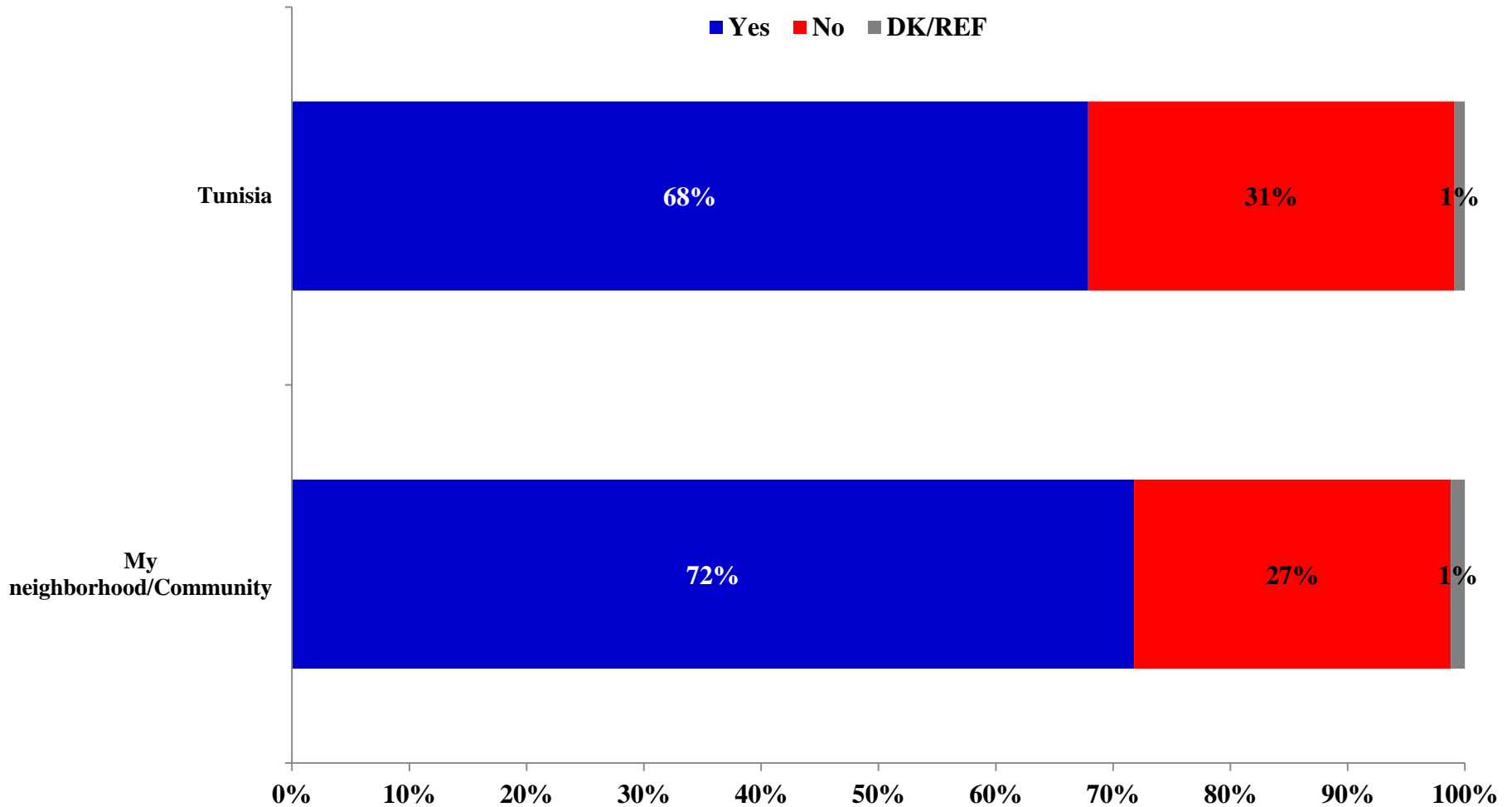
As you may already know, in a secular government, the government’s decisions on public policy and laws are made without any consideration to religion; some people refer to this as the separation of religion and state. It does not mean that the government is atheist just that no specific religious idea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



## Would you prefer to see more political parties or entities that are Islamist or secular in the National Constituent Assembly?



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



## In your opinion, what role should civil society organizations play in Tunisia?

