

# Survey of Public Opinion South Sudan's Greater Equatoria Region

*May 21-June 15, 2012*



# Survey Methodology

- The International Republican Institute (IRI) undertook a poll in the three states of South Sudan's Greater Equatoria region which includes the states of Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria and Western Equatoria. Analysis, supervision and execution of the poll was performed by Opinion Research Business (ORB), an international opinion research firm. Fieldwork management was done by Samahi Research, a private South Sudanese research consultancy.
- Data was collected via face-to-face interviews from May 21 - June 15, 2012.
- The population studied was adults ages 18 and older. A representative random sample was designed based on the latest population estimates reported in the 2010 Statistical Yearbook for South Sudan.
- The survey employed probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling methodology. The population of Greater Equatoria was stratified by county. Enumeration areas within each county were selected using PPS; households within each enumeration area were then identified using a random walk method and a skip pattern; respondents were randomly chosen within households using a Kish grid. Every other interview was conducted with a female to achieve 50 percent gender parity.
- The questionnaire was offered in Juba Arabic, English, Bari, Zande and Toposa.

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- The margin of error is +/- 2.5 percent. The margin of error for subsets (i.e. tribes/age/education, etc.) is significantly higher and should be treated as indicative only.
- This report contains Greater Equatoria data from [IRI's September 2011 poll](#) to provide comparison. The margin of error for the September 2011 data is +/- 3.7 percent, unless otherwise stated.
- The overall response rate (defined as the number of successful interviews divided by eligible houses visited) is 57 percent. To complete 1,547 interviews, 2,698 households were contacted.
- Due to rounding and multiple response questions, not all percentages add up to 100. Unless otherwise stated, all questions N=1,547. Because the survey met key demographic indicators (state/county) and quotas (gender), no weighting was necessary during data analysis
- The poll was conducted with funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

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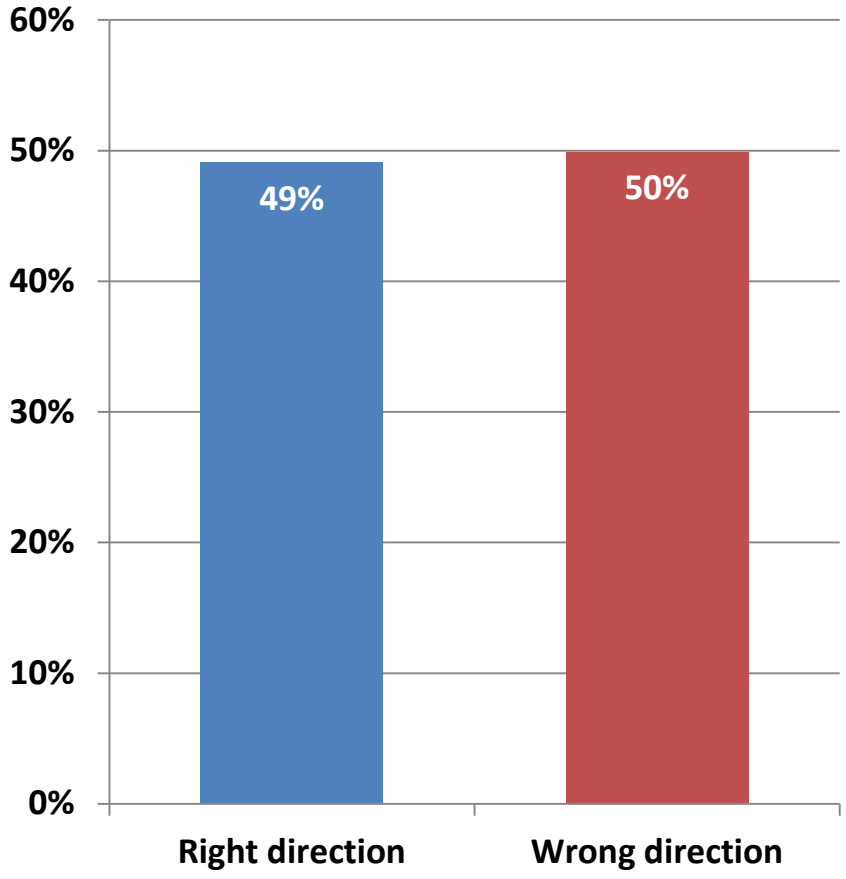
Survey statistics: Sample equals 1,547 interviews; Survey margin of error +/- 2.5%

State	Sample Size	Percent	Margin of Error
Central Equatoria	629	41%	3.9%
Western Equatoria	395	25%	4.9%
Eastern Equatoria	523	34%	4.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

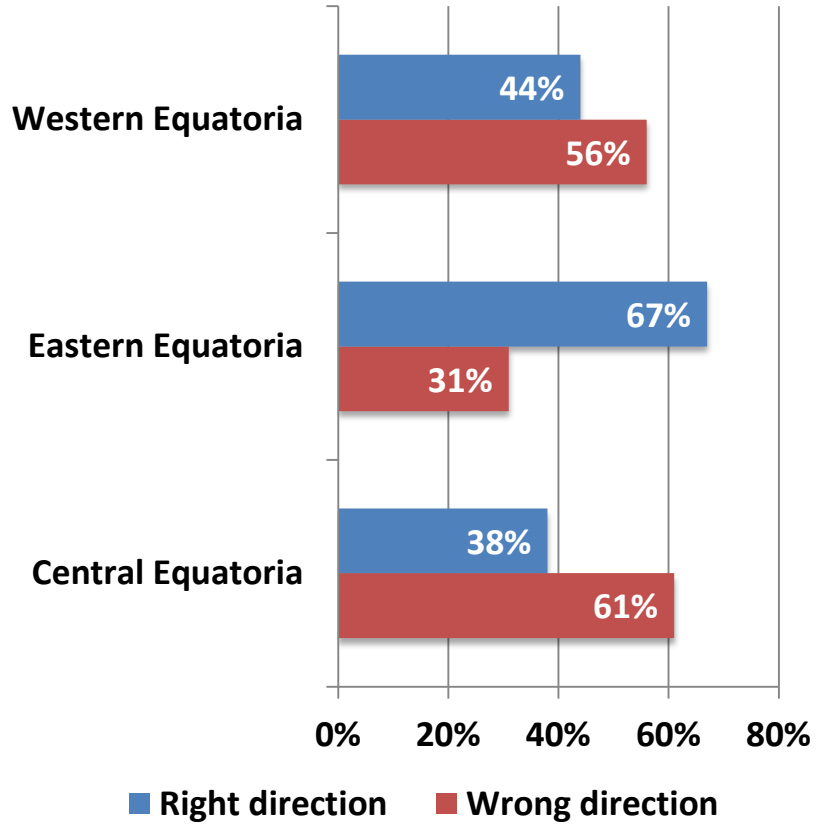
# General Environment

# Do you feel that South Sudan is generally heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

*Greater Equatoria*

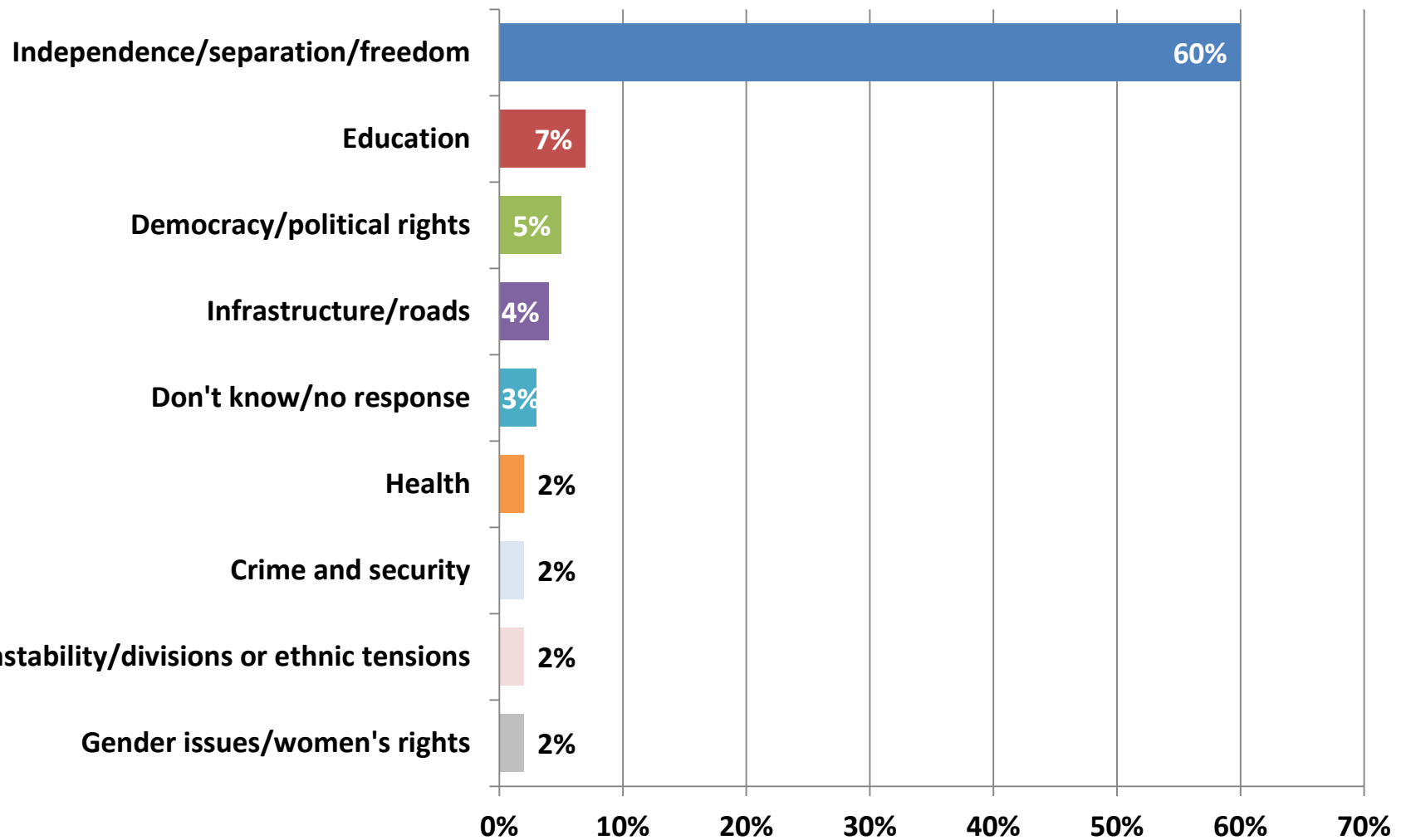


*By State*



# Why do you say that the country is heading in the right direction?

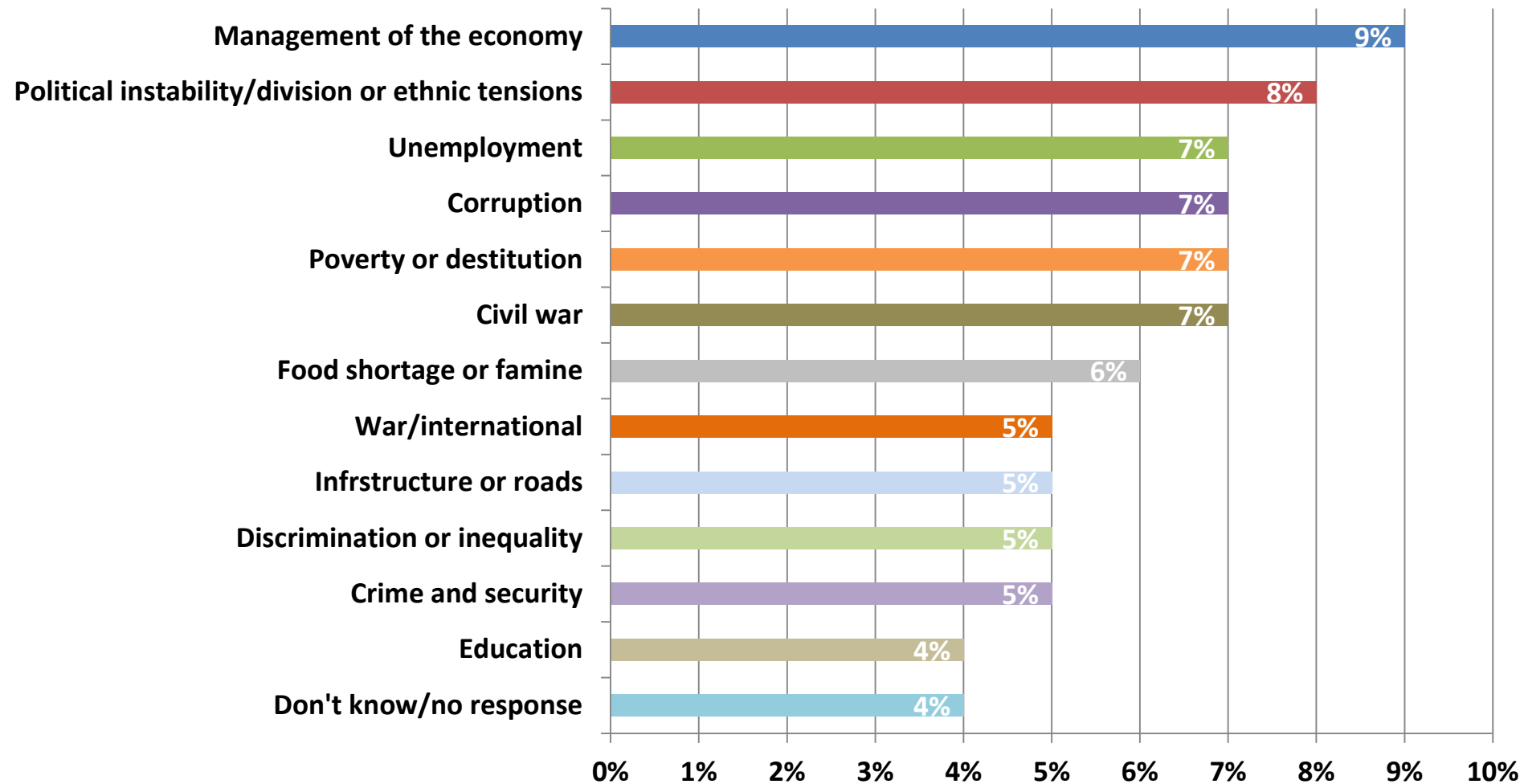
Open-ended, Top 9 Responses, N=760



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# Why do you say that the country is heading in the wrong direction?

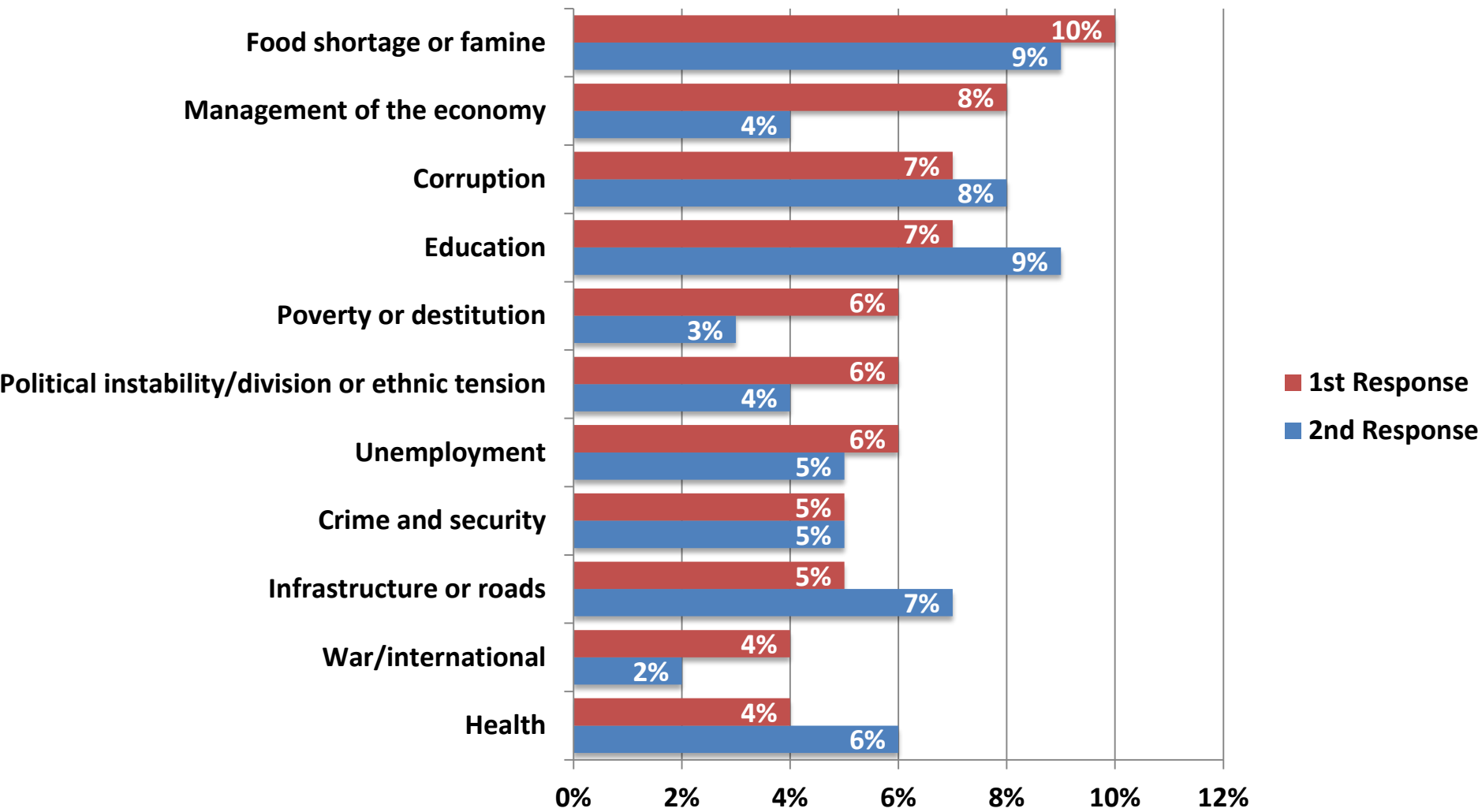
Open-ended, Top 13 Responses, N=771



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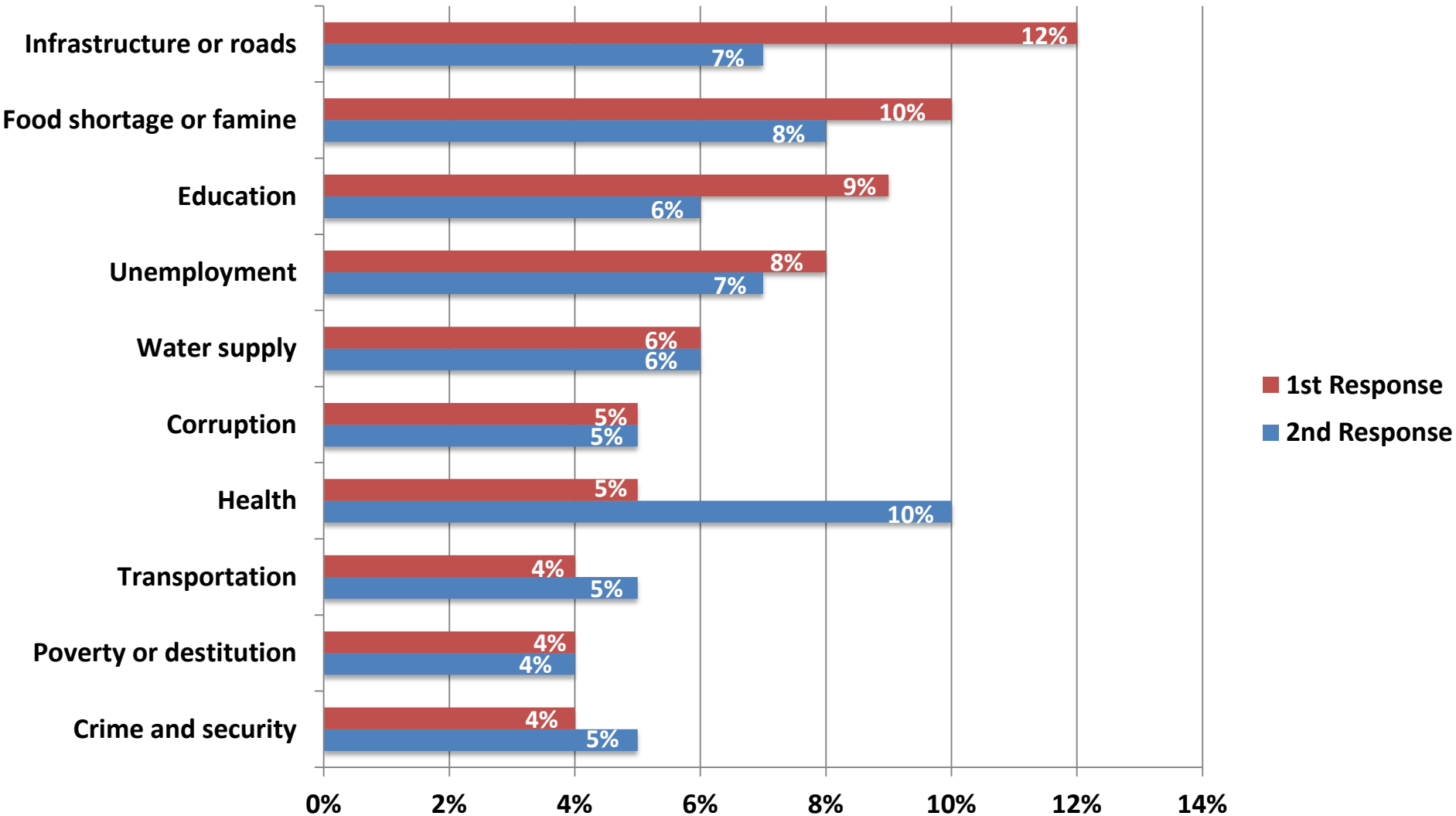


# What do you think is the most important problem facing this country?



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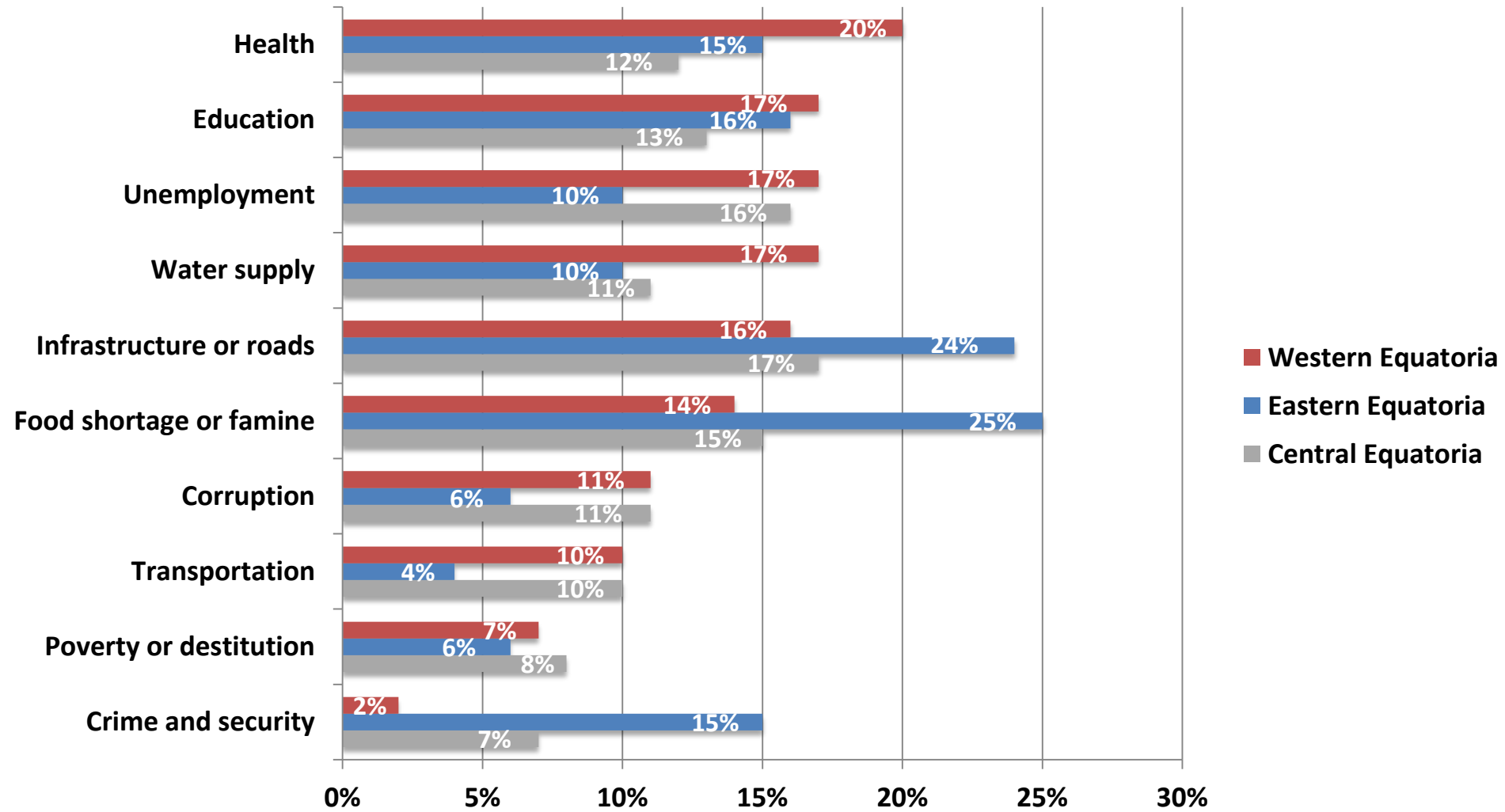
# What do you think is the most important problem facing your state?



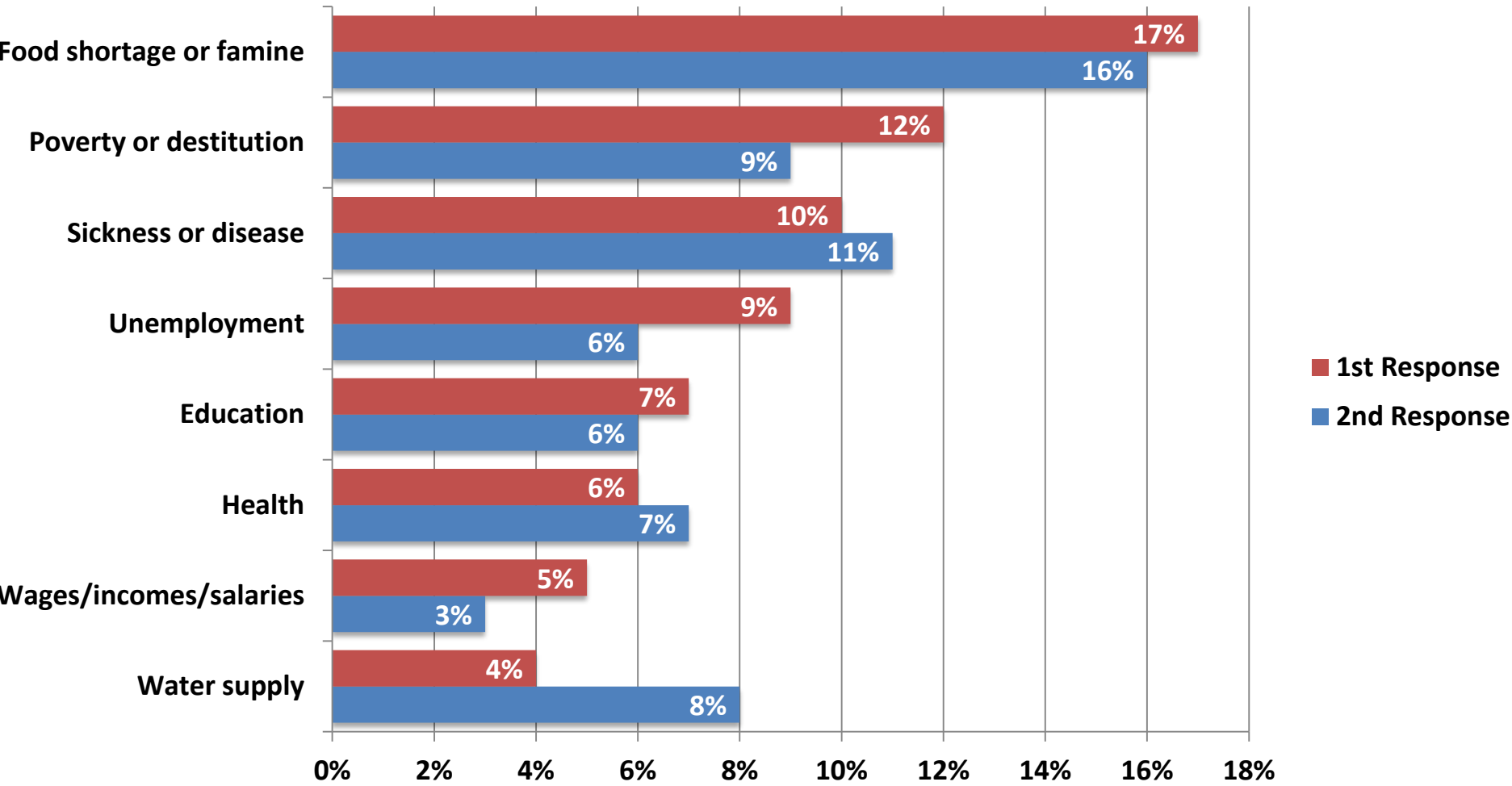
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# What do you think is the most important problem facing your state?

*Sum of First and Second Responses, by State*



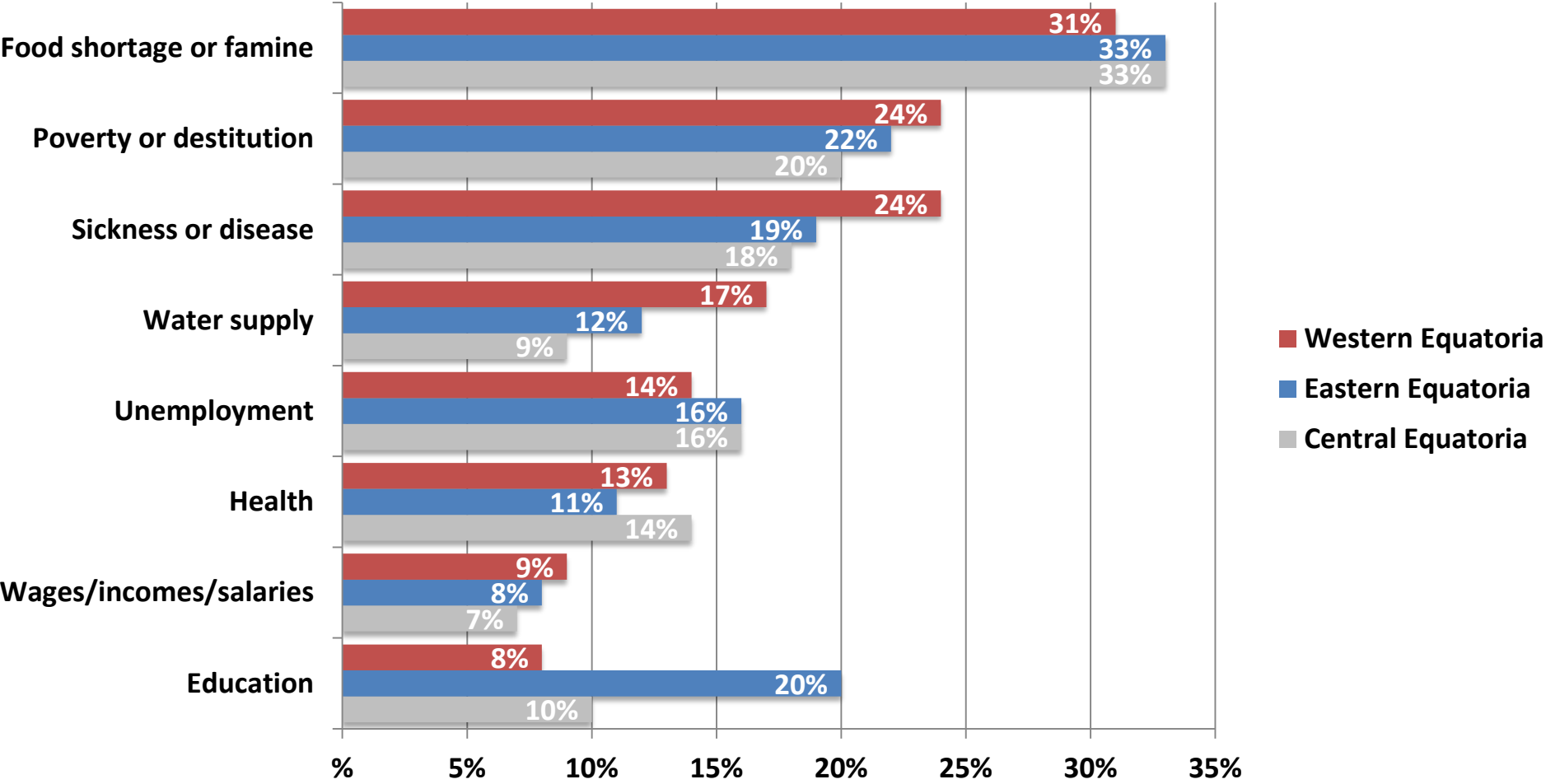
# What do you think is the biggest issue or concern that most impacts your daily life or family?



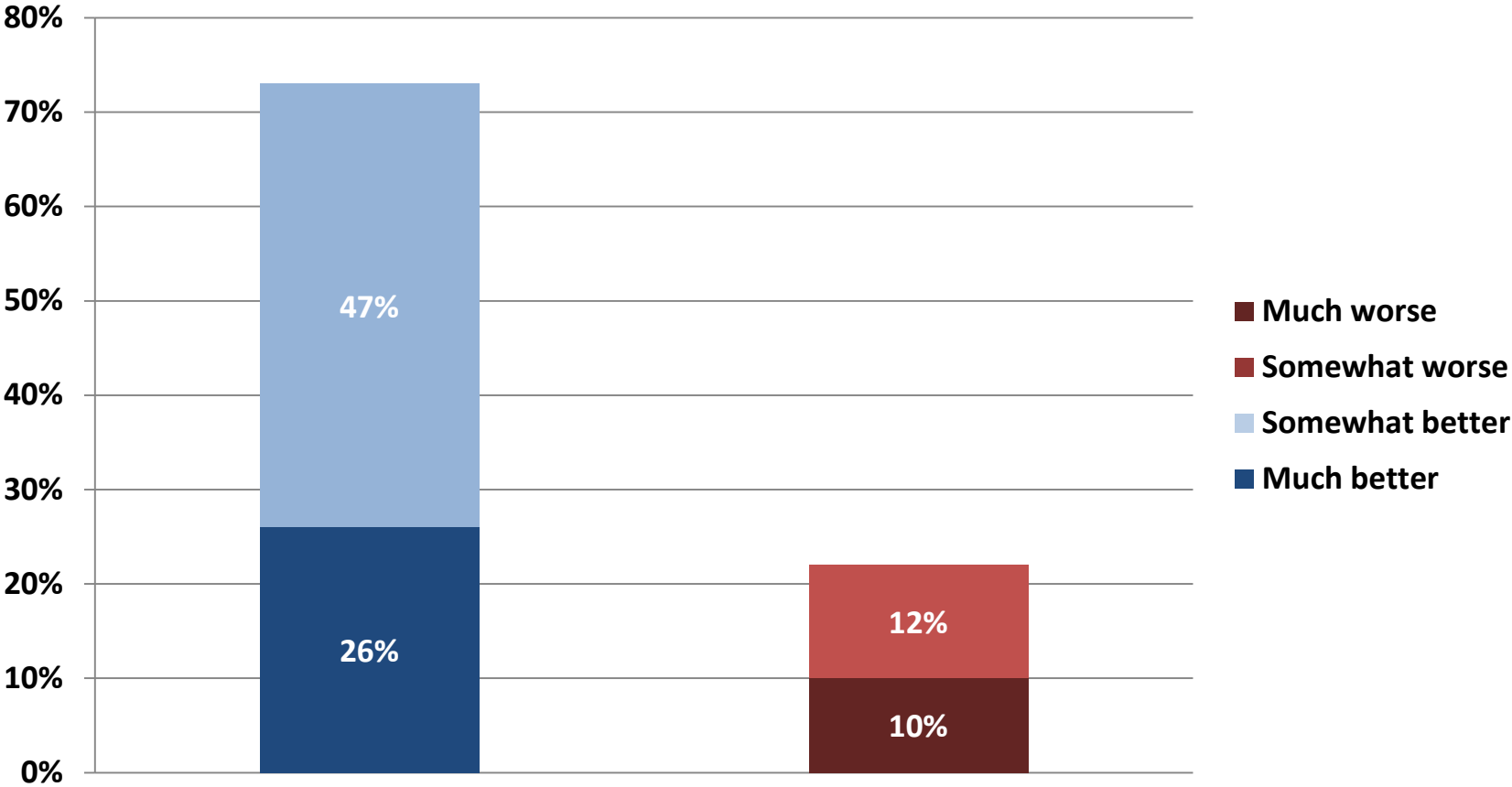
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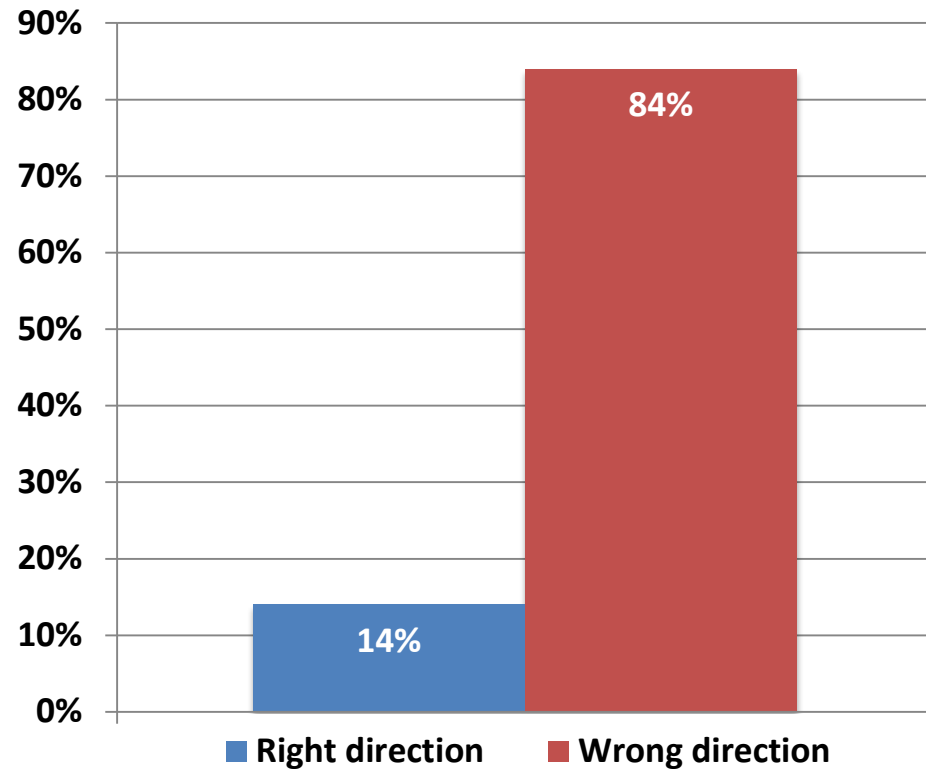
# Generally speaking, do you think Equatorians are better off or worse off than South Sudanese who live in other regions?



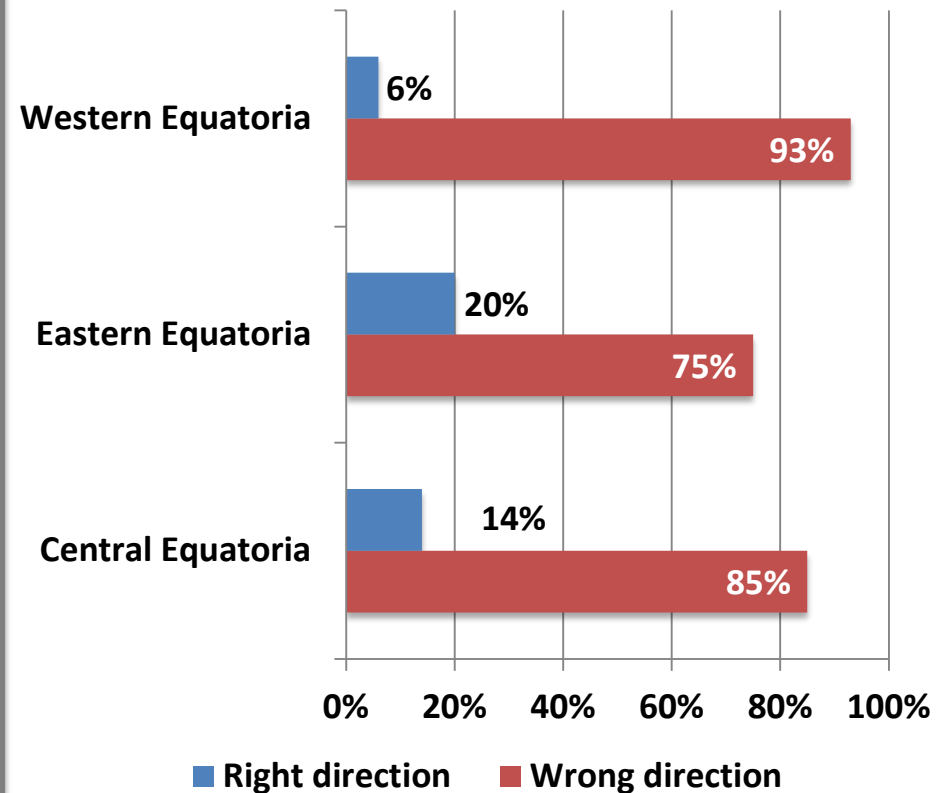
**Economy**

# Do you feel that the economy of South Sudan is generally heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

*Greater Equatoria*



*By State*

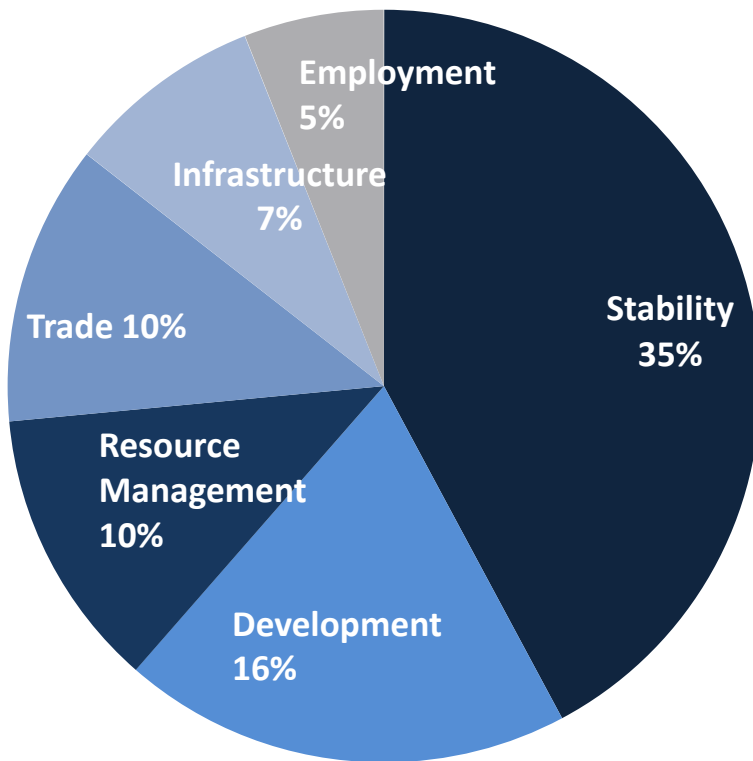




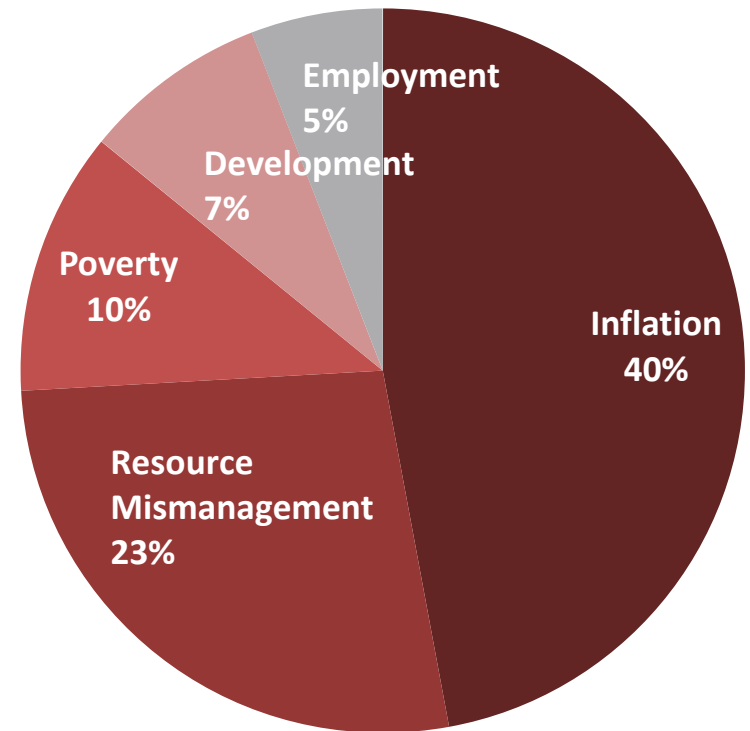
# Why do you think that the economy is heading in the right direction/wrong direction?

*Open-ended*

**Right Direction**  
Top 6 Responses, N=211

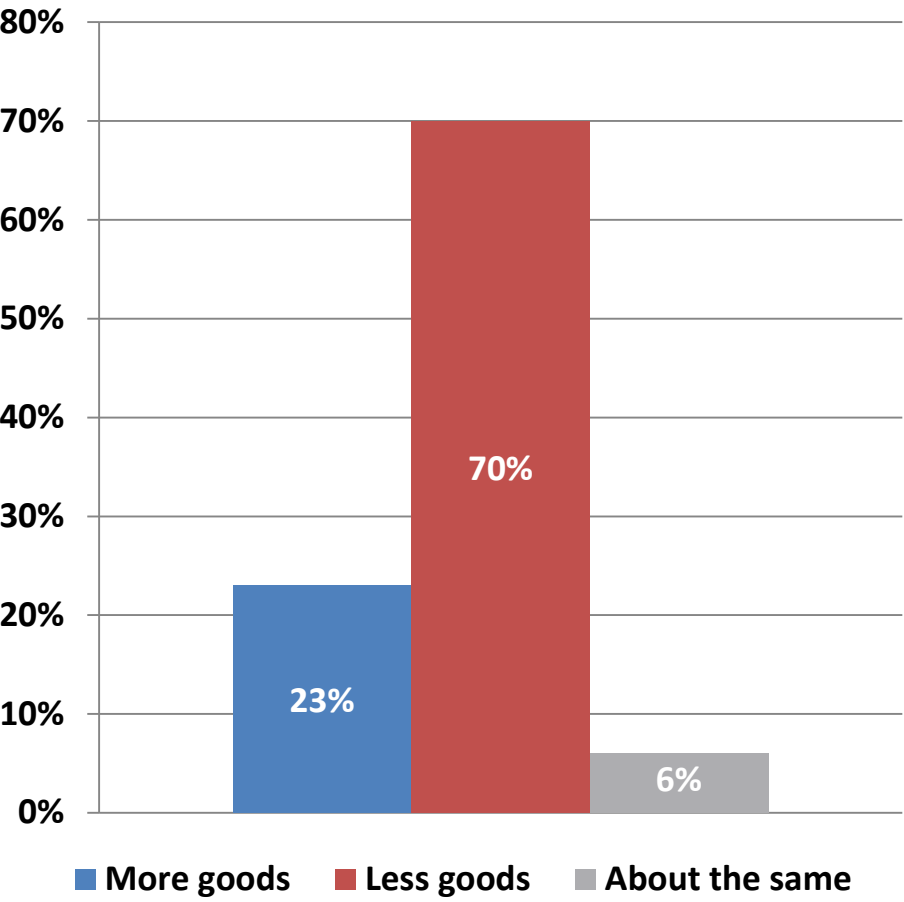


**Wrong Direction**  
Top 5 Responses, N=1,293

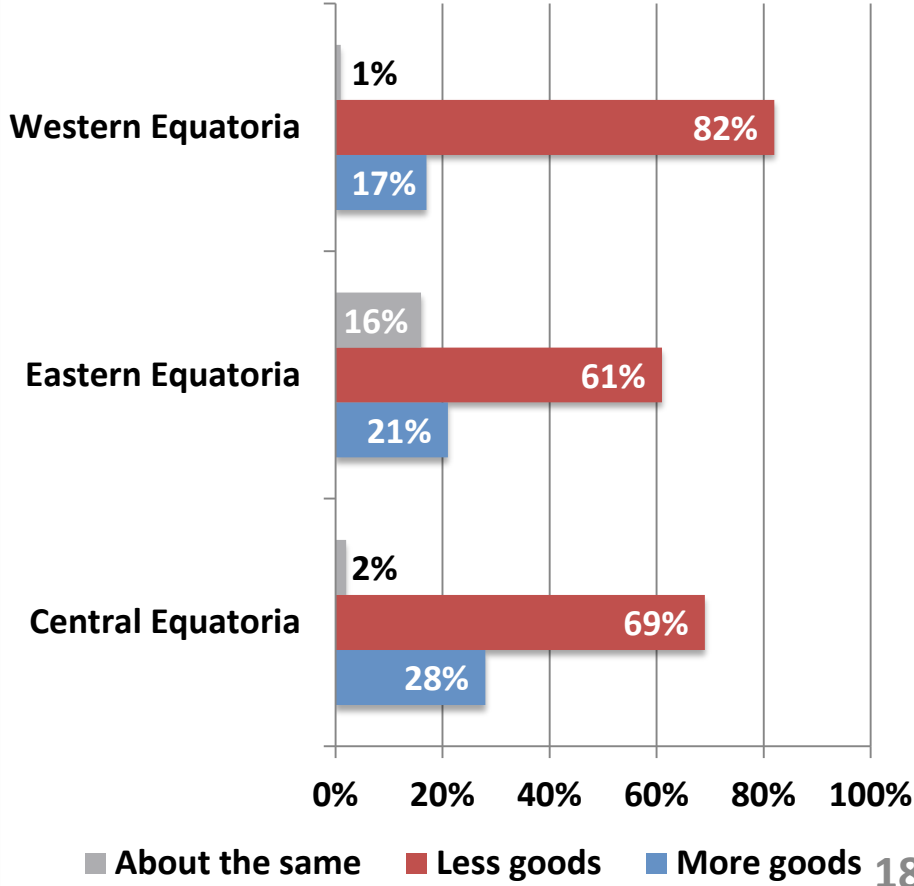


# Thinking about your local market, would you say there are more goods, less goods or about the same amount of goods available now compared to this time last year?

*Greater Equatoria*

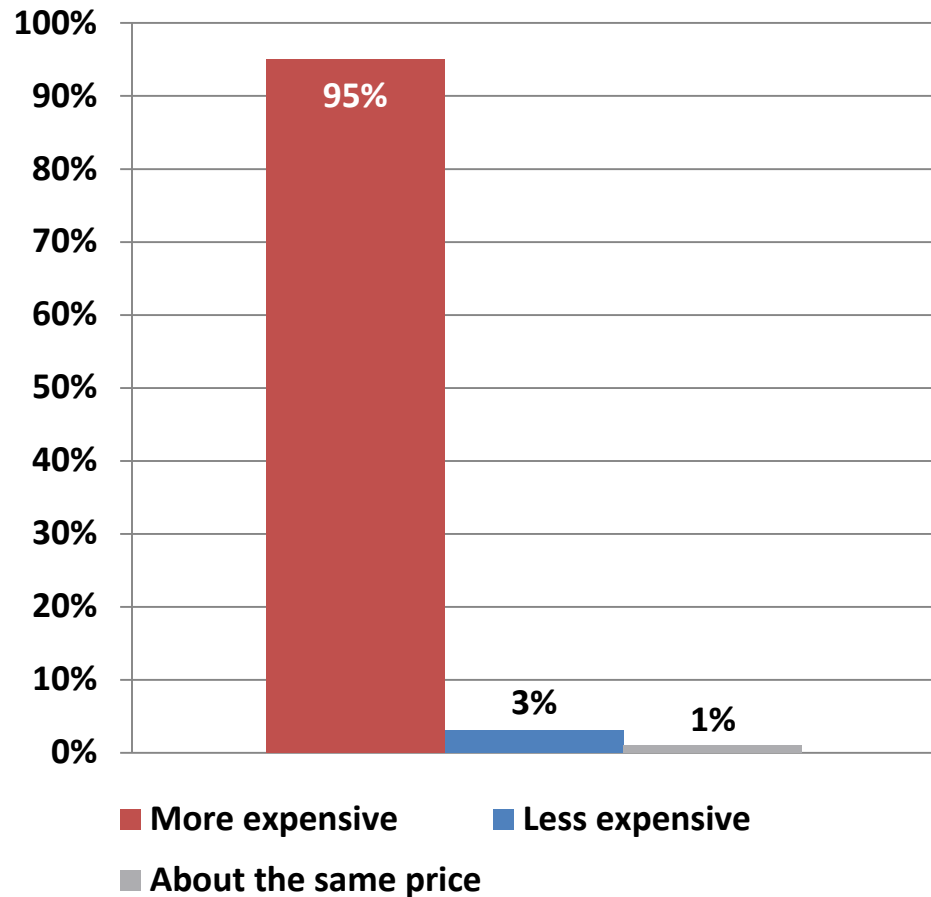


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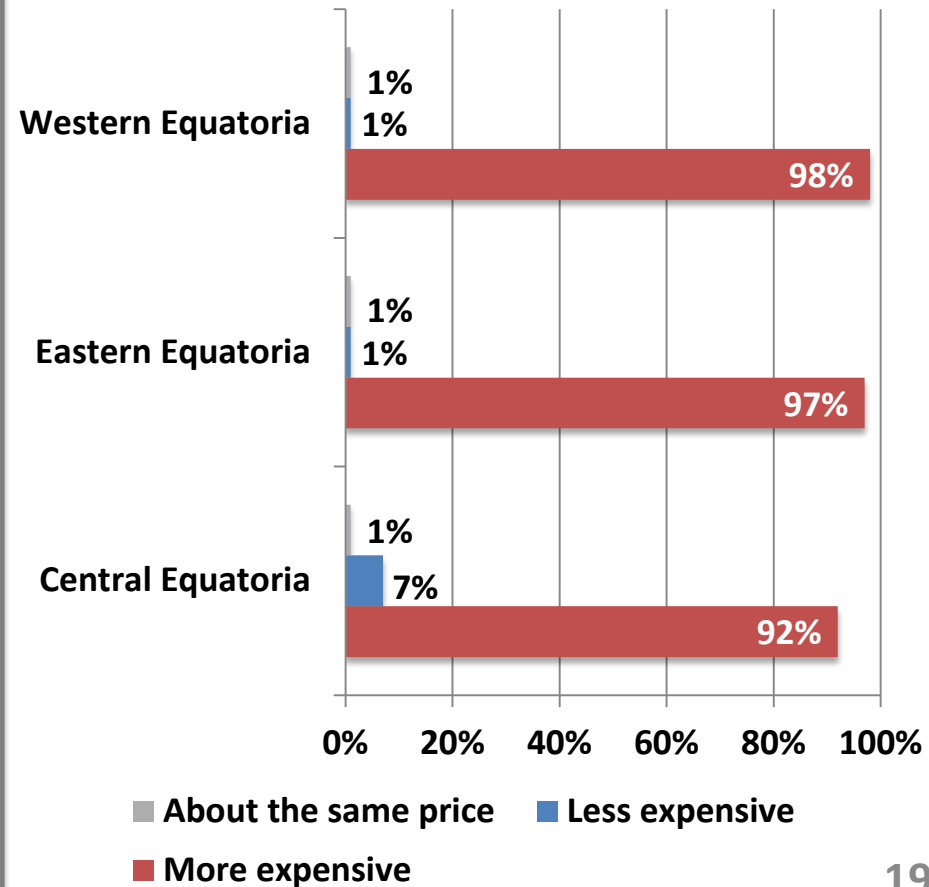


# Thinking about your local market, would you say goods are more expensive, less expensive or about the same price now as compared to this time last year?

## Greater Equatoria

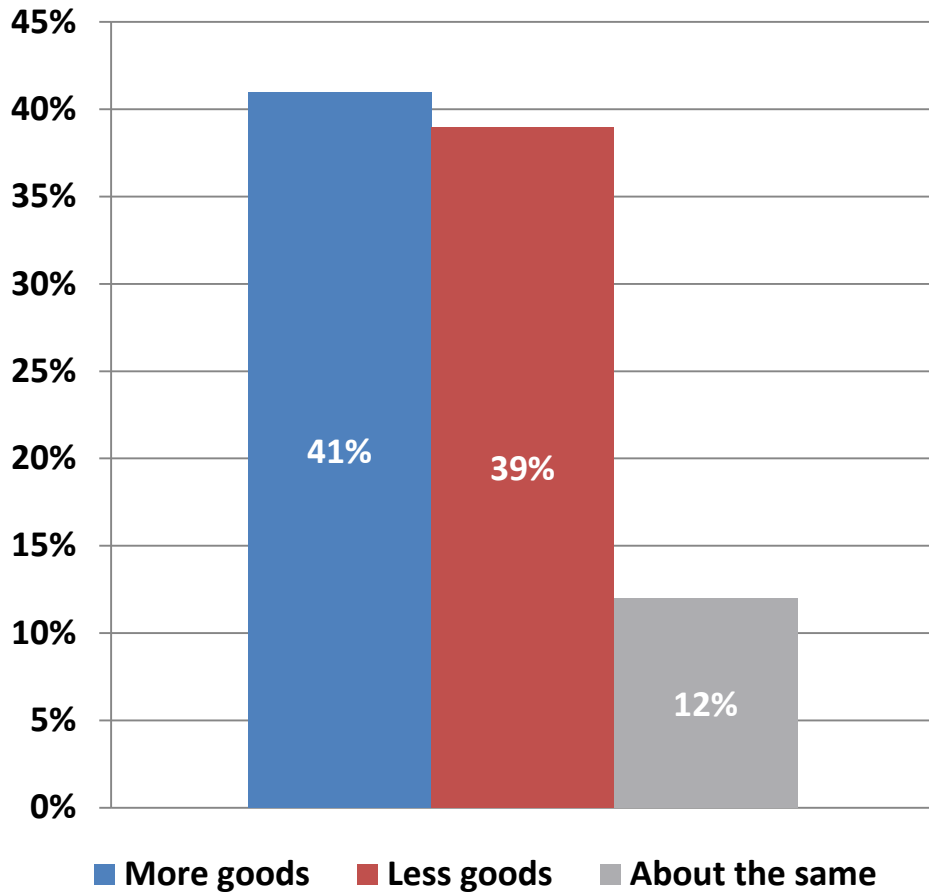


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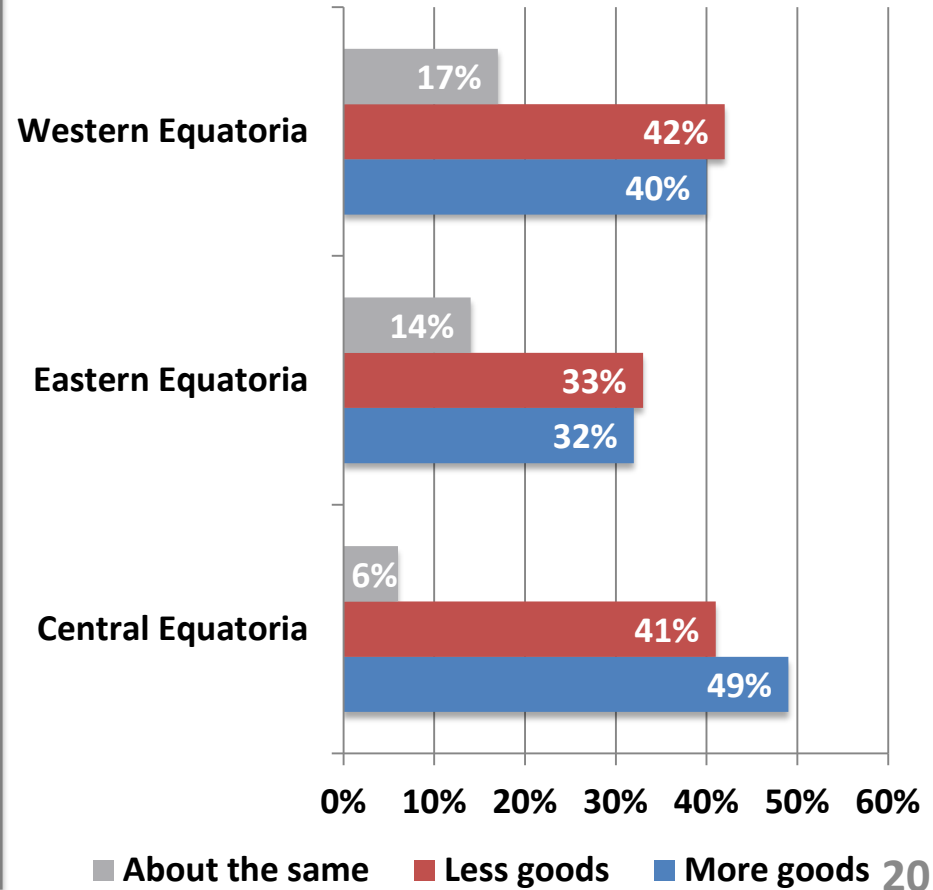


# Thinking about your local market, do you think there will be more goods, less goods or about the same amount of goods available six months from now?

### Greater Equatoria

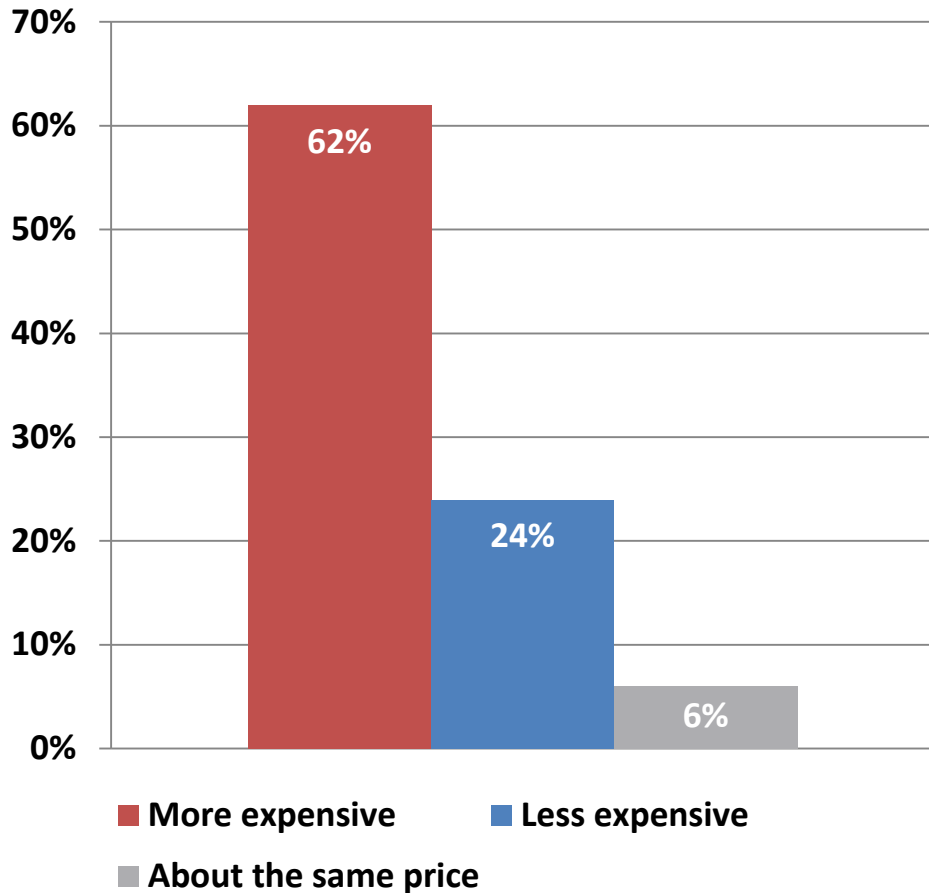


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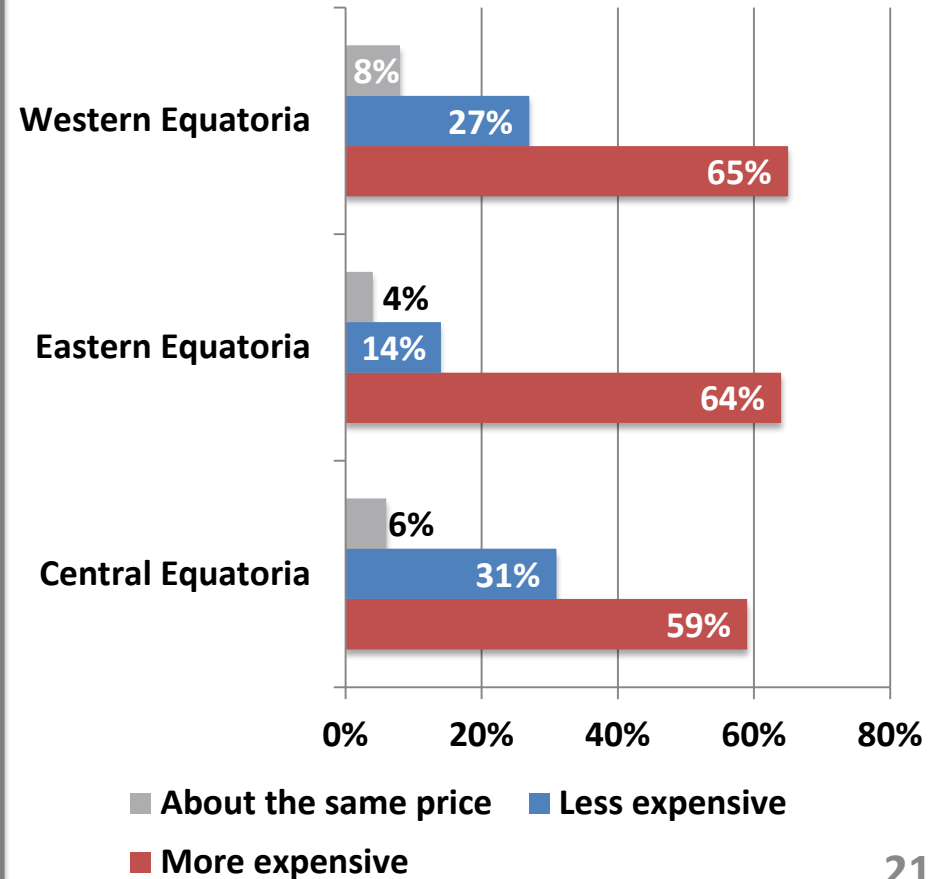


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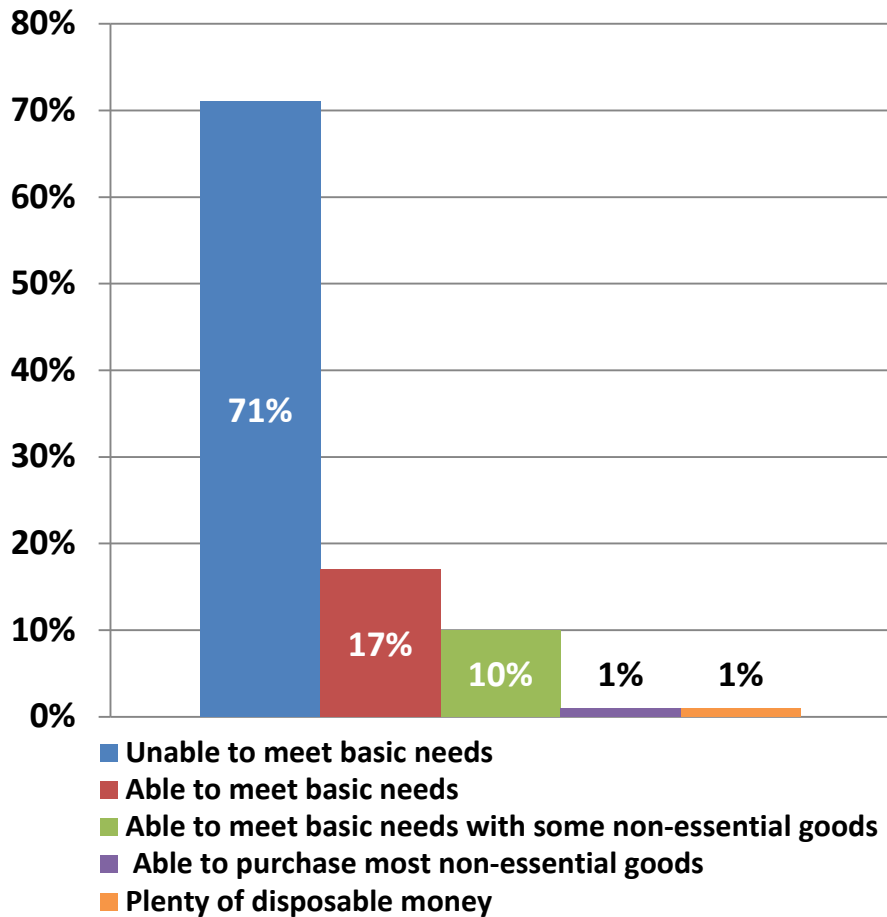
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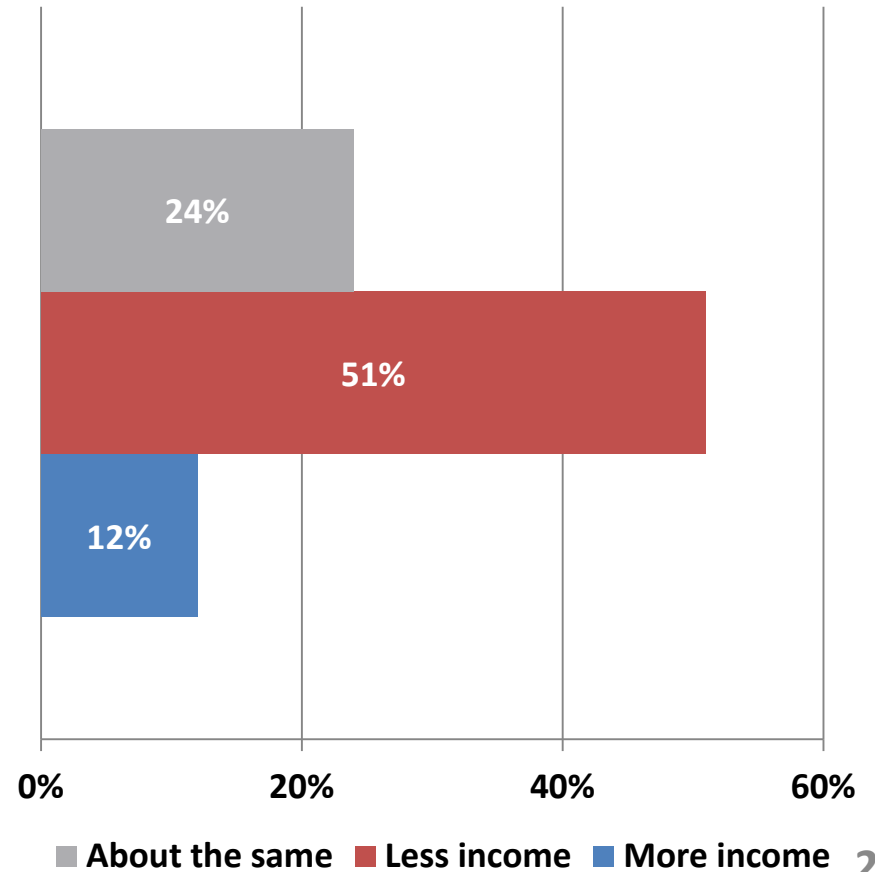
### By State



Thinking about the amount of money your family spends per month, please tell me which of the following phrases best suits your household situation?

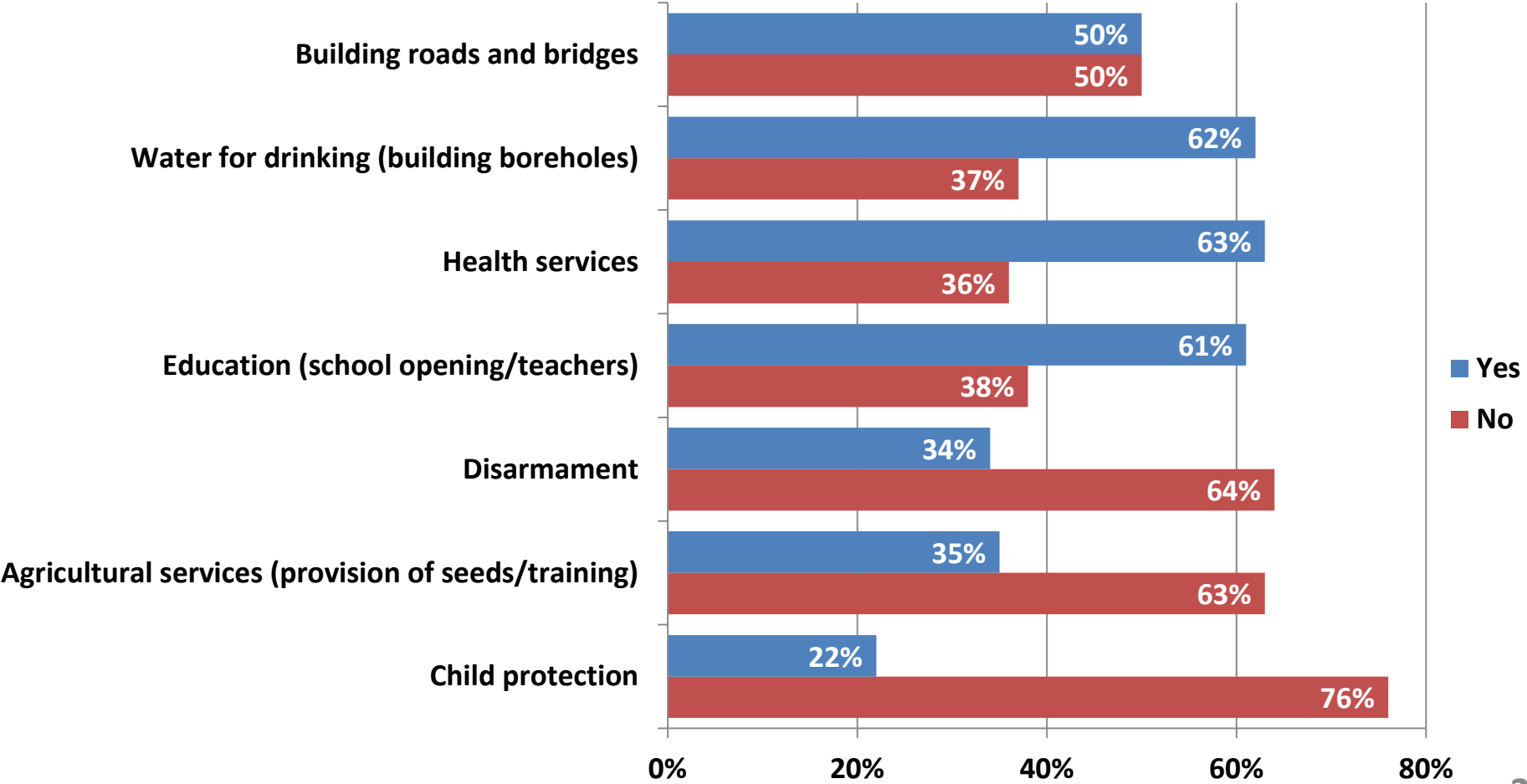


Do you think your household will have more income, less income or about the same amount of income six months from now?



# Provision of Services

**Various development projects or programs are being implemented in different areas of the country. In the past year, have you heard of any project or program in this location for the following?**



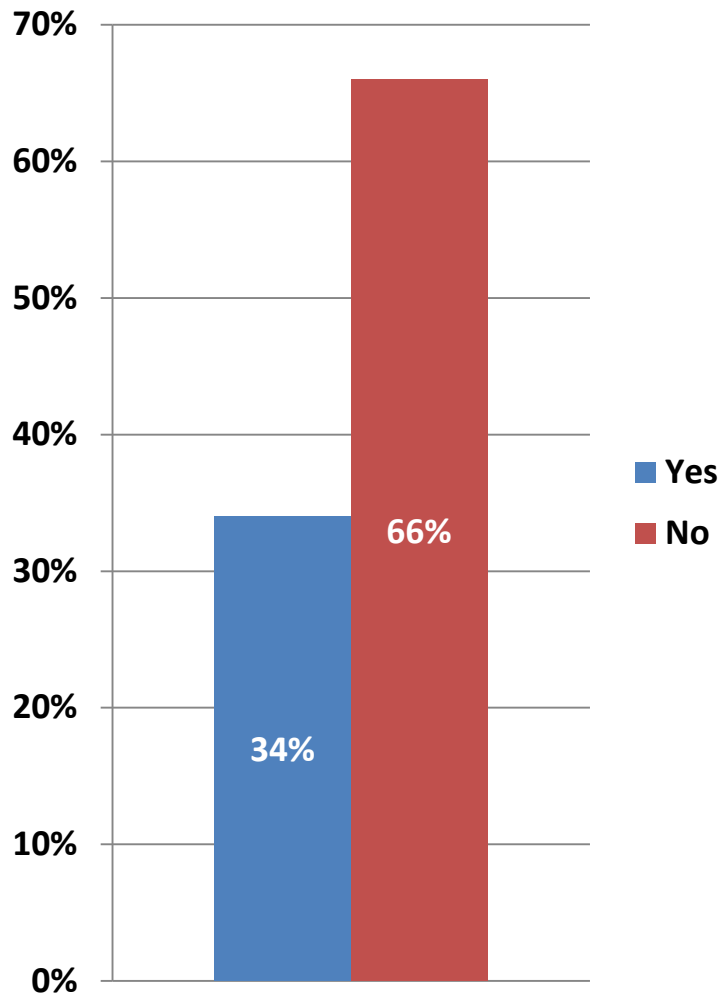


**Who do you think was primarily responsible for providing that project? Local government, state government, national government, foreign organizations or somebody else?**

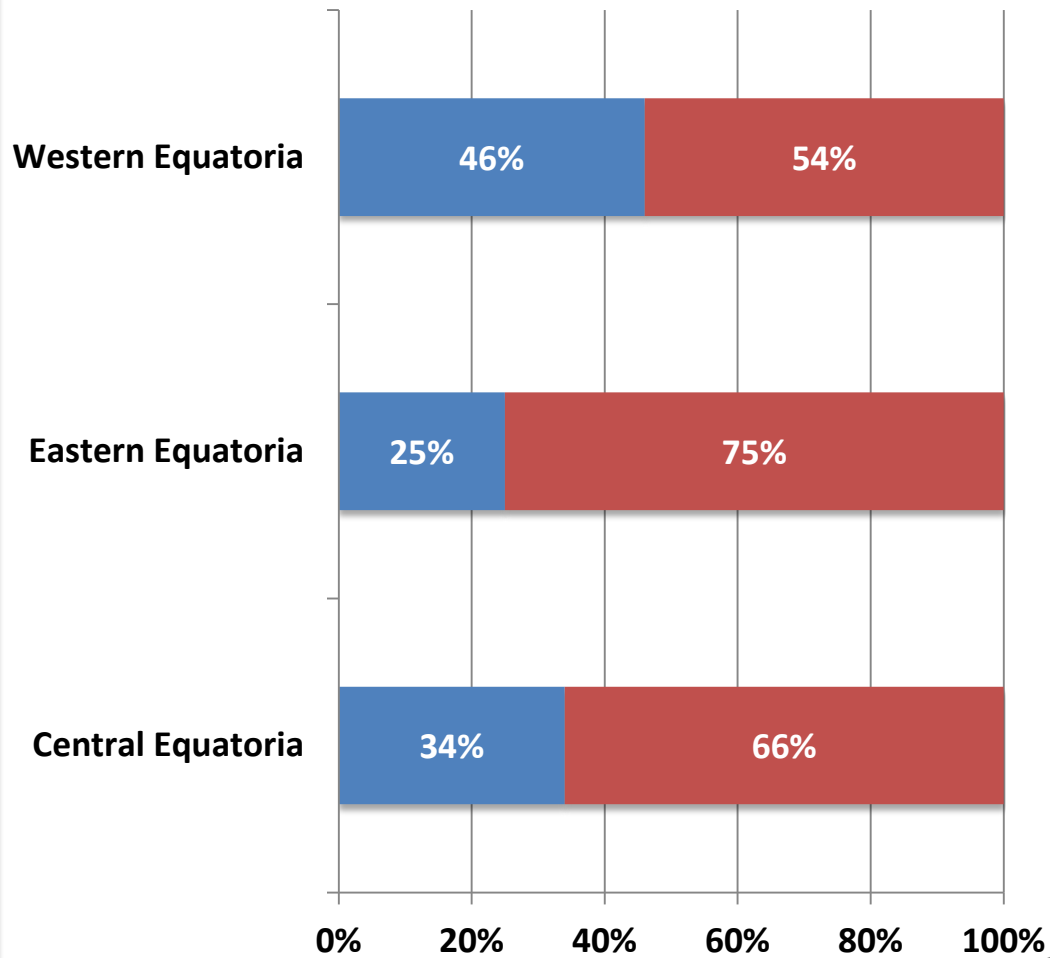
	Local government	State government	National government	Foreign organizations	Other
<b>A. Building roads and bridges N=771</b>	8%	29%	28%	27%	2%
<b>B. Water for drinking (building boreholes) N=966</b>	9%	17%	13%	52%	2%
<b>C. Health services N=970</b>	6%	22%	25%	41%	2%
<b>D. Education (school opening, teachers) N=947</b>	8%	33%	28%	23%	5%
<b>E. Disarmament N=531</b>	6%	19%	59%	13%	<1%
<b>F. Agricultural services (provision of seeds, training) N=546</b>	8%	18%	17%	49%	3%
<b>G. Child protection N=337</b>	6%	17%	15%	52%	3%

# Have you ever heard about the Constituency Development Fund (CDF)?

### Greater Equatoria

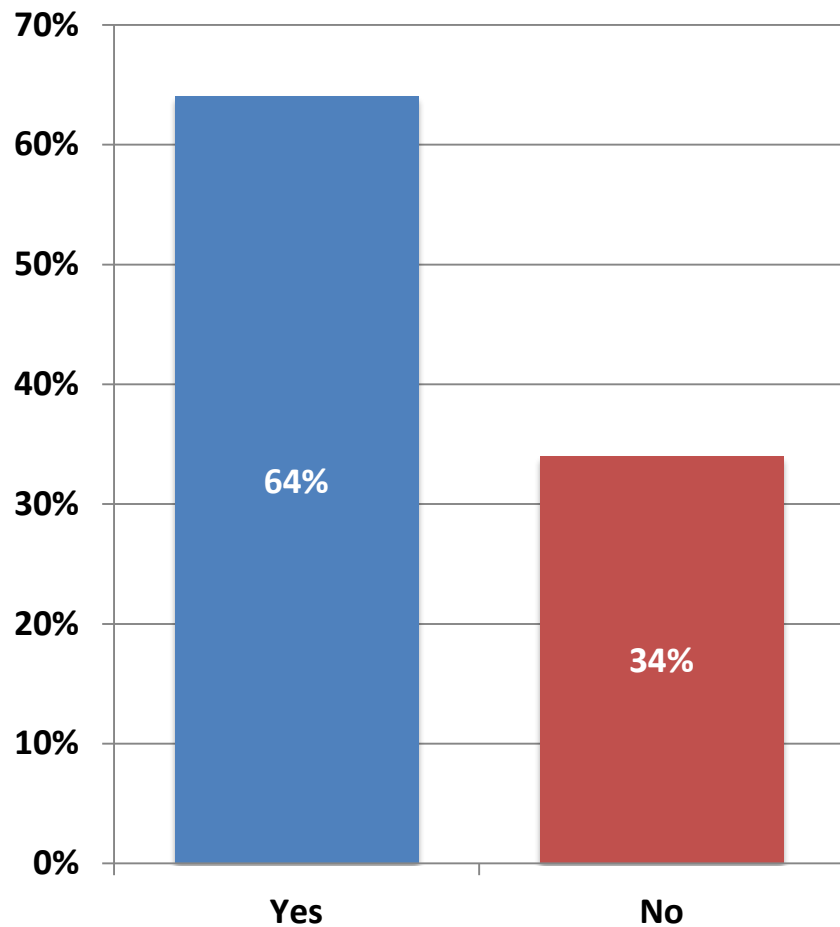


### By State



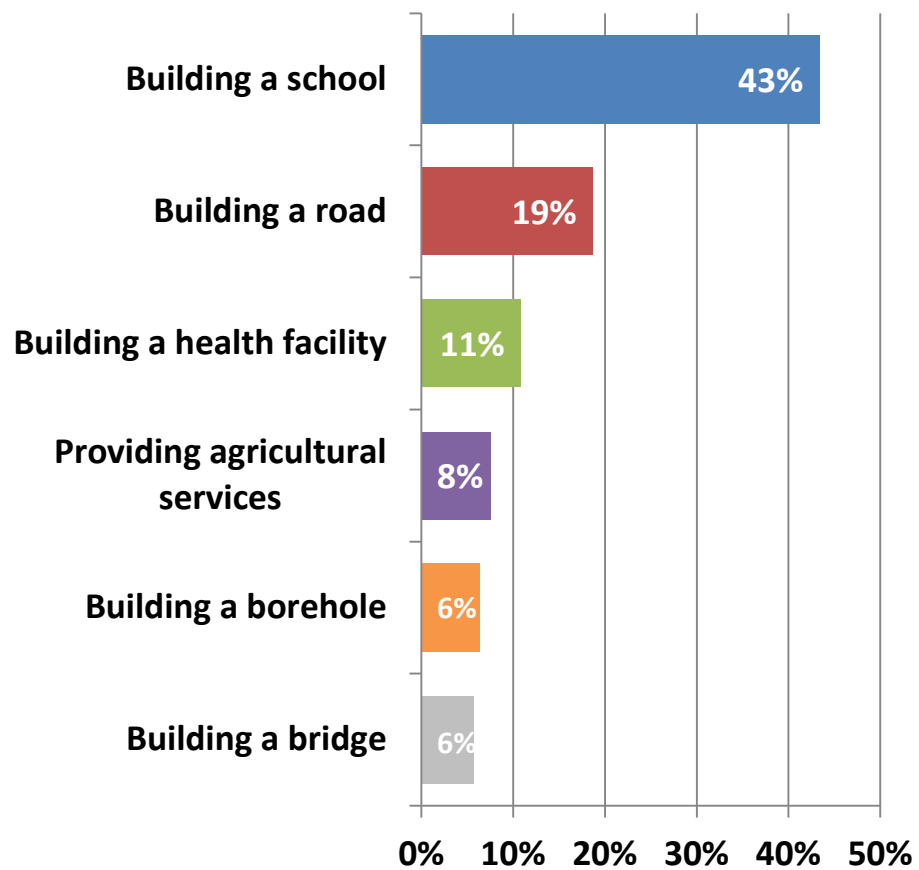
## Are you aware of any CDF projects in your area?

N=523



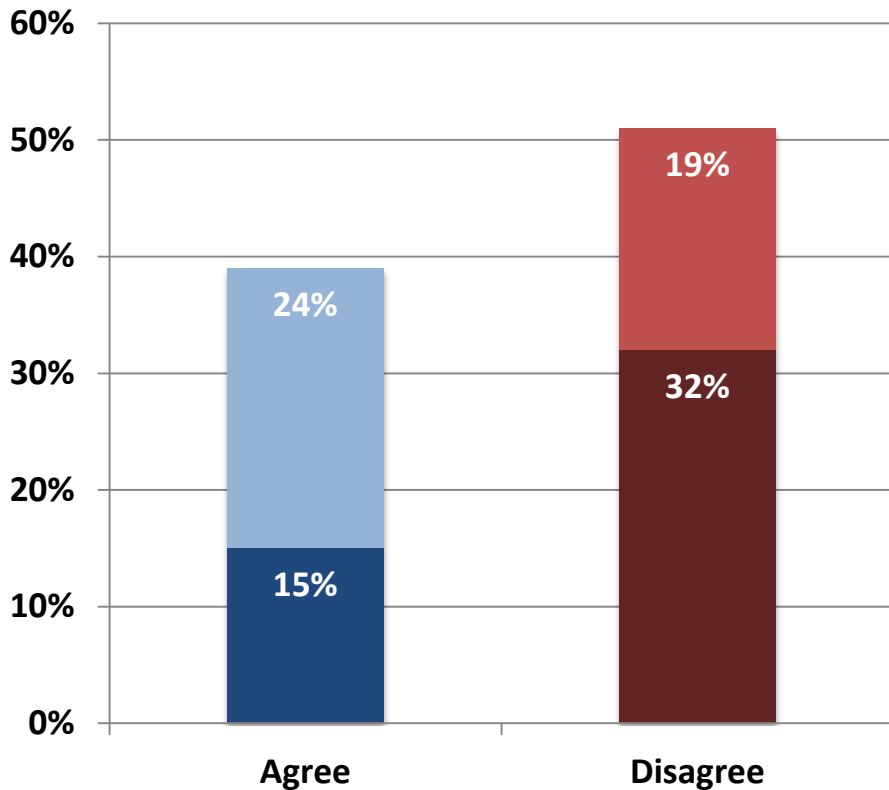
## What type of project is going on in your area?

*Only Respondents that Answered Yes to Previous Question, N=332*

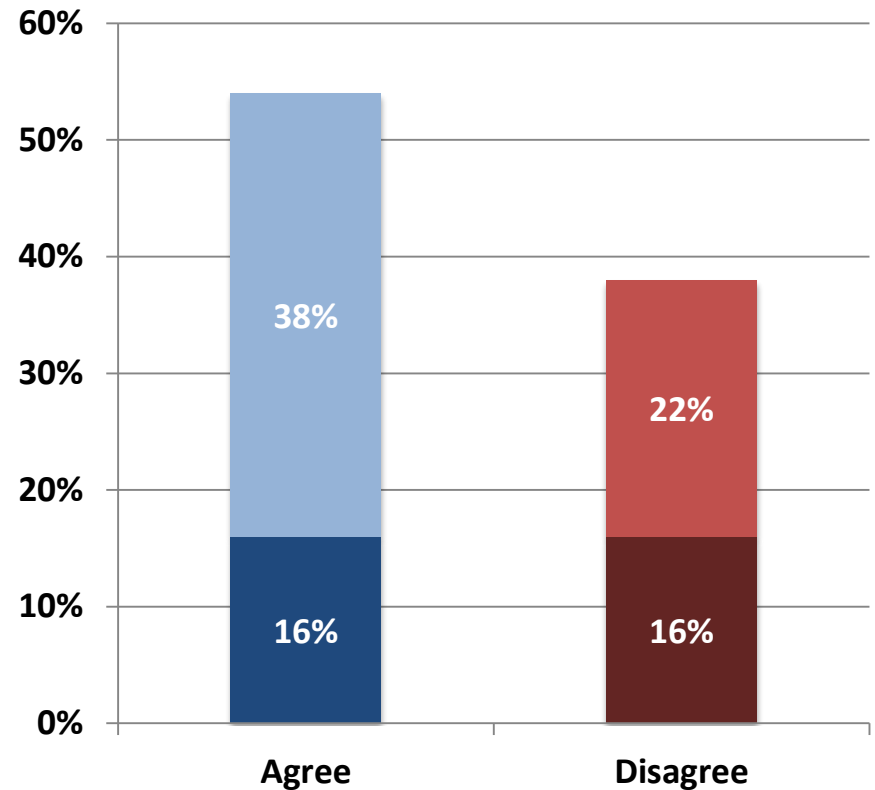


# Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.

*The CDF in my constituency is managed in a transparent and open way.*  
N=523



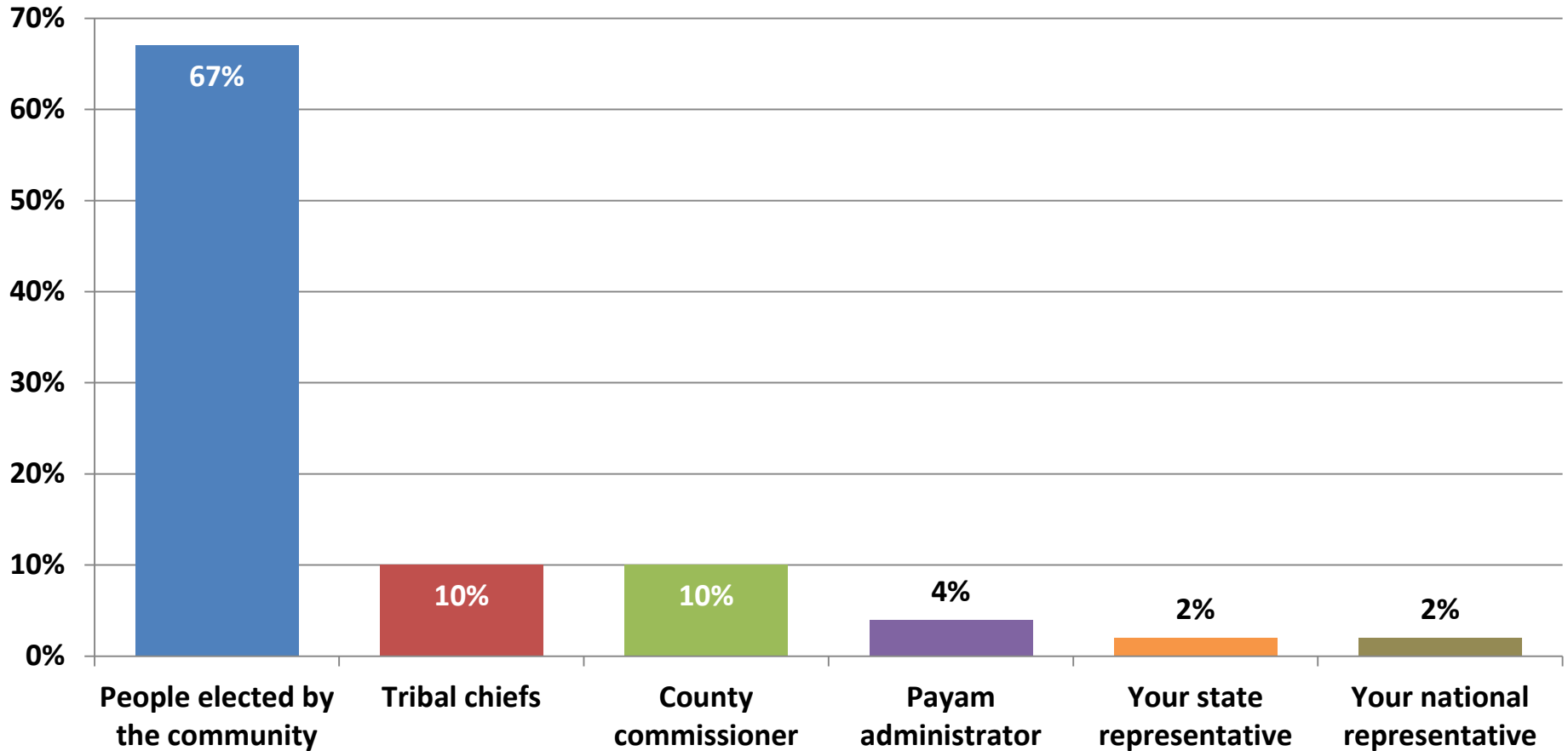
*The CDF has had a large impact on my constituency.*  
N=523



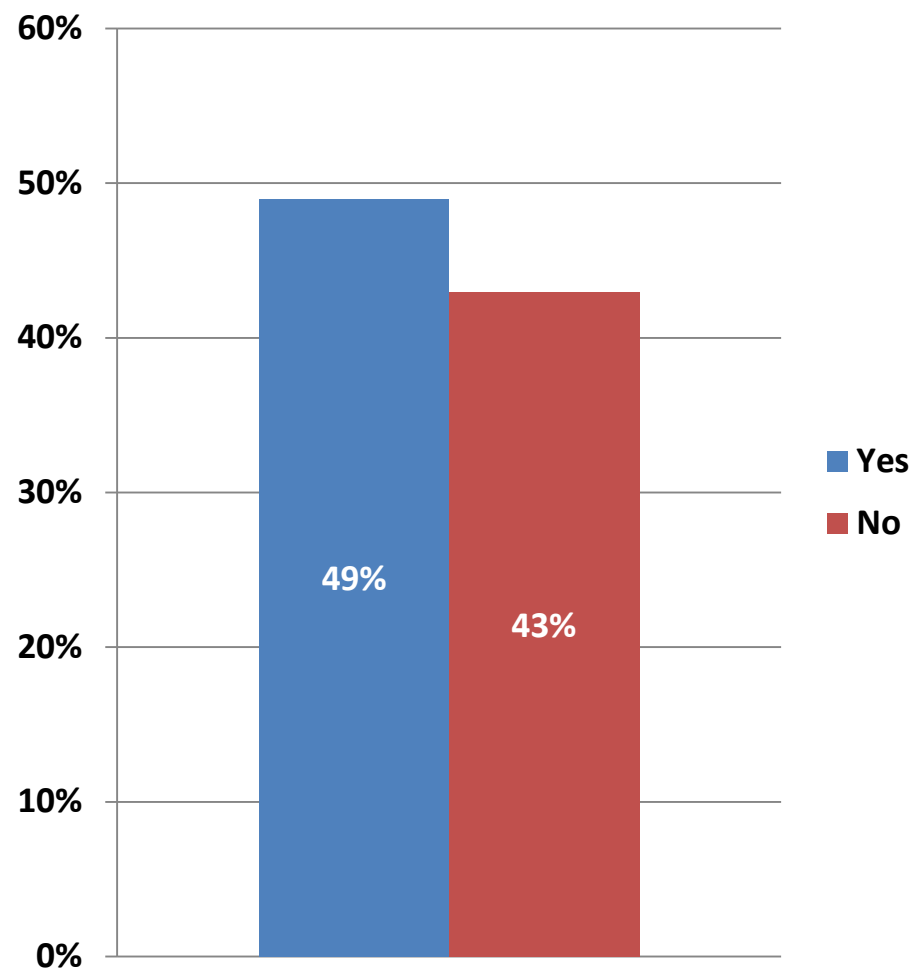
Strongly agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly disagree

# Each constituency has a committee that manages the CDF. In your opinion, who do you think should have the responsibility to manage the CDF?

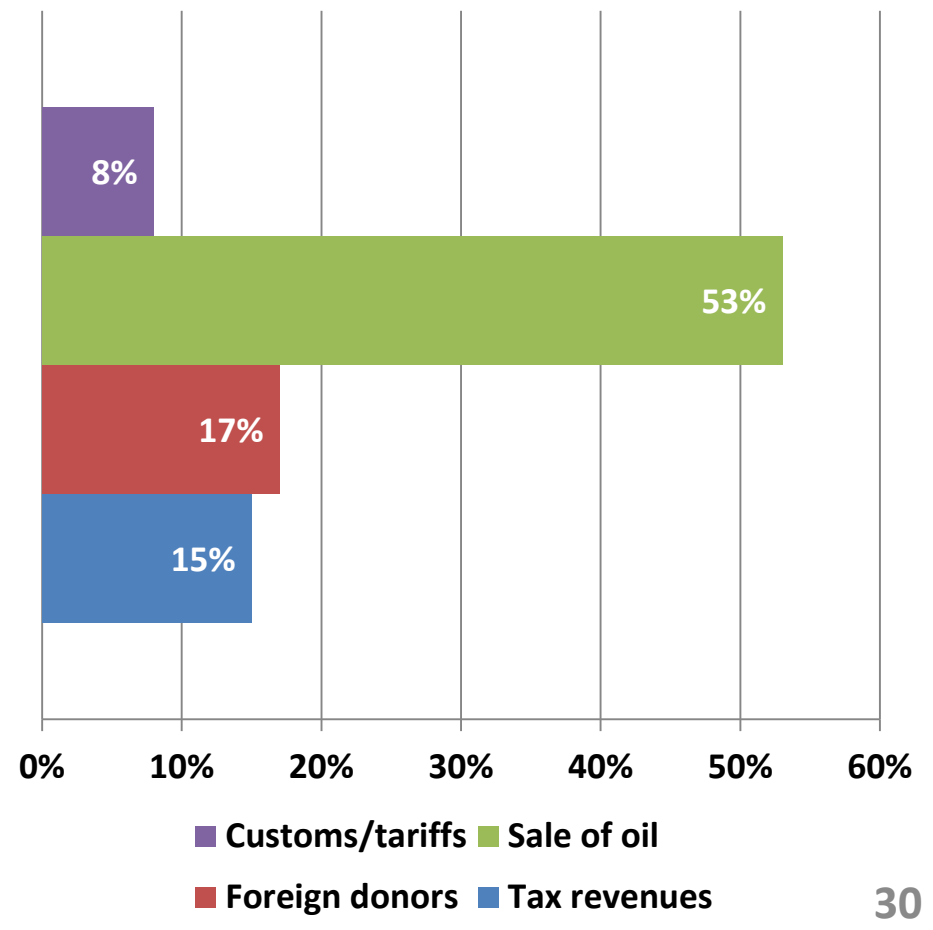
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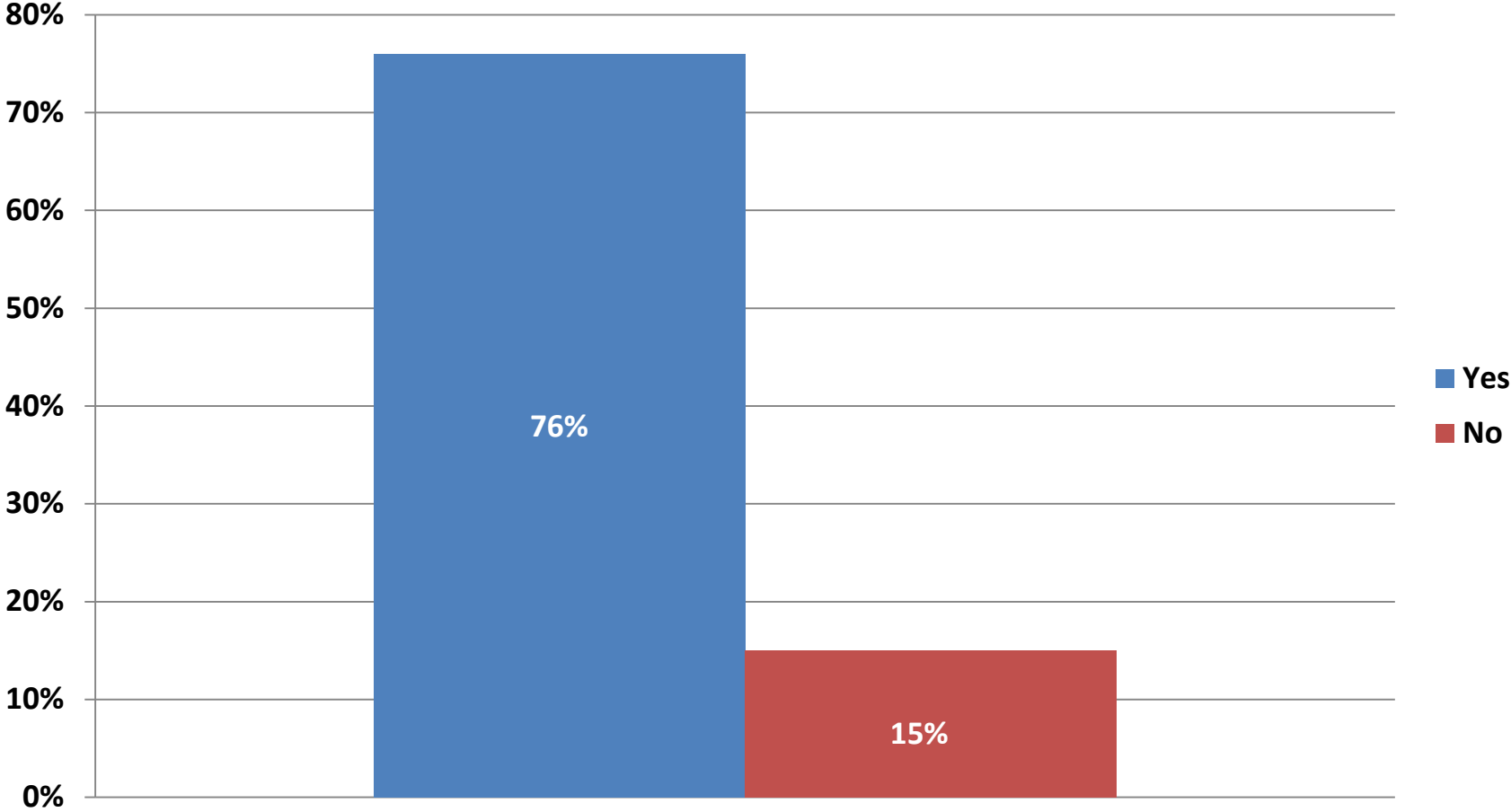
## Do you support the national government's decision to stop oil production?



## What do you think was the primary source of income for the national government last year?

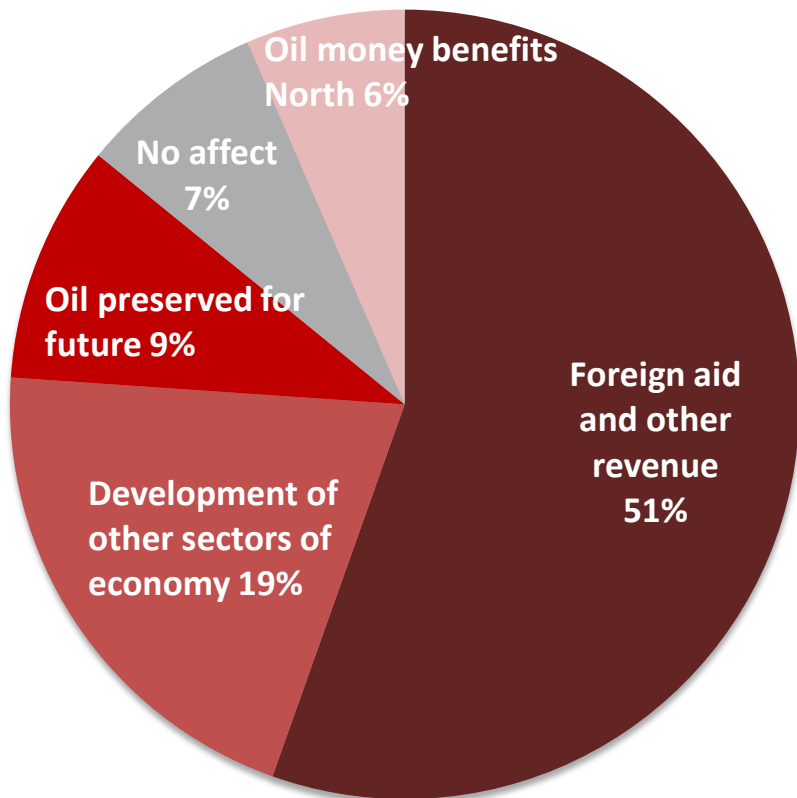


# Do you think the government's decision to stop oil production will affect the amount of services it can provide?

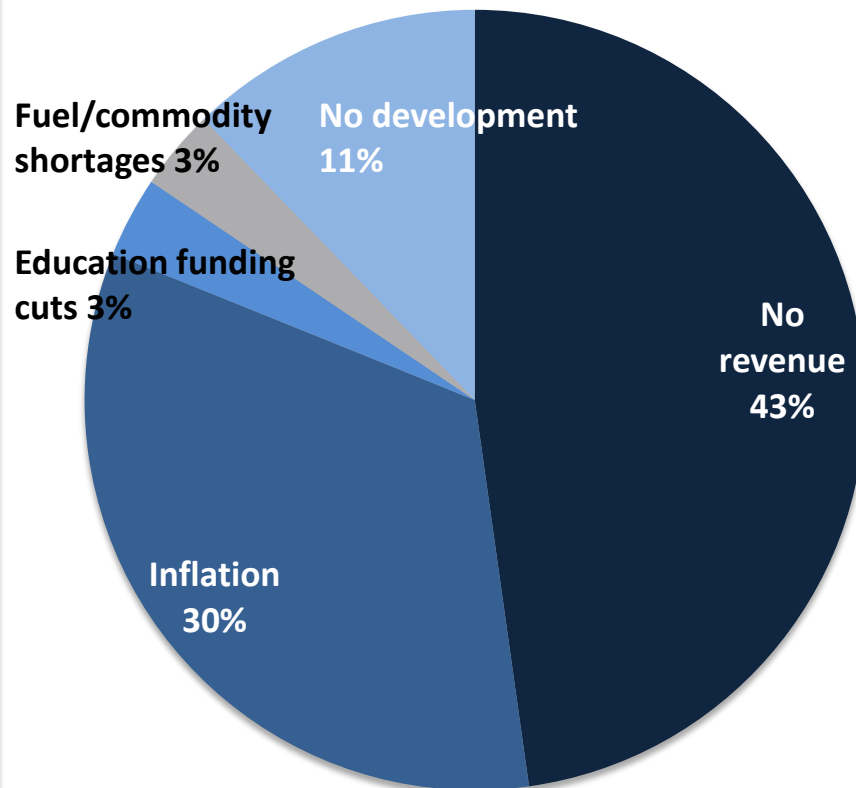


# Why do you think the government's decision to stop oil production will/will not affect the amount of services it can provide?

*Will Not Affect*  
N=234



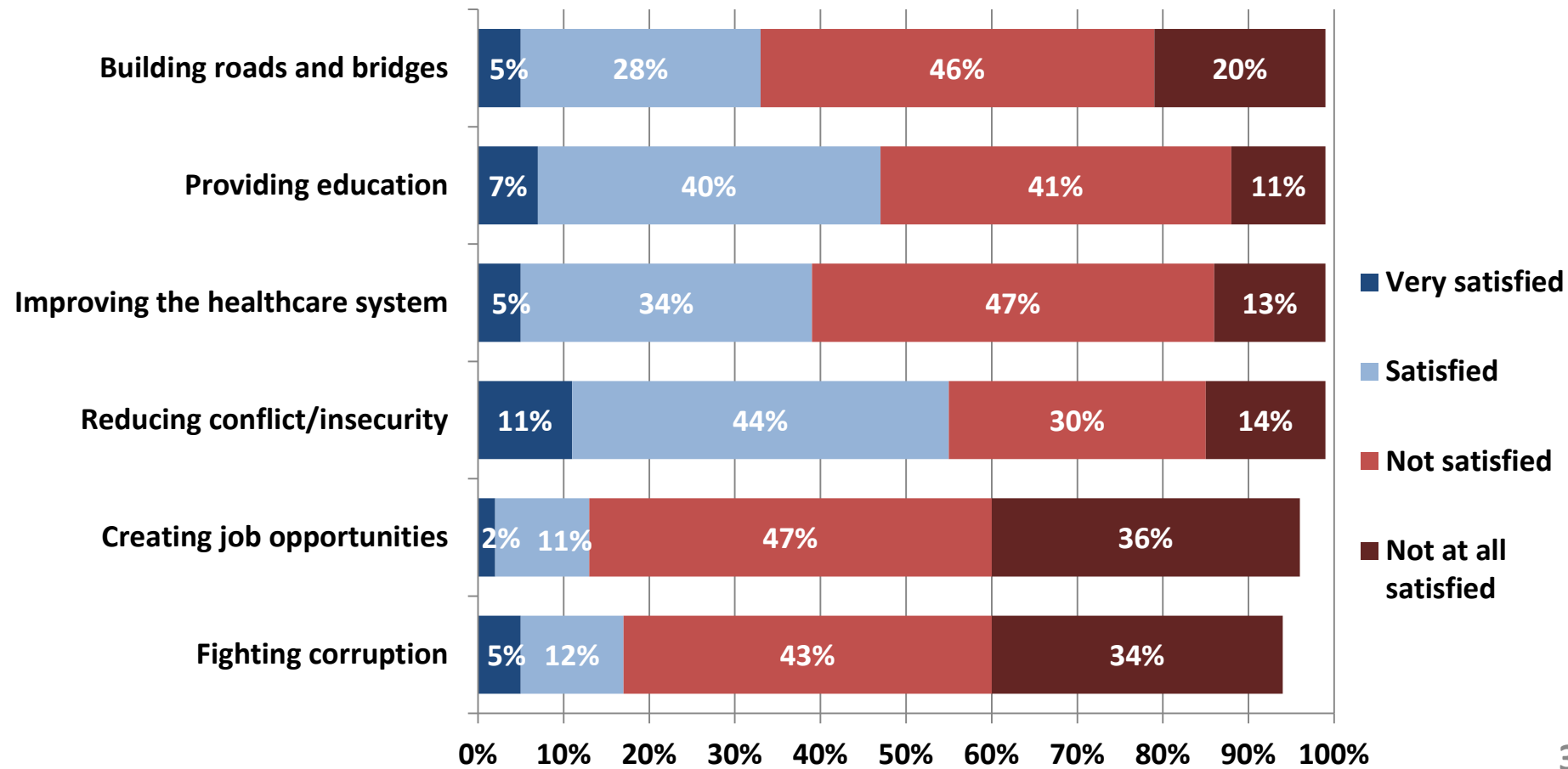
*Will Affect*  
N=1,178





**Attitudes  
towards  
Government**

**How satisfied are you with the performance of your state government in the following areas? Please tell me whether you are very satisfied, satisfied, not satisfied or not at all satisfied.**

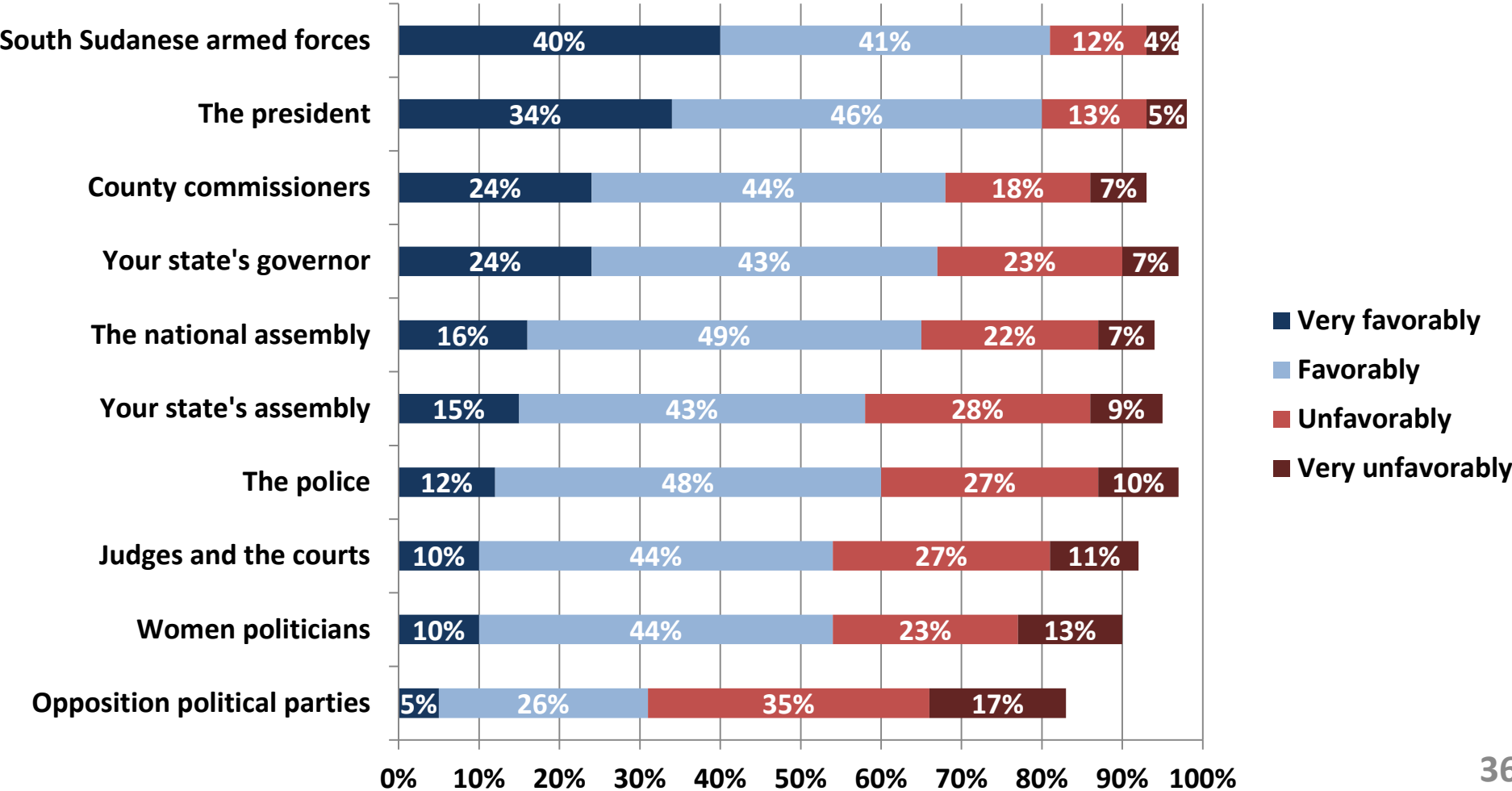


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## *By State*

		Central Equatoria	Eastern Equatoria	Western Equatoria
<b>Building roads and bridges</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	37%	26%	37%
	<b>Not satisfied</b>	62%	73%	63%
<b>Providing education</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	51%	41%	48%
	<b>Not satisfied</b>	48%	58%	52%
<b>Improving the healthcare system</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	43%	32%	44%
	<b>Not satisfied</b>	56%	67%	55%
<b>Reducing conflict/insecurity</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	54%	38%	78%
	<b>Not satisfied</b>	43%	61%	22%
<b>Creating job opportunities</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	15%	8%	15%
	<b>Not satisfied</b>	82%	89%	80%
<b>Fighting corruption</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	18%	11%	25%
	<b>Not satisfied</b>	77%	84%	71%

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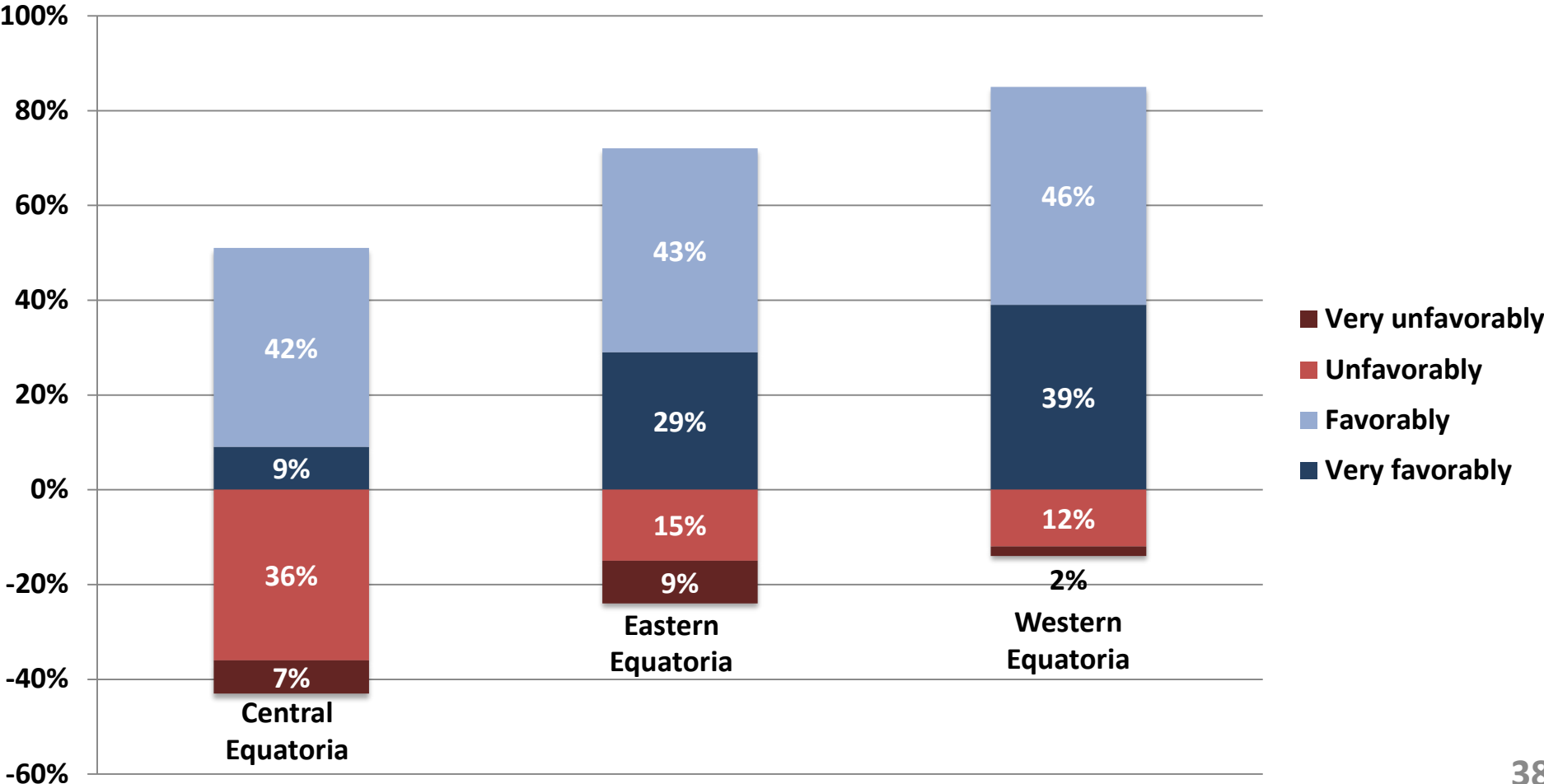
*By State*

		Central Equatoria	Eastern Equatoria	Western Equatoria
<b>The president</b>	<b>Favorably</b>	77%	78%	85%
	<b>Unfavorably</b>	21%	20%	14%
<b>County commissioners</b>	<b>Favorably</b>	58%	70%	84%
	<b>Unfavorably</b>	35%	22%	14%
<b>Your state's assembly</b>	<b>Favorably</b>	43%	66%	70%
	<b>Unfavorably</b>	49%	28%	29%
<b>Women politicians</b>	<b>Favorably</b>	46%	56%	61%
	<b>Unfavorably</b>	45%	31%	28%
<b>Opposition political parties</b>	<b>Favorably</b>	28%	29%	39%
	<b>Unfavorably</b>	58%	49%	36%

*Favorably = Very favorably + Favorably*

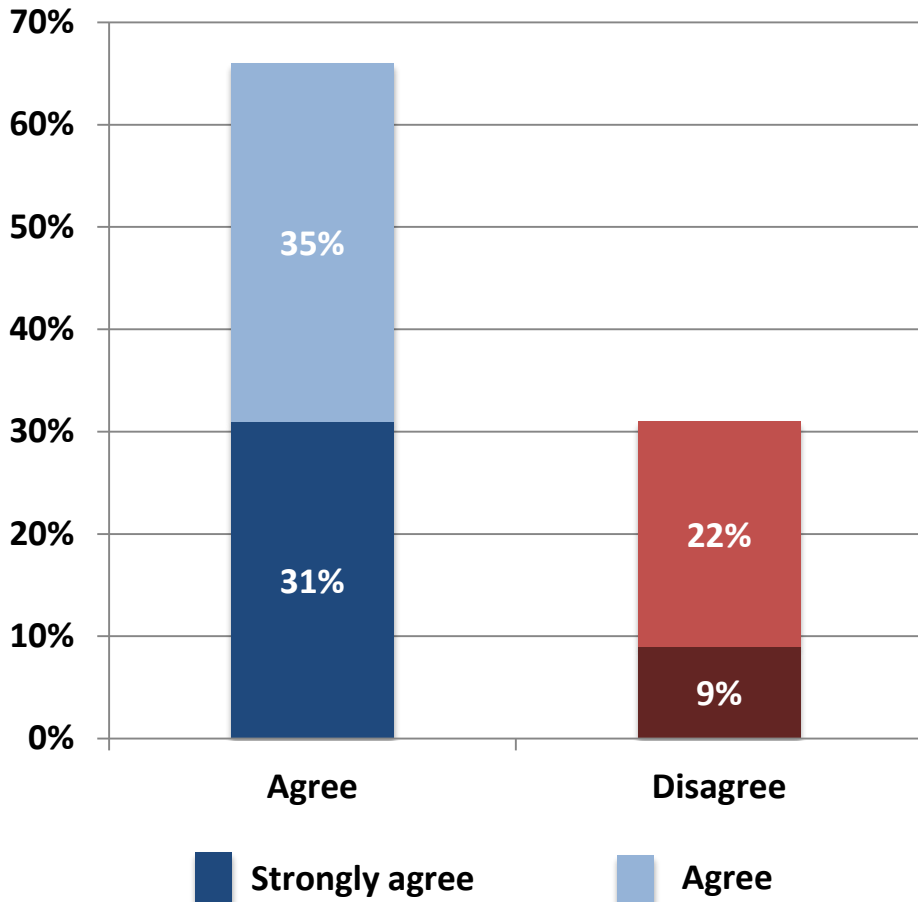
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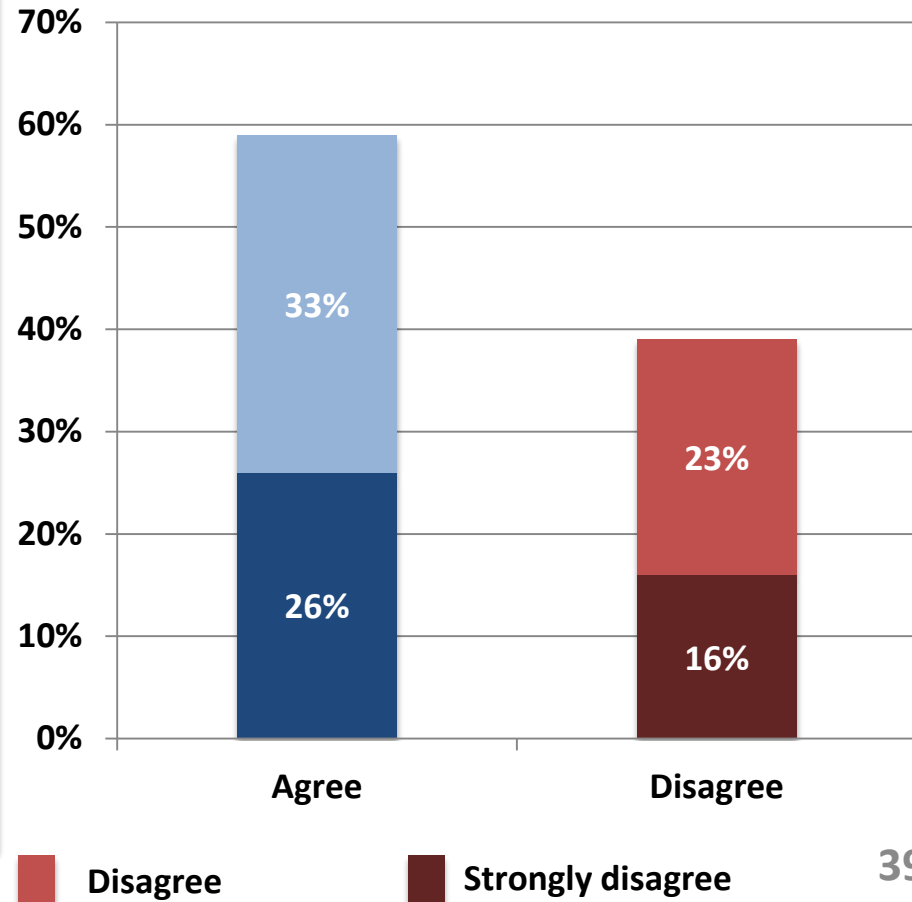


# Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.

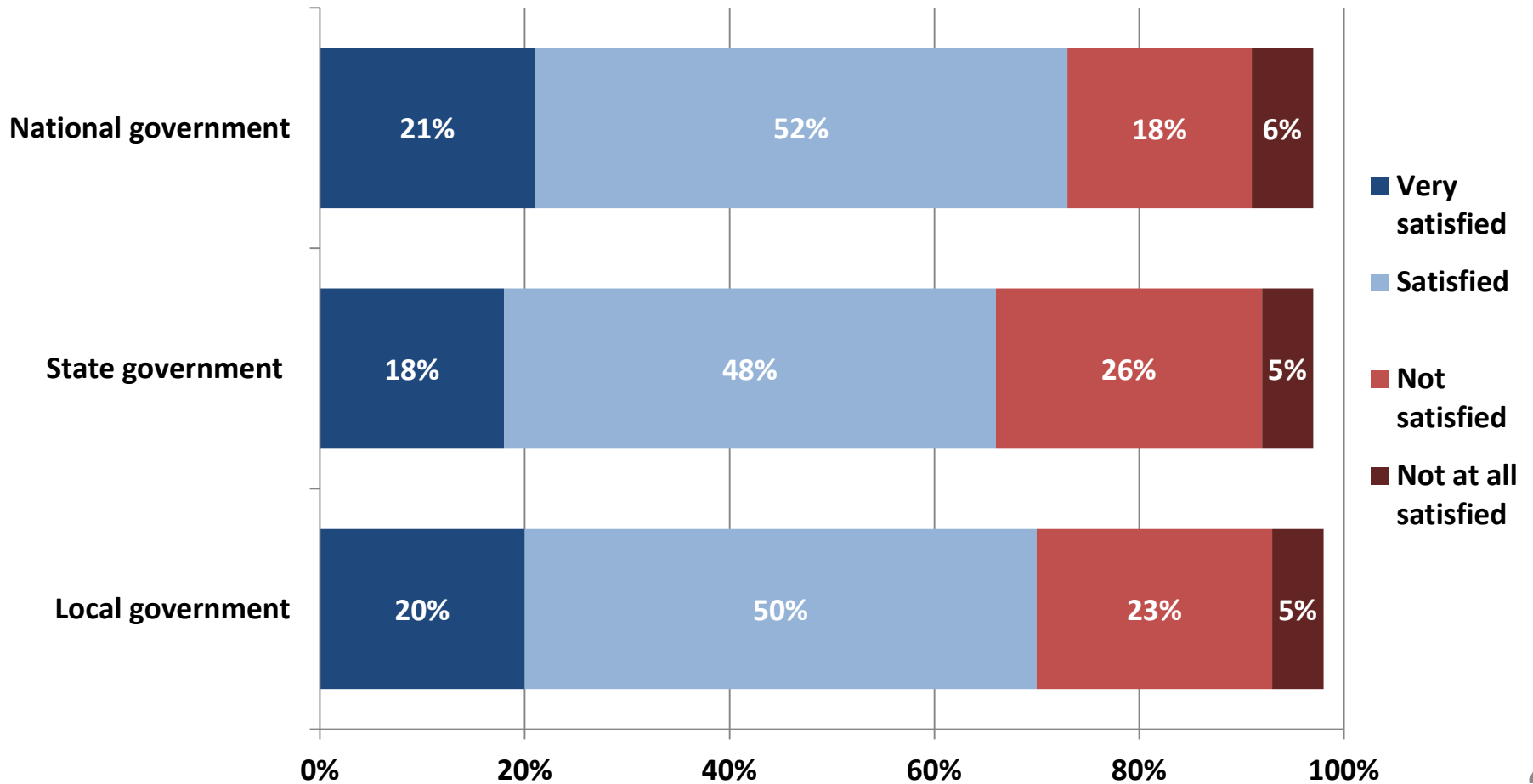
*I don't think the government cares much about what people like me think.*



*It is generally not acceptable to talk negatively about the government in public.*



**Overall, how satisfied are you with the performance of the different levels of government in South Sudan? For each level, please tell me whether you are very satisfied, satisfied, not satisfied or not at all satisfied.**





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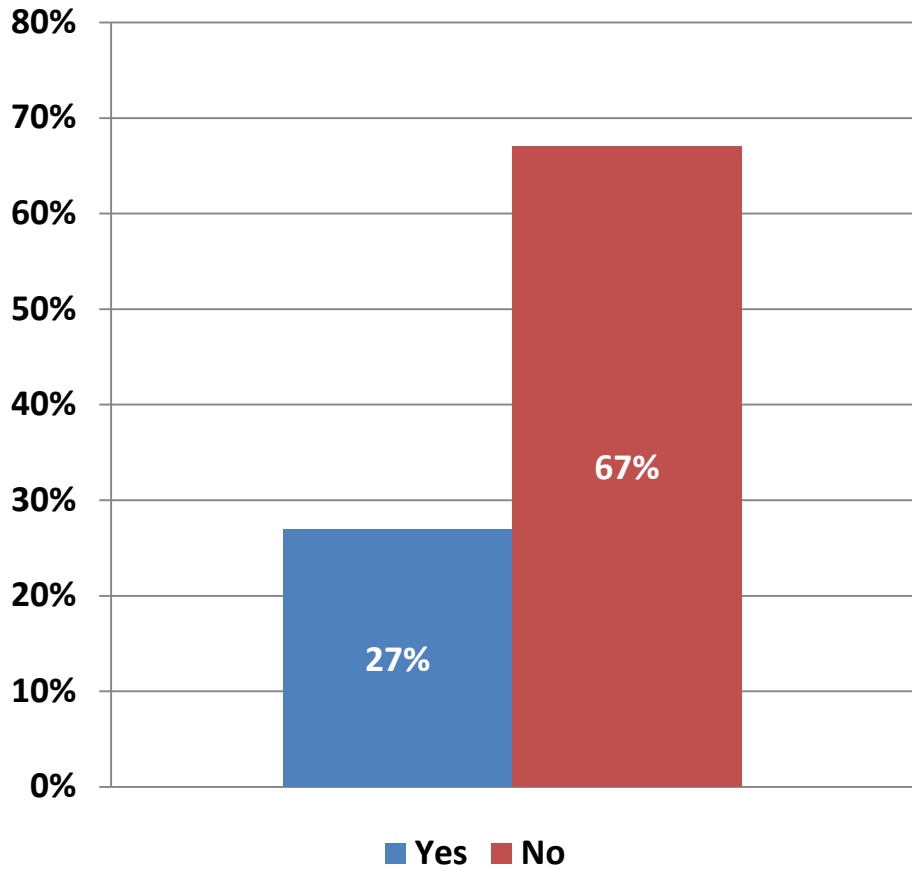
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		Central Equatoria	Eastern Equatoria	Western Equatoria
<b>National government</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	64%	74%	83%
	<b>Not satisfied</b>	34%	21%	13%
<b>State government</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	53%	70%	82%
	<b>Not satisfied</b>	44%	26%	16%
<b>Local government</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	61%	72%	83%
	<b>Not satisfied</b>	38%	25%	16%

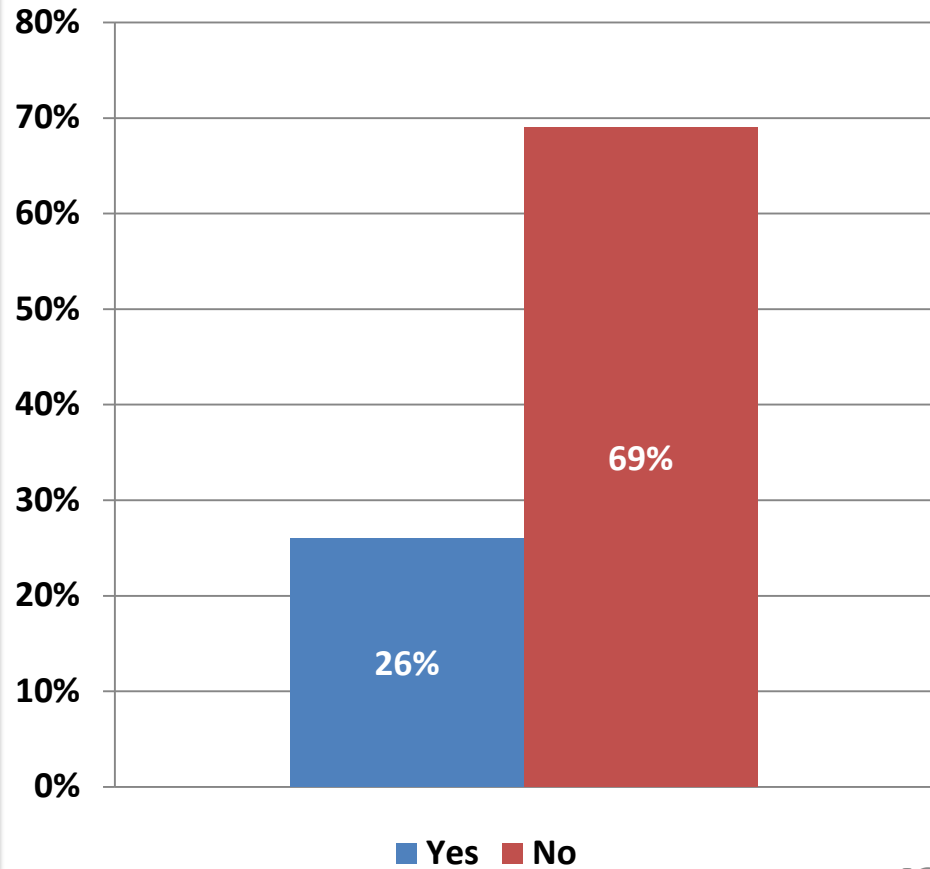
*Satisfied = Very satisfied + Satisfied*

*Not satisfied = Very unsatisfied + Unsatisfied*

## Do you think Equatorians are fairly represented in the national government?



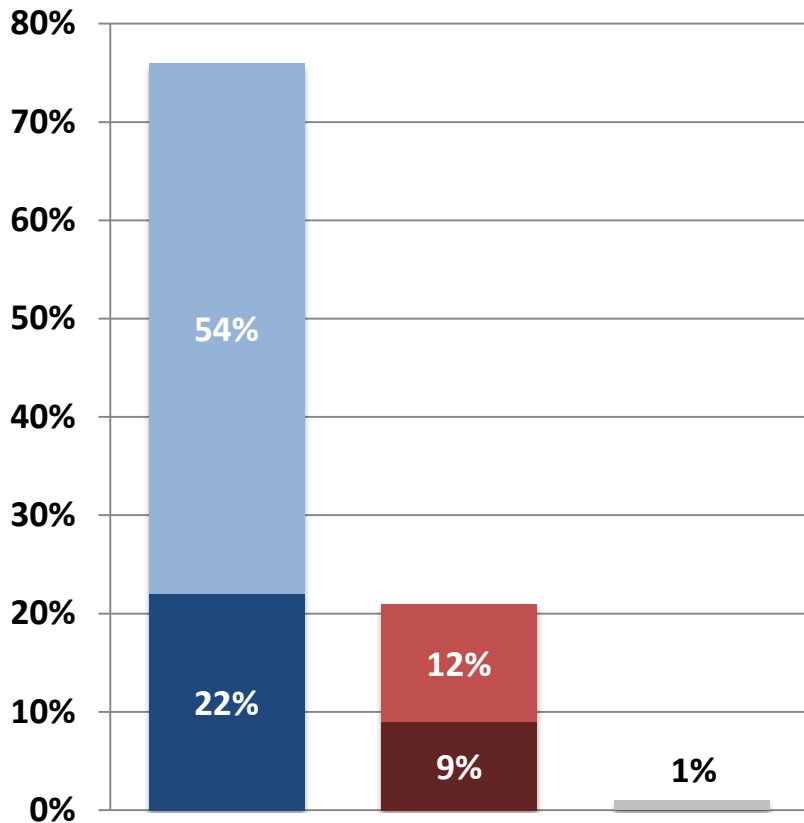
## Do you think different tribal groups are fairly represented in the national government?



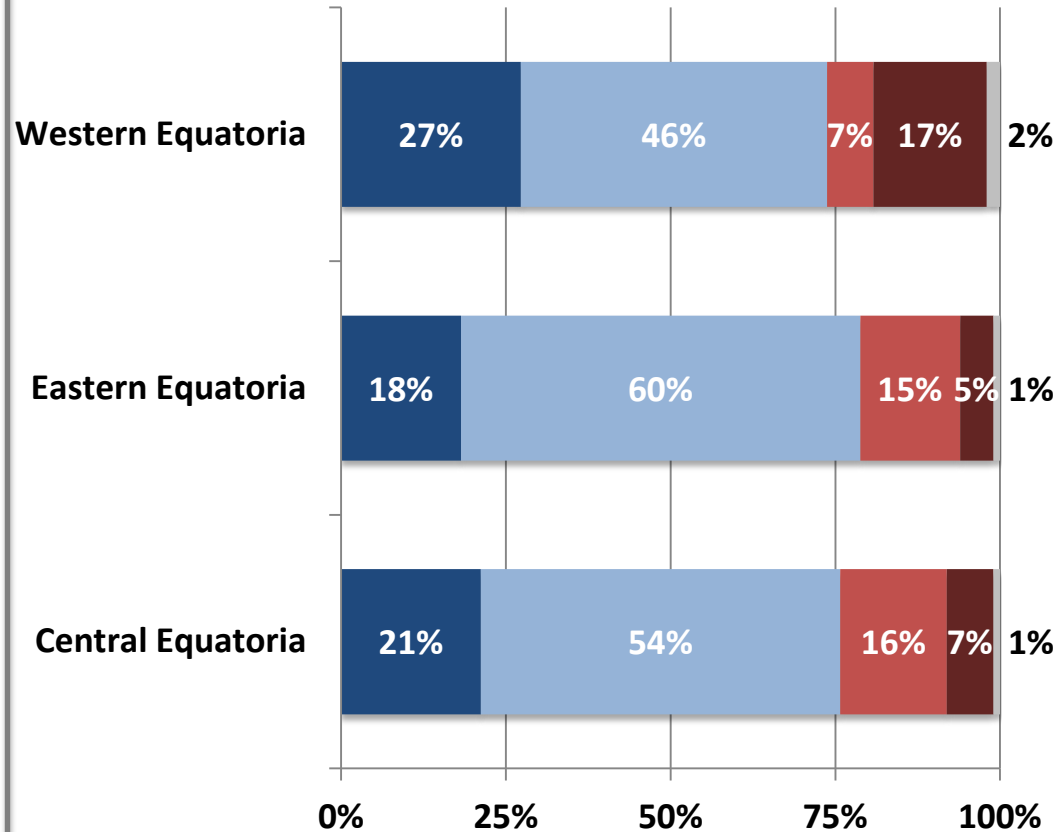
**Security**

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*Greater Equatoria*

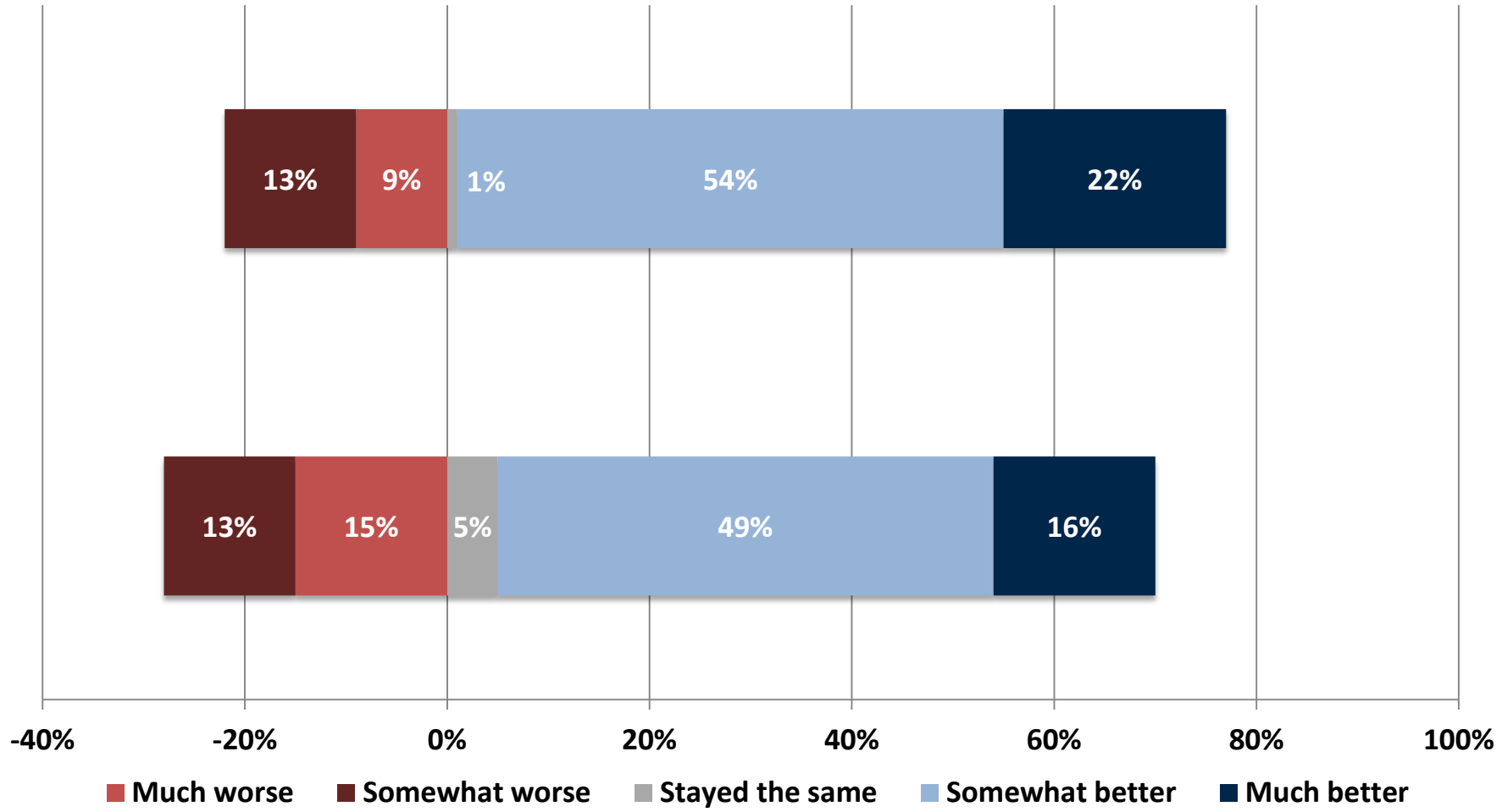


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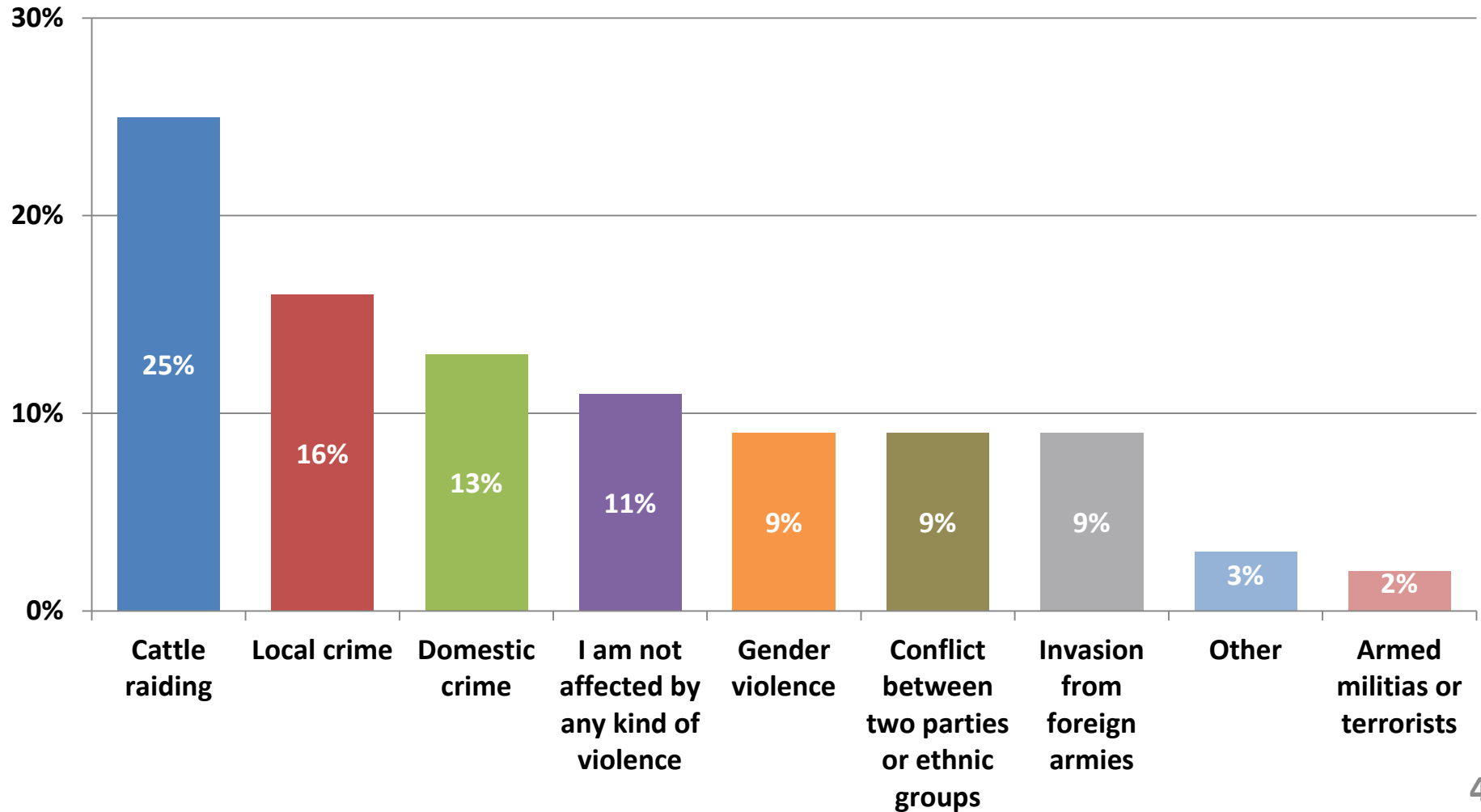


■ Much better   
 ■ Somewhat better   
 ■ Somewhat worse   
 ■ Much worse   
 ■ Stayed the same

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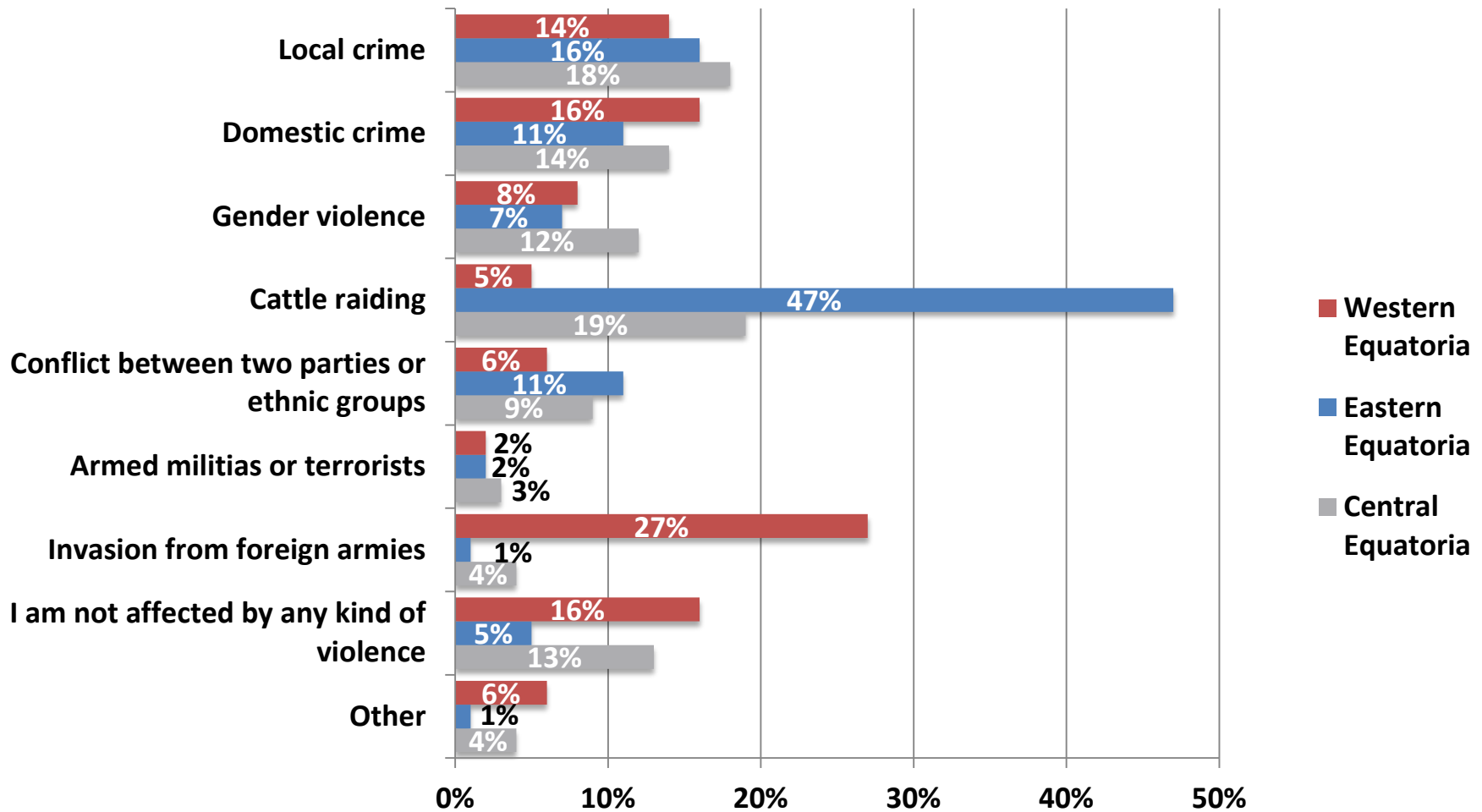


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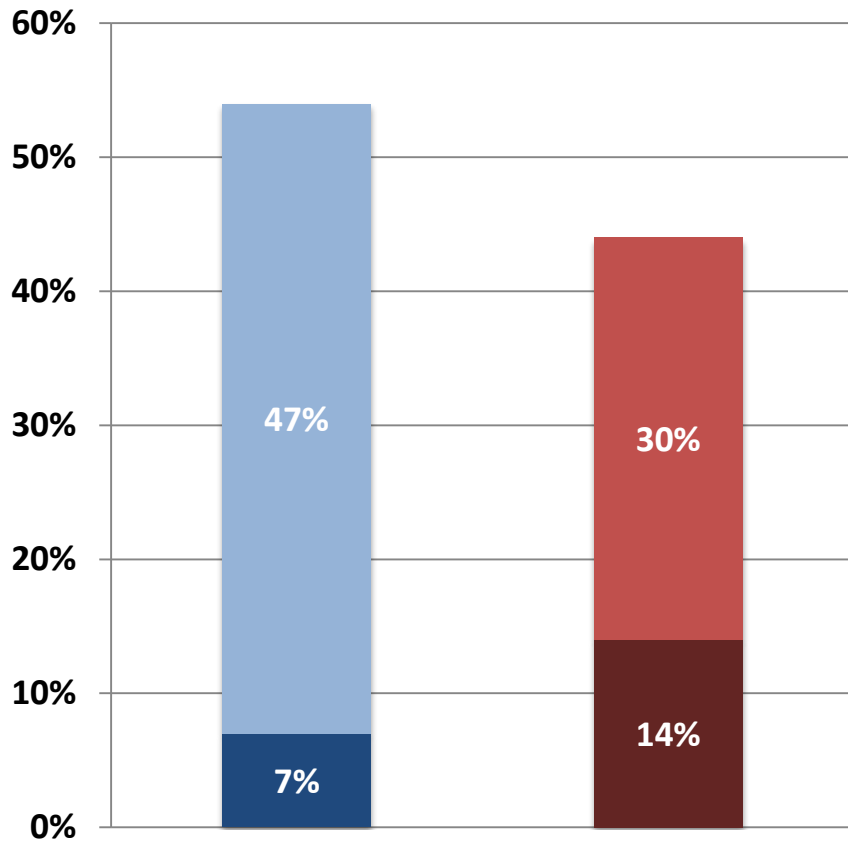
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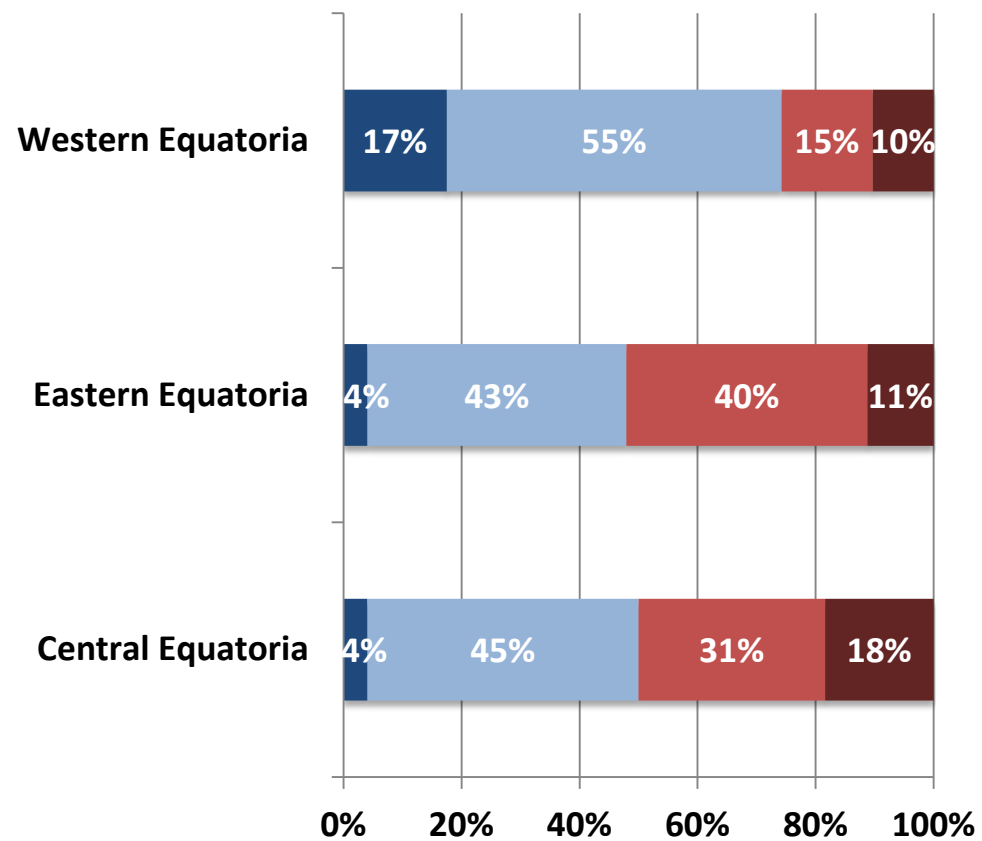
# How satisfied are you with the government's efforts to resolve local conflicts in different areas of this country?

## Greater Equatoria



Very satisfied Satisfied

## By State

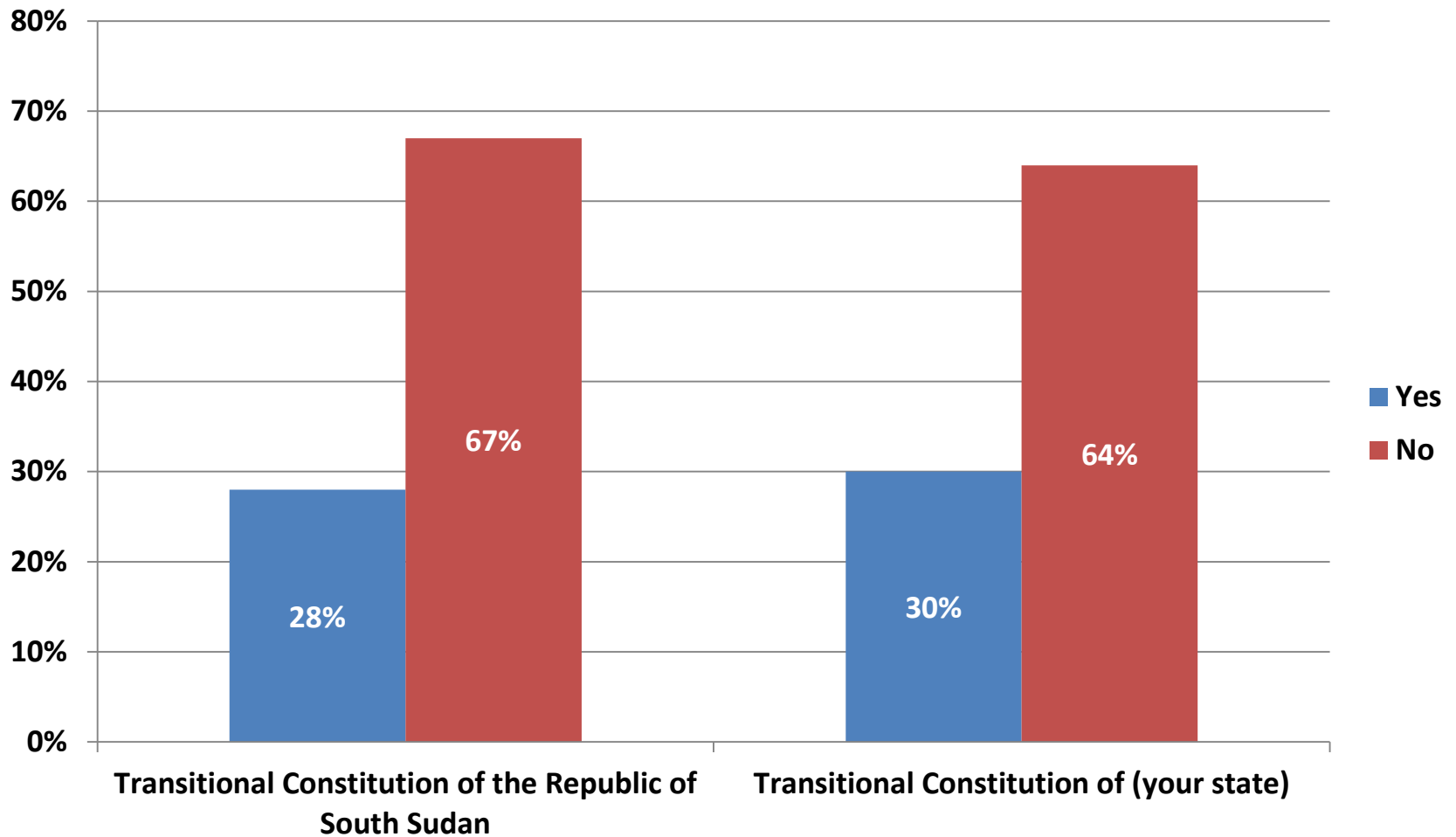


Unsatisfied Not at all satisfied



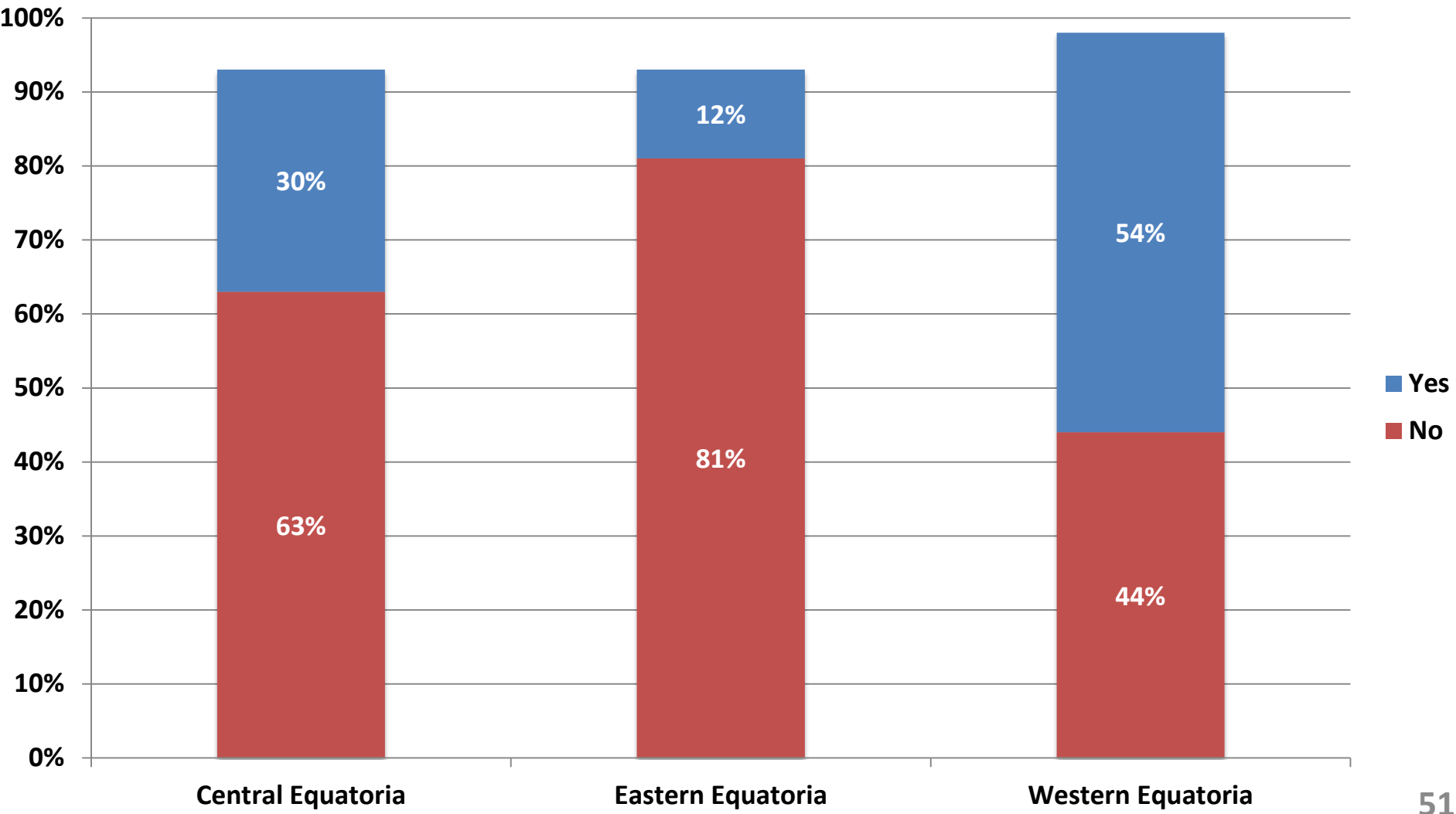
# Constitutional Issues

# Have you ever read, seen or heard about the...



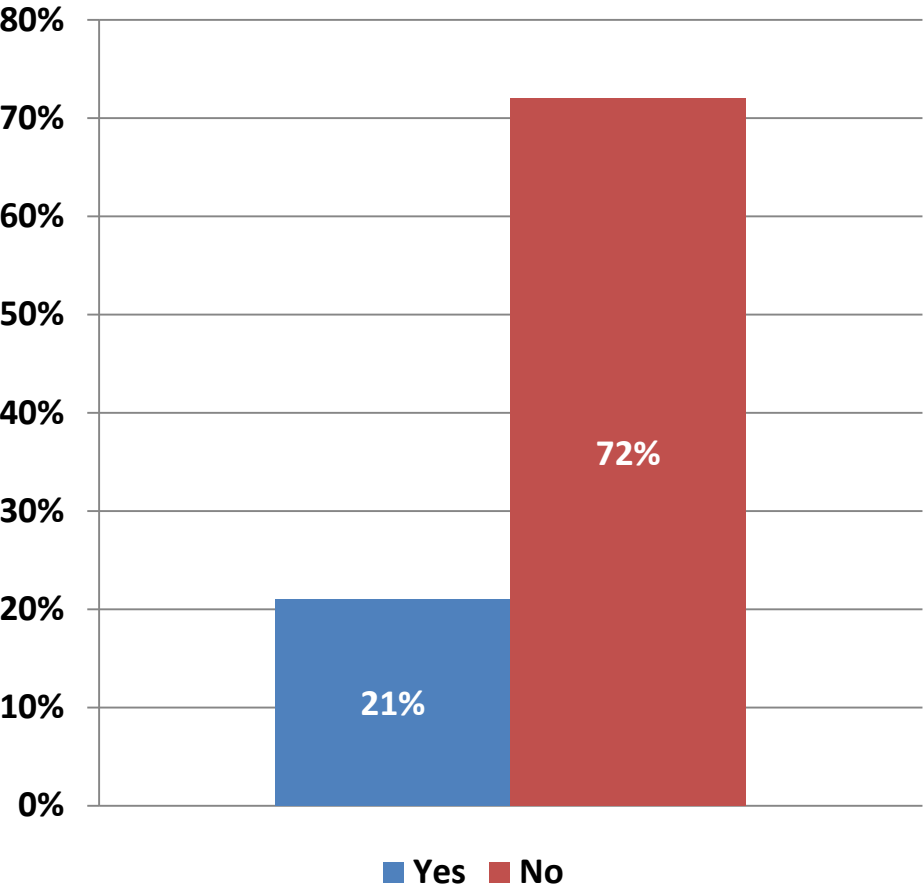
# Have you ever read, seen or heard about the Transitional Constitution of your state?

## By State

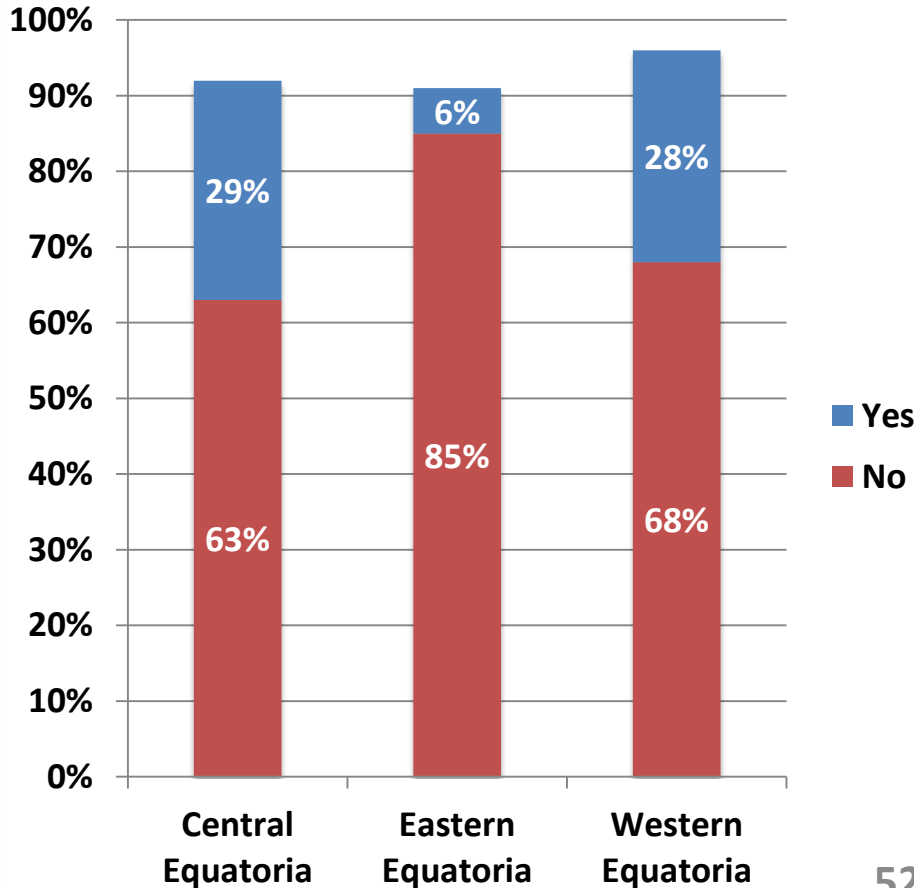


# Thinking about current political developments in Juba, have you heard about the national constitutional process to draft a permanent constitution for South Sudan?

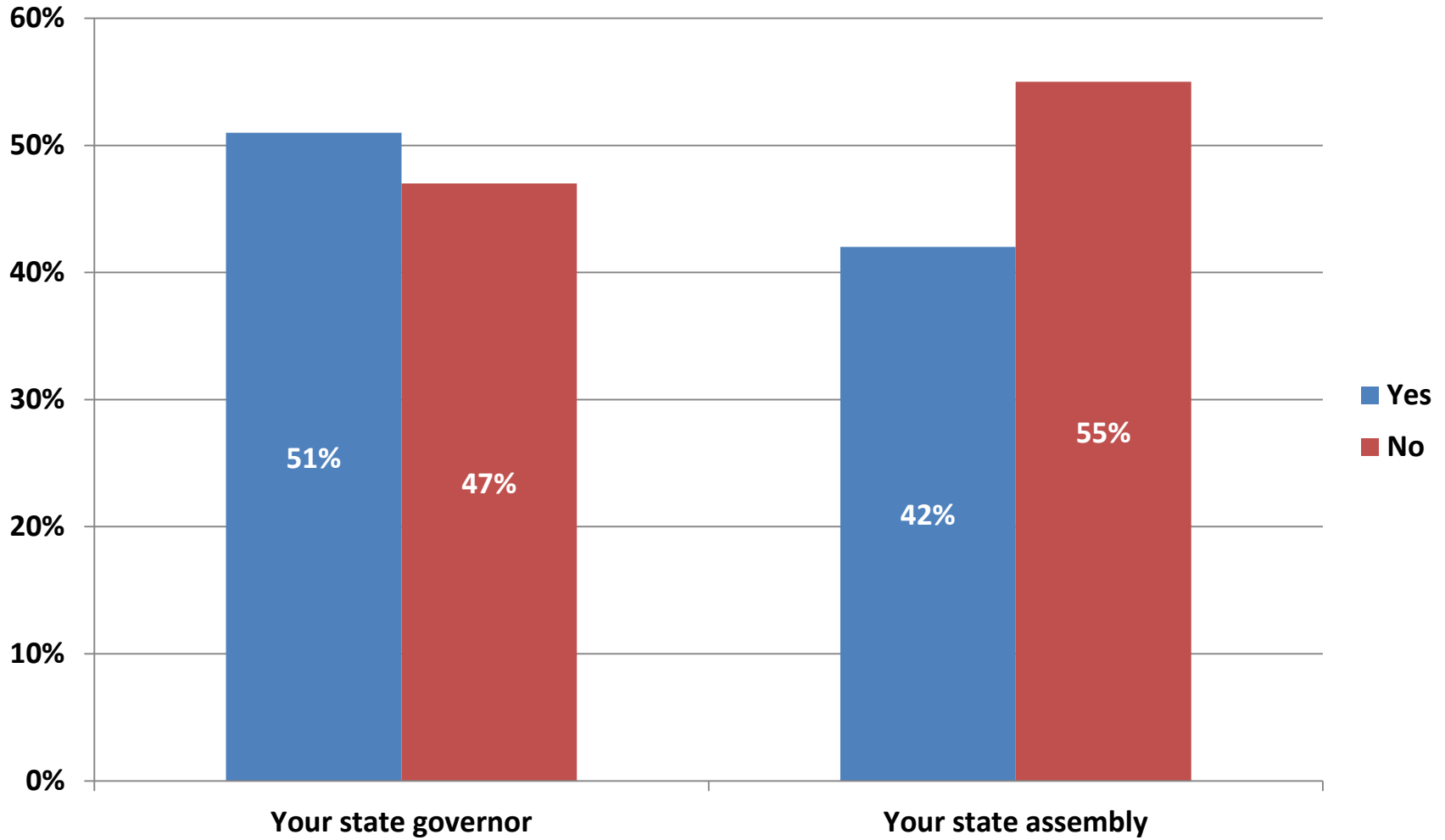
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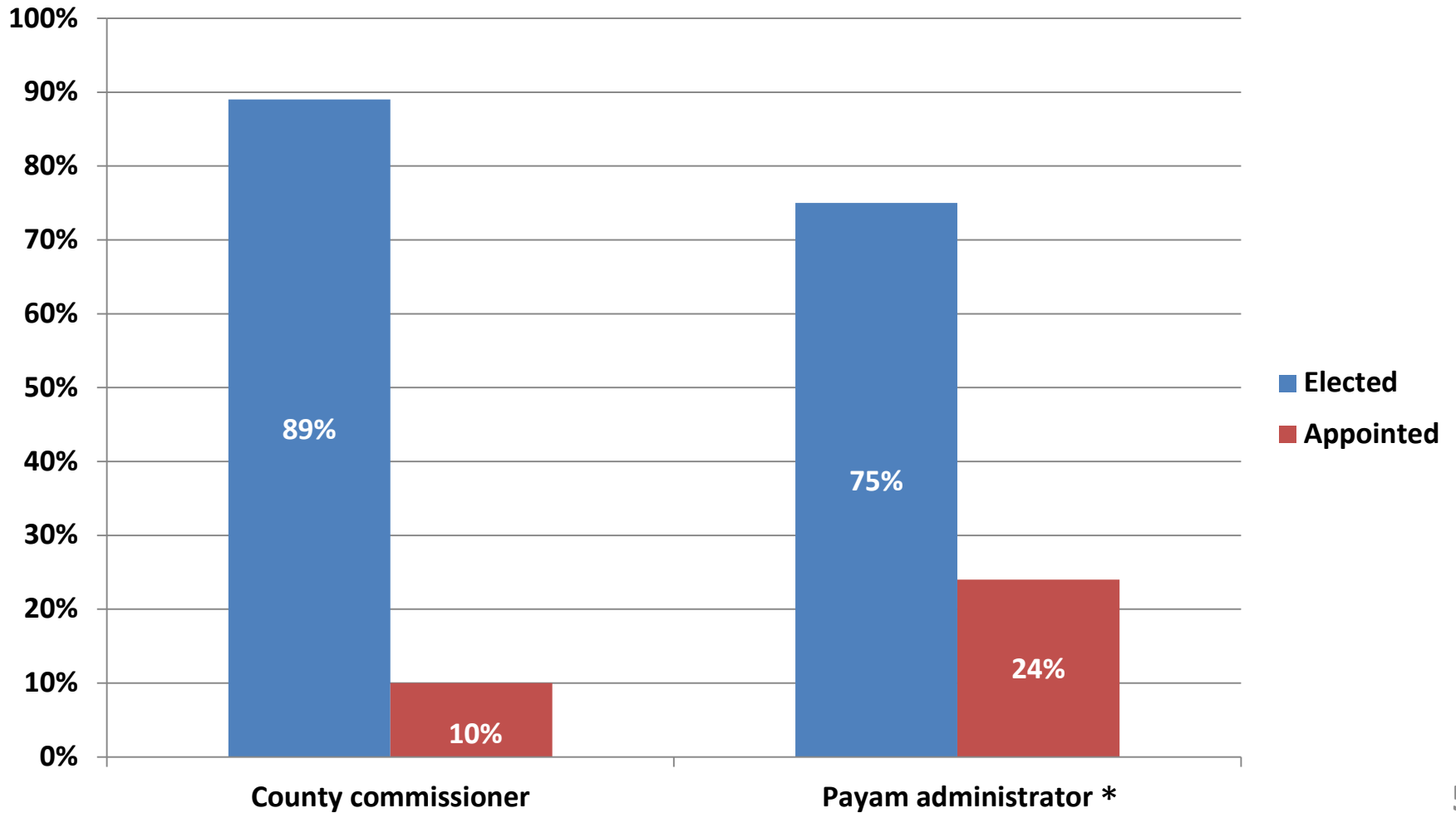
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# In your opinion, should the President of South Sudan have the power to remove from office any of the following officials in the event of a crisis?



# Do you think that the following positions should be elected or appointed?

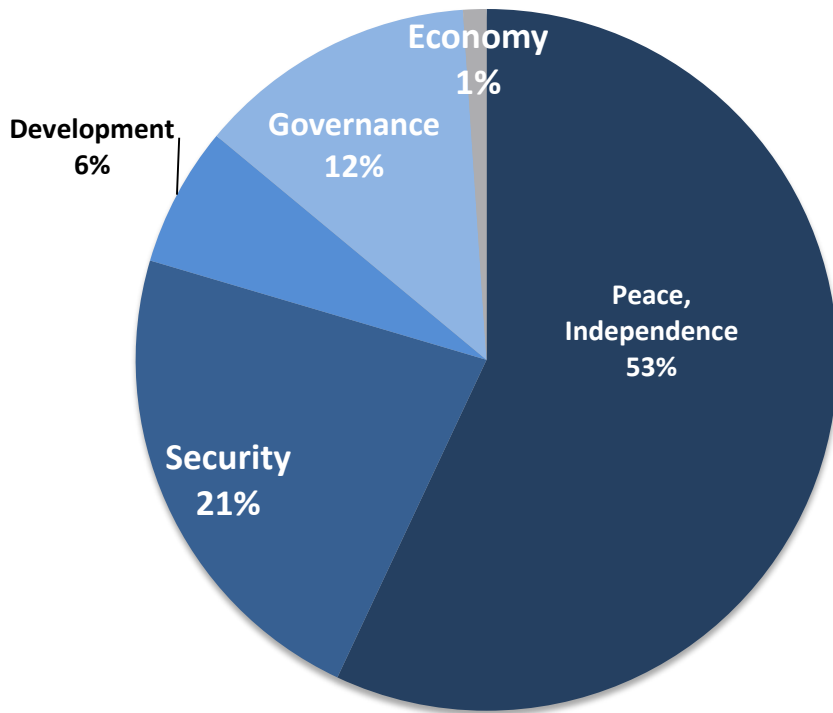


\*Similar to a district administrator

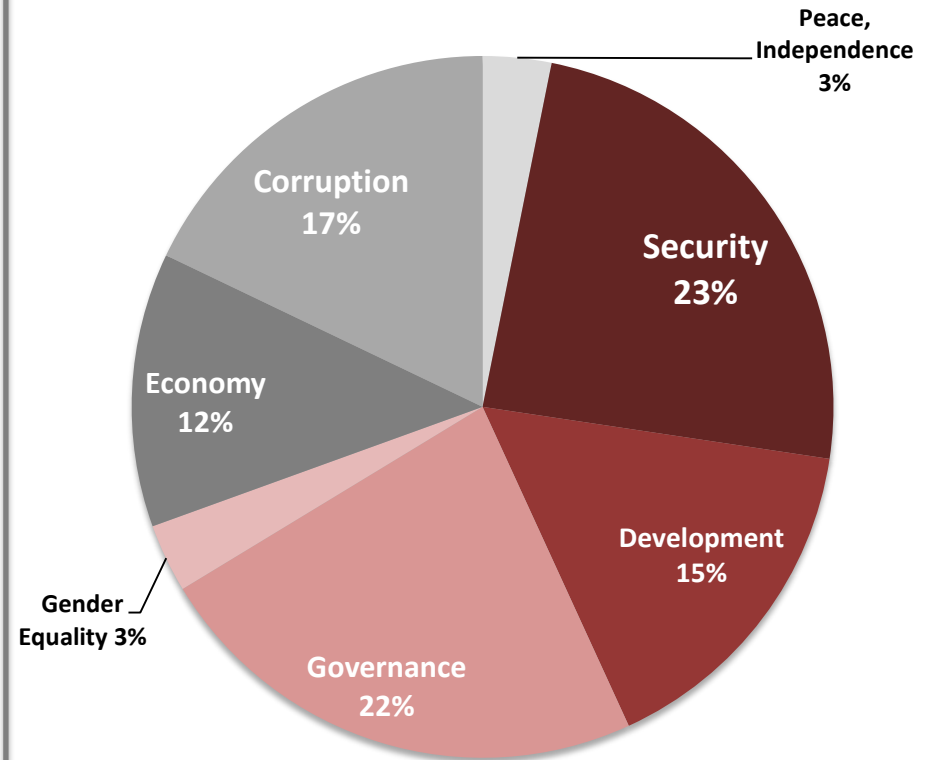
# Political Parties

# Why do you say that (you are satisfied/not satisfied with the SPLM's performance)?

*Very satisfied/Satisfied*  
**N=1,122**



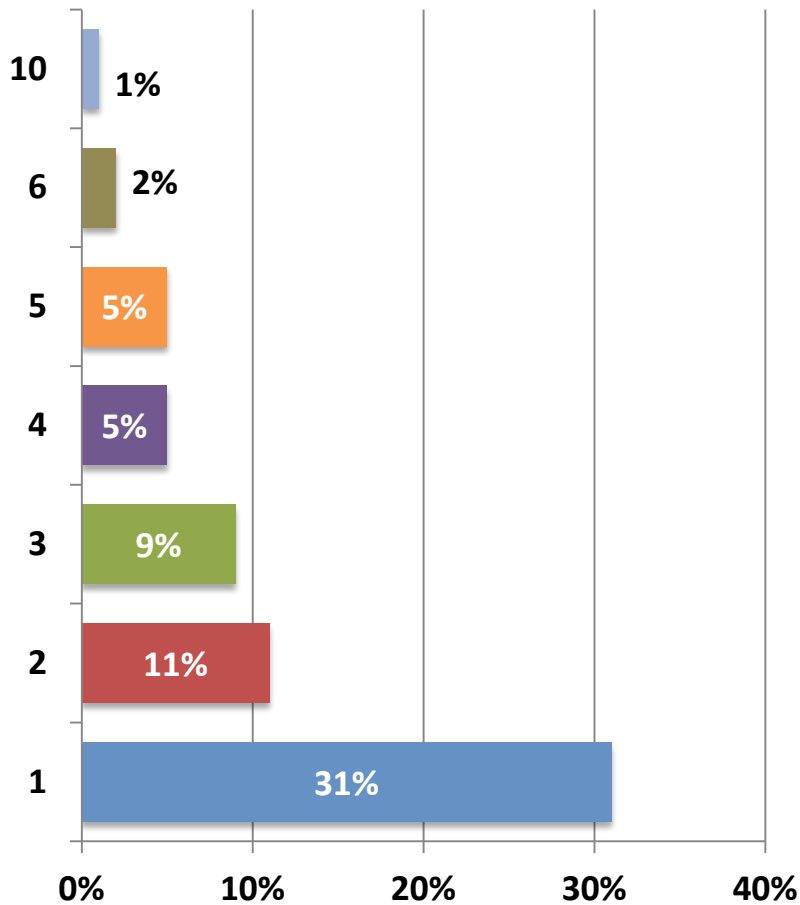
*Unsatisfied/Very unsatisfied*  
**N=390**



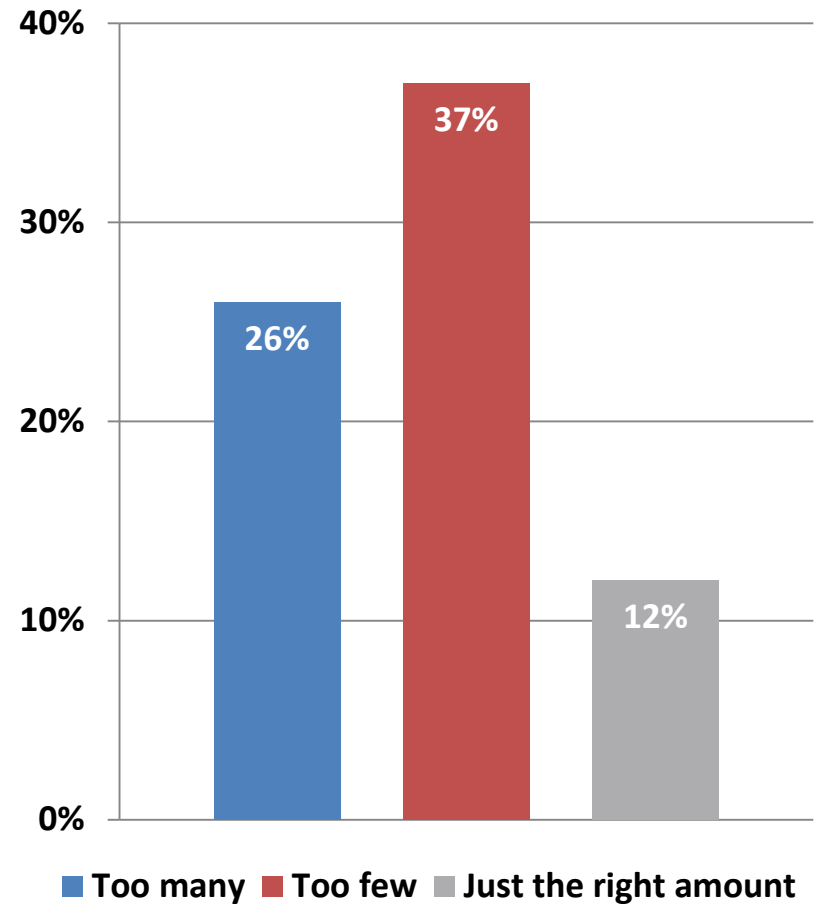


## How many political parties do you think there are in South Sudan?

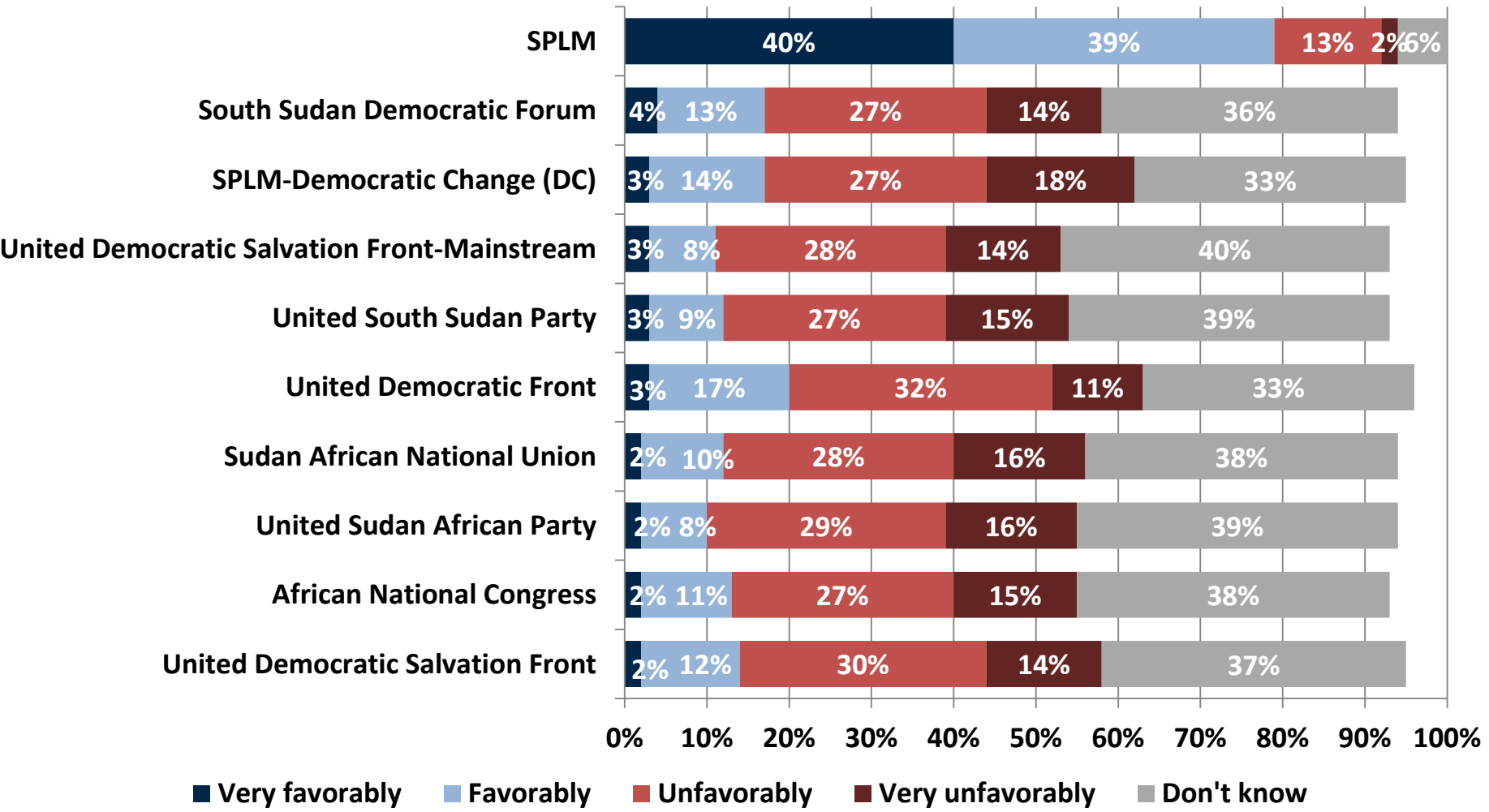
*Open-ended, Top 7 Responses*



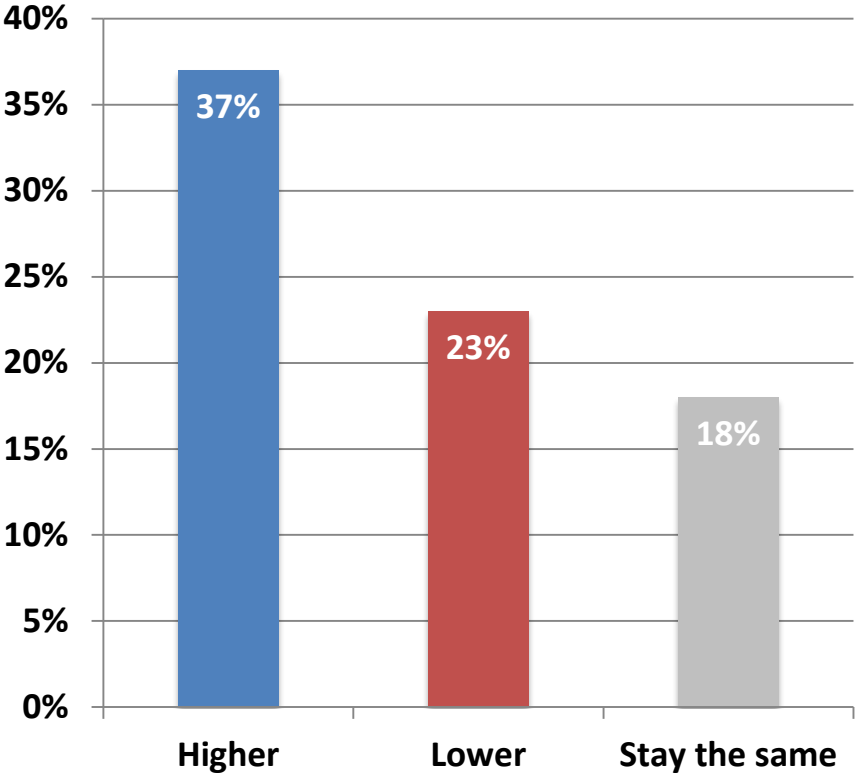
## When thinking about political parties, do you think there are currently too many, too few, or just the right amount?



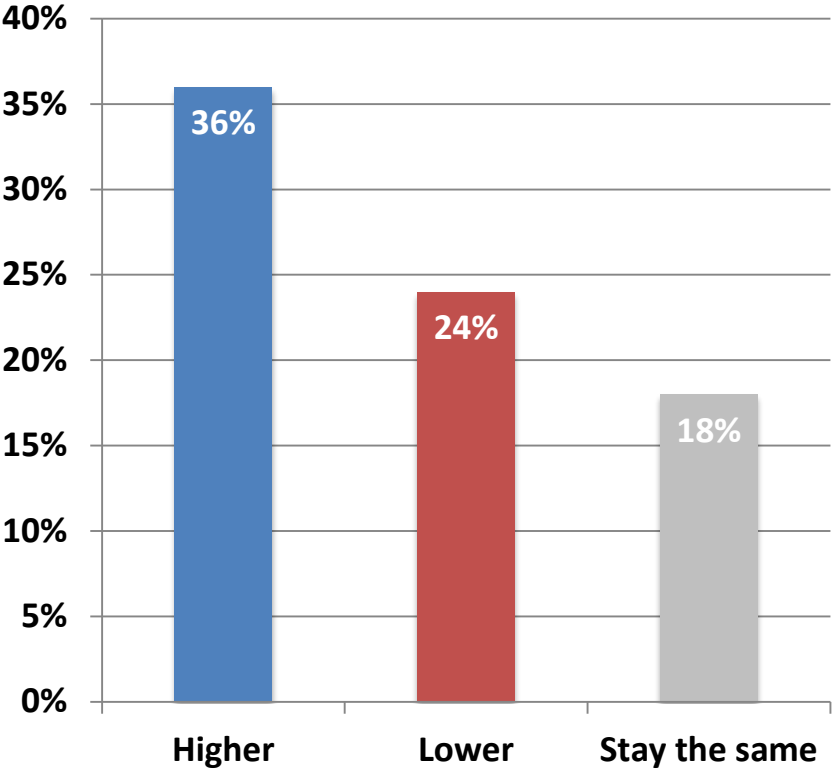
**How favorable are you towards the following political parties? For each one, please tell me whether you think very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorably about them.**



# Do you think the current representation of political parties in national government should be higher, lower or stay the same?

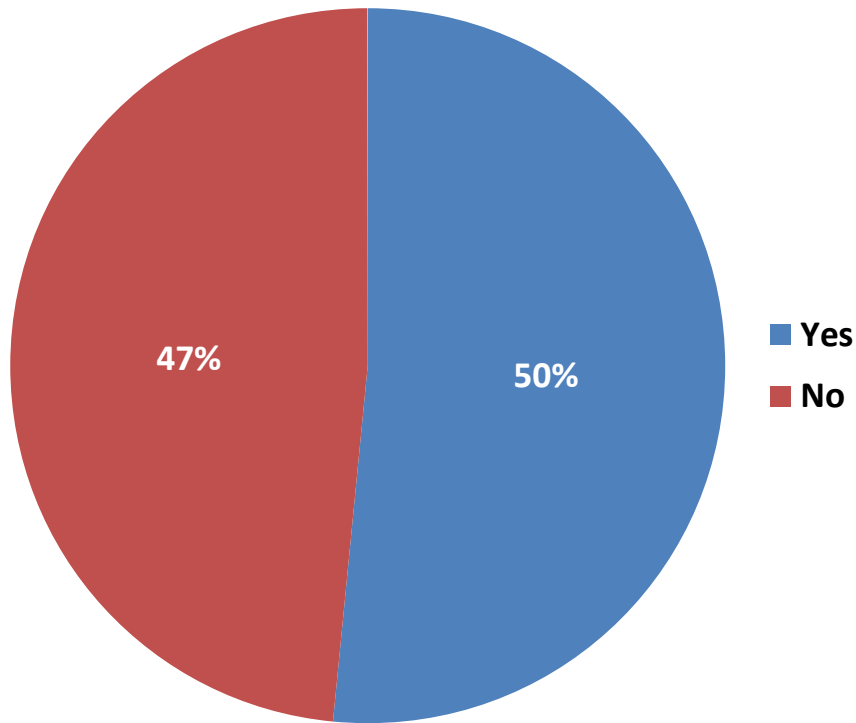


# Do you think the current representation of political parties in state government should be higher, lower or stay the same?

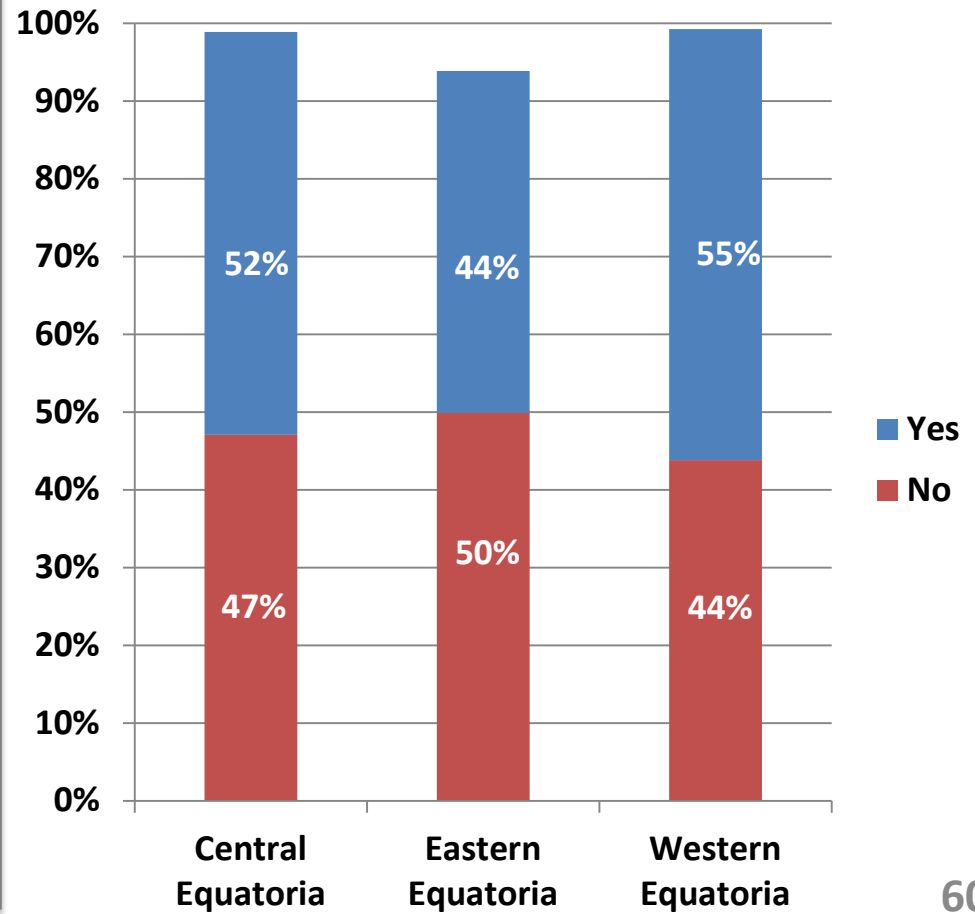


# Are you a member of a political party?

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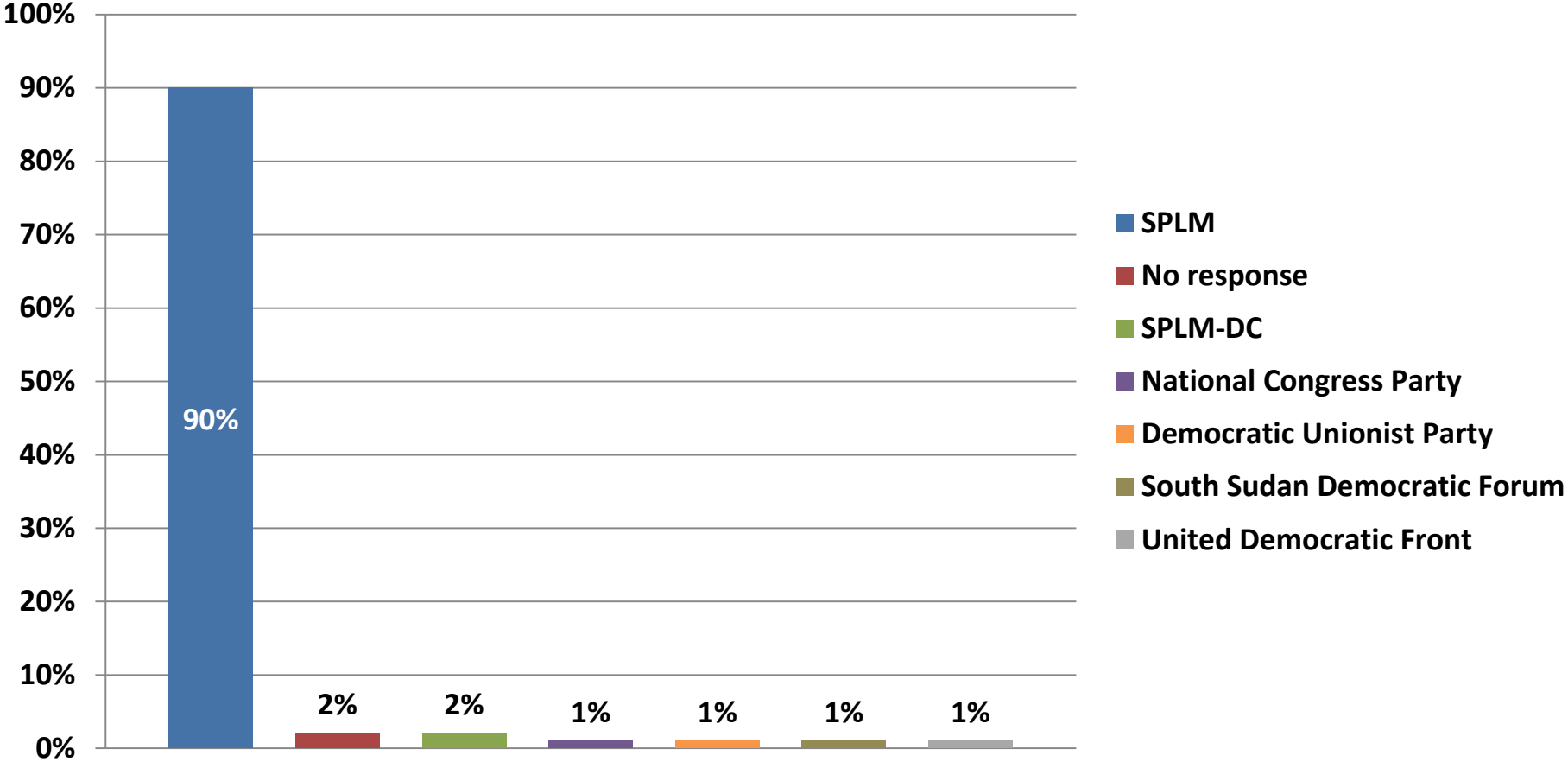


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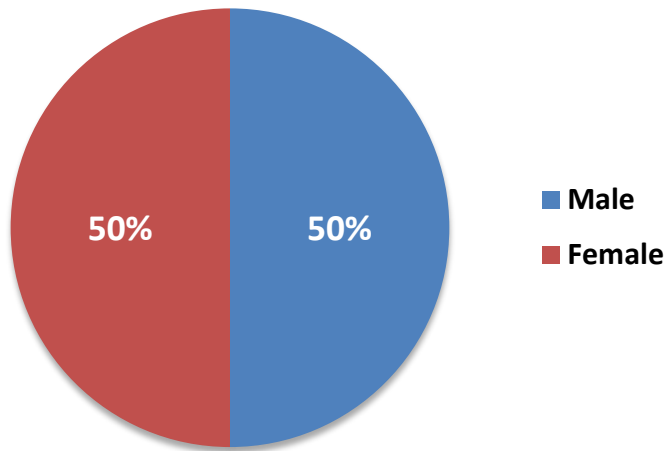
# If you are a member of a political party, which party?

Open-ended, Top 7 Responses, N=775

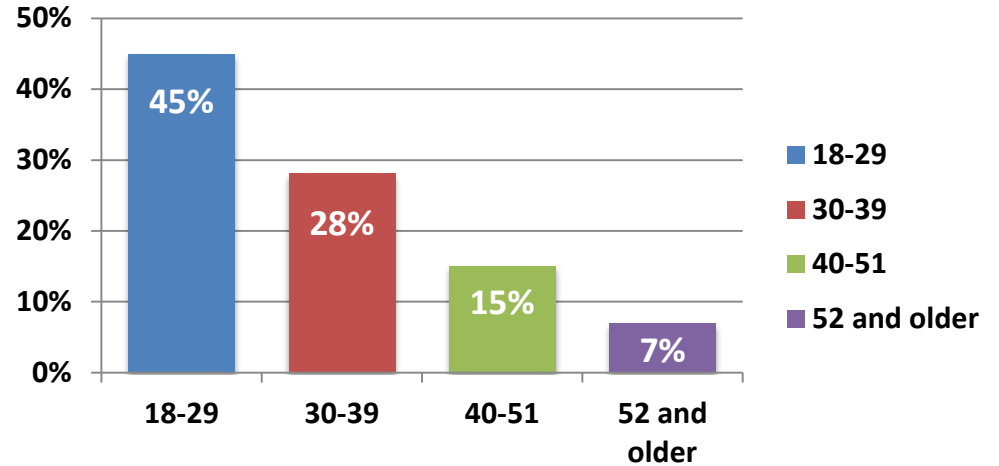


# Demographics

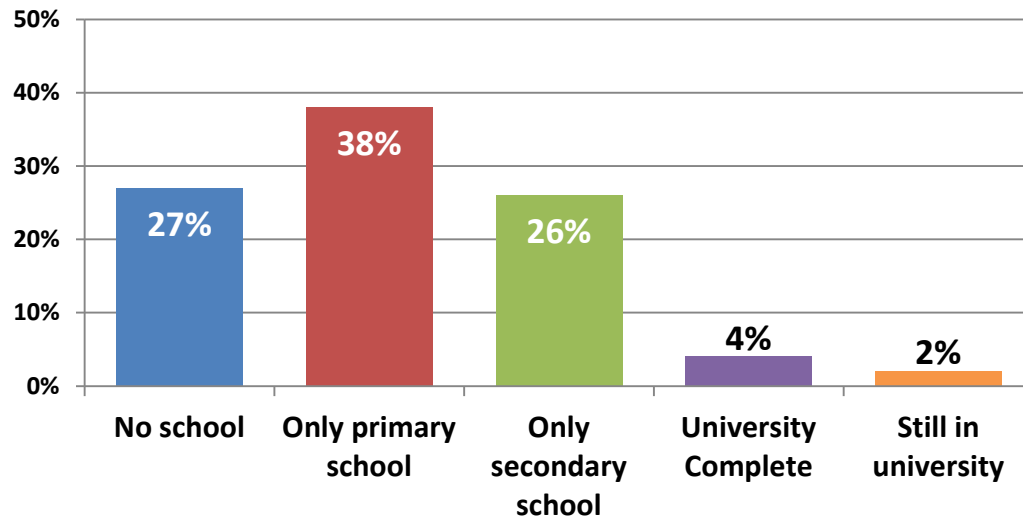
## Gender



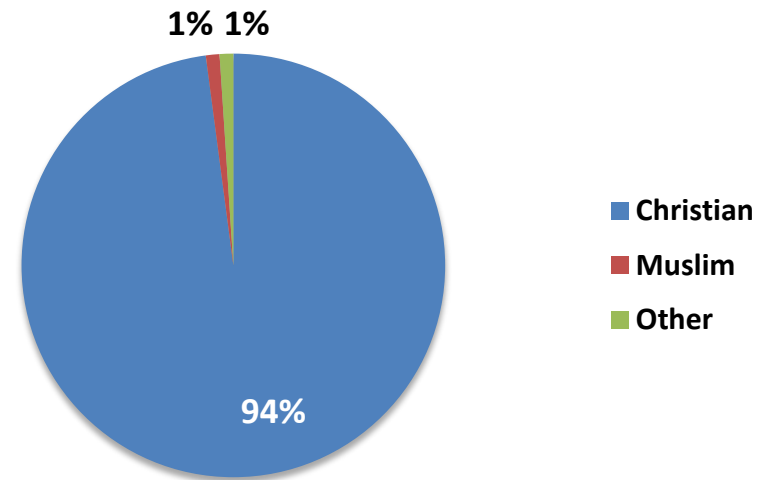
## Age



## Education

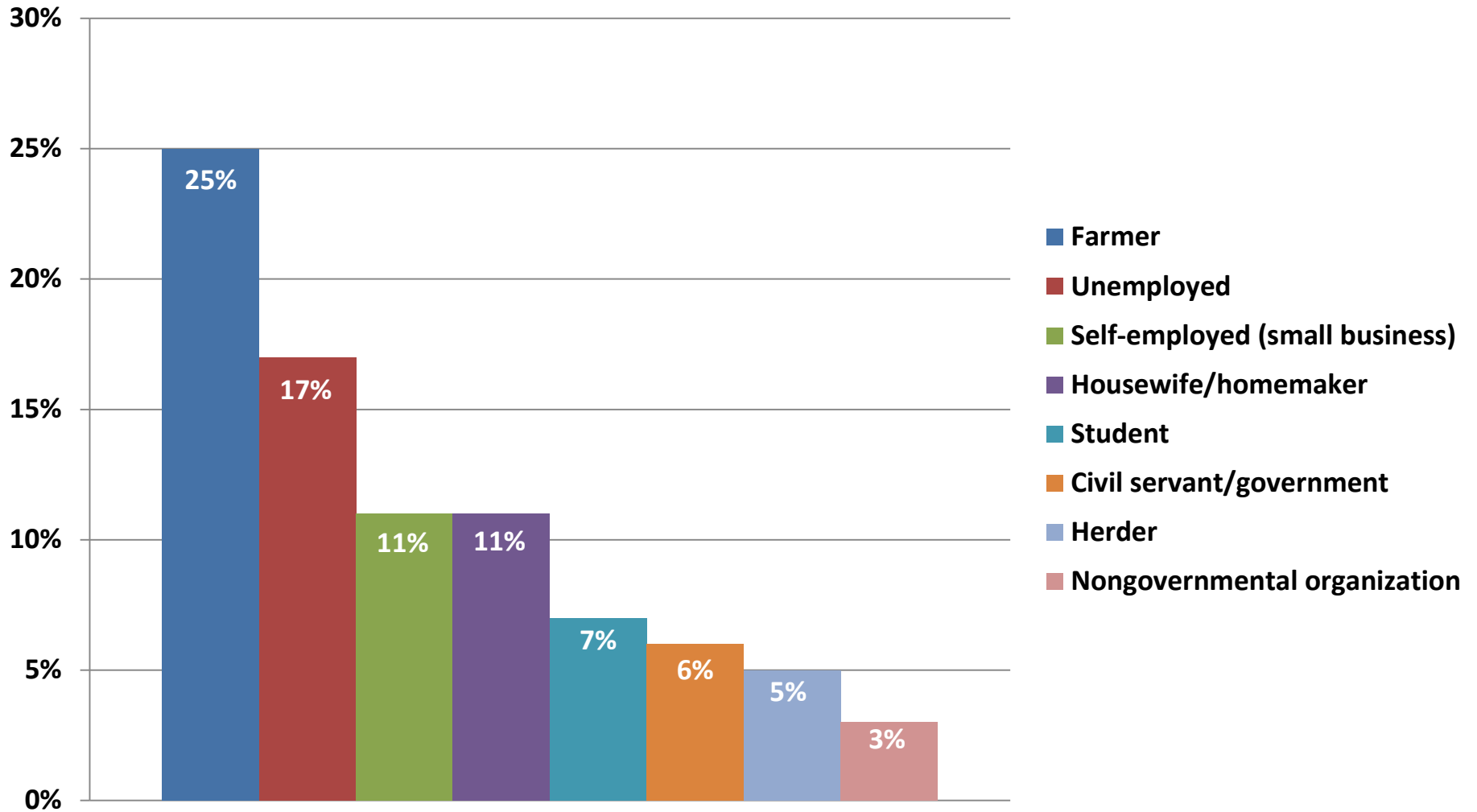


## Religion



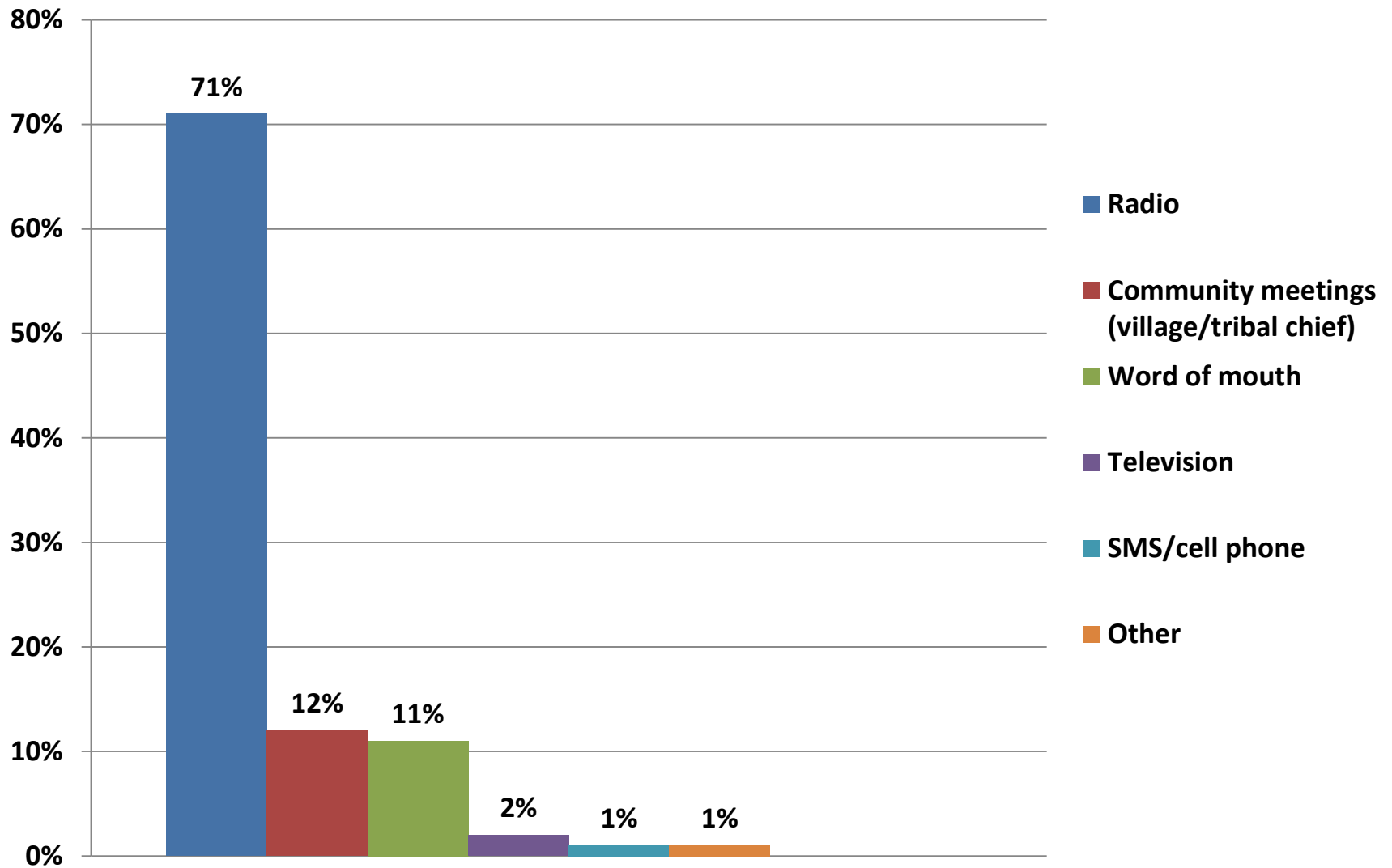
# What is your present occupation?

*Open-ended, Top 8 Responses*





# What is your primary source of news and information?



# Which radio station do you listen to most often for news and information?

*Open-ended, Top 10 Responses Only  
Don't Know/No Response Filtered out*

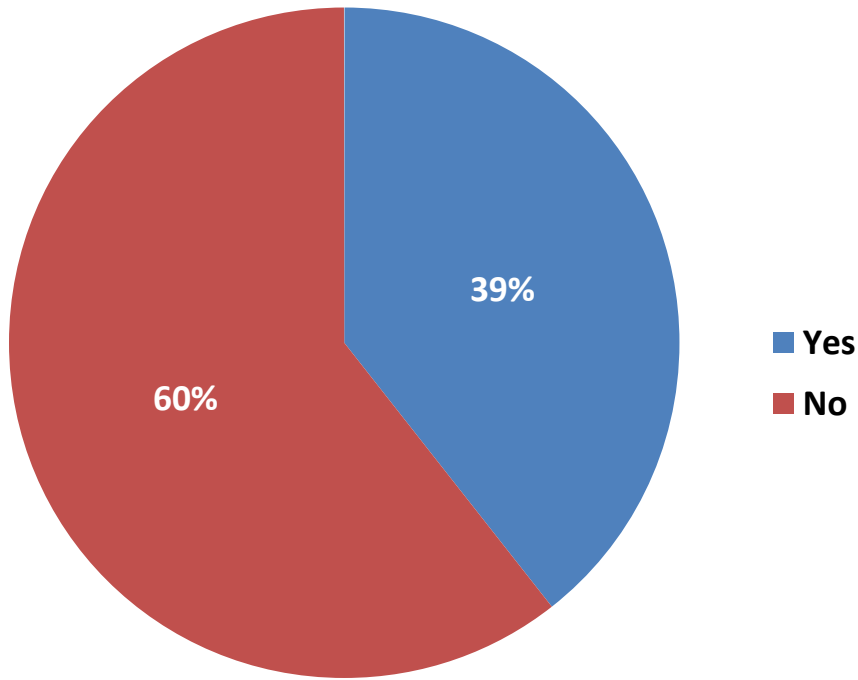
Central Equatoria N=536		Eastern Equatoria N=294		Western Equatoria N=357	
Miraya FM	55%	Miraya FM	40%	Yambio FM	45%
Voice of Kajokeji	13%	Voice of Eastern Equatoria	13%	Miraya FM	24%
Radio Juba, SSR	8%	BBC	10%	No Radio	13%
Spirit FM	7%	Nehemiah Trumpet Call	7%	Radio Juba, SSR	5%
Radio Easter	4%	Torit FM	6%	Maridi FM	4%
Sudan Radio Service	4%	Radio Juba, SSR	6%	BBC Radio	4%
Bakhita FM	2%	Sudan Radio Service	6%	Sudan Radio	3%
BBC Radio	2%	Freedom FM	4%	Radio Anisa	1%
Liberty FM	1%	No Radio	4%	Bakhita FM	0%

# How often do you get your news and information from the following sources?

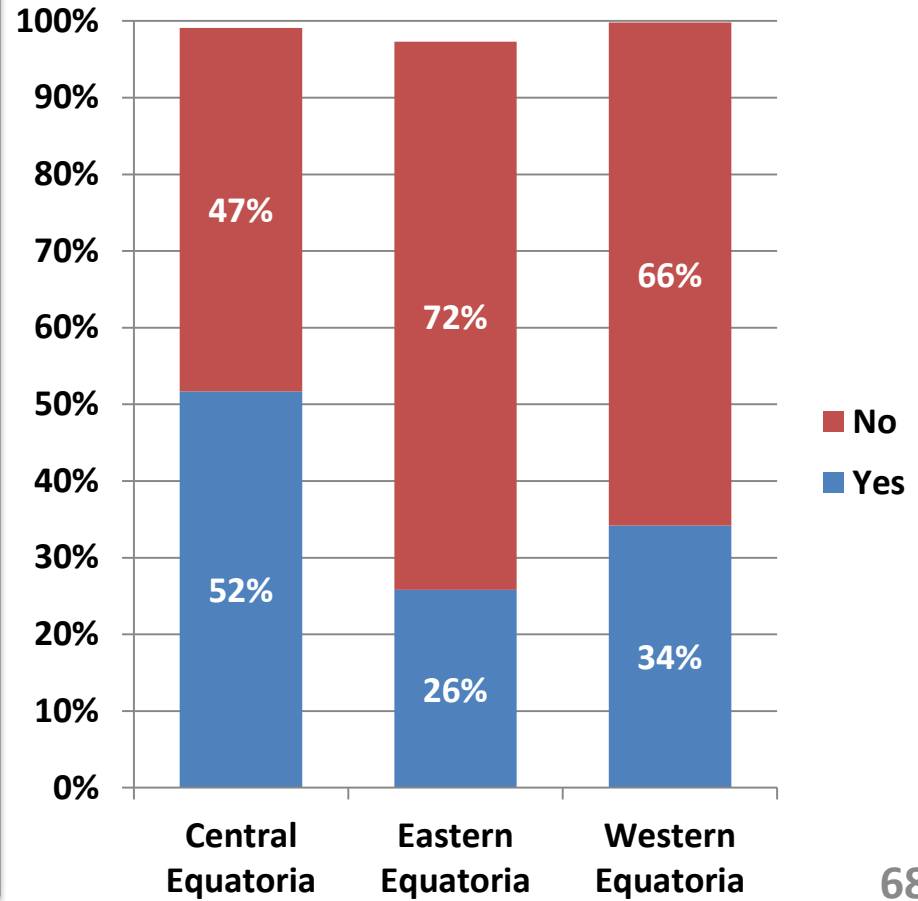
	Never	Less than once a month	A few times a week	Everyday
Radio	22%	2%	17%	57%
SMS/mobile phone	74%	3%	12%	9%
Newspapers	80%	5%	11%	3%
Television	80%	5%	10%	5%
Internet	87%	2%	5%	3%

# Do you own a mobile phone?

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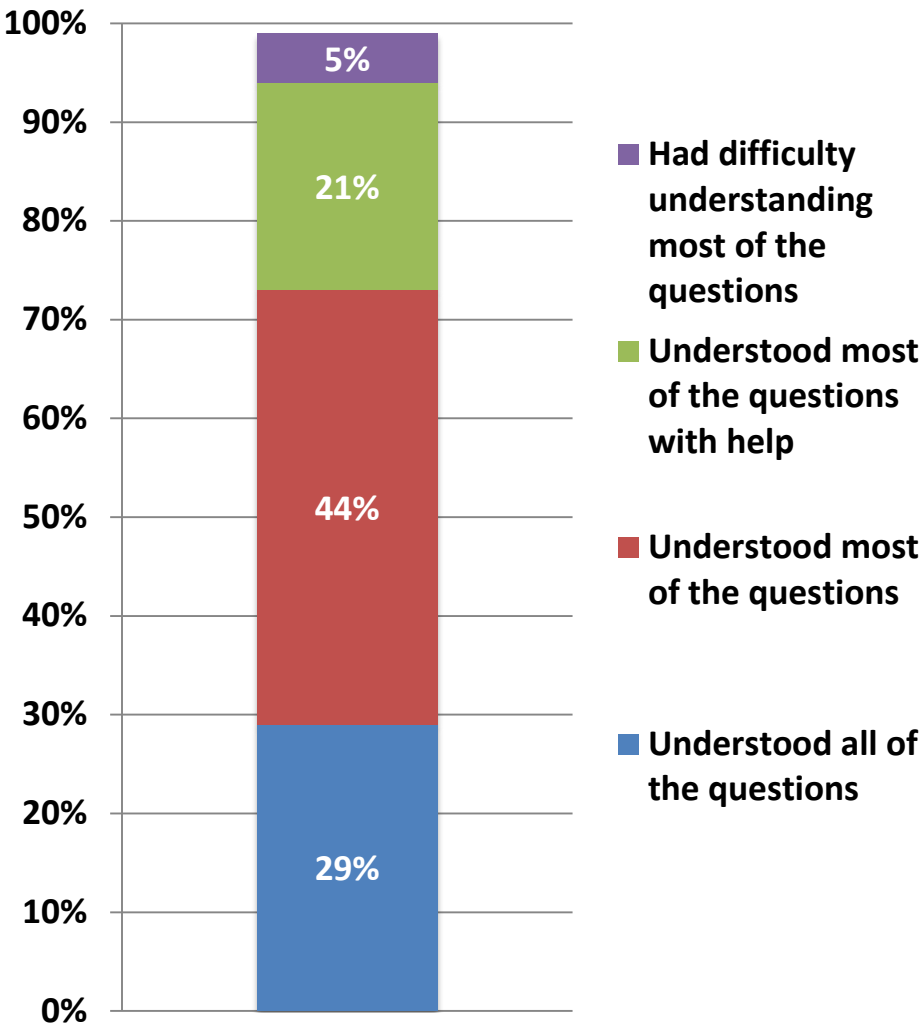
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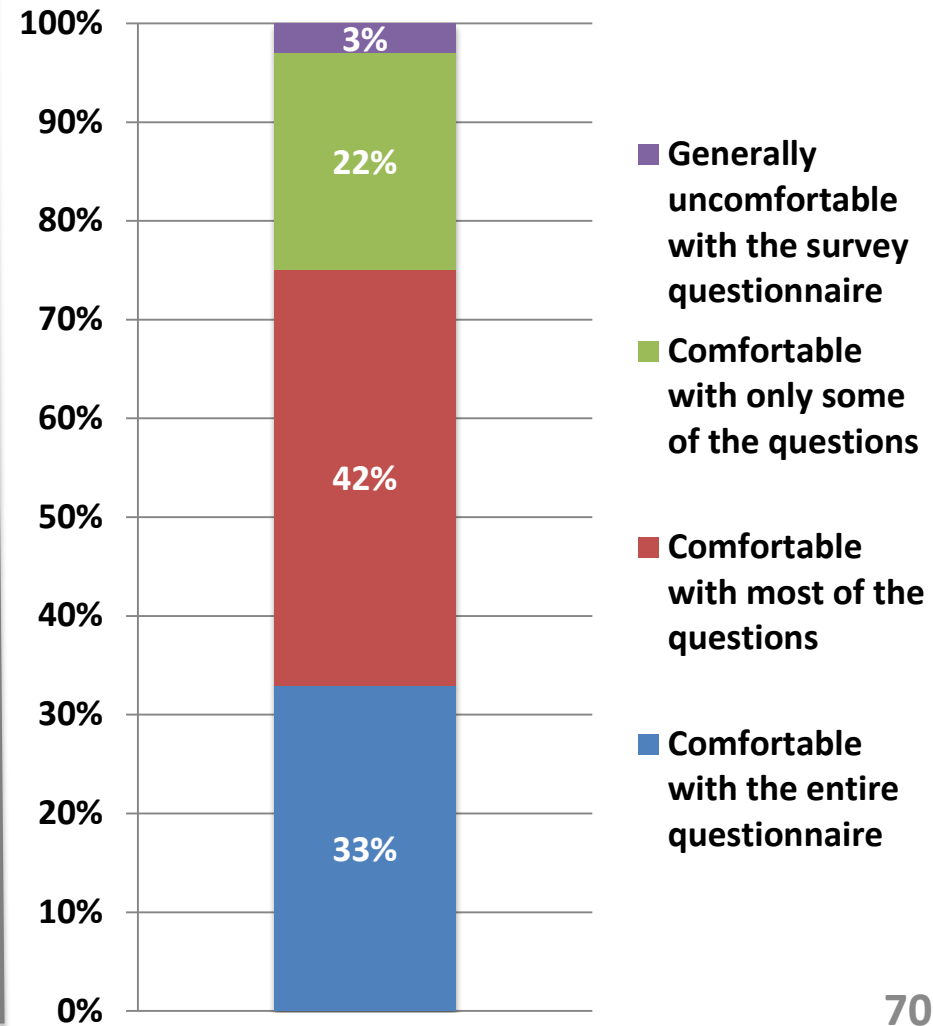
# About the Interview

*The following questions were answered by the interviewer after successful completion of the interview. They provide details about how the interview was conducted.*

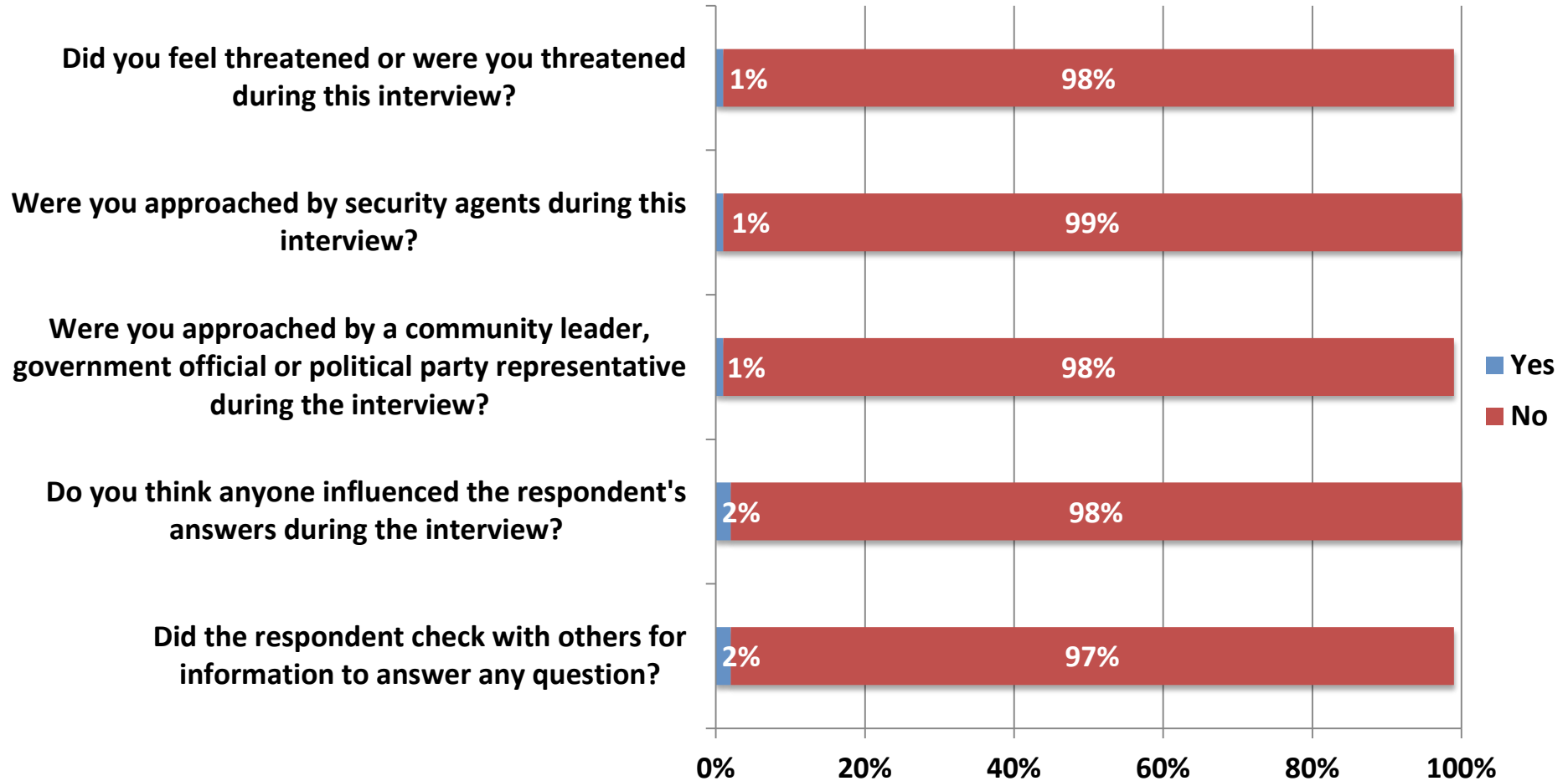
## The respondent...



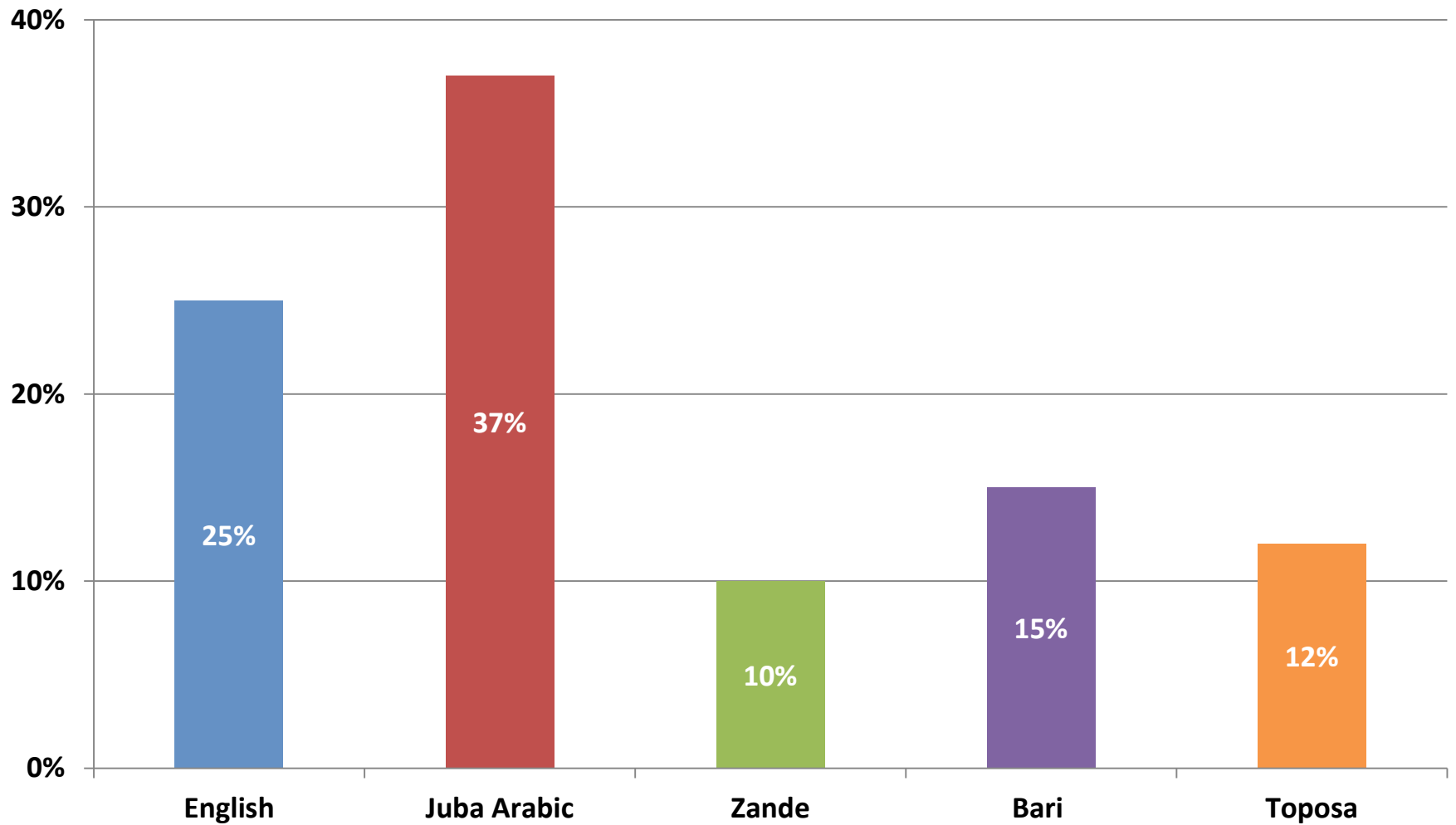
## The respondent was...



# Interview Setting

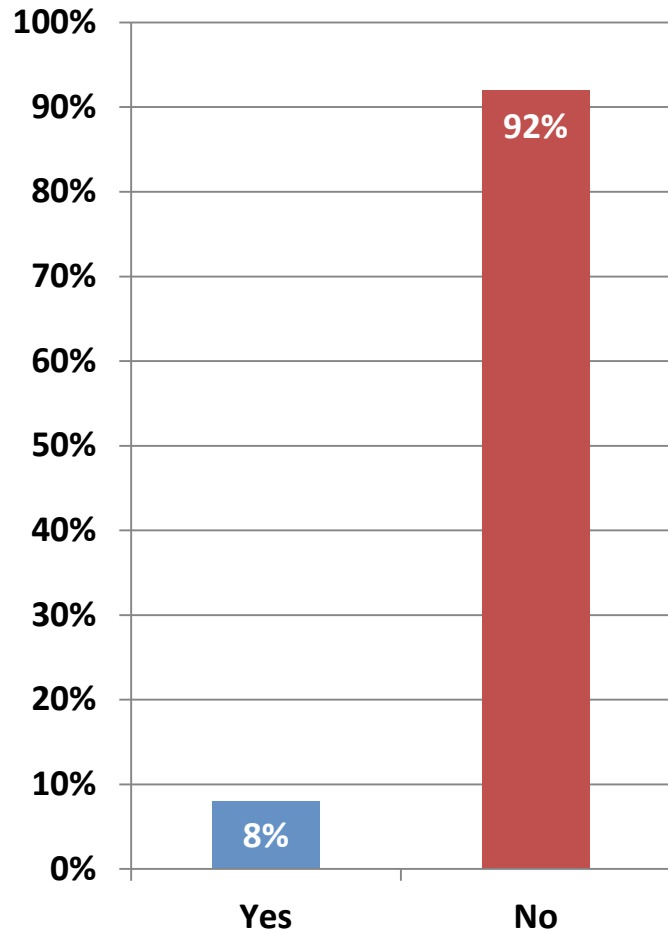


## What language did you use for this questionnaire?





## Were portions of this questionnaire translated into any other language?



## If yes, which language was it translated to? N=127

