



Survey of Macedonian Public Opinion

April 19-25, 2016

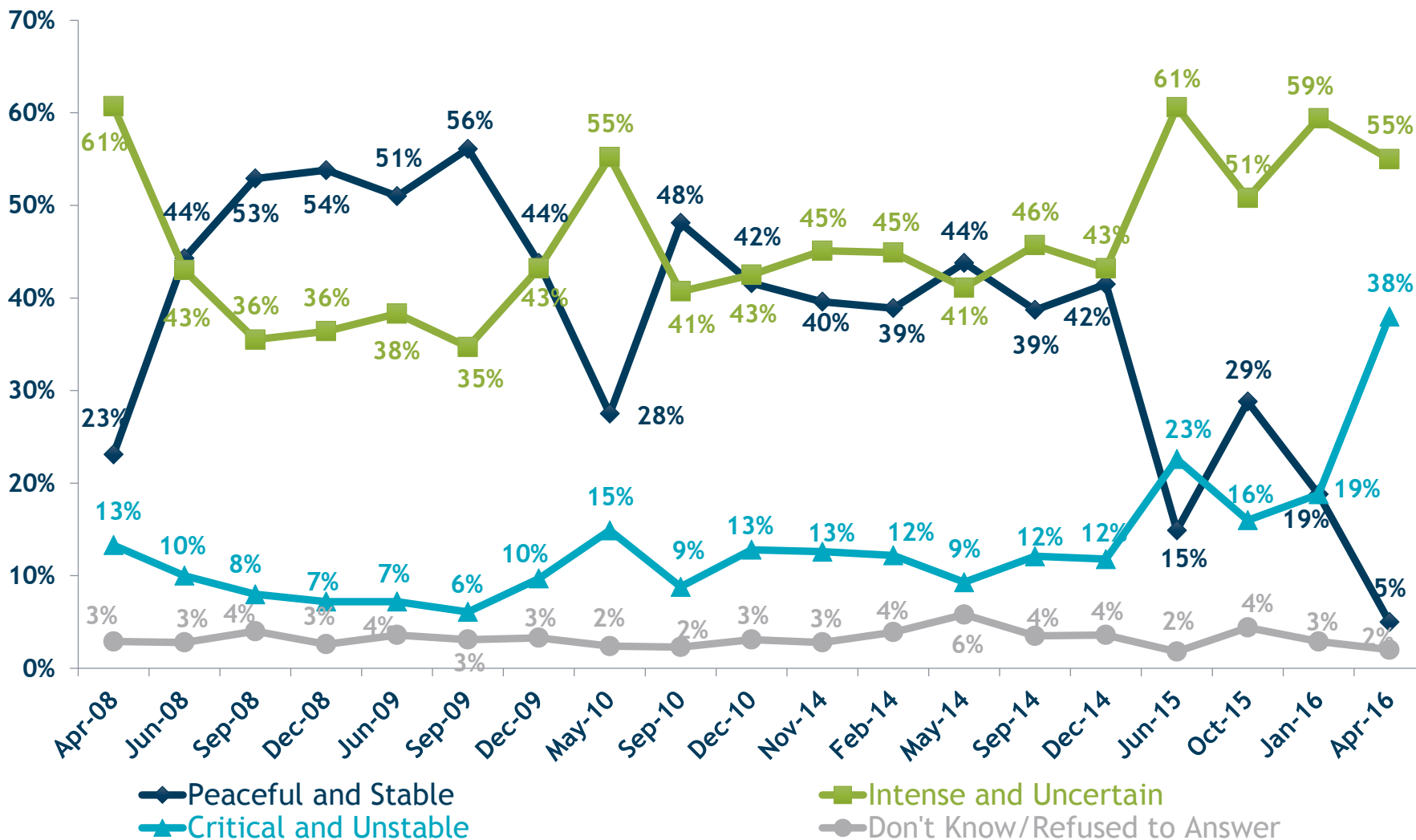
Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the [International Republican Institute](#) by the [Brima](#) market research firm (member of Taylor Nelson Sofres and Gallup International) in cooperation with Chariot LLC in San Francisco, California.
- Data was collected from April 19 to 25, 2016, using in-person, face-to-face methodology by trained professional interviewers.
- A total of 1,104 interviews were completed, yielding an overall margin of error of plus or minus three percent at the midrange of the 95-percent confidence level. A nationally representative sample was based on a multistage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution, with a random selection of households and respondents. The response rate was 75 percent.
- The sample was prepared using the State Statistical Office data (2002 census results) for the population aged 18 and older. It also considered the structure of the population according to age, gender, education, type of housing, national affiliation and region while updating accordingly to estimates and primary information, collected by Brima.
- Stratification was based on three stages: first, the number of respondents for each of region was specified in proportion to the size of its population aged 18 and older. Second, the sampling plan consisted of 163 sampling points located according to urban/rural split, municipality size and nationality diffusion. Third, the selection of households was based on a random route method, whereby in urban areas, every third household on the left-hand side of the street was selected. In rural areas, the wave-wise approach was applied to select every fourth inhabited house/dwelling on both sides of the interviewer's route/track, counting from the first house on the left.
- The next birthday method was used to select respondents 18 years and older.
- Figures in charts and tables may not add to 100 percent due to rounding error.
- This poll was conducted with support from the [United States Agency for International Development](#).

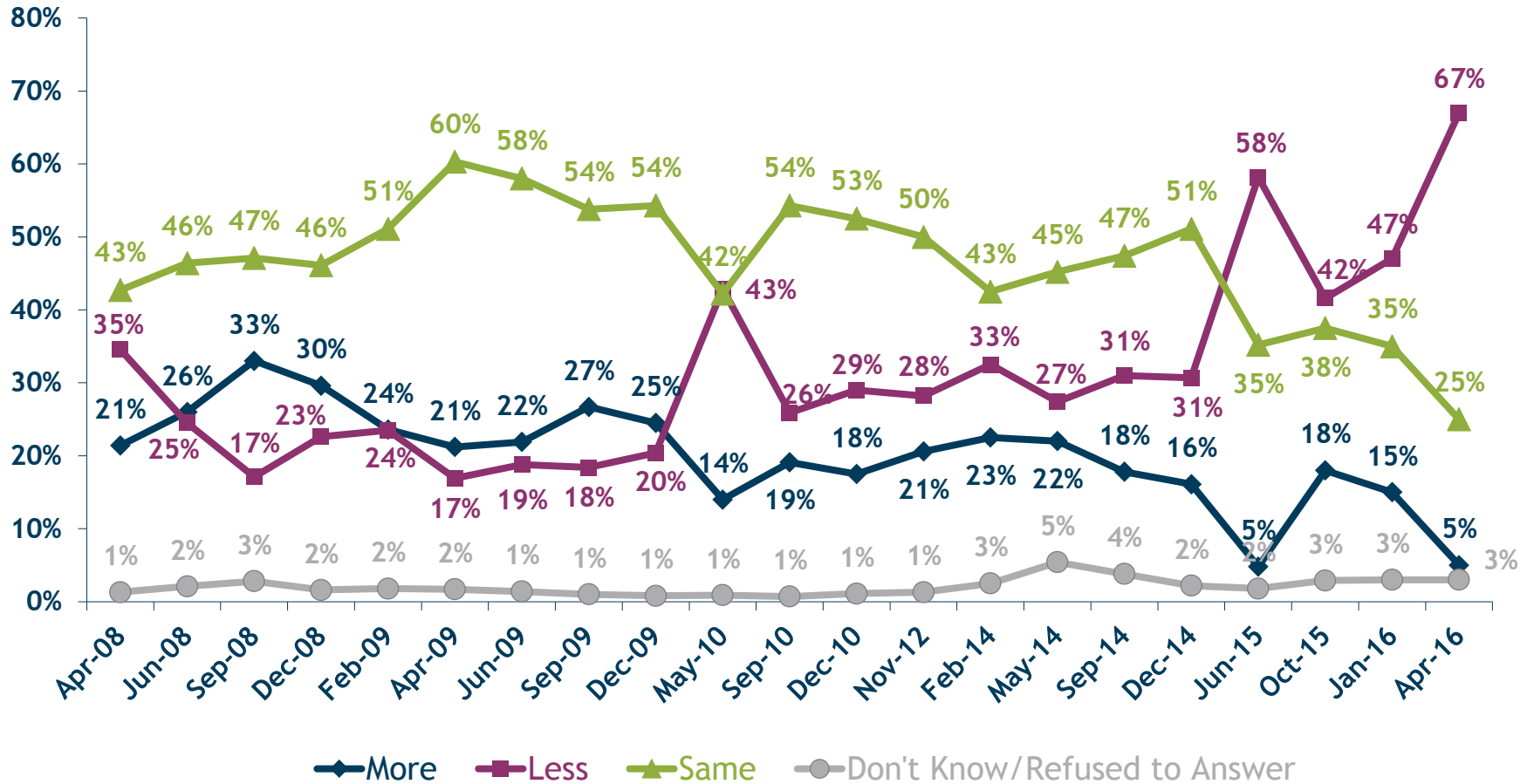


The Political Situation in Macedonia

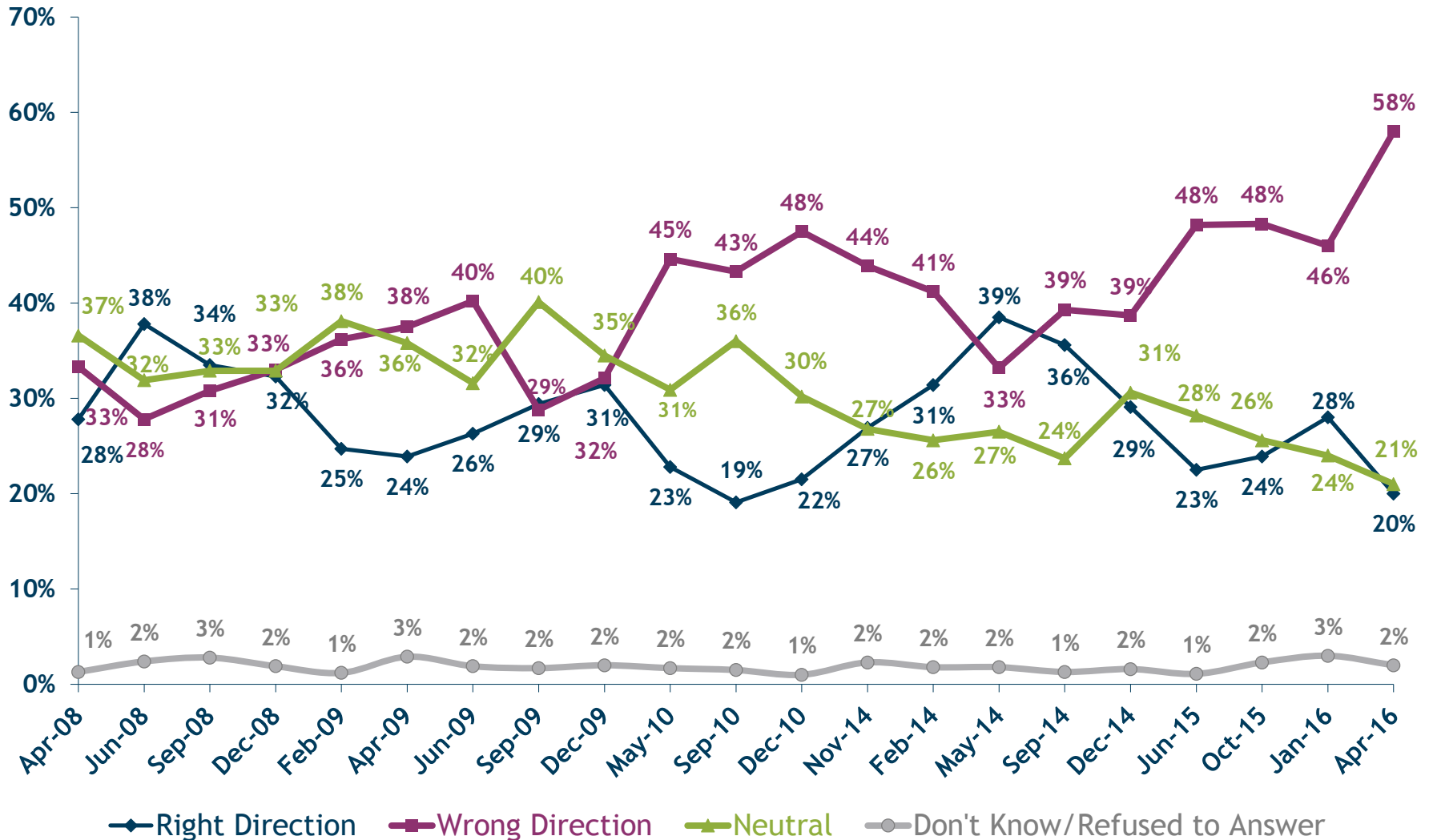
How would you describe the current internal political situation in Macedonia?



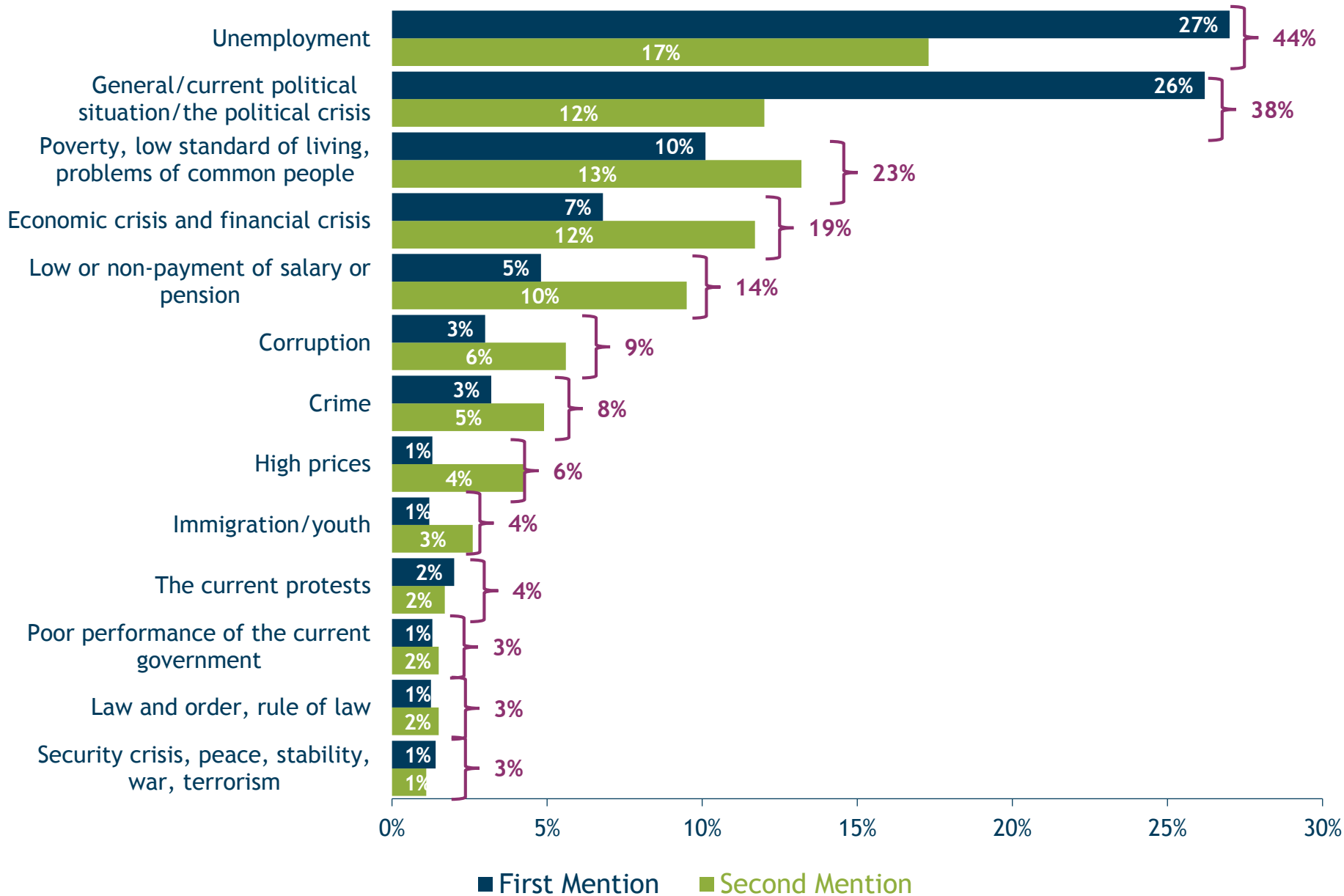
Is the Republic of Macedonia more or less stable today than it was one year ago?



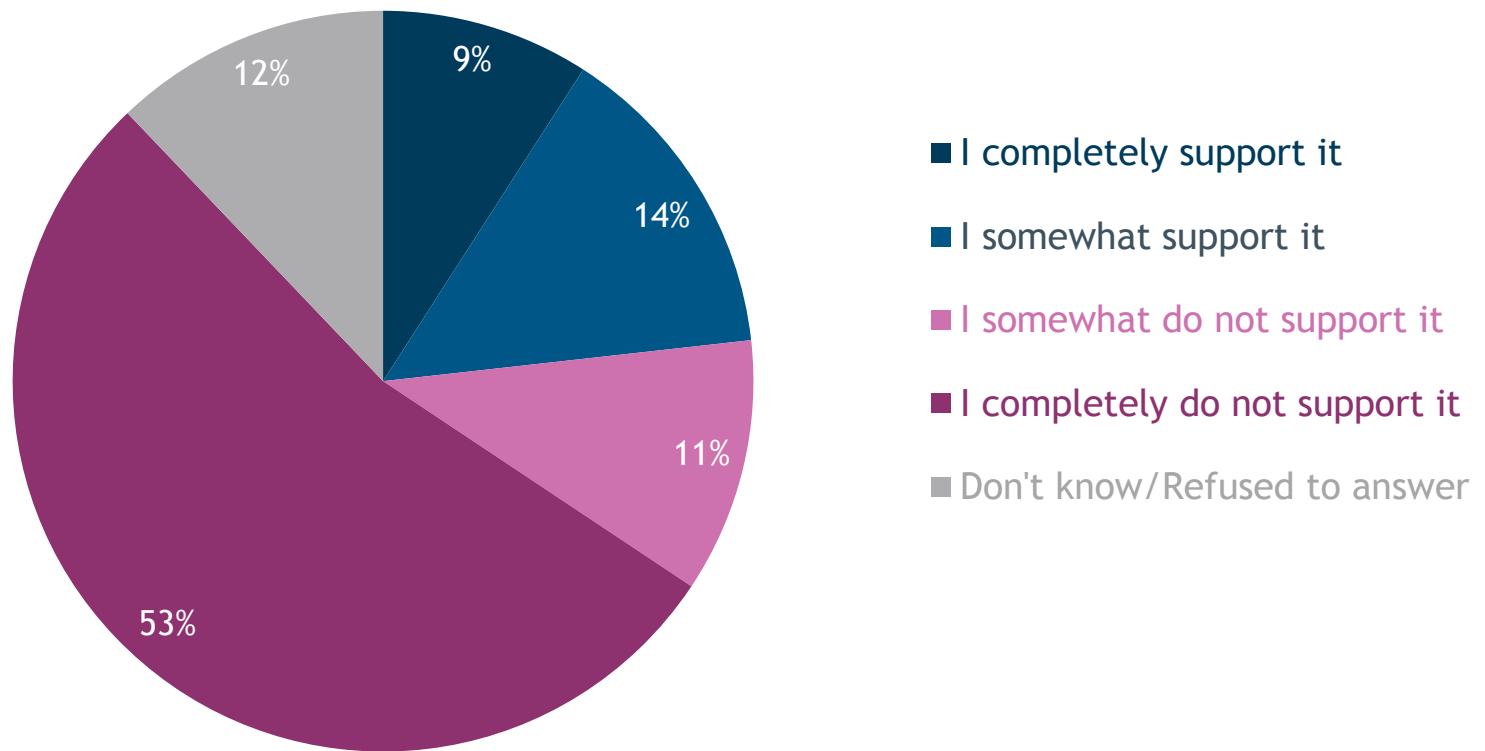
Overall, is Macedonia moving in the right or wrong direction?



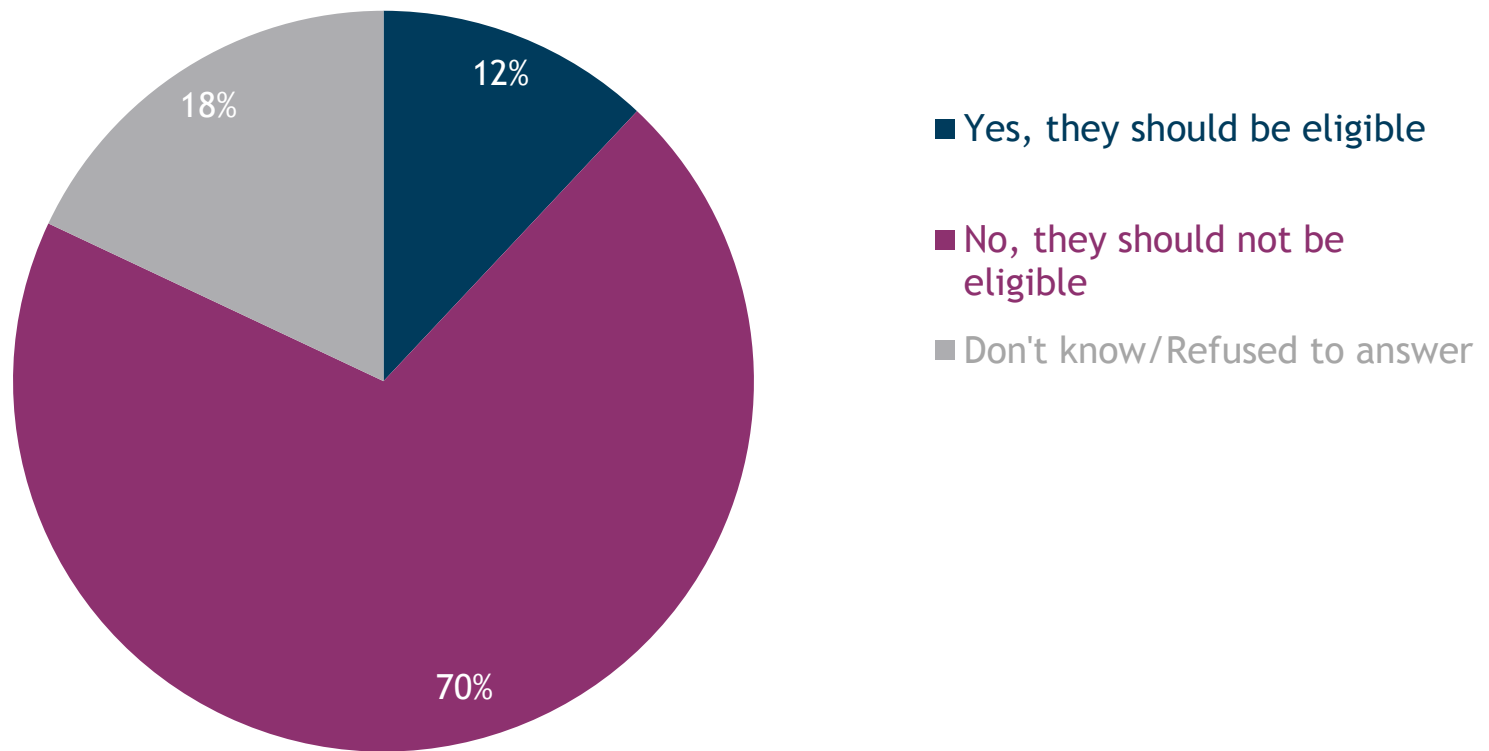
In your opinion, what are the two most serious problems facing Macedonia today? (Open-Ended)



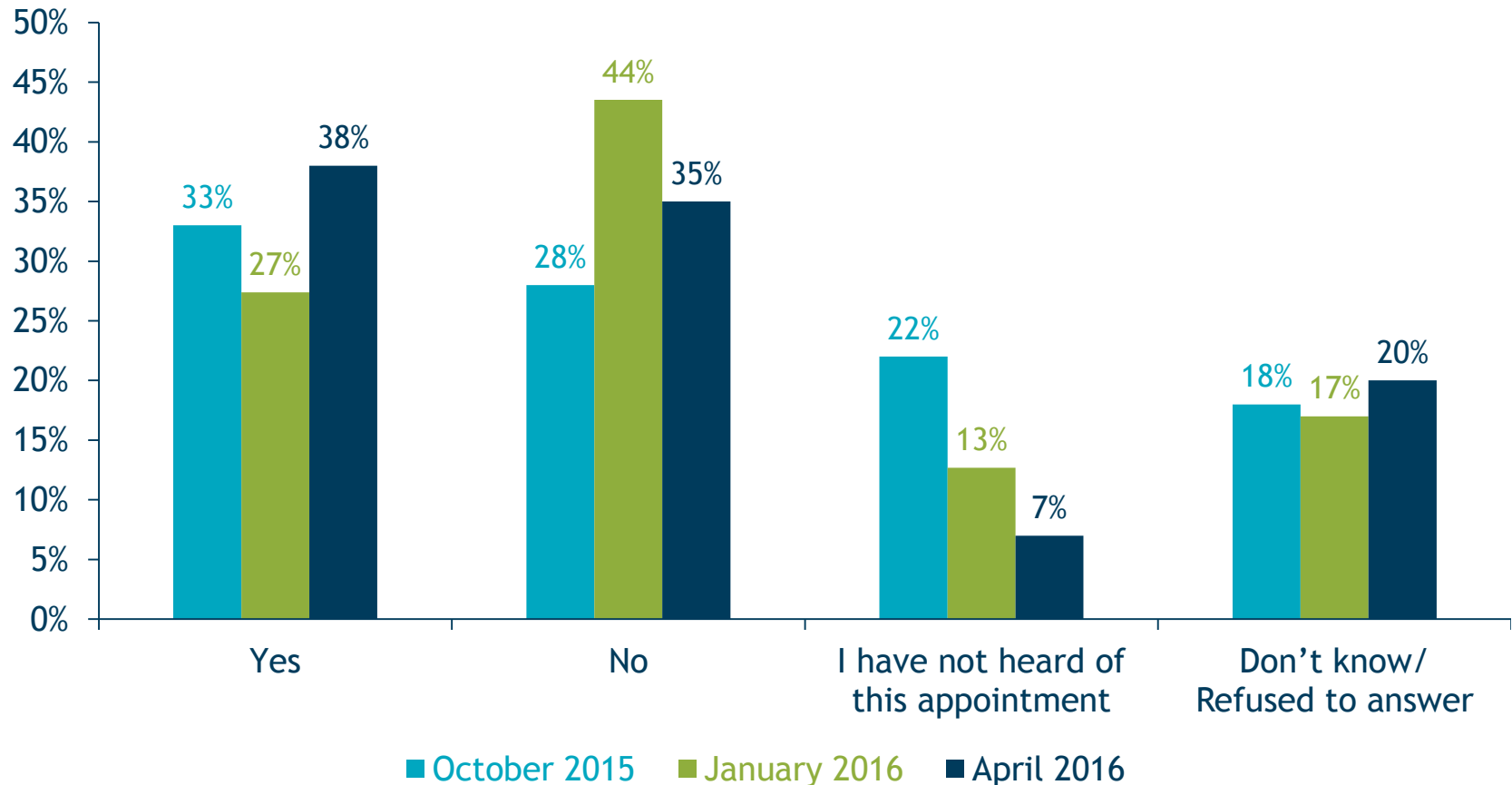
Do you support or do not support President Ivanov's decision to pardon all politicians and their associates against whom there are judicial investigations in regards to the political crisis and the wiretapping?



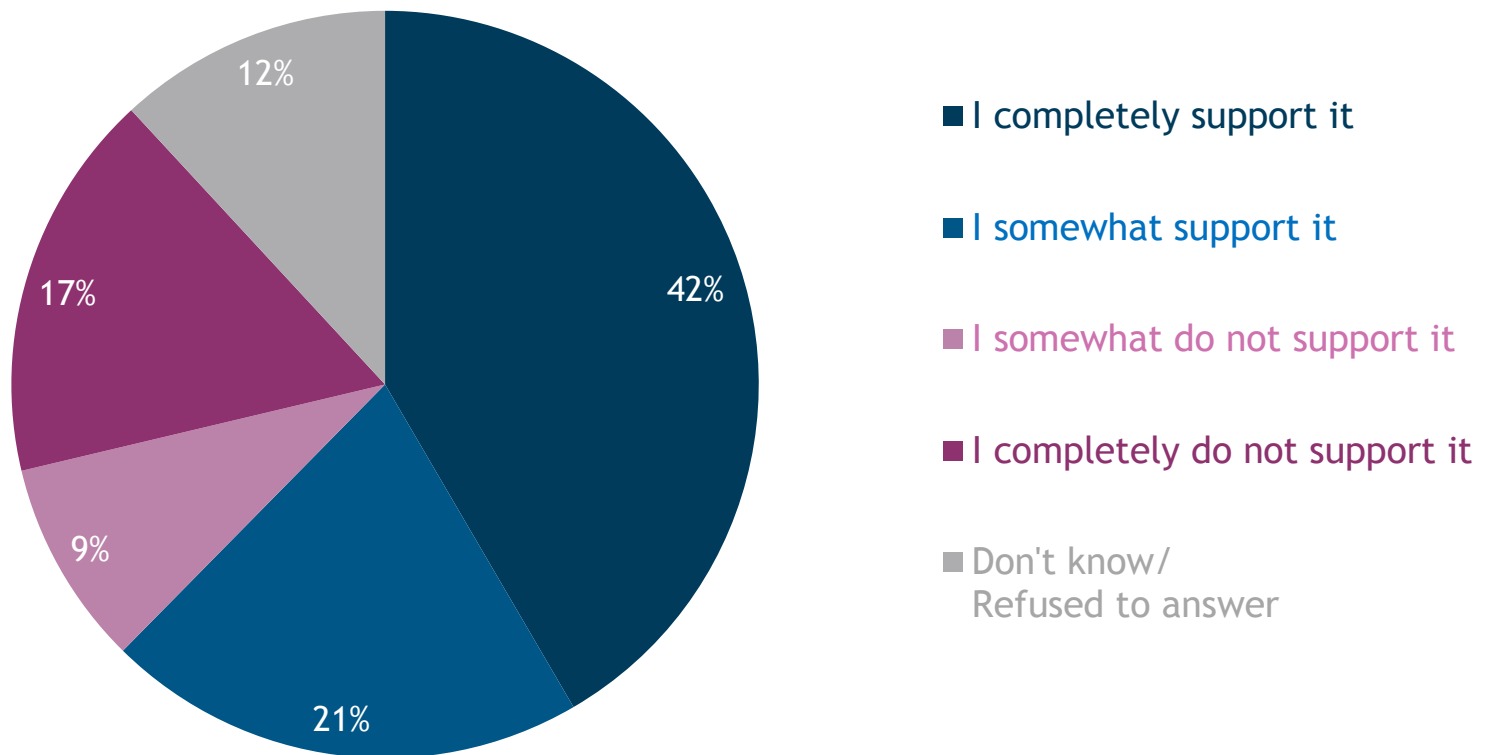
Should the politicians who were pardoned by the President about deeds connected to the political crisis and the wiretapping be eligible or not be eligible to be candidates for MPs in the upcoming parliamentary elections?



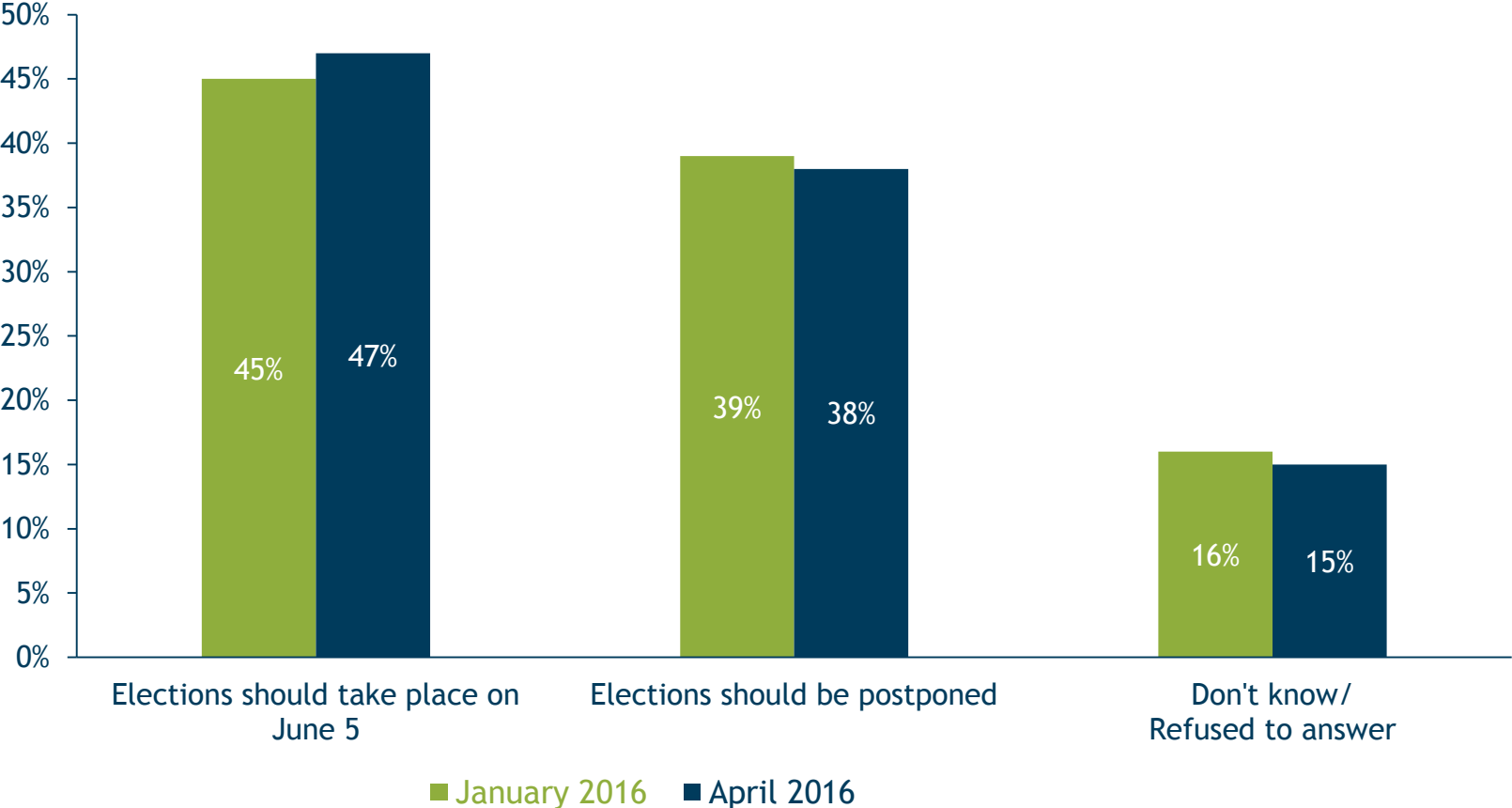
A special public prosecutor, Katica Janeva, was appointed to investigate cases connected to the wiretapped conversations mentioned previously. Do you think that Ms. Janeva will be able to investigate these cases independently and without obstruction?



Do you support the work of the Special Public Prosecutor for the resolution of the wiretapping scandal?

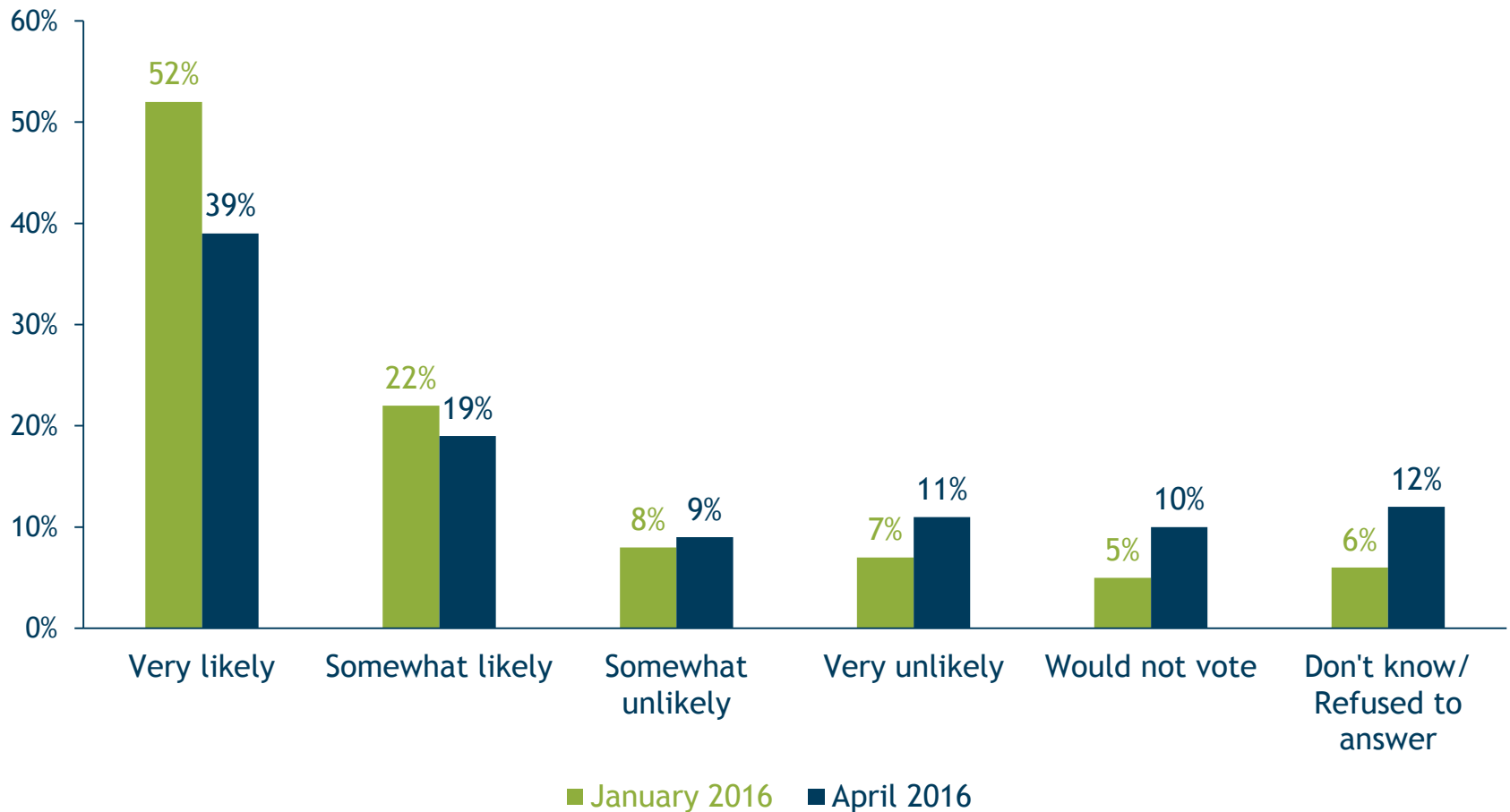


Some people think that the conditions for free and fair elections in Macedonia (including cleaning the voter list, increasing the capacity of the State Election Commission, and establishing regulations reducing political interference in the media) have been met and because of this elections should take place on June 5; while others think that these conditions have not been met and because of this the elections should be postponed until the conditions are fulfilled. Which is closer to your opinion?



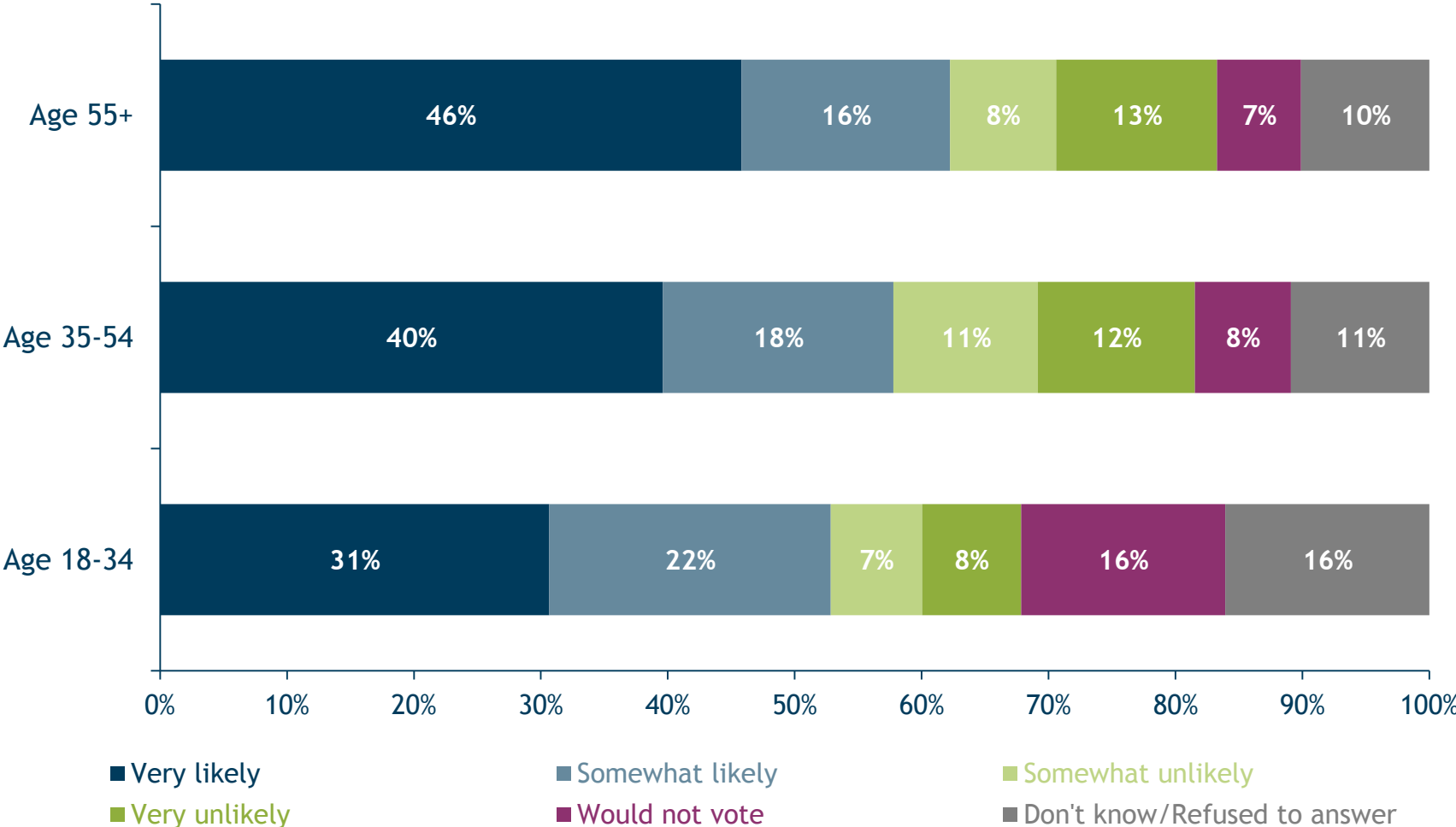
Note: Data taken for January 2016 relates to proposed April 24, 2016 election date.

How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next elections expected on June 5, 2016?*

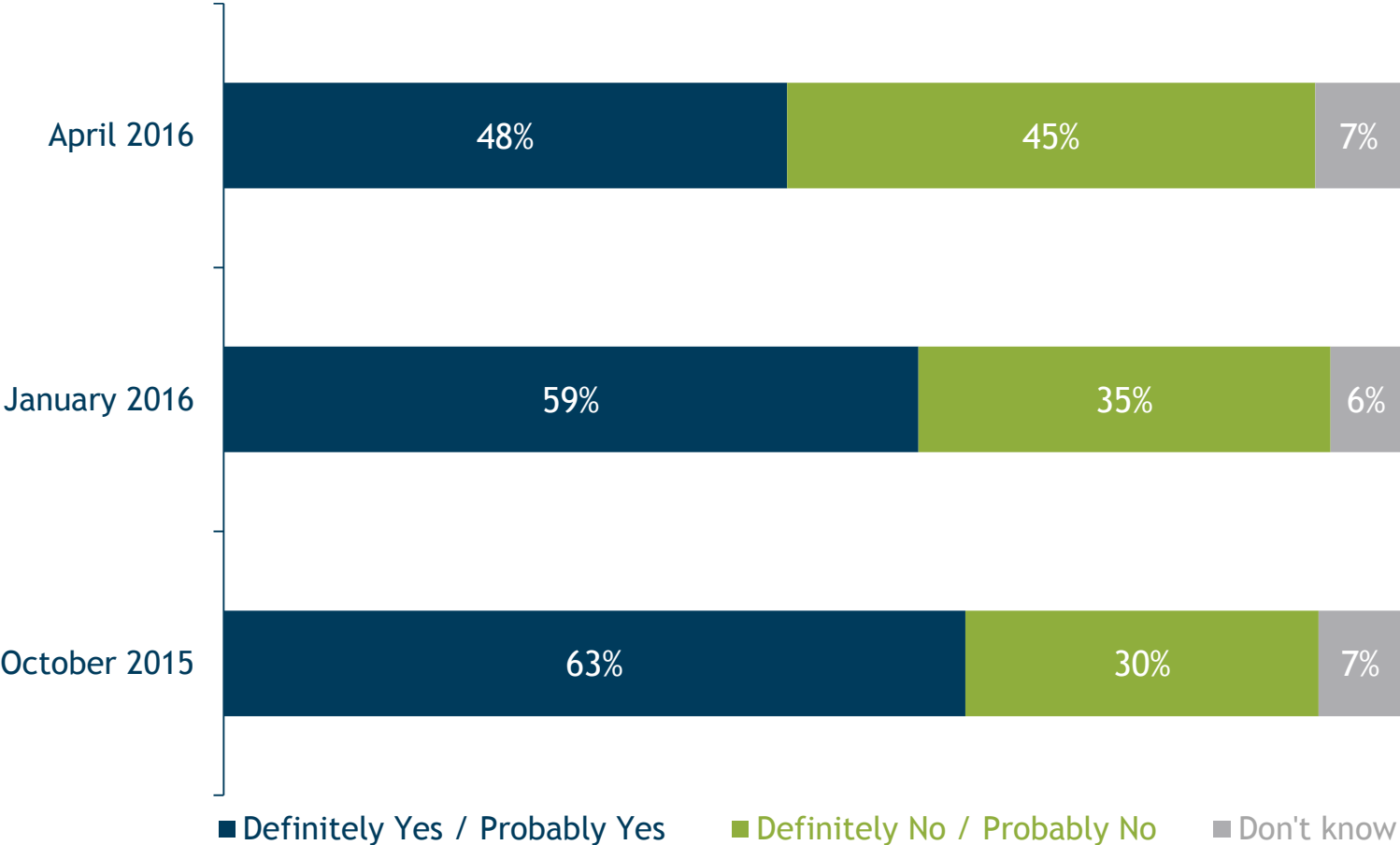


* In January, the question was phrased "How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next elections expected on April 24, 2016?"

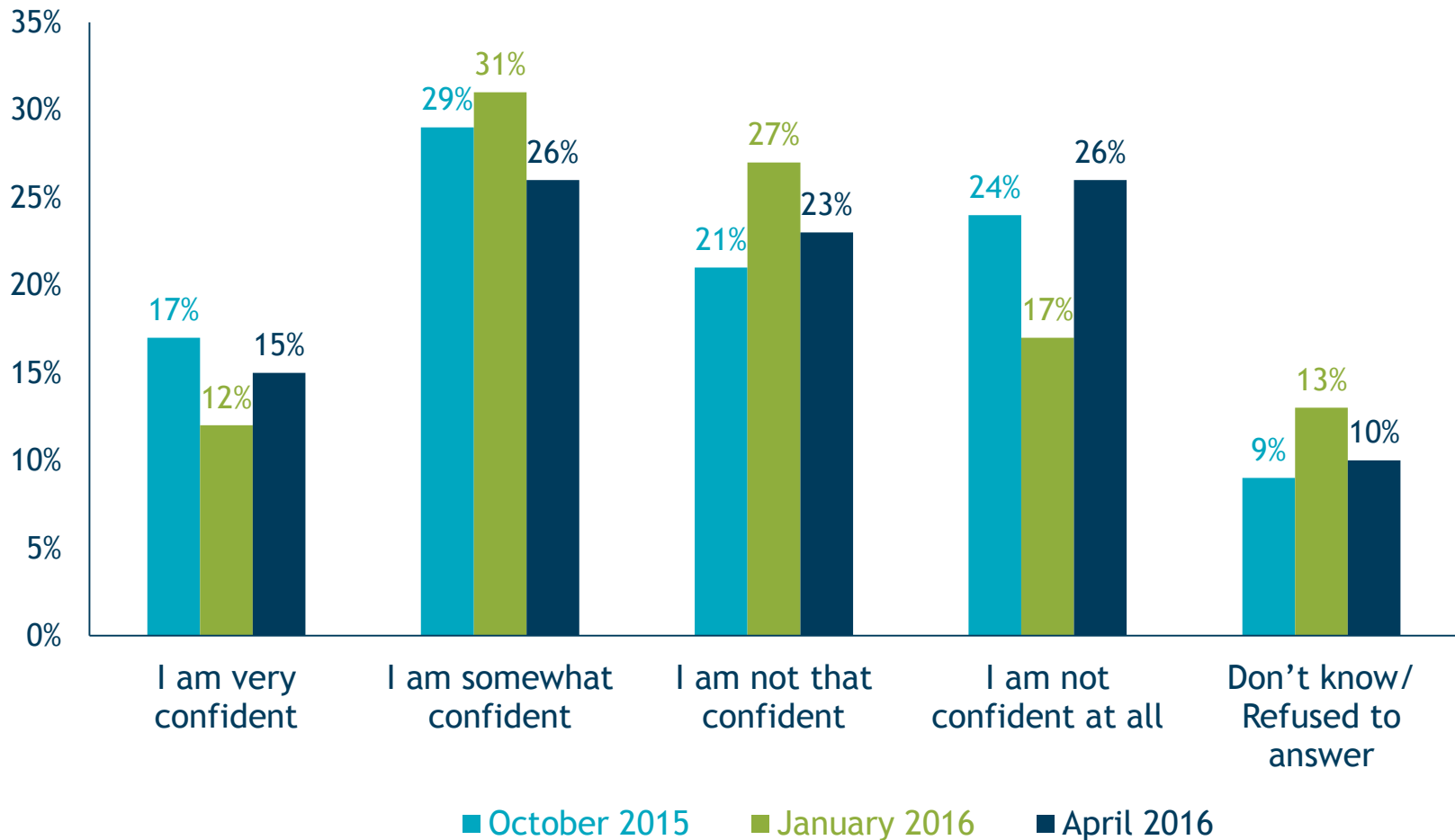
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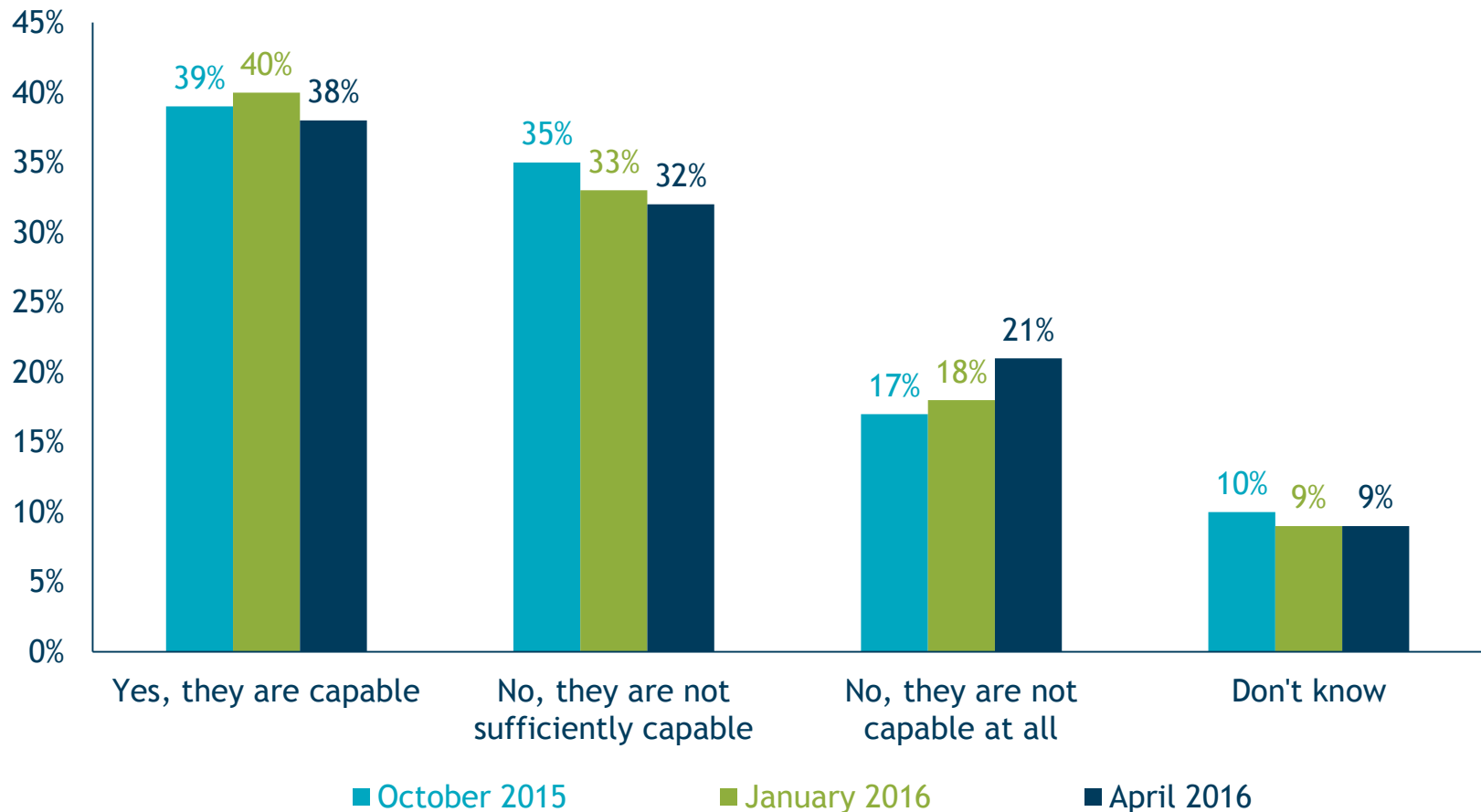
Do you think there are conditions in the country to hold free and fair elections?



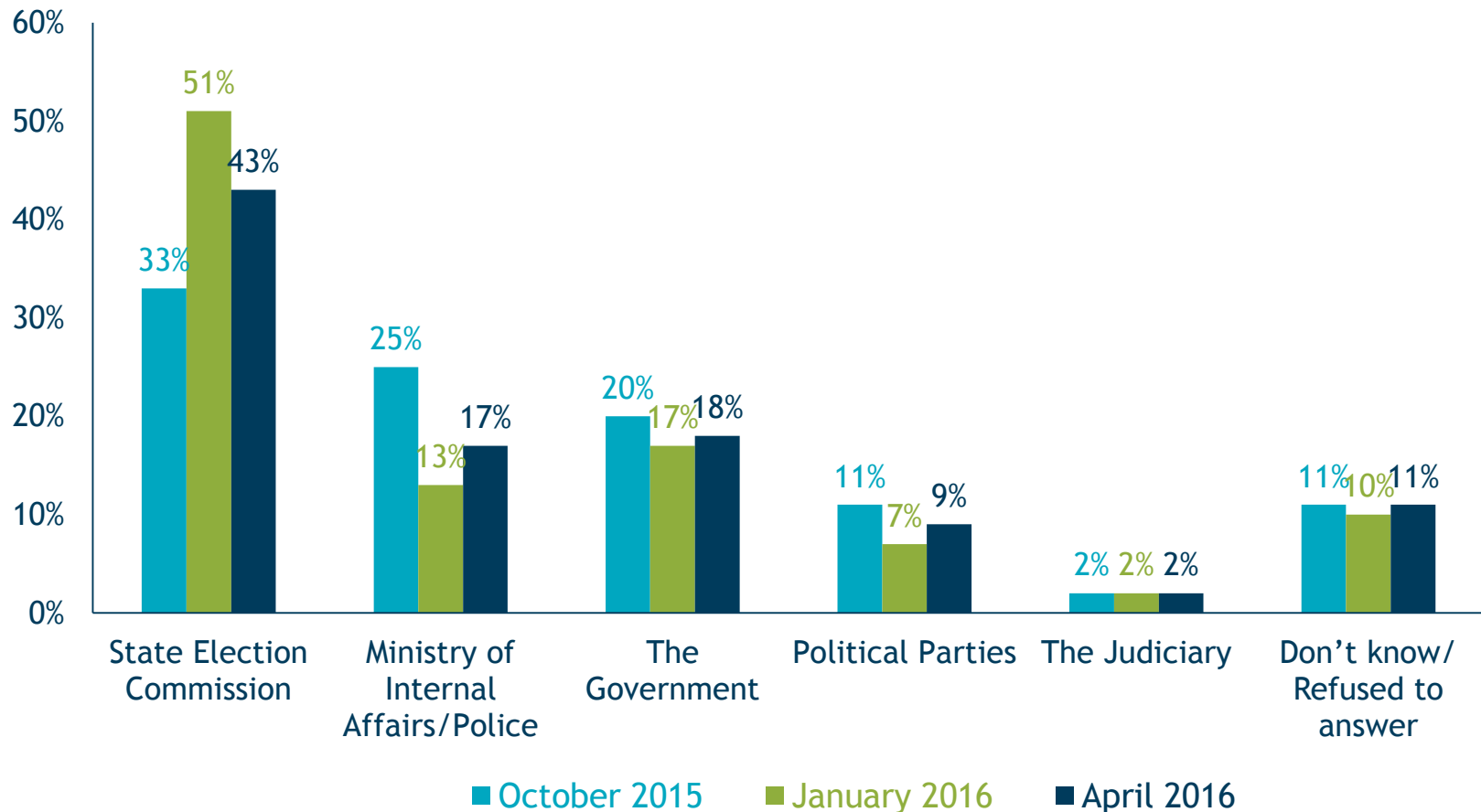
As you may know, a credible voter list should contain all eligible voters in the country and not have any ineligible or duplicate voters in it. How confident are you in the accuracy of the voter list in Macedonia?



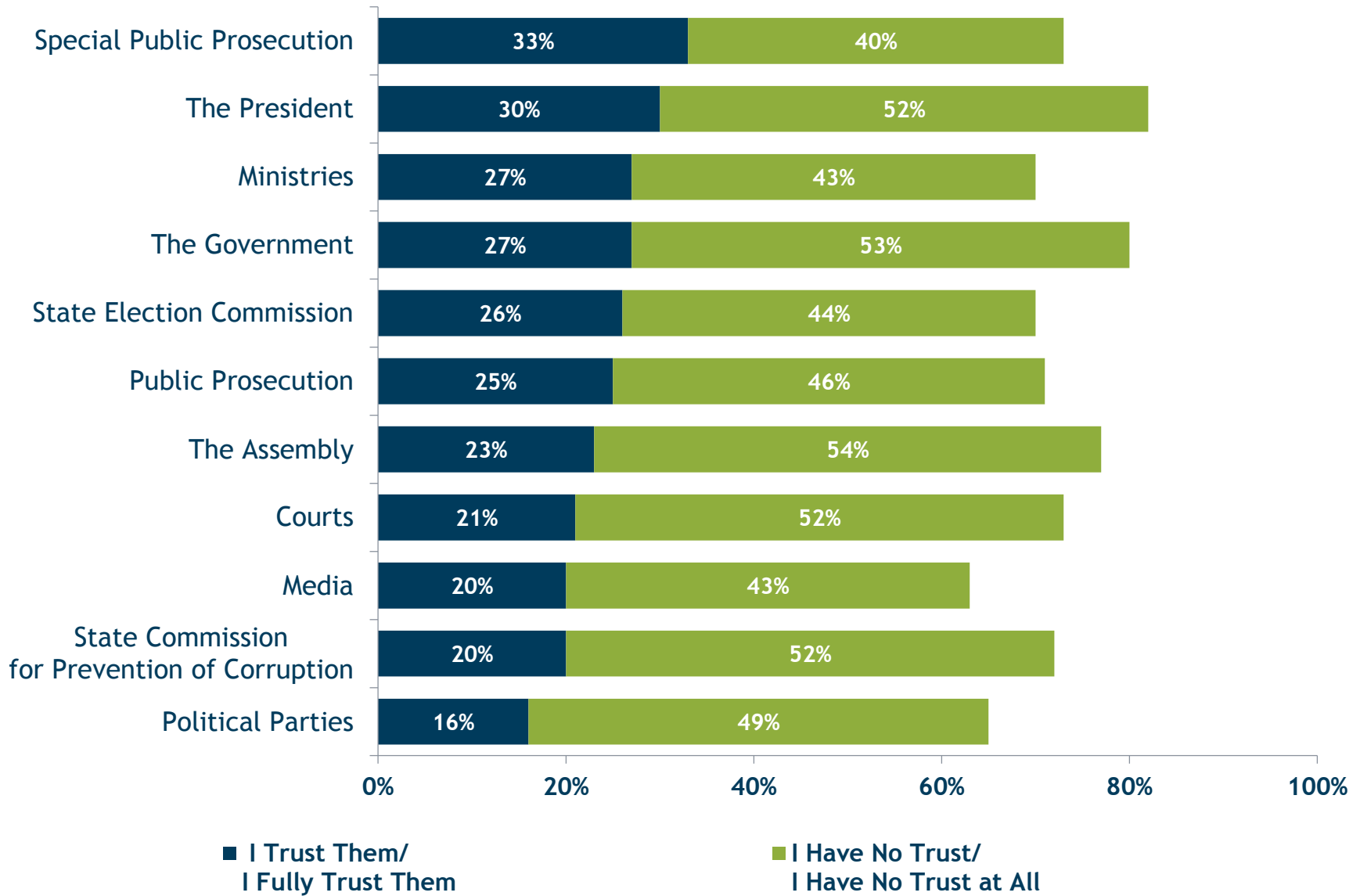
Do you think that state institutions are capable of sufficiently addressing any irregularities, should they occur, on Election Day?



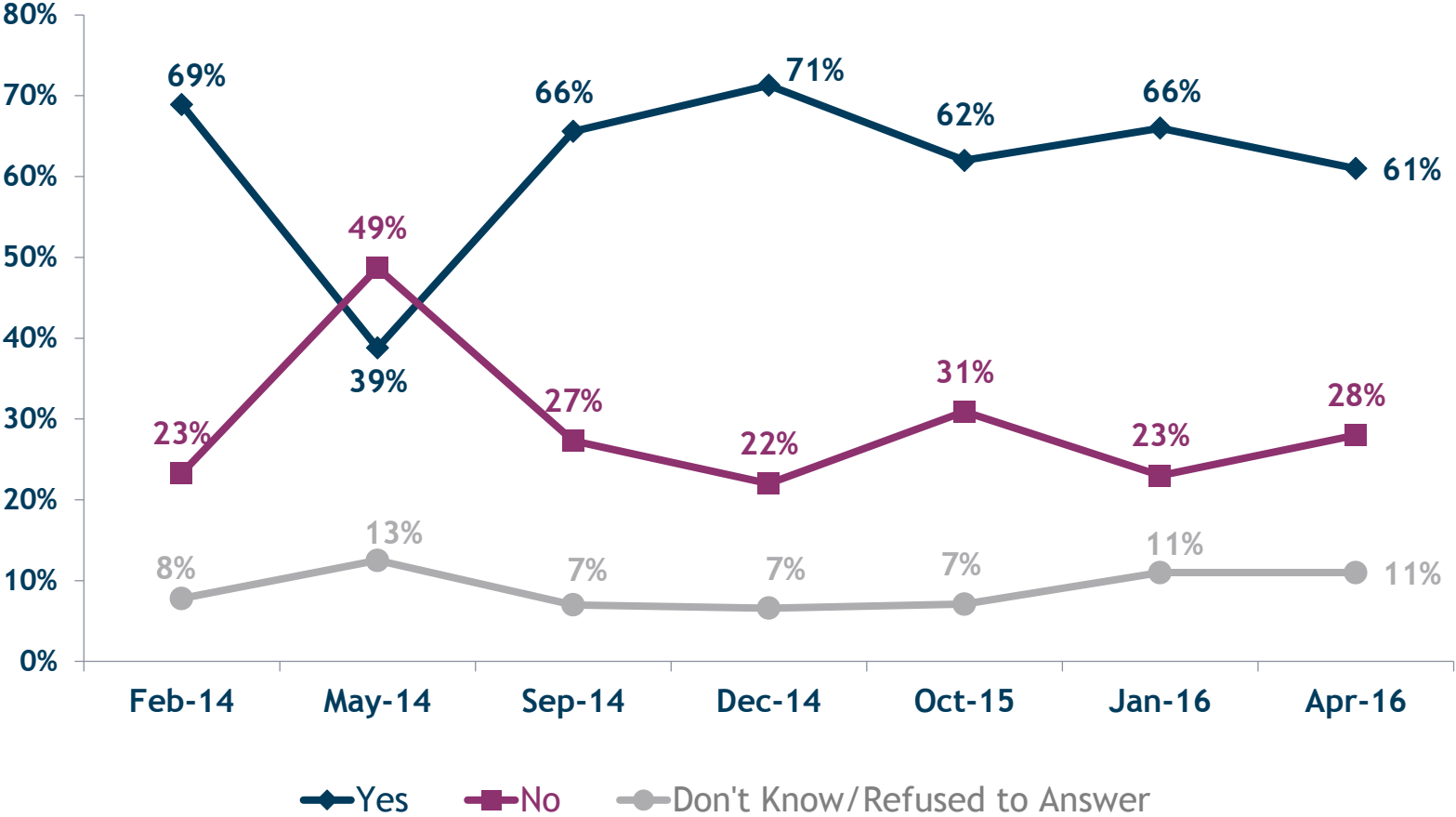
What institution do you think is most responsible to ensure the elections will be free, democratic and with no irregularities?



To what degree did you trust the following according to their actions in the last 12 months?

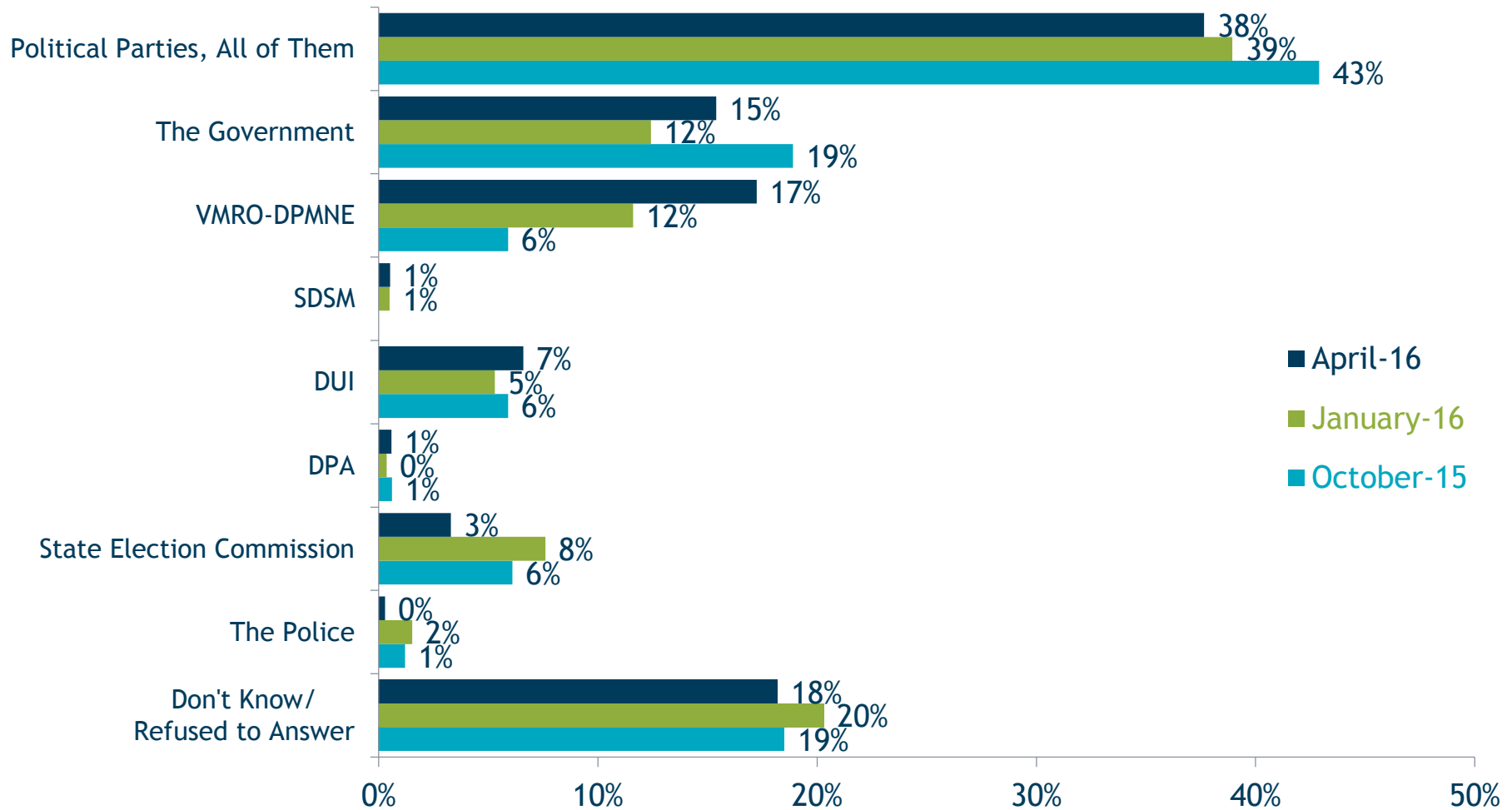


Do you believe that your vote on Election Day is secret?

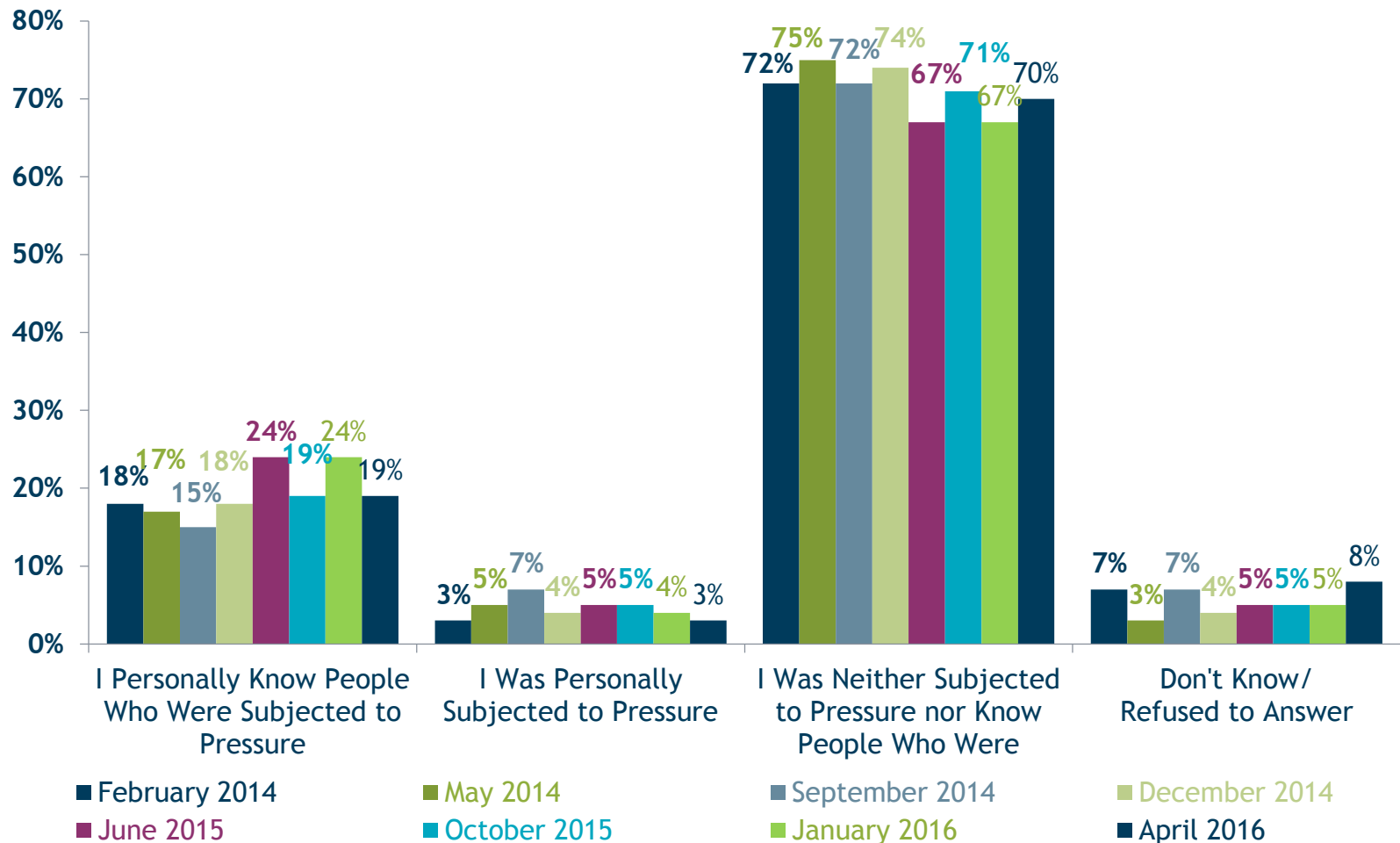


Who do you think violates the secrecy of your vote?

Those who think that their vote on election day is not secret, n=309

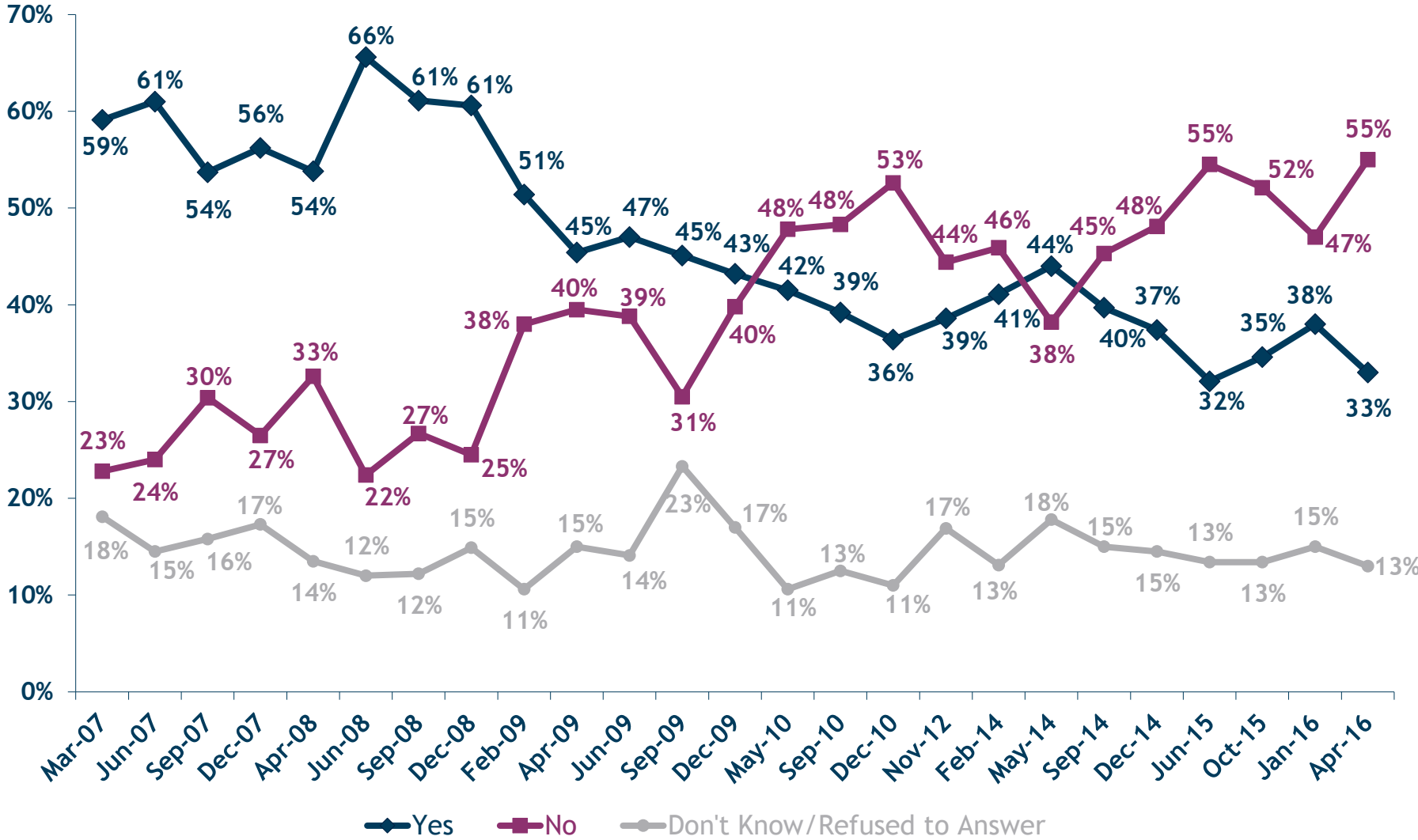


Have you or has a member of your family, relative or someone you know personally ever been subject to pressure, such as force, threats, vote-buying or other illegal means, to vote in a particular way?



In Feb. 2014 responses refer to 2011, 2013 and 2014 elections. In May 2014 responses refer to 2014 elections

Has Nikola Gruevski done his job well enough to deserve re-election?

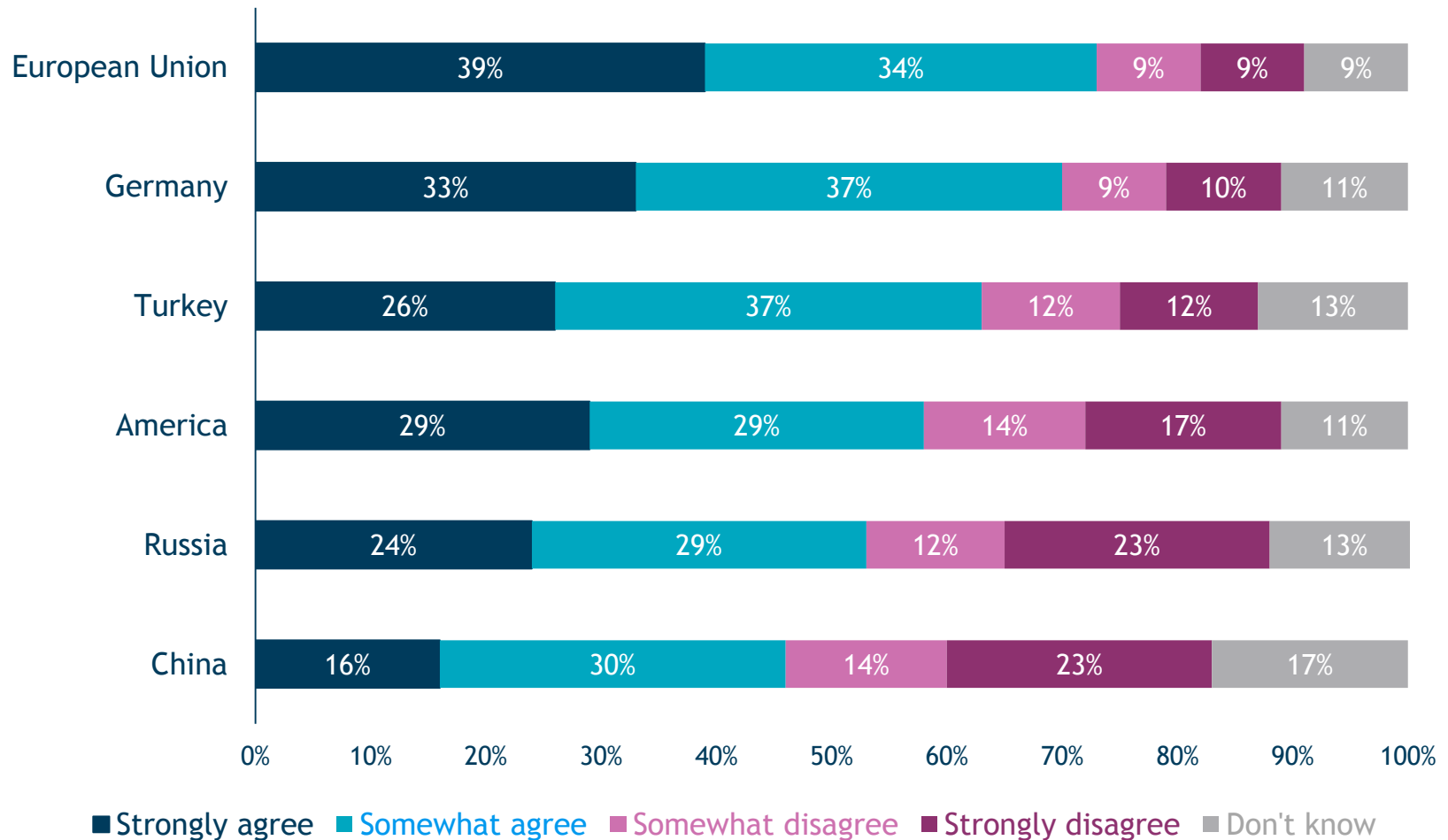




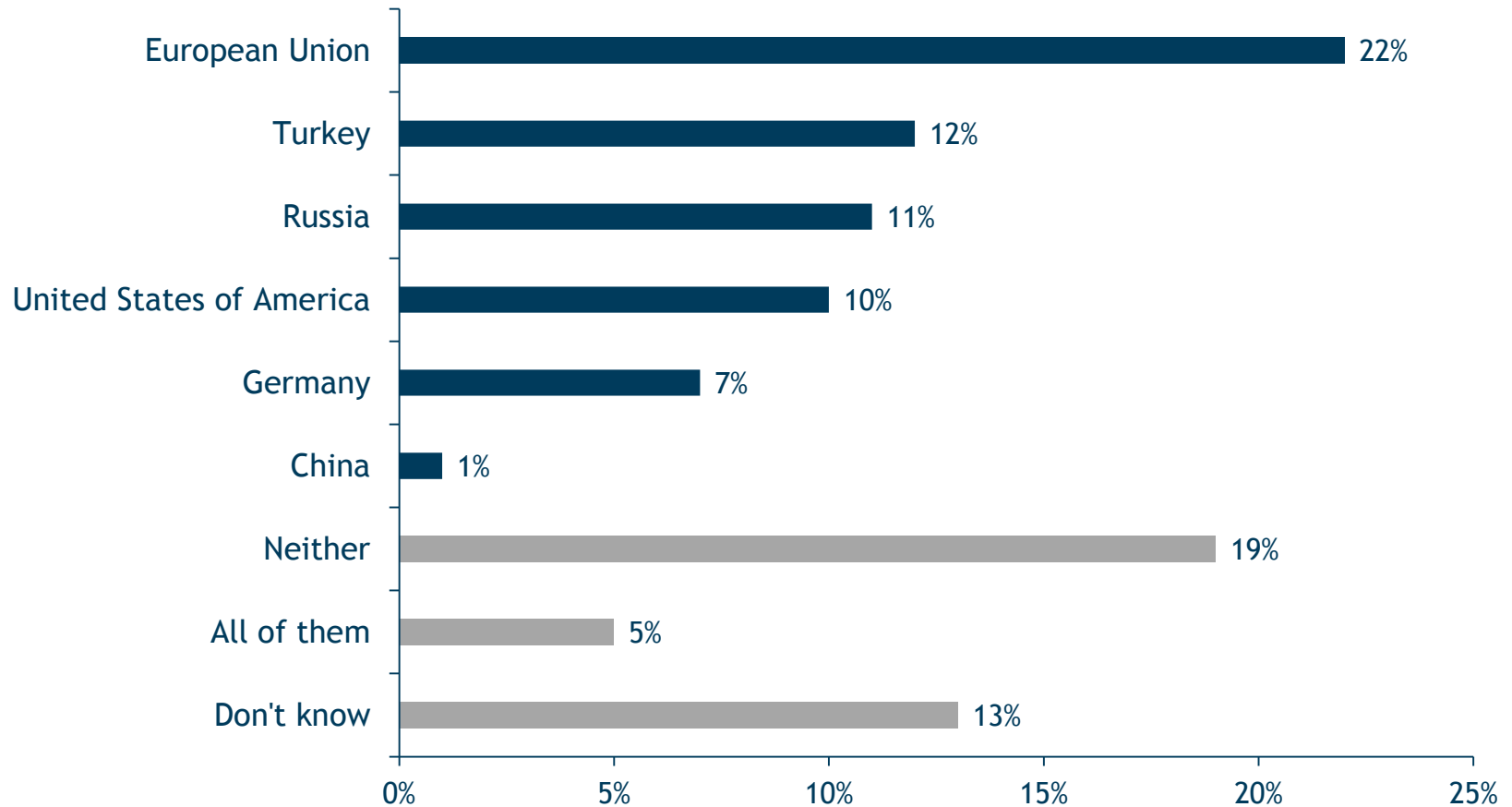
Euro Atlantic Orientation Prevails

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

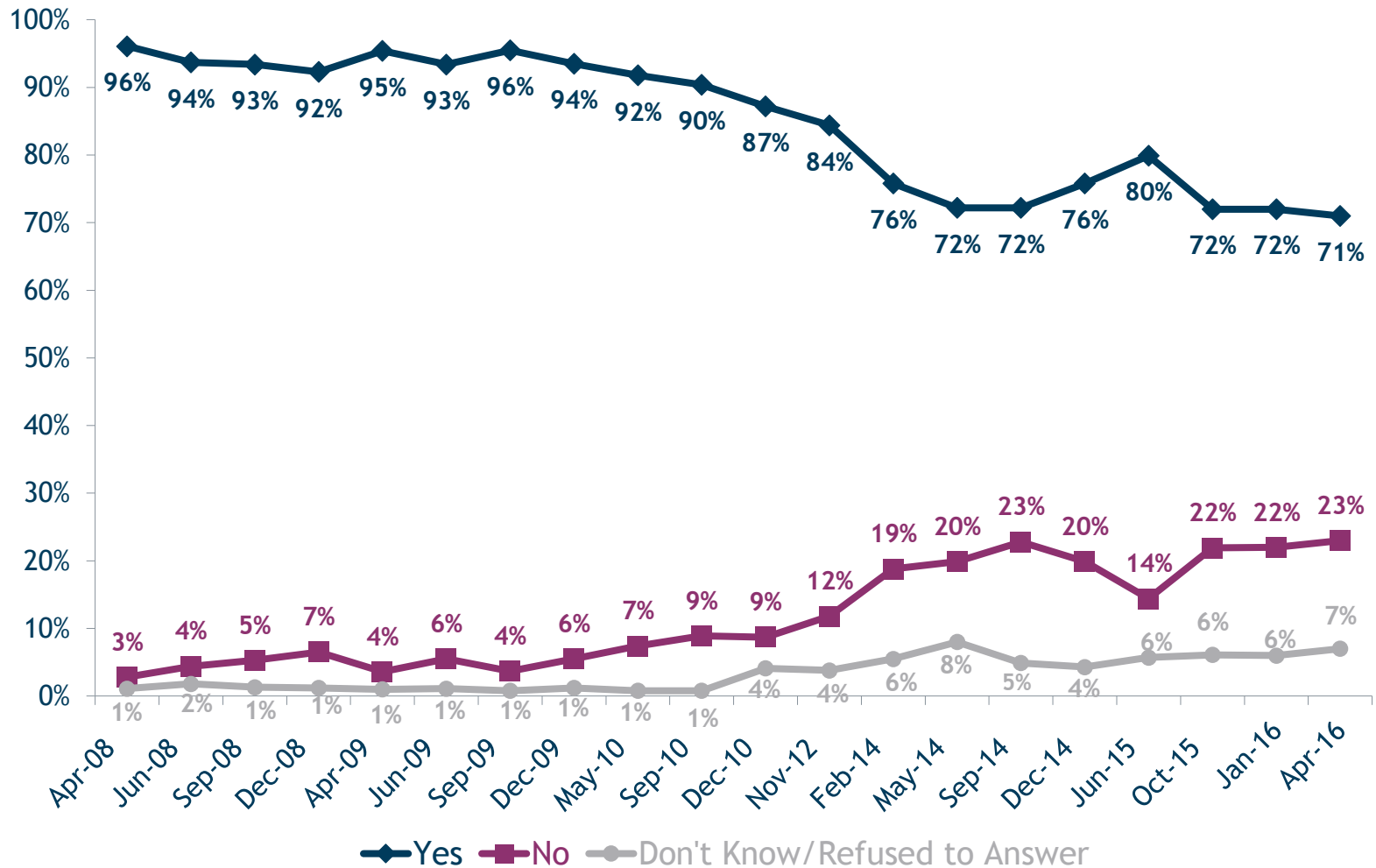
Macedonia's interests are best served by maintaining strong relations with:



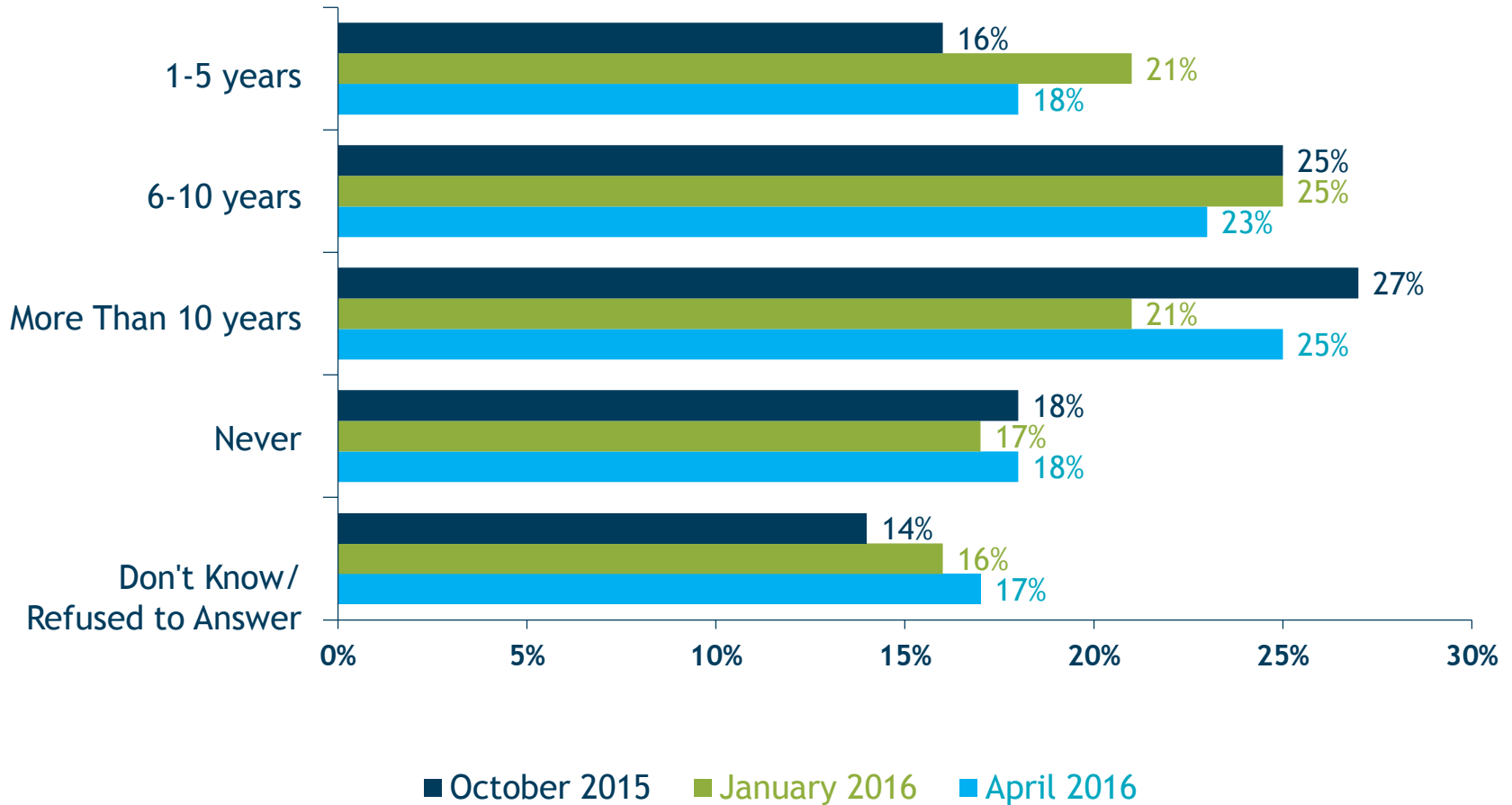
According to you, which one of these countries helps Macedonia's national interests the most?



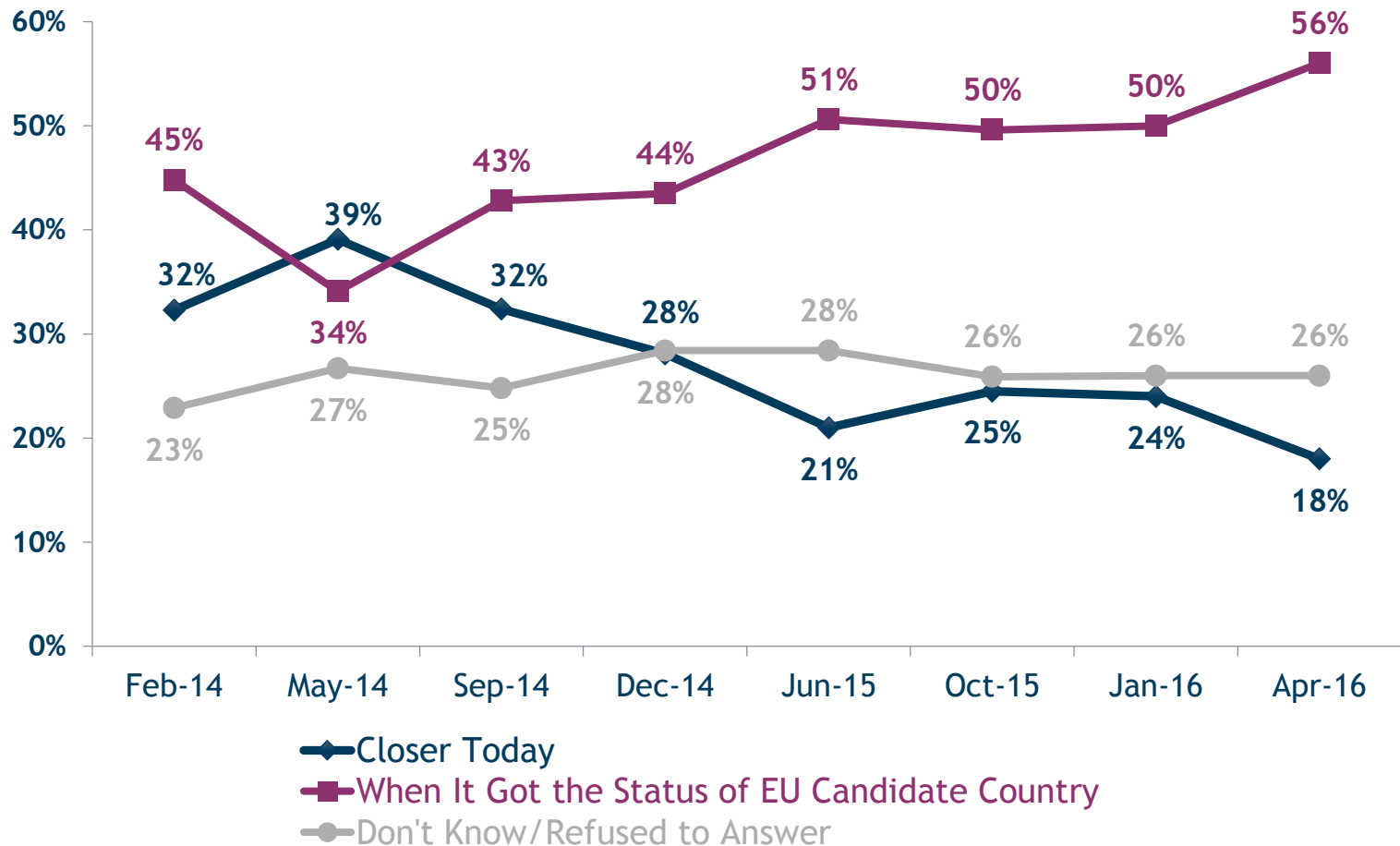
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of the EU?



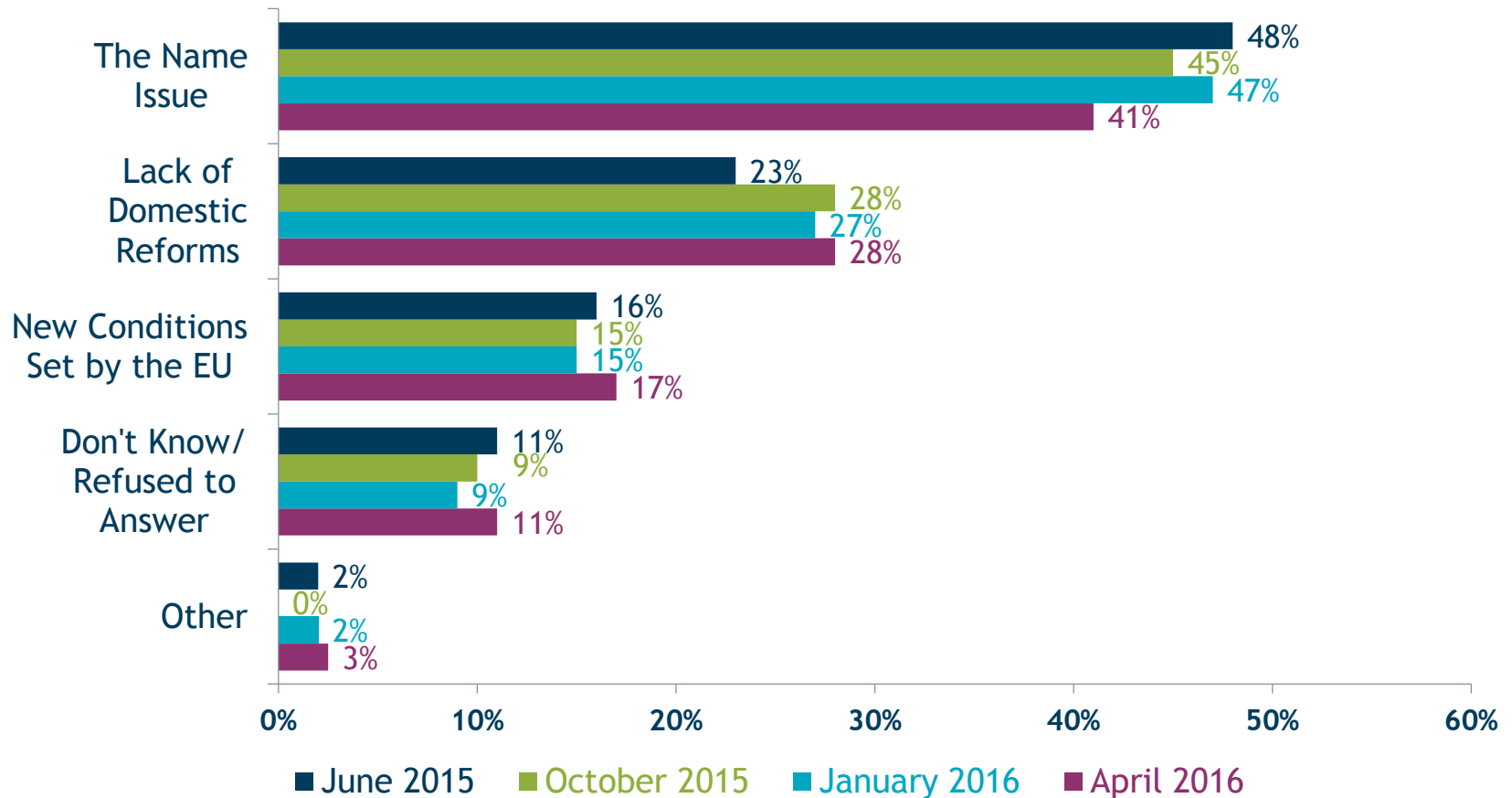
In how many years do you think Macedonia will become a member of the EU?



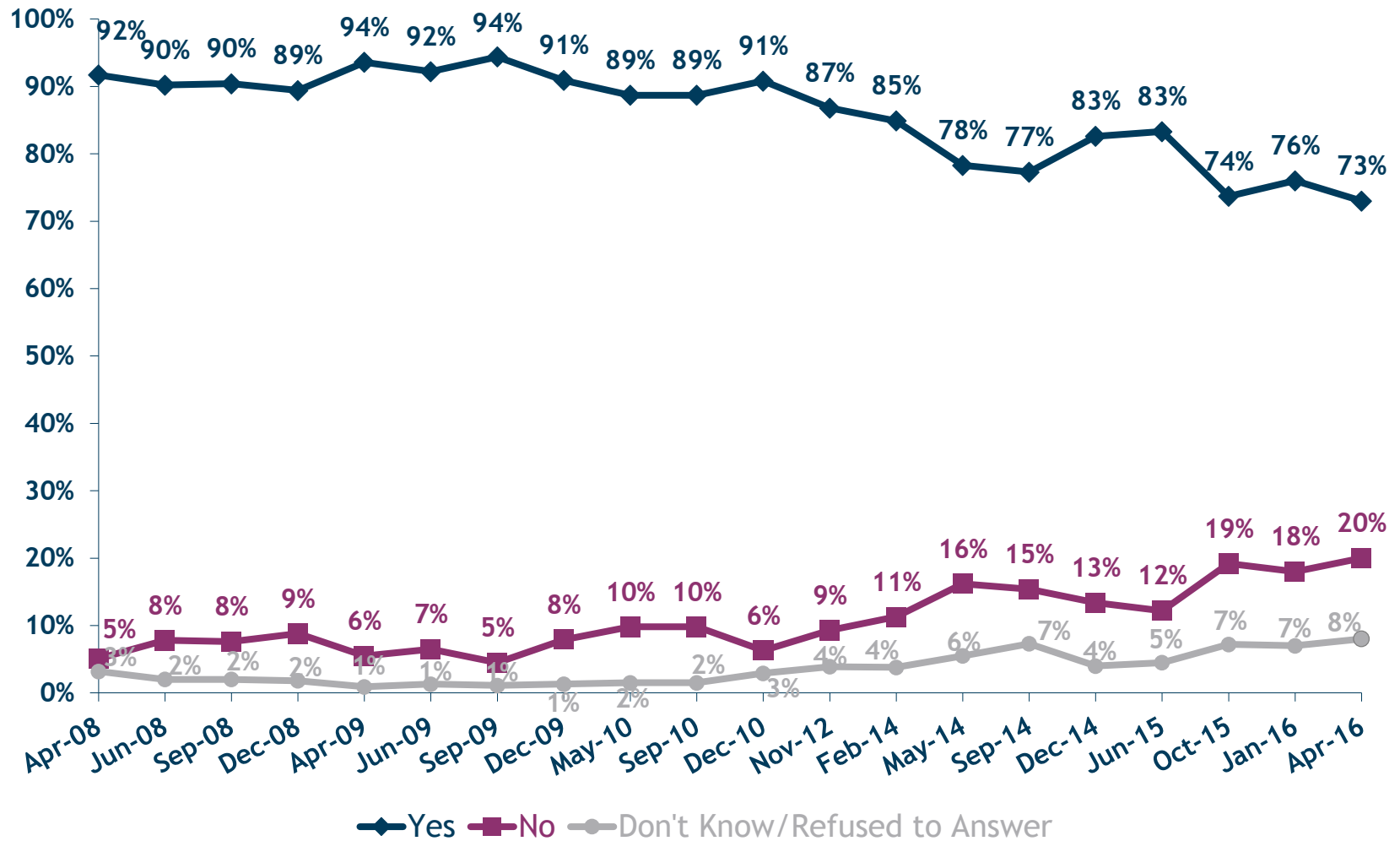
Do you think Macedonia is closer to EU entry today, or was it closer when it got its EU candidate member status?



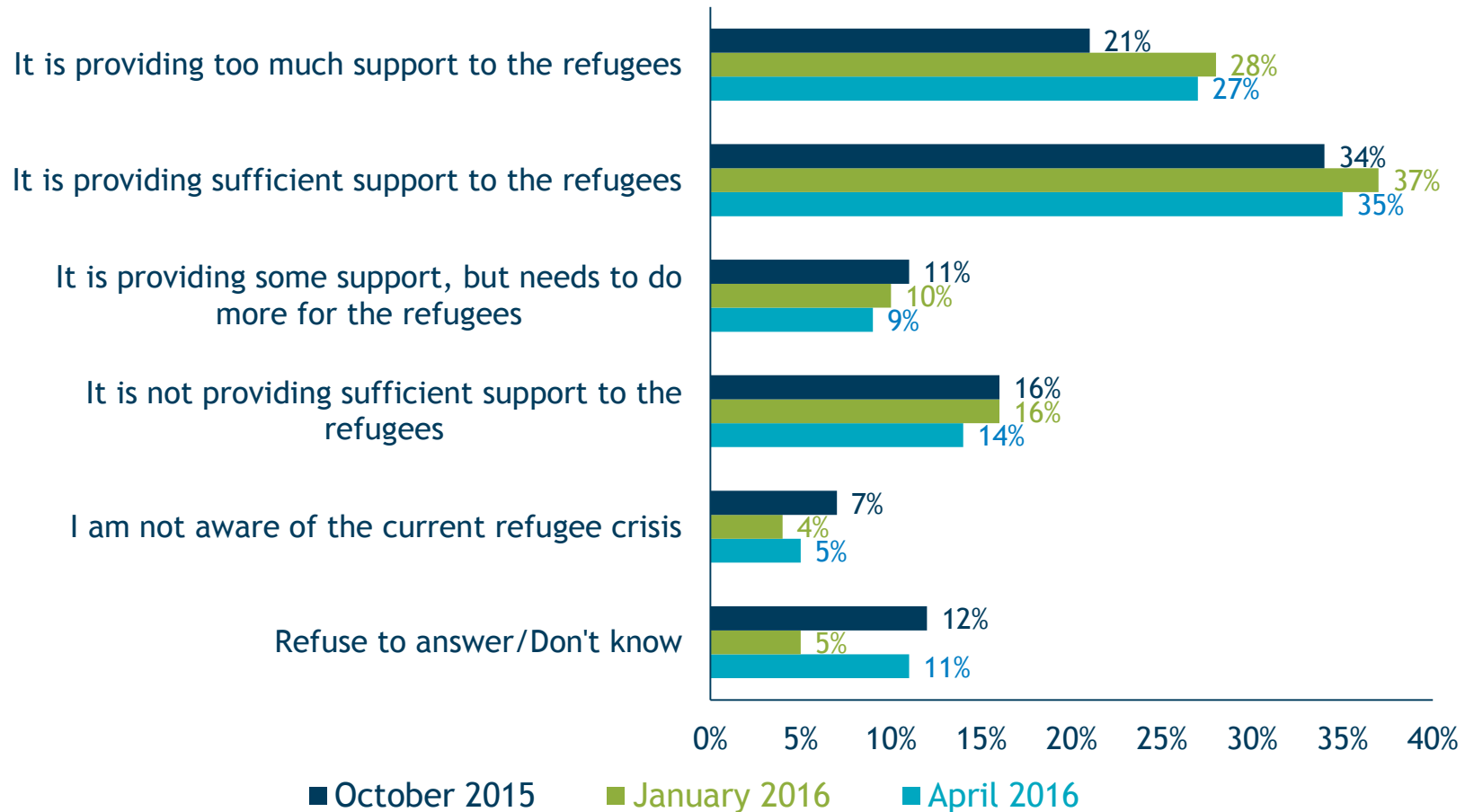
According to you, what is the reason for the slowdown in Macedonia's EU integration?



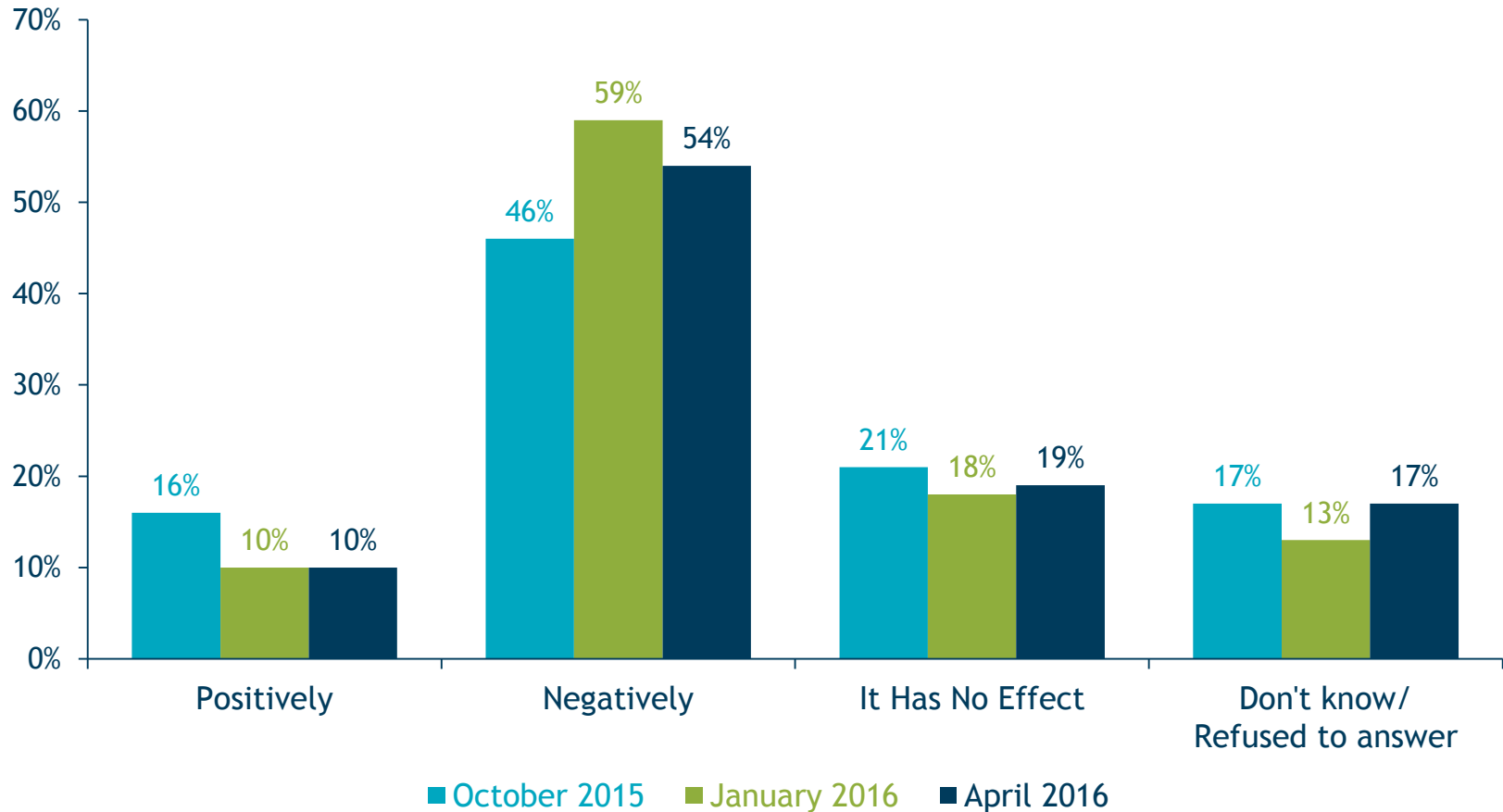
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of NATO?



Given its capacities, how do you feel the Macedonian government has handled the refugee crisis?



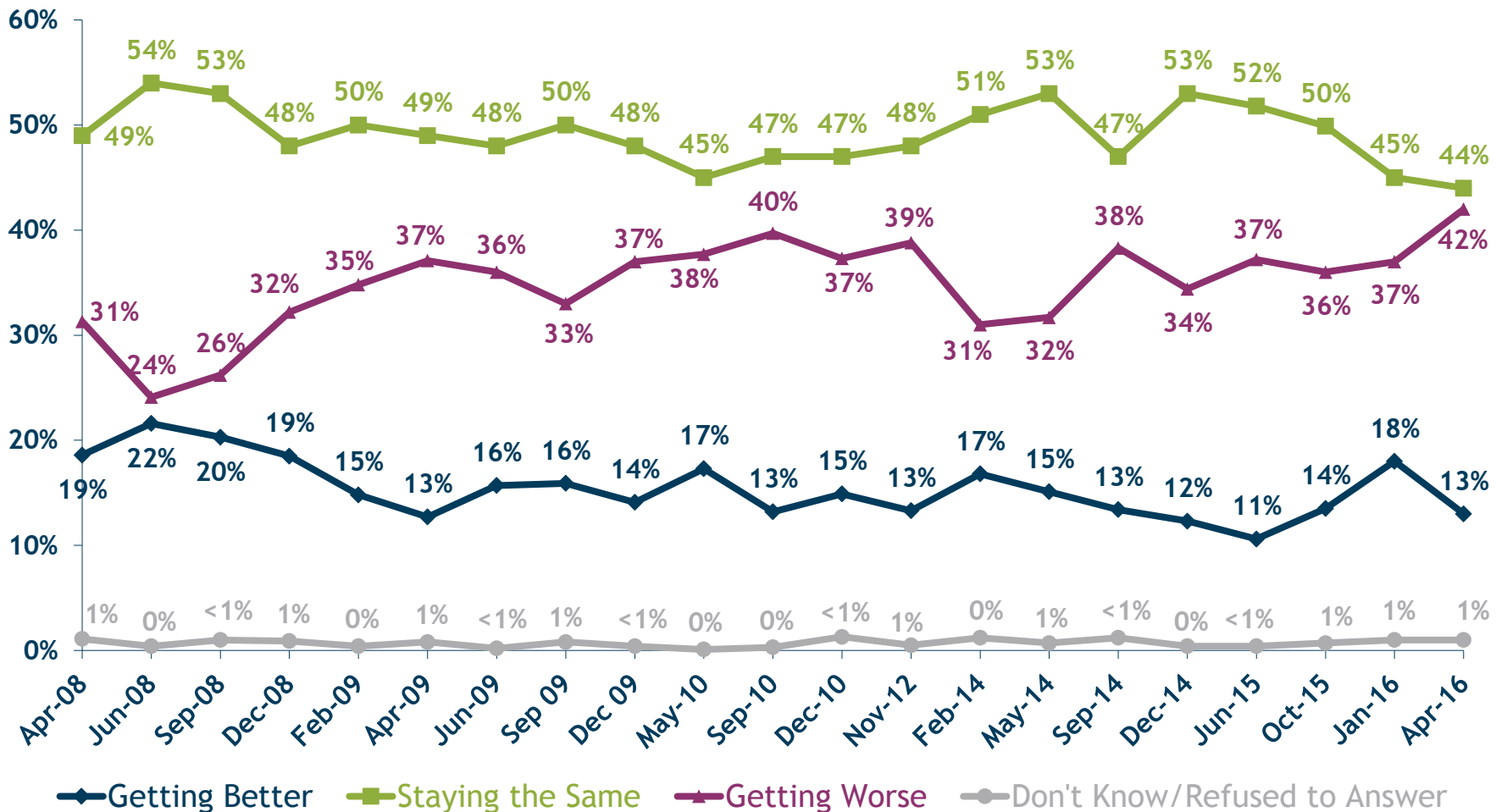
In your opinion, how is the European Union's handling of the refugee crisis affecting Macedonia?



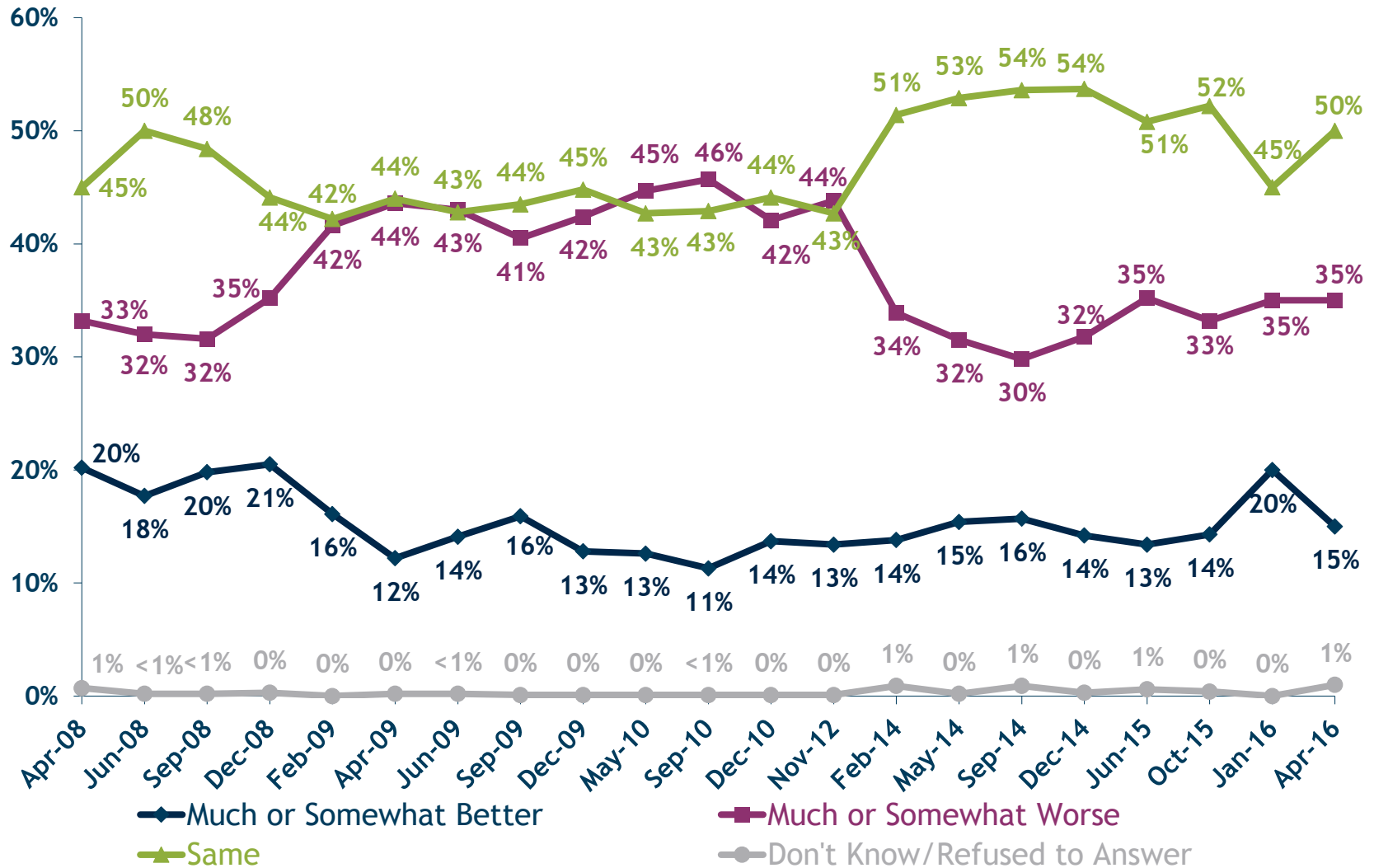


Citizens' Everyday Concerns and Economic Issues

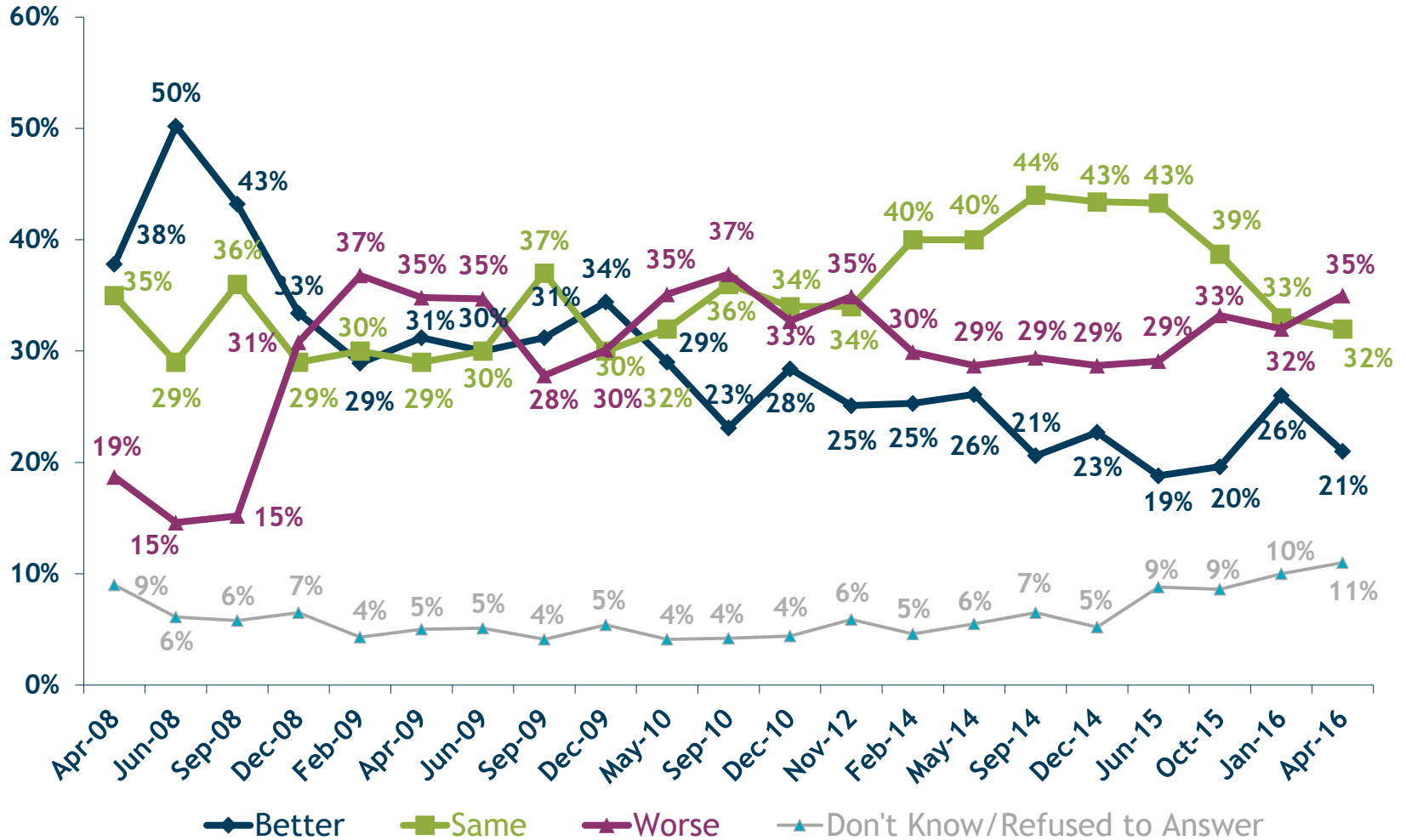
Speaking personally, is your overall quality of life...?



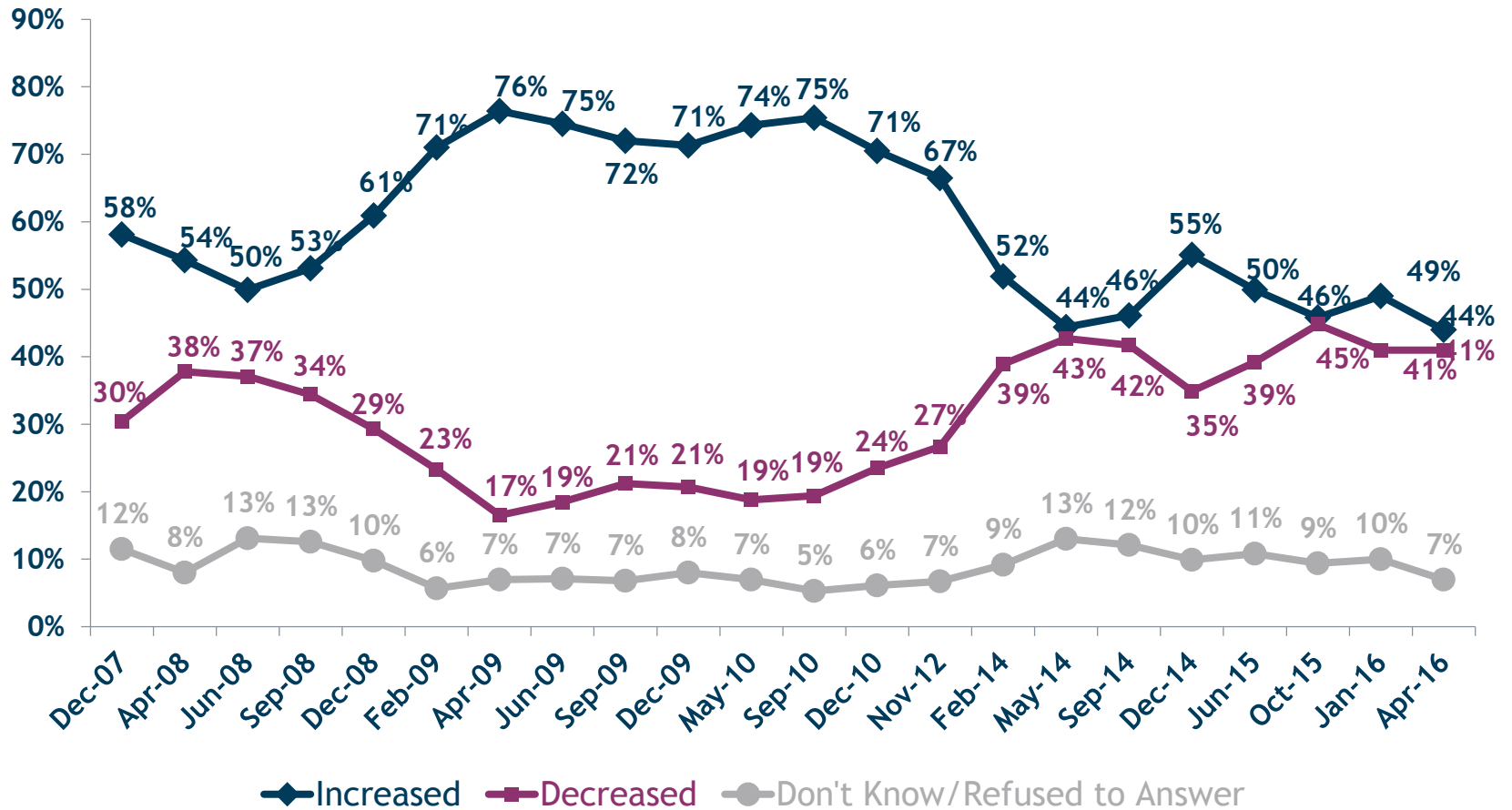
How is your family's economic situation compared with one year ago?



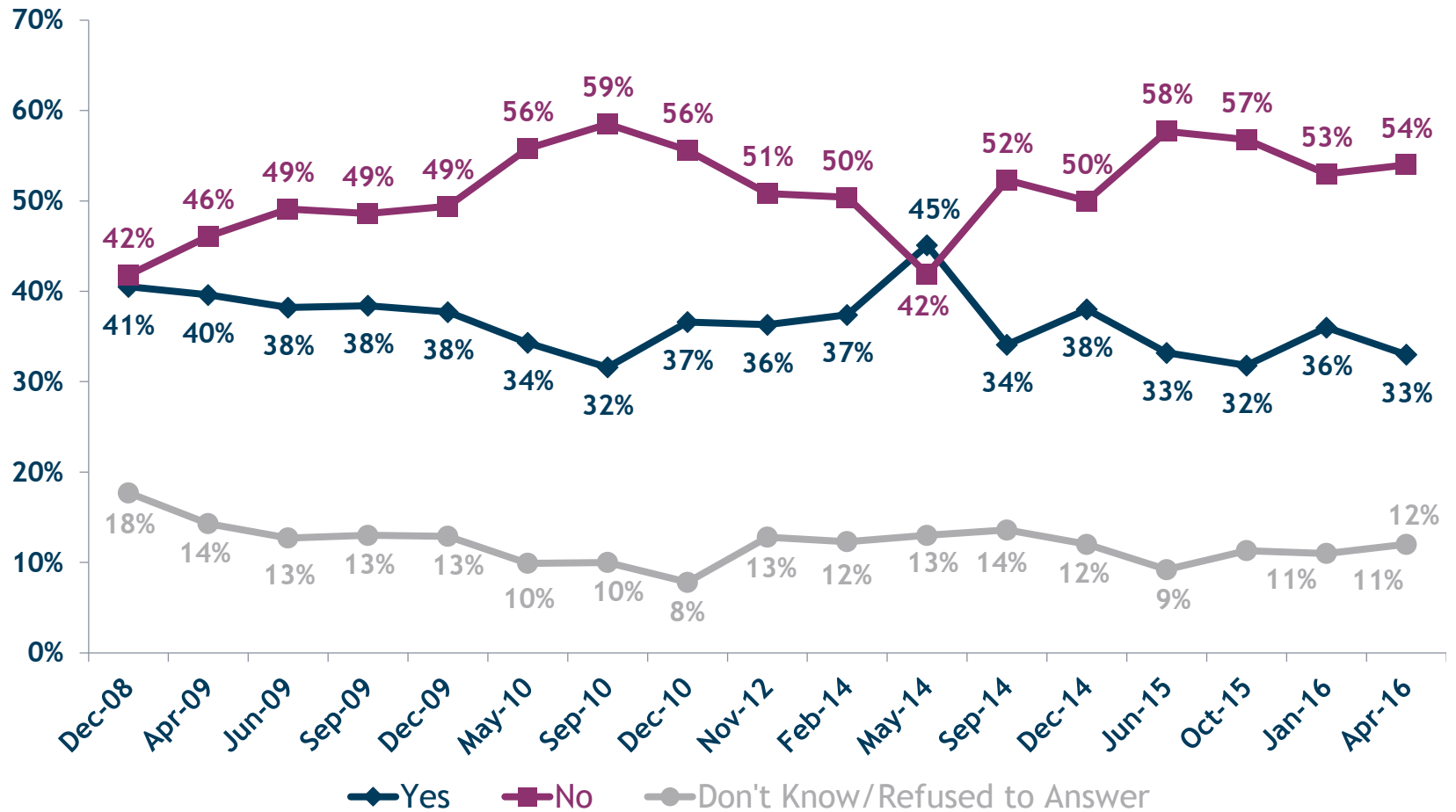
In the next two years, will the Macedonian economy get better, get worse or stay the same?



In your opinion, has unemployment increased or decreased over the last year?

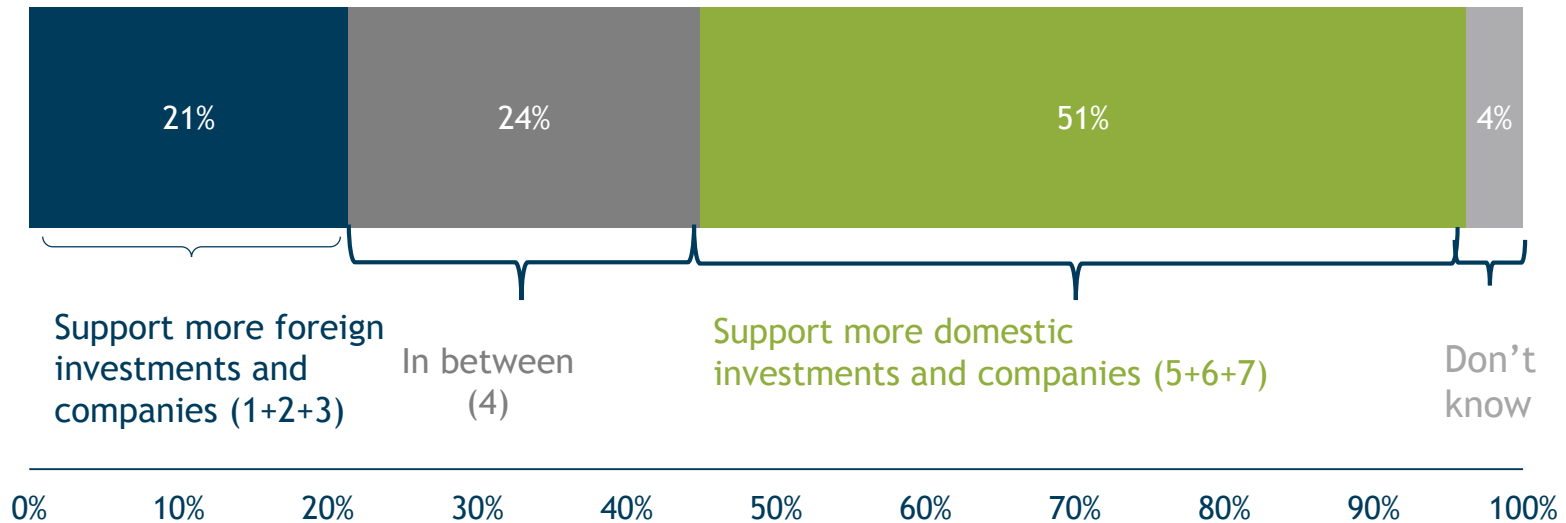


According to you, does the government have an effective plan to address the economic problems Macedonia is facing?

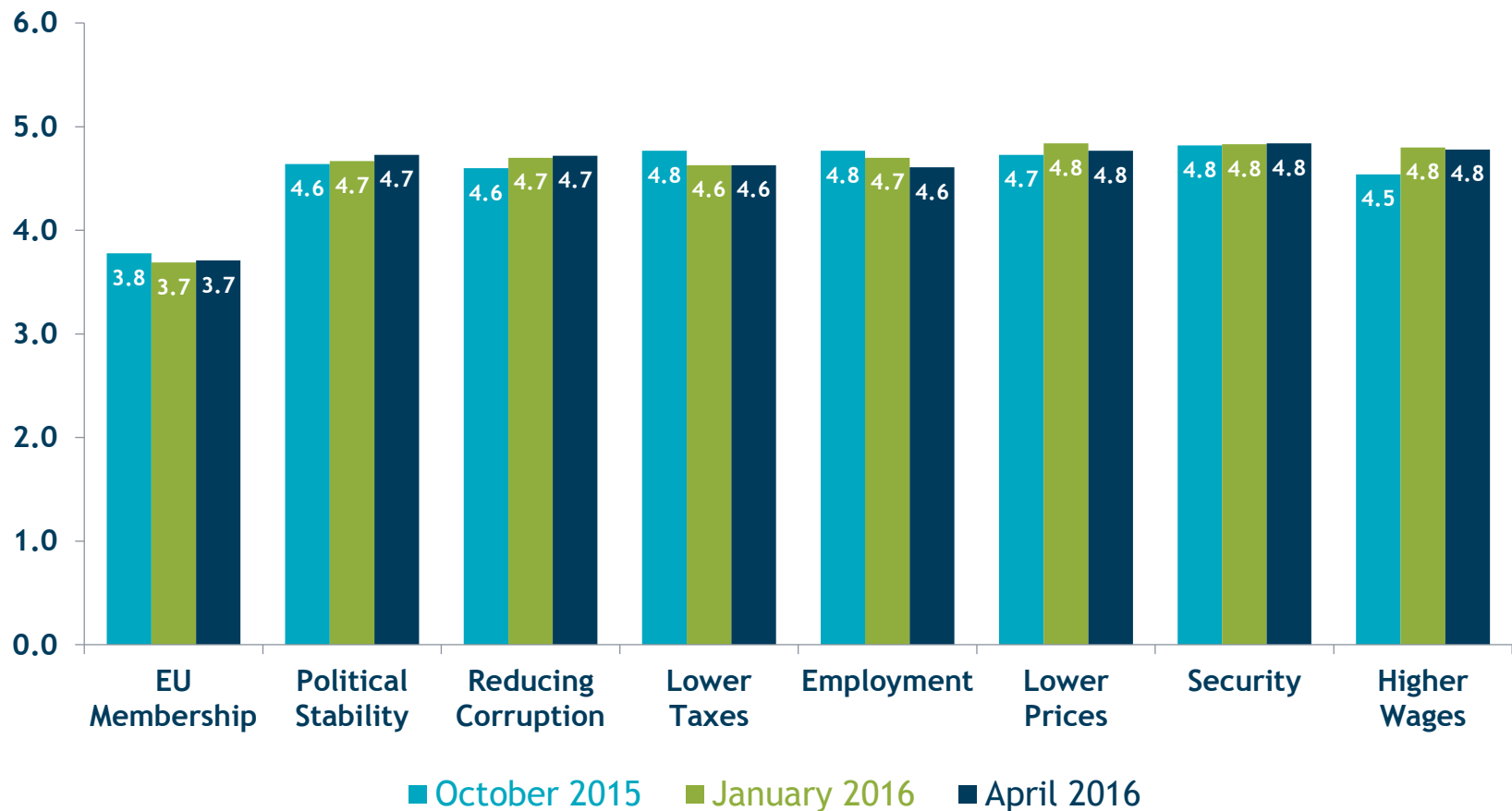


How would you place your views on this scale?

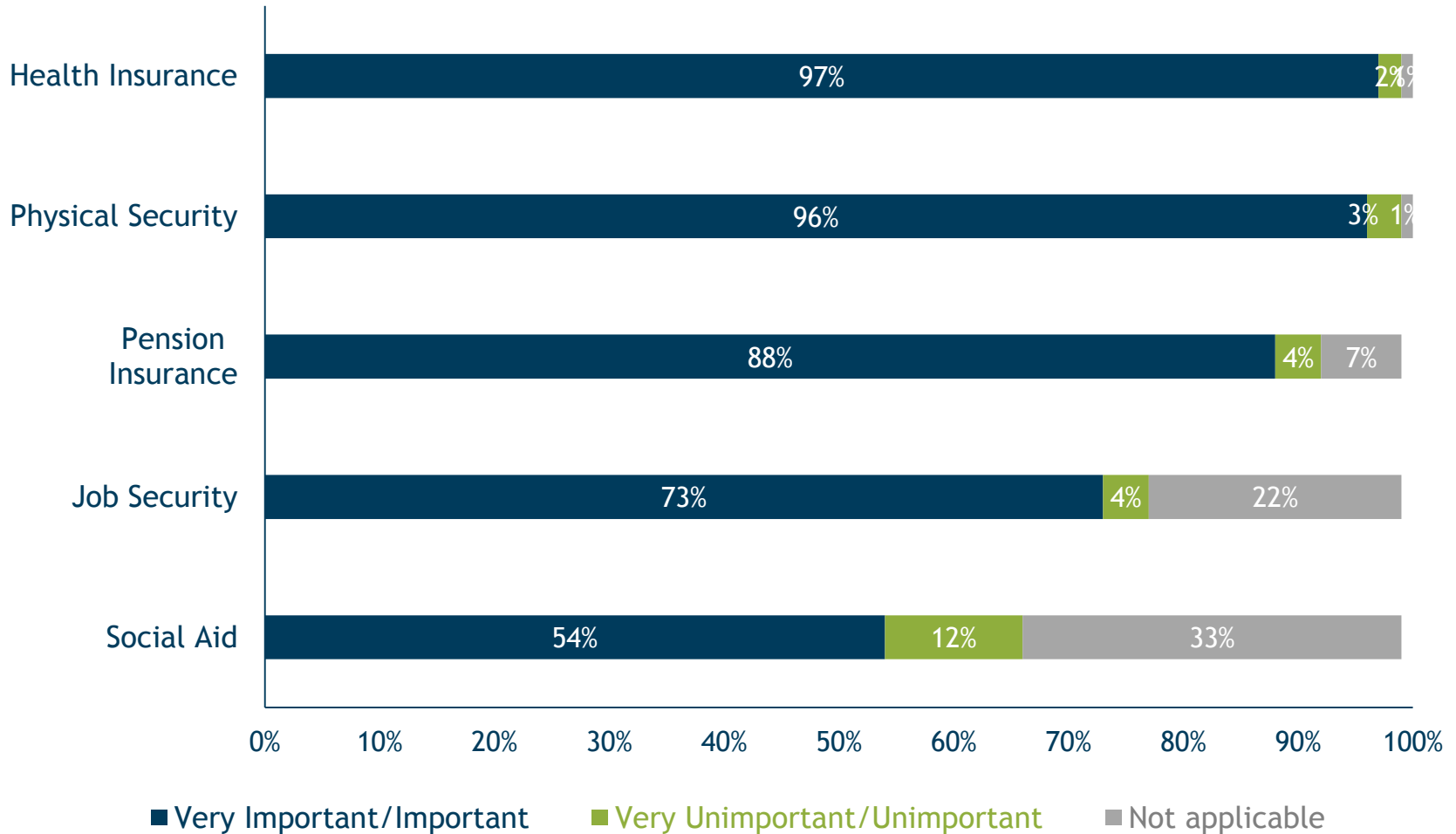
1 means you agree completely with the statement on the left; 7 means you agree completely with the statement on the right; and if your views fall somewhere in between, you can choose any number in between.



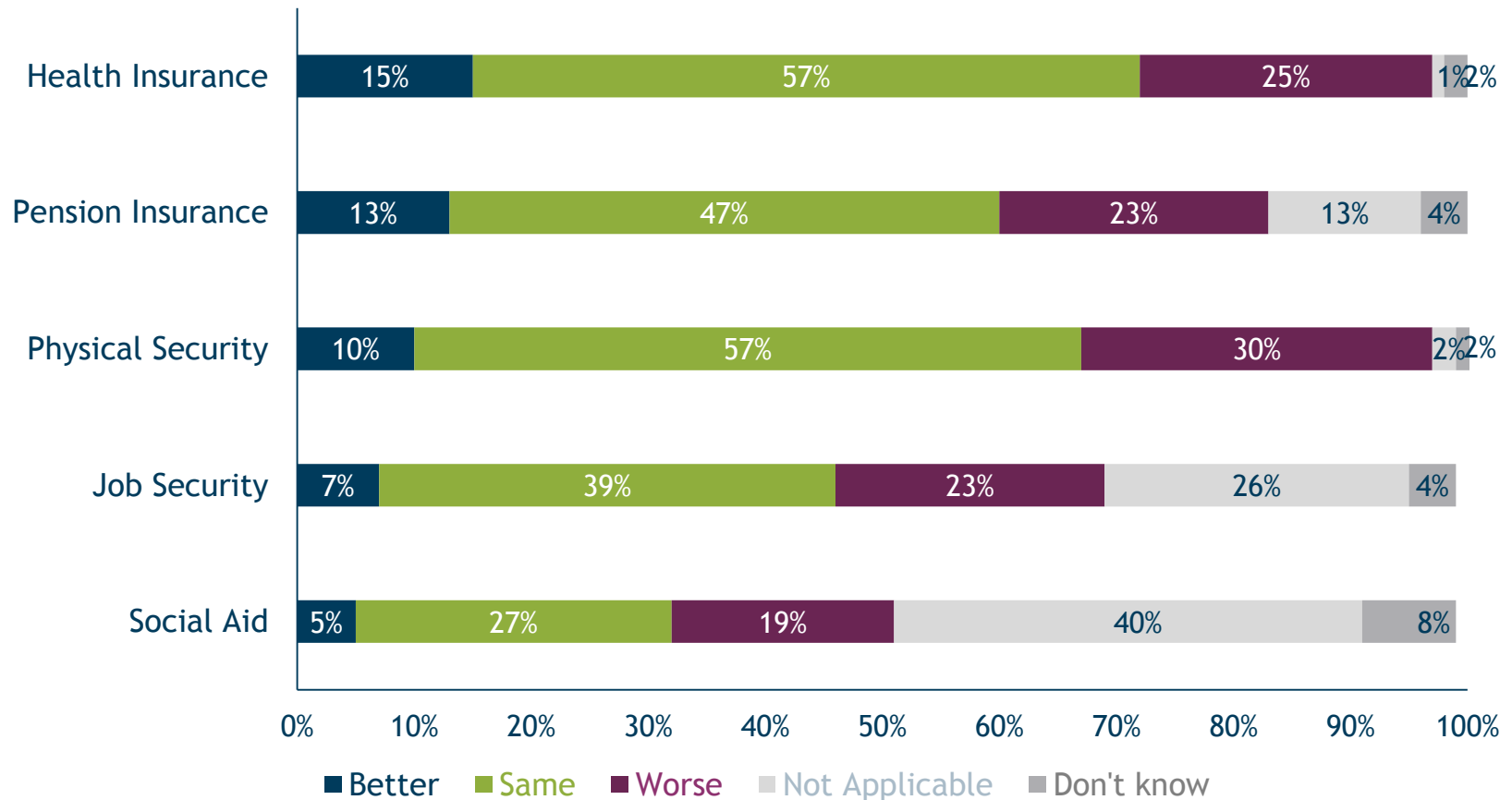
Using the scale in Macedonian schools, from one to five (one being the least important and five being the most important), how important are each of these issues in your daily life?



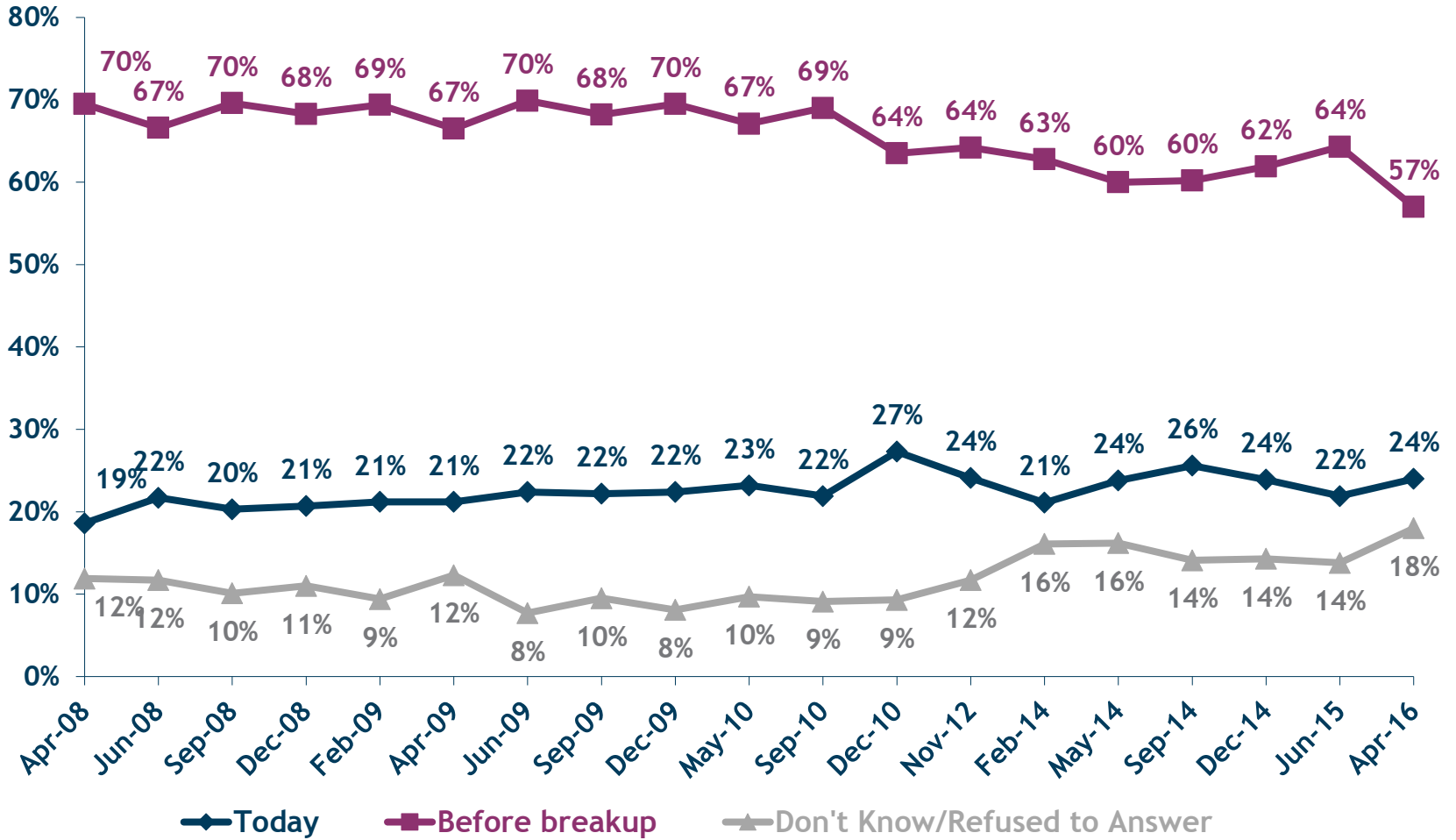
For some people some types of personal security are more important than others. How important is each of the following types of personal security to you?



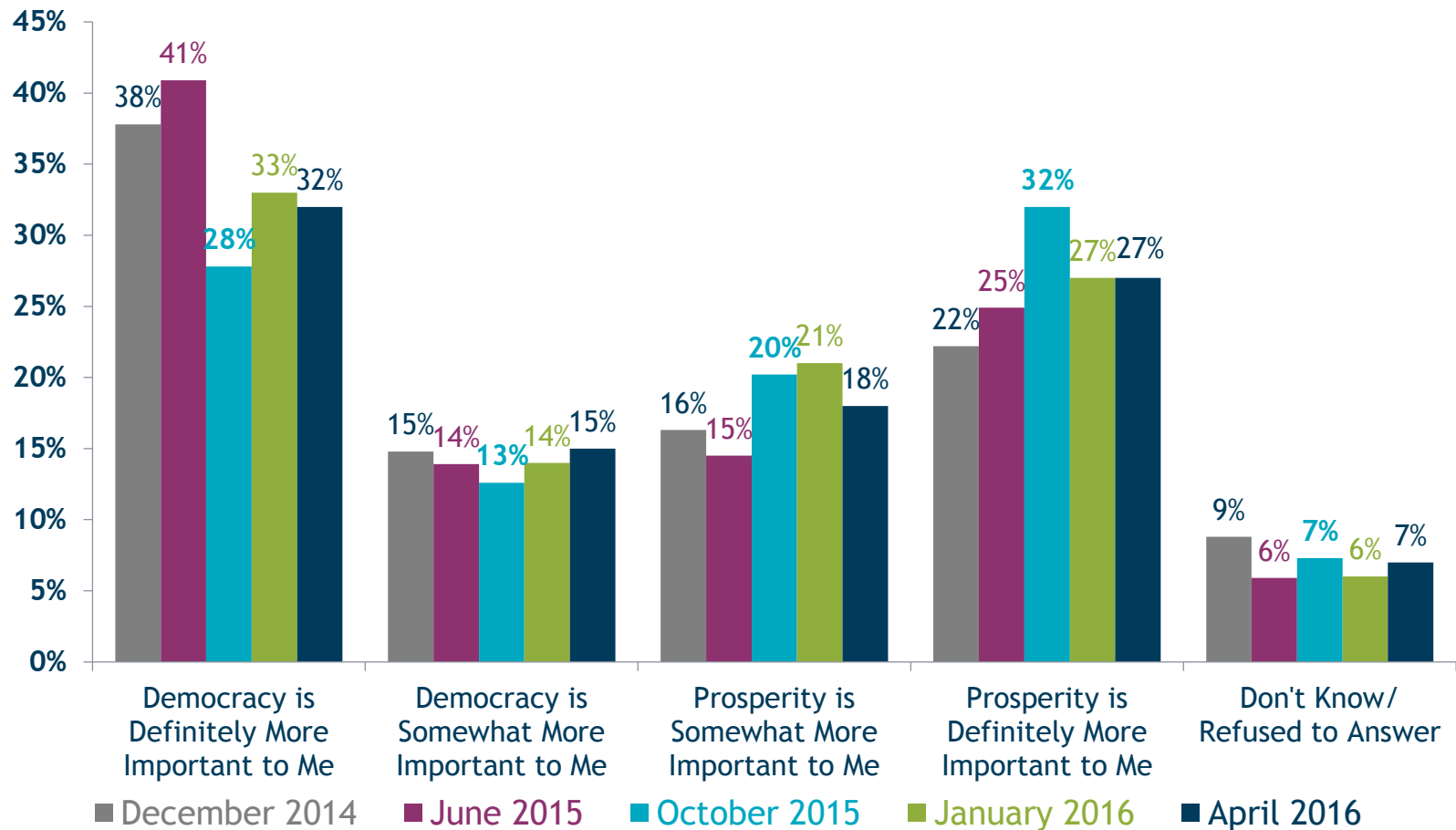
Regardless of how you answered the previous question, can you tell me if the security of each of the following is getting worse, is the same, or is getting better for you personally?



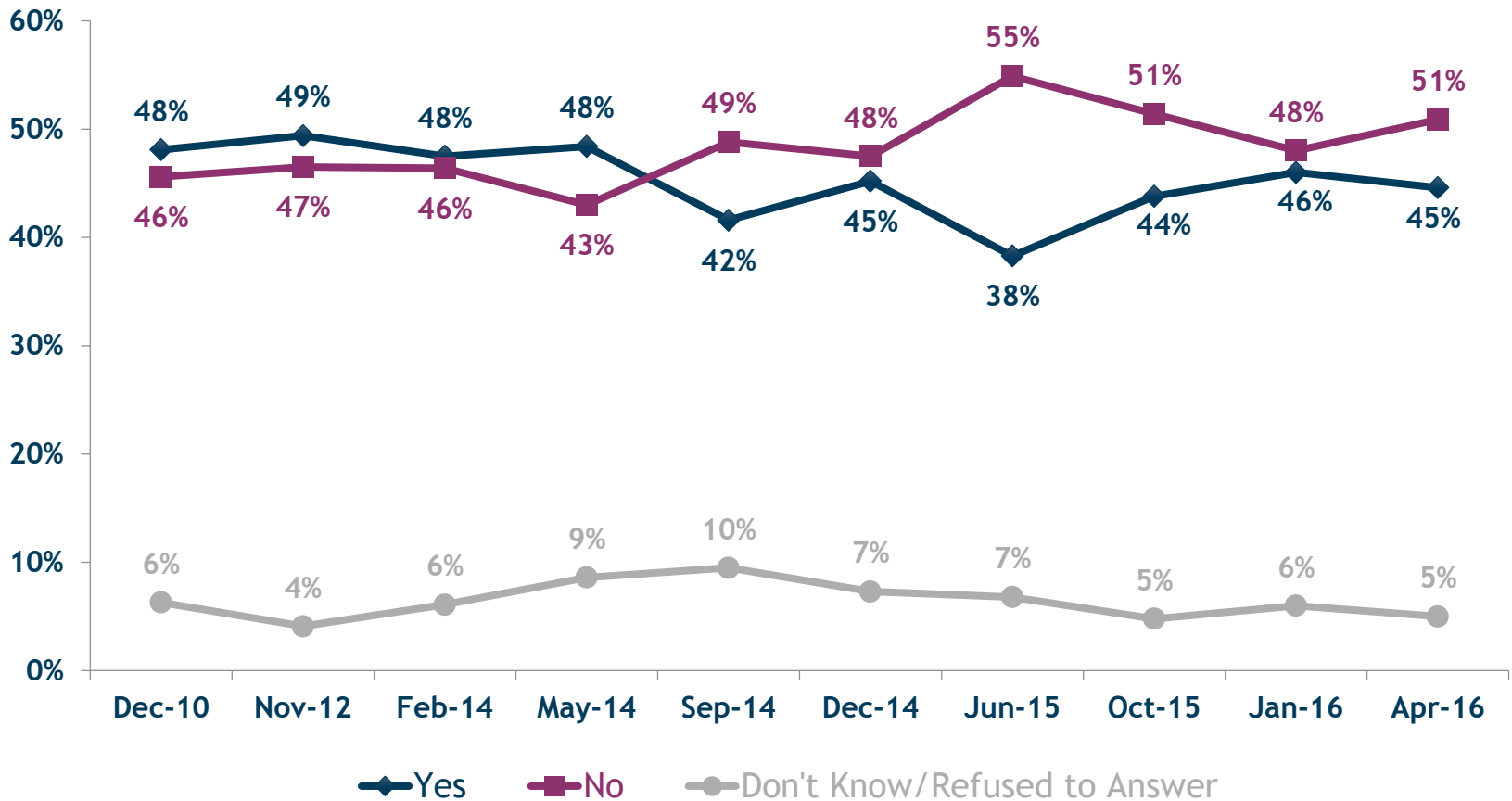
When was life better for you, today or before the breakup of Yugoslavia?



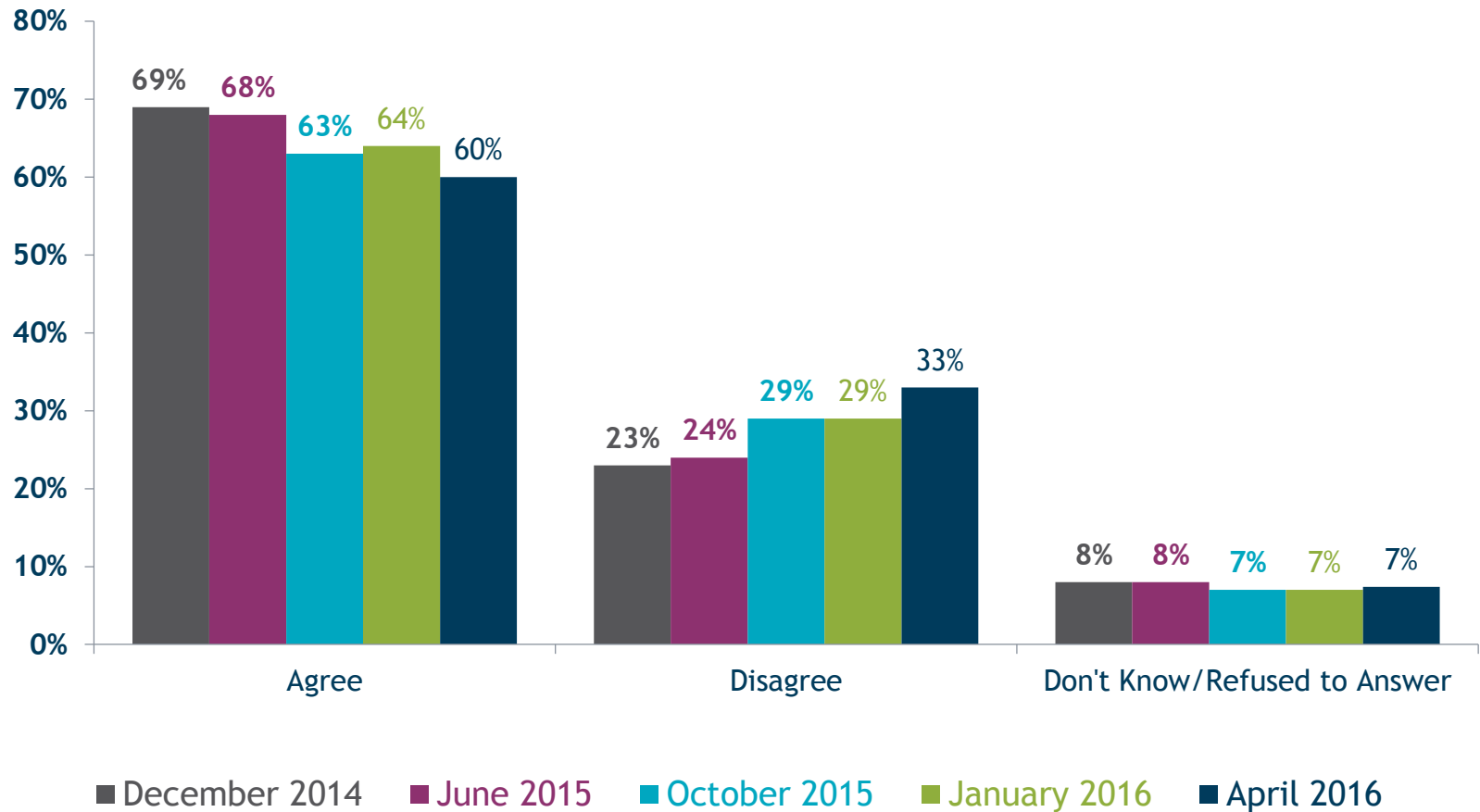
If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



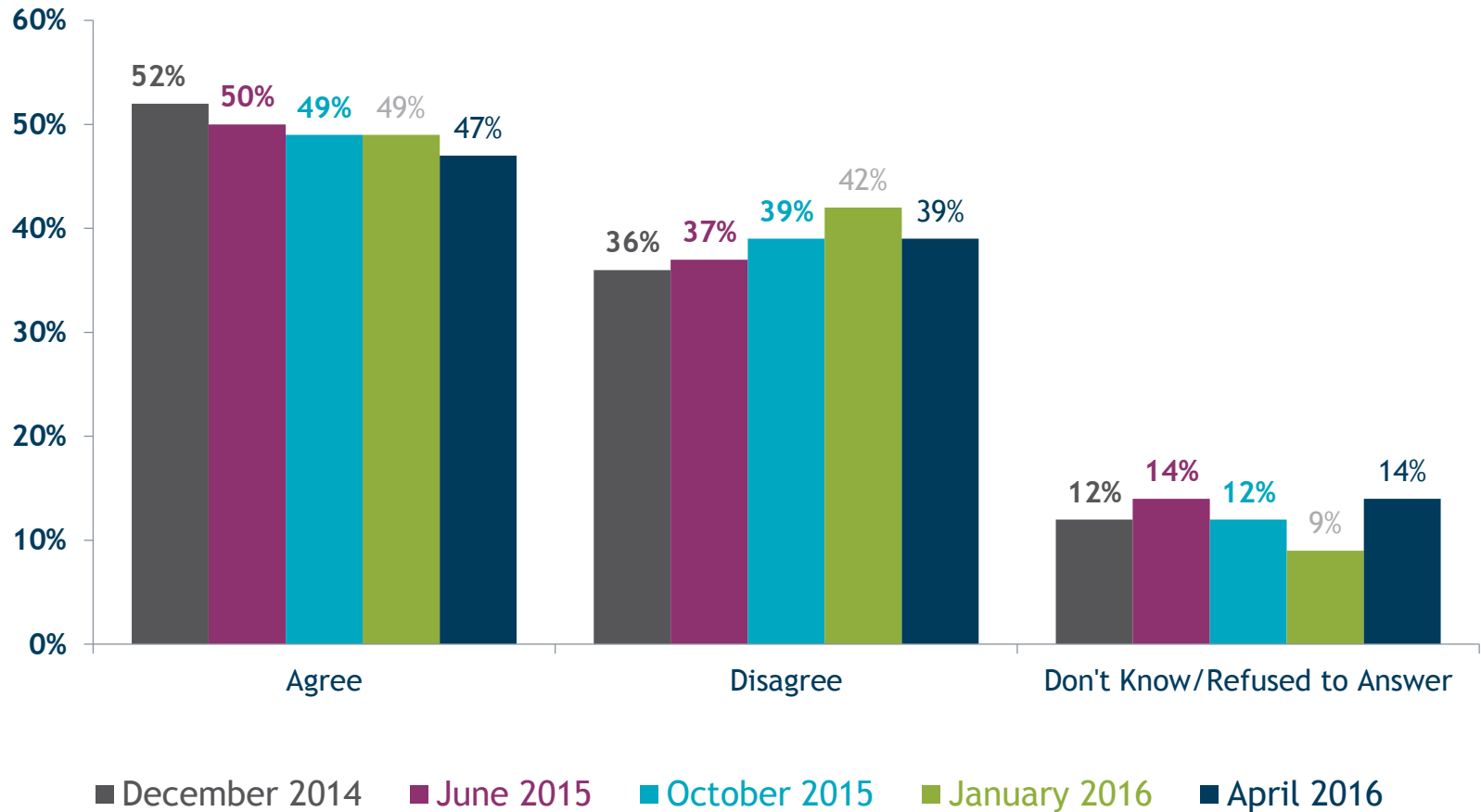
Do you think that free speech and the free expression of ideas exists in Macedonia today?



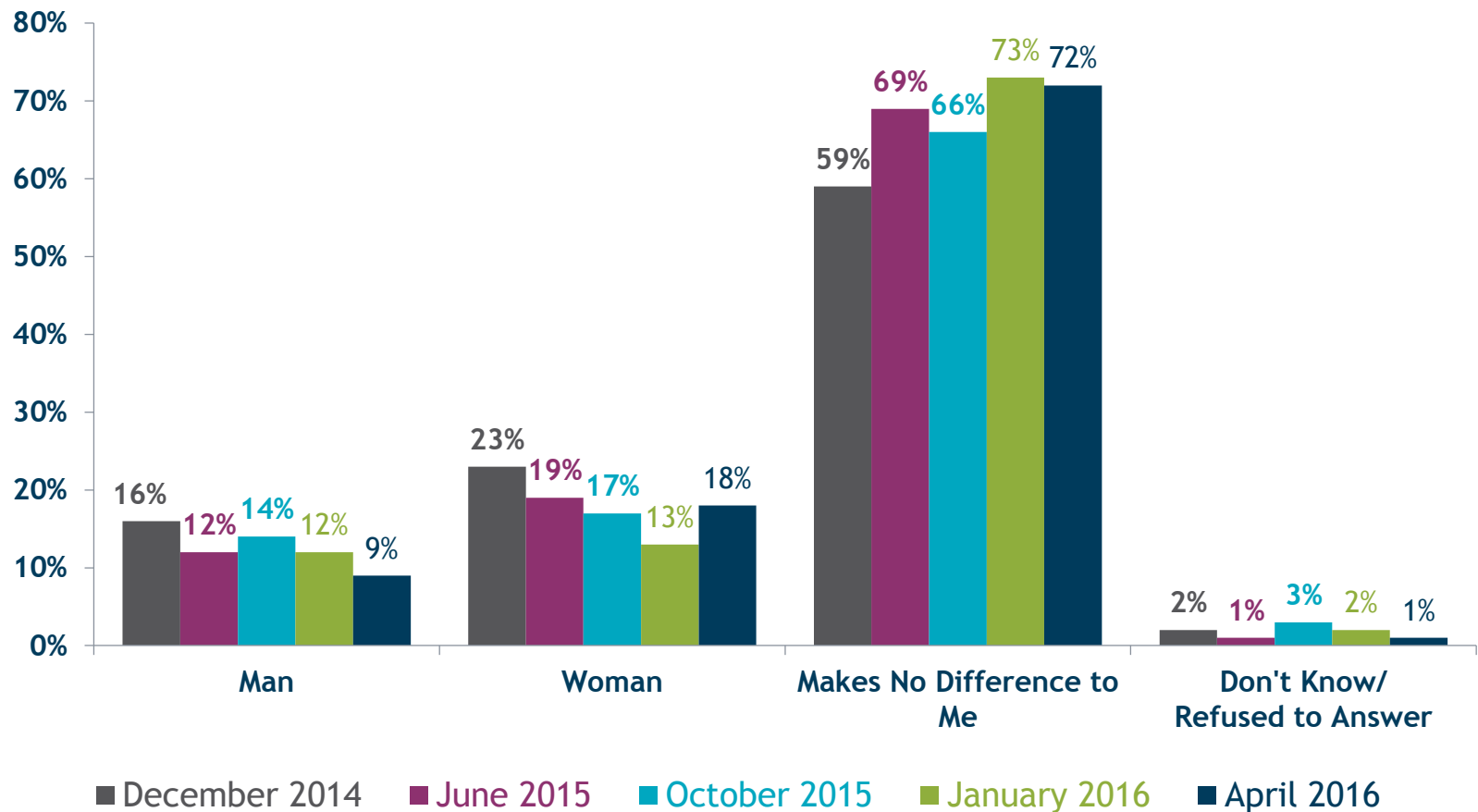
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”



If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?

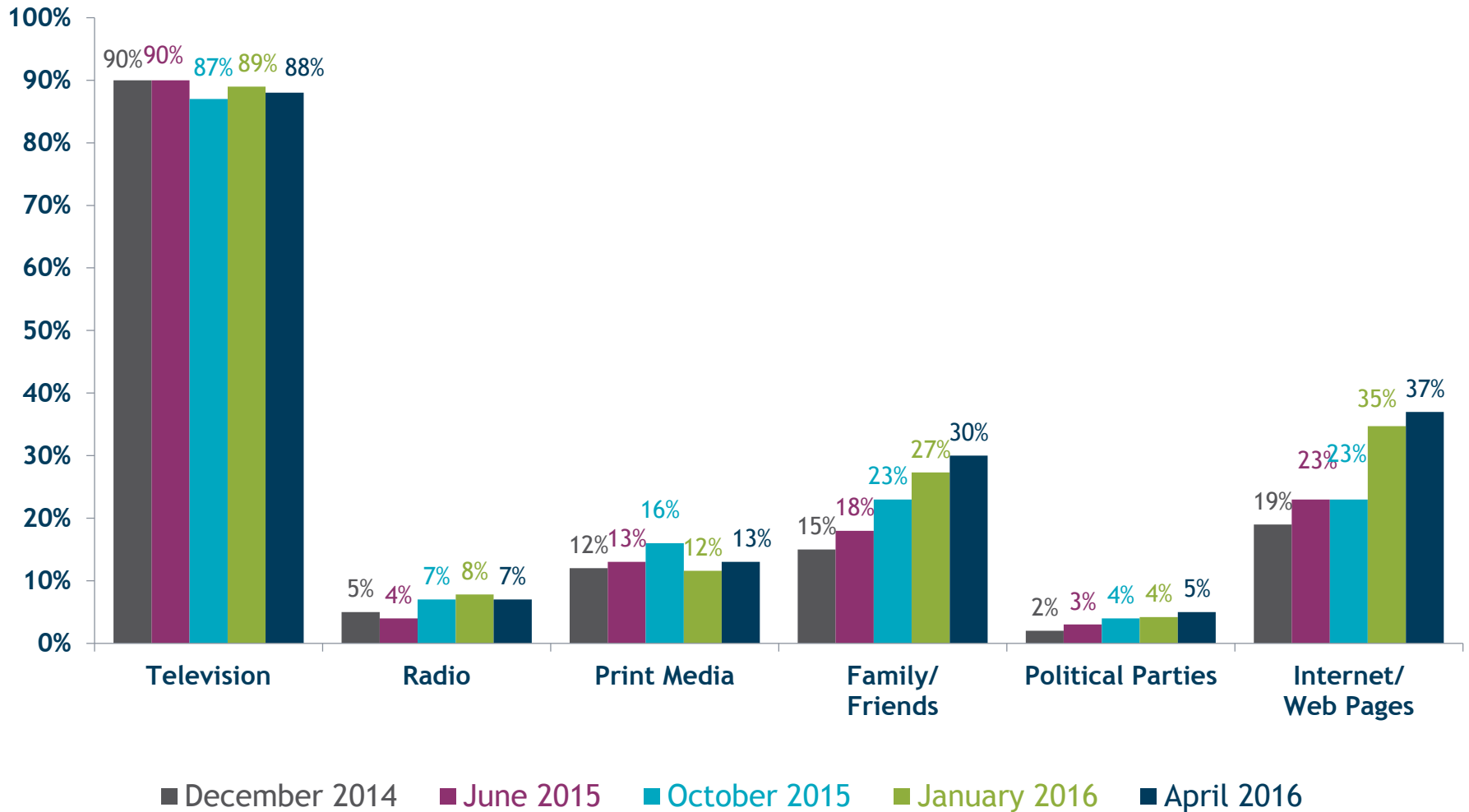




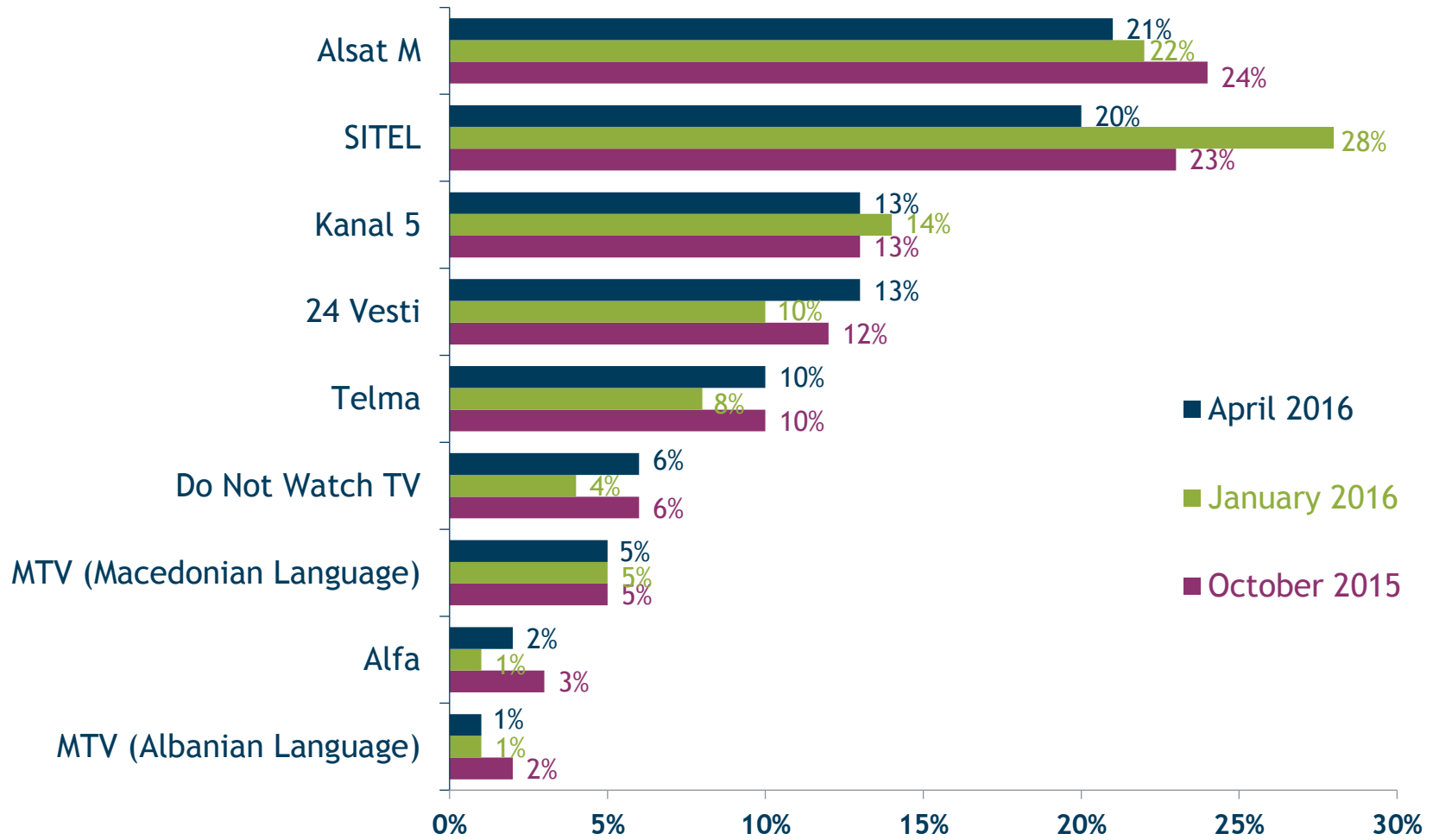
Media

What is your primary source of political news?

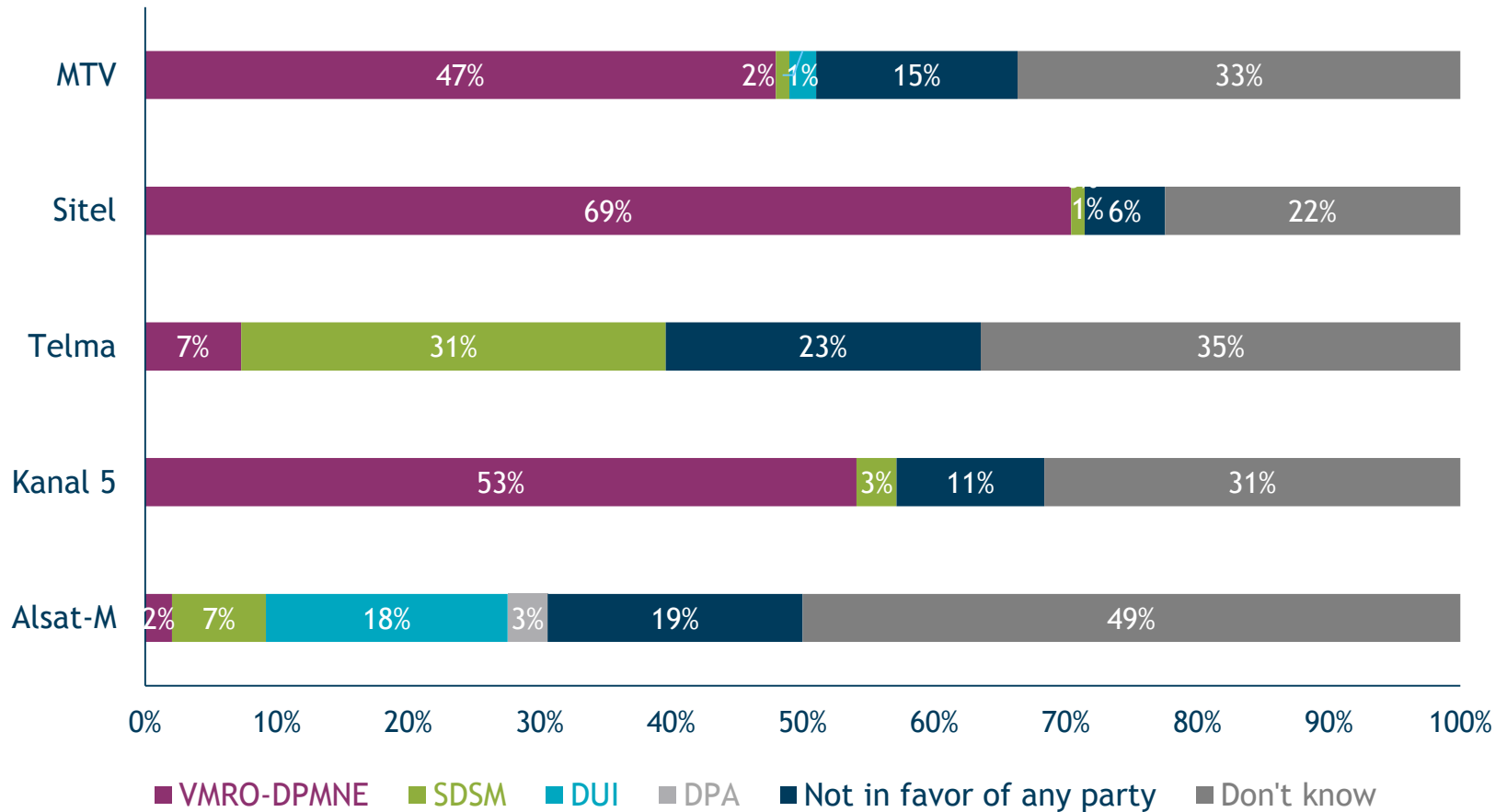
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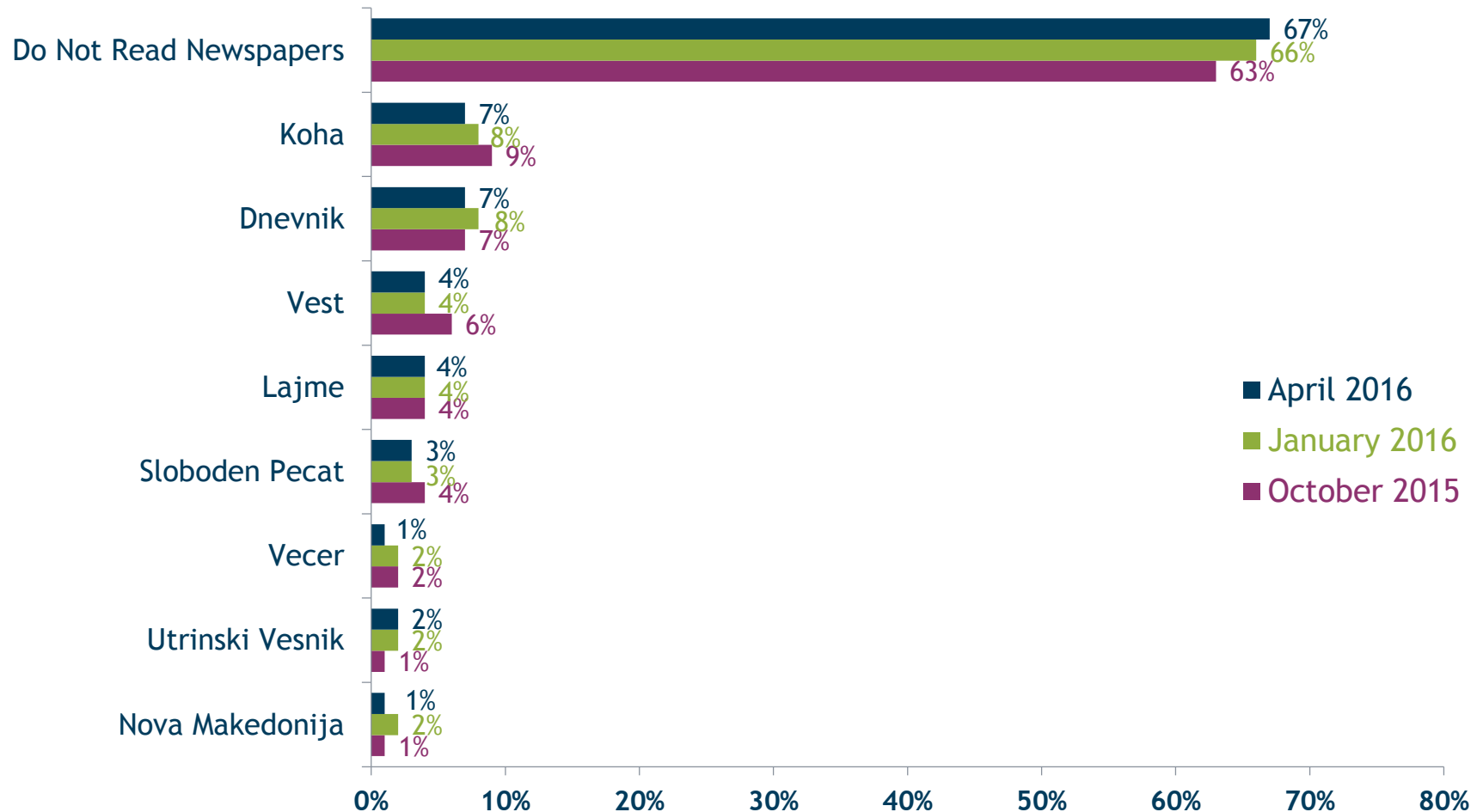
Which television station do you watch most often for political news?



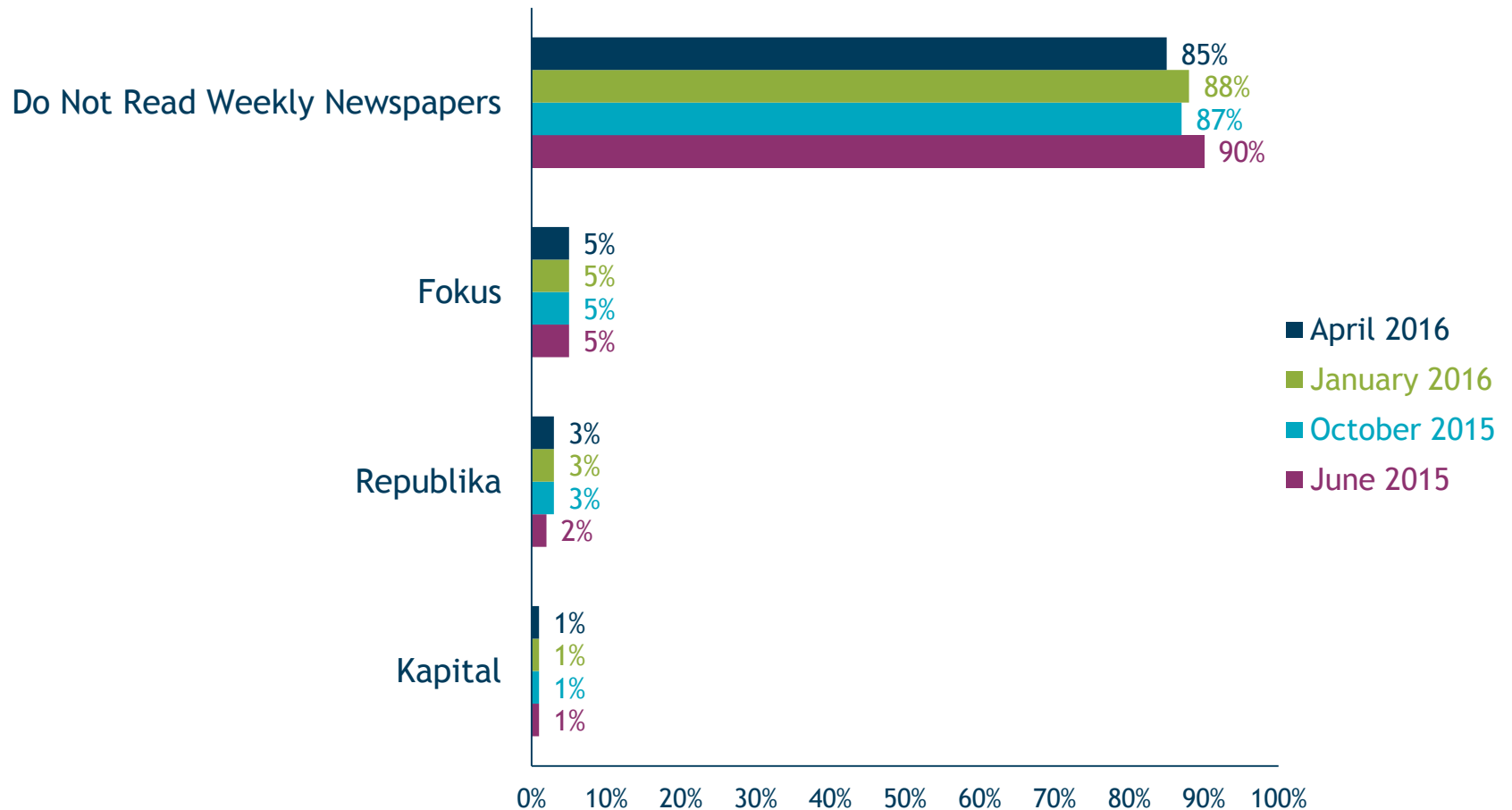
Do the following TV stations favor or do not favor a particular political party?



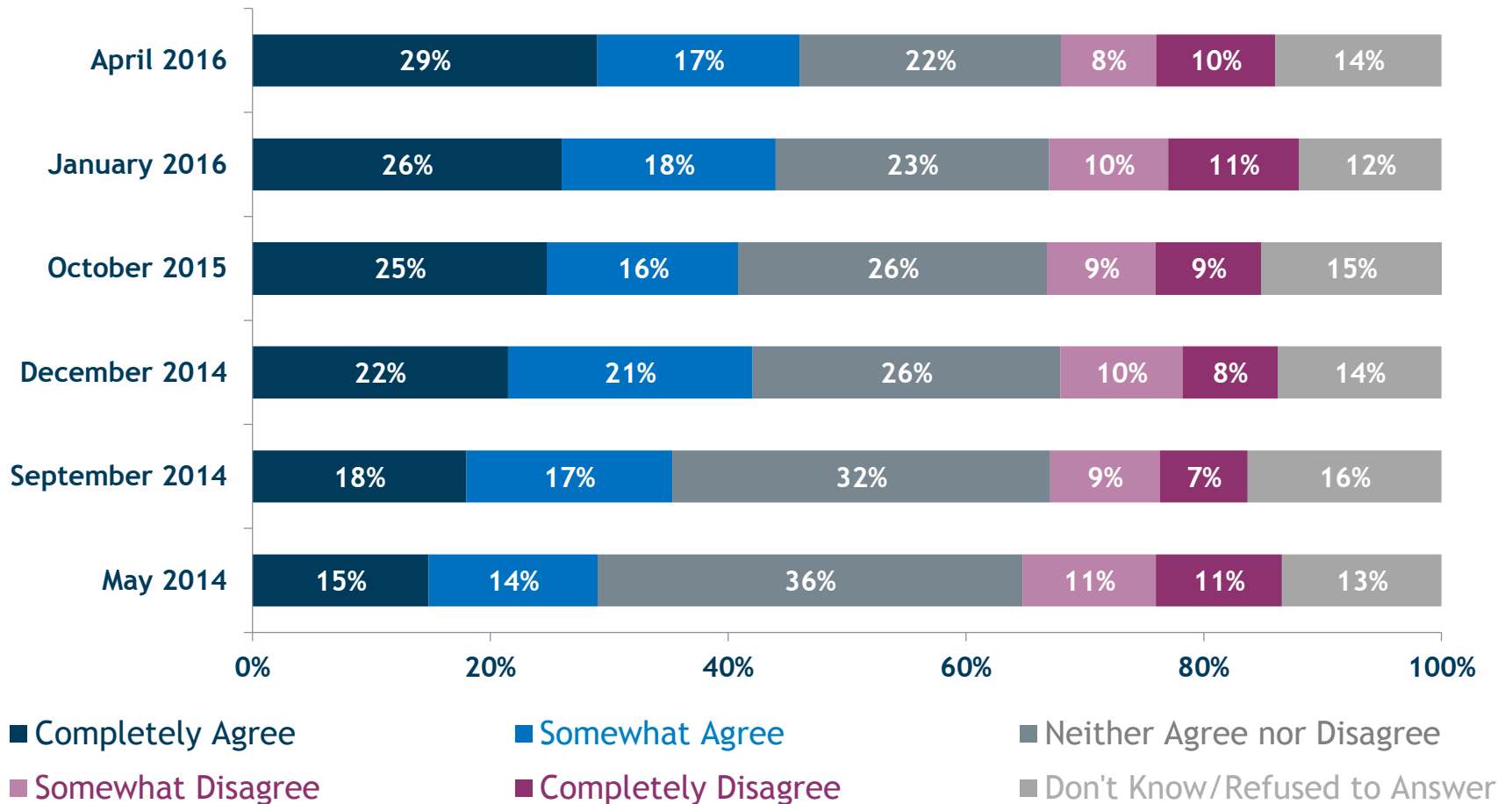
Which daily newspaper do you read most often for political news?



Which weekly newspaper do you read most often for political news?



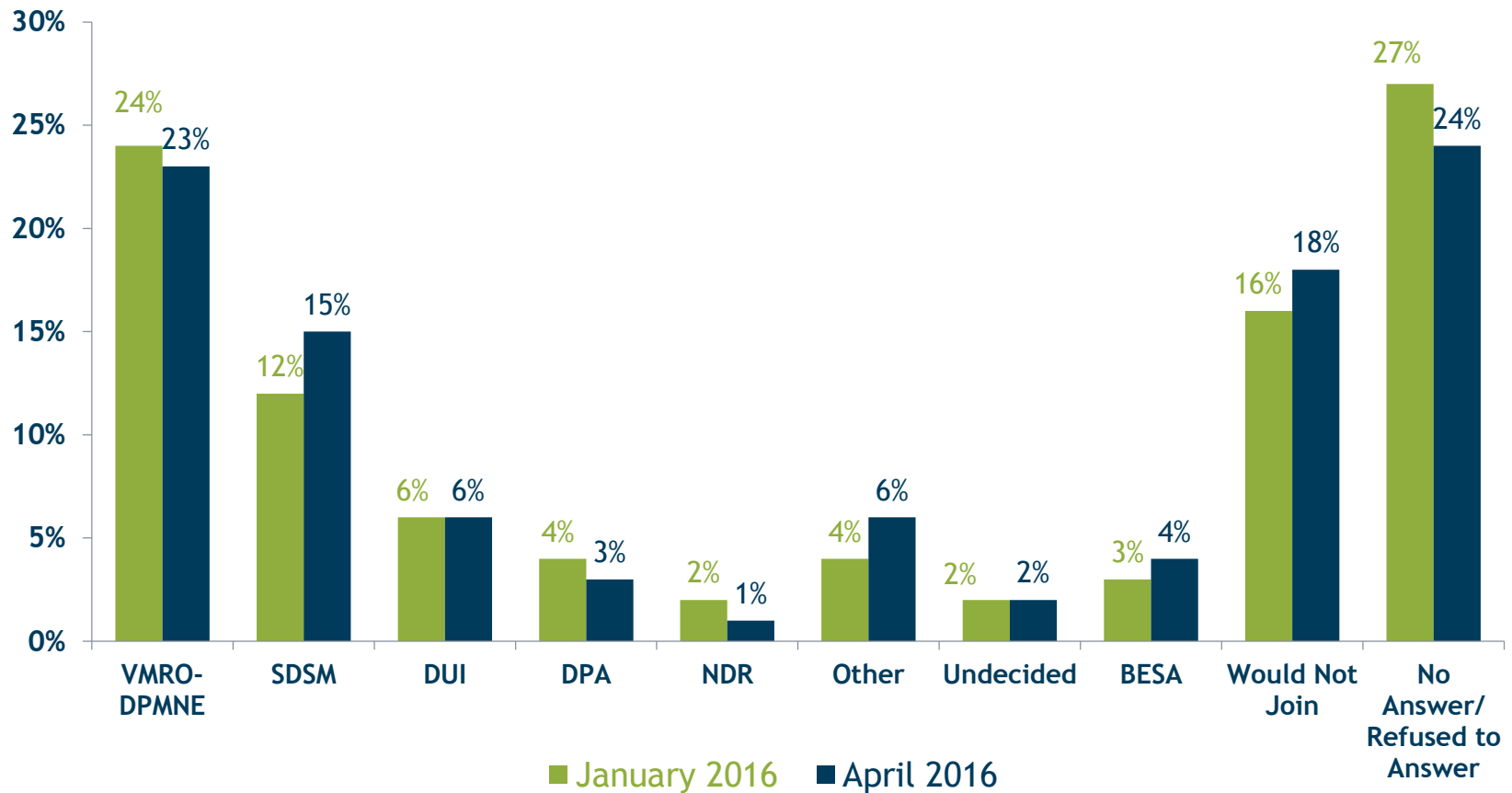
To what level do you agree with the statement? “Government advertising in the media negatively affects press freedom.”



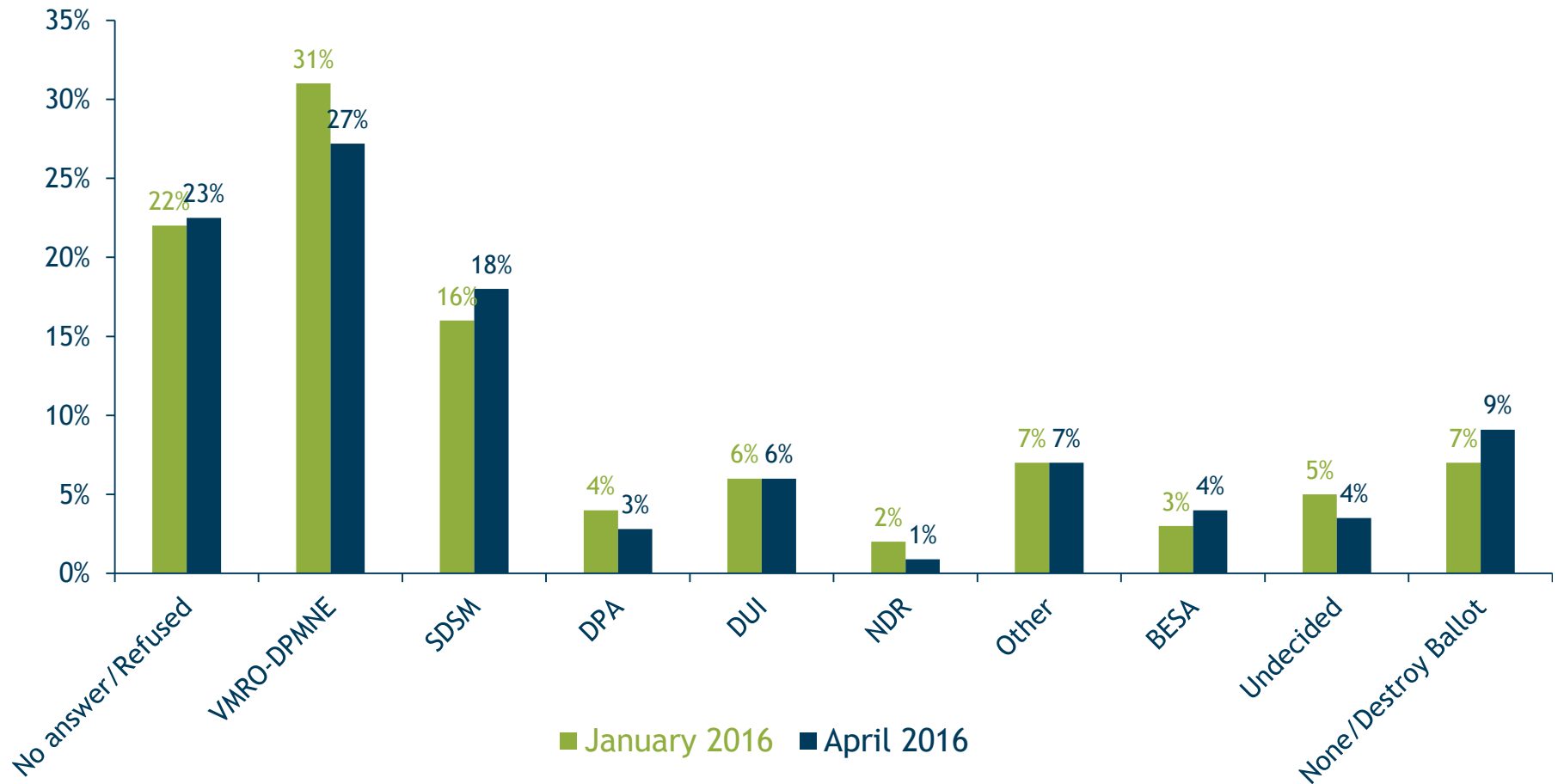


Political Parties and Elections

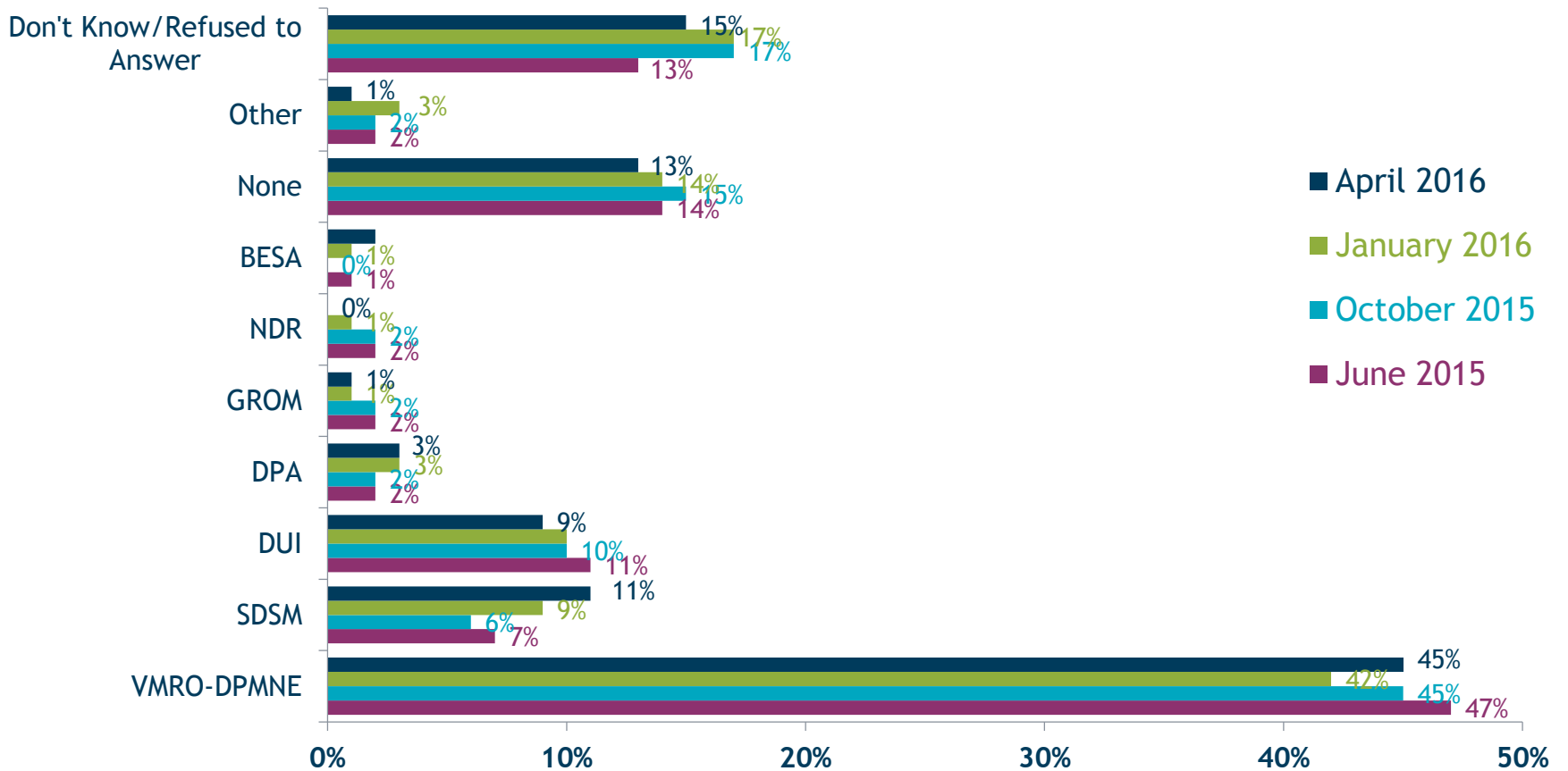
To which political party do you belong or would you consider joining?



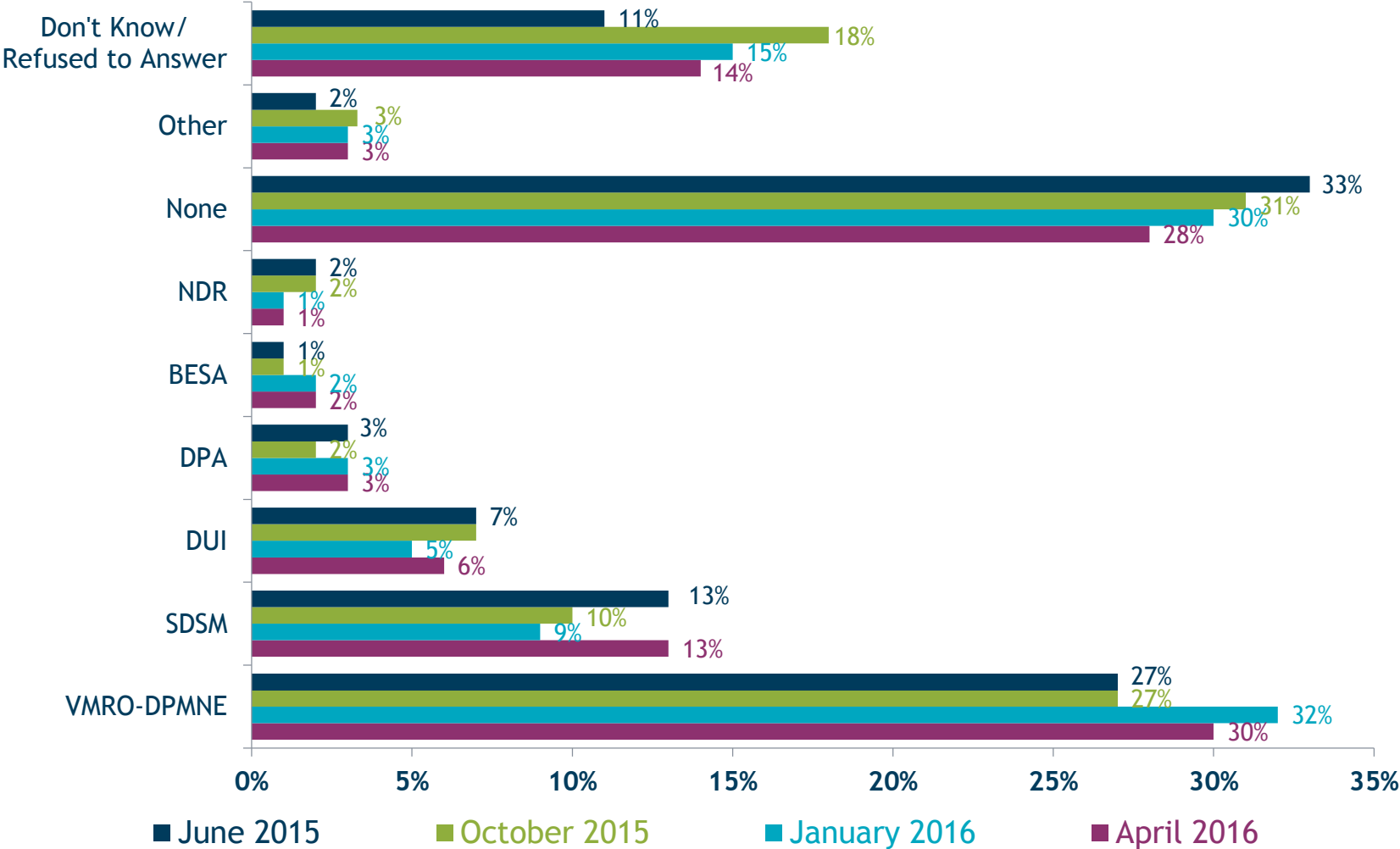
(If all parties participate), for which party would you vote if parliamentary elections were held today?



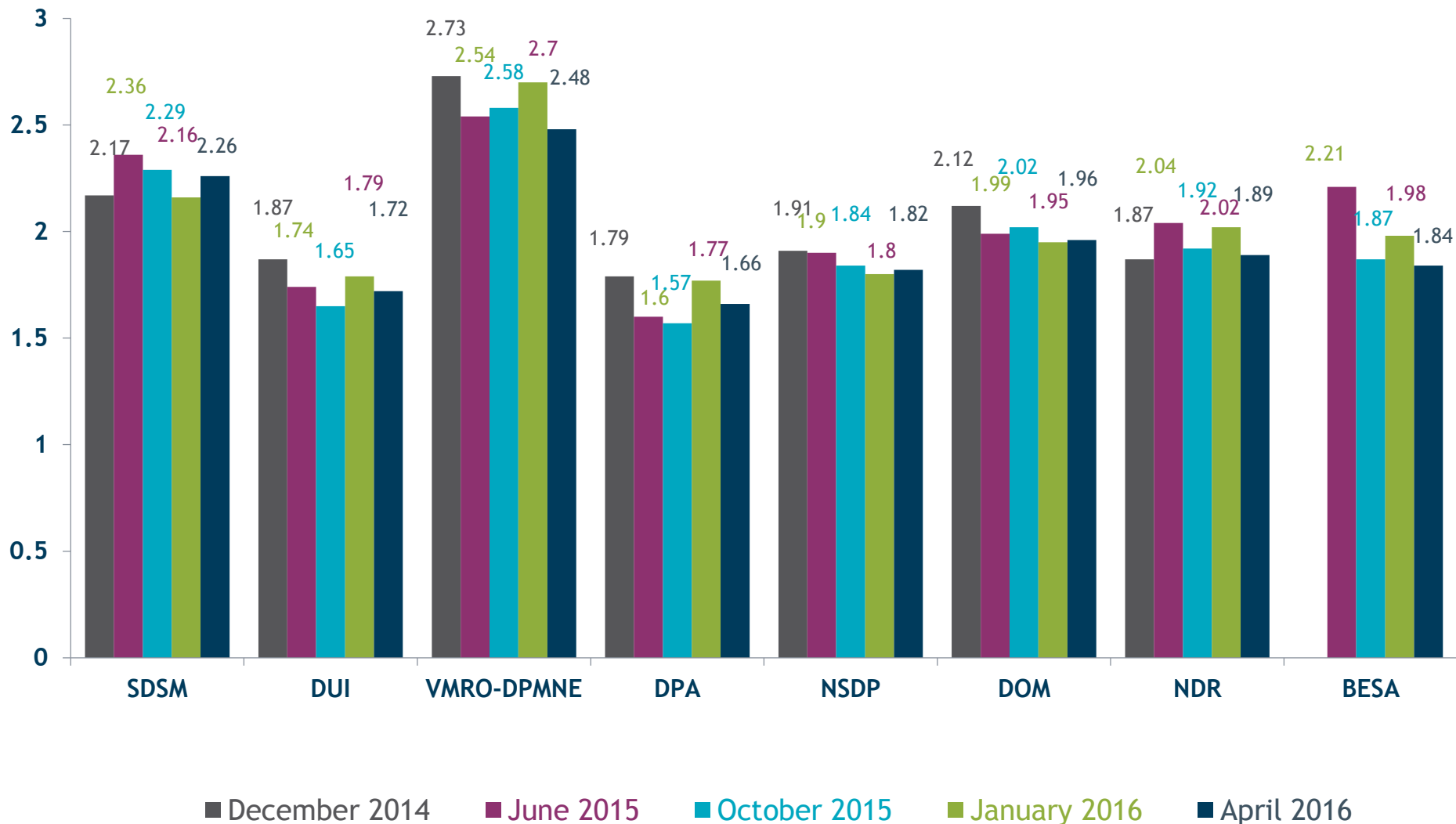
Which party, in your opinion, is most active in your village/town/city?



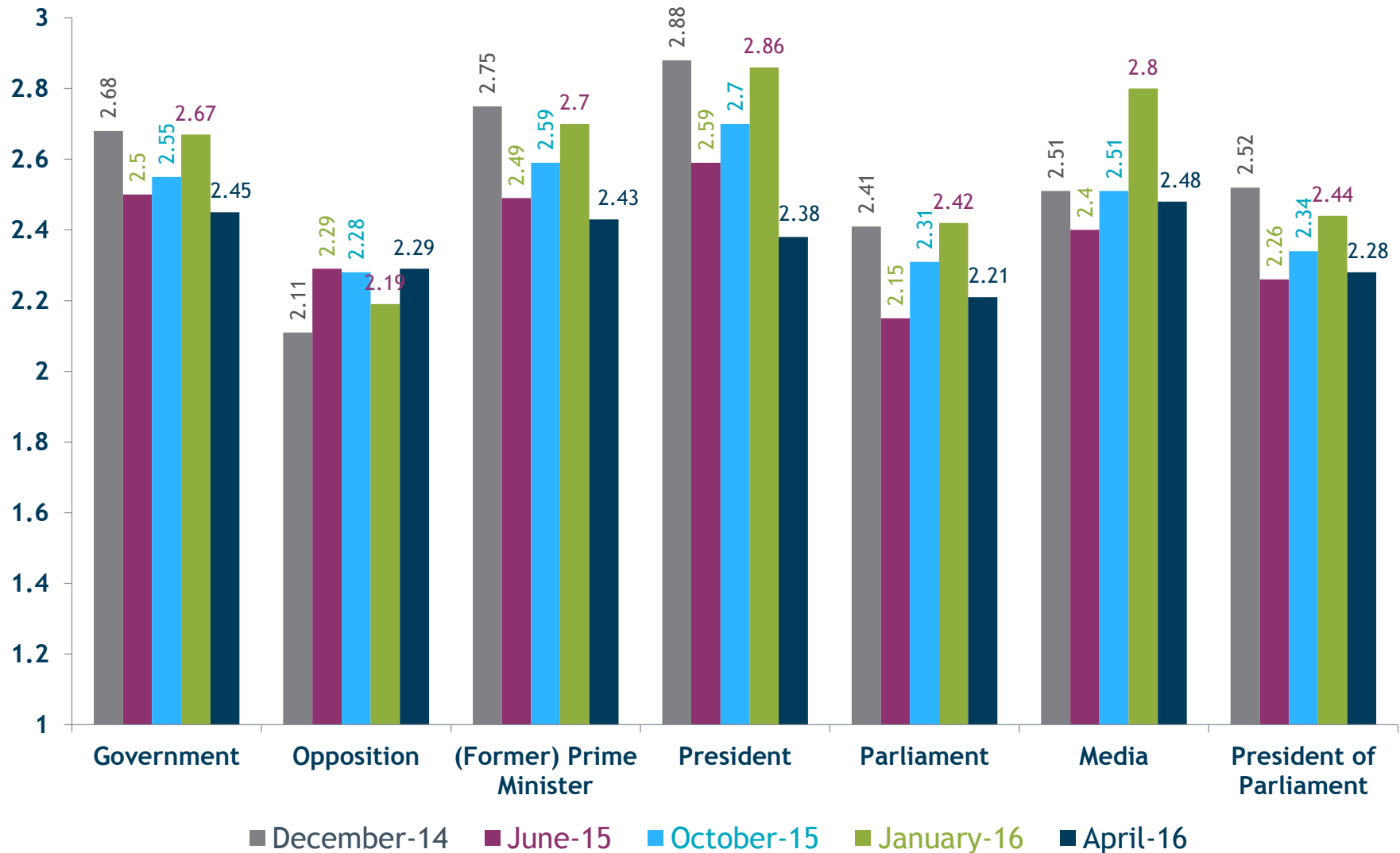
Which party, in your opinion, works the hardest to get your support?



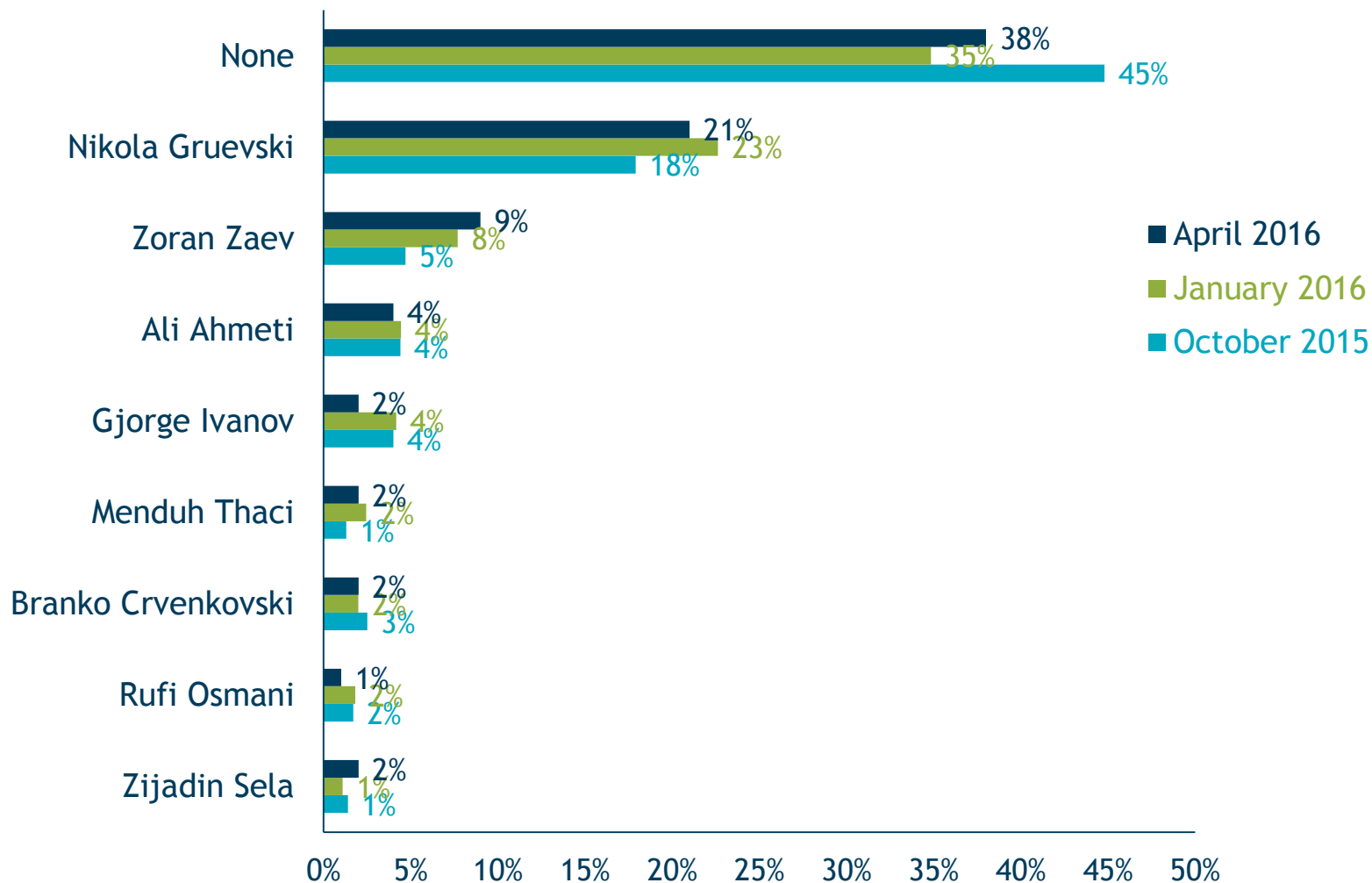
Using the scale used in Macedonian schools, what grade would you give for the overall performance of ... ?



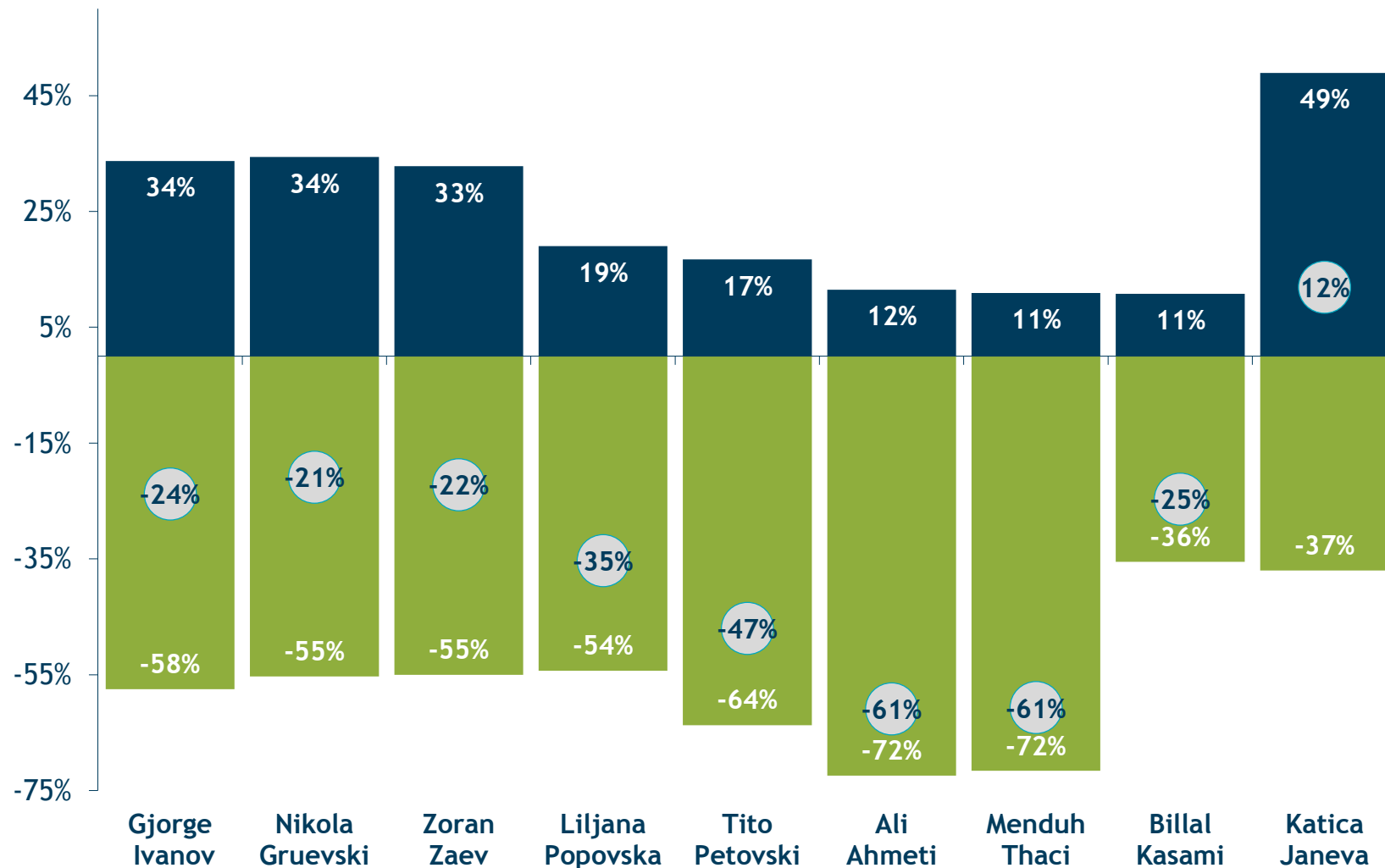
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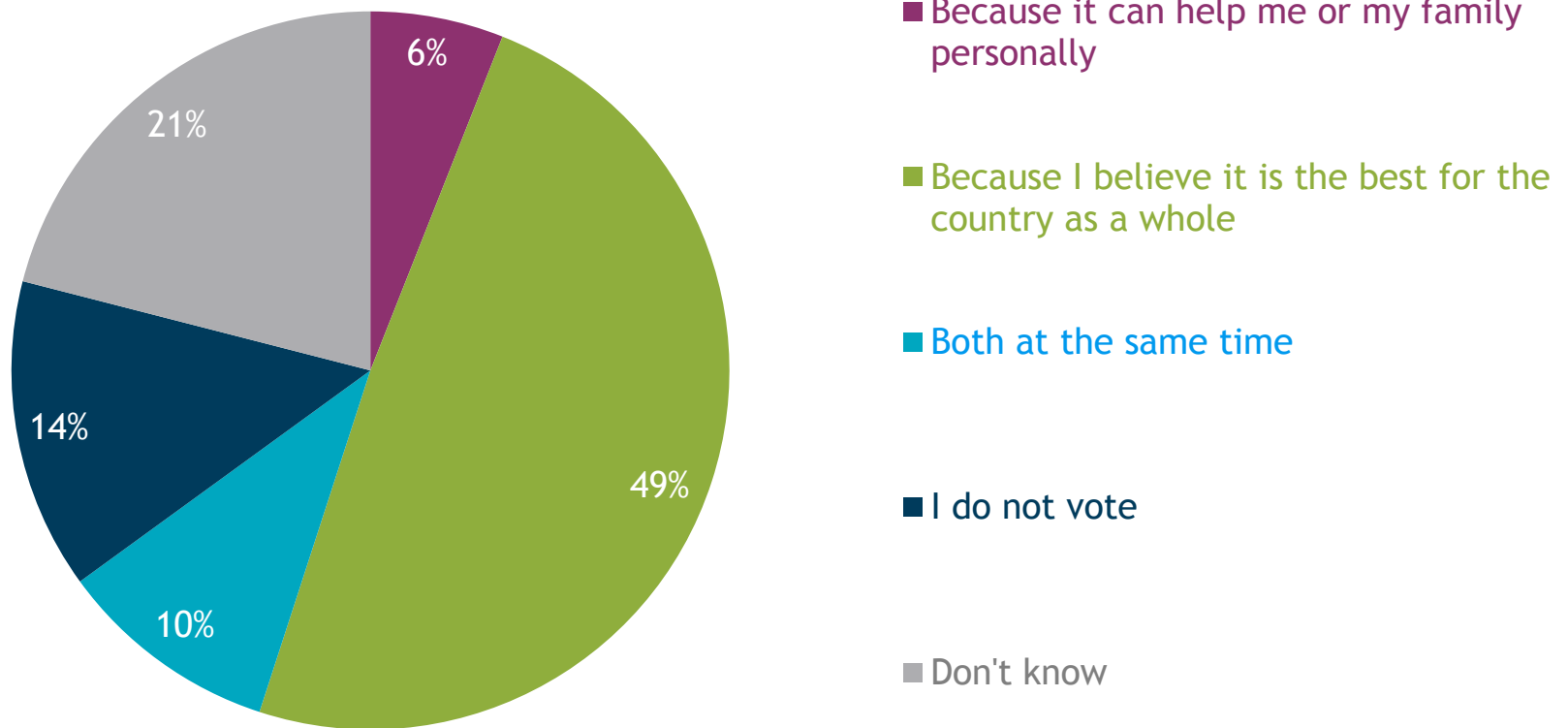
When you think about people in public political life, who is the one person in Macedonia that you view most favorably? (Open-Ended)



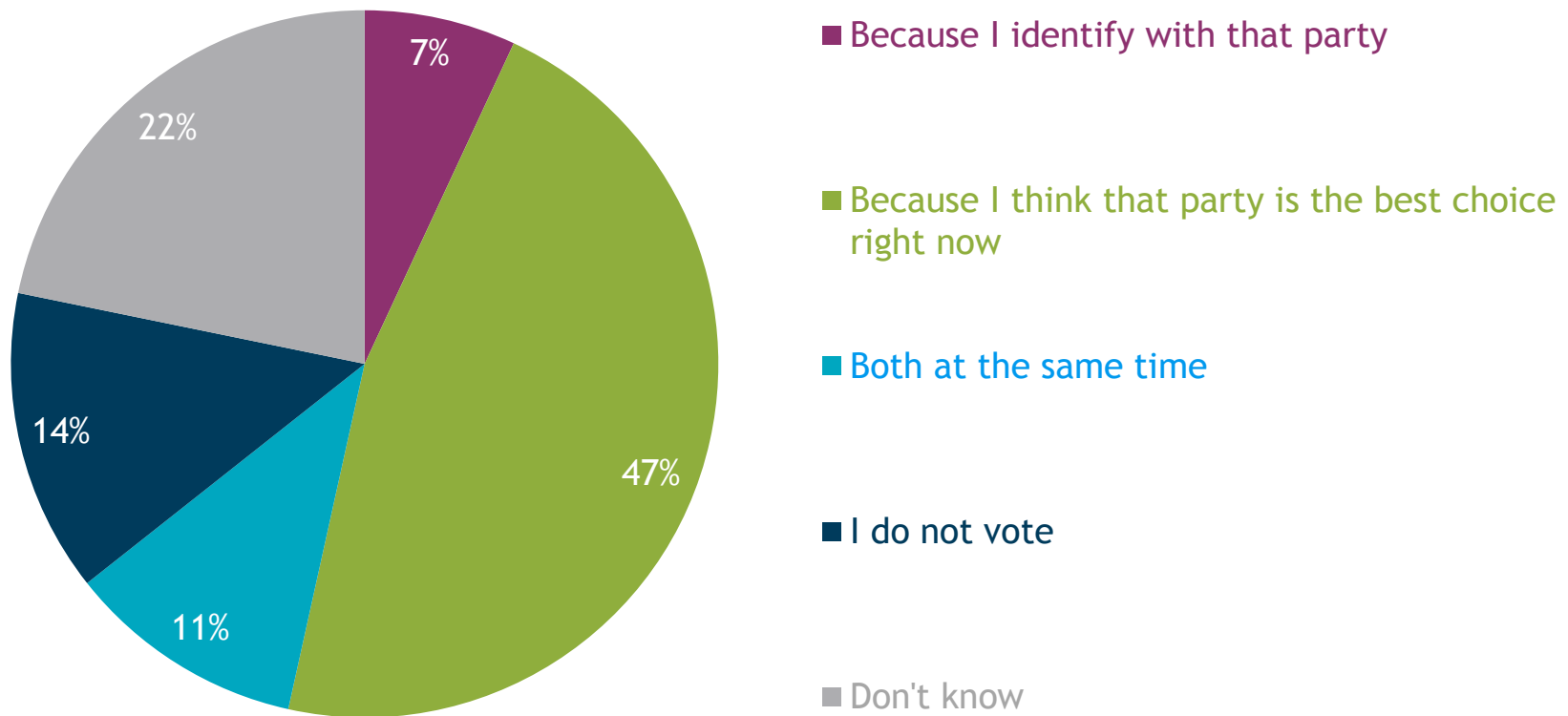
I will read you a list of public figures in Macedonia. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of that person. If you have never heard of that person please just say so...



Why do you support the party you vote for; is it because it can help you or your family personally or do you support it because you believe it is the best for the country as a whole?

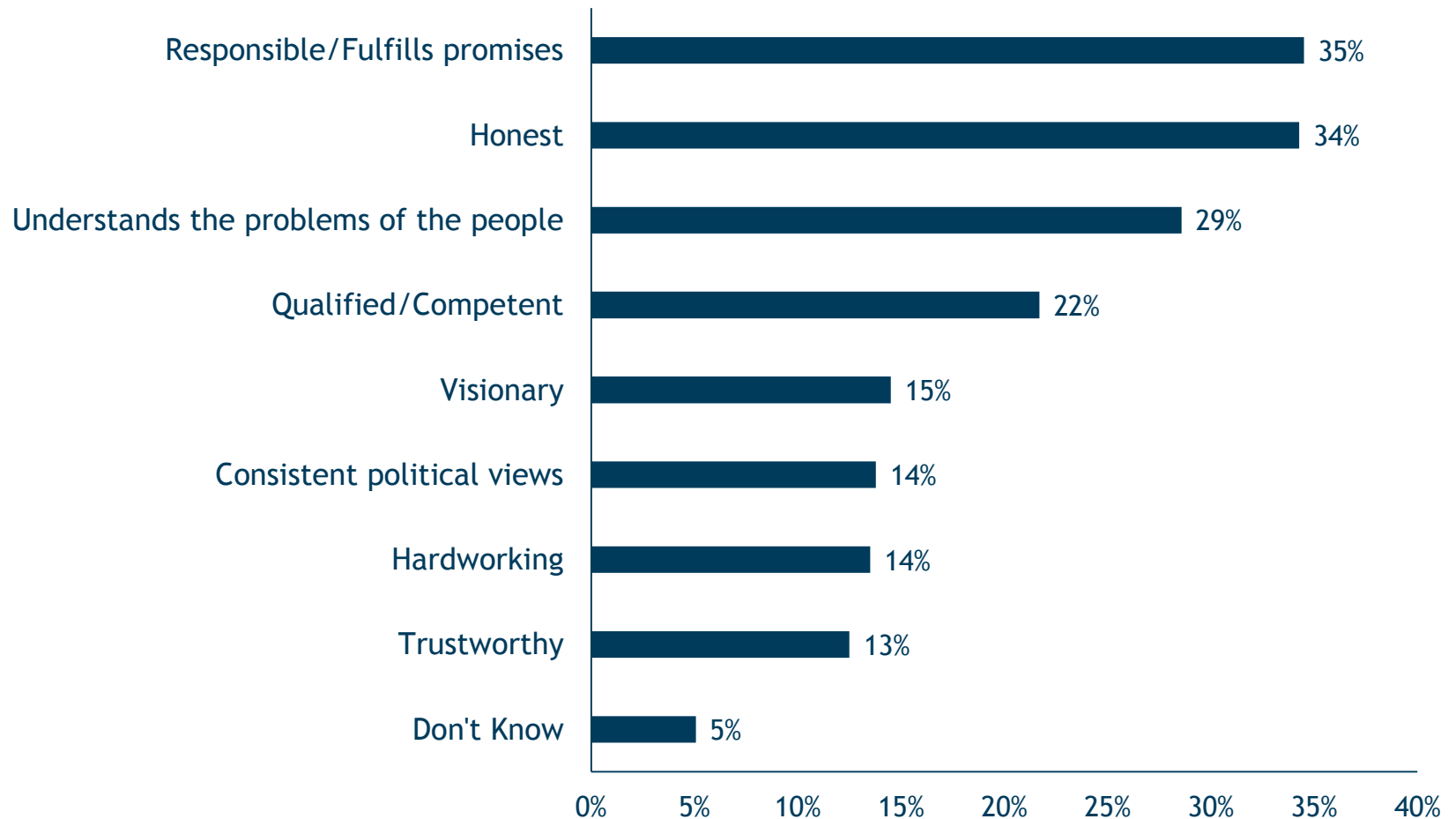


Why do you support the party you vote for; is it because you identify with this party or do you support this party because you think they are the best choice for Macedonia right now?



What do you consider to be the most important characteristic of a political leader?

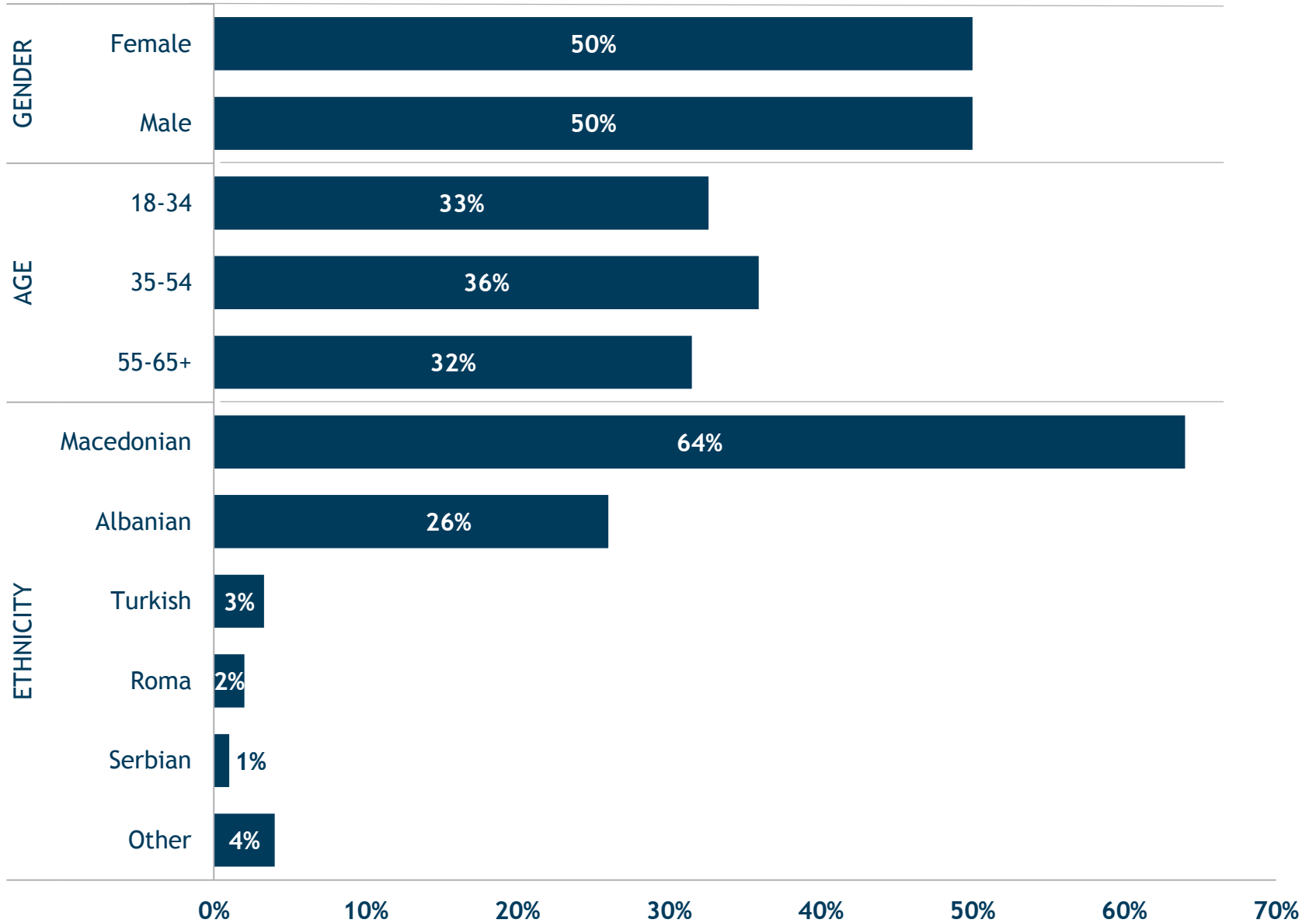
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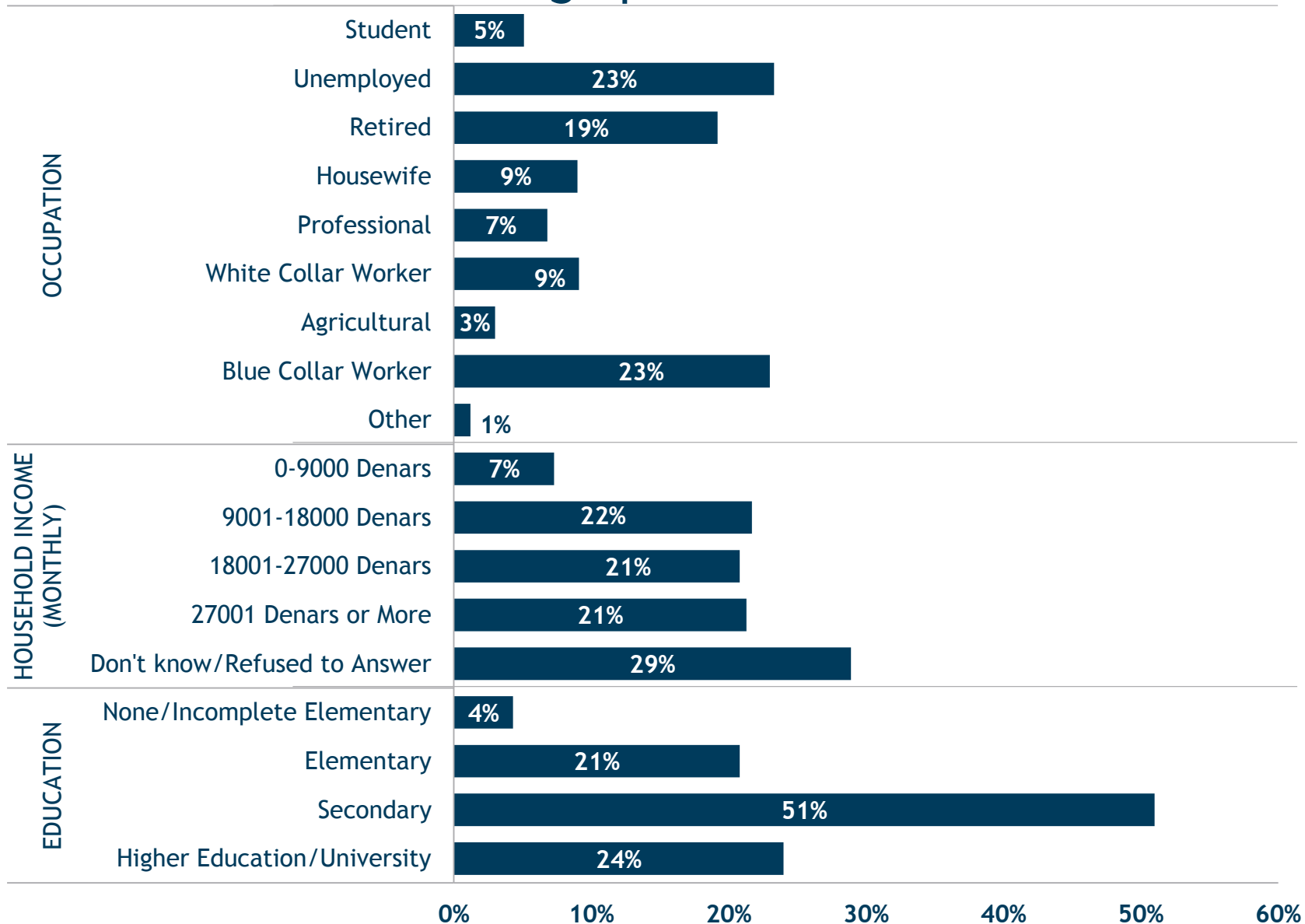


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