Mongolian Public Opinion: Parliament After 100 Days

January 23 – February 5, 2017

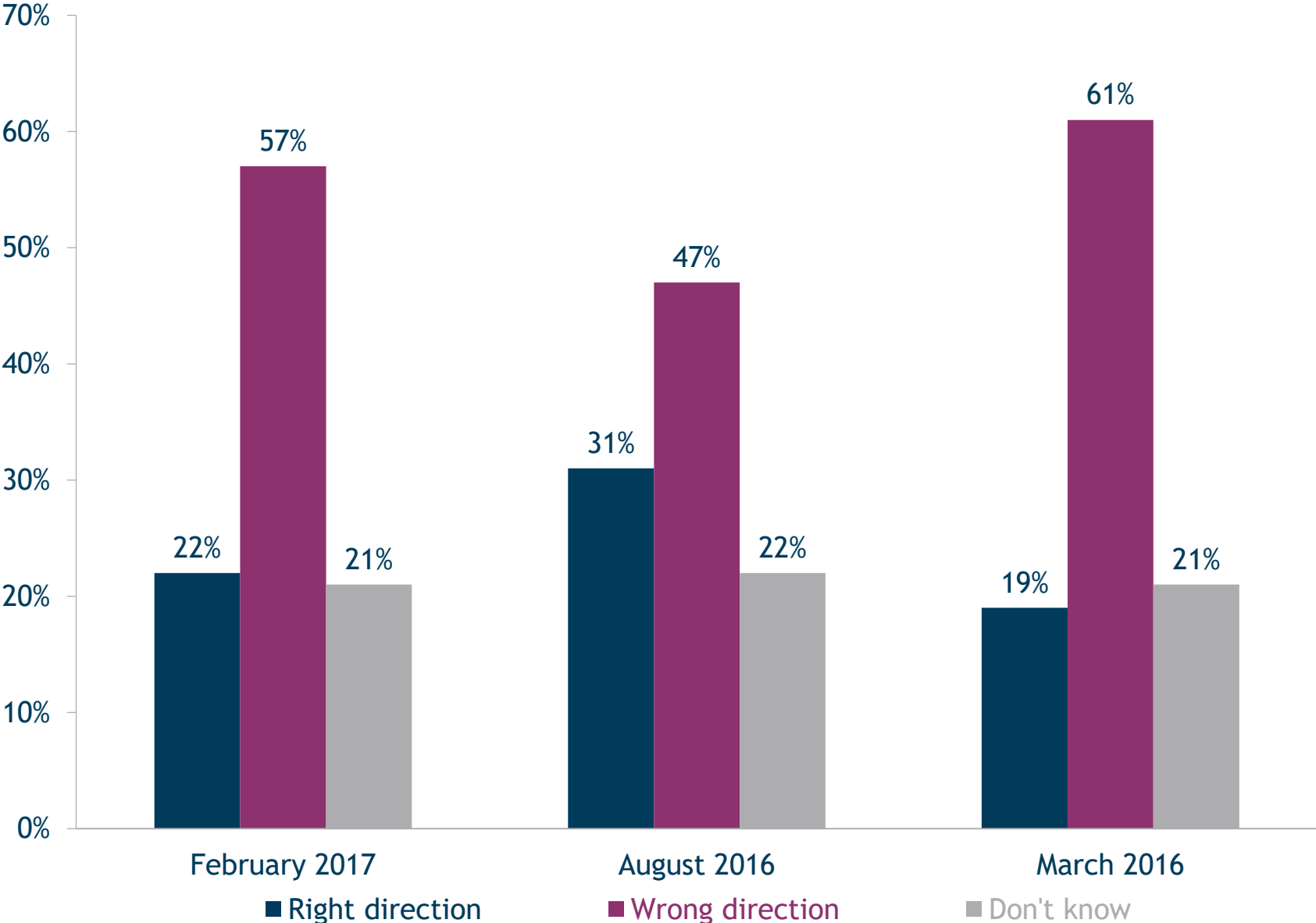CENTER FOR INSIGHTS IN **SURVEY RESEARCH**

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Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute by the Social Policy Development Research Institute (SPDRI) under the supervision of Chesapeake Beach Consulting between January 23 and February 5, 2017. The Government of Canada provides funding for this project.

- Data was collected through in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by 13 of Mongolia's 21 *aimags* (provinces) as well as Ulaanbaatar and then subdivided by *soum* (town) or district. Interviews were conducted in both urban and rural locations.

- The sample consisted of 5,000 respondents aged 18 and older, with a response rate of 97.2 percent and was representative of voting-age adults nationally.

- Within each of the selected 13 *aimags* outside of Ulaanbaatar, 2,799 interviews were conducted in three randomly selected *soums*. All nine districts in Ulaanbaatar were surveyed, with a total of 2,201 interviews. The number of interviews conducted within each *aimag* was determined using voter registration information from the 2013 presidential election.

- After identifying a centrally located starting point, a skip pattern was used to select households to interview. Within each household, the Kish Grid was then used to select respondents 18 years and older.

- Interview teams were comprised of both males and females.

- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 1.4 percent at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent.

- This data has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies. Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

General Attitudes

Overall, do you think Mongolia is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	February 2017	August 2016	March 2016
Right direction	22%	31%	19%
Wrong direction	57%	47%	61%
Don't know	21%	22%	21%

■ Right direction ■ Wrong direction ■ Don't know

Why do you say right direction?
(n=1,121 open-ended)

Category	Percentage
General positive feeling	42%
The right political party won the elections	17%
Mongolia is a democratic and open society	12%
Construction and infrastructure is developing	9%
People's livelihoods have improved	5%
Expanded opportunity for individuals	4%
Economic crisis is diminishing	4%
Open and multilateral foreign policy	3%
Other	2%
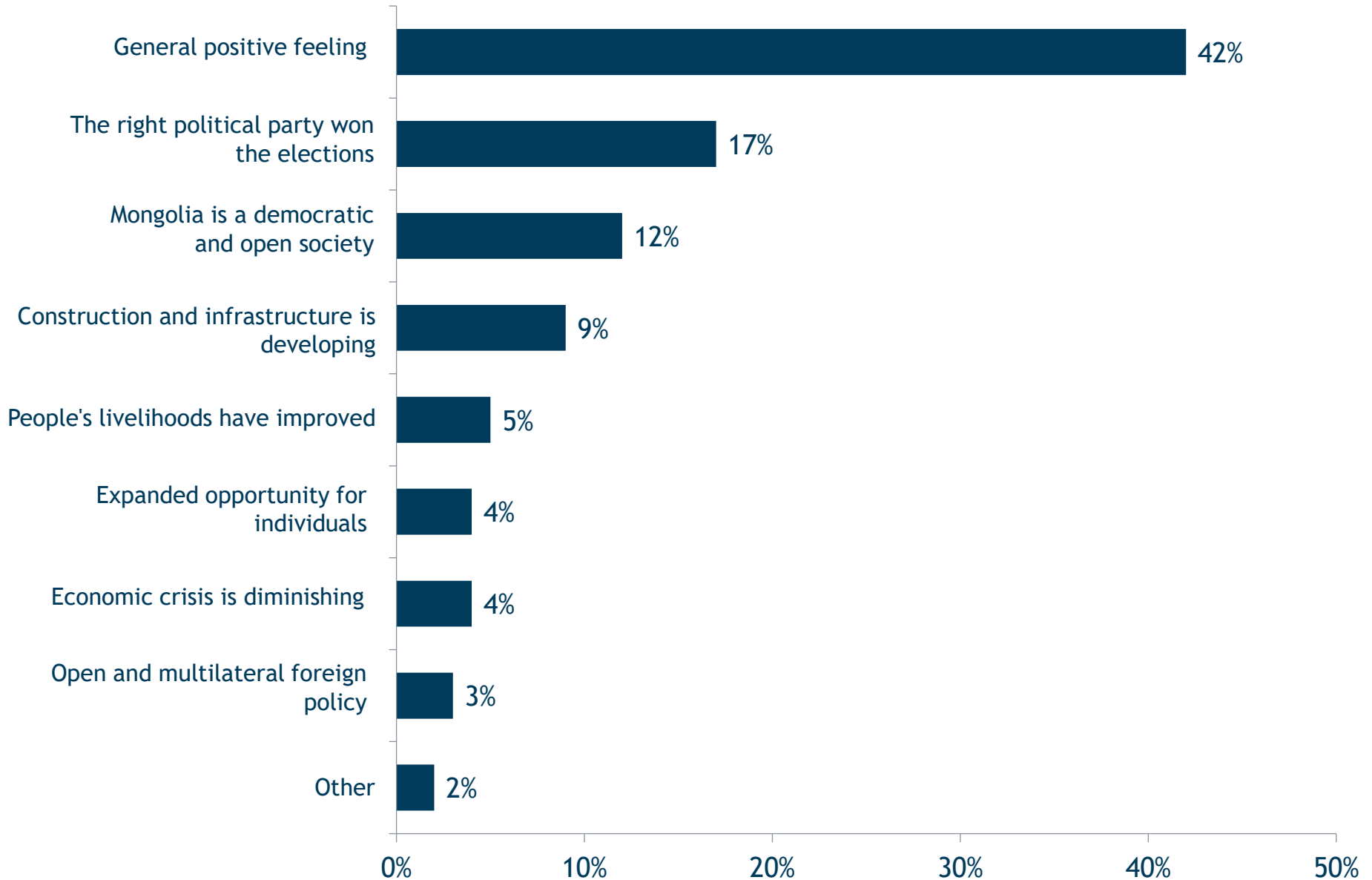
Why do you say wrong direction?
(n=2,825, open-ended)

Reason	Percentage
Economic instability and income inequality	39%
Failed government policies	26%
Corruption and bureaucracy	8%
General negative feeling	6%
Inadequate policy on mineral extraction and inappropriate use of income from mining	5%
The wrong political party, politicians and/or President was elected	5%
Morals and ethics are declining	4%
Environmental degradation	3%
Uncertain future for Mongolians	3%
Policies are not influenced by public opinion	2%
Other	2%

What is the most important problem facing Mongolia?
(open-ended)

Problem	Percentage
Unemployment	31%
Poverty	21%
Corruption	8%
Economy	8%
Price inflation	6%
Pollution/Environmental issues	5%
Political conflict	5%
Foreign loan debt	4%
Alcoholism	4%
Other	1%
Don't know	1%
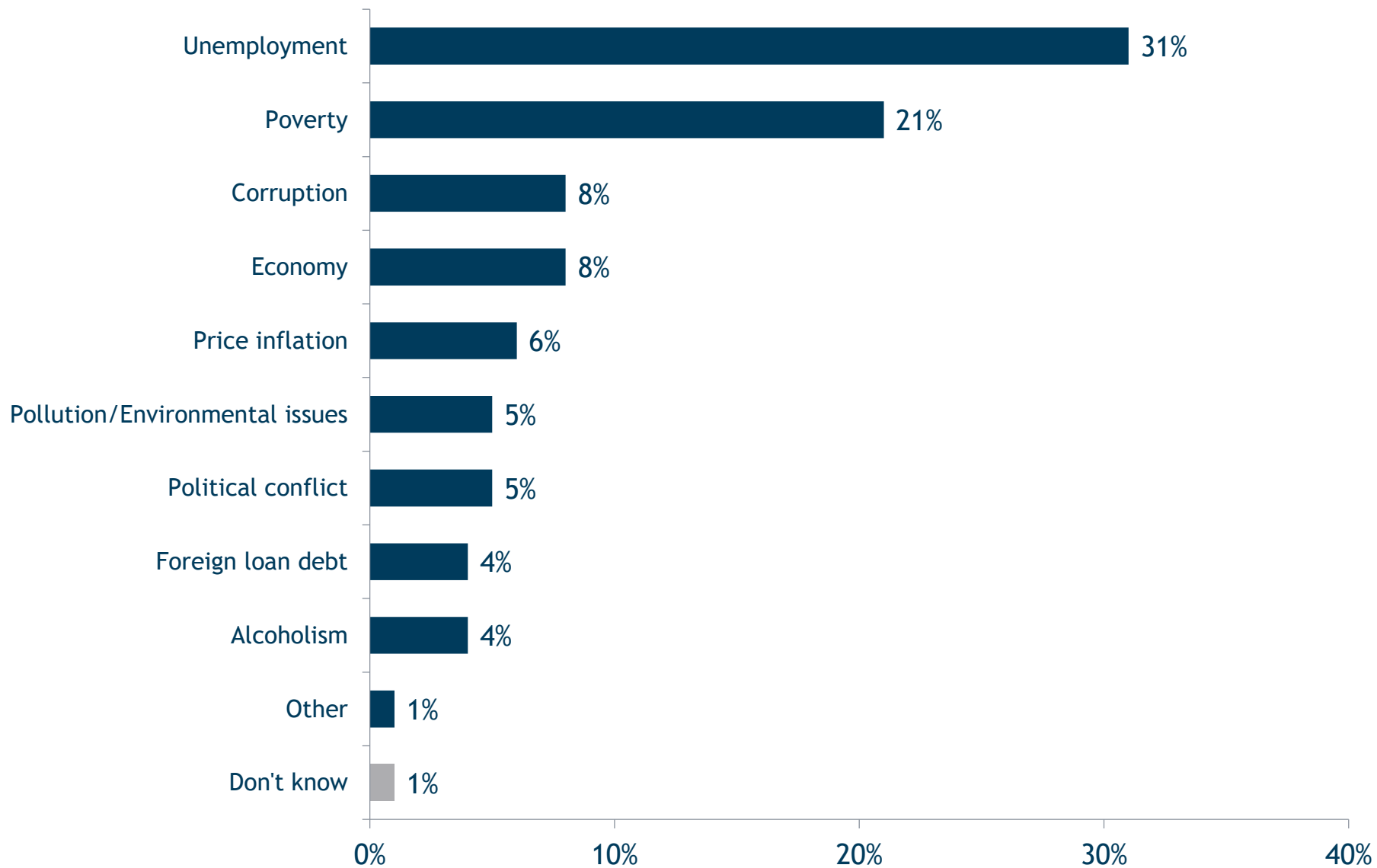
Overall, how would you rate the current economic conditions in Mongolia?

	Very good	Good	Bad	Very bad	Don't know
February 2017	2%	13%	52%	30%	3%
August 2016	4%	14%	53%	27%	4%
March 2016	1%	5%	57%	35%	2%

■ February 2017   ■ August 2016   ■ March 2016
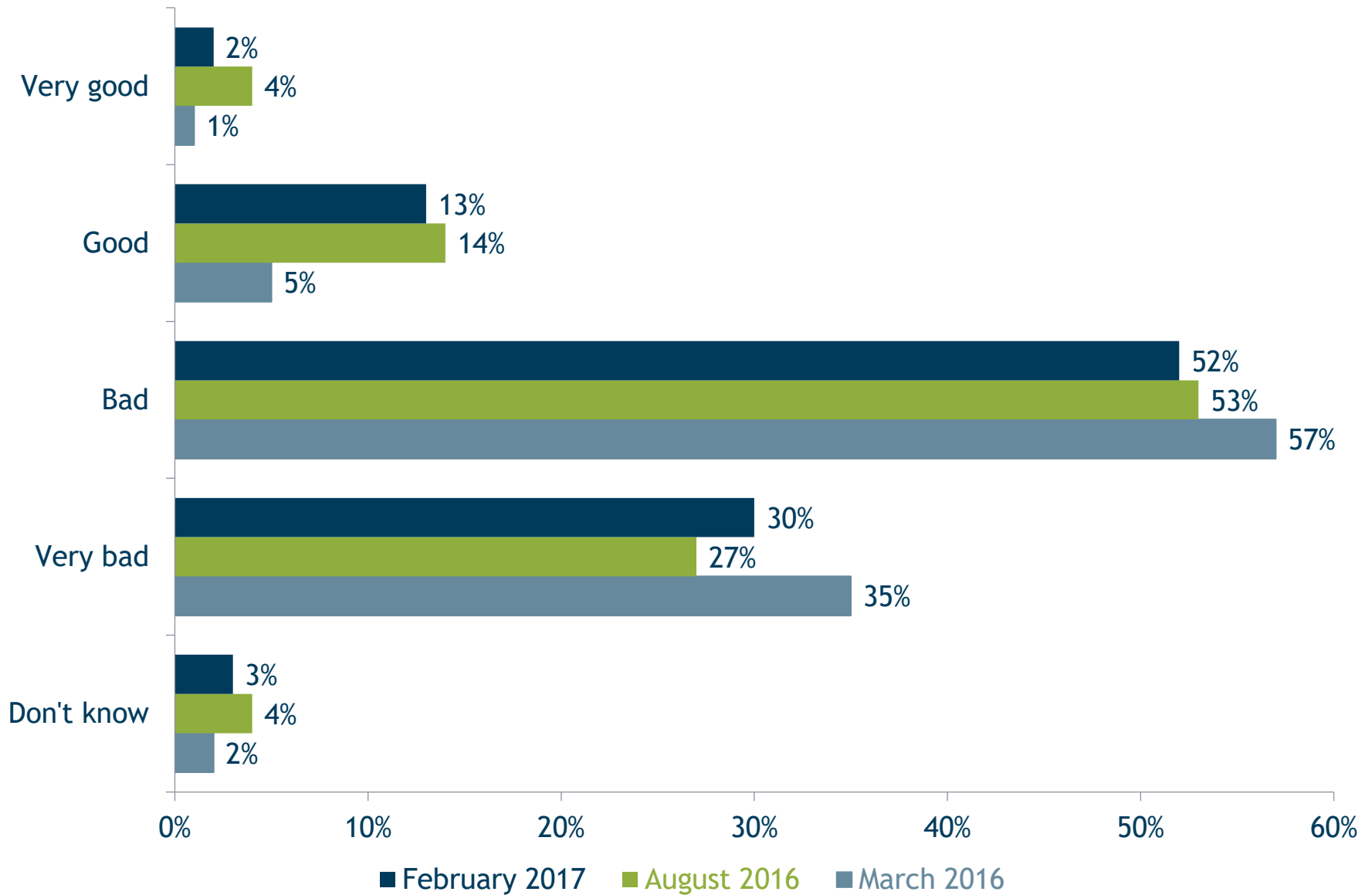
Has the economic situation of you or your family improved, worsened or remained the same in the past year?

	February 2017	August 2016	March 2016
Improved	9%	8%	6%
Worsened	44%	44%	56%
Stayed the same	40%	46%	37%
Don't know	7%	2%	2%

■ February 2017 ■ August 2016 ■ March 2016
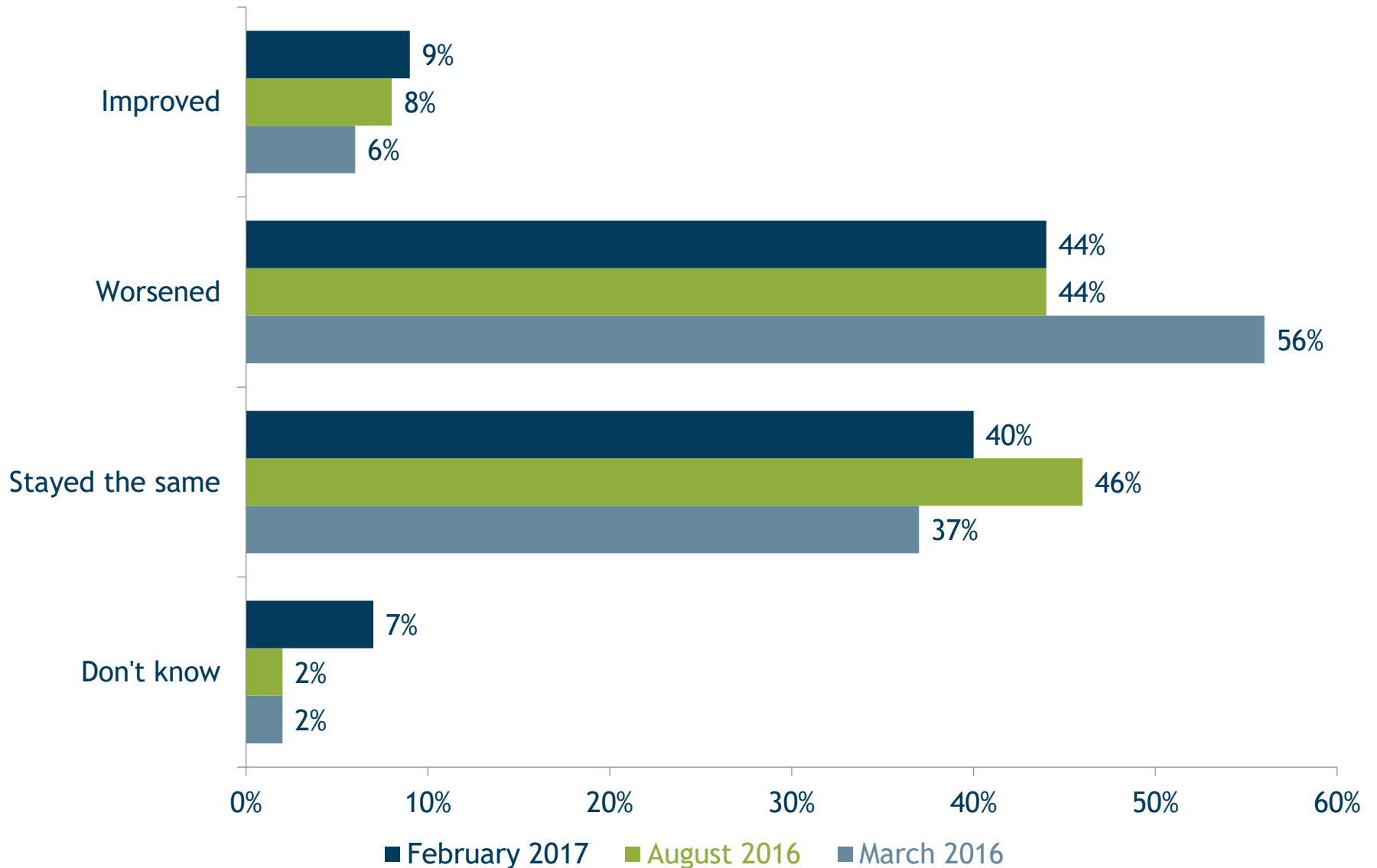
Do you expect the price of basic commodities such as milk, bread and meat to be higher or lower one year from now?

	February 2017	August 2016	March 2016
Much higher	23%	21%	16%
Slightly higher	51%	45%	45%
Same	16%	17%	17%
Slightly lower	4%	6%	7%
Much lower	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	6%	10%	14%
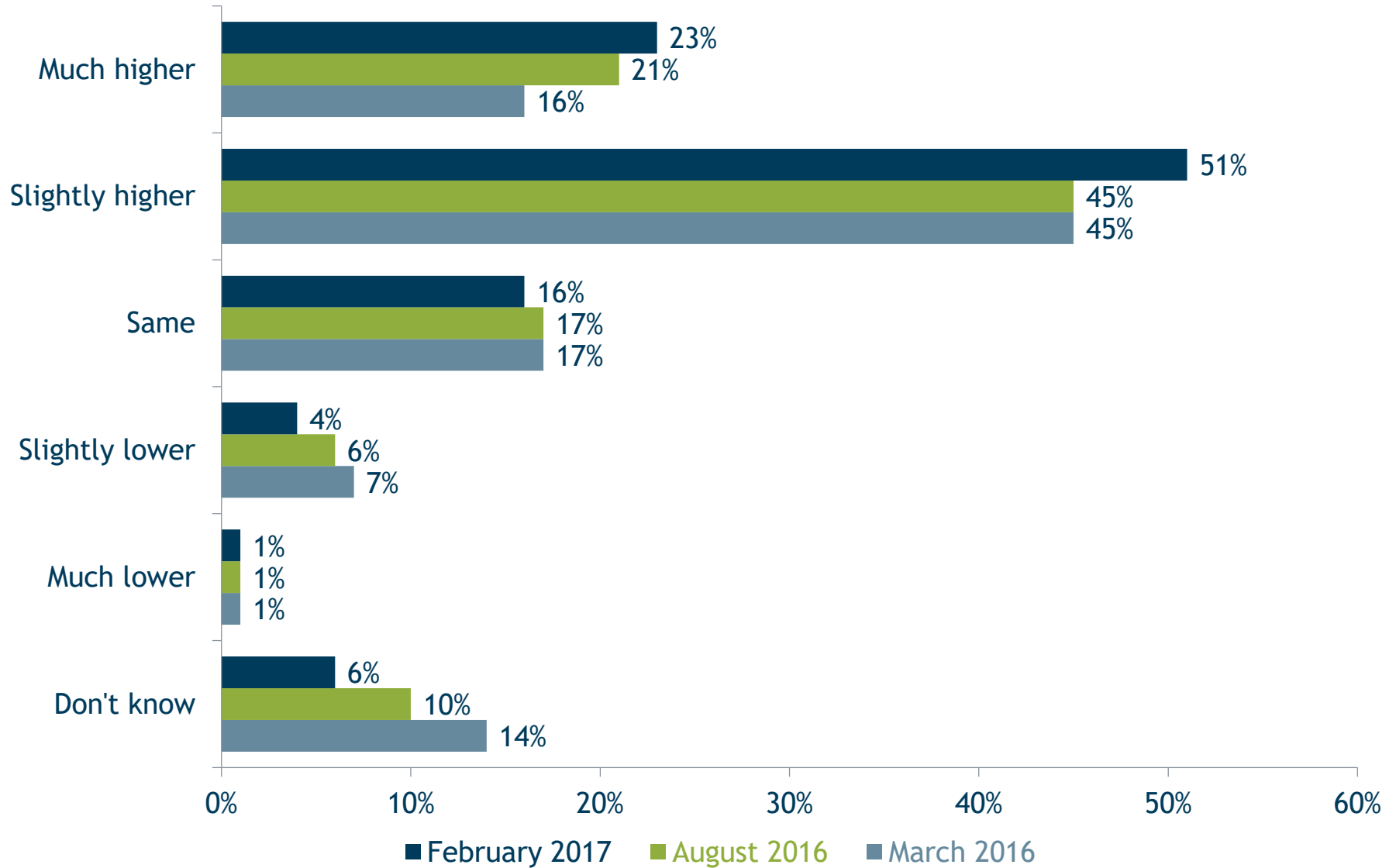
If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?

Democracy is definitely more important to me
- 37%
- 37%
- 27%

Democracy is somewhat more important to me
- 12%
- 15%
- 14%

Prosperity is somewhat more important to me
- 11%
- 10%
- 18%

Prosperity is definitely more important to me
- 27%
- 30%
- 31%

Don't know
- 13%
- 9%
- 11%

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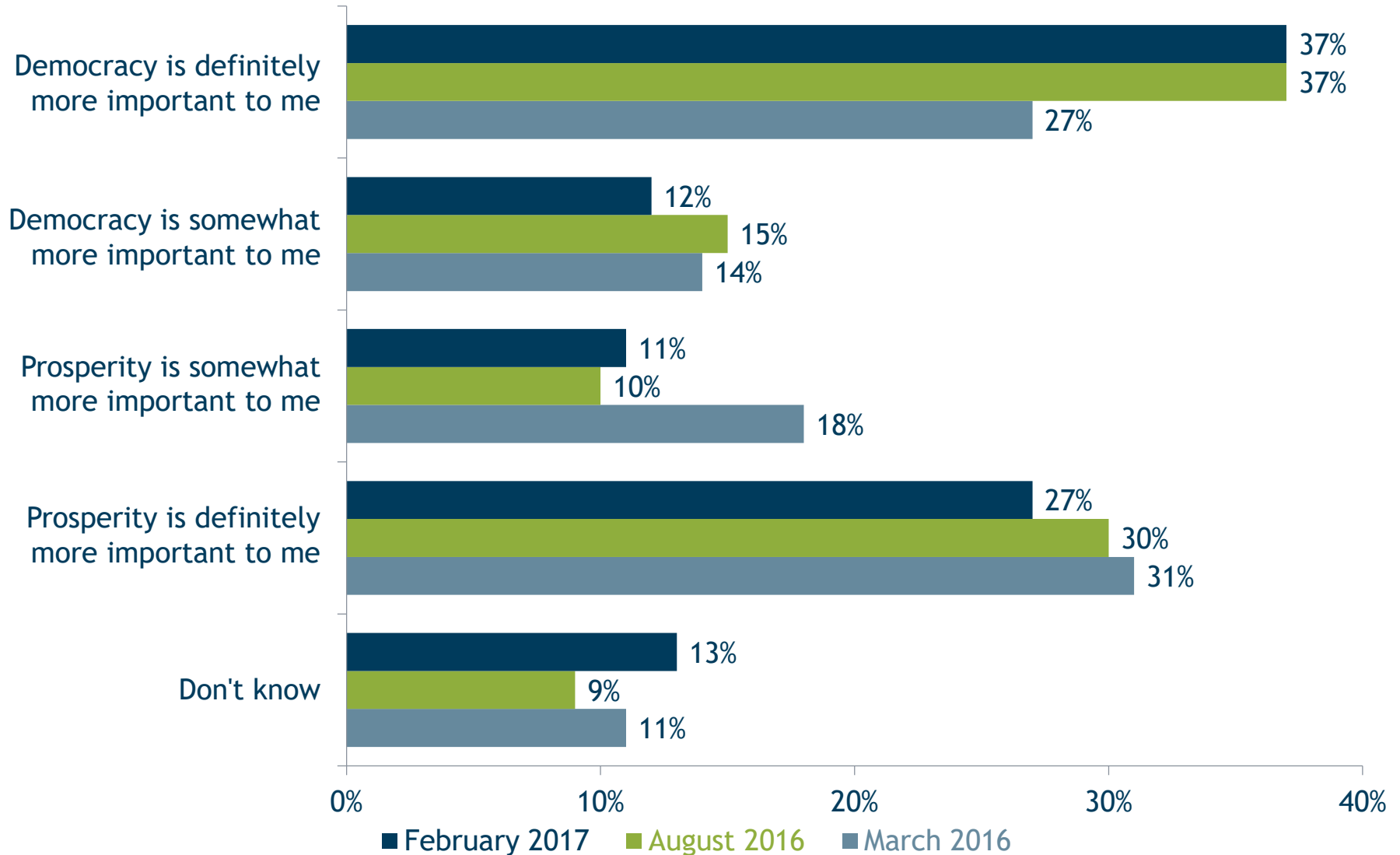
Do you expect the condition of democracy in Mongolia to improve over the next four years, stay the same or worsen?

	February 2017	August 2016
Improve	30%	36%
Stay the same	43%	42%
Worsen	14%	10%
Don't know	14%	12%

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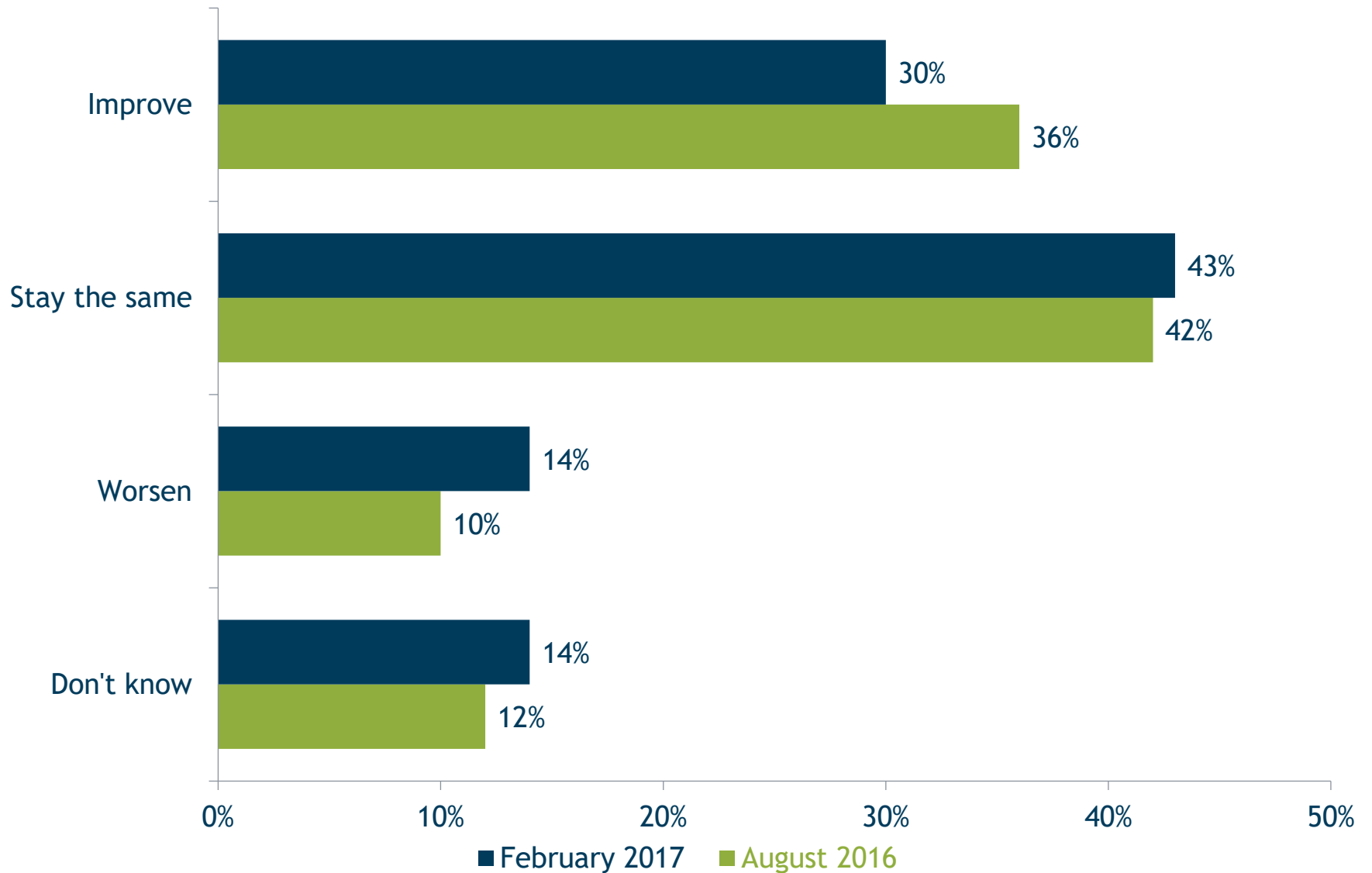
Do you expect the national government of Mongolia to be more stable, less stable or remain the same for the next year?

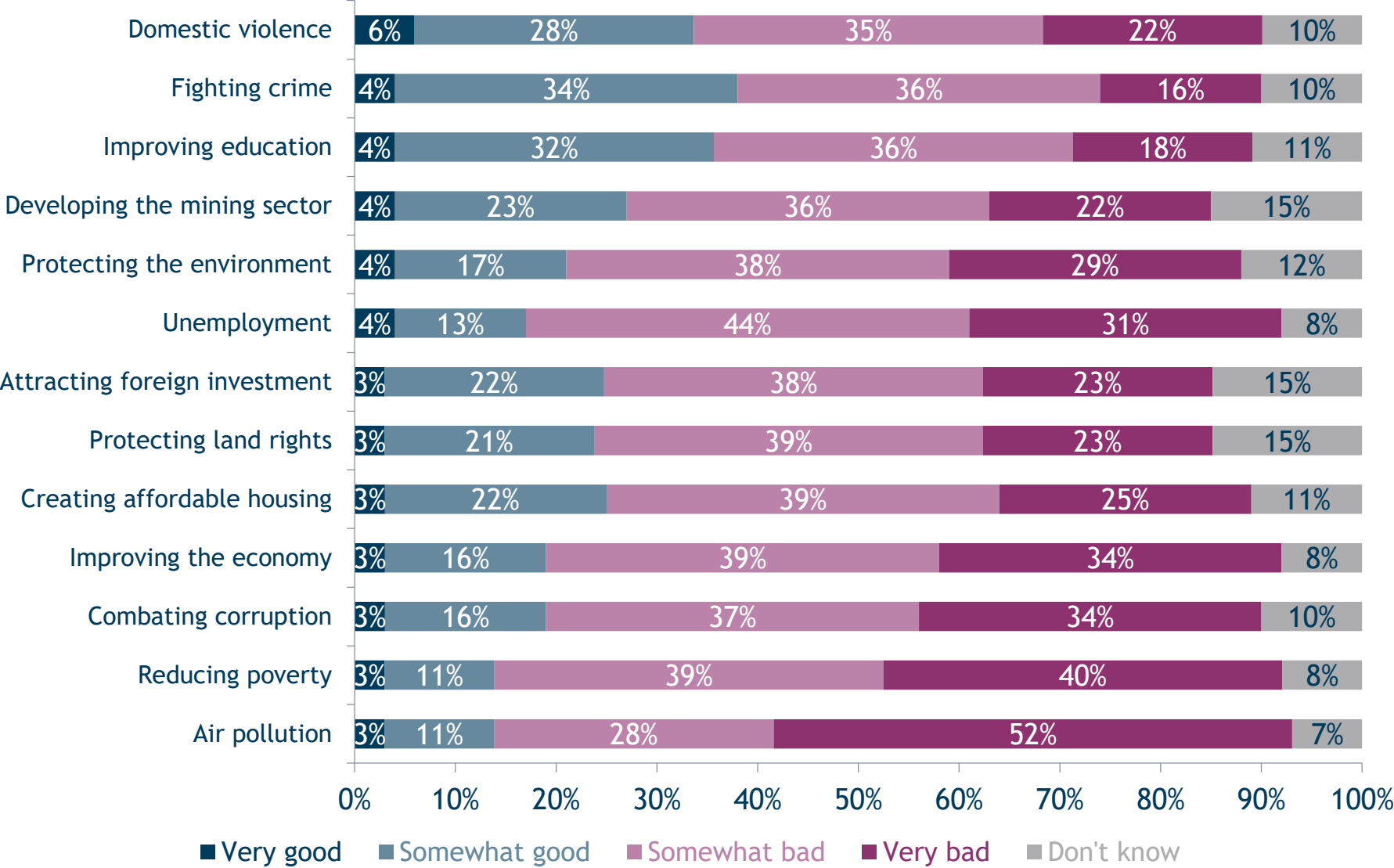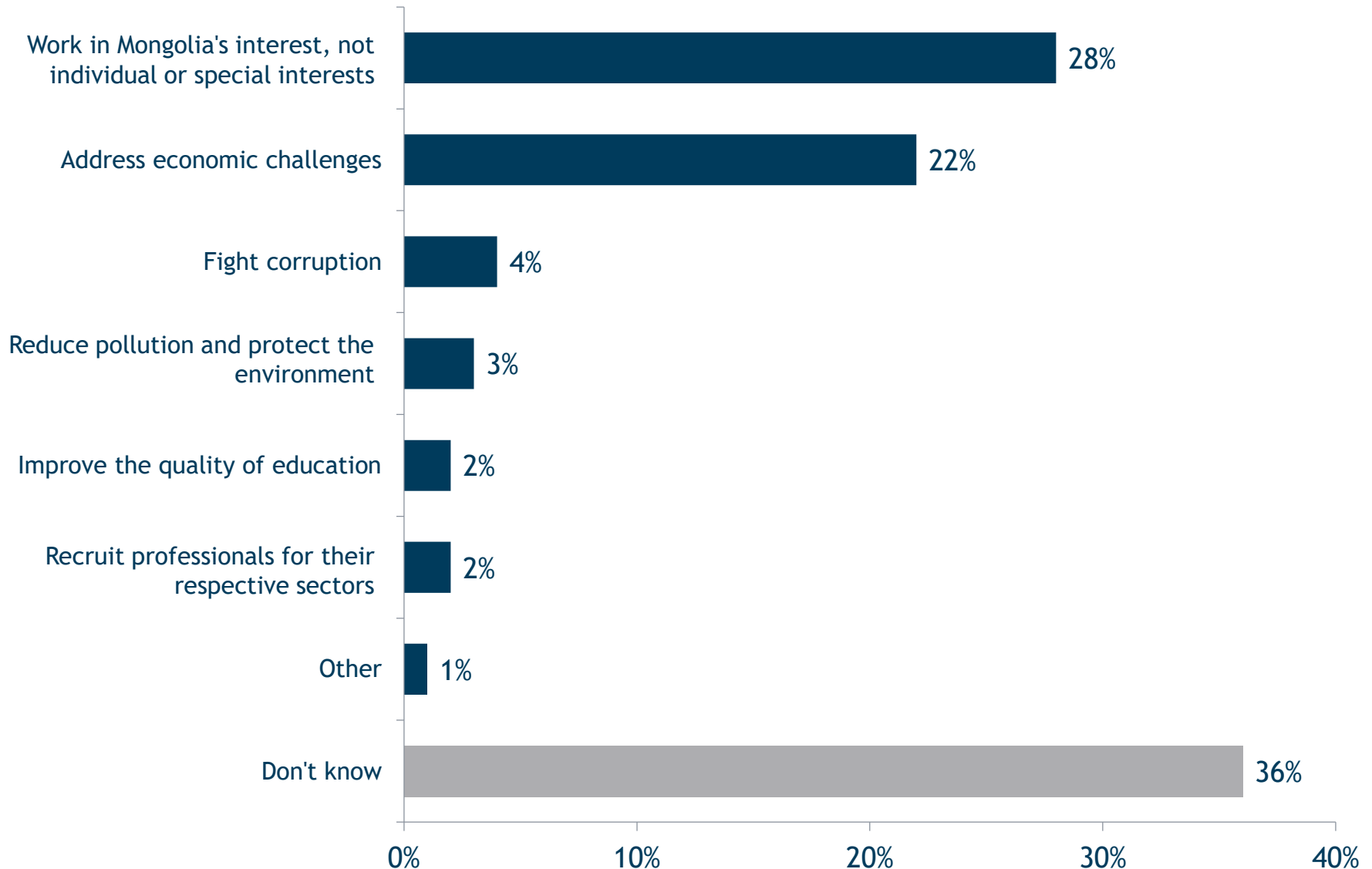|	February 2017	August 2016
More stable	26%	41%
Same	33%	26%
Less stable	24%	21%
Don't know	17%	13%

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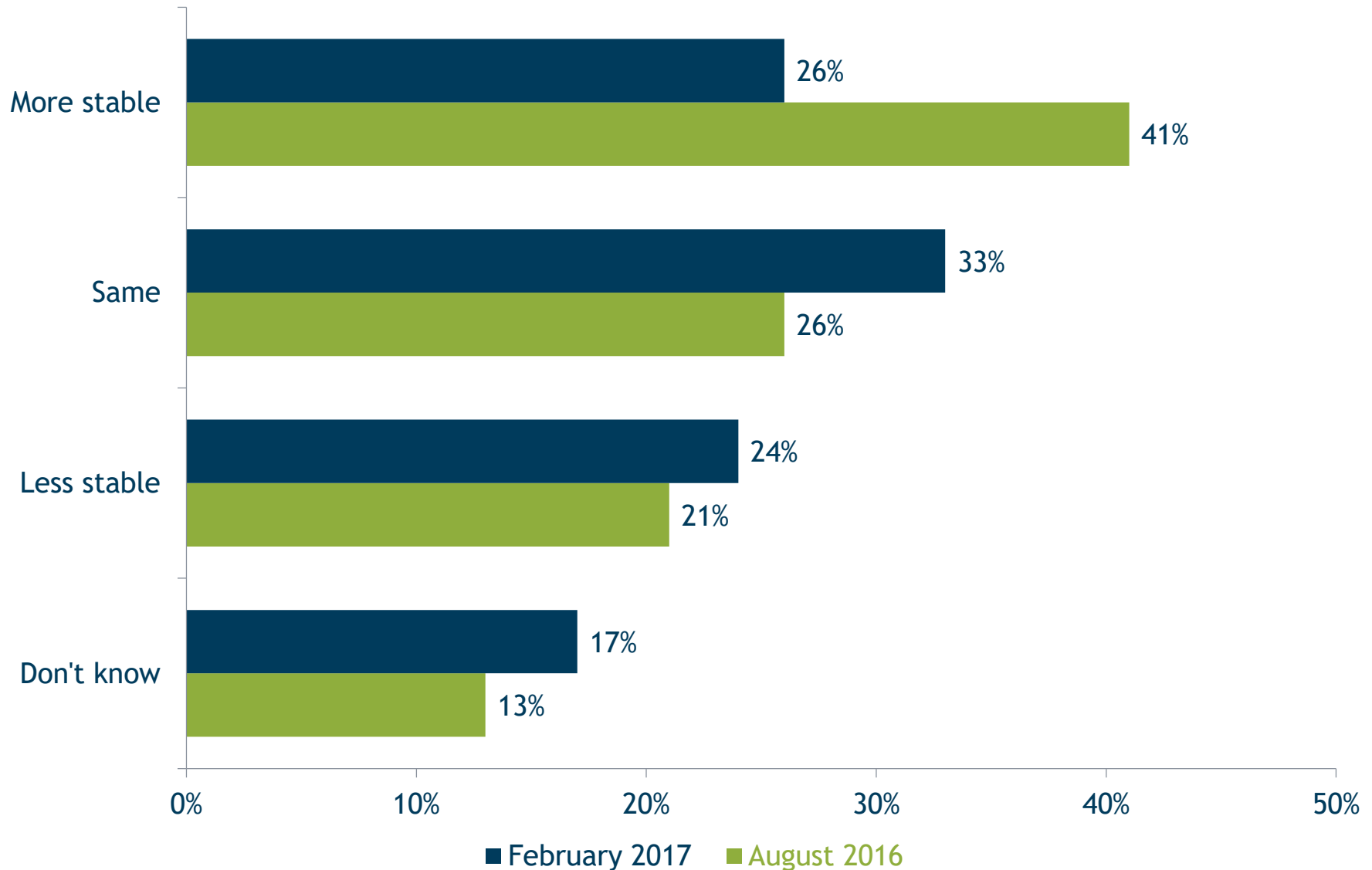
Government Performance

Since Parliament's autumn session began, would you say the government has done a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job of addressing the following issues:

Issue	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	Don't know
Domestic violence	6%	28%	35%	22%	10%
Fighting crime	4%	34%	36%	16%	10%
Improving education	4%	32%	36%	18%	11%
Developing the mining sector	4%	23%	36%	22%	15%
Protecting the environment	4%	17%	38%	29%	12%
Unemployment	4%	13%	44%	31%	8%
Attracting foreign investment	3%	22%	38%	23%	15%
Protecting land rights	3%	21%	39%	23%	15%
Creating affordable housing	3%	22%	39%	25%	11%
Improving the economy	3%	16%	39%	34%	8%
Combating corruption	3%	16%	37%	34%	10%
Reducing poverty	3%	11%	39%	40%	8%
Air pollution	3%	11%	28%	52%	7%

Legend: ■ Very good ■ Somewhat good ■ Somewhat bad ■ Very bad ■ Don't know

If you could give one piece of advice to the leaders of the government what would it be?
(open-ended)

Category	Percentage
Work in Mongolia's interest, not individual or special interests	28%
Address economic challenges	22%
Fight corruption	4%
Reduce pollution and protect the environment	3%
Improve the quality of education	2%
Recruit professionals for their respective sectors	2%
Other	1%
Don't know	36%

Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the following institutions?

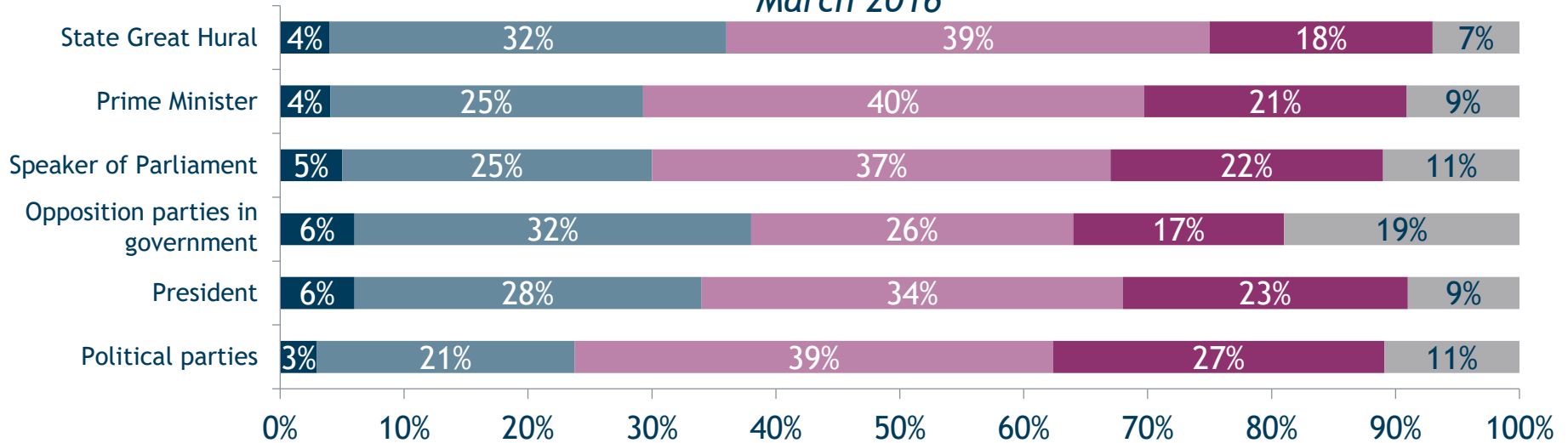| Institution	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Army	26%	49%	12%	4%	9%
Police	23%	51%	14%	5%	6%
Media	23%	49%	15%	7%	6%
Civil society organizations	14%	41%	24%	9%	12%
Mongolian Parliamentary Women's Caucus	11%	34%	27%	14%	14%
Supreme Court	11%	32%	27%	15%	14%
Aimag government	9%	40%	27%	12%	12%
Independent Authority Against Corruption	9%	38%	28%	16%	9%
State Great Hural	8%	41%	31%	12%	8%
Prime Minister	8%	39%	30%	13%	10%
Speaker of Parliament	7%	35%	33%	16%	10%
Opposition parties in government	7%	30%	30%	16%	16%
President	7%	28%	35%	22%	9%
General Election Commission	6%	31%	34%	19%	11%
Political parties	4%	26%	38%	24%	9%

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Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the following institutions?

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Institution	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
State Great Hural	8%	41%	31%	12%	8%
Prime Minister	8%	39%	30%	13%	10%
Speaker of Parliament	7%	35%	33%	16%	10%
Opposition parties in government	7%	30%	30%	16%	16%
President	7%	28%	35%	22%	9%
Political parties	4%	26%	38%	24%	9%

March 2016

| Institution	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
State Great Hural	4%	32%	39%	18%	7%
Prime Minister	4%	25%	40%	21%	9%
Speaker of Parliament	5%	25%	37%	22%	11%
Opposition parties in government	6%	32%	26%	17%	19%
President	6%	28%	34%	23%	9%
Political parties	3%	21%	39%	27%	11%

Legend: ■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Somewhat disapprove ■ Strongly disapprove ■ Don't know
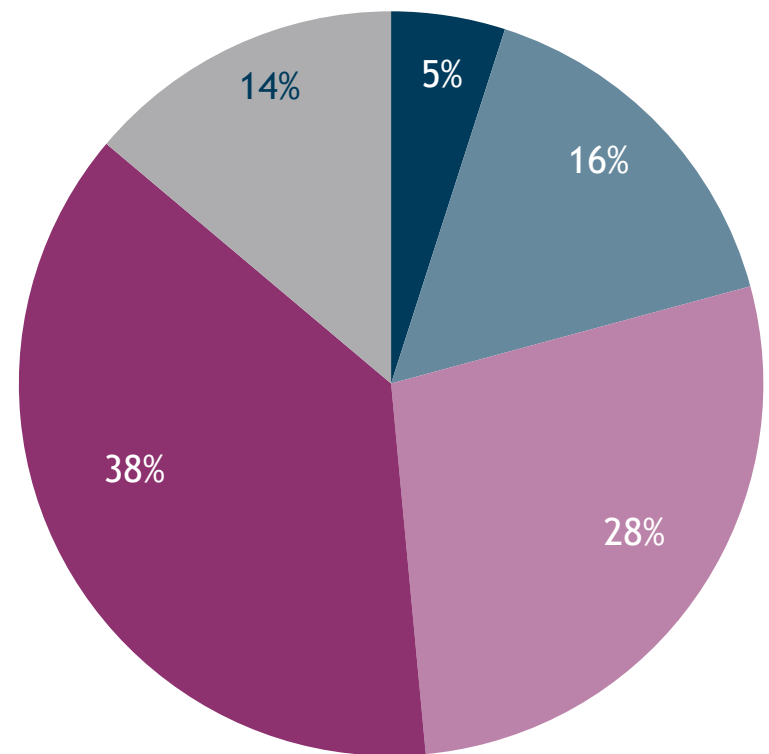
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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

"It is easy to have my voice heard by my political party."
(Respondents affiliated with a political party, n=1,829)
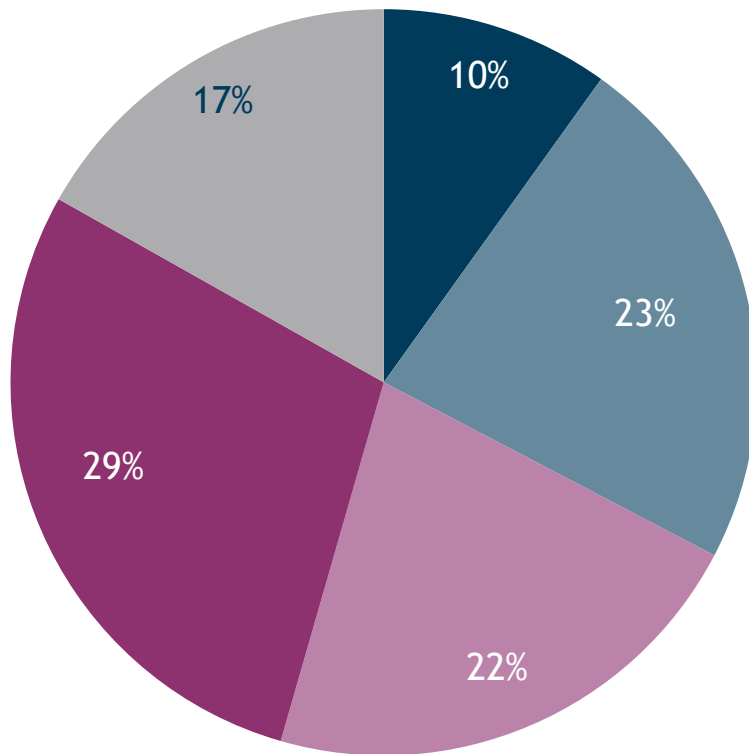
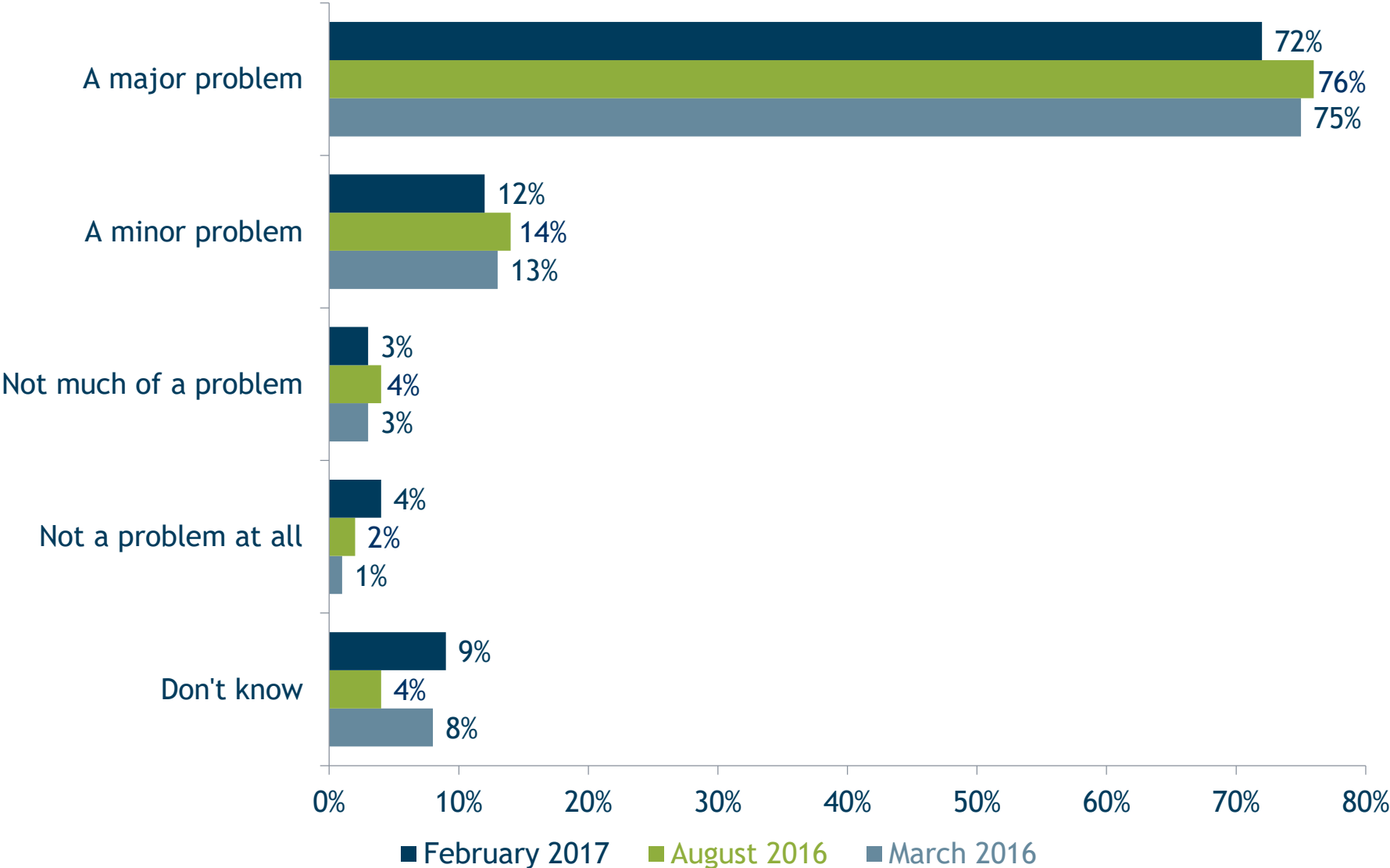"It is easy to have my voice heard by my elected government representatives."

Left pie chart:
- Strongly agree: 10%
- Somewhat agree: 23%
- Somewhat disagree: 22%
- Strongly disagree: 29%
- Don't know: 17%

Right pie chart:
- Strongly agree: 5%
- Somewhat agree: 16%
- Somewhat disagree: 28%
- Strongly disagree: 38%
- Don't know: 14%

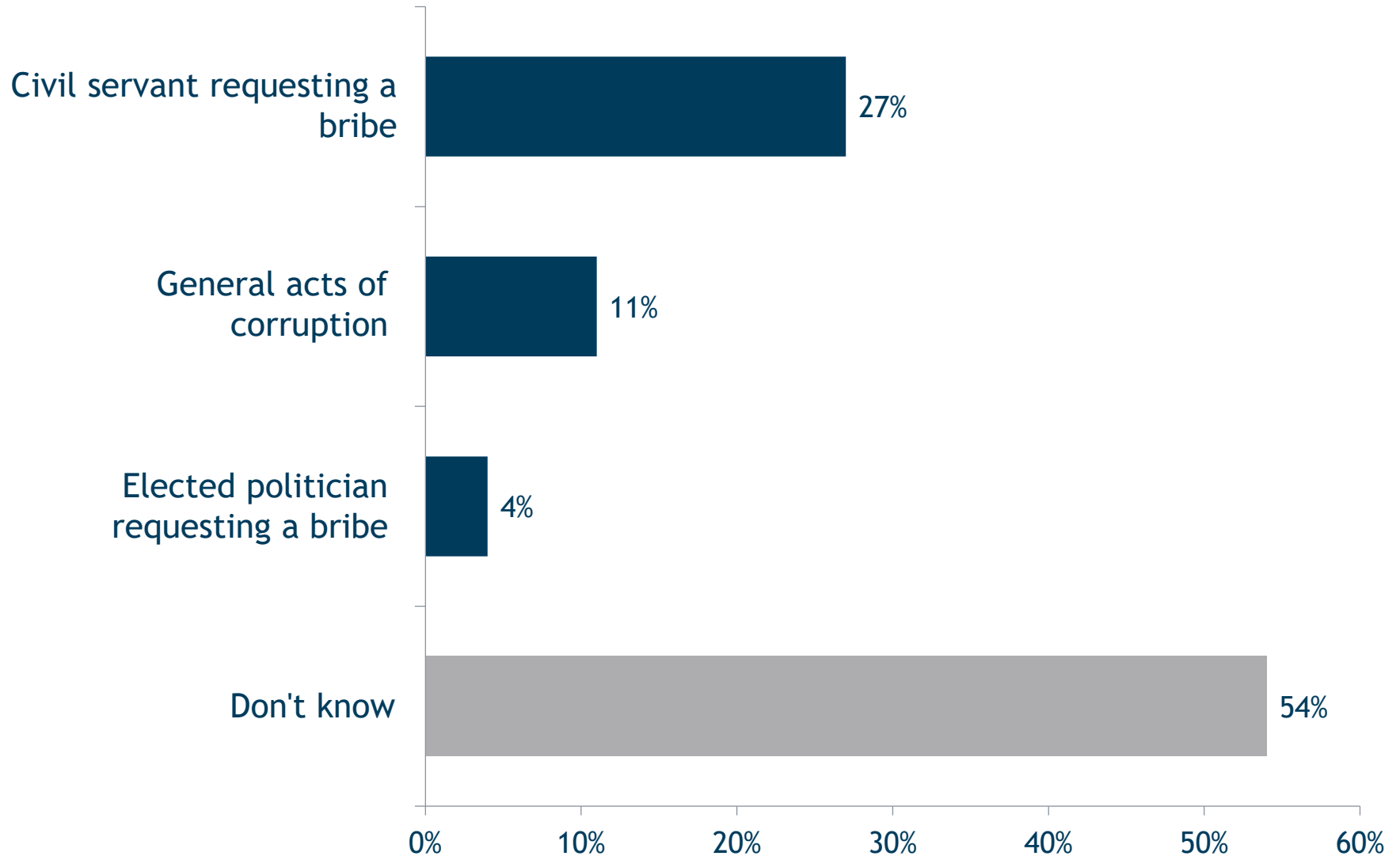■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know

Corruption

Do you believe that corruption is a major problem, a minor problem, not much of a problem or not a problem at all?

Response	February 2017	August 2016	March 2016
A major problem	72%	76%	75%
A minor problem	12%	14%	13%
Not much of a problem	3%	4%	3%
Not a problem at all	4%	2%	1%
Don't know	9%	4%	8%

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Can you give an example of corruption that you or someone you know has experienced?

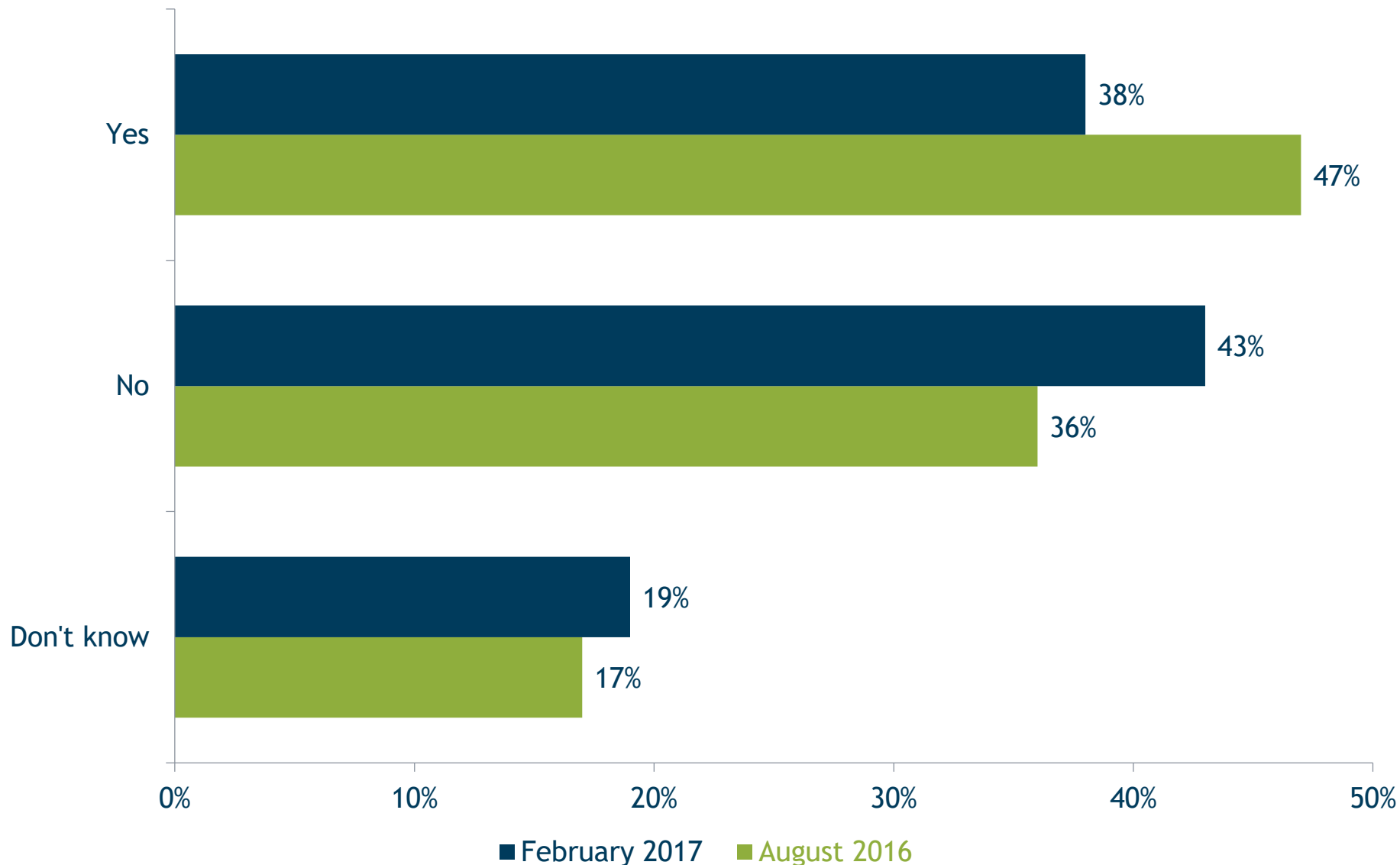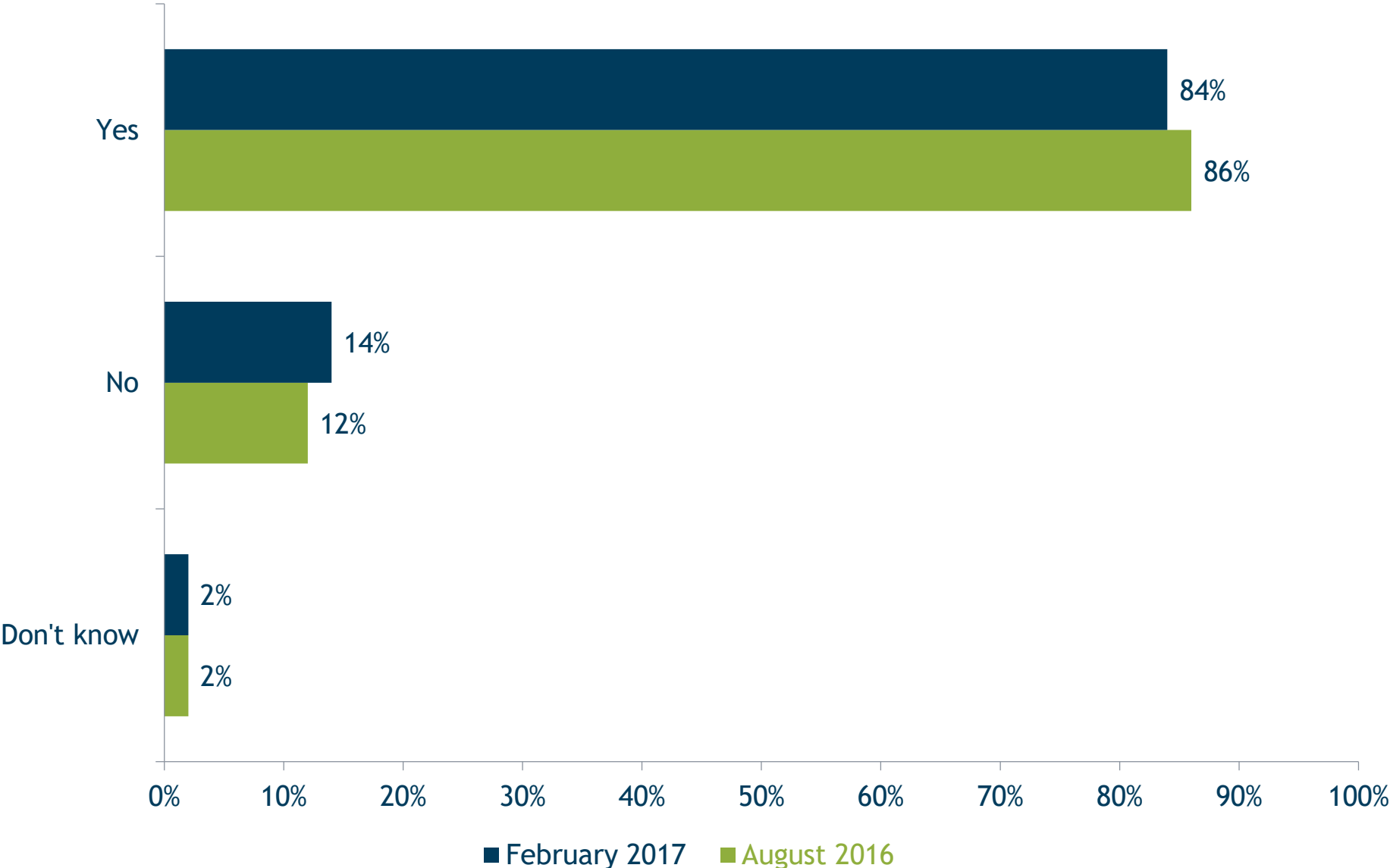(Respondents who answered corruption is a problem: n=4,369; open-ended)

Category	Percentage
Civil servant requesting a bribe	27%
General acts of corruption	11%
Elected politician requesting a bribe	4%
Don't know	54%

The Mongolia People's Party won a supermajority in the 2016 parliamentary elections and now controls 86% of the seats in Parliament. Do you believe that this Parliament is representative of the range of political viewpoints in Mongolia?
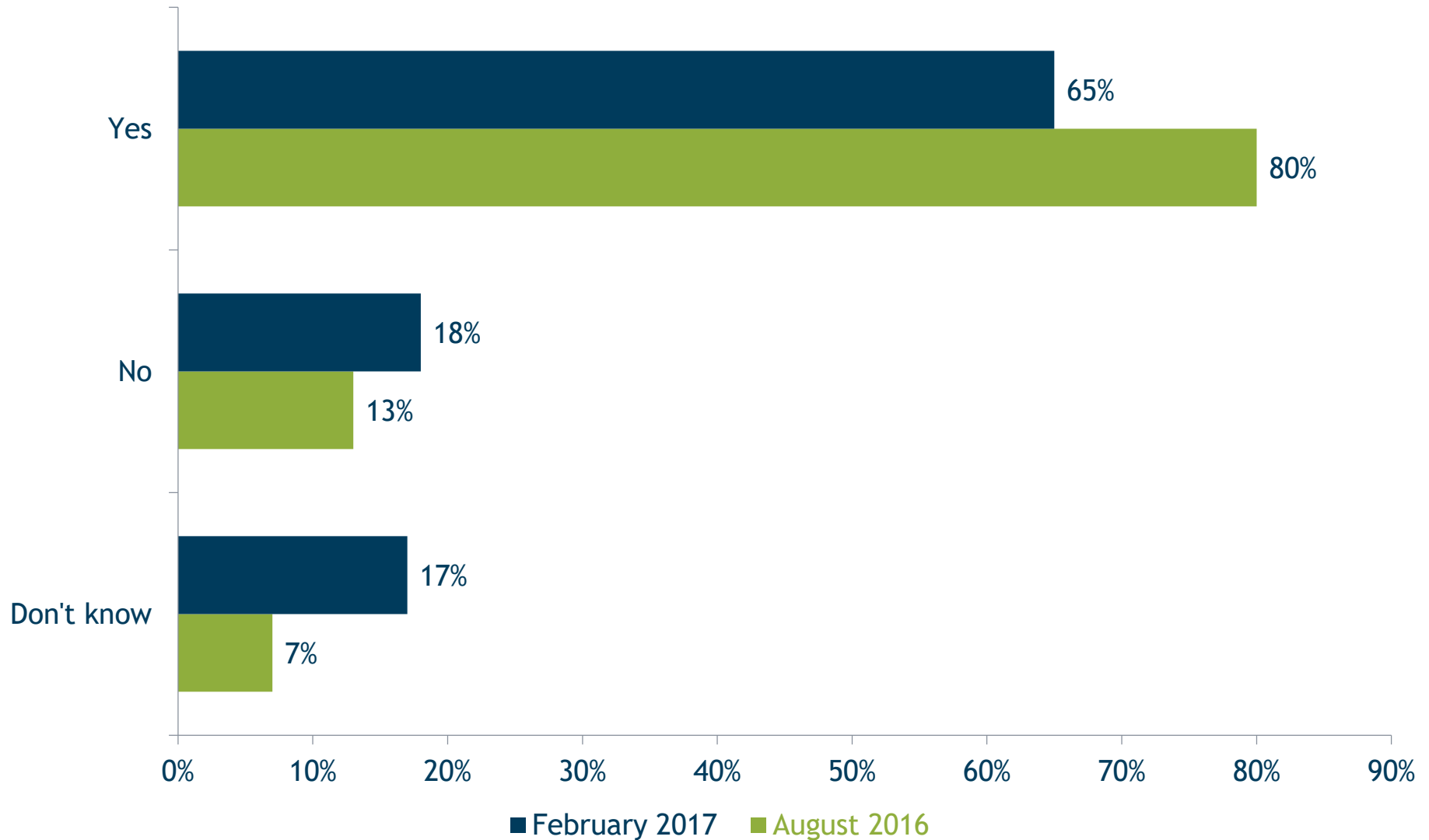
Yes
- February 2017: 38%
- August 2016: 47%

No
- February 2017: 43%
- August 2016: 36%

Don't know
- February 2017: 19%
- August 2016: 17%

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Did you vote in the 2016 parliamentary elections?

Yes
- 84%
- 86%

No
- 14%
- 12%

Don't know
- 2%
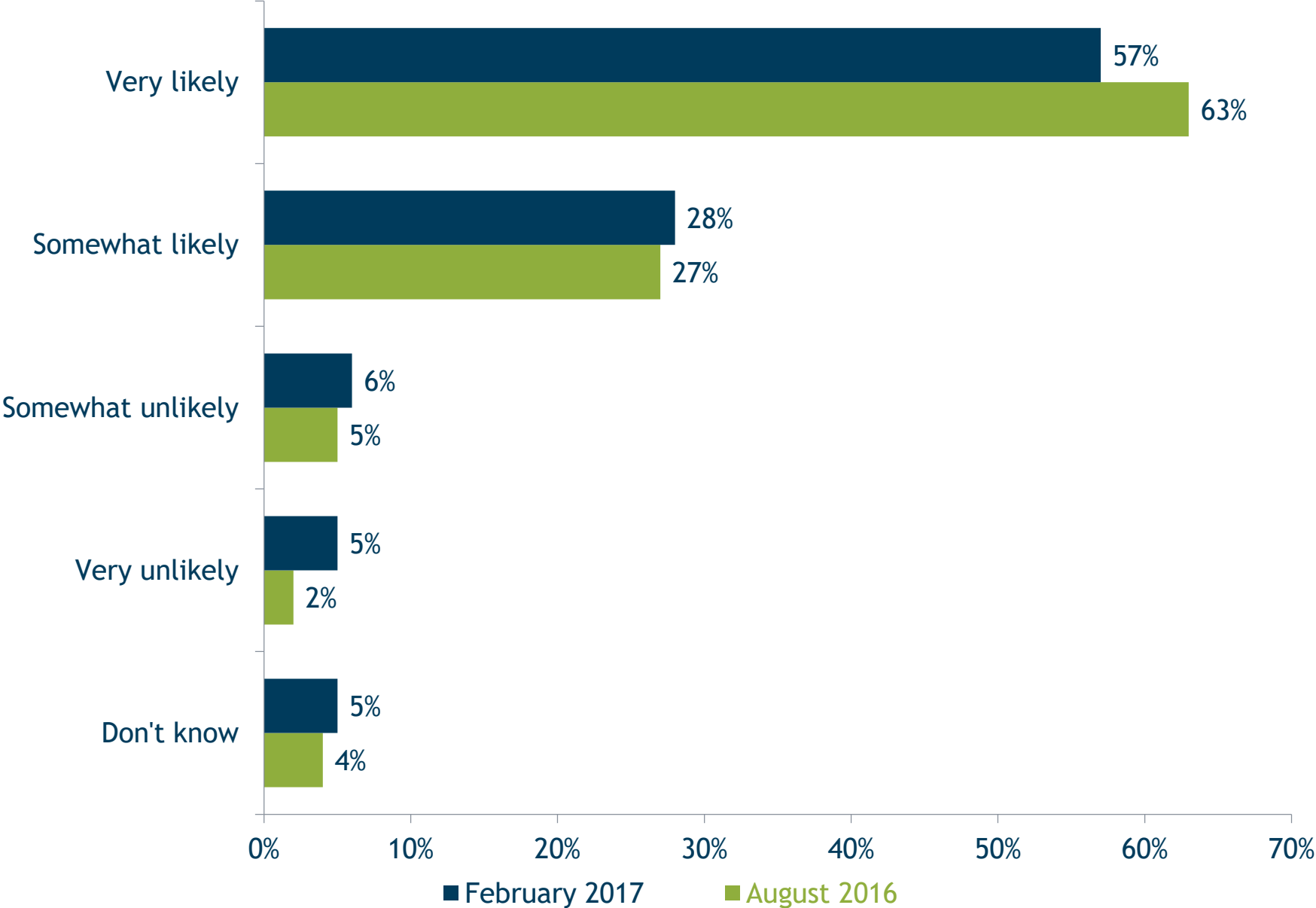- 2%

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If the parliamentary elections were held today, would you vote the same way that you voted on June 29, 2016?

(Respondents who voted in the 2016 election: February 2017 n=4,202; August 2016 n=4,274)

Yes
- February 2017: 65%
- August 2016: 80%

No
- February 2017: 18%
- August 2016: 13%

Don't know
- February 2017: 17%
- August 2016: 7%

■ February 2017 ■ August 2016

How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the presidential election in 2017?

Chart data:

Response	February 2017	August 2016
Very likely	57%	63%
Somewhat likely	28%	27%
Somewhat unlikely	6%	5%
Very unlikely	5%	2%
Don't know	5%	4%

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Which of the following best describes how you will decide to vote in the 2017 presidential election?

(Respondents who intend to vote in the 2017 election: n=4,765)

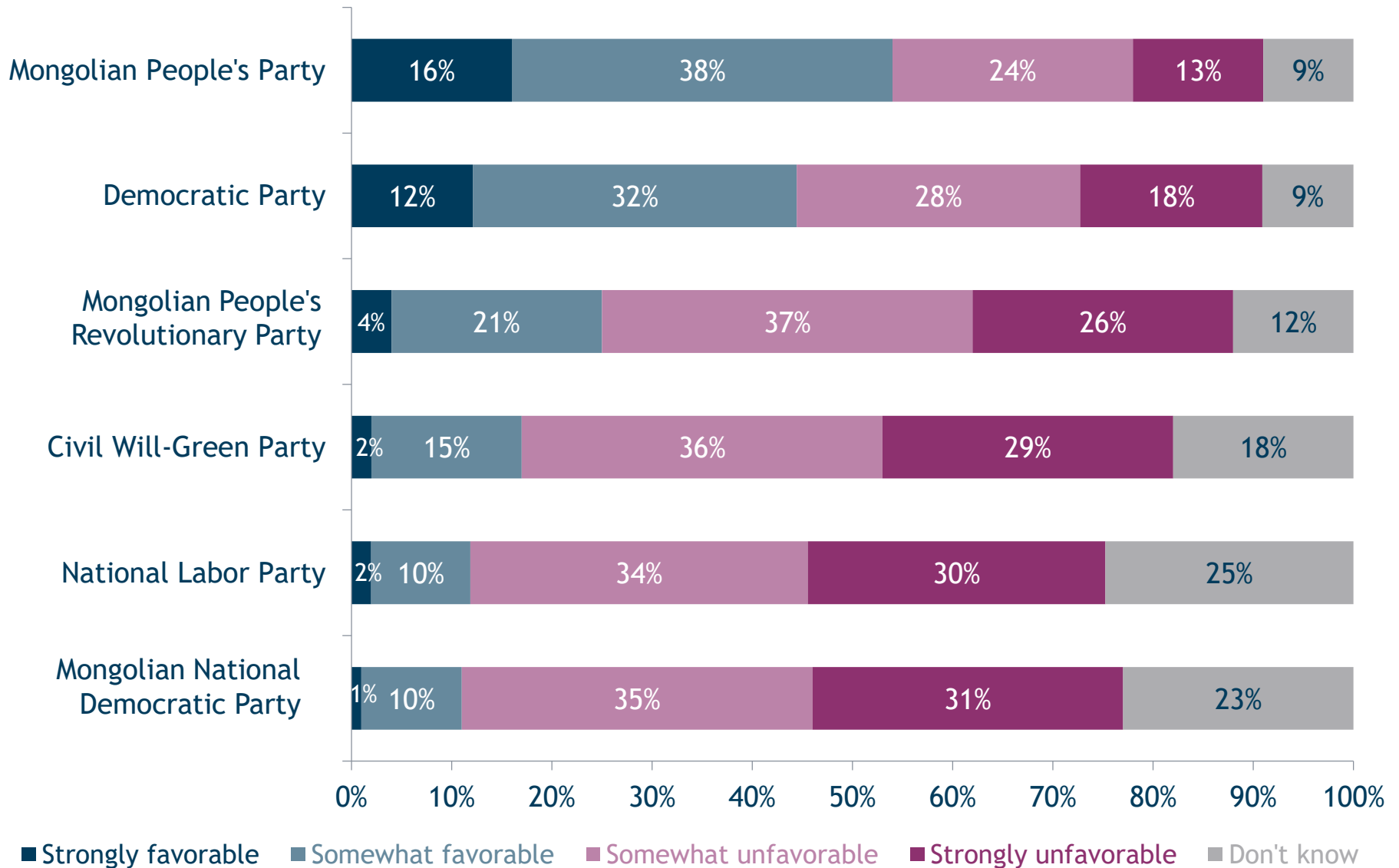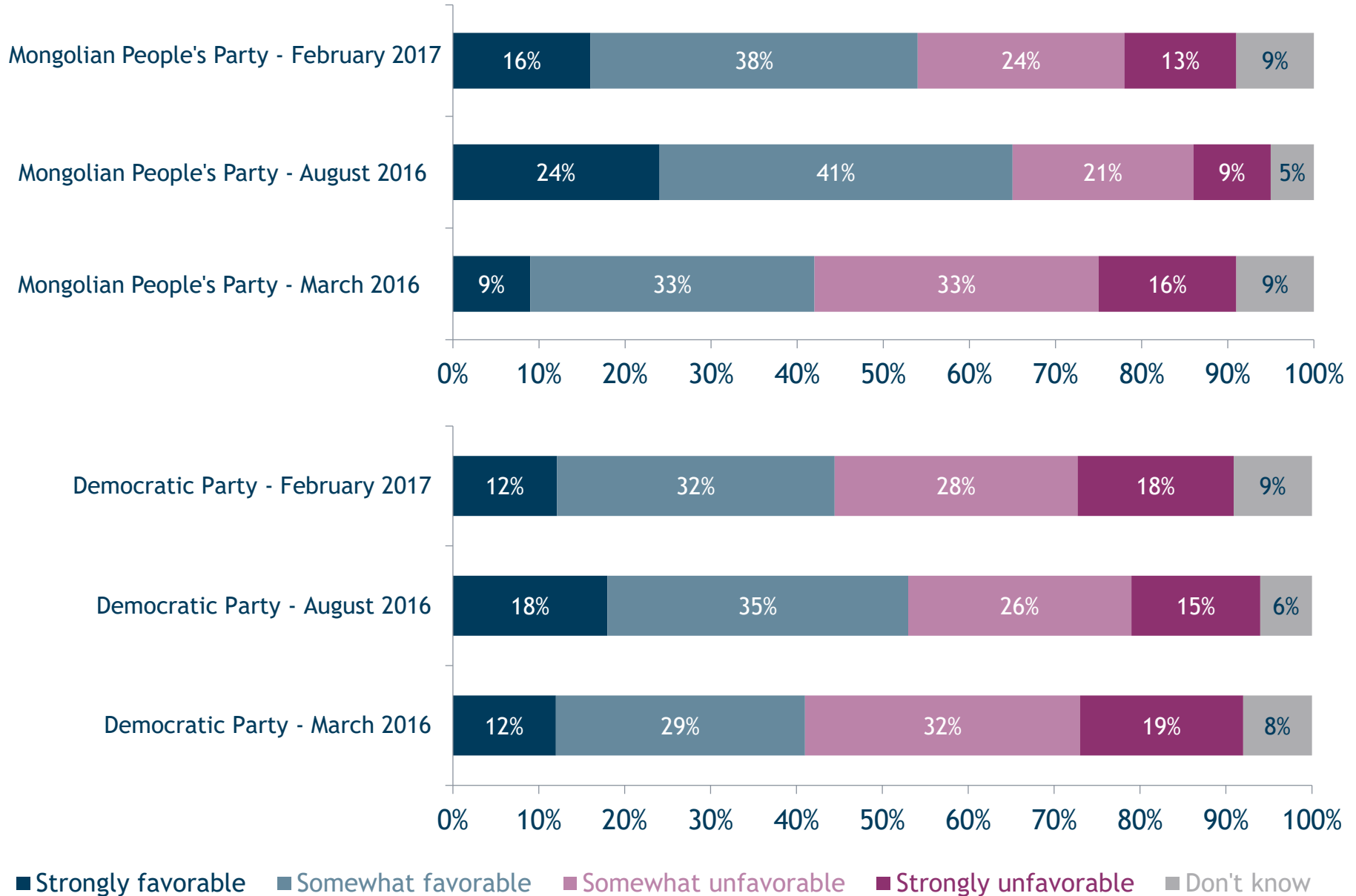| Category	Percentage
Primarily the candidate	47%
Primarily the party with which the candidate is affiliated	14%
Both the candidate and the party	24%
Neither the candidate nor the party	10%
Don't know	6%

Political Parties

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

Party	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Don't know
Mongolian People's Party	16%	38%	24%	13%	9%
Democratic Party	12%	32%	28%	18%	9%
Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party	4%	21%	37%	26%	12%
Civil Will-Green Party	2%	15%	36%	29%	18%
National Labor Party	2%	10%	34%	30%	25%
Mongolian National Democratic Party	1%	10%	35%	31%	23%

■ Strongly favorable   ■ Somewhat favorable   ■ Somewhat unfavorable   ■ Strongly unfavorable   ■ Don't know

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Don't know
Mongolian People's Party - February 2017	16%	38%	24%	13%	9%
Mongolian People's Party - August 2016	24%	41%	21%	9%	5%
Mongolian People's Party - March 2016	9%	33%	33%	16%	9%
Democratic Party - February 2017	12%	32%	28%	18%	9%
Democratic Party - August 2016	18%	35%	26%	15%	6%
Democratic Party - March 2016	12%	29%	32%	19%	8%

- ■ Strongly favorable
- ■ Somewhat favorable
- ■ Somewhat unfavorable
- ■ Strongly unfavorable
- ■ Don't know

If you could give one piece of advice to the leaders of the various political parties, what would it be?
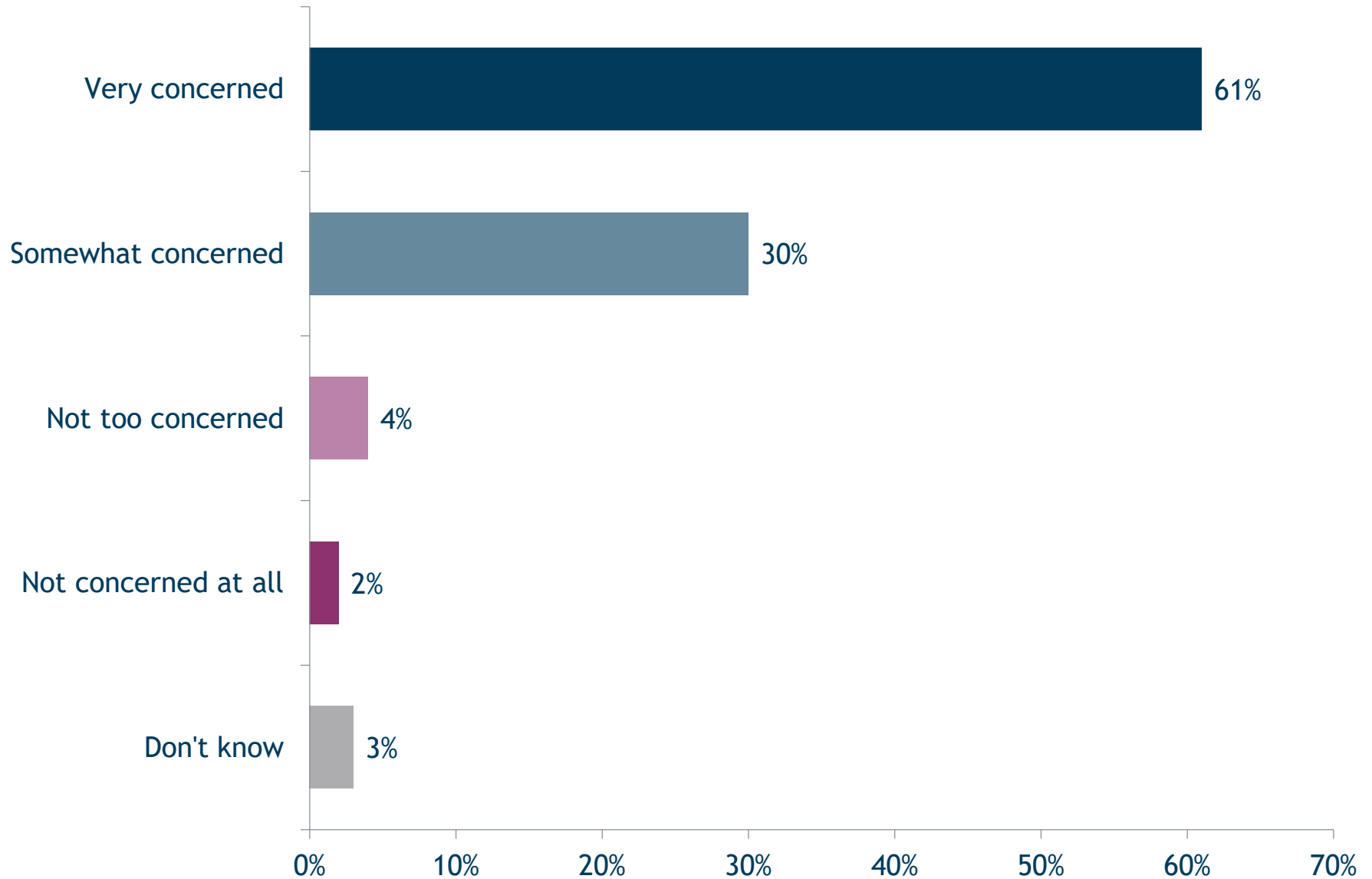## (open-ended)

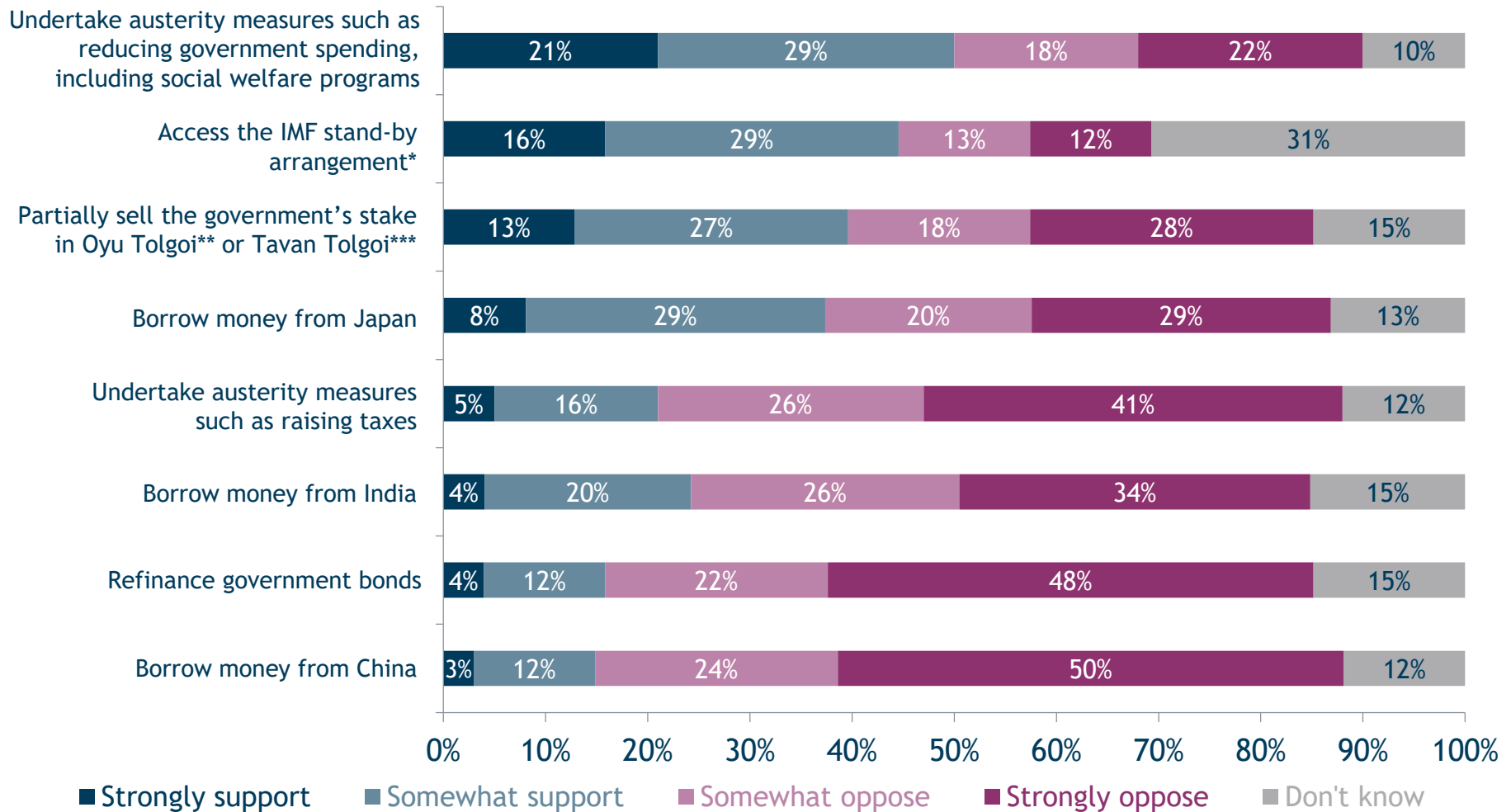| Advice	Percentage
Work in Mongolia's interest, not the party's interest	28%
Address economic challenges	17%
Keep promises made during the elections	11%
Appoint professionals to civil service positions	2%
Improve land ownership and usage policies	1%
Reduce air pollution	1%
Seize politicians' offshore bank accounts	1%
Other	2%
Don't know	38%

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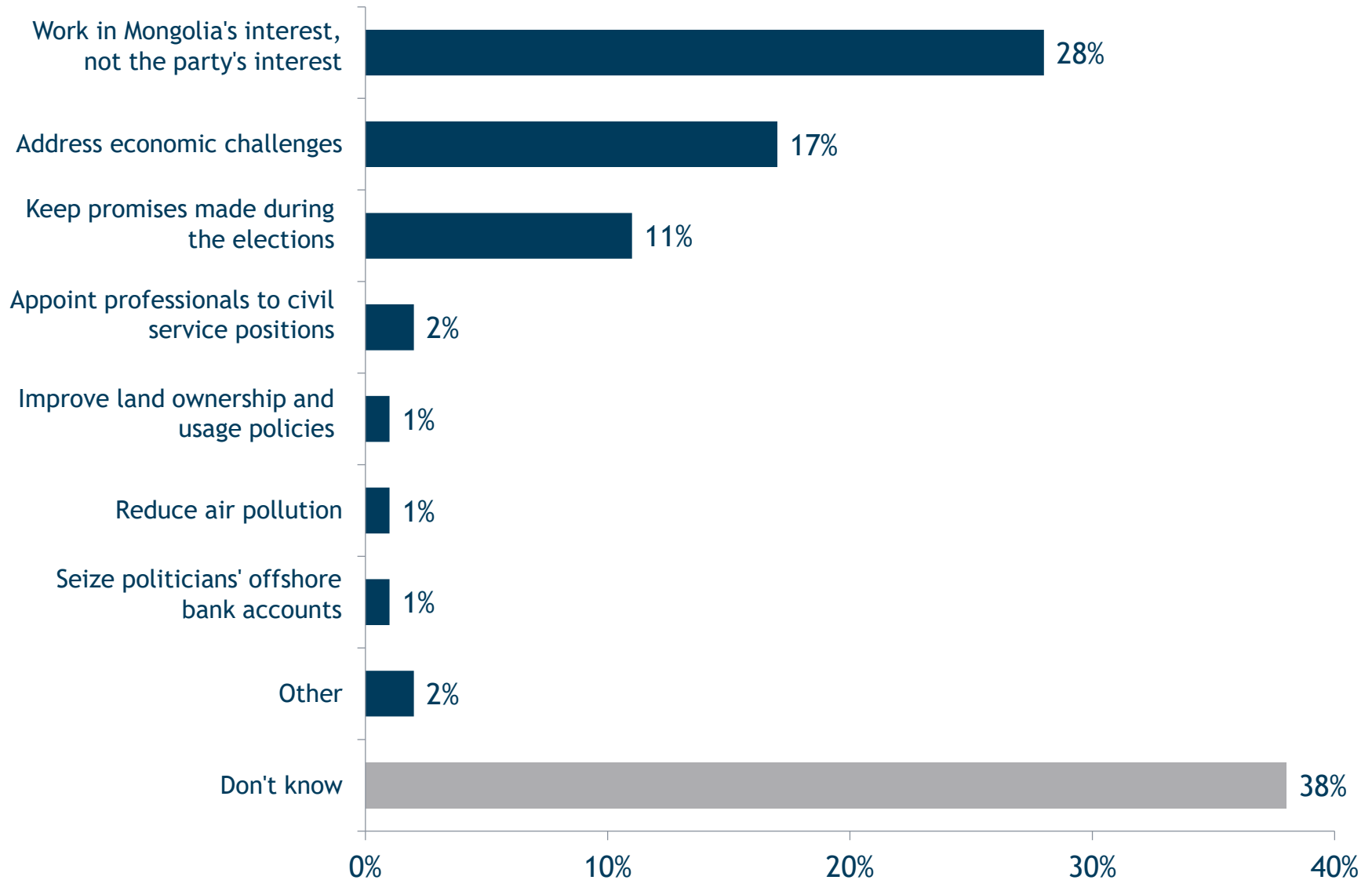
How concerned are you about Mongolia's national debt?

Category	Value
Very concerned	61%
Somewhat concerned	30%
Not too concerned	4%
Not concerned at all	2%
Don't know	3%

The following measures have been suggested as ways to reduce Mongolia's national debt. Do you support or oppose these measures?
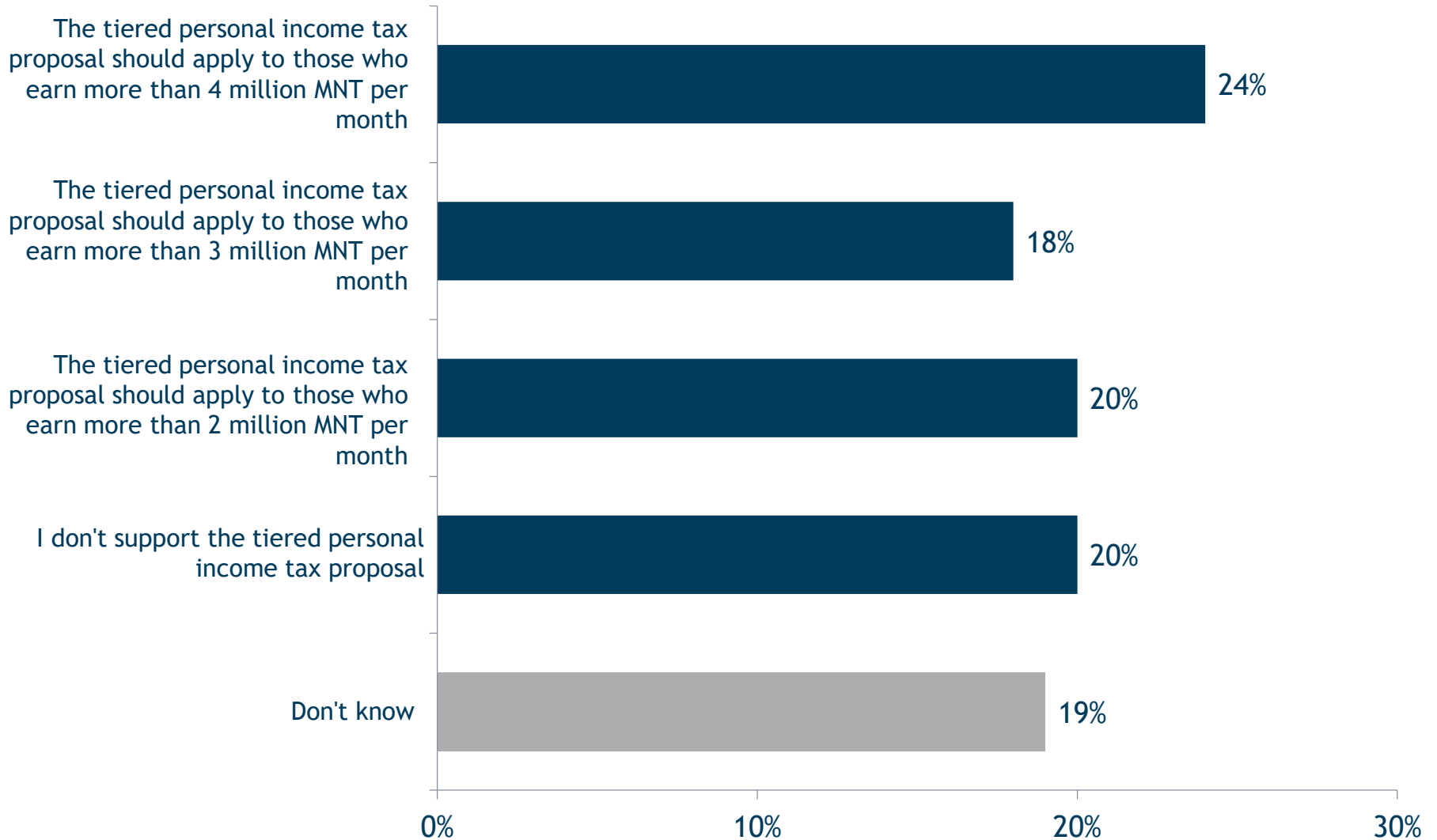

Measure	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Undertake austerity measures such as reducing government spending, including social welfare programs	21%	29%	18%	22%	10%
Access the IMF stand-by arrangement*	16%	29%	13%	12%	31%
Partially sell the government's stake in Oyu Tolgoi** or Tavan Tolgoi***	13%	27%	18%	28%	15%
Borrow money from Japan	8%	29%	20%	29%	13%
Undertake austerity measures such as raising taxes	5%	16%	26%	41%	12%
Borrow money from India	4%	20%	26%	34%	15%
Refinance government bonds	4%	12%	22%	48%	15%
Borrow money from China	3%	12%	24%	50%	12%

■ Strongly support ■ Somewhat support ■ Somewhat oppose ■ Strongly oppose ■ Don't know

*The IMF recently agreed to a three-year program that includes a $440 million USD loan package.
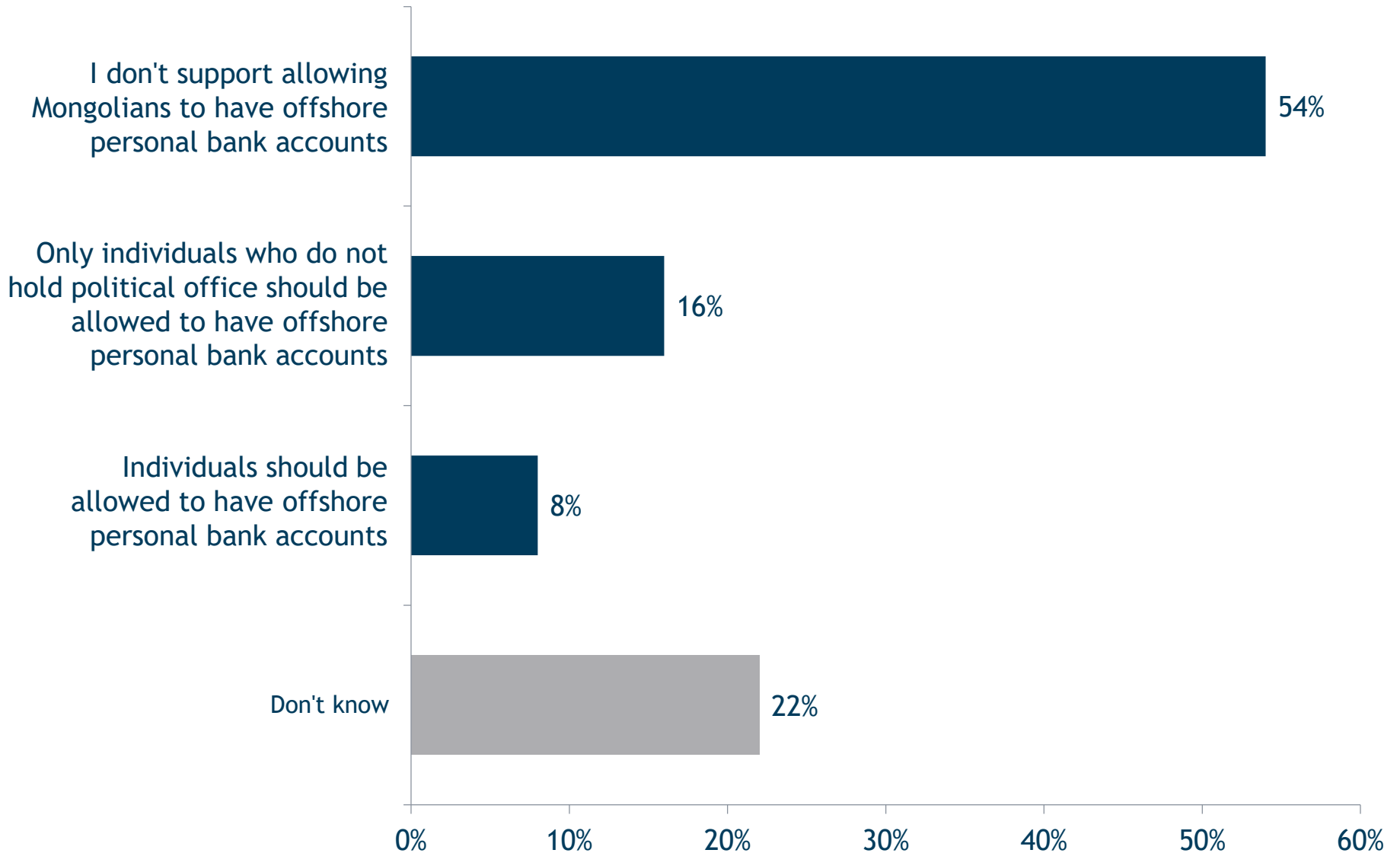**Oyu Tolgoi is a copper-gold mine in the South Gobi region of Mongolia, which contains one of the largest high grade copper deposits in the world.
***Tavan Tolgoi is one of the world's largest coking and thermal coal deposits, located in the South Gobi.
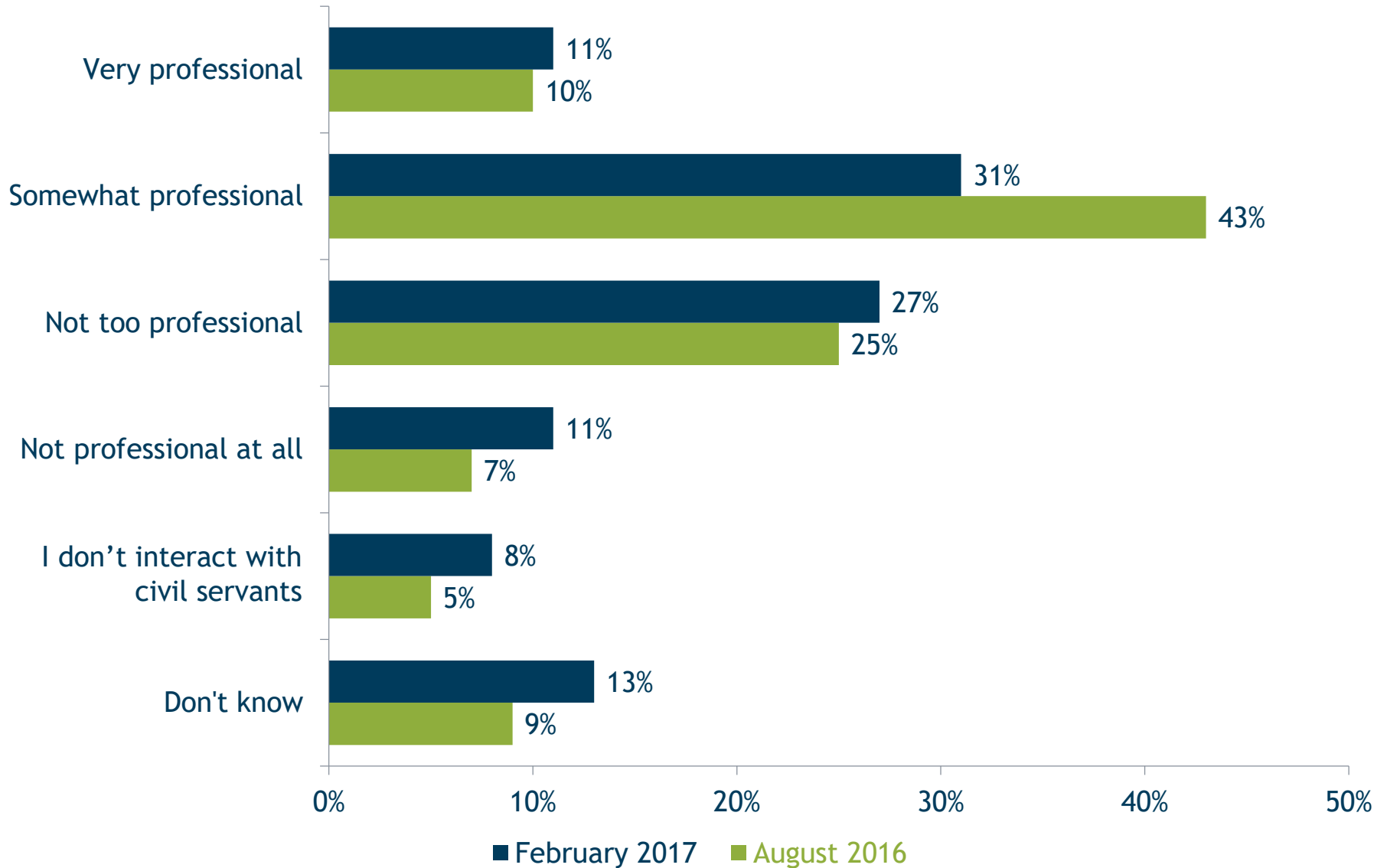
The State Great Hural has introduced a proposal to create a tiered personal income tax system imposing higher taxes on upper income brackets. What is your view of this system?

Response	Percentage
The tiered personal income tax proposal should apply to those who earn more than 4 million MNT per month	24%
The tiered personal income tax proposal should apply to those who earn more than 3 million MNT per month	18%
The tiered personal income tax proposal should apply to those who earn more than 2 million MNT per month	20%
I don't support the tiered personal income tax proposal	20%
Don't know	19%

Which of the following statements is closest to your personal opinion?

Statement	Percentage
I don't support allowing Mongolians to have offshore personal bank accounts	54%
Only individuals who do not hold political office should be allowed to have offshore personal bank accounts	16%
Individuals should be allowed to have offshore personal bank accounts	8%
Don't know	22%

How professional are civil servants (i.e. non-elected government employees)?

Category	February 2017	August 2016
Very professional	11%	10%
Somewhat professional	31%	43%
Not too professional	27%	25%
Not professional at all	11%	7%
I don't interact with civil servants	8%	5%
Don't know	13%	9%

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Which of the following measures do you believe would improve the level of professionalism among civil servants?

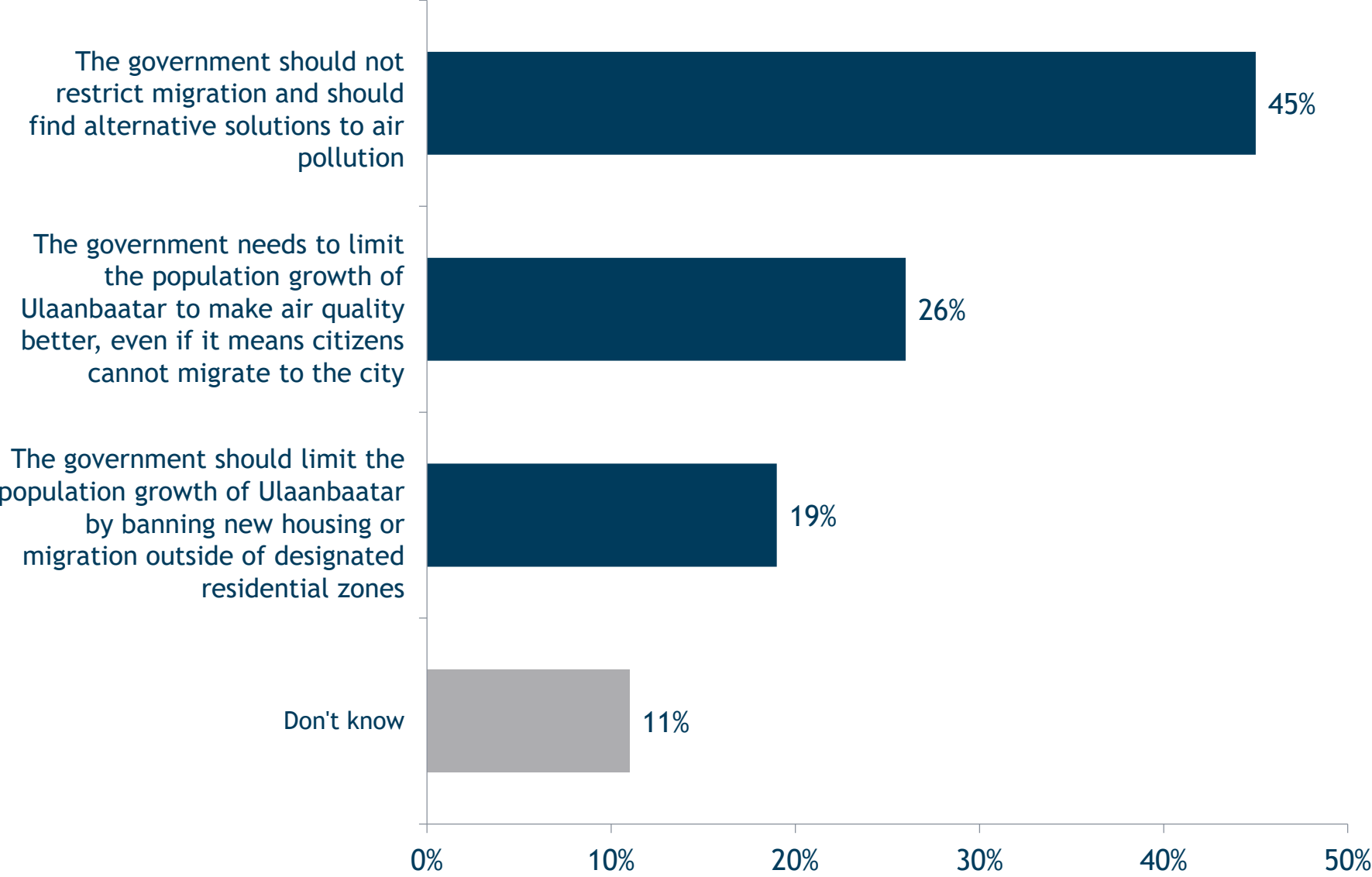(Respondents who disagree: February 2017 n=3,436; August 2016 n=4,265)

Measure	February 2017	August 2016
Better training	23%	34%
Improved management	35%	29%
Greater flexibility to do their job as they see fit	13%	16%
Clear explanation of roles and responsibilities	12%	12%
Better leadership from elected officials	12%	6%
Other	3%	1%
Don't know	2%	2%

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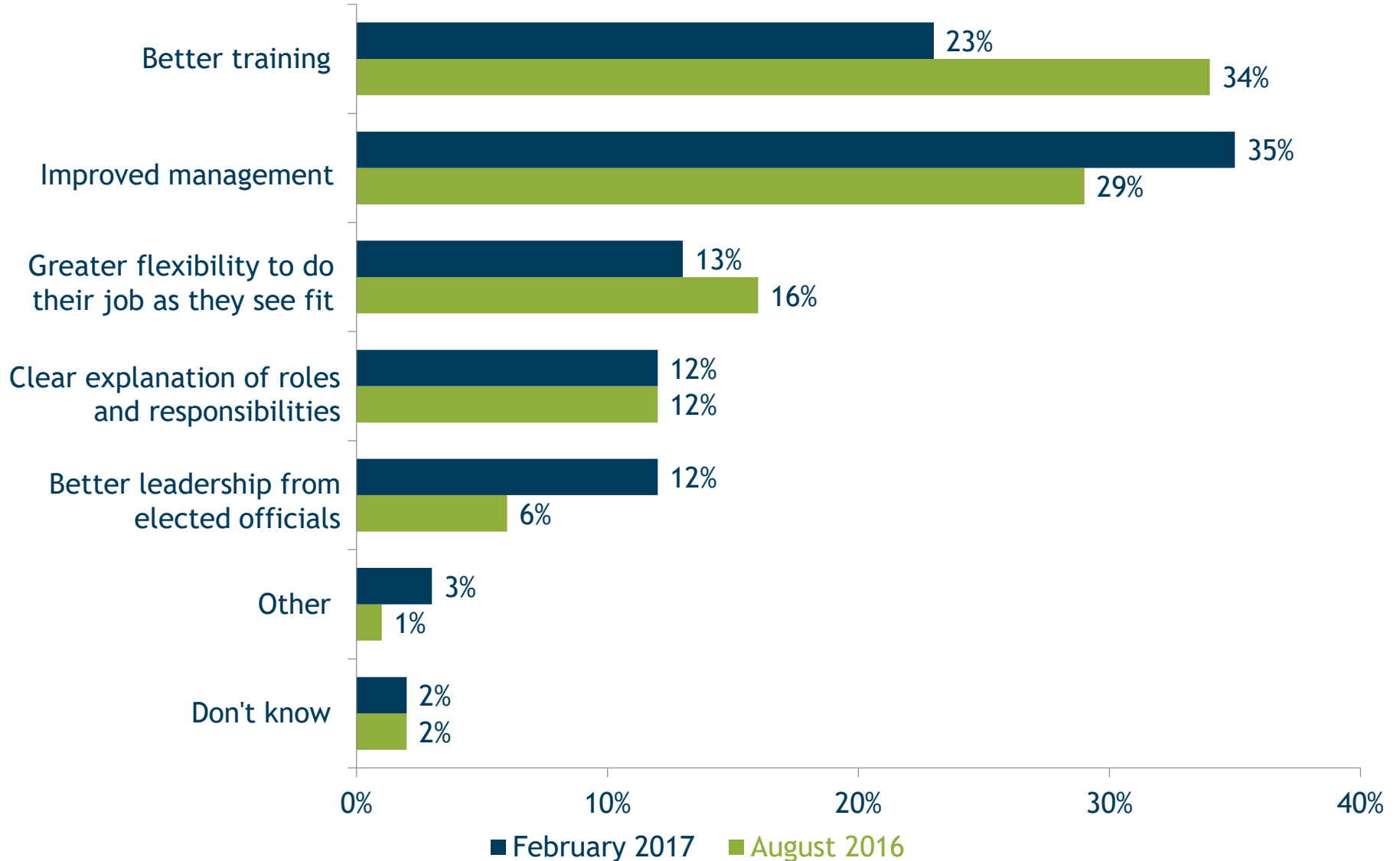
In your opinion, how serious is the problem of climate change?

	February 2017	August 2016
Very serious	49%	55%
Somewhat serious	35%	33%
Not that much of a problem	6%	6%
Not a problem at all	3%	2%
Don't know	7%	4%
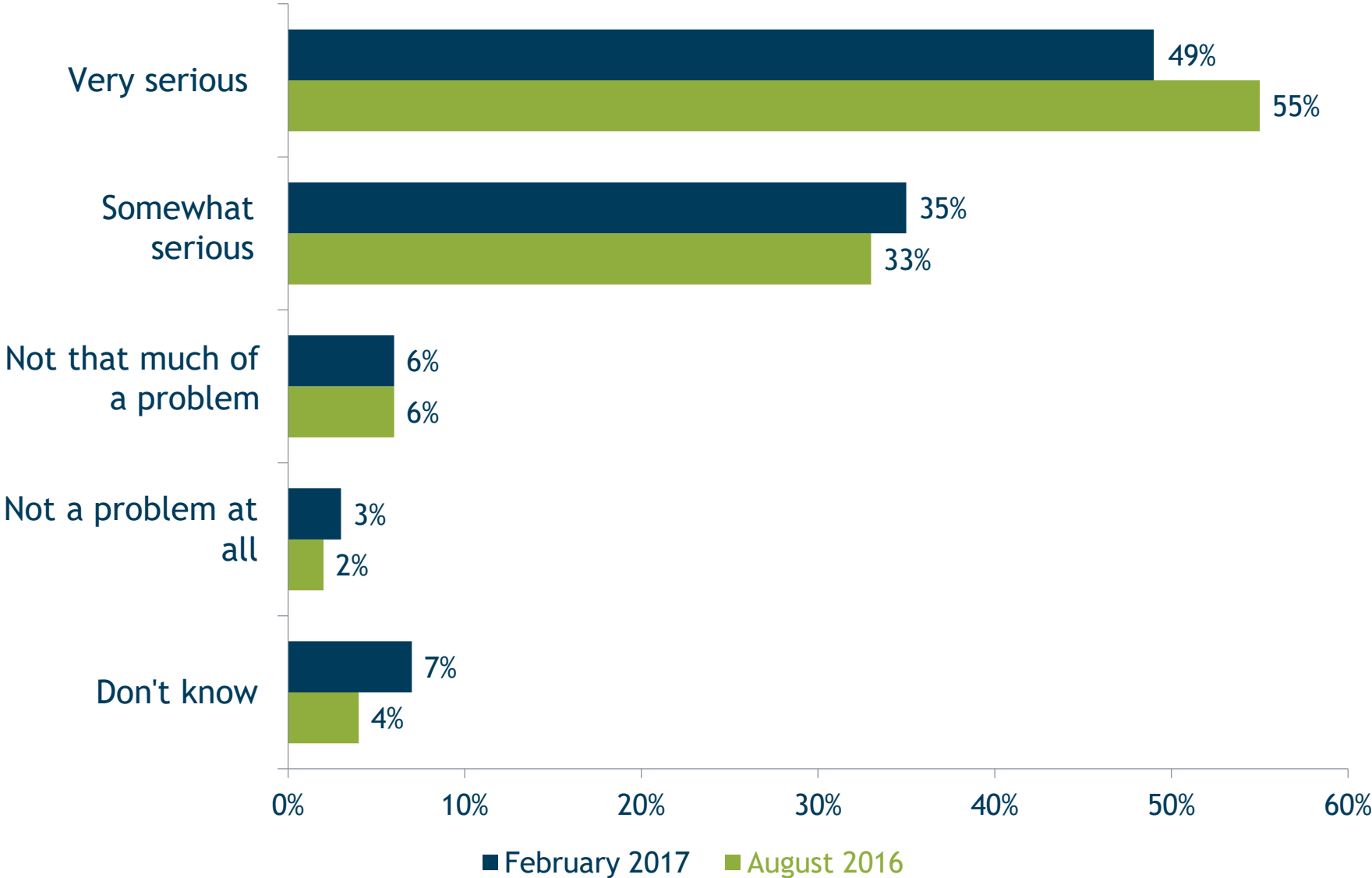
Do you approve or disapprove of Ulaanbaatar Mayor Su. Batbold's plan to reduce air pollution by restricting migration into the city?

Response	Percentage
Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Don't know	10%
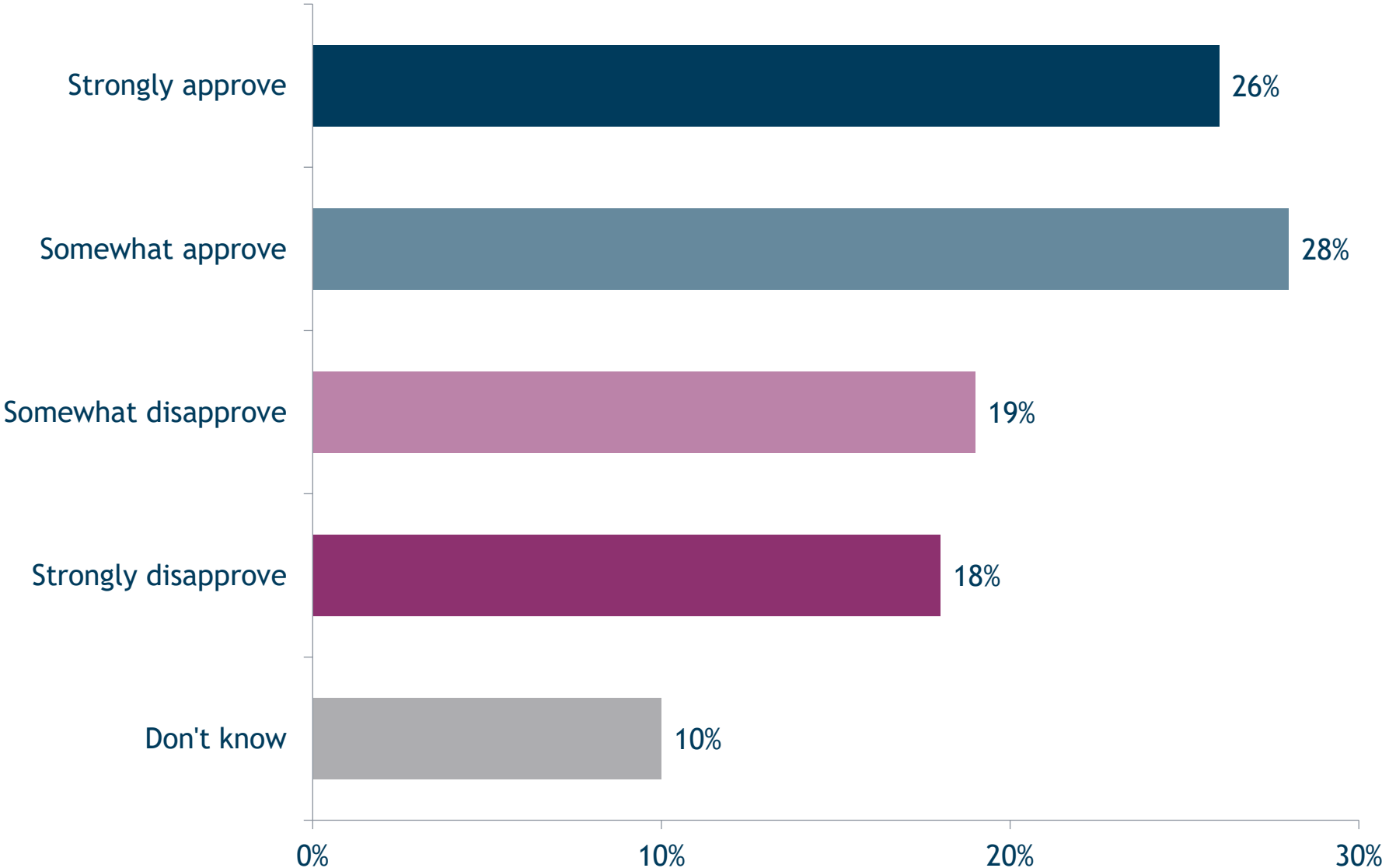
Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal opinion?

Statement	Percentage
The government should not restrict migration and should find alternative solutions to air pollution	45%
The government needs to limit the population growth of Ulaanbaatar to make air quality better, even if it means citizens cannot migrate to the city	26%
The government should limit the population growth of Ulaanbaatar by banning new housing or migration outside of designated residential zones	19%
Don't know	11%

Mining

Do you favor or oppose the involvement of foreign companies in mining operations?

Category	Percentage
Strongly favor	10%
Somewhat favor	36%
Somewhat oppose	24%
Strongly oppose	20%
Don't know	10%
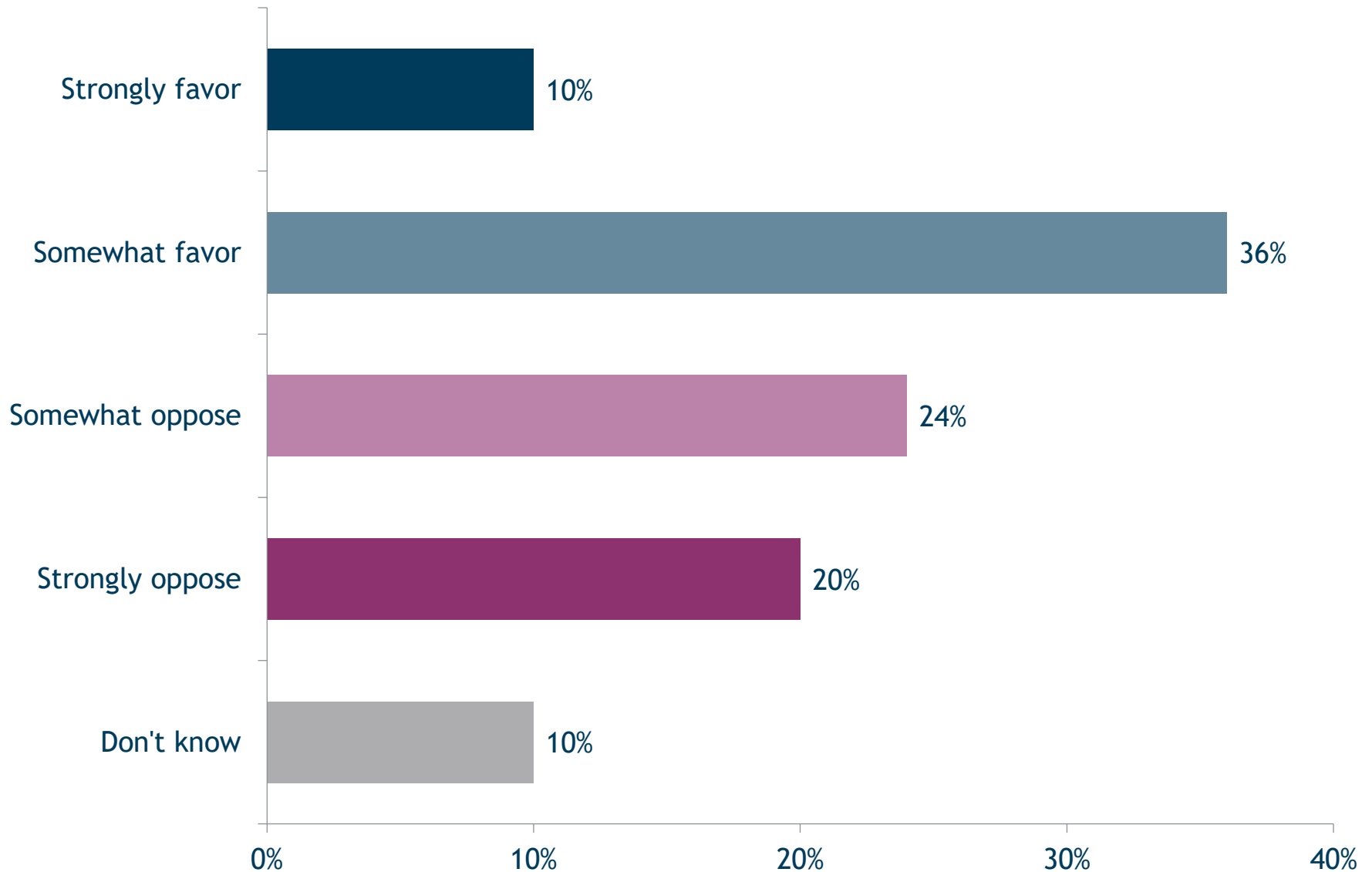
Would you favor or oppose Parliament passing laws to prevent foreign investment in mining operations?

Response	February 2017	August 2016
Strongly favor	21%	30%
Somewhat favor	33%	36%
Somewhat oppose	23%	18%
Strongly oppose	8%	7%
Don't know	15%	9%

■ February 2017 ■ August 2016
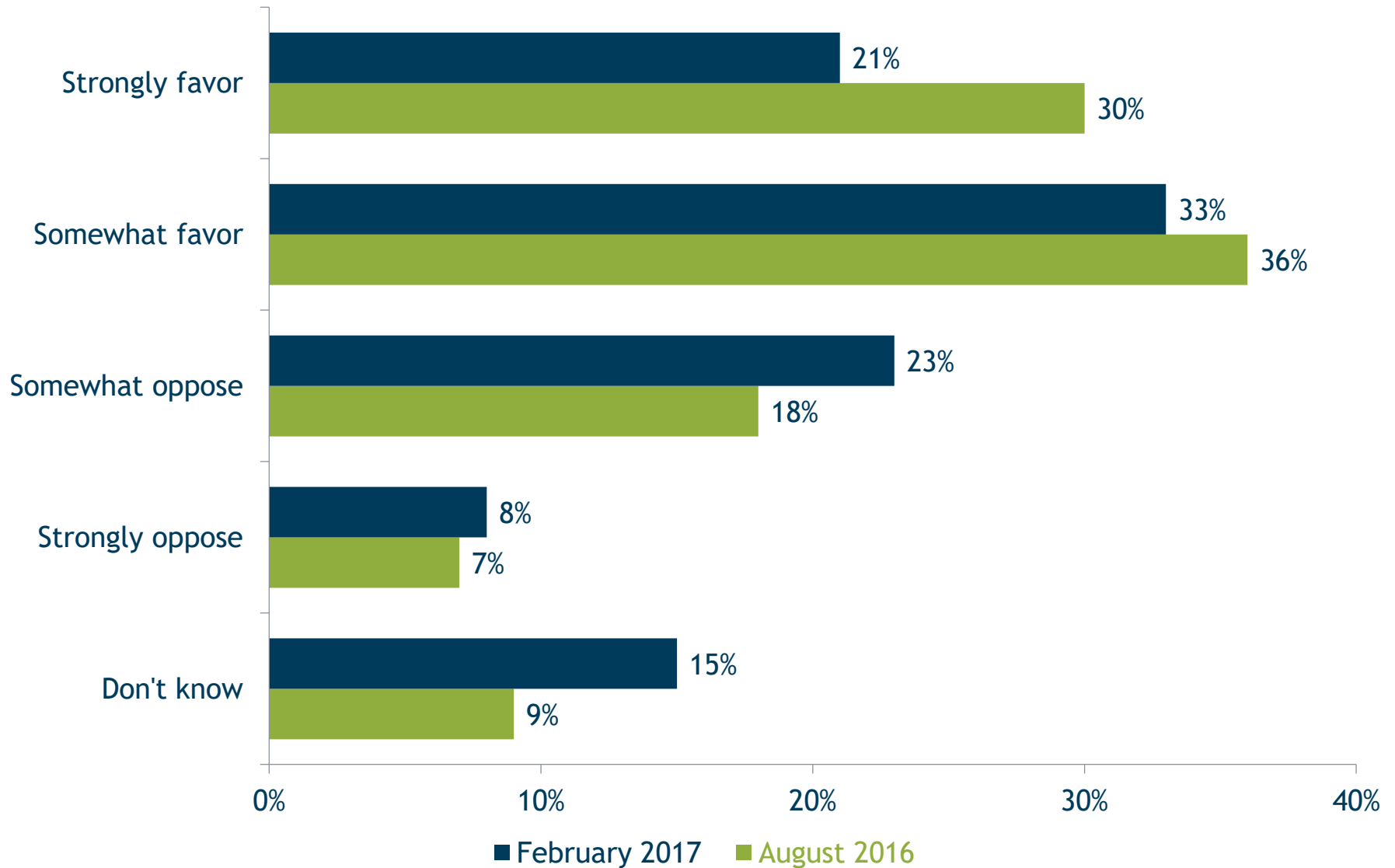
What do you think foreign investors in the mining industry should focus on the most?

Horizontal bar chart comparing February 2017 (dark blue) and August 2016 (green):

Category	February 2017	August 2016
Hiring Mongolians	46%	35%
Investing in community infrastructure such as schools and clinics	18%	20%
Environmental protection	19%	21%
Procurement of local goods and services	6%	7%
Maximize contribution to government budget	7%	12%
Don't know	3%	6%

■ February 2017   ■ August 2016

Who should have primary responsibility for overseeing the mining industry?

Category	Percentage
Provincial governments	44%
National government	38%
Private companies under government contract	10%
Don't know	8%
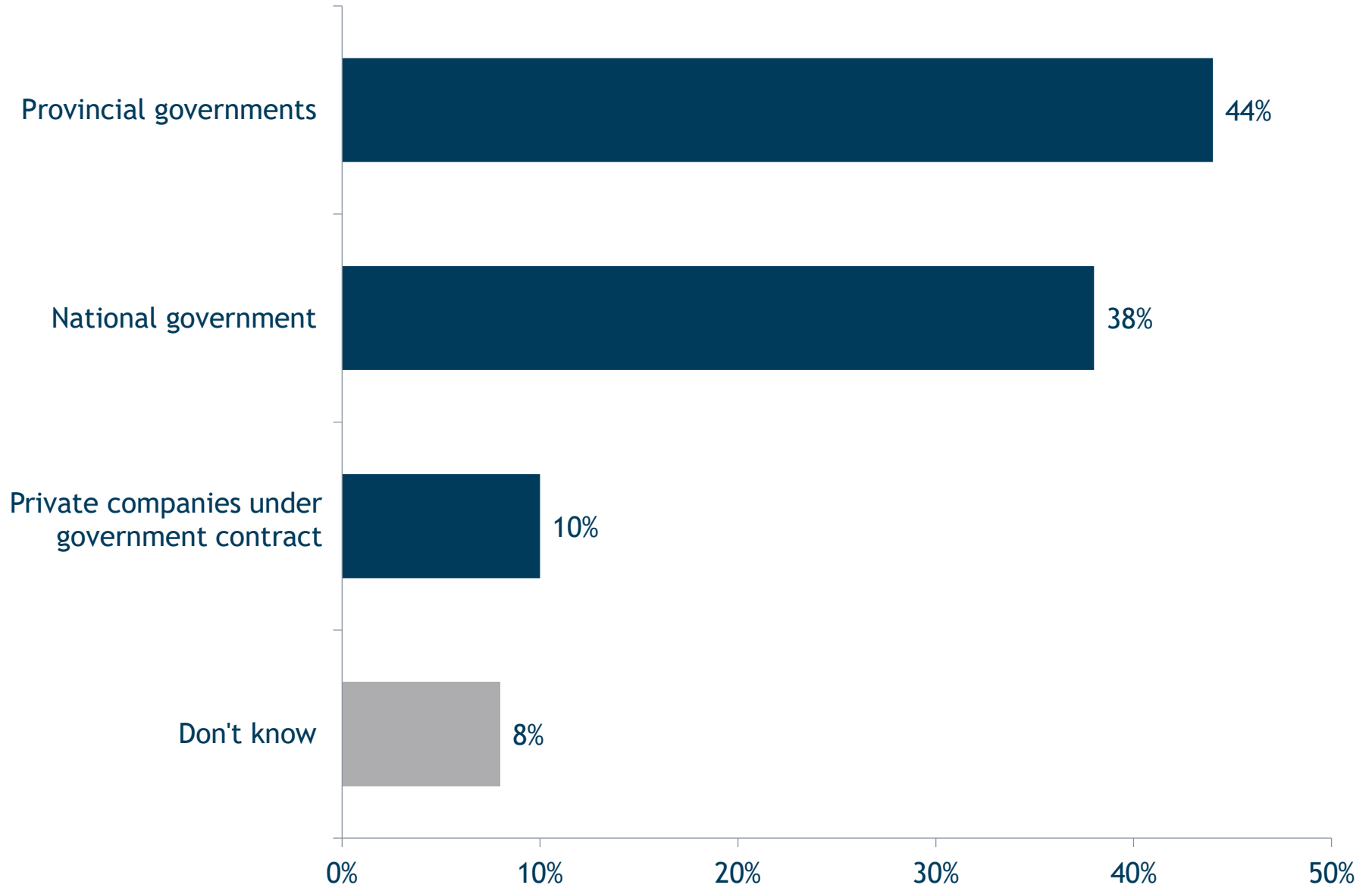
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Provinces should be given a proportional share of revenue from natural resources to address local problems."
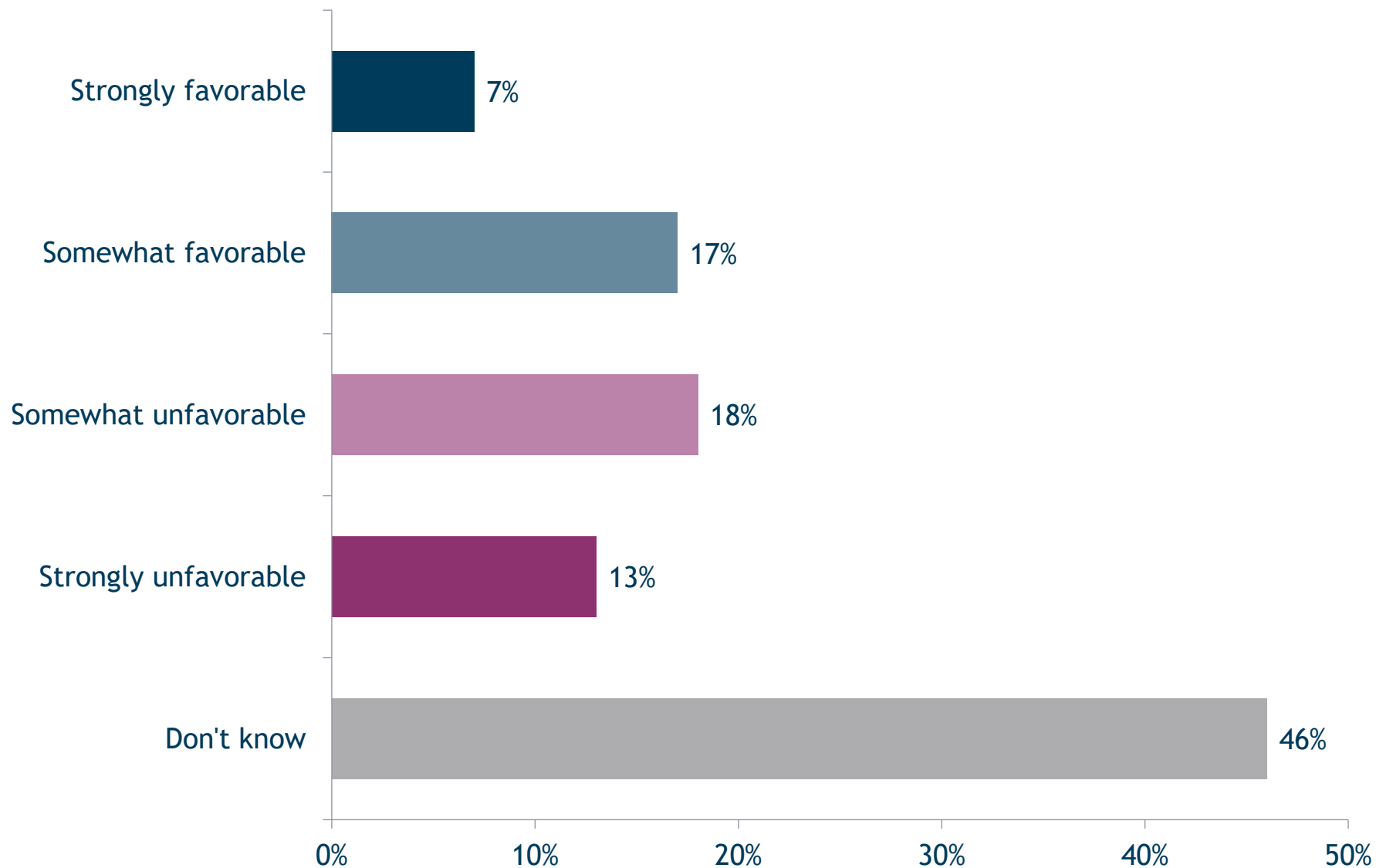

	February 2017	August 2016
Strongly agree	32%	34%
Somewhat agree	39%	33%
Somewhat disagree	14%	18%
Strongly disagree	6%	9%
Don't know	9%	7%

■ February 2017   ■ August 2016
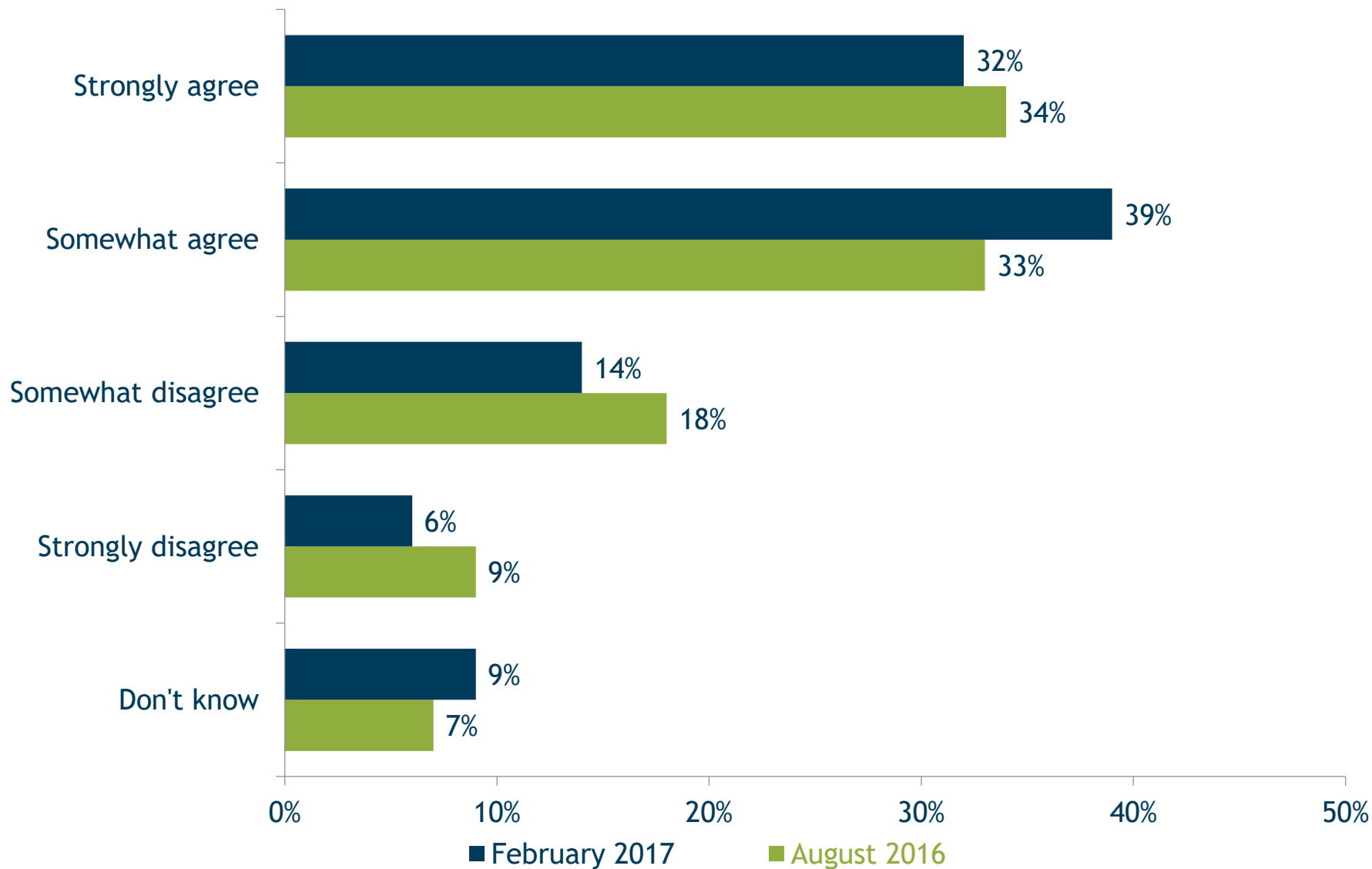
Is your opinion of Oyu Tolgoi LLC* favorable or unfavorable?

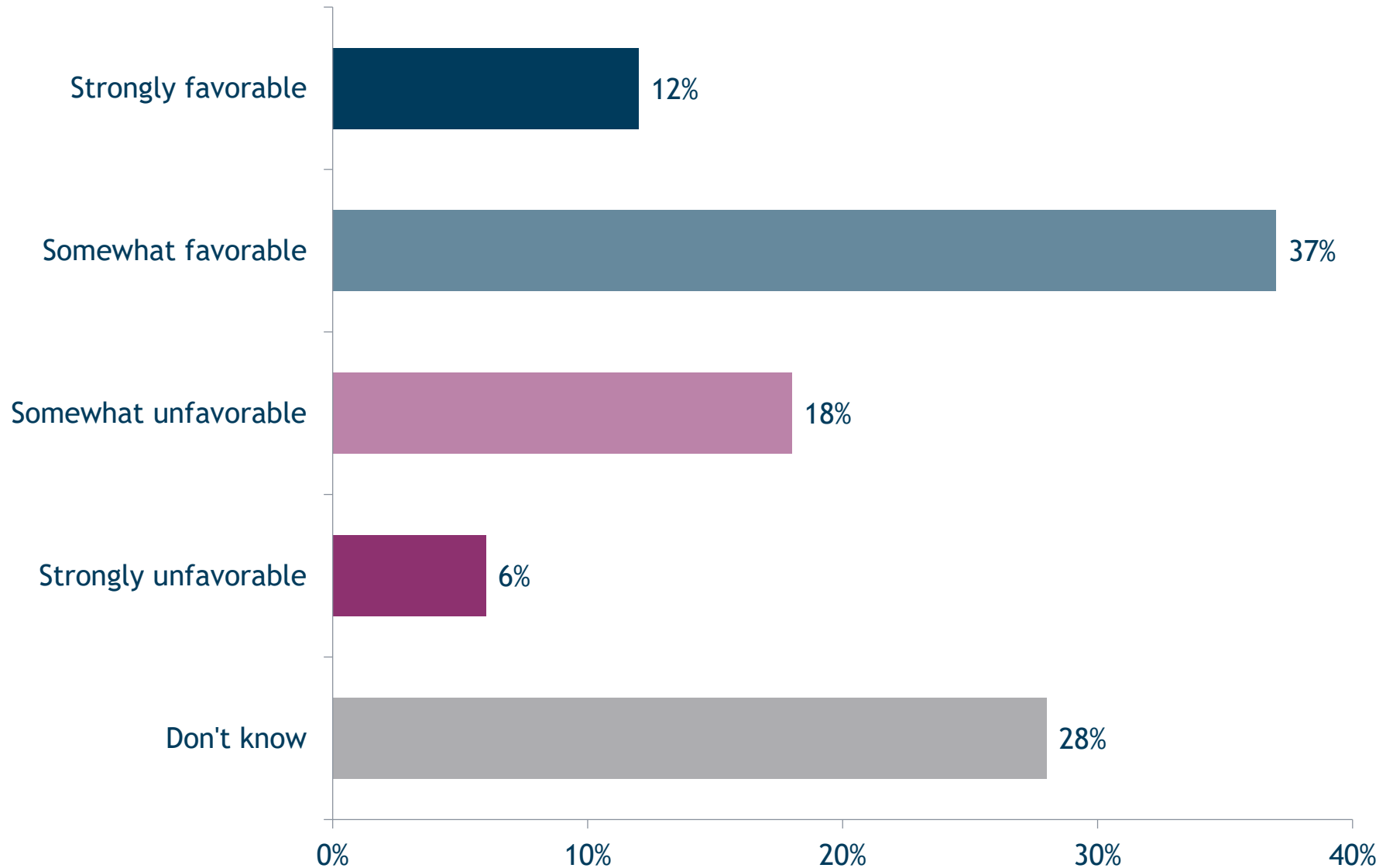| Category	Percentage
Strongly favorable	14%
Somewhat favorable	43%
Somewhat unfavorable	20%
Strongly unfavorable	8%
Don't know	16%
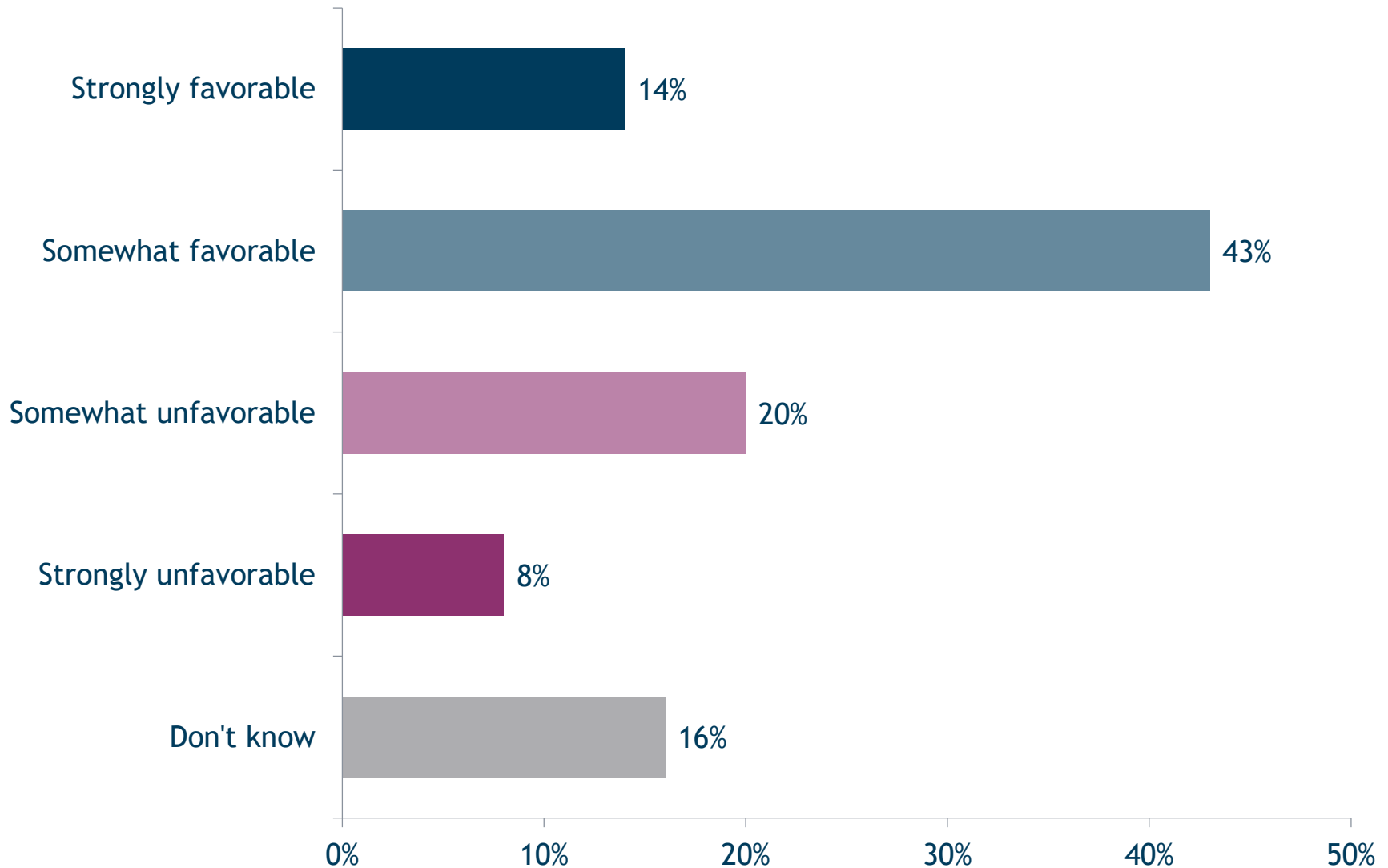
*Oyu Tolgoi LLC is a Mongolian company, jointly owned by Erdenes Oyu Tolgoi LLC on behalf of the Government of Mongolia (34 per cent) and Canadian-based Turquoise Hill Resources (66 per cent). Turquoise Hill Resources is listed on the Toronto and New York Stock exchanges and is indirectly owned by Rio Tinto, which manages Oyu Tolgoi, on behalf of the partnership. Oyu Tolgoi LLC controls the Oyu Tolgoi gold and copper mine.

Is your opinion of Centerra Gold* favorable or unfavorable?

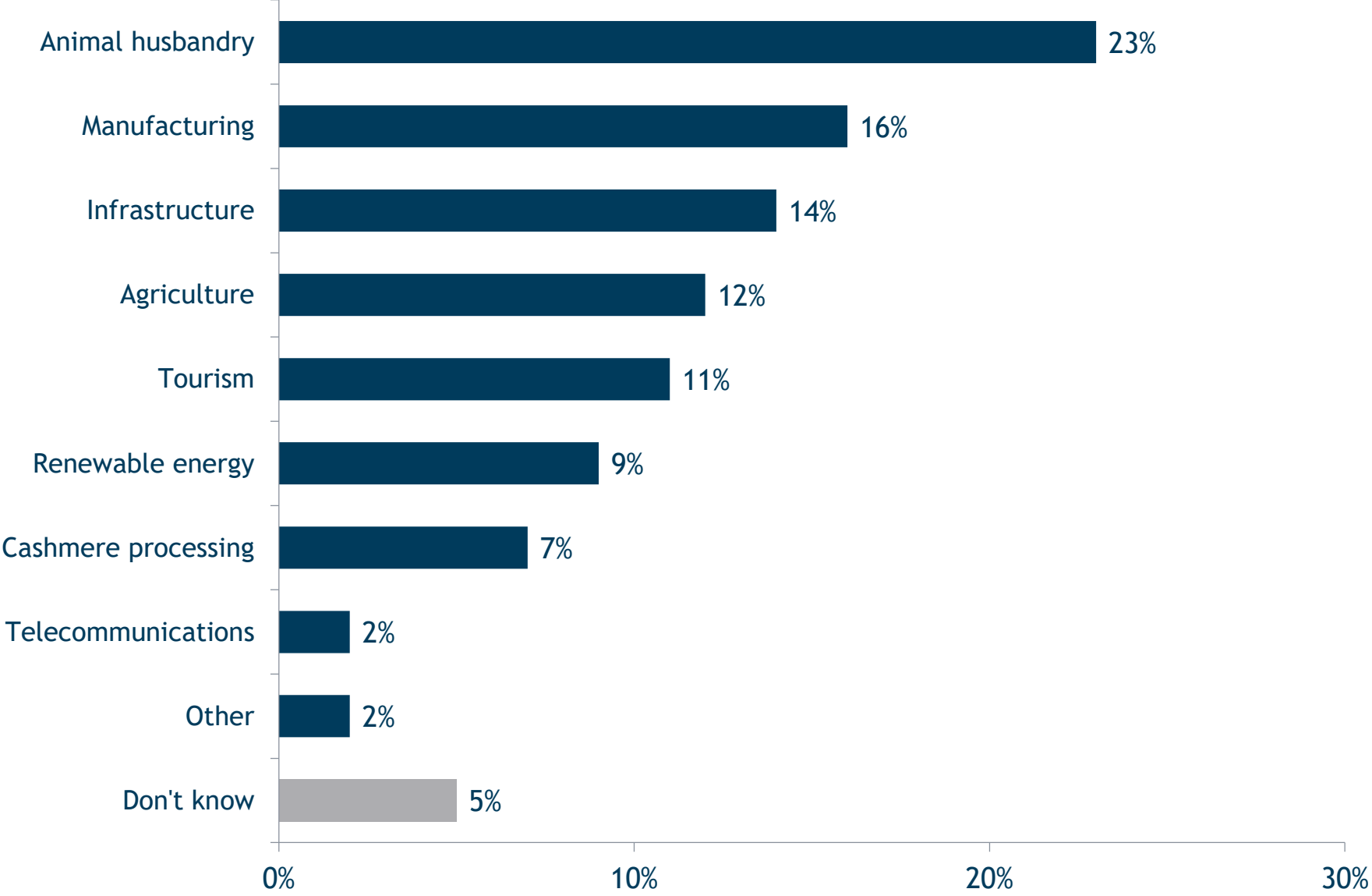| Response	Percentage
Strongly favorable	7%
Somewhat favorable	17%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Strongly unfavorable	13%
Don't know	46%

*Centerra Gold is a Canadian-based gold mining and exploration company engaged in the operation, exploration, development and acquisition of gold properties in Asia, North America and other markets worldwide. Centerra Gold owns the Gatsuurt gold mine, located in North Central Mongolia.

Is your opinion of Erdenes Mongol* favorable or unfavorable?

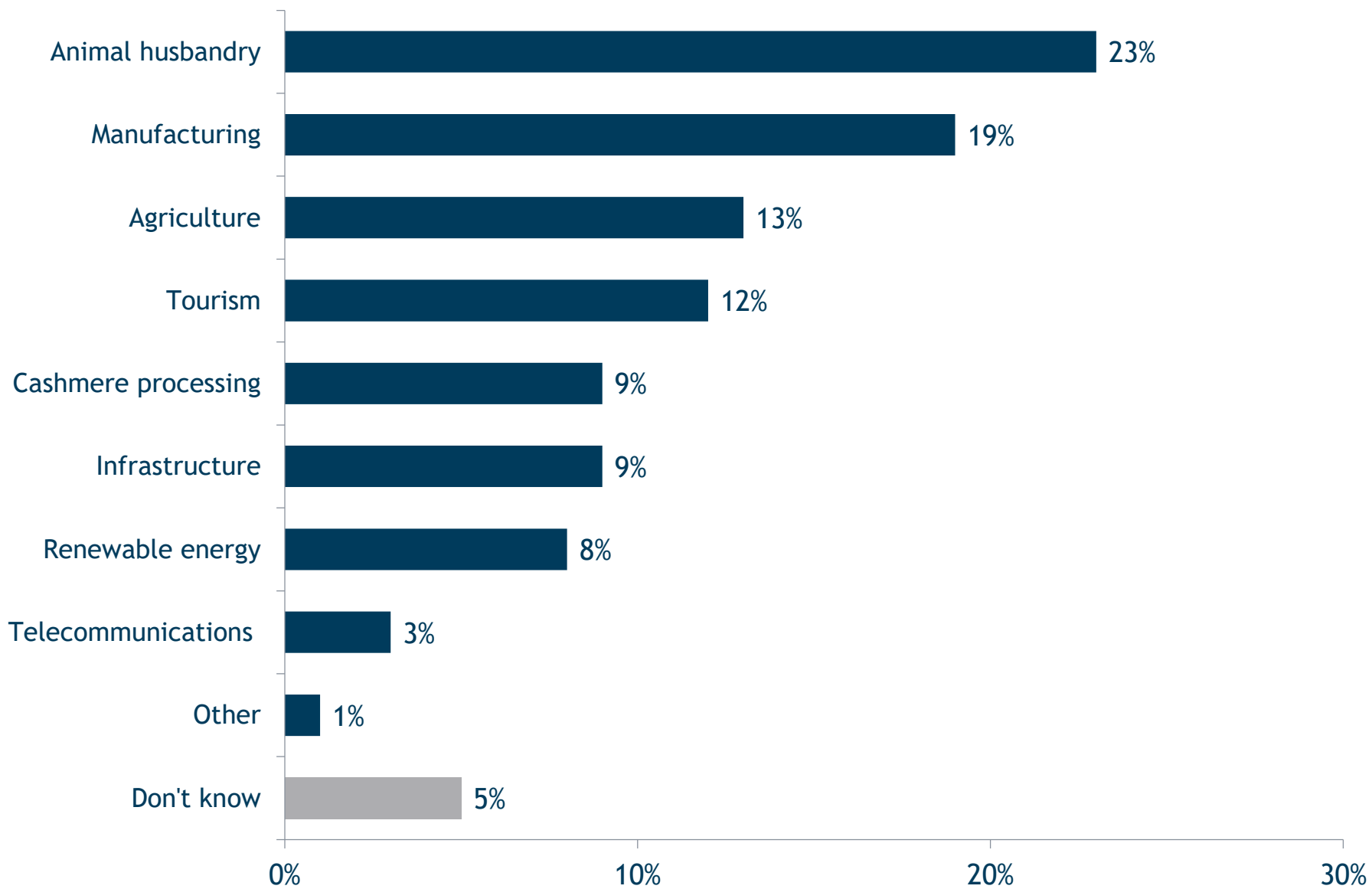| Category	Percentage
Strongly favorable	12%
Somewhat favorable	37%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Strongly unfavorable	6%
Don't know	28%

*Erdenes Mongol is the leading state-owned company in Mongolia's mining, infrastructure and energy sectors. The Government of Mongolia has empowered Erdenes Mongol to manage its shares in Mongolia's mining assets, including Oyu Tolgoi LLC and Erdenes Tavan Tolgoi JSC.

In which industry would you like to see more foreign investment?

Industry	Percentage
Animal husbandry	23%
Manufacturing	16%
Infrastructure	14%
Agriculture	12%
Tourism	11%
Renewable energy	9%
Cashmere processing	7%
Telecommunications	2%
Other	2%
Don't know	5%

In which industry would you like to see more private domestic investment?

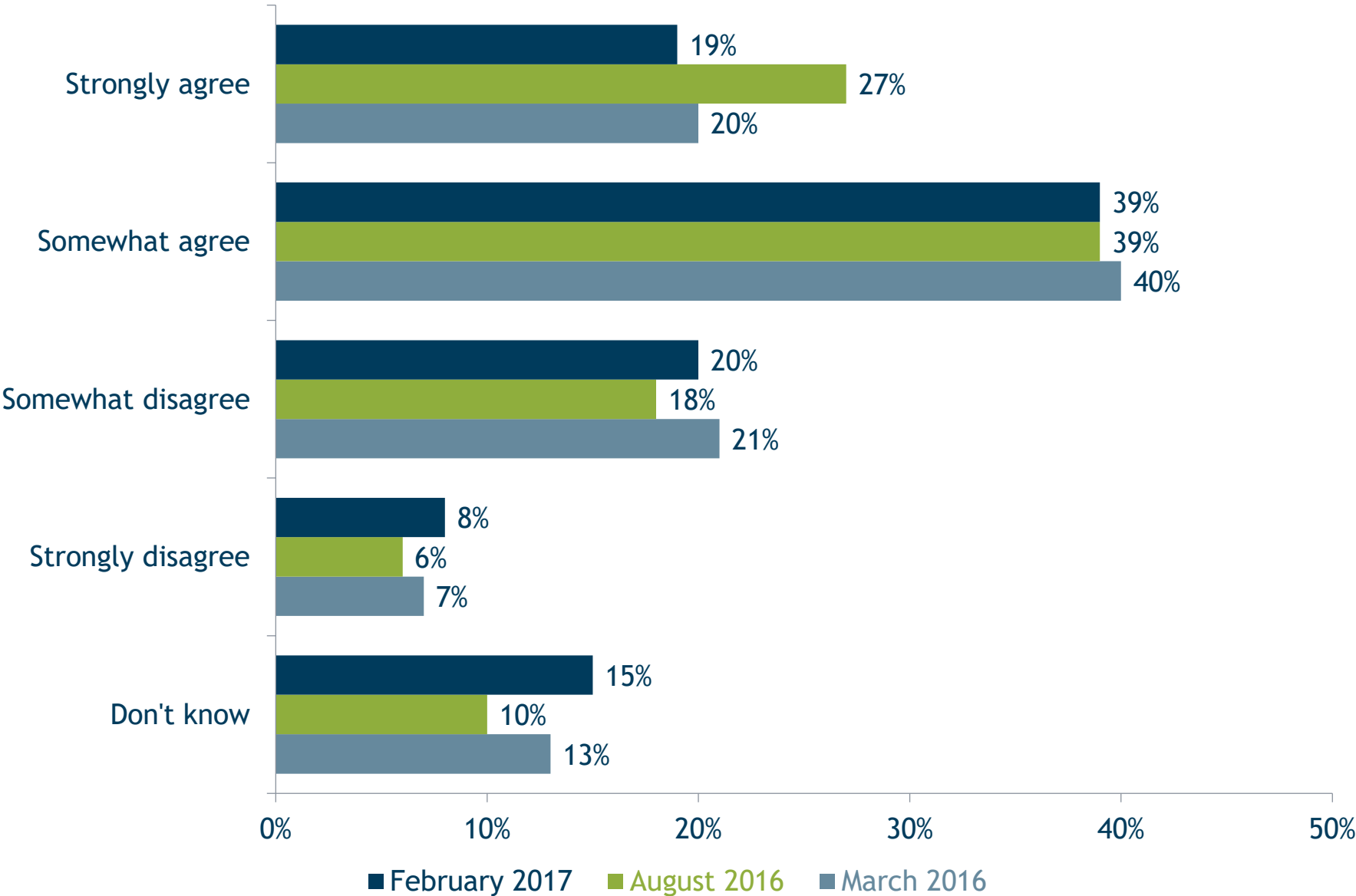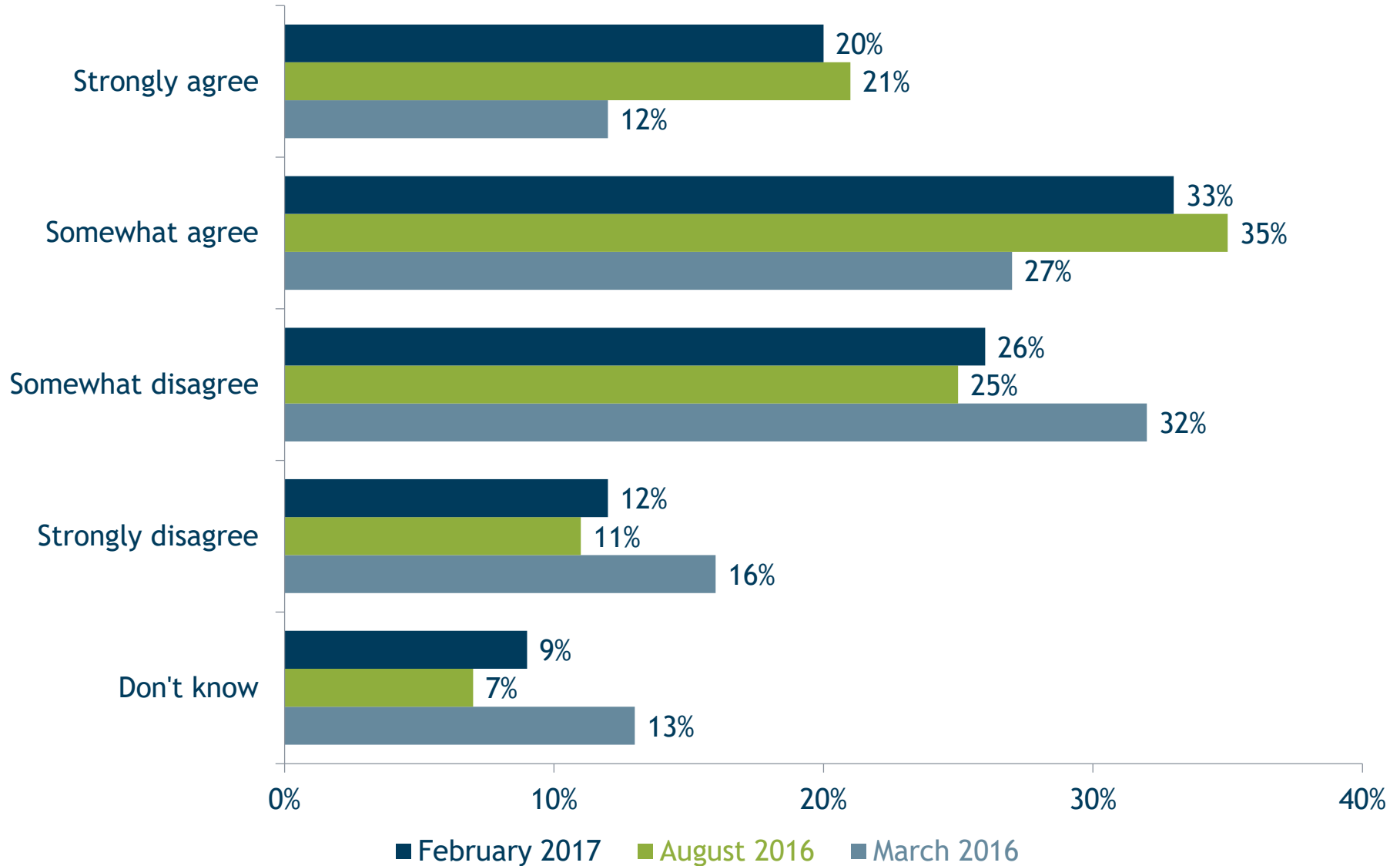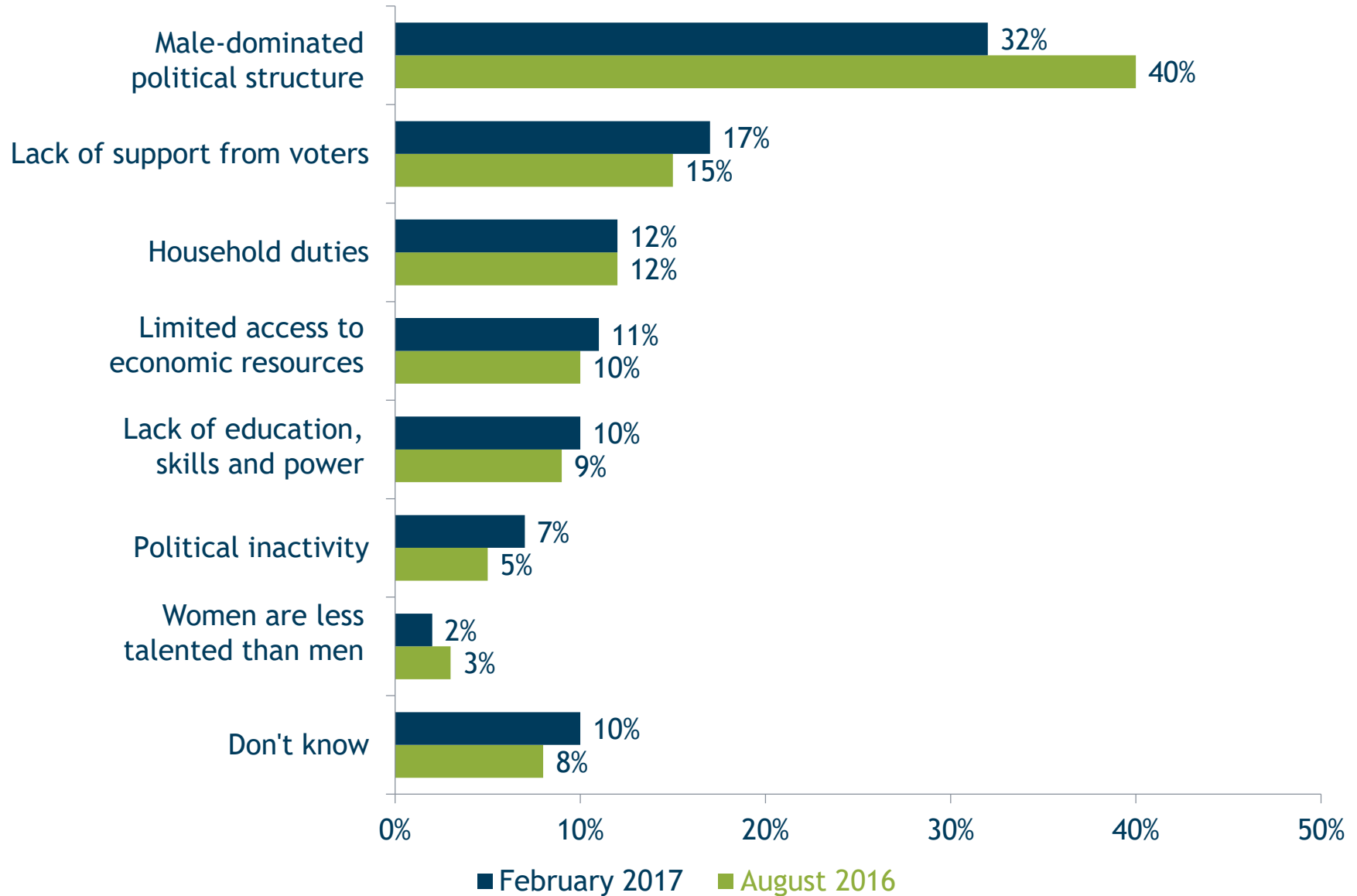| Industry	Percentage
Animal husbandry	23%
Manufacturing	19%
Agriculture	13%
Tourism	12%
Cashmere processing	9%
Infrastructure	9%
Renewable energy	8%
Telecommunications	3%
Other	1%
Don't know	5%

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

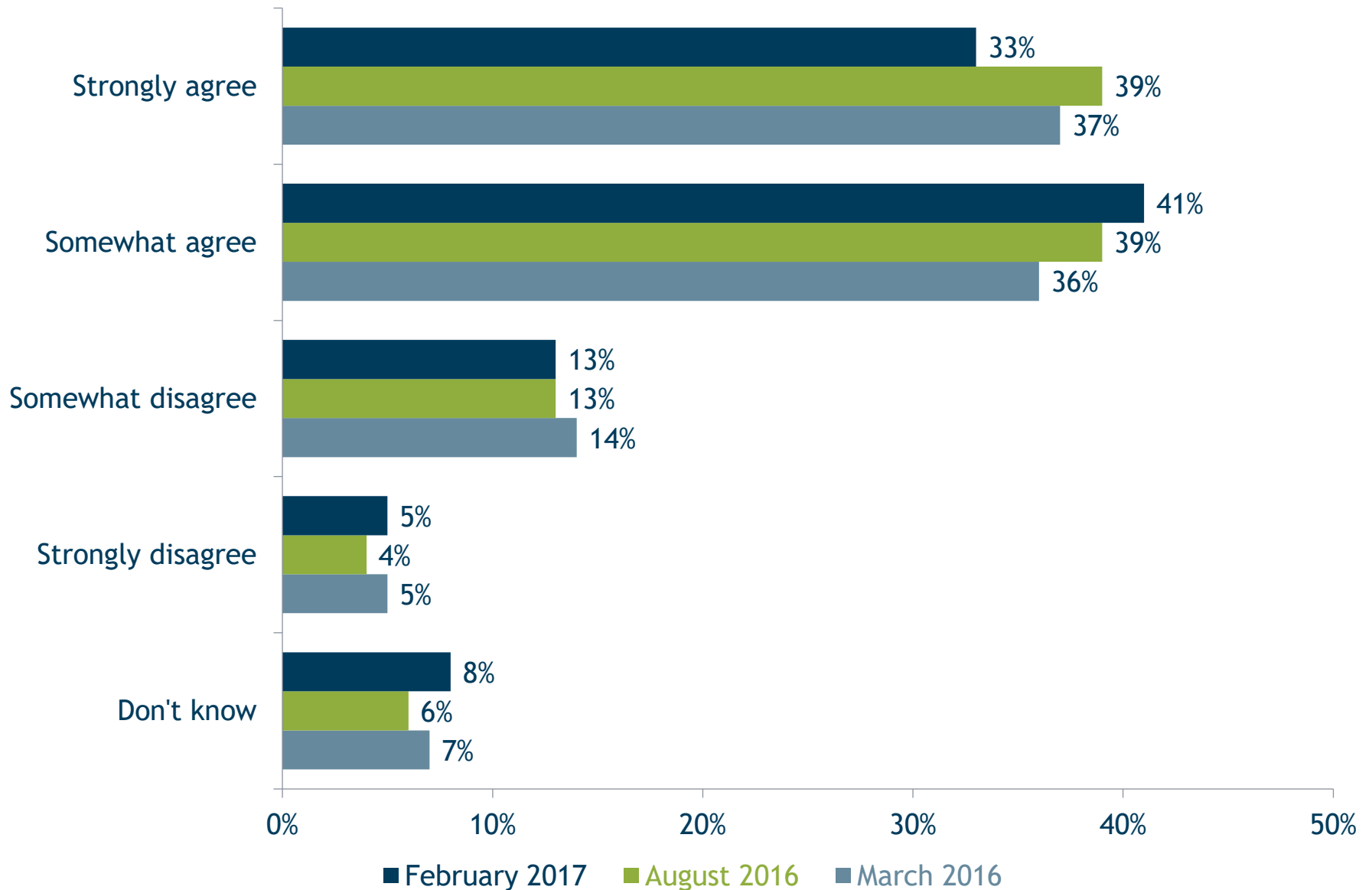|	February 2017	August 2016	March 2016
Strongly agree	19%	27%	20%
Somewhat agree	39%	39%	40%
Somewhat disagree	20%	18%	21%
Strongly disagree	8%	6%	7%
Don't know	15%	10%	13%

■ February 2017   ■ August 2016   ■ March 2016

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Women are equally represented in political decision-making positions in Mongolia."

Strongly agree
- February 2017: 20%
- August 2016: 21%
- March 2016: 12%

Somewhat agree
- February 2017: 33%
- August 2016: 35%
- March 2016: 27%

Somewhat disagree
- February 2017: 26%
- August 2016: 25%
- March 2016: 32%

Strongly disagree
- February 2017: 12%
- August 2016: 11%
- March 2016: 16%

Don't know
- February 2017: 9%
- August 2016: 7%
- March 2016: 13%

■ February 2017 ■ August 2016 ■ March 2016

Which of the following would you say is the greatest barrier to greater women's participation in political decision making:

Barrier	February 2017	August 2016
Male-dominated political structure	32%	40%
Lack of support from voters	17%	15%
Household duties	12%	12%
Limited access to economic resources	11%	10%
Lack of education, skills and power	10%	9%
Political inactivity	7%	5%
Women are less talented than men	2%	3%
Don't know	10%	8%

■ February 2017 ■ August 2016

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Women can compete equally with men for positions of elected office."

	February 2017	August 2016	March 2016
Strongly agree	33%	39%	37%
Somewhat agree	41%	39%	36%
Somewhat disagree	13%	13%	14%
Strongly disagree	5%	4%	5%
Don't know	8%	6%	7%

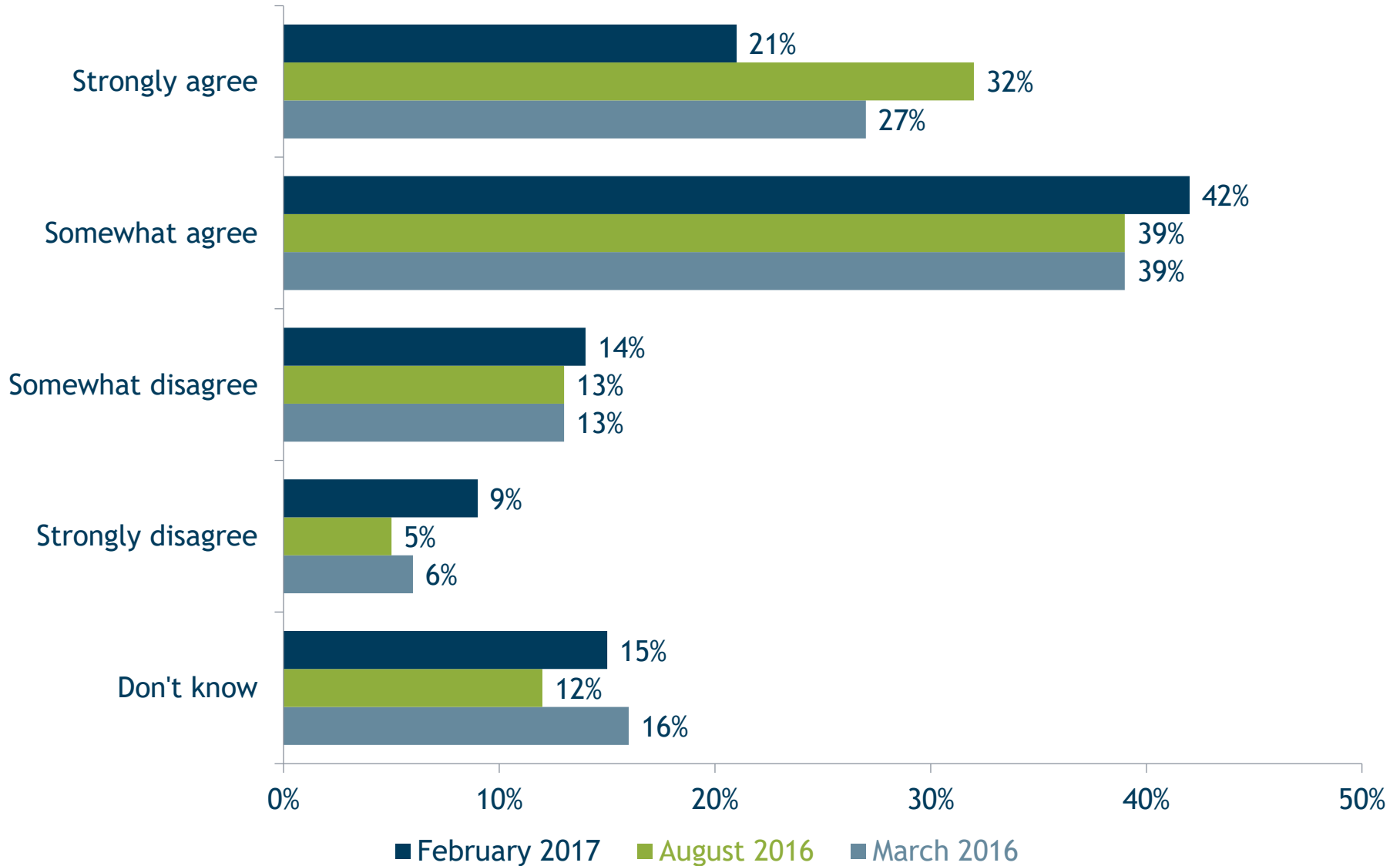■ February 2017   ■ August 2016   ■ March 2016

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Parliament should enforce a 30 percent quota* of women candidates nominated by a political party in future elections."
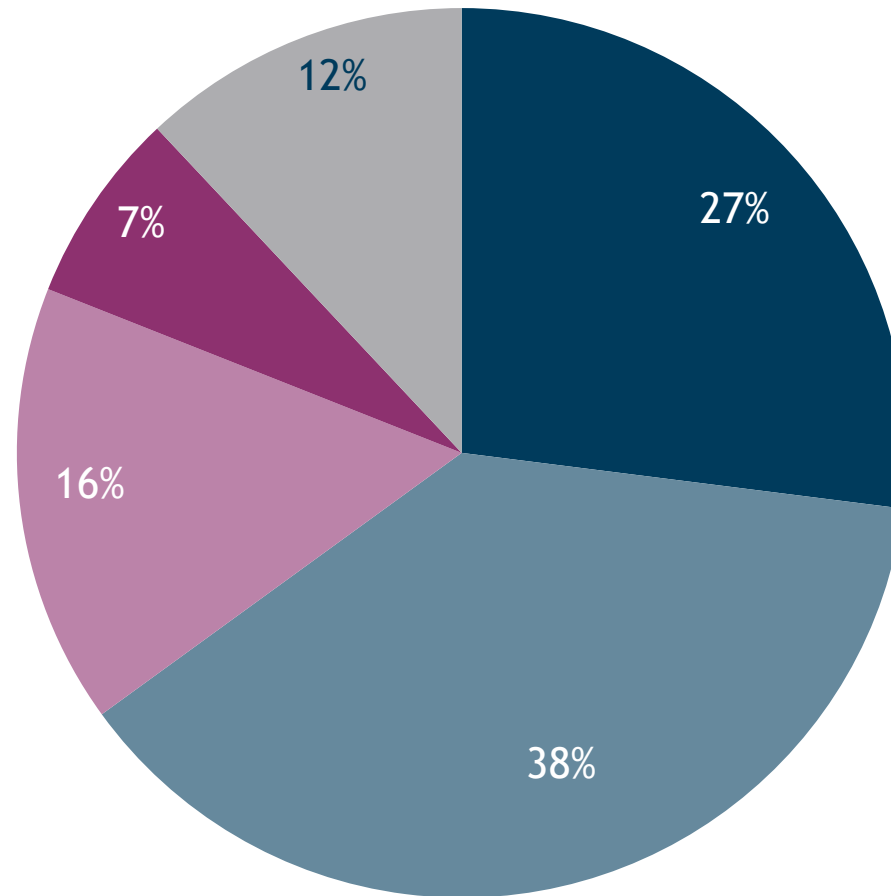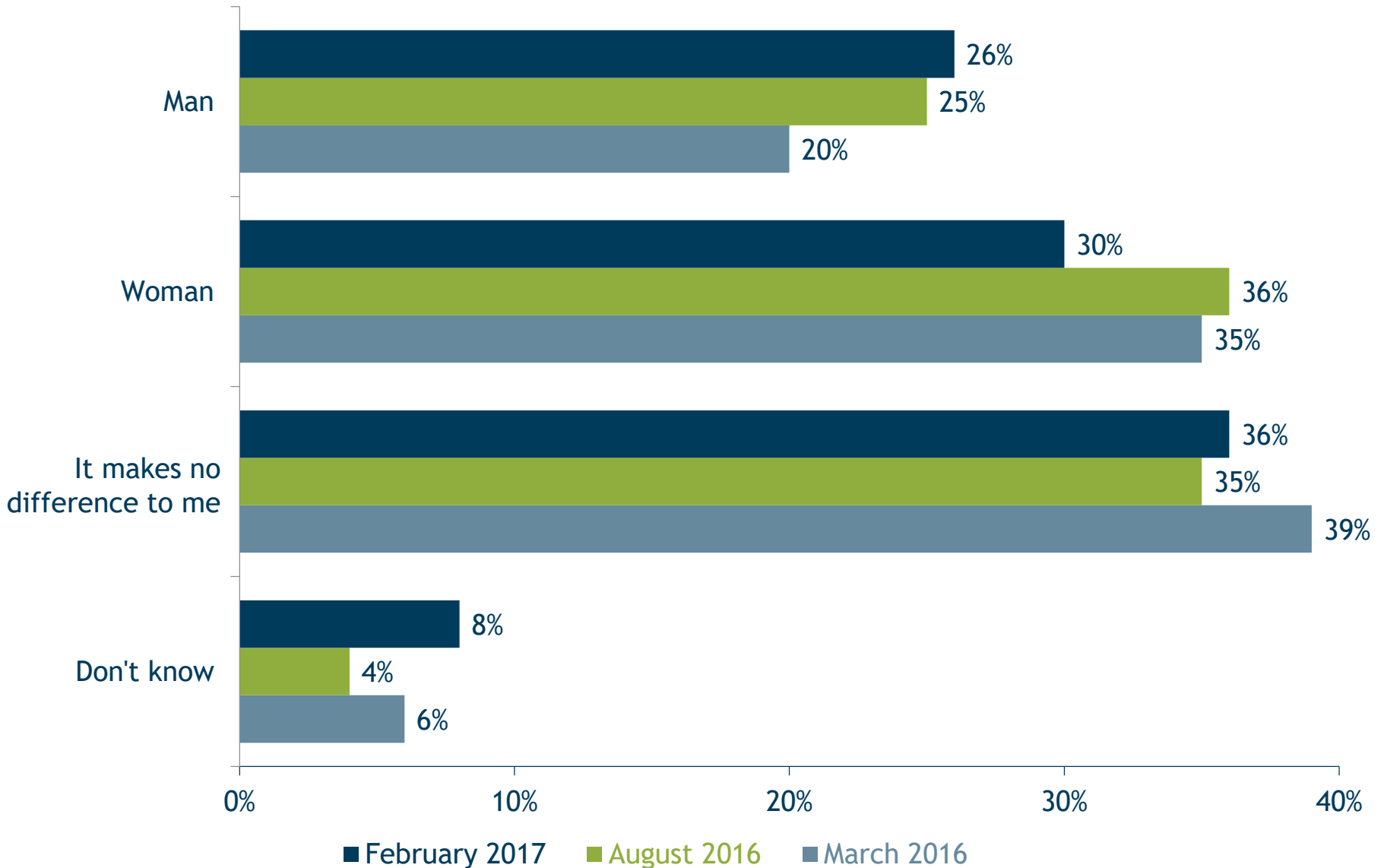

- **Strongly agree**: 27%
- **Somewhat agree**: 38%
- **Somewhat disagree**: 16%
- **Strongly disagree**: 7%
- **Don't know**: 12%

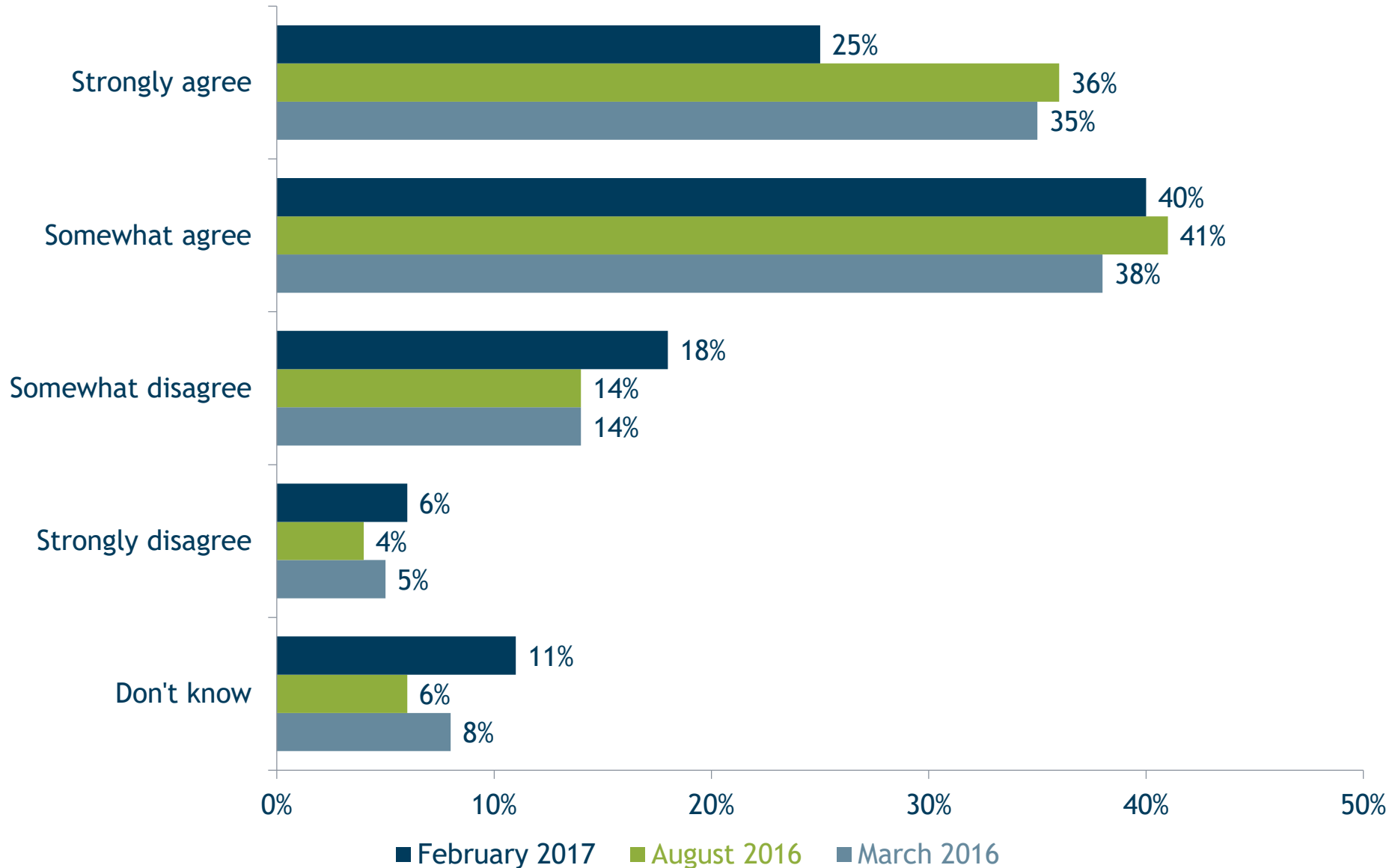*The current quota of women candidates nominated by a political party is 20 percent.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
"Political parties should be doing more to promote women to positions of leadership."

Response	February 2017	August 2016	March 2016
Strongly agree	21%	32%	27%
Somewhat agree	42%	39%	39%
Somewhat disagree	14%	13%	13%
Strongly disagree	9%	5%	6%
Don't know	15%	12%	16%

■ February 2017   ■ August 2016   ■ March 2016

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?

	February 2017	August 2016	March 2016
Man	26%	25%	20%
Woman	30%	36%	35%
It makes no difference to me	36%	35%	39%
Don't know	8%	4%	6%

■ February 2017 ■ August 2016 ■ March 2016

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

Strongly agree
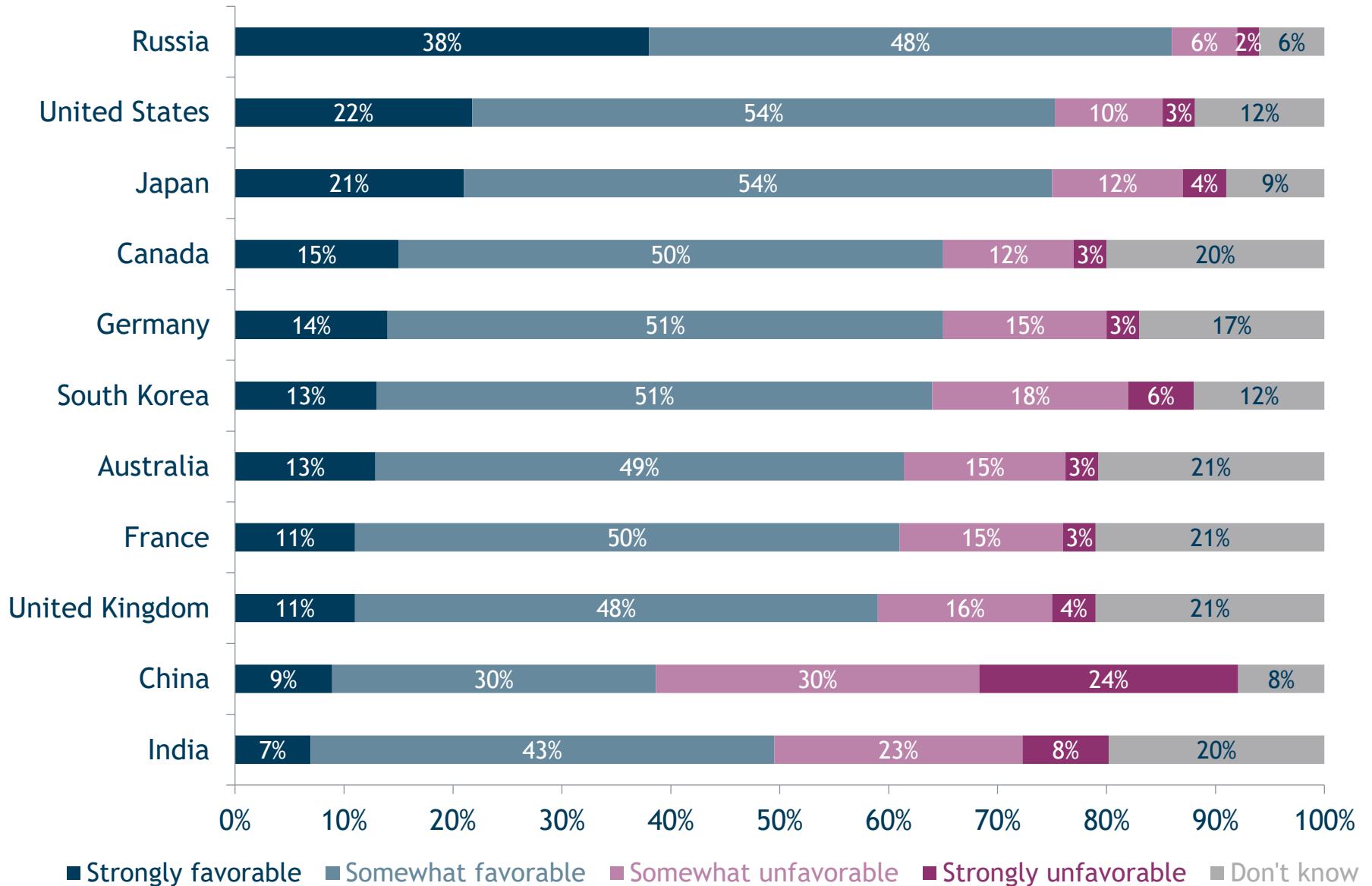- February 2017: 25%
- August 2016: 36%
- March 2016: 35%

Somewhat agree
- February 2017: 40%
- August 2016: 41%
- March 2016: 38%

Somewhat disagree
- February 2017: 18%
- August 2016: 14%
- March 2016: 14%

Strongly disagree
- February 2017: 6%
- August 2016: 4%
- March 2016: 5%

Don't know
- February 2017: 11%
- August 2016: 6%
- March 2016: 8%

■ February 2017   ■ August 2016   ■ March 2016

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following countries:

Country	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Don't know
Russia	38%	48%	6%	2%	6%
United States	22%	54%	10%	3%	12%
Japan	21%	54%	12%	4%	9%
Canada	15%	50%	12%	3%	20%
Germany	14%	51%	15%	3%	17%
South Korea	13%	51%	18%	6%	12%
Australia	13%	49%	15%	3%	21%
France	11%	50%	15%	3%	21%
United Kingdom	11%	48%	16%	4%	21%
China	9%	30%	30%	24%	8%
India	7%	43%	23%	8%	20%

■ Strongly favorable ■ Somewhat favorable ■ Somewhat unfavorable ■ Strongly unfavorable ■ Don't know

From which of the following countries would you most favor additional investment in Mongolia?

Country	Percentage
Russia	31%
United States	20%
Japan	13%
Canada	7%
Germany	4%
Australia	3%
China	3%
South Korea	3%
France	2%
United Kingdom	1%
India	1%
Don't know	11%
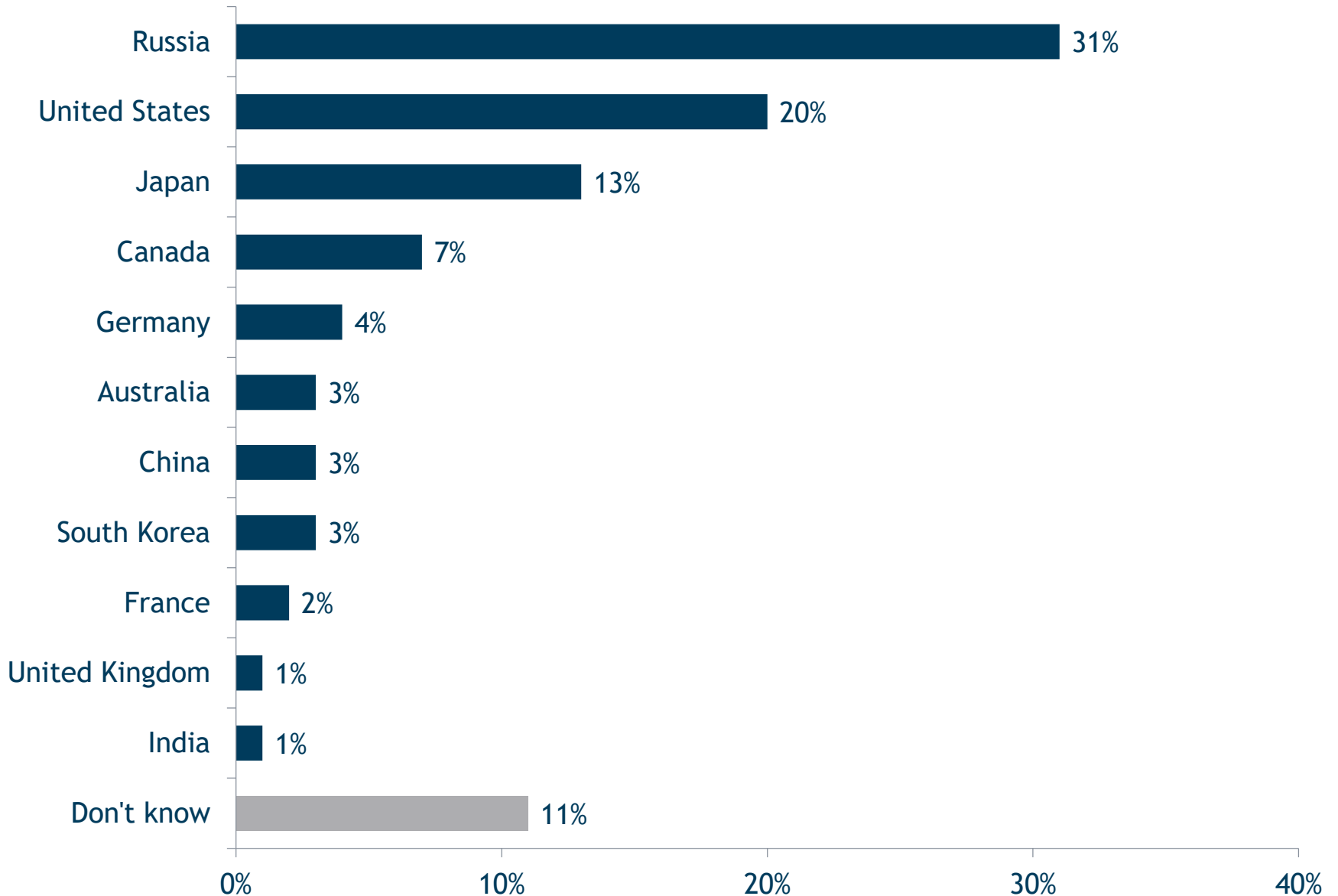
Which foreign country is Mongolia's most significant economic partner?
(open-ended)

Country	Percentage
China	38%
Russia	28%
Japan	7%
United States	3%
South Korea	2%
Canada	1%
Germany	1%
Australia	<1%
France	<1%
United Kingdom	<1%
India	<1%
Don't know	20%
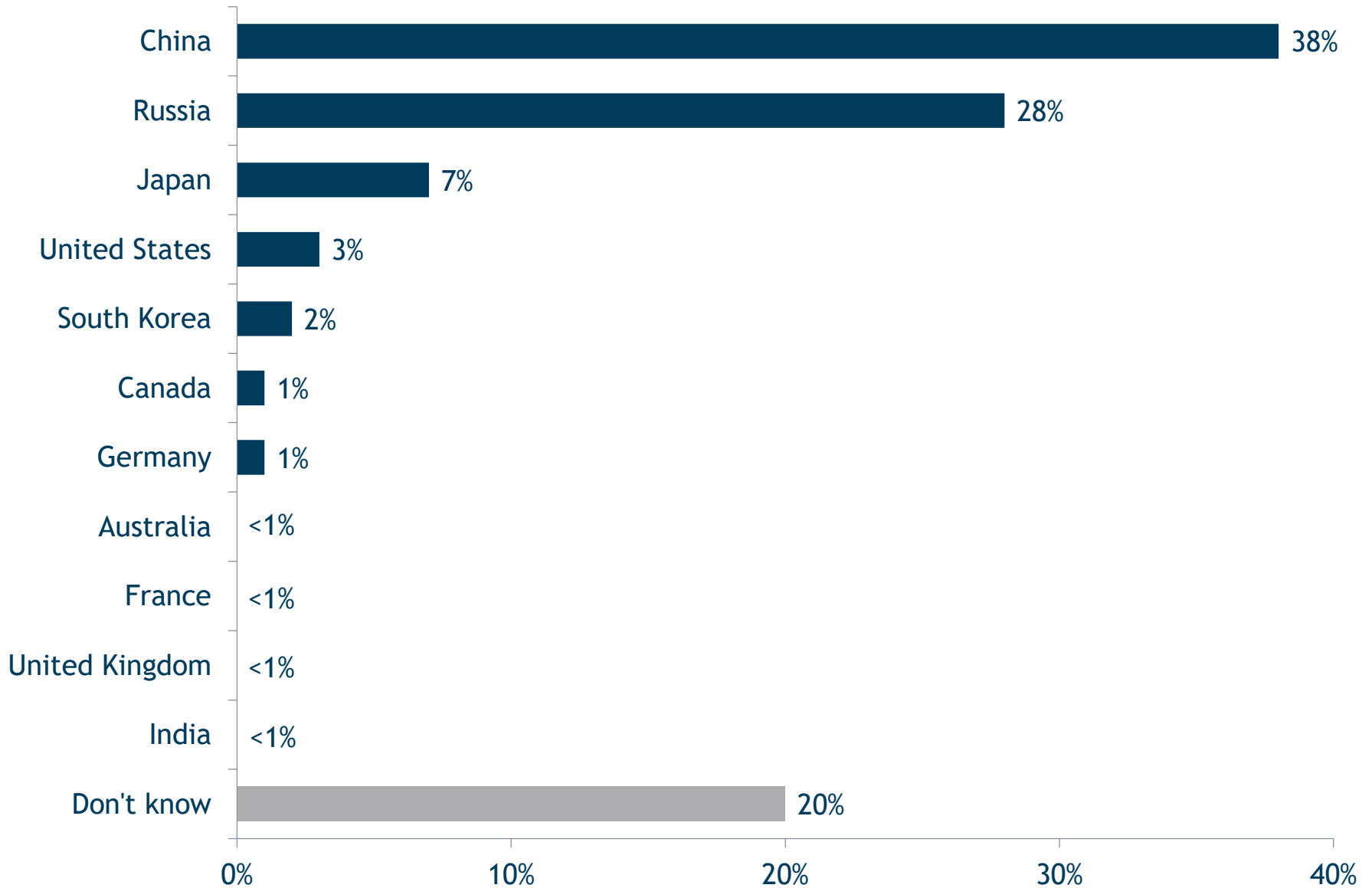
Which foreign country would you prefer to be Mongolia's most significant economic partner?
(open-ended)

Country	Percentage
Russia	38%
United States	14%
Japan	13%
China	5%
South Korea	3%
Canada	3%
Germany	2%
Australia	<1%
France	<1%
United Kingdom	<1%
India	<1%
Don't know	19%
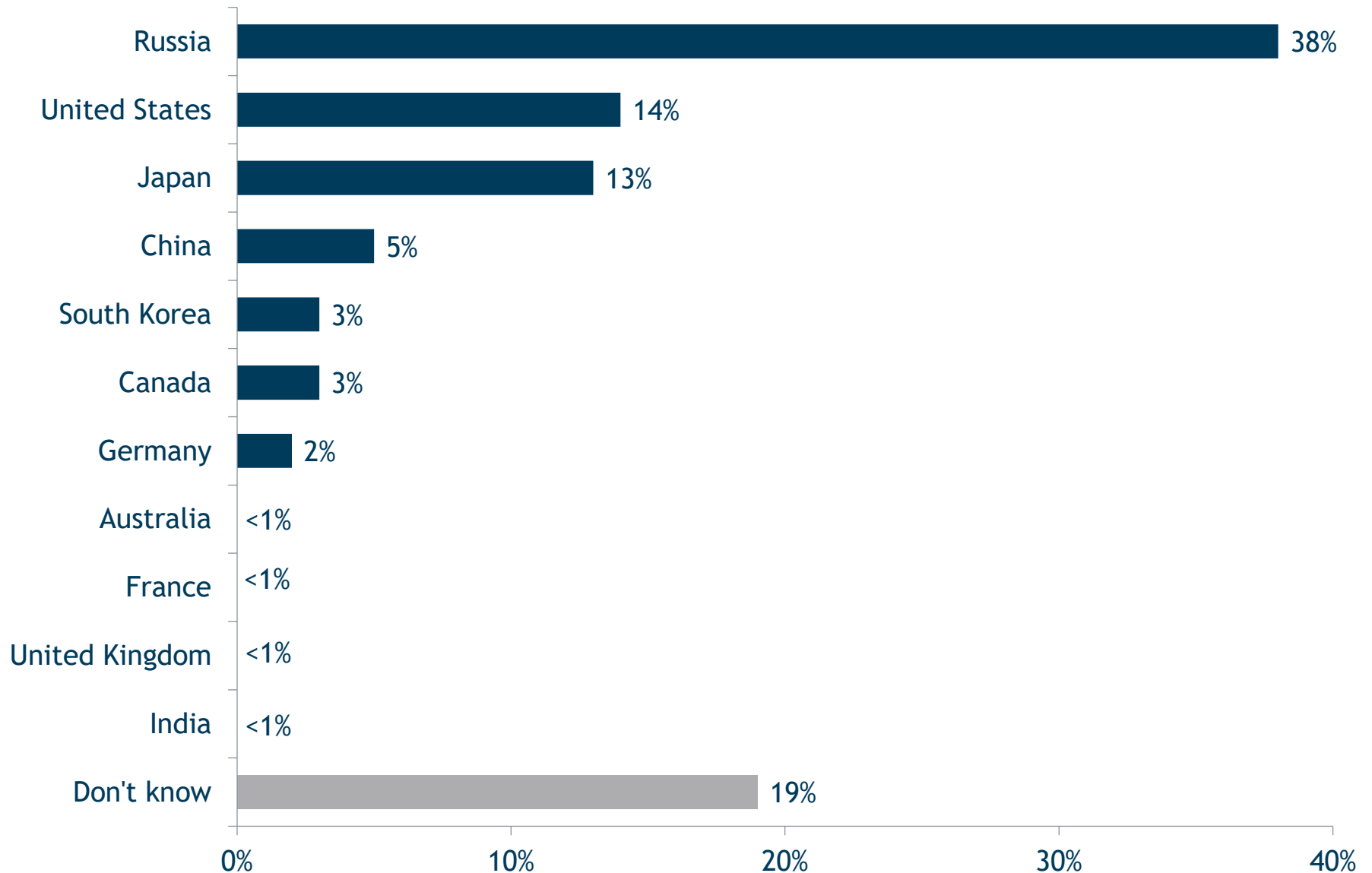
Media

From which type of media are you most likely to get your news?

	TV	Internet	Social media	Newspapers	Radio	Don't know
February 2017	65%	18%	10%	2%	2%	3%
August 2016	63%	17%	10%	4%	3%	3%
March 2016	77%	12%	6%	2%	1%	2%

■ February 2017 ■ August 2016 ■ March 2016
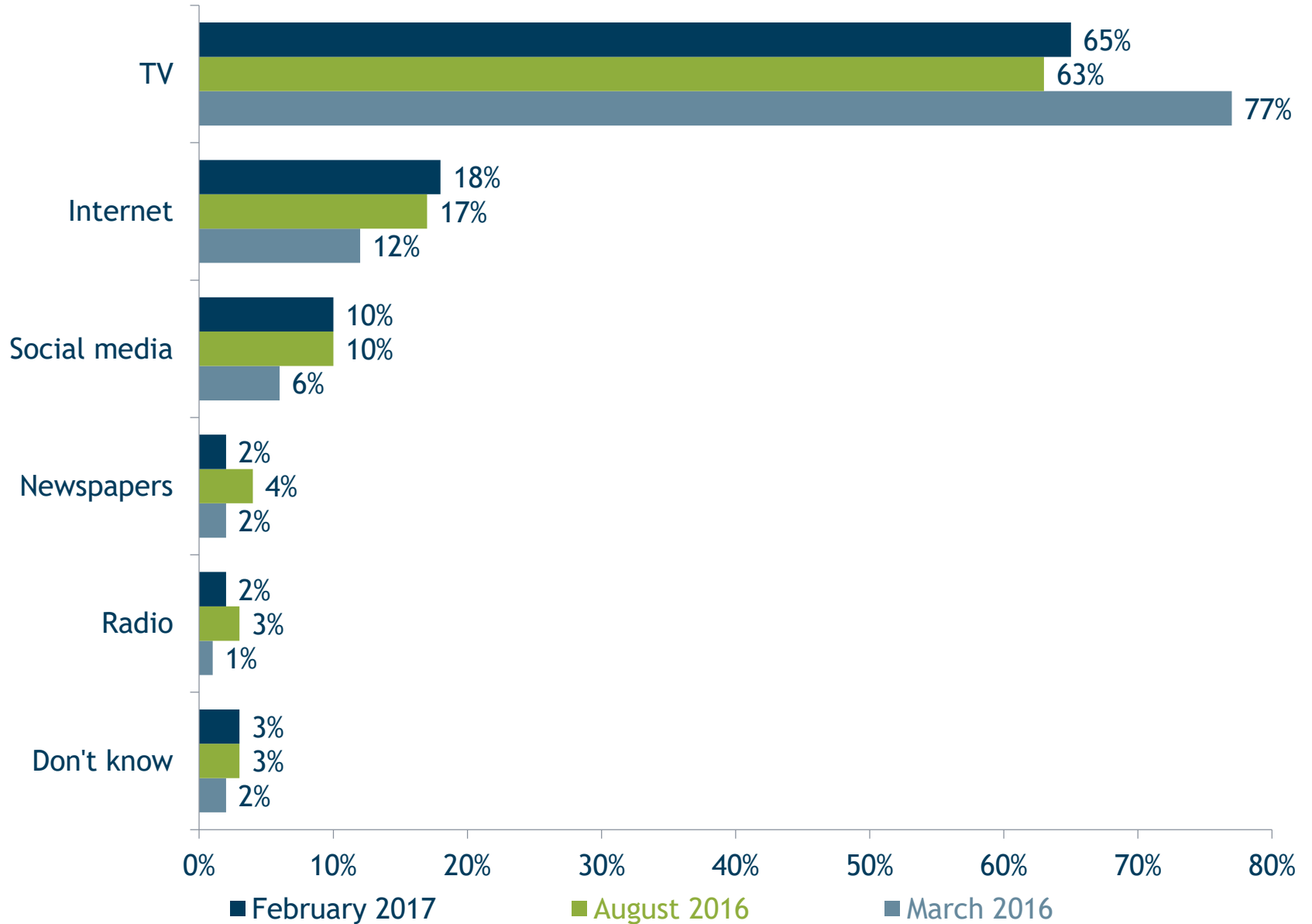
Do you believe the media is free, fair and unbiased?

- Yes: February 2017 — 42%, August 2016 — 46%
- No: February 2017 — 33%, August 2016 — 34%
- Don't know: February 2017 — 26%, August 2016 — 20%

■ February 2017 ■ August 2016
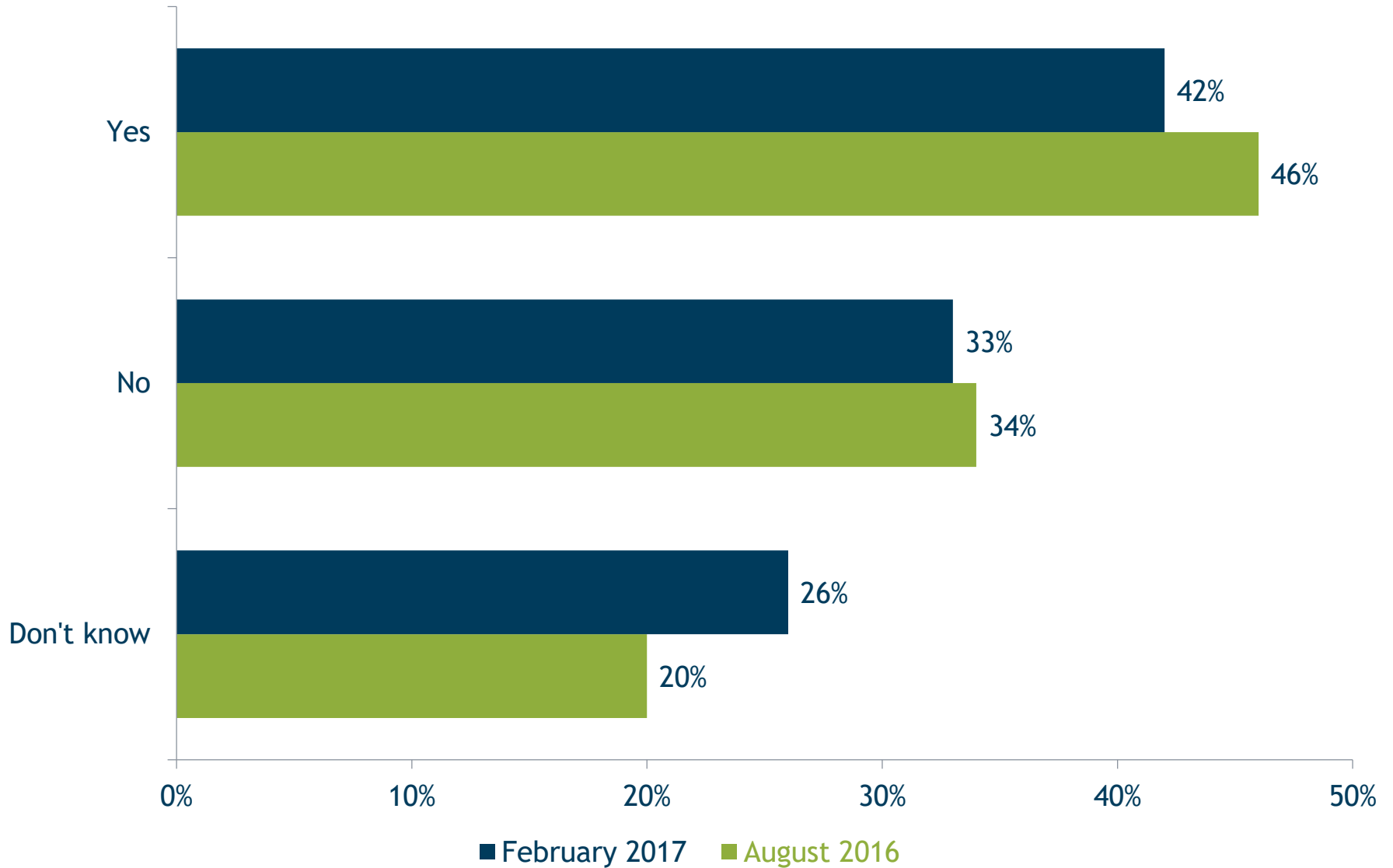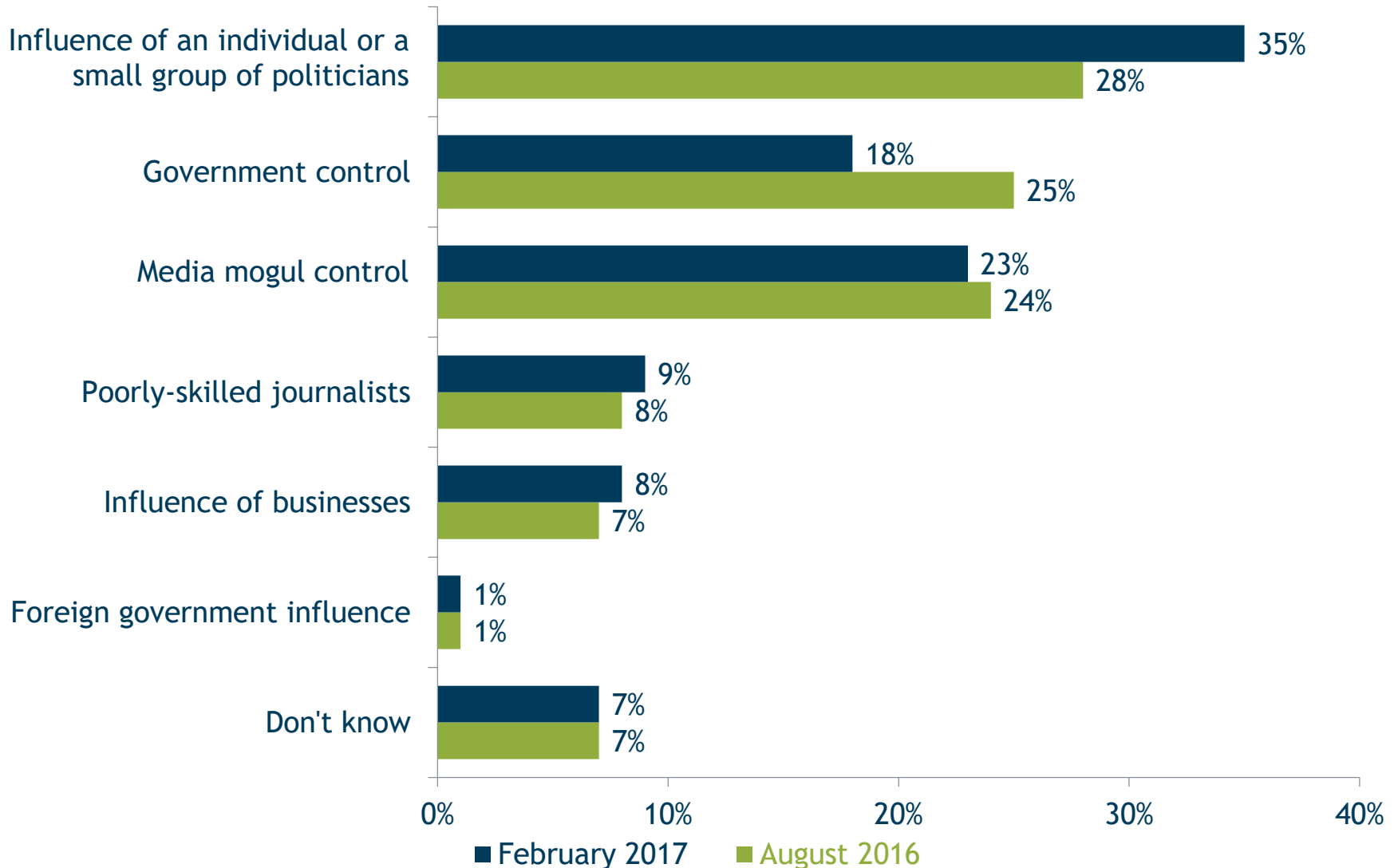
Do you expect the media to remain free, fair and unbiased under the new government over the next year?

(Respondents who agree: February 2017 n=2,073; August 2016 n=2,276)

Yes
- February 2017: 56%
- August 2016: 65%

No
- February 2017: 32%
- August 2016: 24%

Don't know
- February 2017: 12%
- August 2016: 12%
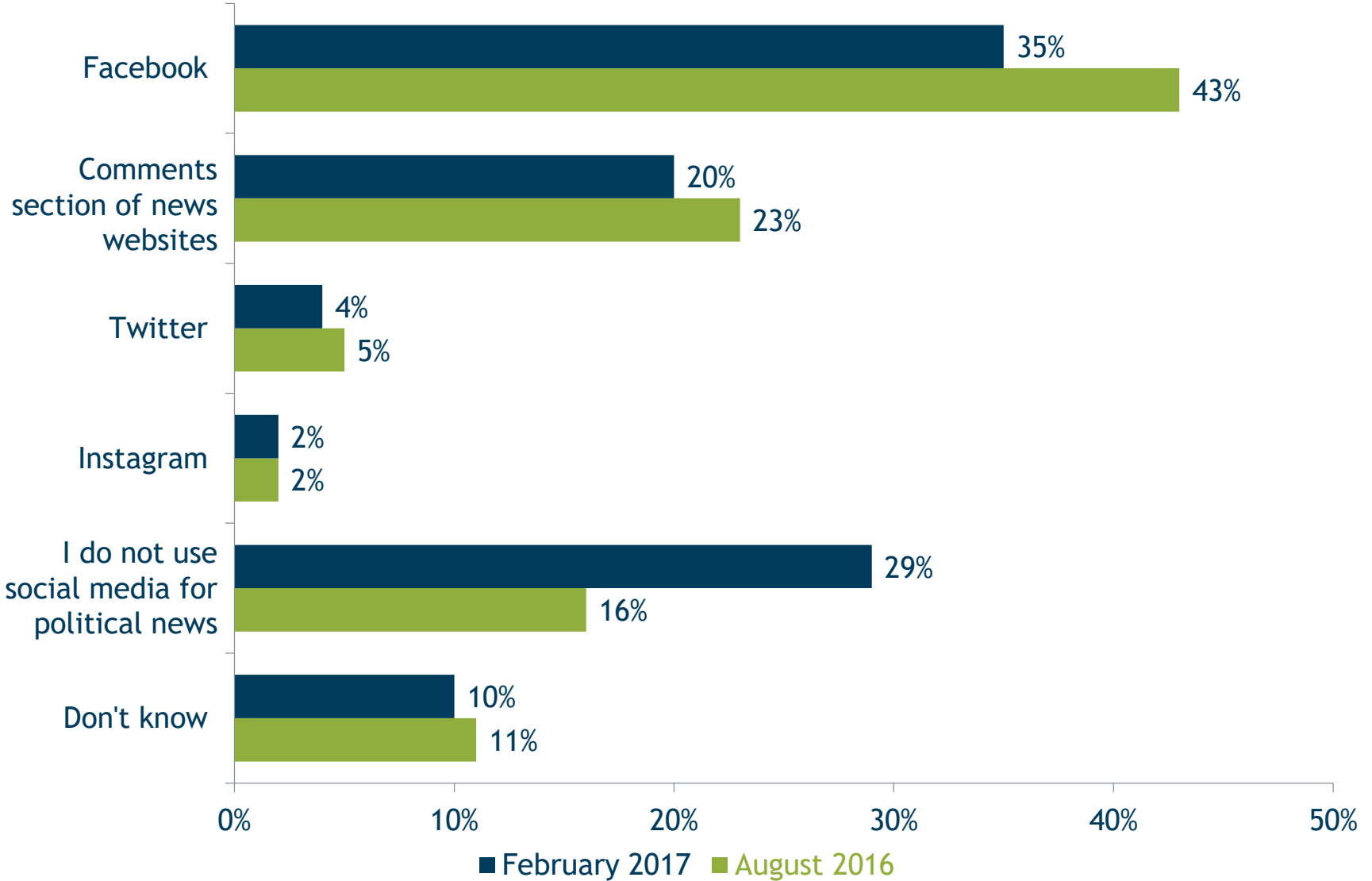
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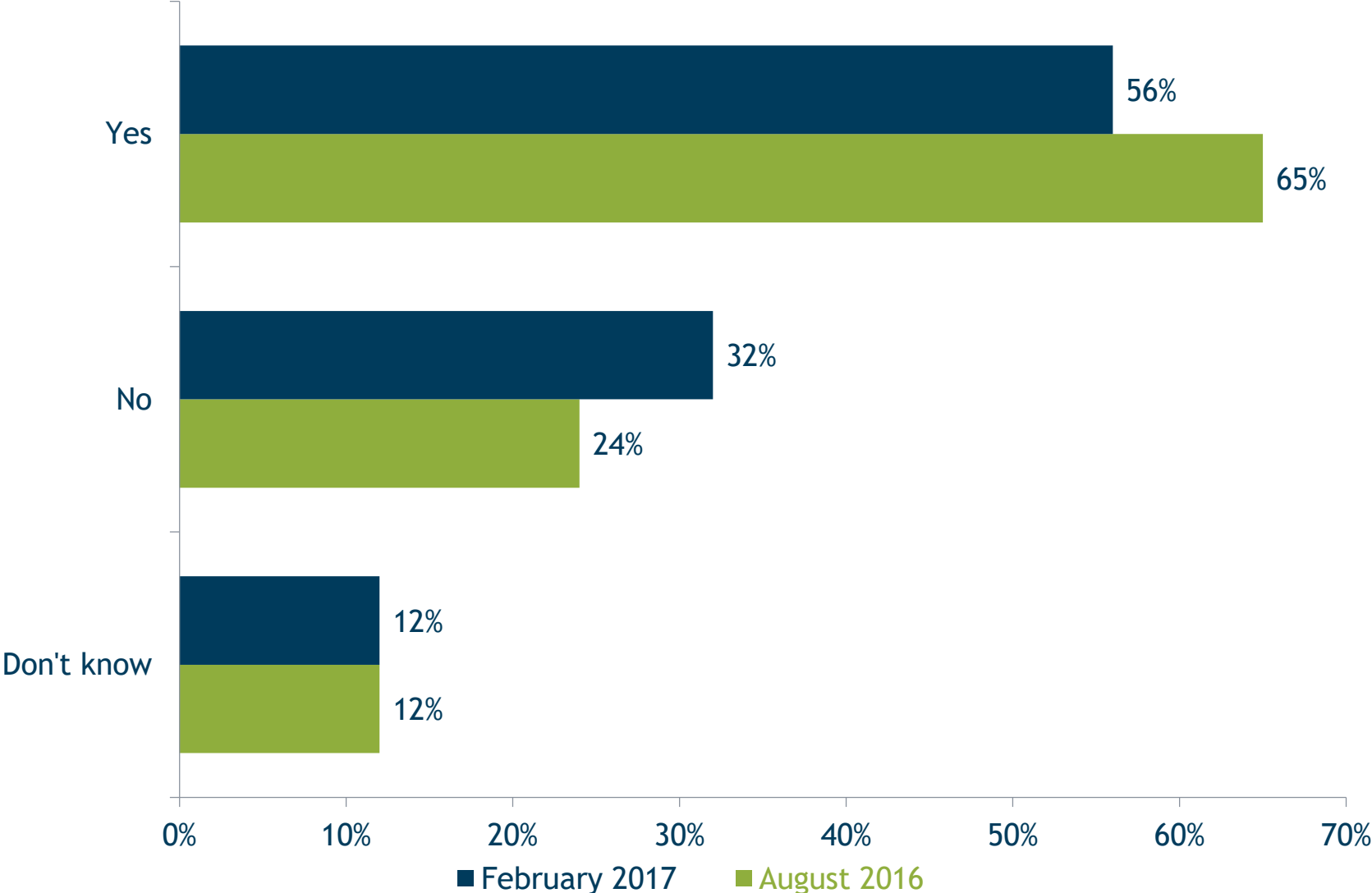
What is the primary reason you believe the media is not or will no longer be free, fair or unbiased?

(Respondents who disagree: February 2017 n=2,308; August 2016 n=2,258)
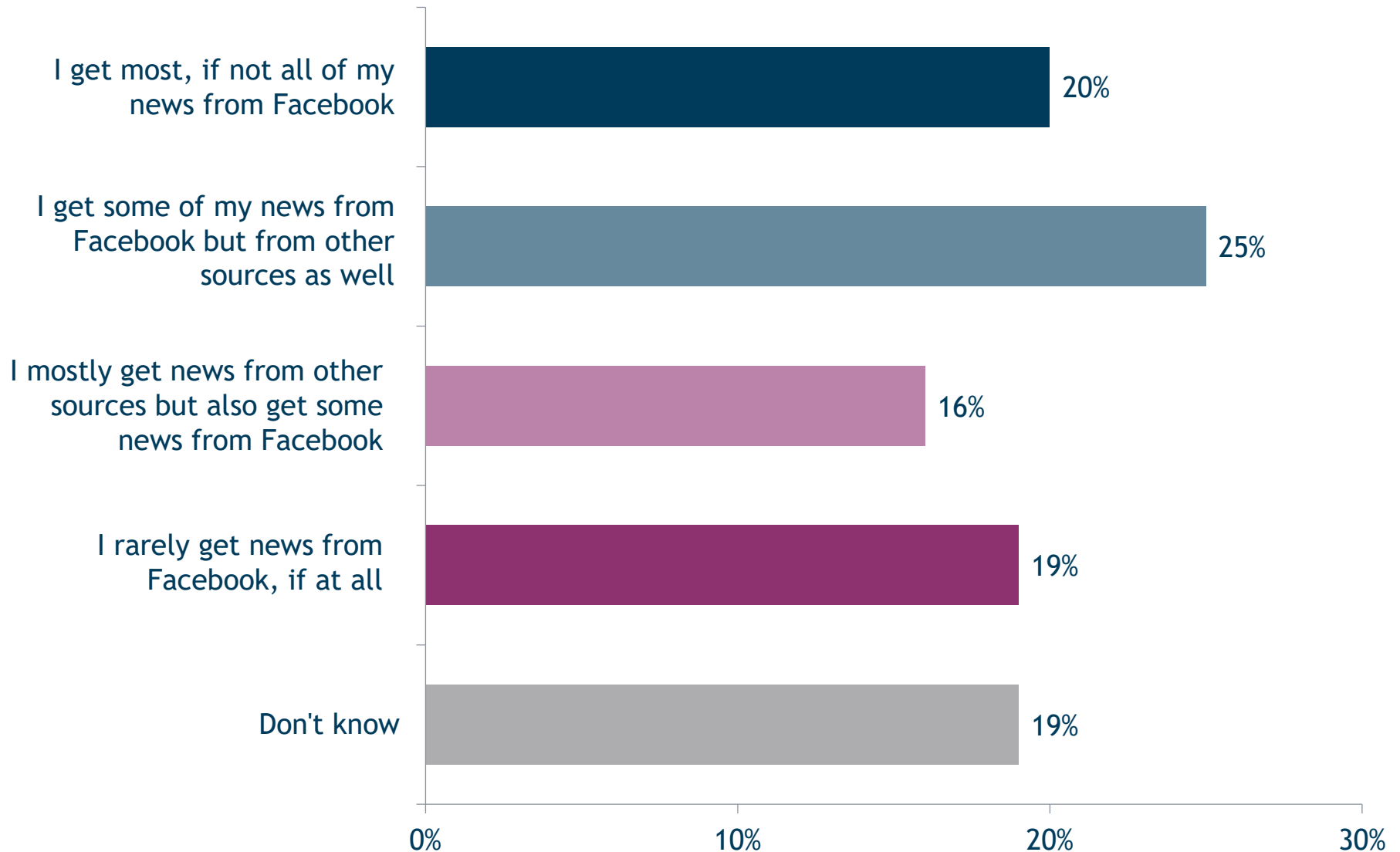
Reason	February 2017	August 2016
Influence of an individual or a small group of politicians	35%	28%
Government control	18%	25%
Media mogul control	23%	24%
Poorly-skilled journalists	9%	8%
Influence of businesses	8%	7%
Foreign government influence	1%	1%
Don't know	7%	7%

■ February 2017   ■ August 2016

Which social media platform* do you rely on most for political news?

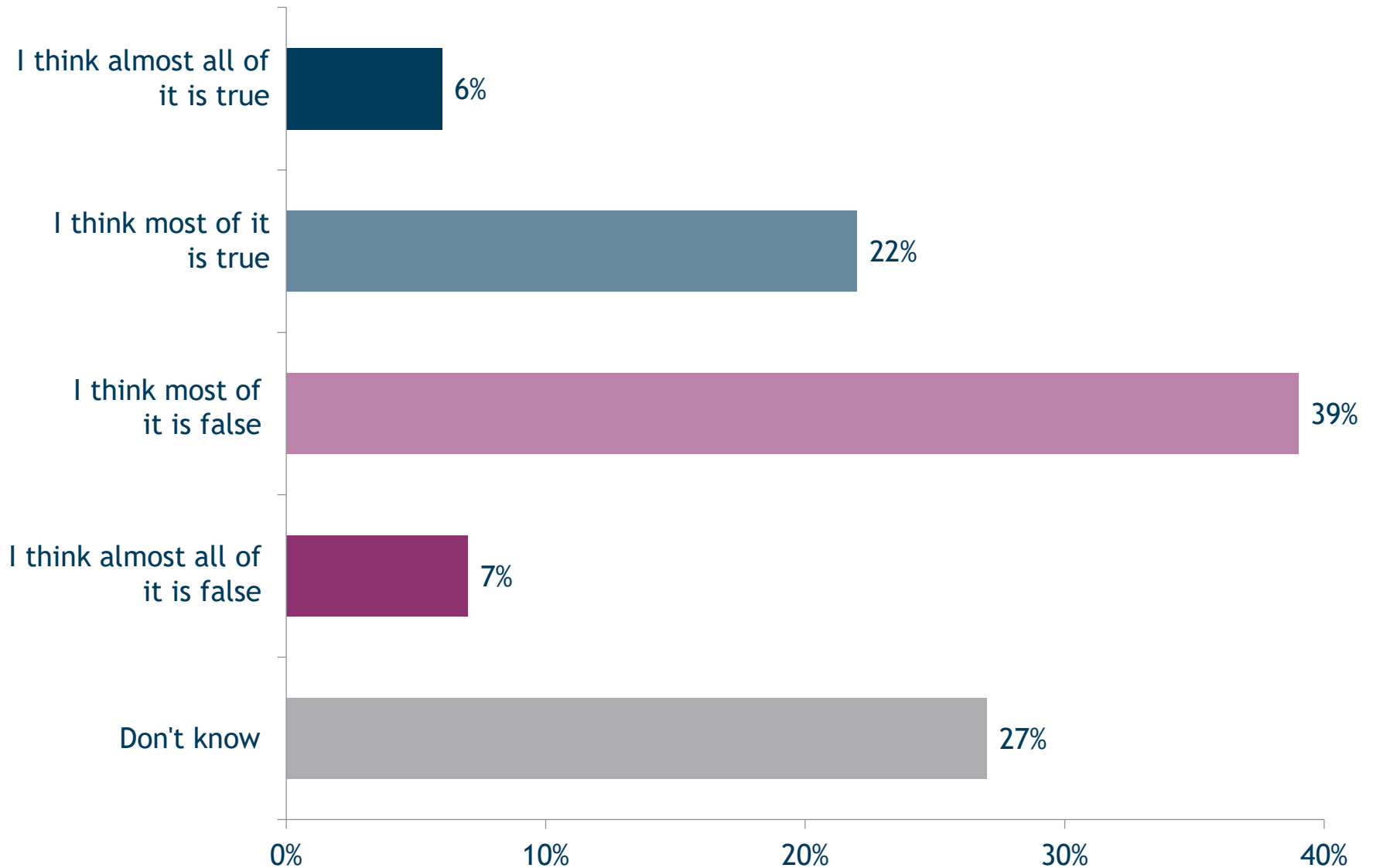| Platform	February 2017	August 2016
Facebook	35%	43%
Comments section of news websites	20%	23%
Twitter	4%	5%
Instagram	2%	2%
I do not use social media for political news	29%	16%
Don't know	10%	11%

■ February 2017 ■ August 2016

*The Communications Regulatory Commission of Mongolia estimated that there are 2,430,159 "internet subscribers" (inclusive of 3G/wifi/cabled internet) in 2015, approximately 79 percent of the total population.

To what extent do you rely on Facebook* for your news?

- I get most, if not all of my news from Facebook — 20%
- I get some of my news from Facebook but from other sources as well — 25%
- I mostly get news from other sources but also get some news from Facebook — 16%
- I rarely get news from Facebook, if at all — 19%
- Don't know — 19%

*According to the September 2016 data from Statista, the number of Facebook users in Mongolia comprise 47 percent of the population, approximately 1.4 million people.

To what extent do you think the content you see on Facebook is true?

Response	Percentage
I think almost all of it is true	6%
I think most of it is true	22%
I think most of it is false	39%
I think almost all of it is false	7%
Don't know	27%

Demographics

Gender
Female	51%
Male	49%

Age
18-30	33%
31-40	28%
41-50	19%
51-60	13%
61+	7%

Monthly income*
0-300,000 MNT	14%
300,001-500,000 MNT	22%
500,001-700,000 MNT	17%
700,001-900,000 MNT	14%
900,001-1,100,000 MNT	9%
1,100,001-1,600,000 MNT	9%
1,600,001-2,100,000 MNT	3%
2,100,001+ MNT	2%
Don't know	9%

Location
Urban	53%
Aimag center	36%
Soum/rural area	11%

Political party affiliation
Unaffiliated	63%
Democratic Party	13%
Mongolian People's Party	17%
Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party	3%
Civil Will-Green Party	<1%
Mongolian National Democratic Party	1%
National Labor Party	<1%
Don't know	2%

Education
No formal schooling	1%
Primary	2%
Partial secondary	11%
Secondary	33%
Vocational	14%
College/University	38%

Employment status
Full-time worker	31%
Self-employed	25%
Unemployed	9%
Contract worker	9%
Retired	12%
Student	9%
Disabled	1%
Take care of children	4%

Marital status
Married	69%
Single	21%
Widowed	4%
Divorced	2%
Partnered	2%

Religion
Buddhism	47%
Not religious	28%
Shamanism	10%
Islam	5%
Christianity	5%
Other/Refused to answer	5%

*MNT = Mongolian national *tugrik,* the official currency of Mongolia.

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