



Public Opinion Survey in Poland

May 17-31, 2017



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Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the Center for Insights in Survey Research by GfK Polonia, a global market research company.
- The survey was conducted between May 17 and May 31, 2017 through face-to-face interviews.
- Sample size: Total population (n=1,000).
- Margin of error: Plus or minus 3 percent with 95 percent confidence level. The method of nationally representative quota sampling was used for this research.
- The distribution of demographic features used for the sample design is derived from the Central Statistical Office of Poland.
- The sample was designed according to a four-stage process.

Stage One: A primary sampling unit was selected and stratified according to macro-region and town size; 55 stratas were obtained.

Stage Two: 170 communities were formed based on a rural/urban split.

Stage Three: The number of respondents for each region was identified in proportion to the size of the population aged 18 years and older.

Stage Four: A secondary sampling unit was selected and assigned starting points (streets in the case of urban communities and localities in the case of rural communities). These starting points were randomly selected for each community that was formed in the second stage. The potential respondents were recruited to the starting points by quota method (gender, age, education level). Quotas reflect the structure of the population.

Detailed Methodology Continued

- Data was weighted according to the primary socio-demographic features: gender; age (18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-70, 70+); region (9 regions); town size (village up to 20.000 inhabitants, 20.000-50.000, 50.000-100.000, 100.000-200.000, 200.000-500.000, more than 500.000 inhabitants); and urban/rural. Representative distribution in aggregate form was ensured in those cross demographic criteria (e.g. gender x age, gender x region, age x region, age x household size, gender x household size, region x size of residence, region x household size, gender x education). In addition to marginal distributions of demographic features listed above, joint distributions were also used (i.e. region versus town size, gender versus region, gender versus age versus urban/rural).
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding error.

Glossary of Polish Political Parties

- PO—The Civic Platform (Platforma Obywatelska)
- PiS—Law and Justice (Prawo i Sprawiedliwość)
- PSL—The Polish People's Party (Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe)
- SLD—Democratic Left Alliance (Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej)
- .N—Modern (Nowoczesna)
- Together Party (Partia Razem)
- K'15—Kukiz'15

Regions of Poland



- 1 CENTRAL-Masovia
- 2 NORTH-EAST-Podlasie Province, Warmia-Masuria
- 3 NORTH-Pomerania, West-Pomerania
- 4 SOUTH-EAST-Lesser Poland, Subcarpathia, Holy Cross Province
- 5 SOUTH-Opole Province, Silesia
- 6 MIDDLE-EAST-Lublin Province
- 7 MIDDLE-Lodz Province
- 8 SOUTH-WEST-Lubus, Lower Silesia
- 9 WEST-Greater Poland, Kuyavia Pomerania

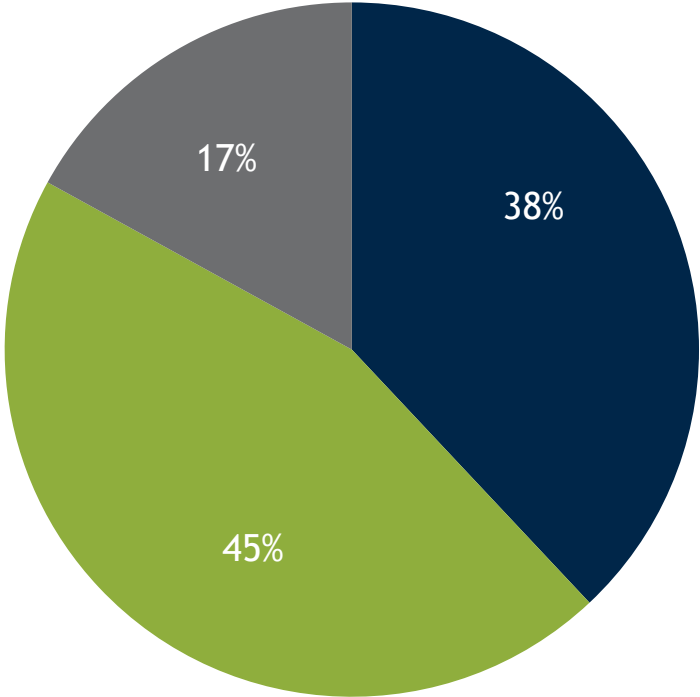


General Perceptions of the State of the Country



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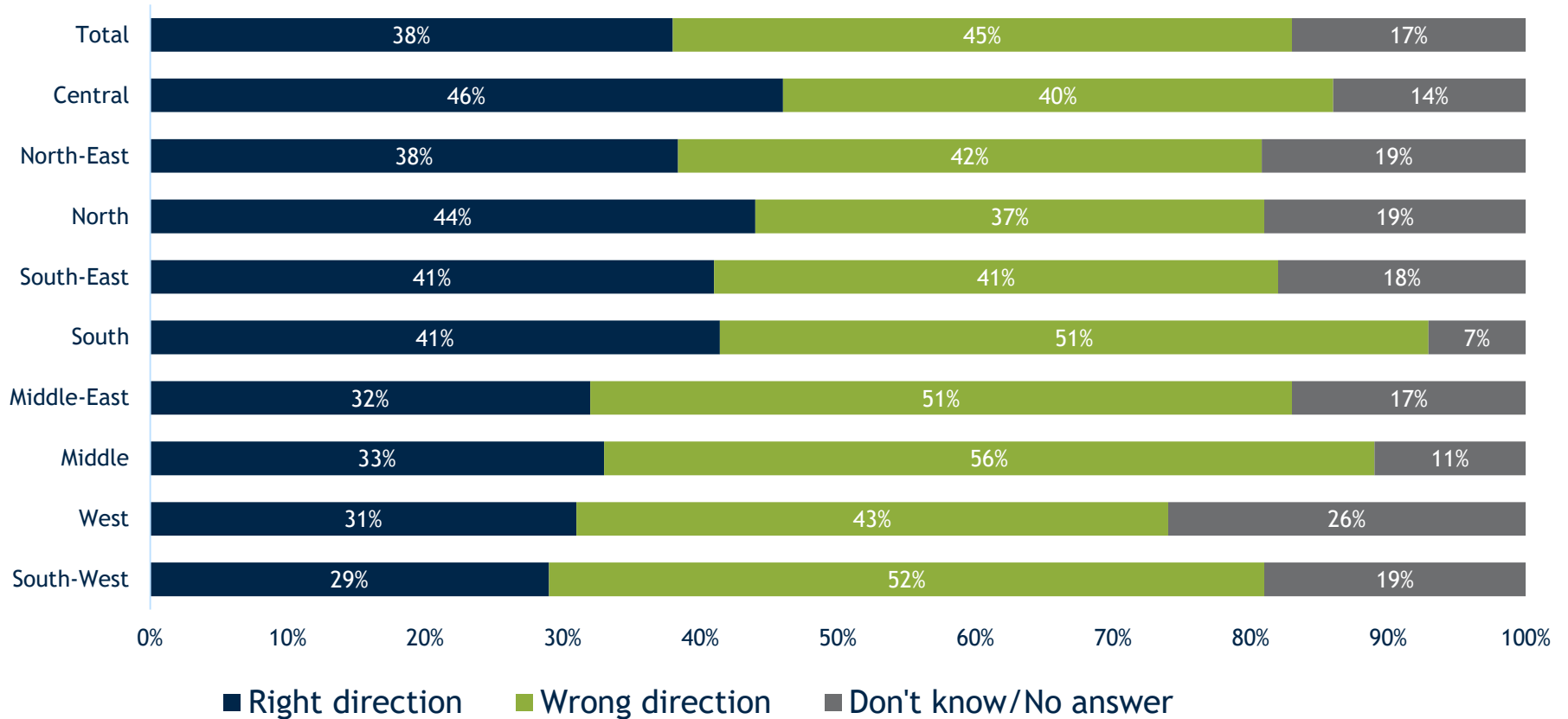


■ Right direction

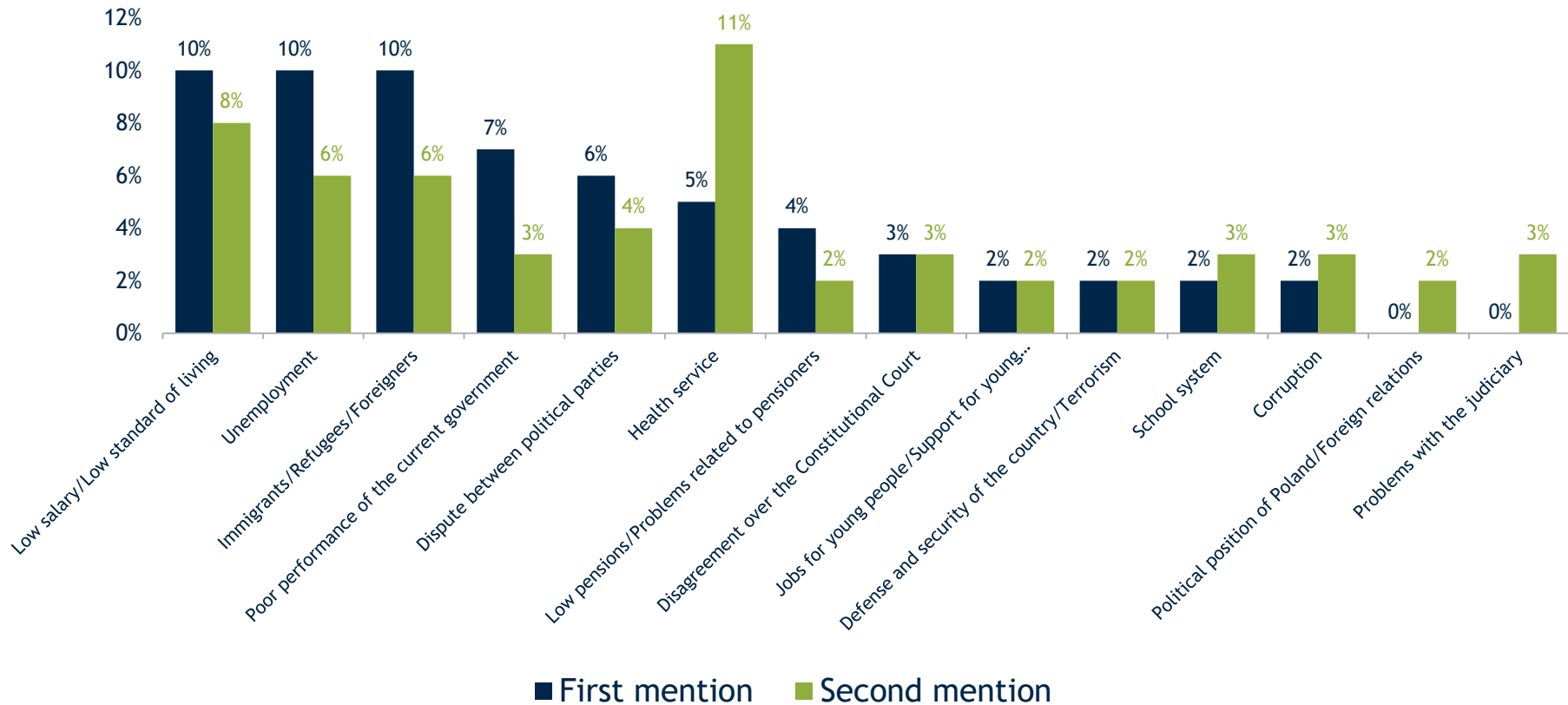
■ Wrong direction

■ Don't know/No answer

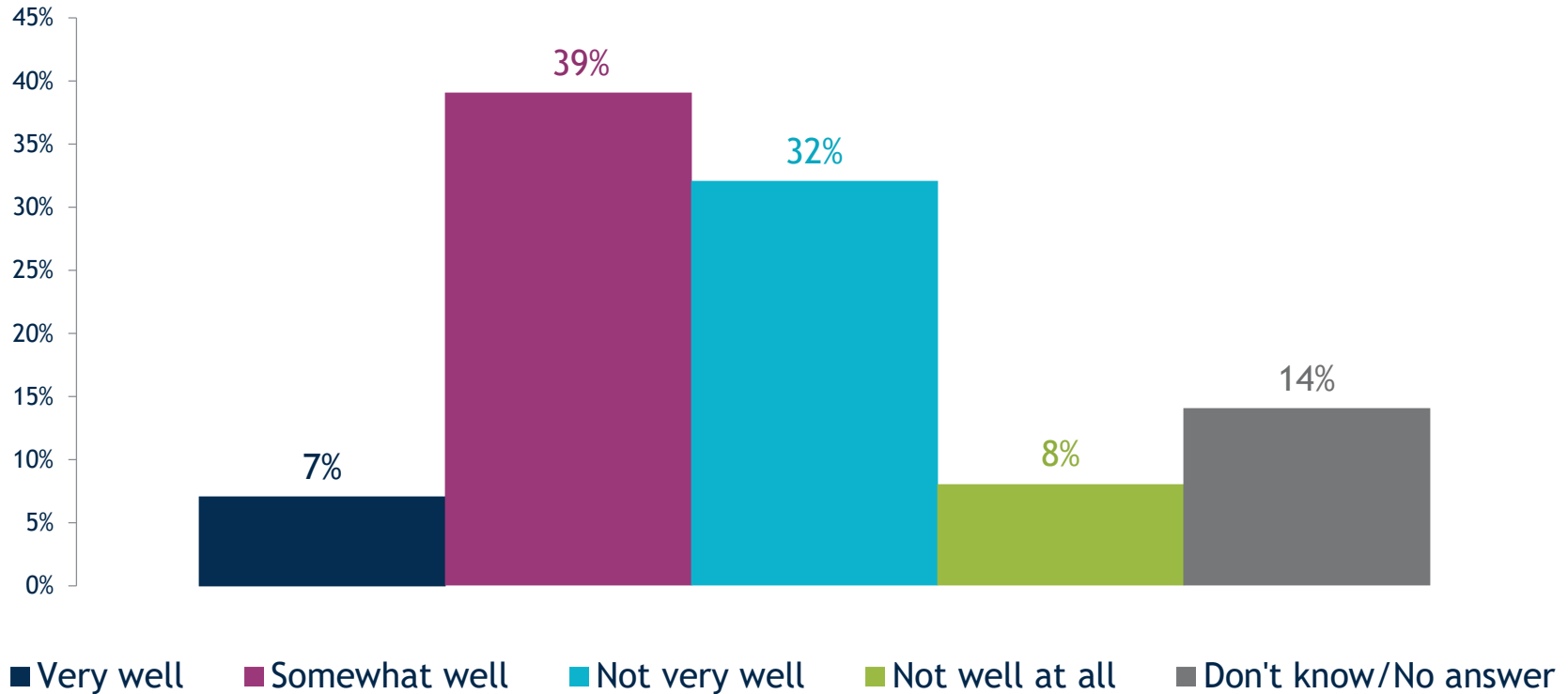
Overall, would you say that Poland is headed in the right or wrong direction? (Disaggregated by region)



What are the first and second most urgent problems facing Poland today? (open-ended question)

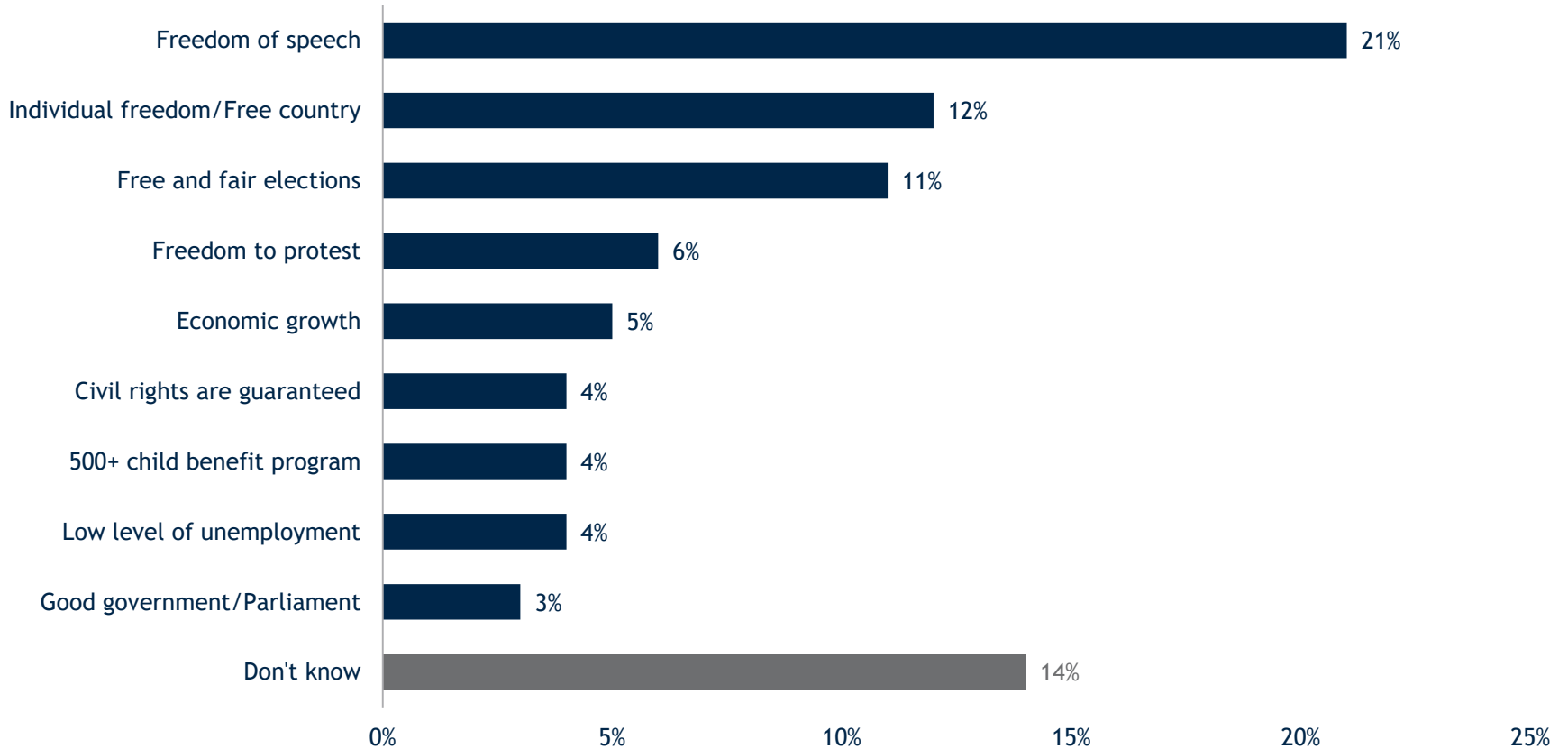


Would you say that democracy is functioning well in Poland?



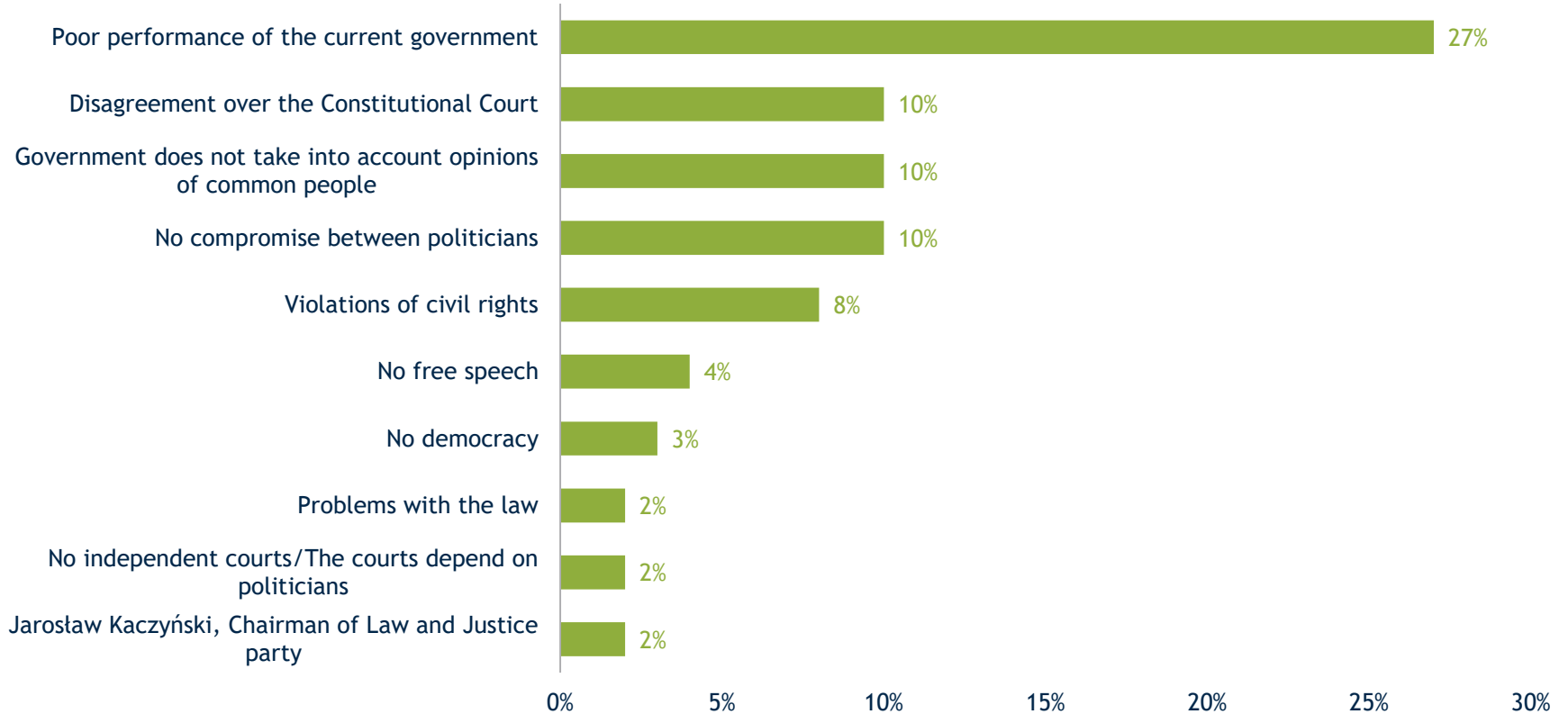
What is the most important reason why democracy is functioning well in Poland?

(Open-ended question; respondents who replied very or somewhat well: n=458)

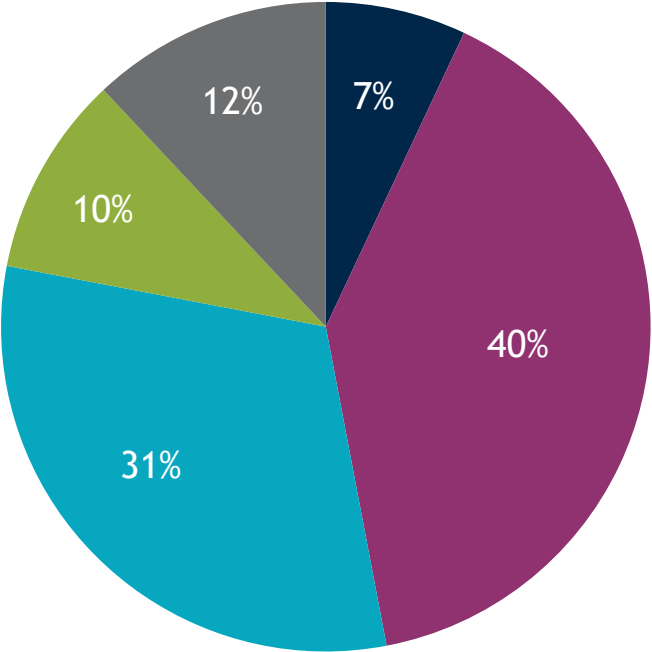


What is the most important reason why democracy is not functioning well in Poland?

(Open-ended question; respondents who replied not very well or not well at all: n=398)

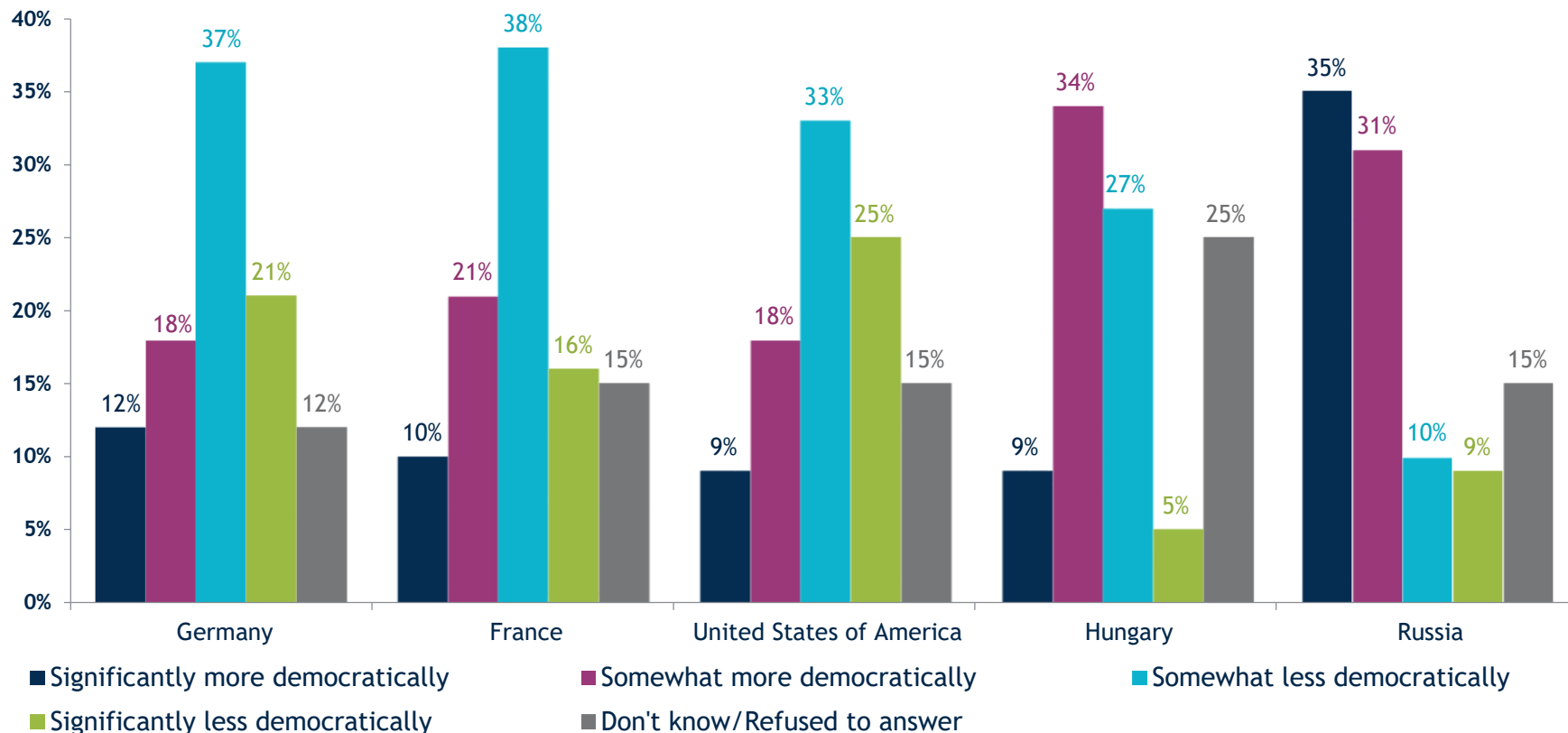


Thinking about its evolution over the past year, how would you rate the direction of democracy in Poland today?



■ Very positive ■ Somewhat positive ■ Somewhat negative ■ Very negative ■ Don't know/No answer

In general, would you say that Poland is functioning more or less democratically than each of the following countries:



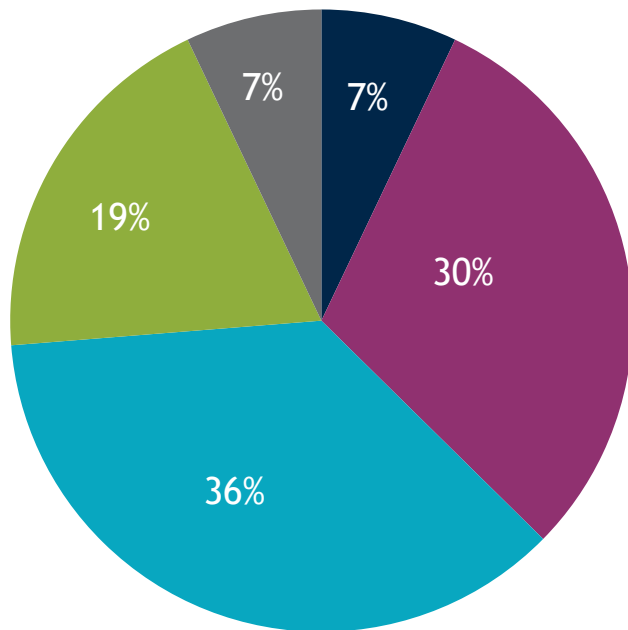


Views of Democracy



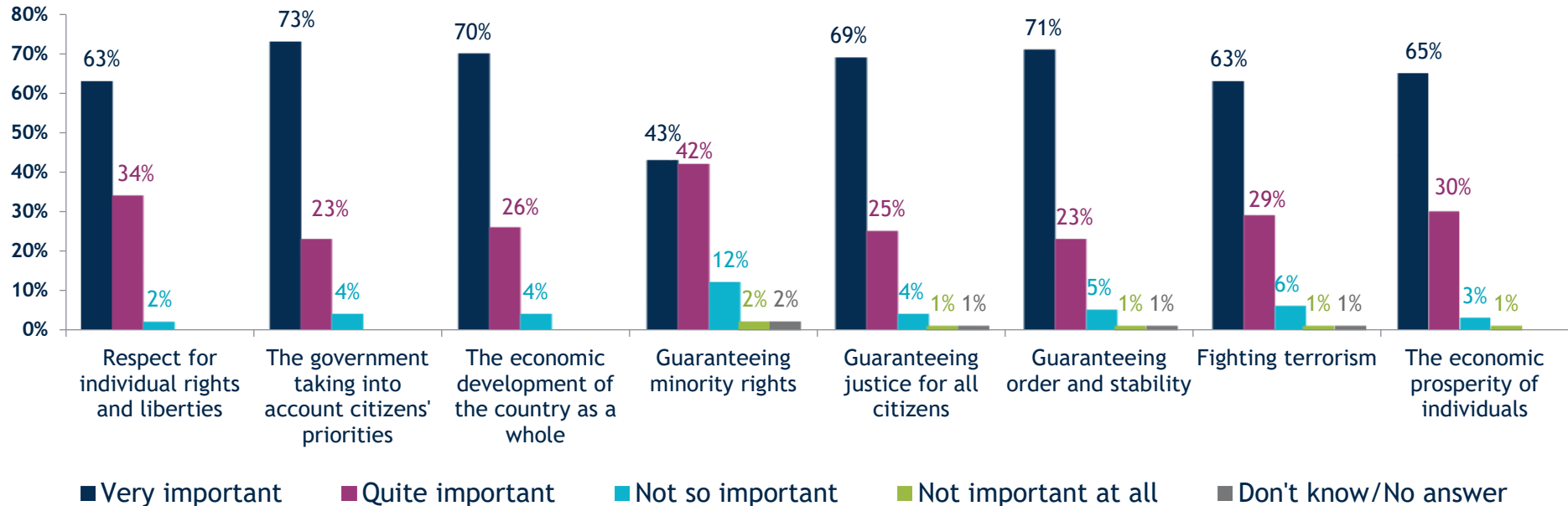
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If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?

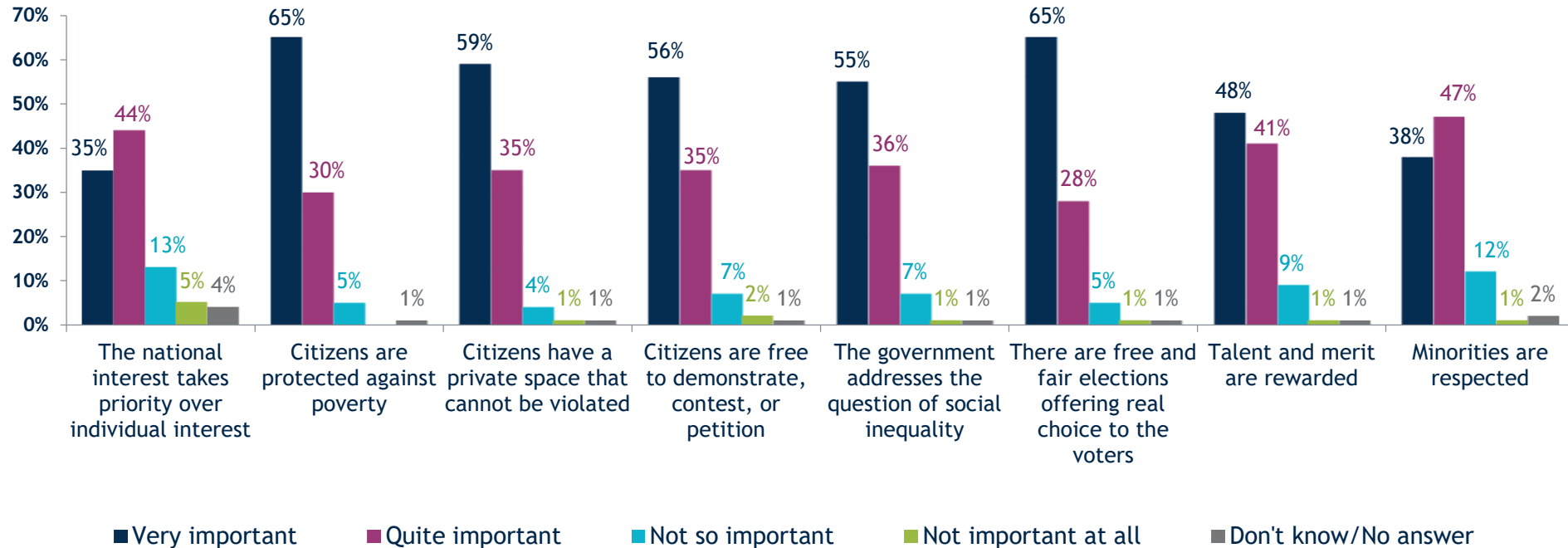


- Democracy is definitely more important to me
- Democracy is somewhat more important to me
- Prosperity is somewhat more important to me
- Prosperity is definitely more important to me
- Don't know/No answer

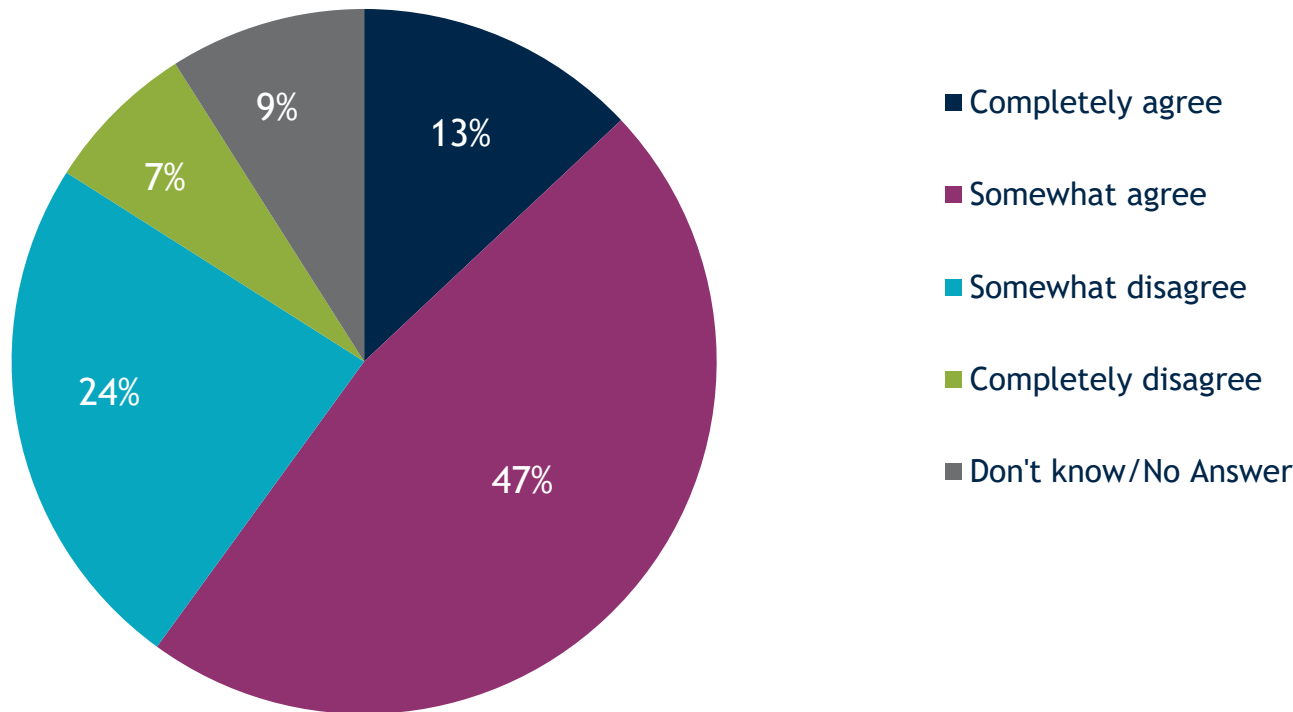
How important are each of the following elements in ensuring Poland's democracy?



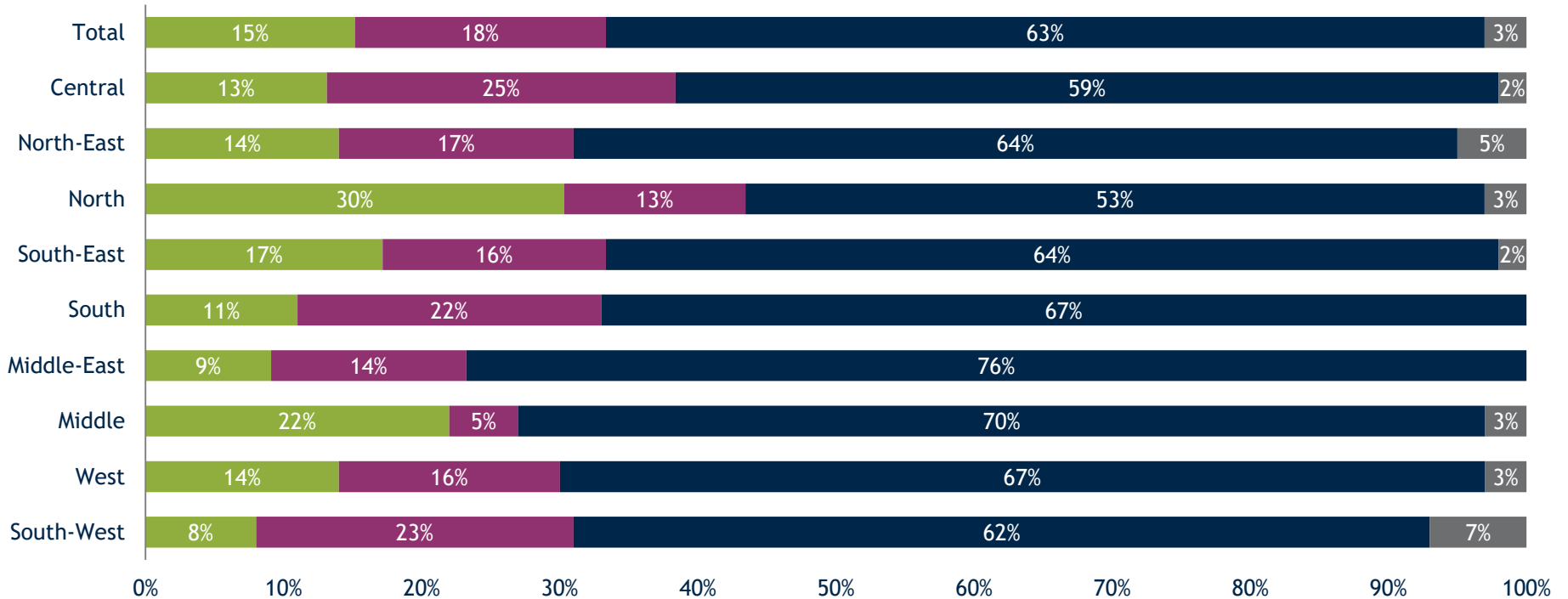
How important are each of the following elements in making any country a democracy?



The rule of law in a democracy can be understood as “a state where all people and institutions are accountable to the law and the Constitution, and the Constitution and the law are equally applied to all.” How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
“The rule of law exists in Poland.”

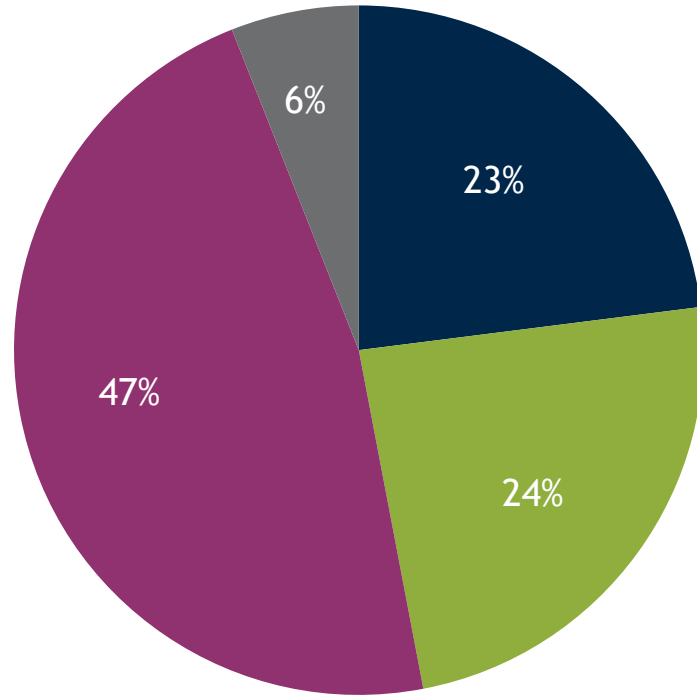


Opinion on citizen vs. state rights and responsibilities: Which one of the following statements is closest to your opinion?



- In a democracy, citizens should have more rights than responsibilities before the state
- In a democracy, citizens should have more responsibilities than rights before the state
- In a democracy, there should be a balance between rights and responsibilities of the citizens before the state
- Don't know/No answer

Which measure do you think would be most relevant to make democracy function better in Poland?



- There should be more direct consultation with the people in setting policy (e.g. through referenda)
- There should be more freedom for the party in government to put in place the programs on the basis of which it was elected
- Decisions should be made in a more consensual manner in parliament, with the opposition and government working together to settle their differences
- Don't know/No answer

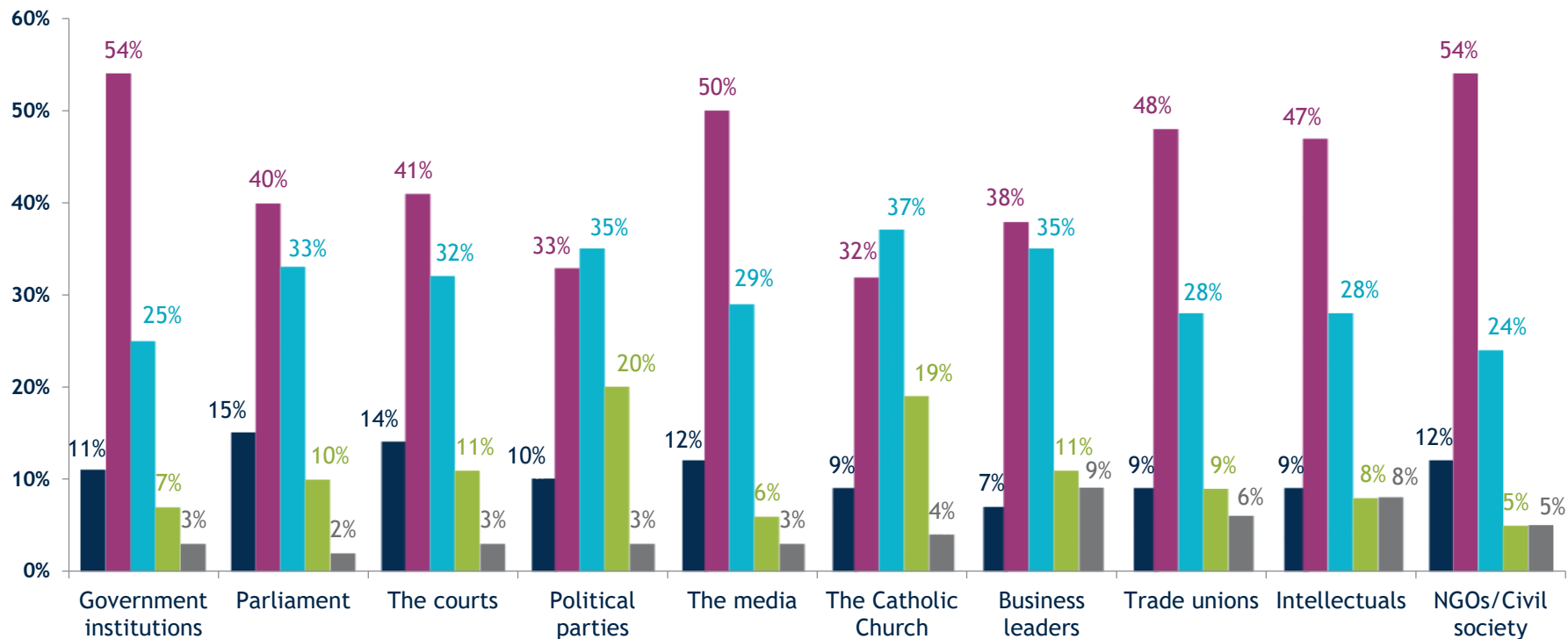


Perceptions of Institutions



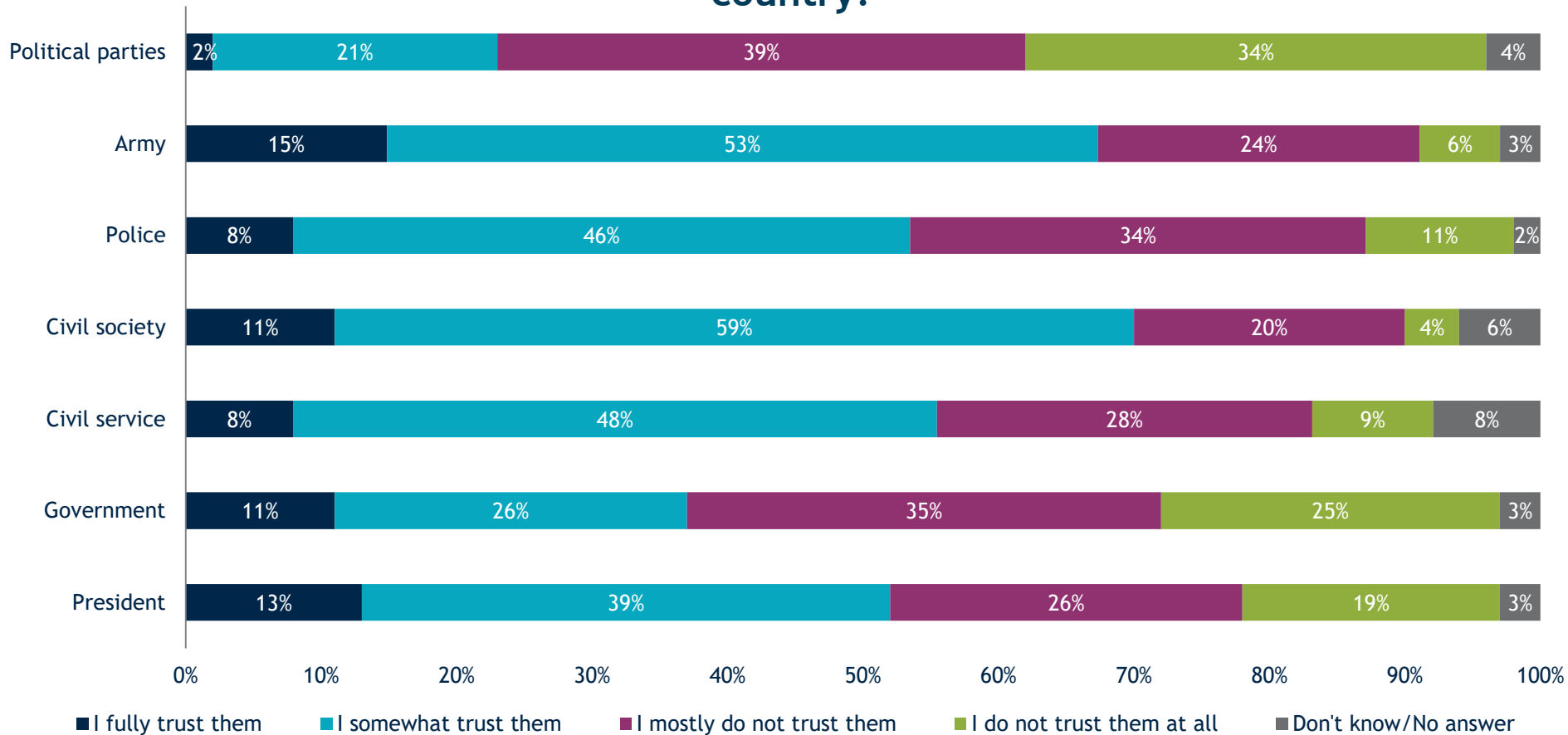
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To what degree do each of the following institutions, through their work and activities, contribute to solving problems in Poland?



■ They contribute completely
 ■ They contribute somewhat
 ■ They do not contribute much
 ■ They do not contribute at all
 ■ Don't know/No answer

On a scale of 1-4 (1=fully trust; 4=do not trust at all), to what extent do you trust the following institutions to uphold democratic standards in your country?



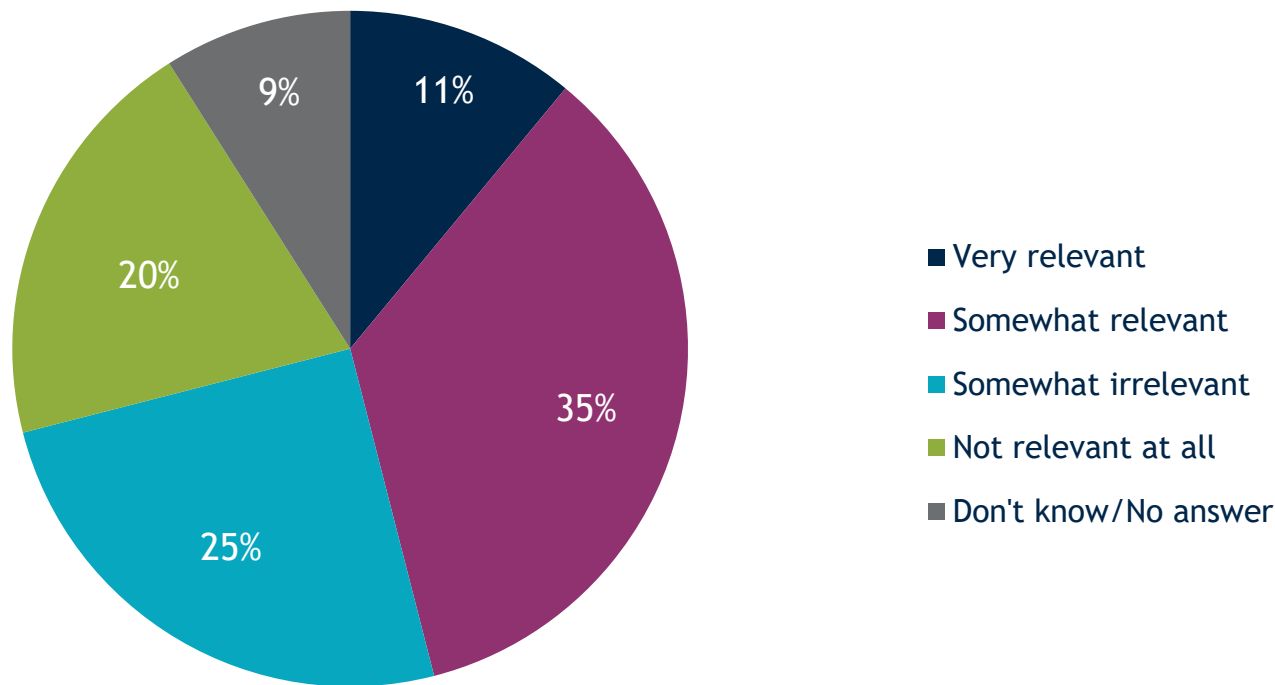


Issues of Polish Identity

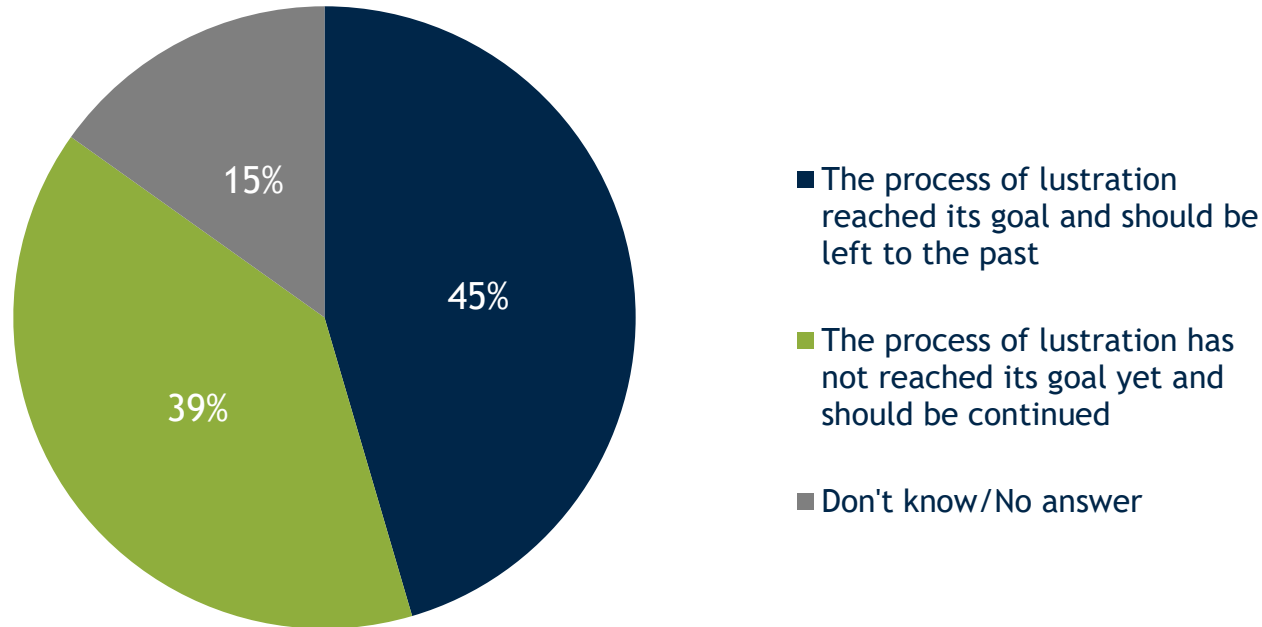


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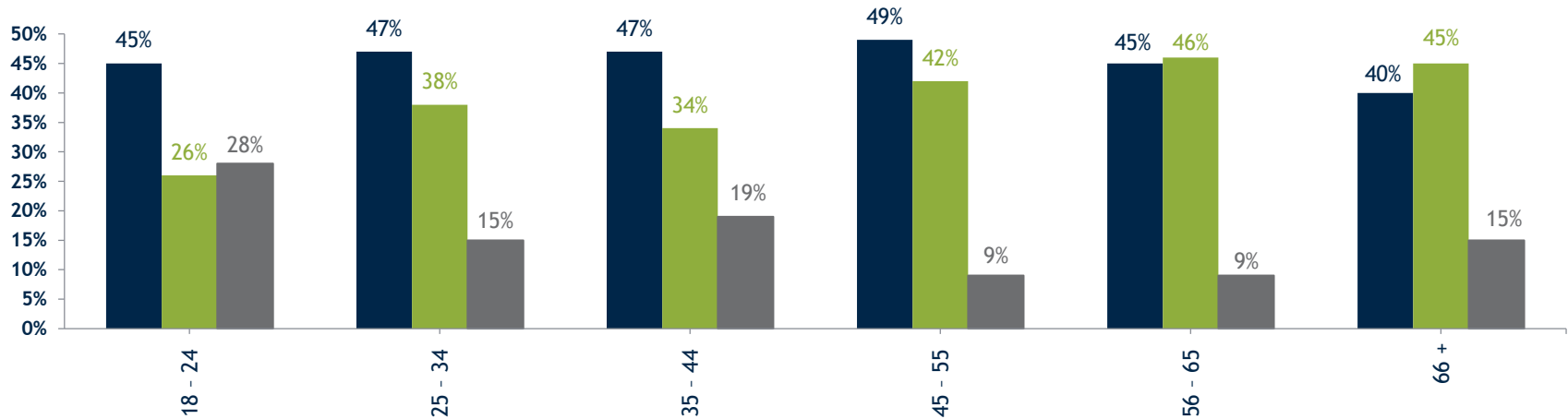
Do you think investigating the communist past is still relevant for Polish politics today?



The process of lustration (i.e. the exclusion of former communist officials and secret service informants from public office) was undertaken in Poland. Which of the following statements best reflects your attitude towards lustration?

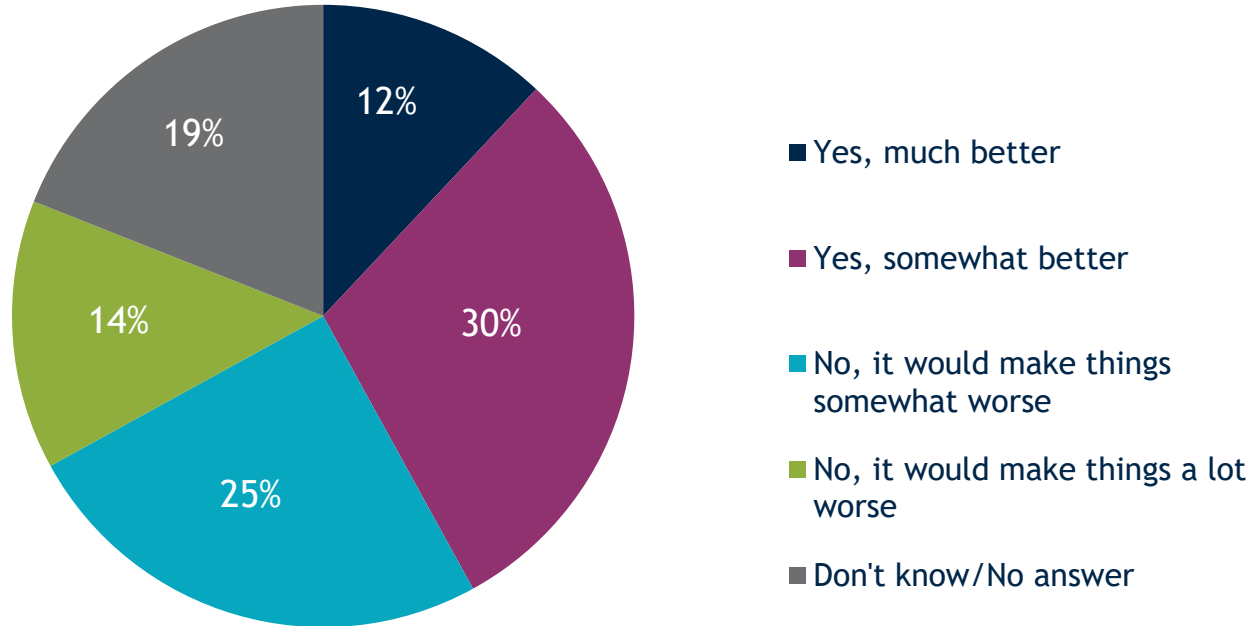


The process of lustration (i.e. the exclusion of former communist officials and secret service informants from public office) was undertaken in Poland. Which of the following statements best reflects your attitude towards lustration?
(Disaggregated by age)

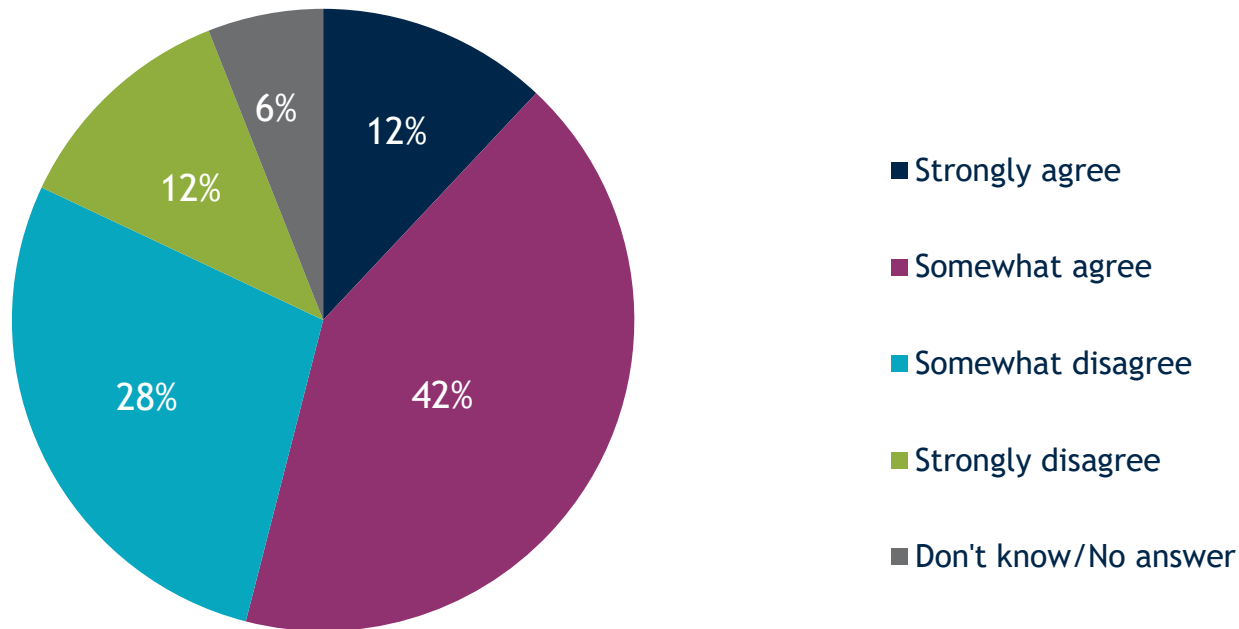


- The process of lustration reached its goal and should be left to the past
- The process of lustration has not reached its goal yet and should be continued
- Don't know/No answer

Do you think it would be better or worse for the country if a more thorough investigation and condemnation of people who worked with the Polish United Workers' Party and the state security structures took place?



Some people say that Polish identity is defined by being Roman Catholic. How strongly do you agree or disagree with that statement?

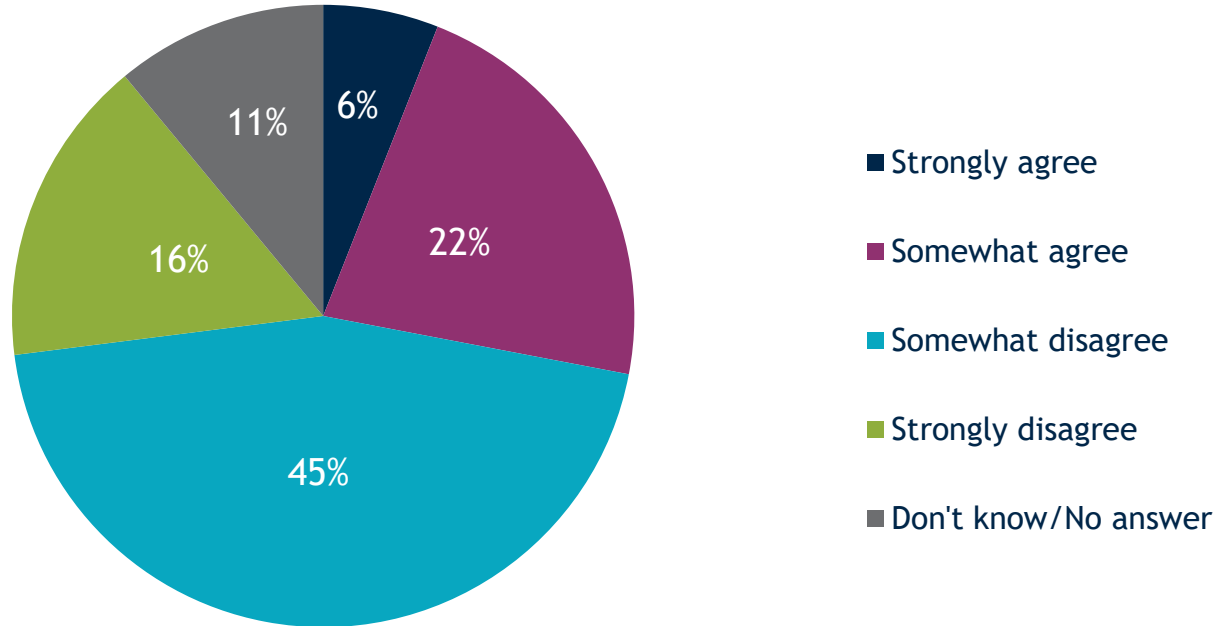


What is the main feature that makes someone Polish?

(Respondents who somewhat or strongly disagree that Polish identity is defined by being Roman Catholic: n=406)

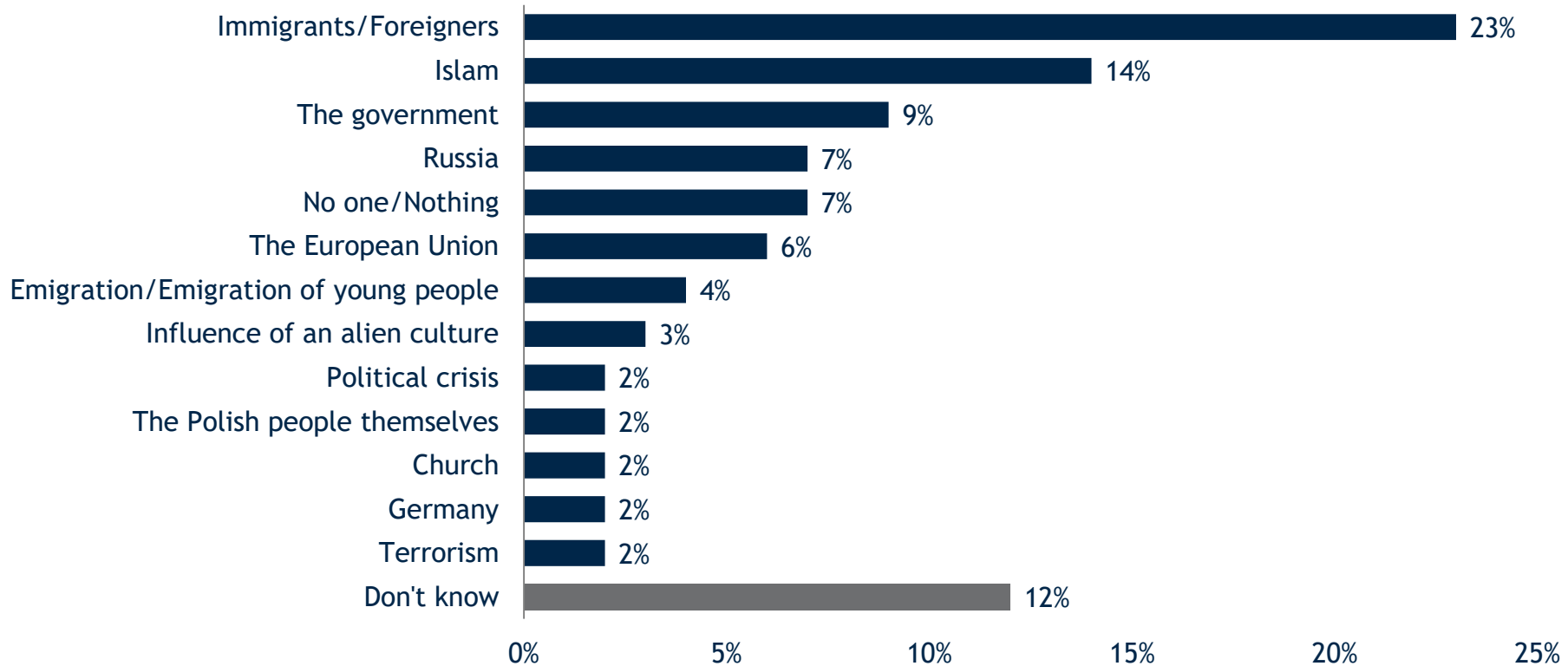


Do you agree that Polish identity is under threat today?

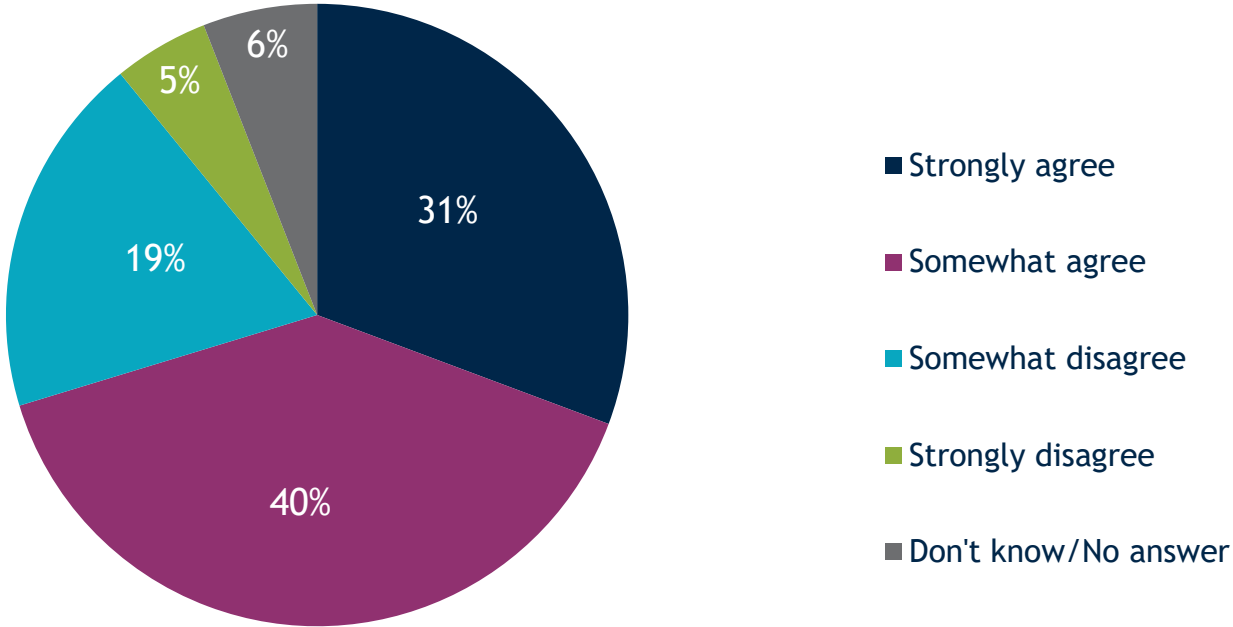


Who or what is the main threat to Polish identity?

(Respondents who somewhat or strongly agree that Polish identity is under threat:
n=277)



Some people say that Islam is a direct threat to European values. Do you agree with this statement?



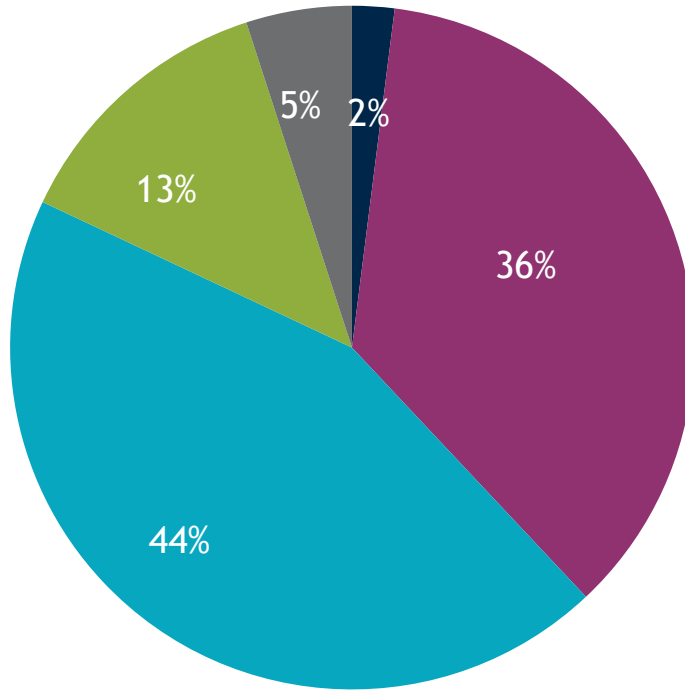


International Relations



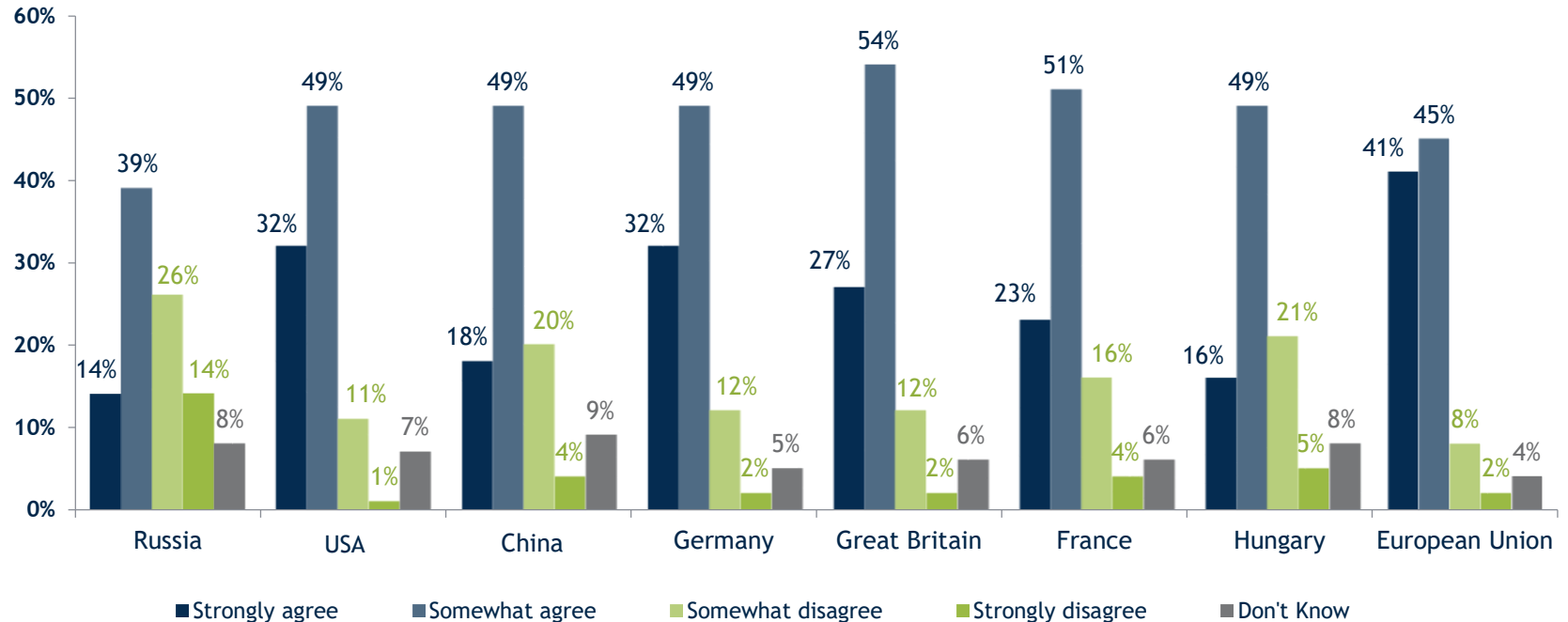
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Looking at Poland's position in the world, do you think Poland is:

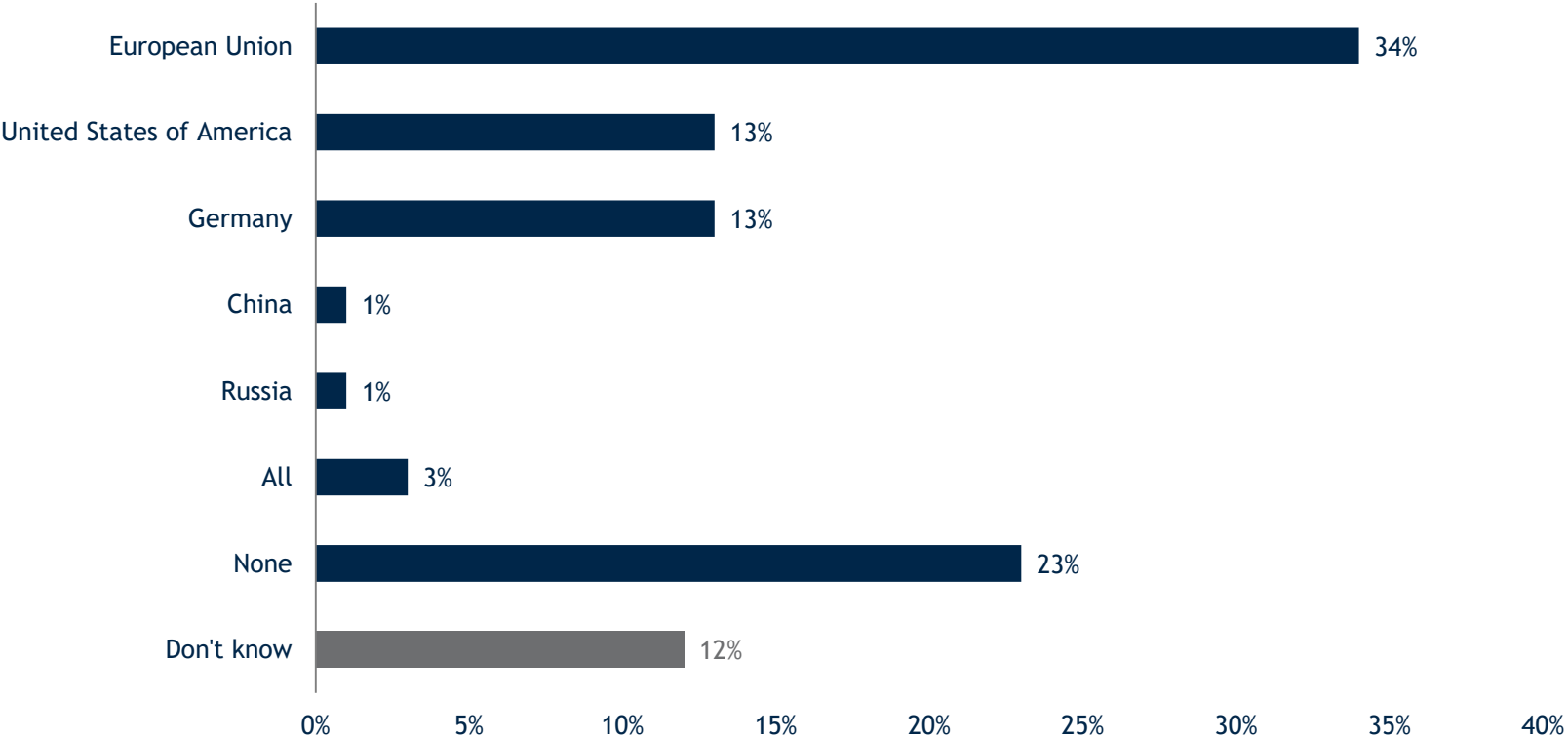


- In a very strong position in the world
- In a somewhat strong position in the world
- In a somewhat weak position in the world
- In a very weak position in the world
- Don't know/No answer

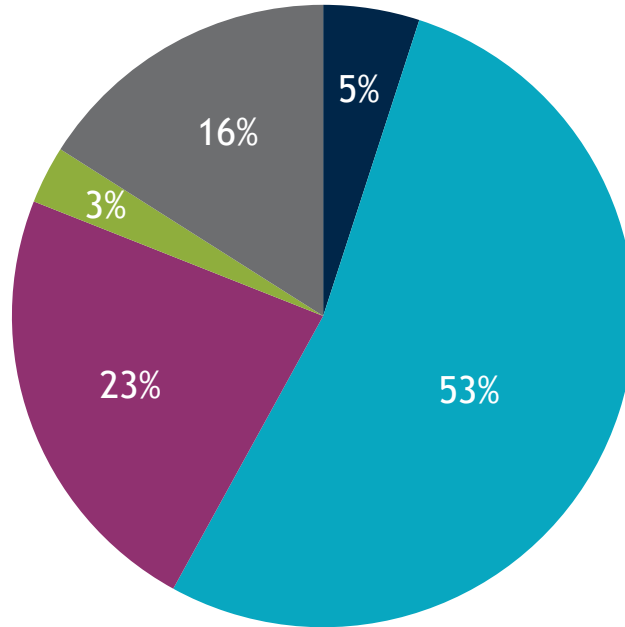
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements: "Poland's interests are best served by maintaining strong relations with..."



Which one of the following countries helps Poland's national interests the most?



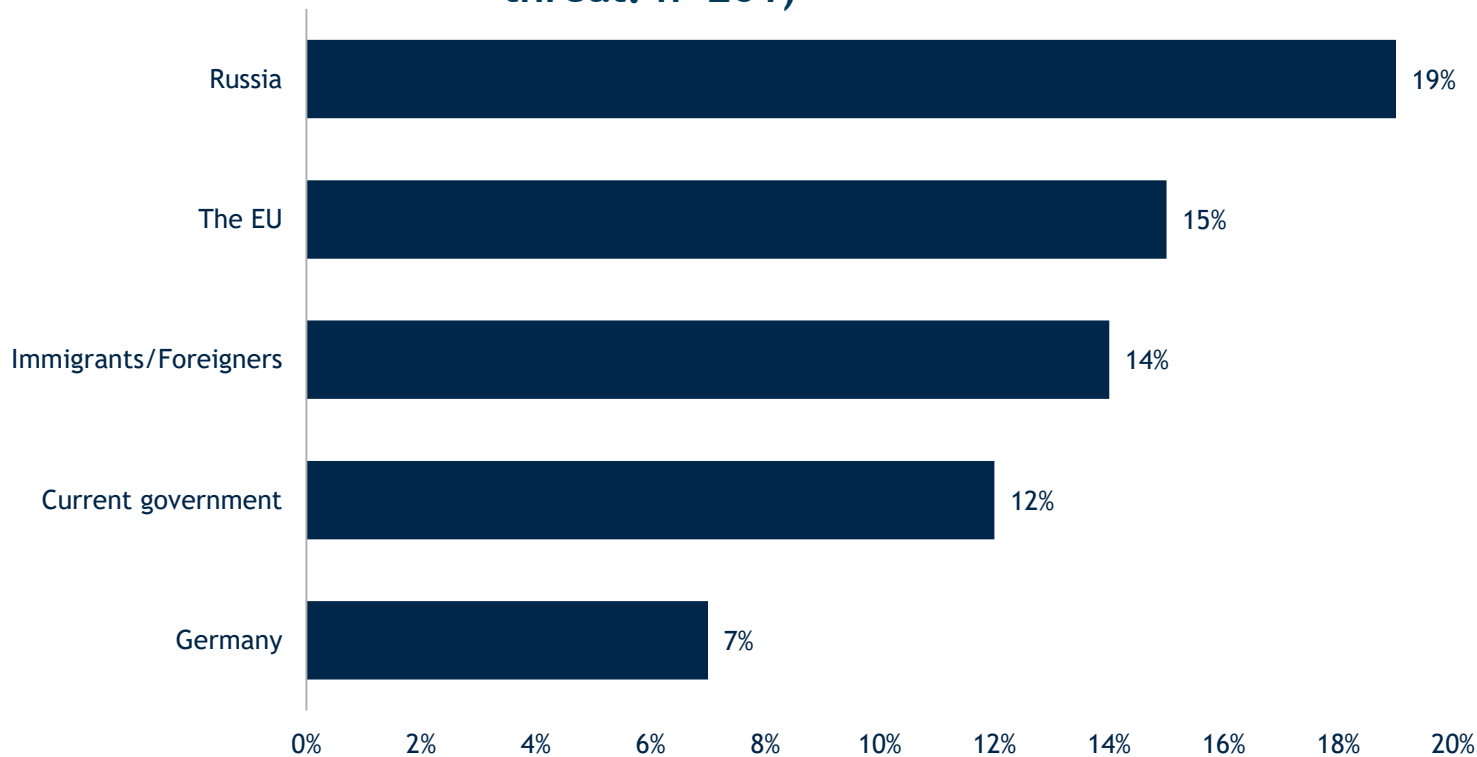
Is Poland's independence guaranteed or is it under threat?



- It is fully guaranteed
- It is somewhat guaranteed
- It is somewhat under threat
- It is fully under threat
- Don't know/No answer

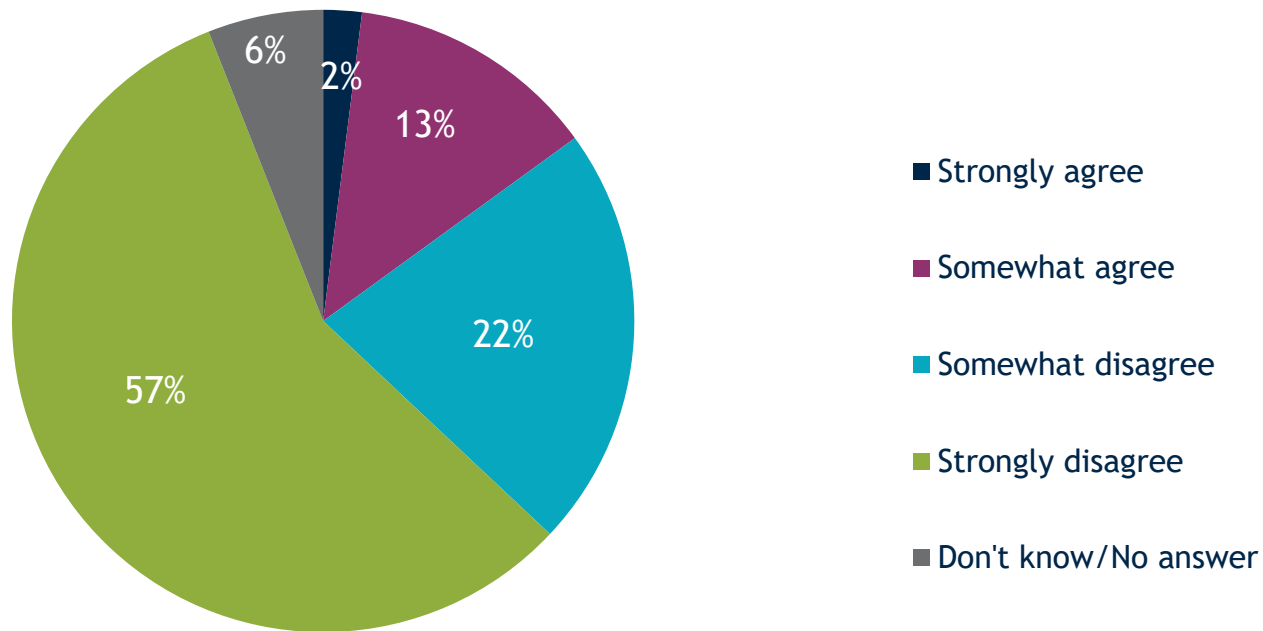
Who or what is the greatest threat to Poland's independence?

(Respondents who stated that Poland's independence is somewhat or fully under threat: n=261)

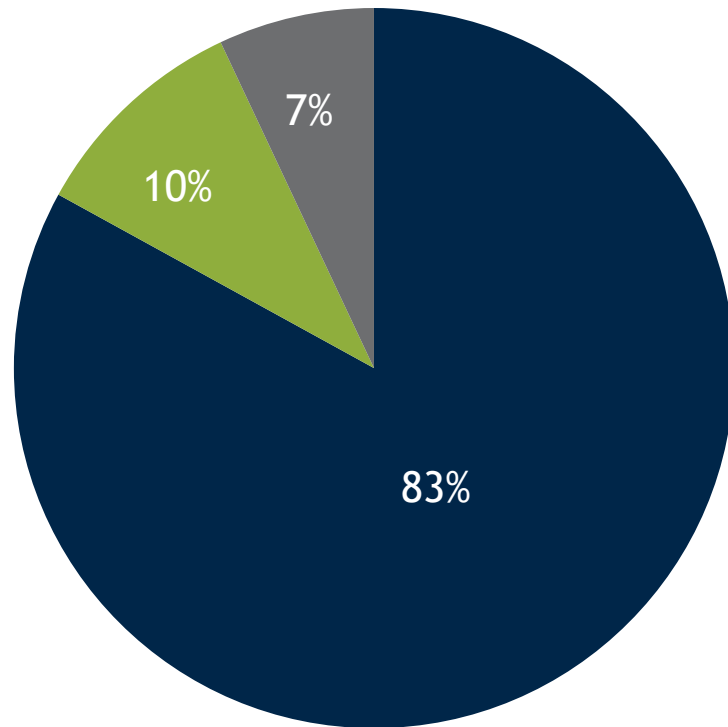


Note: only top five results are presented

Regardless of the historic differences between Russia and Poland, do you agree or disagree that Vladimir Putin's style of government should be applied in Poland?



Do you believe that the European Union is good for Poland?

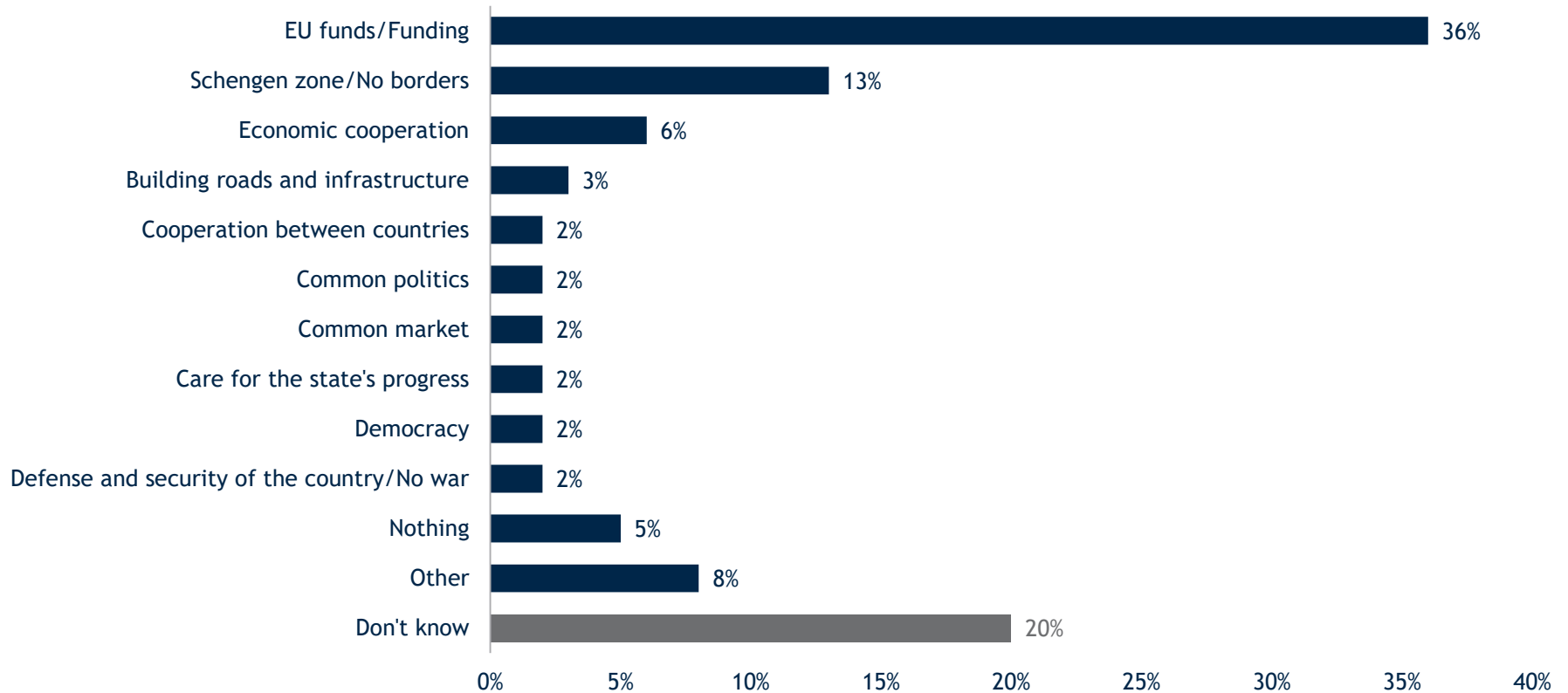


■ Yes

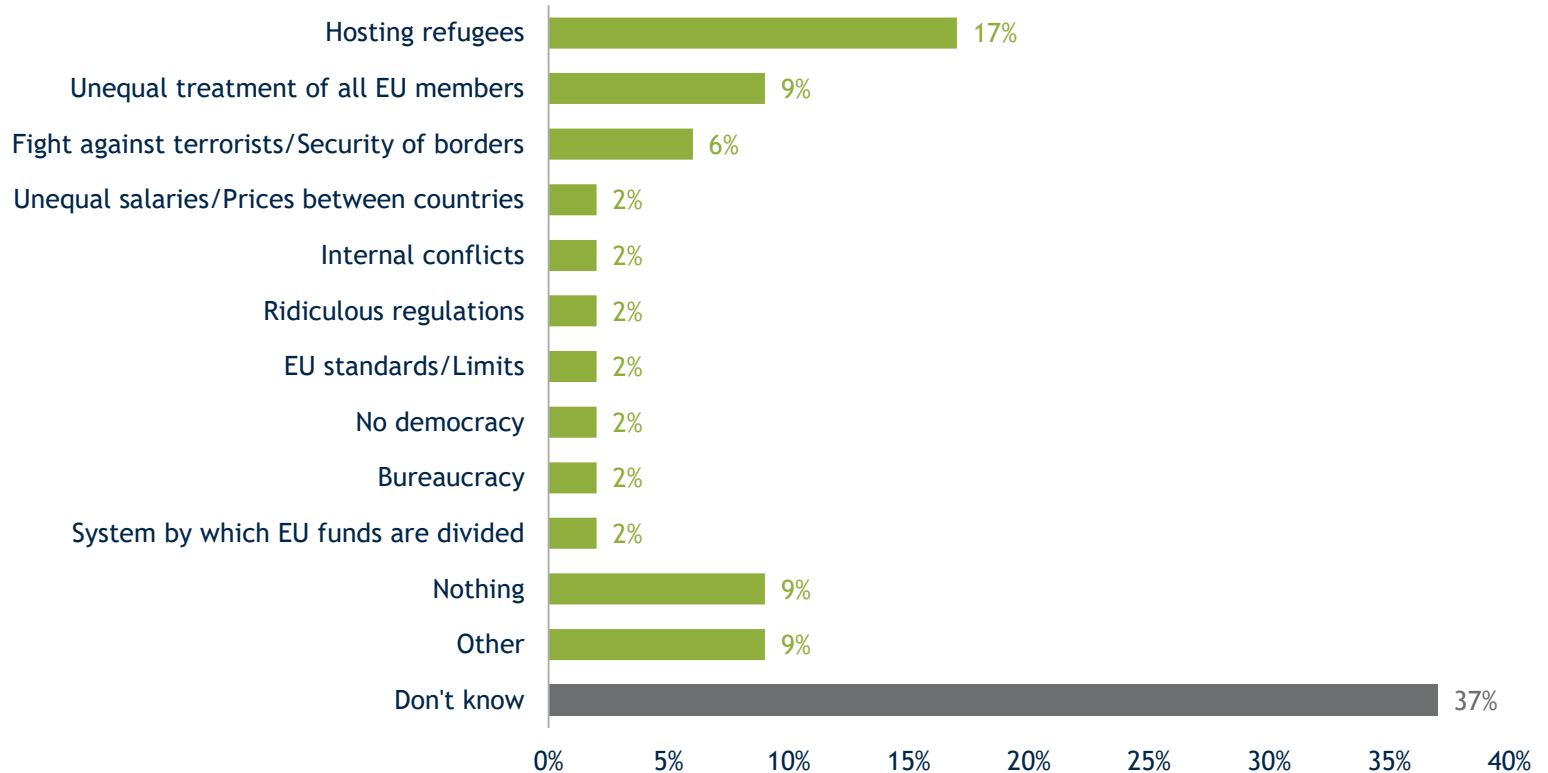
■ No

■ Don't know/No answer

What do you think is the best functioning aspect of the EU? (open-ended question)

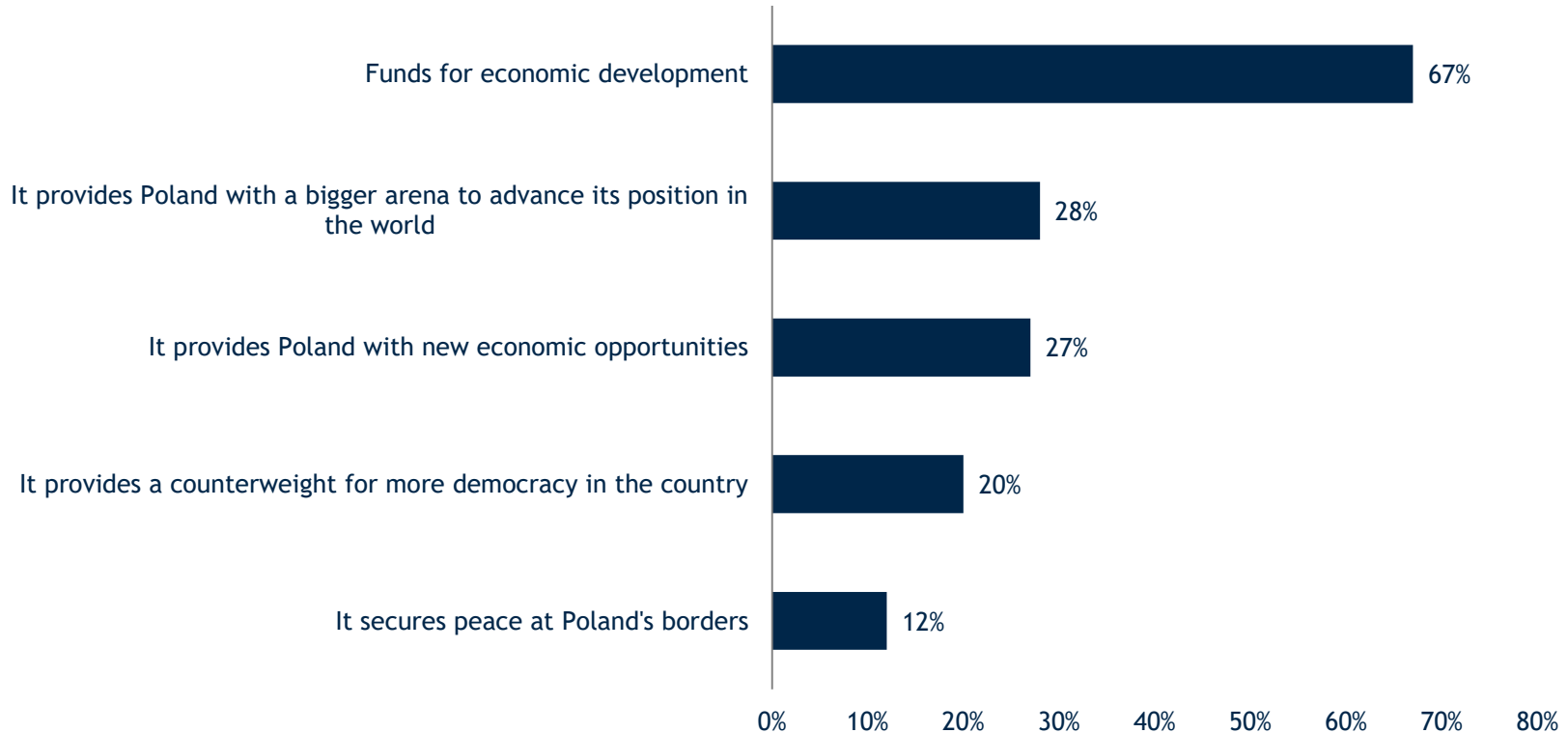


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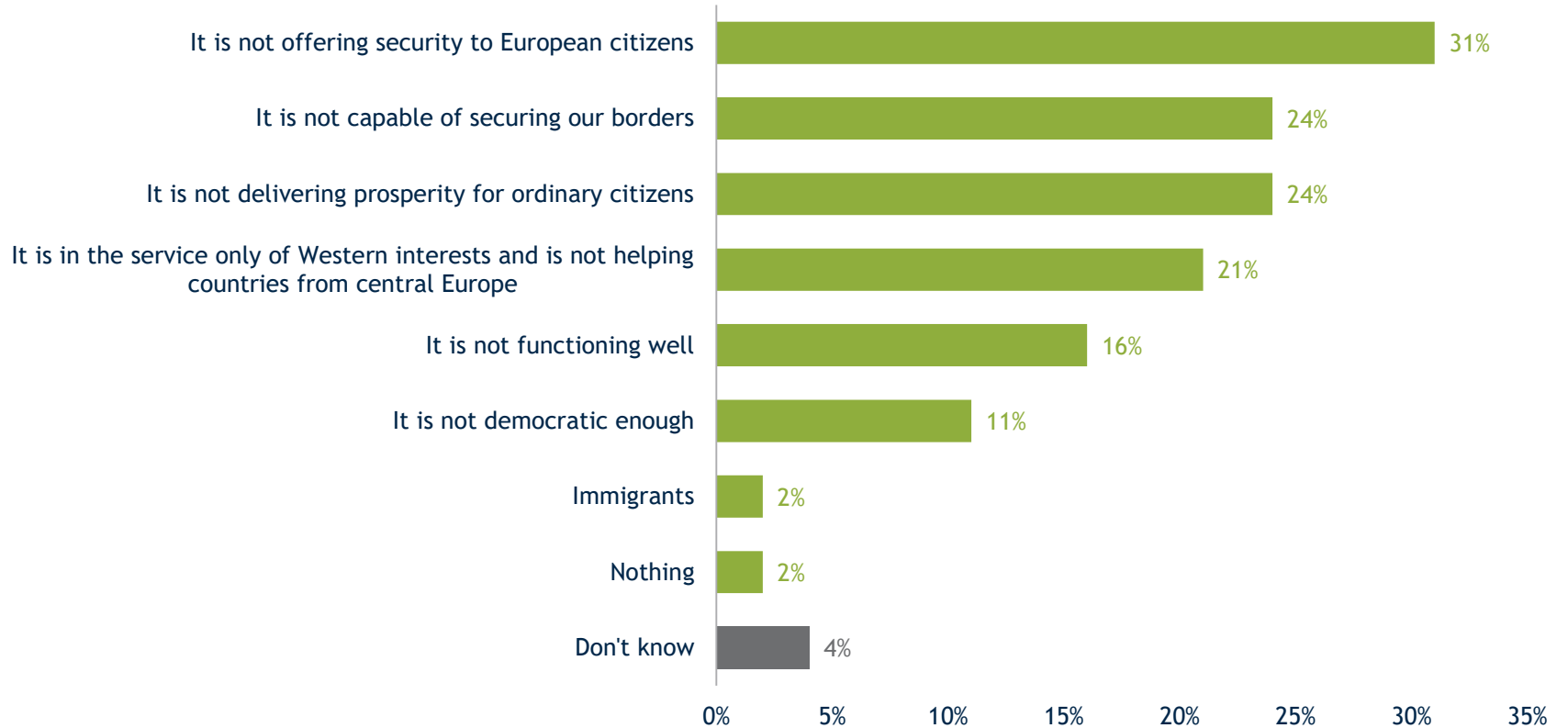


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What would you say is the best thing that the EU brings to Poland? (open-ended question)



What would you say is the biggest problem of the European Union today?



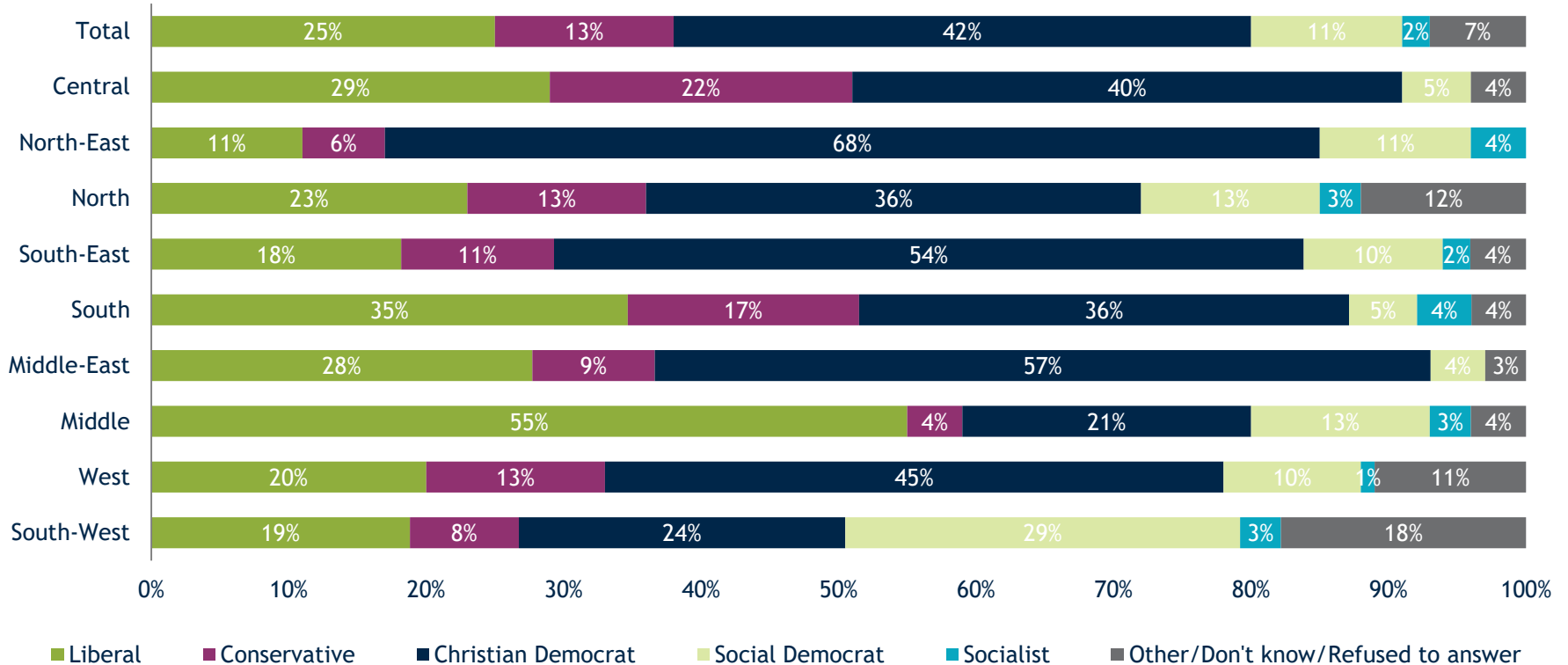


Values and Outlooks

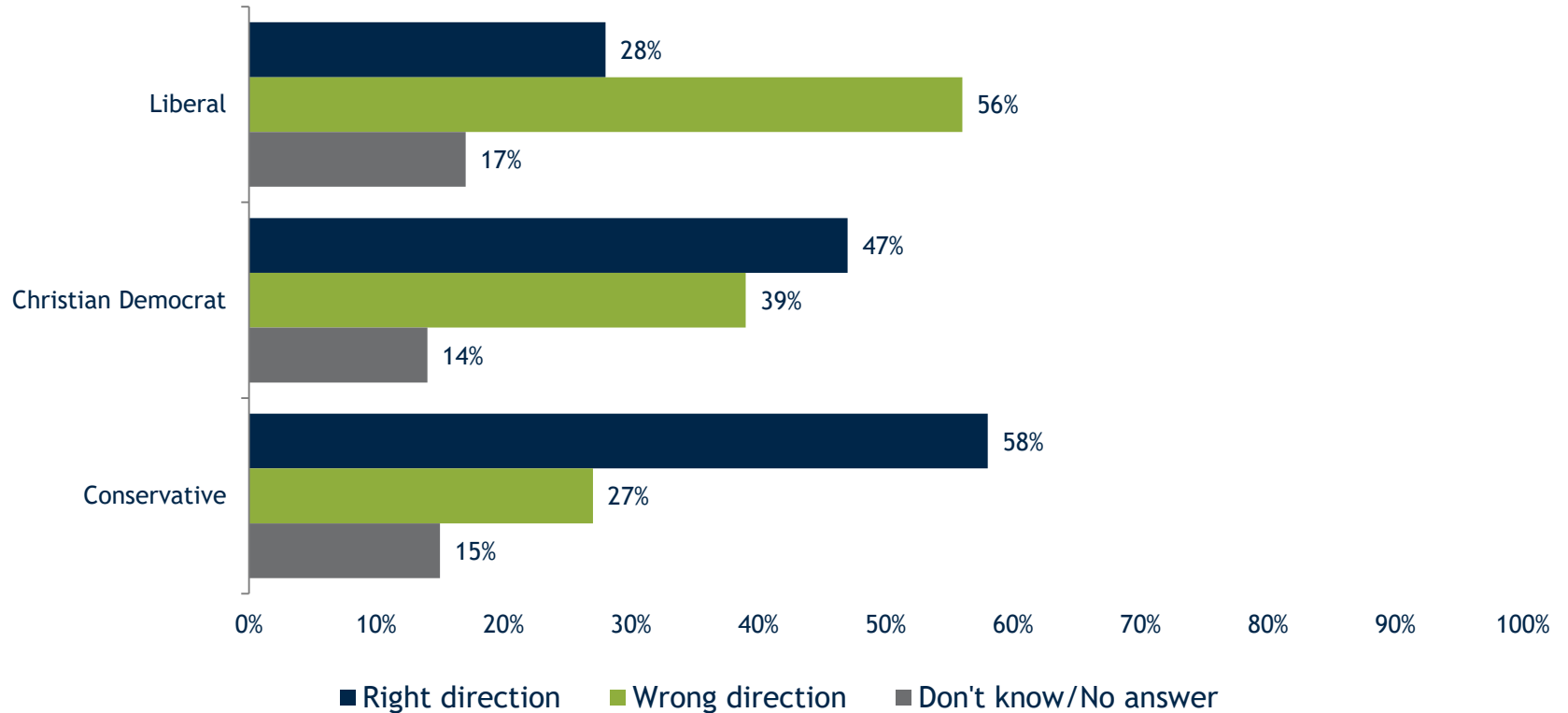


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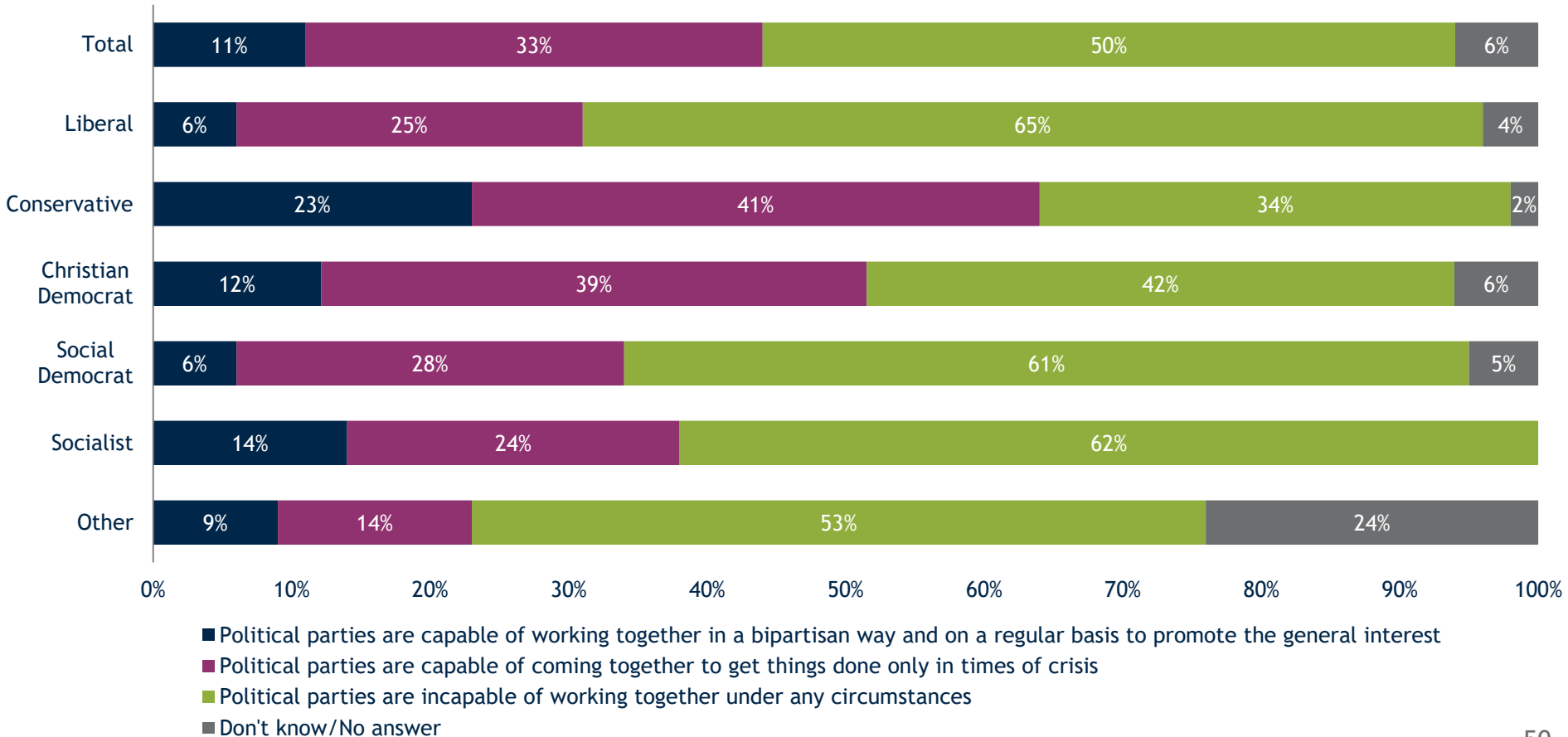
How would you define your political views?



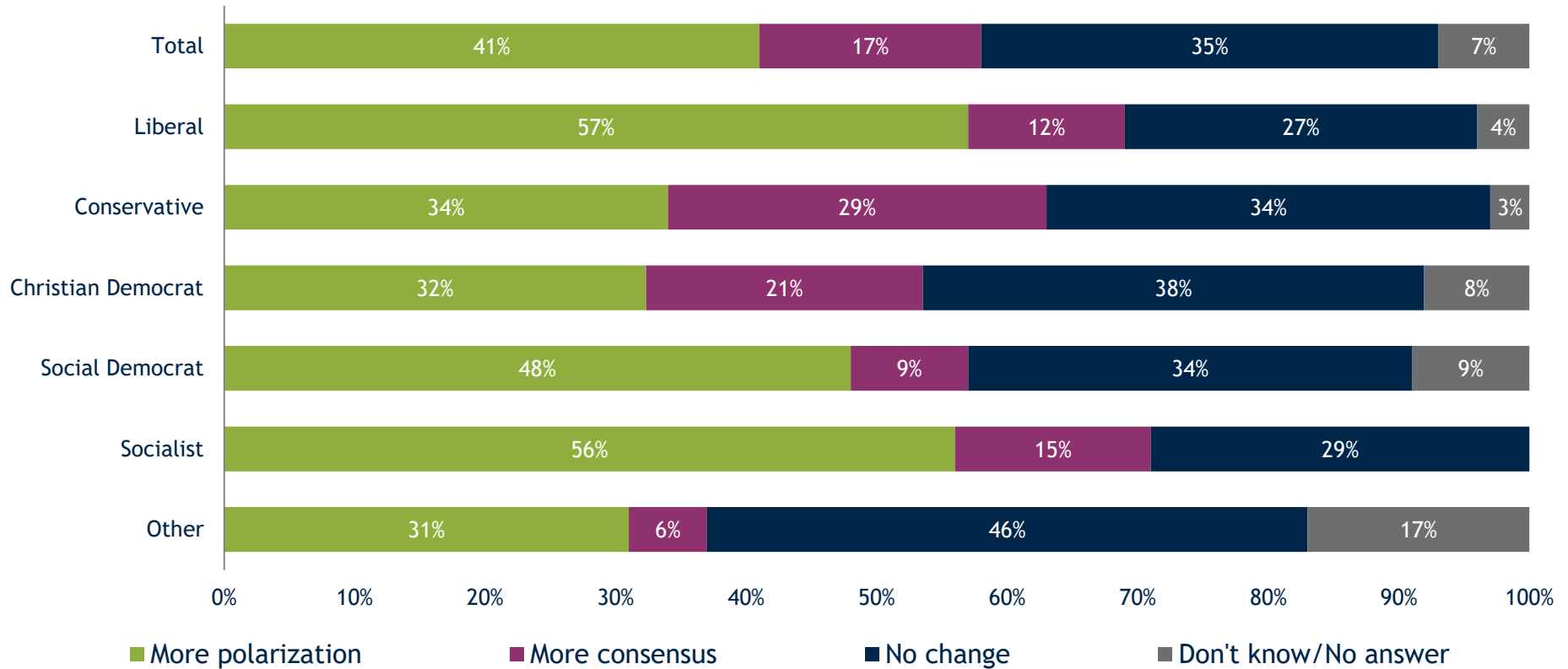
Overall, would you say that Poland is headed in the right or wrong direction? (Disaggregated by political persuasion)



Which of these statements best describes Polish politics at present?

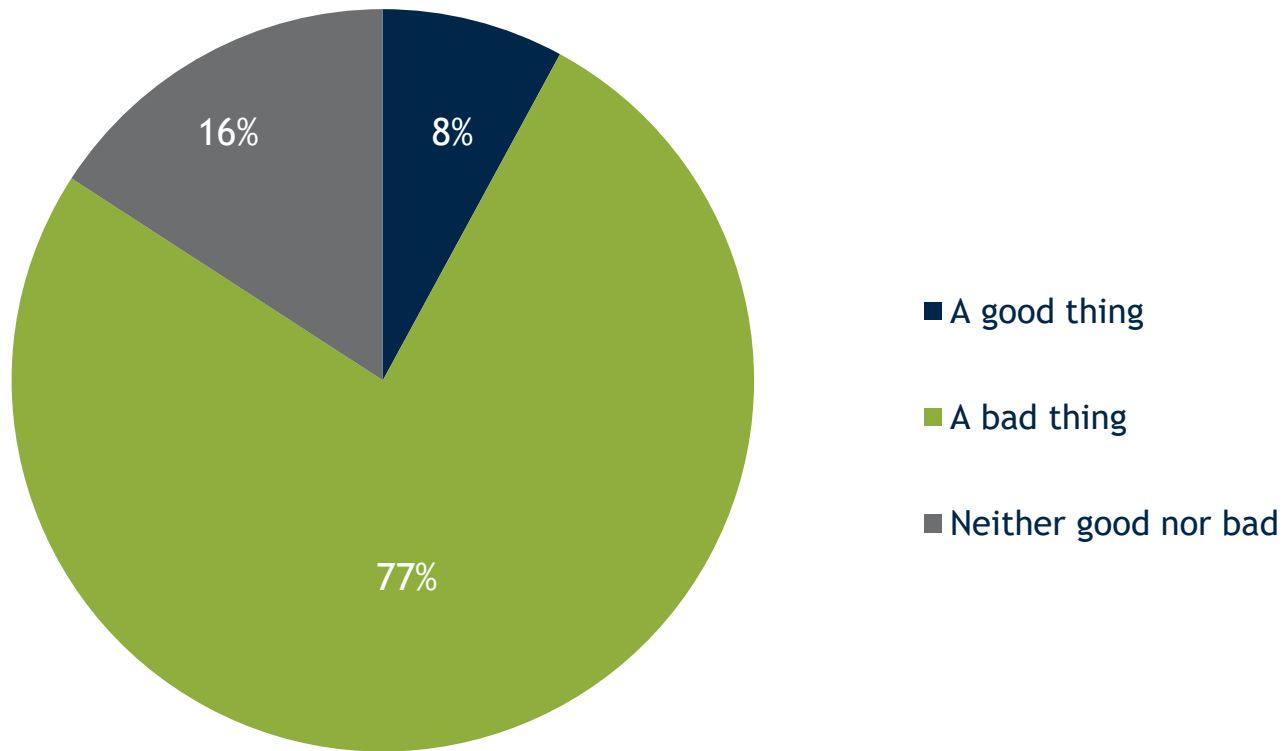


Would you say the situation of Polish politics today is moving toward:



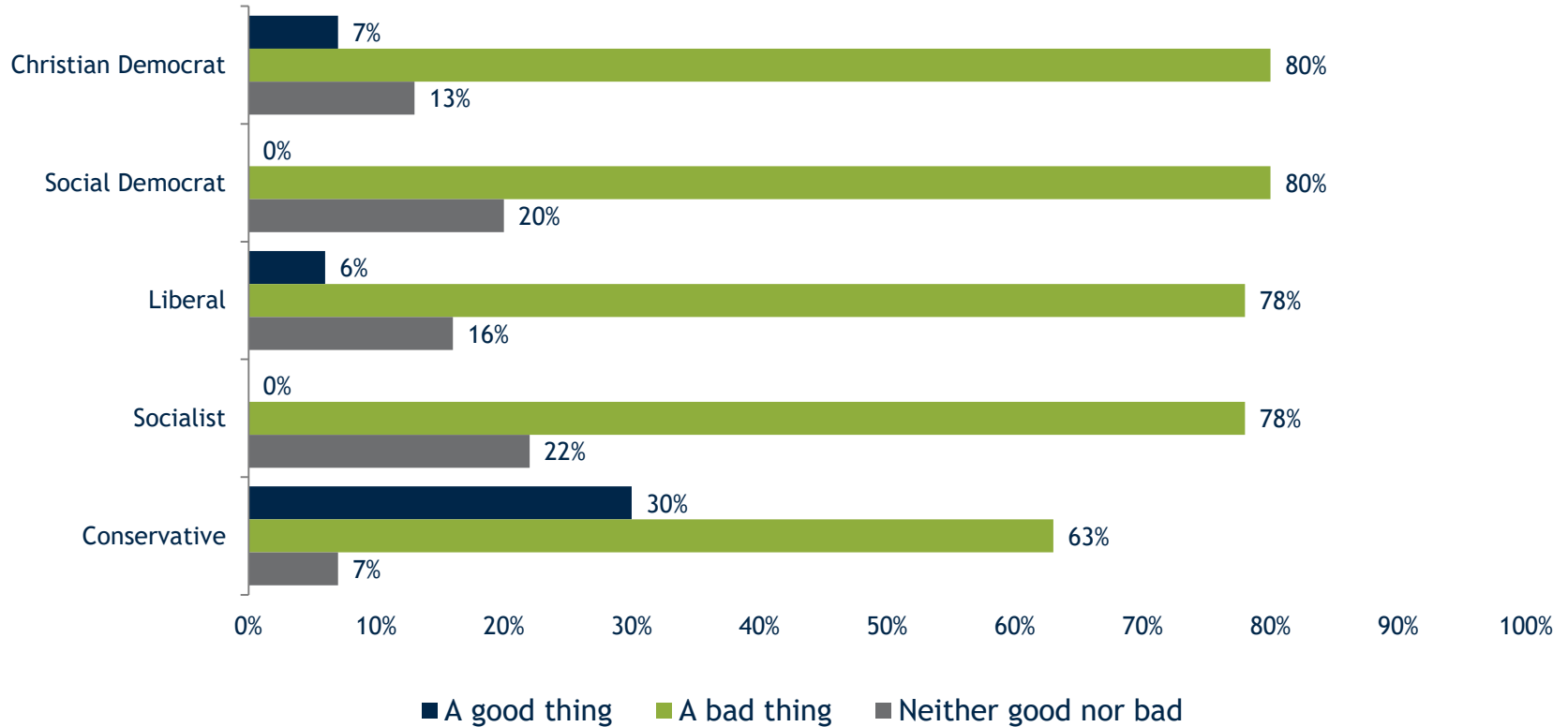
Do you think the polarization of political parties is:

(Respondents who think Polish politics are moving towards more polarization: n=409)

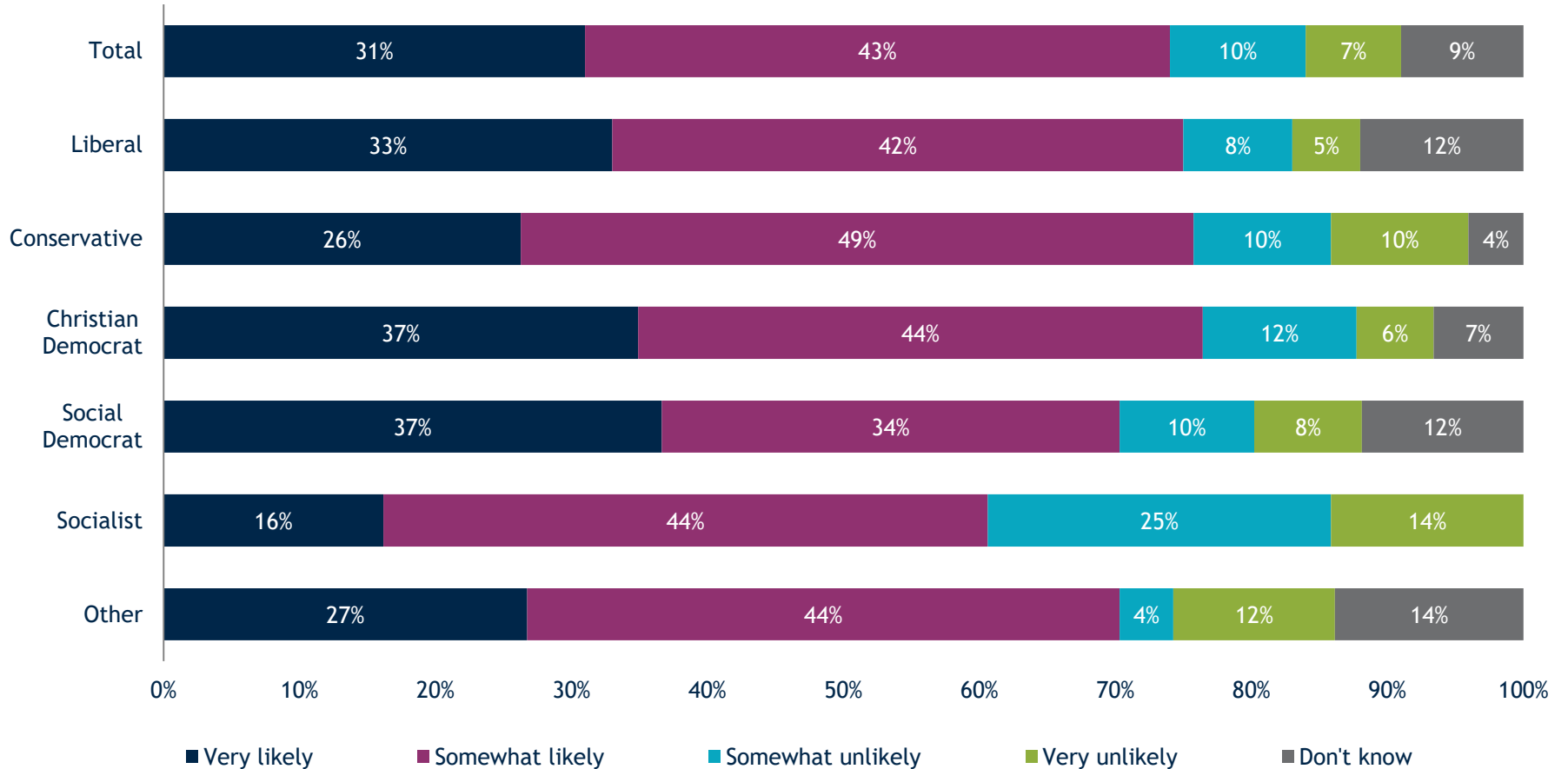


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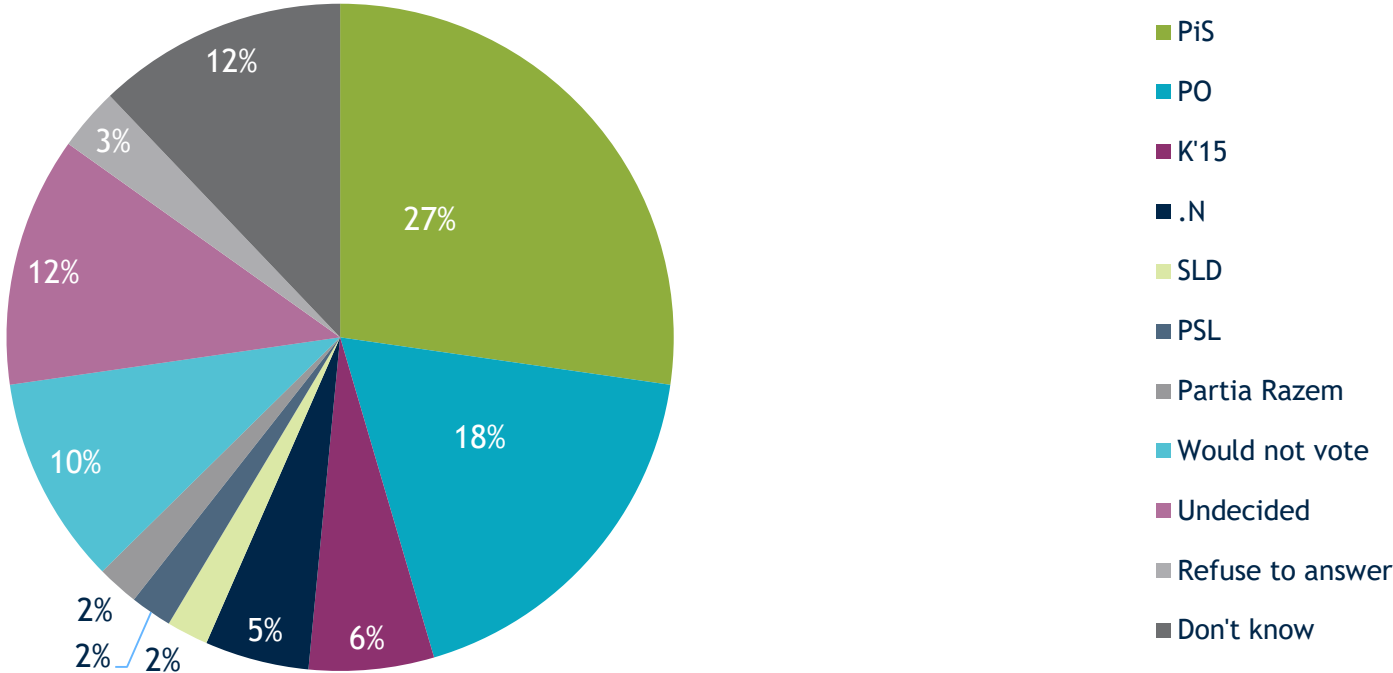
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How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next election?

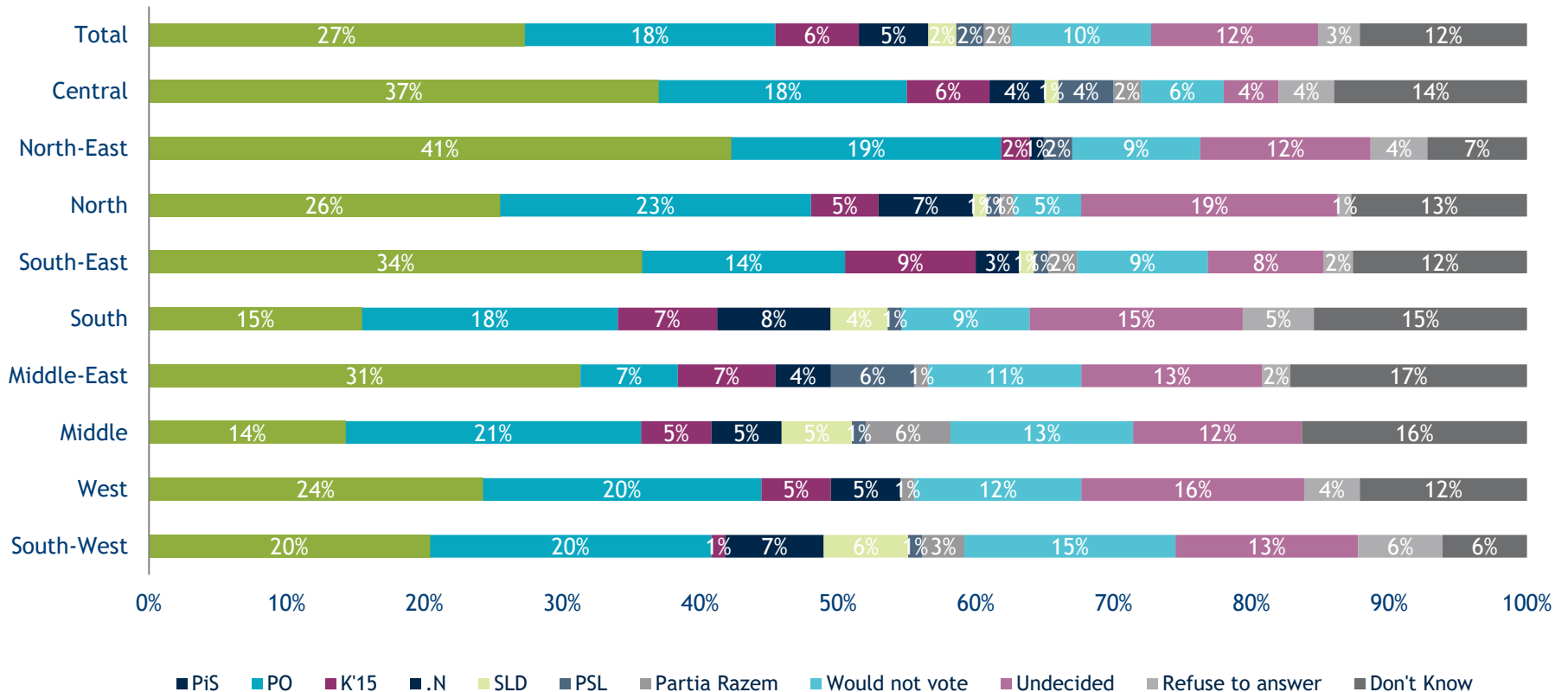


If elections were held today, for which party would you vote?



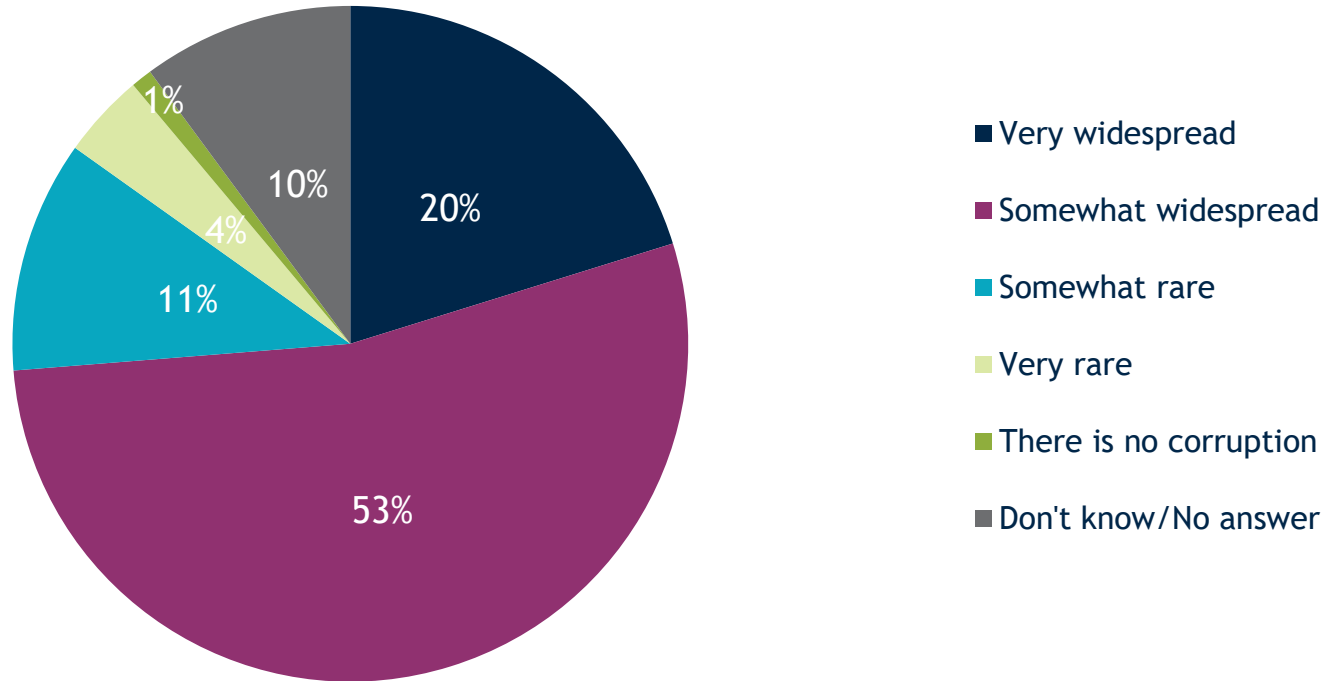
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How widespread is corruption in Polish politics?



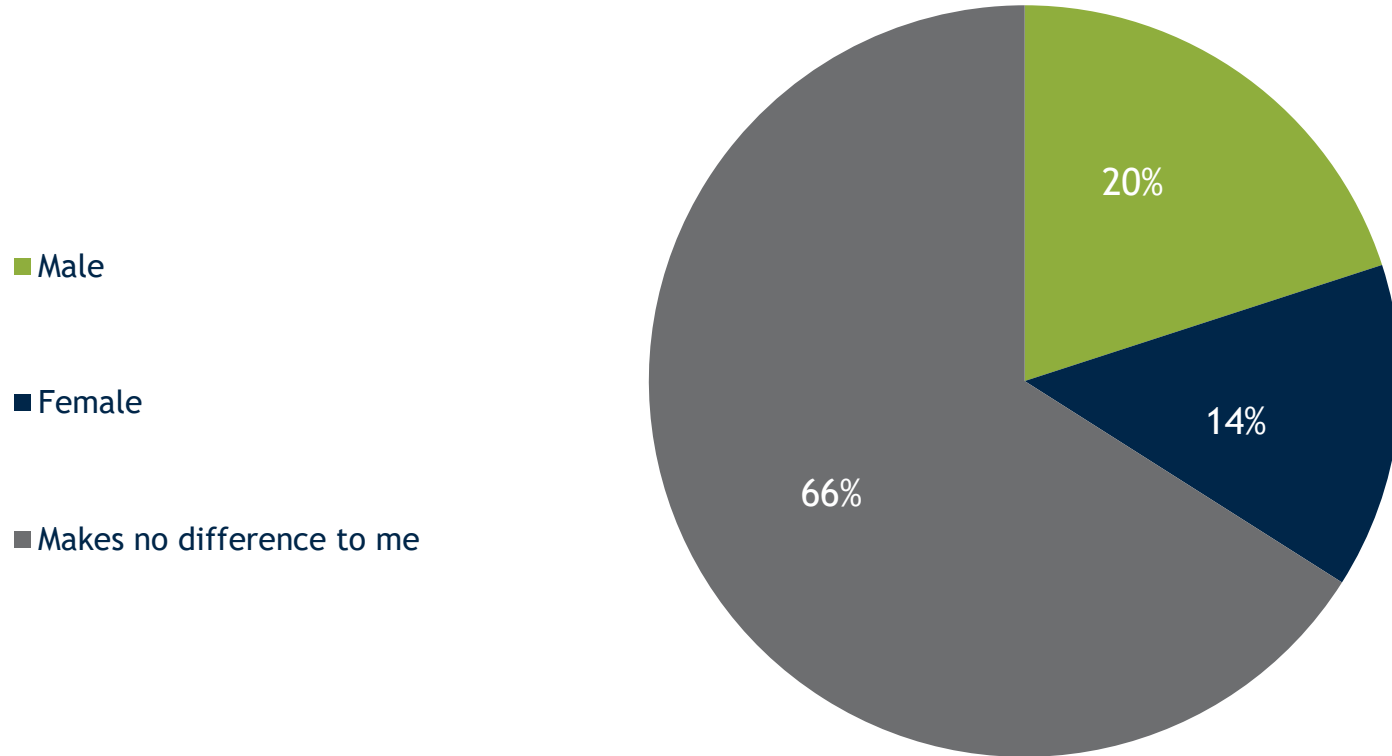


Women and Youth

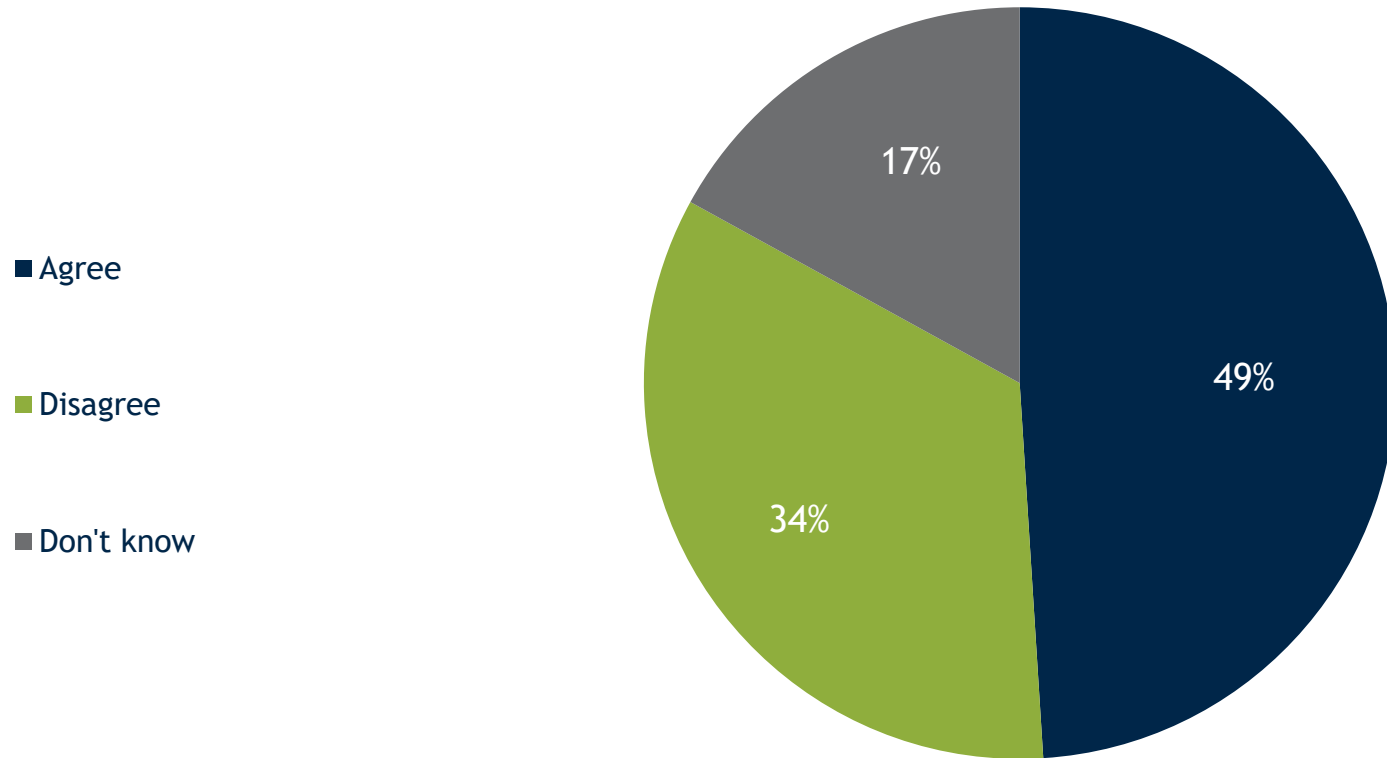


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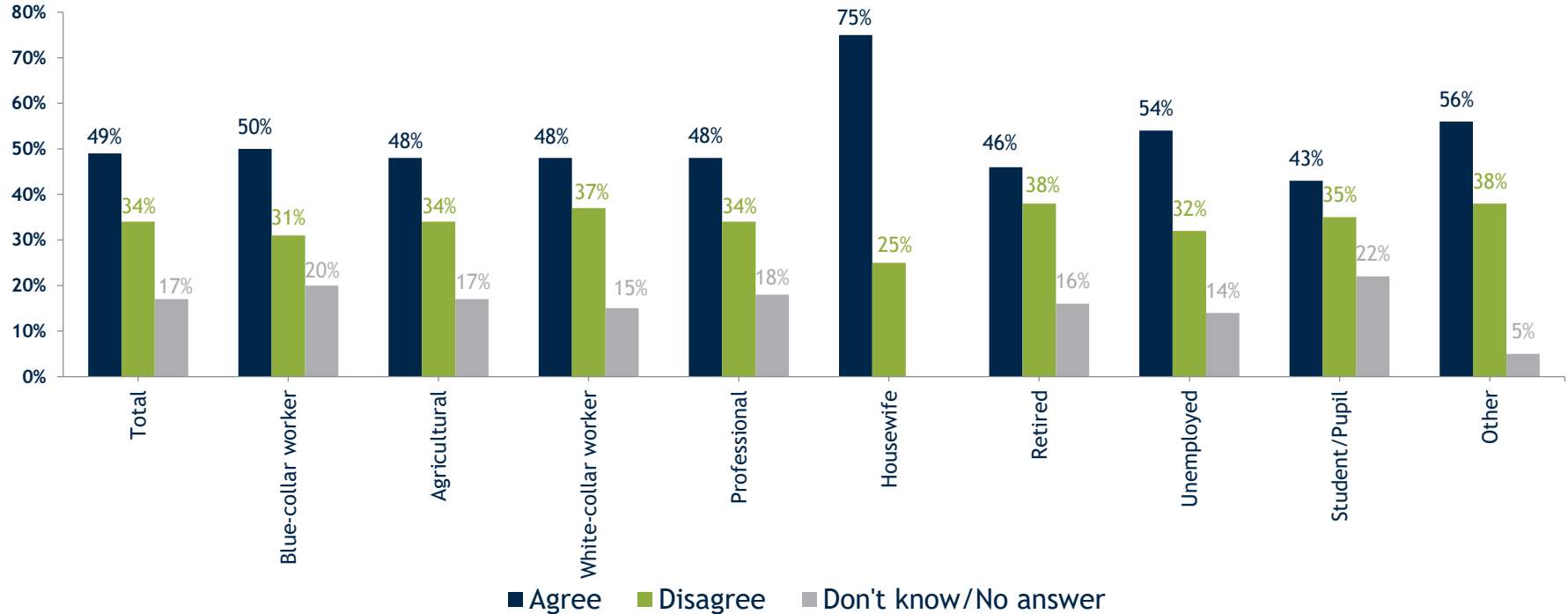
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



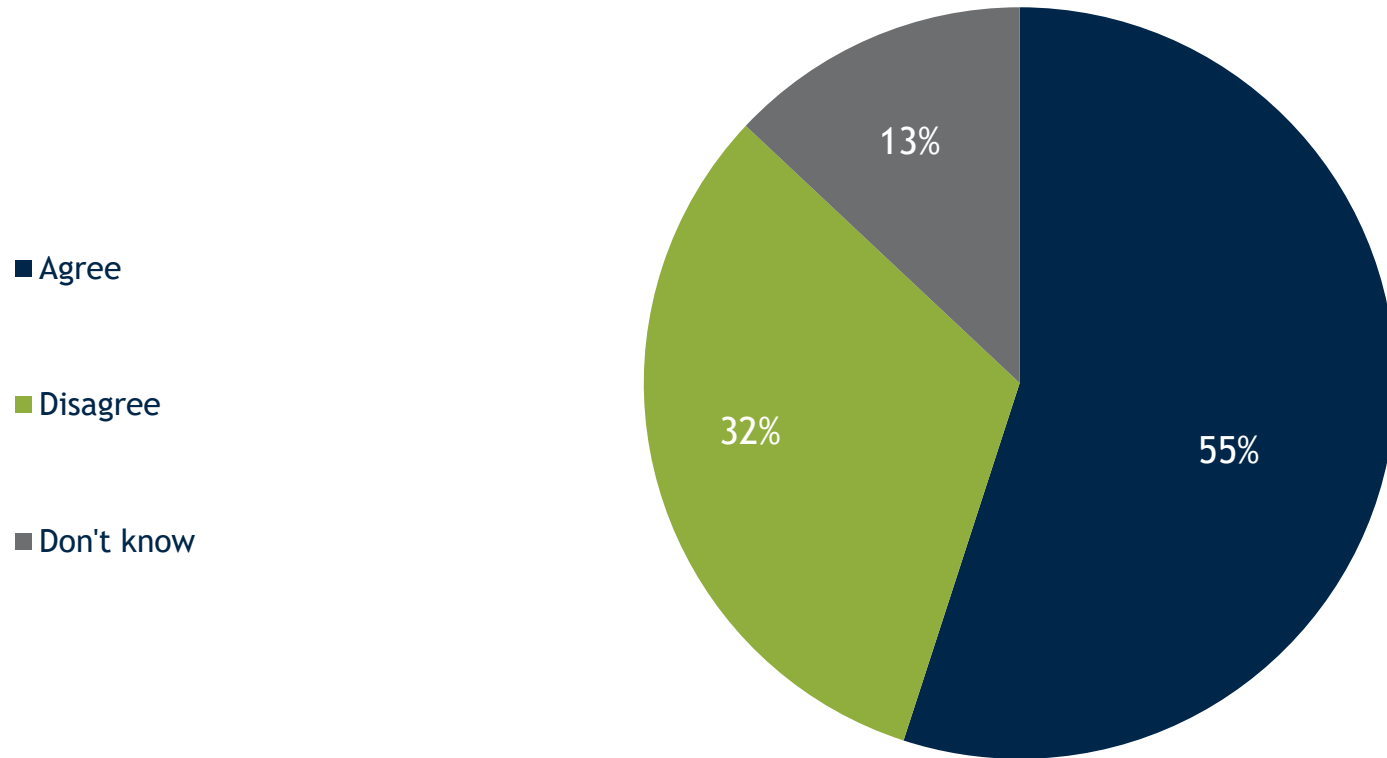
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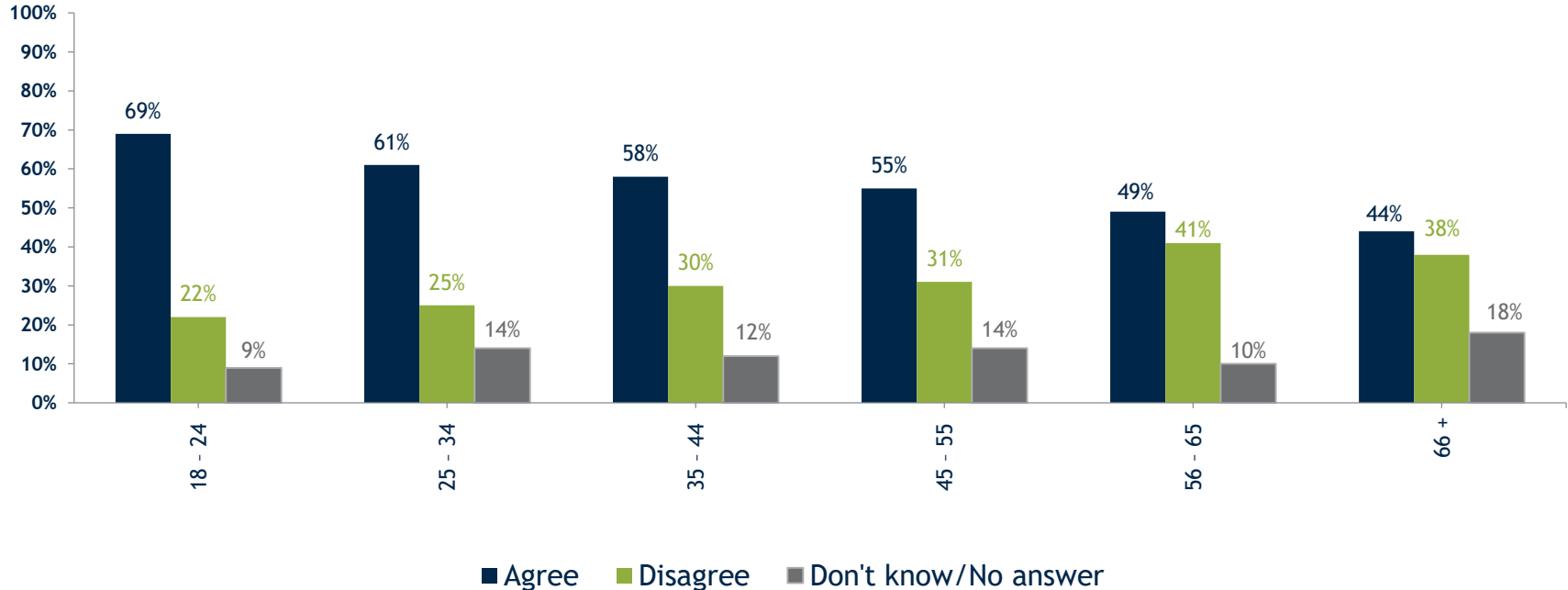
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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
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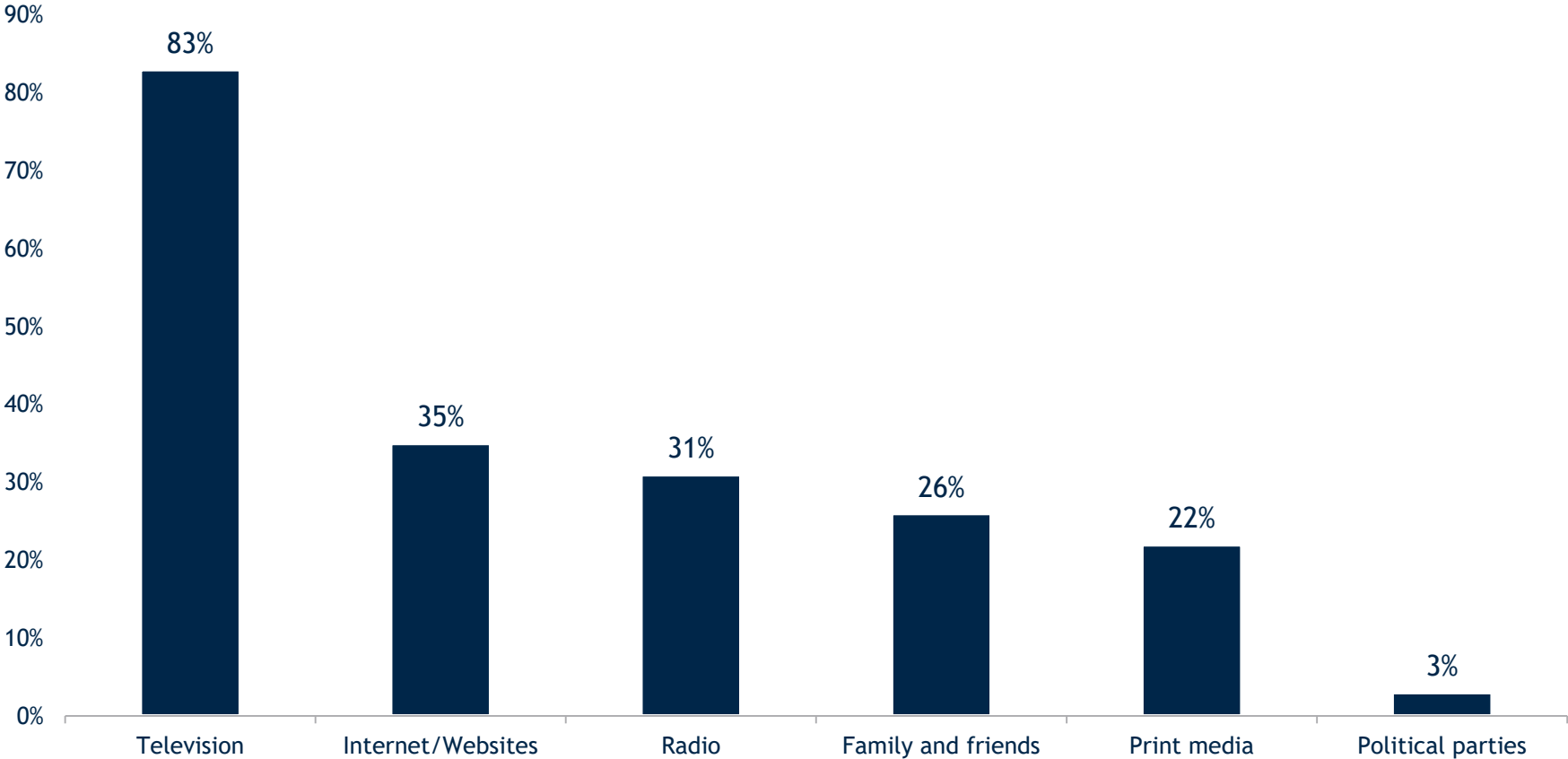


Media Preferences

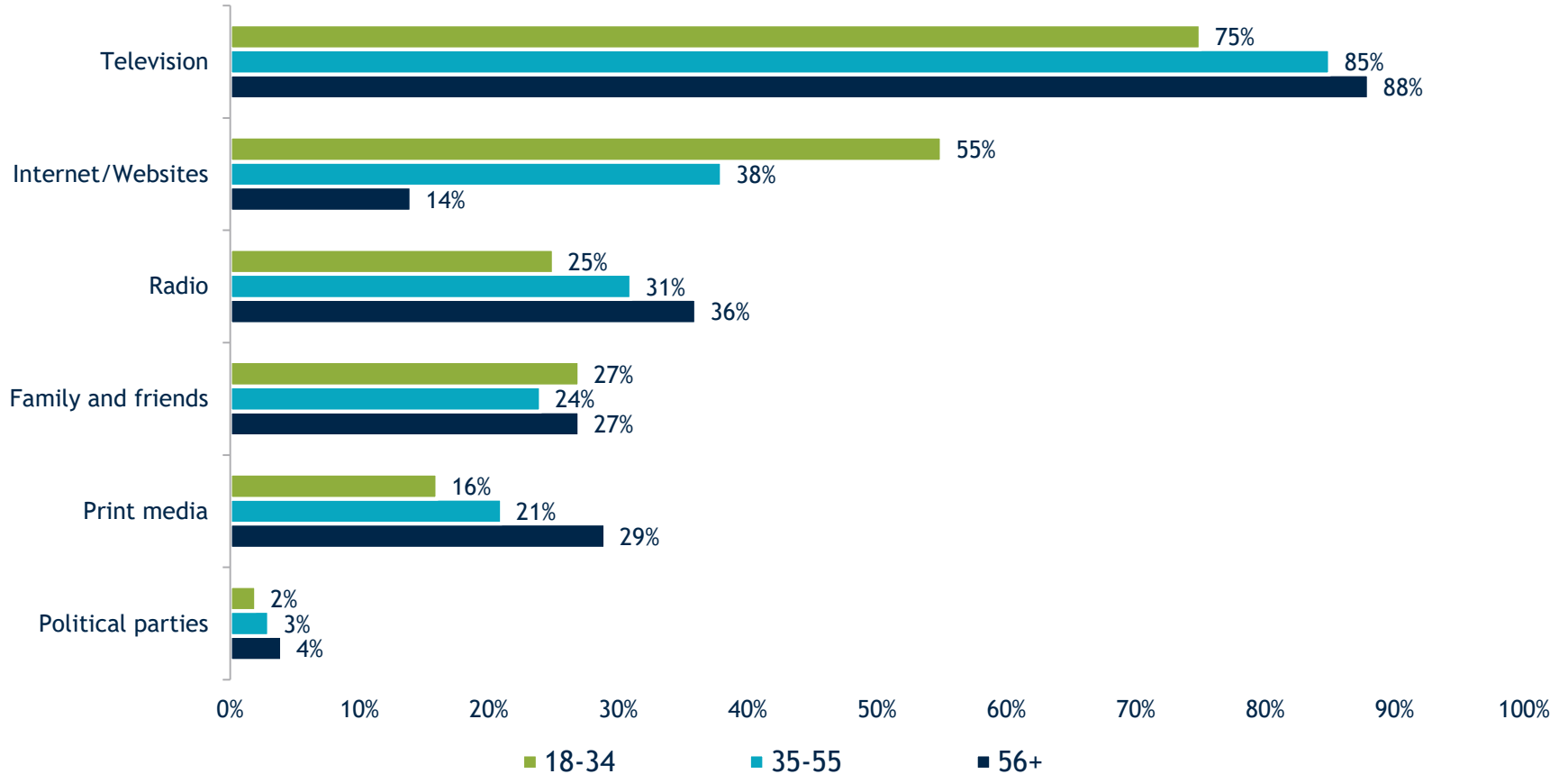


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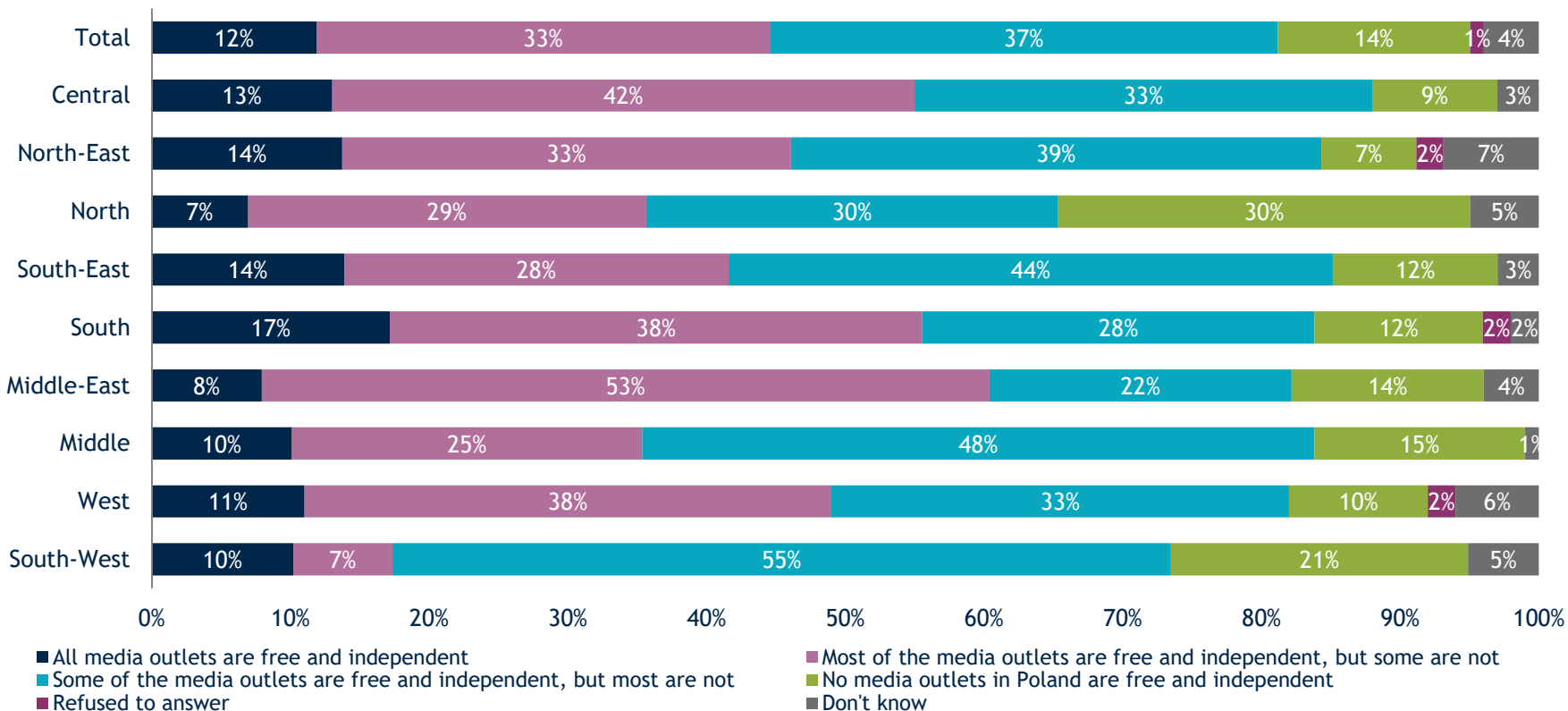
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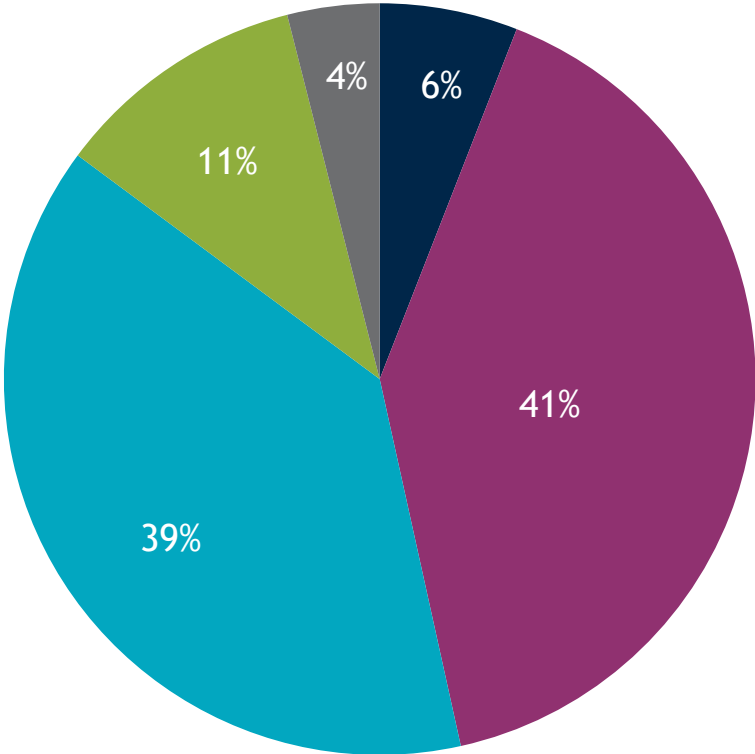


To what extent would you agree or disagree that the media in Poland is free and independent?

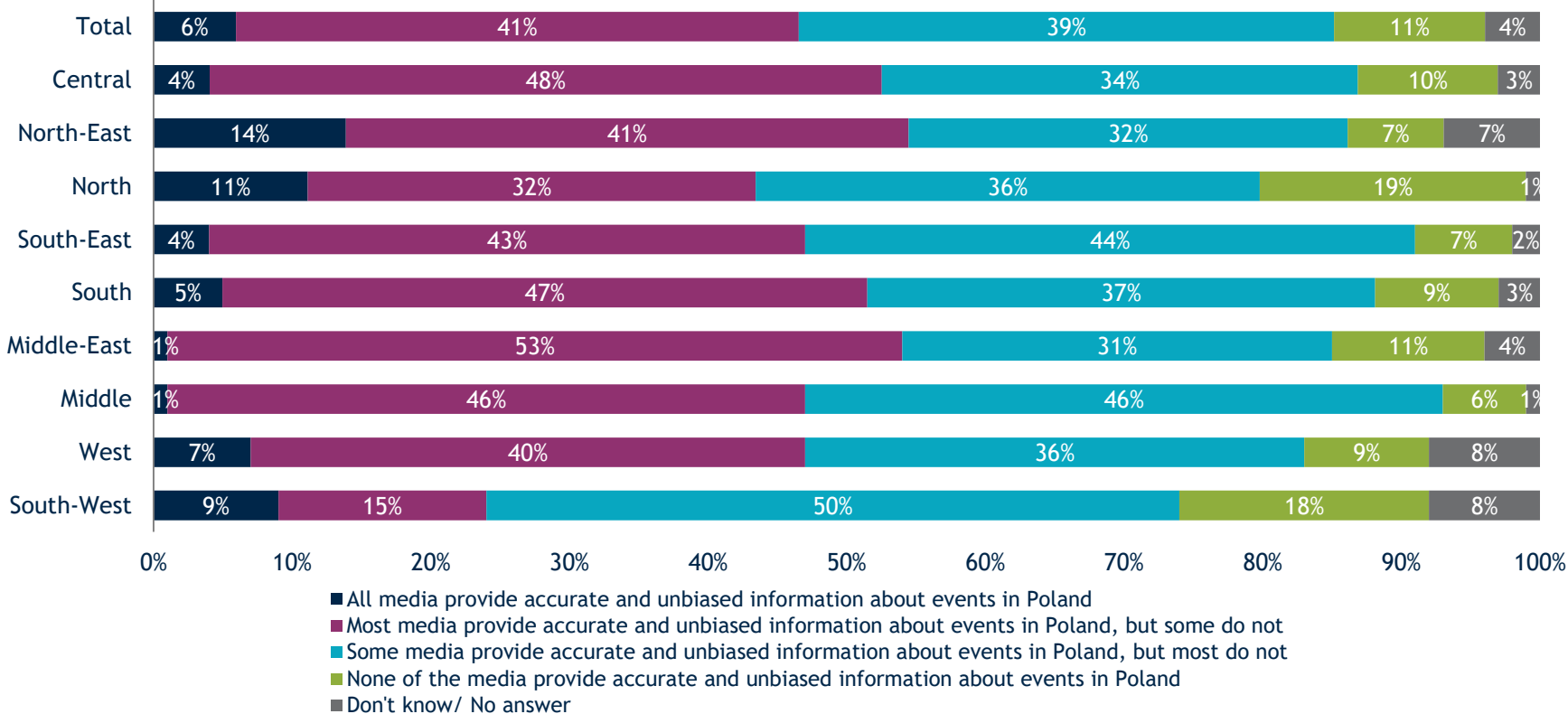


Does the Polish media provide accurate and unbiased information about events in Poland?

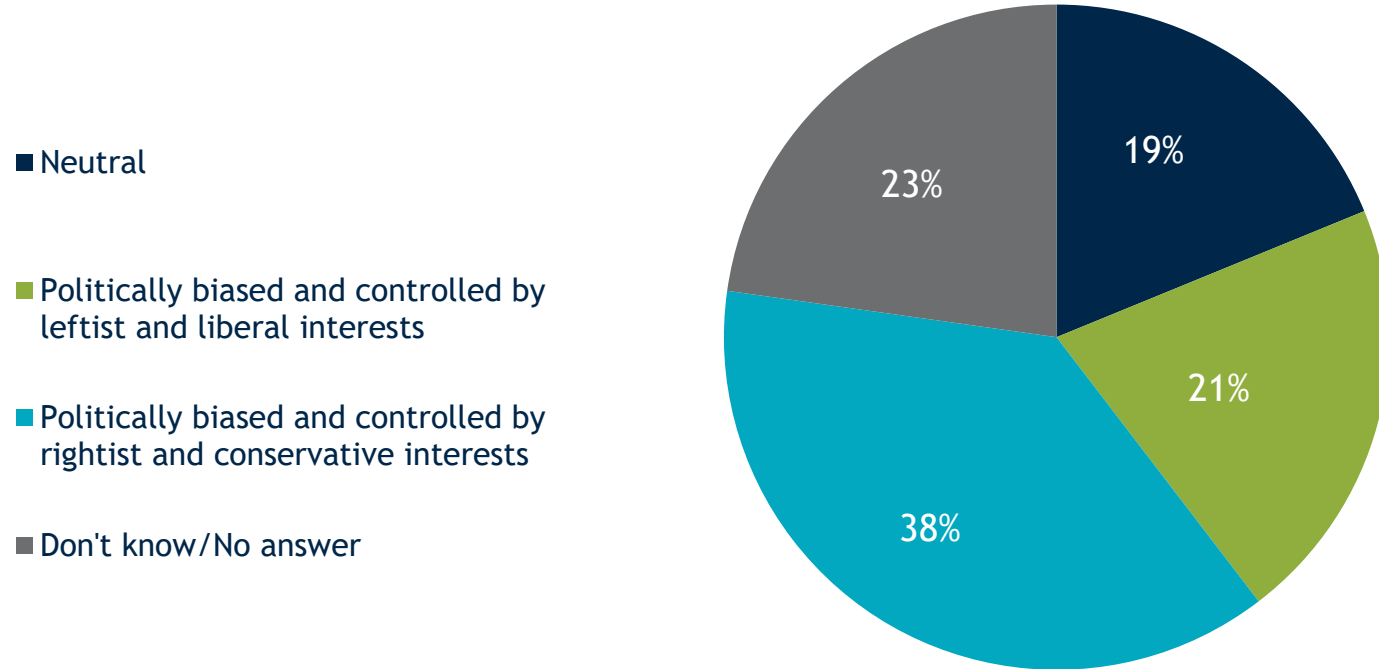
- All media outlets provide accurate and unbiased information about events in Poland
- Most media outlets provide accurate and unbiased information about events in Poland, but some do not
- Some media outlets provide accurate and unbiased information about events in Poland, but most do not
- None of the media outlets provide accurate and unbiased information about events in Poland
- Don't know/No answer



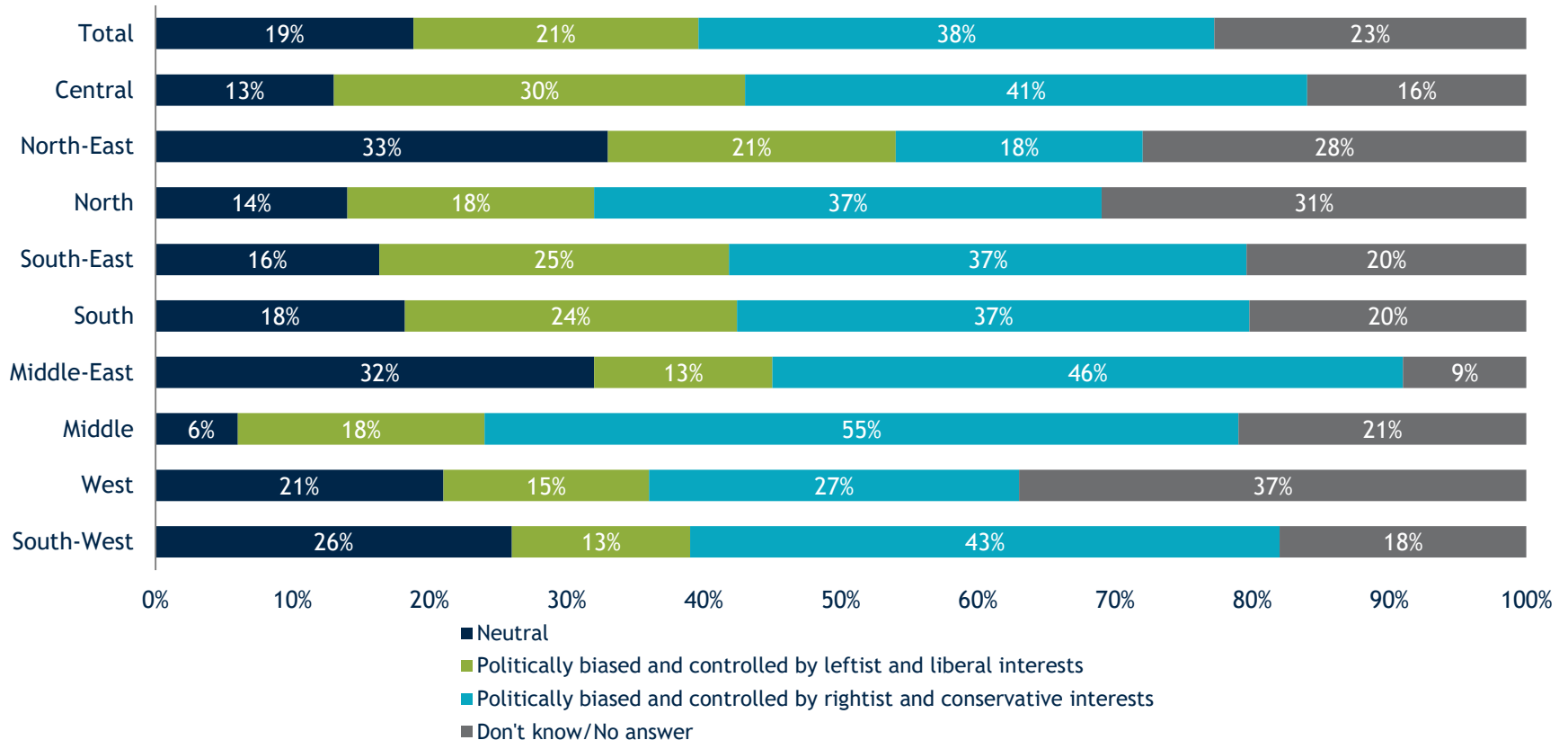
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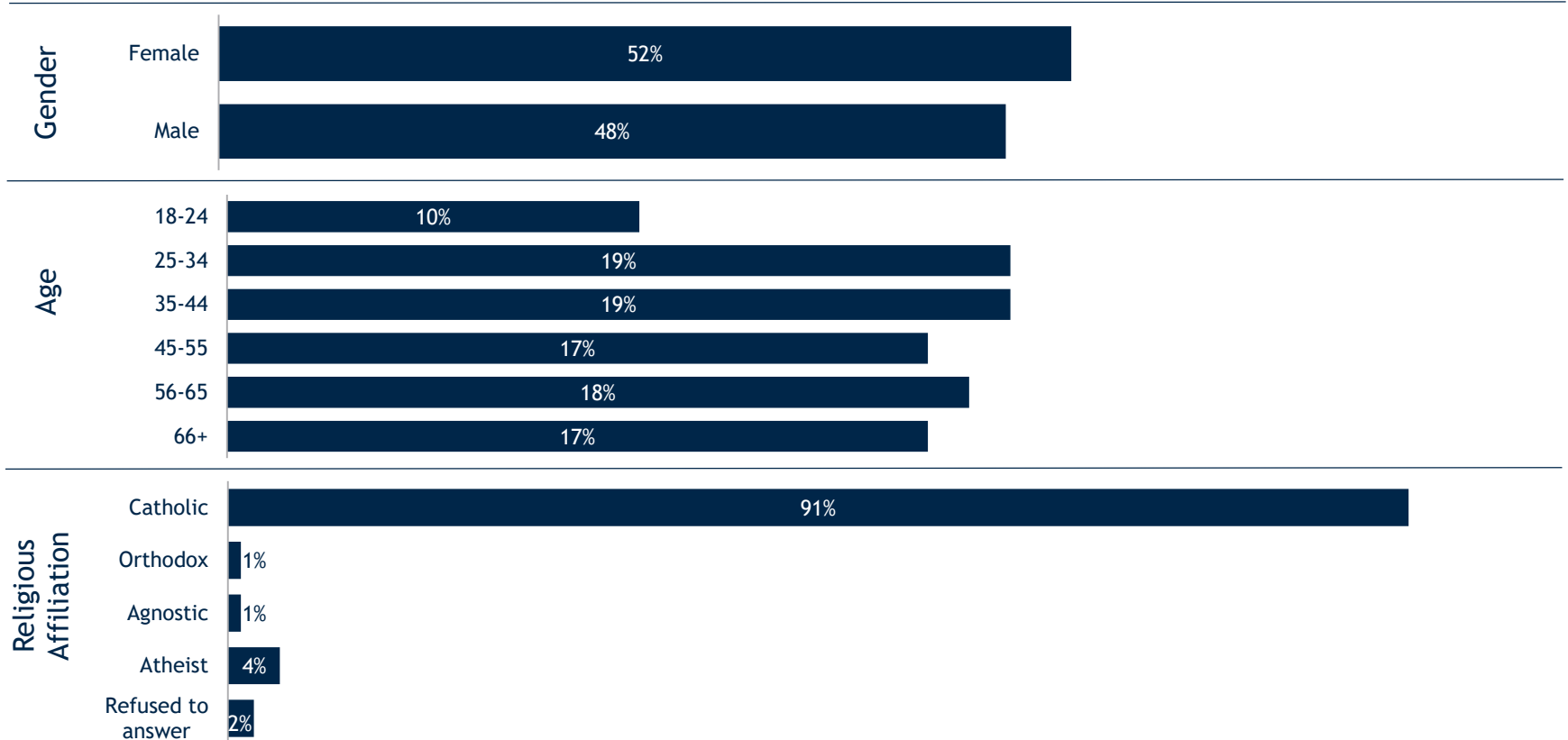
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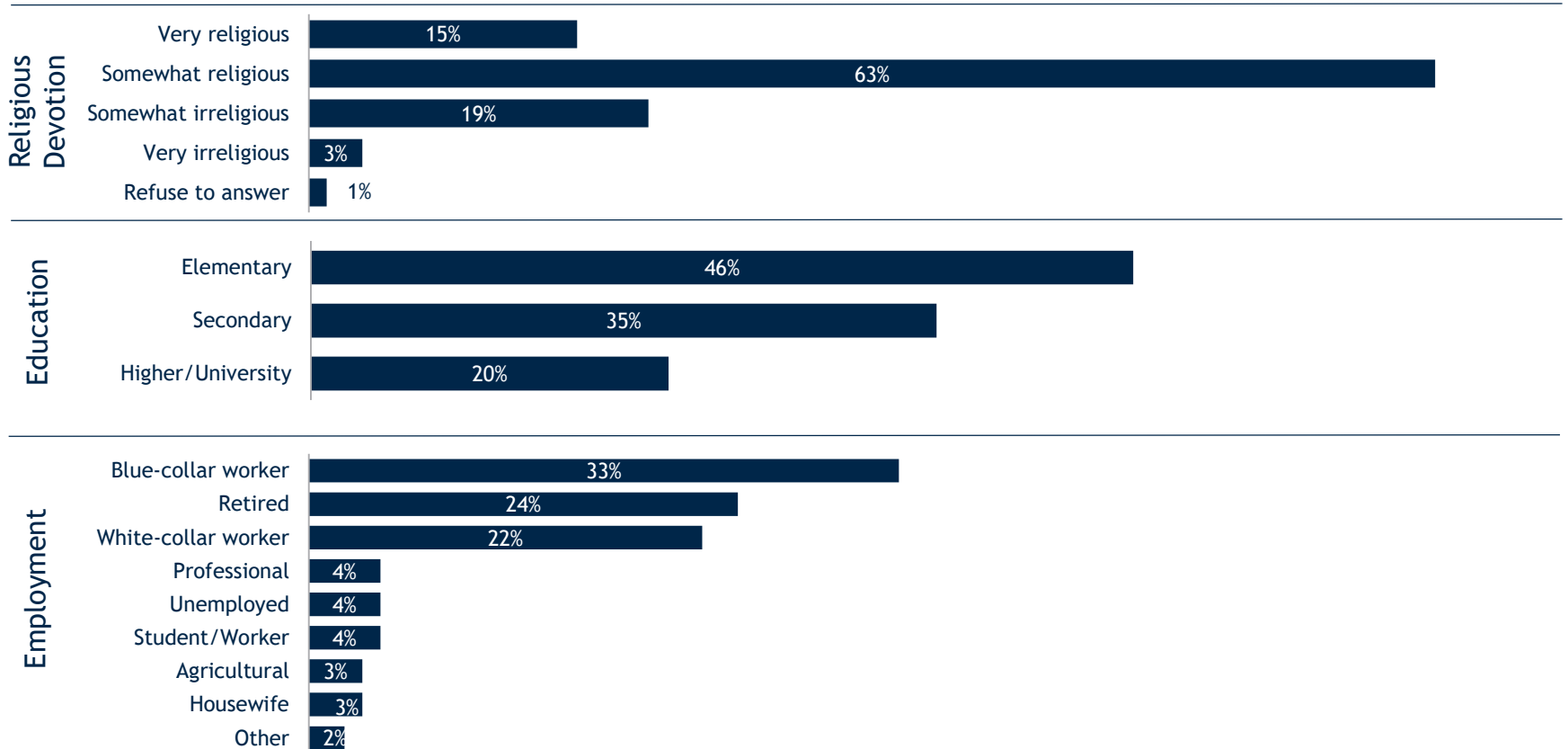
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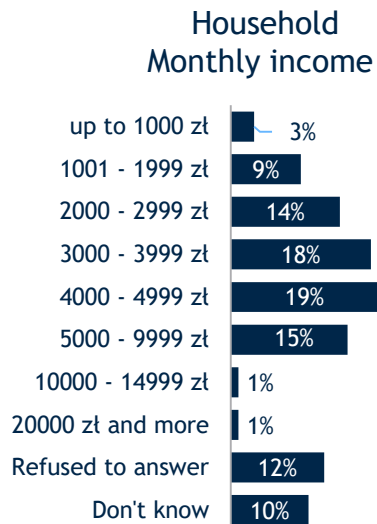
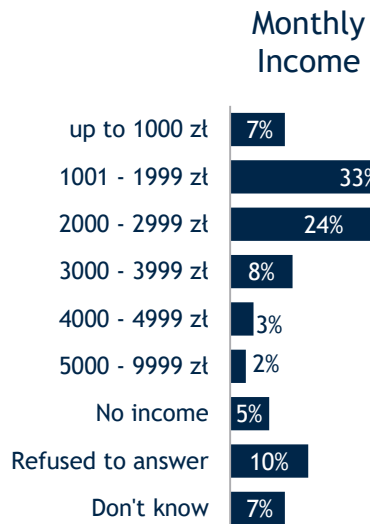
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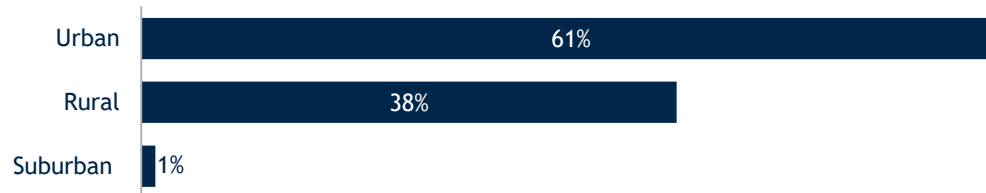
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