



National Survey of Bangladeshi Public Opinion

March 6 - April 19, 2017



Detailed Methodology

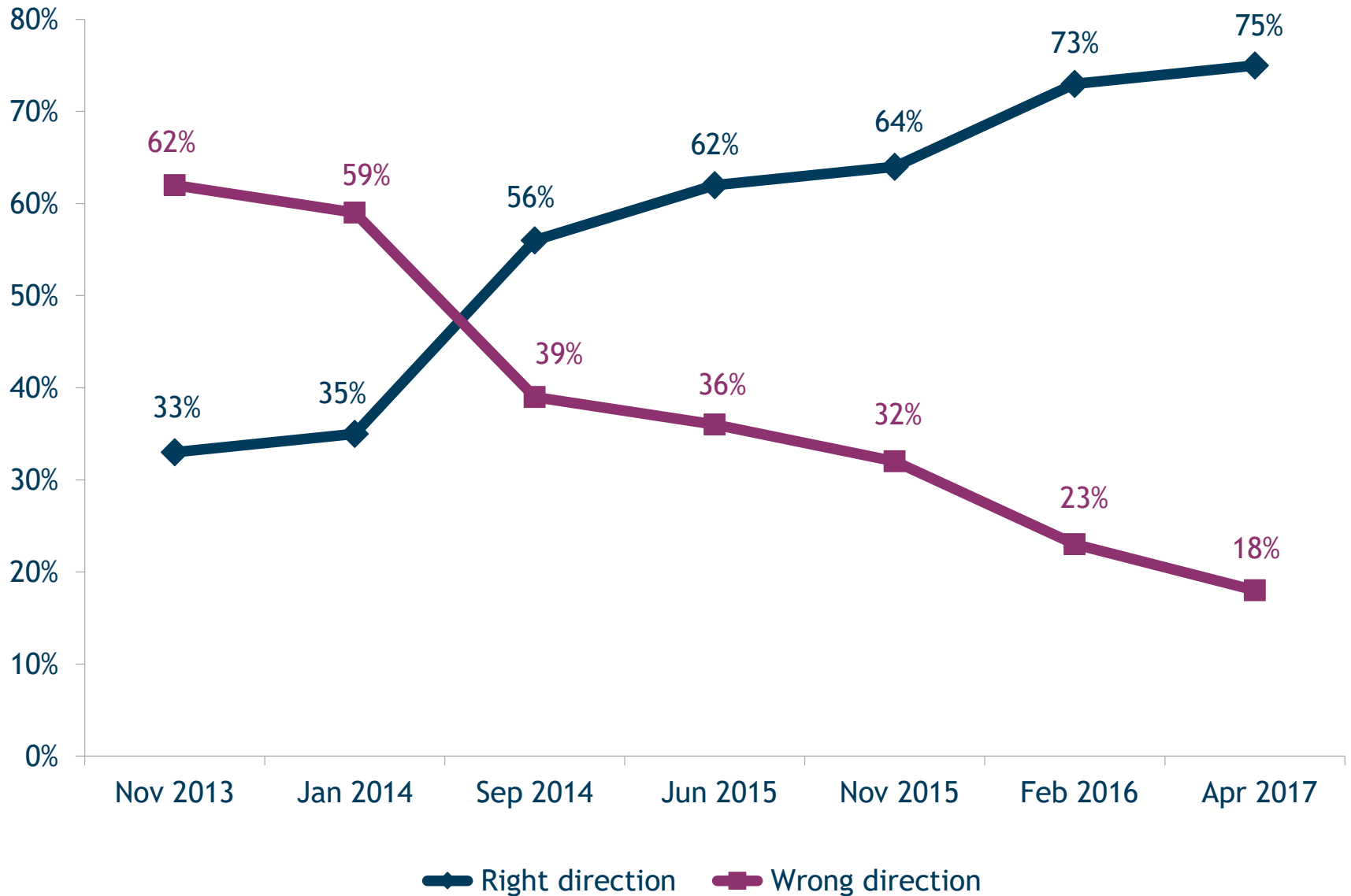
- The survey was conducted by IRI's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) and Creative Research and Development under the supervision of Global Strategic Partners between March 6 and April 19, 2017.
- Data was collected using a multi-stage stratified probability sample through in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by division, by district, and by urban and rural locations.
- The sample consists of 5,000 respondents aged 18 and older, and is representative of voting-age adults nationally.
- The sample was distributed into 500 primary sampling units (PSU) from all 64 districts of all eight divisions. PSUs were defined as *mouza* in rural areas and as *mahalla* in urban areas.
- The probability-proportional-to-size method was used to select localities. After identifying a centrally-located starting point, Systematic Random Sampling was used to select the appropriate household. Within each household, the Kish Grid was used to select respondents 18 years and older.
- Interview teams were comprised of both men and women.
- 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 does not take into account the design effect. The response rate was 42 percent.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies. Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.



Political and Economic Indicators

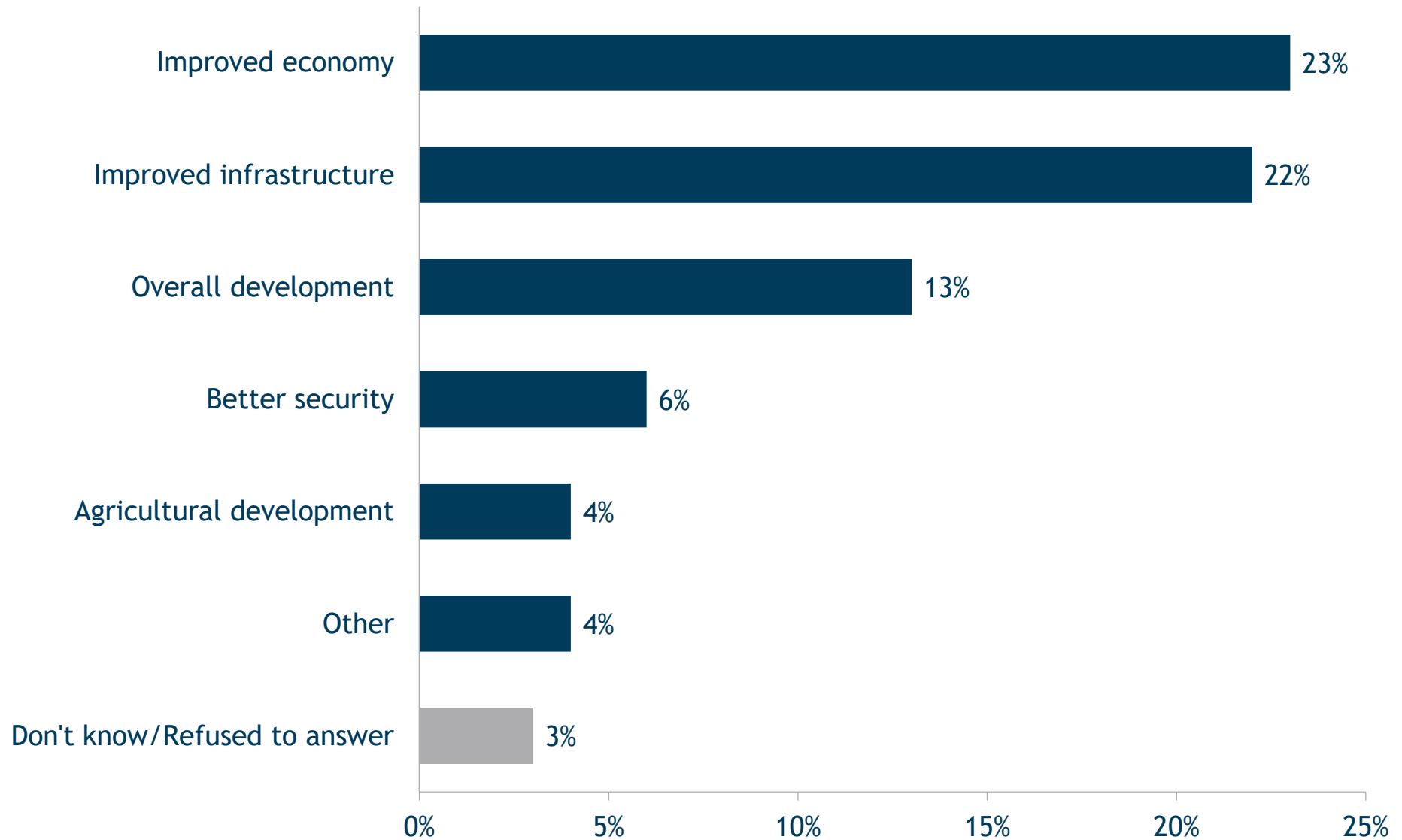


Do you believe things in Bangladesh are heading in the right or wrong direction?



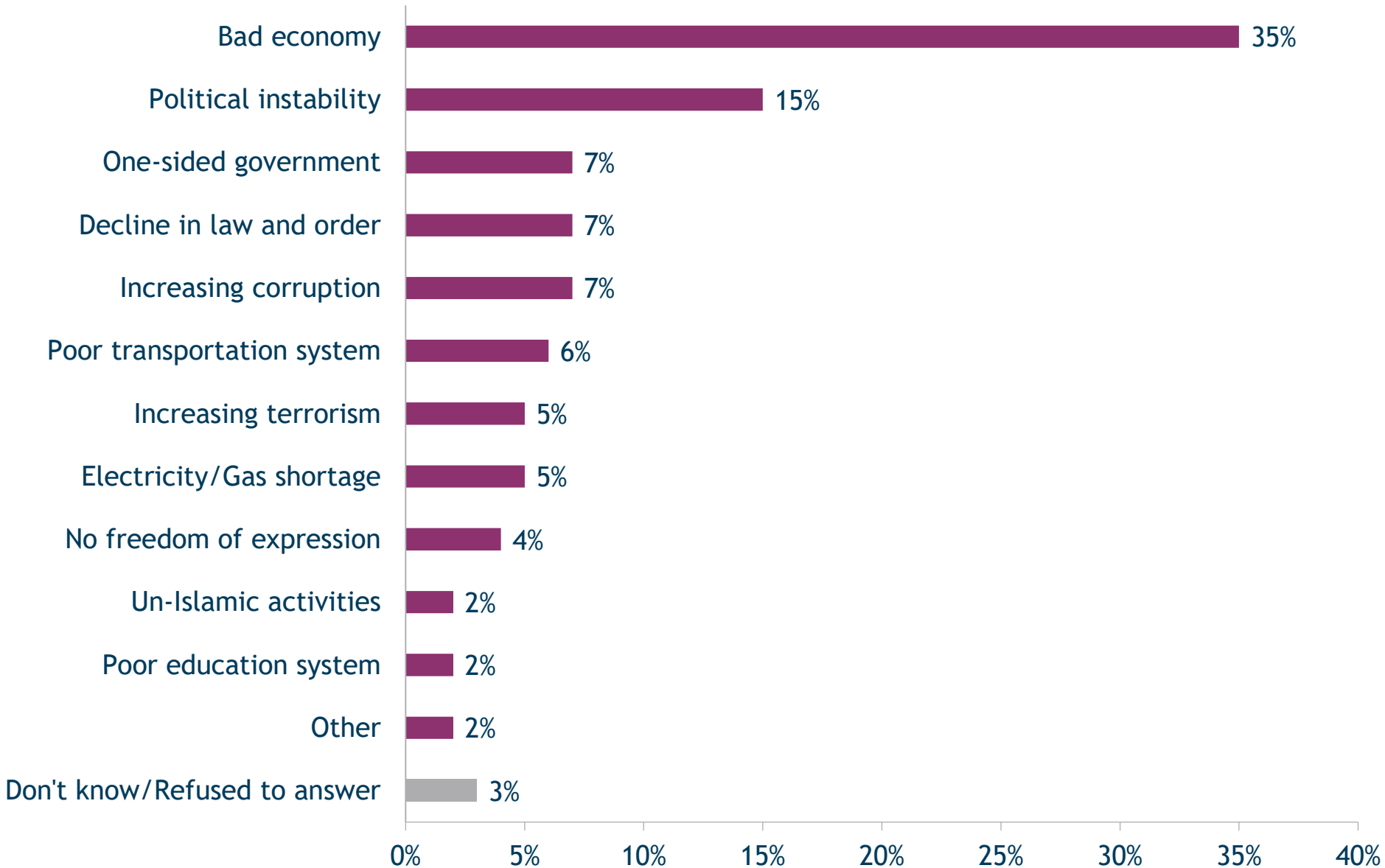
Why do you say right direction?

(Open-ended; respondents who said right direction: n=3,736)

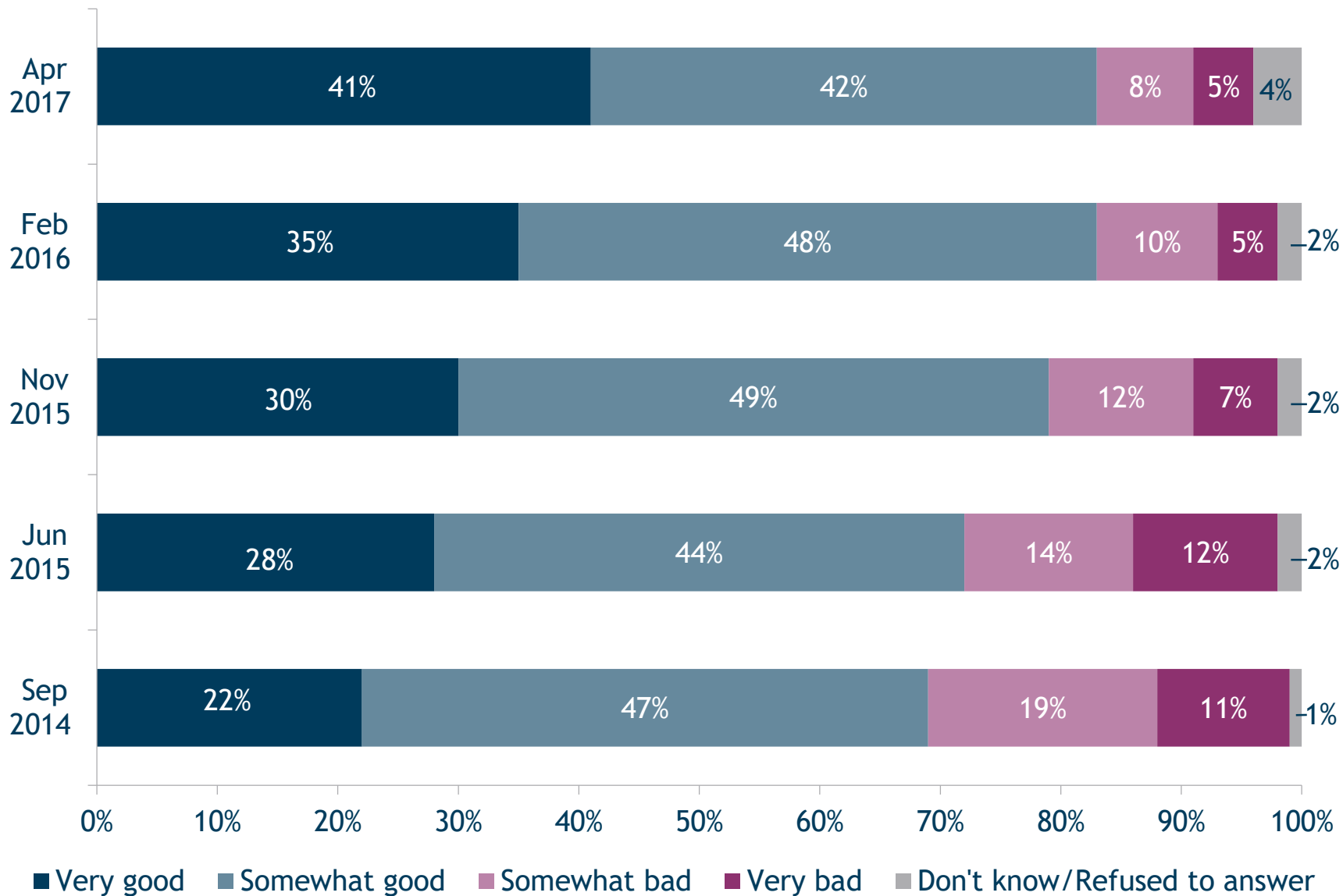


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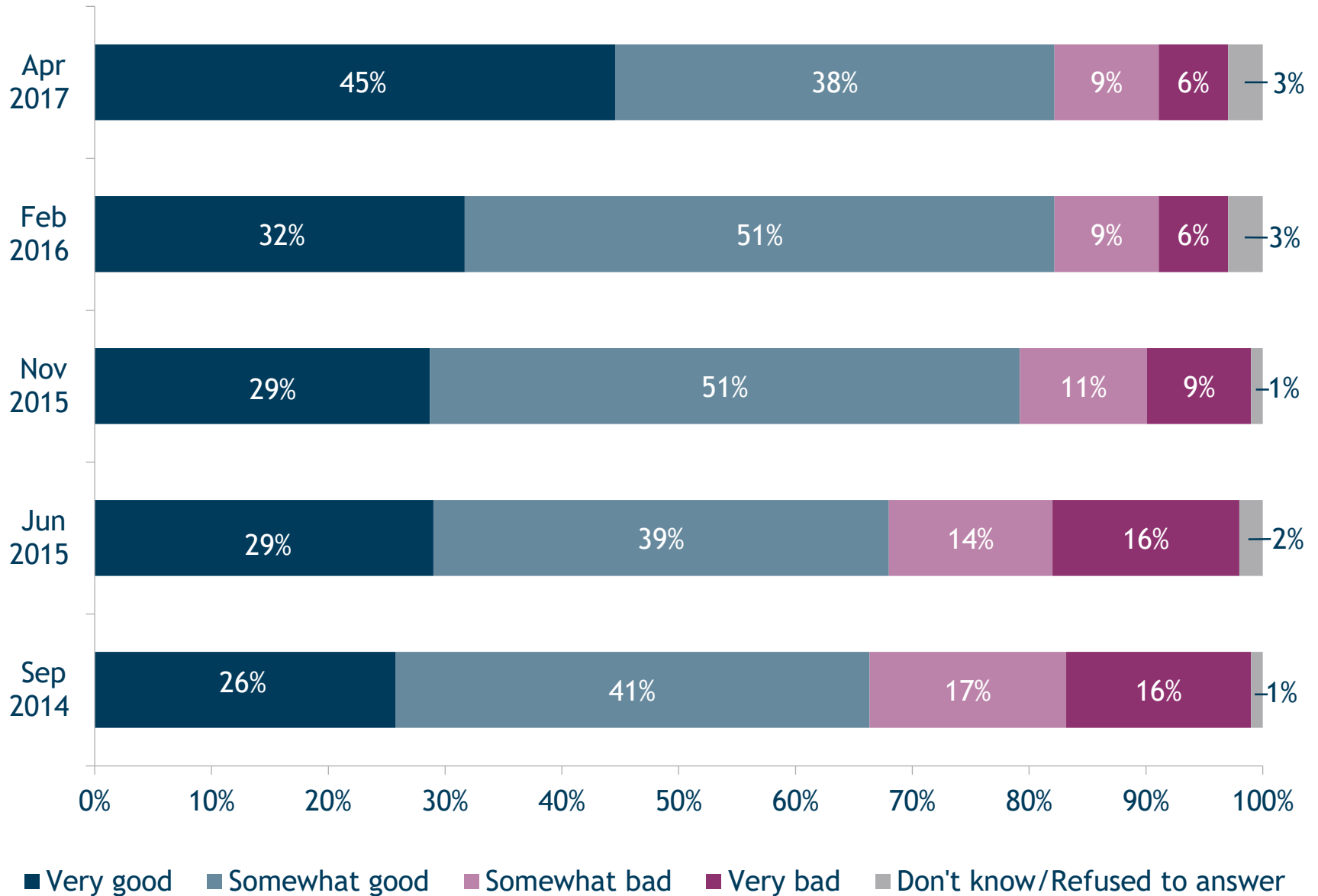
(Open-ended; respondents who said wrong direction: n=891)



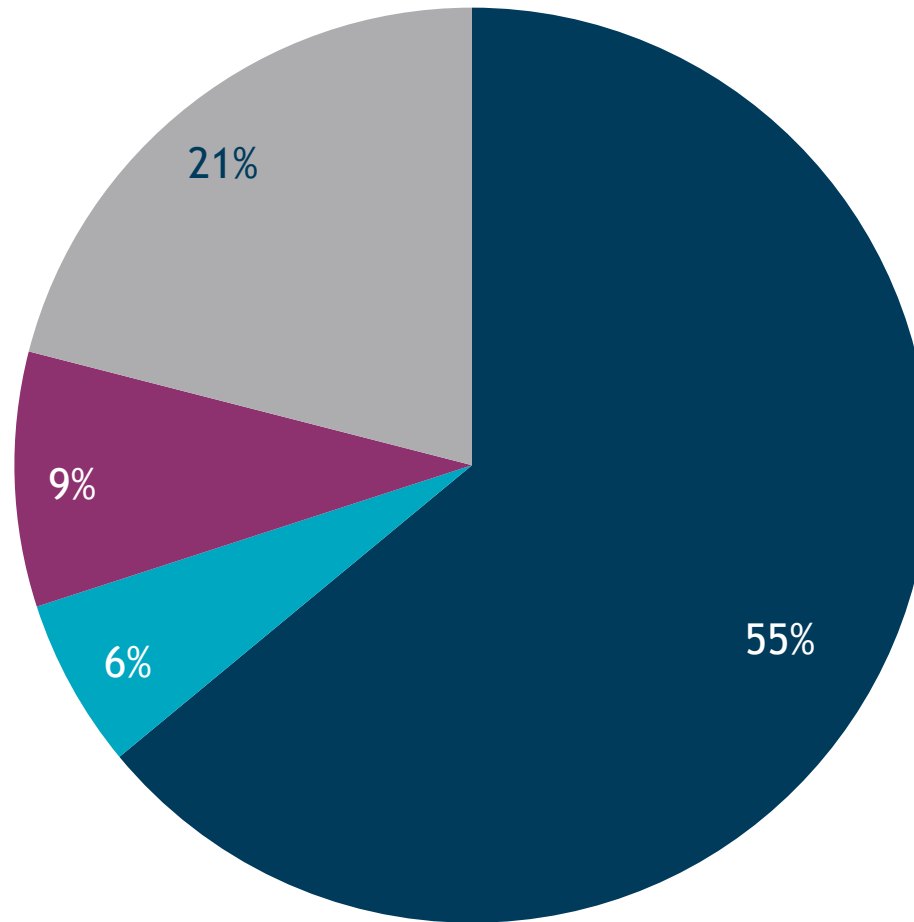
Overall, how would you rate the current economic situation in Bangladesh?



Overall, how would you rate the current security situation in Bangladesh?



In the year ahead do you think that the security situation will improve, worsen or stay the same?



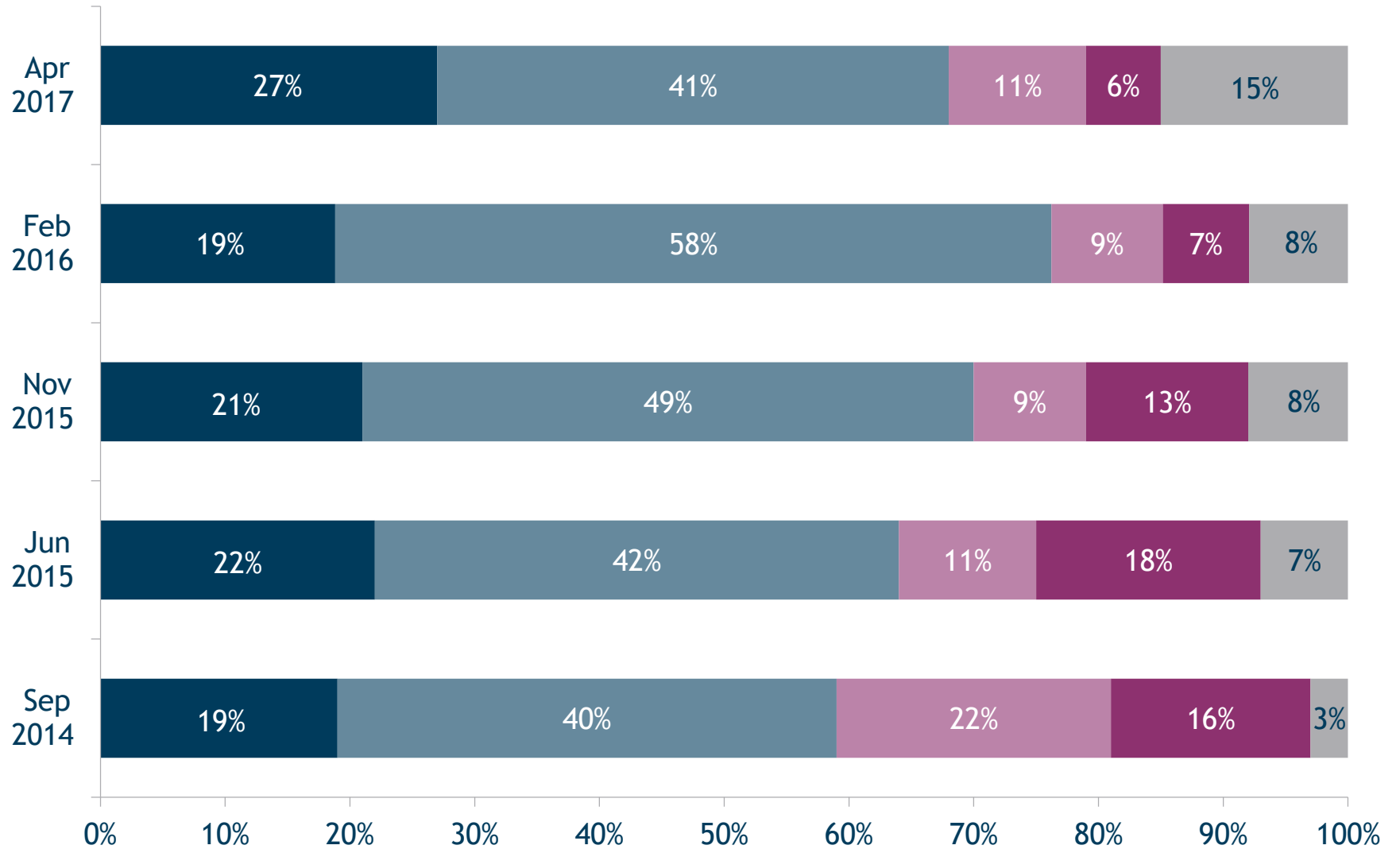
■ Improve

■ Stay the same

■ Worsen

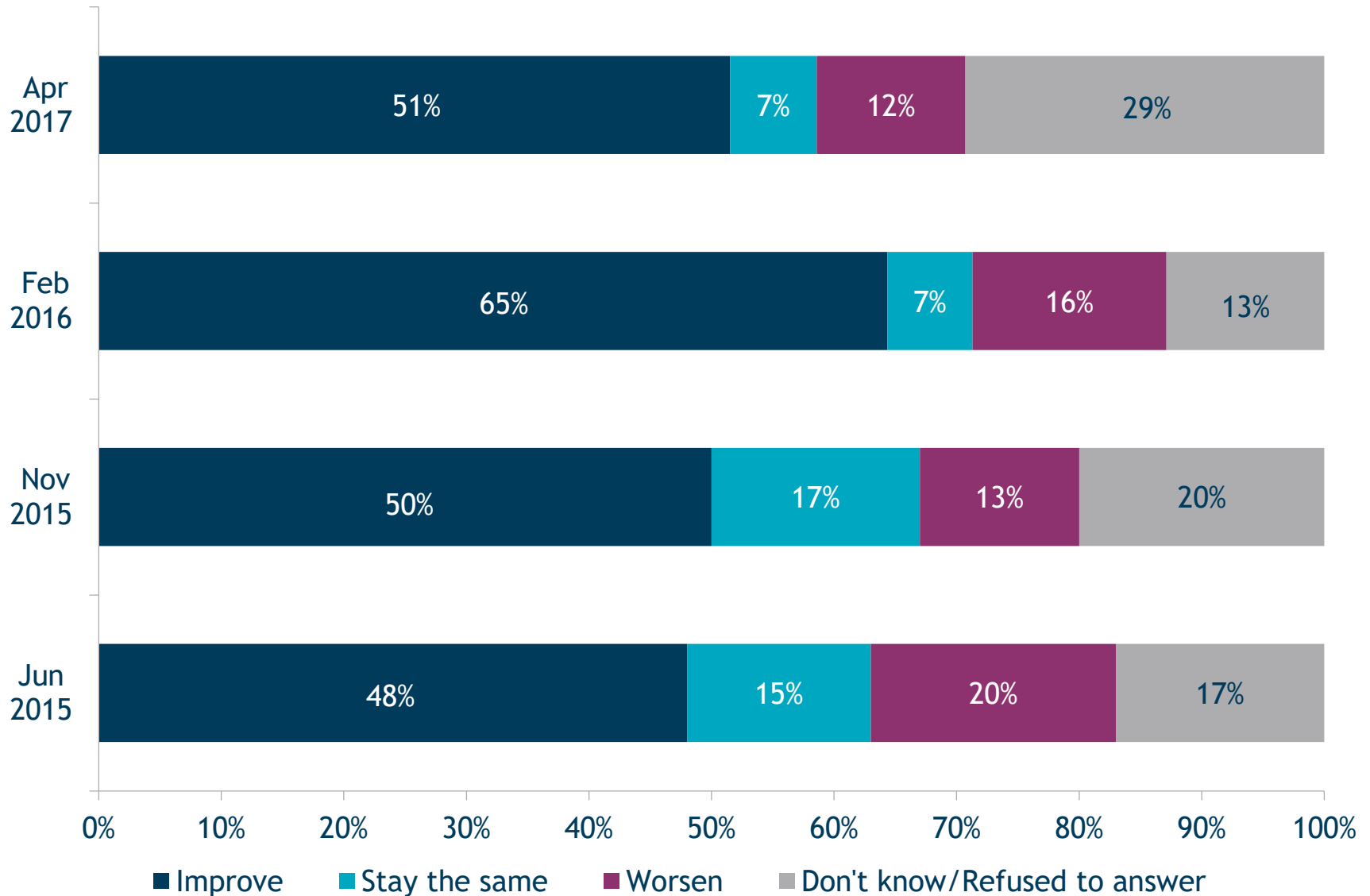
■ Don't know/Refused to answer

Overall, how would you rate the current level of political stability in Bangladesh?

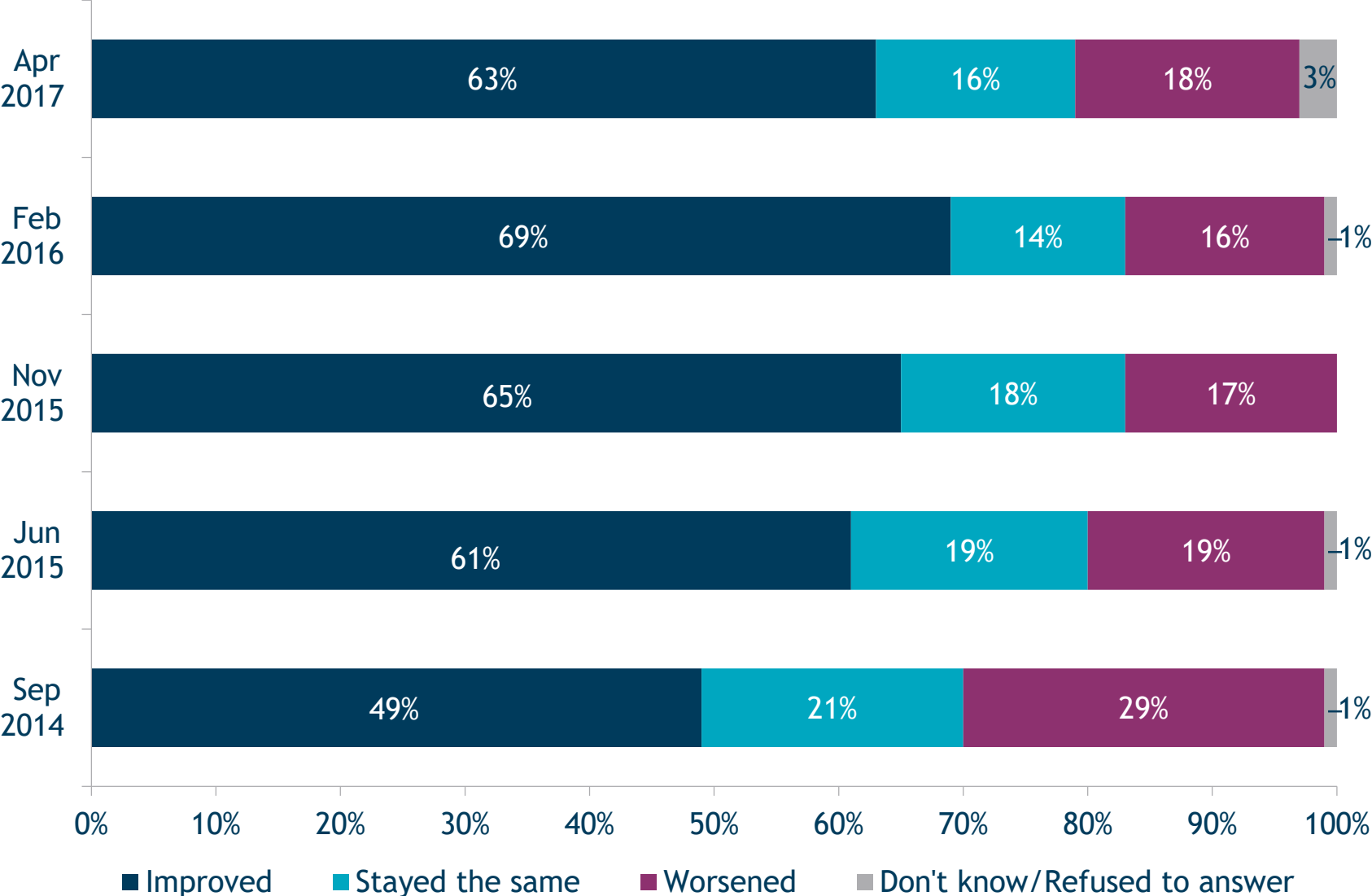


■ Very stable ■ Somewhat stable ■ Somewhat unstable ■ Very unstable ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

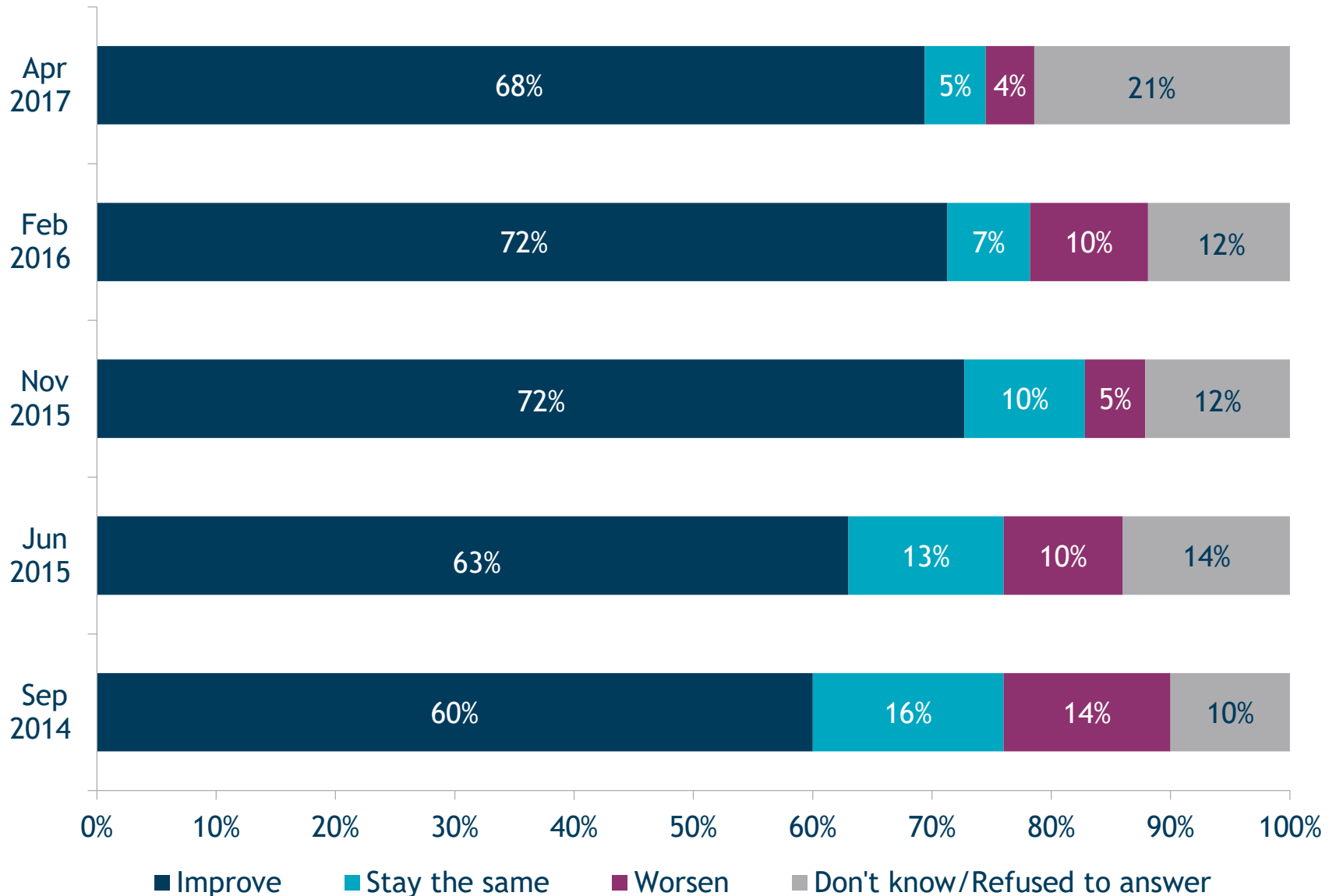
In the year ahead do you think the level of political stability in Bangladesh will improve, worsen or stay the same?



Thinking about the personal economic situation of you and your family, in the past year has it improved, worsened or stayed the same?



Thinking some more about the personal economic situation of you and your family, in the coming year do you think it will improve, worsen or stay the same?

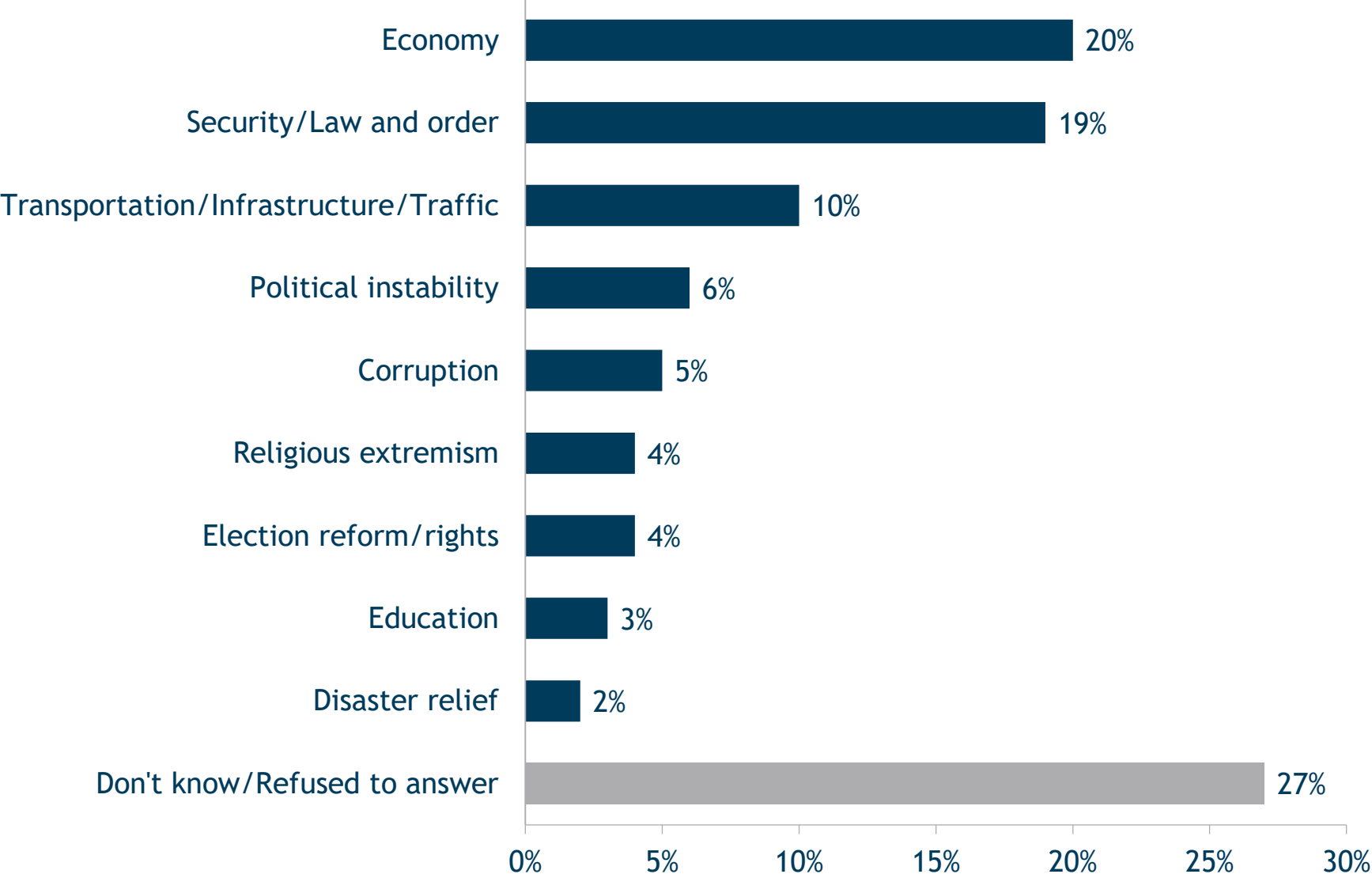




Priority Issues



What is the single most important problem in Bangladesh? (Open-ended)



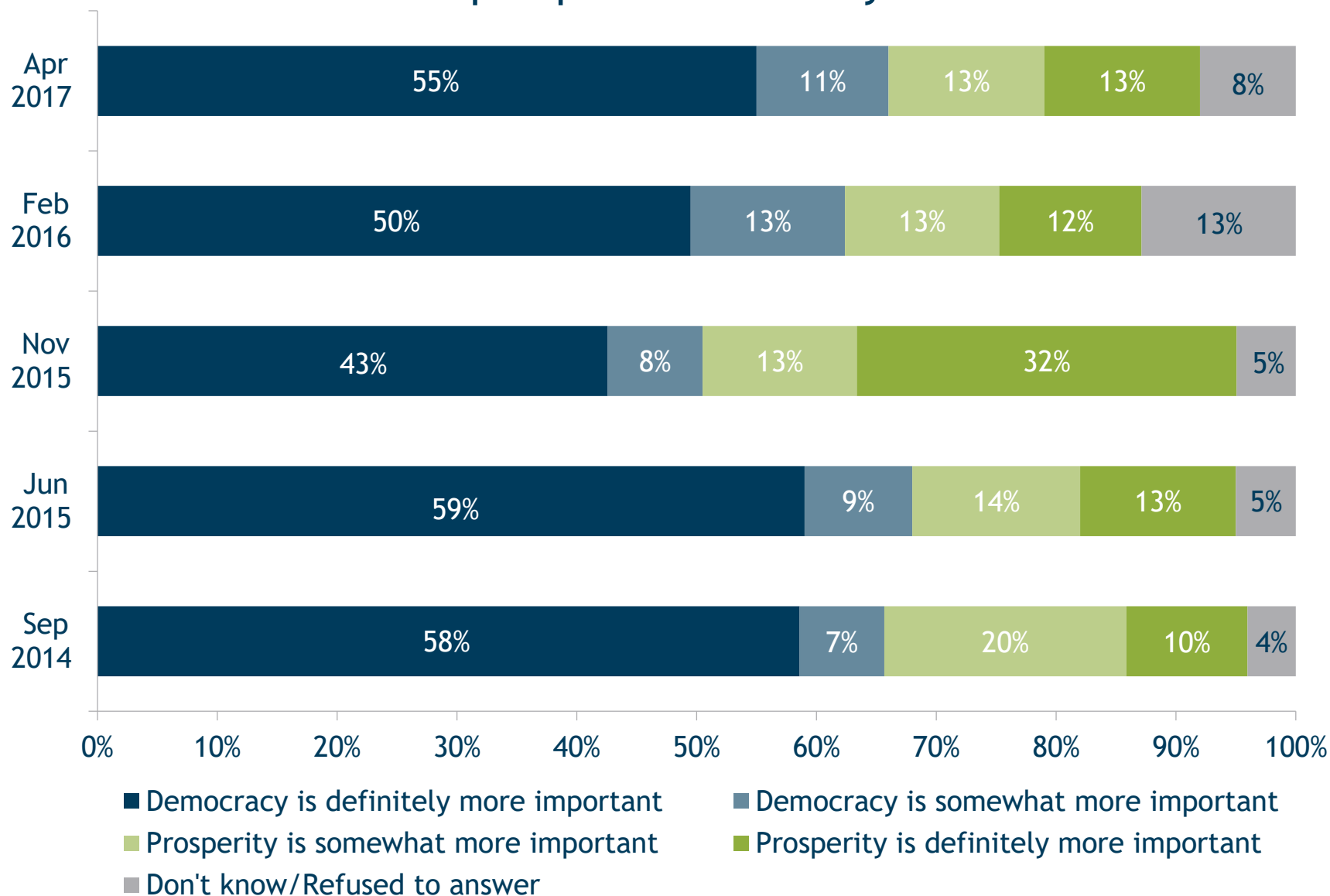
*Responses that received one percent or less are not shown.

What are the three most important problems facing Bangladesh?

(Open-ended; comparison of previous survey data)

Issue	Feb 2016	Nov 2015	Jun 2015	Sep 2014	Jan 2014	Nov 2013
Economy	21%	17%	11%	13%	7%	23%
Security/Law and order	21%	13%	15%	9%	11%	11%
Transportation/Traffic/Infrastructure	8%	11%	6%	17%	1%	3%
Political instability	12%	11%	16%	13%	39%	34%
Corruption	9%	18%	24%	20%	36%	20%

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



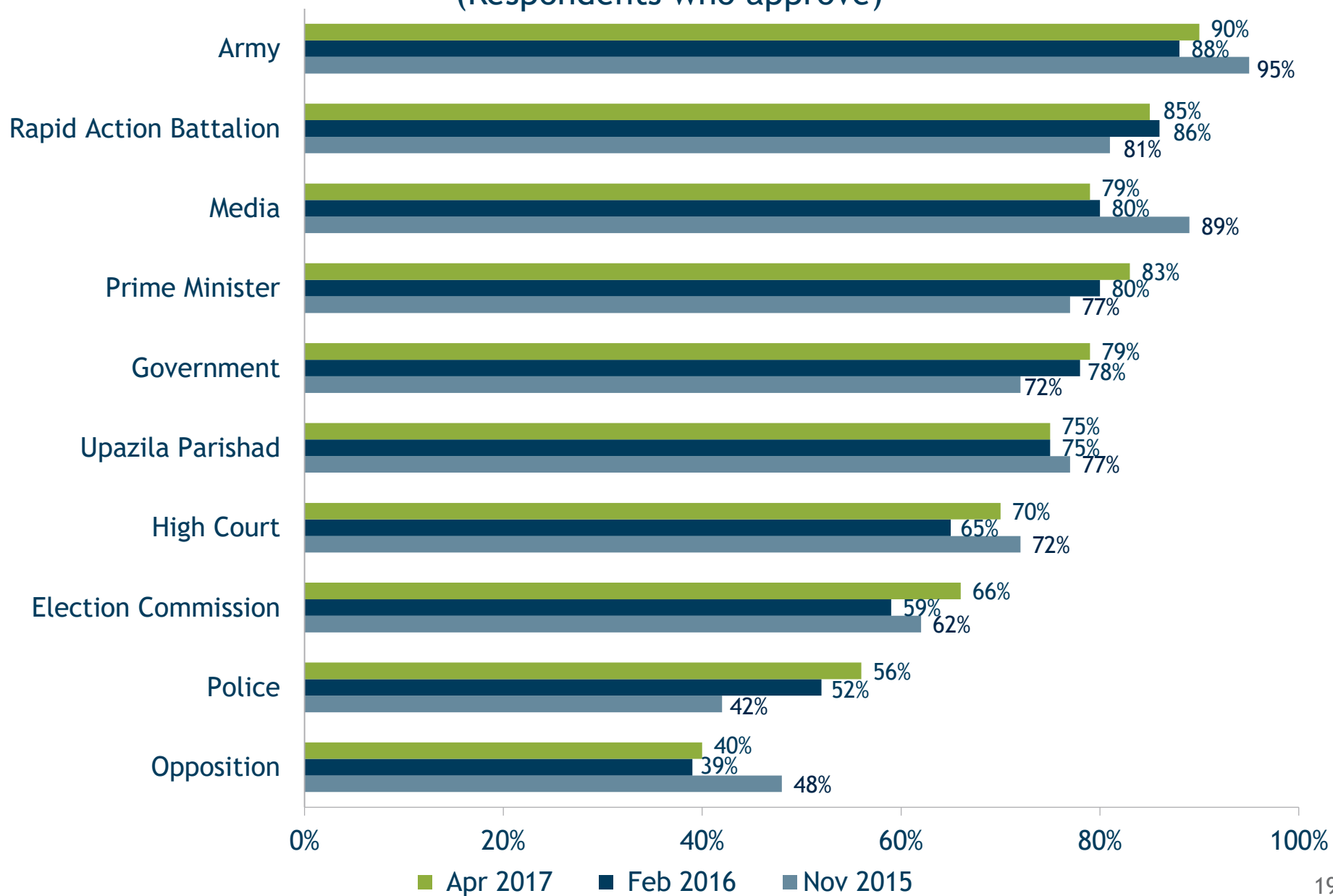


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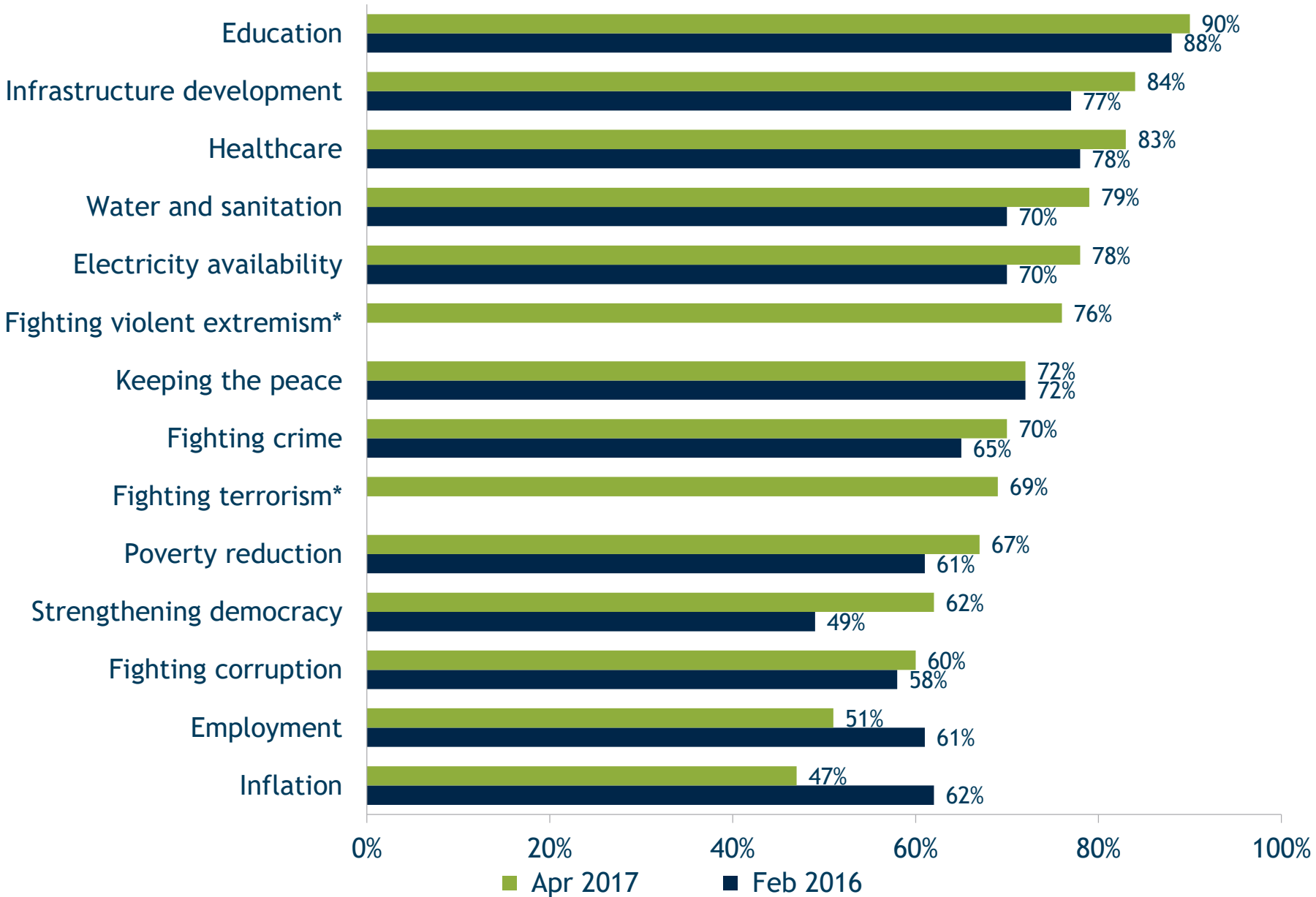


Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by the following institutions?

(Respondents who approve)



On each of these issues, how would you rate the national government? (Percentages shown are total responding “very good” or “good”)



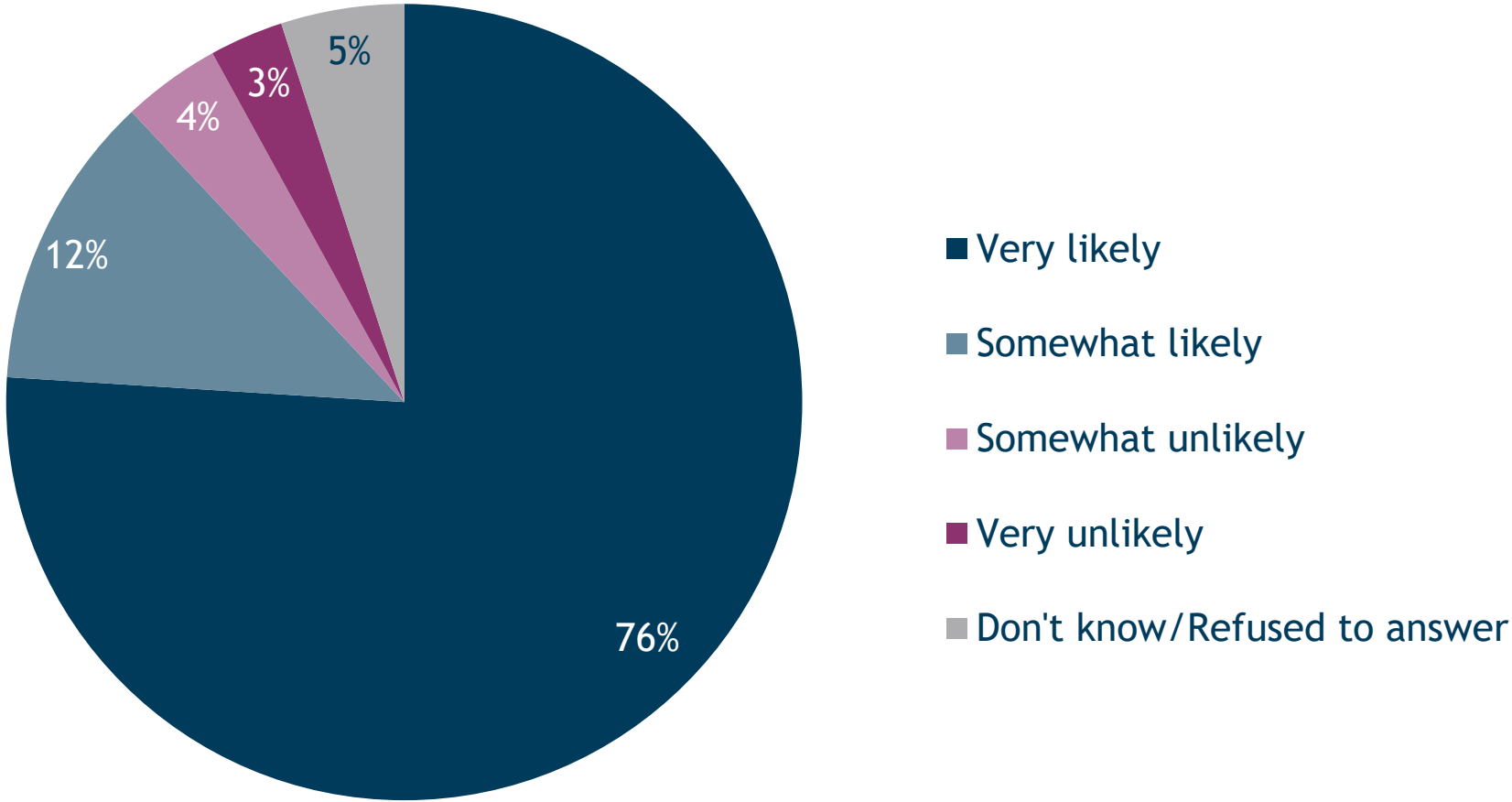
*This issue was not asked in previous surveys



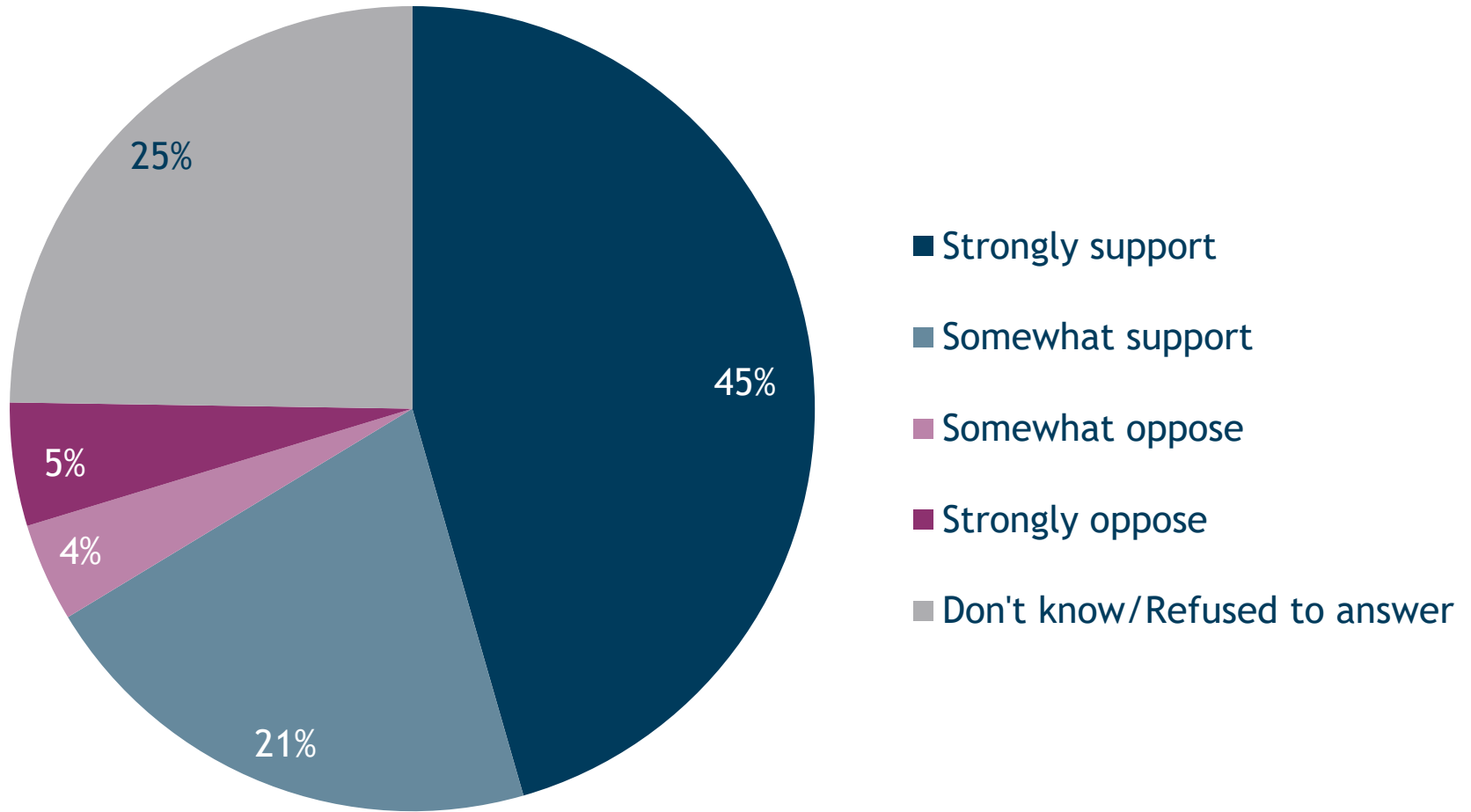
Elections and Political Parties



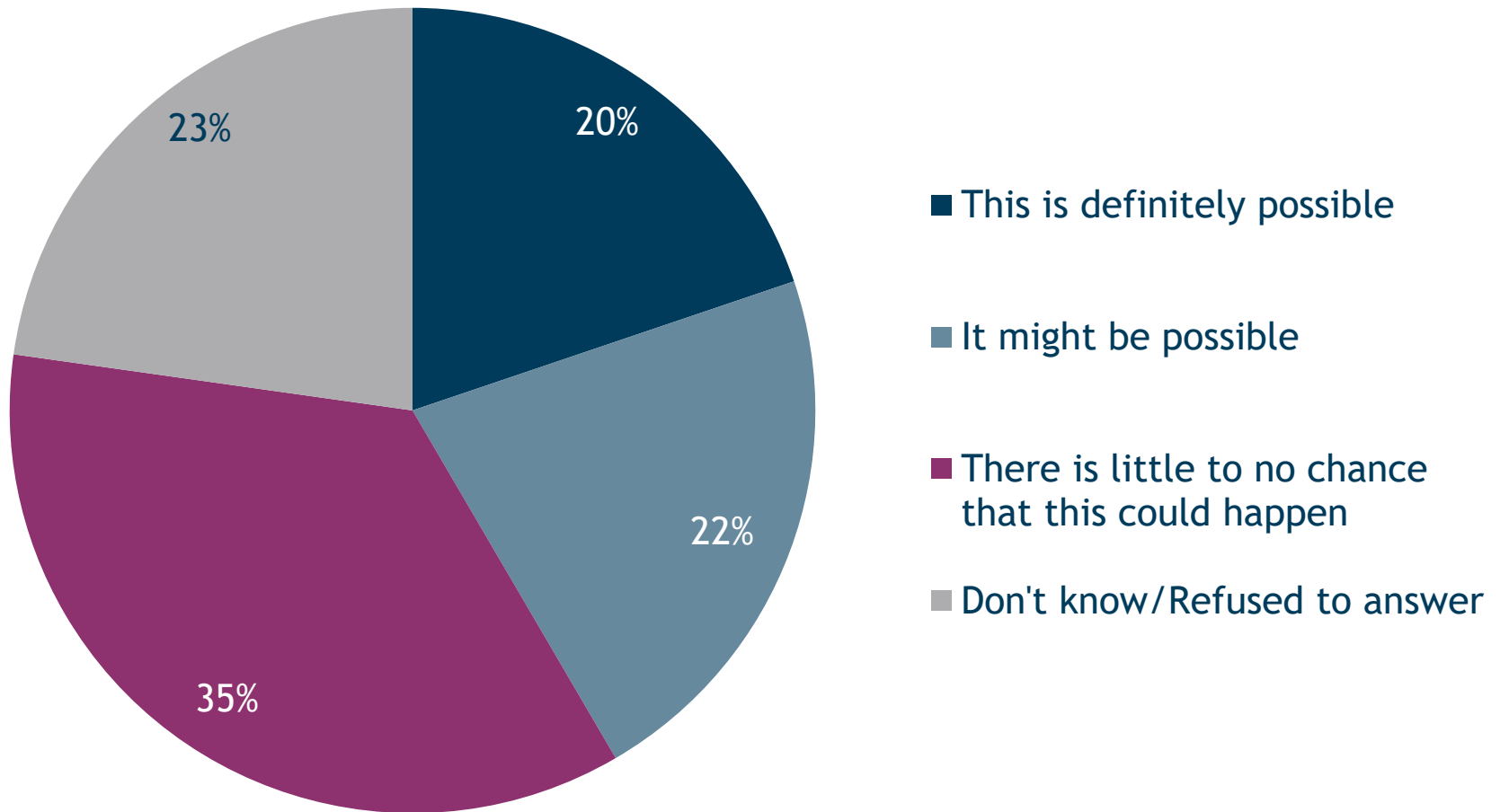
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next national parliamentary elections?



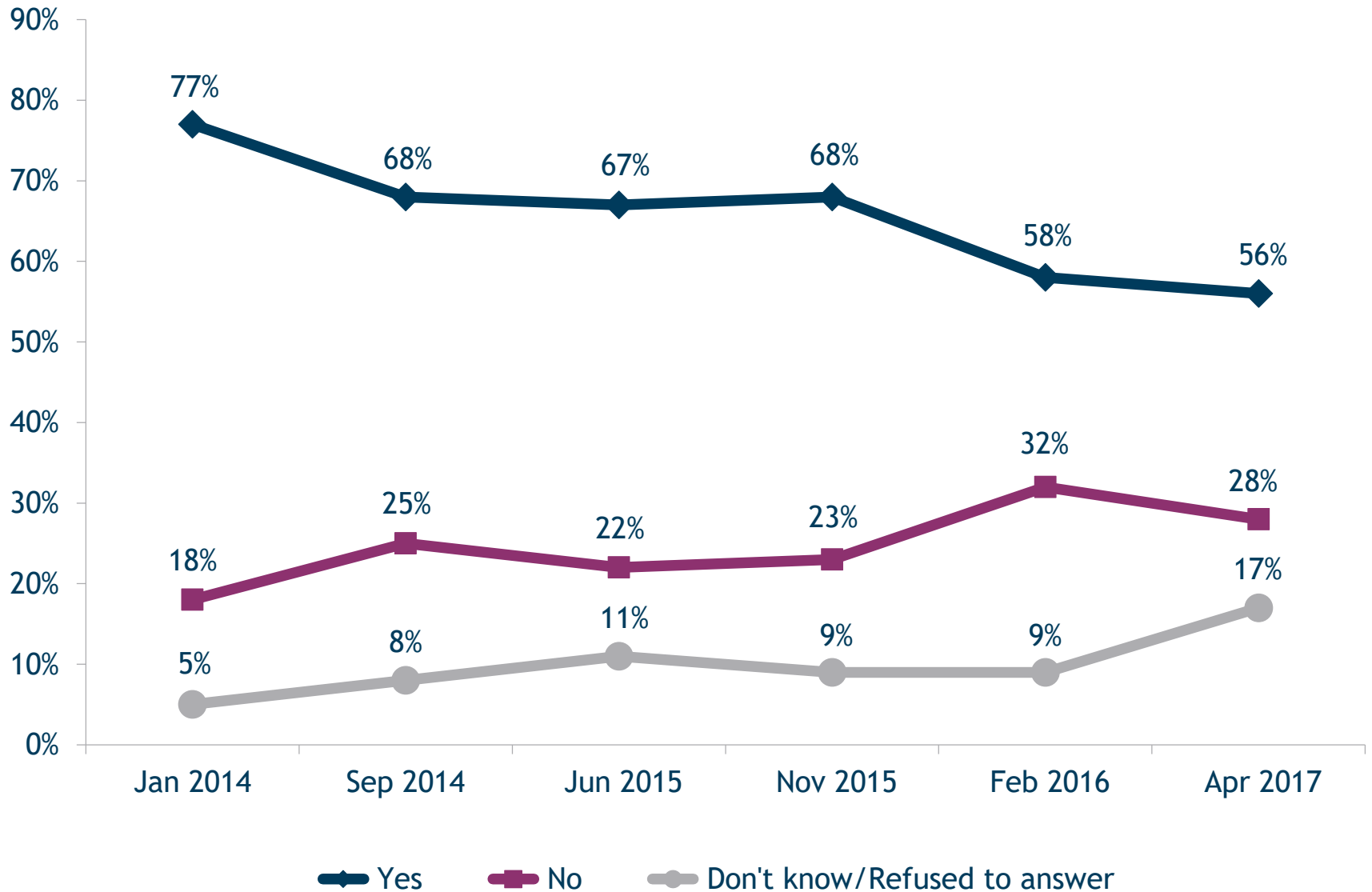
To what extent would you like to see the Awami League seek input from other political parties and include them in the decision-making process?



To what extent do you think BNP and the Awami League are capable of putting aside their differences and working together to solve the problems facing Bangladesh?



Should a non-party, caretaker government be brought back before the next parliamentary elections?

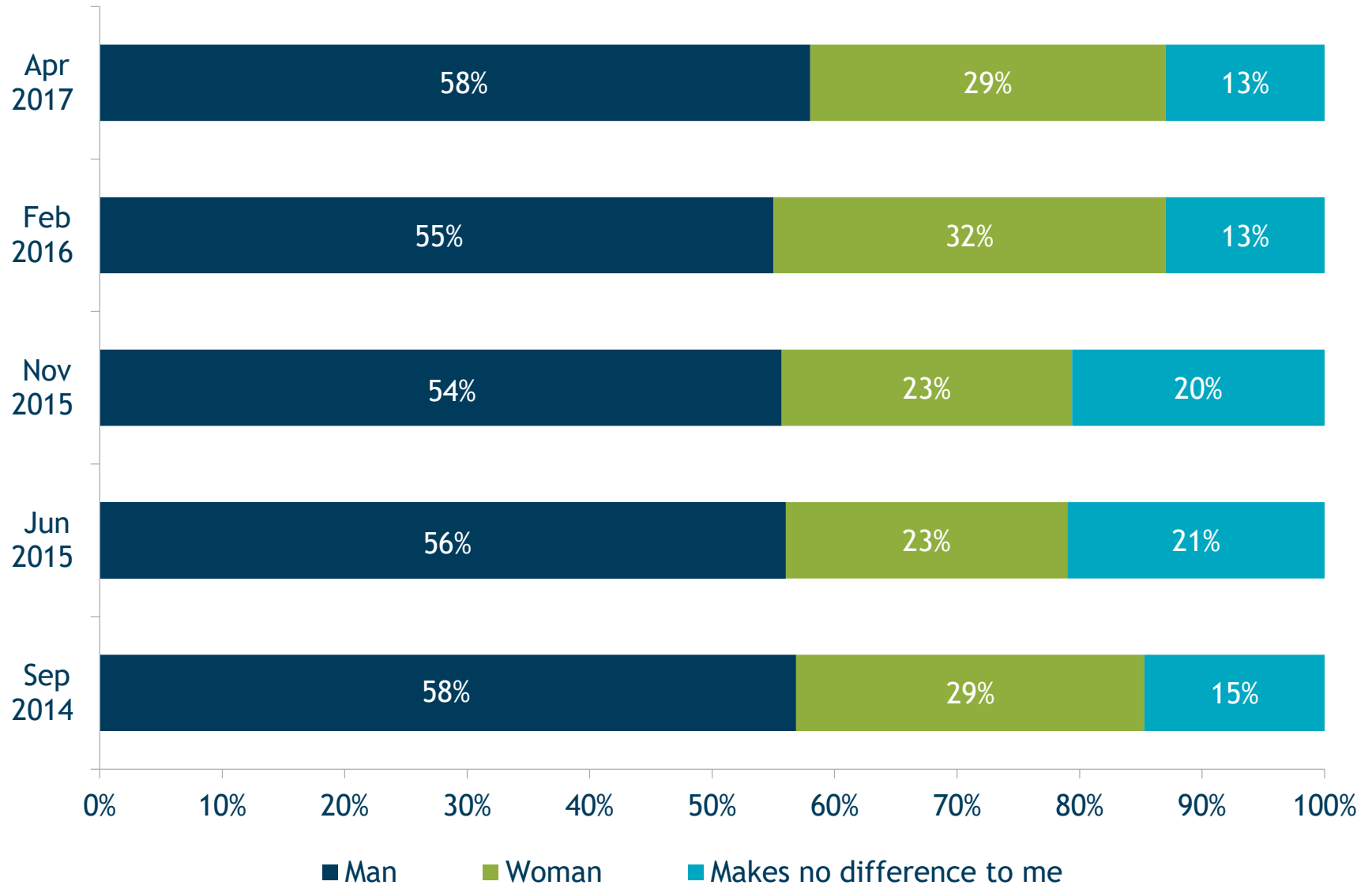




Women and Youth



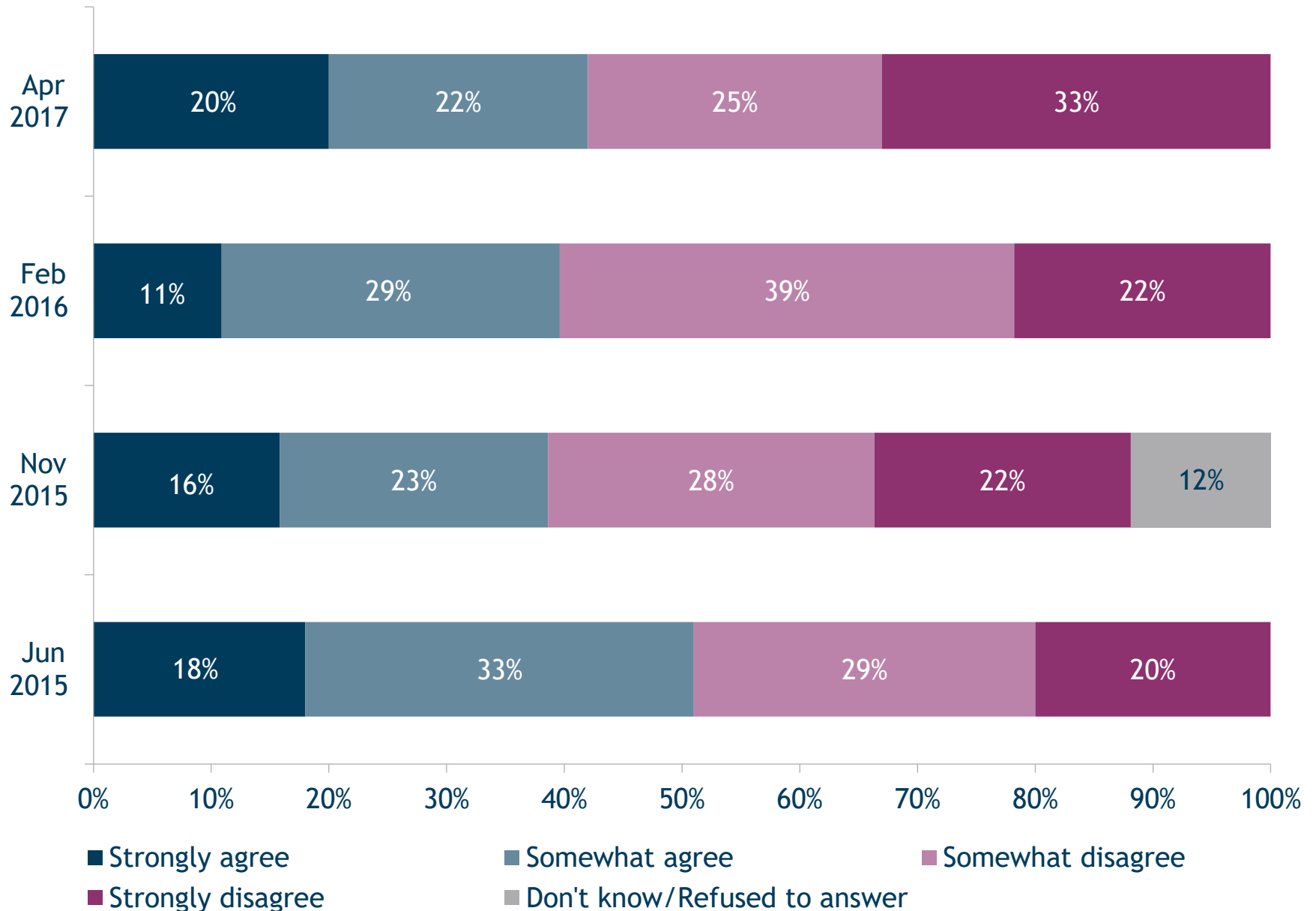
If there are two candidates running for office and they are exactly the same aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate would you prefer?



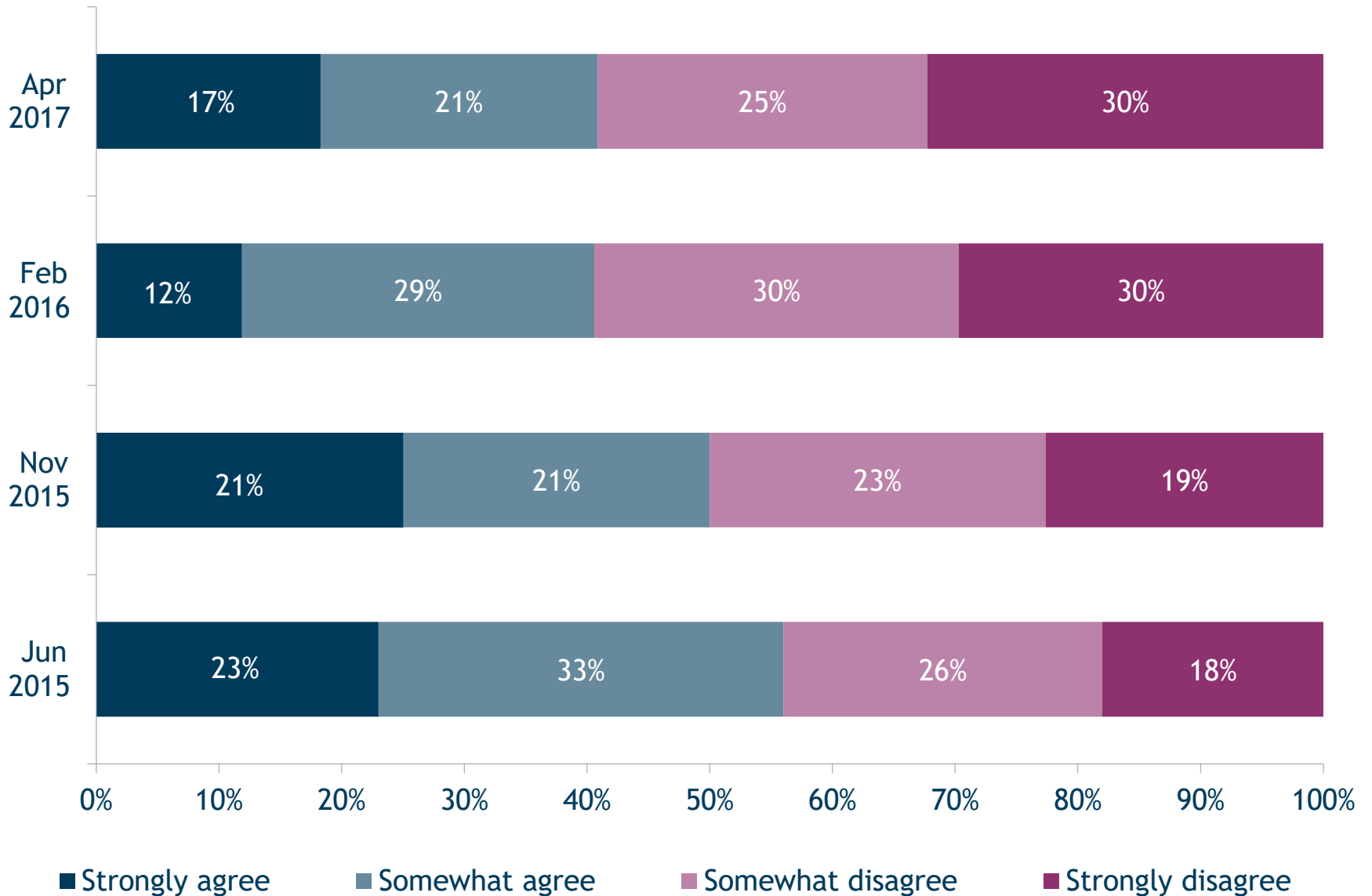
If there are two candidates running for office and they are exactly the same aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate would you prefer?
(Disaggregated by gender)

Men	Apr 2017	Feb 2016	Nov 2015	Jun 2015	Sep 2014
Prefer man	76%	74%	77%	69%	79%
Prefer woman	11%	14%	5%	10%	7%
No difference	13%	12%	16%	21%	14%
Women	Apr 2017	Feb 2016	Nov 2015	Jun 2015	Sep 2014
Prefer man	40%	36%	31%	42%	34%
Prefer woman	47%	50%	41%	37%	51%
No difference	14%	14%	24%	32%	16%

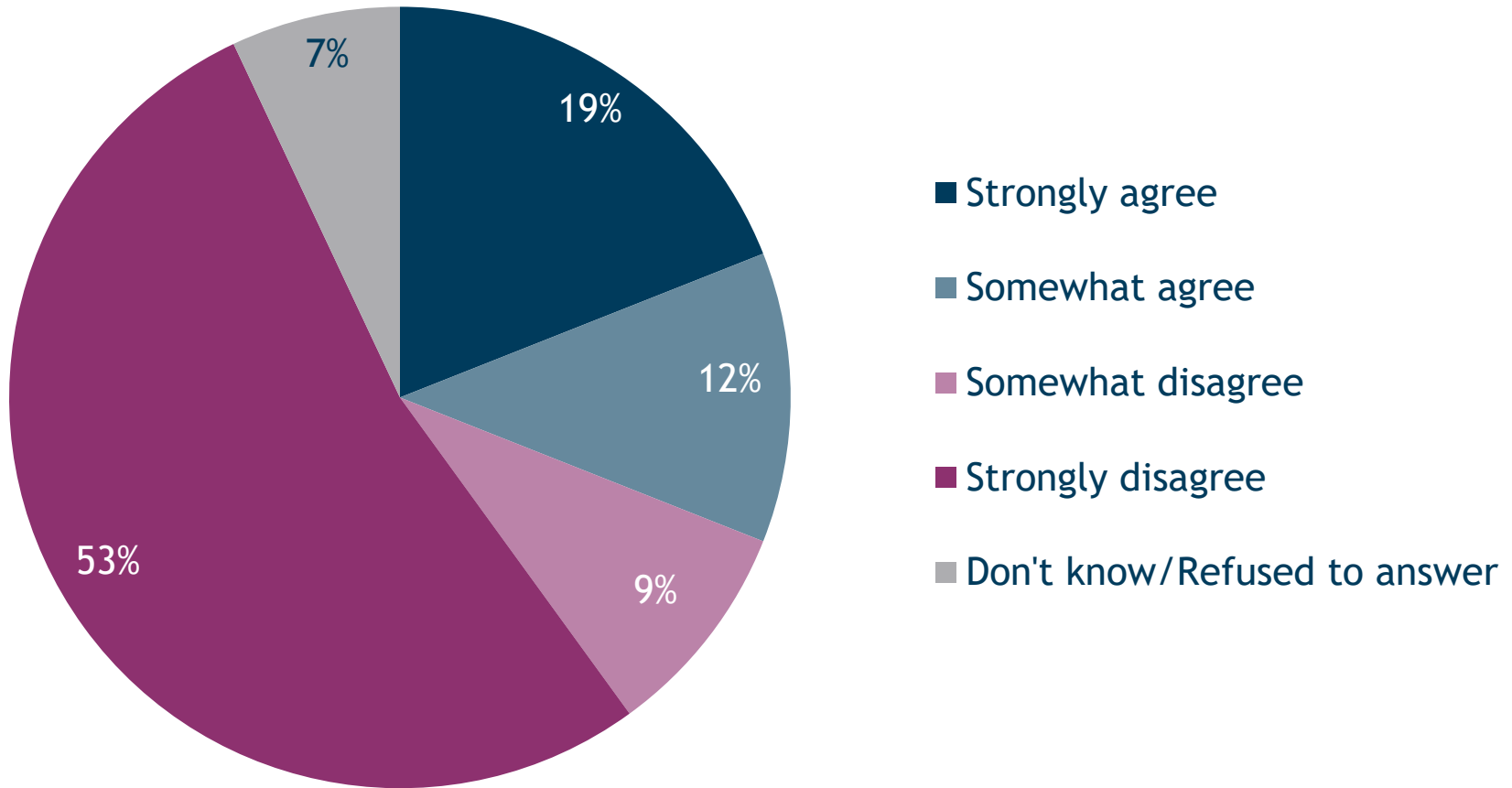
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”



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:
“Educating boys is more important than educating girls.”



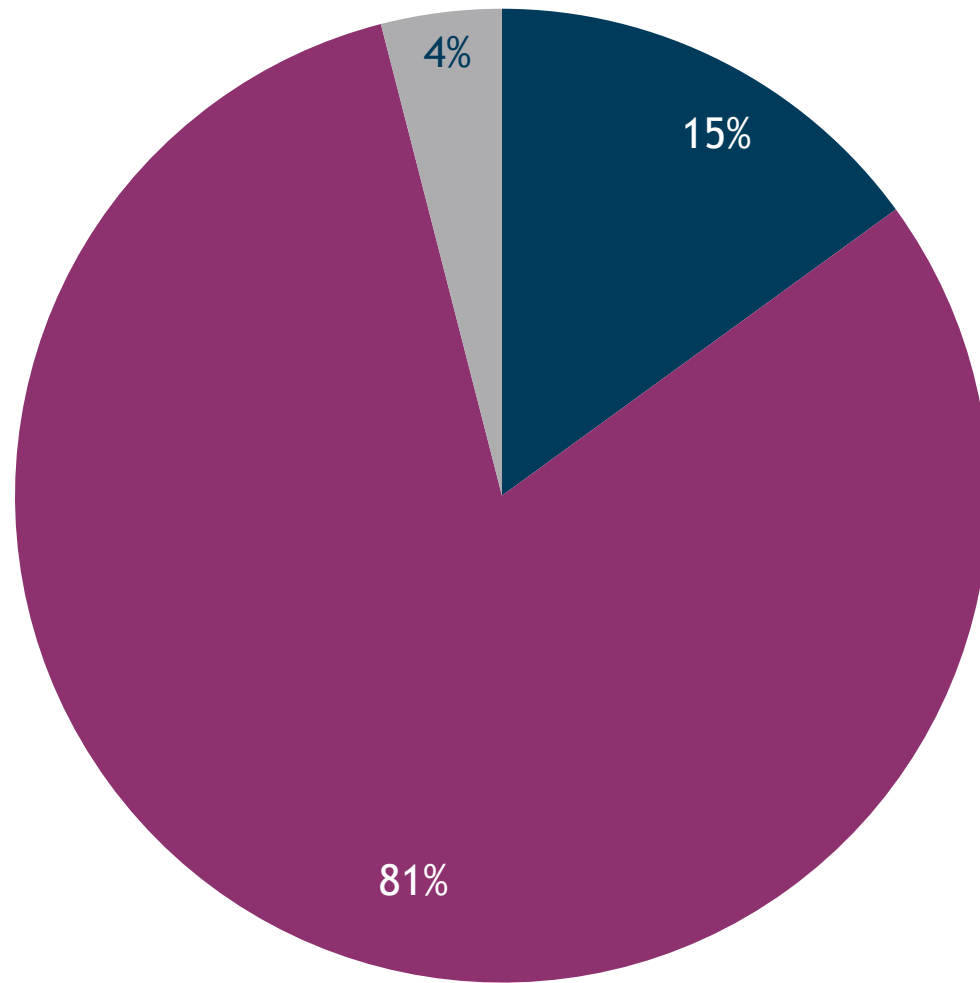


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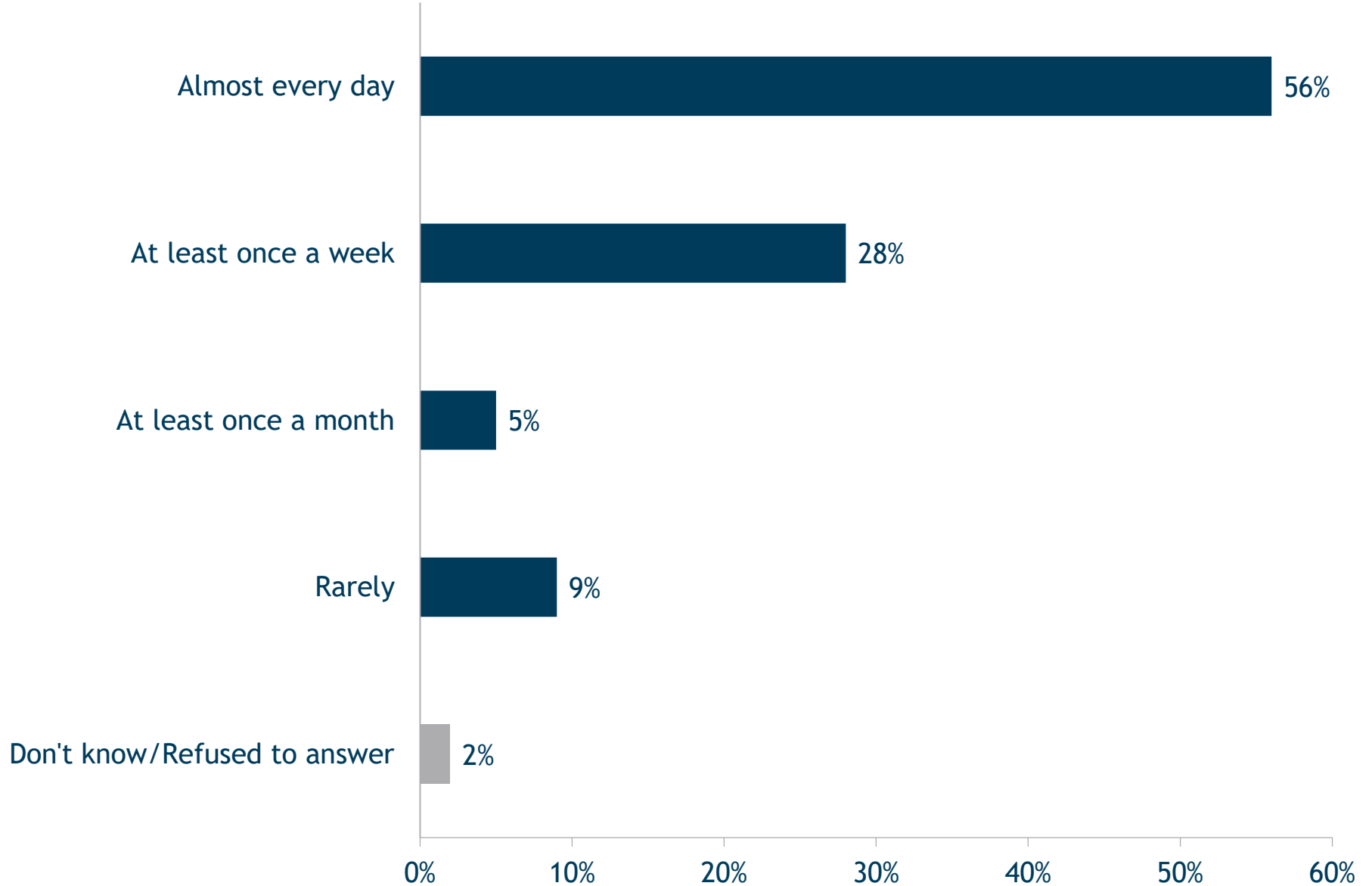
Do you have access to the Internet?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

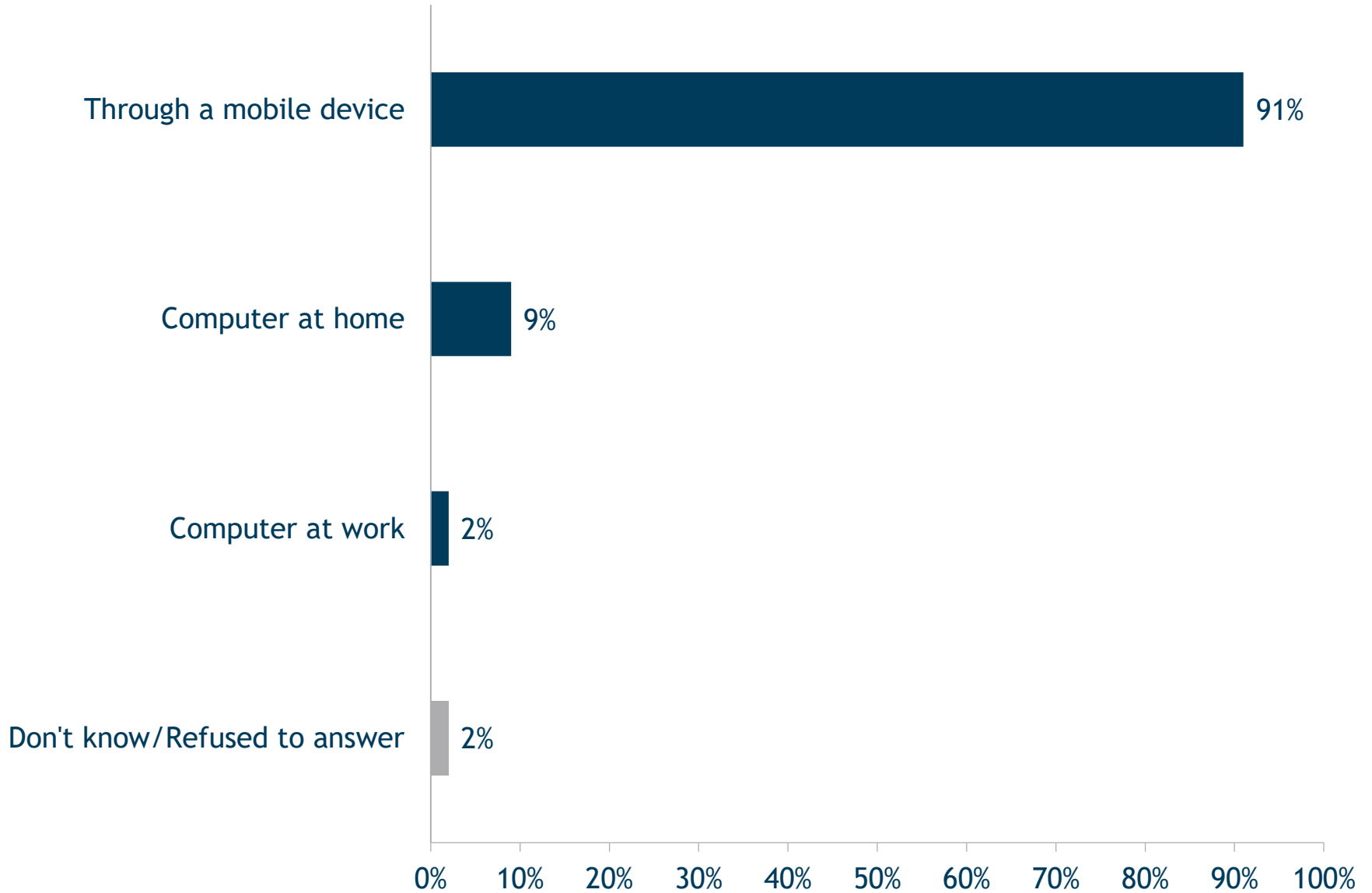
How often do you use the internet?

(Respondents who have access to the internet: n=746)

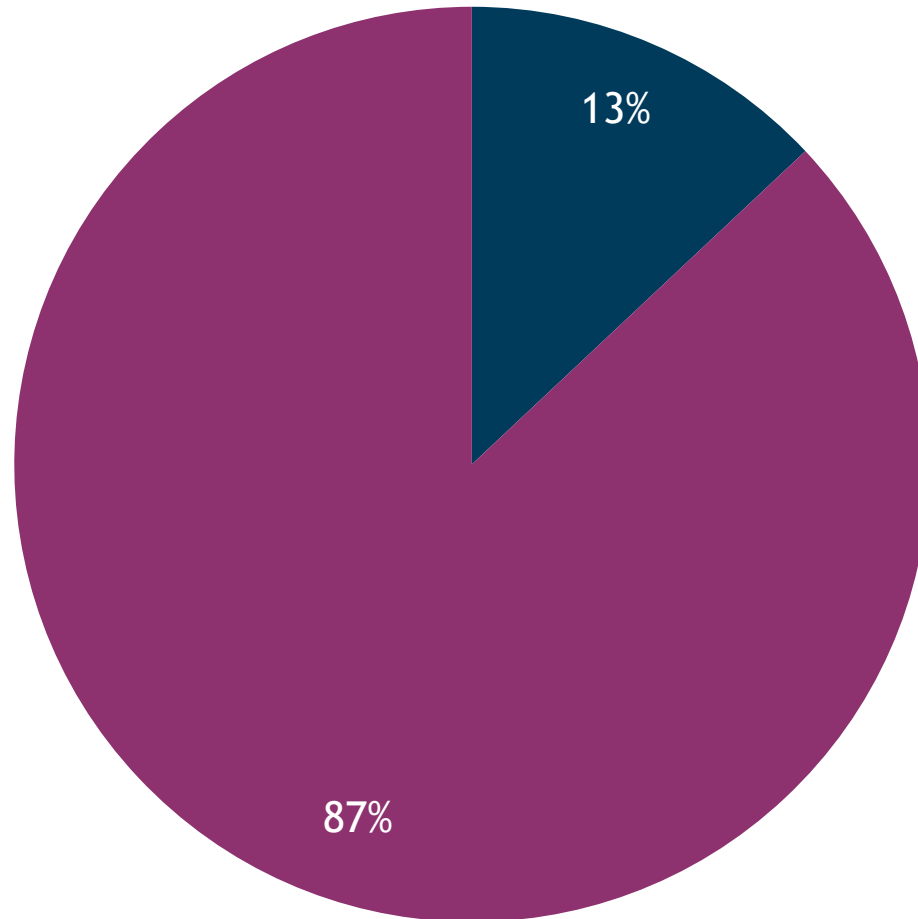


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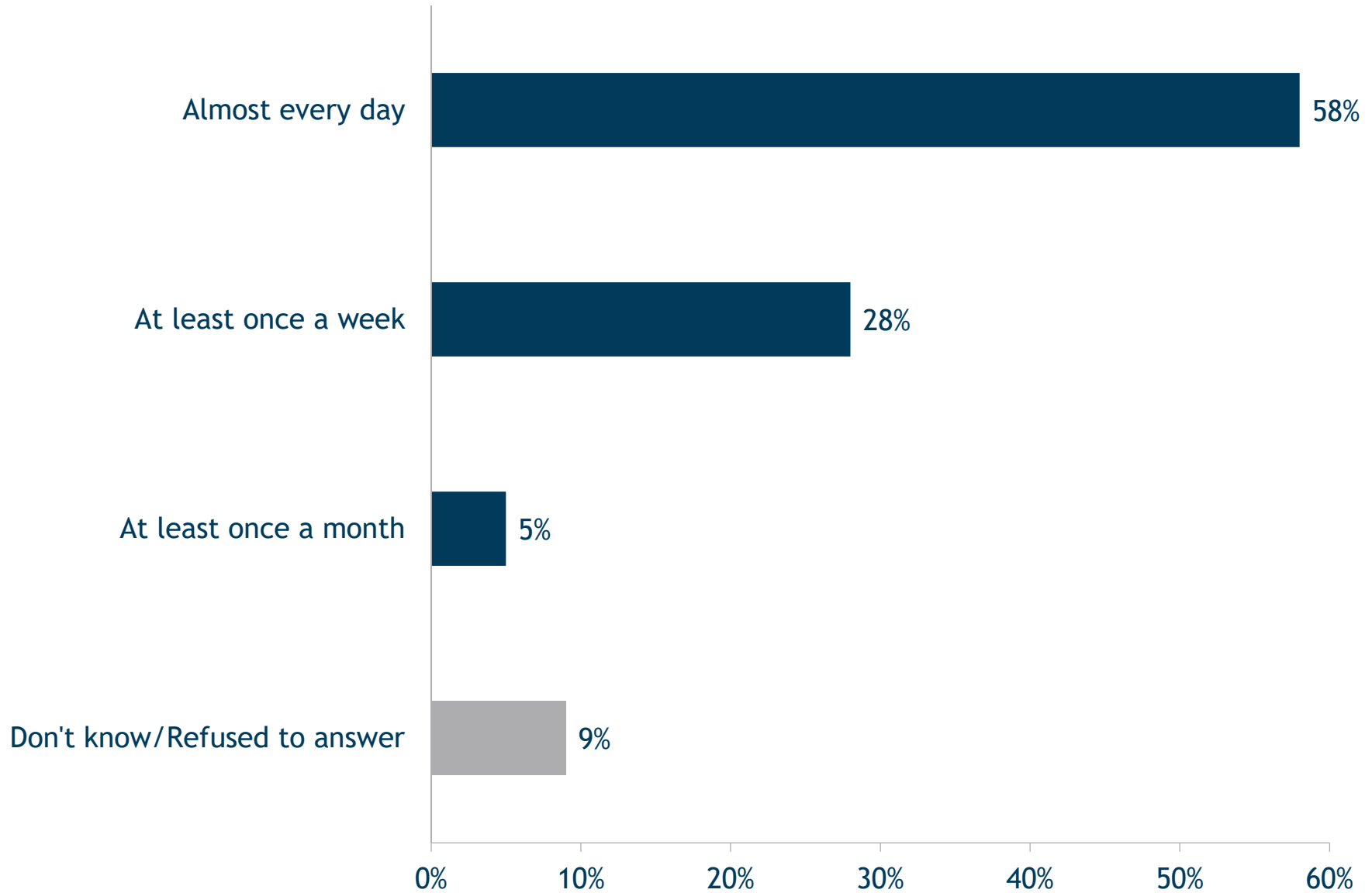


Do you use Facebook?

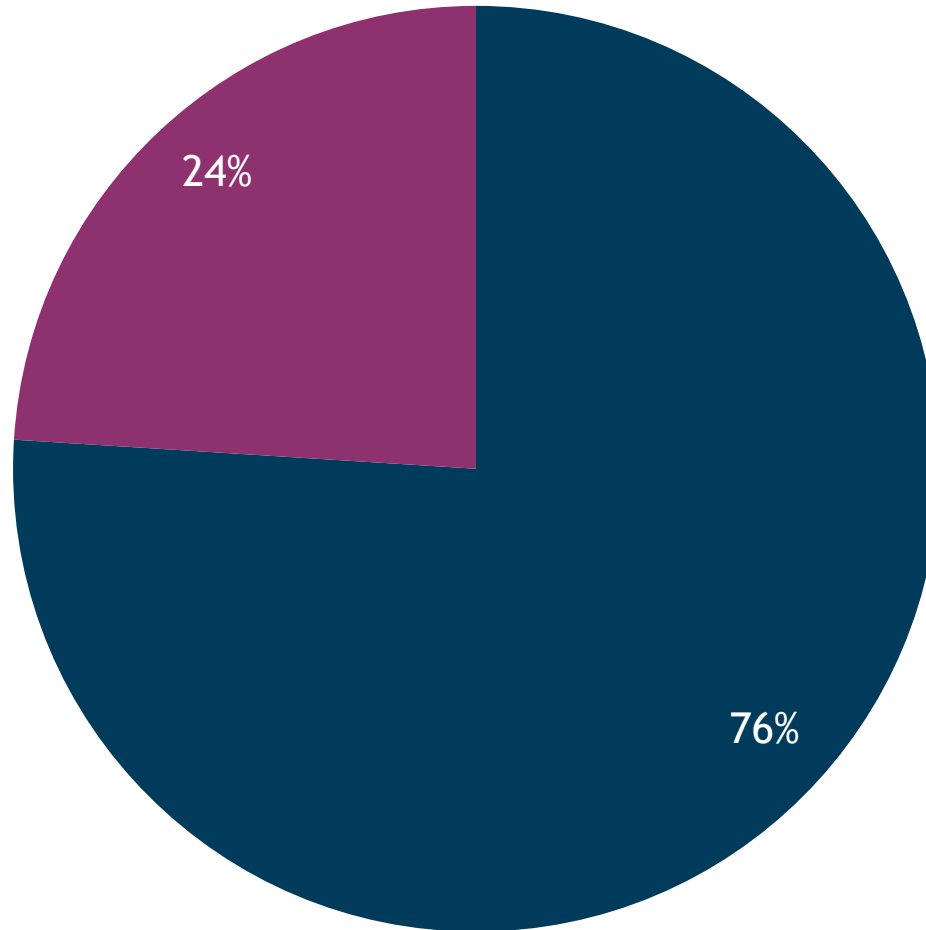


■ Yes ■ No

If yes, how often do you use Facebook? (Respondents who use Facebook: n=671)

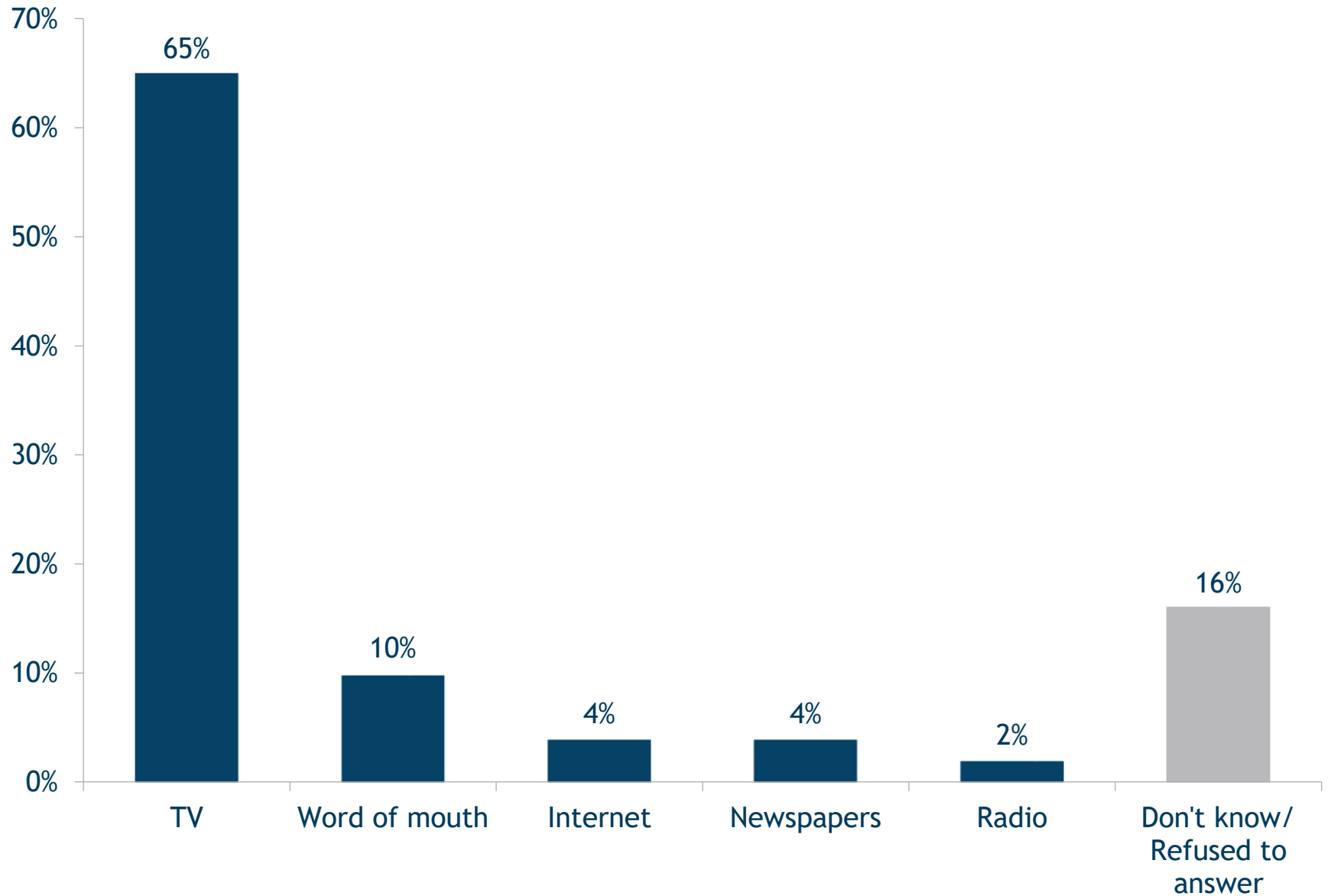


Do you have a mobile phone?



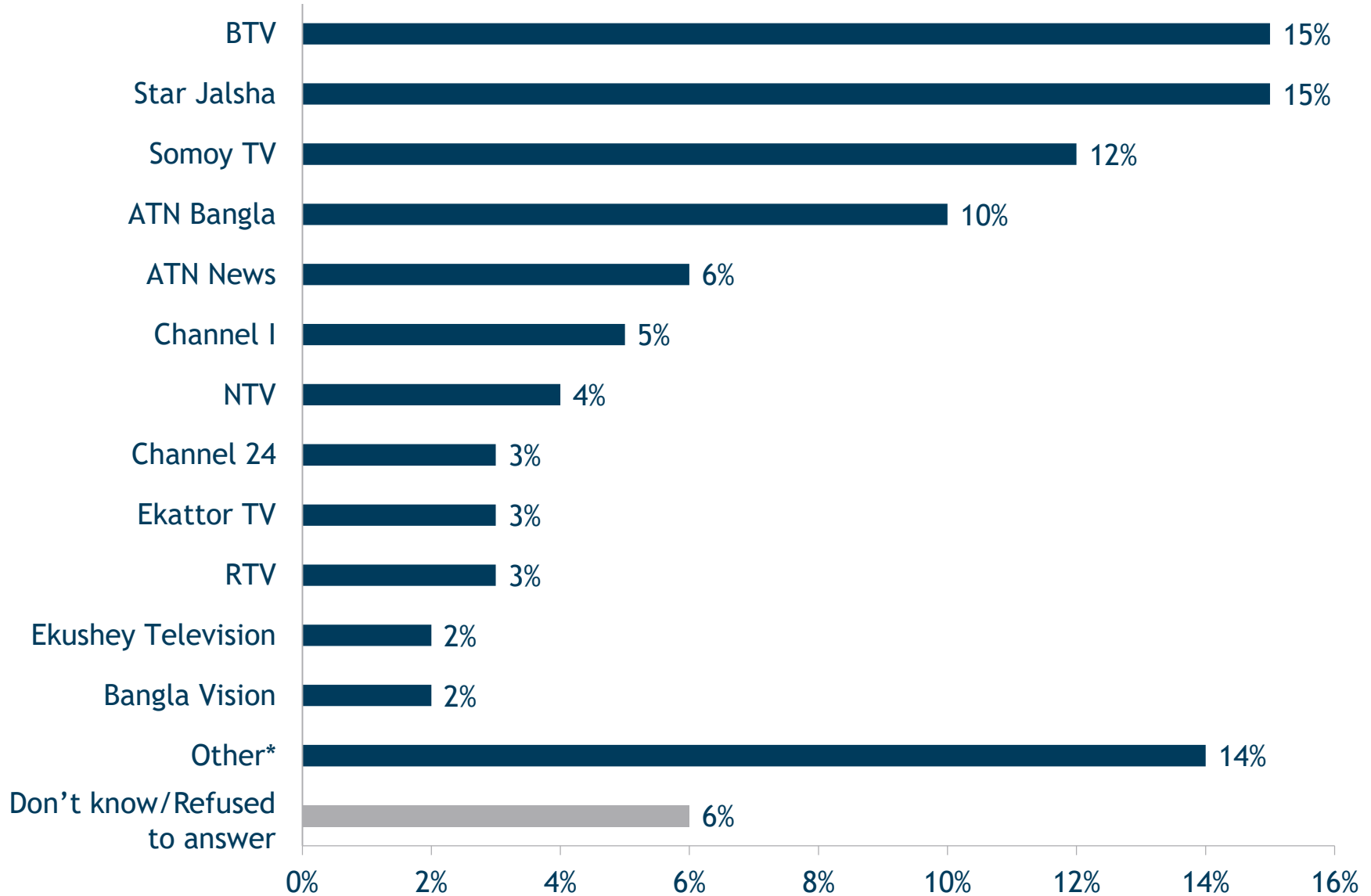
■ Yes ■ No

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



Which TV station do you watch most often?

(Open-ended; respondents who favor TV: n=3,237)



*All stations that registered at one percent or less are aggregated as "Other."

Demographics

Monthly Household Income

Less than 5,000 <i>taka</i> *	13%
5,001-10,000 <i>taka</i>	44%
10,001-15,000 <i>taka</i>	18%
15,001-20,000 <i>taka</i>	12%
20,001-30,000 <i>taka</i>	8%
+ 30,001 <i>taka</i>	5%

Division

Dhaka	33%
Chittagong	20%
Rajshahi	13%
Khulna	11%
Rangpur	11%
Sylhet	7%
Barisal	6%

Education

Cannot read or write	7%
Can only write/read own name	17%
Literate/No formal schooling	1%
Class 1-4	11%
Class 5-9	37%
Secondary school certificate/ <i>Dakhil</i>	11%
Higher Secondary Certificate	8%
Bachelor's Degree	4%
Graduate Degree	2%

Age

18-30	39%
31-40	27%
41-50	17%
51-60	12%
61+	5%

Religion

Sunni Muslim	90%
Shiite Muslim	1%
Hindu	9%
Buddhist	1%

Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

Area

Rural	76%
Urban	24%

*At the time of survey release, 80 Bangladeshi *taka* was equivalent to \$1 USD.

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