



# Public Opinion in Romania

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May 7 - June 2, 2018



# Detailed Methodology

- This survey was conducted on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [OpinionWay](#).
- Data was collected between May 7 and June 2, 2018 through face-to-face interviews.
- Sample size: n=1,203 Romanian residents, aged 18 years old and older.
- Margin of error: Between 1.2 and 2.8 percent plus or minus with 95 percent confidence level for the full sample.
- The sample is nationally representative. All regions are included in the sample (Bucharest-Ilfov, Northern Moldavia, Dobrogea and South-Moldavia, South East Muntenia, Oltenia, Banat, North West Transylvania, South East Transylvania). The sample includes both urban and rural inhabitants.
- The sample design was a three stage random sample.
  - Stage One: Primary sampling unit selected with probability proportional to population size and to population density. Data used to draw sampling points came from INSSE, National Romanian Institute of Statistics.
  - Stage Two: Secondary sampling unit (addresses) selected to begin random routes.
  - Stage Three: Tertiary sampling unit (respondent) selected within households using the next birthday method.
- The final sample has been weighted by gender, age and region, based on census data provided by INSSE.
- Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding error and/or multiple choice answers.

# Glossary of Romanian Political Parties

- PSD: Social Democratic Party
- PNL: National Liberal Party
- USR: Save Romania Union
- ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats
- UDMR: Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania
- PMP: People's Movement Party
- PNTCD: Christian Democratic National Peasants' Party
- Platforma Romania 100: Dacian Ciolos's Party

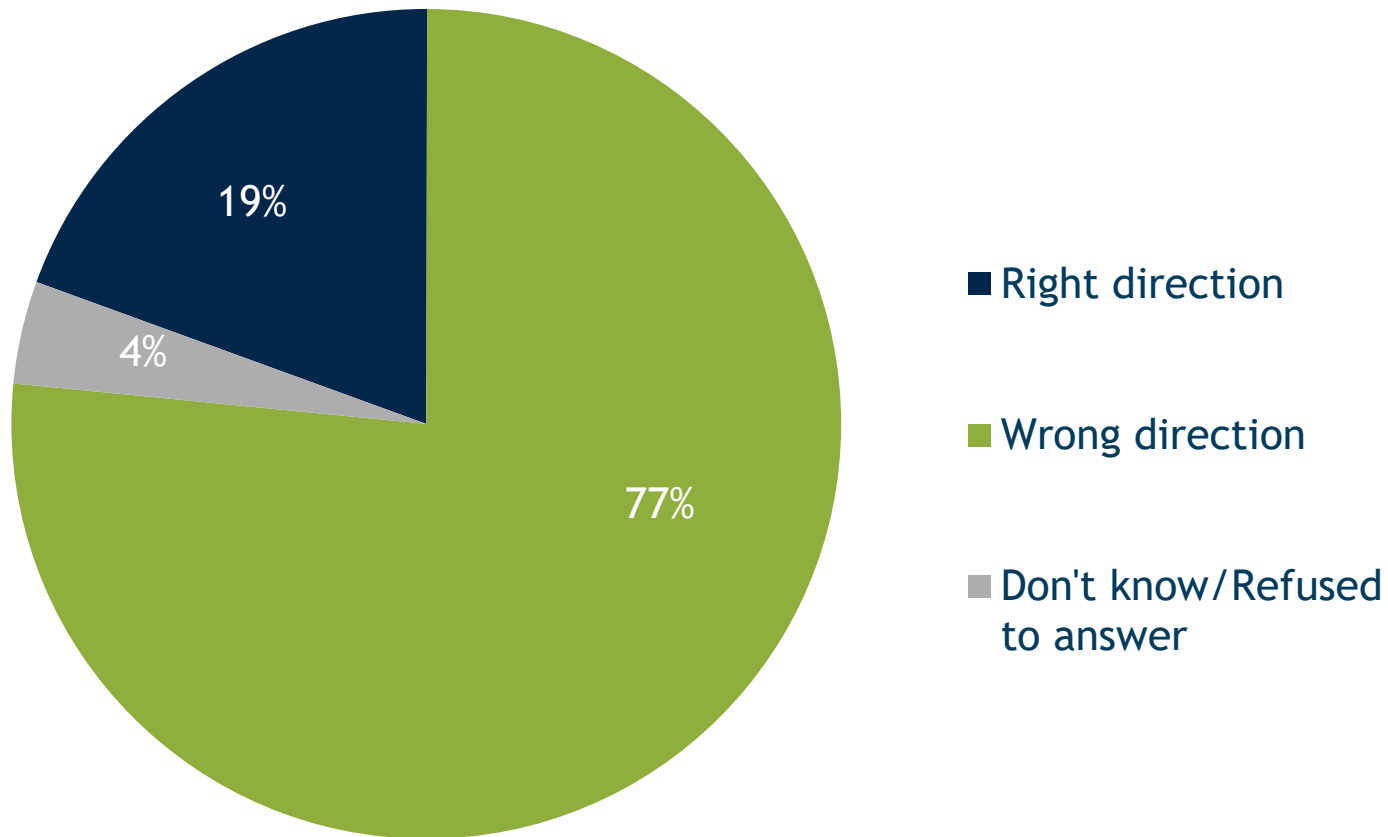


# General Perceptions of the State of the Country

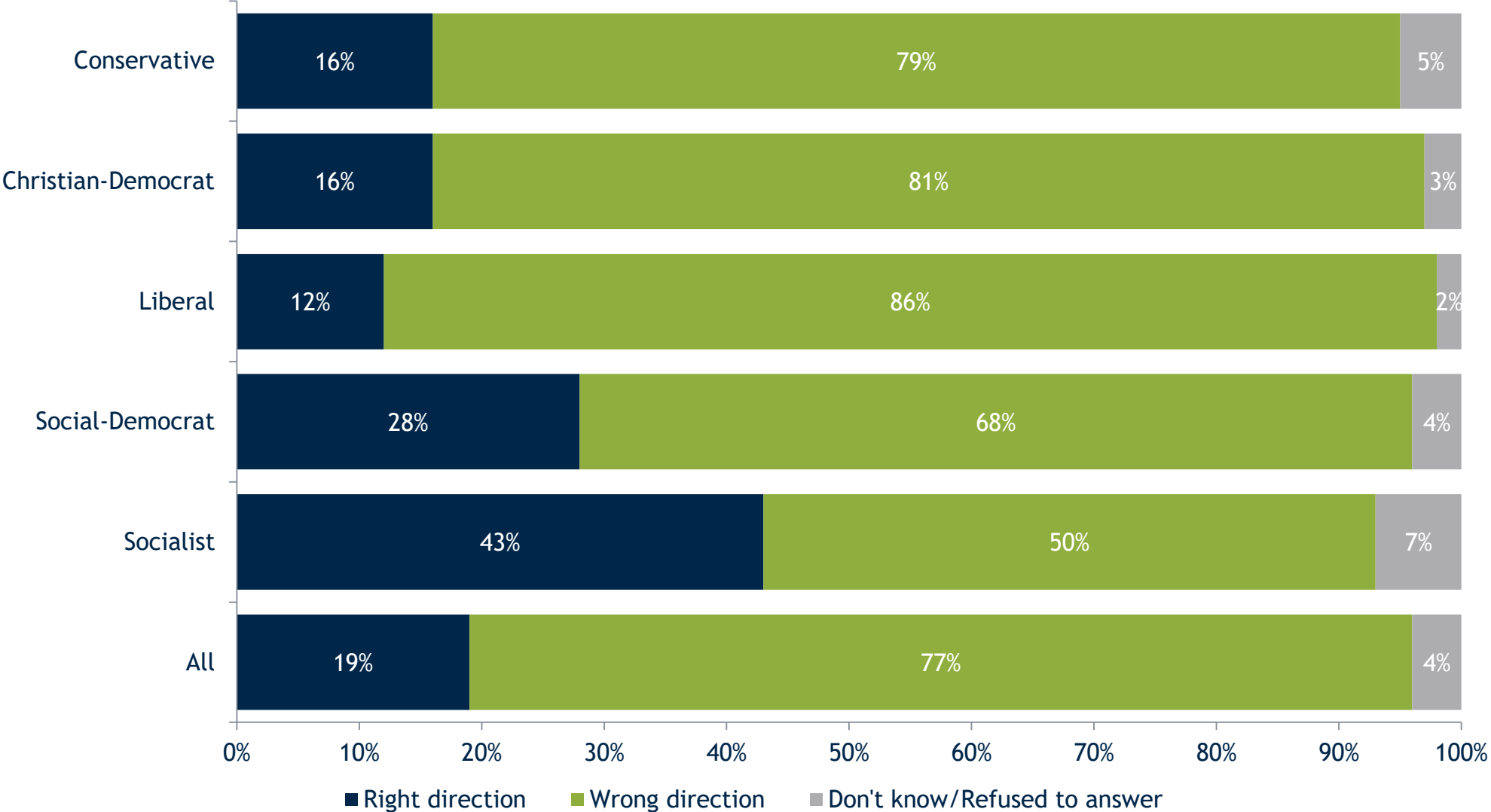
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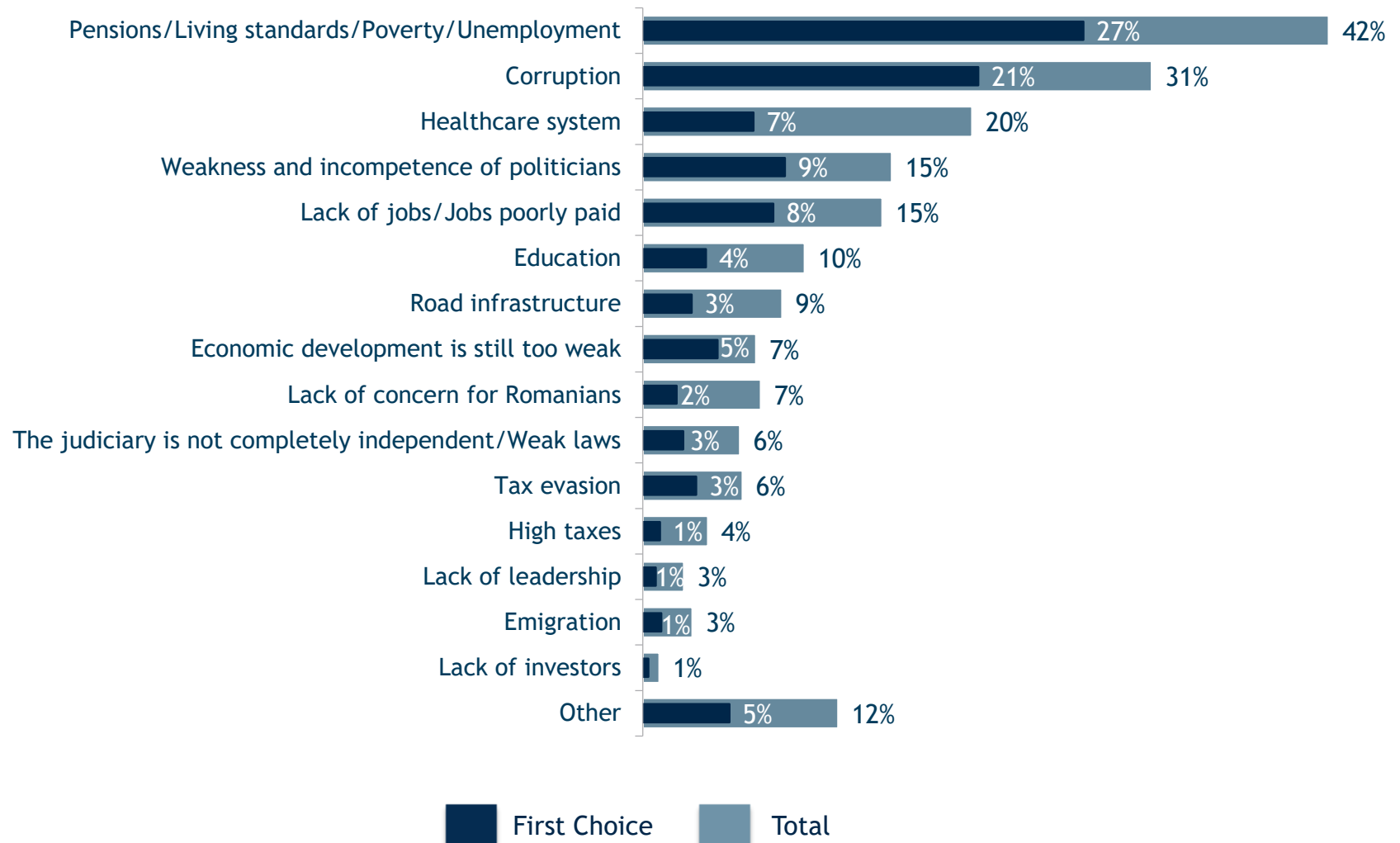


# Overall, would you say that Romania is headed in the right or wrong direction? (Disaggregated by political viewpoint)

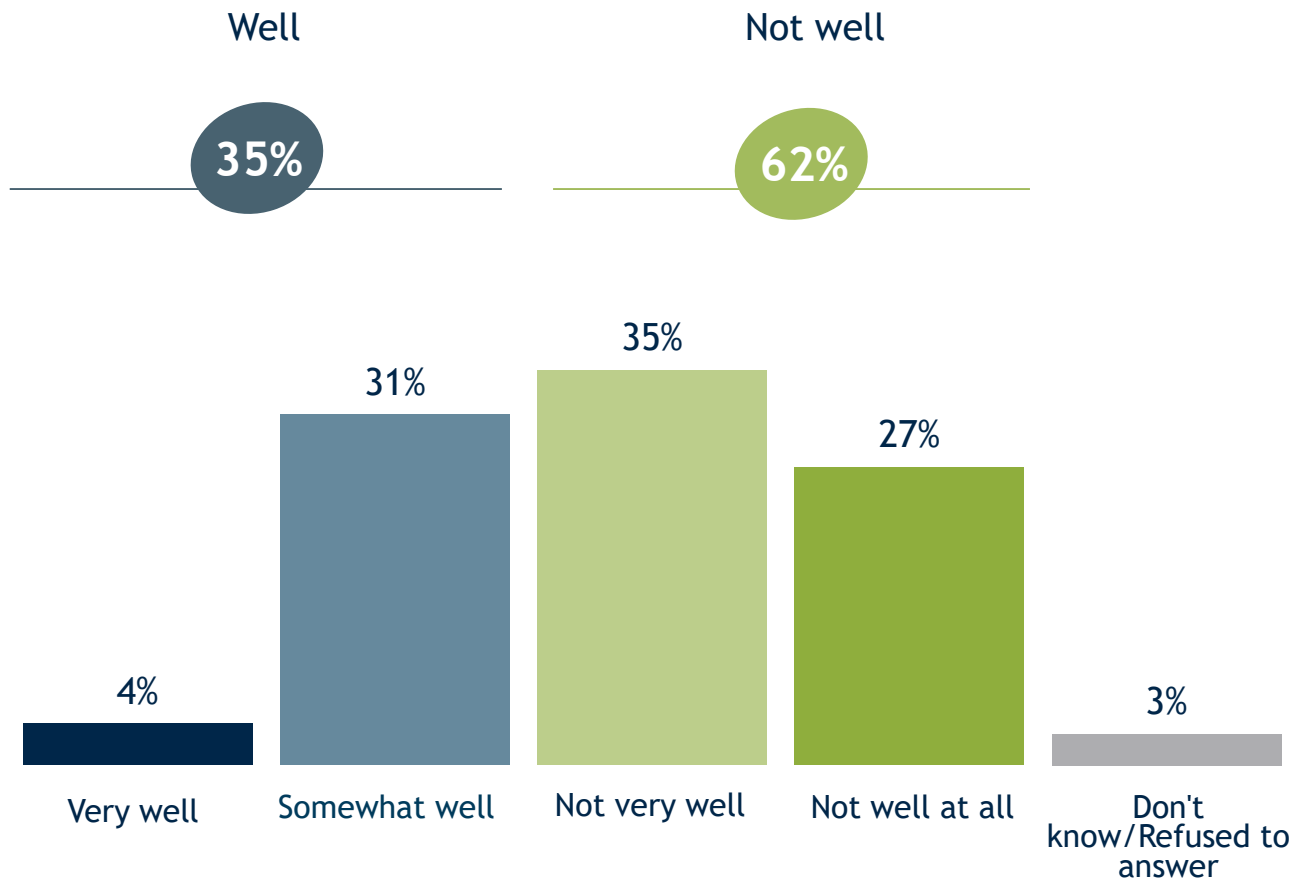


# What is the most urgent problem facing Romania today?

(Open-ended; two responses accepted)



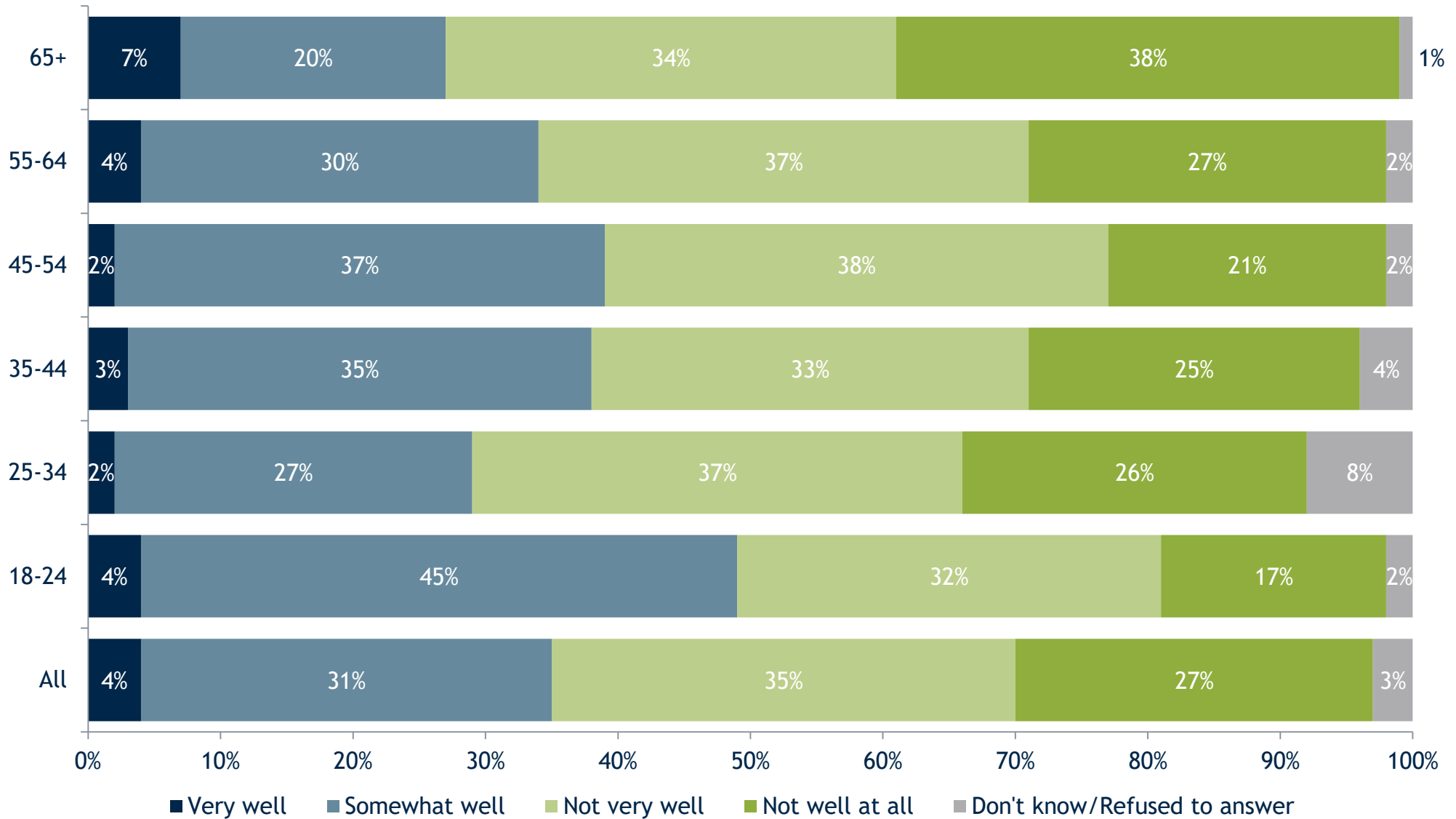
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(Disaggregated by age)





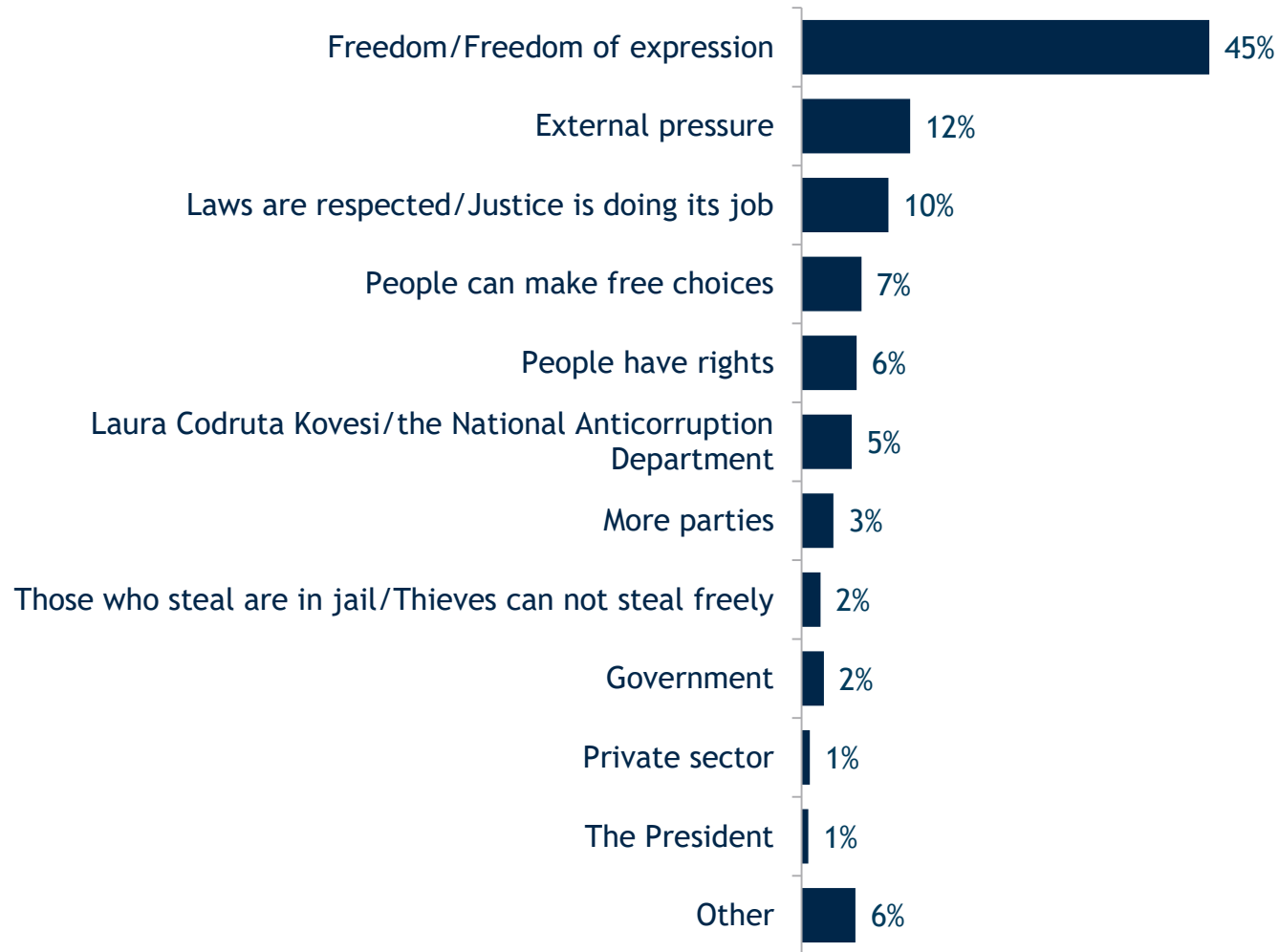
# General Views of Democracy

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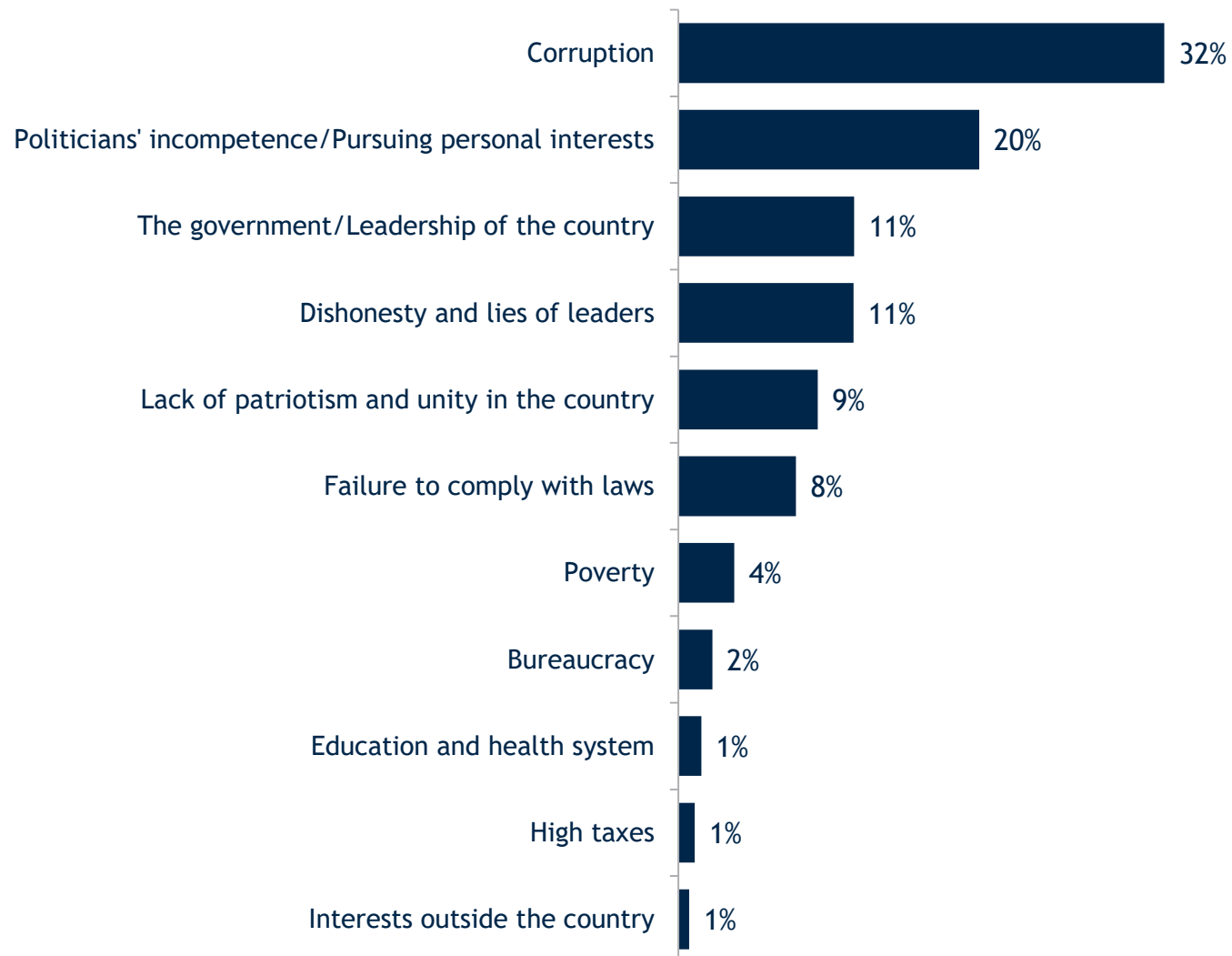
# What is the most important reason democracy is functioning well in Romania?

(Respondents who said that democracy is functioning well in Romania:  
n=414; open-ended)

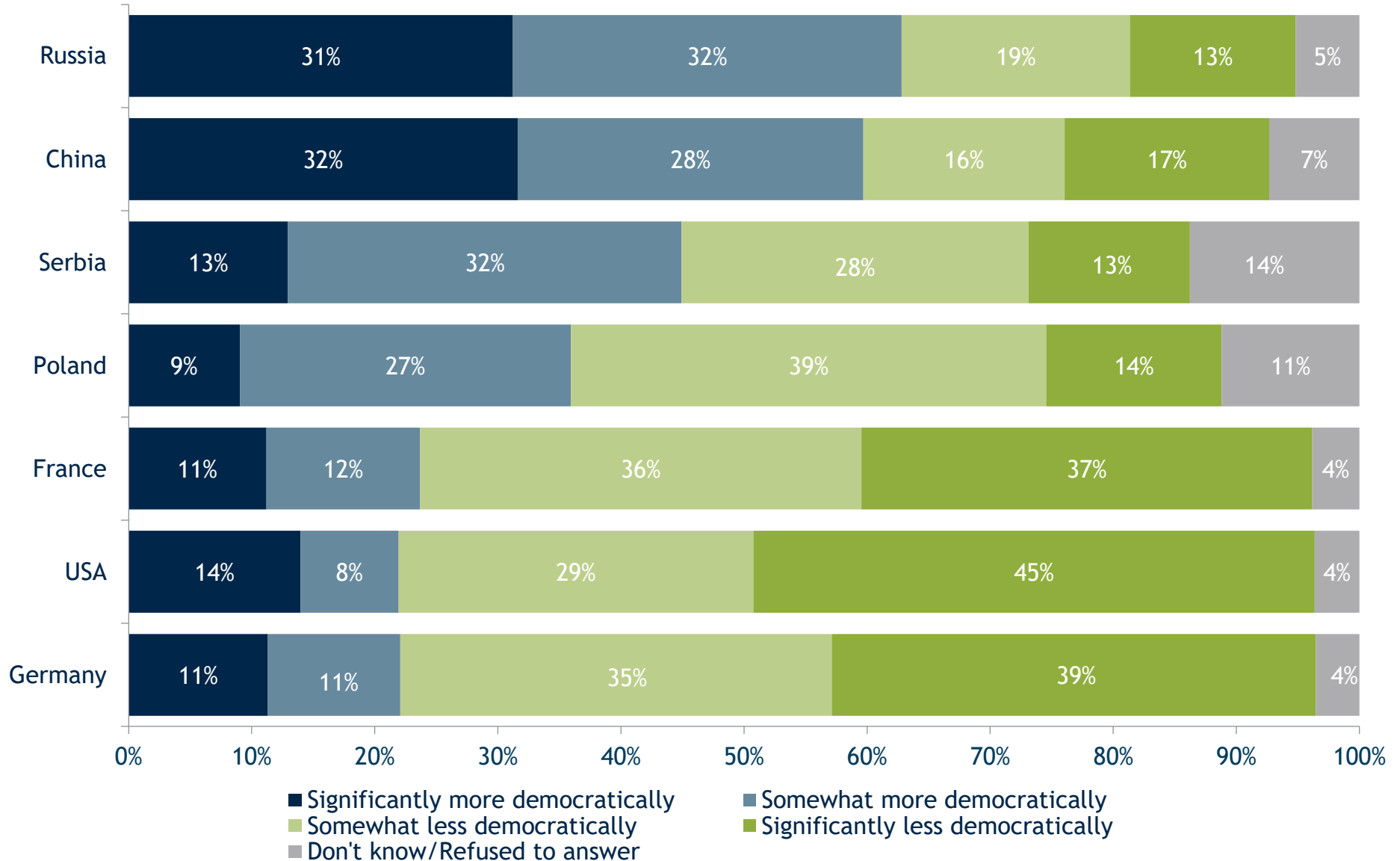


# What is the most important reason democracy is not functioning well in Romania?

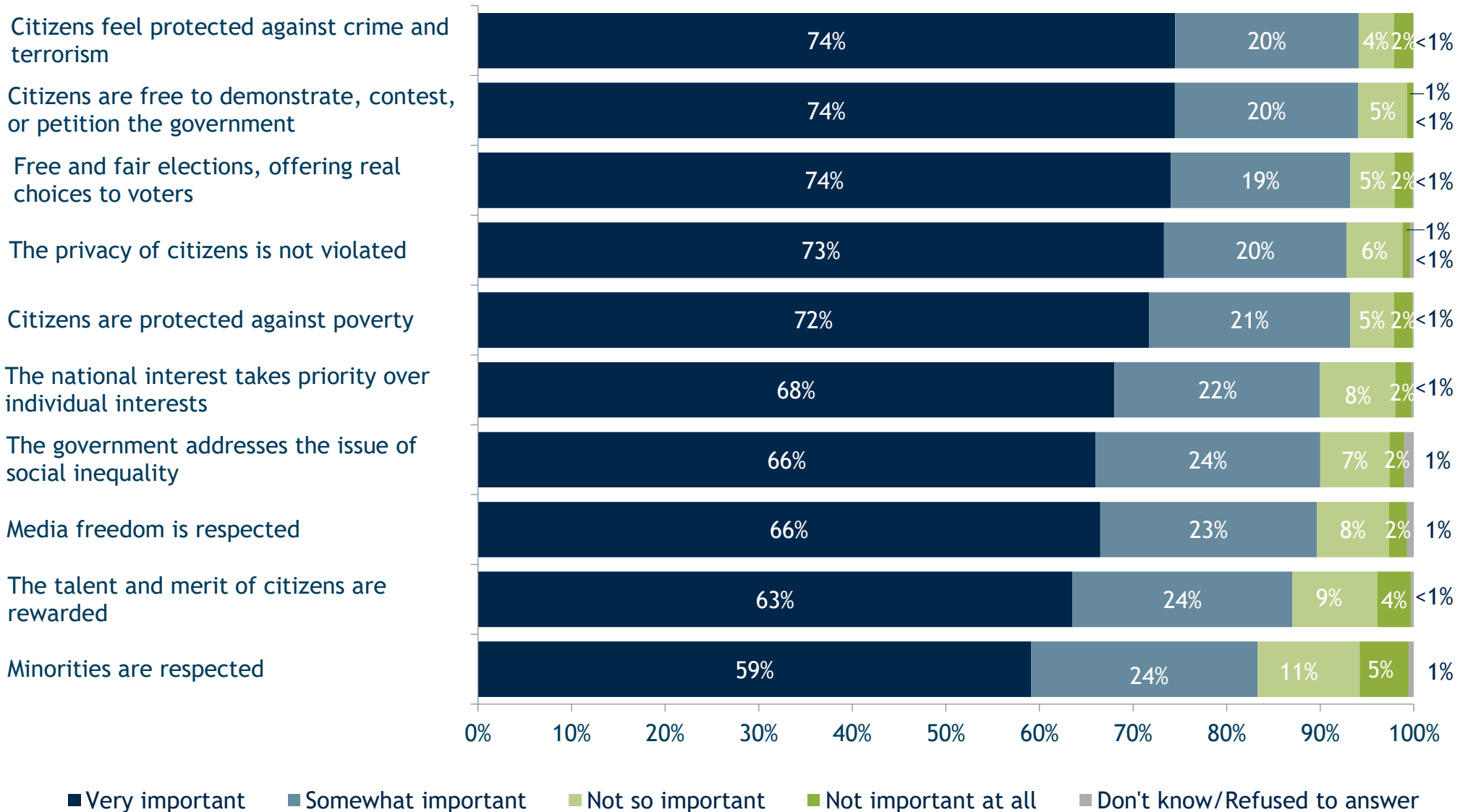
(Respondents who said that democracy is not functioning well in Romania: n=747; open-ended)



# In general, would you say that Romania is functioning more or less democratically than each of the following countries?

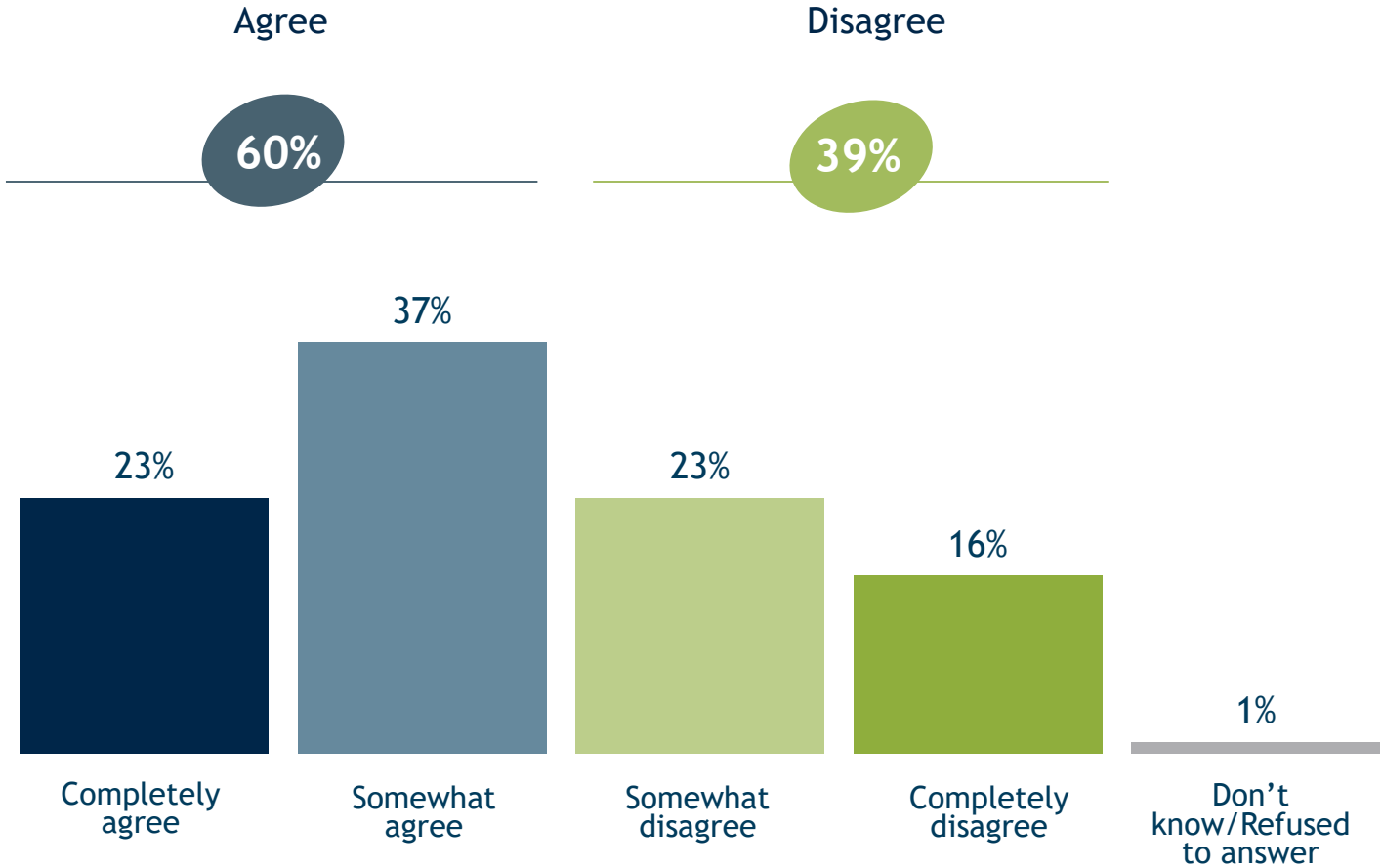


# How important are these elements in making any country a democracy?



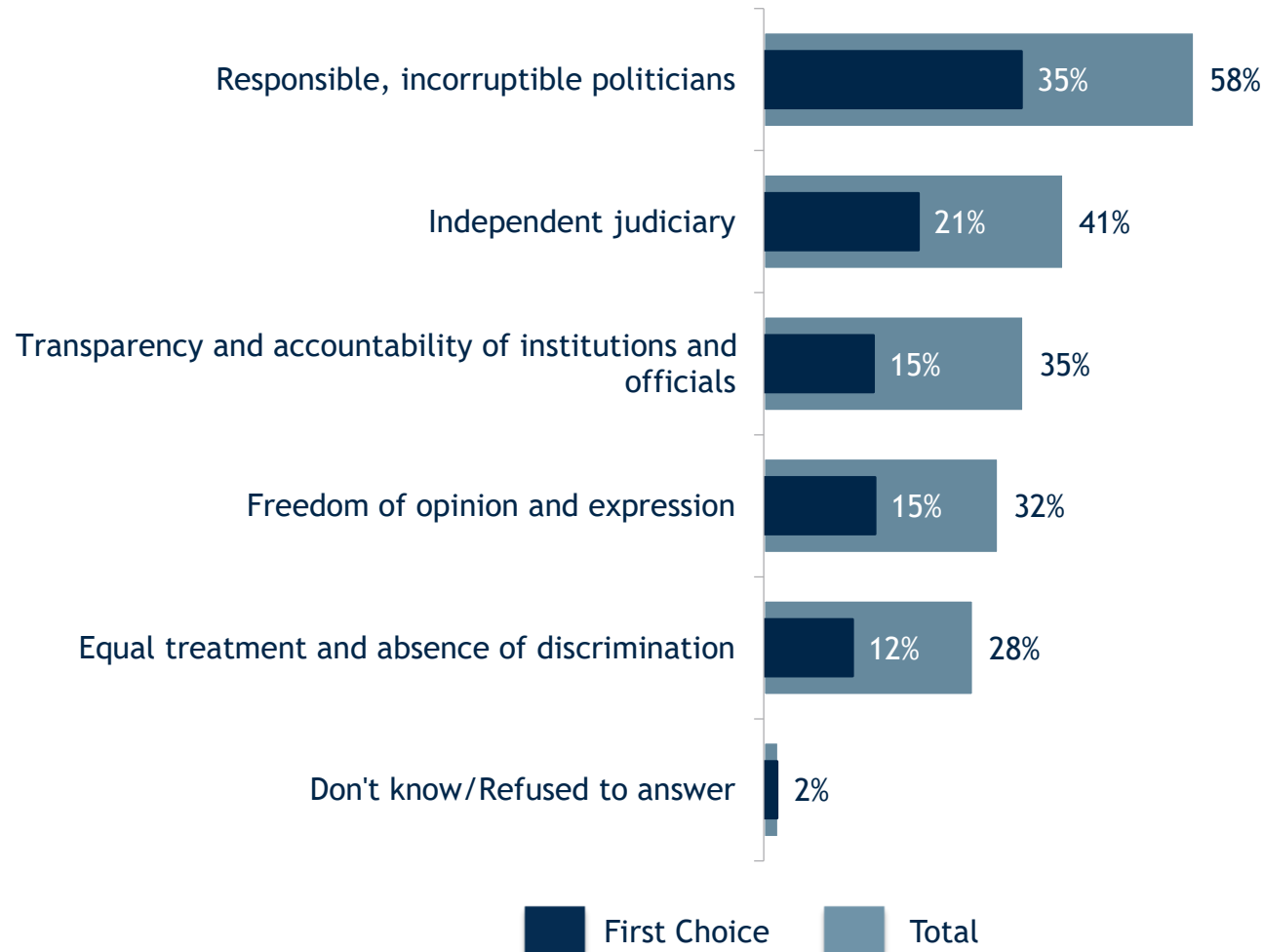
The rule of law in a democracy can be understood as “a state in which all people and institutions are accountable to the law and the Constitution, and the Constitution and the law are equally applied to all.”

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “The rule of law exists in Romania”?



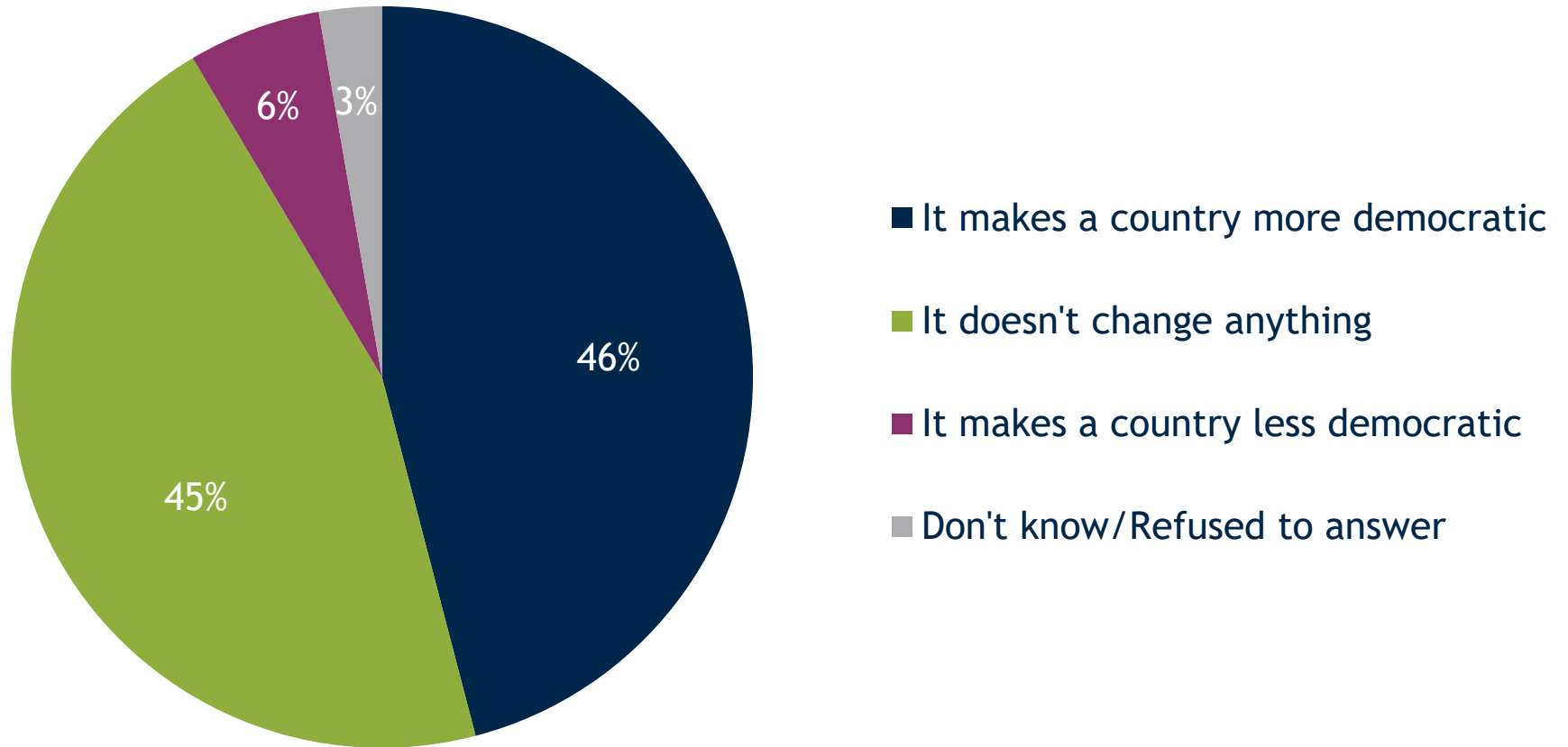
# Which of the following would you say are the two most important factors for Romania to maintain and/or strengthen the rule of law?

(Two responses accepted)

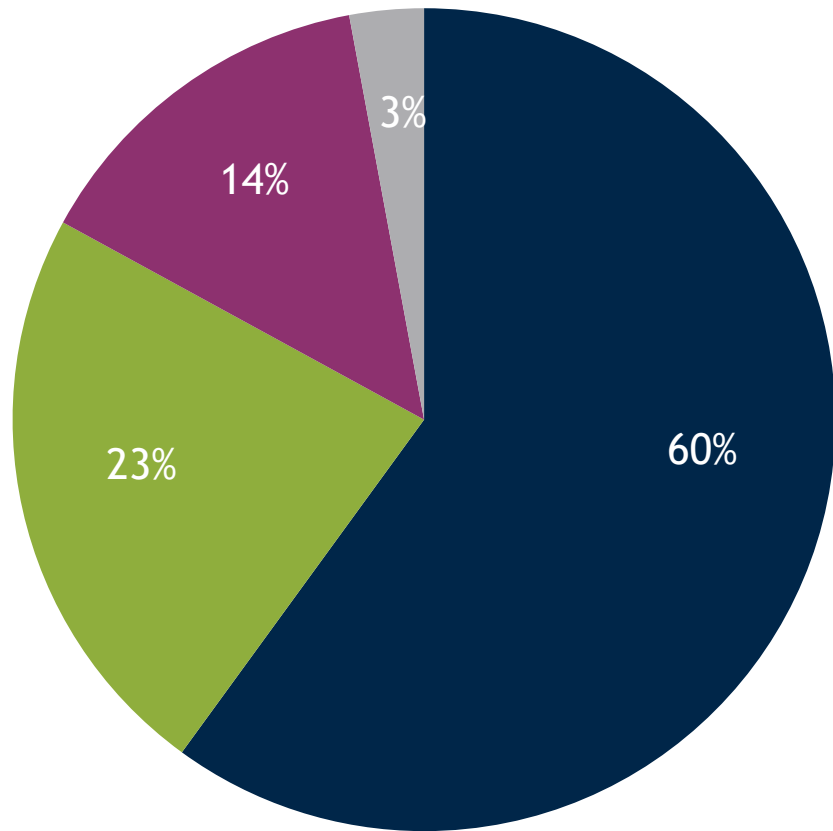




# Do you believe that the use of referenda by a government makes a country more or less democratic?

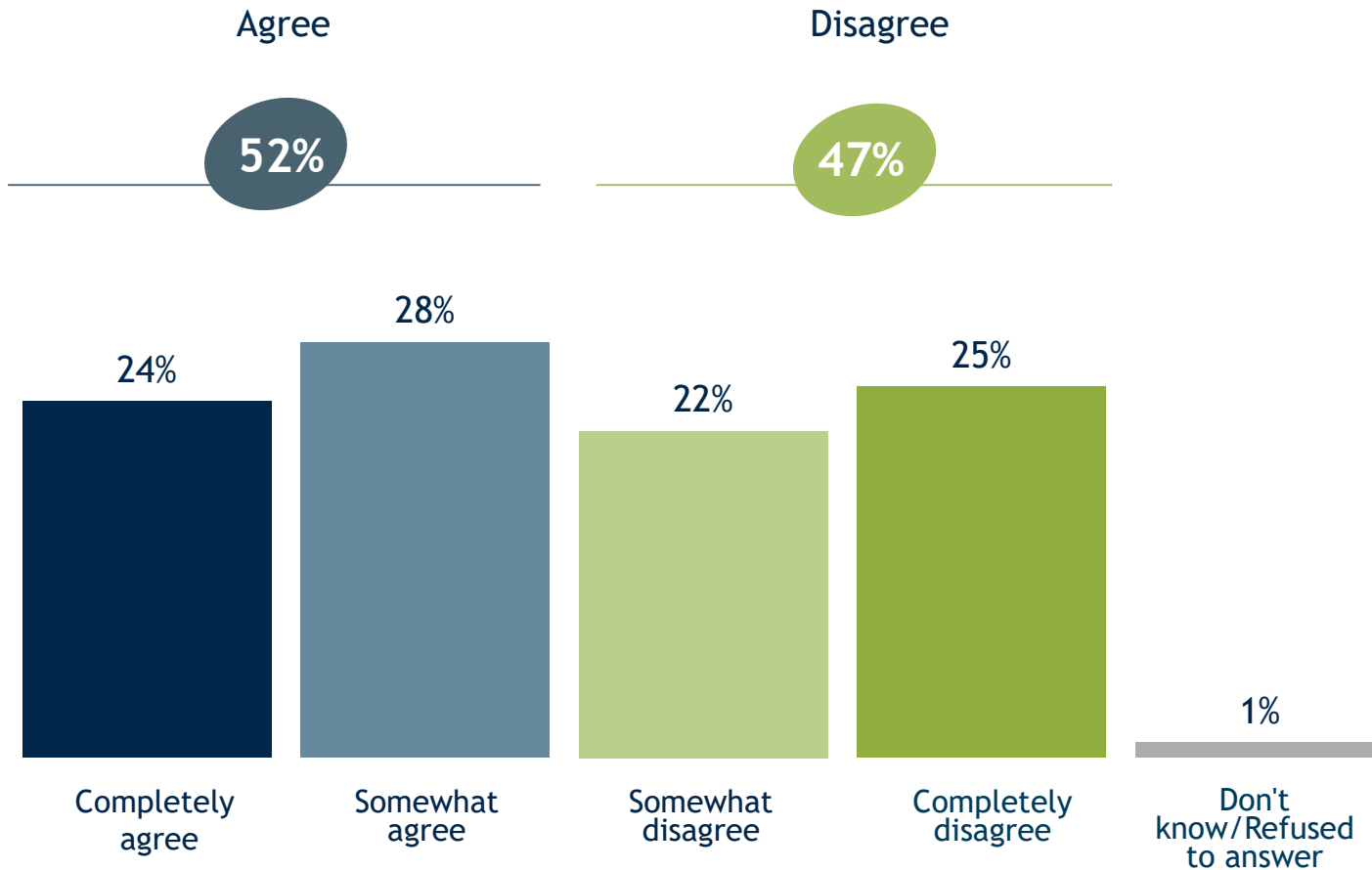


## Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for Romania ?



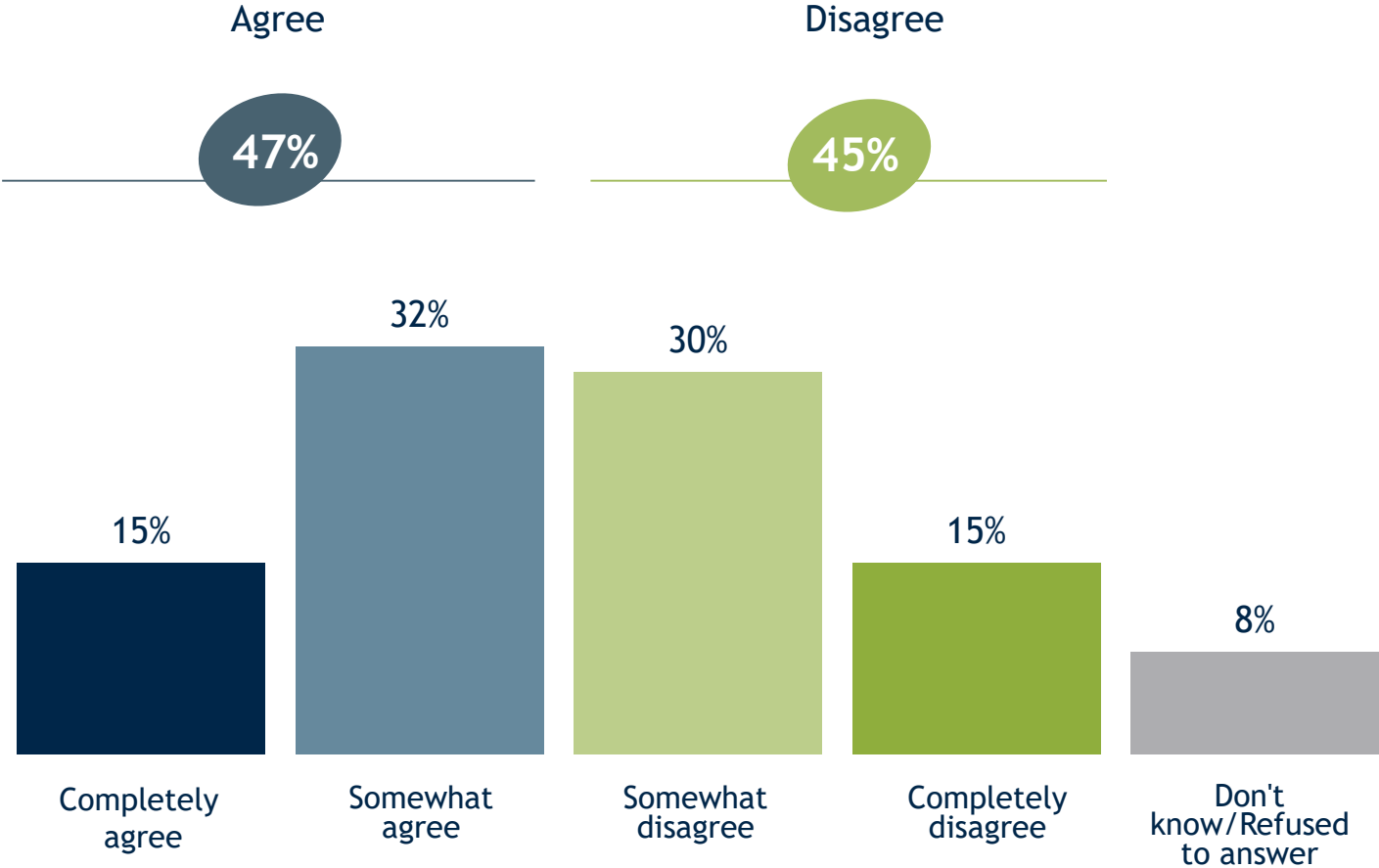
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for Romania
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally positive for Romania
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy for Romania
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Some people say that Romania needs a strong man who doesn't need the approval of parliament or the courts to get things done in this country. Do you agree or disagree with this view?



Some people say that non-governmental organizations have too much power in today's societies and need to be made to respect the sovereignty of the nation.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with such a statement?



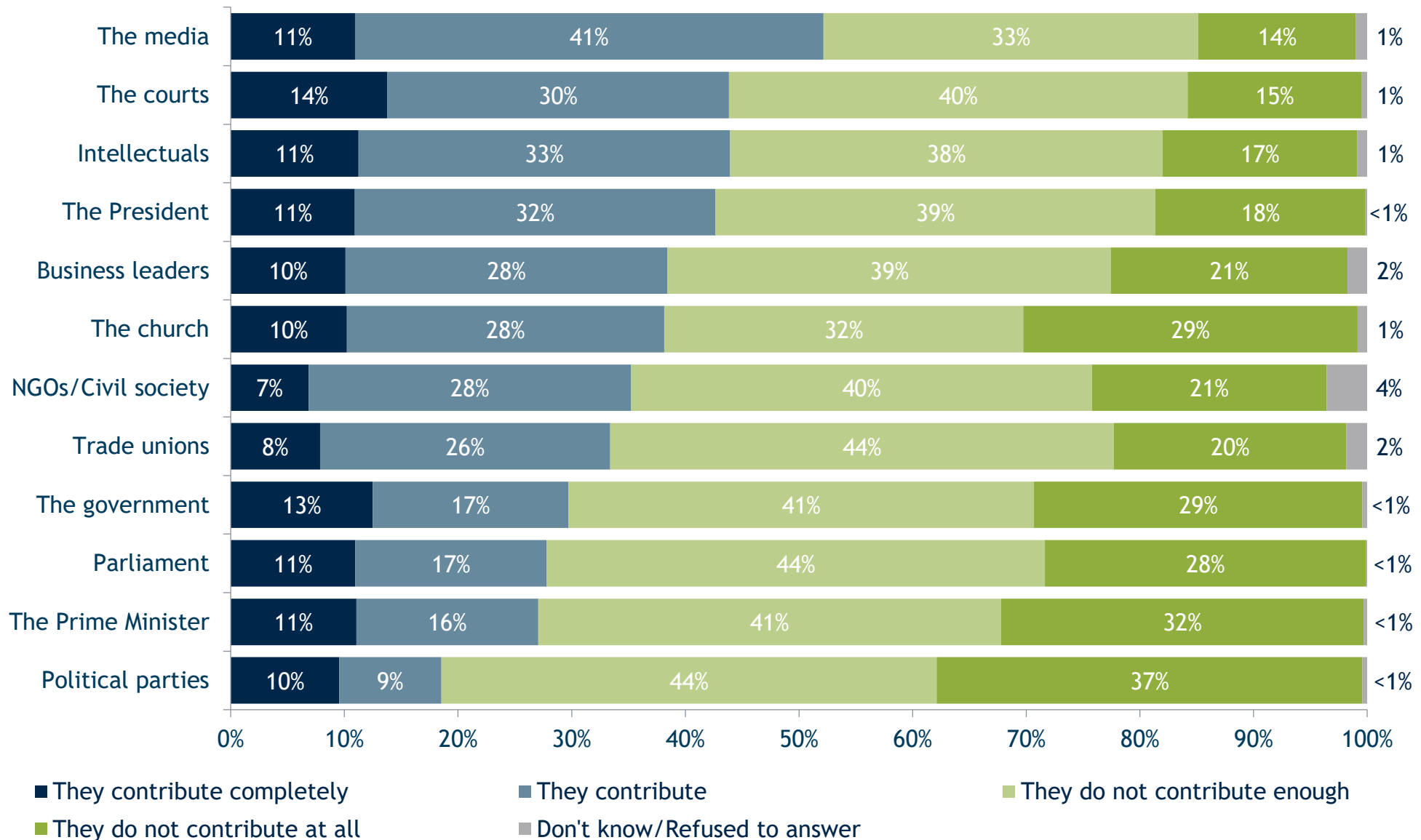


# General Perceptions of Institutions

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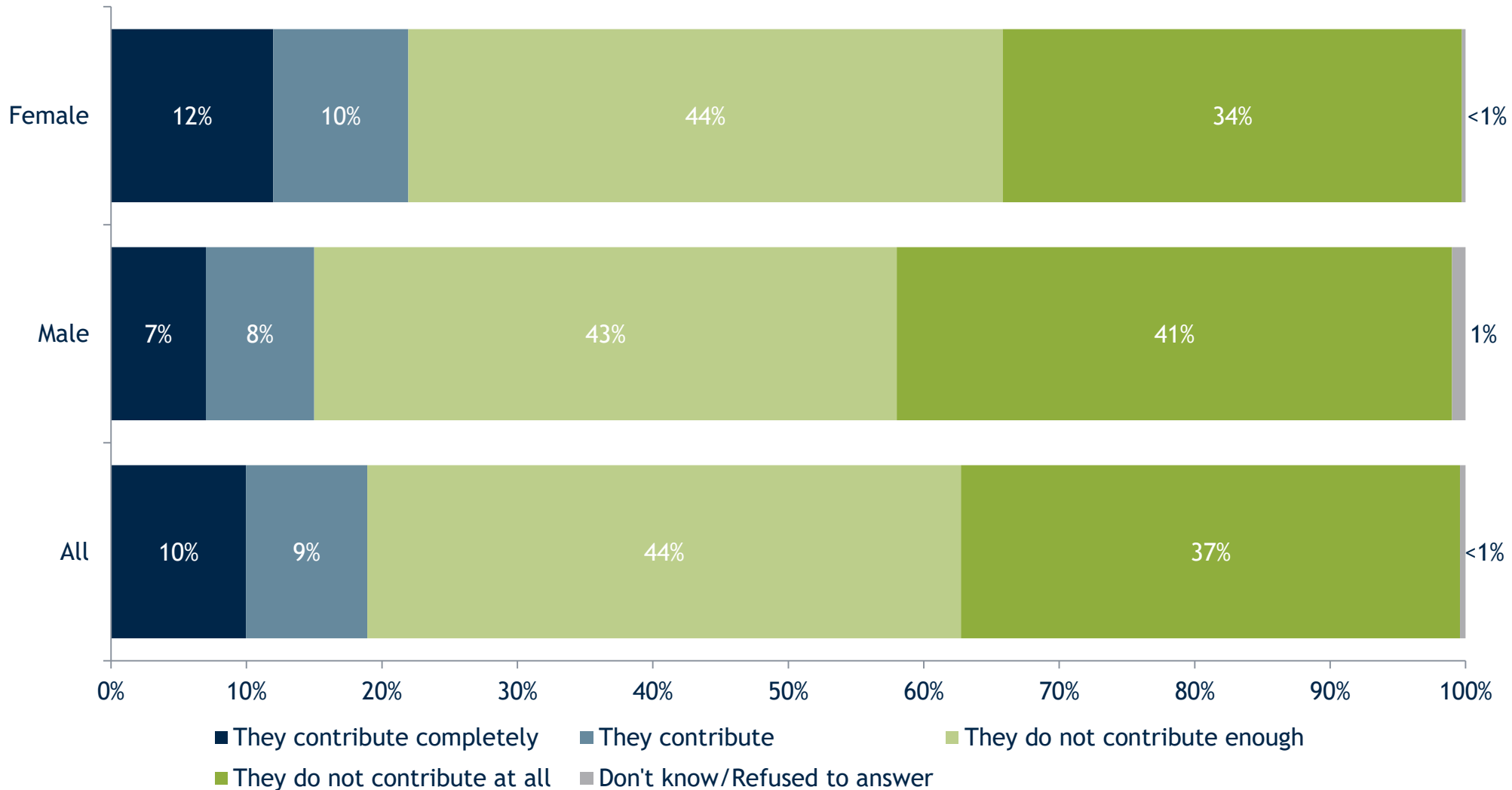


# To what degree do each of these institutions, through their work and activities, contribute to solving problems in Romania?

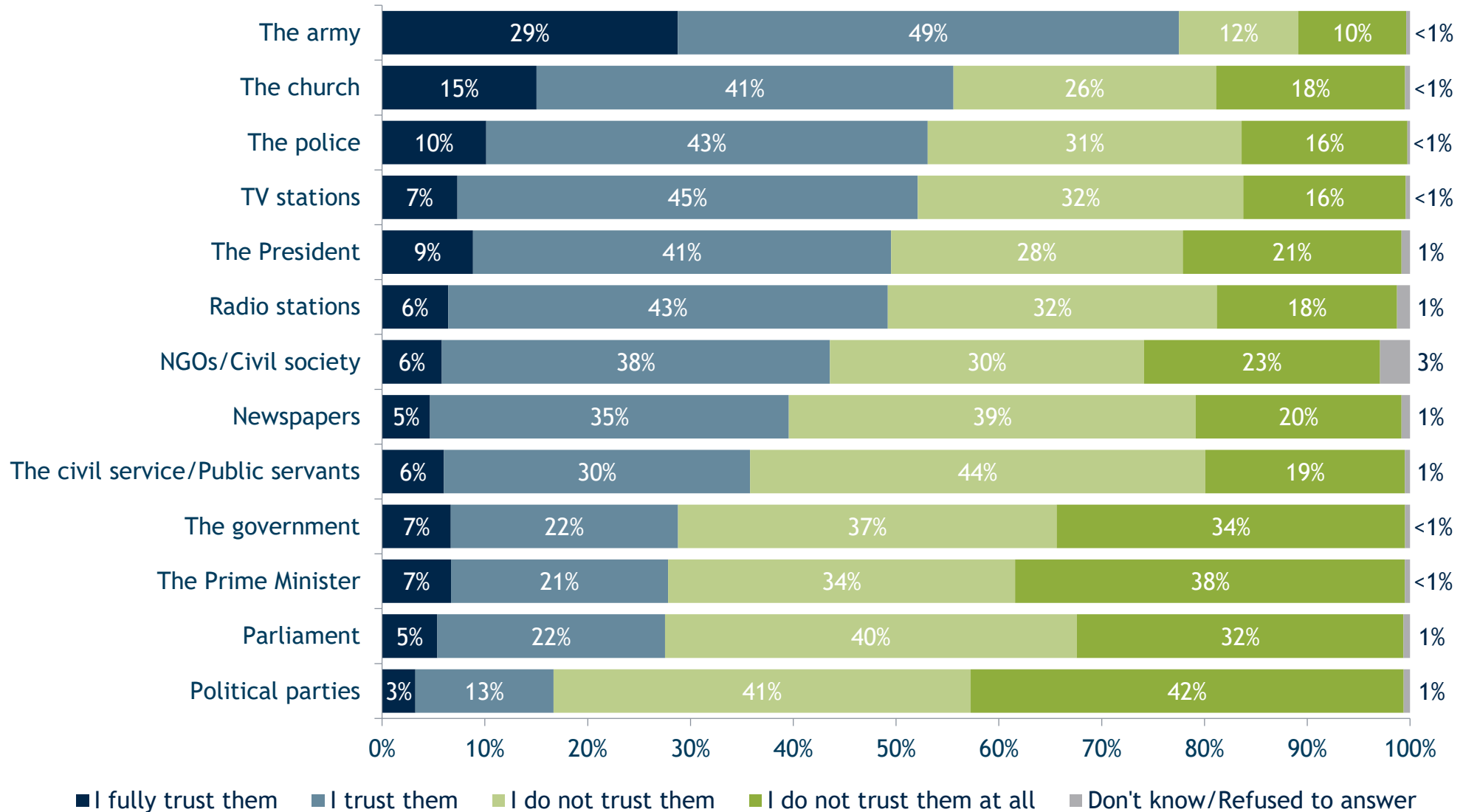


# To what degree do political parties, through their work and activities, contribute to solving problems in Romania?

(Disaggregated by gender)

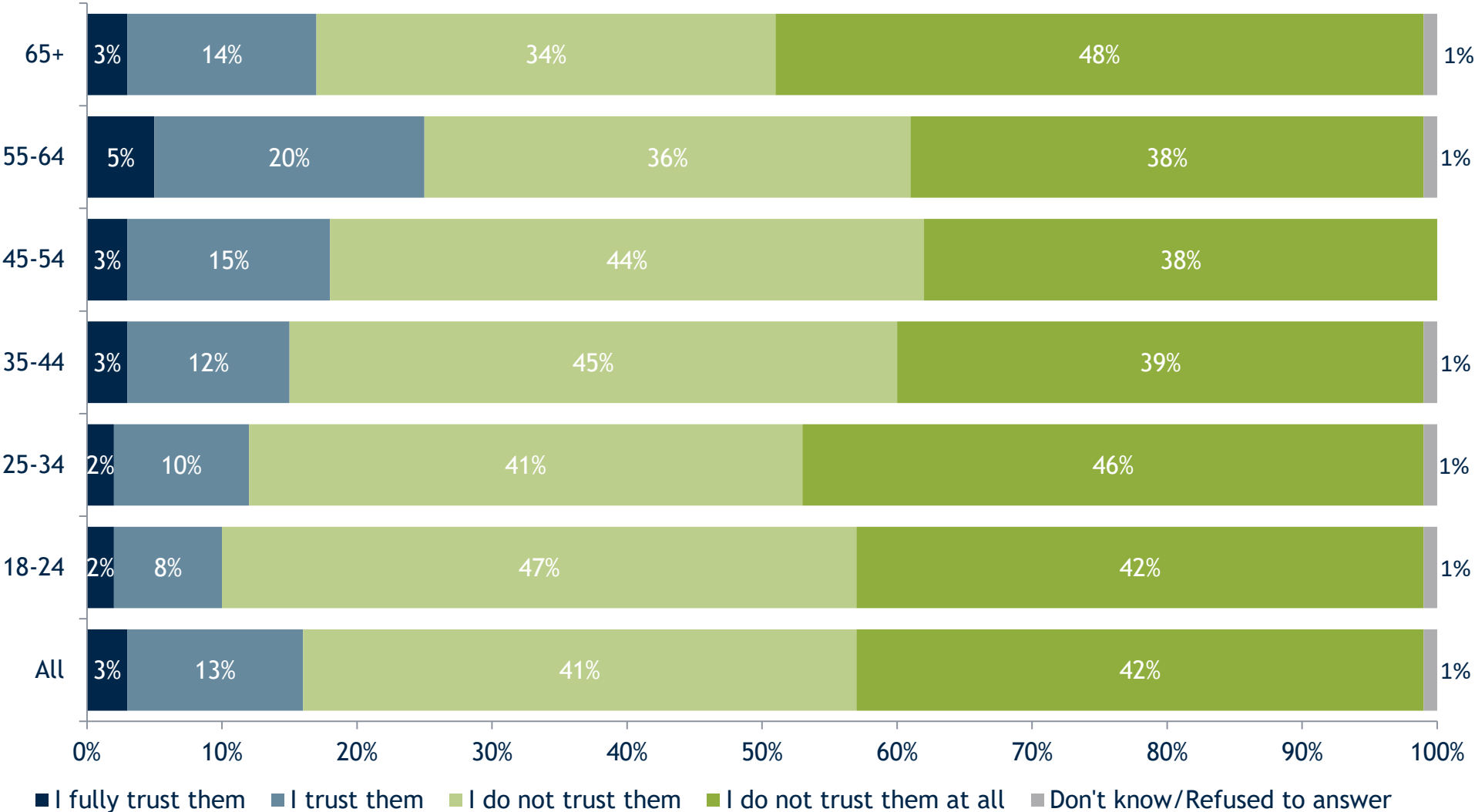


On a scale of 1-4, with 1 meaning you fully trust them and 4 meaning you do not trust them at all, how much do you trust the following institutions to uphold democratic standards in your country?





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(Disaggregated by age)



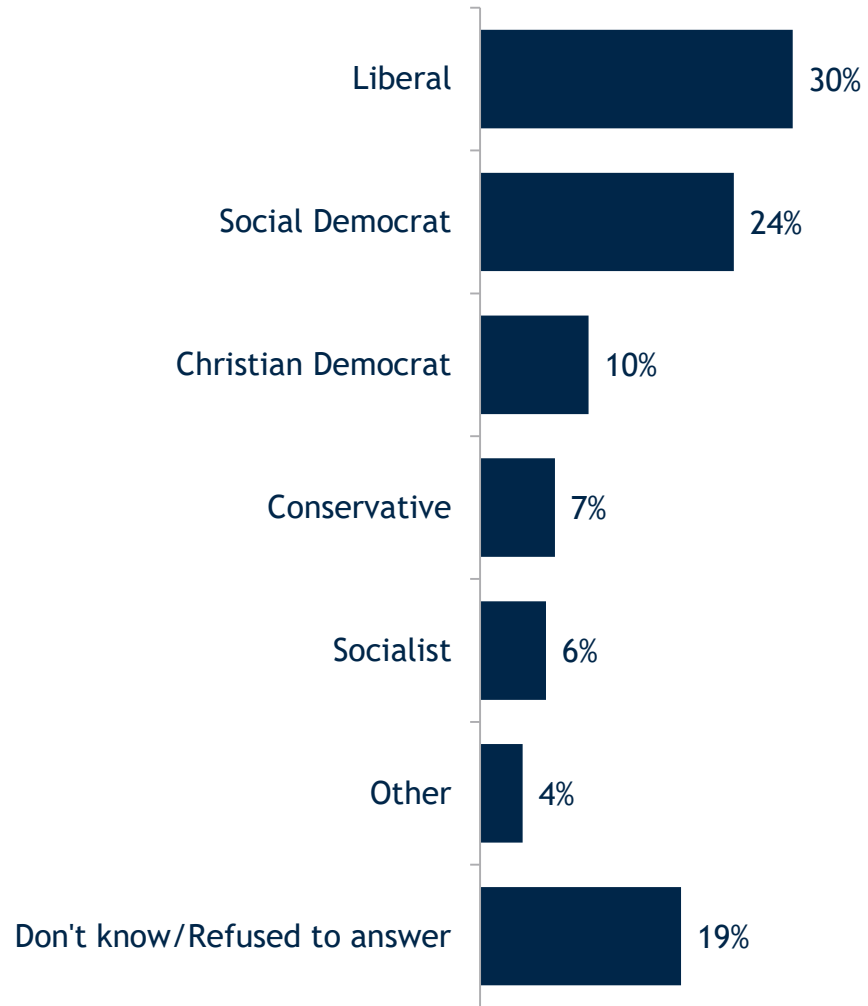


# Political Views and Values

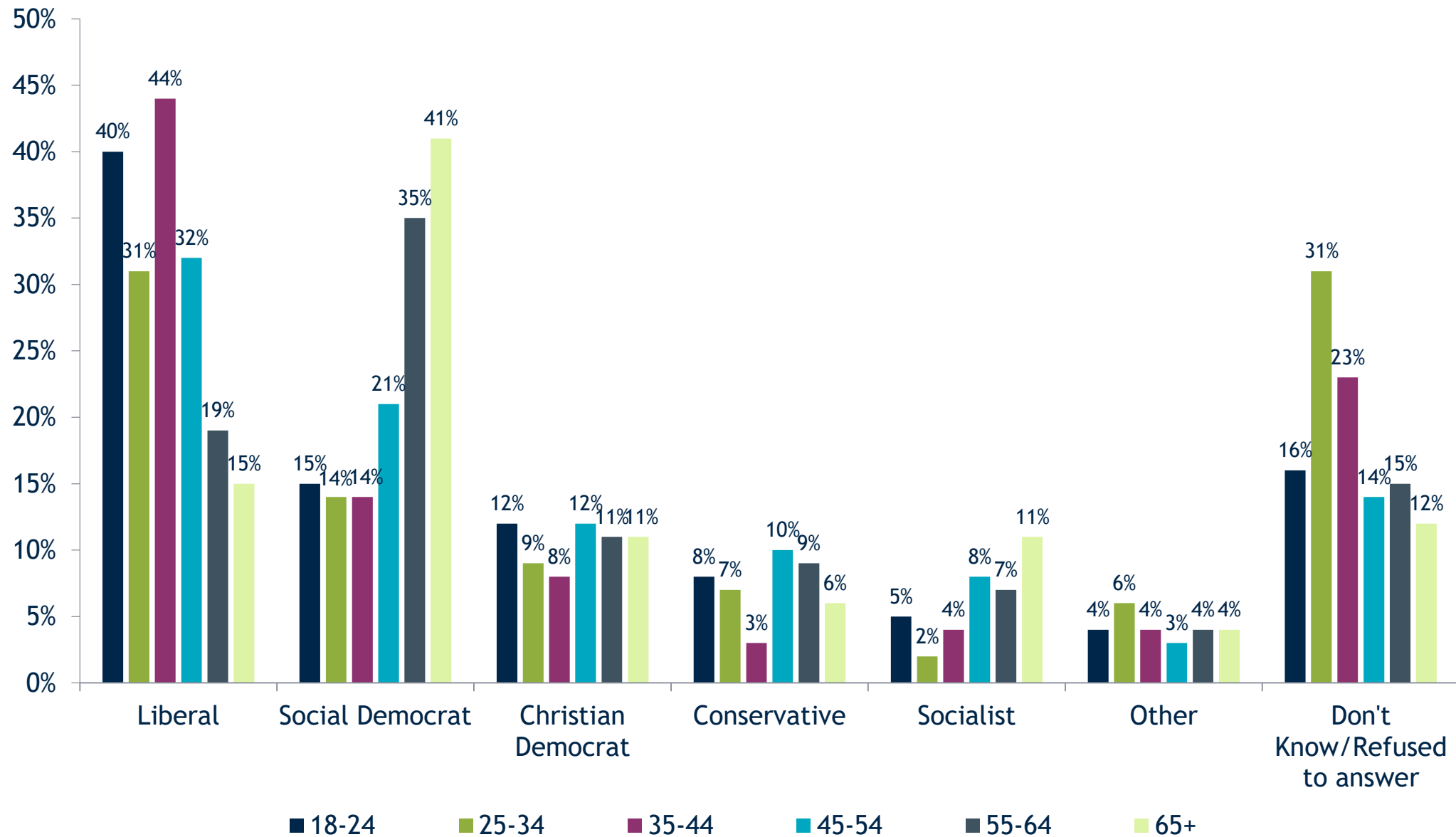
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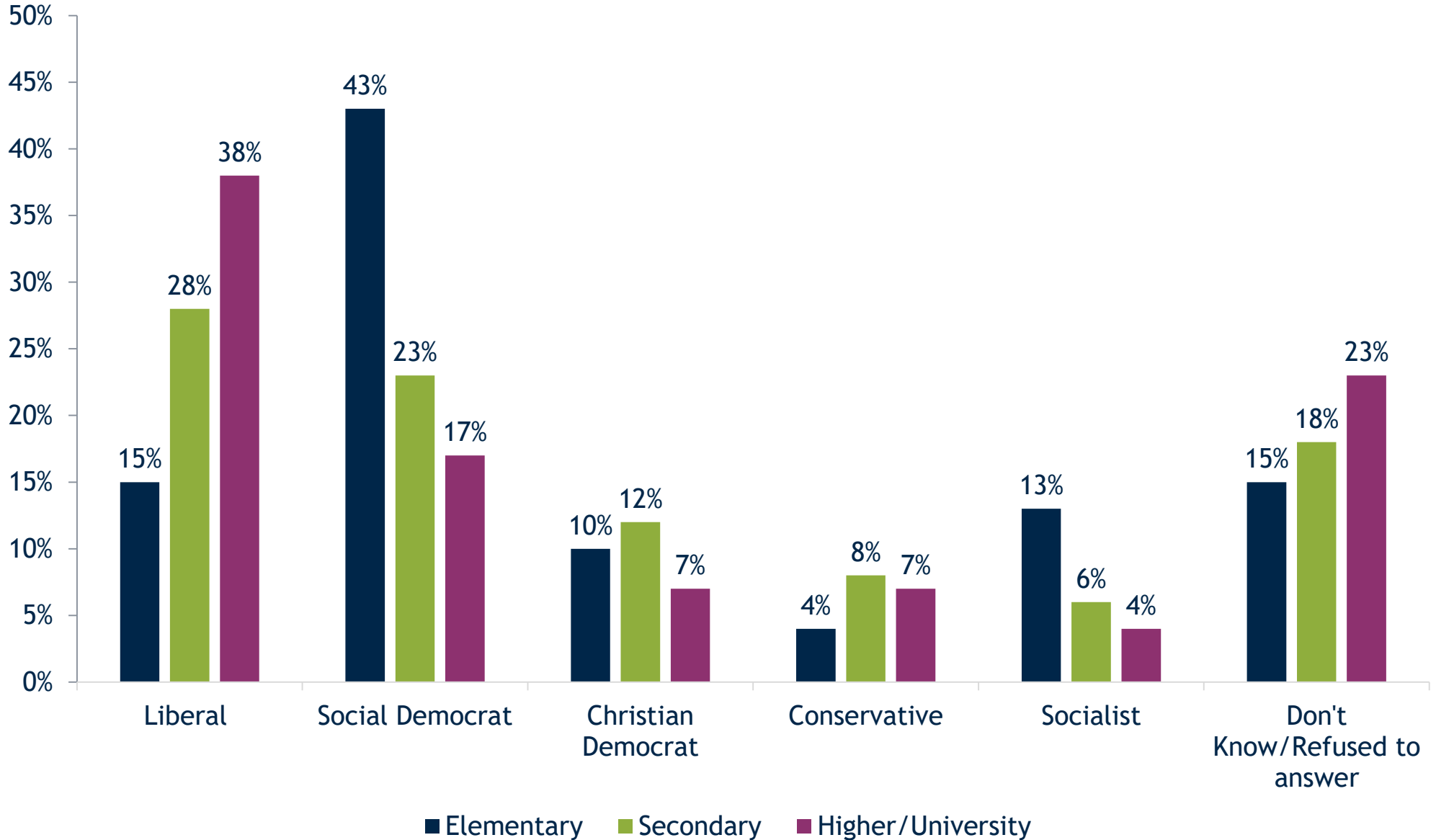
# How would you define your political views?



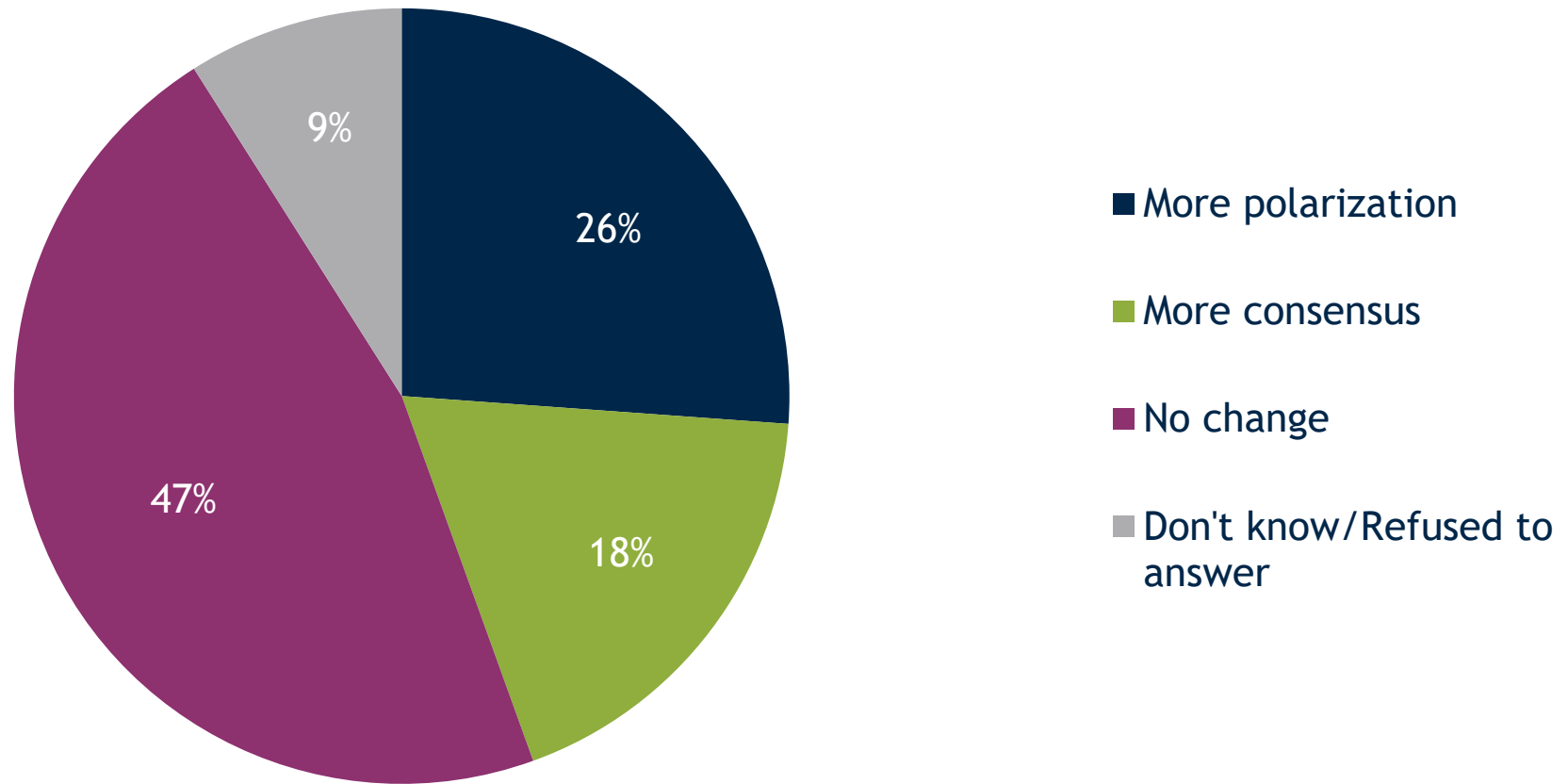
# How would you define your political views? (Disaggregated by age)



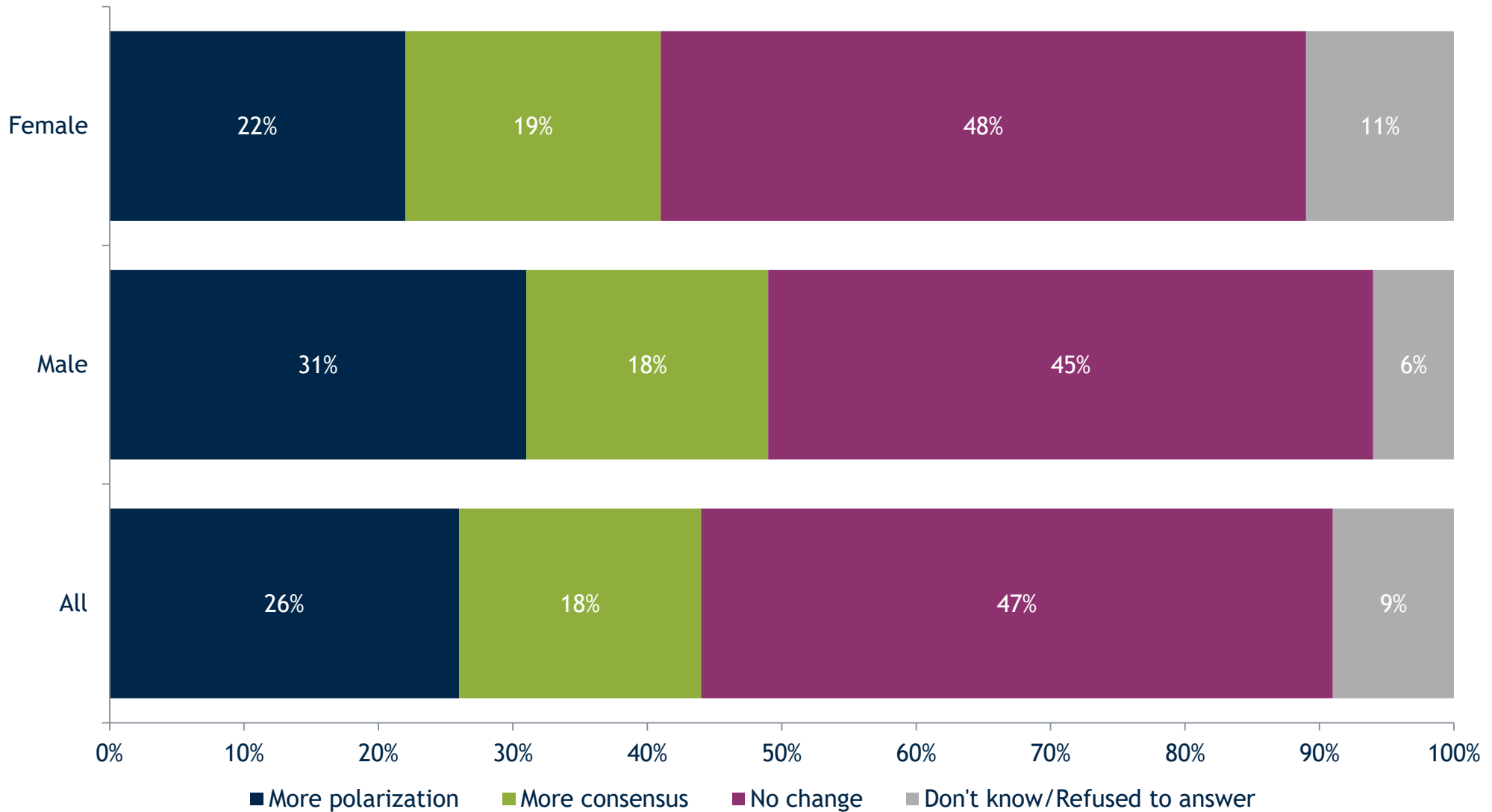
# How would you define your political views? (Disaggregated by highest level of education completed)



# Would you say that Romanian politics today are moving toward:

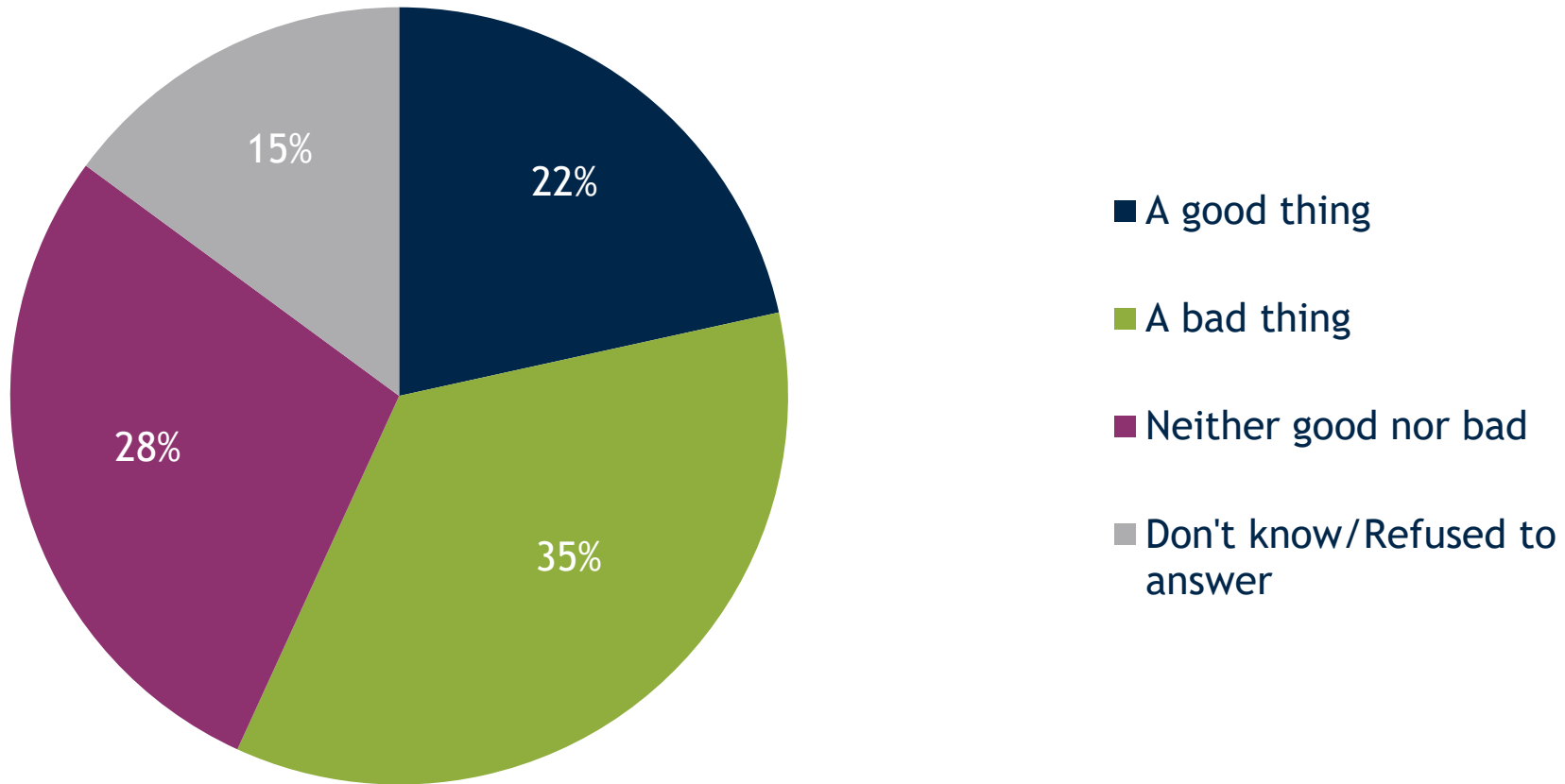


# Would you say that Romanian politics today are moving toward: (Disaggregated by gender)



# Do you think the current polarization in Romanian society is:

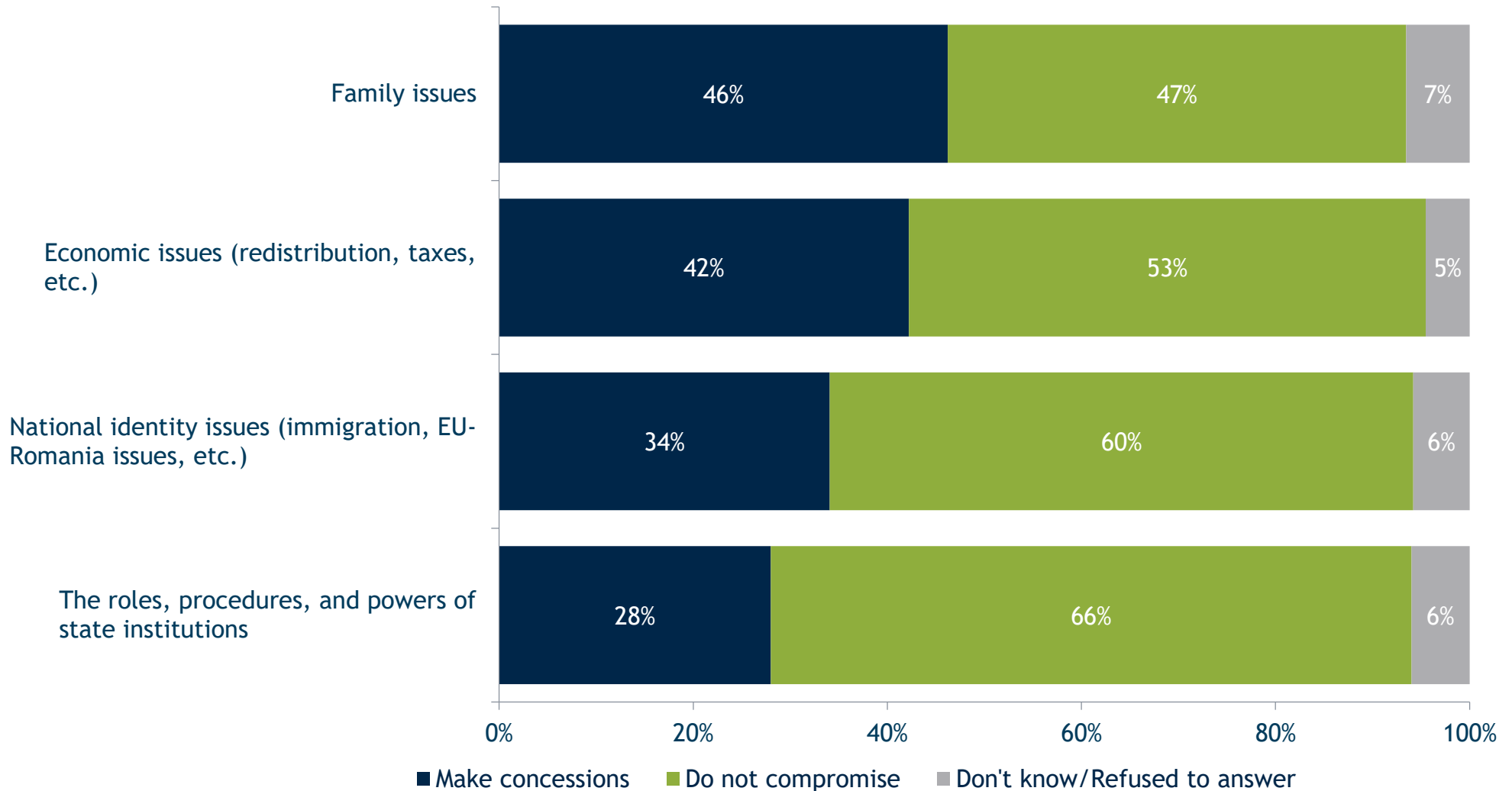
(Respondents who said that Romania is moving toward more polarization or no change: n=874)





# If asked to make concessions on issues in order to make Romanian politics more functional, on which issues should political leaders make these concessions, and on which issues should they not compromise?

(Respondents who said that polarization is a bad thing; n=310)



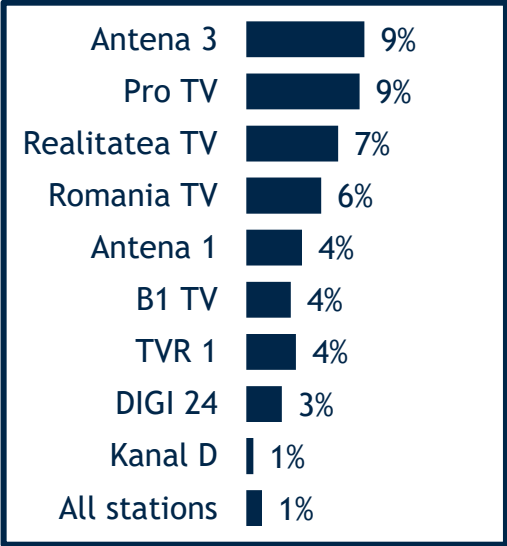
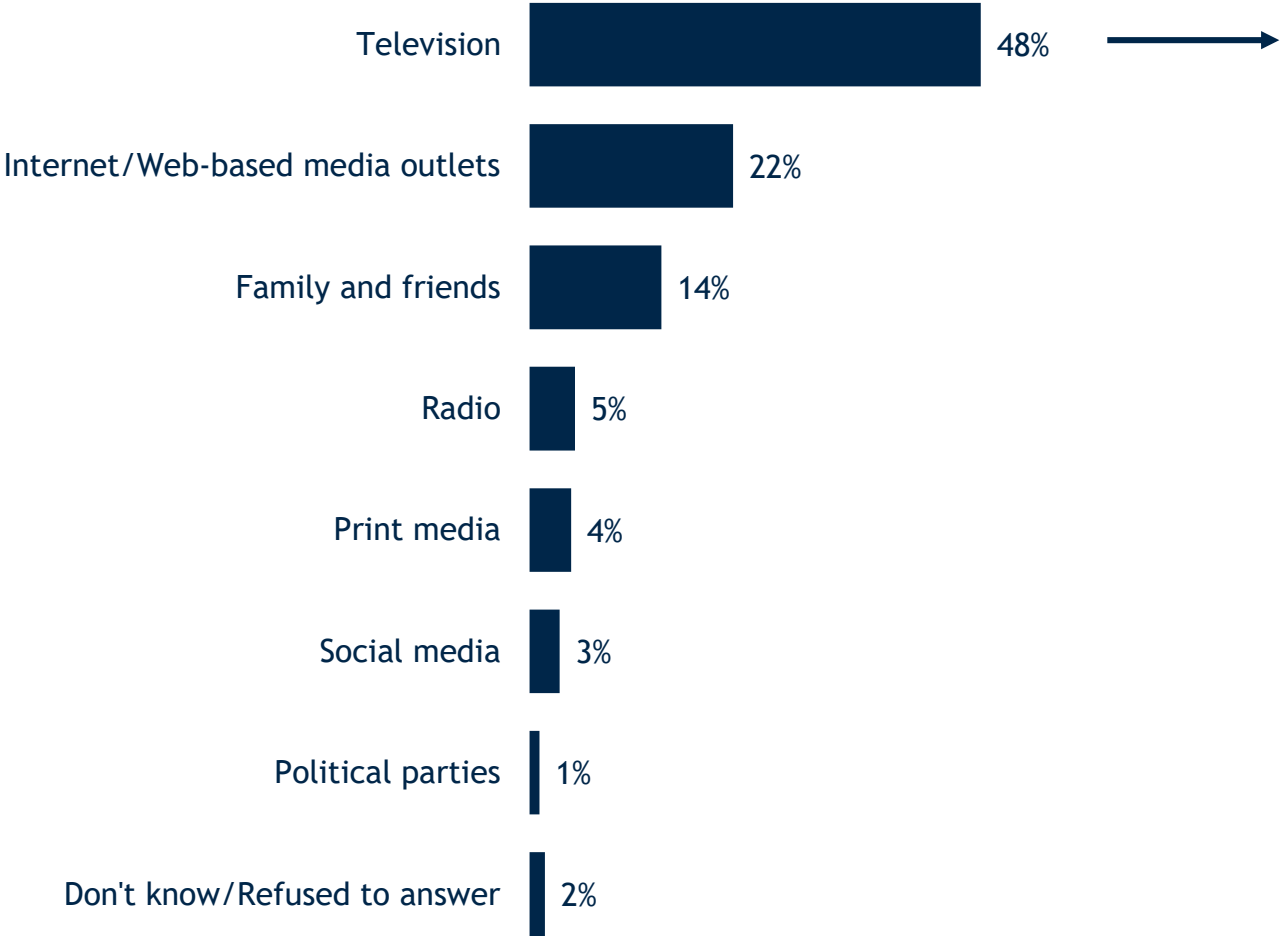


# Media Consumption Habits

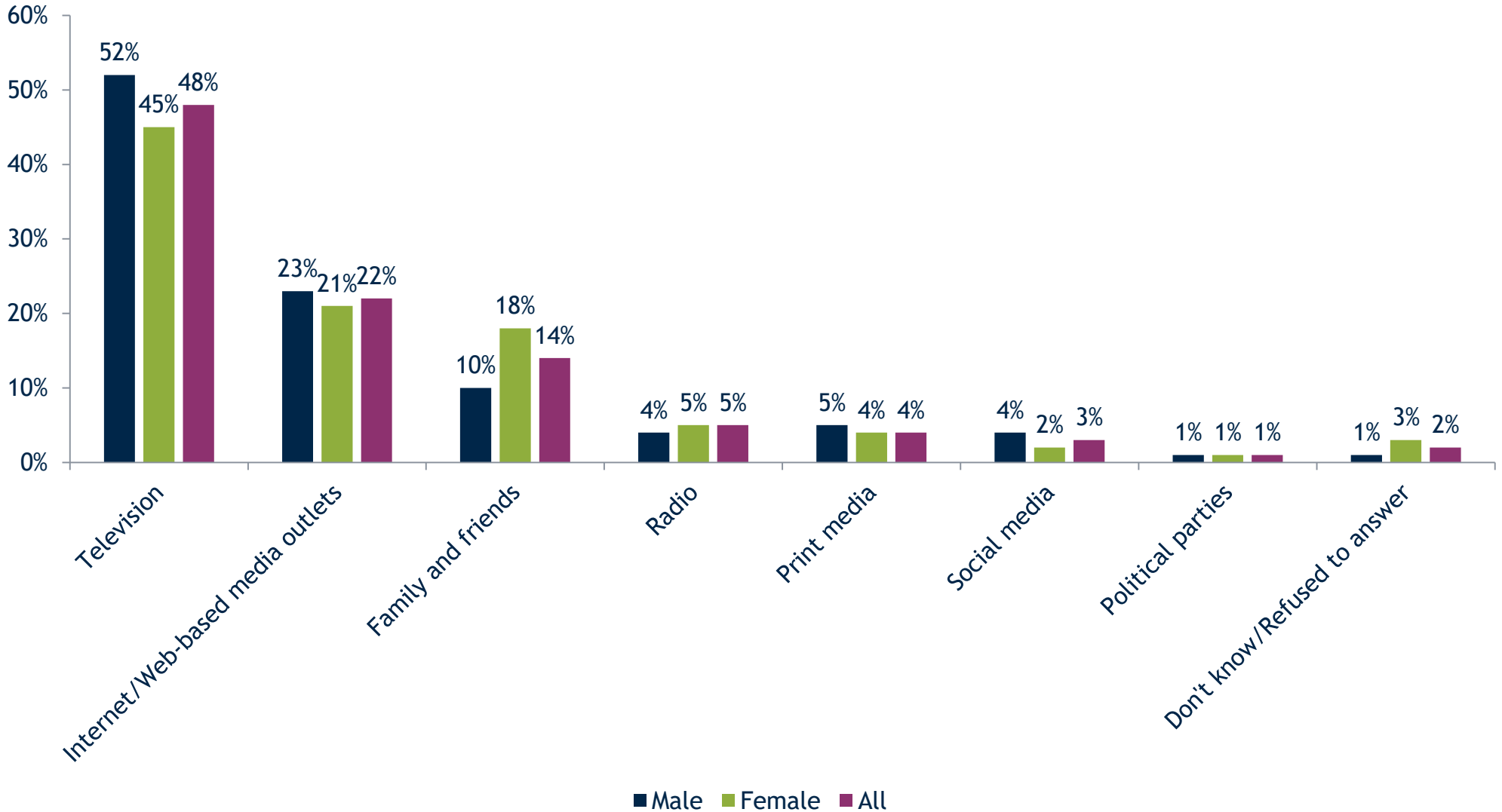
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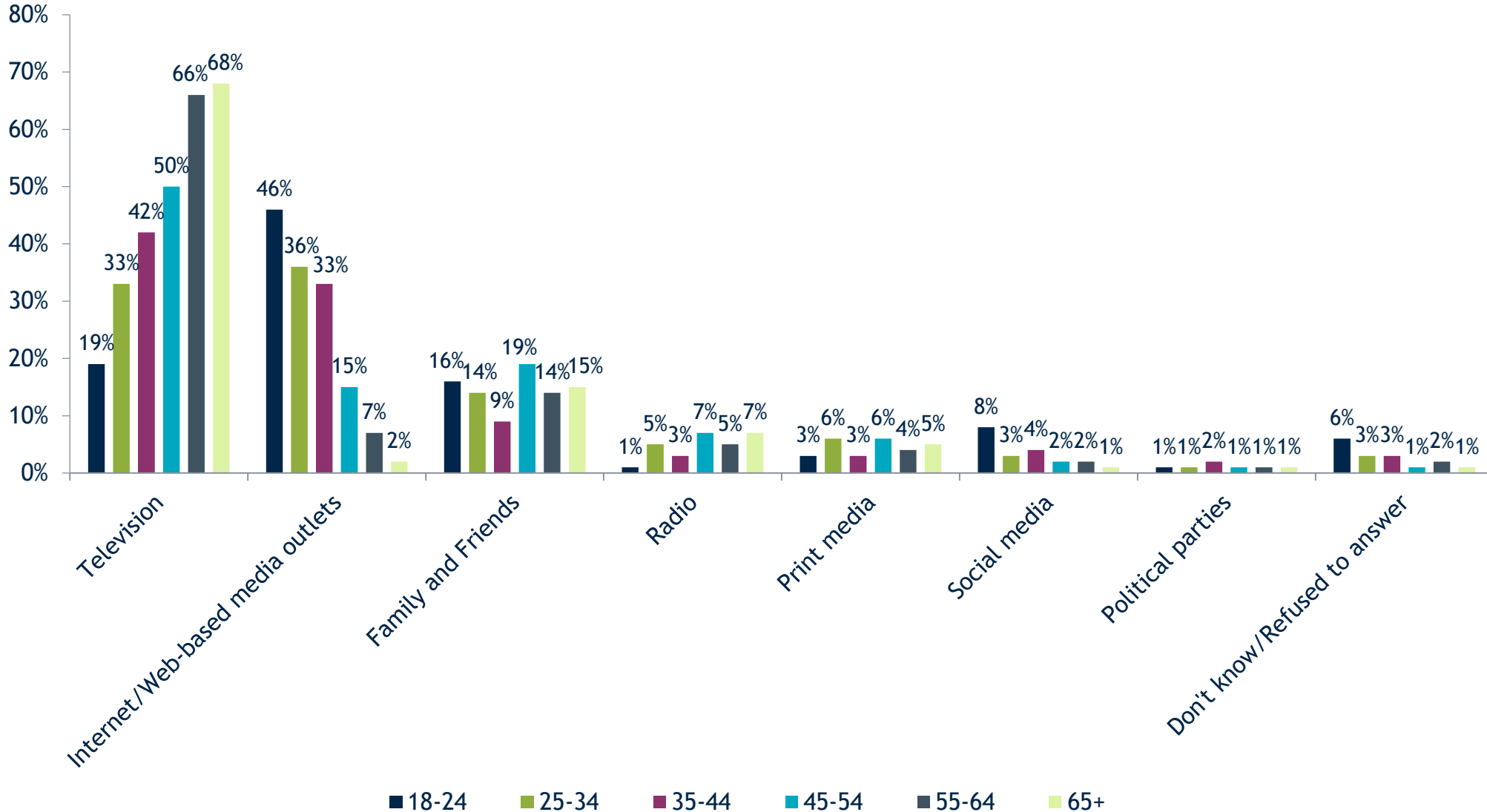
# What is your main source of information regarding national political life?



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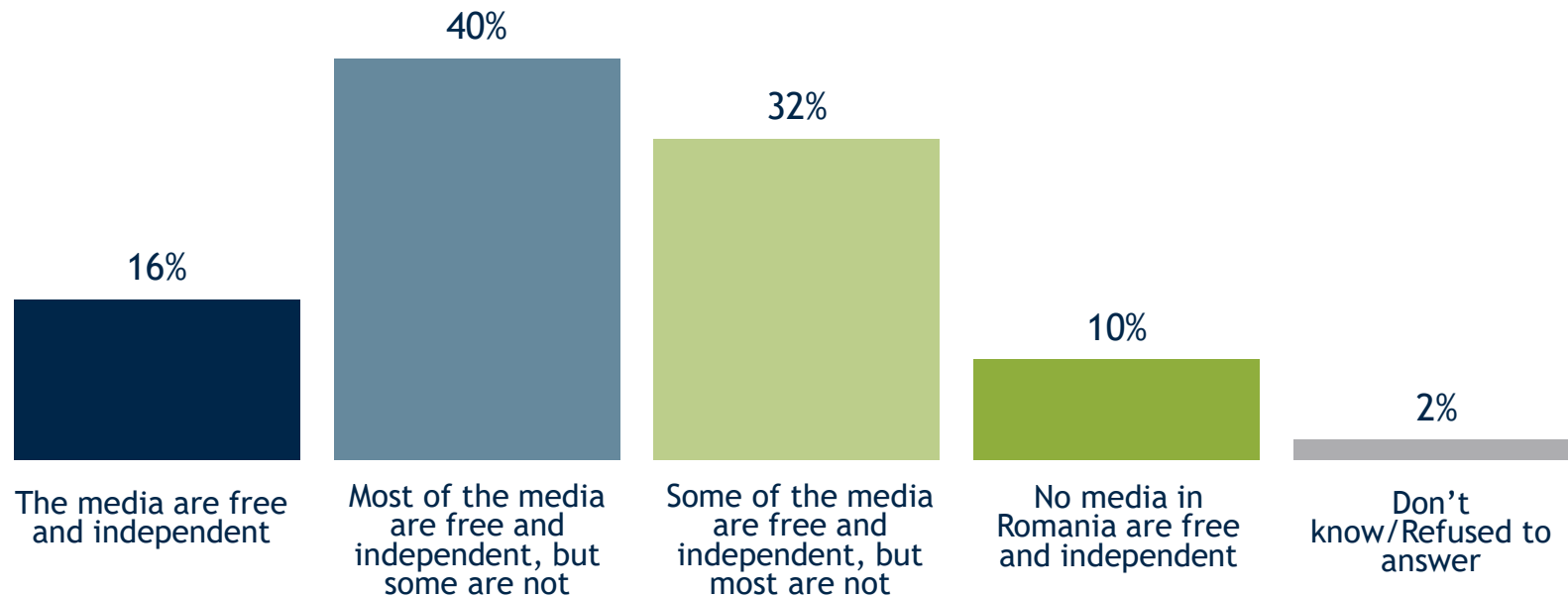
# To what extent would you agree or disagree that the media in Romania are free and independent?

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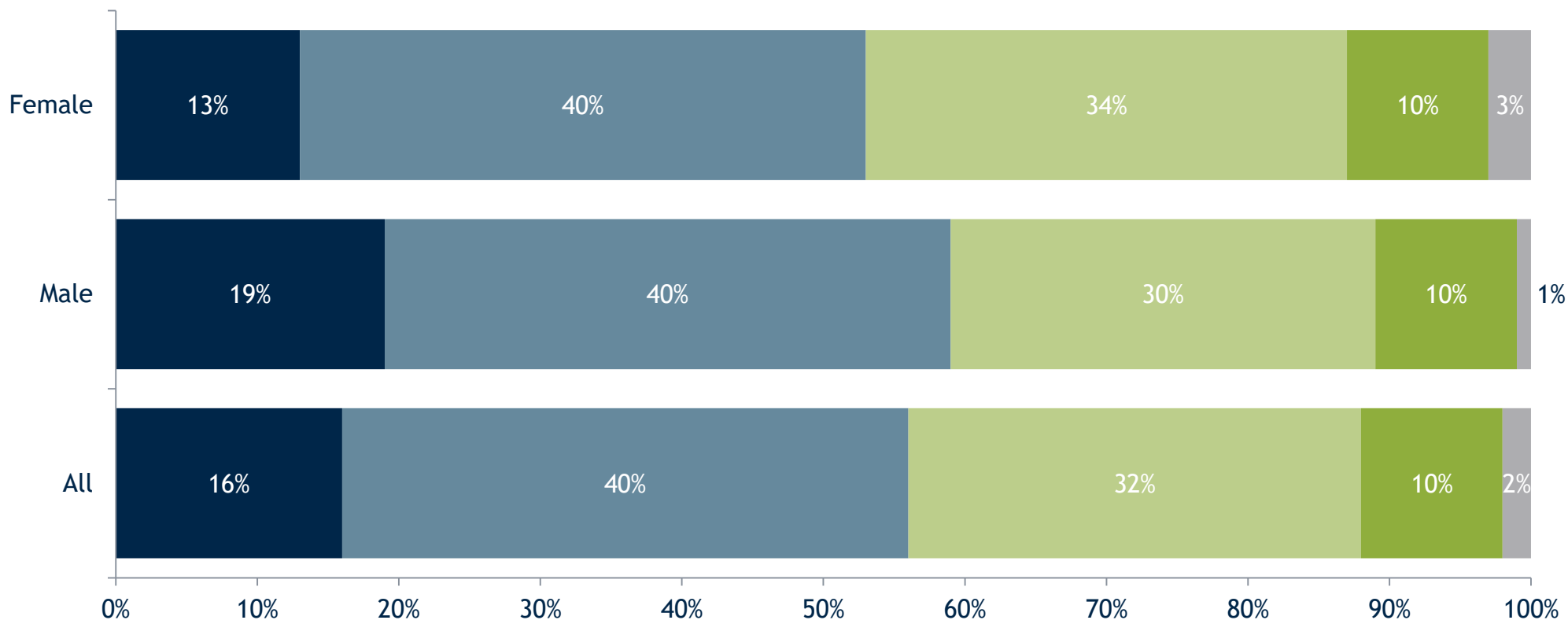
56%

The majority of media are not free and not independent

42%

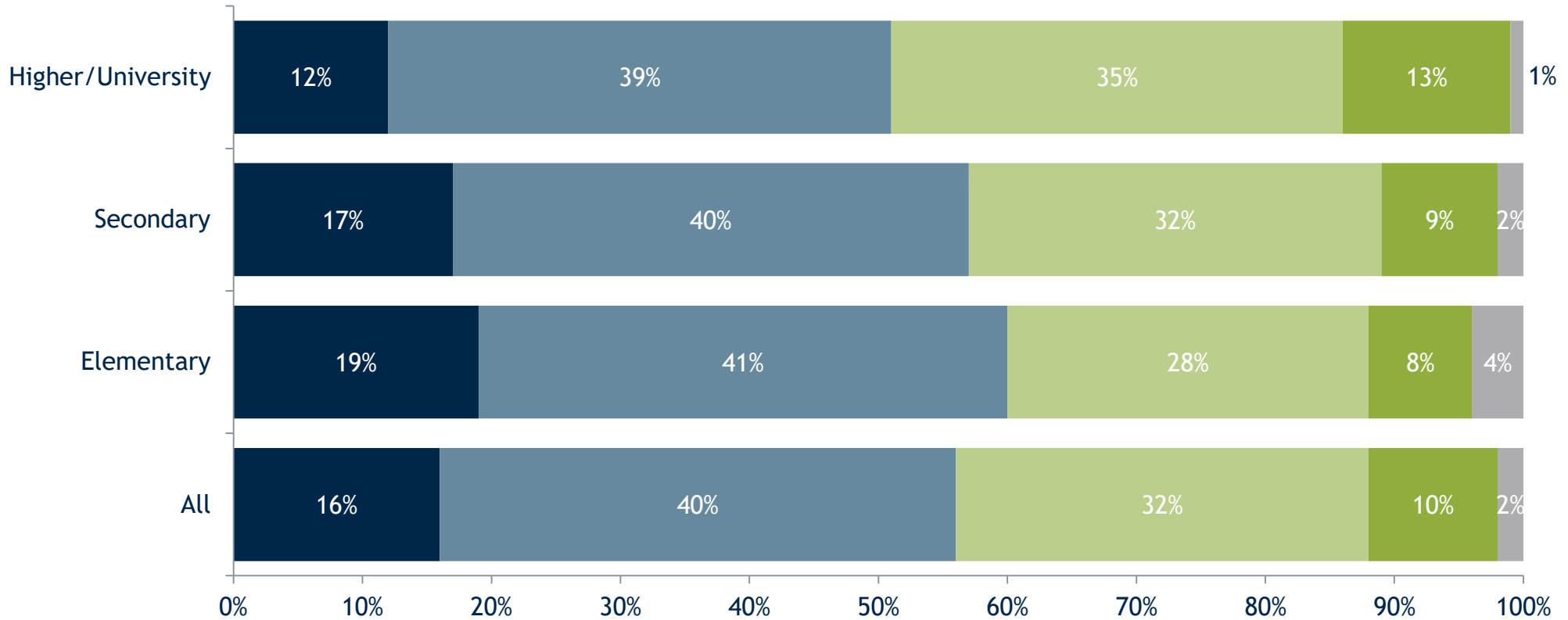


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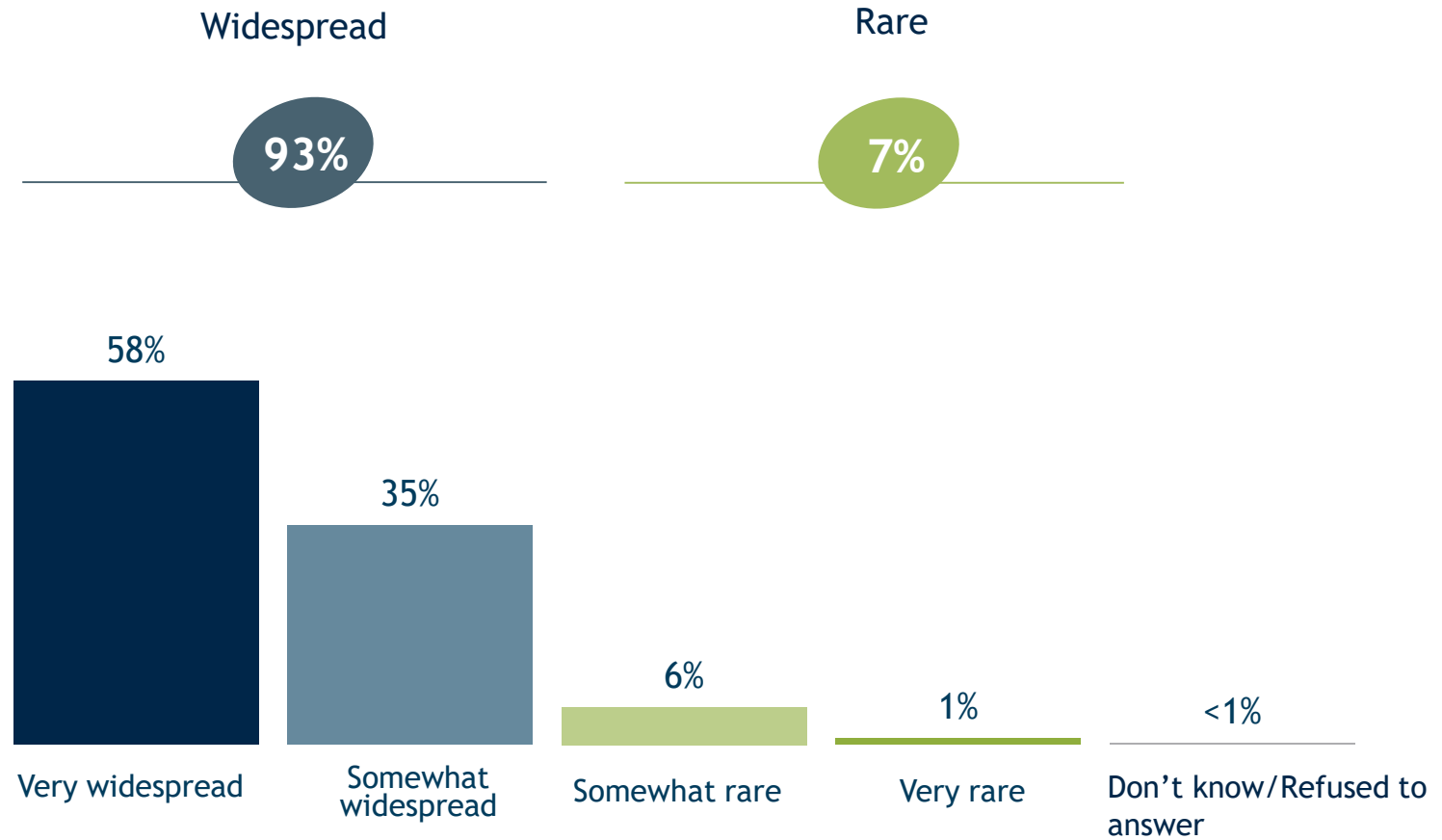


# Views of Corruption

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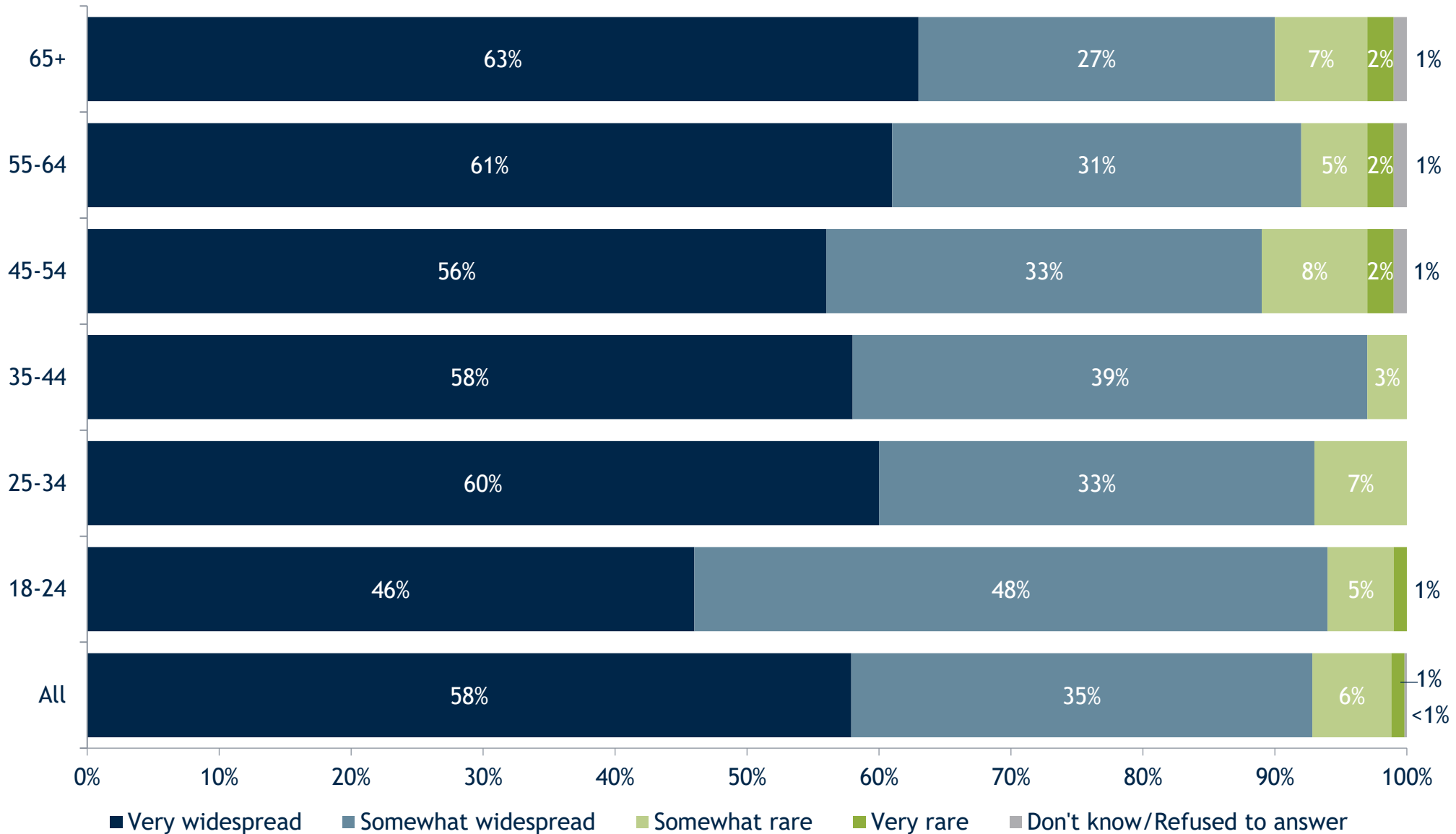


# To what extent is corruption widespread or rare in Romania?

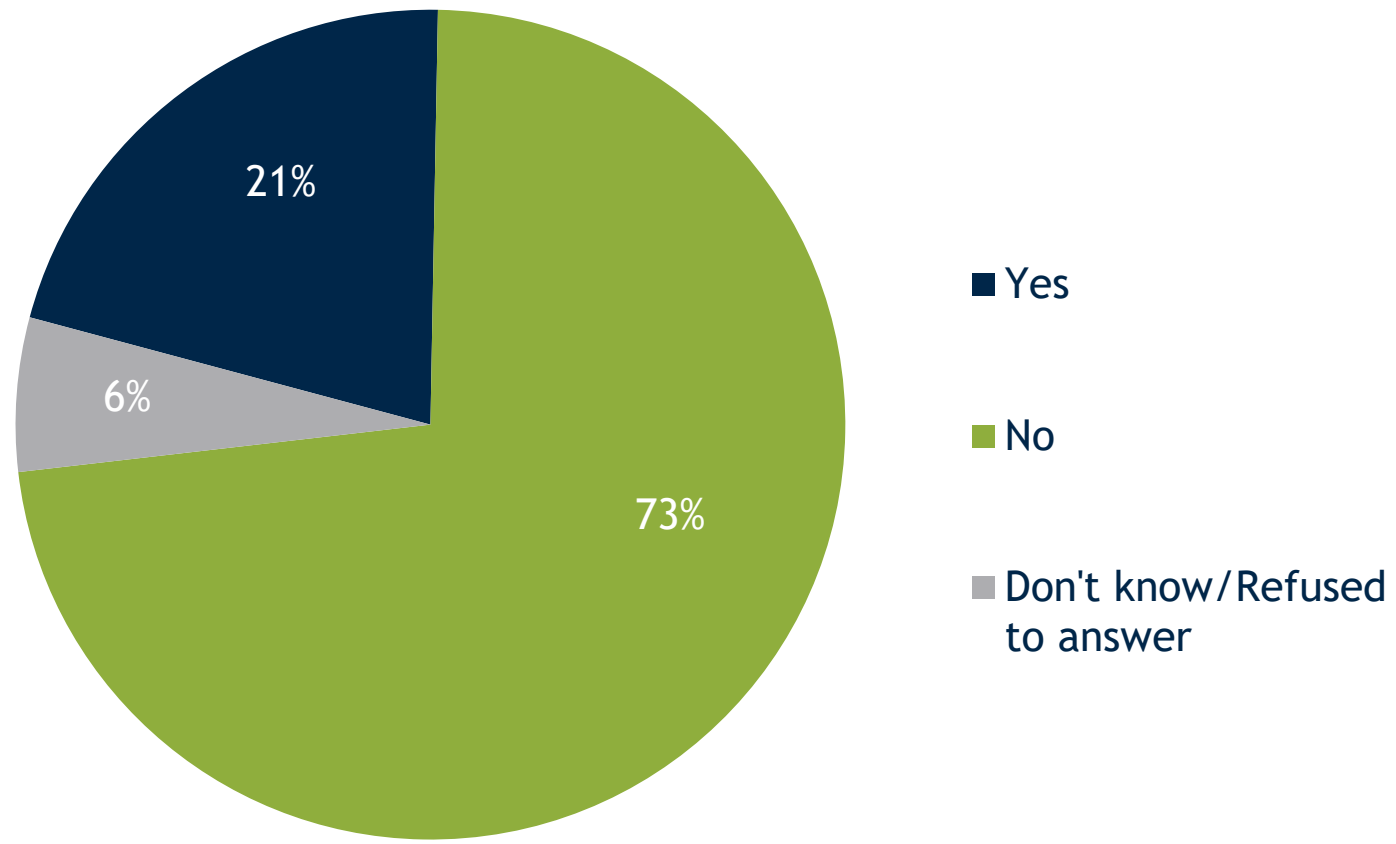


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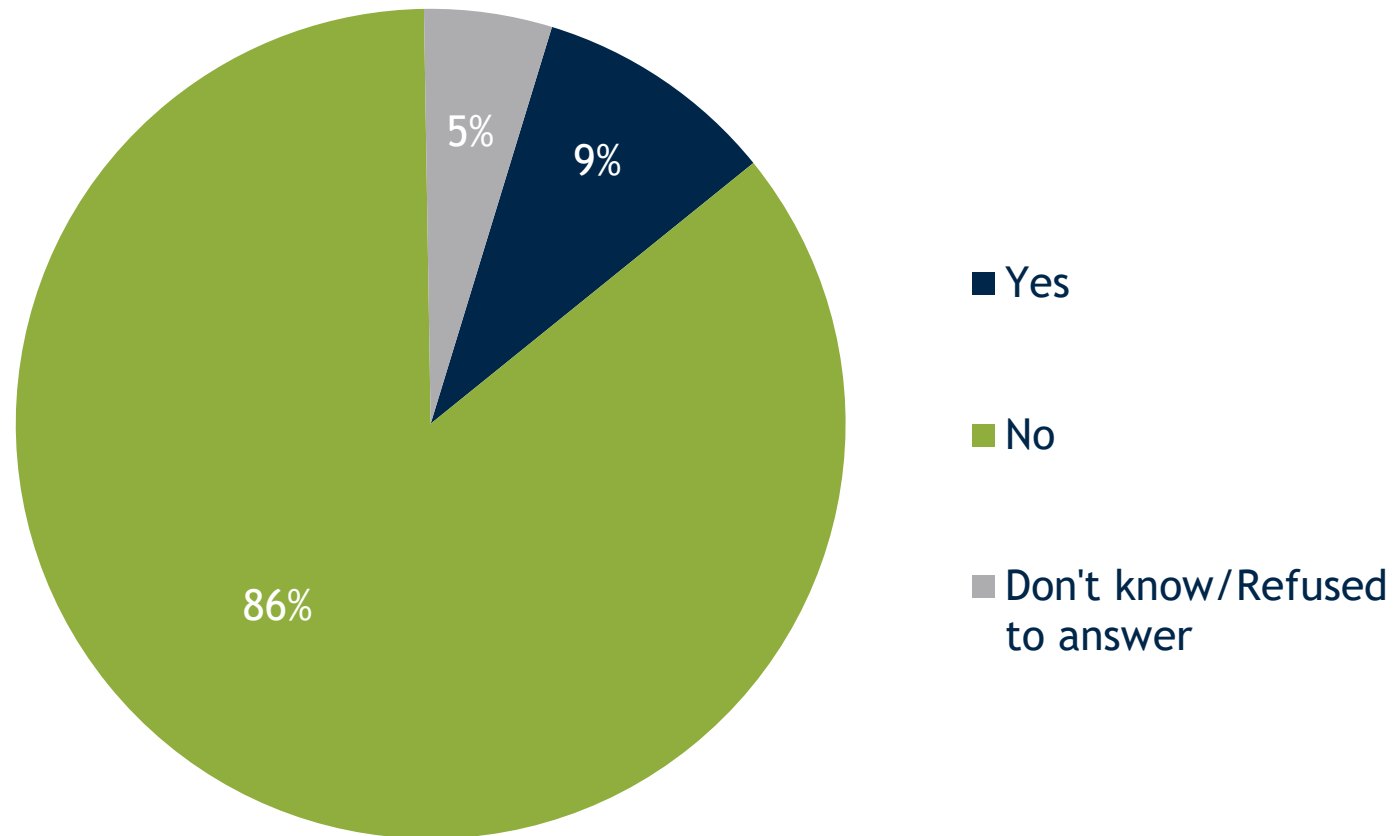
## (Disaggregated by age)



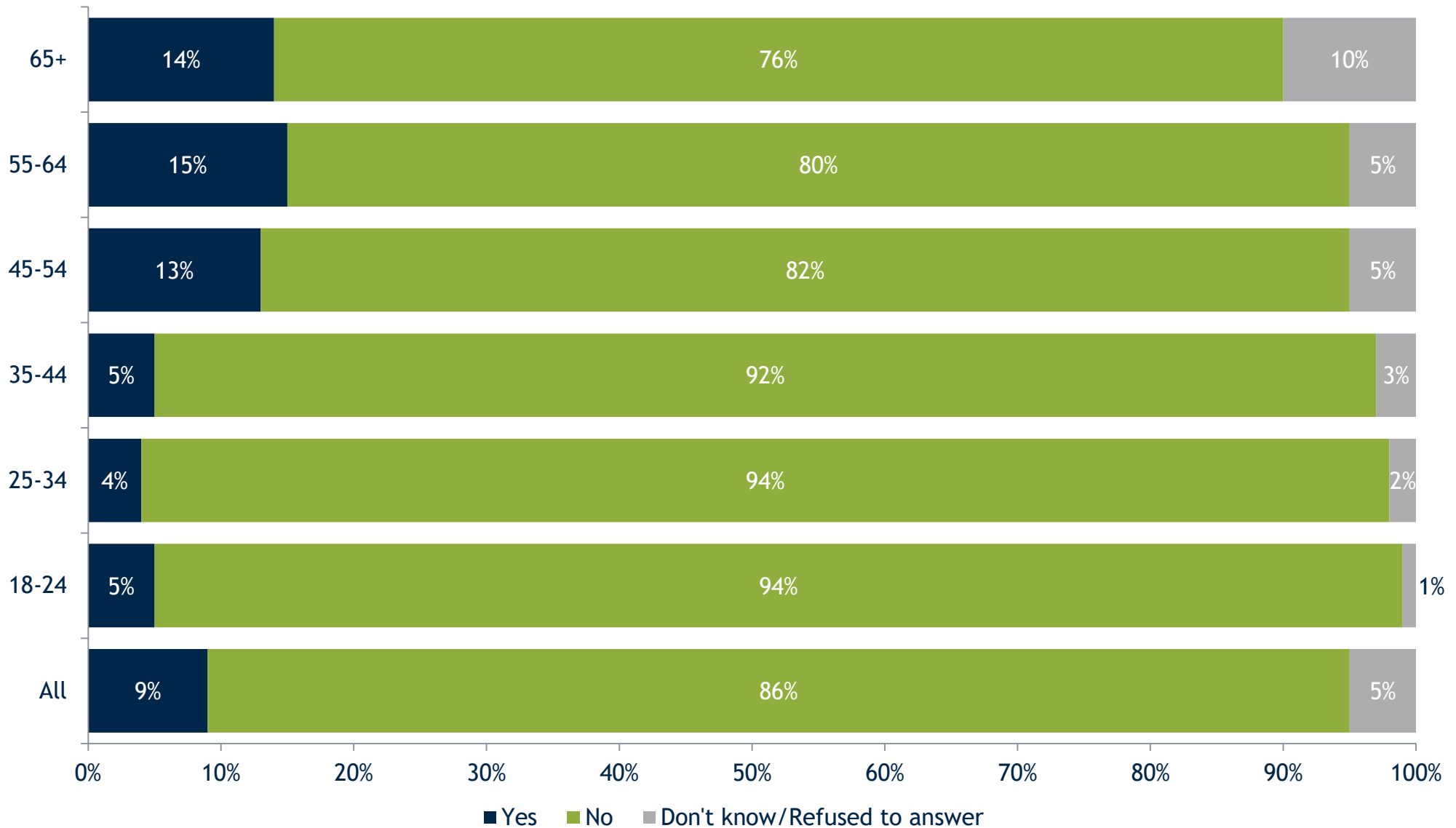
In the past 12 months have you or an acquaintance had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe to a governmental official or governmental service provider?



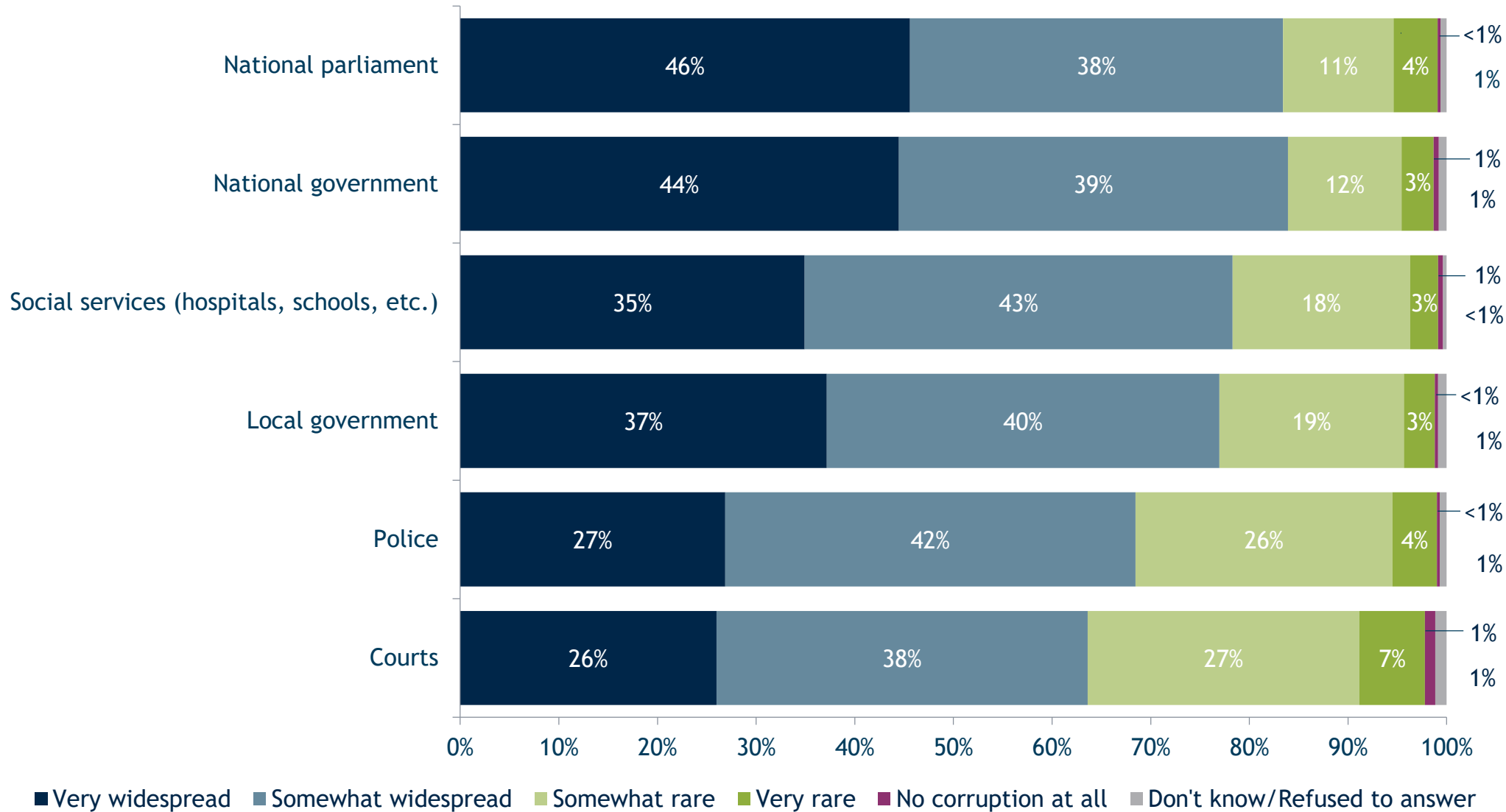
# Is the government doing enough to tackle corruption?



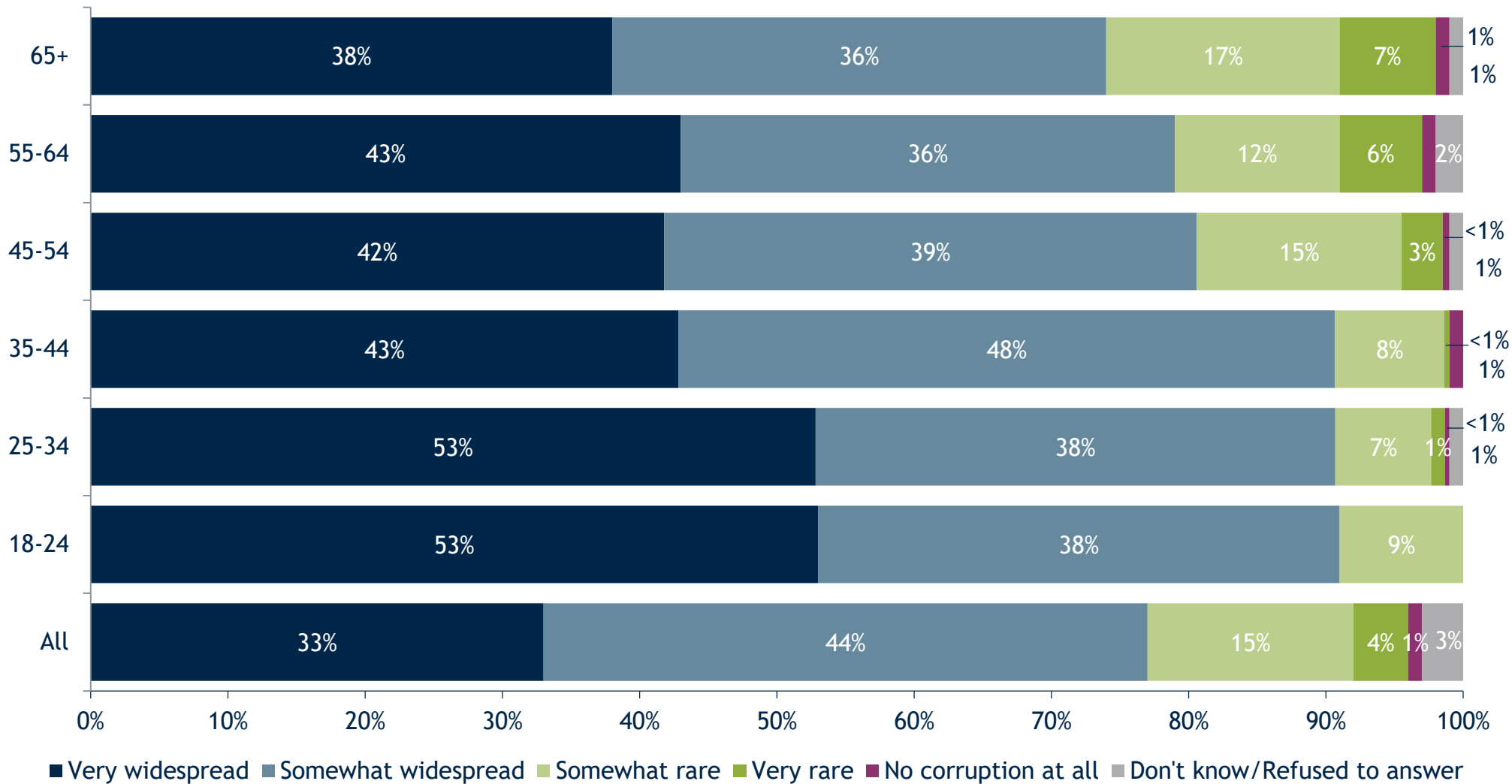
# Is the government doing enough to tackle corruption? (Disaggregated by age)



# To what extent is corruption widespread or rare in each of these institutions?

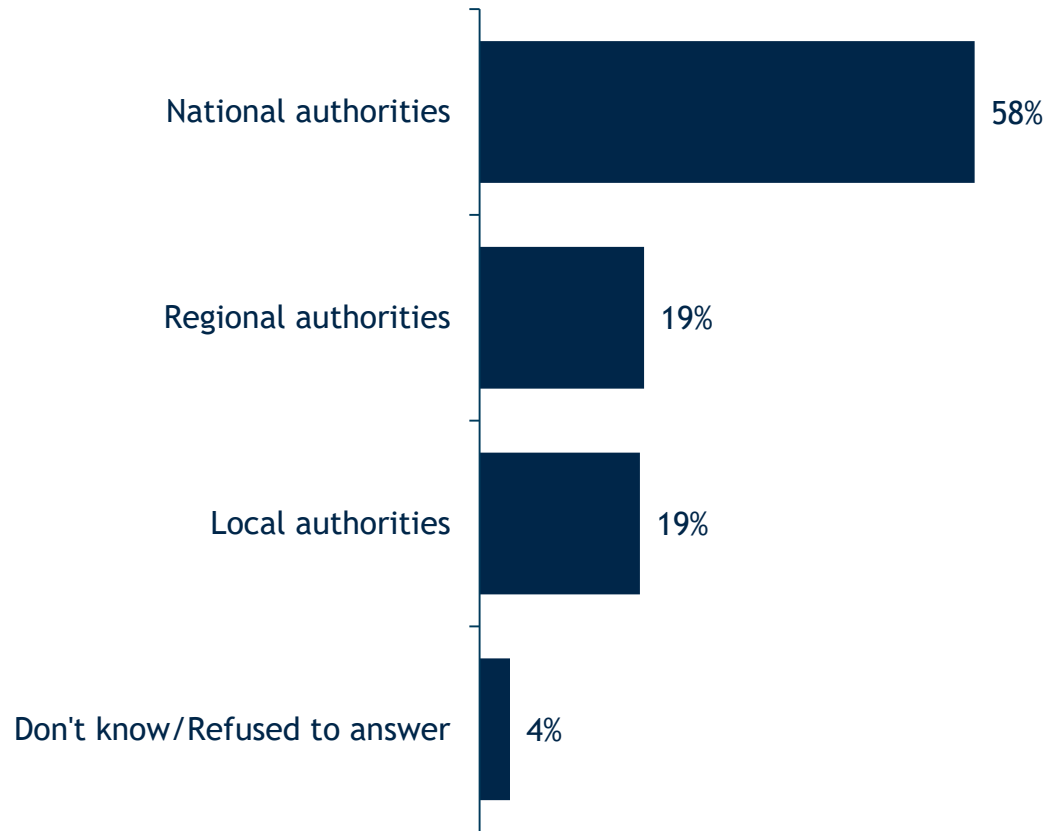


# To what extent is corruption widespread or rare in the national government? (Disaggregated by age)

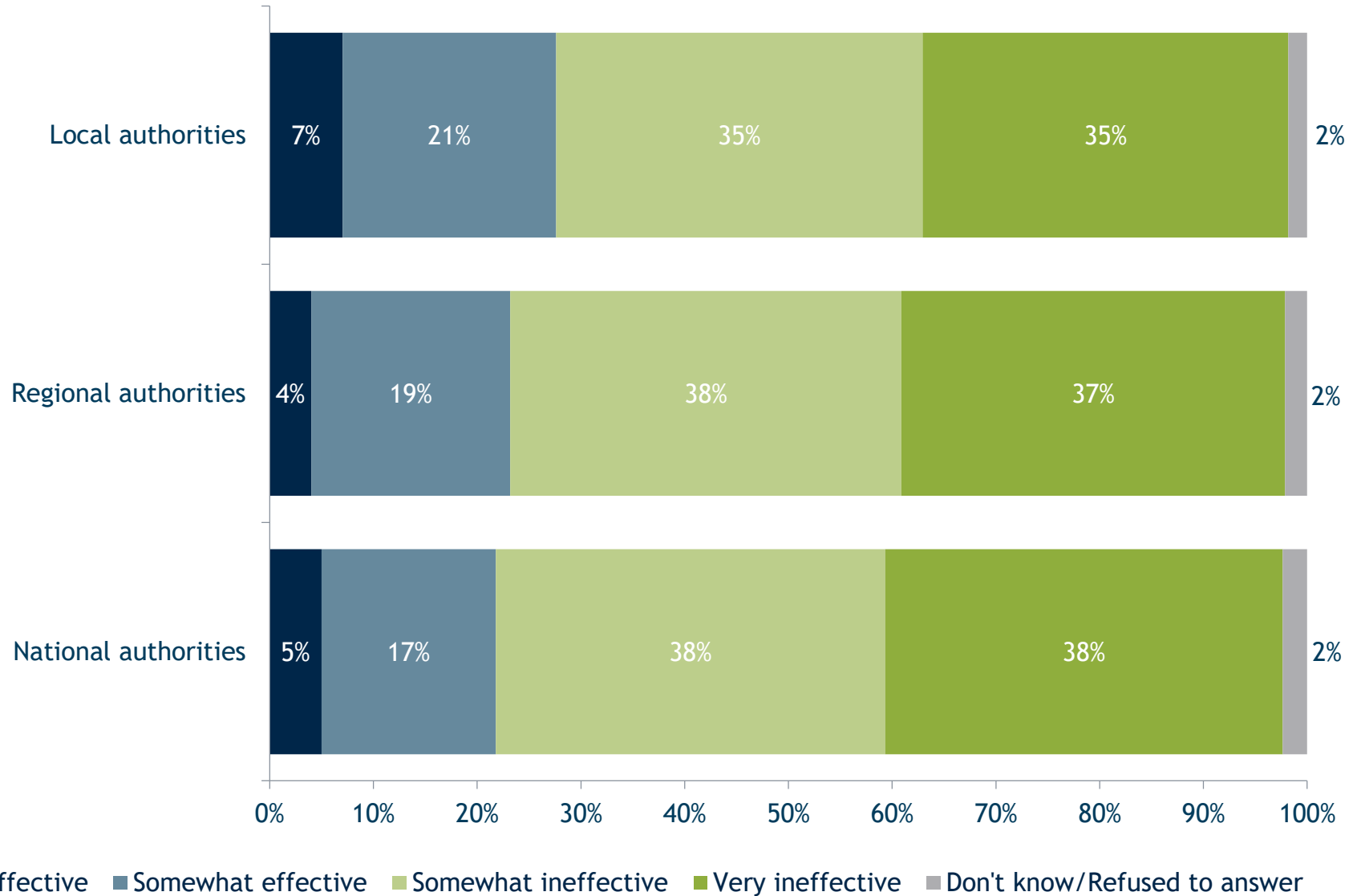




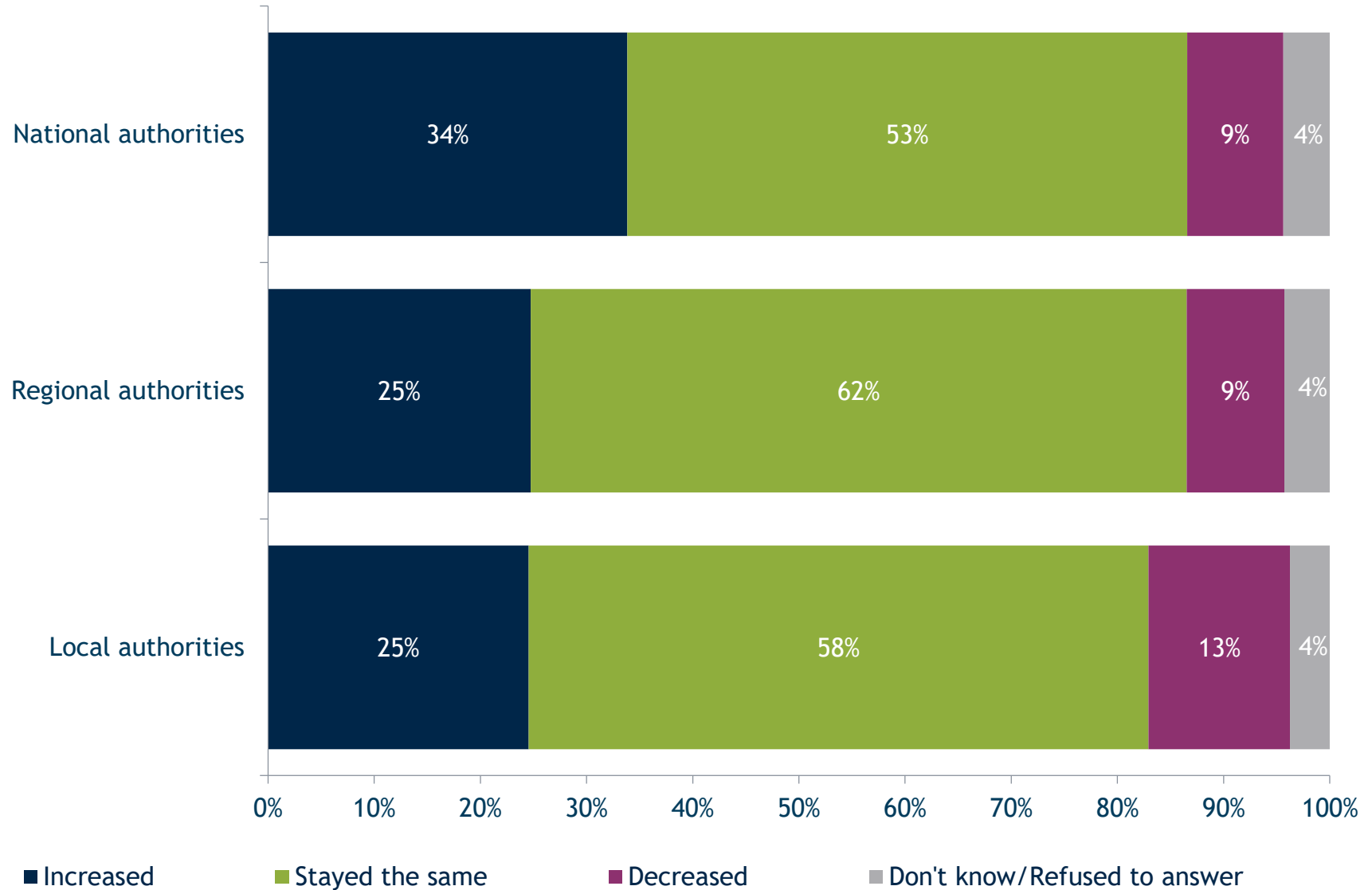
# At which level of government is corruption most prevalent?



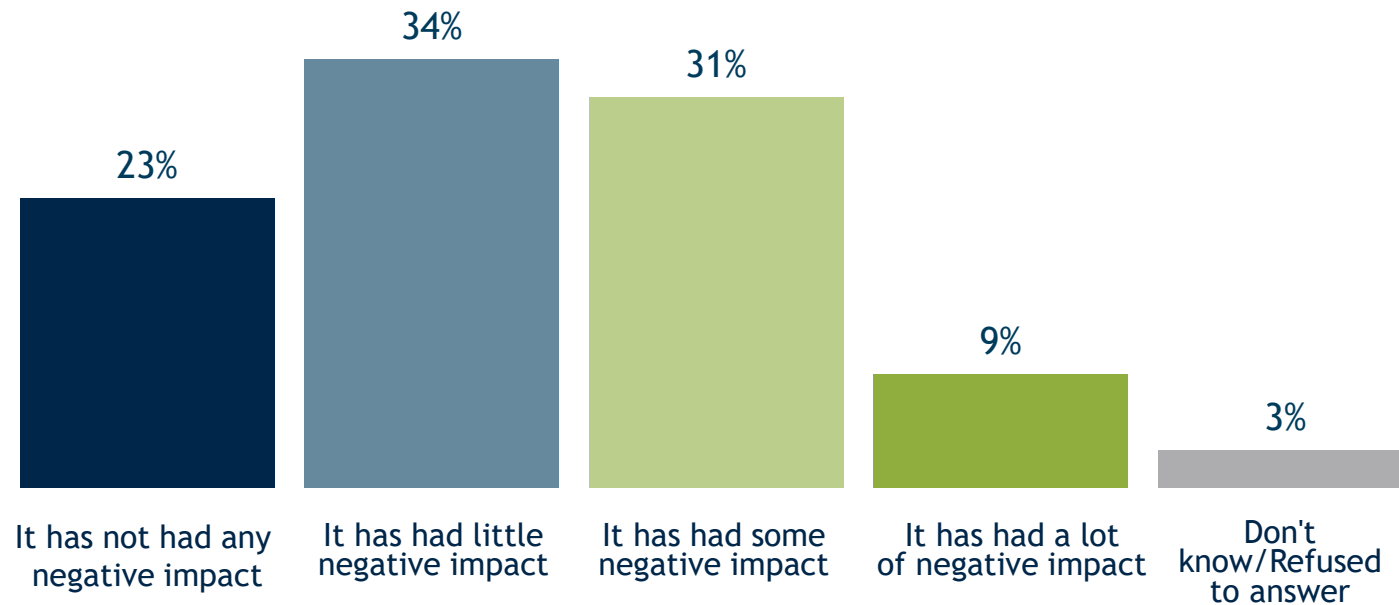
# How effective are the following institutions in addressing corruption?



# Over the past 12 months, has corruption among the following institutions increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

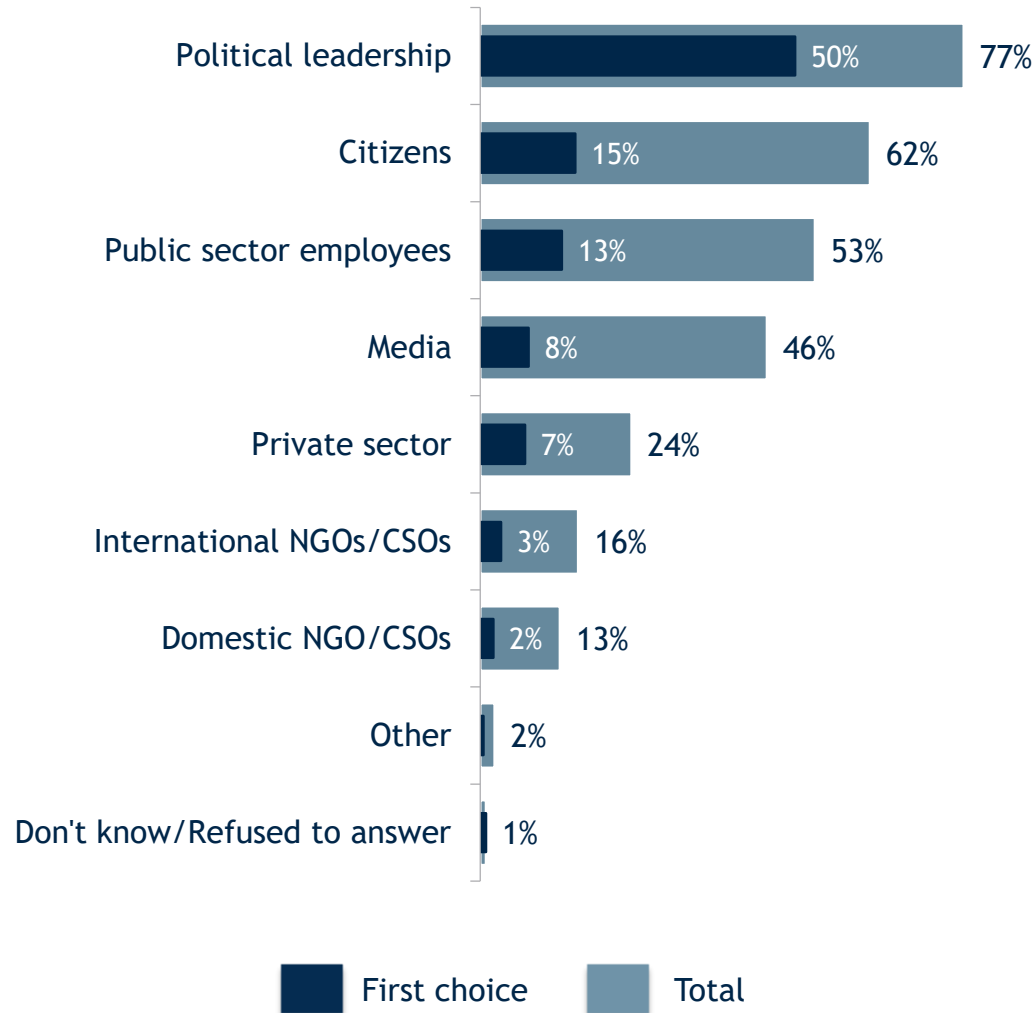


# To what extent has corruption had a negative impact on your life?

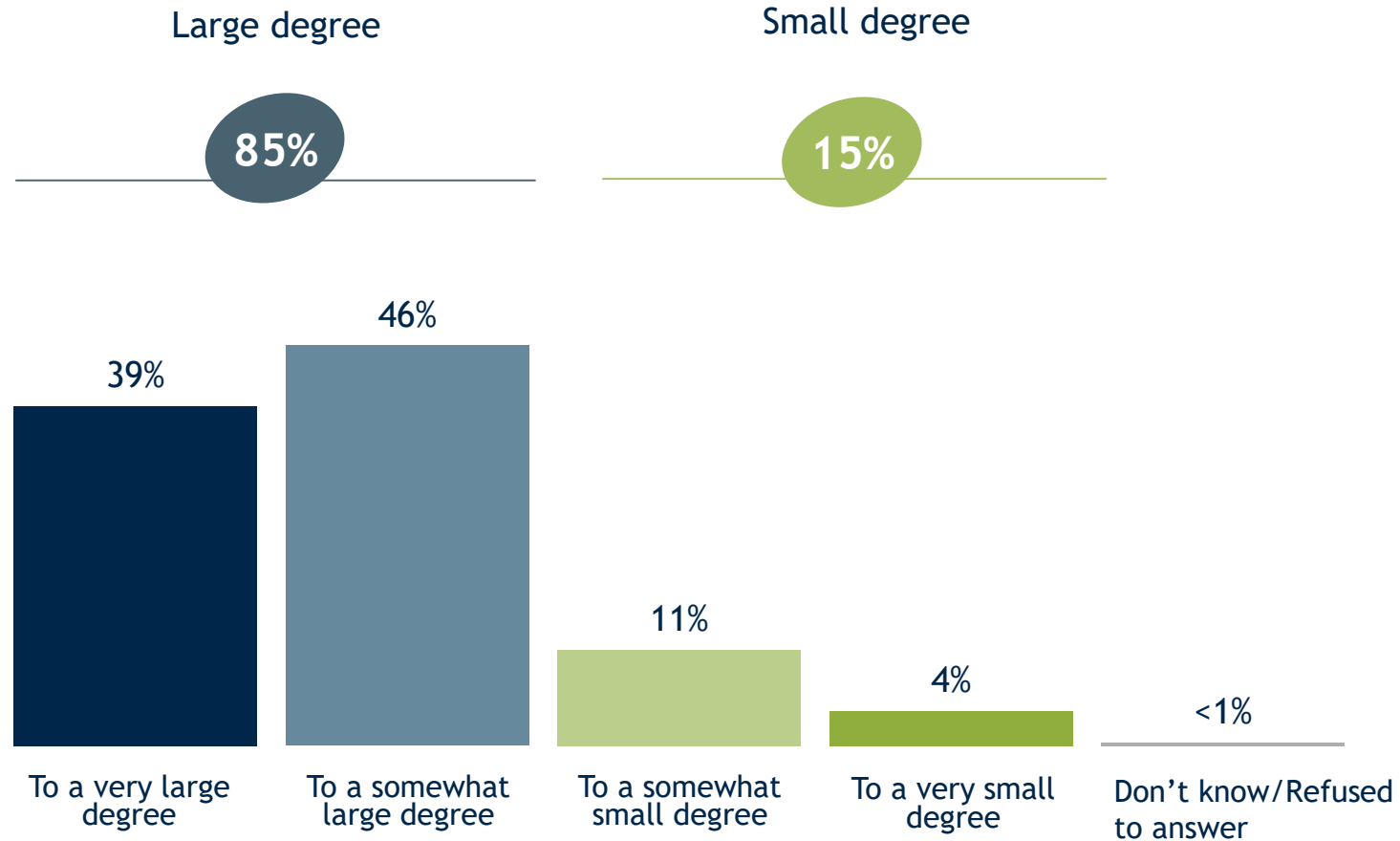


# Which among the following parties are the most important to effectively address corruption in our country?

(Multiple responses accepted)



# To what degree is it the responsibility of citizens to address corruption?



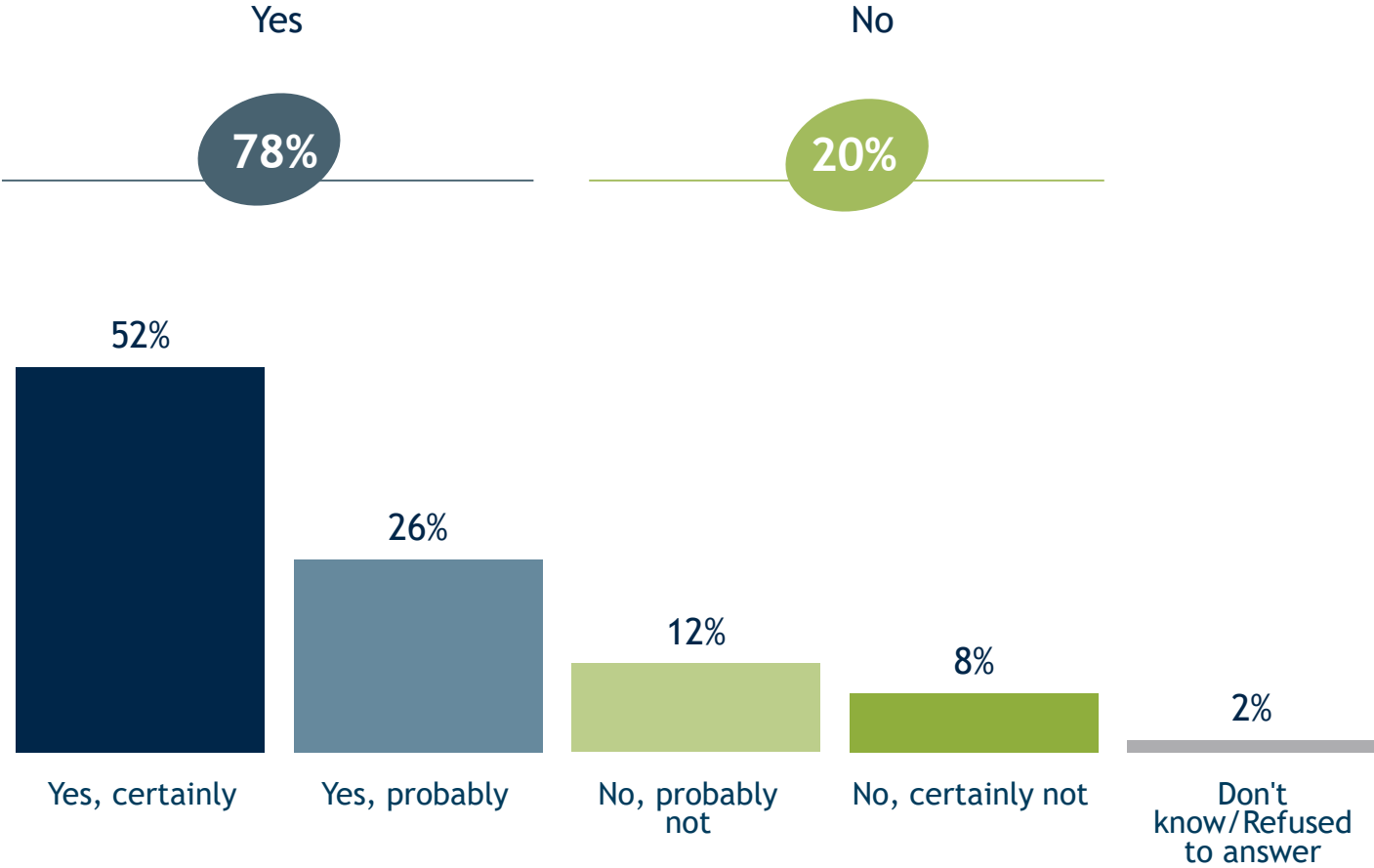


# Elections and Popularity of the President

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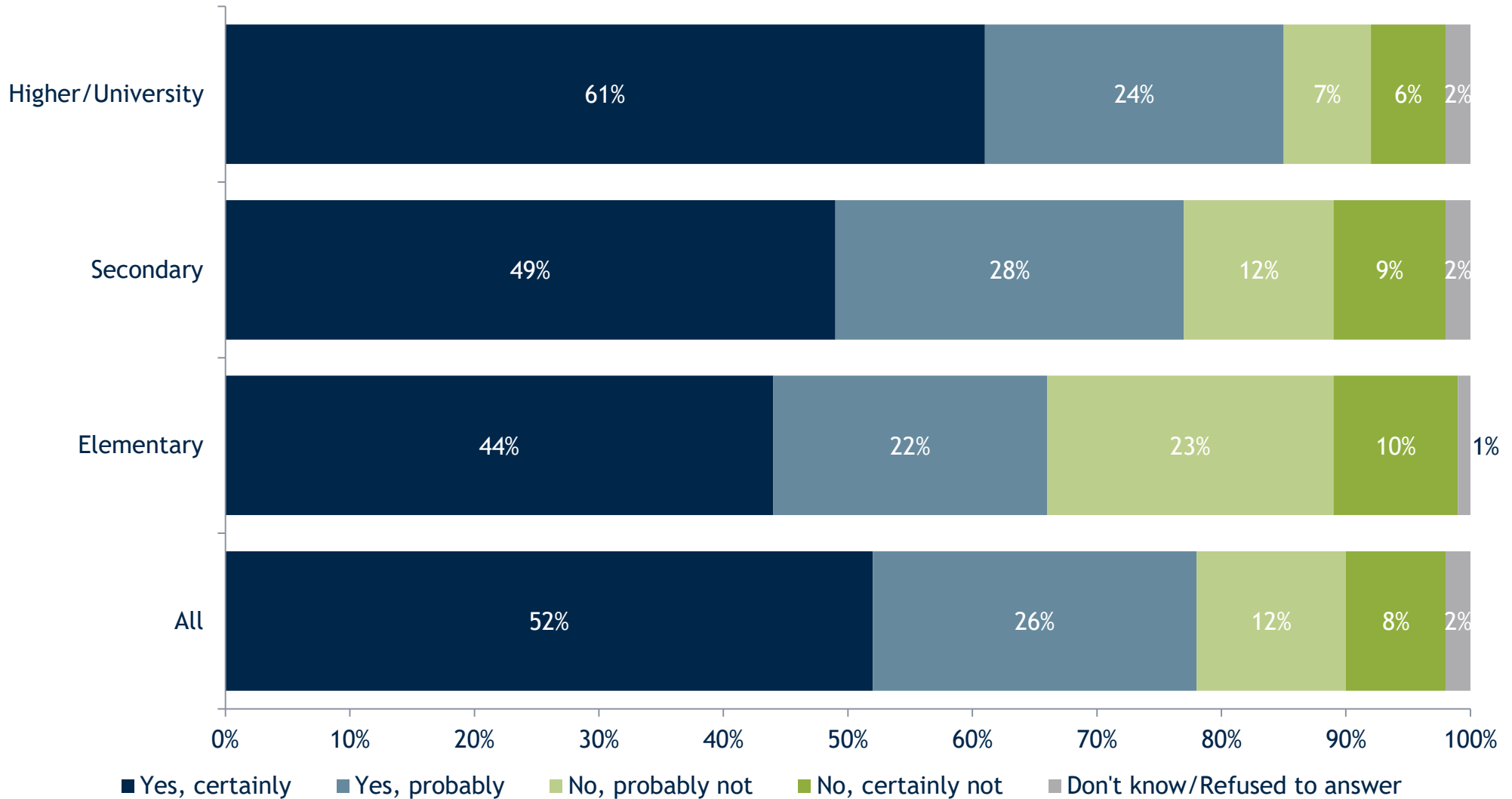
# If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, would you vote?



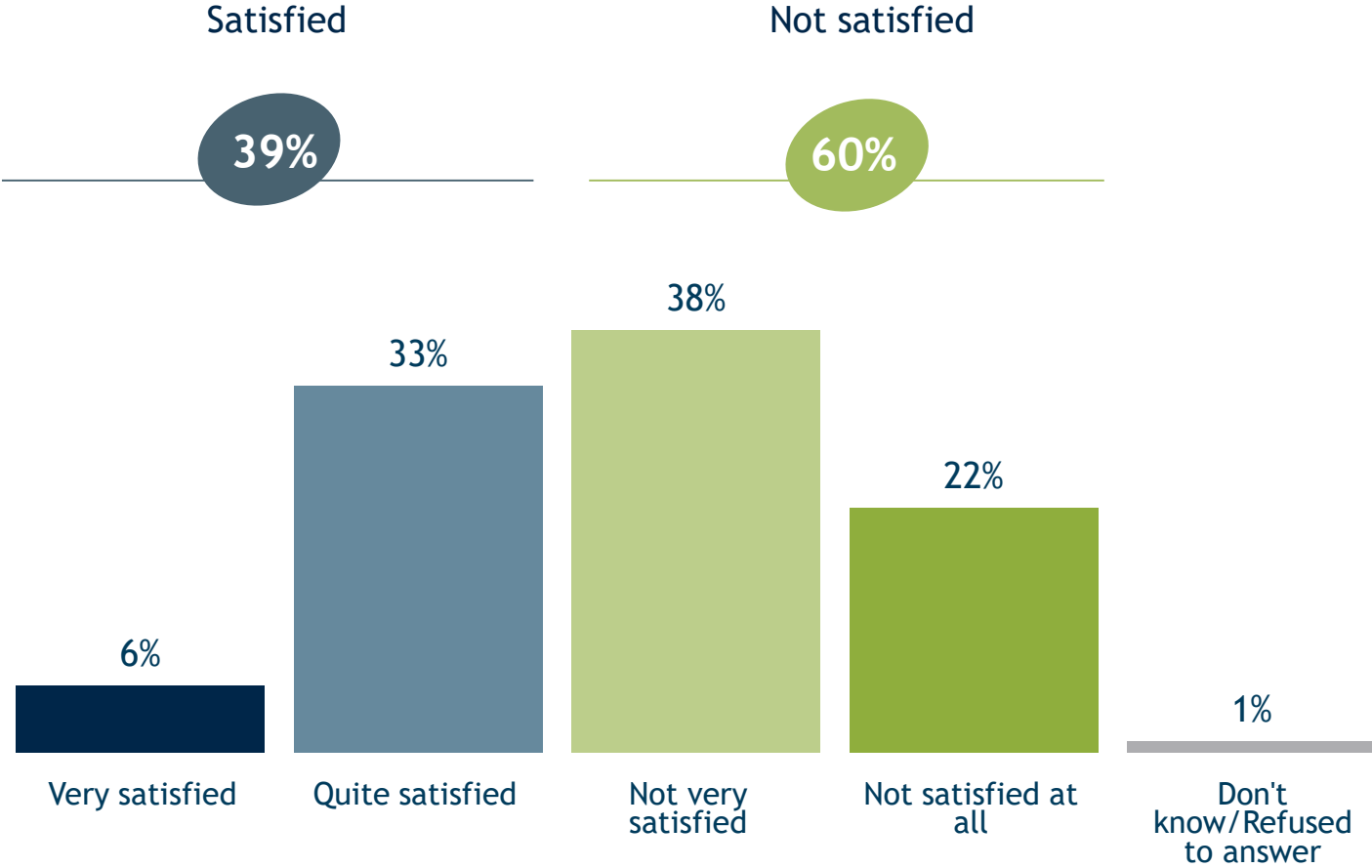


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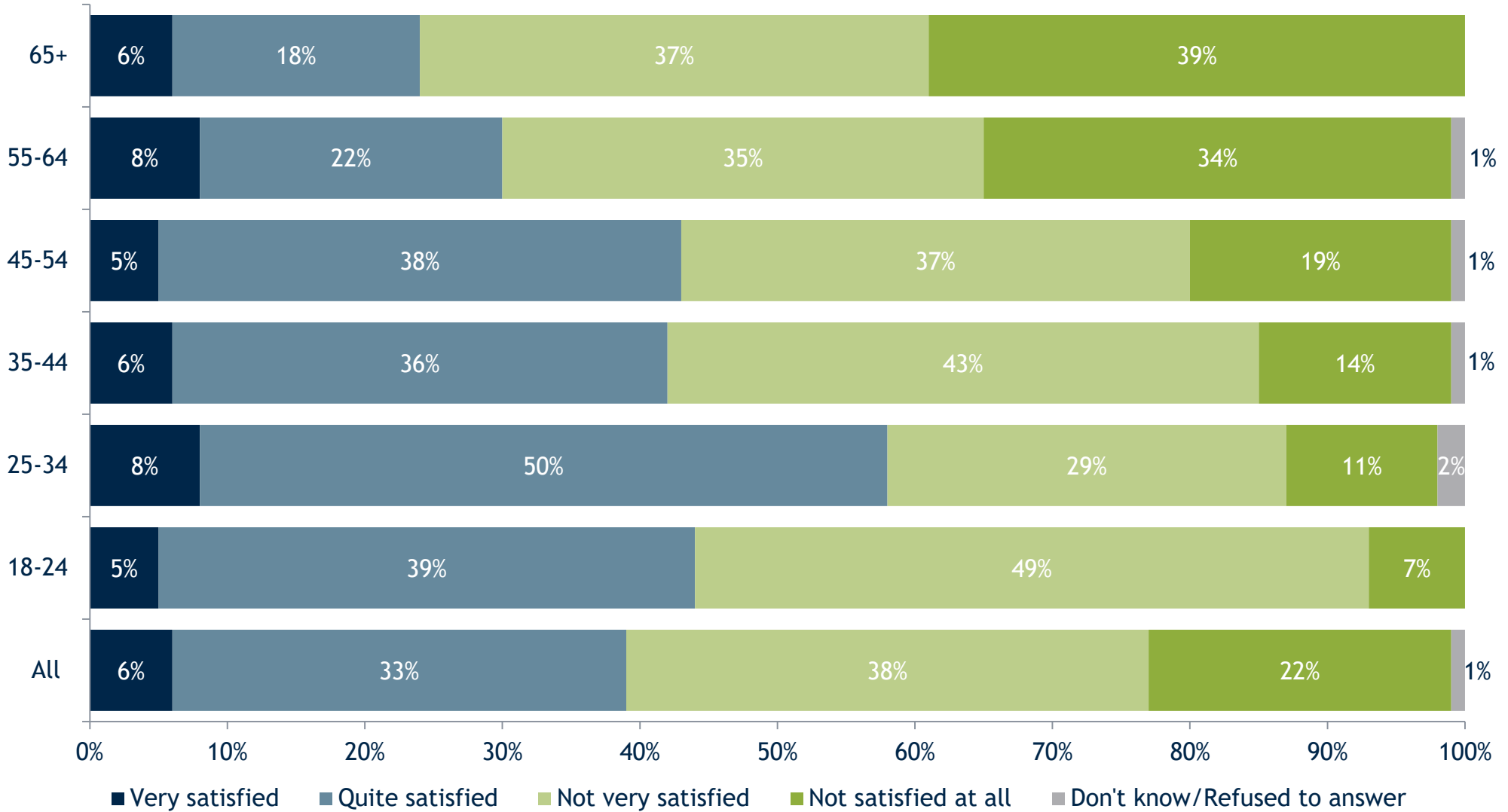
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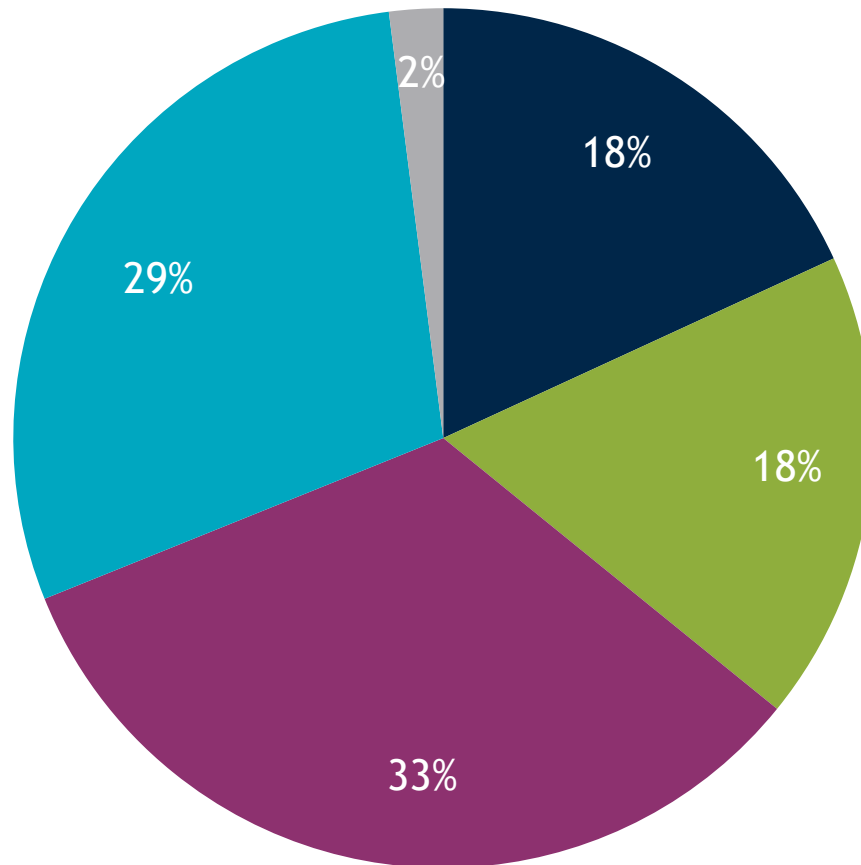
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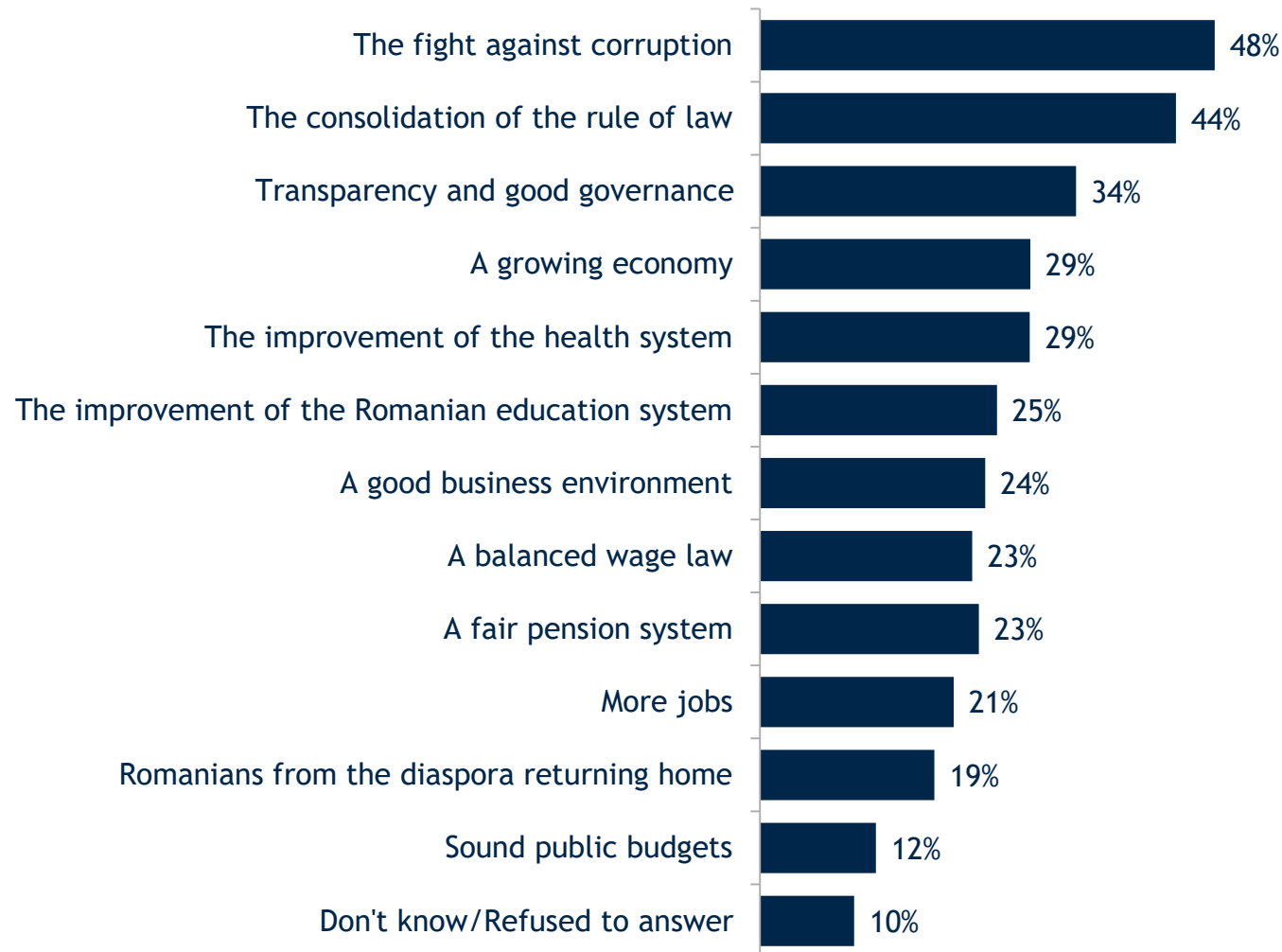


# When assessing the way President Iohannis fulfilled his mandate, which of these considerations comes closest to what you had in mind?



- Mostly his handling of Romania's foreign affairs and the way he represents our country.
- Mostly his involvement in Romanian domestic politics/internal affairs.
- Both his handling of Romania's foreign affairs and his involvement in Romanian domestic politics.
- I did not have any specifics in mind.
- Don't know/Refused to answer

# In your opinion, which of the following issues are the priorities of President Iohannis?



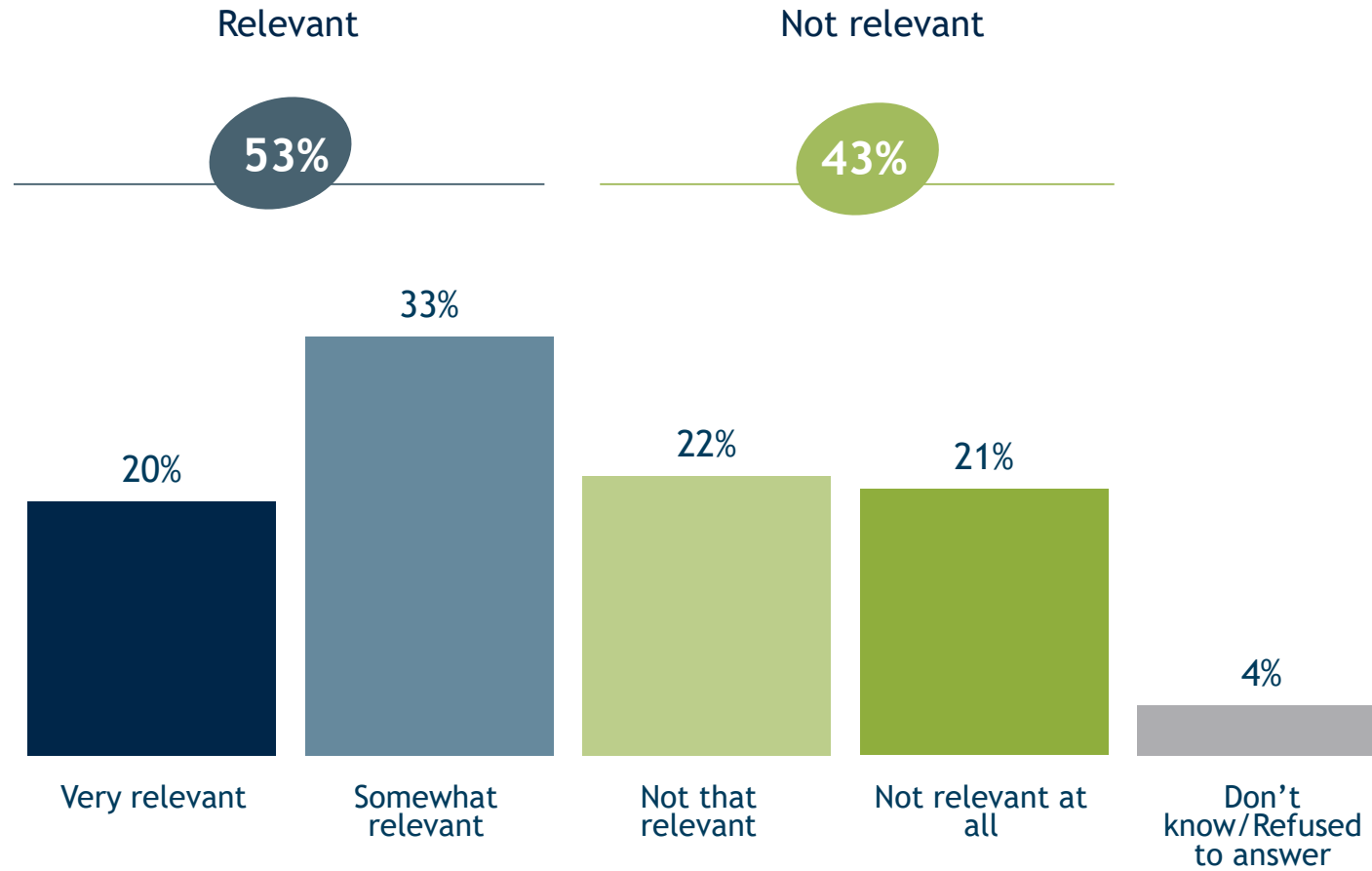


# Romanian Identity and the Communist Past

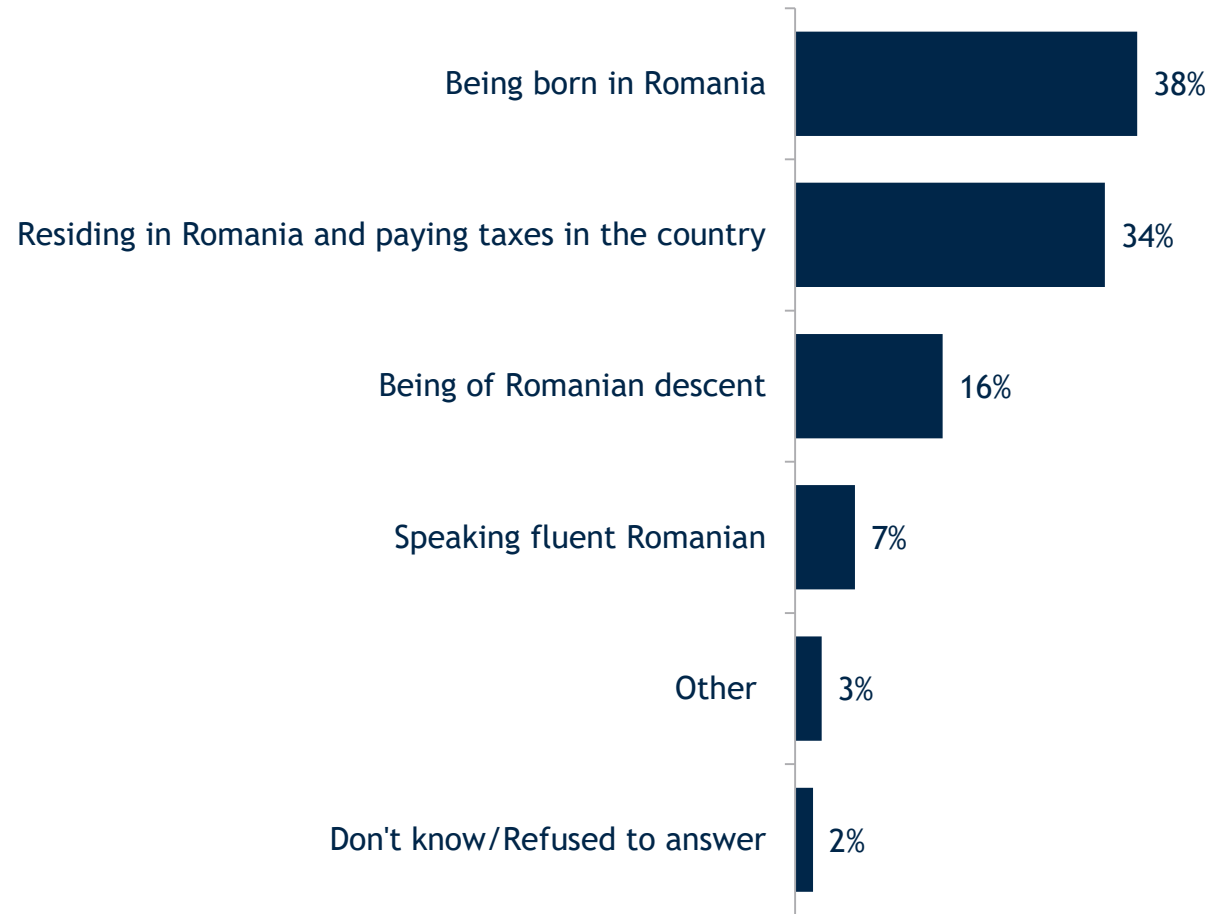
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# To what extent do you think investigating the communist past is still relevant to Romanian politics today?

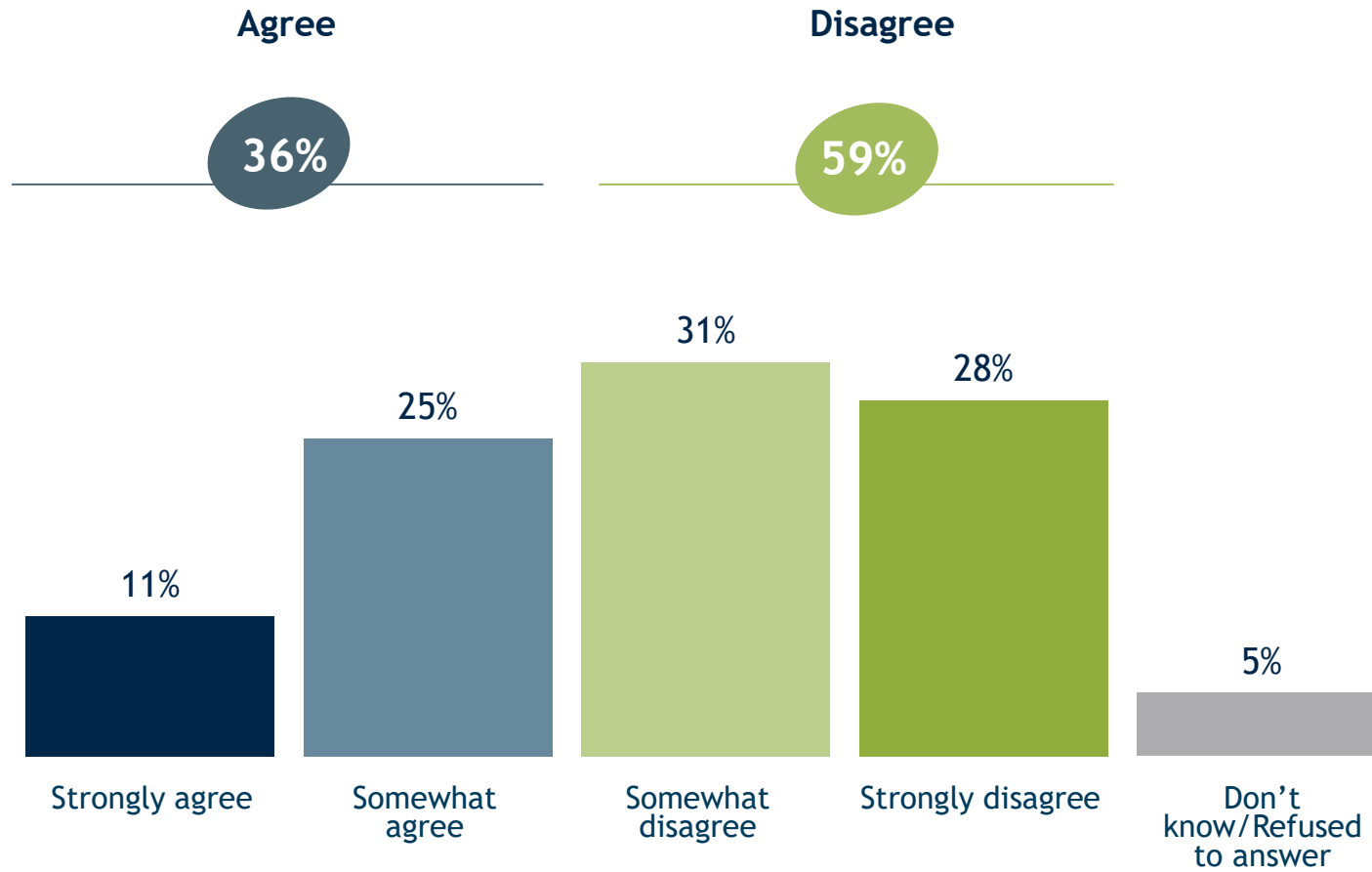


# In your opinion, what is the most important attribute that makes someone Romanian?



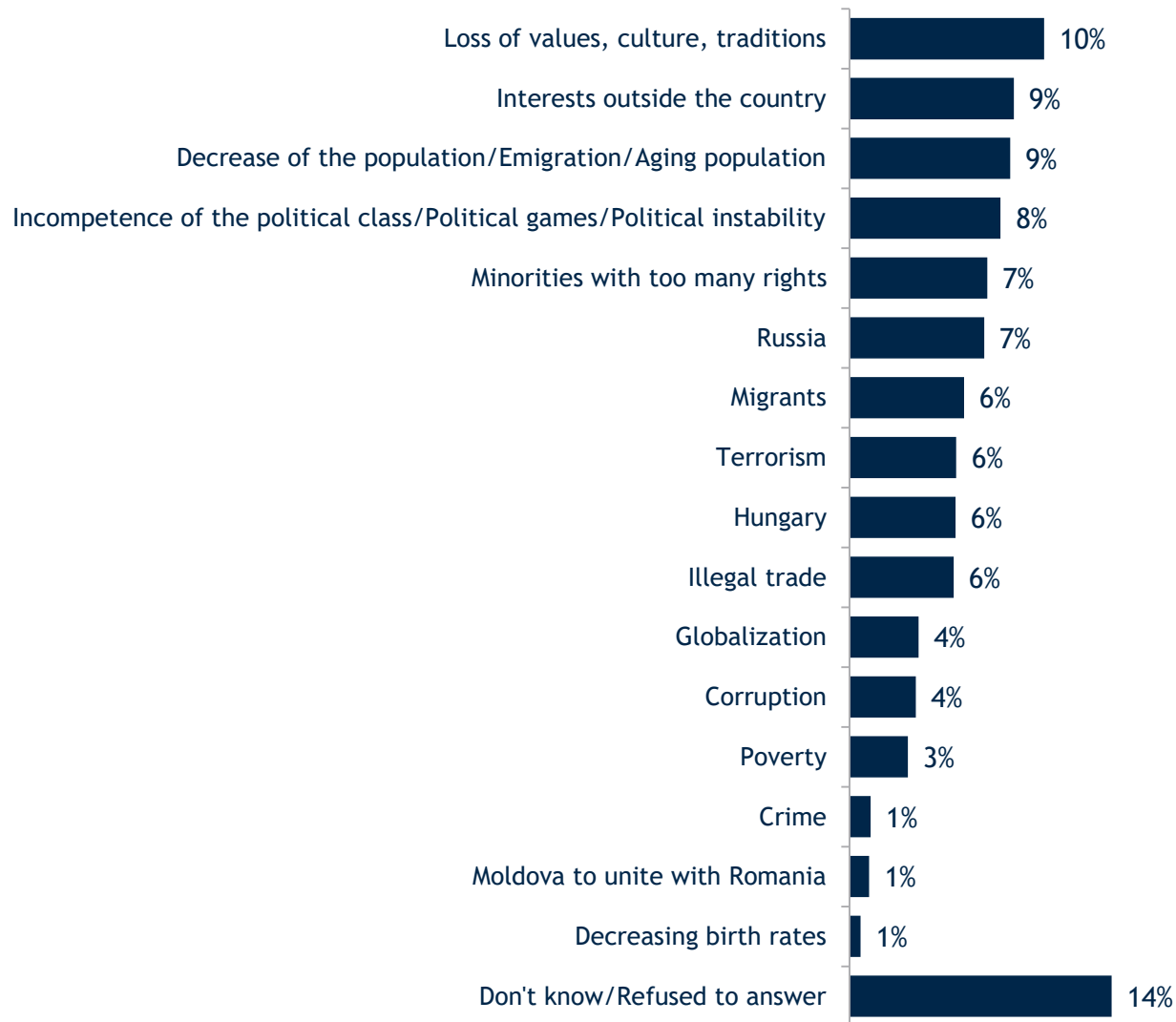


# To what extent would you agree or disagree that Romanian identity is under threat today?

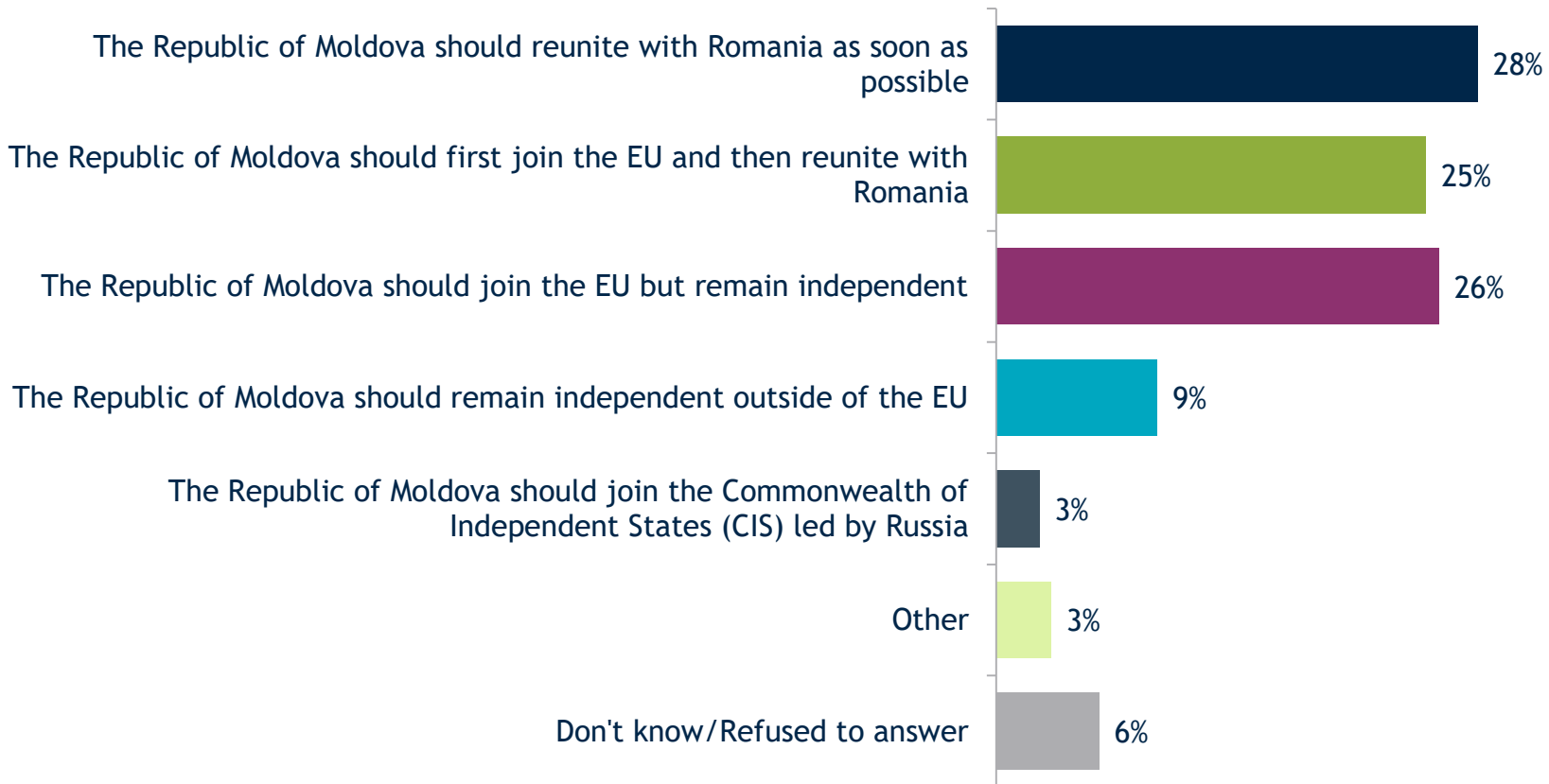


# Who or what is the main threat, in your opinion?

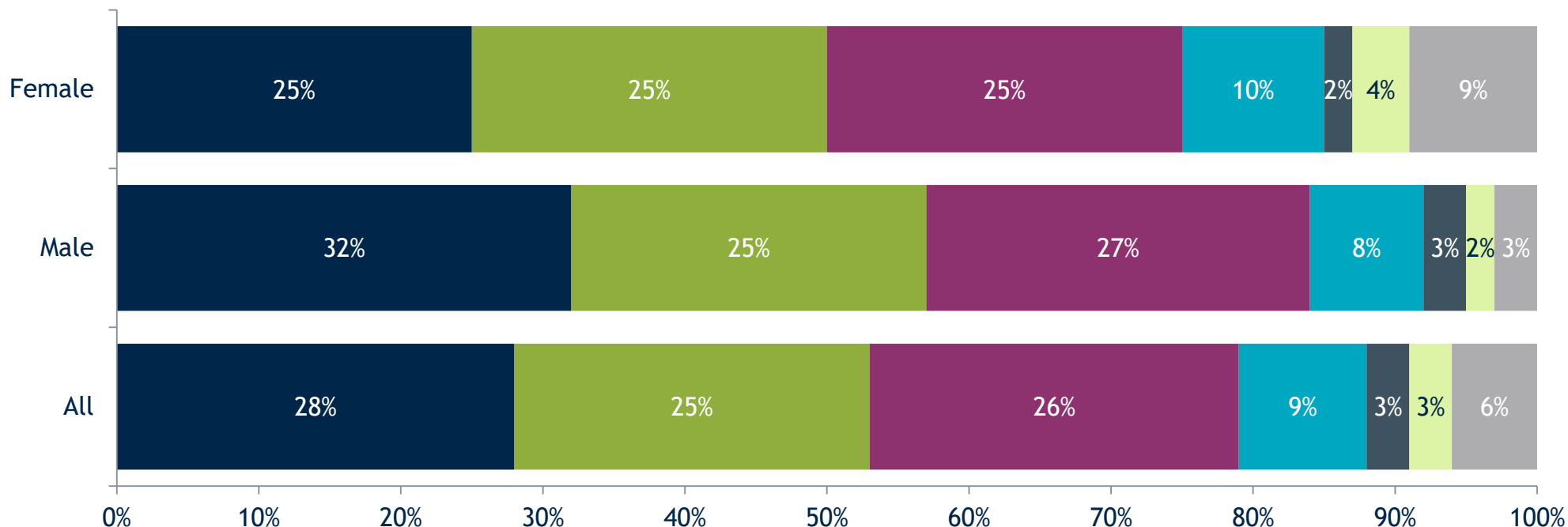
(Respondents who said that Romanian identity is under threat:  
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# Which of the following opinions about the future of the Republic of Moldova comes closest to your view?

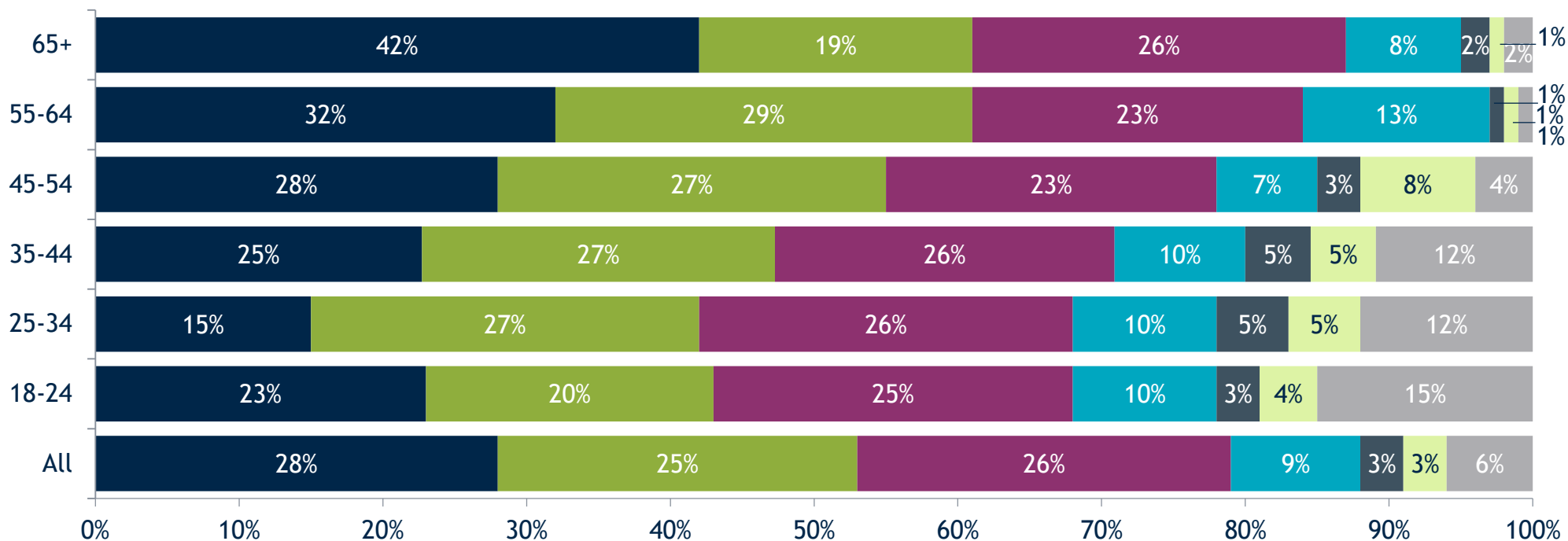


# Which of the following opinions about the future of the Republic of Moldova comes closest to your view? (Disaggregated by gender)



- The Republic of Moldova should reunite with Romania as soon as possible
- The Republic of Moldova should first join the EU and then reunite with Romania
- The Republic of Moldova should join the EU but remain independent
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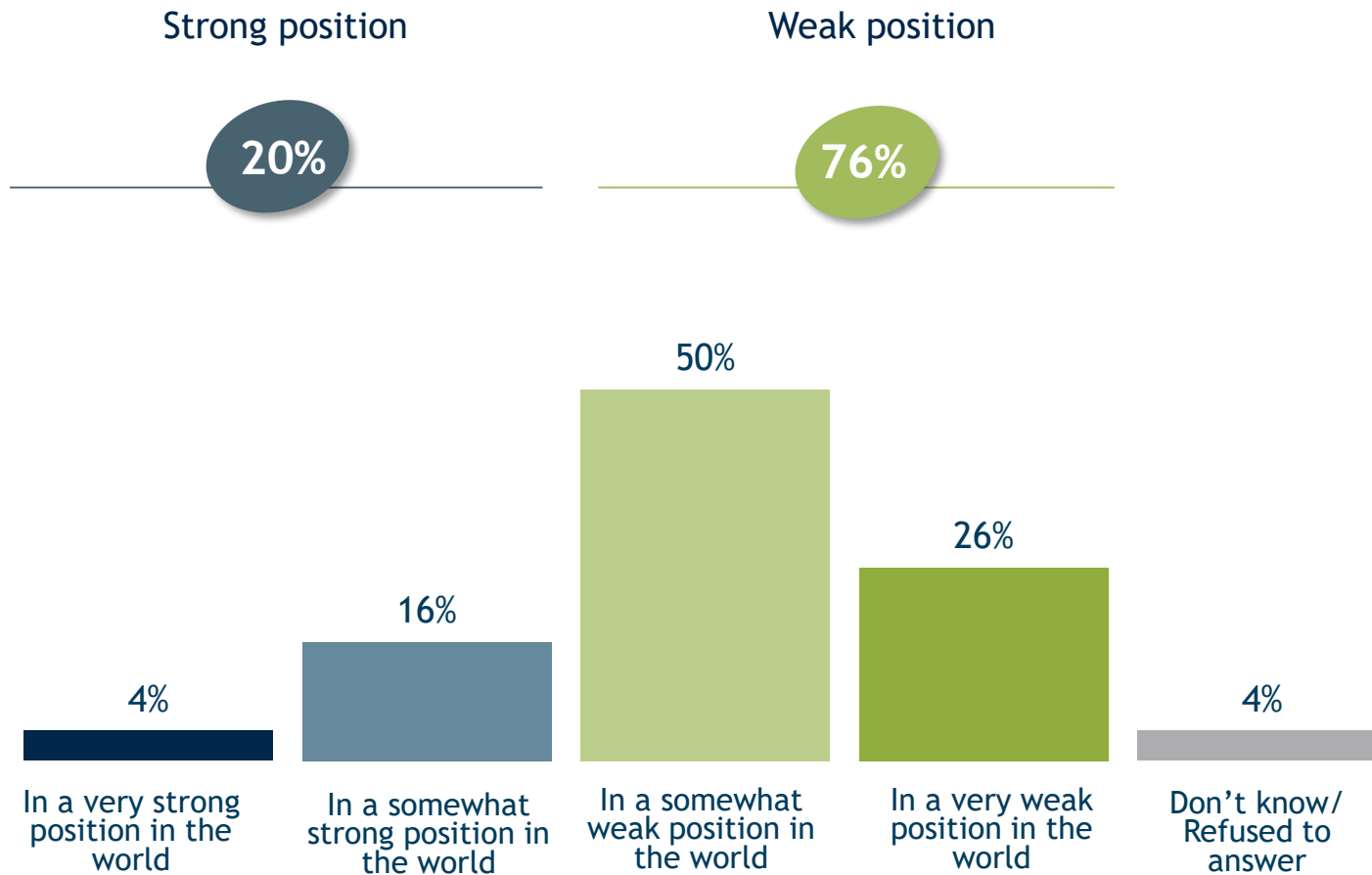


# Foreign Affairs: Views of Romania's Place in the World

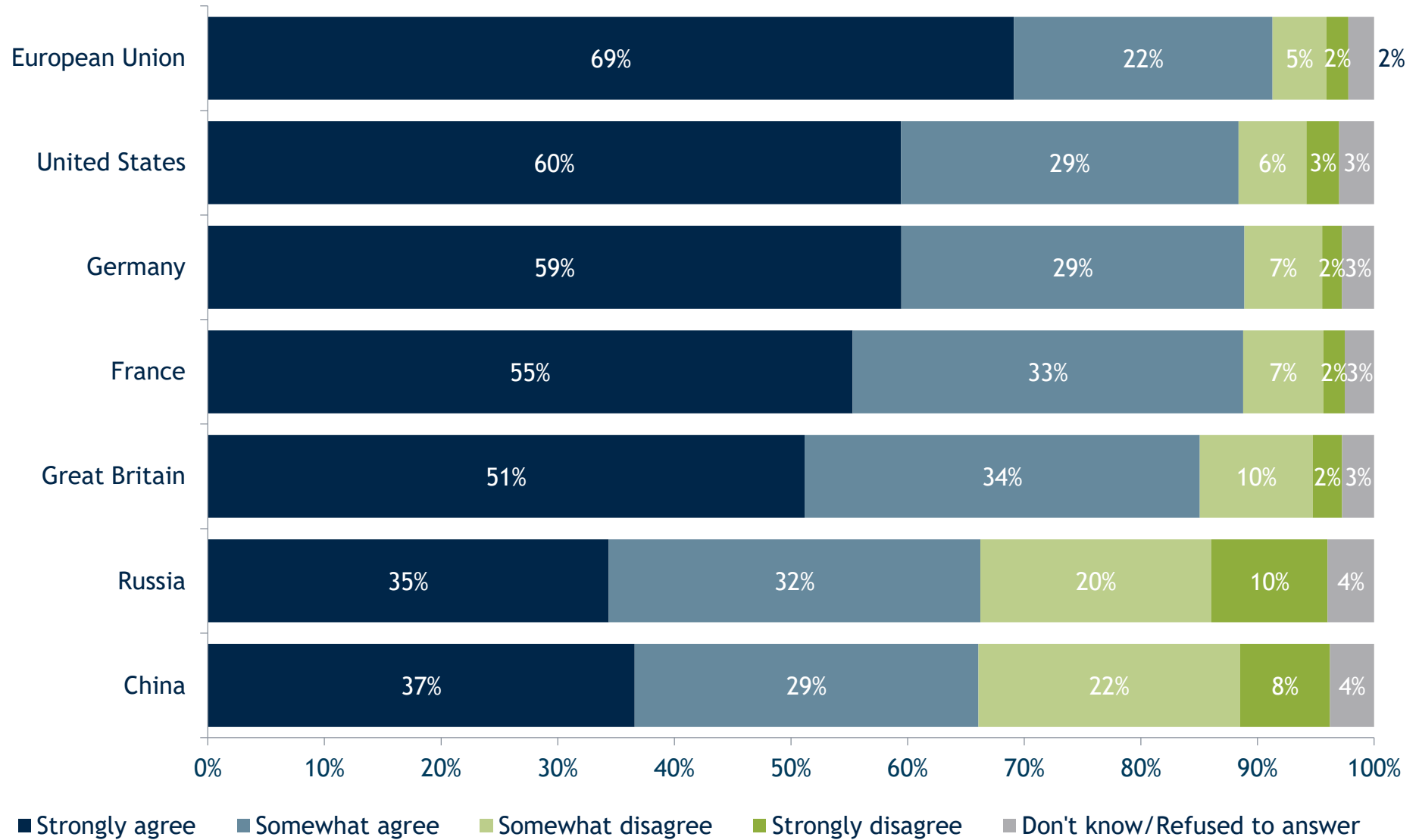
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# What do you think Romania's position in the world is currently?



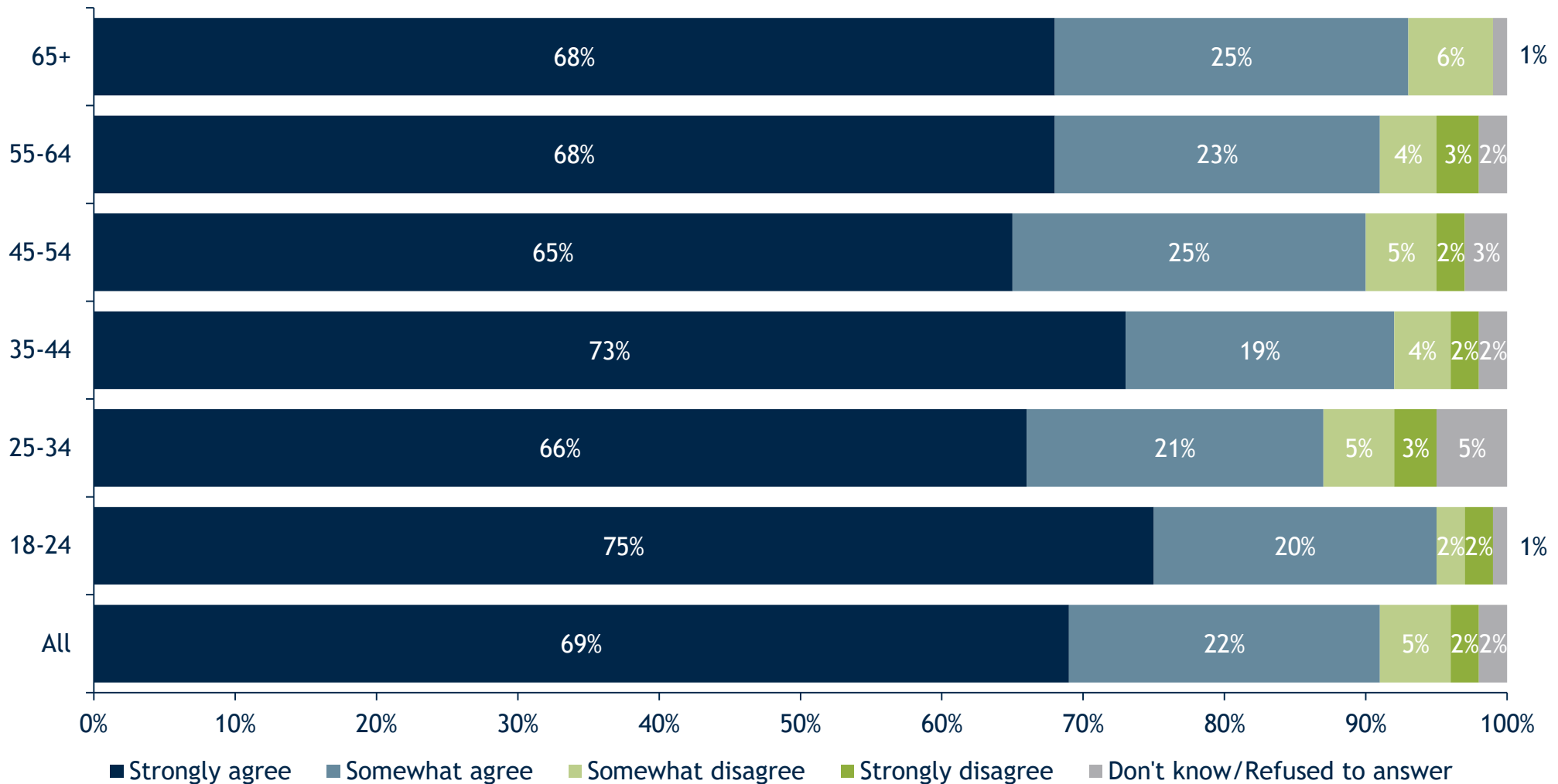
# To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Romania’s interests are best served by maintaining strong relations with:”



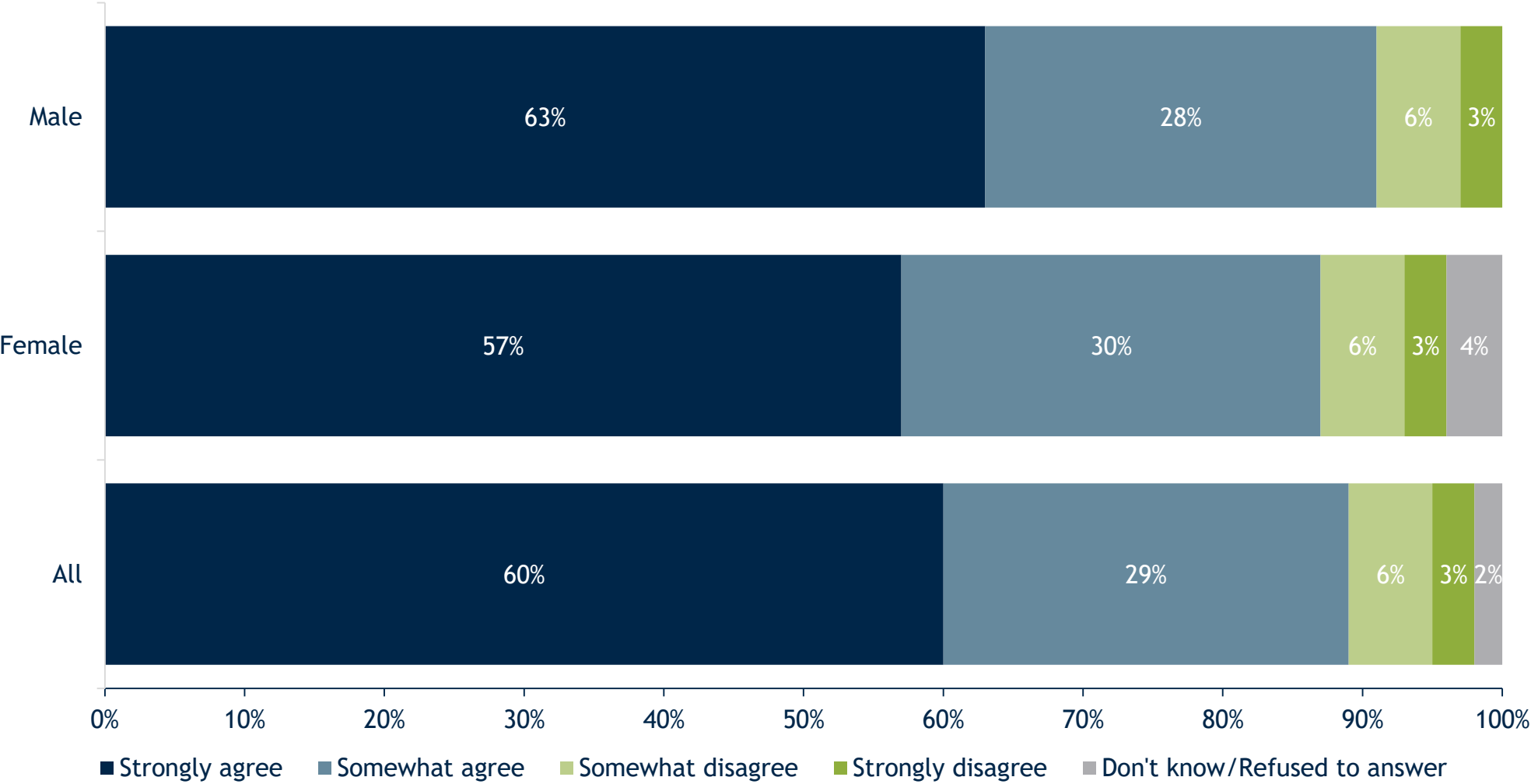


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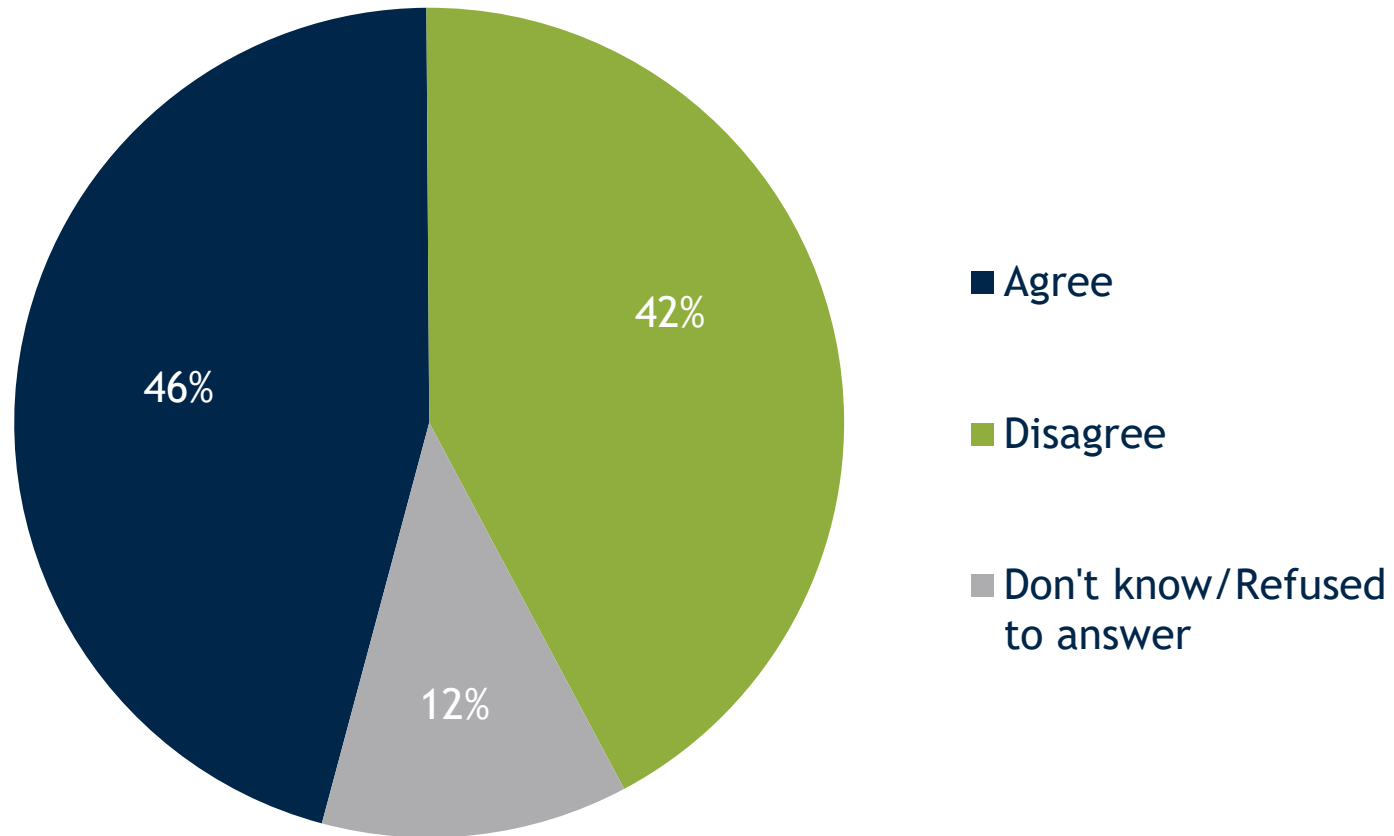
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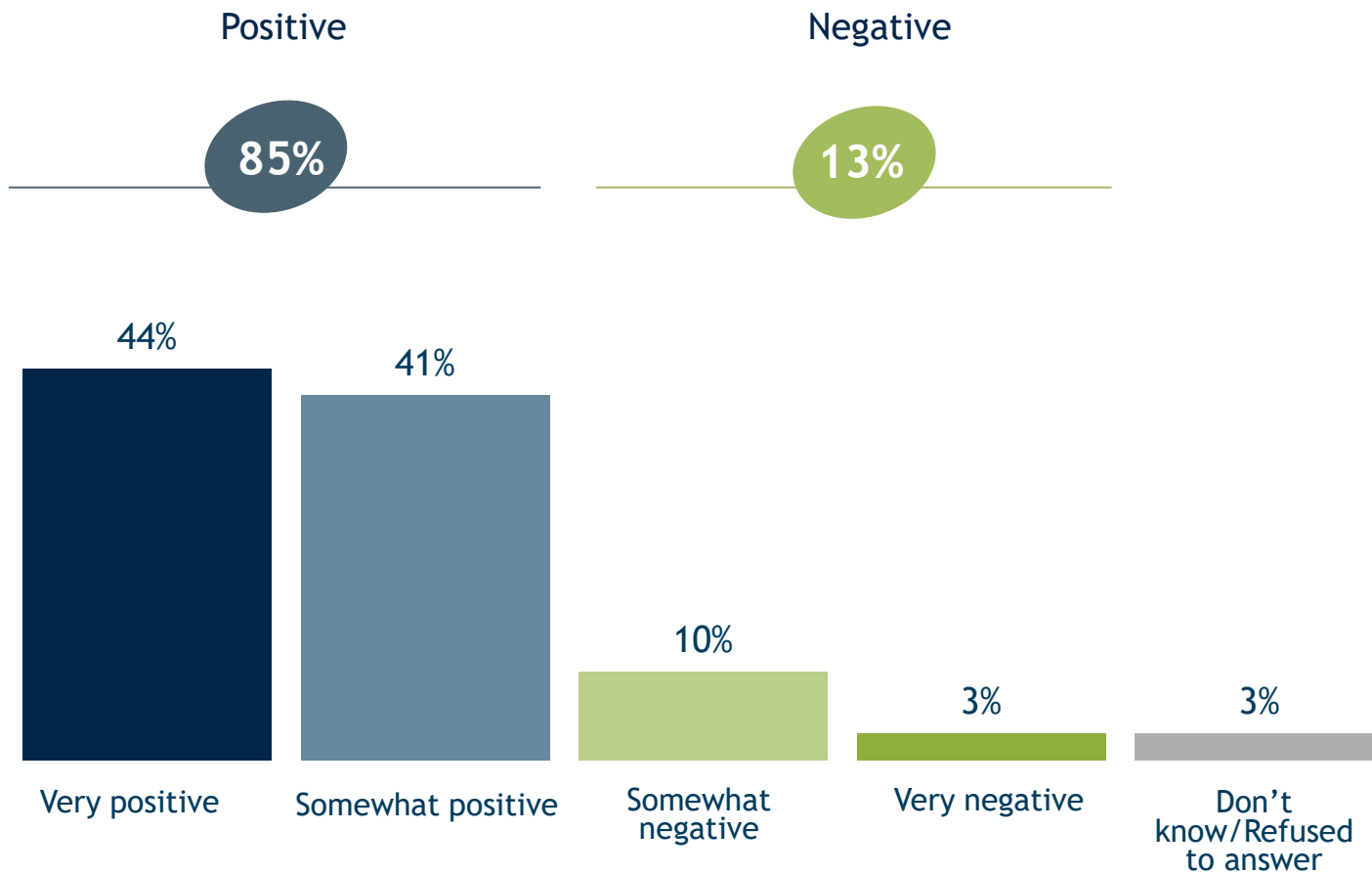
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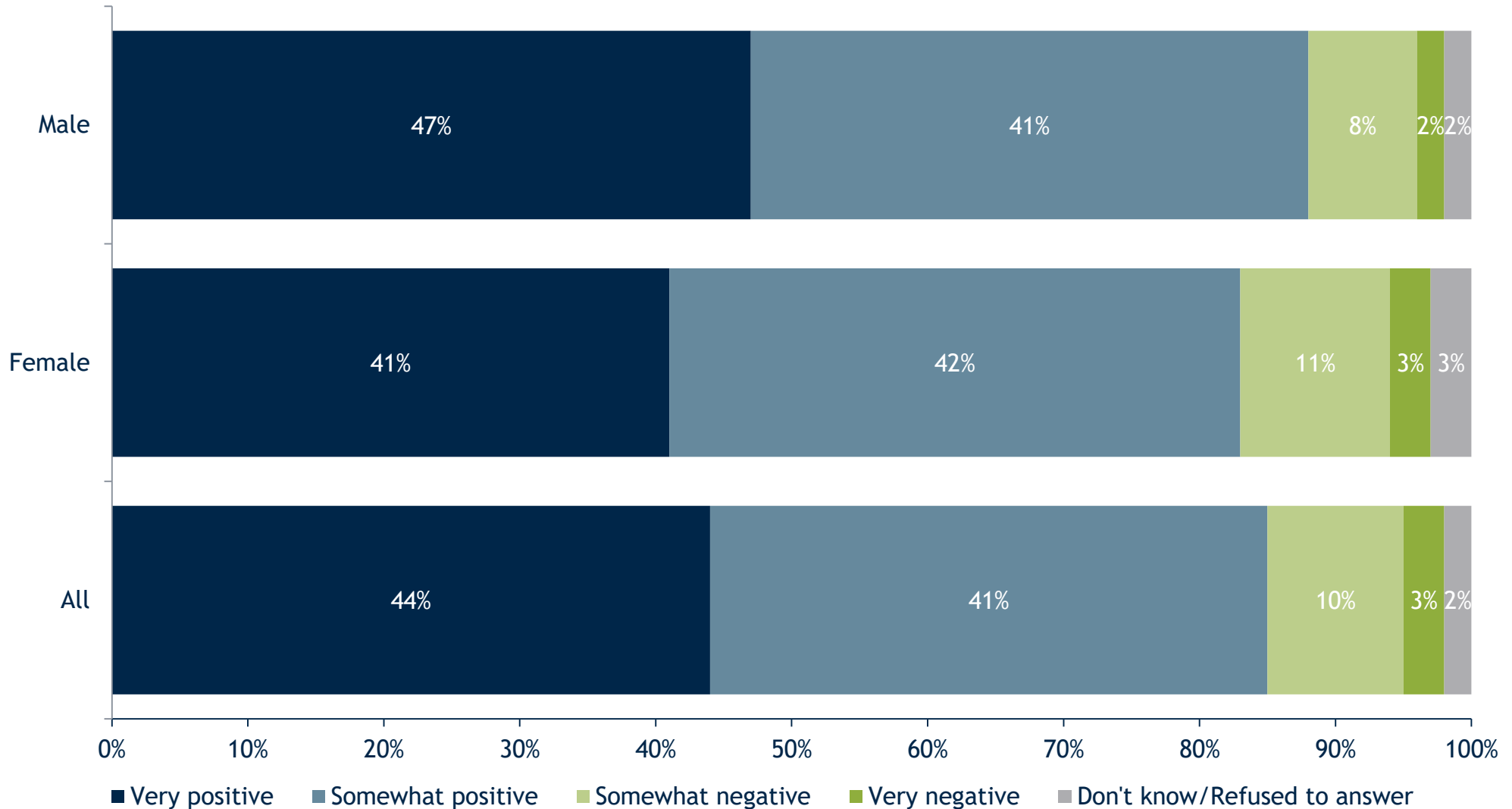
Some people say that the best way to safeguard Romania's national interests in the EU is by building a strong alliance with other Central European countries like Poland, Slovakia or Hungary to counterbalance the power of Western Europe.  
Do you agree or disagree with that statement?



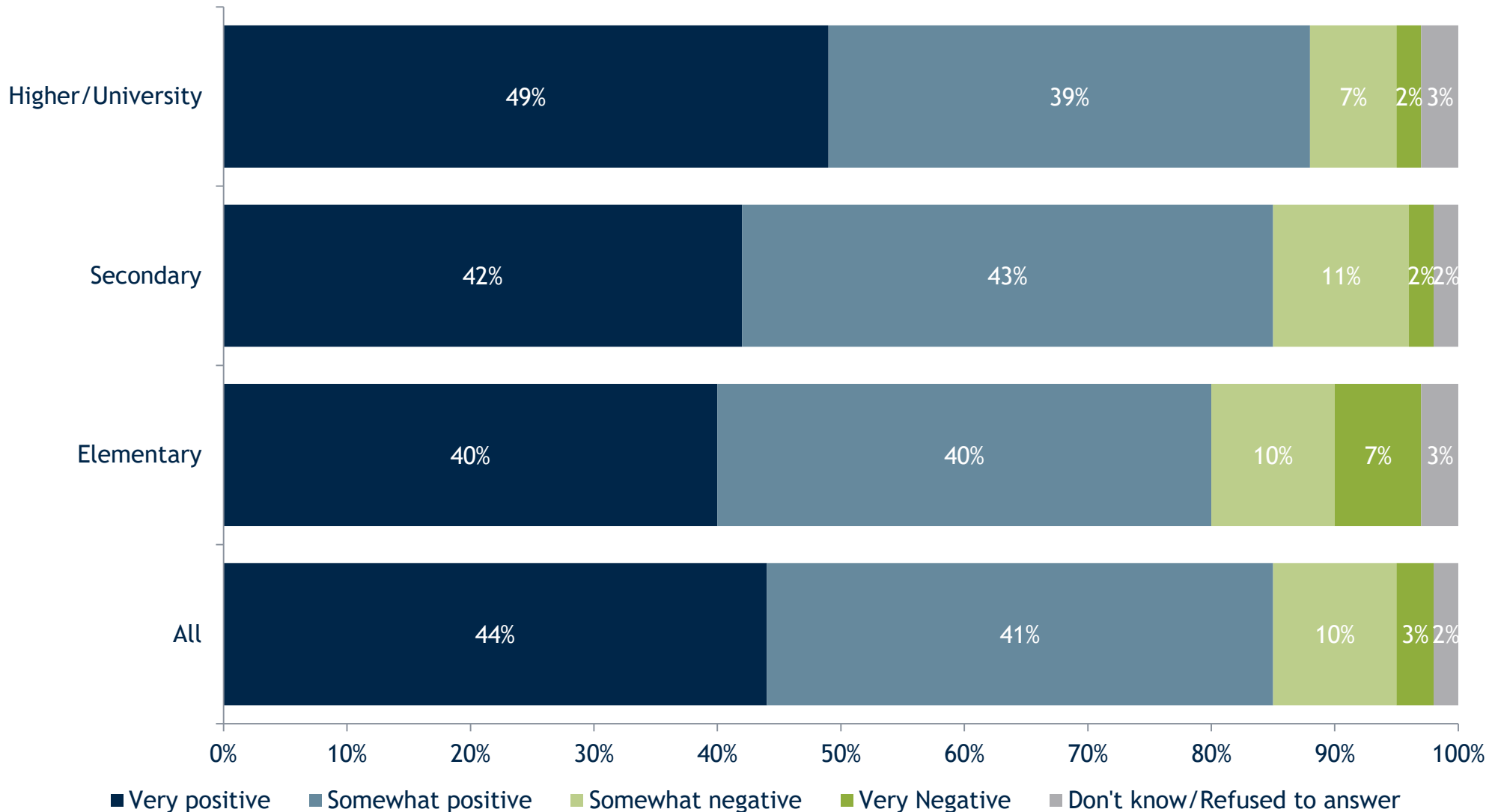
# To what extent is Romania's NATO membership positive or negative for the country?



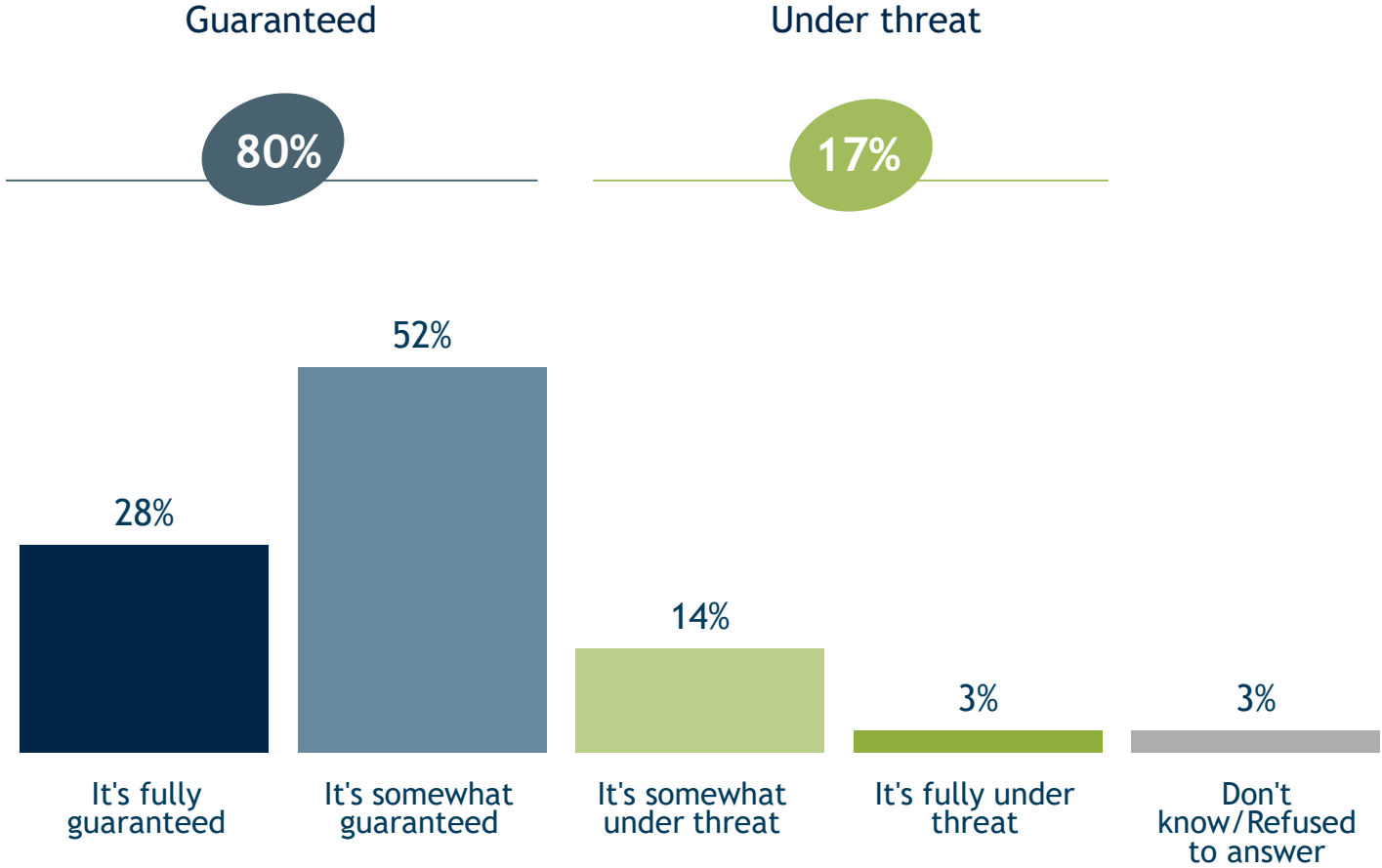
# To what extent is Romania's NATO membership positive or negative for the country? (Disaggregated by gender)



# To what extent is Romania's NATO membership positive or negative for the country? (Disaggregated by educational level)



# In your opinion, to what extent is Romania's independence guaranteed or under threat?



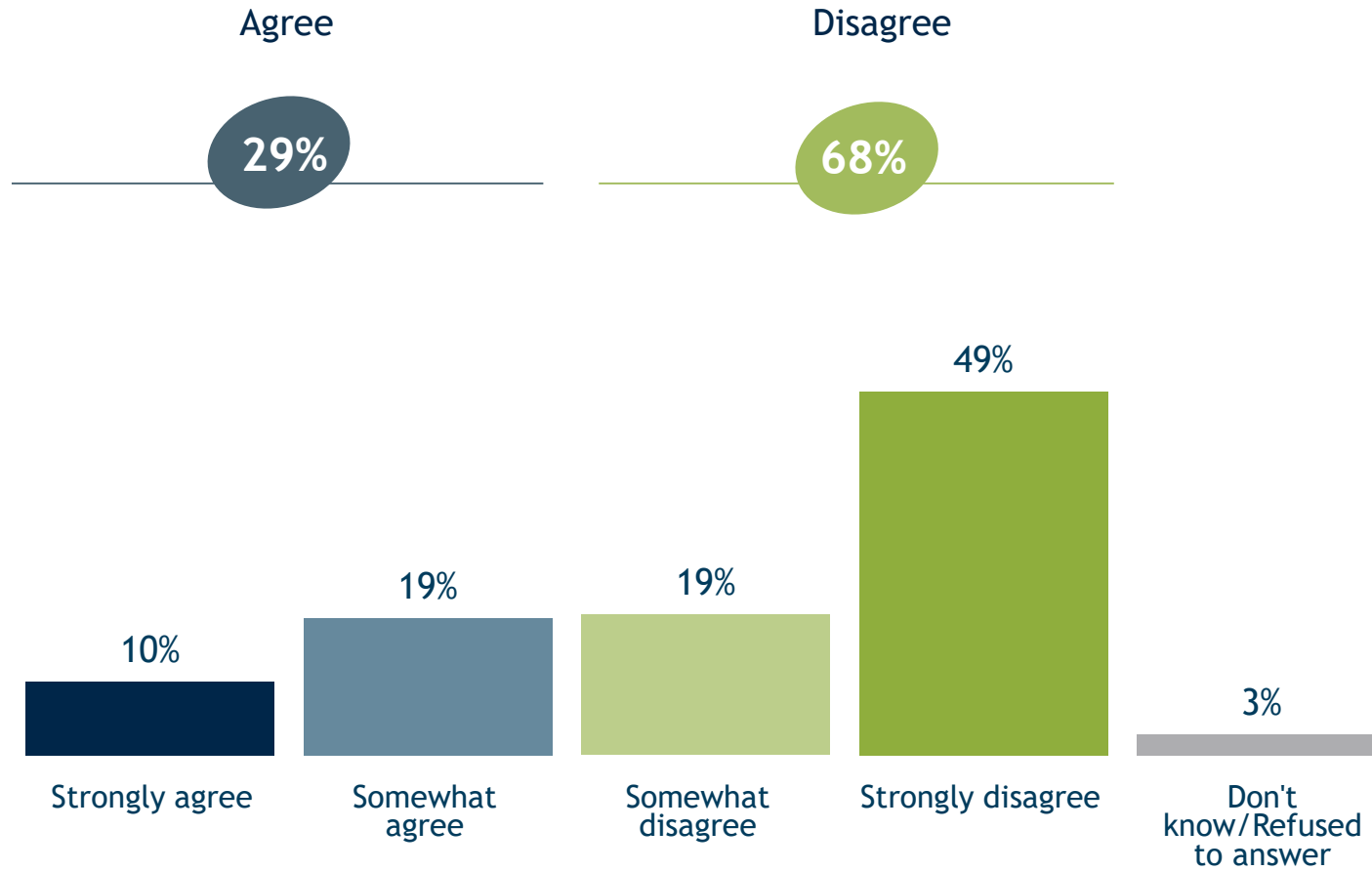
# Who threatens Romania's independence the most?

(Respondents who said that Romania's independence is under threat: n=200; open-ended)

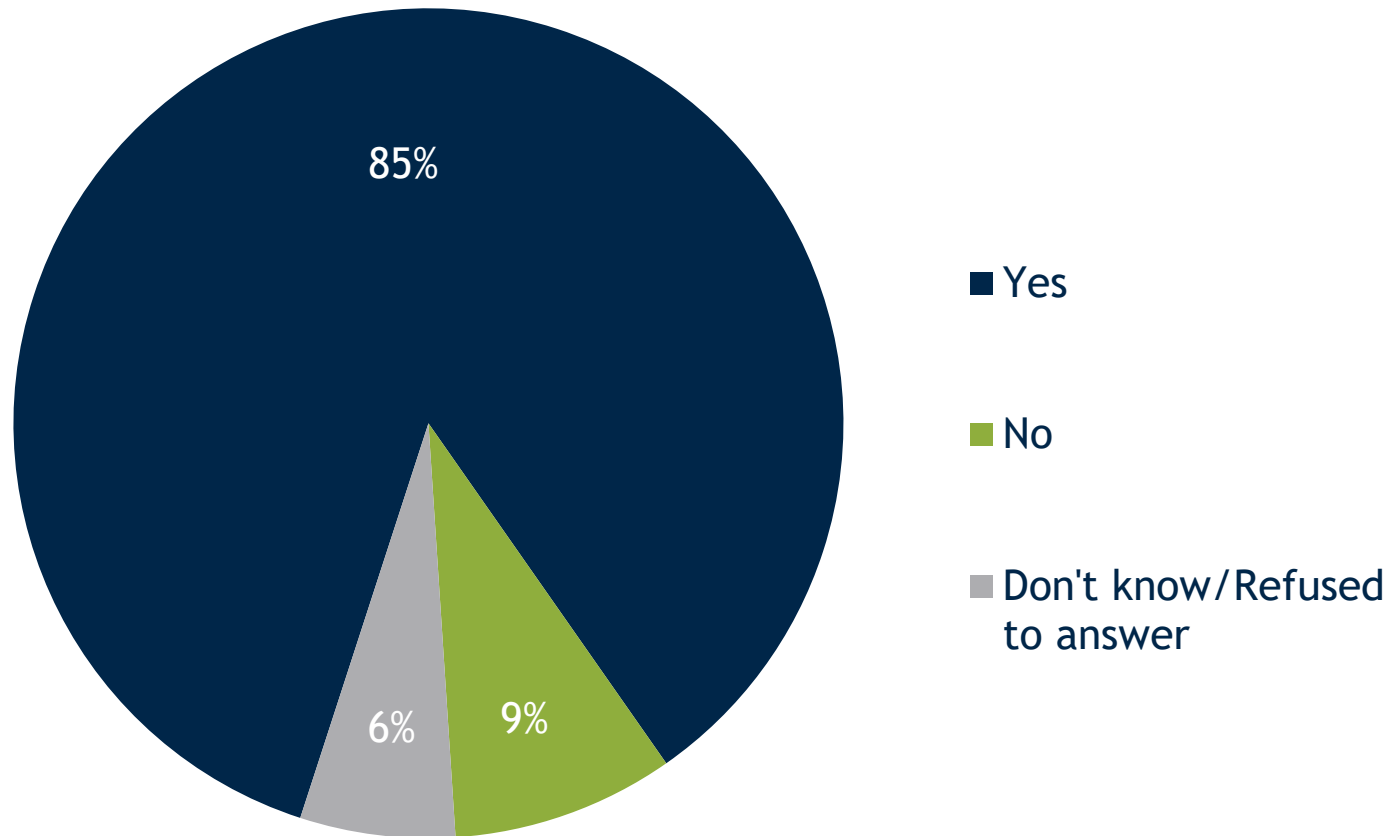




# Regardless of the historic differences between Russia and Romania, to what extent would you agree or disagree that Vladimir Putin's style of government is one that should be applied in Romania?

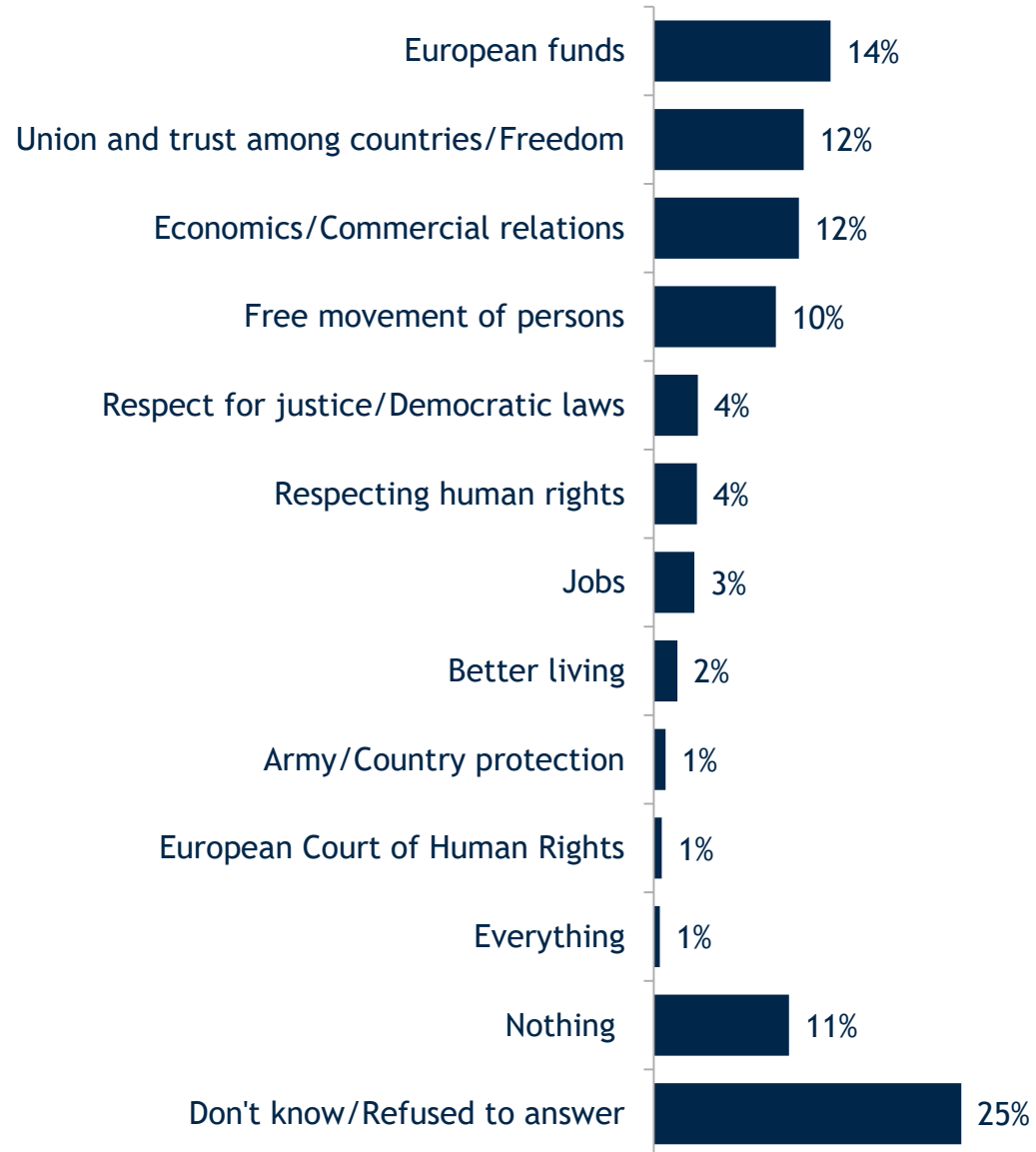


# Do you believe that European Union membership is a good thing for Romania?

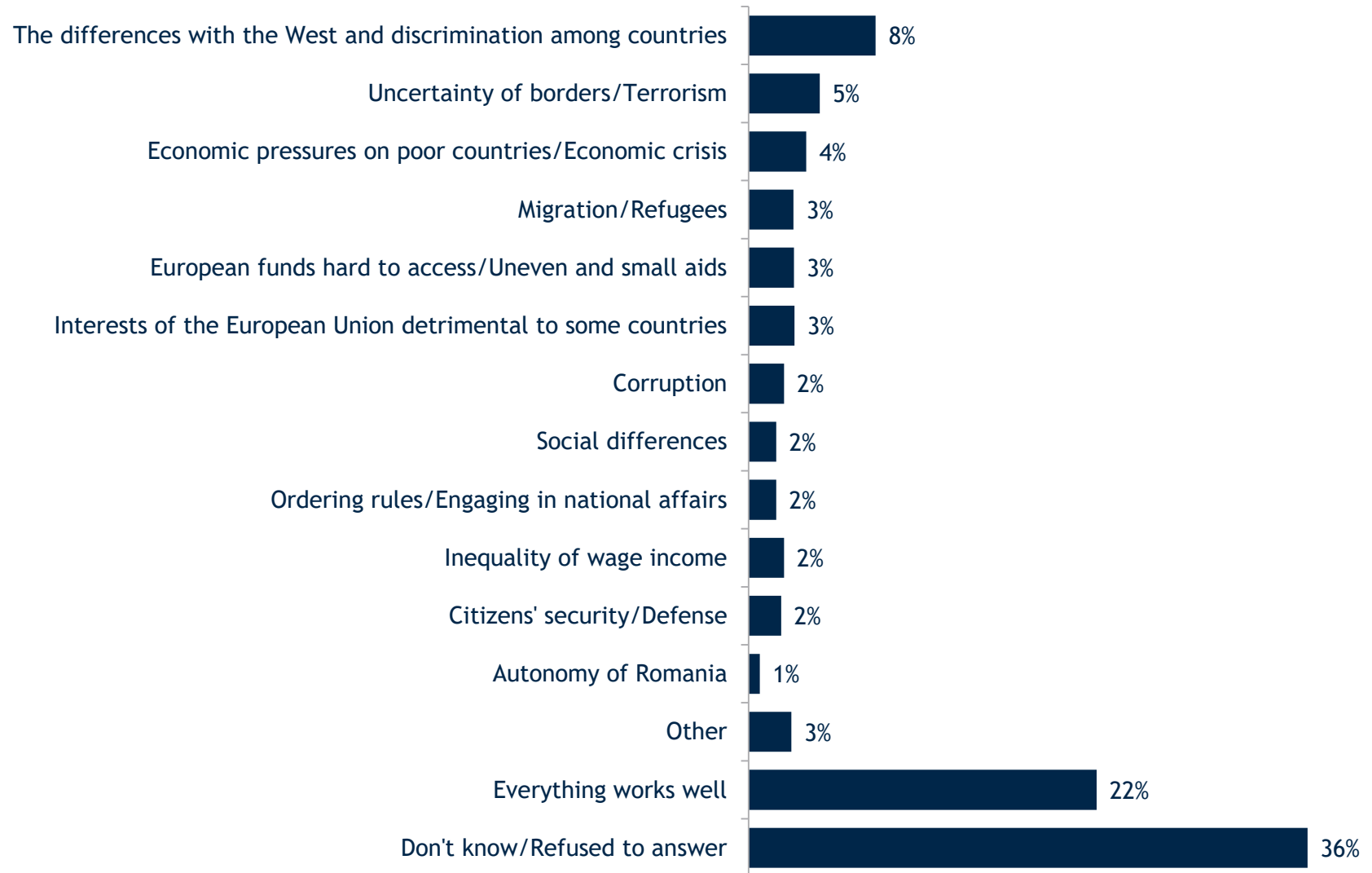


# What do you think is the most important aspect of the EU that functions well?

(Open-ended; mentions of 1% or more displayed)

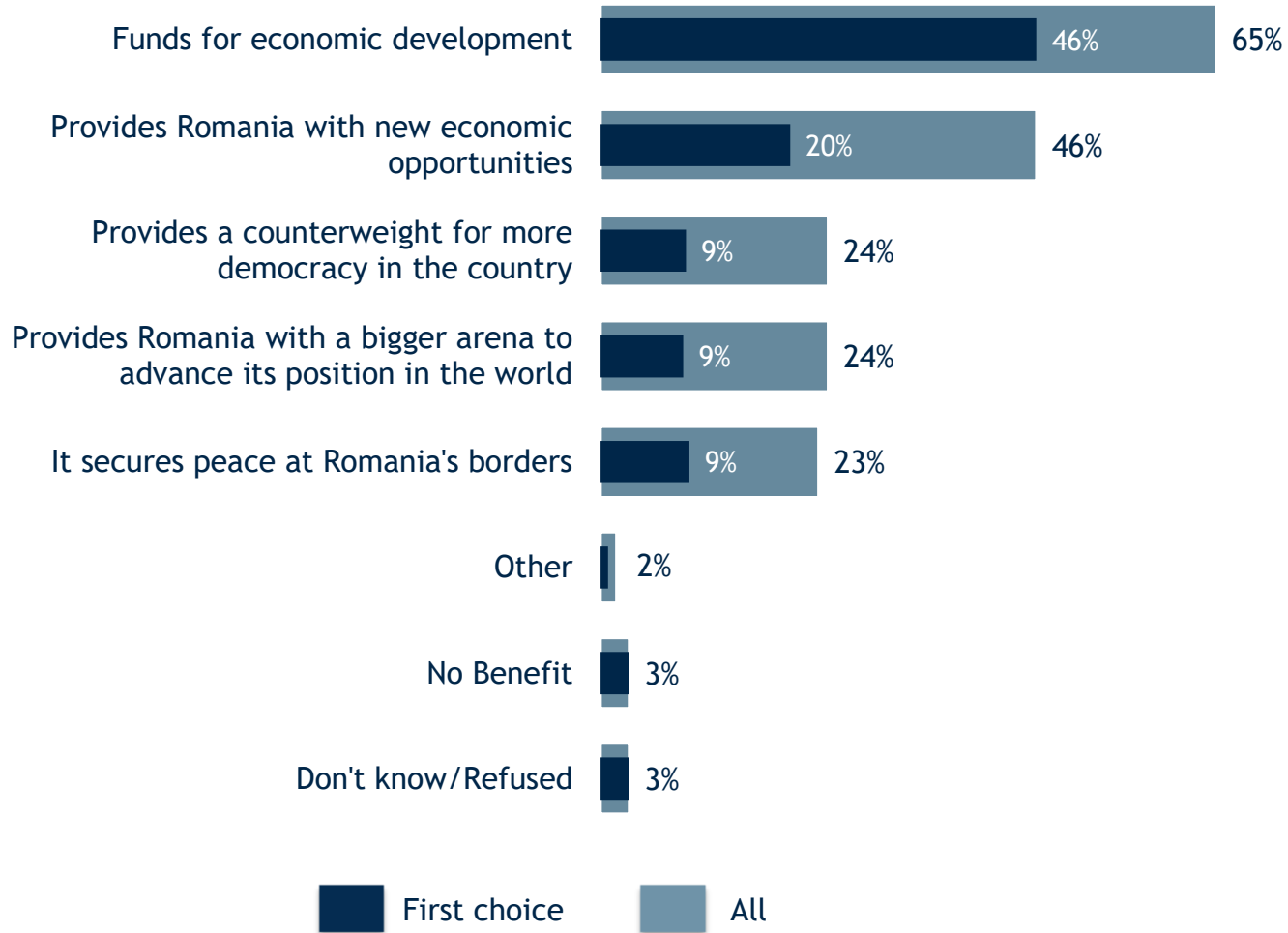


# What do you think is the most important aspect of the EU that does not function well? (Open-ended)



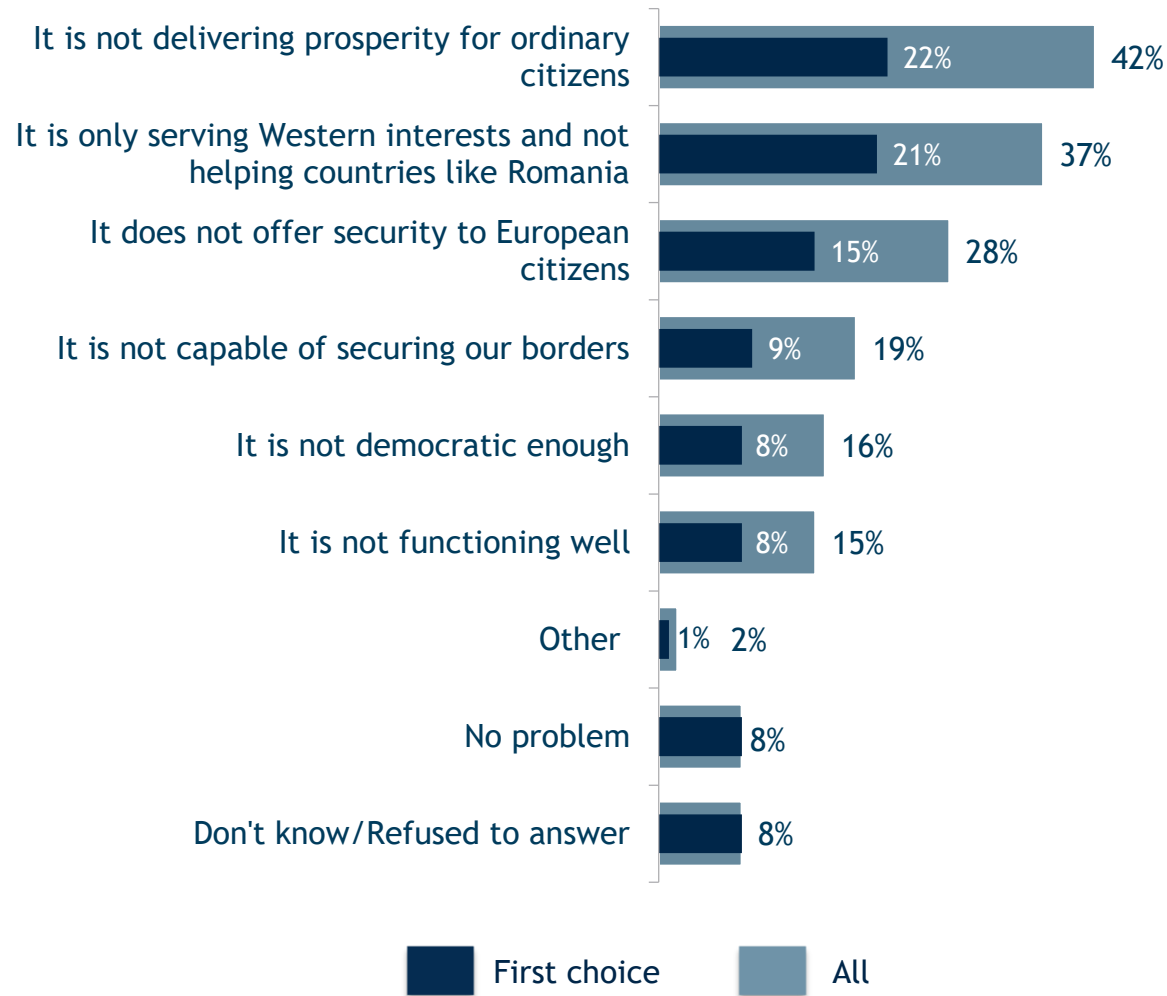
# In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit Romania receives through its membership in the European Union

(Two responses accepted)

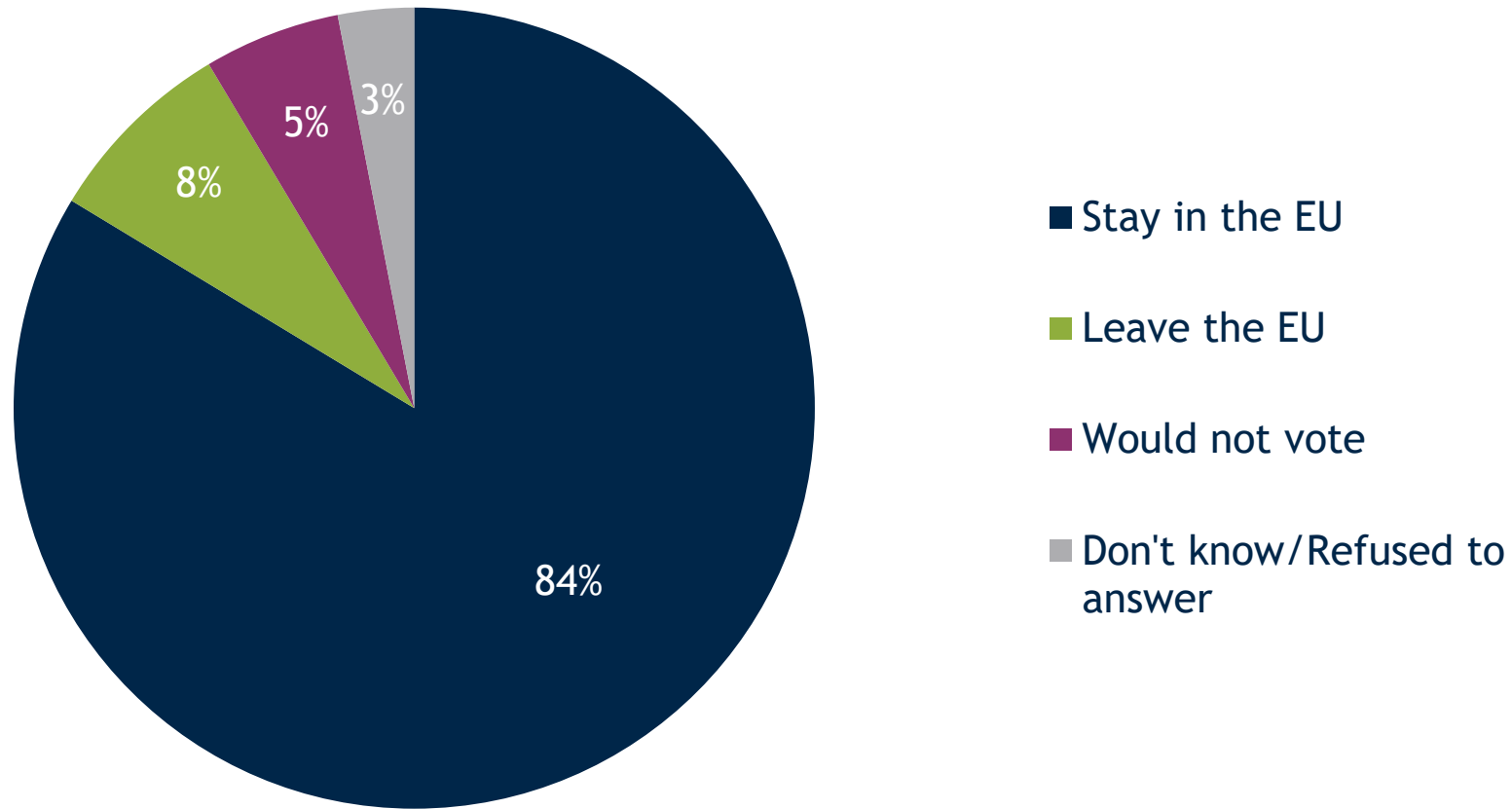


# What would you say is the biggest problem of the European Union today?

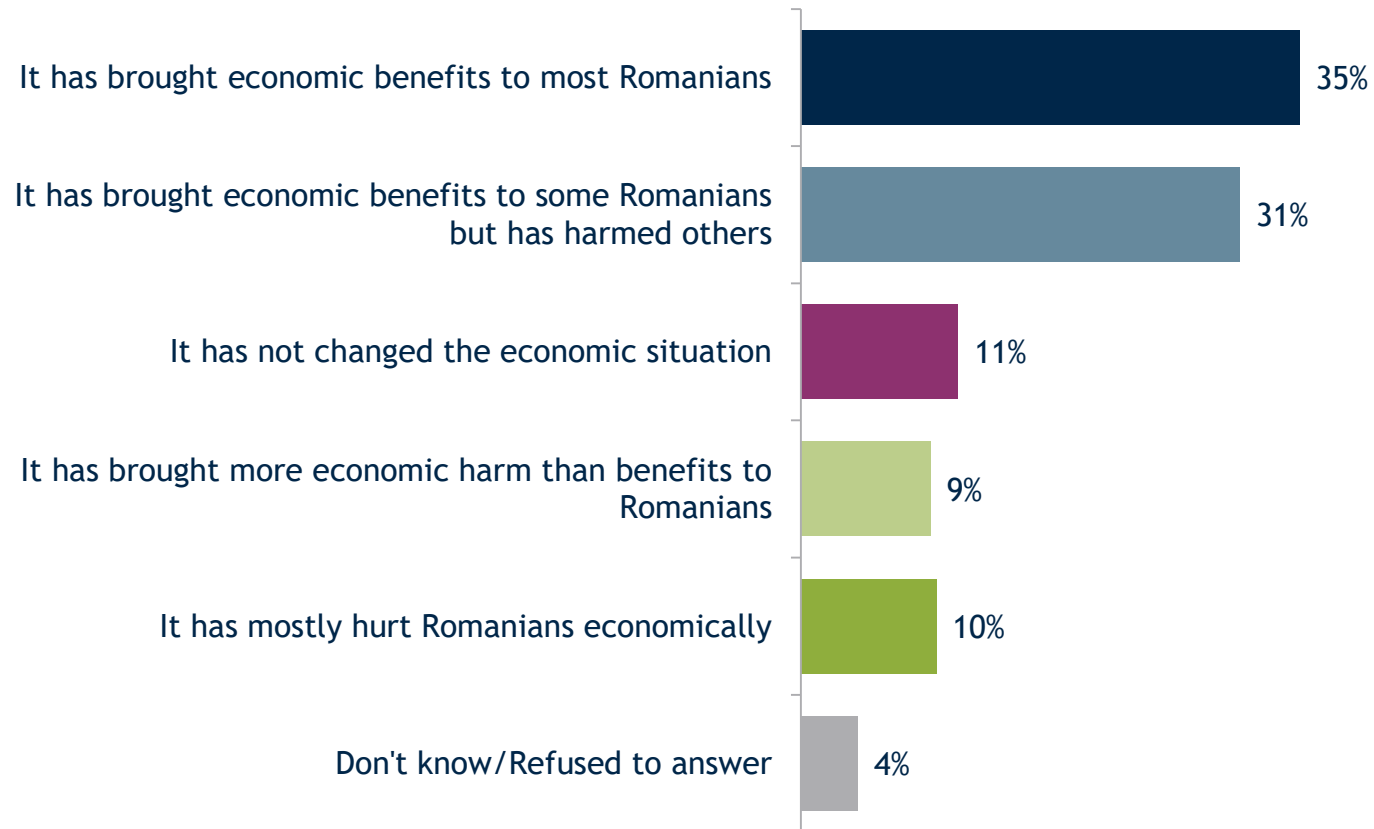
(Two responses accepted)



If a referendum were held today on whether to stay in the EU, would you vote to:



# Do you believe that being part of the European Union has brought economic benefits or harm to Romanian citizens?





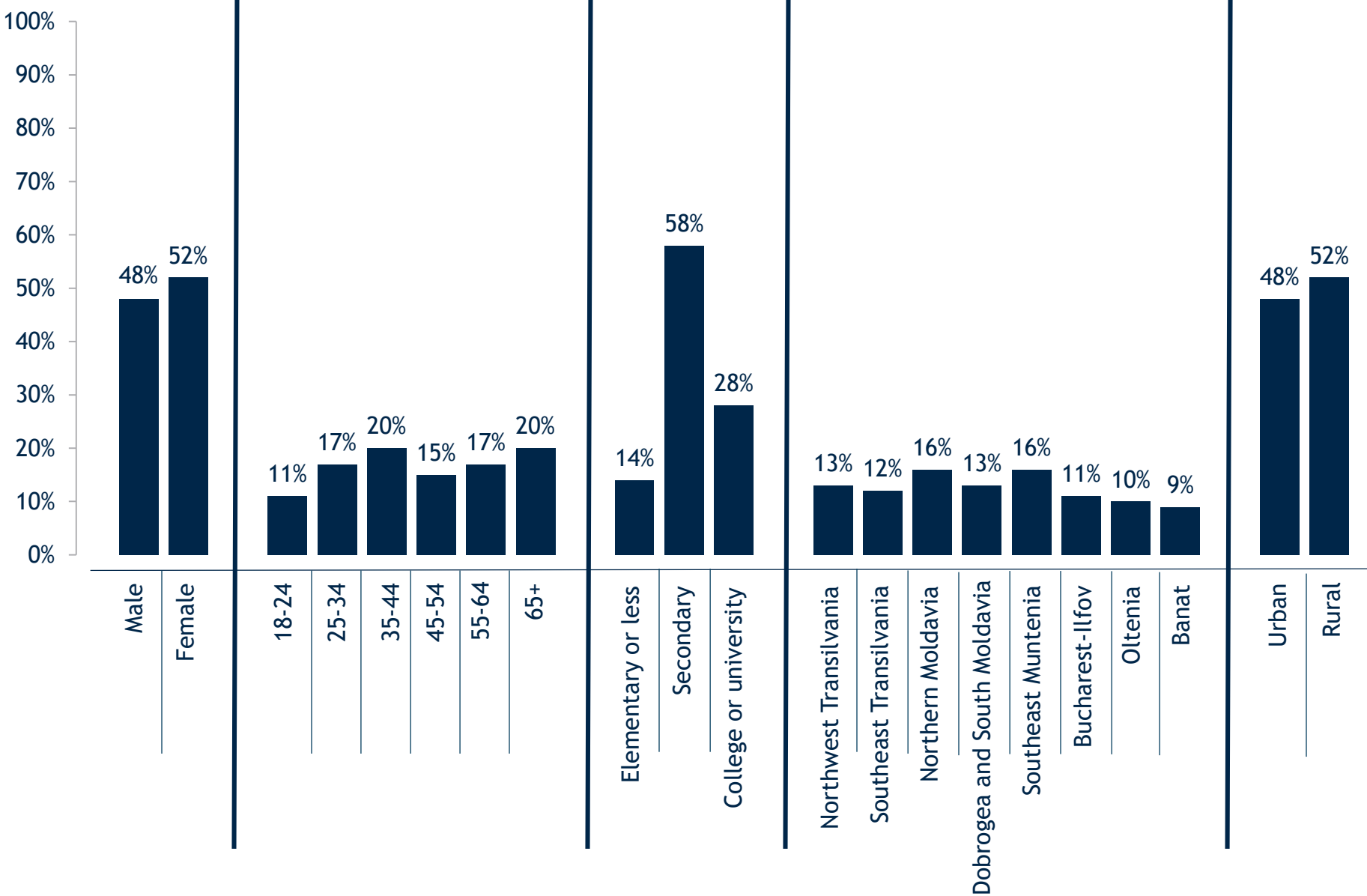


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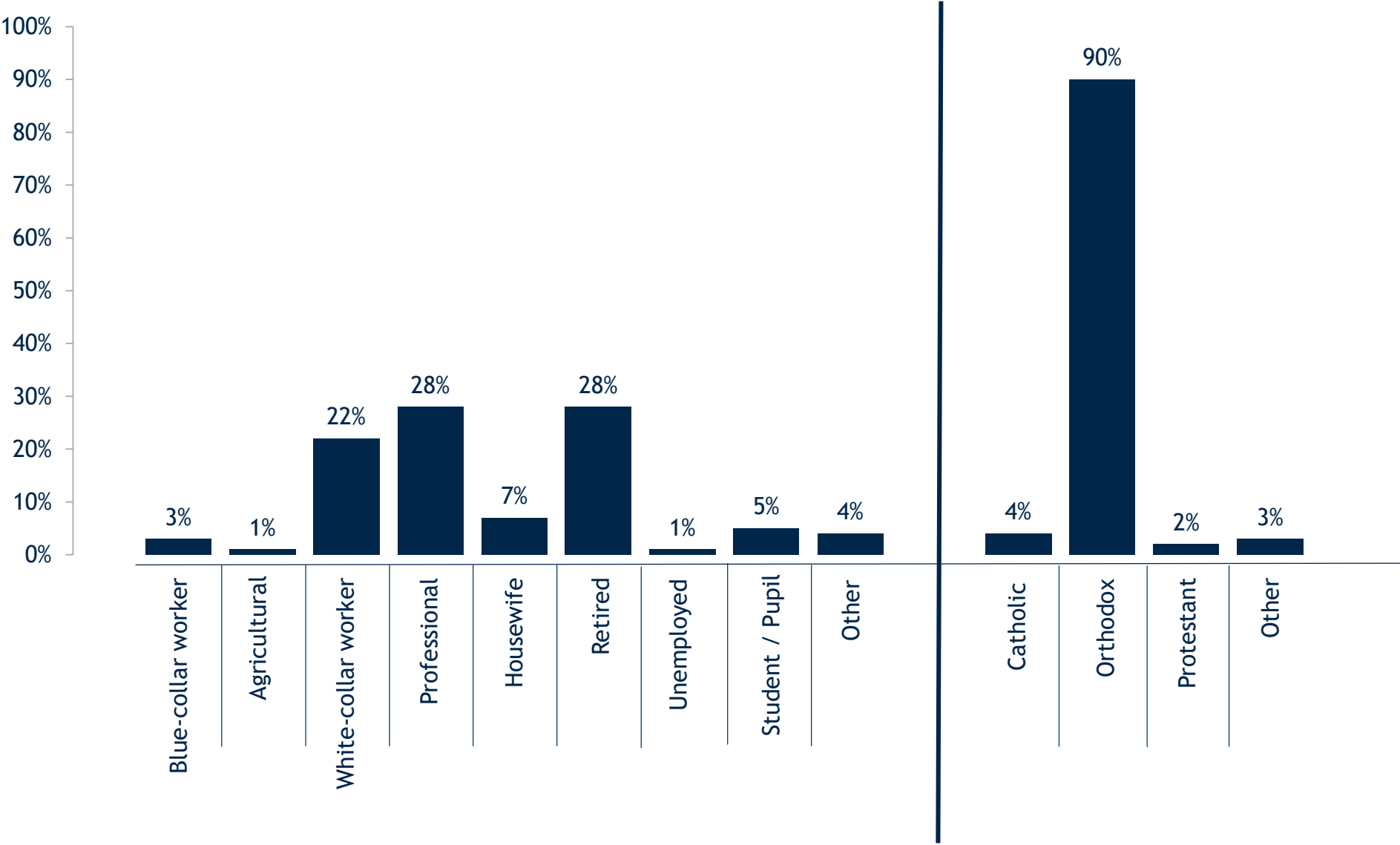
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