



Public Opinion Survey Residents of Kyrgyzstan

November 22 - December 4, 2018



Detailed Methodology

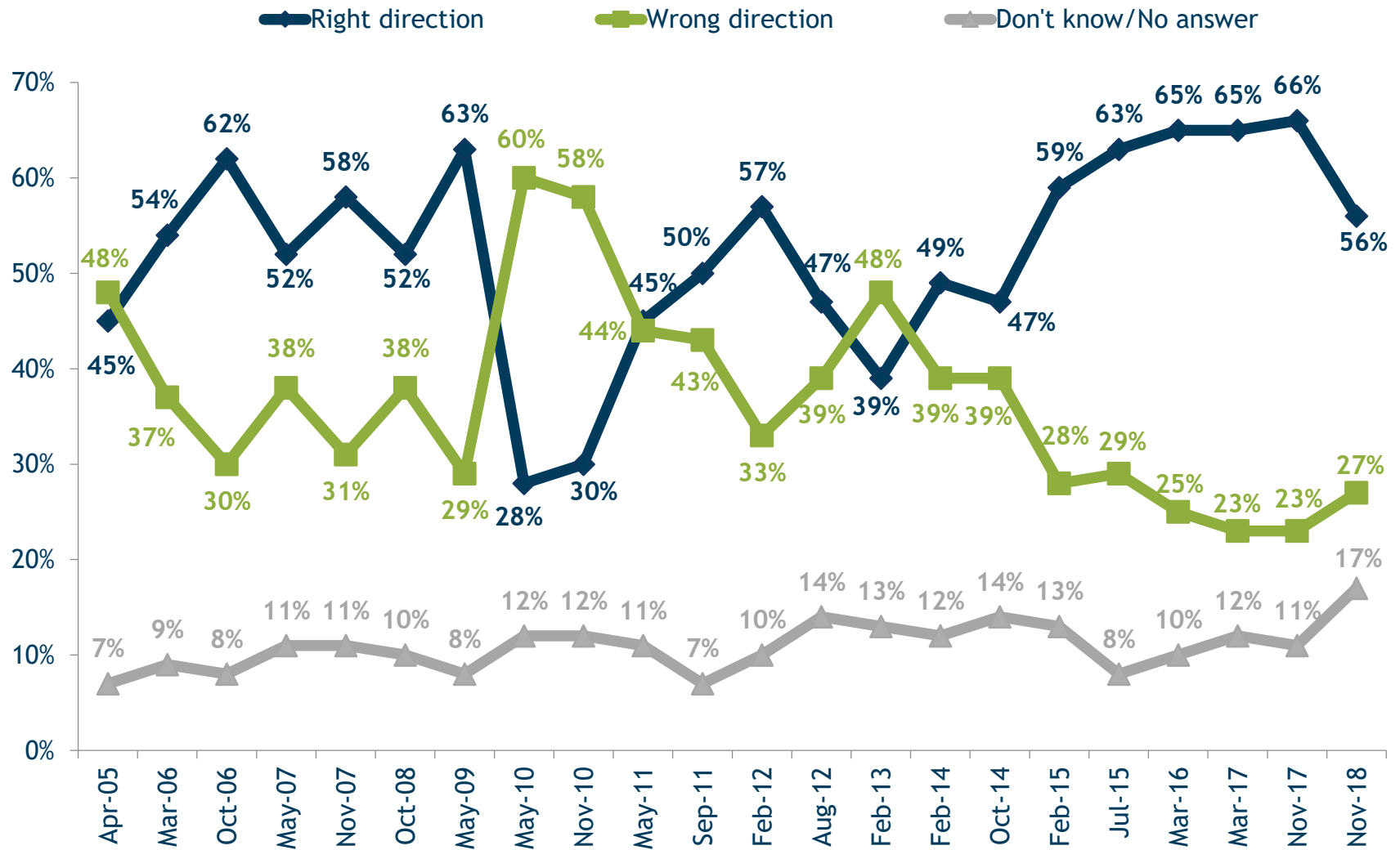
- The survey was conducted by [Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene](#) of the public and market research company Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the [International Republican Institute](#). The field work was carried out by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Kyrgyzstan on November 22 - December 4, 2018 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Kyrgyzstan aged 18 and older and eligible to vote.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, employing the random route and Kish Method for respondents' selection procedures.
 - Stage one: All districts of Kyrgyzstan were grouped into seven regions plus Bishkek. Each region of Kyrgyzstan was surveyed.
 - Stage two: Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a particular type of the settlement in that region.
 - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.
- Demographic differences between the achieved sample and published census data are linked to migration patterns, with the population of Kyrgyzstani citizens working and residing abroad being disproportionately young and male. In an effort to stabilize sample distributions over time, IRI introduced a weighting scheme to this data which it will continue to use in the future. Due to this improvement in the methodology, shifts between this survey and the November 2017 survey (and prior) may appear larger than the actual change. For example, trends on internet usage reflect our adjustment to census-reported age and gender demographics. On most other questions, the introduction of a weight did not substantially impact trended data. Due to this addition of a weight, the comparability of this poll against prior polls is limited.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent.
- The response rate was 69 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Interviews were conducted in the Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek languages.
- The survey was funded by the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#).



Mood of the Country

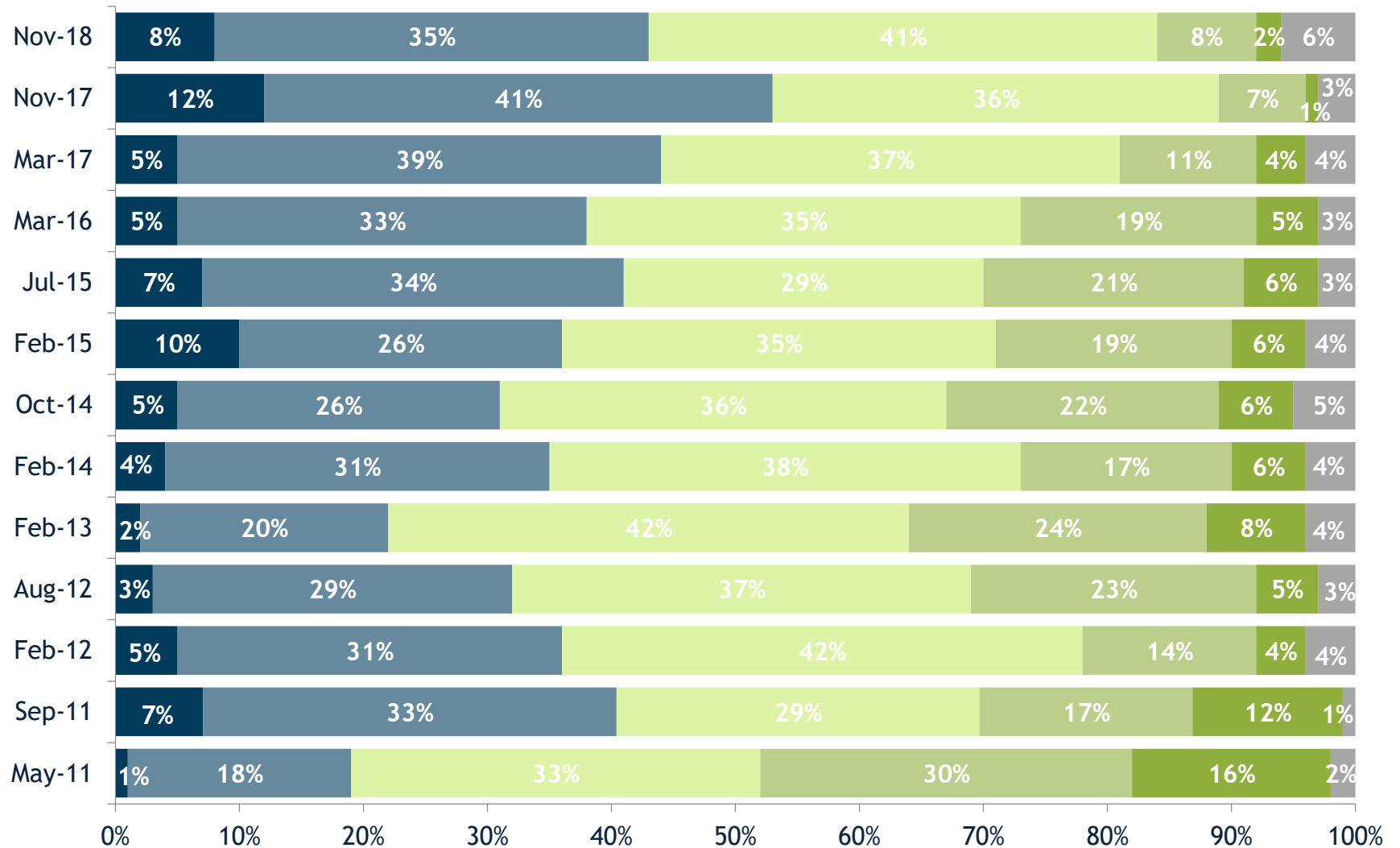


Generally speaking, do you think that things in Kyrgyzstan are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



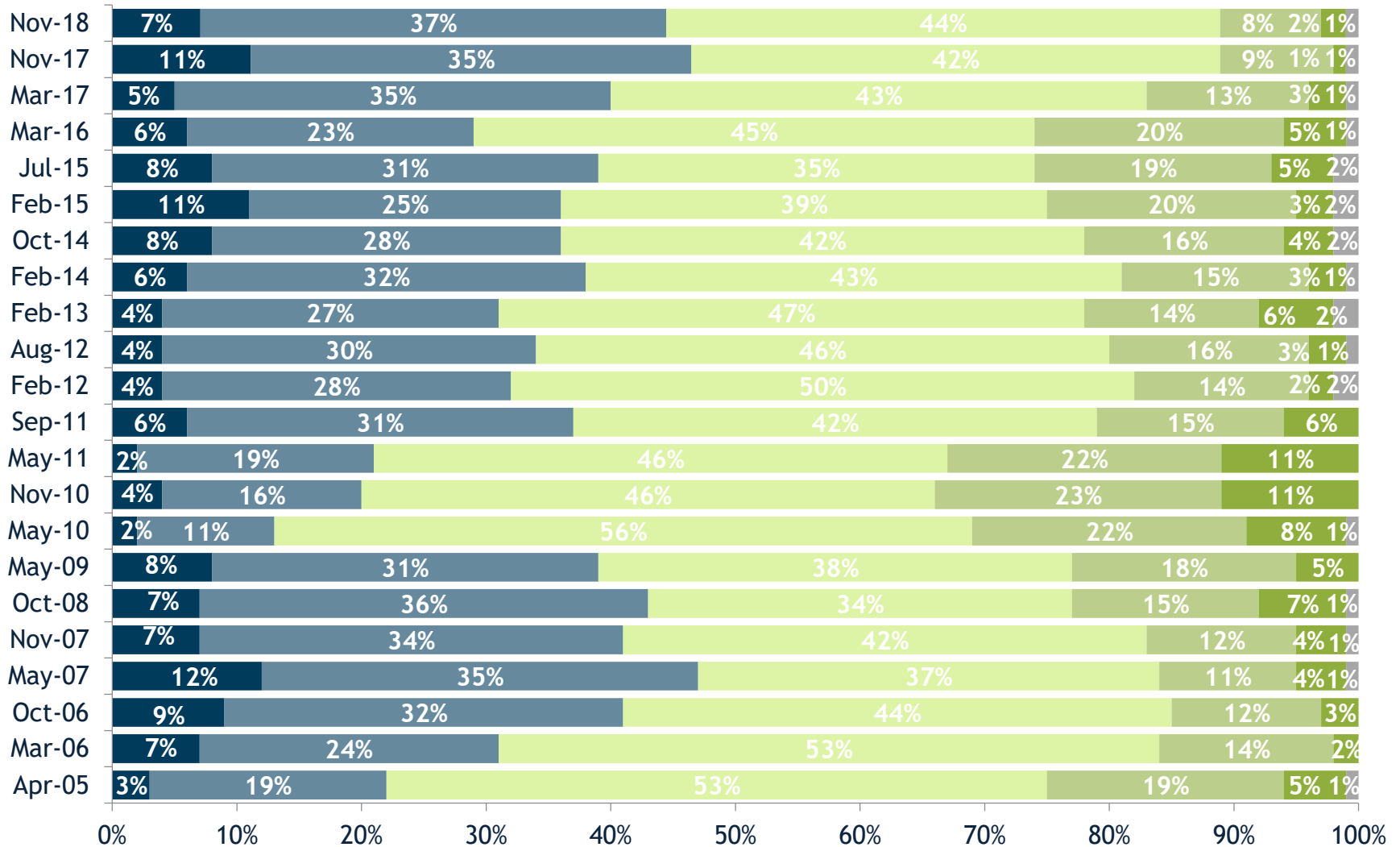
Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Kyrgyzstan changed?

■ Improved a lot
 ■ Improved somewhat
 ■ Stayed the same
 ■ Worsened somewhat
 ■ Worsened a lot
 ■ Don't know/No answer



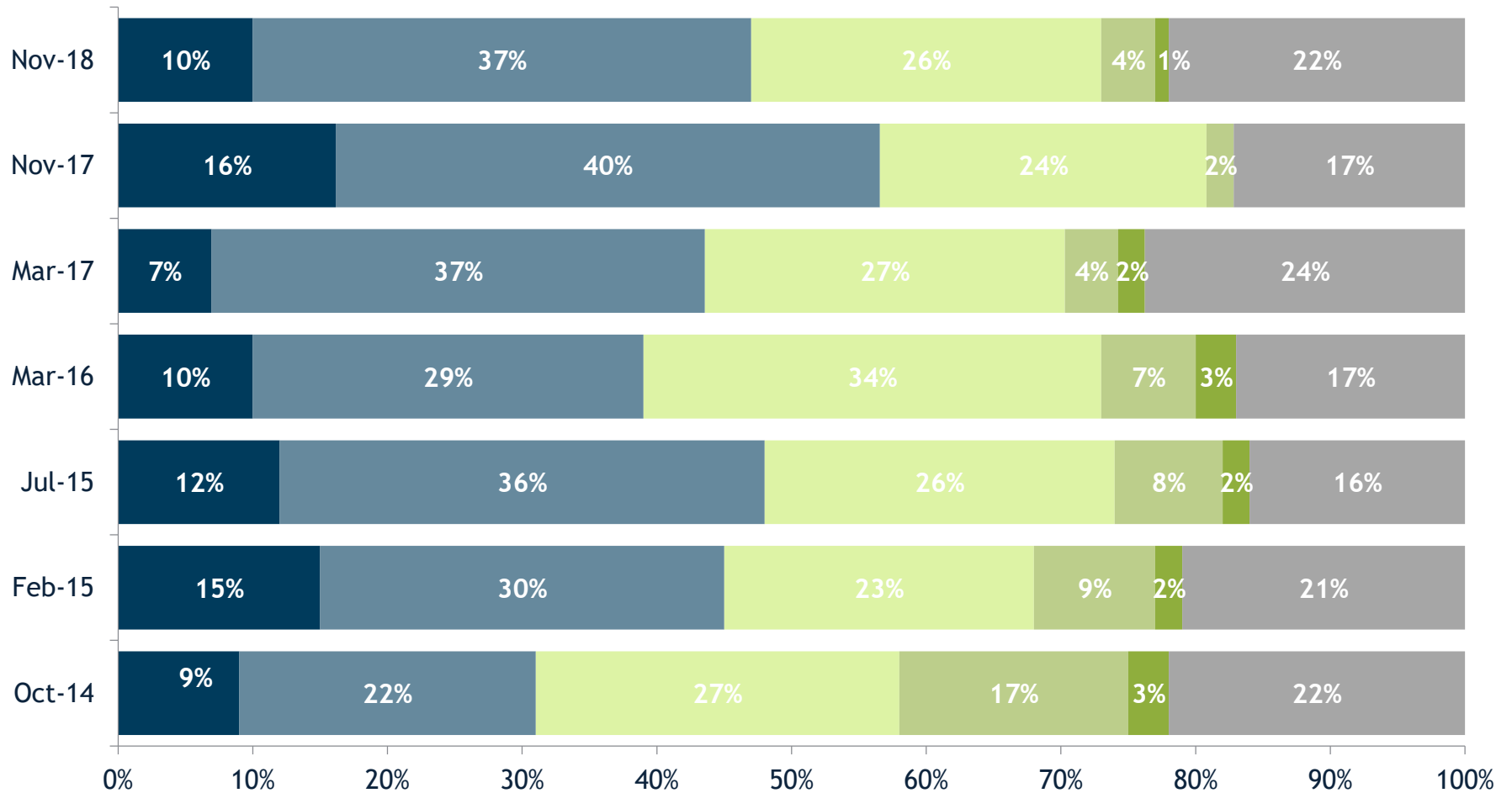
Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

■ Improved a lot ■ Improved somewhat ■ Stayed the same ■ Worsened somewhat ■ Worsened a lot ■ Don't know/No answer



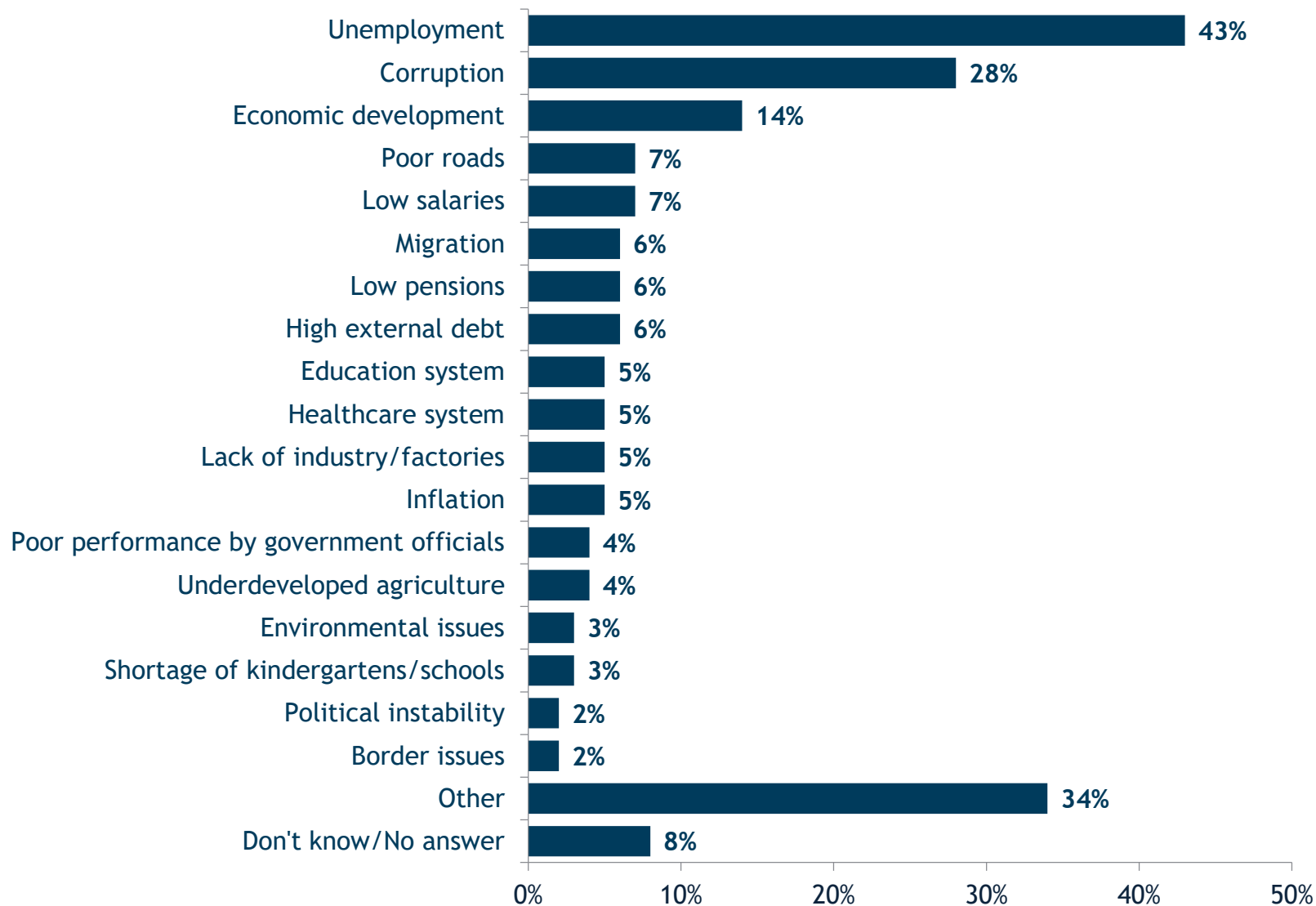
In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Kyrgyzstan change in the next 12 months?

■ Improve a lot
■ Improve somewhat
■ Stay the same
■ Worsen somewhat
■ Worsen a lot
■ Don't know/No answer

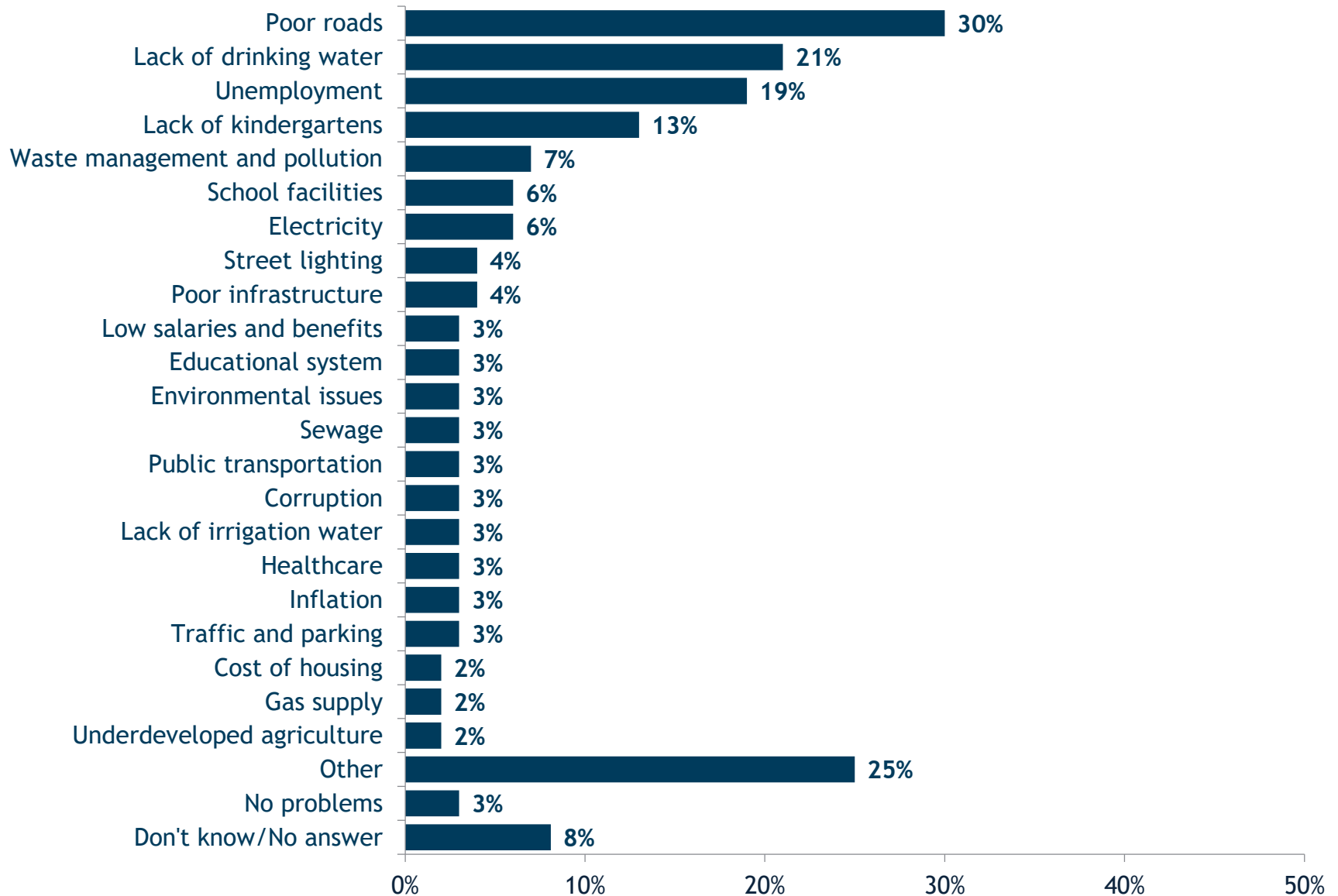


What are the most important problems that Kyrgyzstan is facing at the moment?

(Three spontaneous answers)

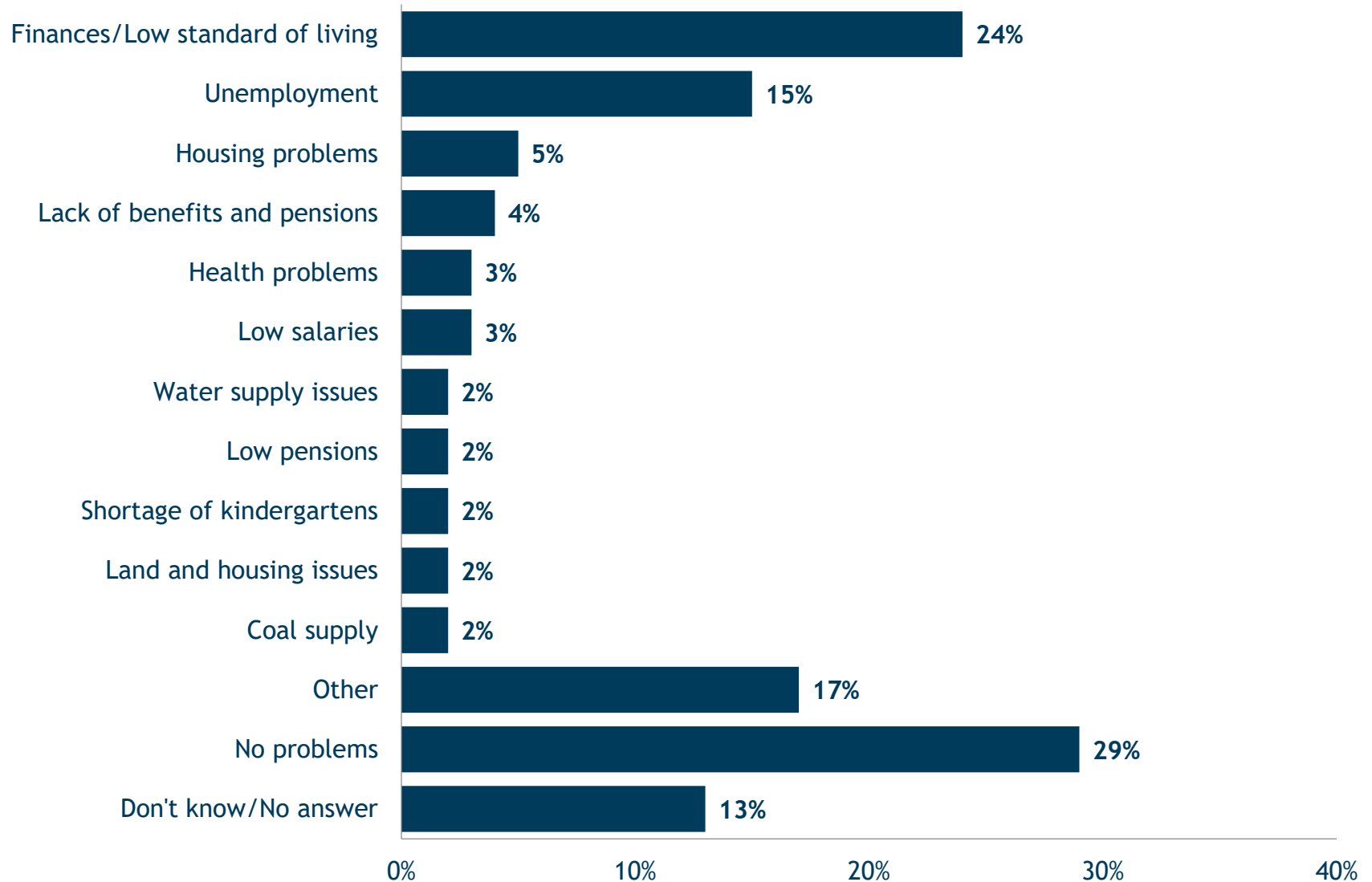


What are the most important problems your town/village is facing? (Three spontaneous answers)

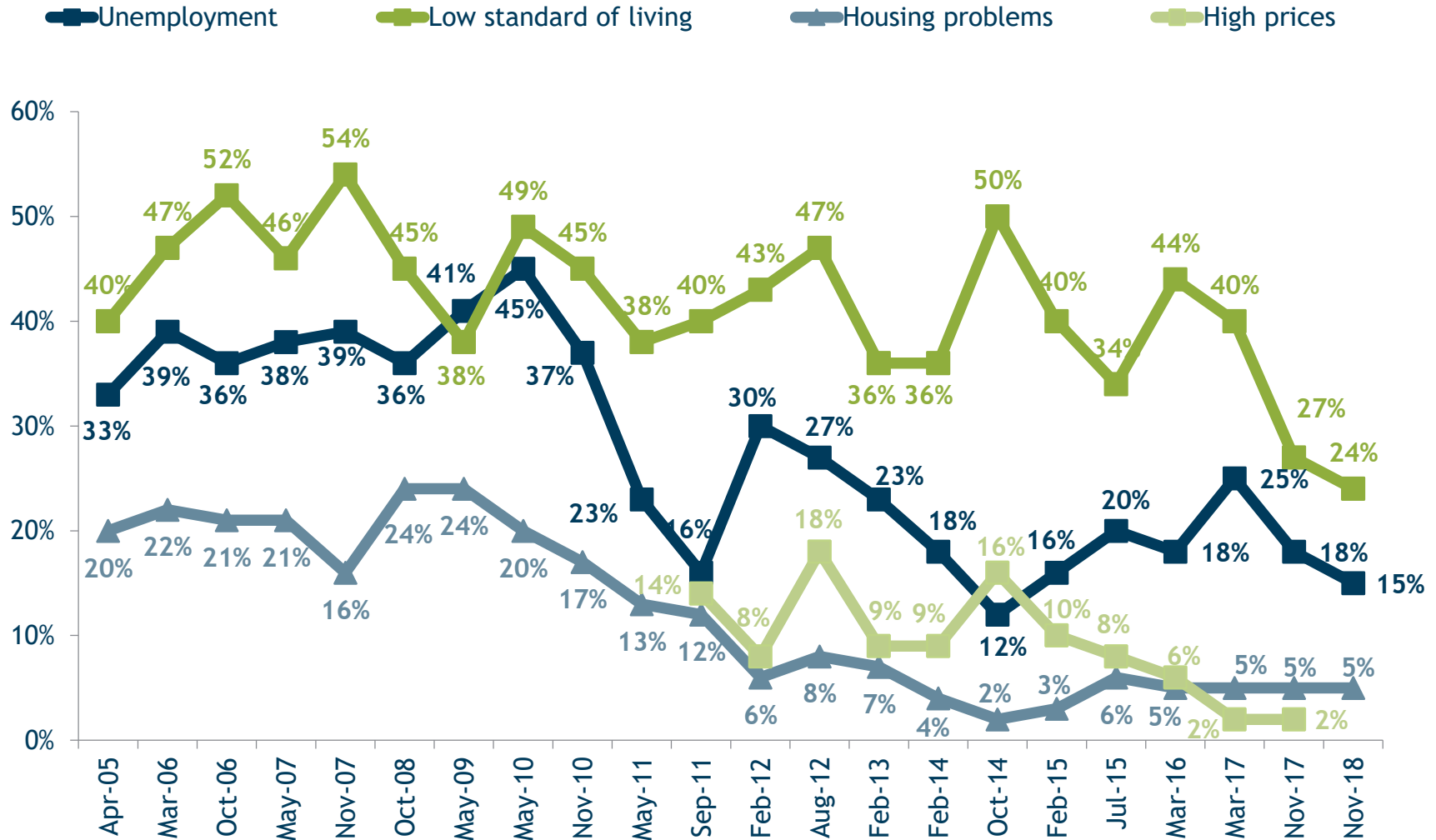


What are the most important problems facing you and your household?

(Three spontaneous answers)

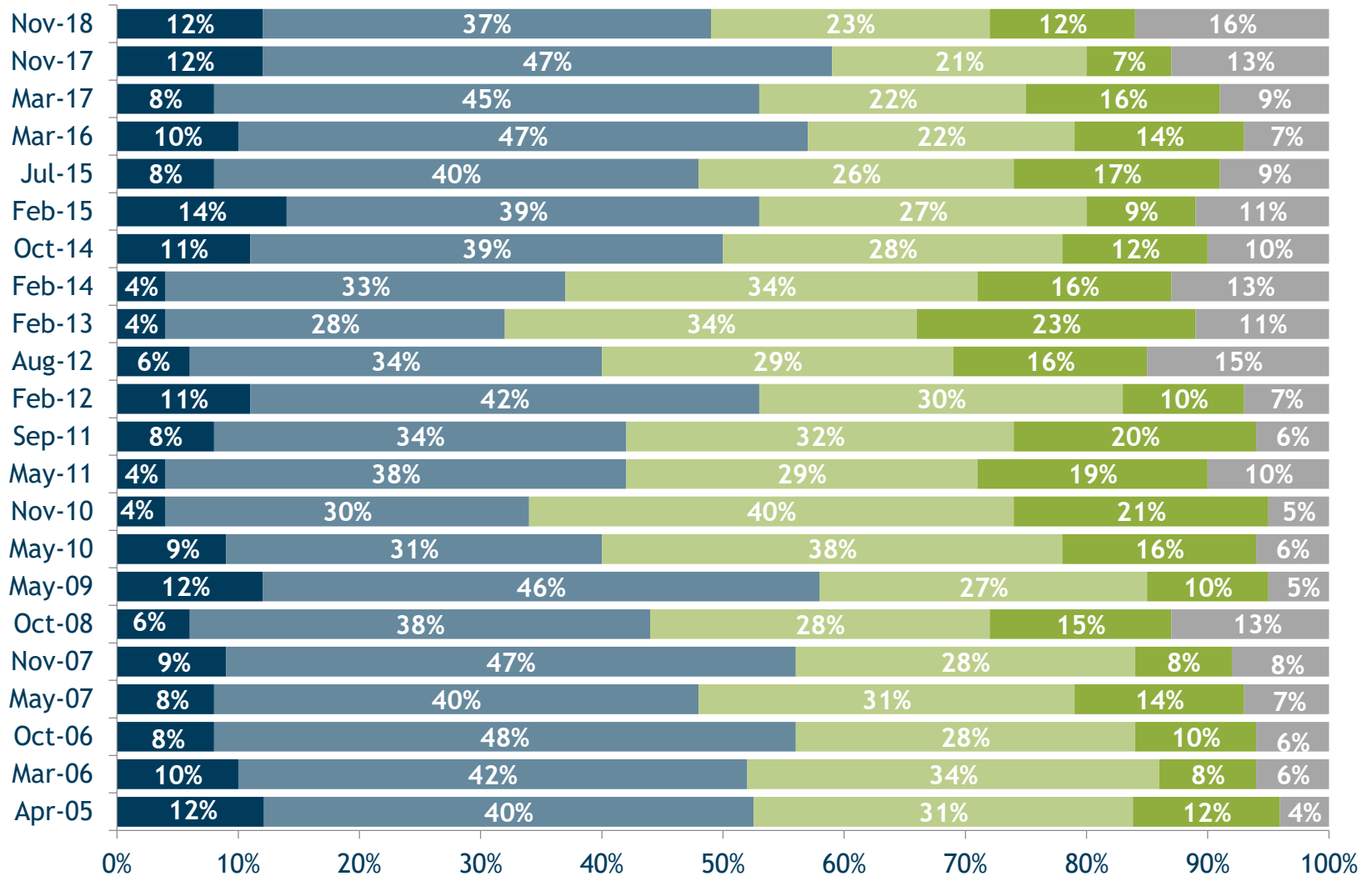


What are the most important problems facing you and your household? (Three spontaneous answers)



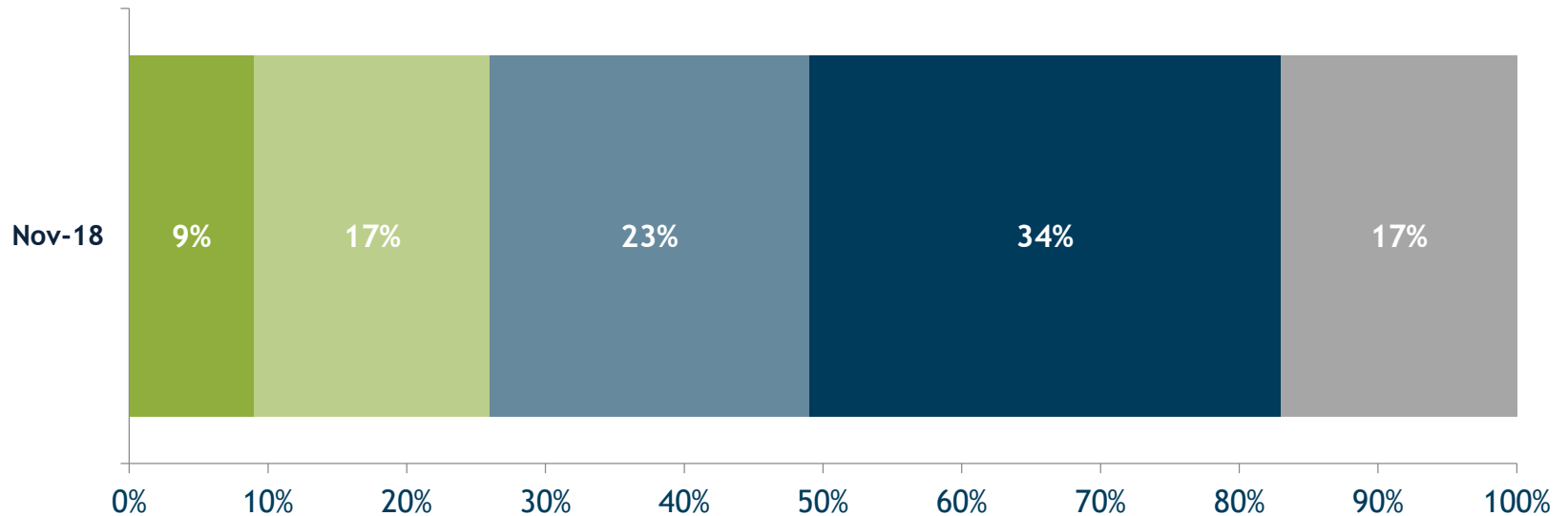
How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Kyrgyzstan?

■ Very satisfied
 ■ Somewhat satisfied
 ■ Somewhat dissatisfied
 ■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ Don't know/No answer



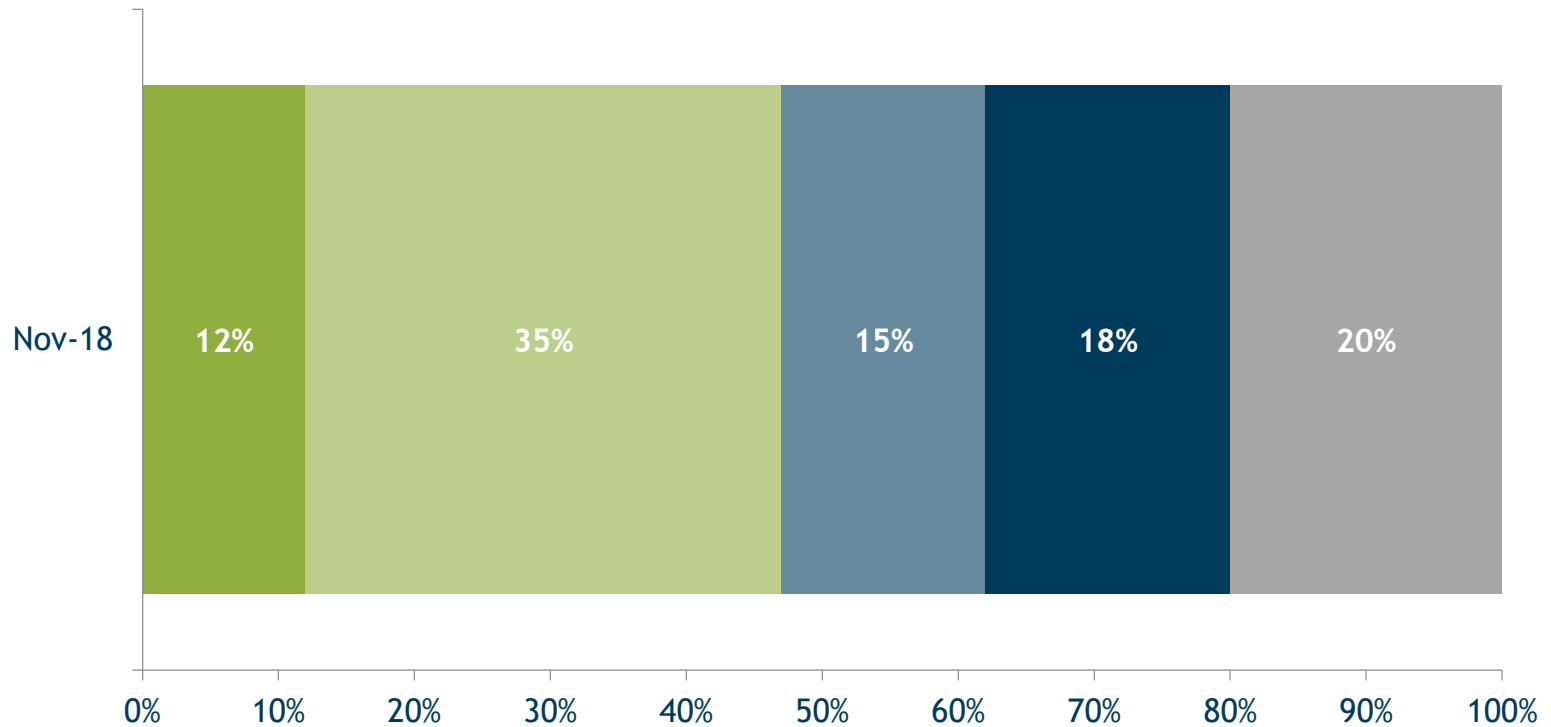
Are you or people you know ever afraid to openly express your political views?

■ Very afraid ■ Somewhat afraid ■ Not very afraid ■ Not at all afraid ■ Don't know/No answer

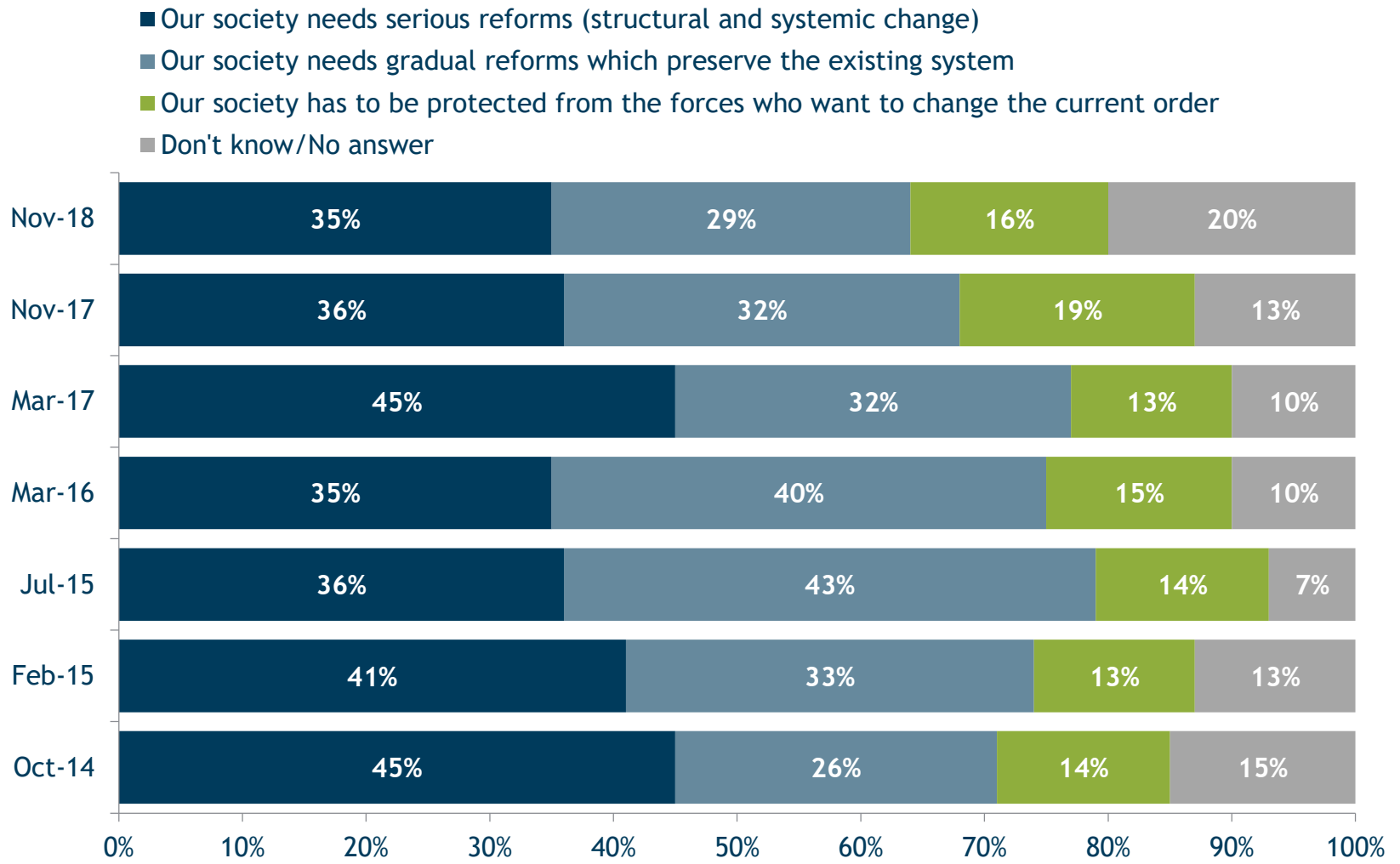


In your opinion, are there groups who do not feel safe to openly express their political views?

■ Definitely yes ■ Probably yes ■ Probably no ■ Definitely no ■ Don't know/No answer



Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?

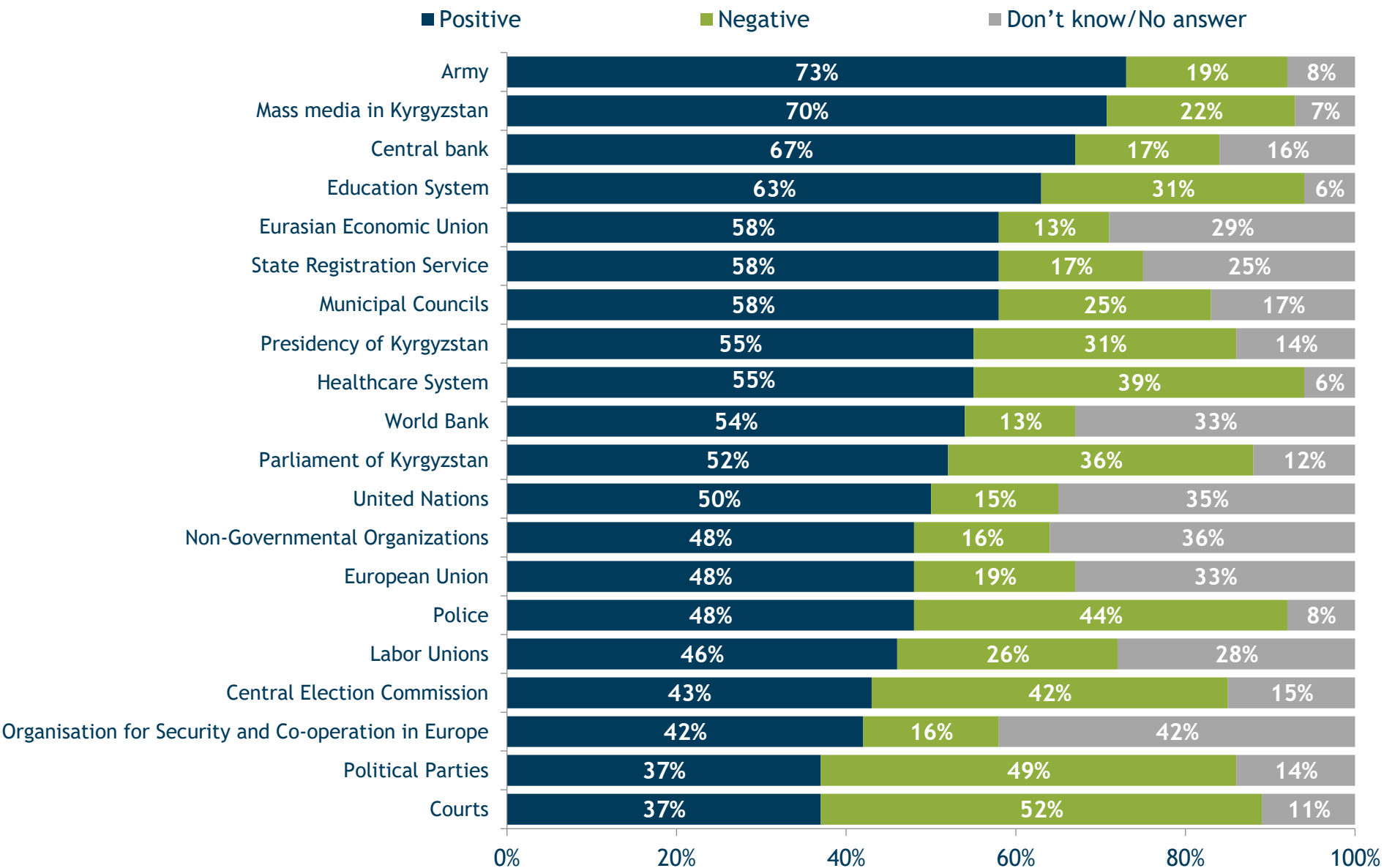




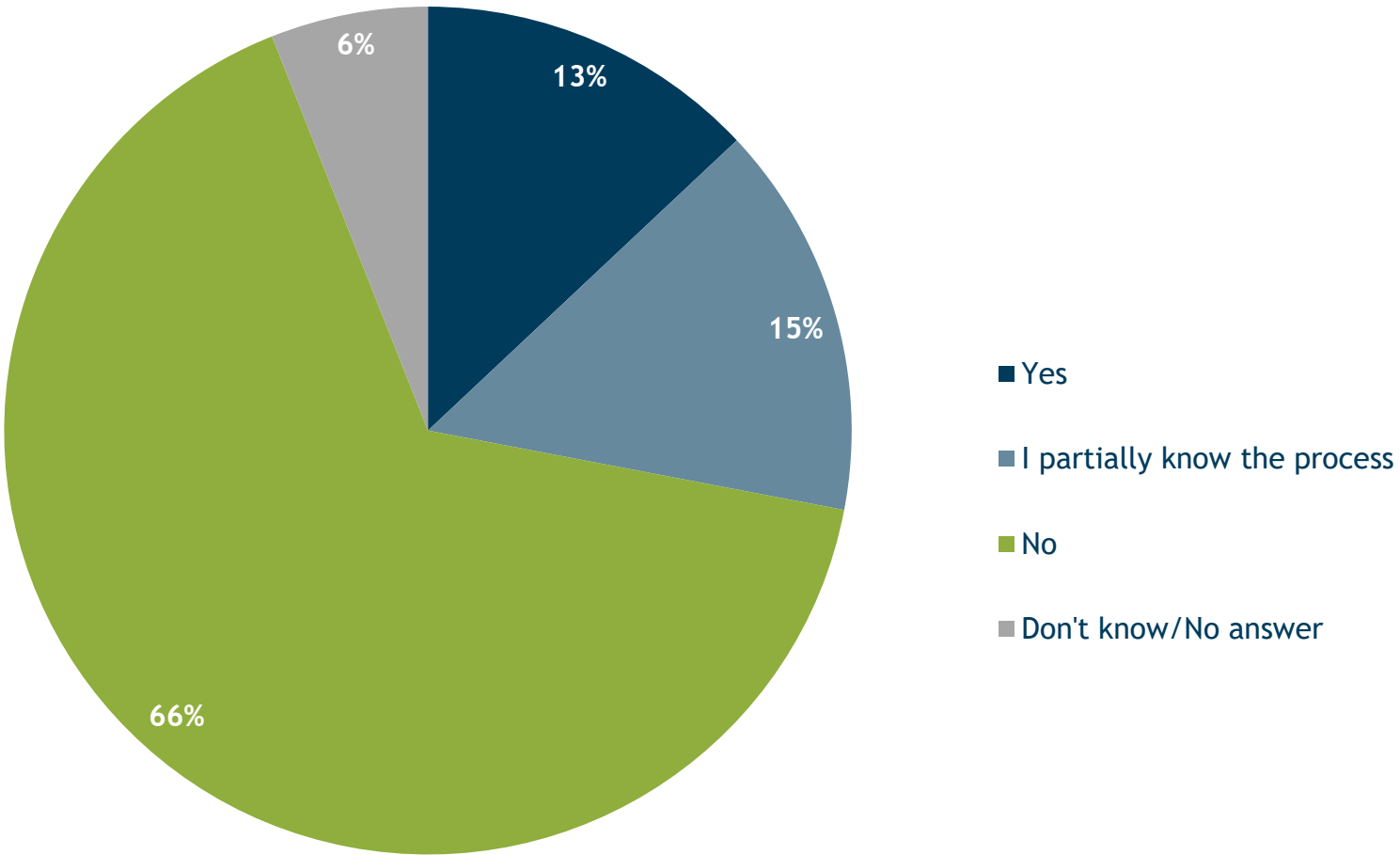
Government/Institutions



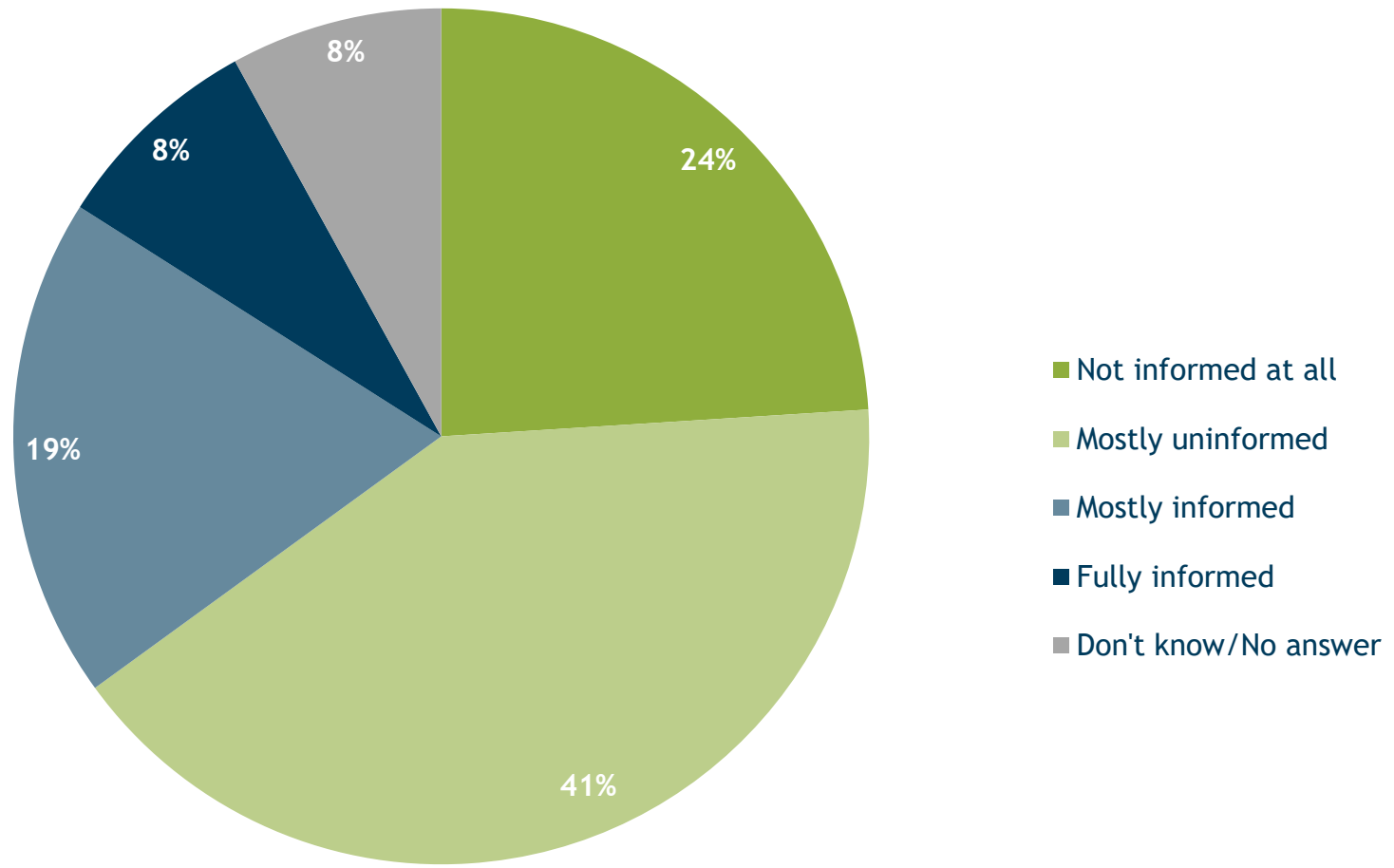
What is your opinion of the work of the following institutions?



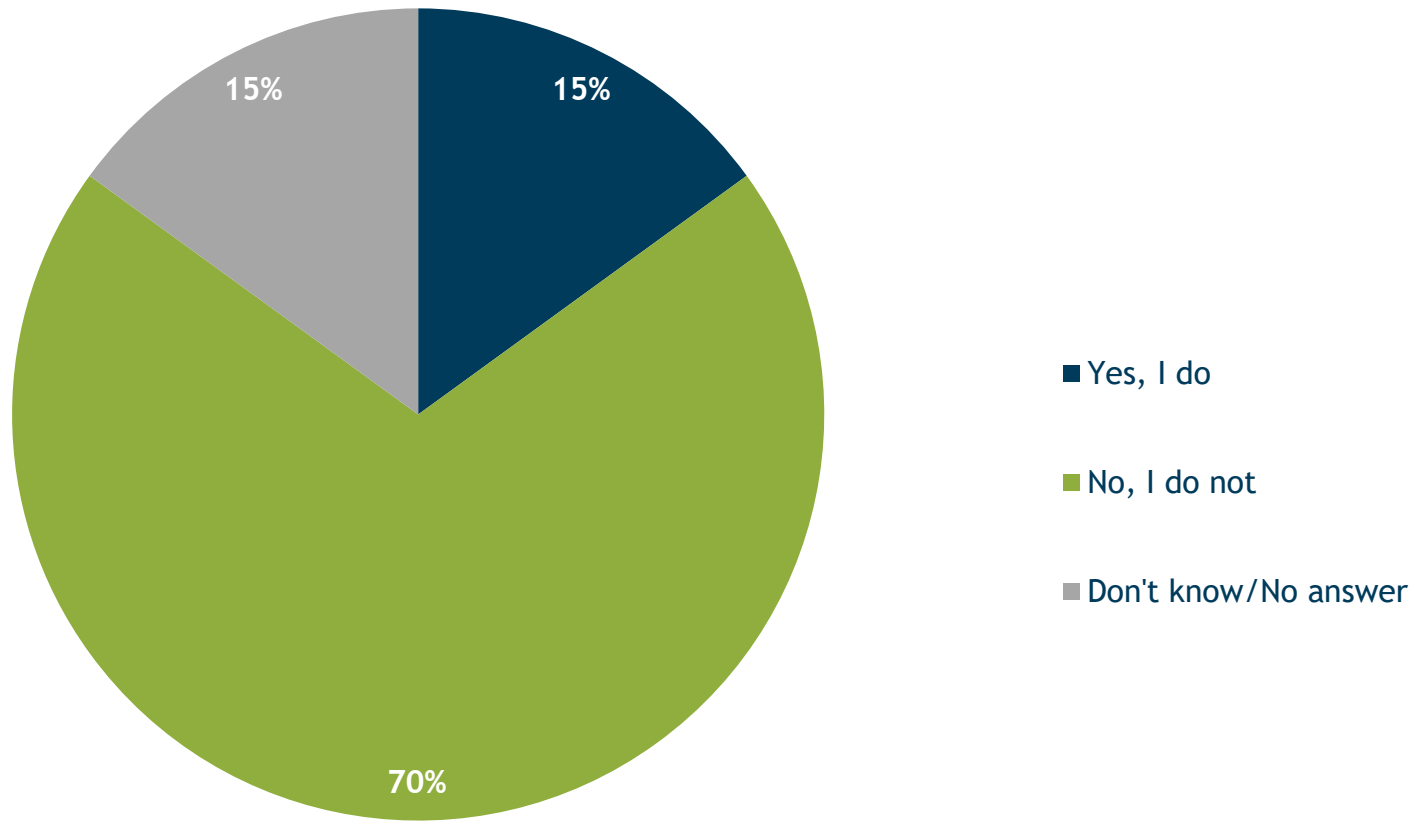
Do you know how to make an appeal to Parliament or to a specific Member of Parliament to express your opinion?



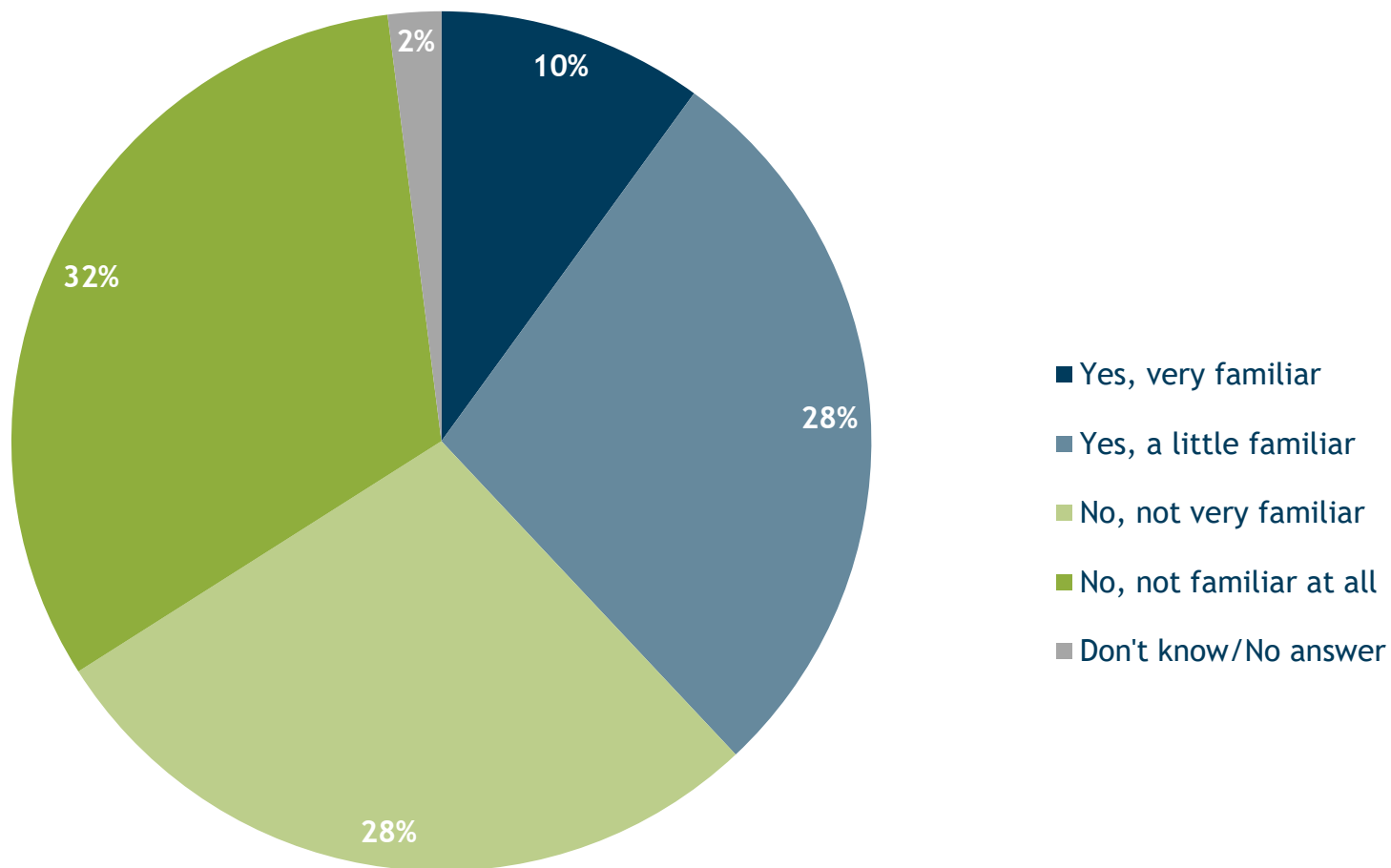
How informed are you about the work of the parliament, the laws it passes, or other decisions it makes?



Do you feel that you have the necessary knowledge about the functioning of the parliament in order to interact with it effectively?

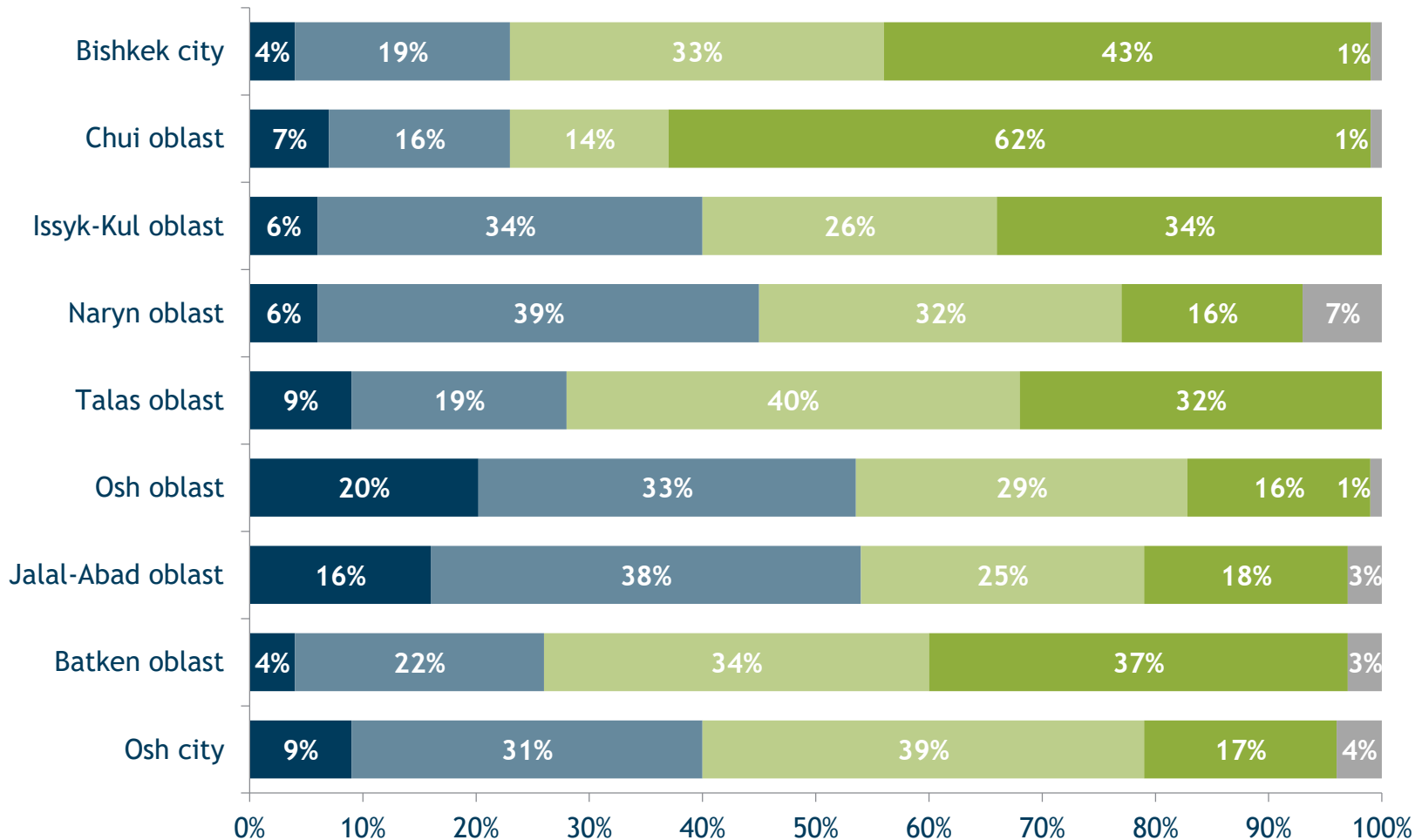


Are you familiar with the work of your local *kenesh* (municipal or village-level council)?



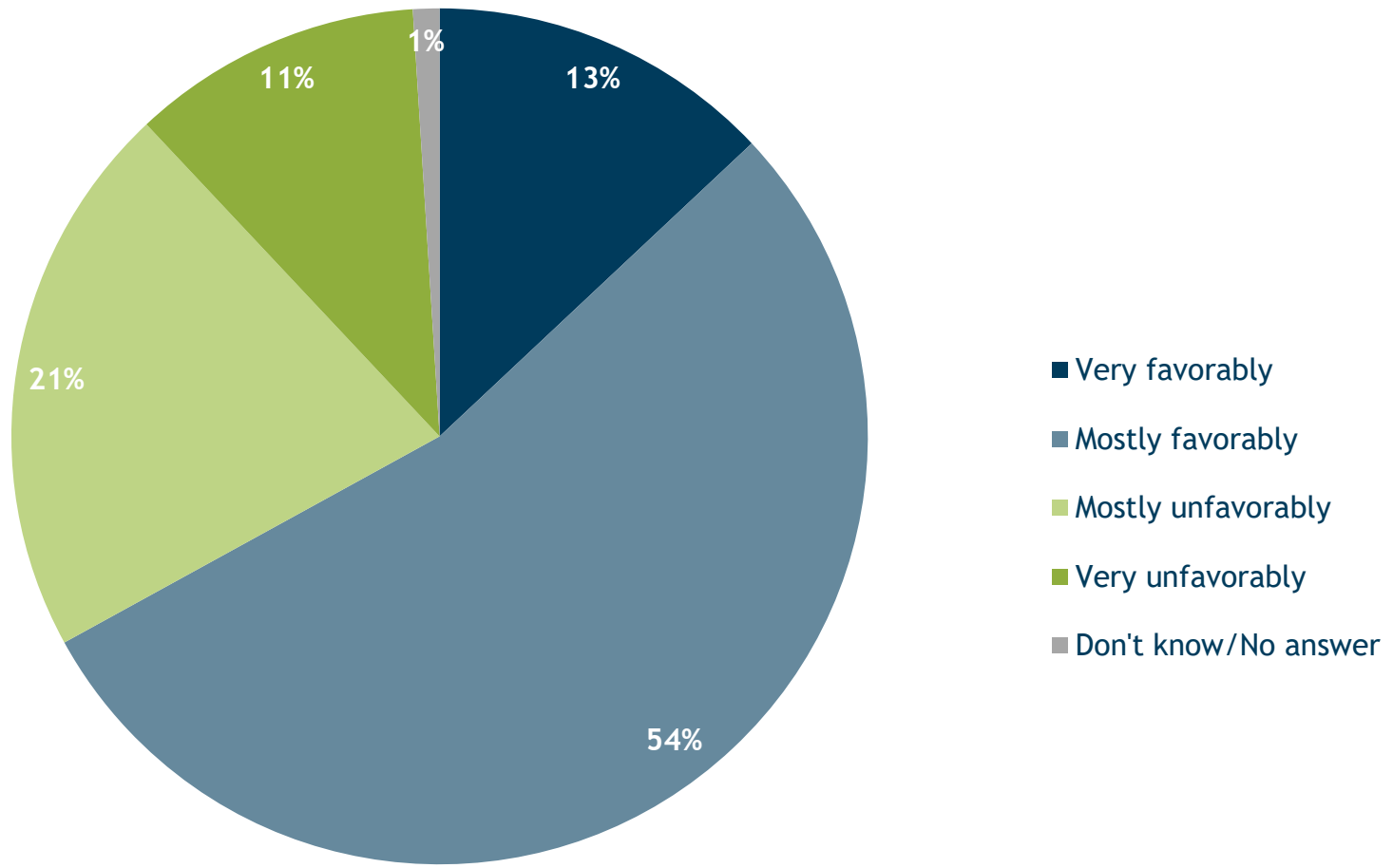
Are you familiar with the work of your local *kenesh*? (Disaggregated by region)

■ Yes, very familiar
 ■ Yes, a little familiar
 ■ No, not very familiar
 ■ No, not familiar at all
 ■ Don't know/No answer



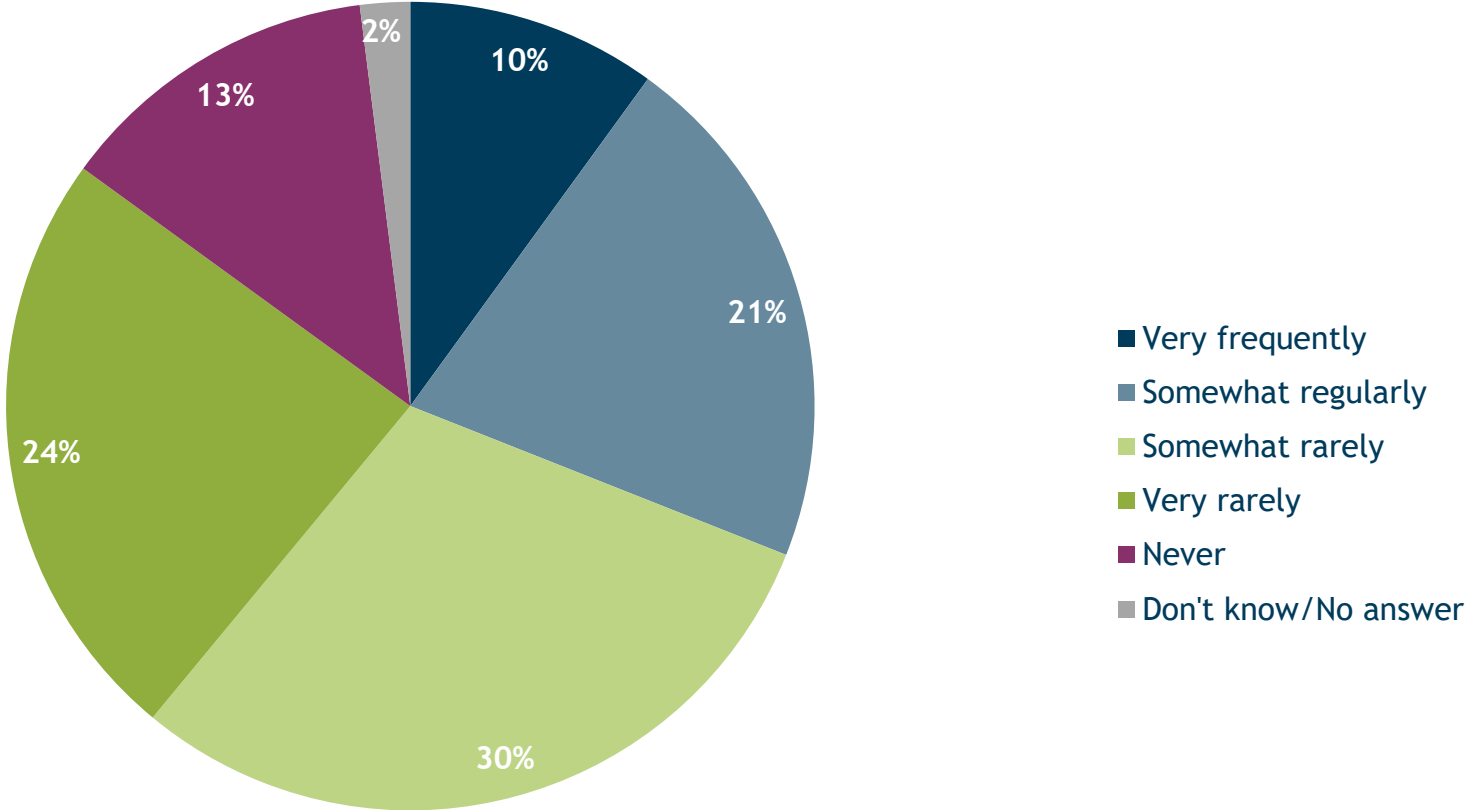
If so, how would you assess their work?

(Respondents familiar with the work of their local *kenesh*, n=576)

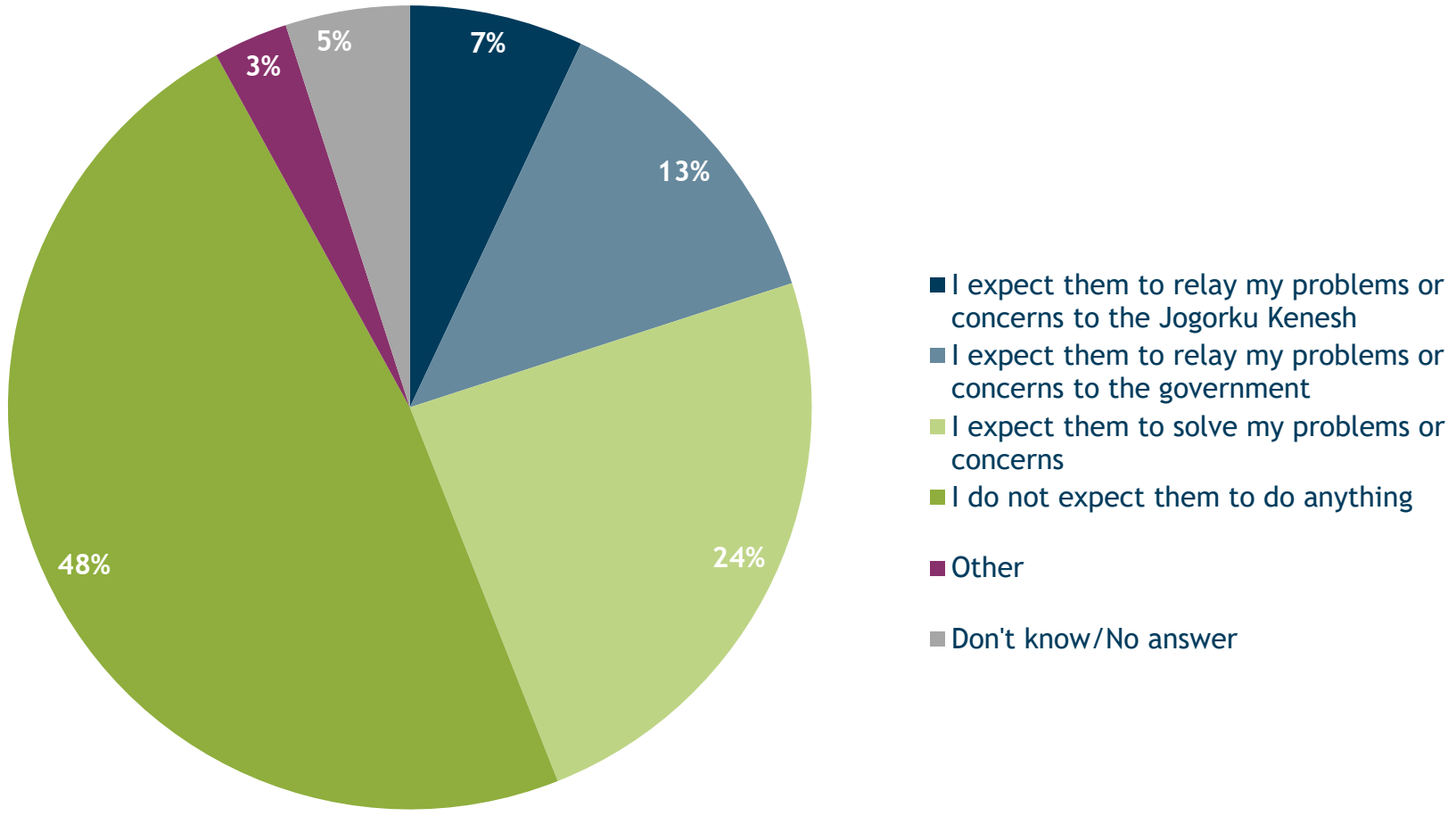


How frequently do you interact with elected members of your local *kenesh*?

(Respondents familiar with the work of their local *kenesh*, n=576)

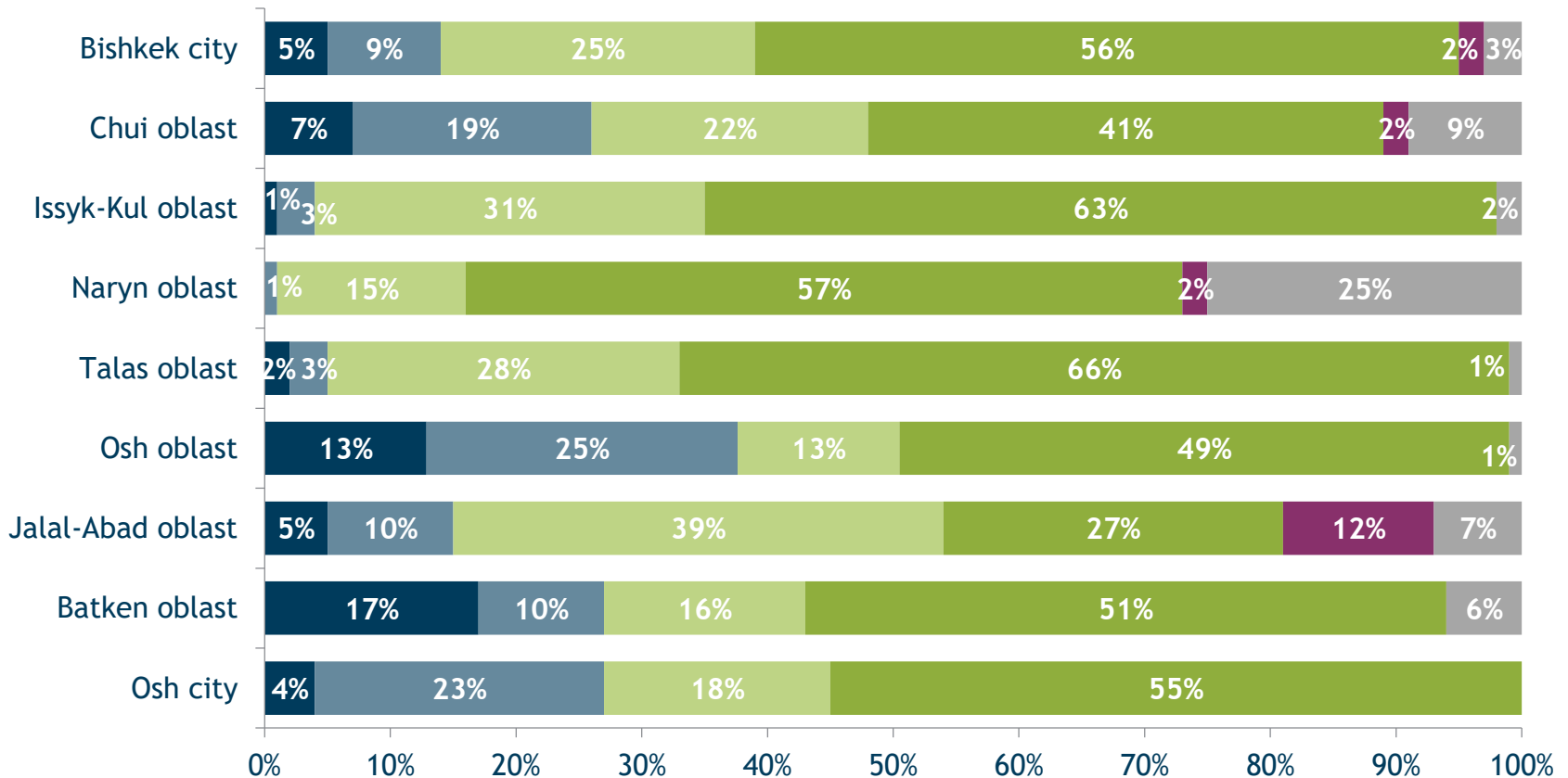


What do you expect from the members of your local *kenesh*?



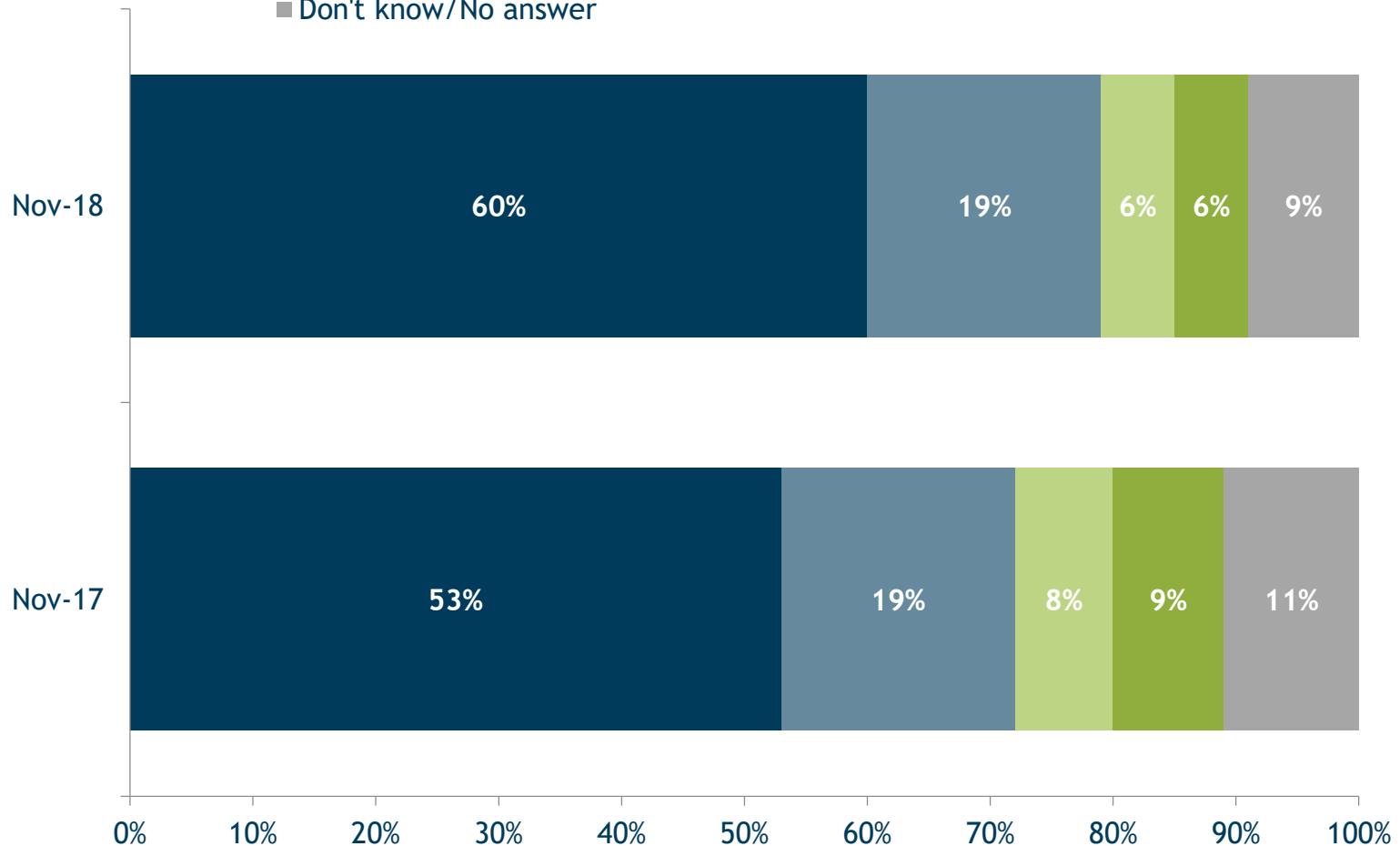
What do you expect from the members of your local *kenesh*? (Disaggregated by region)

- I expect them to relay my problems or concerns to the Jogorku Kenesh
- I expect them to relay my problems or concerns to the government
- I expect them to solve my problems or concerns
- I do not expect them to do anything
- Other
- Don't know/No answer



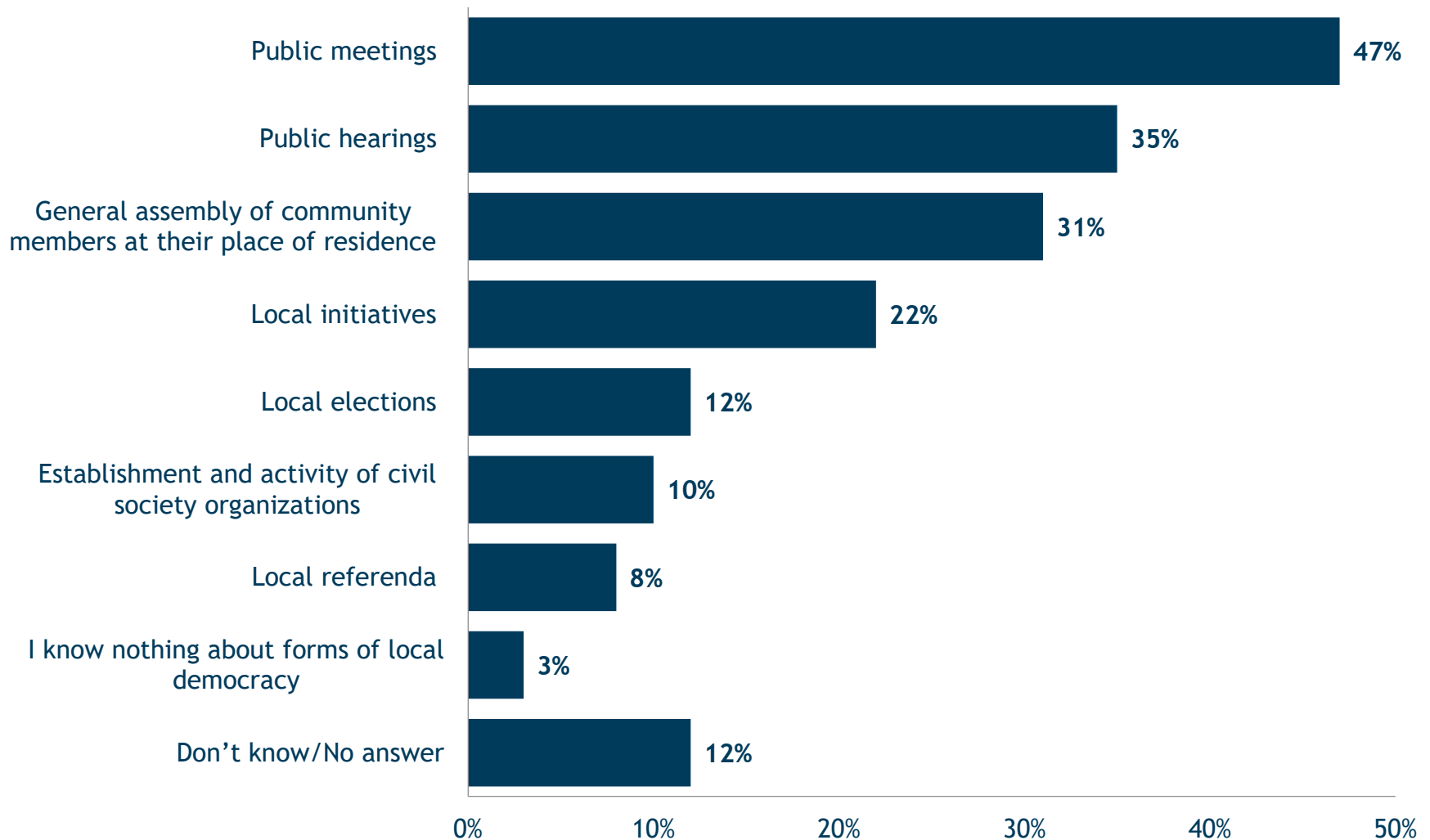
Do you believe that citizens should play a larger or smaller role in the governmental decision-making process?

- They should play a larger role
- They should play the same role as they are currently playing
- They should play a smaller role
- Citizens have no place in decision-making, the job is for leaders
- Don't know/No answer



What forms of local democracy/citizens' participation in municipal/local governance do you consider to be the most effective?

(Multiple answers allowed)

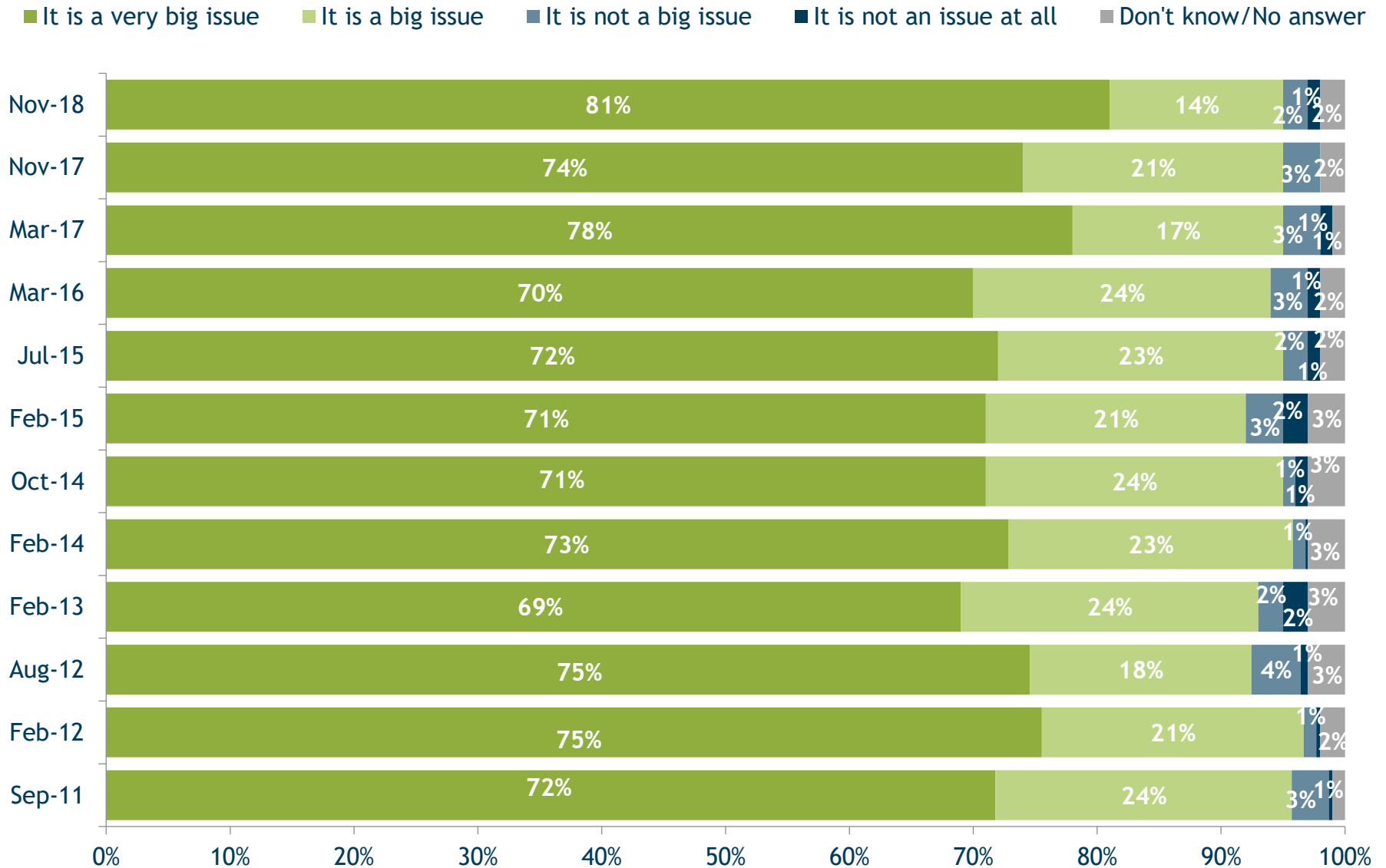




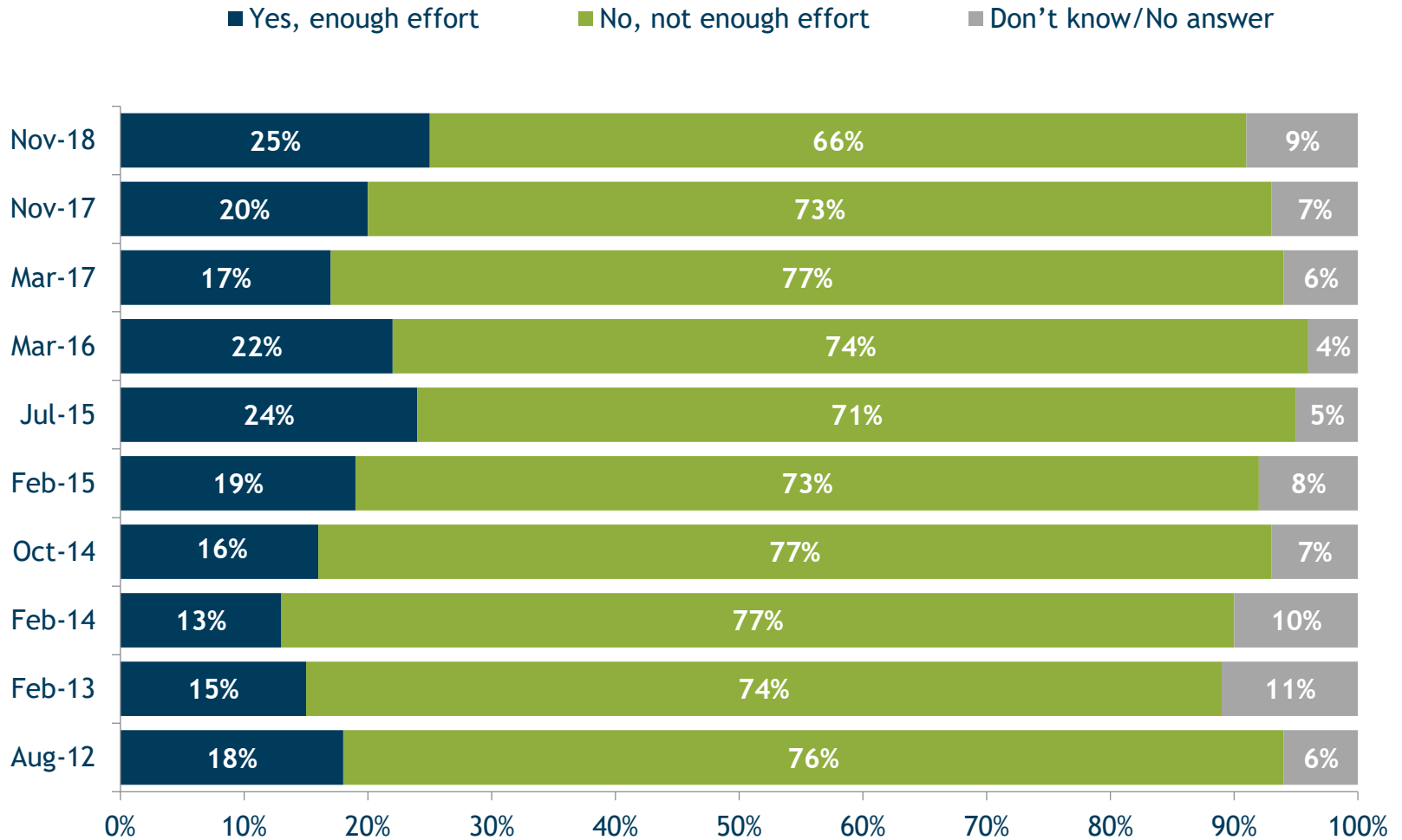
Corruption



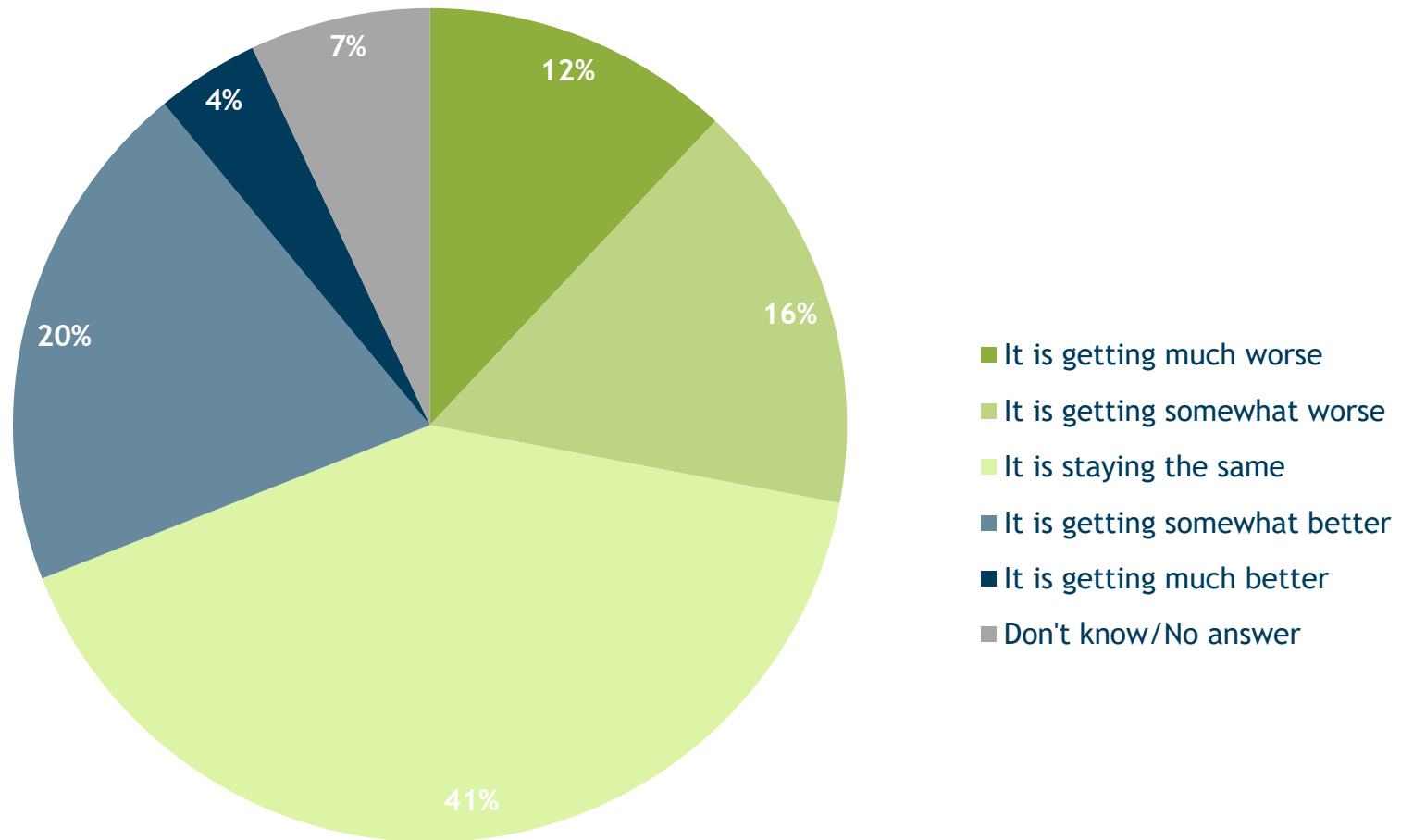
Is corruption a big problem in Kyrgyzstan today?



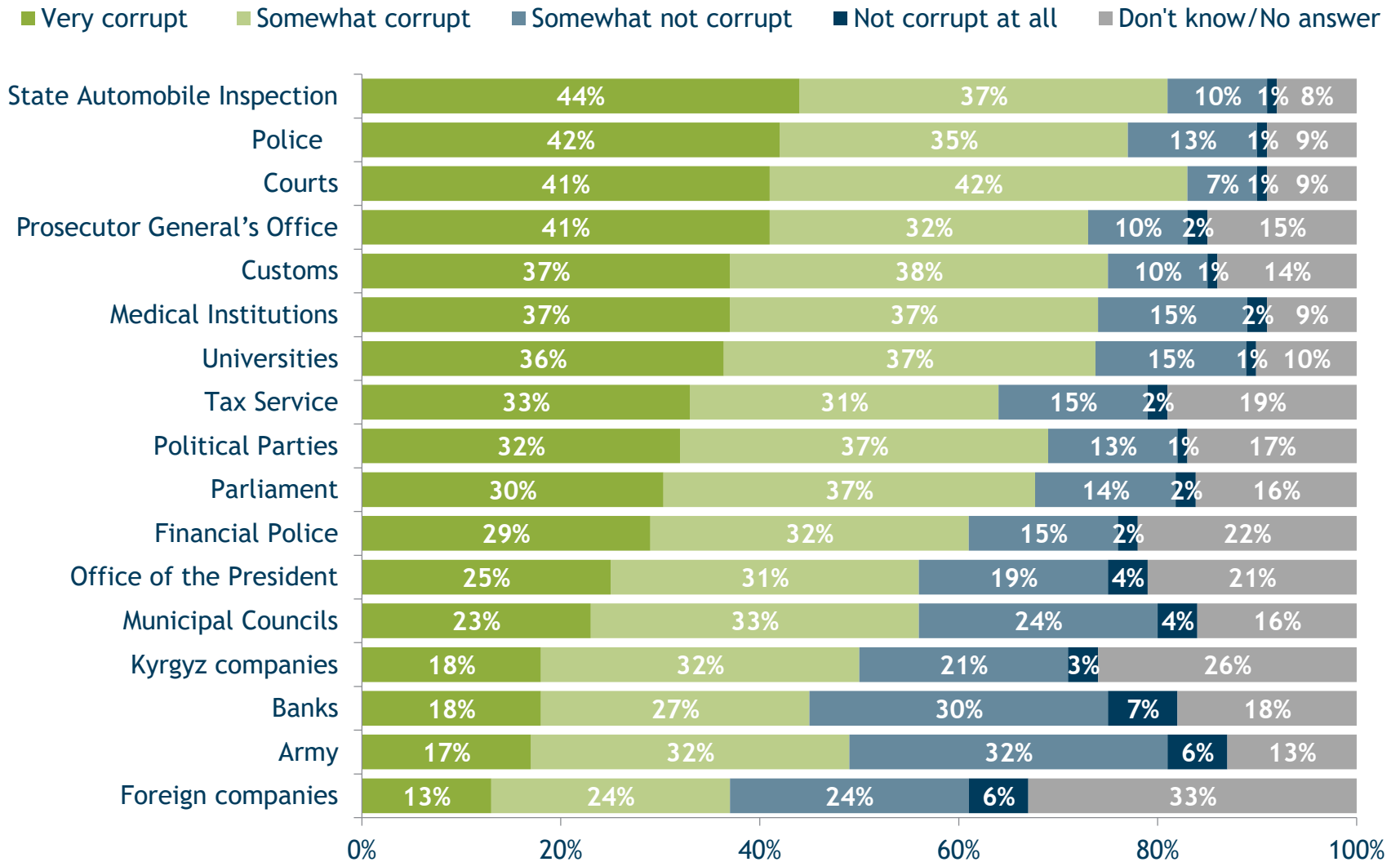
Do you think the Kyrgyz Government is making enough effort to fight corruption?



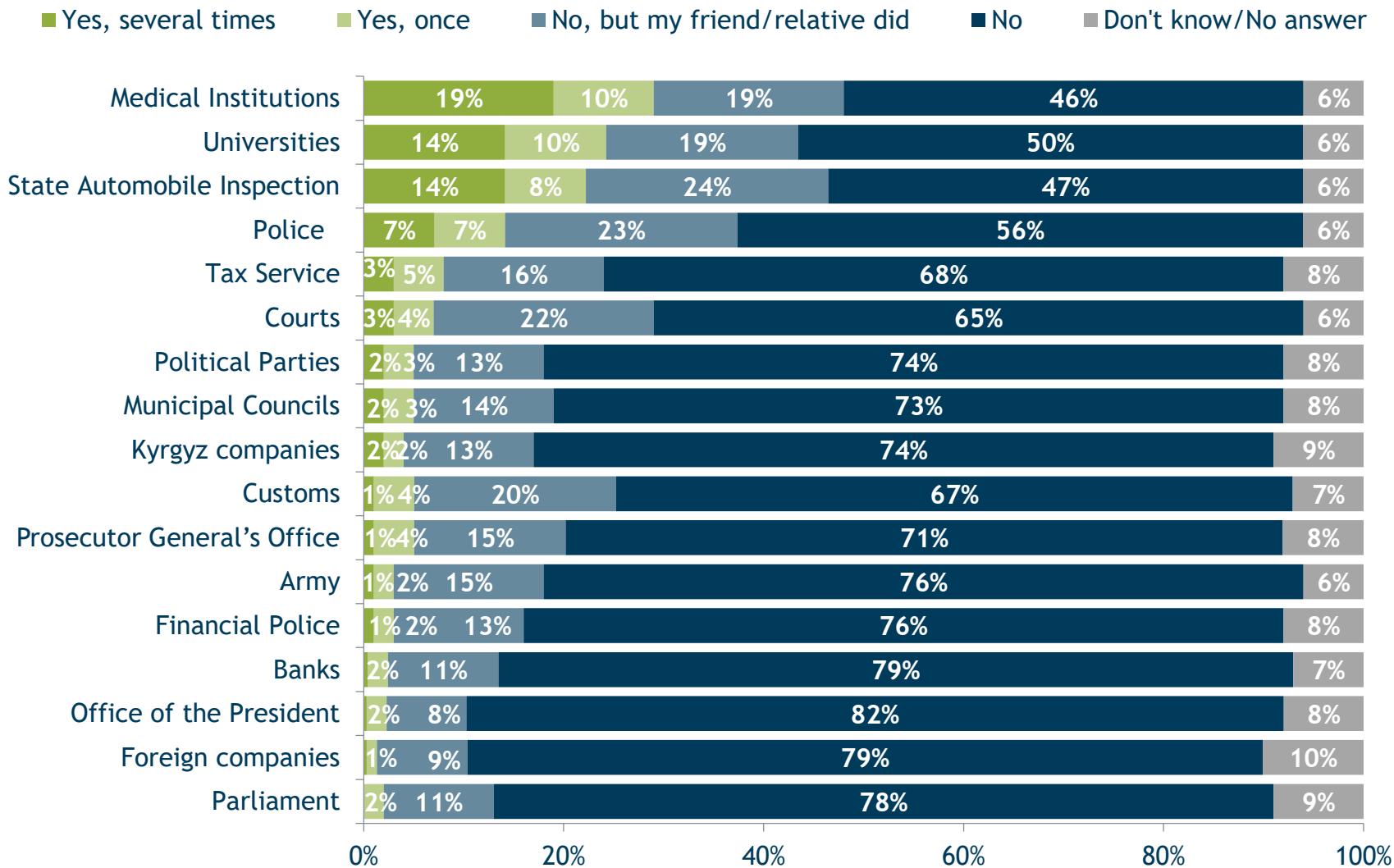
Do you think that the situation with corruption has been getting better or worse?



In your opinion, how corrupt are the following organizations?



Have you ever personally had to pay a bribe or witnessed other corrupt behavior by a representative of the following institutions?

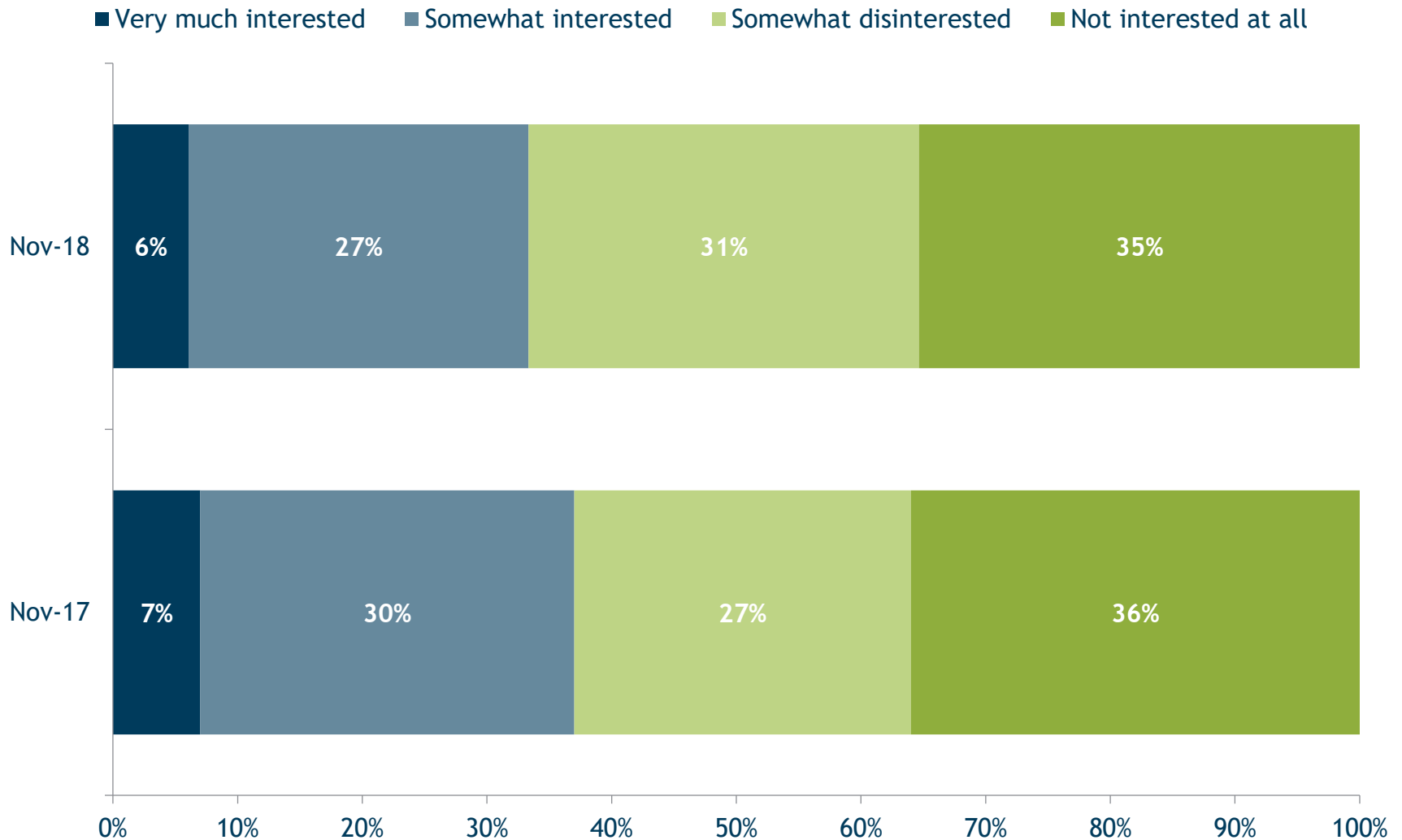




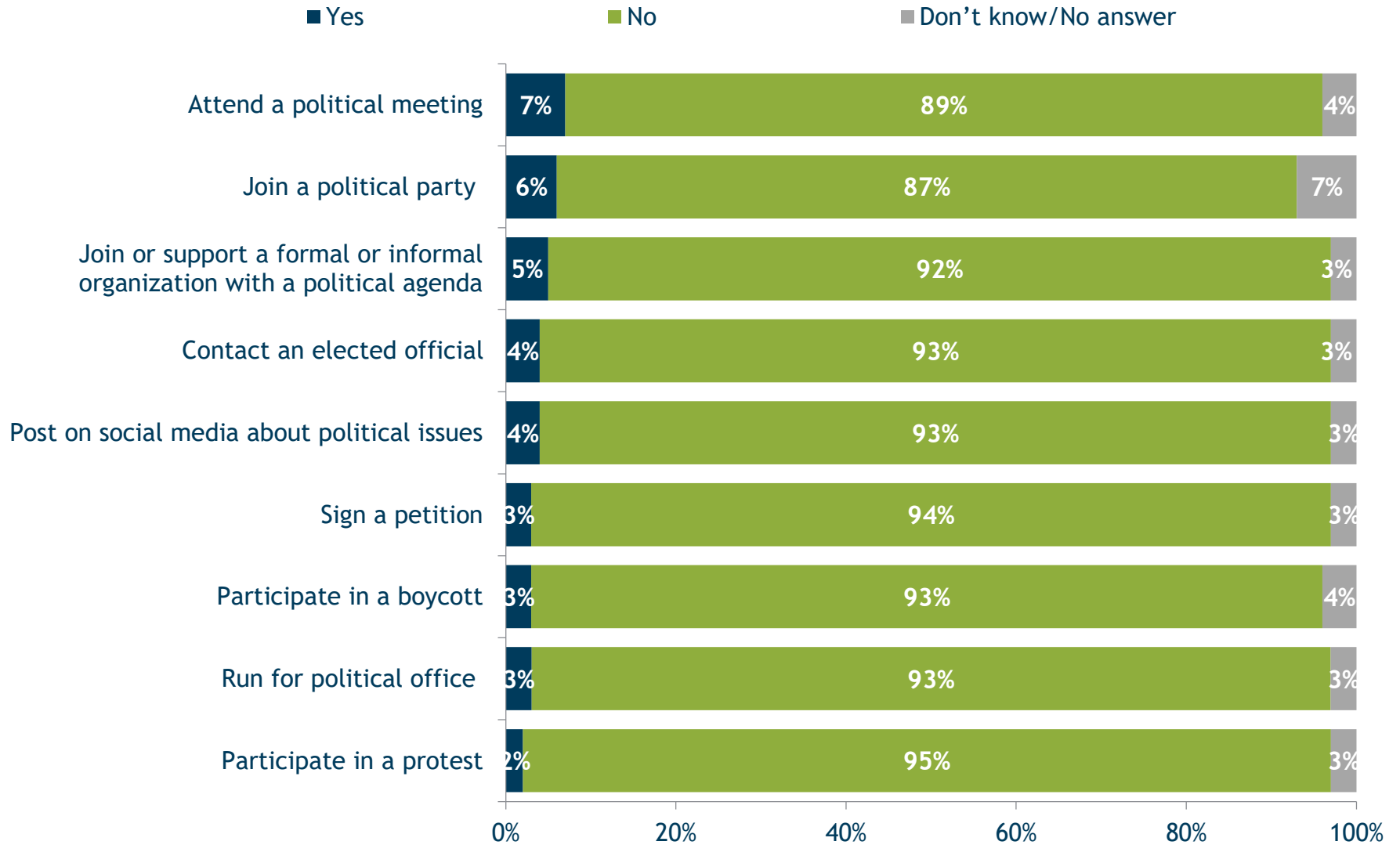
Politics



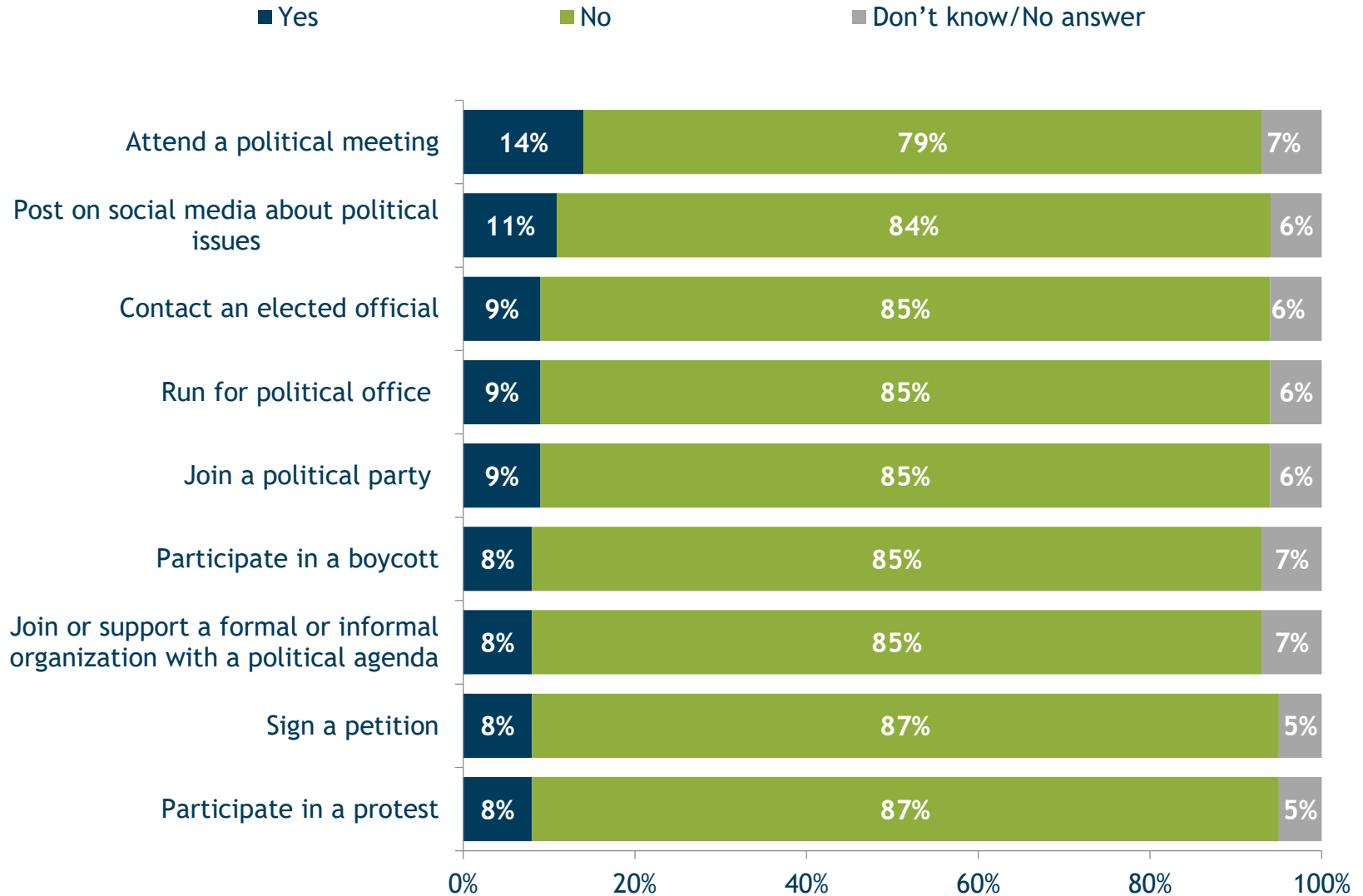
How much interest do you have in politics?



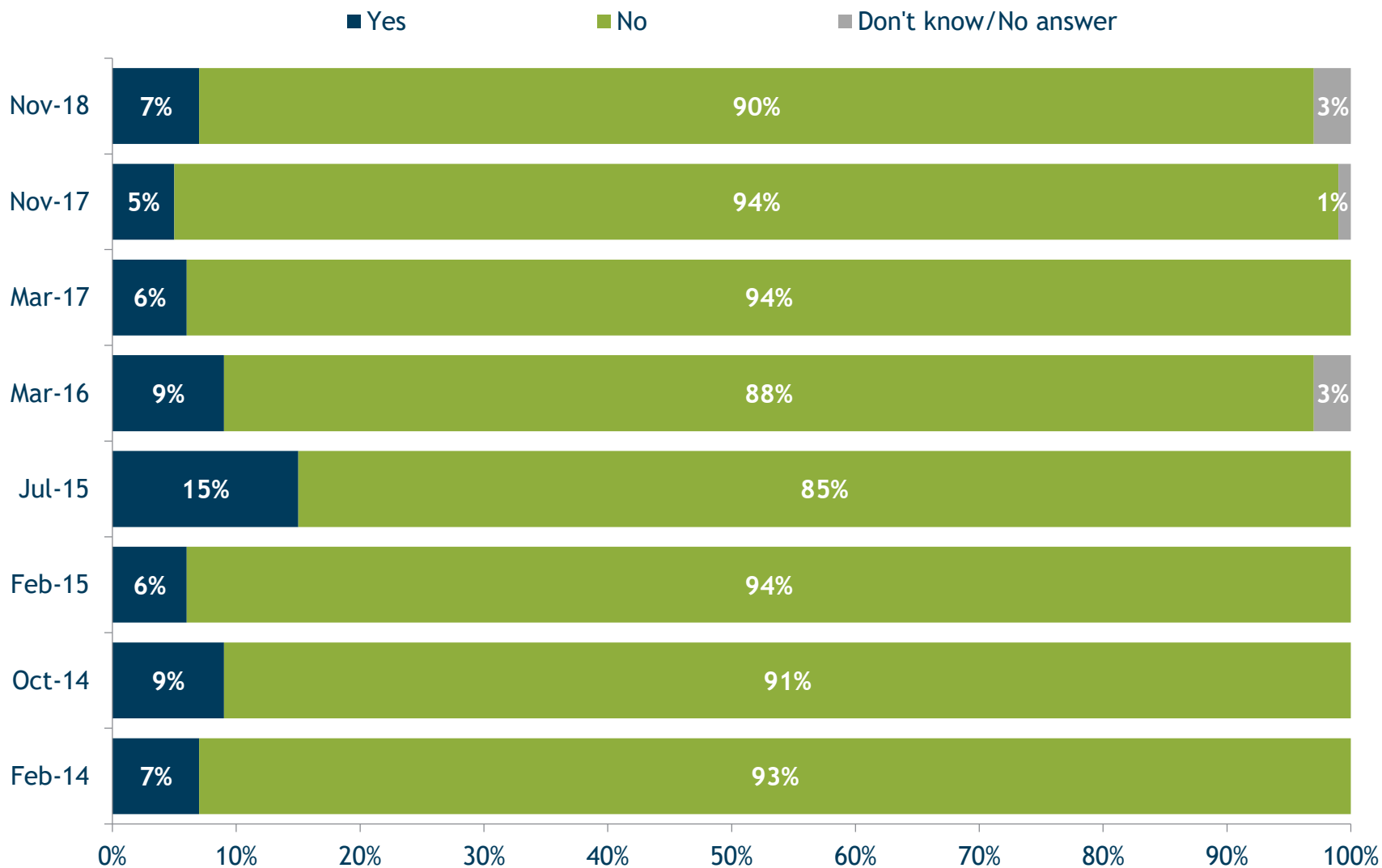
Have you ever engaged in any of the following activities?



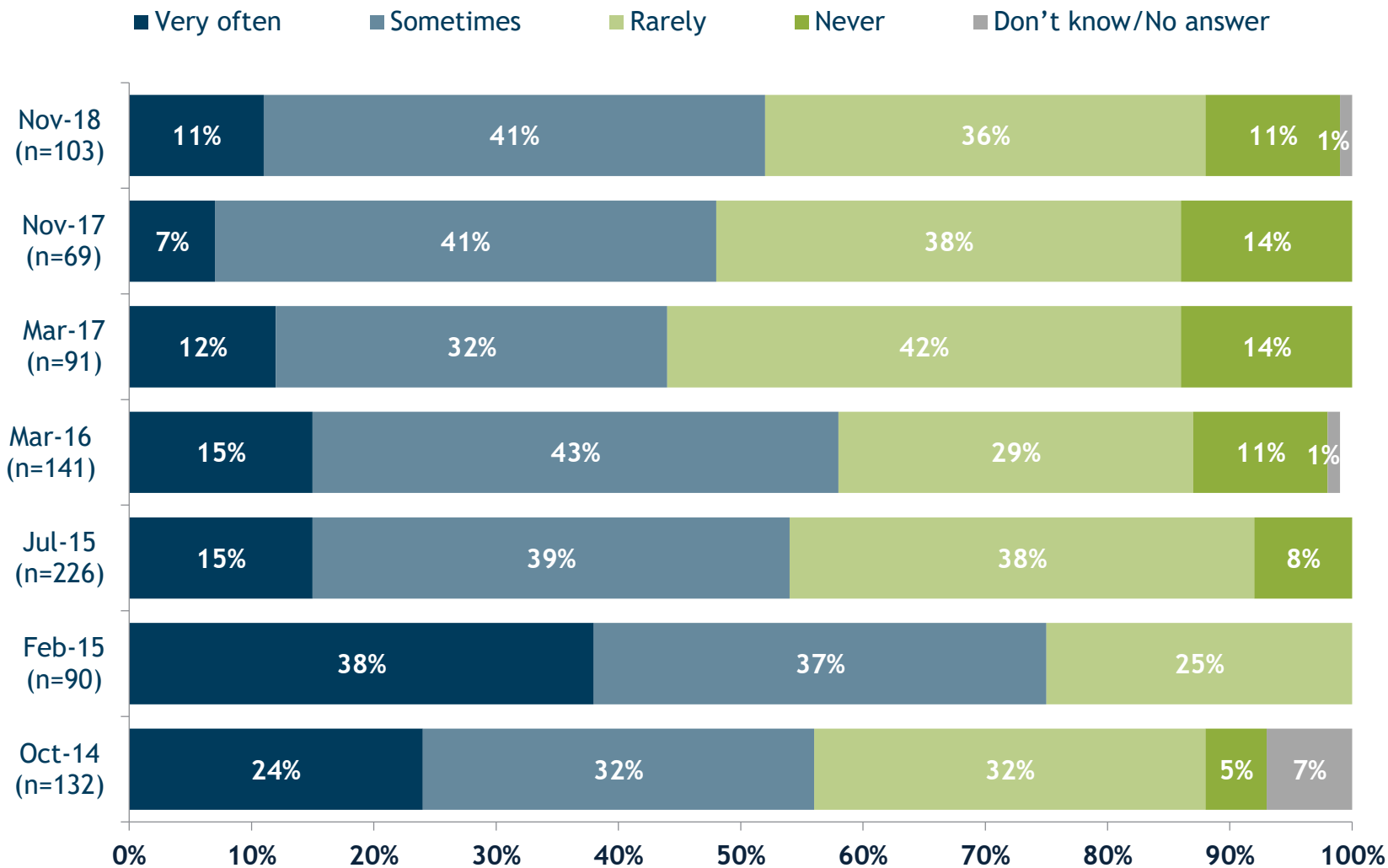
Are you interested in engaging in any of the following activities within the next several years?



Are you a member of a political party?

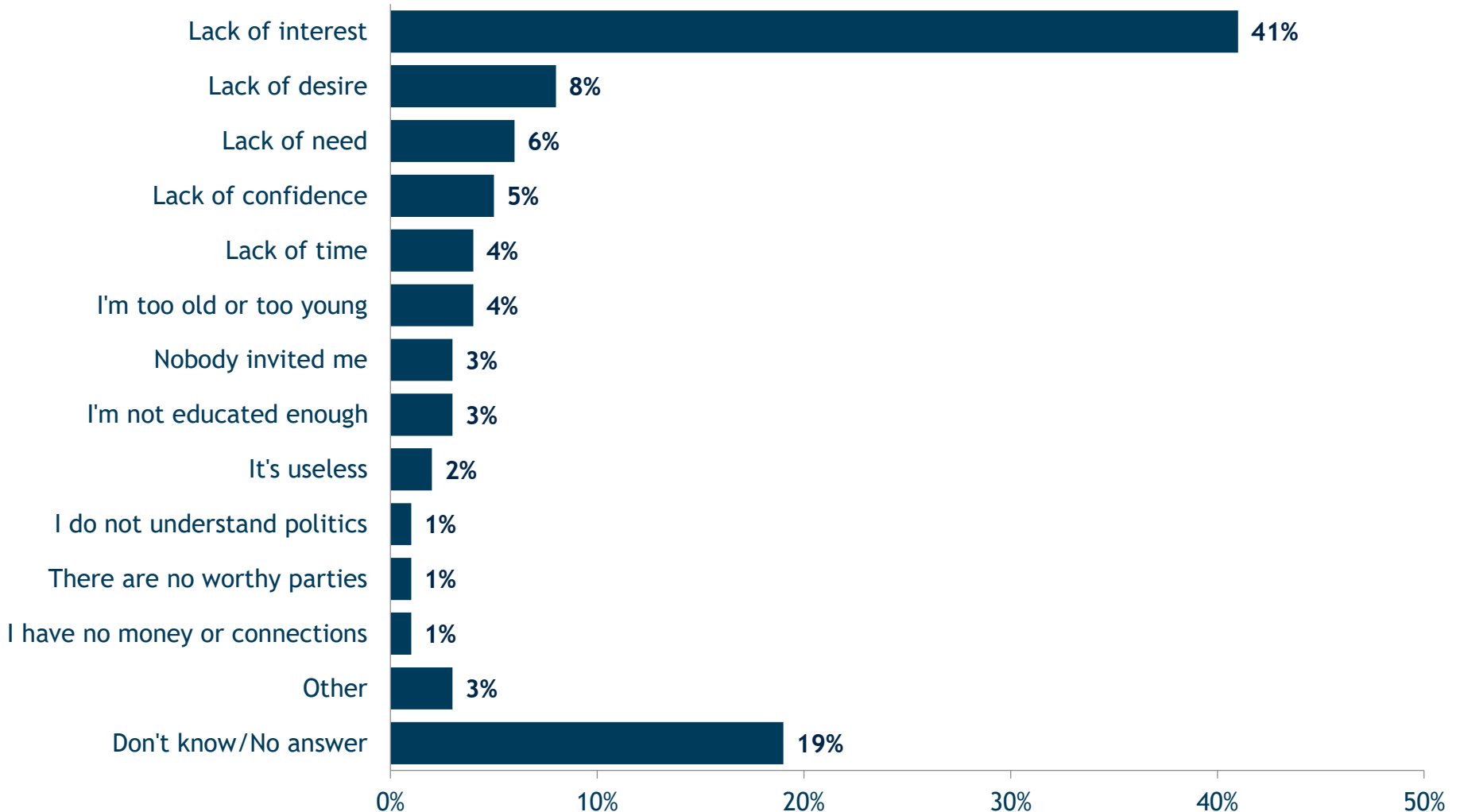


How often do you participate in political party activities? (Members of political parties)

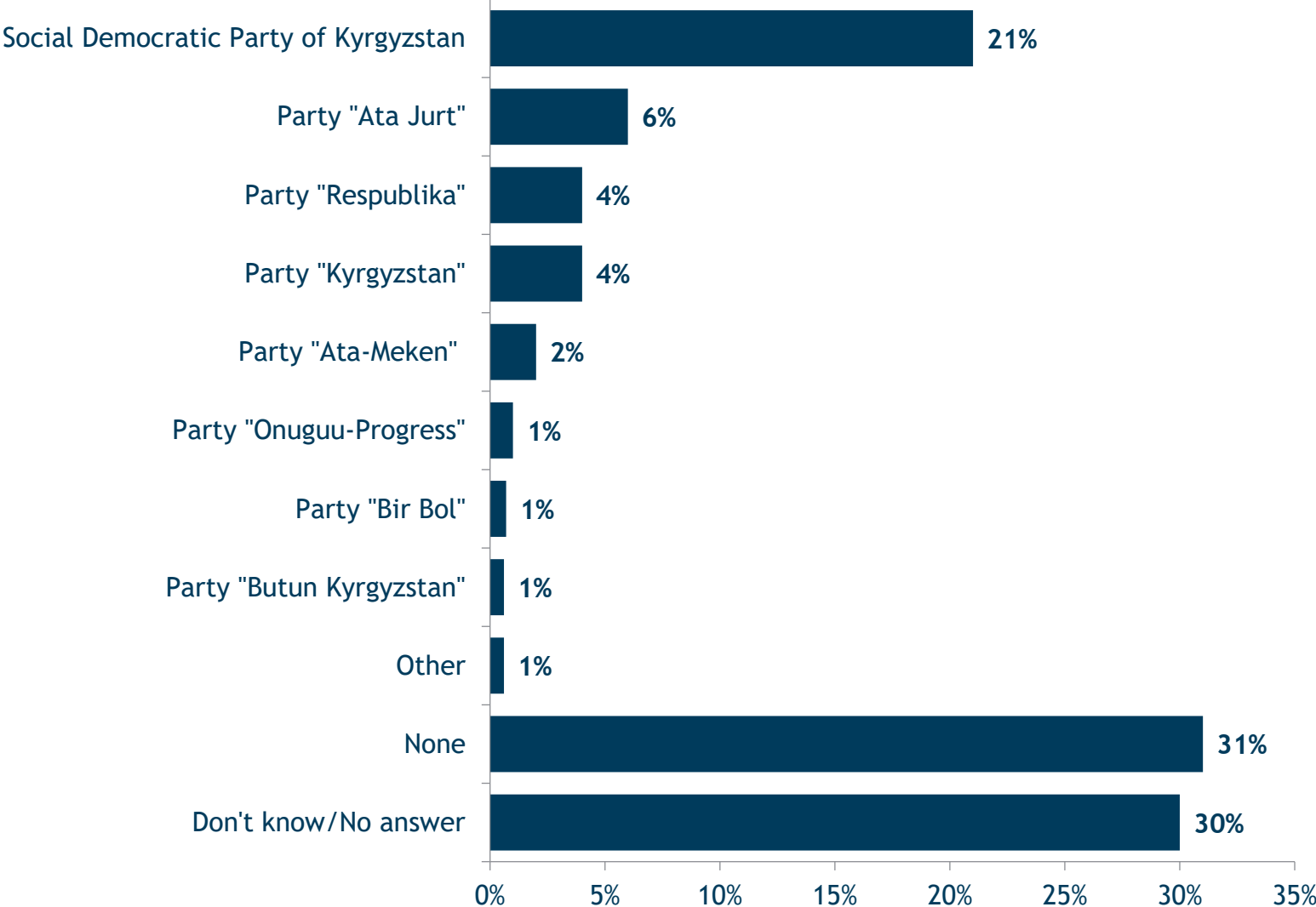


Why are you not a member of a political party?

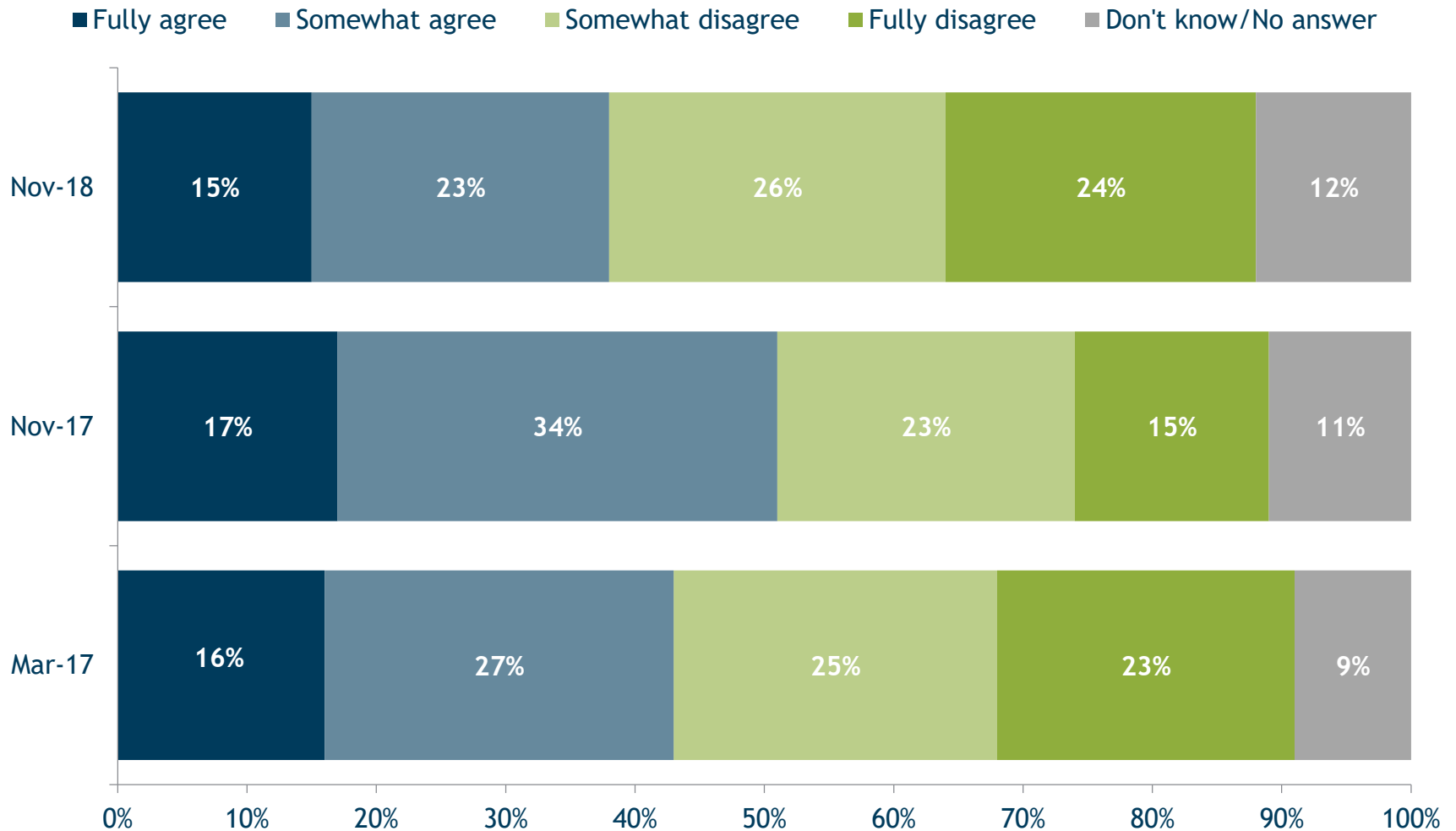
(Spontaneous answers, respondents who are not members of political parties, n=1,354)



Which political party is the most active in your region? (Spontaneous answer)



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "It is healthy for Kyrgyzstan's democracy to have multiple parties in power."

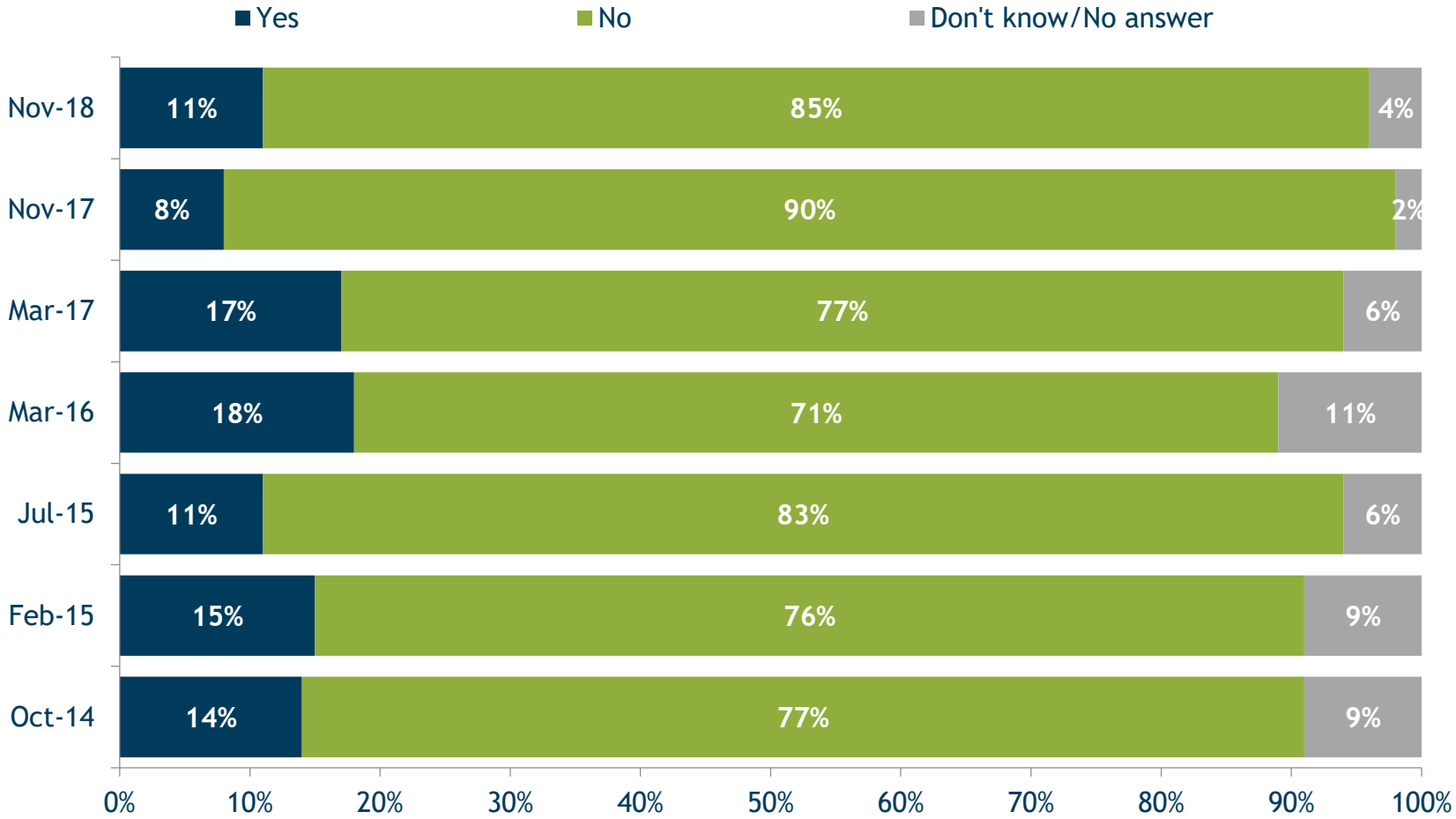




Elections

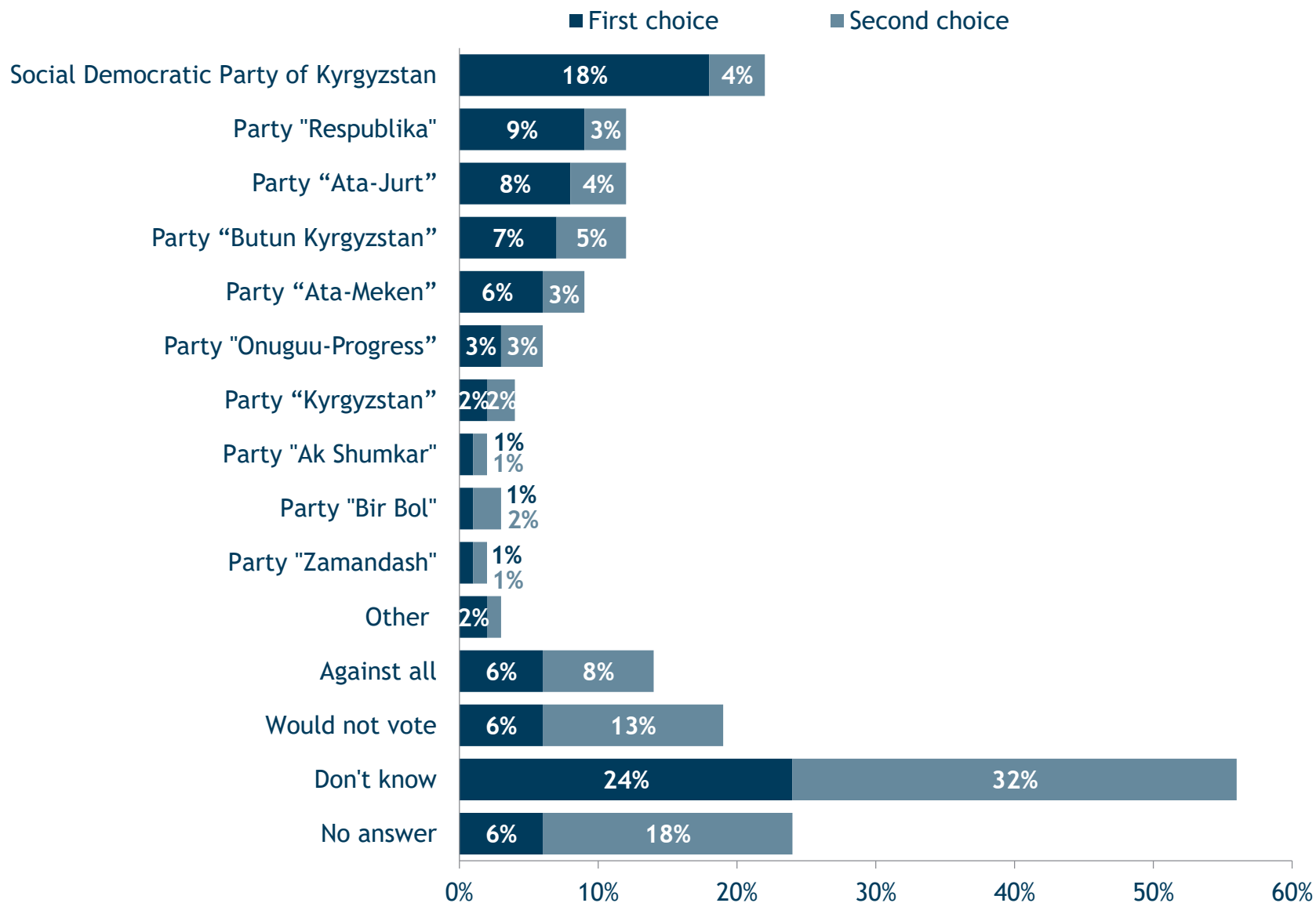


Do election results have an impact on your financial situation?



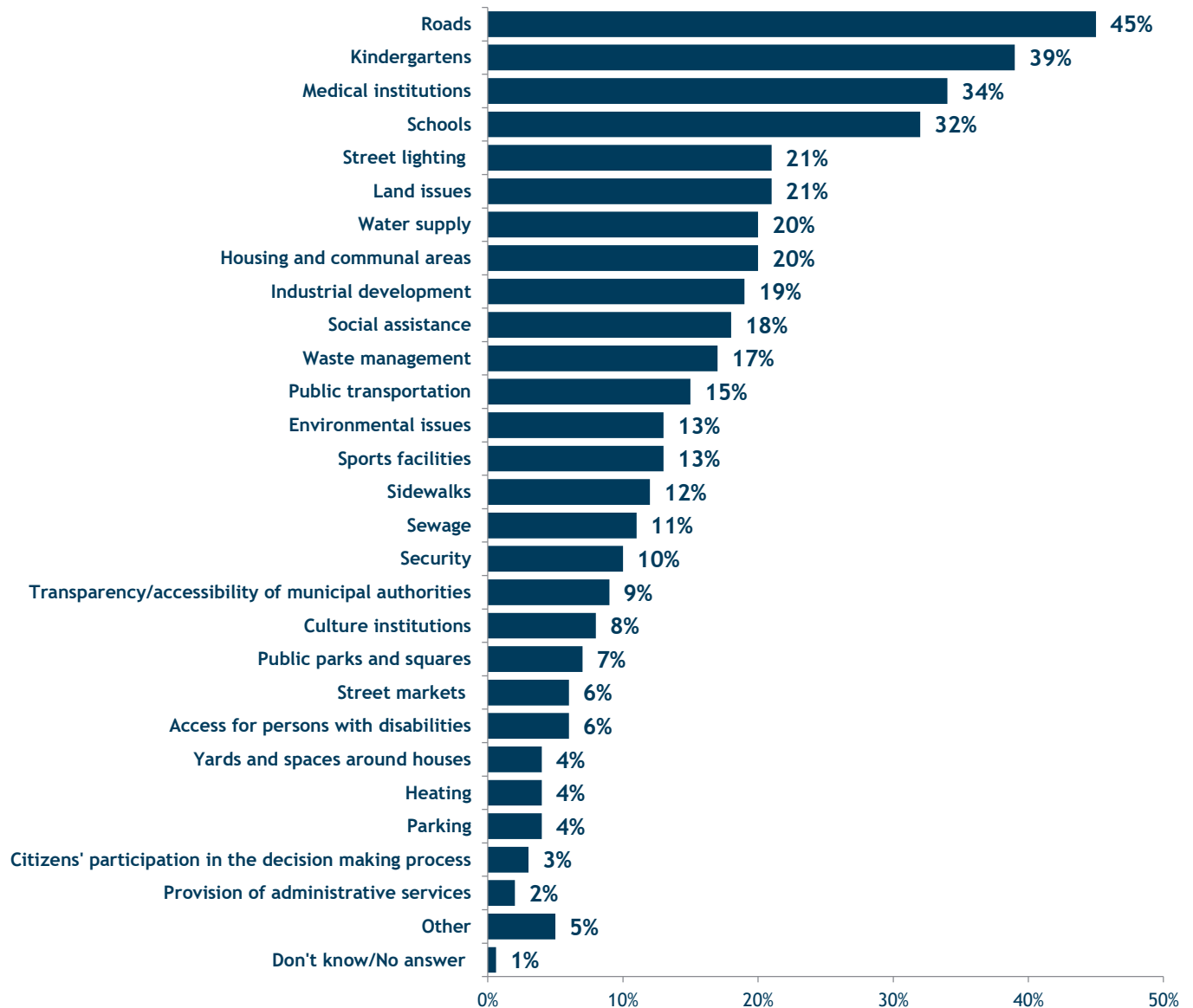
* In surveys before November 2017 the question wording was different: "In your opinion, does your financial situation depend on the results of elections in general?"

If the parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, for which party would you vote?
 If, for some reason, the party you previously mentioned as your first voting choice does not participate in the elections, for which other party would you vote?

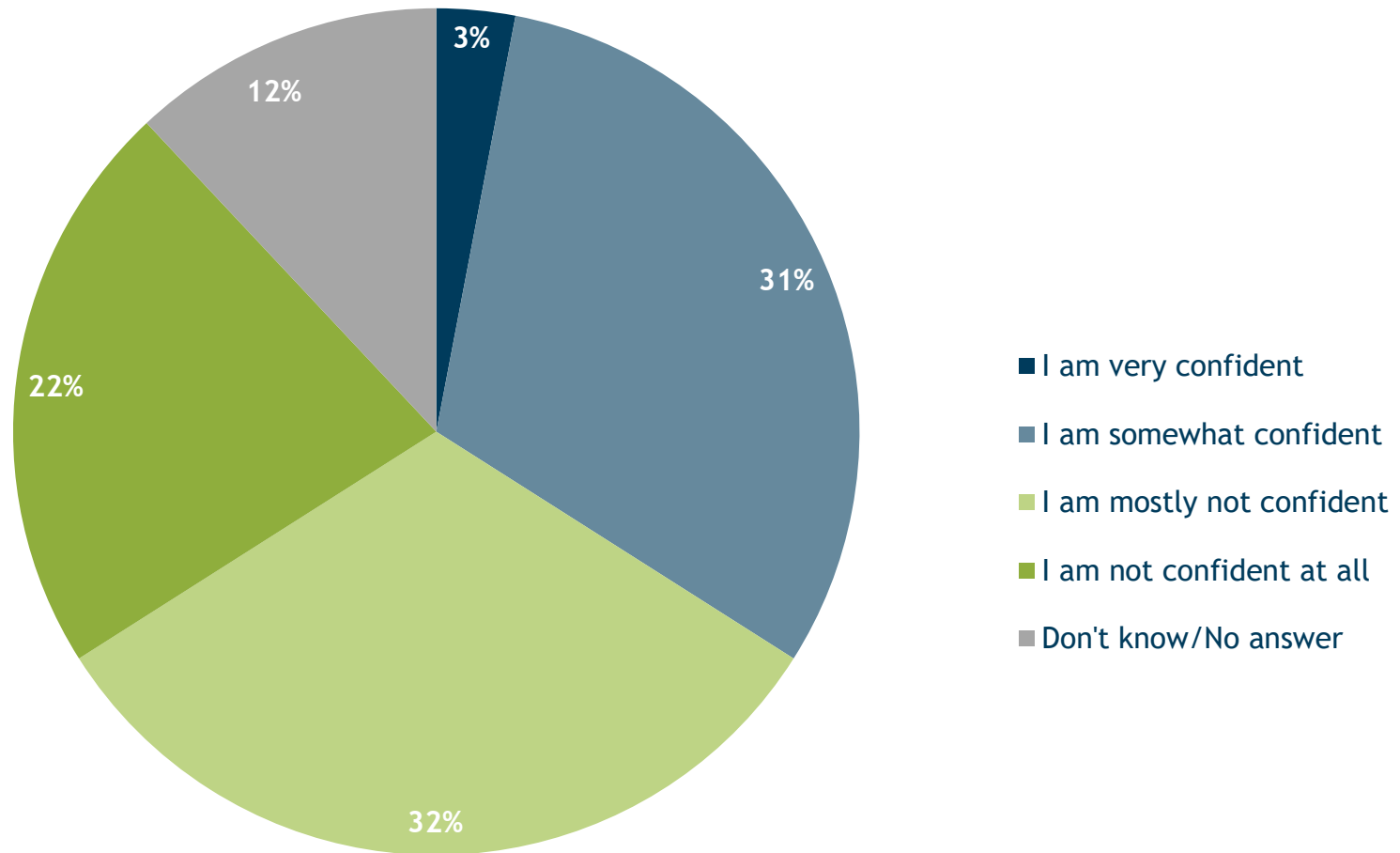


In your opinion, what areas should be of top priority for candidates in the next local elections?

(Up to five answers)



How confident are you in the people who manage and administer elections in your community?

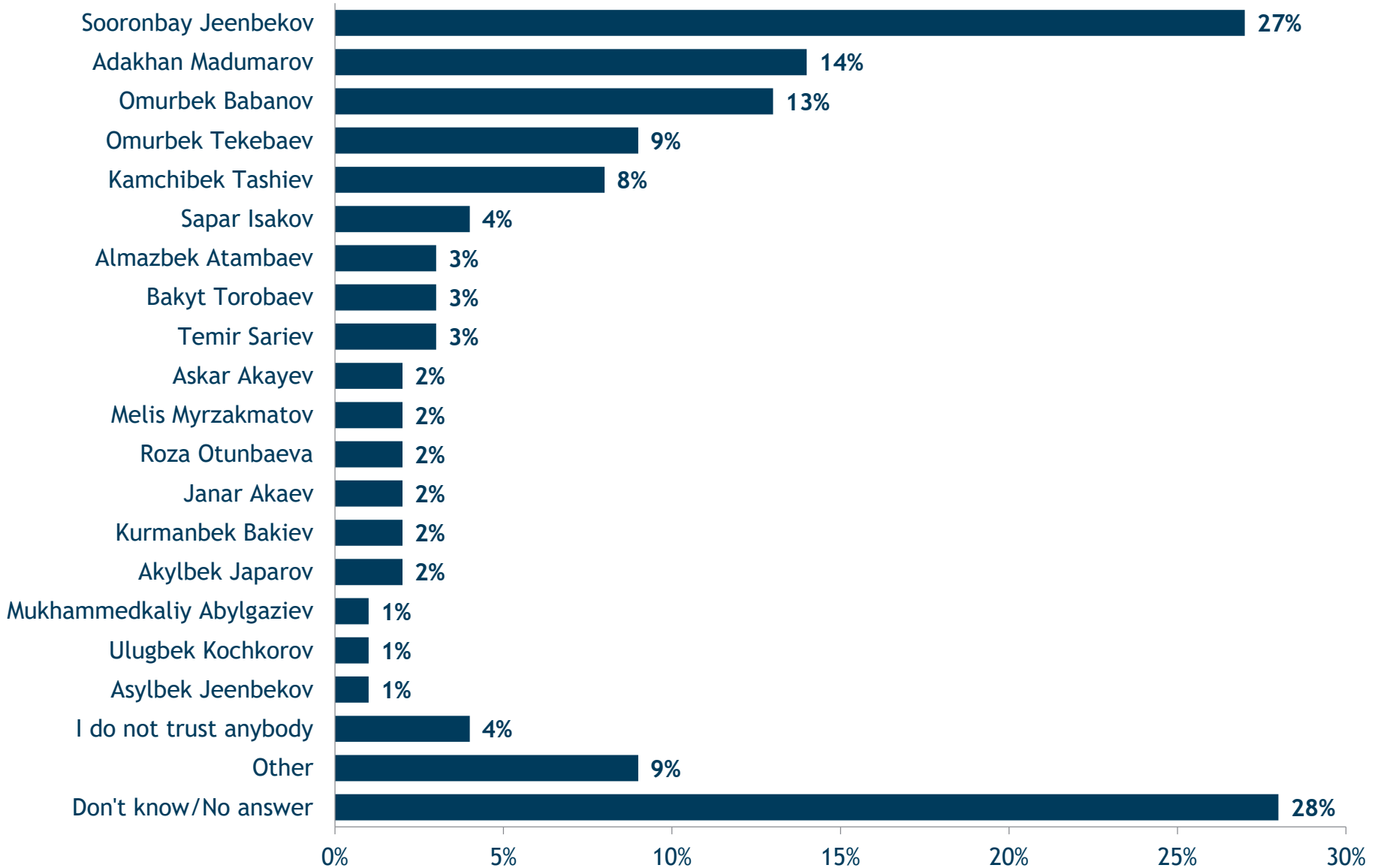




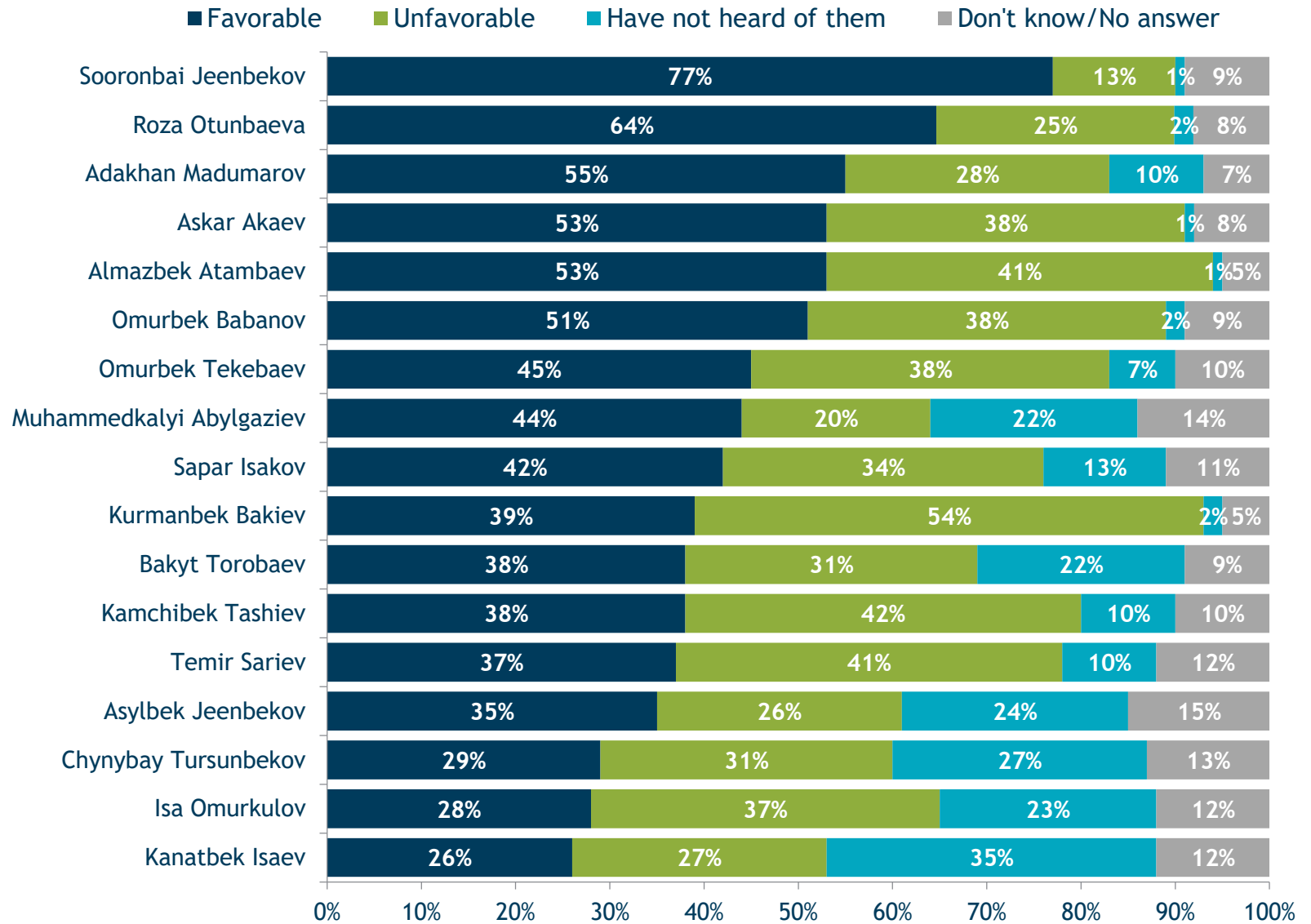
Politicians



Which politicians or public figures do you trust the most? (Up to three spontaneous answers)



What is your opinion of each of the following politicians?

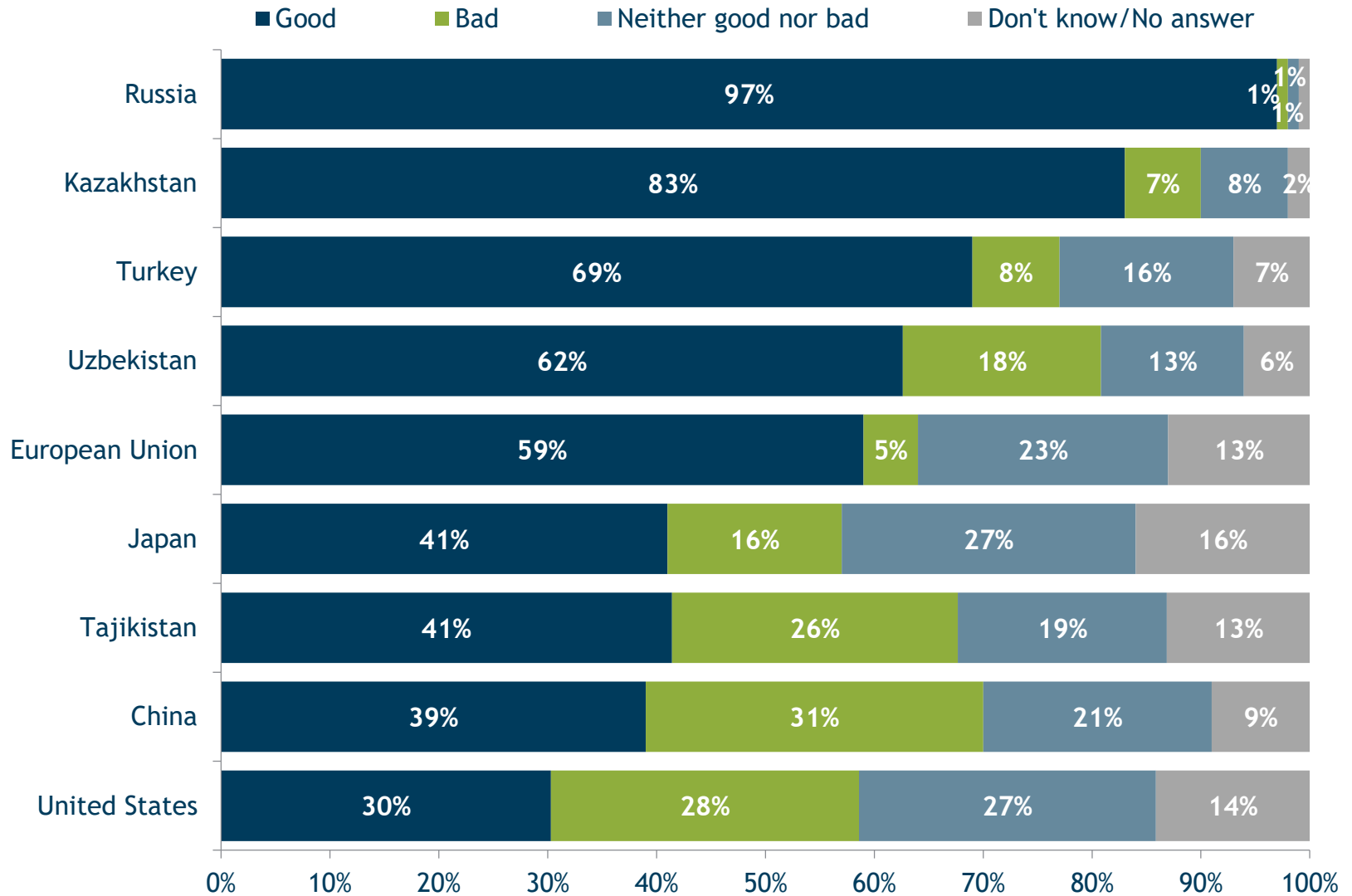




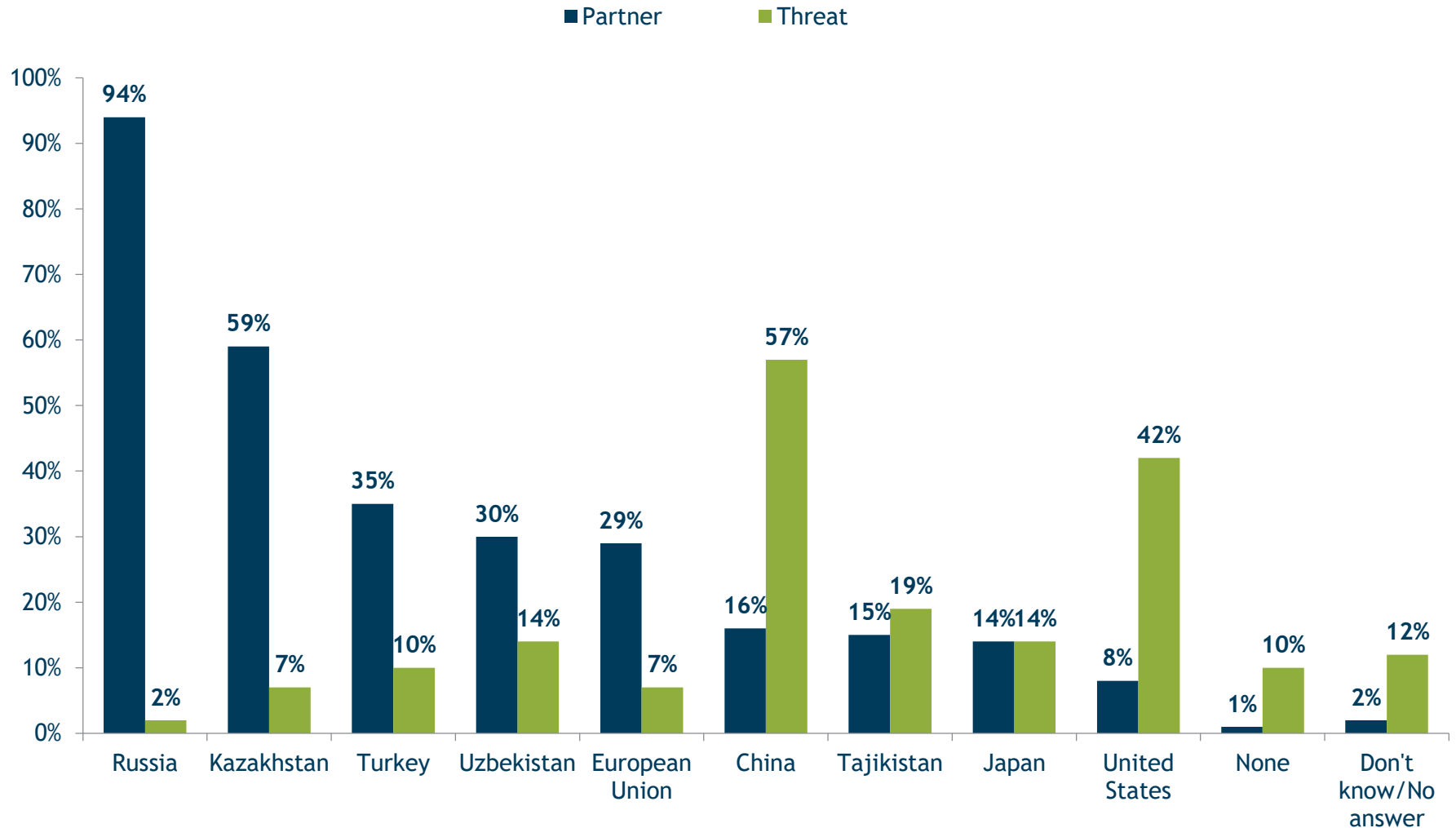
International Relations



How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and the following countries?

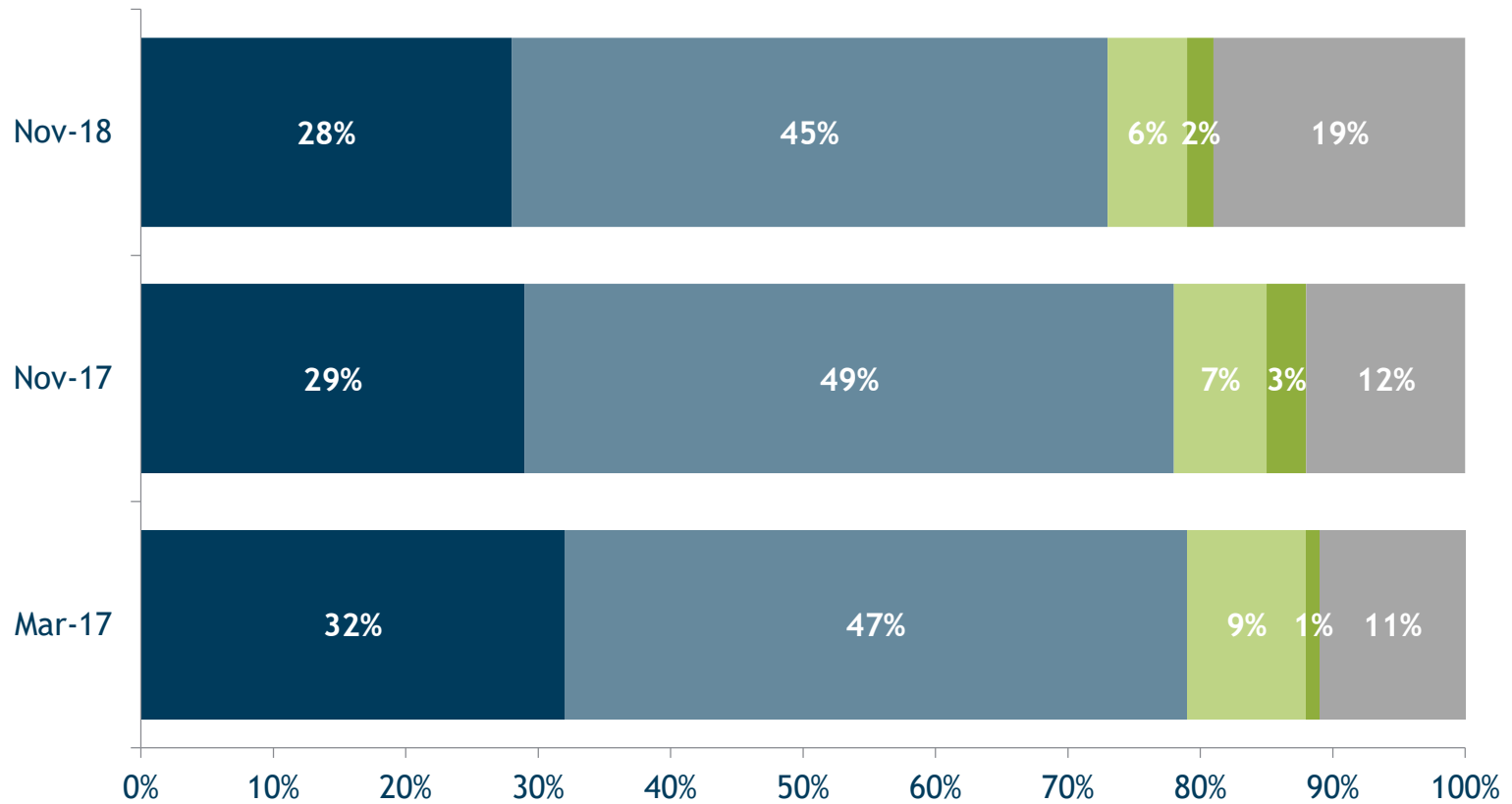


Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partners and greatest economic threats to Kyrgyzstan?

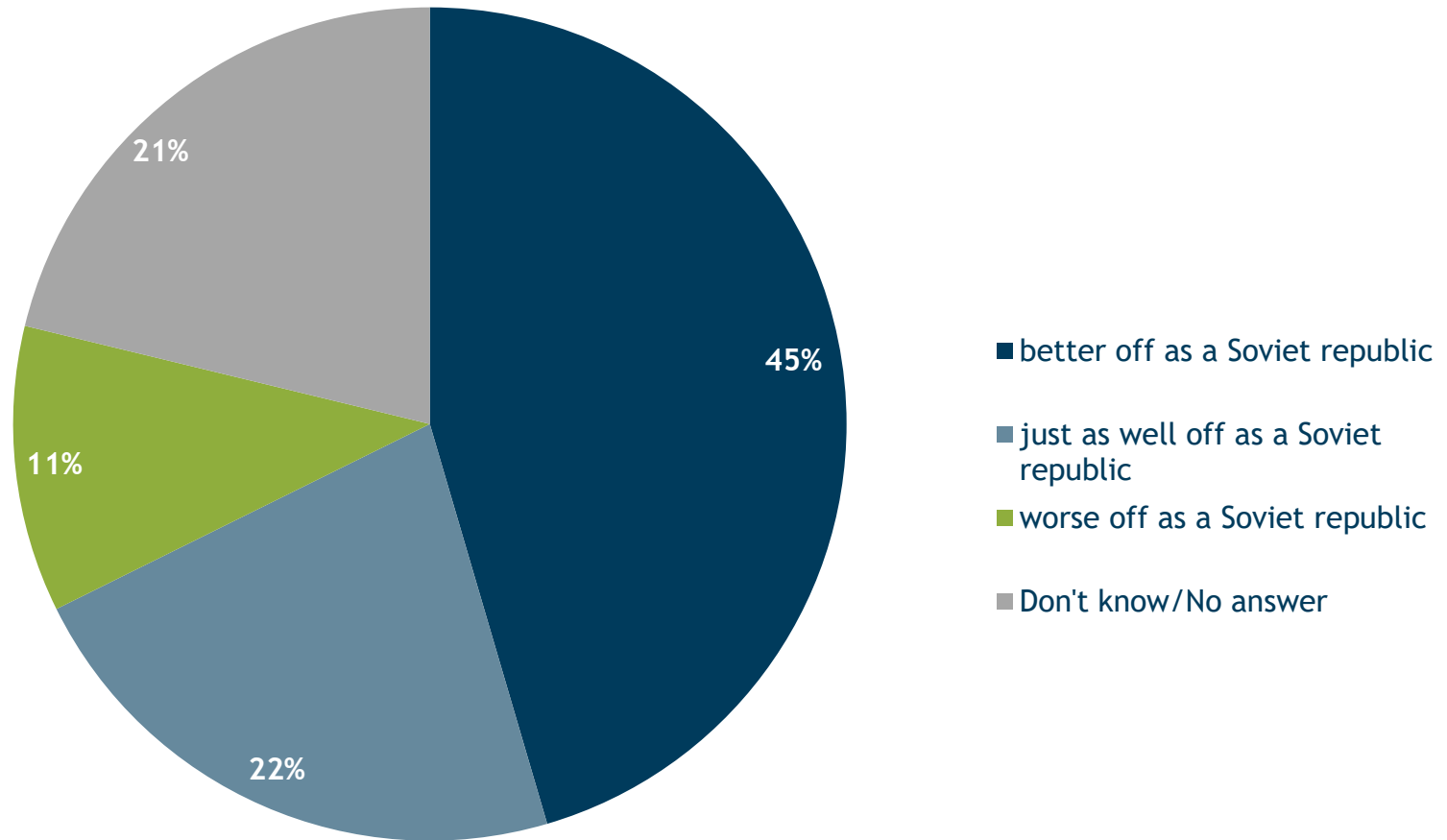


Do you believe that Kyrgyzstan joining the Eurasian Economic Union with Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Armenia has been positive or negative for Kyrgyzstan?

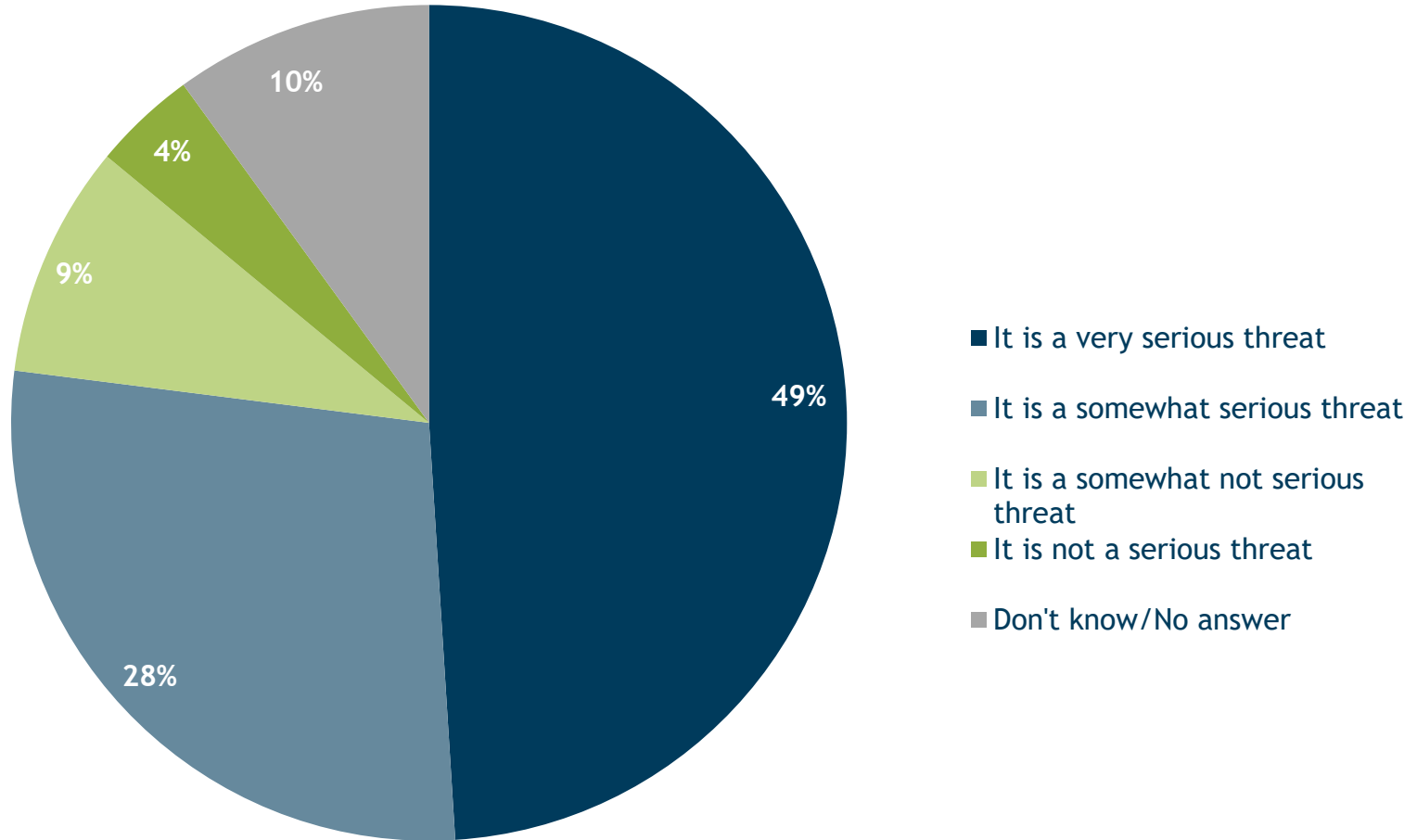
■ Very positive ■ Somewhat positive ■ Somewhat negative ■ Very negative ■ Don't know/No answer



Do you believe that Kyrgyzstan was:



Do you believe that violent religious extremism poses a threat in Kyrgyzstan?

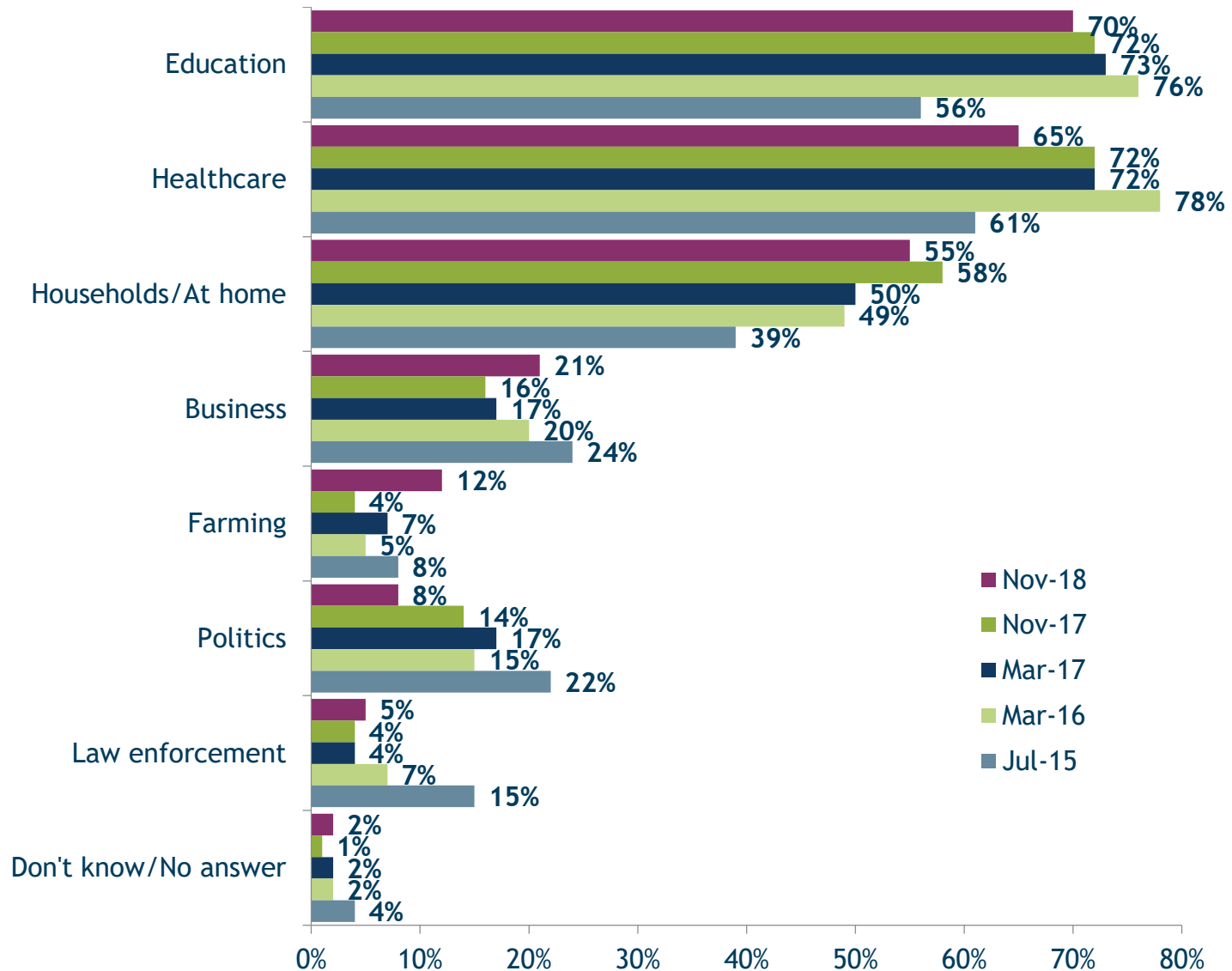




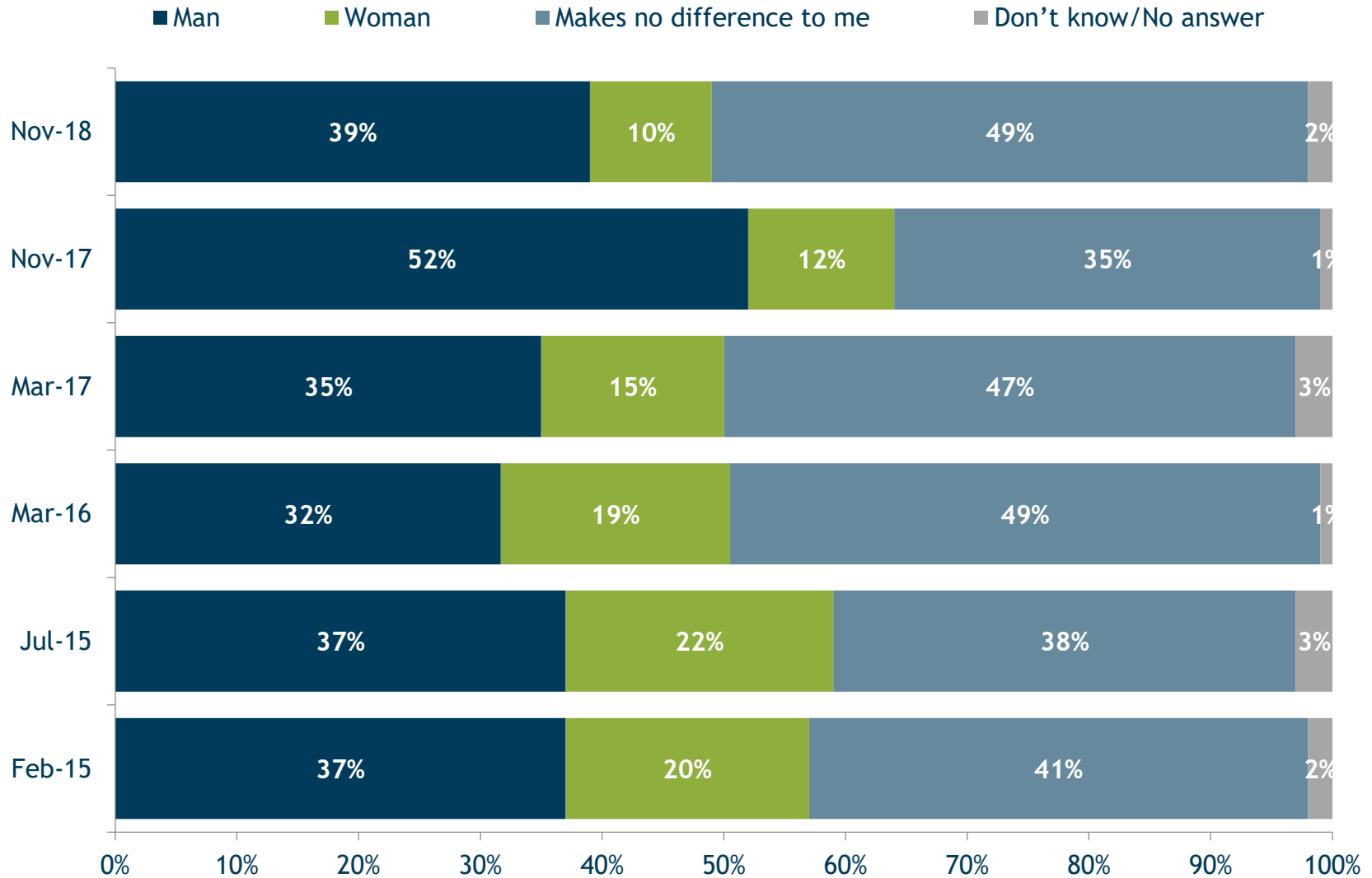
Human Rights



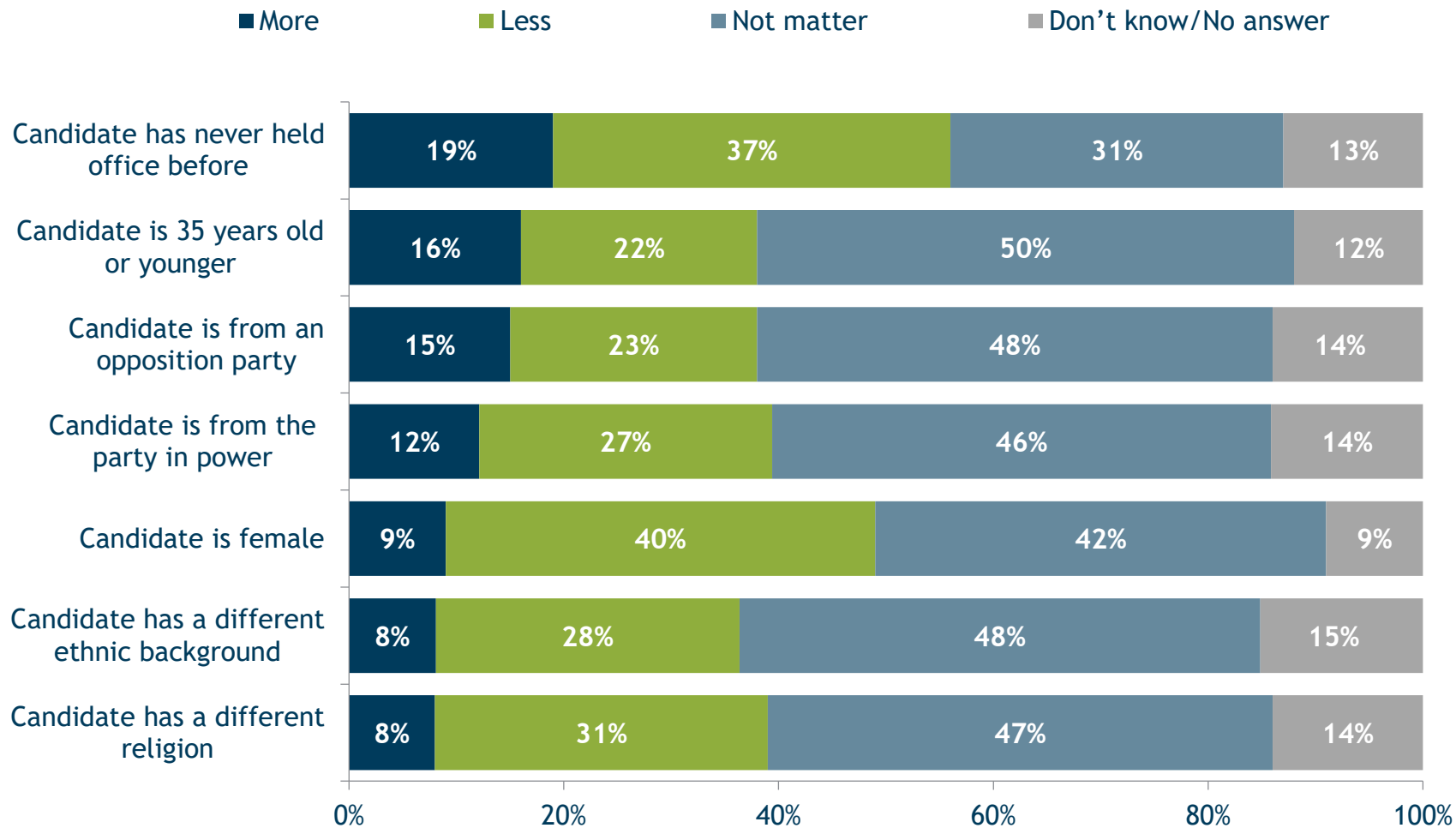
Which sectors of society do you feel are most important for women to play an expanded role in? (Three answers)



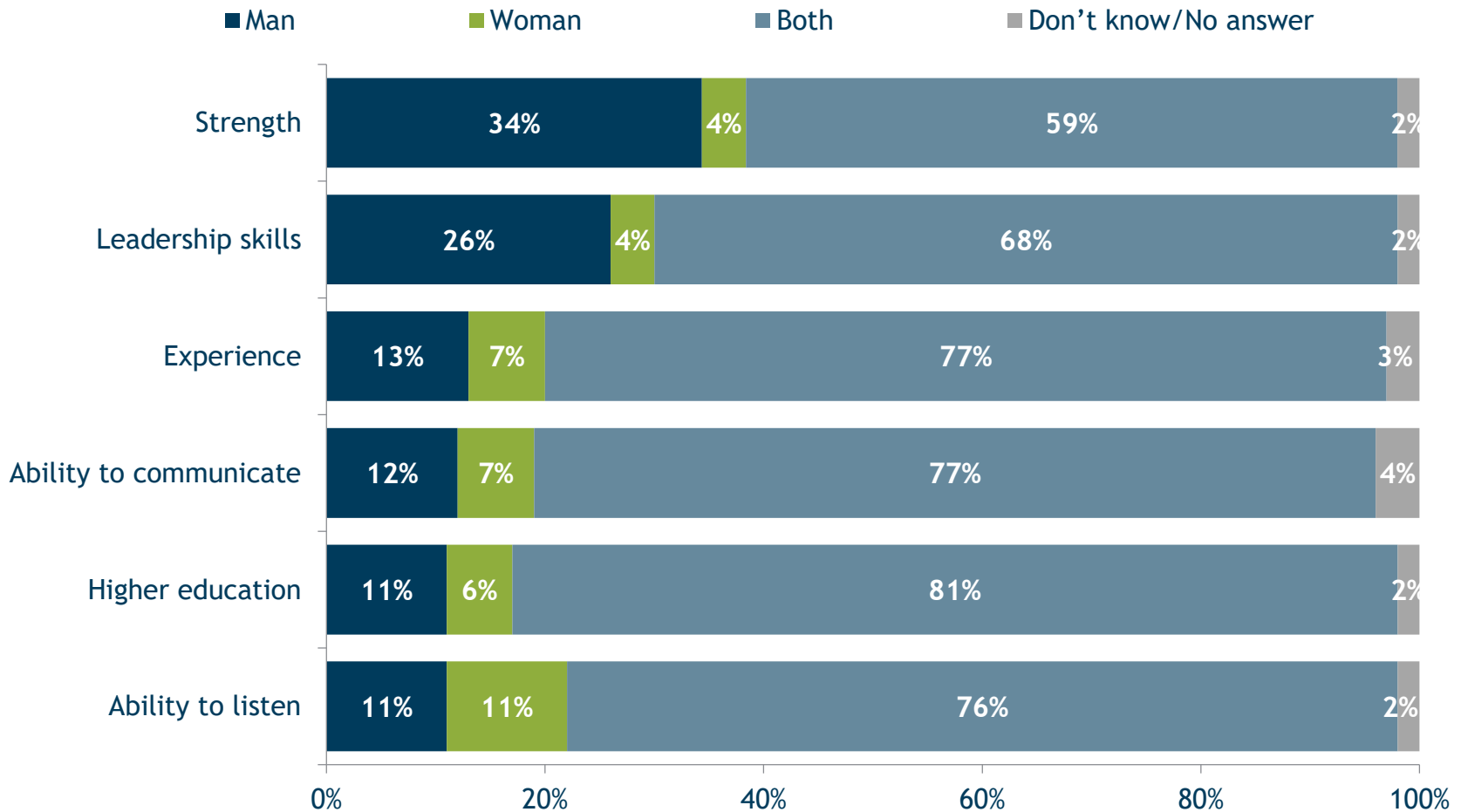
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



I will read you a list of several attributes a candidate running for office may have. For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter.

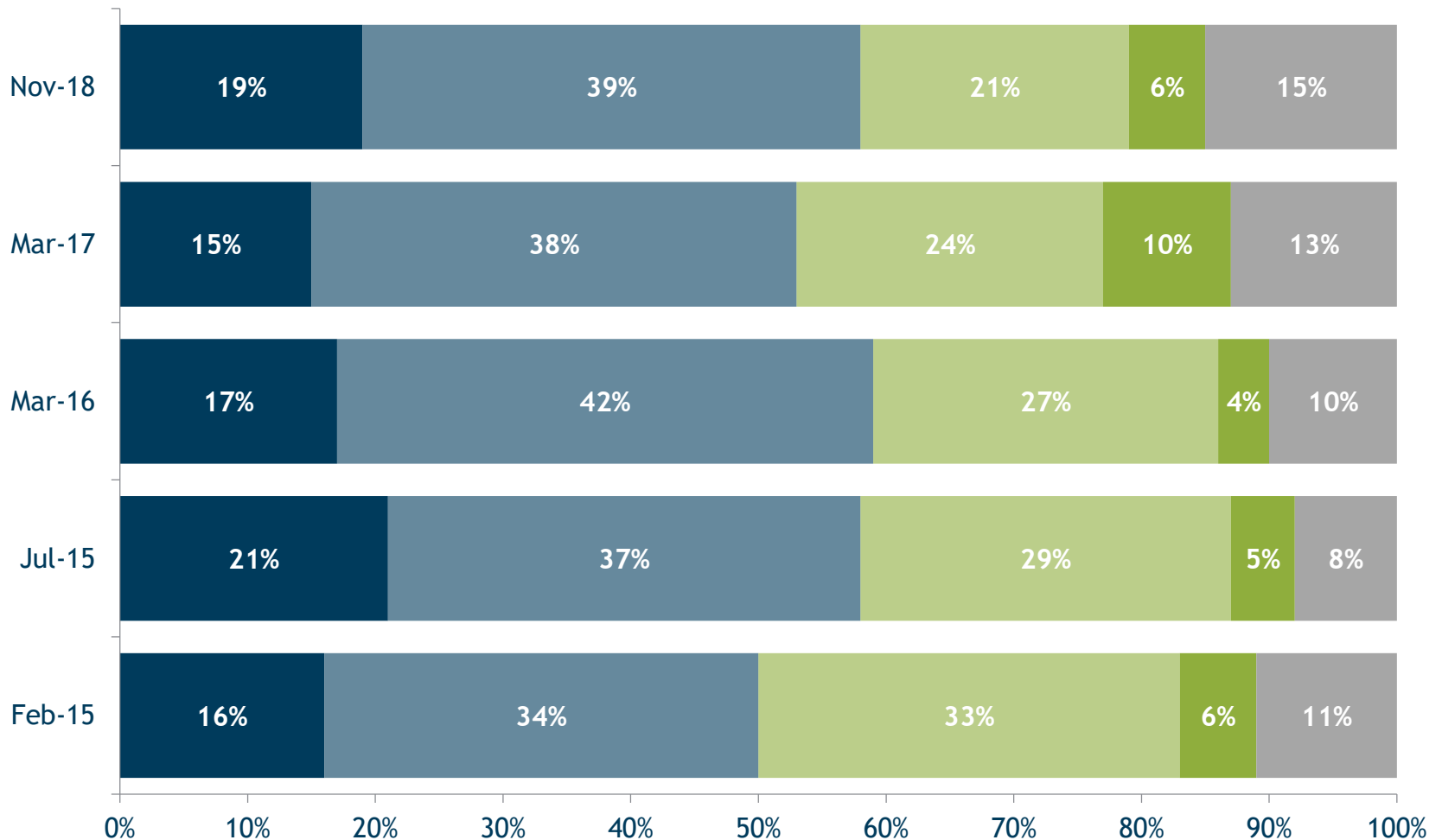


I will read you a list of several qualities voters commonly seek in politicians. For each quality, please tell me if it is more likely for men to have it, for women to have it, or if both genders are equally likely to have it.



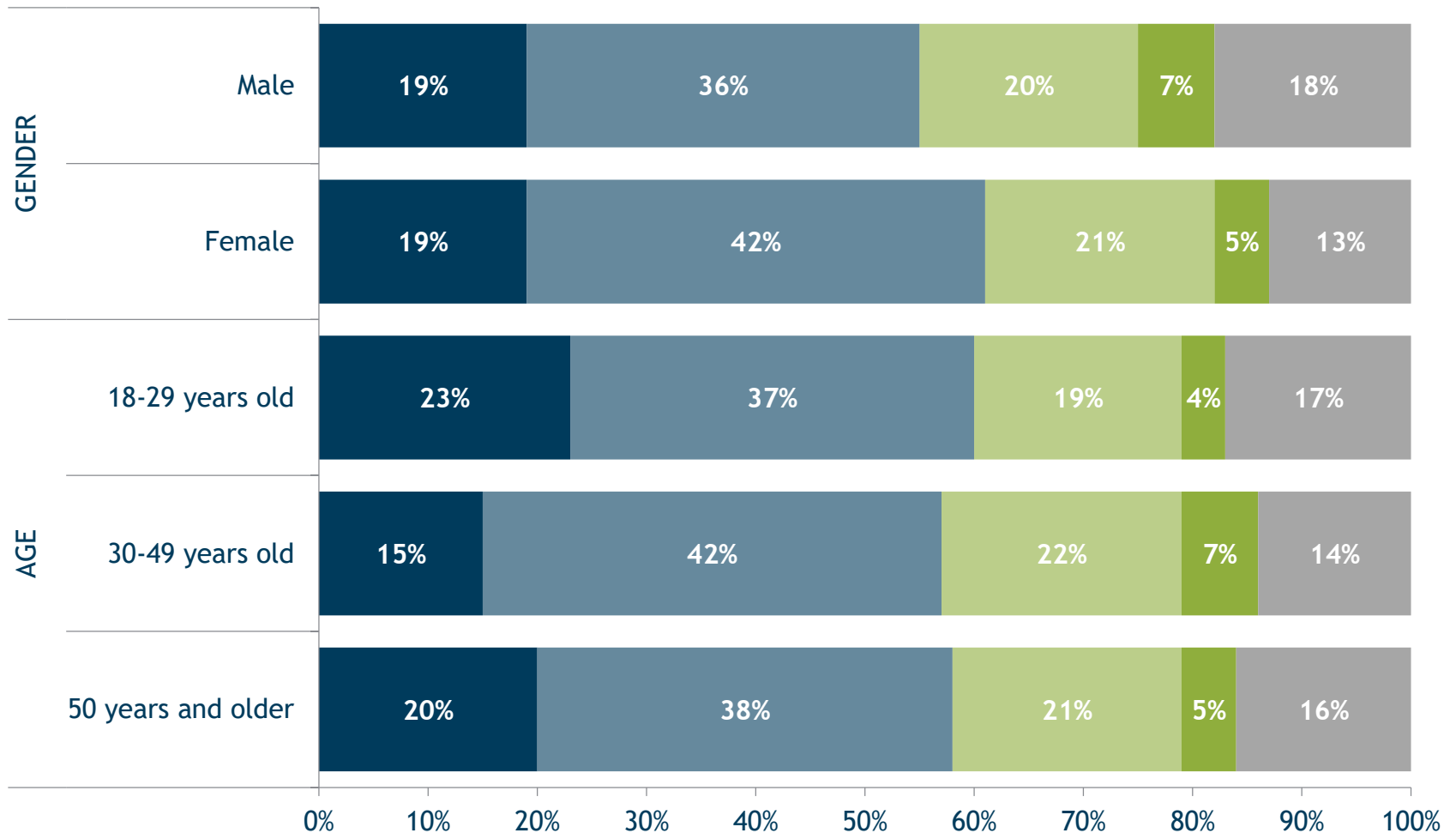
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know/No answer



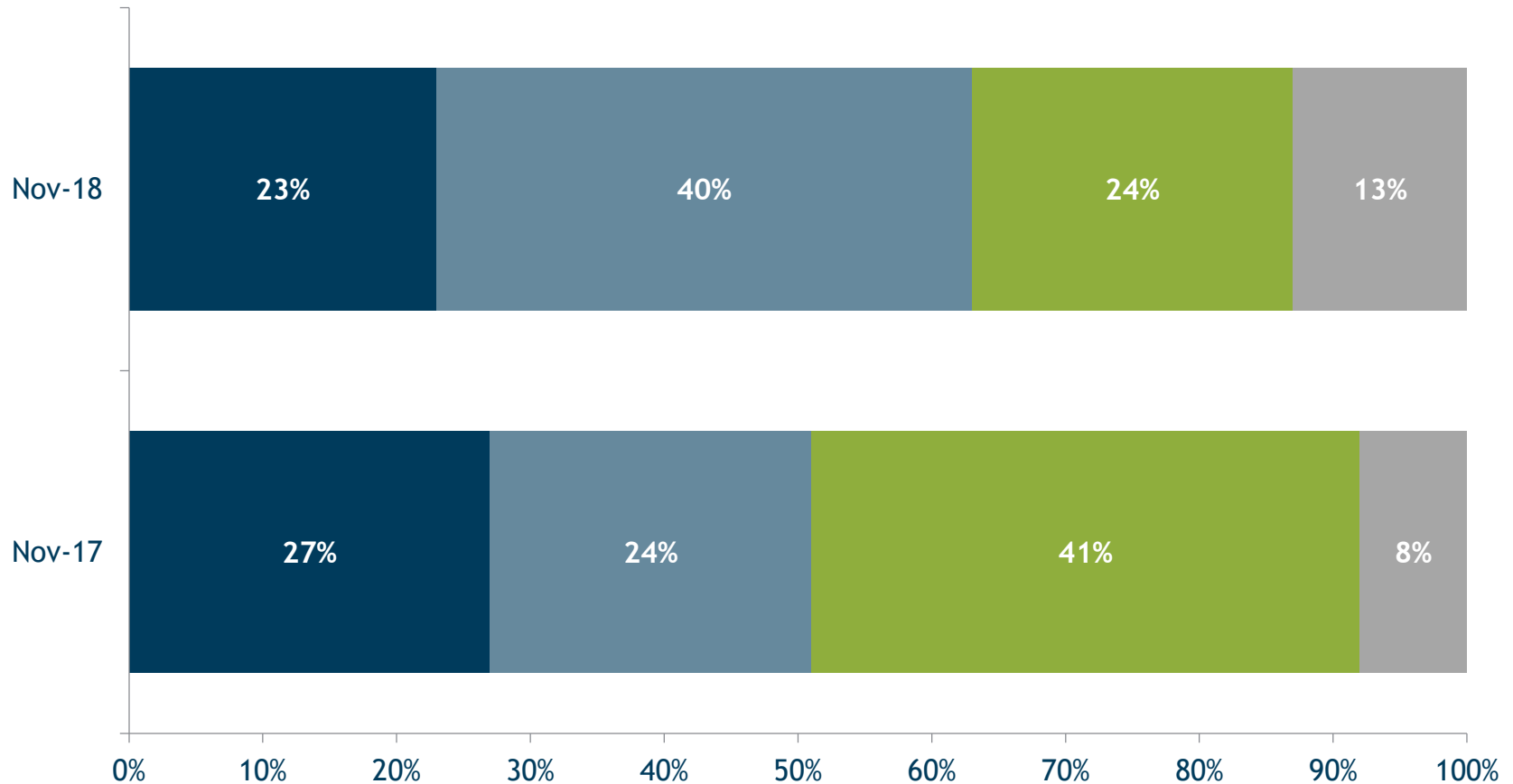
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.” (Disaggregated by gender and age)

■ Strongly agree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Don't know/No answer



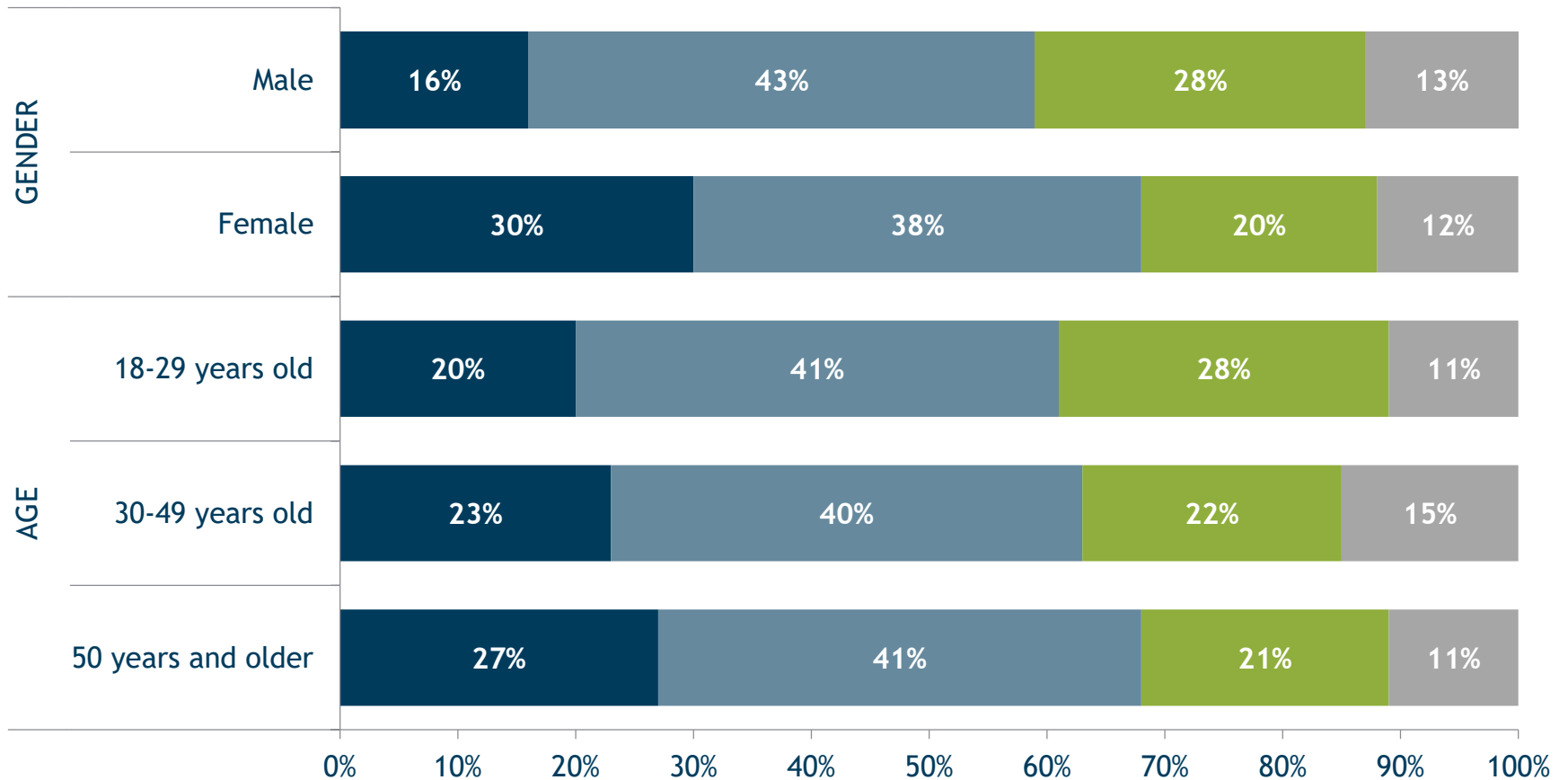
In your opinion, should there be more women in Kyrgyz politics?

- Yes, there should be more women in Kyrgyz politics
- There should be the same level of women as there currently is
- No, there should be less women in Kyrgyz politics
- Don't know/No answer

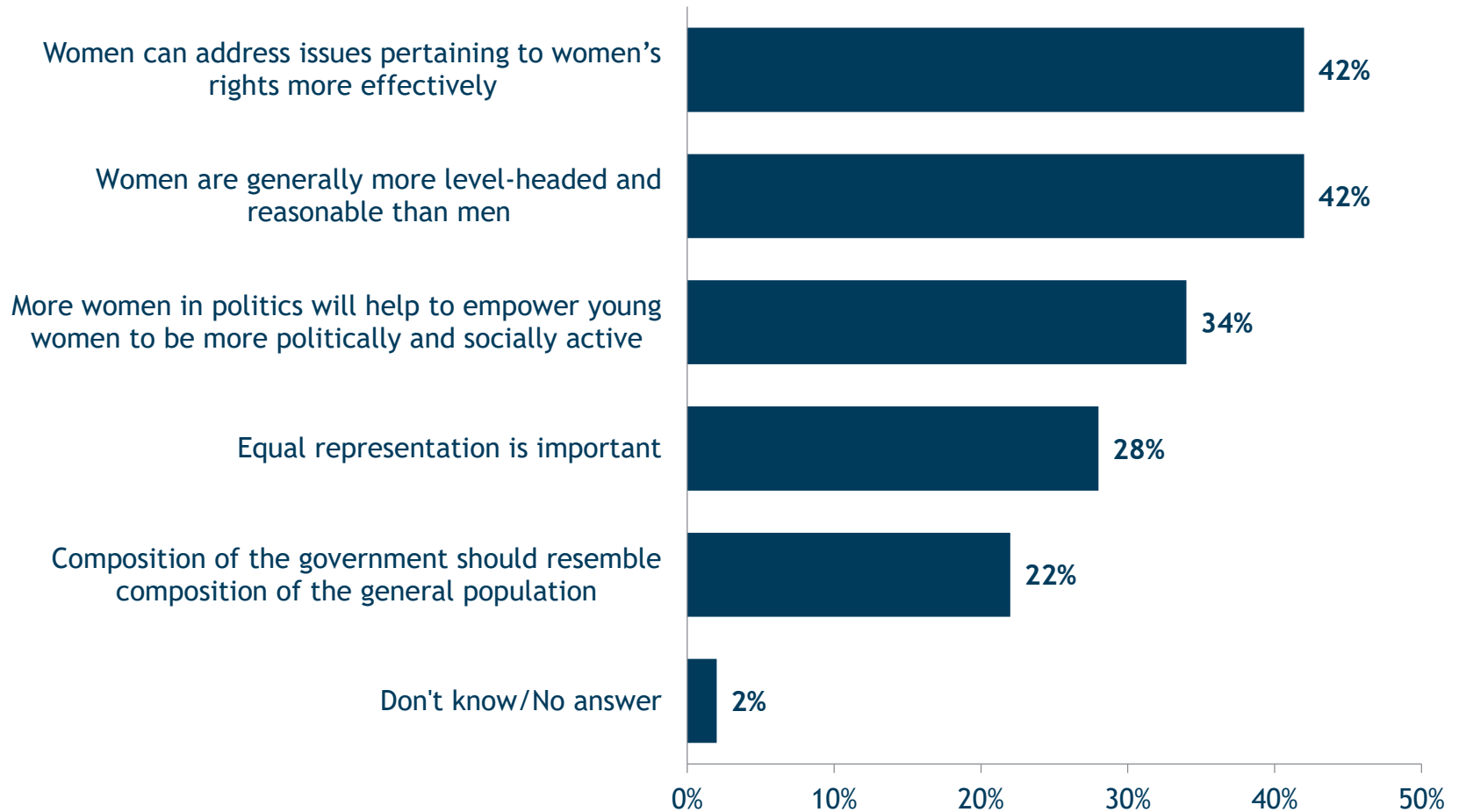


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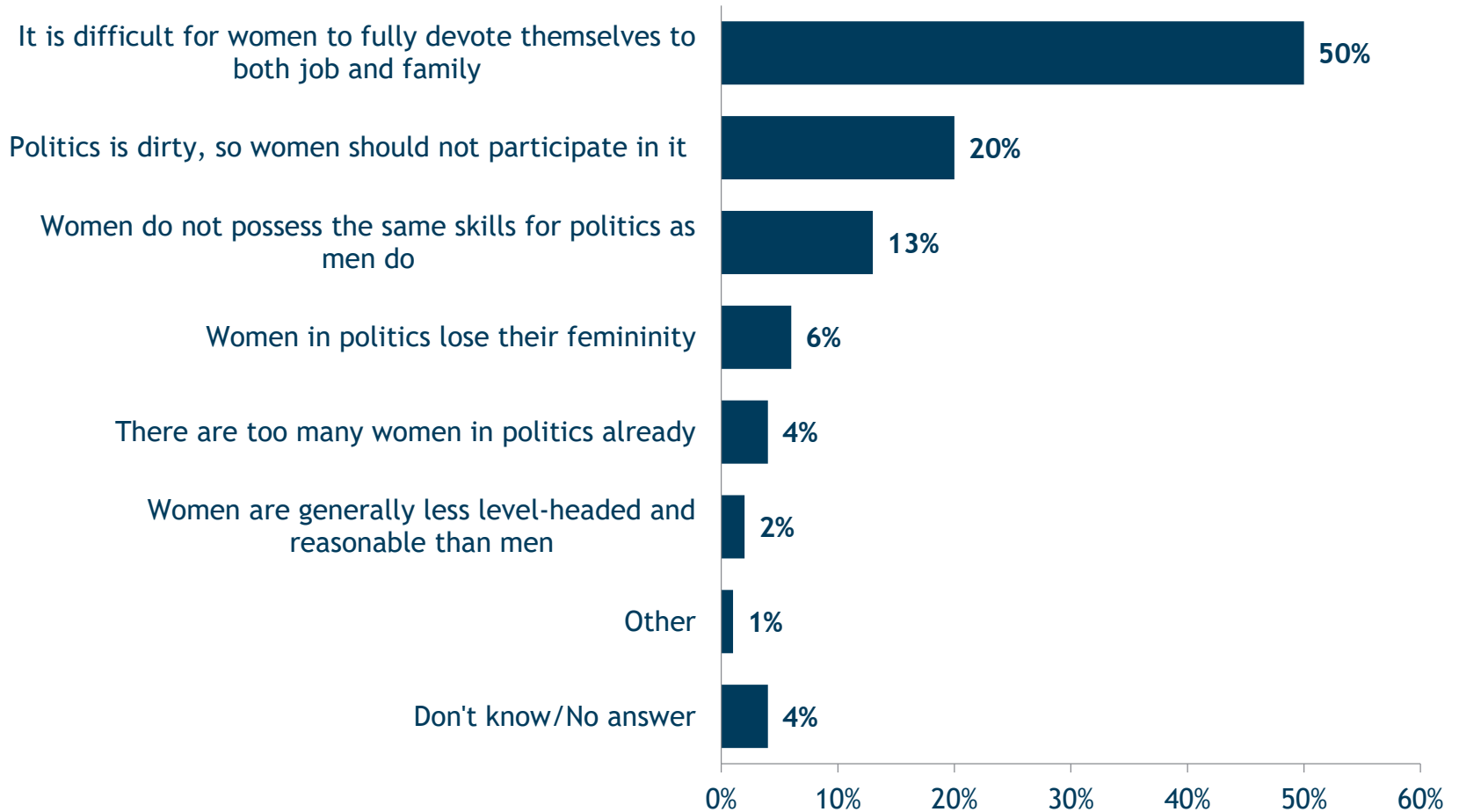


If yes, why do you believe there should be more women in Kyrgyz politics? (Multiple answers, respondents who think there should be more women in politics, n=346)

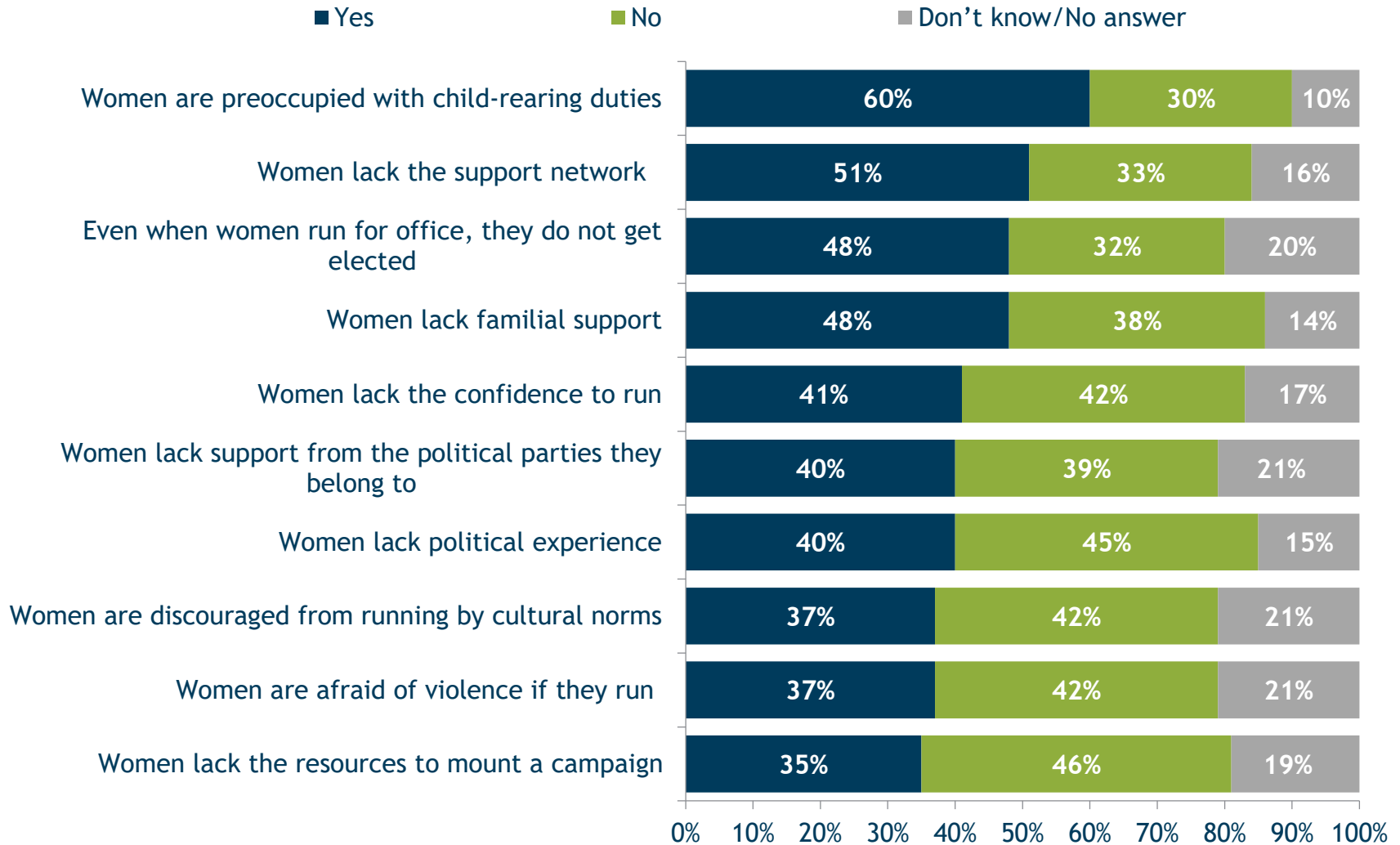


If no, why do we need fewer women in politics?

(Multiple answers, respondents who do not think there should be more women in politics, n=354)

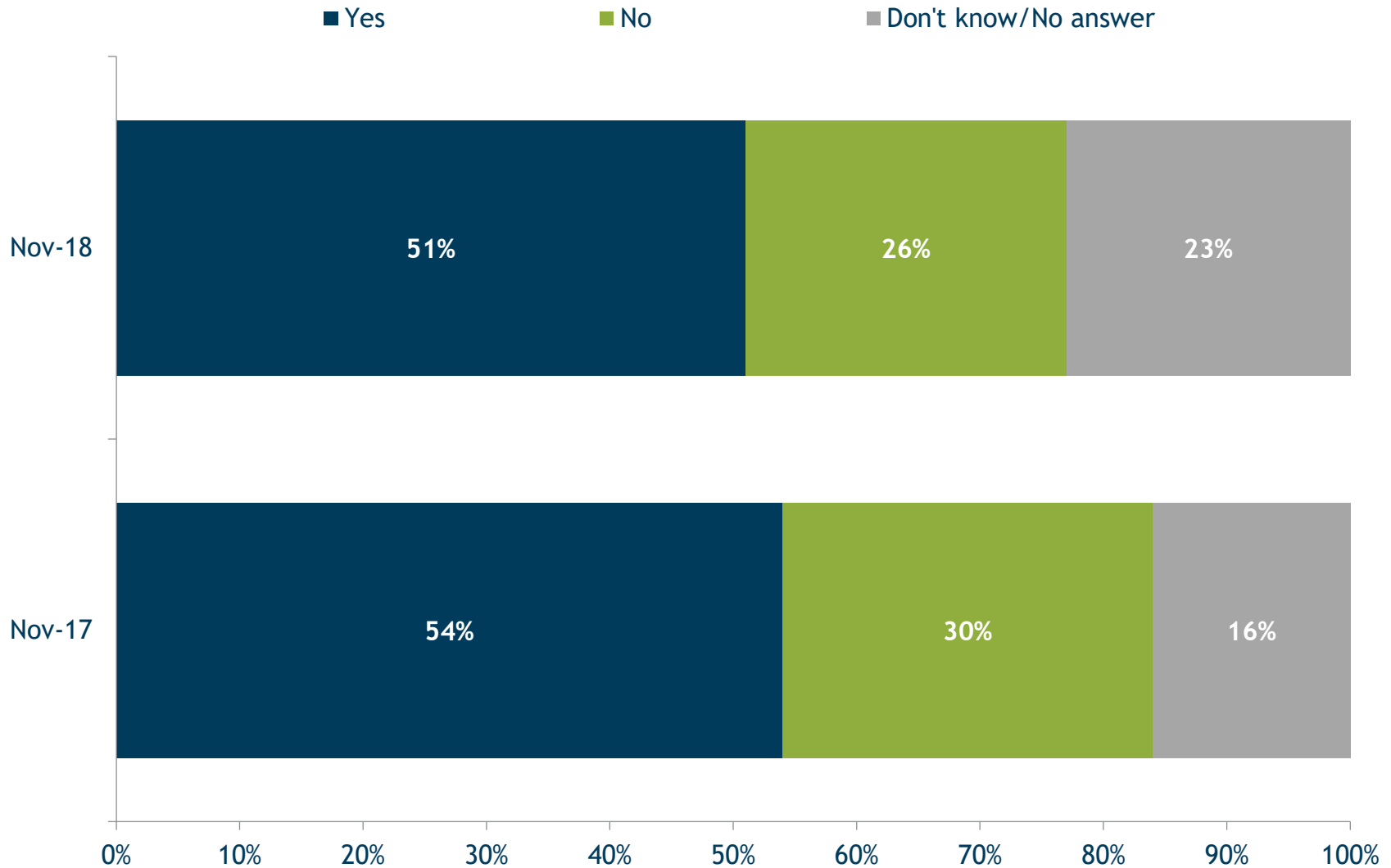


Why are there not more women politically engaged in Kyrgyzstan?



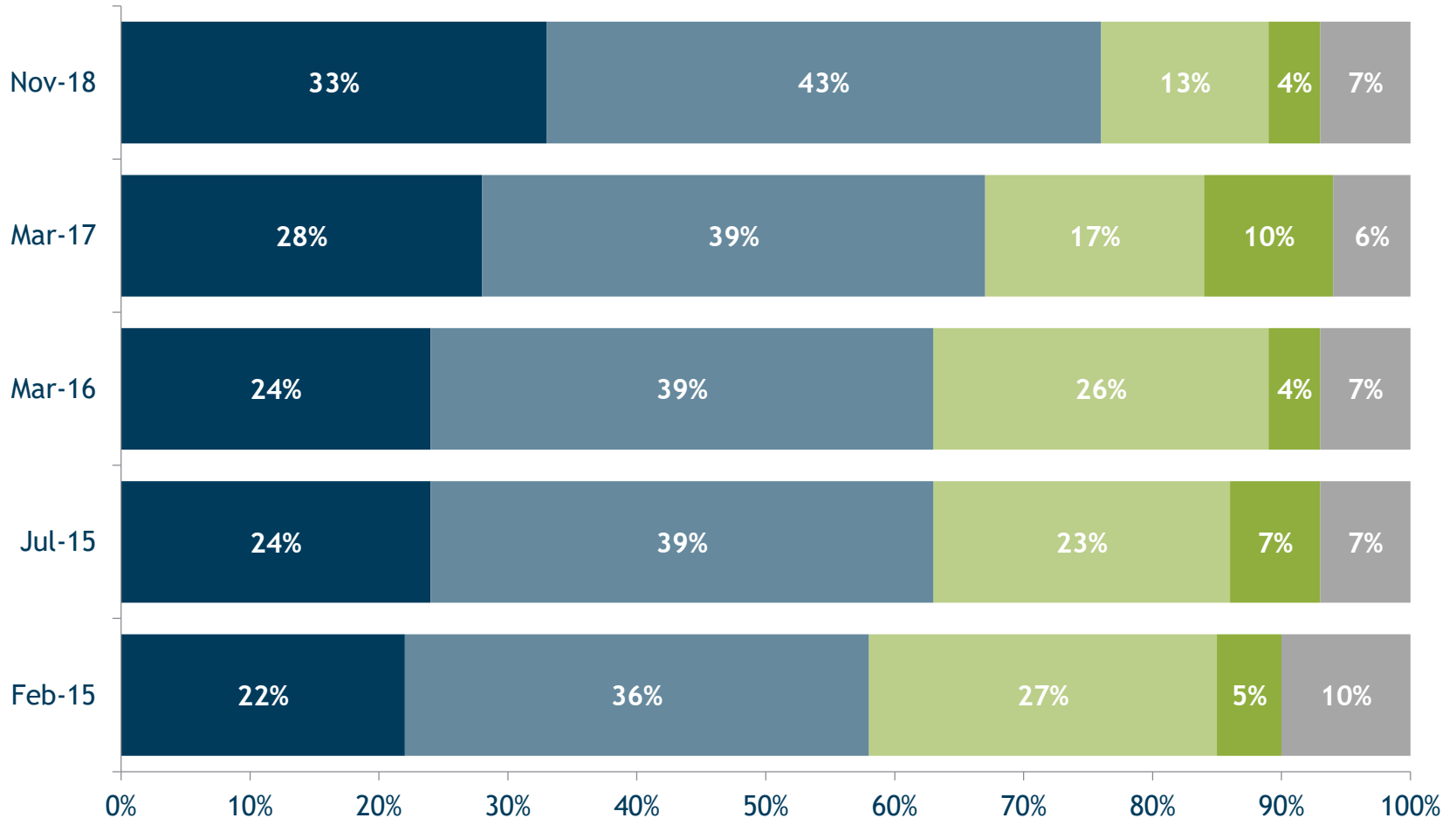
*Respondents were prompted with the above list of potential explanations, which was assembled based on answers received in previous years of polling.

Do you believe Kyrgyzstan should have a gender quota to ensure that women and men are more equally represented?



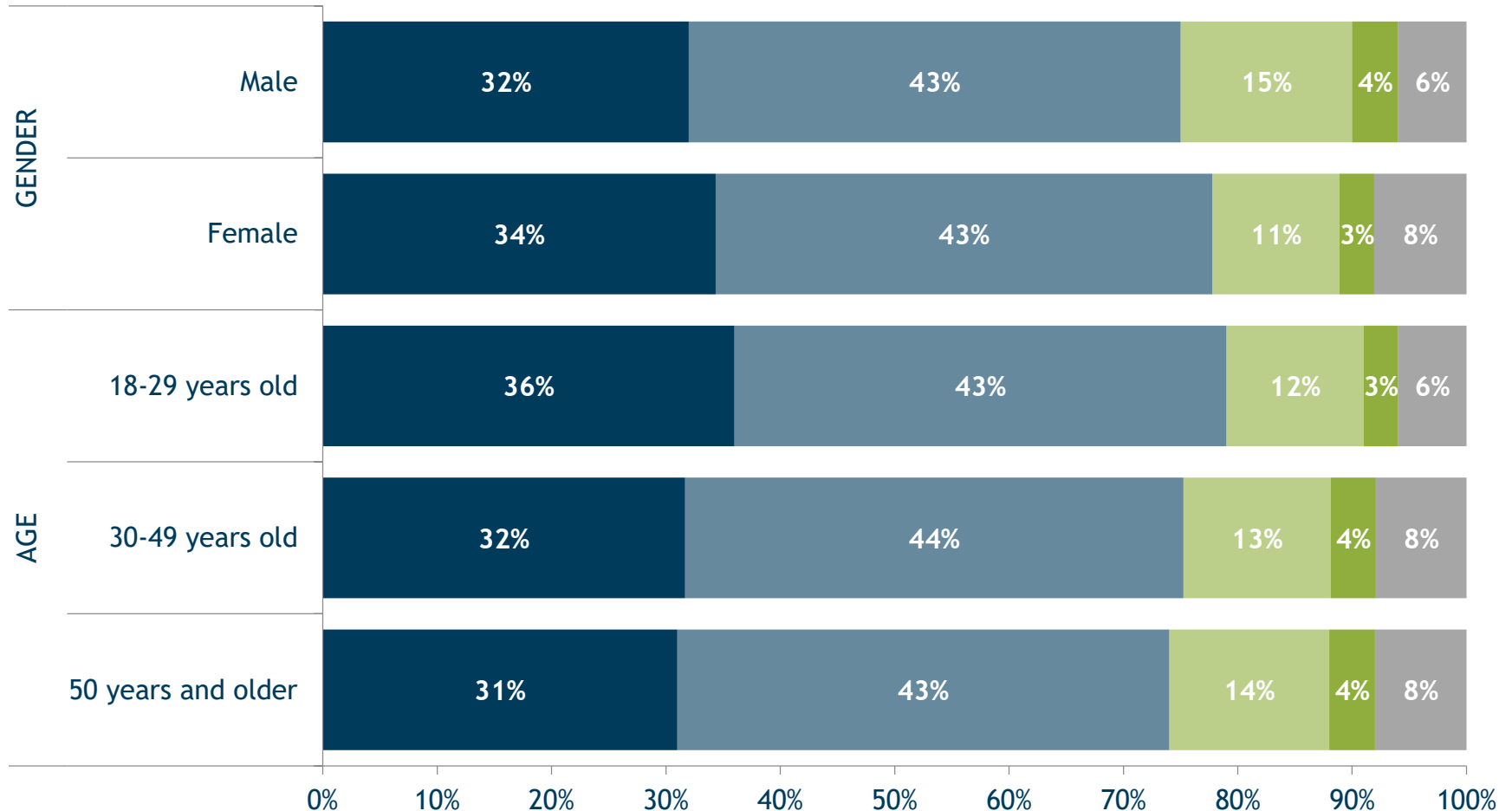
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know/No answer



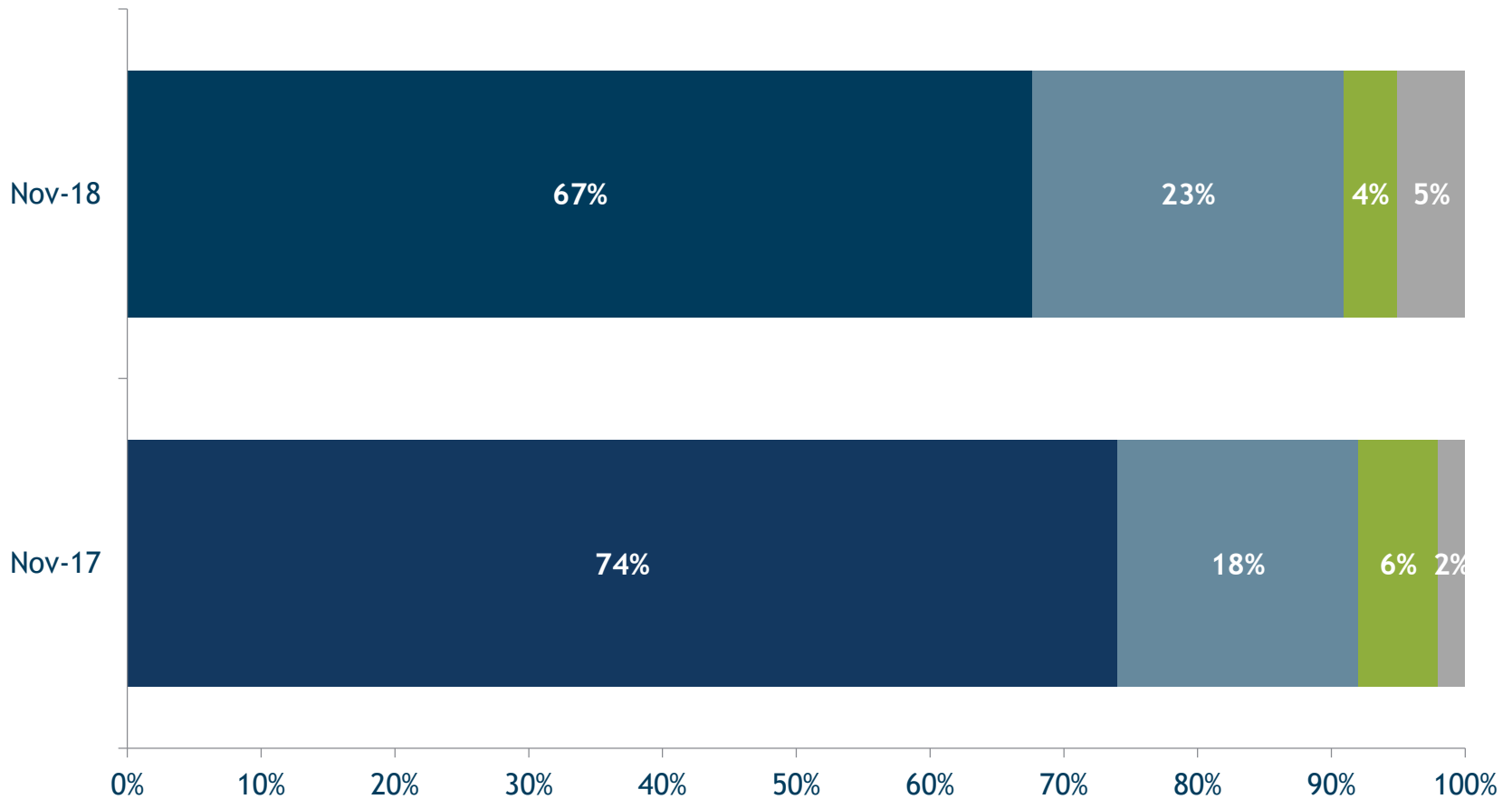
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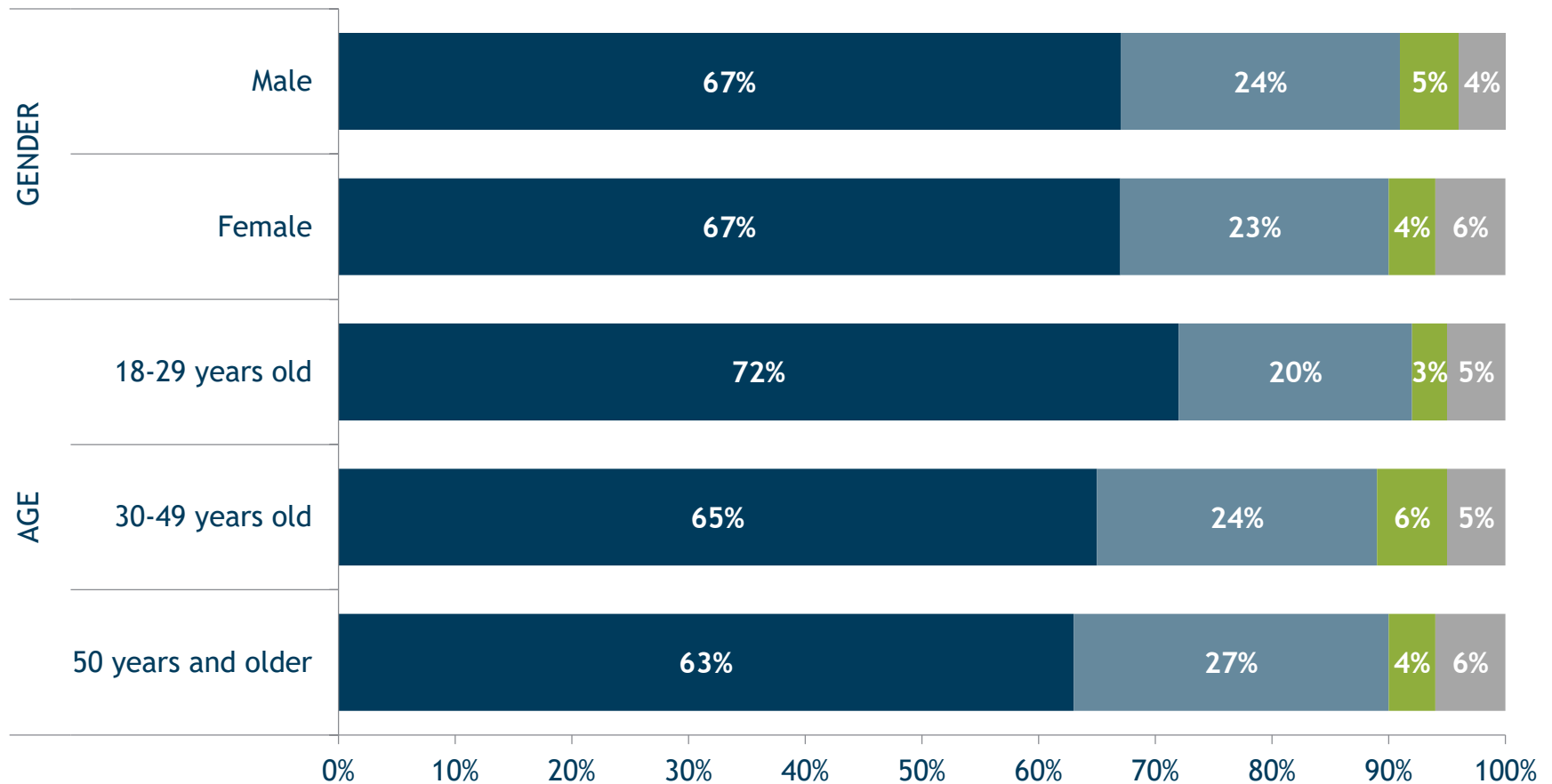
In your opinion, should there be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

- Yes, there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics
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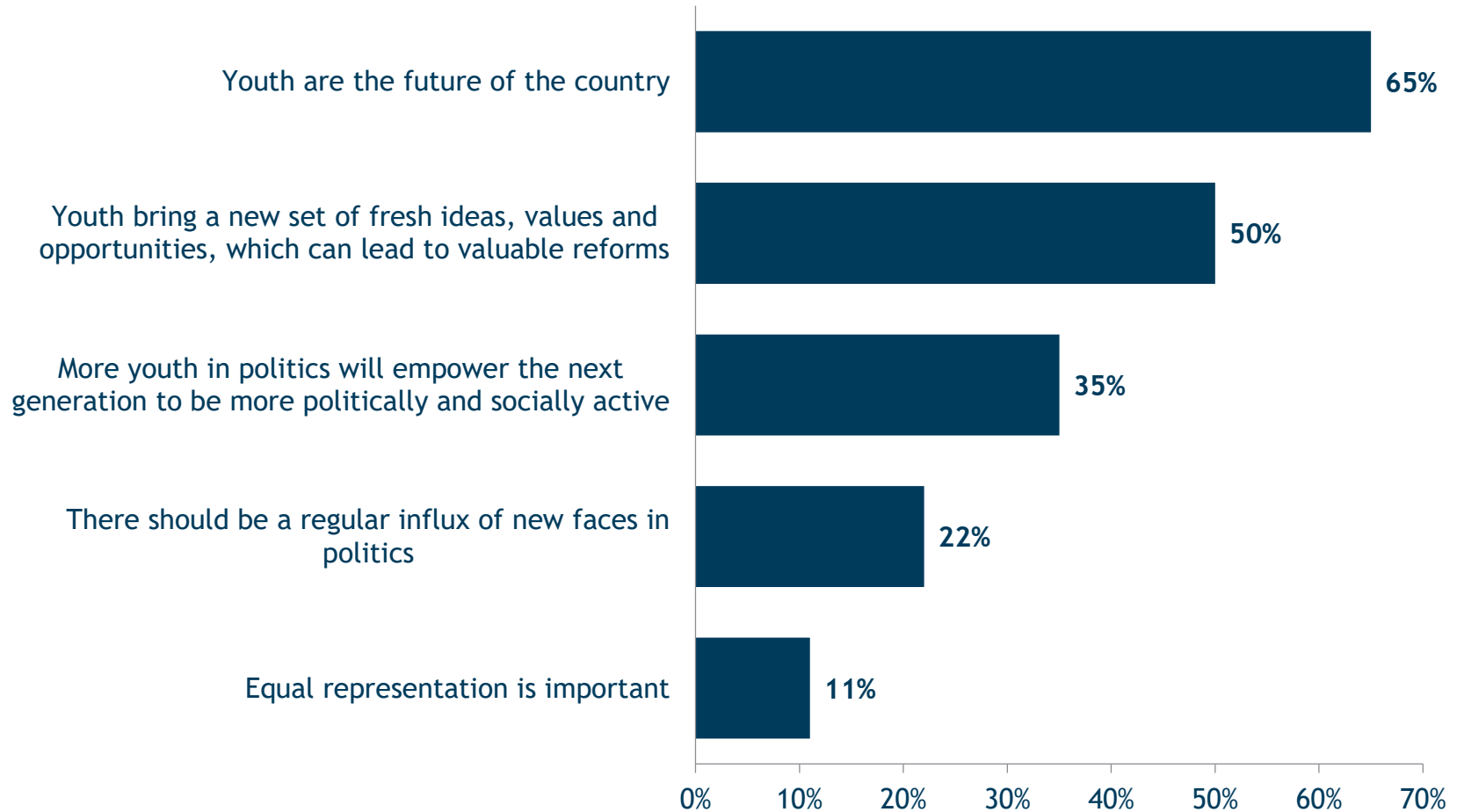
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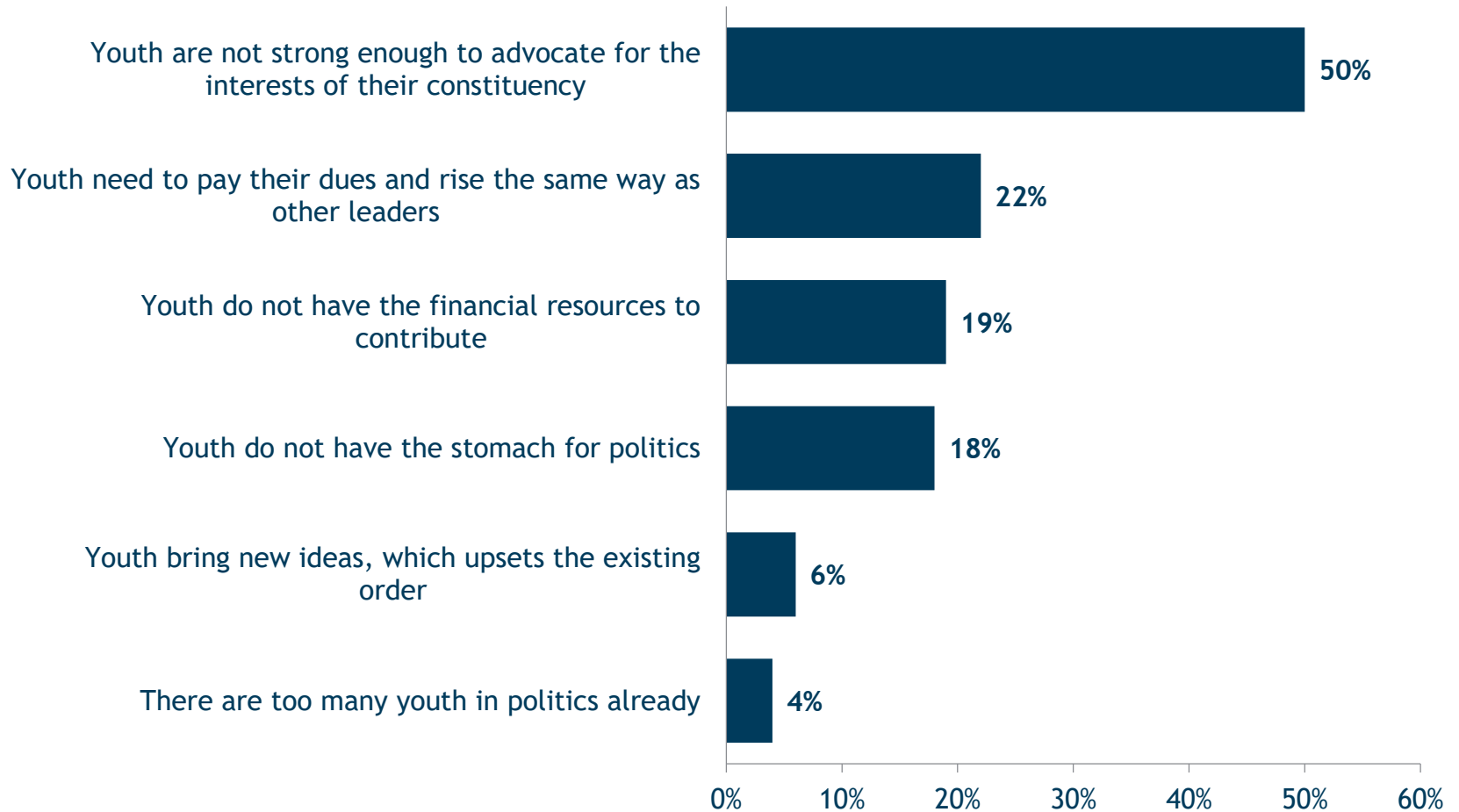
If yes, why do you believe there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

(Multiple answers, respondents who think there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics, n=1,009)

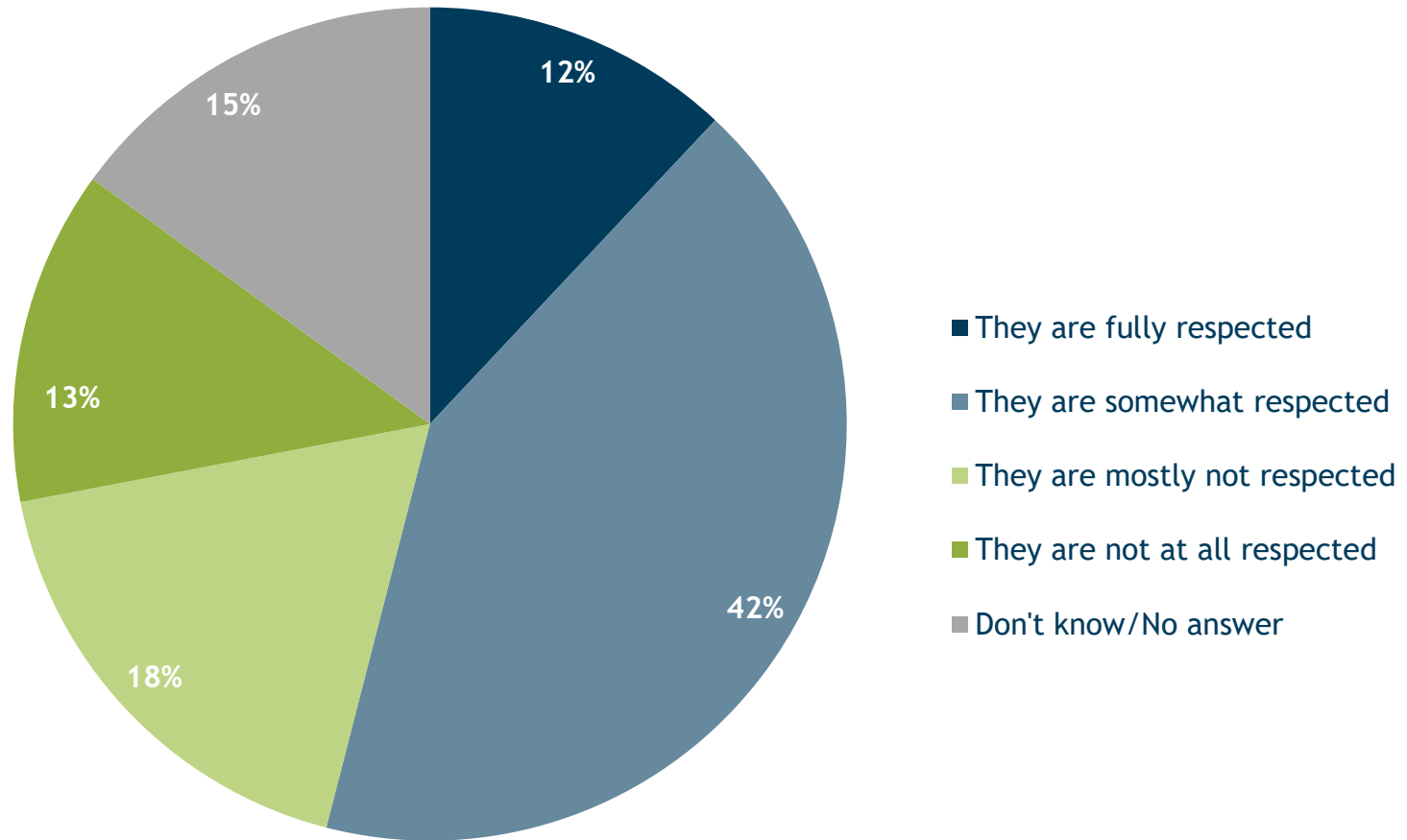


If no, why should there not be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

(Multiple answers, respondents who do not think there should be more youth in politics, n=65)

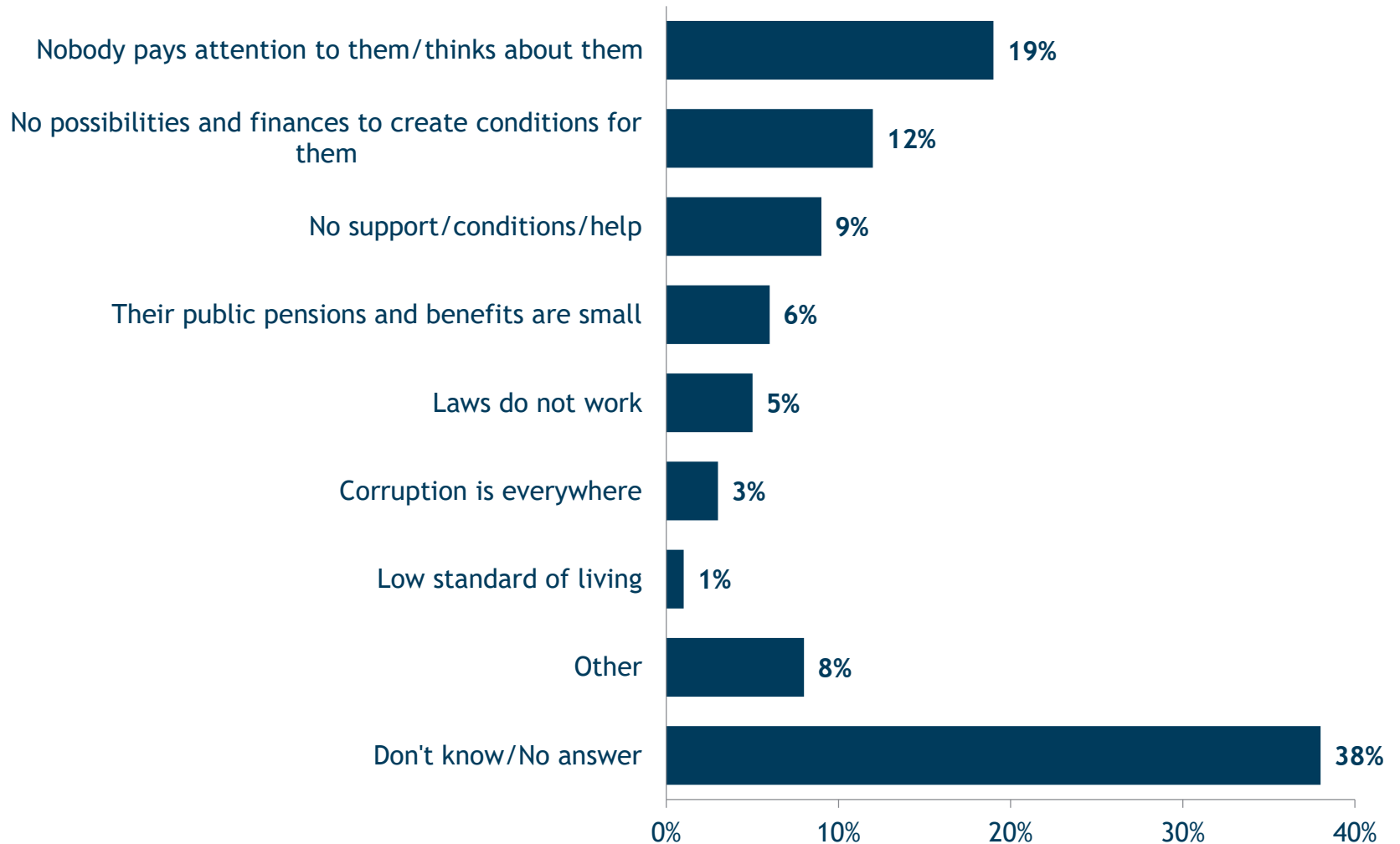


Do you believe the rights of persons with disabilities are fully respected in Kyrgyzstan today?



If not, why not?

(Respondents who think the rights of persons with disabilities are not fully respected, n=466)

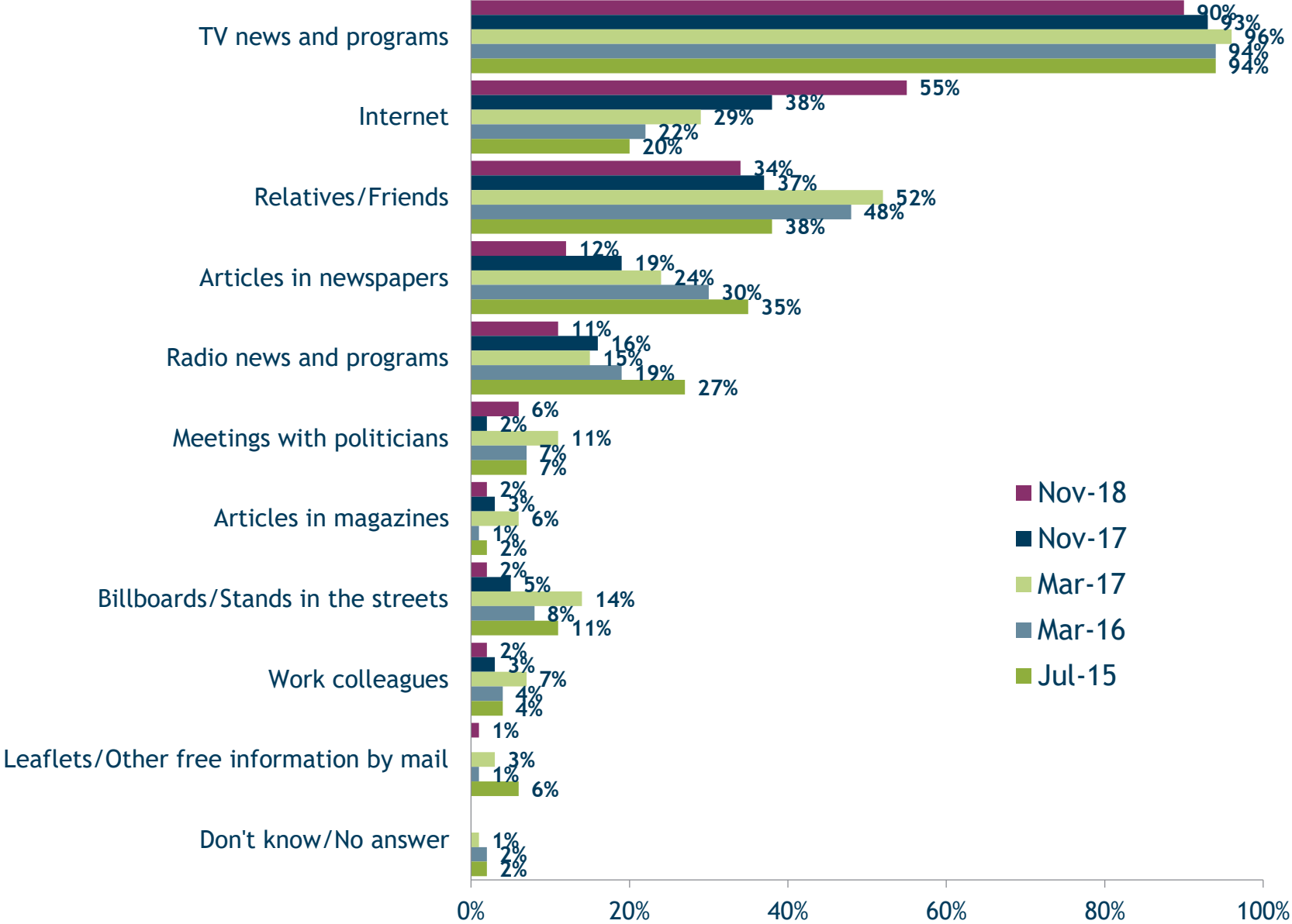




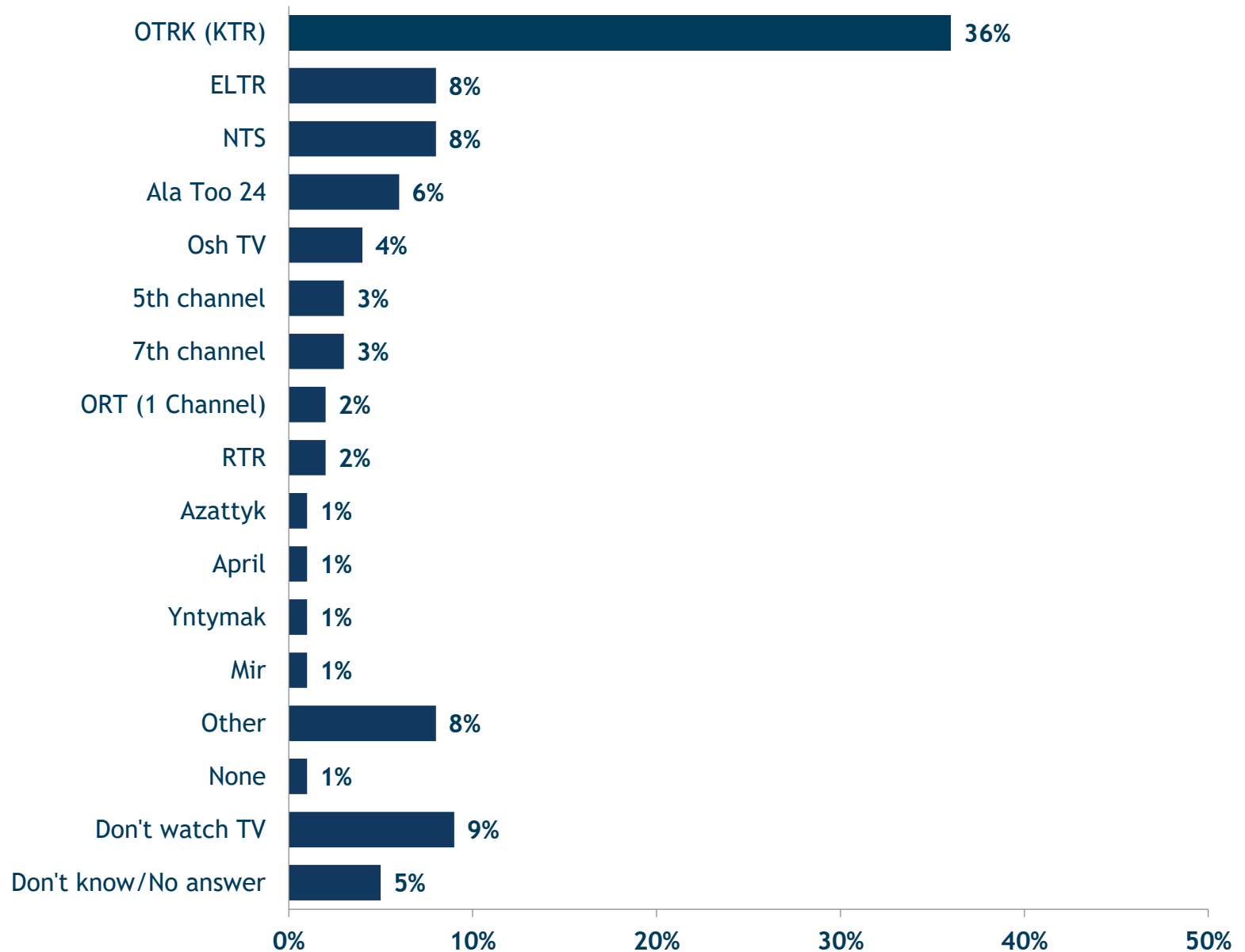
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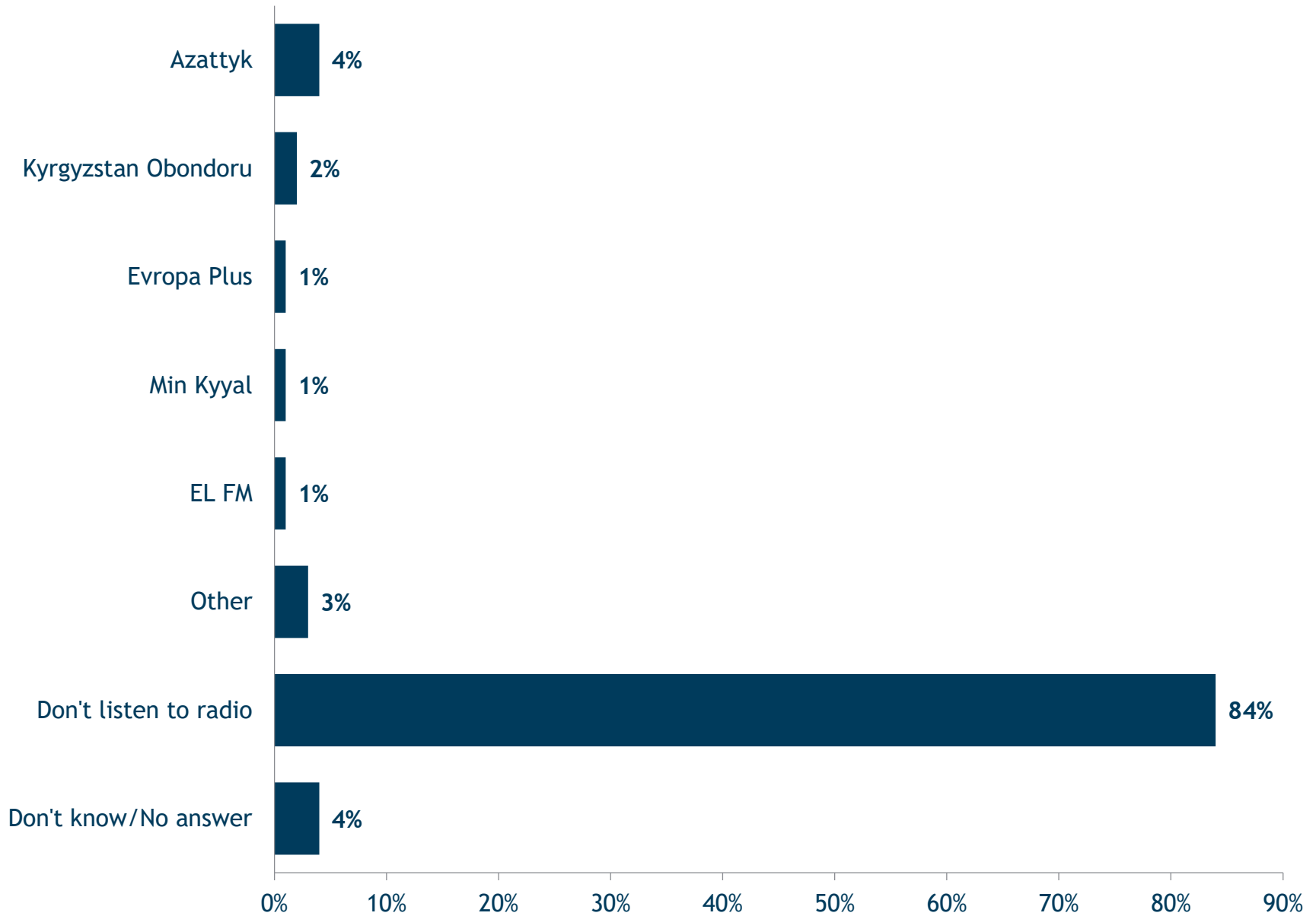
Which of these media outlets do you use for gaining political information? (Multiple answers)



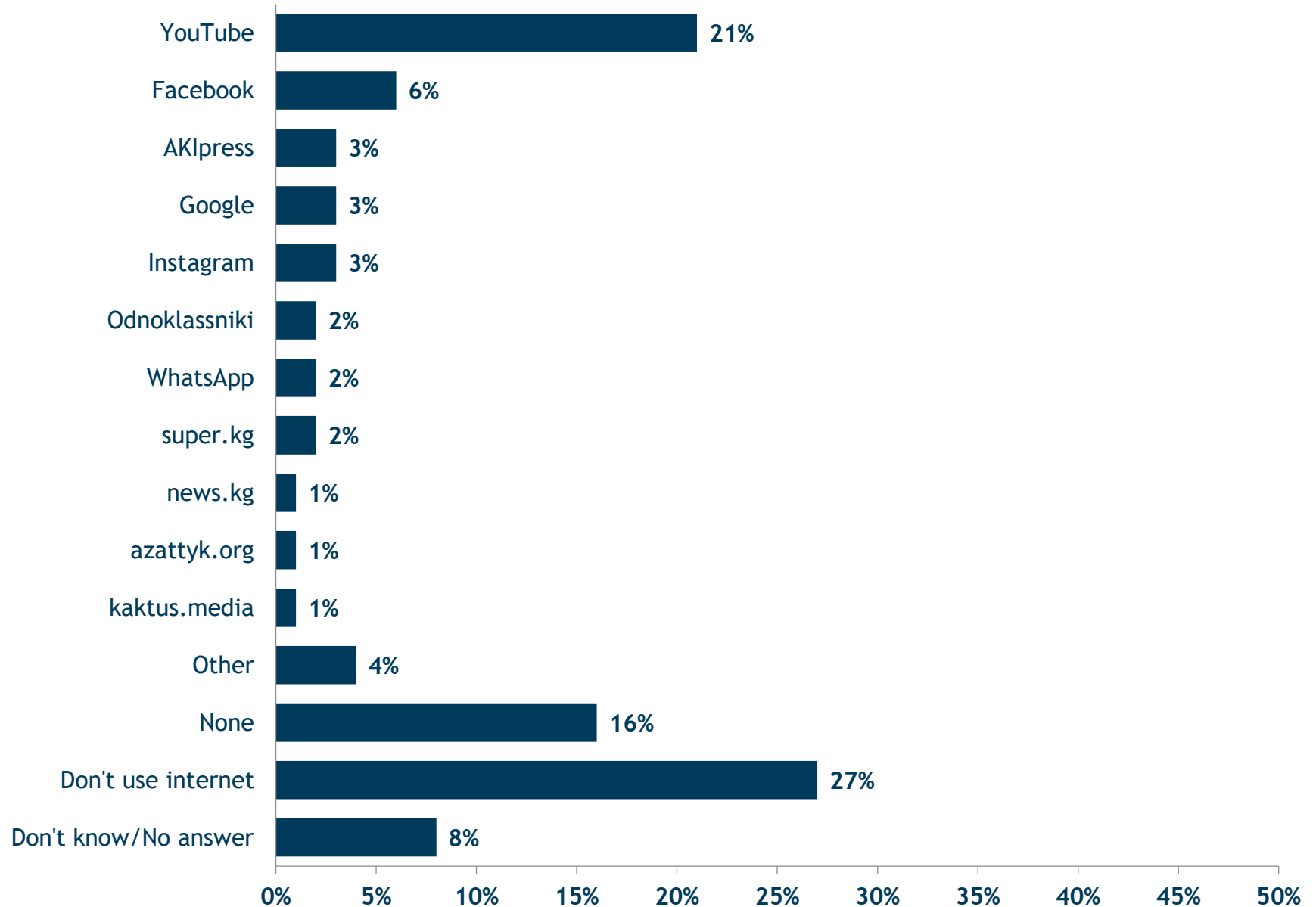
Which TV channel do you trust most for news and political information?



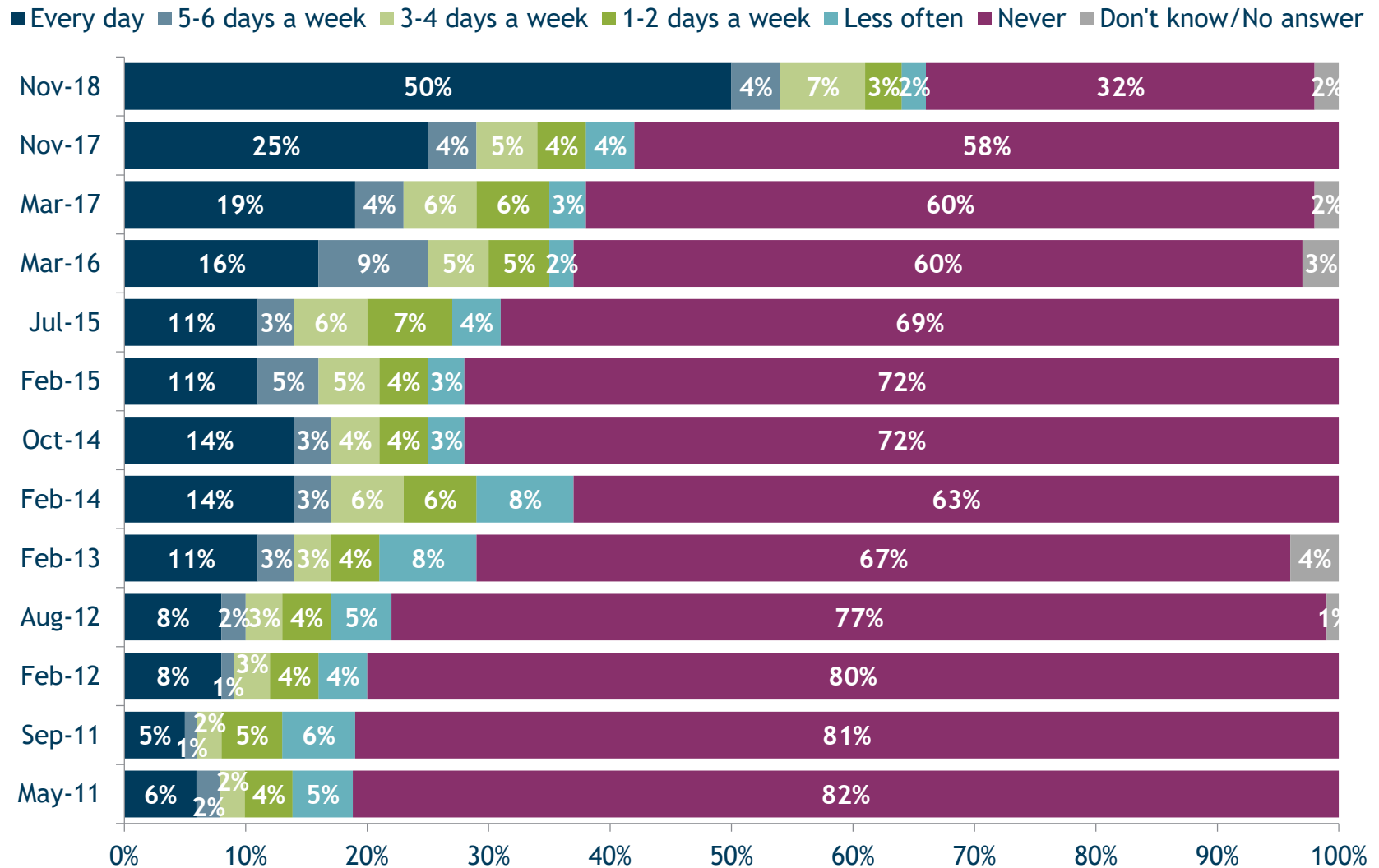
Which radio station do you trust most for news and political information?



Which website/online resource do you trust most for news and political information?

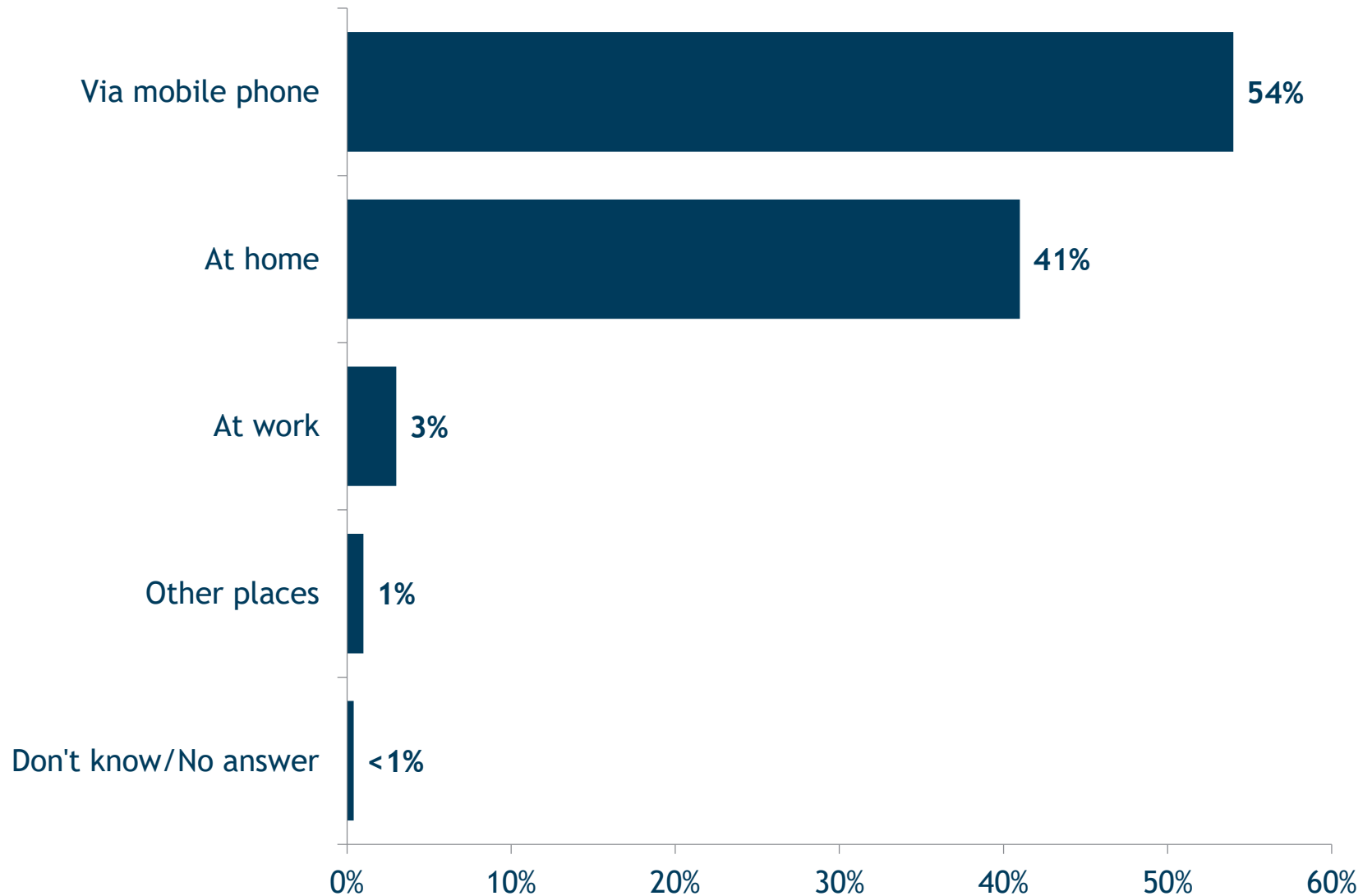


How often do you use the internet?

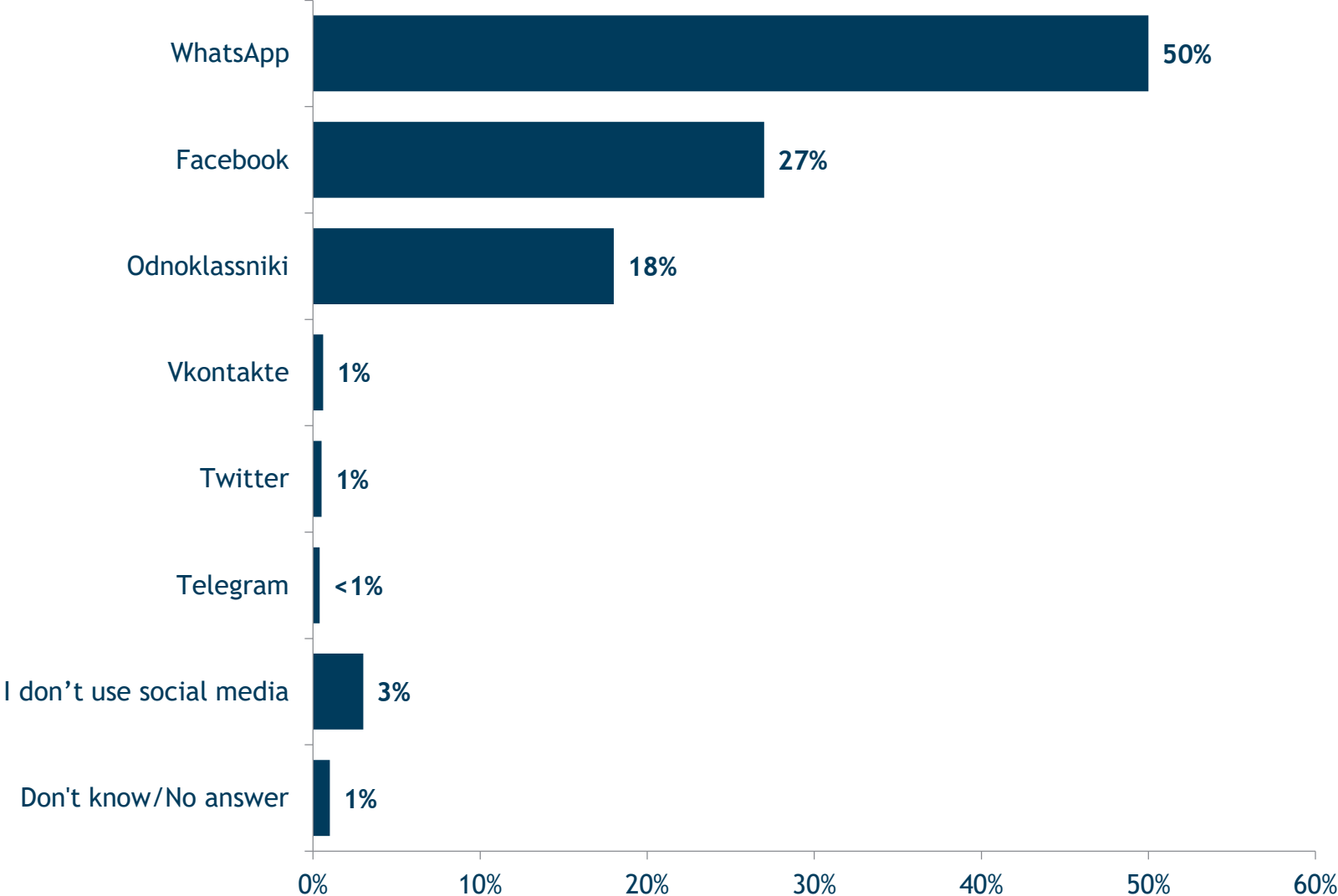


*While internet usage is increasing, weighting plays a role in the stark difference to the November 2017 poll. Unweighted November 2018 every day usage is 43%.

Where do you most often access the internet? (Internet users, n=994)



Which social media sites do you use most often? (Internet users, n=994)

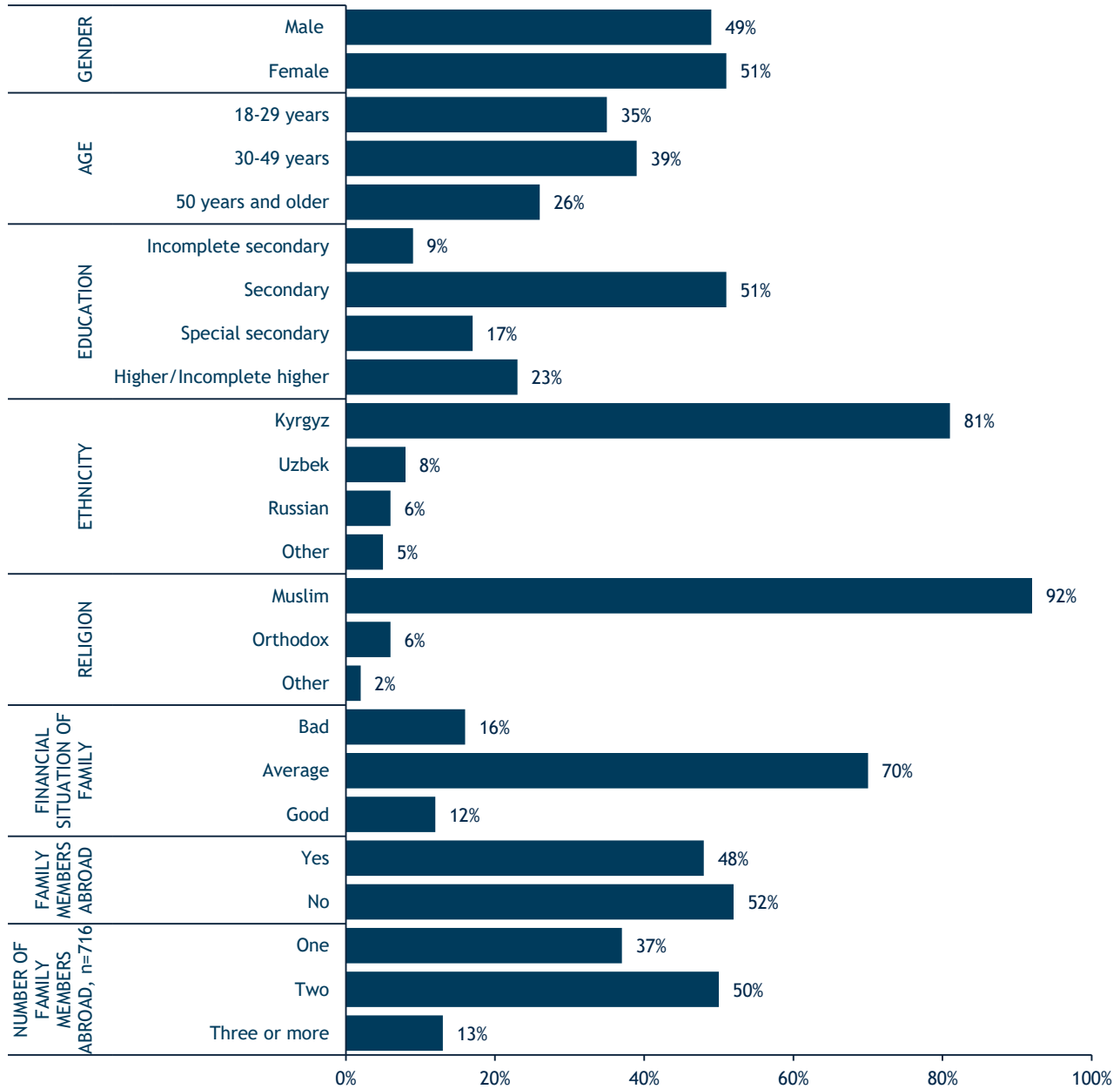




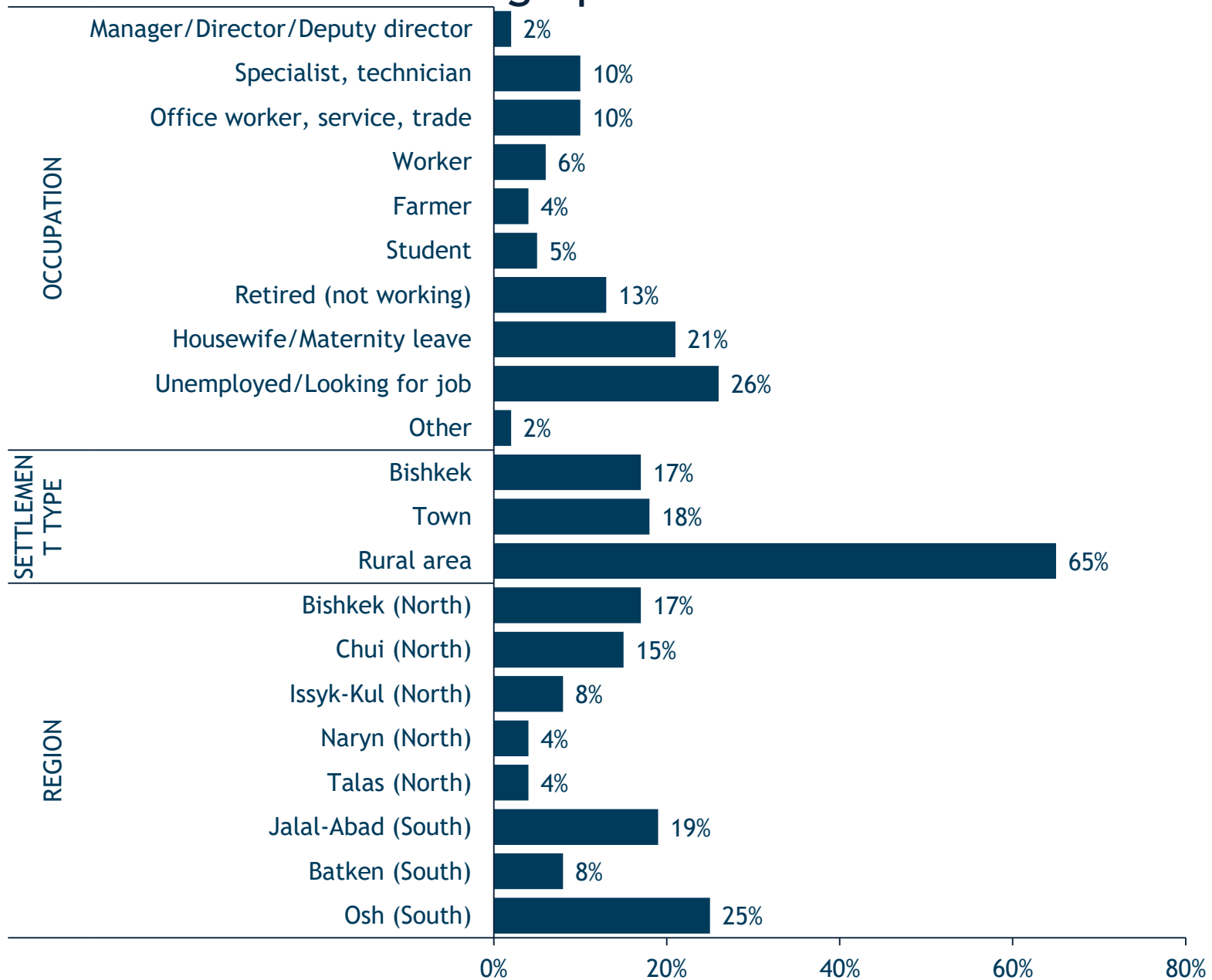
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Frequently Cited Disaggregates

Region	Sample Size (n)
Bishkek city	262
Chui oblast	231
Issyk-Kul oblast	116
Naryn oblast	66
Talas oblast	58
Osh oblast	299
Jalal-Abad oblast	277
Batken oblast	118
Osh city	72

Gender	Sample size (n)
Male	729
Female	771

Age	Sample size (n)
18-29 years old	519
30-49 years old	591
50 years old and older	389

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