



National Survey of Malaysia Youth Public Opinion

July 2-8, 2019



Detailed Methodology

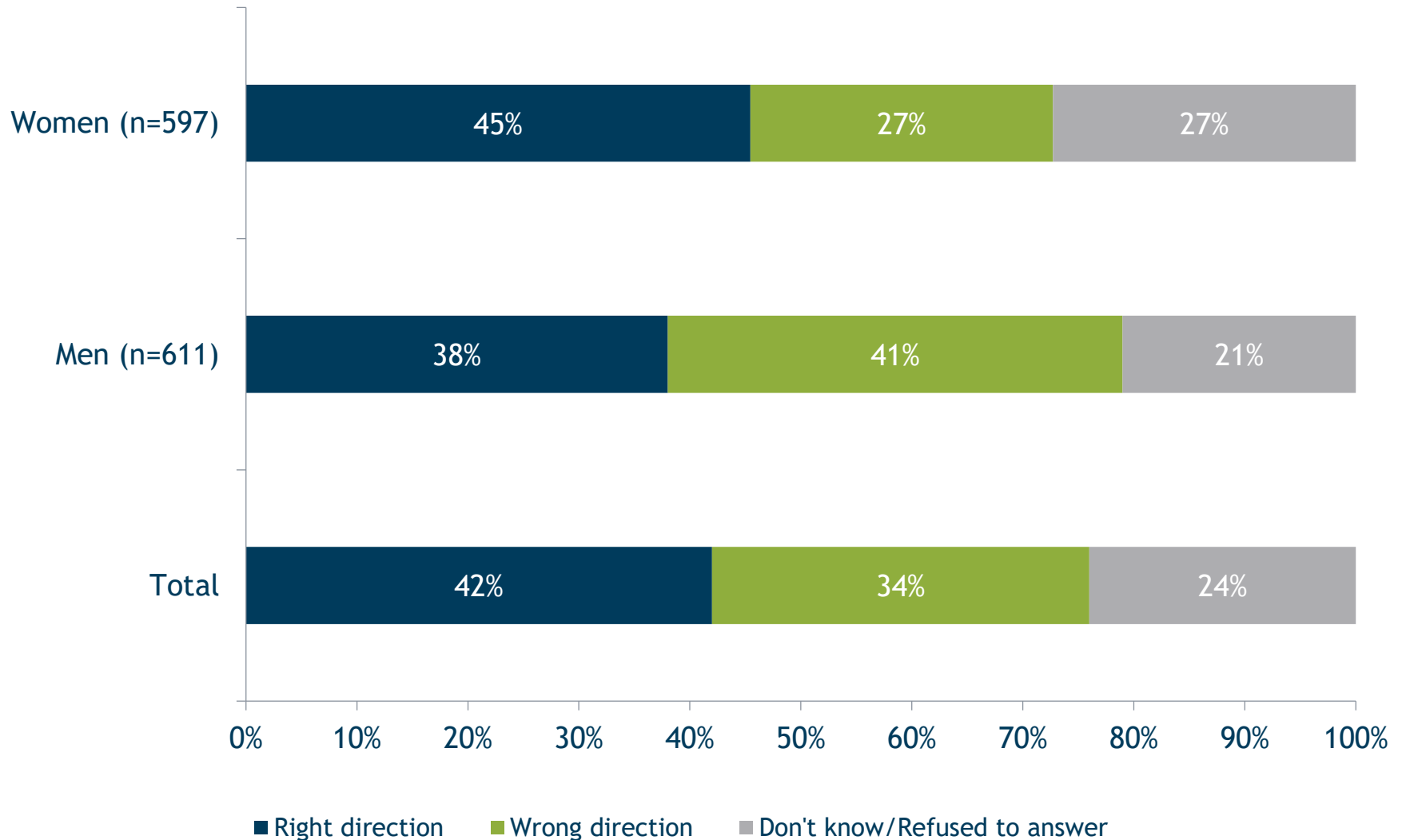
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the **International Republican Institute's** Center for Insights in Survey Research by the Merdeka Center.
- Data was collected between July 2-8, 2019 through computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted from a call center in Selangor, Malaysia.
- The sample consists of 1,208 respondents aged 18 to 35, with cellphone or landline access, and is representative of Malaysian citizens 18 to 35 nationally.
- The selection of telephone numbers was performed using a computer sub-routine that generates a set of random numbers within a range corresponding to that of identifier numbers in a telephone subscriber database. The telephone numbers were then selected by matching the generated random numbers to the identifier numbers assigned to households in the telephone database. The telephone numbers were then checked to ensure proportionality with the number of residents of particular ethnic groups in each area.
- Using the list of randomly extracted telephone numbers, one respondent was contacted in each household. Upon consent to participate in the survey, the questionnaire opened with screening questions to meet ethnic group quotas for each geographic area.
- The data was weighted by states, gender, age groups and ethnicity based on the probability of selection in the most recent census data from the Department of Statistics Malaysia.
- The margin of error is plus or minus 2.82 percent at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent and does not reflect the design effect.
- Respondents were interviewed in Malay, Mandarin and Tamil.
- The response rate was 14 percent. While this response rate falls outside the parameters generally accepted by IRI, additional data checks did not reveal any particular bias associated with nonresponse.
- 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 sum to 100 percent due to rounding.



Political and Economic Indicators

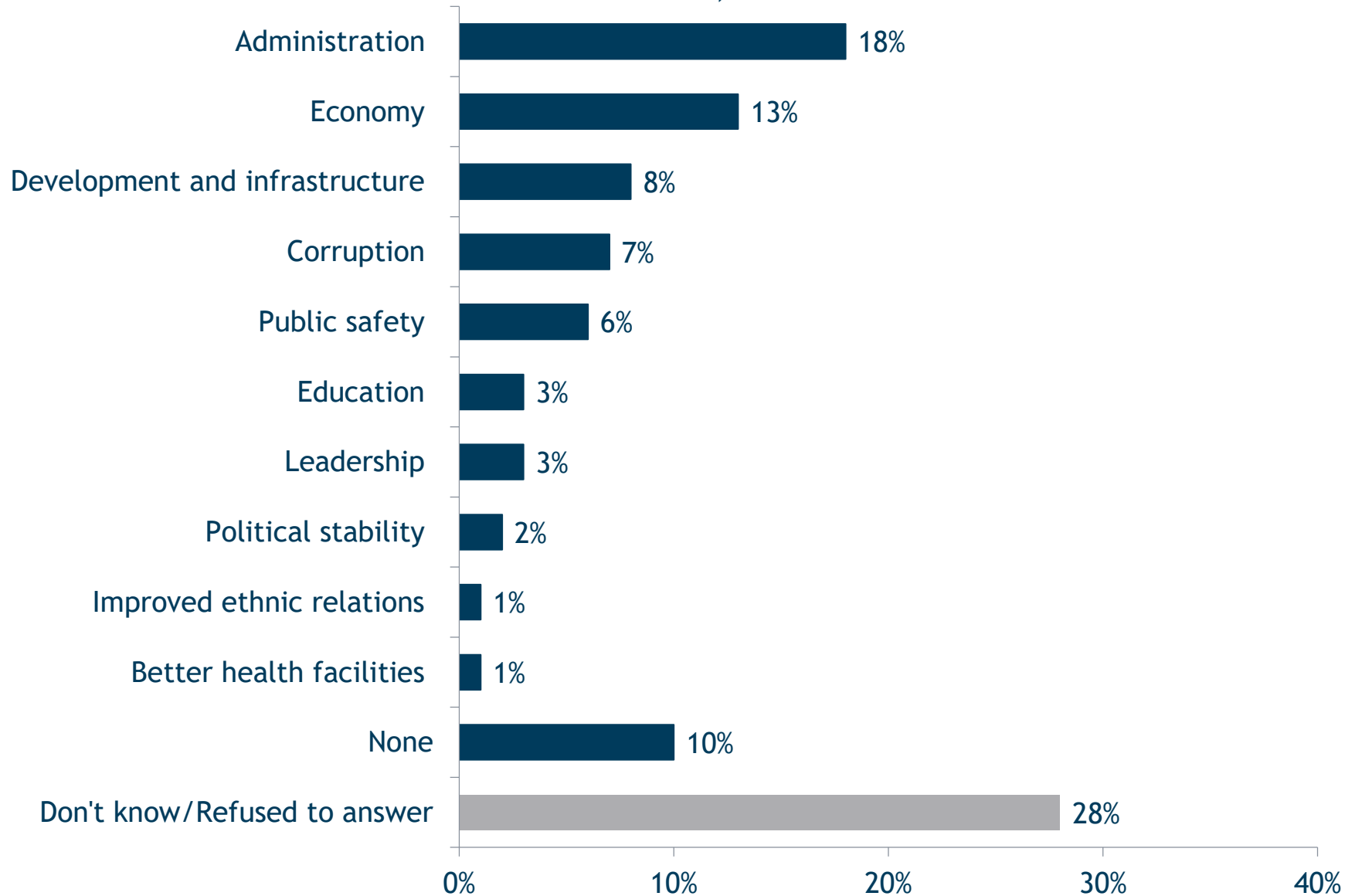


In general, would you say that things in the country are heading in the right direction or are they heading in the wrong direction?



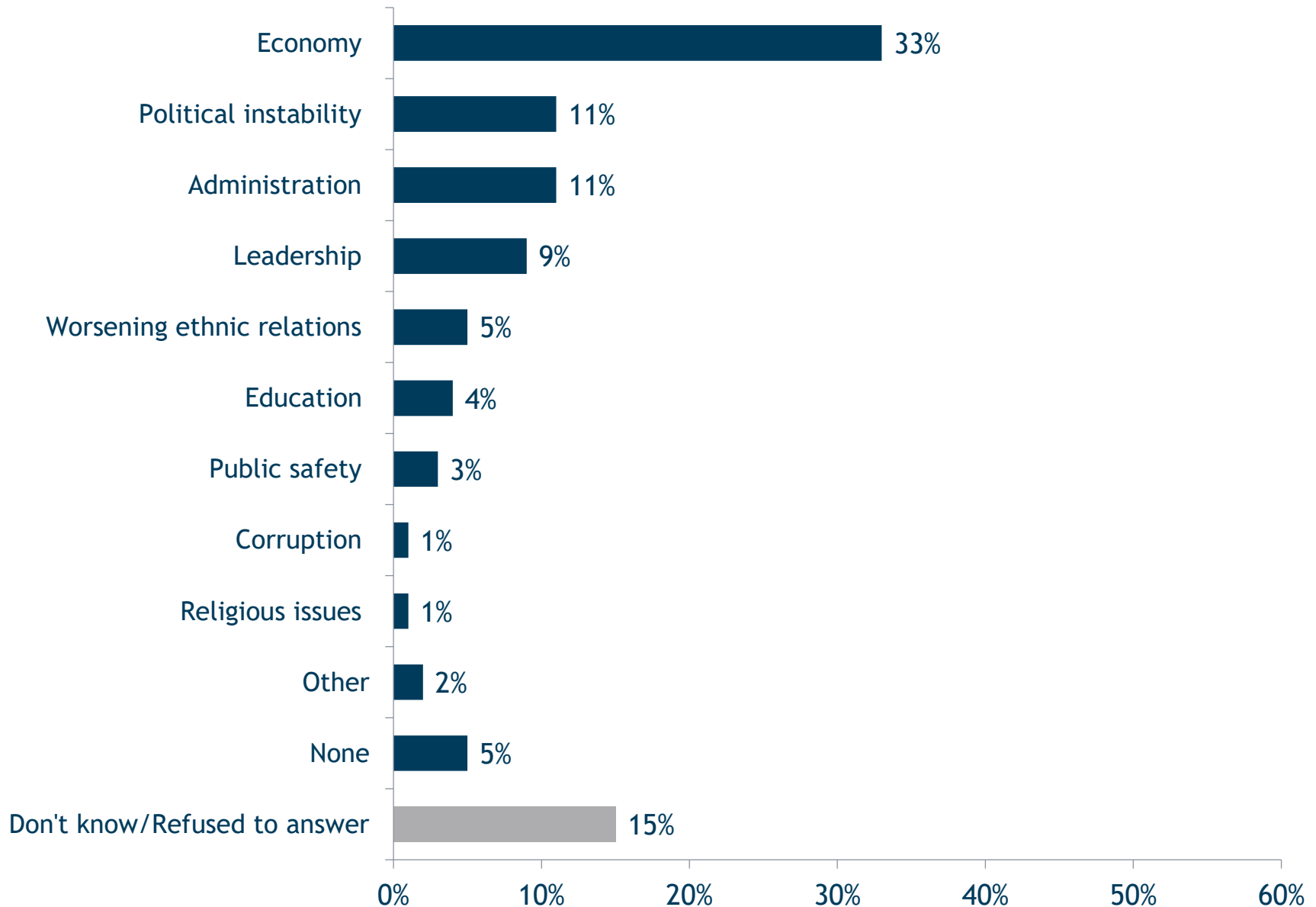
Why do you think that things are heading in the right direction?

(Open-ended; n=505 respondents who think things are heading in the right direction)



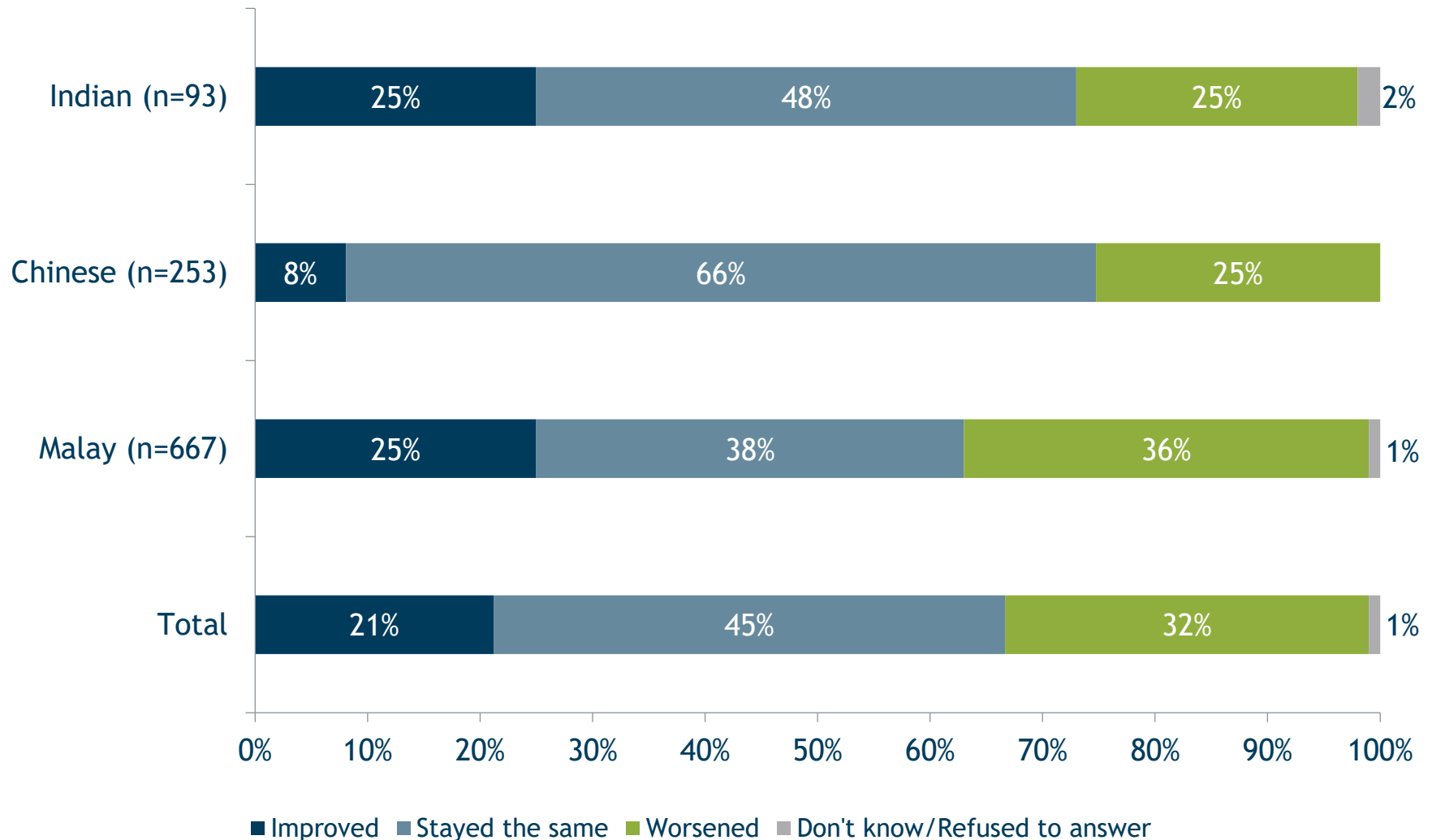
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Why do you think that things are heading in the wrong direction? (Open-ended; n=413 who think things are heading in the wrong direction)



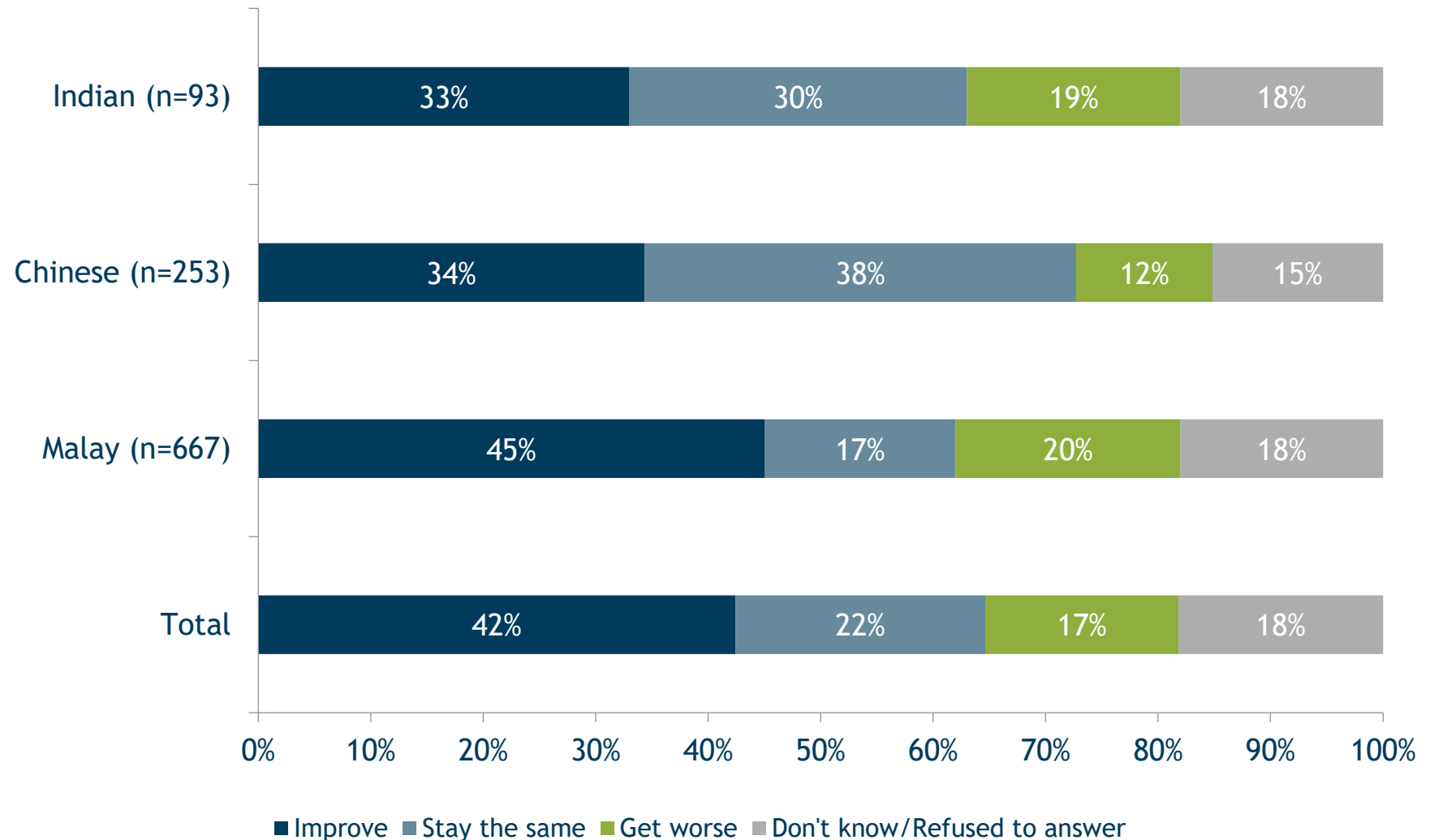
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Thinking now about your personal economic situation compared to a year ago, has it improved, stayed the same or worsened?



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In the coming year, do you expect your personal economic situation is going to get better, stay the same or get worse?



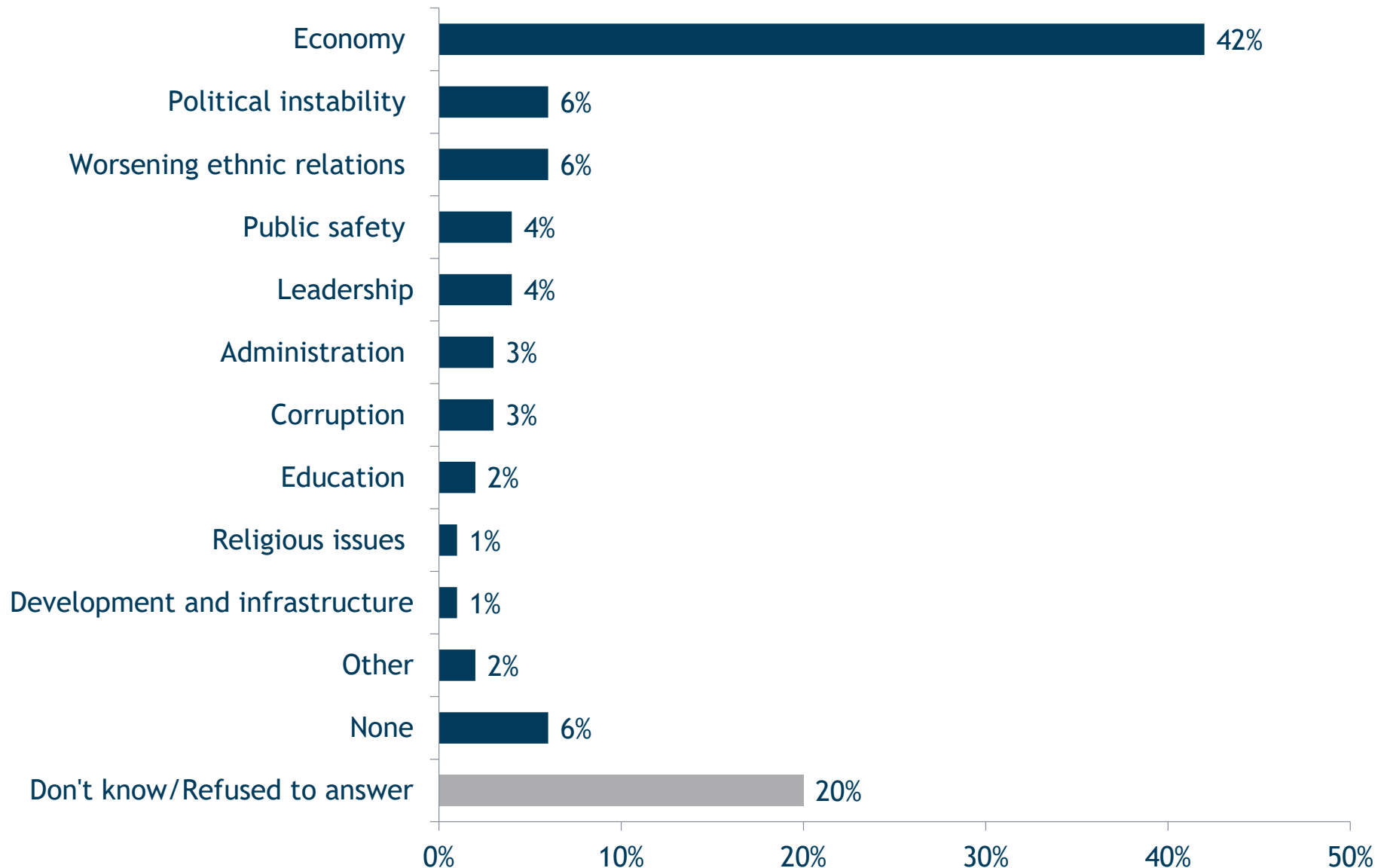
■ Improve ■ Stay the same ■ Get worse ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



Priority Issues

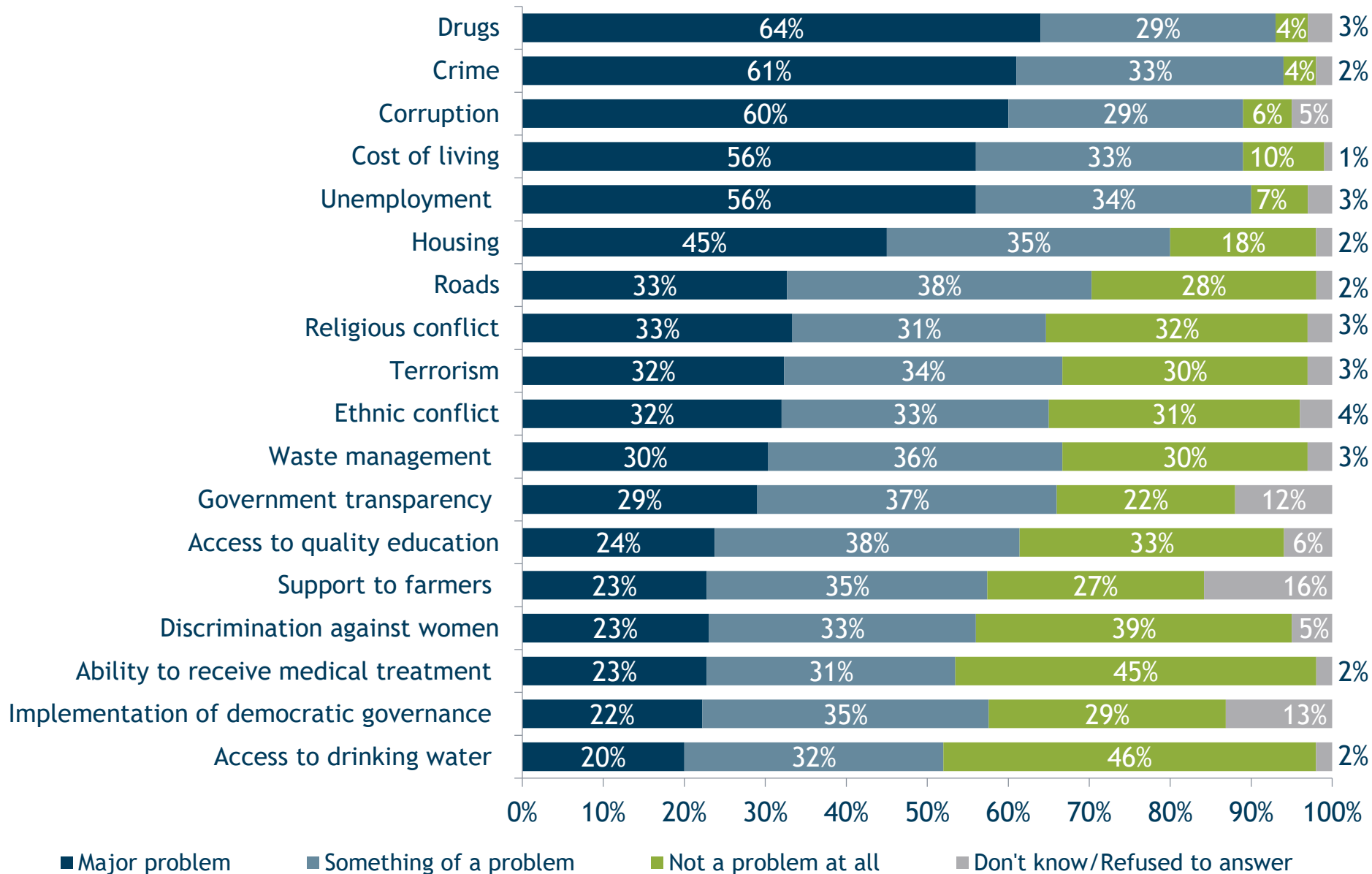


In your opinion, what is the biggest problem facing the country as a whole? (Open-ended)

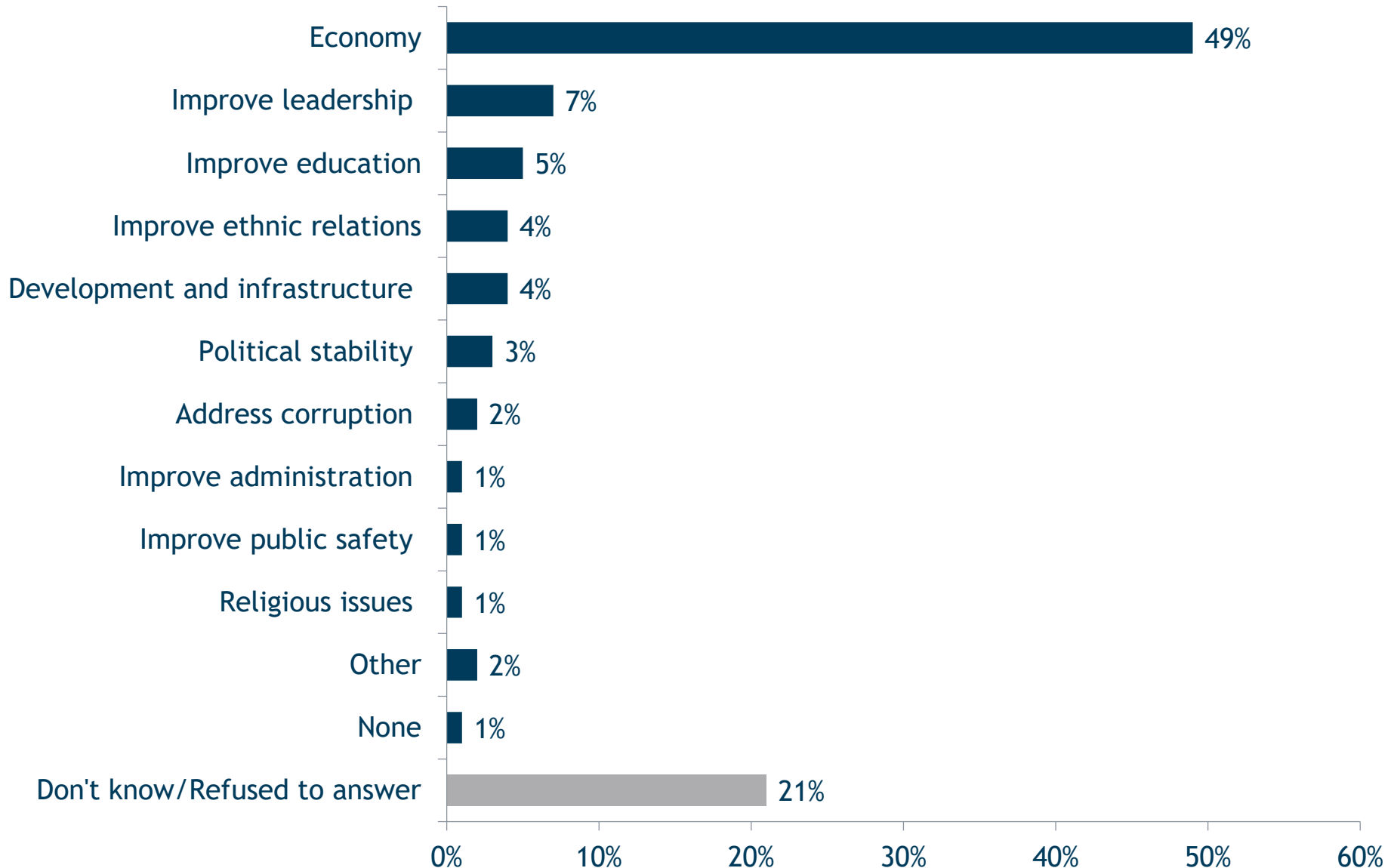


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Thinking about Malaysia as a whole, would you say that each of the following are a major problem, something of a problem, or not a problem at all?



What should be the first priority for the national government to accomplish within the next year? (Open-ended)



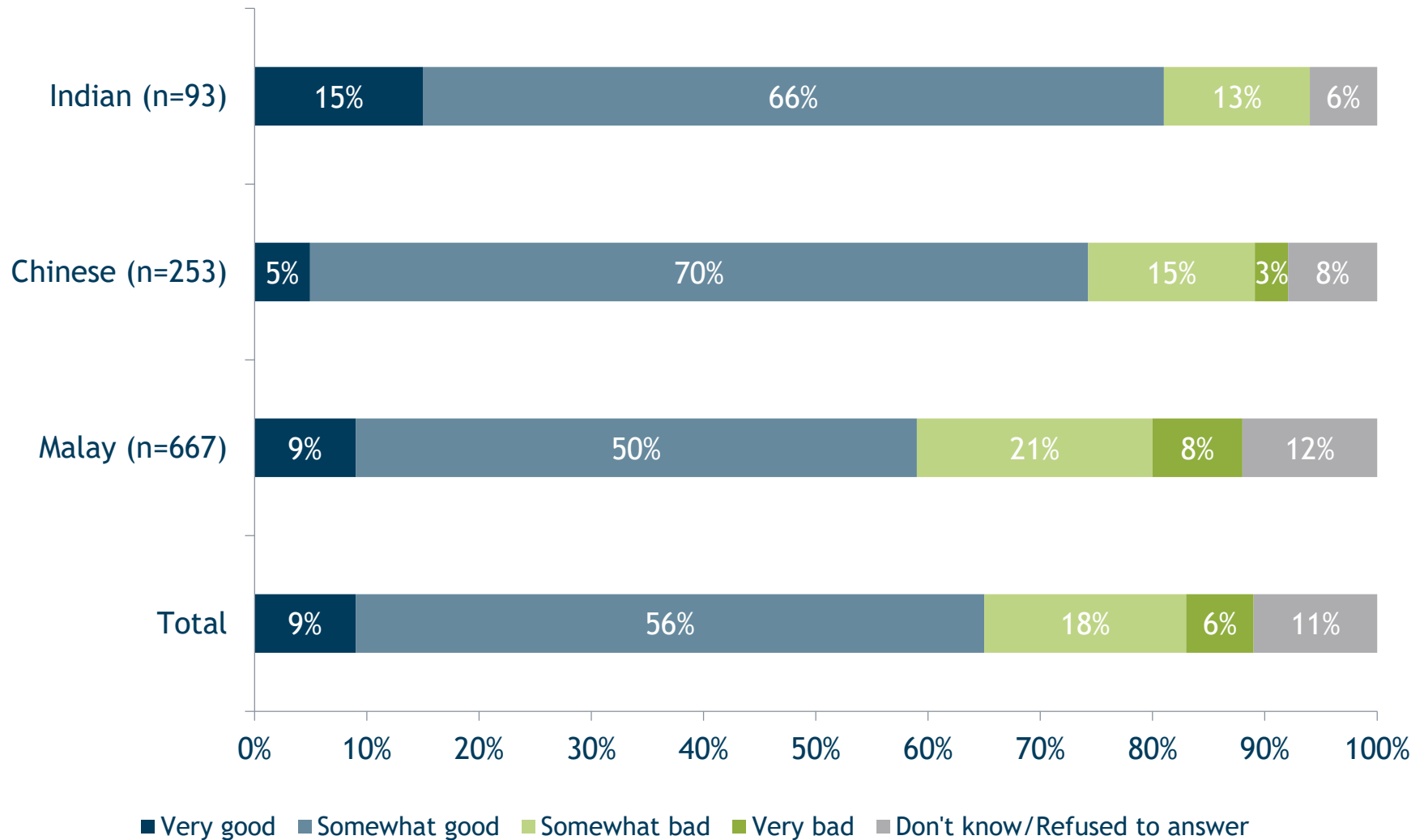
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Approval Ratings



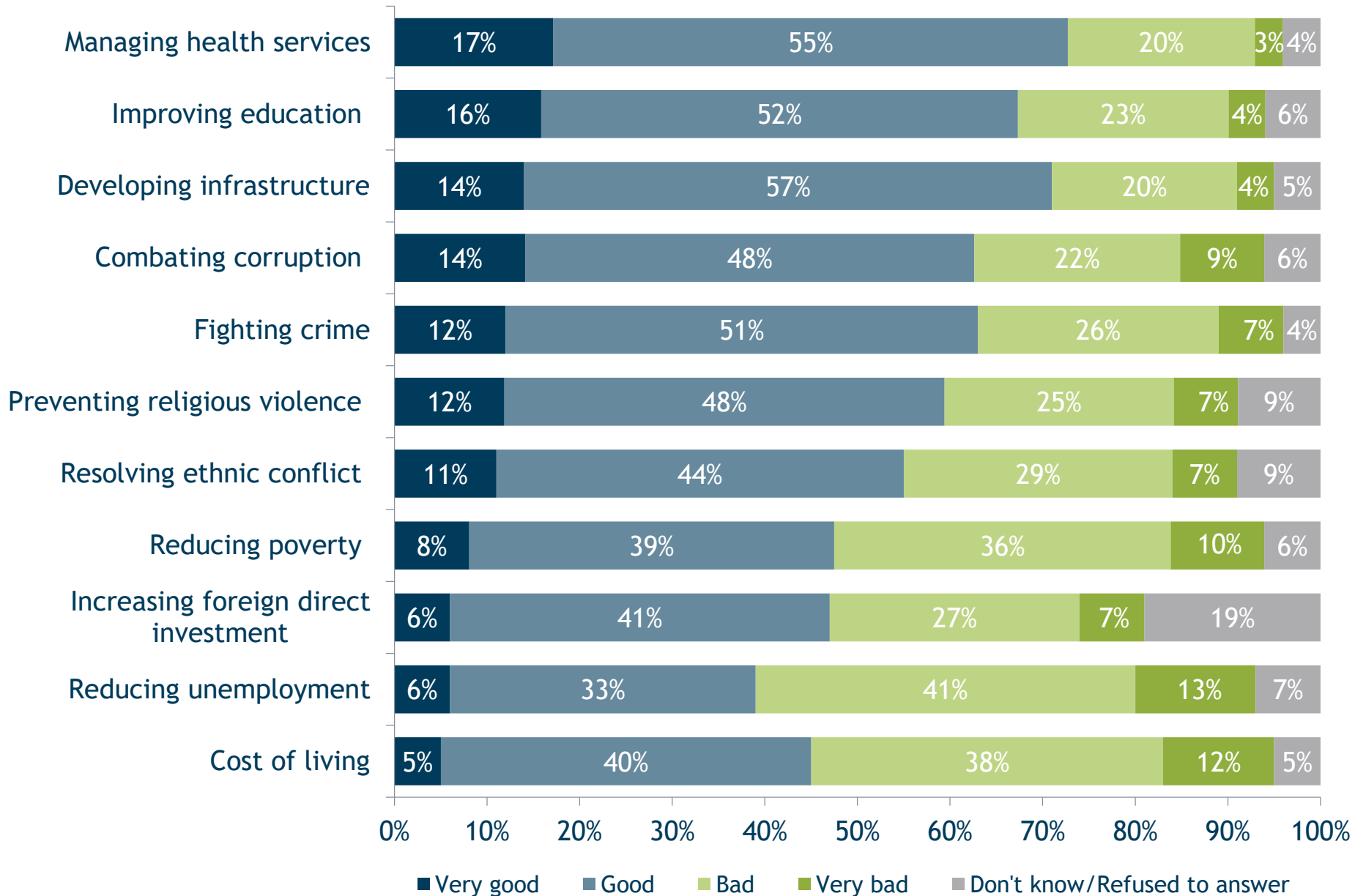
Generally speaking, how good of a job do you think the national government is doing?



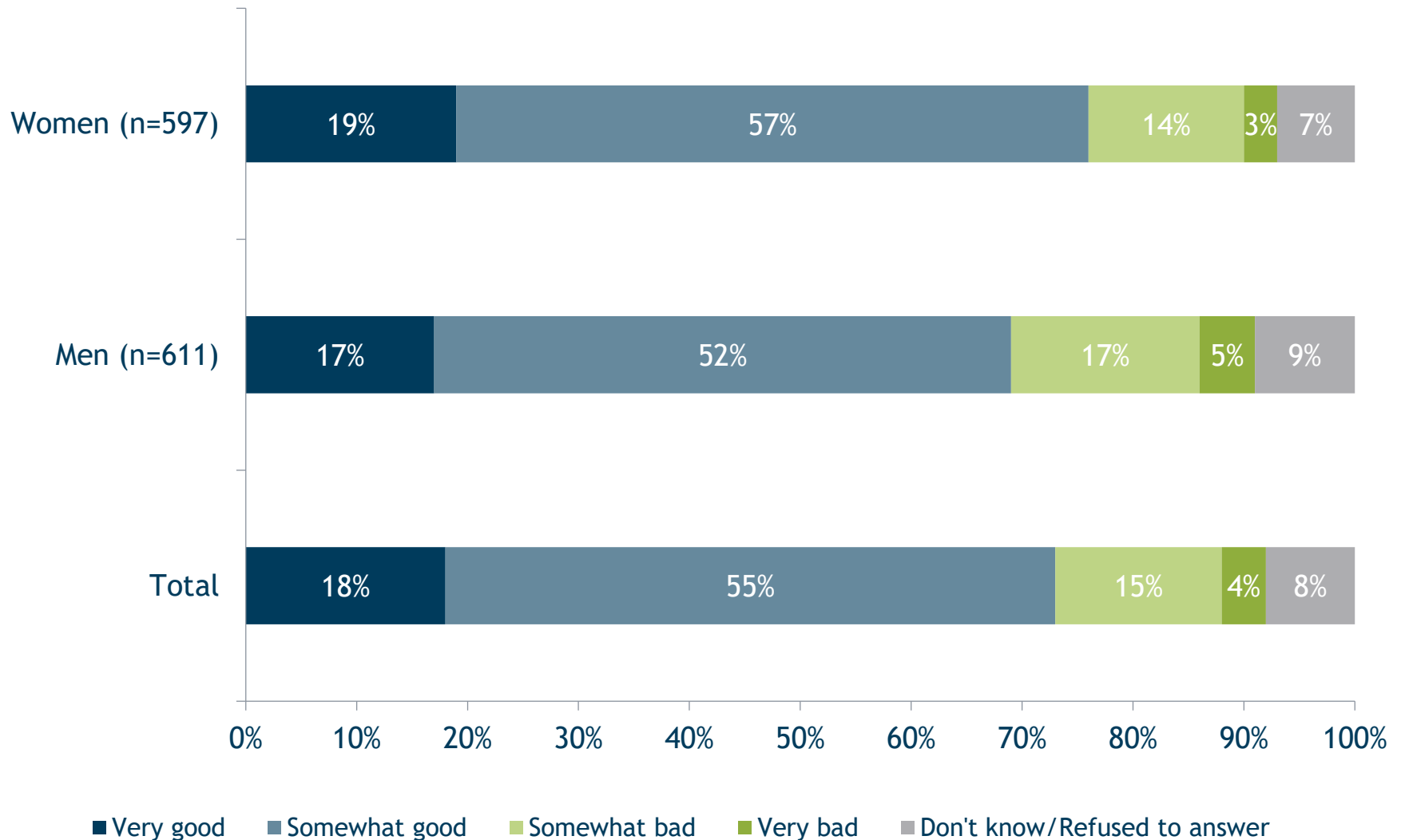
■ Very good ■ Somewhat good ■ Somewhat bad ■ Very bad ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

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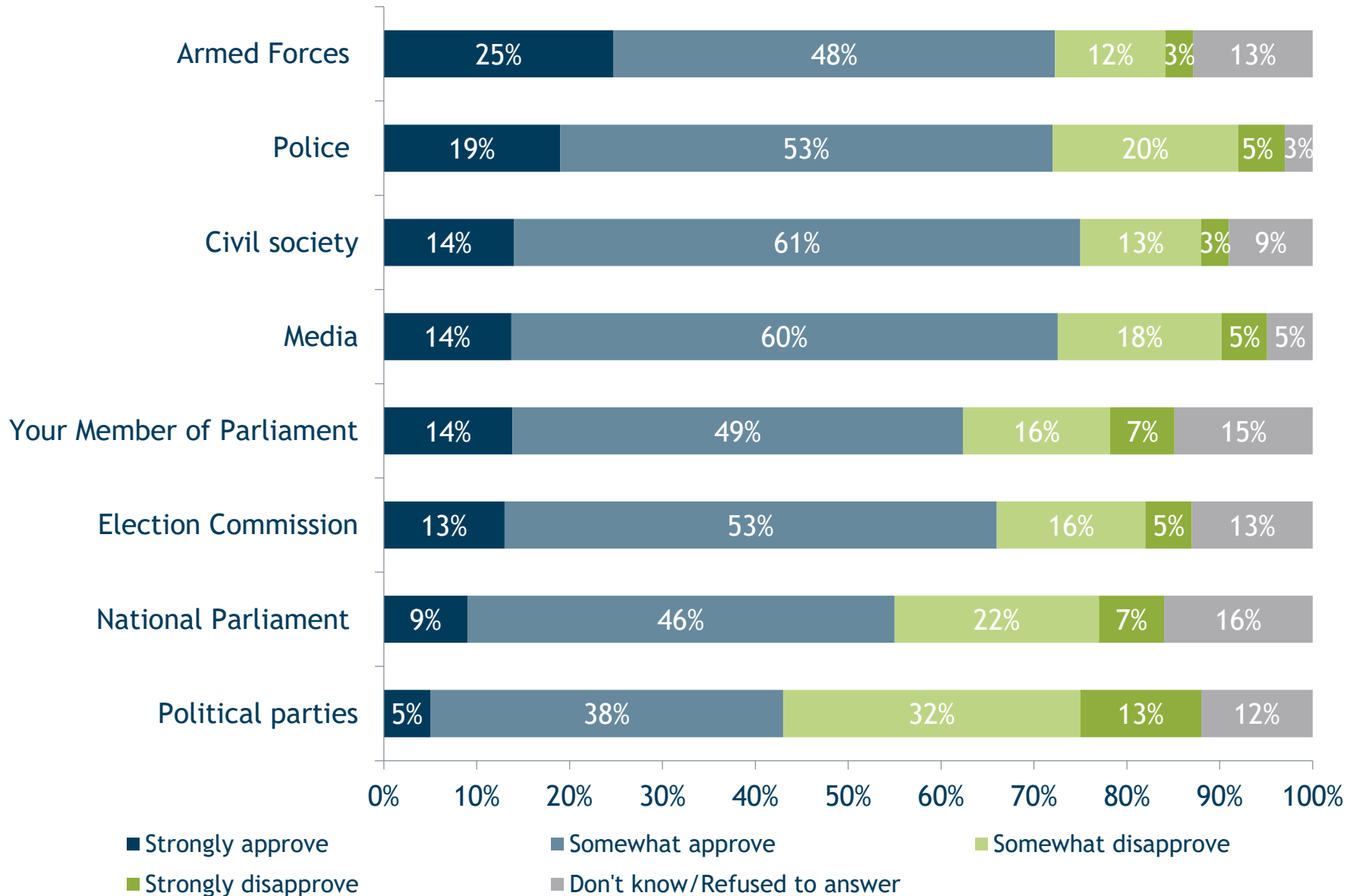
On each of the following issues, how good of a job do you think the national government is doing in addressing each issue?



How good of a job do you think Prime Minister Tun Mahathir bin Mohamad is doing?



Thinking now about the following institutions and positions, would you say you strongly or somewhat approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

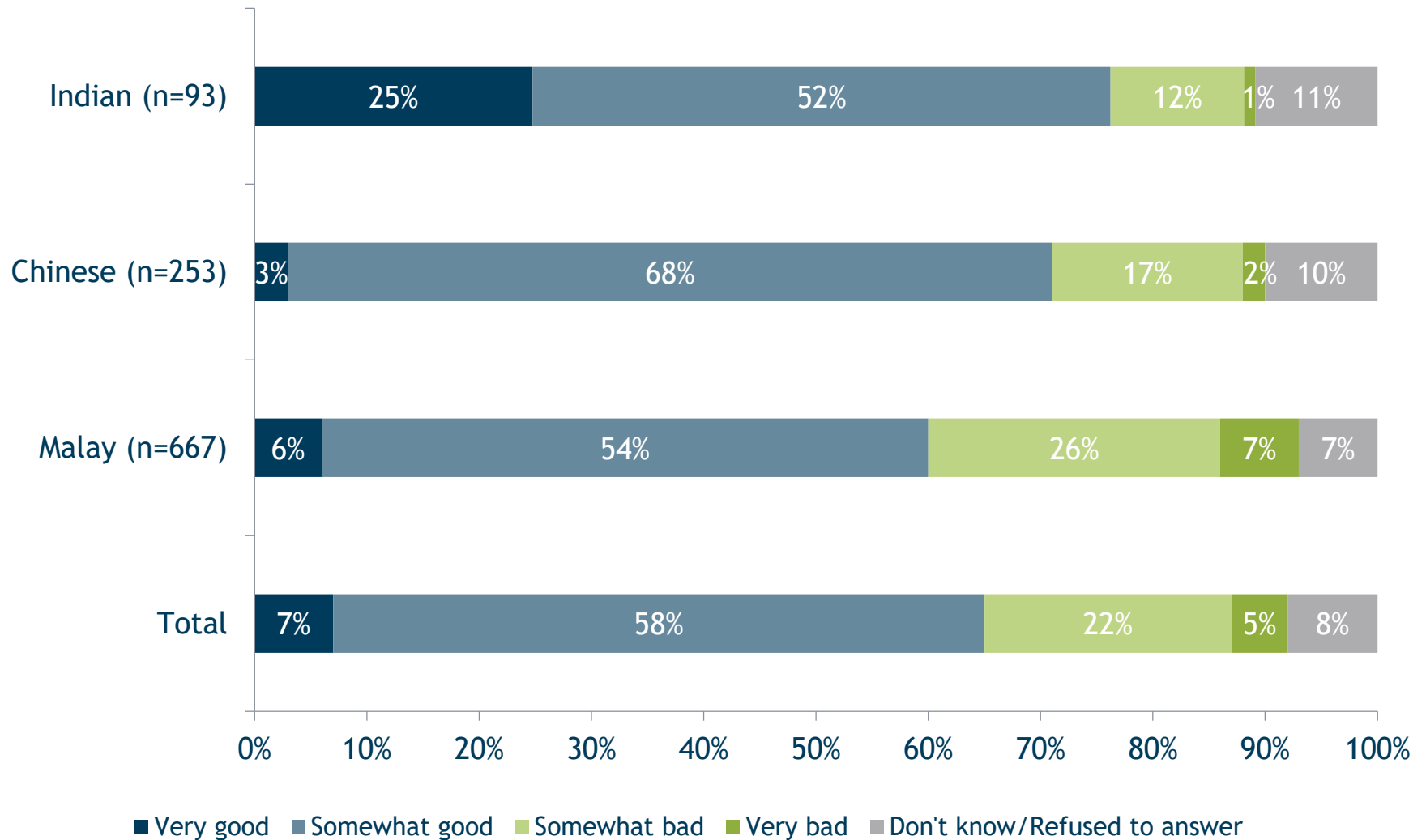




Democracy

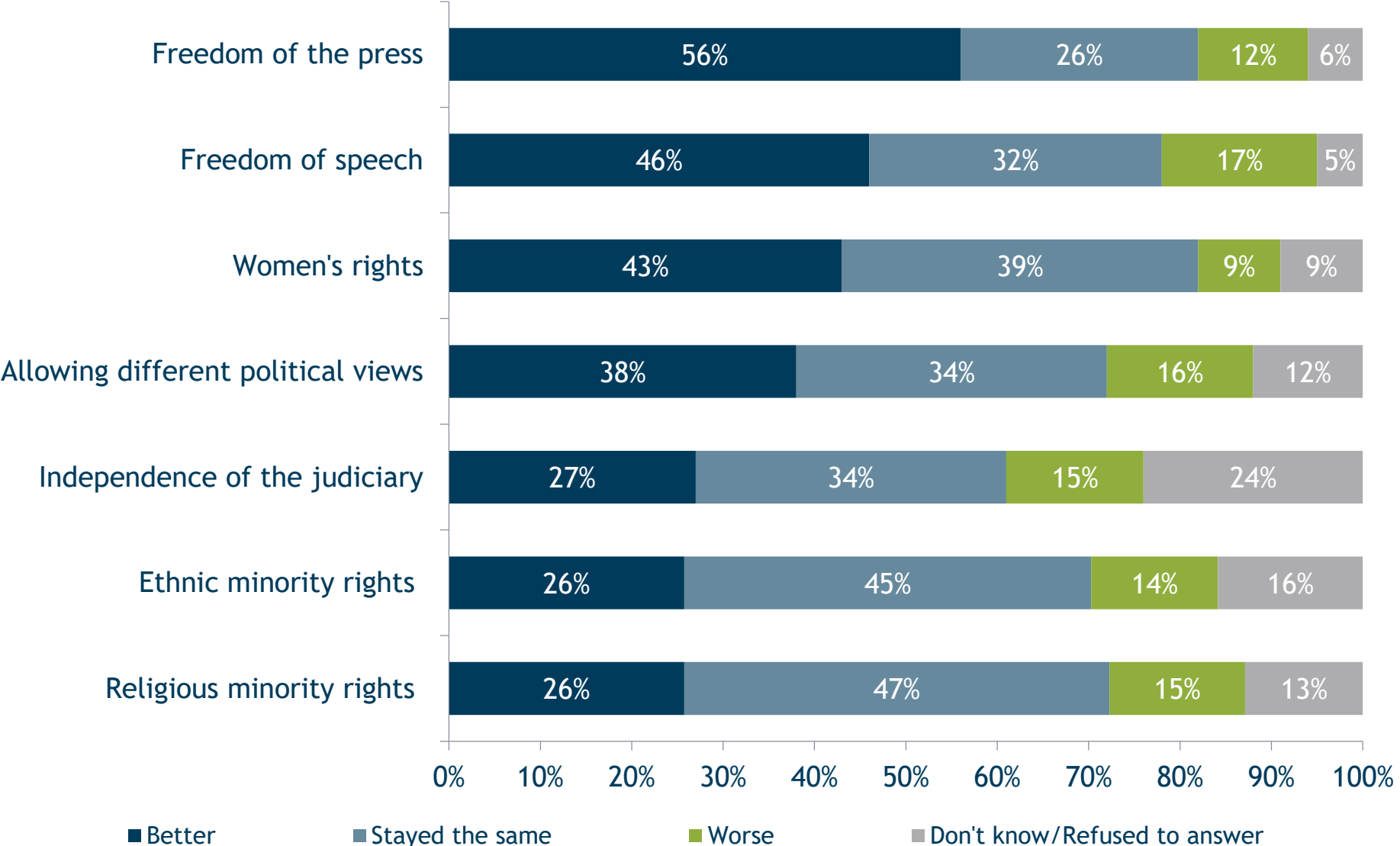


How would you rate the current state of Malaysia's democracy?

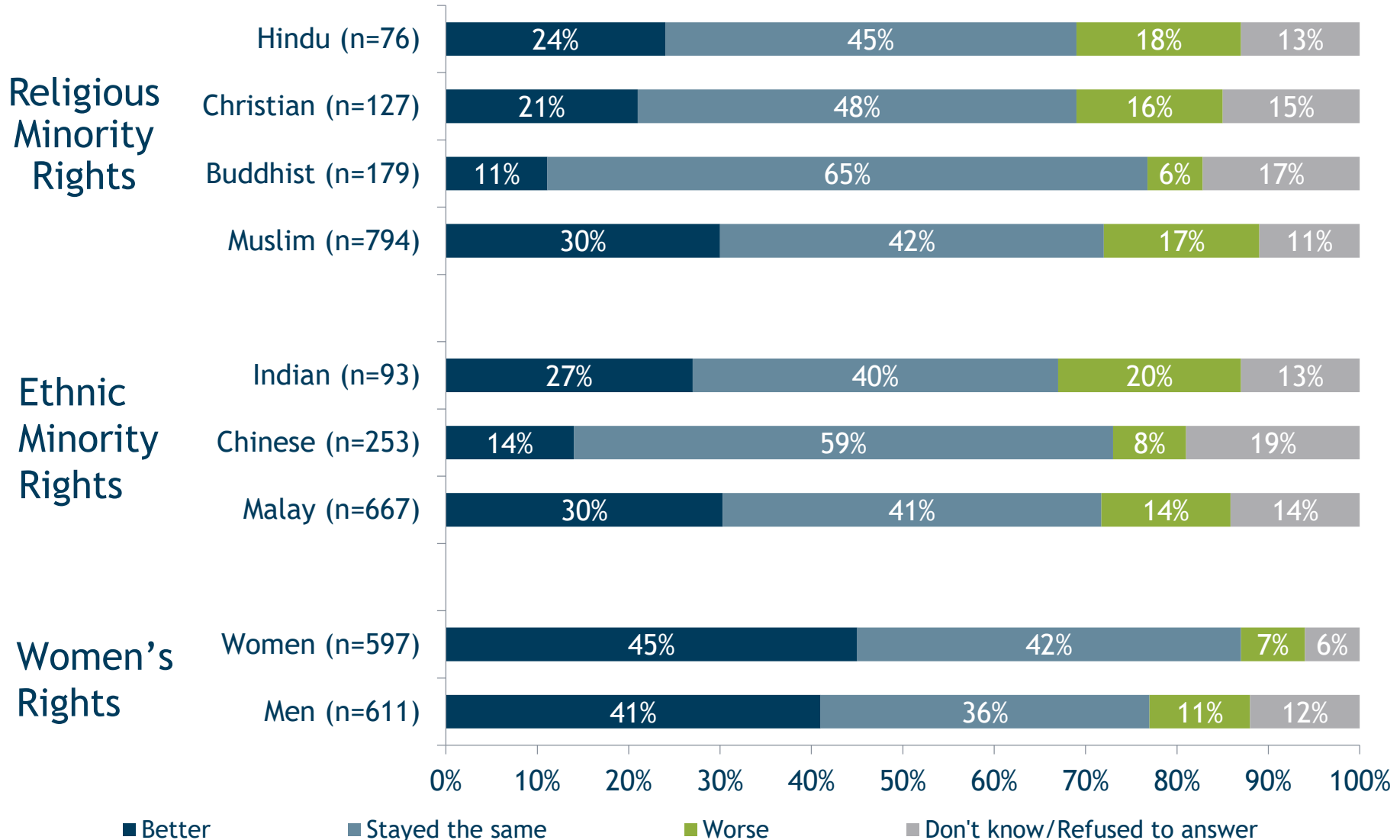


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Regarding each of the following topics on human rights and democracy, which have gotten better, worse or stayed the same in the past year?

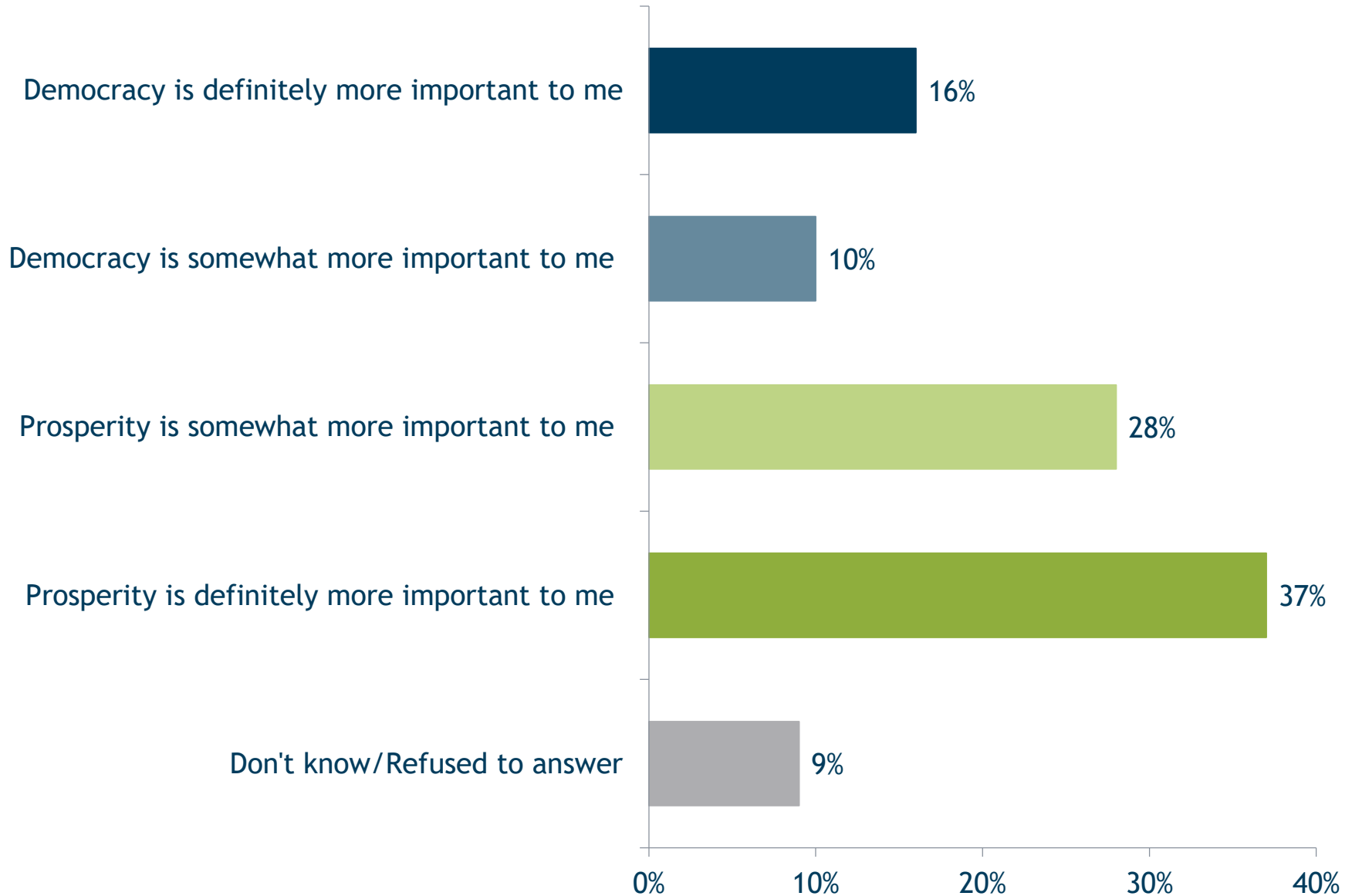


Regarding each of the following topics on human rights and democracy, which have gotten better, worse or stayed the same in the past year? (Disaggregated by religion, ethnicity and gender)

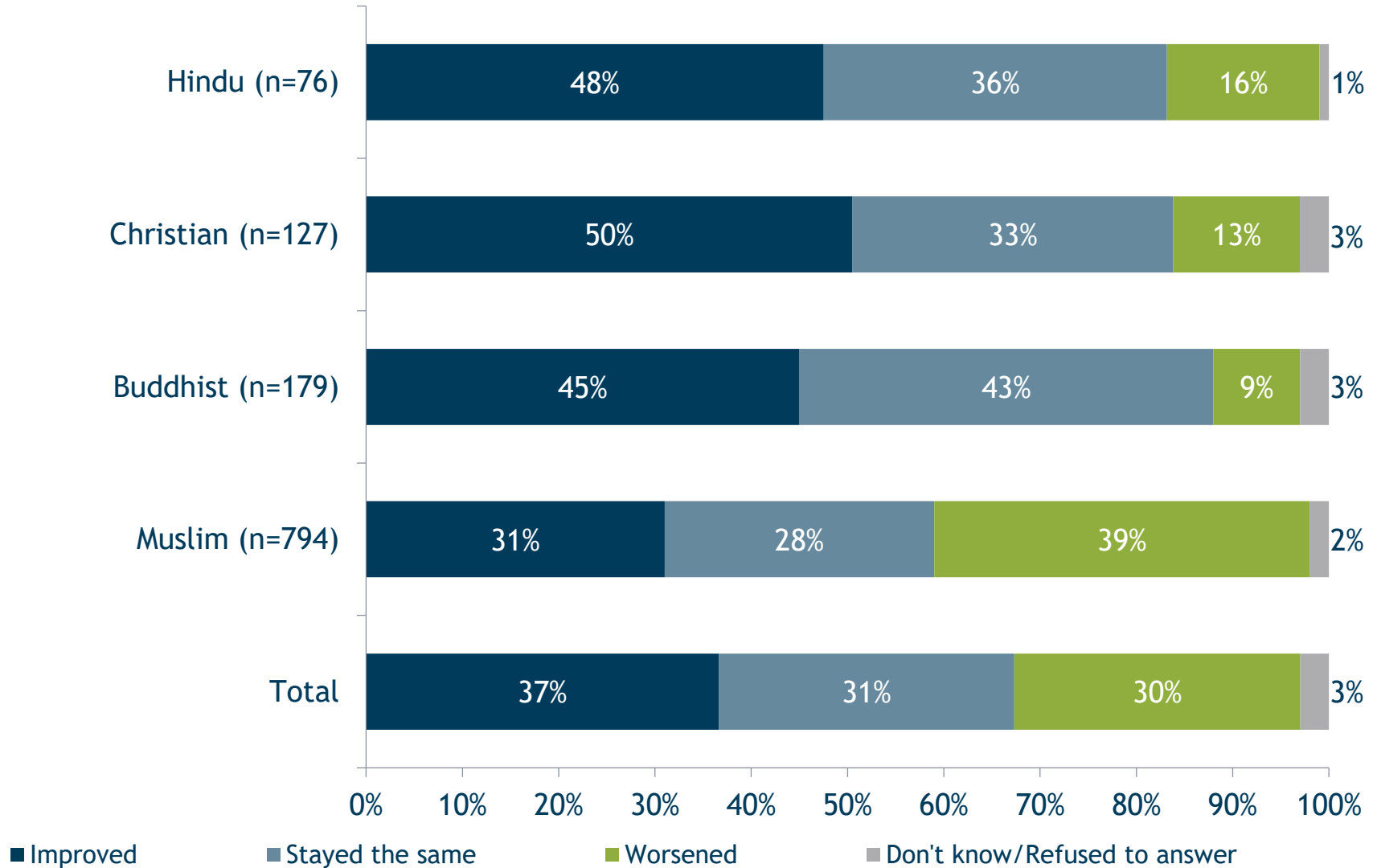


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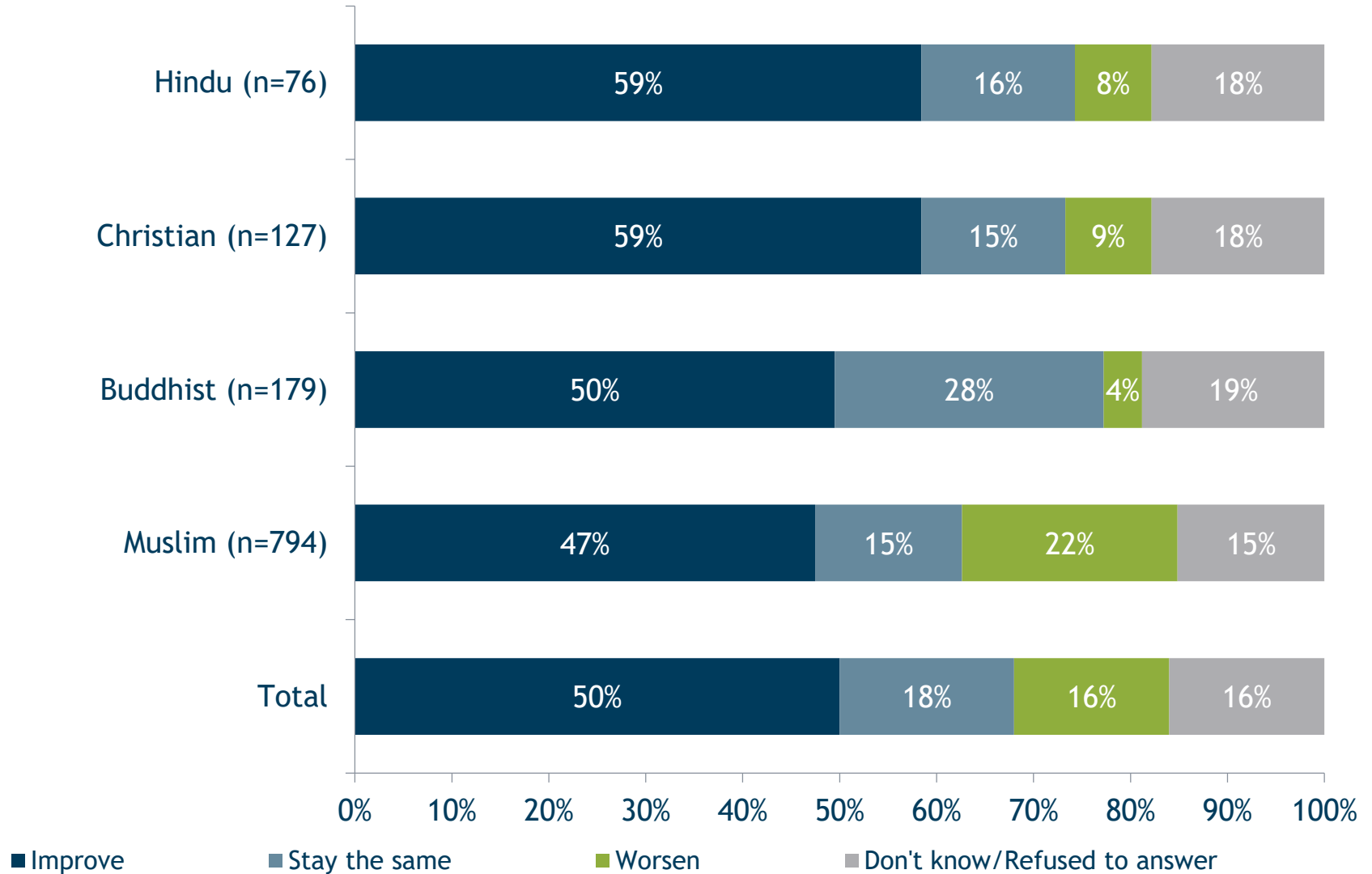
In Malaysia, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



Compared to a year ago, how has the level of harmony between different religious communities in Malaysia changed?



In the next year, how do you expect the level of harmony between different religious communities in Malaysia to change?

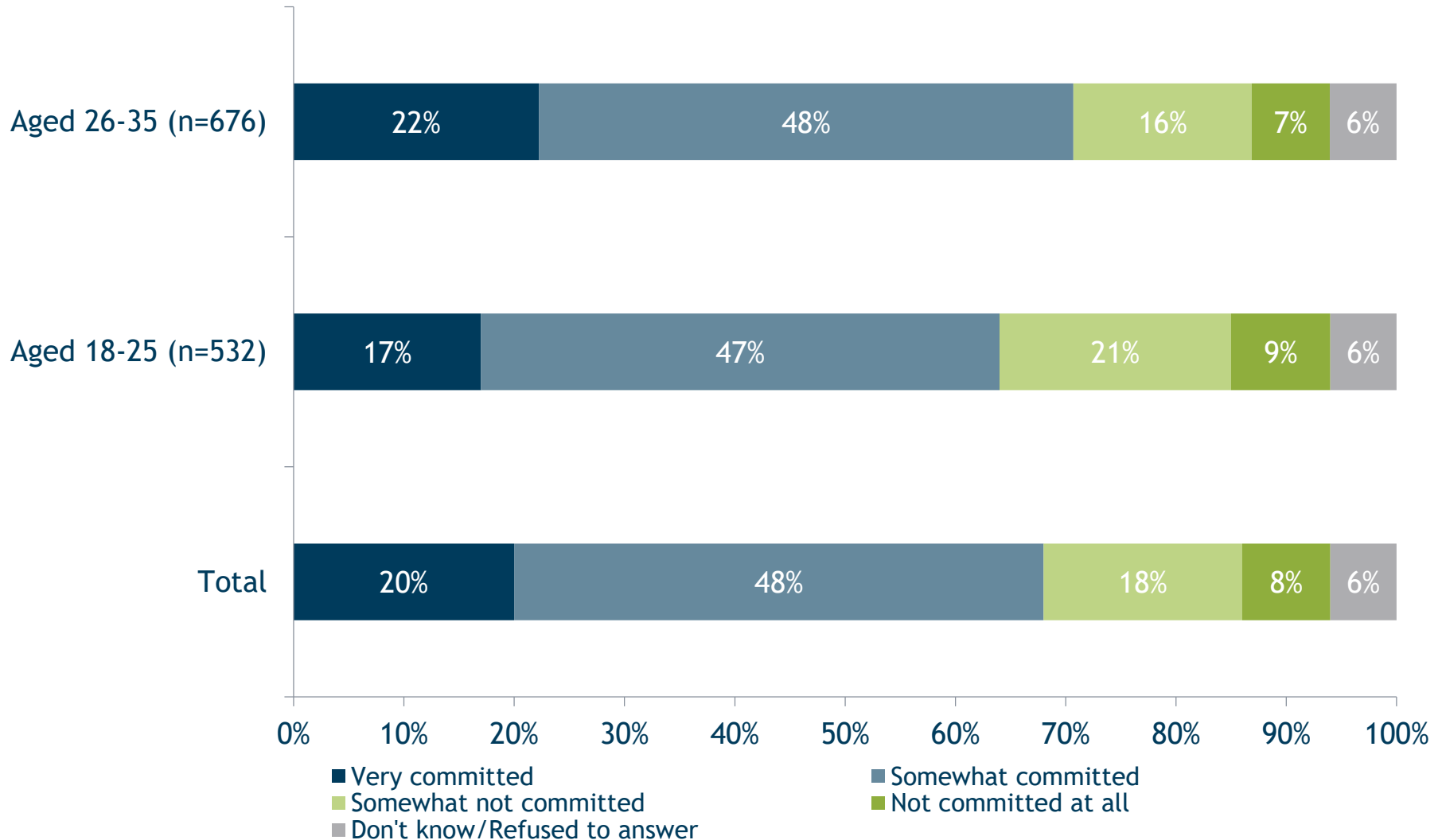




Corruption



How committed do you think the government is to addressing the corruption that exists in Malaysia?

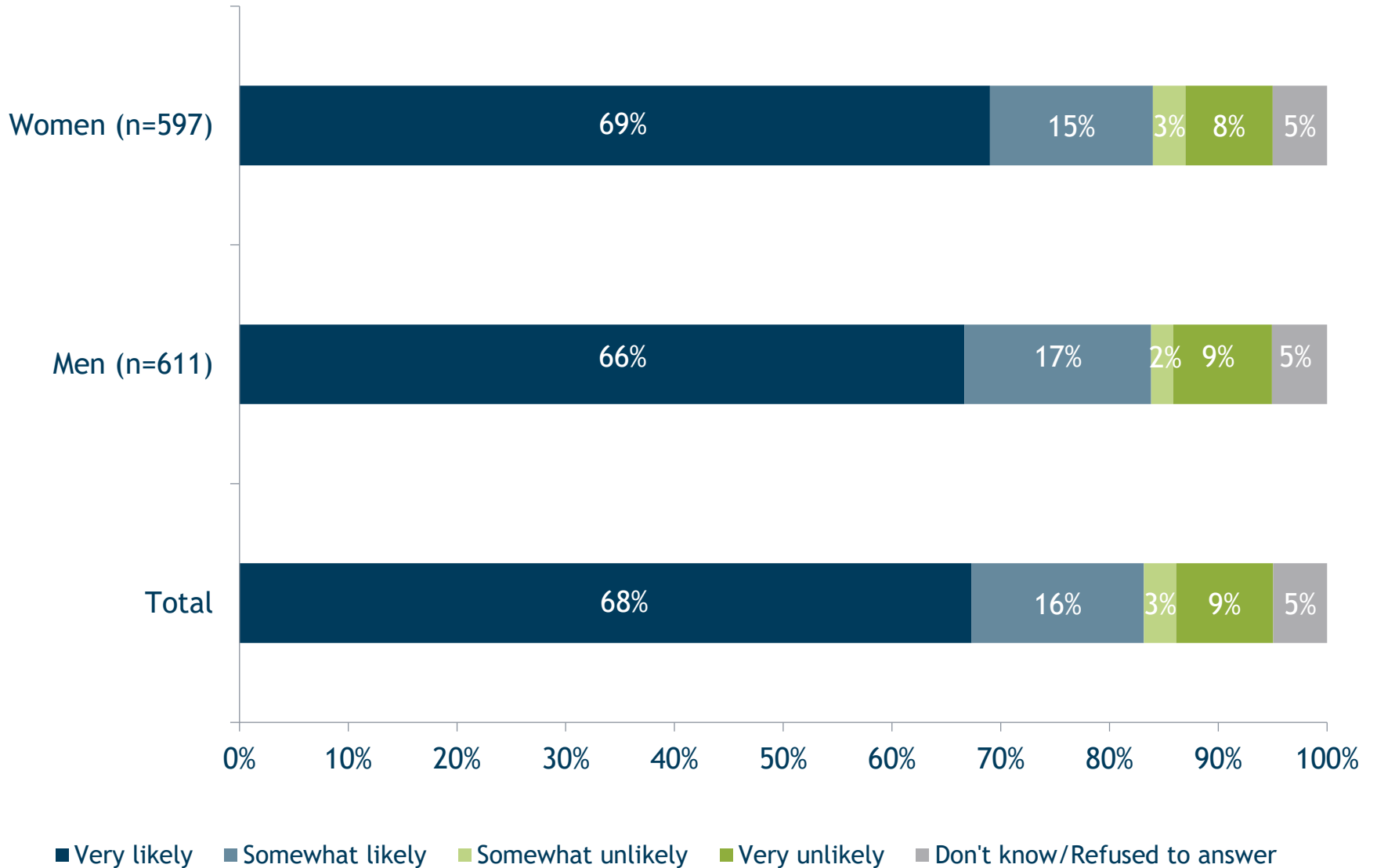




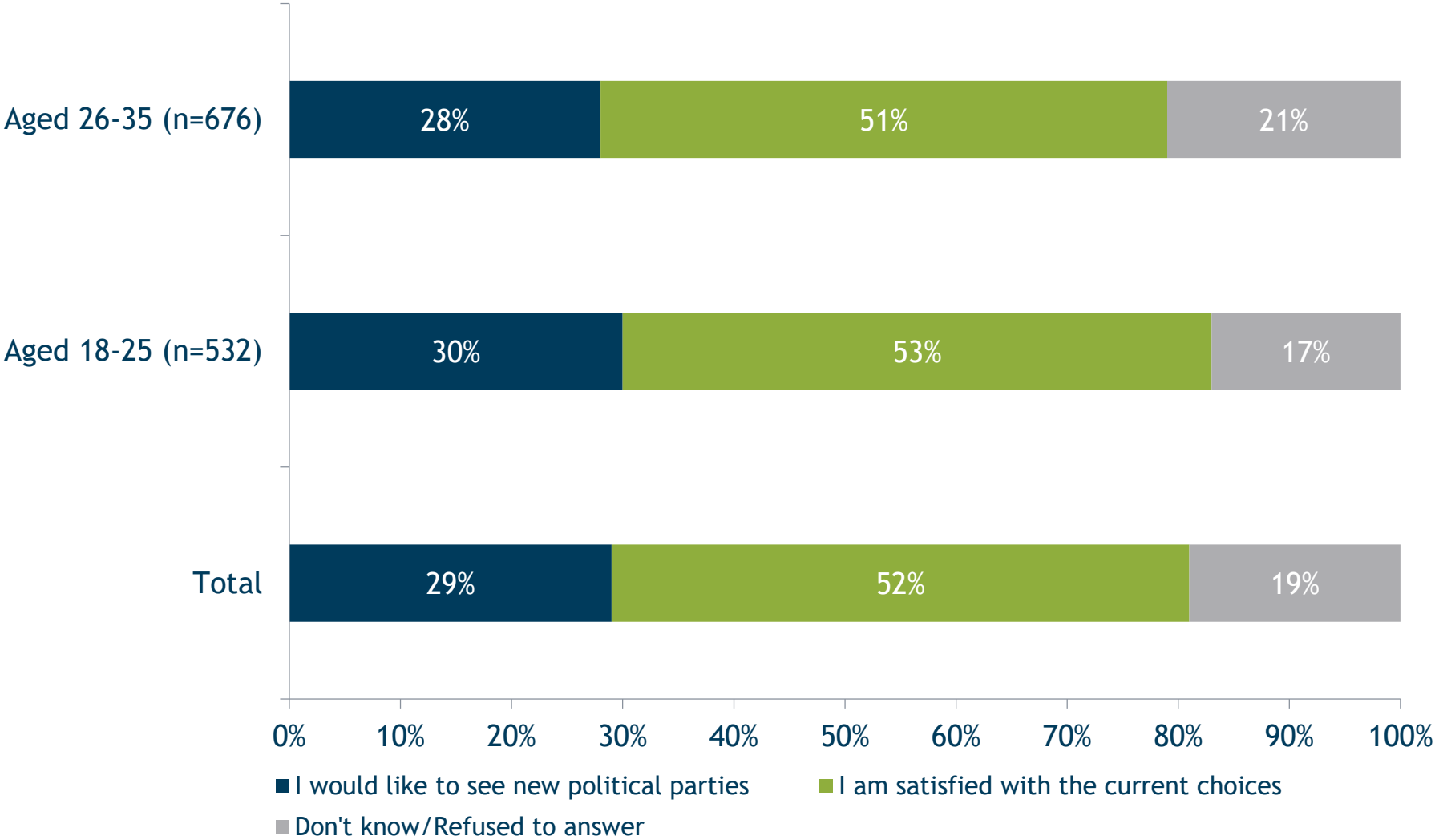
Political Parties and Elections



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



Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?



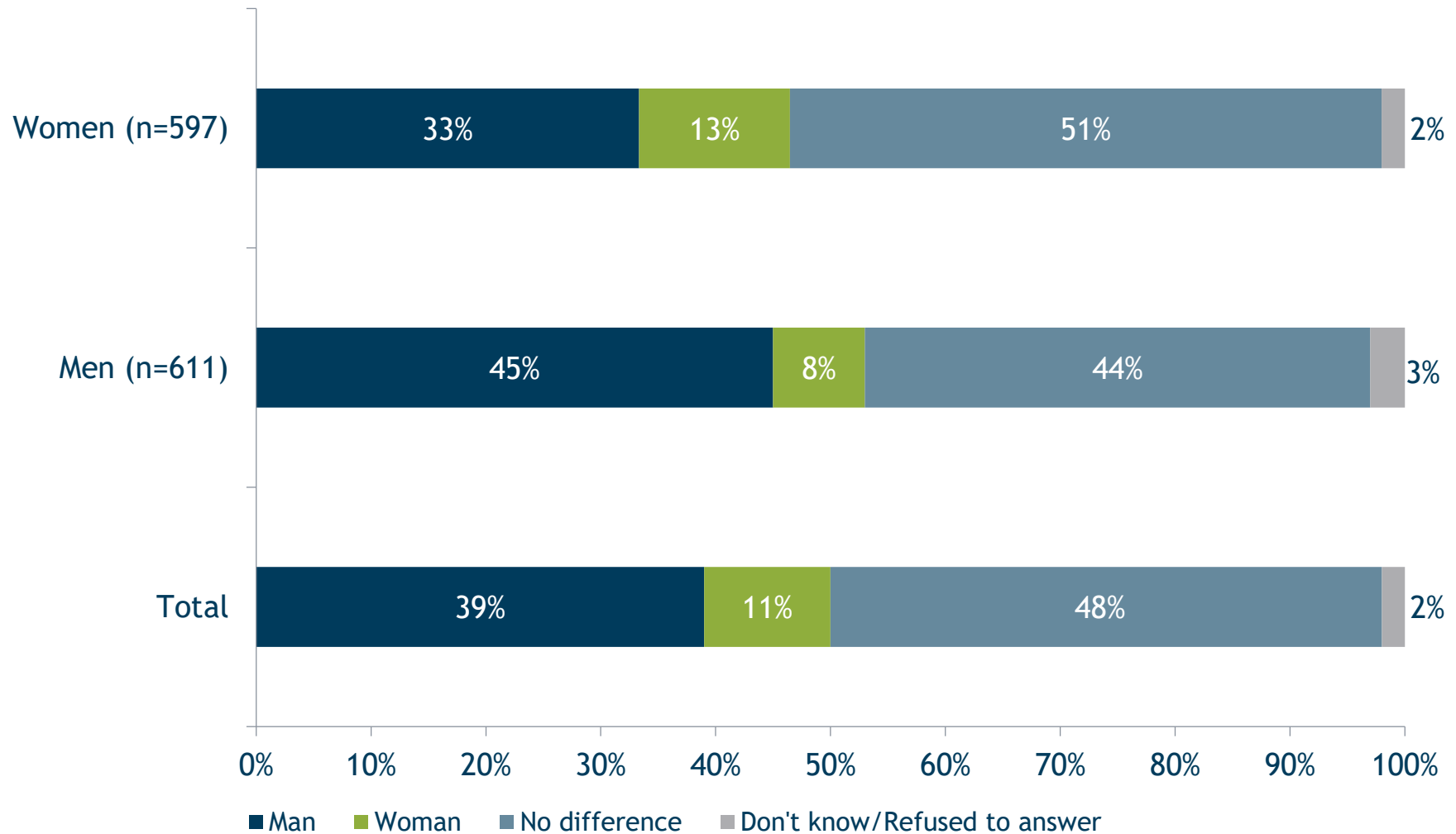
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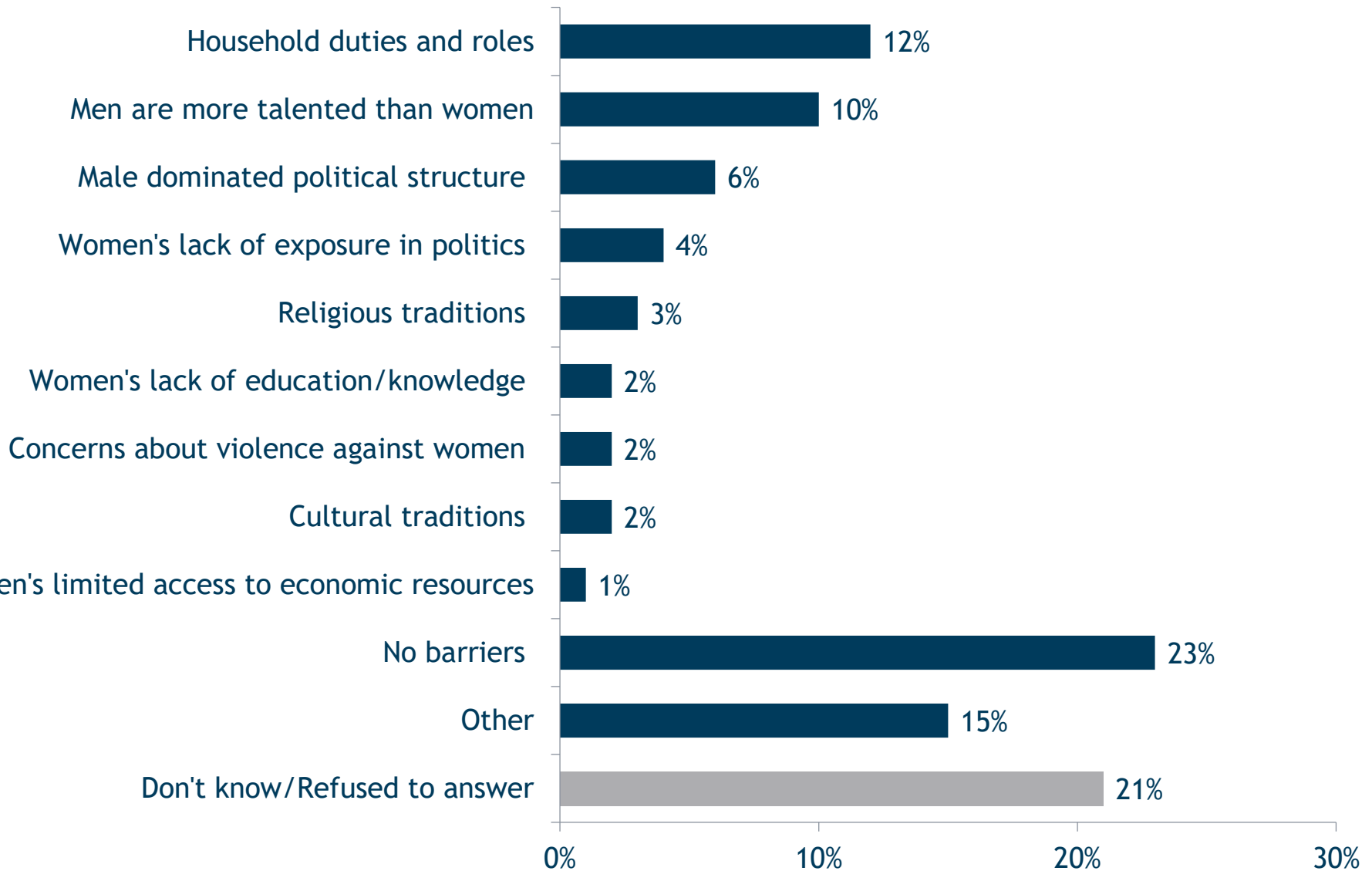
Women and Youth



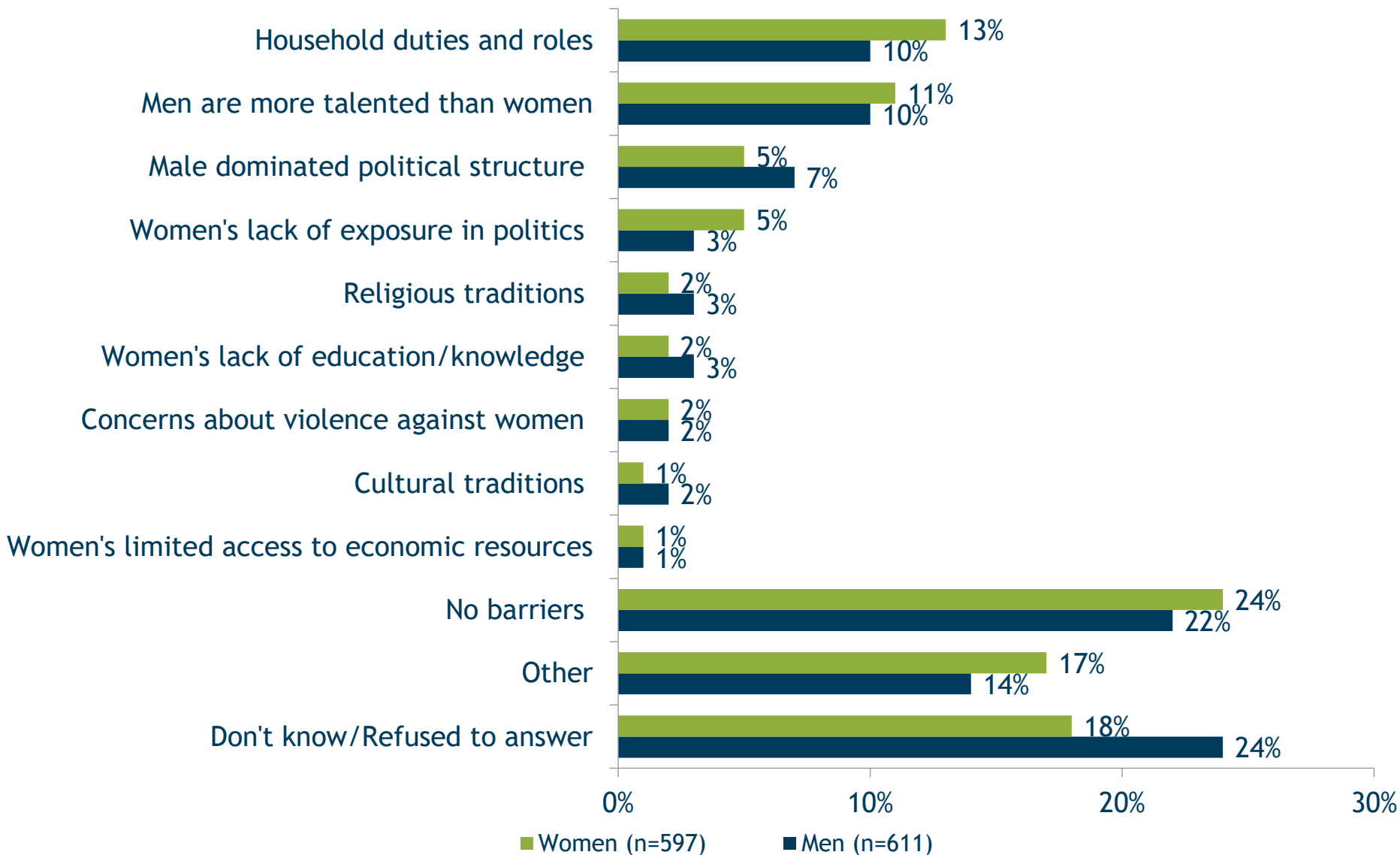
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



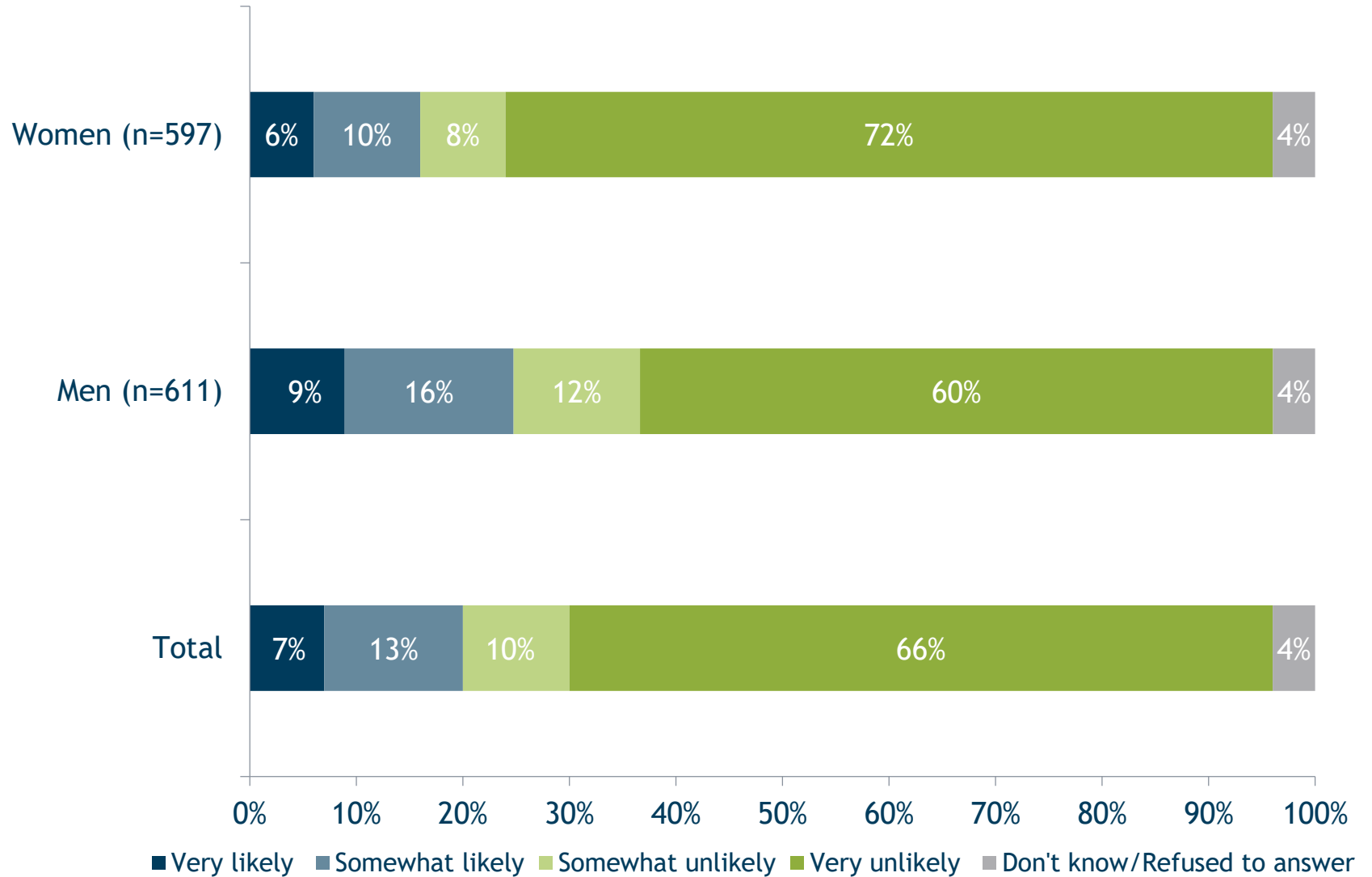
Which of the following would you say is the greatest barrier to greater women's participation in political decision making?



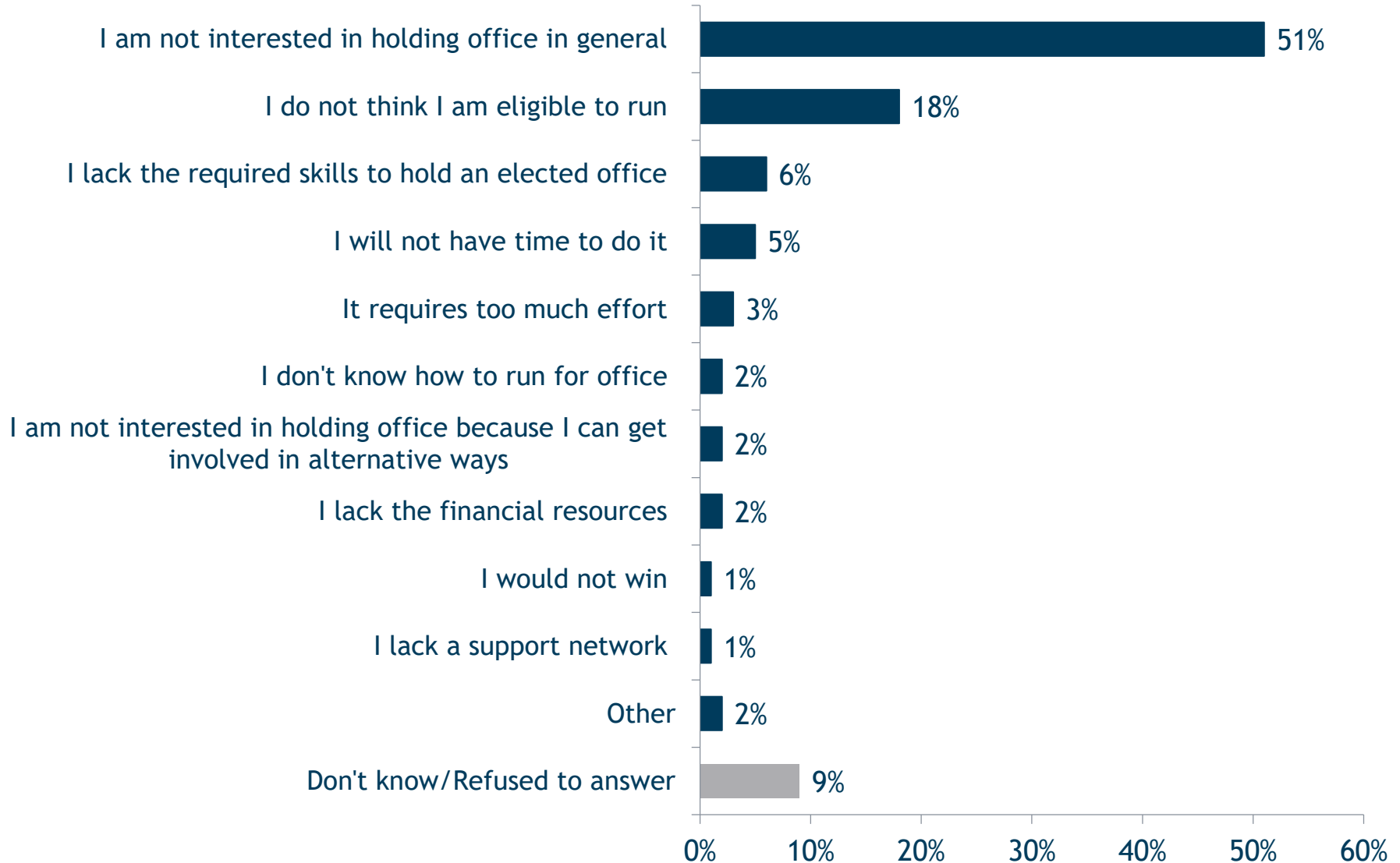
Which of the following would you say is the greatest barrier to greater women's participation in political decision making? (Disaggregated by gender)



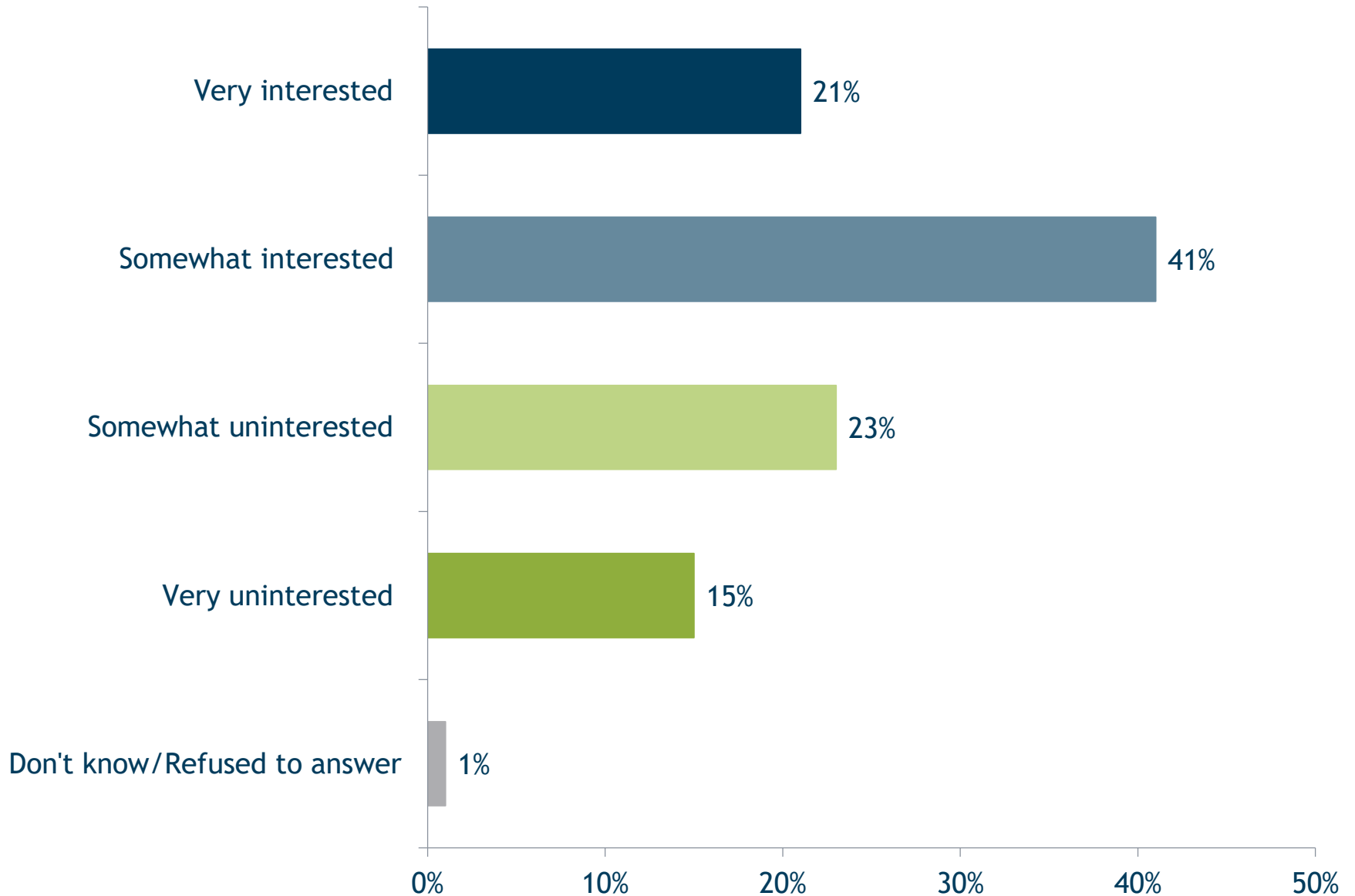
How likely, if at all, are you to run for local or national office by the age 35?



What is the primary reason you are unlikely to run for office? (n=916 respondents who are unlikely to run to office)

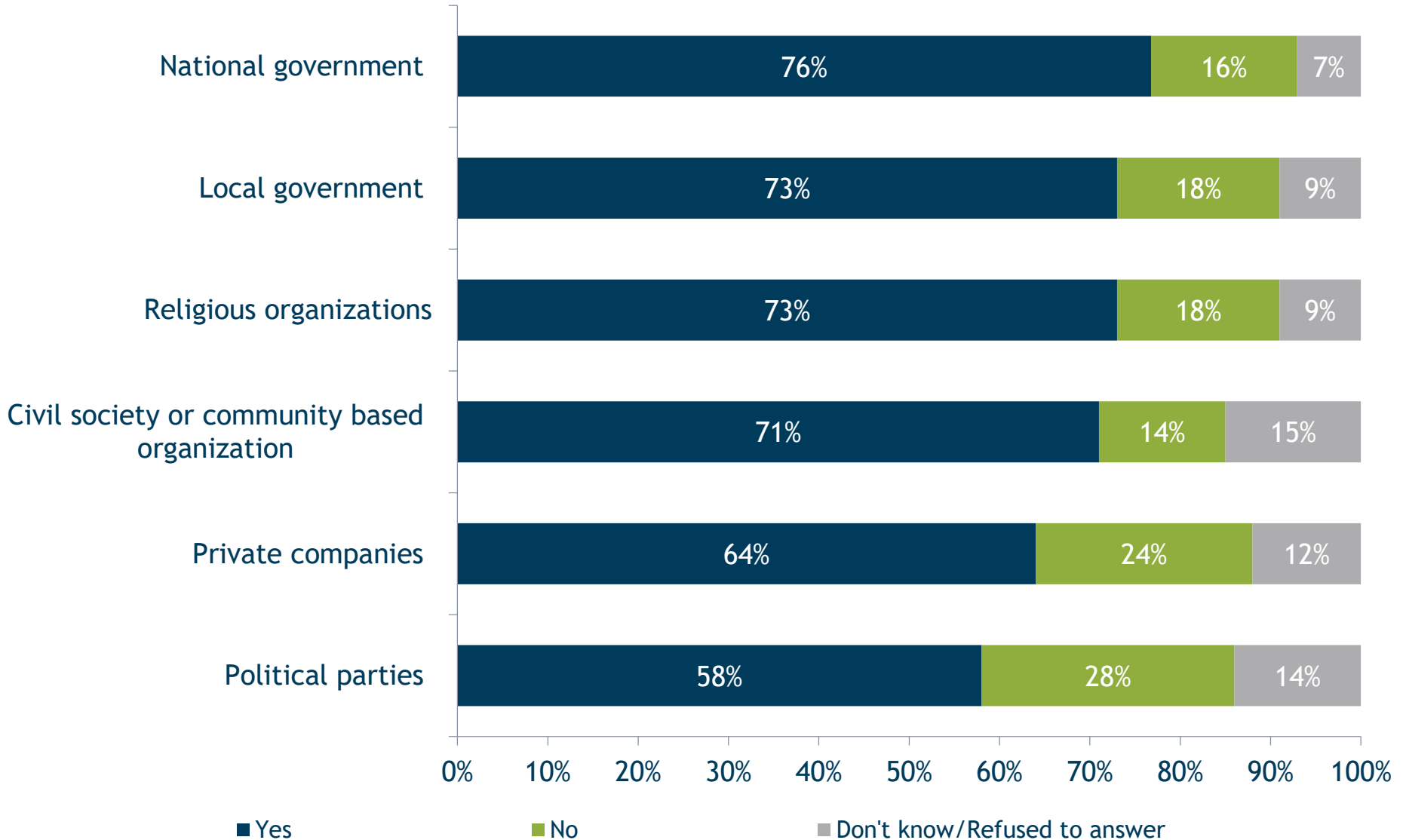


How interested are you in actively participating in community service?

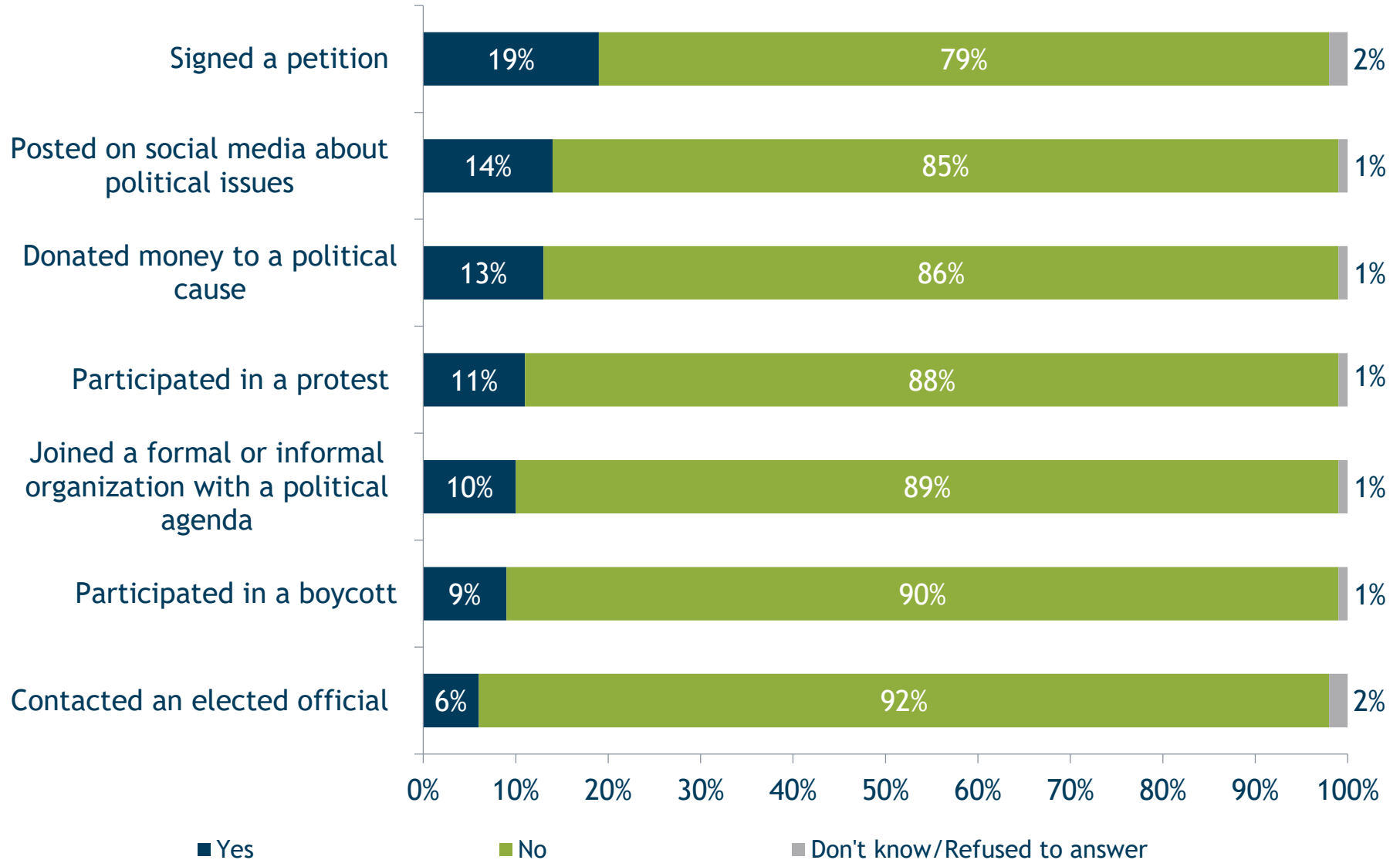


Do you consider these organizations to be effective in addressing challenges your country and community may face?

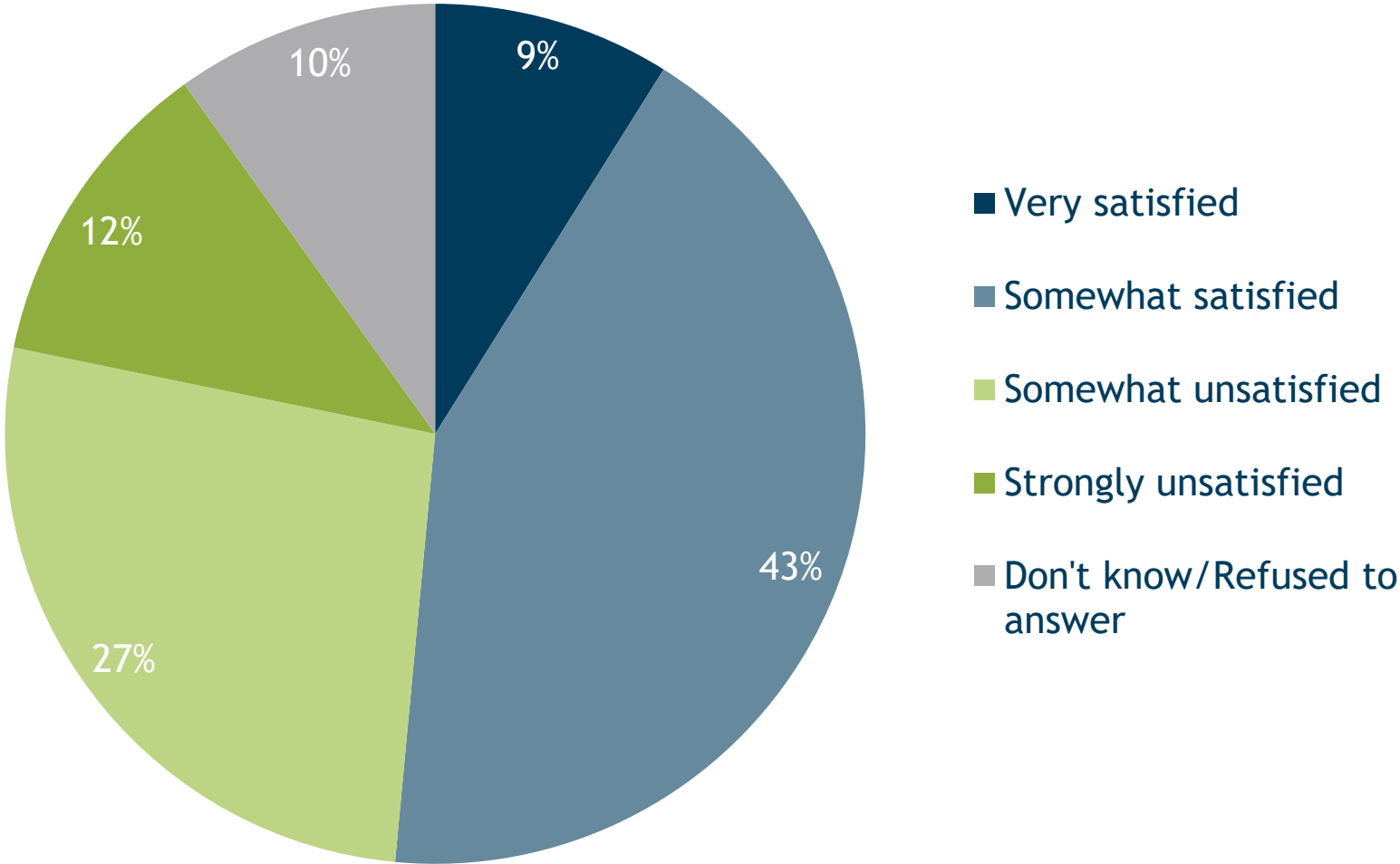
(n=746 respondents who are interested in actively participating in community service)



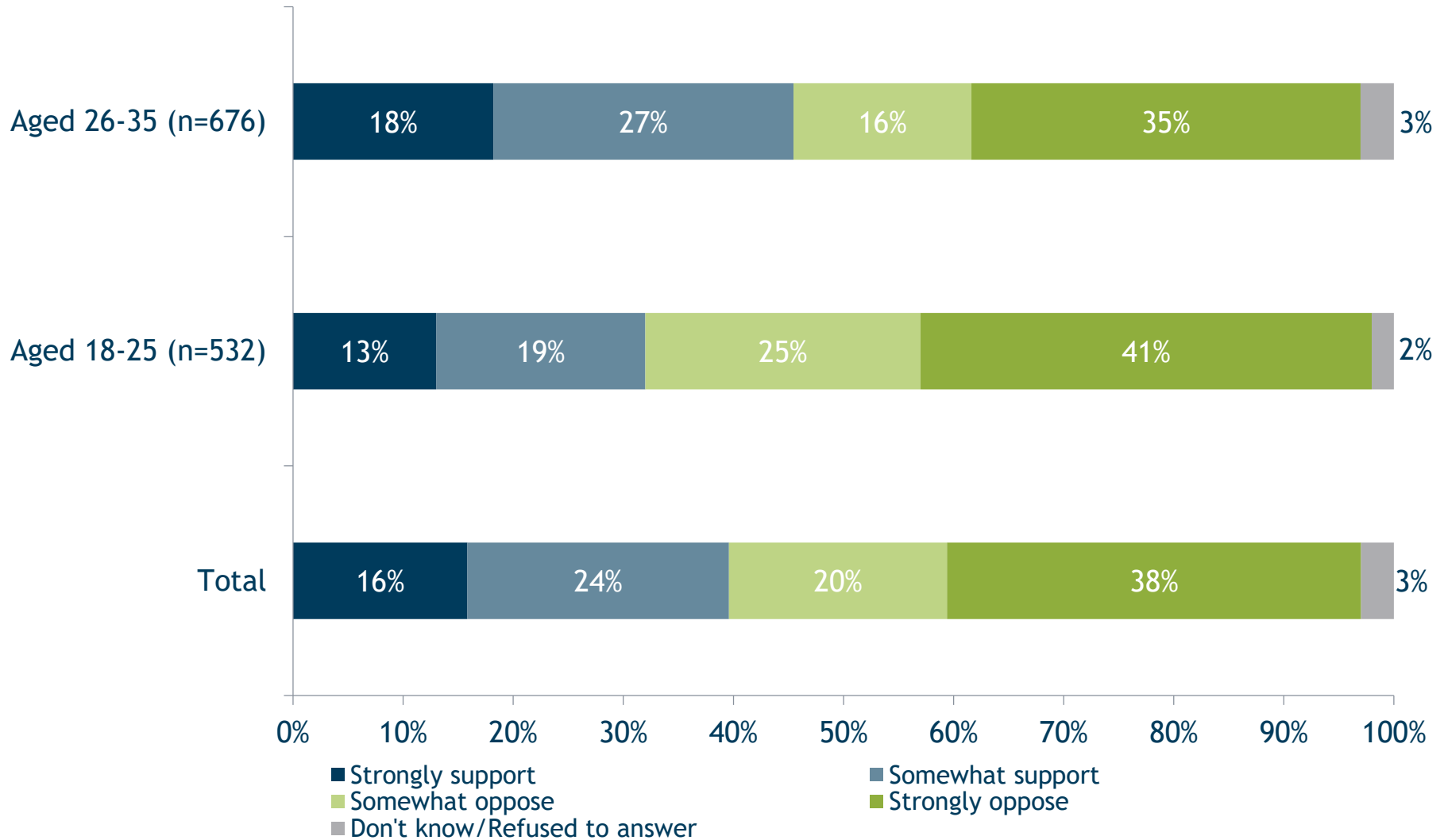
Have you ever engaged in any of the following activities?



How satisfied are you with the media's portrayal of young people?



Do you support or oppose lowering the voting age from 21 to 18 years old?

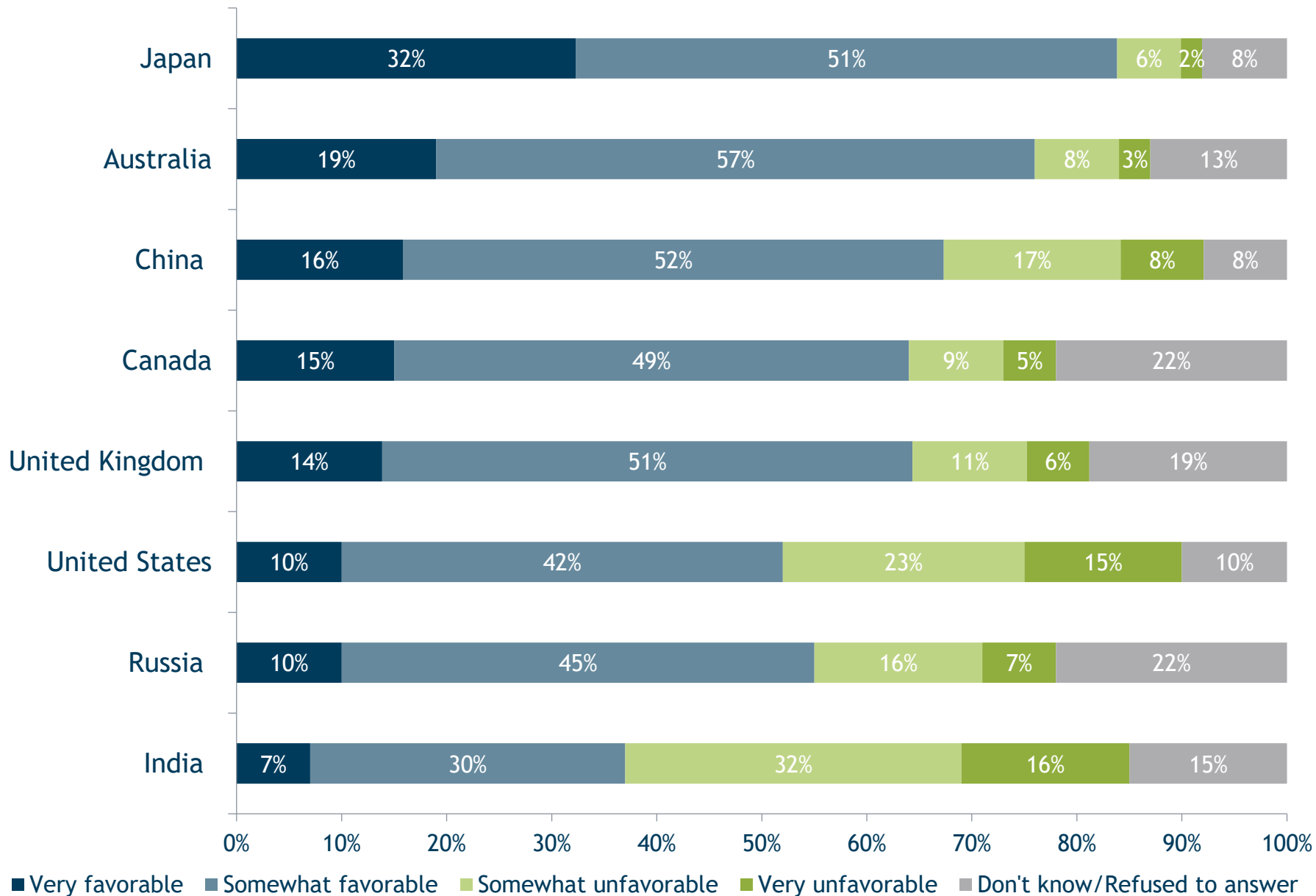




Foreign Relations



Would you say that you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following countries:

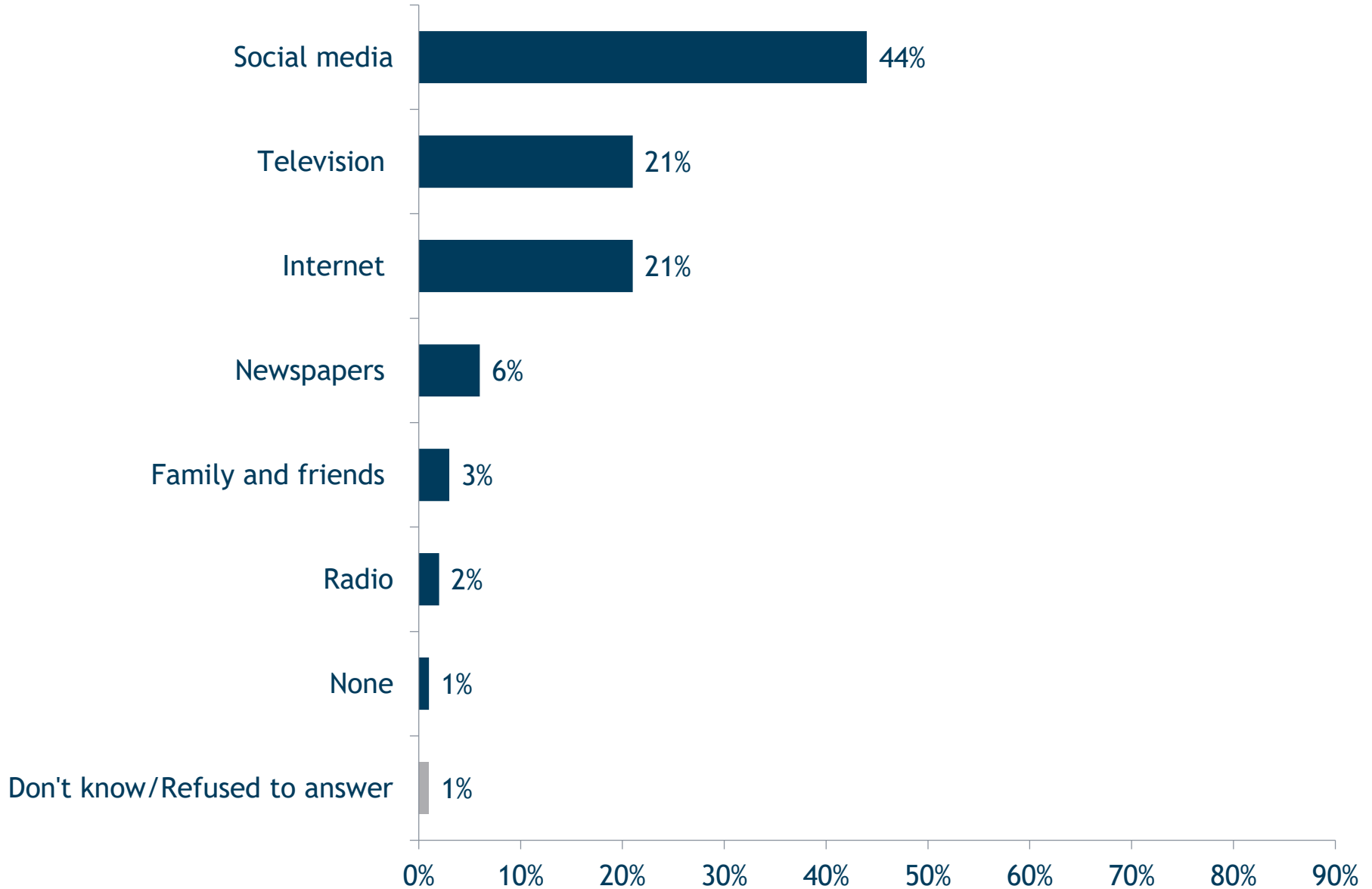




Media

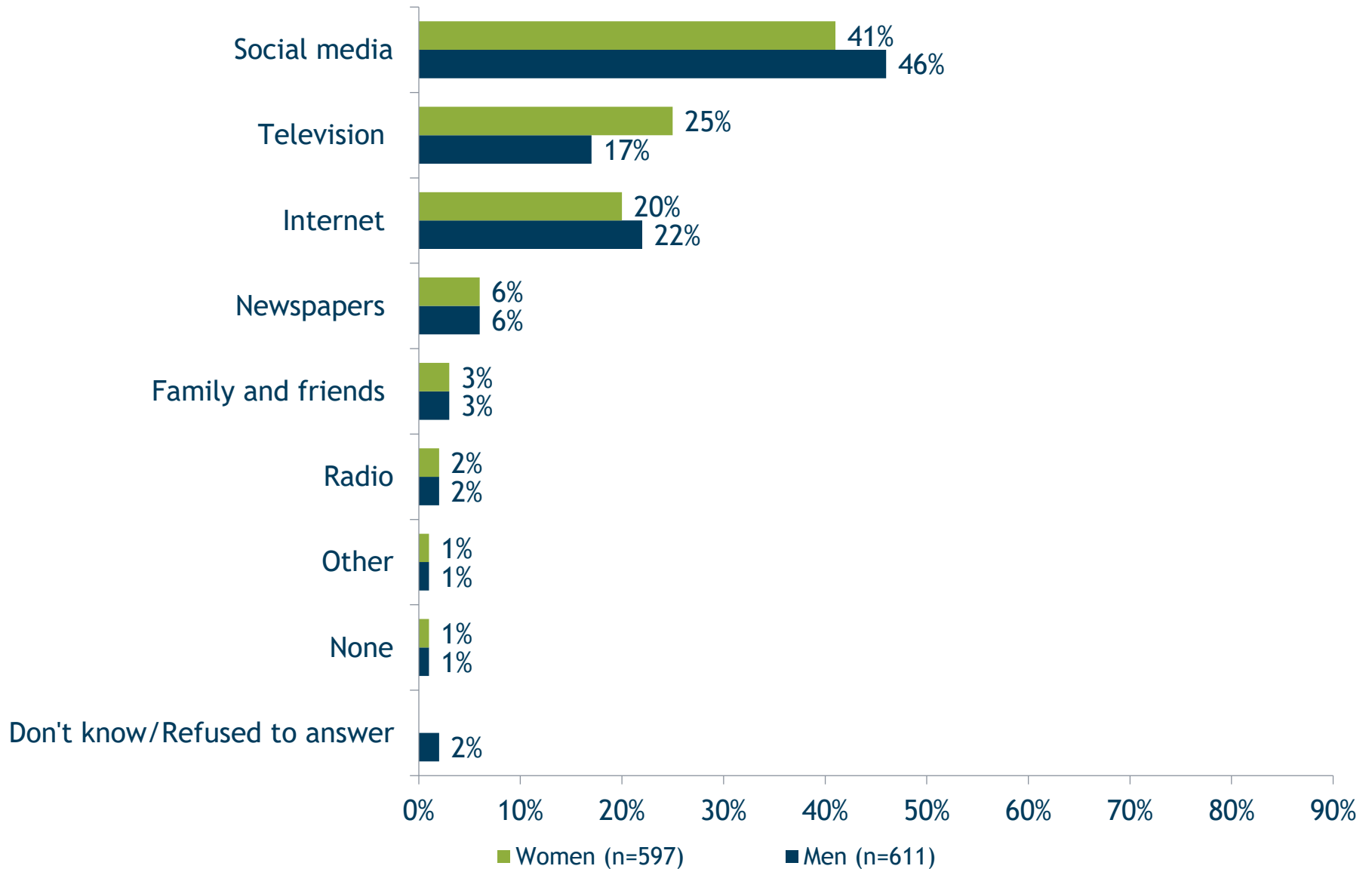


Which of these sources of information do you think is most helpful for you to learn about issues related to political affairs in Malaysia?



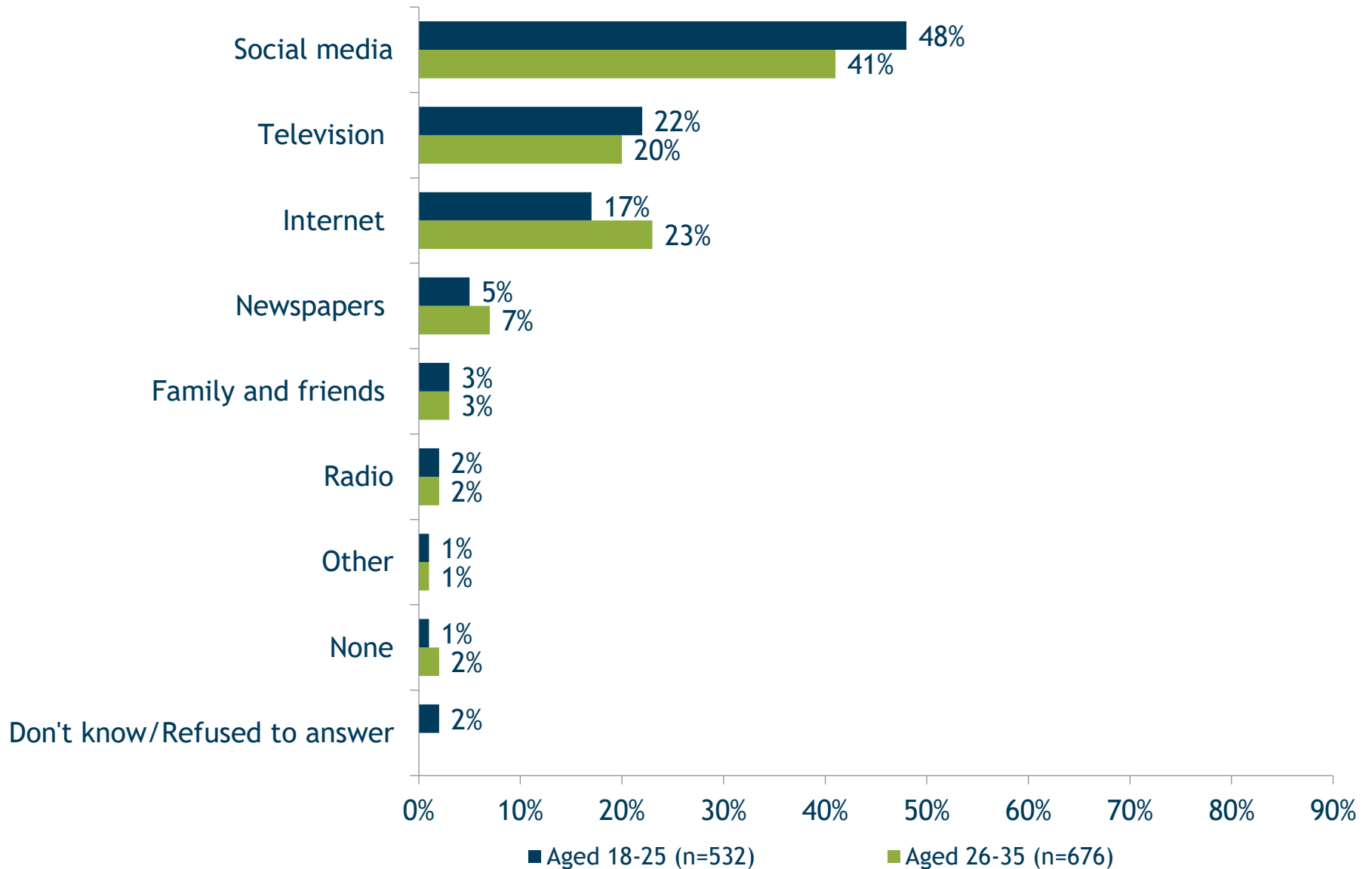
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Which of these sources of information is most helpful for you to learn about issues related to political affairs in Malaysia? (Disaggregated by gender)



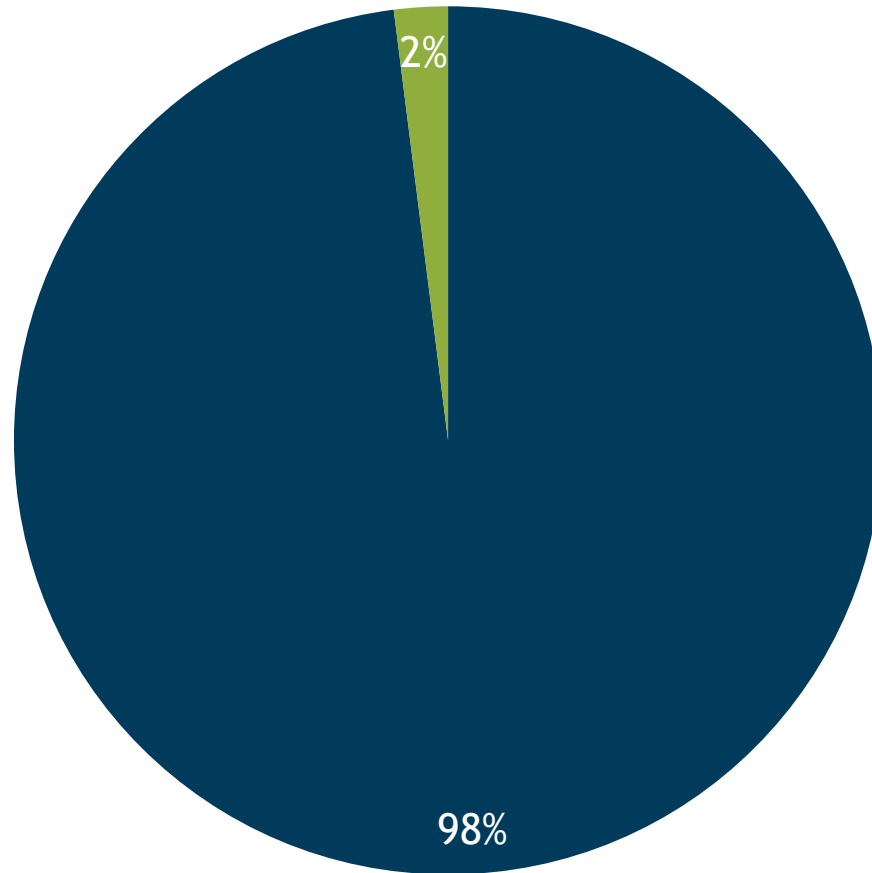
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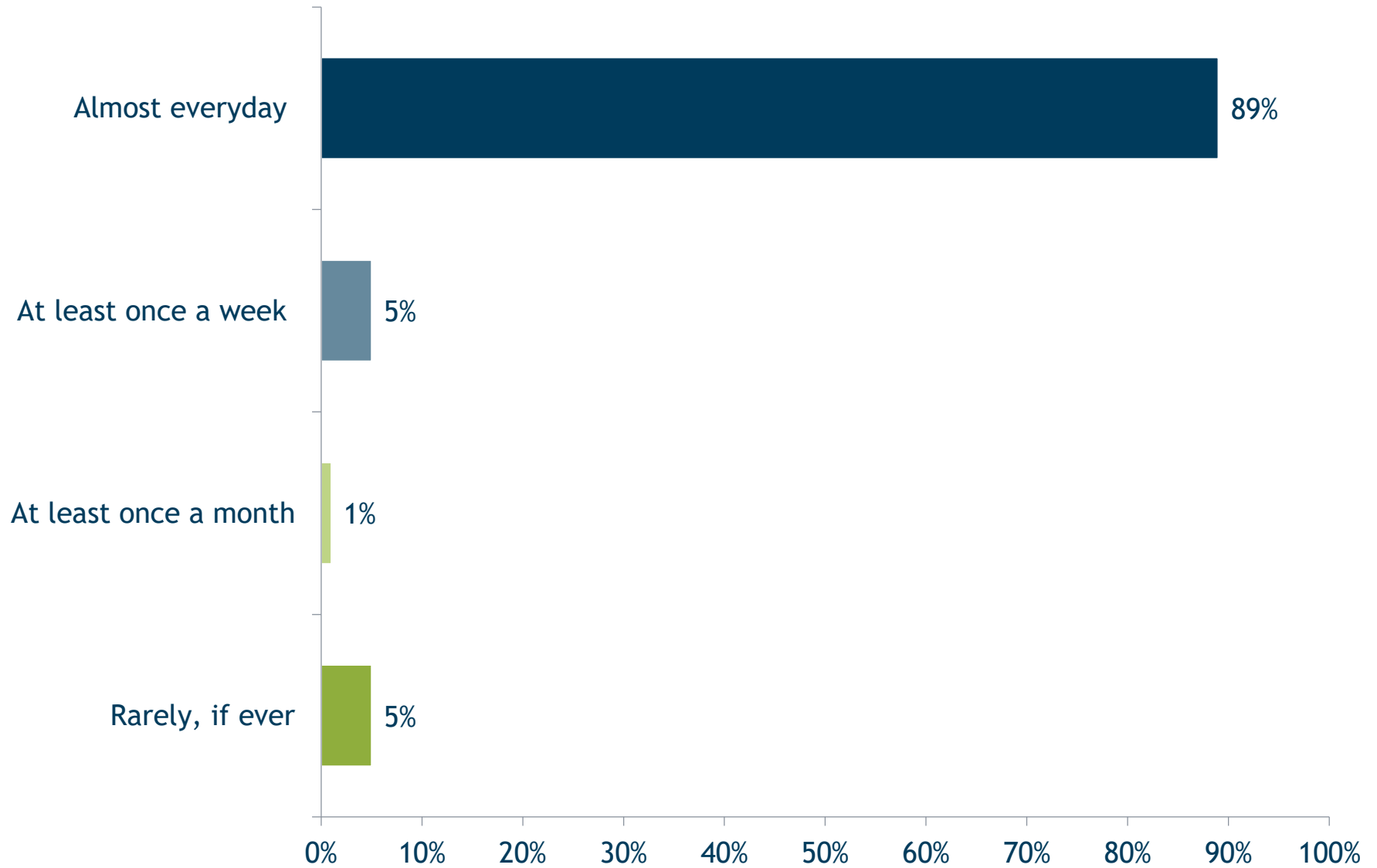
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Do you have access to the internet?

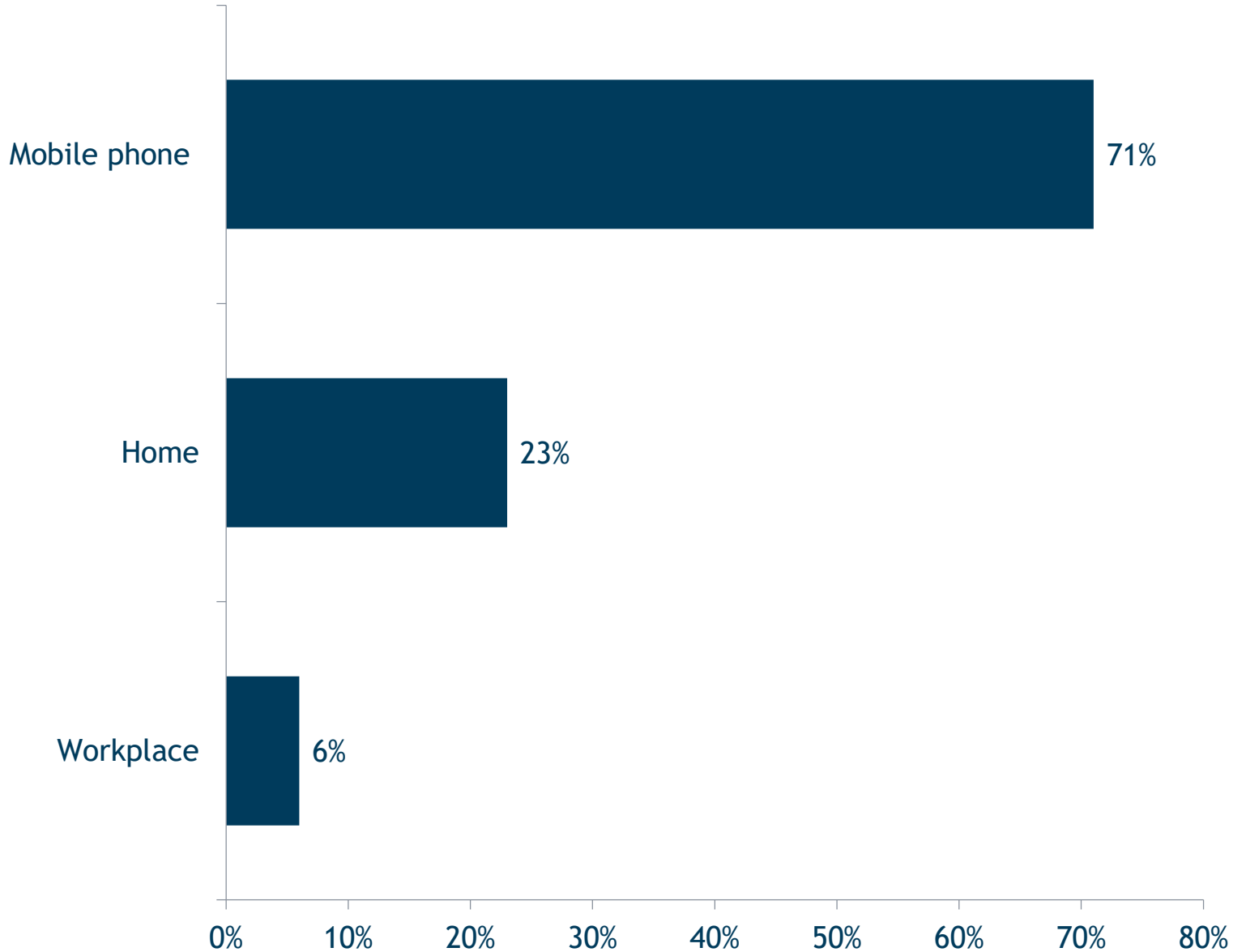


■ Yes ■ No

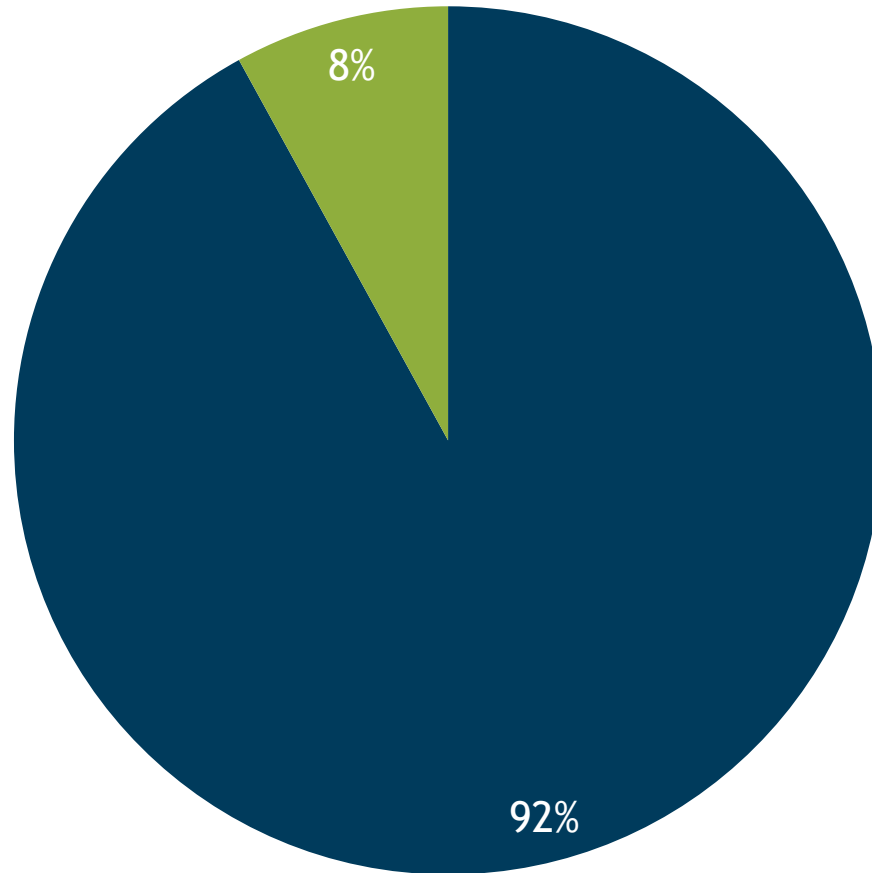
How often do you use the internet? (n=1,178 respondents with internet access)



Where do you most frequently access the internet? (n=1,178 respondents with internet access)

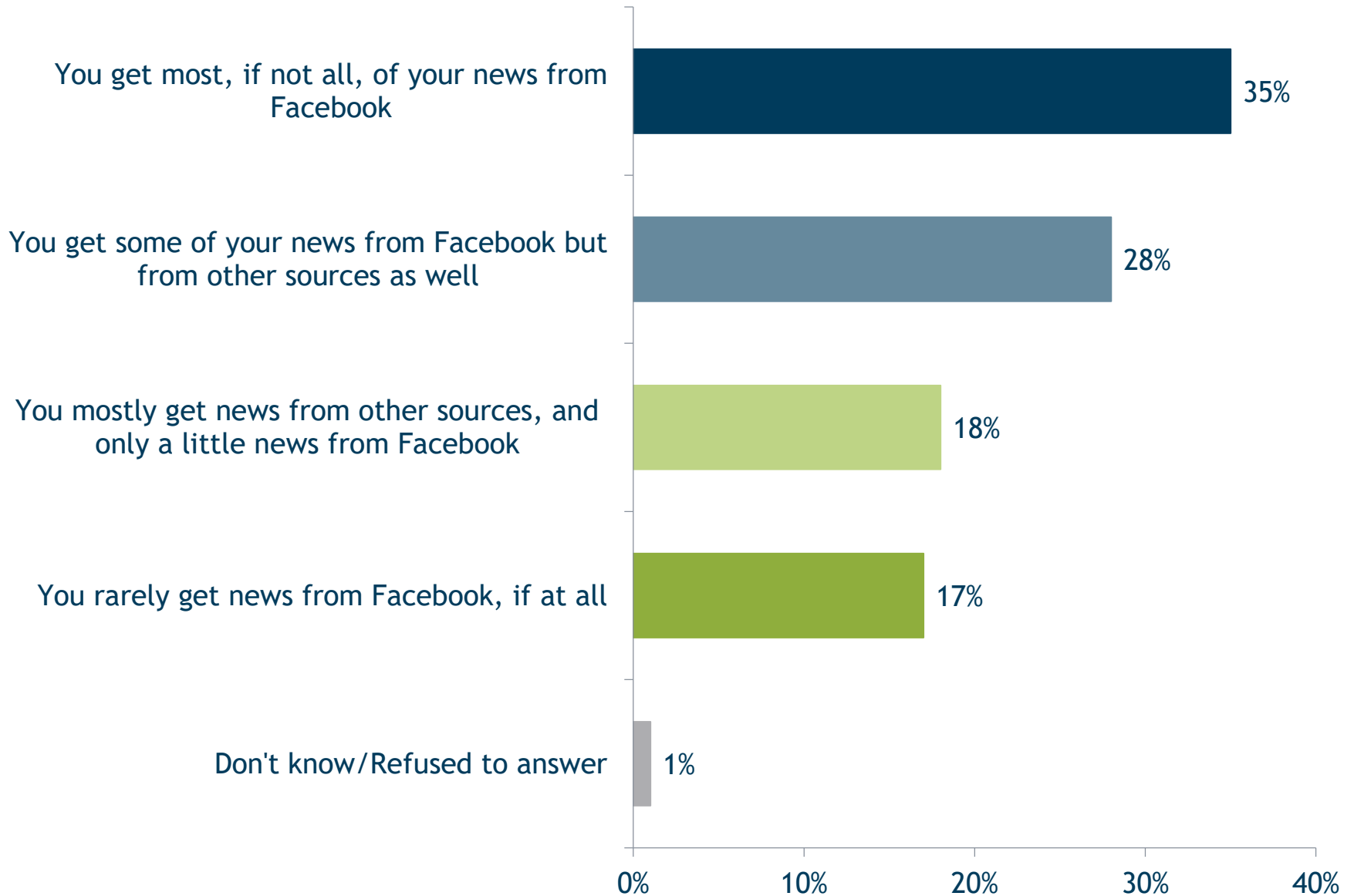


Have you ever used Facebook?



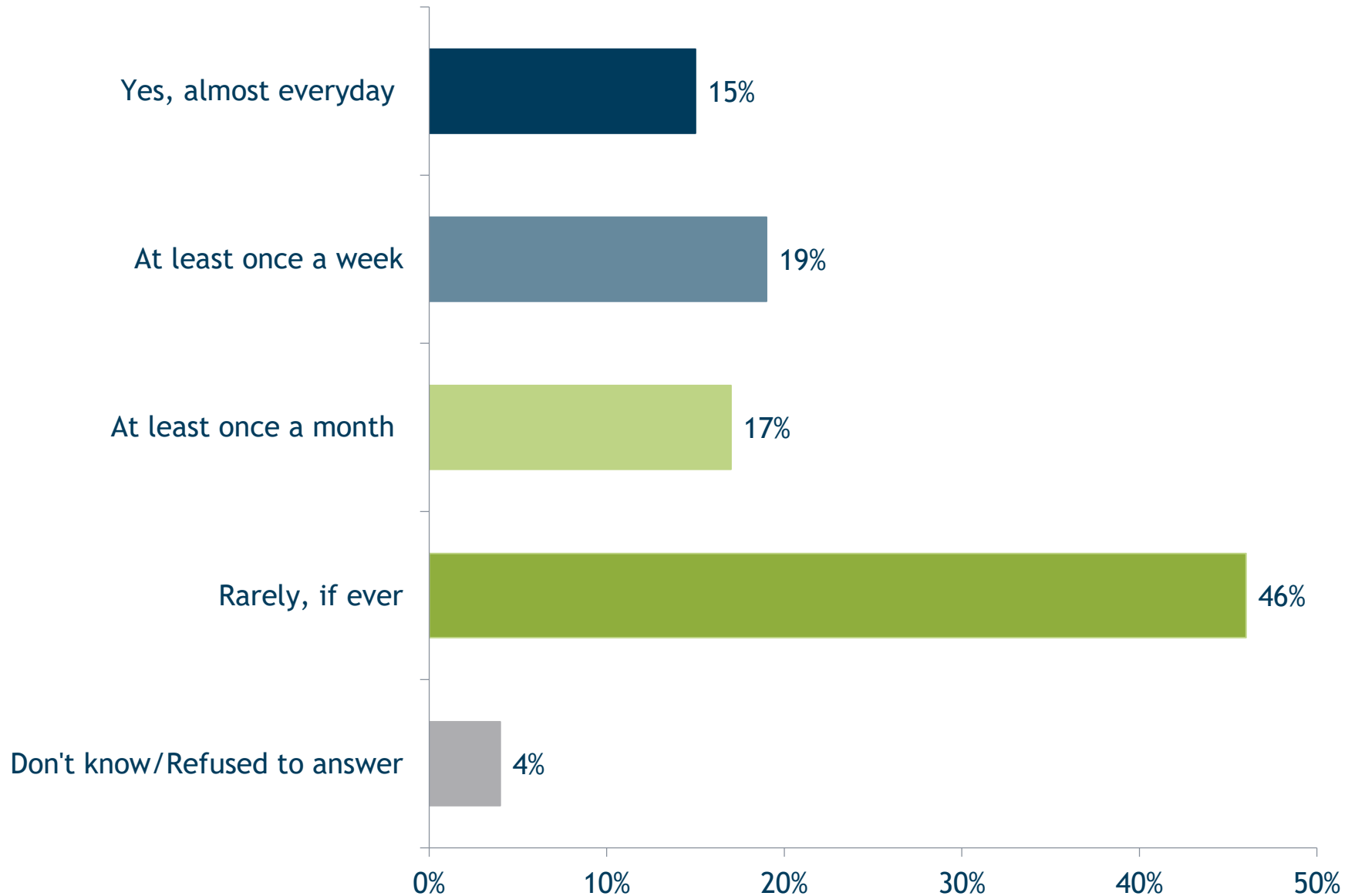
■ Yes ■ No

When it comes to the sources from which you get your news, to what extent do you rely on Facebook for your news? Would you say that...? (n=1,107 respondents who have used Facebook)

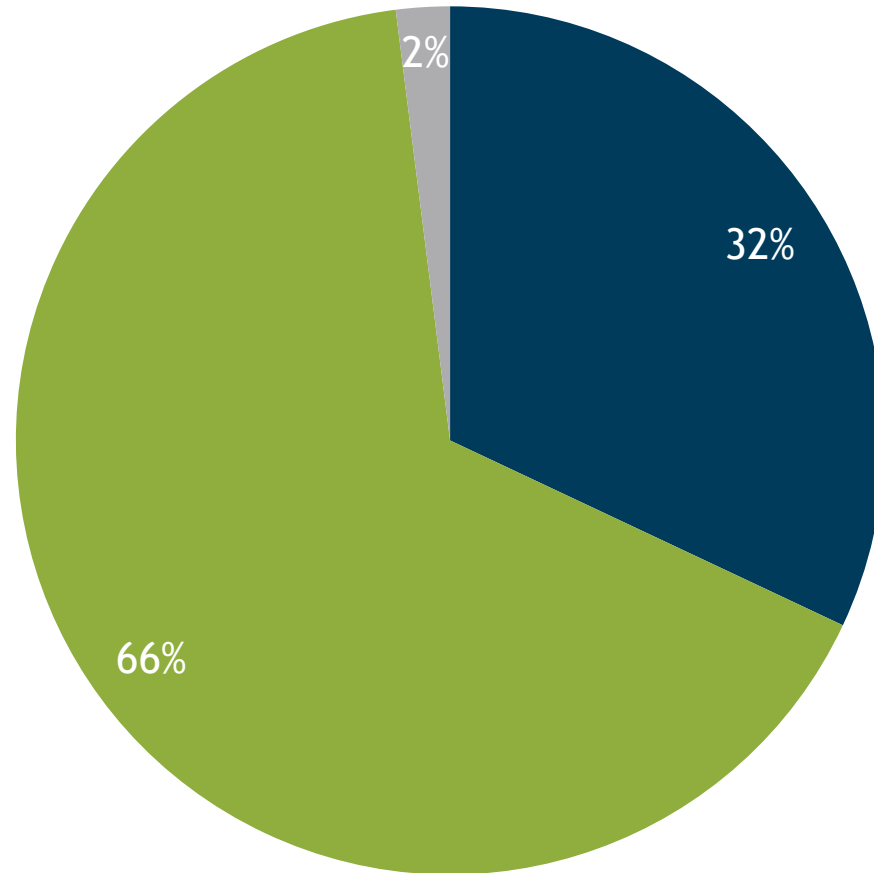


Do you ever see posts about conflict, such as ethnic or religious conflict, in Malaysia on Facebook?

(n=1,107 respondents who have used Facebook)

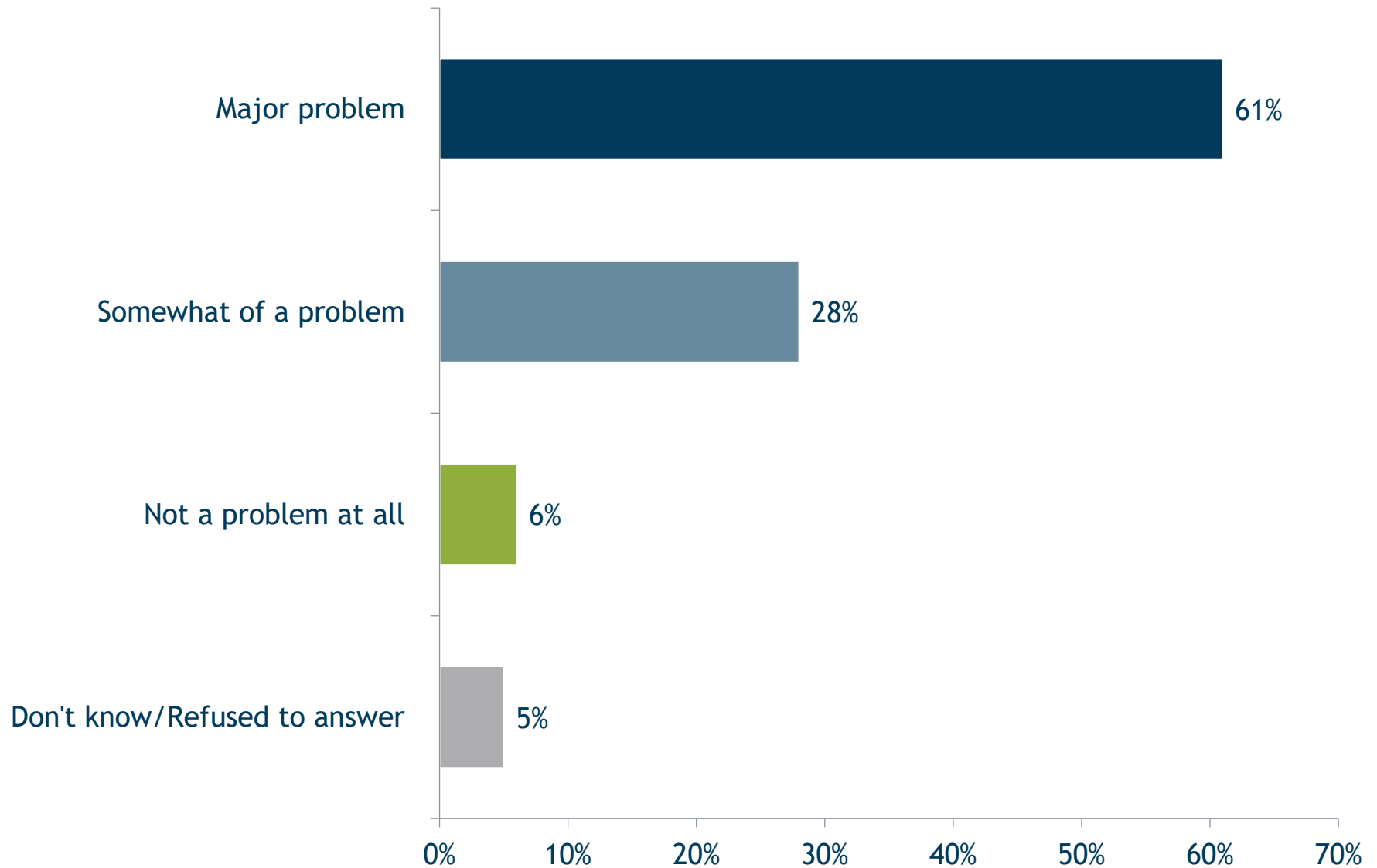


Have you ever asked a Facebook friend to not share graphic information related to ethnic or religious conflict?
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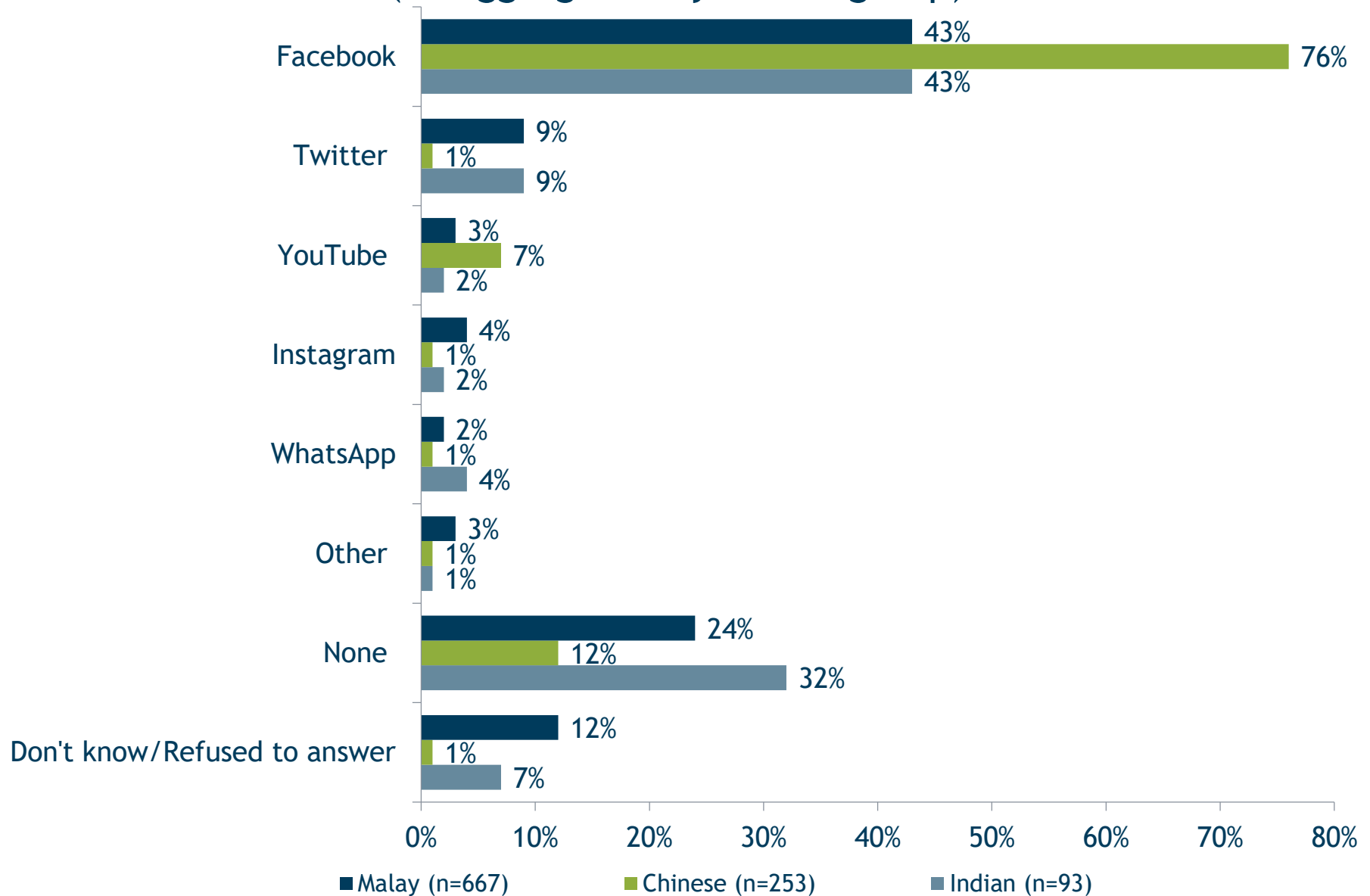


■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/Refused

Thinking about Malaysia, would you say that the use of misinformation in the media to influence people's beliefs and opinions is a major problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem at all?

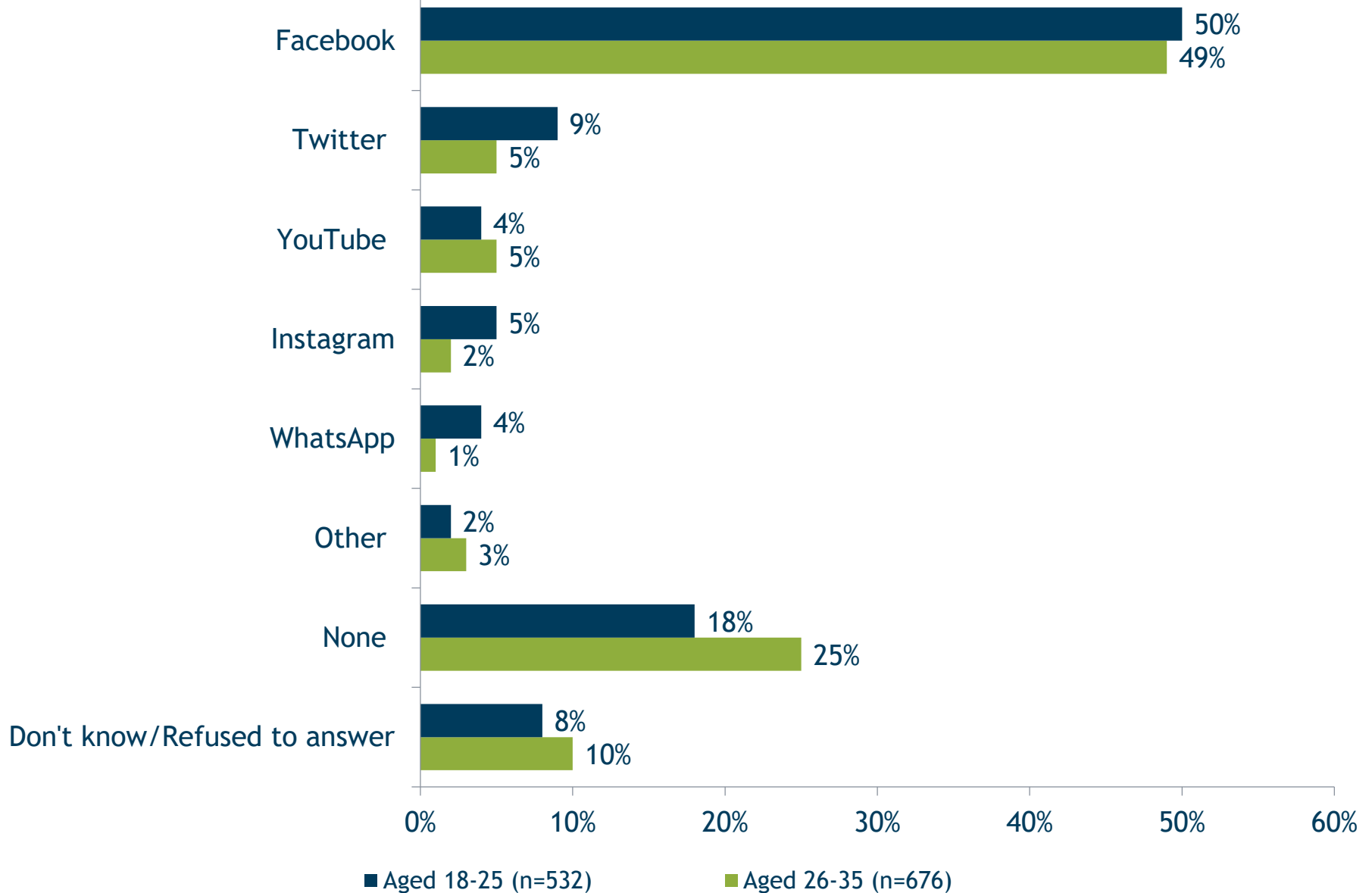


Which social media platform do you rely on most for political news? (Disaggregated by ethnic group)



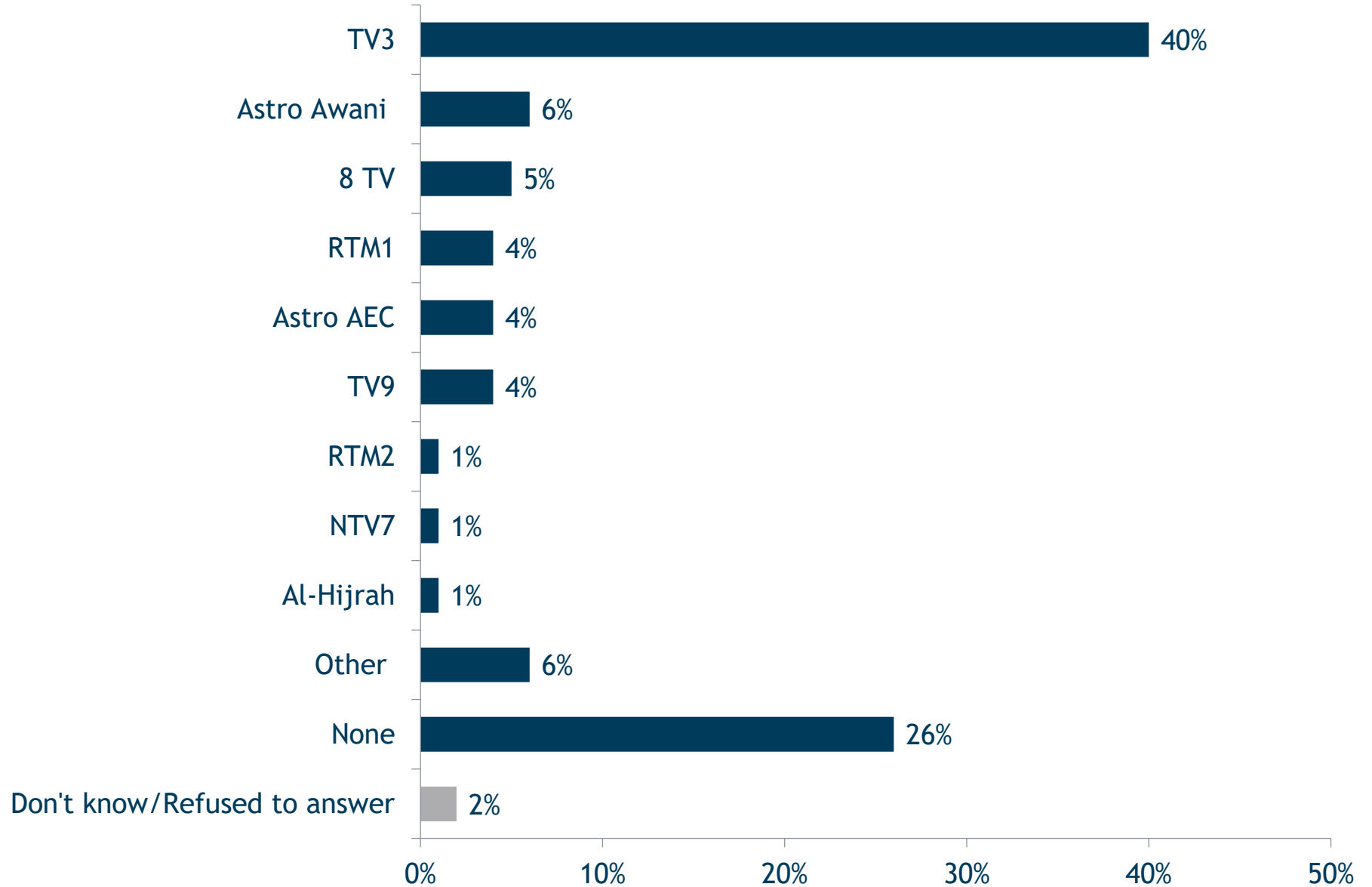
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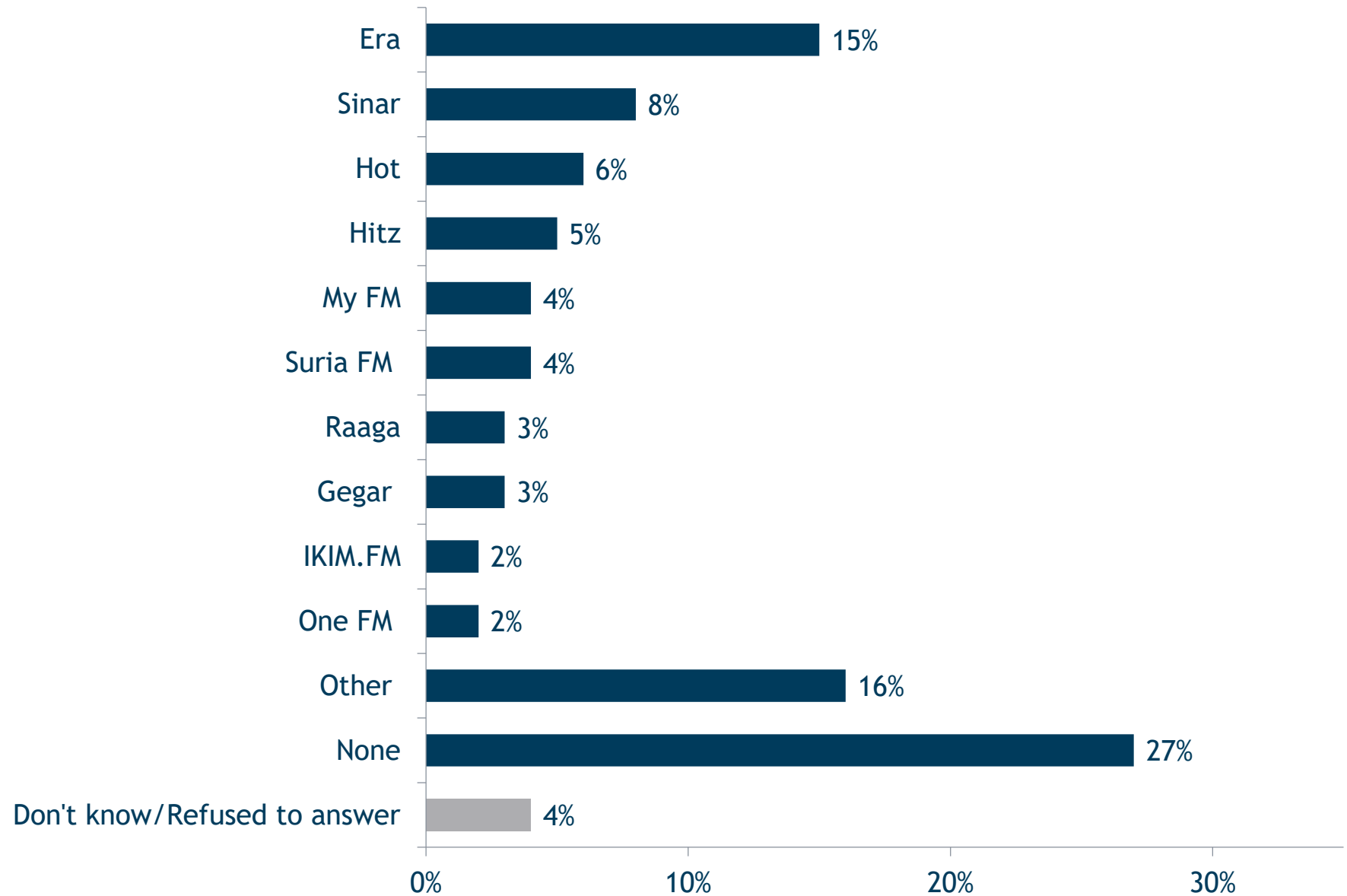


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When you watch TV, which TV station do you most often watch?

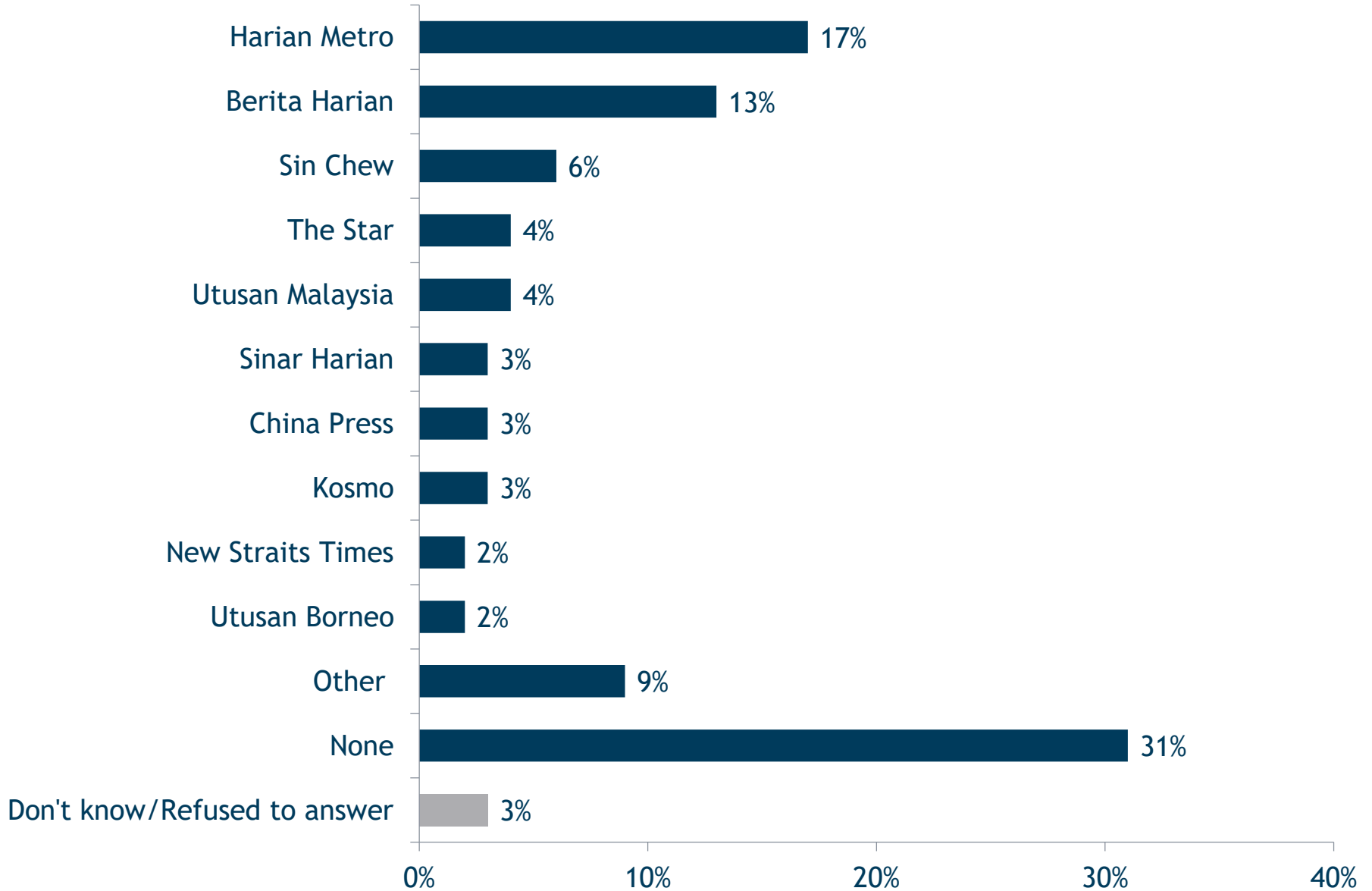


When you listen to the radio, which radio station do you most often listen to?



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When you read newspapers, which newspaper do you most often read?



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Demographics

Gender

Female	50%
Male	50%

Age

18-25	42%
26-30	30%
31-35	28%

Monthly Income*

Less than 2,000 ringgits	25%
2,000-3,999 ringgits	35%
4,000-5,999 ringgits	14%
6,000+ ringgits	12%
Don't know/Refused	13%

Religion

Muslim	66%
Buddhist	15%
Christian	10%
Hindu	6%
Other or none	2%

Education

No formal education	<1%
Primary school	2%
Secondary school	40%
Diploma/Polytechnics/Teacher's college/Vocational institutes	32%
Degree or above	25%

Married

Yes	40%
No	60%

Employment Status

Employed full-time	72%
Employed part-time	6%
Unemployed	6%
Homemaker	10%
Student	7%

Ethnicity

Malay	55%
Chinese	21%
Indian	8%
Bumiputera	15%

Location

Perlis	1%
Kedah	7%
Kelantan	6%
Terengganu	4%
Penang	5%
Perak	8%
Pahang	5%
Selangor	20%
Kuala Lumpur	5%
Negeri Sembilan	4%
Melaka	3%
Johor	11%
Sabah	10%
Sarawak	9%

*At the time of survey release 1 Malaysian ringgit was equivalent to 0.23840 U.S. dollars

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