



Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Jordan

March 21 - April 16, 2019



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Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [NAMA Strategic Intelligence Solutions](#).
- The sample consists of n=3,020 face-to-face interviews with Jordanians aged 18 and above conducted nationwide between March 21 and April 16, 2019. The sample excludes Jordanians living in student housing, prisons, nursing homes and factory accommodations.
- The 2015 National Census was used to design and draw the sample. The sample was designed to cover the 12 governorates, using a stratified cluster proportional to size sampling method with three levels:
 - 1) Governorates divided into rural and urban areas
 - 2) Administrative divisions within each urban and rural area
 - 3) Clusters within each administrative division. One hundred fifty-two census blocks served as the primary sampling units (PSU).
- The margin of error is plus or minus 2.5 percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level.
- The response rate was 78 percent.
- The data was weighted to ensure its national representativeness across age groups, governorates and educational attainment.
- Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- This survey is made possible by the generous support of the American people through the [United States Agency for International Development](#).

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Governorates	Amman	n=1,125
	Balqa	n=198
	Zarqa	n=425
	Madaba	n=69
	Irbid	n=599
	Mafraq	n=157
	Jerash	n=73
	Ajloun	n=72
	Karak	n=114
	Tafelah	n=48
	Ma'an	n=66
	Aqaba	n=75
Age Brackets	Age 18-35	n=1,328
	Age 36-55	n=1,082
	Age 56 or older	n=610
Urbanity	Urban	n=2,553
	Rural	n=467
Gender	Male	n=1,515
	Female	n=1,505
Educational Attainment Brackets	Illiterate	n=254
	Primary	n=381
	Basic/Vocational/Technical training	n=752
	Secondary	n=743
	Post-secondary	n=891

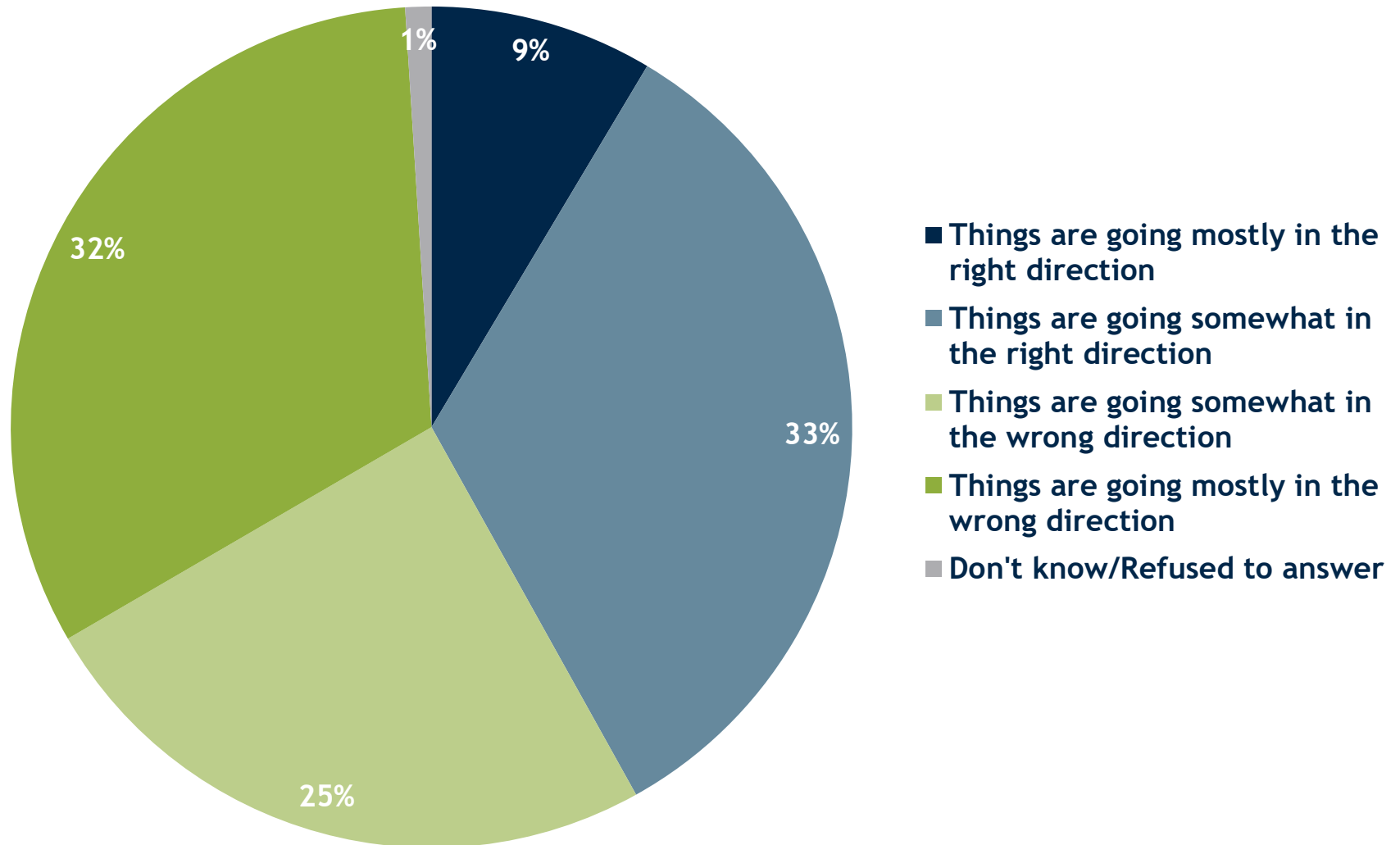
*Note: Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with disaggregate sample size n.



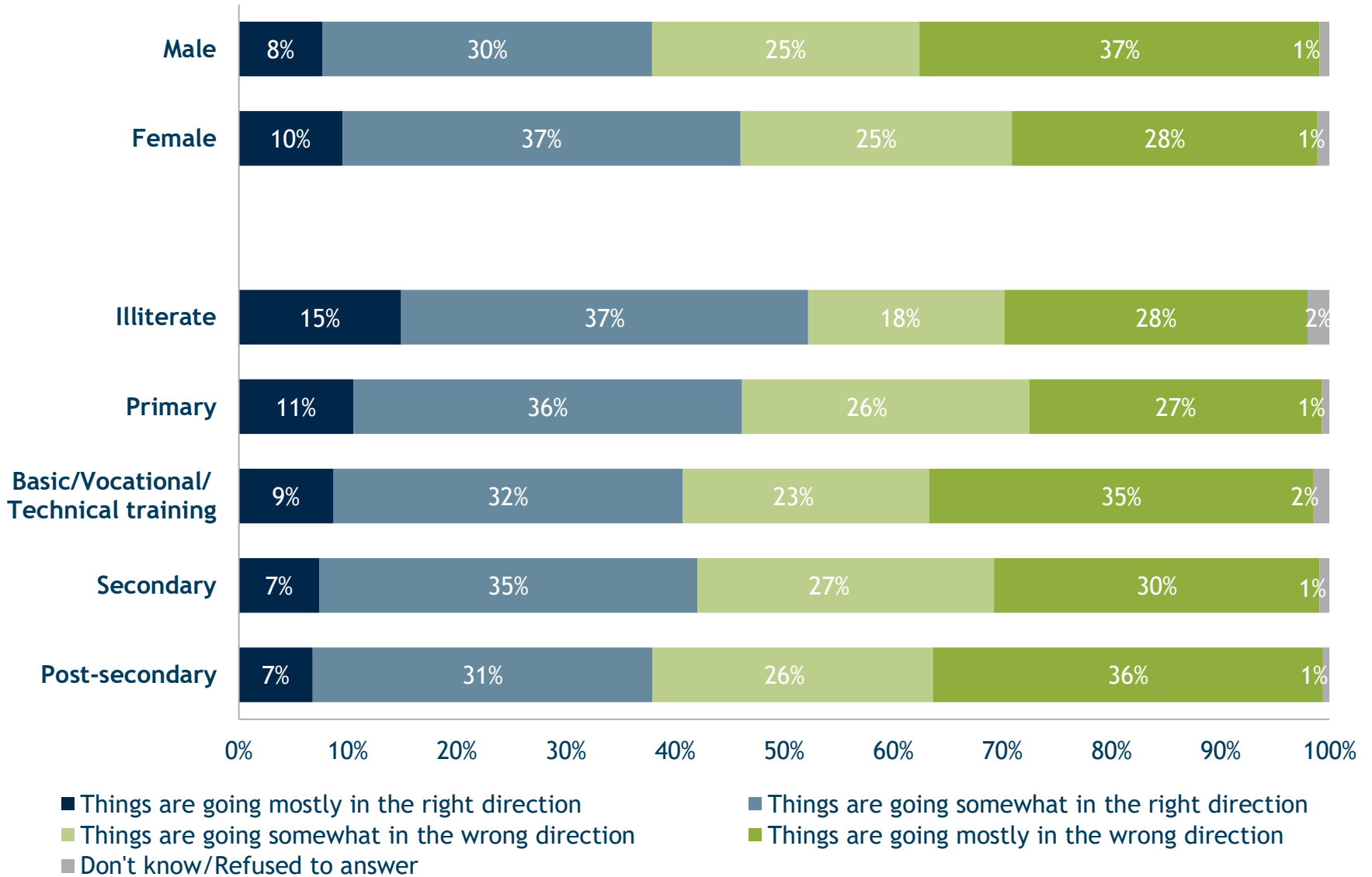
General Perceptions of Democracy



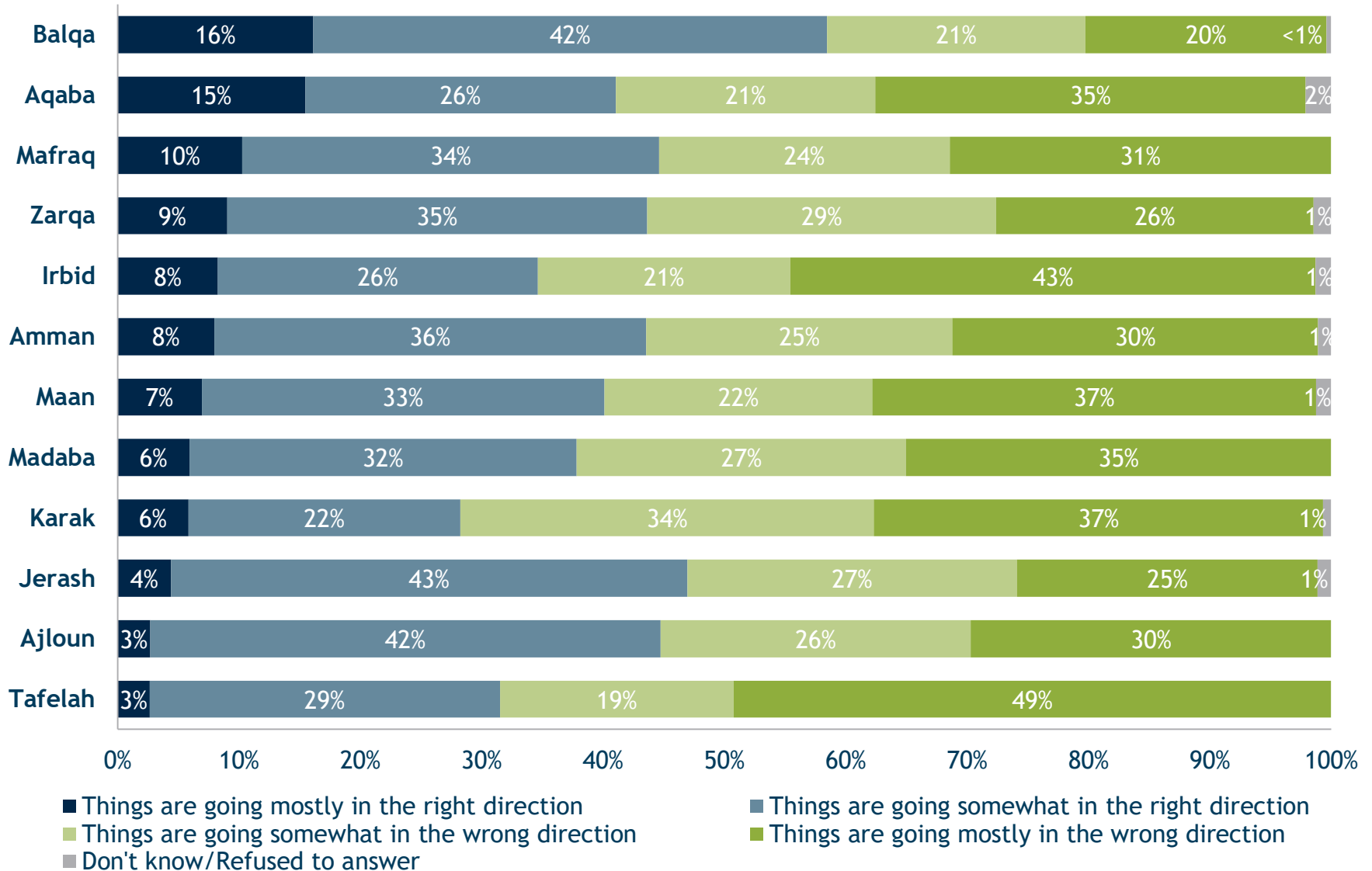
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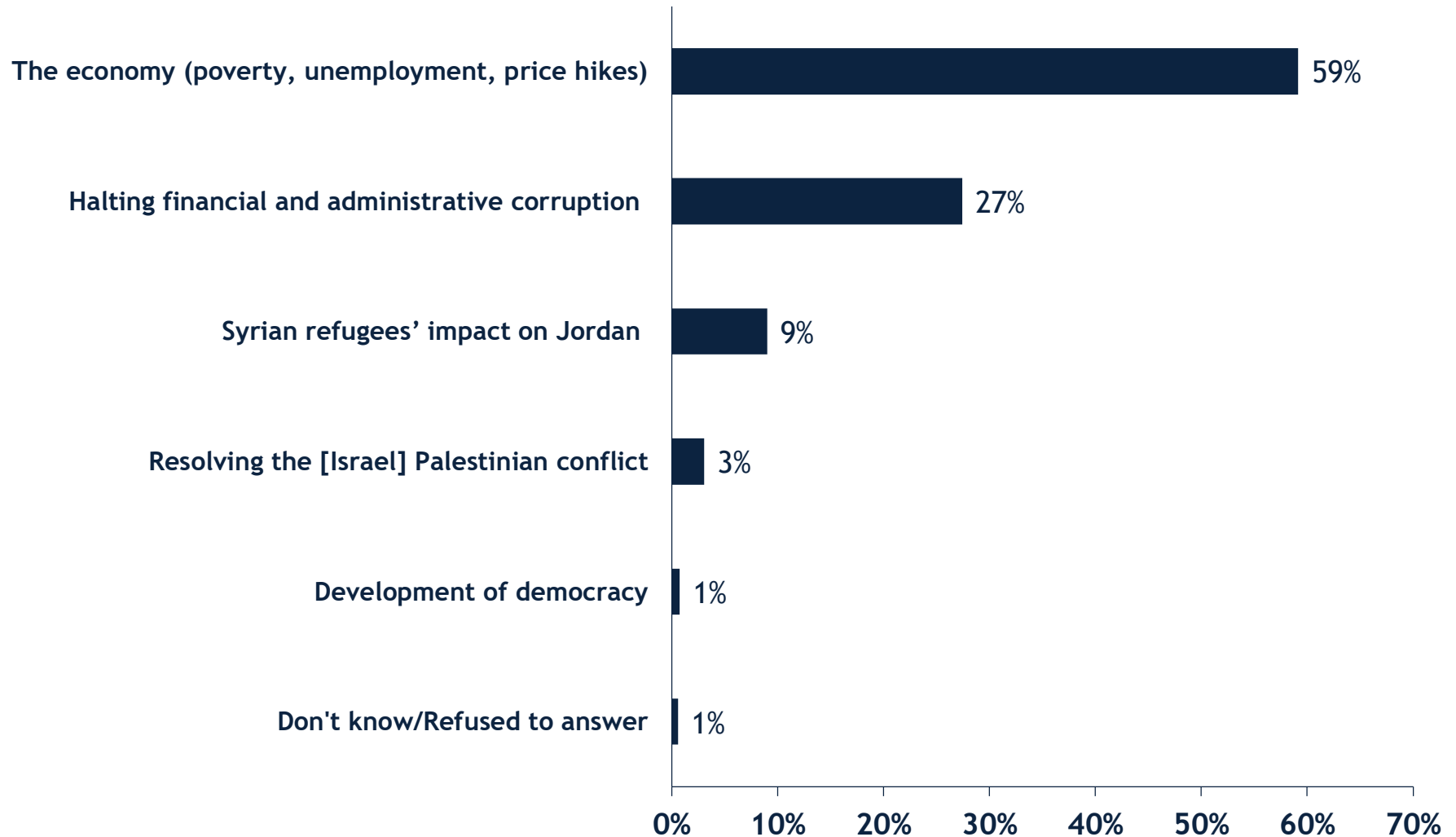
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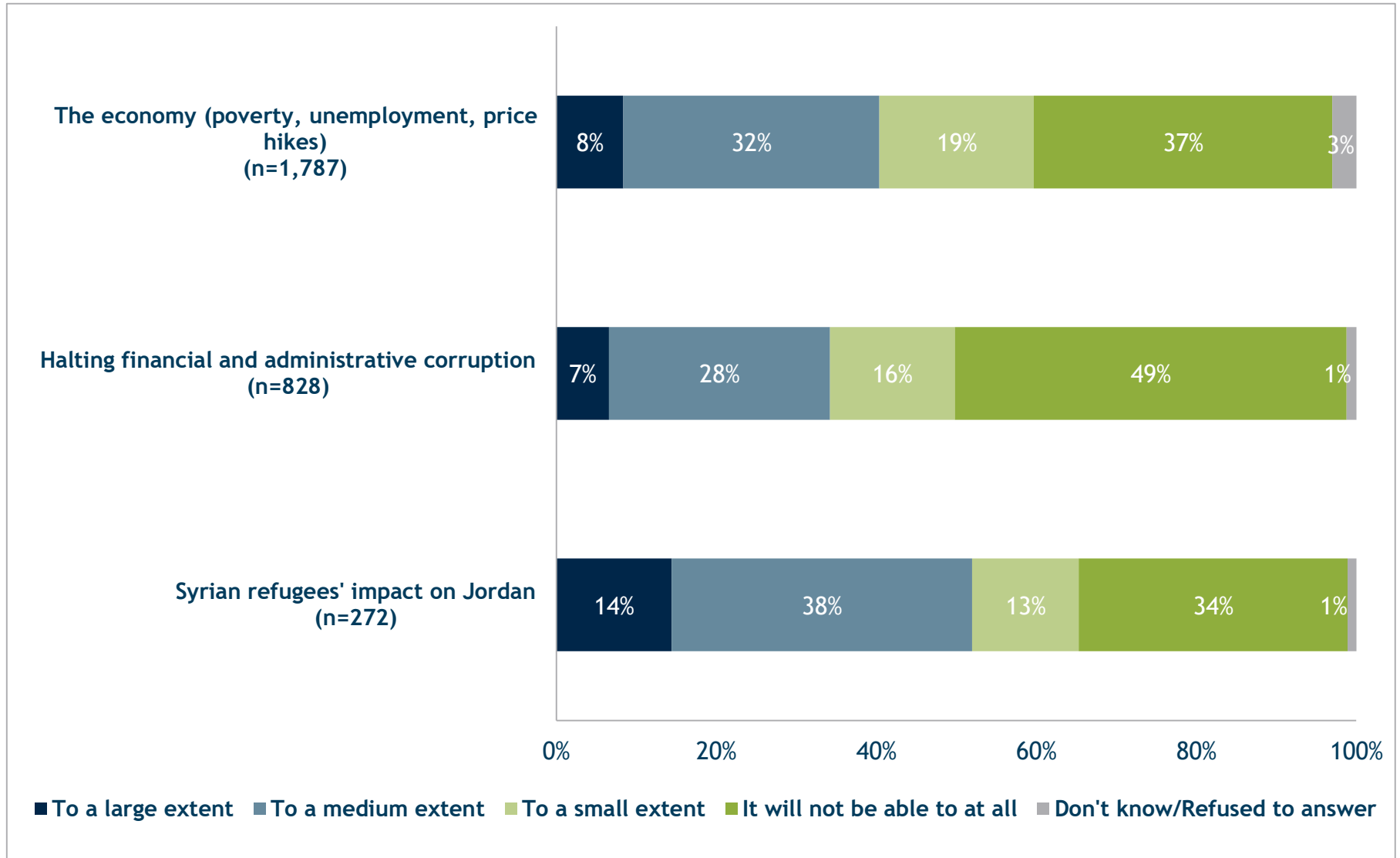
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Which of the following is the most important challenge facing Jordan today?

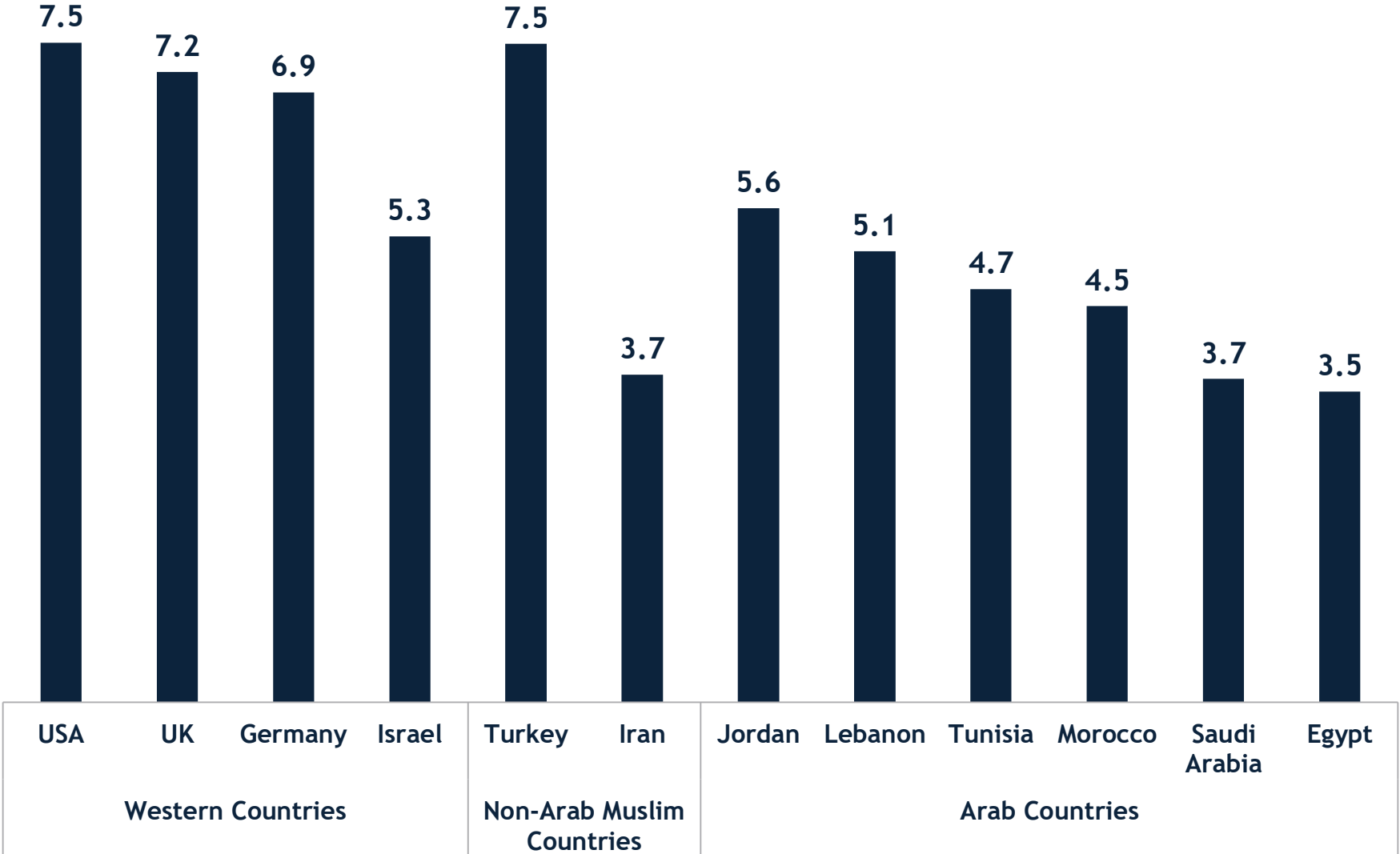


To what extent do you believe that the government will be able to resolve this [previously named] challenge over the next five years?

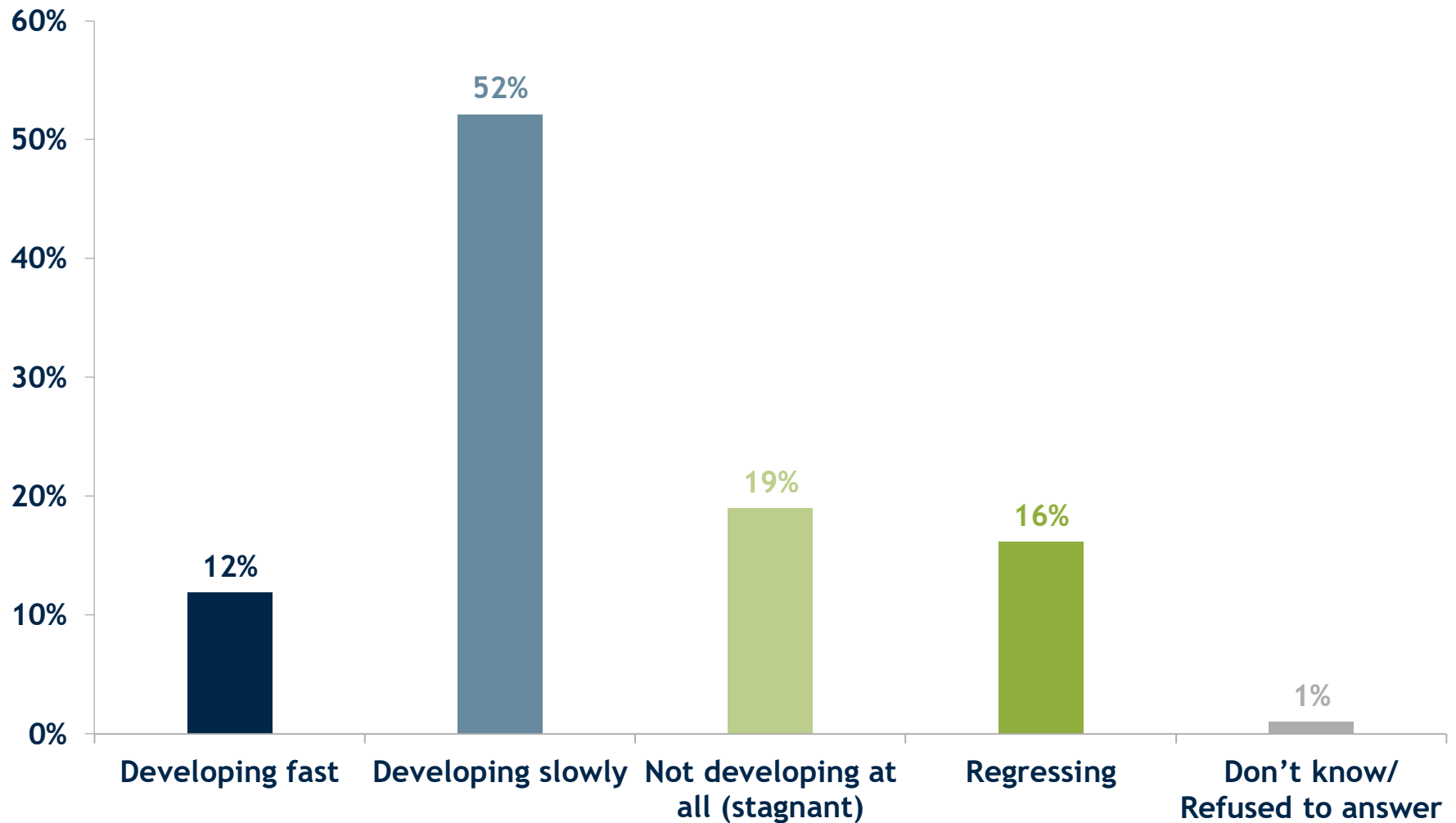


On a scale of 1-10, to what extent is each of the following countries a democracy?

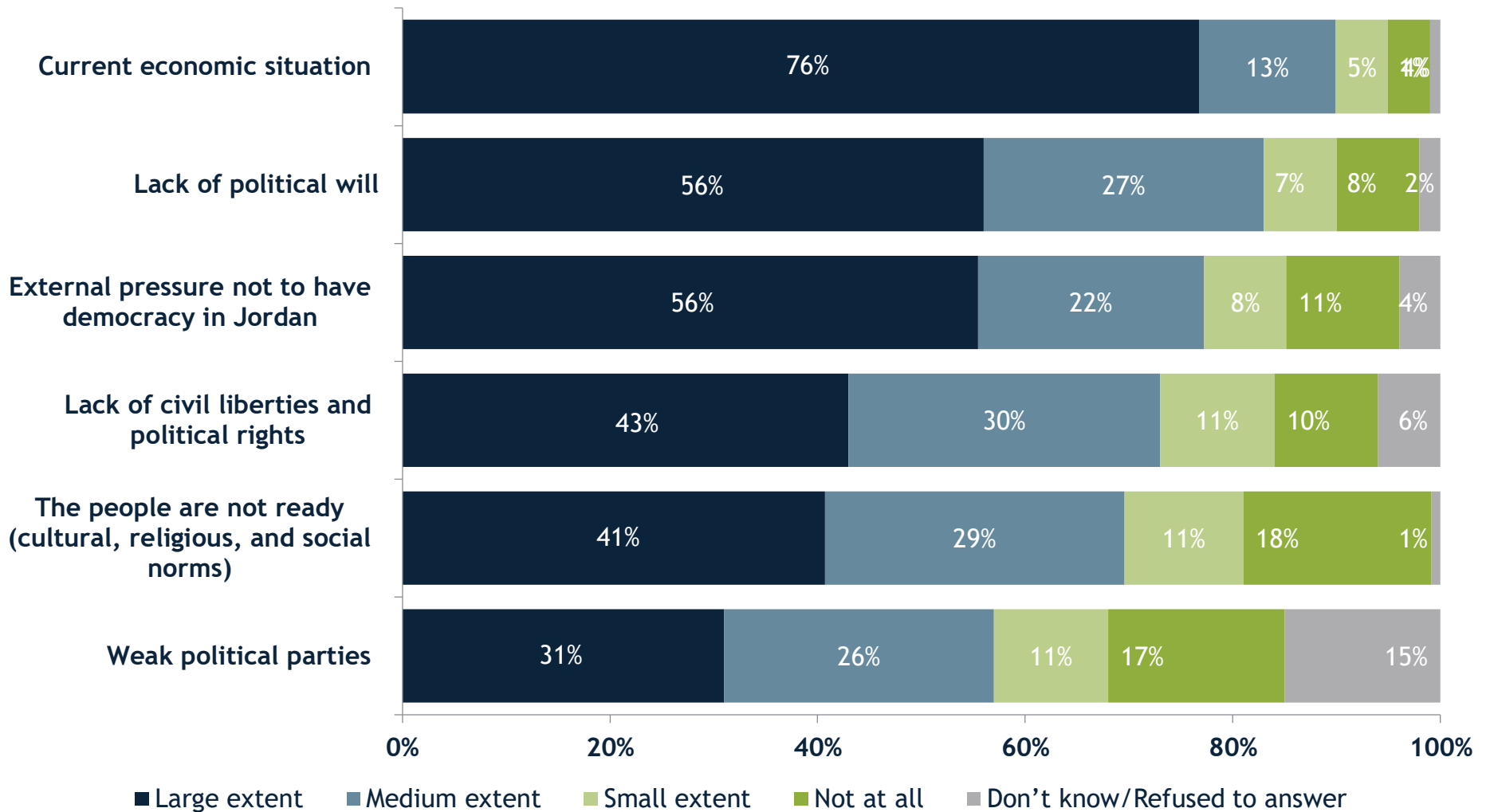
(Average of response scale: 1 = “not at all” and 10 = “fully democratic”)



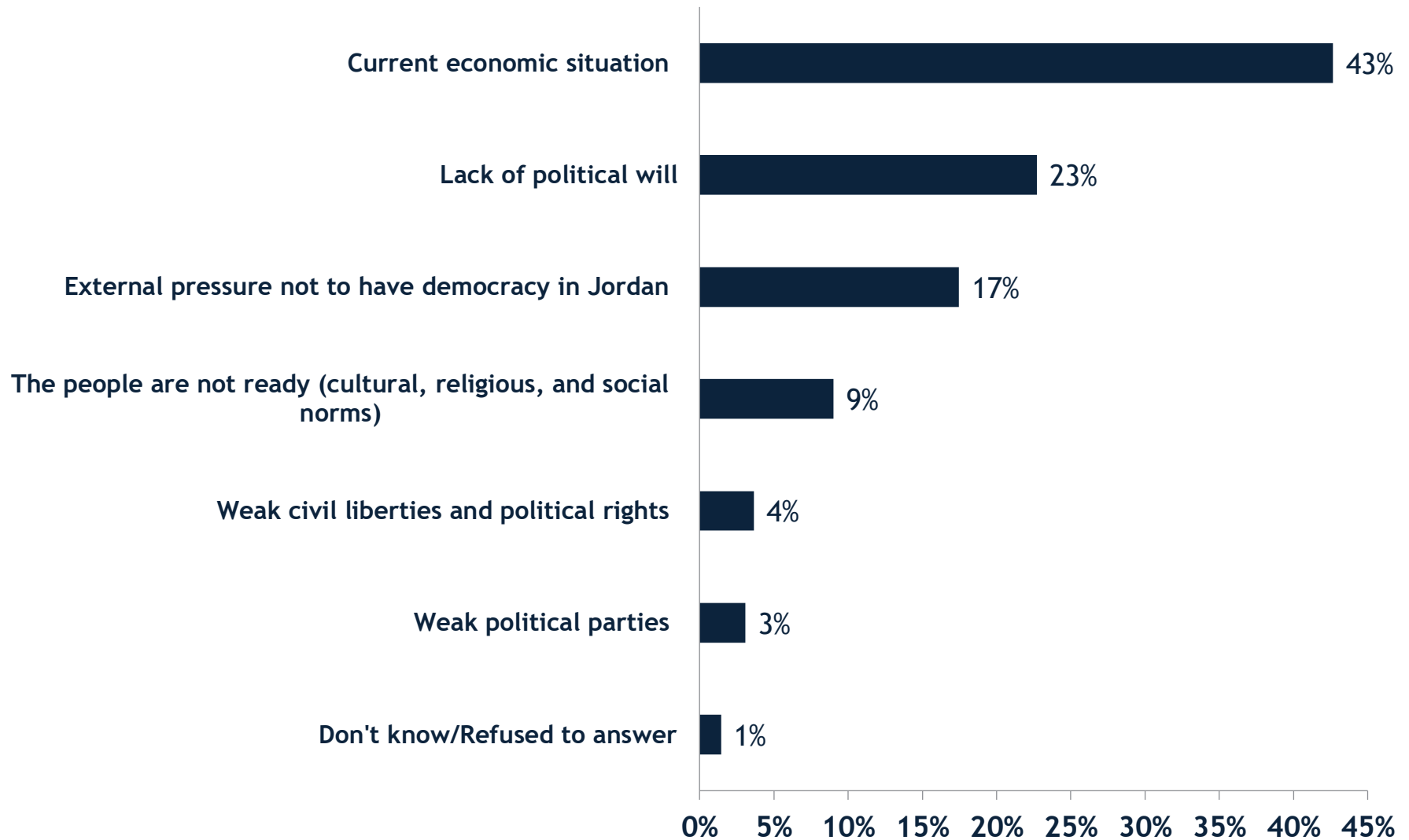
When you think about the development of democracy in Jordan? Do you think it is developing fast, developing slowly, not developing at all, or regressing?



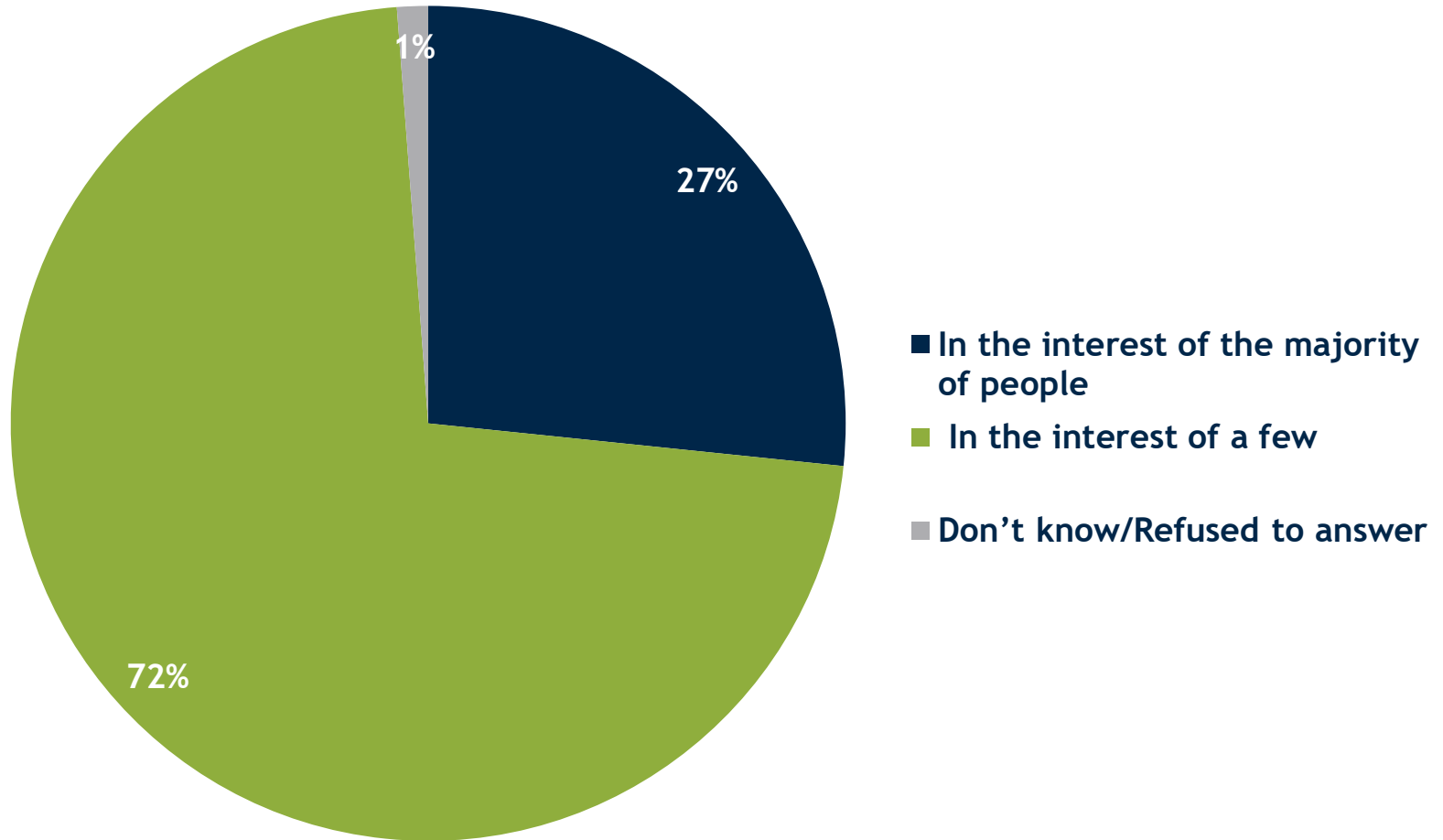
To what extent do you think the following constitute an obstacle to the development of democracy in Jordan?



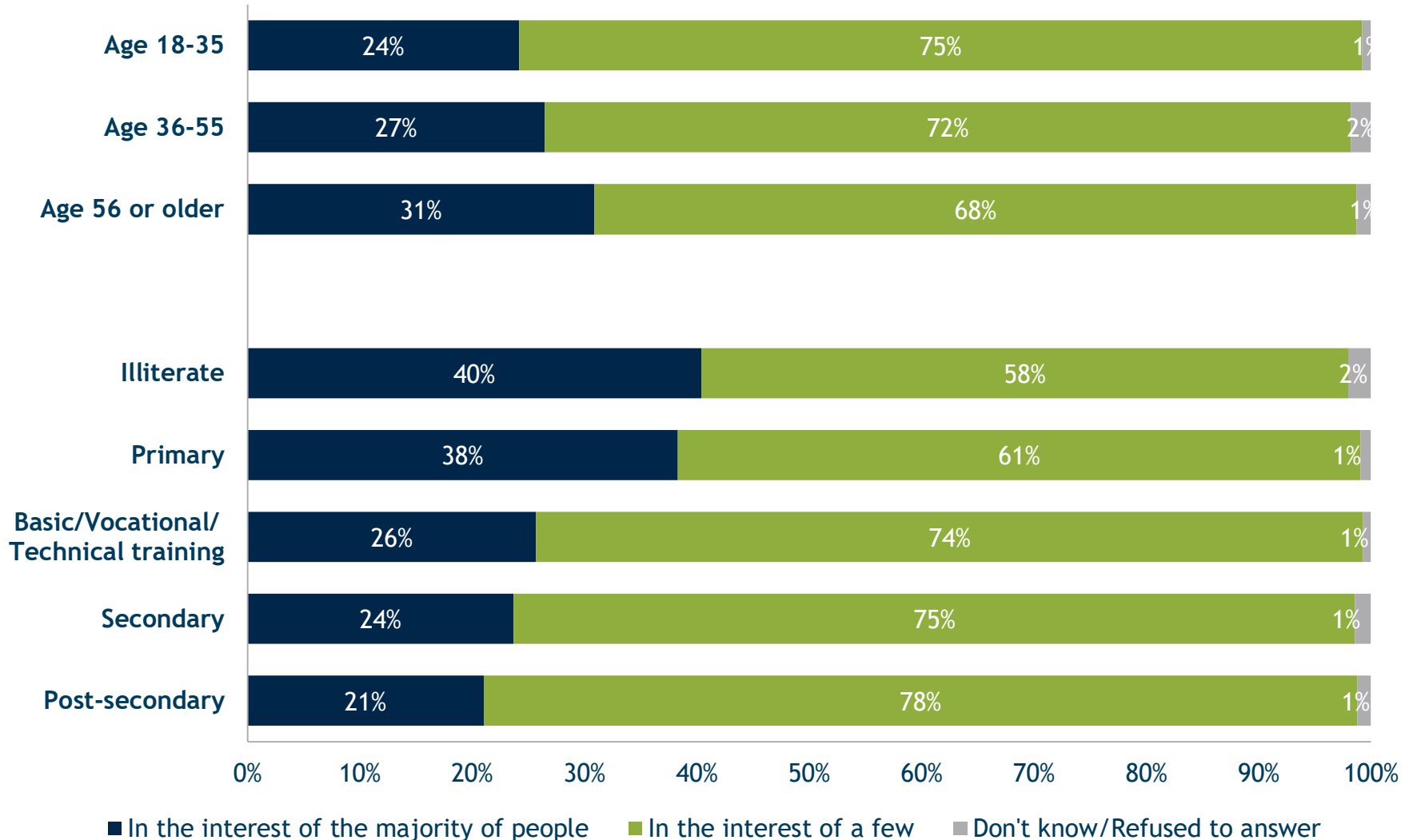
Which one of those constitutes the strongest obstacle? (Regarding obstacles to democratic development in Jordan)



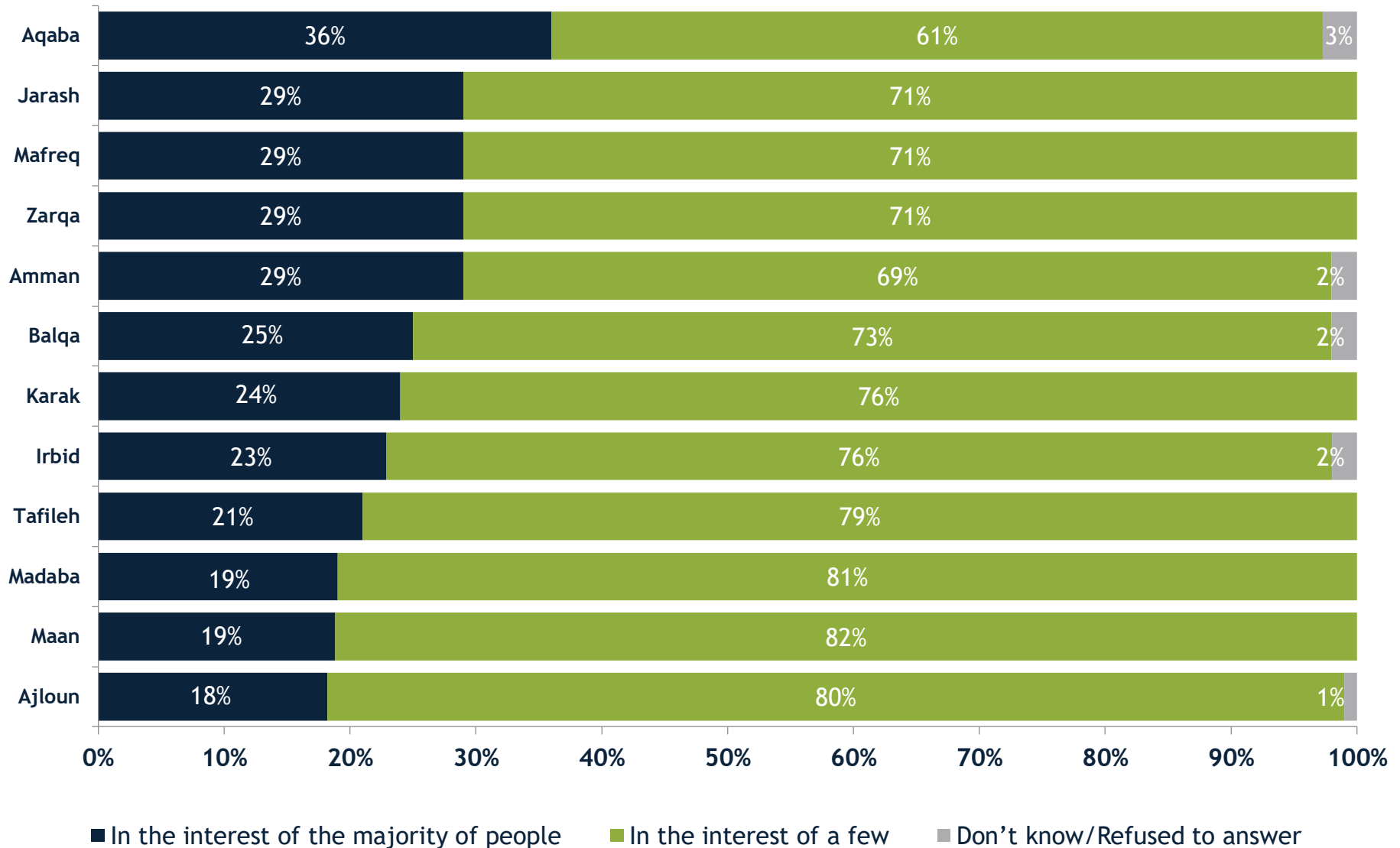
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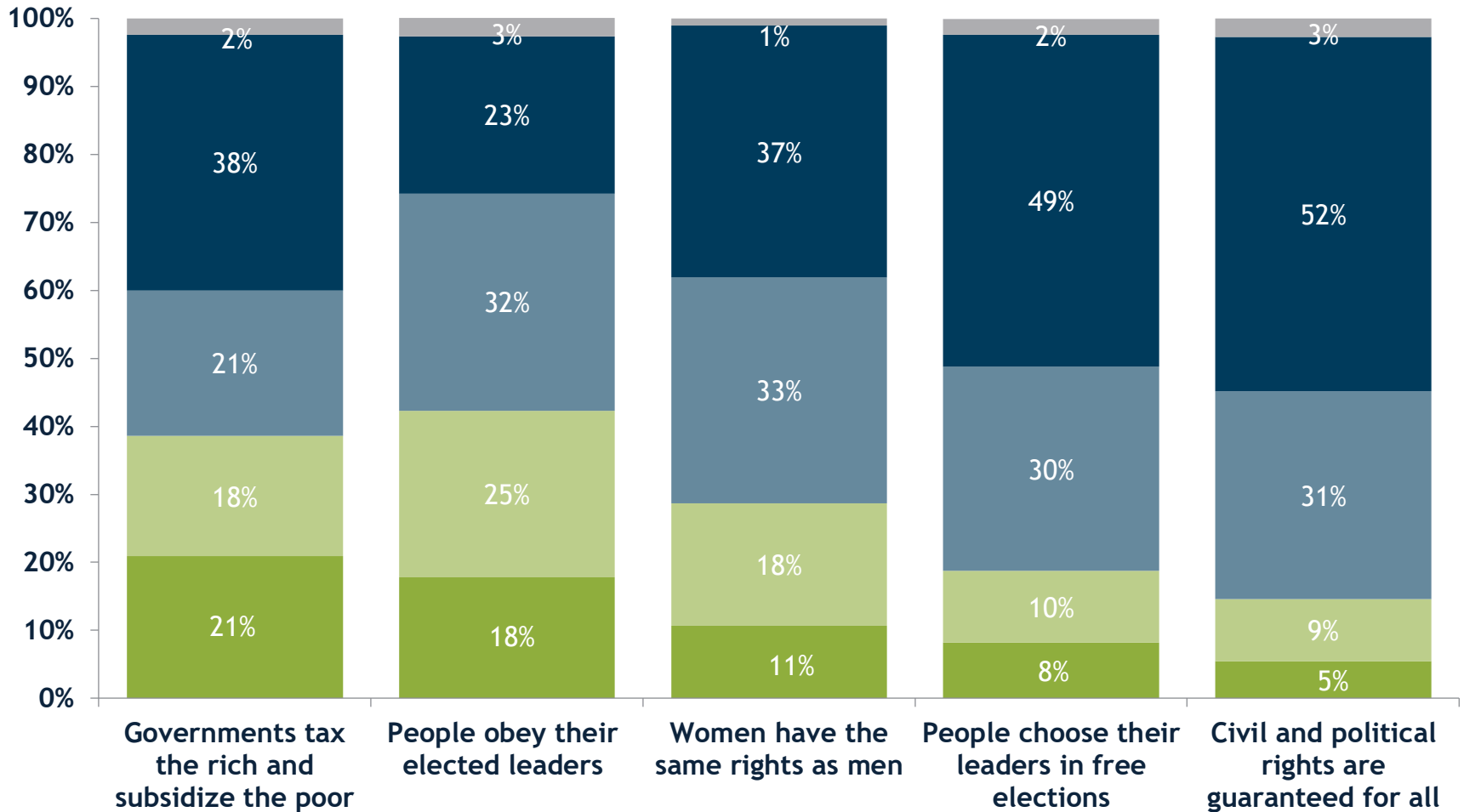


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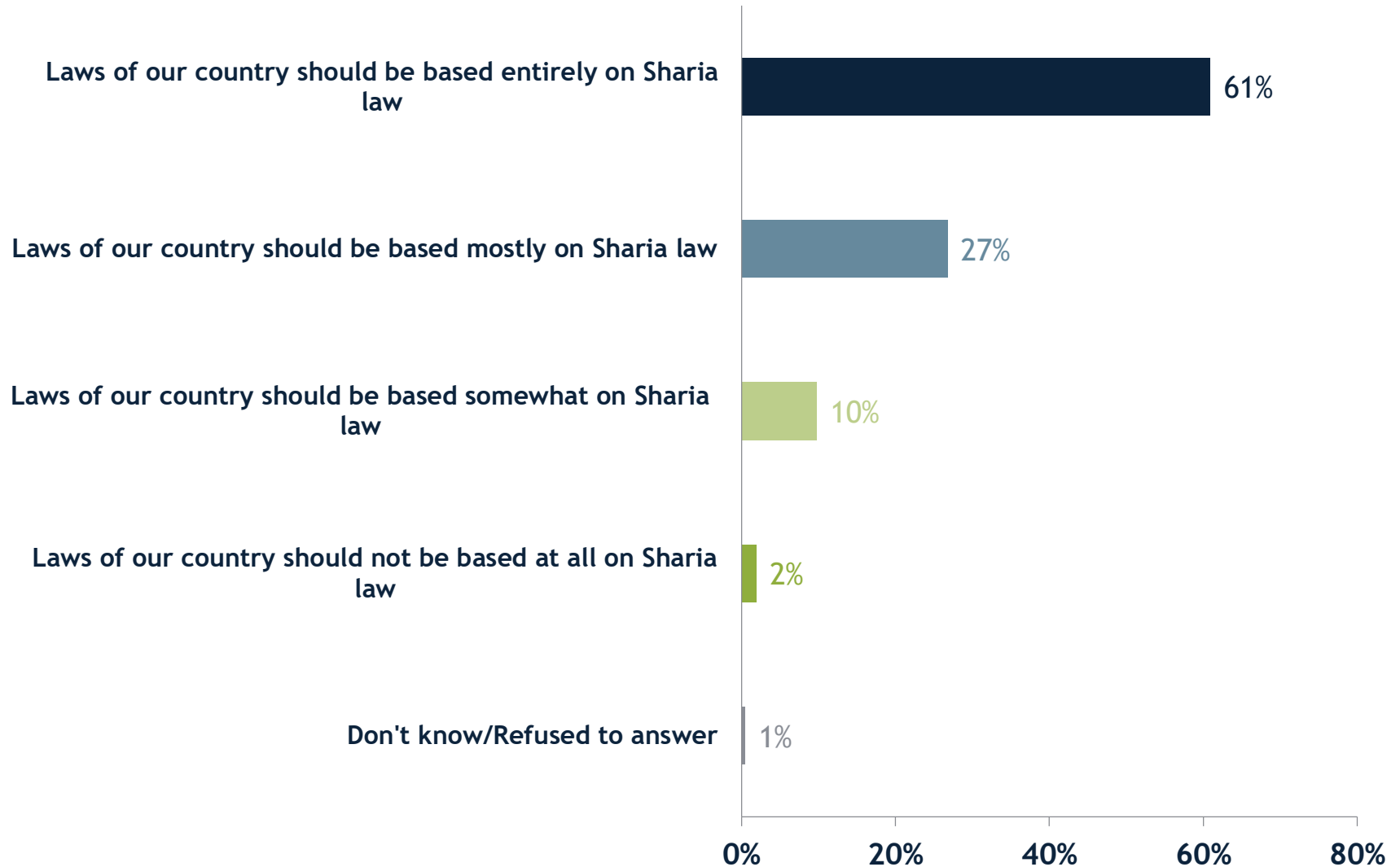


For each of the following, how essential is it as a characteristic of democracy?

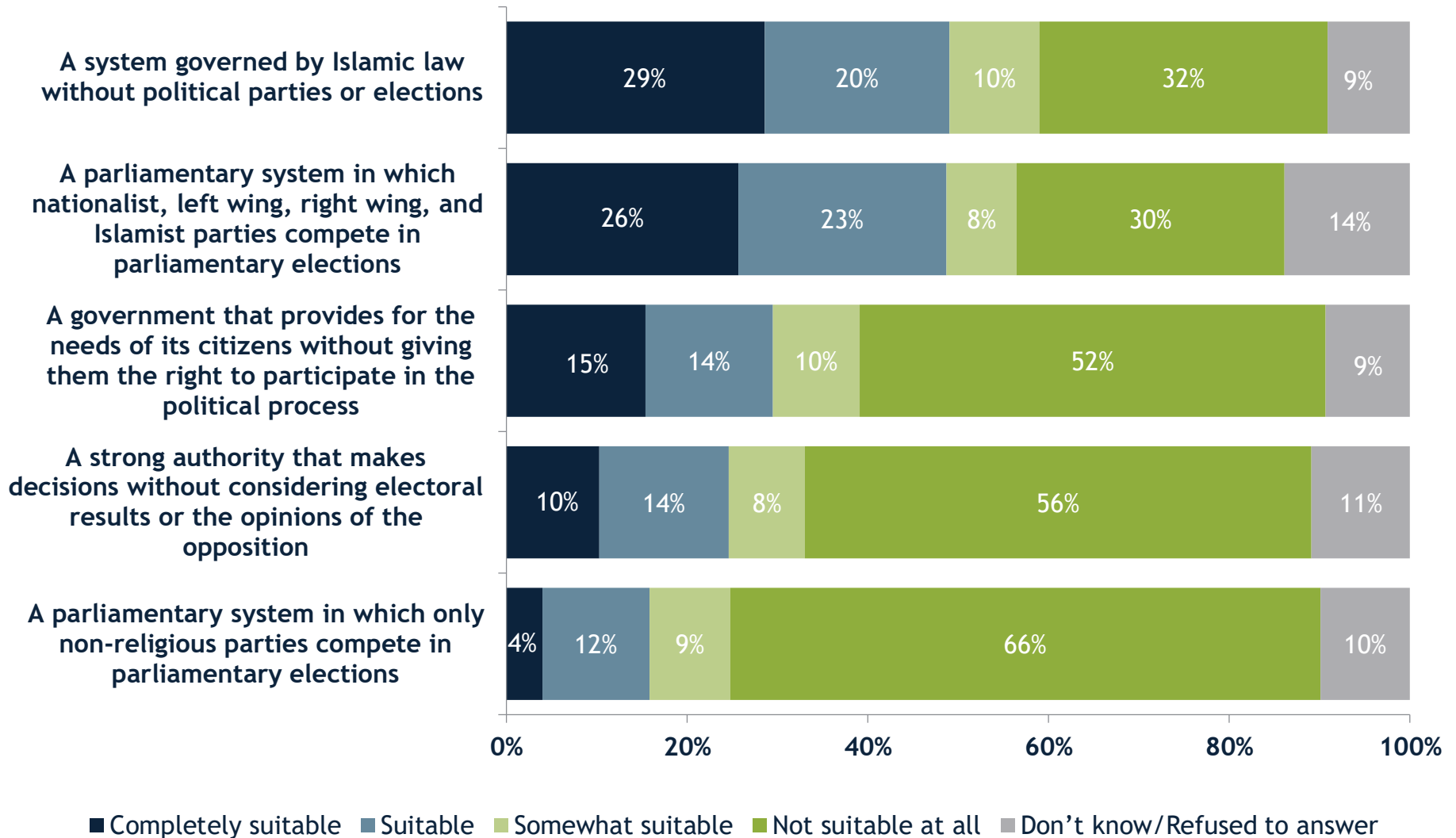
- Don't know/Refused to answer
- Definitely considered an essential characteristic of democracy
- An essential characteristic of democracy
- Not an essential characteristic of democracy
- Cannot be considered an essential characteristic of democracy at all



Which of the following statements is the closest to your point of view?



I would like to know to what extent you think each of these systems would be suitable for Jordan?

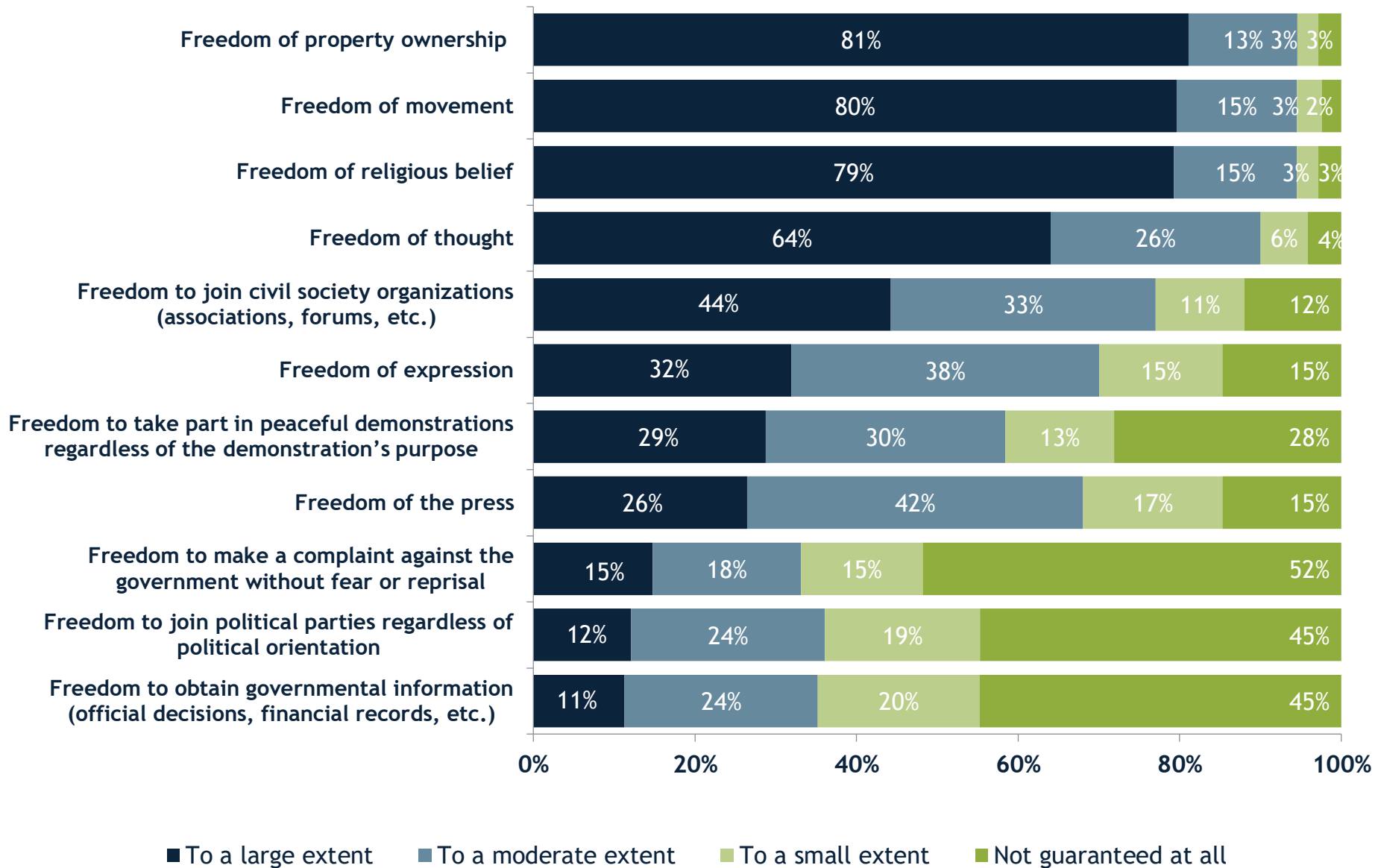




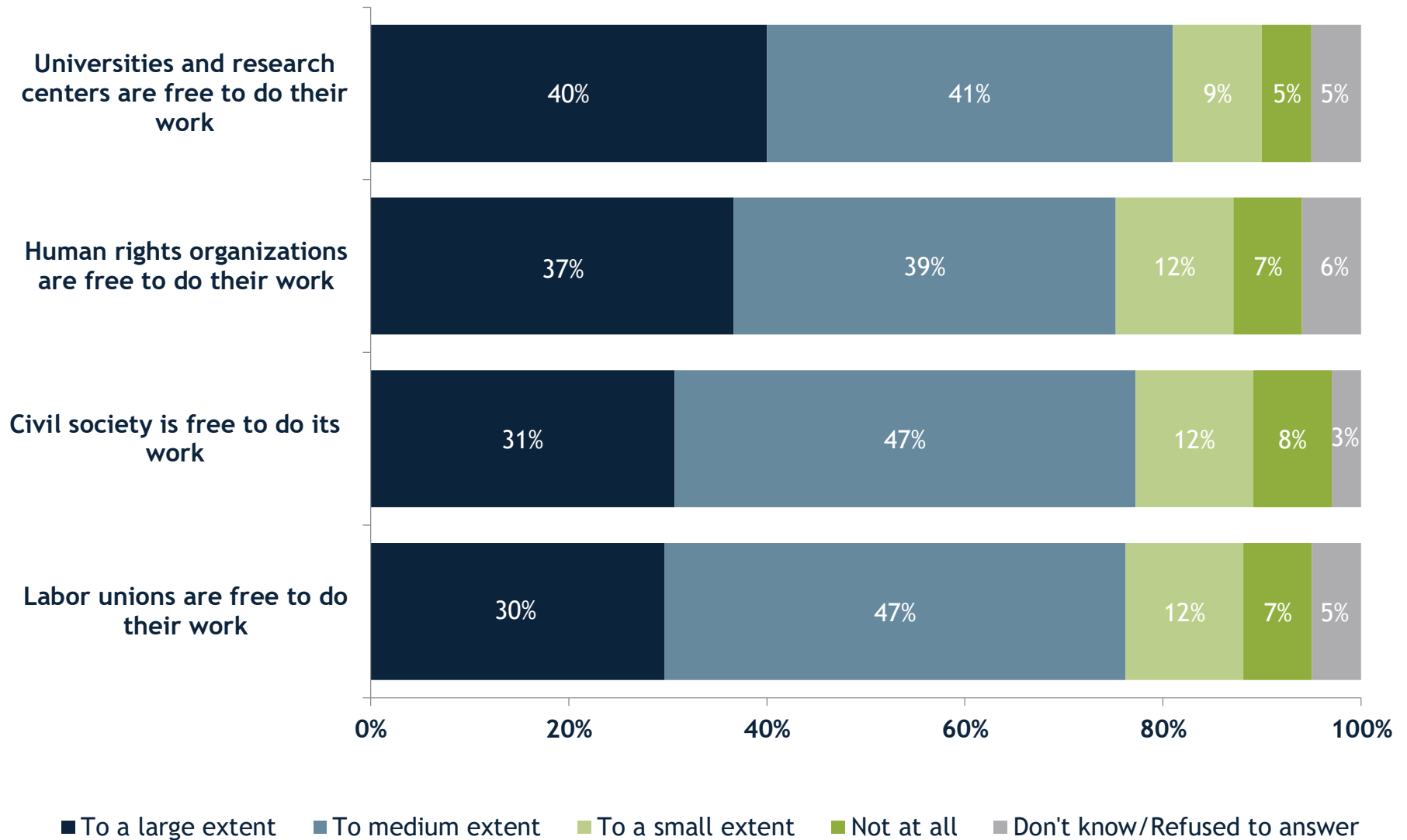
Civil Liberties



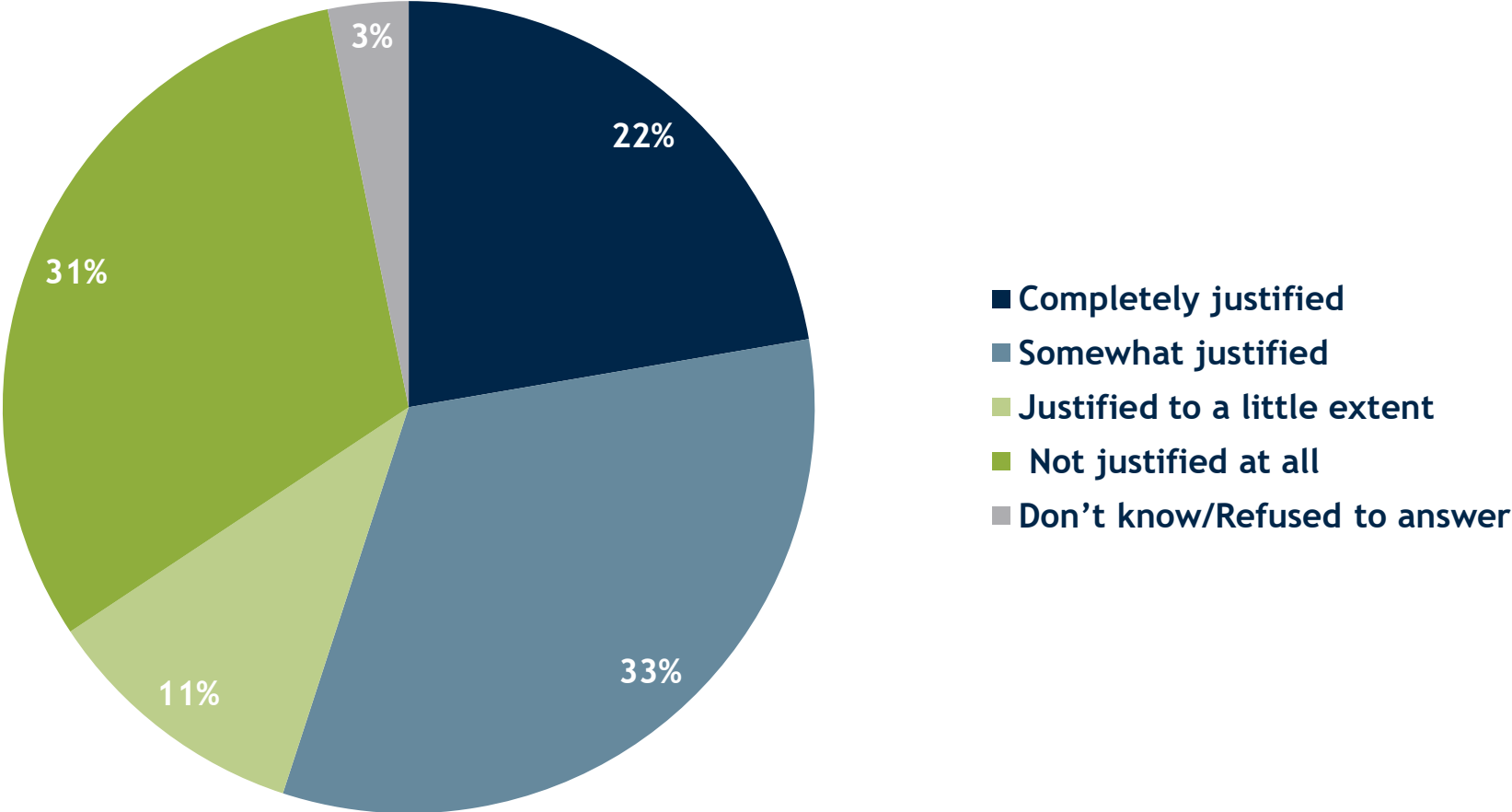
In your opinion, to what extent are the following freedoms guaranteed for someone like you in Jordan?



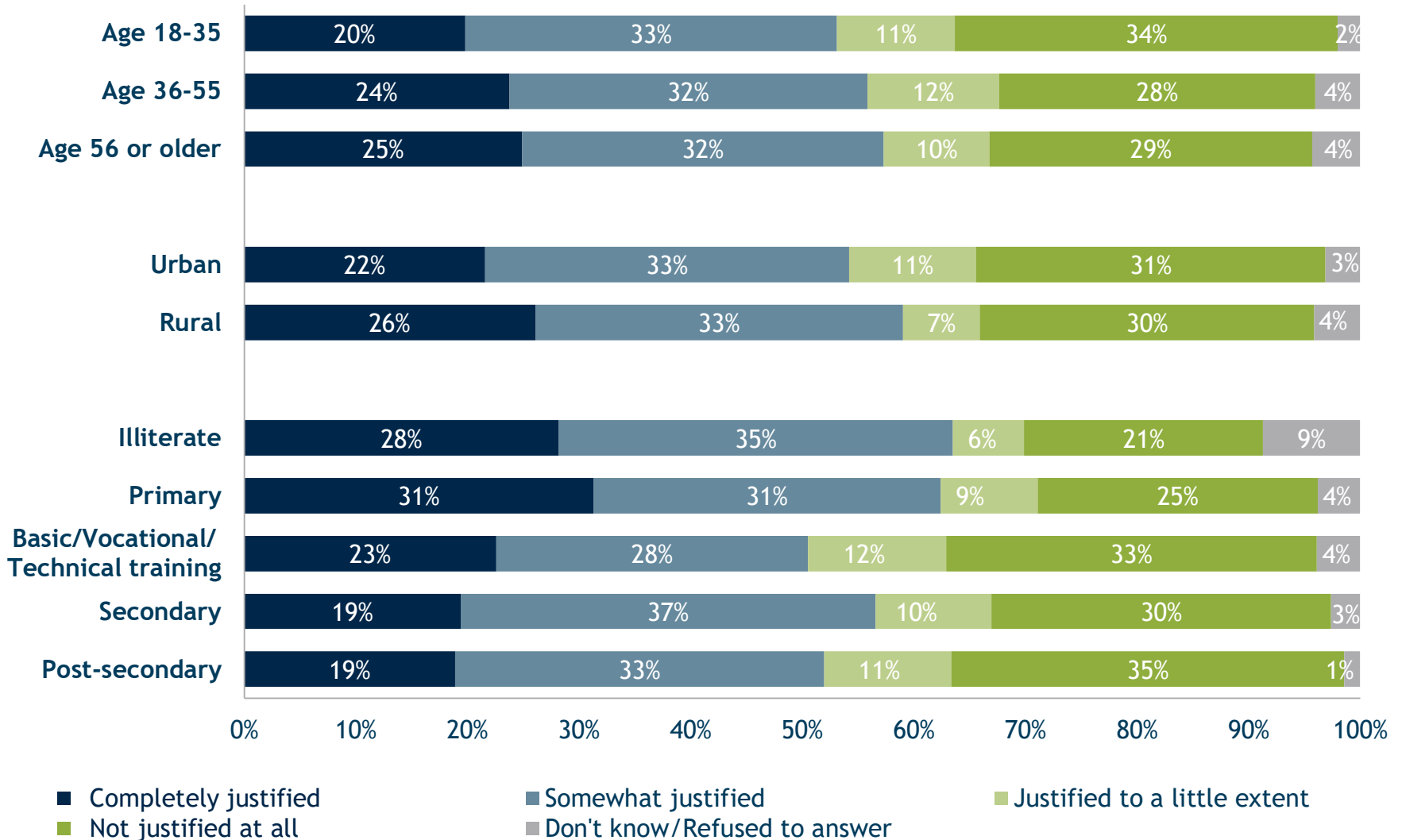
To what extent do you think that each of the following has the freedom to do its work in Jordan?



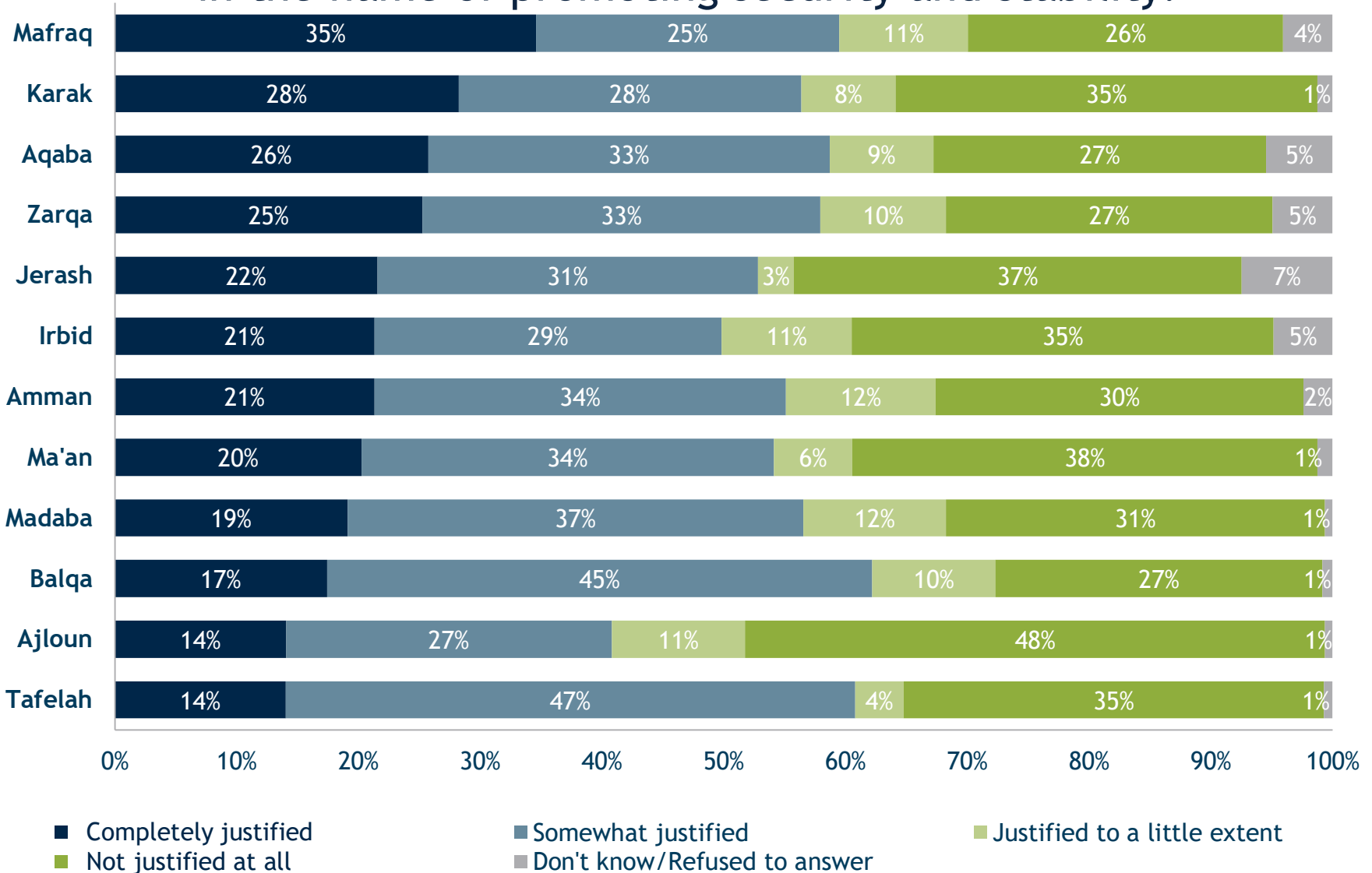
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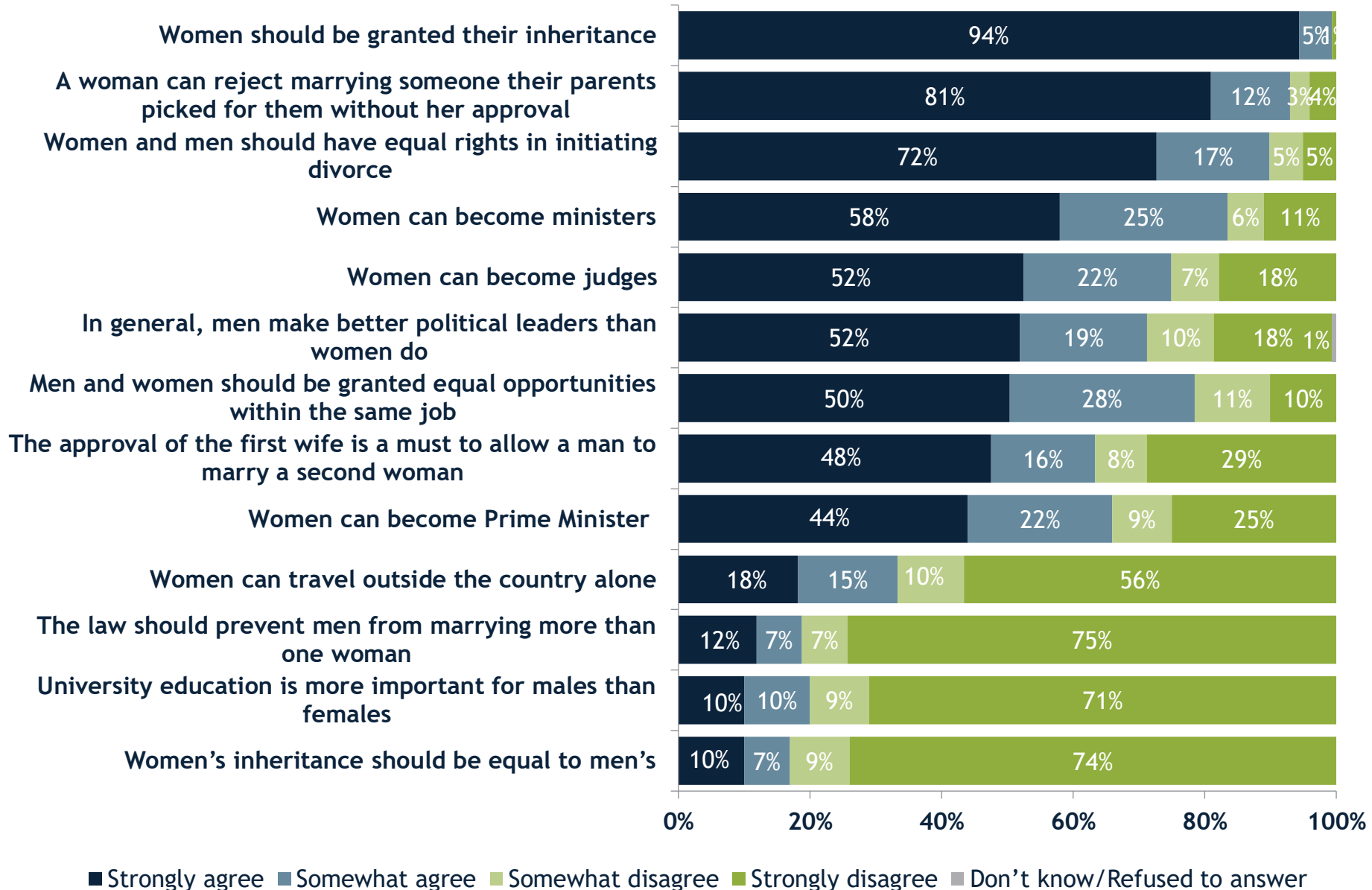
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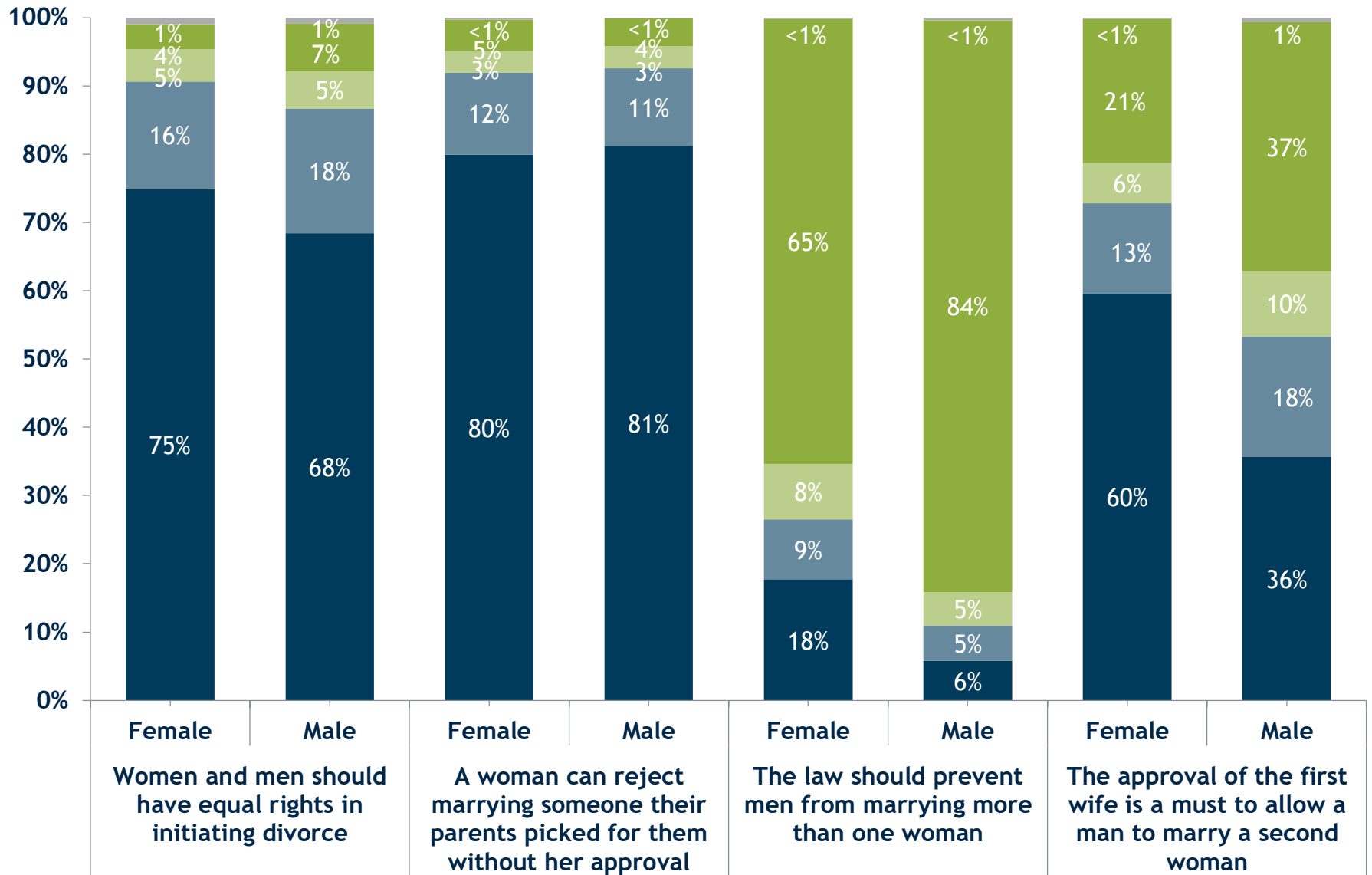
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To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

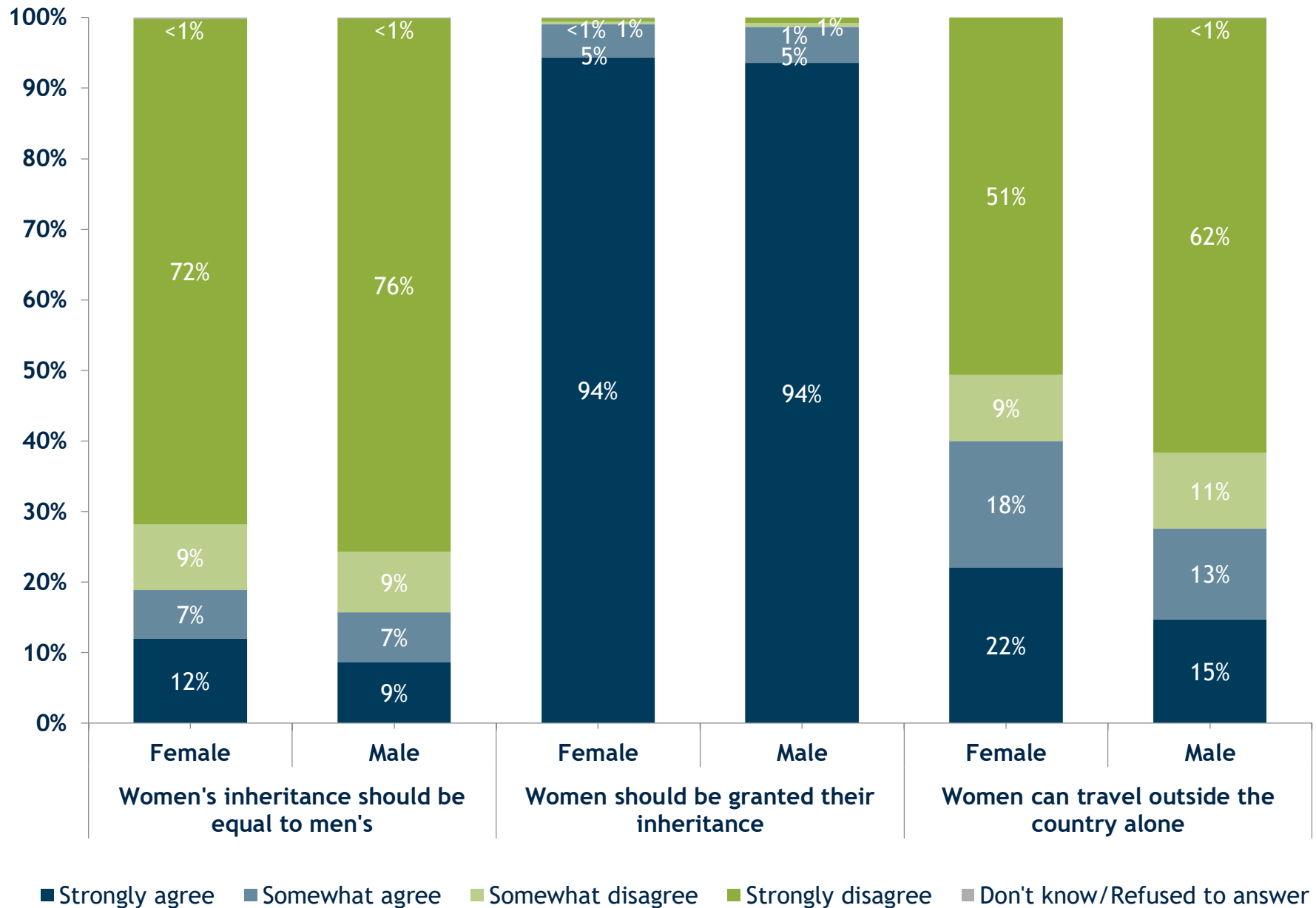


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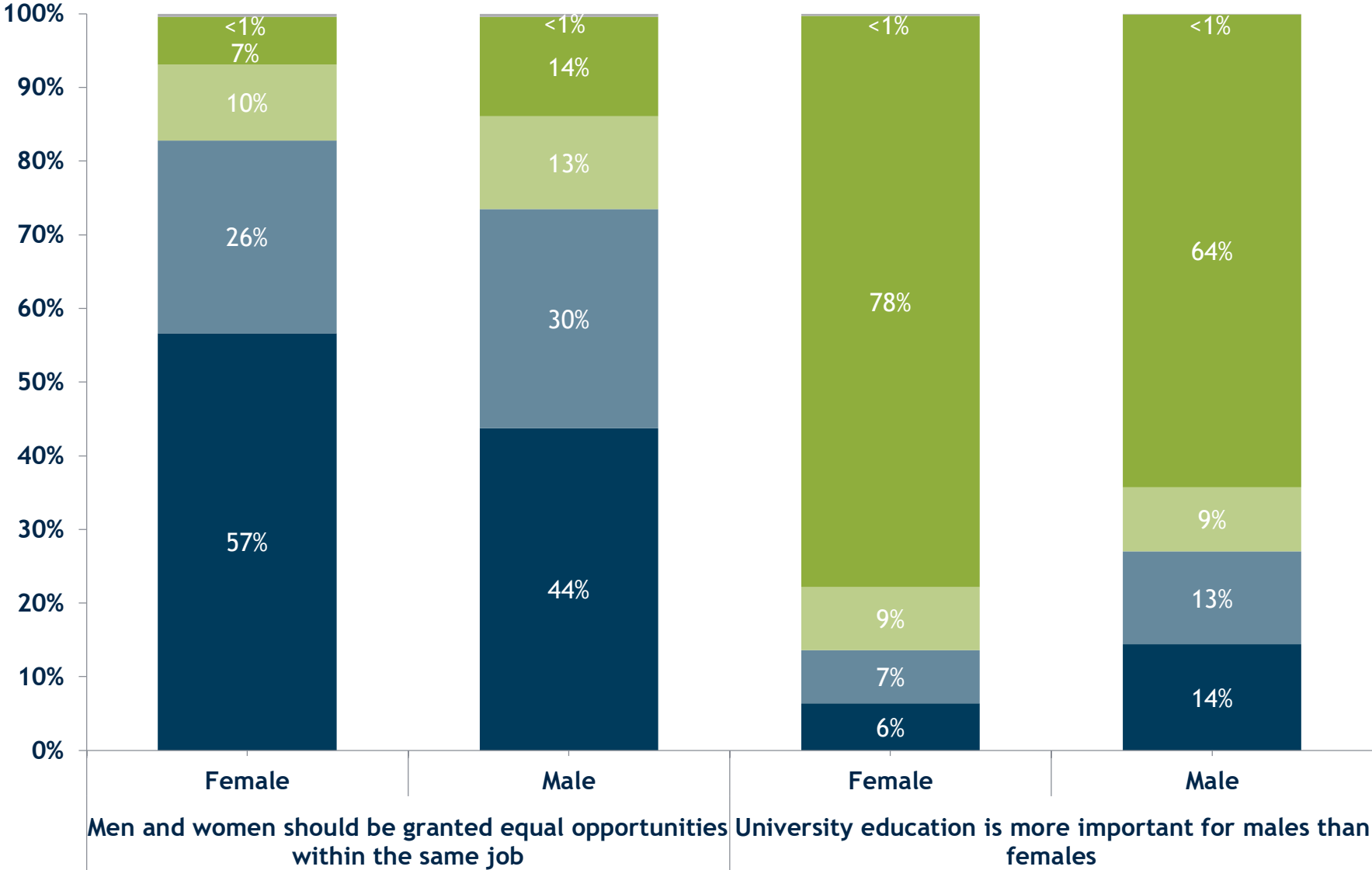


■ Strongly agree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

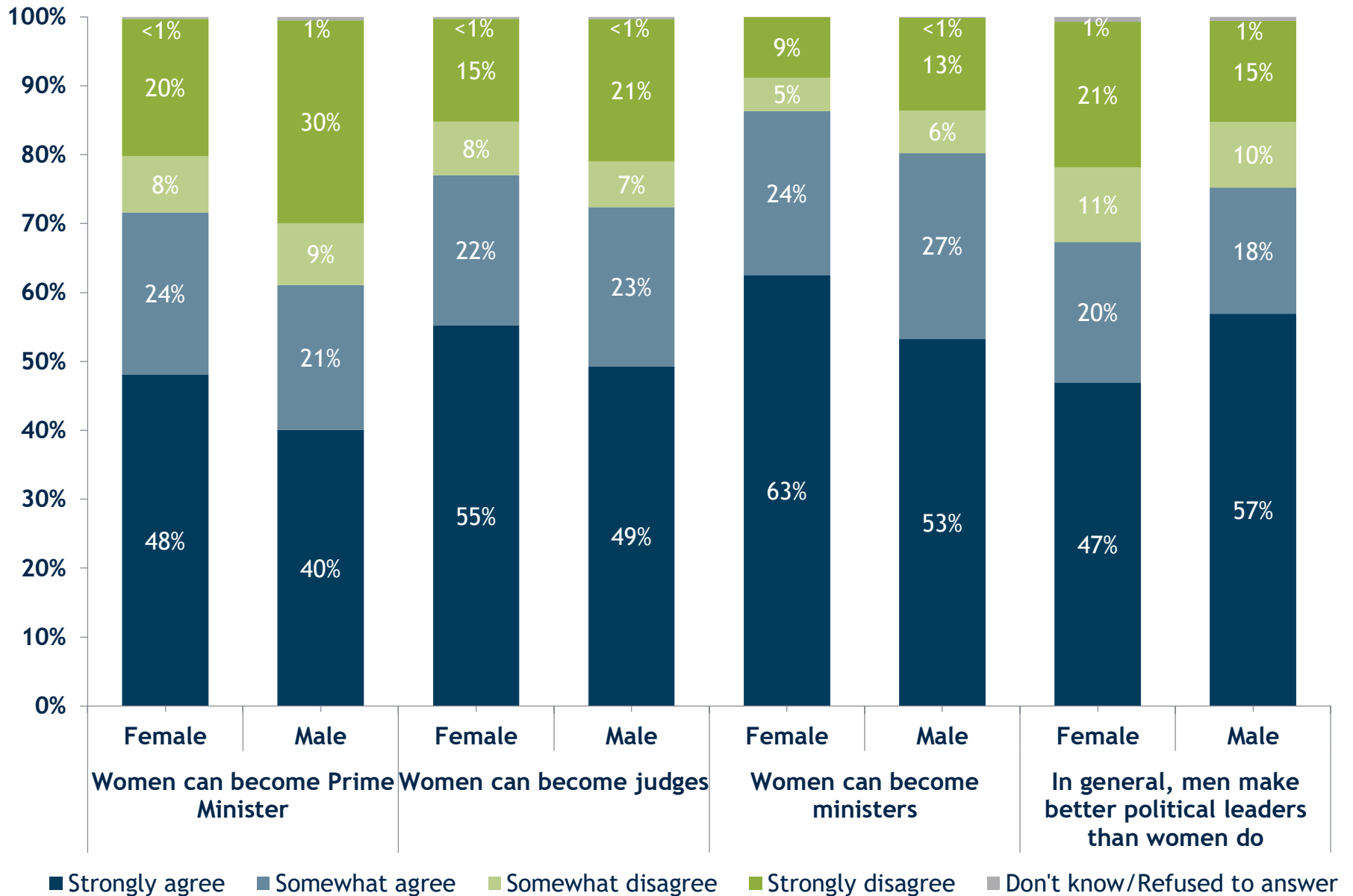
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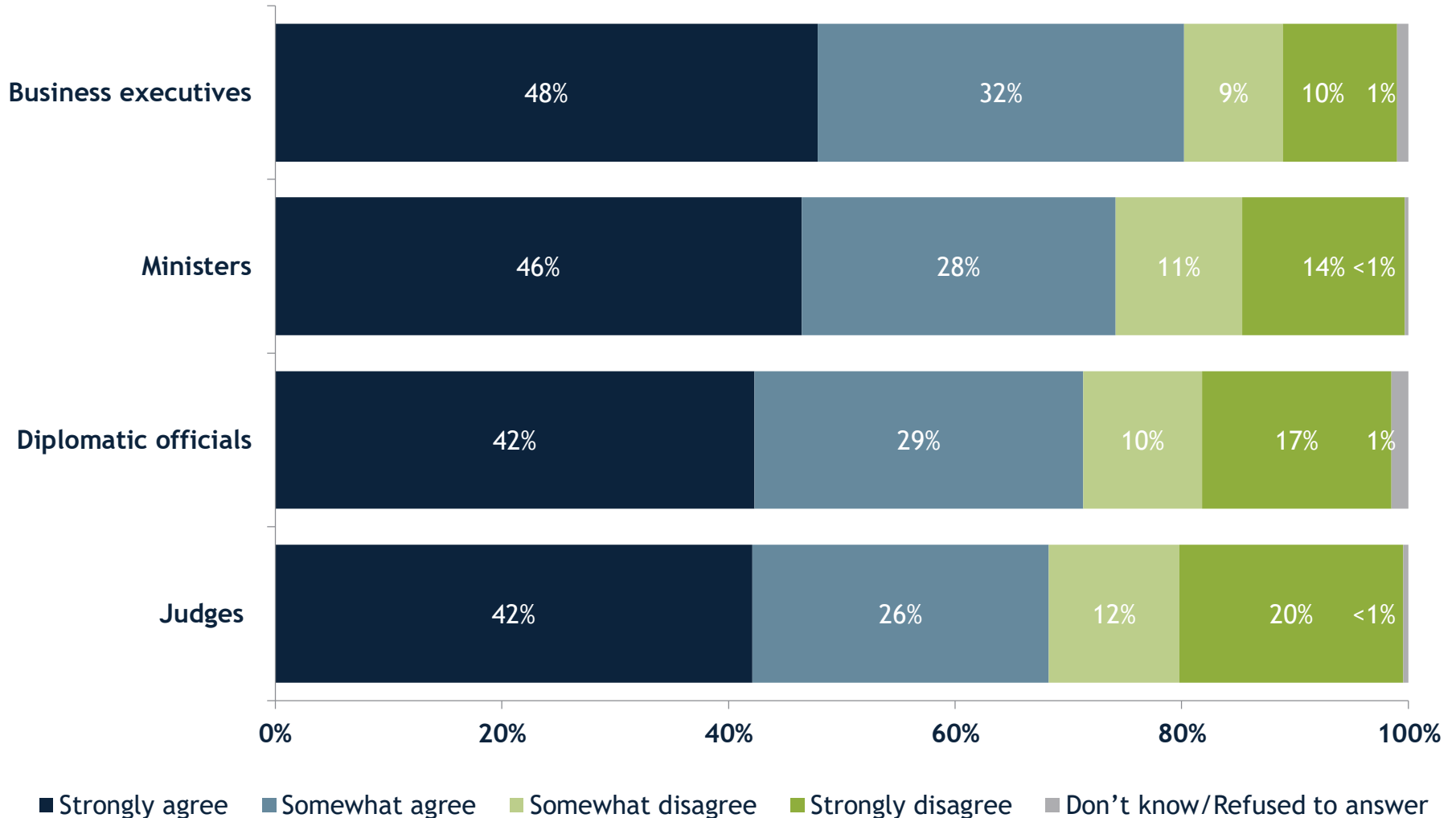
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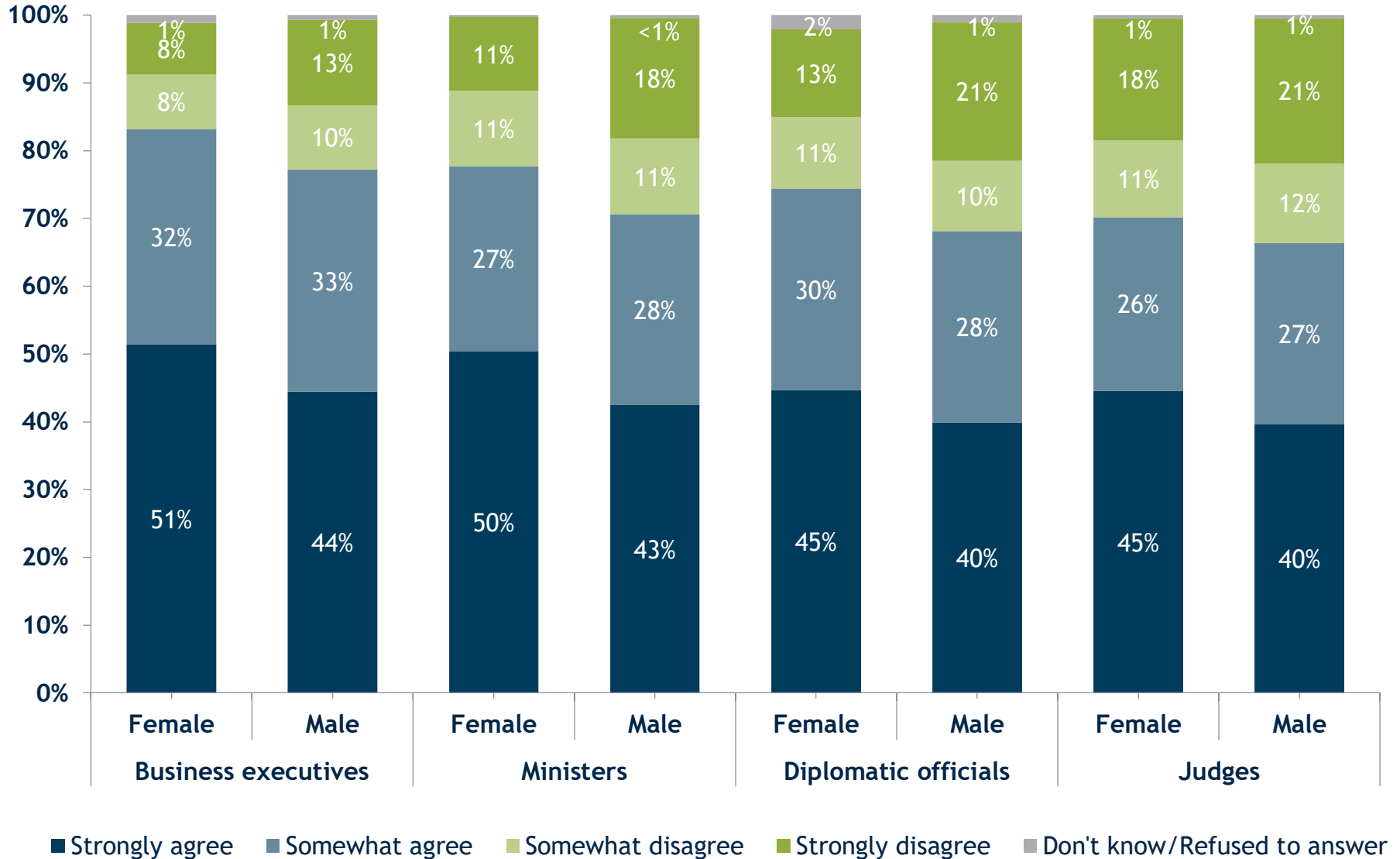
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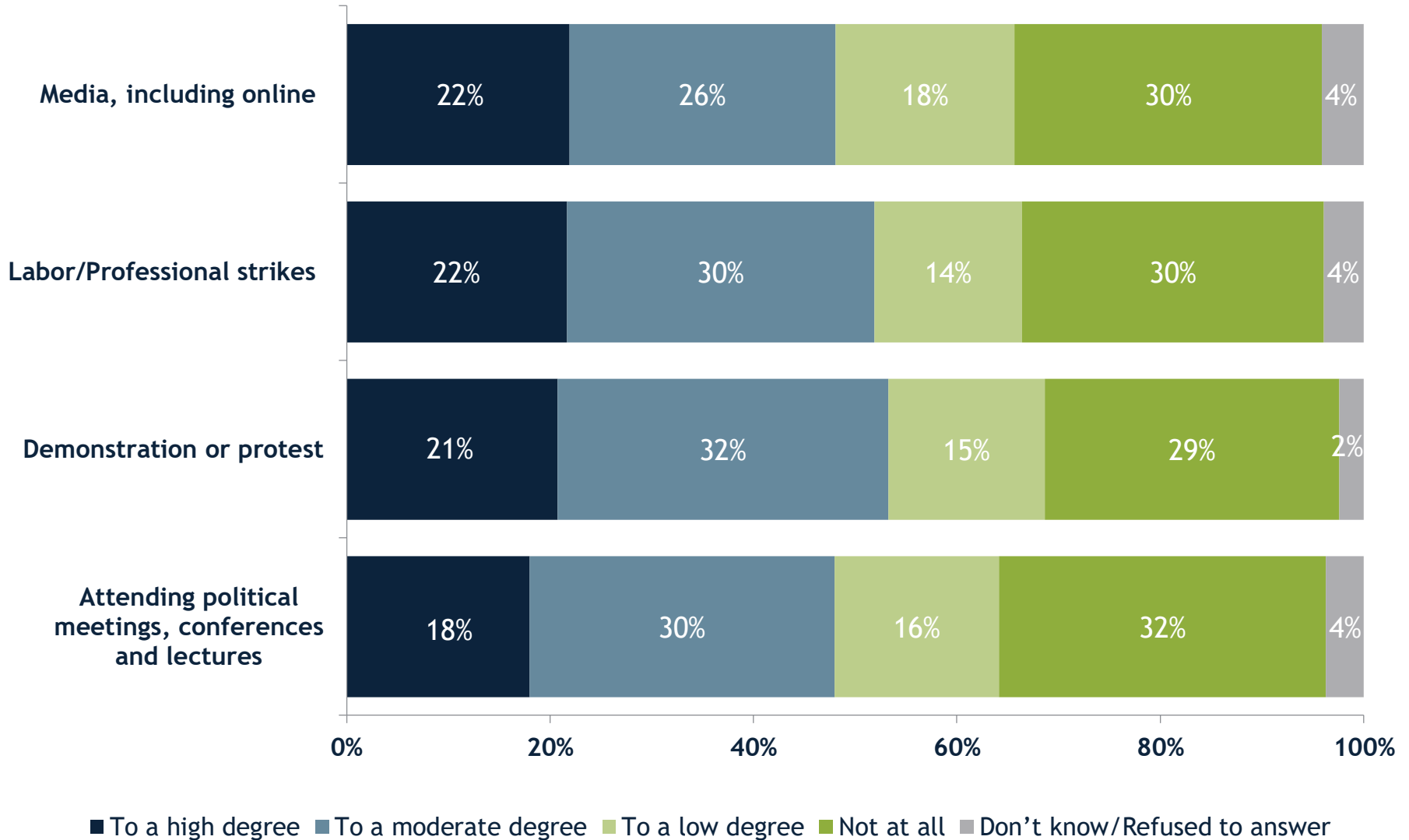
Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that women are as equally effective as men in each of the following roles?



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To what degree can you criticize government policies through the following forms of expression without fear of exposing yourself to adverse consequences on your security and livelihood?

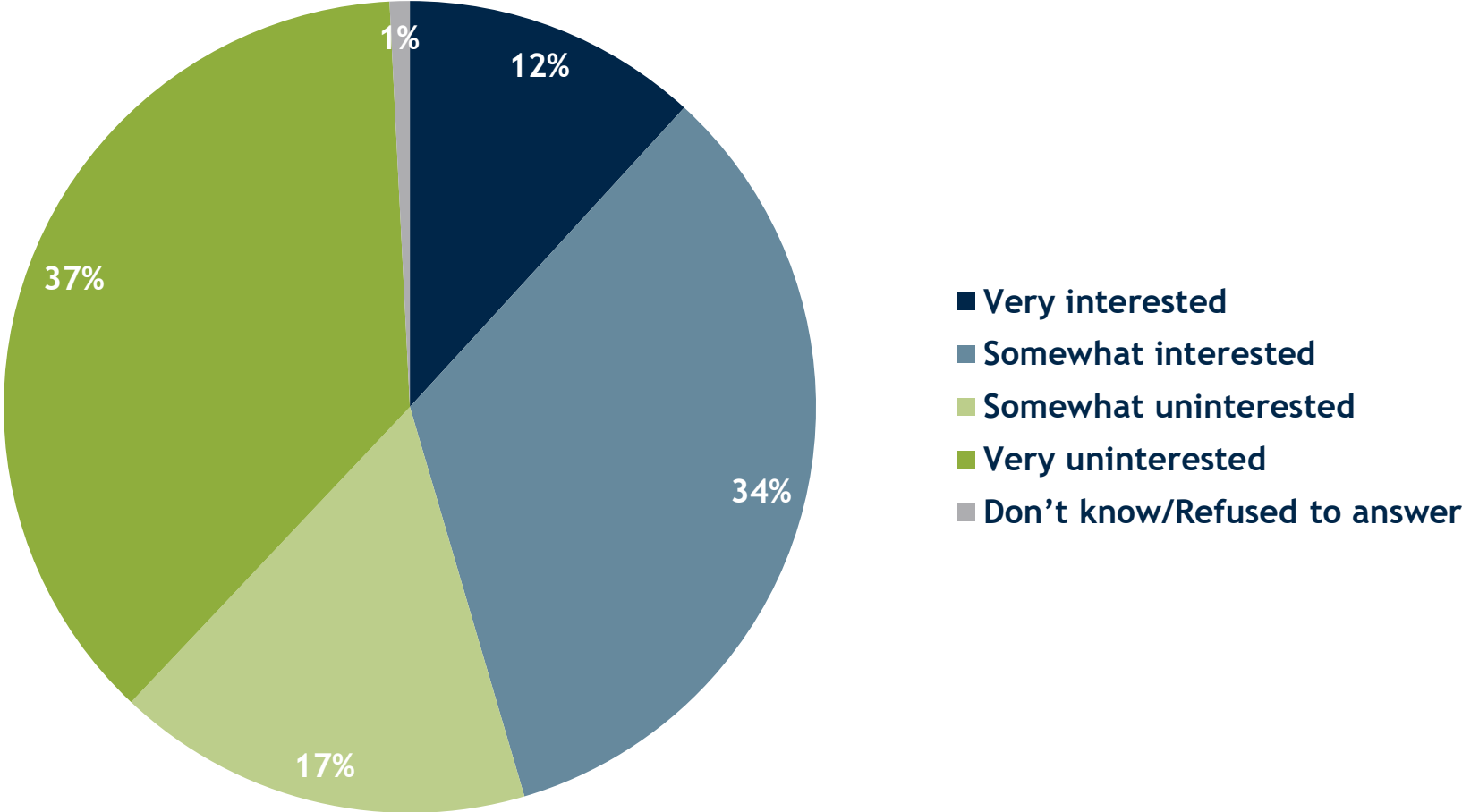




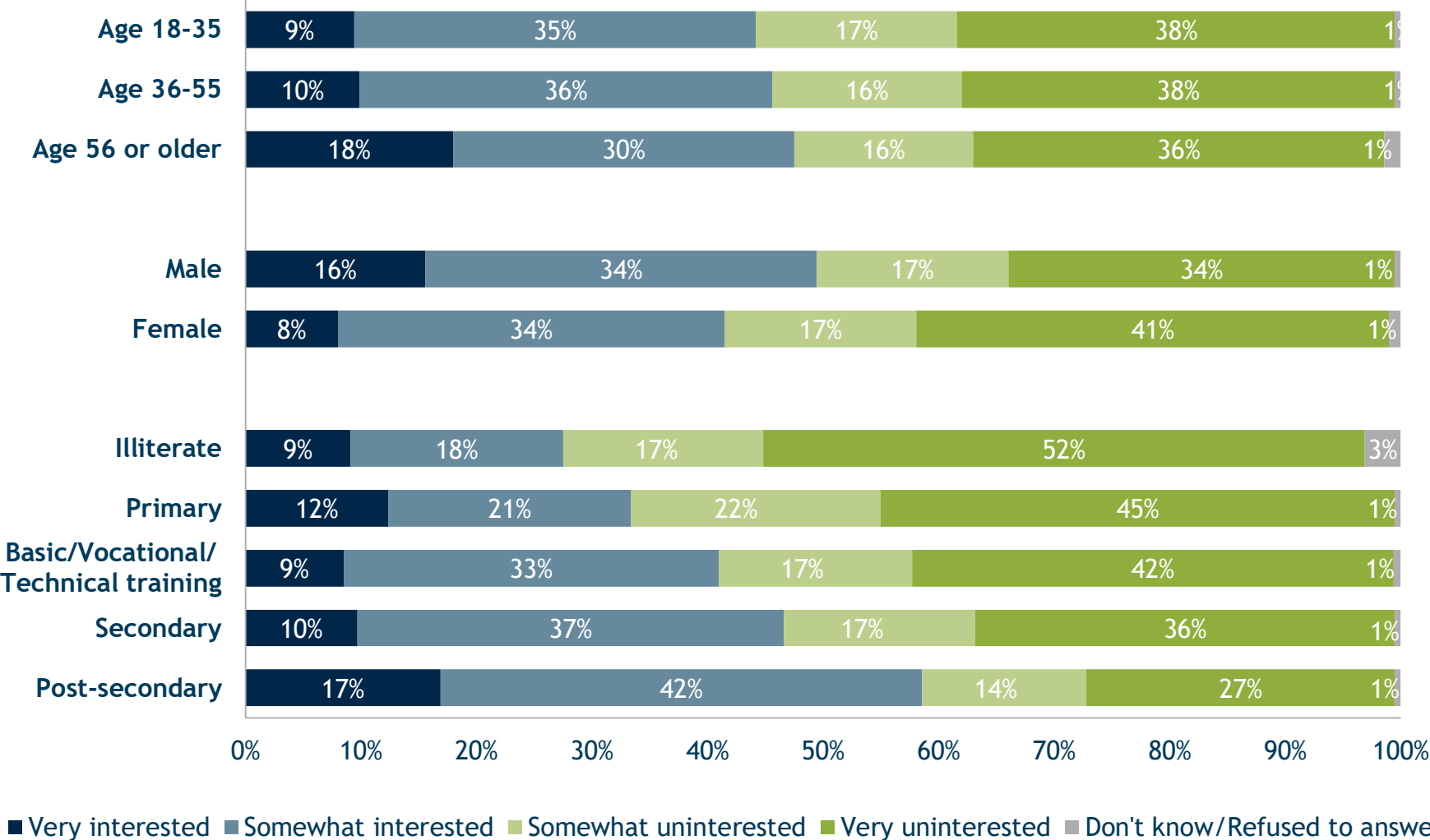
Political Participation



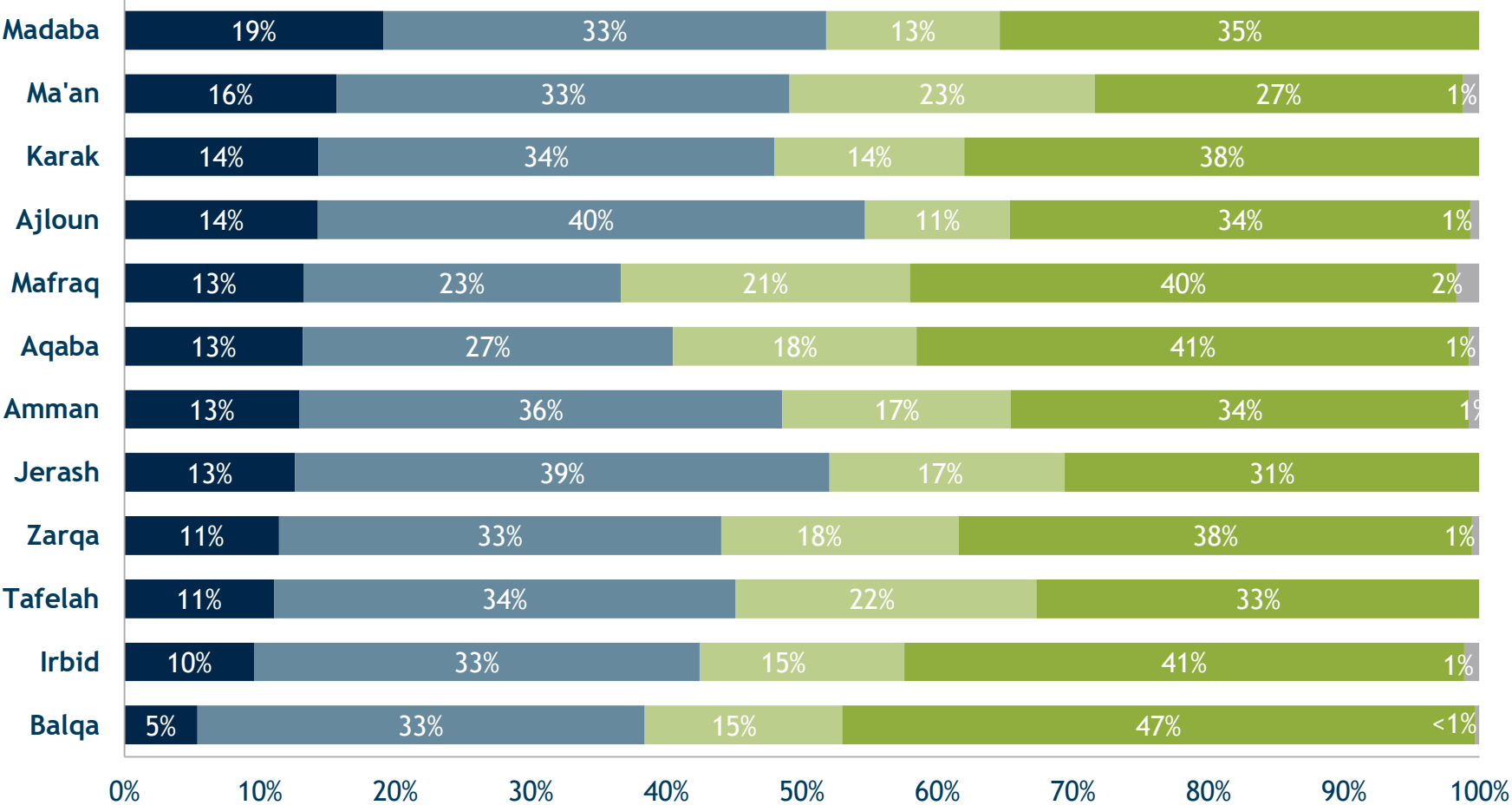
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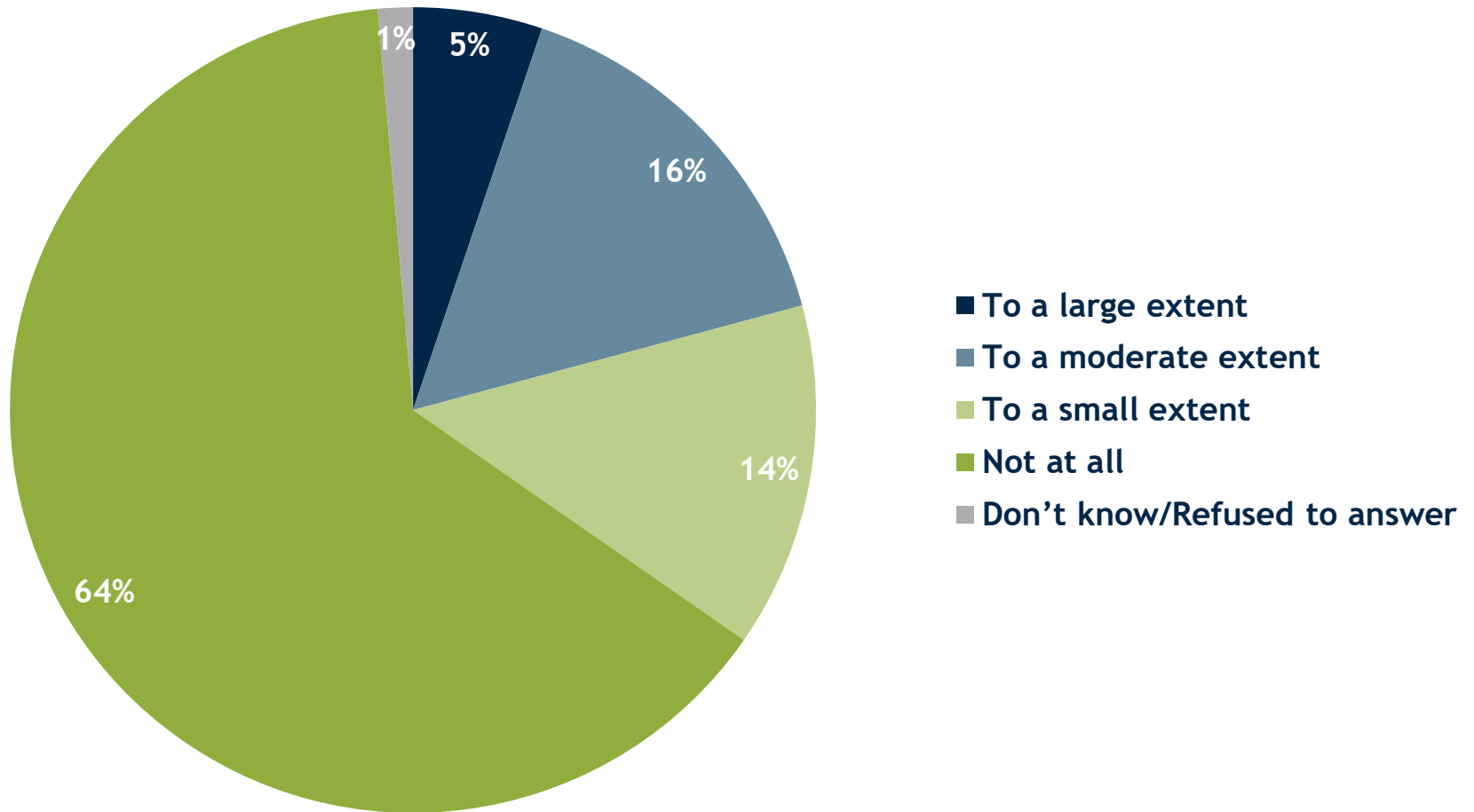


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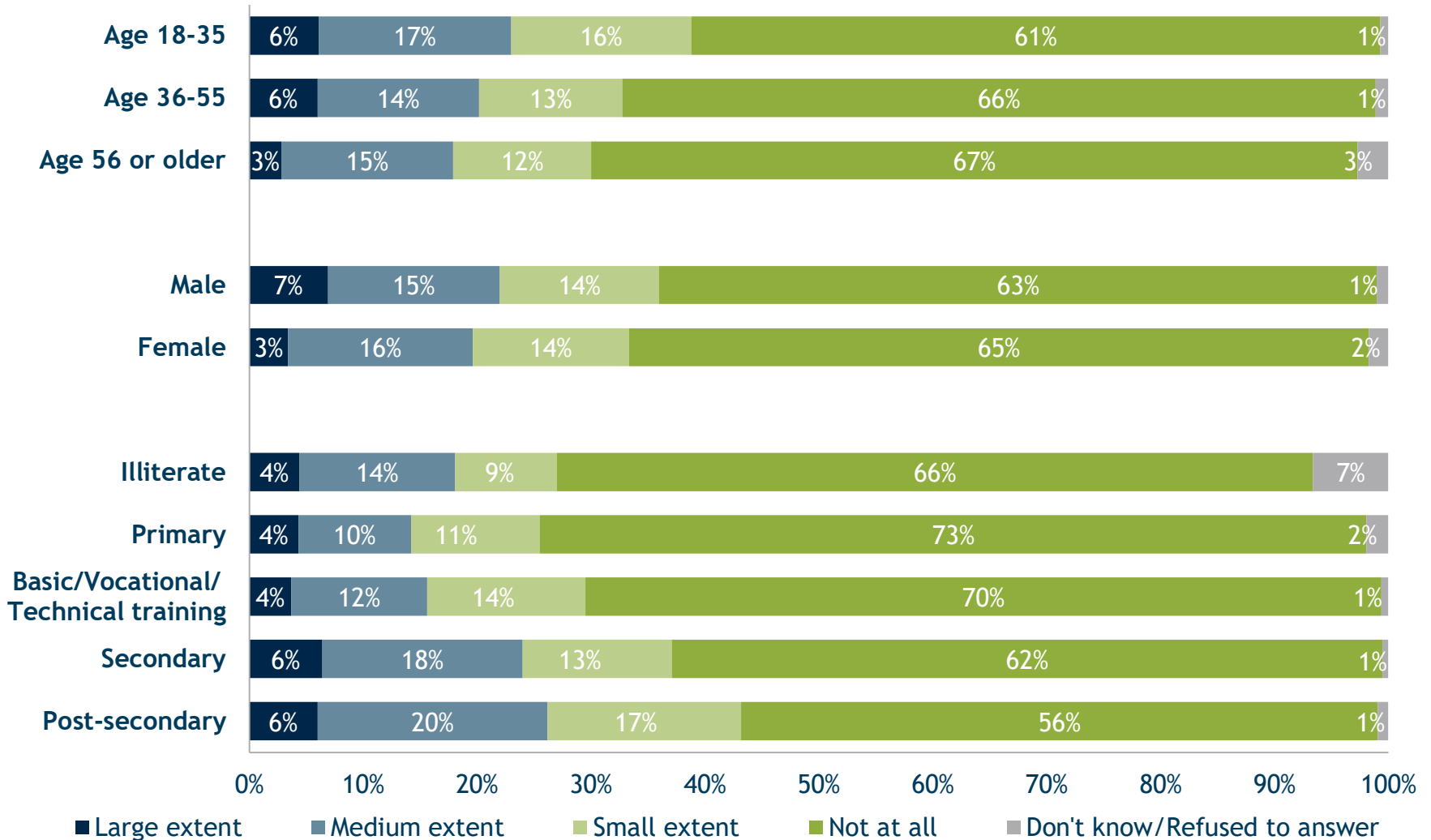


■ Very interested
 ■ Somewhat interested
 ■ Somewhat uninterested
 ■ Very uninterested
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

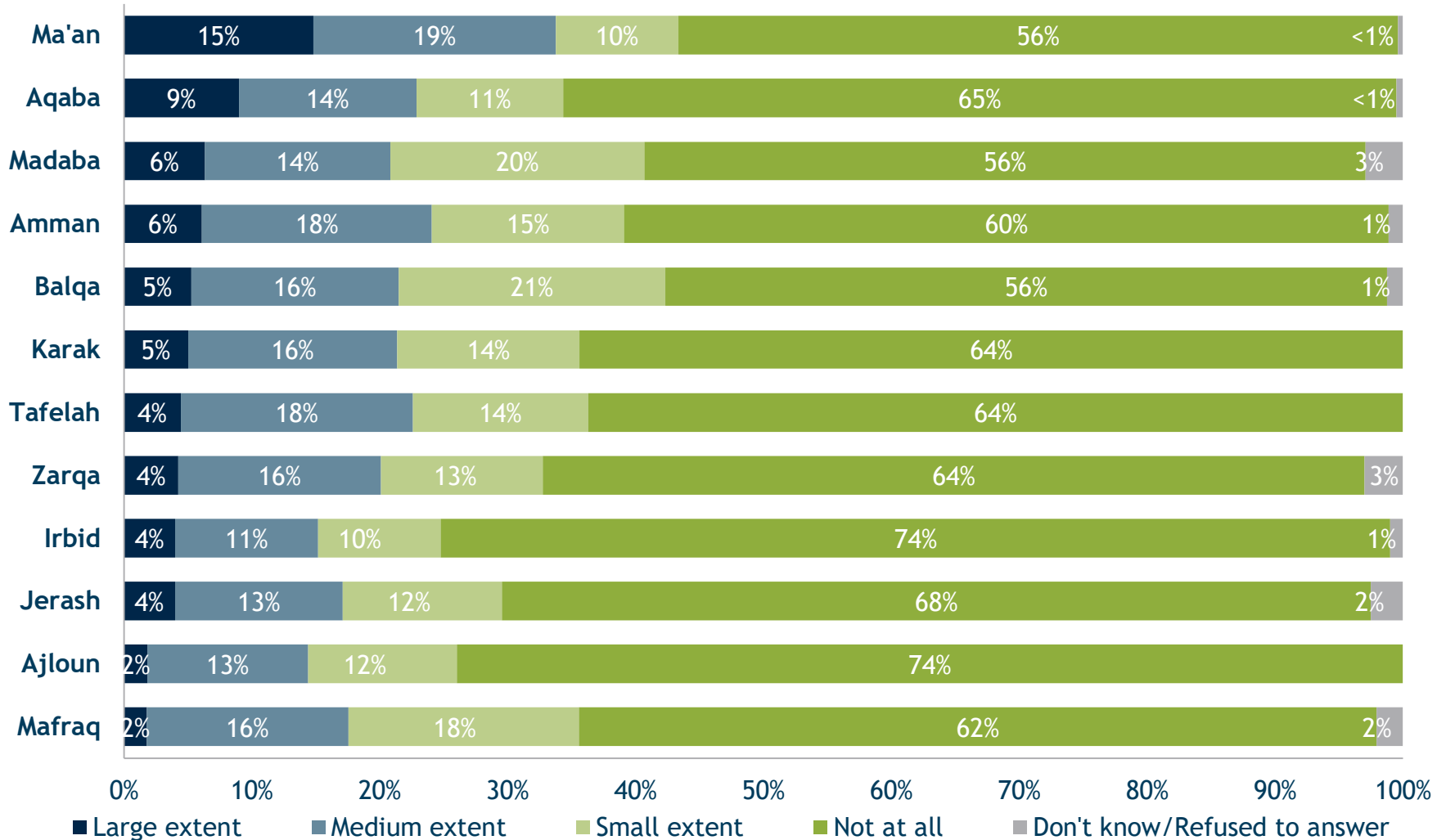
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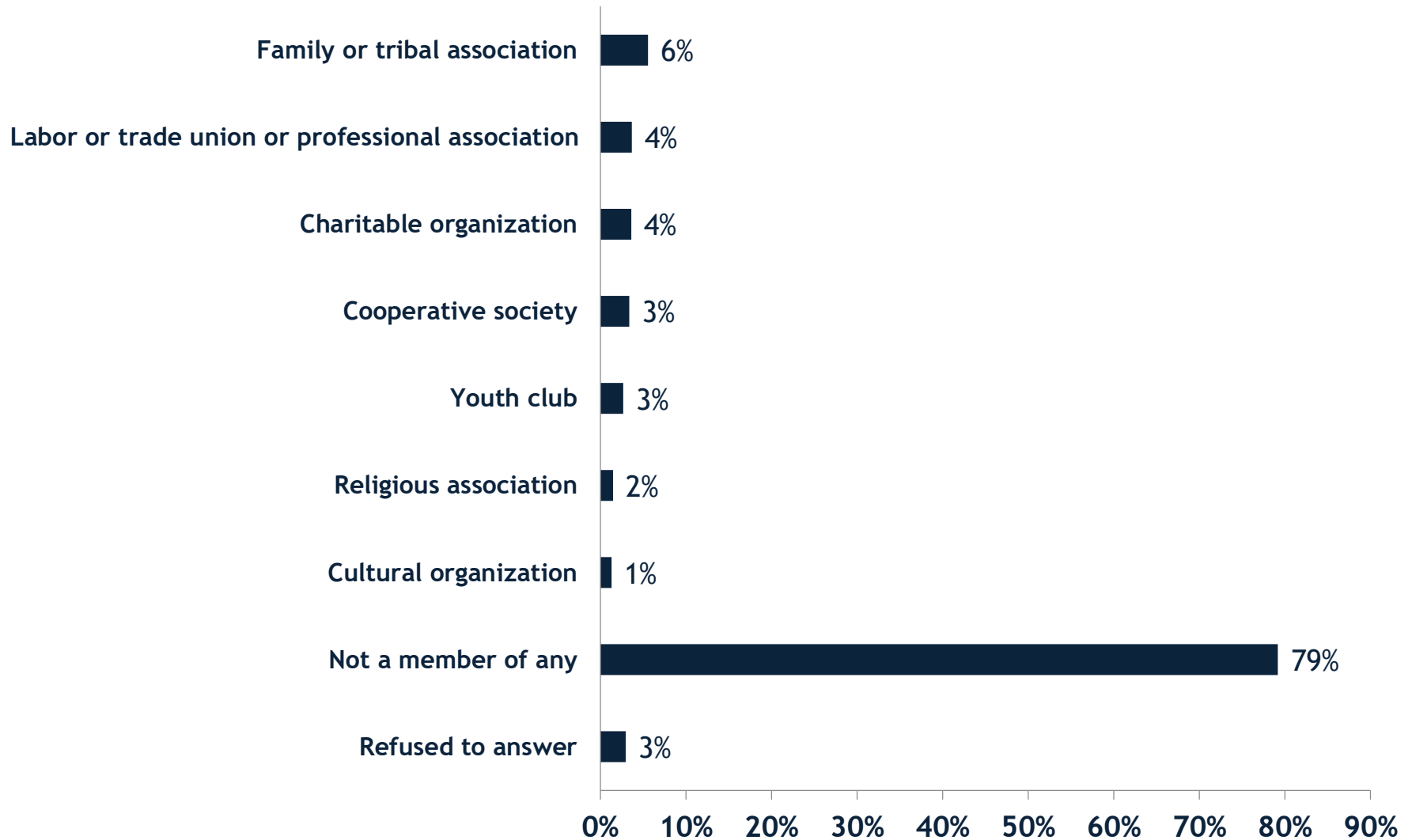


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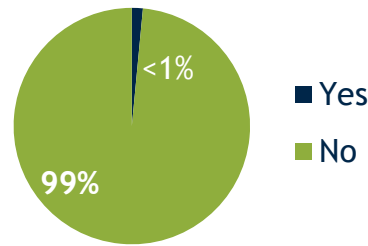


Are you a member of any of the following?

(Multiple responses accepted)

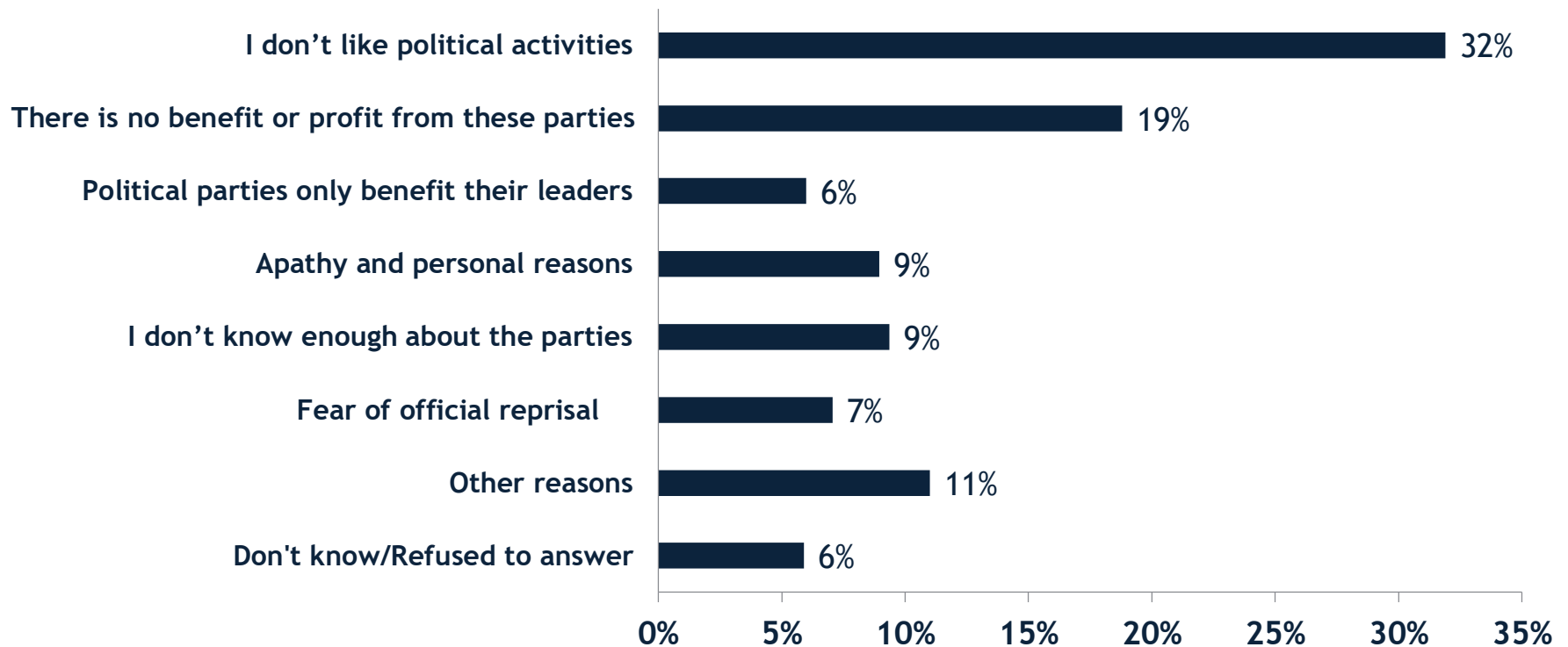


Are you a member of a political party or movement?*



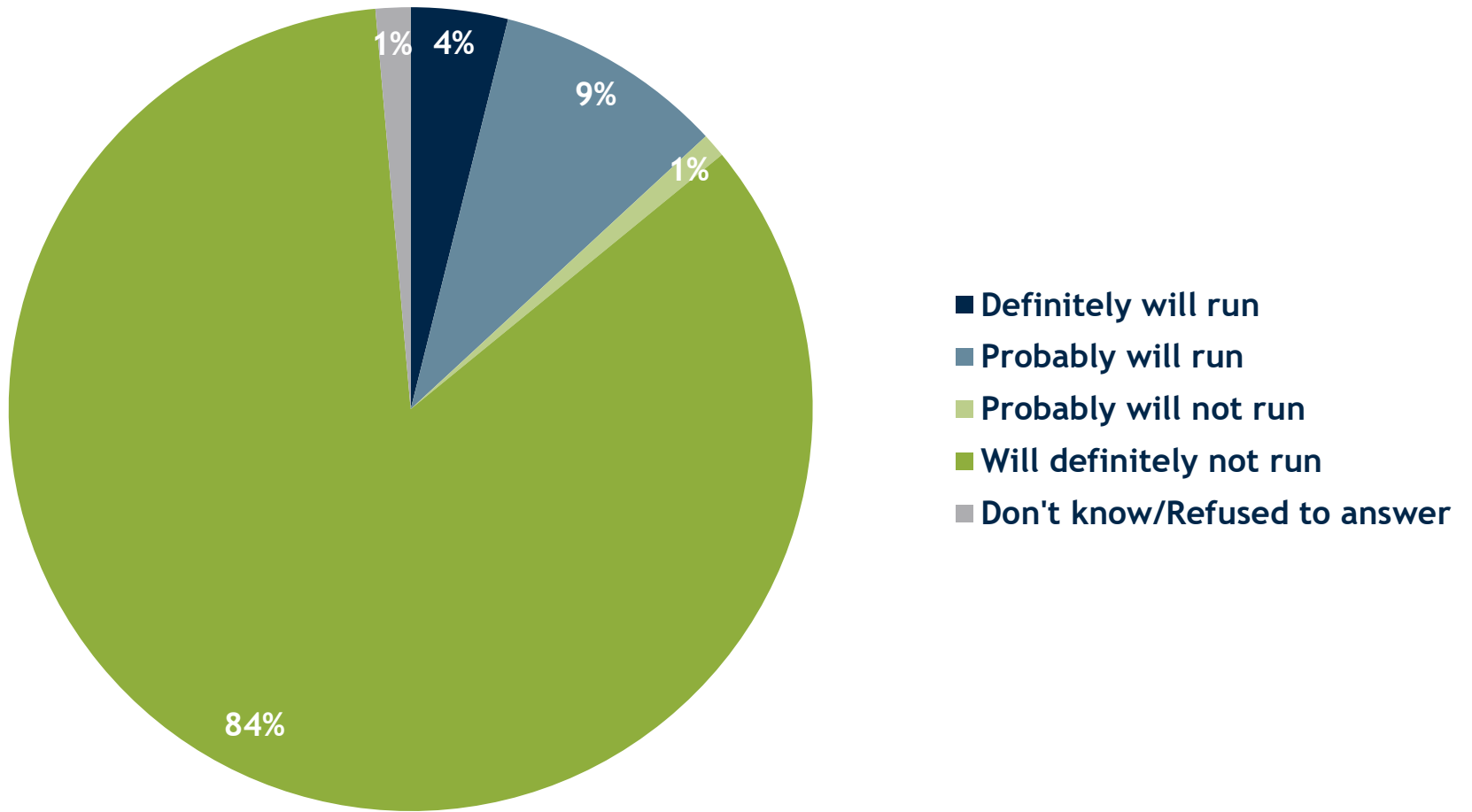
Of the following reasons what is the most important reason for not being affiliated with a political party or movement?

(Respondents who said they are not a member of a political party or movement, n=2,984)



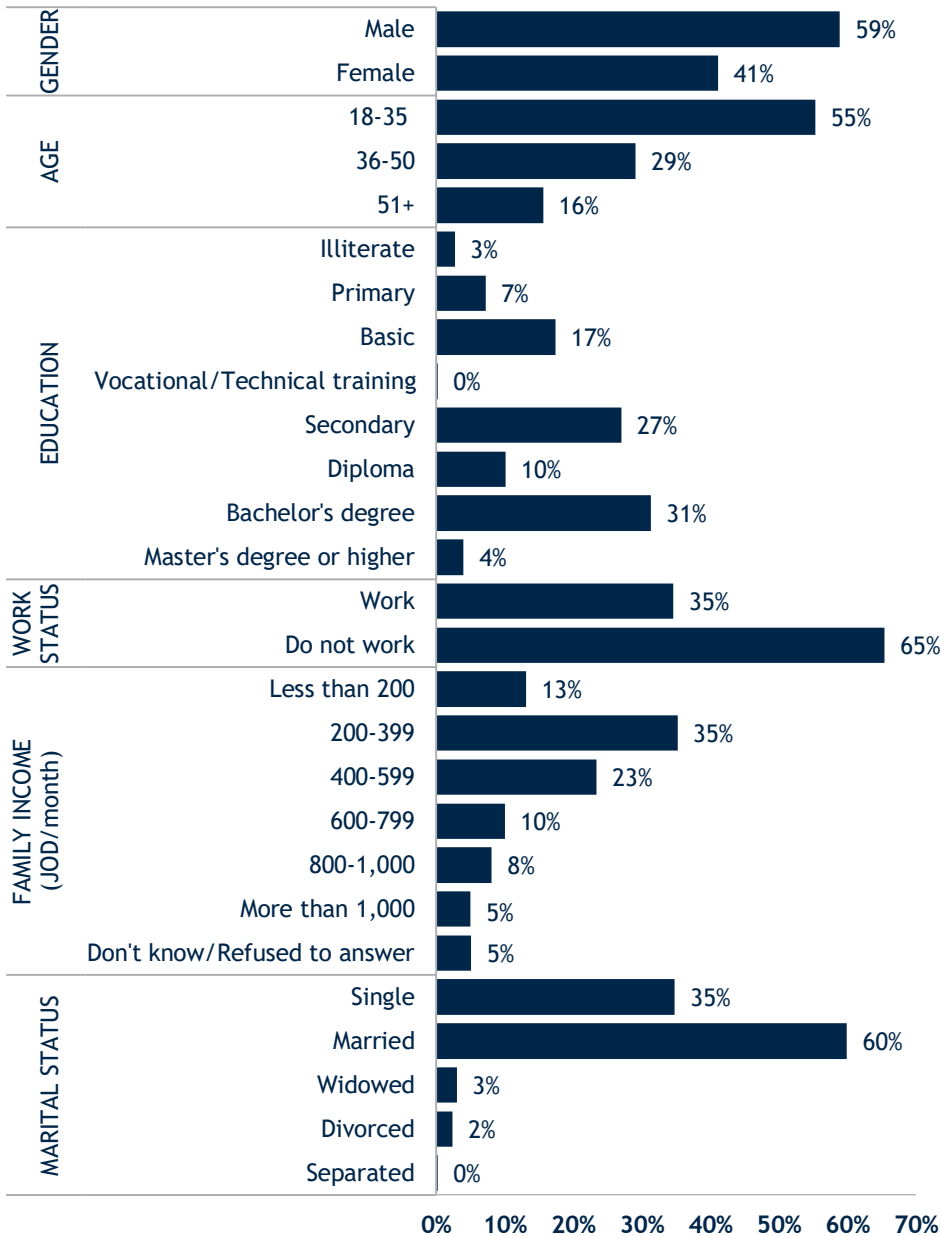
*Note: Pie chart on political party/movement membership is not presented to scale in order to improve visibility.

Would you ever consider running for elected office?

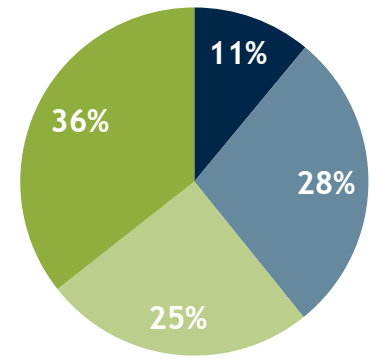


DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE: Potential Candidates

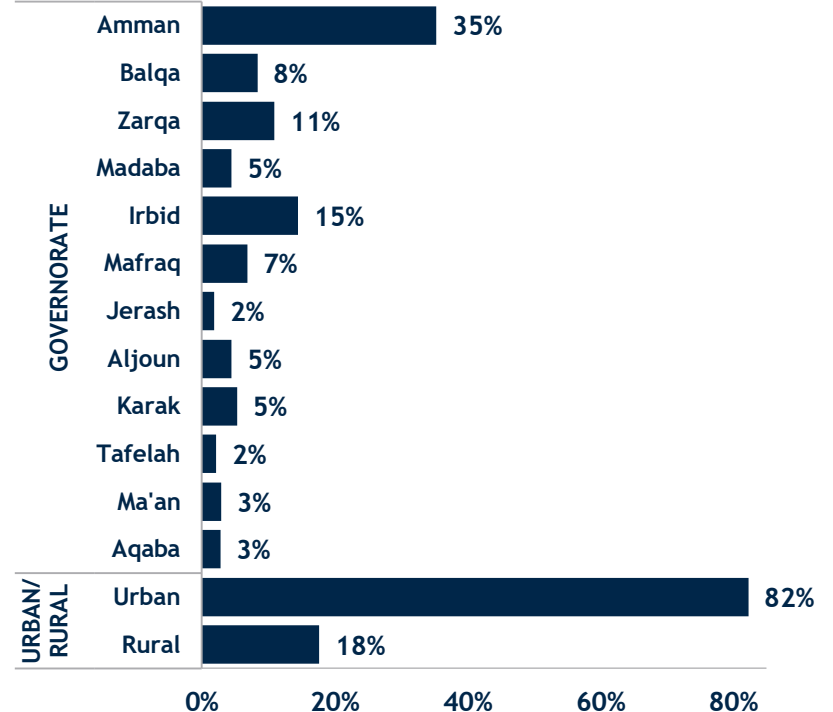
(Among those who would *definitely* or *probably* consider running for elected office, n=396)



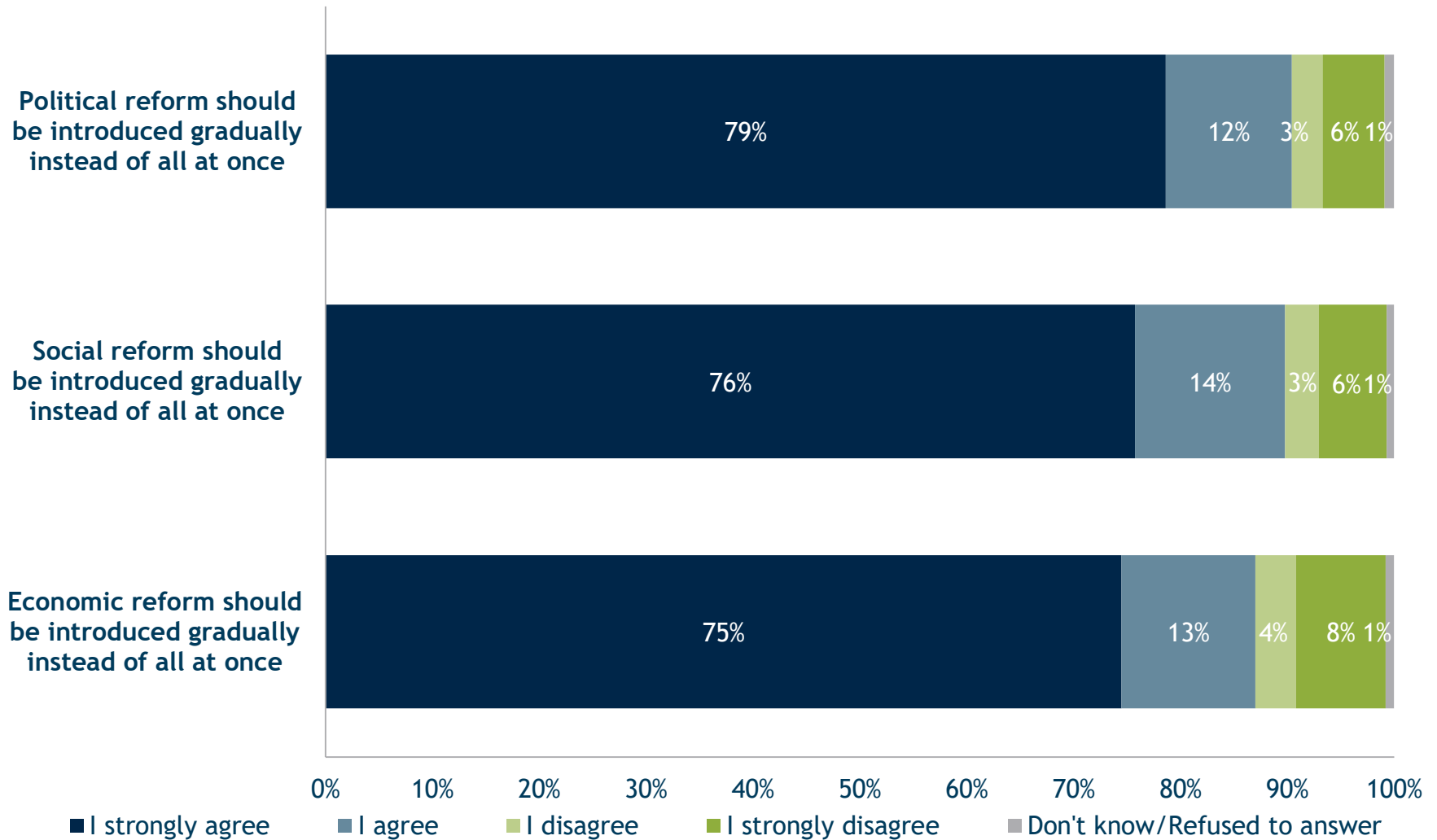
Overall, is Jordan headed in the right or wrong direction?



- Things are going mostly in the right direction
- Things are going somewhat in the right direction
- Things are going somewhat in the wrong direction
- Things are going mostly in the wrong direction



Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements?

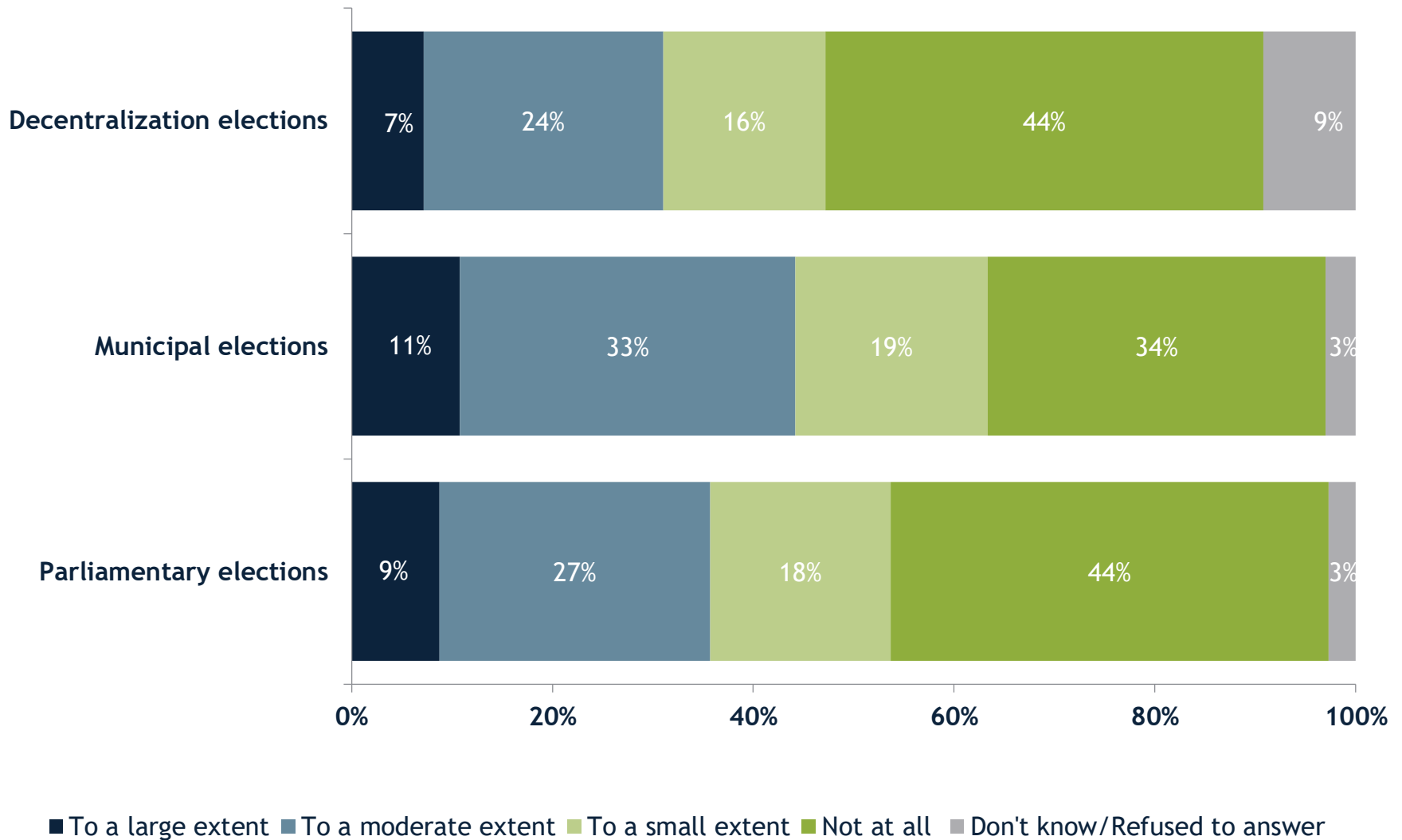




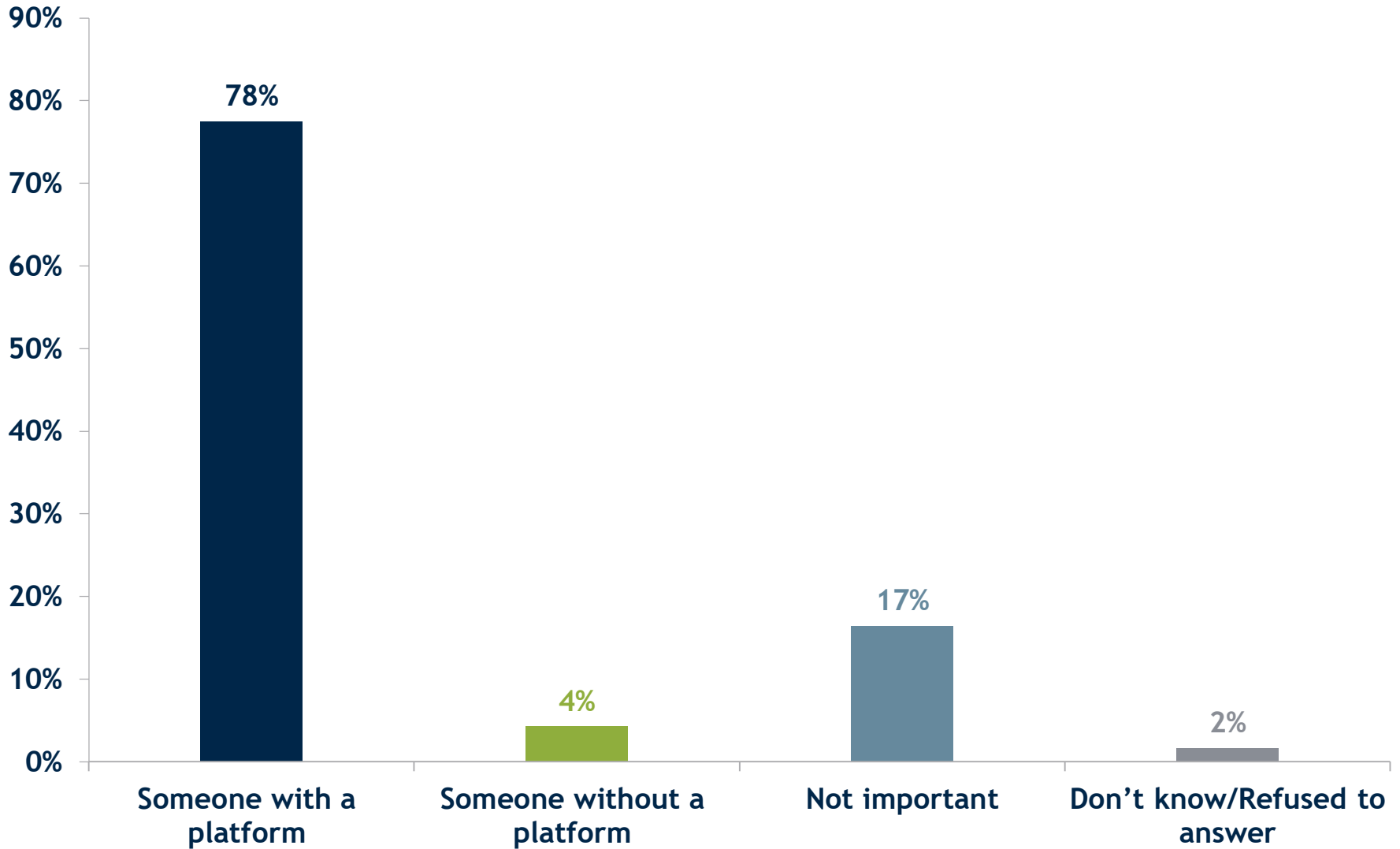
Elections



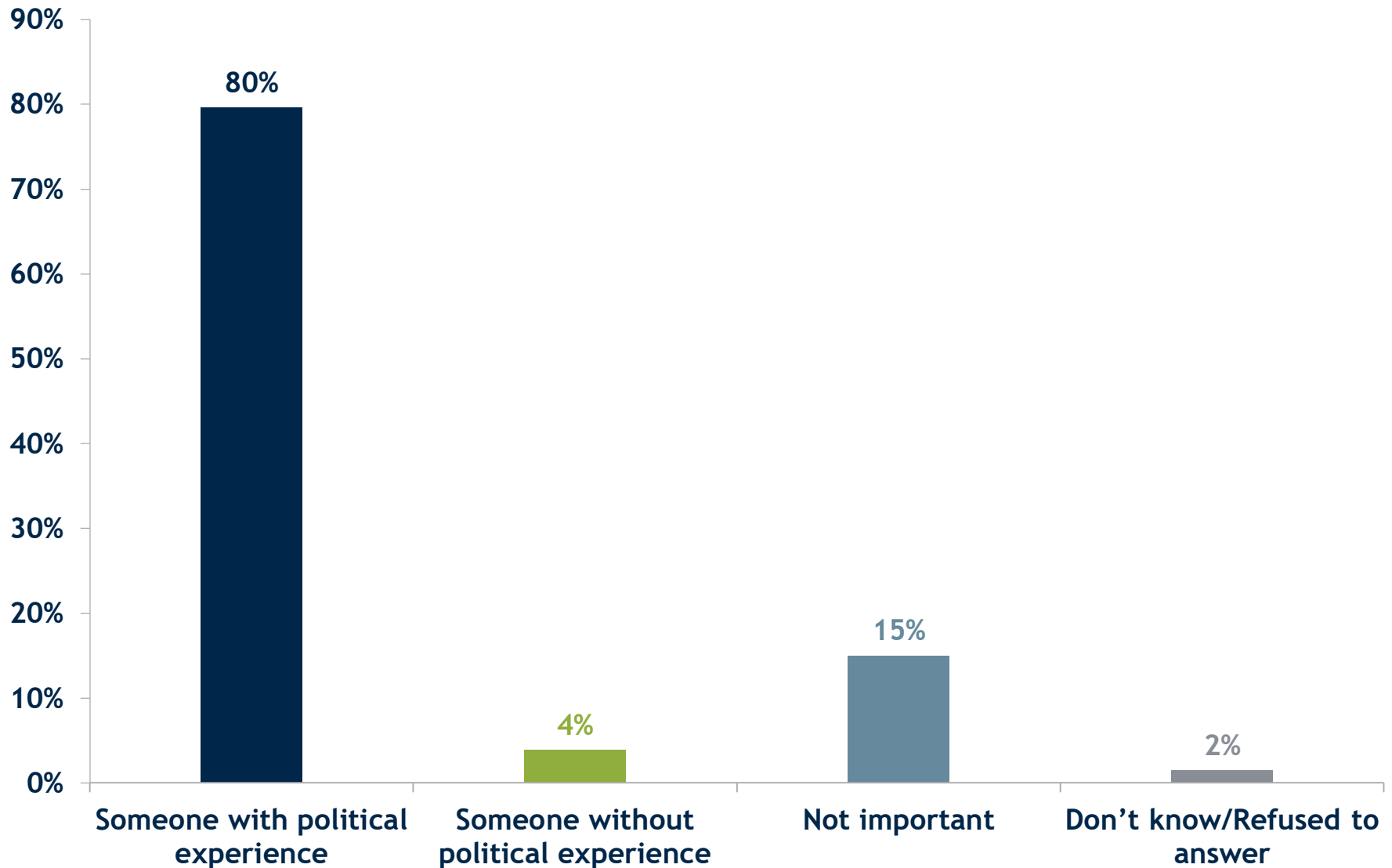
To what extent do you believe that elections in Jordan accurately reflect the will of the Jordanian people?



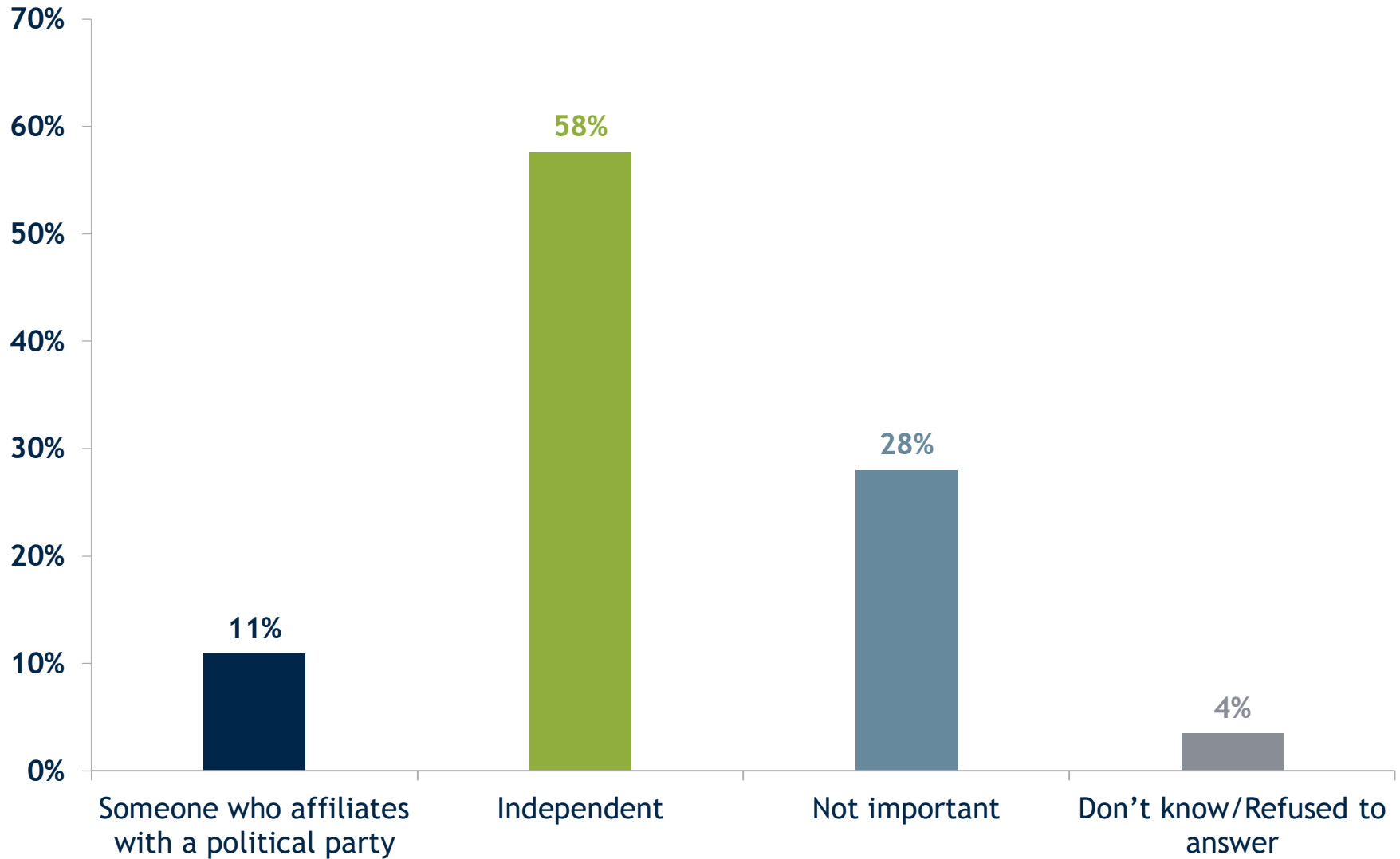
If the choice is between someone with a defined ideology and one without a defined ideology, for whom are you more likely to vote?



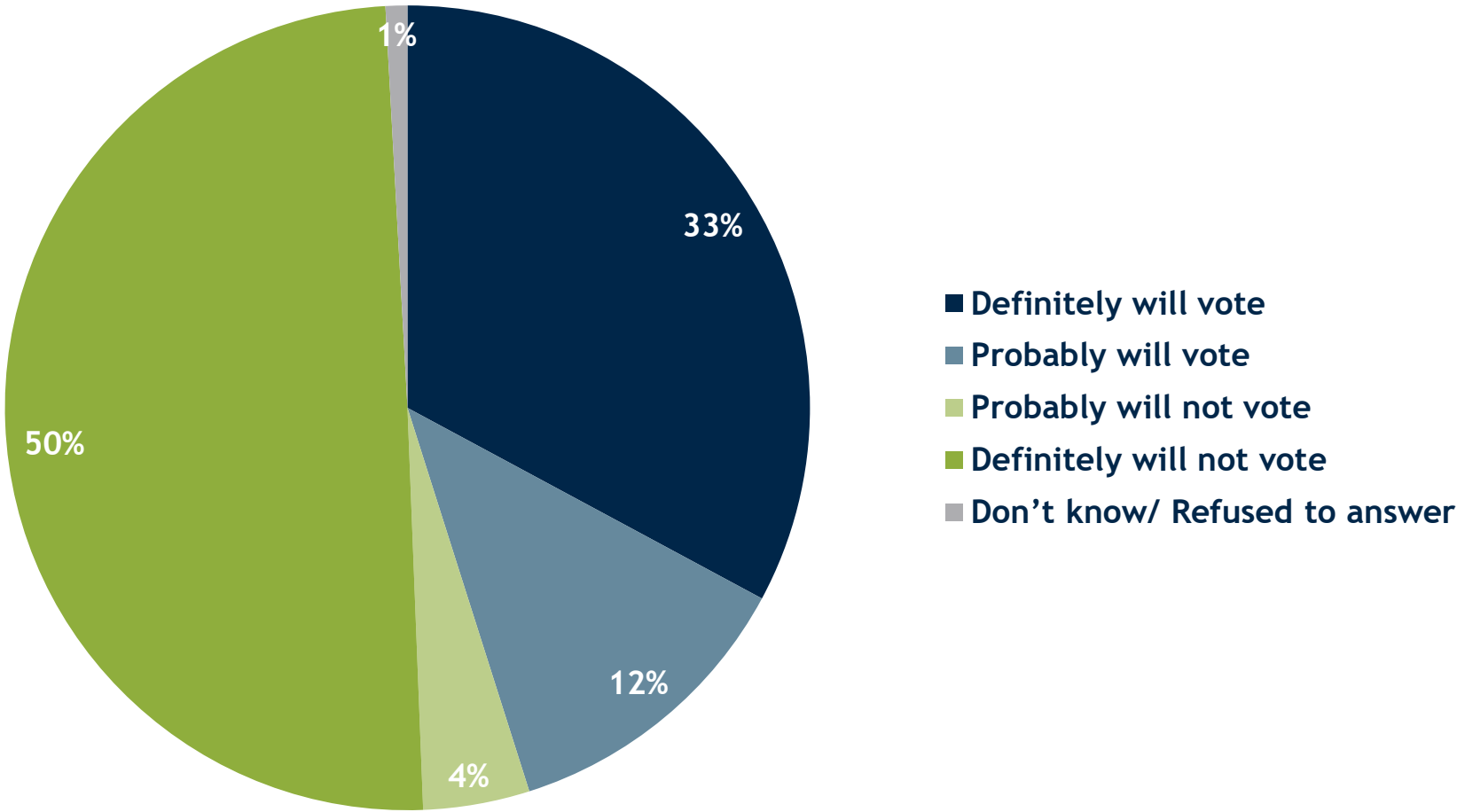
If the choice is between someone with political experience and another without political experience, for whom are you more likely to vote?



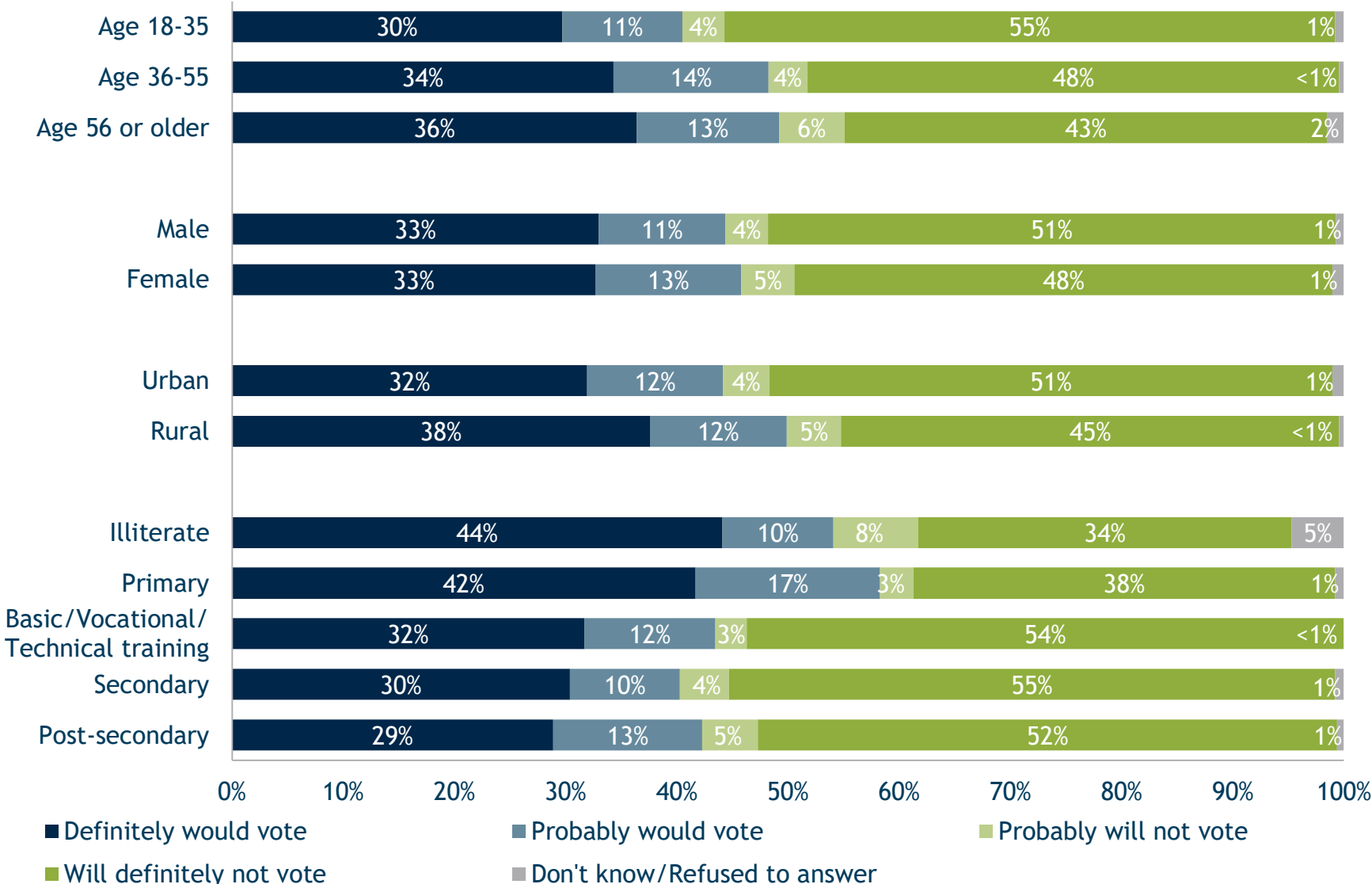
If the choice is between a member of a political party or an independent candidate, for whom are you more likely to vote?



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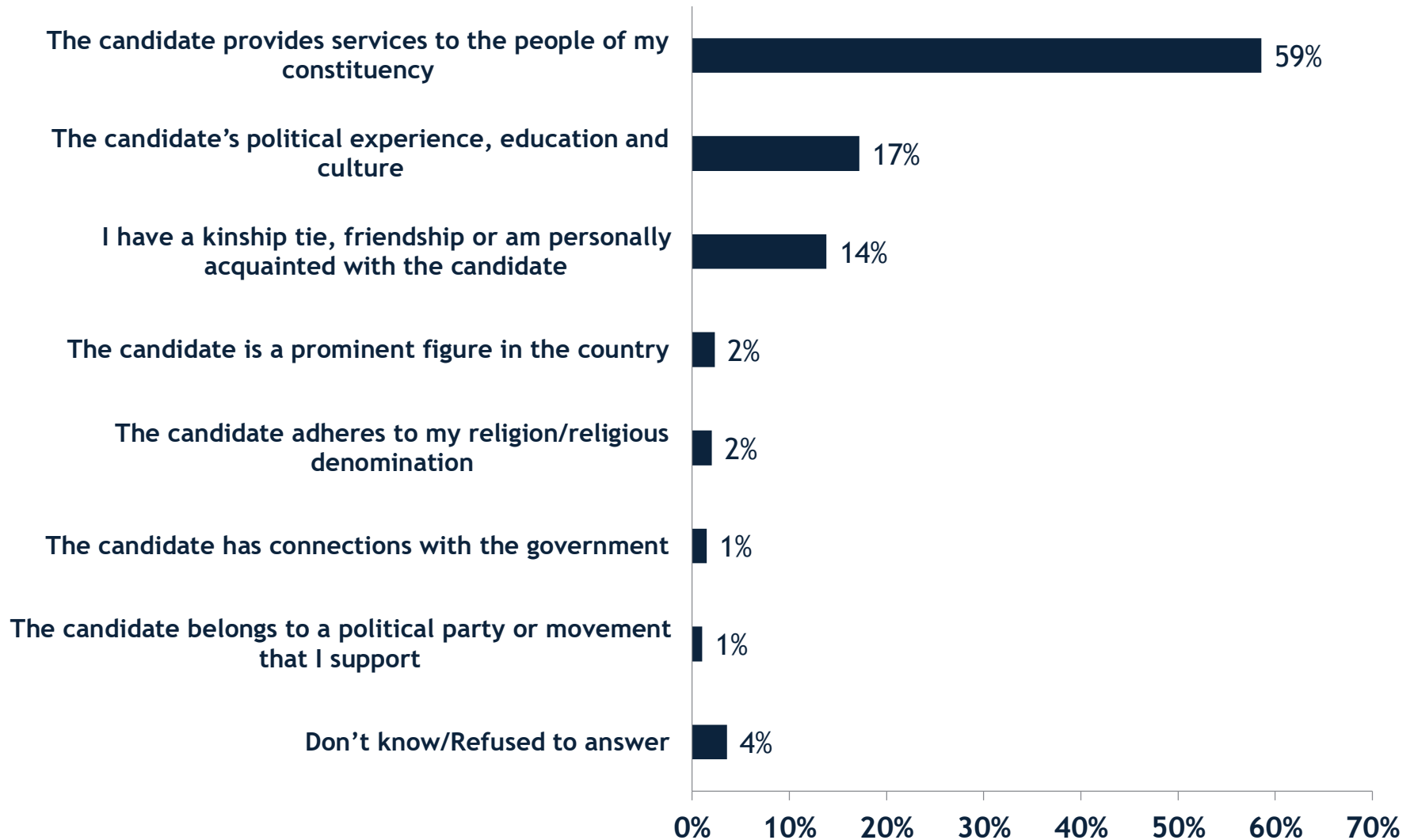


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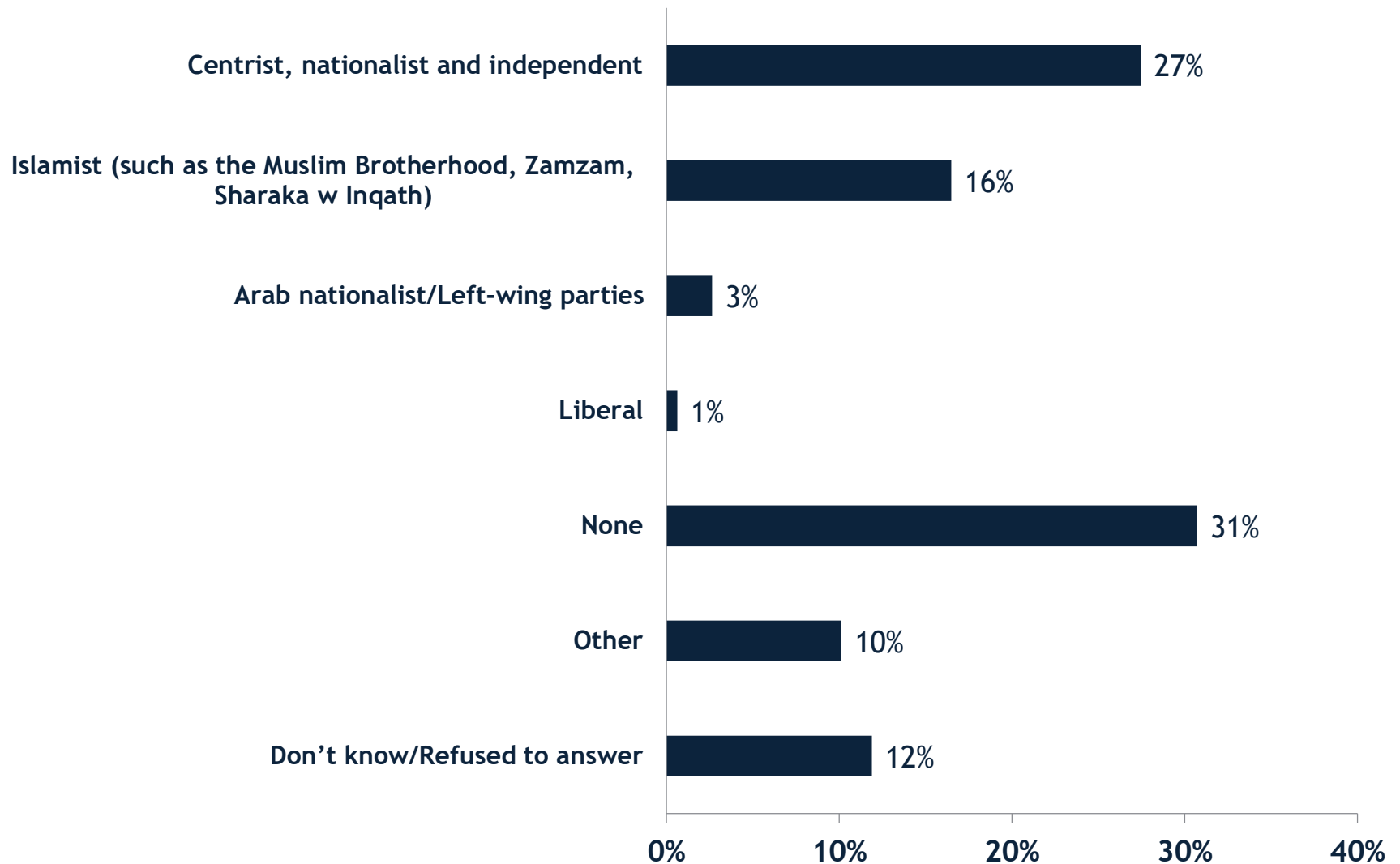
Of the following, what is the most important reason for voting for a candidate in parliament?

(Among those who "definitely will vote" or "probably will vote," n=1,362)



If parliamentary elections were to take place today, for which political orientation would you likely vote?

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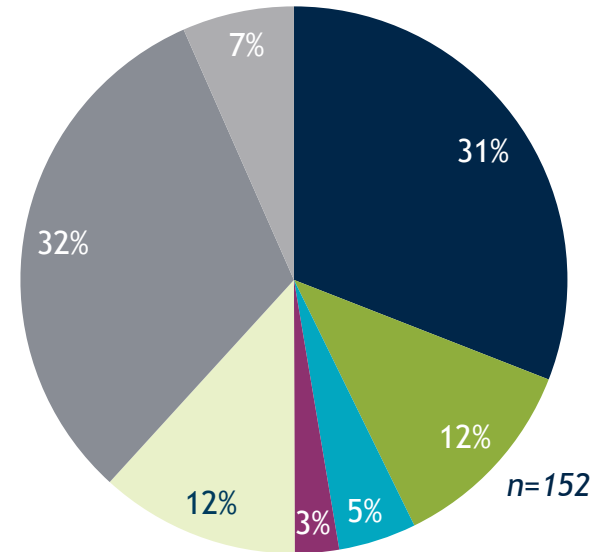
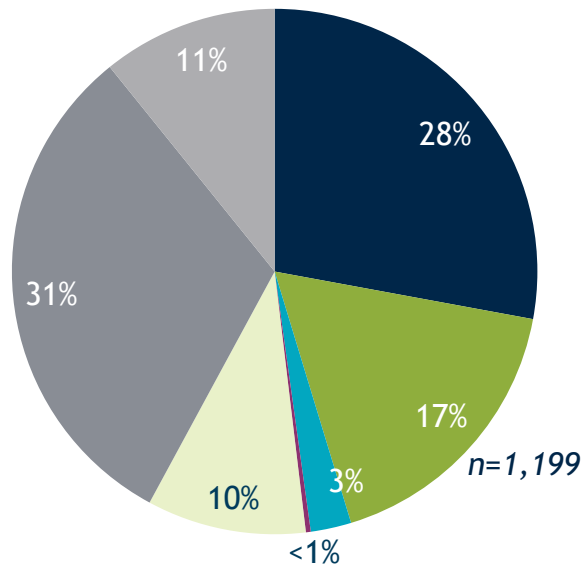
Which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?

Laws of our country should be based entirely [or mostly] on Sharia Law

Laws of our country should be based [somewhat or] not at all on Sharia Law

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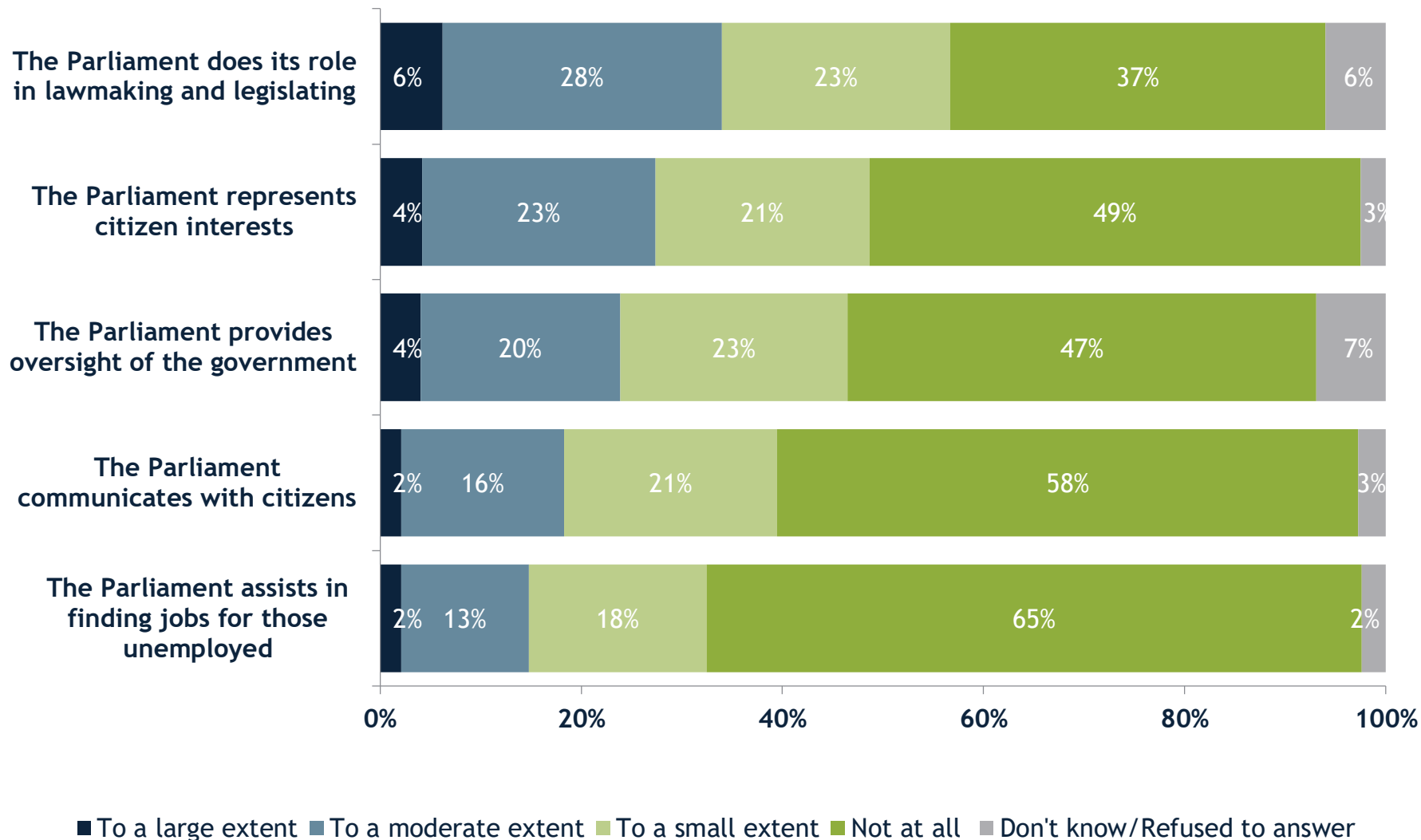
(Among those who would definitely/probably vote)



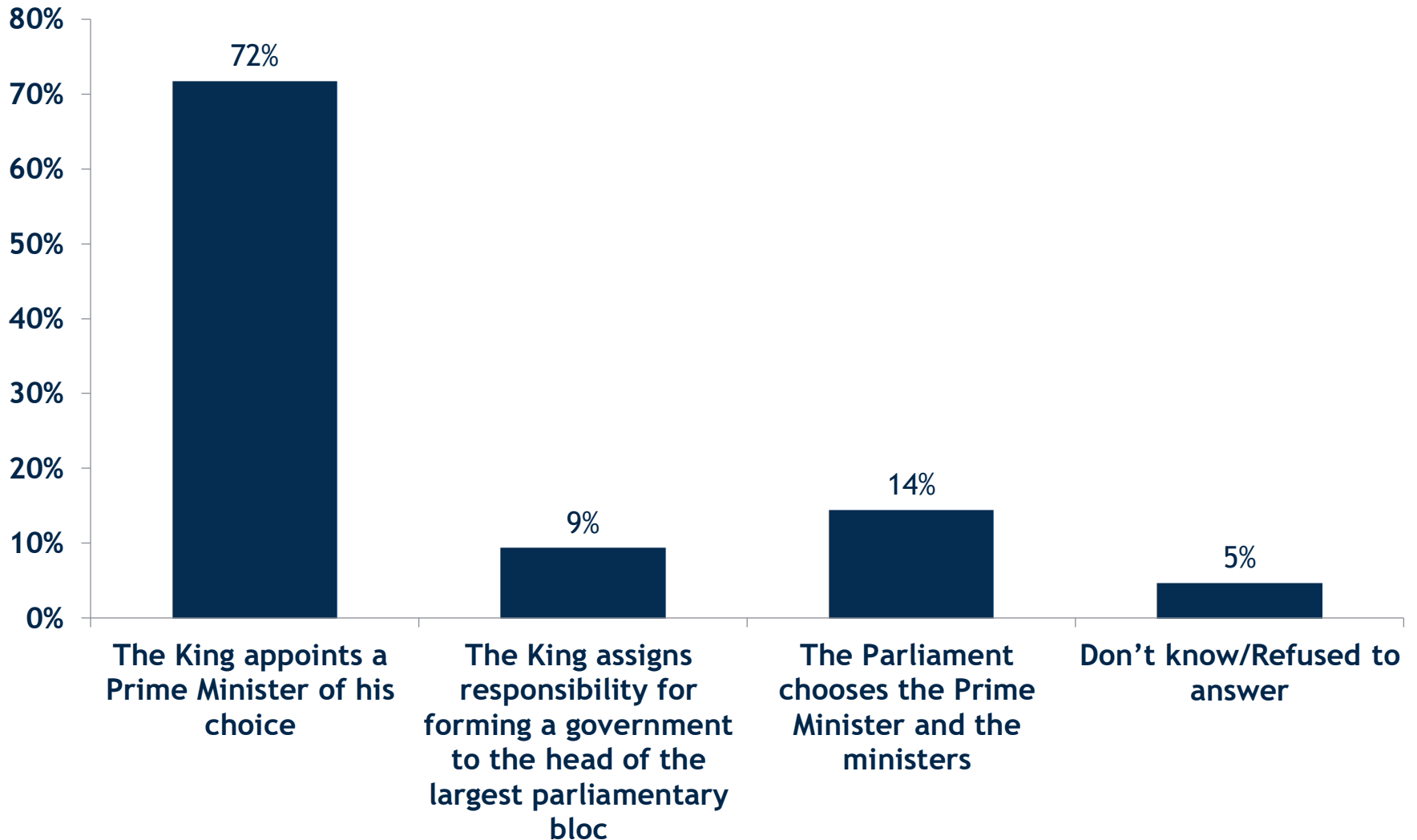
- Centrist, Nationalist, and Independent
- Arab Nationalist/Left Wing
- Other
- Don't know/Refused to answer

- Islamist (Muslim Brotherhood, Zamzam, Sharaka w Inqath)
- Liberal
- None

Regarding the Jordanian Parliament, to what extent do you believe it fulfills the following functions?

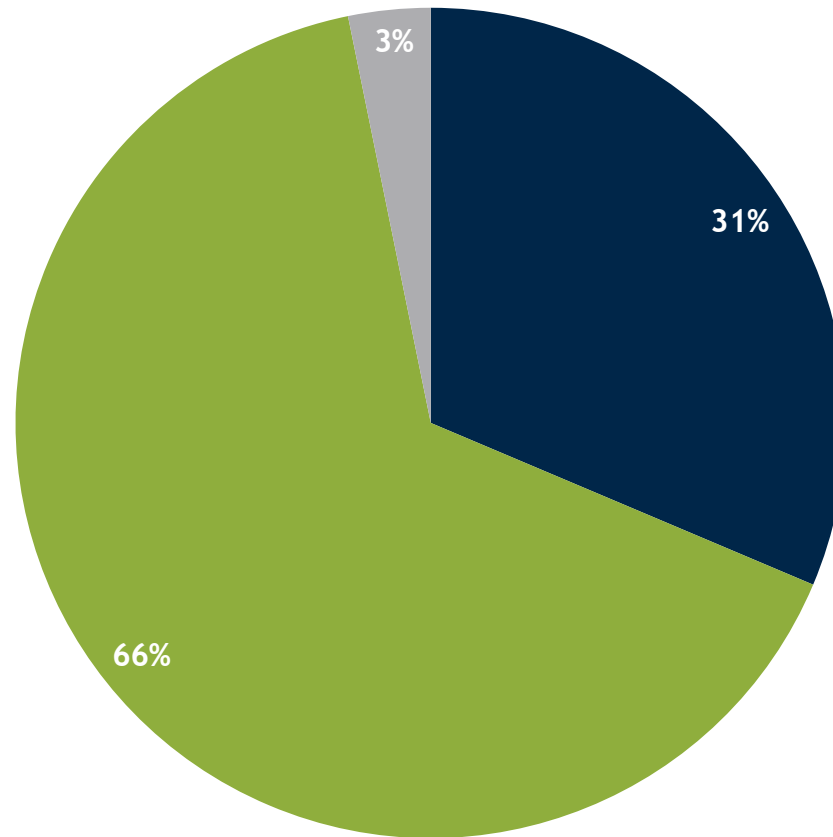


Concerning forming governments in Jordan, which of the following options do you consider the best?



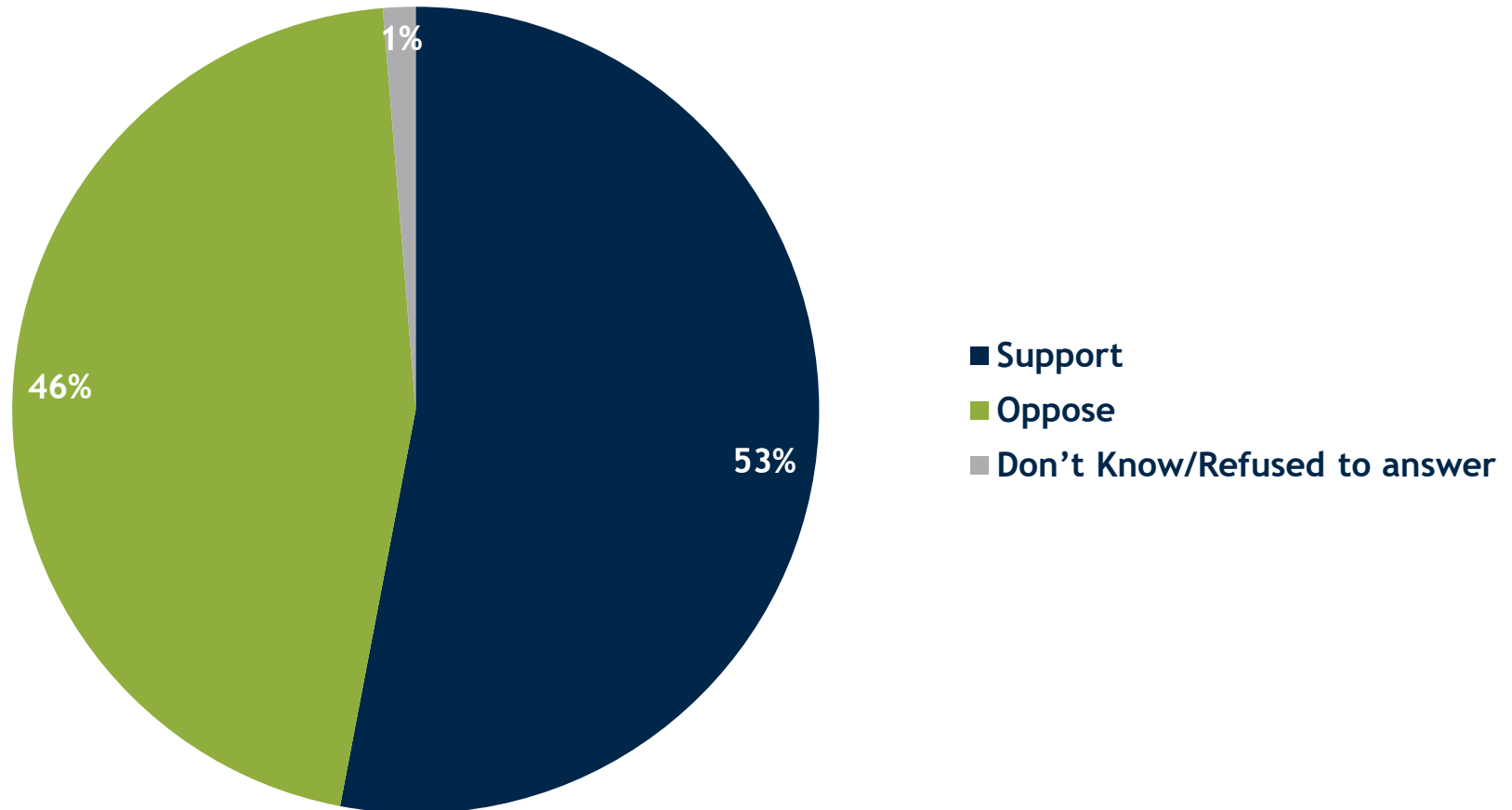
According to the Constitution, the Senate is formed by the appointment of his Majesty the King. We would like to know your opinion about the best option to form the House of Senators.

Which of the following do you consider the best?

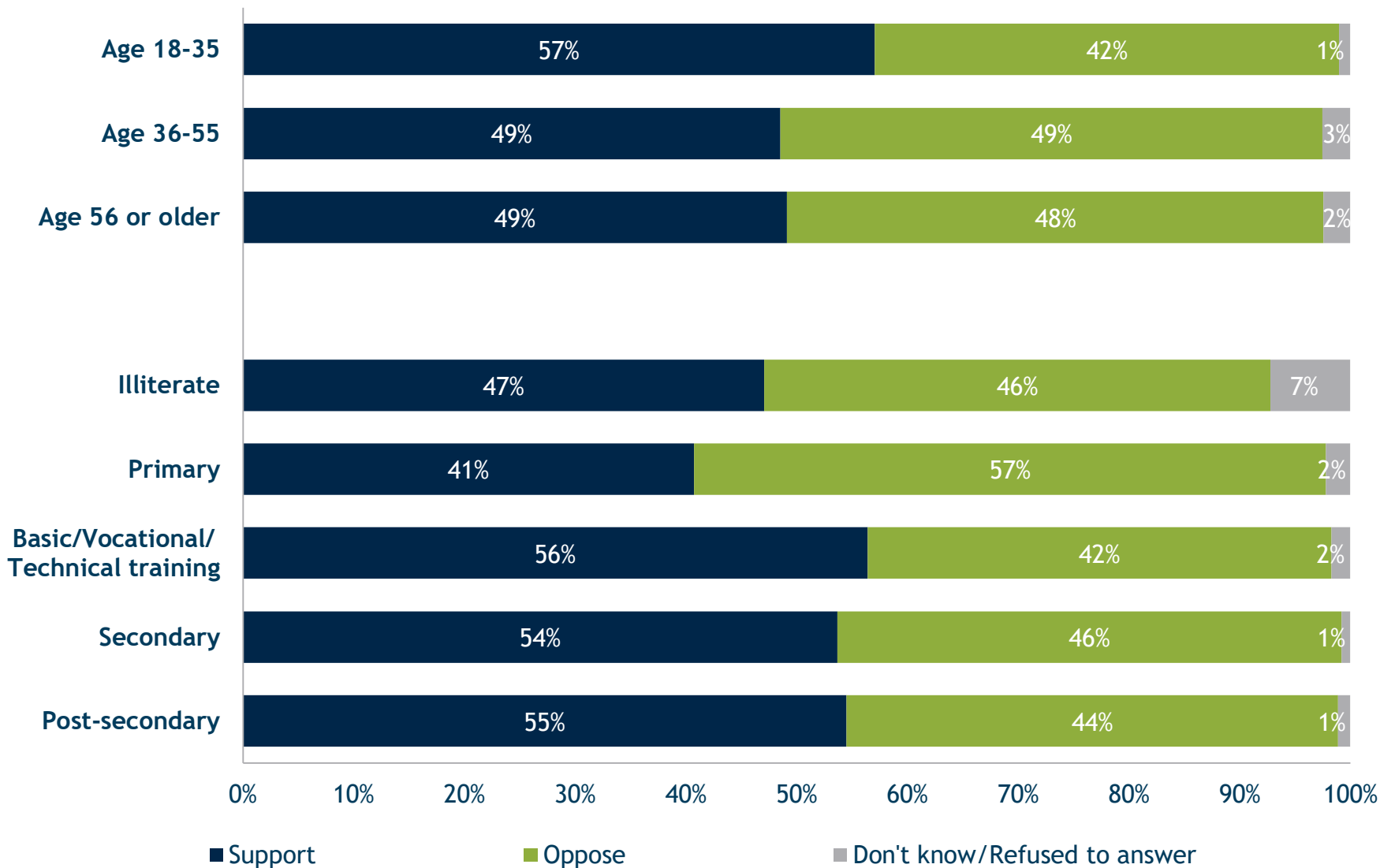


■ Direct election by the people ■ Appointment by the King ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

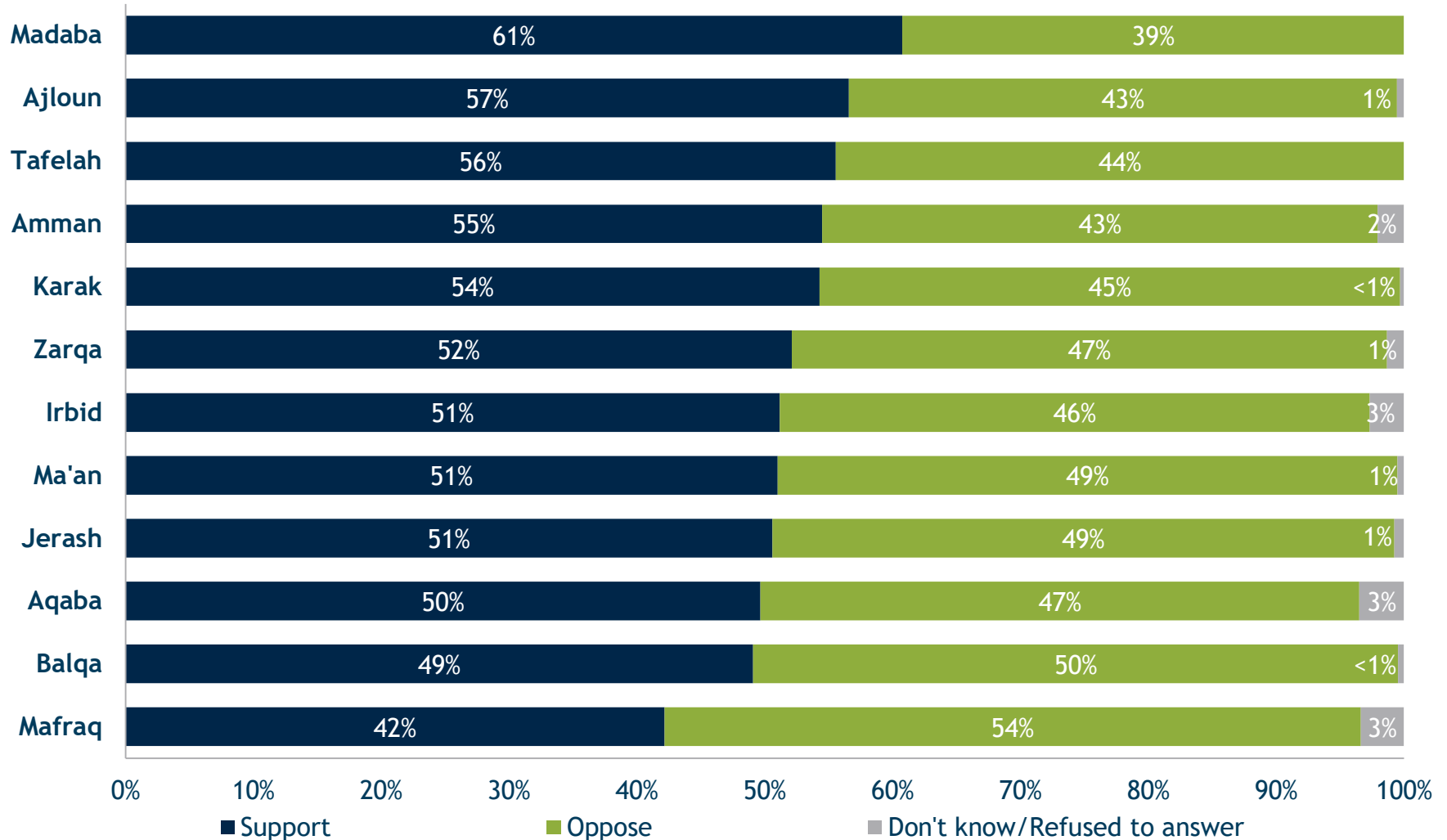
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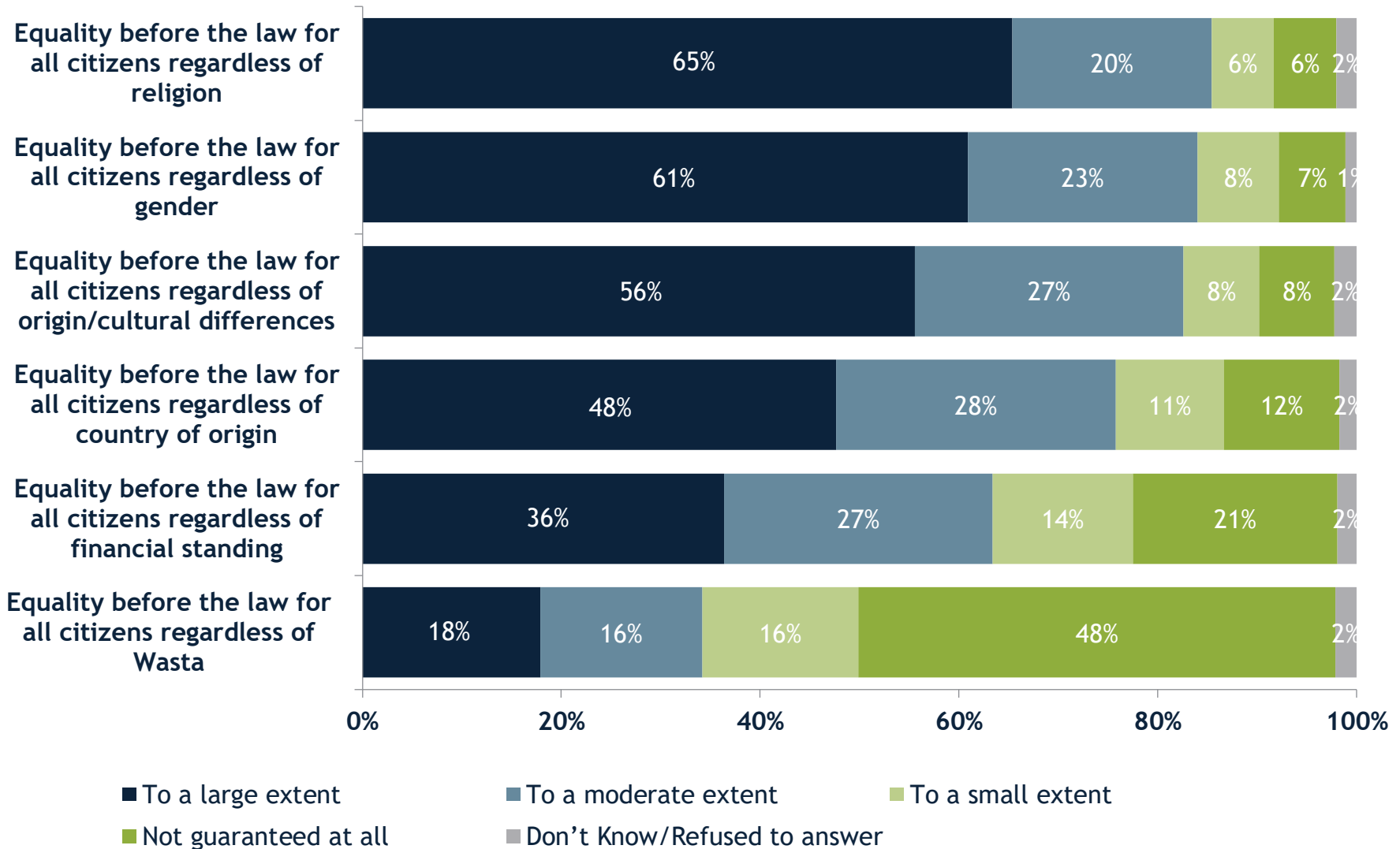




Trust in Public Institutions and Checks and Balances

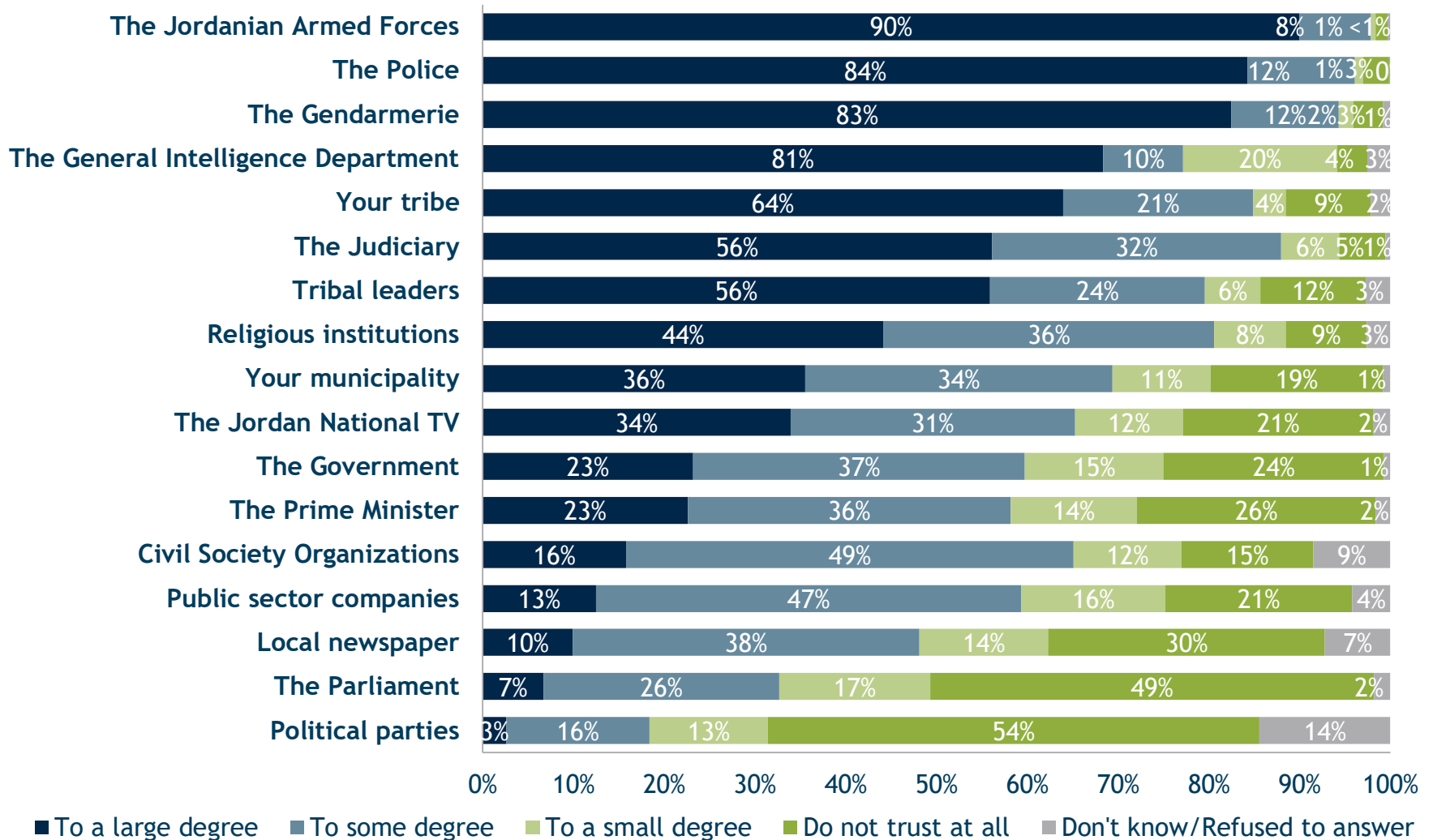


To what extent are the following rights guaranteed under the law for someone like you in Jordan?

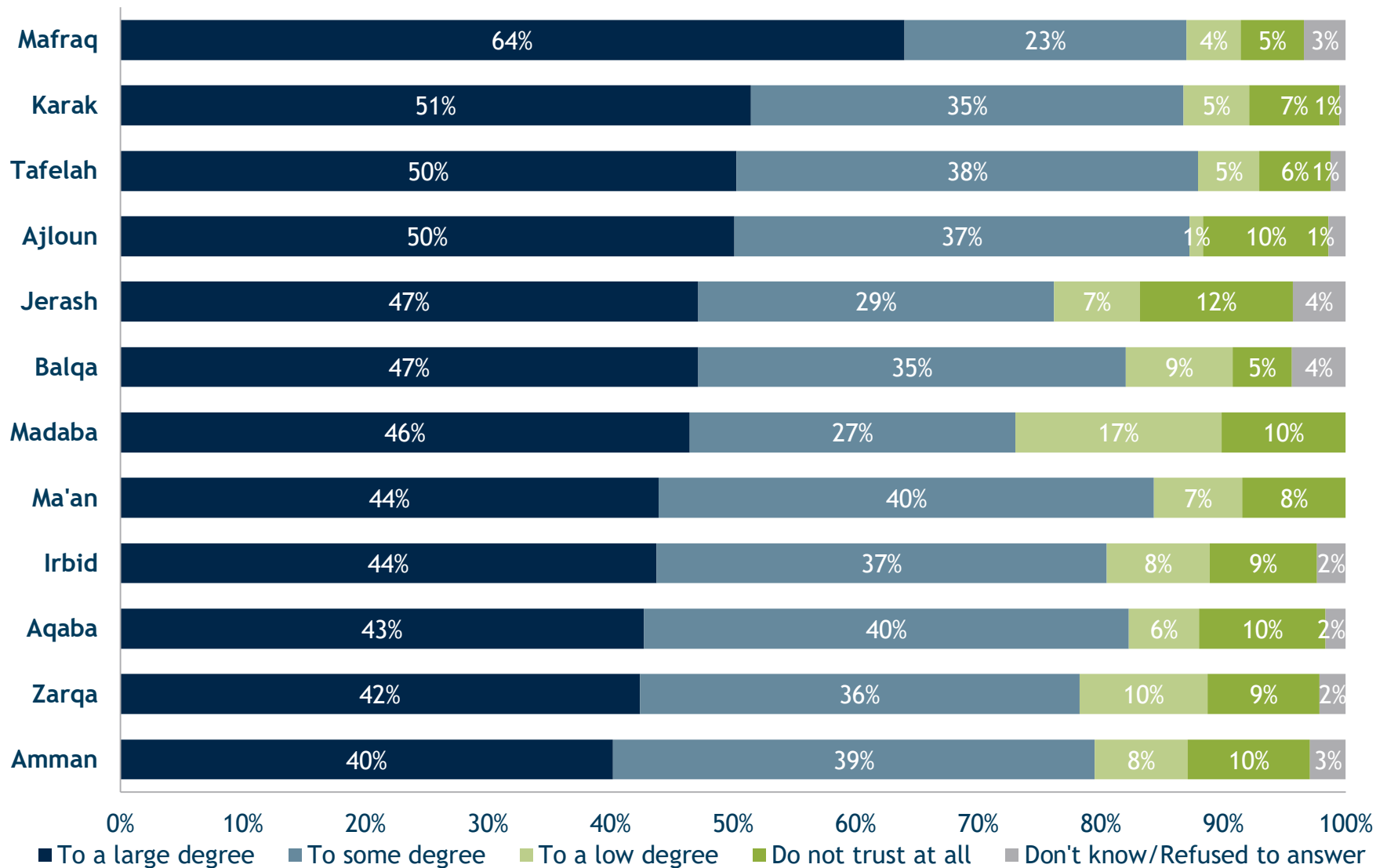


*Note: Wasta is an Arabic word that loosely translates into 'clout' or 'who you know'. It refers to using one's connections and/or influence to get things done

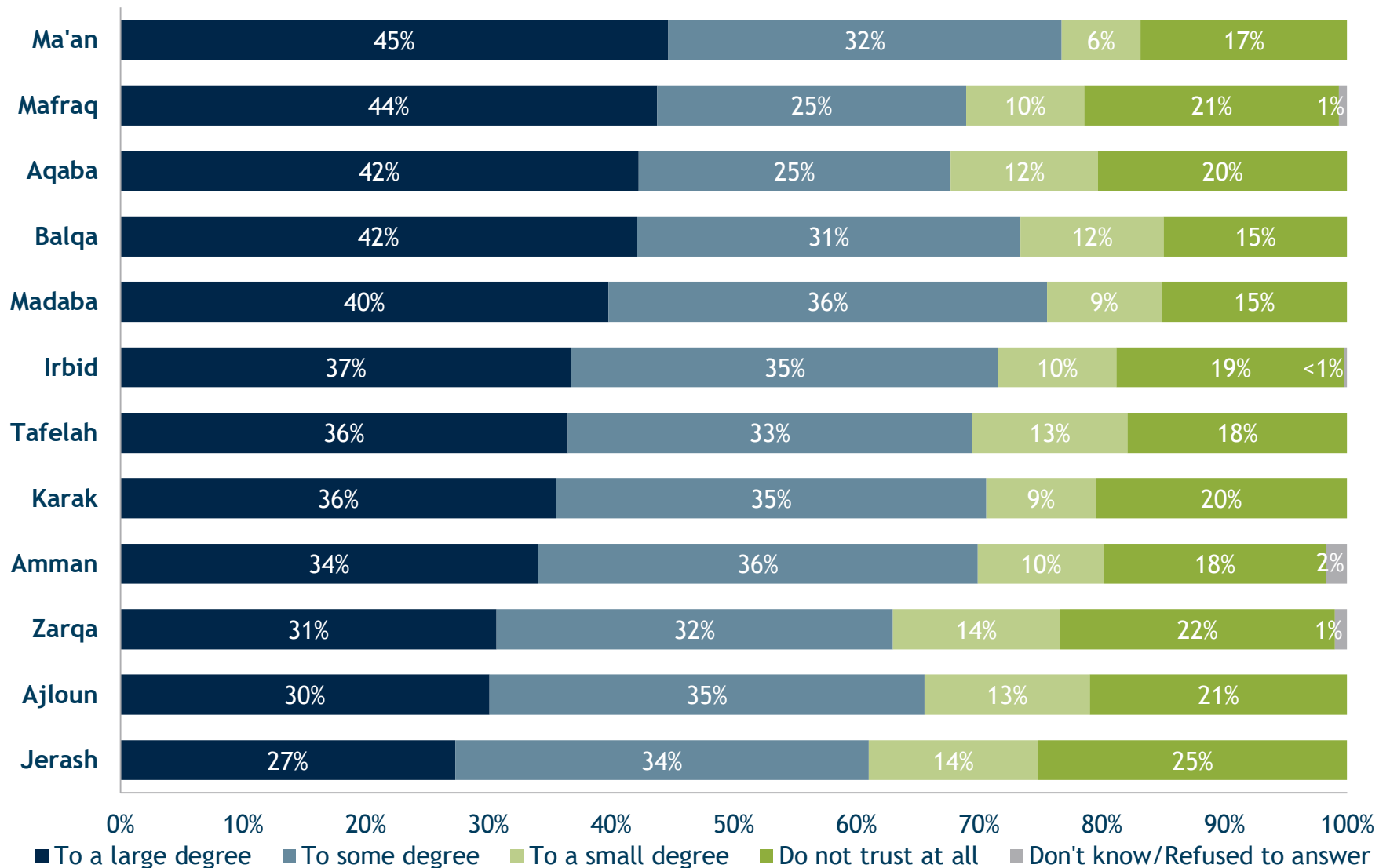
To what degree do you trust each of the following? To a large degree, to some degree, to a low degree, or do not trust at all?



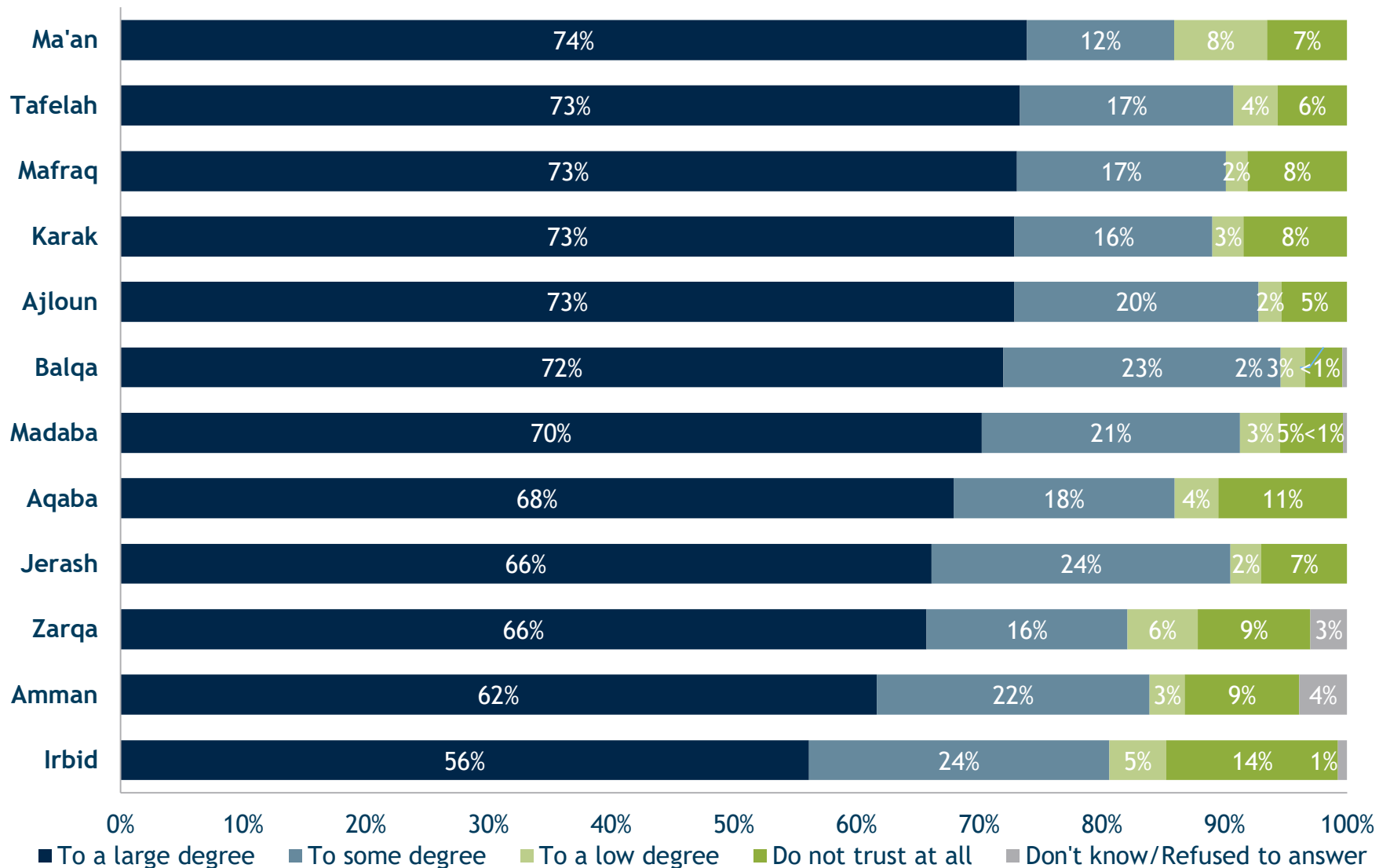
To what degree do you trust [religious institutions]? To a large degree, to some degree, to a low degree, or do not trust at all?



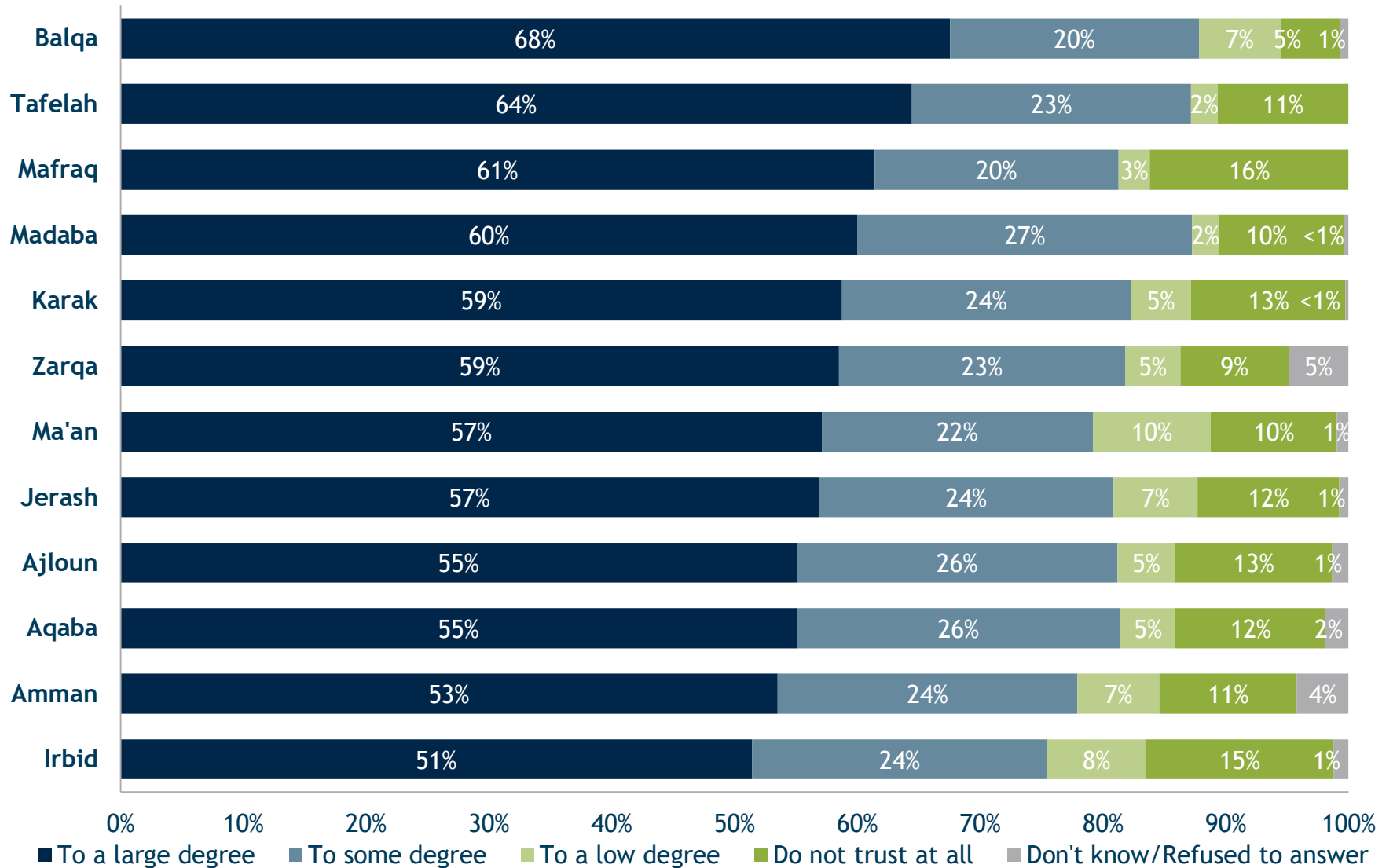
To what degree do you trust [your municipality]? To a large degree, to some degree, to a low degree, or do not trust at all?



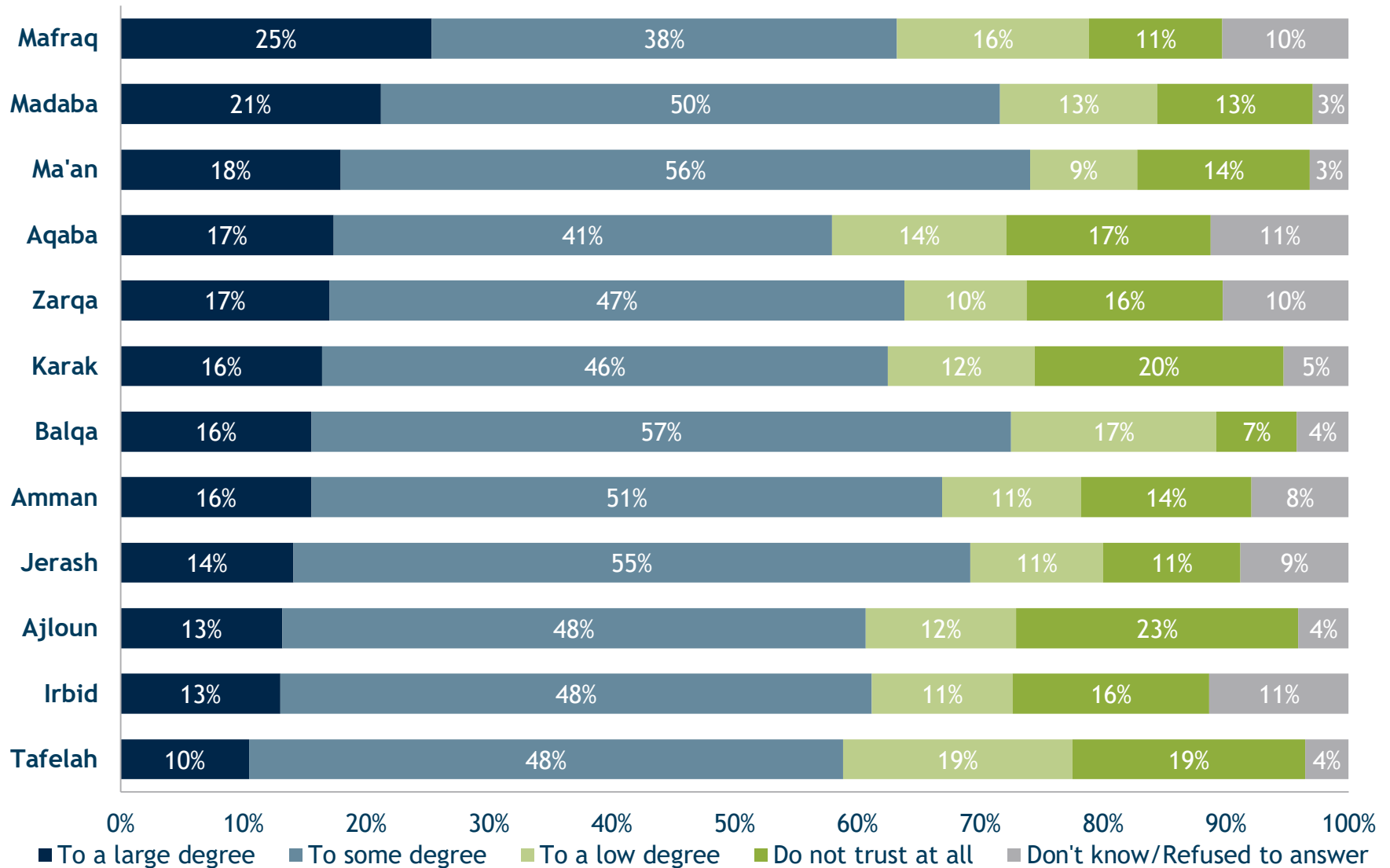
To what degree do you trust [your tribe]? To a large degree, to some degree, to a low degree, or do not trust at all?



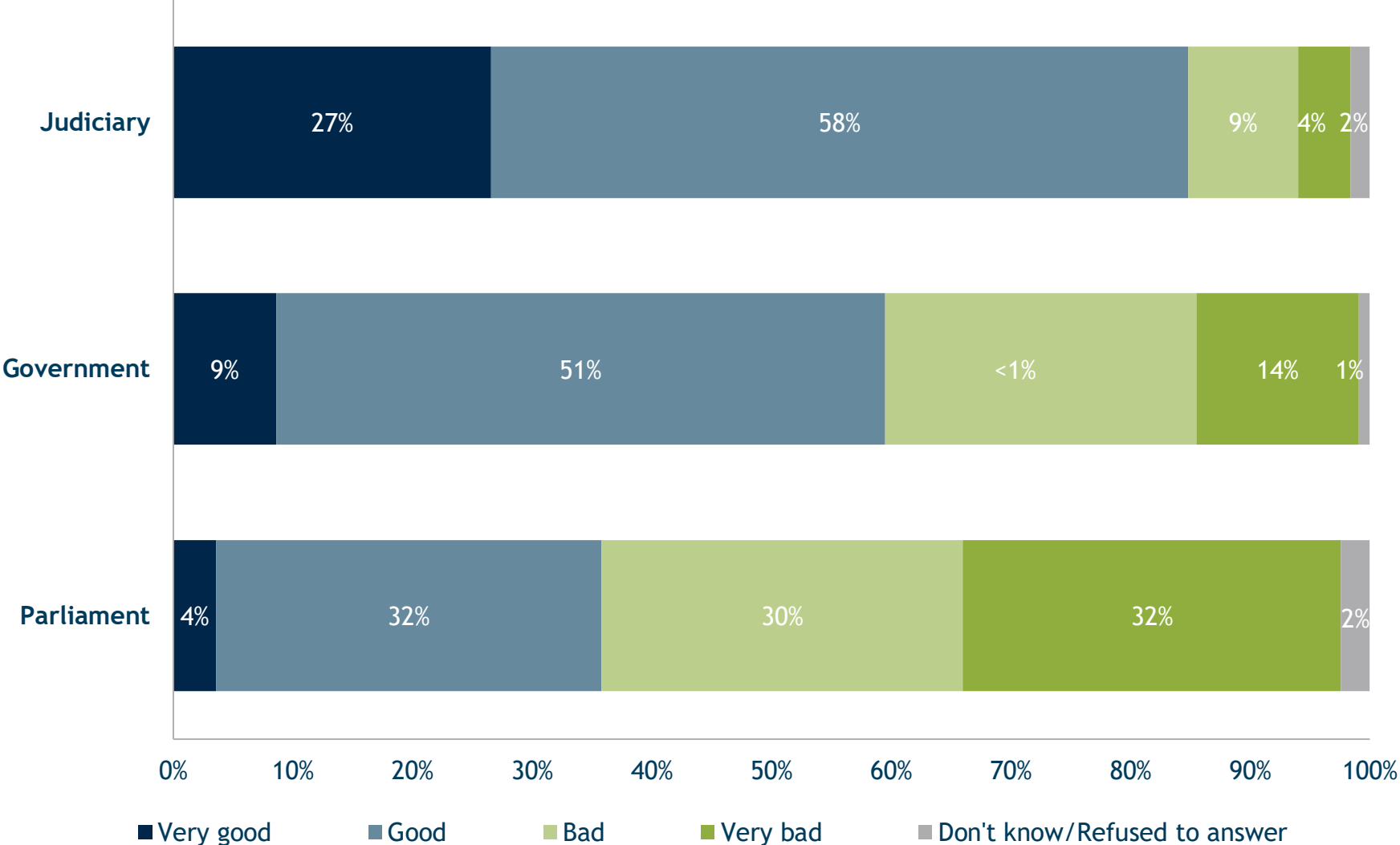
To what degree do you trust [tribal leaders]? To a large degree, to some degree, to a low degree, or do not trust at all?



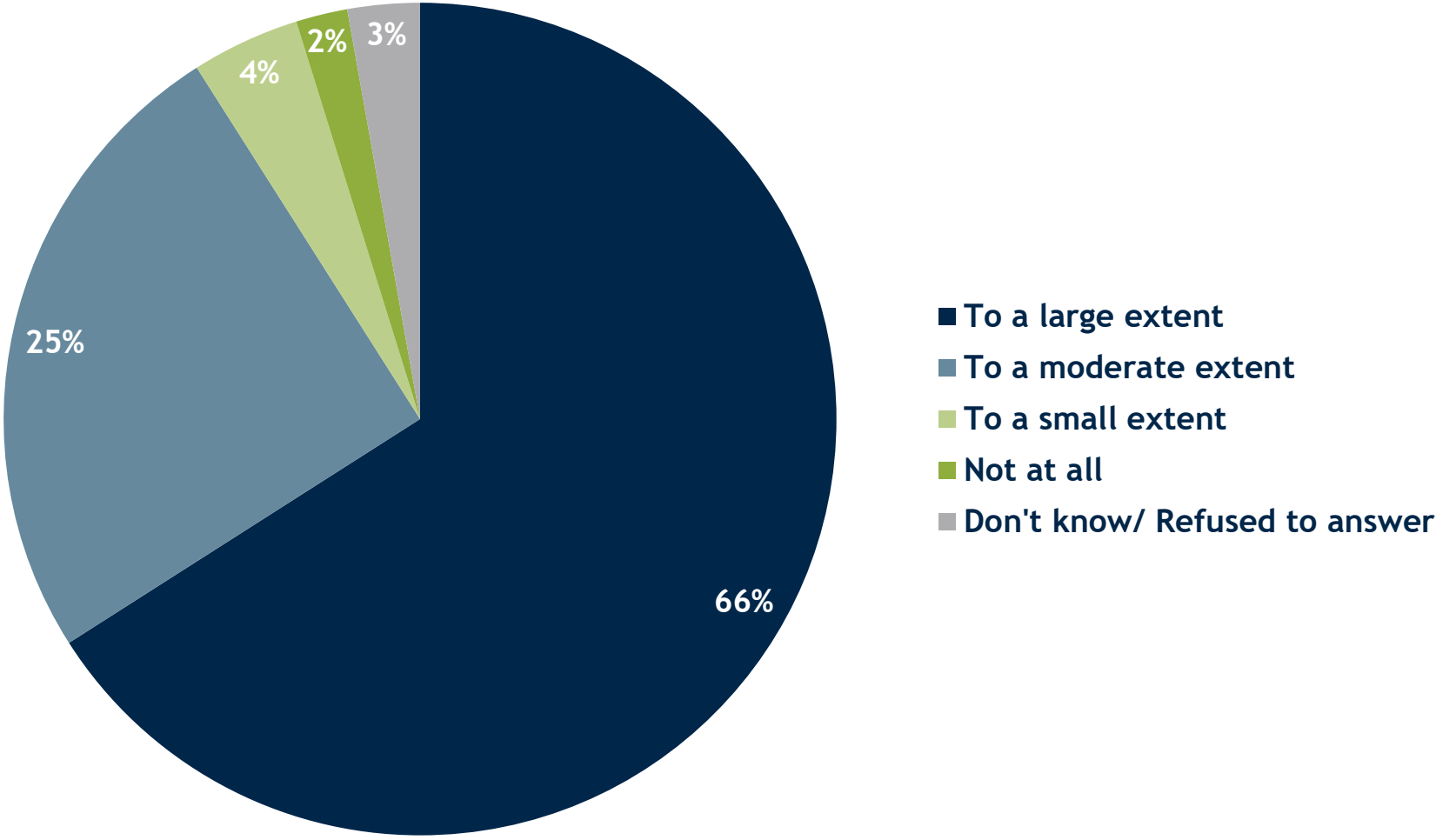
To what degree do you trust [civil society organizations]? To a large degree, to some degree, to a low degree, or do not trust at all?



In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the following in doing their duties?

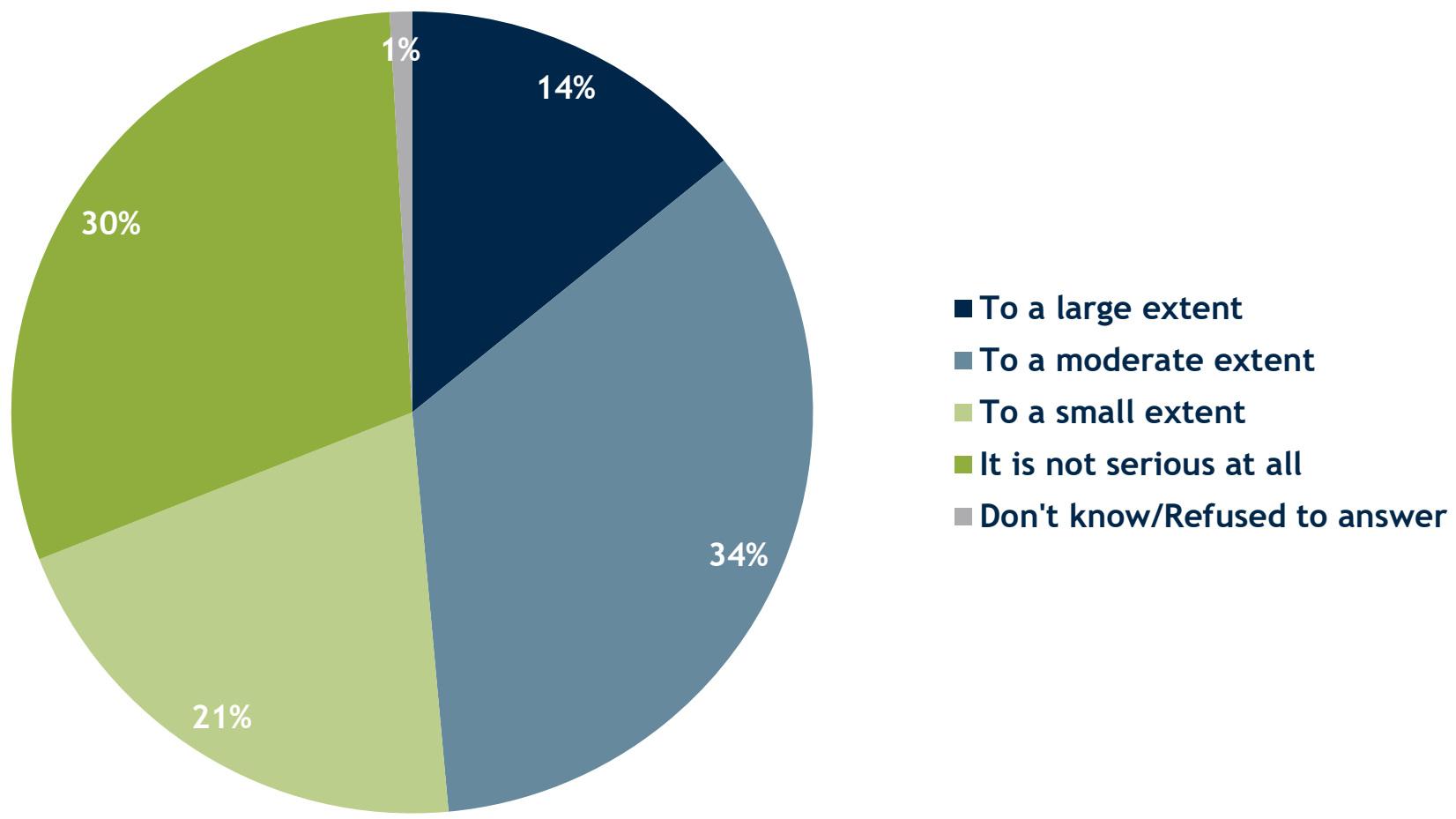


To what extent does corruption exist in state institutions?

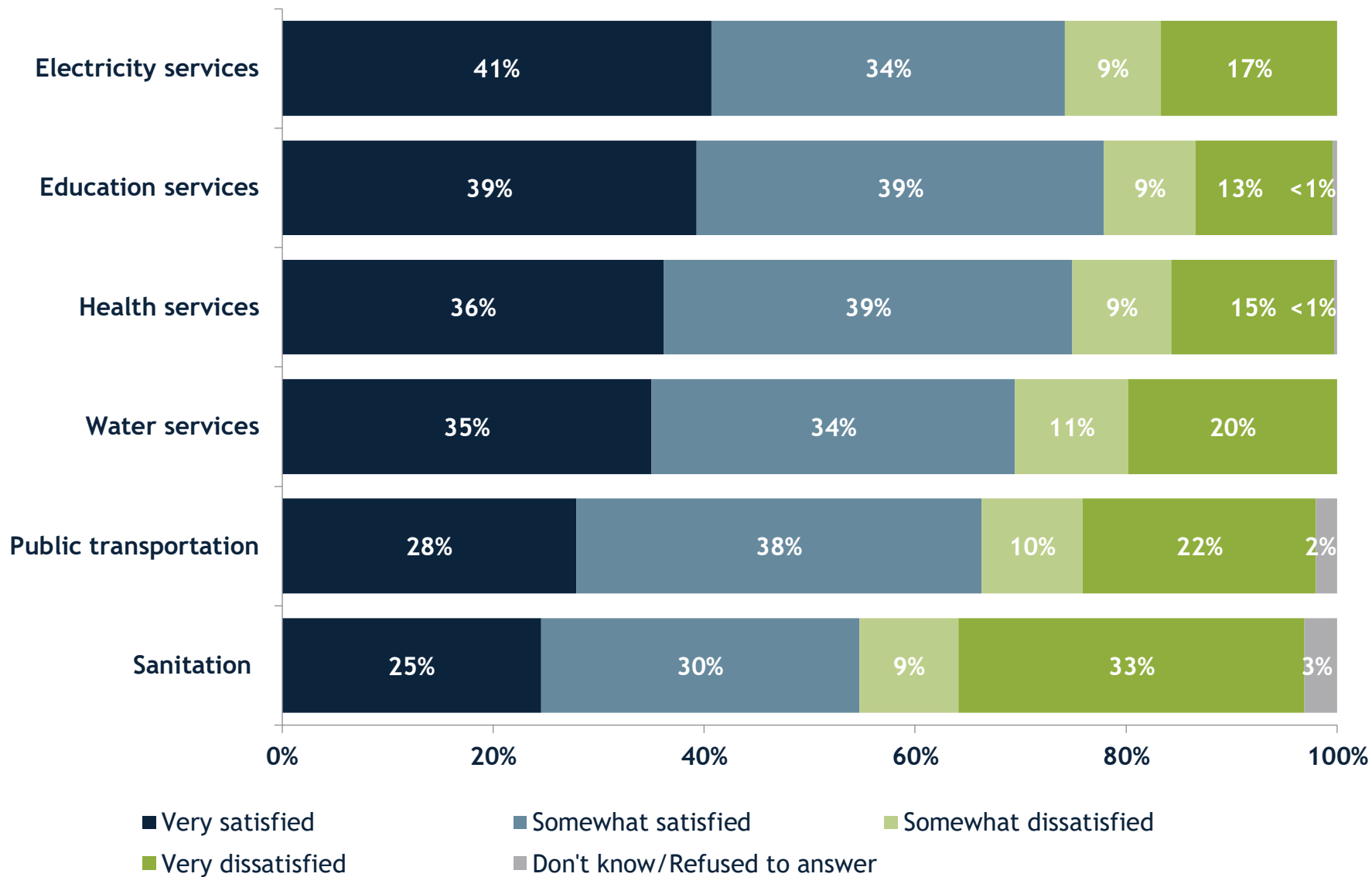


In your opinion, to what extent do you think the government is serious about fighting corruption in Jordan?

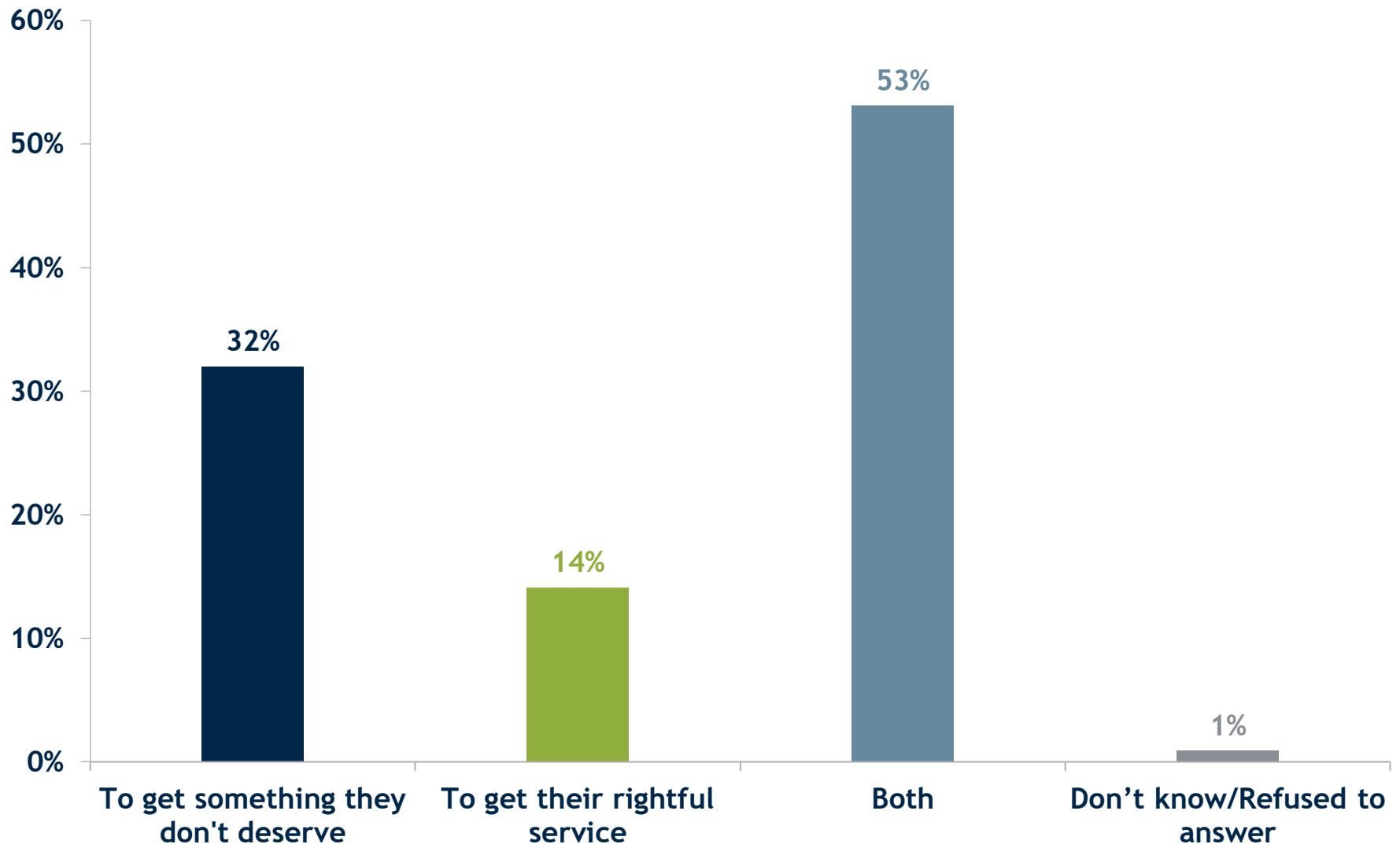
(Among those who said corruption exists to a large/moderate extent in state institutions, n=2,745)



To what extent are you satisfied with the performance of public institutions in regard to each of the following?

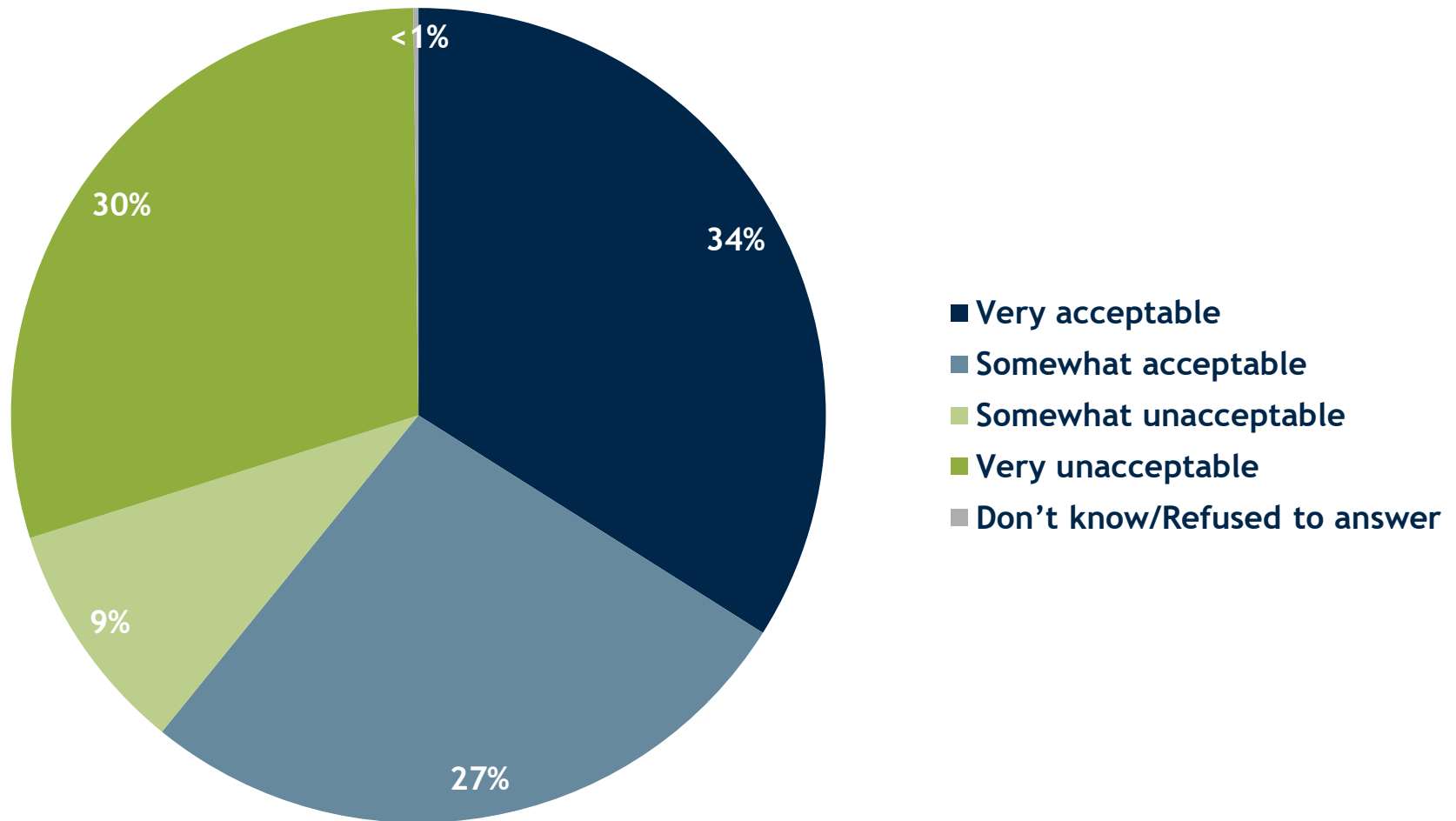


Do you think people use Wasta* to get something they don't deserve, or do they use it to get their rightful service?



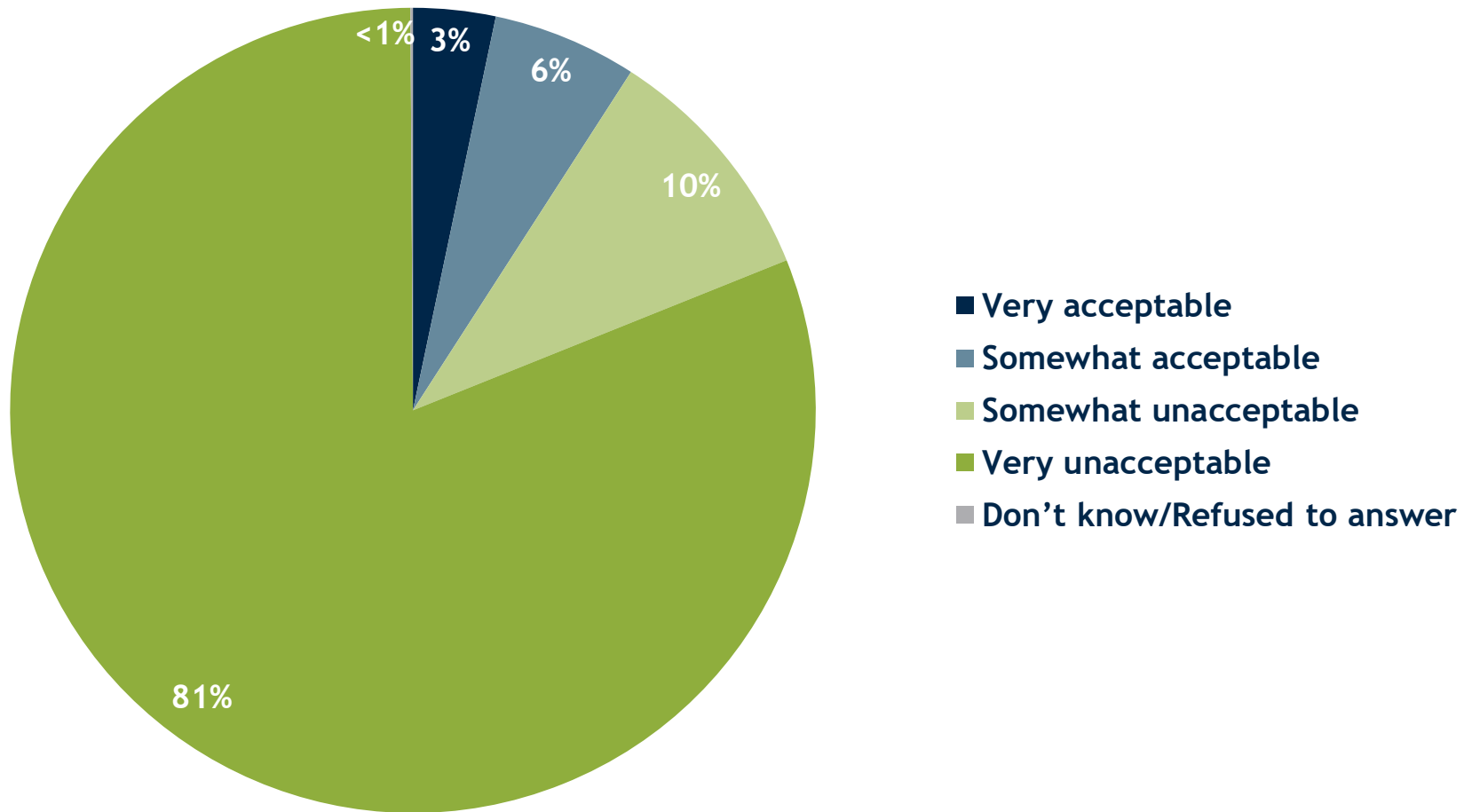
*Note: Wasta is an Arabic word that loosely translates into “clout” or “who you know”. It refers to using one’s connections and/or influence to get things done.

To what extent do you consider it acceptable to use Wasta to obtain your rightful service?



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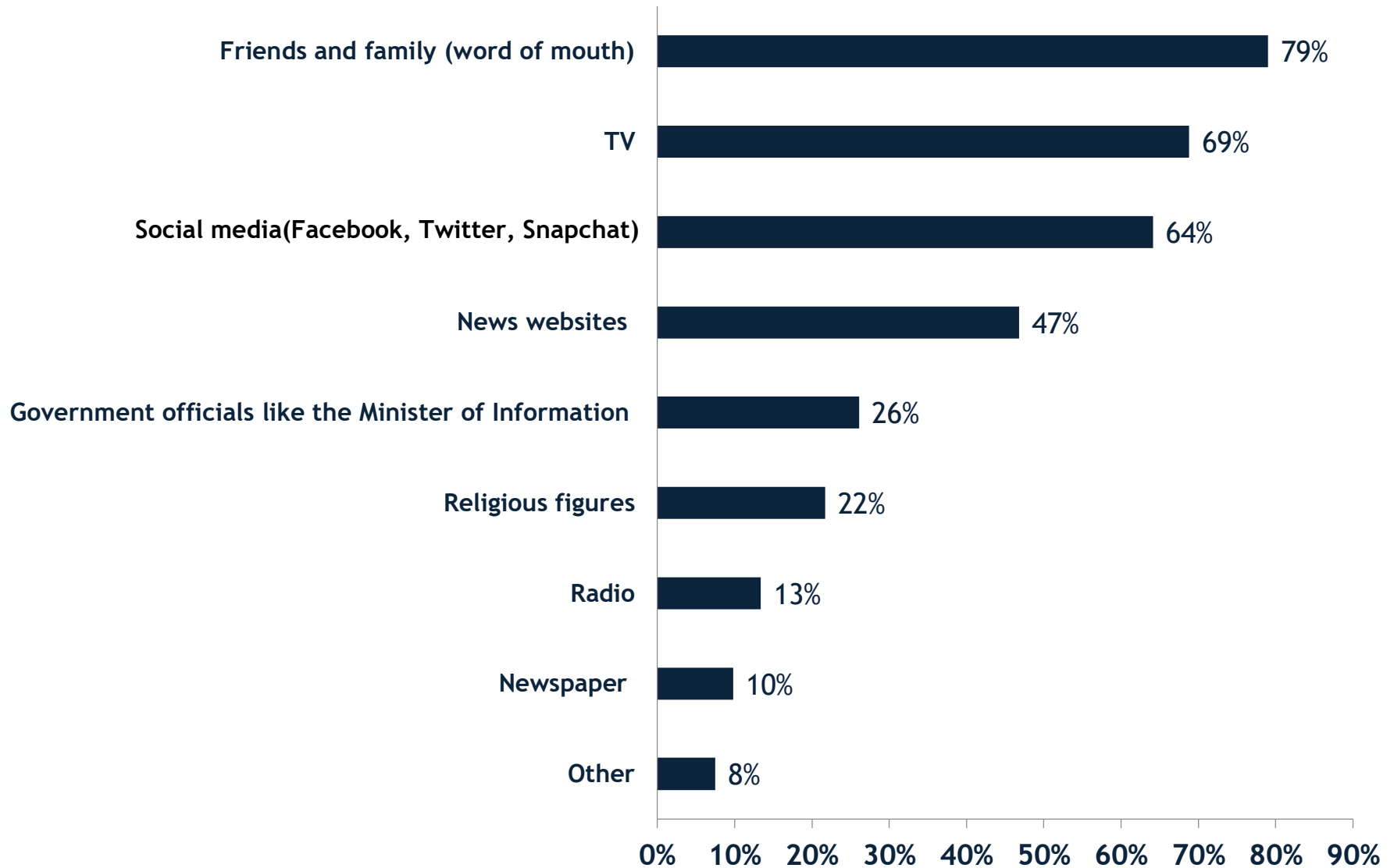


Media and Information



Where do you get your news from?

(Multiple responses accepted)

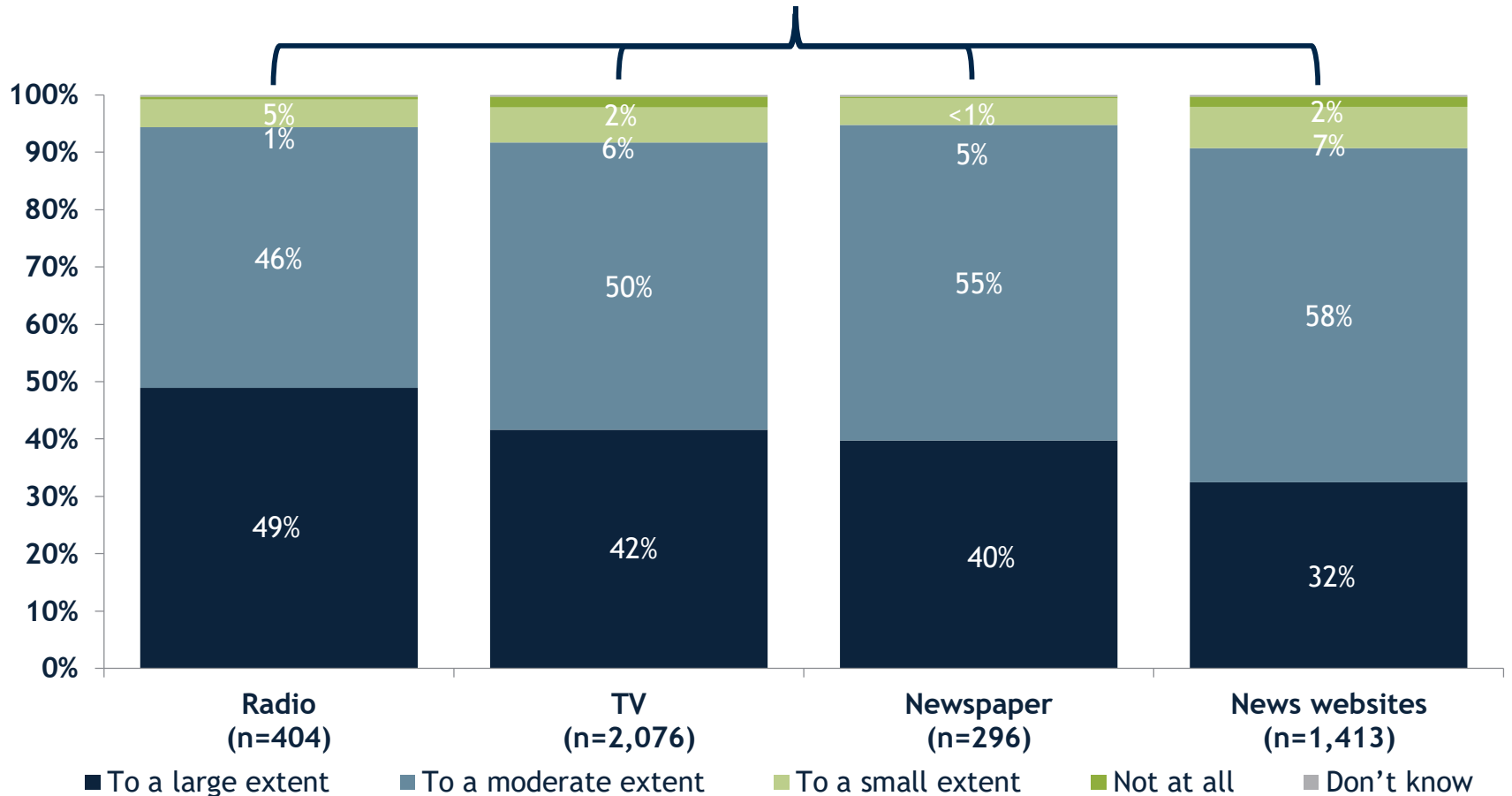


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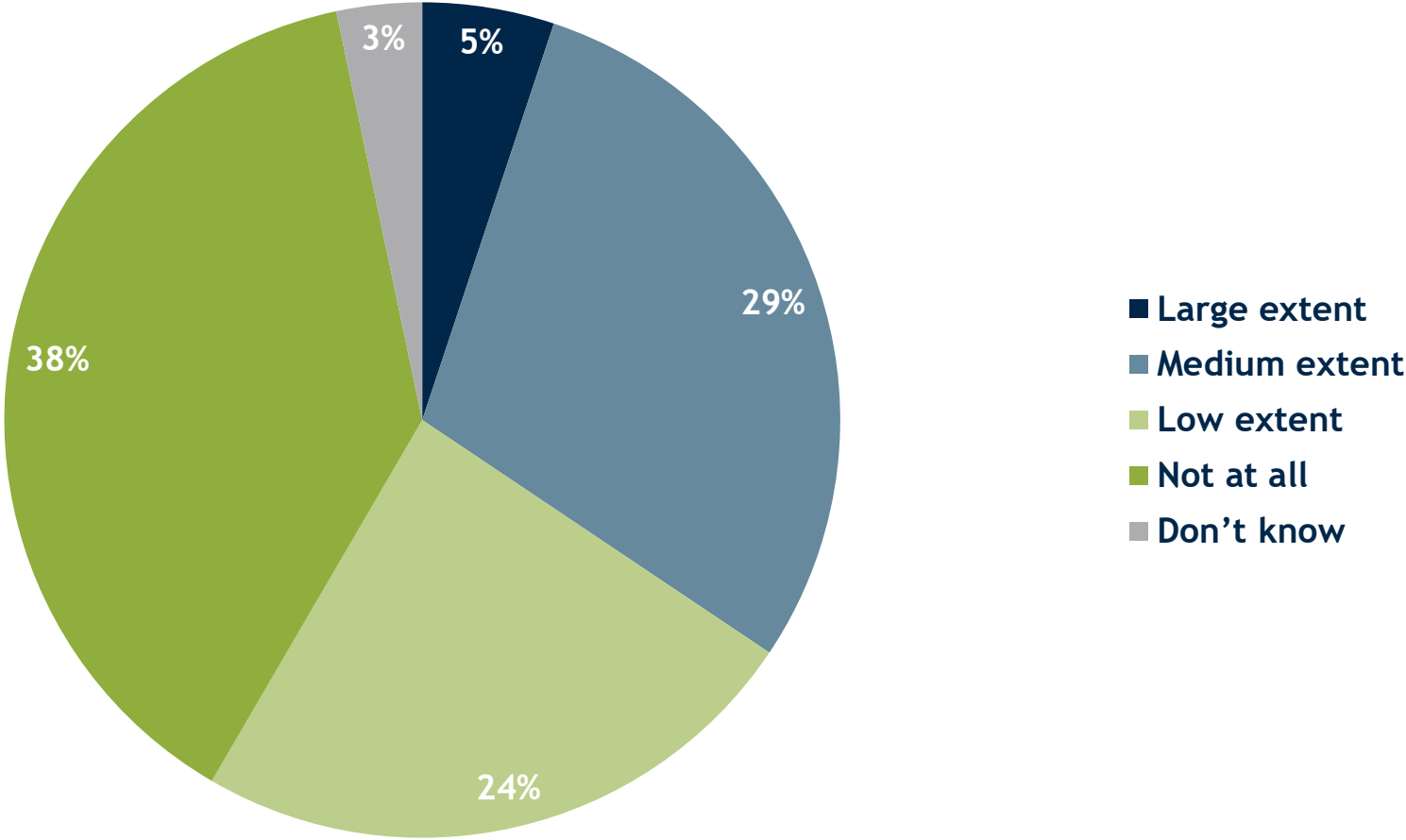


To what extent do you trust [this news source]?

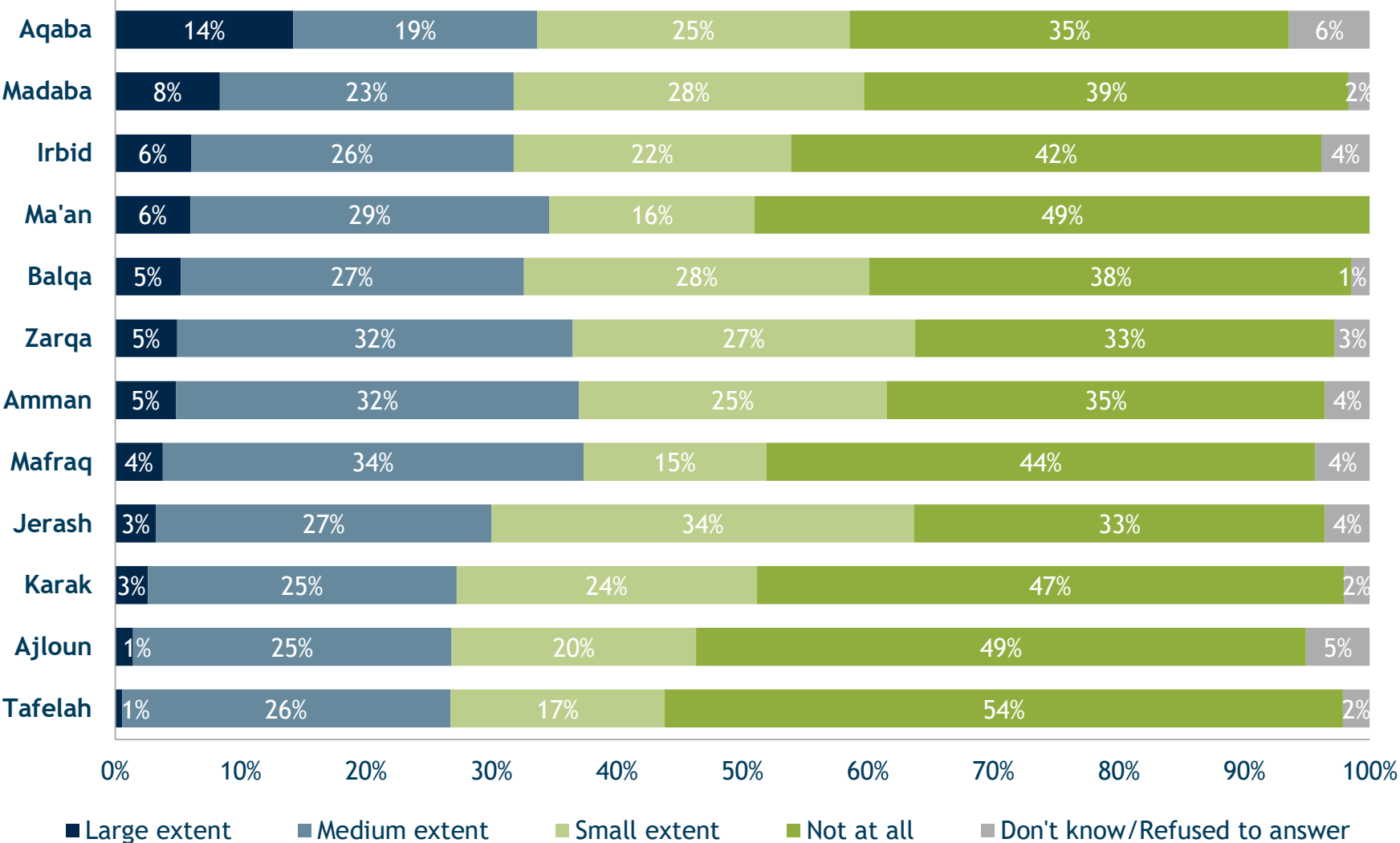
(Among those who get their news from this particular media source)



To what extent do you believe that government provides you with adequate information regarding its public policies?



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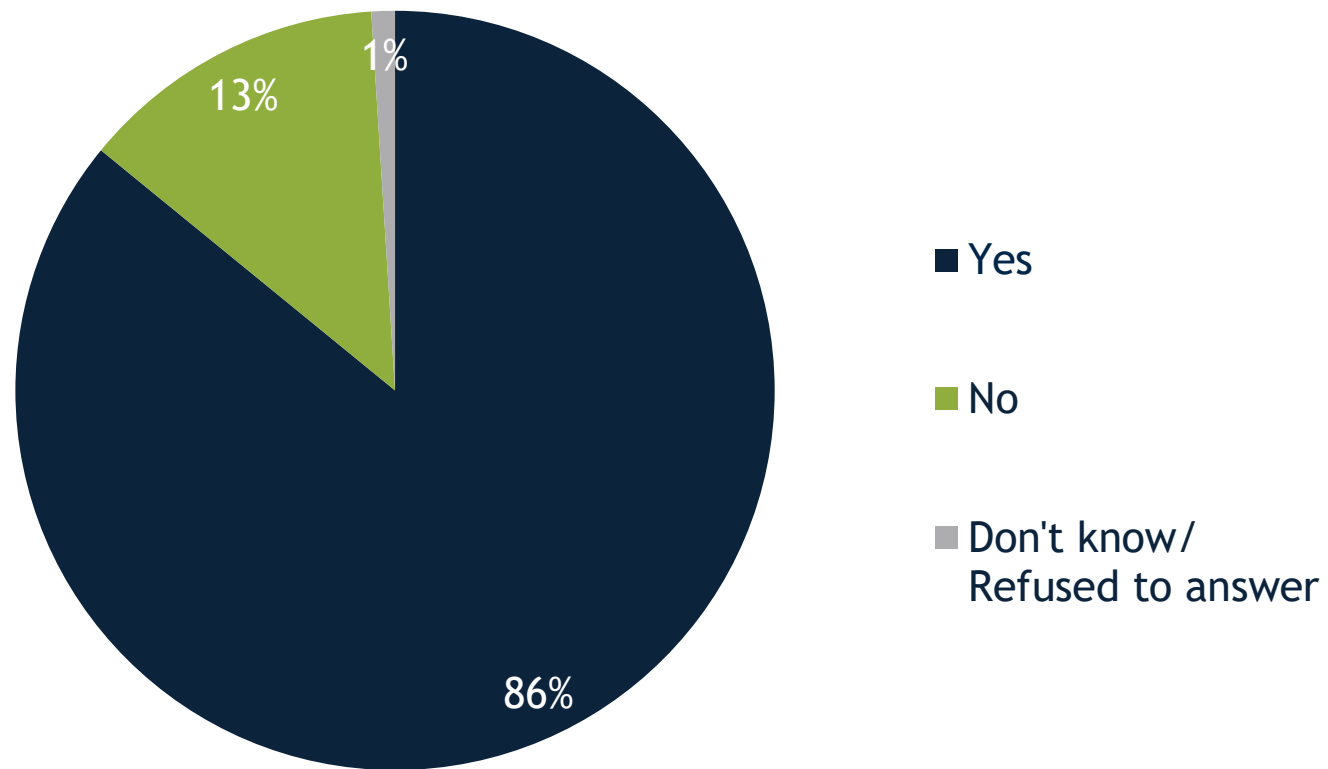




Demonstrations

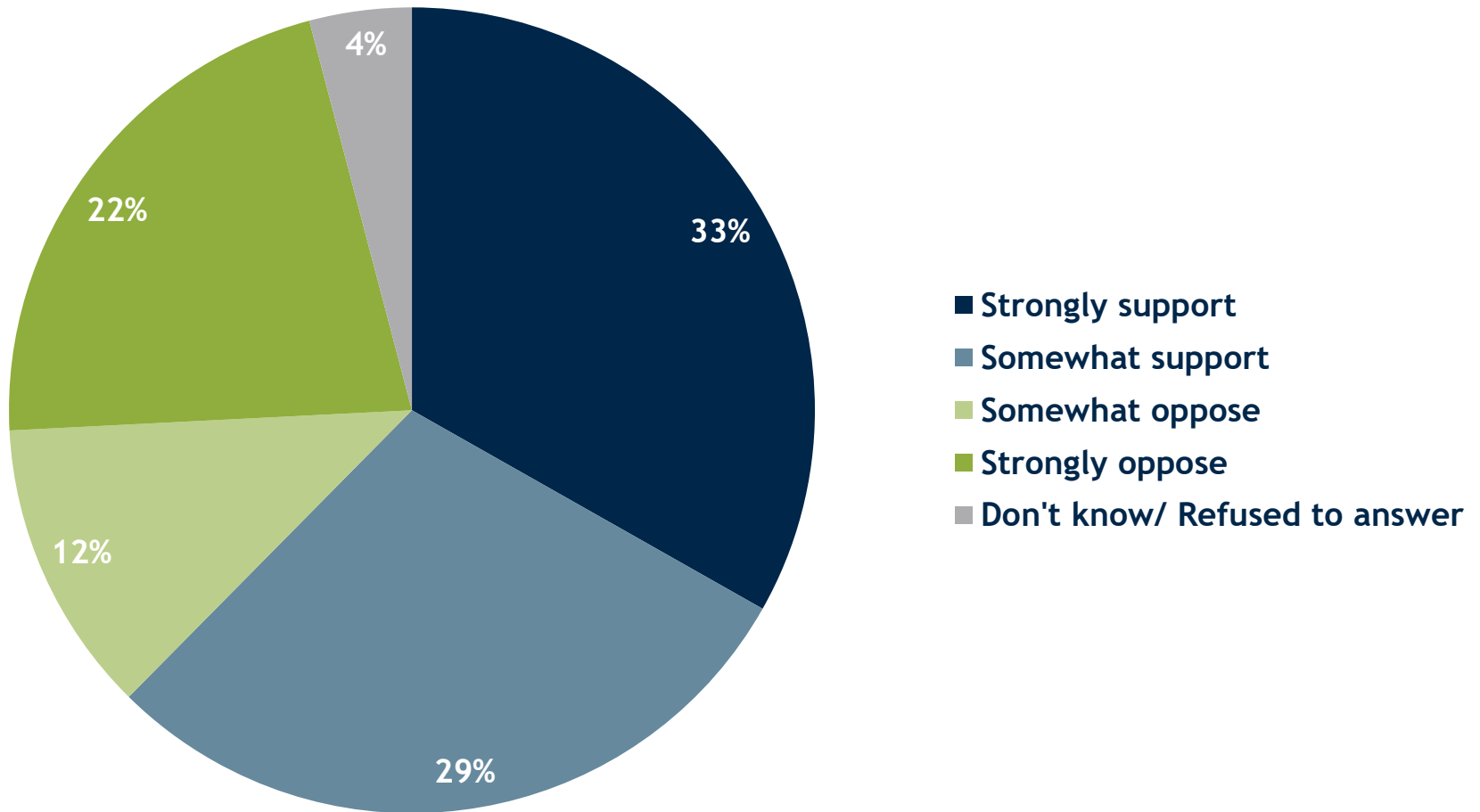


Have you heard, read, or seen anything related to the demonstrations which have been happening in Jordan near 4th circle?

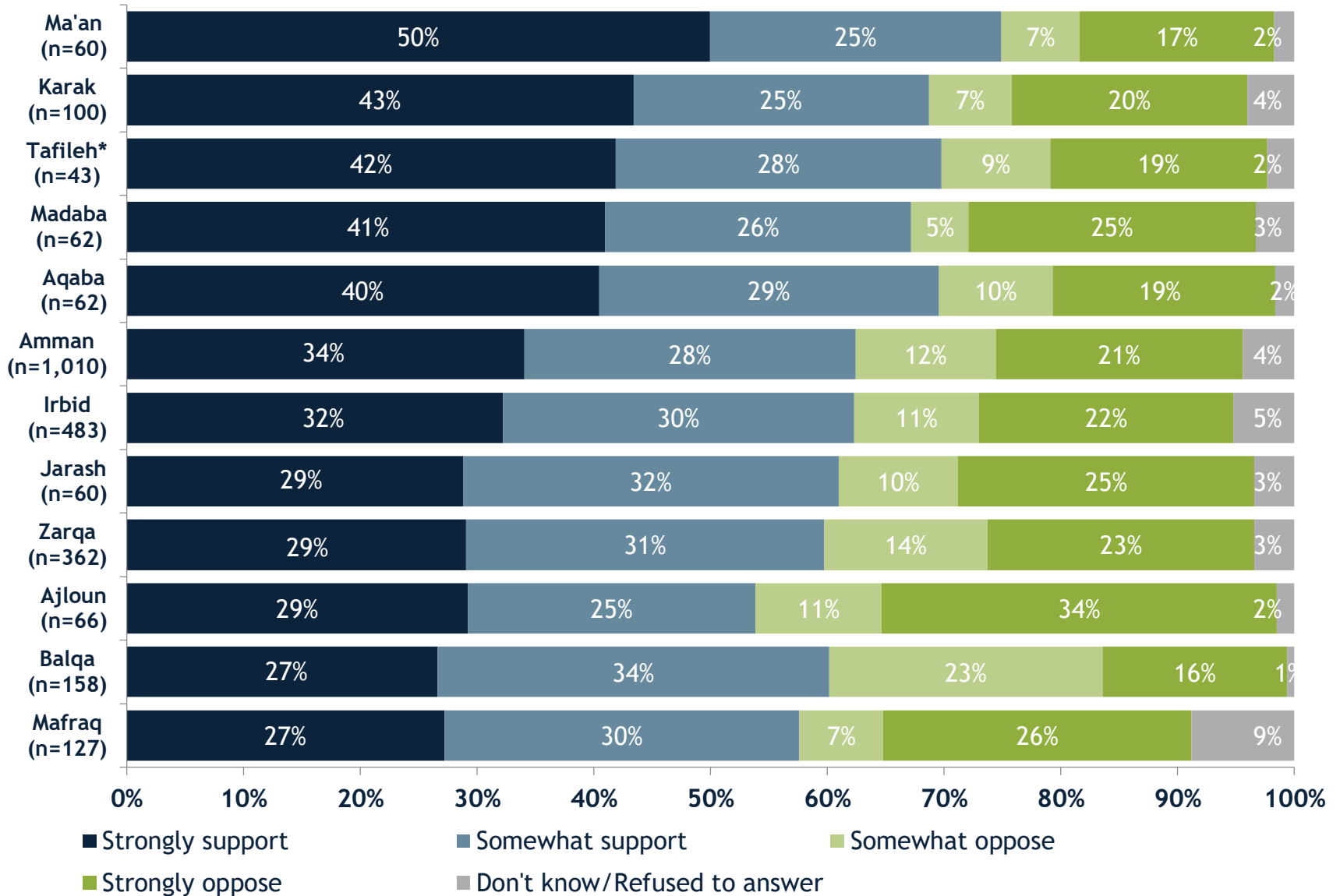


**Note:* In June 2018, Jordanians took to the streets to vent grievances about the declining economic situation, resulting in a change in government.

To what extent do you support or oppose these demonstrations? (Among those who heard of the demonstrations near 4th circle, n=2,593)



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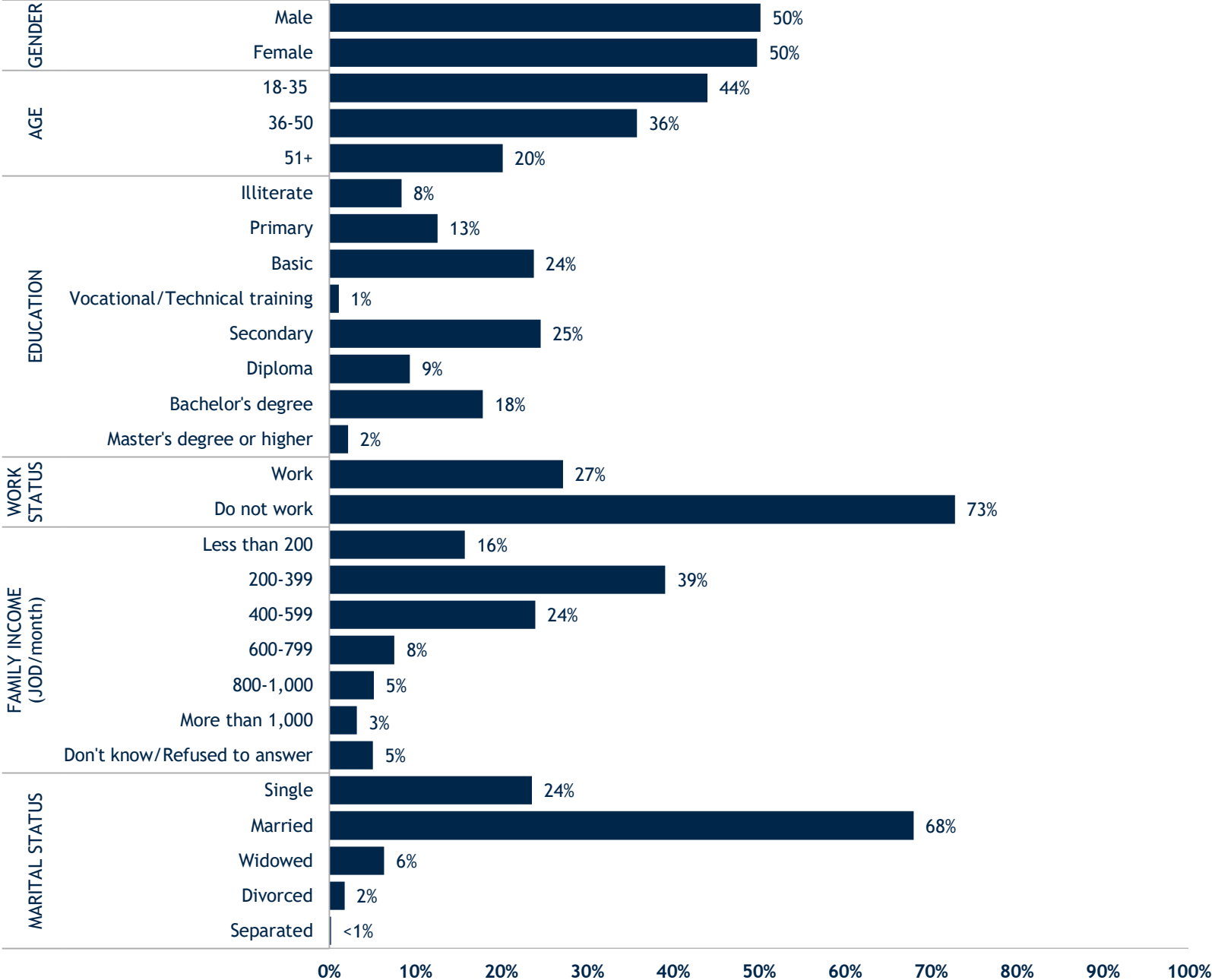
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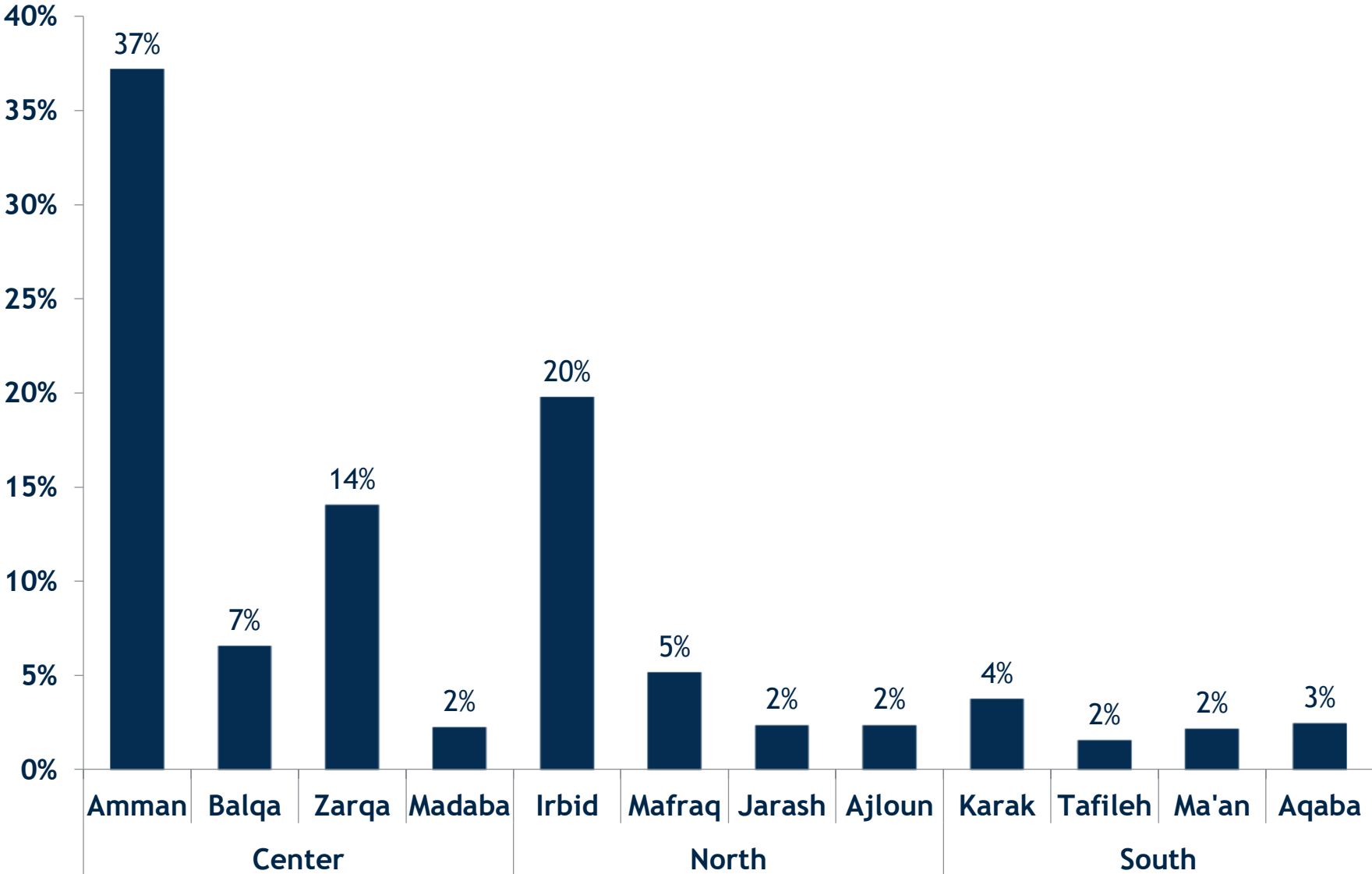
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