



National Survey of Bangladeshi Public Opinion

April 10 - May 21, 2018



Detailed Methodology

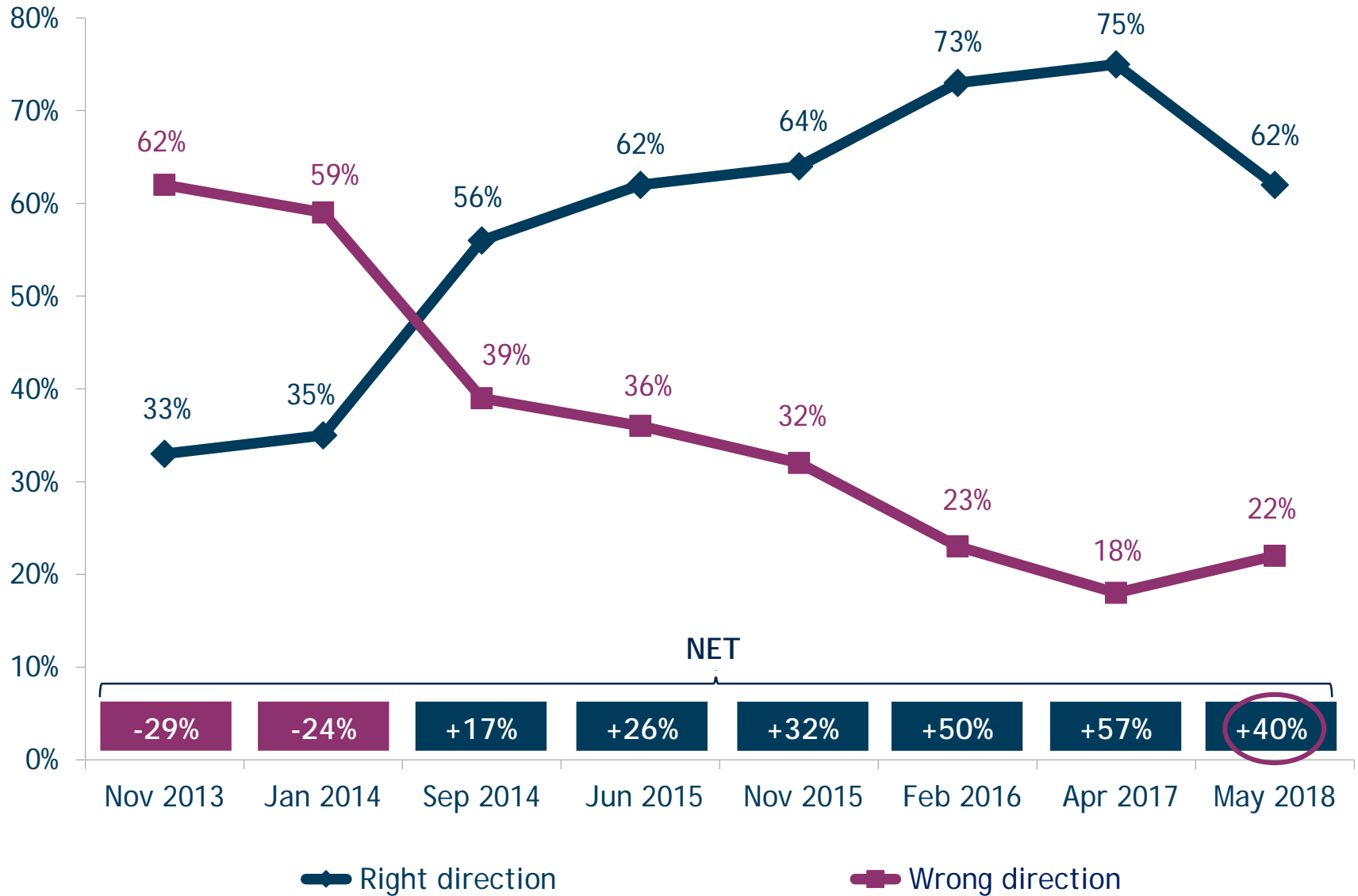
- The survey was conducted by IRI's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) and Creative Research and Development under the supervision of Rob Varsalone, PRC and Dr. Mark Lyon of Redstone Scientific between April 10 to May 21, 2018.
- Data was collected using a multi-stage stratified probability sample through in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by division, by district, and by urban and rural locations.
- The sample consists of 5,000 respondents aged 18 and older, and is representative of voting-age adults nationally.
- The sample was distributed into 500 primary sampling units (PSU) from all 64 districts of all eight divisions. PSUs were defined as *mouza* in rural areas and *mahalla* in urban areas.
- The probability-proportional-to-size method was used to select localities. After identifying a centrally-located starting point, Systematic Random Sampling was used to select the appropriate household. Within each household, the Kish Grid was used to select respondents 18 years and older. A gender quota was implemented at the PSU level in order to ensure representativeness.
- Interview teams were comprised of both men and women.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 1.4 percent at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent. This does not take into account the design effect. The response rate was 52 percent.
- Adjustments to question wording and order between the April 2017 and May 2018 surveys might contribute to some of the fluctuations seen in certain questions.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies. Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.



Political and Economic Indicators

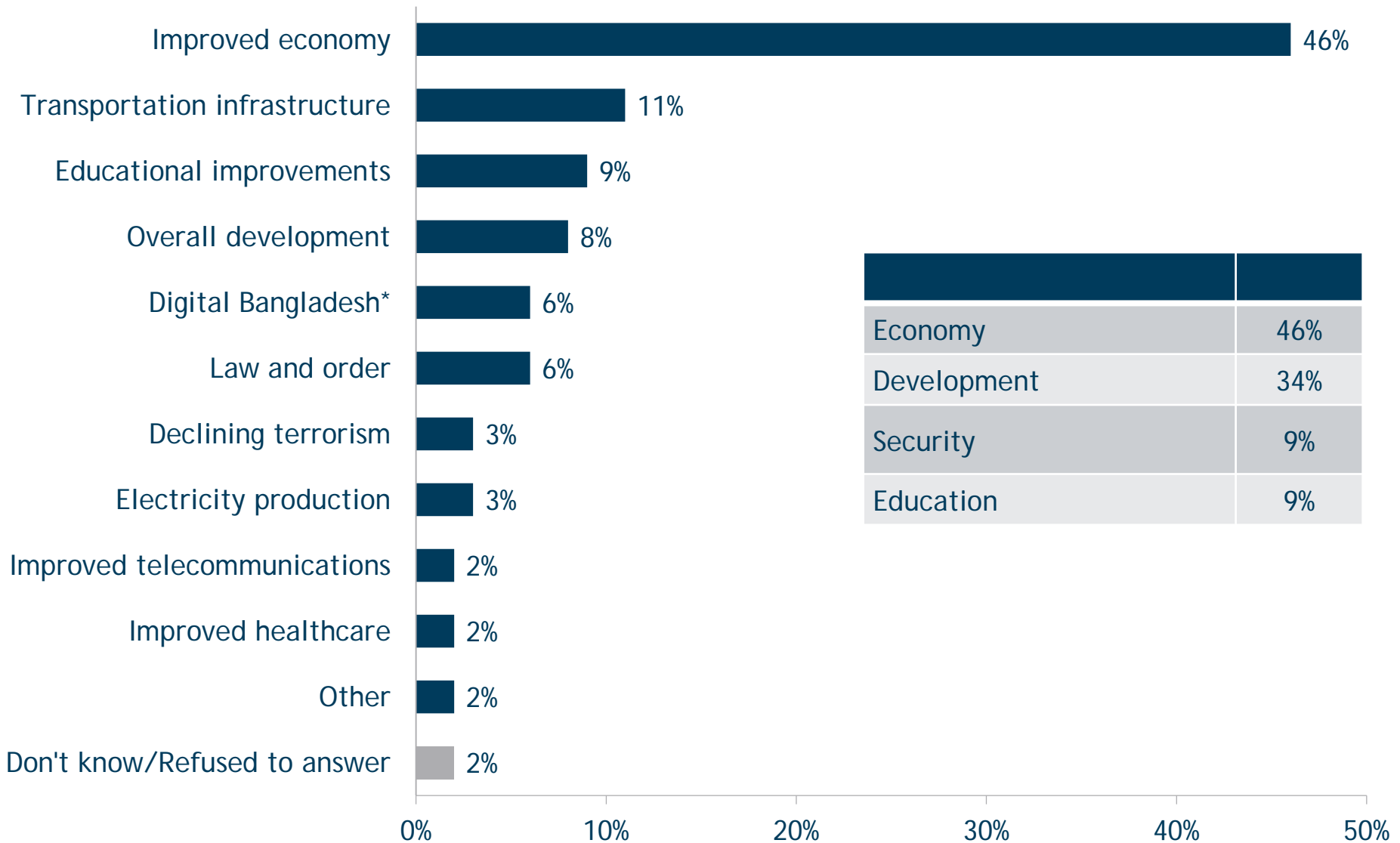


Do you believe things in Bangladesh are heading in the right or wrong direction?



Why do you say right direction?

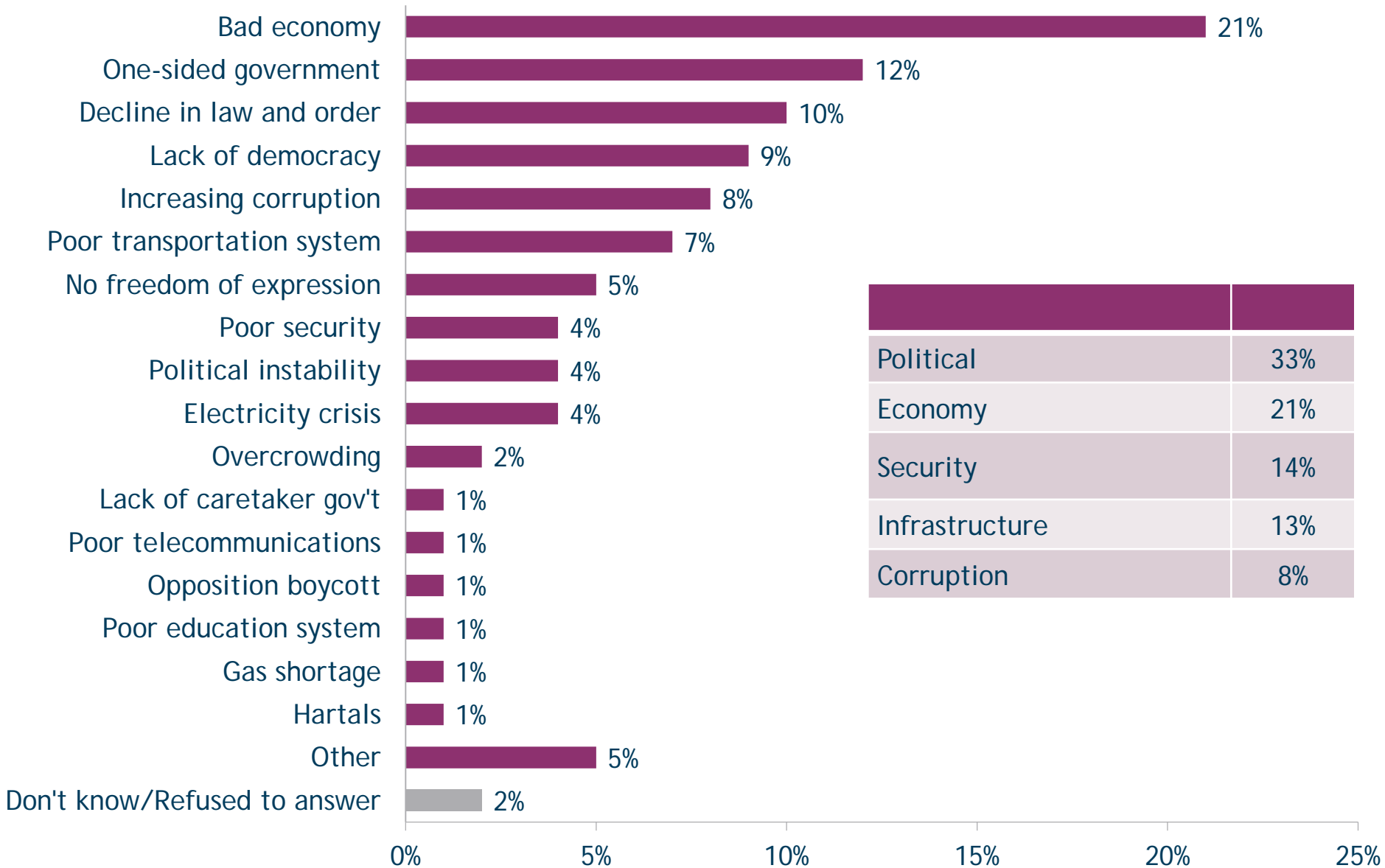
(Open-ended; respondents who said right direction: n=3,079)



*A government initiative part of the Vision 2021 to increase the use of computers and open source software

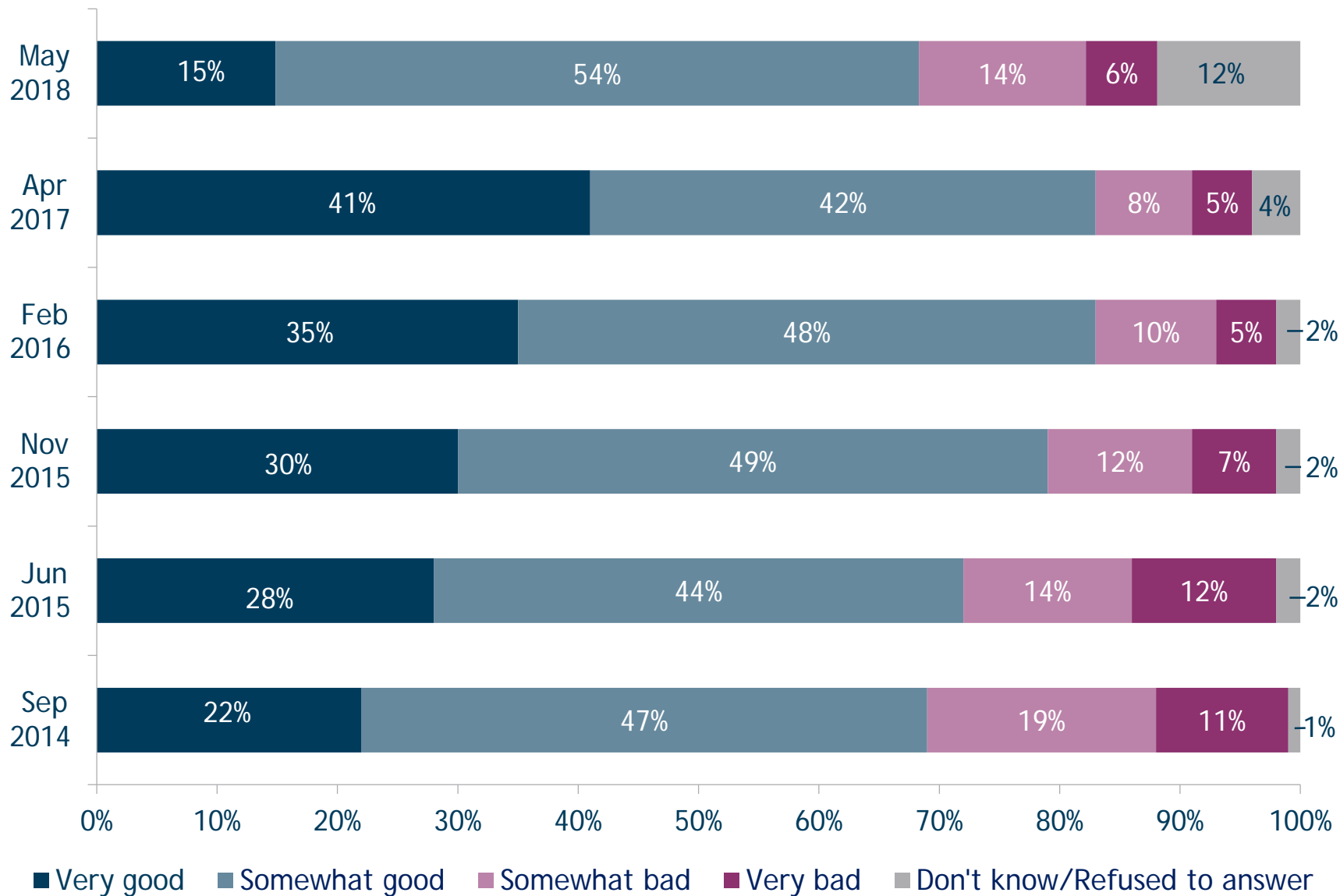
Why do you say wrong direction?

(Open-ended; respondents who said wrong direction: n=1,114)

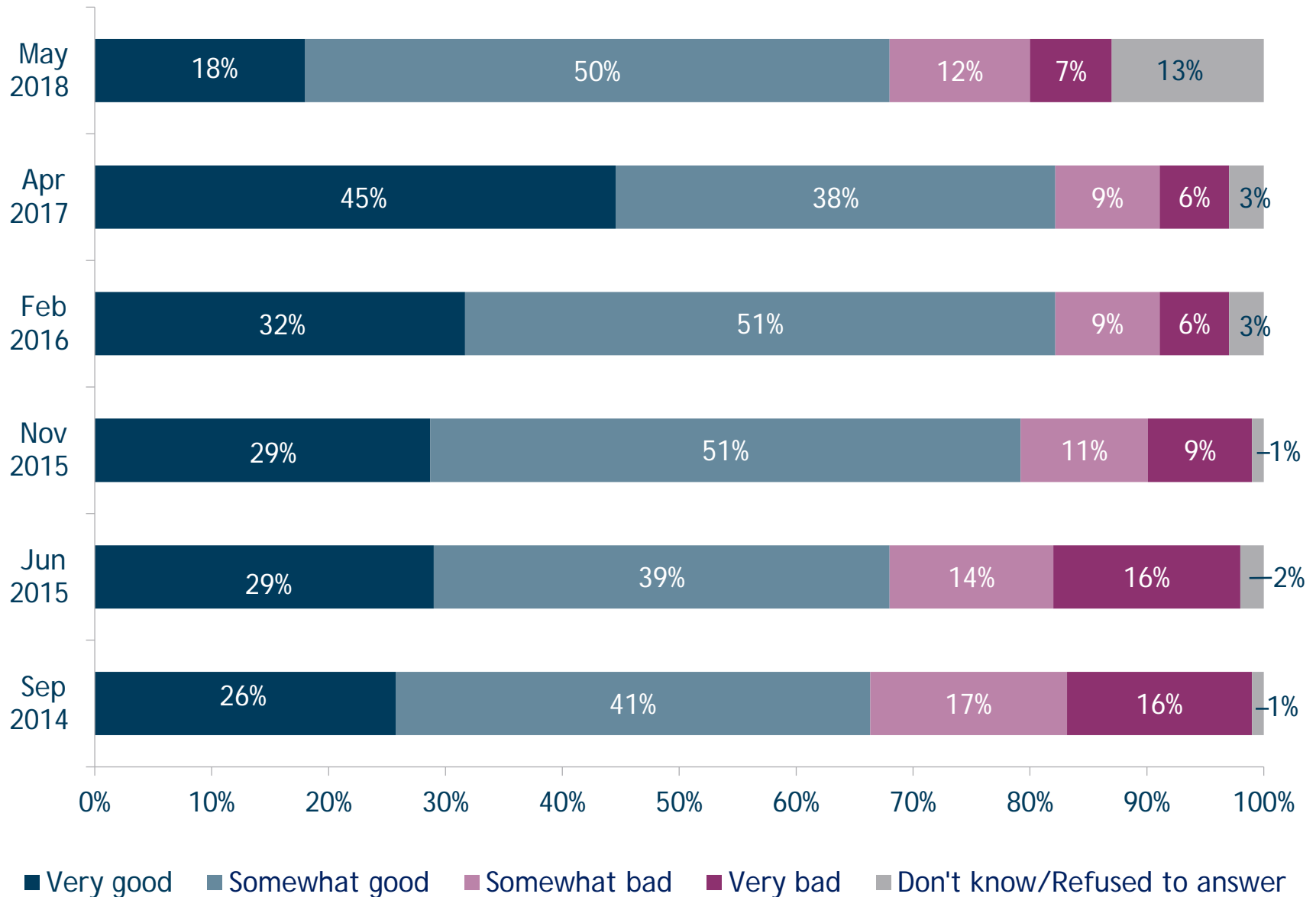


***Hartal*: strike action; organized closing down of shops and offices as a form of political protest

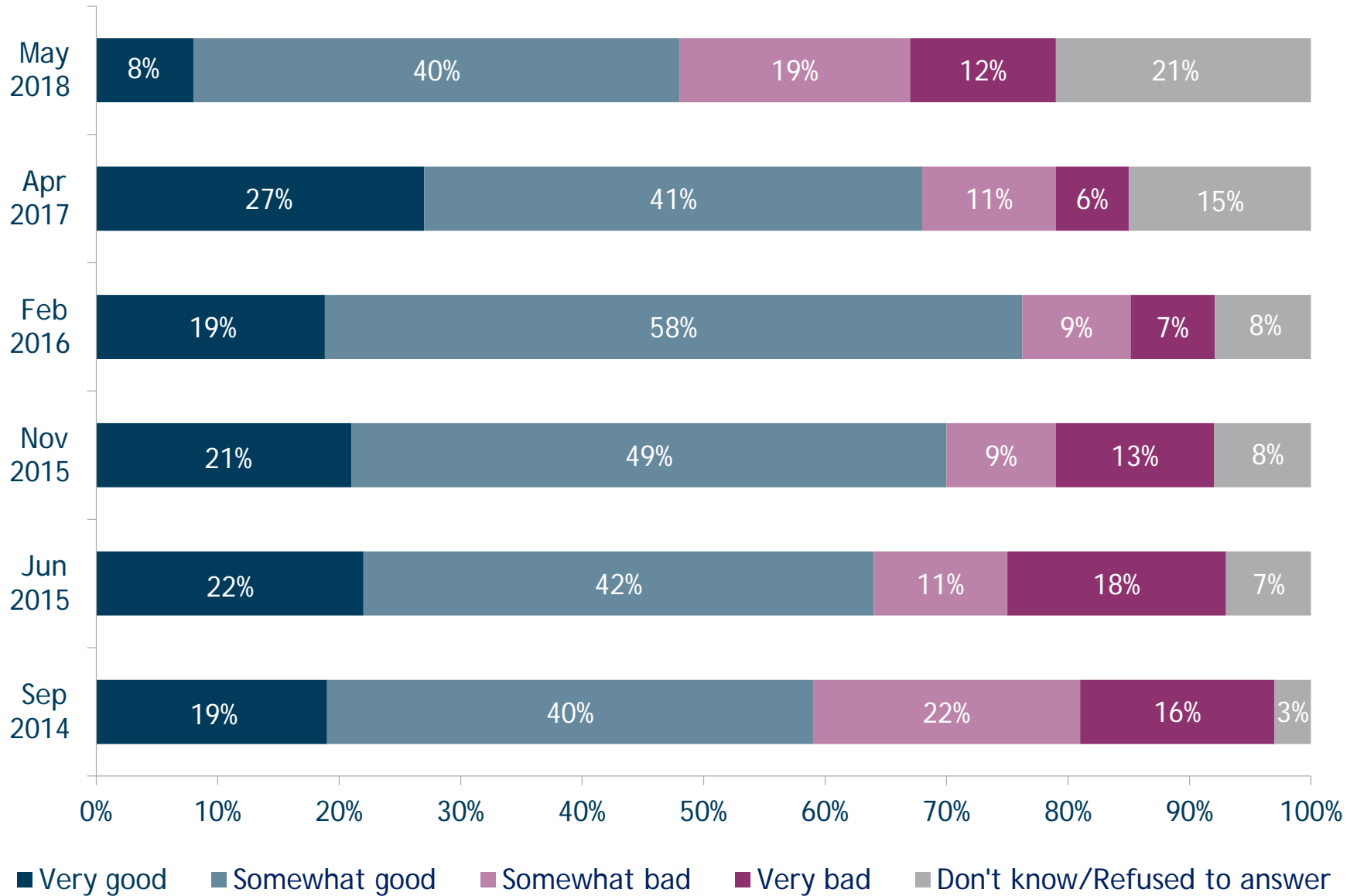
Overall, how would you rate the current economic situation in Bangladesh?



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



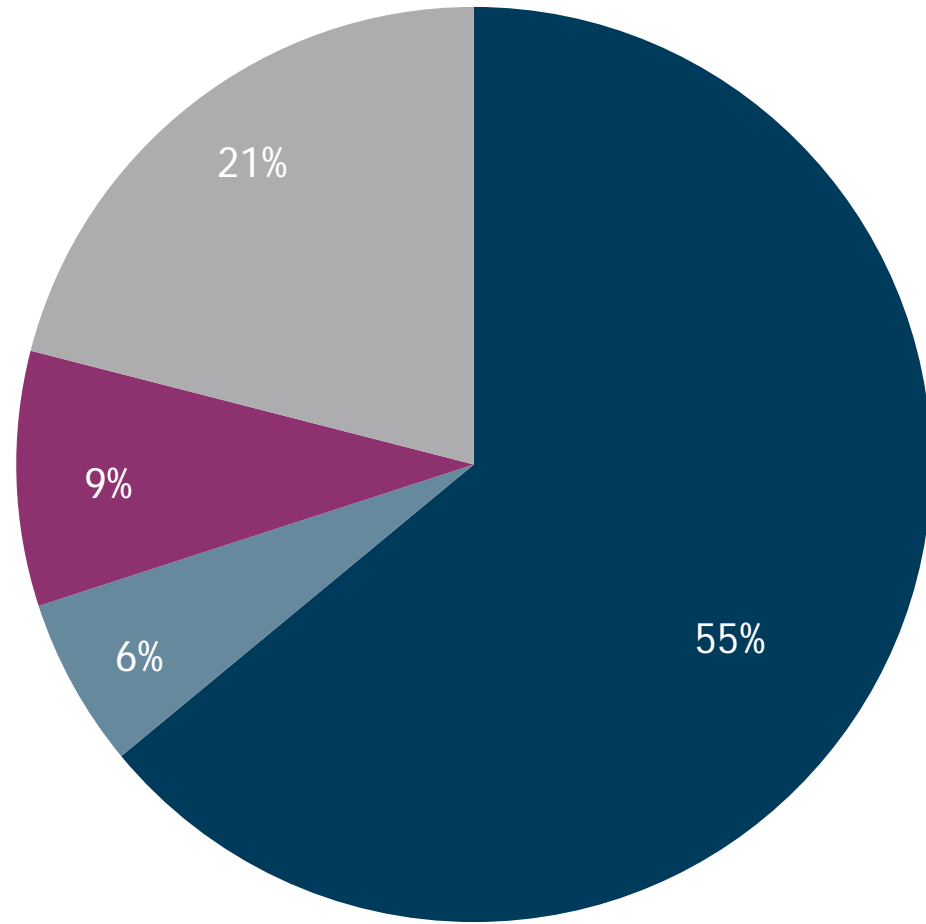
Overall, how would you rate the current level of political stability in Bangladesh?



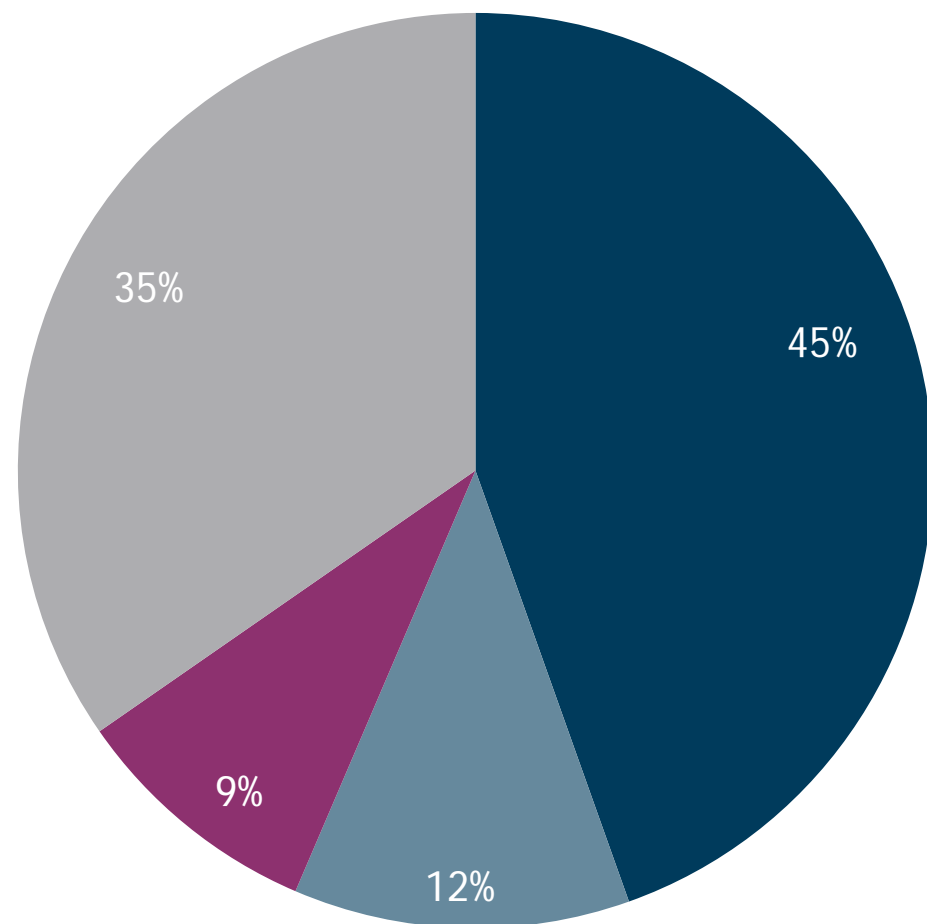
**Note: Scale for previous surveys was "very stable", "somewhat stable", "somewhat unstable", and "very unstable". 9

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

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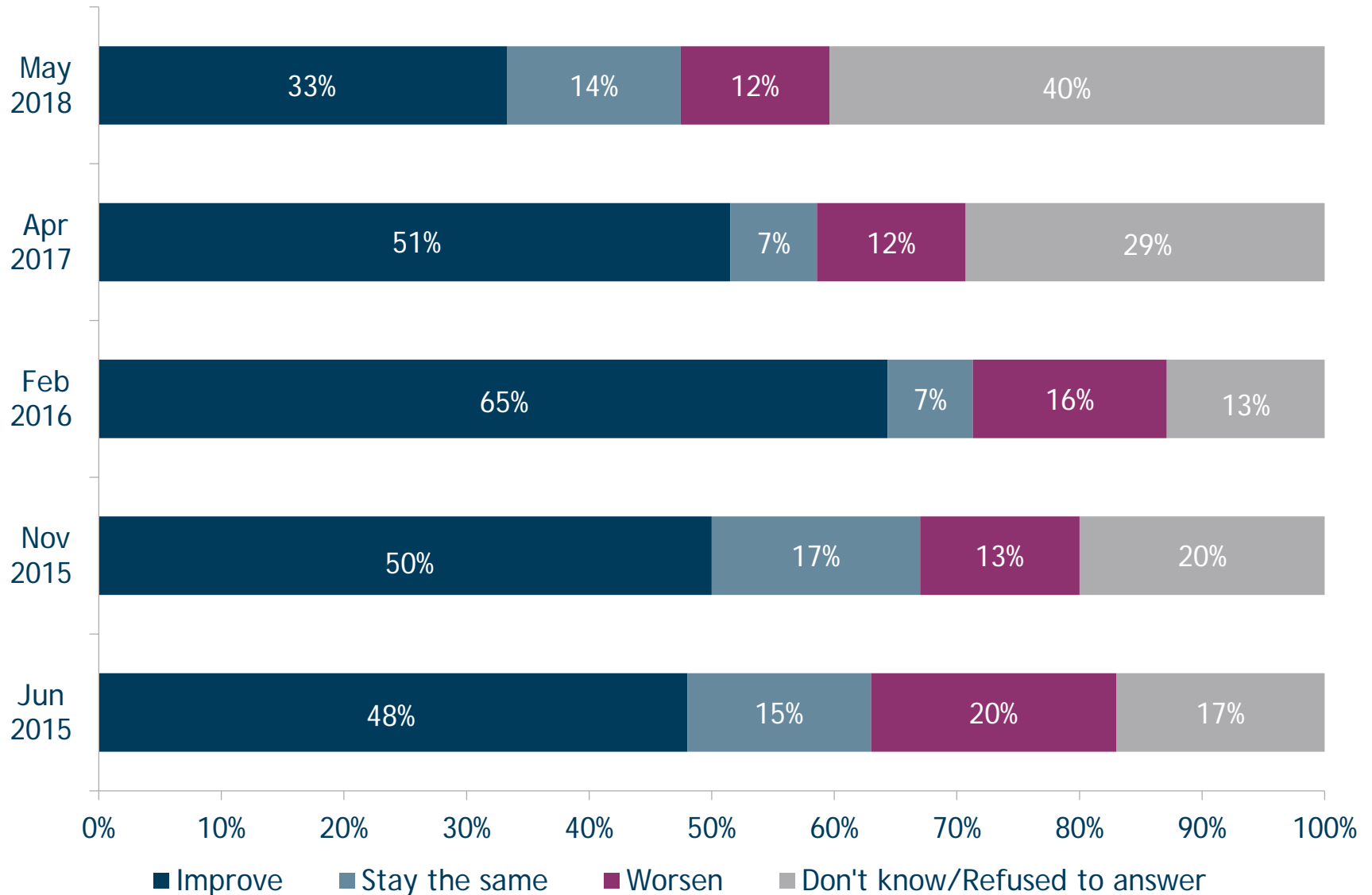
■ Improve

■ Stay the same

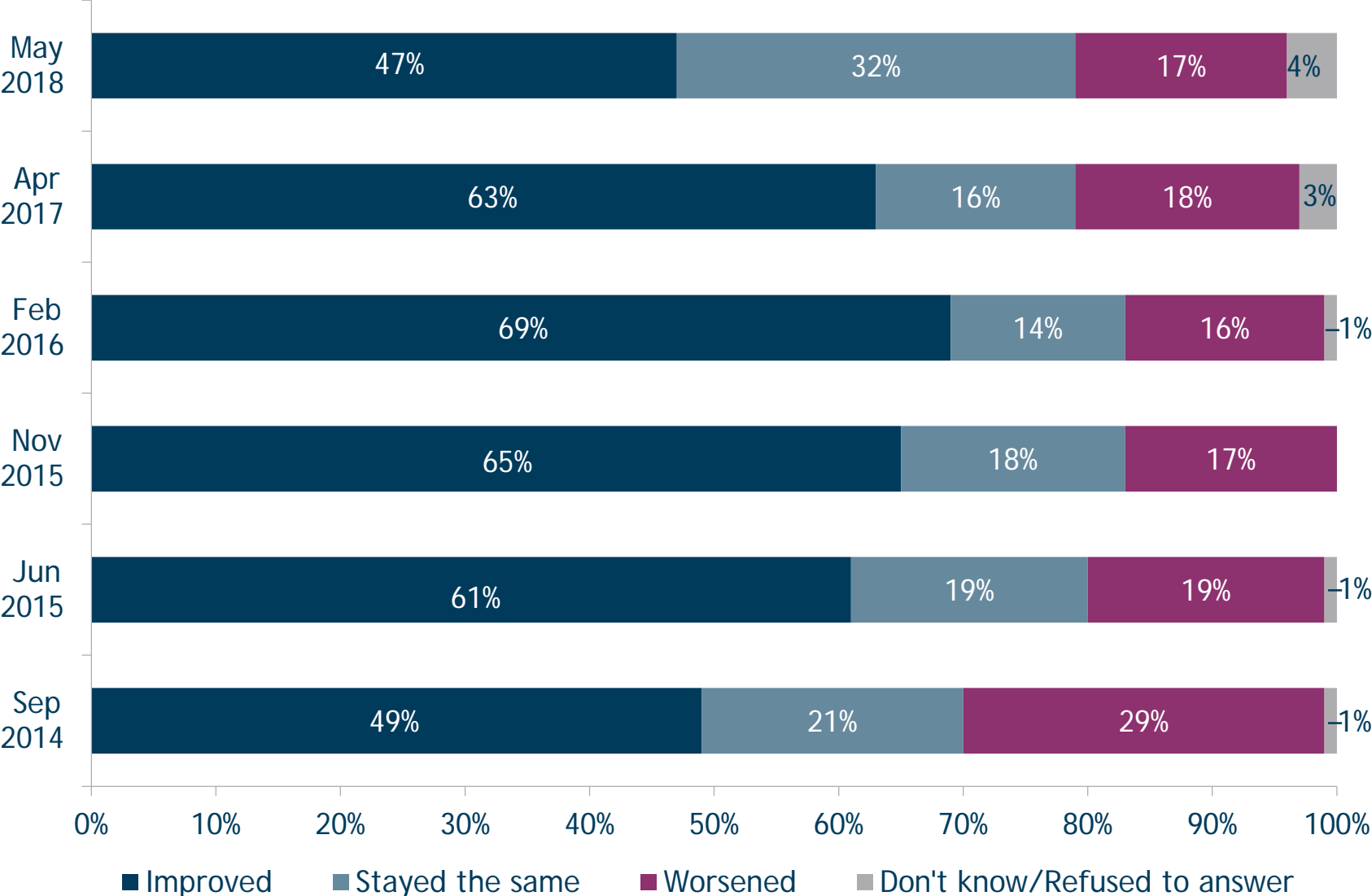
■ Worsen

■ Don't know/Refused to answer

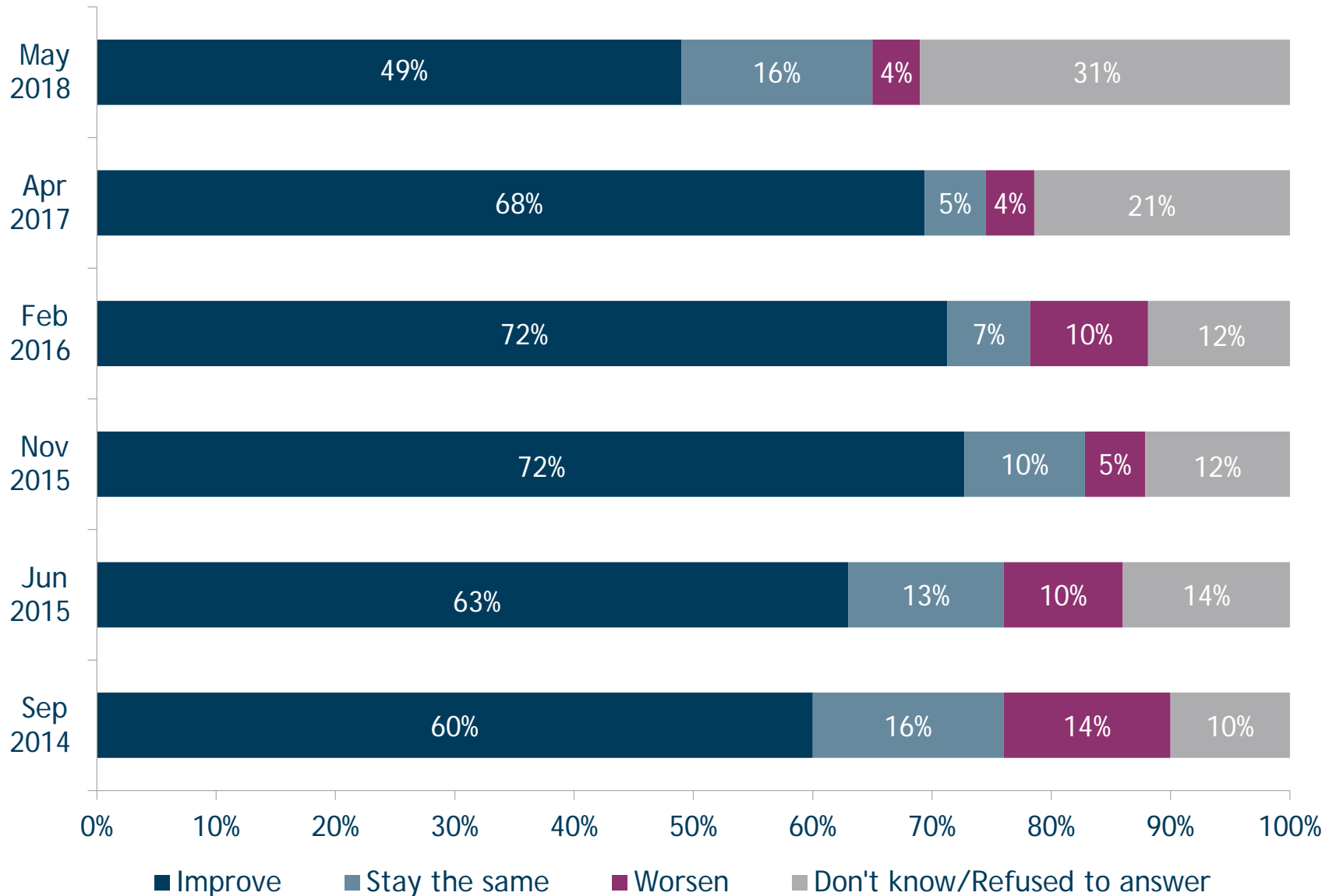
In the year ahead do you think the level of political stability in Bangladesh will improve, worsen or stay the same?



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



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

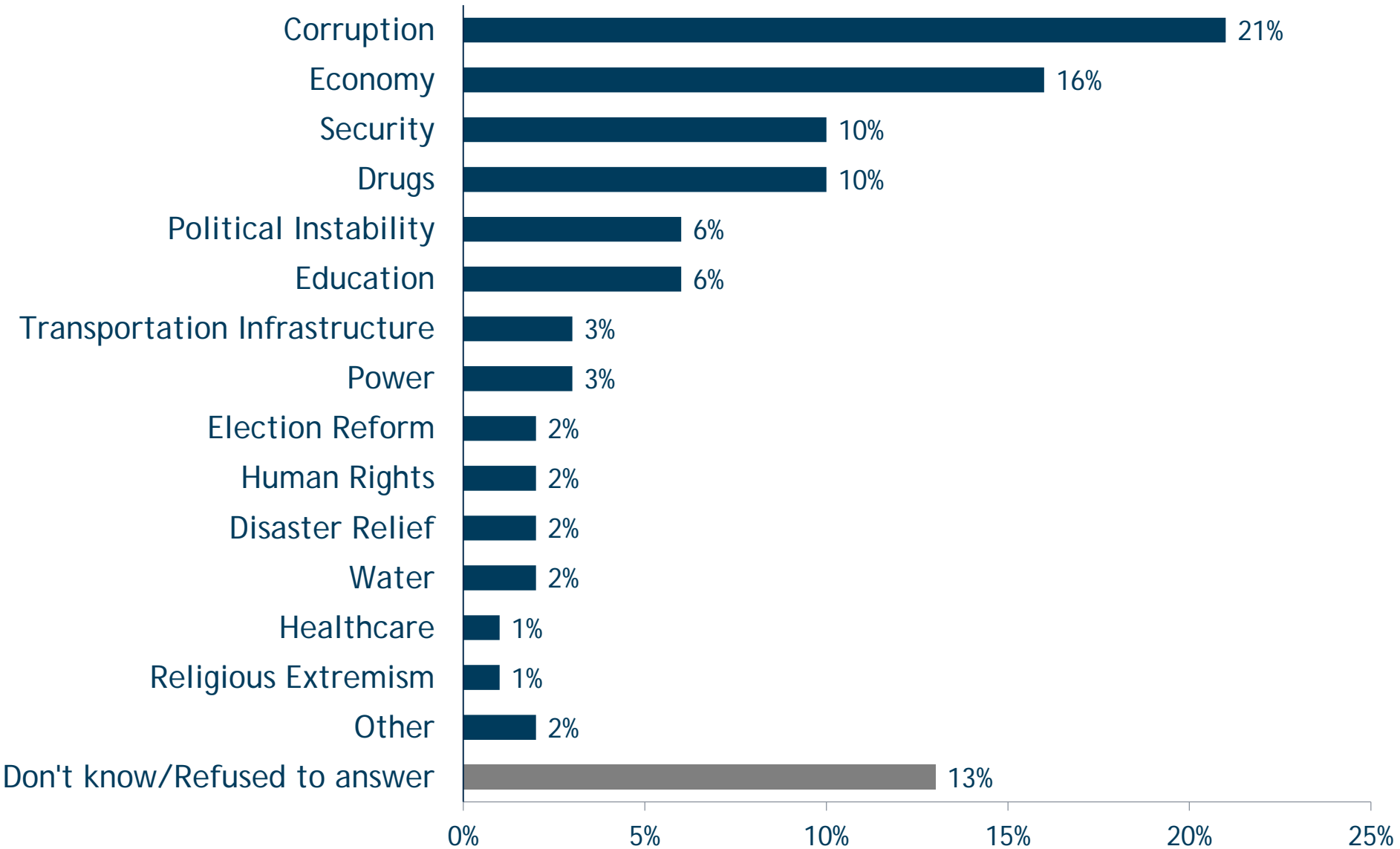




Priority Issues

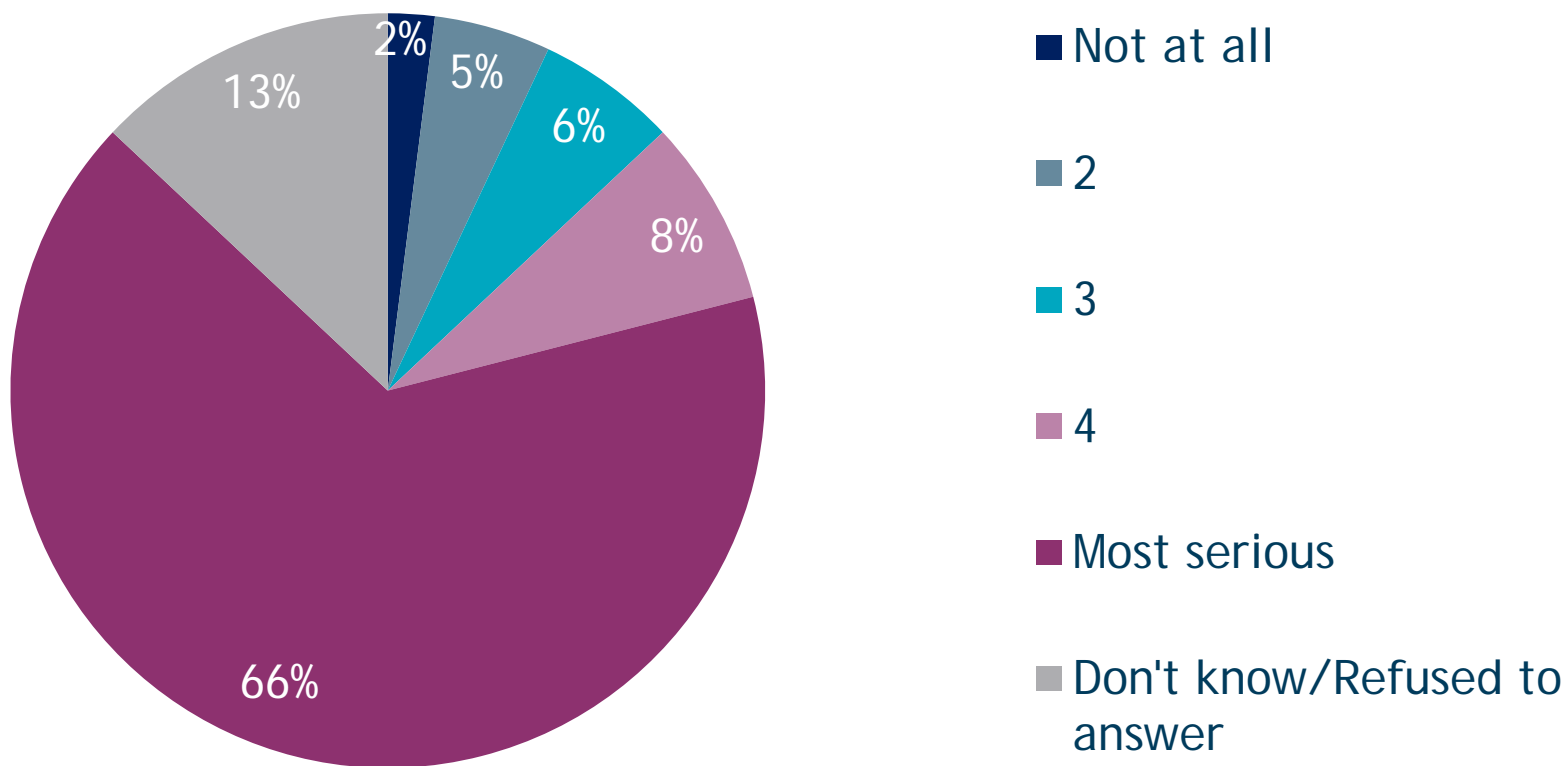


What is the single most important problem in Bangladesh? (Open-ended)



On a scale of one to five, to what extent do you think that corruption is a problem in Bangladesh, with one being not a problem at all and five being the most serious problem?

Mean = 4.5

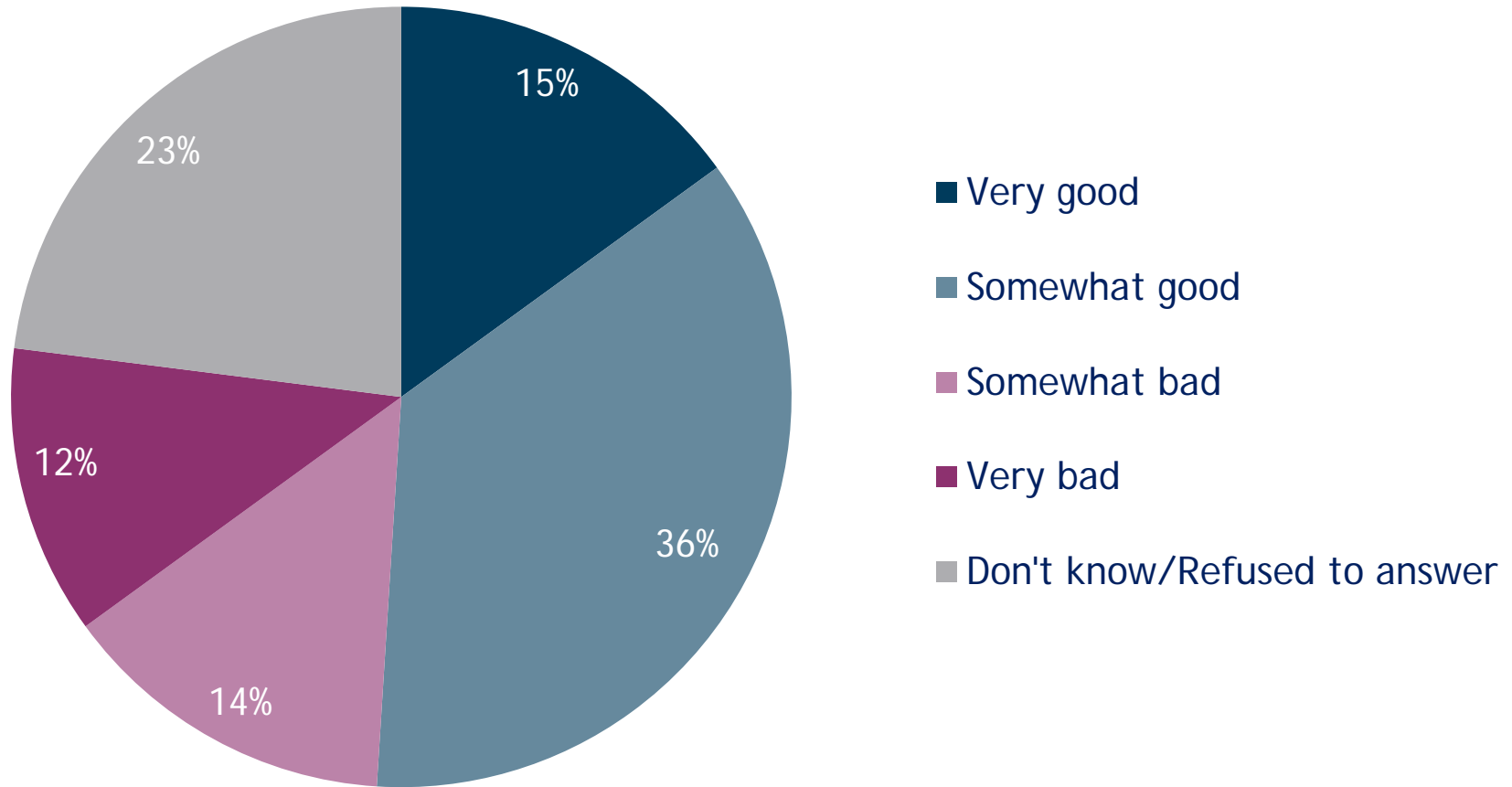




State of Democracy in Bangladesh

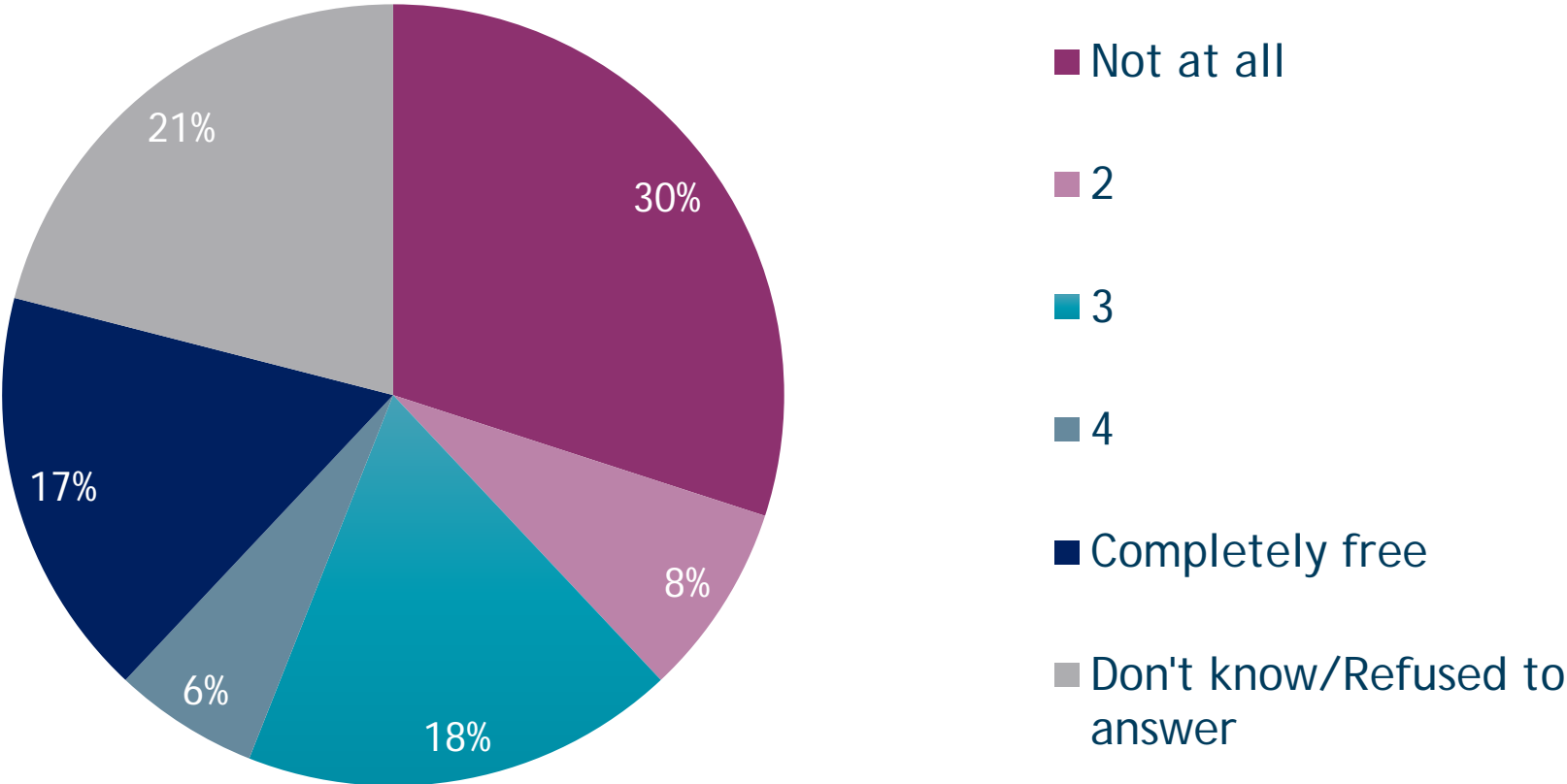


How would rate the current state of Bangladesh's democracy, would you say it is good or bad? And would you say that it is very or somewhat good/bad?

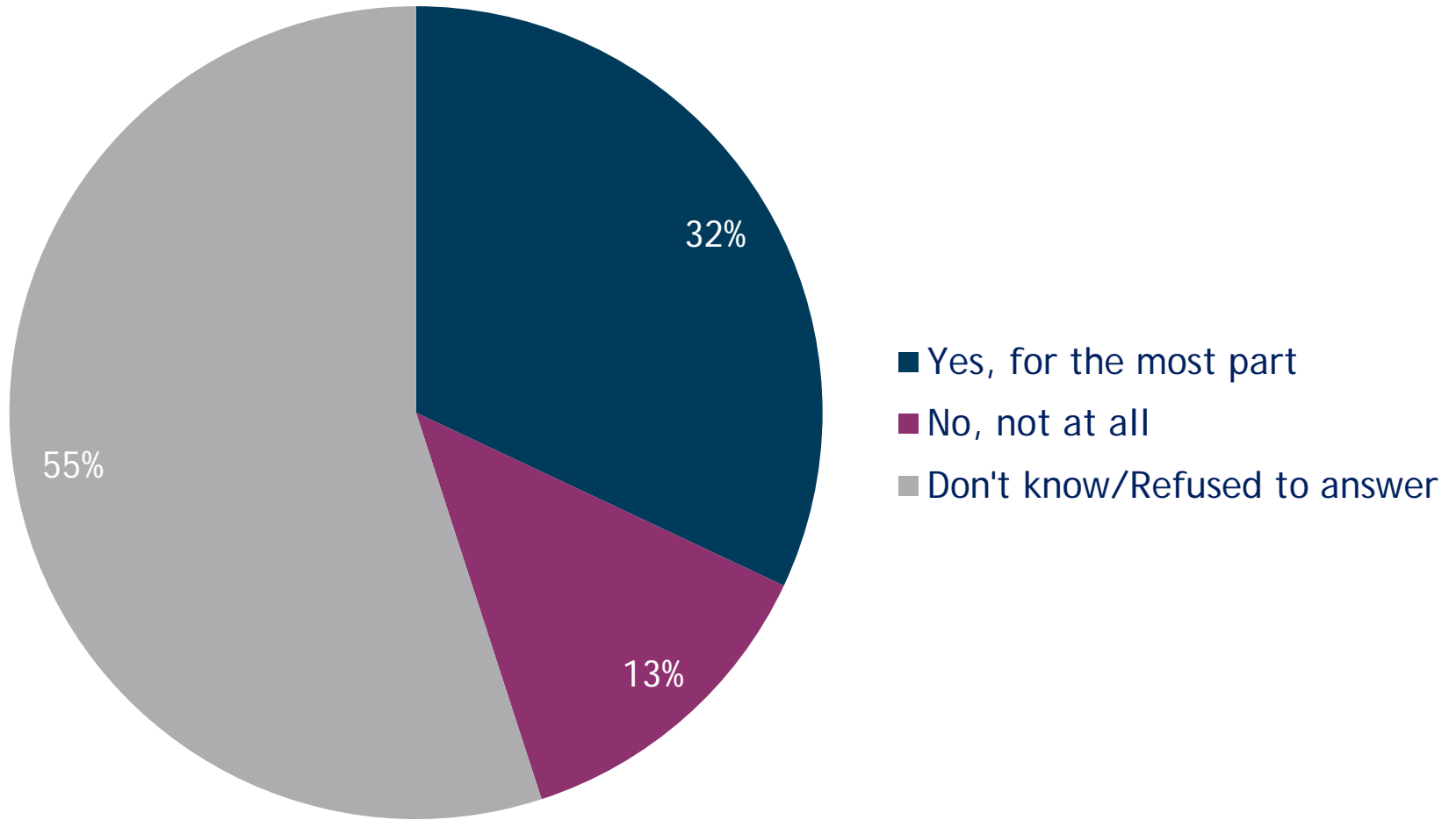


On a scale from one to five, to what extent do you think that people in Bangladesh feel free to publicly express their political opinions, with one being they do not feel free to express their opinions at all, and five being they feel completely free to express their opinions?

Mean=2.66



Do you think that the upcoming elections will be free and fair?

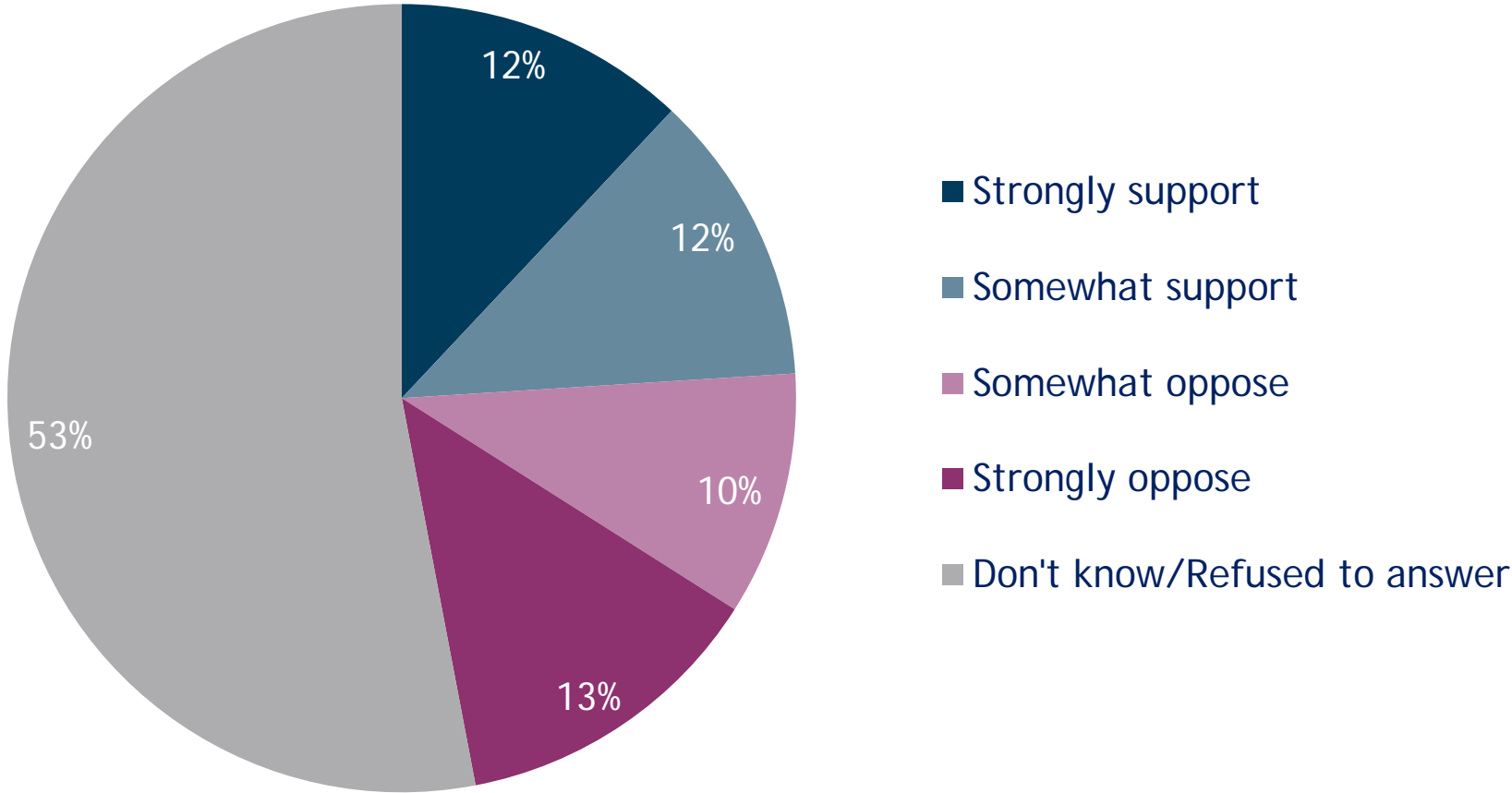




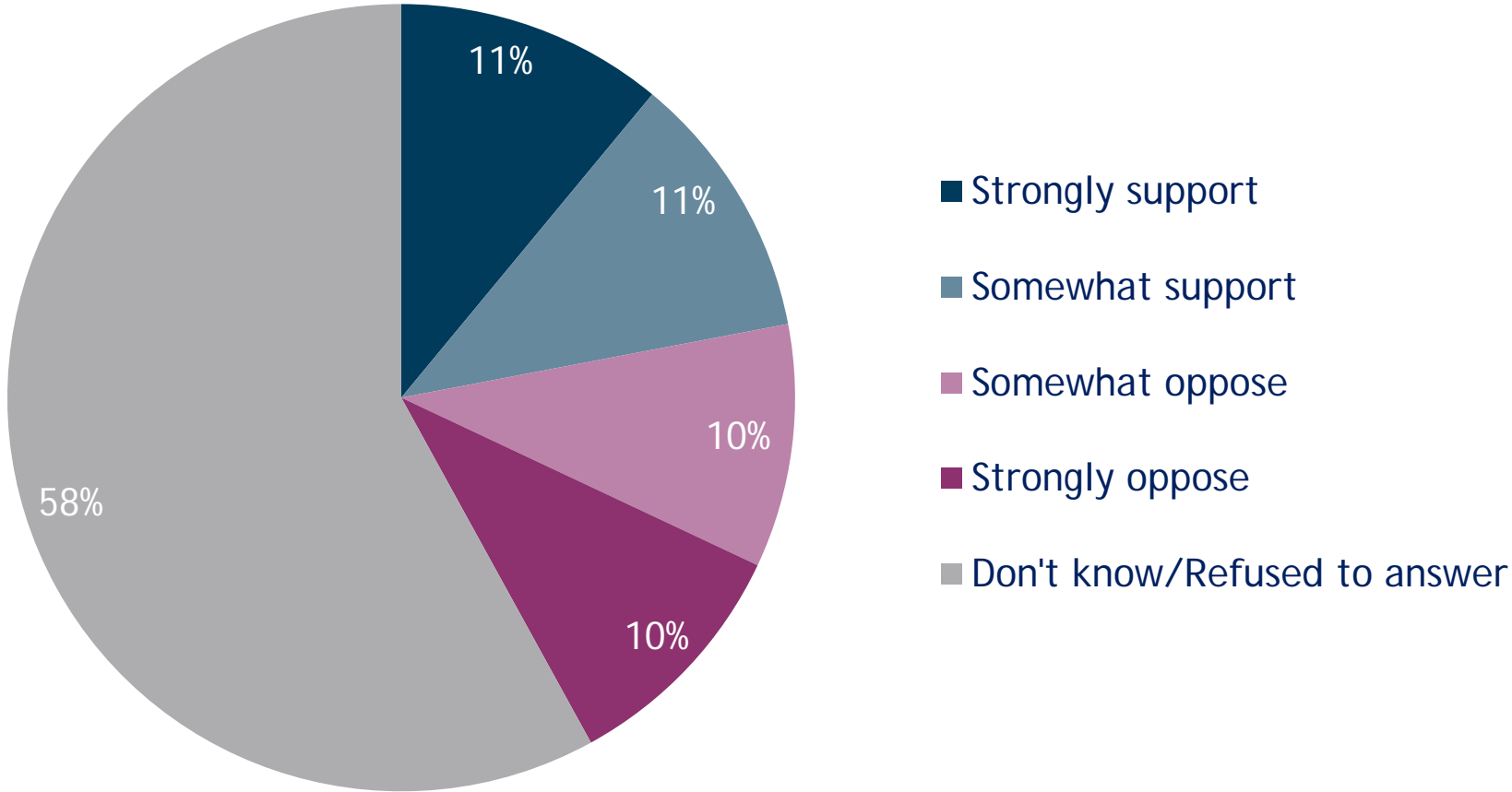
Opinions on Khaleda Zia



Thinking now about her recent trial, do you support or oppose the court's conviction and jailing of Khaleda Zia on corruption charges?



If Khaleda Zia is unable to participate in the national elections, would you support or oppose Bangladesh Nationalist Party boycotting the elections? And would you strongly or somewhat support/oppose?

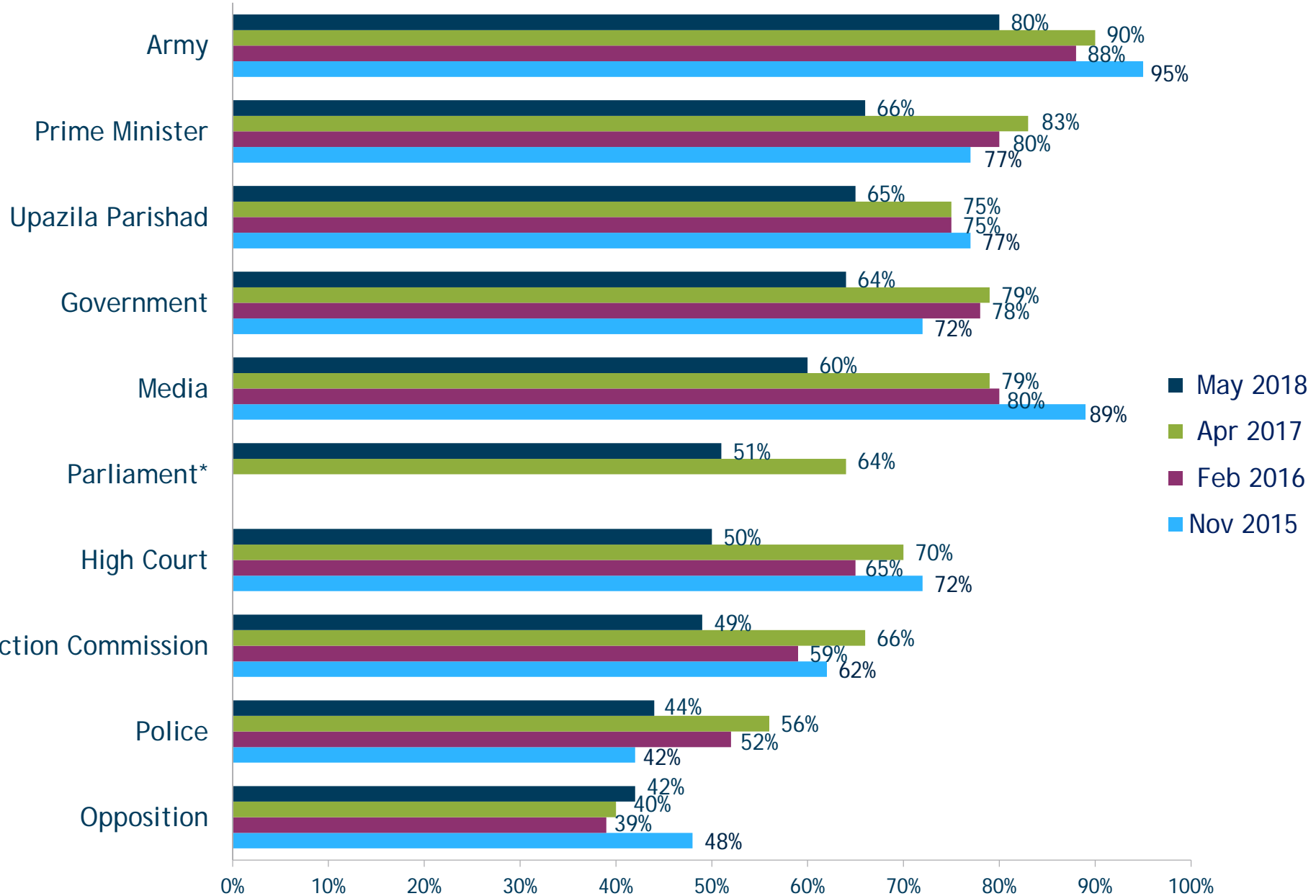




Approval Ratings

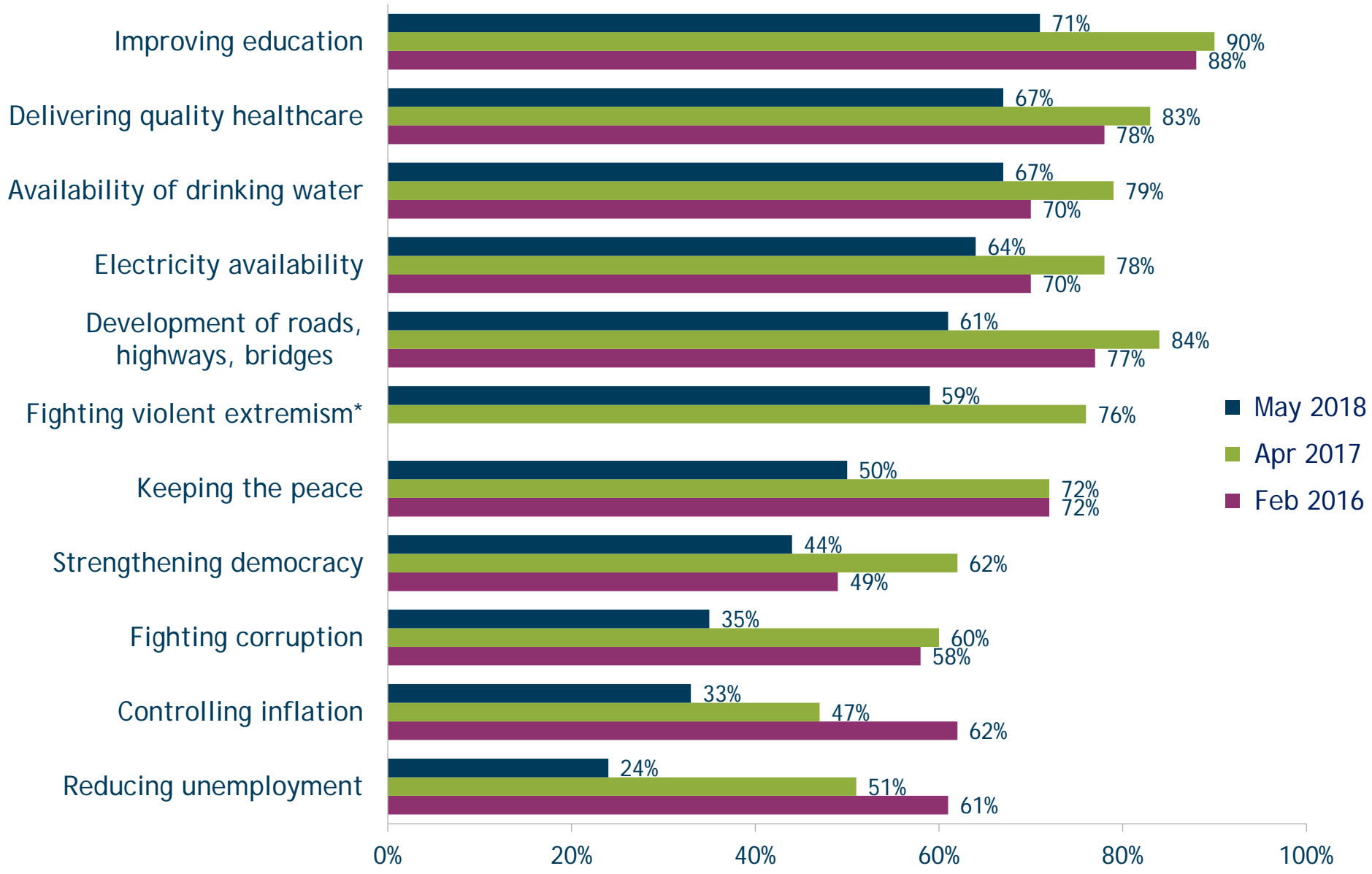


Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by the following? (Respondents who approve)



*Not asked in previous surveys.

On each of these issues, how would you rate the national government? (Percentages shown are total responding “strongly approve” and “somewhat approve”)



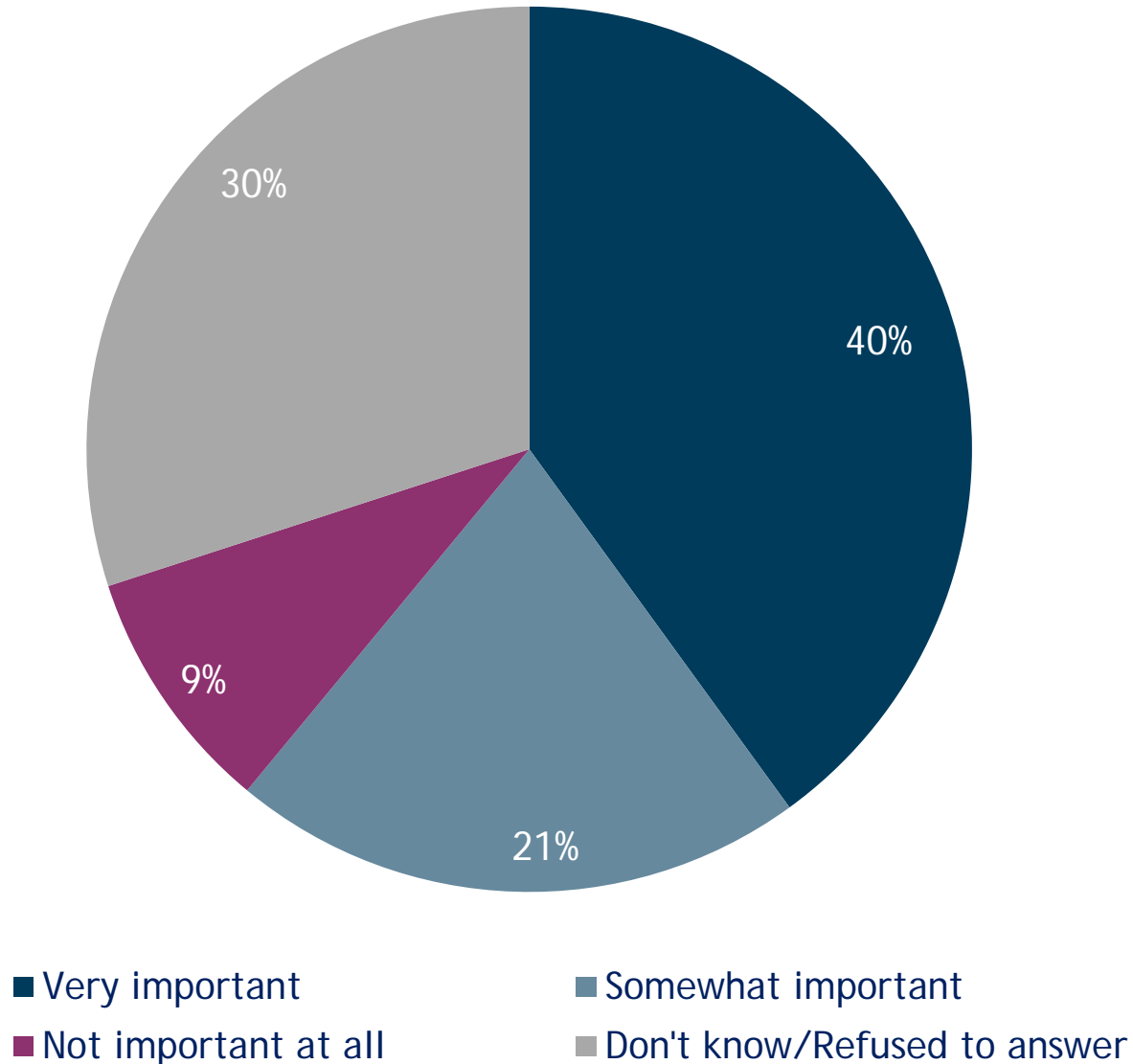
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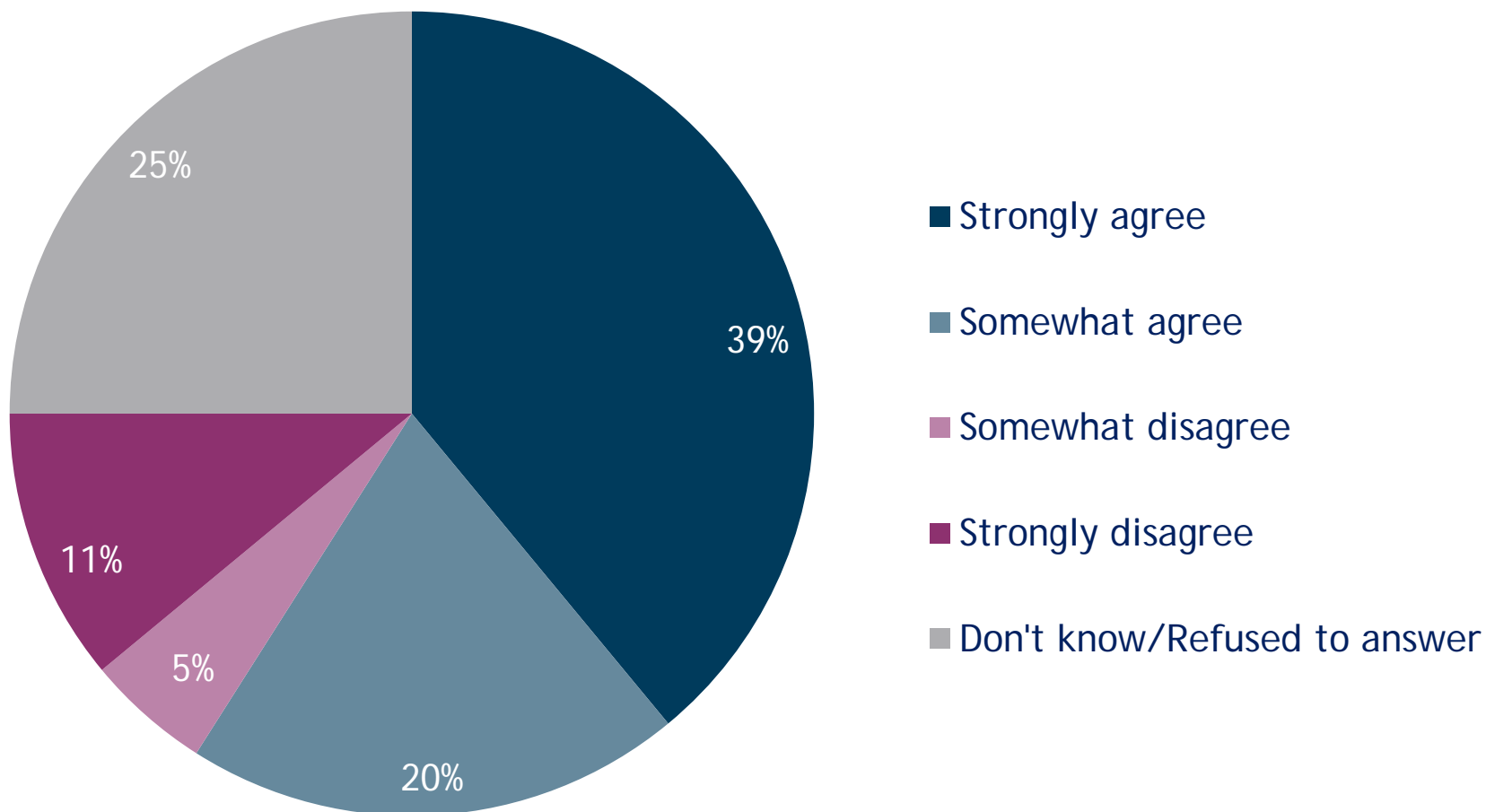
Political Parties



How important is it to you that the Awami League-led government seek input from other political parties and include them in the decision-making process?



Would you say you agree or disagree with the statement that the BNP and the Awami League are capable of putting aside their differences and working together to solve the problems facing Bangladesh?



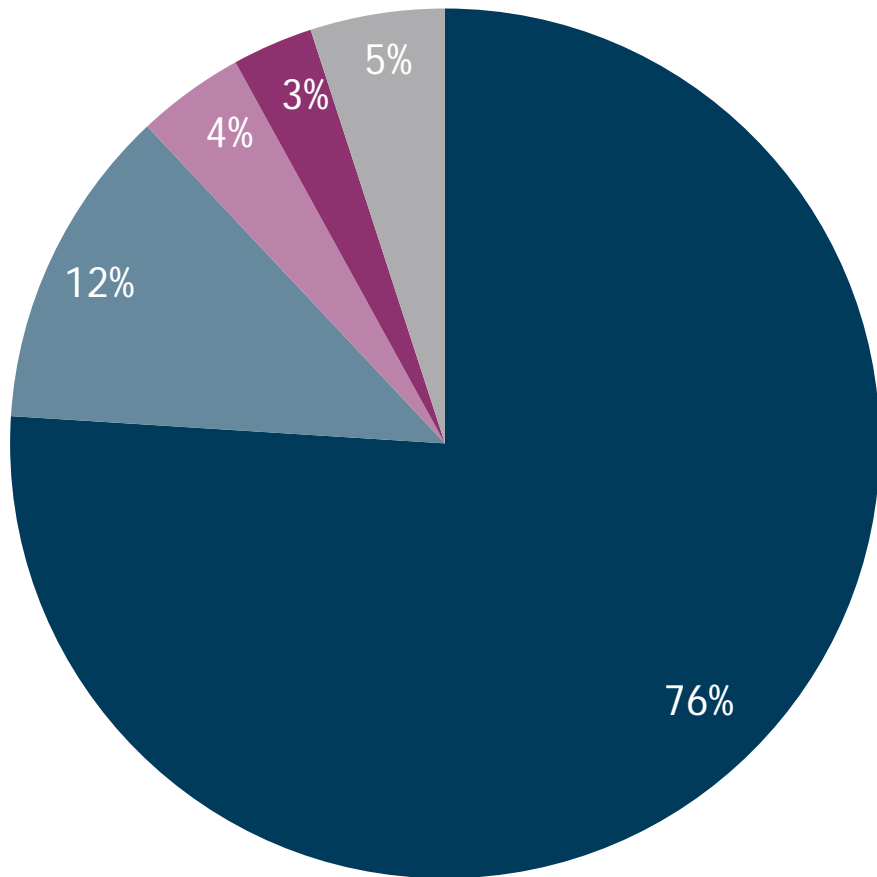


Elections

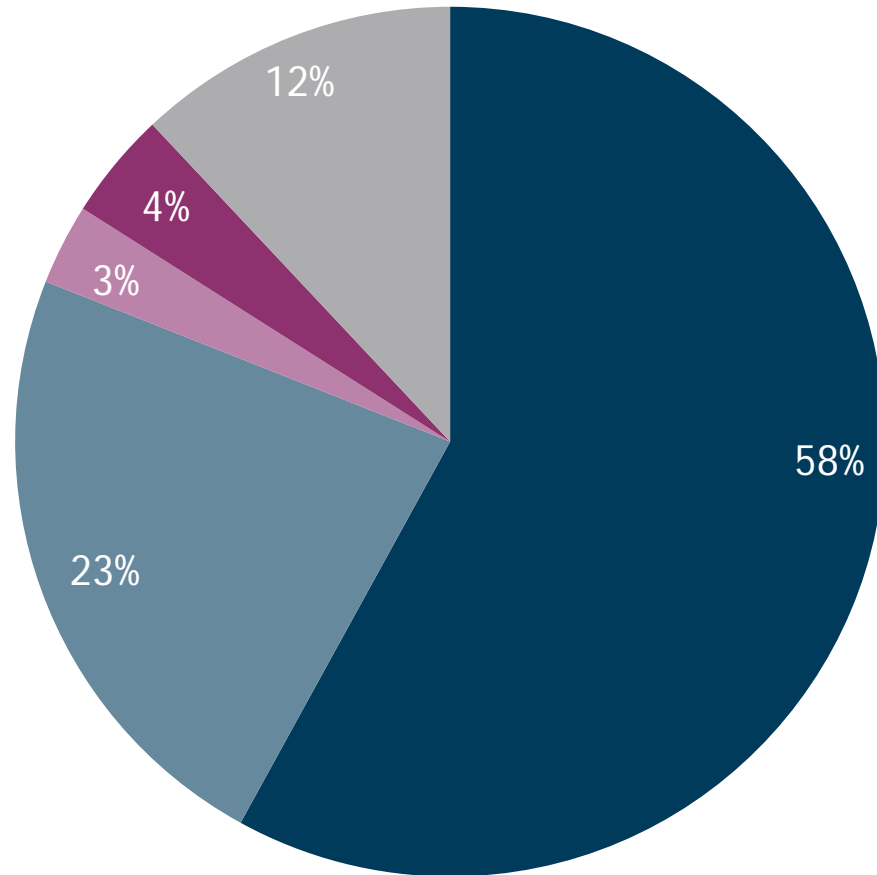


How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next national parliamentary elections?

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Very likely Somewhat likely Somewhat unlikely Very unlikely Don't know/Refused to answer

Demographics

Monthly Household Income

Less than 10,000 <i>taka</i> *	41%
10,001-25,000 <i>taka</i>	41%
25,001-50,000 <i>taka</i>	11%
50,000+ <i>taka</i>	3%

Division

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

Education

Cannot read or write	9%
Can only write/read own name	15%
Literate/No formal schooling	2%
Class 1-4	11%
Class 5-9	33%
Secondary school certificate/ <i>Dakhil</i>	13%
Higher Secondary Certificate	9%
Bachelor's Degree	5%
Graduate Degree	2%

Age

18-30	35%
31-40	27%
41-50	19%
51-60	12%
61+	7%

Religion

Sunni Muslim	89%
Shiite Muslim	4%
Hindu	8%
Buddhist	<1%
Christian	<1%

Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

Area

Rural	76%
Urban	24%

Married

Yes	89%
No	11%

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

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