



Public Opinion Survey: Residents of the Maldives

December 3-22, 2019



Detailed Methodology

- Data collection for this poll was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by CDE Consulting between December 3 and 22, 2019.
- The sample consists of 1,130 respondents aged 18 and older, and is representative of resident Maldivian adults nationally. The sample excludes those living on resorts (6% of the total adult population.)
- Data was collected using a multi-stage stratified probability sample through in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by urbanicity (urban, rural 1 and rural 2) and by population size of the 21 administrative regions. All islands of 3,000 or more residents were selected for rural 1, and selection of islands of less than 3,000 residents within the atolls of rural 2 was random. Malé was further subdivided into 15 constituencies.
- Random walk was used to select the appropriate household, and island level gender and age group quotas were used to select one respondent 18 years and older per selected household.
- The achieved sample was weighted for gender and age groups. Both the sampling and weighting frame are based on 2018 population projections by the National Bureau of Statistics.
- The margin of error is plus or minus 2.9 percent at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent. The response rate was 91 percent.
- 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.

Frequently Cited Bases

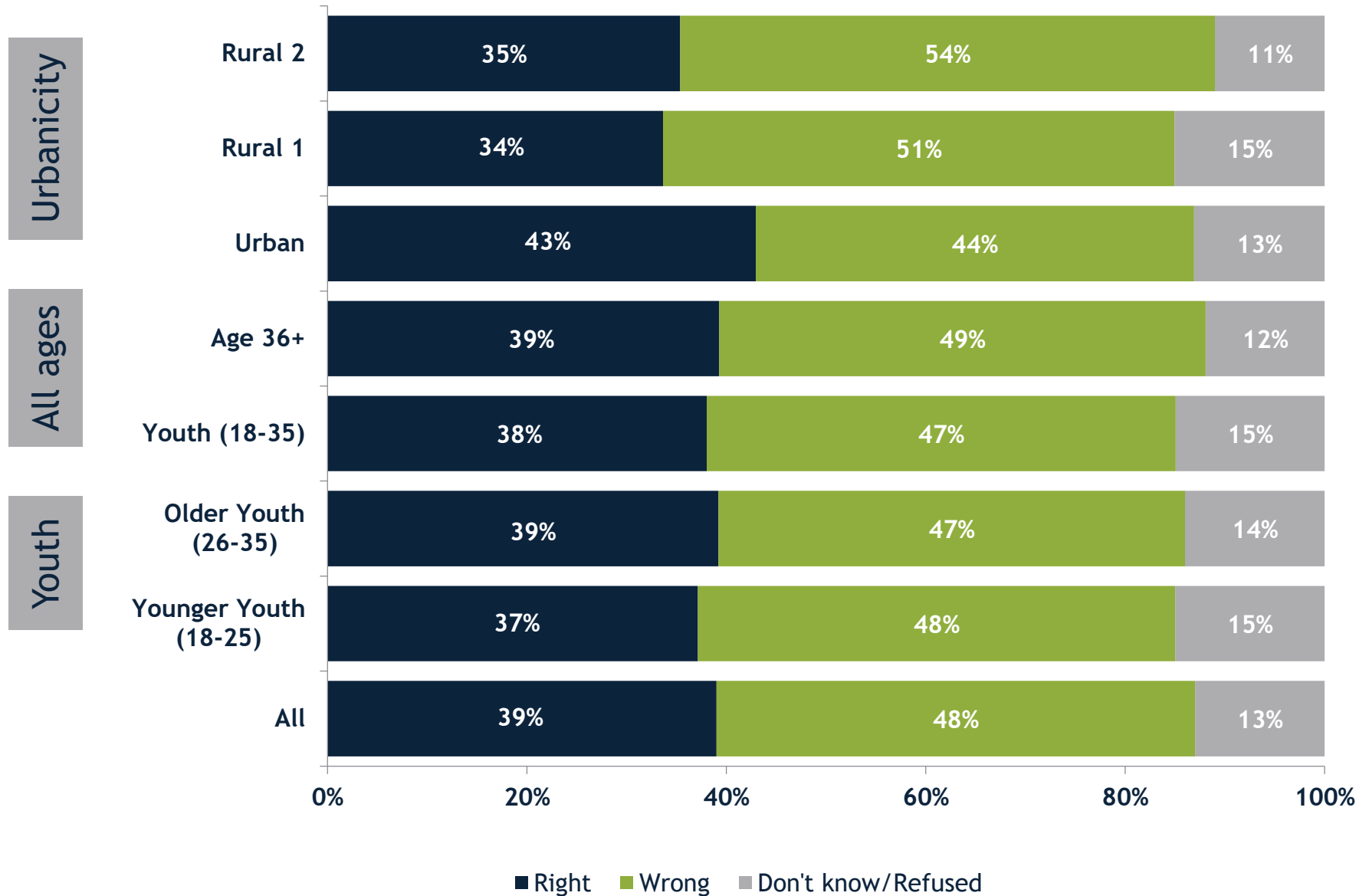
	Subsample Category	Weighted n=
Gender	Male	572
	Female	558
Age groups	18-25 (younger youth)	242
	26-35 (older youth)	342
	18-35 (youth)	584
	36+	546
Urbanicity	Urban (Male, Addu, Fuvahmulah cities)	586
	Rural 1, atolls with islands of 3,000 or more residents (HDh Kulhudhuffushi, R Dhuvaafaru, Lh Naifaru, Dh Kudahuvadho, GDh Thinadhoo)	177
	Rural 2, atolls with island of less than 3000 residents (HA Dhidhdhoo, Sh Funadhoo, N Velidhoo, B Eydhafushi, K Guraidhoo, K Maafushi, AA Thoddoo, ADh Mahibadhoo, V Fulidhoo, M Mulah, F Nilandhoo, Th Thimarafushi, L Gan, GA Villingili)	368



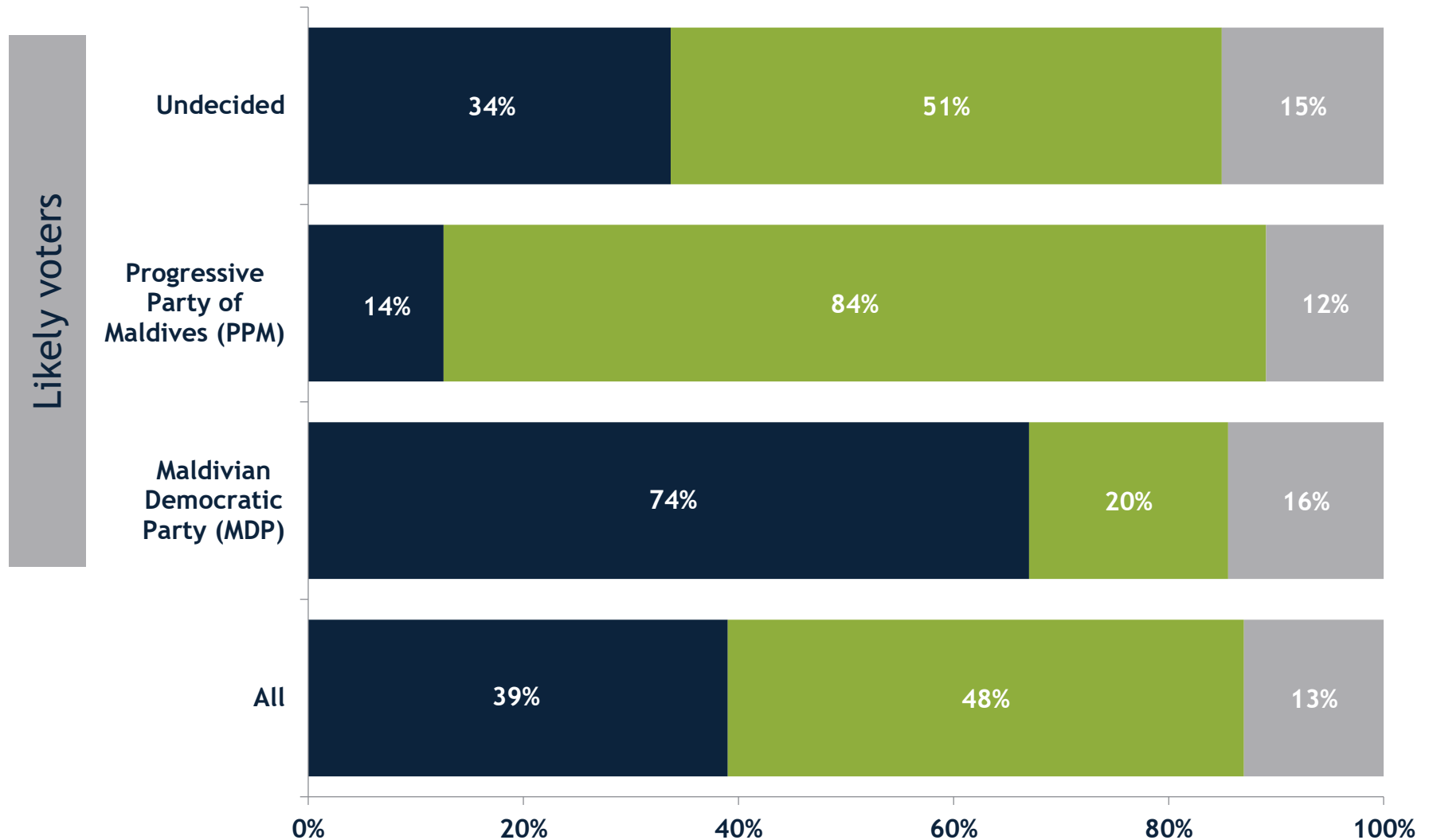
Outlook



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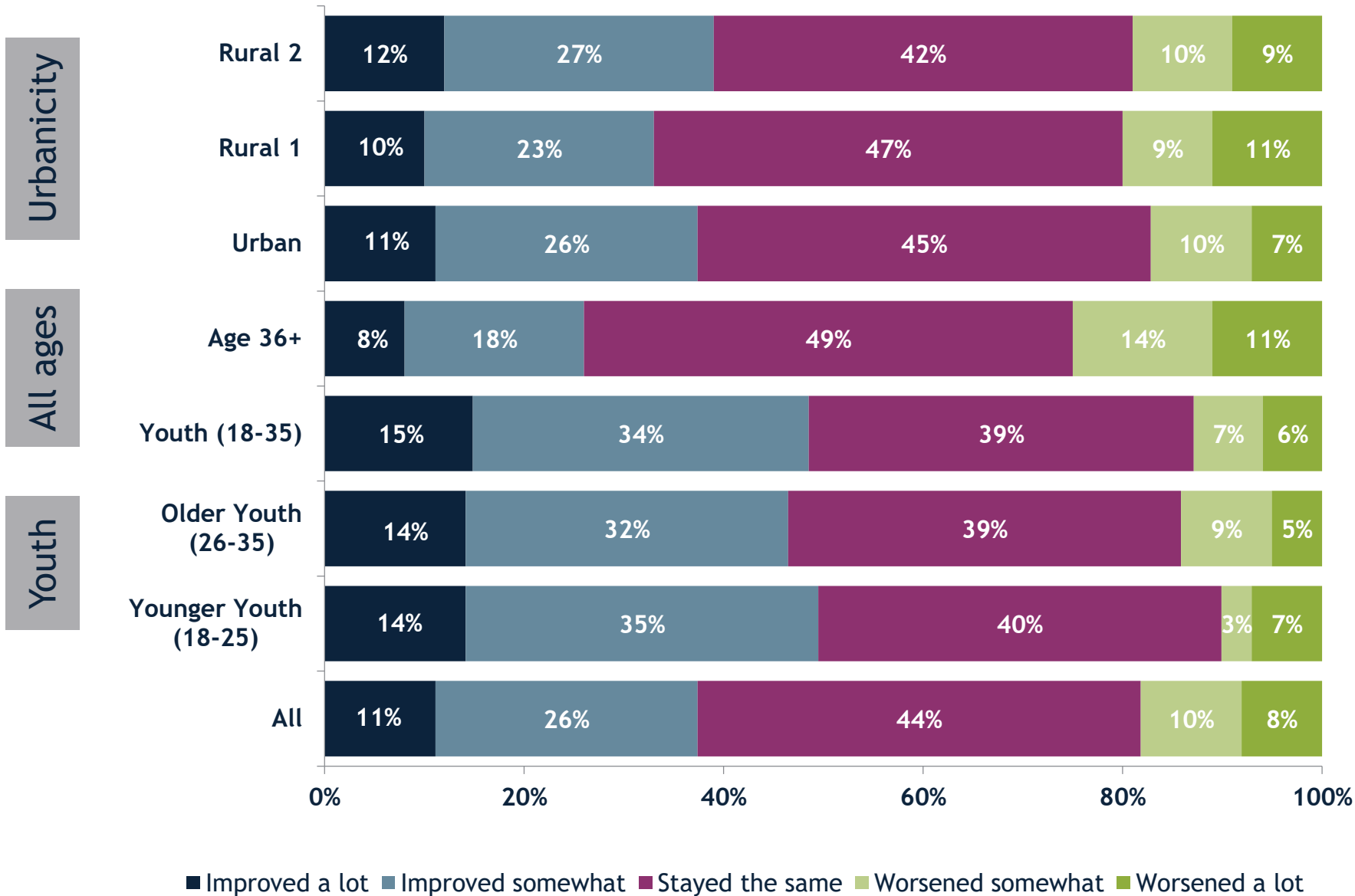
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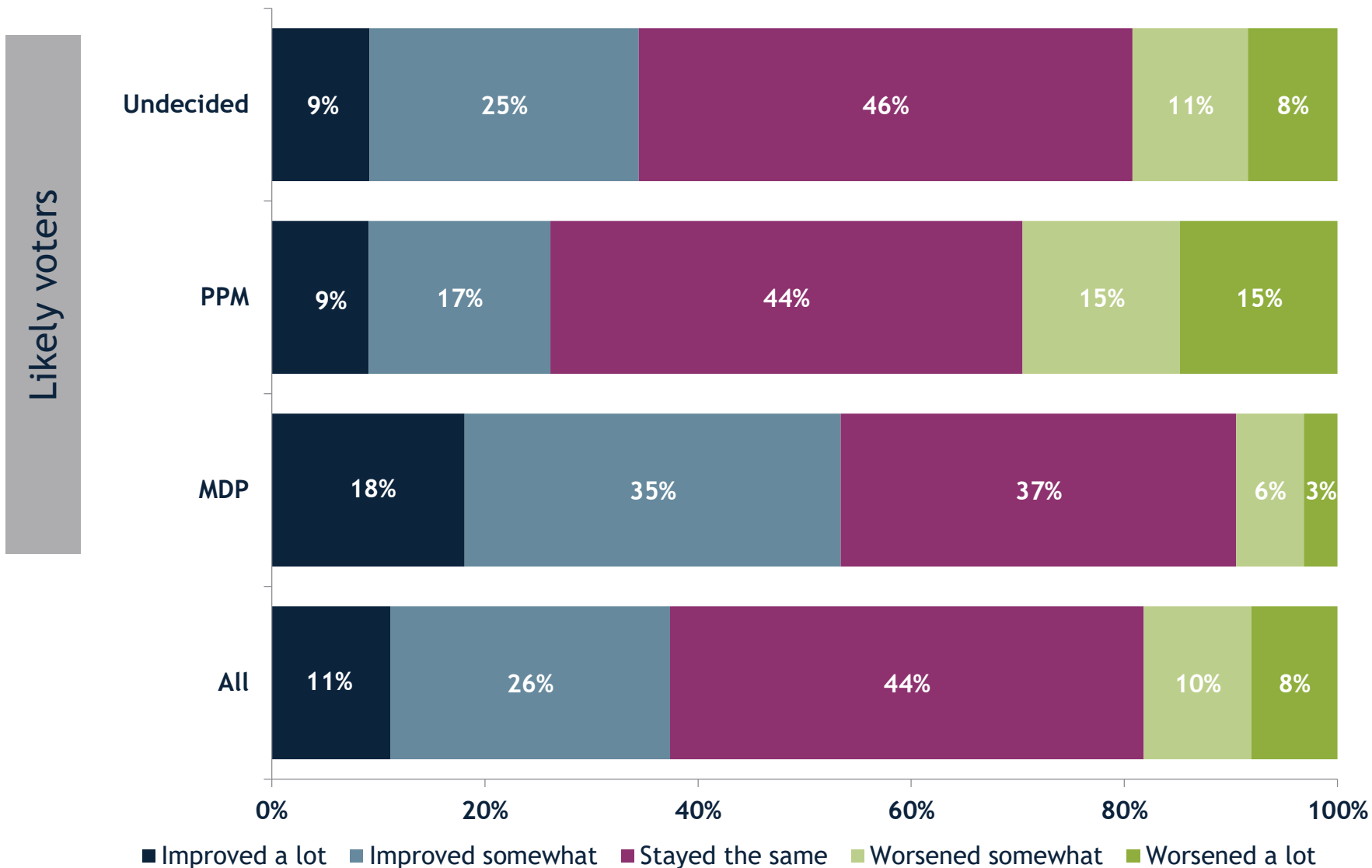
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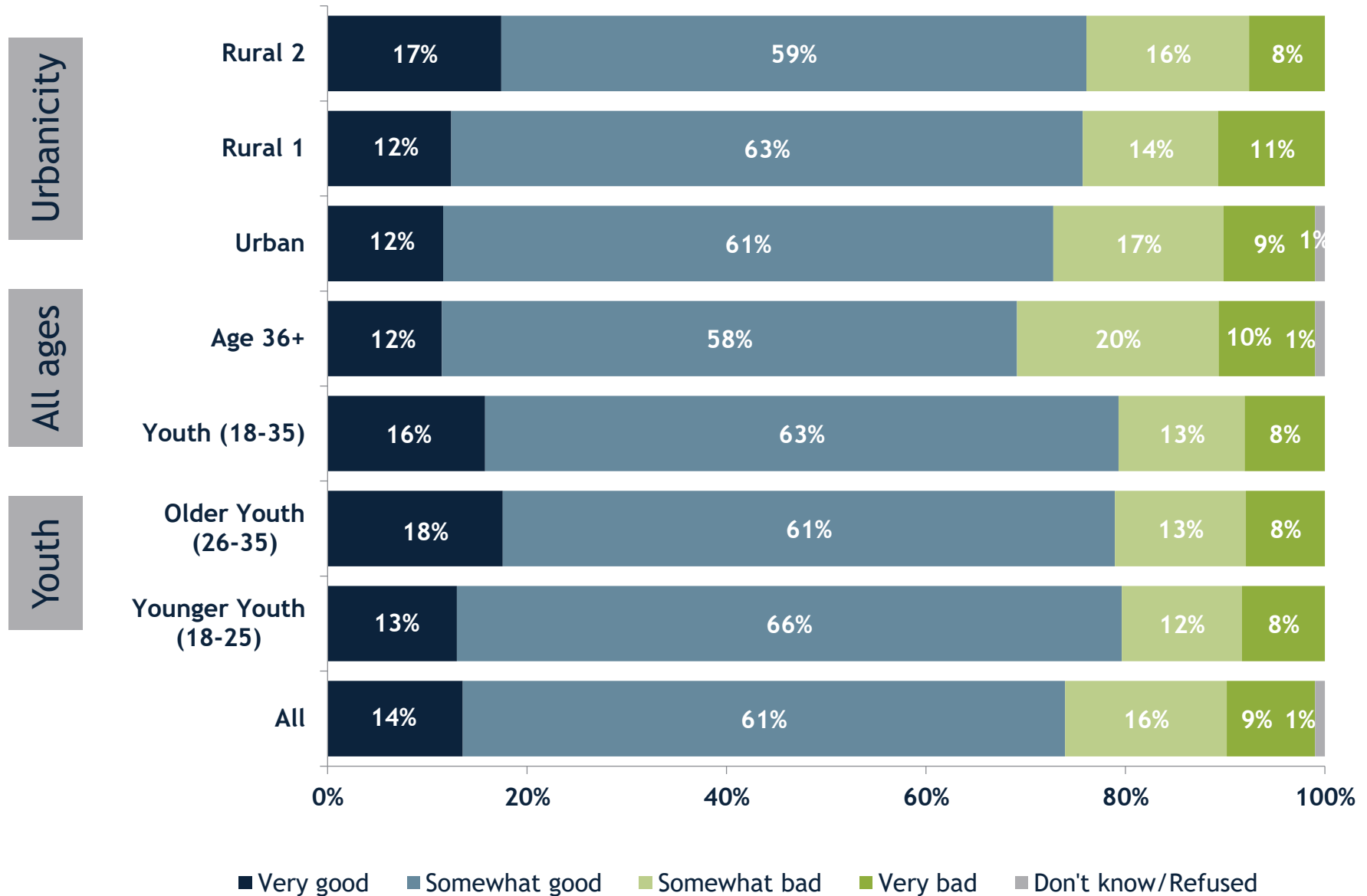


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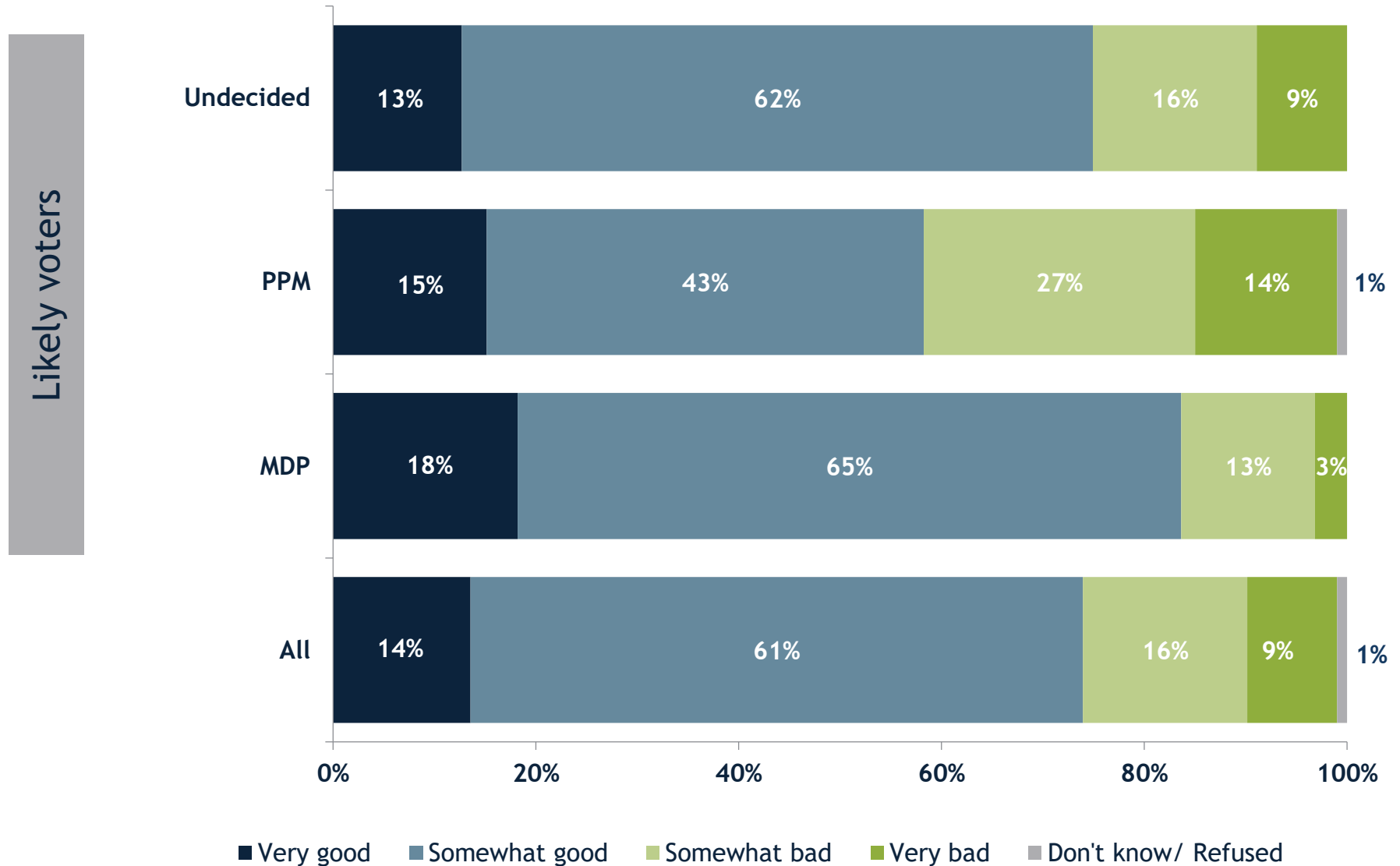


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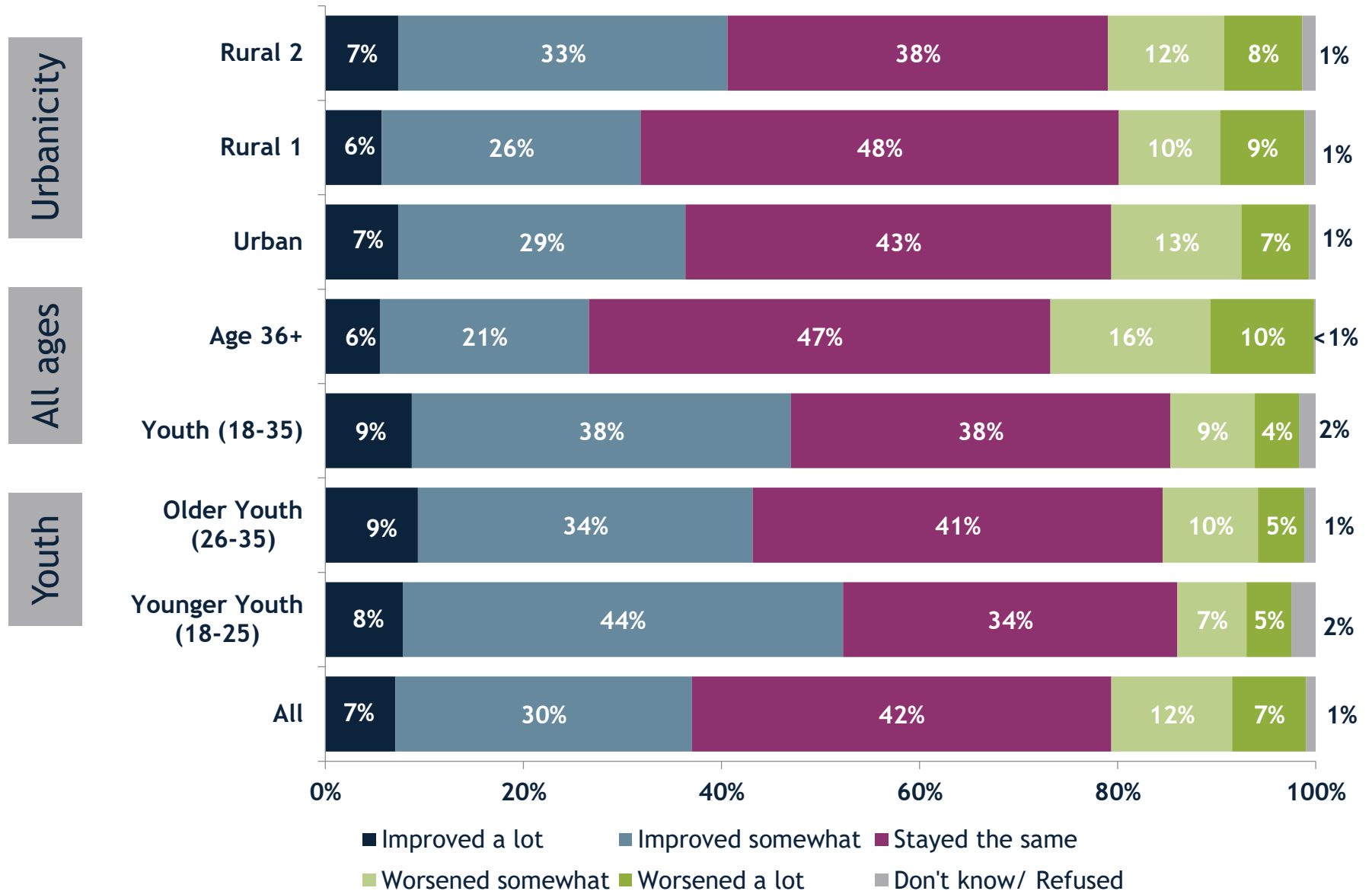


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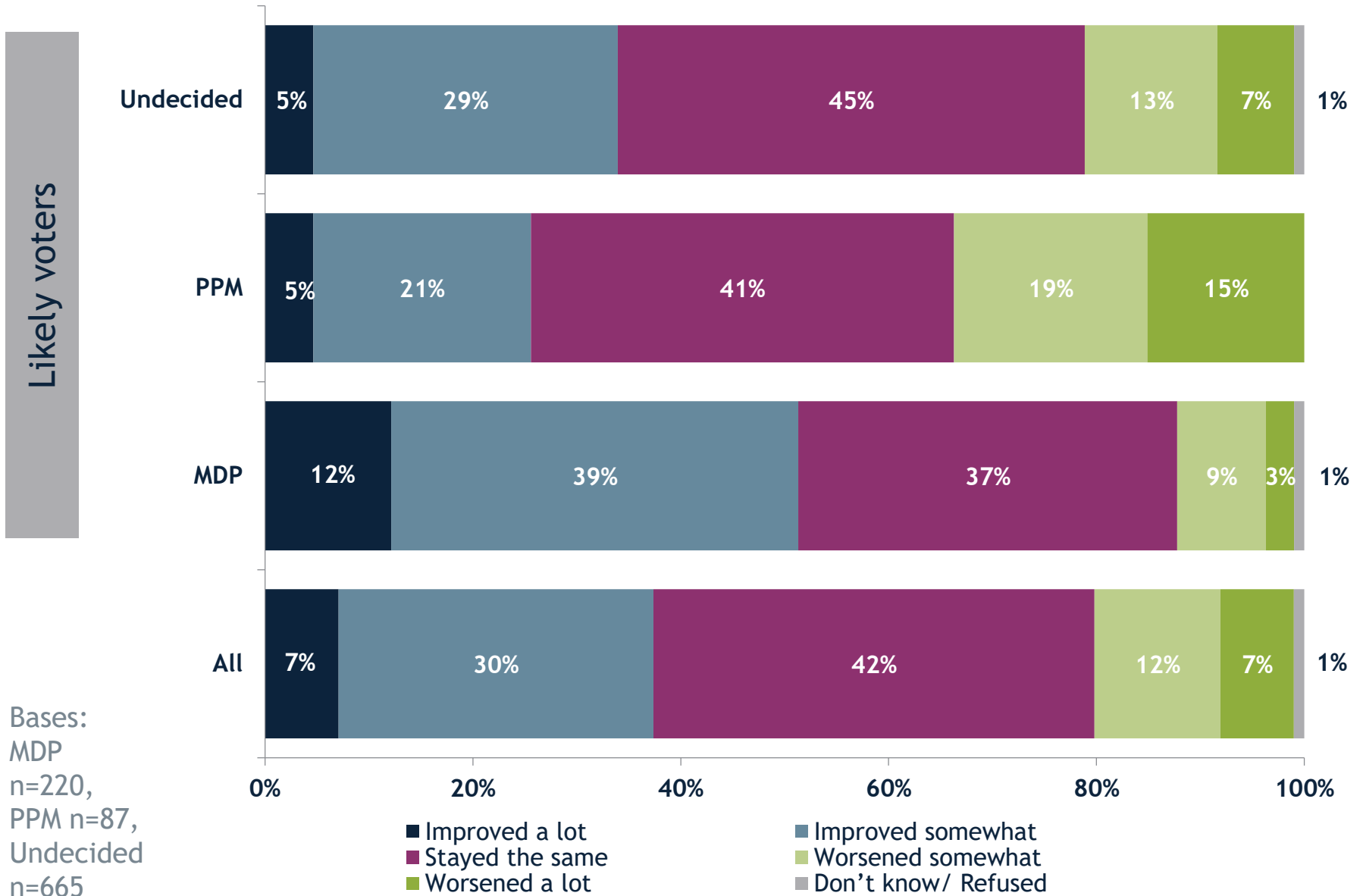


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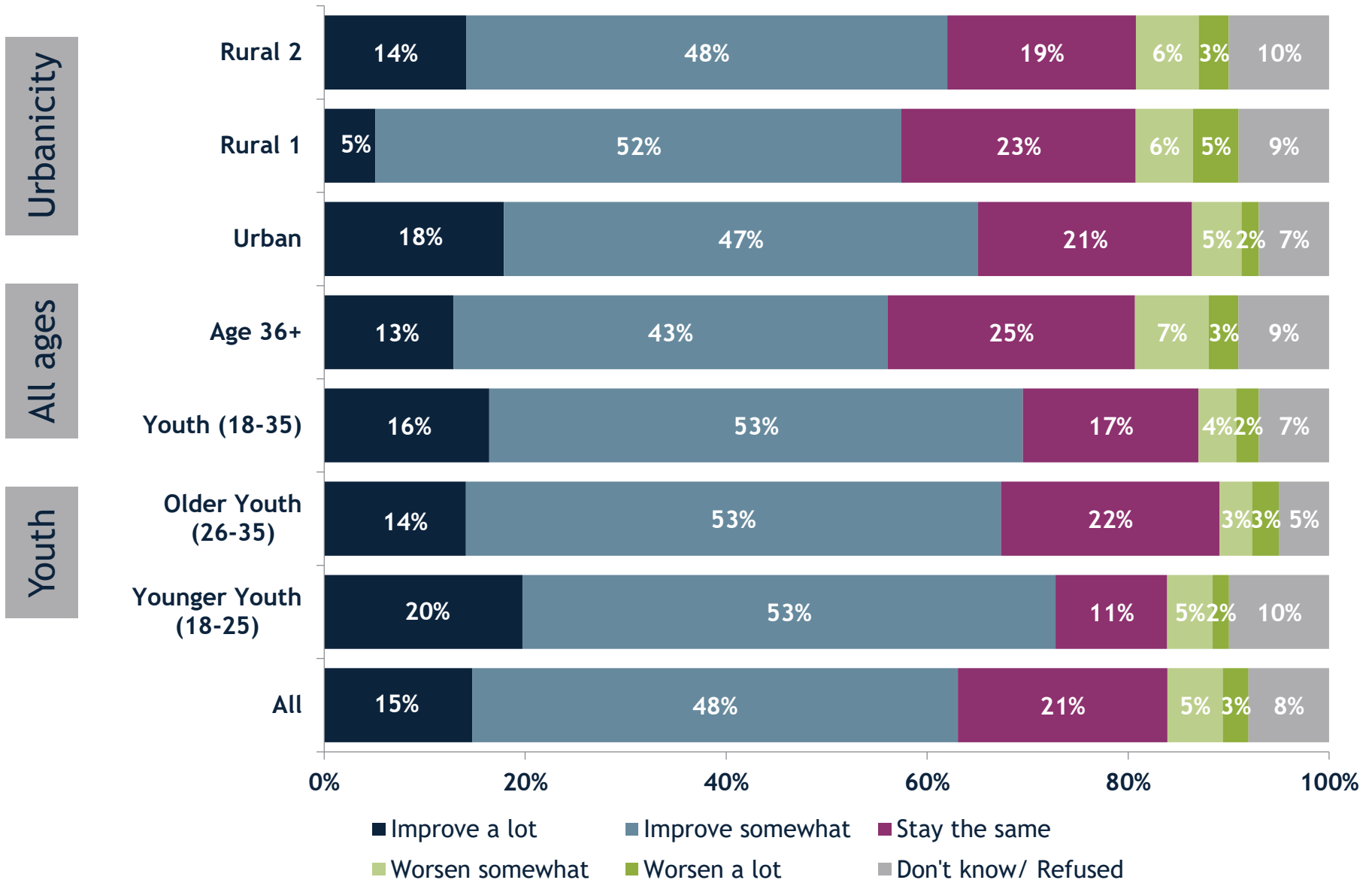
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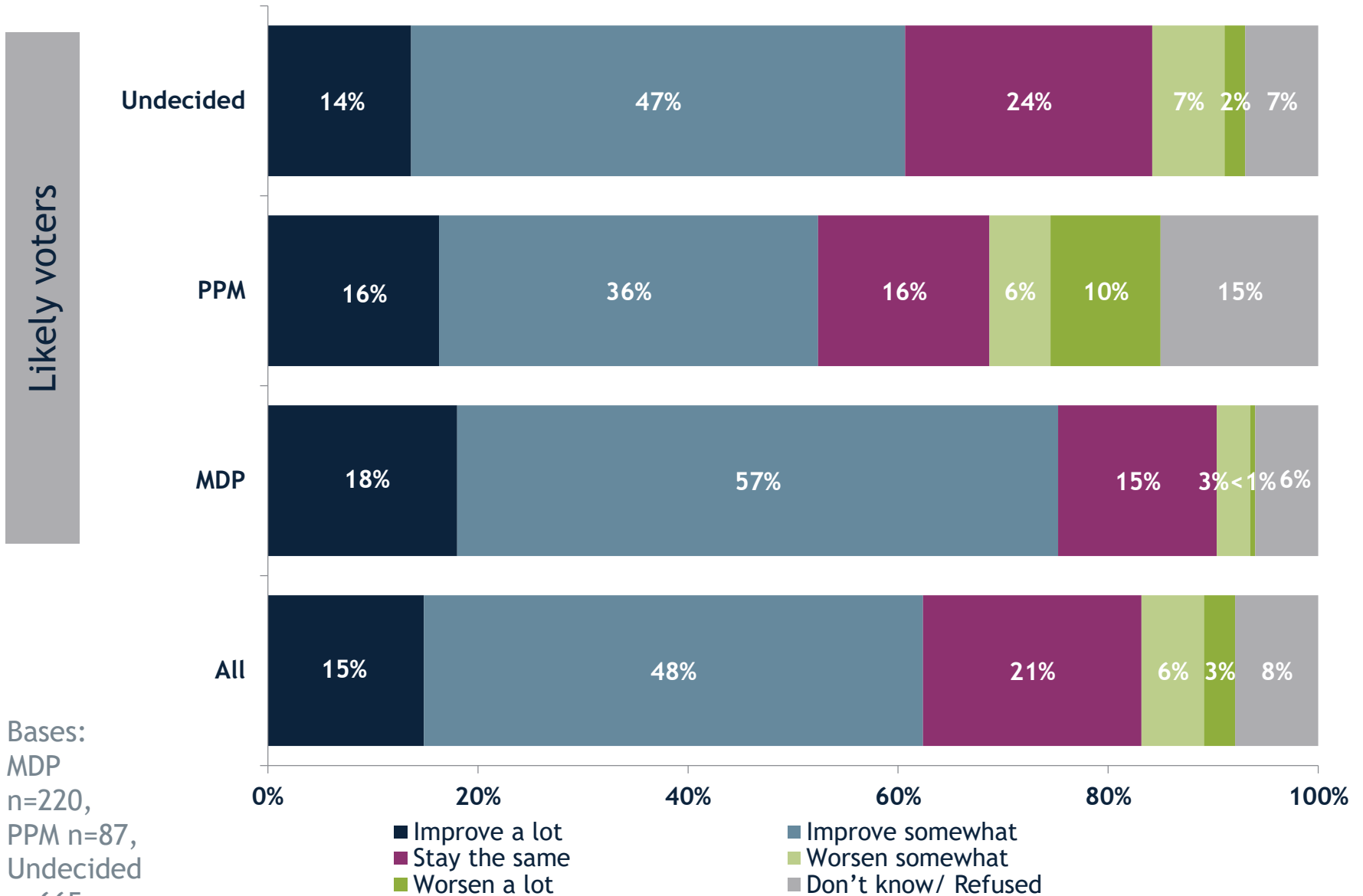
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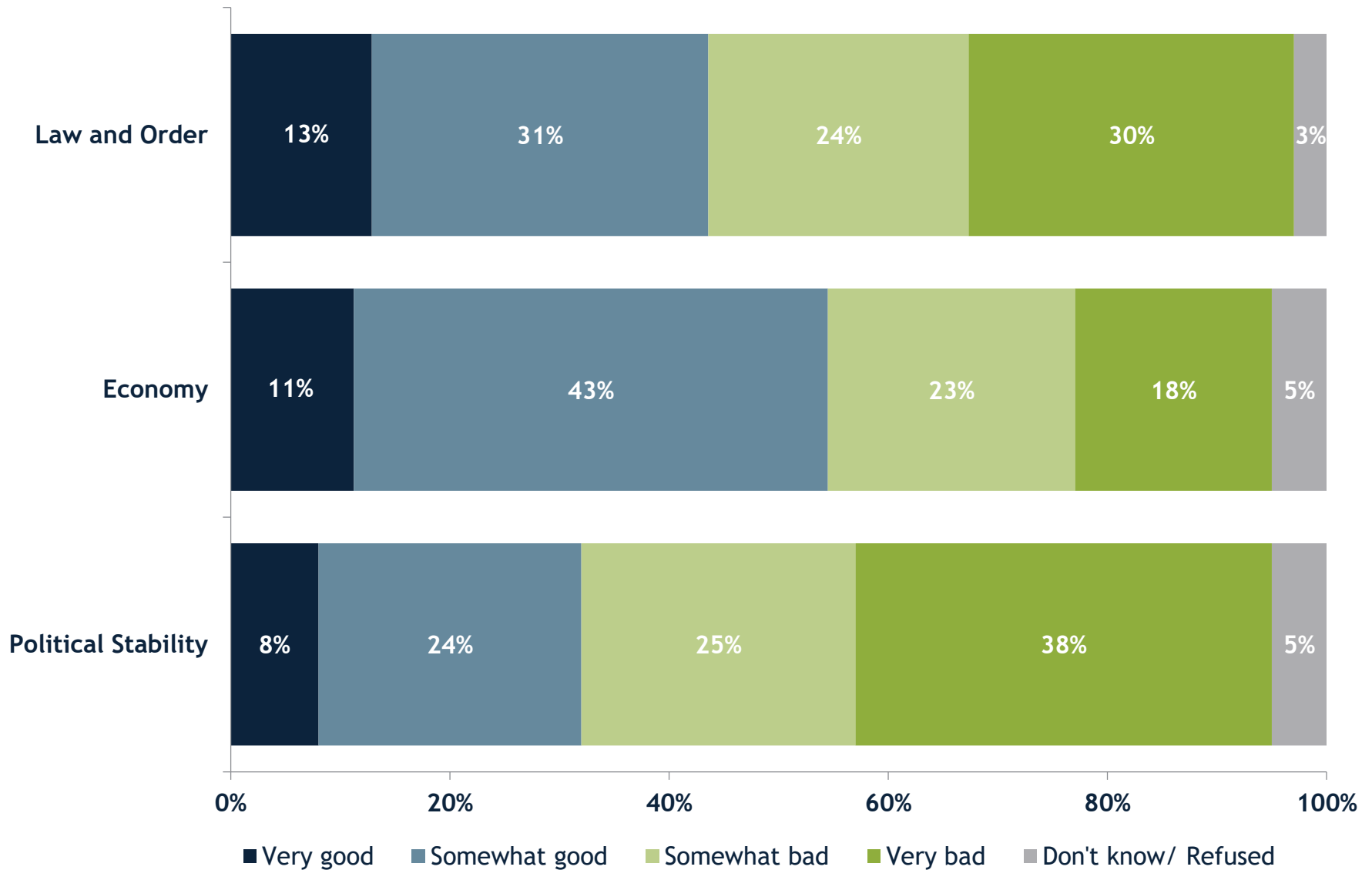
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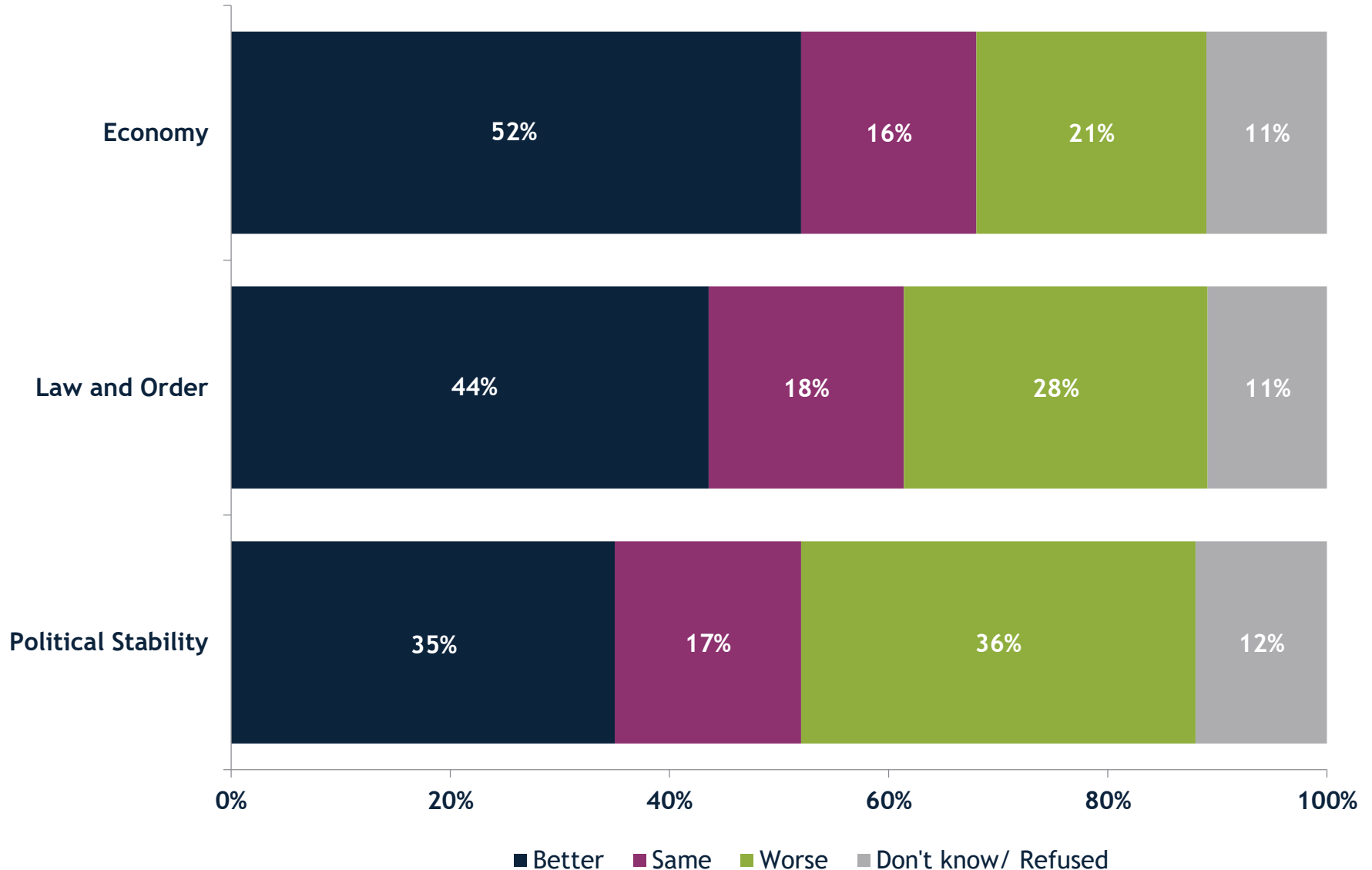
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How would you describe the current status of each of the following items in our country?



Thinking some more about this, in the next year, do you think that the situation with each is going to get better, worse or stay the same?

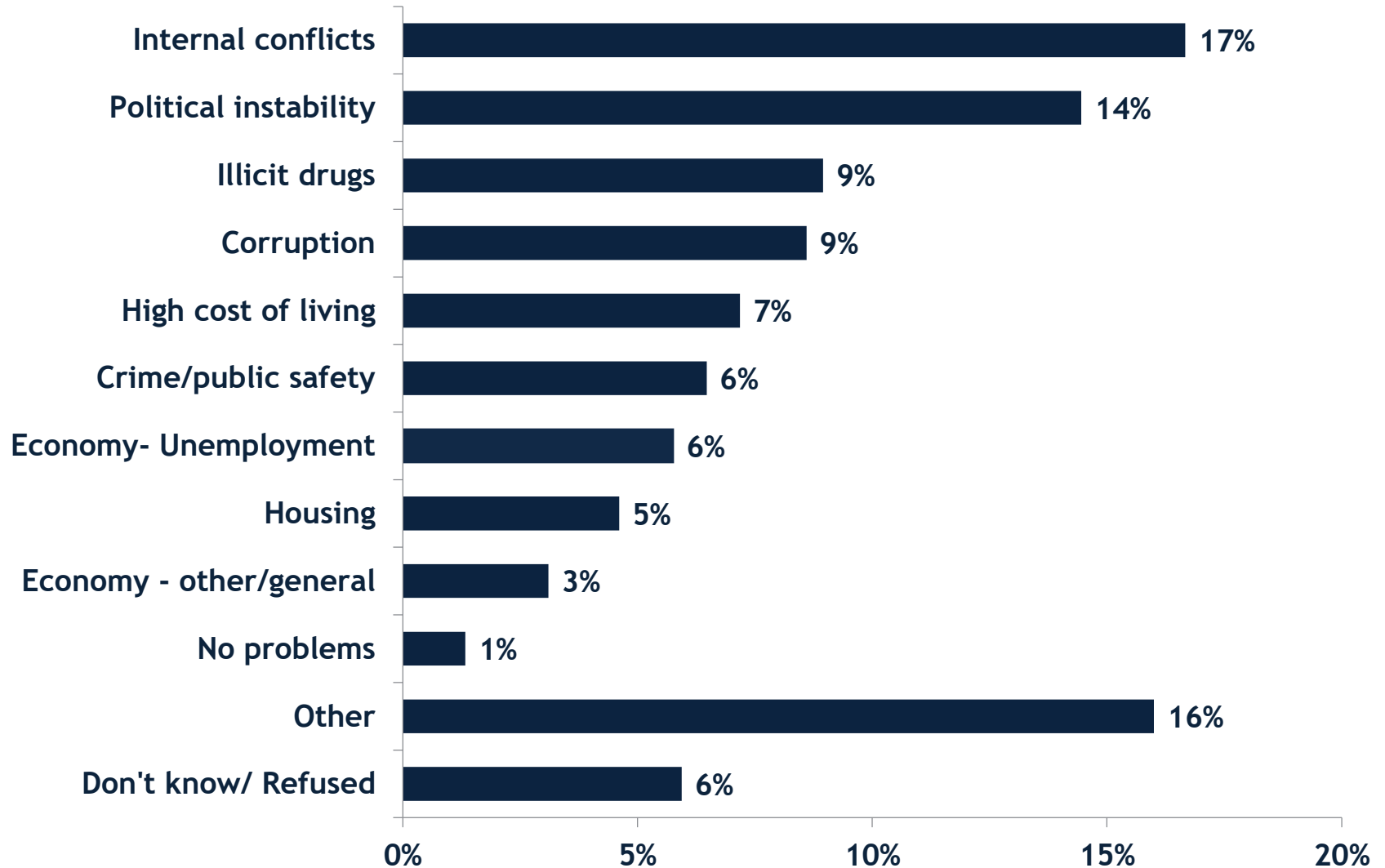




Priority Issues

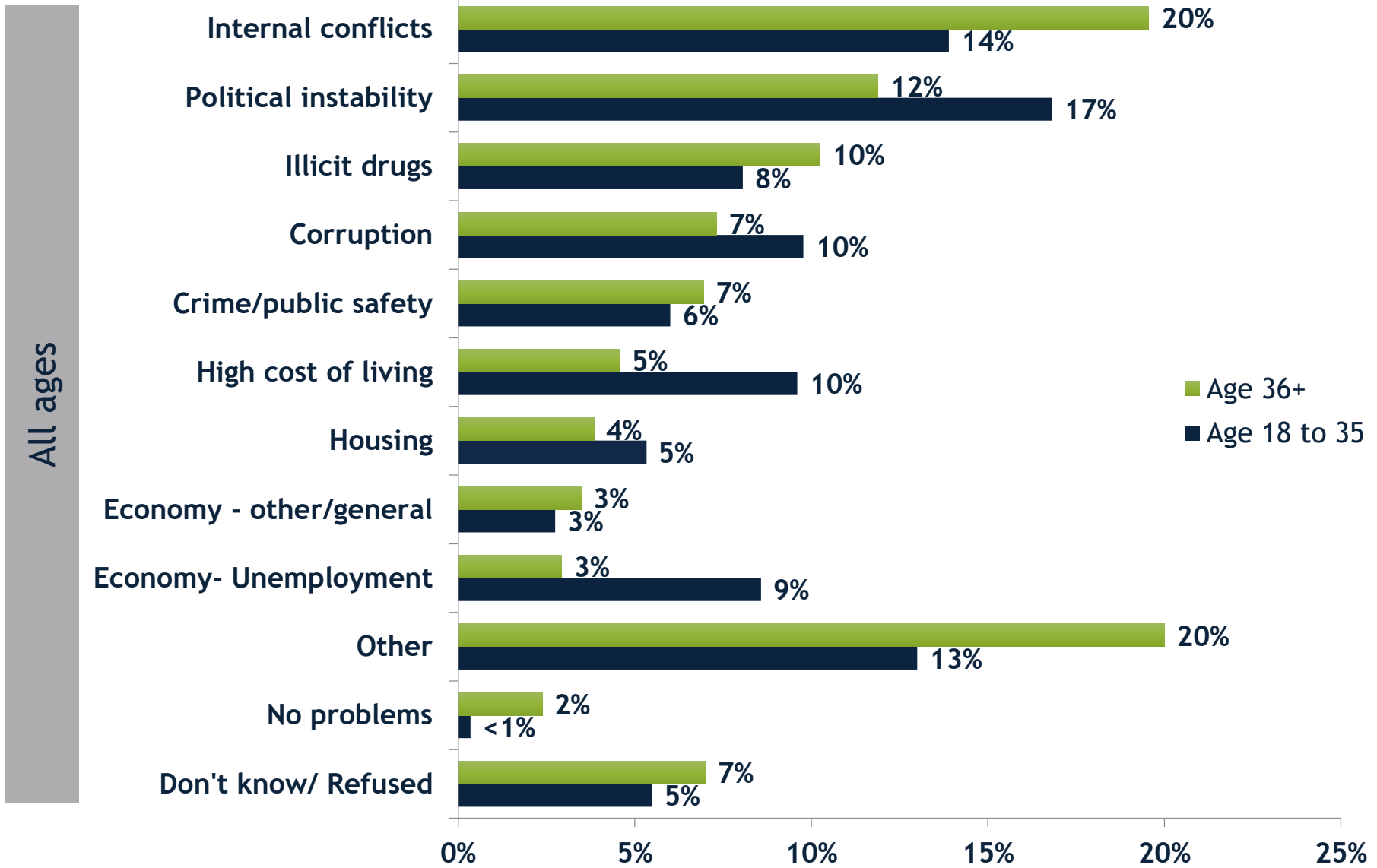


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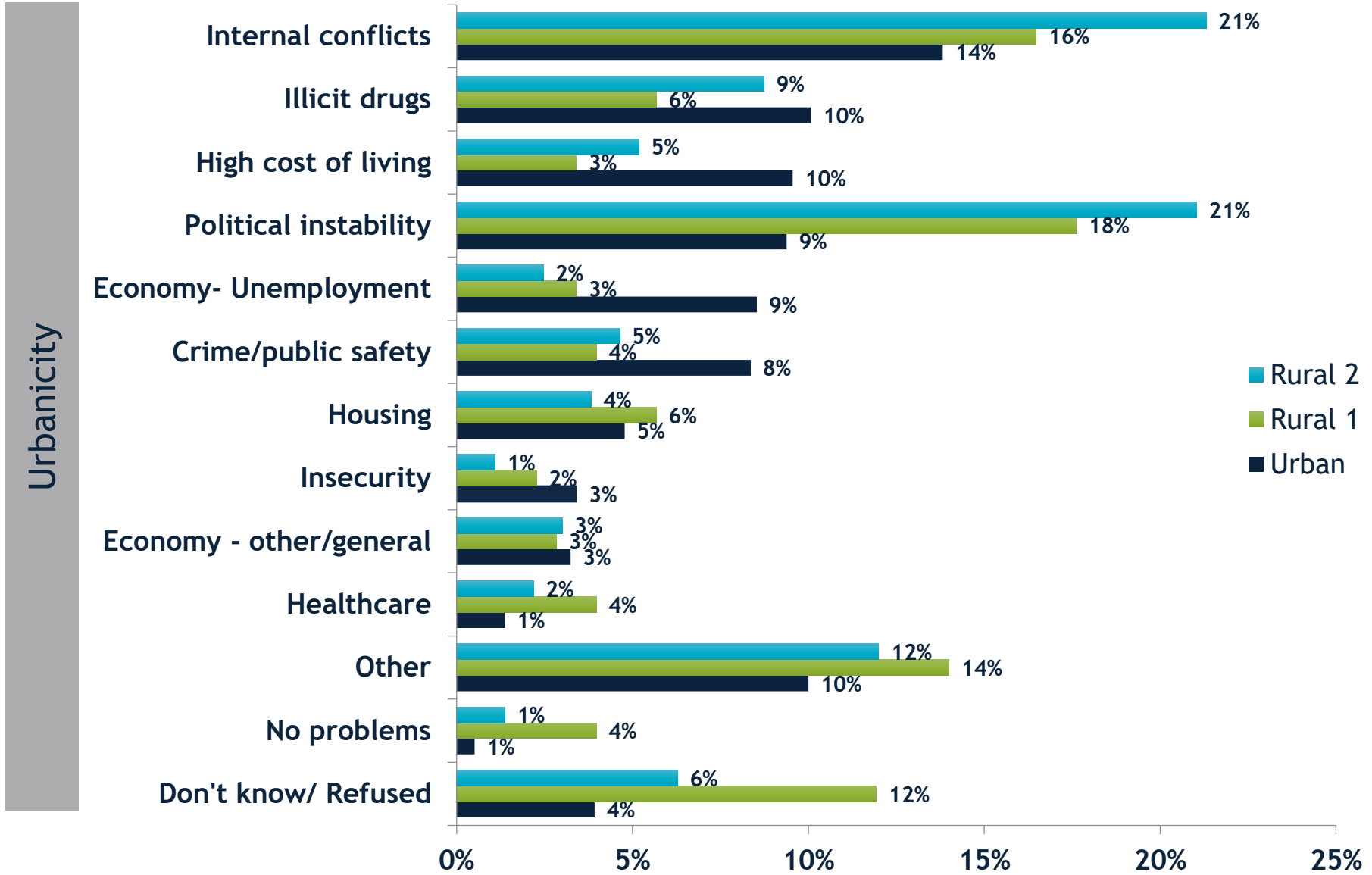
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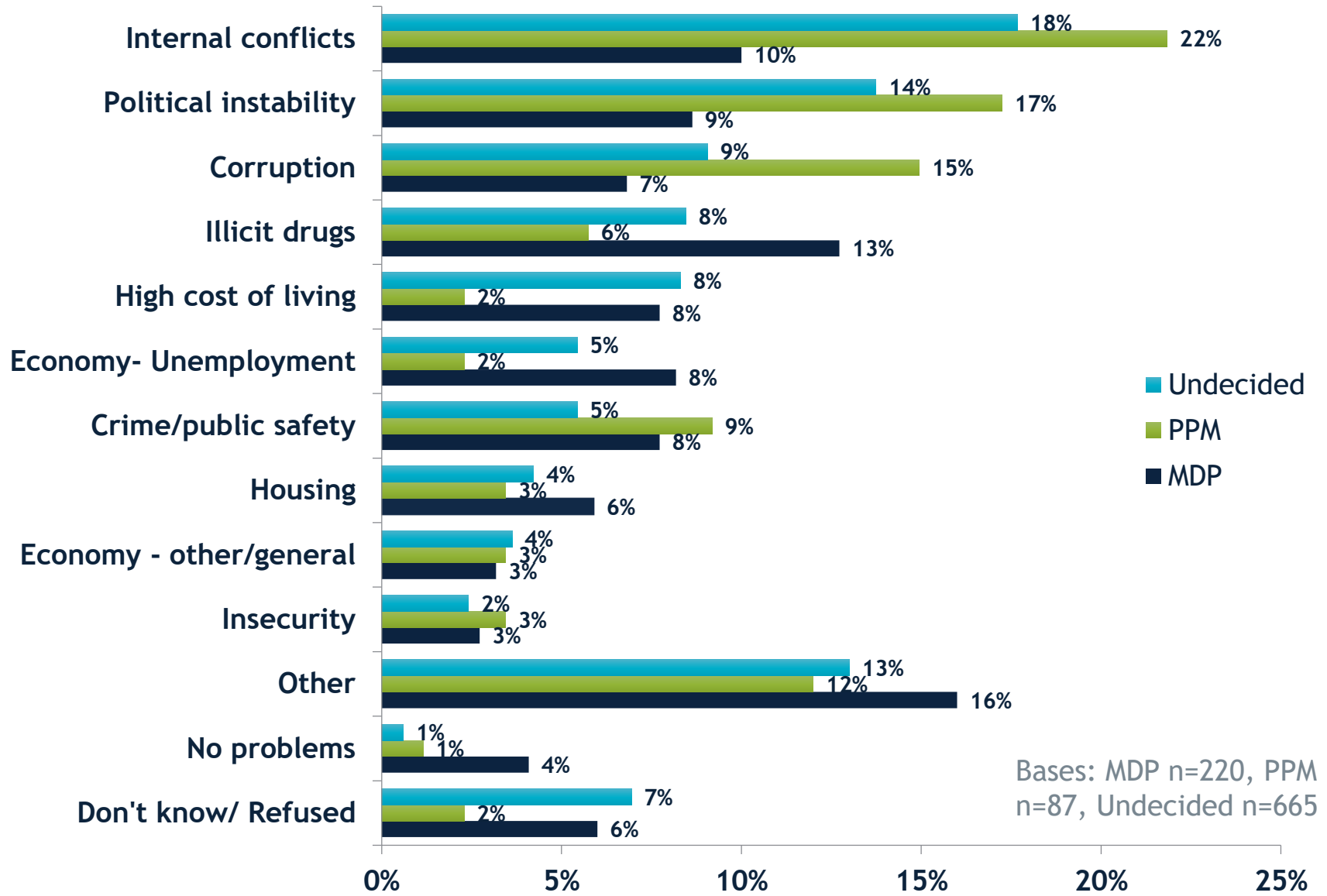
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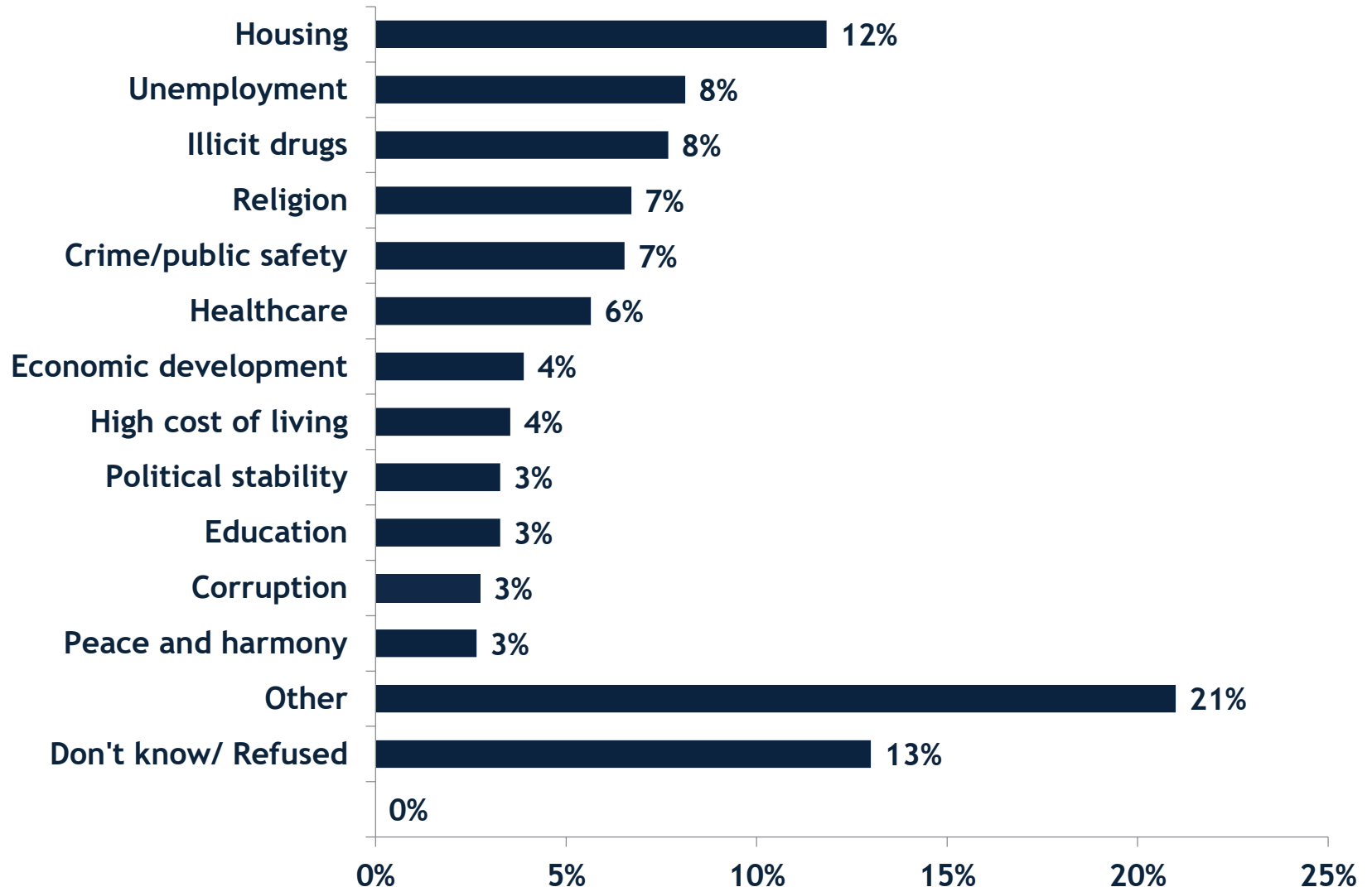
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Likely Voters



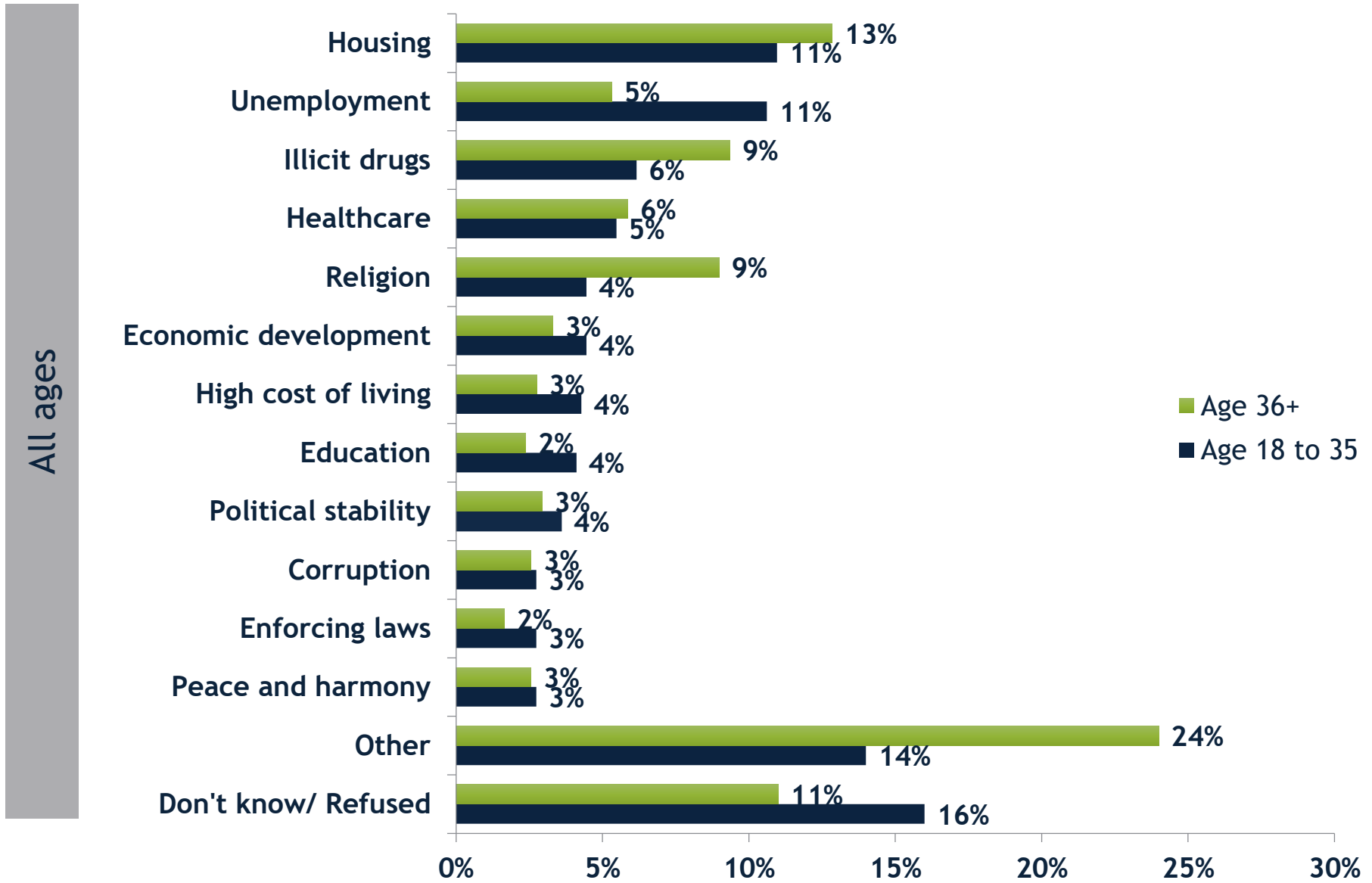
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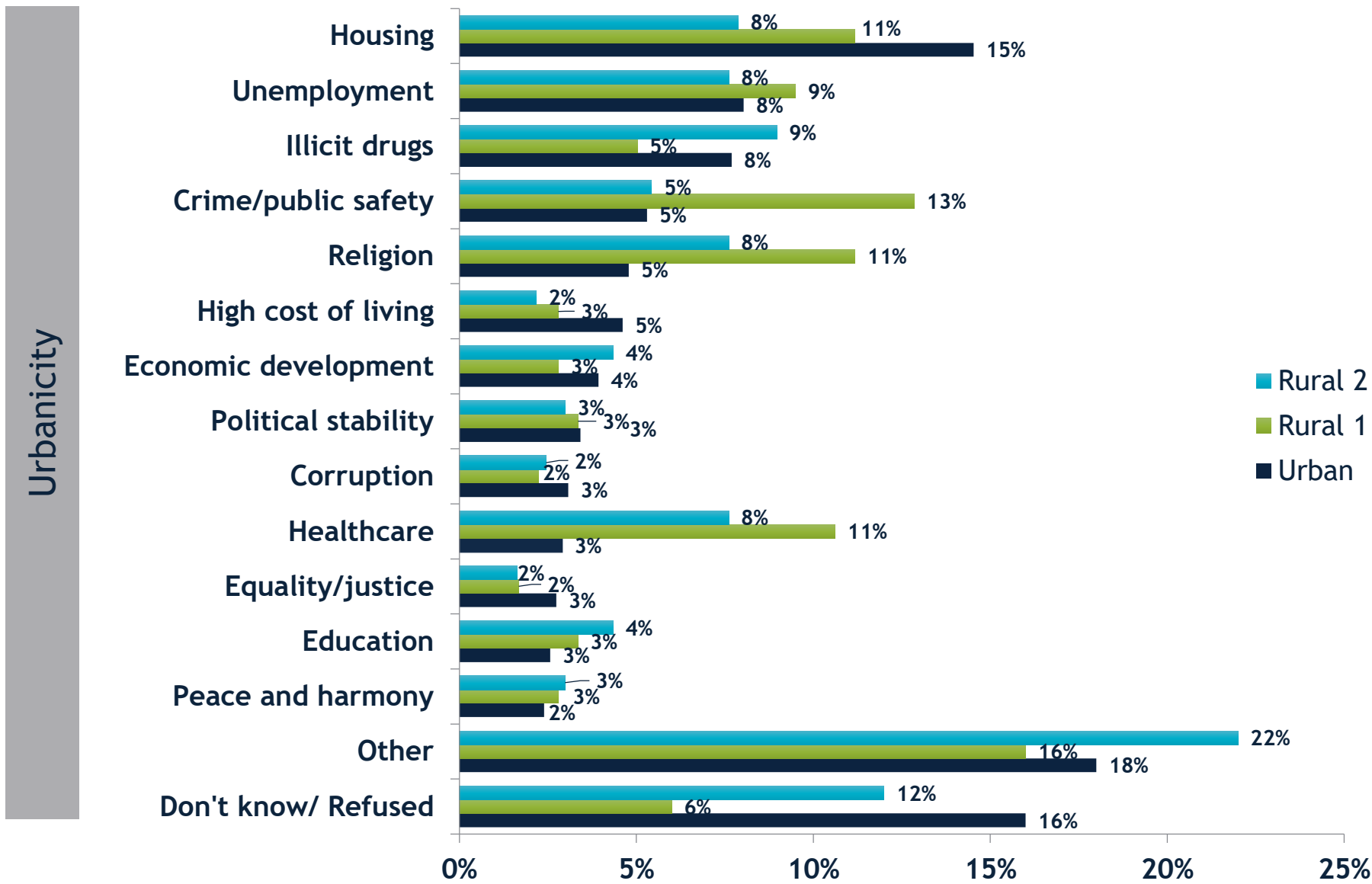
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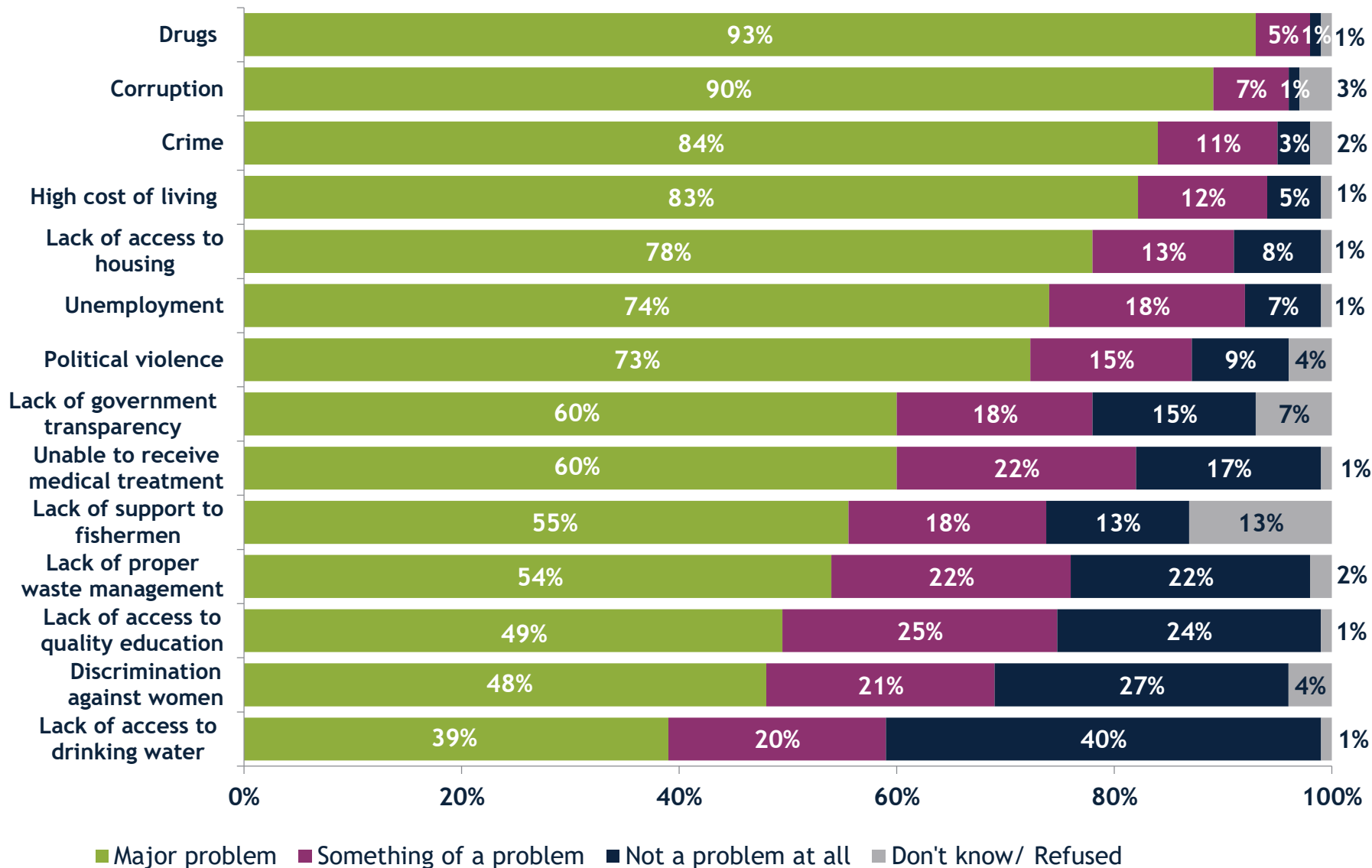
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Thinking about the Maldives as a whole, for each of the following issues I am going to read, would you say that they are a major problem, something of a problem or not a problem at all?



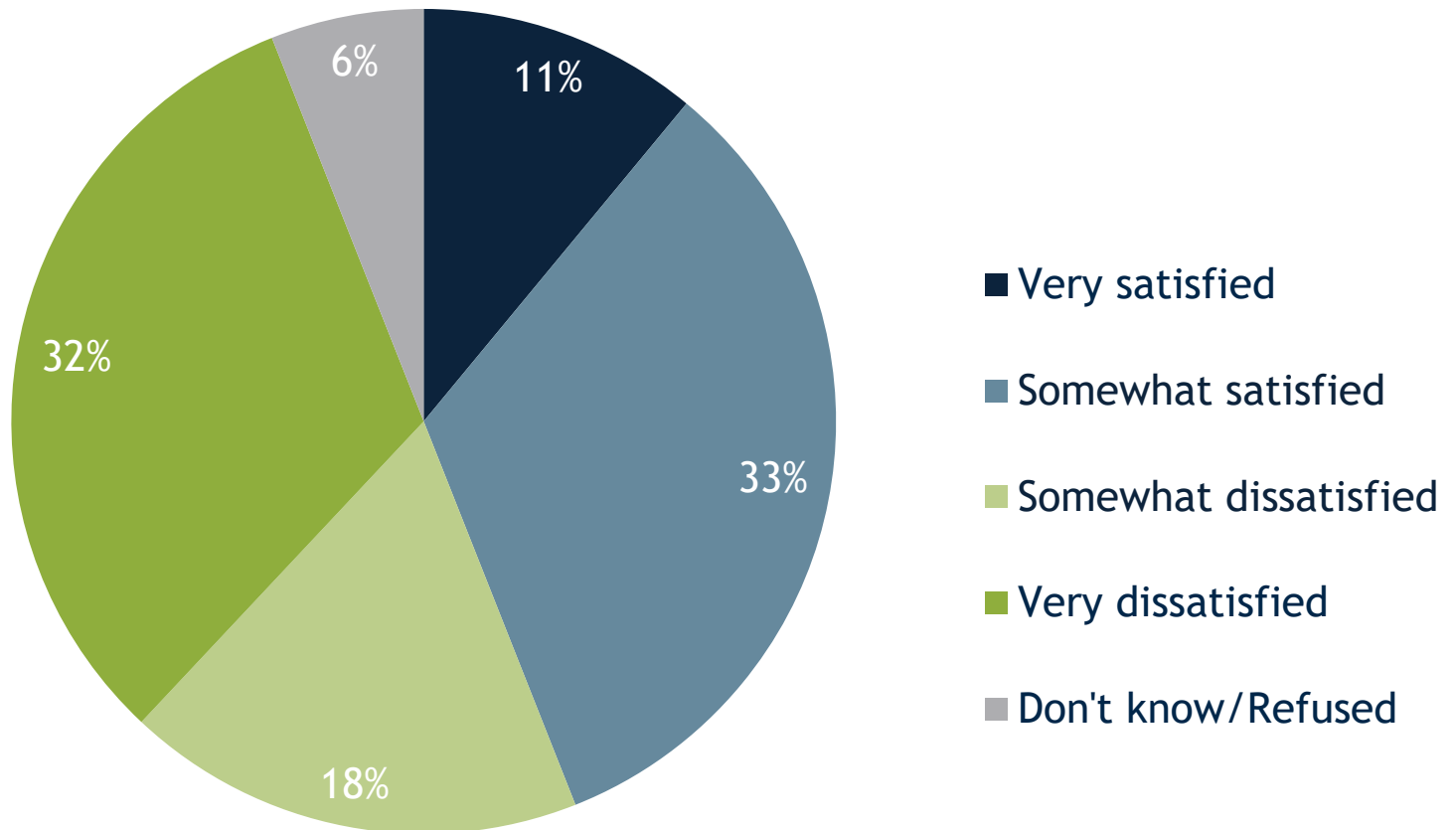


State of Democracy

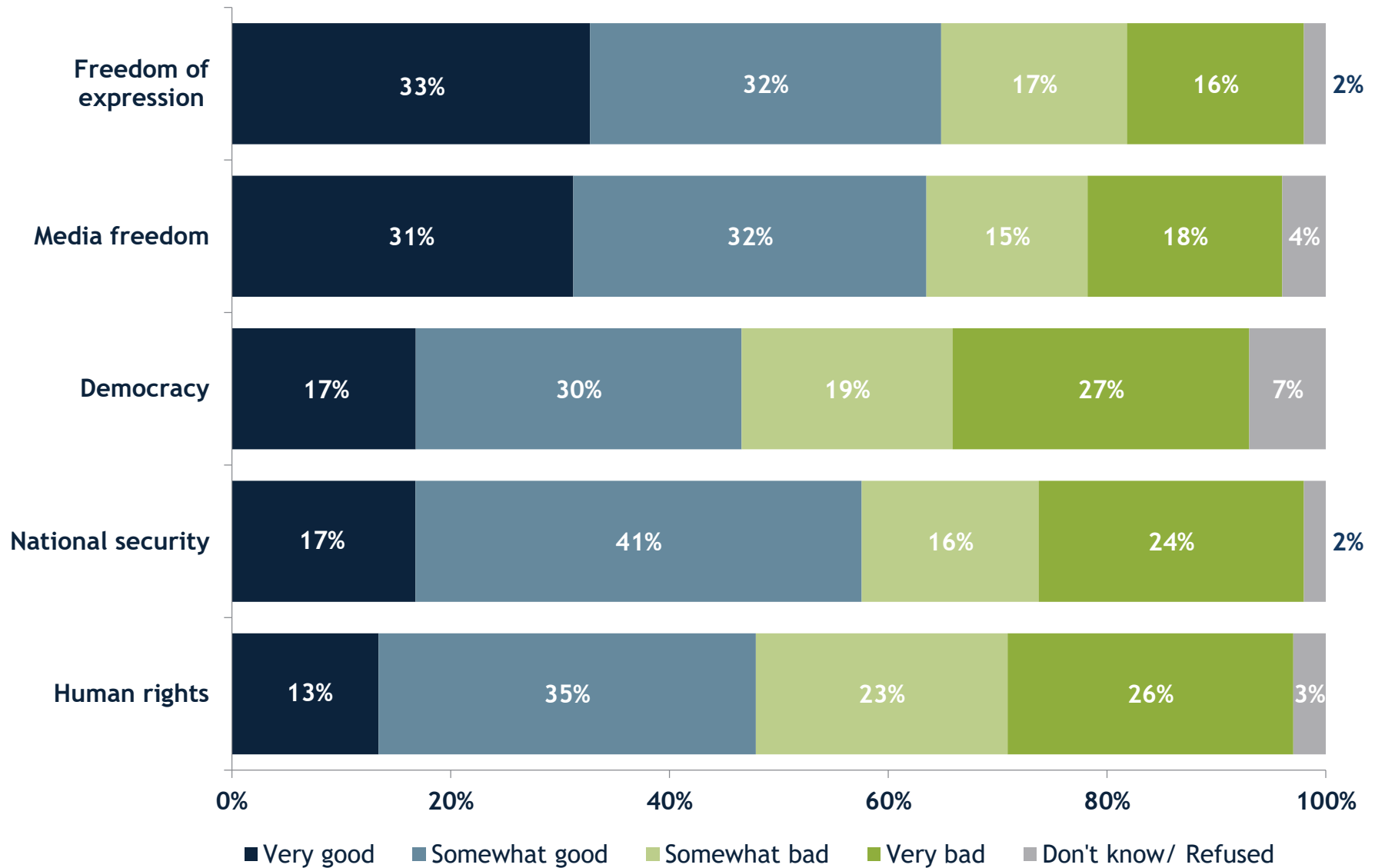


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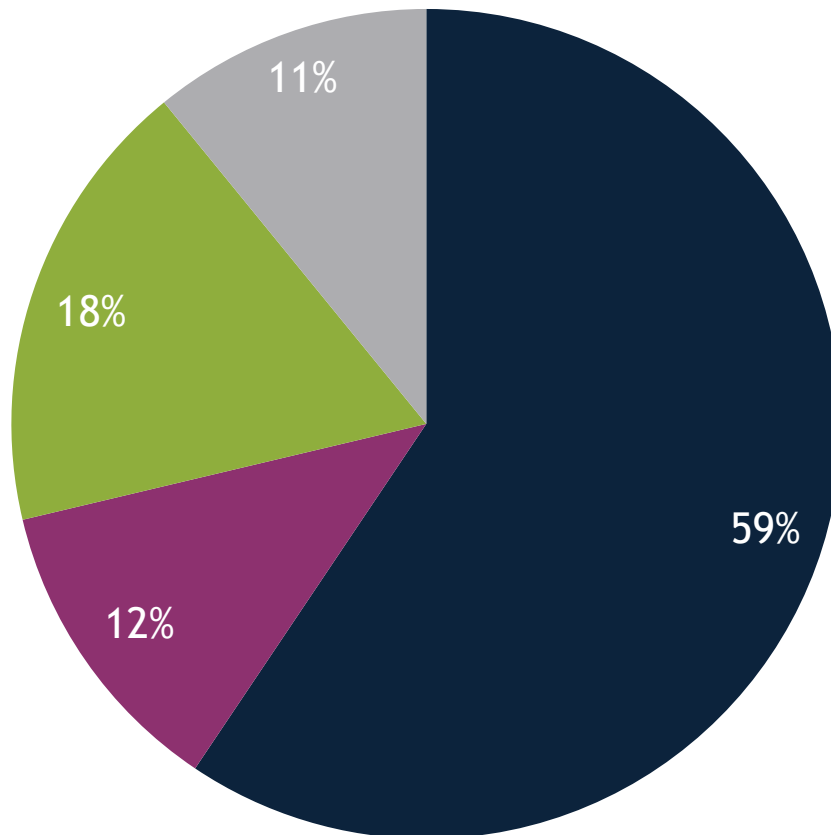
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?



How would you describe the current status of each of the following items in our country?



Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



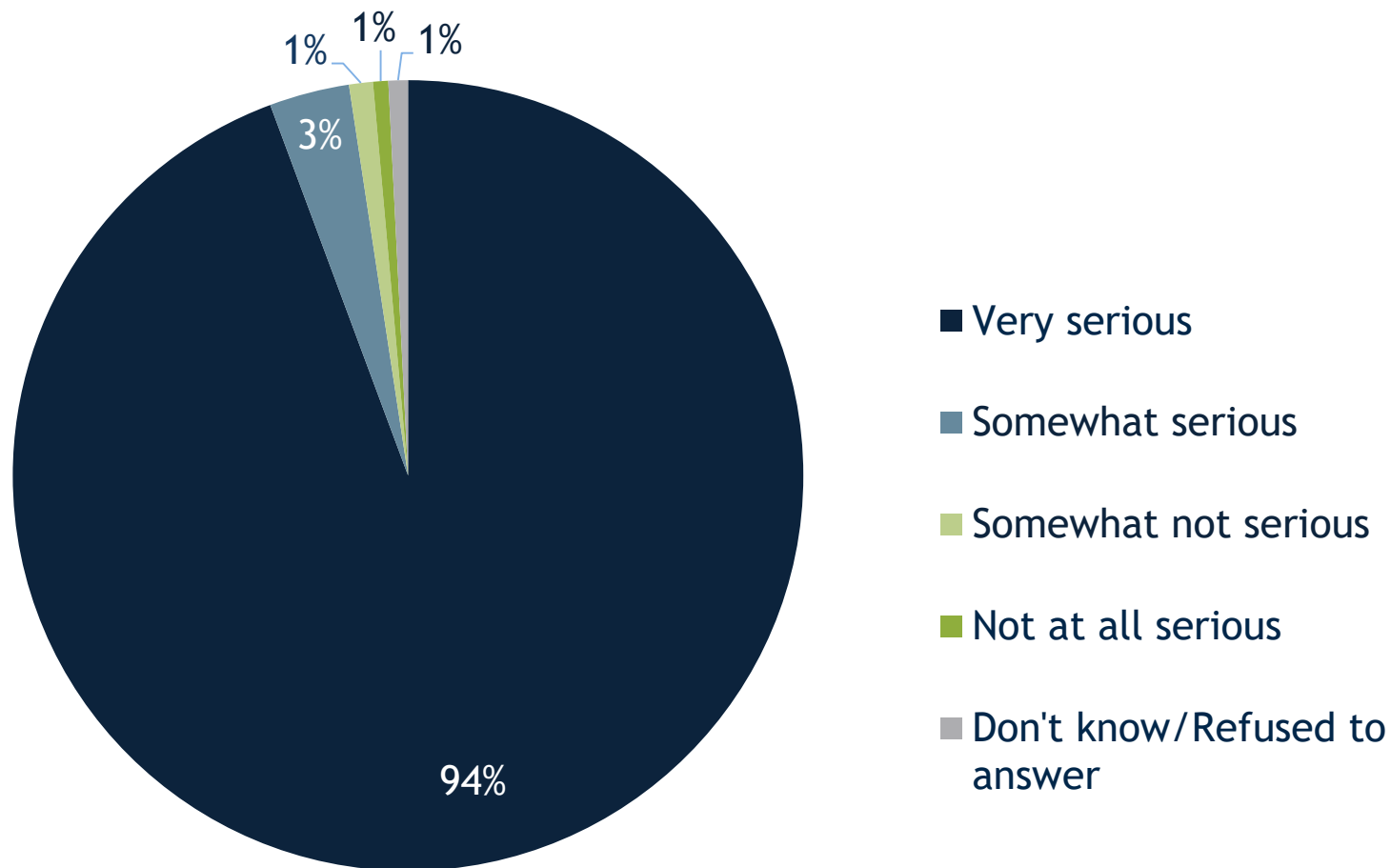
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- Don't know/Refused to answer



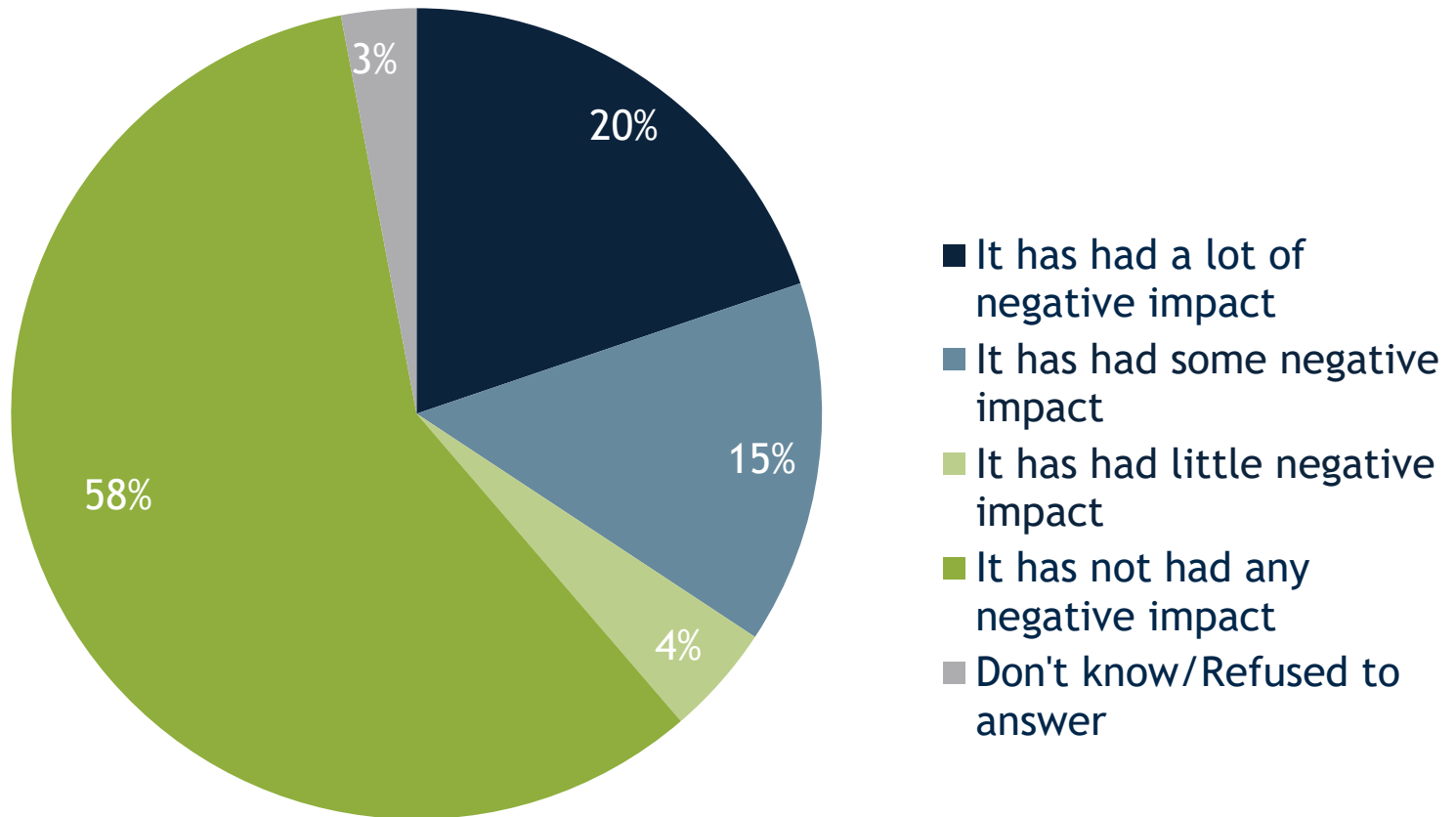
Corruption



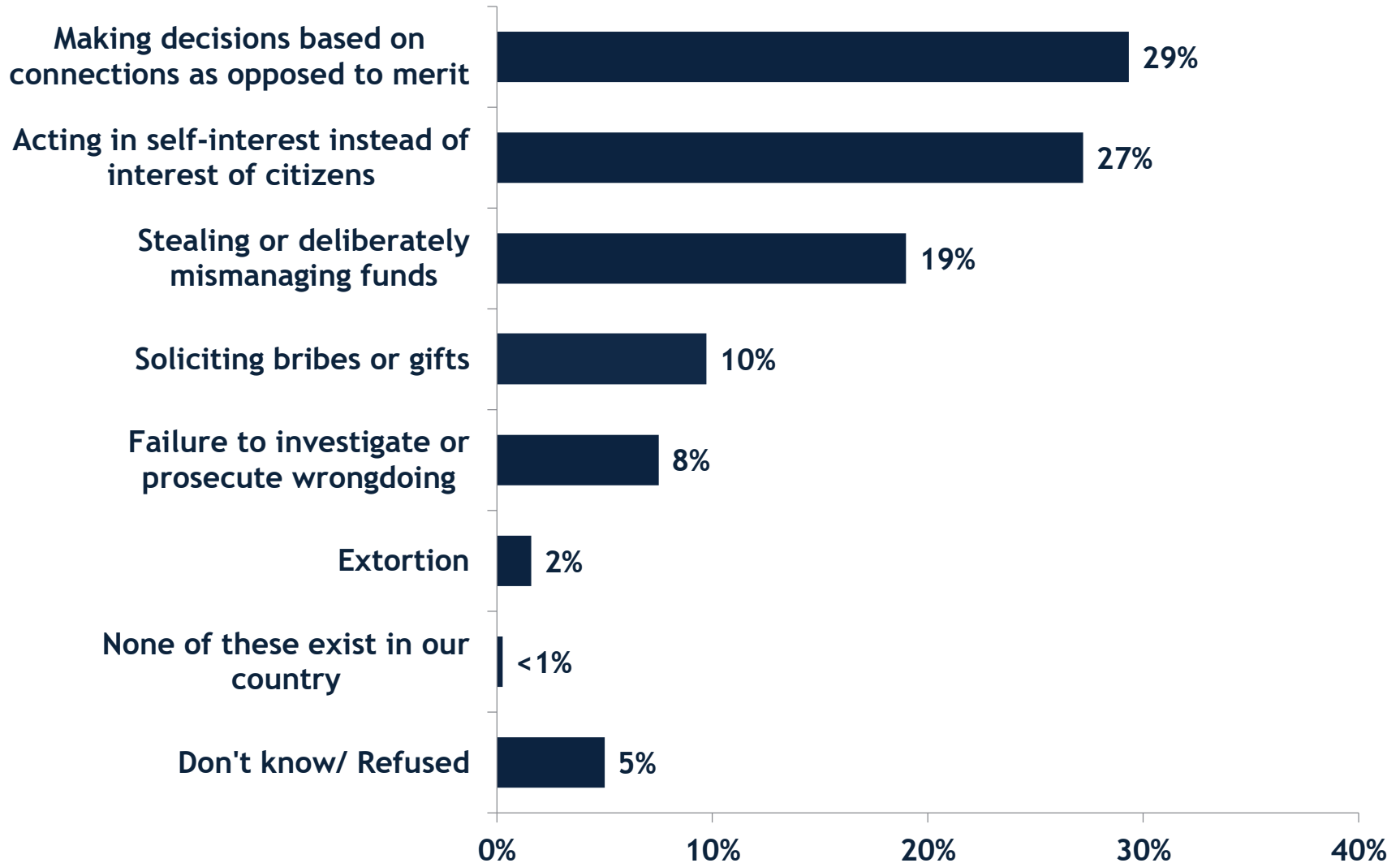
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. Do you believe that corruption in our country is a serious problem or not?



To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



In your experience, what type of corruption is most common in our country?

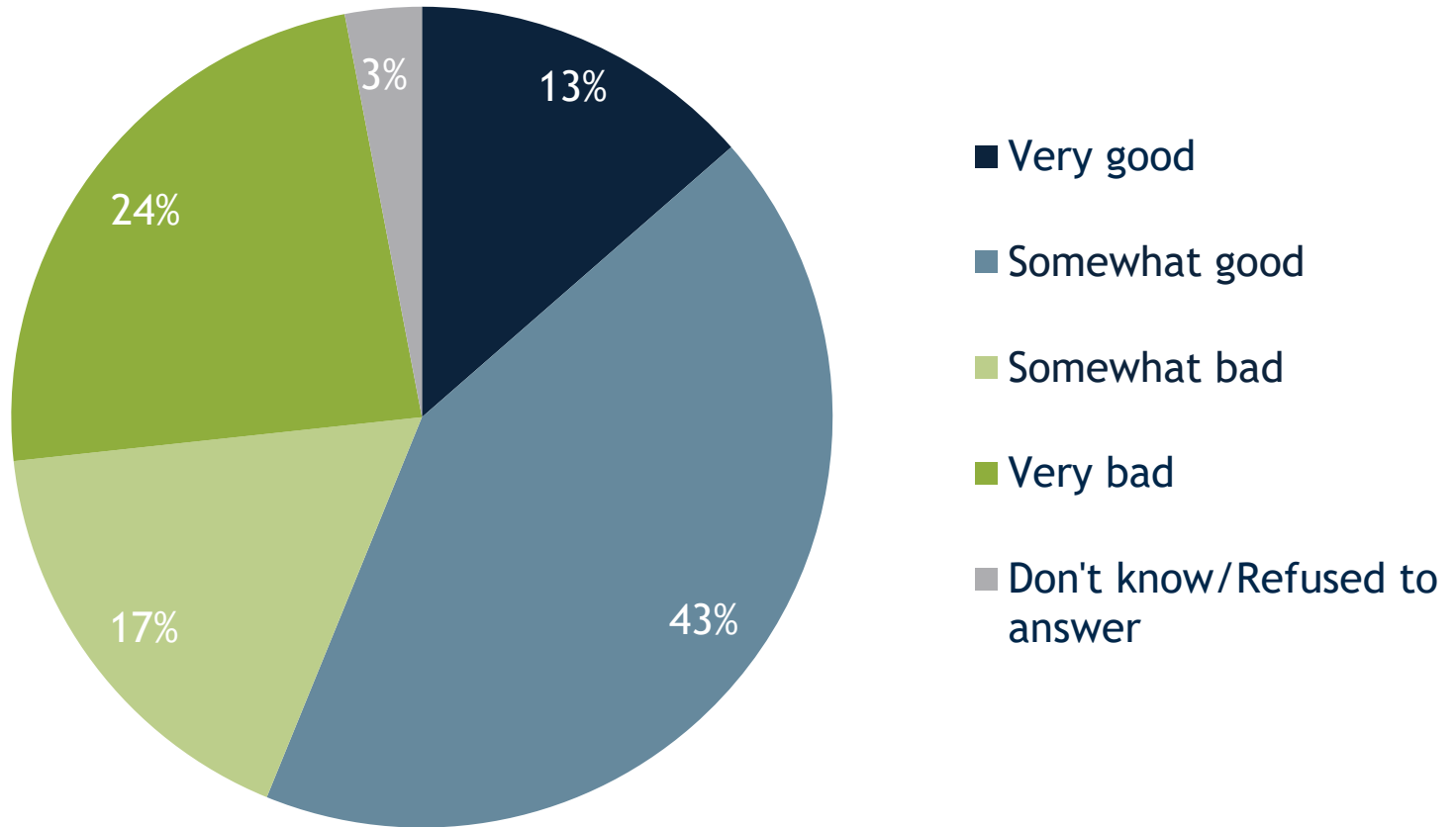




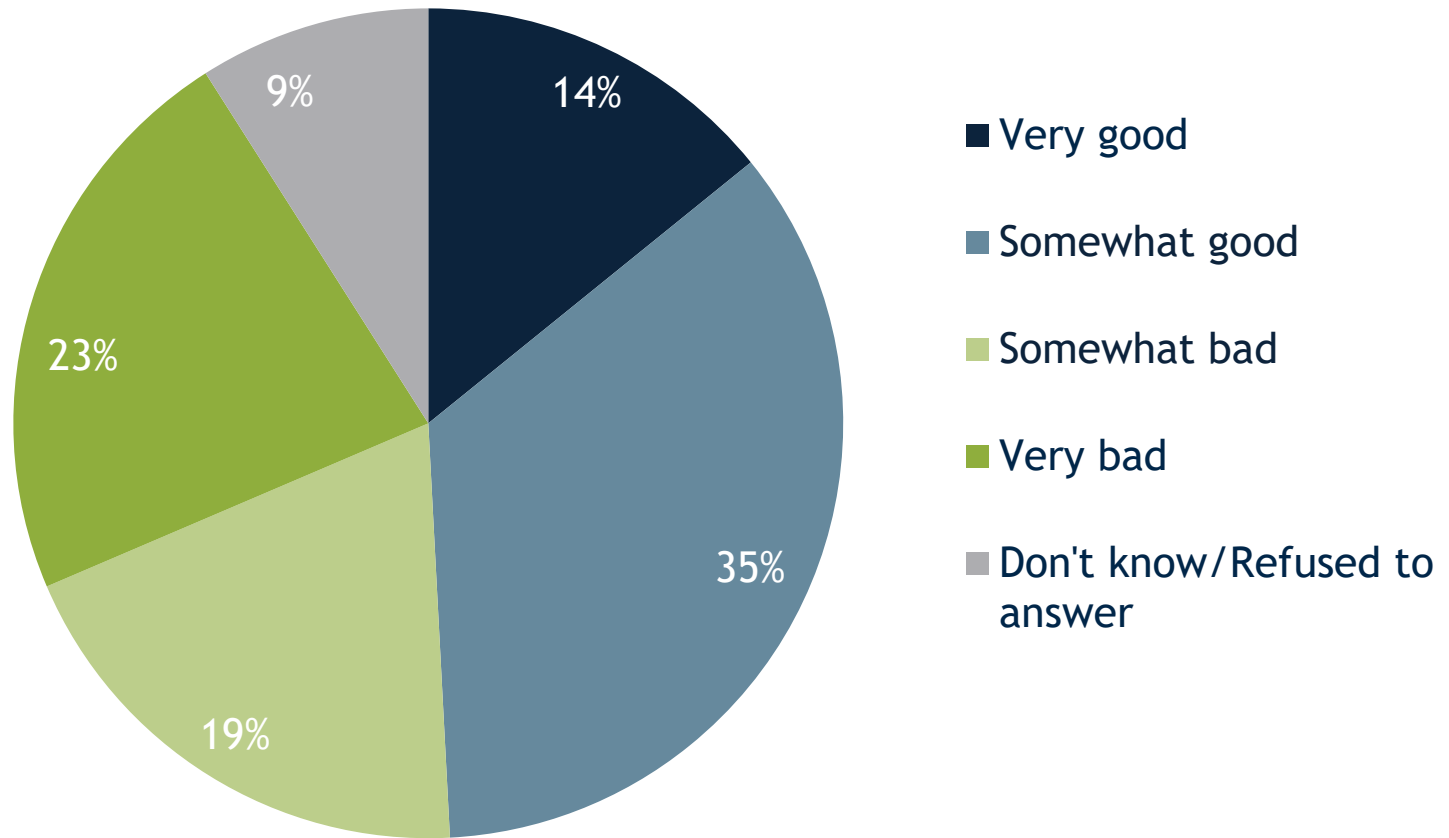
Approval Ratings



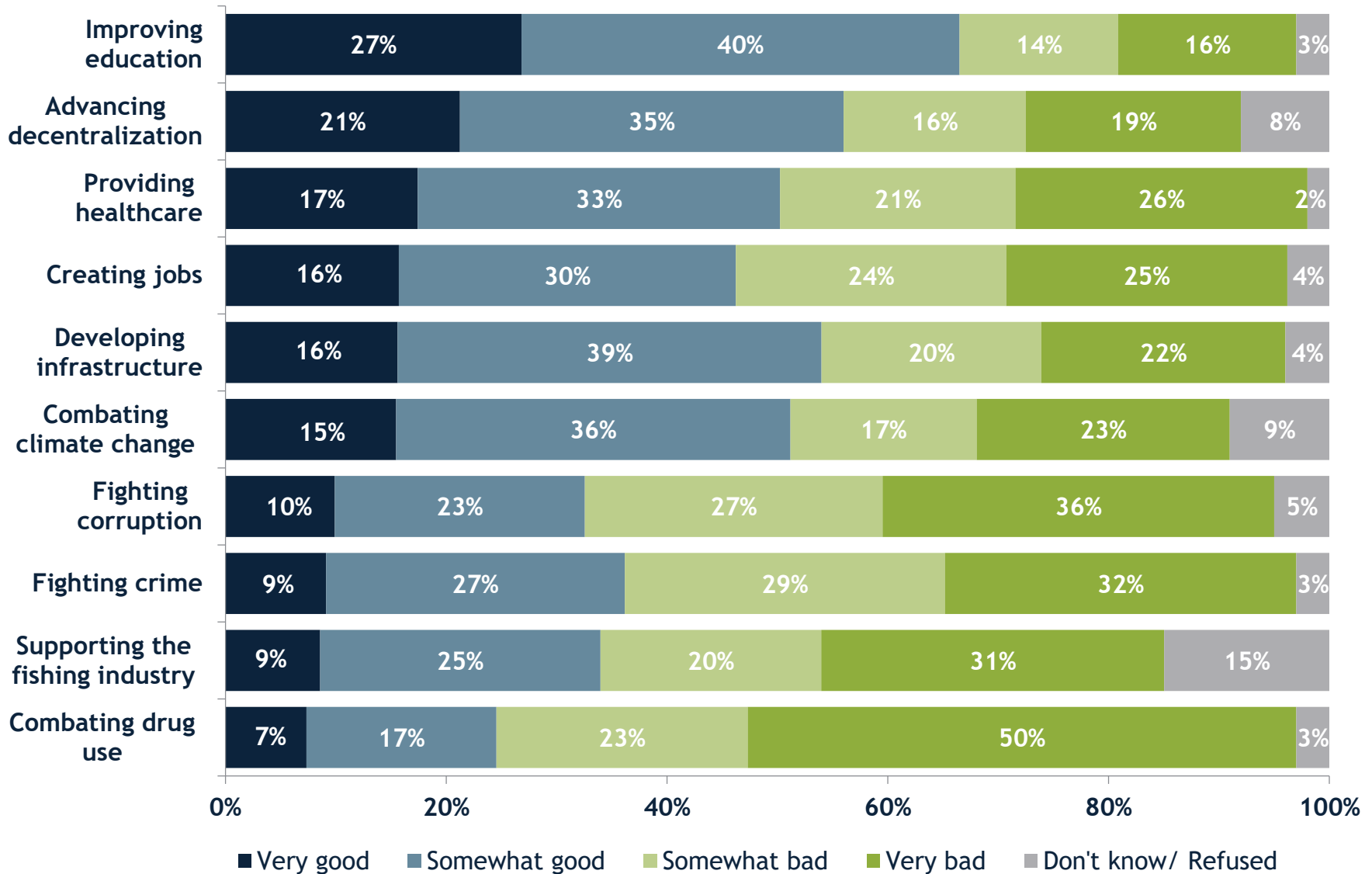
How would you rate the performance of the national government?



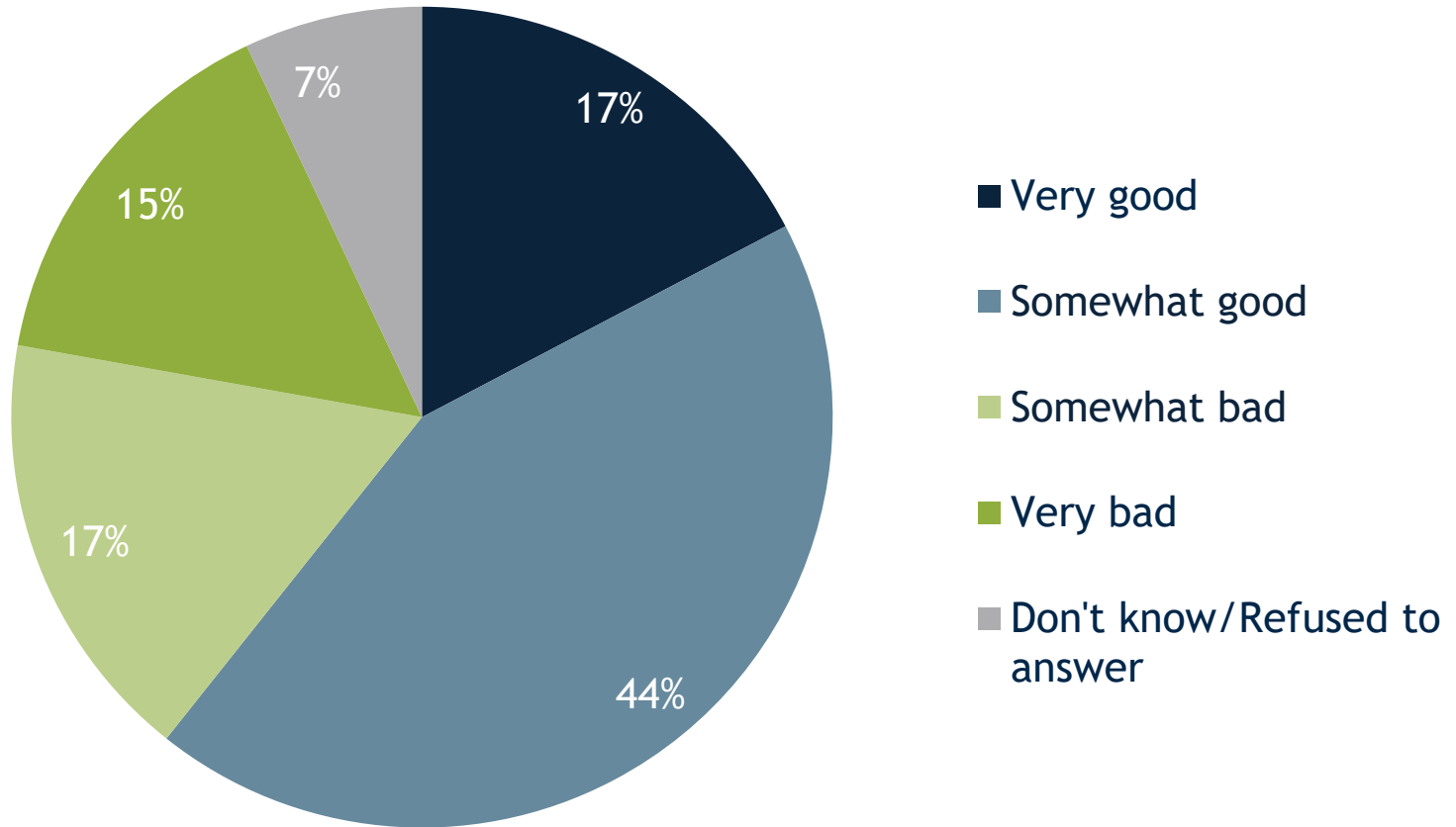
How would you rate the performance of the national government in communicating with the public about the projects they are working on?



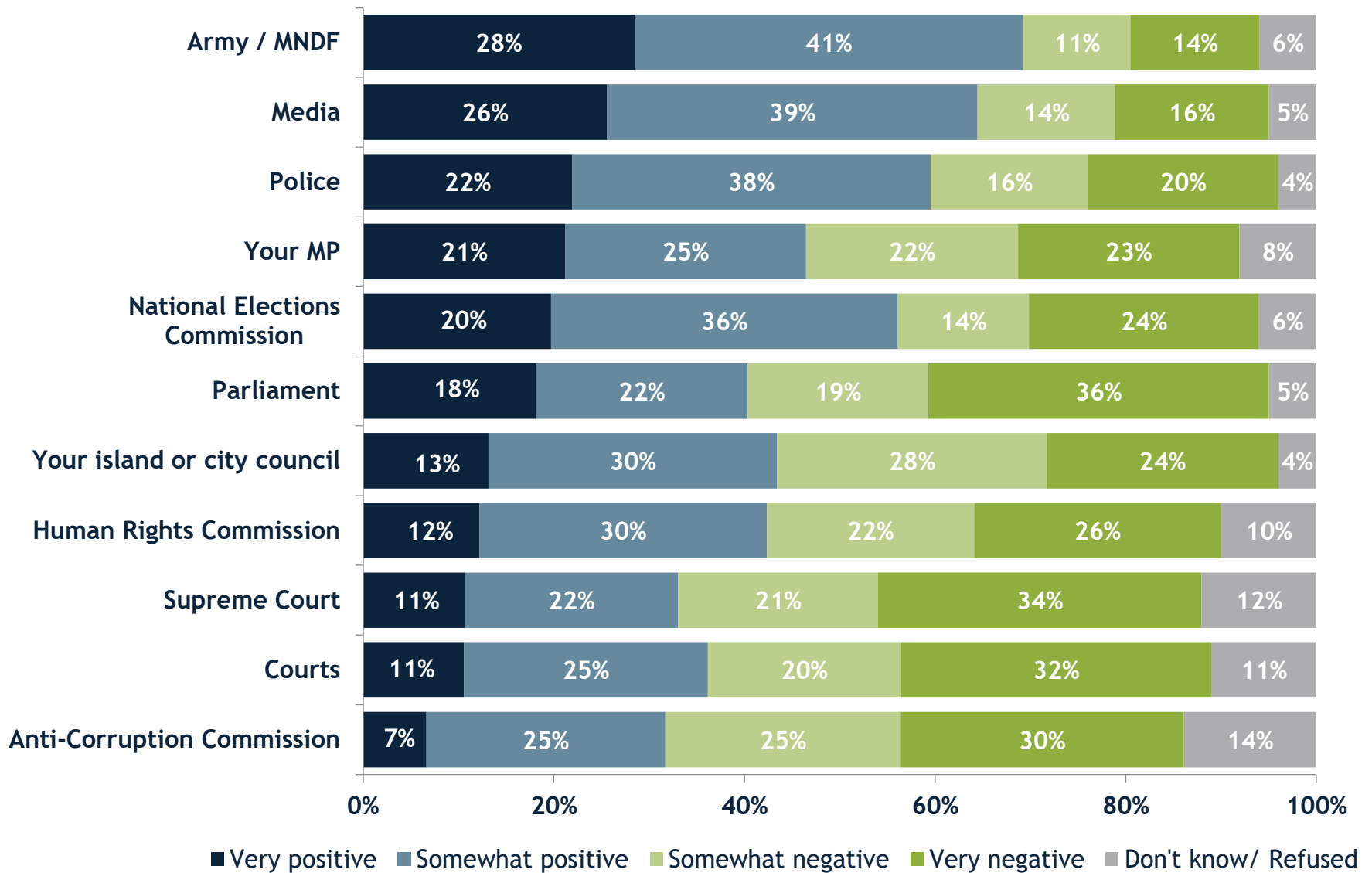
For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?



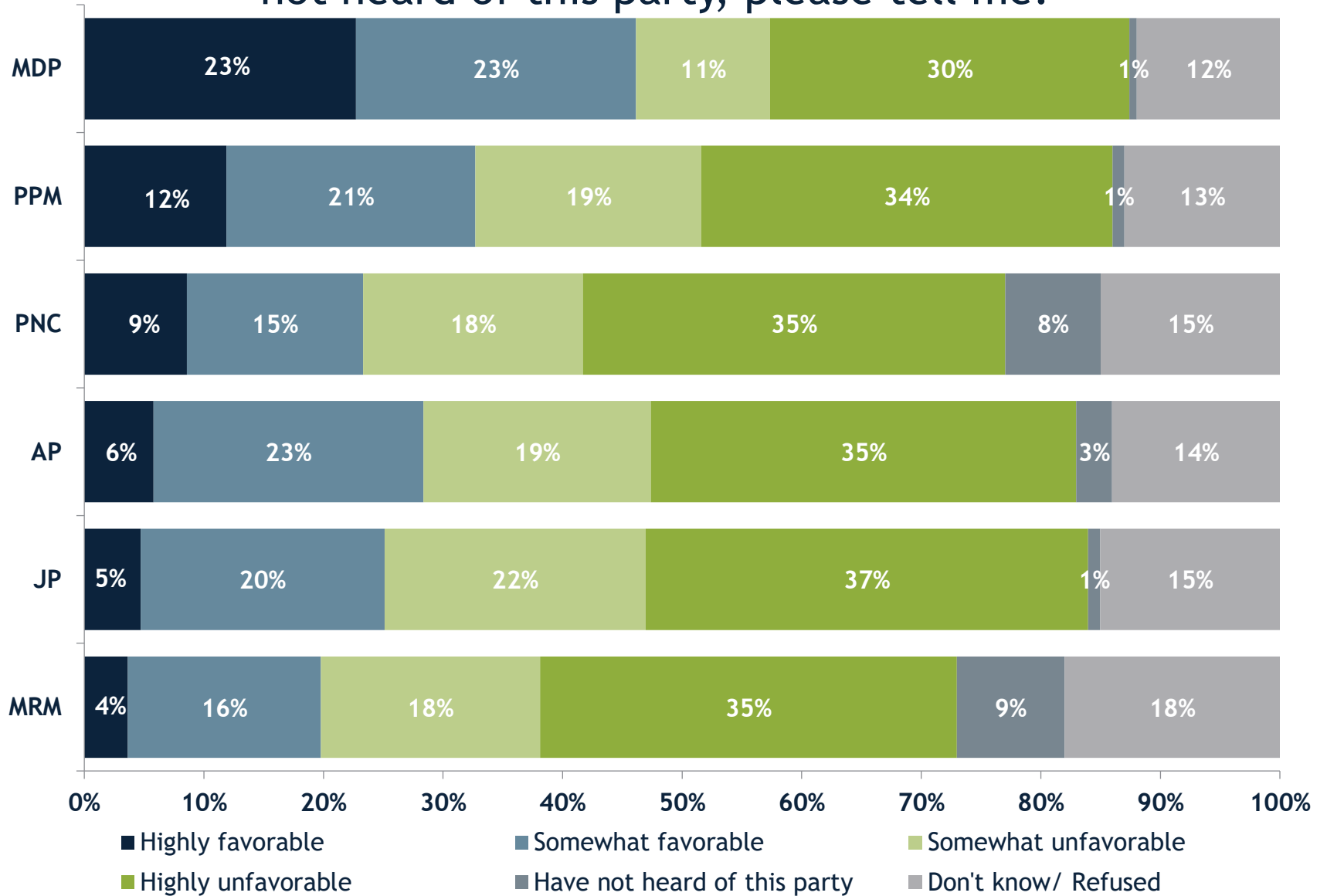
Do you think that President Solih is doing a good job or a bad job?
And would you say very good/bad or somewhat good/bad?



What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?



I will read you a list of party names. For each, please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or highly unfavorable opinion of this party. If you have not heard of this party, please tell me.

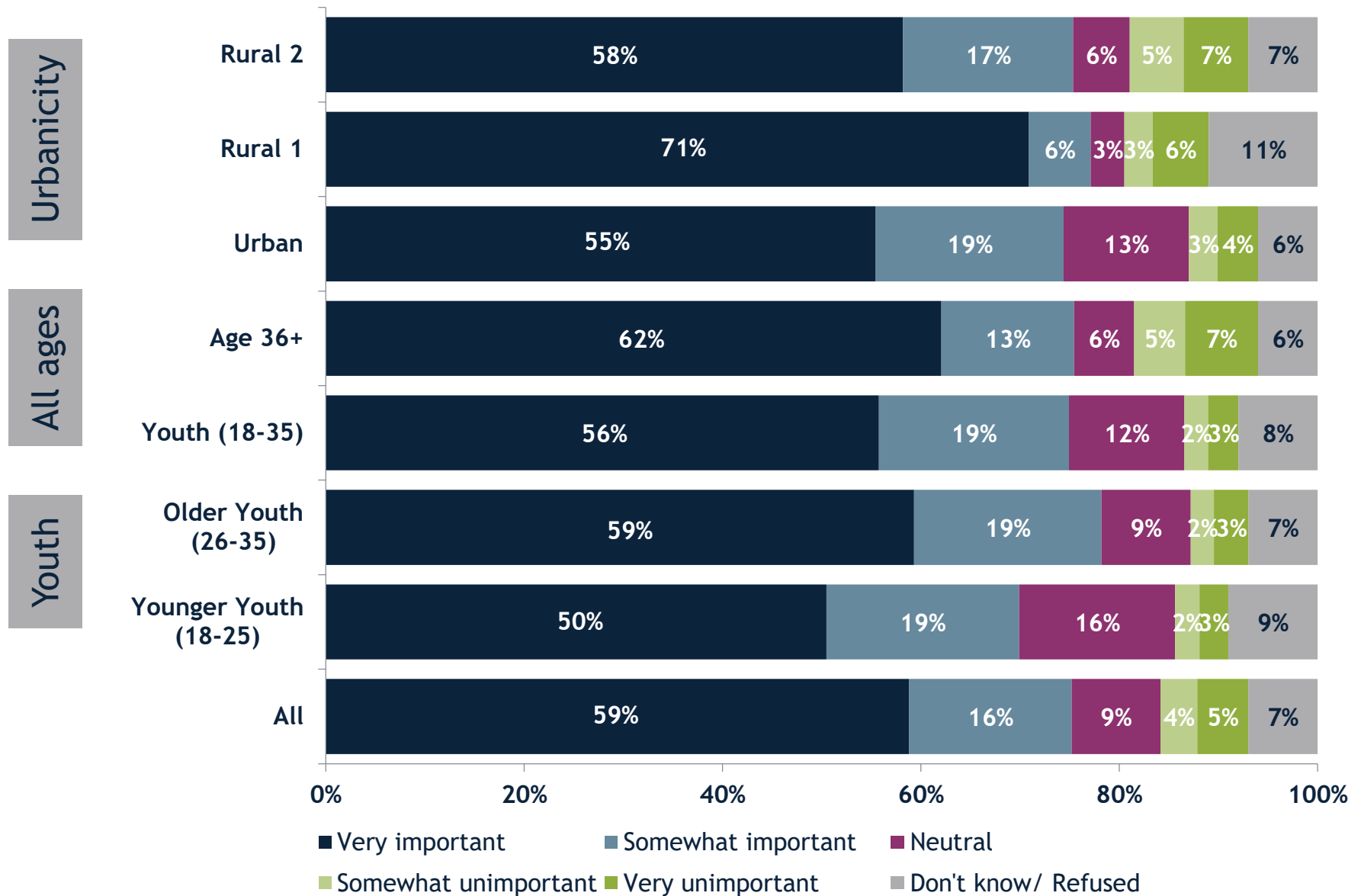




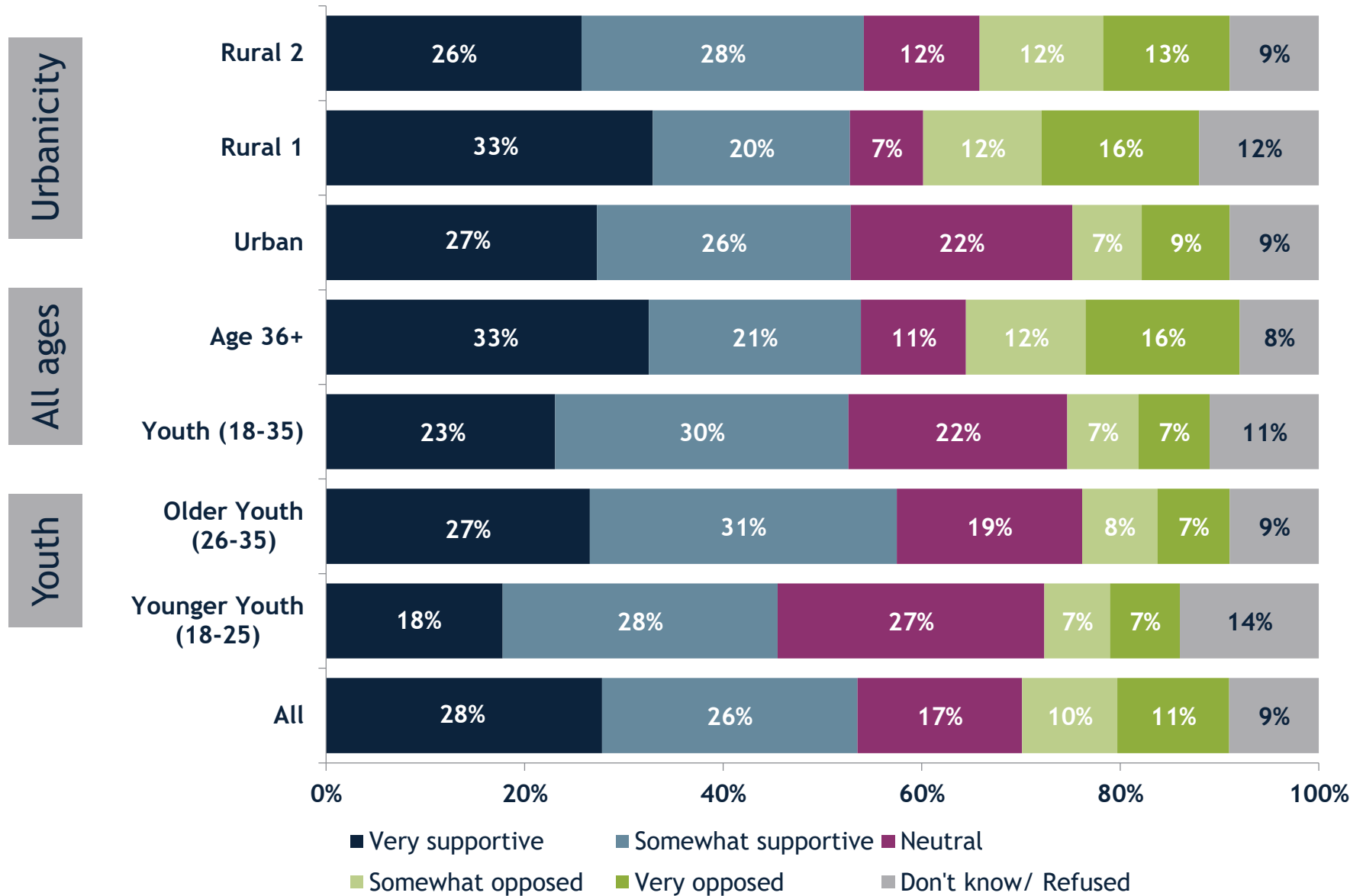
Decentralization



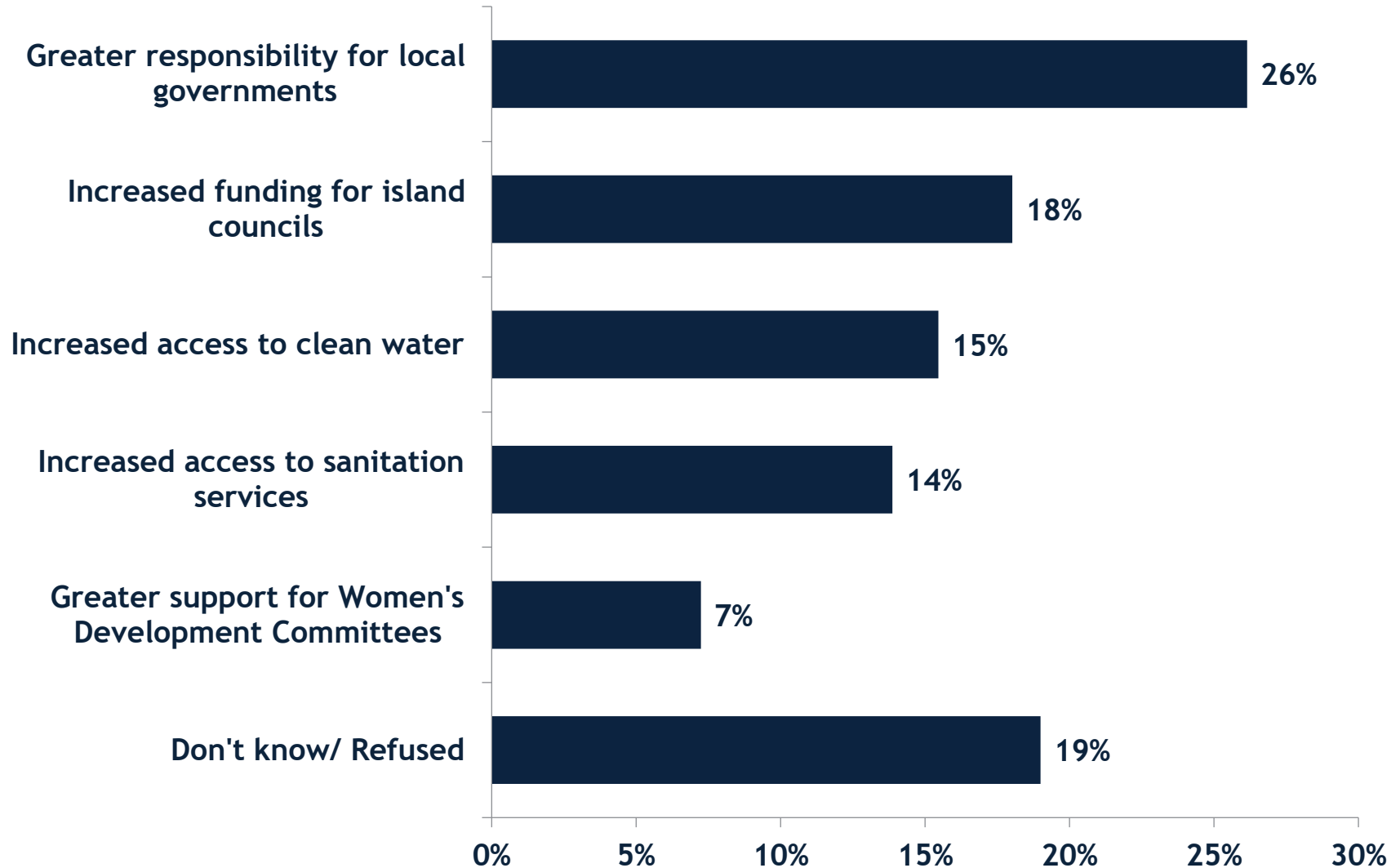
How important do you consider decentralization to be for the Maldives?



How do you feel about the government's decentralization policy?



What do you consider the most important part of the government's decentralization policy?

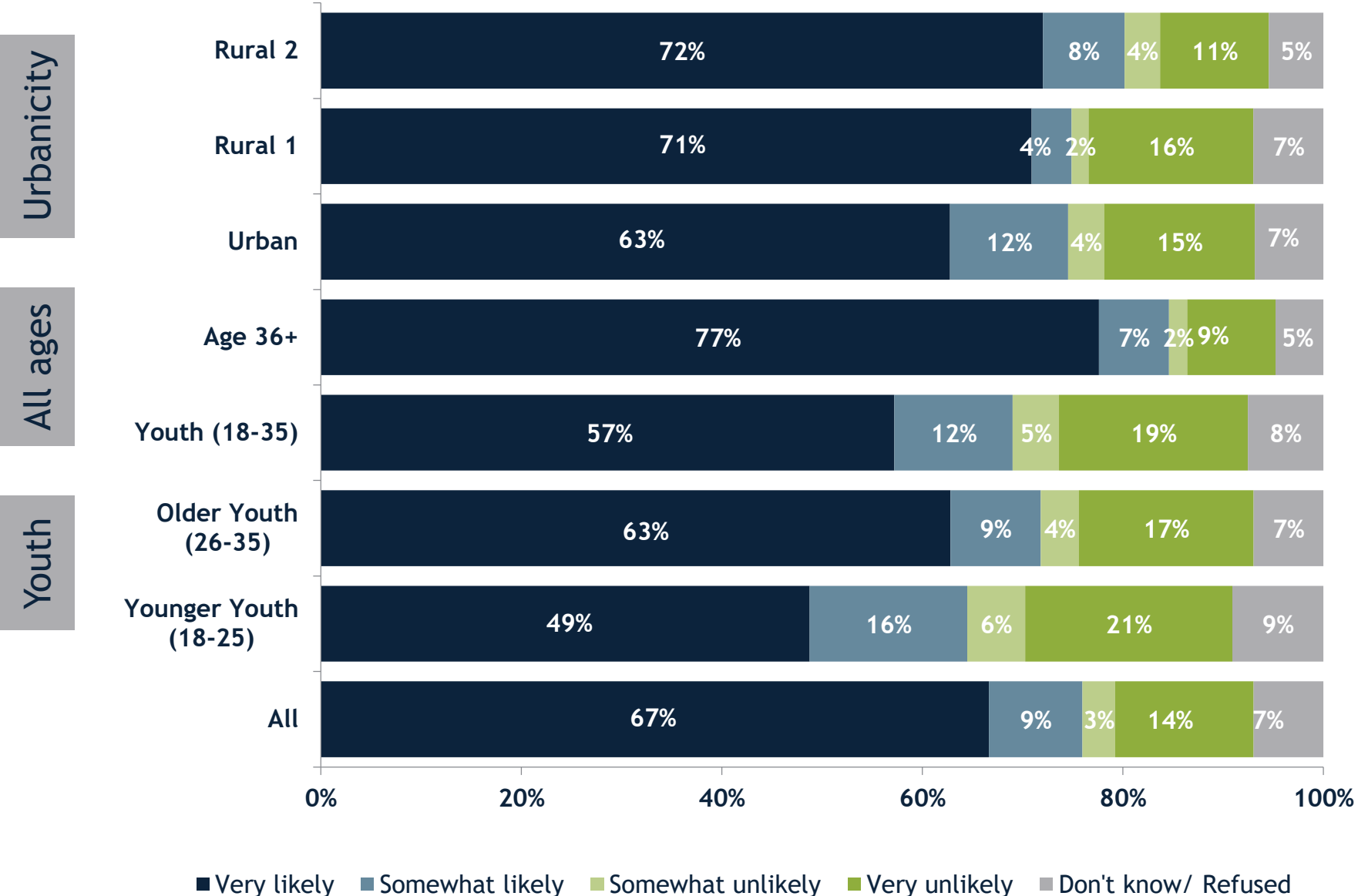




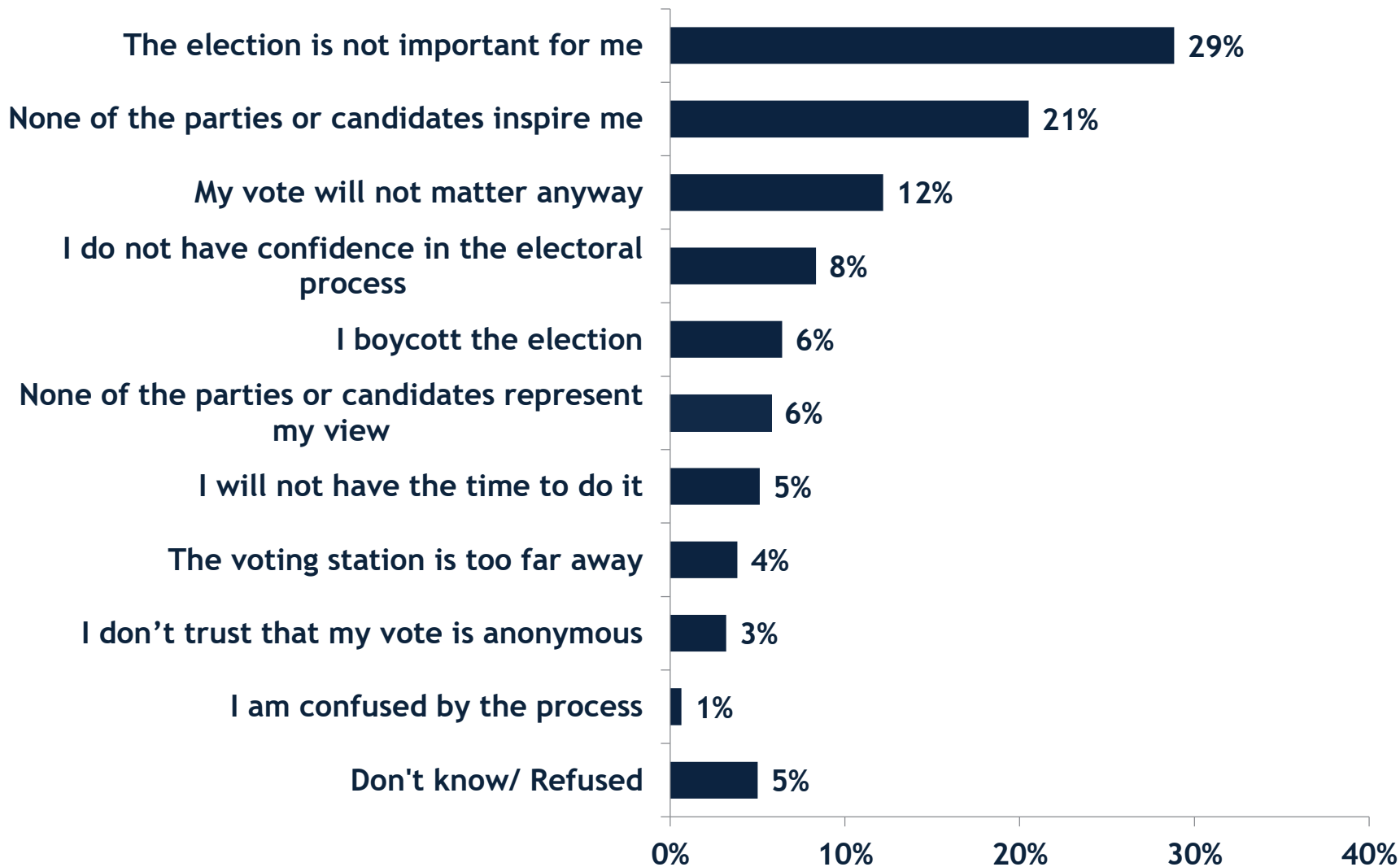
2020 Elections



How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the 2020 local elections?



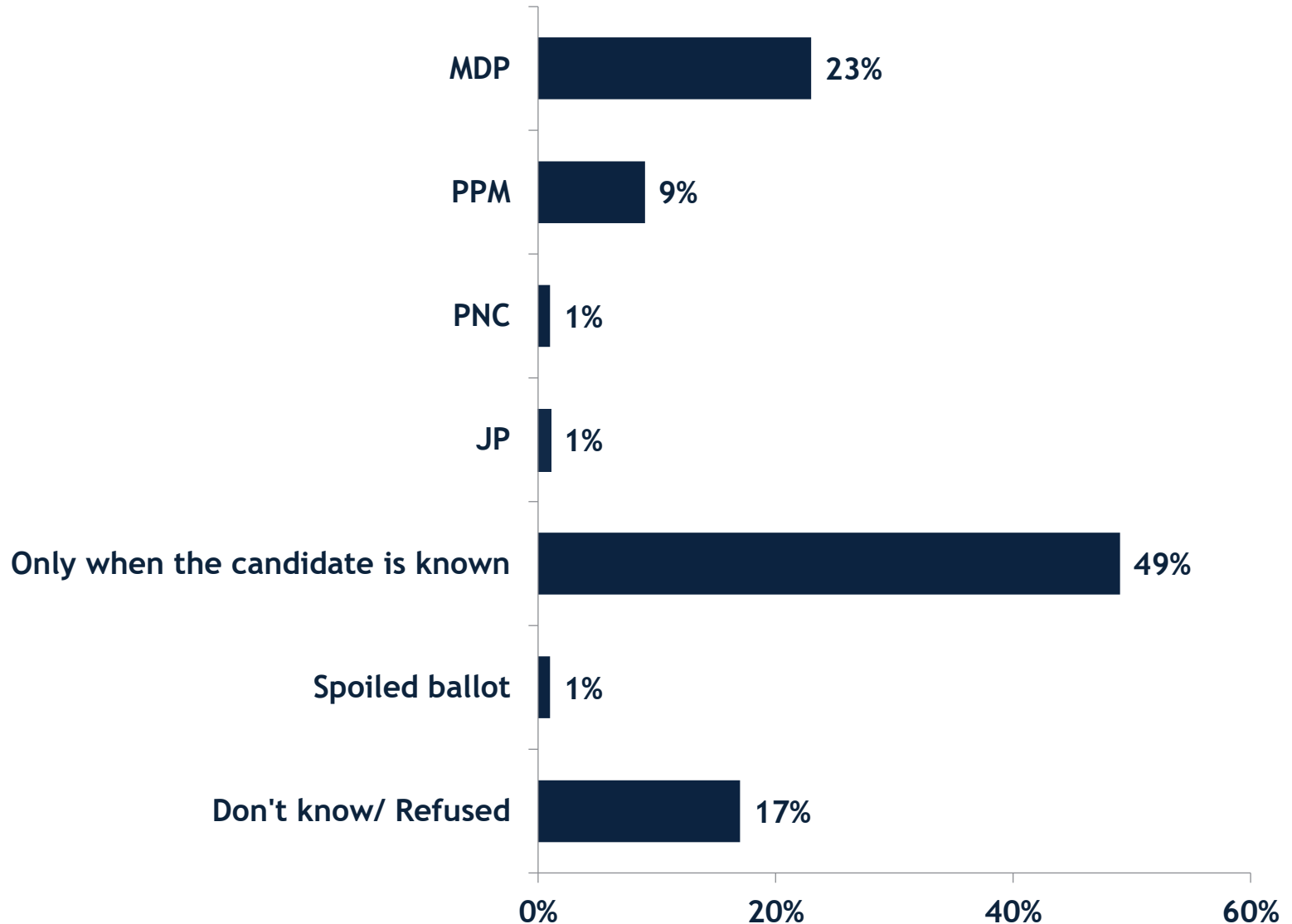
Why are you very unlikely to vote in the 2020 local elections? (Spontaneous) (Among n=158 who are “very unlikely” to vote)



For which party do you intend to vote in the 2020 local elections? I would like to remind you that your response is confidential.

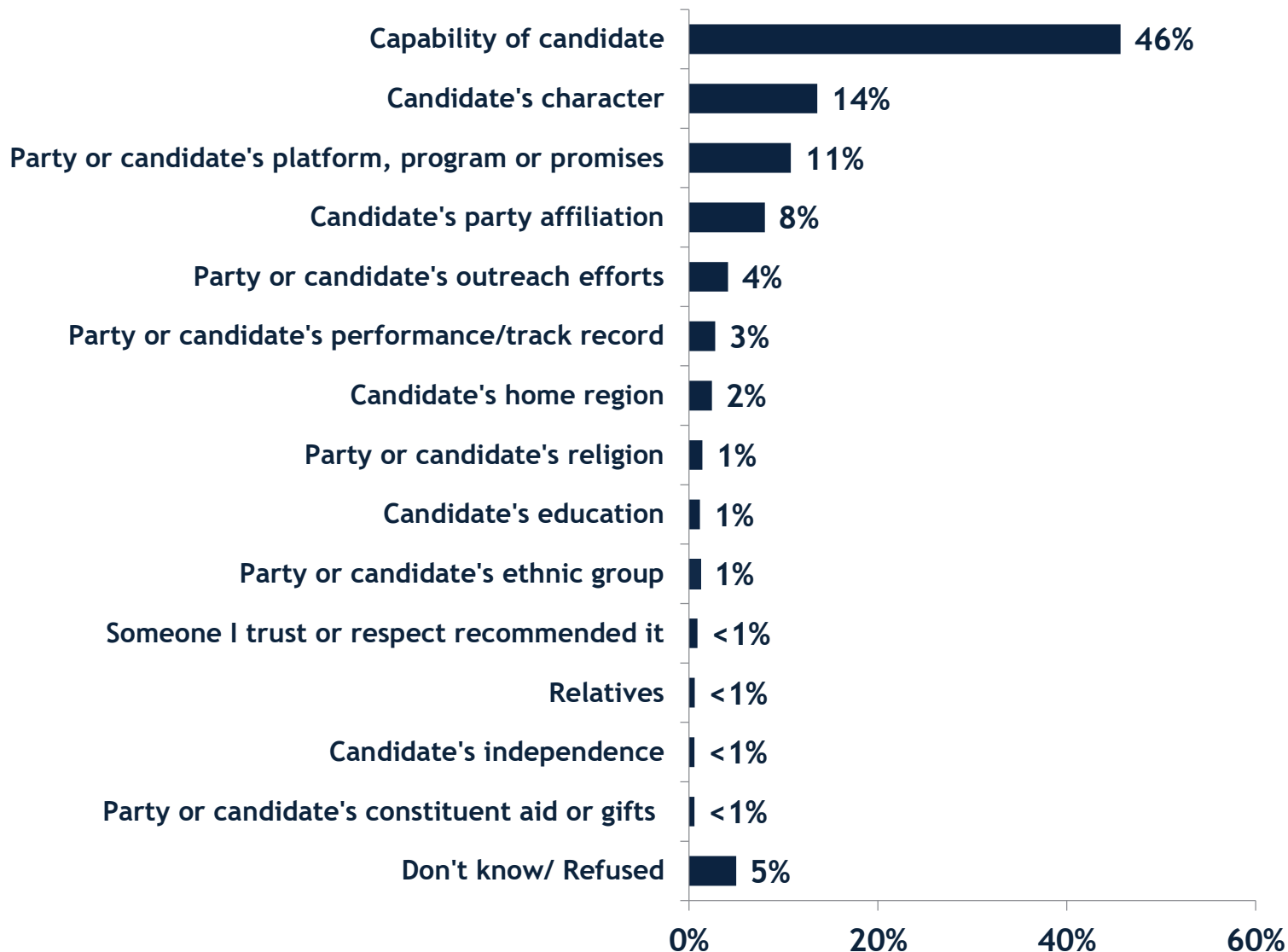
(Spontaneous)

(Among n=971 who are not “very unlikely” to vote)

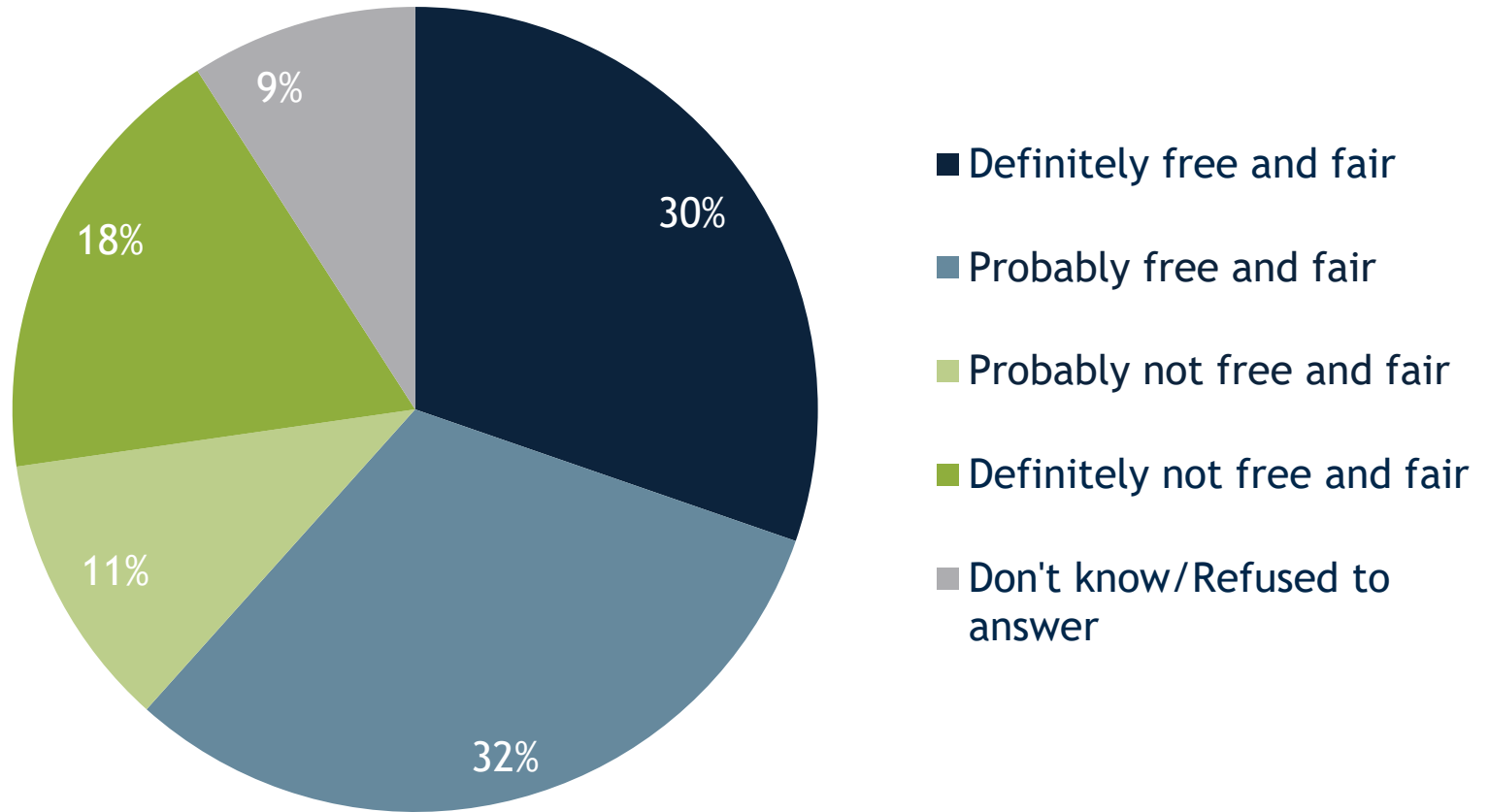


What will be the most important factor for determining your vote for a specific candidate?

(Among n=971 who are not “very unlikely” to vote)



Do you feel that the upcoming elections will be free and fair or not?

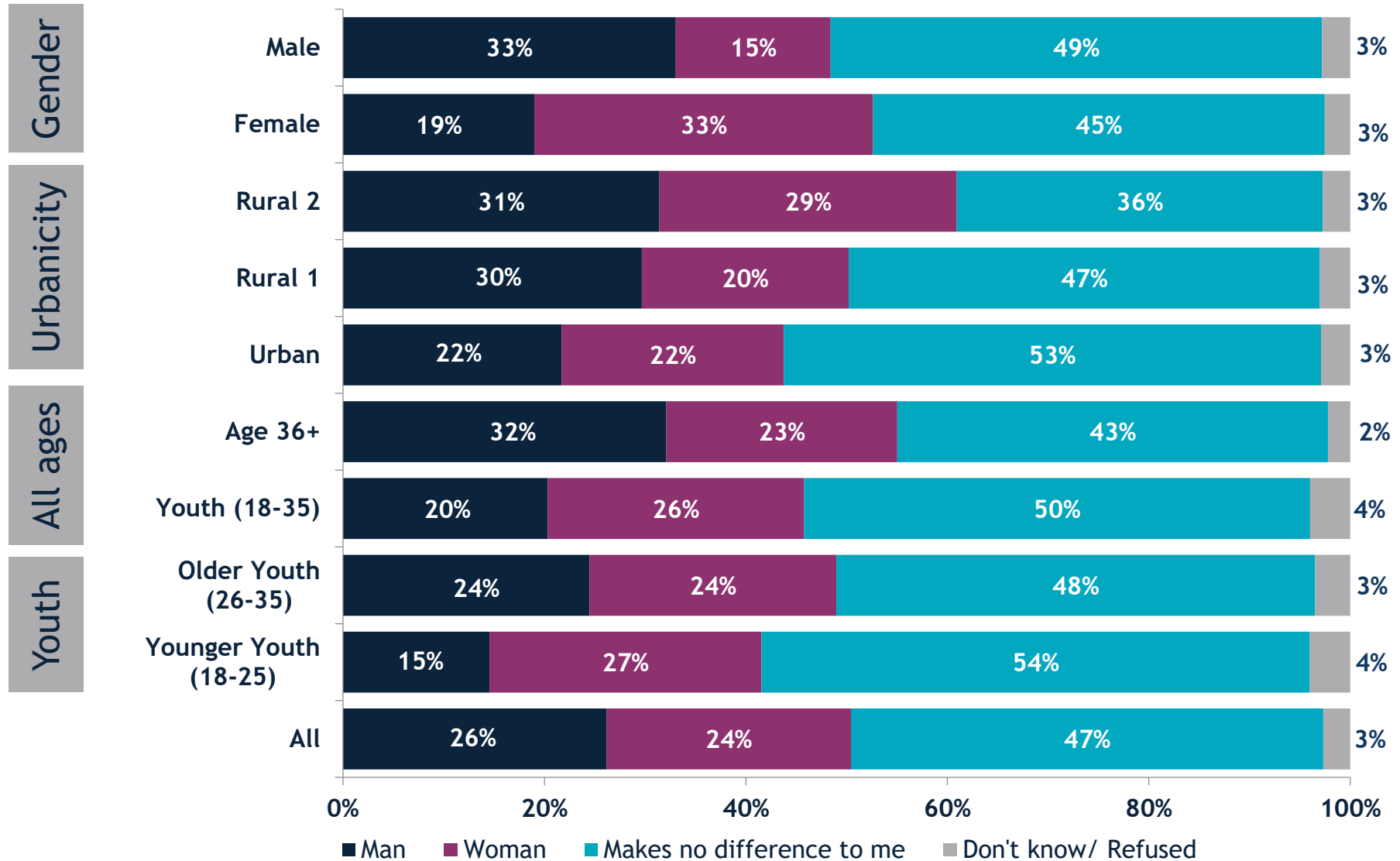




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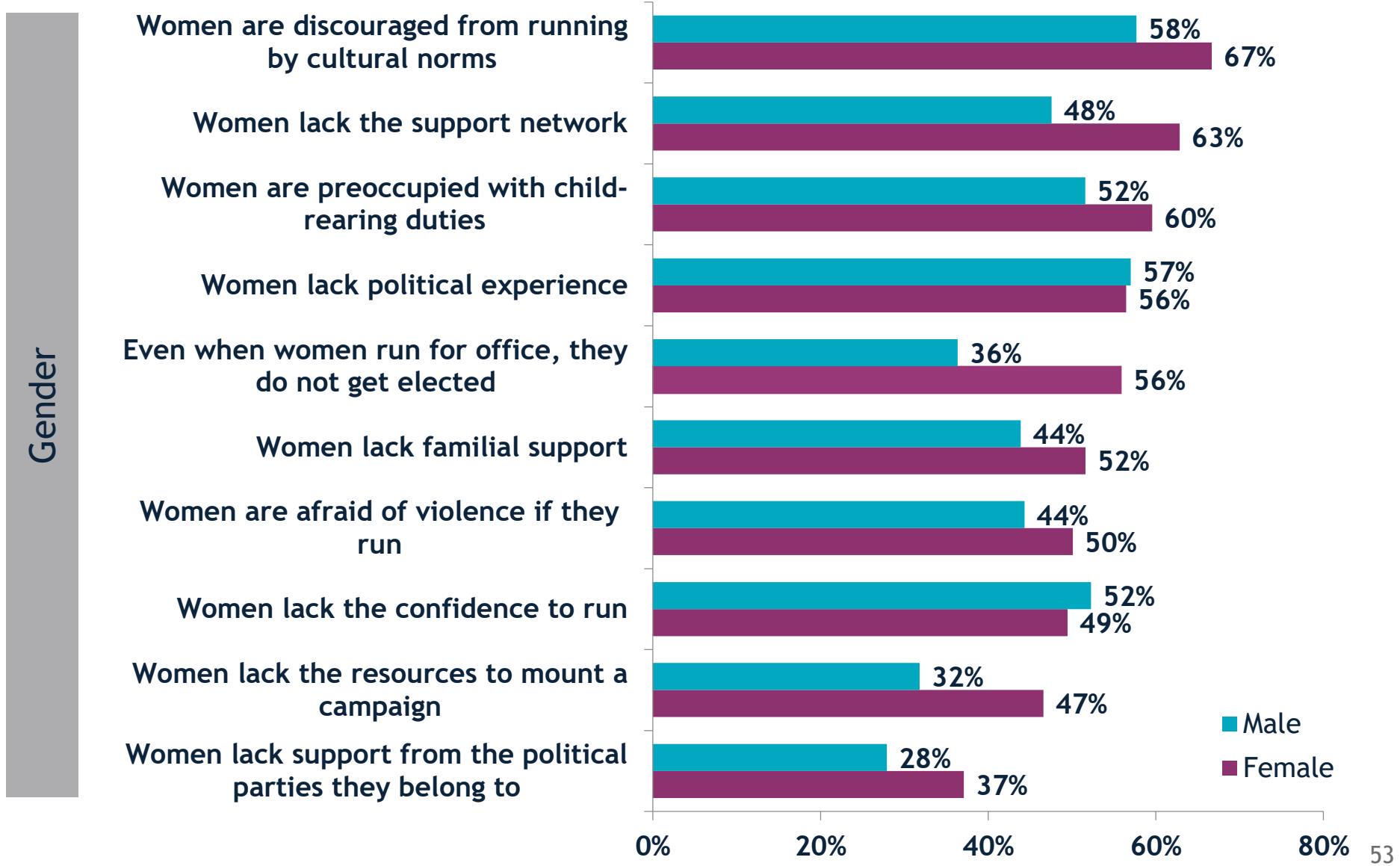


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support the man or the woman?

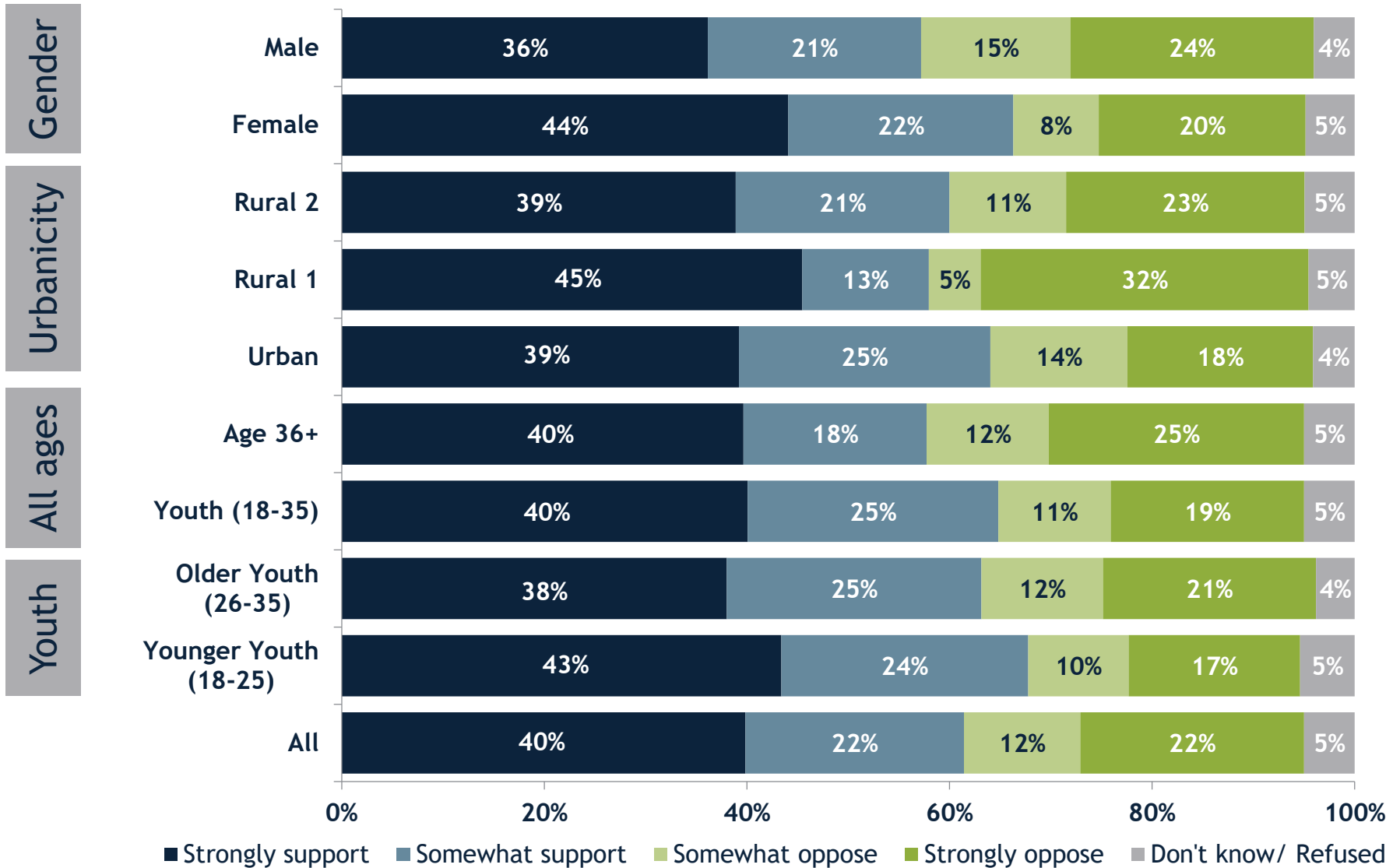


Why are there not more women politically engaged in our country?

For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not. (% displayed=major role)



Would you support or oppose a law requiring that at least 1/3 of local island council representatives must be women? And would you strongly or somewhat support/oppose?

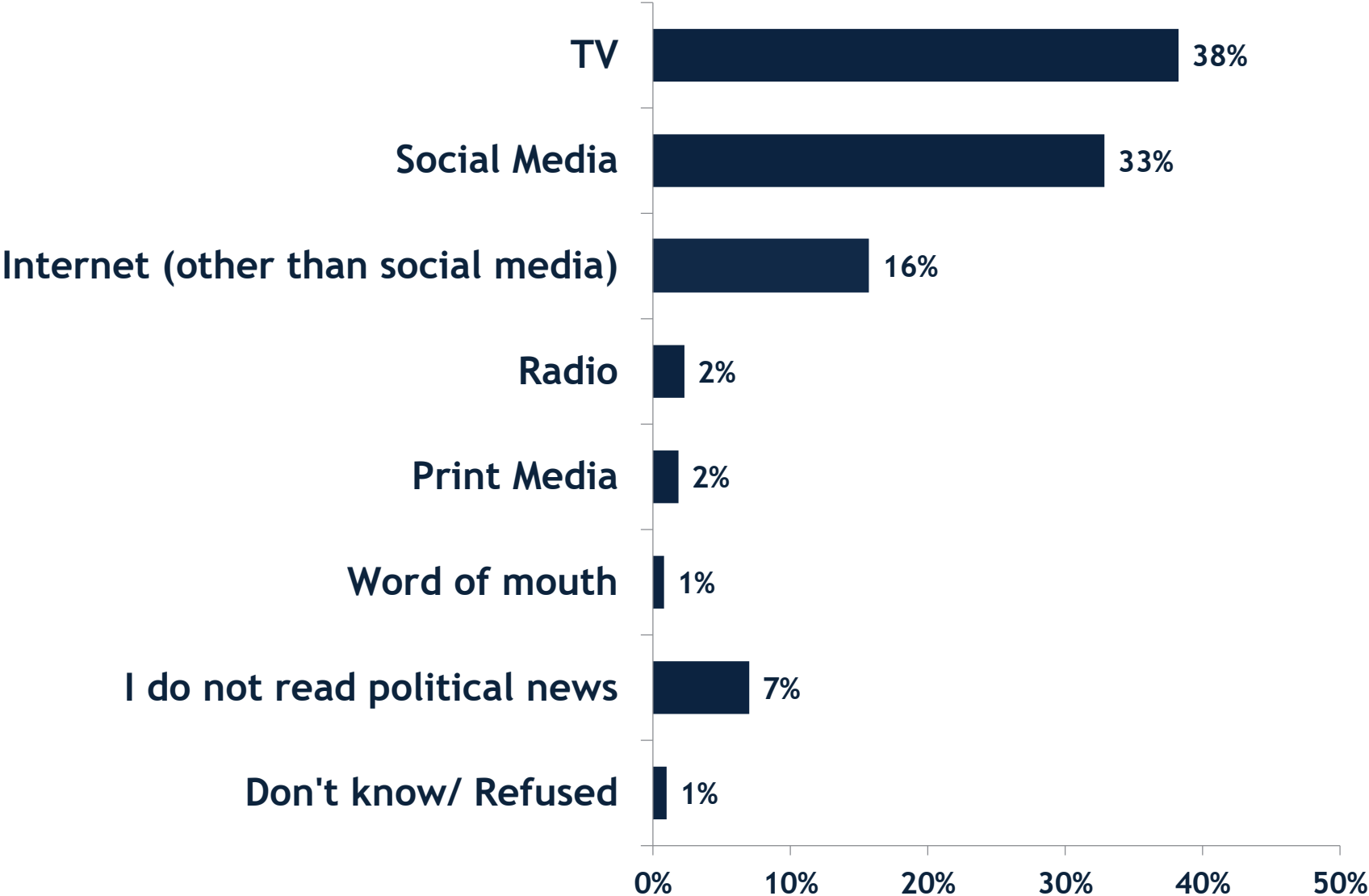




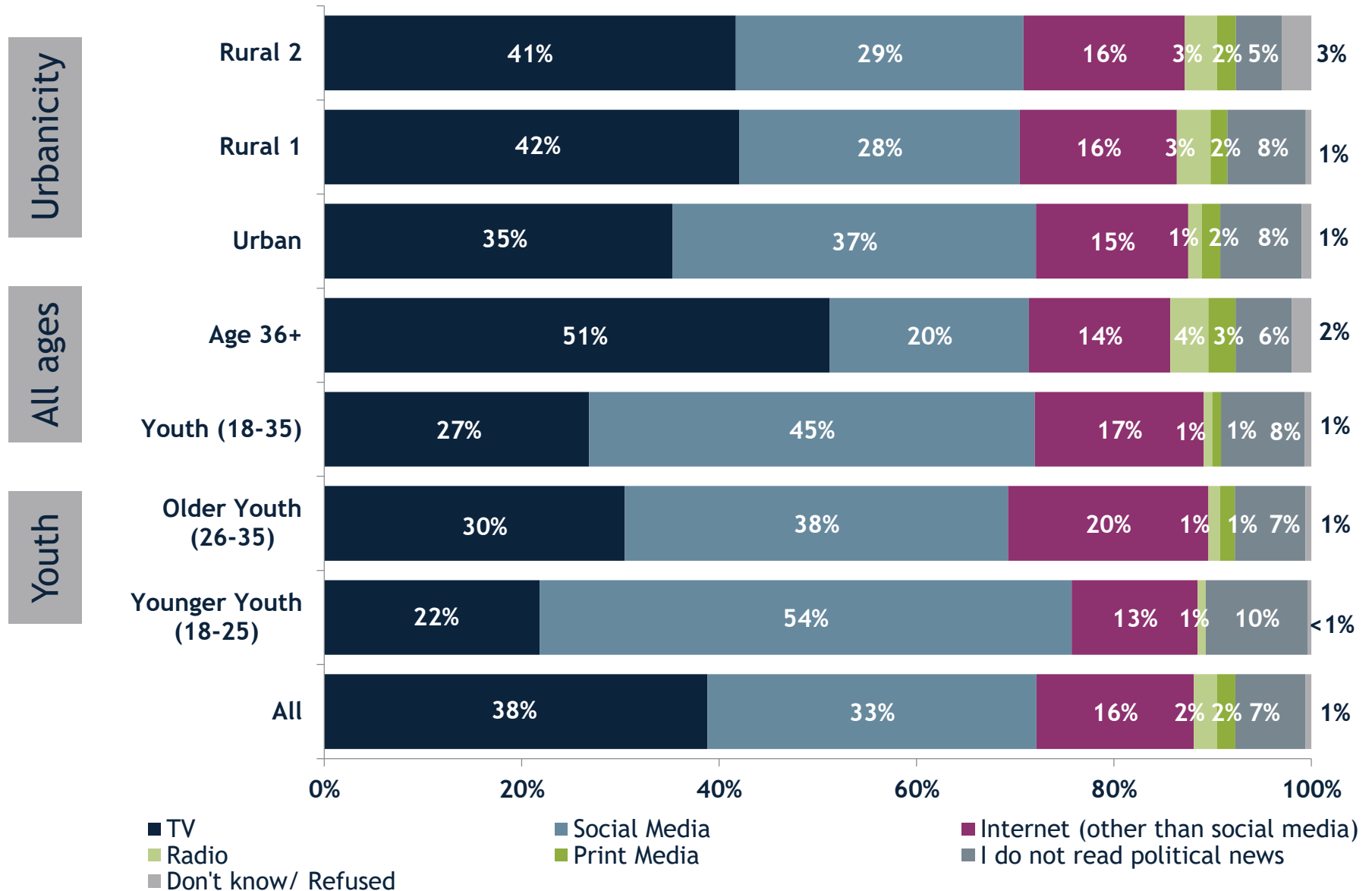
Information Sources



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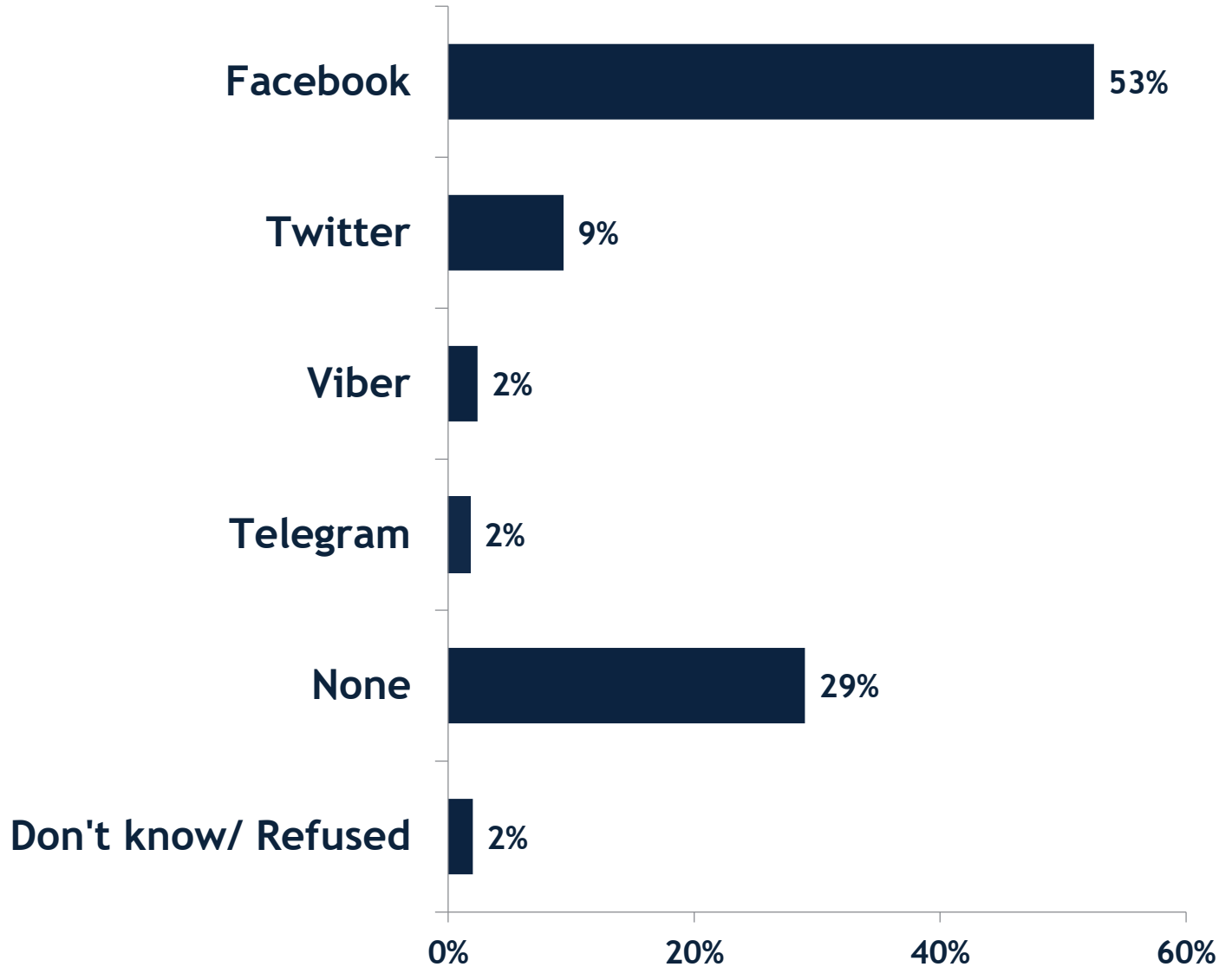


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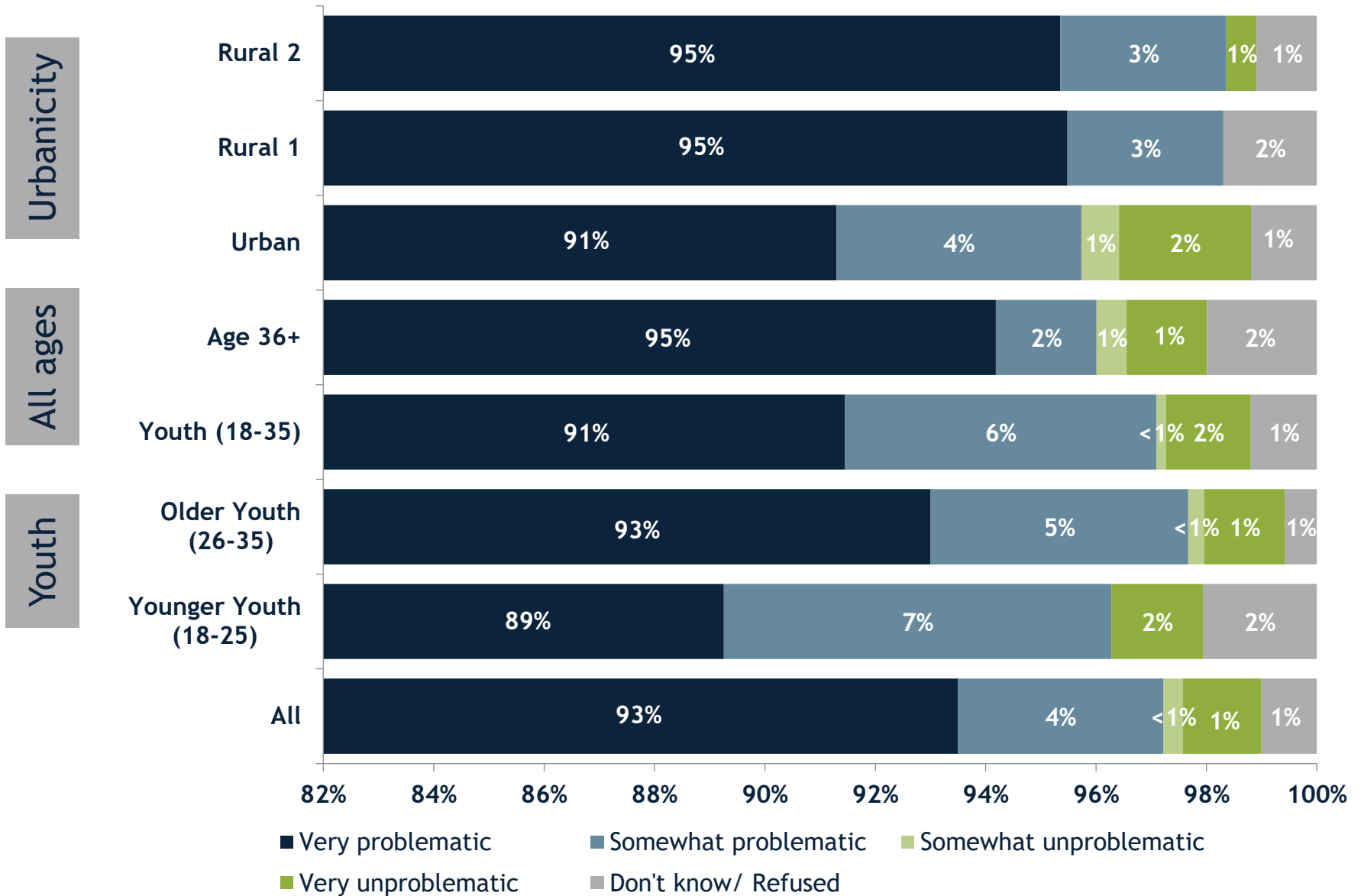


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Which social media platform do you rely on most for political news? (spontaneous)



To what extent is misleading or false information in the media problematic for our country?

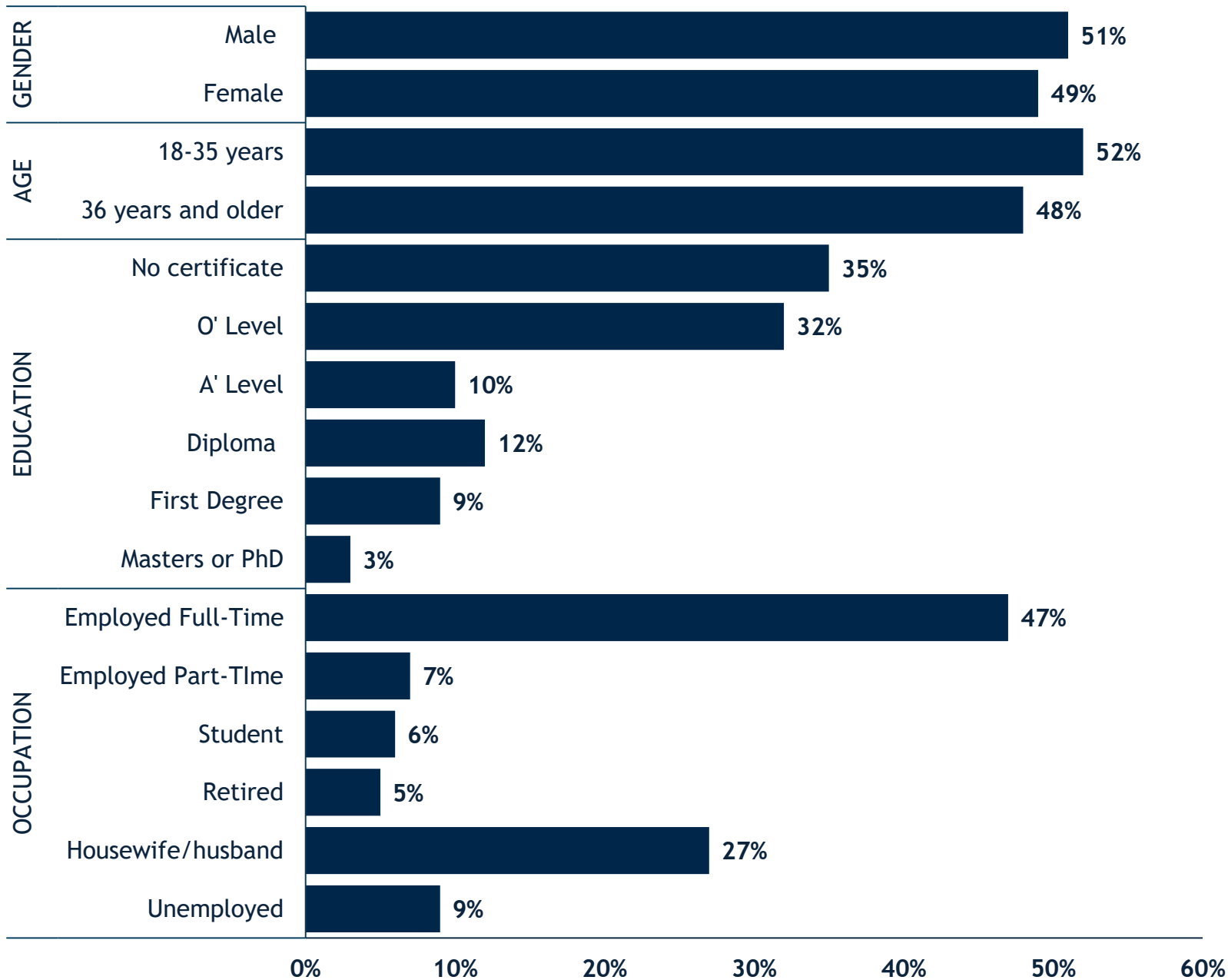




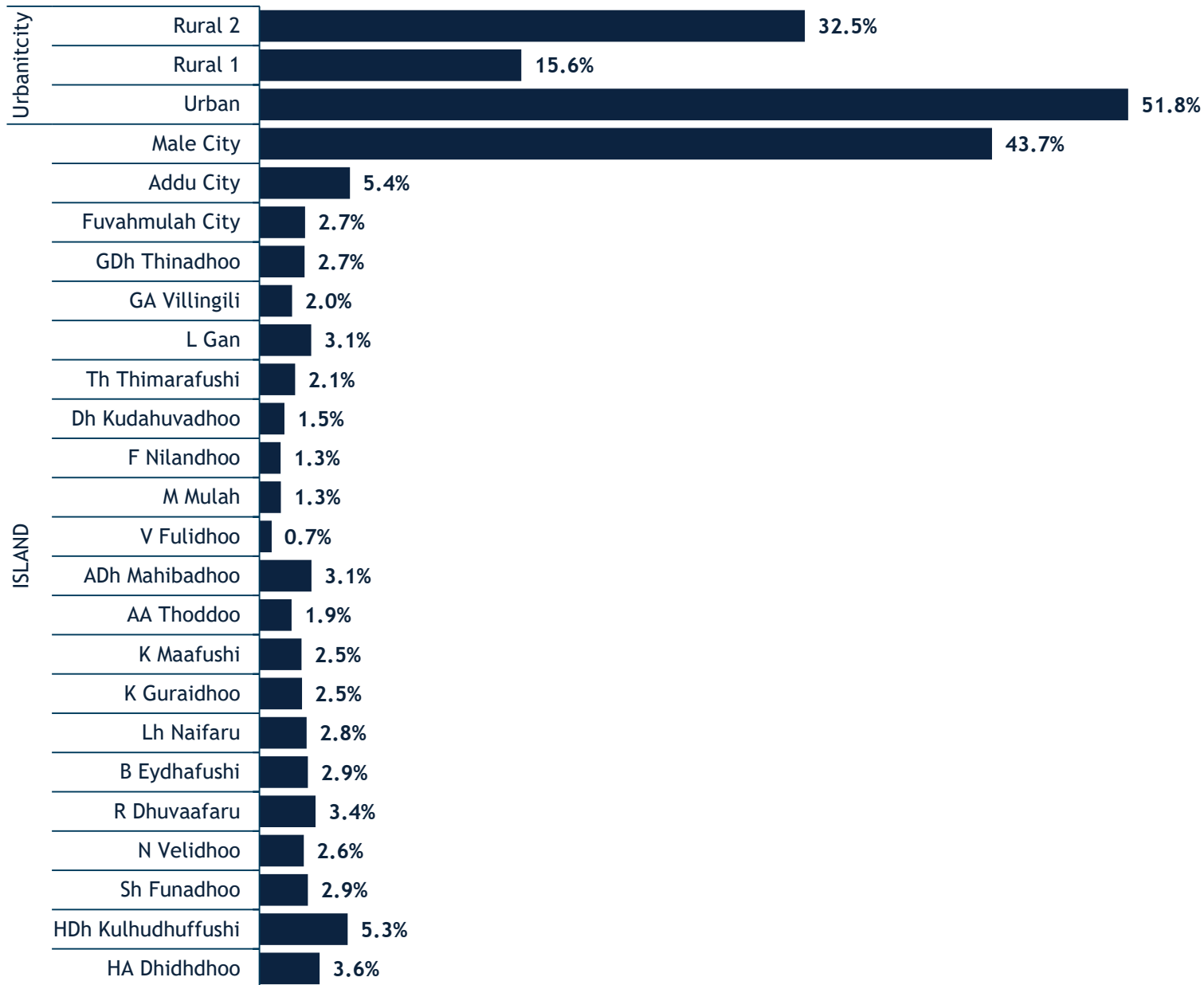
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