



Public Opinion Survey Residents of Georgia

June-July 2020



Detailed Methodology

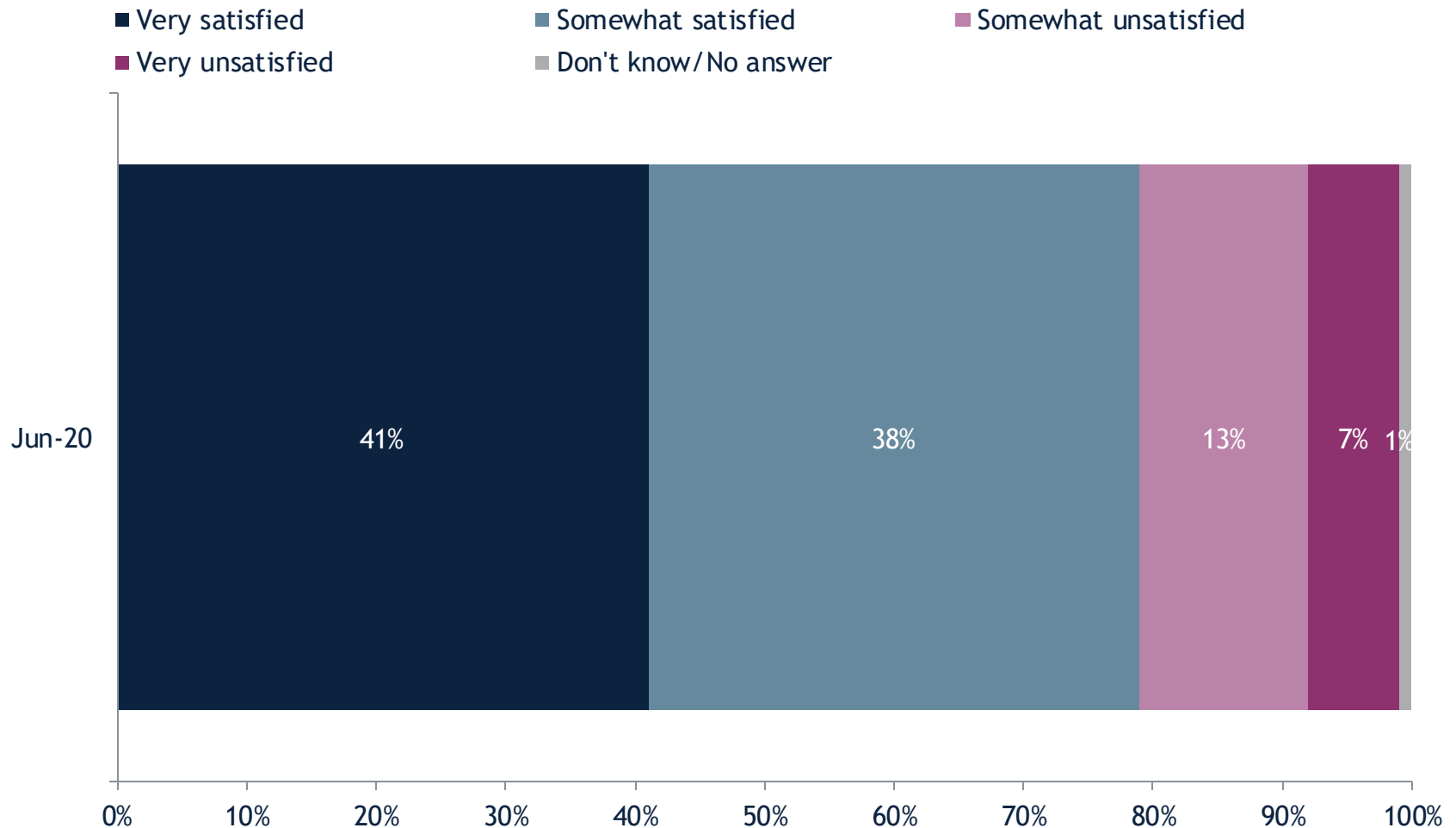
- The fieldwork was carried out by the [Institute of Polling & Marketing](#). The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene of the public and market research company [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#).
- Data was collected across Georgia between June 4 and July 2, 2020 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Georgia older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and size of the settlement.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
 - Stage one: All districts of Georgia are grouped into 10 regions. All regions of Georgia were surveyed (Tbilisi city - as separate region).
 - Stage two: Selection of the settlements - cities and villages.
 - 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 settlement in each region.
 - Stage three: primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent and the response rate was 66 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#).



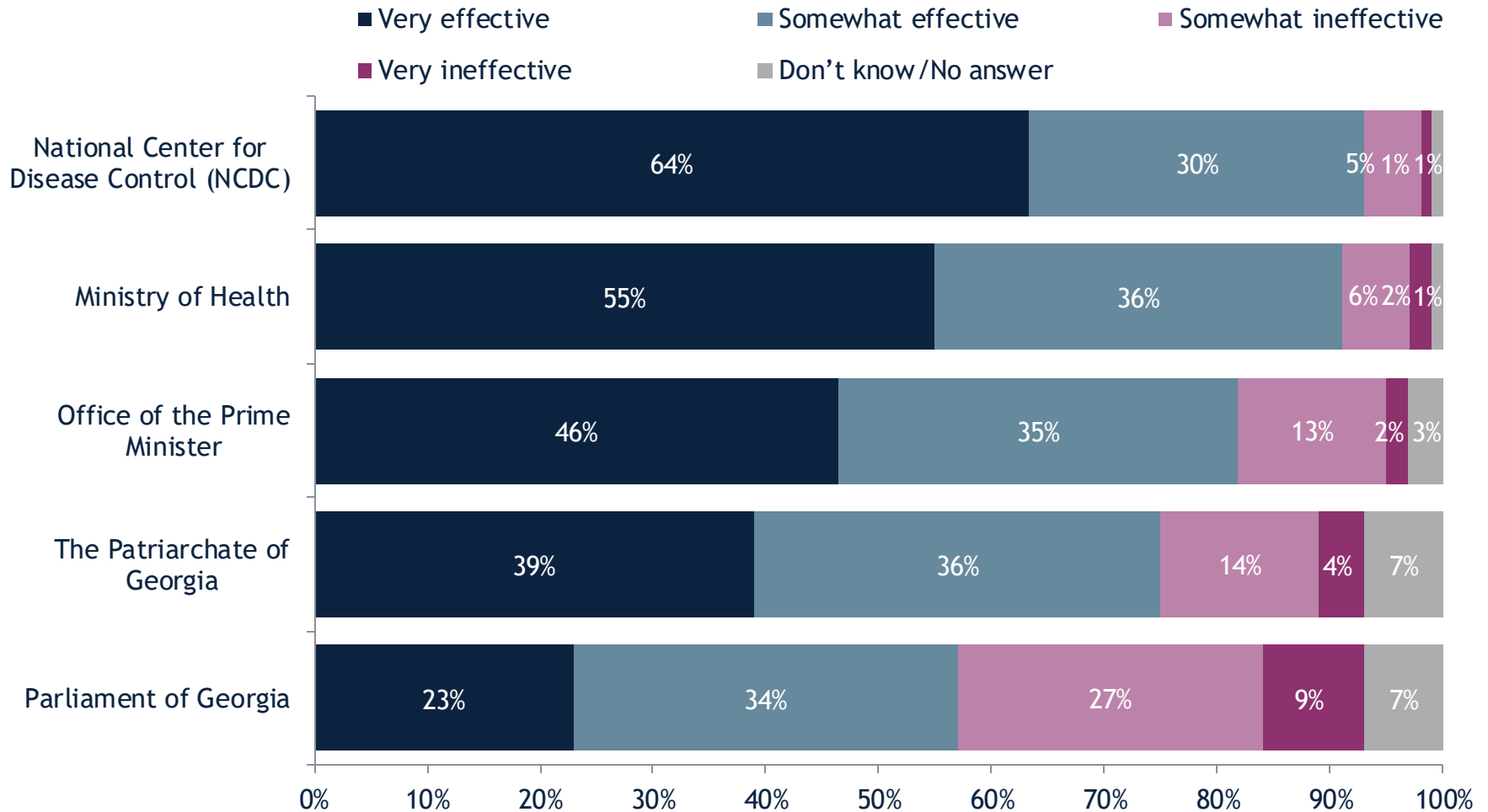
Georgian Government COVID-19 Pandemic Response



To what extent are you satisfied with the government's response to COVID-19?

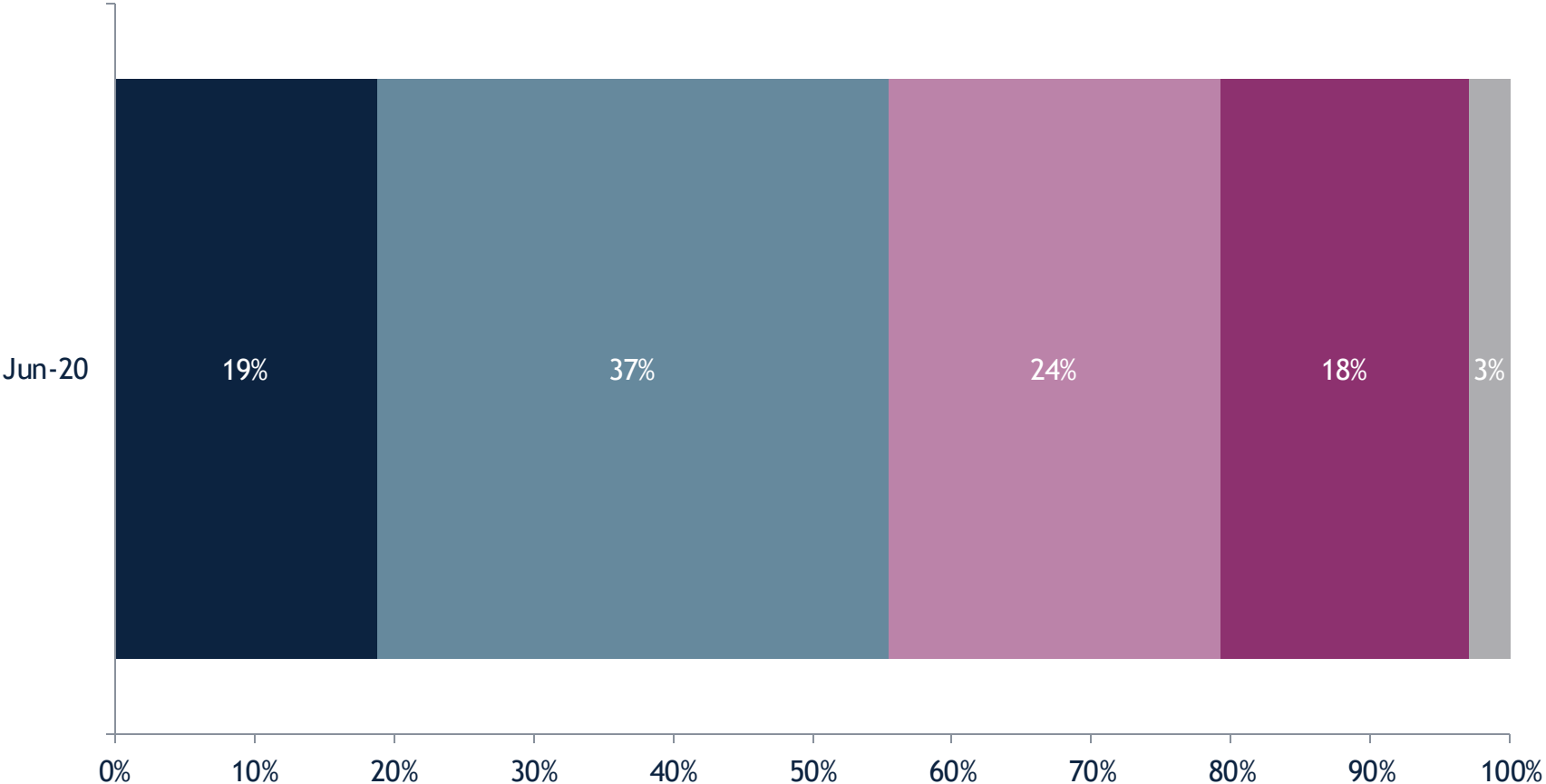


Please evaluate these institutions by effectiveness in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in Georgia

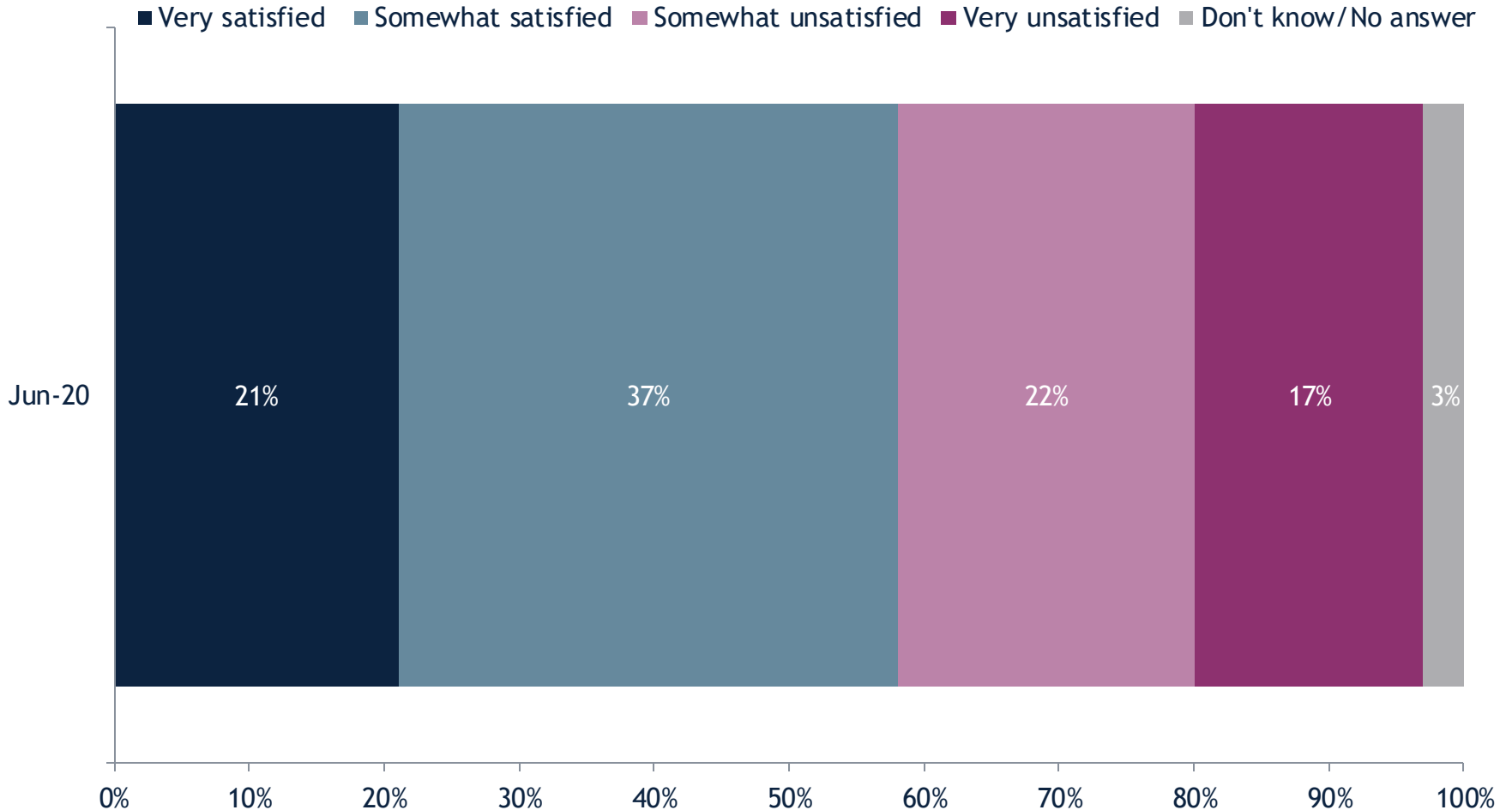


To what extent are you satisfied with the government's efforts to address the economic consequences of COVID-19?

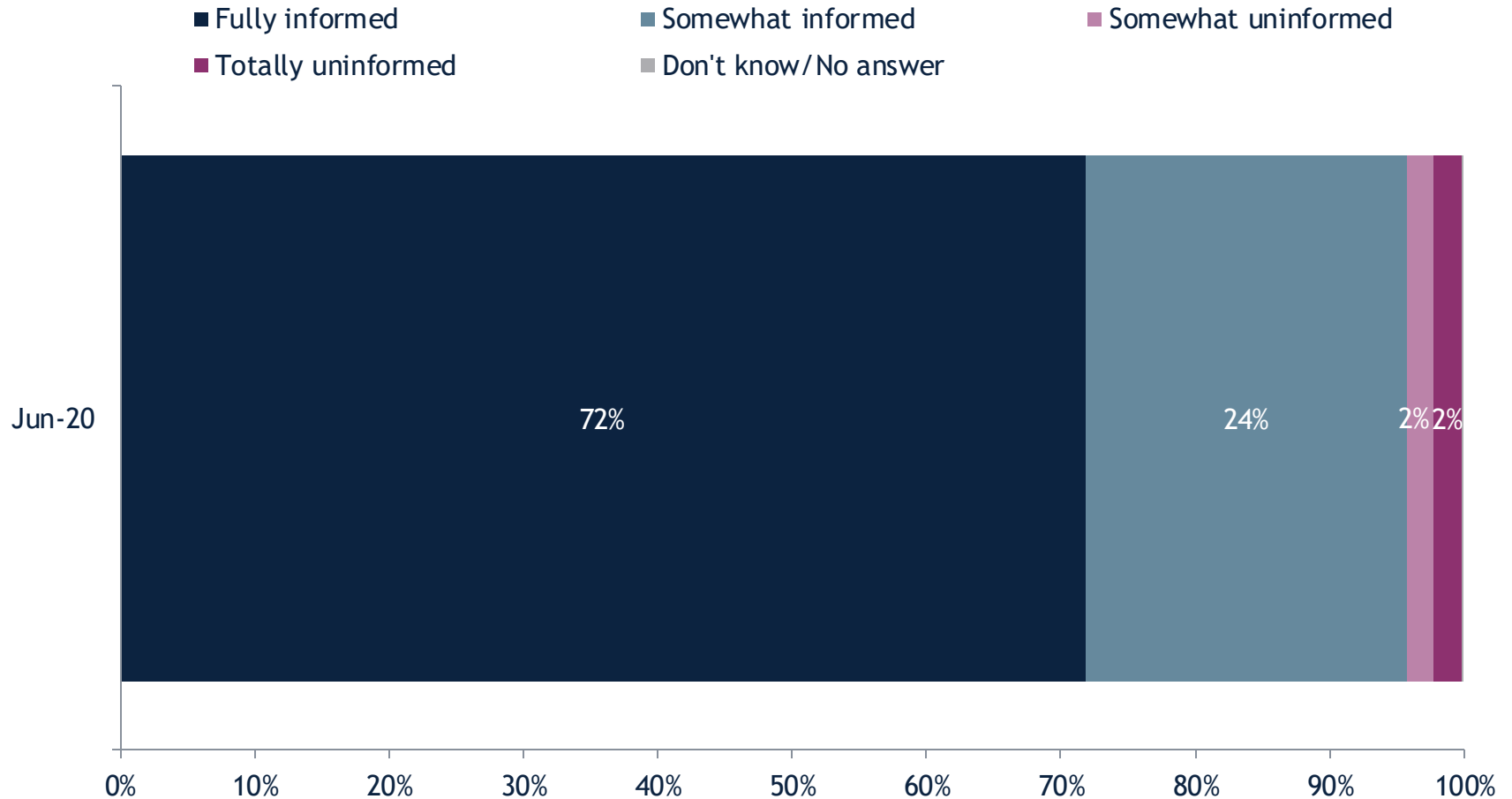
■ Very satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Somewhat unsatisfied ■ Very unsatisfied ■ Don't know/No answer



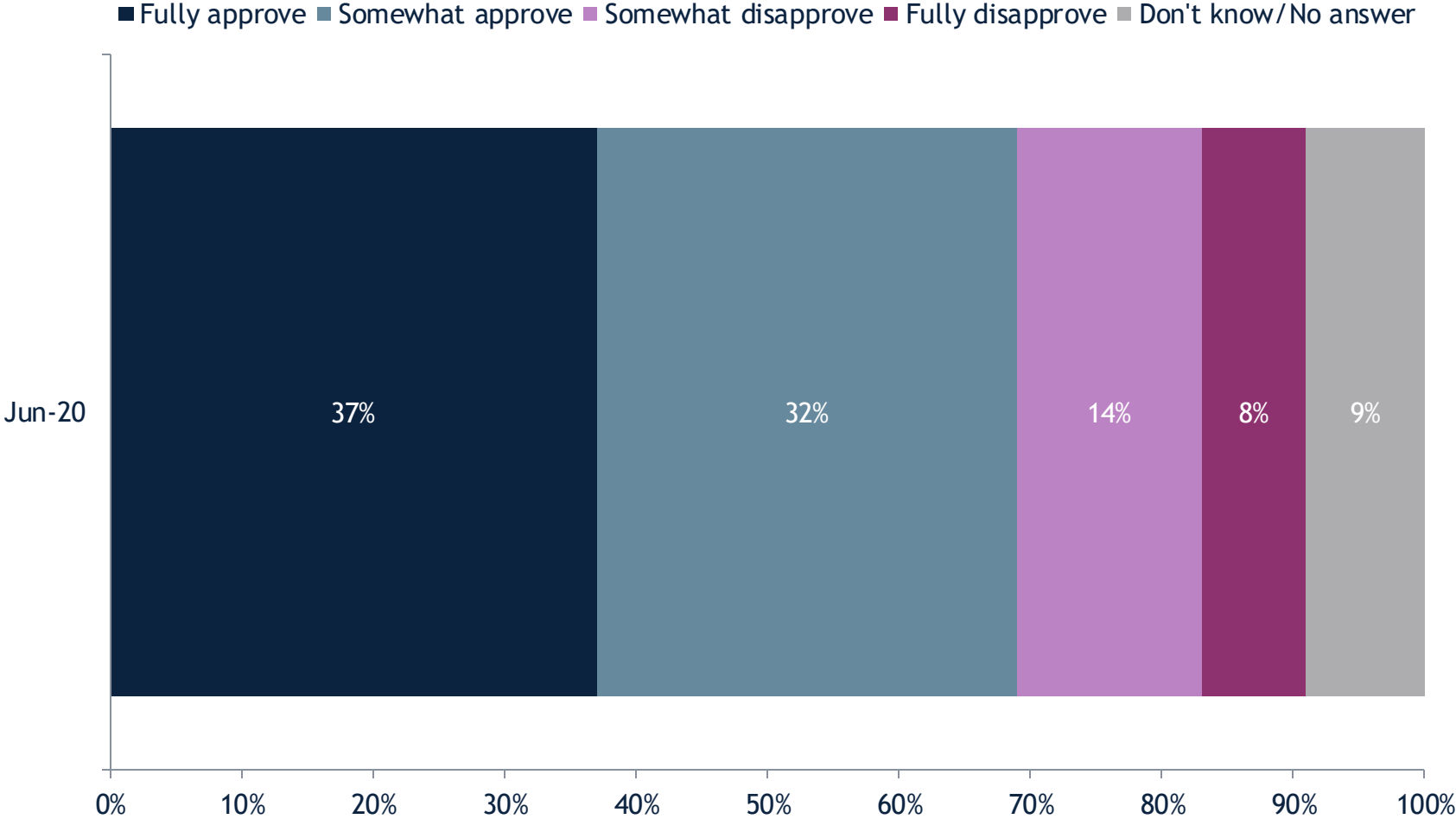
To what extent are you satisfied with the government's social programs to mitigate the consequences of COVID-19?



To what extent were you informed about the ways and measures to keep yourself safe during the COVID-19 pandemic?

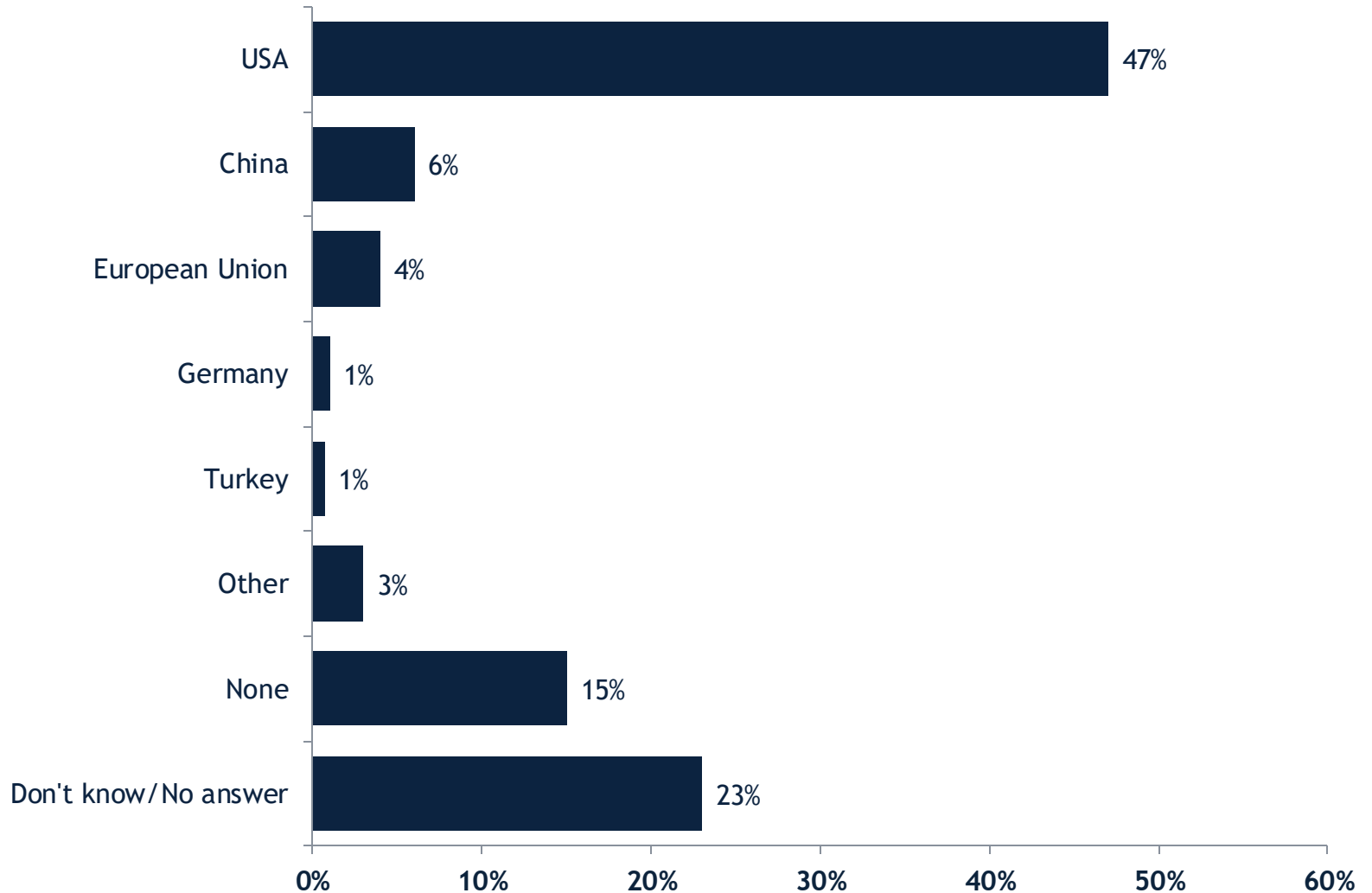


To what extent do you approve of the Georgian Orthodox Church's decision to hold religious rituals during the COVID-19 pandemic?



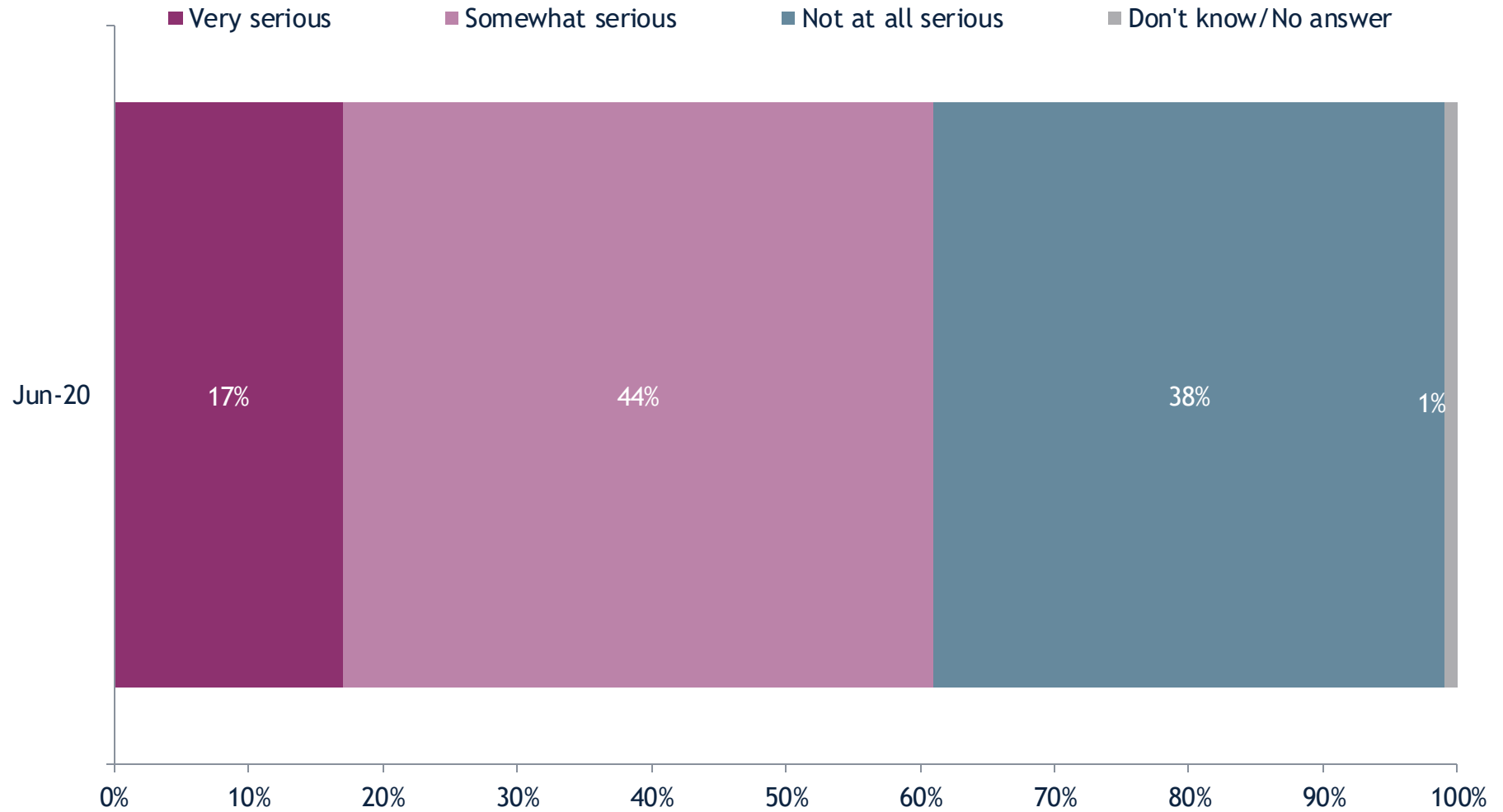
Which foreign countries have been most helpful to our country's dealing with COVID-19?

(First spontaneous response displayed)



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To what extent has COVID-19 been a concern for you?

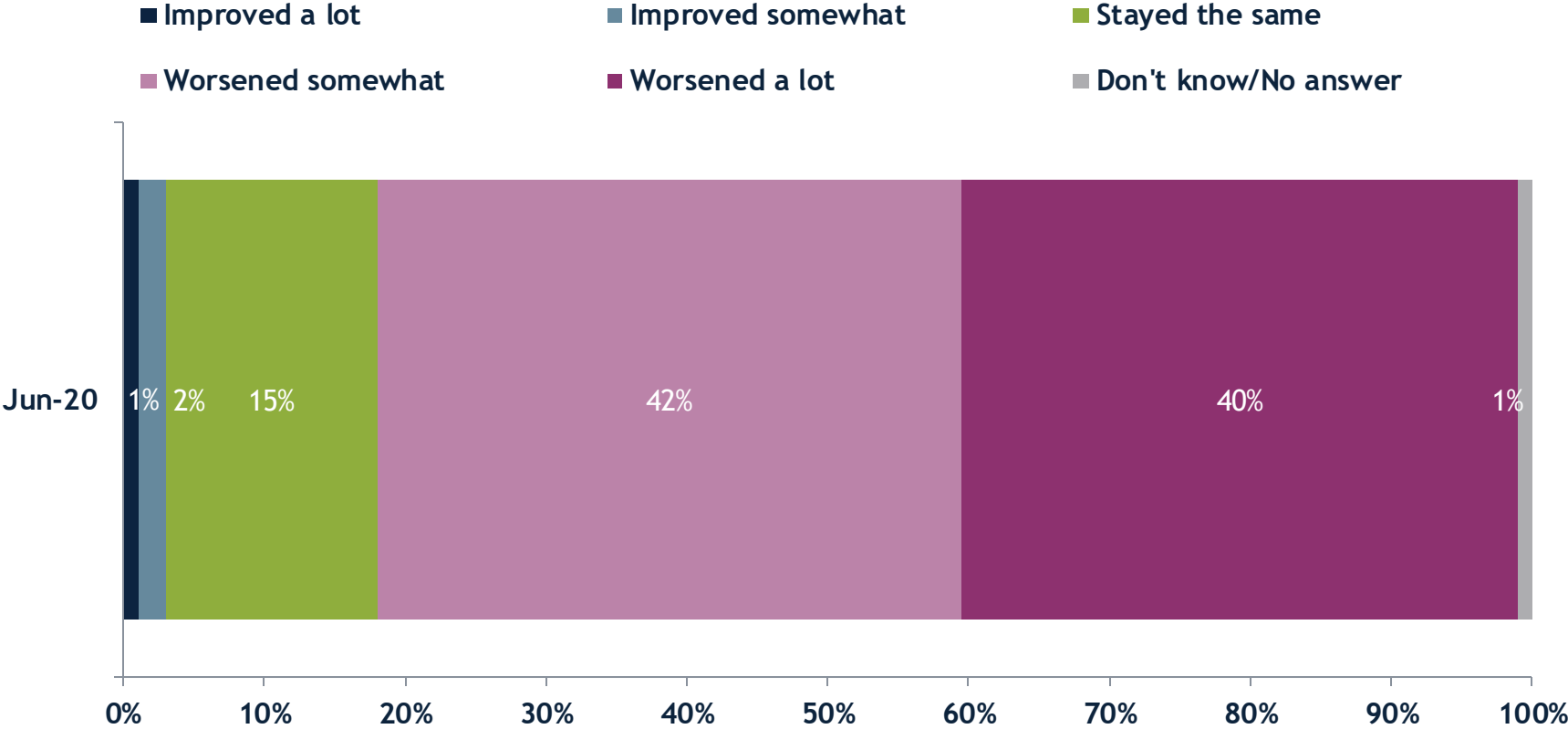




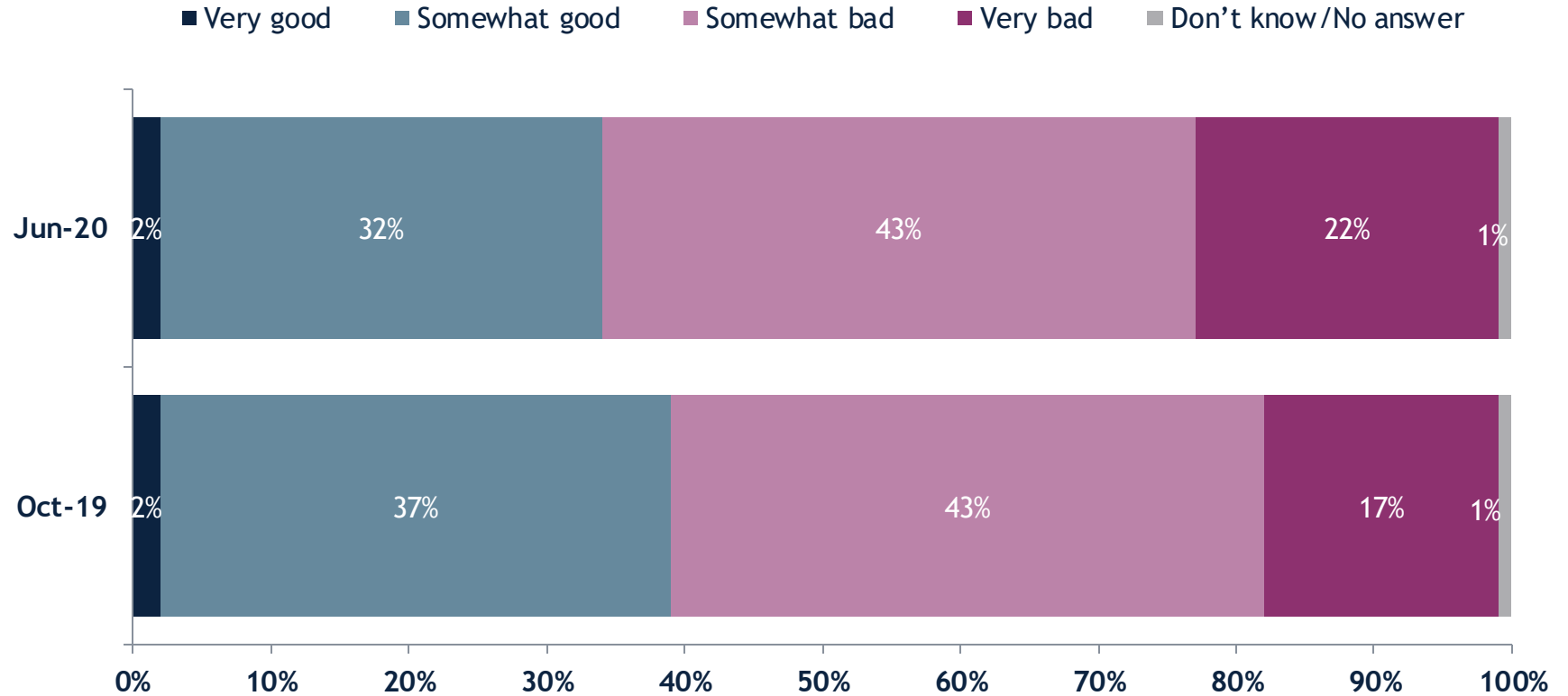
Economic Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic



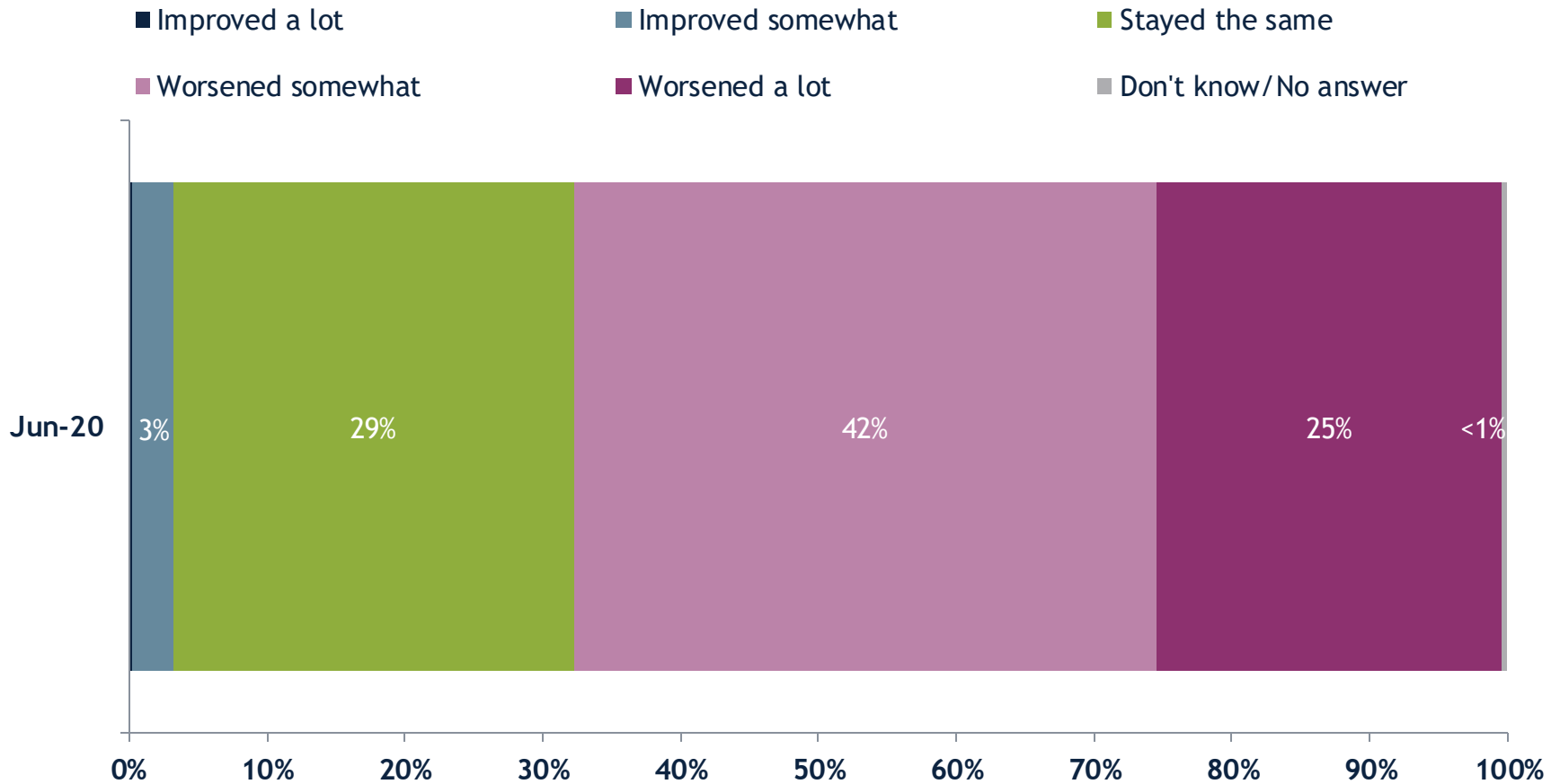
Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic situation in Georgia has ...



How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?



Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, how has the economic situation of your household changed?

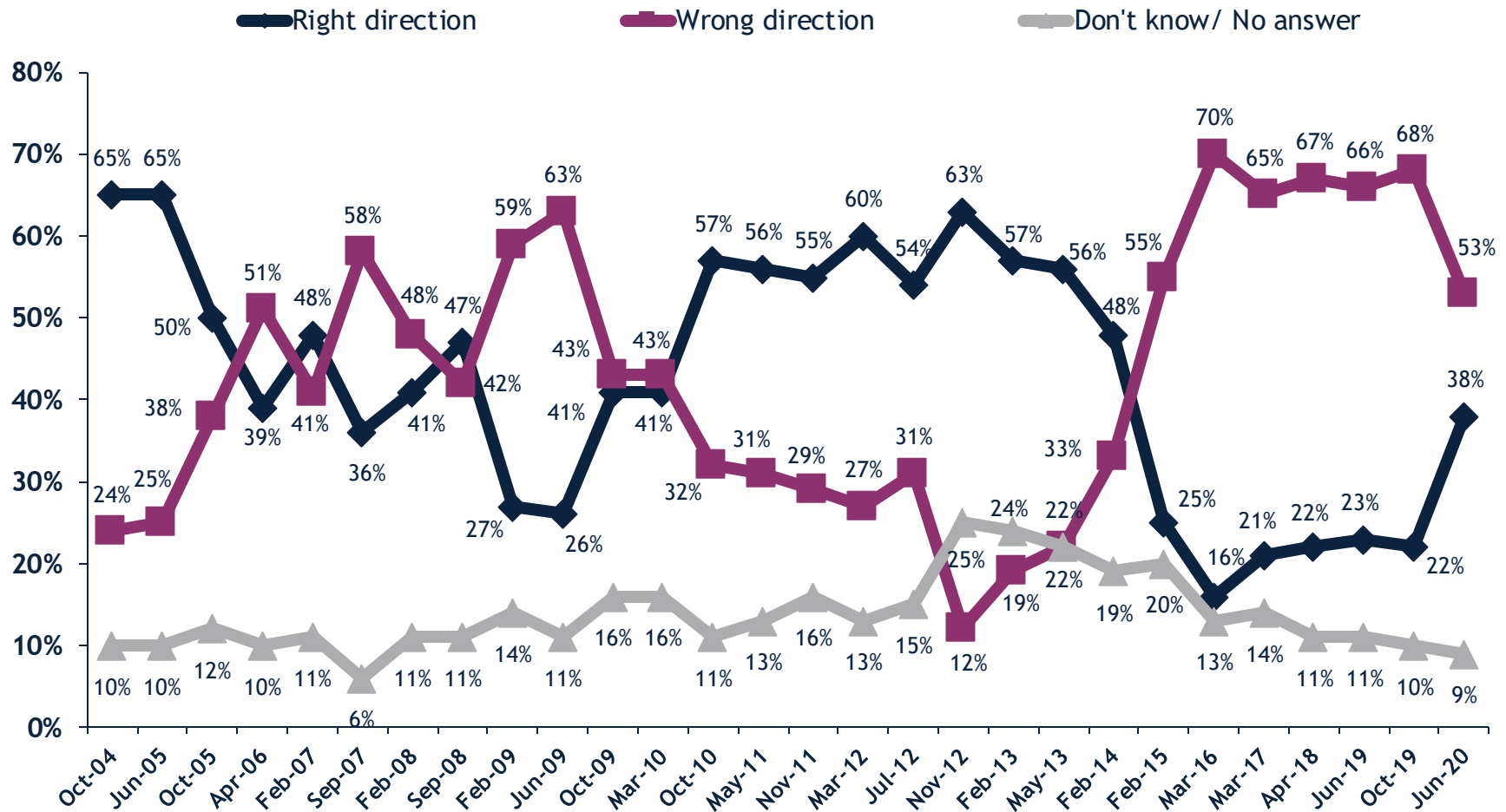




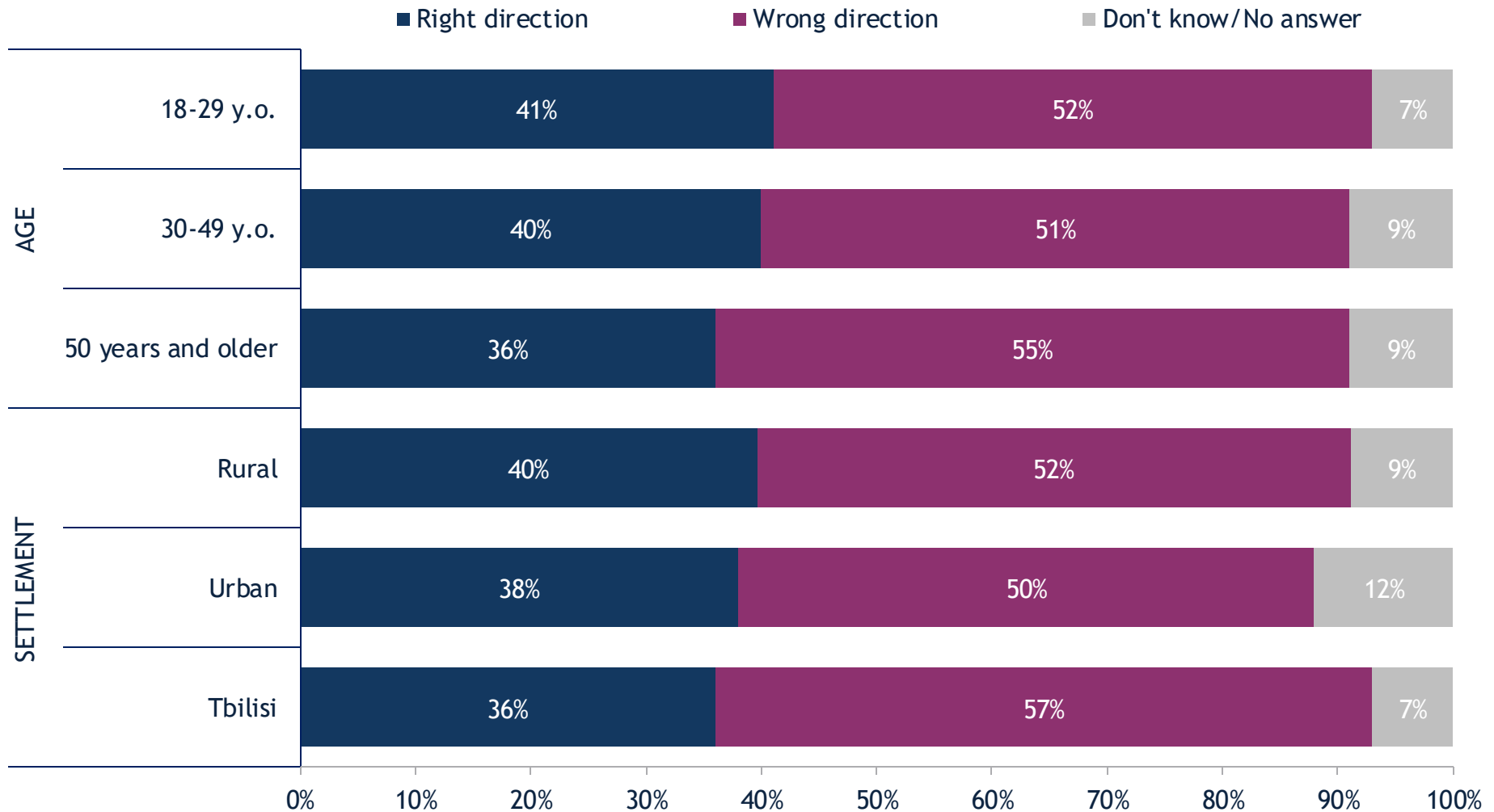
National Outlook



In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

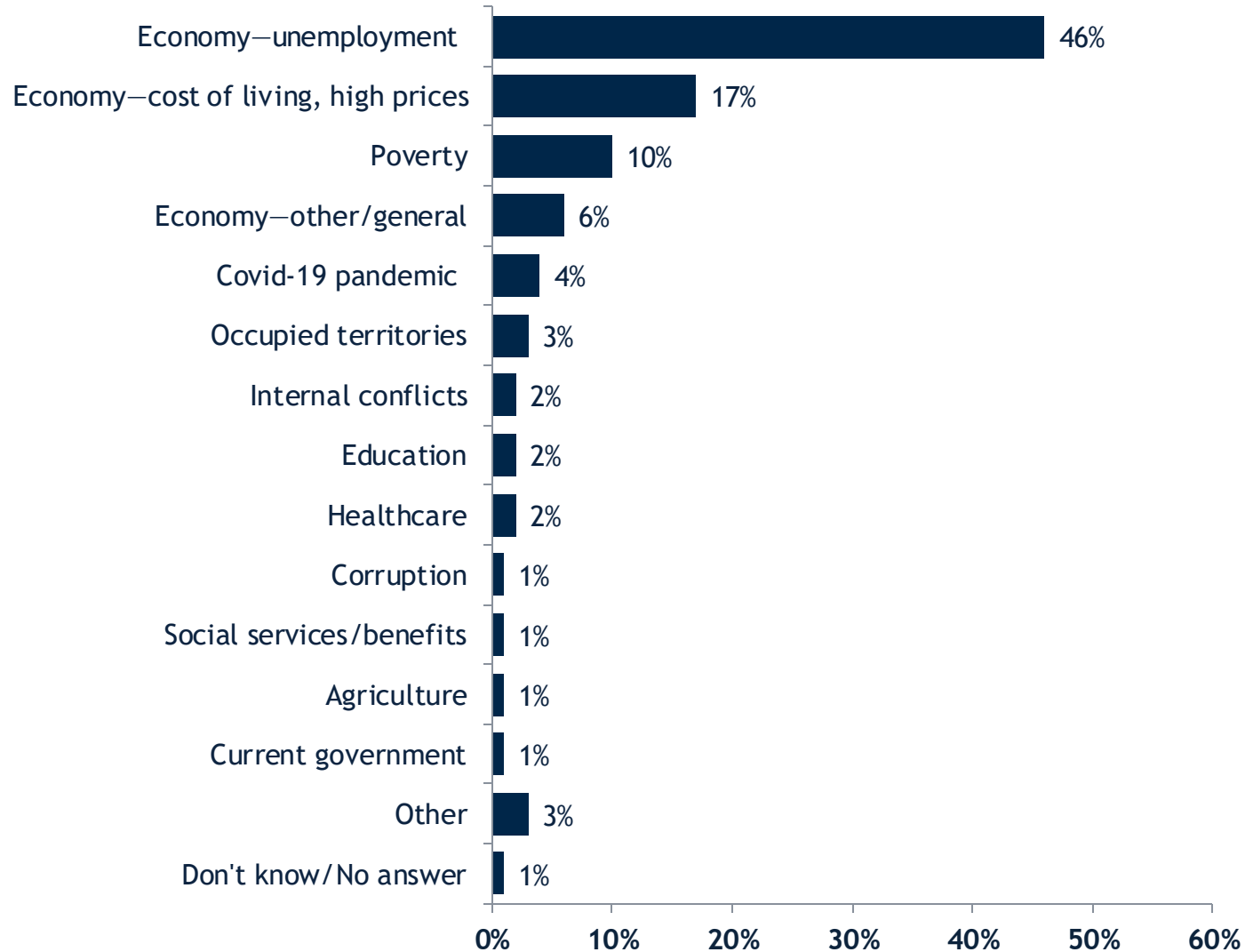


In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction? (Disaggregated by age and settlement type)



What is the most important problem facing our country today?

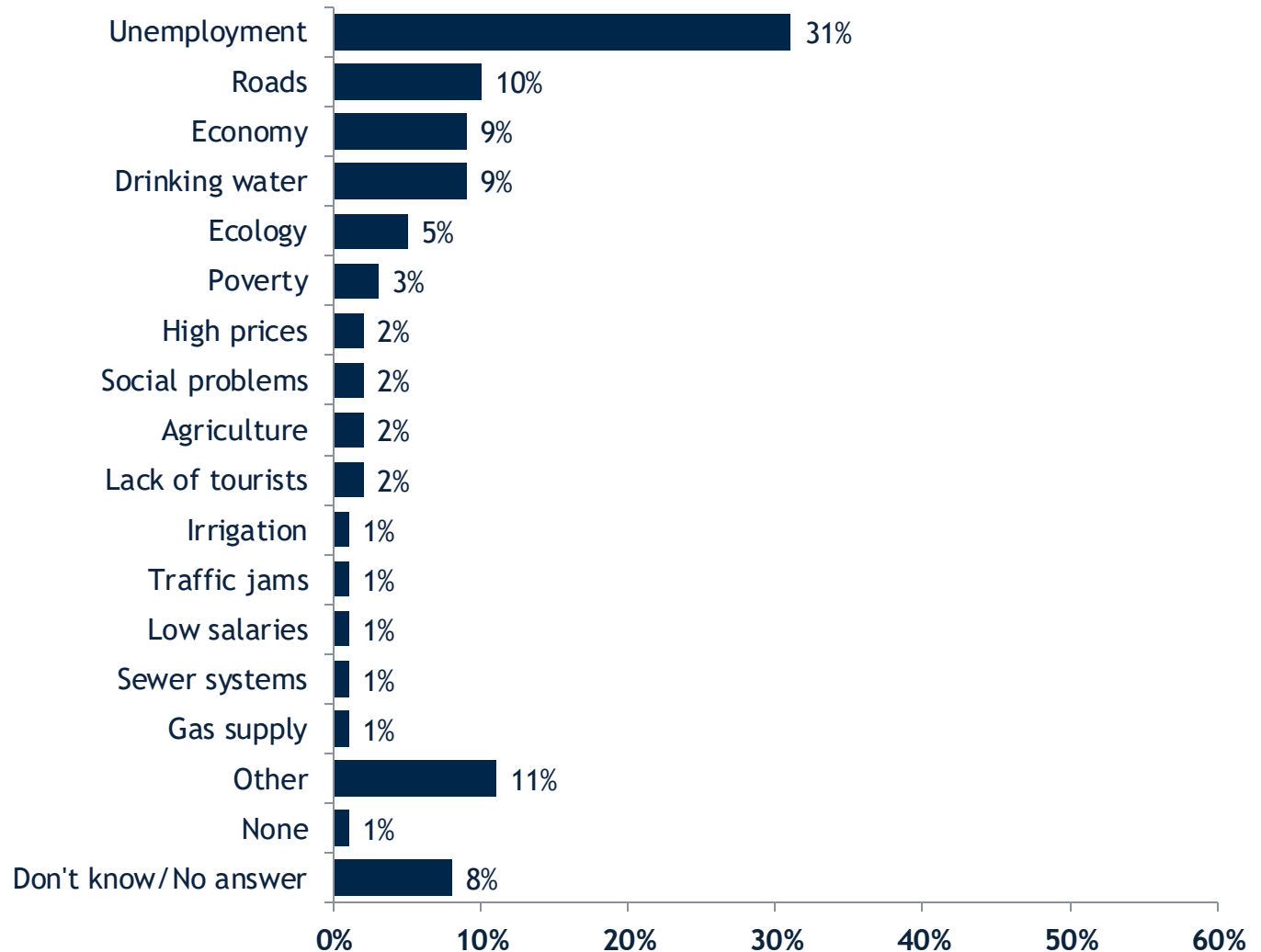
(Respondents permitted to supply one spontaneous answer)



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What is the most important problem facing your town/village?

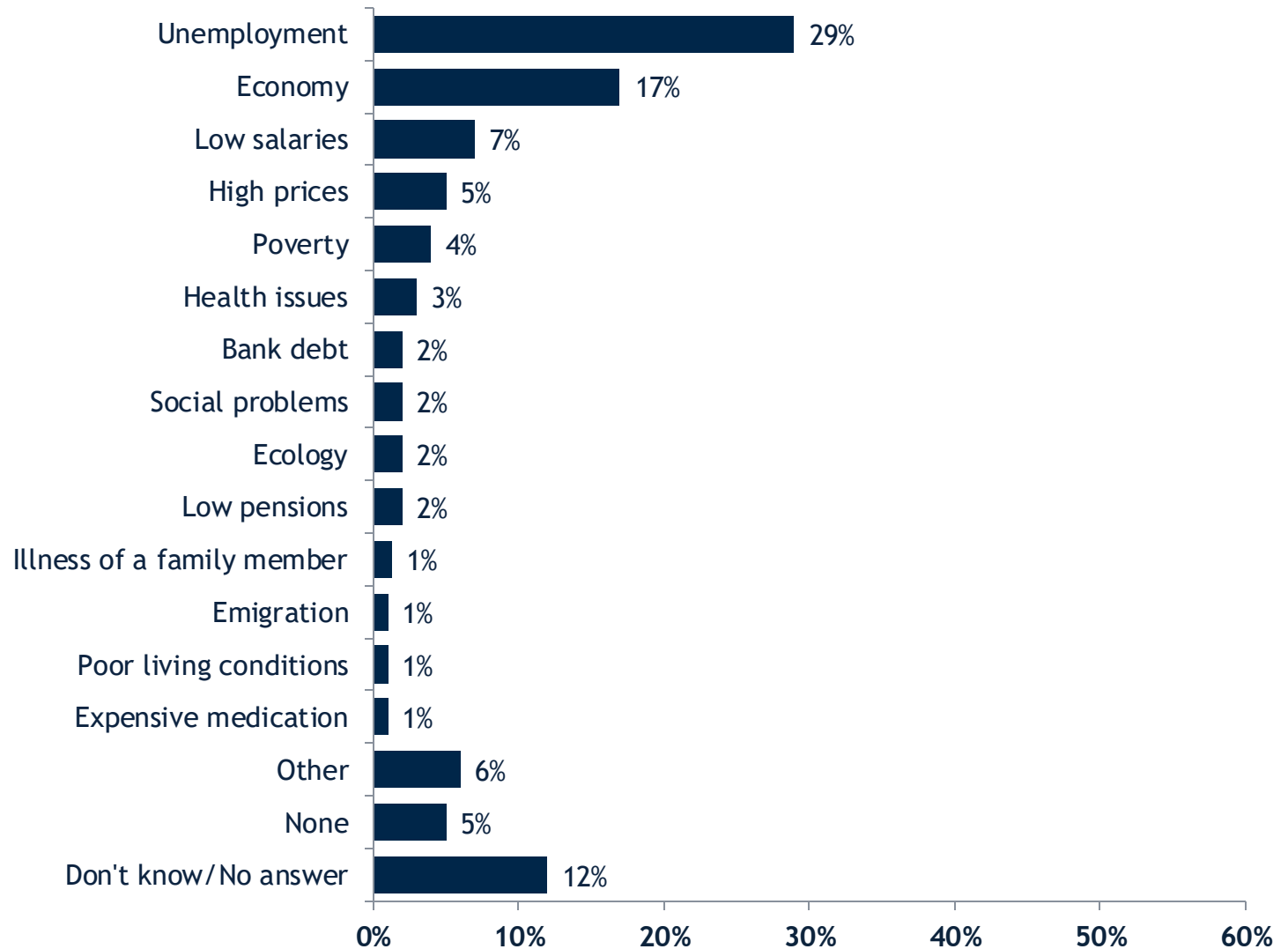
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What is the most important problem facing your household?

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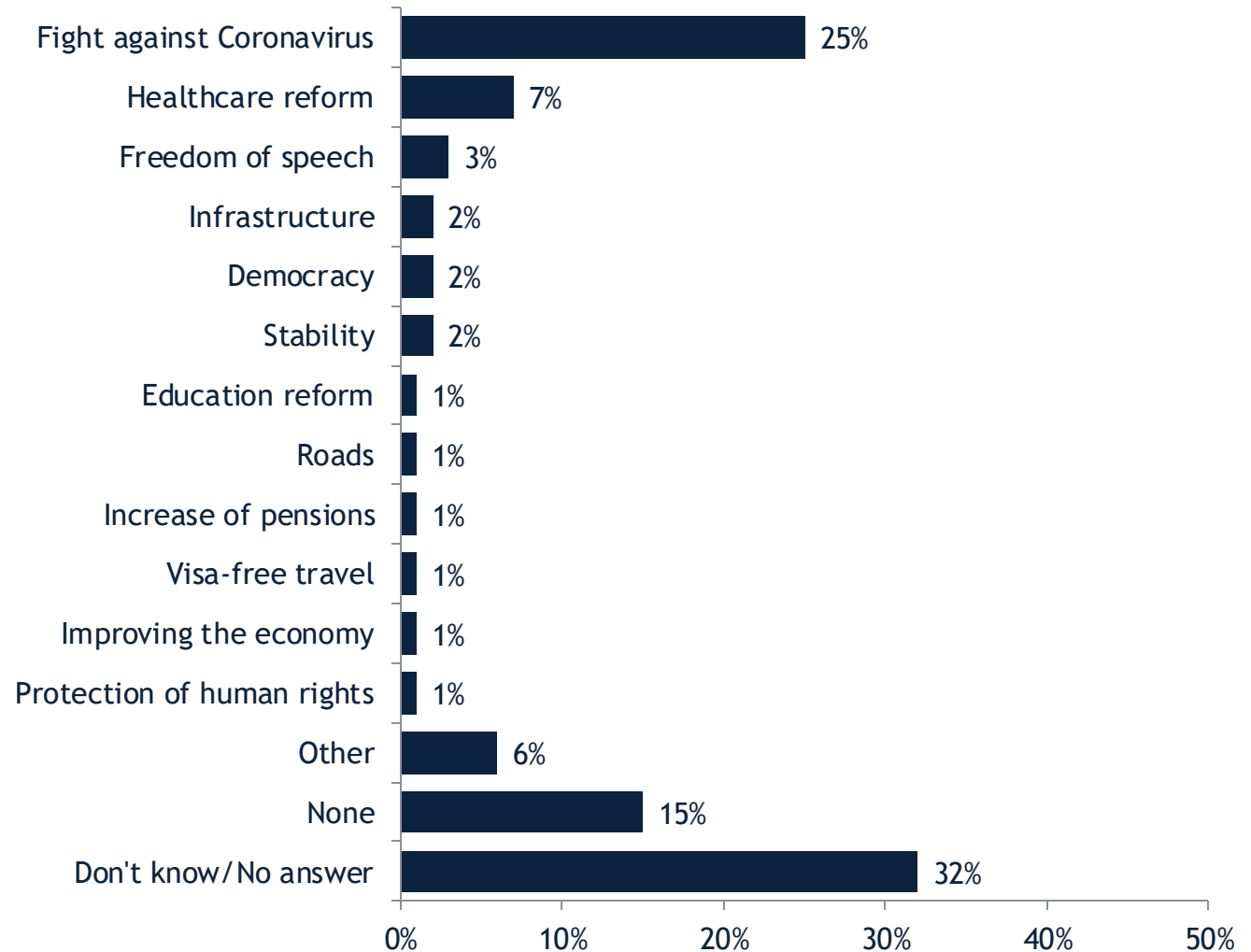


Government and Institutions



What is the main accomplishment of the current government, if any?

(One spontaneous answer)



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What is the biggest failure of the current government, if any?

(One spontaneous answer)

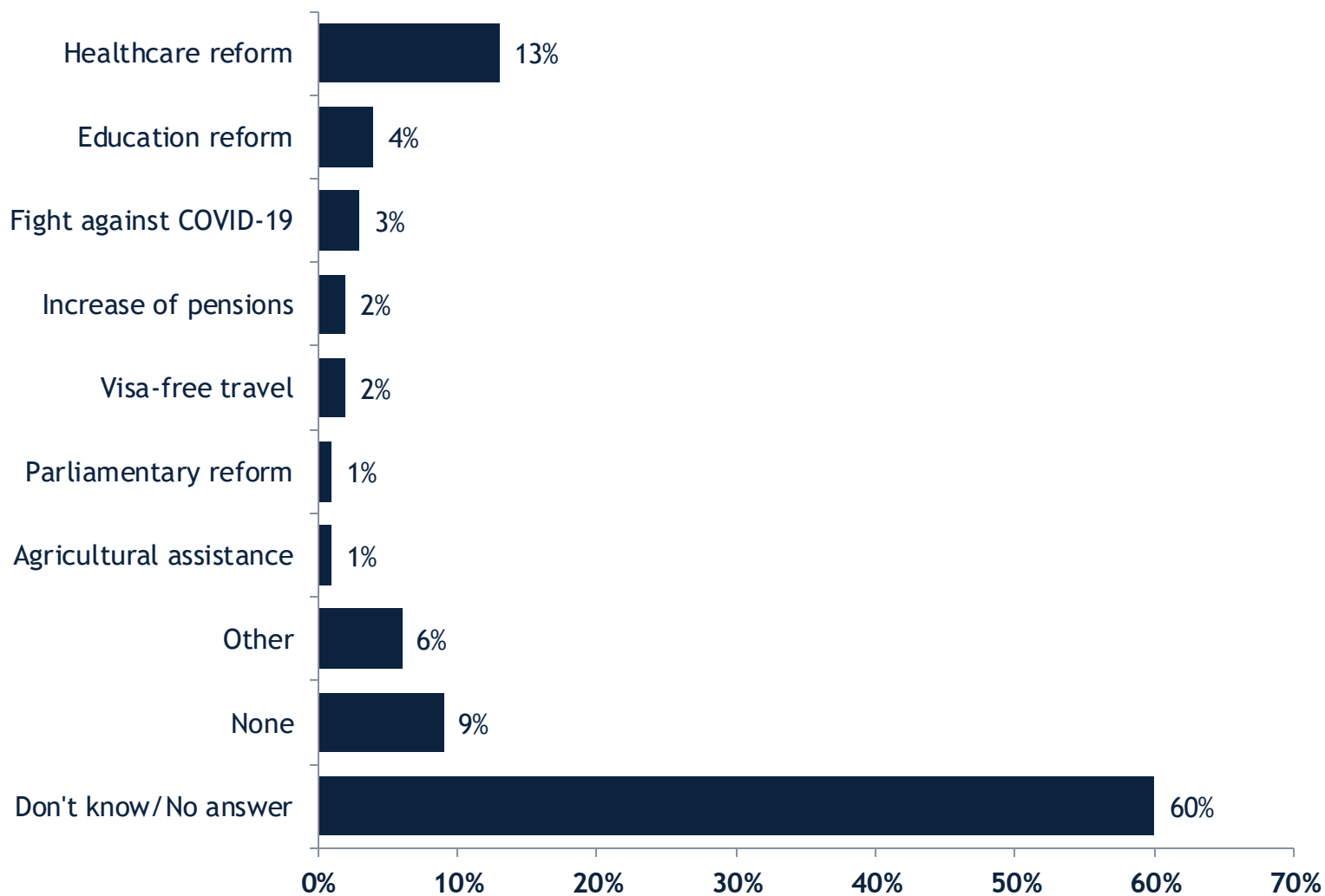


* - On June 20, 2019, government forces violently suppressed opposition street protests over a situation in which a Russian MP was permitted to address a gathering of international parliamentarians from the Speaker's Chair in Parliament.

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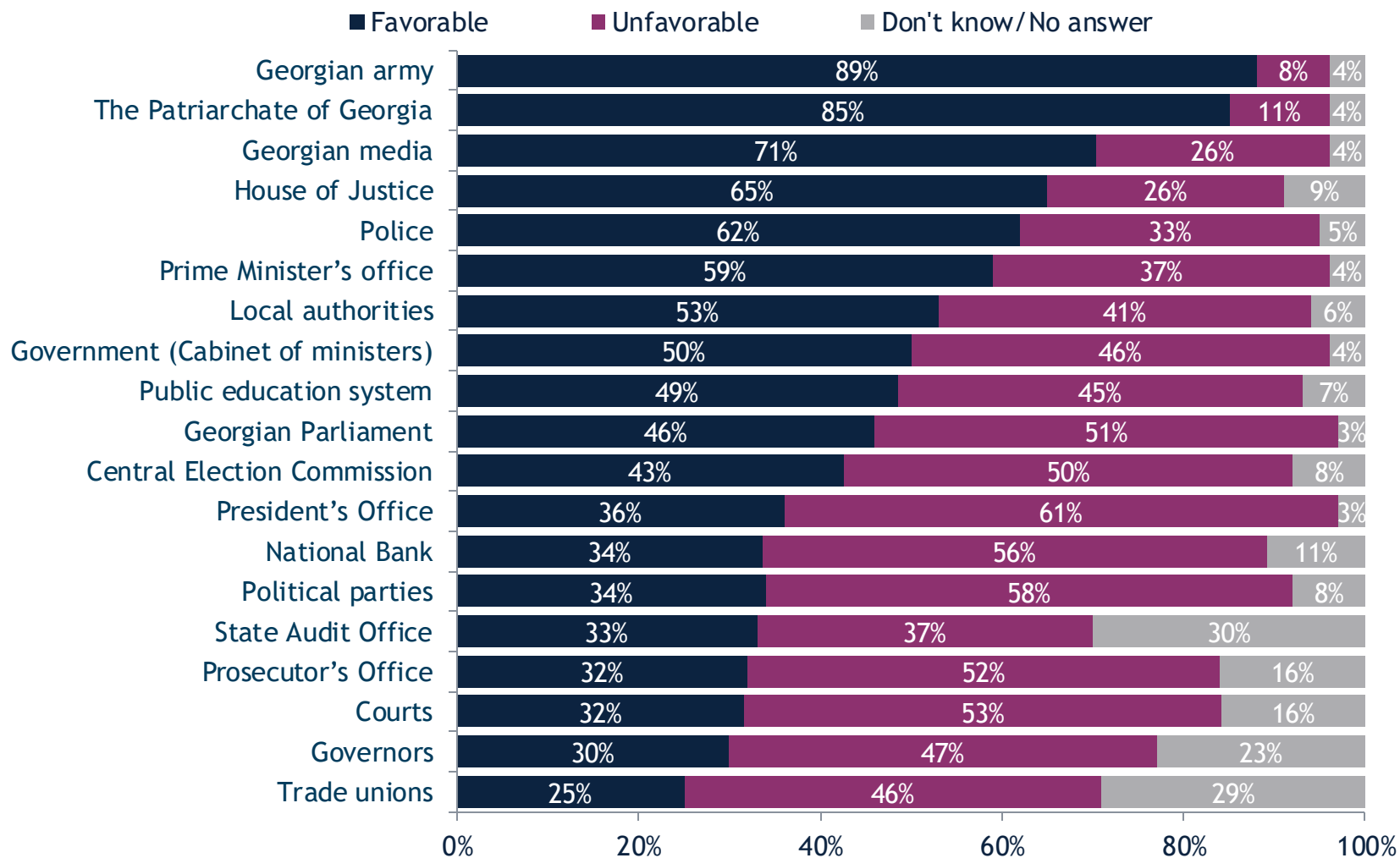
In your opinion, what is the most successful reform adopted by the current parliament within the last year, if any?

(One spontaneous answer)

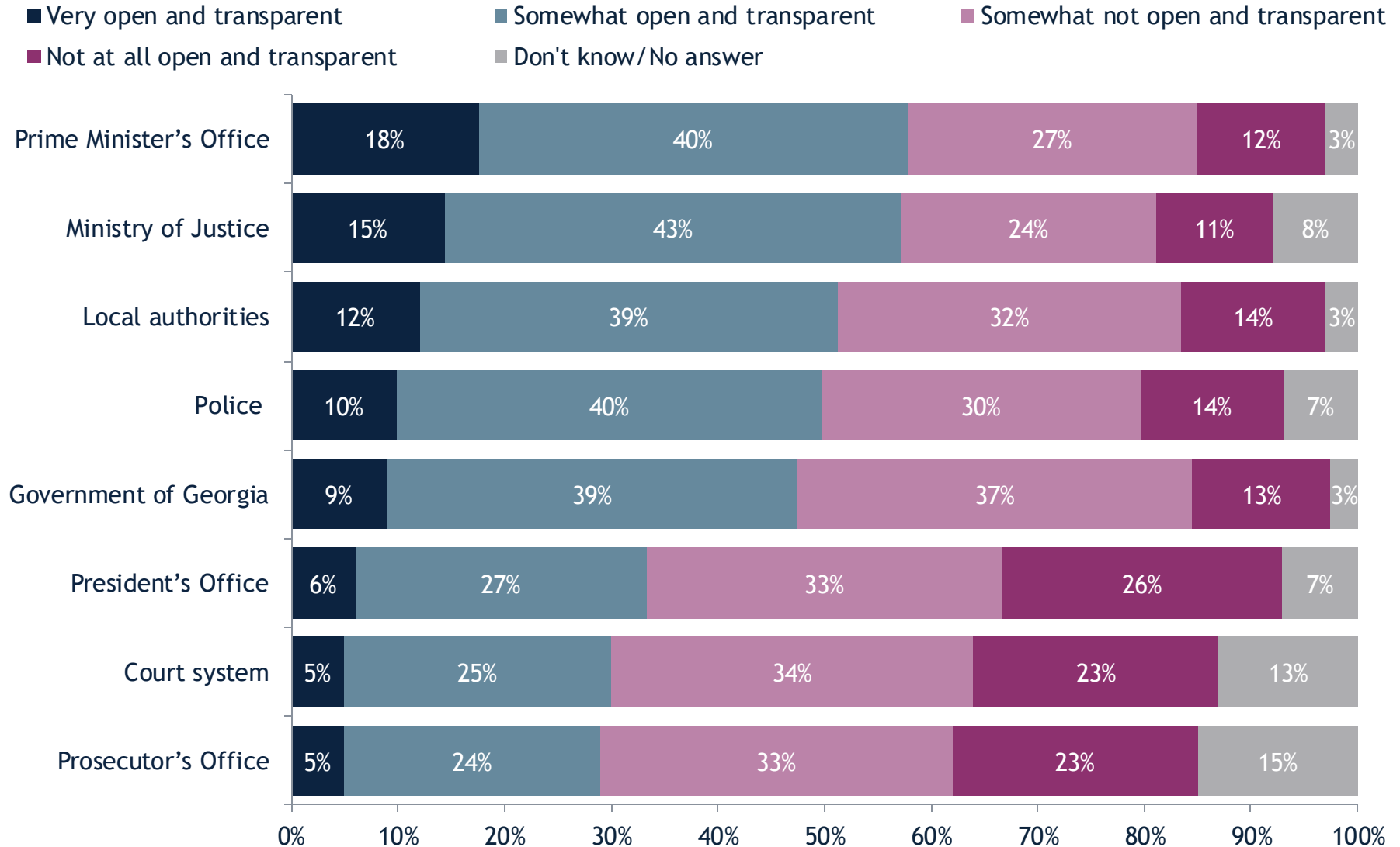


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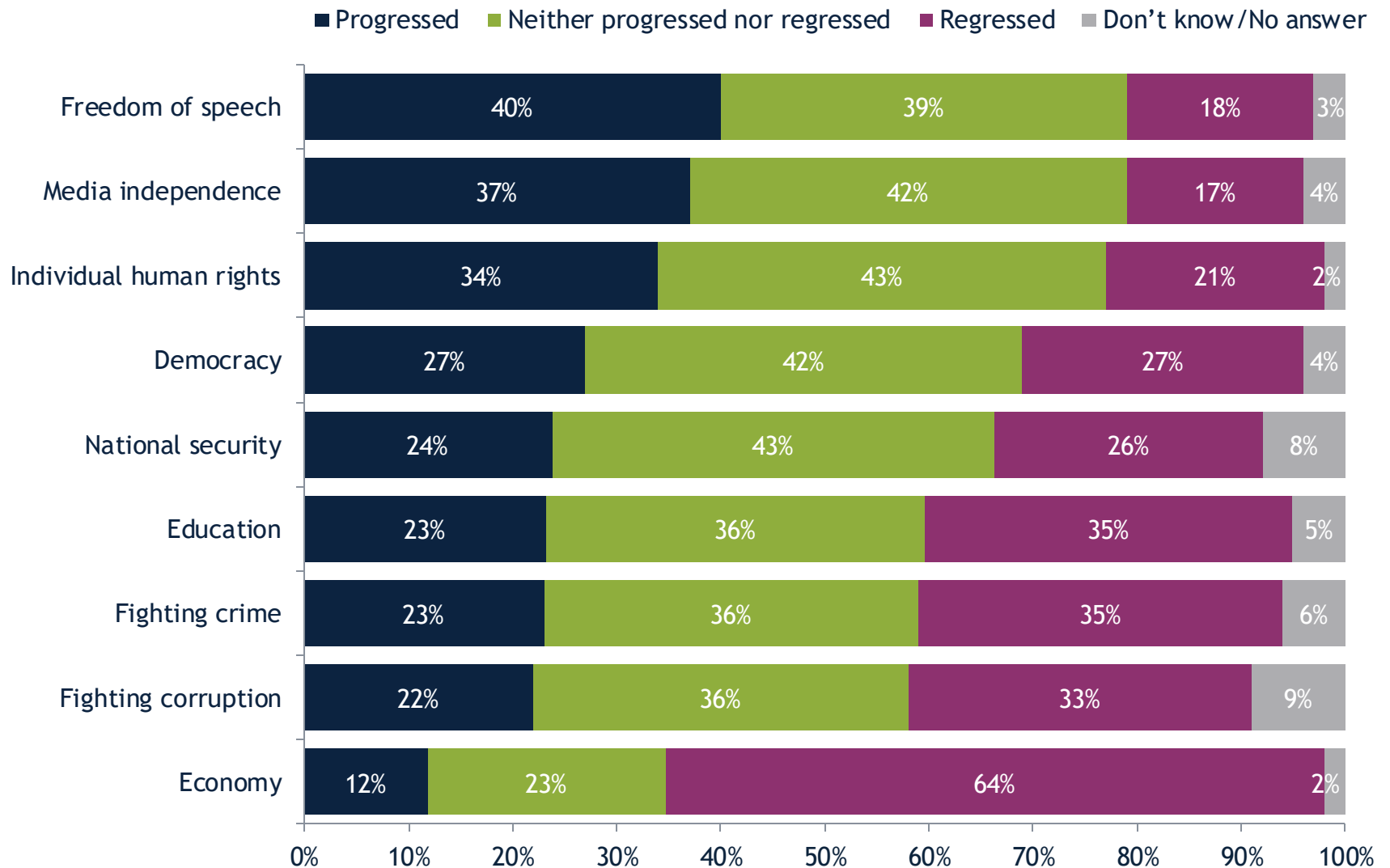
Now I am going to read out the names of some Georgian institutions and organizations. Please tell me your opinion about the work of each of these institutions:



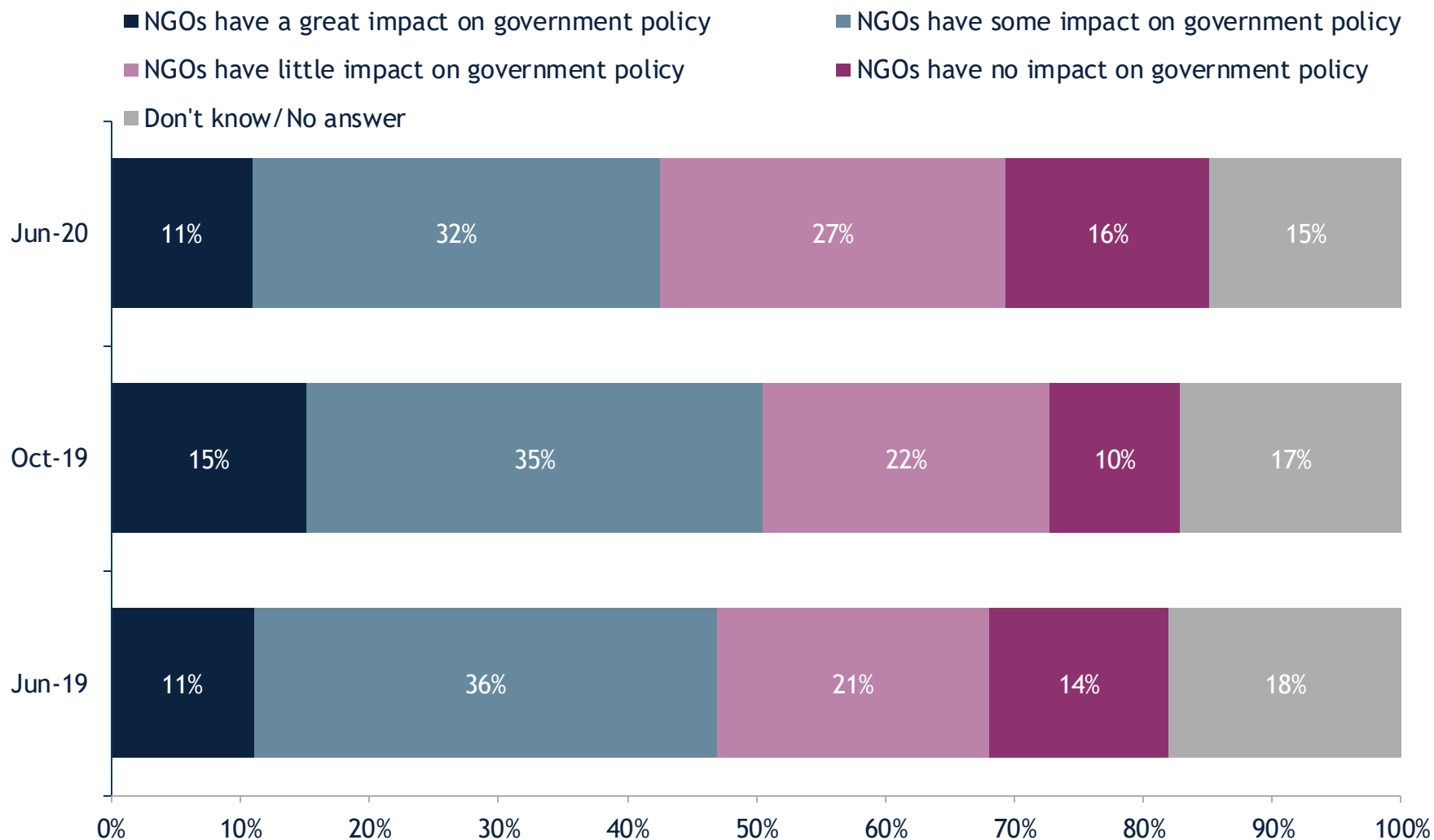
How do you assess performance of the following institutions in terms of openness and transparency?



How do you feel about the direction of each of the following issues during the past year?

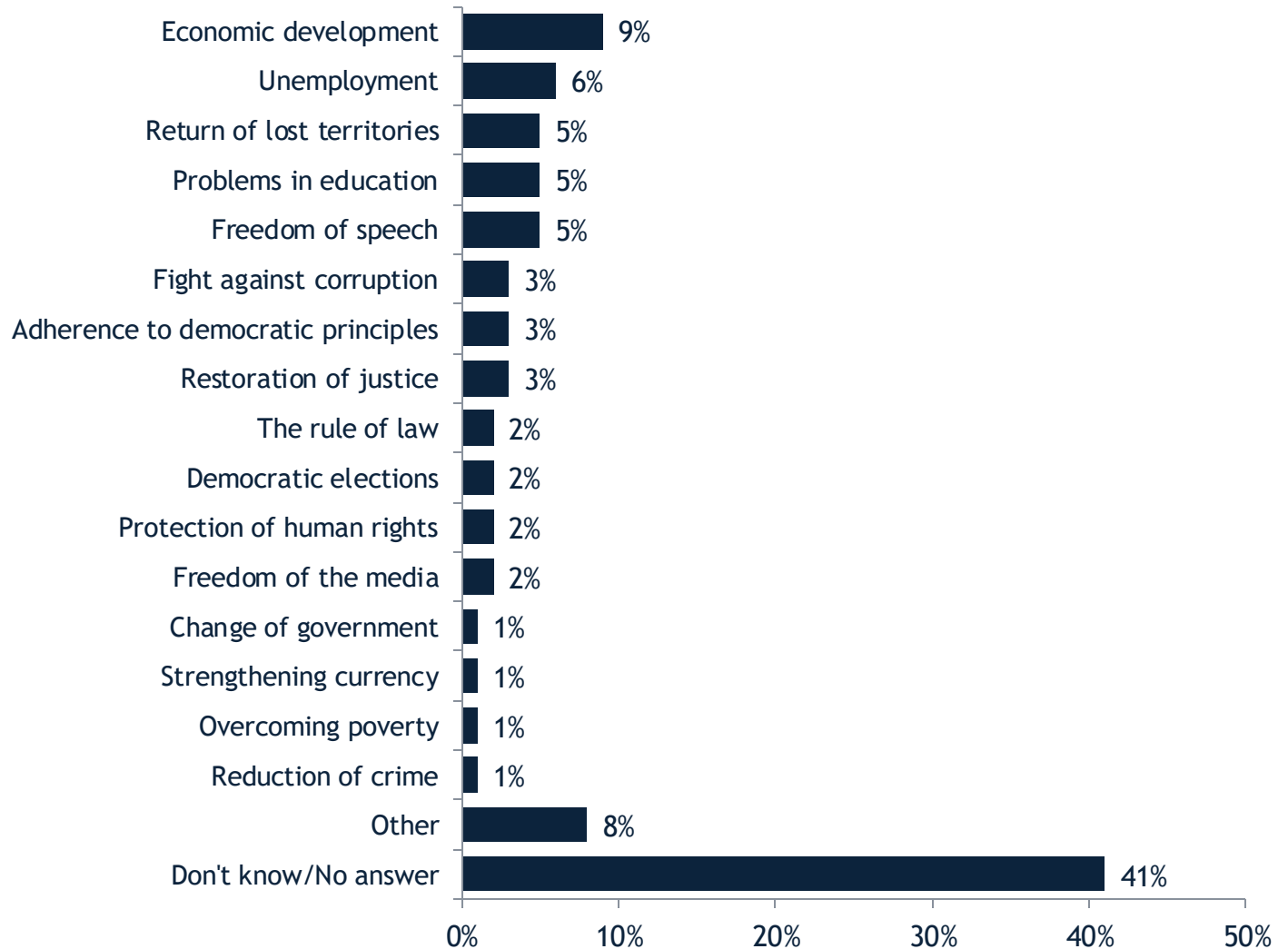


What is your perception of the level of impact of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on government policy in Georgia?



What do you think is the biggest challenge for Georgia's democratic development/future?

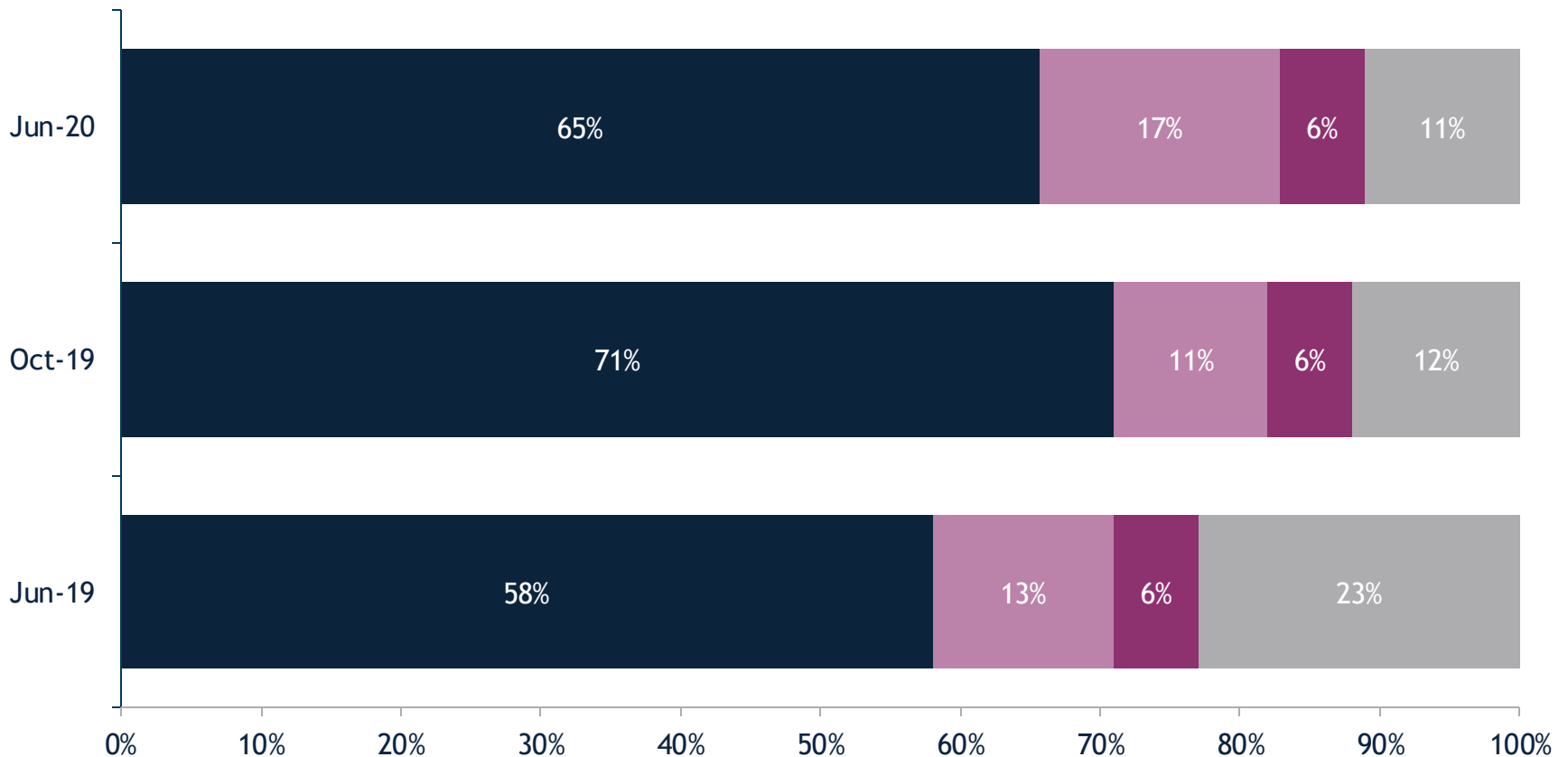
(Respondents permitted to supply one spontaneous answer)



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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/No answer

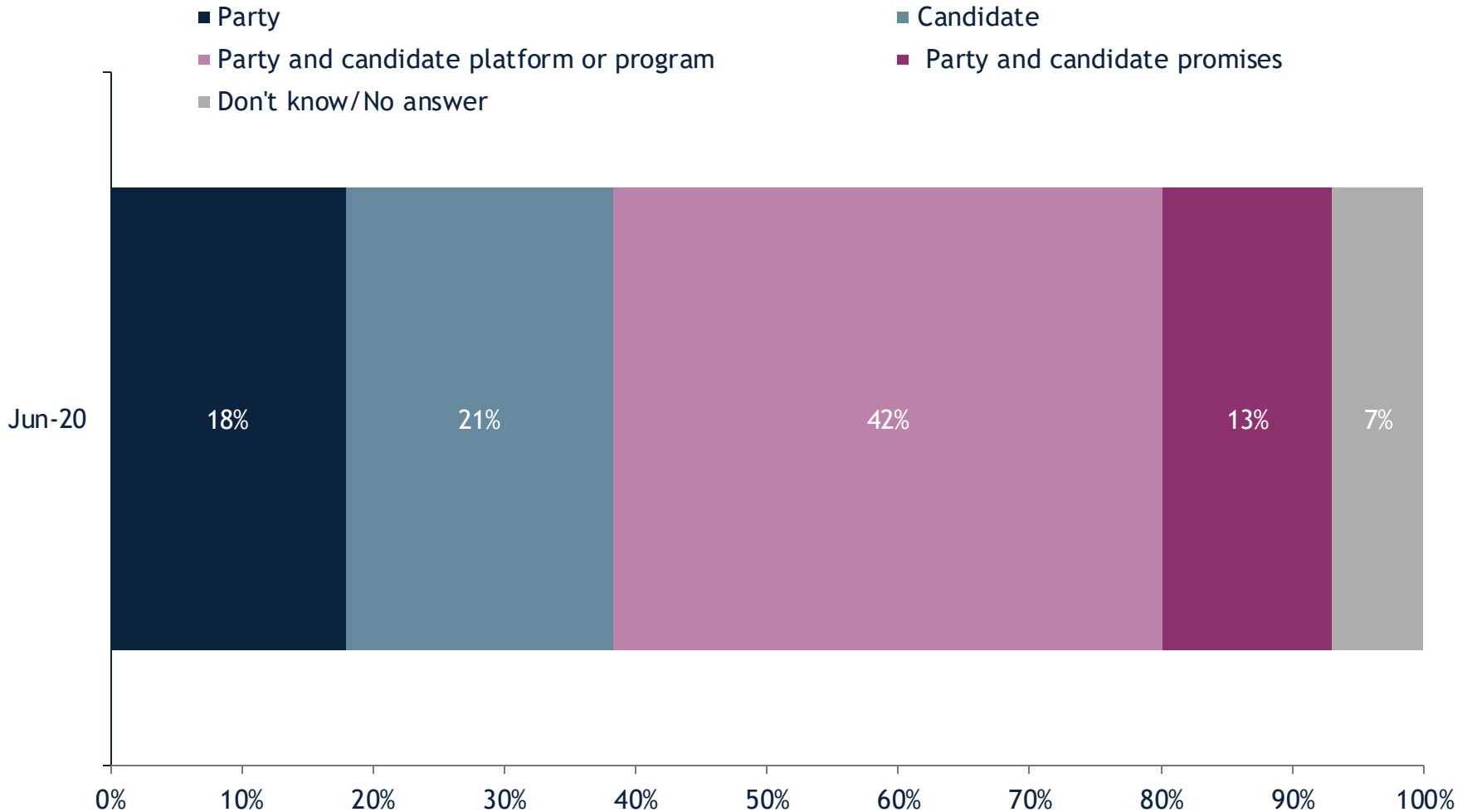




Political Parties and Platforms

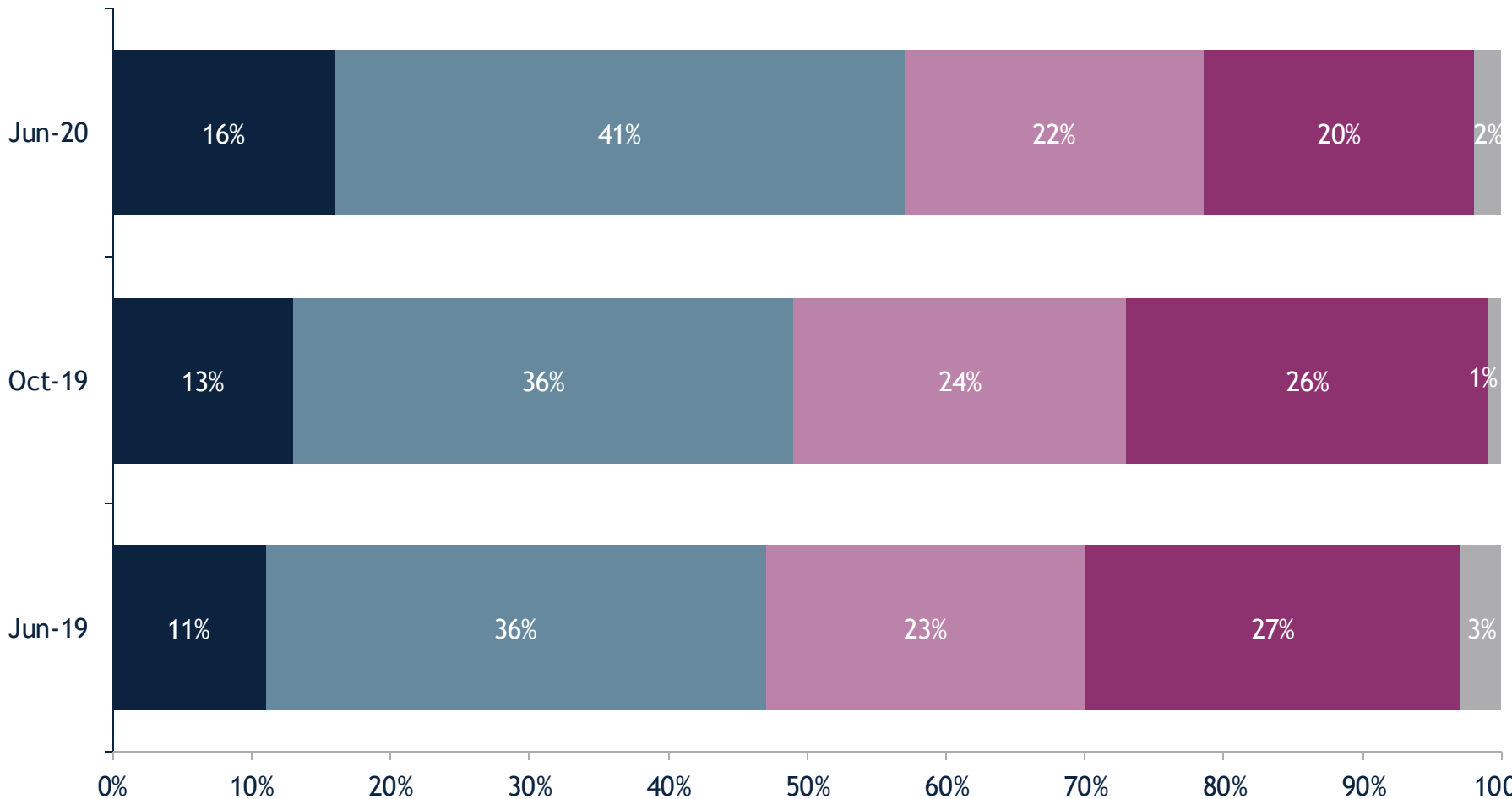


What will be the most important factor in determining your vote?



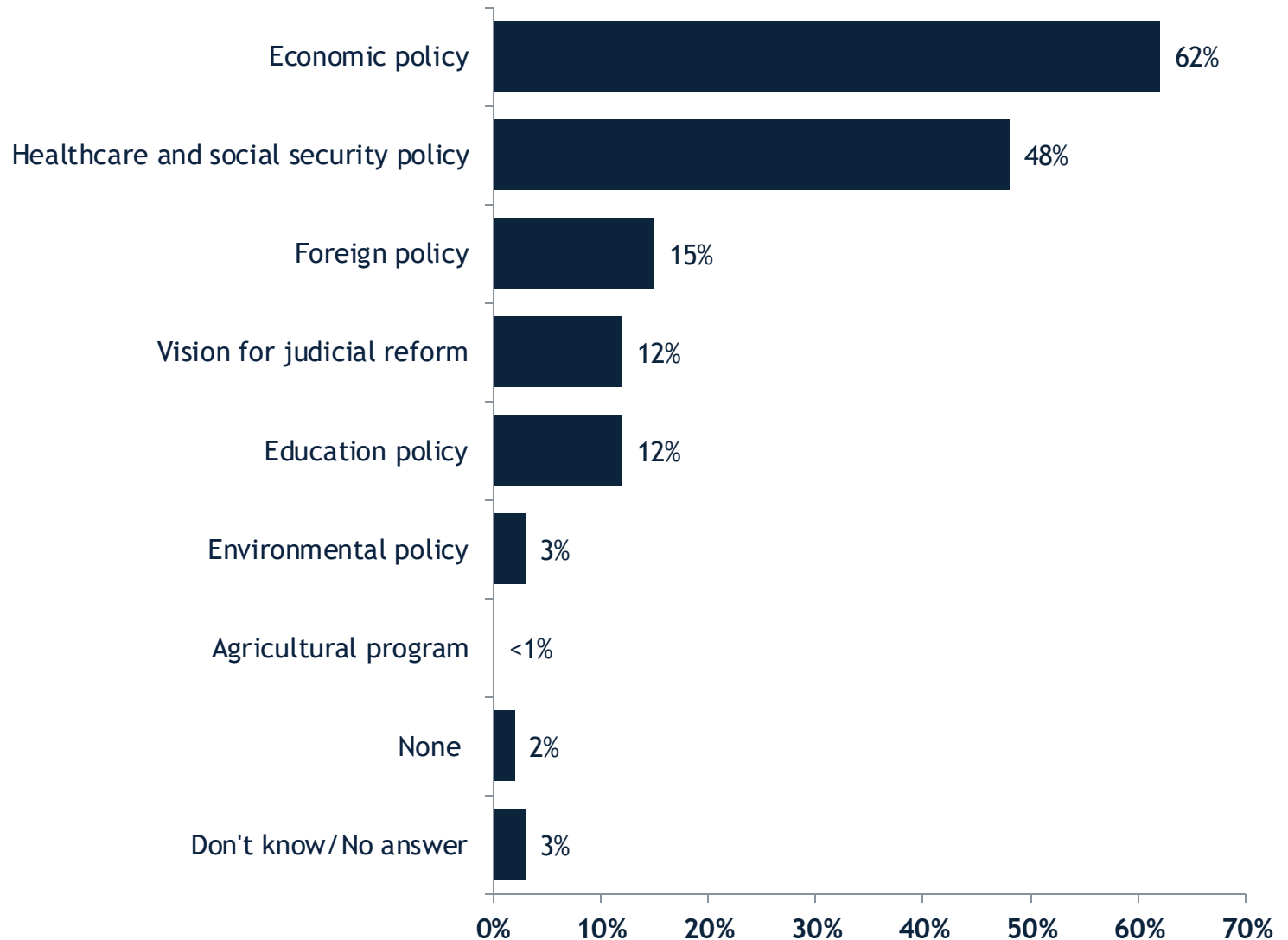
Generally, are you familiar or unfamiliar with the election programs of the parties and candidates running in your city, district or village?

Very familiar Somewhat familiar Somewhat unfamiliar Very unfamiliar Don't know/No answer

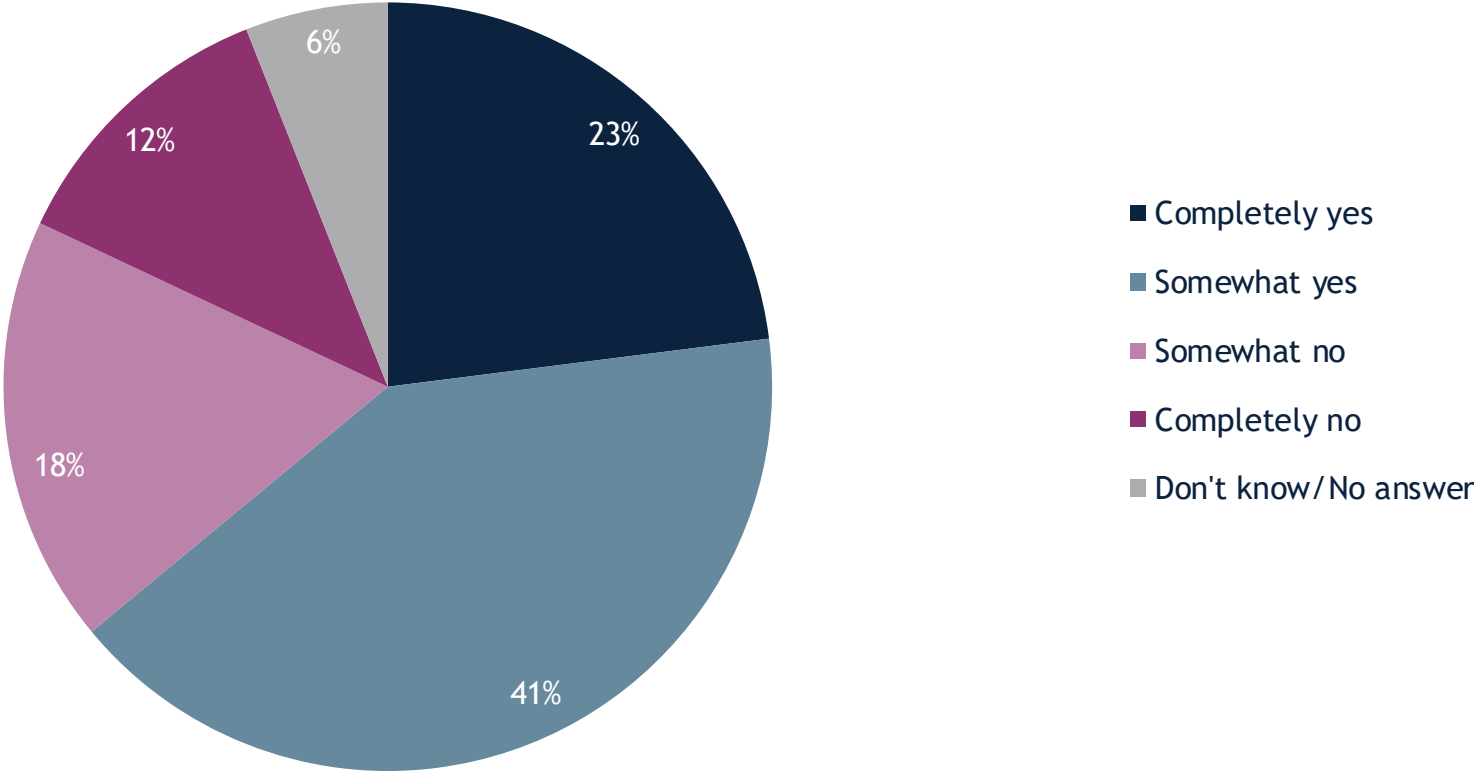


Which component of a party's pre-election program will most likely determine your vote in the upcoming parliamentary elections?

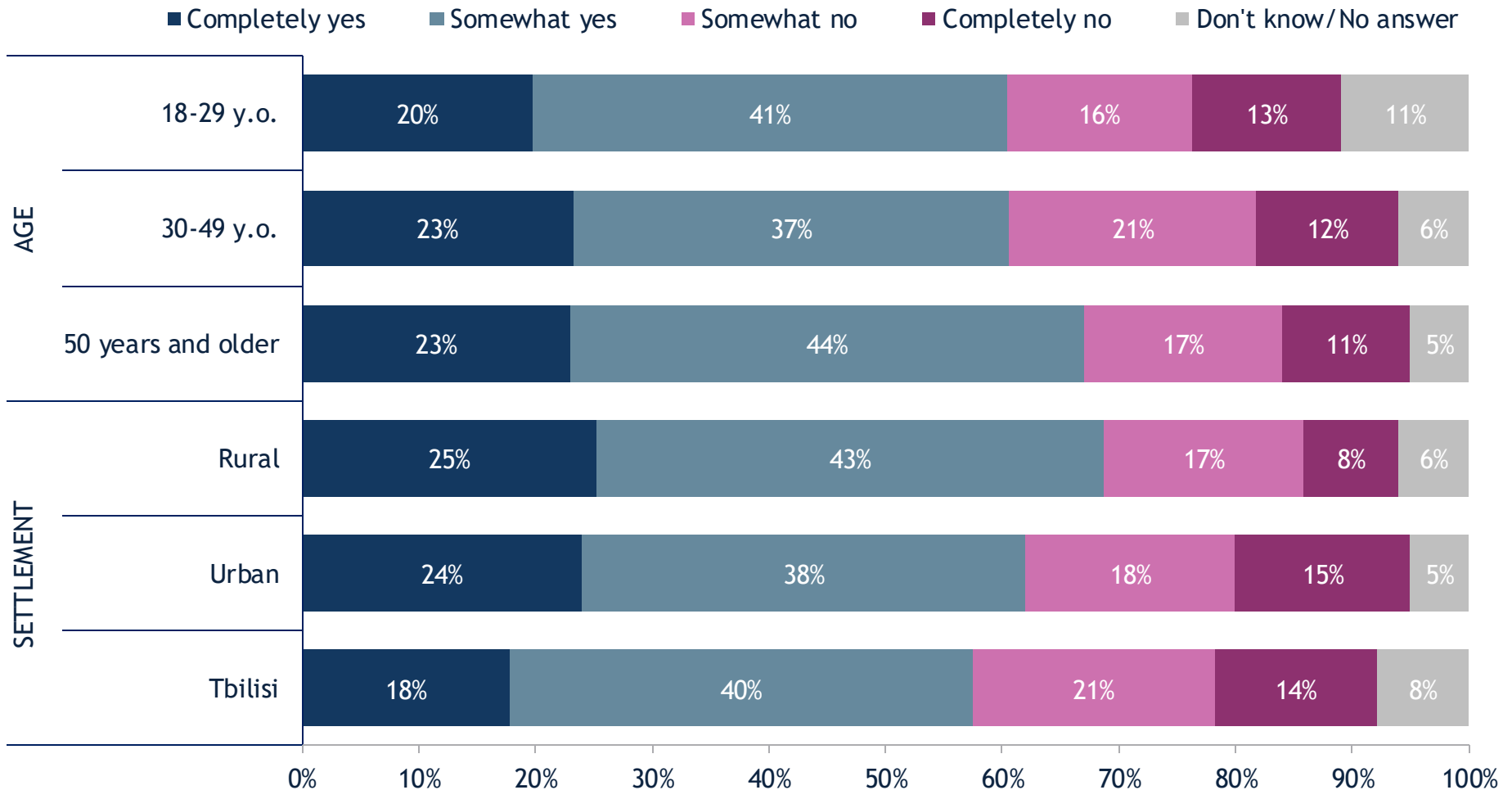
(Respondents were allowed to submit two answers)



Do you believe that at least one political party in Georgia represents your interests?

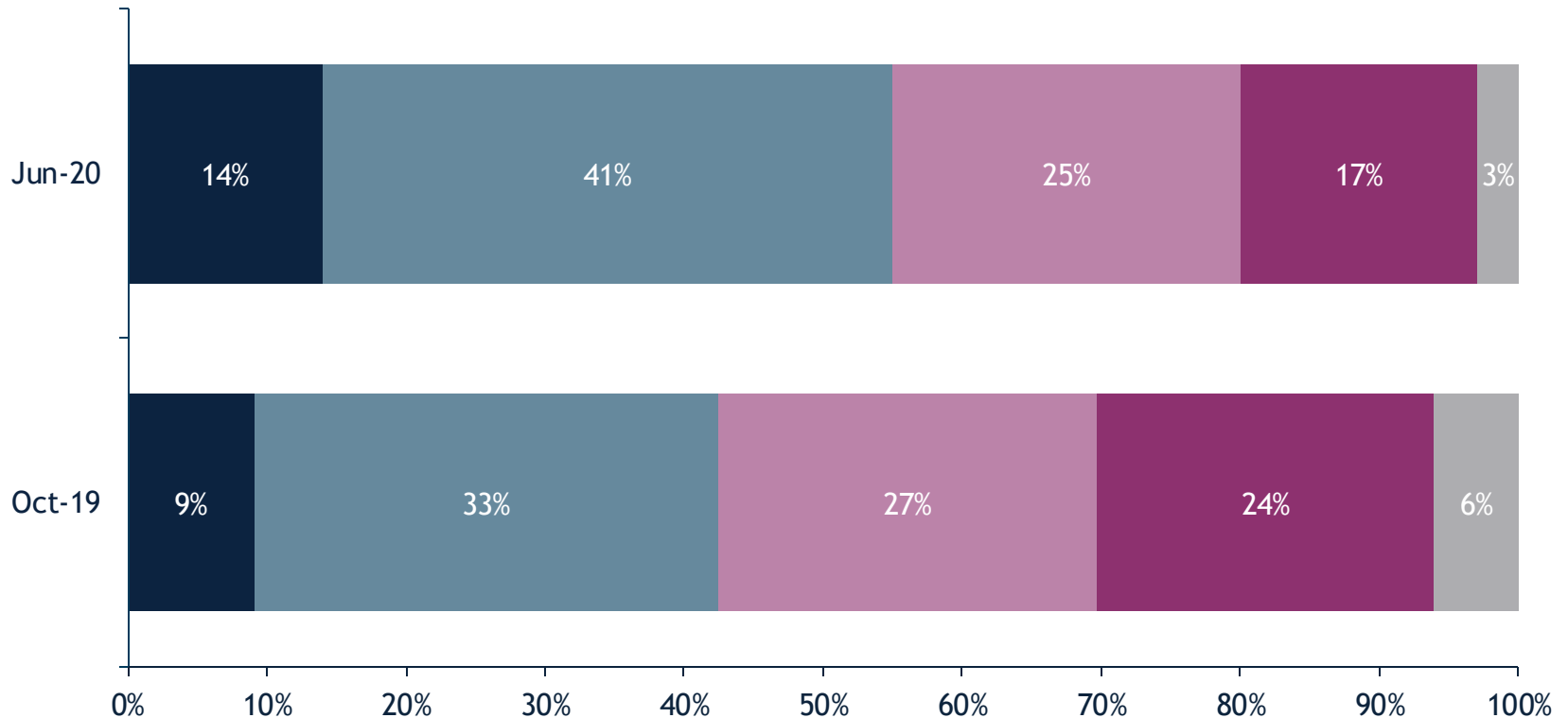


Do you believe that at least one political party in Georgia represents your interests? (Disaggregated by age and settlement type)



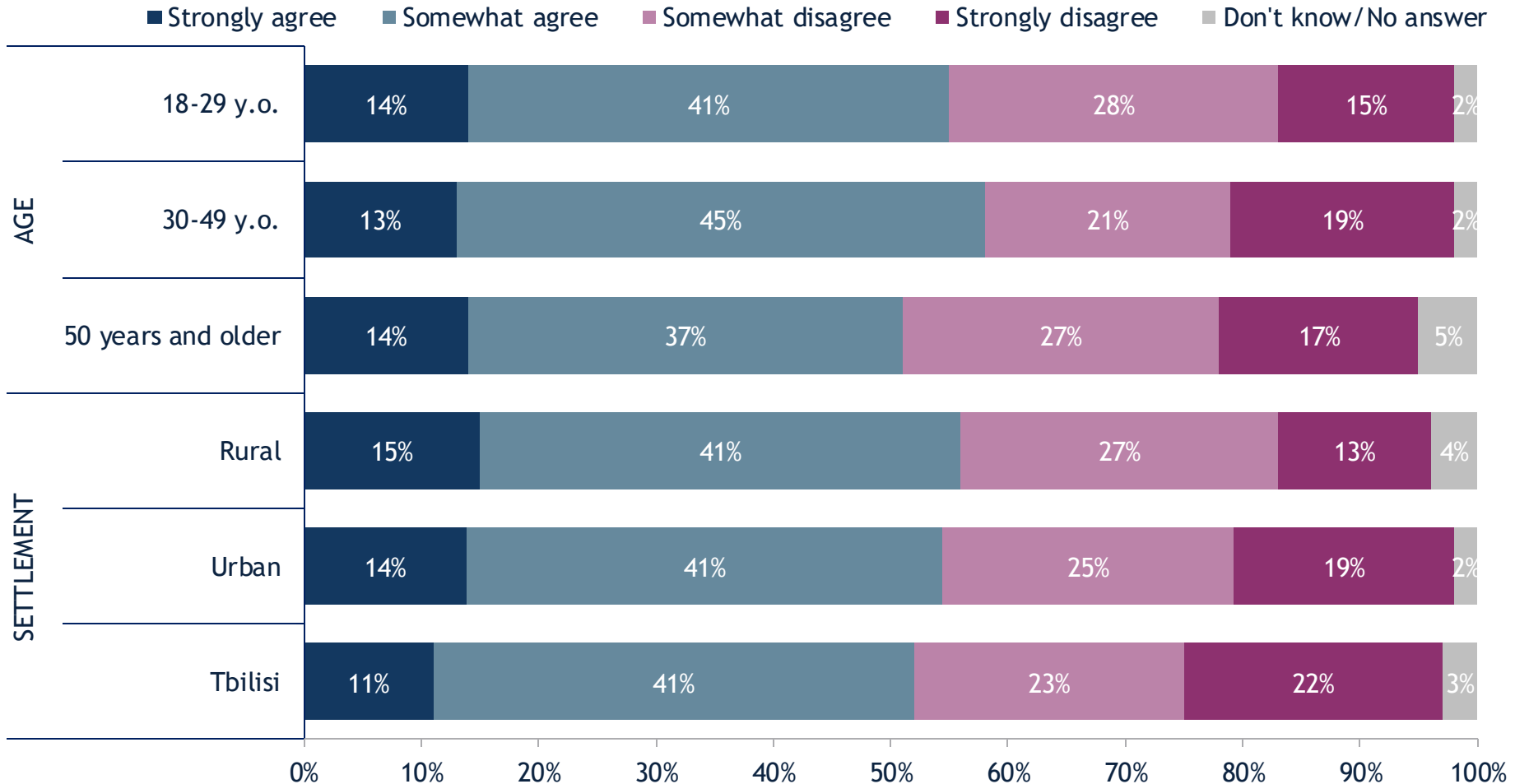
Tell me how you feel about the following statement: “I am satisfied with the current state of democracy in Georgia”

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



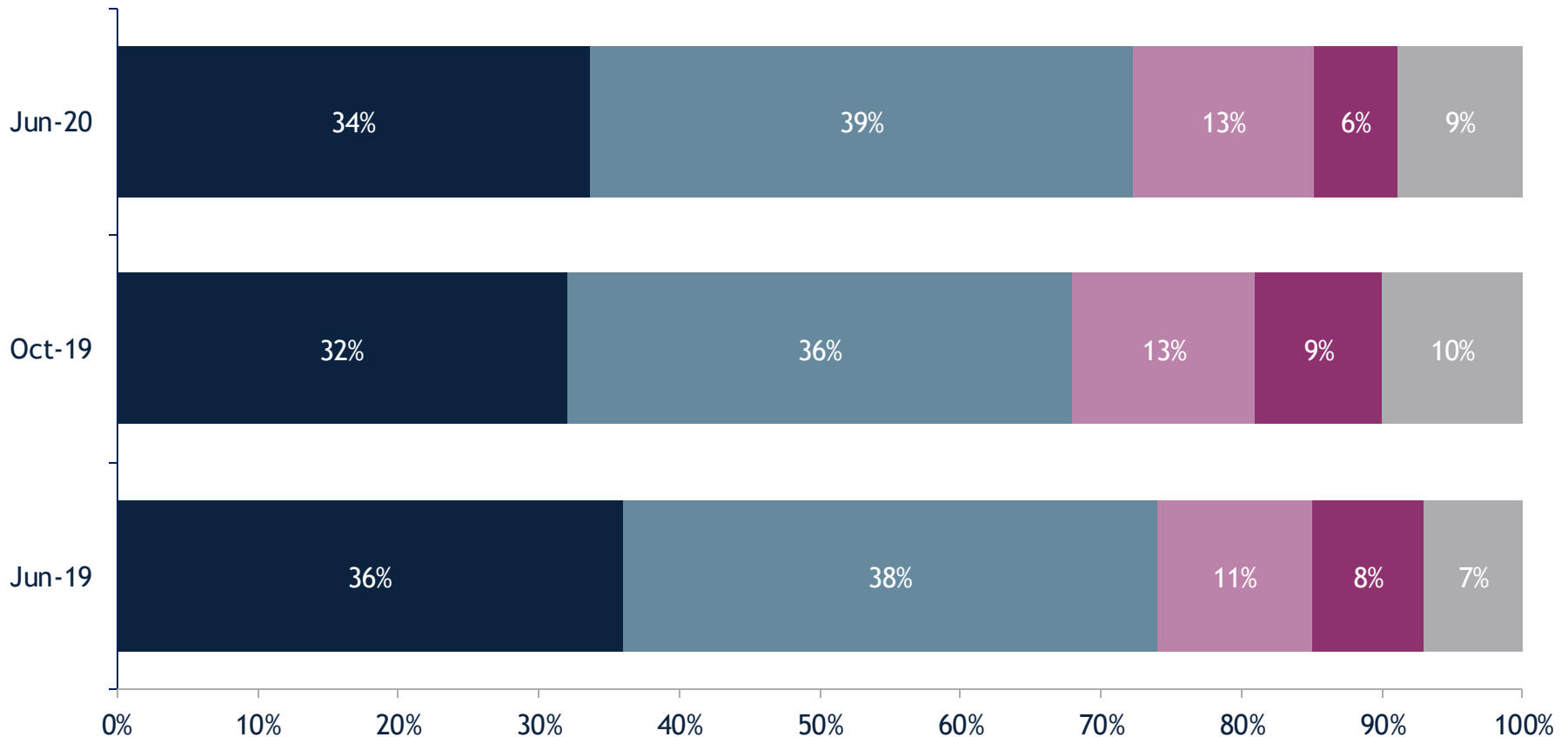
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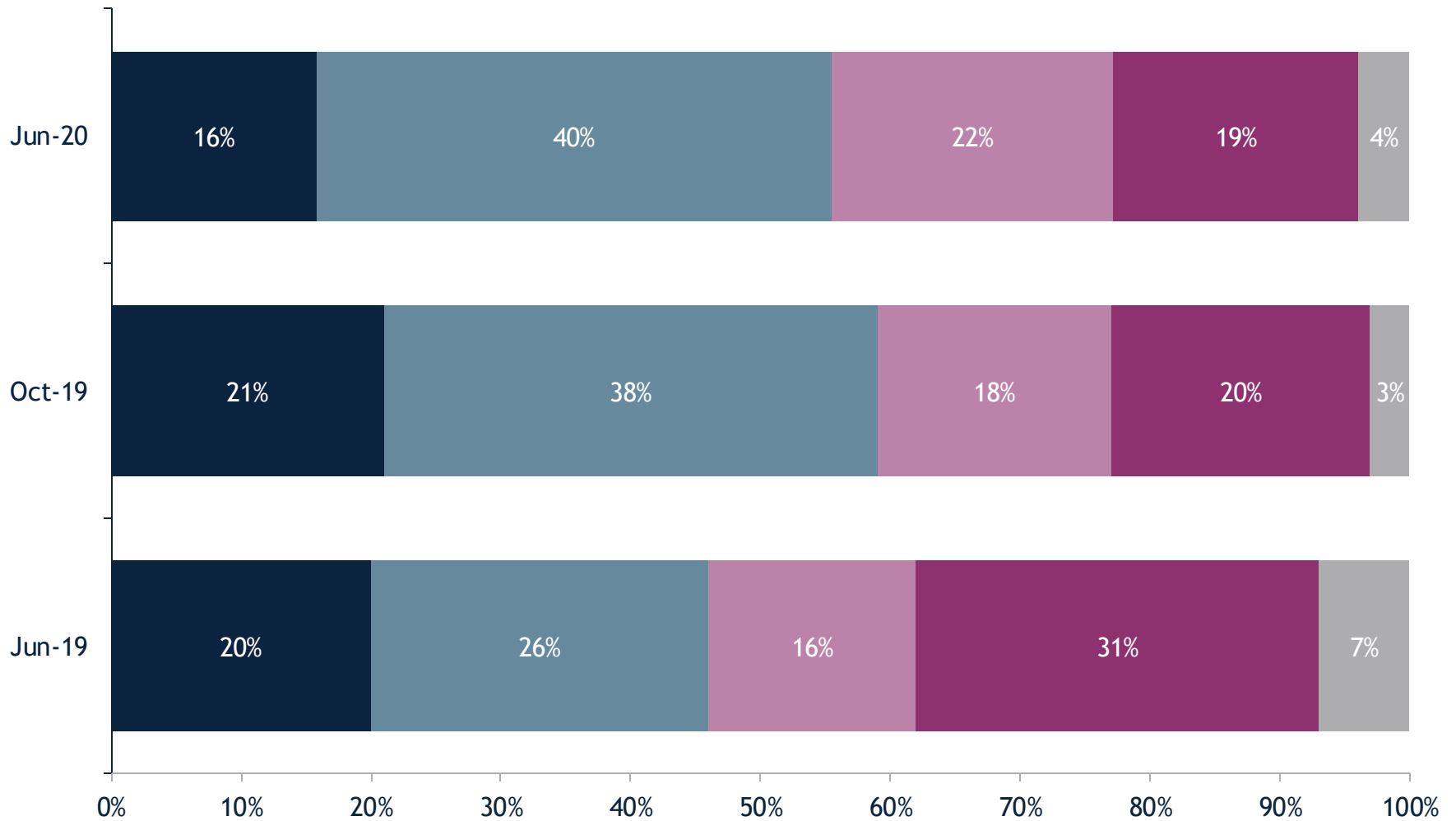
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Is it healthy for Georgia’s democracy to have multiple parties in power?”

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

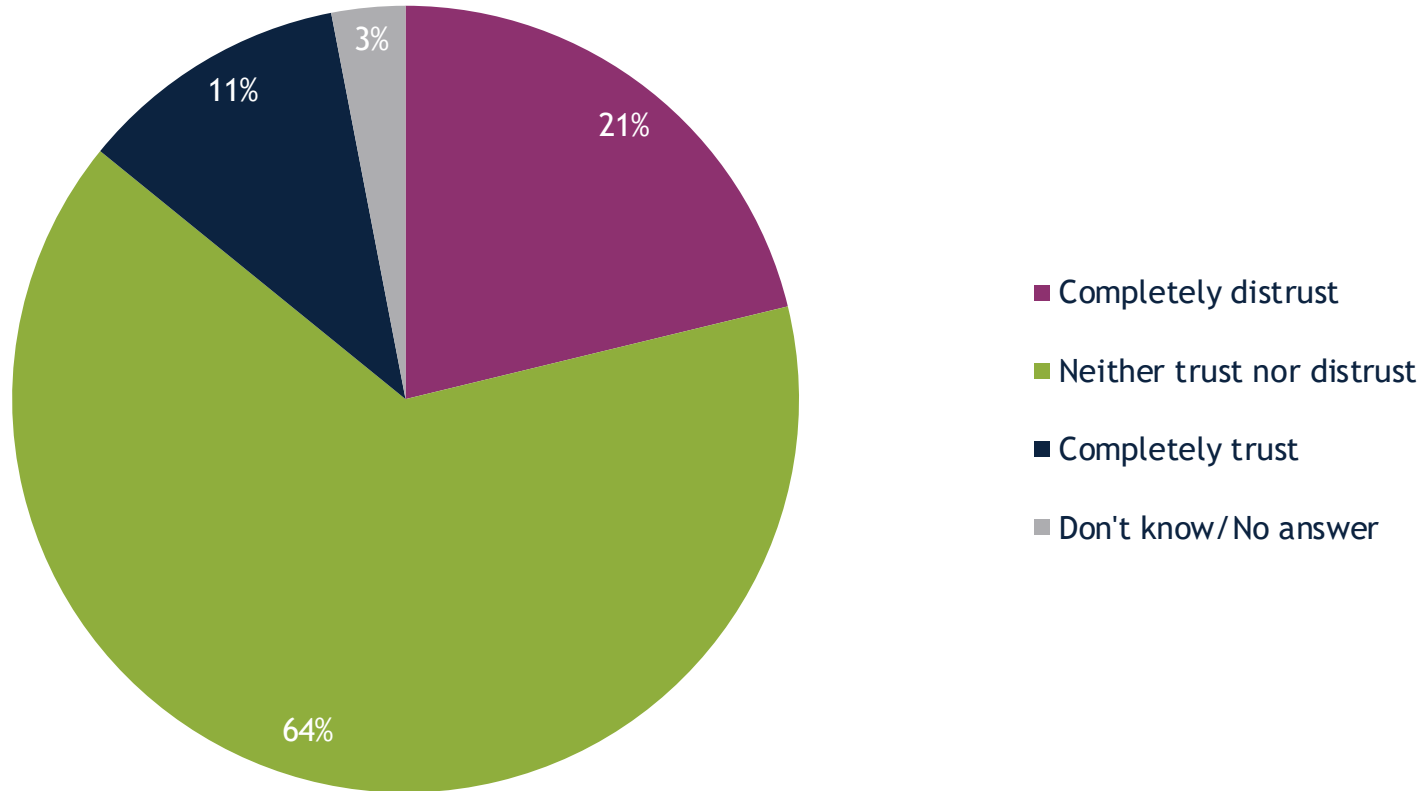


How likely or unlikely is it that ordinary people are able to influence decisions made in our country?

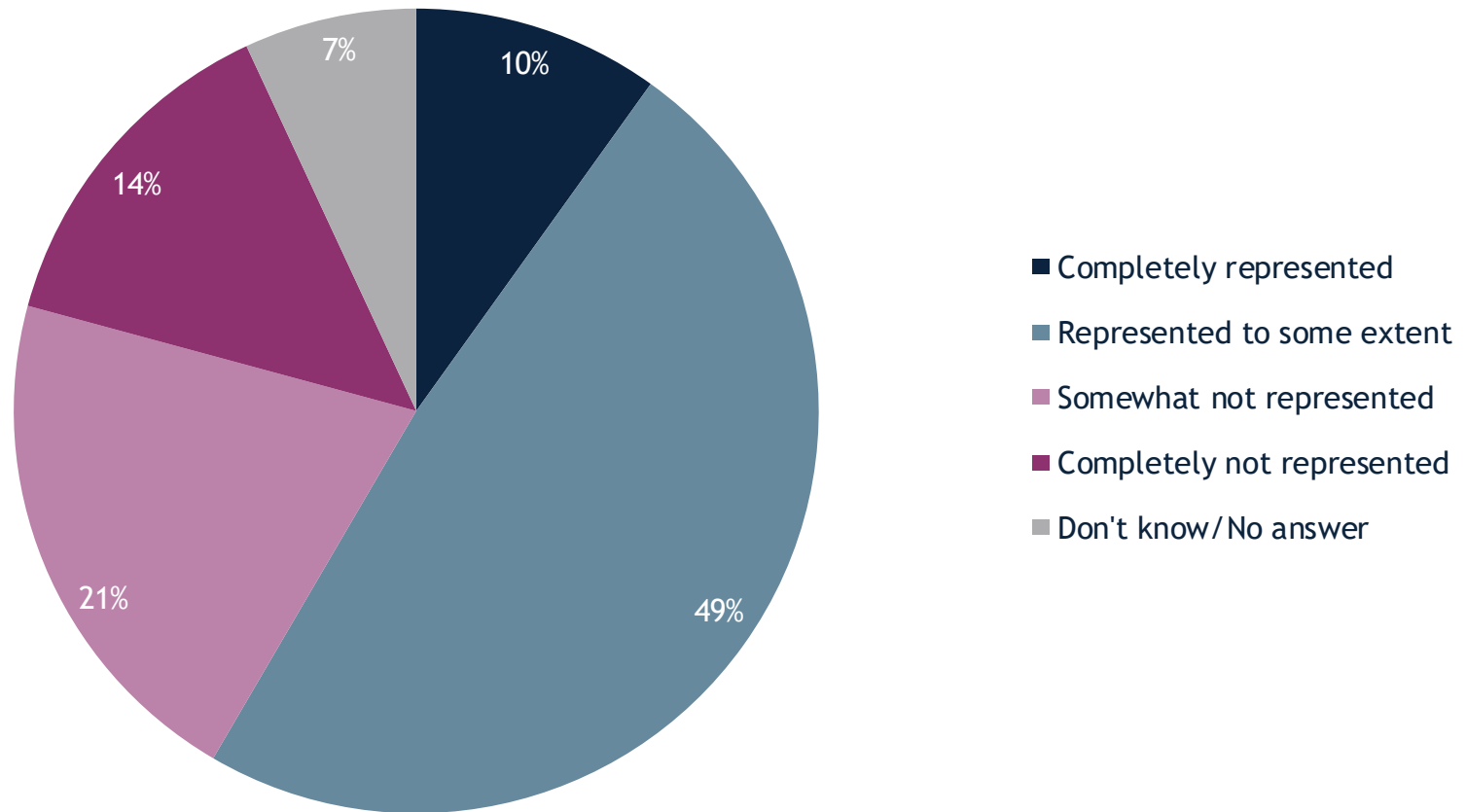
Very likely Somewhat likely Somewhat unlikely Very unlikely Don't know/No answer



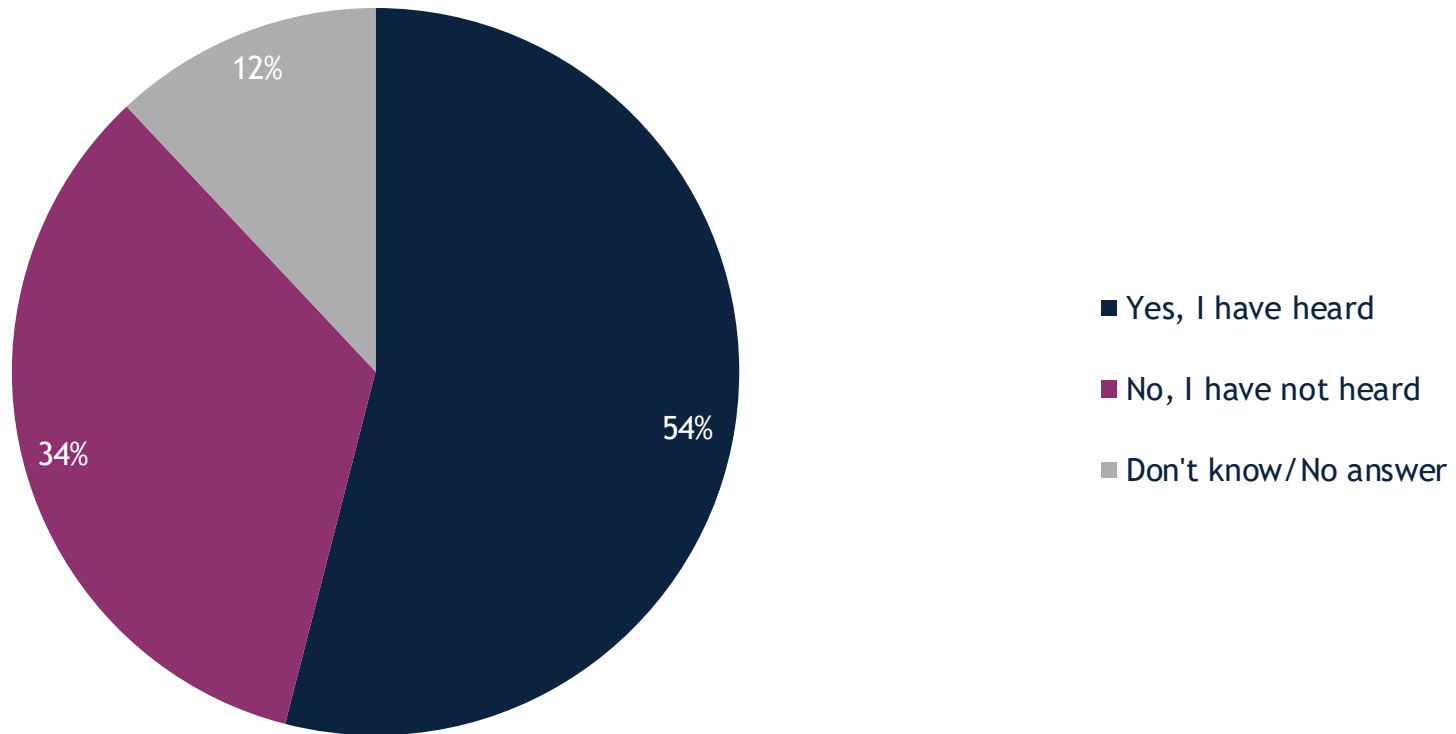
Please tell me how much do you trust or distrust Georgia's political parties?



To what extent are your interests represented by the political system (government, parliament, political parties) in Georgia?

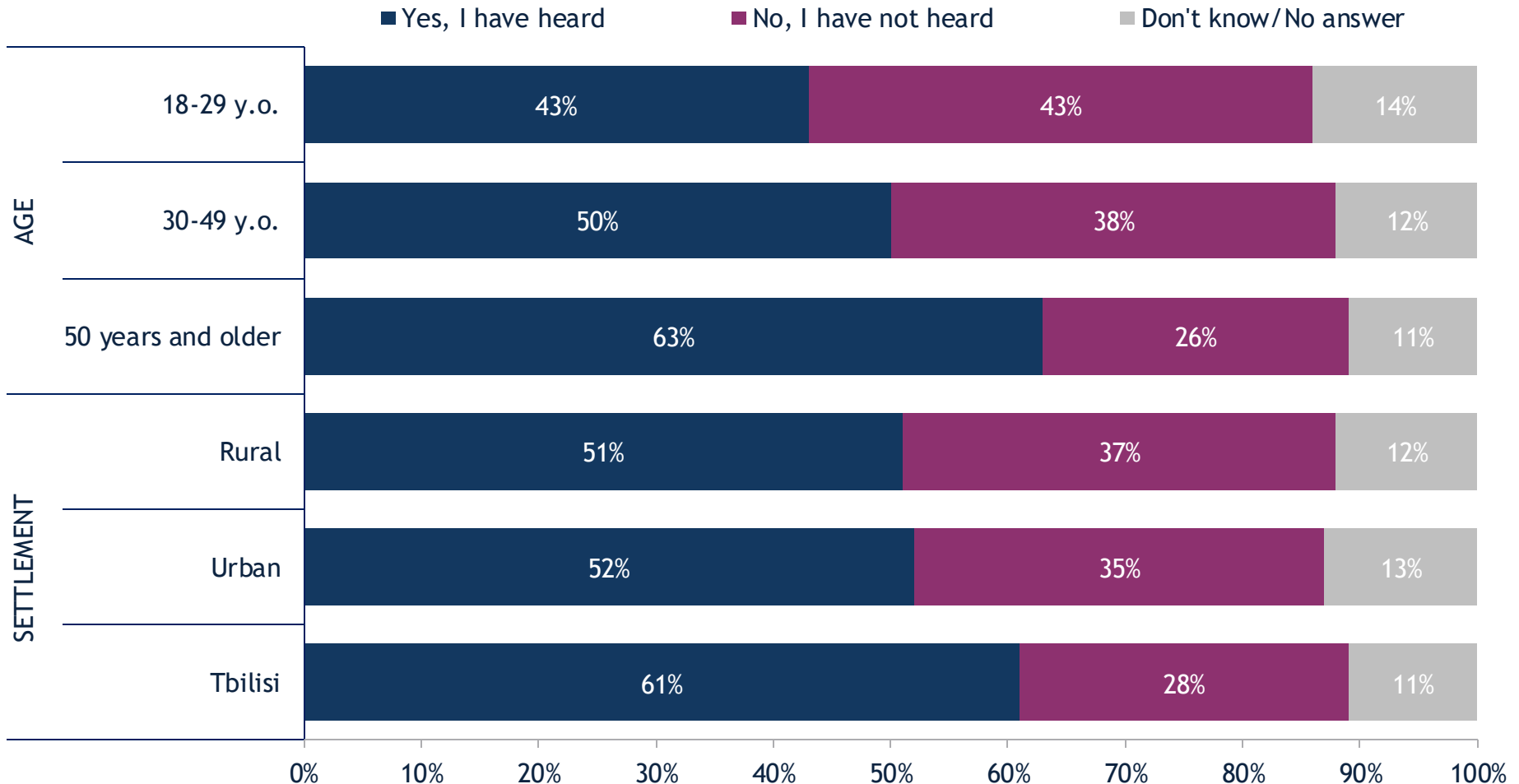


Have you heard about the March 8, 2020 agreement to change the electoral system so that parliament will have 120 proportional seats and 30 majoritarian seats?



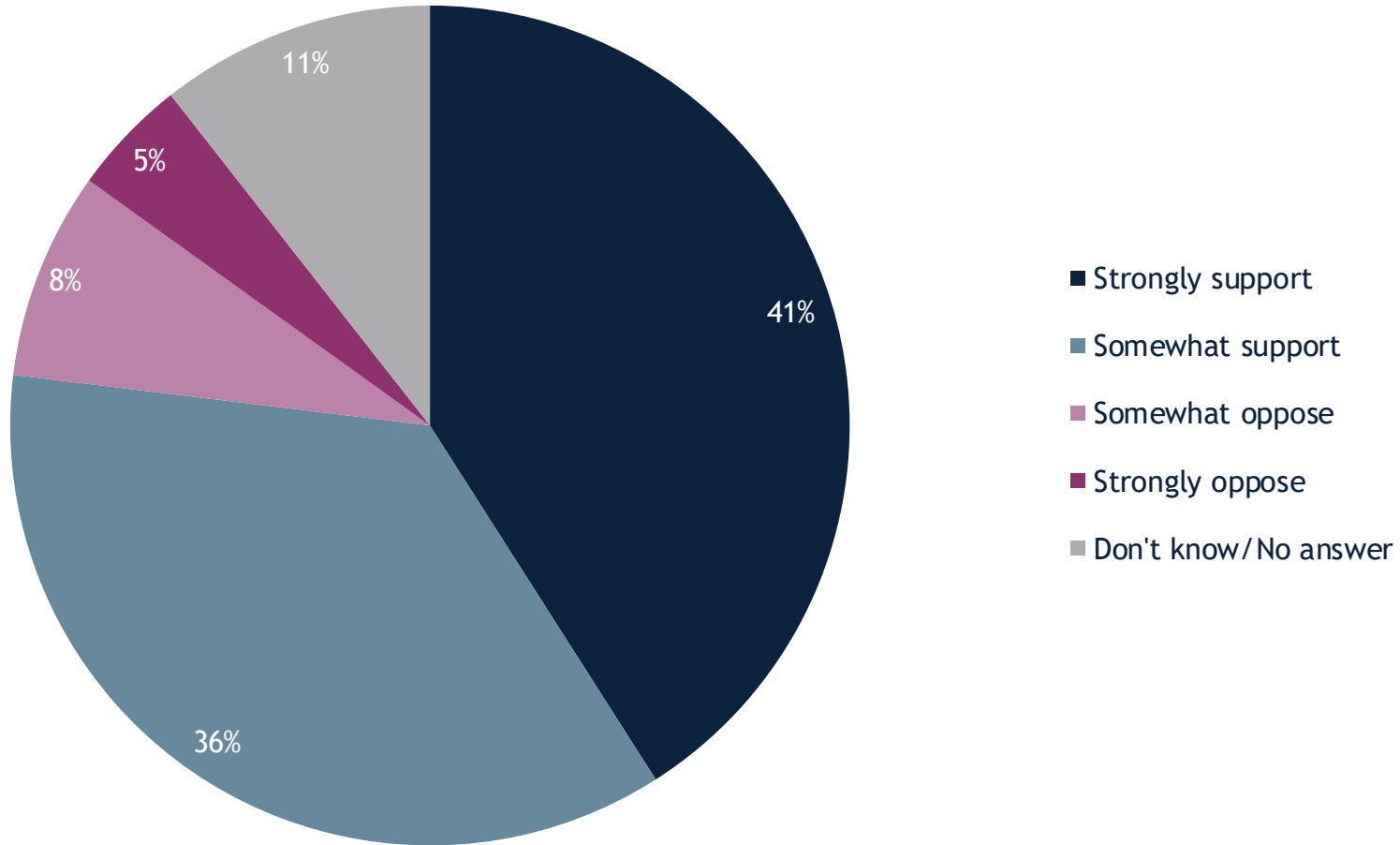
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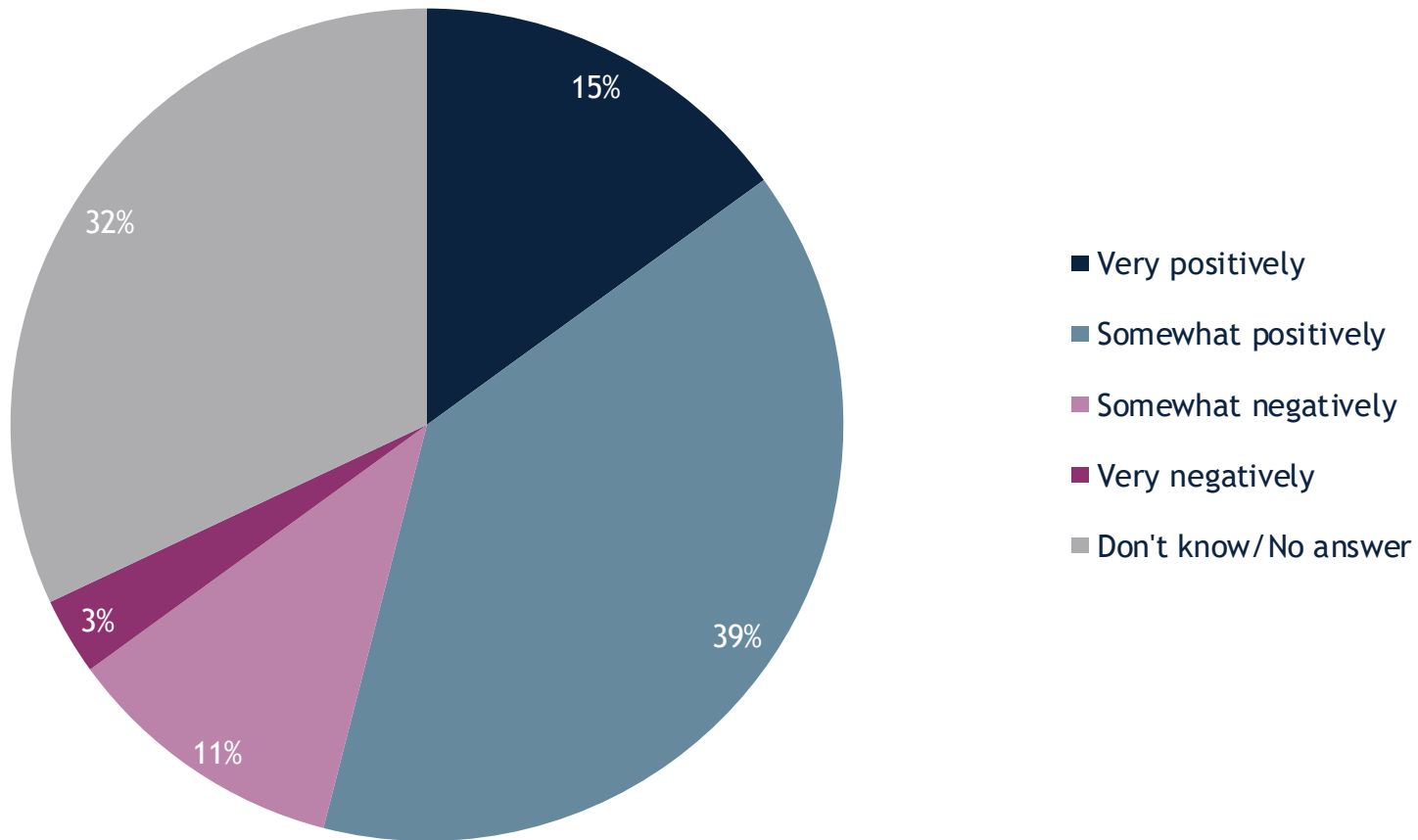


If yes, do you support or oppose adopting the revised electoral system in Georgia?

(Respondents aware of the 8th March agreement, n=813)

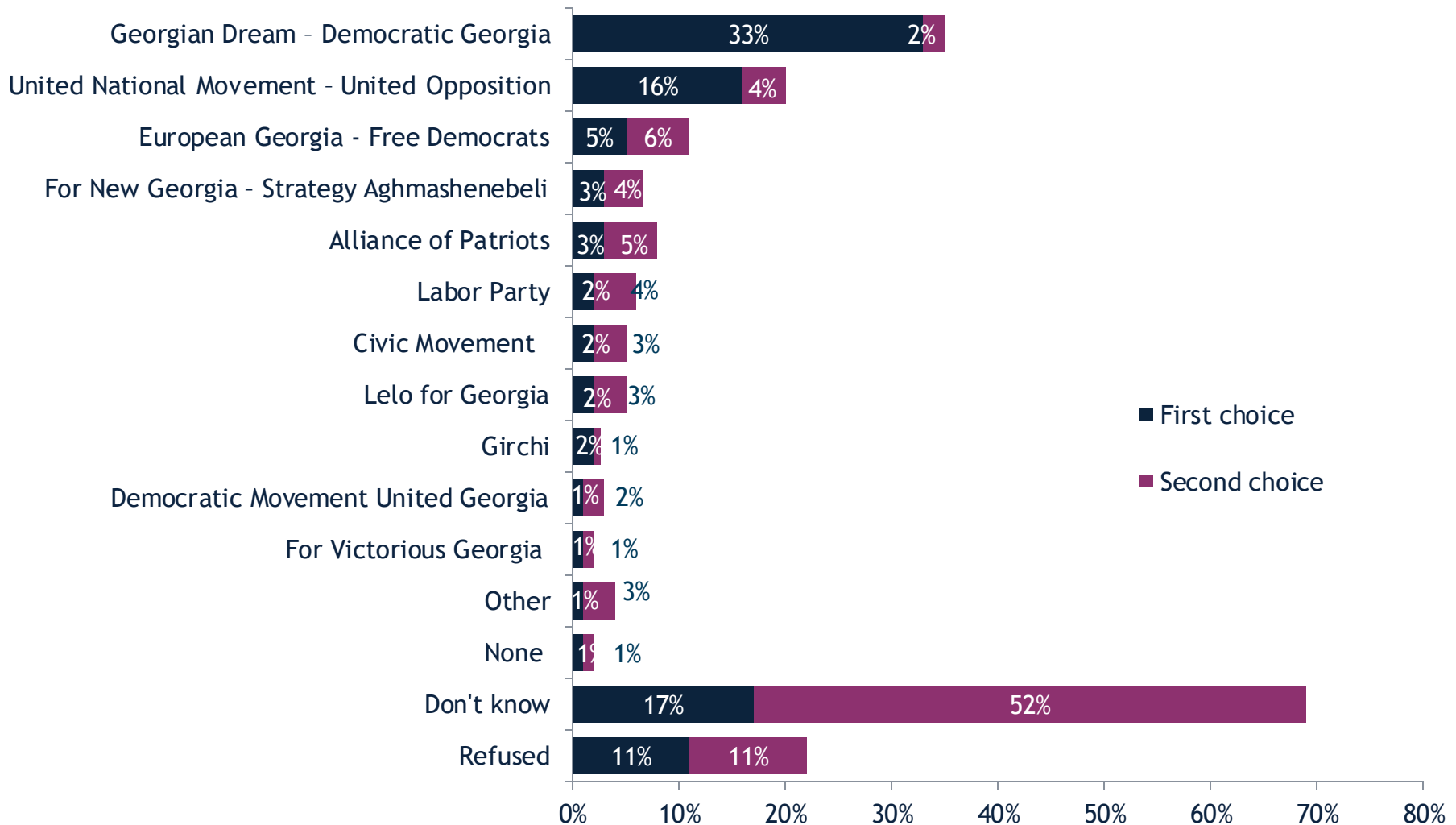


Will the changes to electoral legislation, specifically the increase of proportional parliamentary seats from 77 to 120, positively or negatively affect democratic development in Georgia?



If parliamentary elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party would you vote? (First choice)

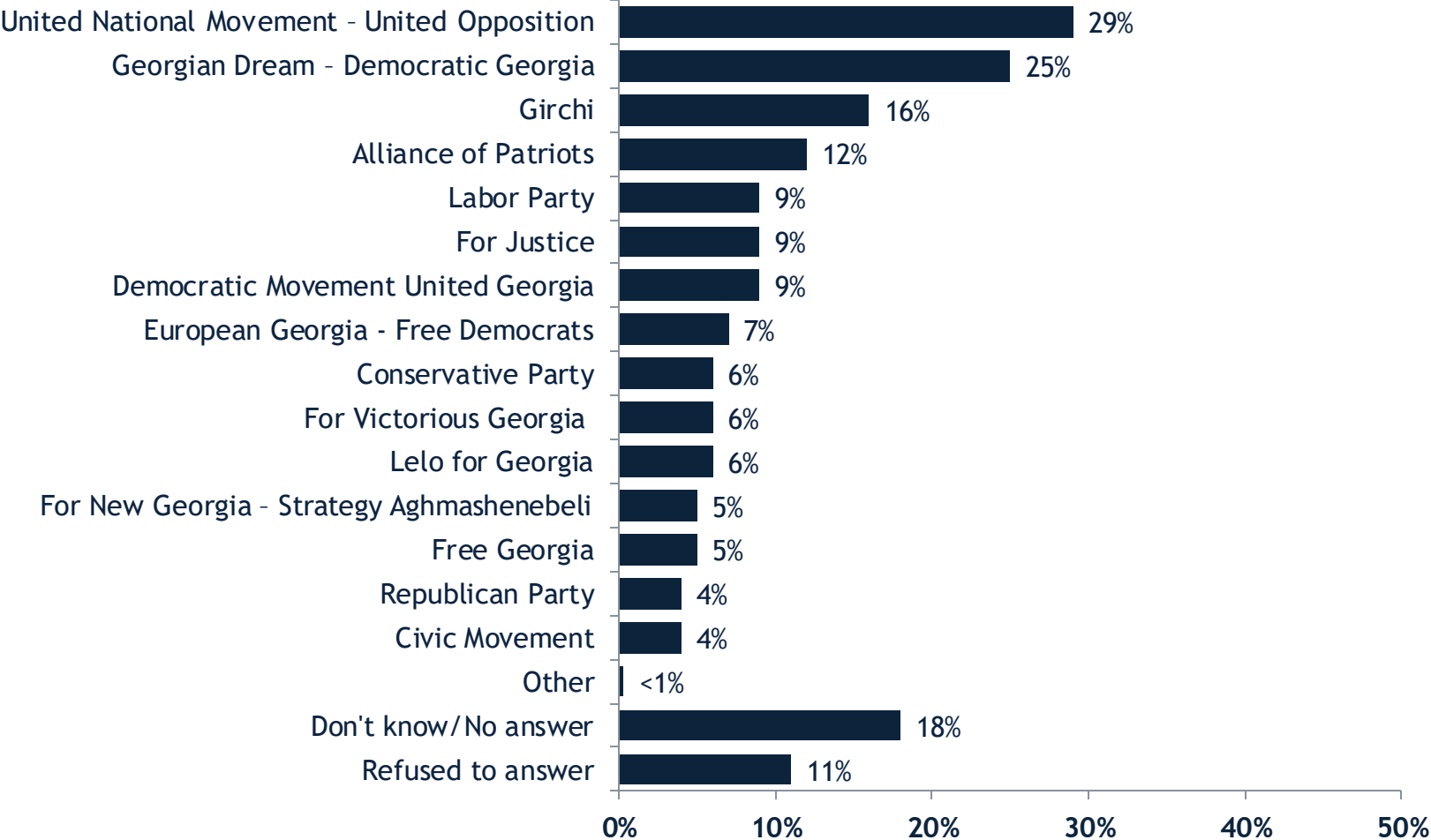
If your first-choice party would not be on the ballot, who would you vote for instead? (Second choice)



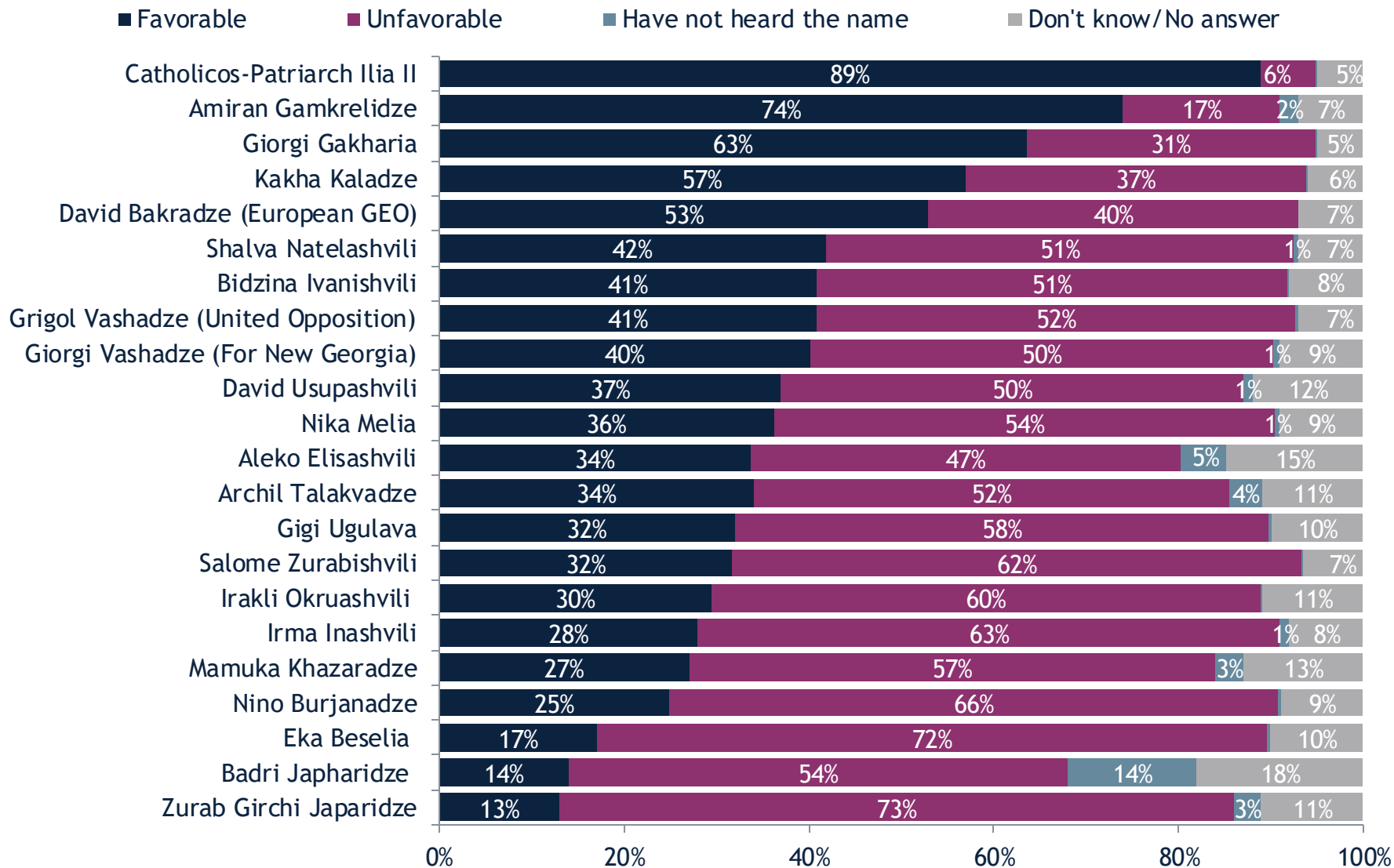
* Only parties named by at least one percent are displayed.

Which parties, if any, would you not vote for under any circumstances?

(Respondents allowed to provide multiple responses)



I am going to read you the names of Georgian politicians as well as public and spiritual figures. Please tell me your opinion of them:



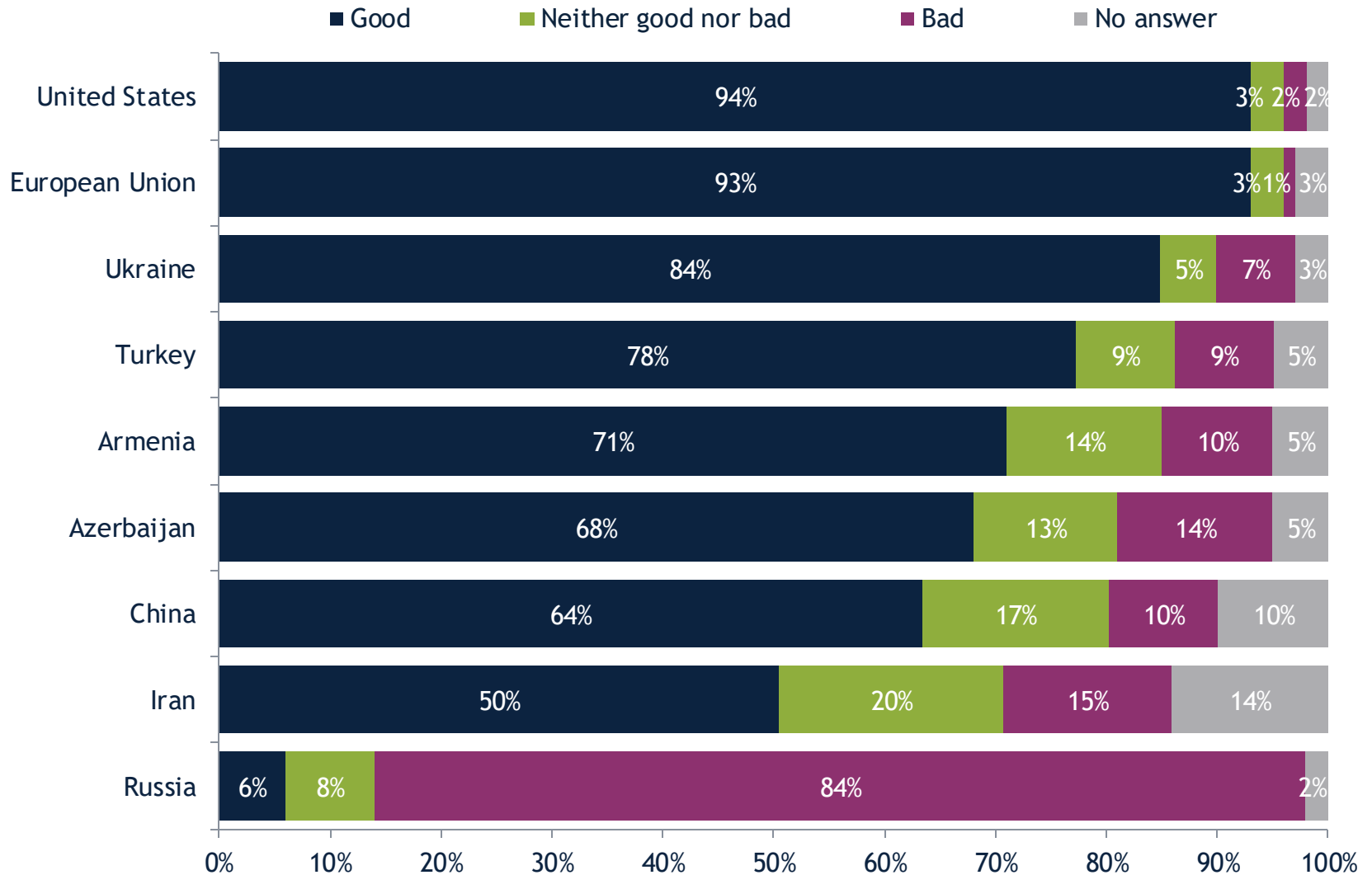


International Relations

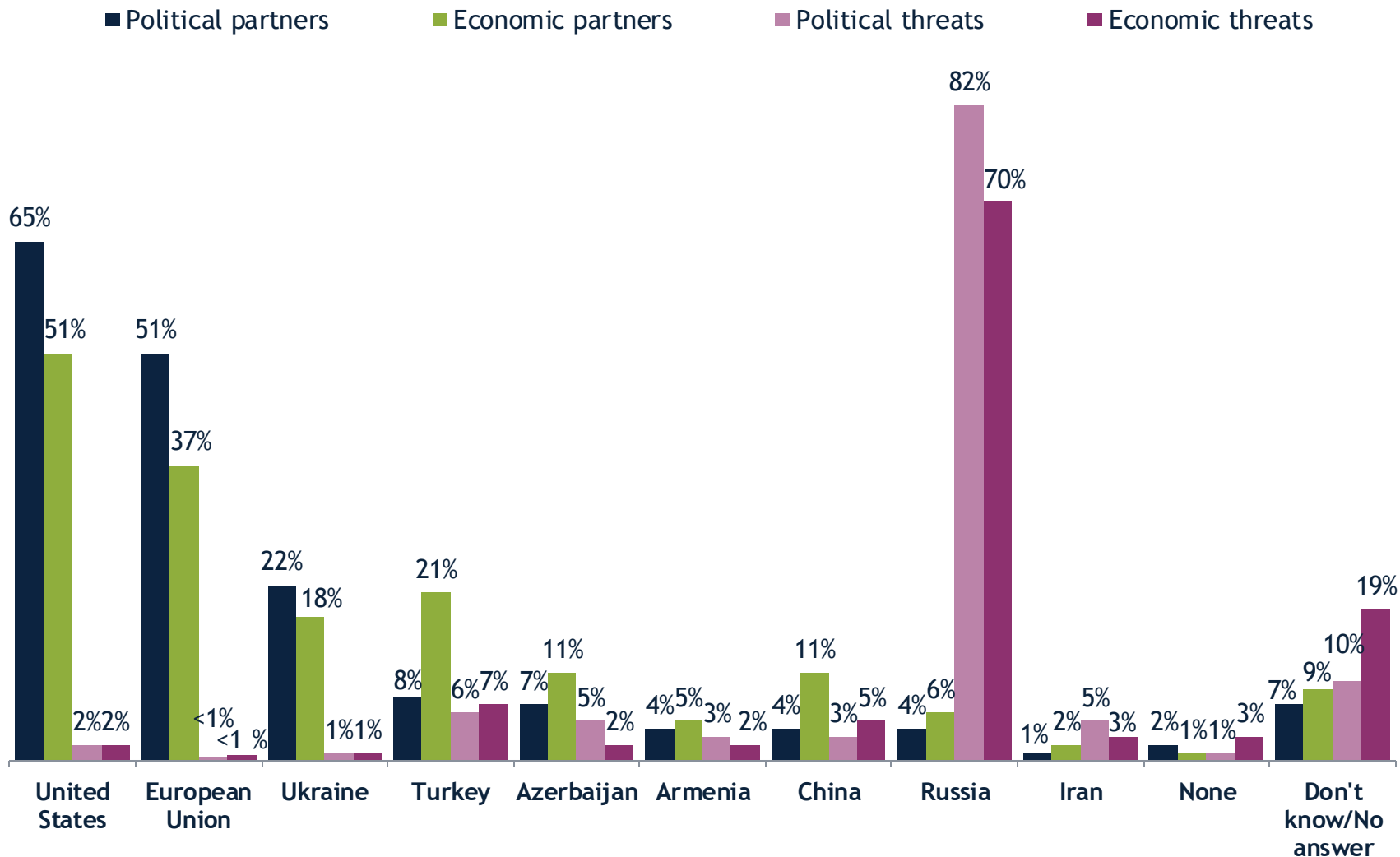


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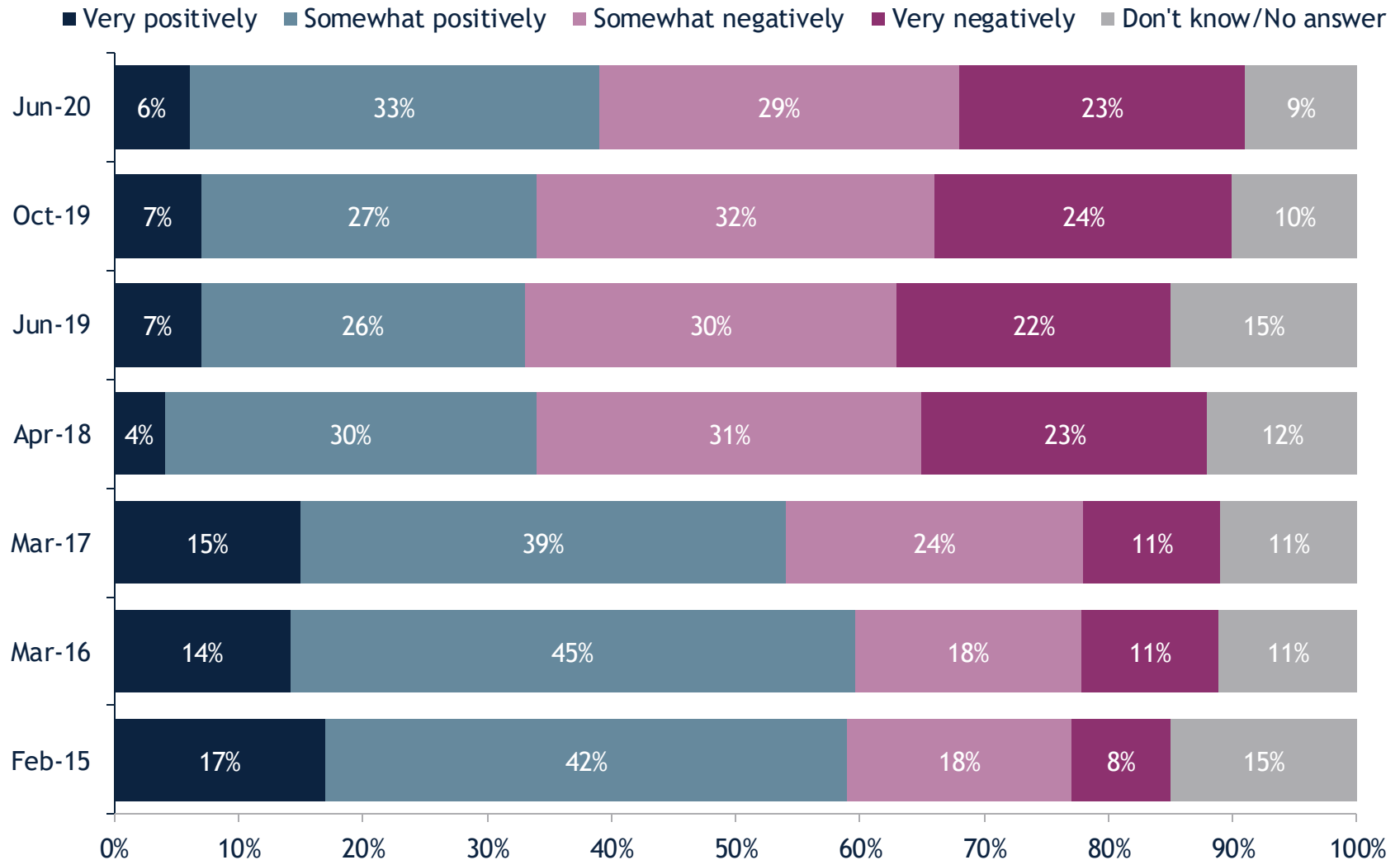
How would you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Georgia and the following countries?



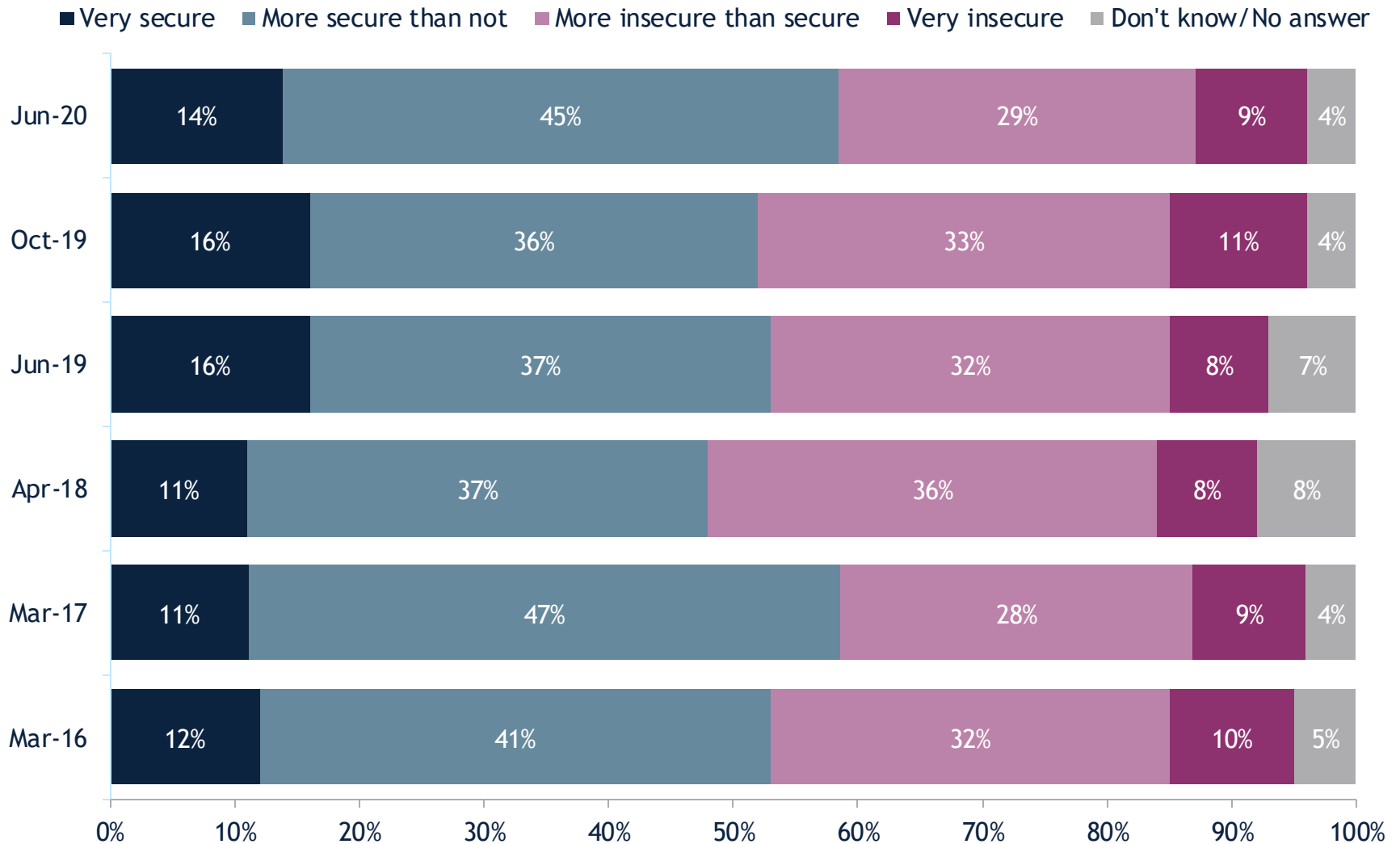
Which of these countries do you consider the greatest political/economic partners to Georgia? Which of these countries pose the greatest political/economic threat? (Multiple responses accepted)



How do you rate the current government's handling of Georgia's relationship with Russia?

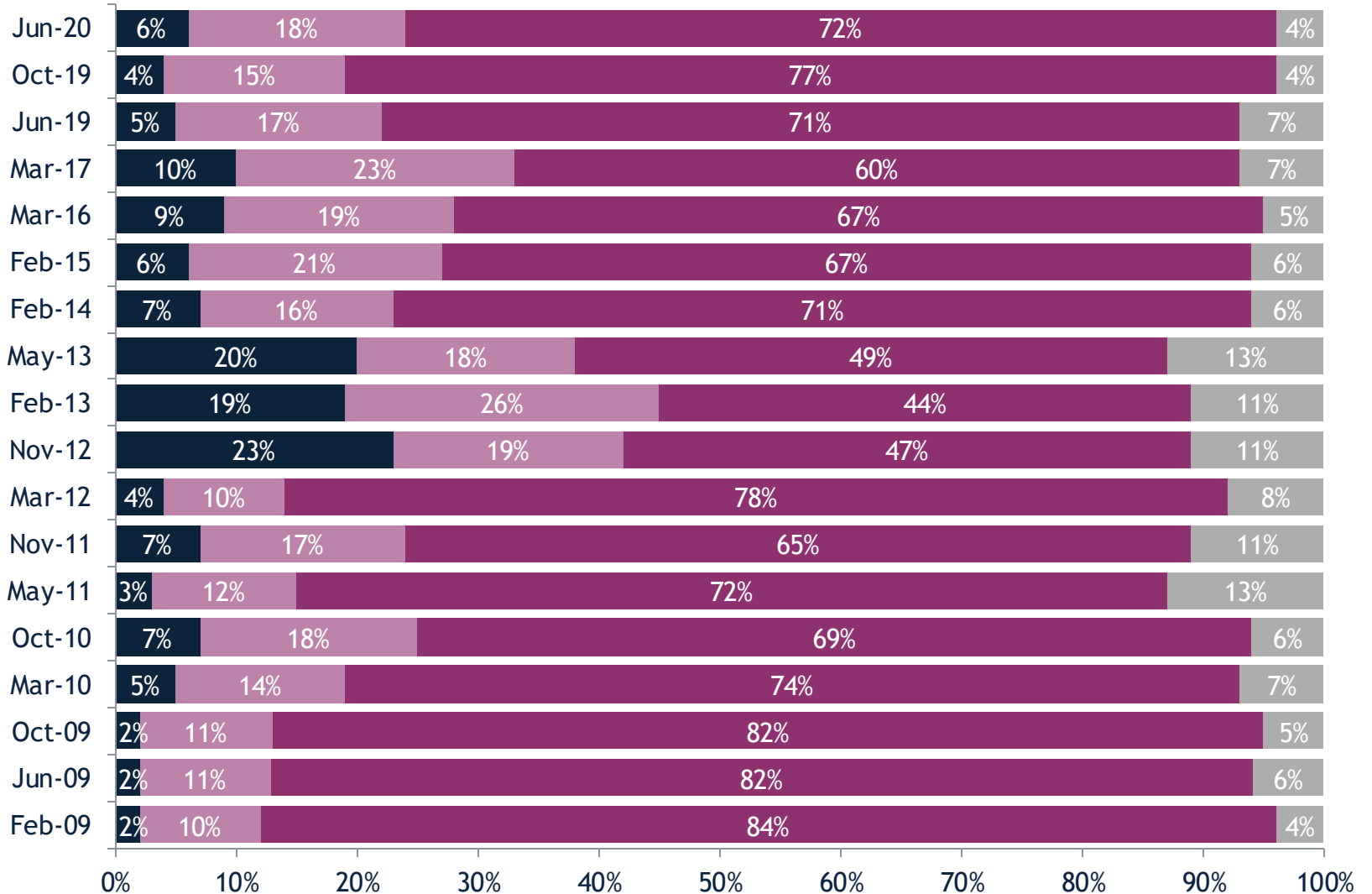


Given the current state of Georgia's relationship with Russia, how secure do you feel living in Georgia?

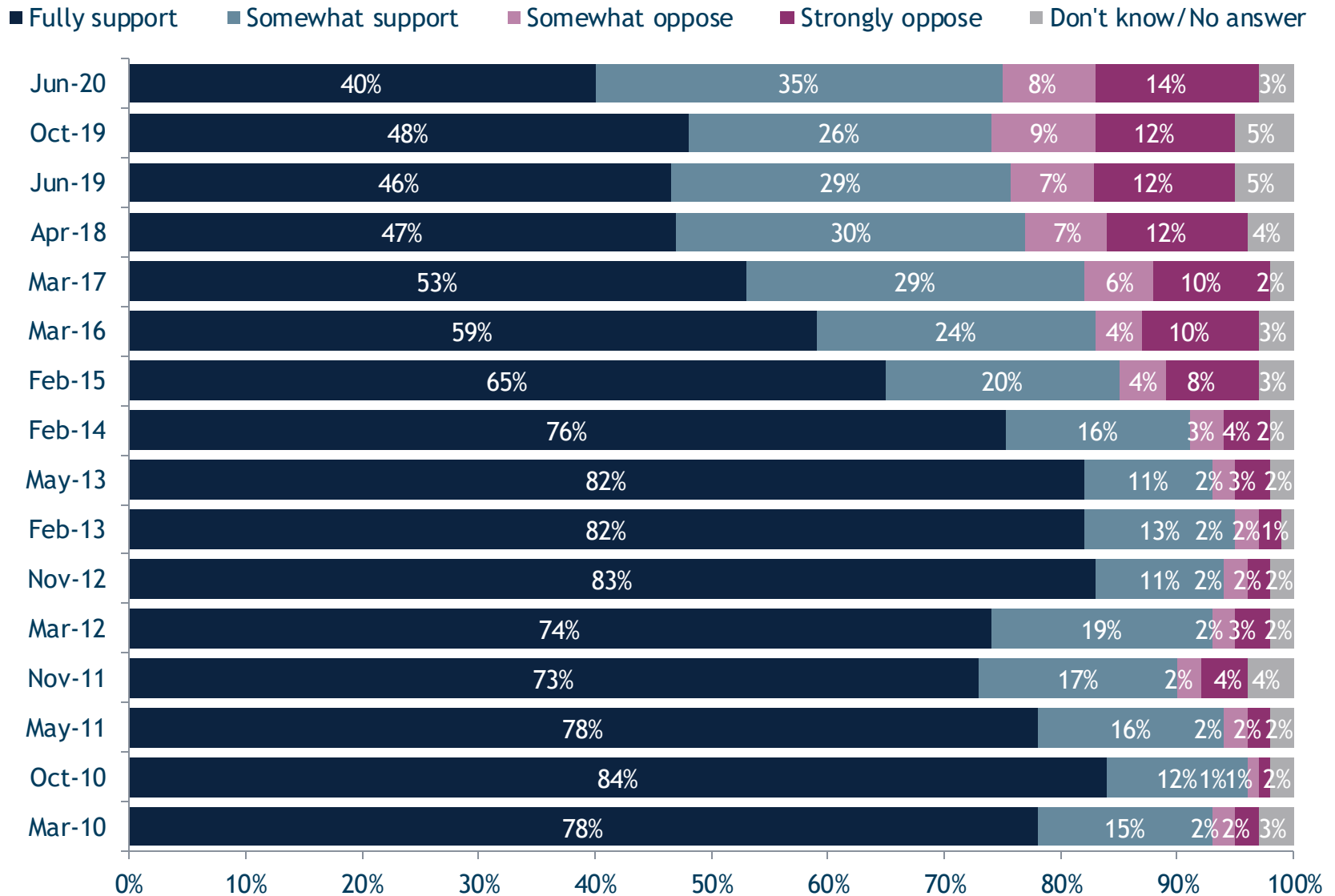


Do you think that Russian aggression toward Georgia is over or is it still going on?

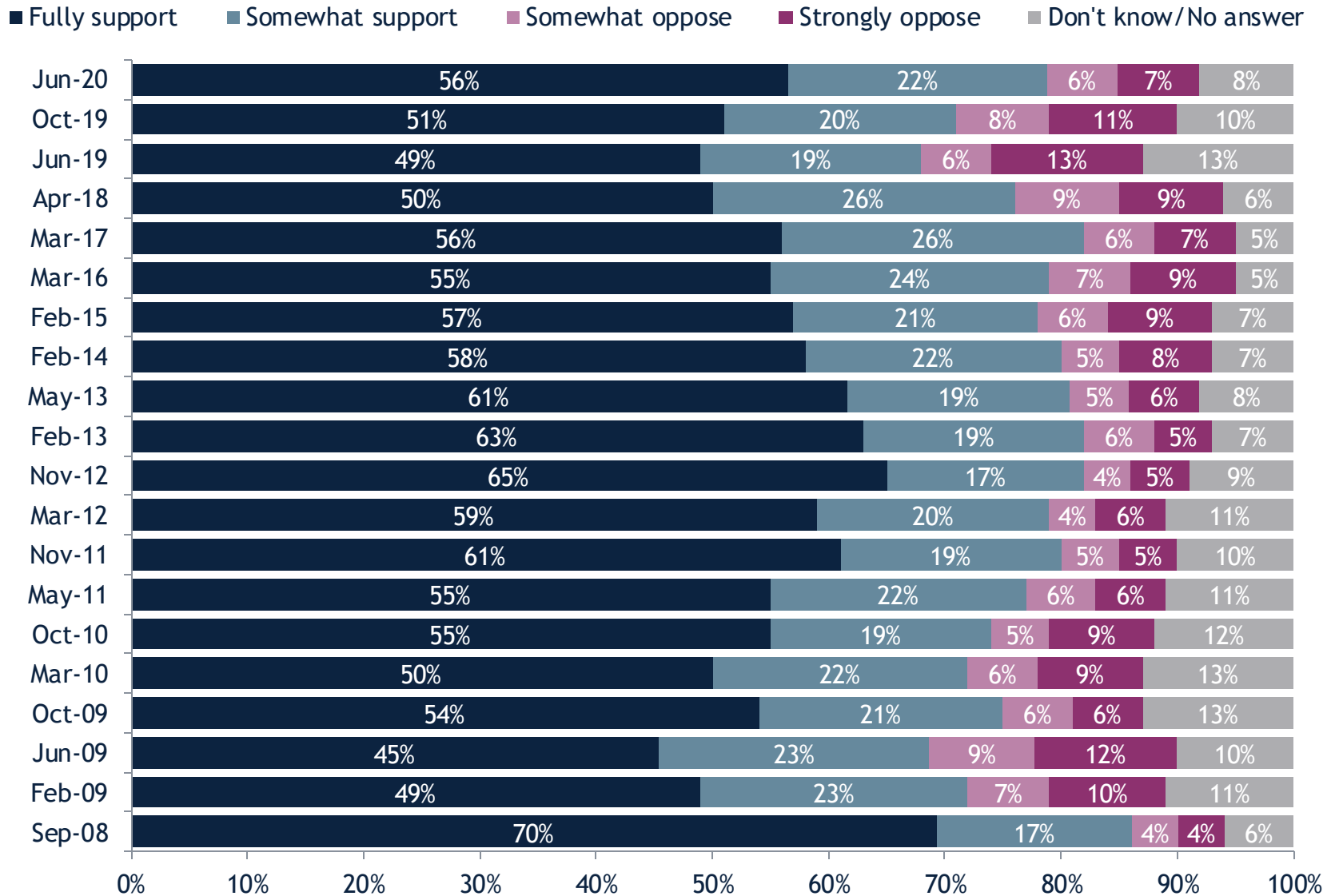
It is over and unlikely to resume
 It is over but likely to resume
 It is still going on
 Don't know/No answer



Do you support or oppose further dialogue with Russia?

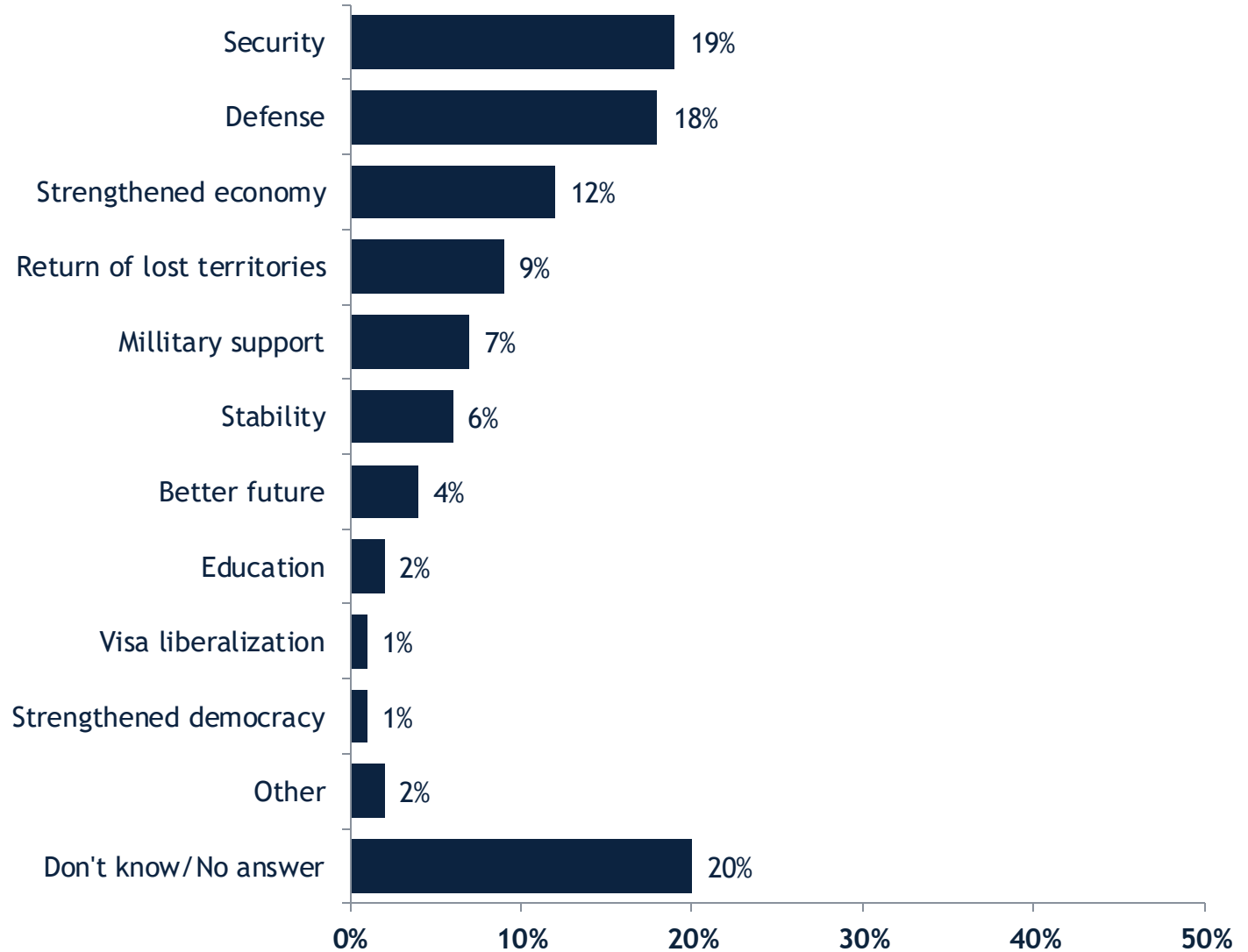


Do you support or oppose Georgia joining NATO?



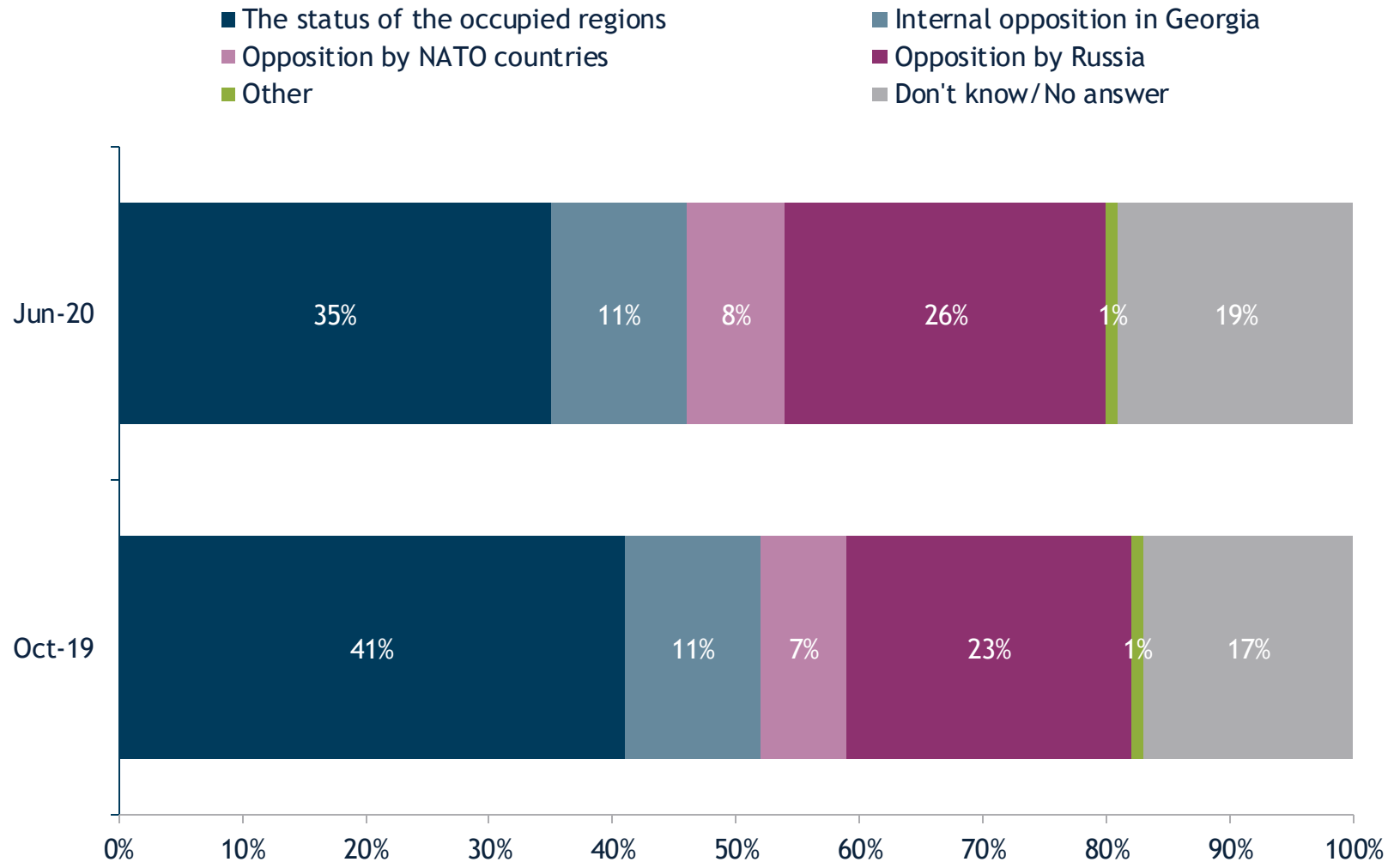
What is the main benefit of joining NATO?

(Respondents supporting Georgia joining NATO, spontaneous response, n=1,172)



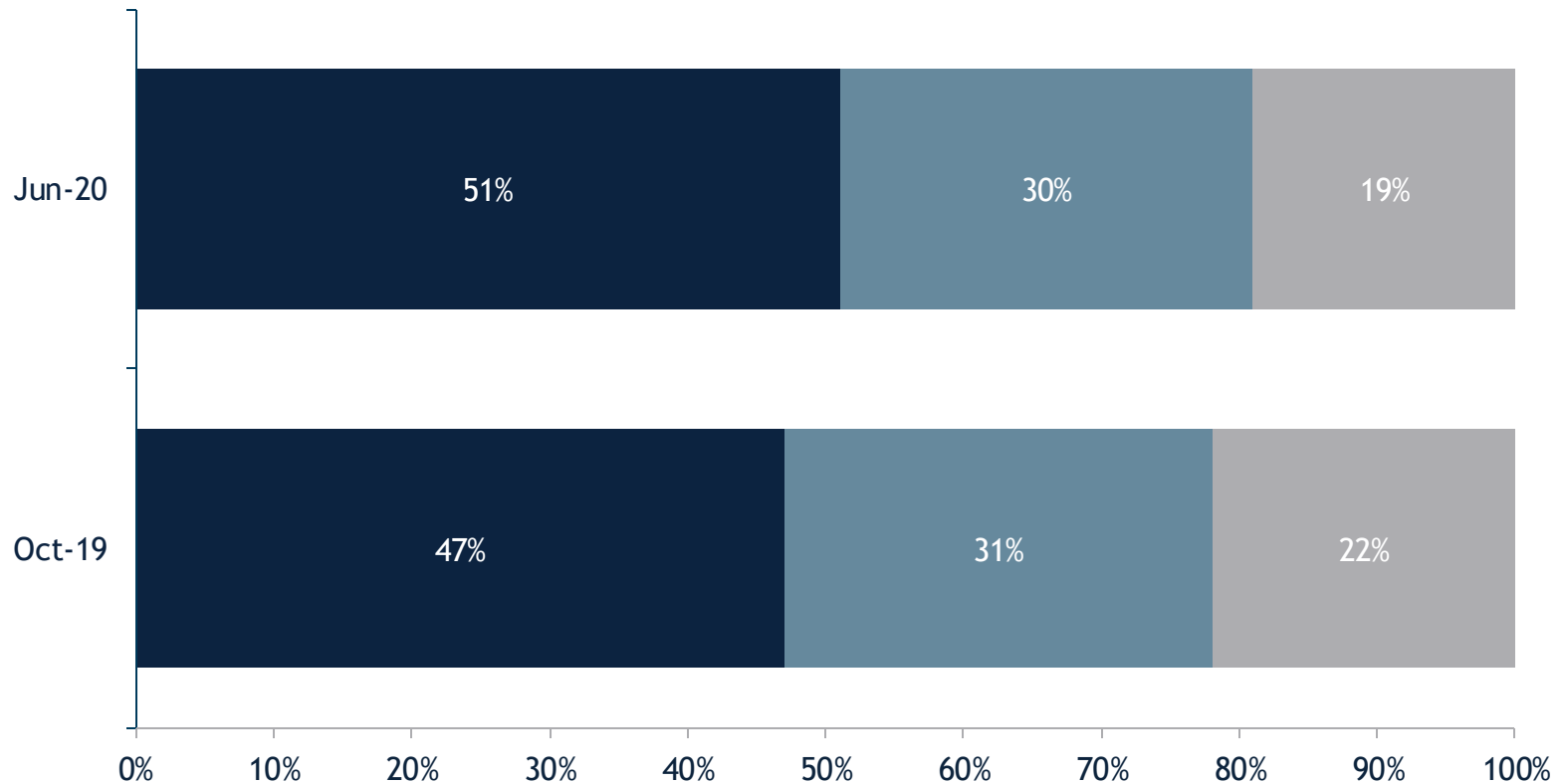
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What is the biggest obstacle in the way of Georgia joining NATO?



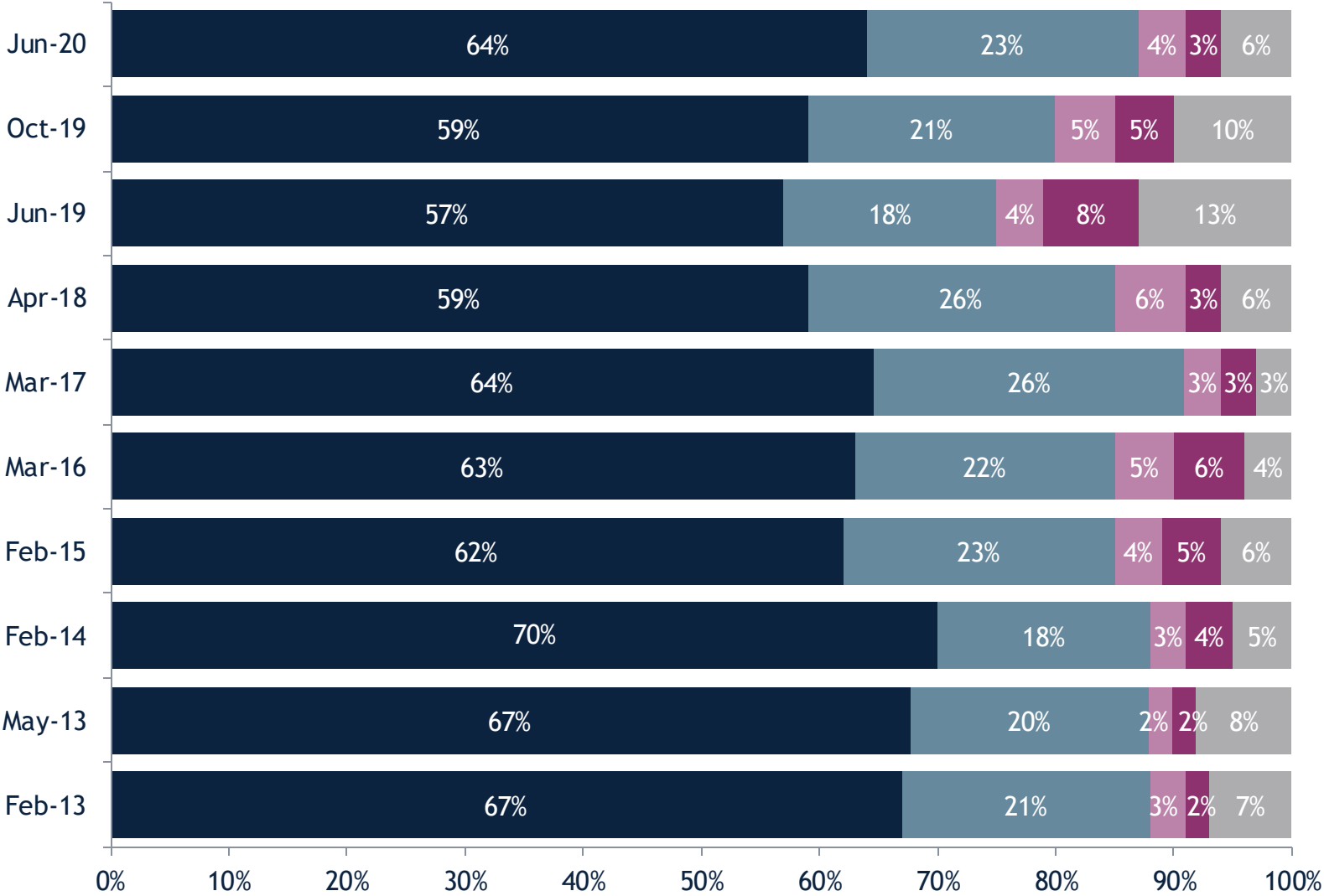
When it comes to the status of the occupied regions, under what conditions should Georgia agree to join NATO?

- Georgia should join only when the occupied regions are fully reintegrated.
- Georgia should join, even if occupied regions are not fully reintegrated.
- Don't know/No answer



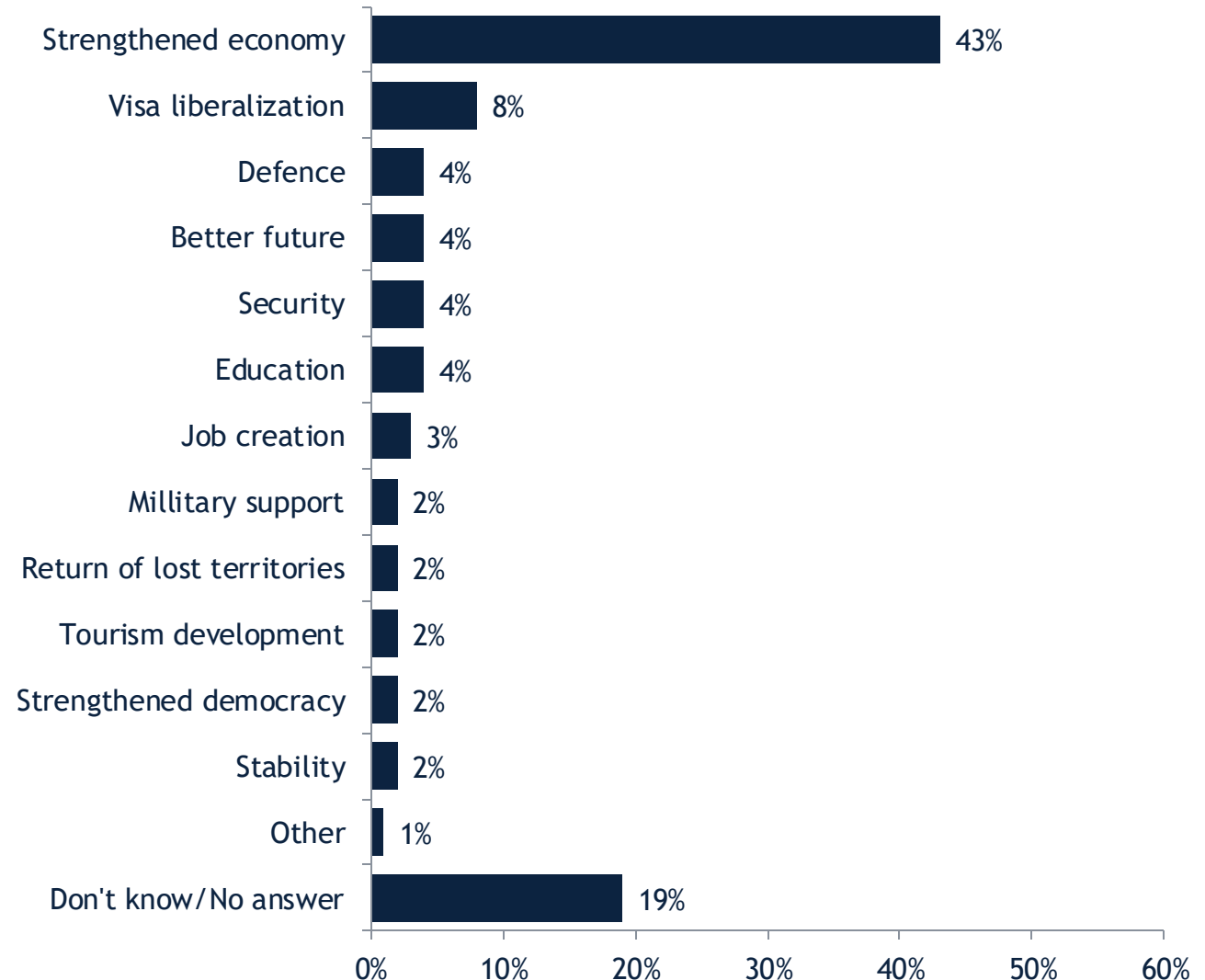
Do you support Georgia joining the European Union?

■ Fully support
 ■ Somewhat support
 ■ Somewhat oppose
 ■ Strongly oppose
 ■ Don't know/No answer



What is the main benefit of joining the European Union?

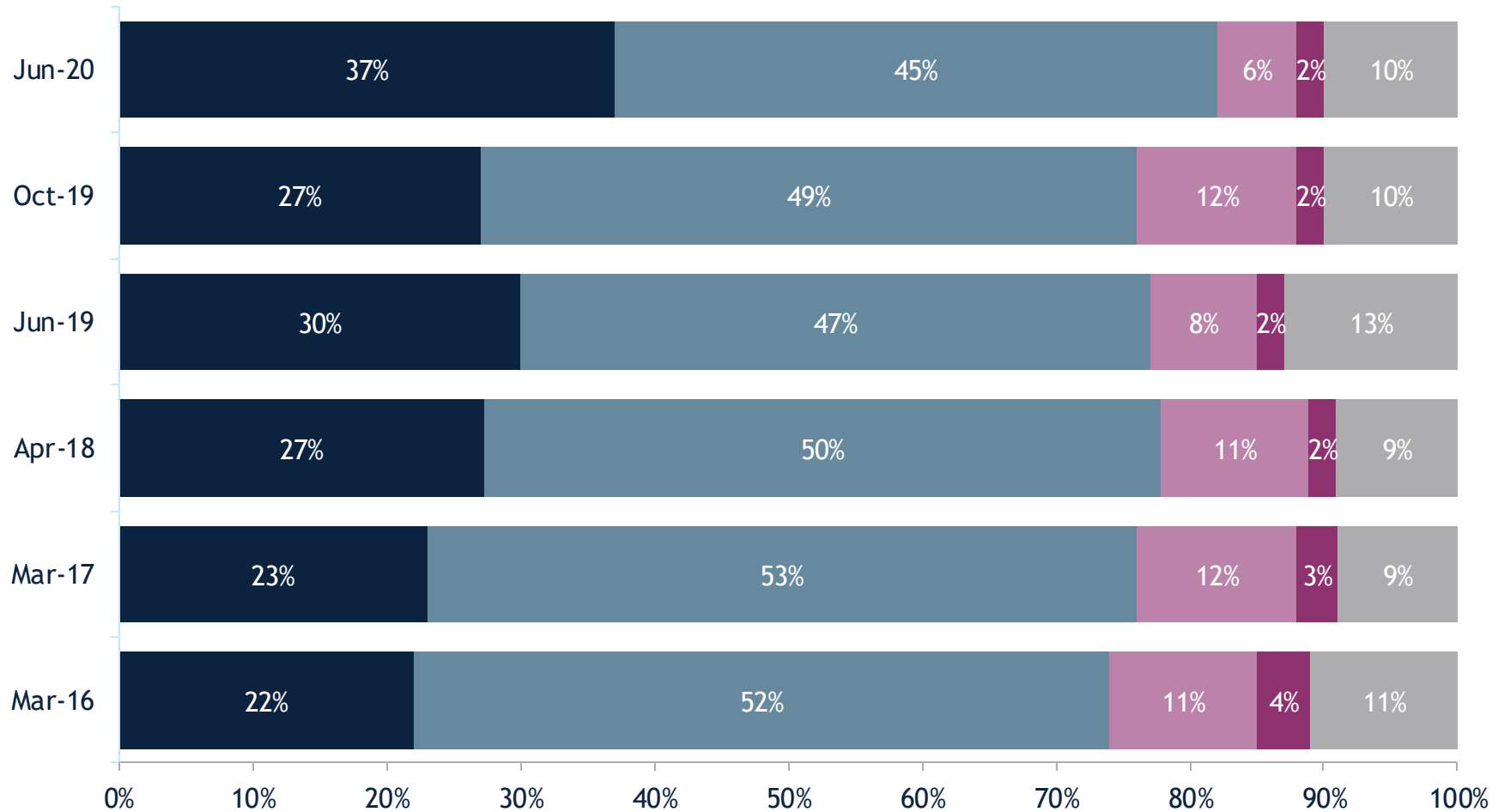
(Respondents who support Georgia joining the European Union, spontaneous response, n=1,302)



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In your opinion, what should Georgia's foreign policy course be?

- Only pro-European Union and the West
- Pro-Western but keep up relations with Russia
- Pro-Russian but keep up relations with the European Union and the West
- Only pro-Russian
- Don't know/No answer





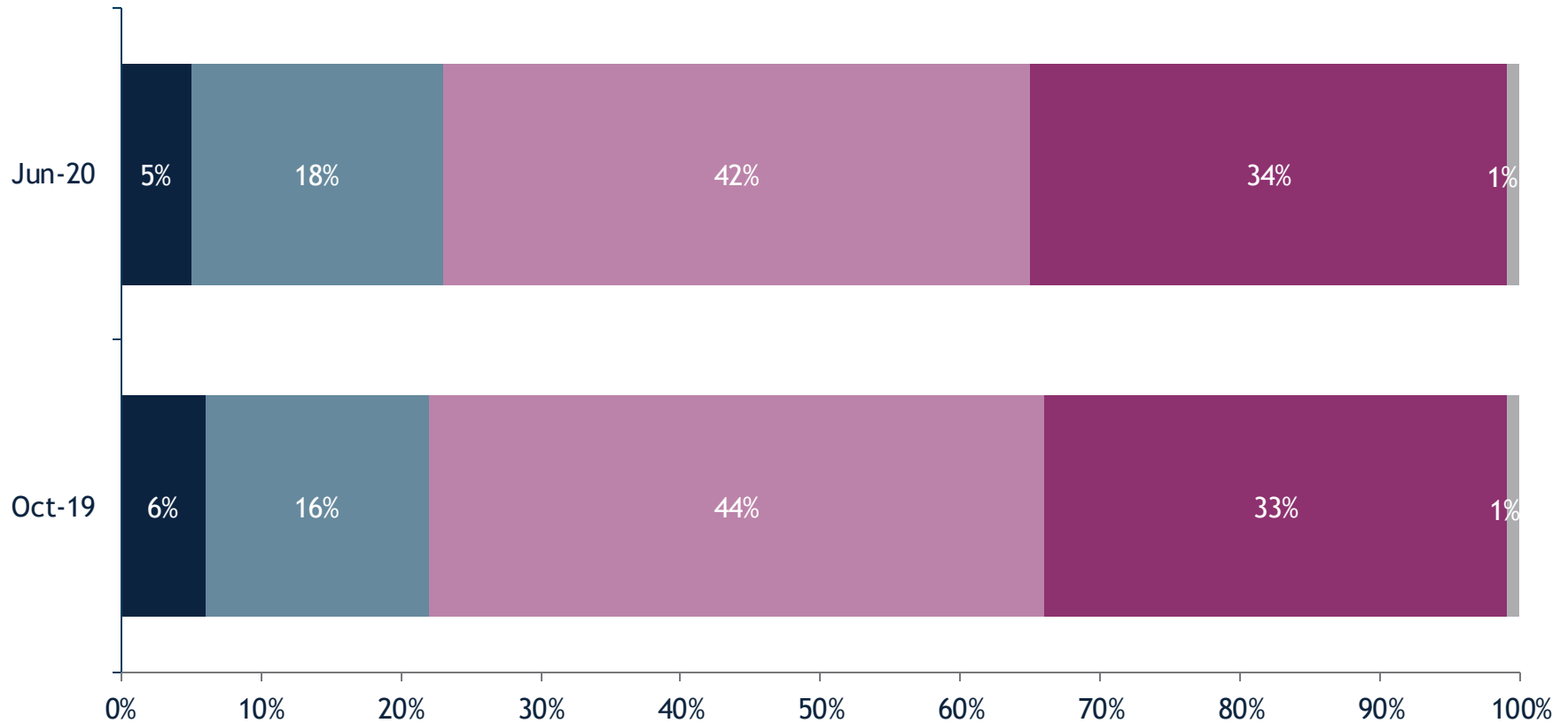
Local Governance



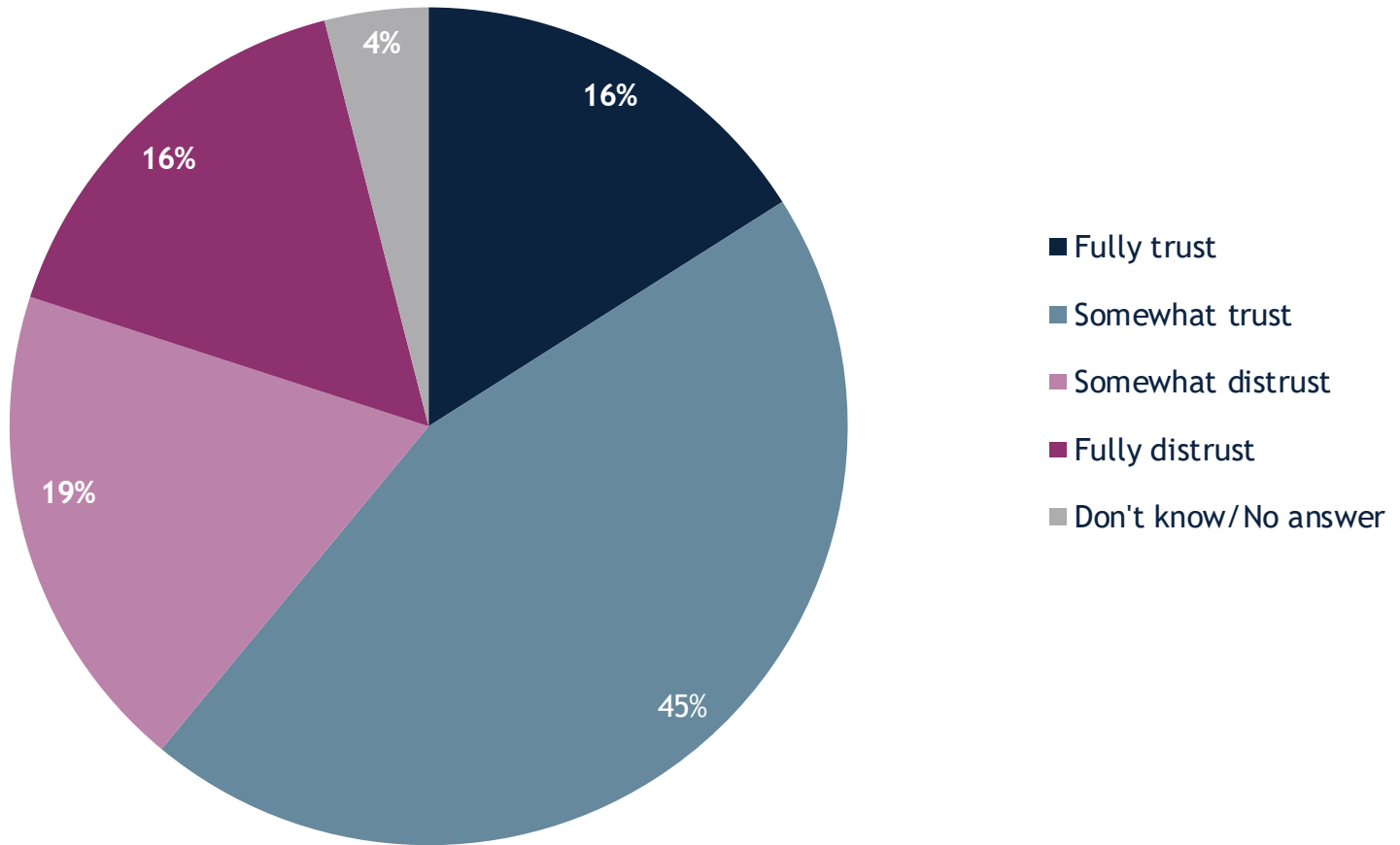
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When you get together with your close relatives and friends, how often do you discuss politics and current affairs?

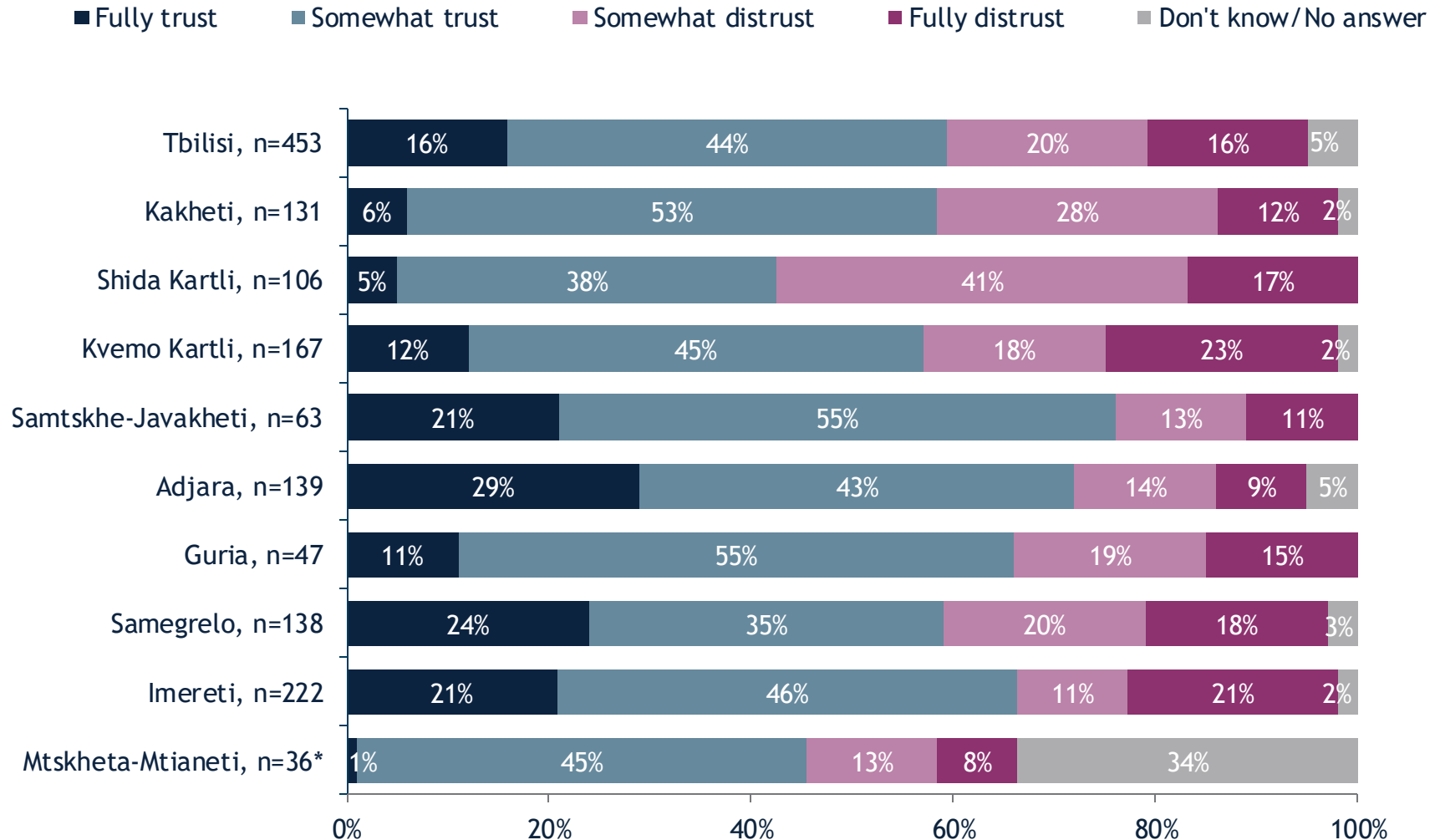
- During all or almost all of our get-togethers
- During the majority of our get-togethers
- During some of our get-togethers, but less than half
- During none of our get-togethers
- Don't know/No answer



How much do you trust or distrust Georgia's local government bodies (Mayor's Office/Sakrebulo)?

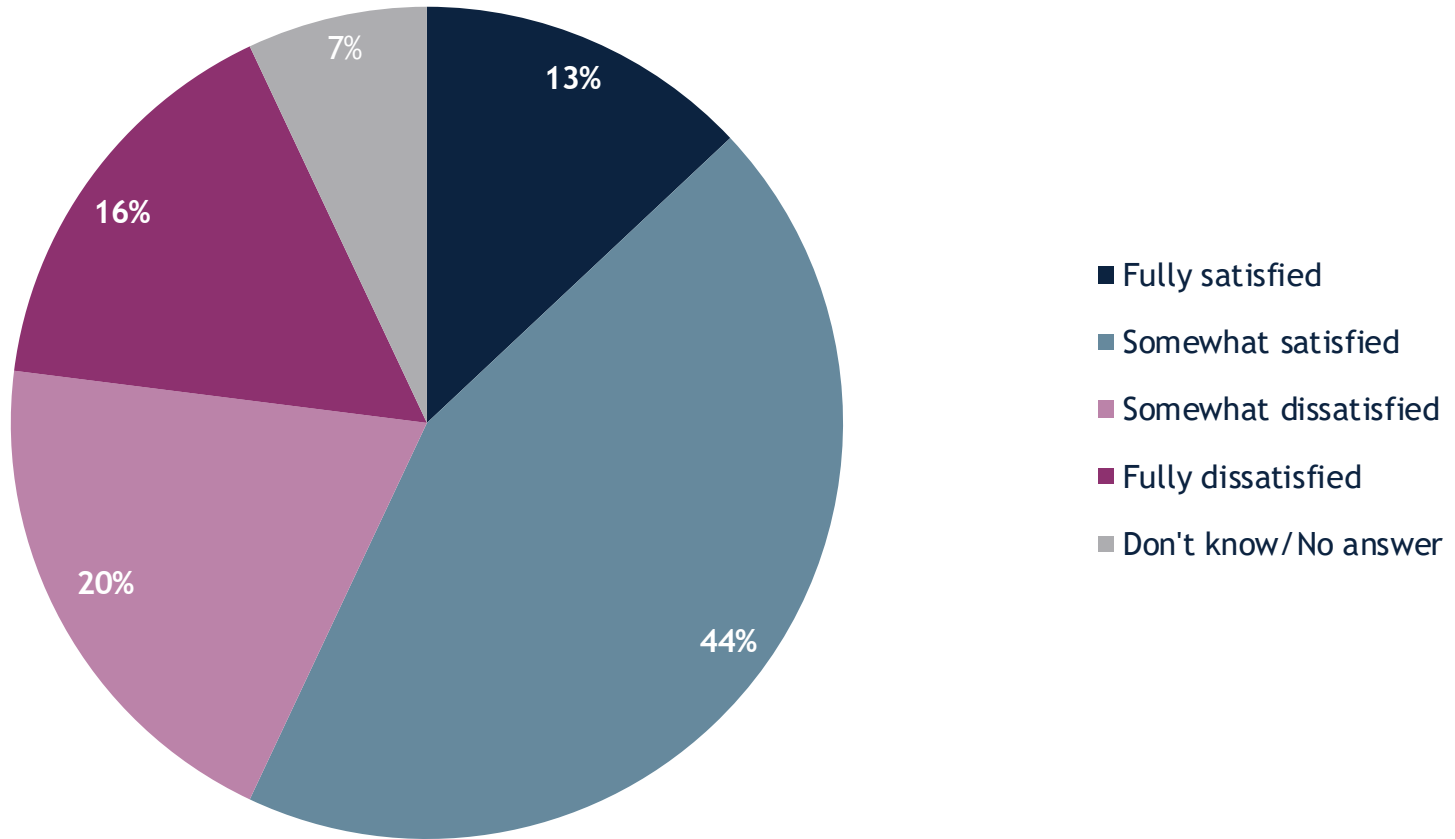


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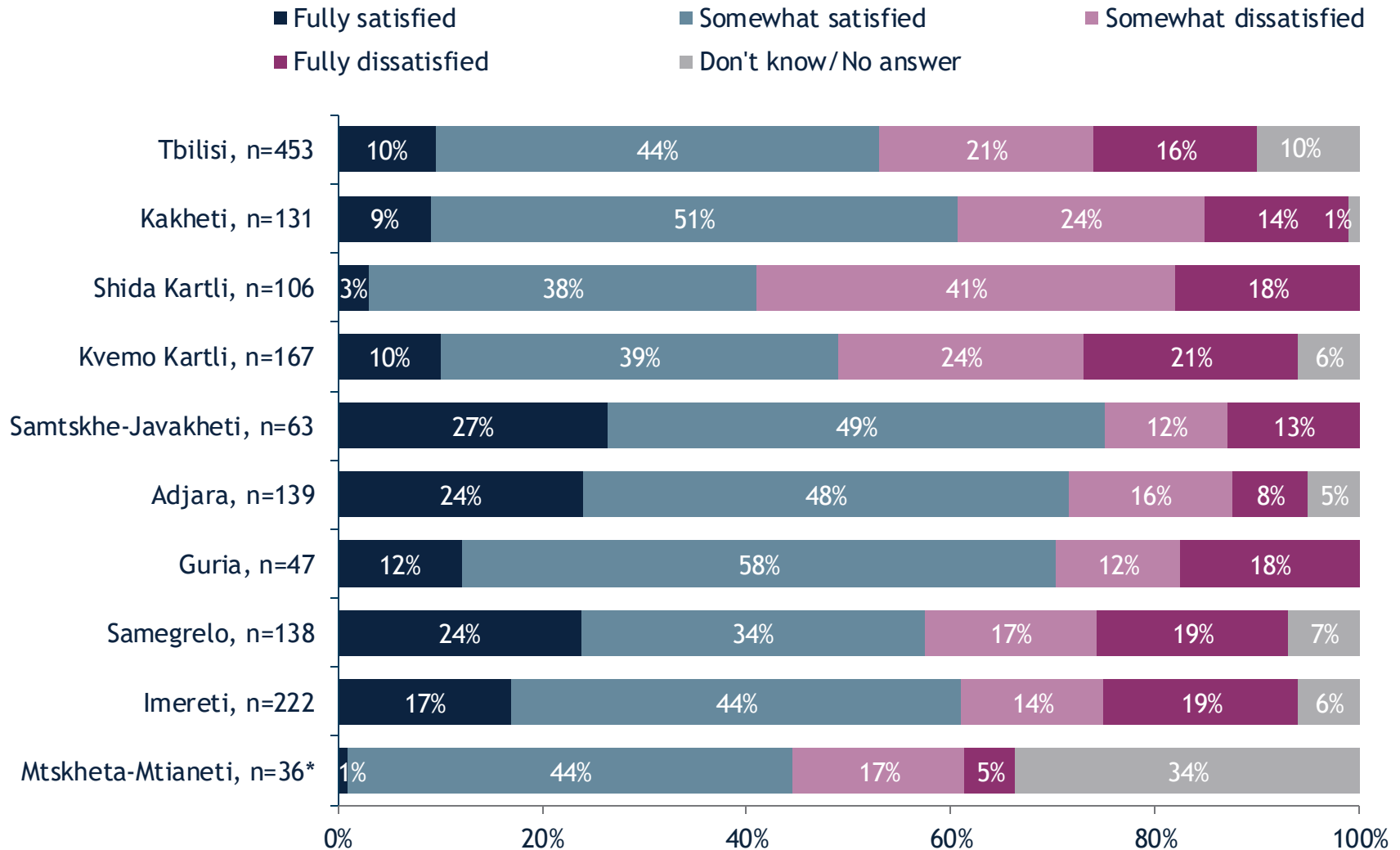


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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local Sakrebulo's performance?

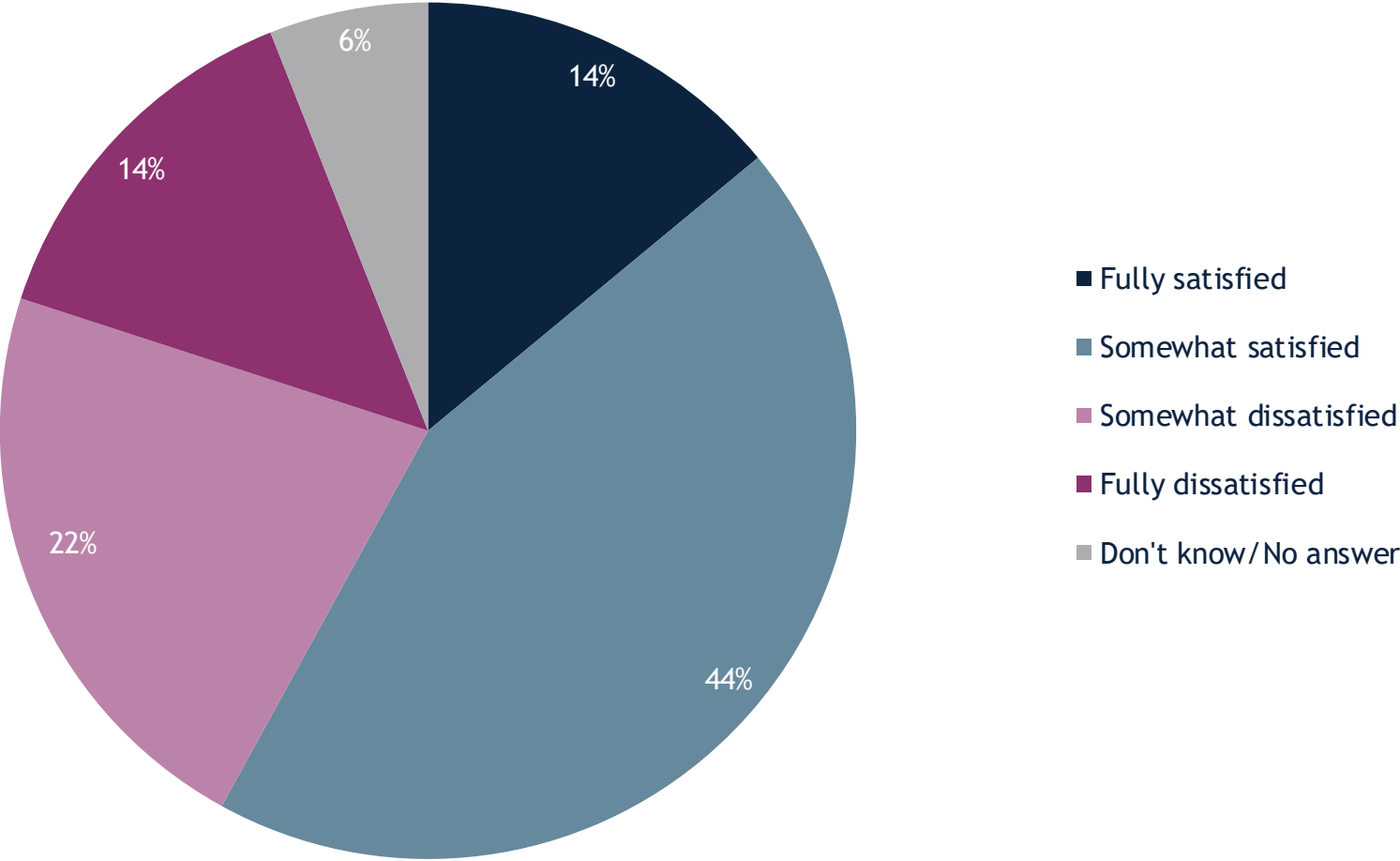


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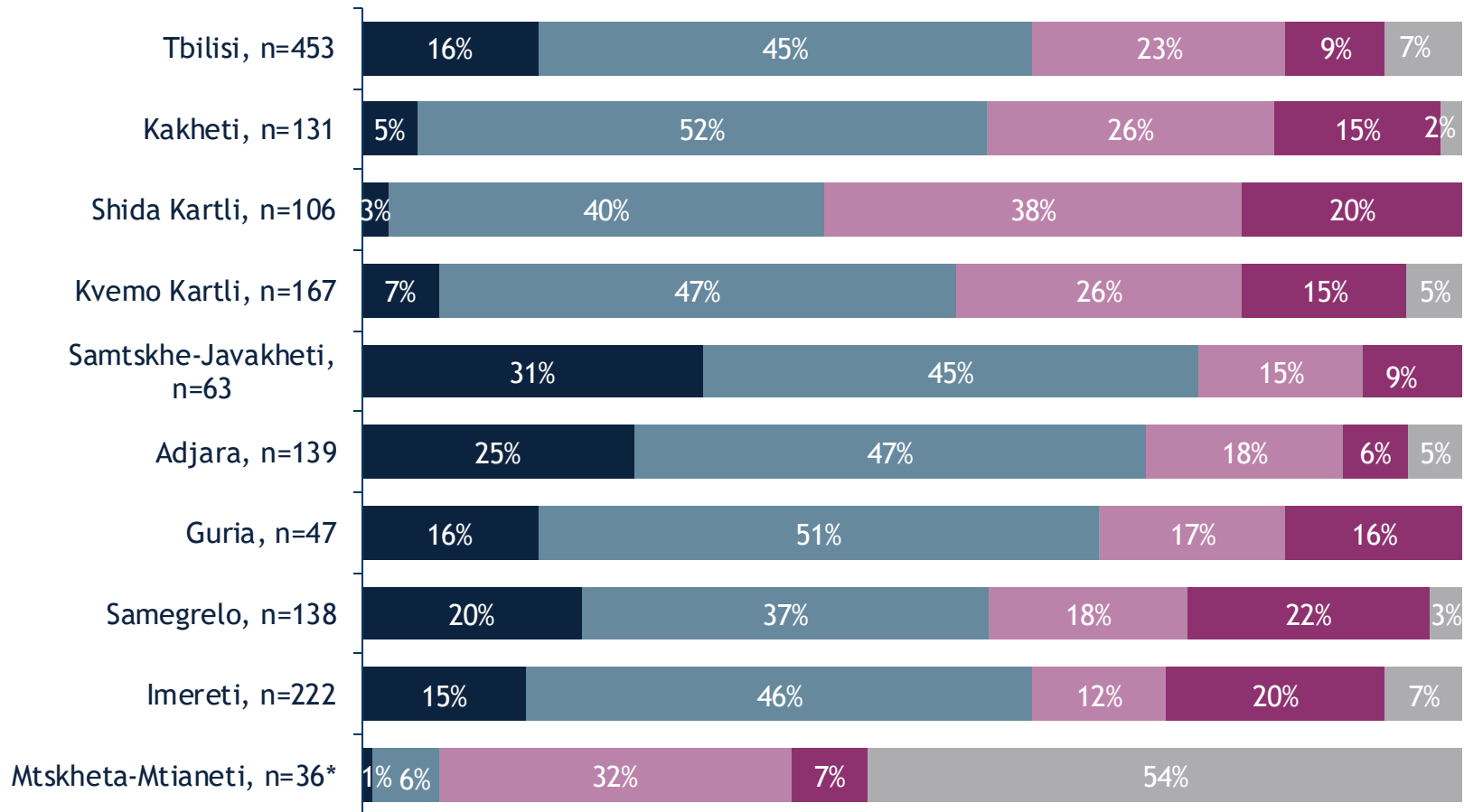
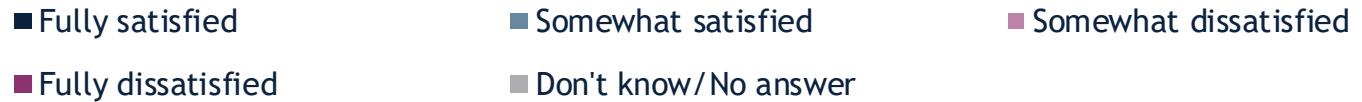


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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local Mayor's Office performance?



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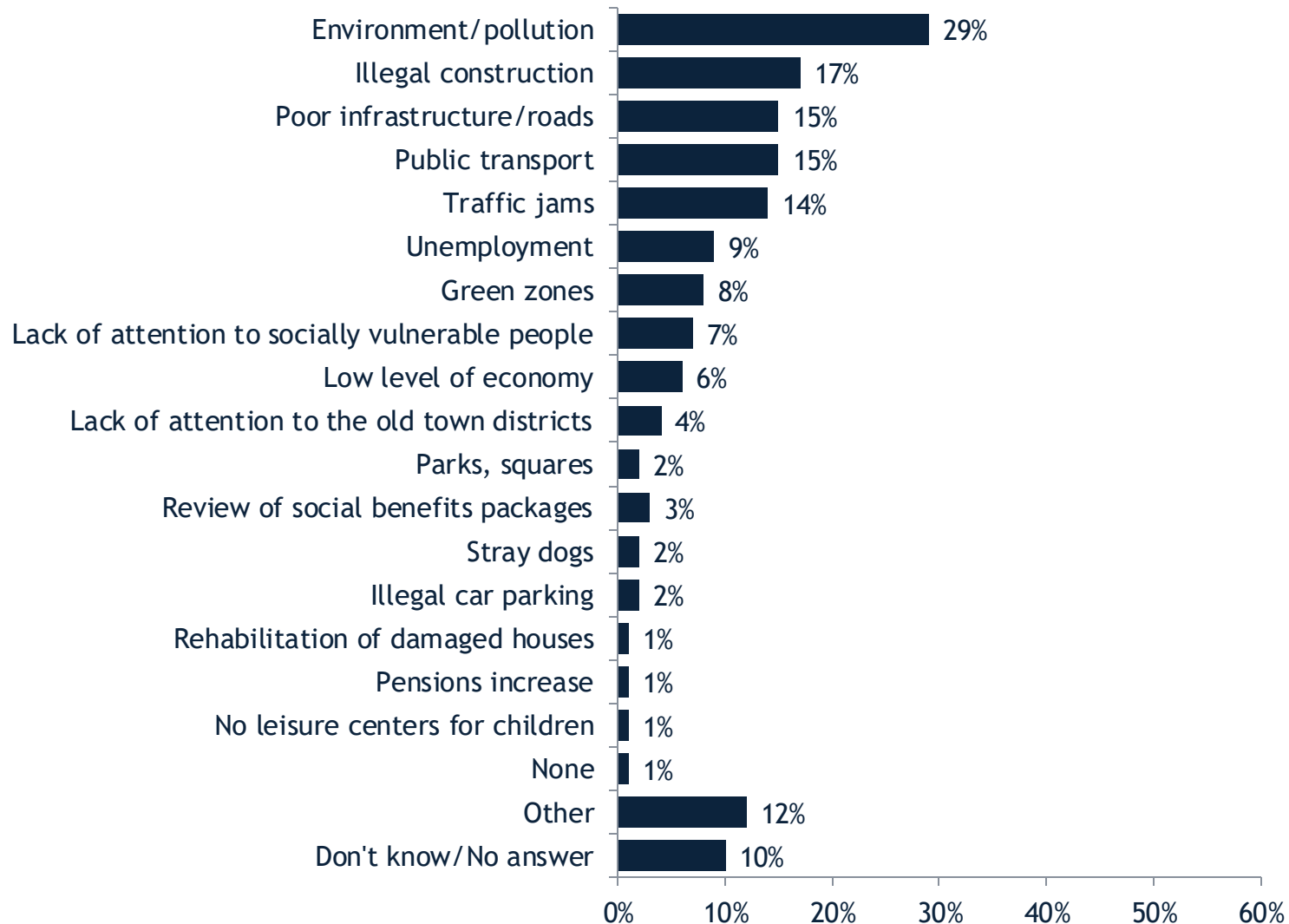


Tbilisi Residents



What are the two main problems that Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze needs to address?

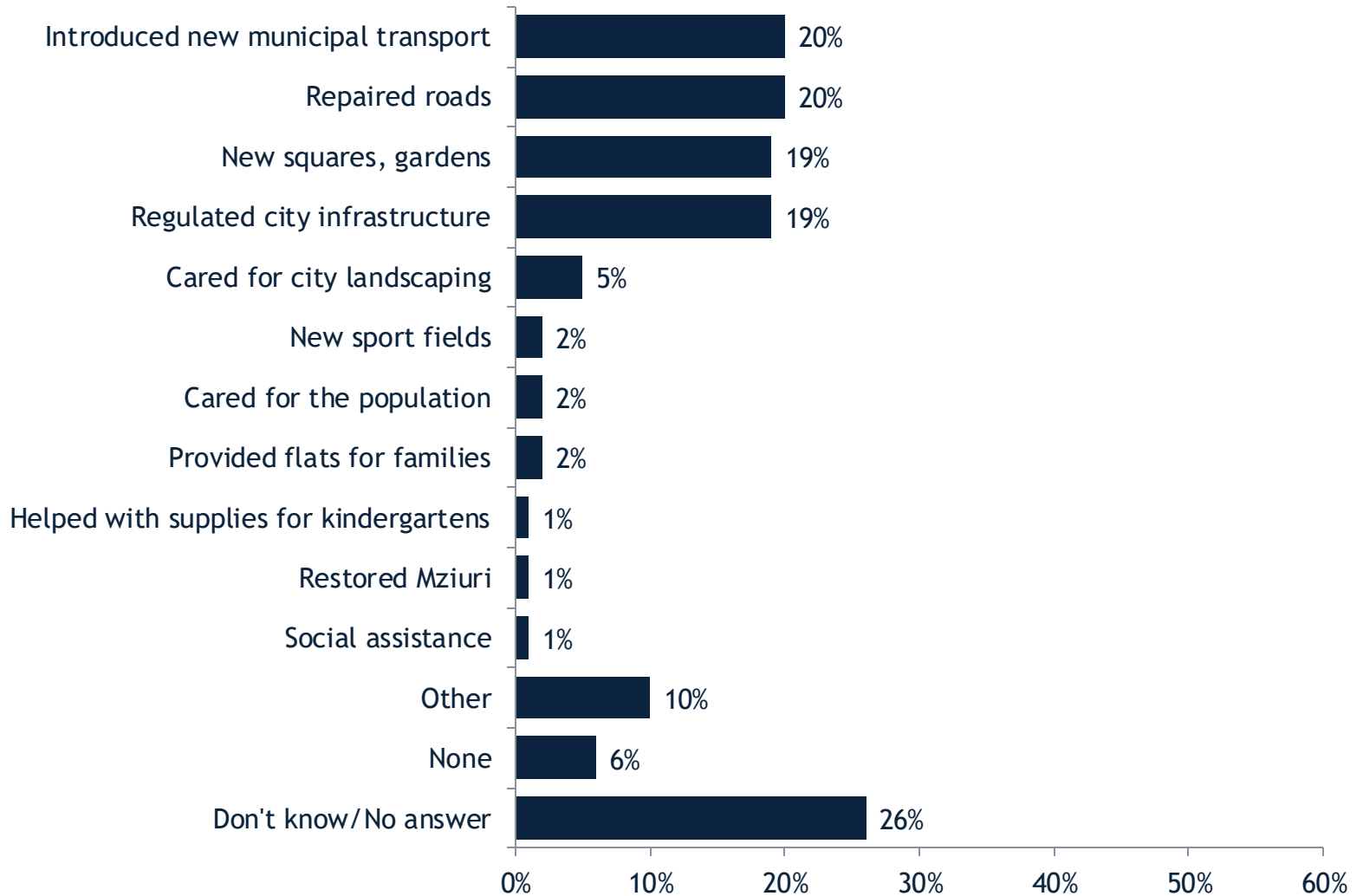
(Residents of Tbilisi, n=453; respondents permitted to supply two spontaneous answers)



* Responses totaling less than one percent are merged into "Other."

What are the two major accomplishments of Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze's Office?

(Respondents permitted to supply two spontaneous answers, Residents of Tbilisi, n=453)



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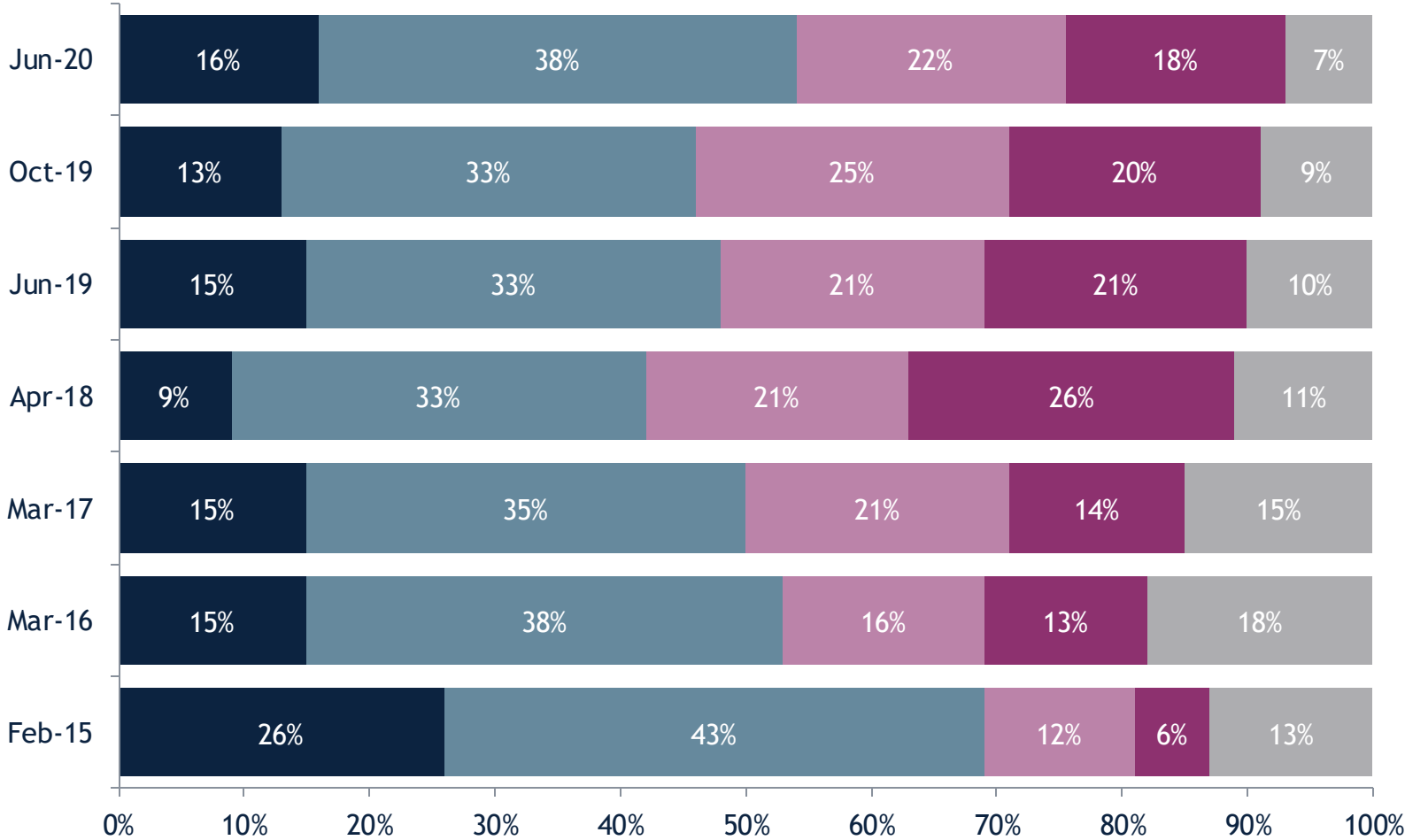
Electoral Administration



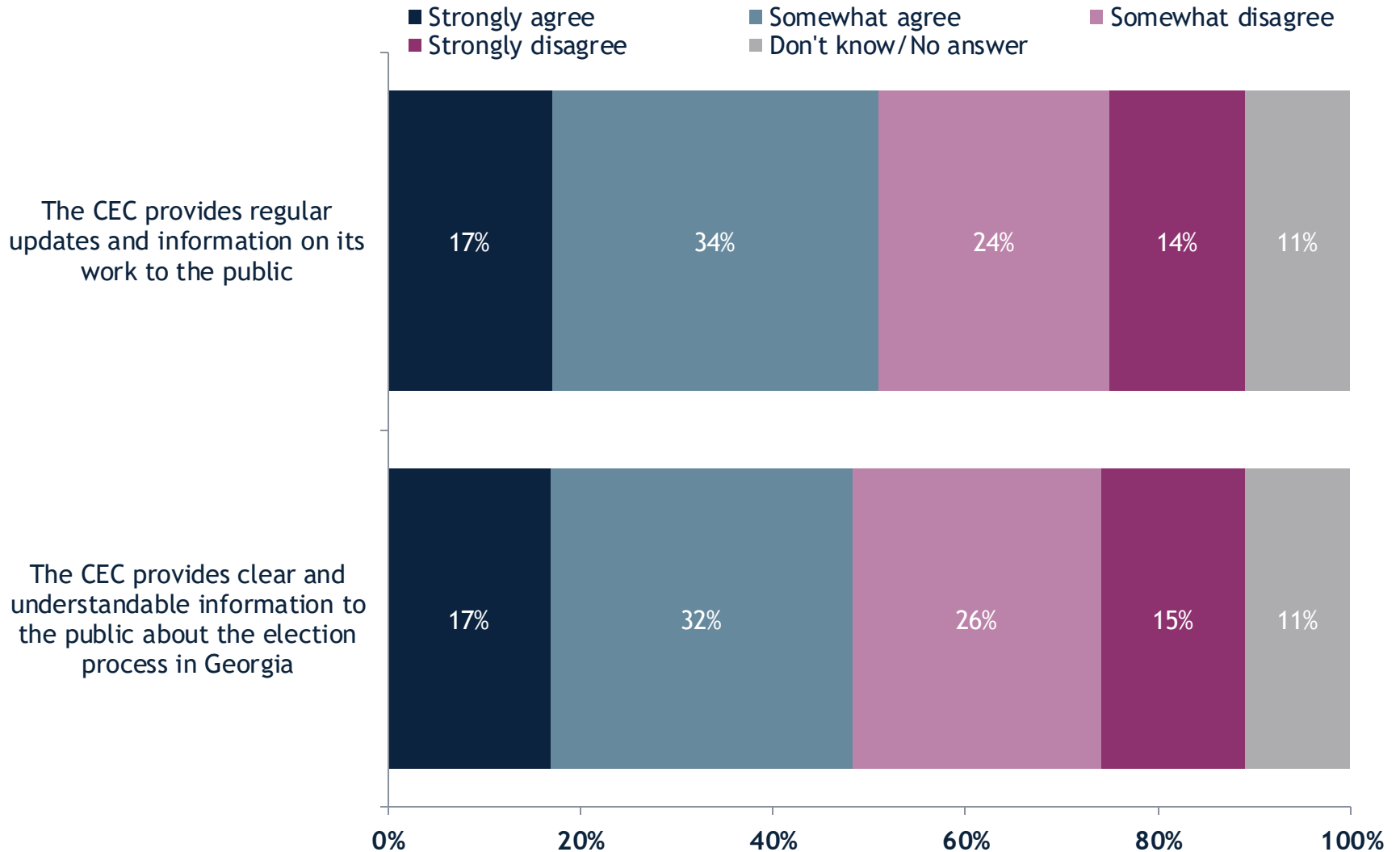
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Do you agree or disagree that the Central Election Commission performs its work in a trustworthy manner?

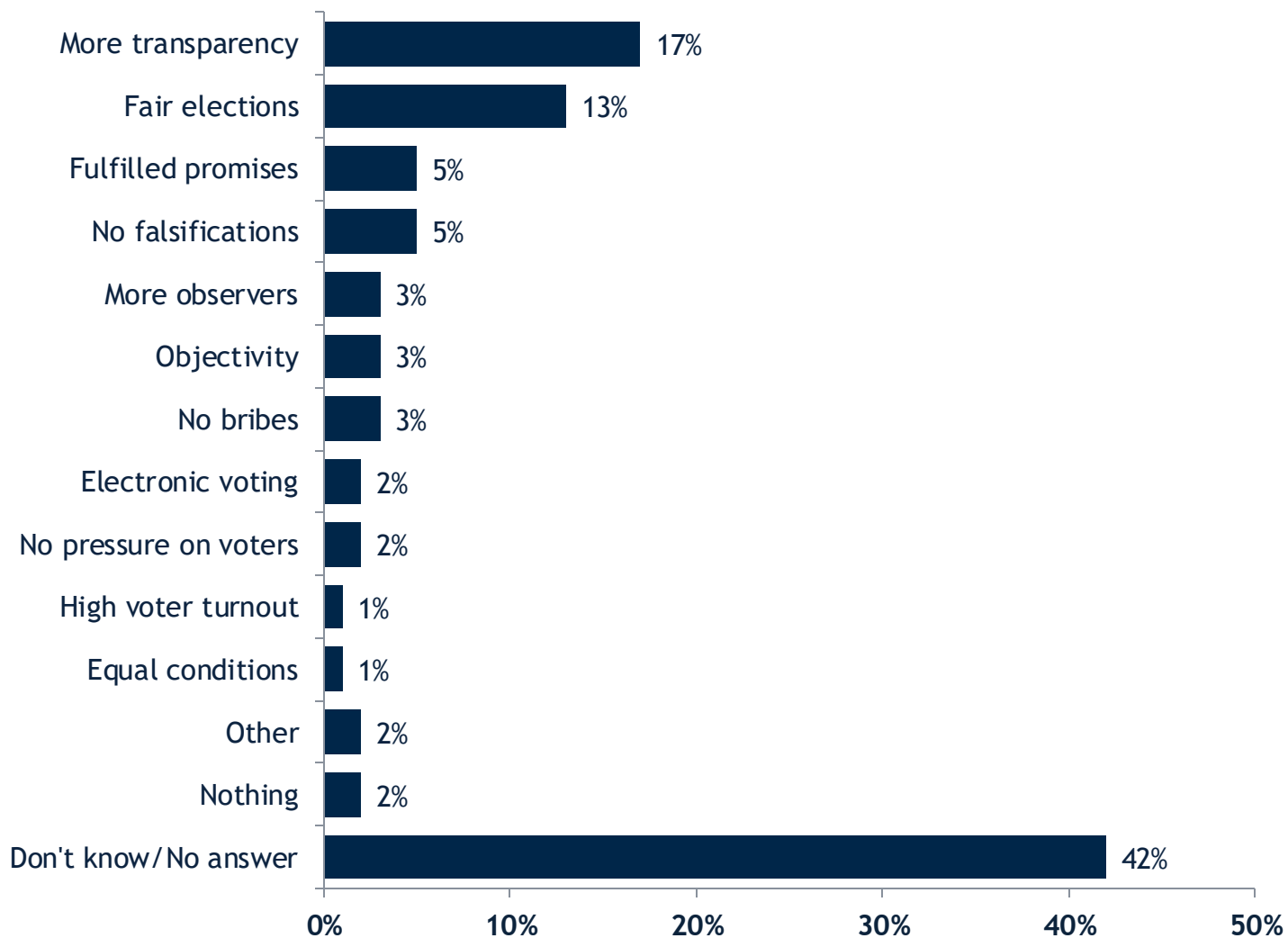
■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know/No answer



To what degree do you either agree or disagree with the following statements about the work of the Central Election Commission (CEC)?



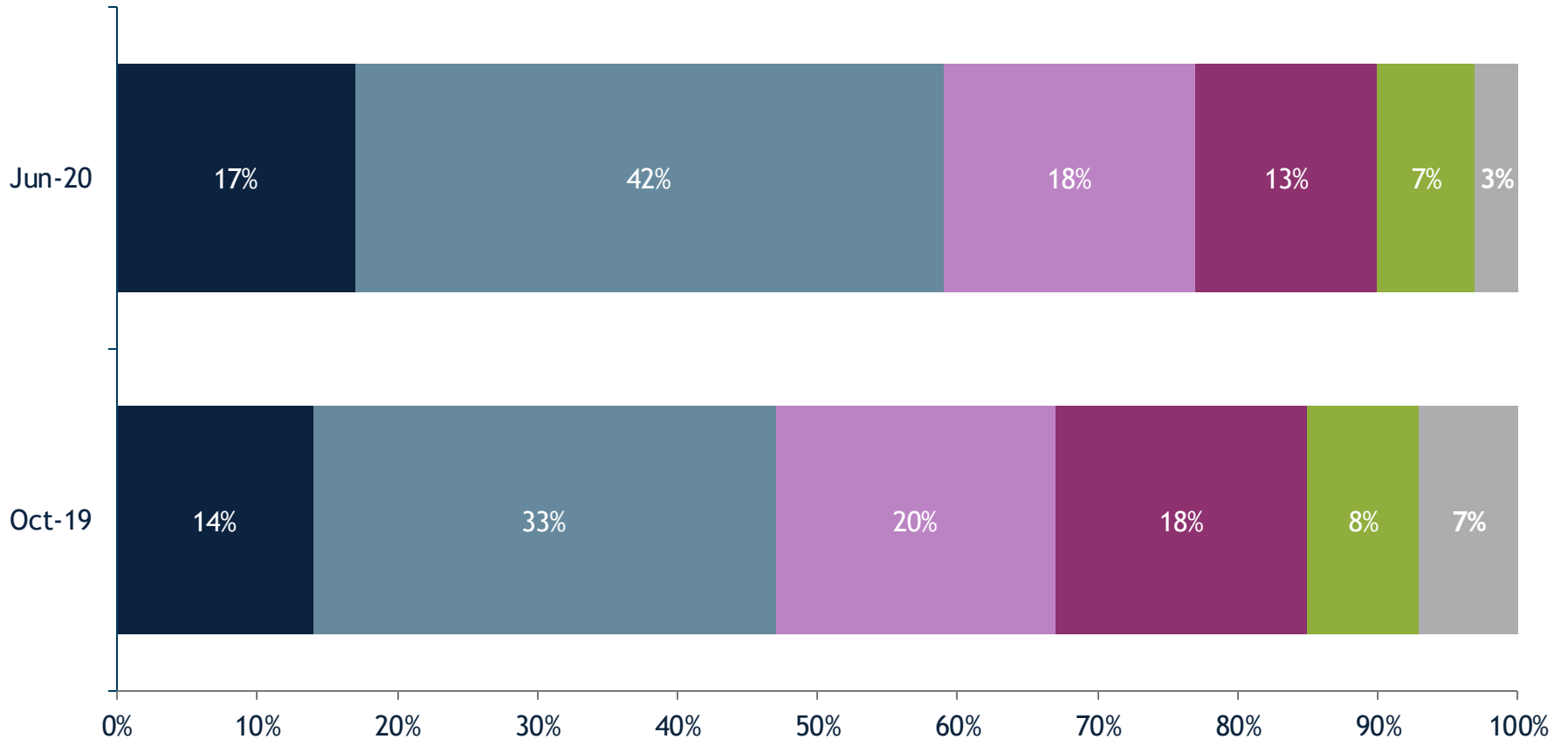
What would increase your overall trust in the electoral process? (Respondents were allowed to submit one spontaneous answer)



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Do you trust or distrust the opinion of local election observation organizations regarding whether an election was free, fair and transparent?

- Fully trust
- Somewhat trust
- Somewhat distrust
- Fully distrust
- I'm not familiar with the opinions of these organizations.
- Don't know/No answer



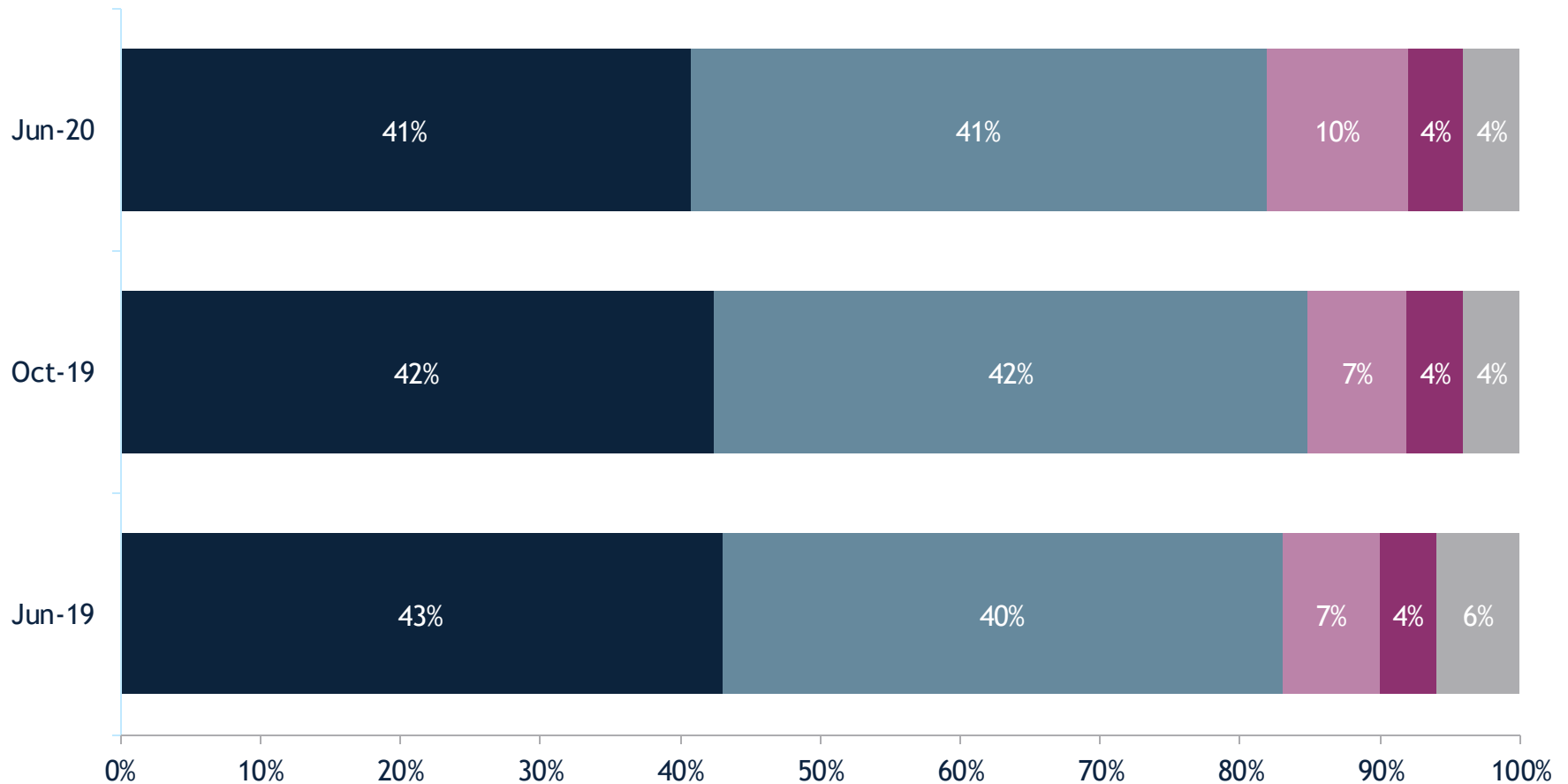


Underrepresented Groups

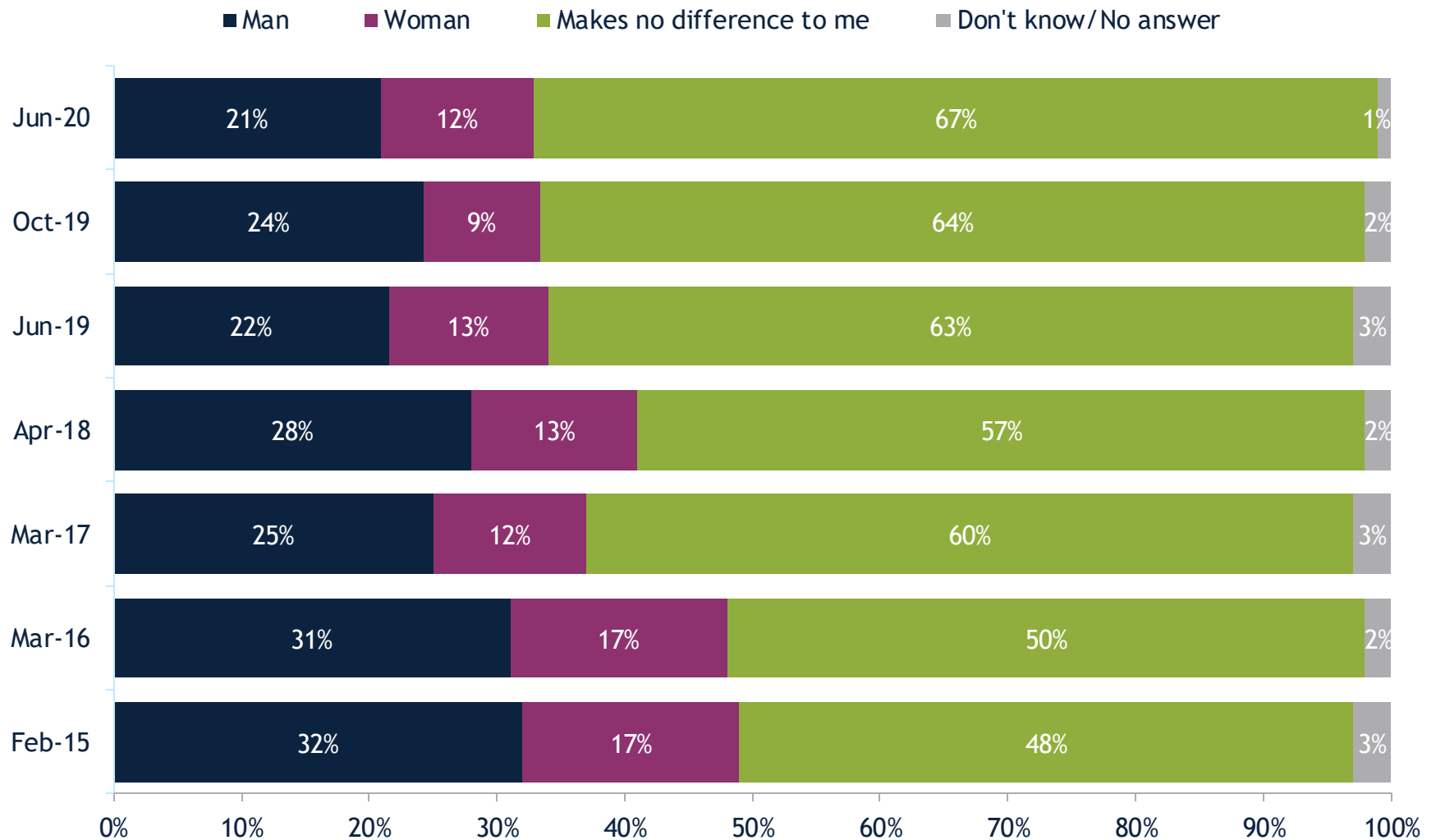


How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, youth, minorities and people with disabilities, are included in political decision-making?

■ Very important ■ Somewhat important ■ Somewhat unimportant ■ Very unimportant ■ Don't know/No answer

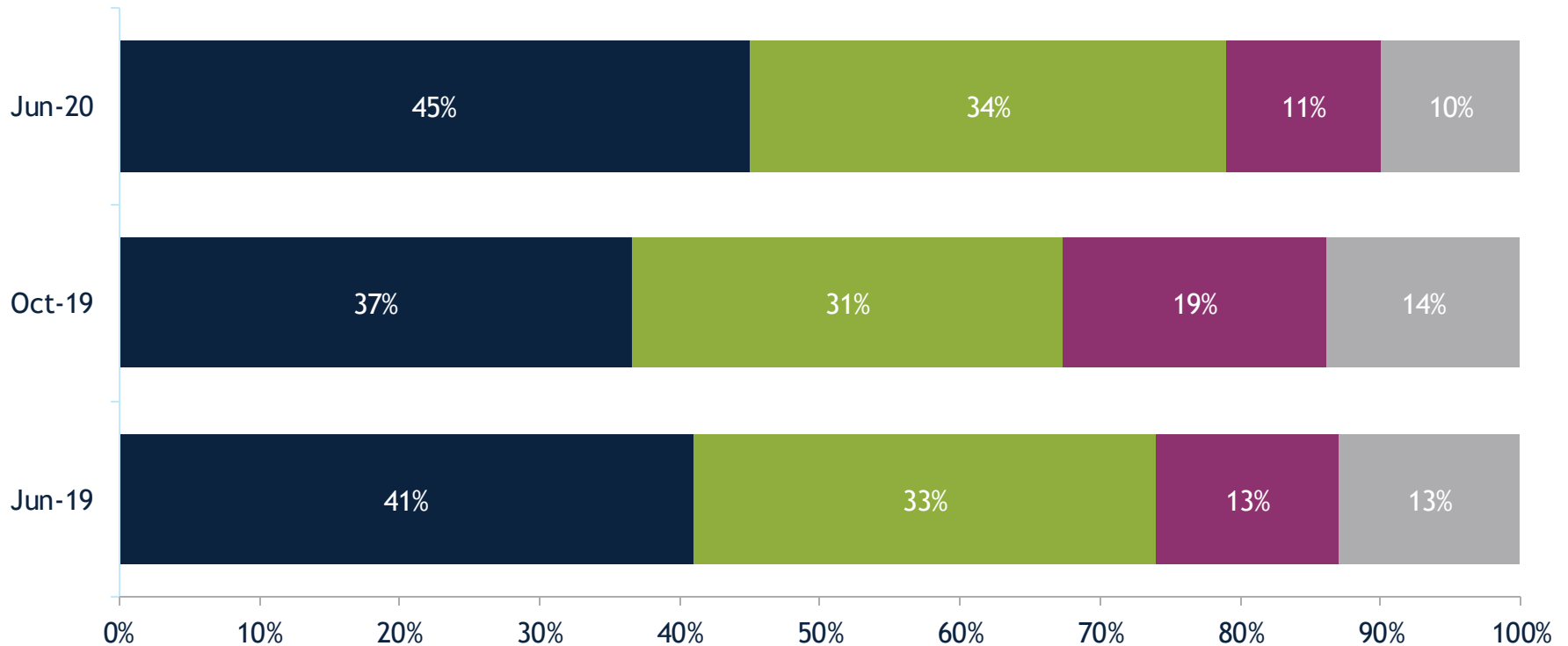


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



Currently, women comprise 14 percent of the members of parliament in Georgia. In your opinion, should there be more or fewer women in Georgian politics?

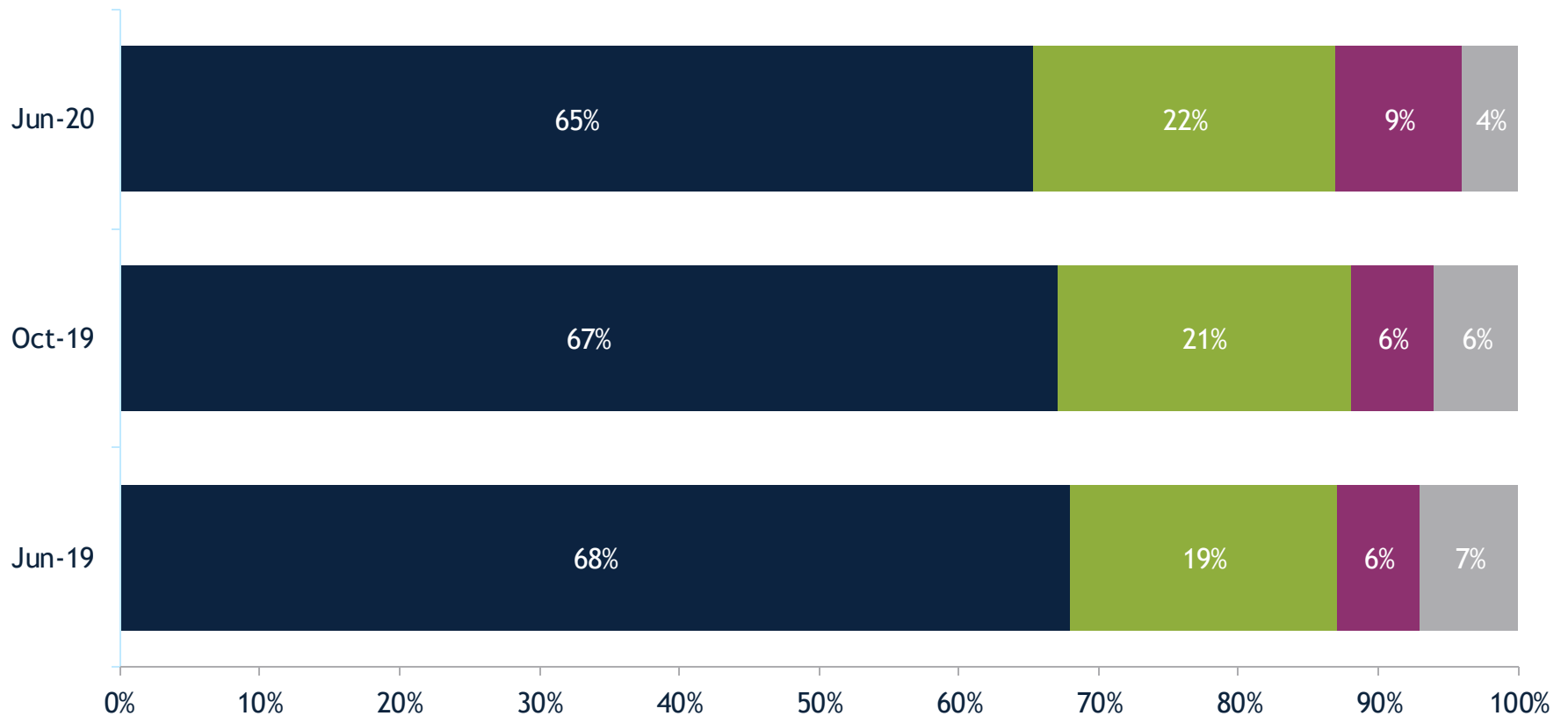
- Yes, there should be more women in Georgian politics
- There should be the same level of women as there currently is
- No, there should be less women in Georgian politics
- Don't know/No answer



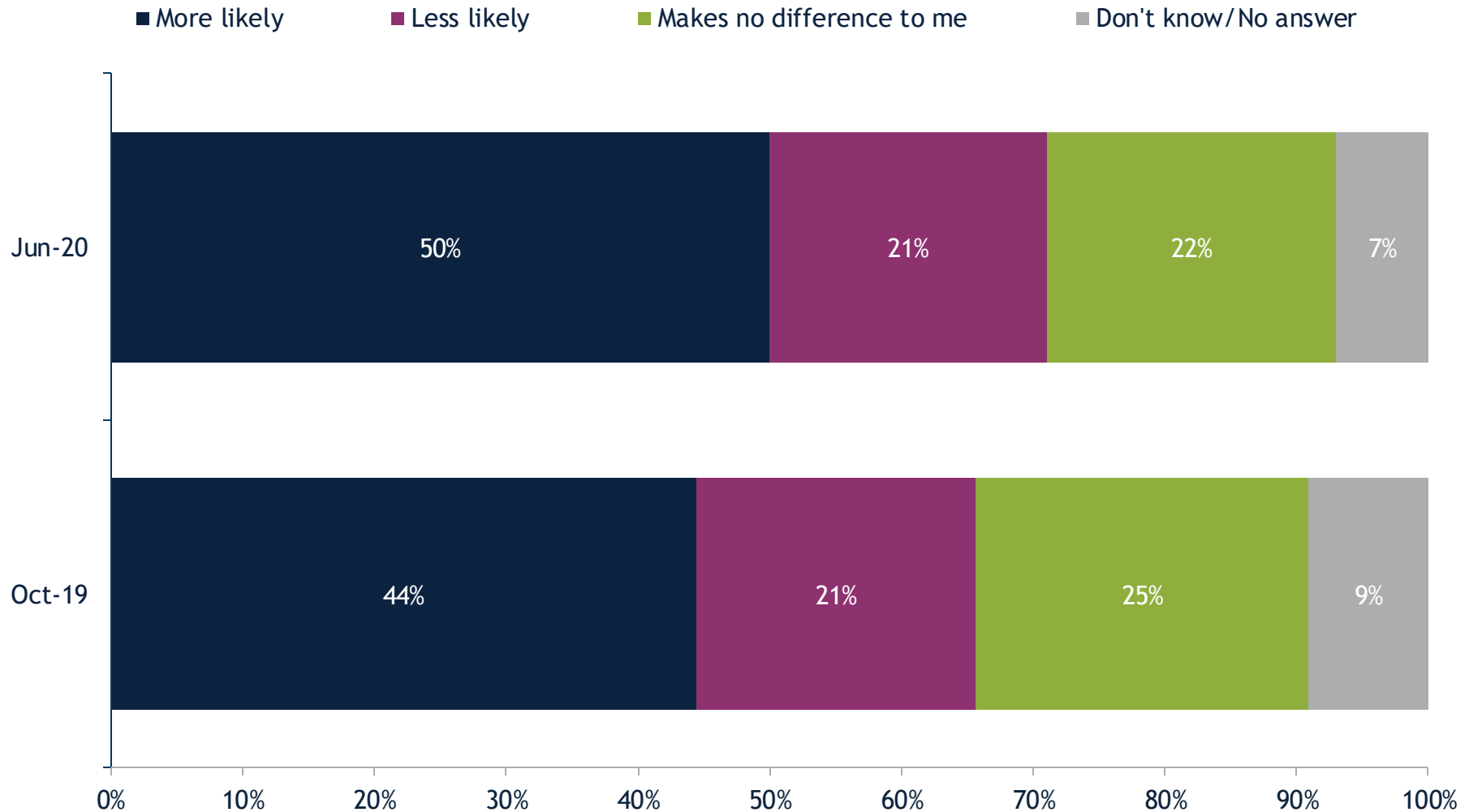
*In June and October, 2019 surveys the wording of question was: “In your opinion, should there be more women in Georgian politics?”

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

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



Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a political party that had at a high number of youth on the party list?



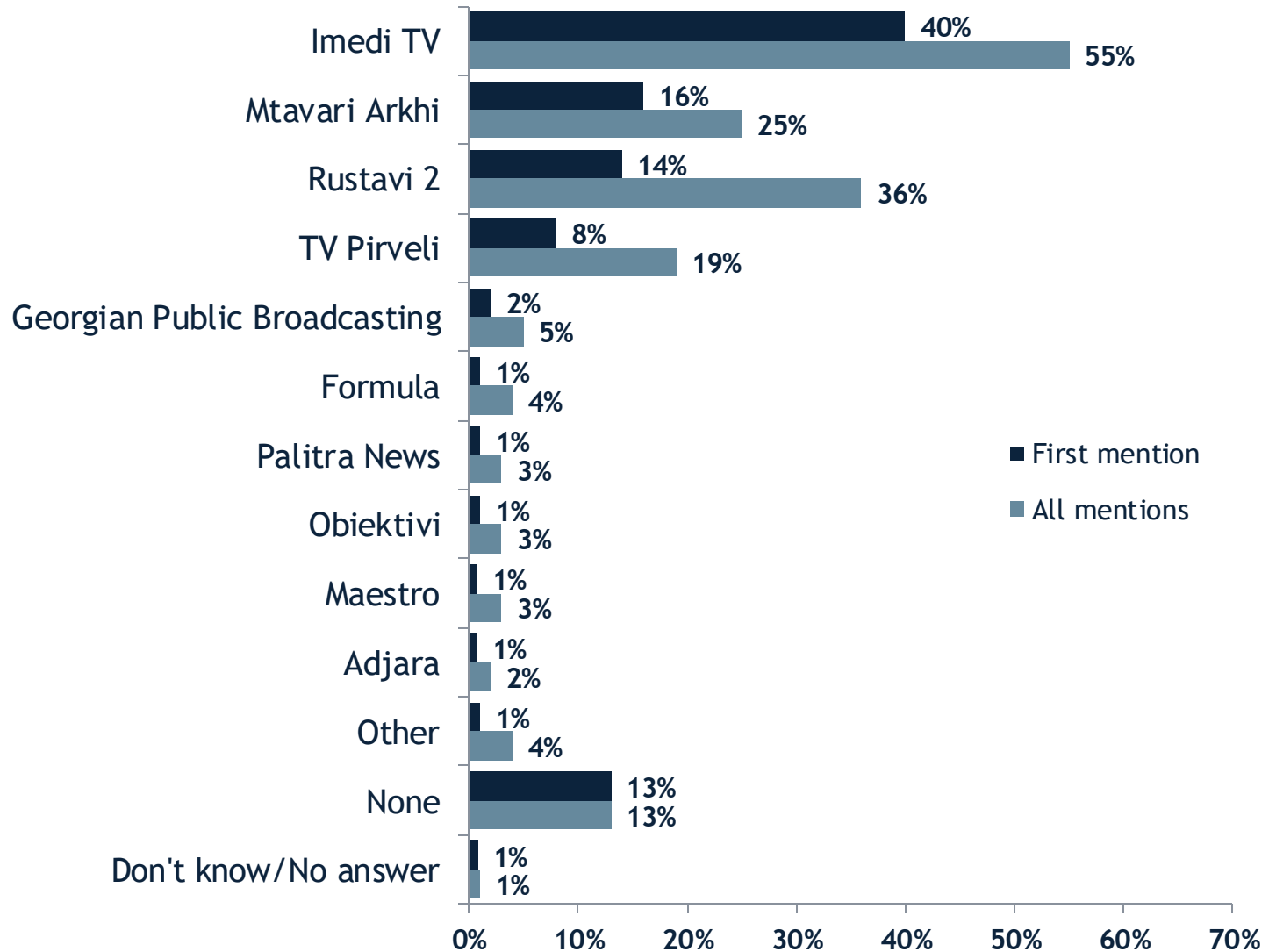


Media

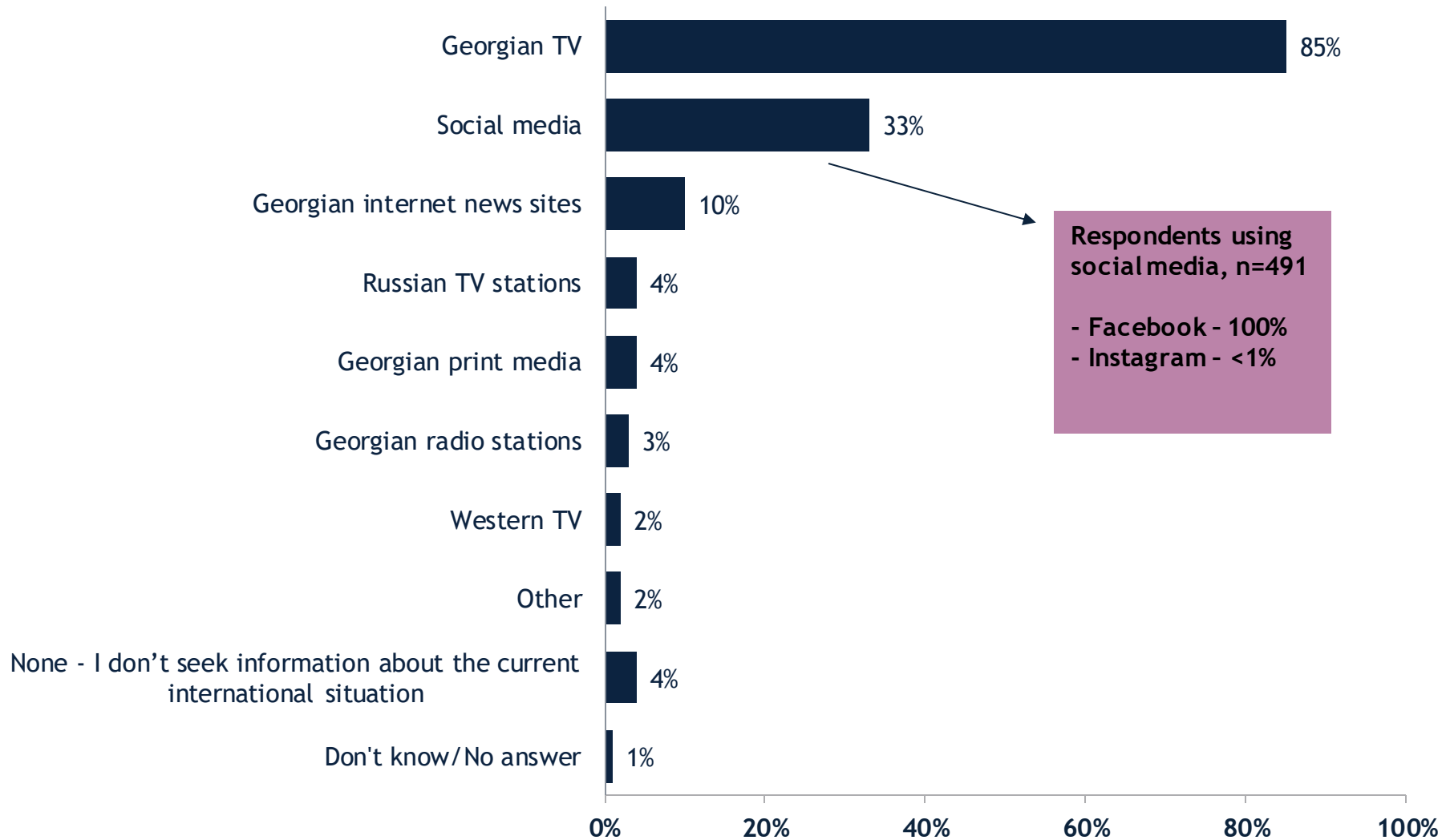


Which Georgian TV station's news and political information do you trust the most?

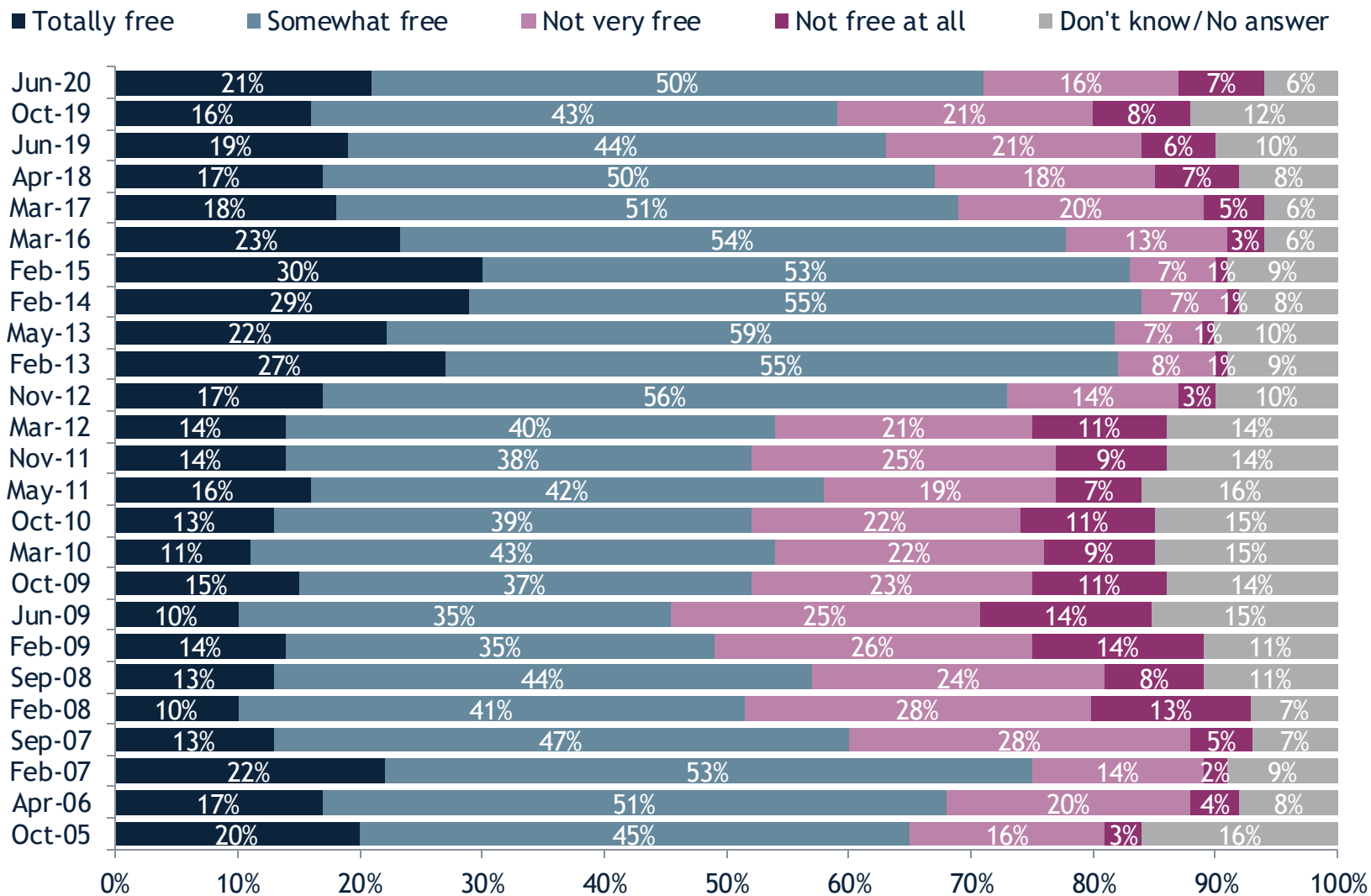
(Respondents permitted to supply two spontaneous answers)



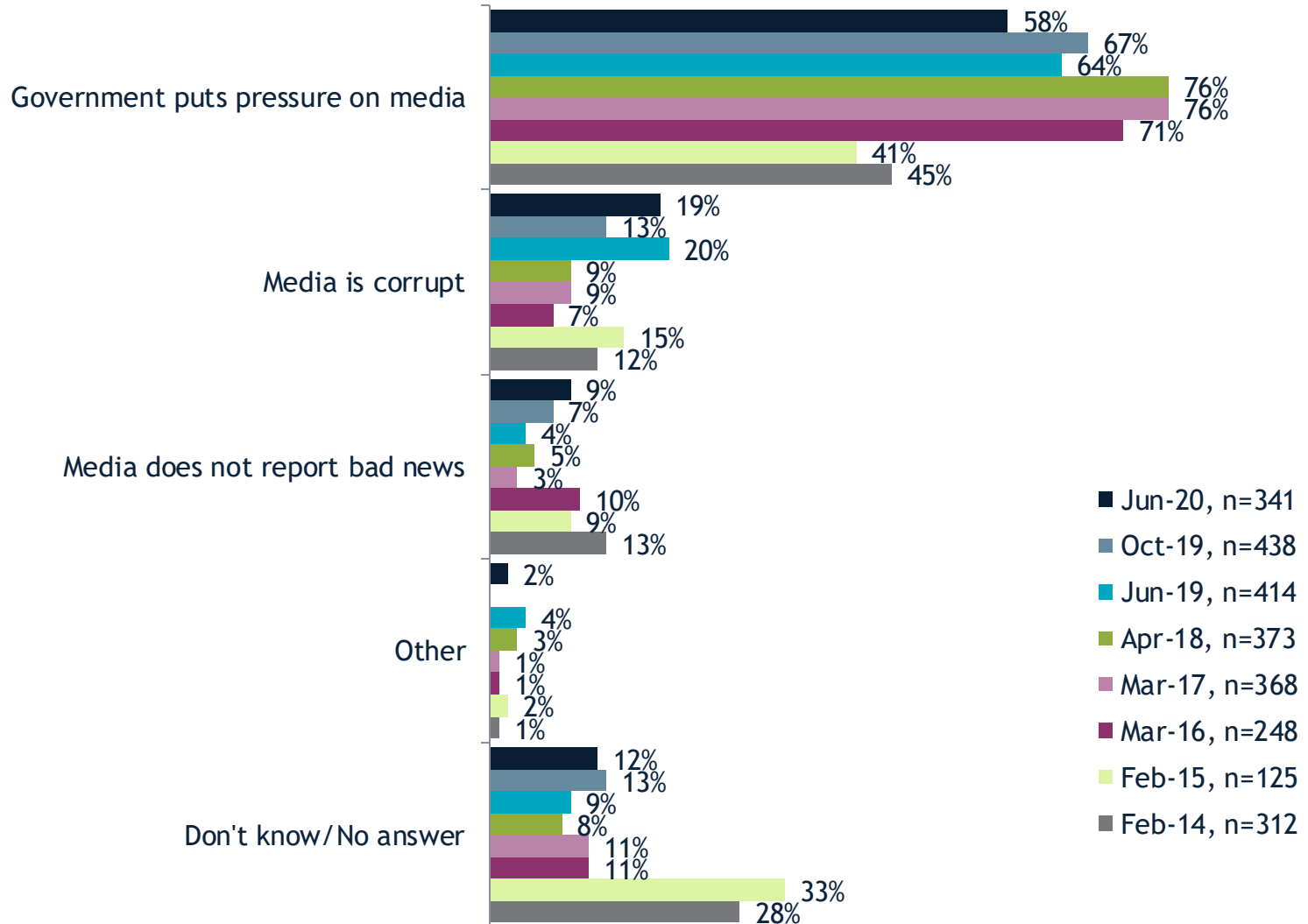
Which sources of information do you use for information about the current international situation? (Multiple responses accepted)



Is Georgian Mass Media (TV, radio and press) free to express various political views?

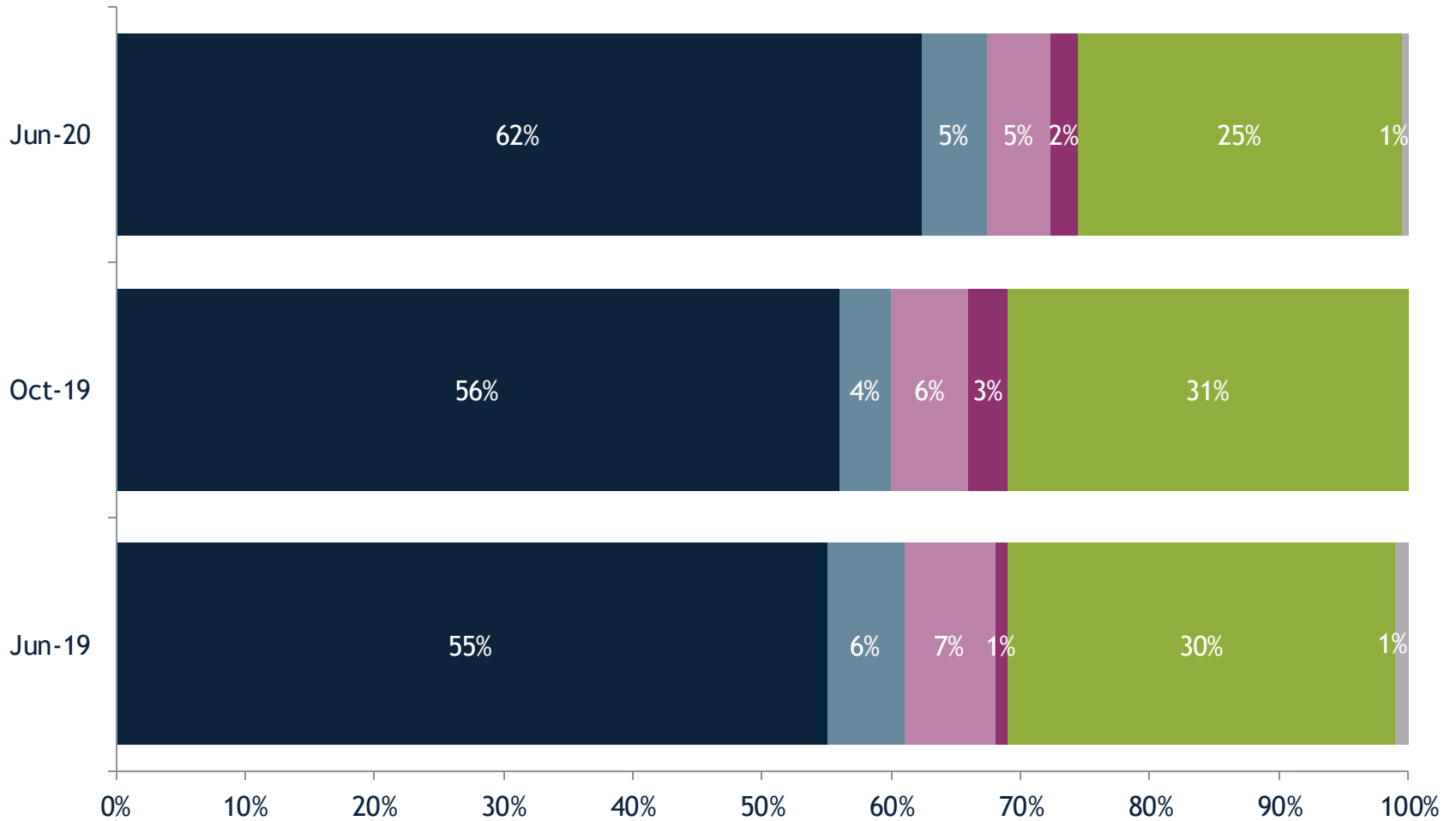


Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views? (Percentage of respondents holding this opinion)

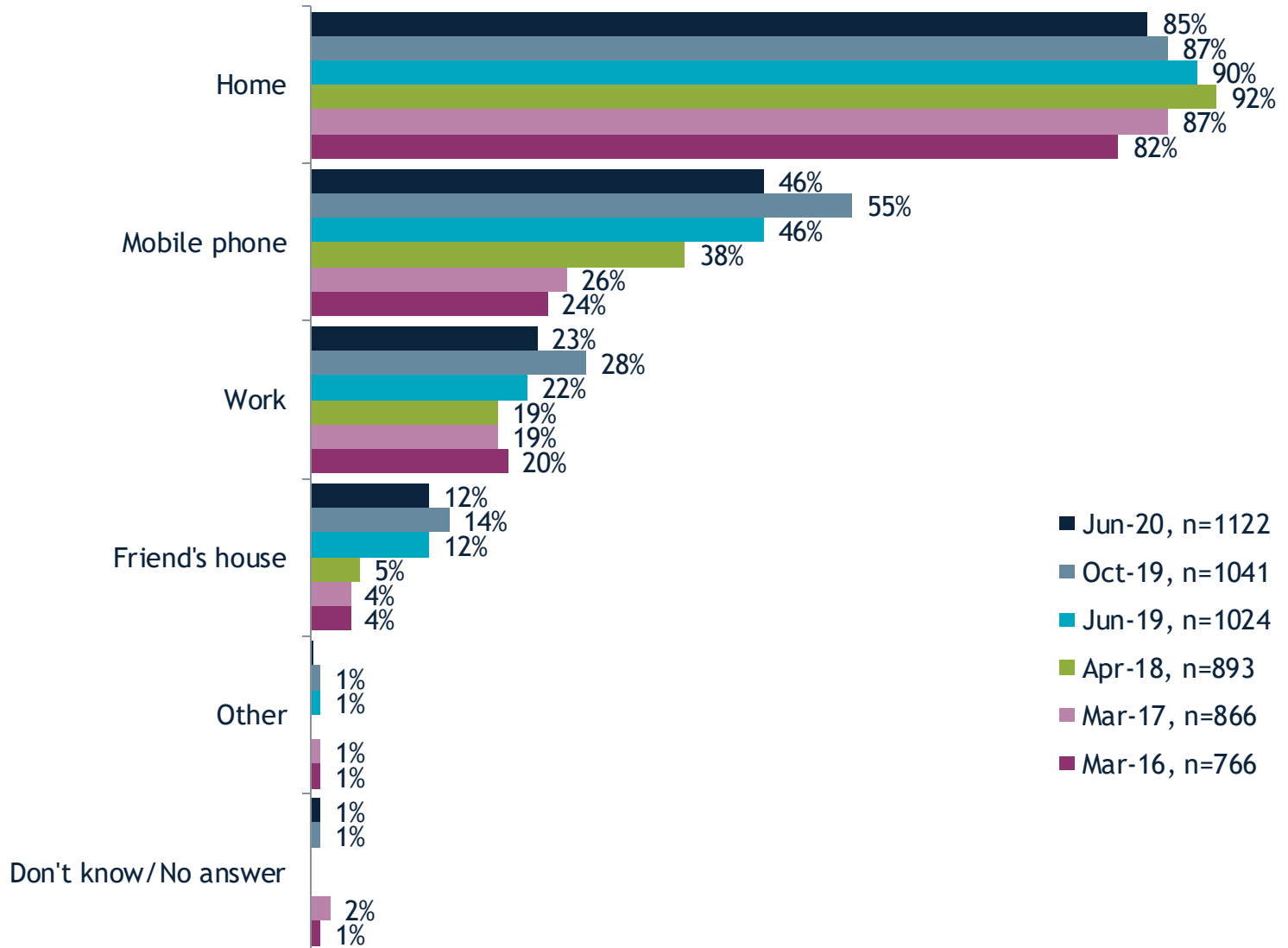


How many times per week do you access the internet?

■ Every day ■ 4-6 times per week ■ 1-3 times per week ■ Less than weekly ■ Never ■ Don't know/No answer

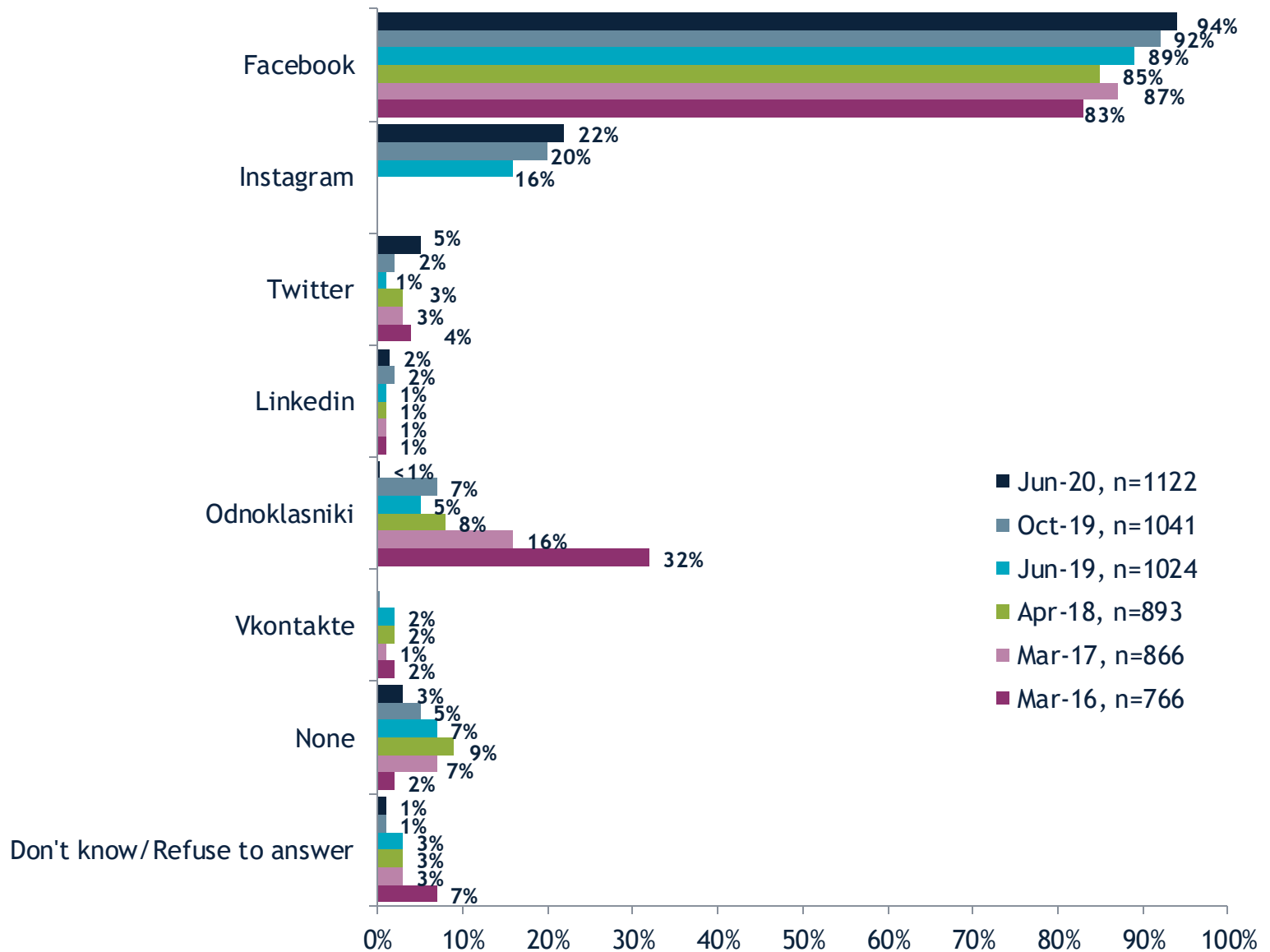


Where do you access the internet? (Internet users, multiple responses accepted)



Which social media sites do you use most often?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers, Internet users)

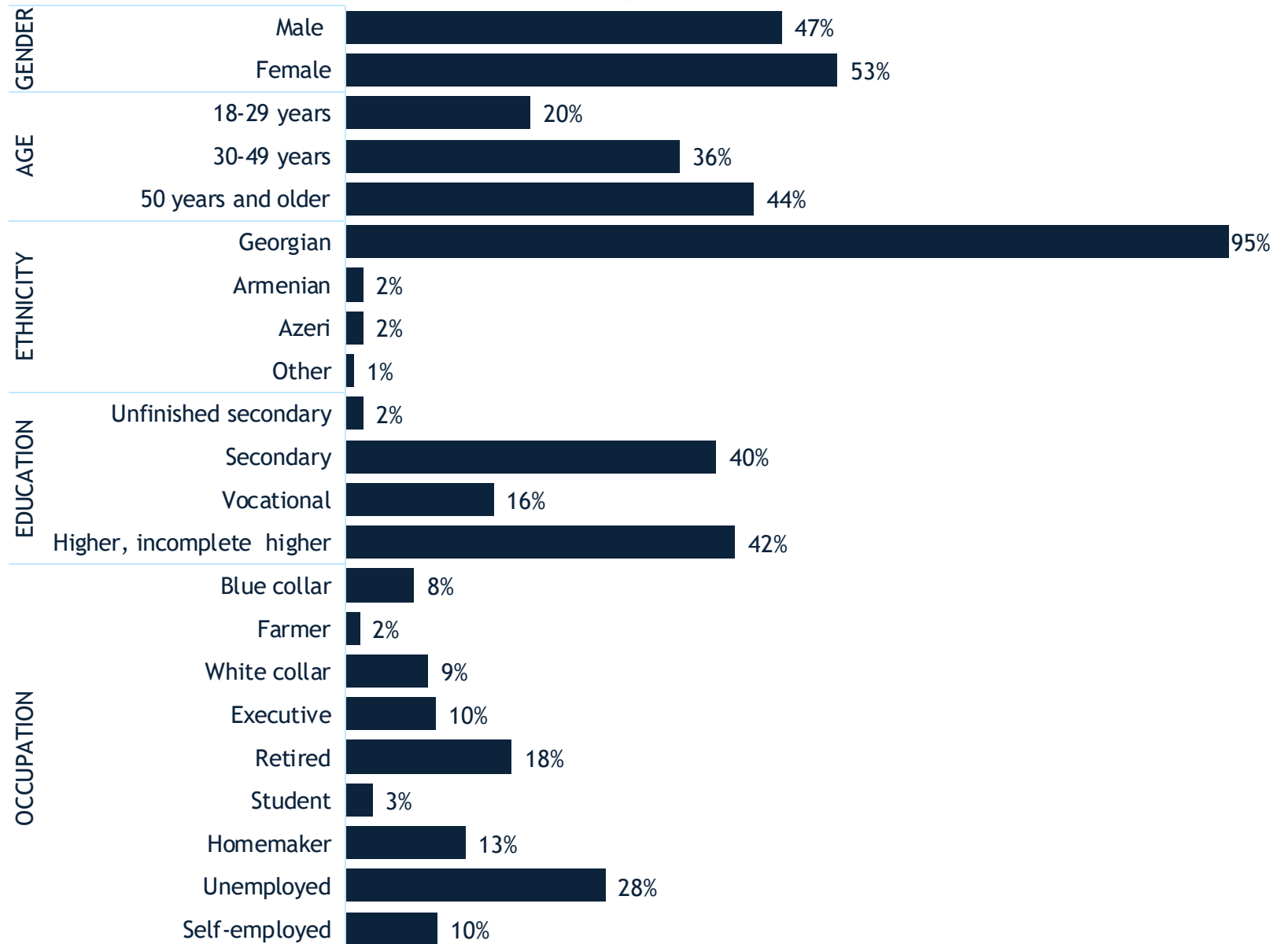




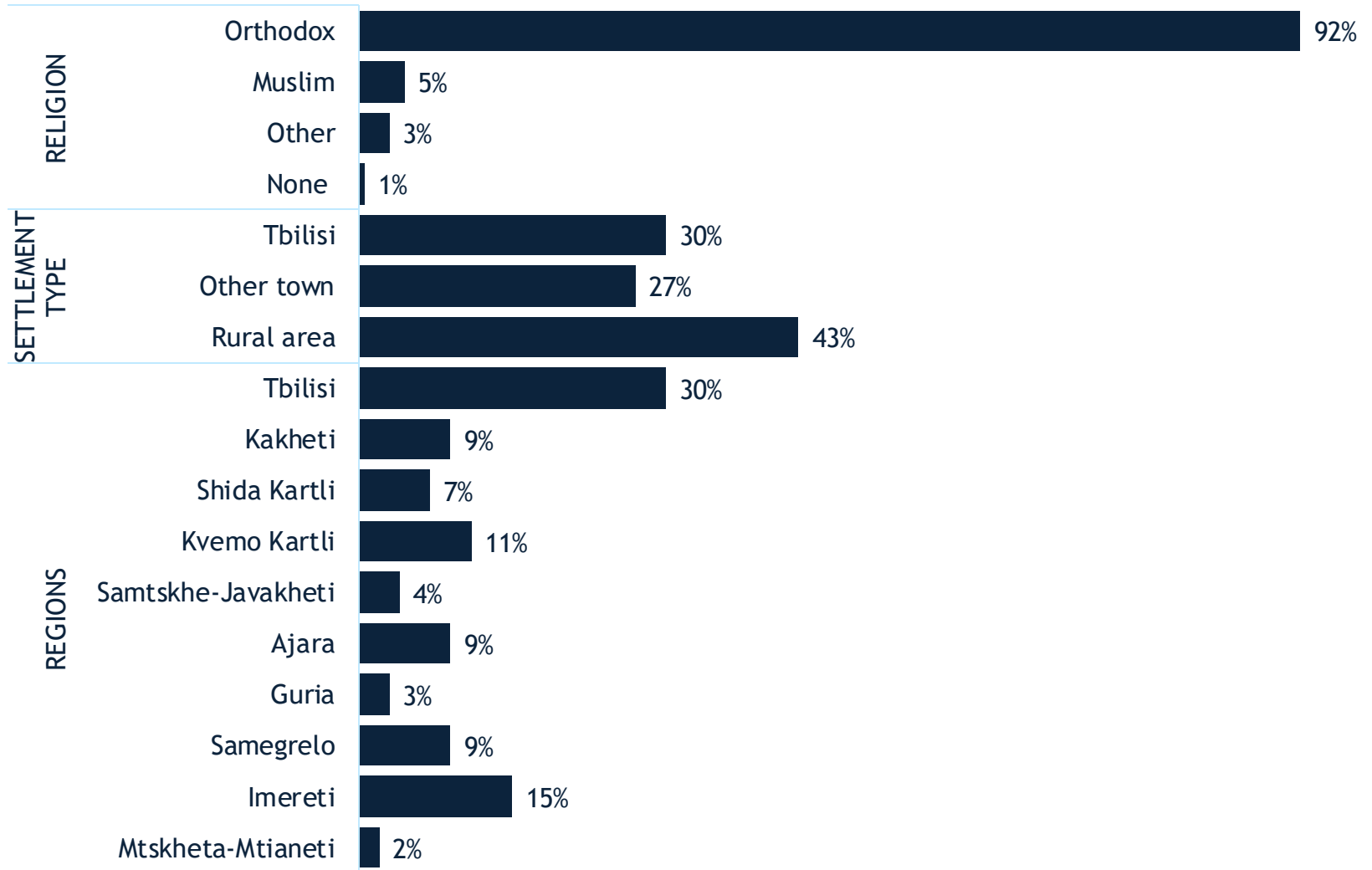
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