



Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Moldova

February 9, 2021 - March 16, 2021



Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated by [Ipsos](#) on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) (CISR). The survey fieldwork was carried out by [Magenta Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (except for Transnistria) between February 9, 2021, and March 16, 2021, through computer-assisted phone interviews (CATI) using a dual-frame survey mode consisting of both mobile phones and landline phones.
- Mobile interviews: random selection of respondents using randomly generated mobile numbers of all Moldovan cellphone providers
 - Landline interviews:
 - Stage one: All districts (*raions*) of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups; all regions (with the exception of Transnistria) were surveyed. For all districts (*raions*) of Moldova numbers were randomly generated for each *raion* using *raion* prefixes
 - Stage two: Respondents were selected in households using the "last birthday" selection principle
- The sample, including an oversample of Chisinau, consisted of n=2,001 permanent residents of Moldova aged 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and settlement size.
- Sampling frame: Moldova Statistical Databank. Weighting: Data was weighted for phone ownership, age groups, gender and settlement type using the last available population figures by the National Bureau of Statistics. For national-level analysis, the Chisinau oversample was weighted back down to its national proportion.
- The margin of error for the mid-range of the full, national sample does not exceed ± 2.4 points at the 95% confidence level.
 - The margin of error for the mid-range of the full Chisinau sample does not exceed ± 4.2 points at the 95% confidence level.
- The response rate was 9 percent. This response rate is lower than CISR's generally accepted response rates, even for telephone polls, which generally have lower response rates than face-to-face polls. However, additional vetting of the sample did not reveal any evident bias, and the sample is a close approximation of the Moldovan adult population in terms of demographic parameters. Due to the COVID-19 necessitated change in mode from face-to-face to telephone polling, CISR advises treating any trend comparisons against past polls with caution.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [United States Agency for International Development](#).

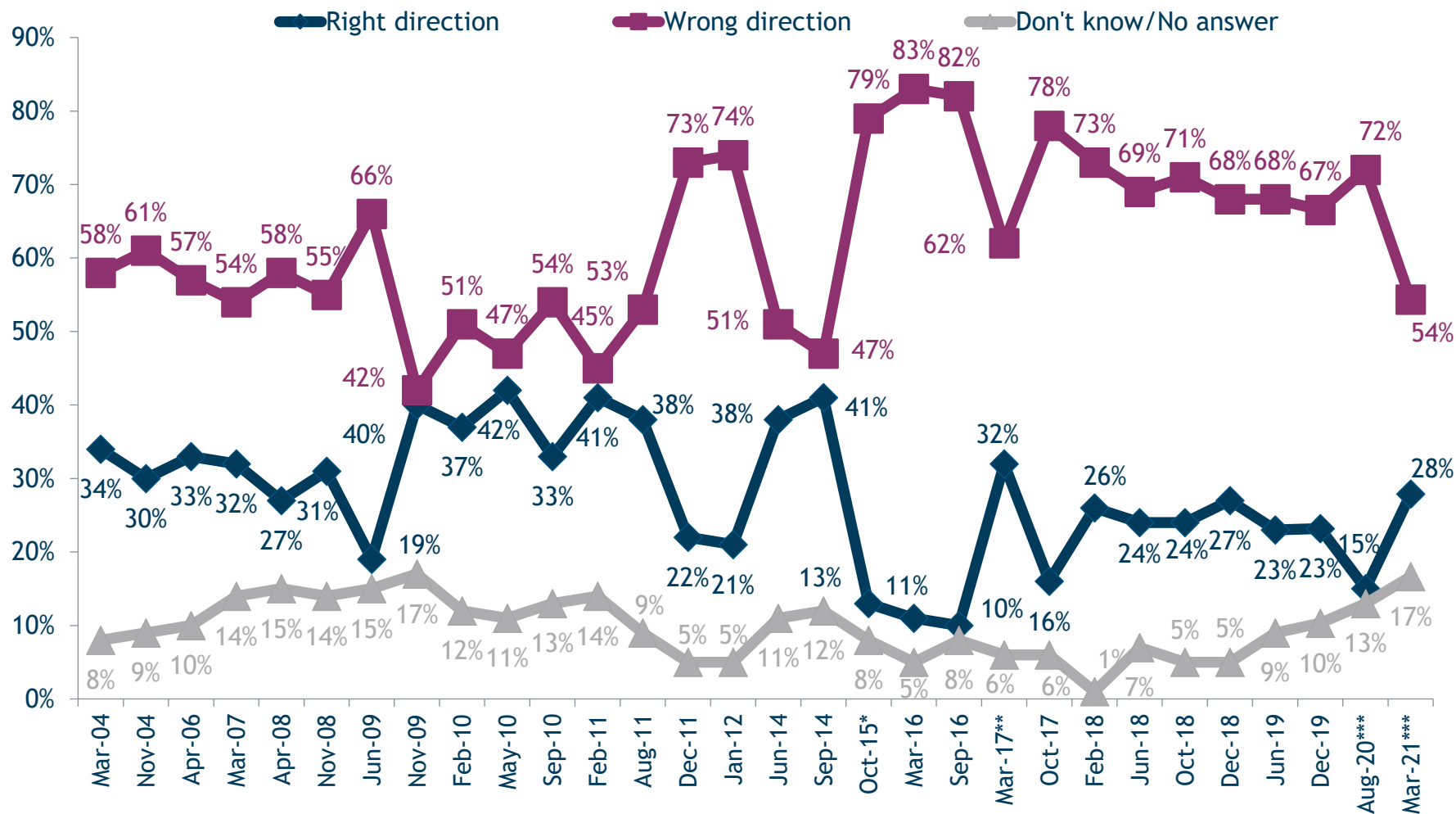


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In general, would you say that Moldova is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?



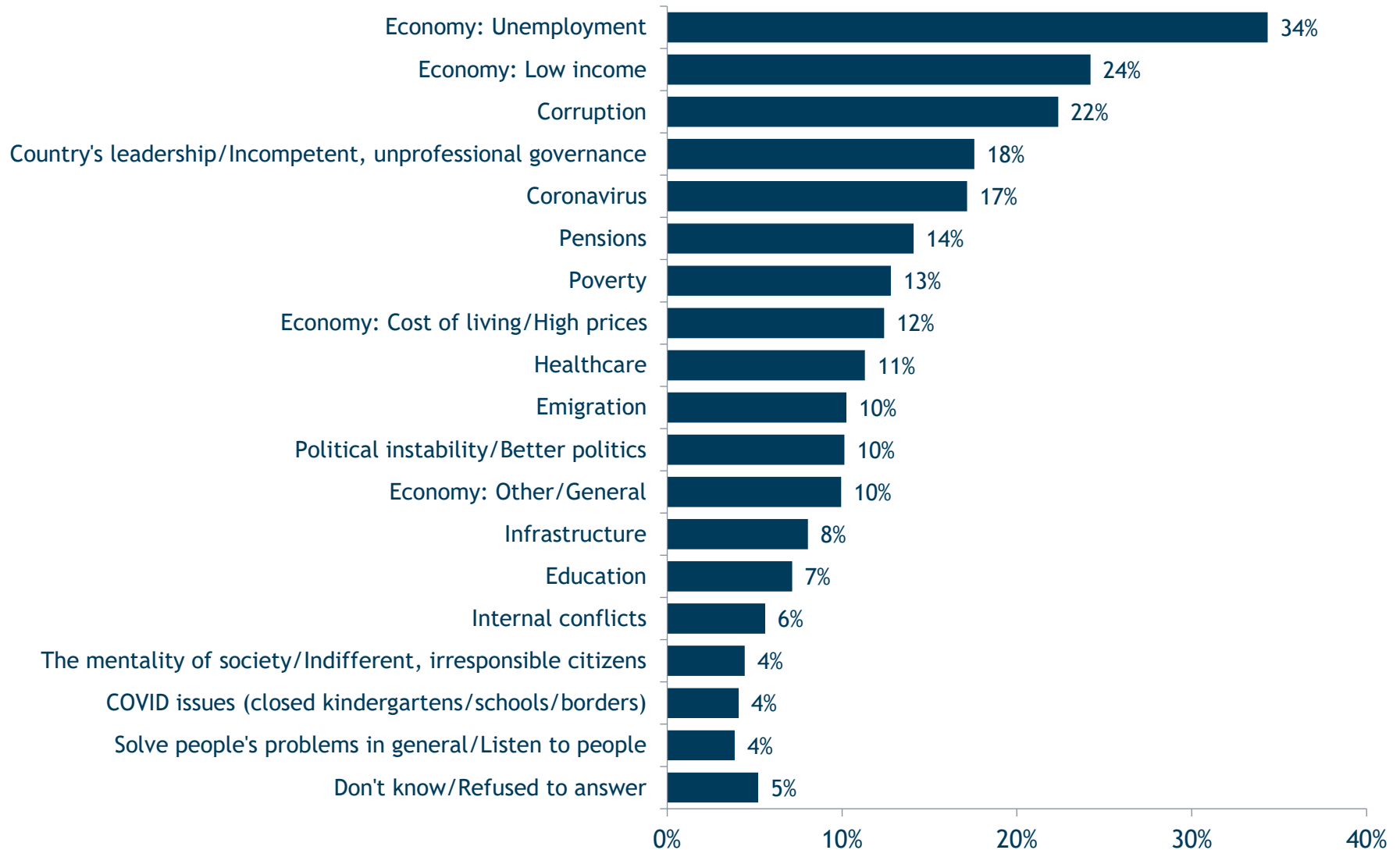
*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal involving nearly \$1 billion missing from three state banks. The scandal is often referred to as “the stolen billion.”

**In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular presidential election since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second-round contest on November 13, 2016.

*** Interviews for the August 2020 and March 2021 surveys were done via computer-assisted phone interviews (CATI). All previous polls were conducted through face-to-face interviews.

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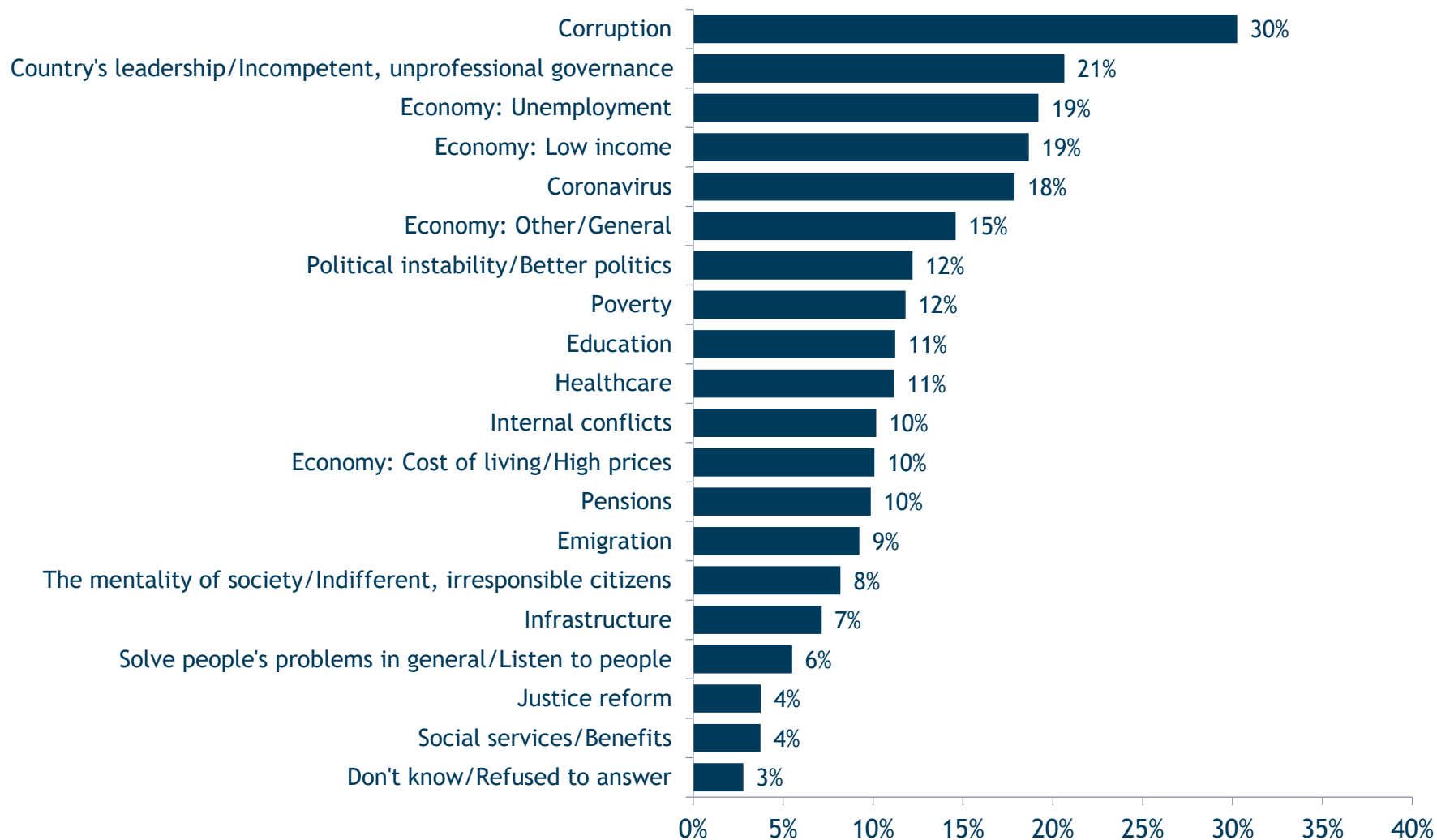
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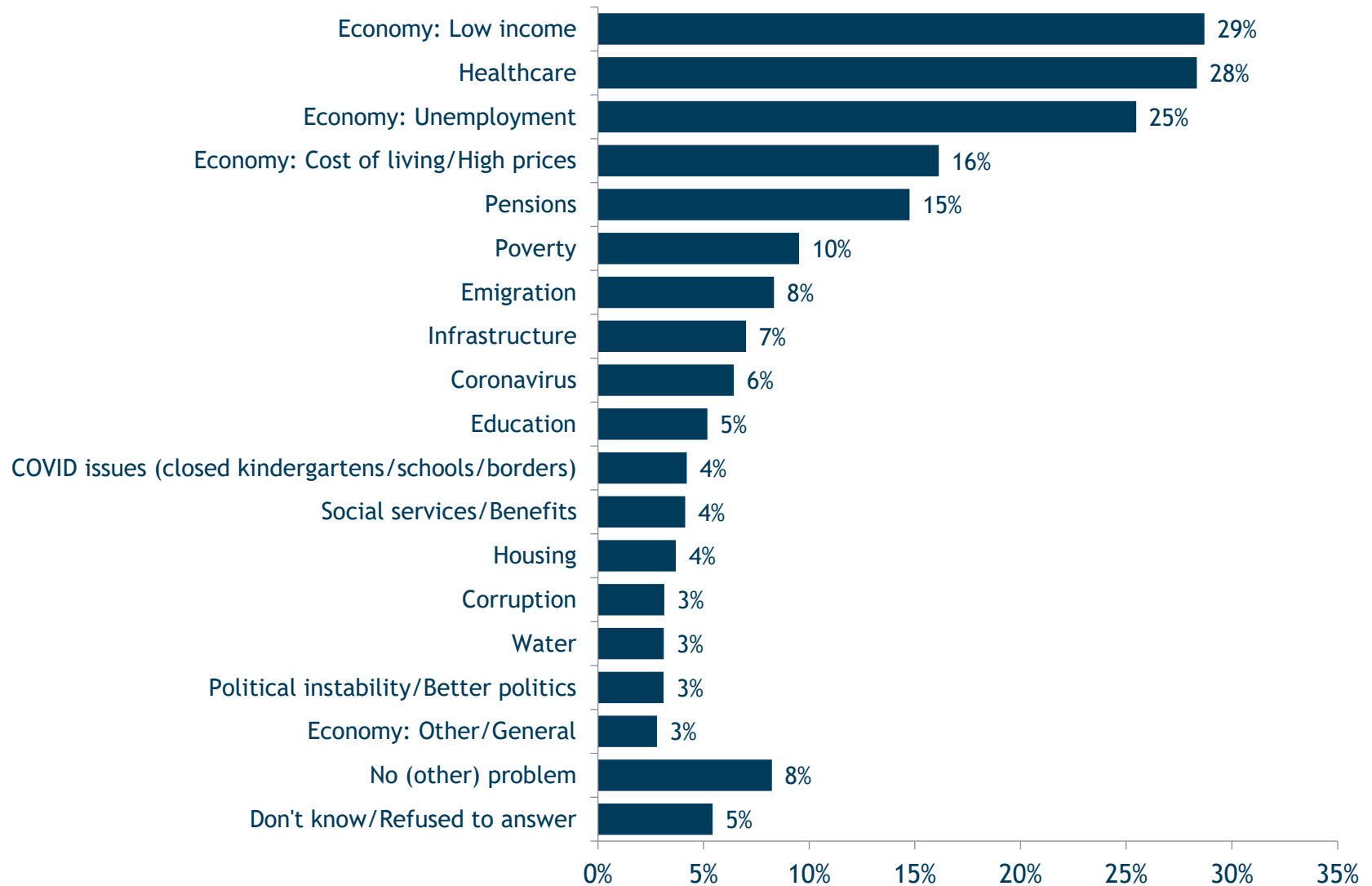
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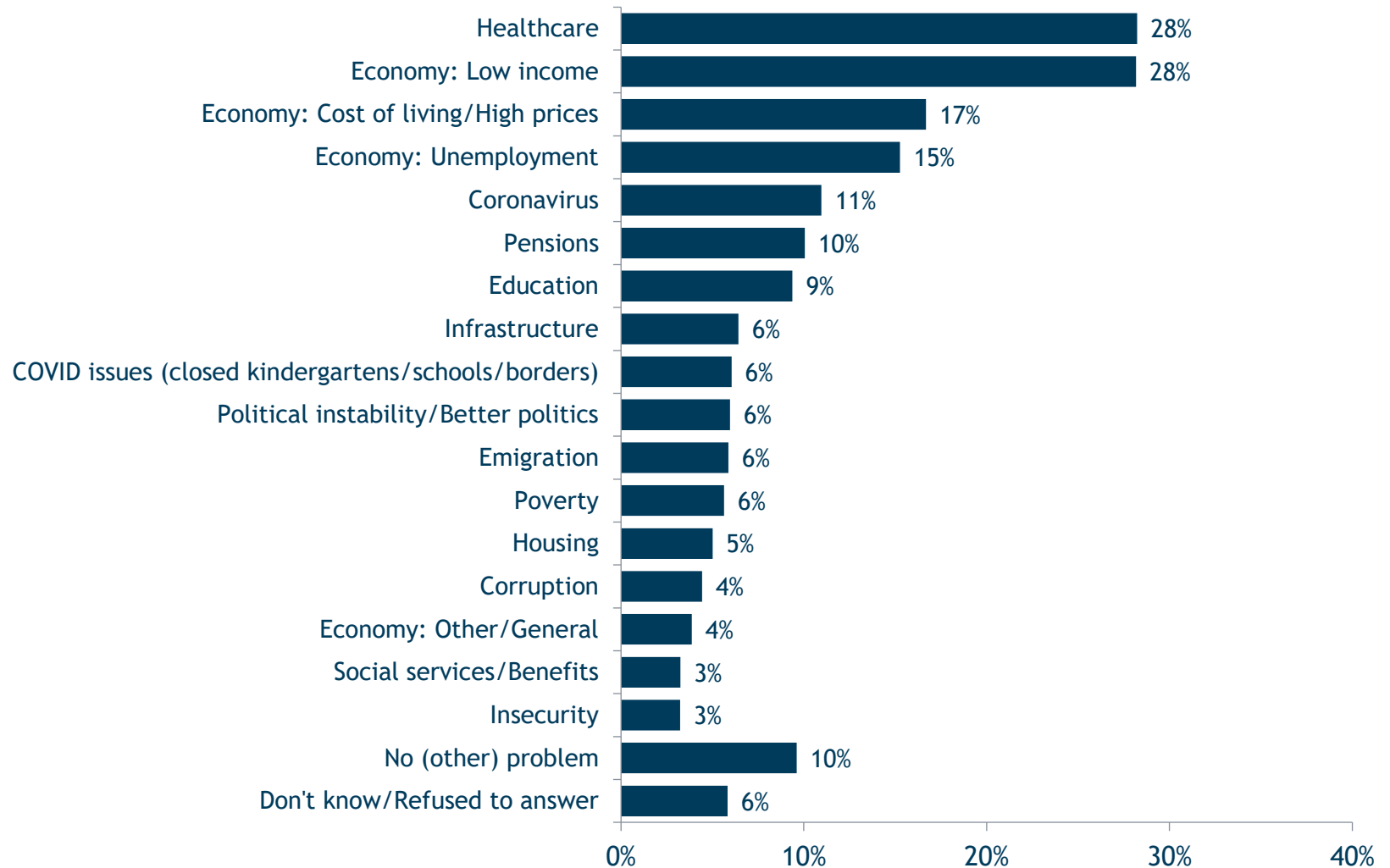
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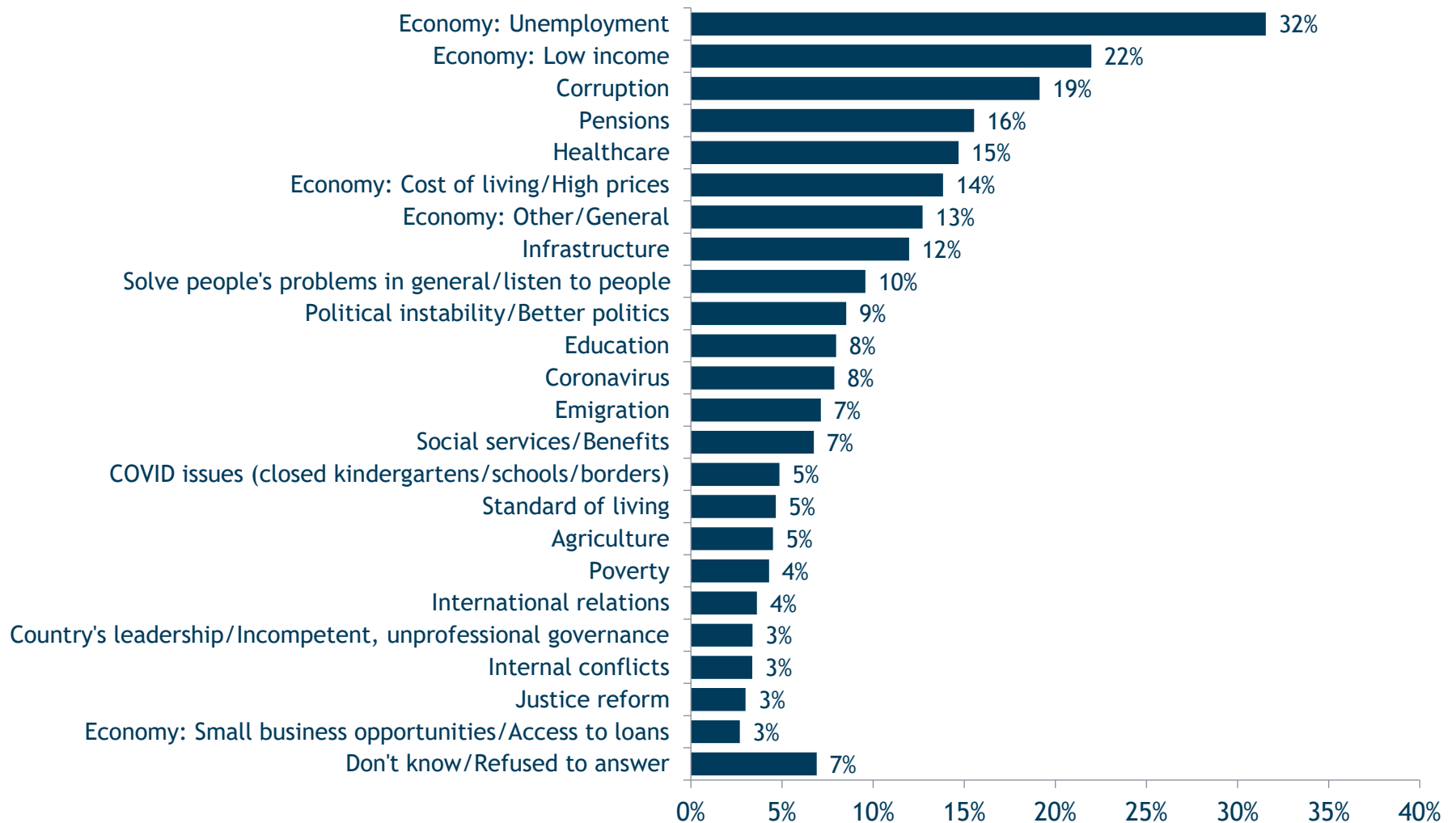
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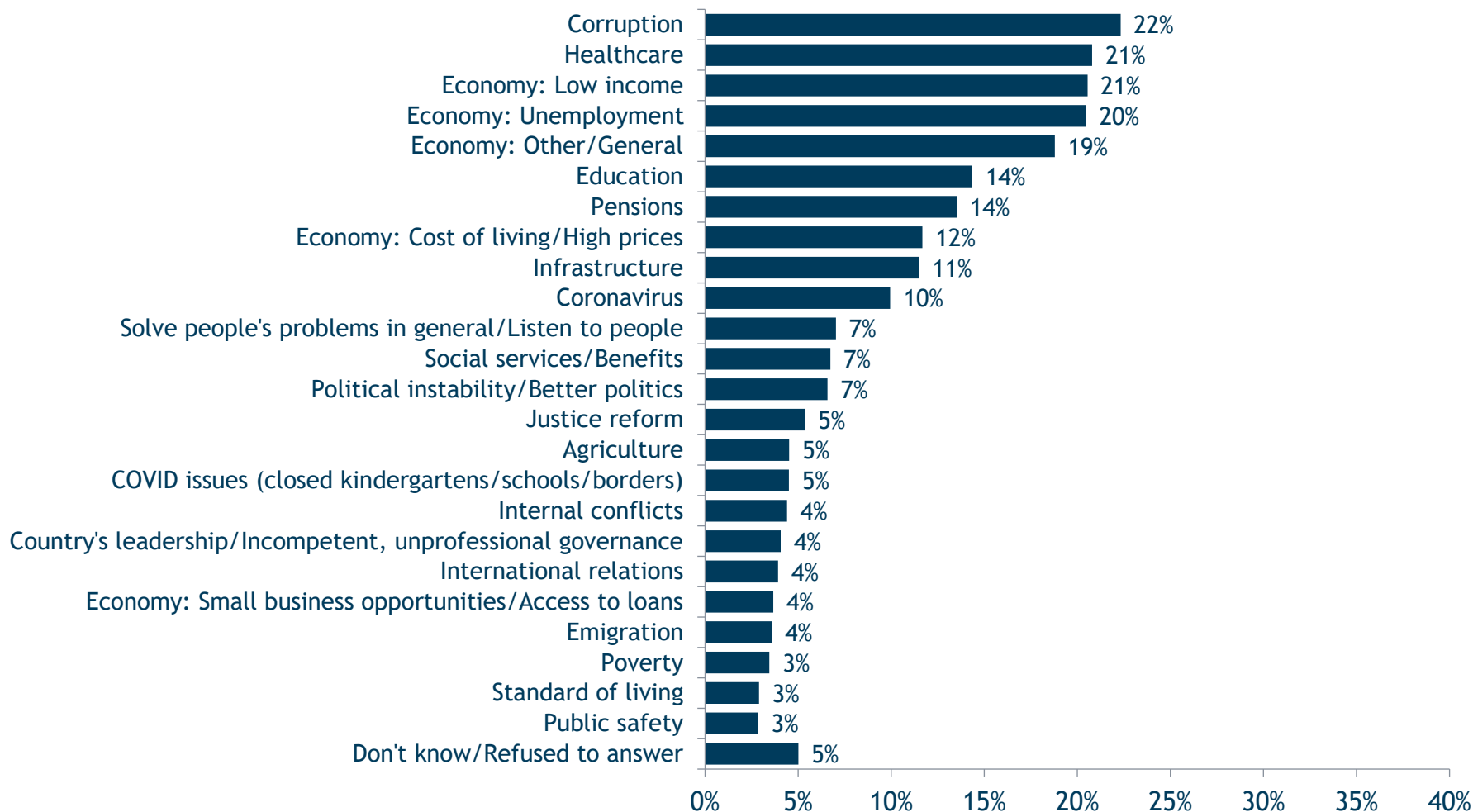
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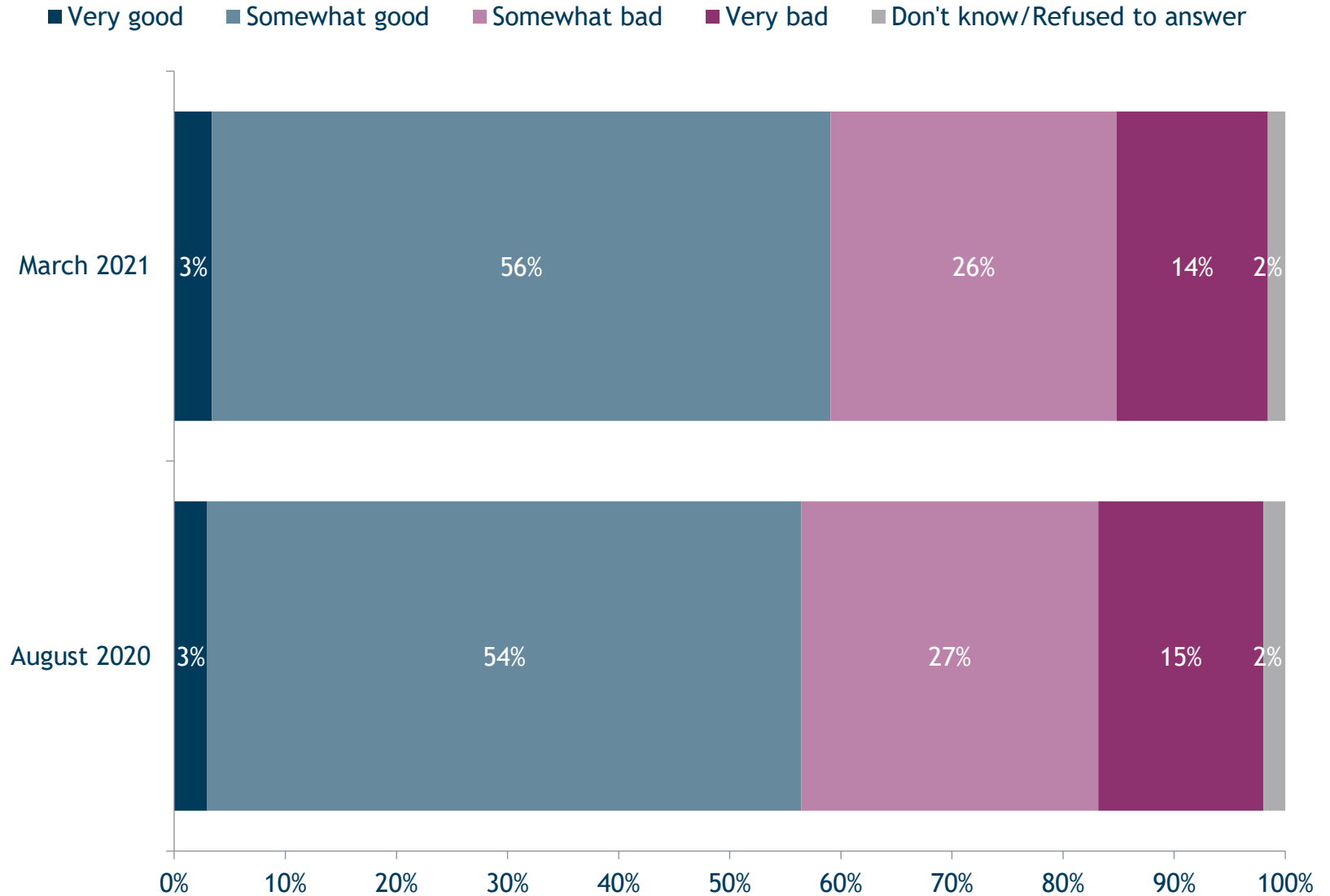
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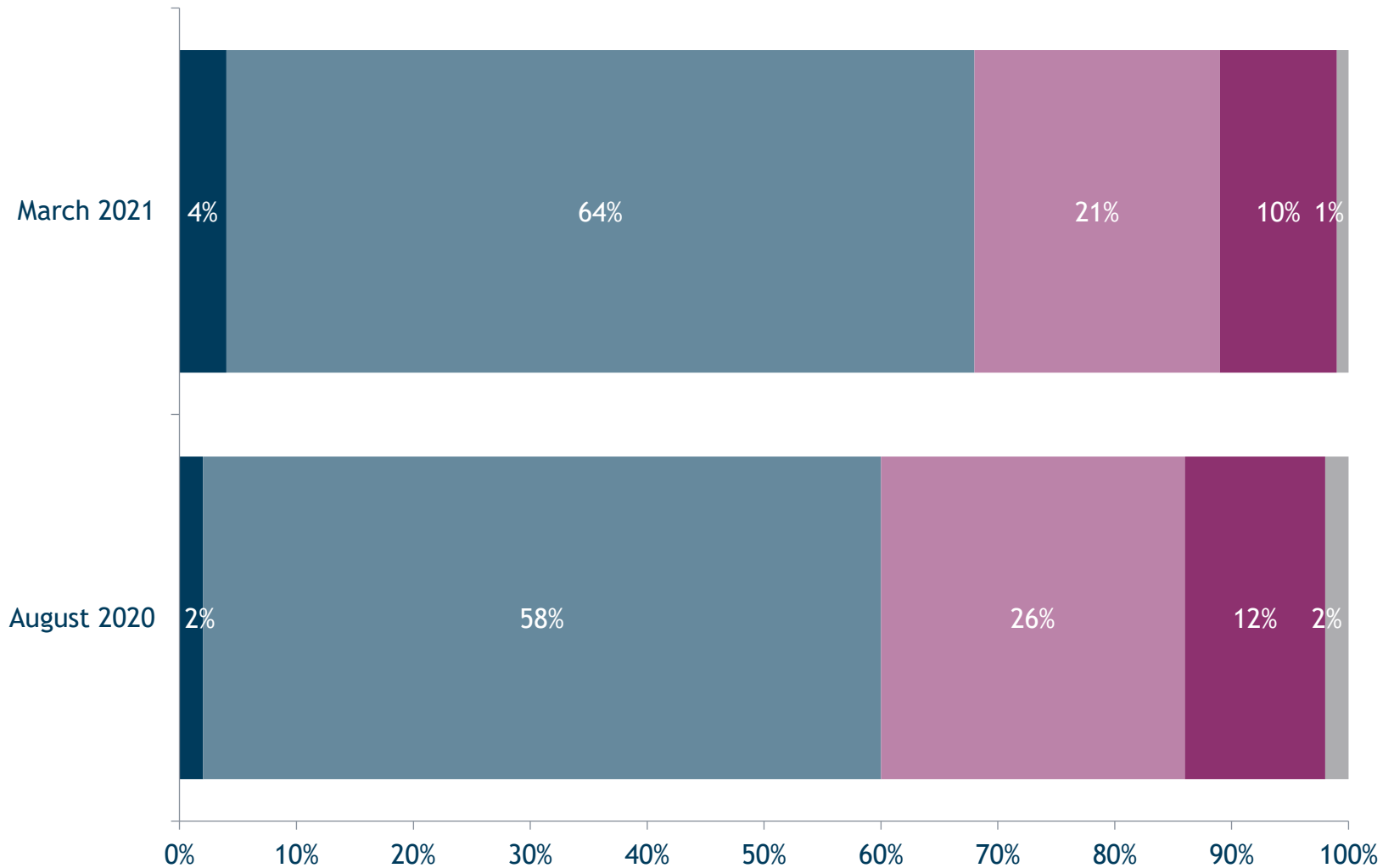


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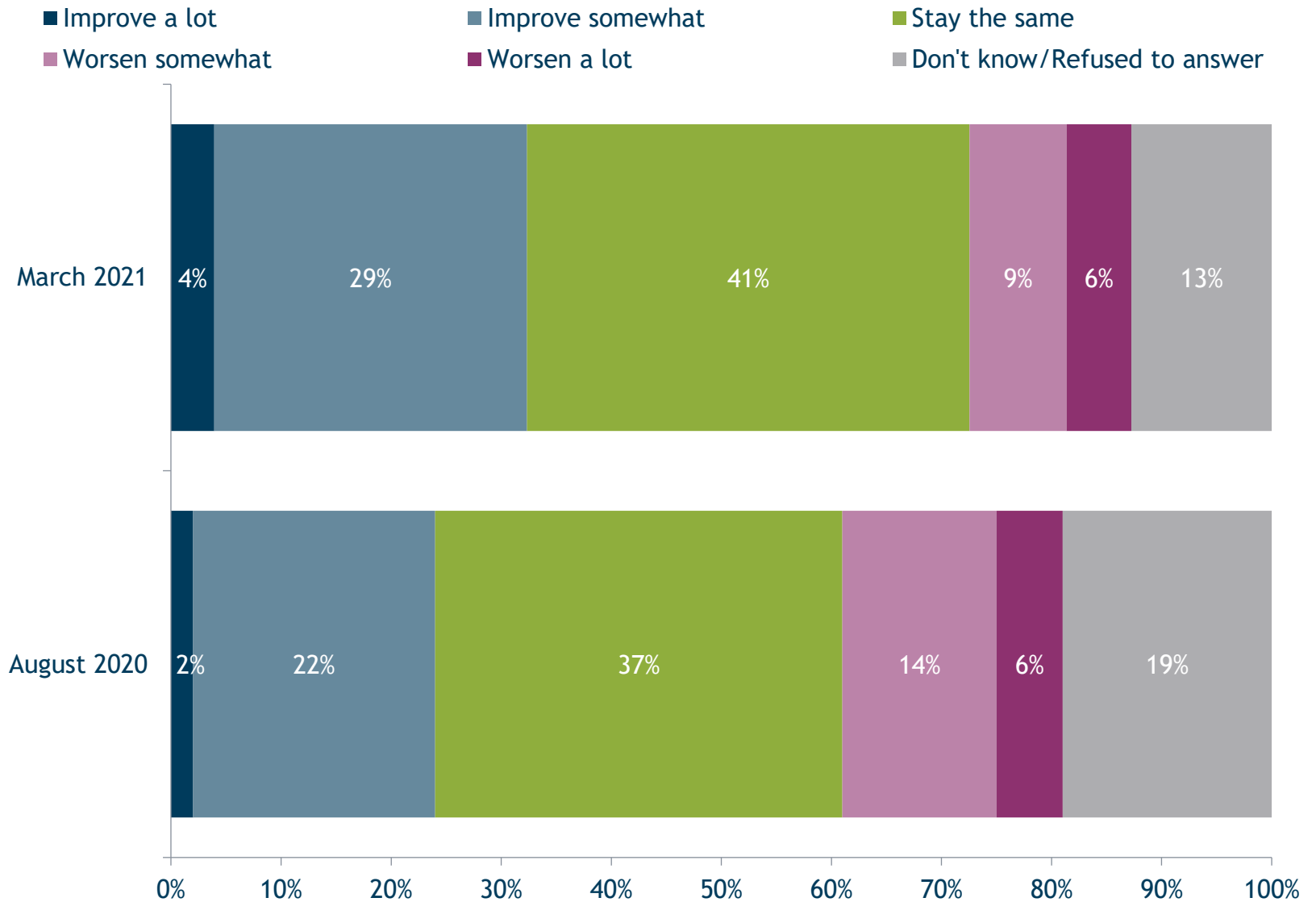
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■ Very good ■ Somewhat good ■ Somewhat bad ■ Very bad ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



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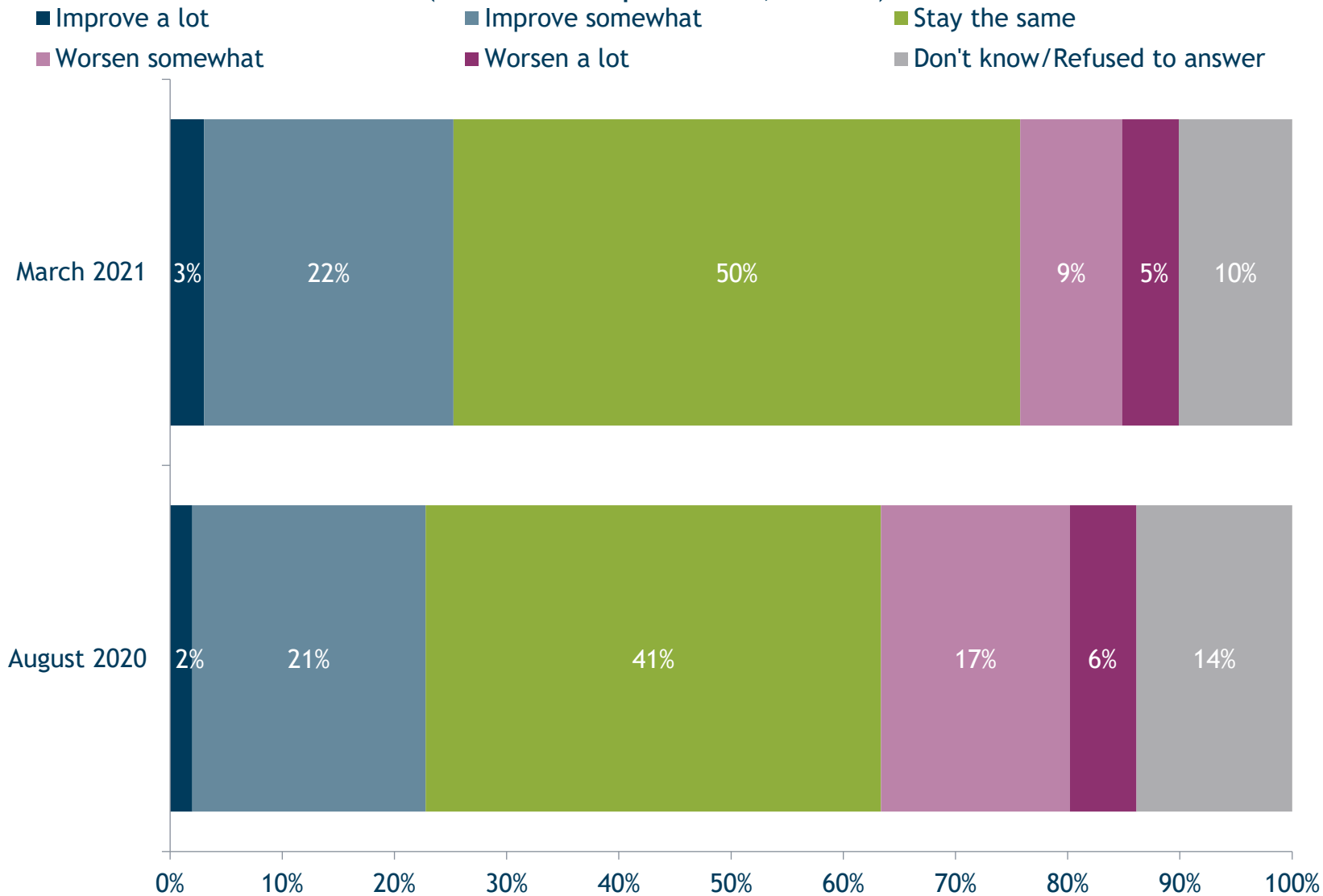
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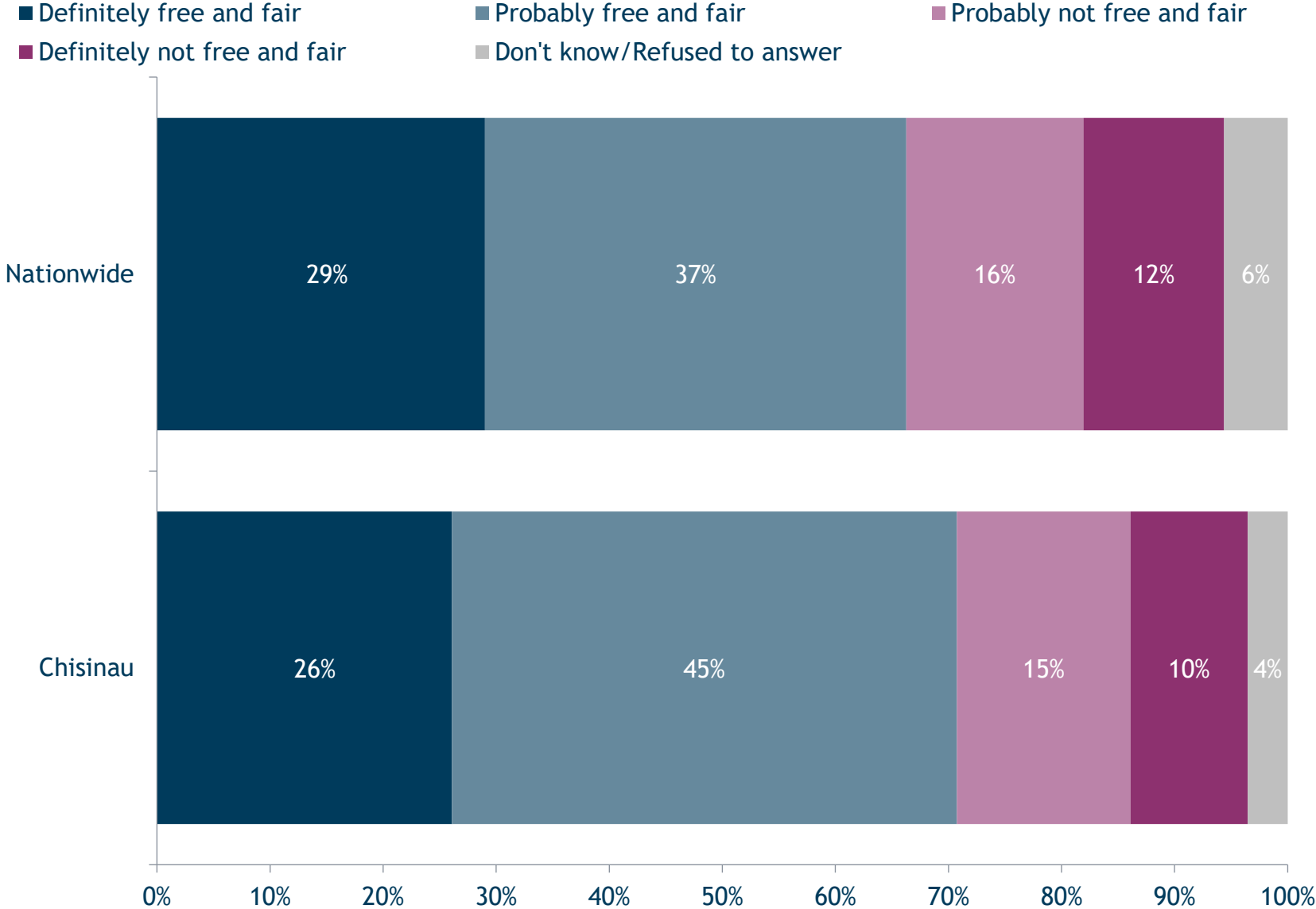
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Elections - Past and Future

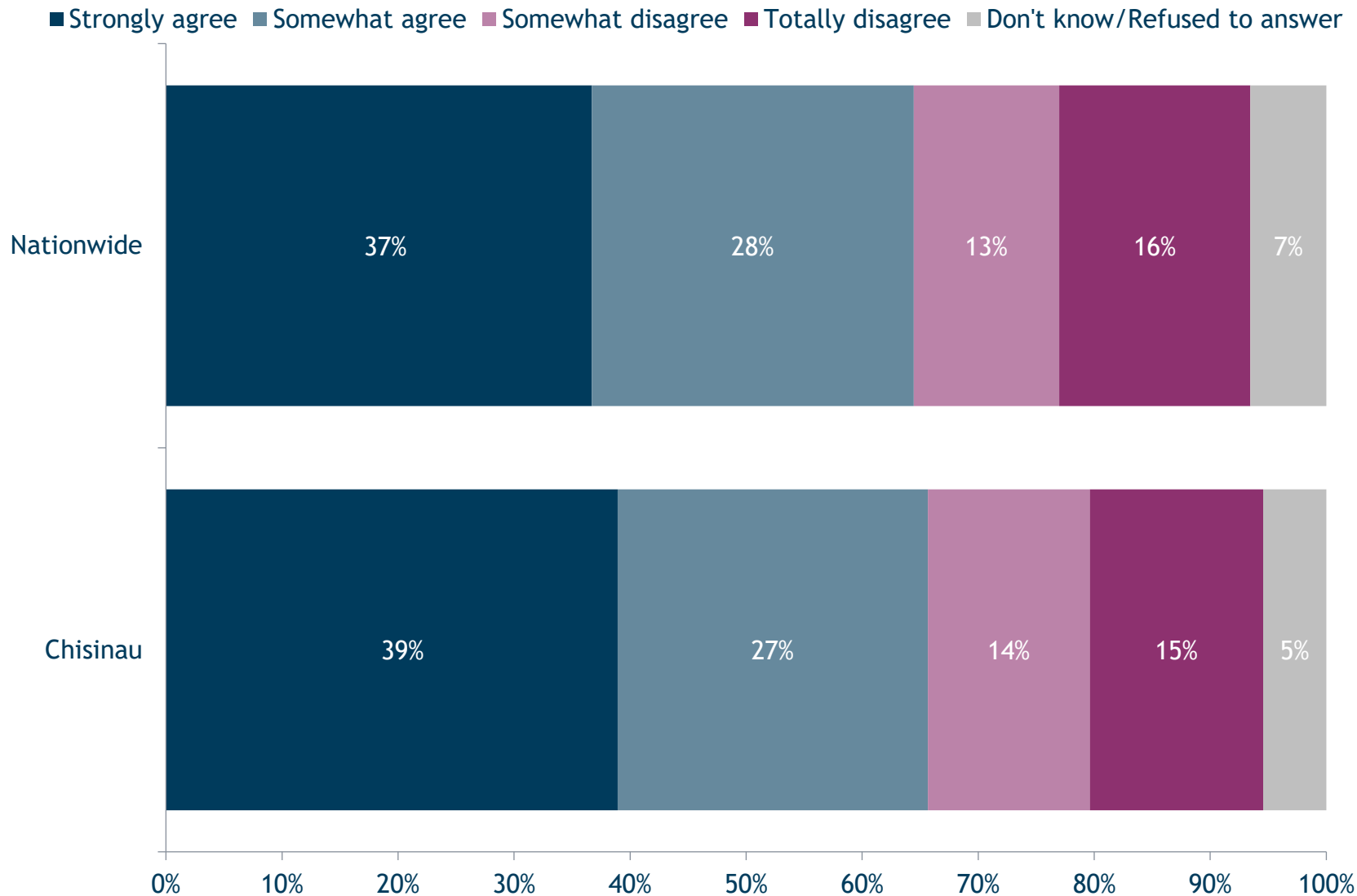


Do you think that the November 2020 presidential elections were free and fair?



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Do you personally agree that early parliamentary elections should be held in Moldova in the next six months?

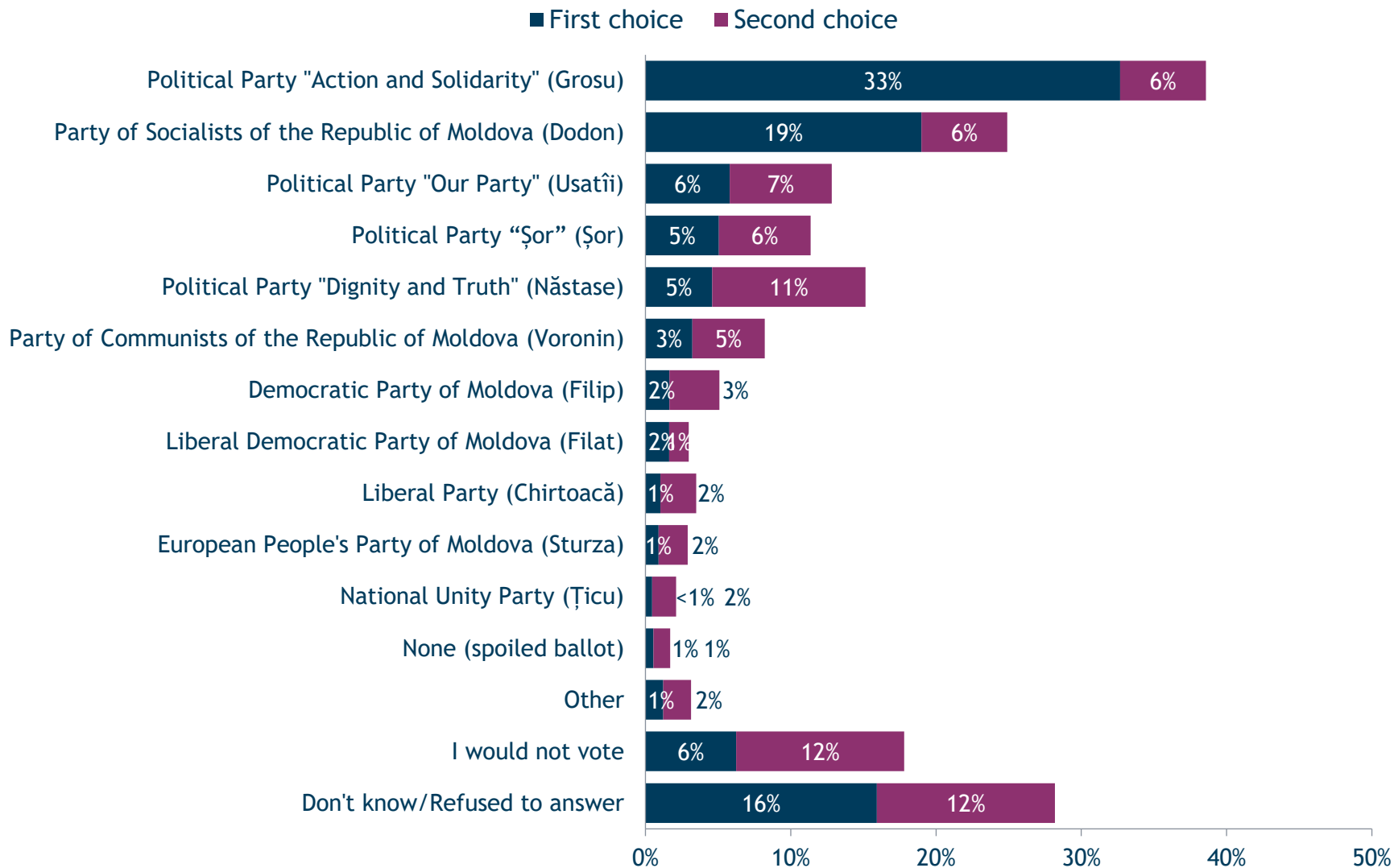


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Interviewers clarified that “Early elections are those called earlier than the elections that have been scheduled for 2023.”

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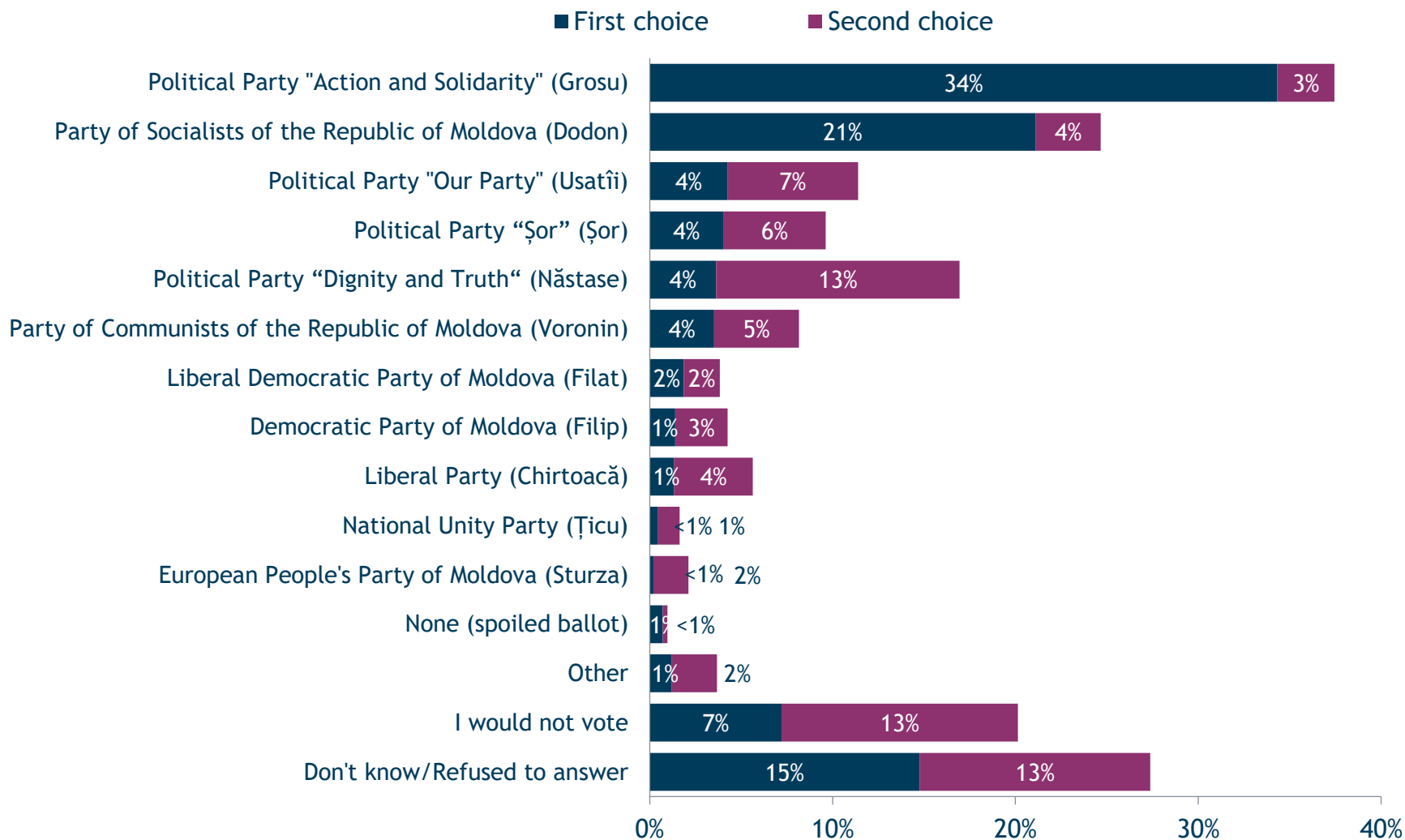


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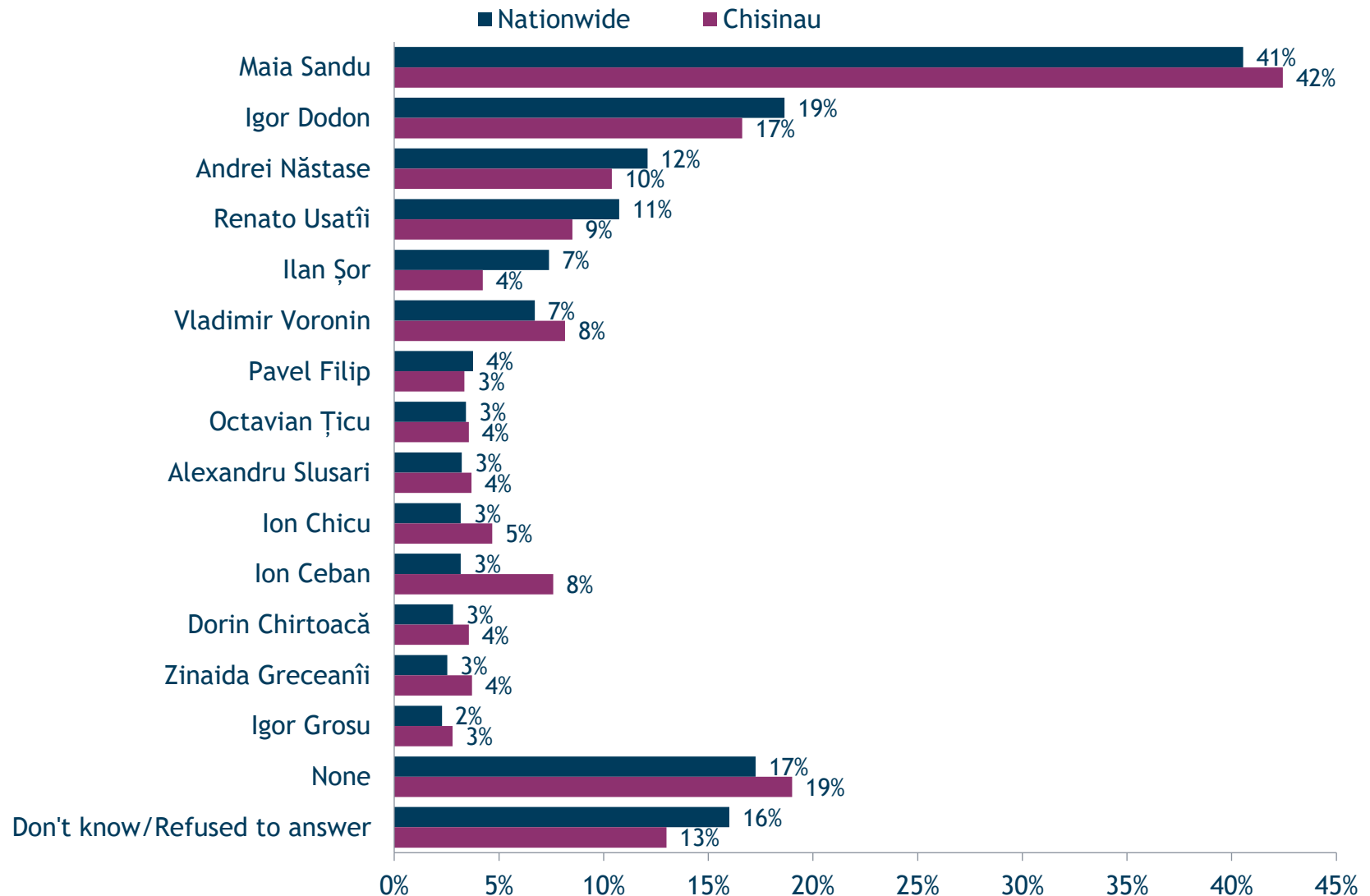


Politics



Which politician or public person do you trust the most?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; persons mentioned by at least 2 percent of respondents nationwide)



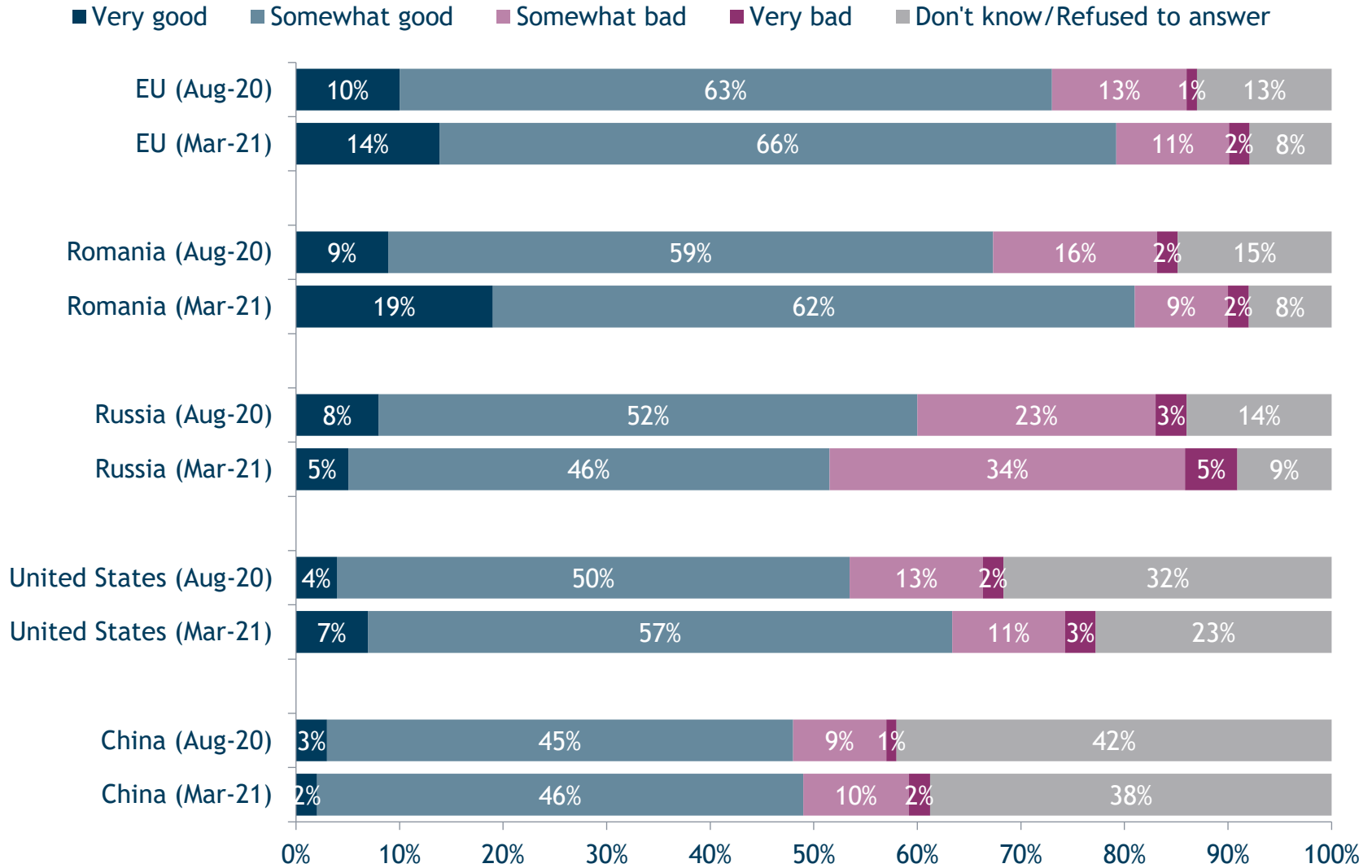
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International Relations



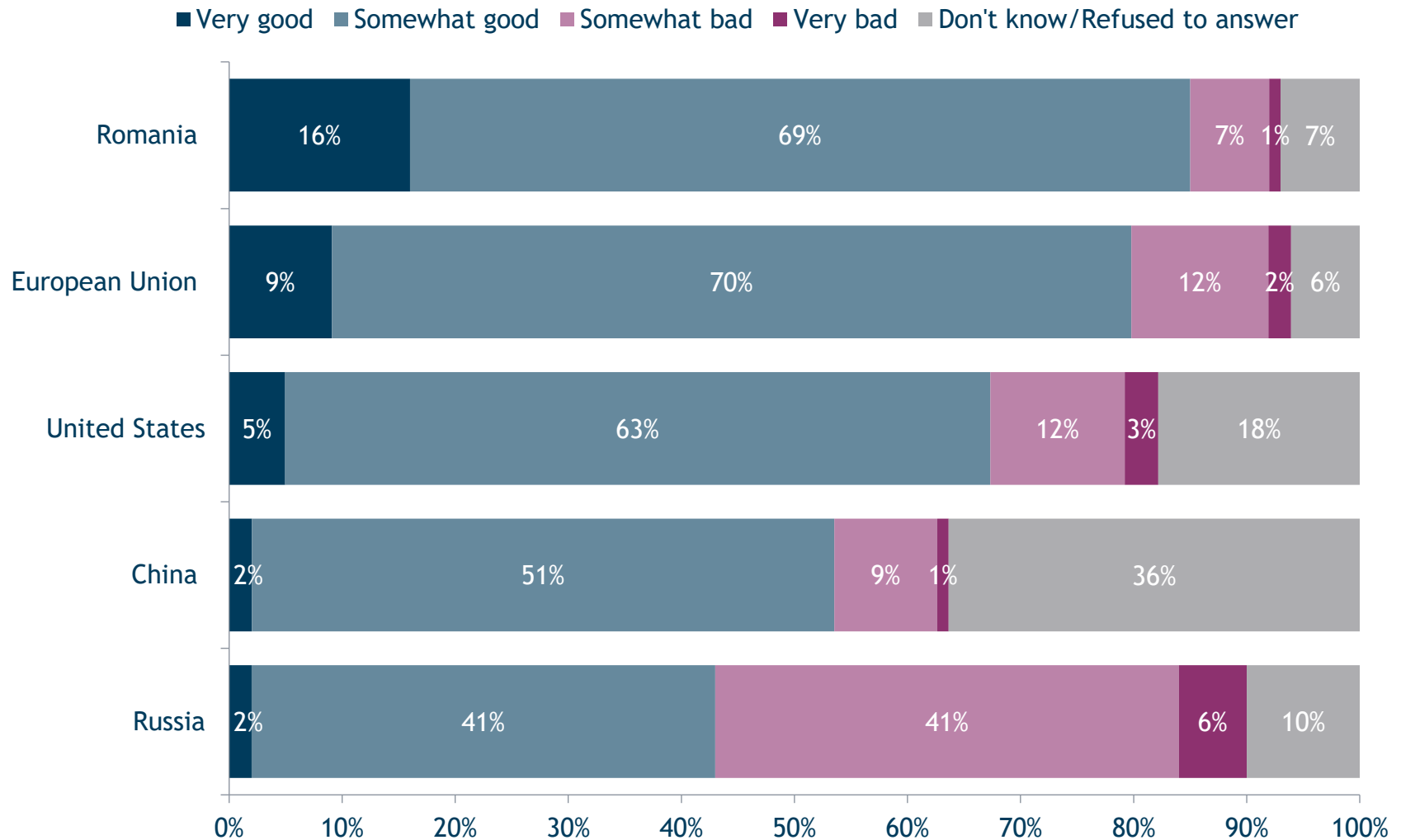
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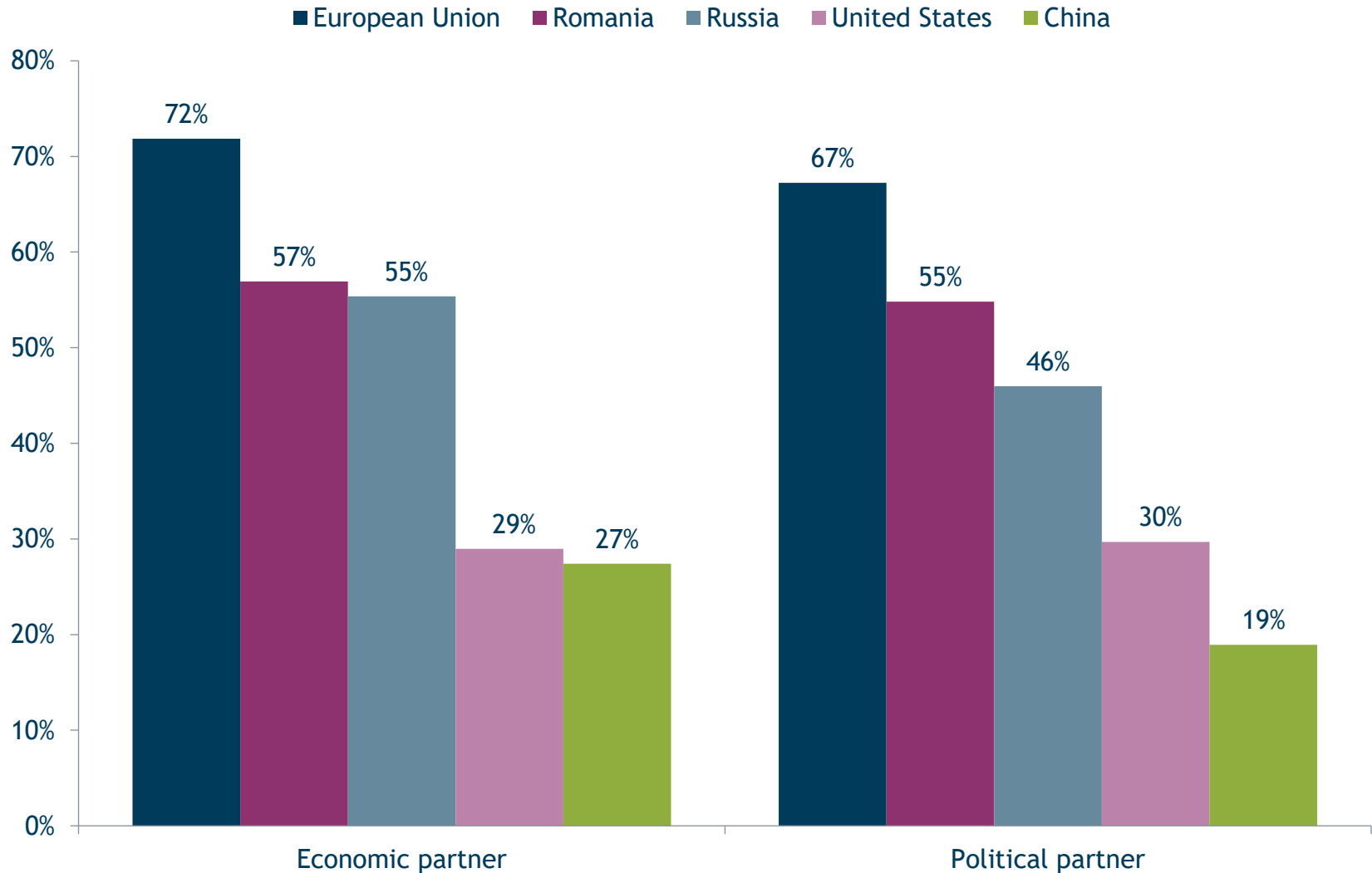
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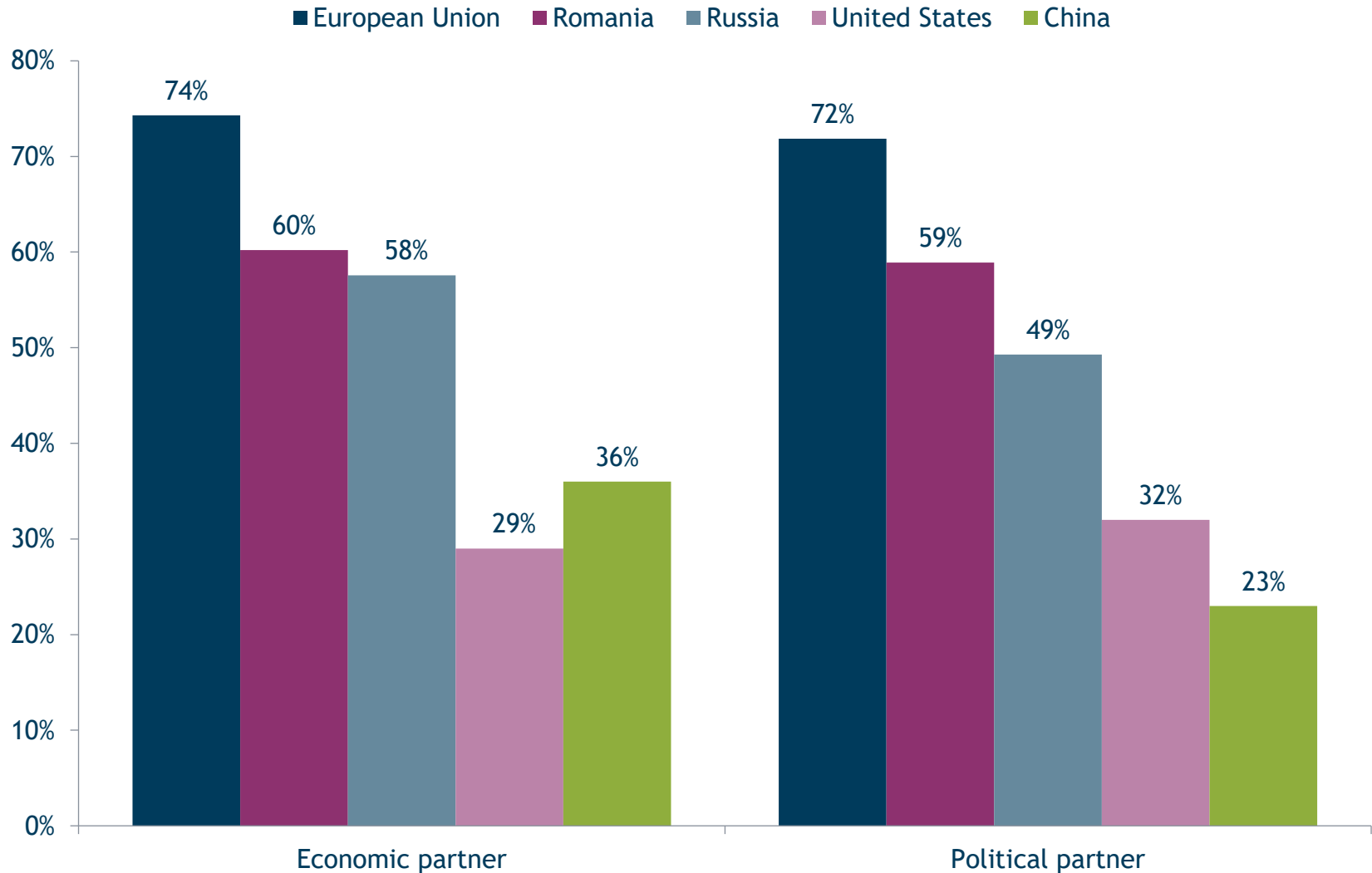
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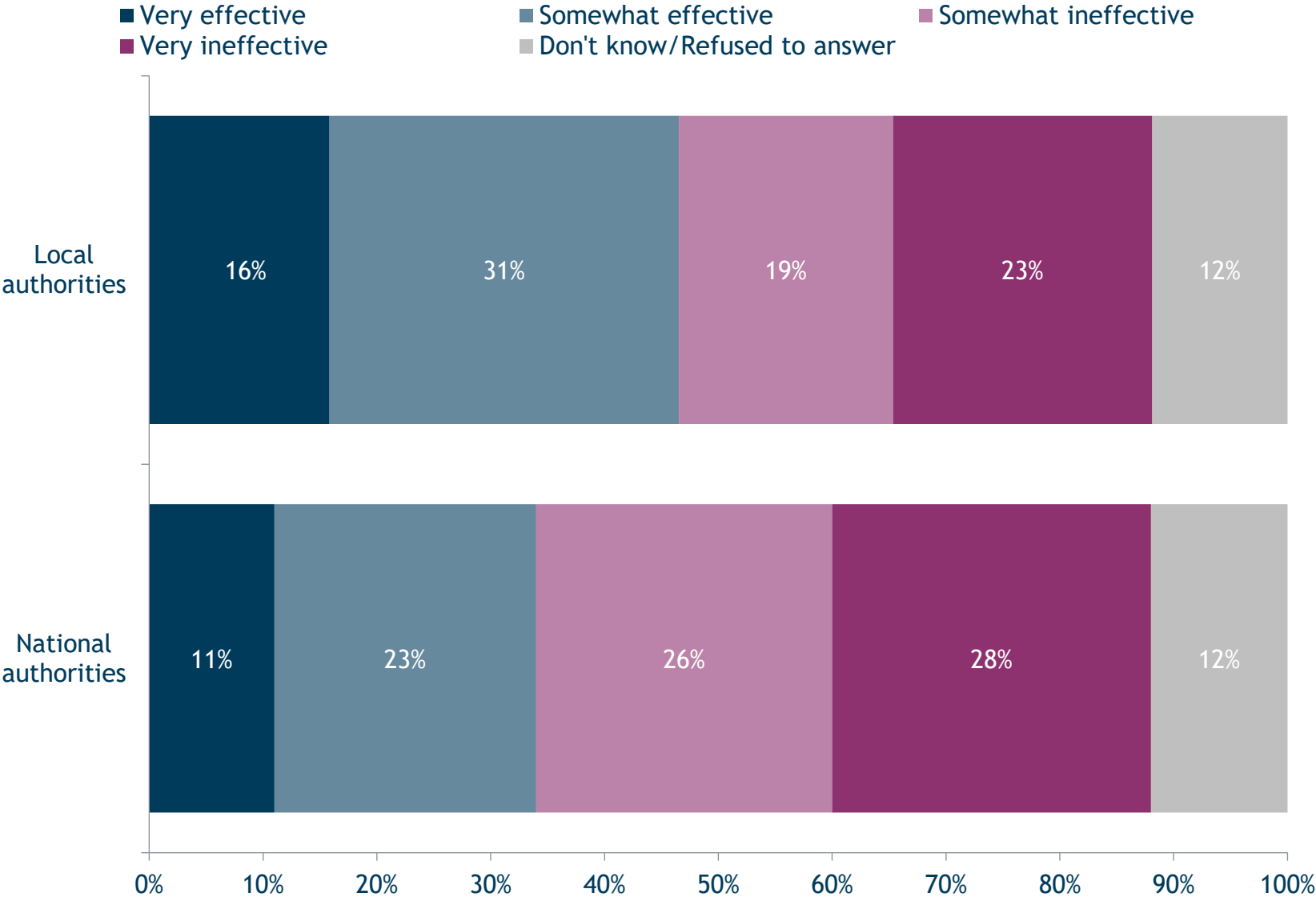




Corruption



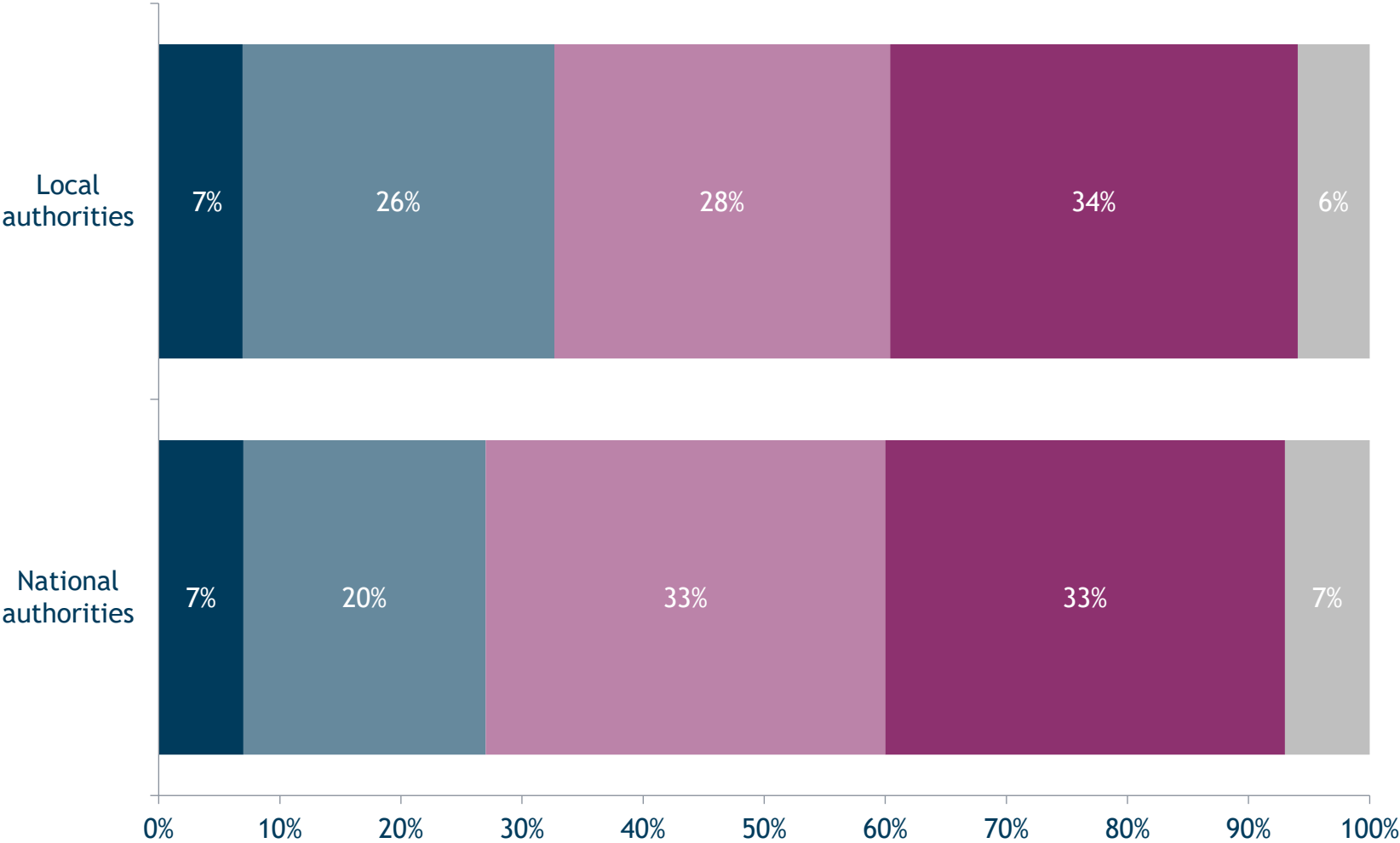
In your opinion, how effective are authorities in addressing corruption?



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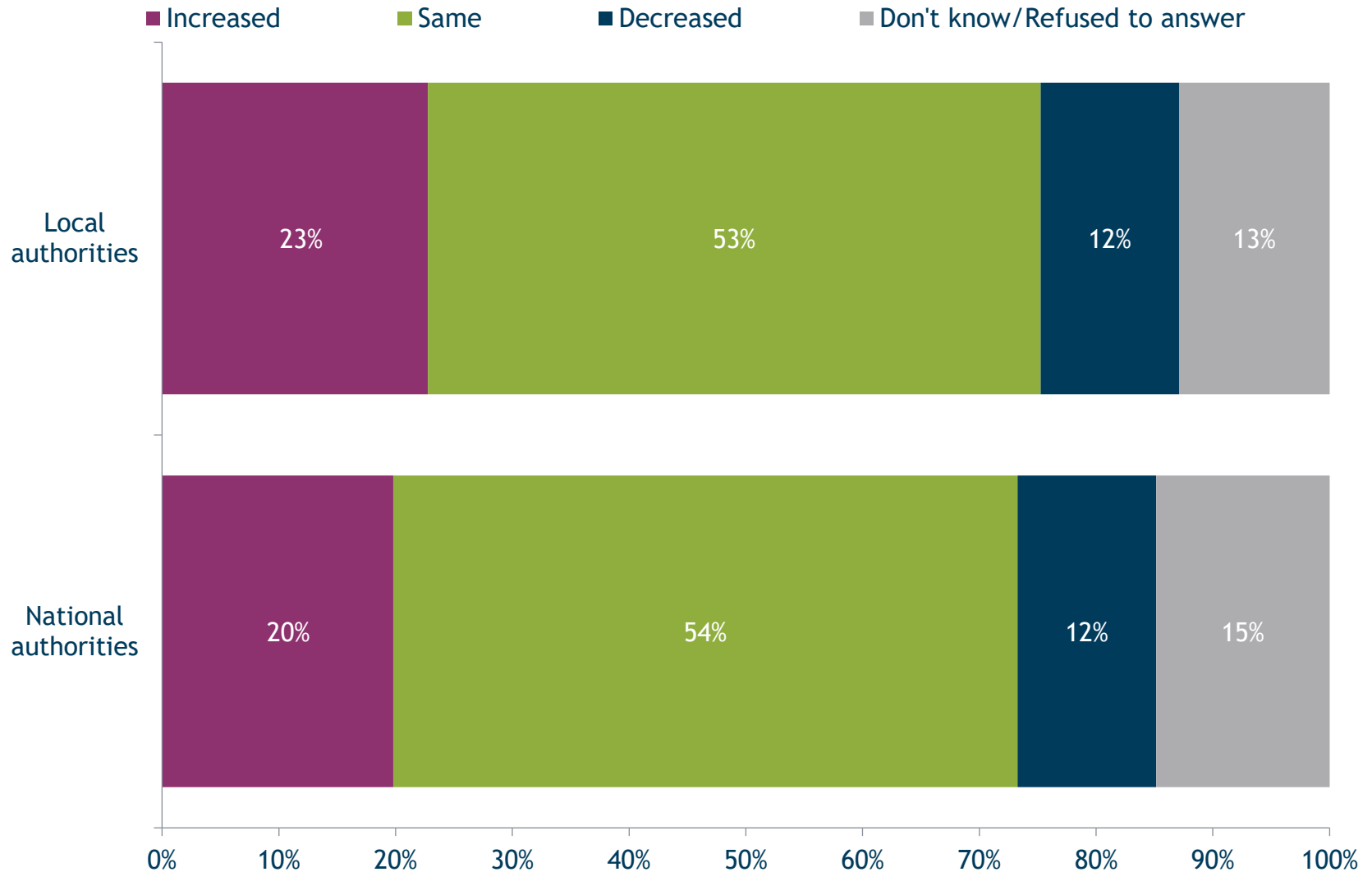


Over the past 12 months, has corruption among authorities increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

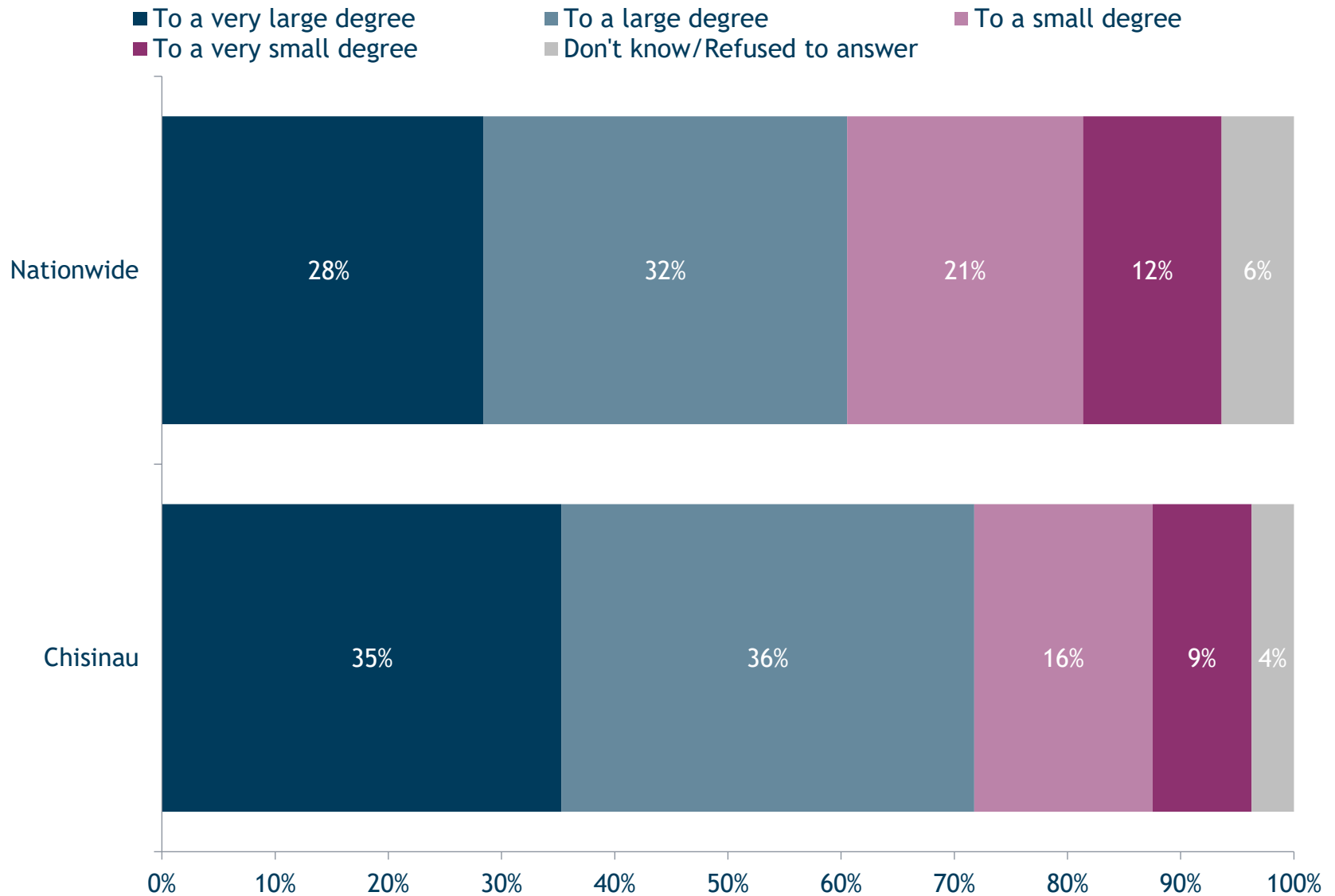


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To what degree is it the responsibility of citizens to address corruption?



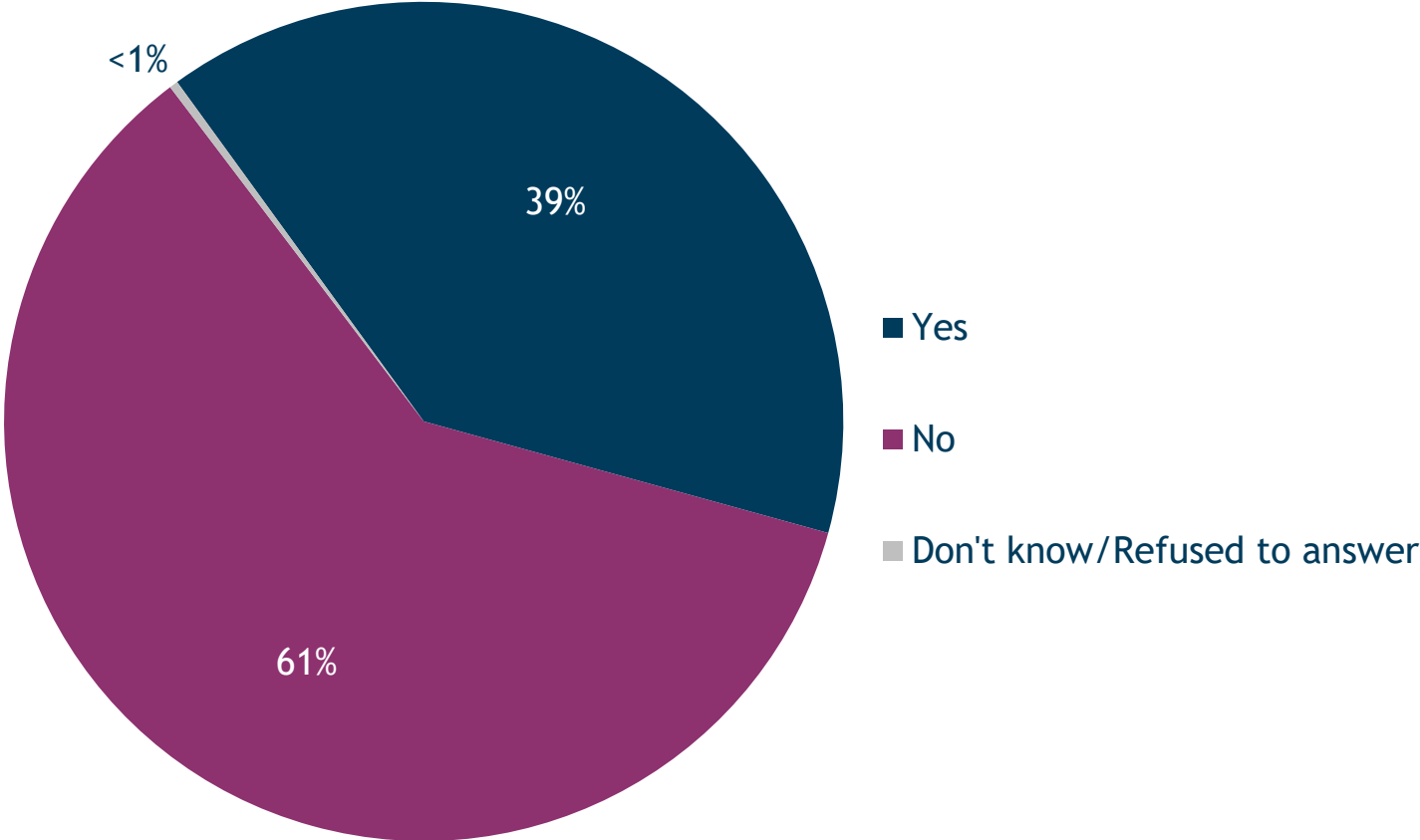
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Diaspora



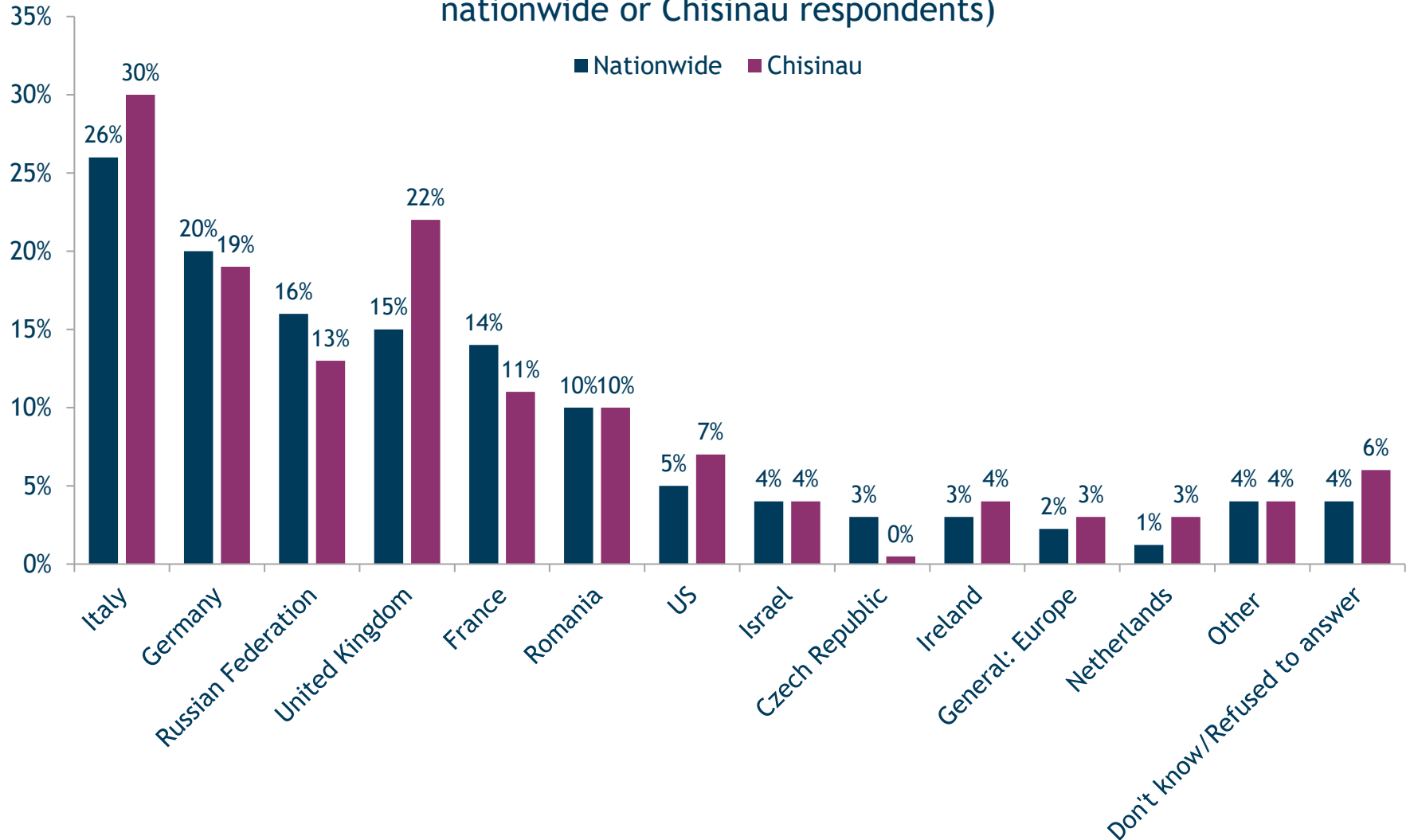
Do you have any members of your household currently living or working/studying abroad?



*Nationwide (Base n=2,001)

In which country or countries do you have members of your household currently living or working, or studying abroad ?

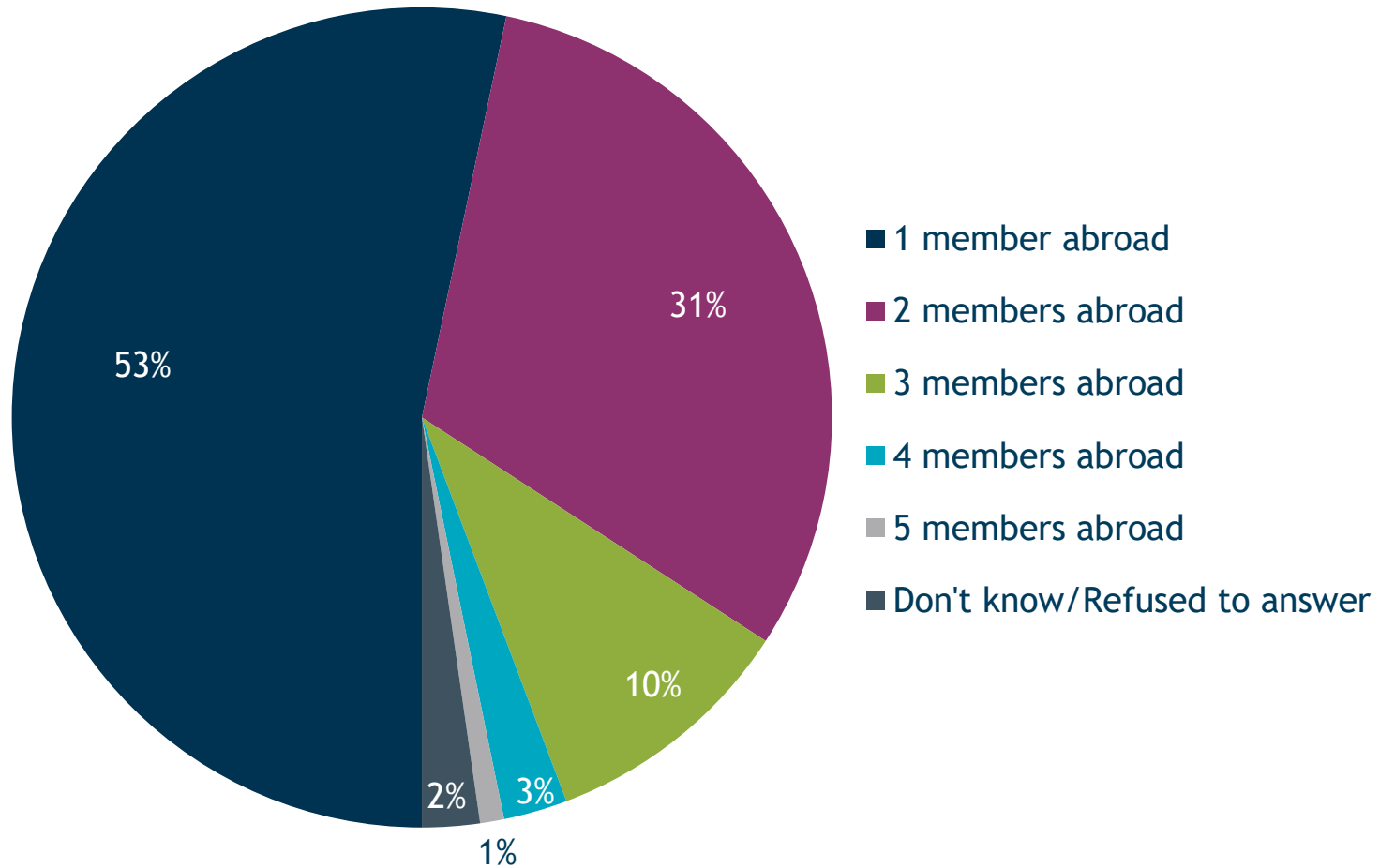
(Respondents that have members of family abroad; respondents permitted to supply spontaneous answers; countries mentioned by at least 3 percent of nationwide or Chisinau respondents)



*Nationwide (Base n=788), Chisinau (Base n=205), people who have household members abroad

Number of household members that are abroad

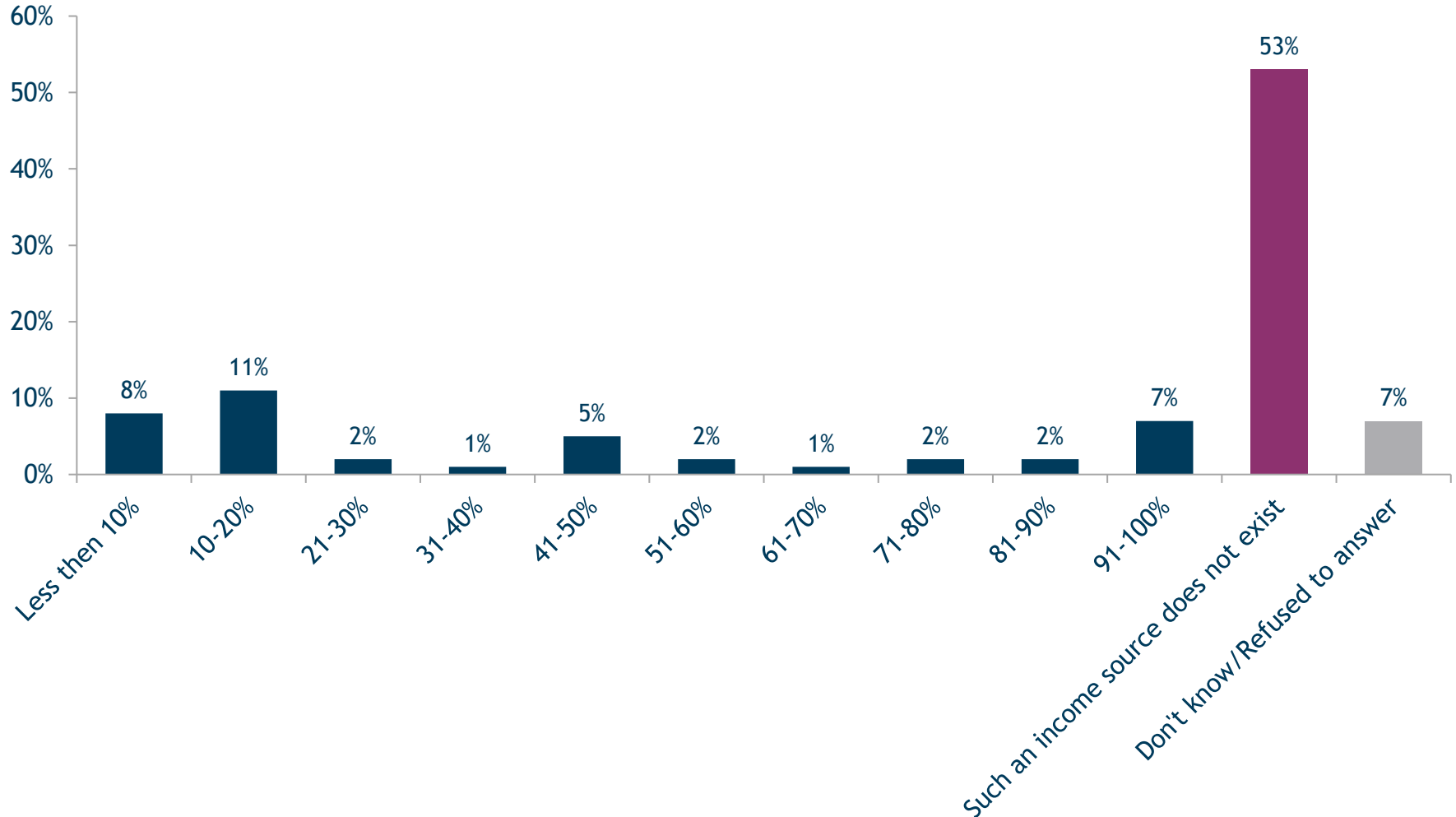
(Respondents permitted to supply spontaneous answers)



*Nationwide (Base n=788) people who have household members abroad. Interviewers asked “Please indicate who exactly from your household is abroad. You shouldn’t mention names, but only who they are to you - mother, father, etc.”

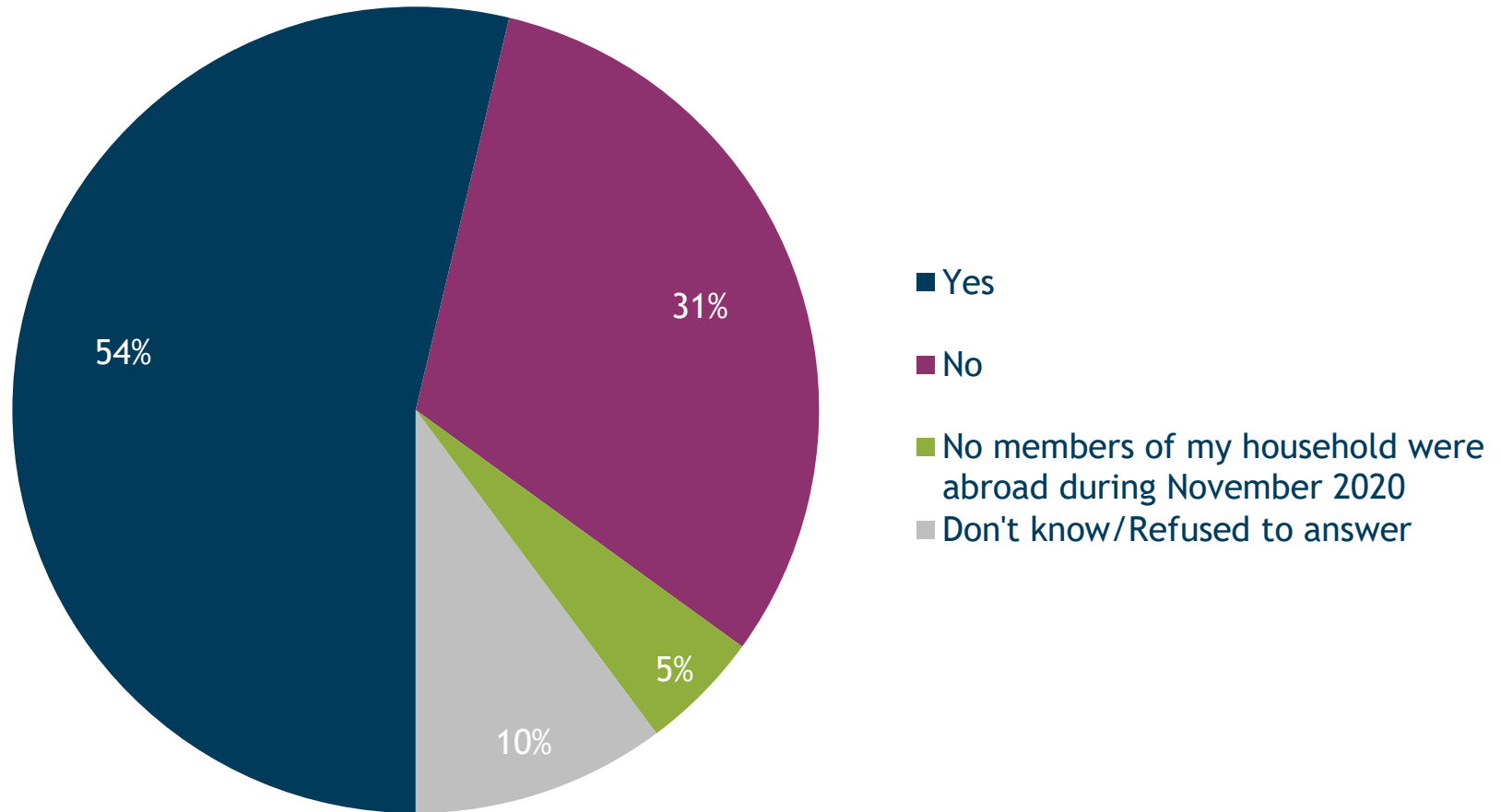
On average, what percentage, if any, of your annual household income comes from the remittances you receive from your household members abroad?

(Respondents that have members of household abroad)

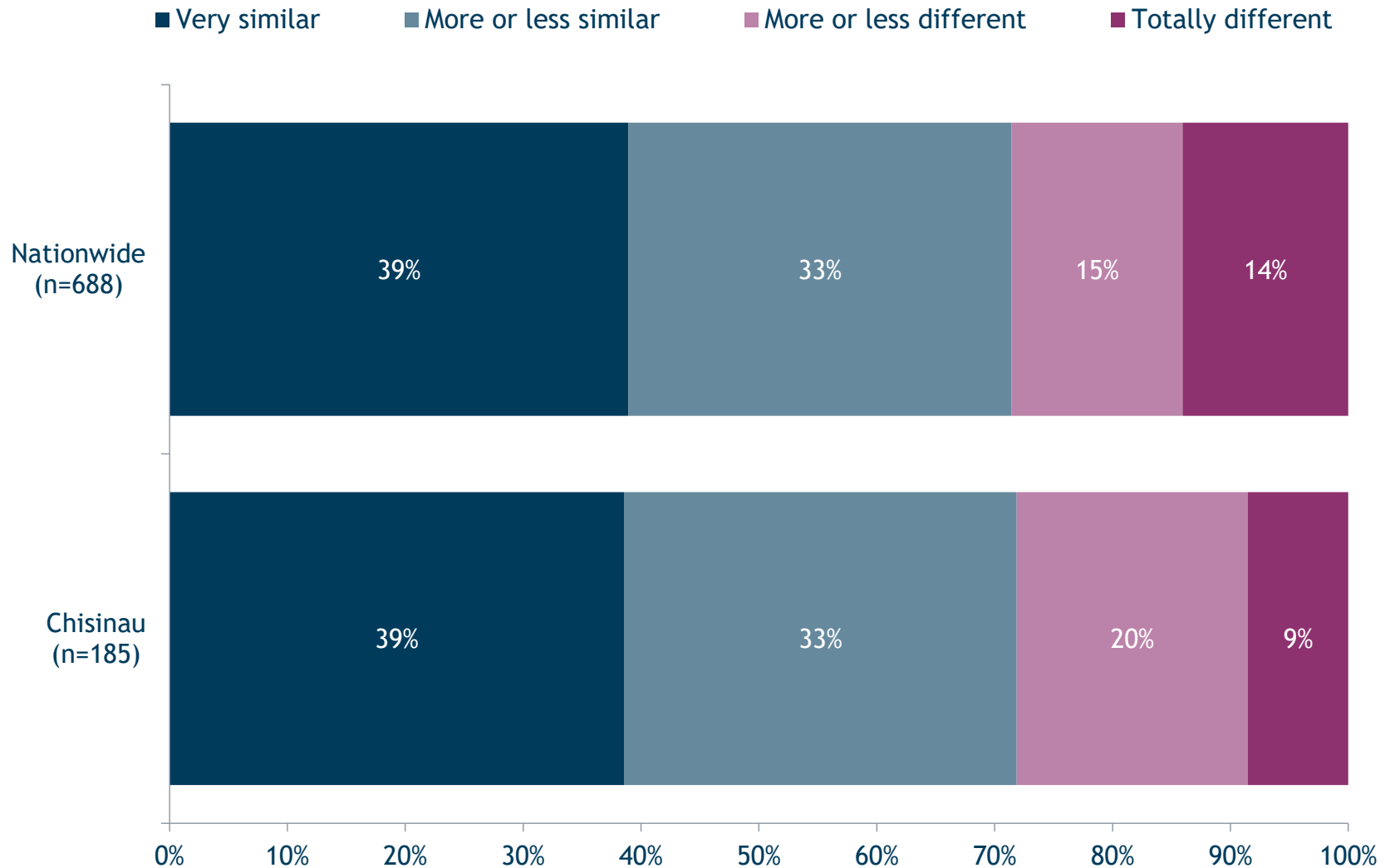


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Do you have any members of your household who voted abroad in the November 2020 presidential elections?



How would you evaluate the social and political views of you and the following household member abroad? They are...



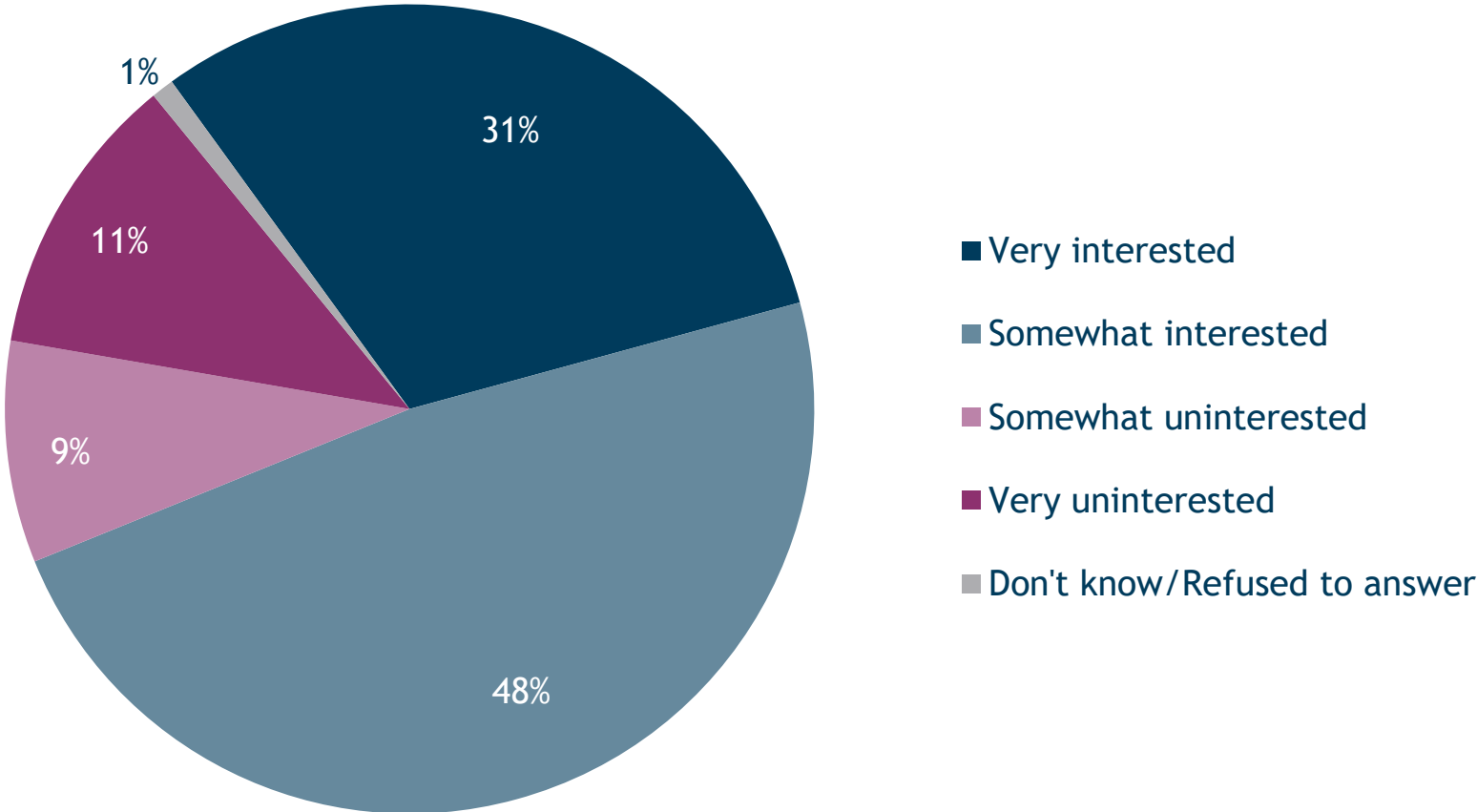
*Base - respondents who assessed the views of all household members abroad. This represents the average score of all household members abroad for each respondent who assessed the views of all the people he/she mentioned. Labels correspond to the following values: (a) score 1-1.49 - very similar (b) 1.5-2.49 - more or less similar (c) 2.5-3.49 - more or less different (d) 3.5-4 - totally different



Sources of Information



How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information?

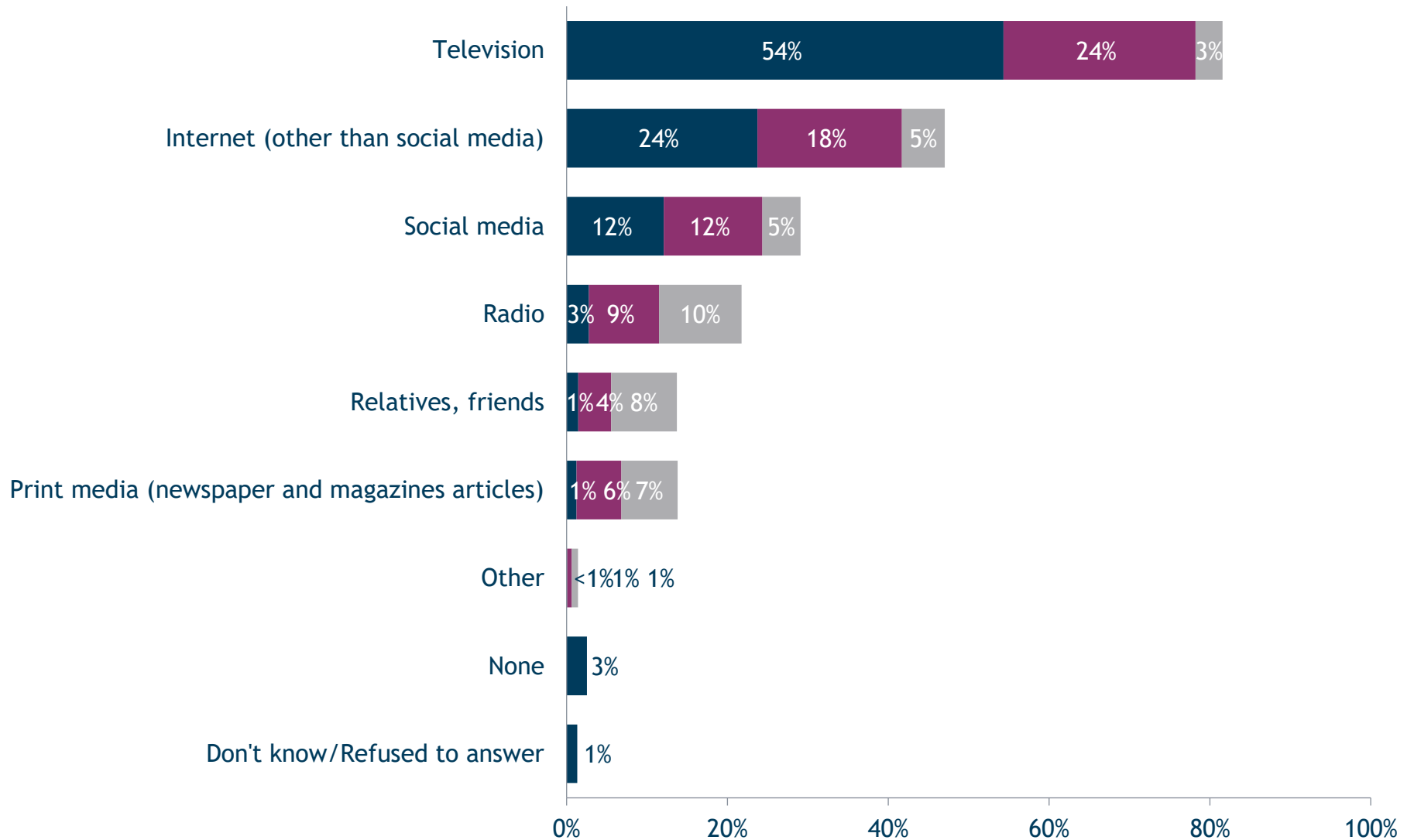


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Which sources of information do you use most frequently to access political news and information?

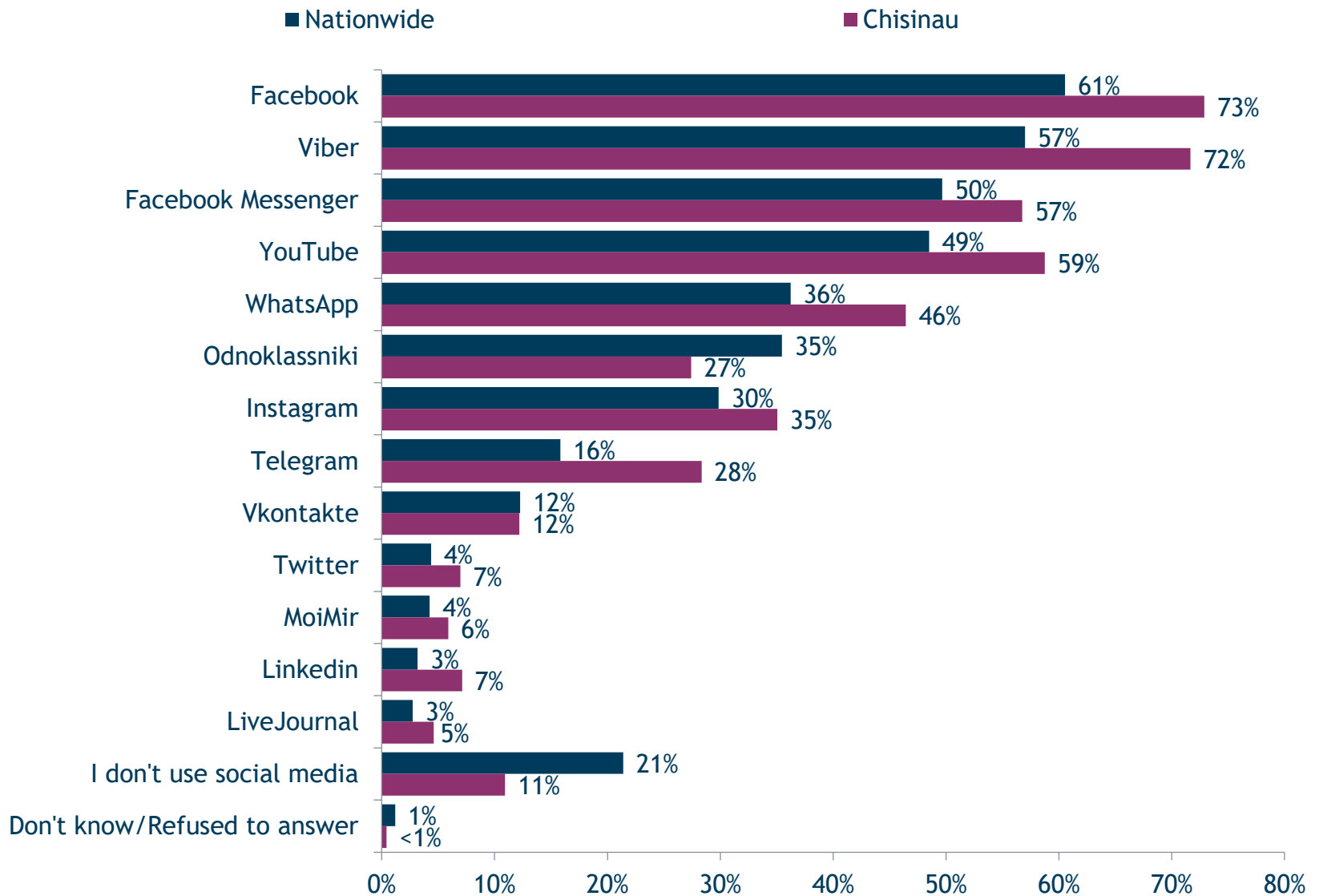
(Respondents permitted to supply three answers)

■ First choice ■ Second choice ■ Third choice



*Nationwide (Base n=2001)

Do you use any of the following social media sites?



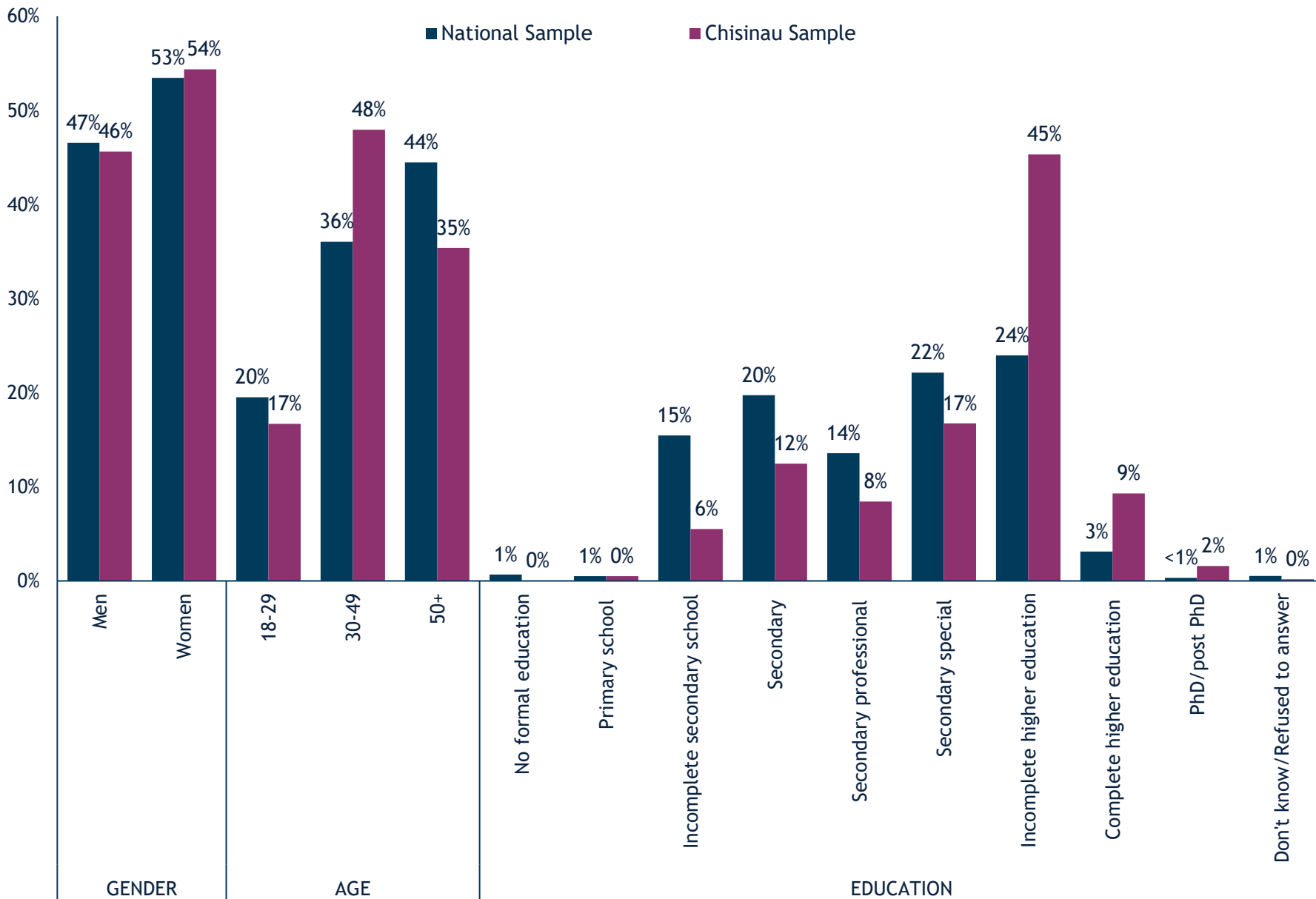
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Demographics

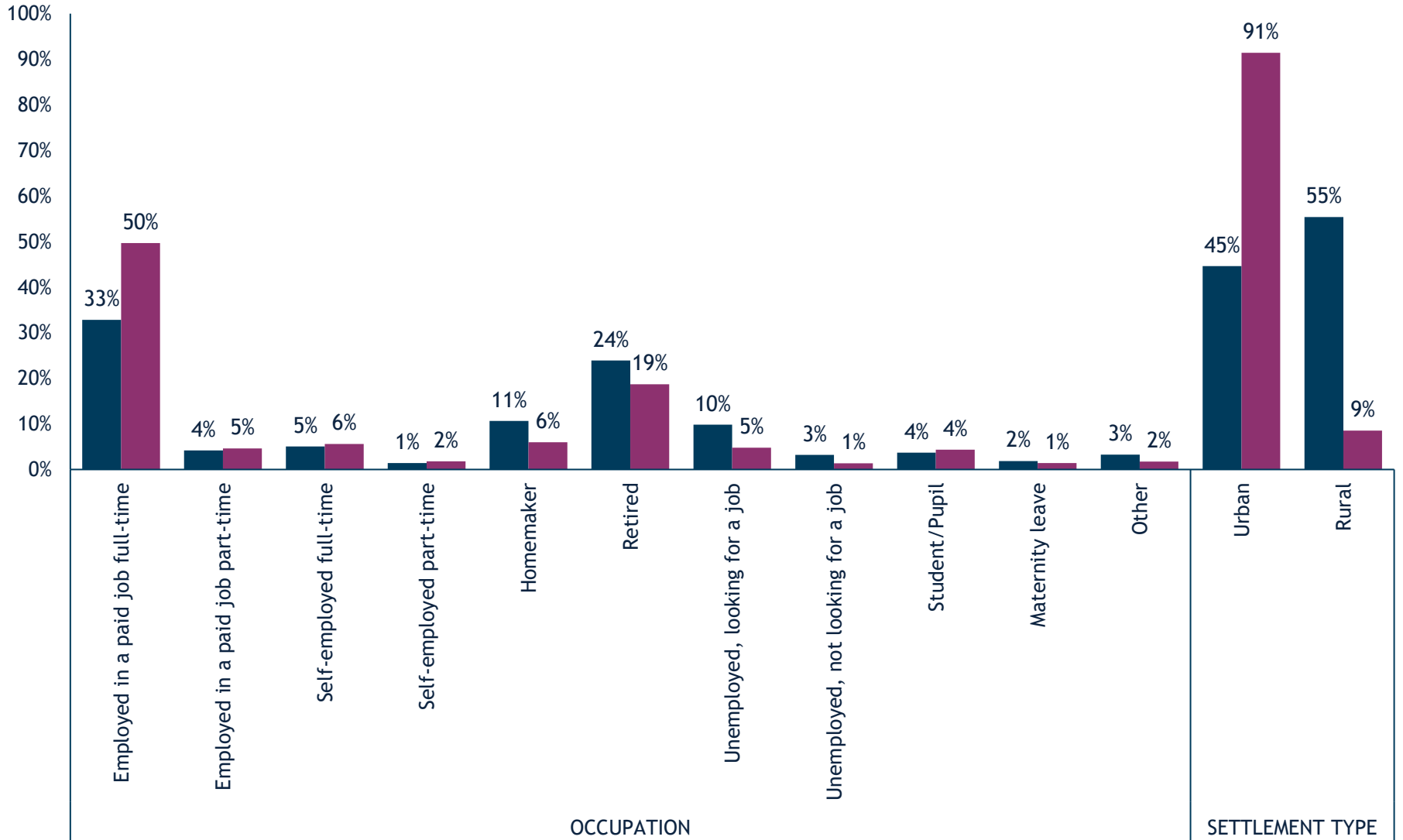


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■ National Sample ■ Chisinau Sample



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