

NATIONAL POLL OF KYRGYZSTAN

September 11 - September 26, 2021



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Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research \(CISR\)](#) by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data was collected between September 11, 2021 and September 26, 2021 through computer-assisted telephone interviews administered via mobile and landline numbers.
- The sample consists of n=1,209 residents of Kyrgyzstan, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic's 2019 Demographic Yearbook of the Kyrgyz Republic (January 1, 2019). The sample was stratified by oblast/city and urbanicity.
 - An initial database of mobile and landline numbers was assembled that comprised two separate sources. Two-thirds of the database's numbers are sourced from SIAR's proprietary database of previous survey participant phone numbers. SIAR's database is derived from phone numbers collected during nationally-representative surveys conducted throughout the past twelve months. The remaining third of the database's phone numbers are randomly generated from operators' area codes at the time of this study. Numbers were randomly selected from the combined database.
 - The respondent selection methodology depended on the type of line used to contact respondents. For mobile numbers, the mobile phone user is selected. For landline numbers shared by multiple individuals, the last birthday protocol is used for randomized respondent selection.
 - The data was weighted by age and gender according to the 2019 Demographic Yearbook.
- The response rate for the survey was 40%. The margin of error at the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ± 2.8 points at the 95% confidence level.
- Interviews were conducted in Kyrgyz (74%), Russian (25%), and Uzbek (1%)
- Cited bases are unweighted. Charts and graphs may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#).

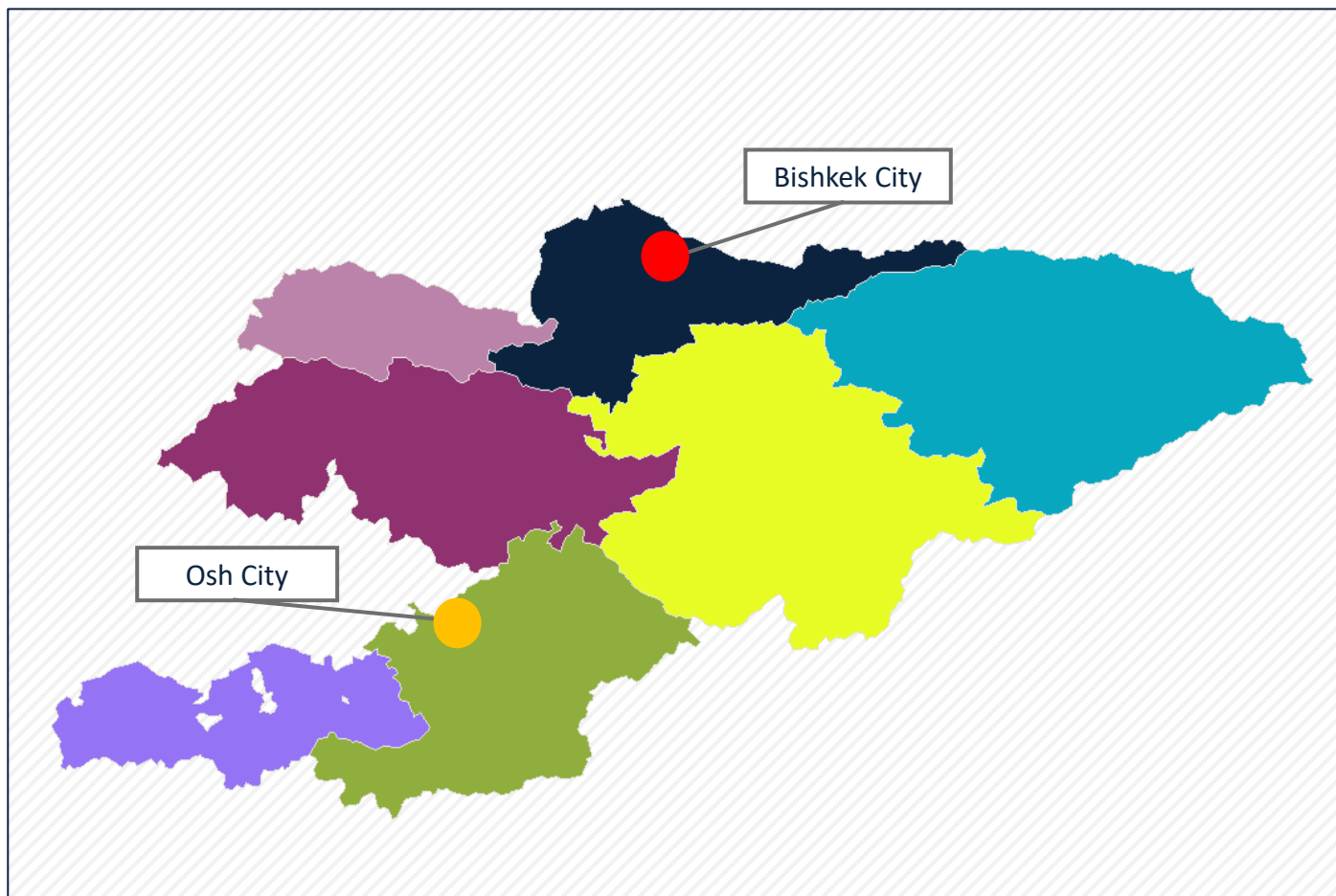
Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Brackets	Age 18-35	n = 614
	Age 36-55	n = 391
	Age 56+	n = 204
Gender	Men	n = 579
	Women	n = 630
Urbanicity	Urban	n = 427
	Rural	n = 782
Oblast/City	Bishkek City	n = 210
	Chui Oblast	n = 188
	Issyk-Kul Oblast	n = 94
	*Naryn Oblast	n = 52
	*Talas Oblast	n = 47
	Osh Oblast	n = 241
	Jalal-Abad Oblast	n = 223
	Batken Oblast	n = 95
	Osh City	n = 59

Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Cited bases are unweighted.

**Disaggregates for Talas Oblast should be interpreted with caution due to small sample size n.*

Geographical Key: 7 Oblasts and 2 Cities



- Issyk-Kul Oblast
- Chui Oblast
- Bishkek City
- Talas Oblast
- Jalal-Abad Oblast
- Naryn Oblast
- Osh Oblast
- Osh City
- Batken Oblast

Previous IRI Kyrgyzstan polls

Poll	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Jul. 6 – Jul. 16, 2021	n = 1,211
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Feb. 21 – Mar. 5, 2021	n = 1,200
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Dec. 12 – Dec. 21, 2020	n = 1,200
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Aug. 6 – Aug. 15, 2020	n = 1,223
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Nov. 21 – Dec. 3, 2019	n = 1,483
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Nov. 22 – Dec. 4, 2018	n = 1,500
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Nov. 19 – Dec. 2, 2017	n = 1,500

About the Center for Insights In Survey Research (CISR)



Research and qualitative and quantitative public opinion data is a cornerstone of IRI's approach to programming. Our data ensures citizens' needs are at the center of the political debate and guide our projects' goals. To date, IRI has conducted more than 900 polls in over 100 countries, surveying more than 1.5 million people and measuring community attitudes on a wide range of issues.

IRI's research approach integrates CISR's methodological polling best practices protocol and field partner in-depth knowledge of the local research environment. This close collaboration begins at project design, with carefully calibrated sampling and instrument development, and continues throughout the entire fieldwork cycle to ensure the collection of reliable qualitative and quantitative data.

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National Outlook

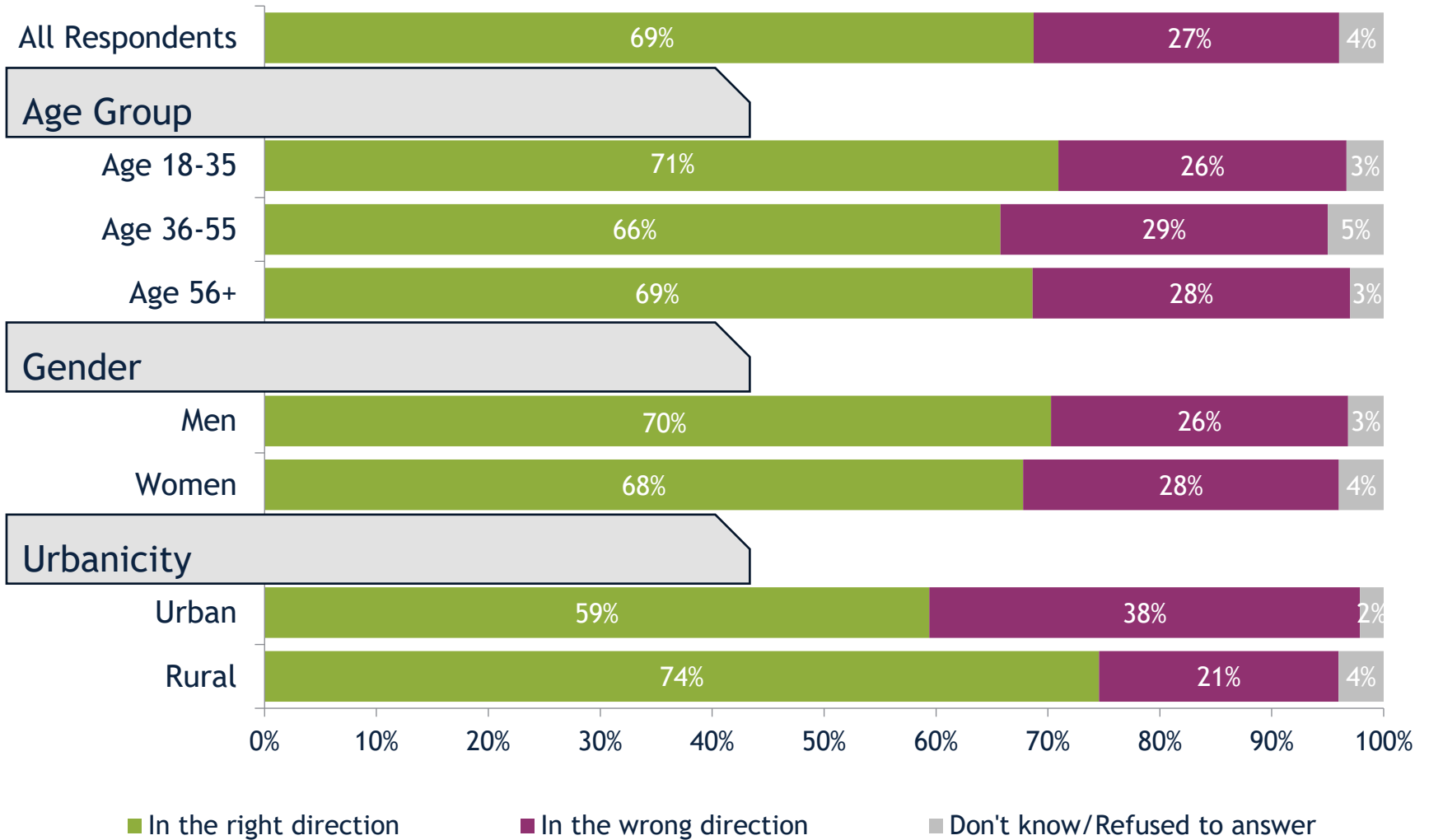


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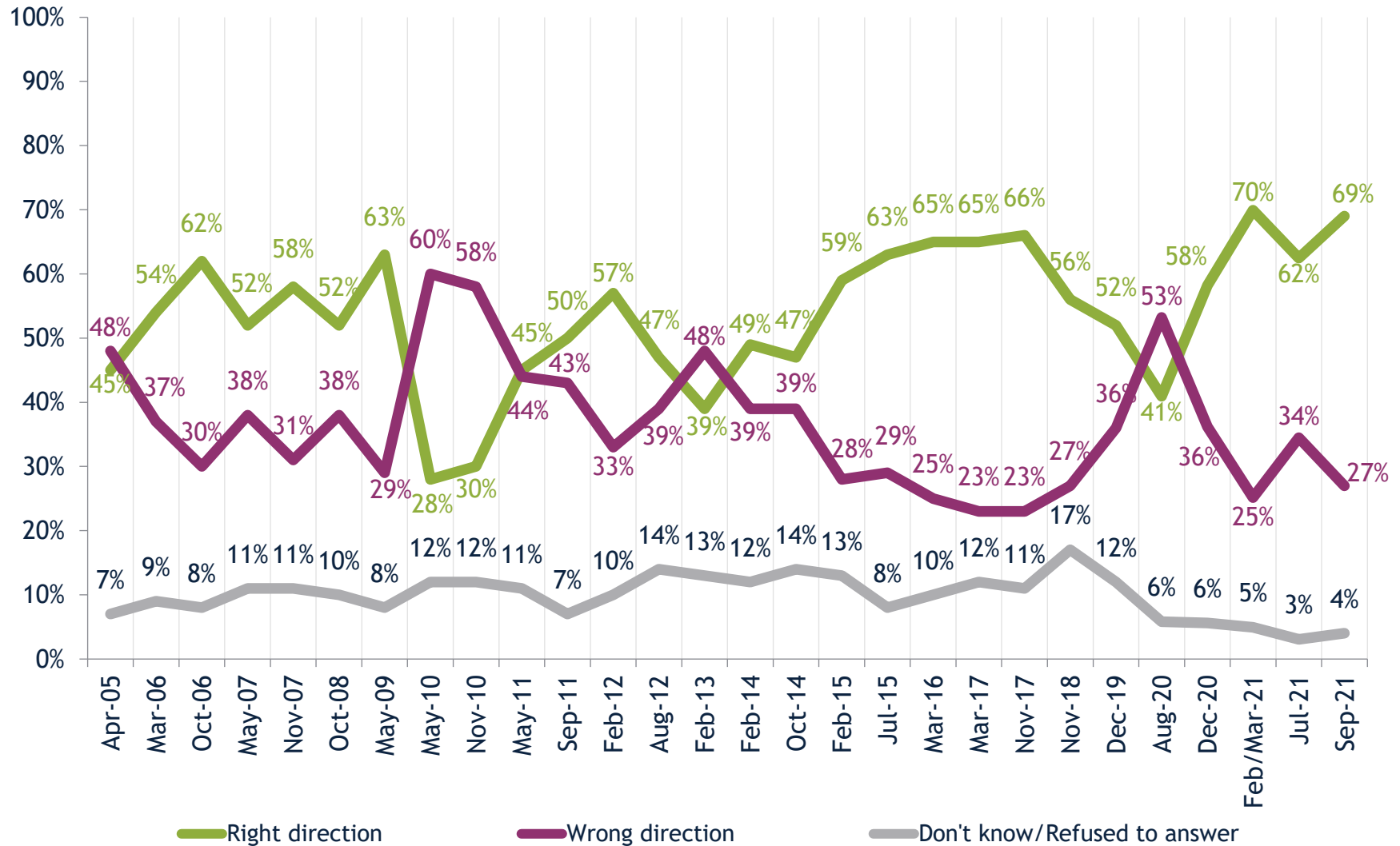


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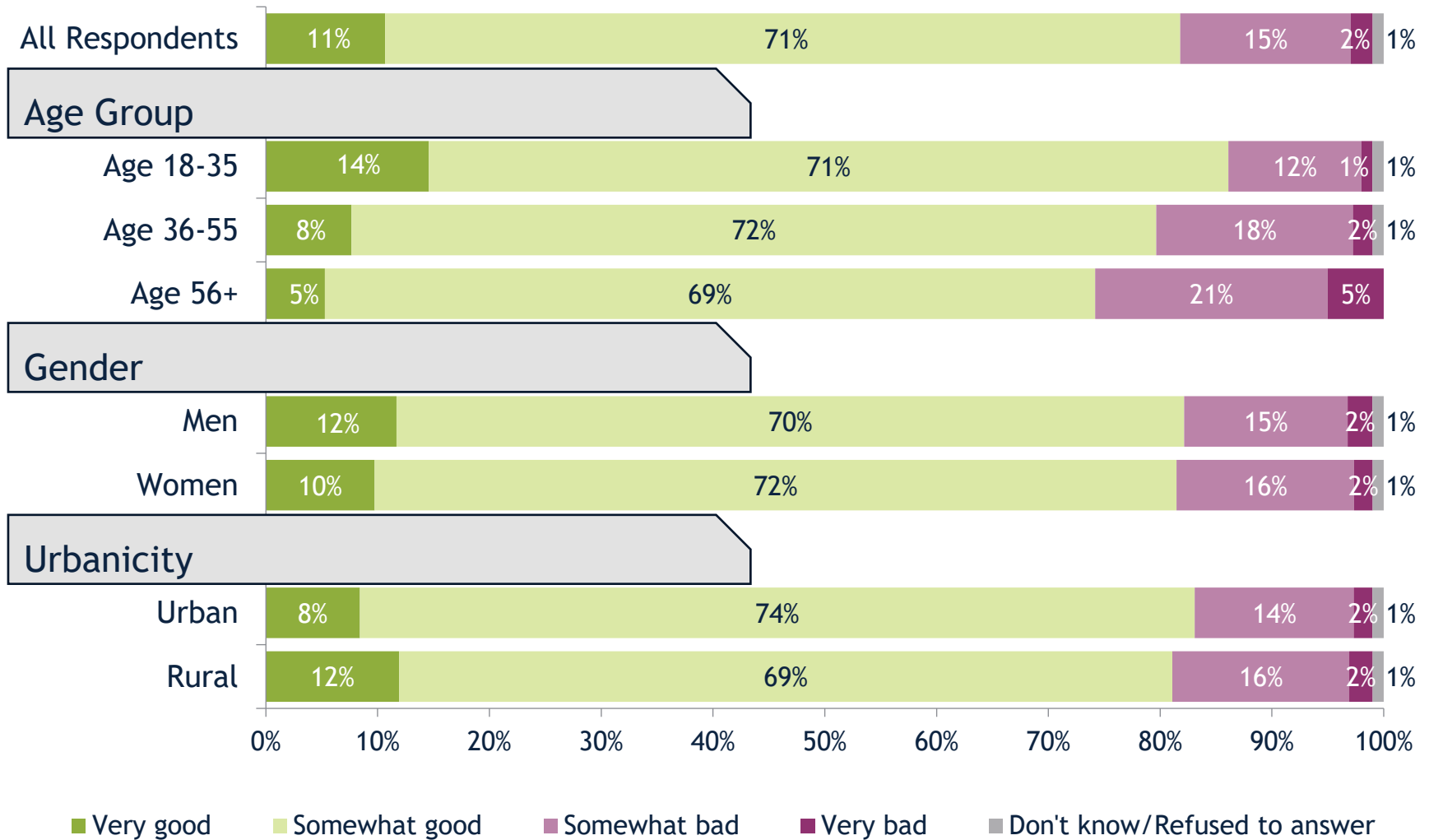


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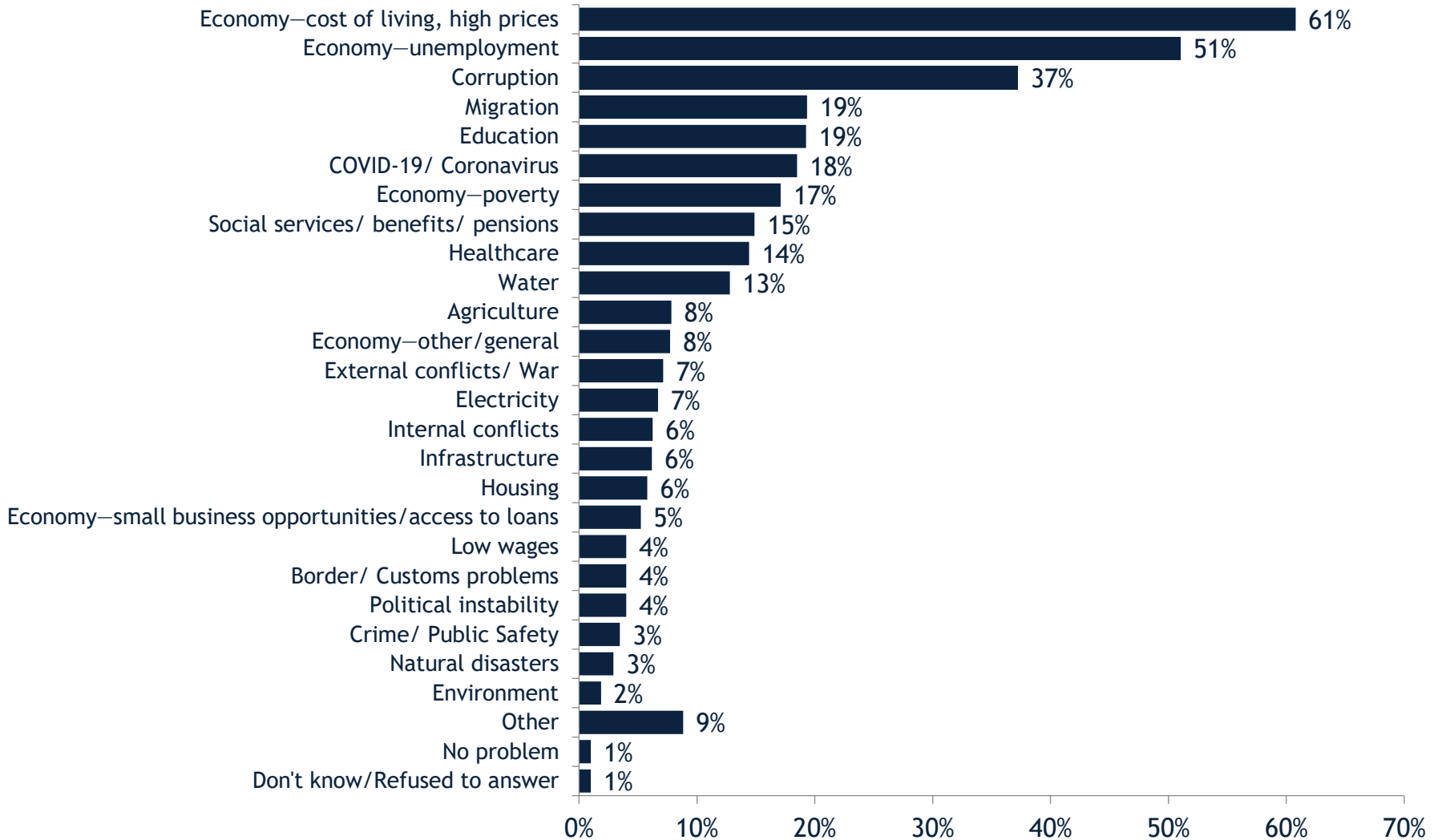
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?





What is the most important problem facing our country today?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted)



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Democracy and Political Interest

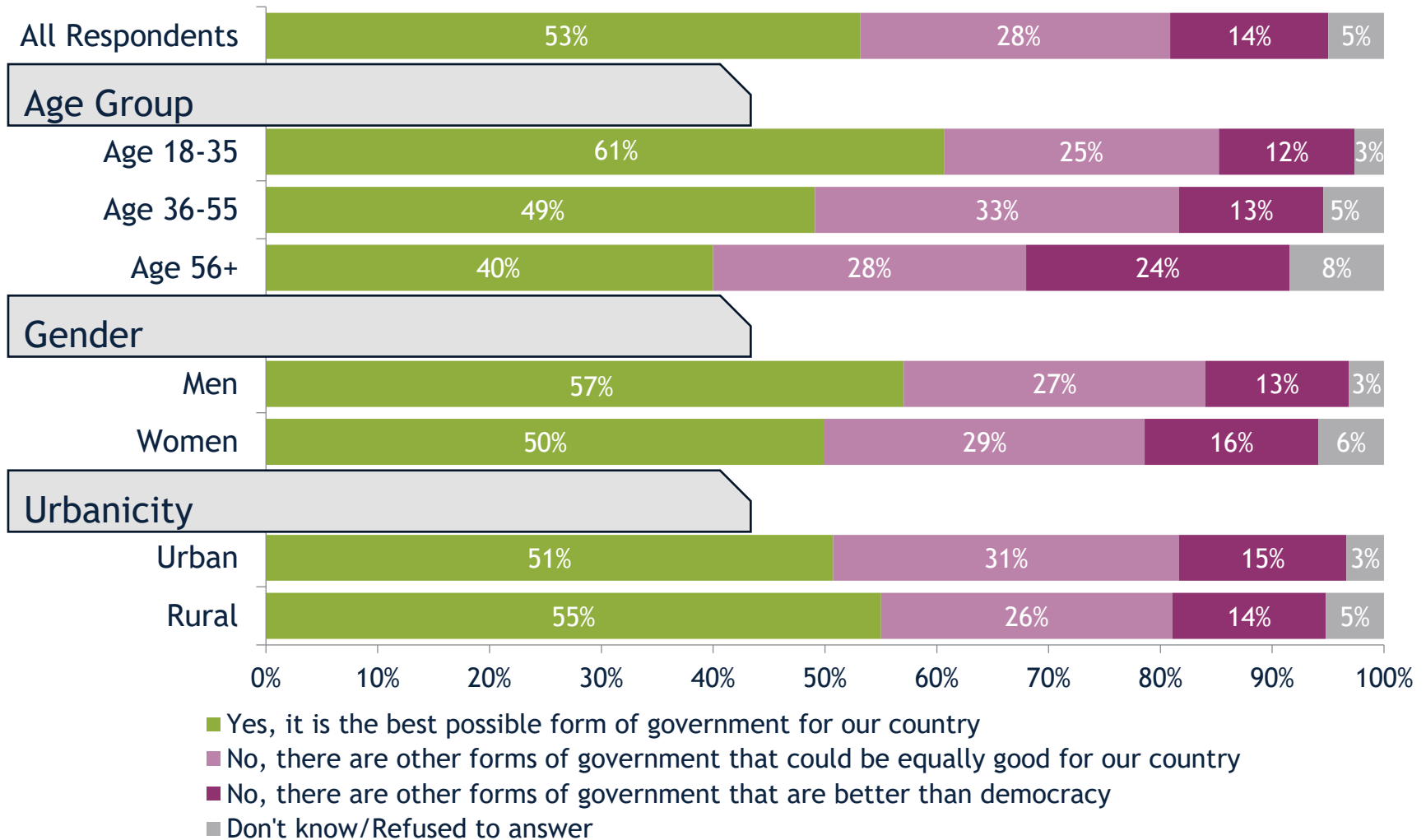


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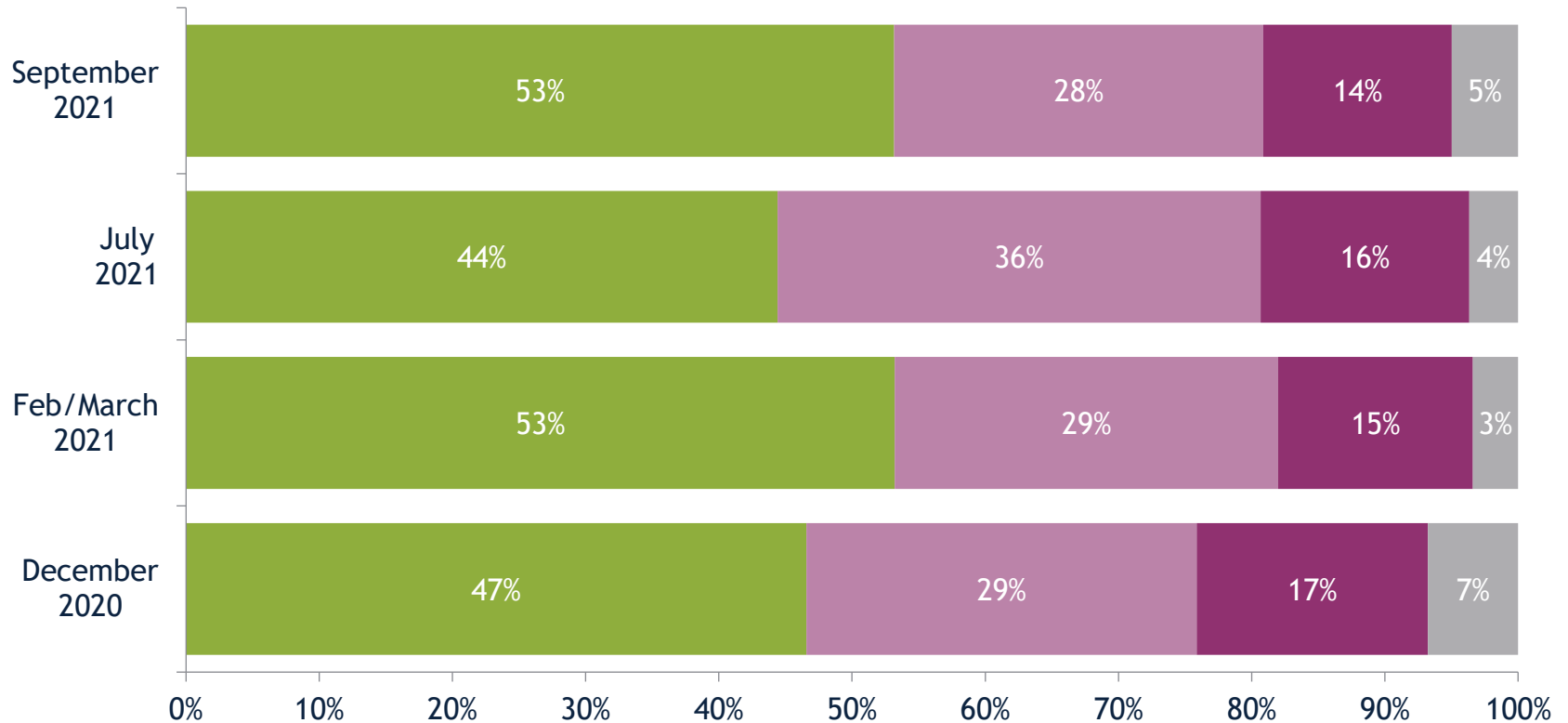
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Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country today?

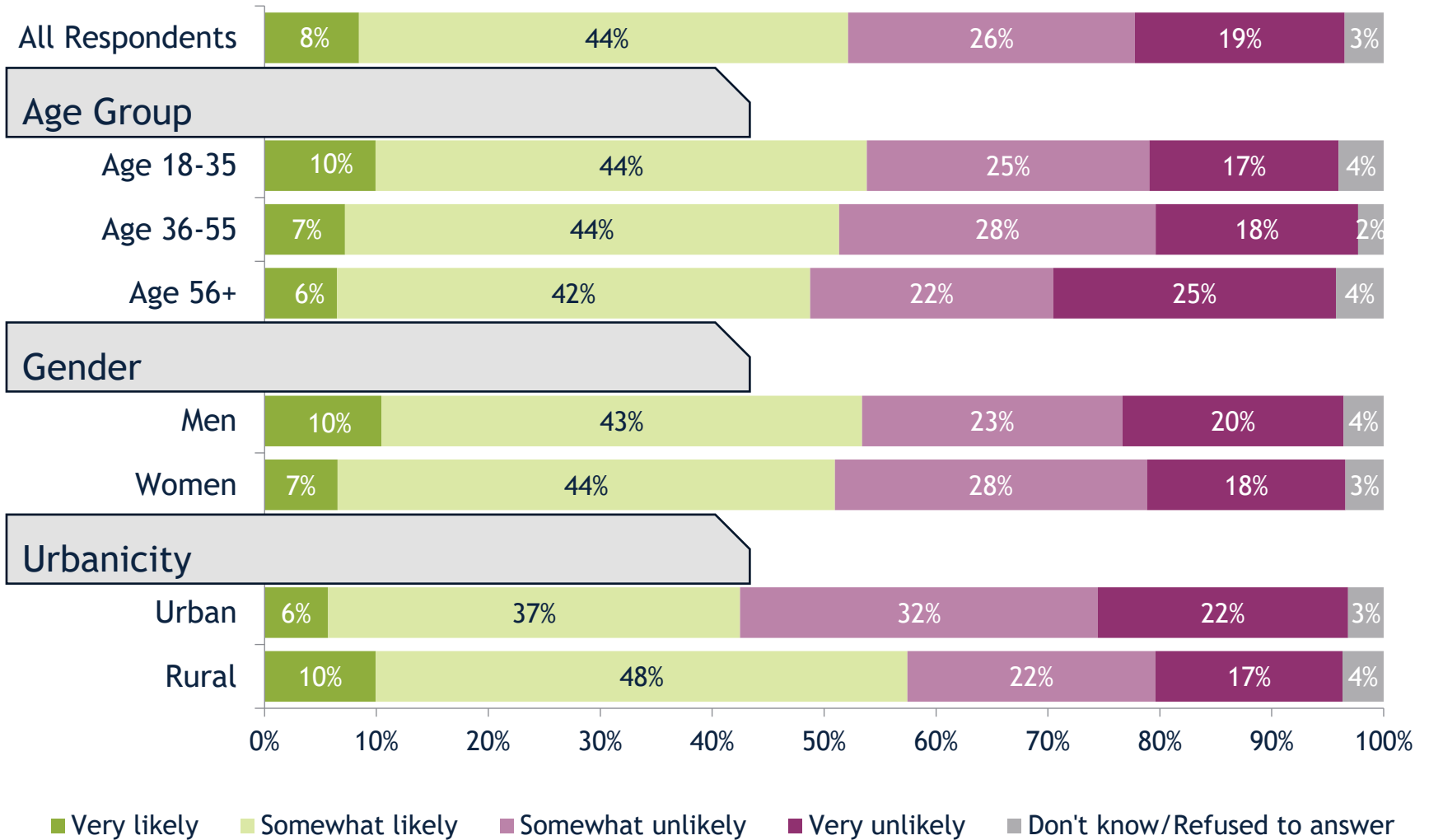


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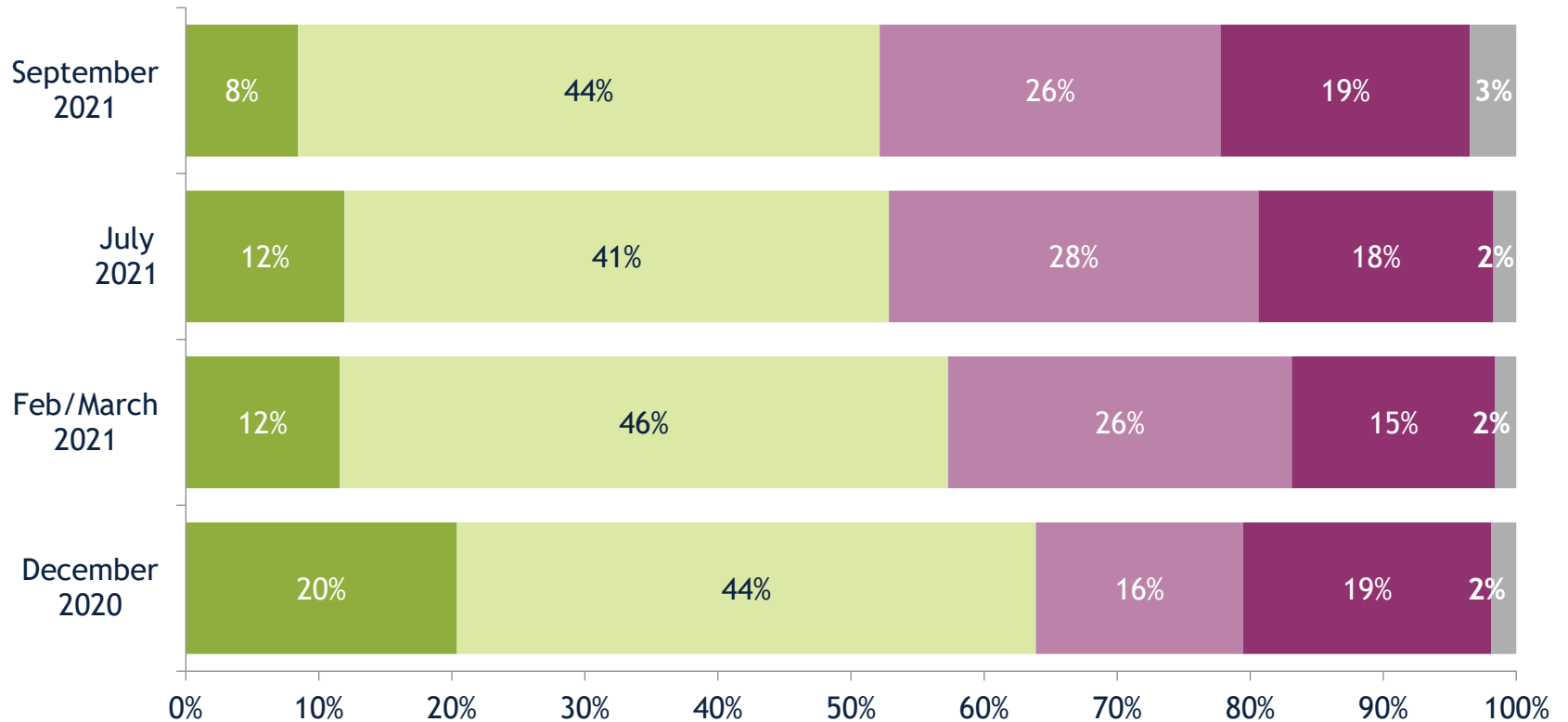


- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- Don't know/Refused to answer

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

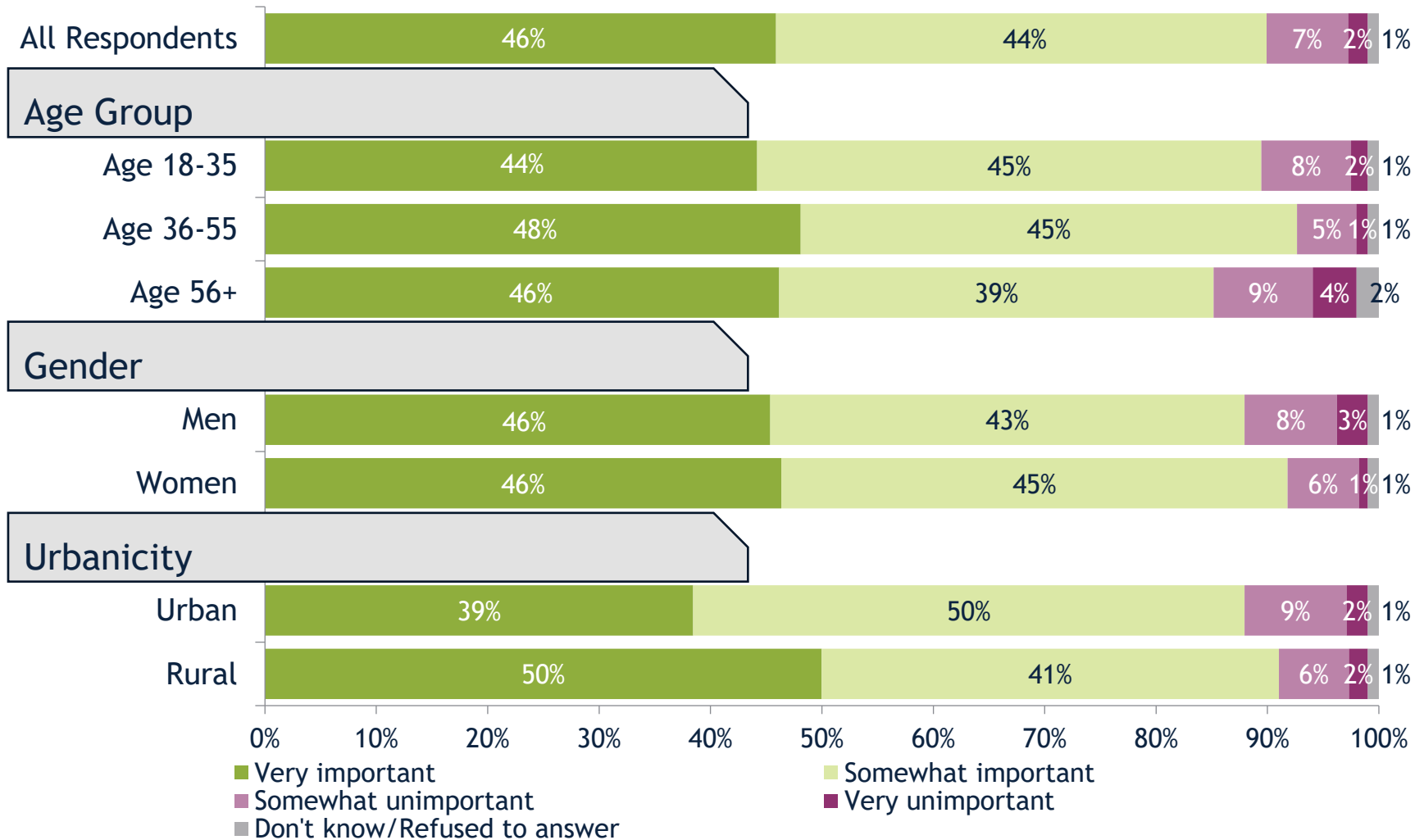


How likely or unlikely are ordinary people to be able to influence decisions made in our country?



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

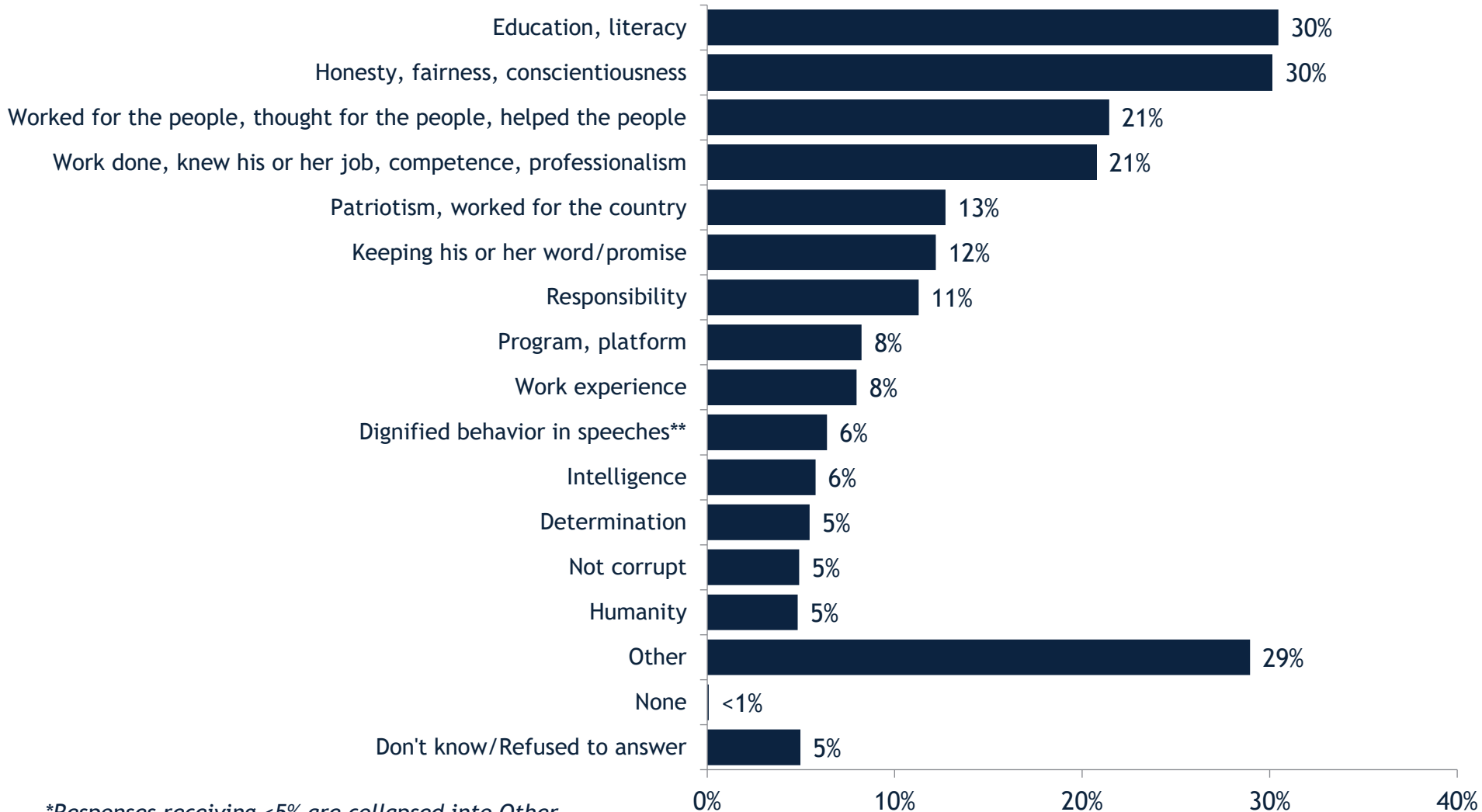
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?





What factors are most important to you in determining whether or not you will vote for a candidate?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted)

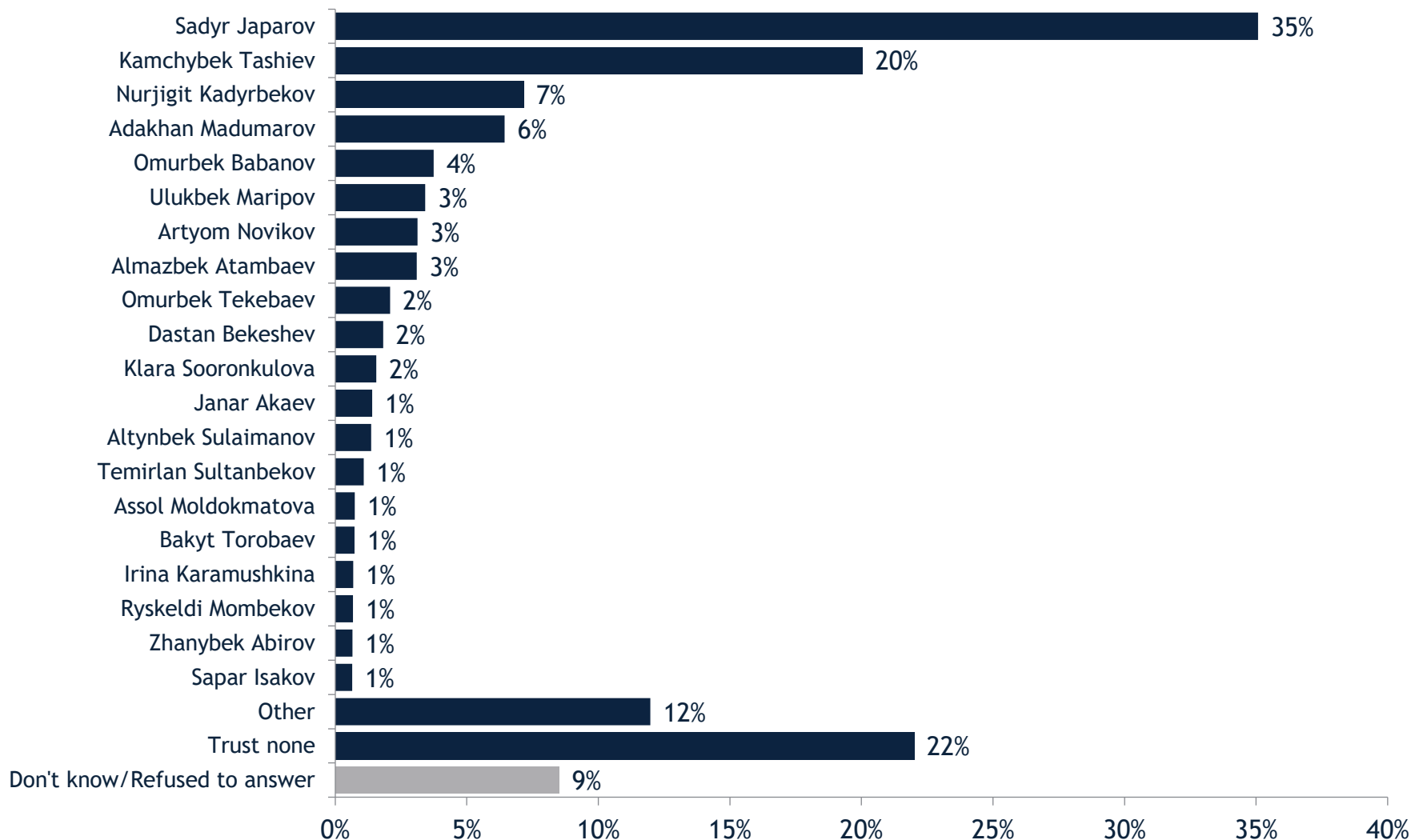


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**Dignified behavior in speeches, the ability to defend the interests of the state

Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

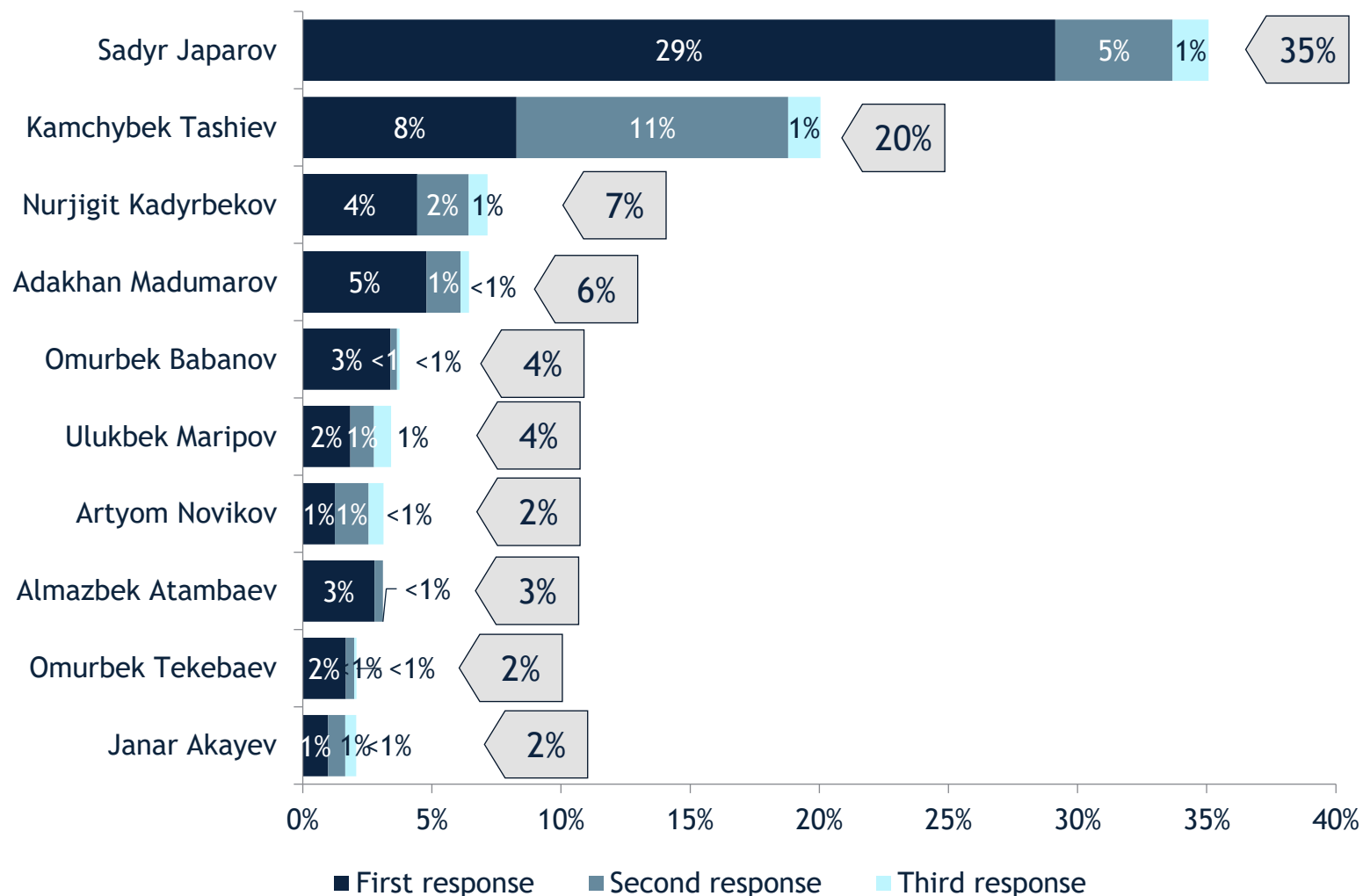
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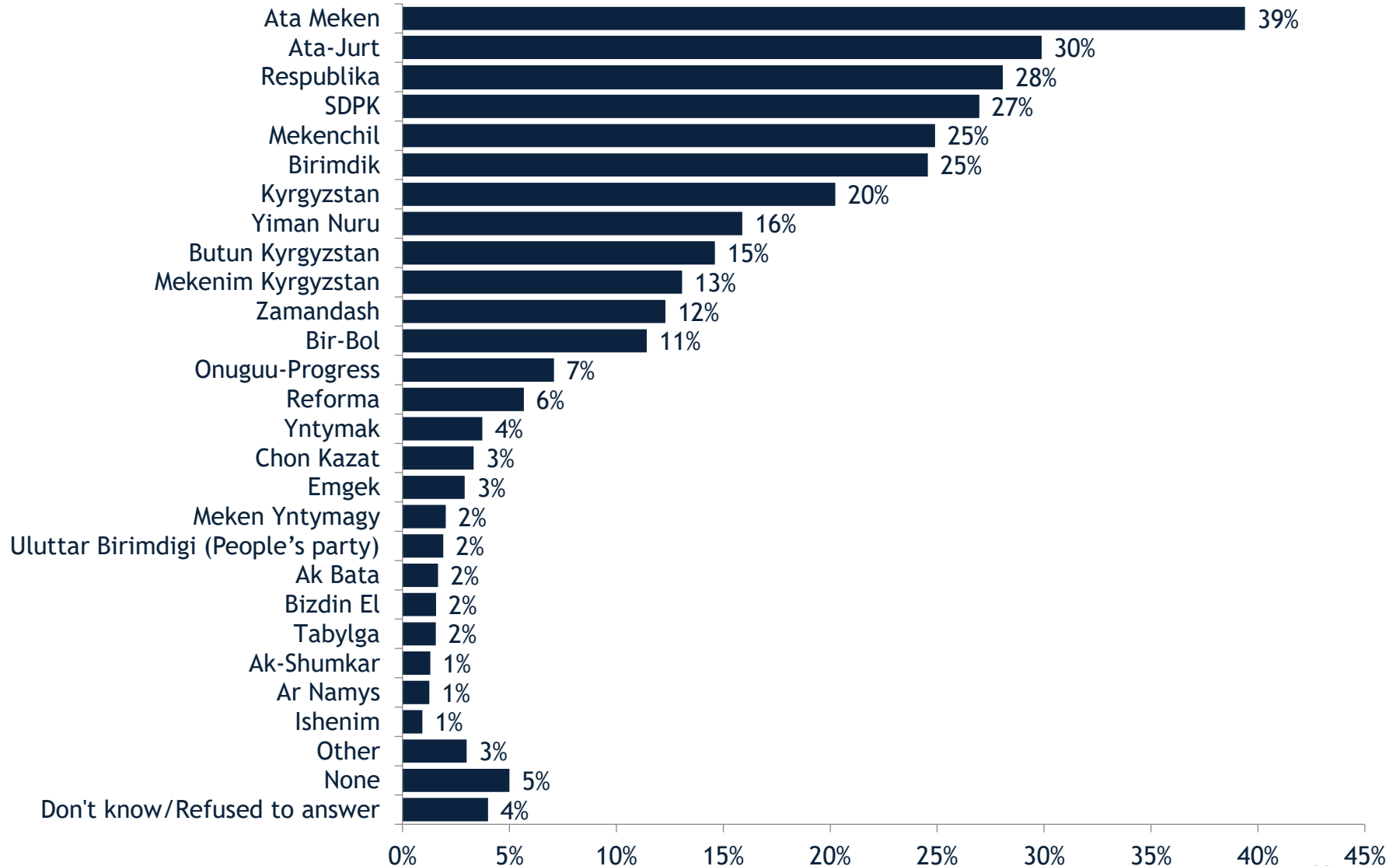
Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

(Up to three responses permitted; *Top-10 most trusted politicians displayed*)



Please name all the political parties you are familiar with in your region...

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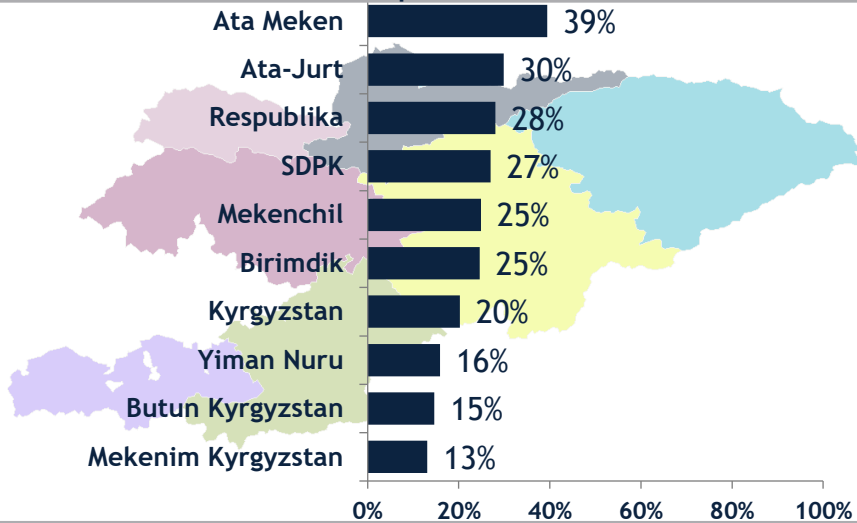


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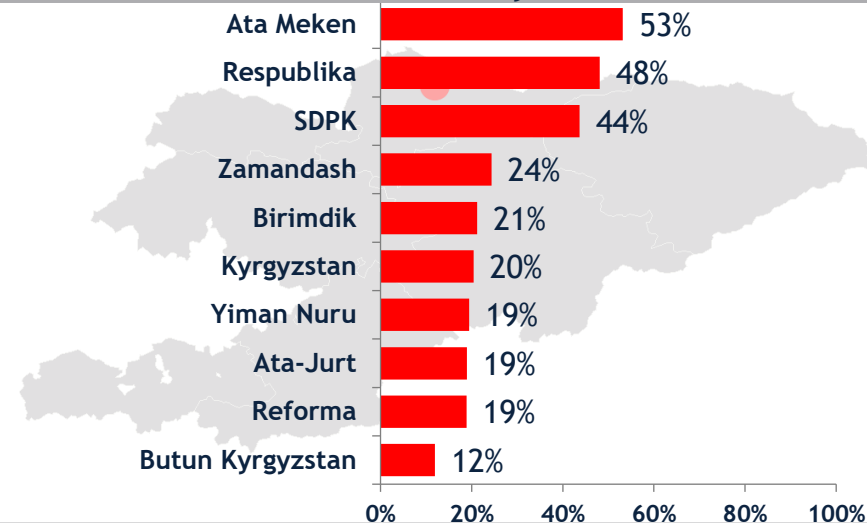
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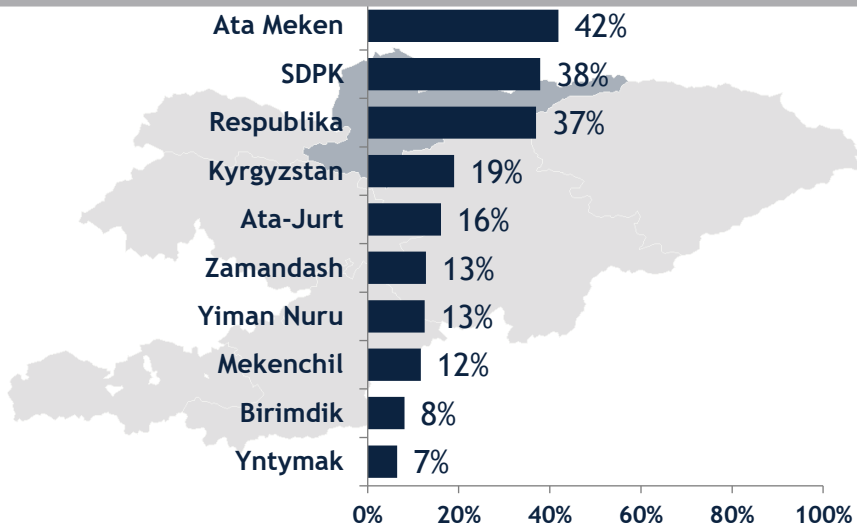
All Respondents



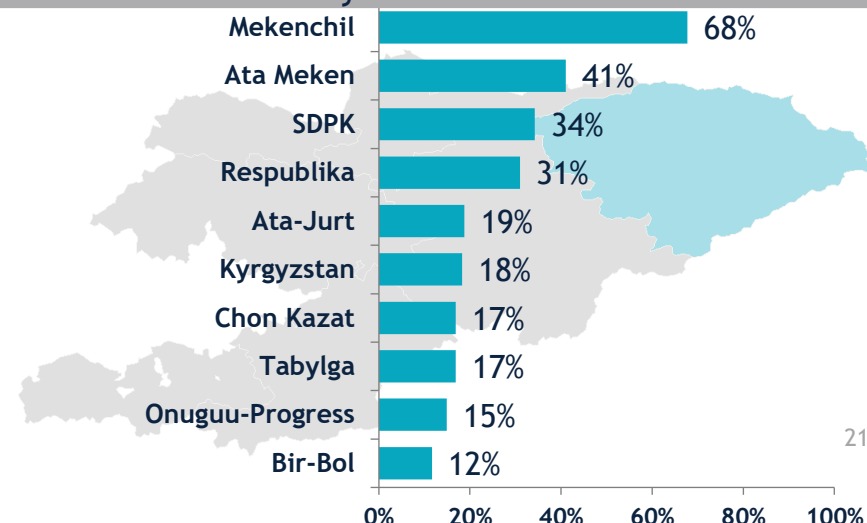
Bishkek City



Chui Oblast



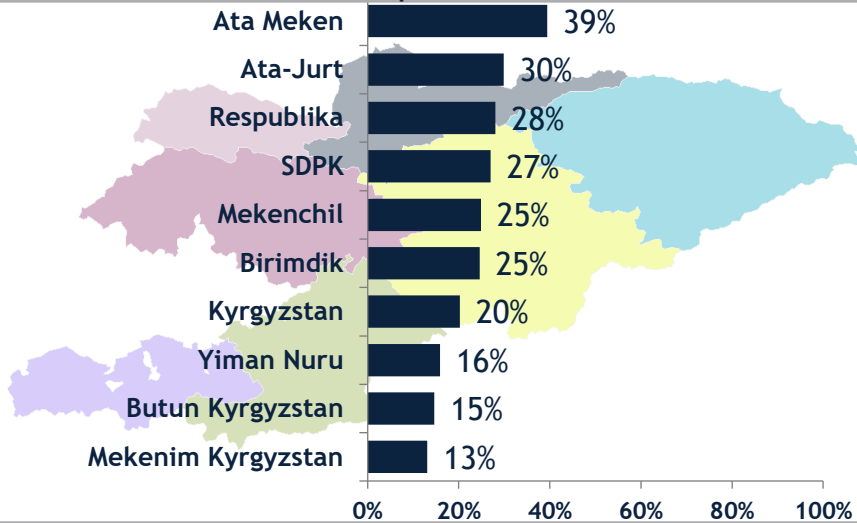
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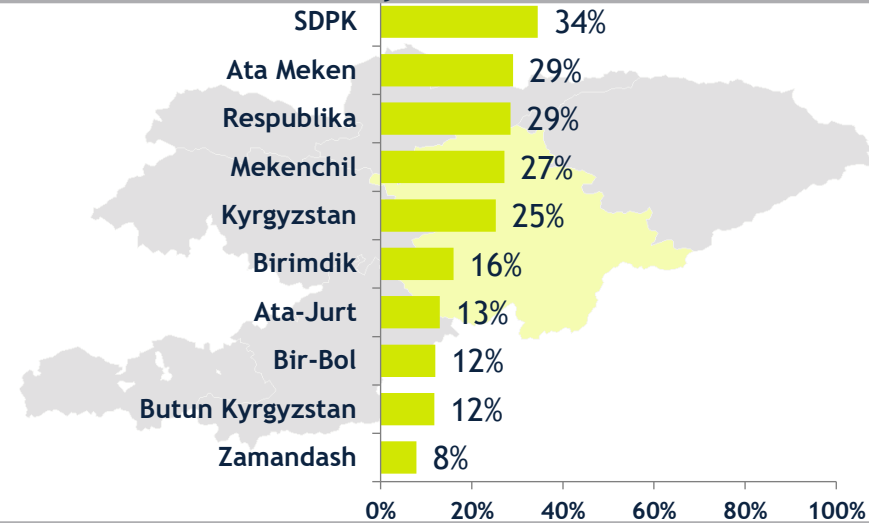
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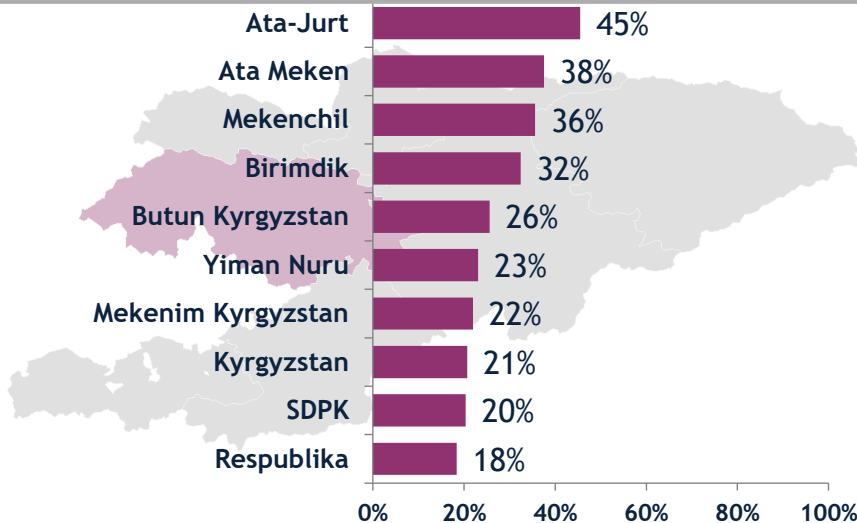
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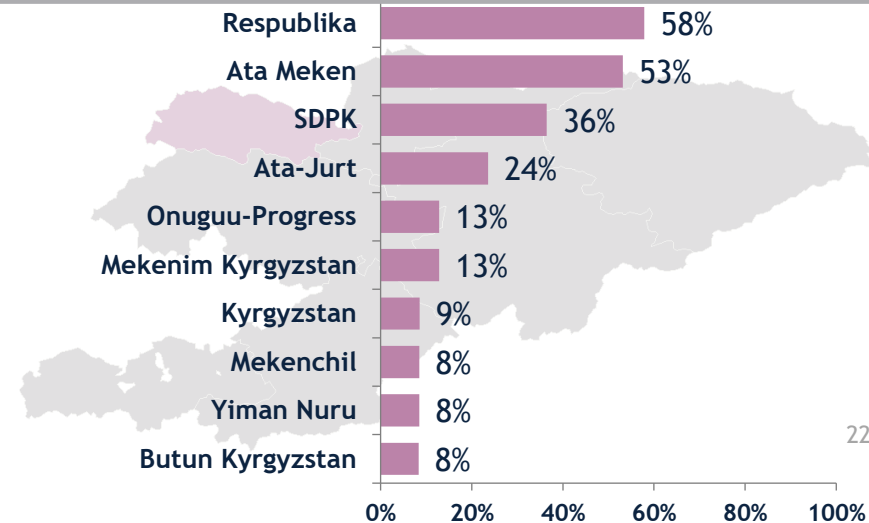
Naryn Oblast



Jalal-Abad Oblast



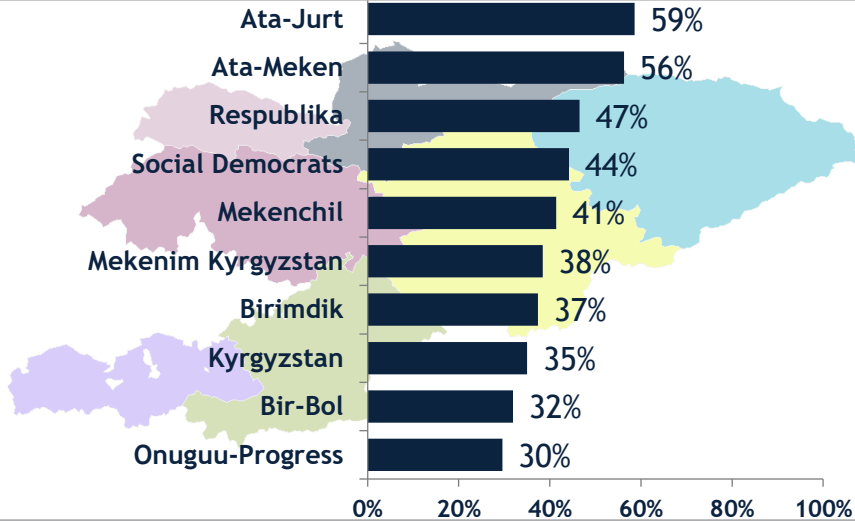
Talas Oblast



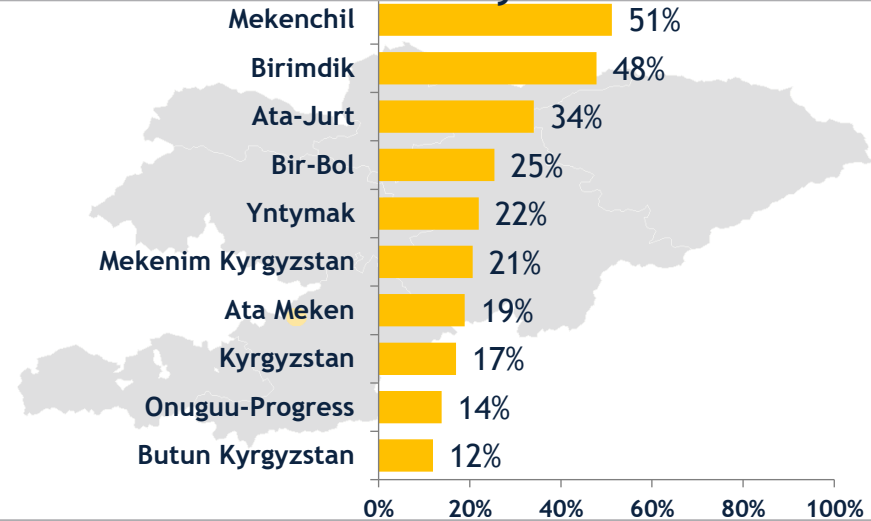
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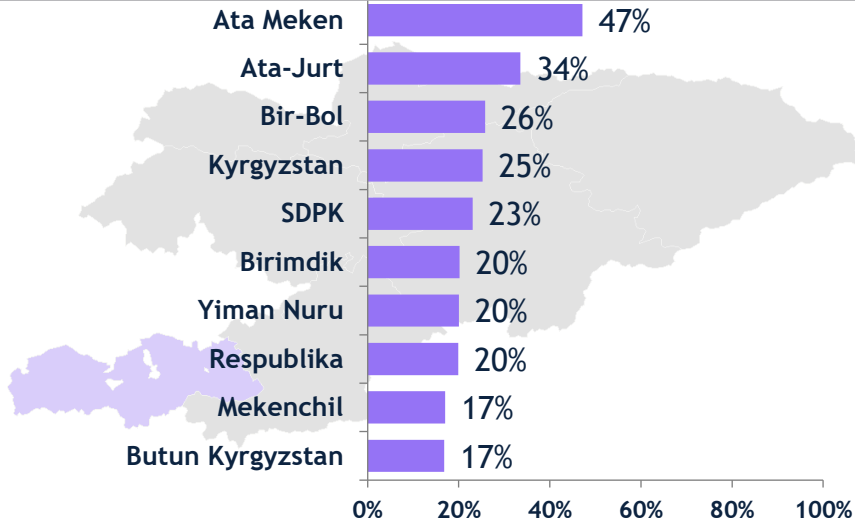
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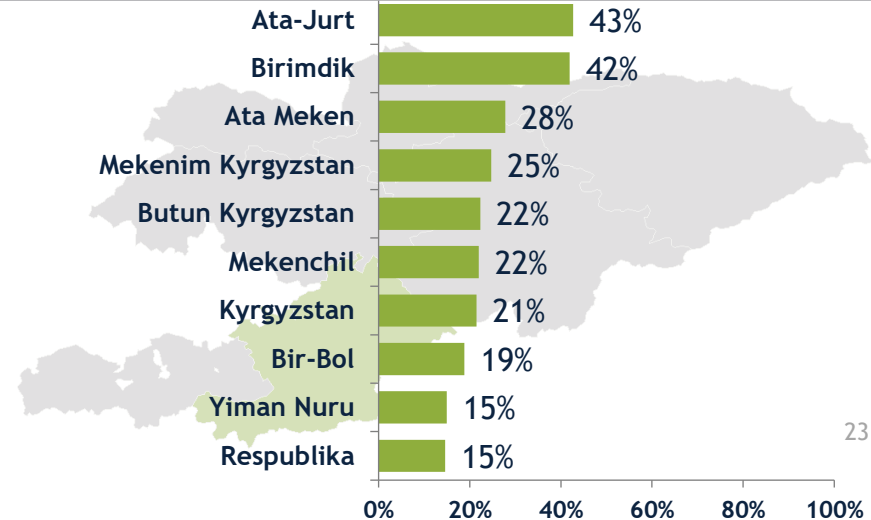
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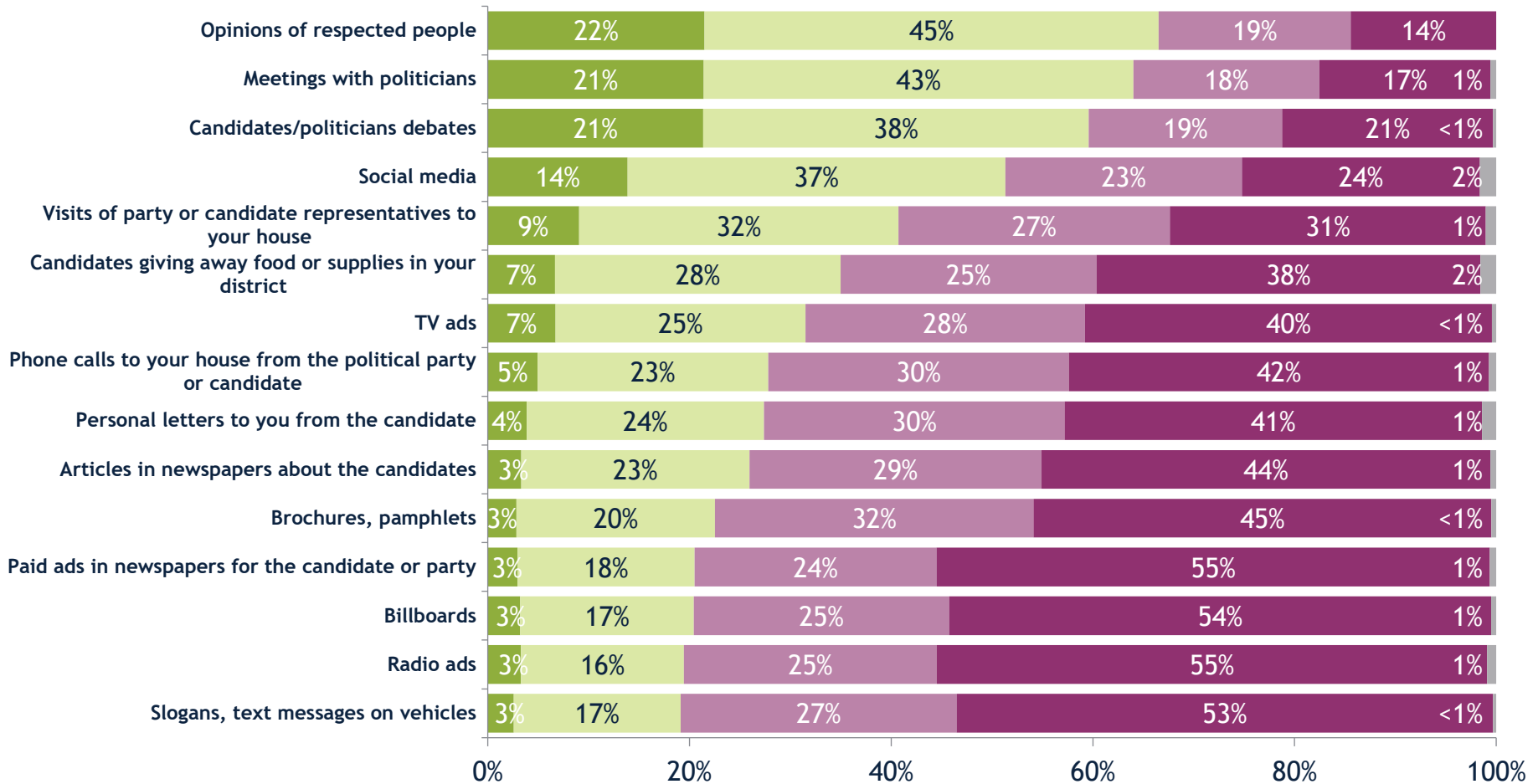
Batken Oblast



Osh Oblast



For each of following items, [... do] they have great influence, some influence, not much influence, or no influence at all on your views of political parties?



■ Great influence
 ■ Some influence
 ■ Not much influence
 ■ No influence at all
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

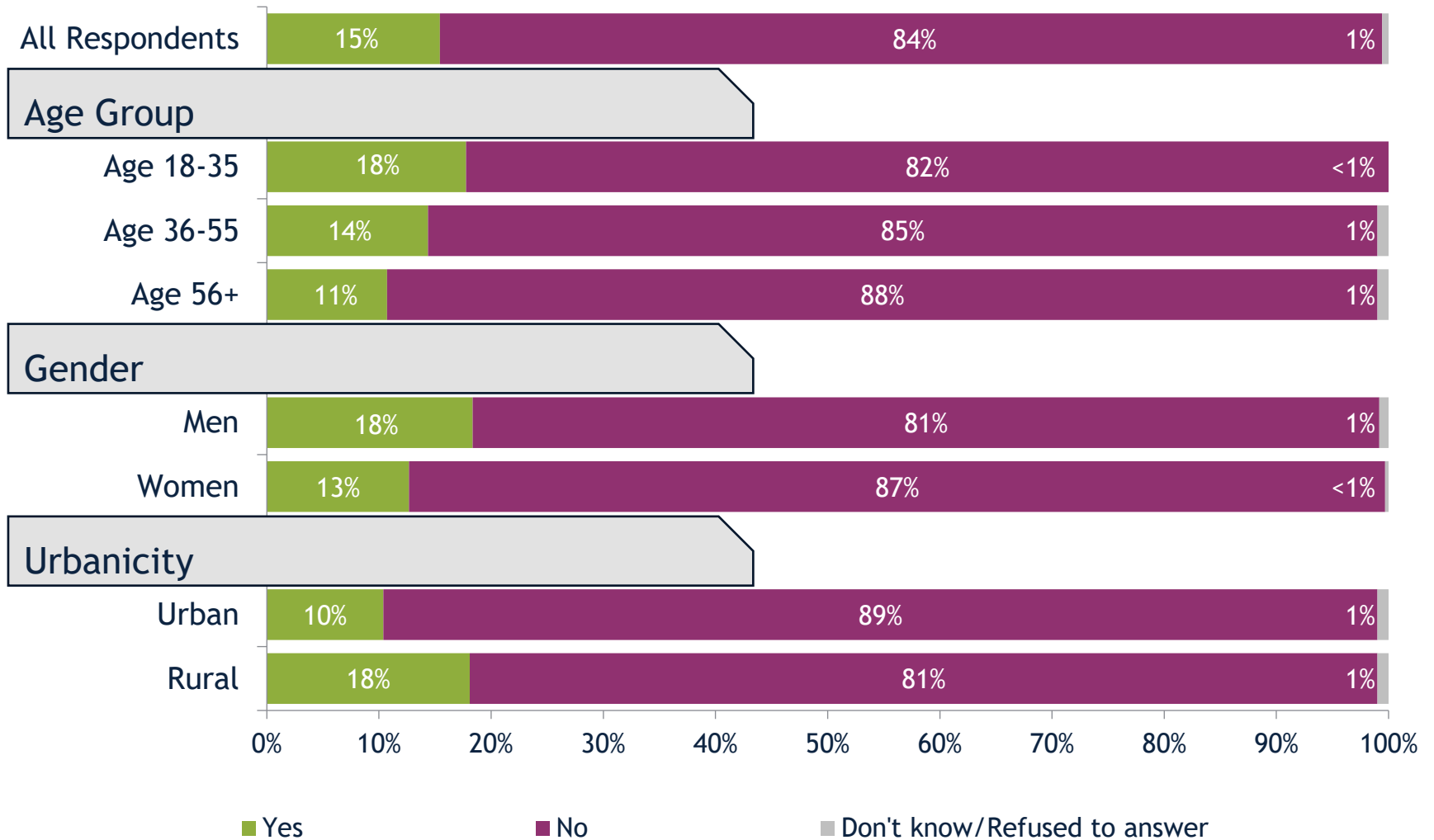
Electoral Confidence and Integrity



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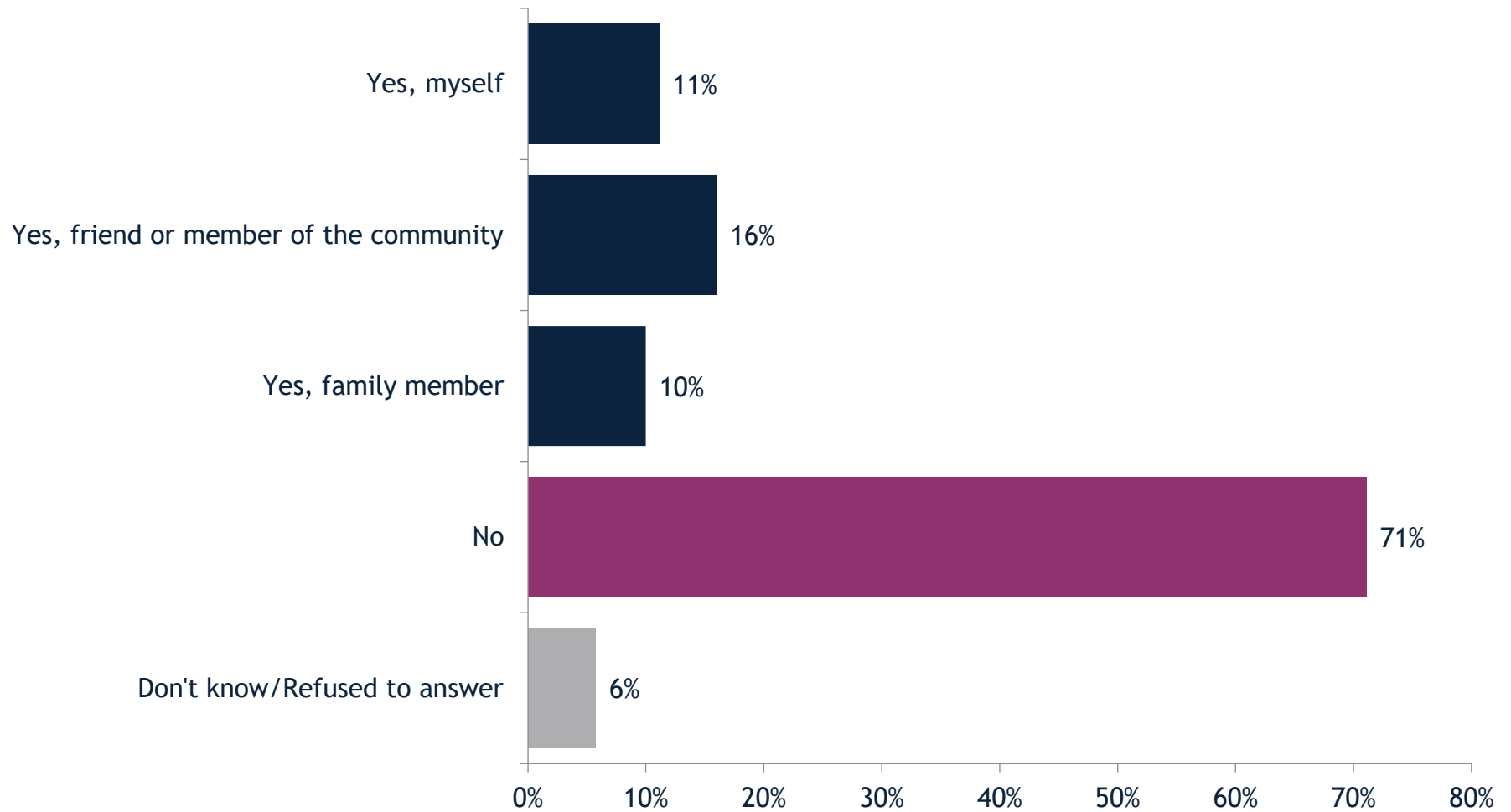
During the last local election, did anyone offer you money, gifts, or some other incentive in exchange for your vote?





During the last local election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts or an incentive in exchange for their vote?

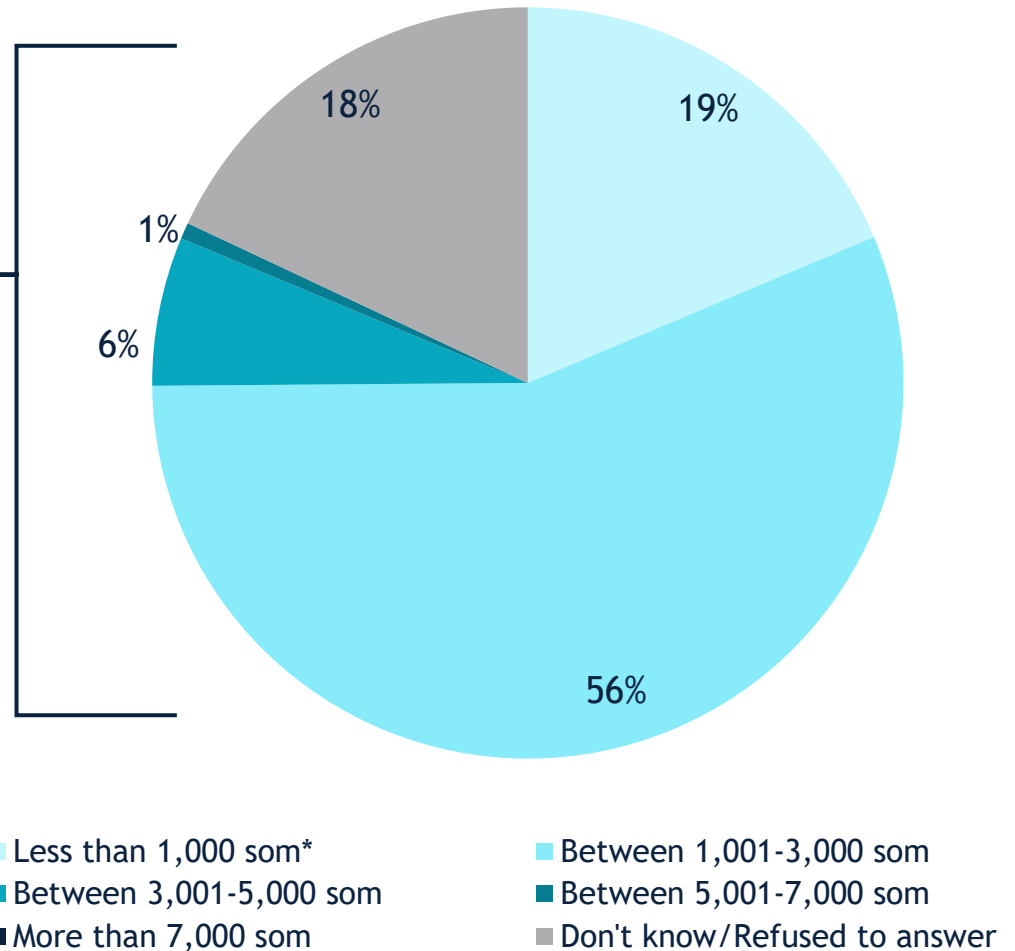
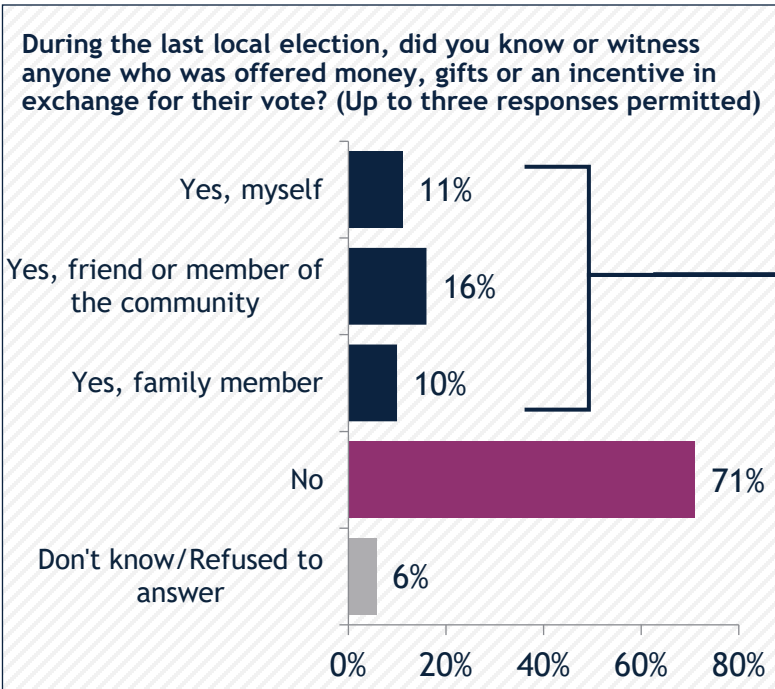
(Up to three responses permitted)





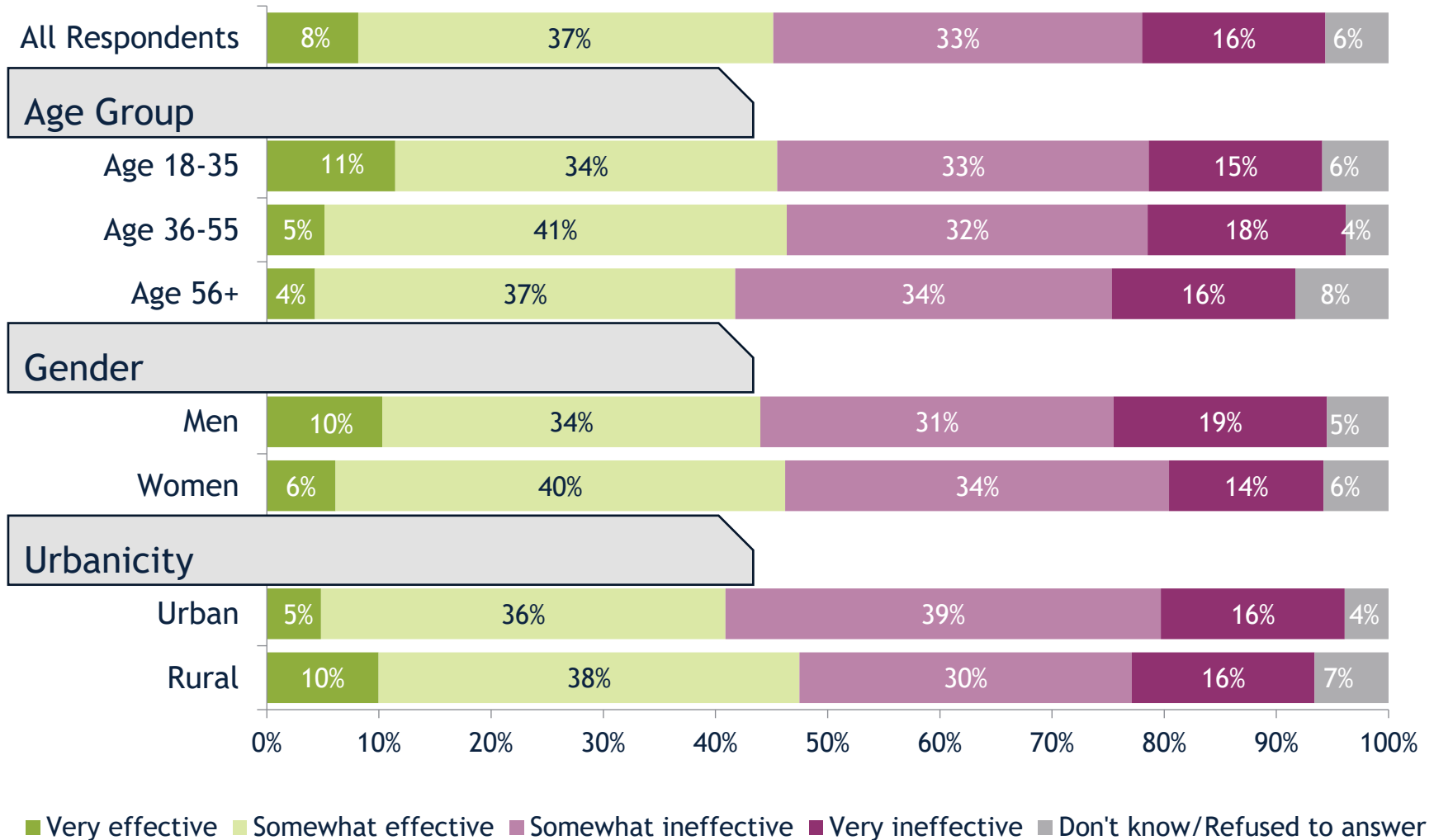
If yes, how much were [you/they] offered in exchange for [your/their] vote?

(Among those who know of or witnessed money, gifts or an incentive being offered in exchange for votes, n=280)

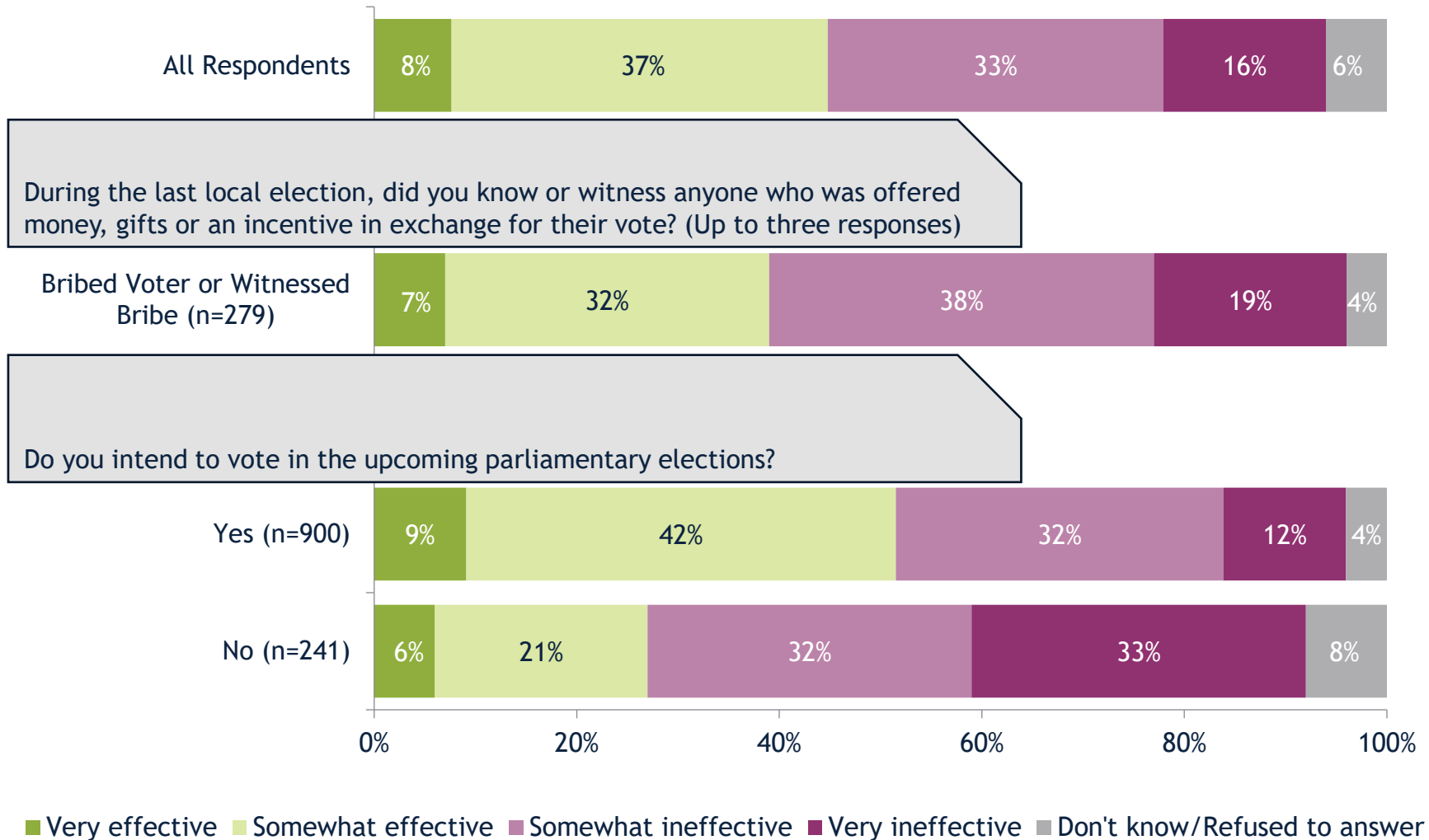


*Note: Exchange rate of 1,000 som to \$11.79 USD as of October 8, 2021 per OANDA

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Upcoming Elections

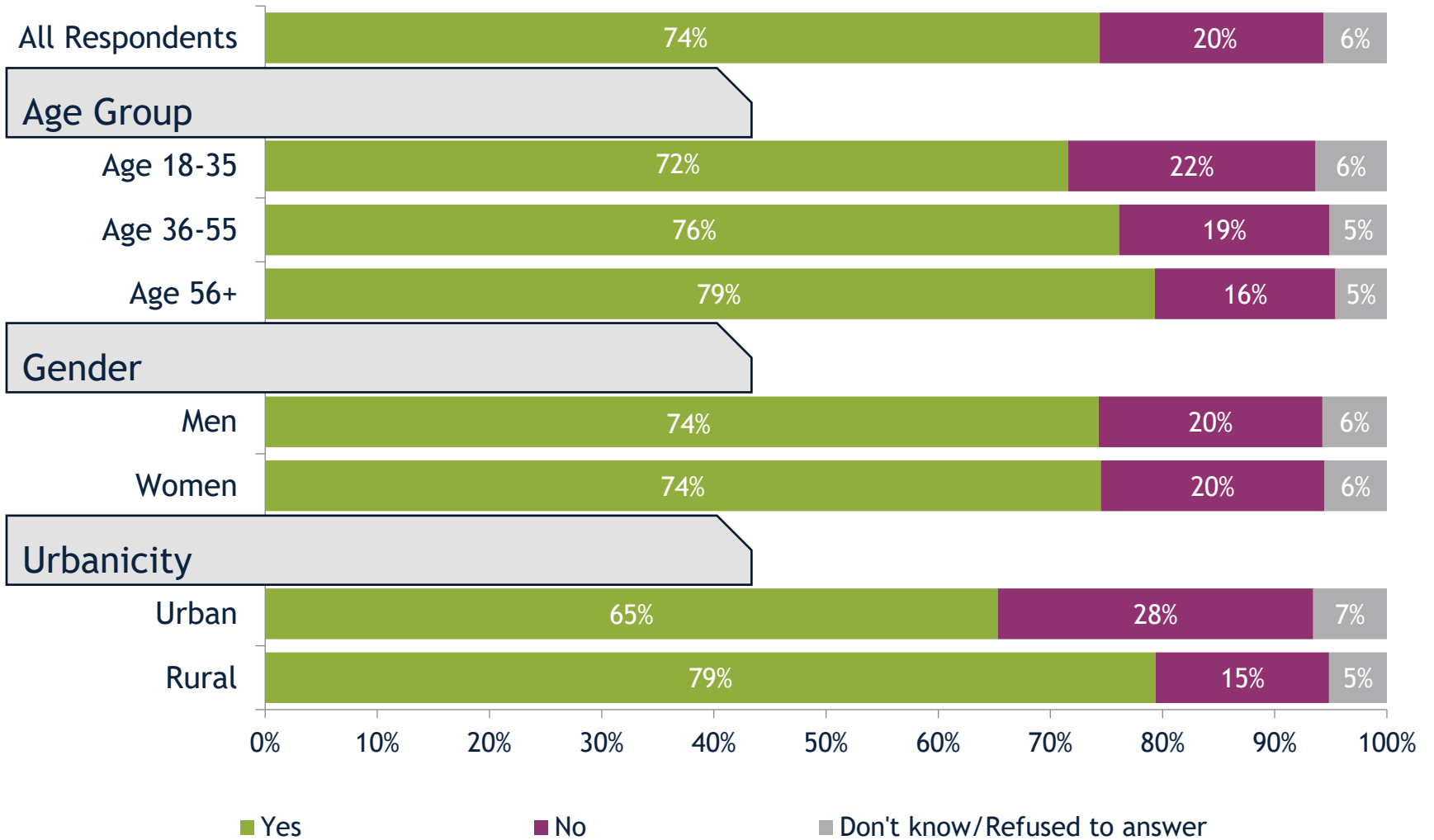


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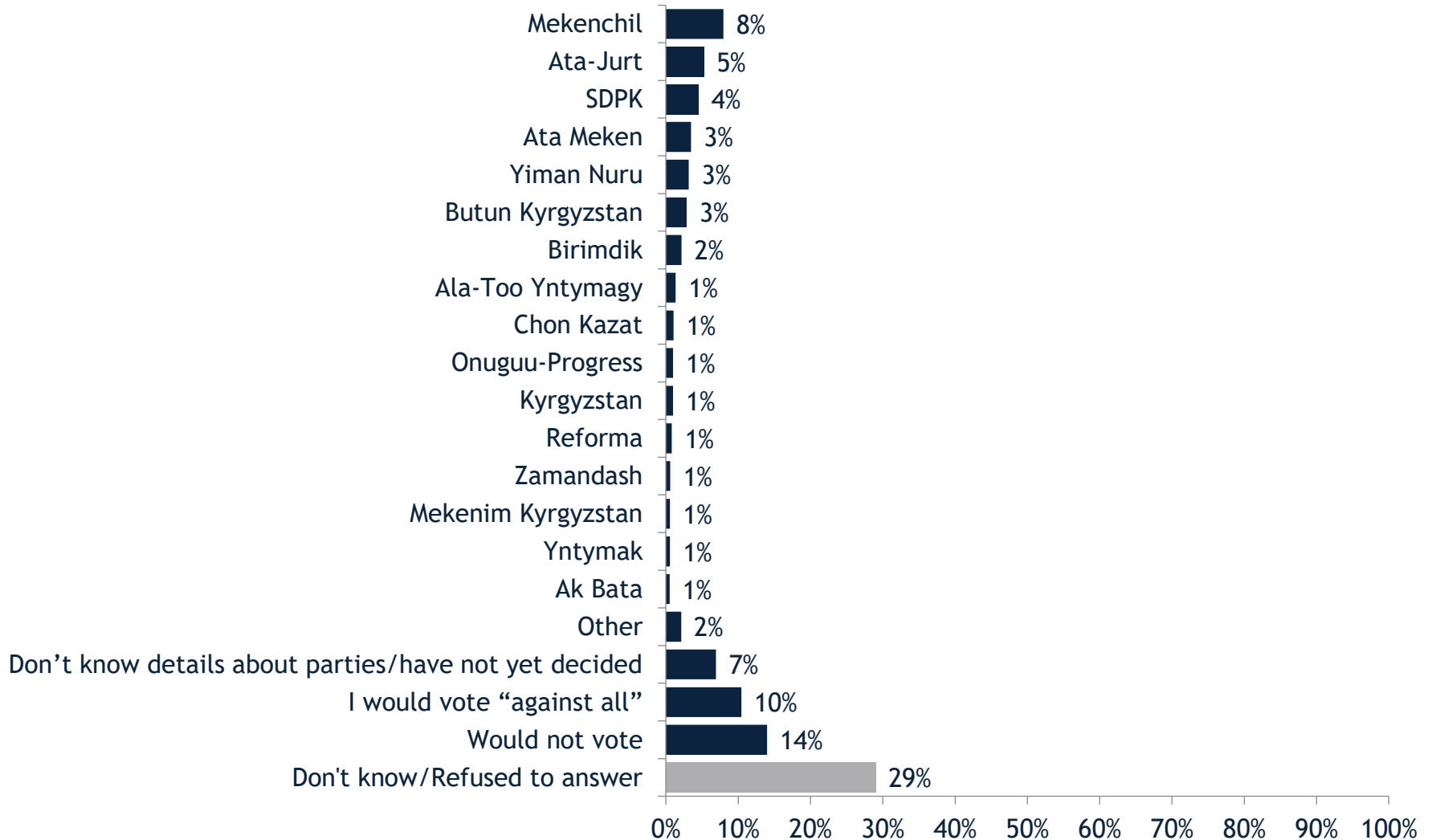
Do you intend to vote in upcoming elections?





If the parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, which party would you vote for?

(Spontaneous response)



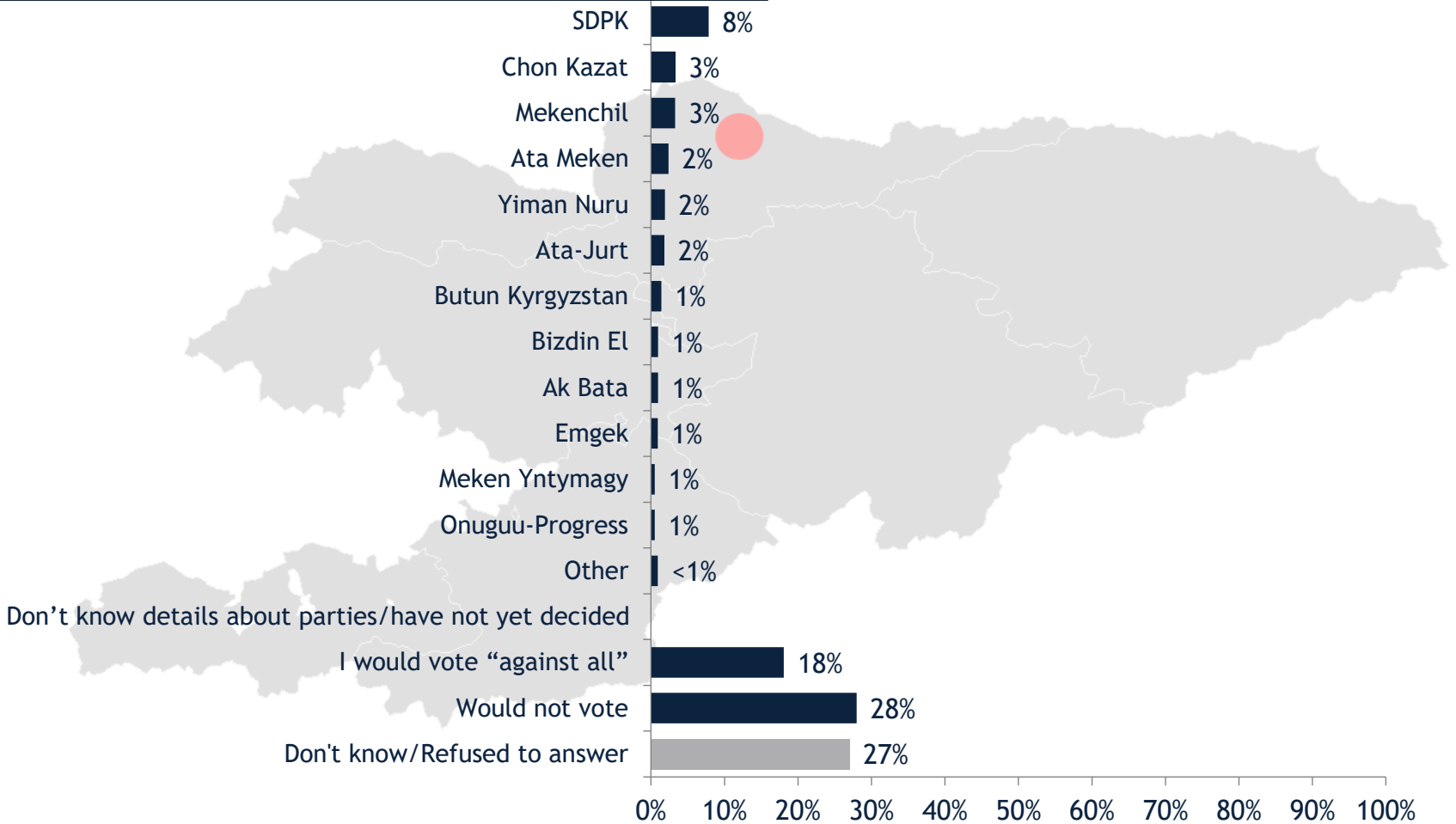
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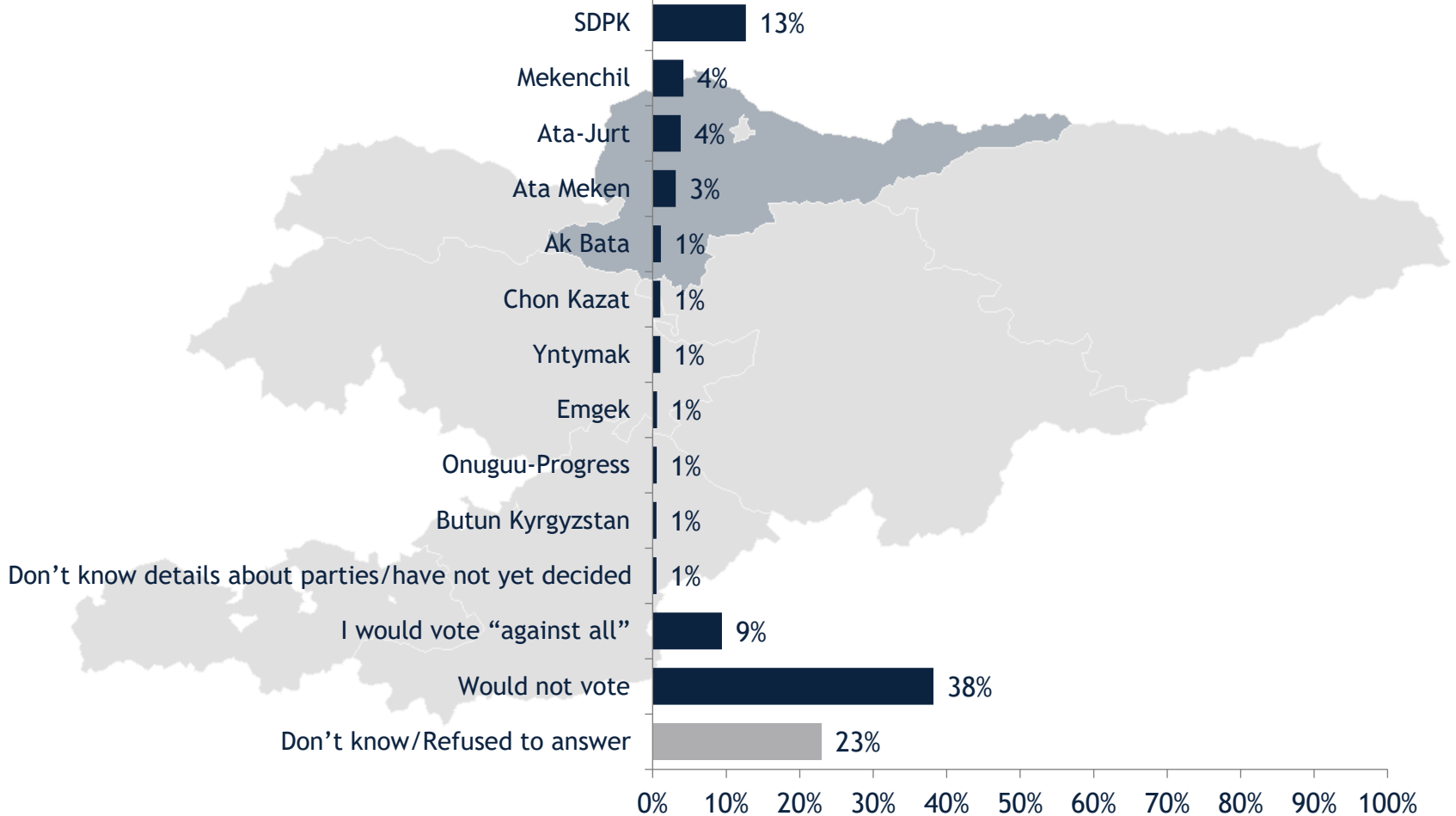


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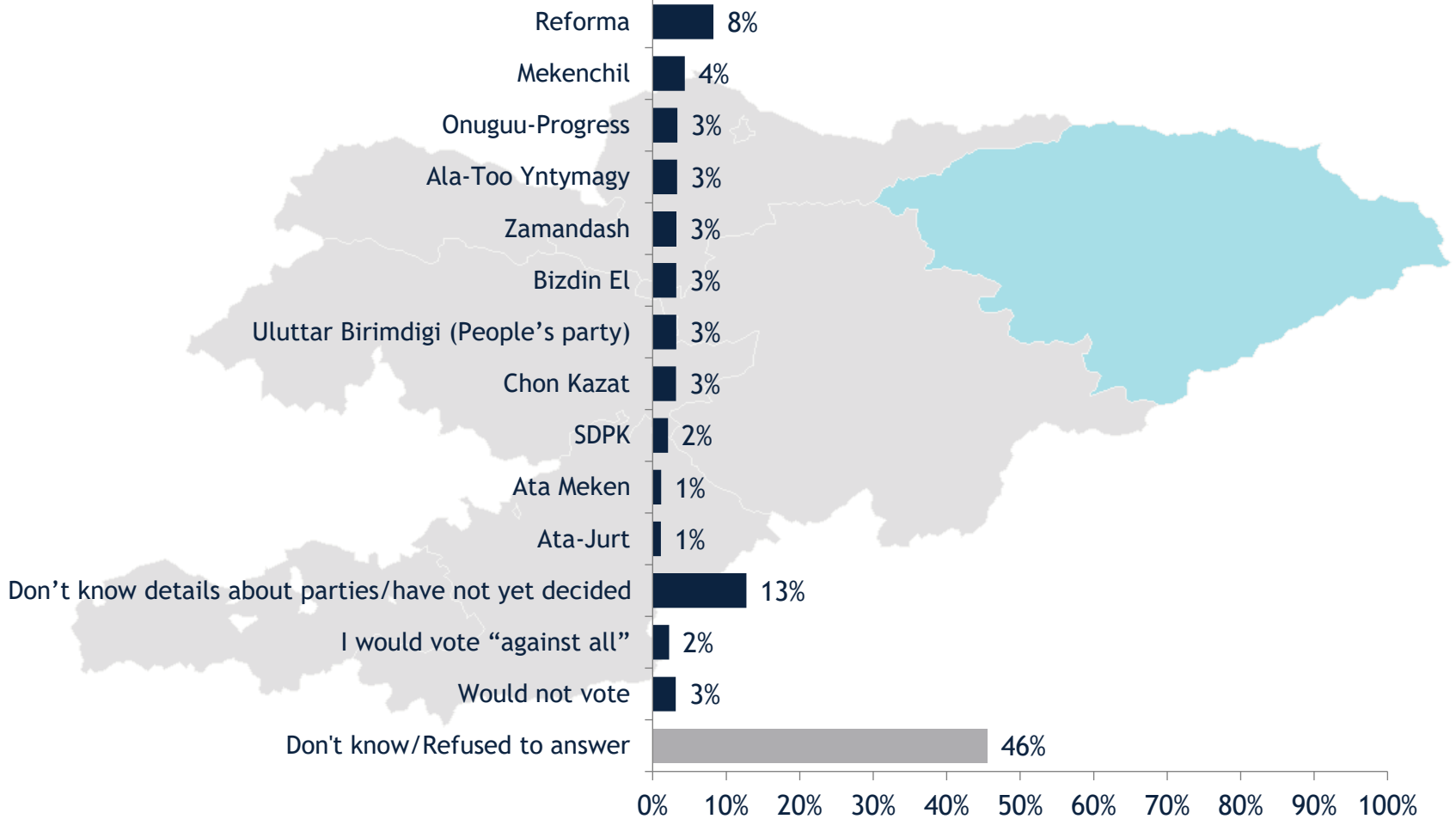
Chui Oblast



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Issyk-Kul Oblast

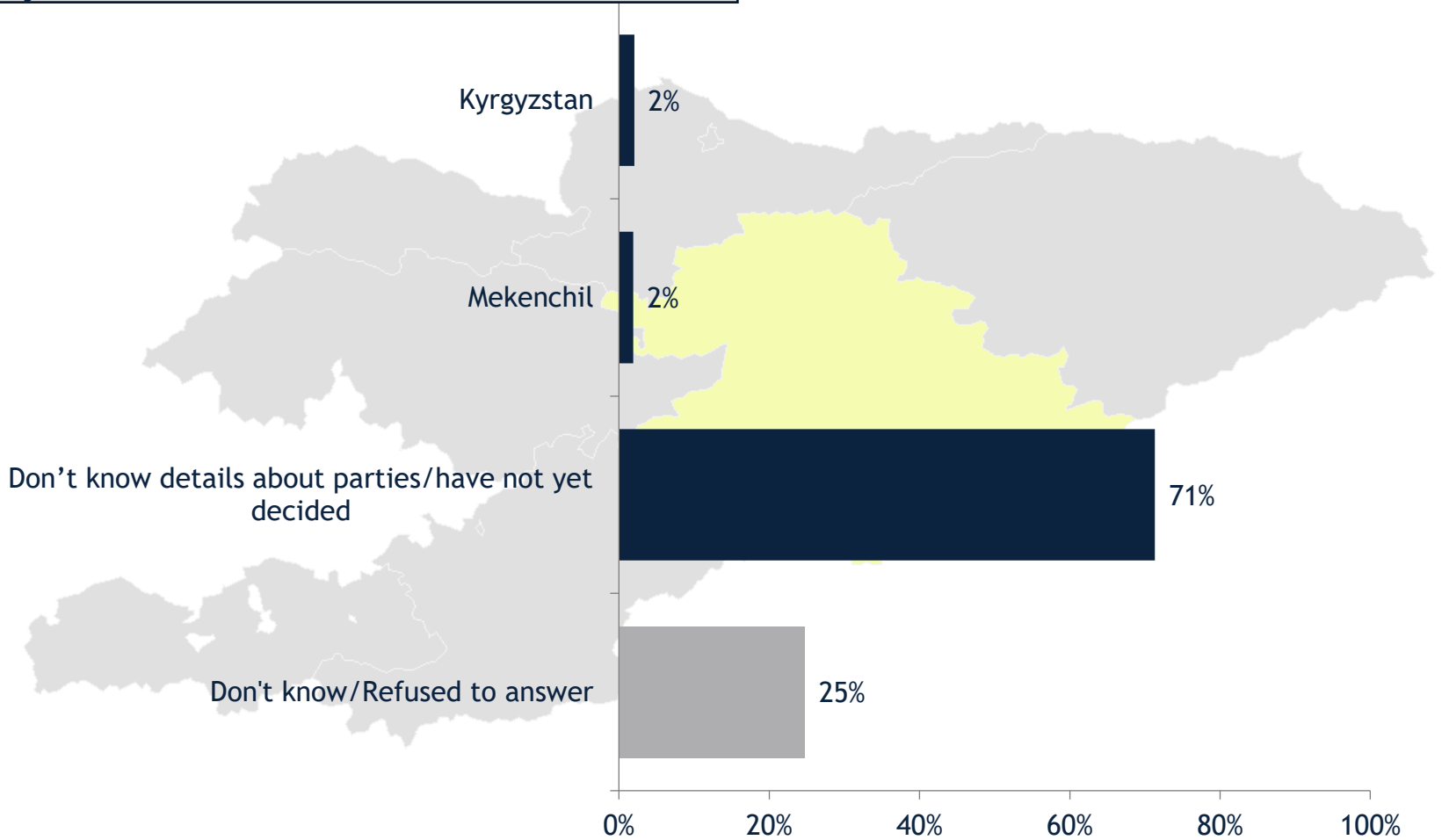




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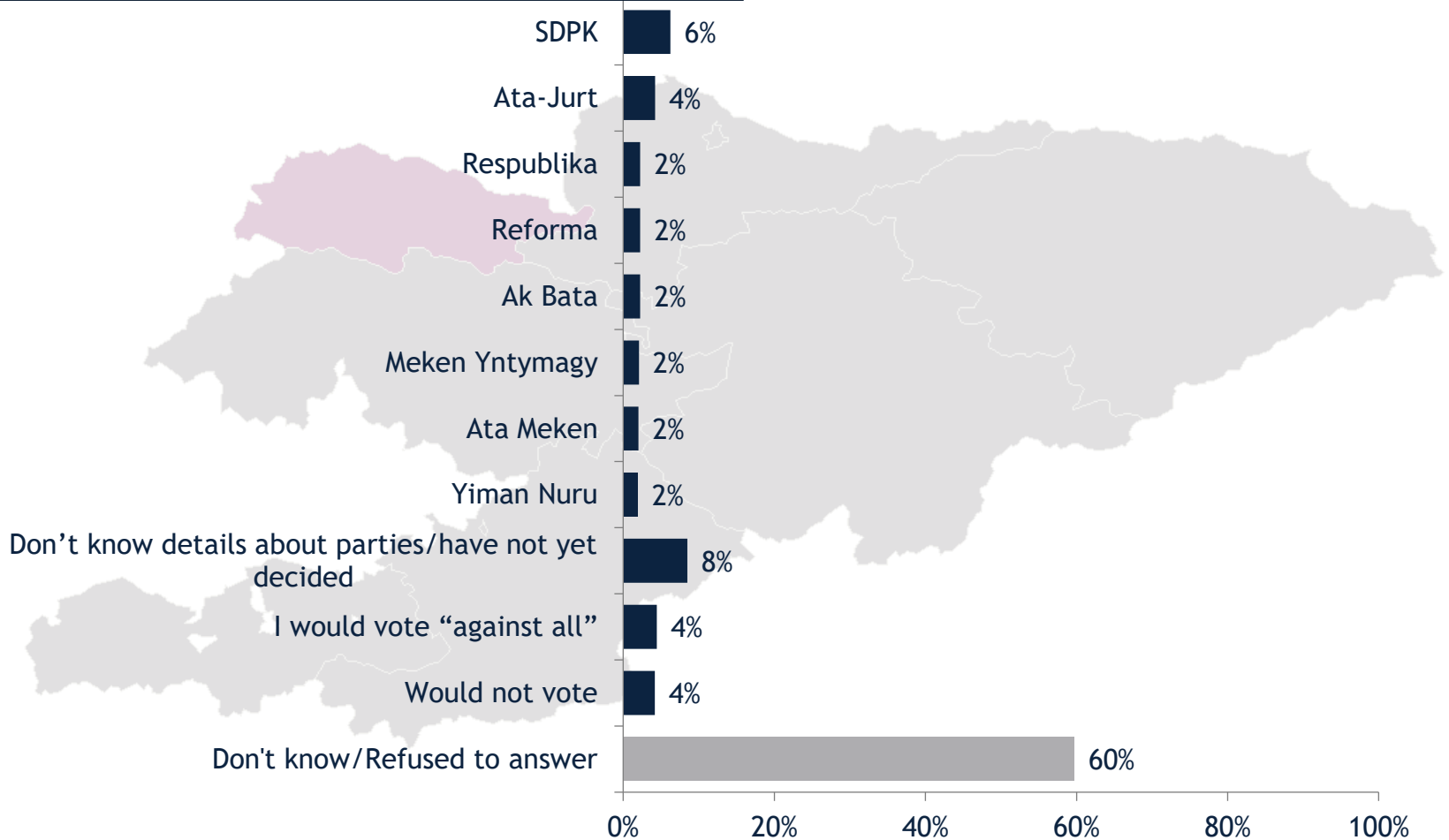
Naryn Oblast



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Talas Oblast

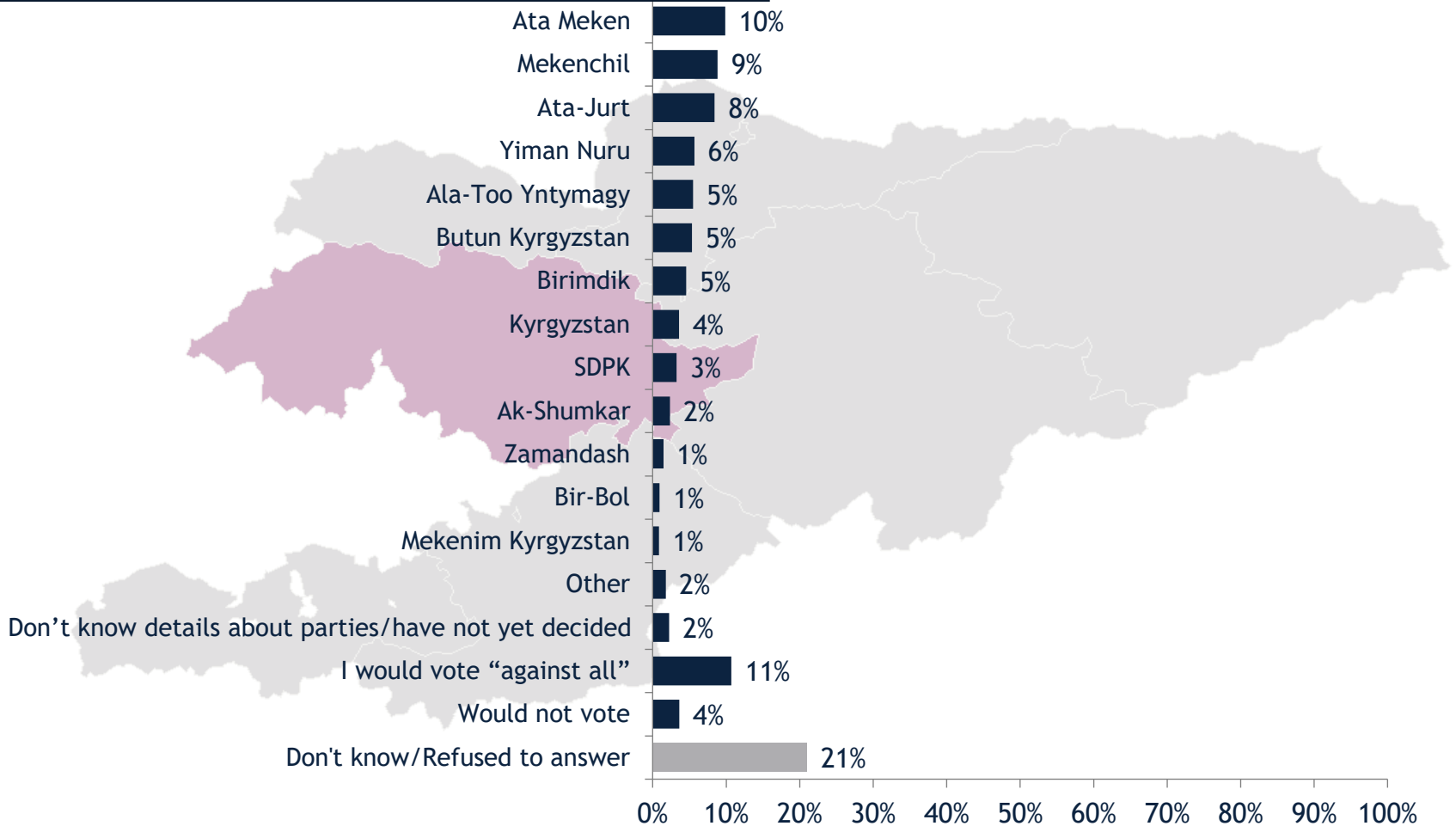




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Jalal-Abad Oblast

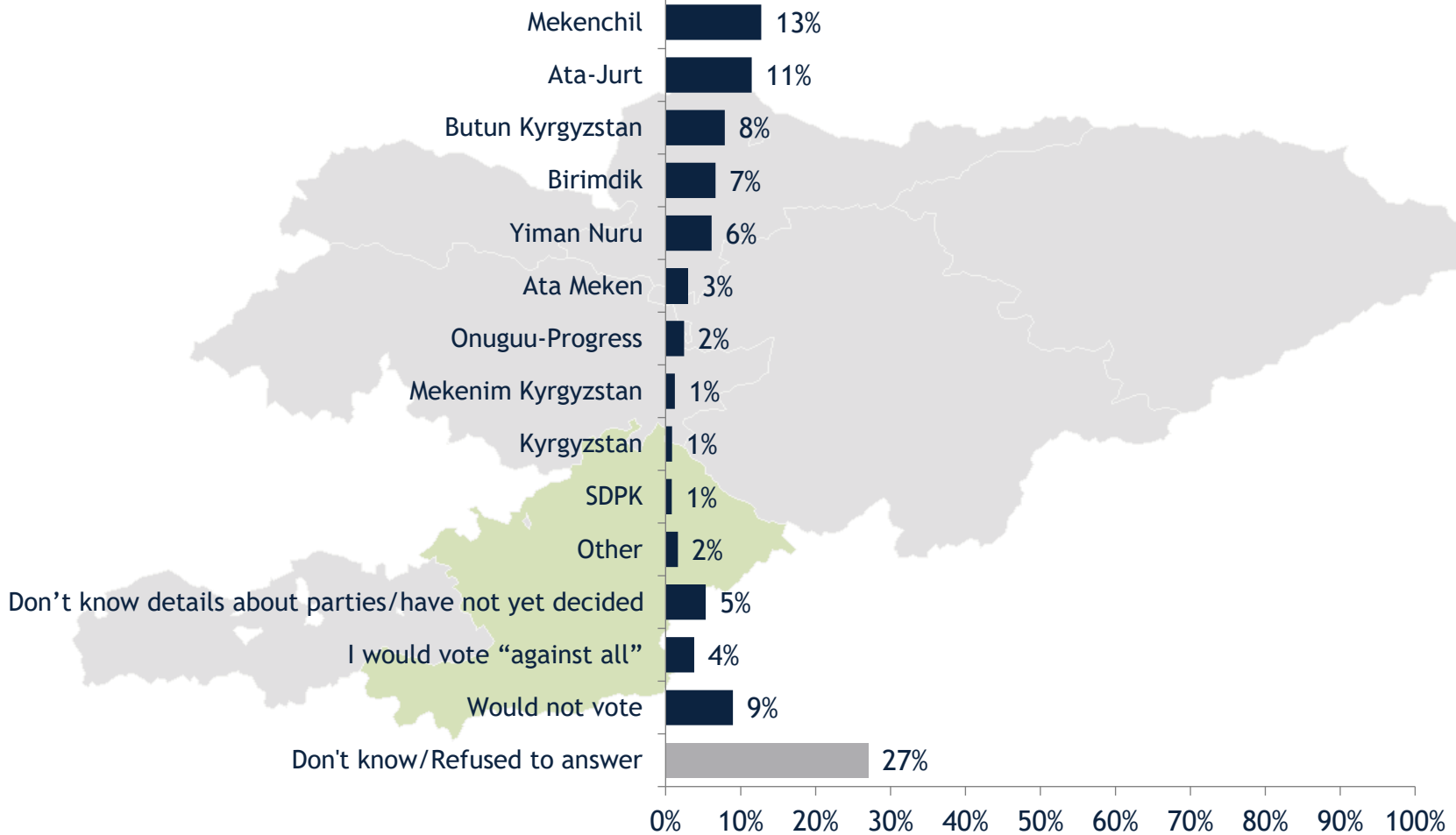


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Osh Oblast

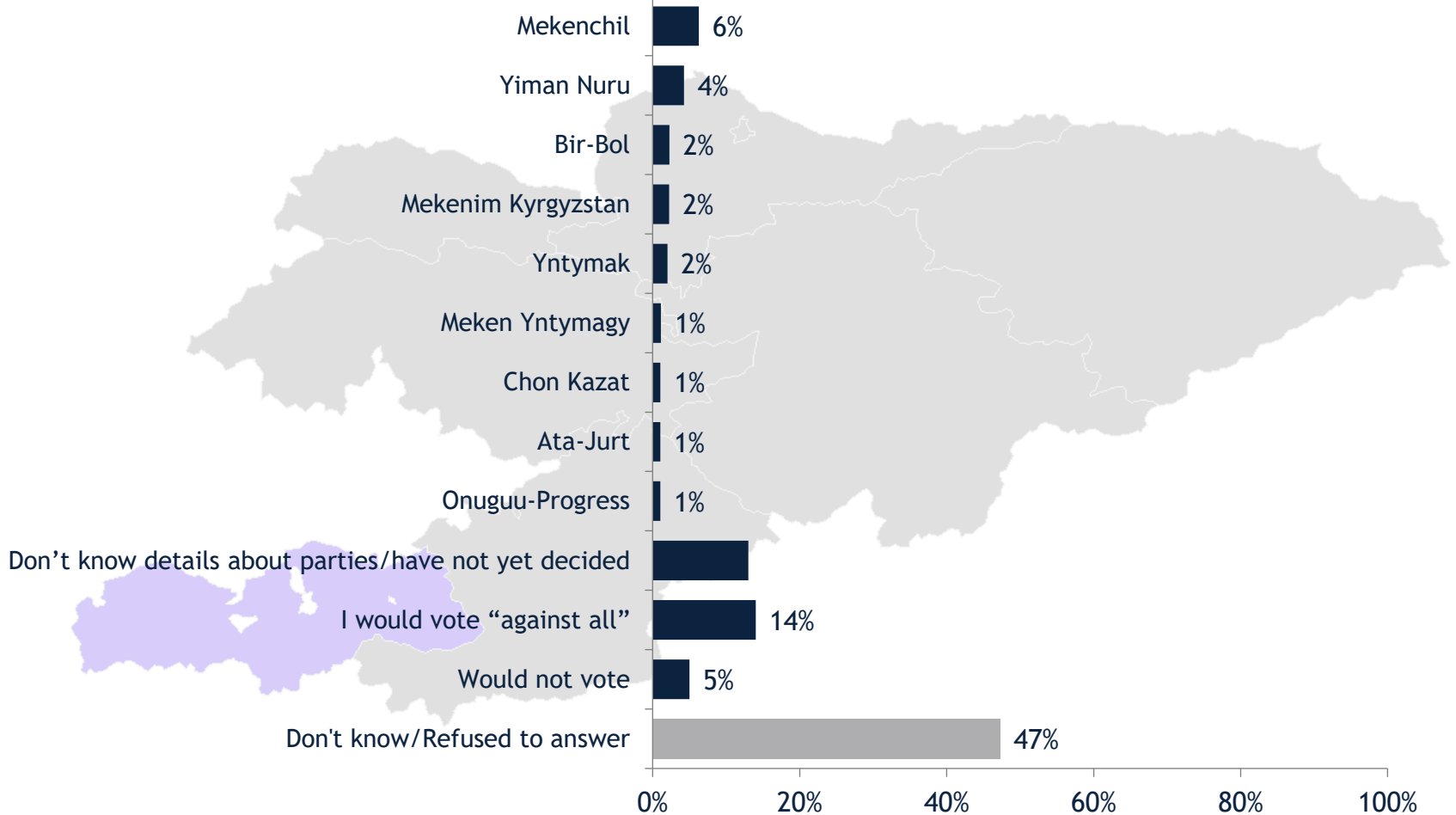


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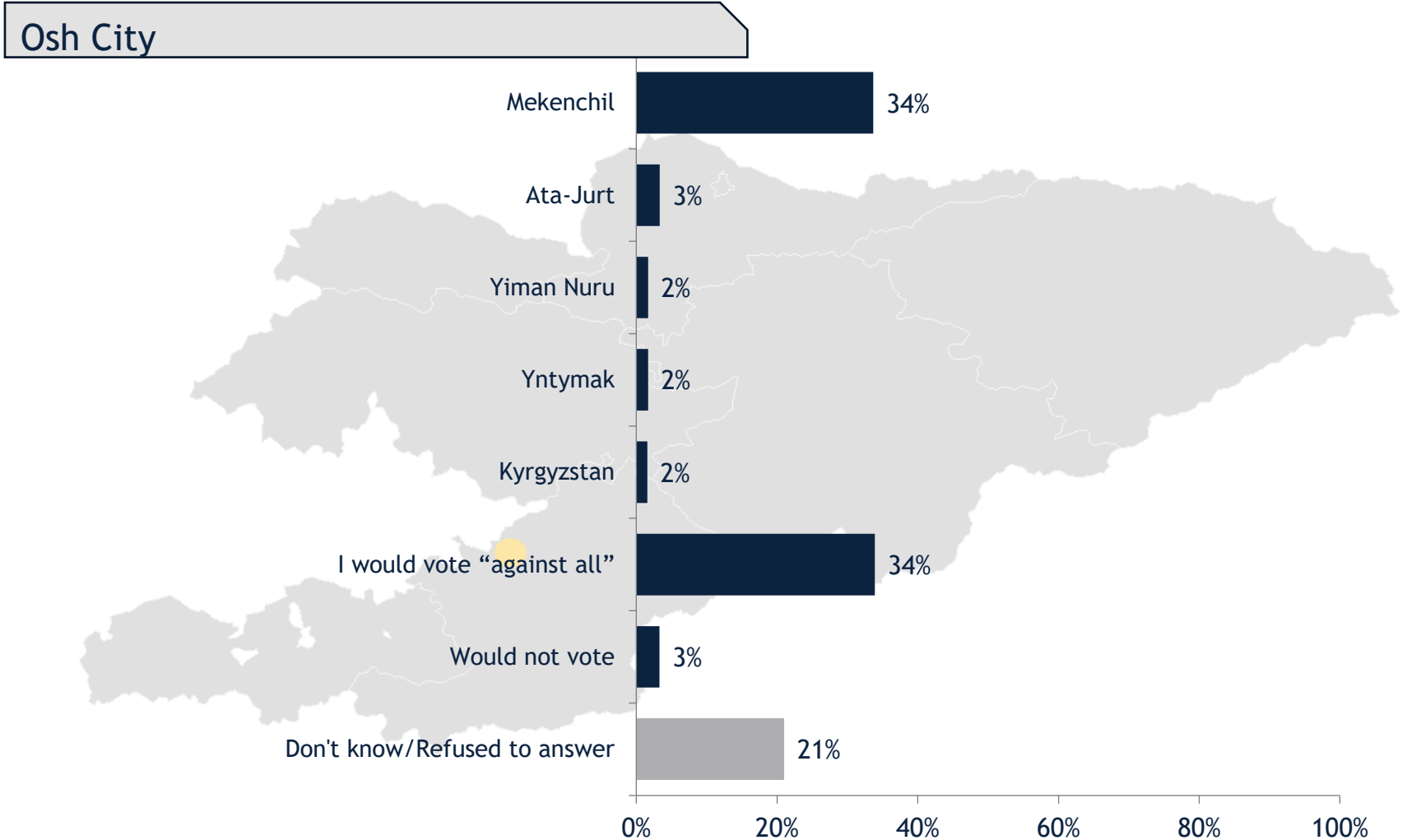
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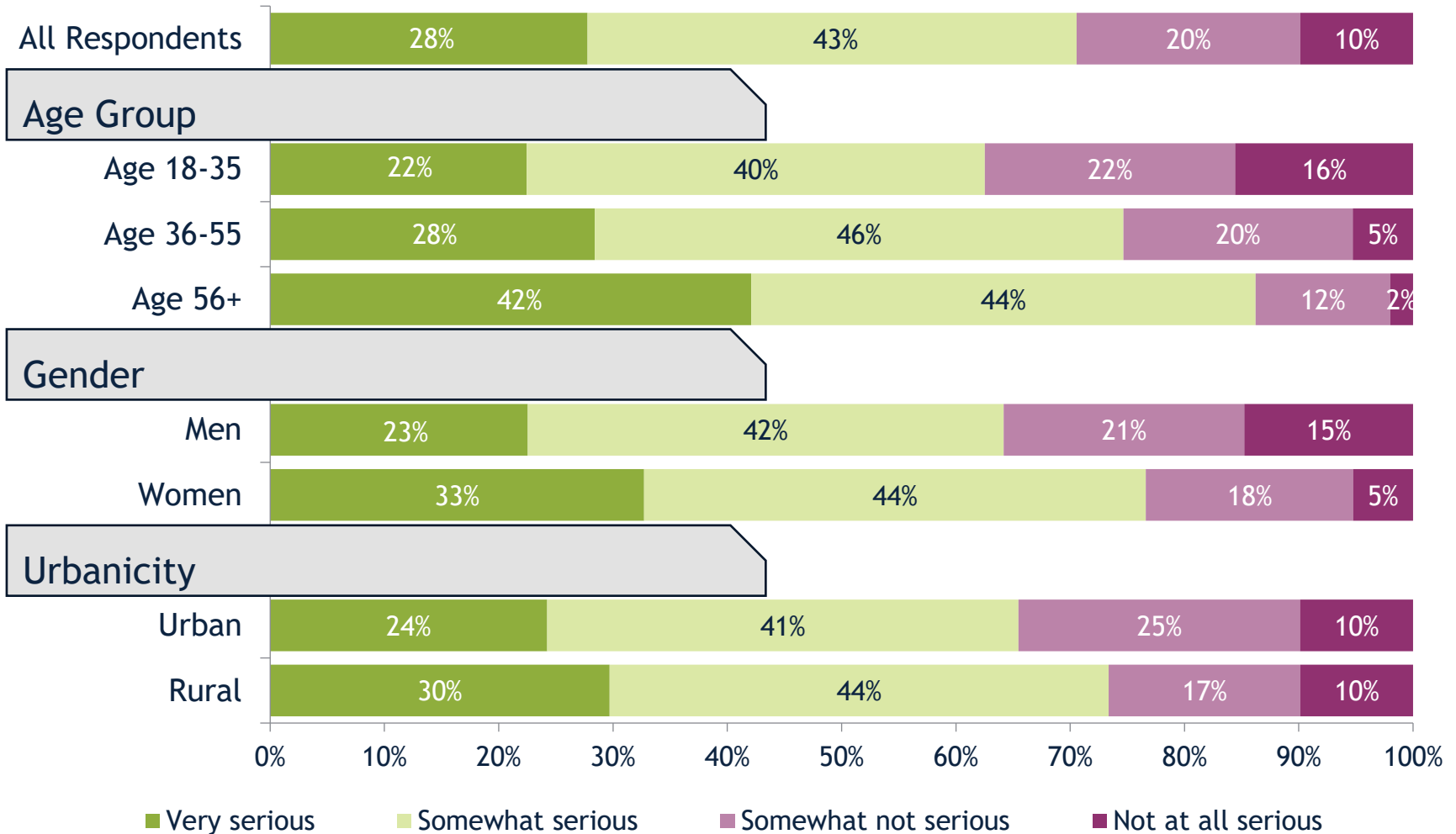
Coronavirus



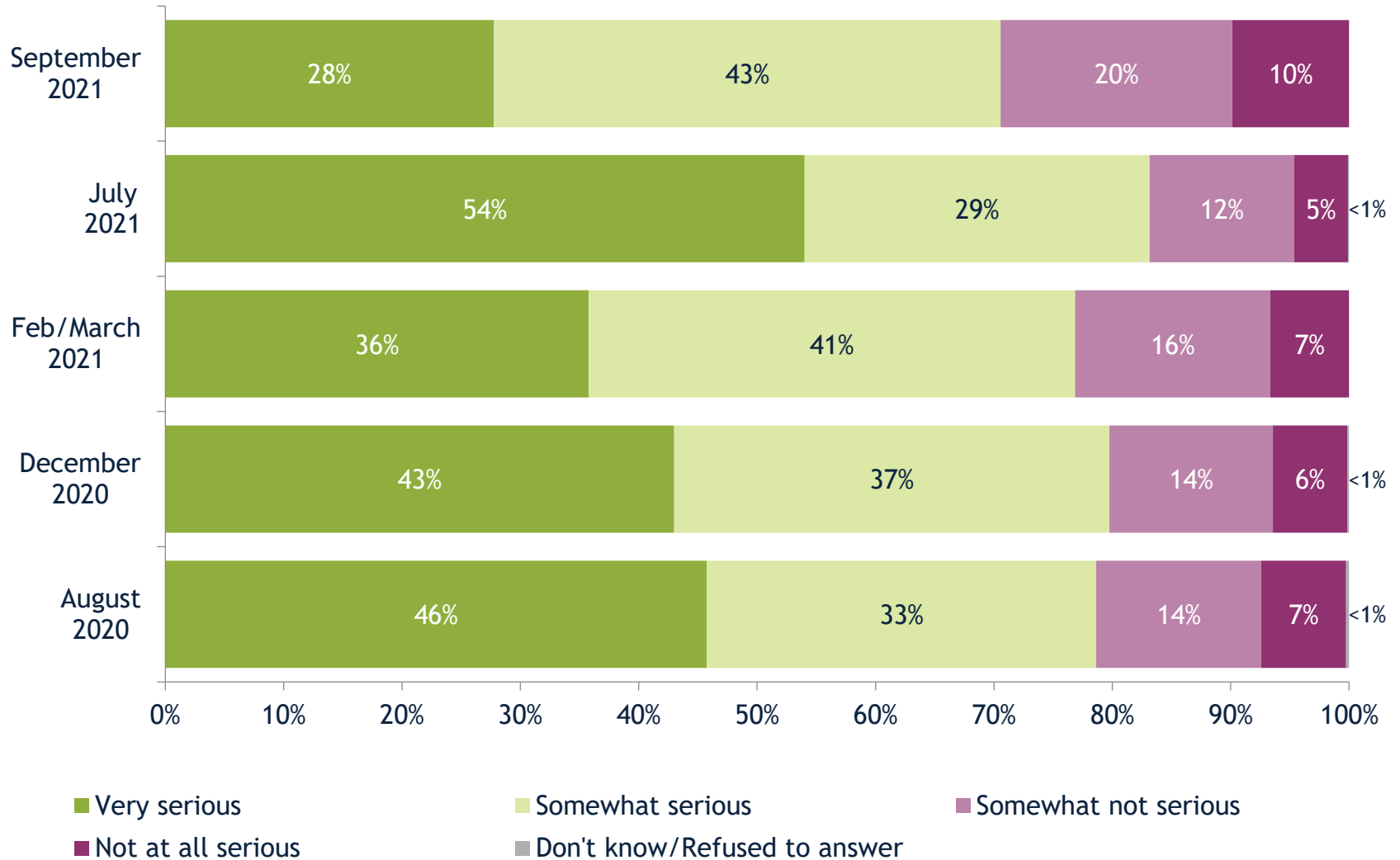
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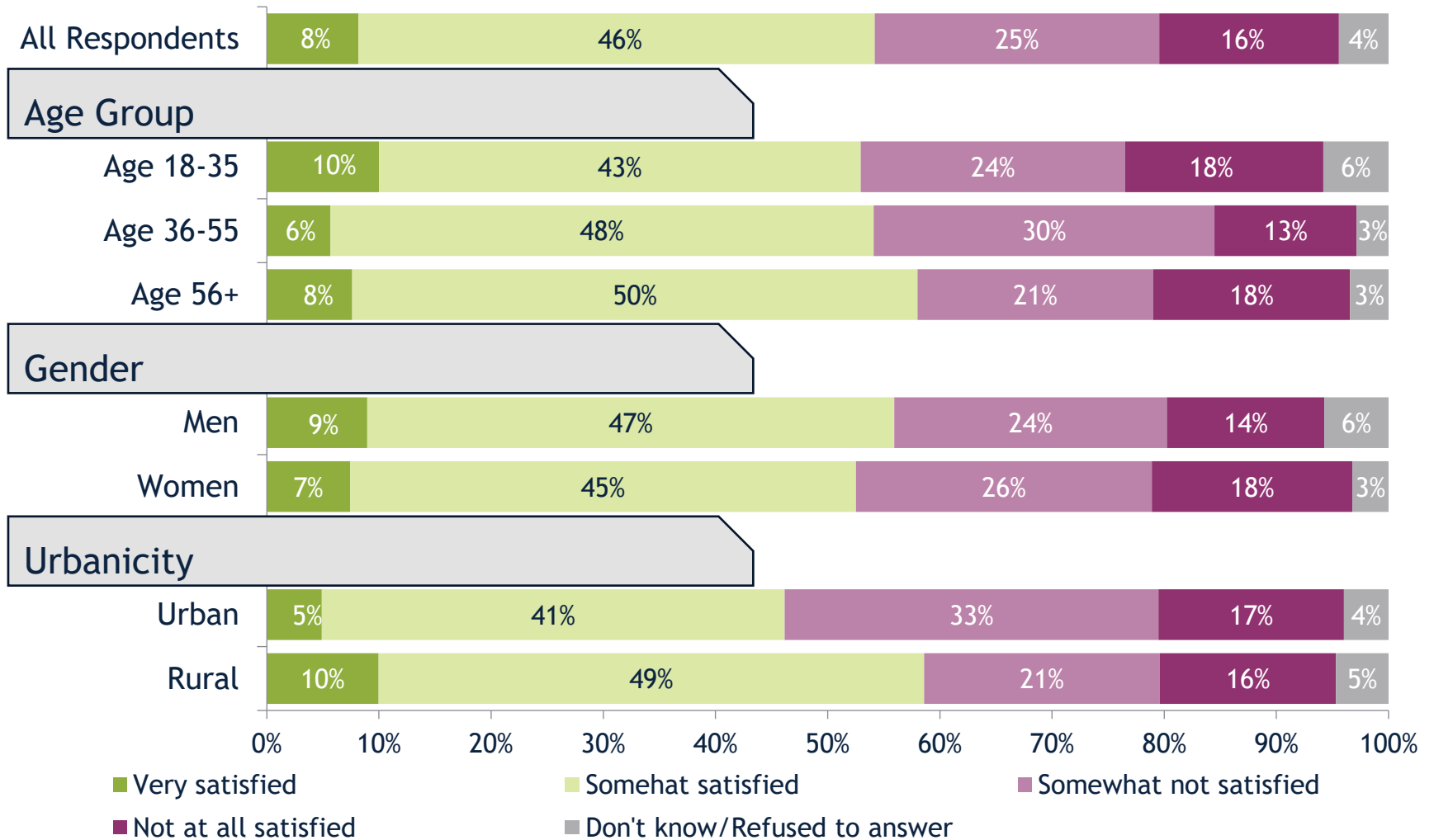
To what extent is the Coronavirus a concern for you?



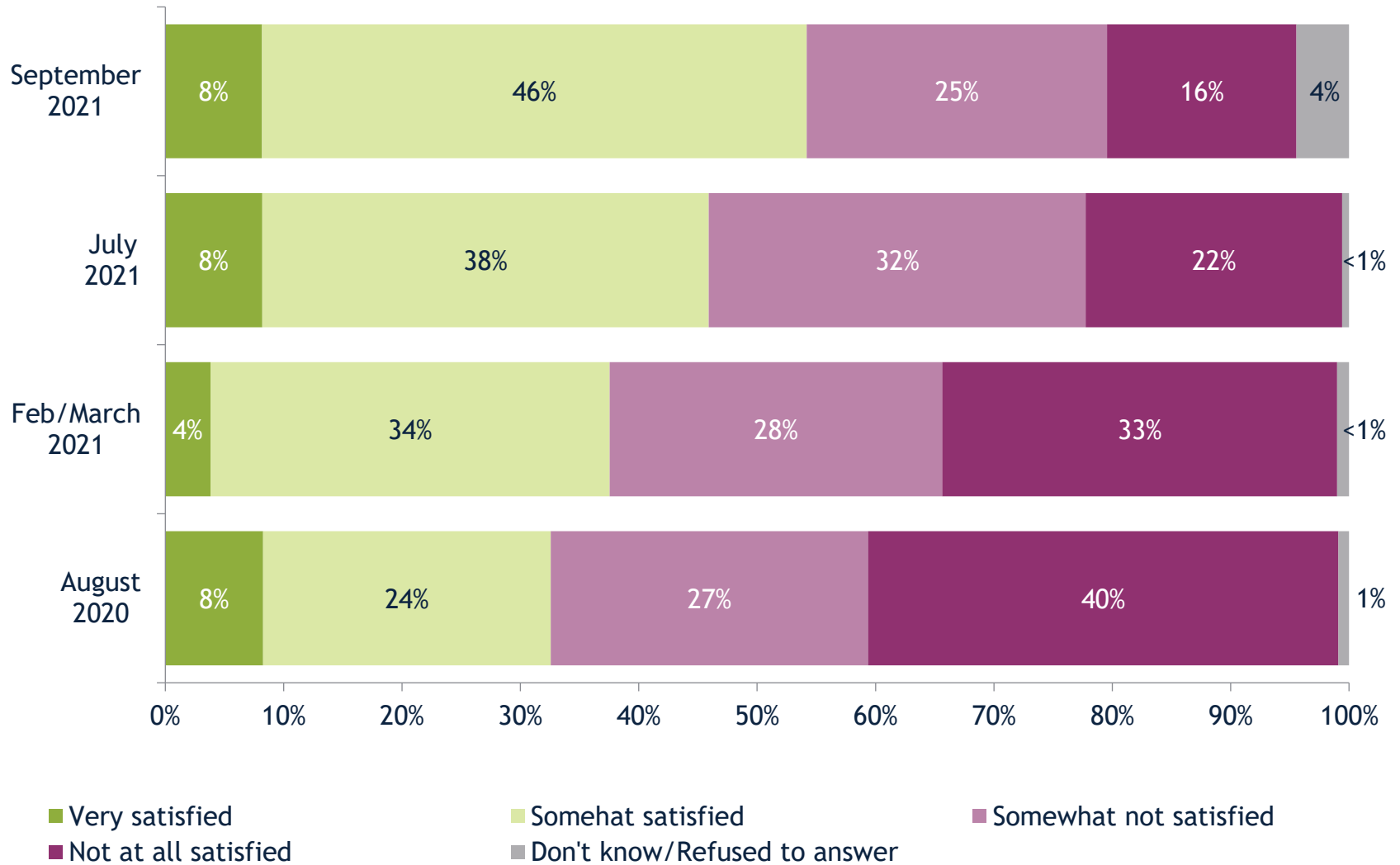
To what extent is the Coronavirus a concern for you?



To what extent are you satisfied with the government's response to the Coronavirus?



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Foreign Relations

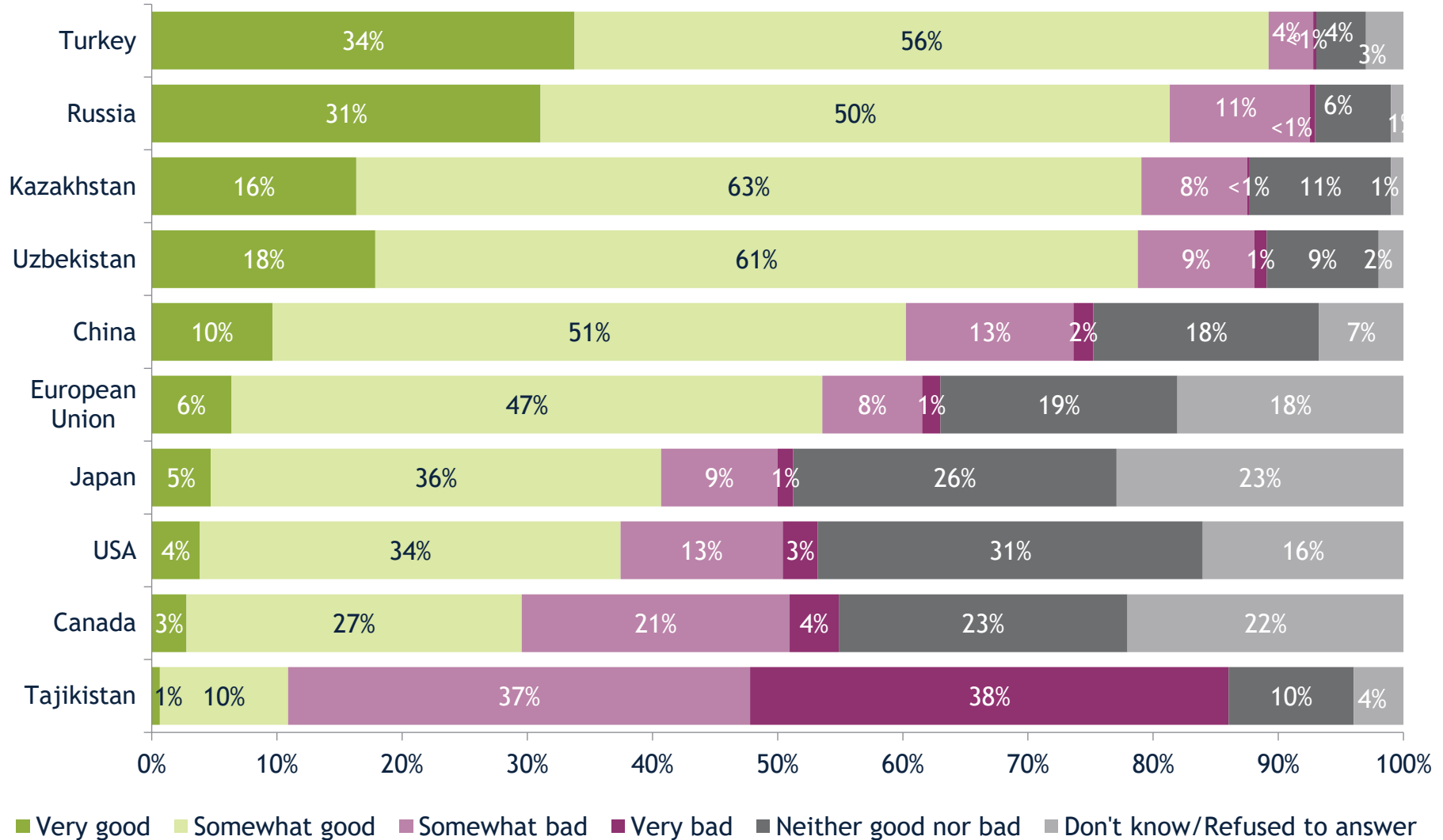


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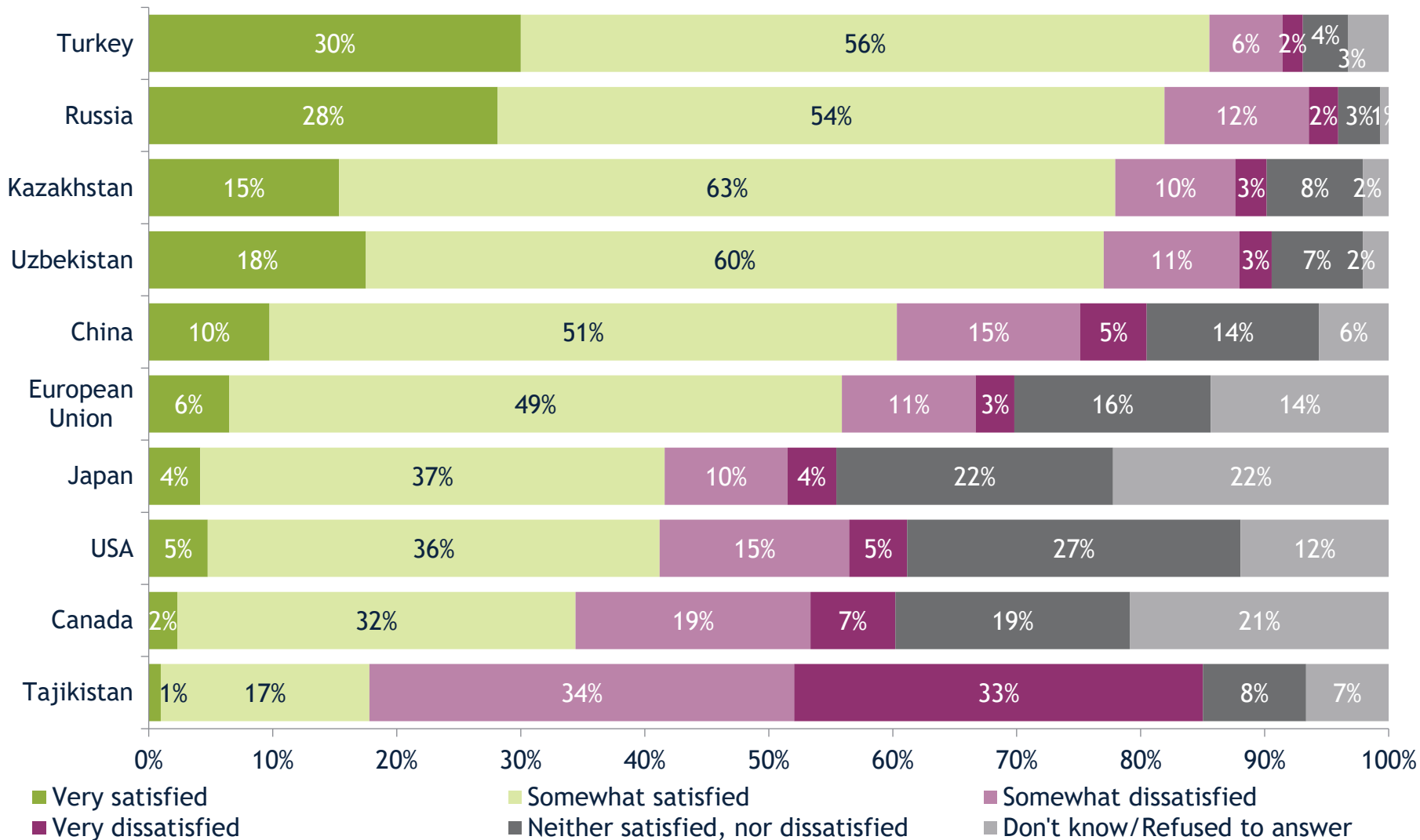


How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and...





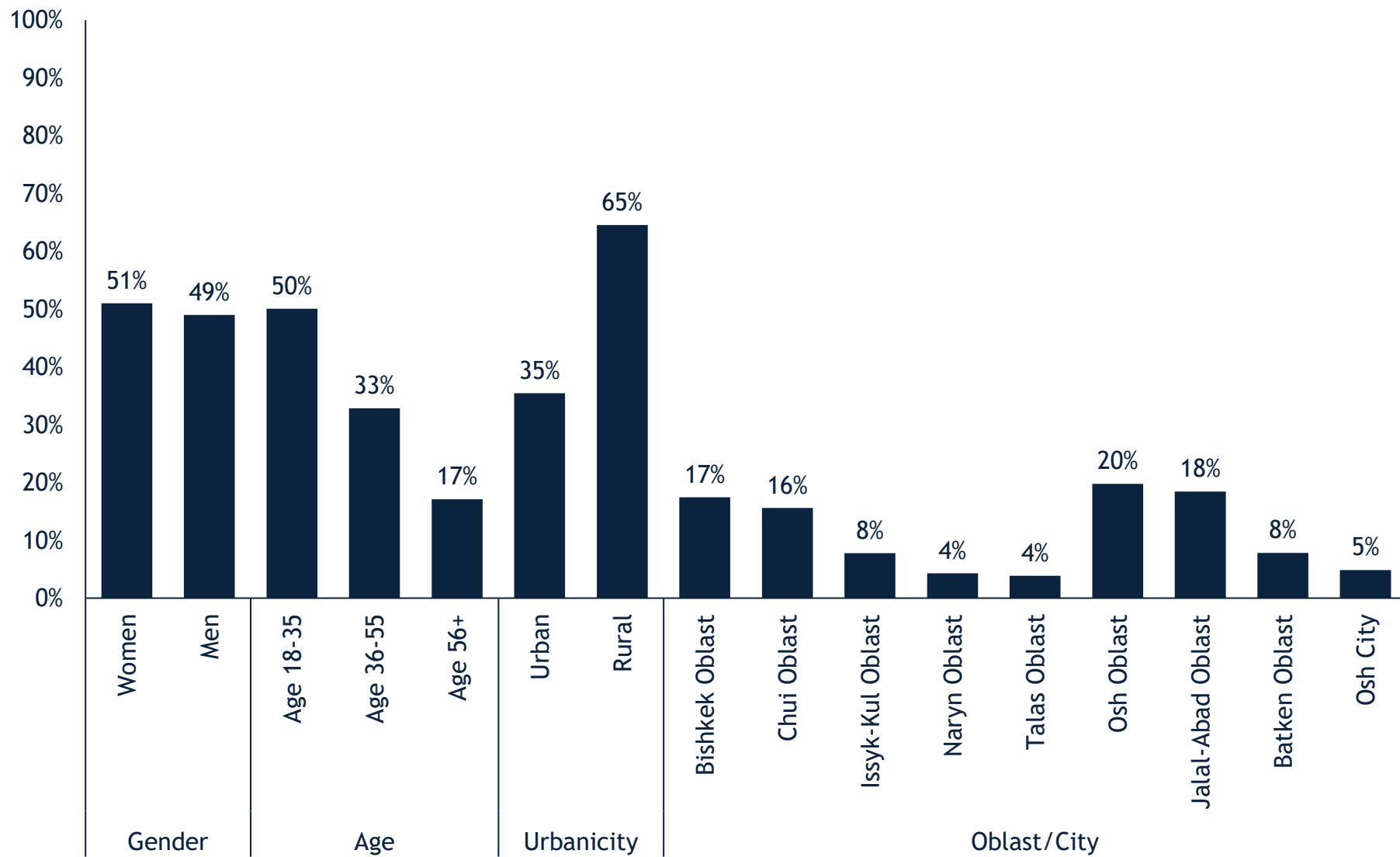
To what extent are you satisfied with the national government's policy towards...



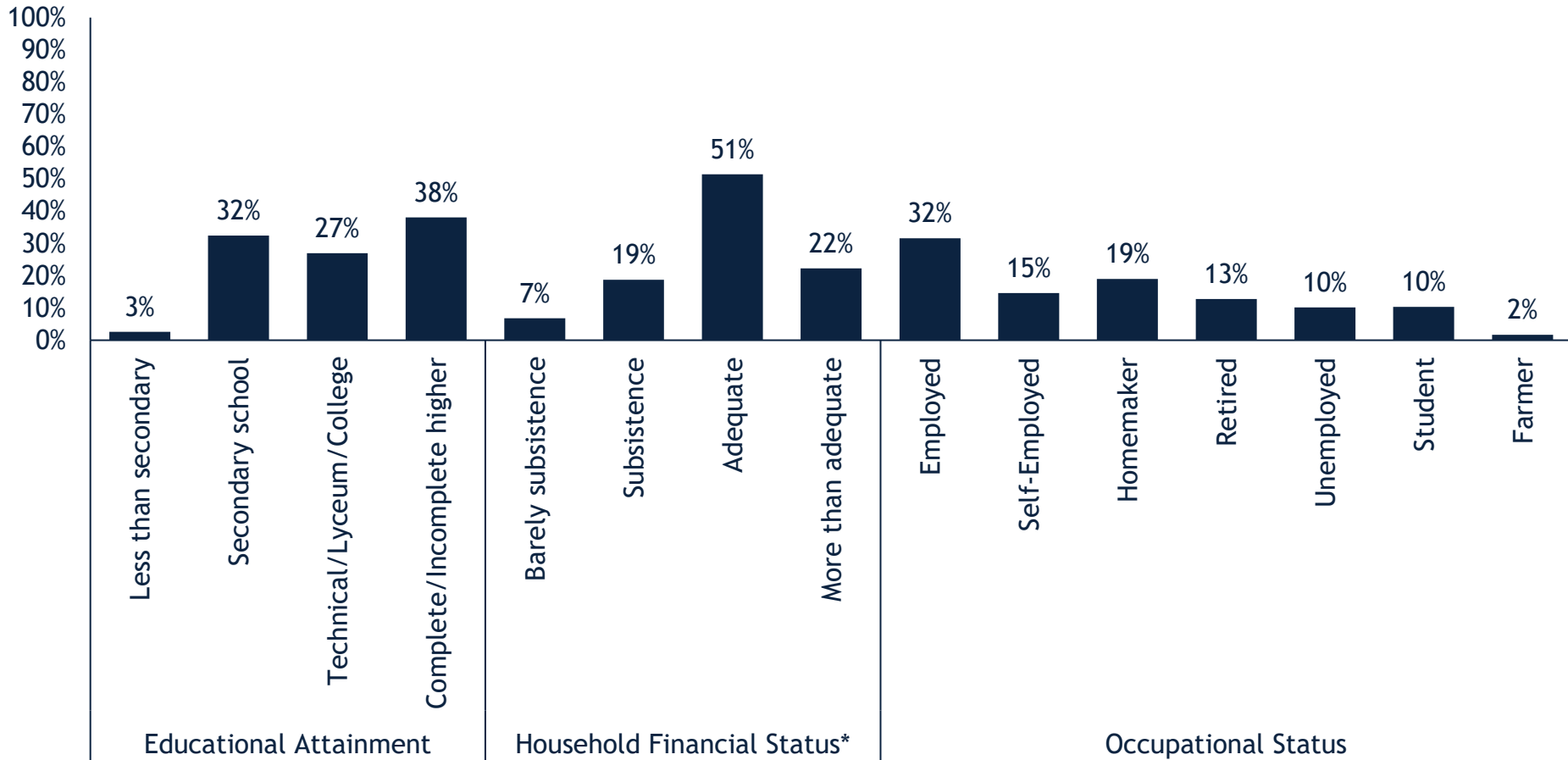
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***Household Financial Status** brackets are generated from the question “How would you assess the financial position of your family?”

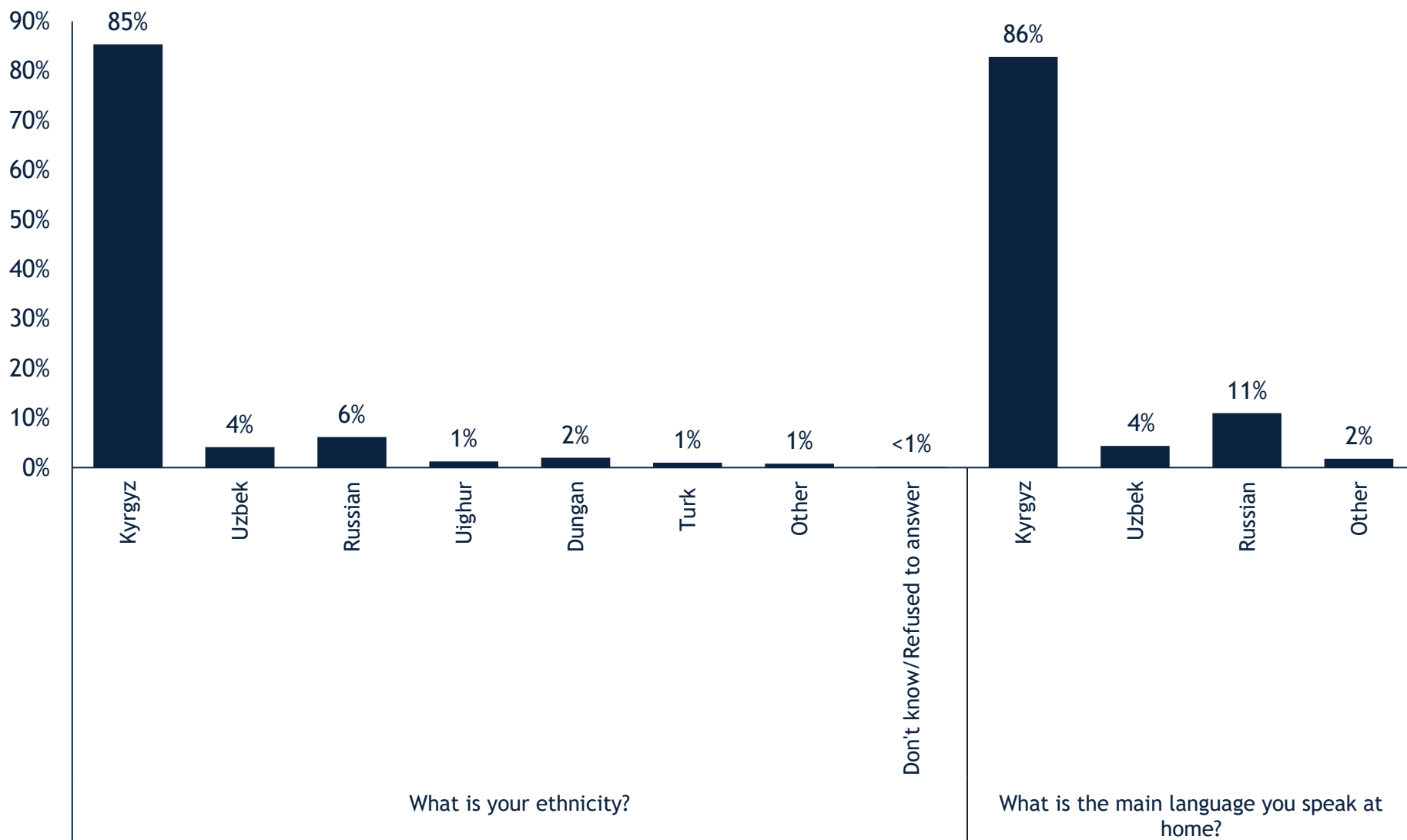
- **Barely subsistence** = “Money does not suffice even for food stuffs” and “Money suffices only for food, but nothing else, it does not suffice to pay the utilities bills”

- **Subsistence** = “Money suffices for food, but purchase of clothes causes difficulties”

- **Adequate** = “Income suffices for food and clothes, but purchase of expensive durable things, such as TV set, refrigerator is a problem”

- **More than adequate** = “We can easily get durable things, but purchase of really expensive things, such as car, is a big problem for us” and “At the present time we can afford much - a car, a summer residence, travel abroad”

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