

# Armenia National Voter Study

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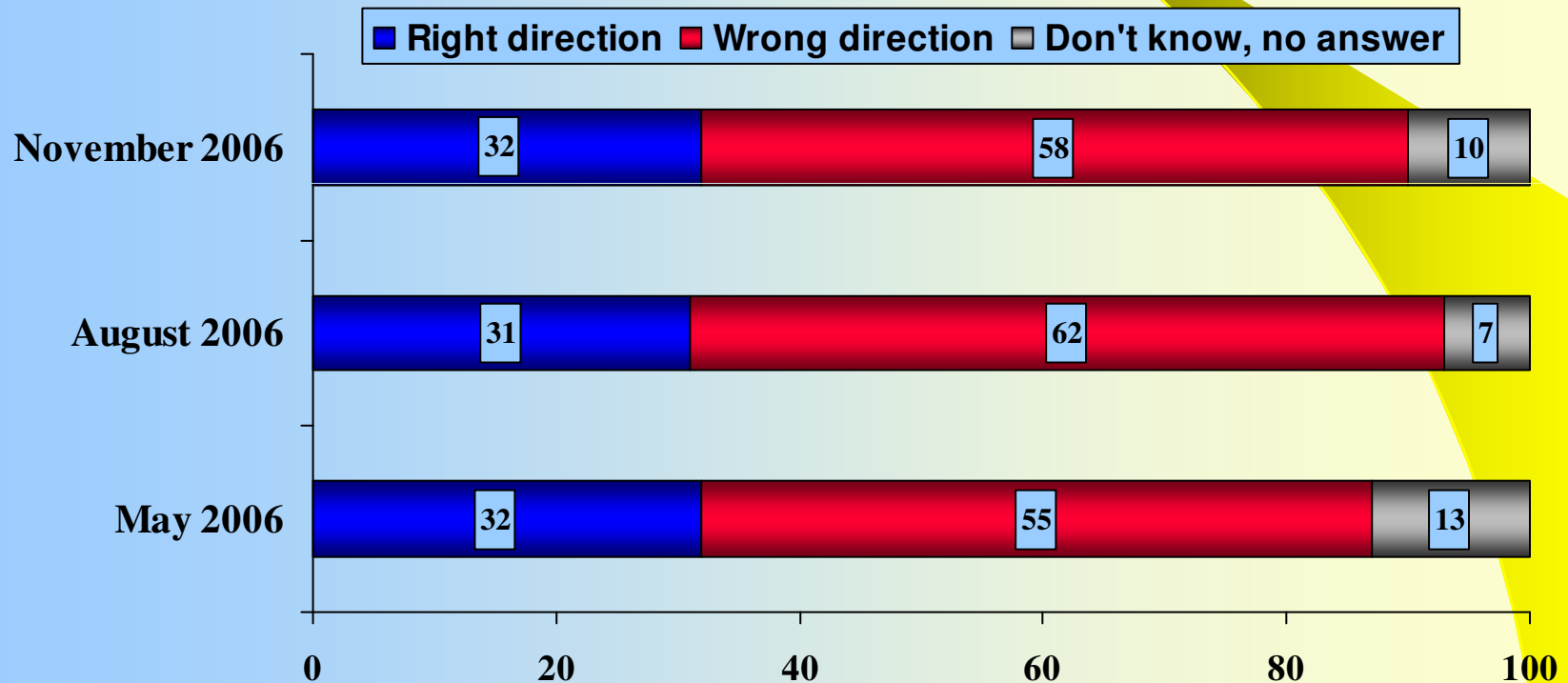
# INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

- This national representative survey was conducted from November 10-19, 2006.
- 1,200 Armenian residents (voters) aged 18 years and over were interviewed face-to-face. The margin of error does not exceed 3 percent.
- The survey was carried out on behalf of IRI.
- It was funded by the United States Agency for International Development. The study was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene).
- The fieldwork was carried out by the Armenian Sociological Association (ASA).

# MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

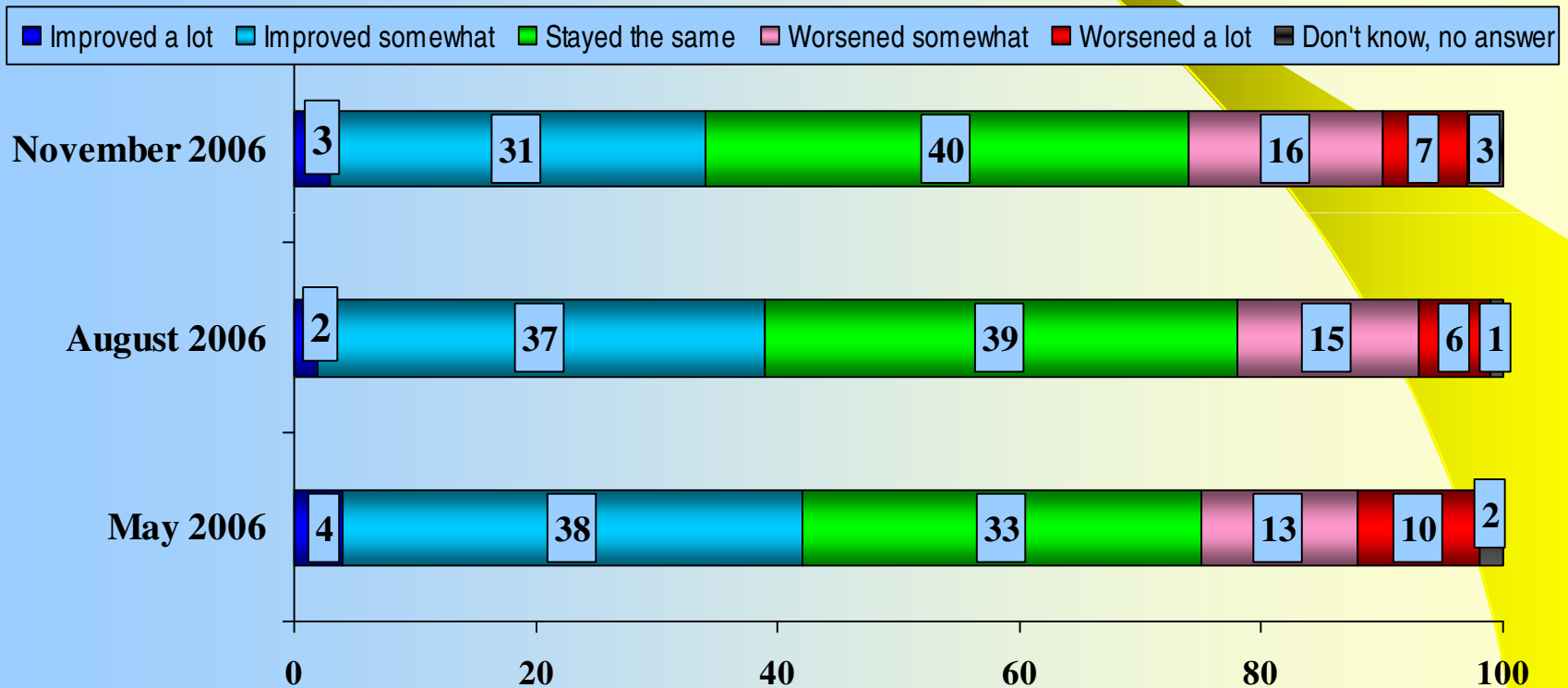
Mood of the country: 58 percent of Armenians think that the country is on the wrong track, while 32 percent think that the country is going in the right direction

Do you think that things in Armenia are going in the....



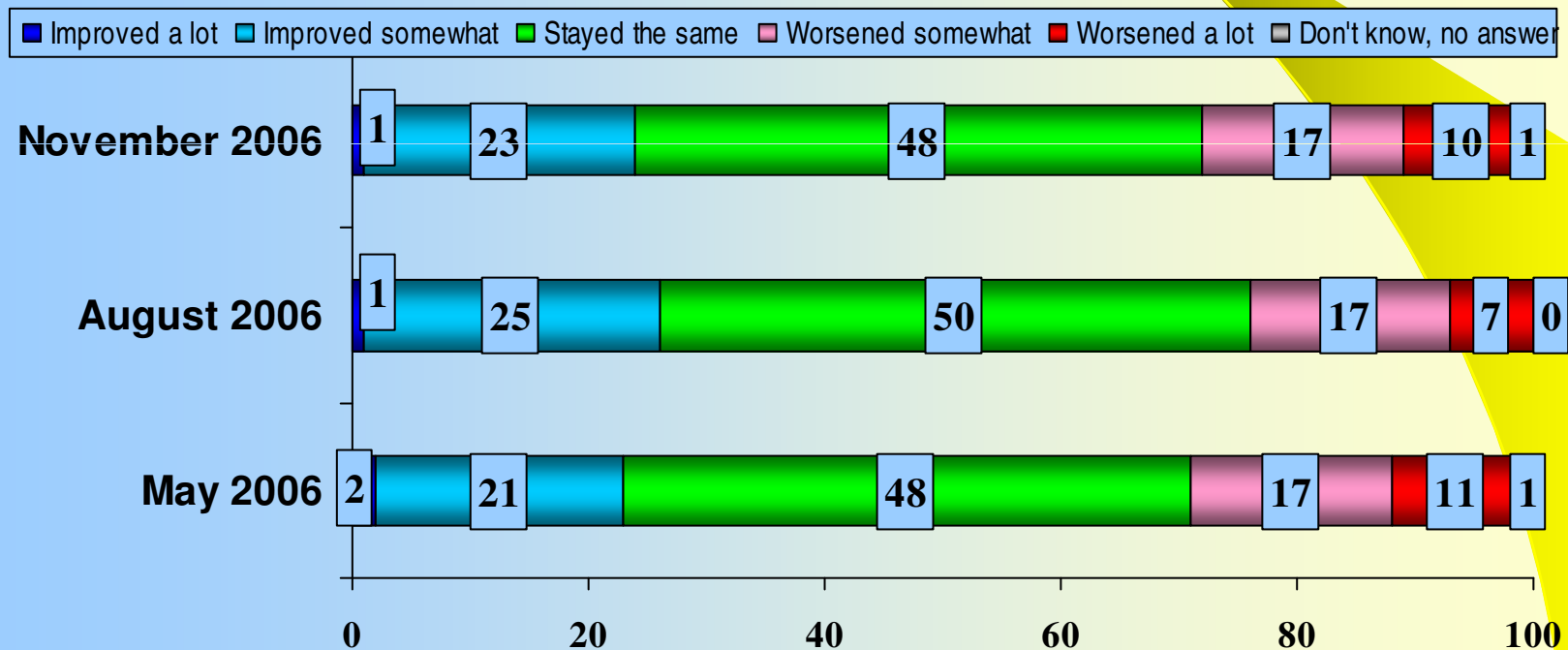
# Mood of the country: 34 percent of Armenians see improvement in the country's economy, while 23 percent think it is declining

Over the last three months, the economic situation in Armenia has...



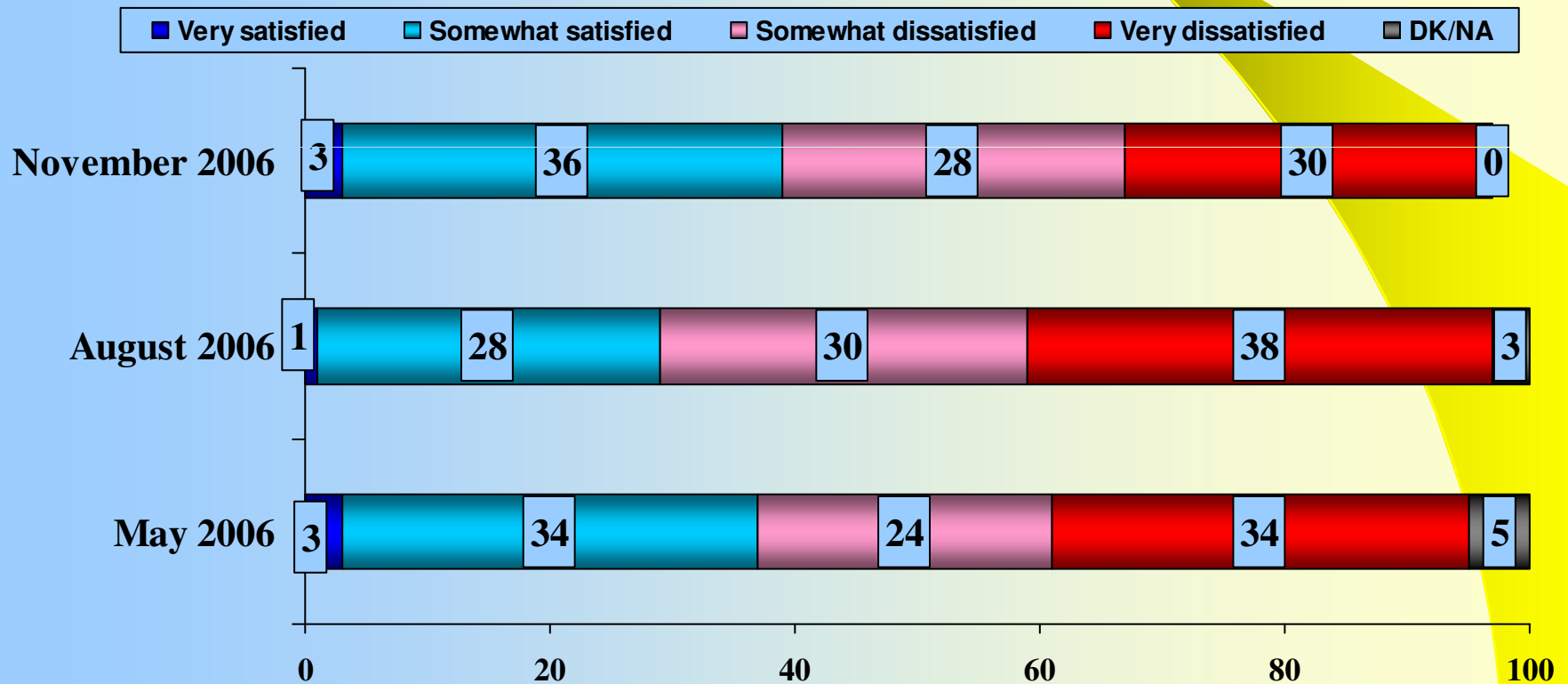
Mood of the country: 24 percent of Armenians say their household's financial situation has improved, while 27 percent say it has declined

Over the last three months, the financial situation of your household has...



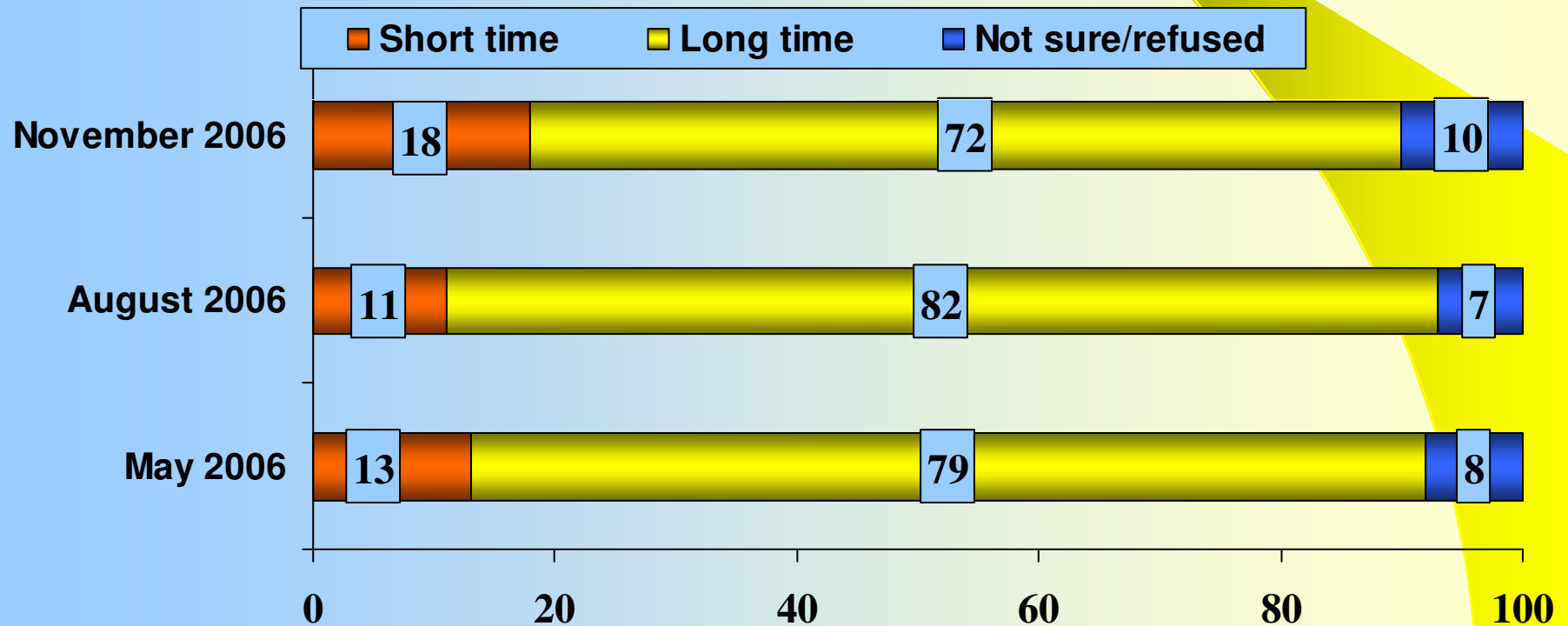
Mood of the country: 39 percent of Armenians are satisfied with the development of democracy, while 58 percent are not

How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Armenia?



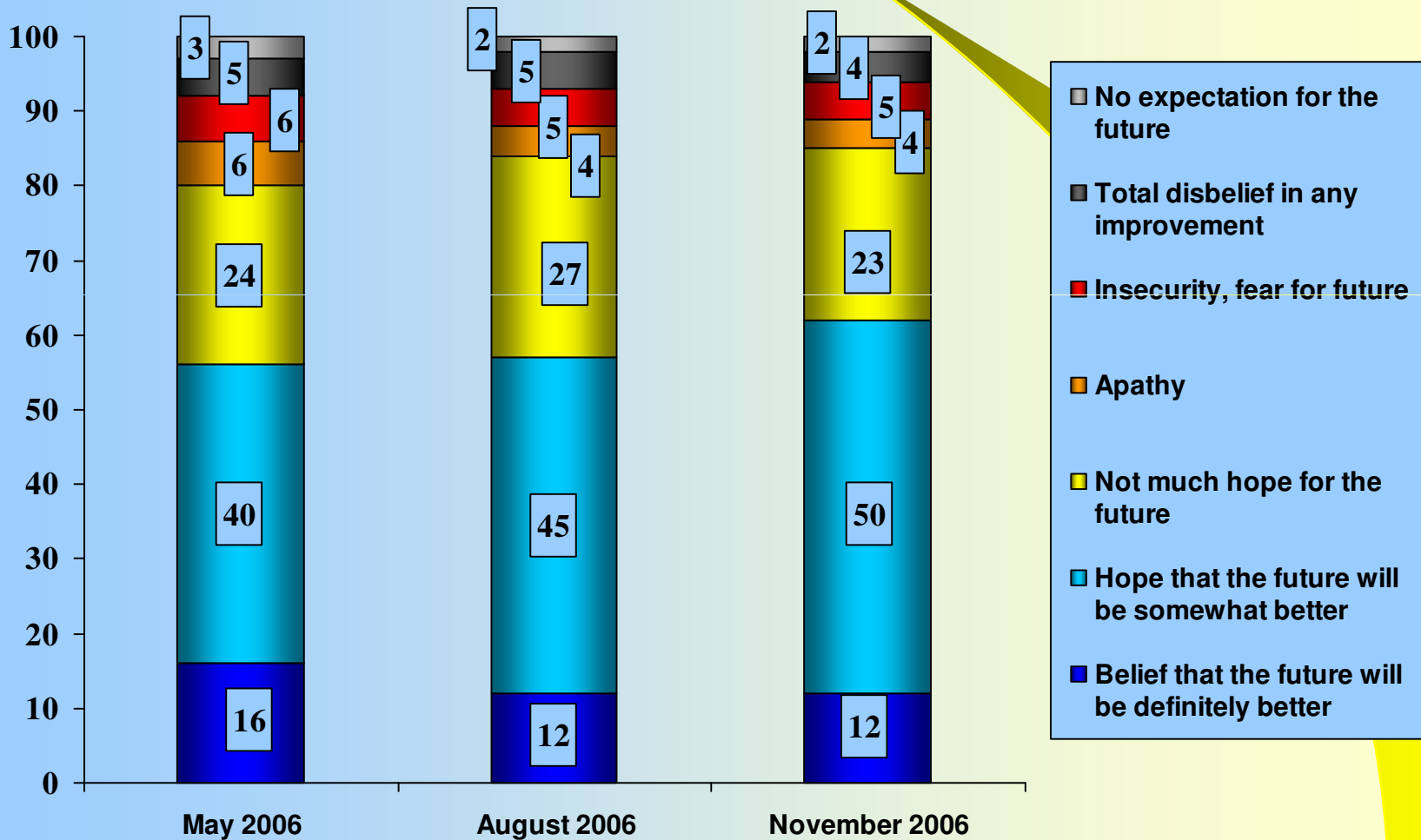
Mood of the country: An overall majority of Armenians think that it will take a long time to improve things in their country

Do you believe that things will get better in a short time, or will it take a long time for things to get better in the country?

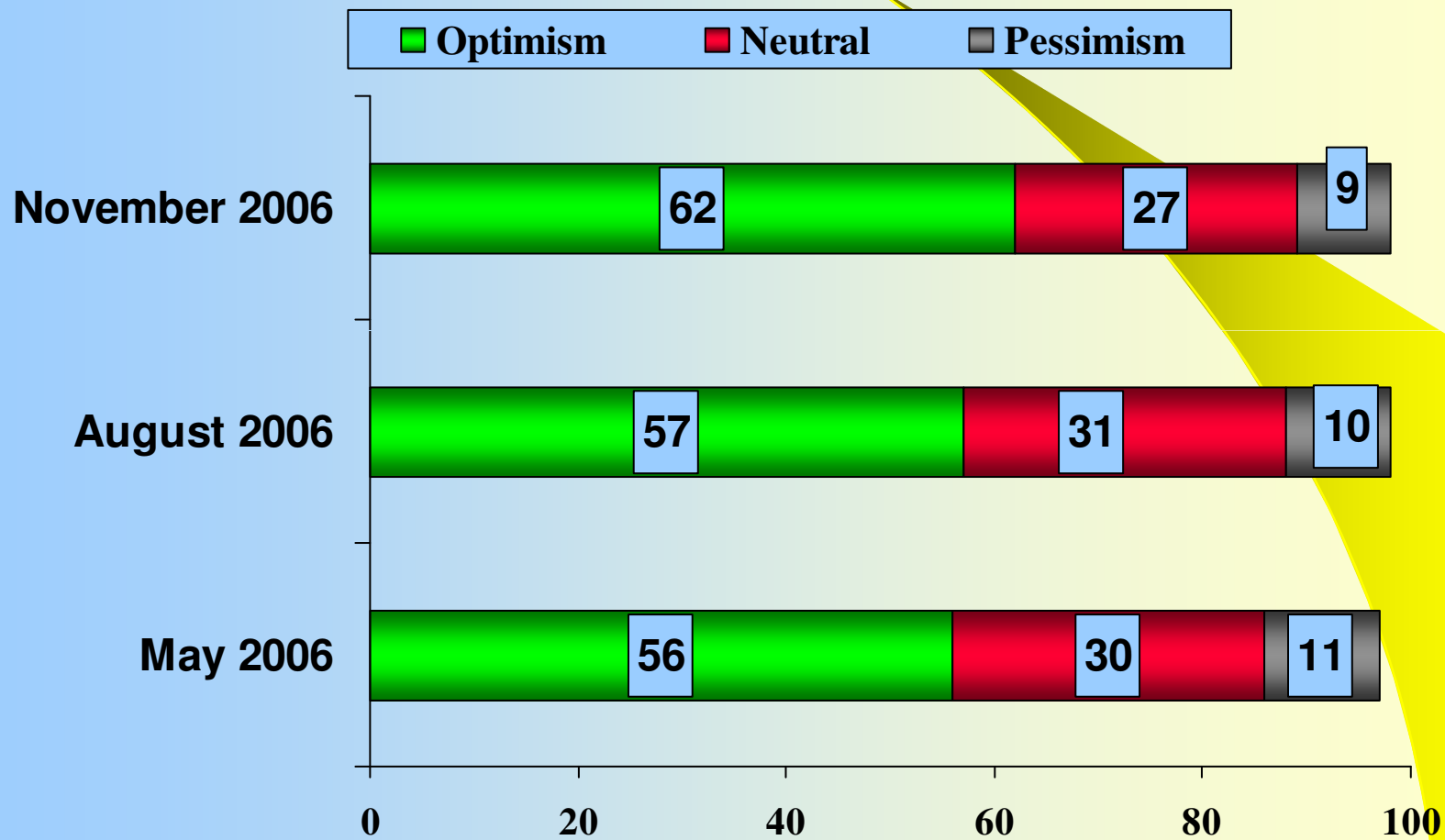




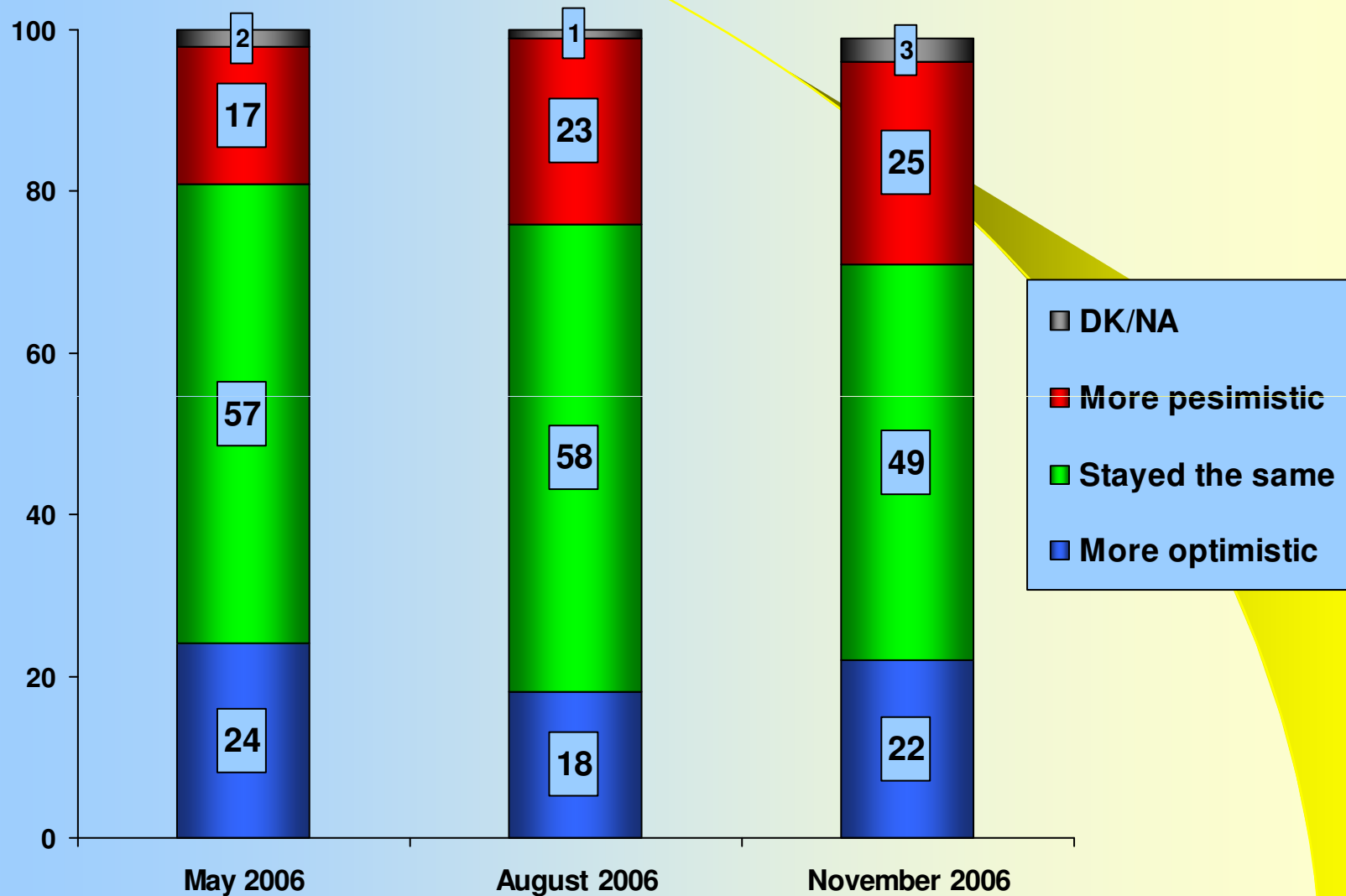
## Mood of the Nation: Expectations



# Mood of the Nation

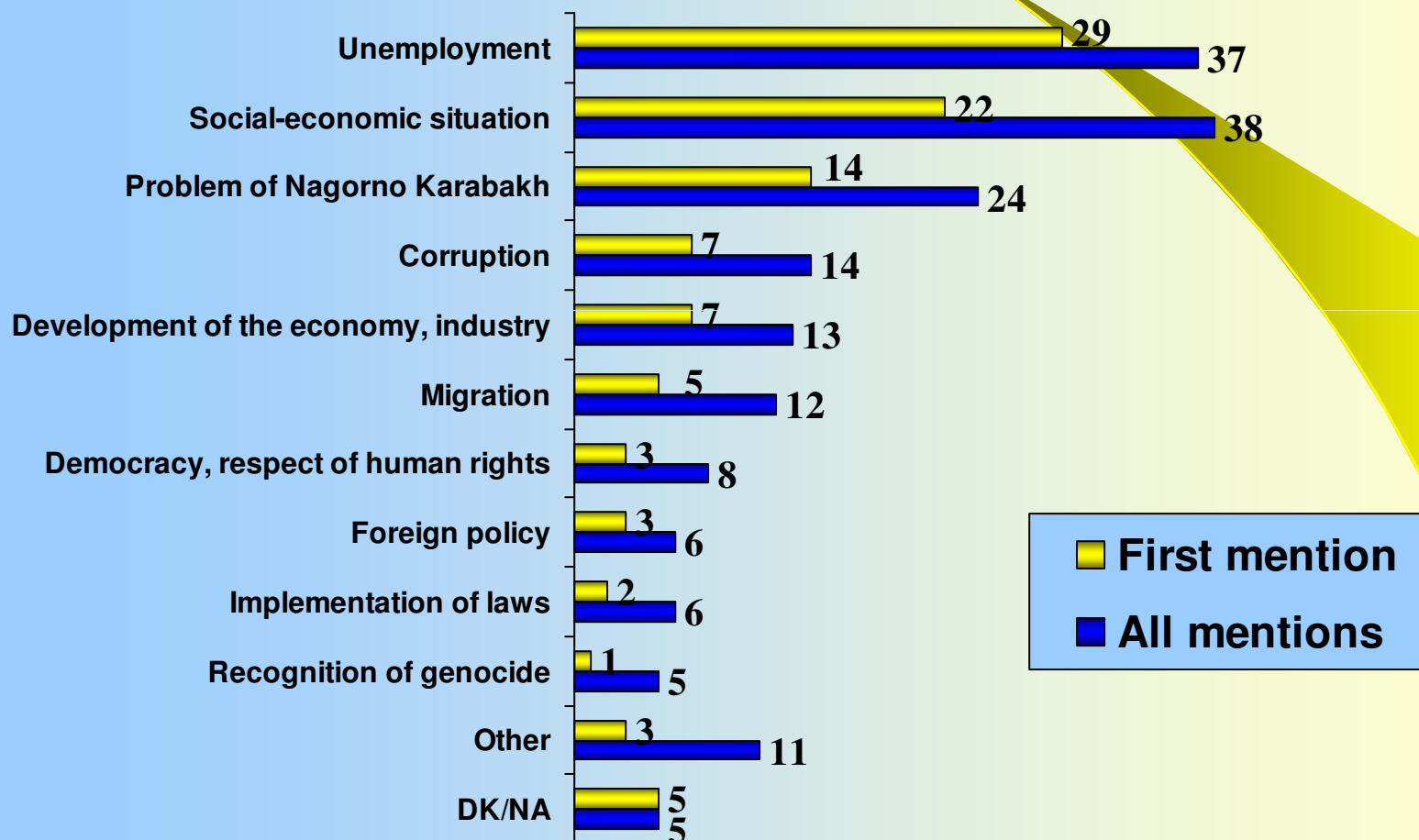


# Over the last year attitudes towards the way things are developing in Armenia has become:

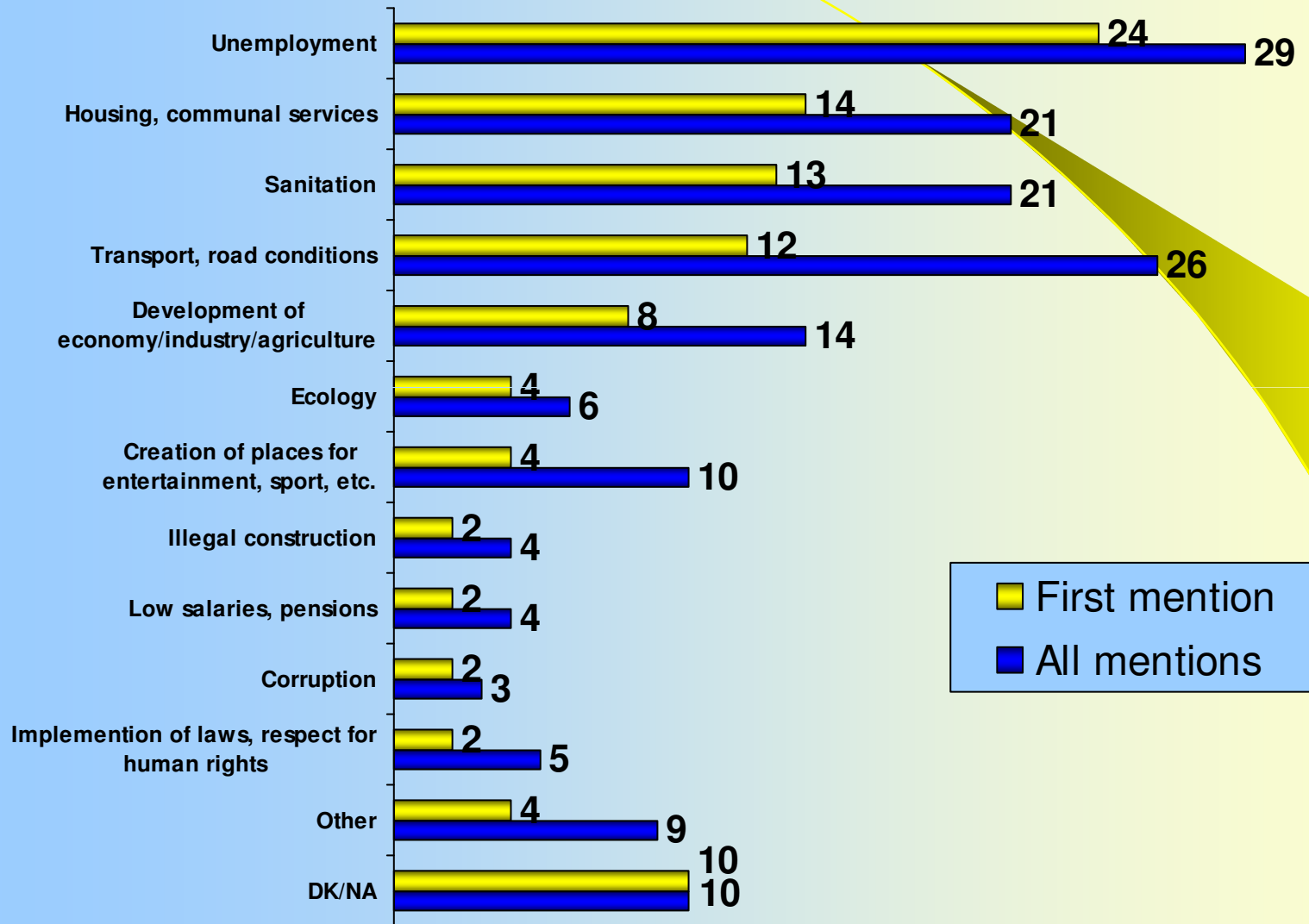


# ISSUES

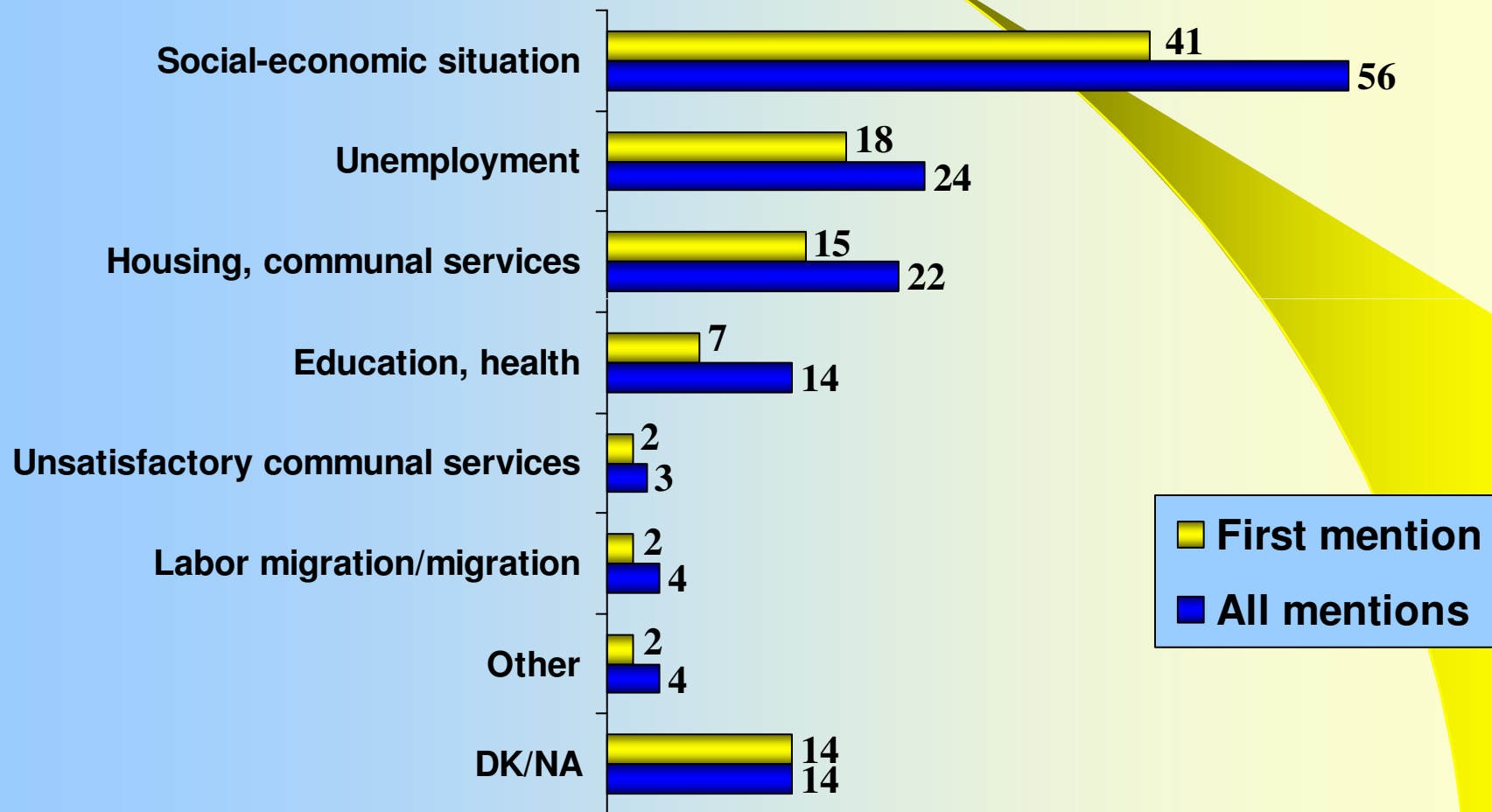
## Most important issues facing Armenia November 2006 (%)



# Most important issue facing towns/villages in Armenia November 2006 (%)



# Most important issue facing households in Armenia November 2006 (%)

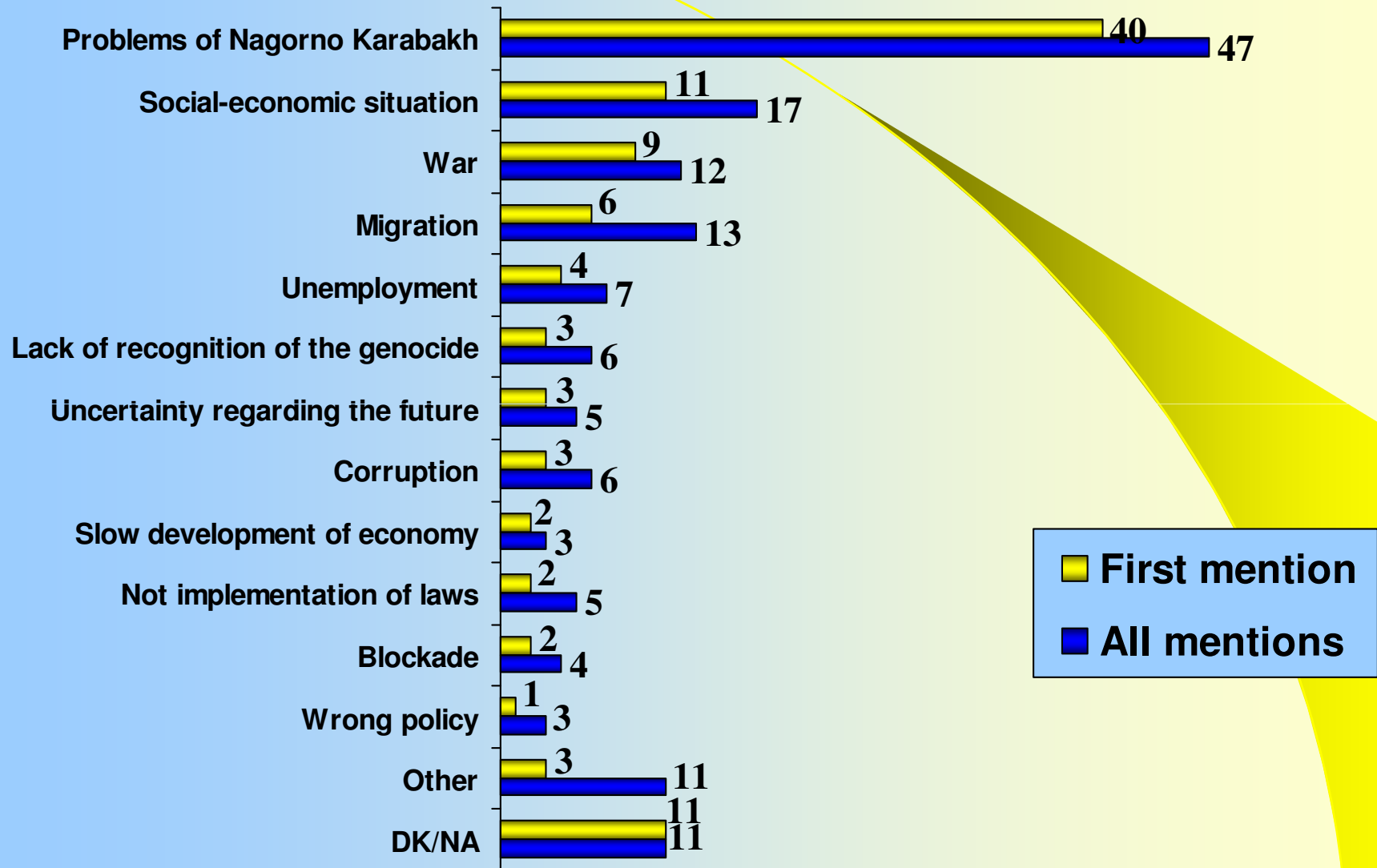


# Issues

- At the personal/household level, social issues are most pressing.
- At community level, the most important problem is unemployment.
- At the national level, social problems and territorial integrity/security issues are most important.



# People's Fears November 2006 (%)



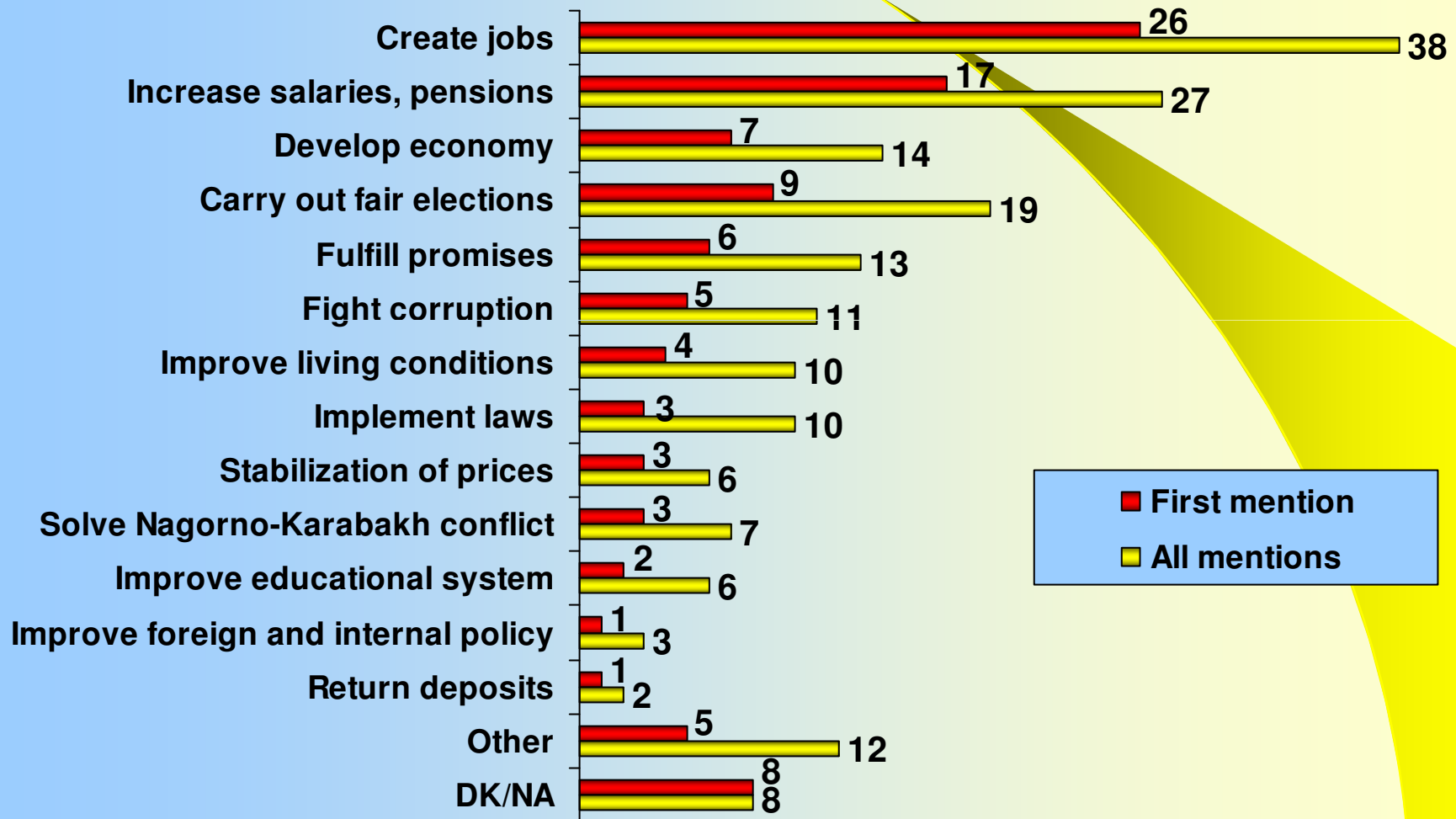
# People's Fears

- The biggest fears are related to instability/security: territorial integrity of the country, war, social instability (social-economic problems, unemployment) and migration.

# POLITICS

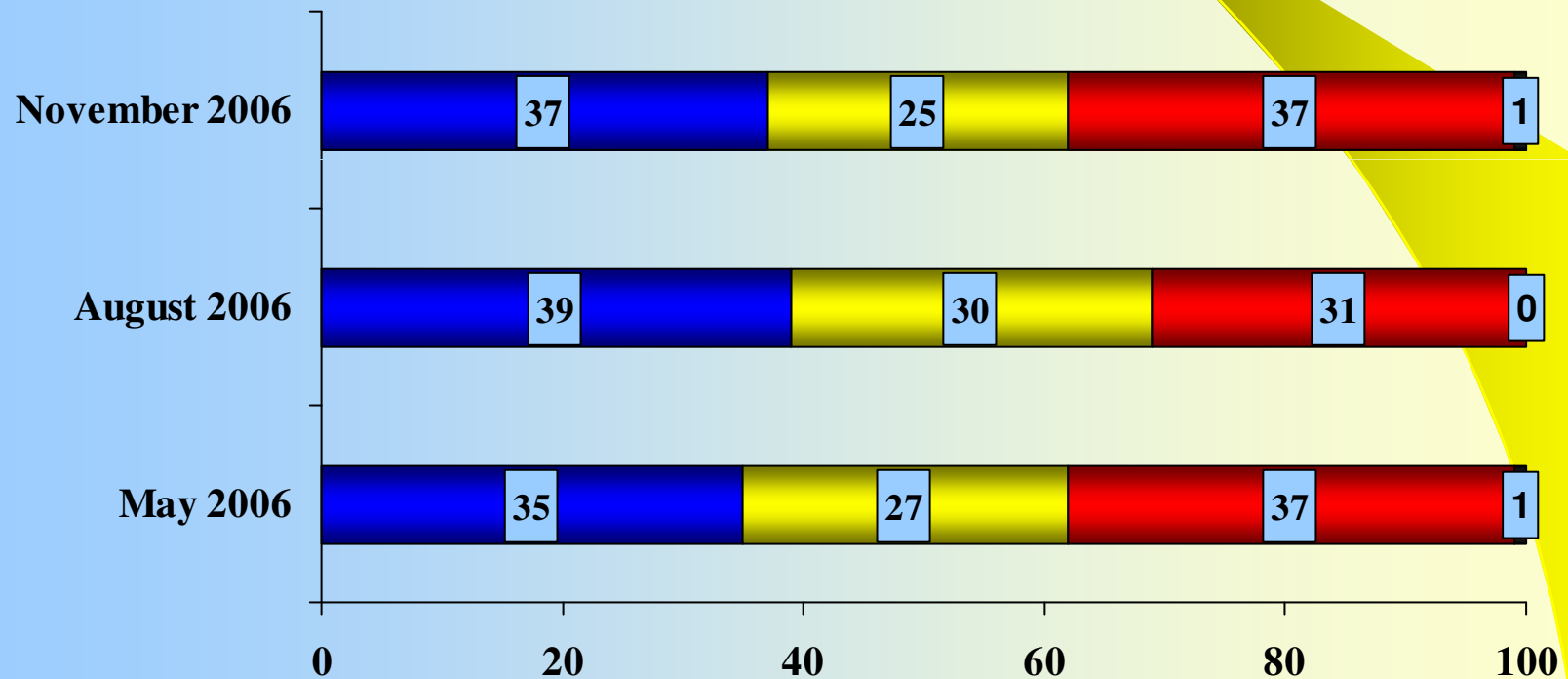
# What should the Armenian government accomplish first to attract the support of the majority of the Armenian population?

## November 2006 (%)



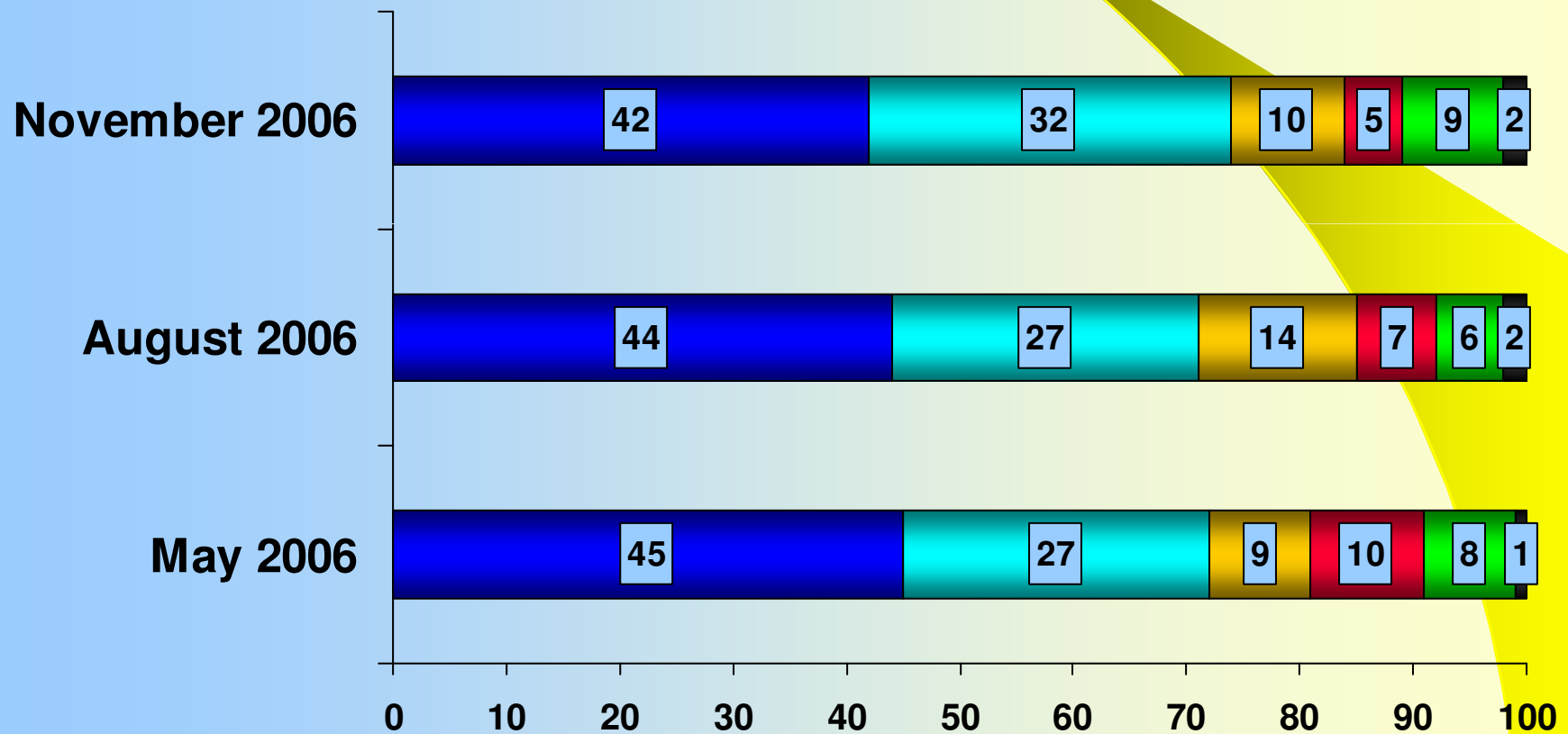
# Interest in Politics (%)

■ Low interest ■ Medium interest ■ High interest ■ DK/NA



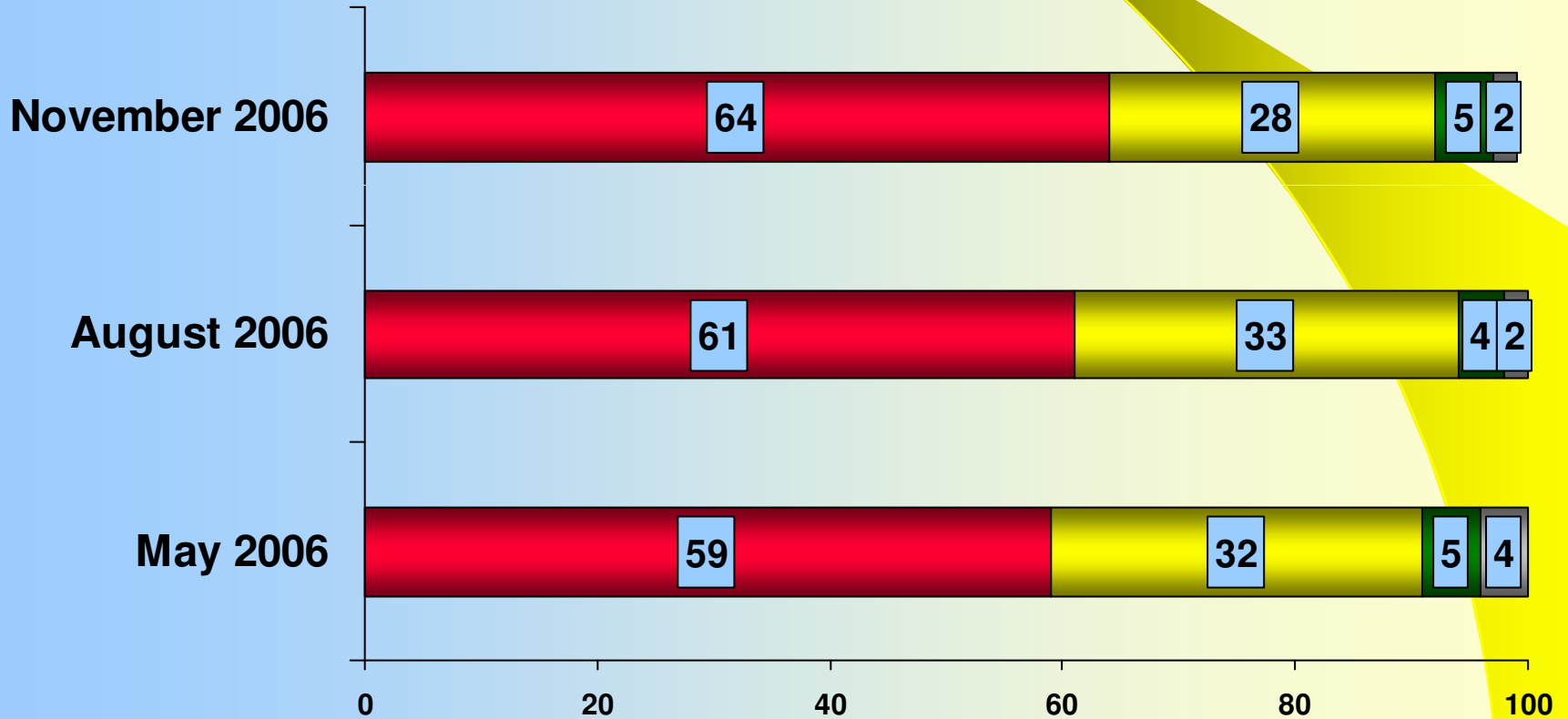
# Do you plan to vote in the next parliamentary elections or not?

■ Definitely yes ■ Probably yes ■ Probably no ■ Definitely no ■ Have not decided yet ■ DK/NA

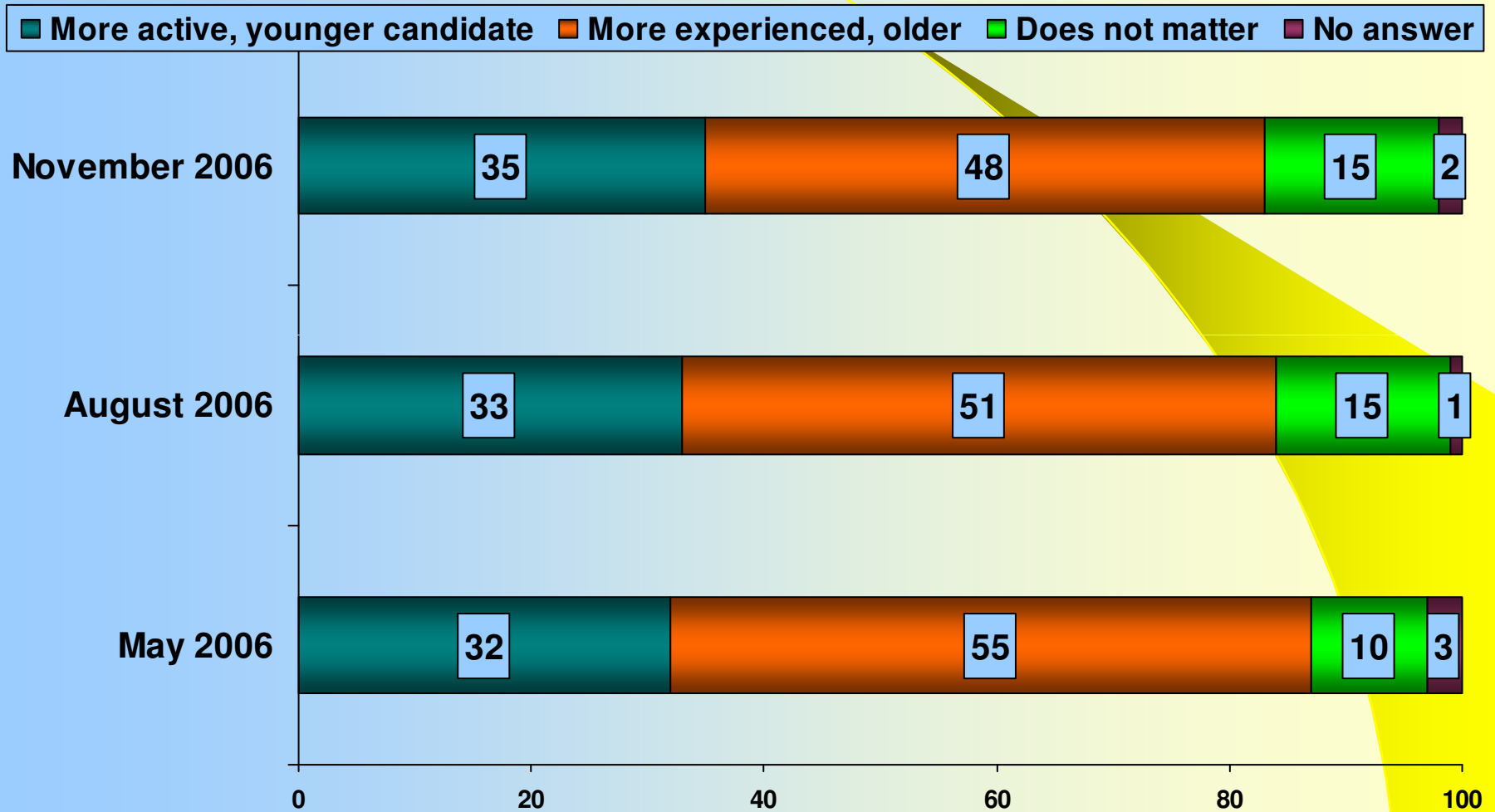


# When considering which party to vote for, what is more important?

■ Leader is more important ■ Party is more important ■ None ■ No answer

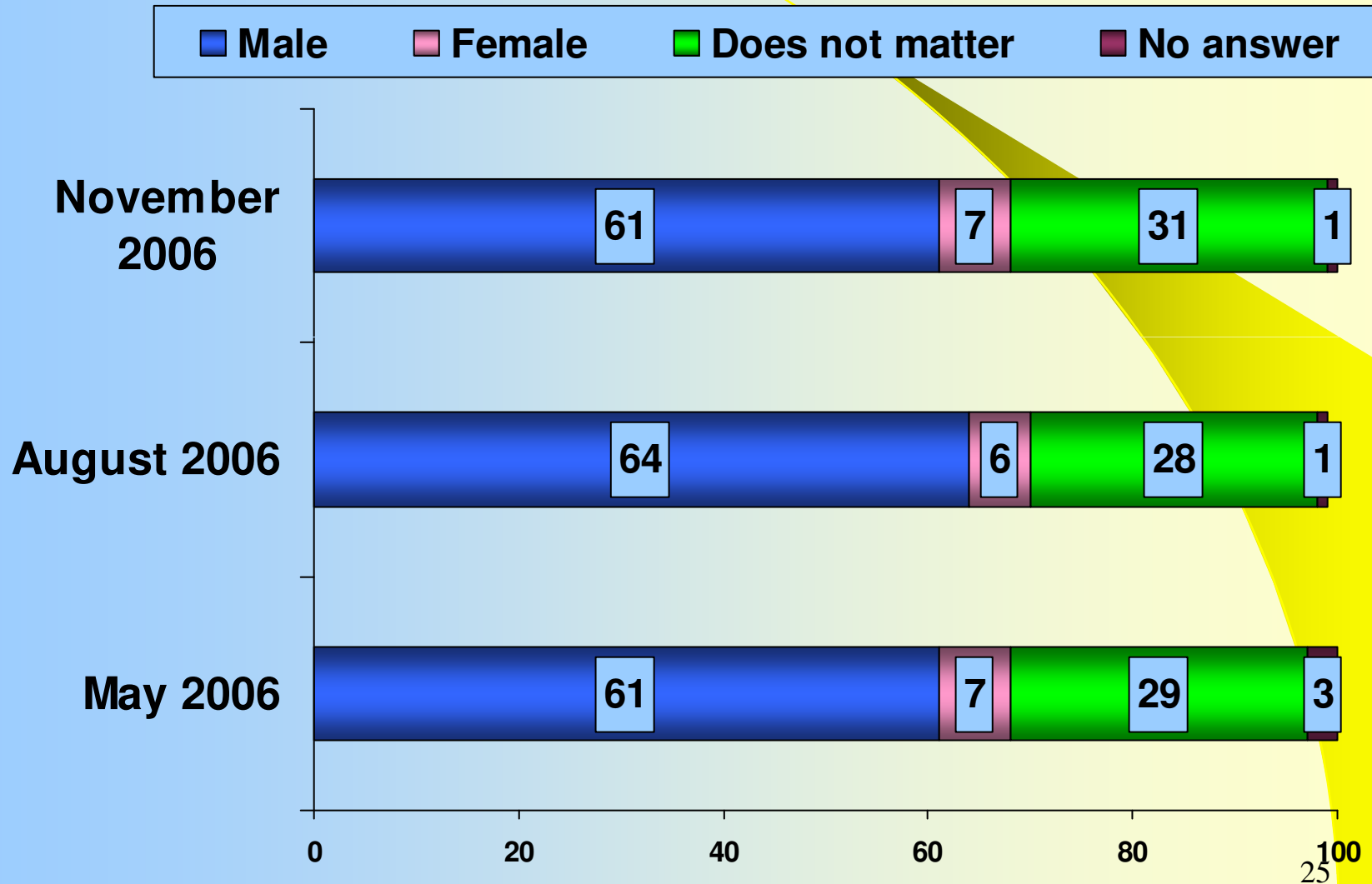


# All other things equal, would vote for:

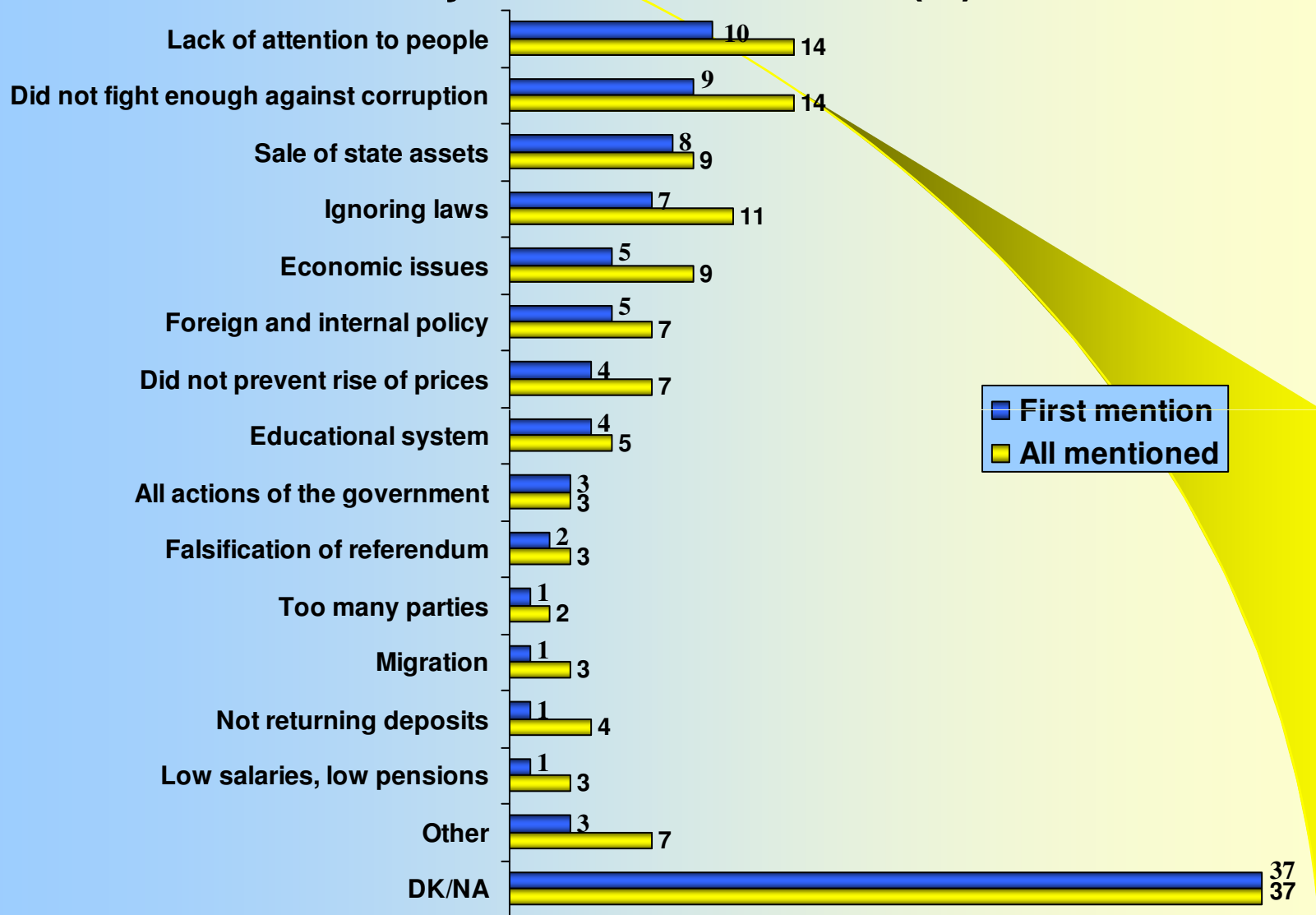




# All other things equal, would vote for:



## Major mistakes and failures of Armenian authorities over the last year: November 2006 (%)



# The wrongdoing and corruption of political leaders and authorities is... (%)

Very serious problem   Rather serious problem   Not very serious problem   Not a problem at all   DK/NA

November 2006



August 2006



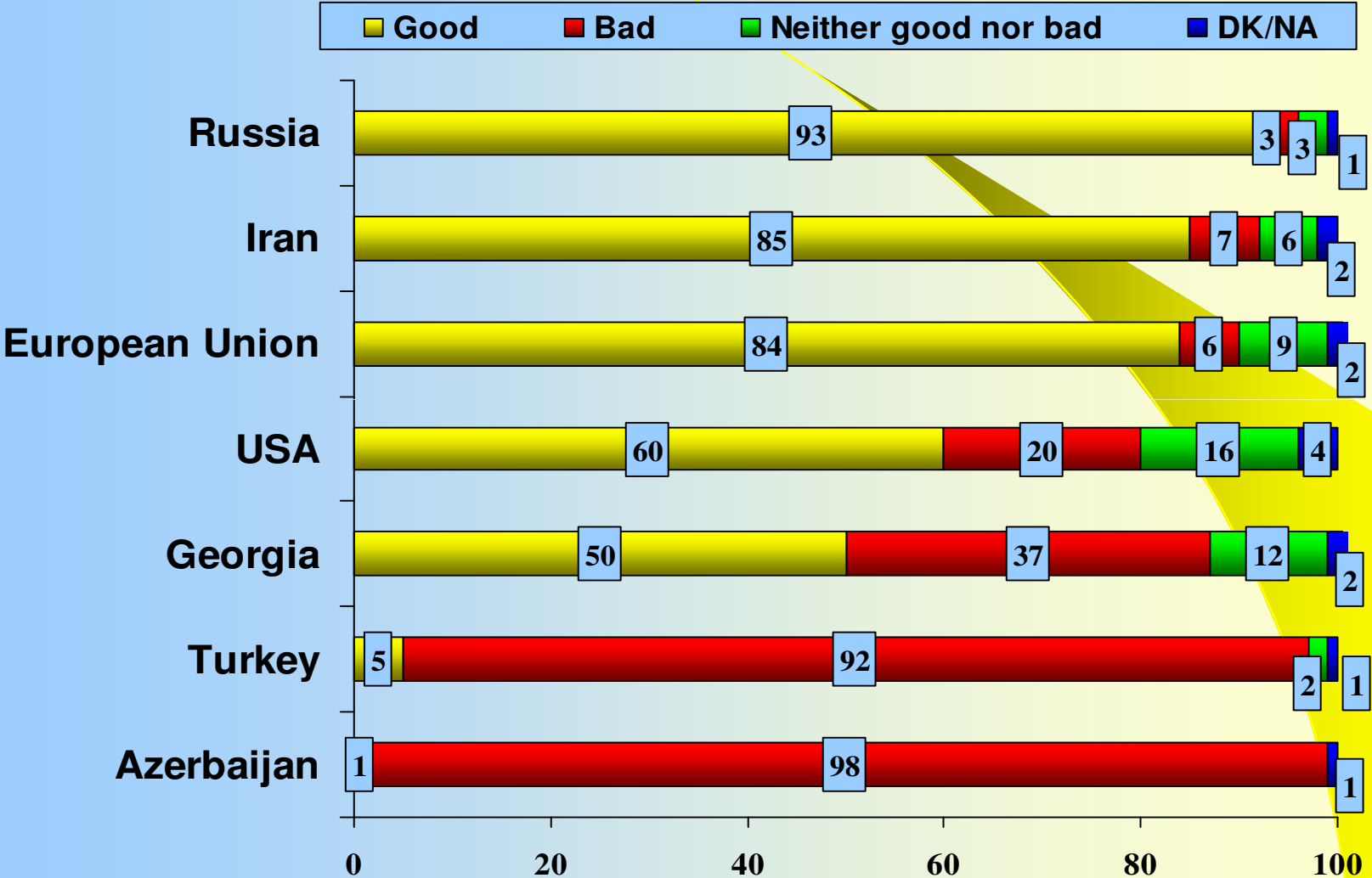
May 2006



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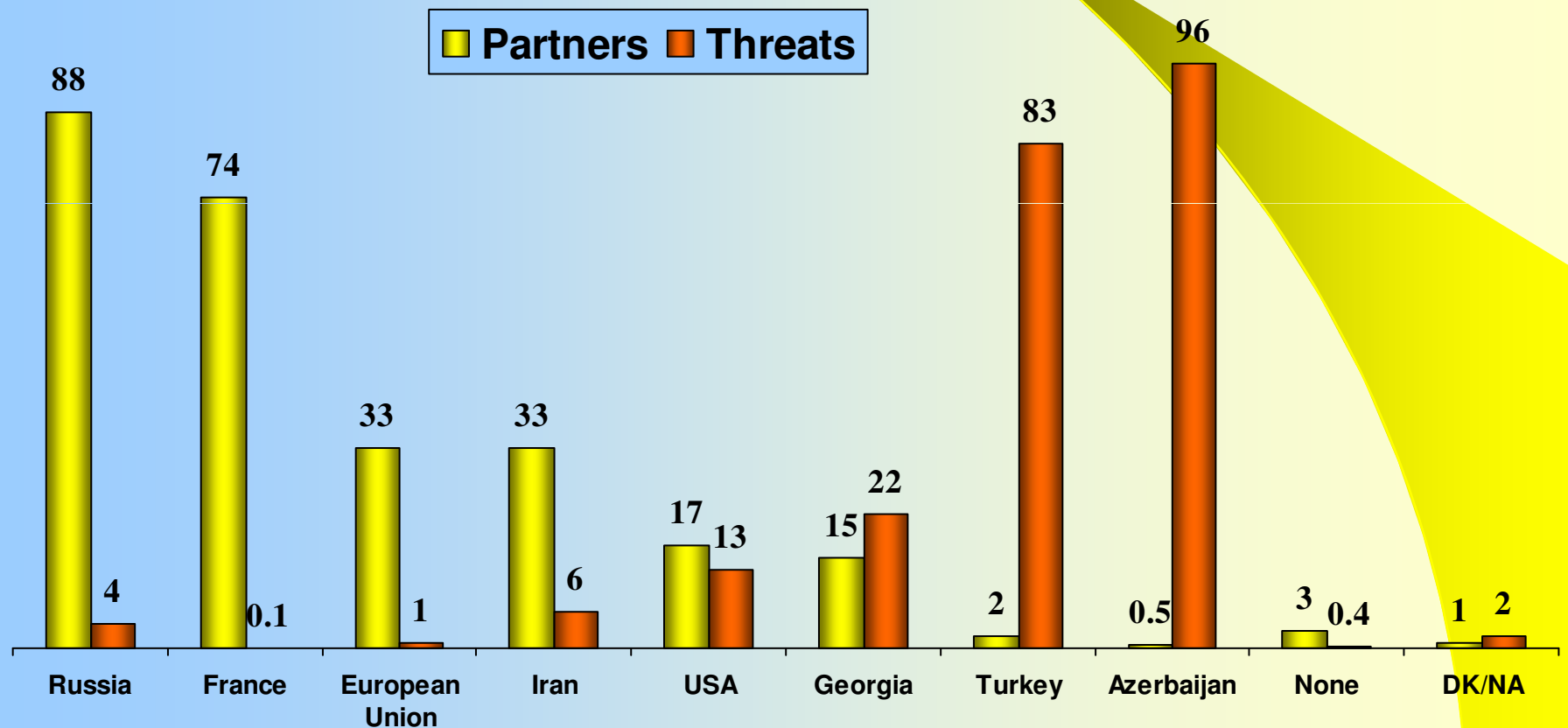
# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

# Evaluation of relations with... November 2006 (%)

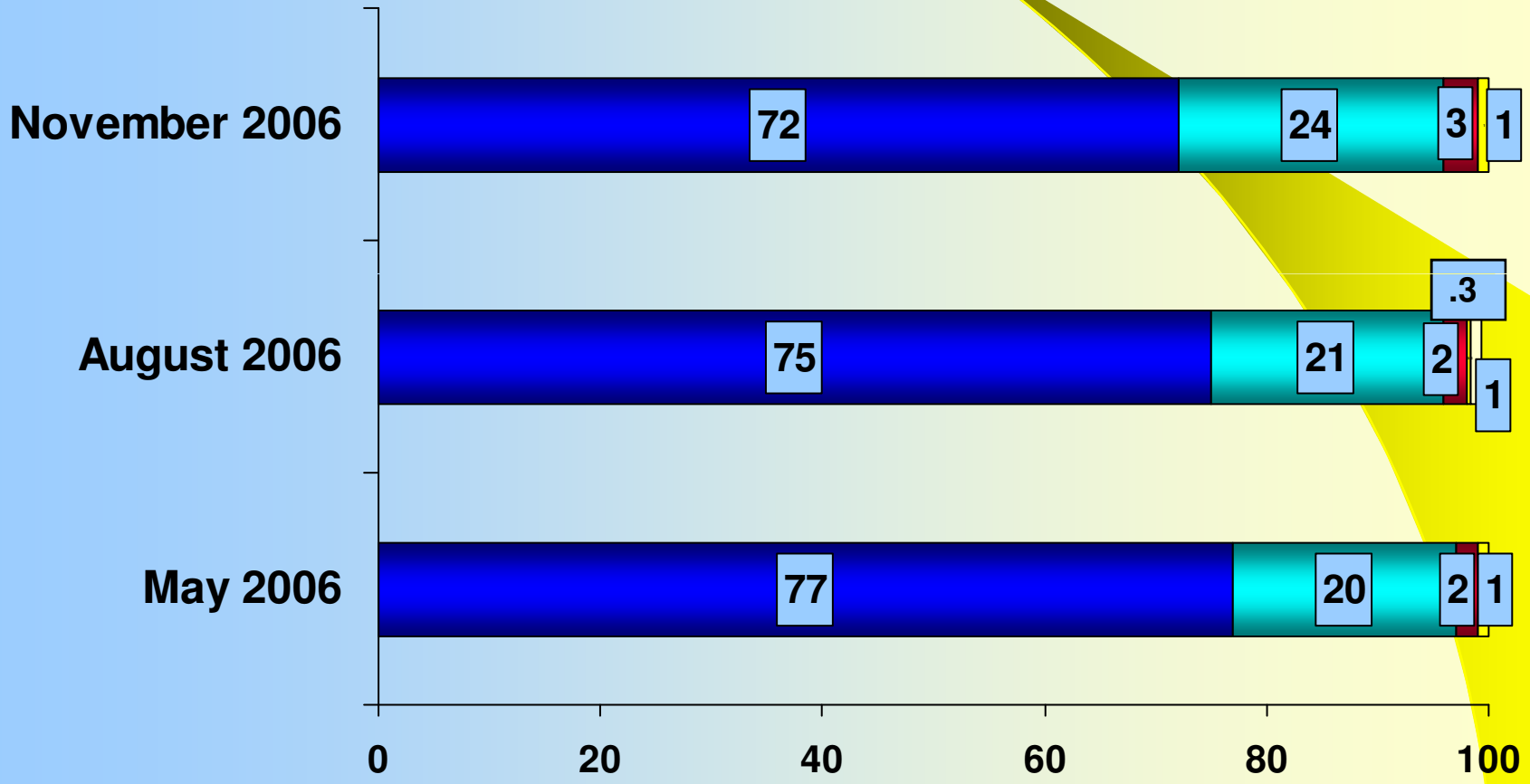
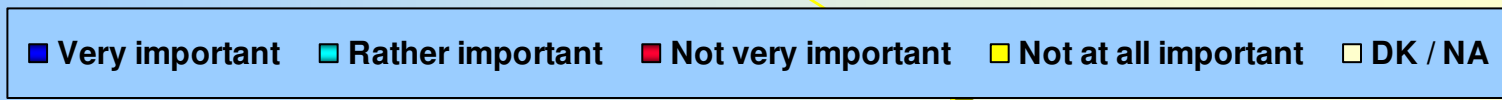


# International Relations: Partners and Threats November 2006 (%)

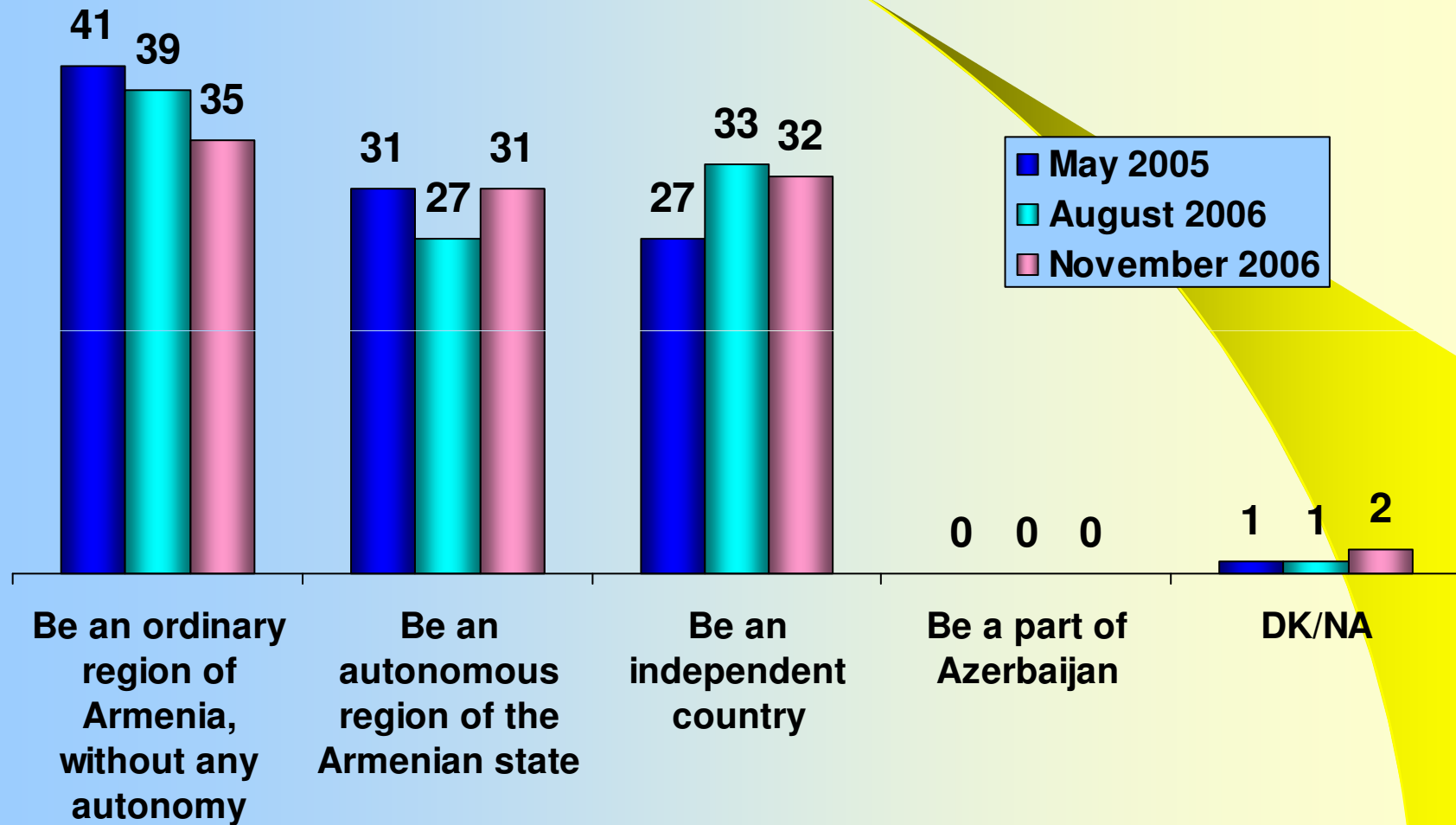
Which countries are the most important partners for Armenia?  
And which comprise the greatest political and economic threat?



# How important is it for Armenia to solve the problems related to Nagorno Karabakh in the near future? Is it.... (%)

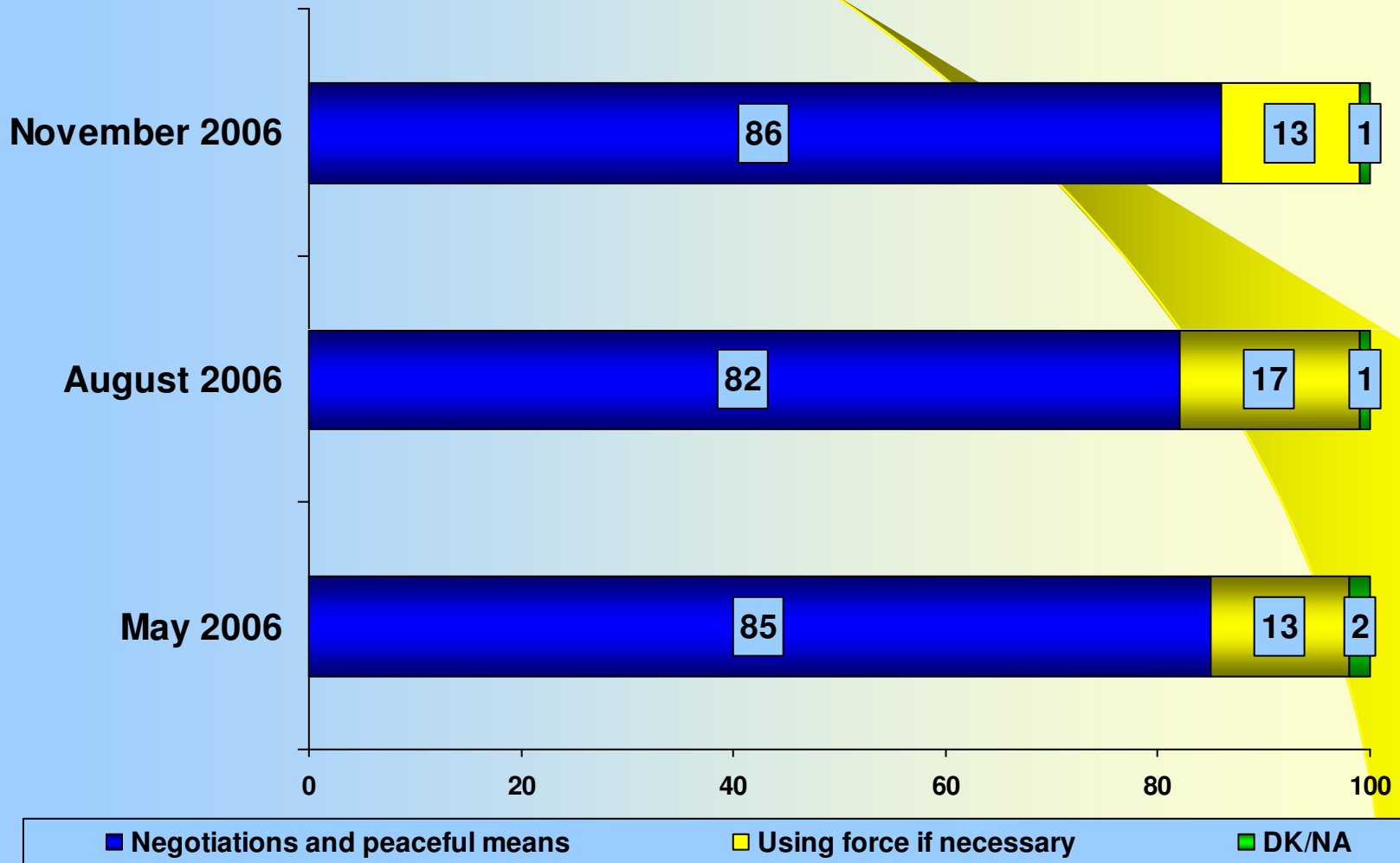


# Thinking about the future of Nagorno Karabakh, do you think it should... (%)



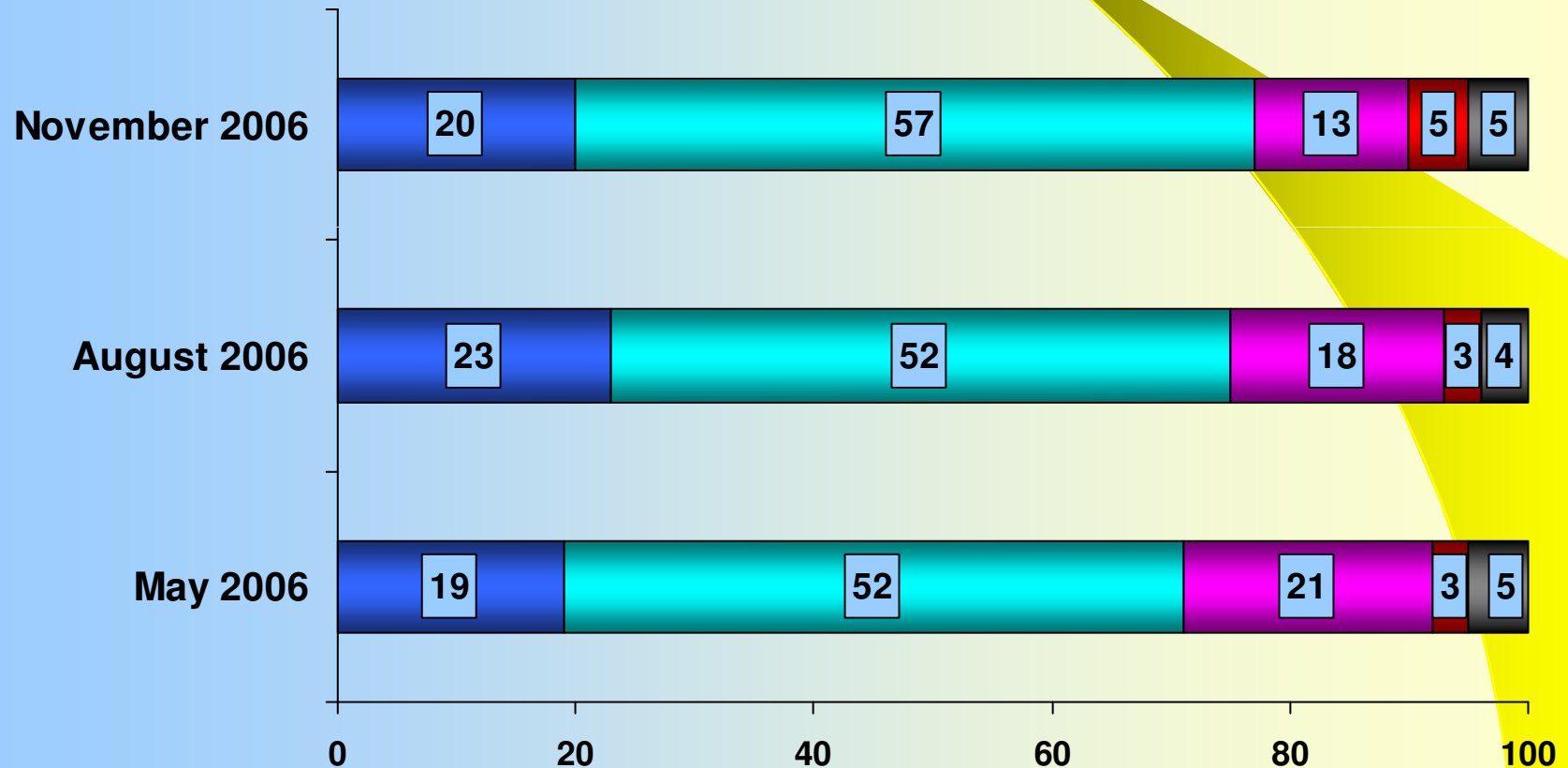


# Do you think that the current situation in regard to the status of Nagorno Karabakh should be resolved through negotiations and peaceful means, or should some force be used if necessary? (%)

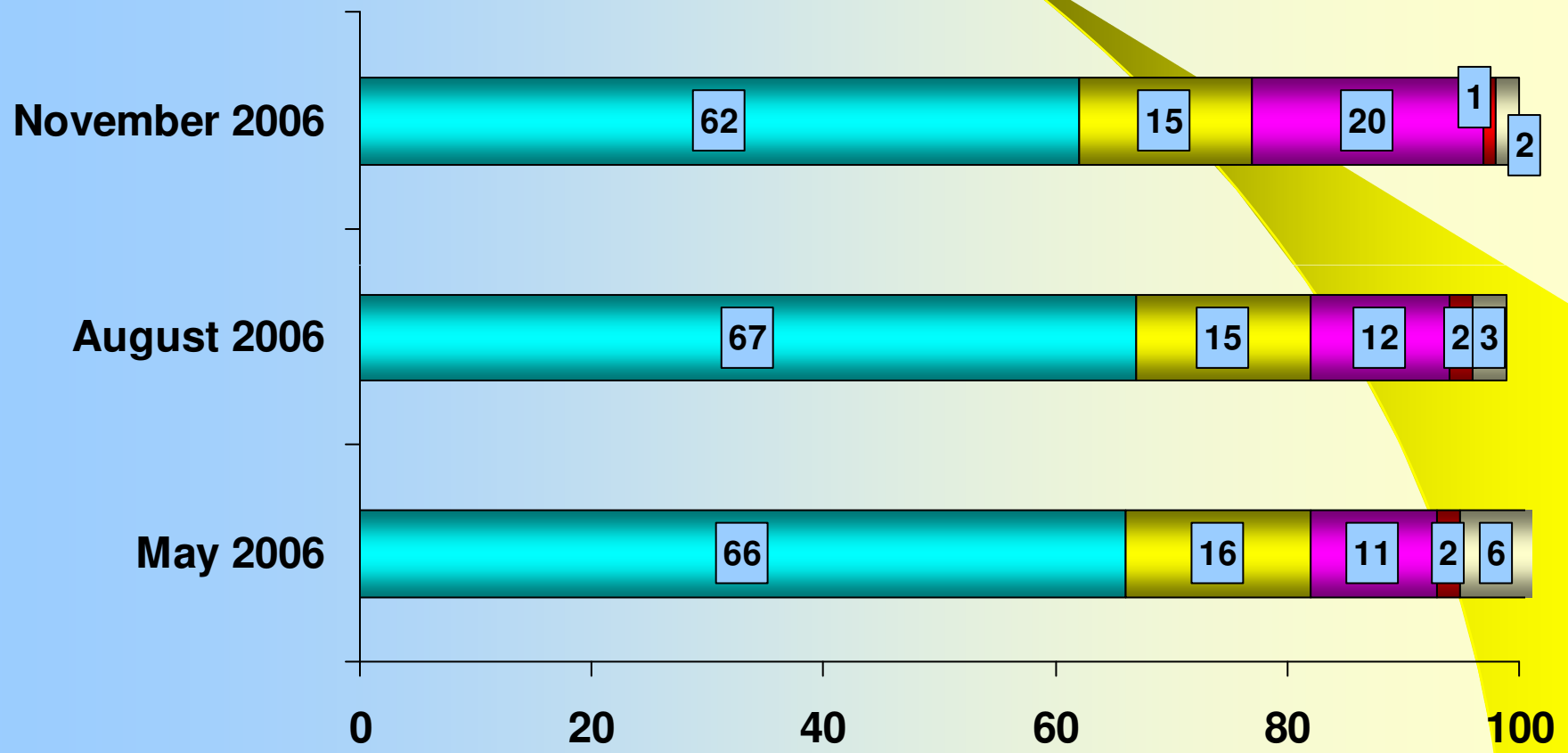


# Do you think that a peaceful settlement on Nagorno Karabakh can be reached with Azerbaijan without military force being used?

■ Definitely yes ■ Probably yes ■ Probably no ■ Definitely no ■ DK/NA



# In your opinion, does the presence of a Russian military base in Armenia have a positive or negative influence on Armenian independence and stability in the country?

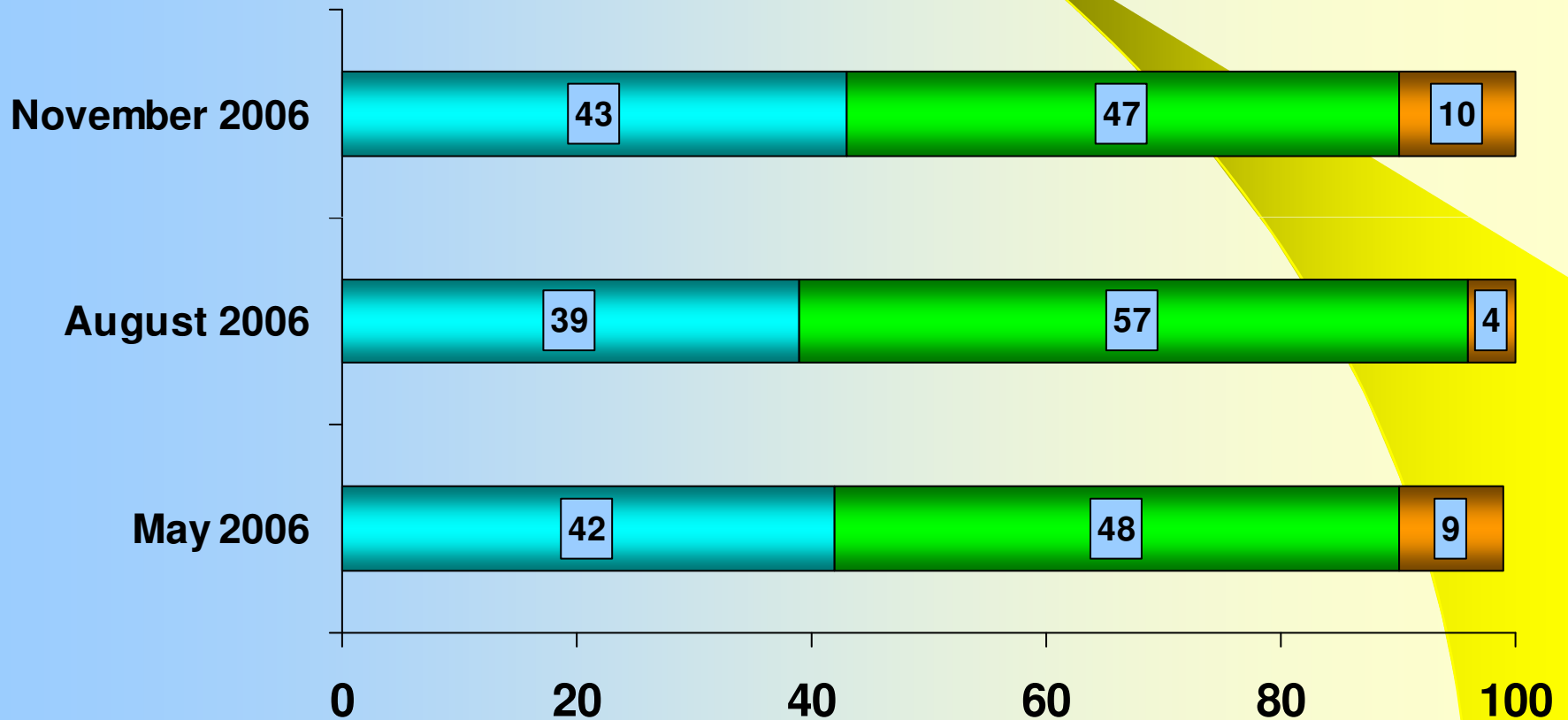


# Should the government of Armenia agree to open the border for trade, etc., with Turkey even if the Turkish government does not recognize the genocide?

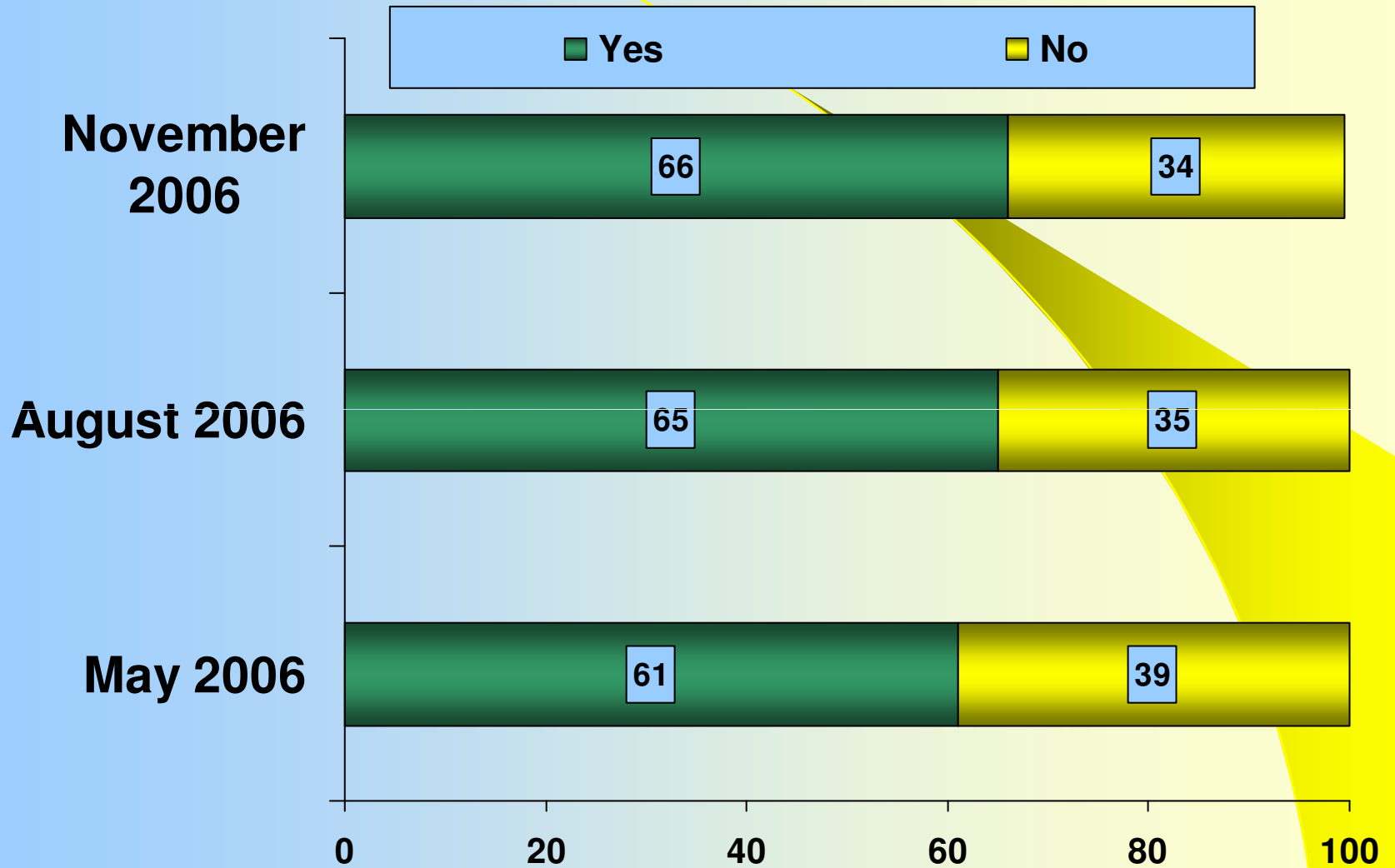
Should open the border regardless

Should not open the border

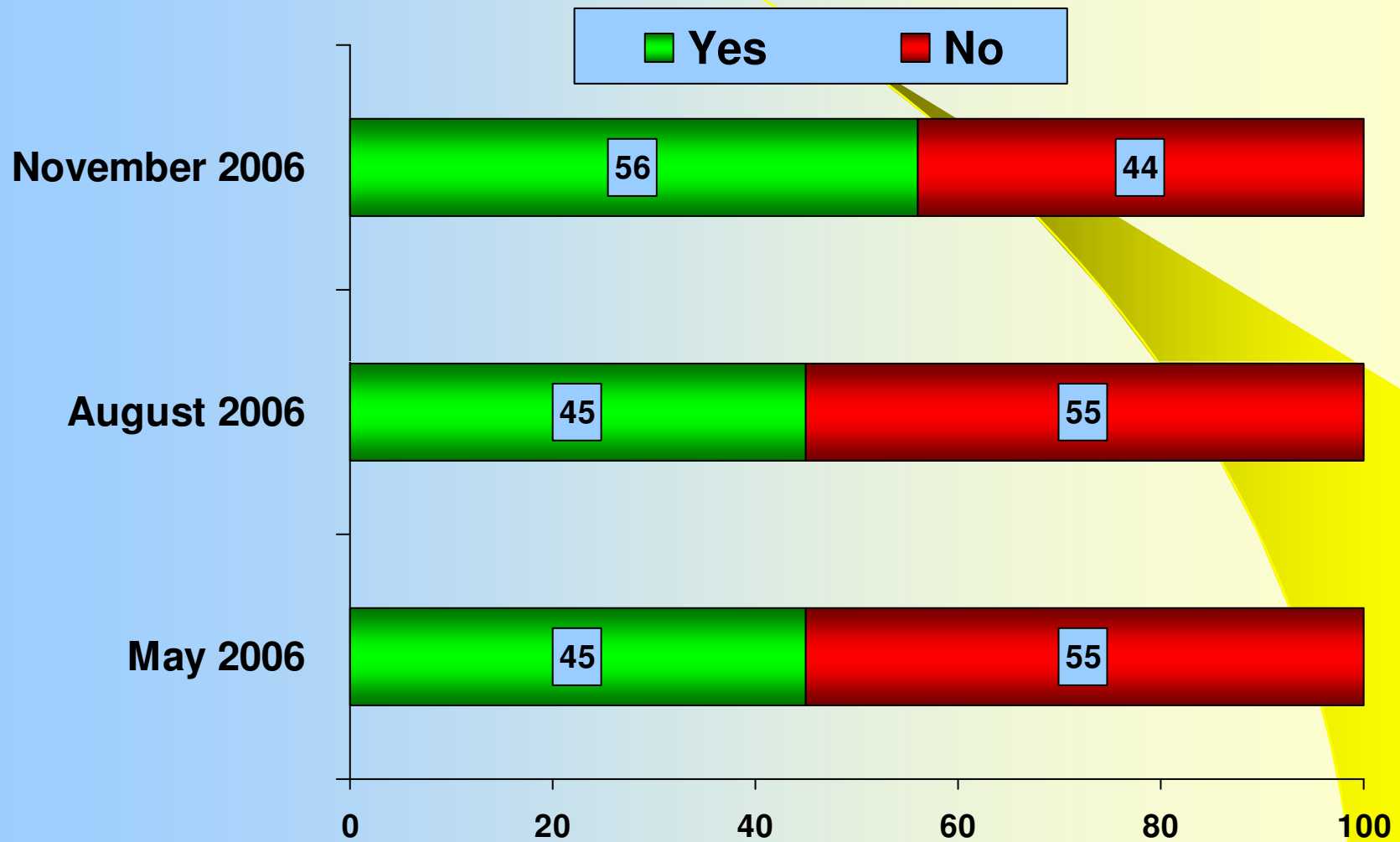
DK/NA



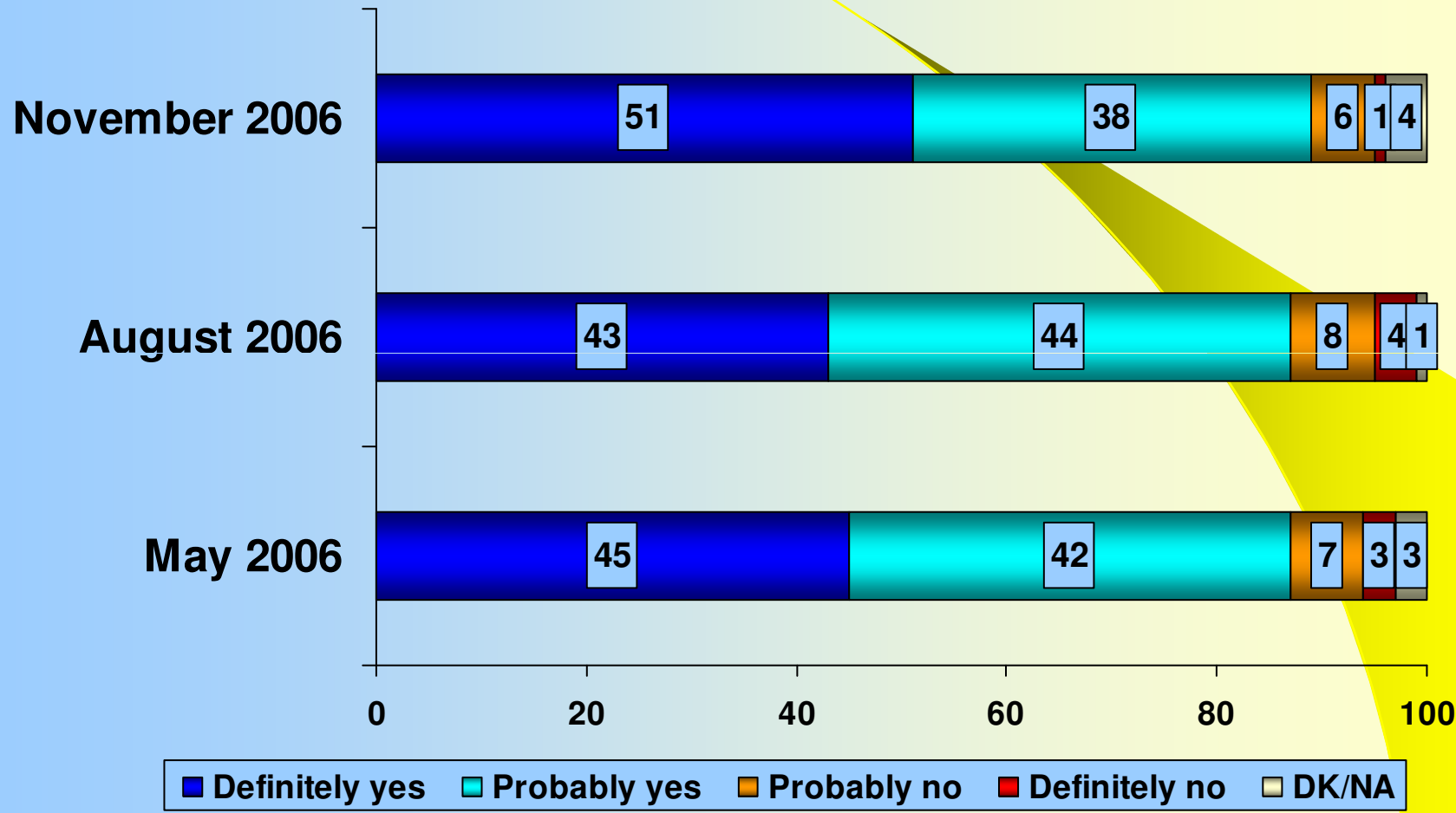
# Do you have friends or relatives working abroad?



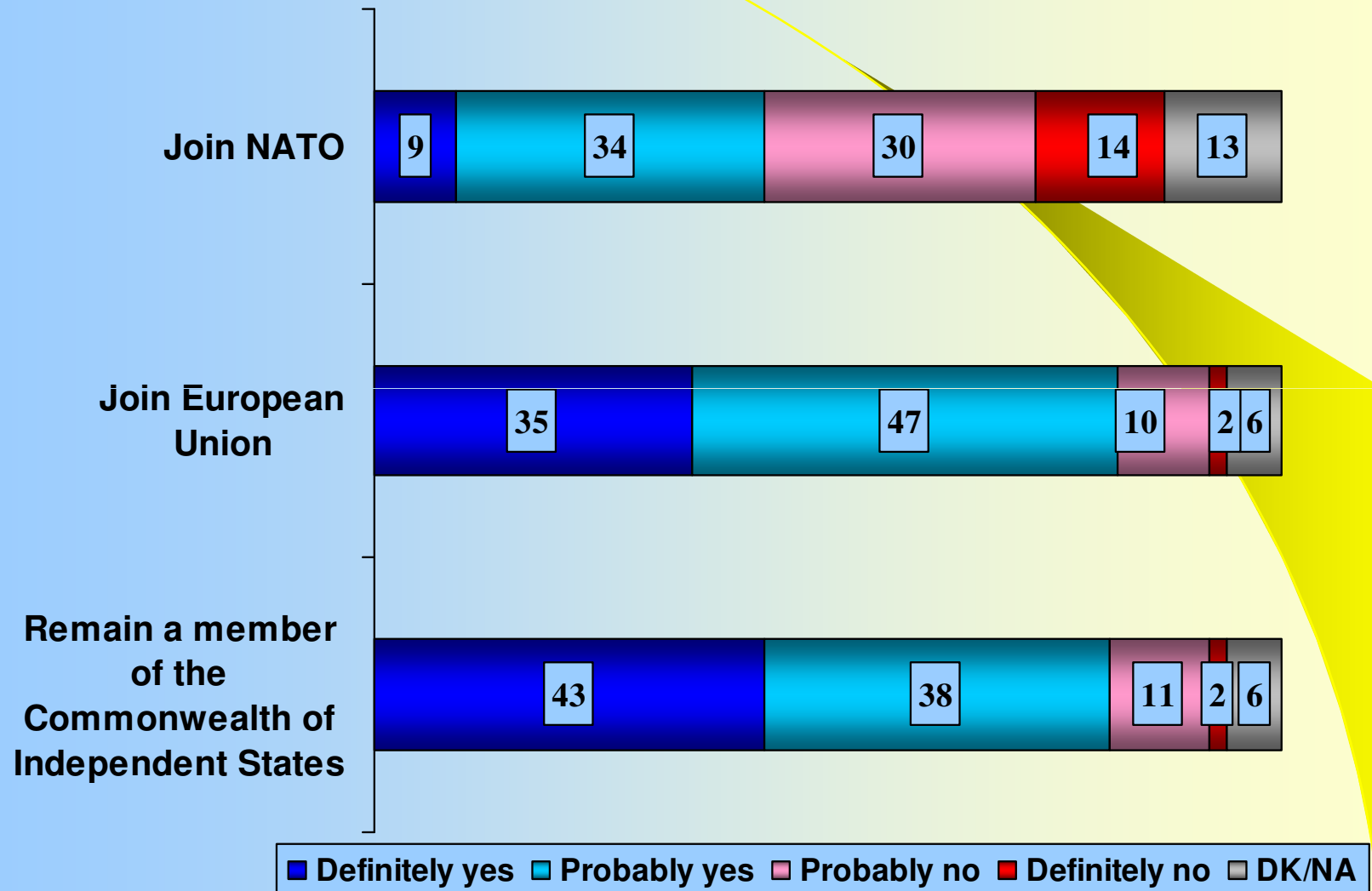
**Do you personally benefit from remittances being sent from friends or relatives working abroad?**  
(Those who have friends or relatives abroad, %)



# Do you think Russia is a trustworthy ally of Armenia? (%)



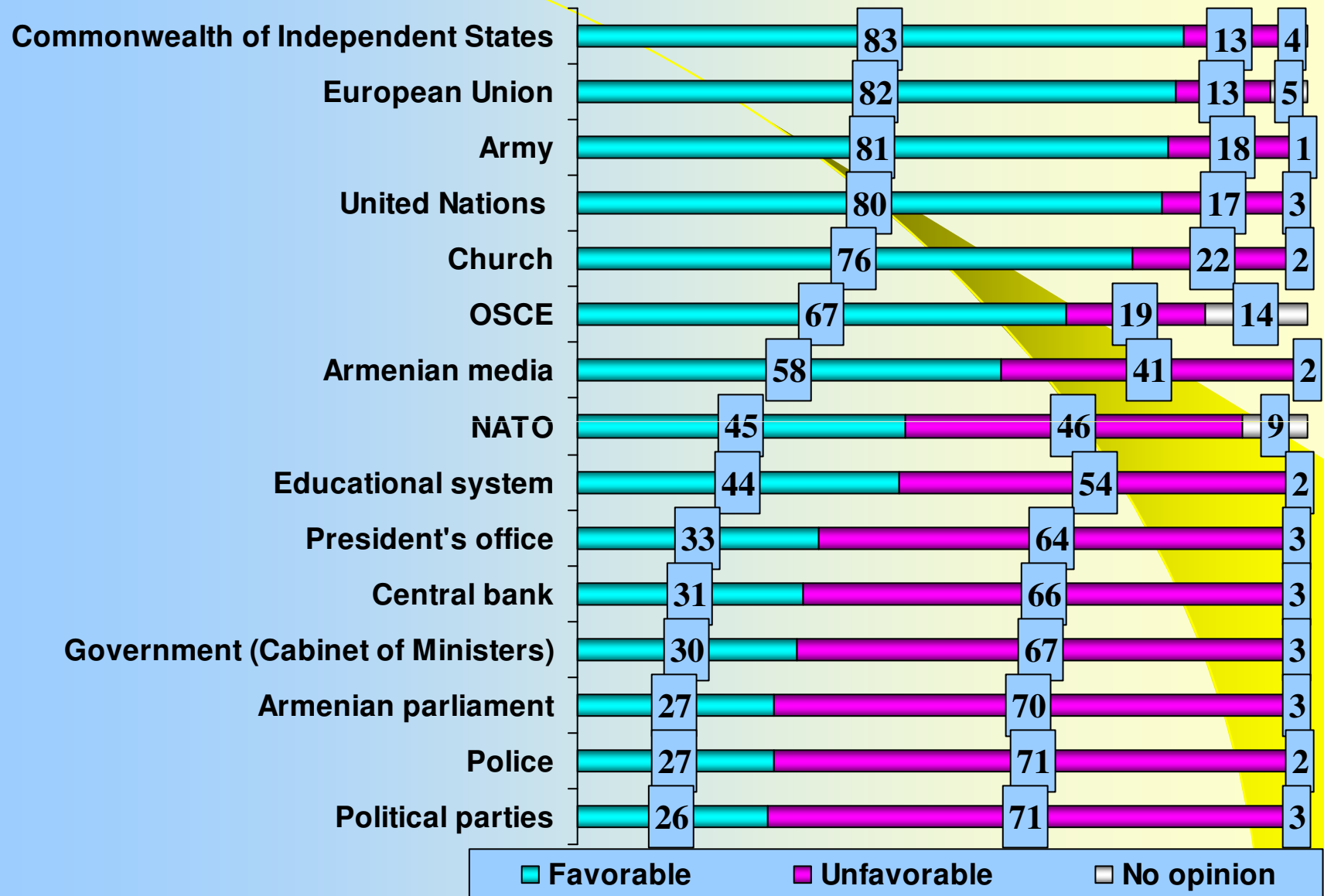
# Should Armenia in the future... November 2006 (%)





# INSTITUTIONS

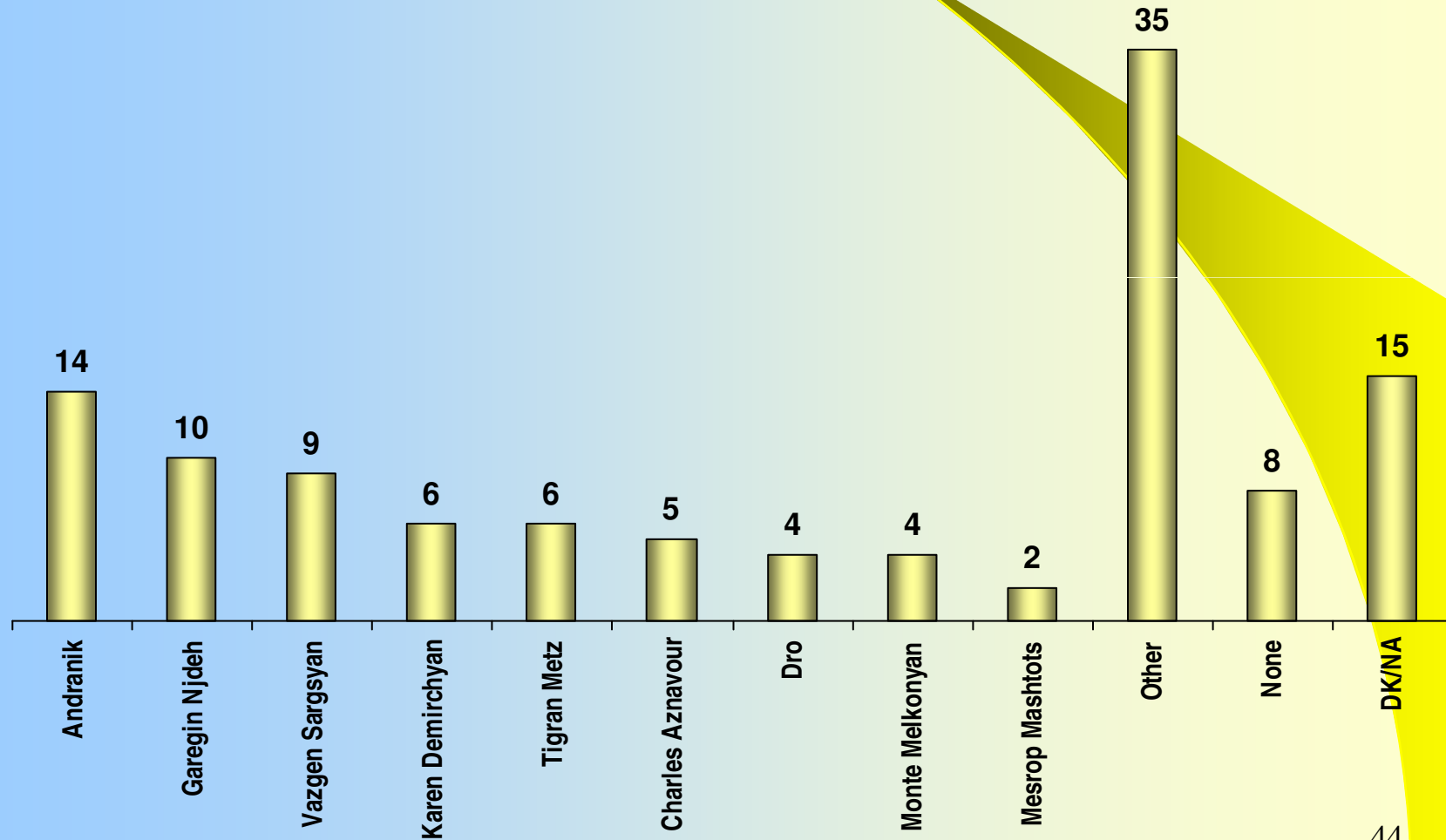
# Confidence In Institutions: November 2006 (%)



# HEROES OF OUR TIMES

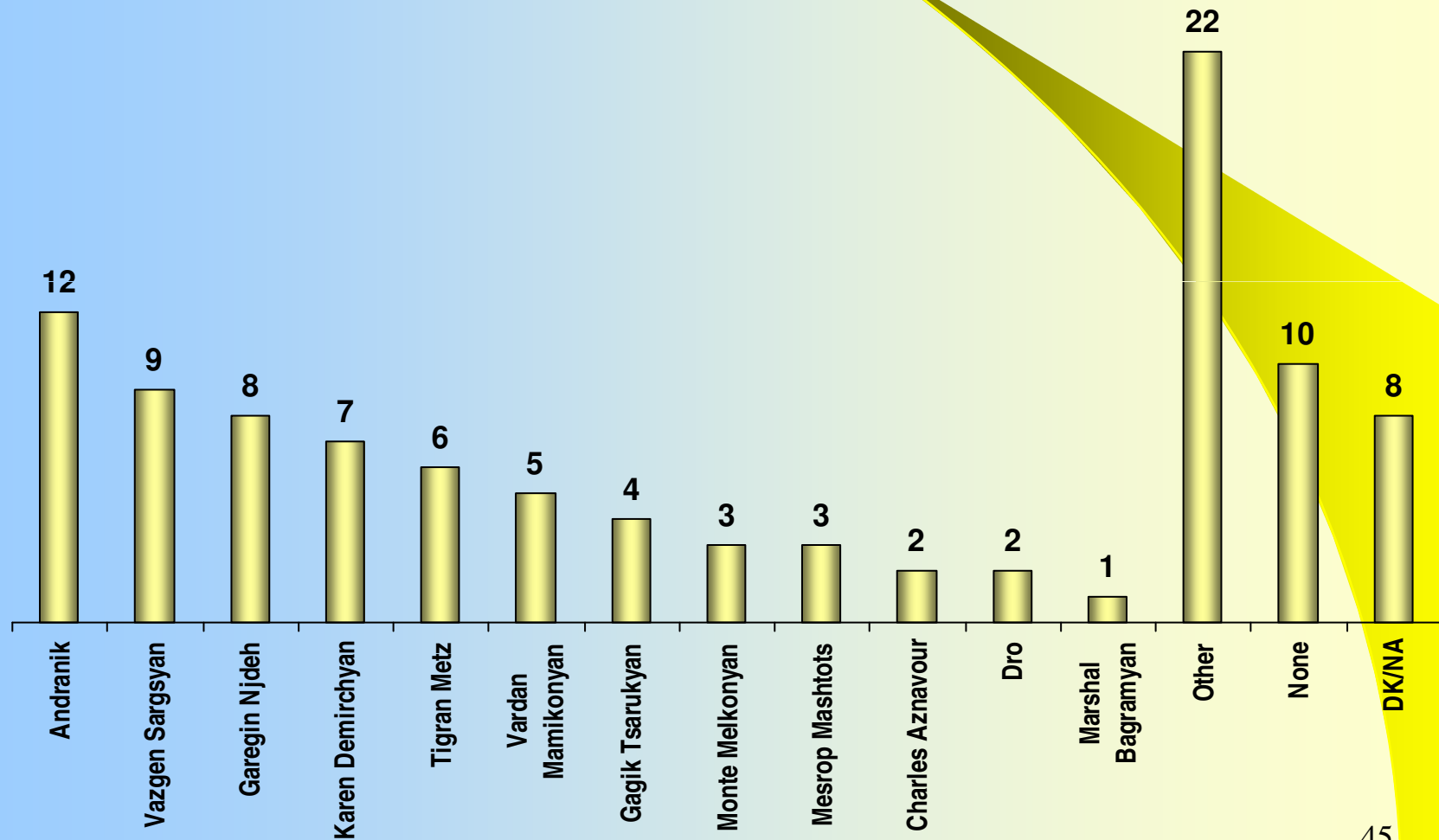
## Heroes For Our Times

Of the prominent Armenian people and characters in Armenian history and folk culture, who is most suitable to be a national hero or leader in the present time?  
(Open-ended question, percent) May 2006



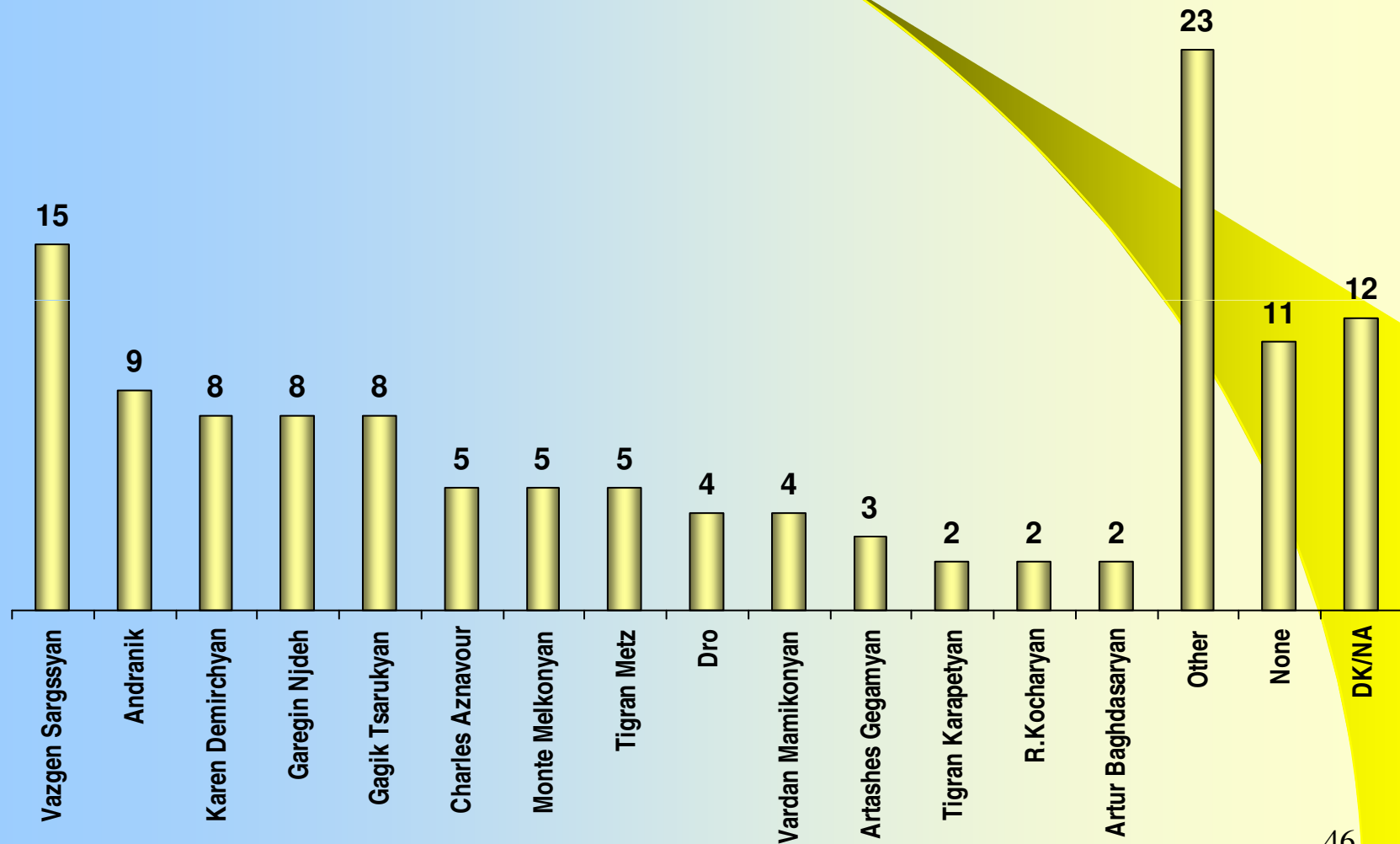
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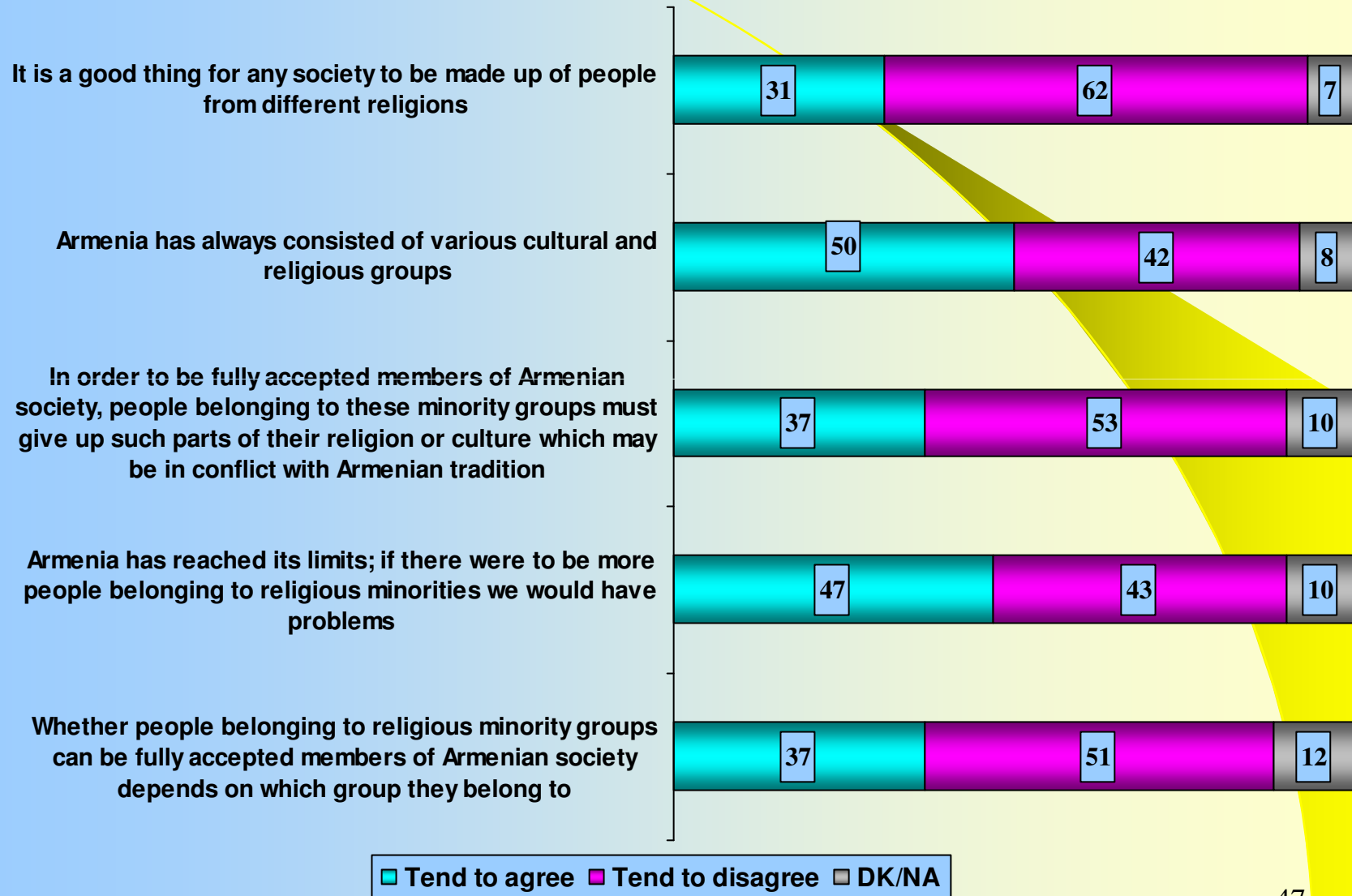
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# Tolerance

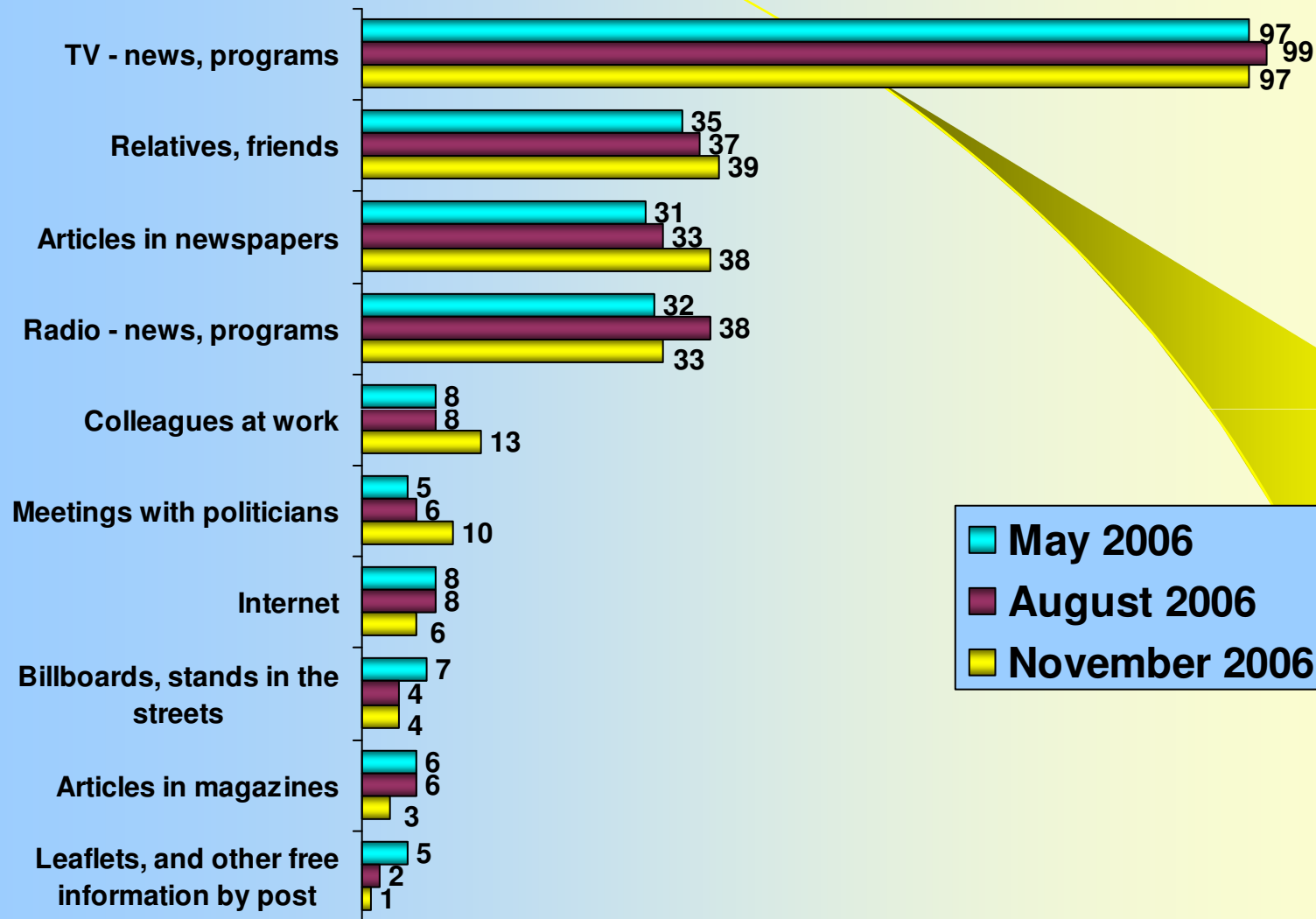
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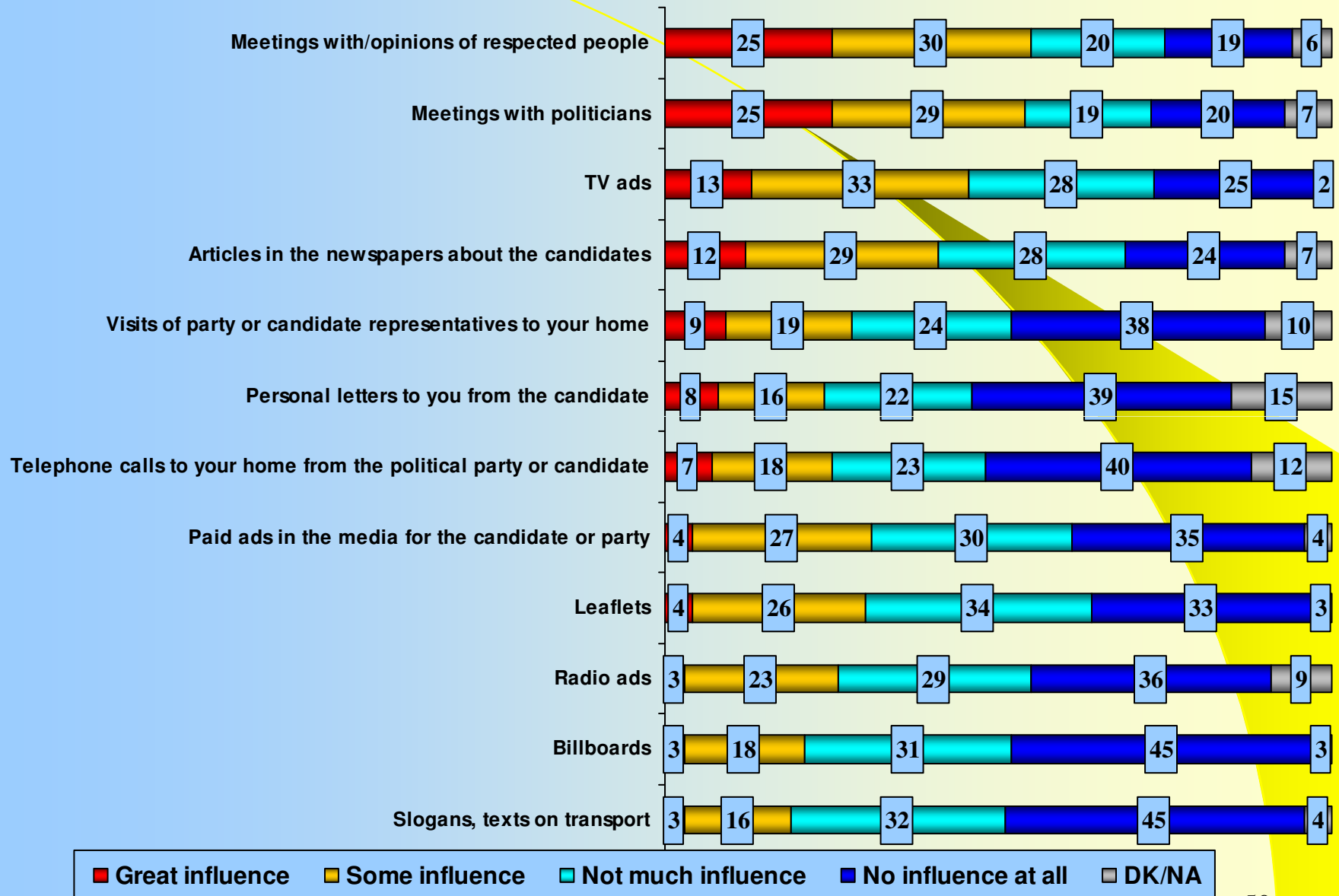
# SOURCES OF INFORMATION



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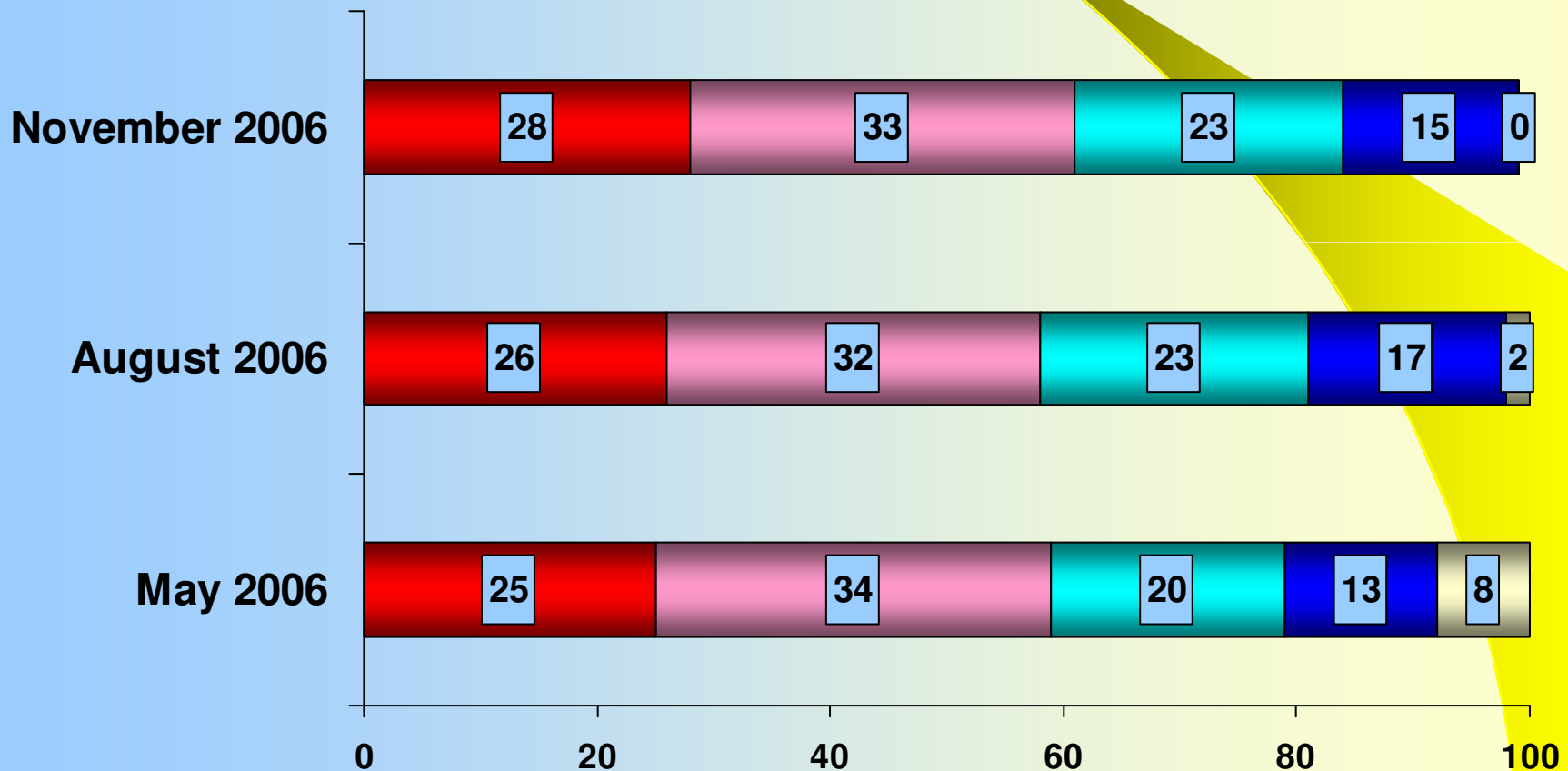


# Sources for Election Campaign Information November 2006 (%)



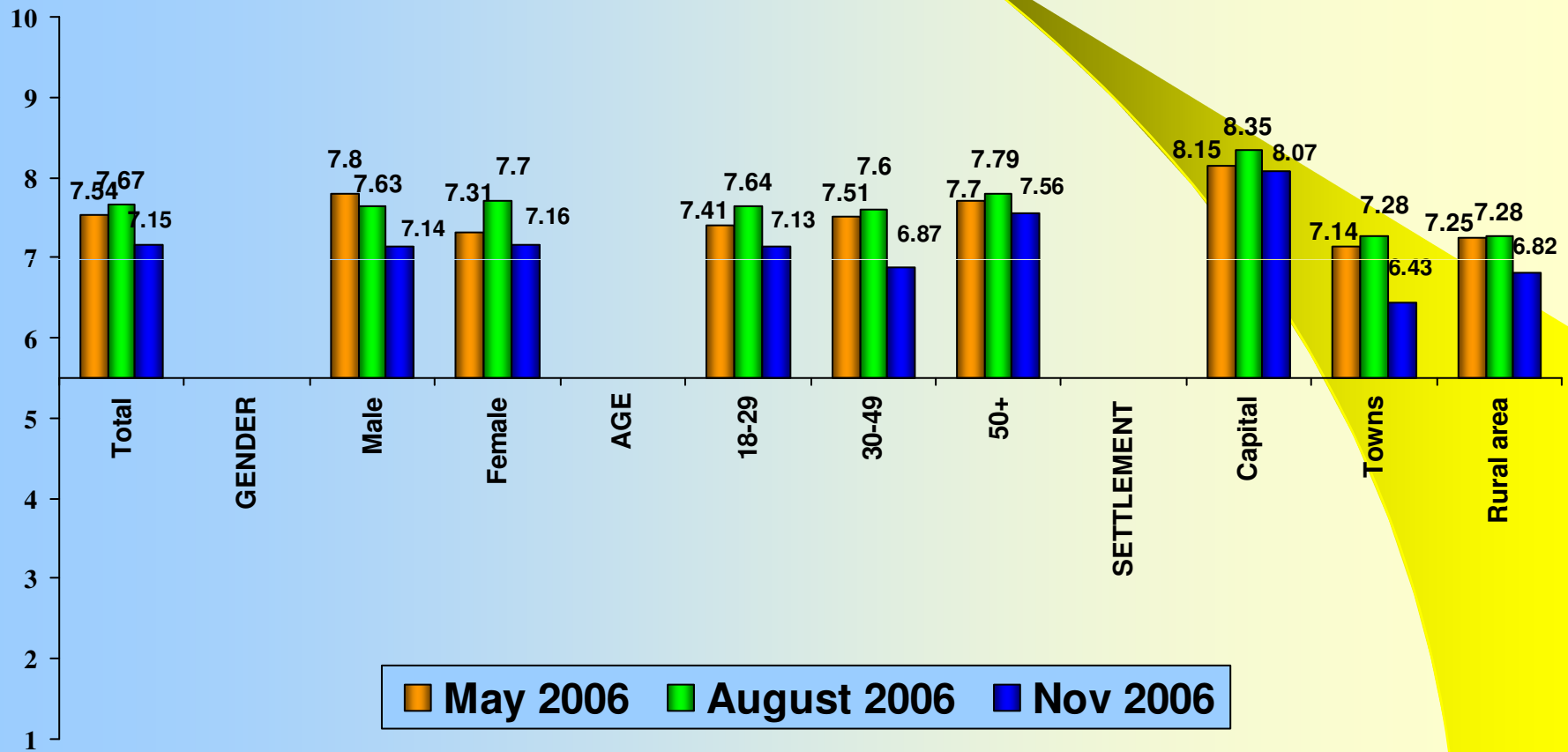
# In your opinion, are people in Armenia afraid to openly express their political views?

■ Majority are afraid ■ Many are afraid ■ Some are afraid ■ Nobody is afraid ■ DK/NA



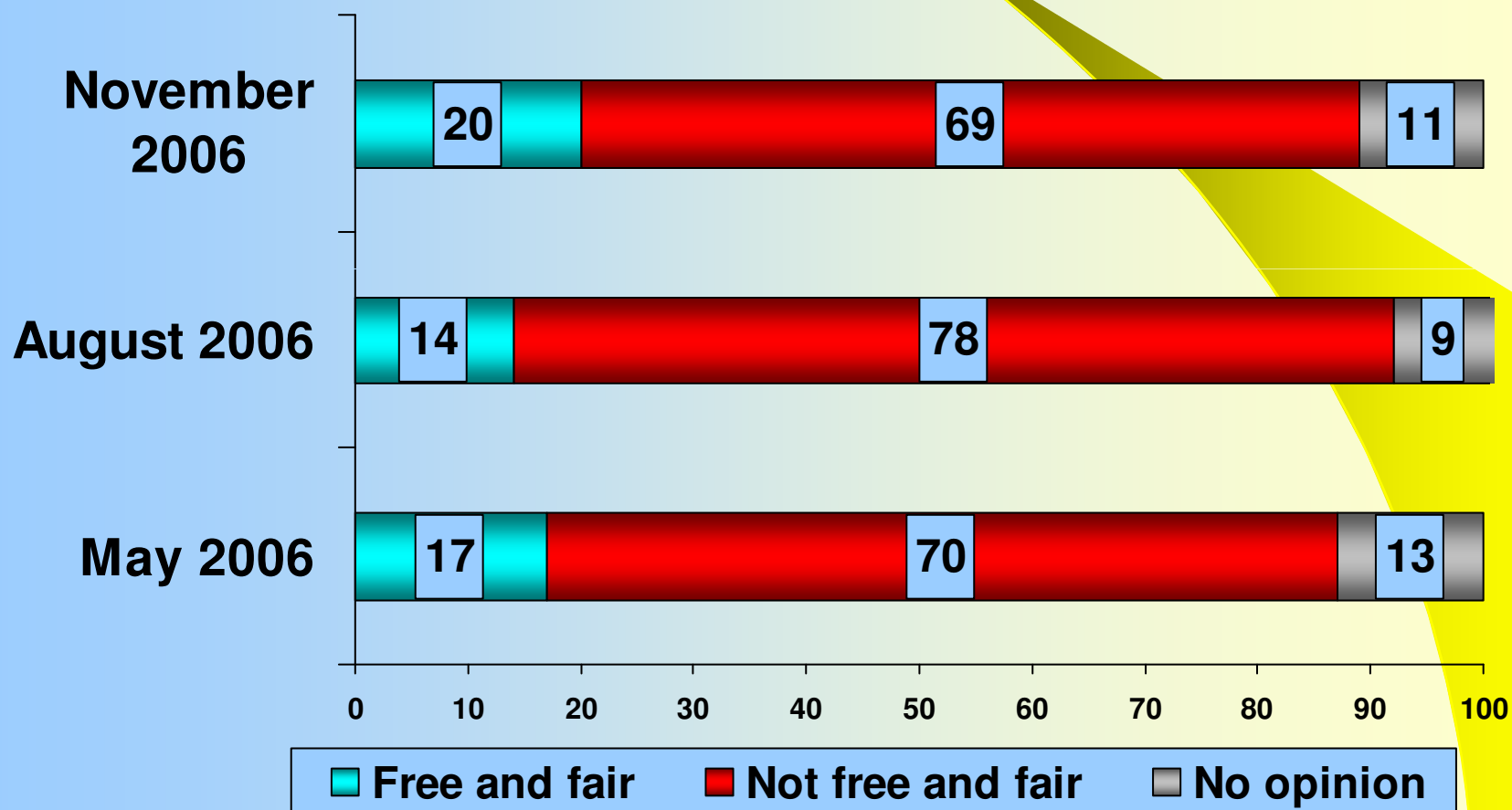
# Trust in Elections

How fraudulent was the referendum of 2005?  
(10 - very fraudulent, 1 - not at all fraudulent)



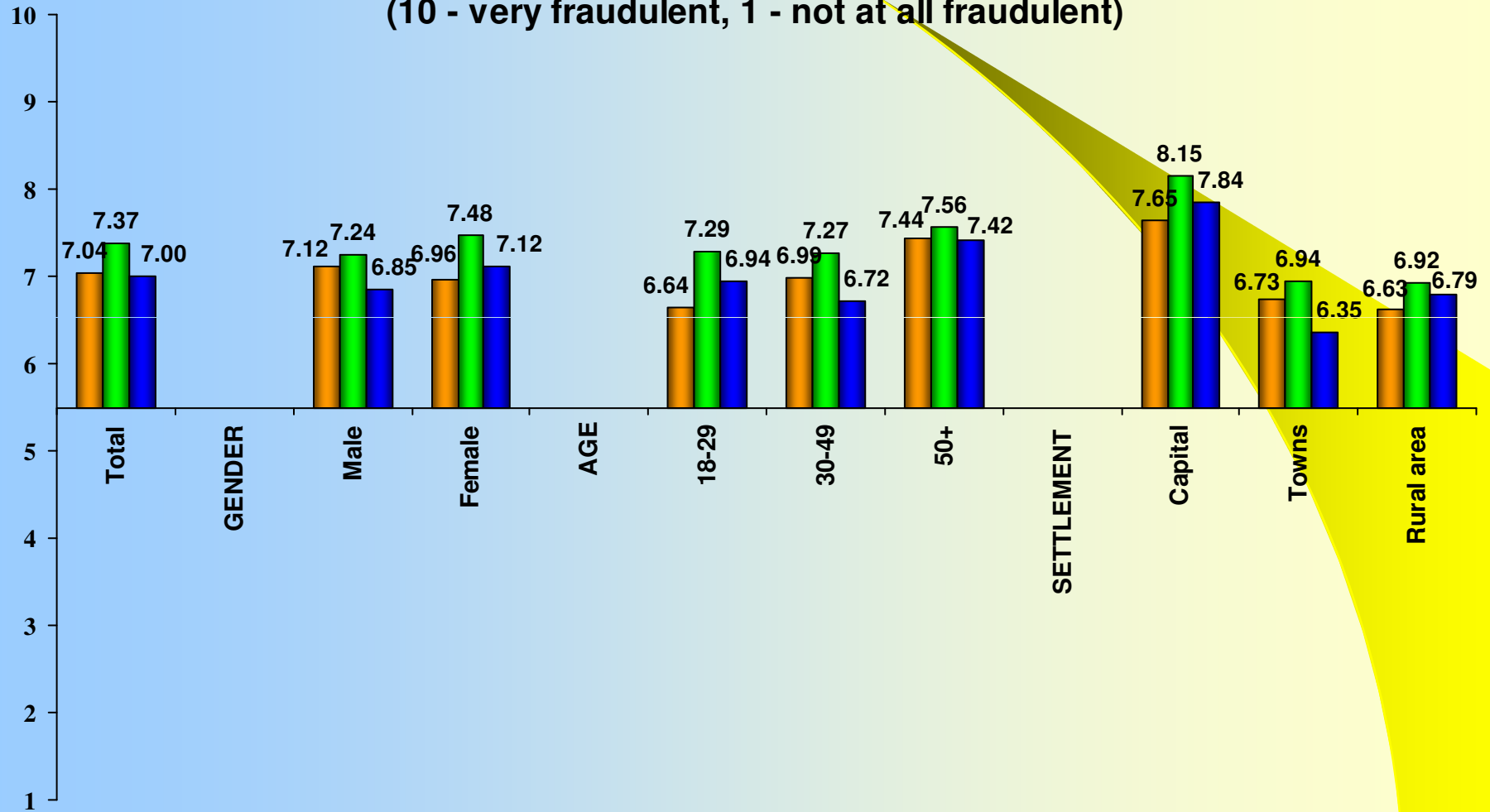
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The next parliamentary elections will be (%)



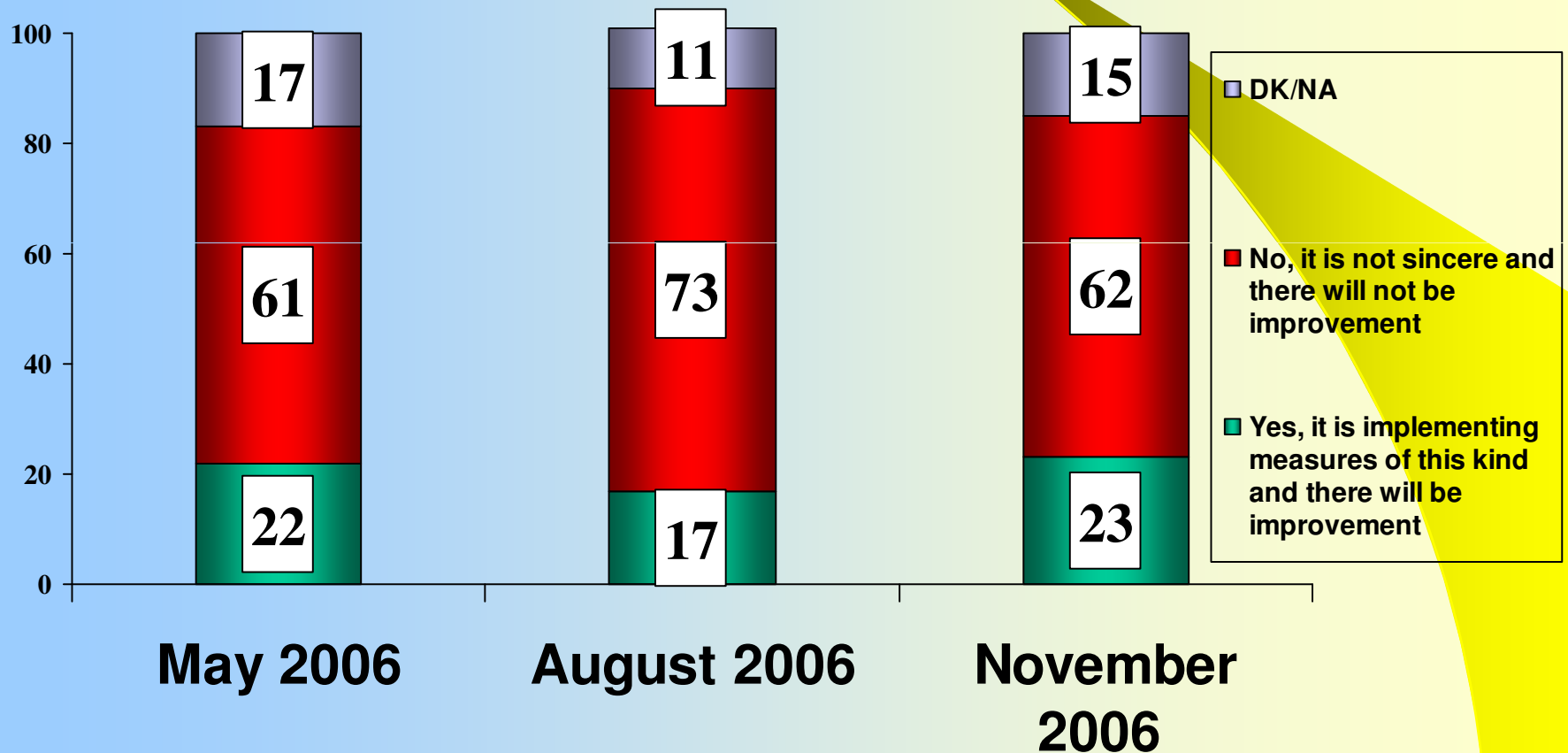
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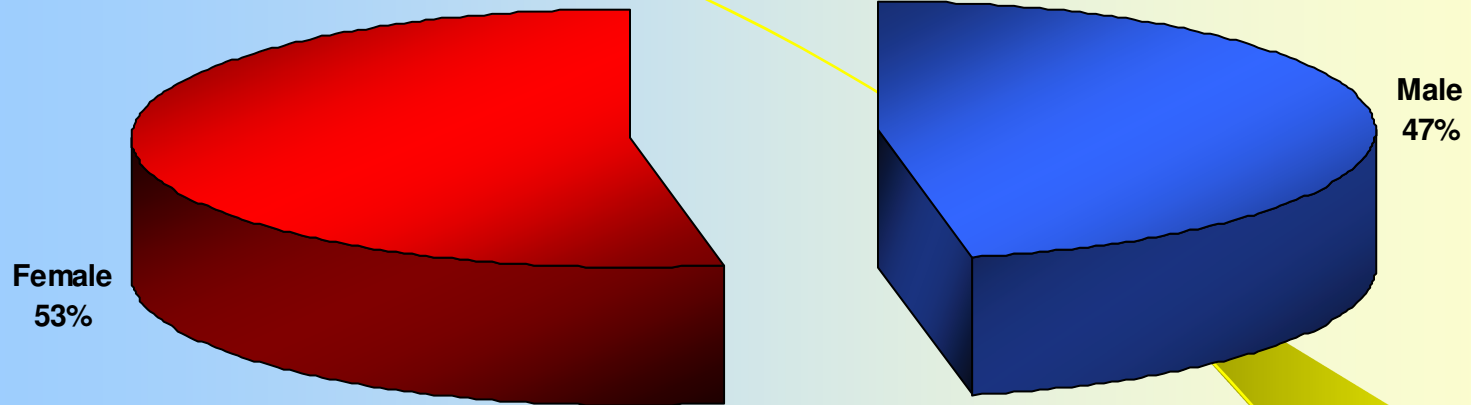
Do you think that the Armenian government is implementing anti-fraud measures for the parliamentary elections and that they will indeed be free and fair?



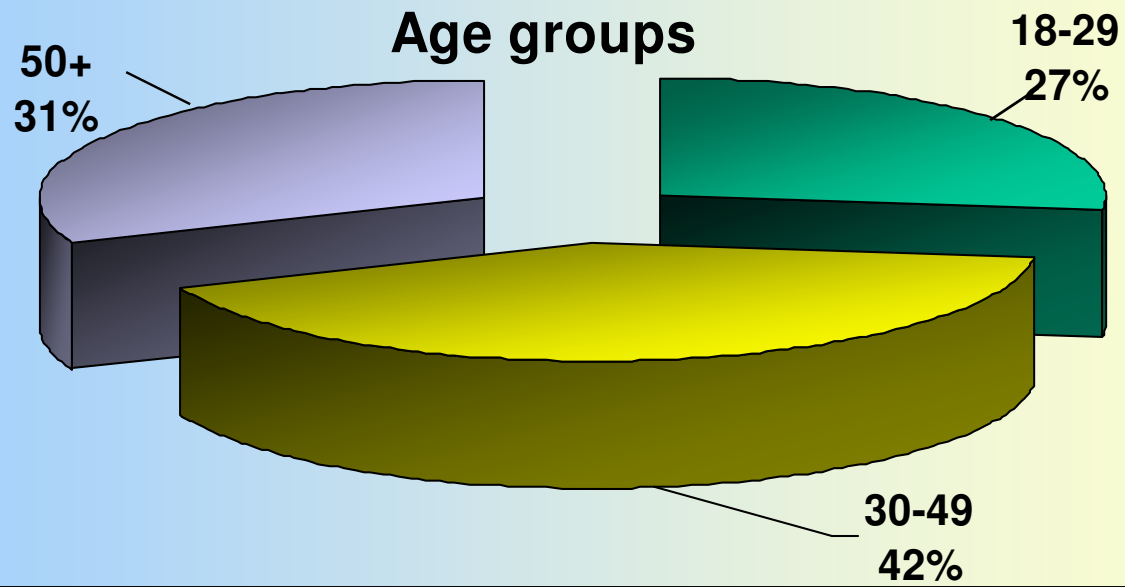
# SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS



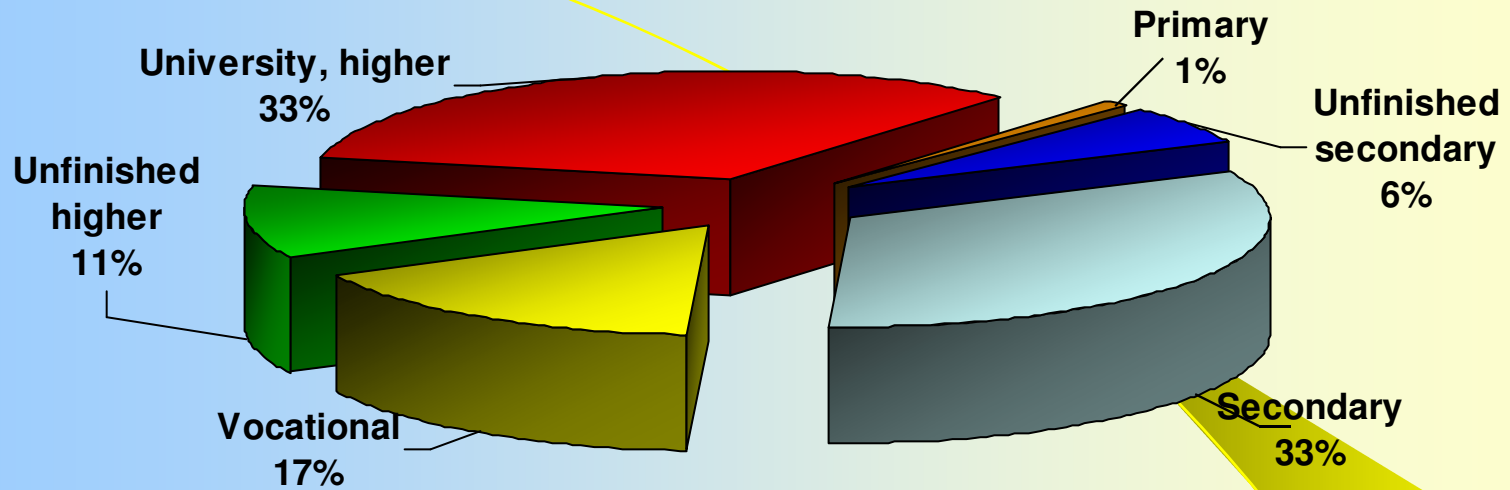
## Gender



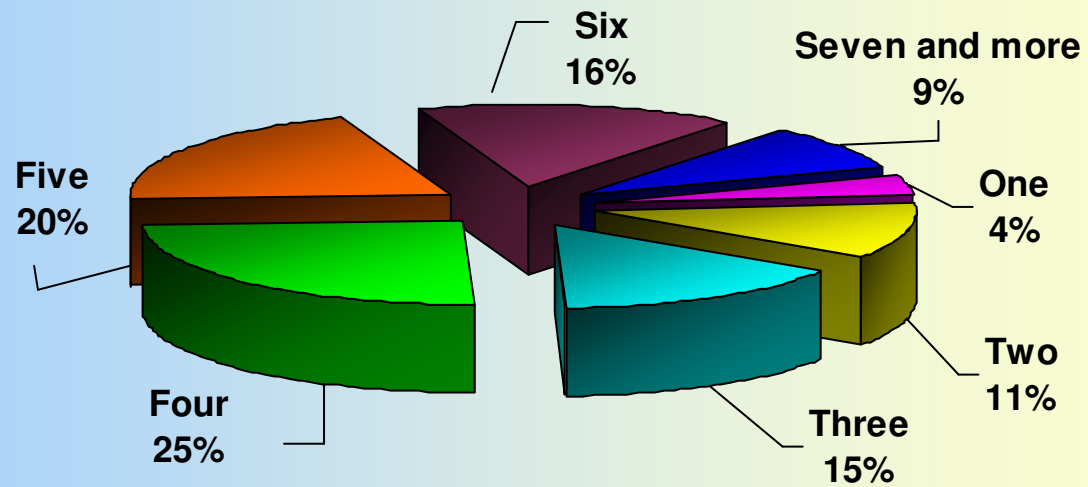
## Age groups



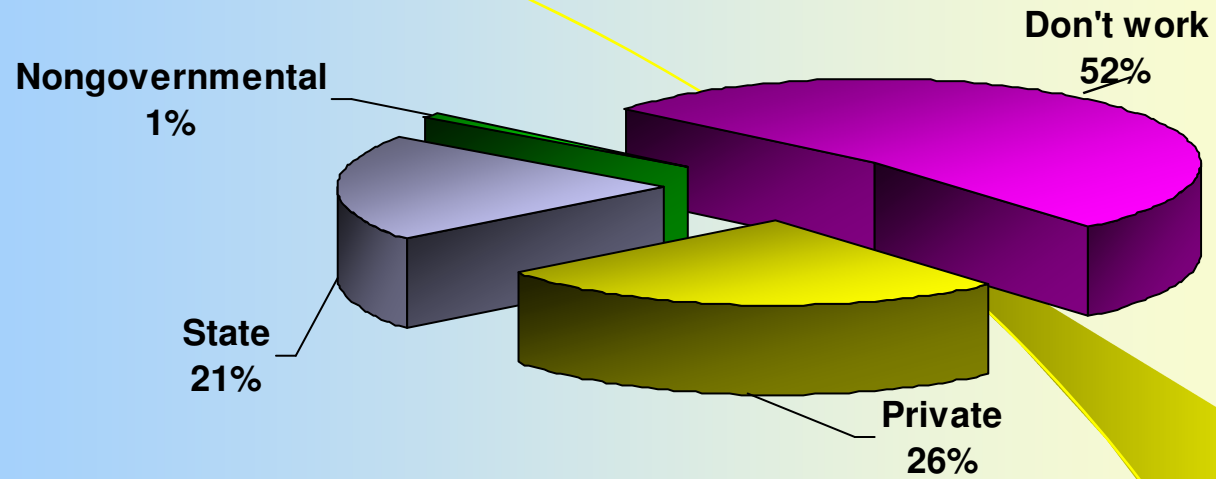
## Education



## Household size



## Sector of Employment



## Membership in Organizations

