

# Georgian National Voter Study

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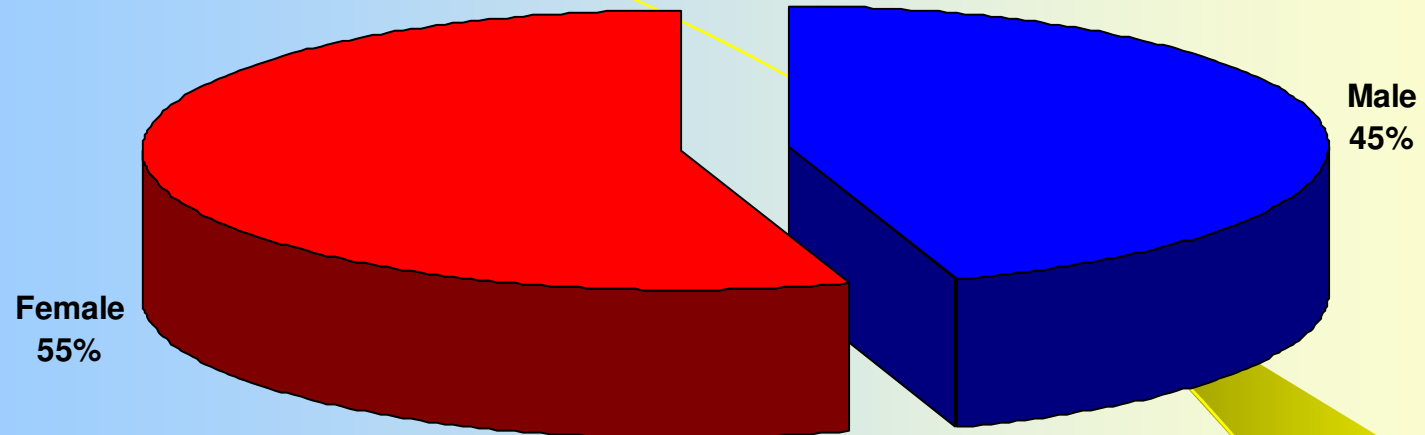


# METHODOLOGY

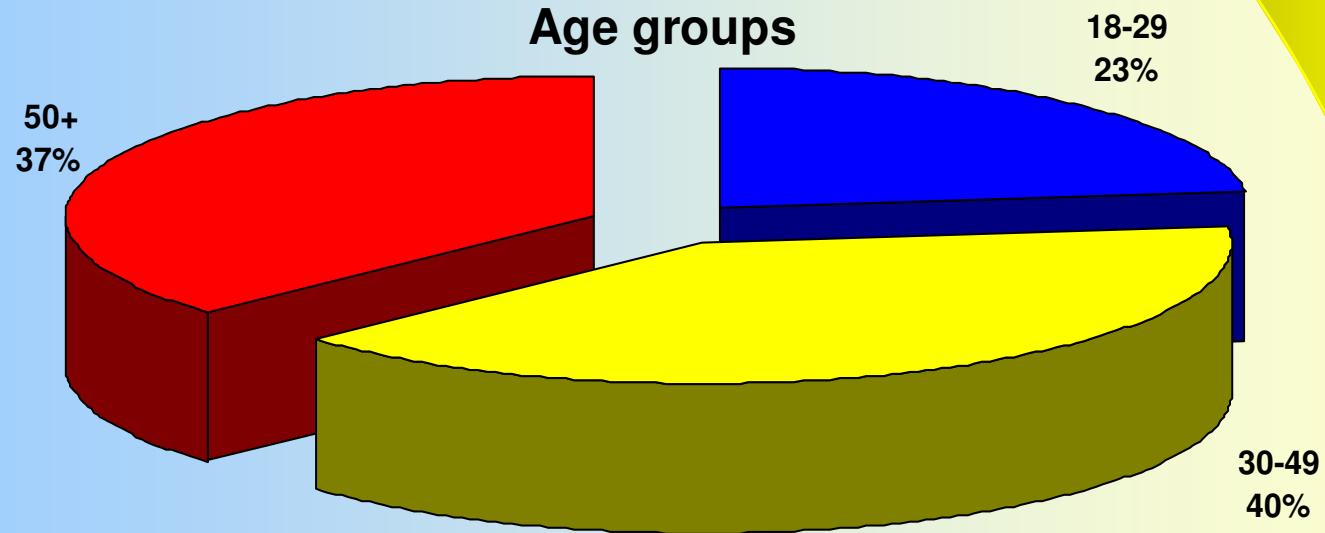
- **The survey was conducted from August 31 – September 10, 2007, by the Institute of Polling and Marketing for Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute.**
- **The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent Georgian residents over the age of 18 and eligible to vote, and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education and religion.**
- **The sample design was a multi-stage random sample.**
  - **Stage One: Break country into official administrative regions.**
  - **Stage Two: Select clusters of sampling points based on settlement population (large, medium, small towns and villages). One sample point = approximately 1 percent of survey population (10-12 surveys). Sampling points in each region were selected based on the percentage of population living in the various levels of settlement in that same region.**
- **Respondents were selected by the random route method, using the next birthday rule to select a respondent from within a household.**
- **Data were collected through face-to-face interviews with the respondents.**
- **Poll was conducted nationwide, including the capital and all major regional centers.**
- **The margin of error does not exceed 3 percent.**

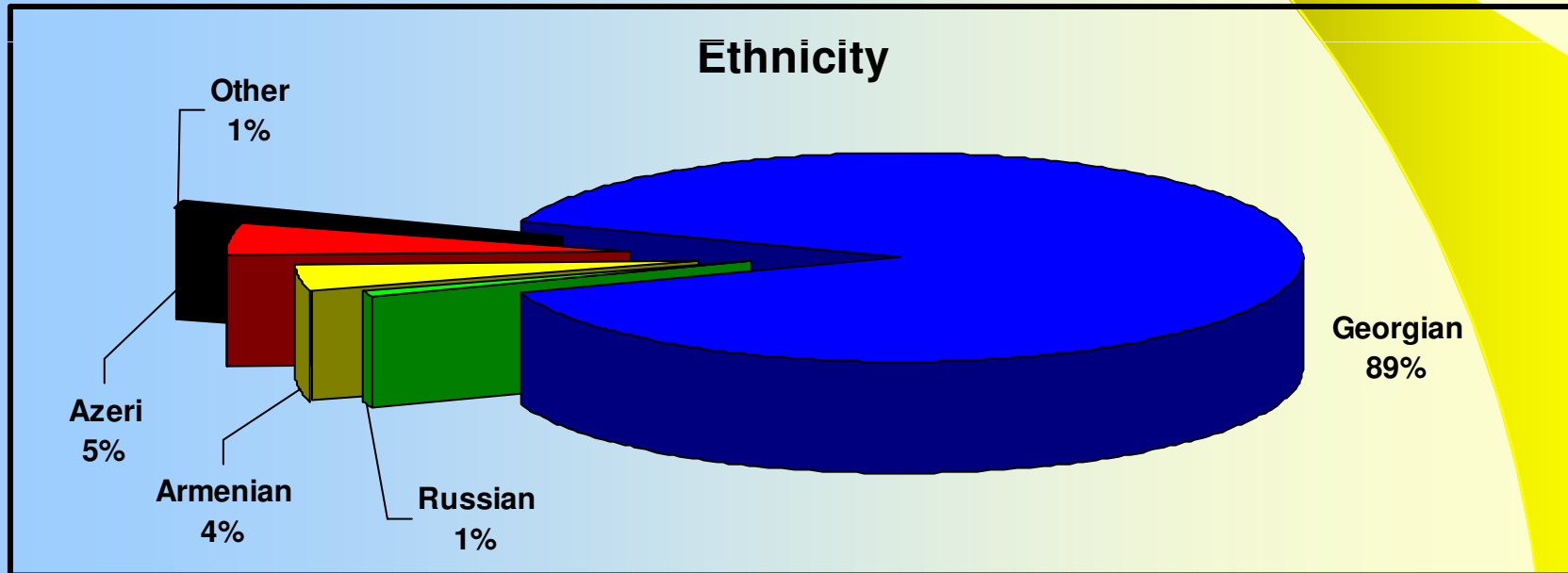
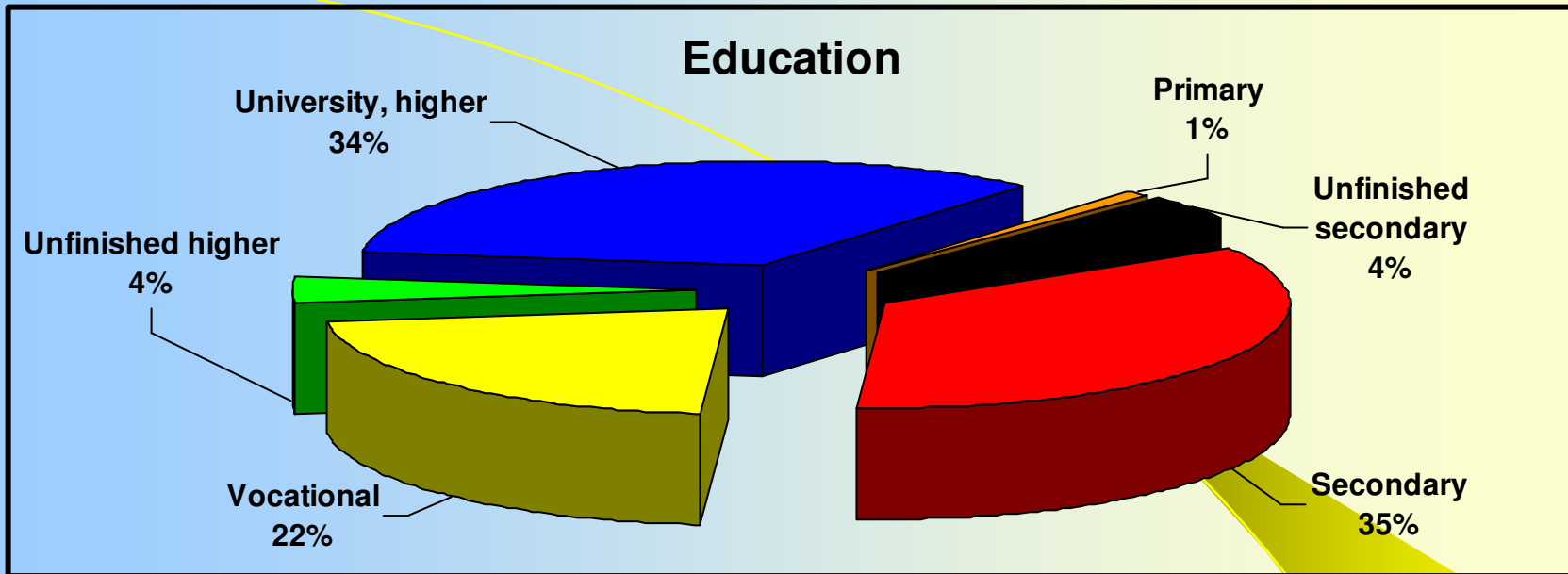
# **SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS**

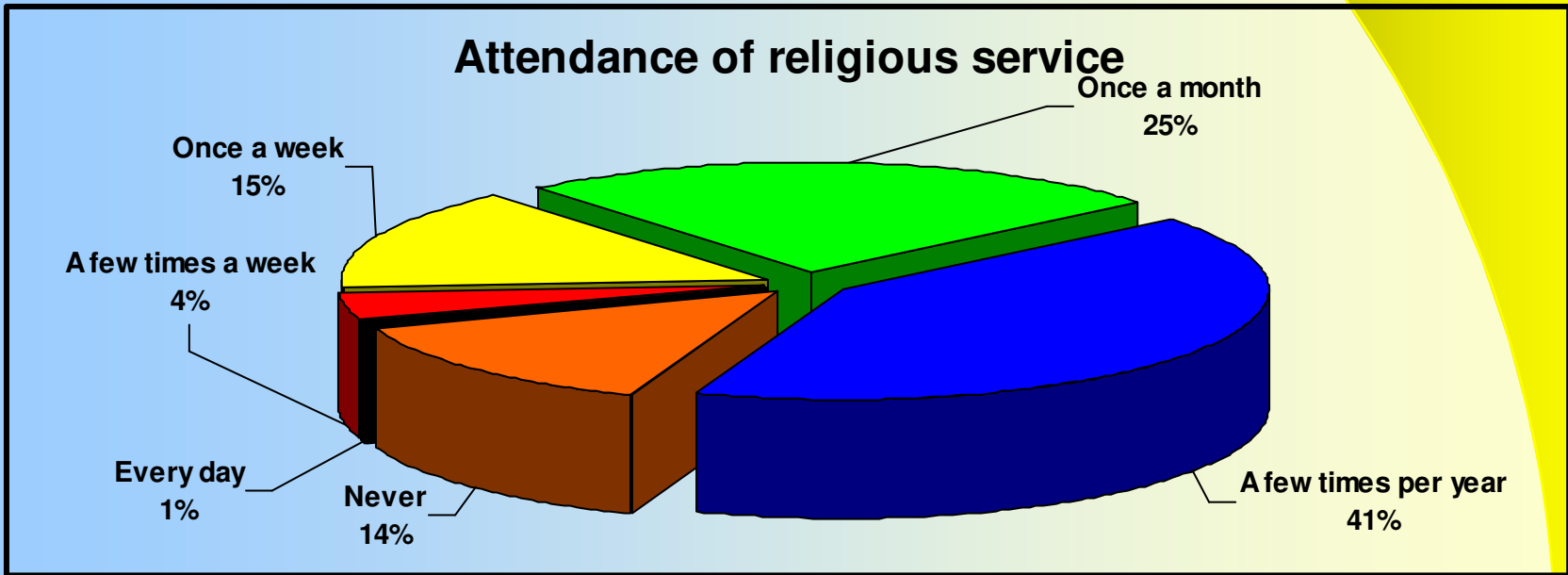
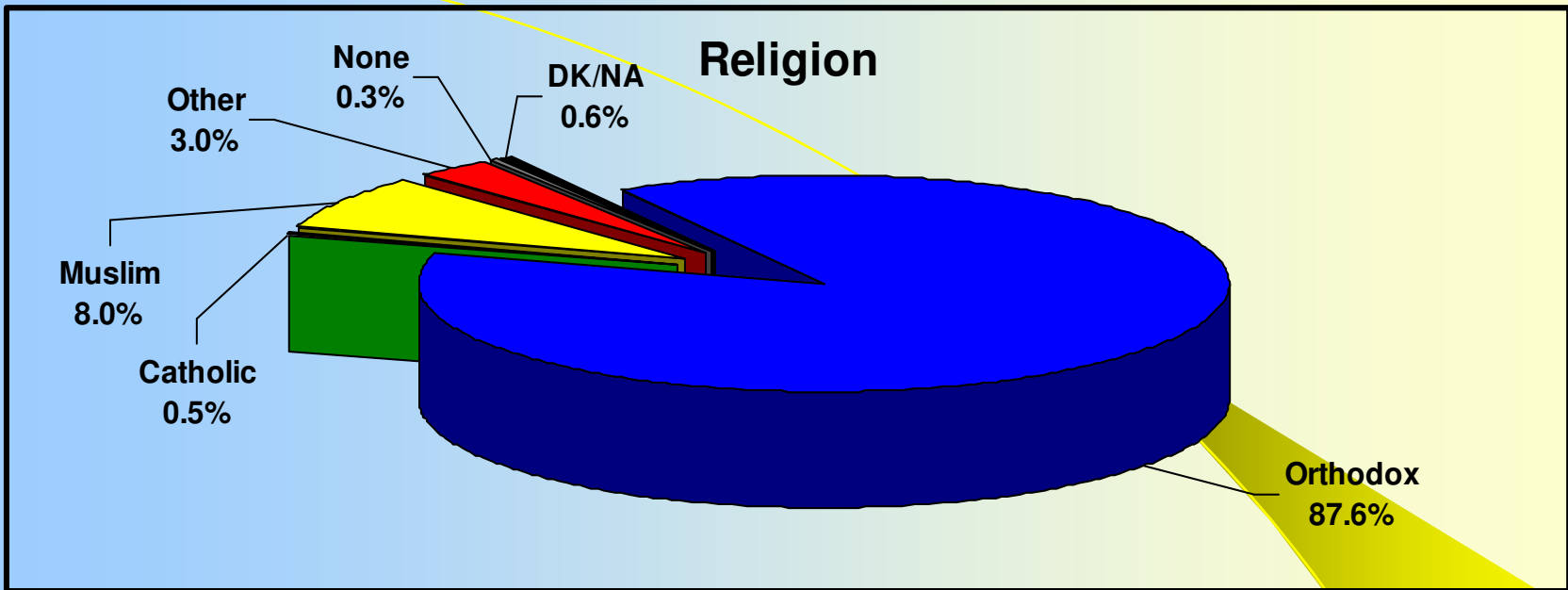
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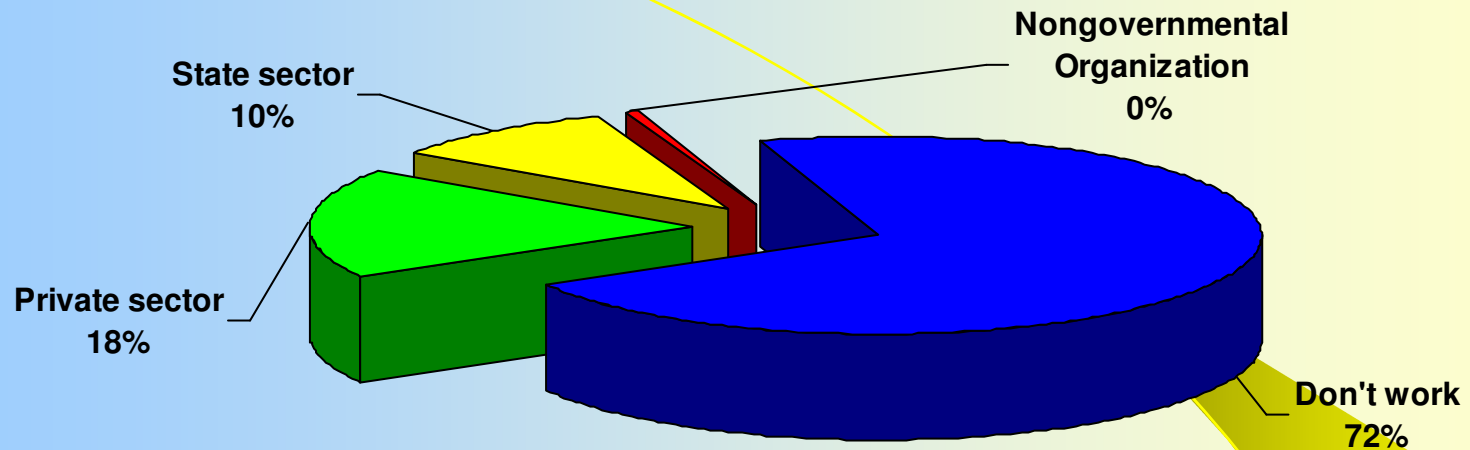
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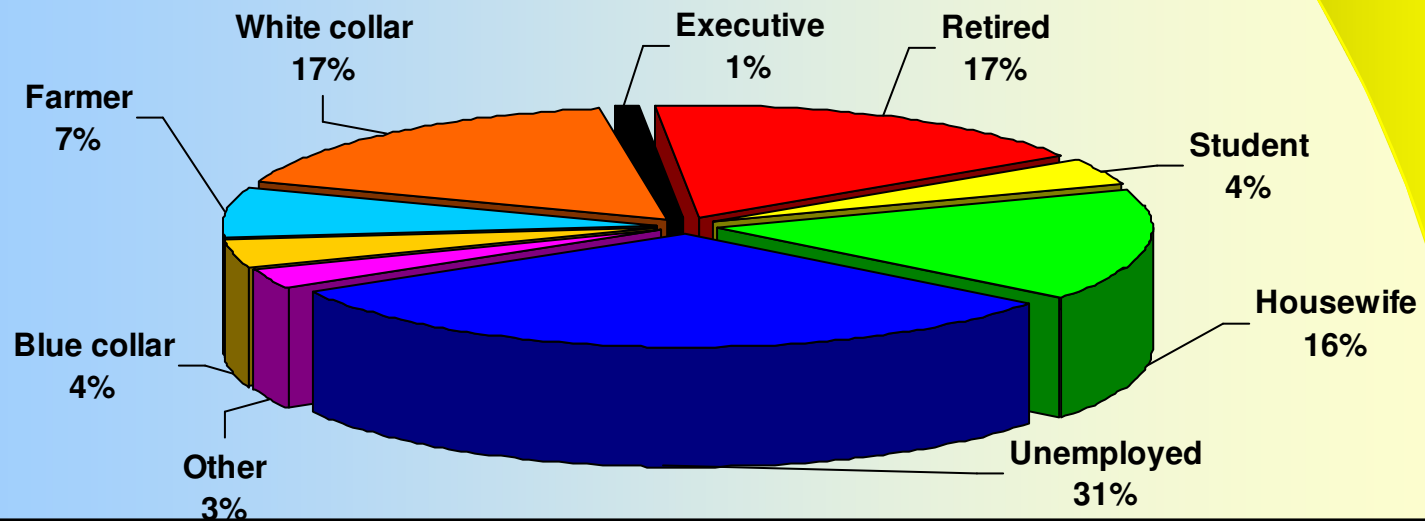




## Sector of employment



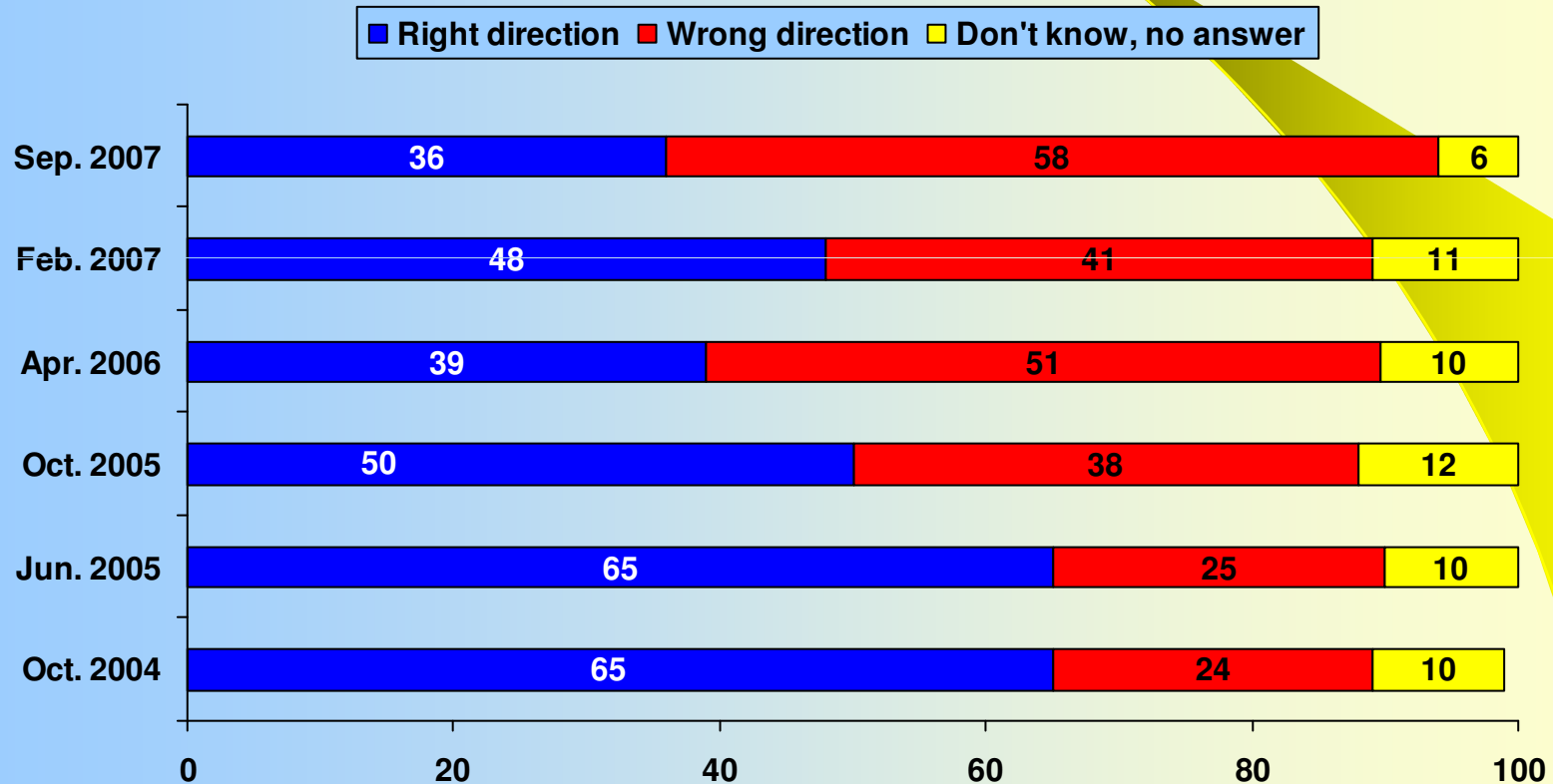
## Occupation



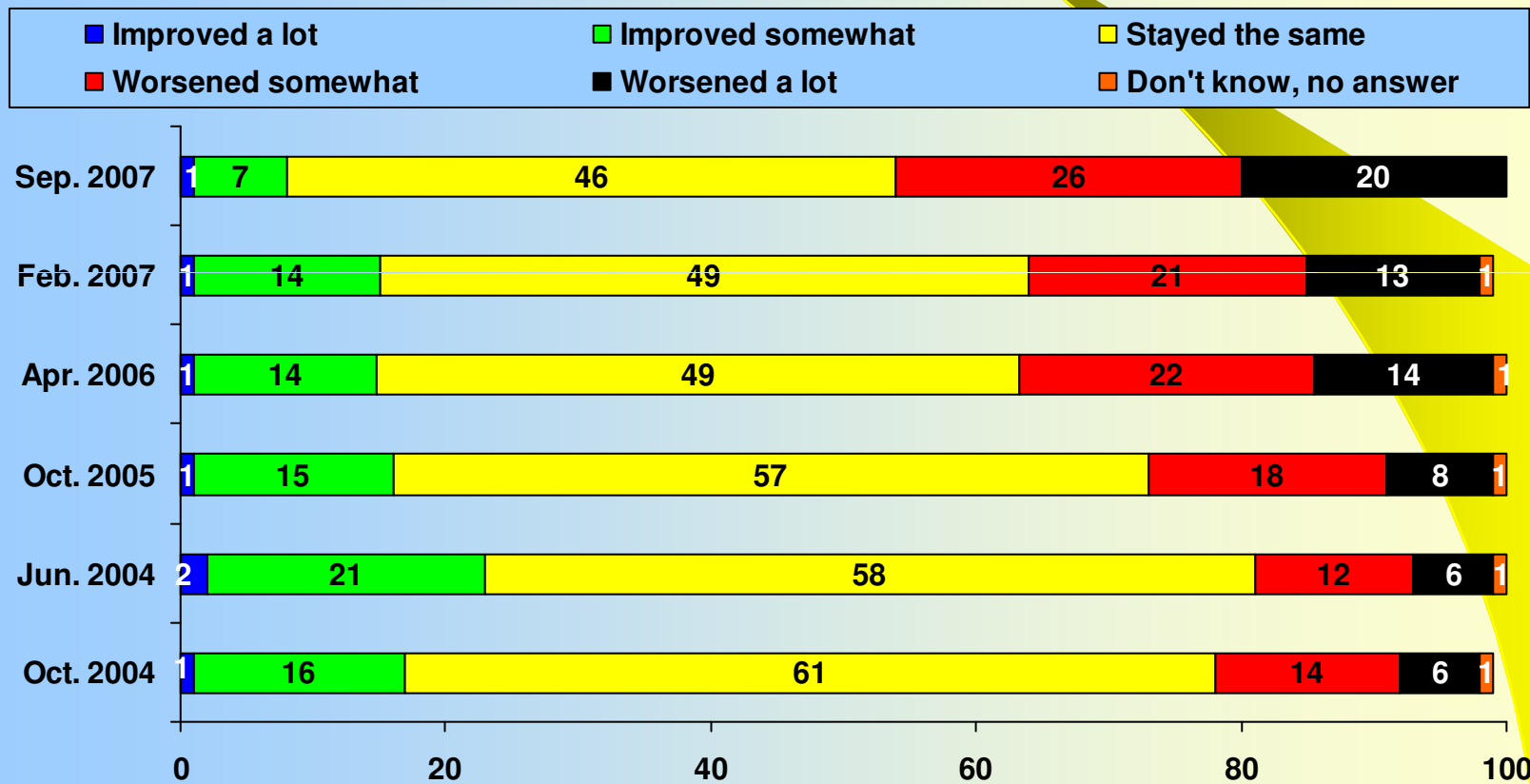
# MOOD OF THE COUNTRY



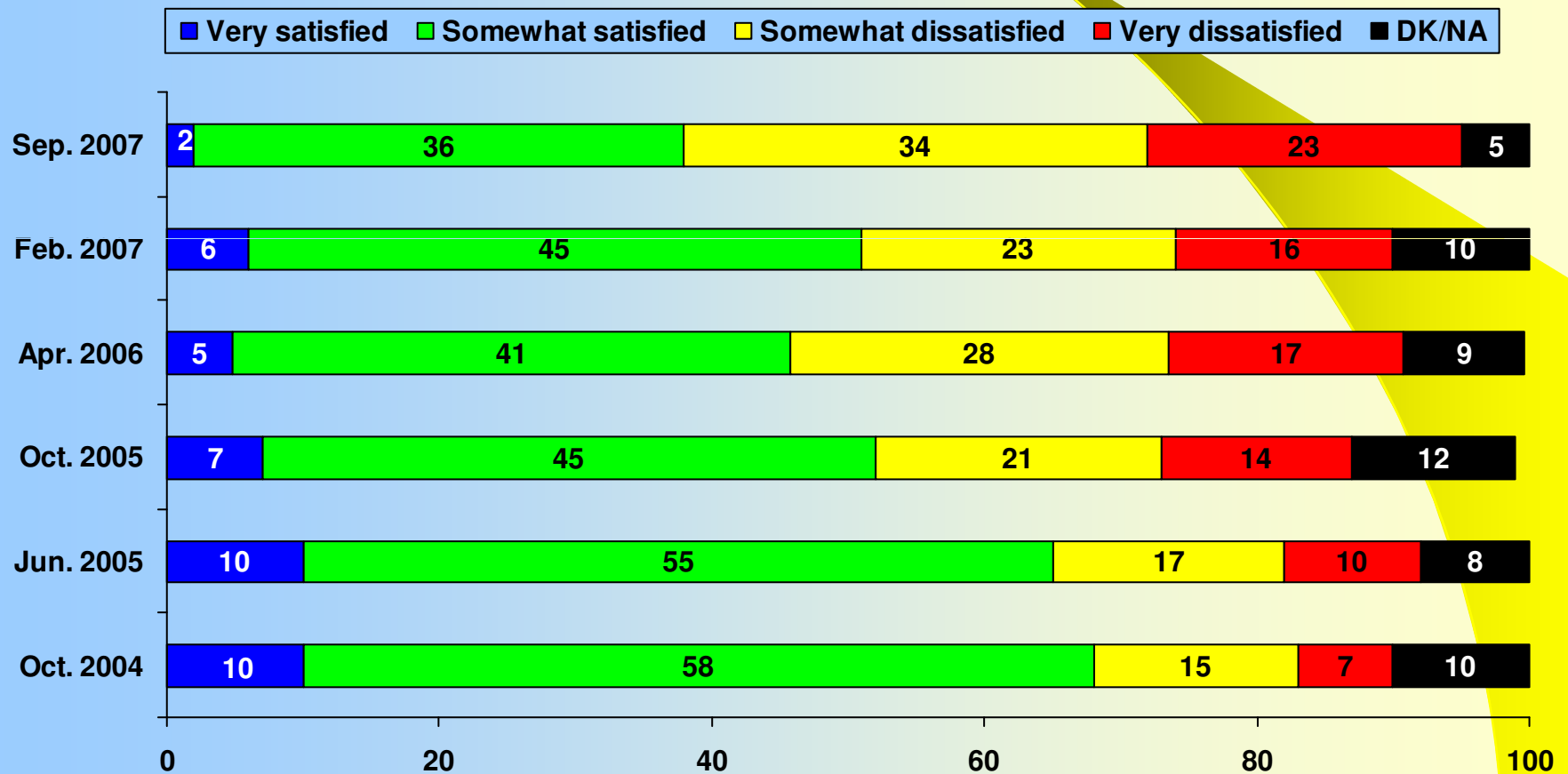
# Generally speaking, do you think that things in Georgia are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



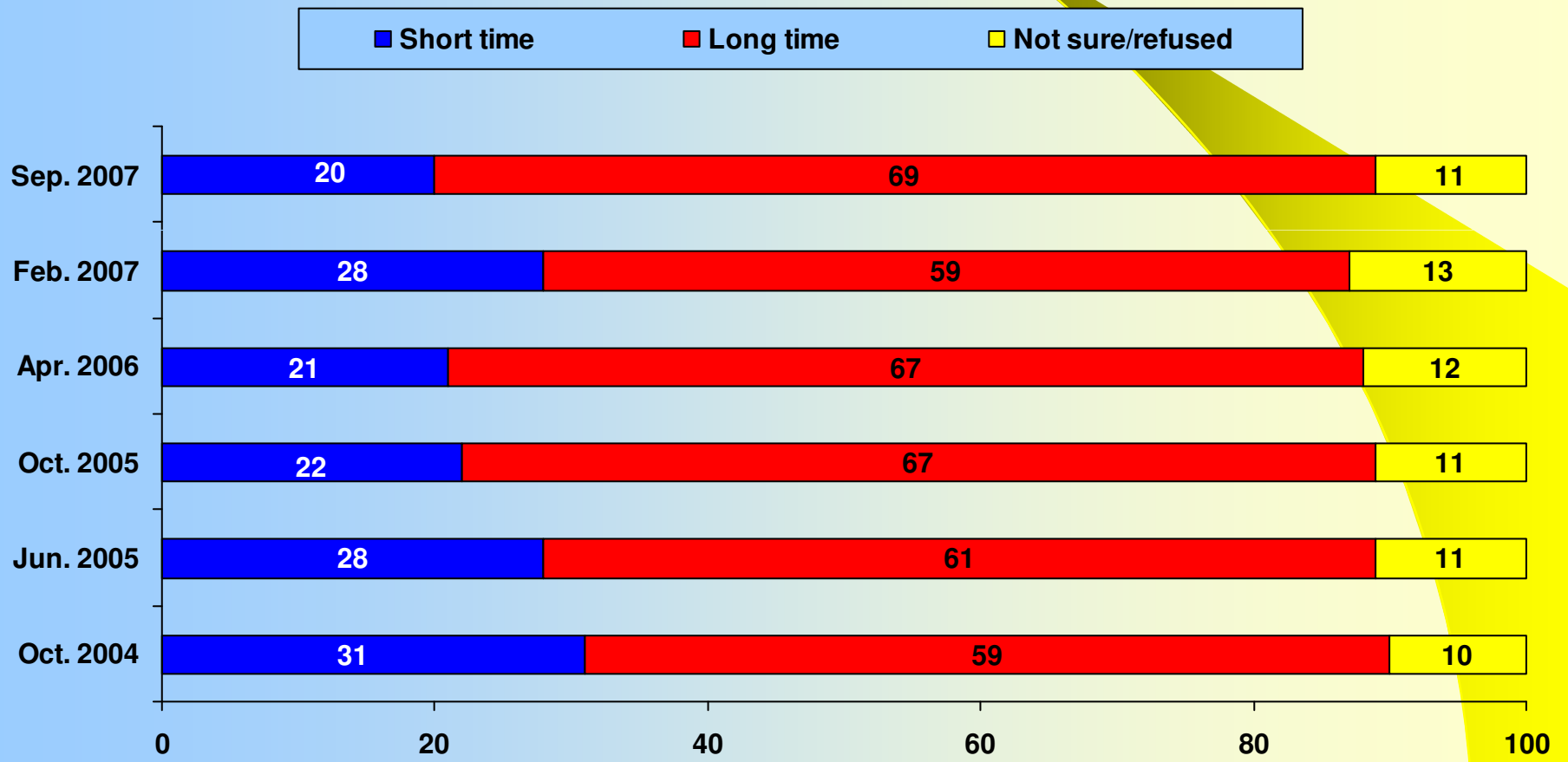
## Over the last 3 months, the financial situation of your household has...?



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

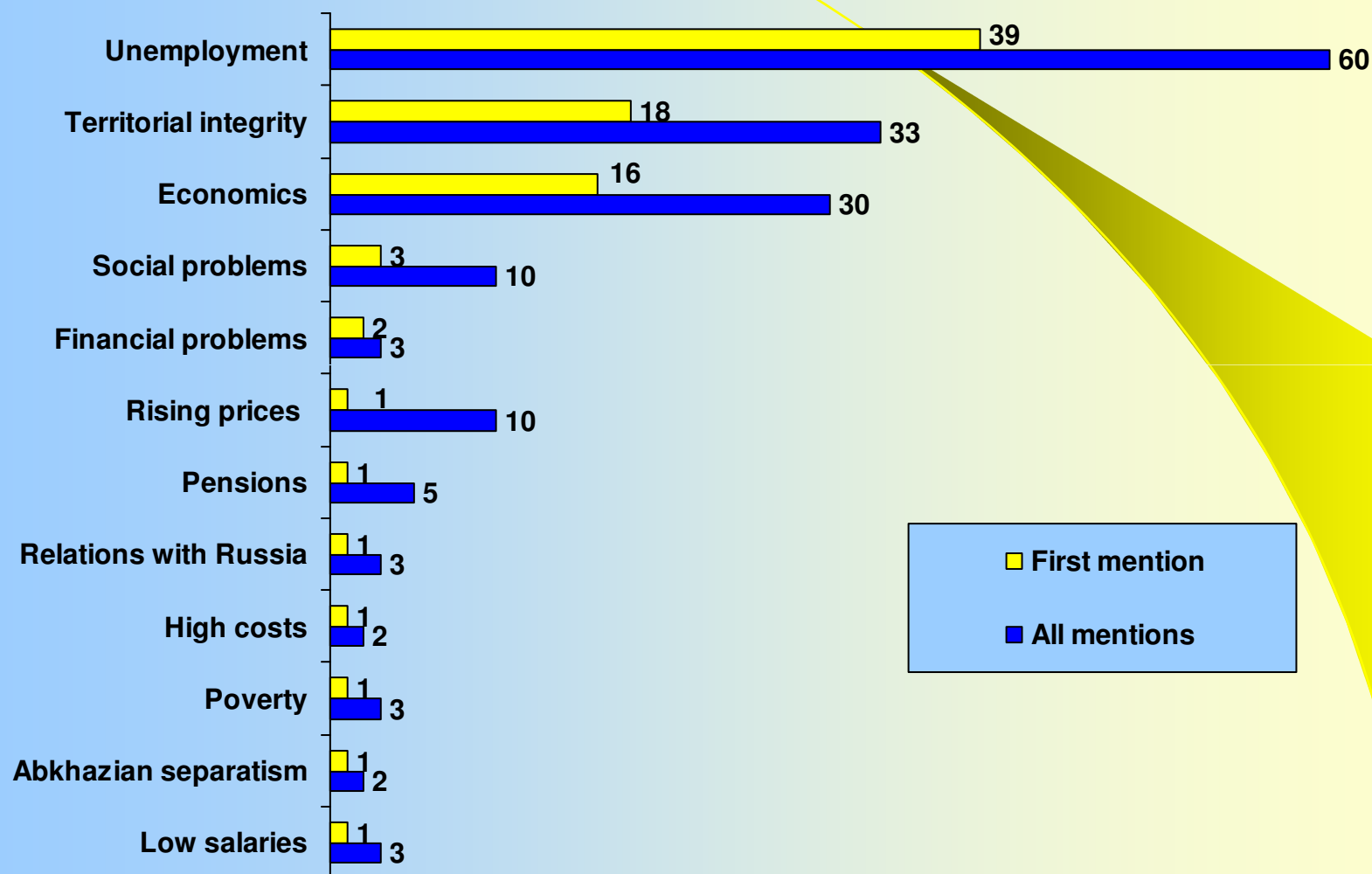


# Do you believe that things will get better in a short amount of time or will it take a long time for things to get better in the country?

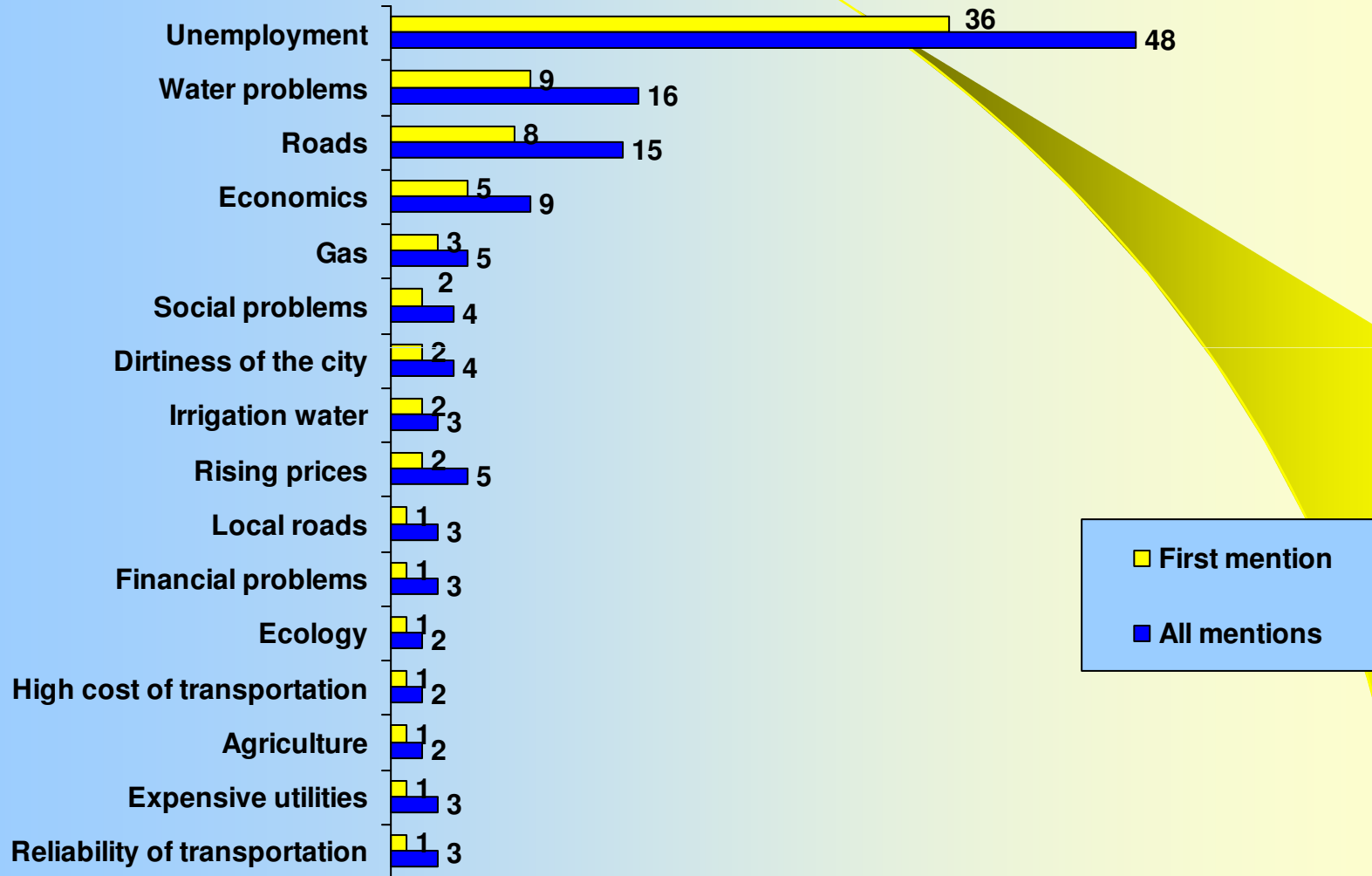


# ISSUES

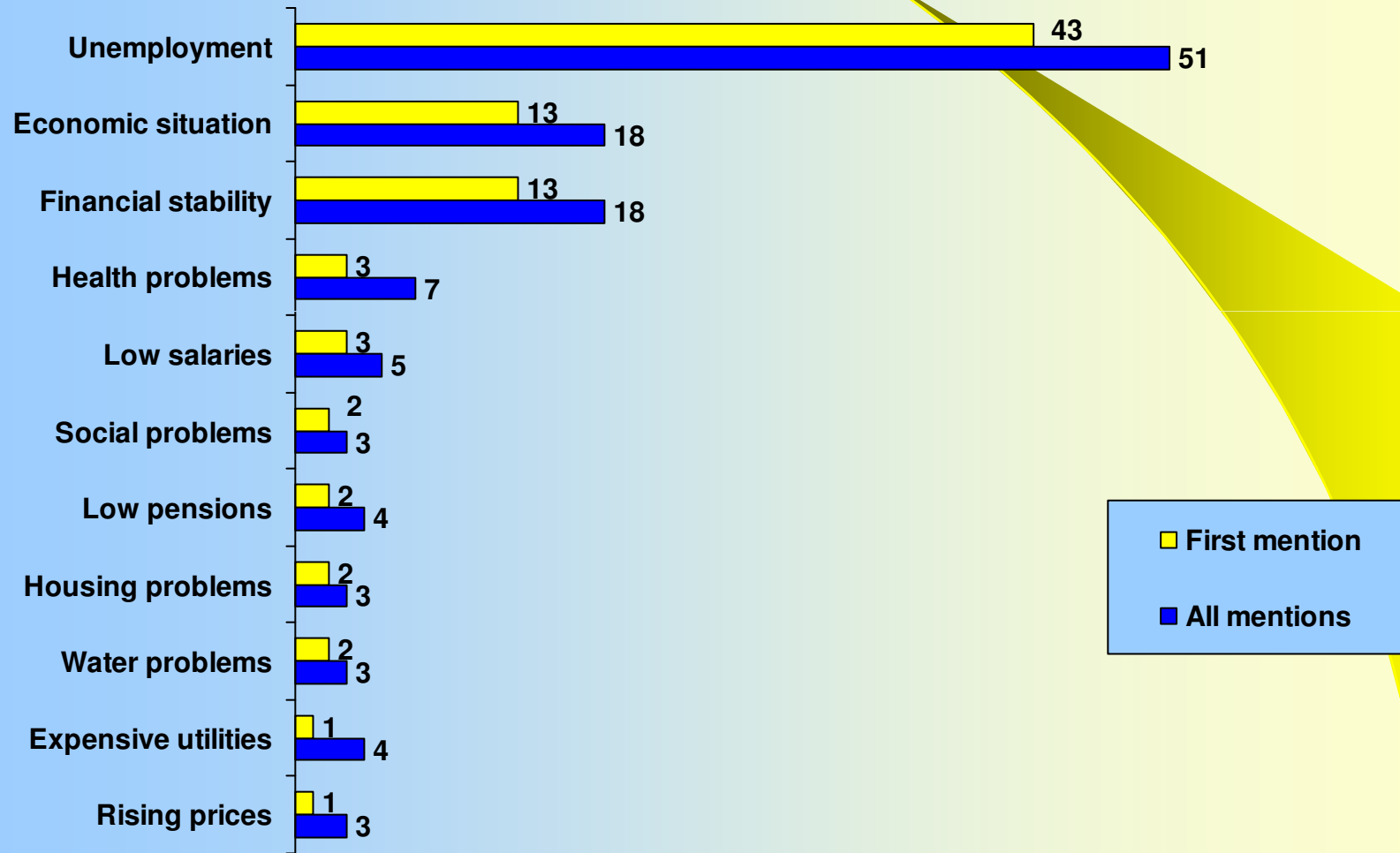
# What are the main problems Georgia is facing at the moment? Please mention the three most important problems, starting with the most important one:



# What are the three main problems you'd say your town/village is facing at the moment? Please mention the three most important problems, starting with the most important one:

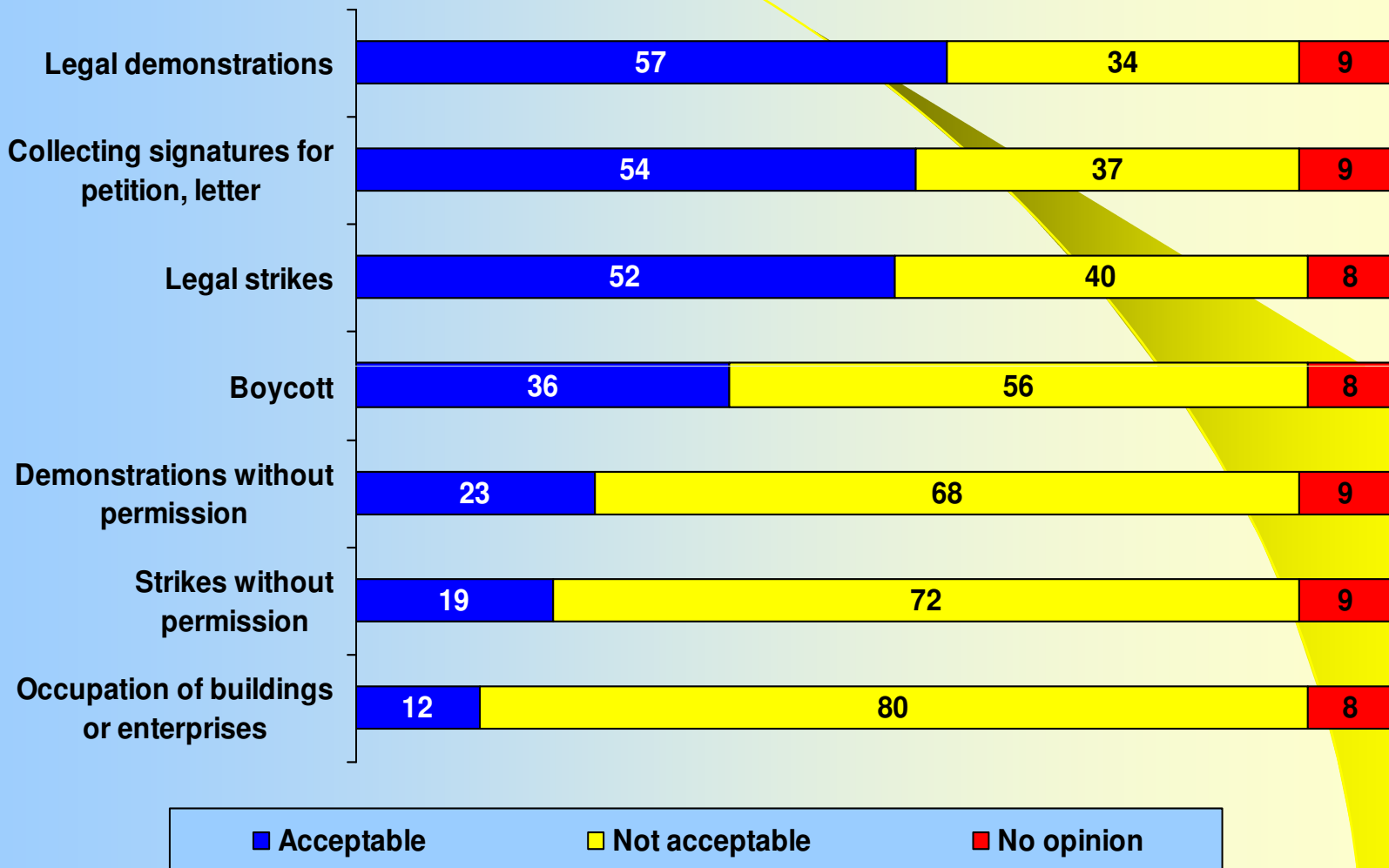


**Speaking about your household, what are the three most important problems for you and your household members?  
Please mention the three most important problems, starting with the most important one:**

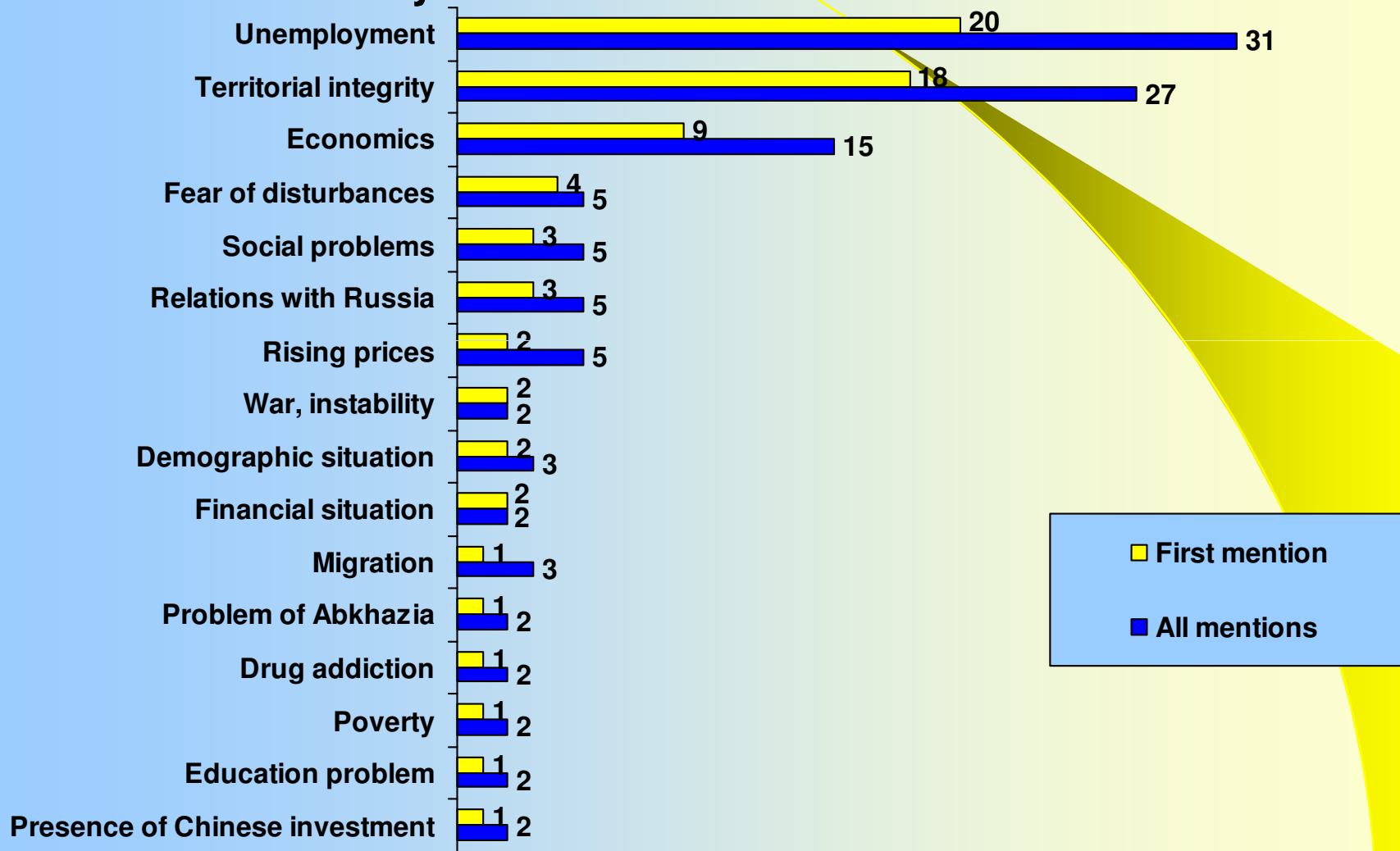




# Do you think it is acceptable or not if some groups use the following methods of protest? How acceptable is each of these forms?



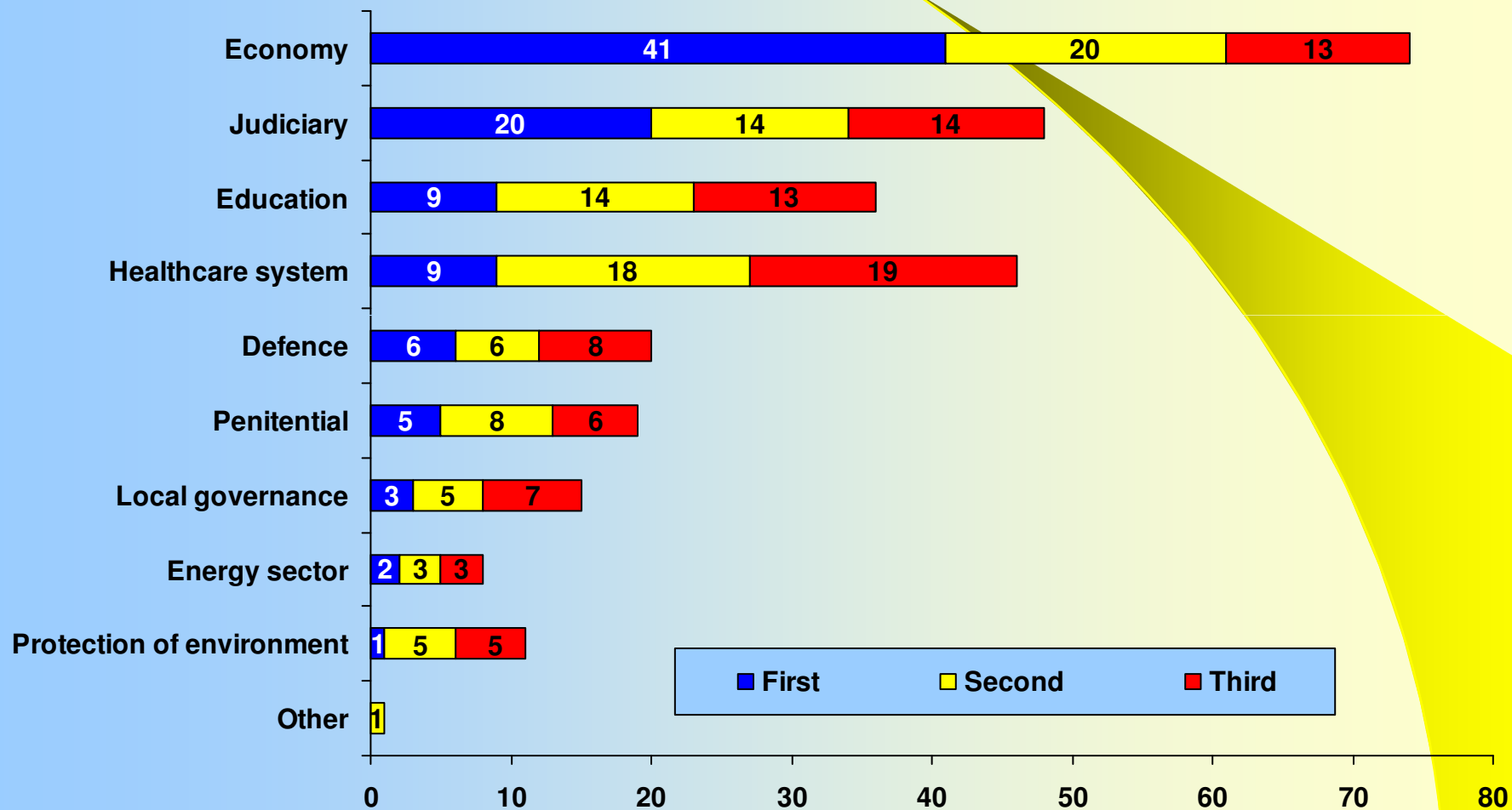
**There are some things people say they are worried about more than other things. Thinking about the current situation and the future of our country, what are the three things you are afraid of most of all?**



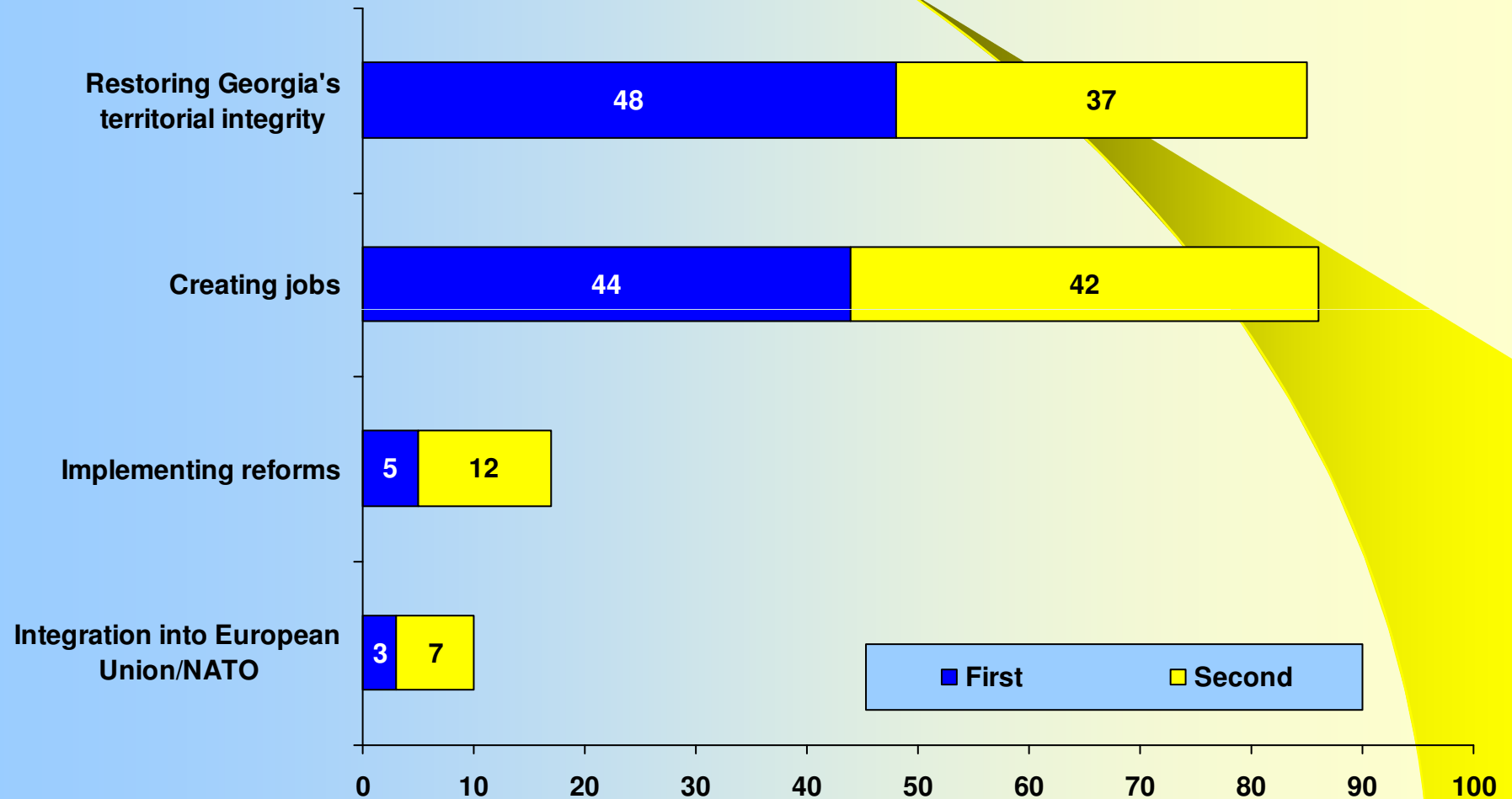
# Have you been in a situation over the last 12 months when you had to pay a bribe in order to get a service or a decision?



# Which area should the Georgian government make its first priority for reforms? Which area should be the second priority? The third priority?

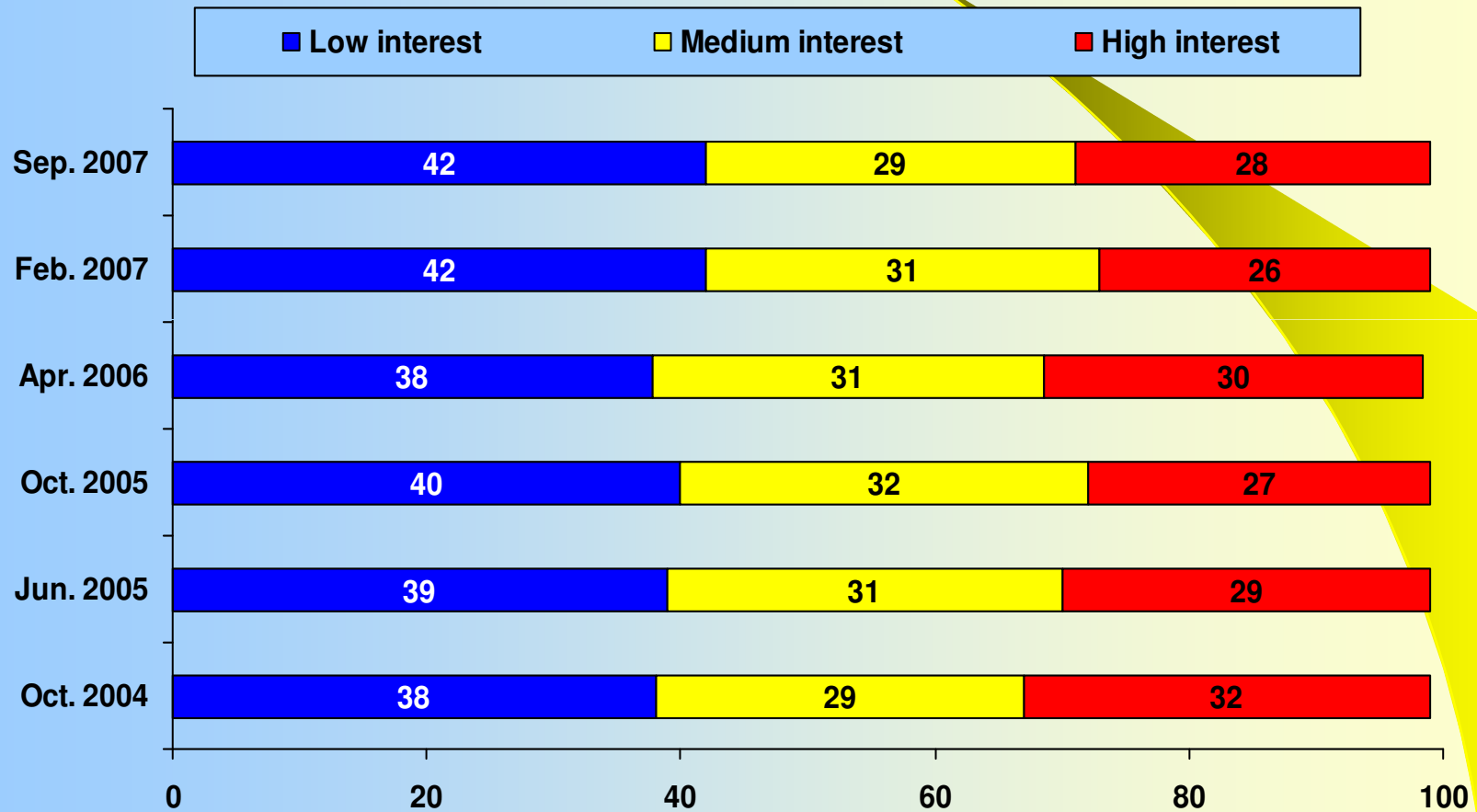


# Which of these should be the Georgian government's first priority? And which should be the second priority?

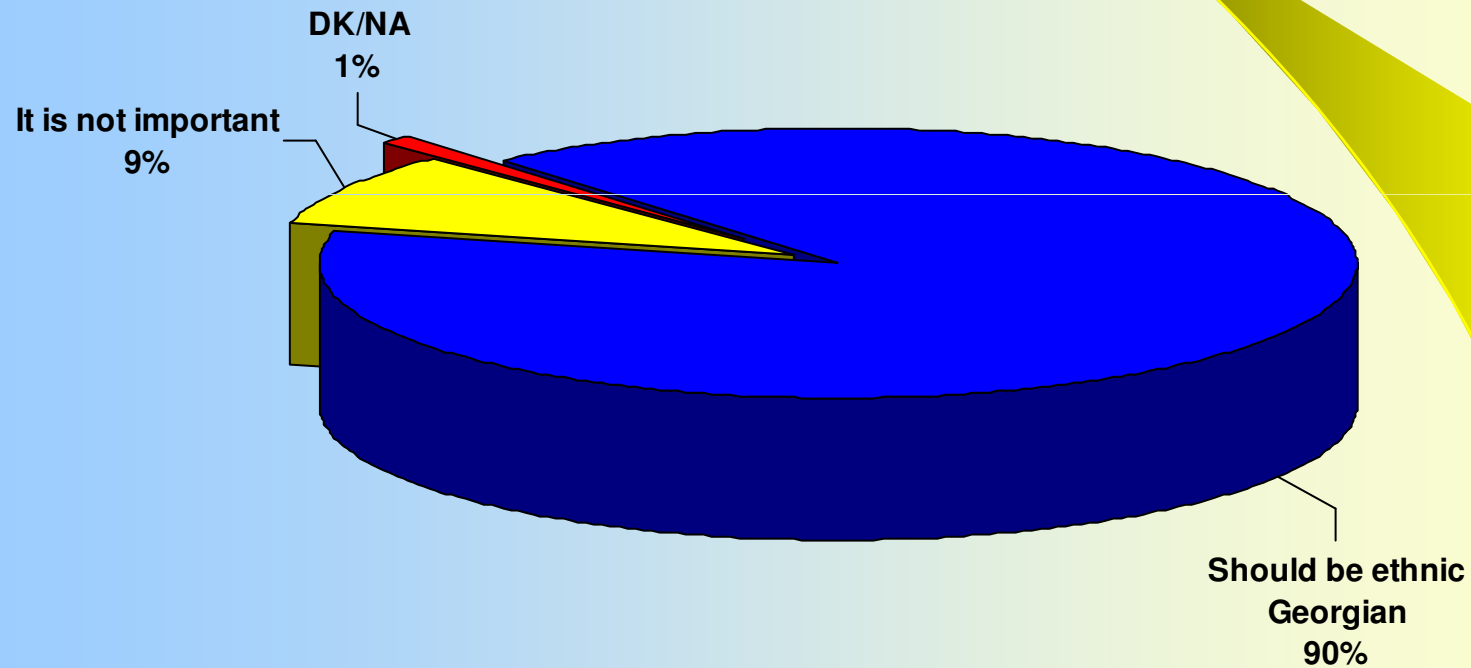


# POLITICS

## How much interest do you have in politics?

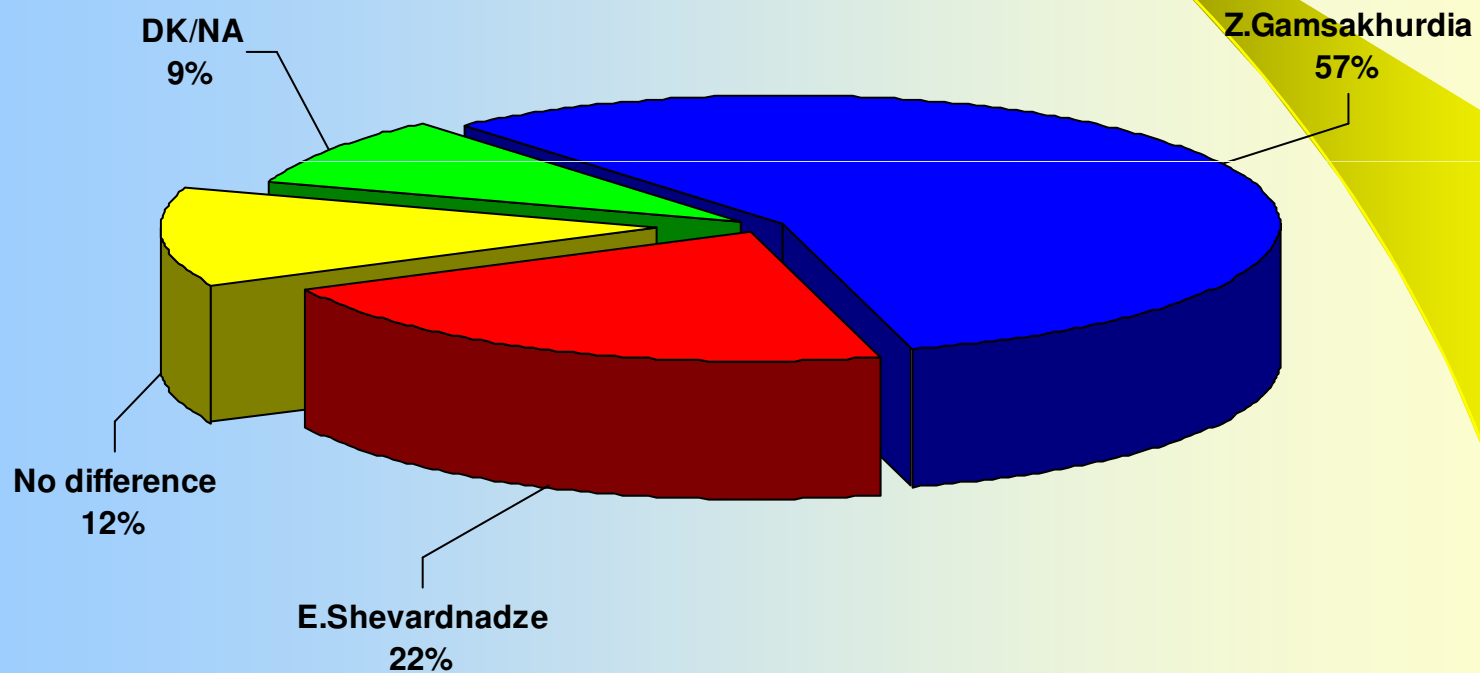


# In your opinion, should the President of Georgia be an ethnic Georgian or it is not important?

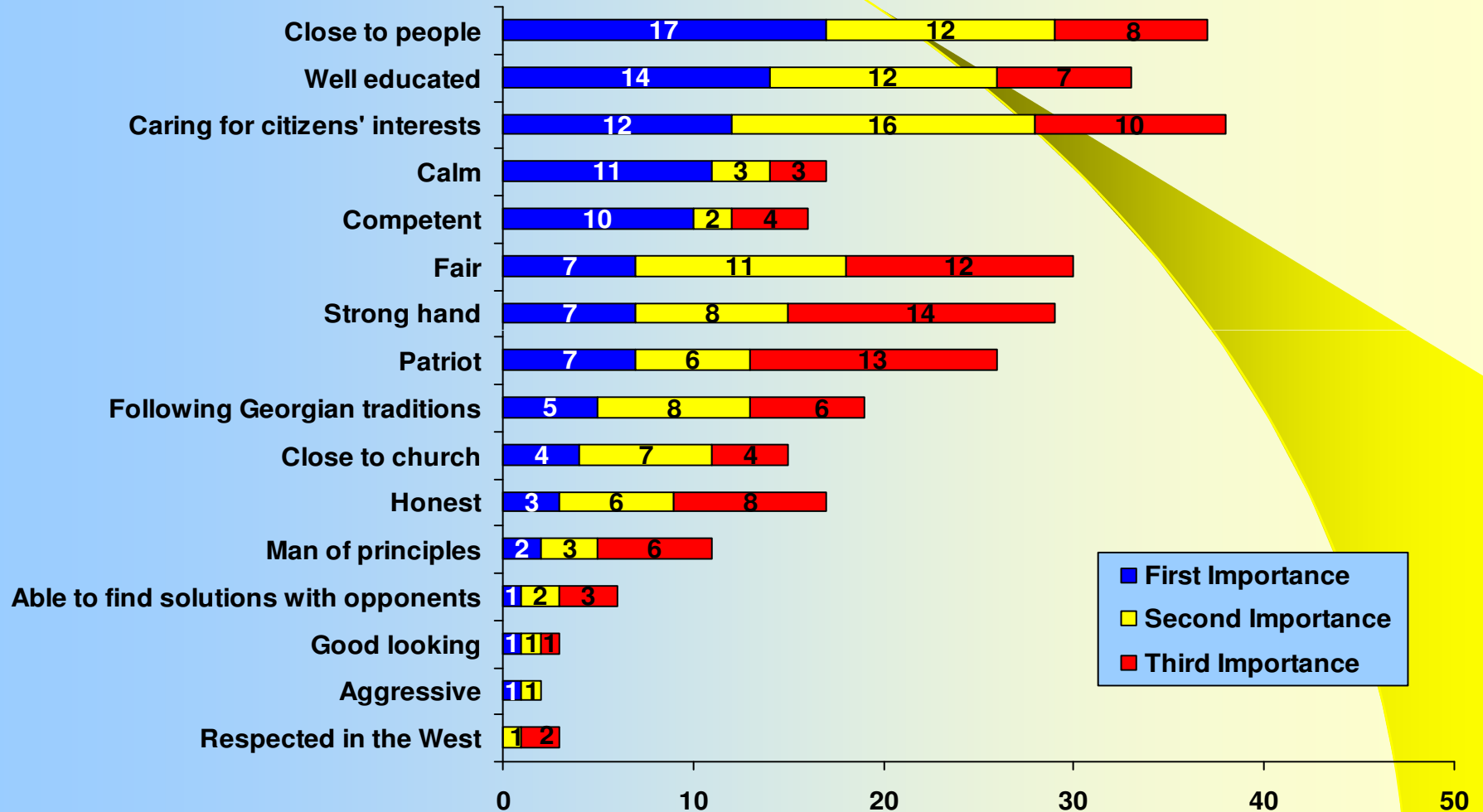




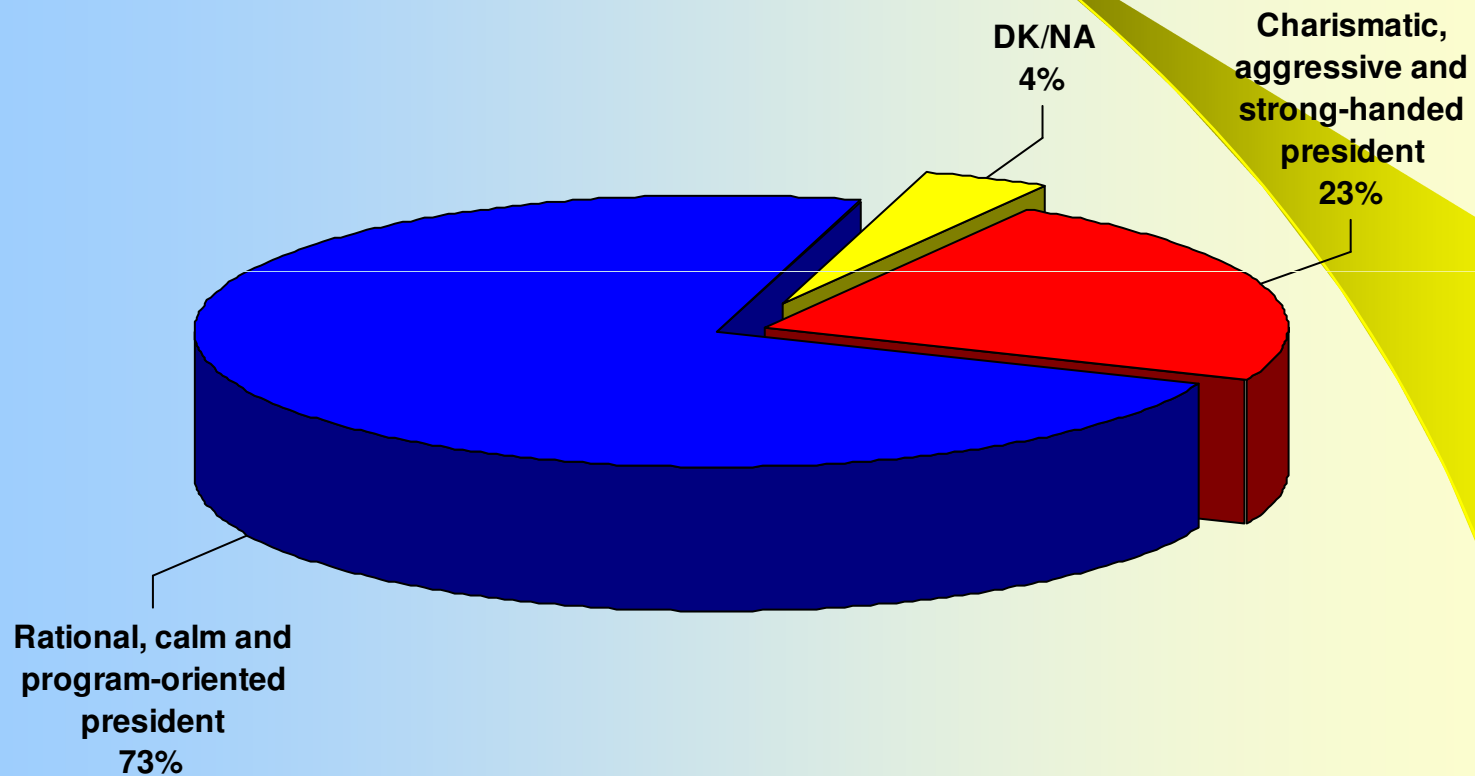
## Please tell me your opinion – Who was a better President for Georgia, Zviad Gamsakhurdia or Eduard Shevardnadze?



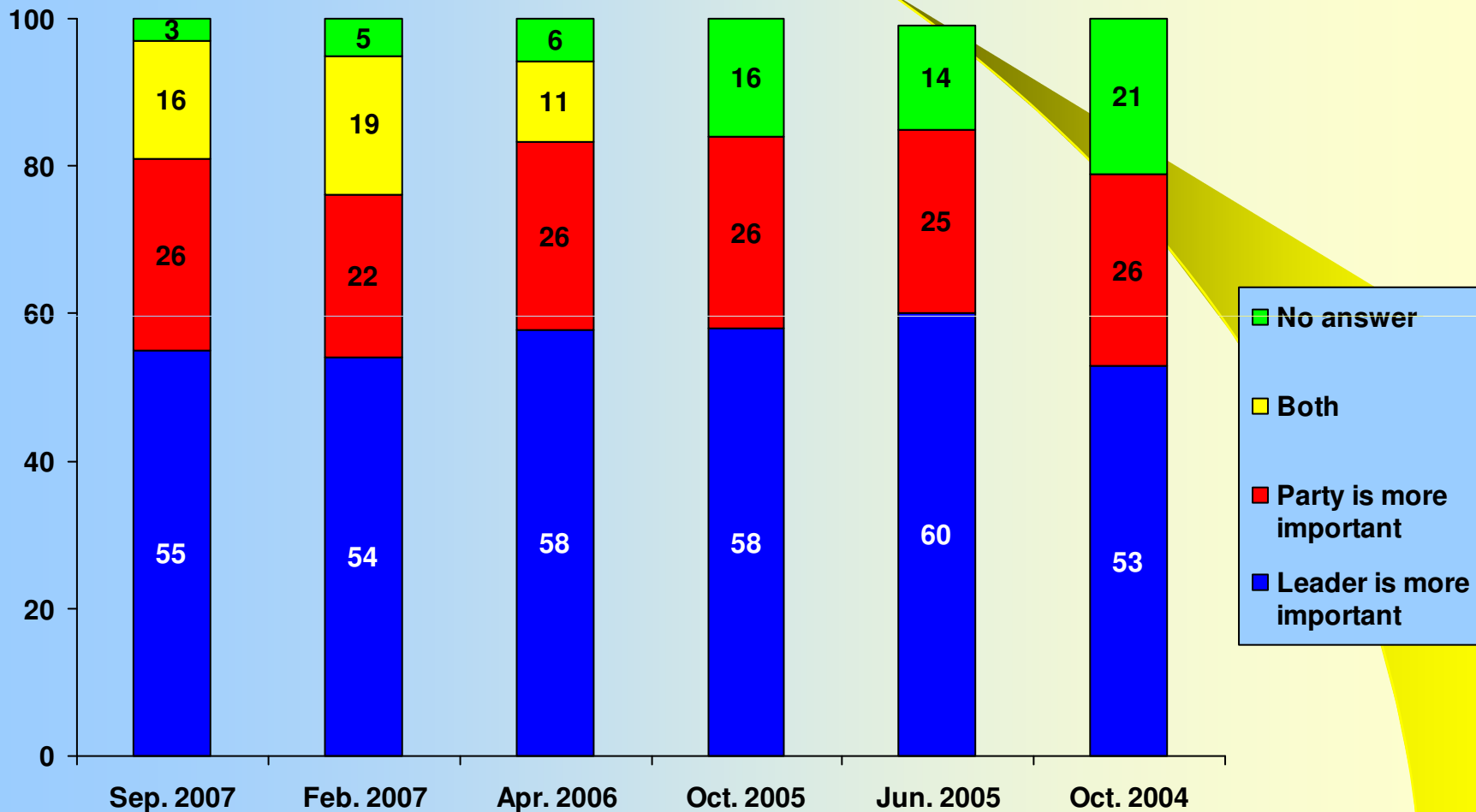
# Thinking about the Georgian president, what characteristics would you consider to be the most important for his/her personality?



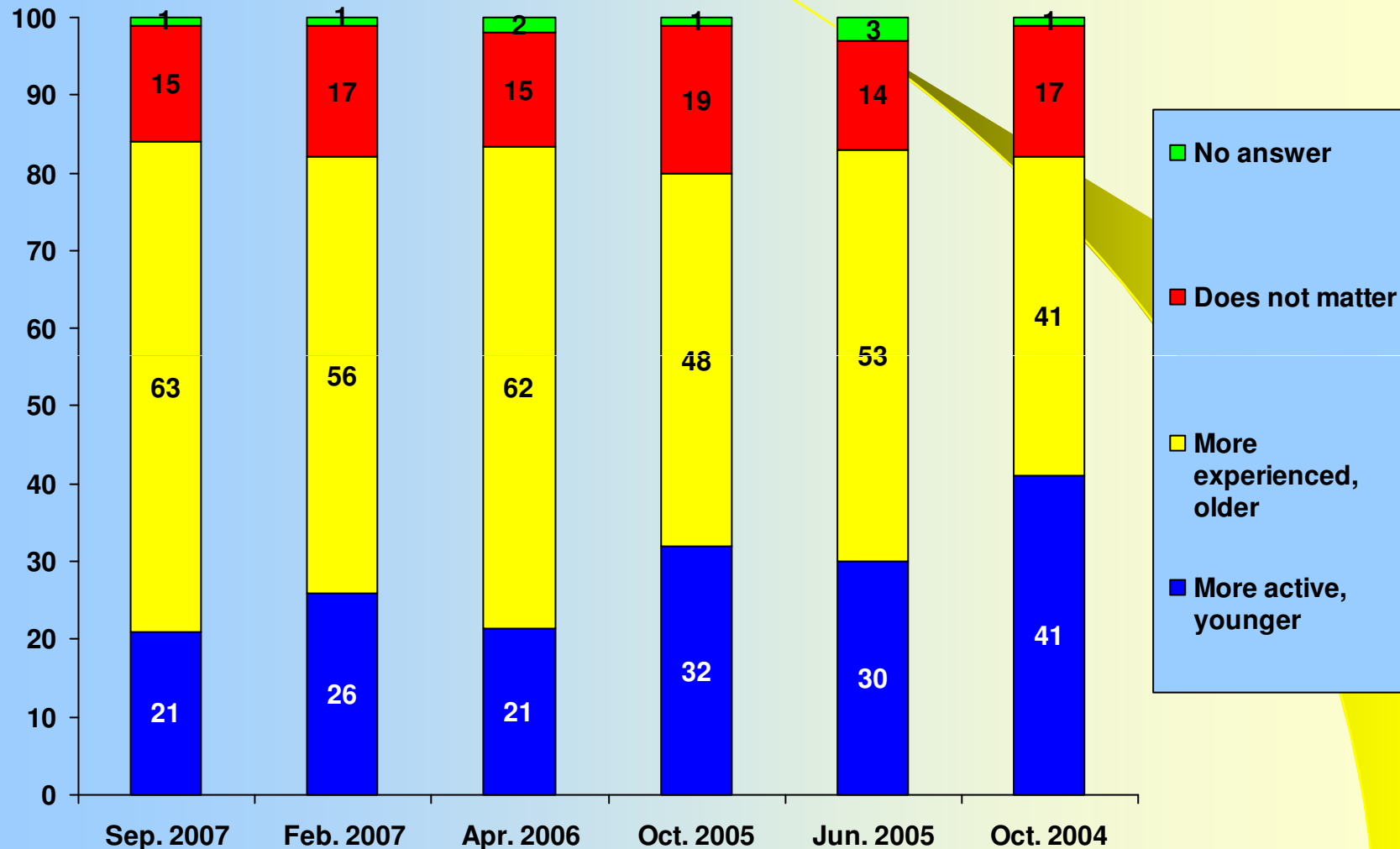
## In your opinion, what kind of leader does Georgia need as President?



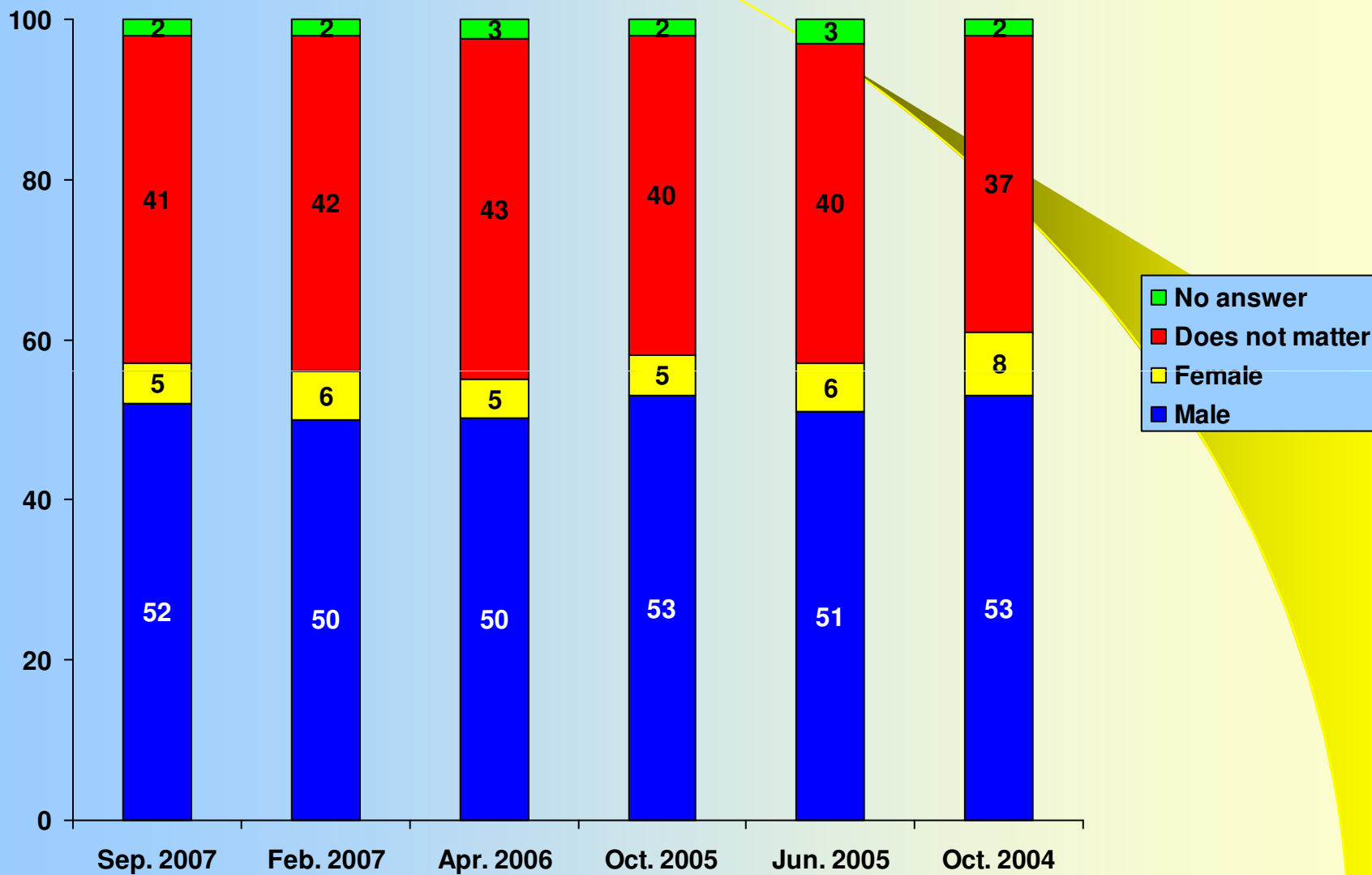
## When you consider which party to vote for, what is more important, party leader or the party itself?



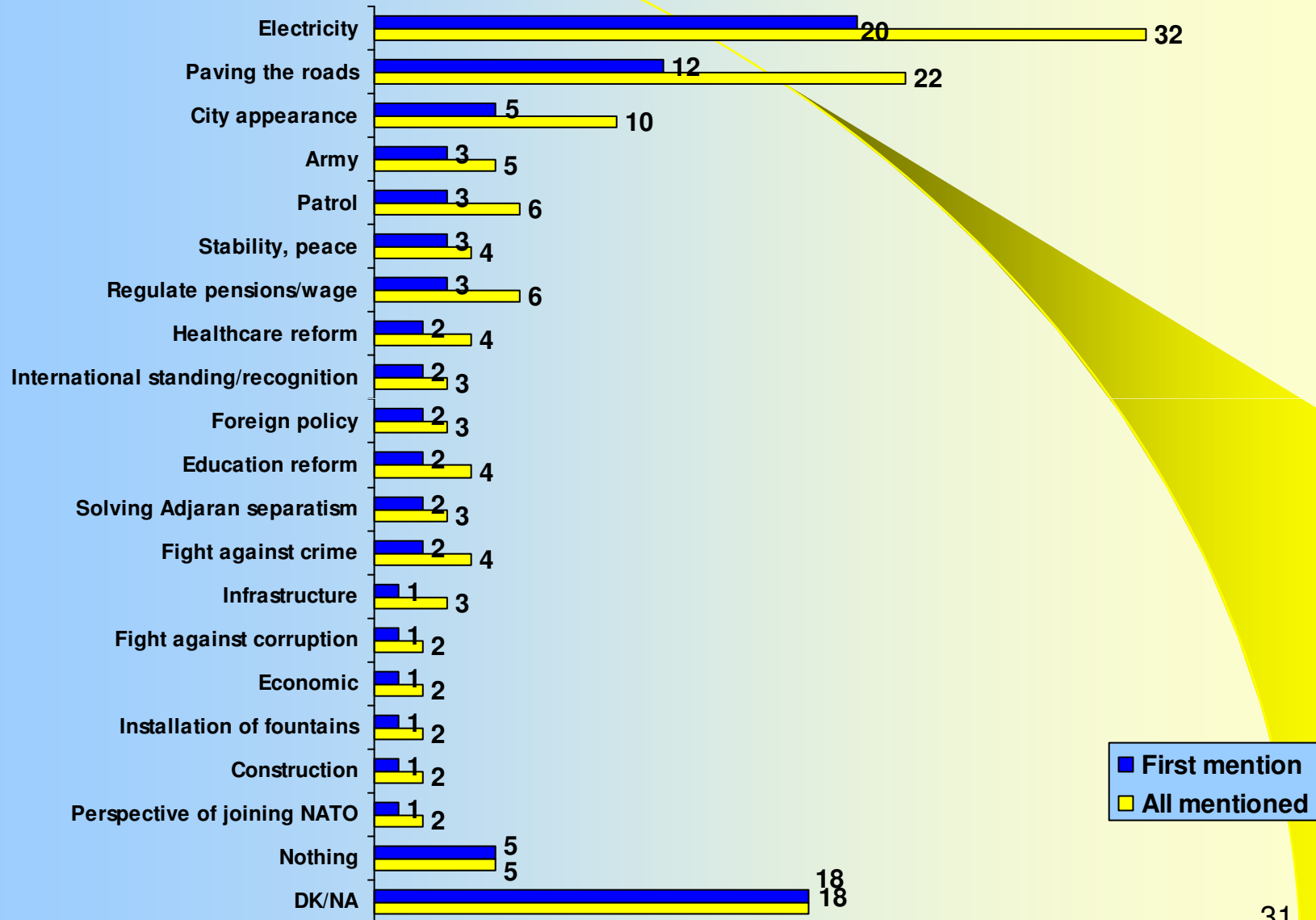
# If all other characteristics are equal, would you prefer to vote for the candidate for the parliament who is more active and younger or more experienced and older?



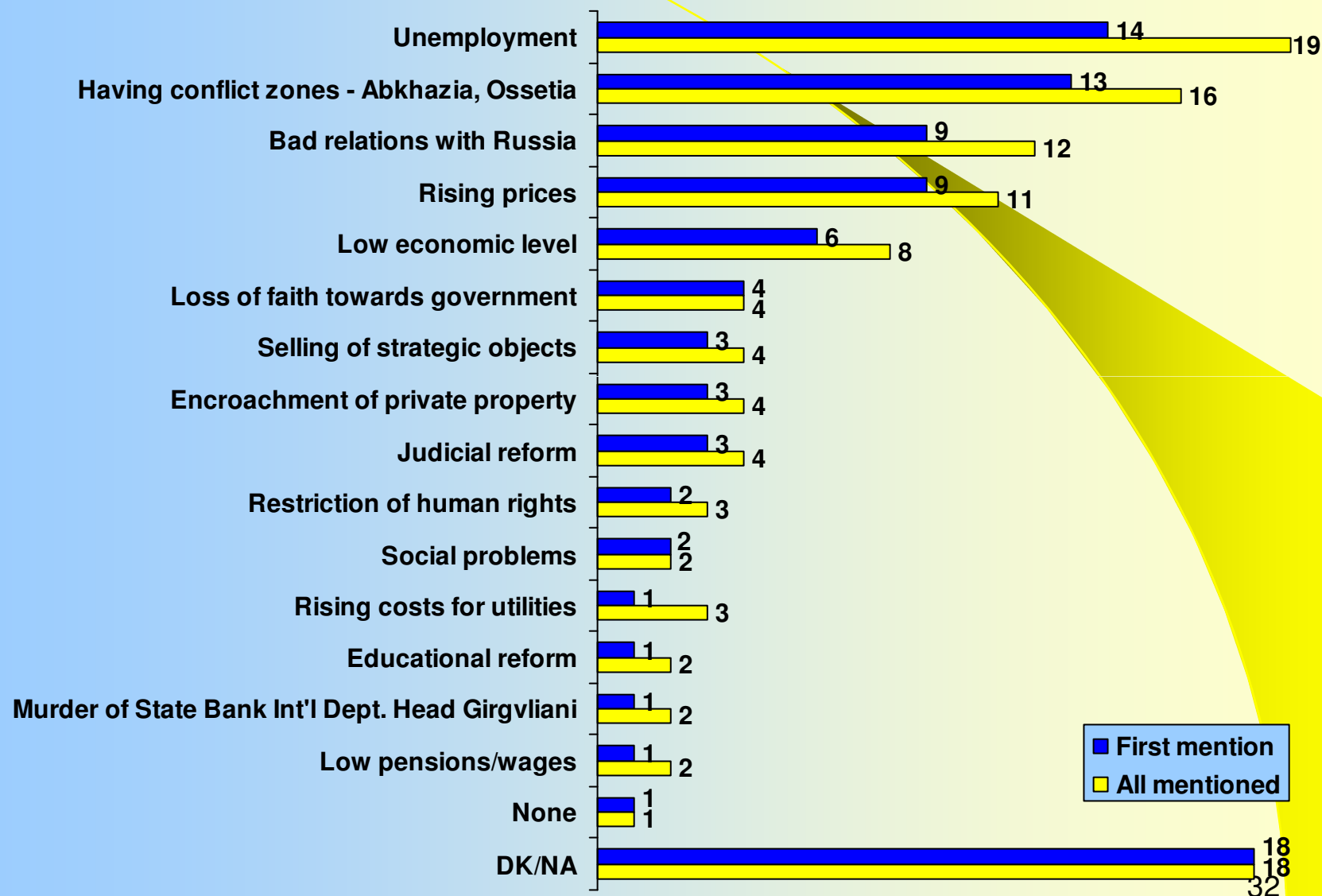
# If all other characteristics are equal, would you prefer to vote for the candidate for the parliament who is male or female?



# In your opinion, what are three major achievements of the Georgian government, if any? Please mention three, starting with the most important.

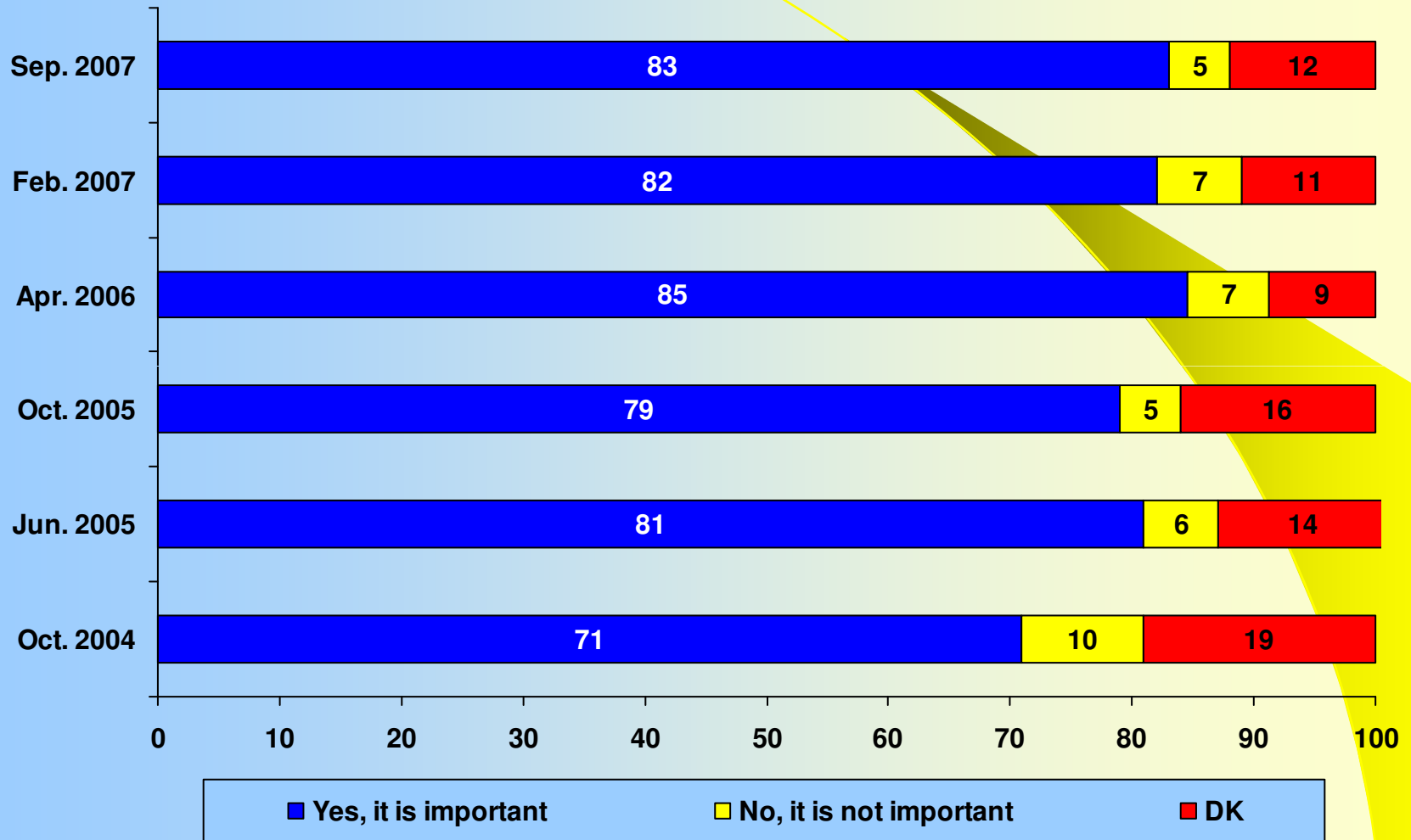


# What are the three biggest failures of the Georgian government, if any? Please mention up to three, starting with the most important.

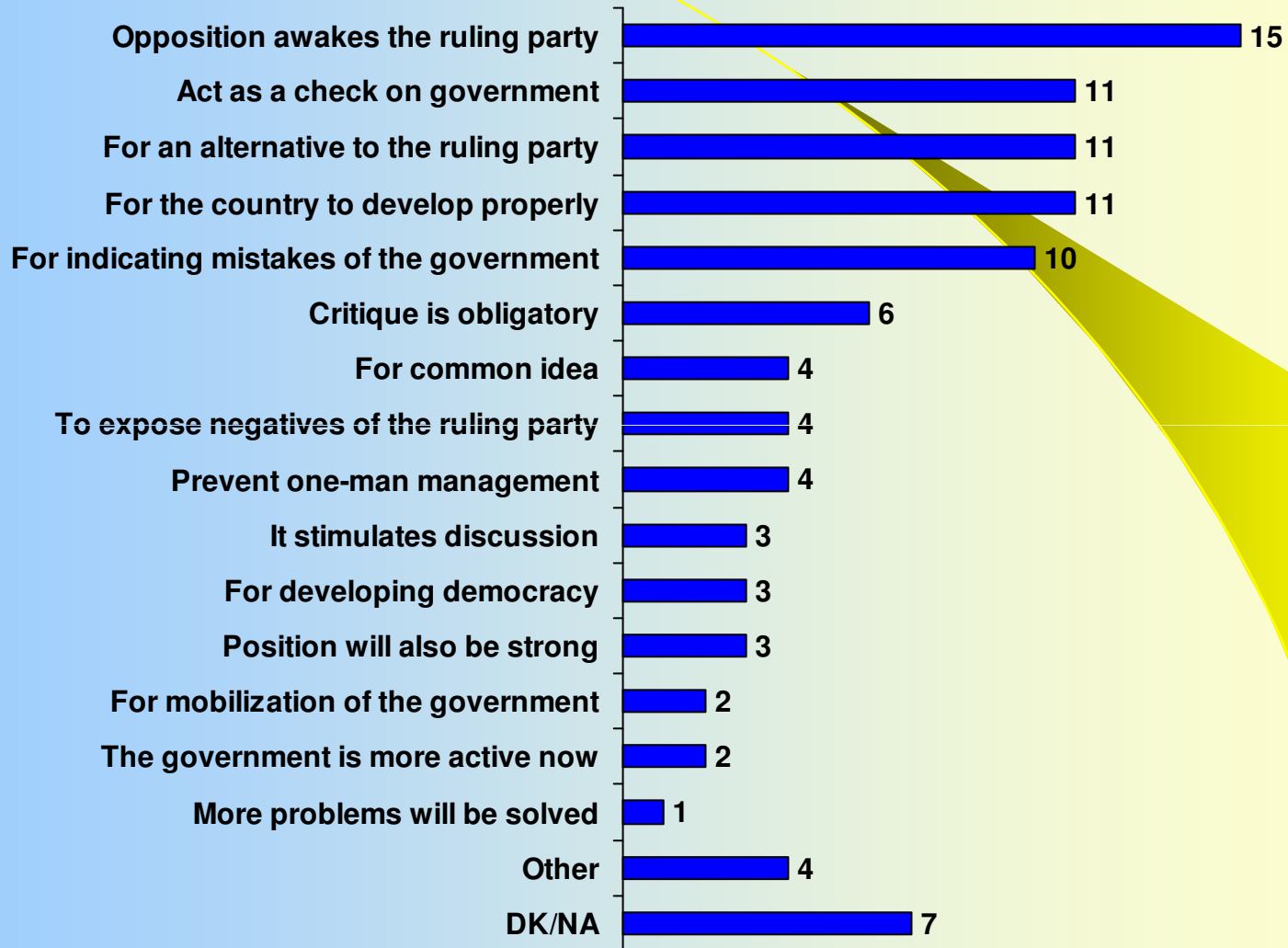




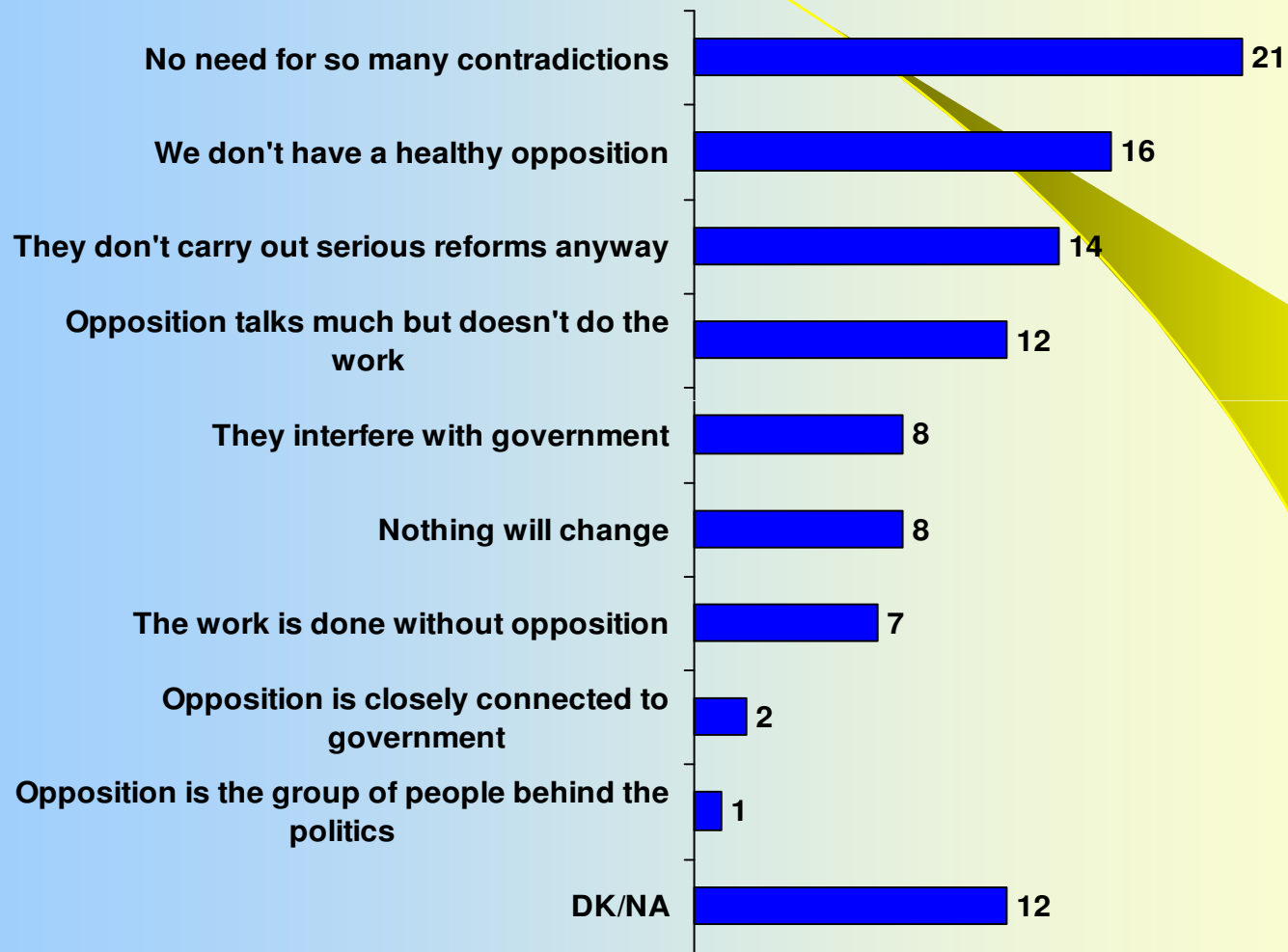
# In your opinion, is it important for Georgia to have a political opposition?



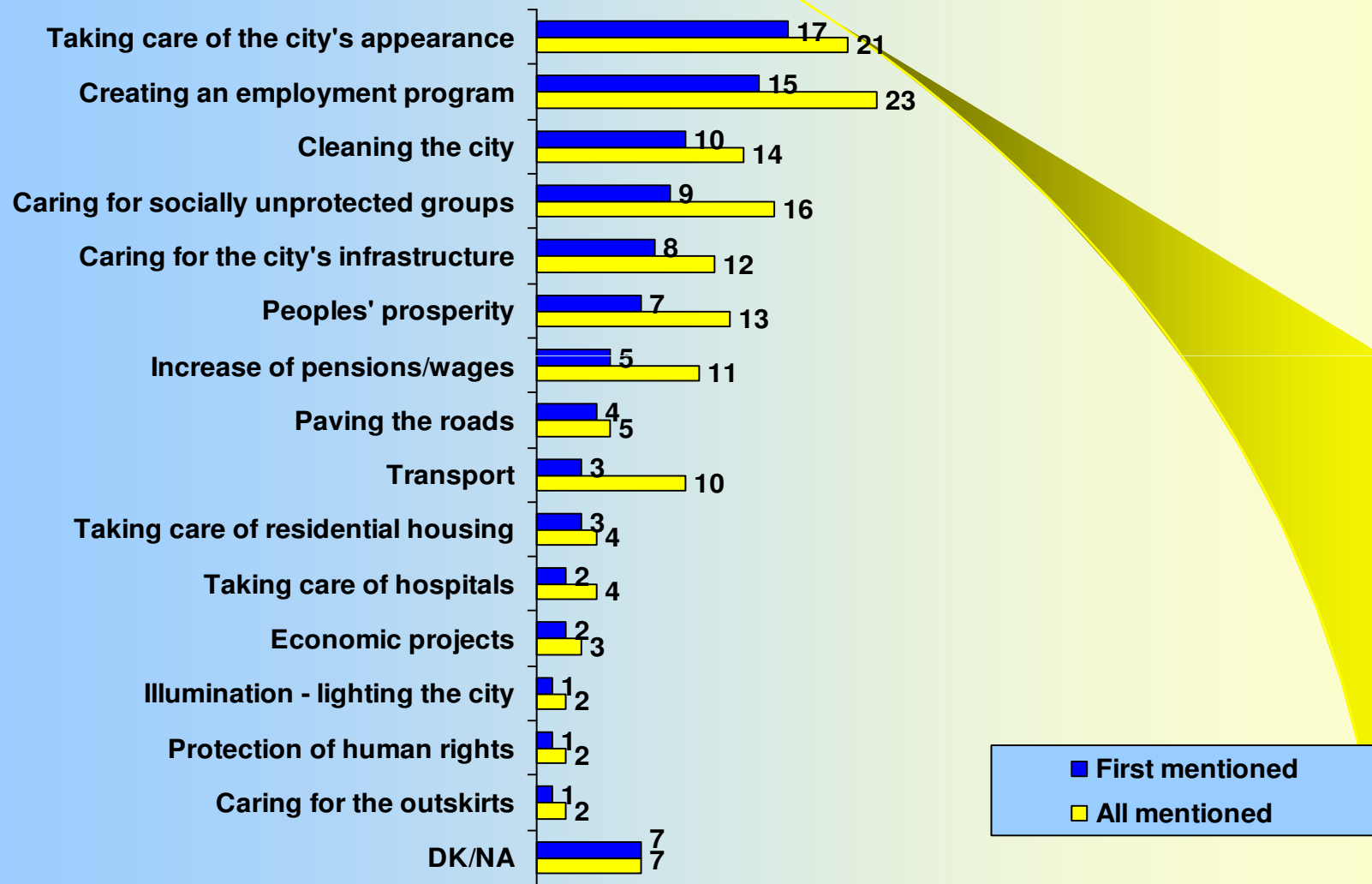
## Why do you think opposition is important? (N = 1245)



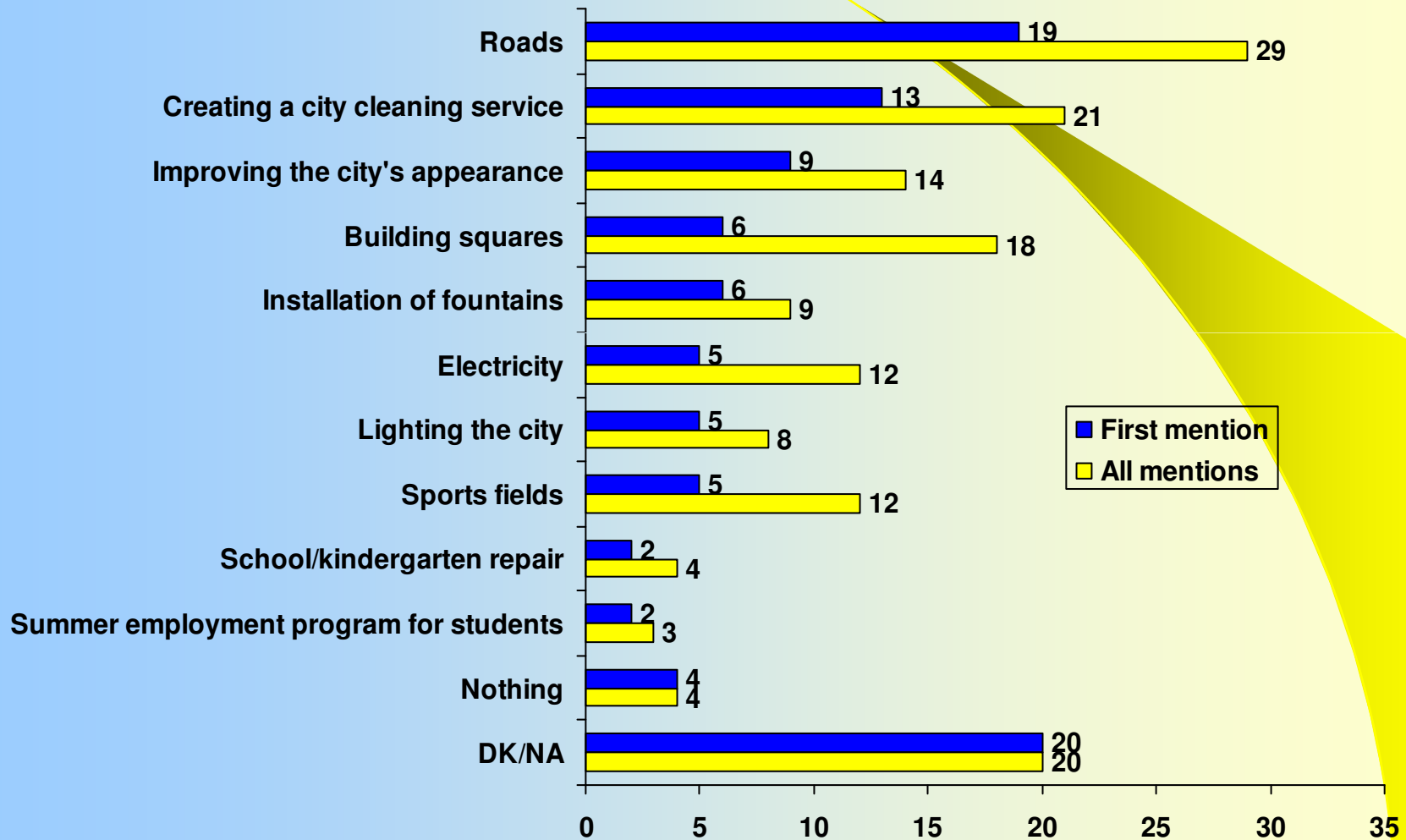
## Why do you think opposition is not important? (N = 74)



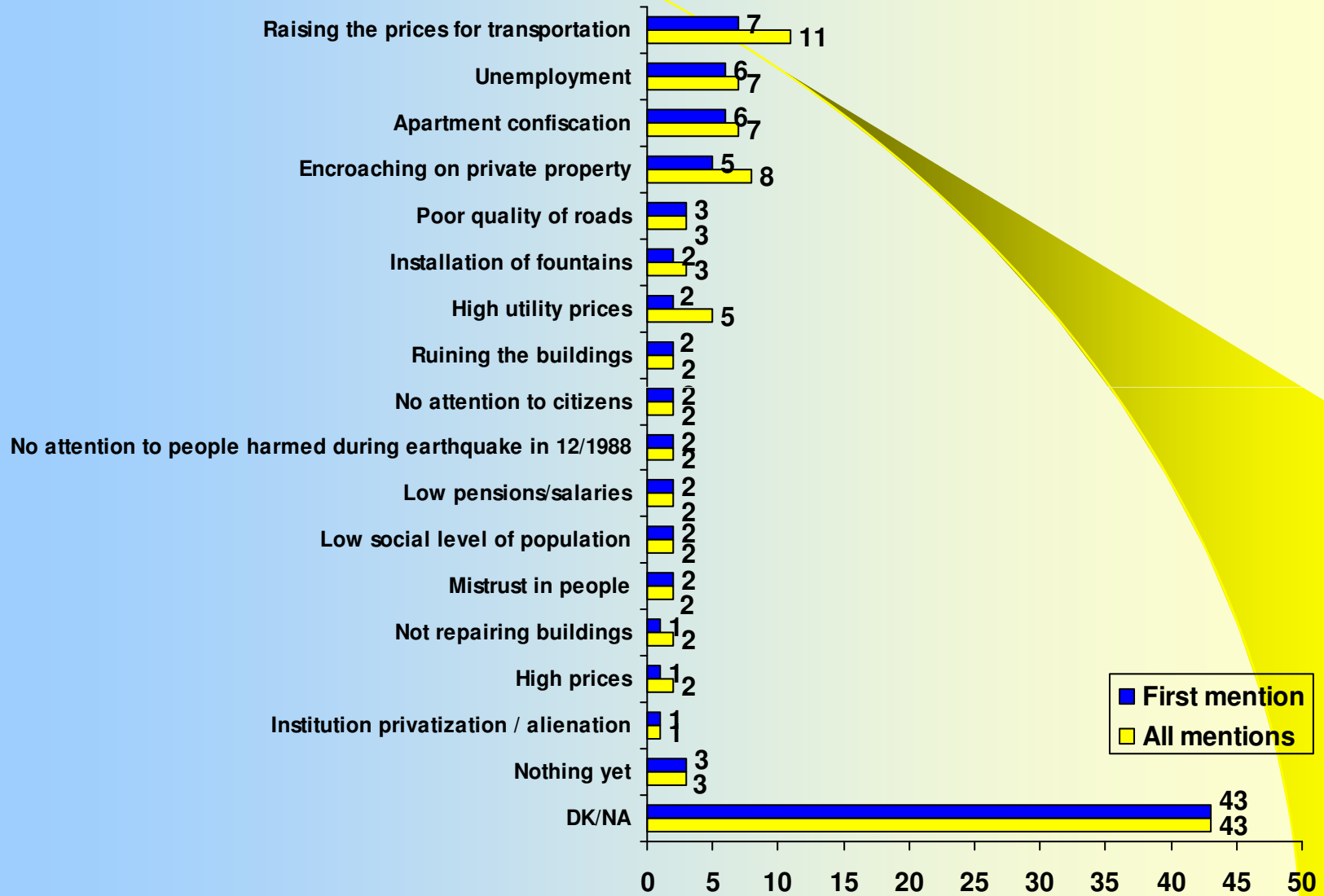
# What are three main issues on which the Mayor of Tbilisi needs to focus? (Residents of Tbilisi – N = 500)



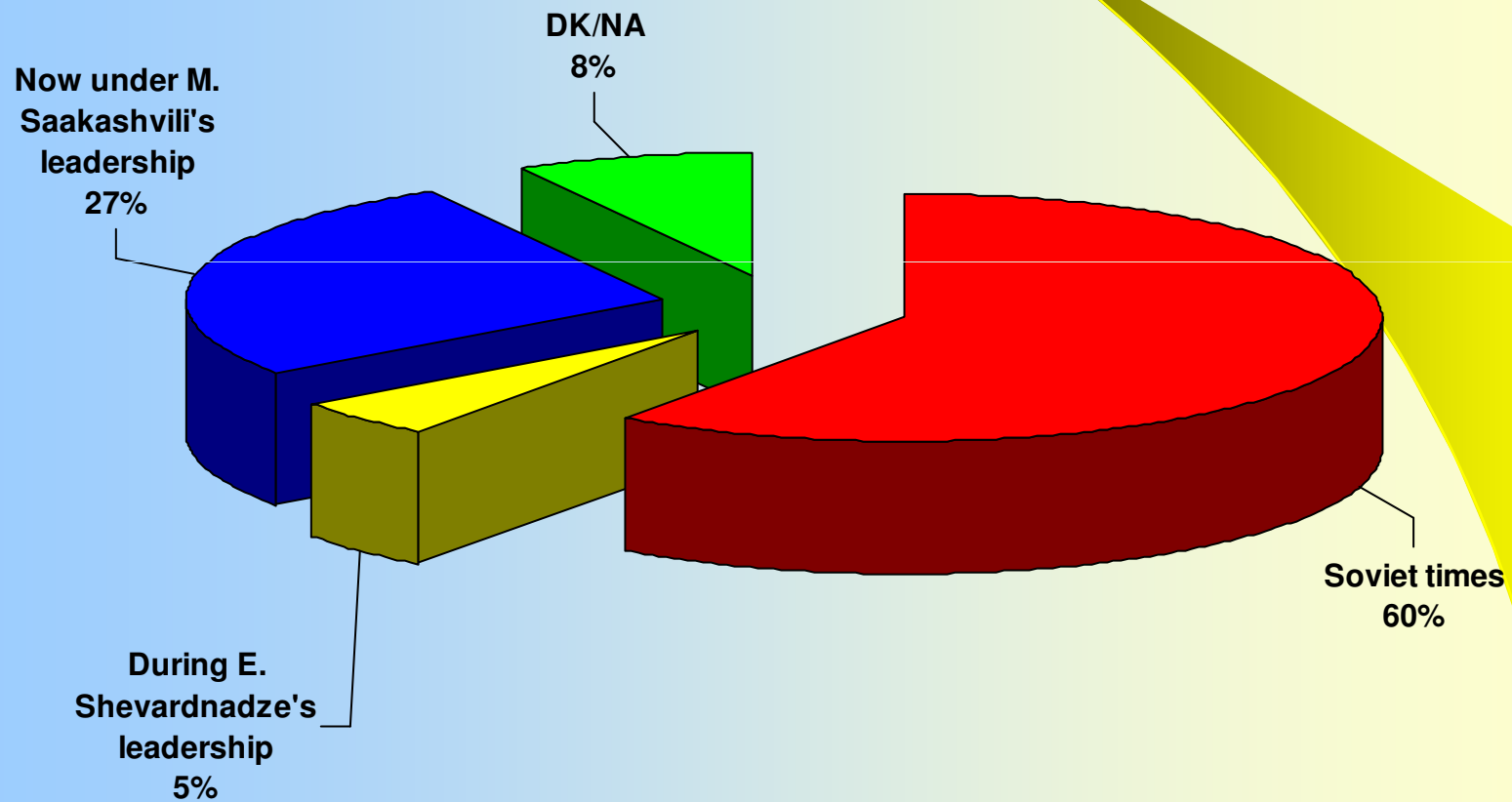
## What are the three major achievements of Tbilisi Mayor Gigi Ugulava? (Residents of Tbilisi – N = 500)



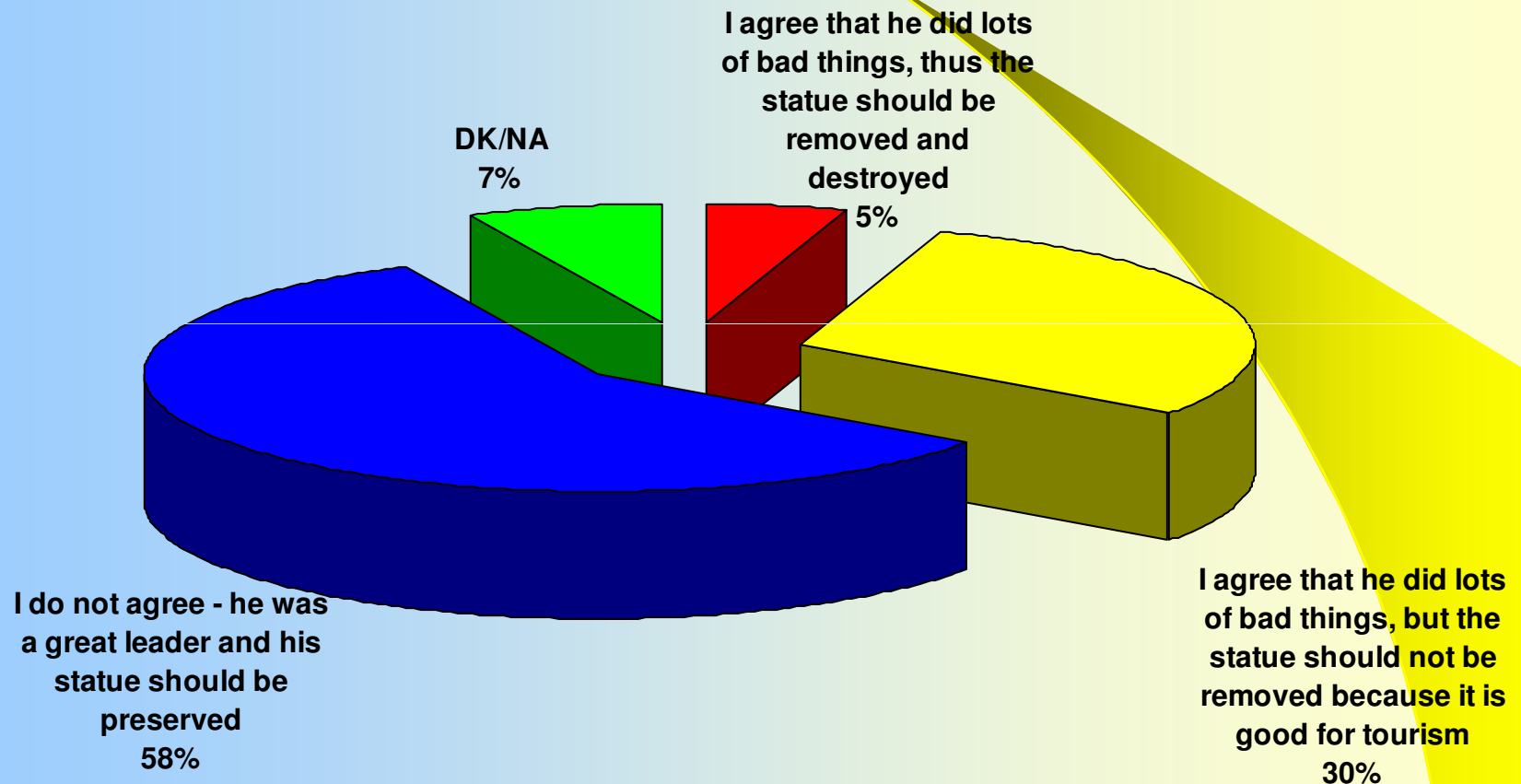
# What are the three major failures of Tbilisi Mayor Gigi Ugulava? (Residents of Tbilisi – N = 500)



# If you think about your life in Soviet times, during E. Shevardnadze's leadership and now, which period was best for you?

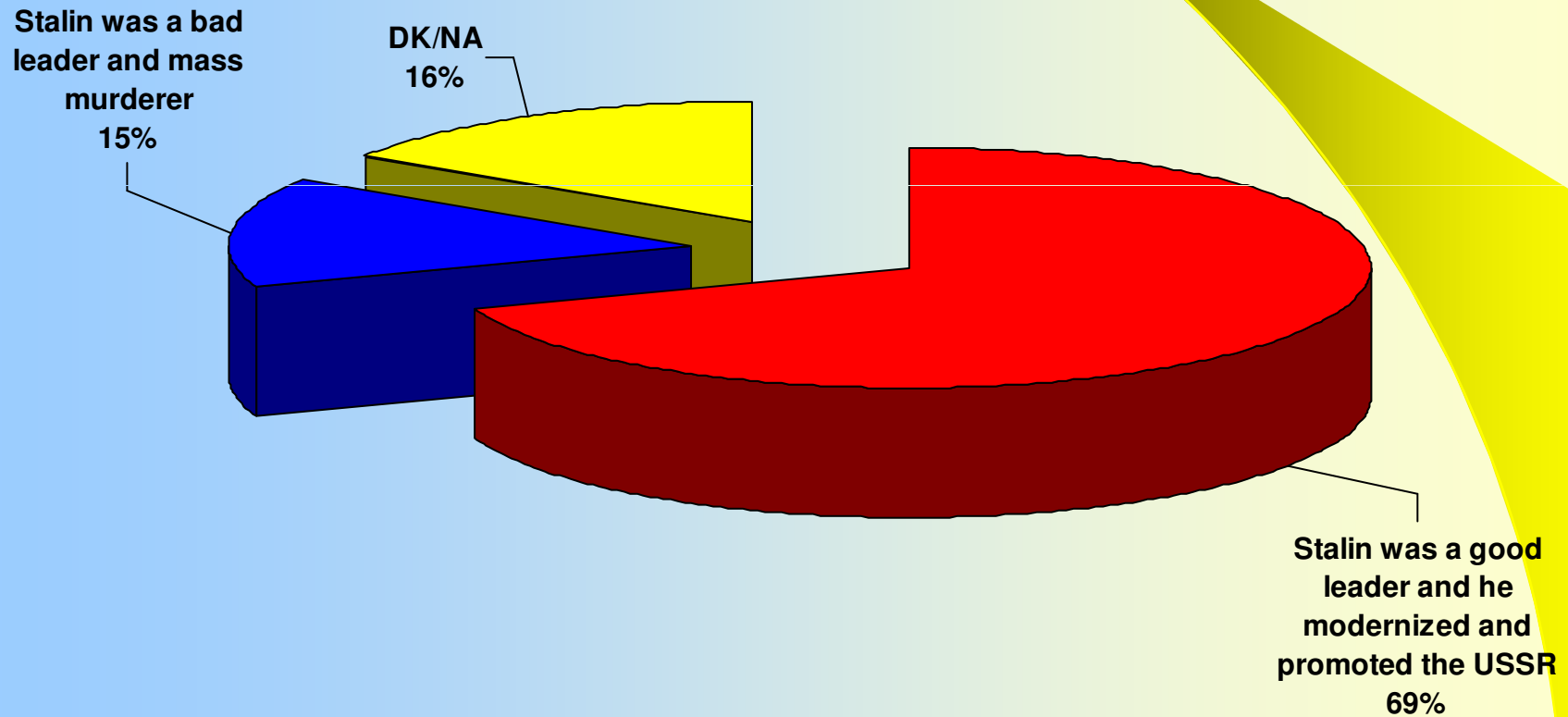


**Some people say that Stalin's statue in Gori should be removed and destroyed because he did a lot of bad things for Georgia and the world. Others do not agree with this opinion. What do you think?**

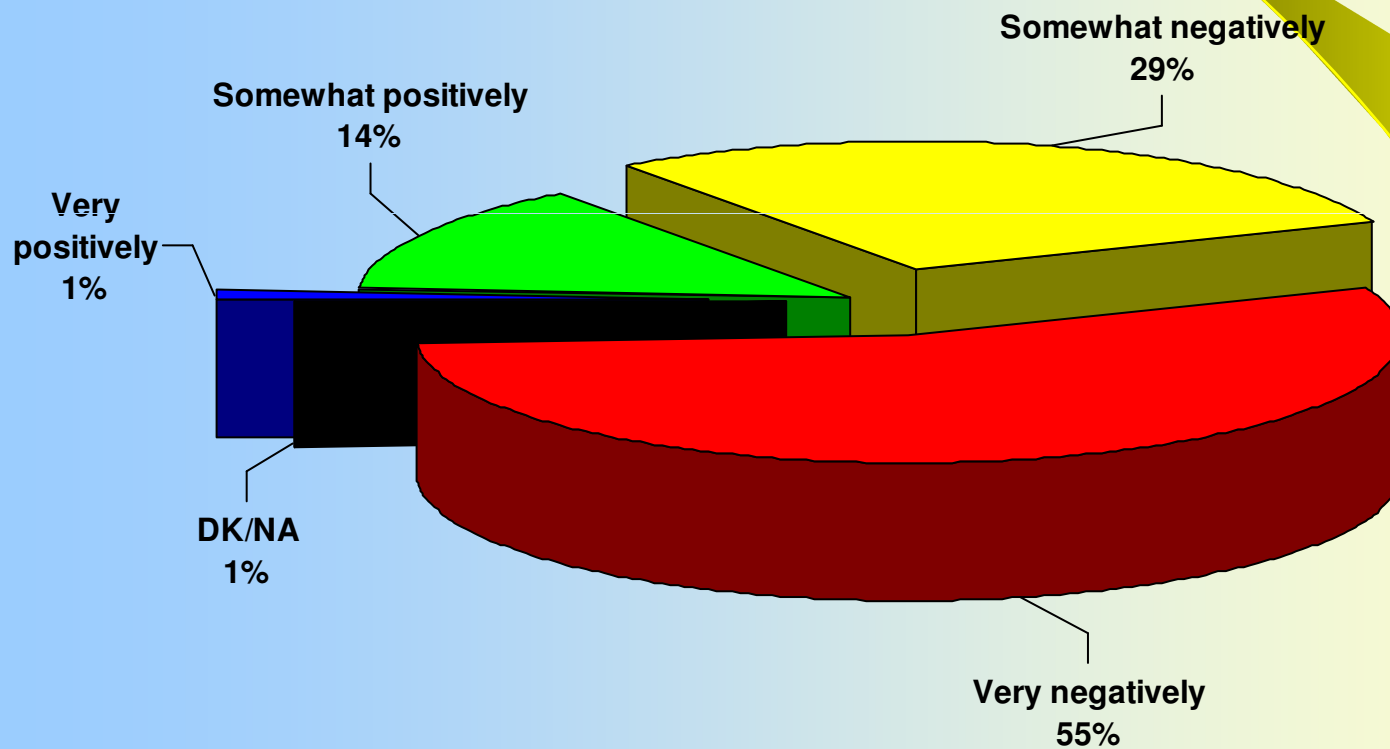




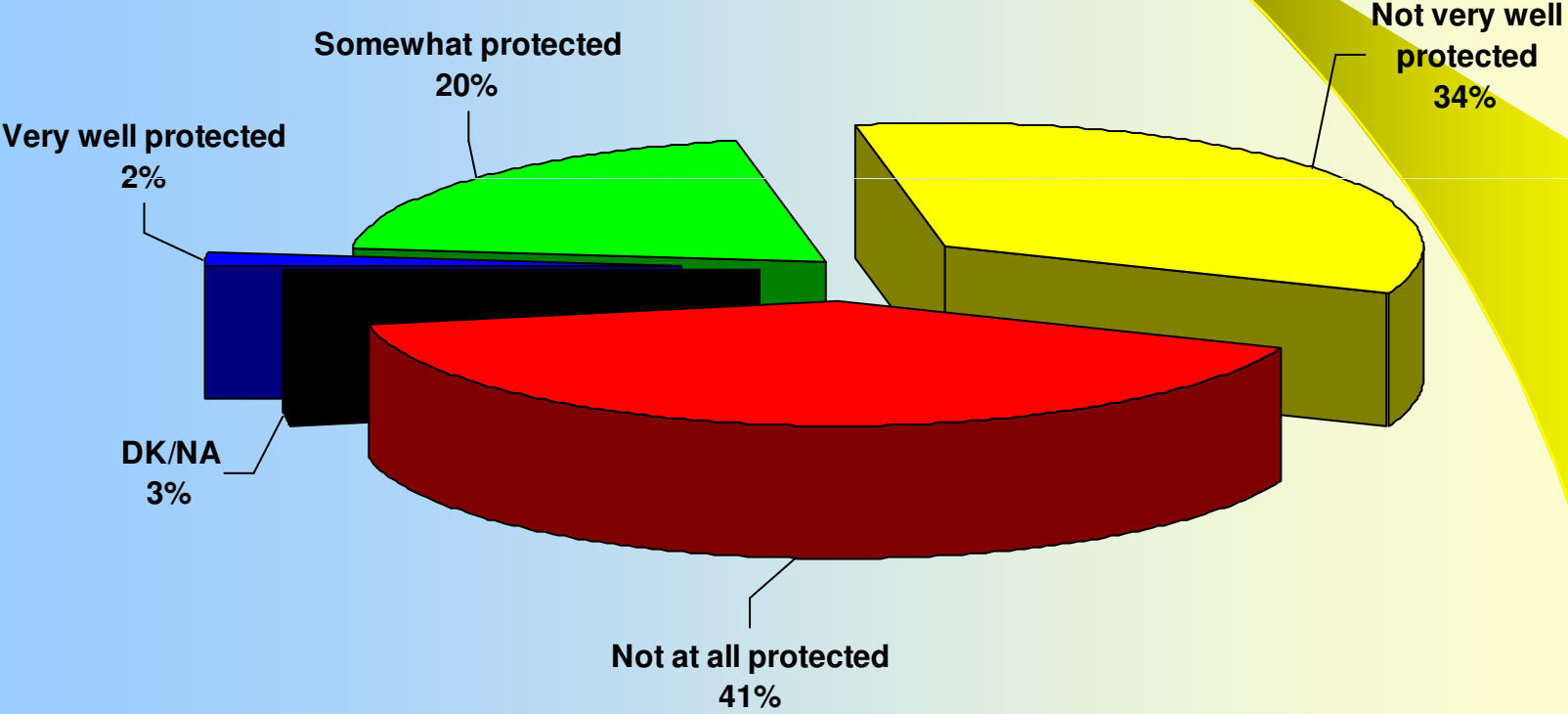
## Which of the following opinions is closer to your own?



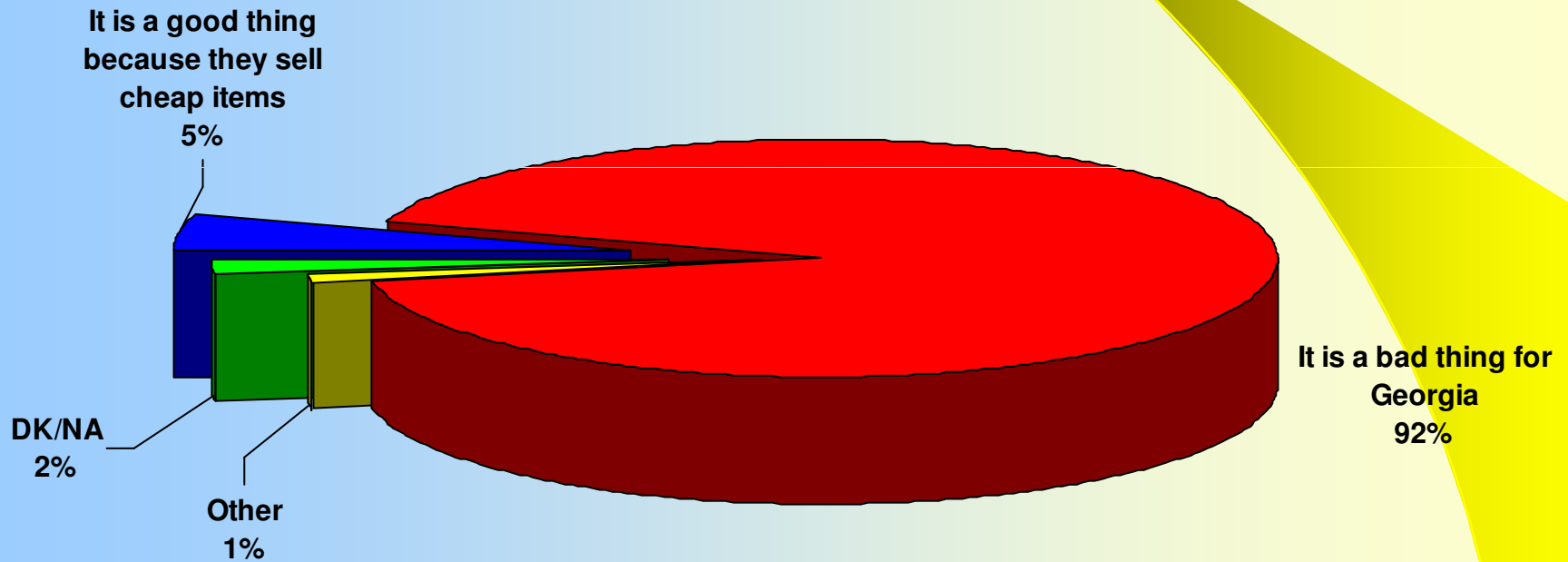
## How do you rate the government's performance in trying to create jobs?



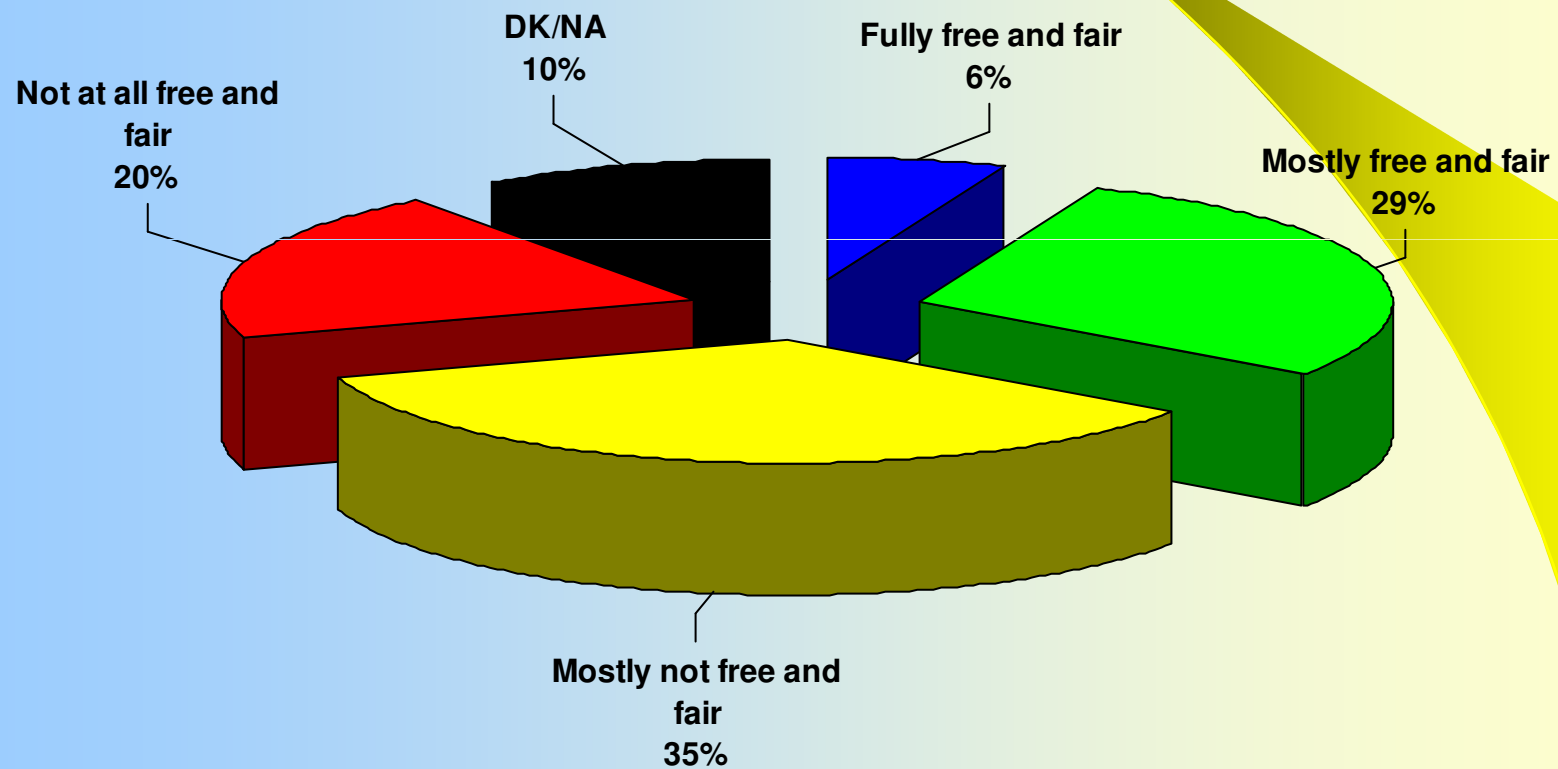
# In your opinion, are private property and property rights adequately protected in Georgia?



# What is your opinion about the increasing number of Chinese traders in Georgia?



## Do you think that the elections in 2008 will be free and fair?

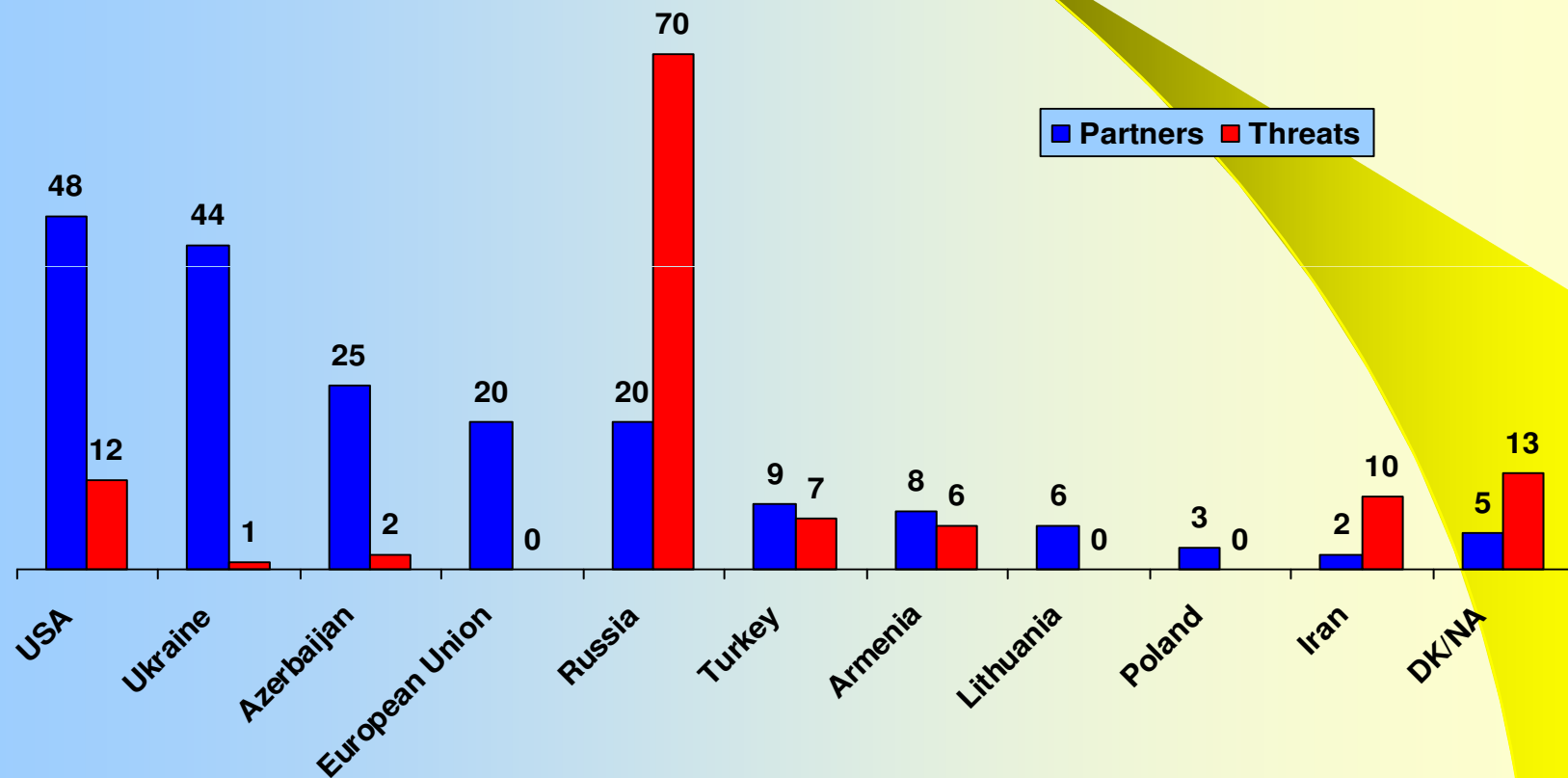


# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

# How do you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Georgia and...?

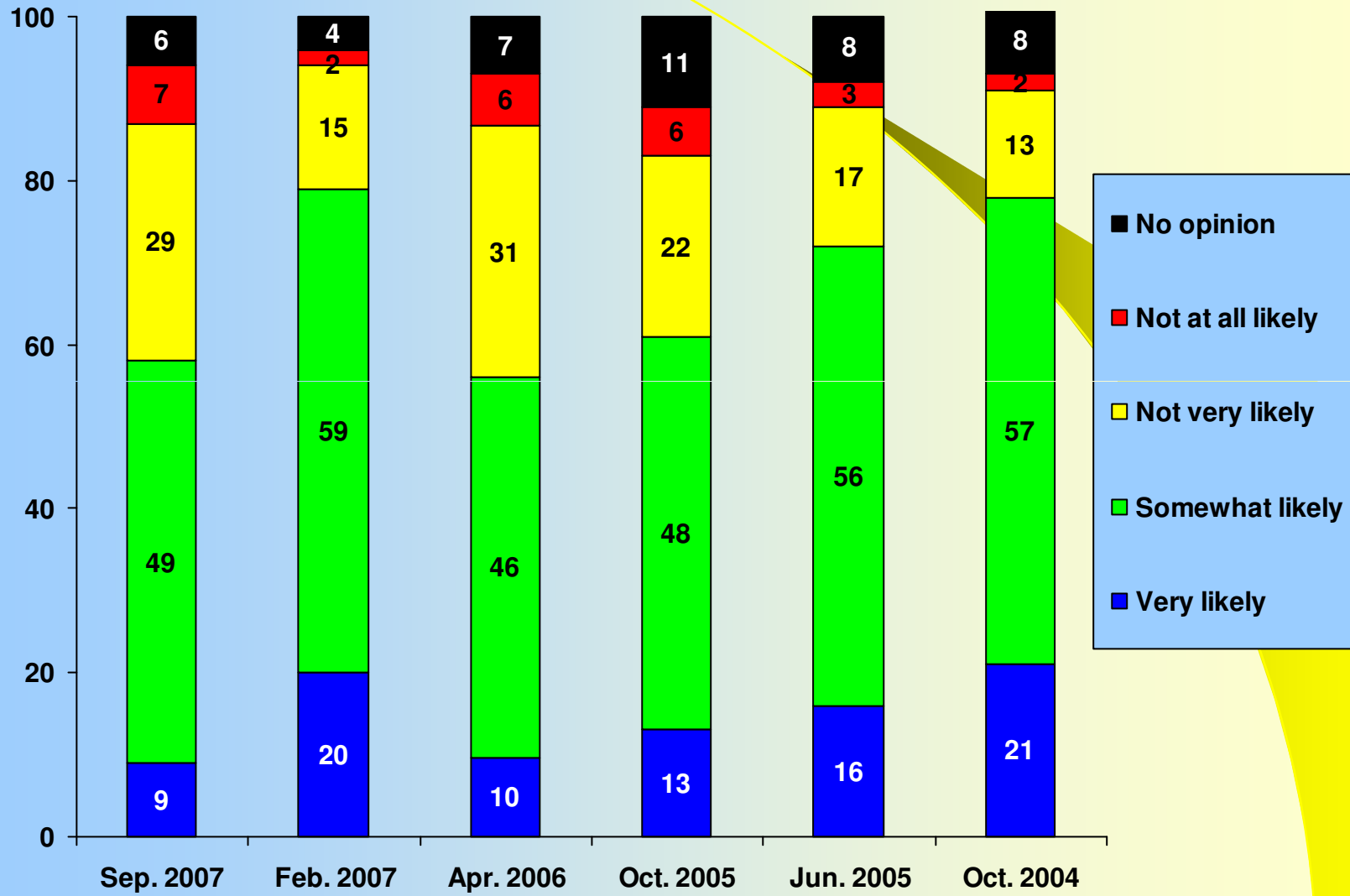


## Which countries are the most important partners for Georgia? Which comprise the biggest political and economic threat?

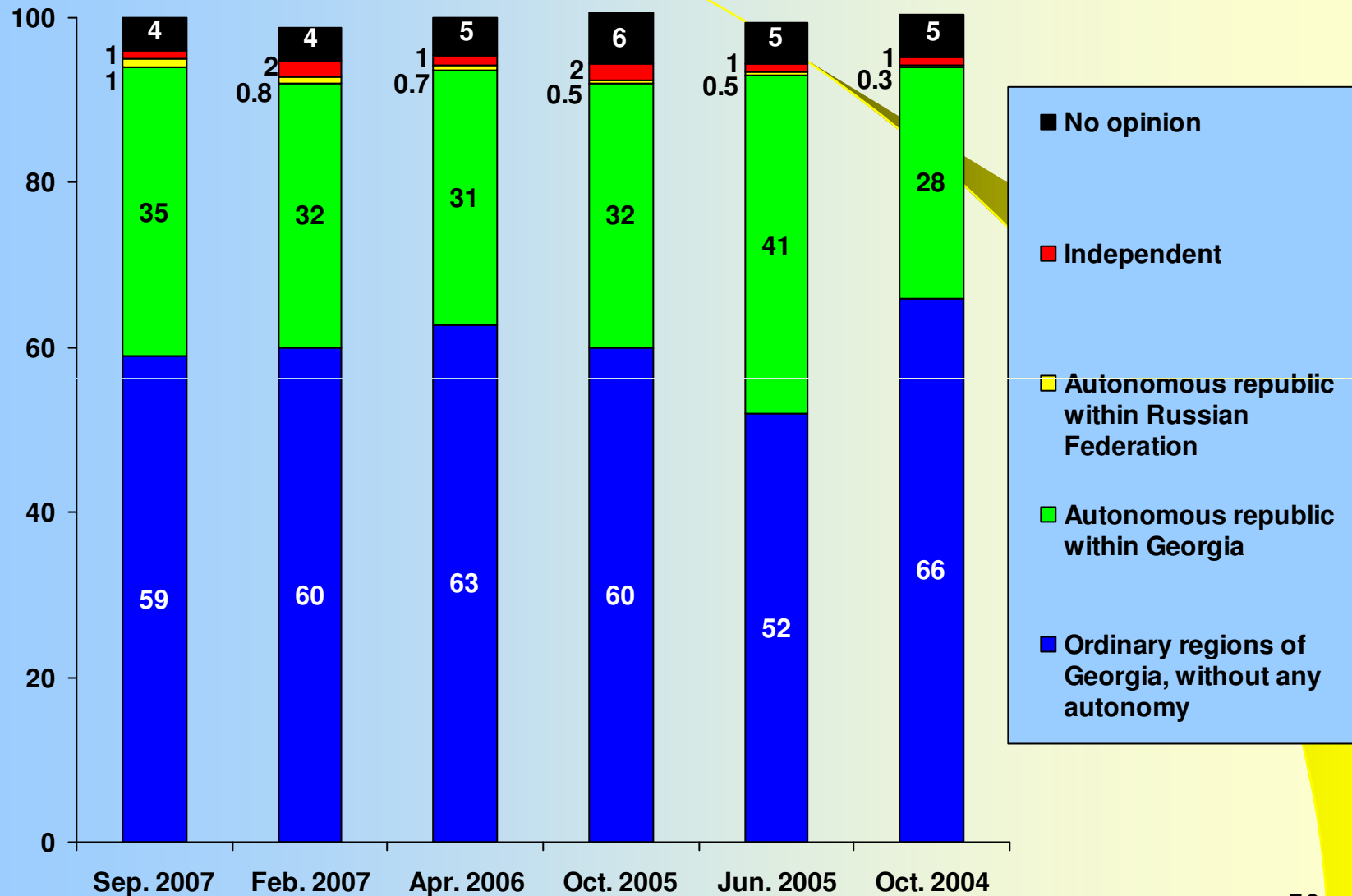




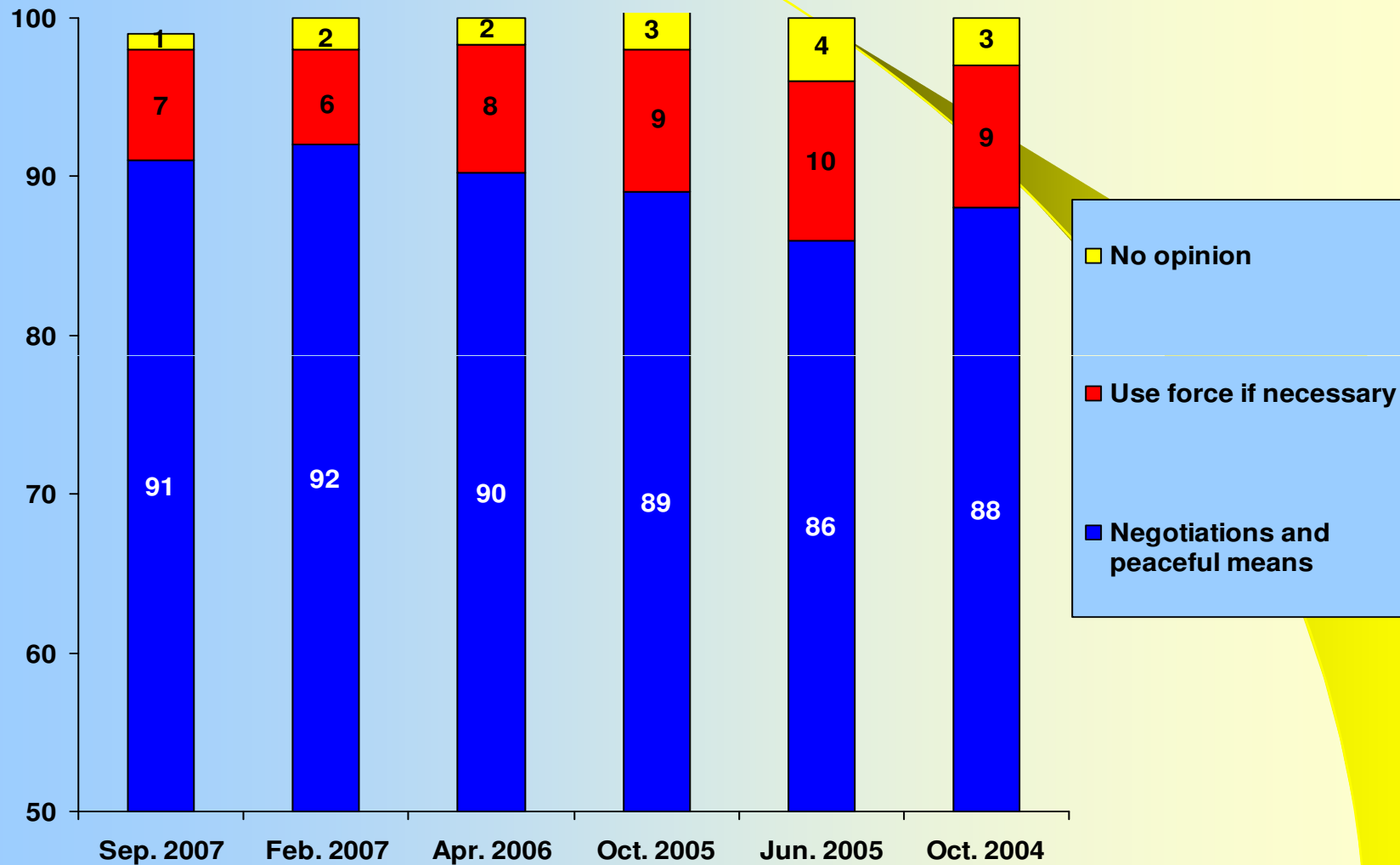
# In your opinion, will the Georgian government improve relations between Georgia and Russia?



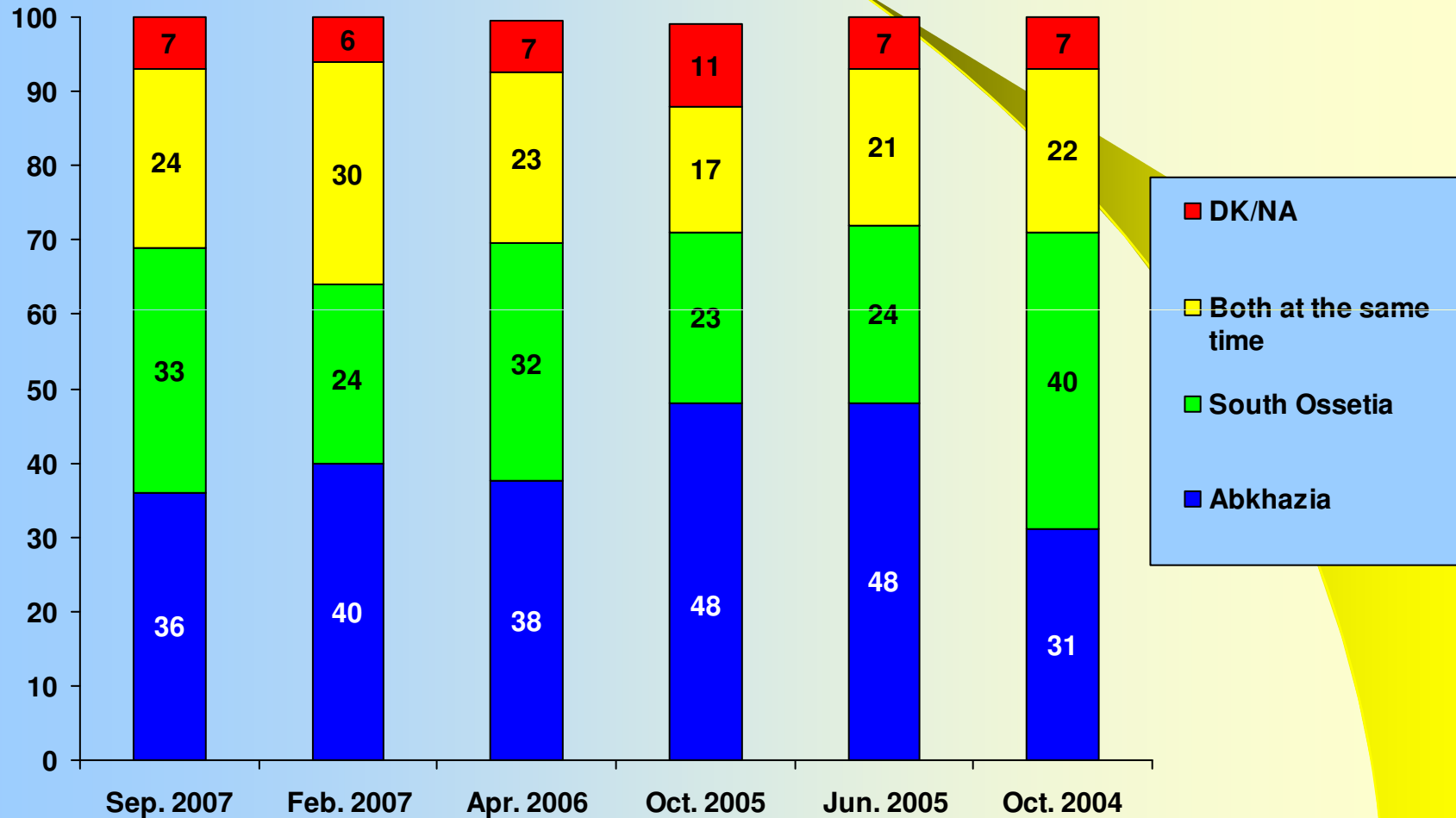
# Thinking about the future of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, do you think that they should be...?



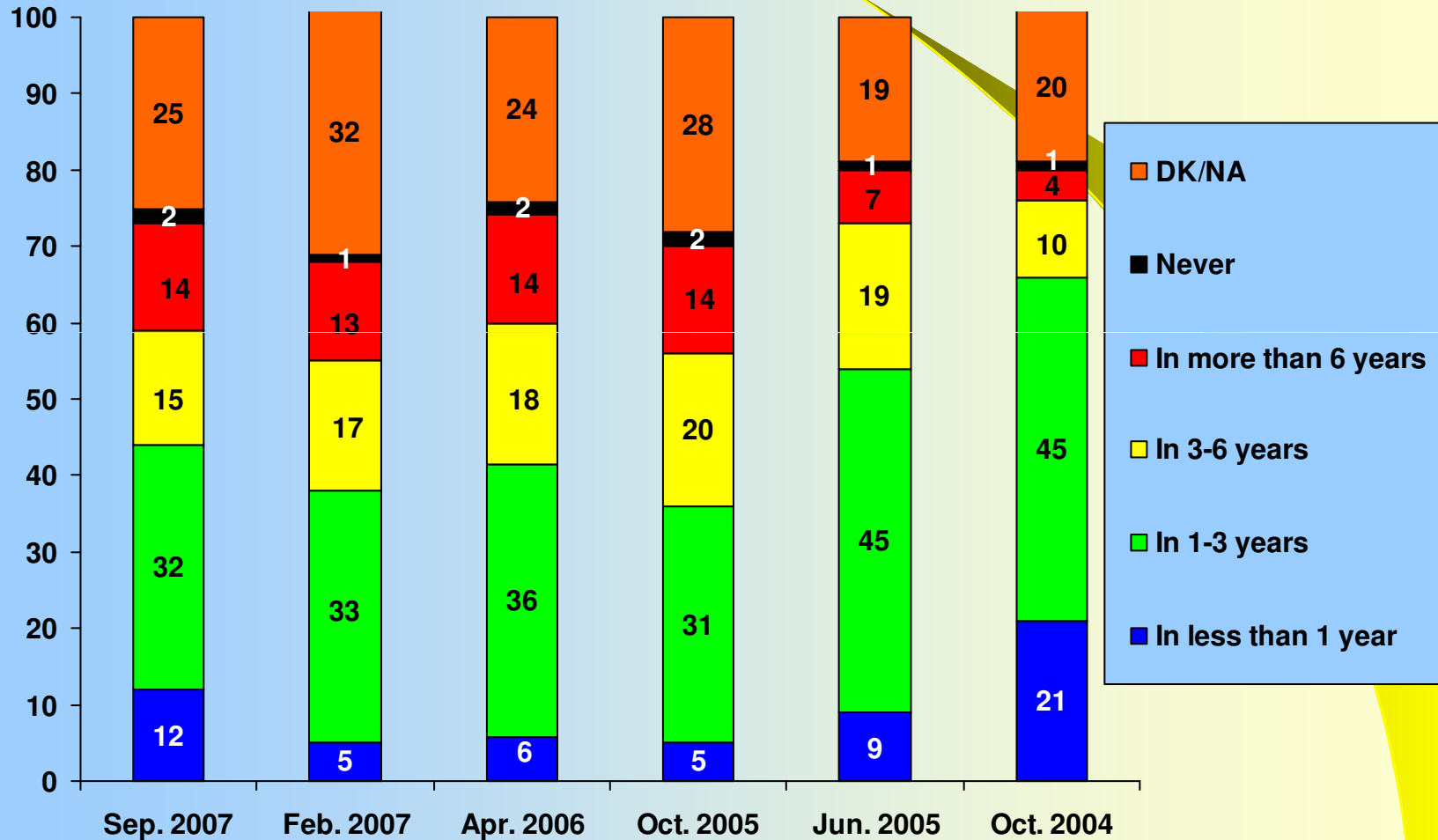
# Do you think that the current situation with regard to the problems of the status of Abkhazia and South Ossetia should be resolved by negotiations and peaceful means or should some force be used?



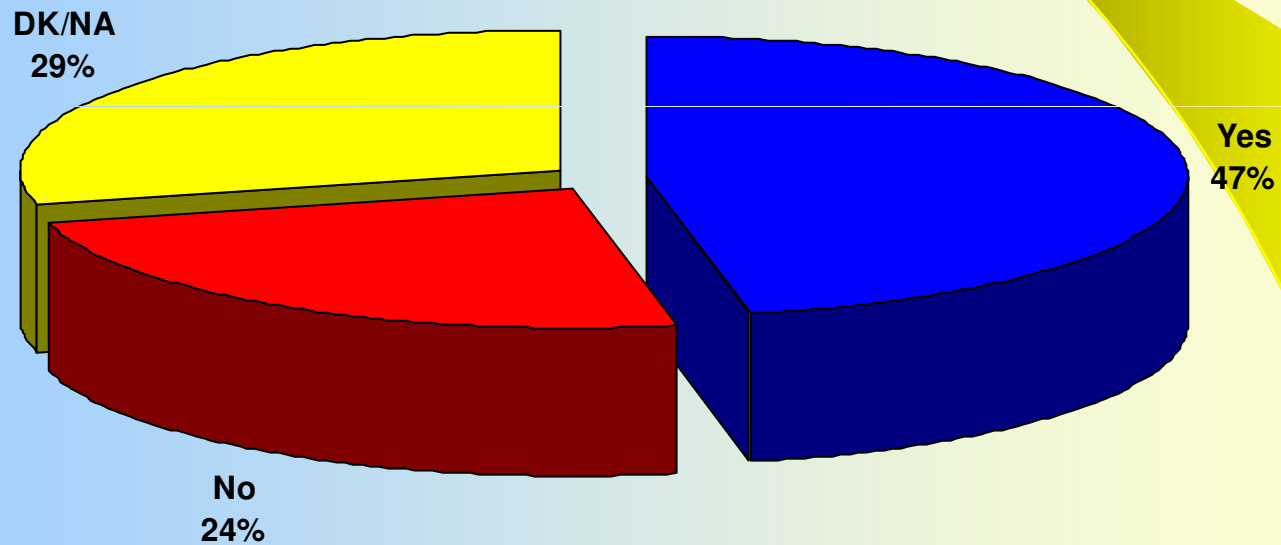
## In your opinion, which issue should be dealt with first by the Georgian government, the status of Abkhazia or status of South Ossetia ?



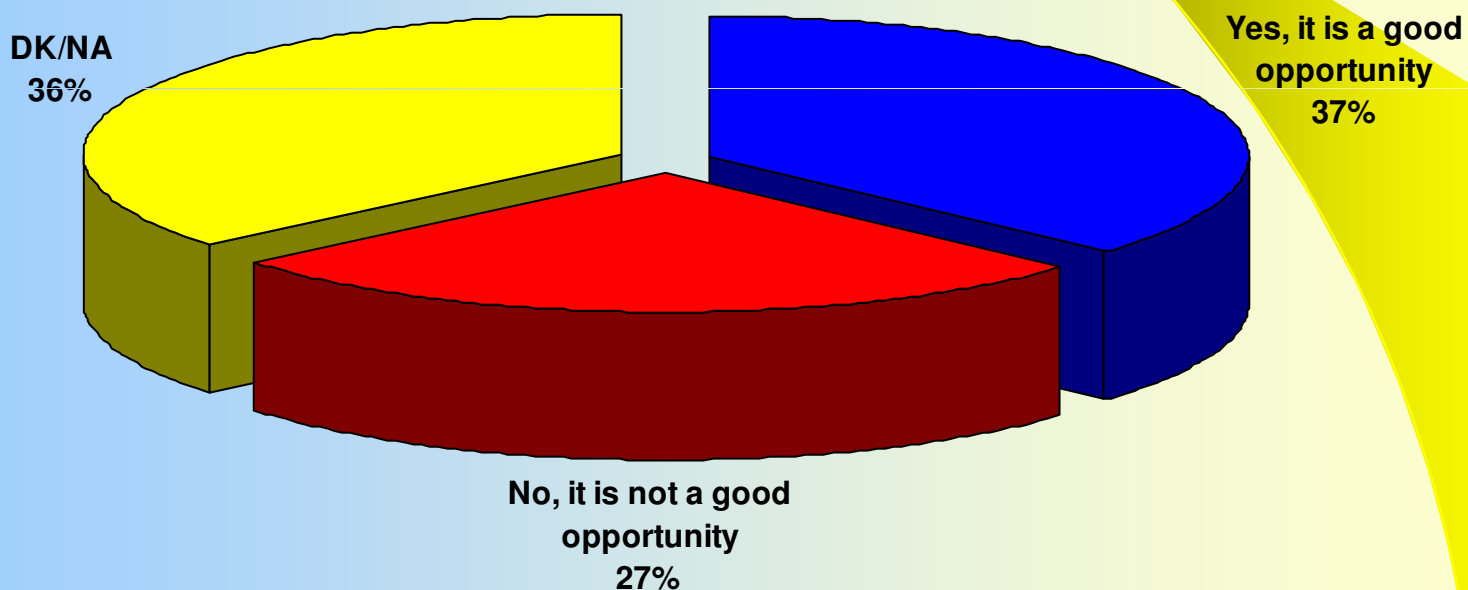
# When, if ever, do you think South Ossetia will be back under the full control of the Georgian government?



# In your opinion, is the government of Georgia properly handling the situation in South Ossetia and Abkhazia or not?

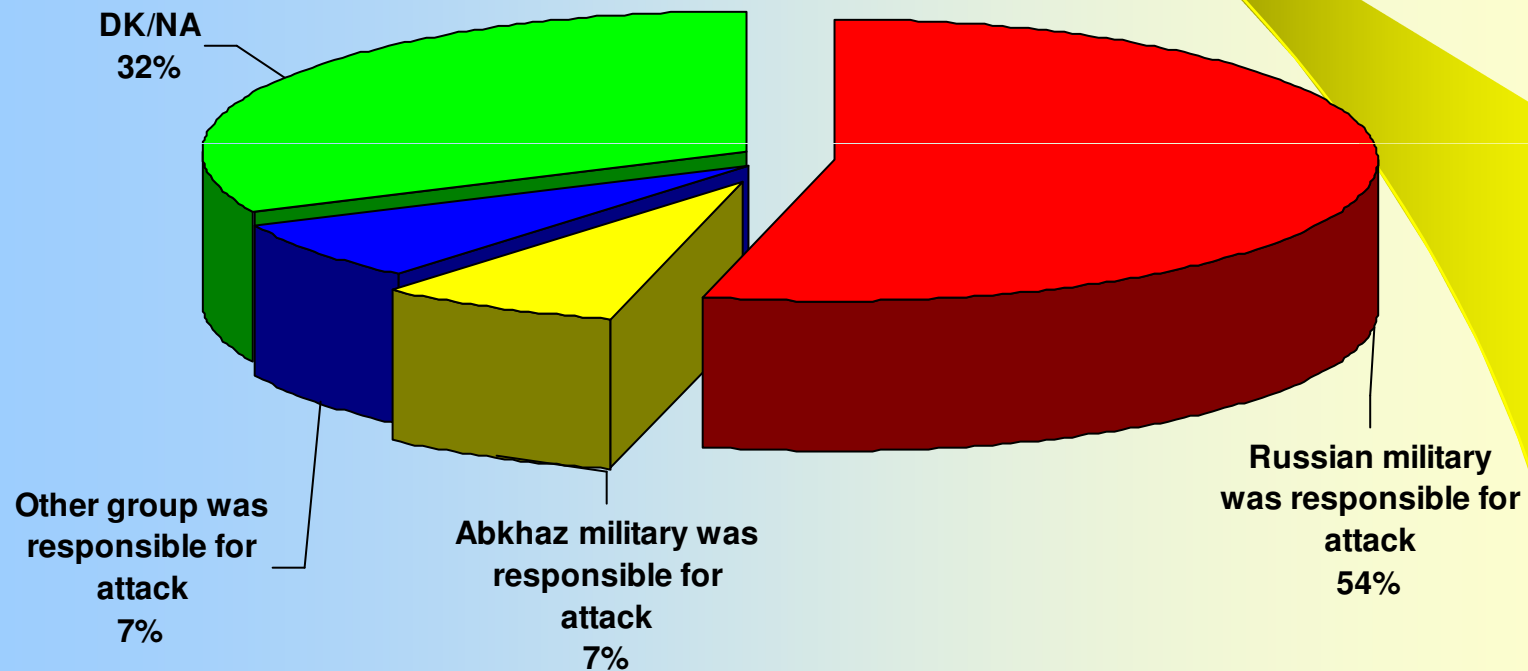


# In your opinion, is the fact that the 2014 Winter Olympic Games will be held in Sochi, Russia\* a good opportunity for Georgia to regain control of Abkhazia or not?



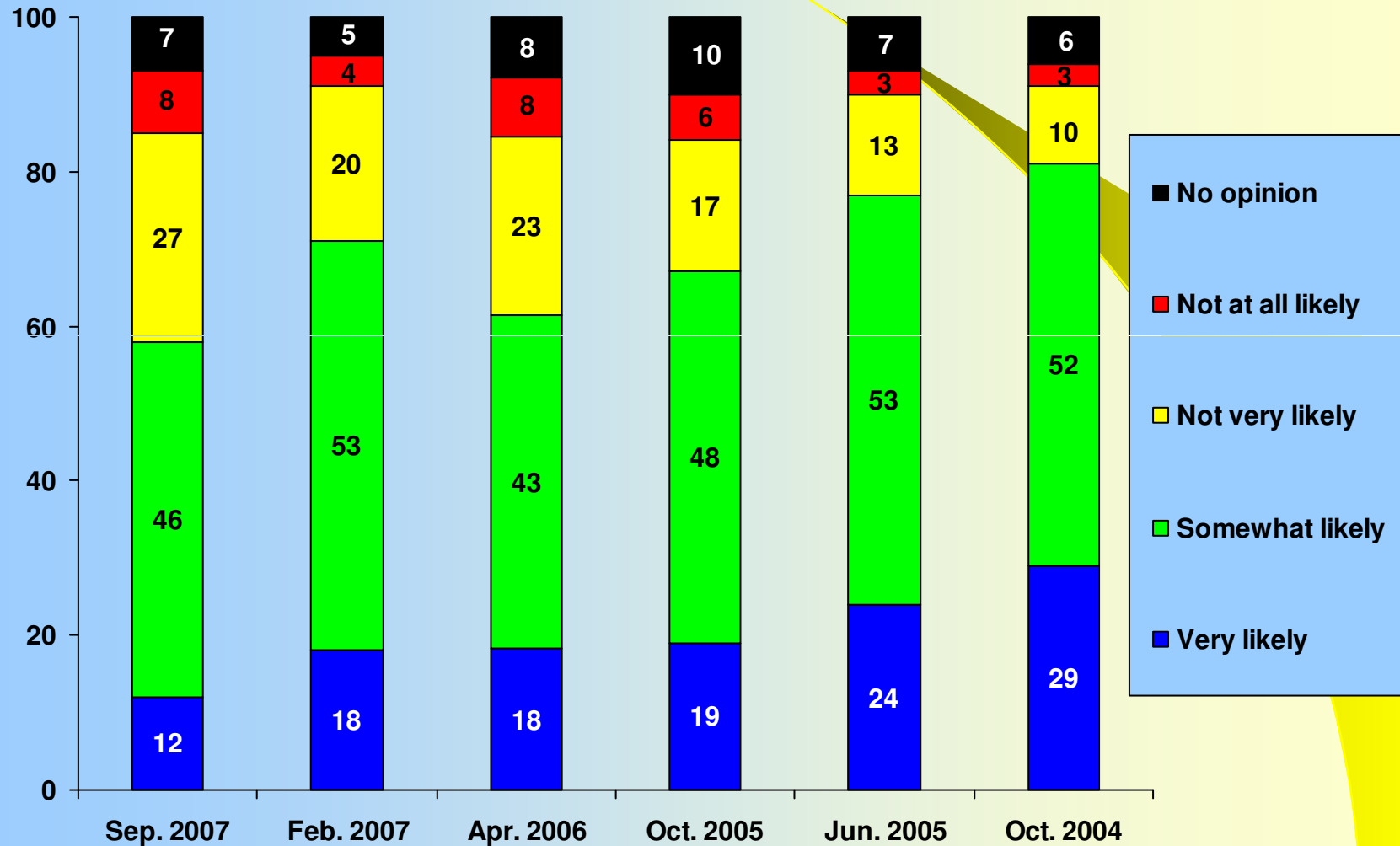
\* - Sochi, Russia is in Krasnodar Krai which borders Abkhazia to the north.

## Who do you believe is responsible for the incident in Kodori Gorge in March 2007 when the Georgian government's administration buildings were attacked?

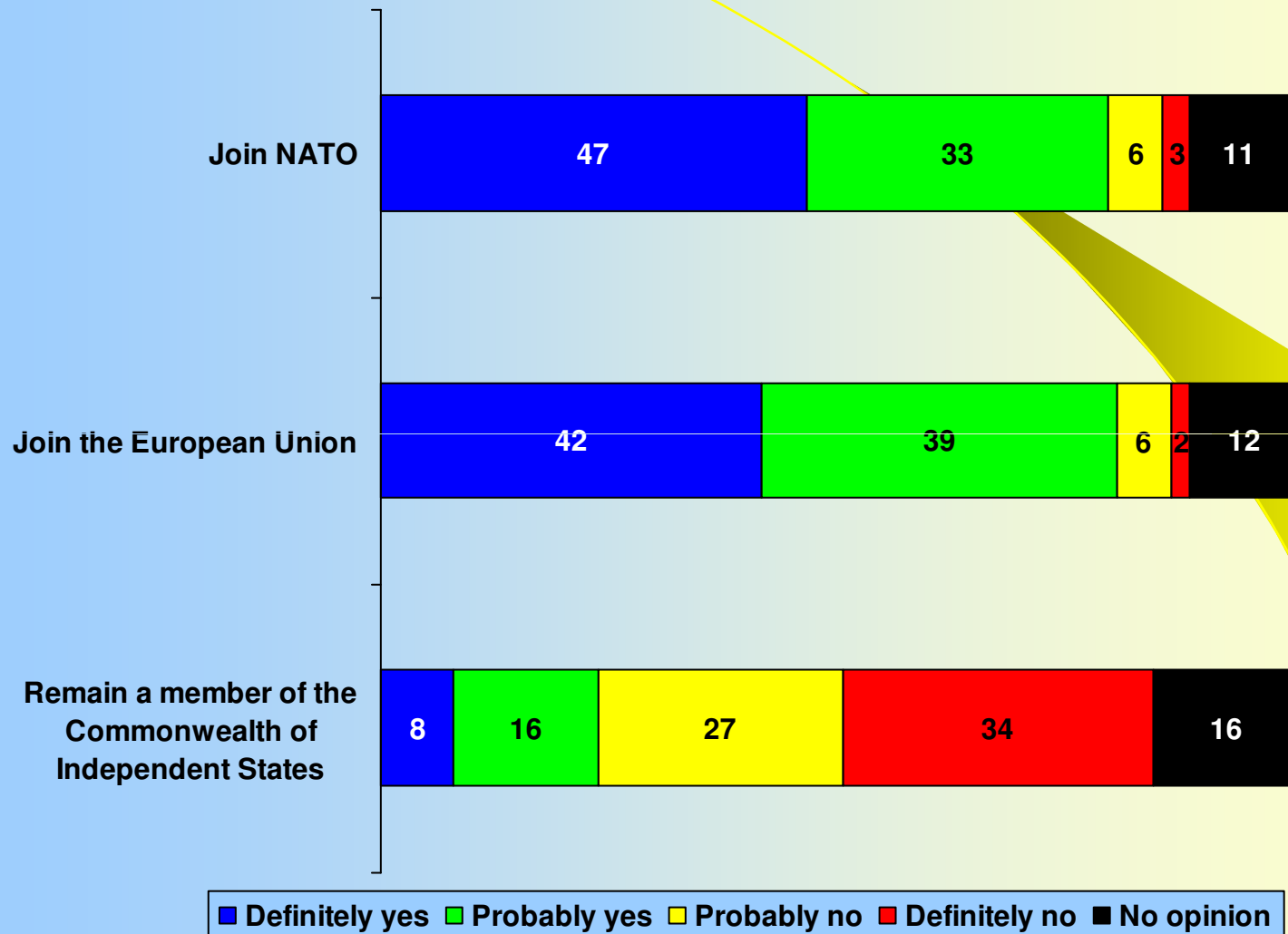




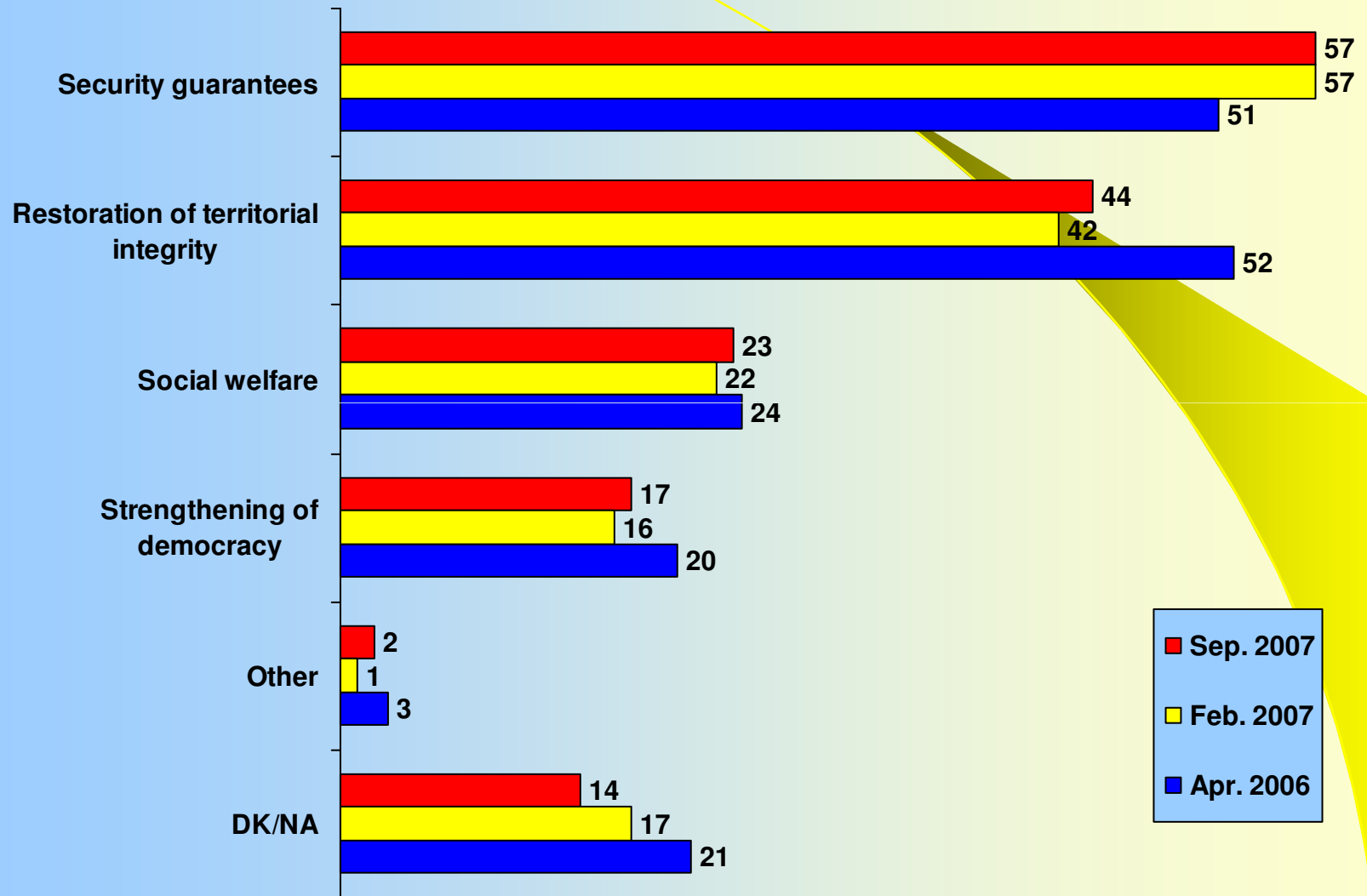
# In your opinion, will the Georgian government solve the problems related to Abkhazia and South Ossetia?



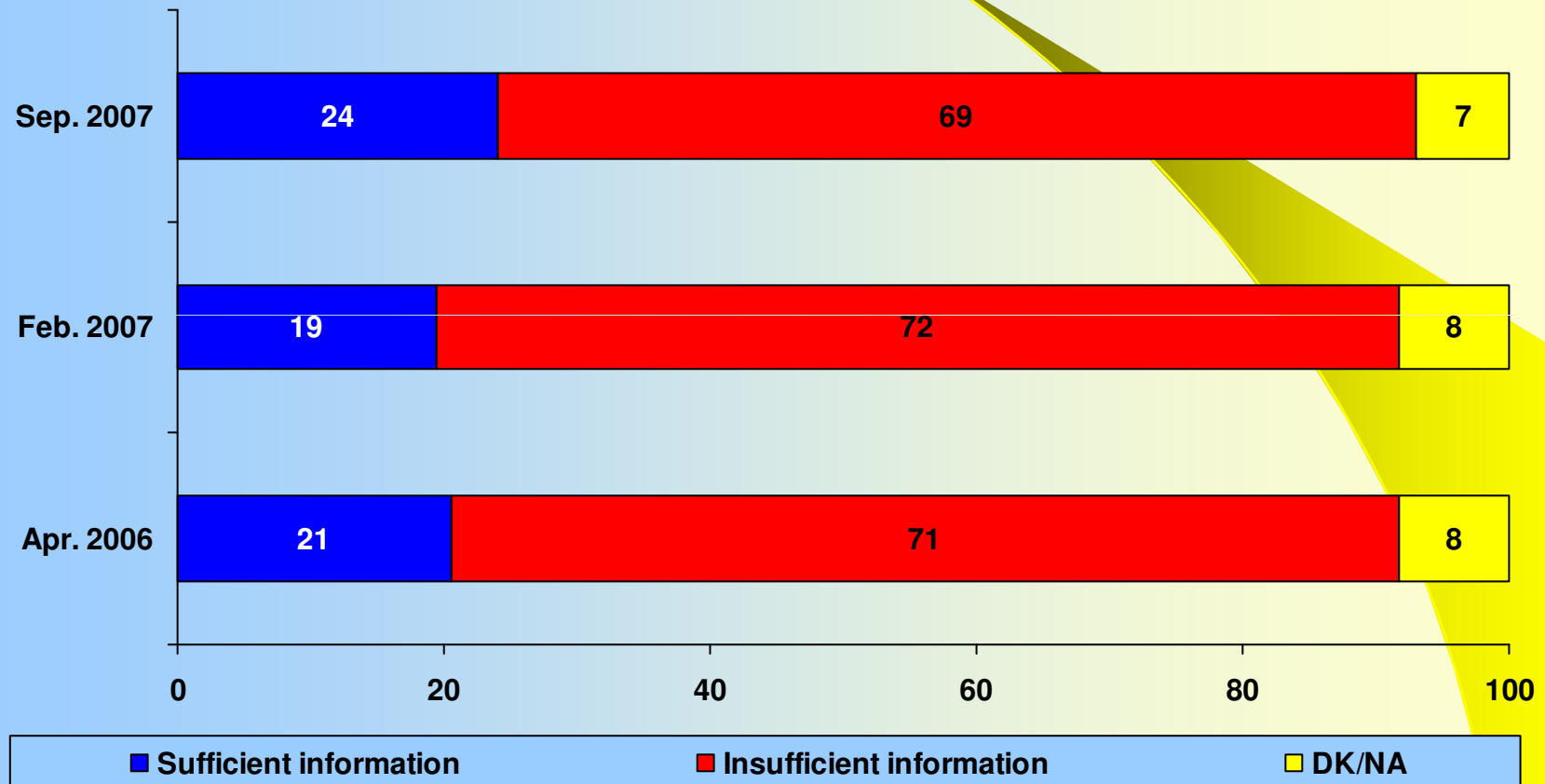
## In your opinion, should Georgia in the future...?



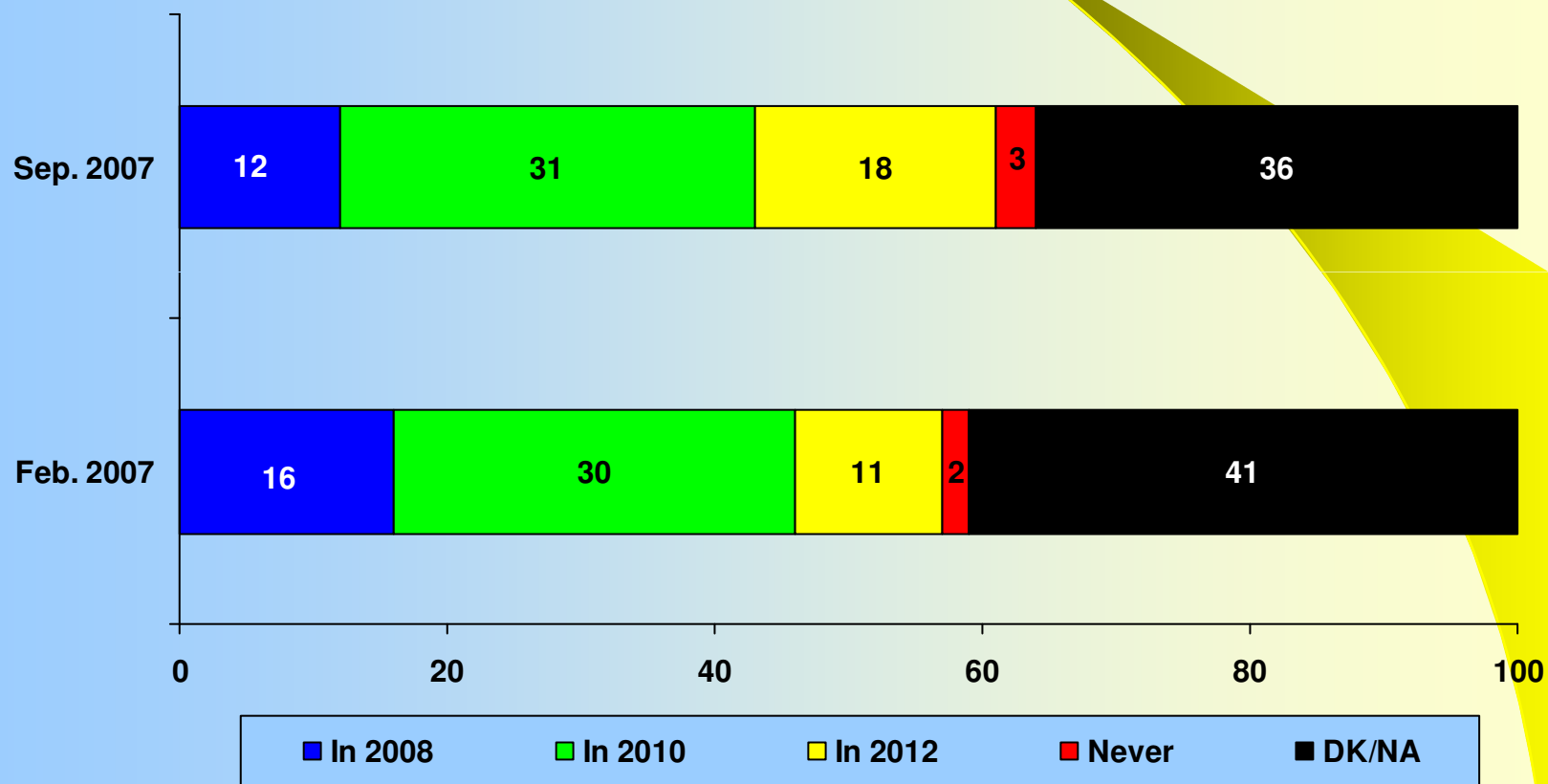
# What do you expect from NATO membership?



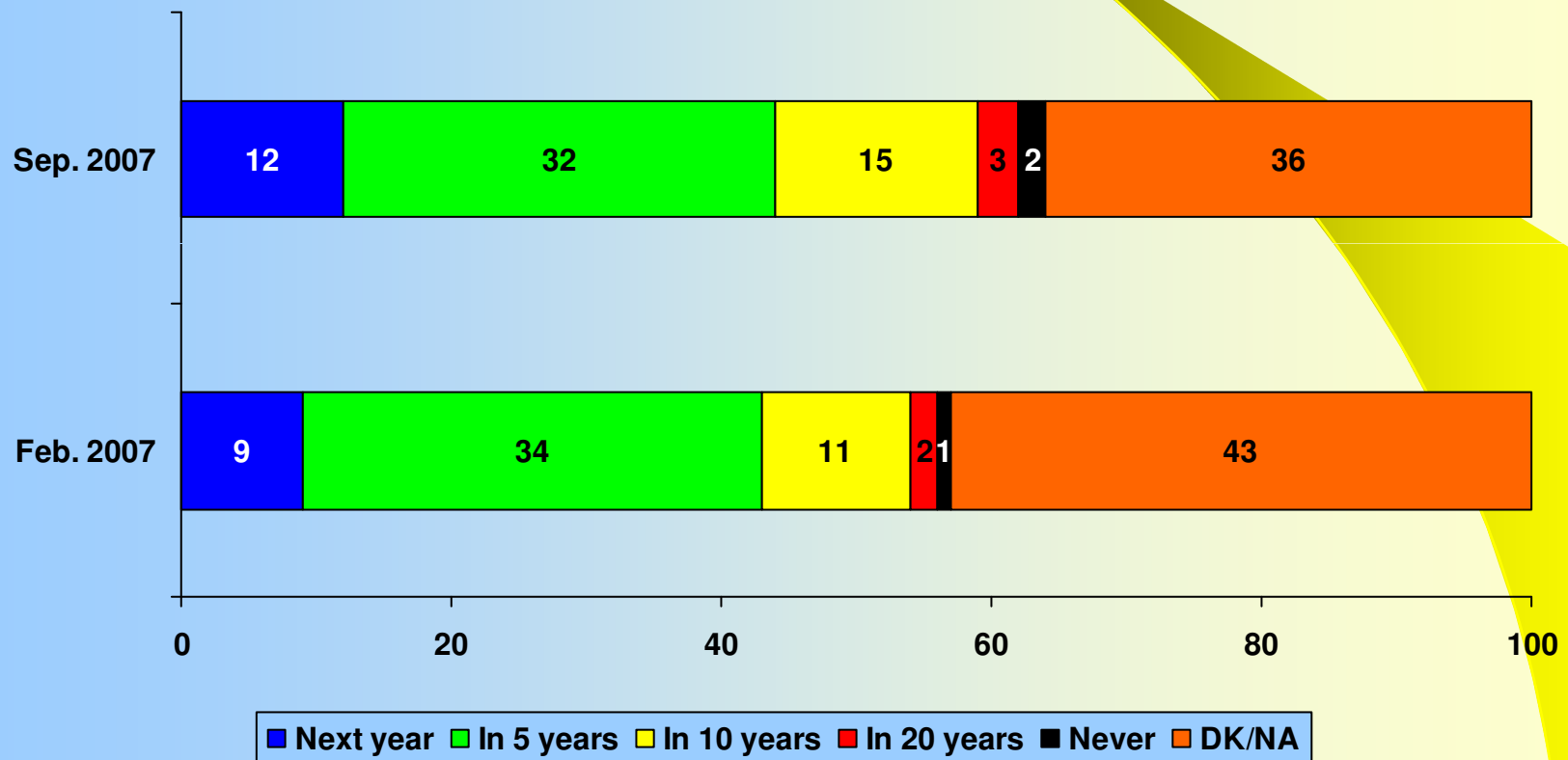
## Do you have sufficient information about NATO to make an informed decision about whether Georgia should join NATO?



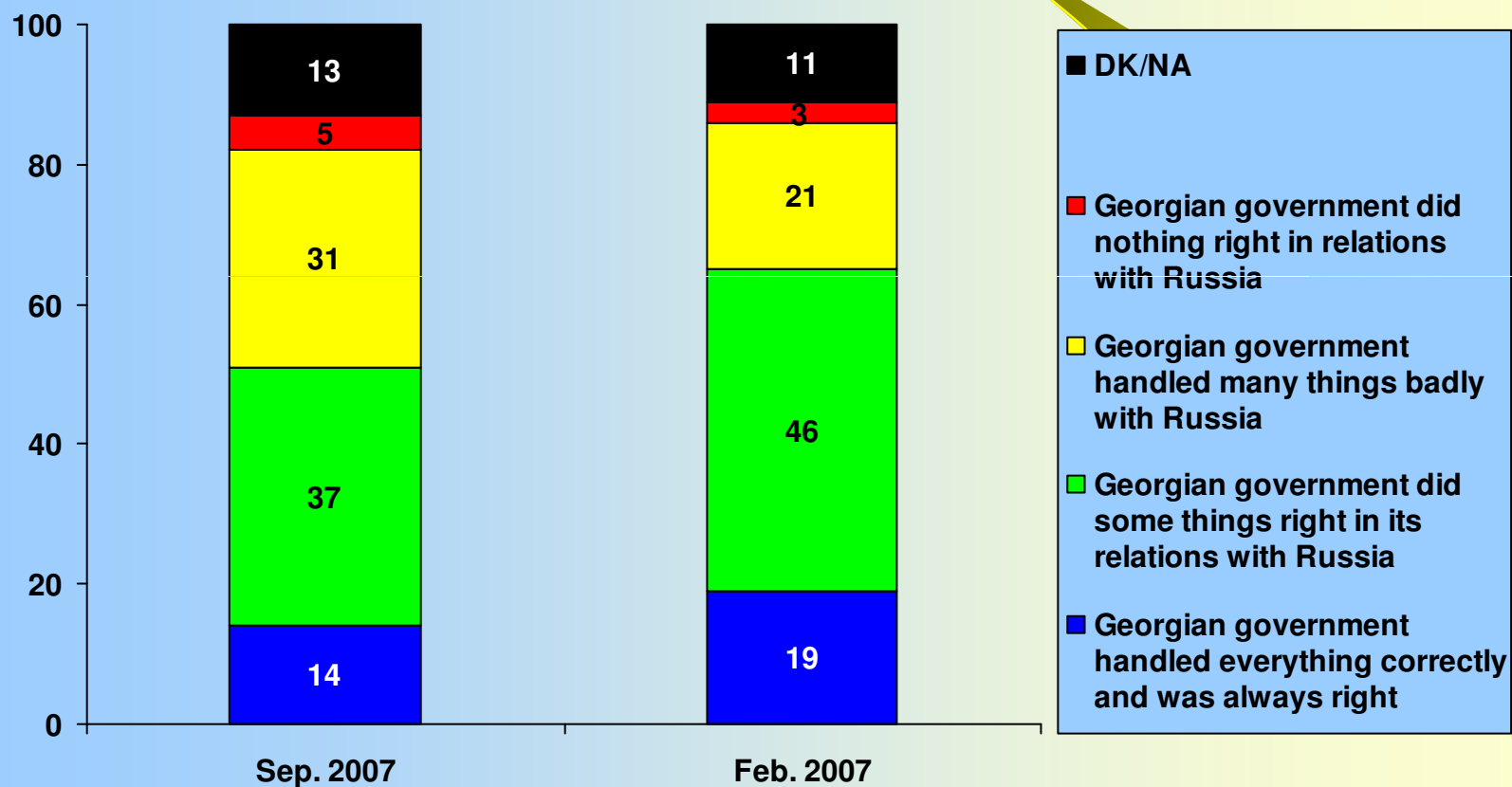
# When do you think Georgia will become a member of NATO?



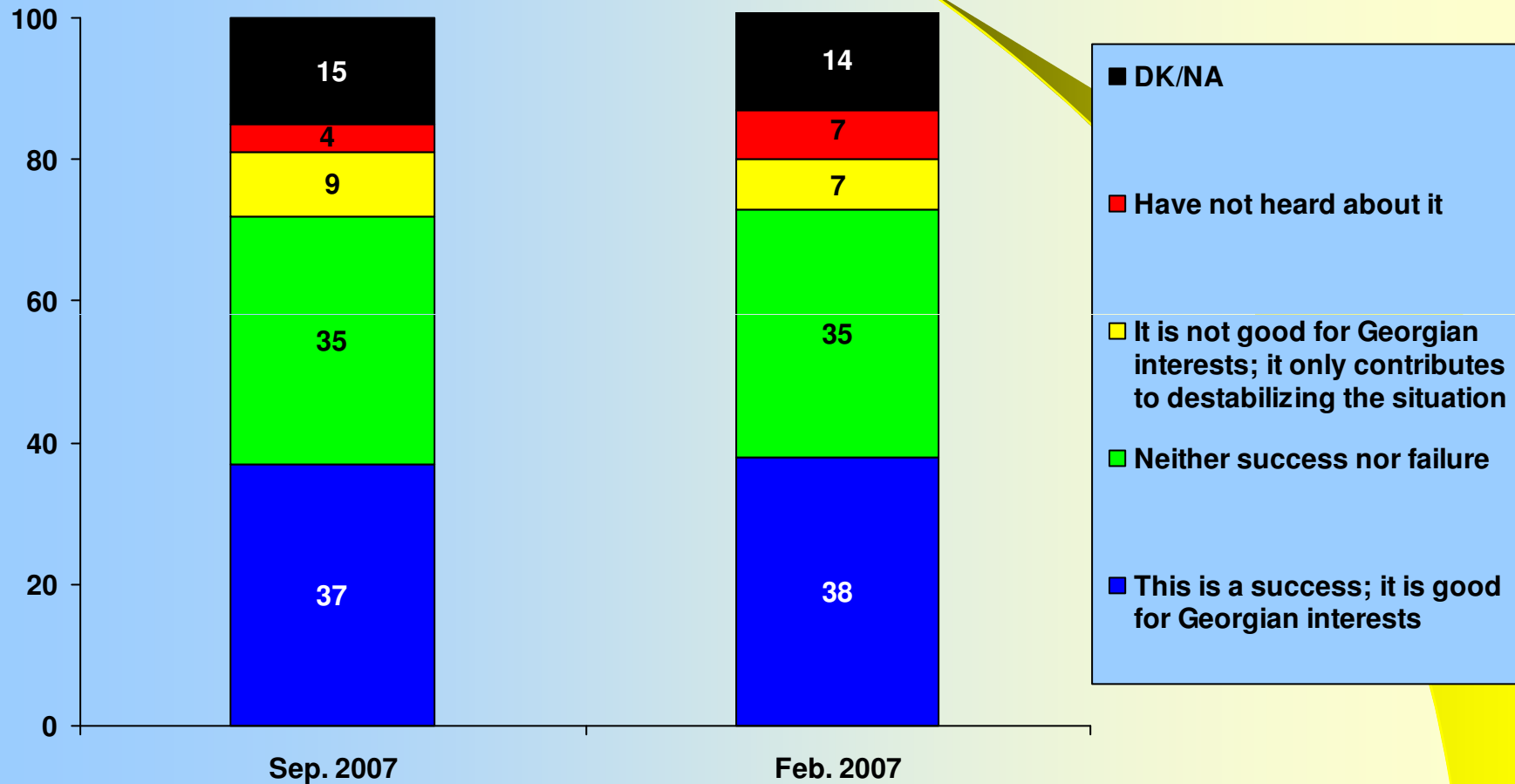
# When will Georgia become a member of the European Union?



# What is your opinion about the Georgian government's handling of relations with Russia before and during the recent Russian sanctions and economic blockade?

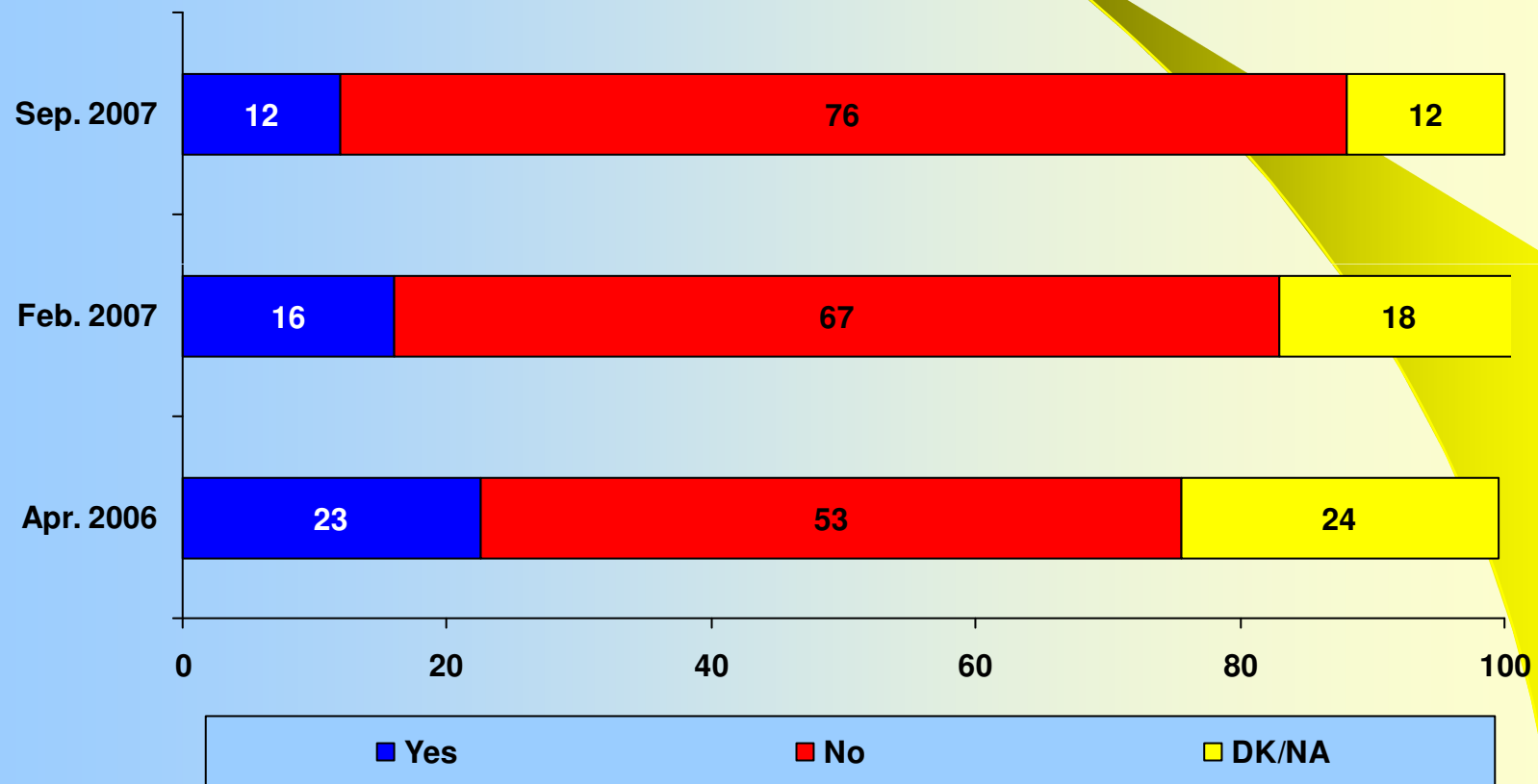


## How do you feel about the alternative South Ossetia government led by “President” Dimitri Sanakoev?



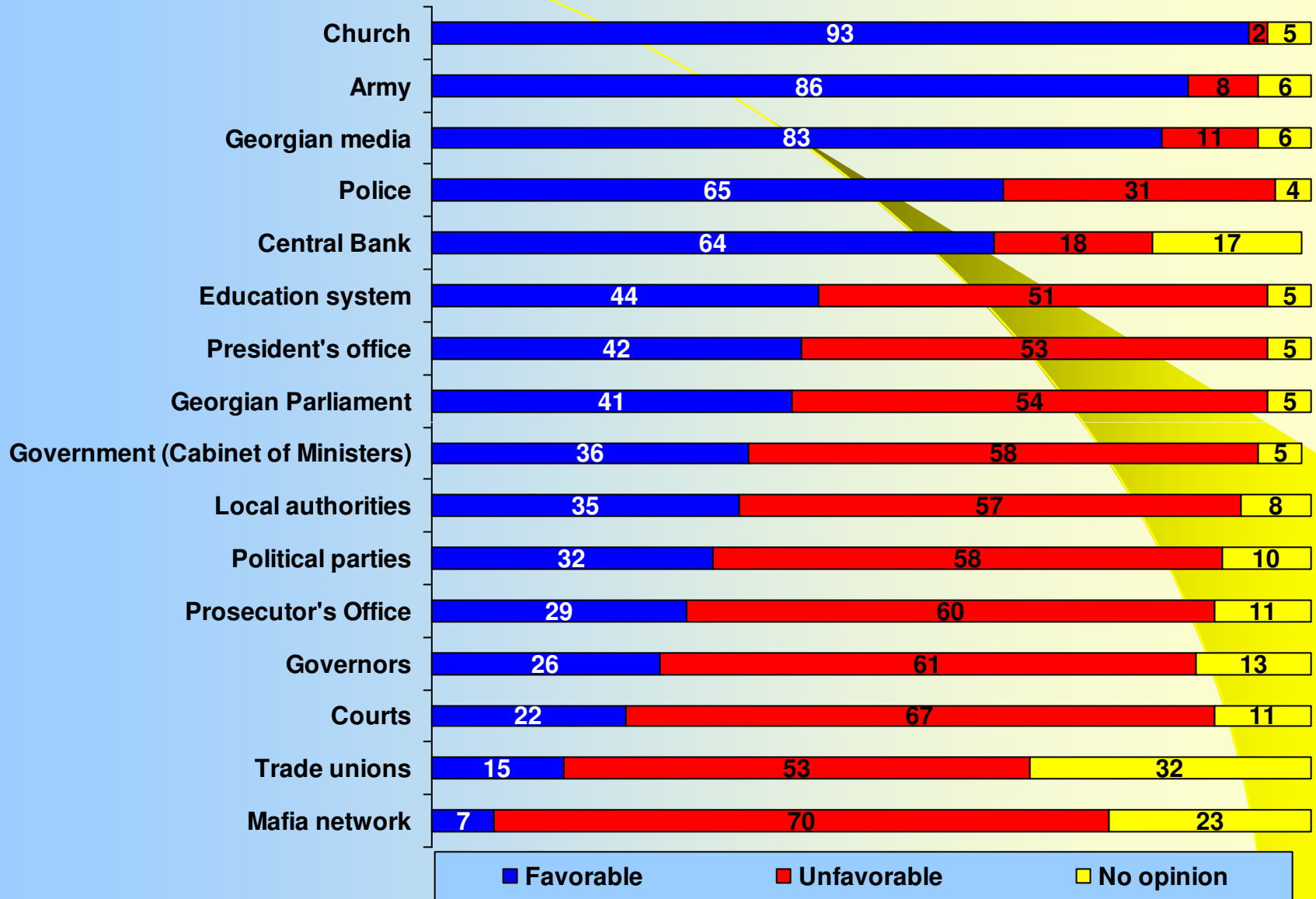


# In your opinion, should the Georgian government fulfill the Council of Europe obligations and allow Mekhsetan Turks to return to Georgia?

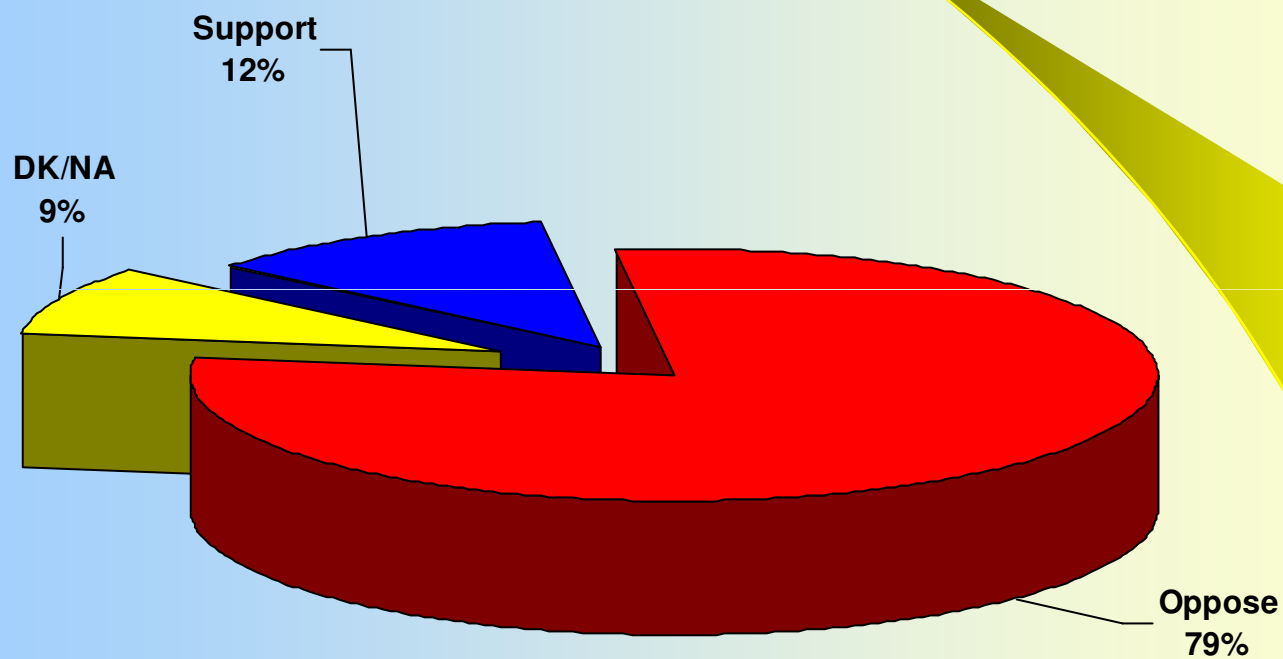


# INSTITUTIONS

## What is your opinion about the work of each of these institutions? Is it...?

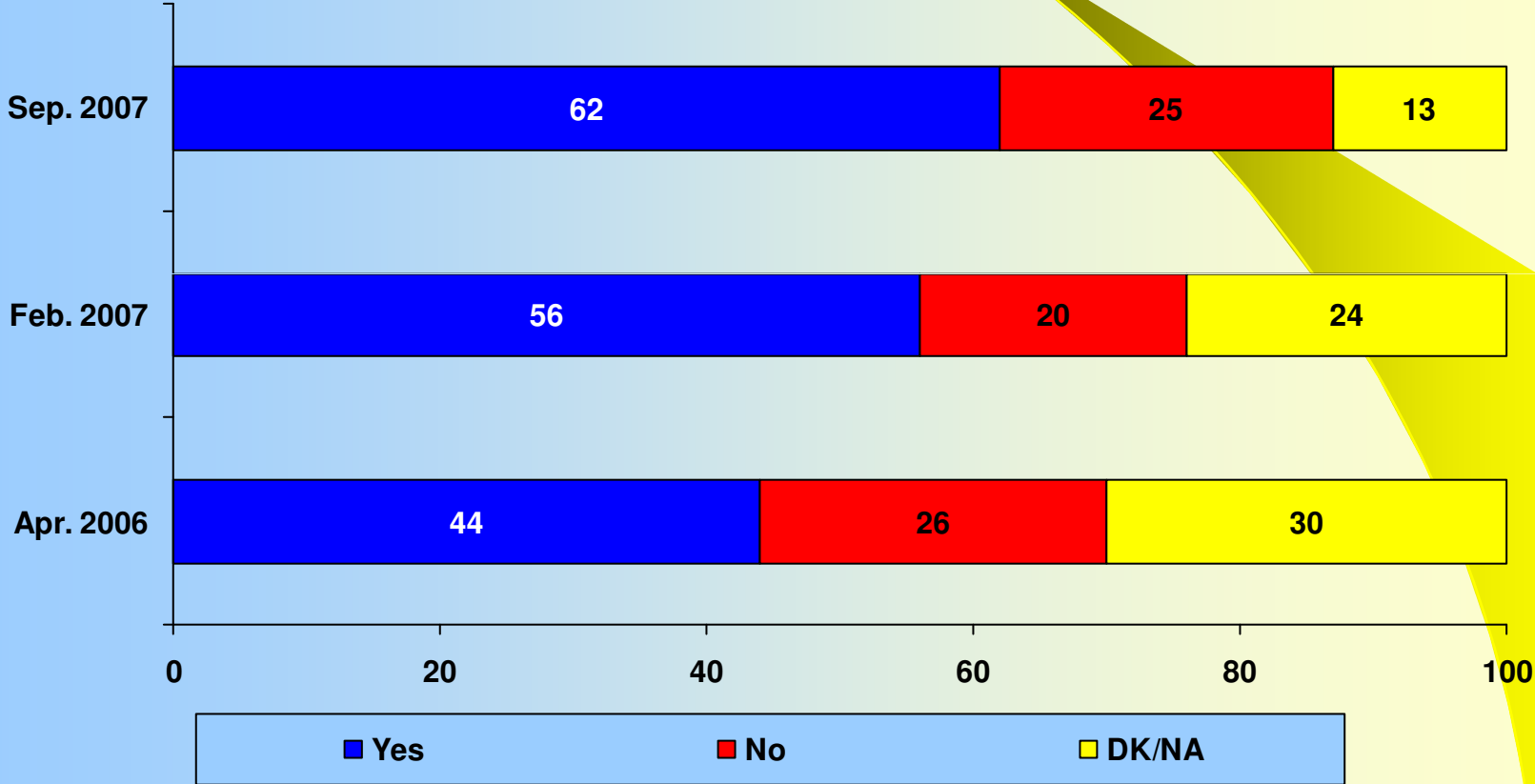


# Do you support or oppose the government's decision to prohibit journalists from videotaping public court sessions?

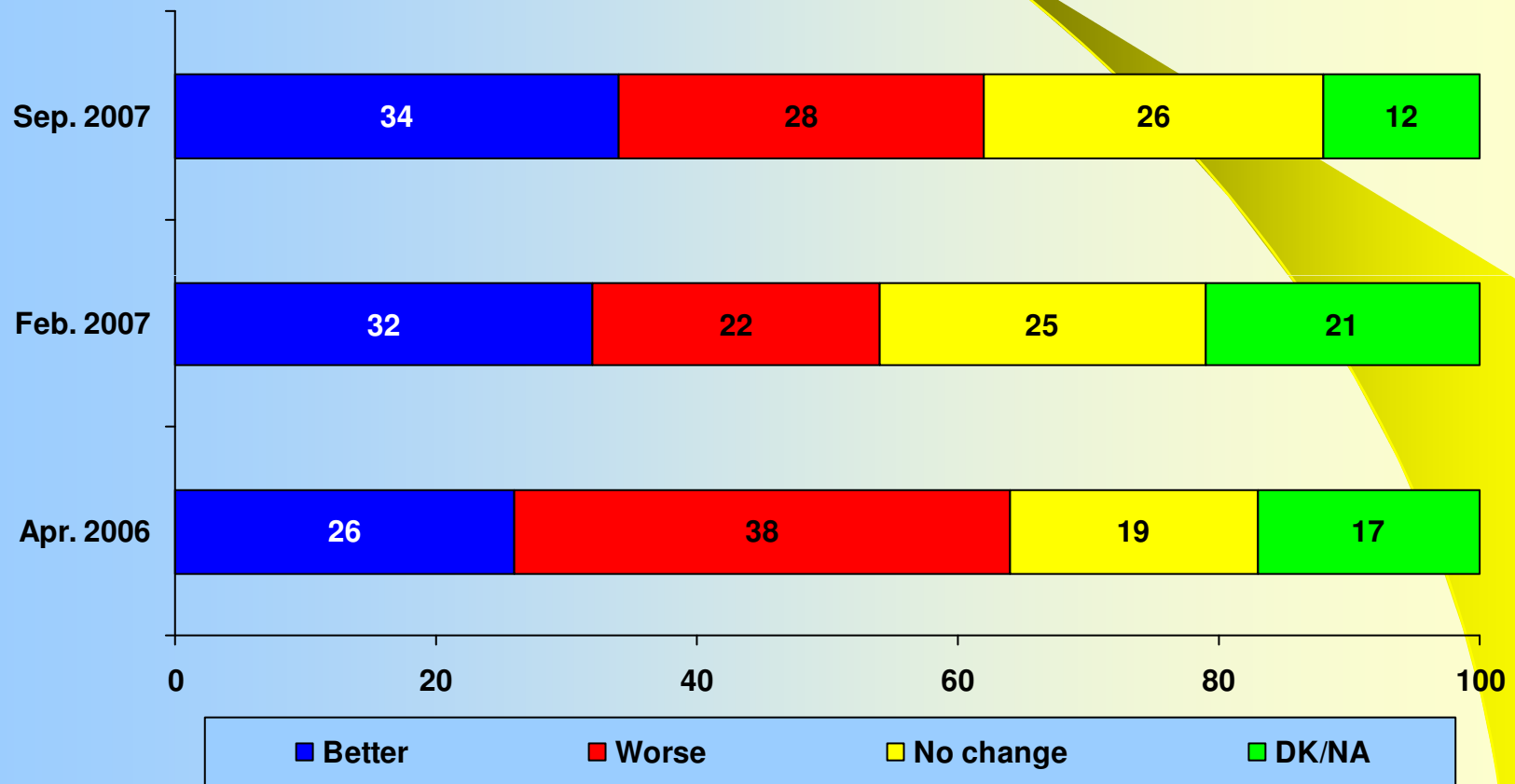


# ETHNIC MINORITIES

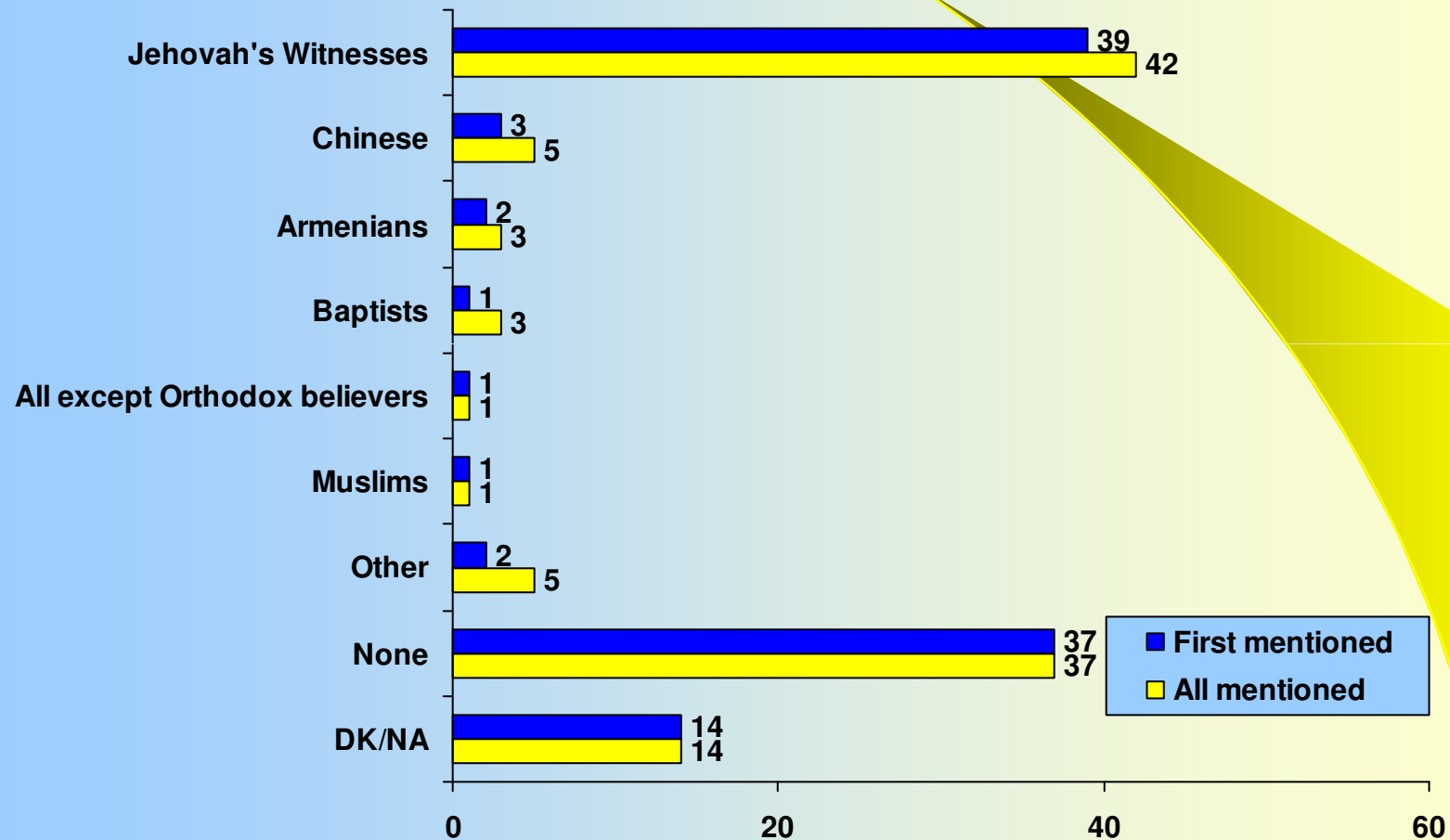
# In your opinion, is Georgia a tolerant society?



# In your opinion, are the relations between Georgians and ethnic minorities in regions such as Kvemo Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti getting better or worse?



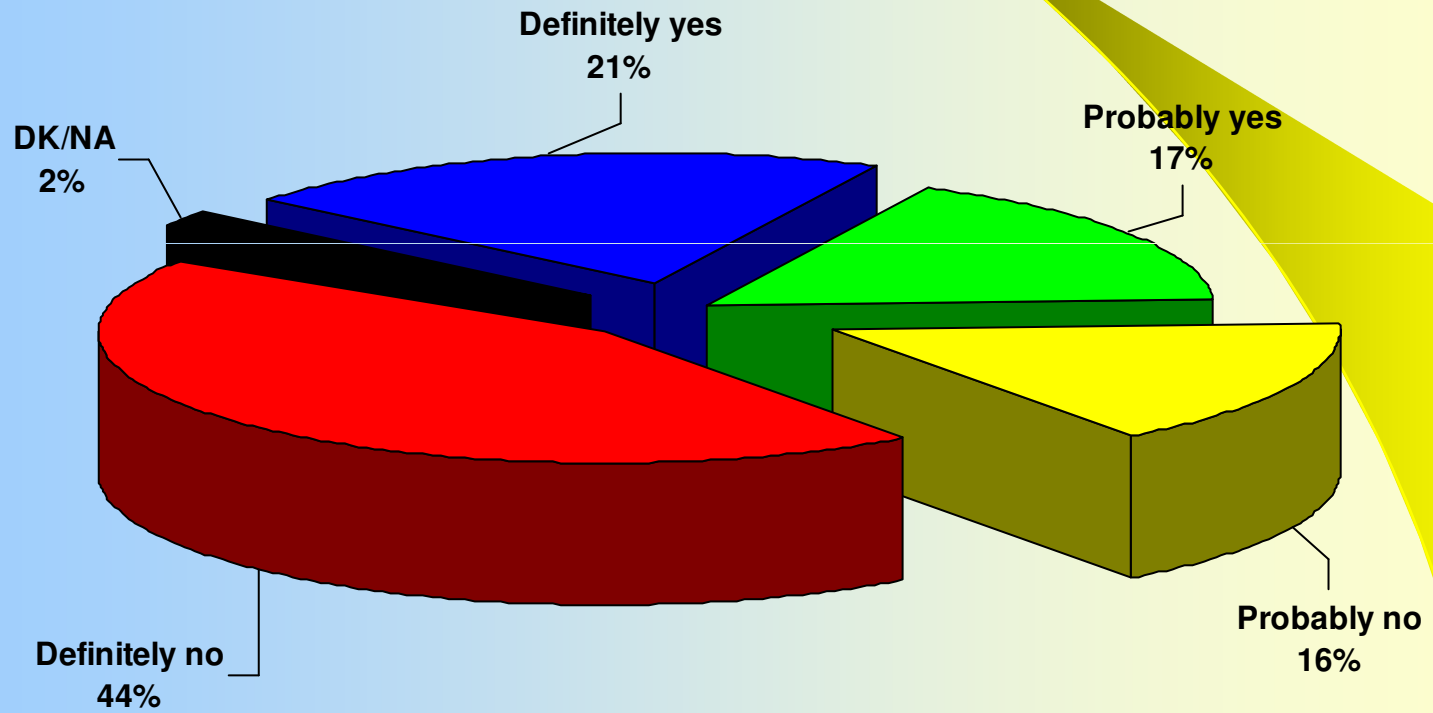
## In your opinion, which religious groups or ethnic minorities create problems for Georgian society? (up to three answers)



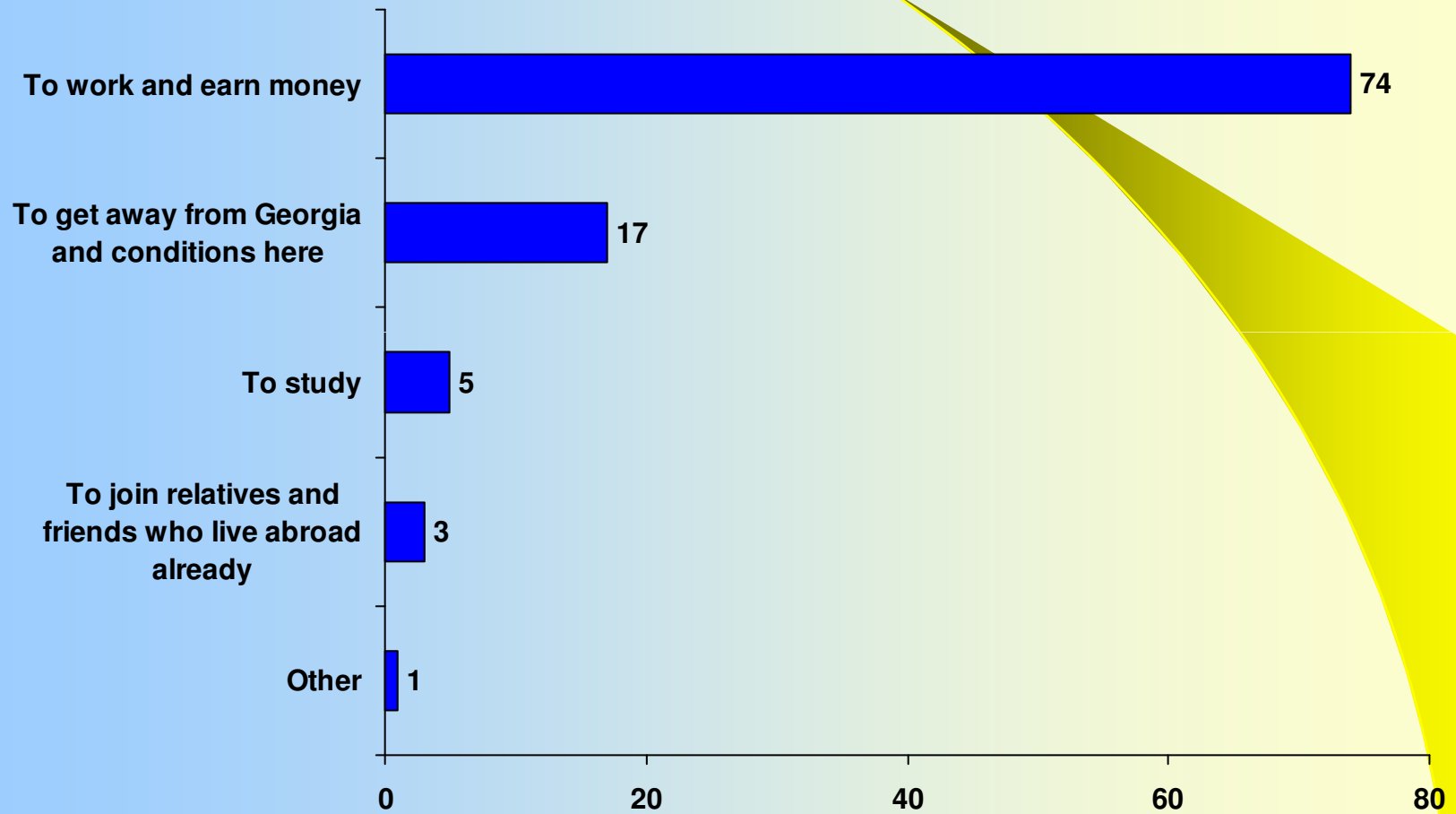


# EMIGRATION

# If you had a chance, would you go to another country to live?



# Why do you say so? (Would go abroad – N=567)



**END OF PRESENTATION**