

Georgian National Study

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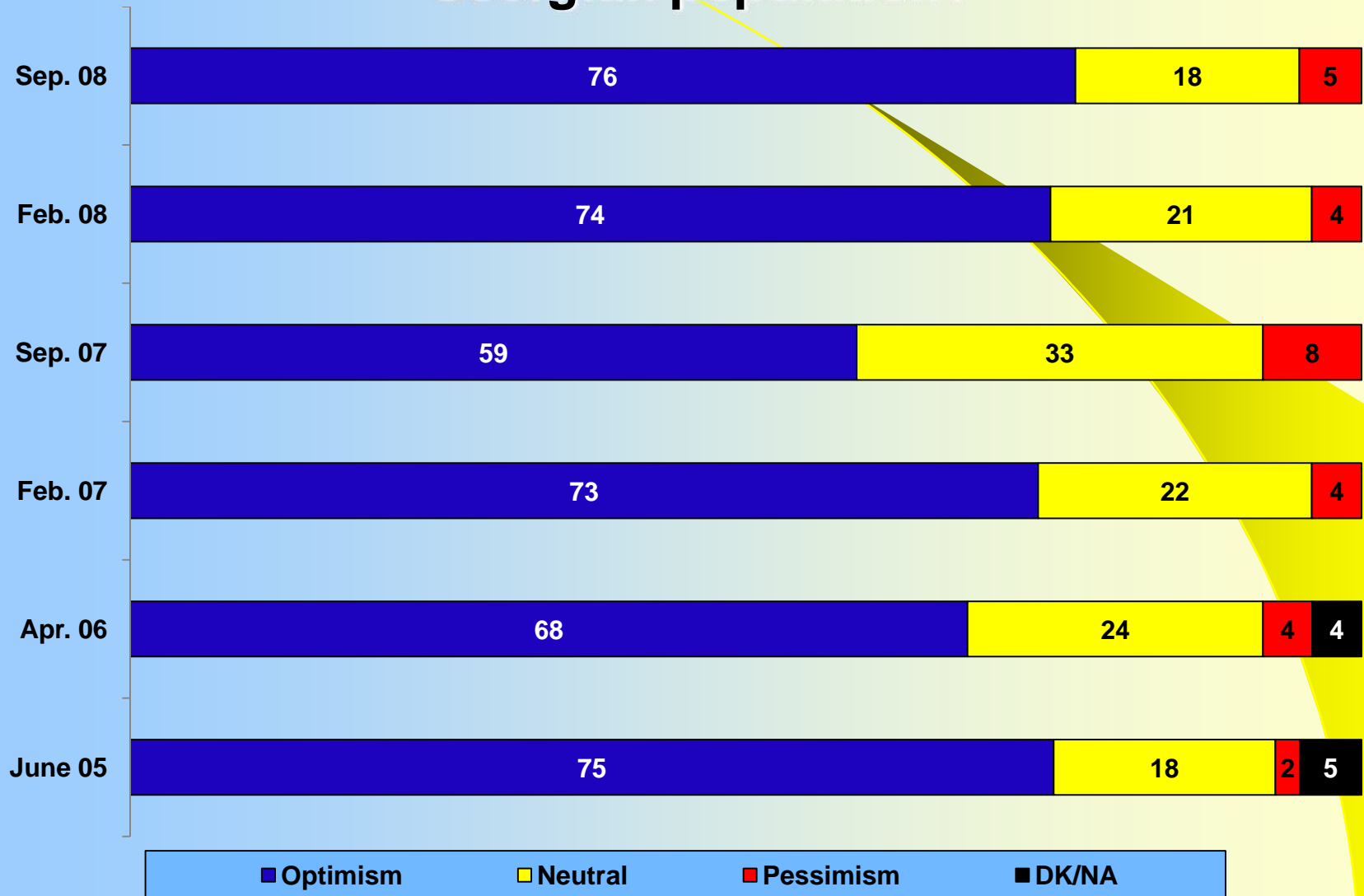


INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

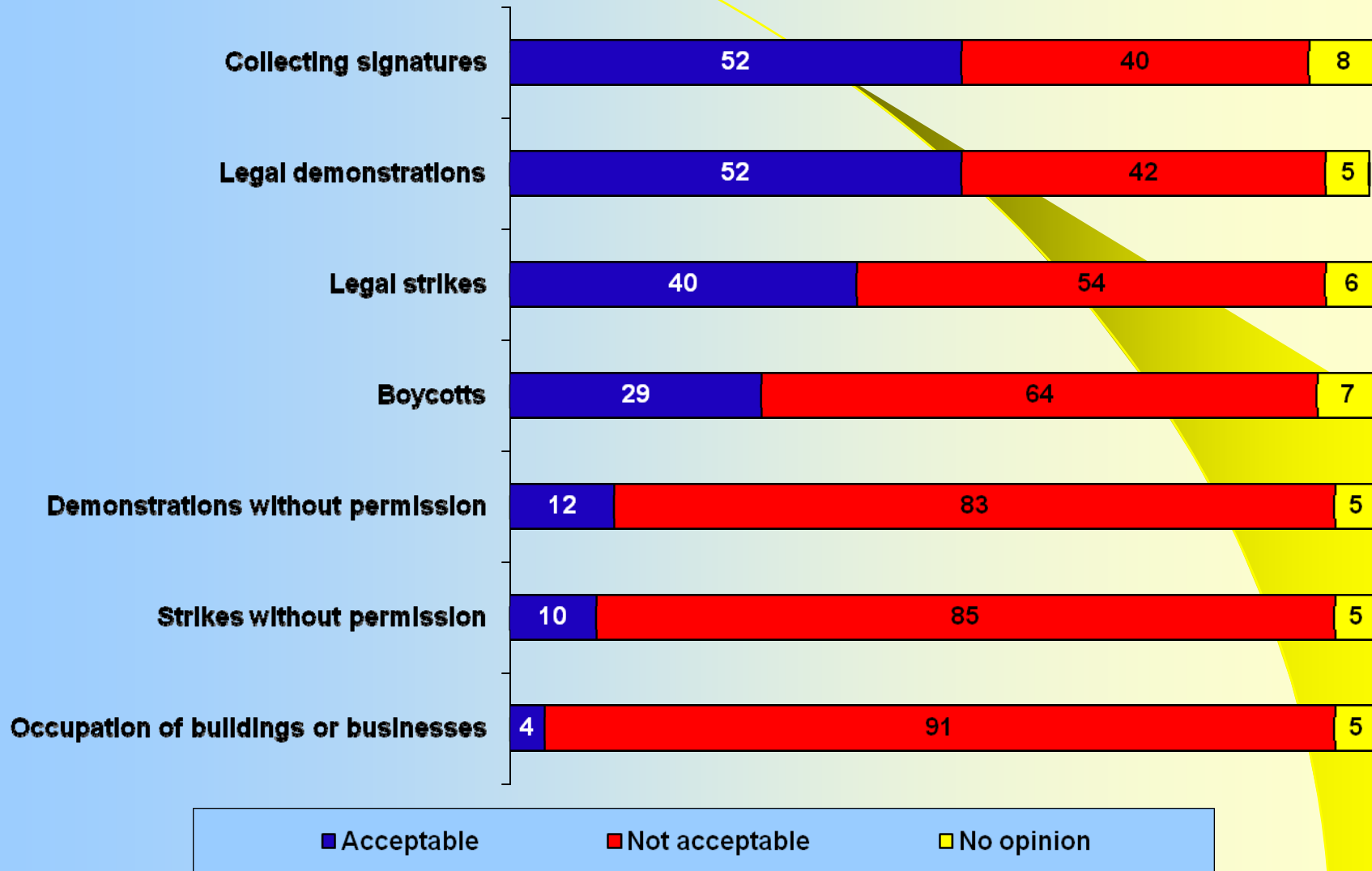
- The survey was conducted by the Institute of Polling and Marketing for Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent Georgian residents over the age of 18 and eligible to vote, and is representative of the general population by 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 one 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 is 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 three percent.
- Response rate was 69 percent.

MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Georgian population?

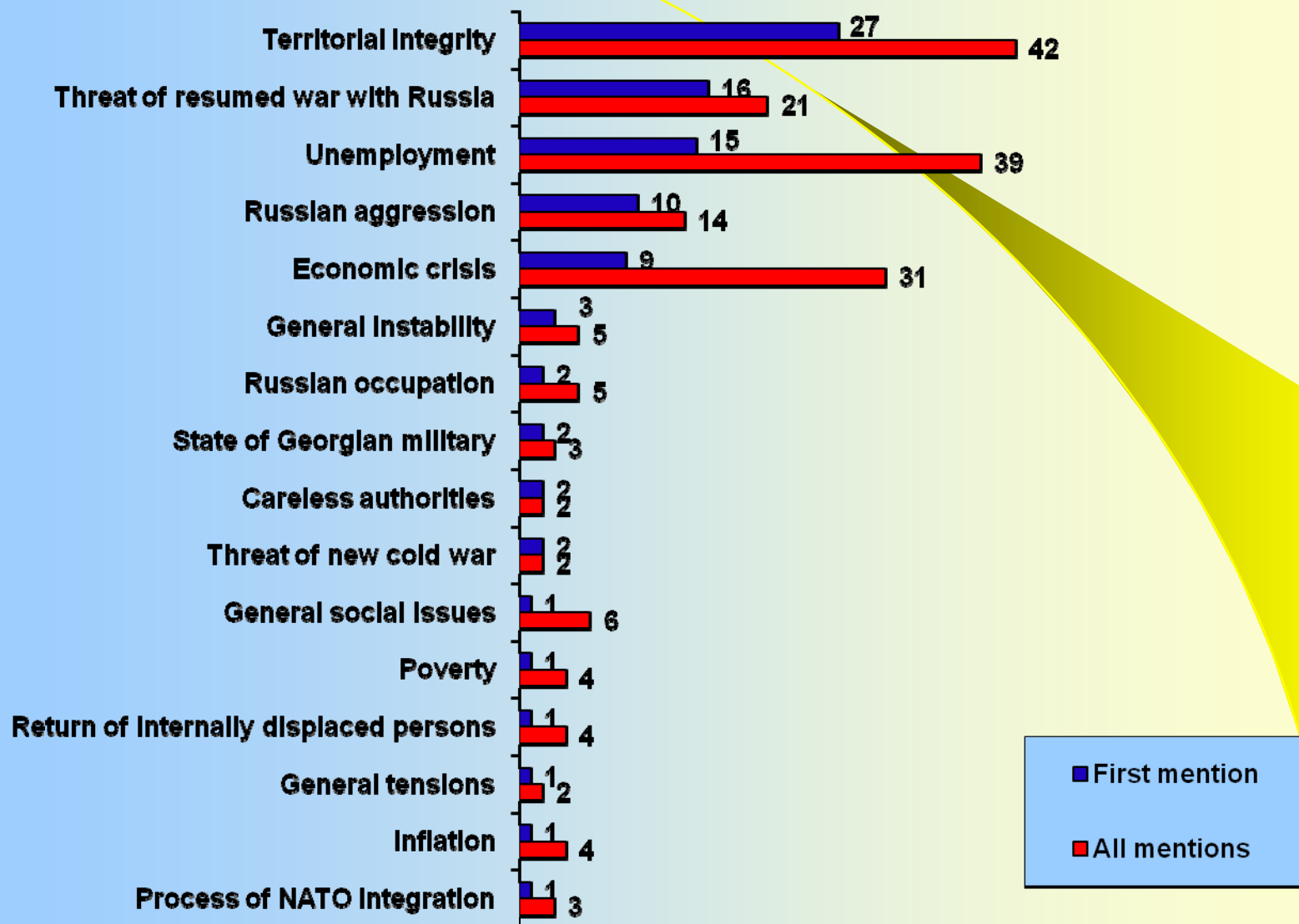


What do you consider to be an acceptable form of social protest?



ISSUES

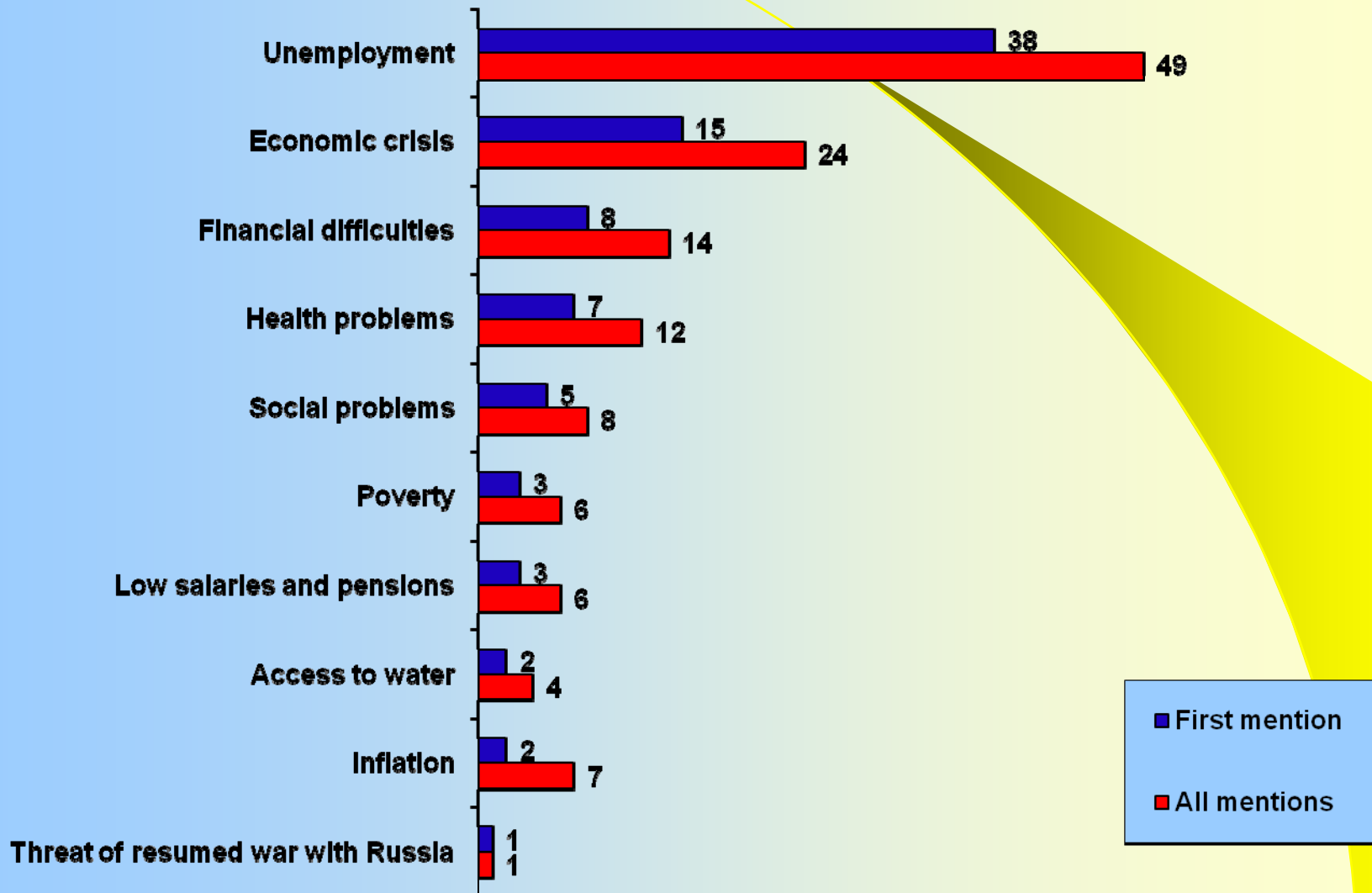
What is the most important issue that Georgia is facing?



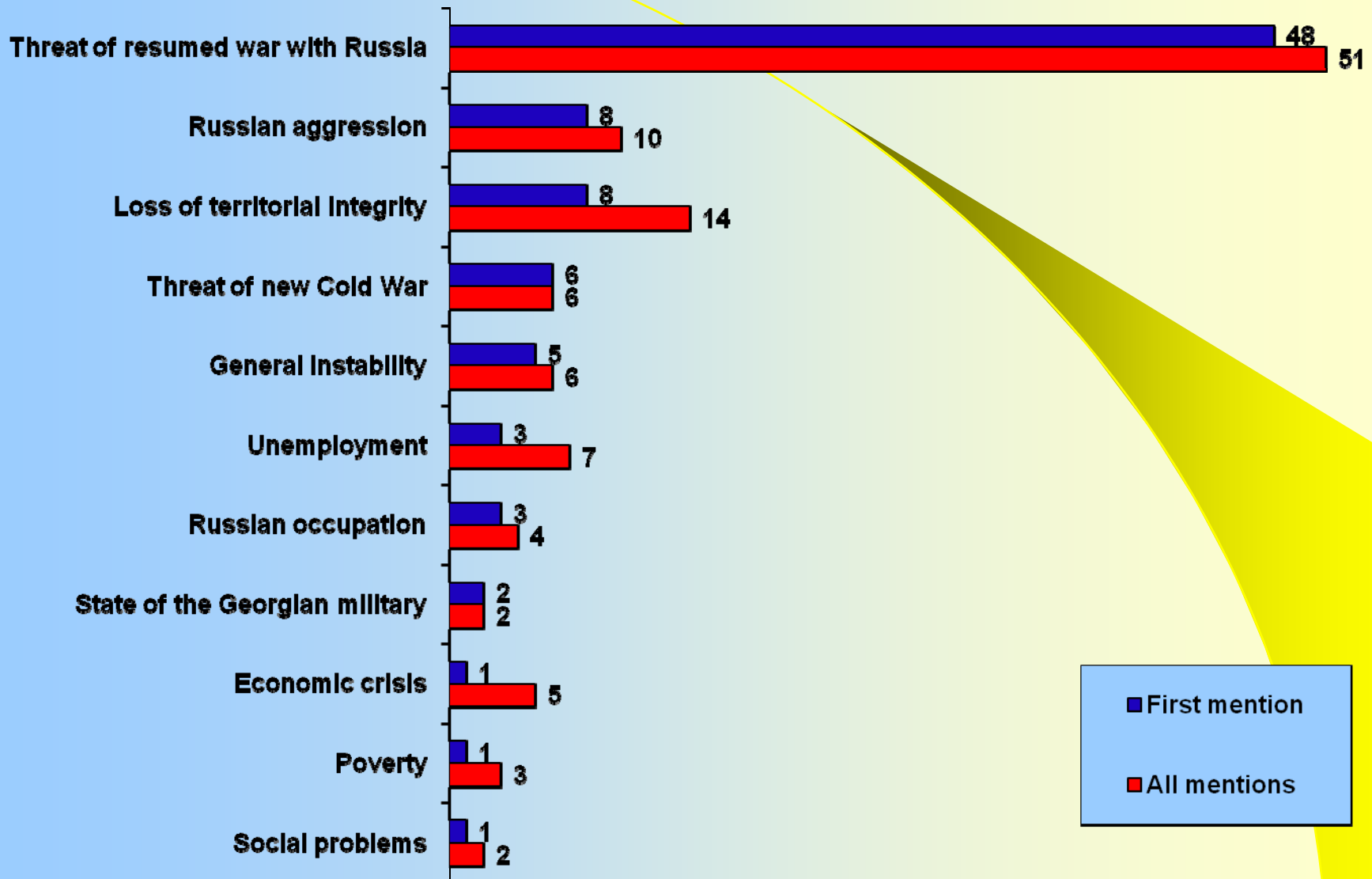
What is the most important issue your town/village is facing?



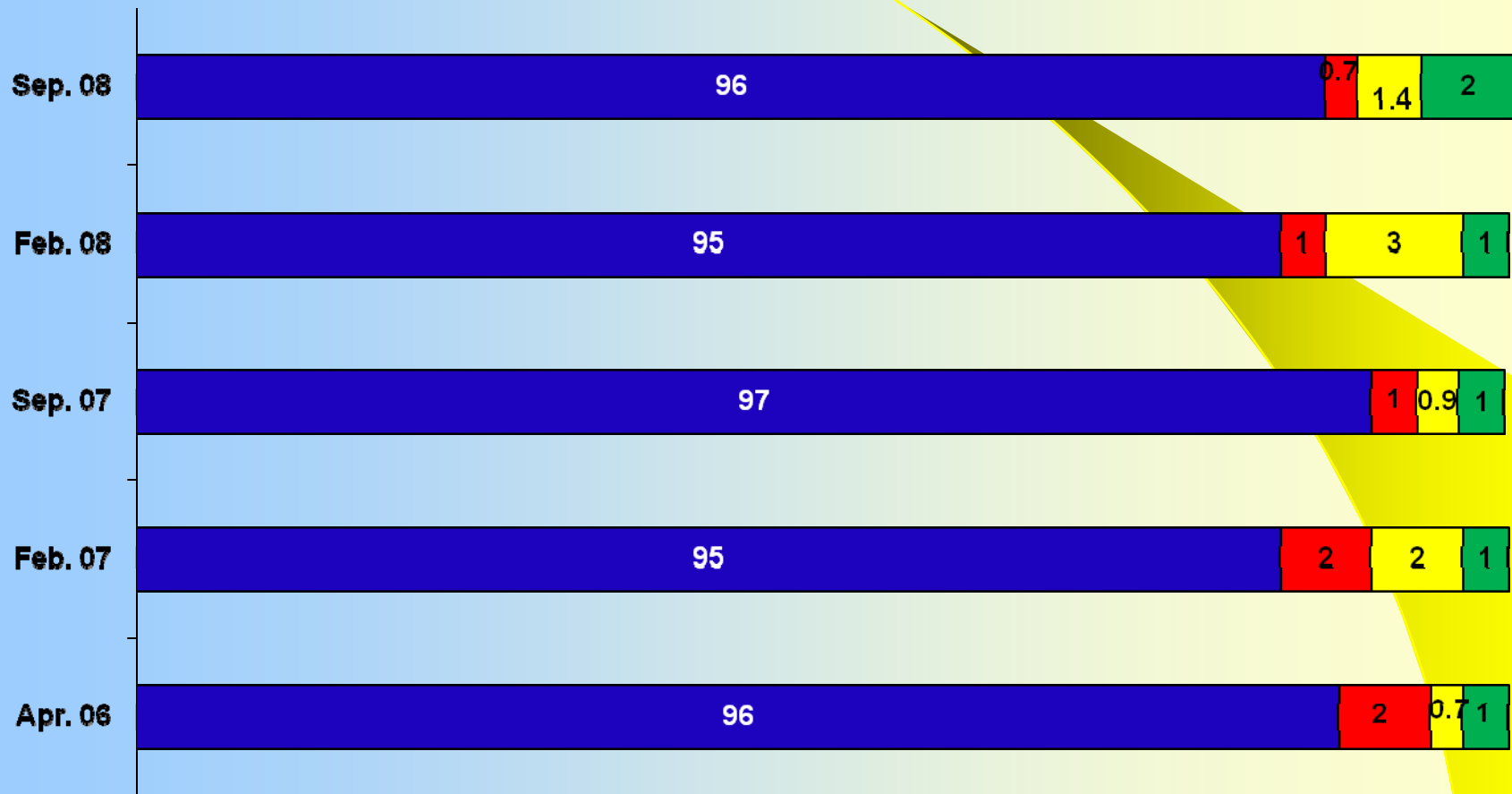
What is the most important issue your household is facing?



What do Georgians fear the most?

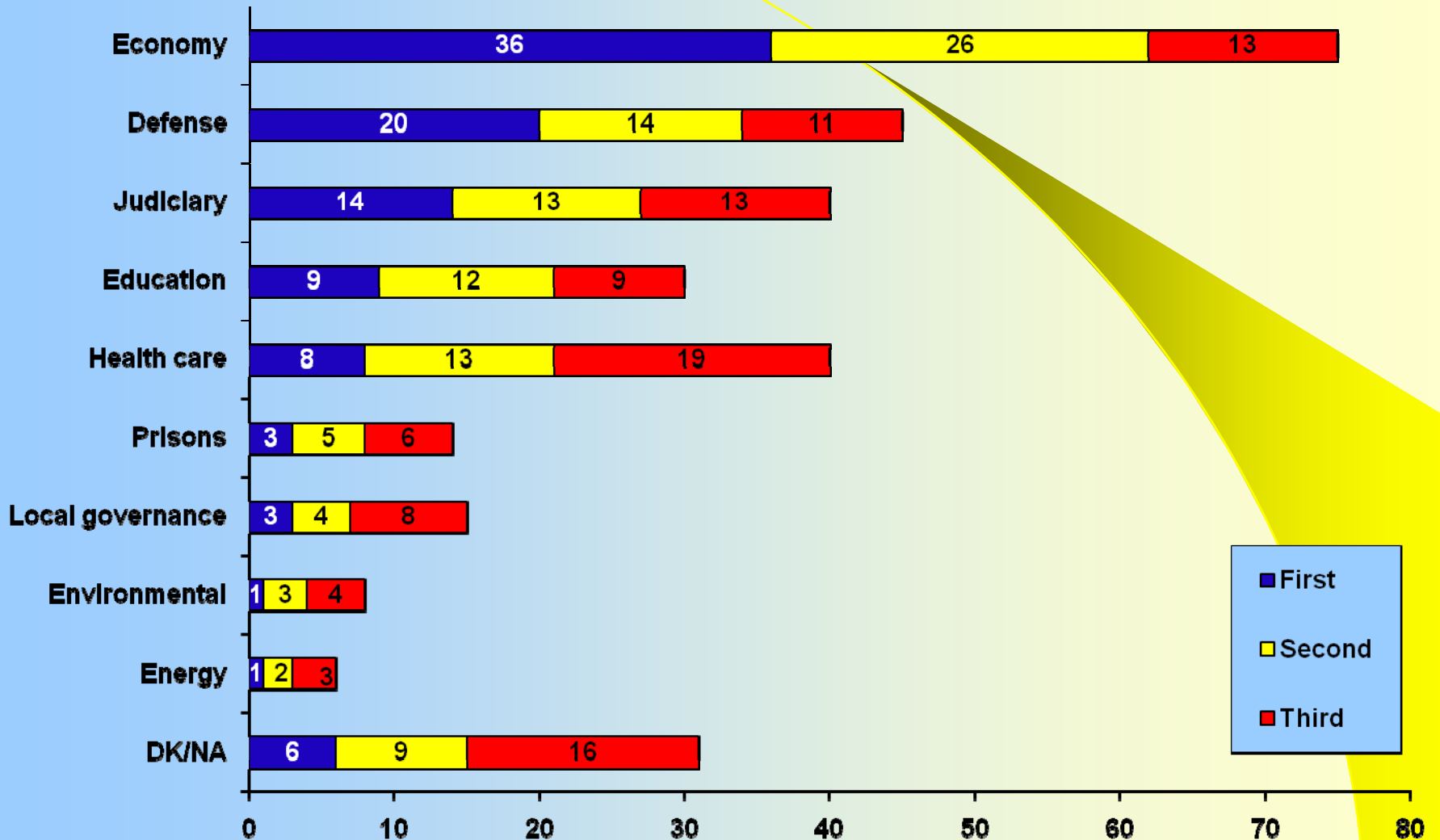


Have you been in a situation in the past 12 months where you had to pay a bribe in order to obtain a service or a decision?

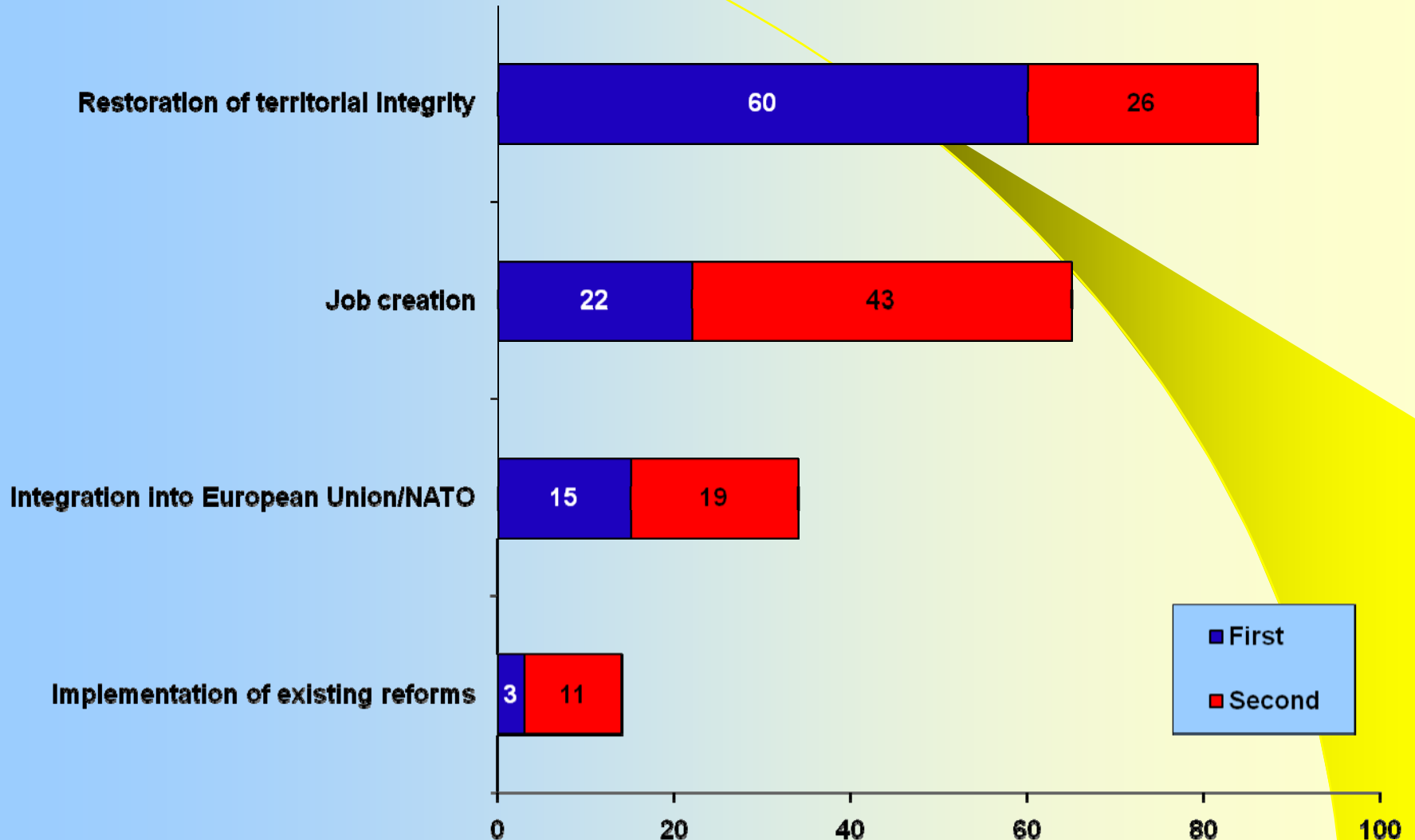


■ No, have not paid any bribe in the last 12 months
 ■ Yes, had to pay
 ■ Refuse
 ■ DK/NA

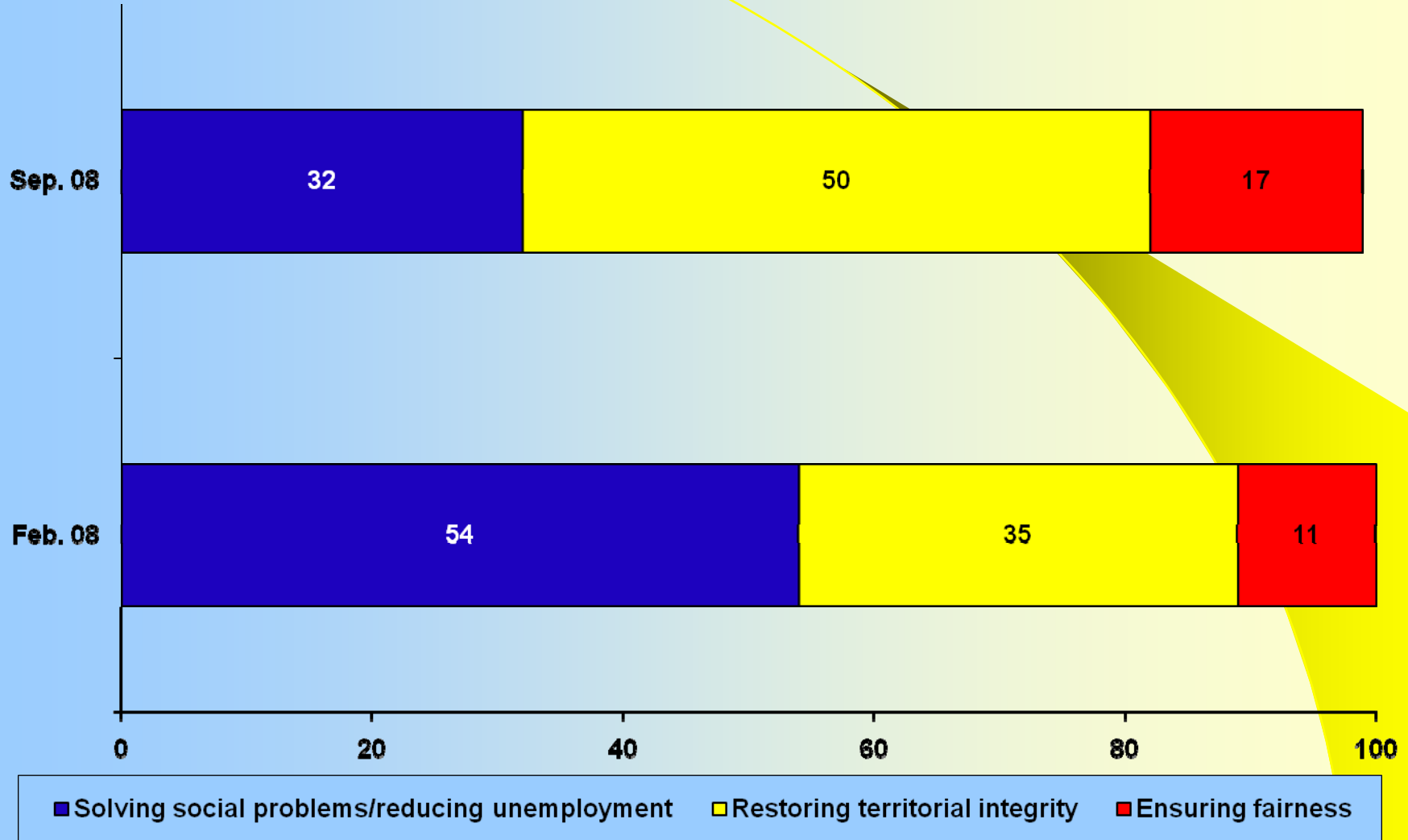
Which fields of reform should the Georgian government address first, second and third?



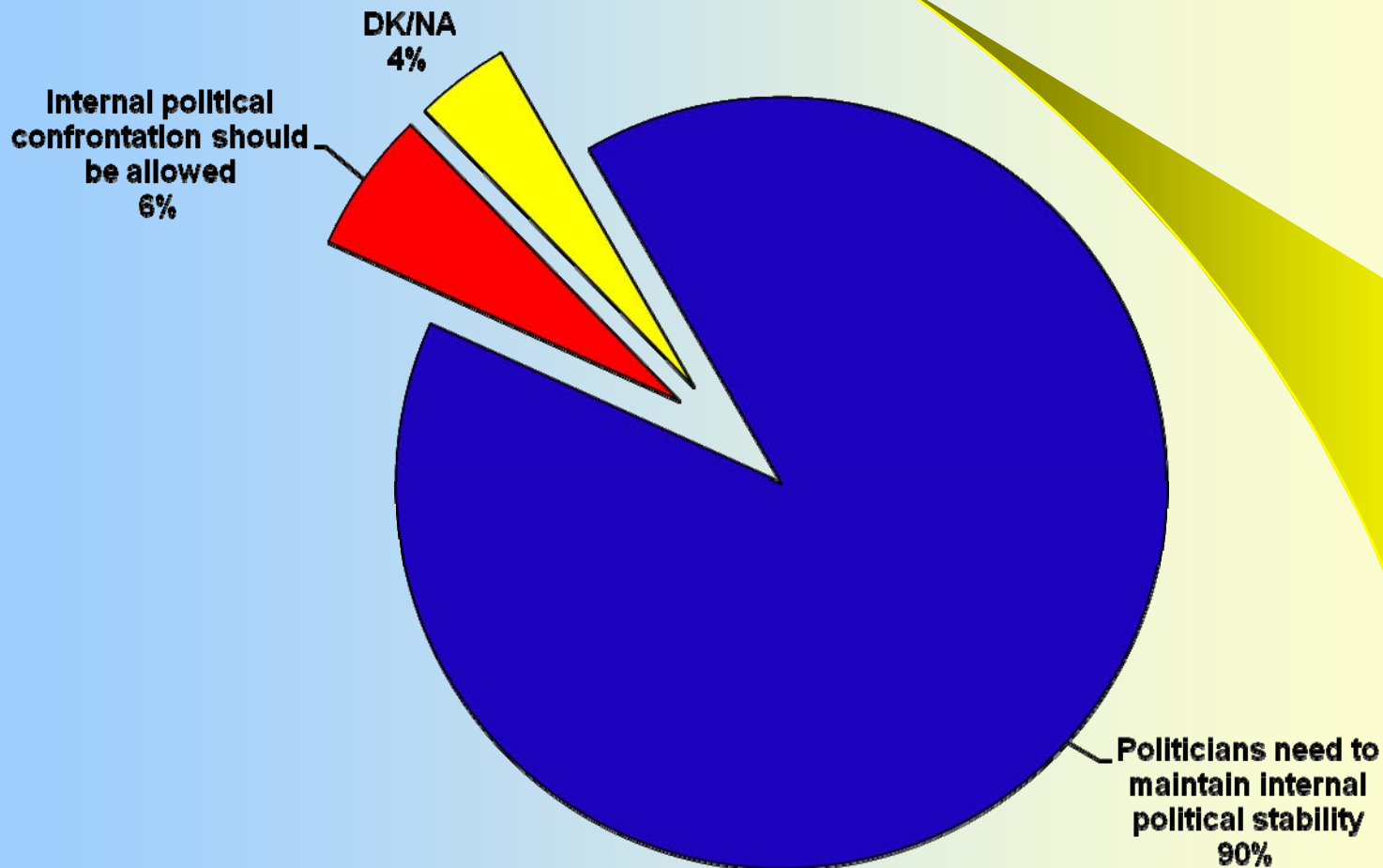
Which of these should be the Georgian government's first priority? Which should be second priority?



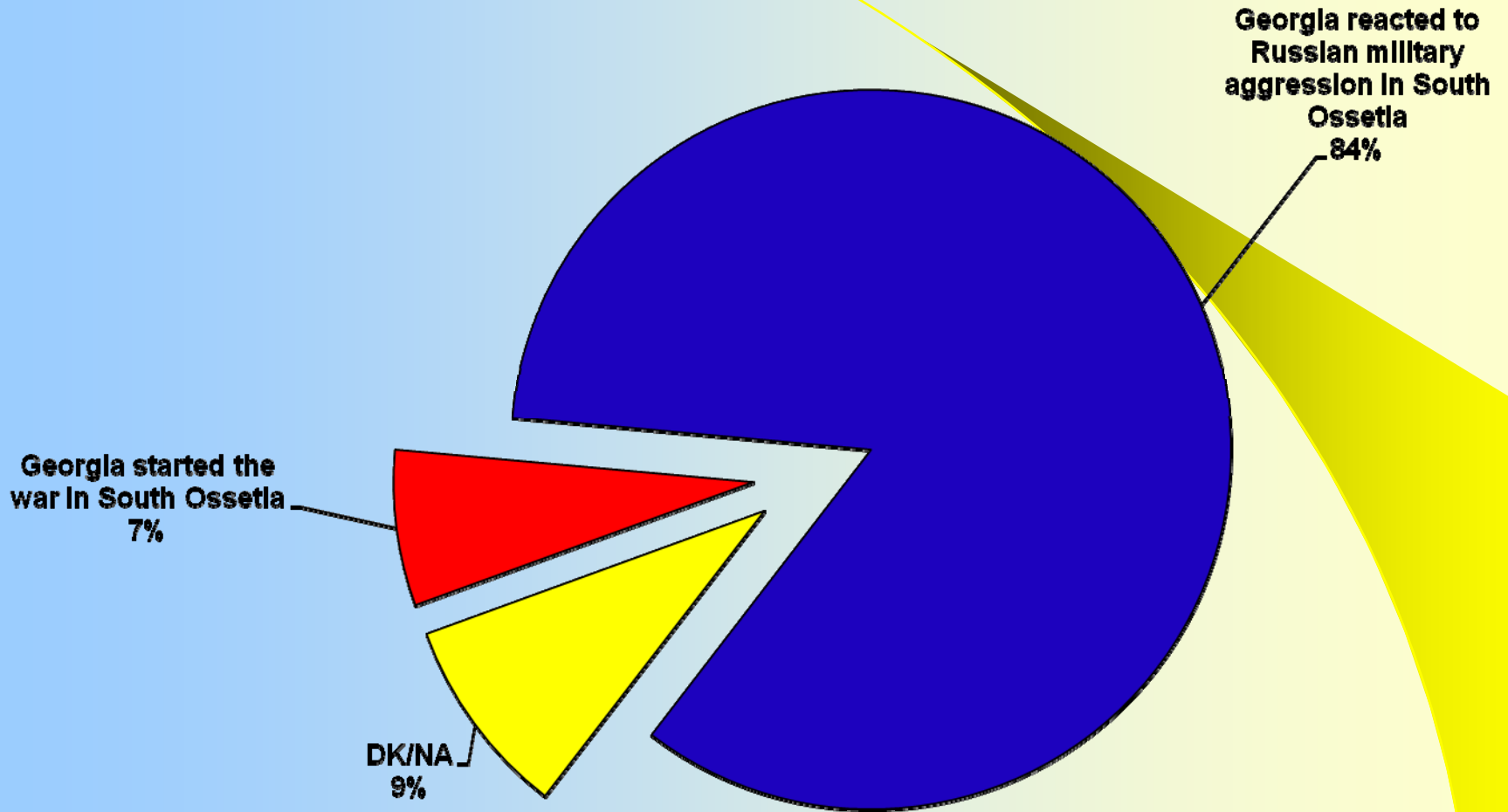
What is more important to you?



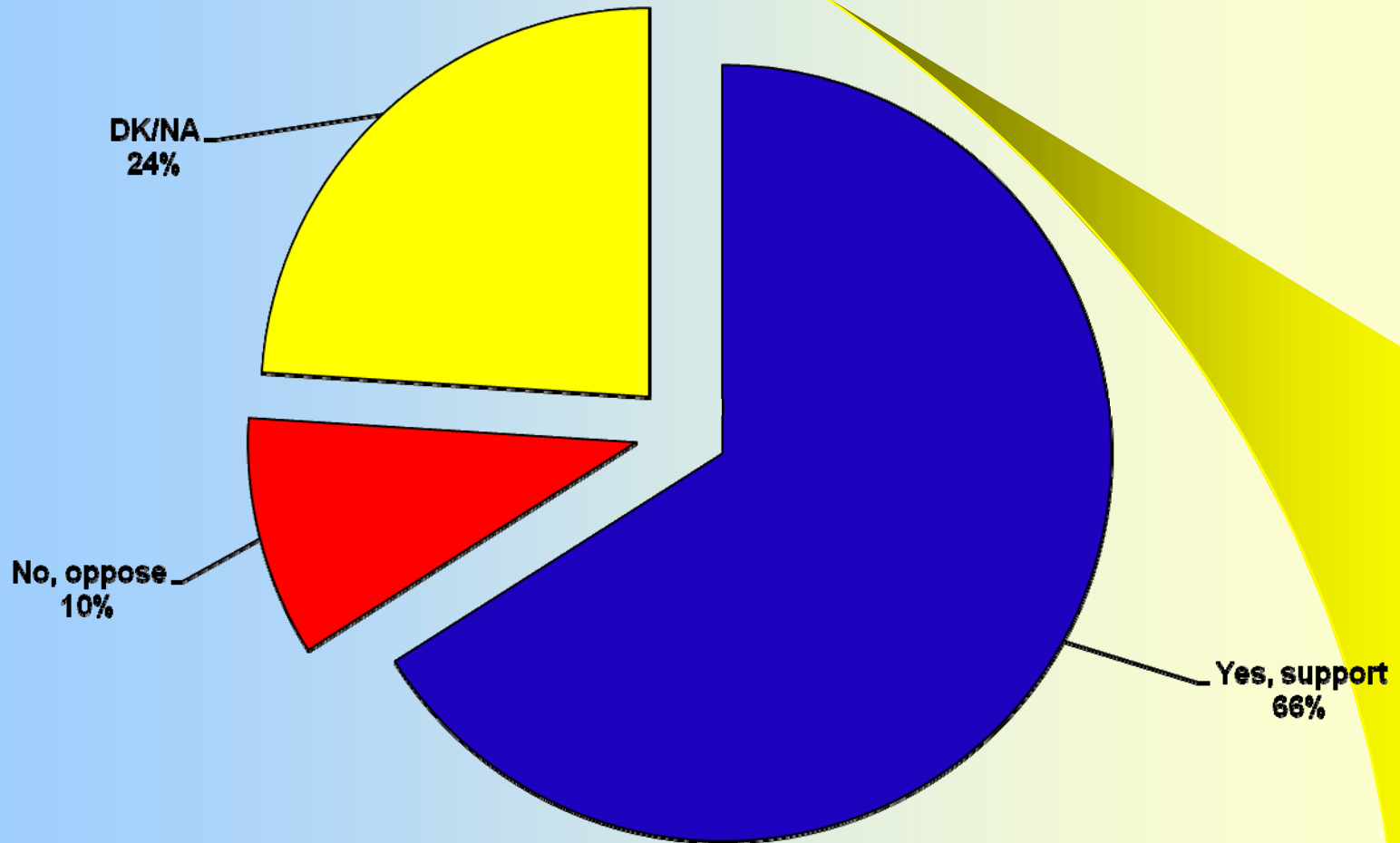
Given the current situation, should internal political confrontation be allowed or should politicians maintain internal political stability?



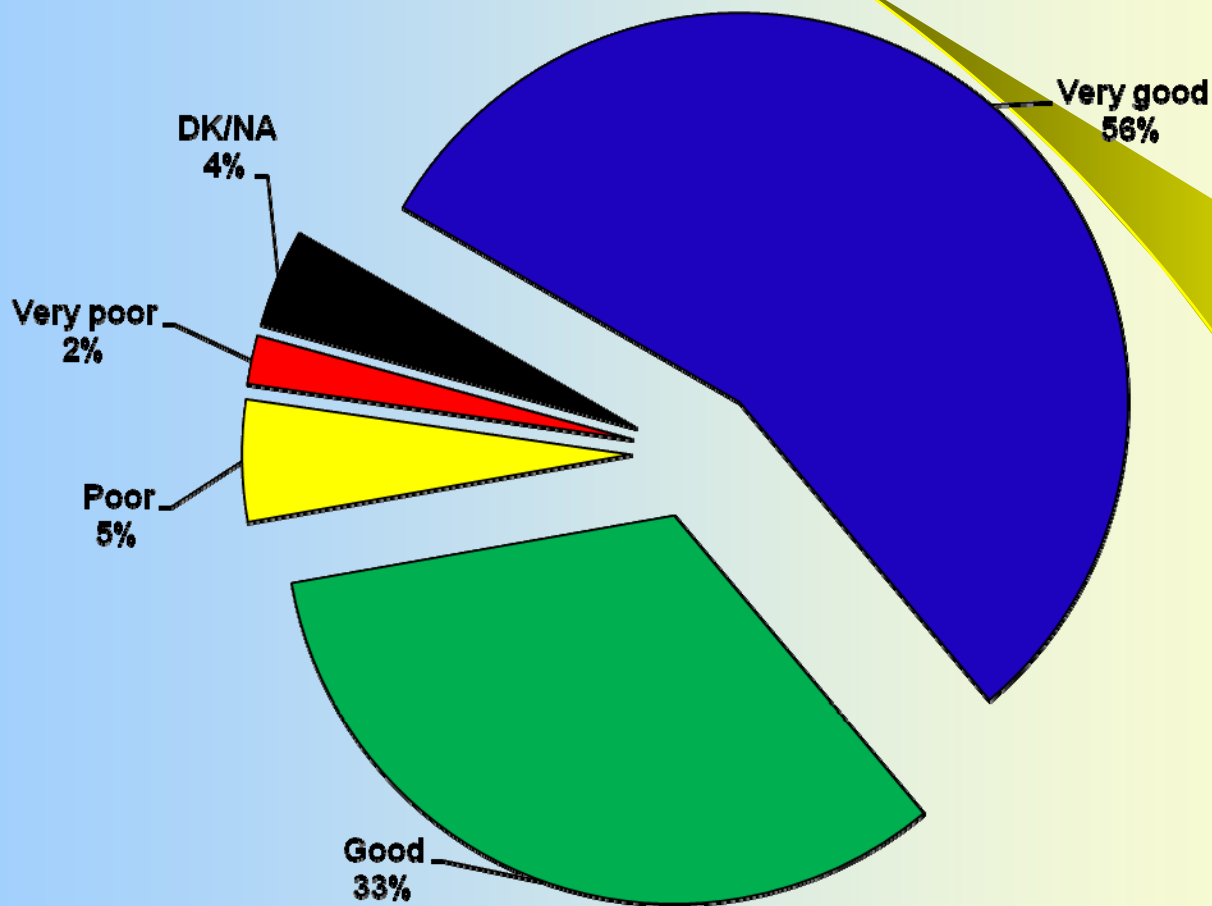
Which statement best describes your opinion?



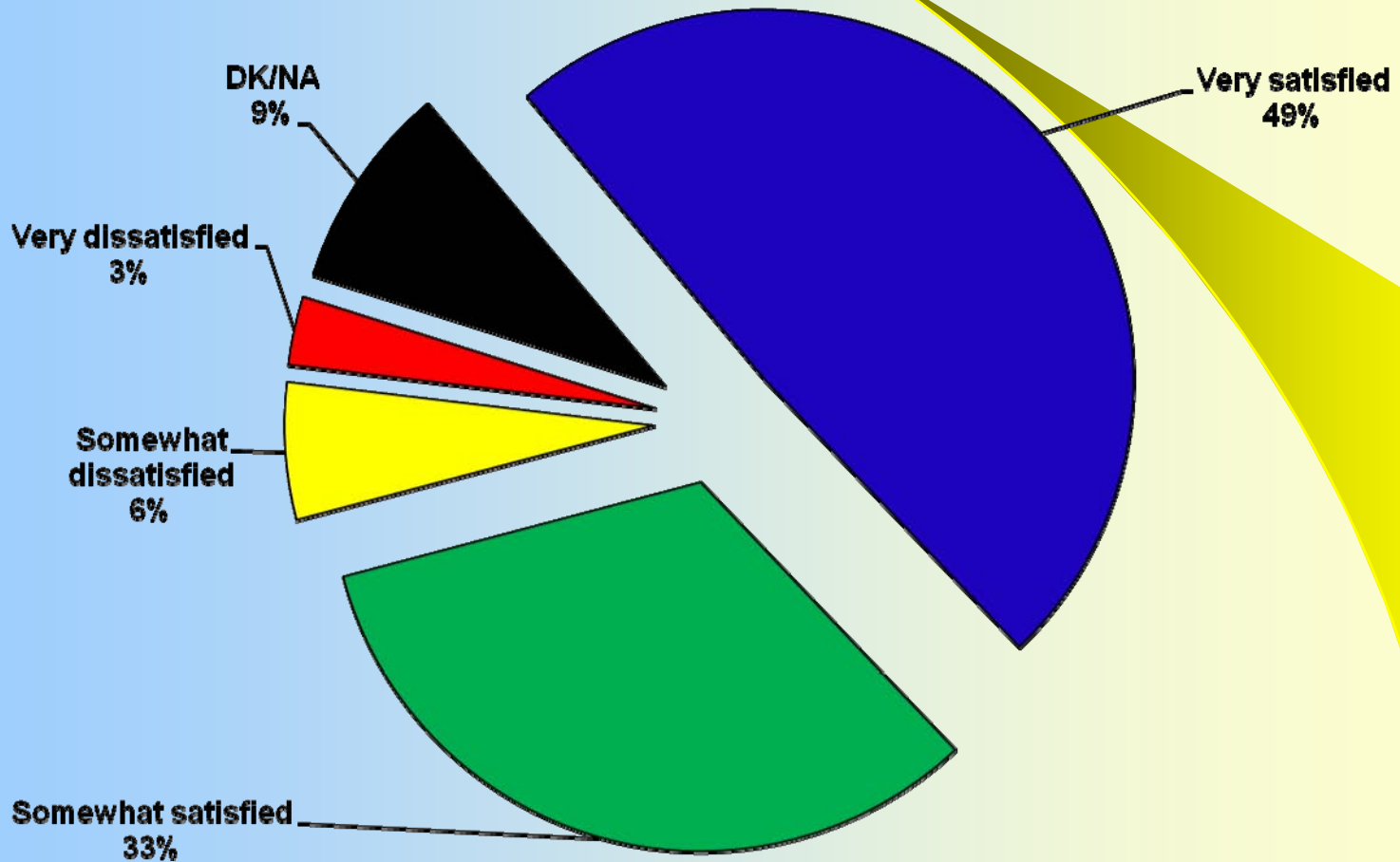
Do you support the President's plan to create an anti-crisis council?



How do you evaluate the Georgian army's performance during the war?

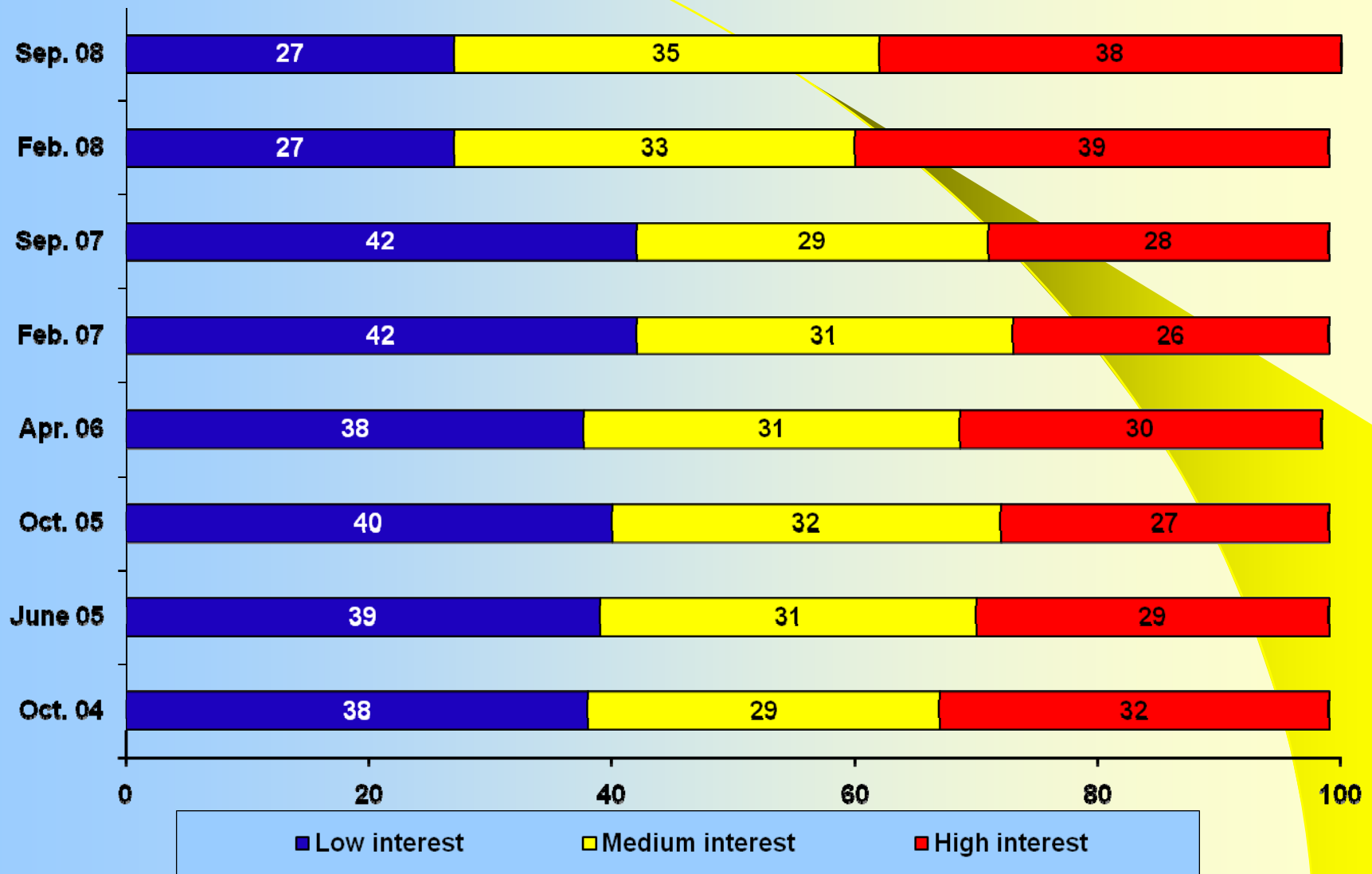


How satisfied are you with the performance of the police during the war?

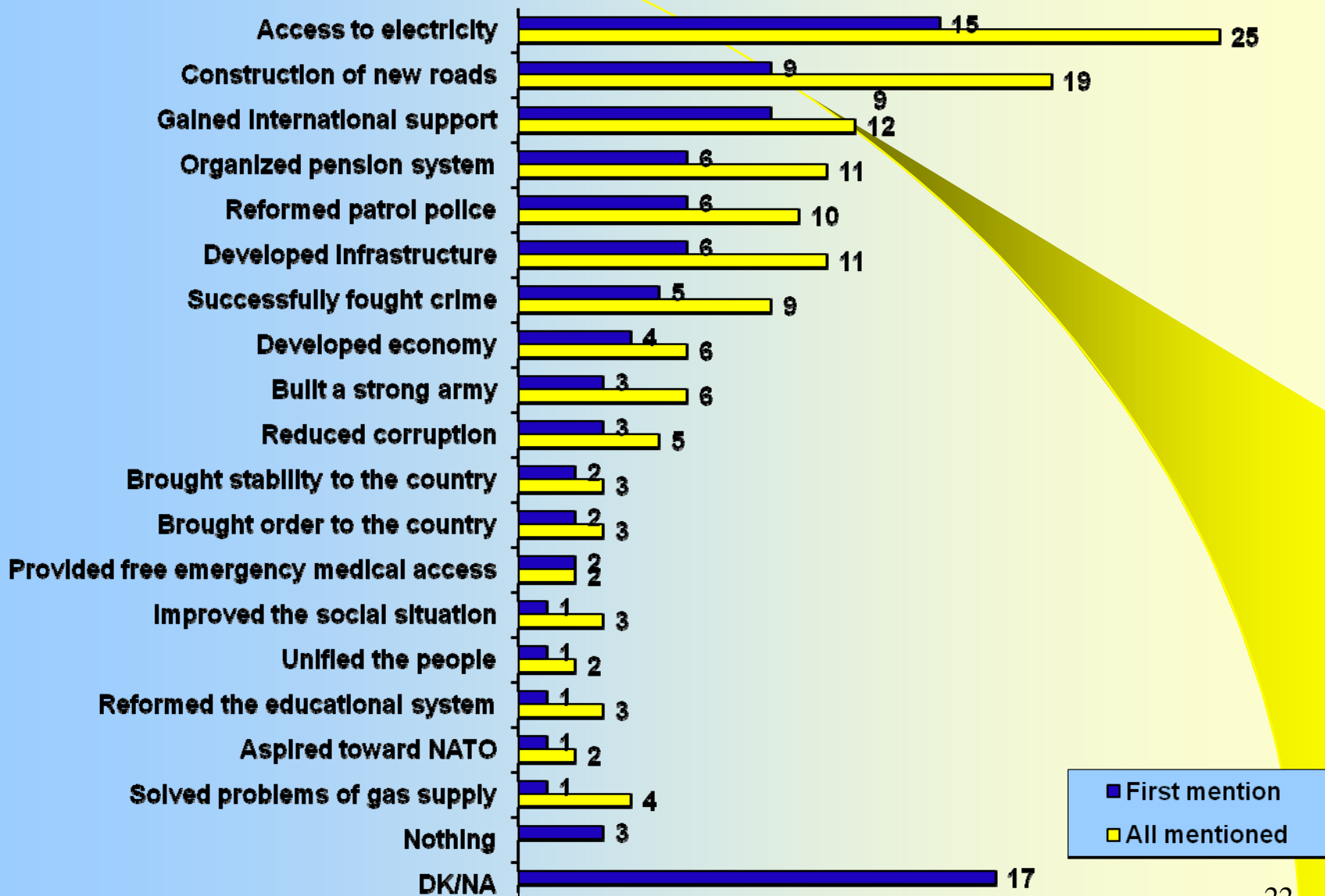


POLITICS

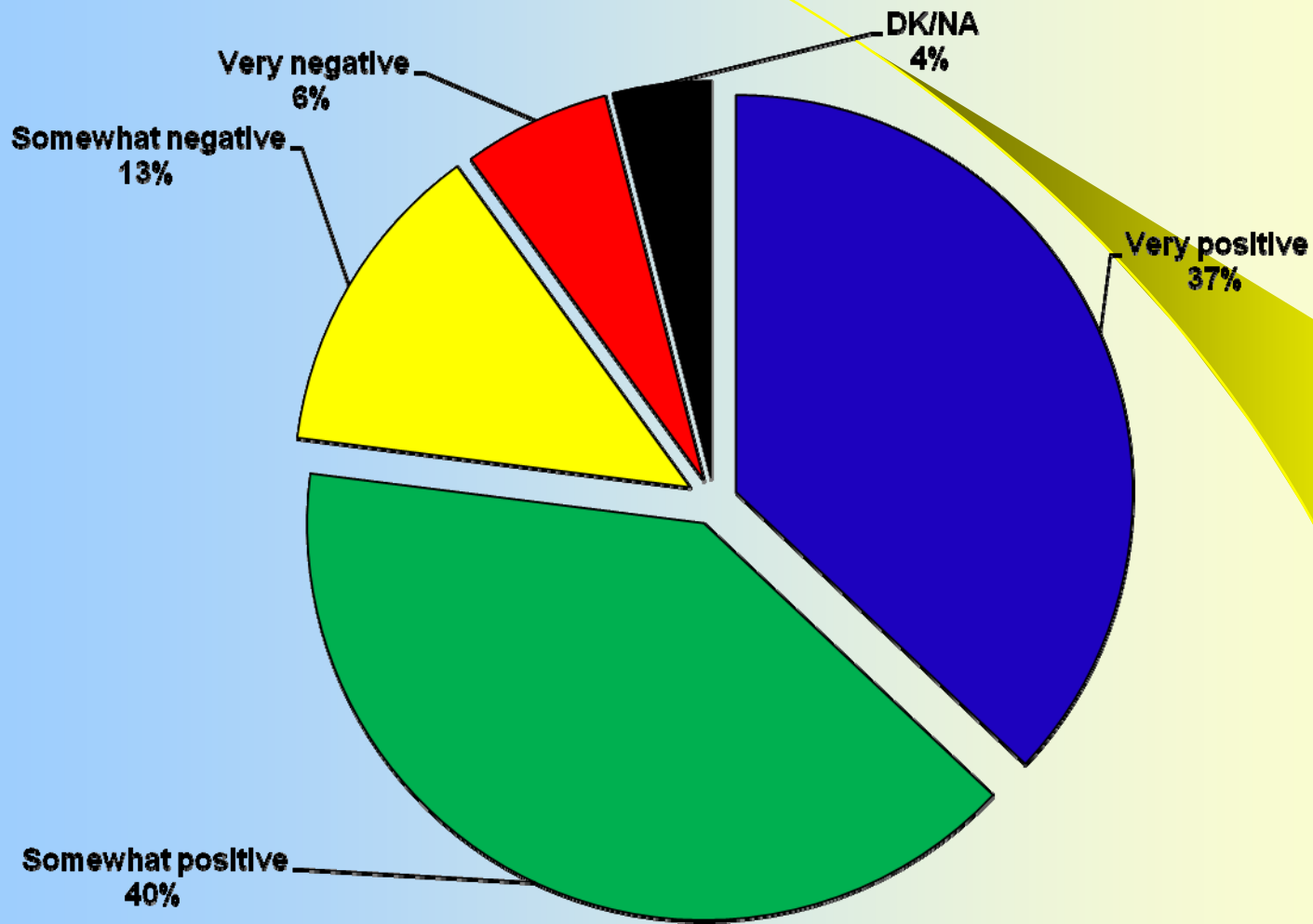
How much interest do you have in politics?



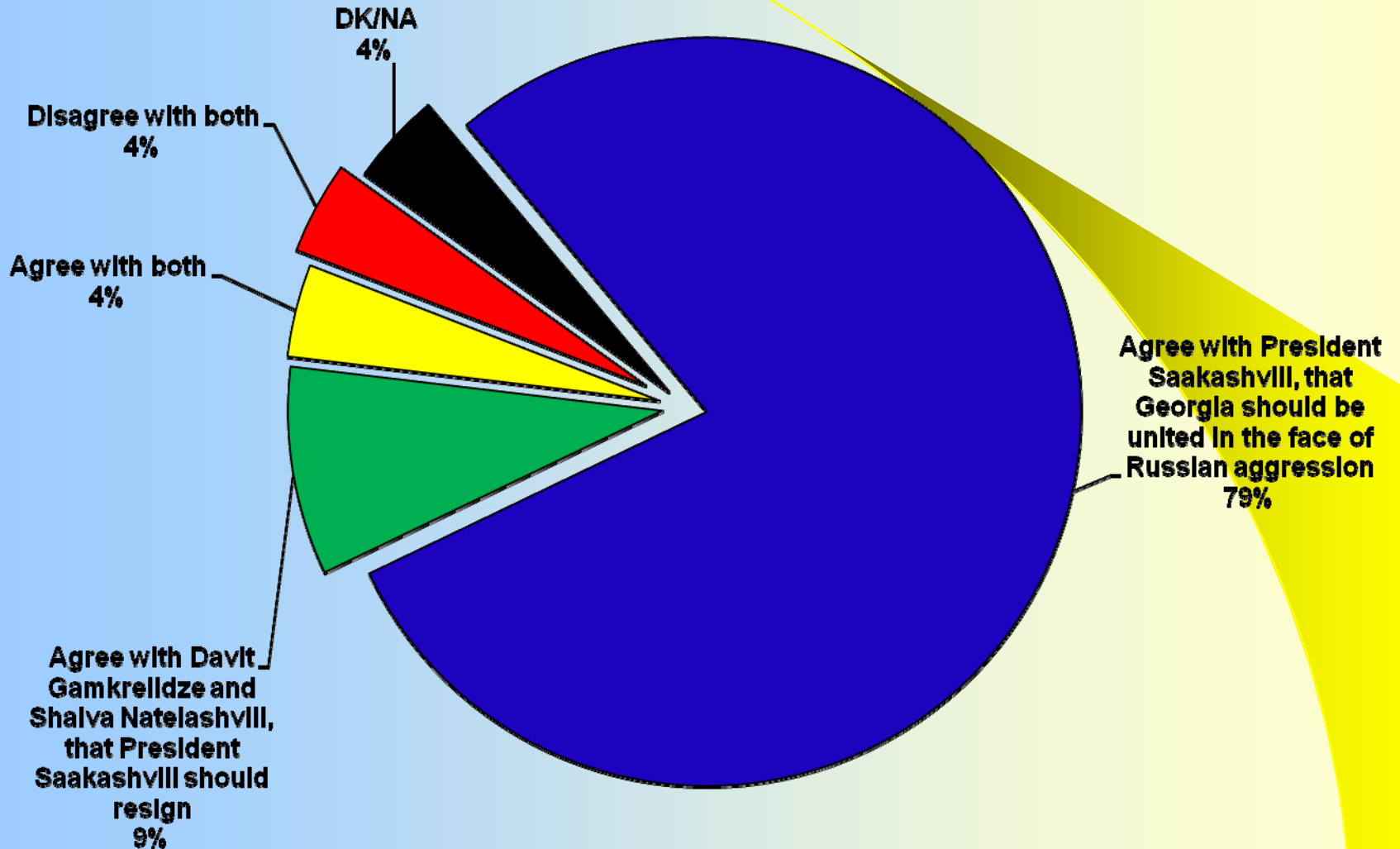
What do you think is the most important achievement of the Georgian government?



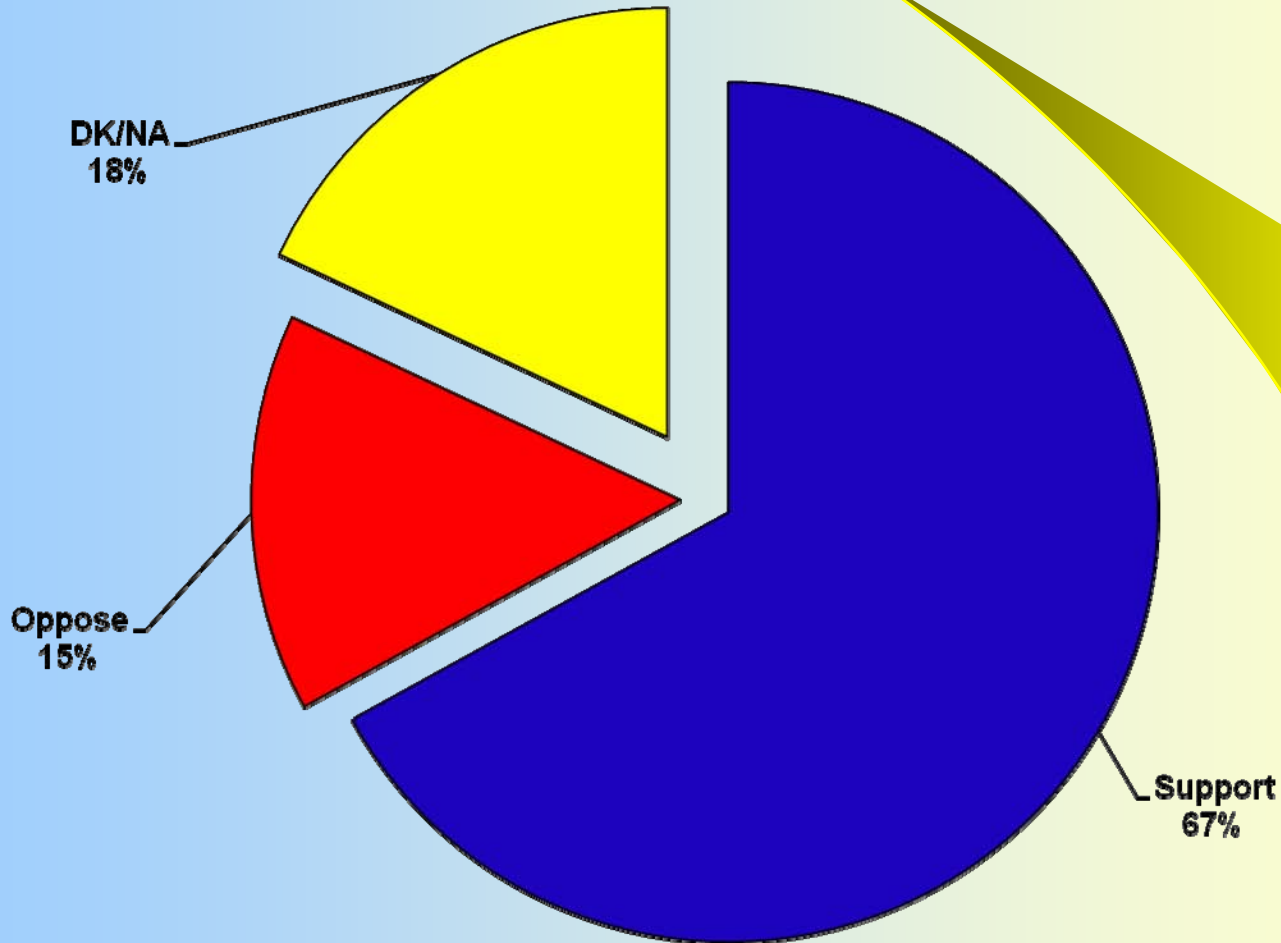
How do you evaluate President Saakashvili and the government's performance during the war?



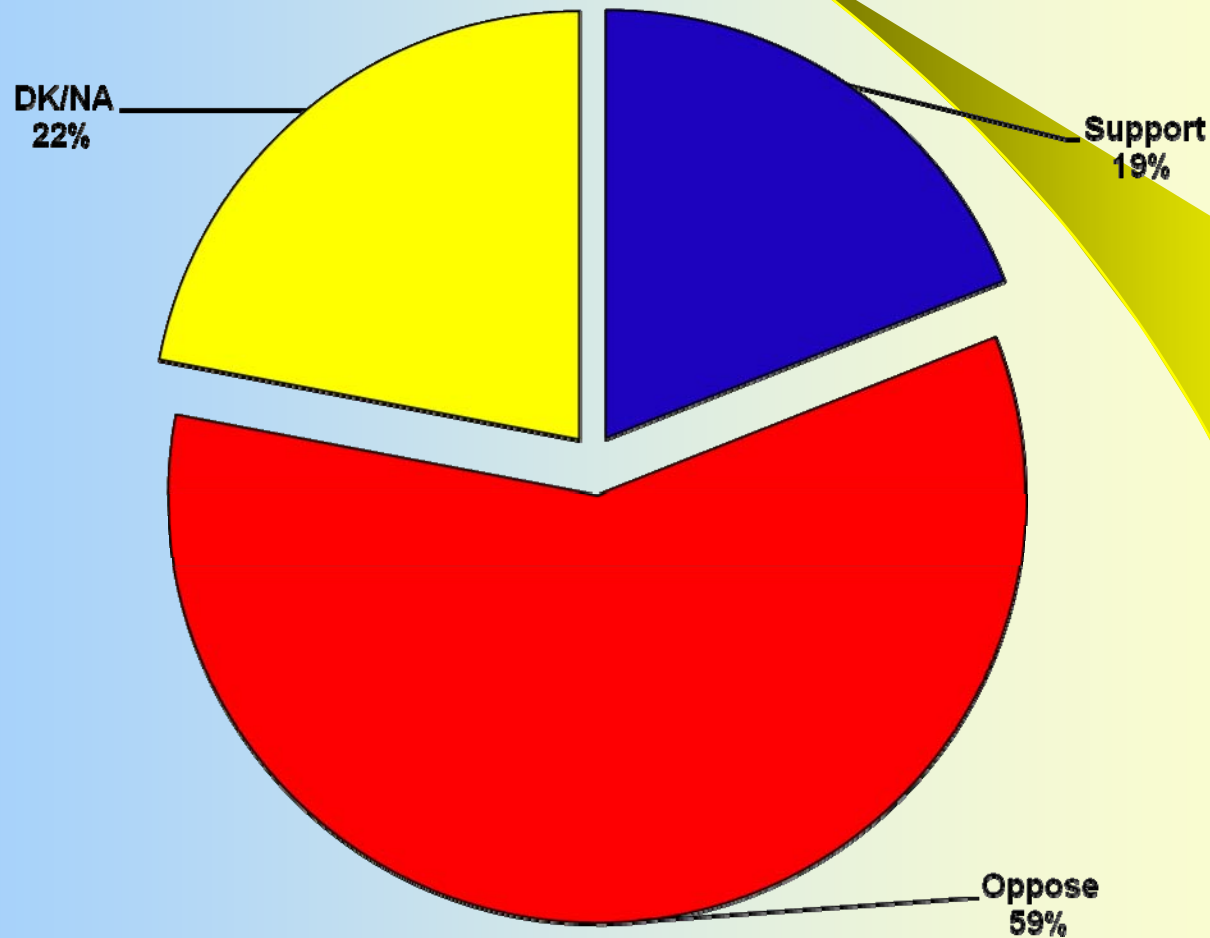
Which statement comes closer to your own point of view?



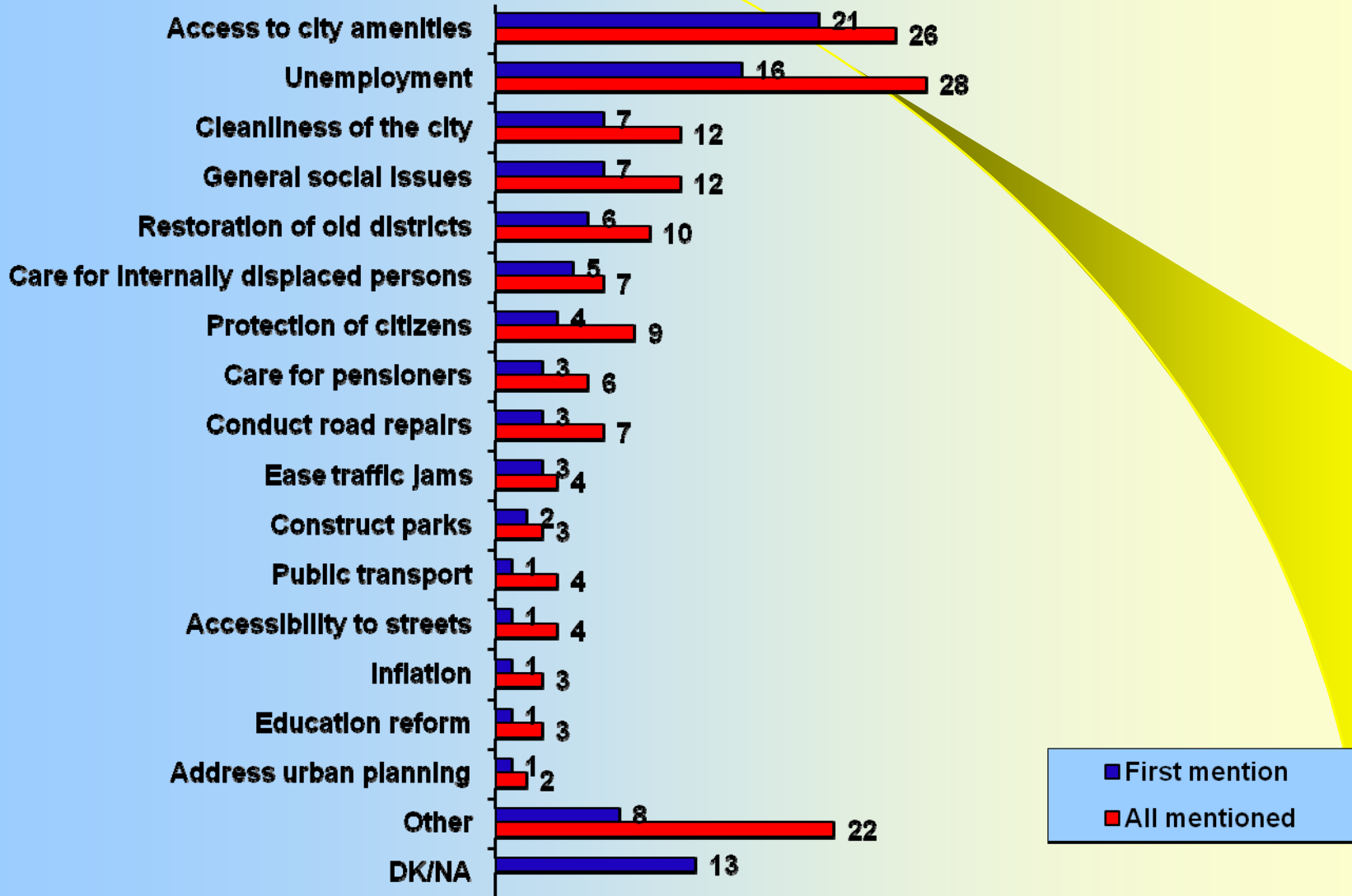
Do you support the Christian Democrats and Giorgi Targamadze's decision to enter parliament after winning seats in the May 2008 parliamentary elections?



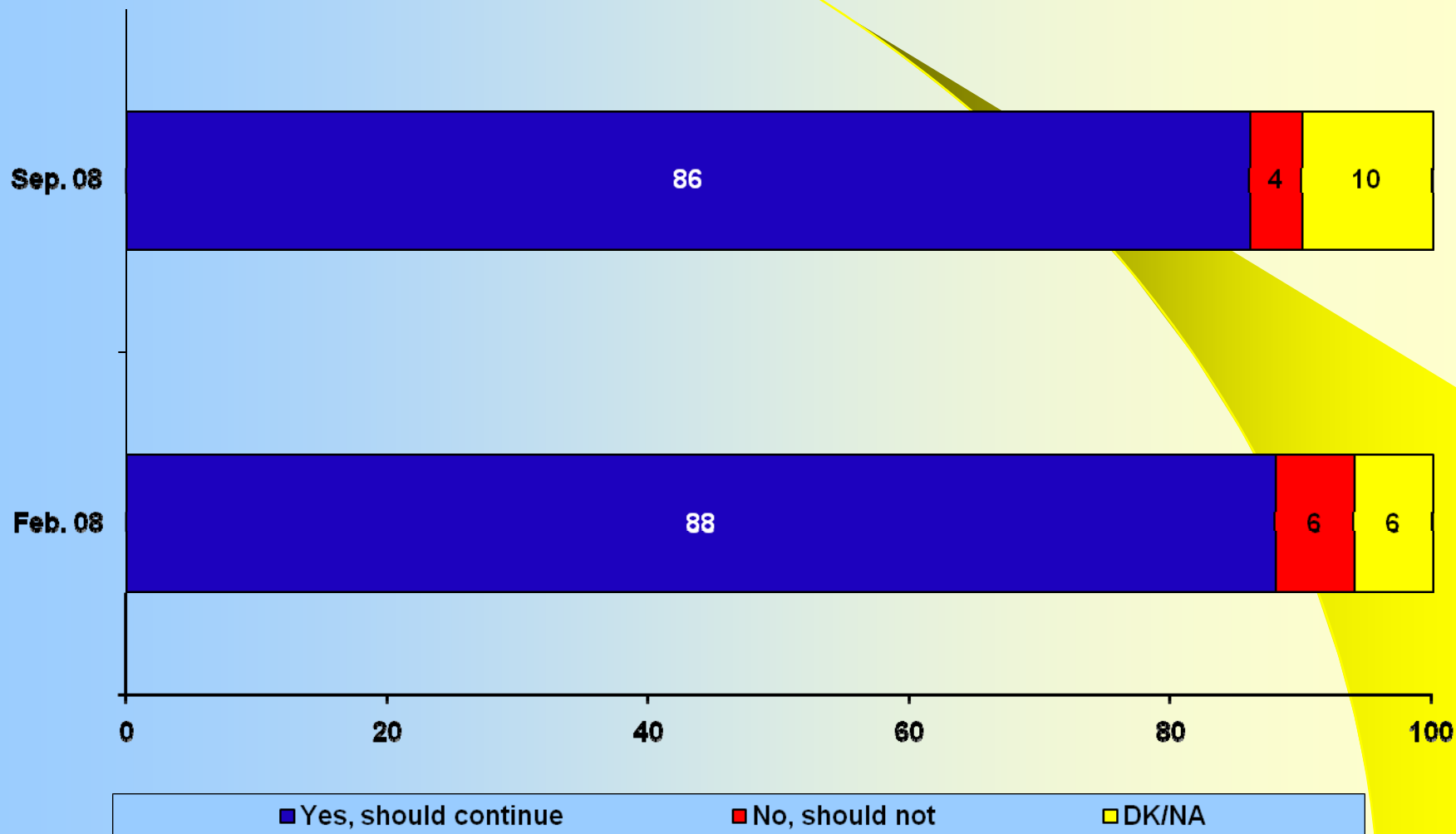
Do you support the decision of part of the United Opposition to boycott their parliamentary mandates following the May 2008 parliamentary elections?



What are three main issues that the Mayor of Tbilisi needs to address? (Residents of Tbilisi, N = 389)



Do you think that the government and opposition should continue dialog or not?

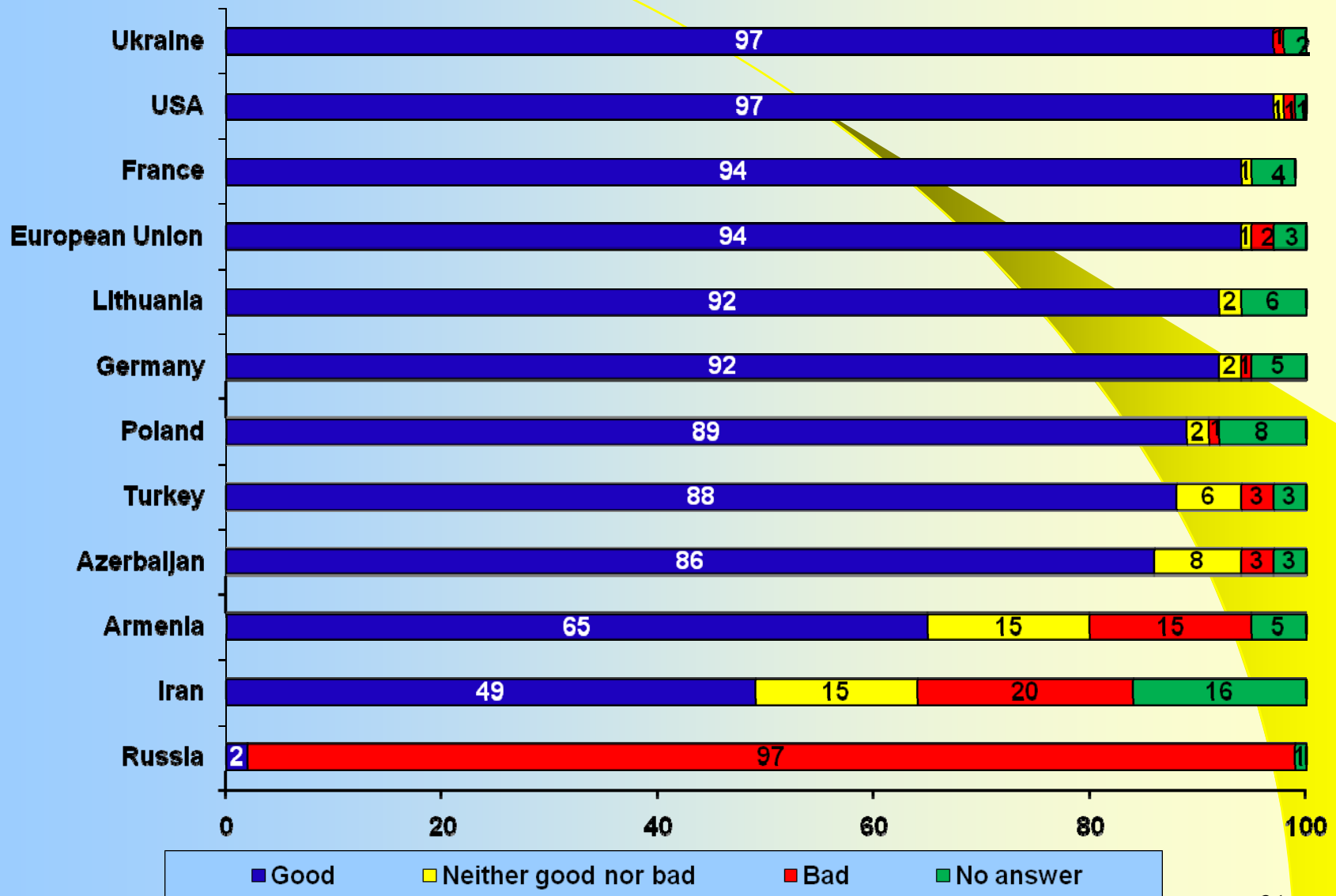


What are the main issues that the newly elected Parliament needs address?

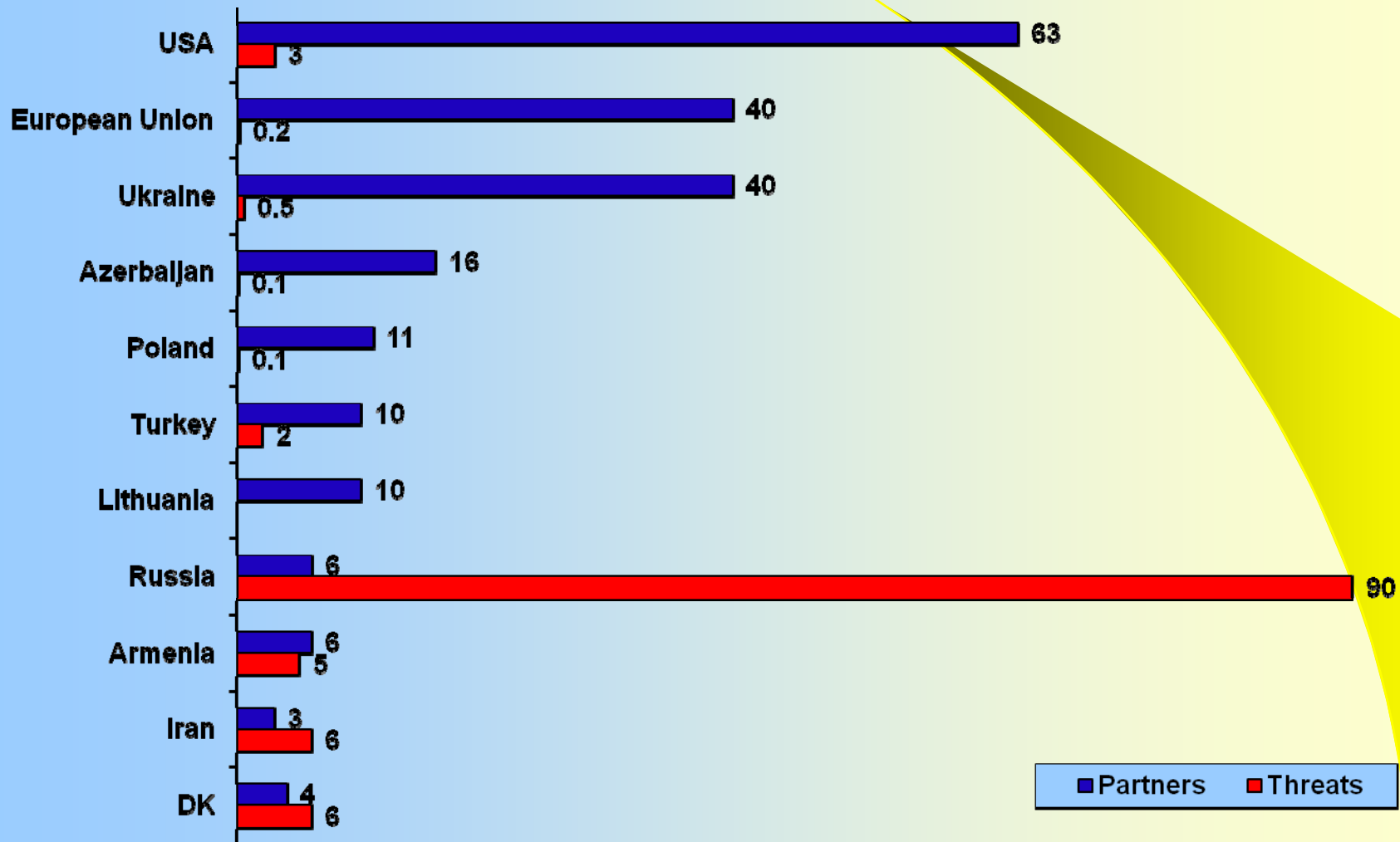


INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

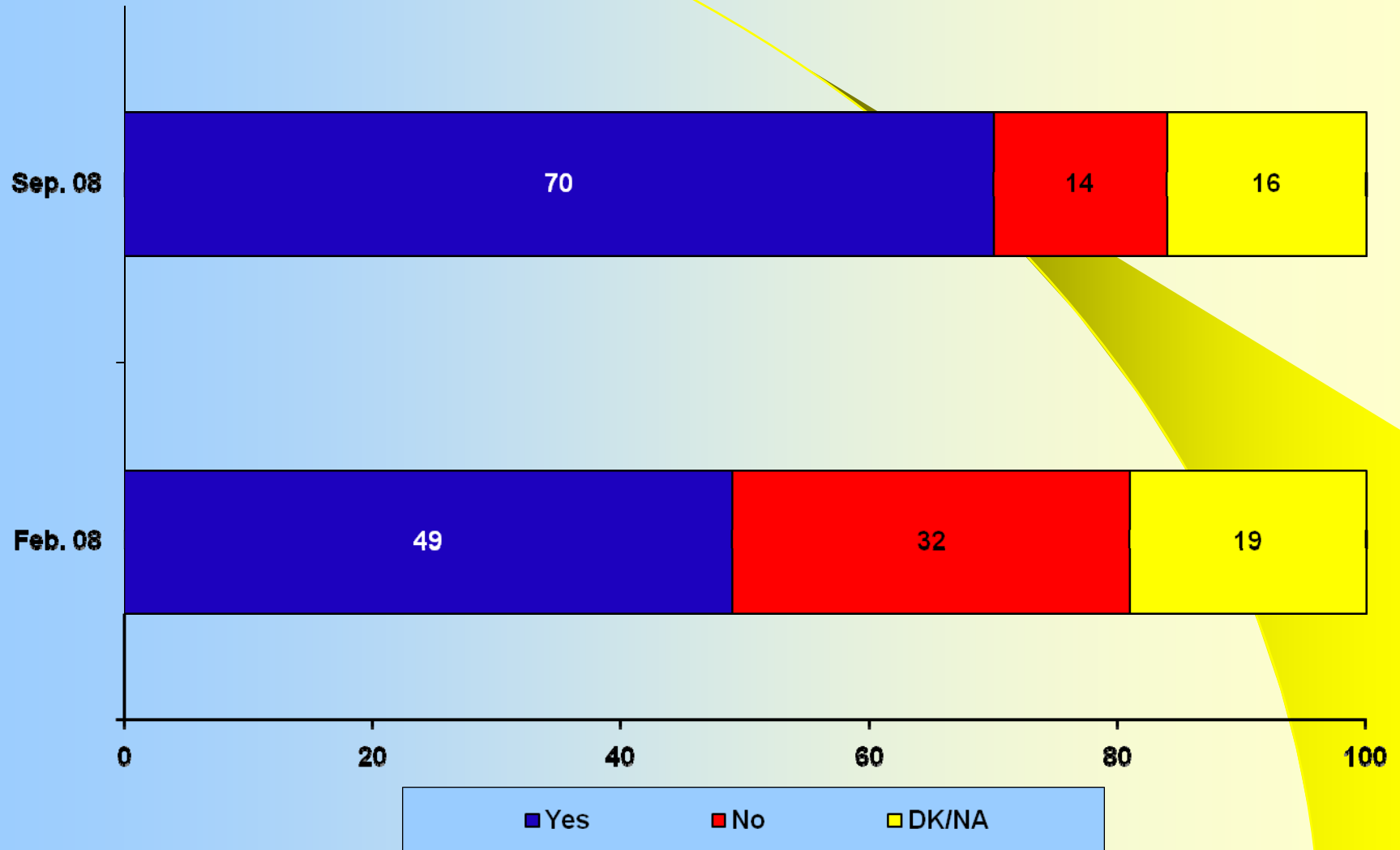
How would you evaluate relations with...?



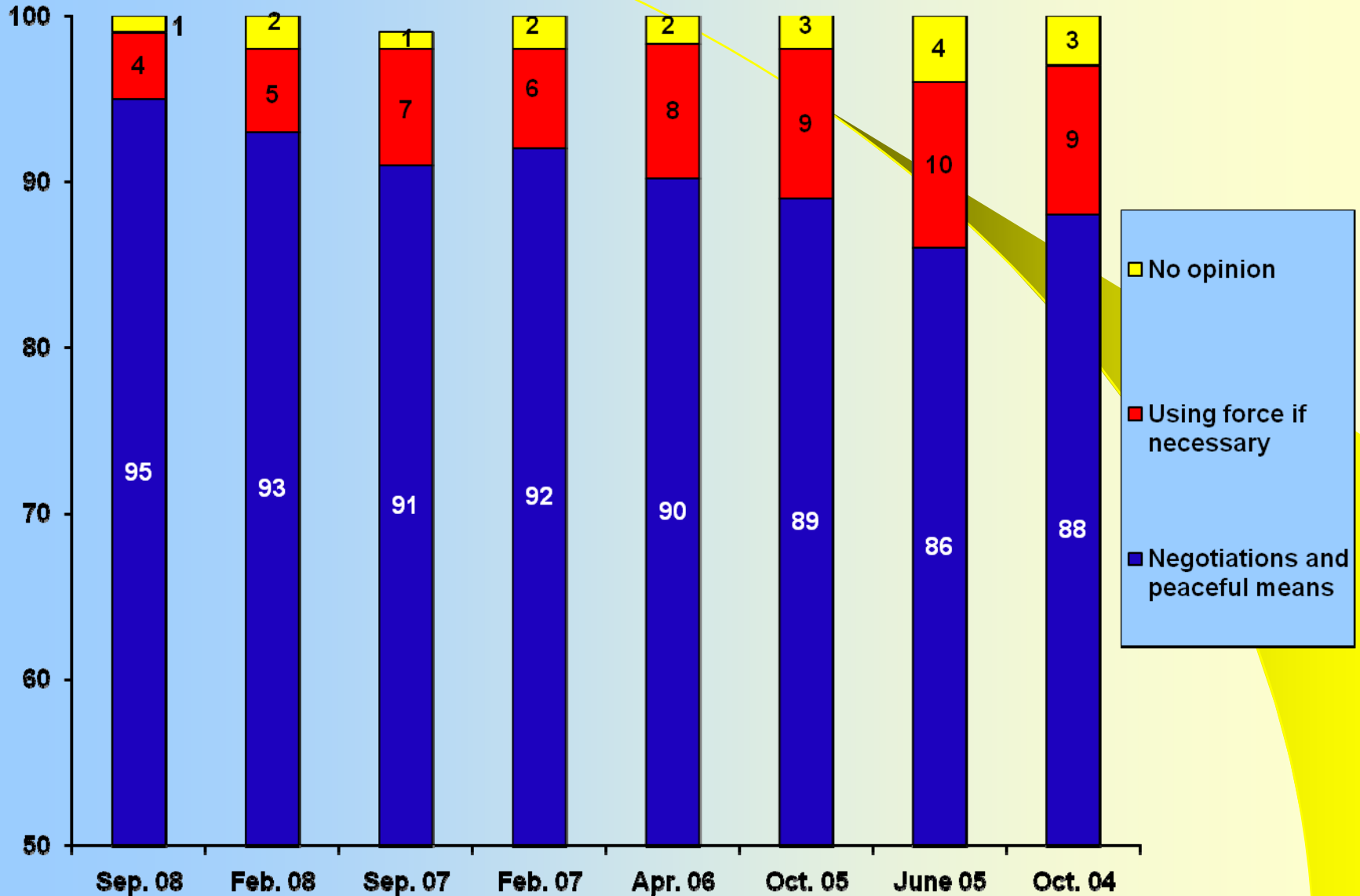
Which countries are the most important partners for Georgia? Which comprise the greatest political and economic threat?



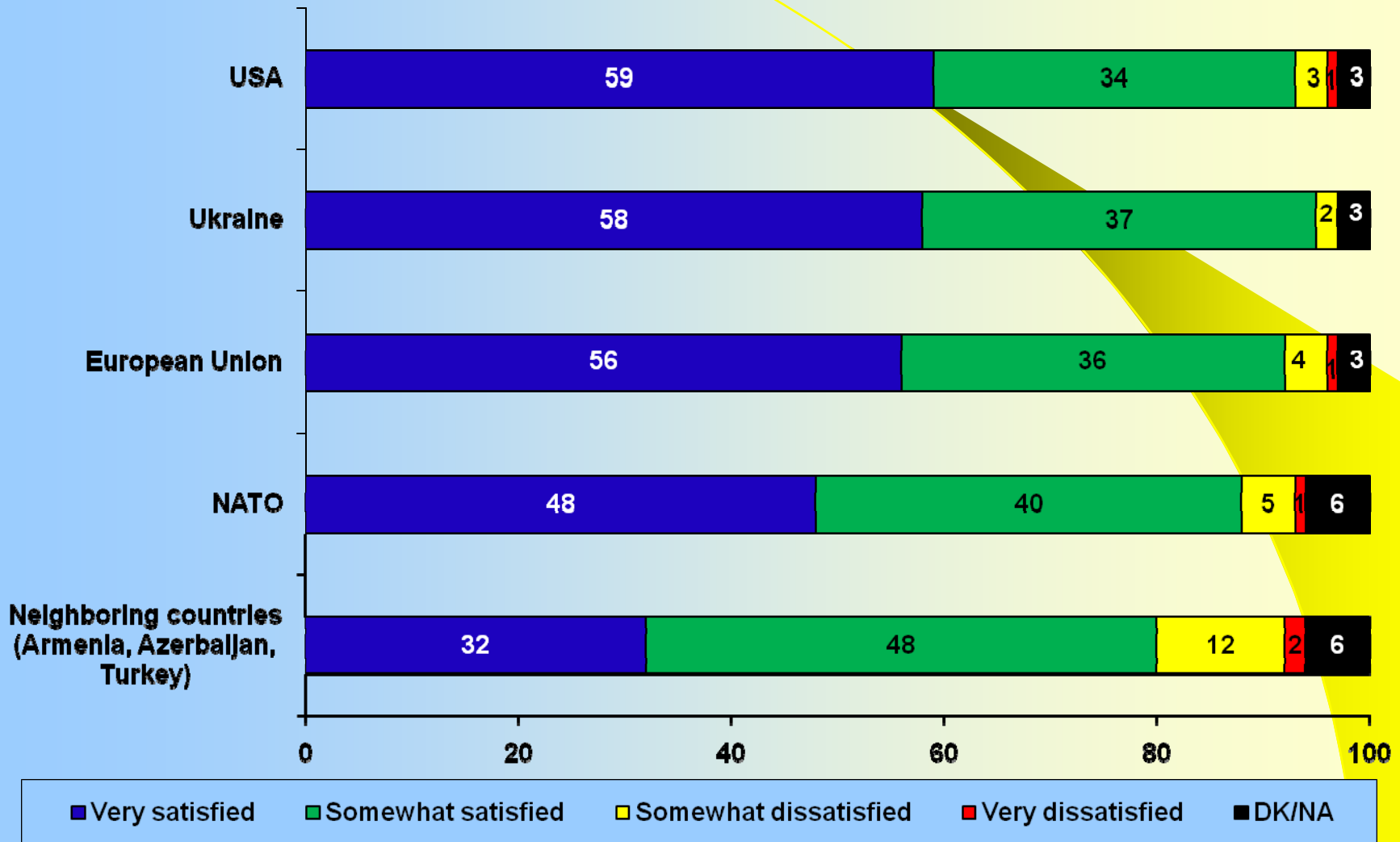
In your opinion, is the US a reliable friend of Georgia?



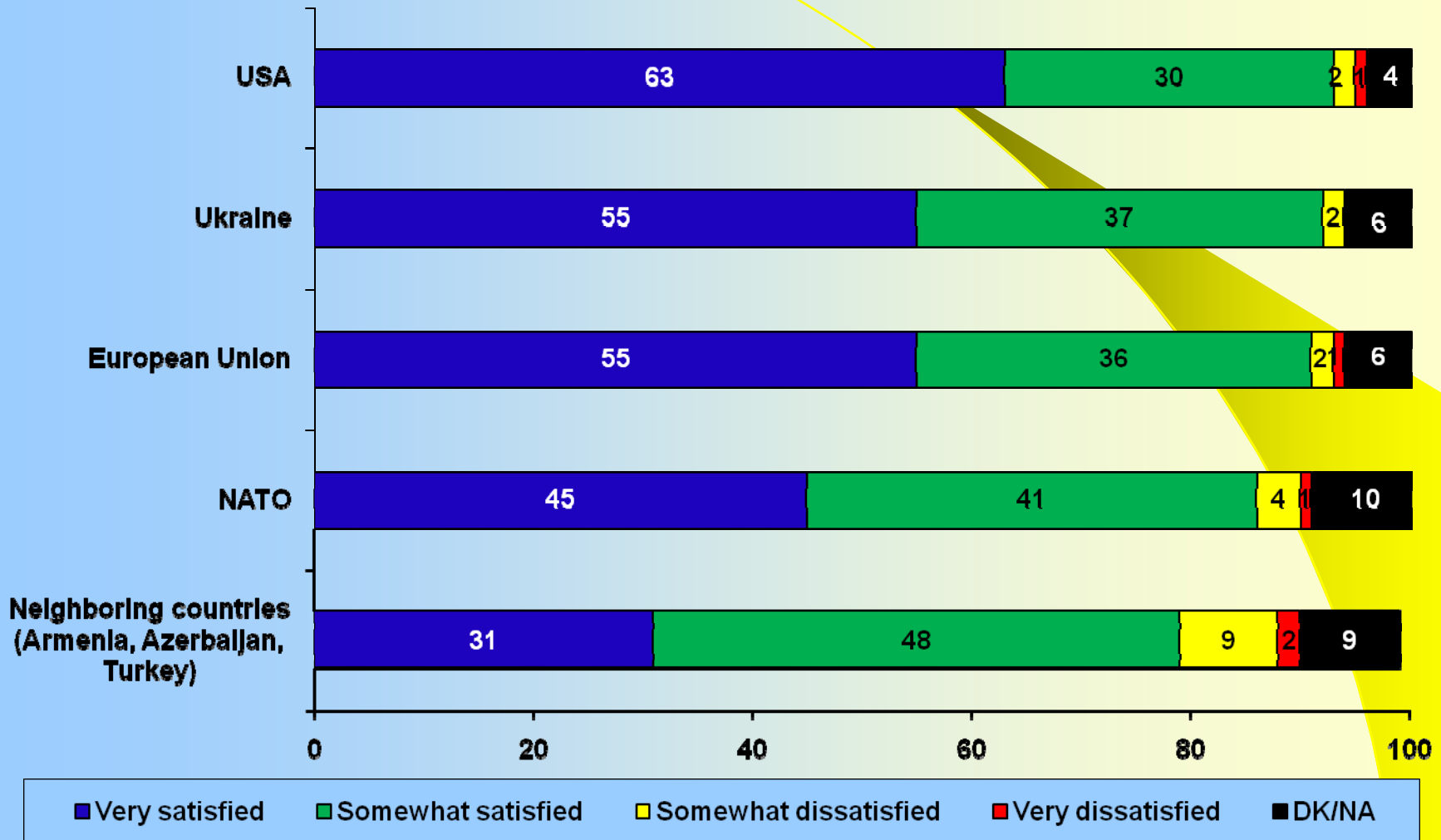
What means should be used to deal with the problems of South Ossetia and Abkhazia?



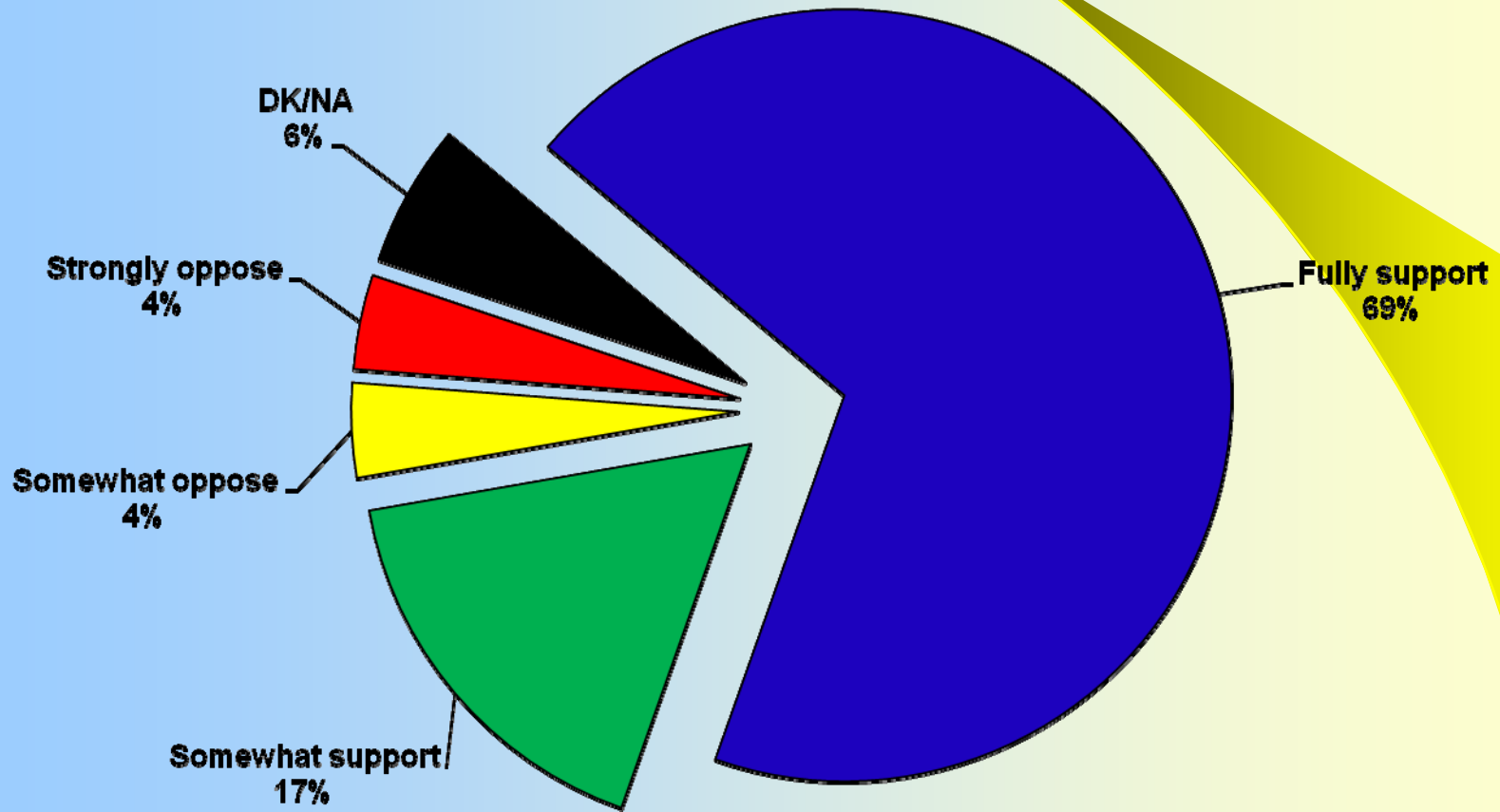
How satisfied are you with the amount of political support that the following have given to Georgia?



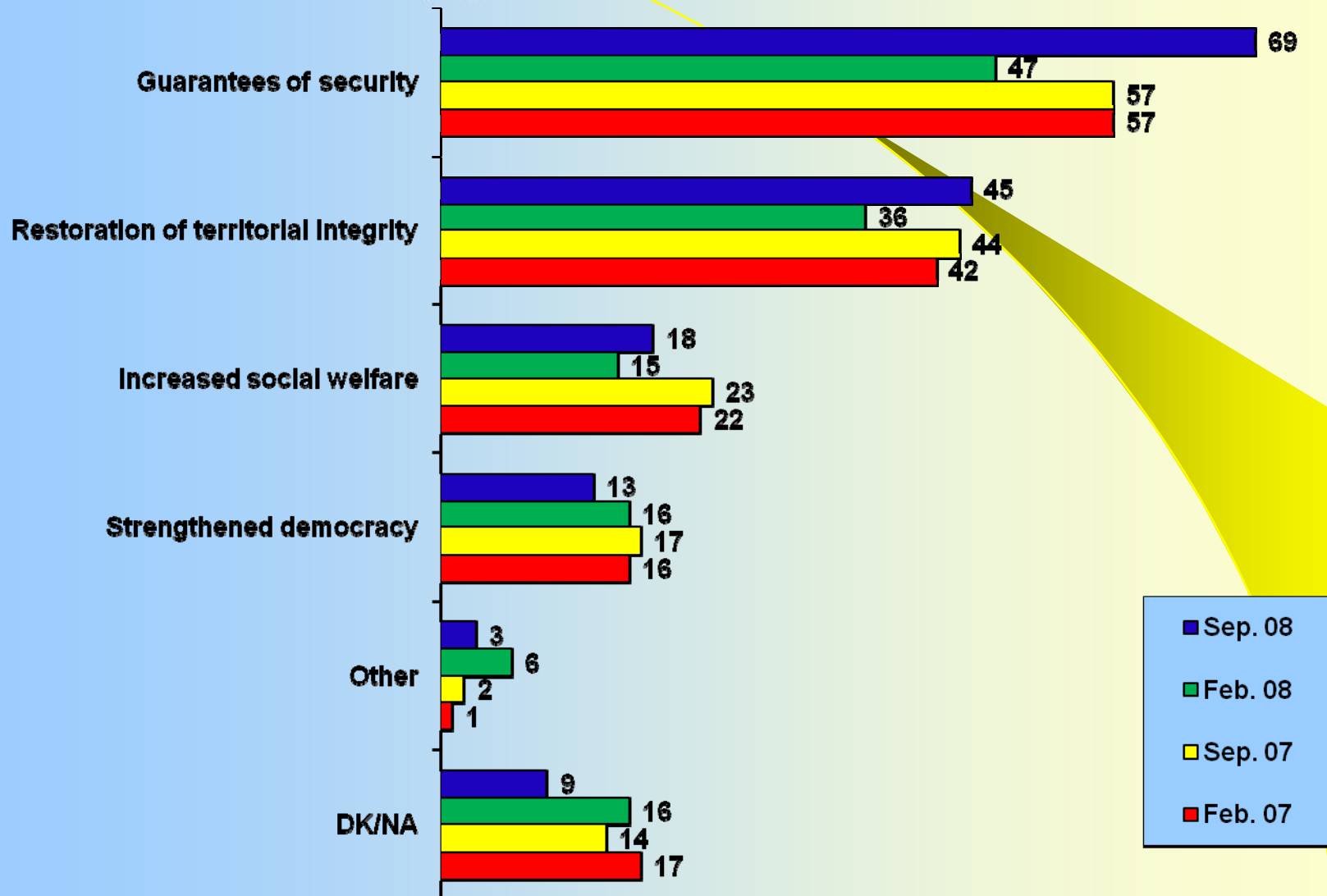
How satisfied are you with the amount of financial support that the following have given to Georgia?



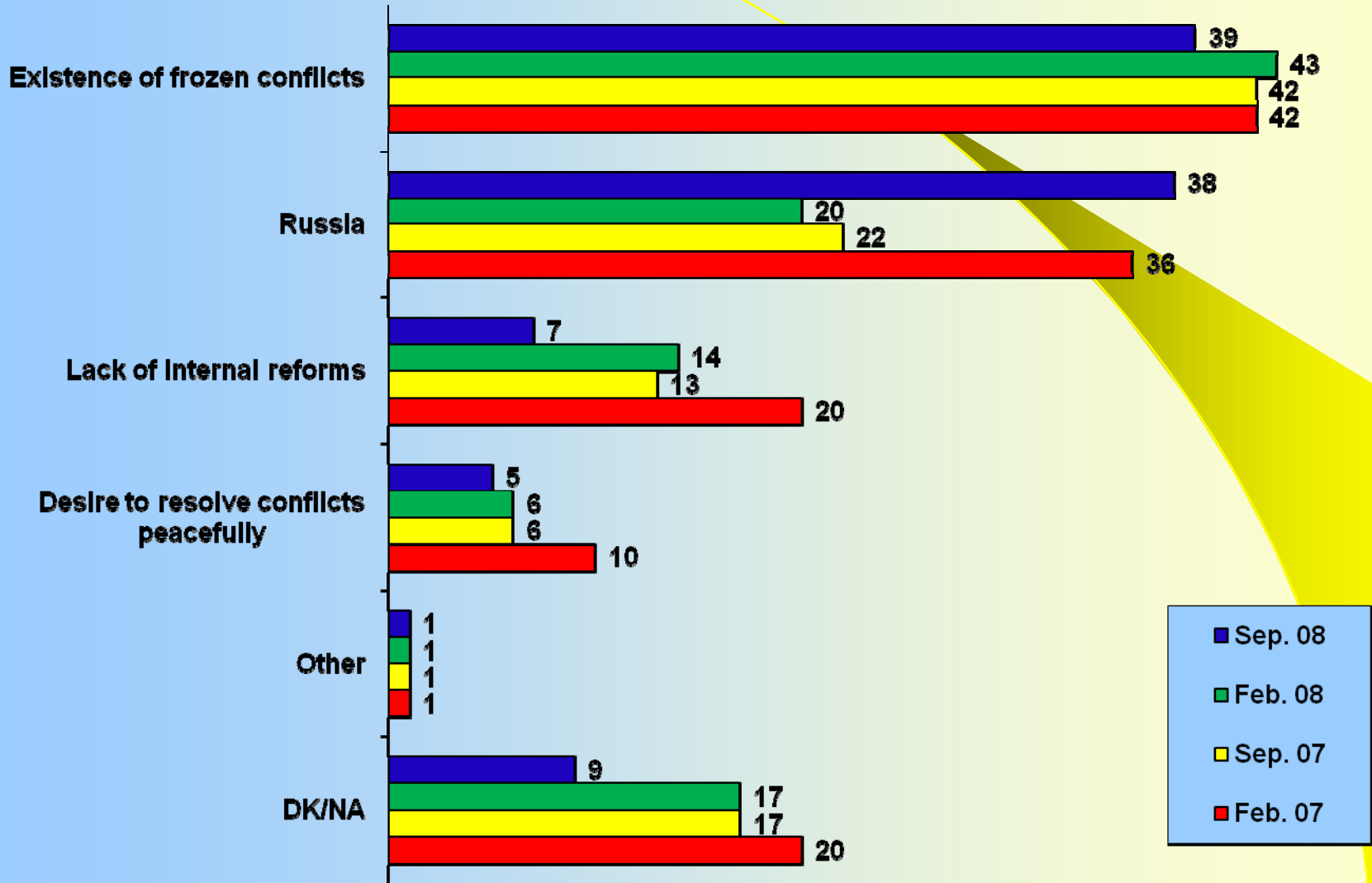
Do you support Georgia joining NATO?



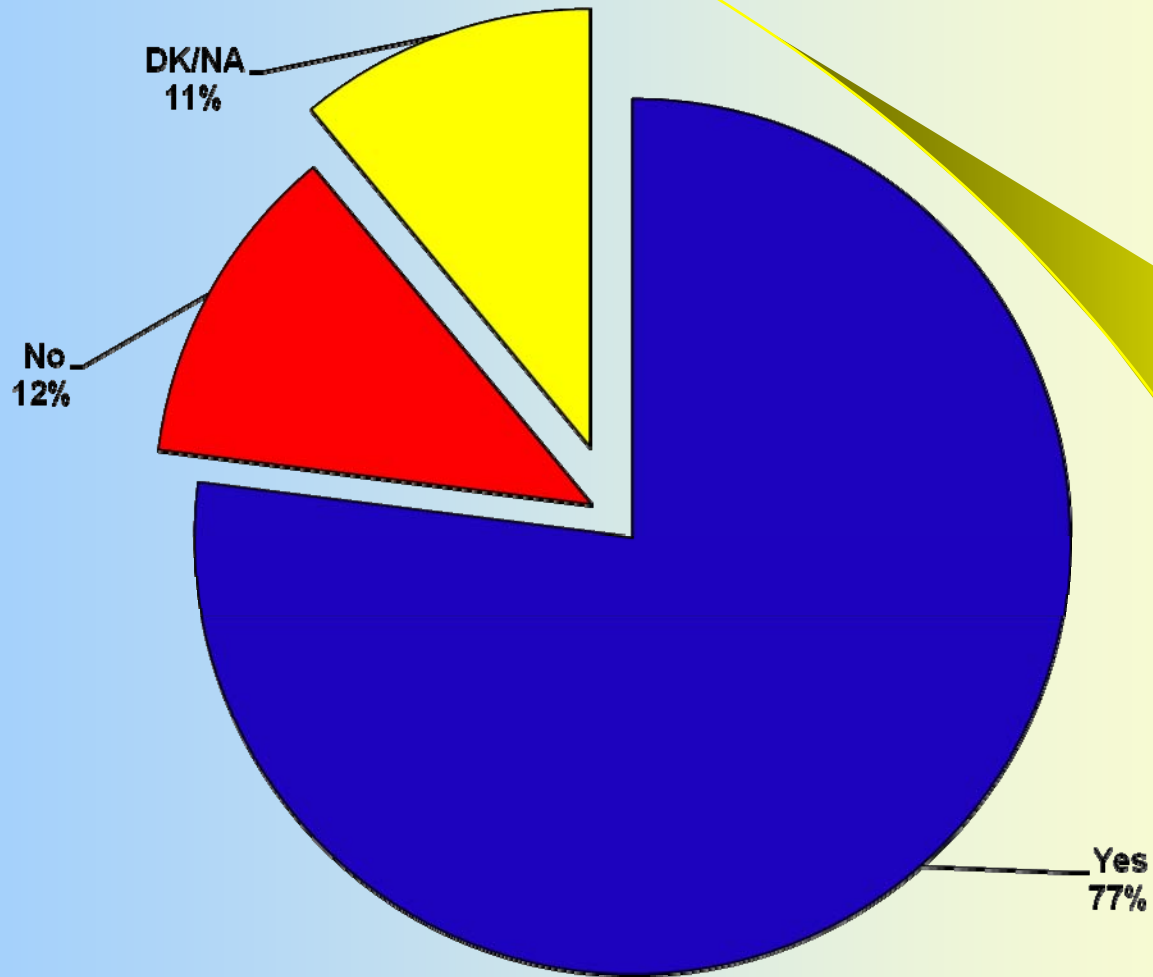
What do you expect from NATO membership? (up to three answers)



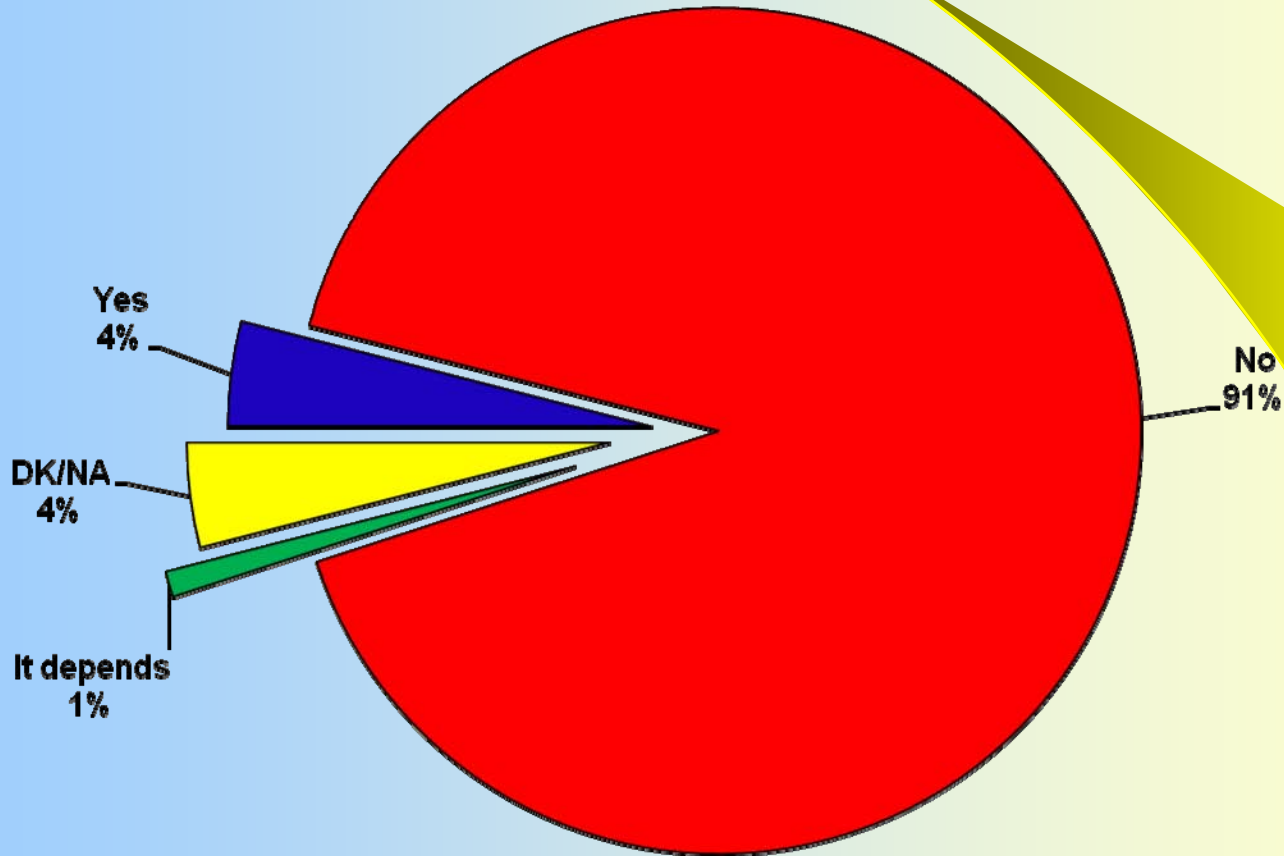
In your opinion, what hinders Georgia's membership in NATO?



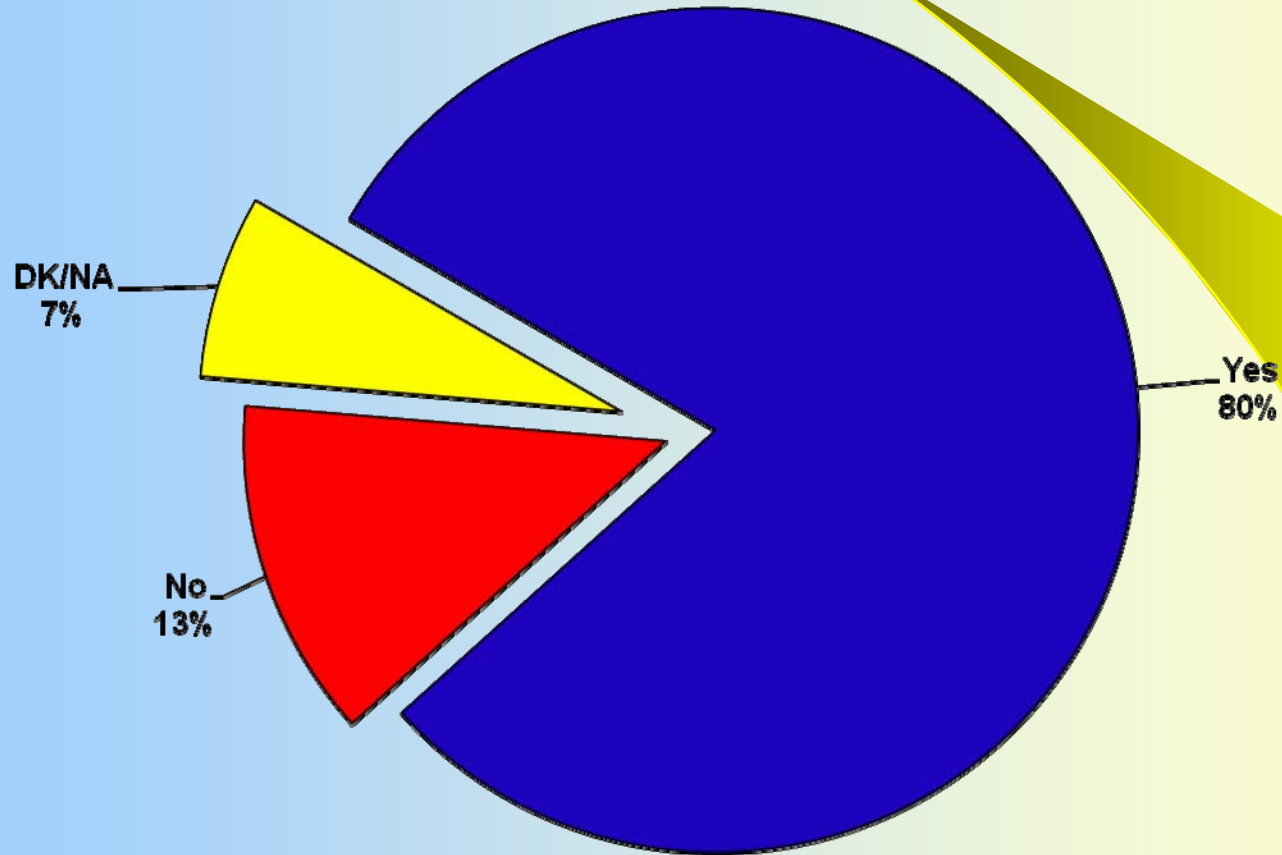
Do you support the government's decision to leave the Commonwealth of Independent States?



Would you ever accept the independence of South Ossetia and/or Abkhazia?

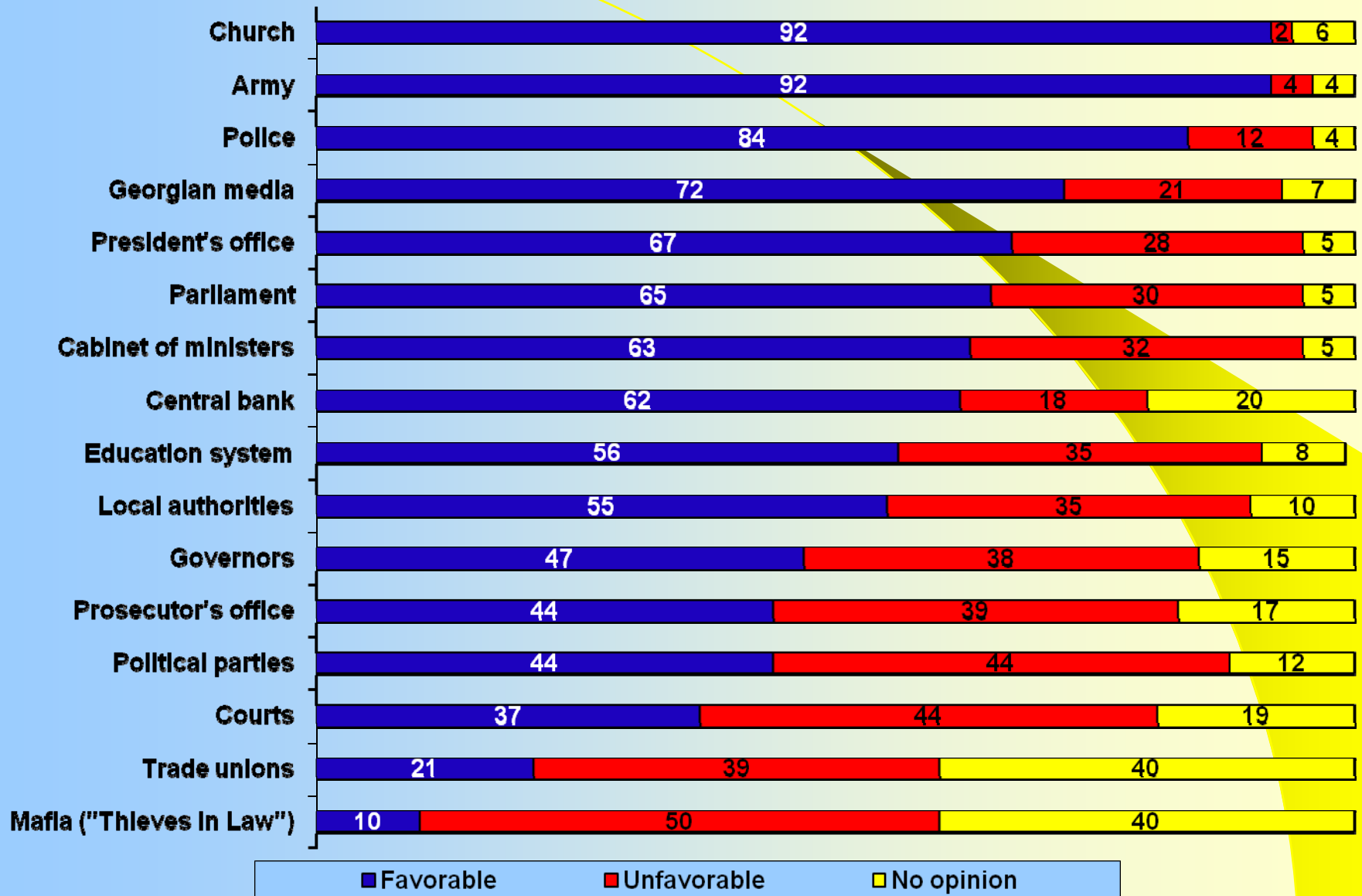


Do you support an international peacekeeping force in Georgia?



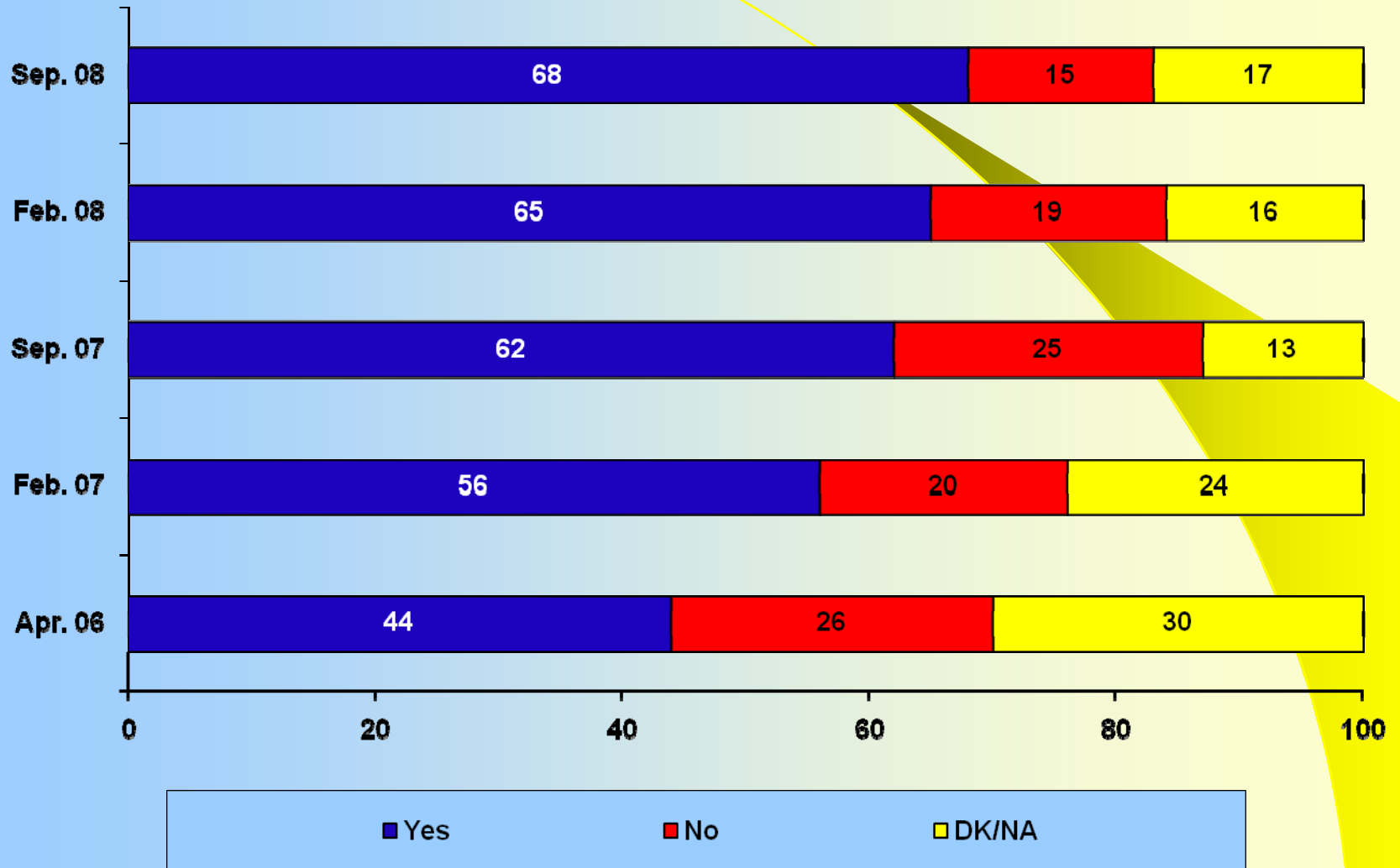
INSTITUTIONS

What is your opinion about the work of each of these institutions?



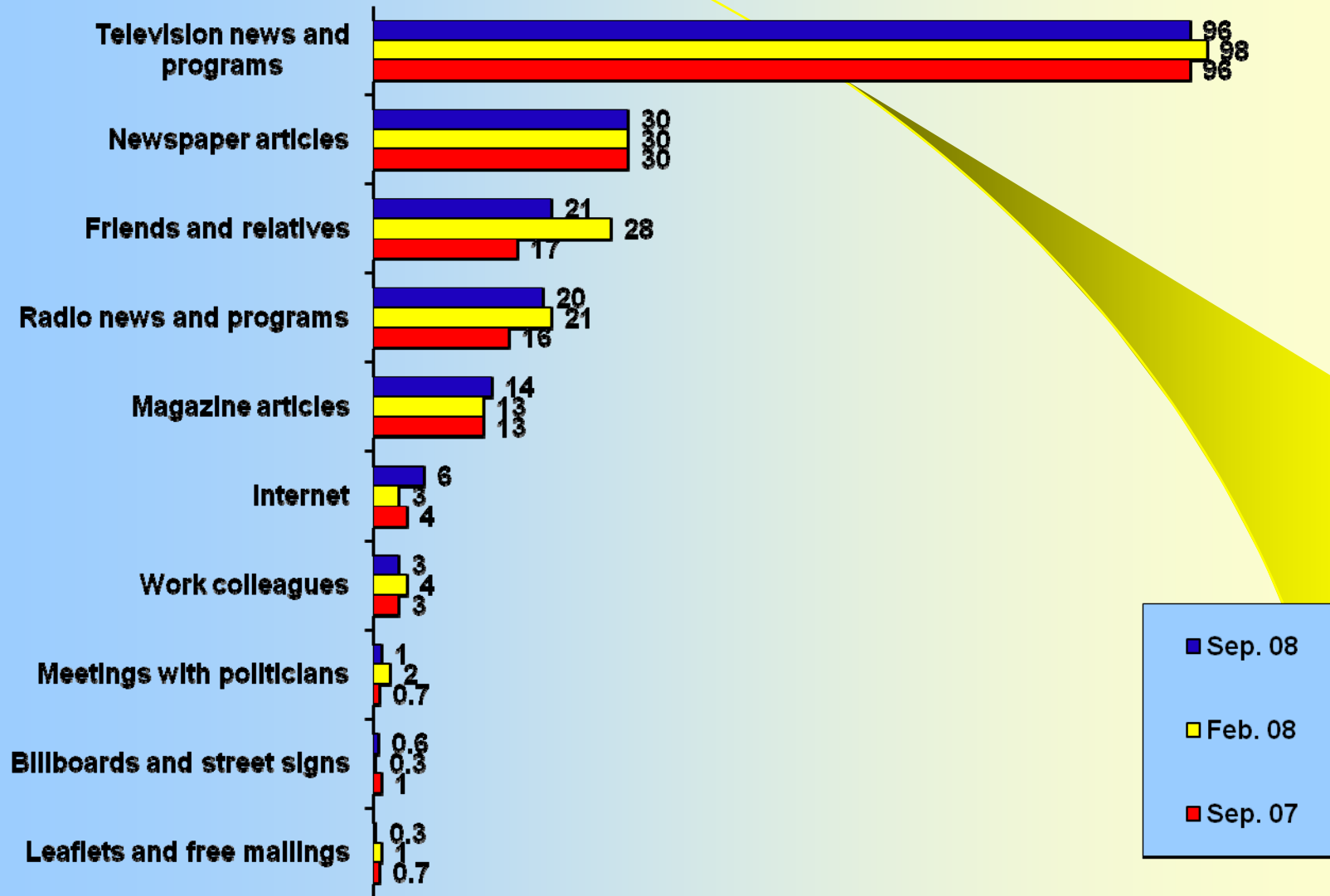
TOLERANCE

In your opinion, is Georgia a tolerant society or not?



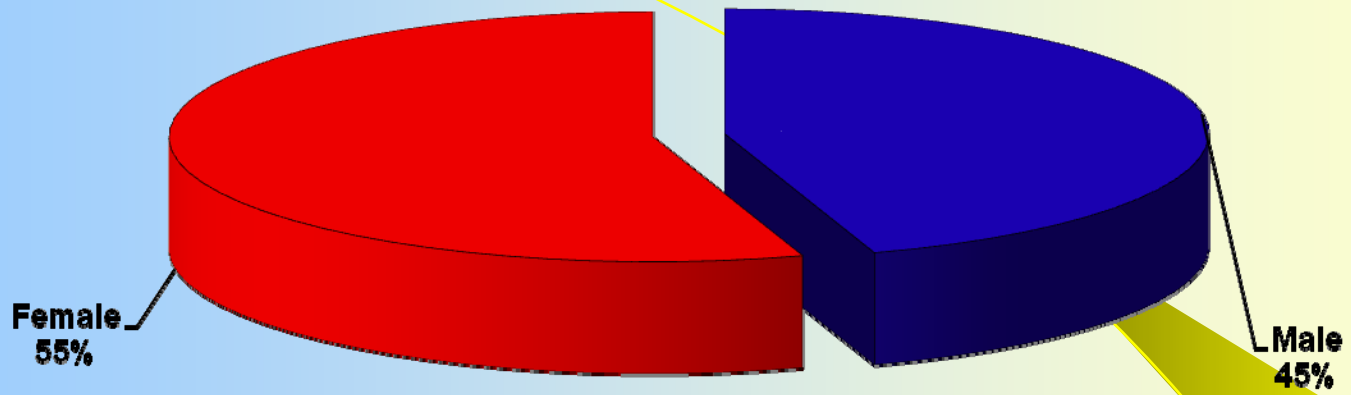
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Which of the following sources do you use to obtain political information?

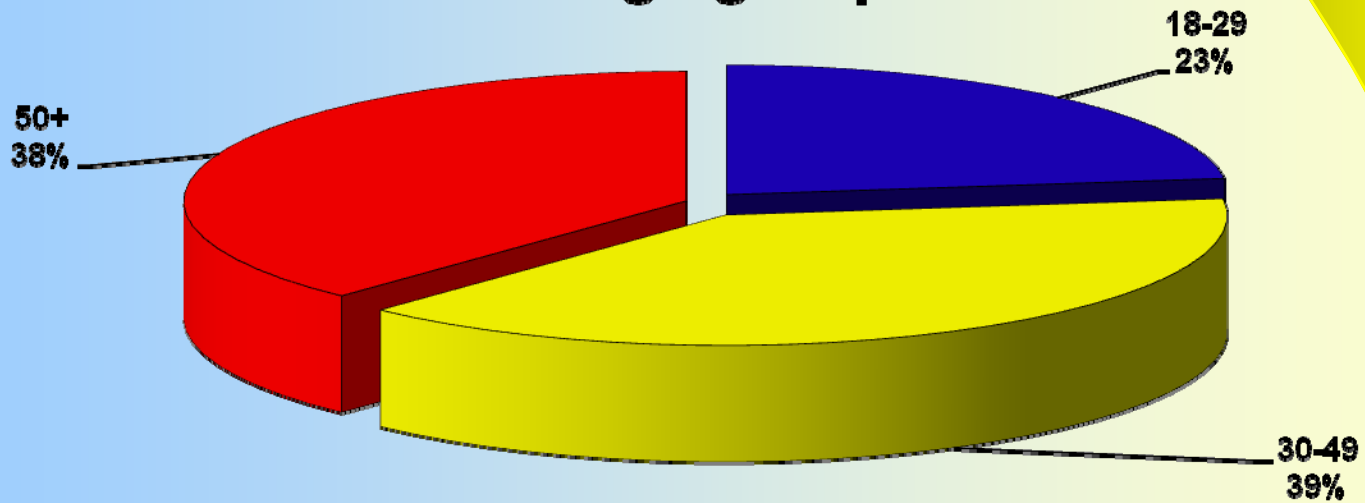


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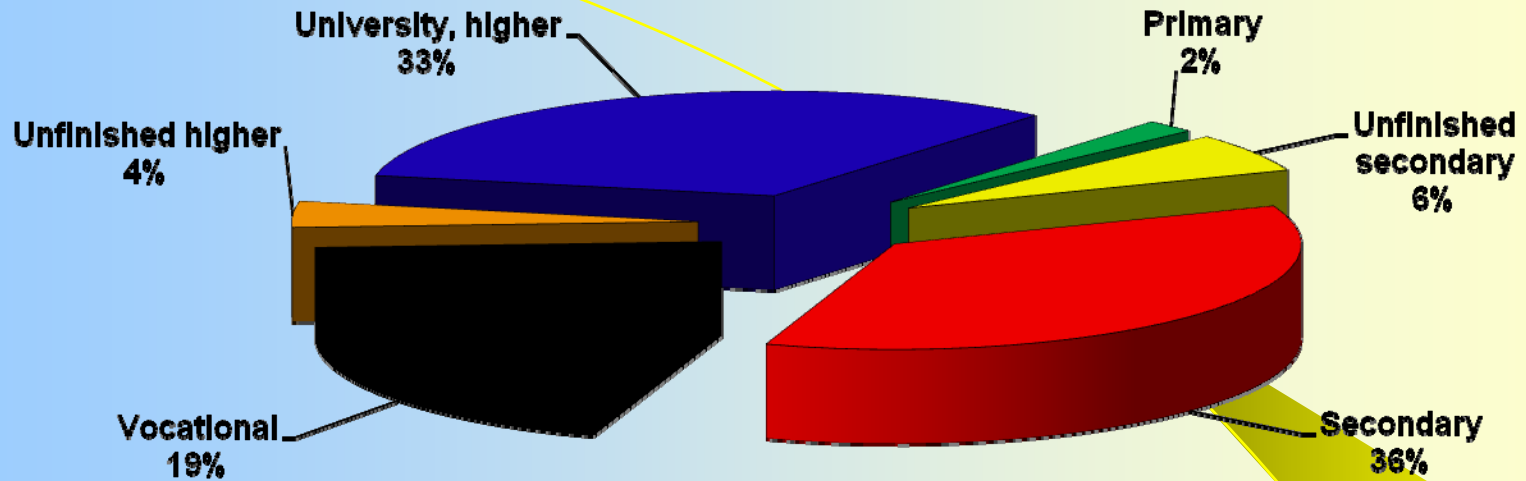
Gender



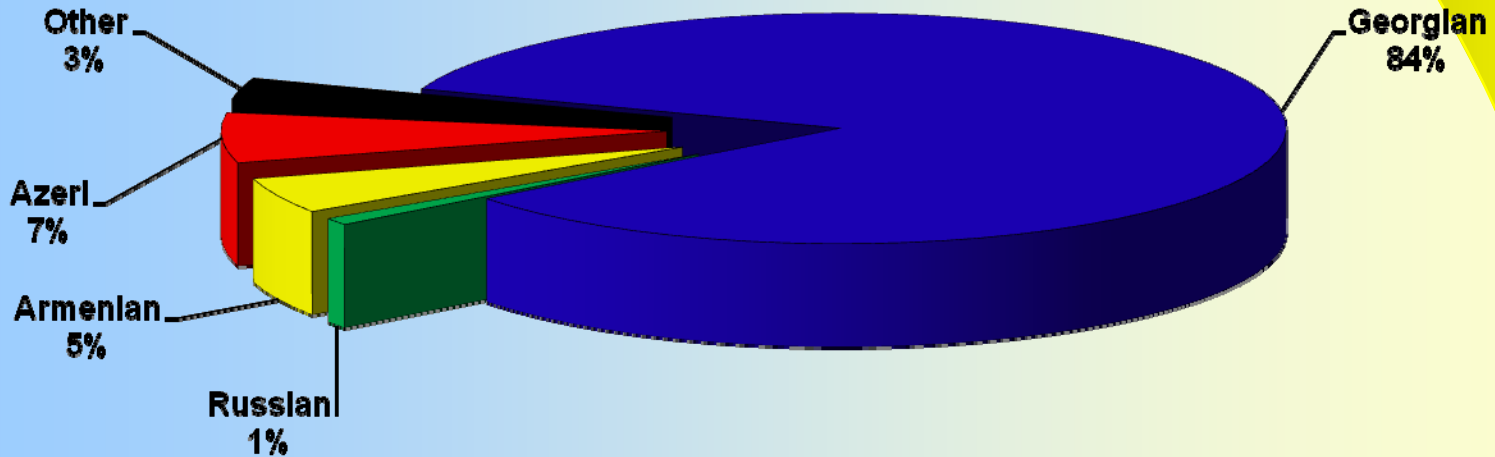
Age groups



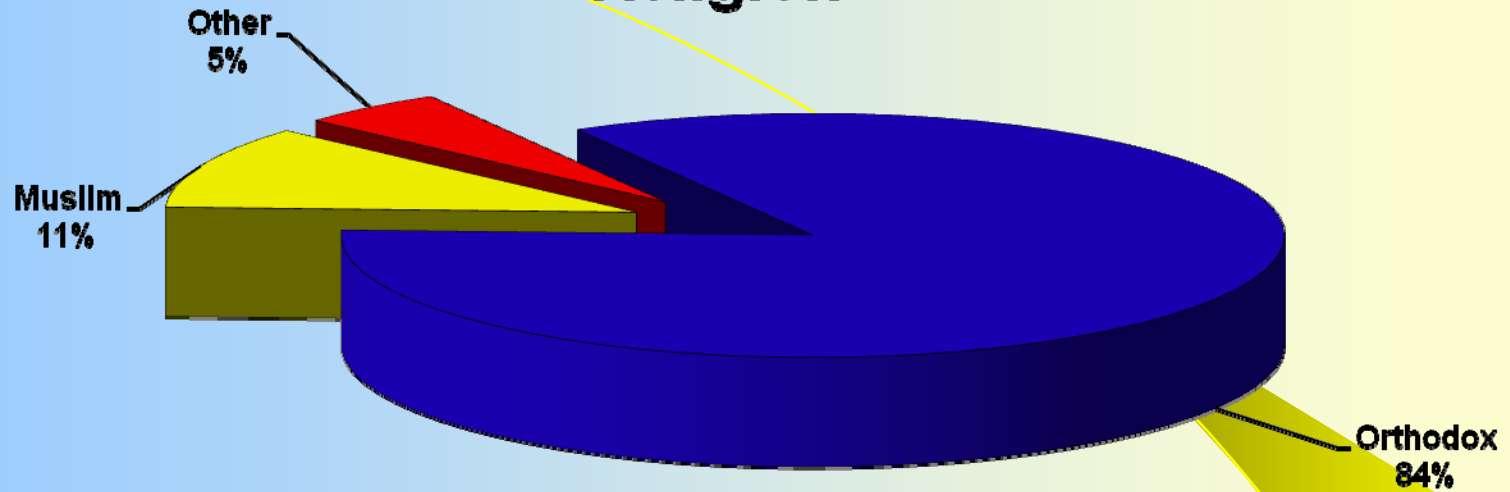
Education



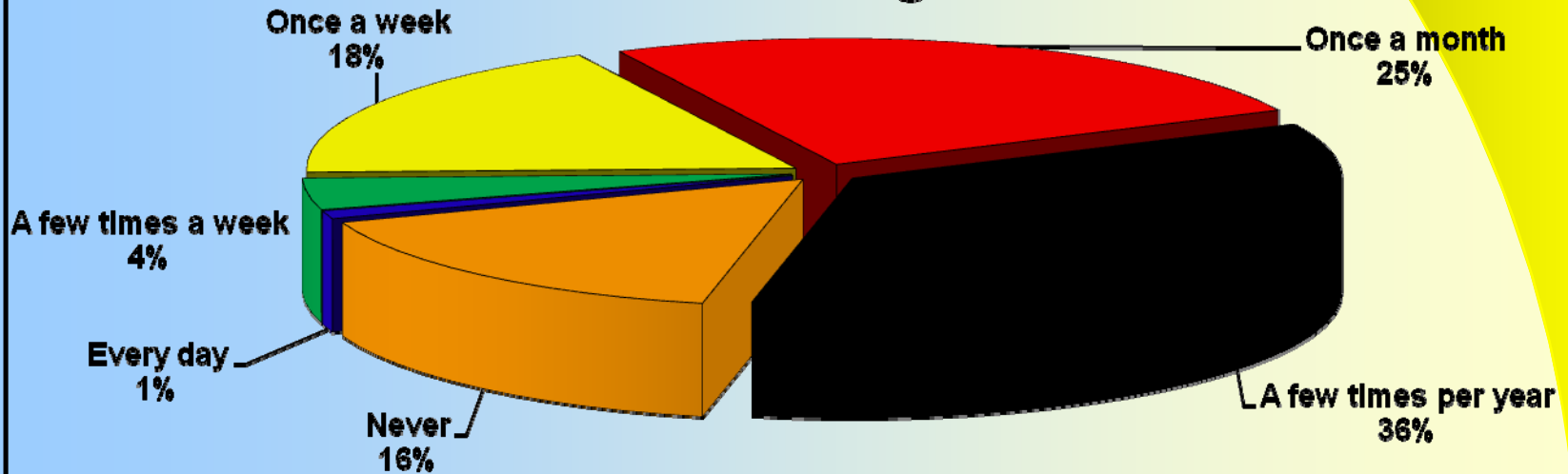
Ethnicity



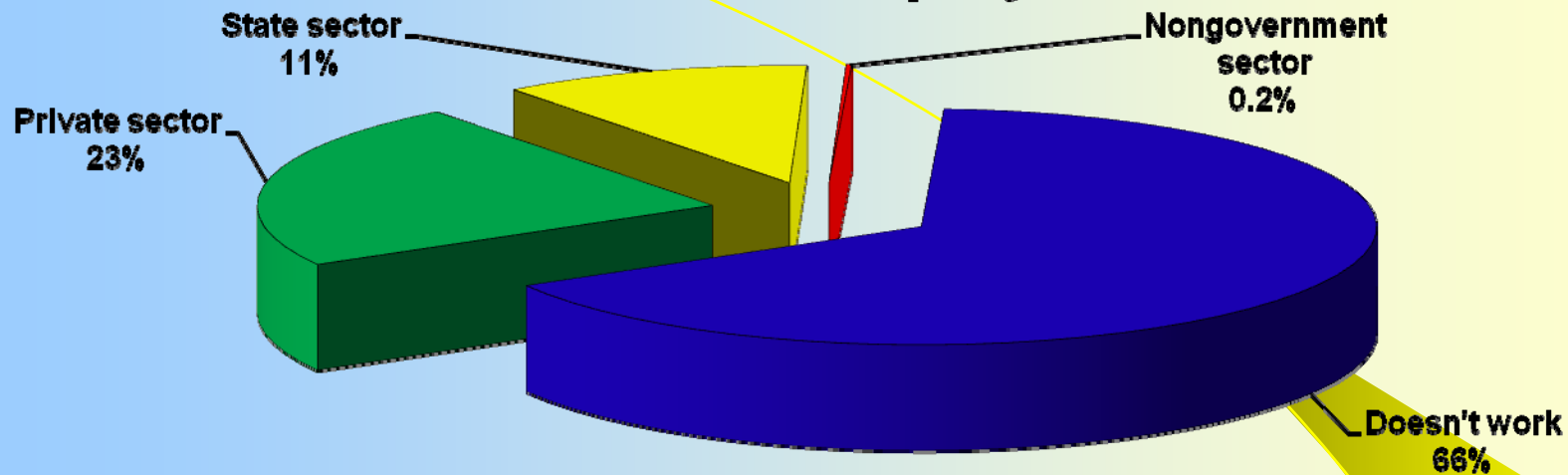
Religion



Attendance of religious service



Sector of employment



Occupation

