

# NATIONWIDE PUBLIC OPINION POLL OF IRAQI CITIZENS

July 8 - July 29, 2021

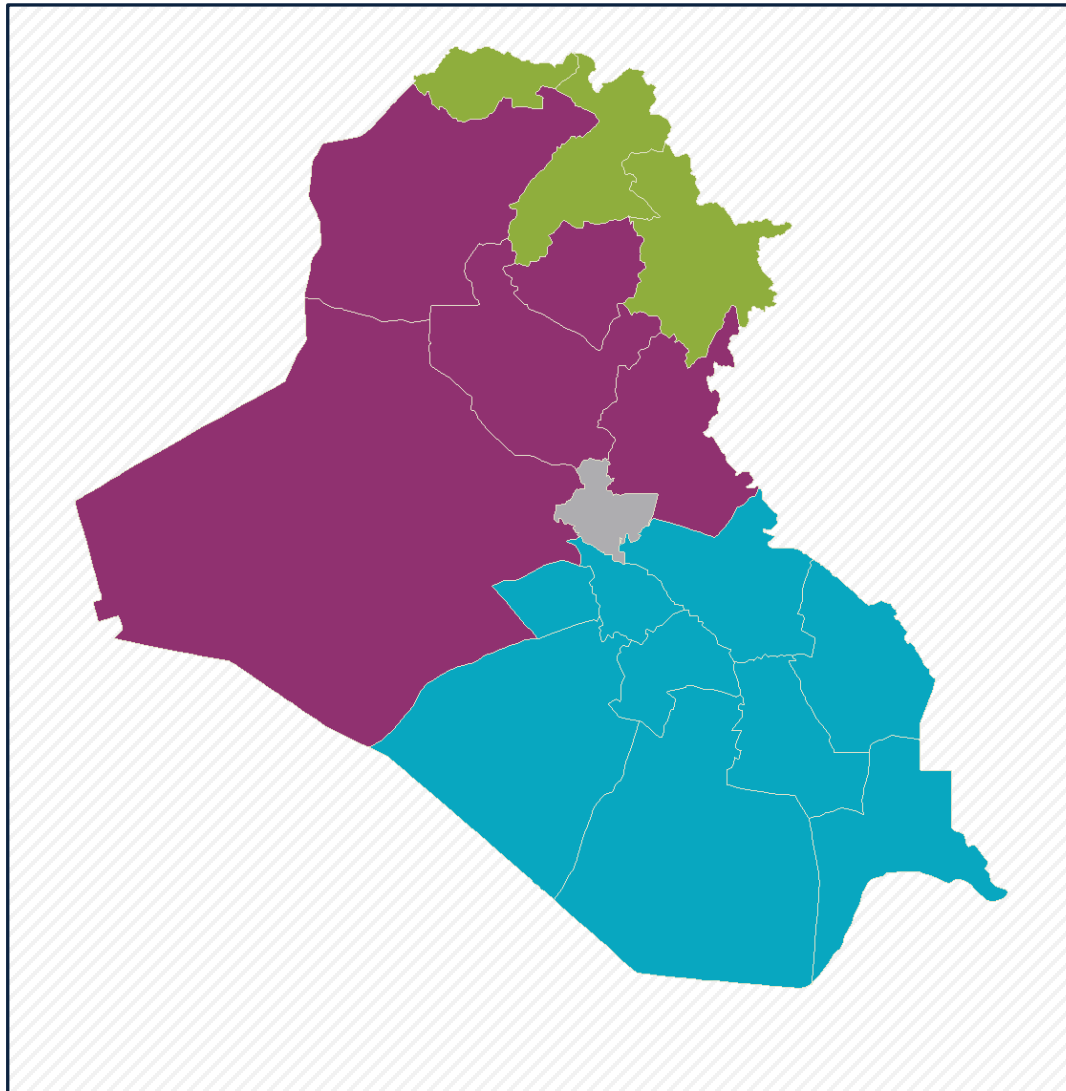


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## Detailed Methodology

- This survey was conducted and overseen on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) (CISR) of the International Republican Institute (IRI) by [SREO Consulting Ltd.](#) (SREO).
- Data collection was conducted July 8 - 29, 2021, though computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) administered face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The national sample consisted of n=5,000 Iraqi citizens, aged 18 and over. The sample excludes individuals residing in IDP camps.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to gridded population data from *WorldPop's* "Spatial Distribution of Population in 2020, Iraq." Population estimates were cross-validated and adjusted with parameters from Iraq's *Central Statistical Organization* and estimates from the *2018 Multiple Indicator Cluster Study (MICS)*.
  - The sample was stratified proportionally by governorate, and governorate-level urbanicity. For urbanicity, spatial population grids were classified as 'urban' or 'rural' according to the European Commission's *Degree of Urbanization* classification system; with some adjustments made for the Iraqi context.
  - Primary sampling units were spatial population grids selected randomly via probability proportionate to size.
  - Within primary sampling units, households were selected via a *random route* procedure and respondents were selected via the *last birthday* protocol.
- The data was weighted towards age and gender estimates from the 2018 MICS study.
- The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is  $\pm 1.7$ -points at the 95 percent confidence level. This accounts for design effects of stratification, cluster sampling via the PSUs, and weighting.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. Cited bases are unweighted.

## Geographical key: Regions of Iraq






- Iraqi Kurdistan
- Central
- South
- Baghdad

## Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Groups	Youth (18-35)	n = 2,386
	Adult (36-55)	n = 2,147
	Senior (56+)	n = 467
Gender	Men	n = 3,112
	Women	n = 1,888
Regions of Iraq	Iraqi Kurdistan	n = 778
	Central	n = 1,272
	Baghdad	n = 1,011
	South	n = 1,939

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

## Previous IRI Iraq Research

Study	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
 Survey: <a href="#">Nationwide Public Opinion Poll of Iraqi Citizens</a>	August - September 2020	4,244 respondents nationwide
 Report: <a href="#">Living In The Shadows: The Enduring Marginalization Of Black Iraqis</a>	December 2019	8 focus groups; 10 in-depth interviews
 Report: <a href="#">“Nurid Watan!” “We Want a Homeland!” Basrawi Perspectives on the 2019 Protests in Iraq’s Basra Province</a>	December 2019	8 focus groups; 10 in-depth interviews
 Report: <a href="#">Perspectives on Returnees in Iraq’s Ninewa Provinces</a>	January 2019	14 focus groups; 3 in-depth interviews
 Report: <a href="#">Social and Political Perspectives of Iraqi IDPs from Ninewa and their Host Communities</a>	April - May 2018	12 focus groups

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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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# General Outlook

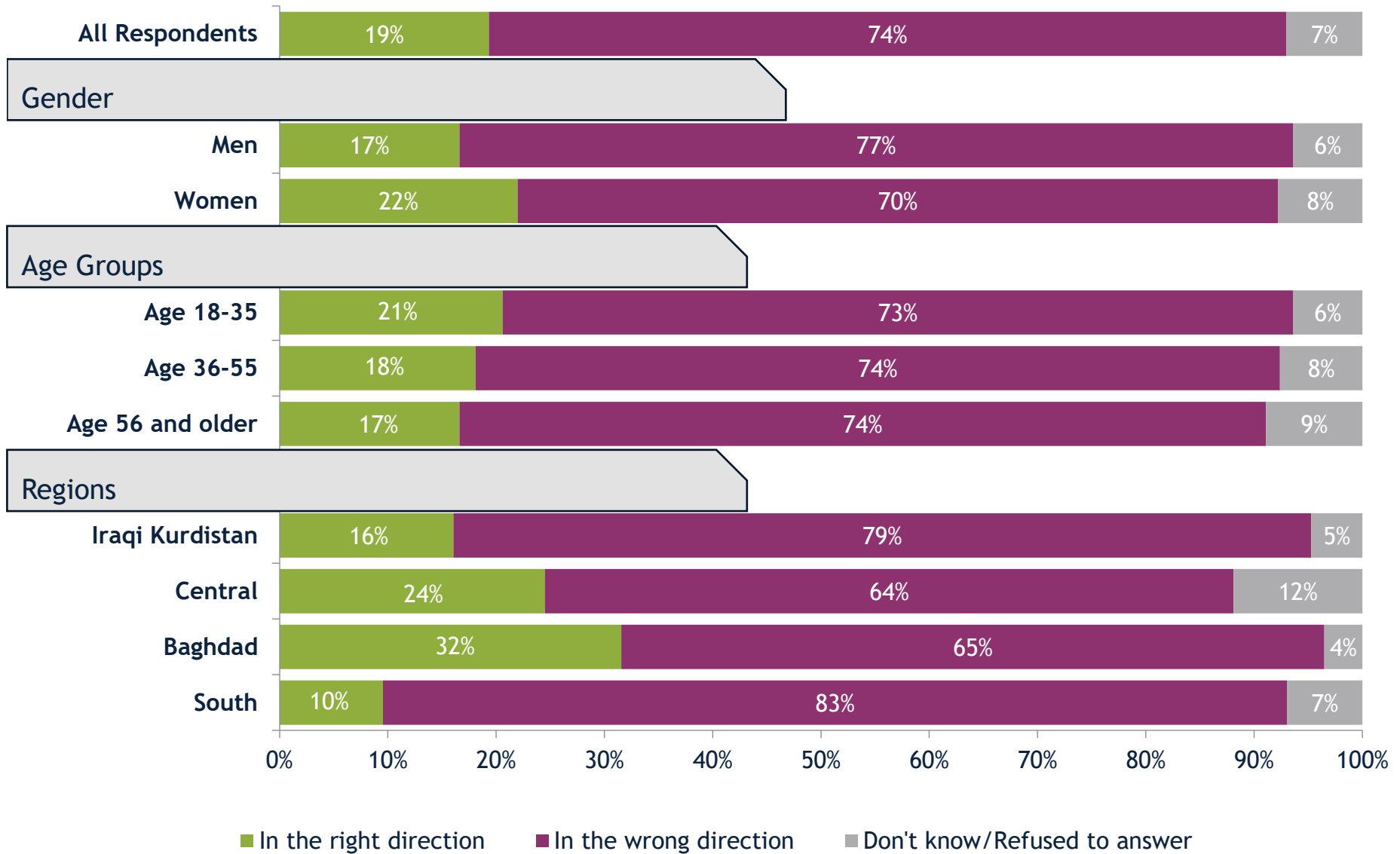


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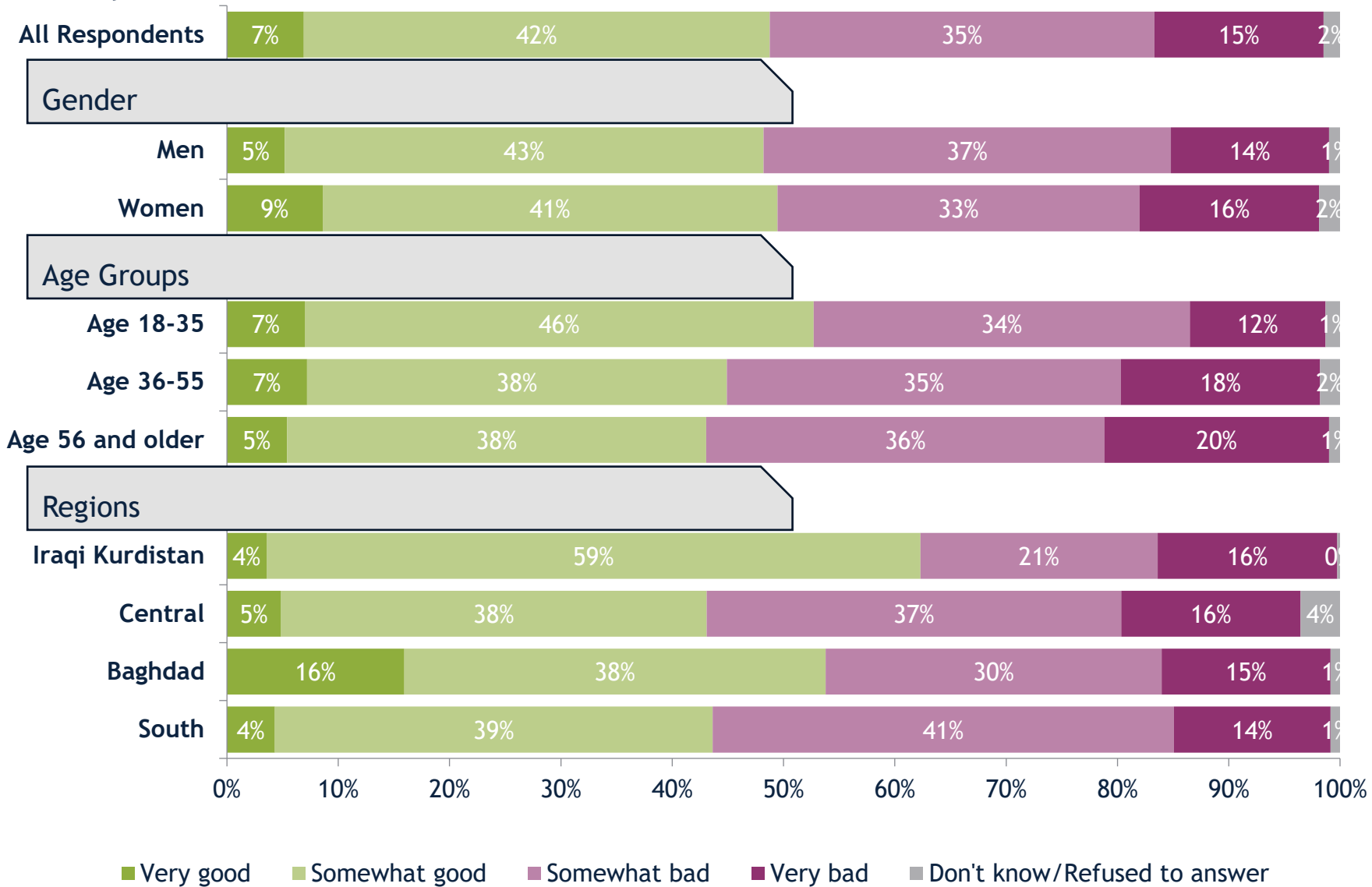




# In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?



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

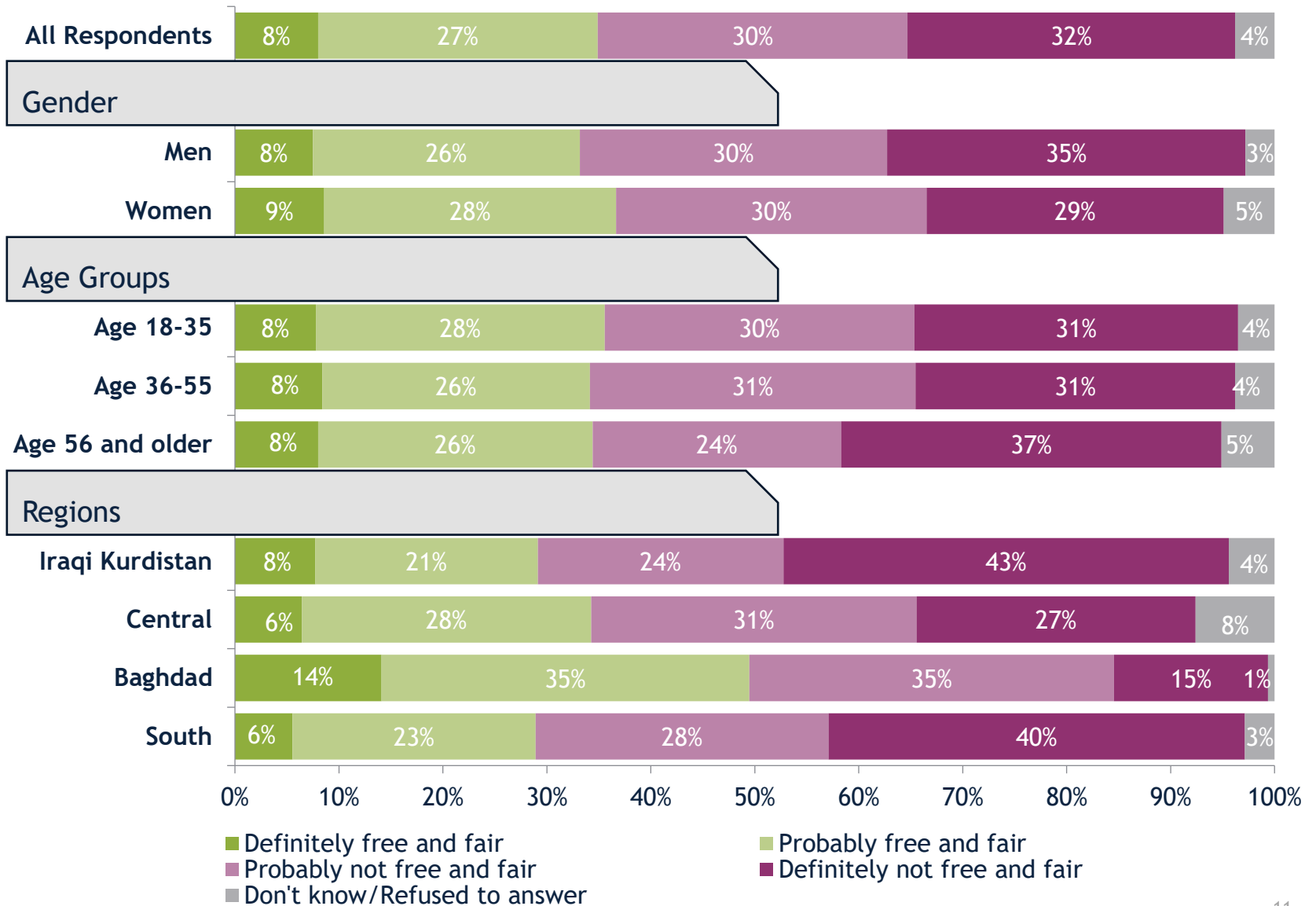




# Elections

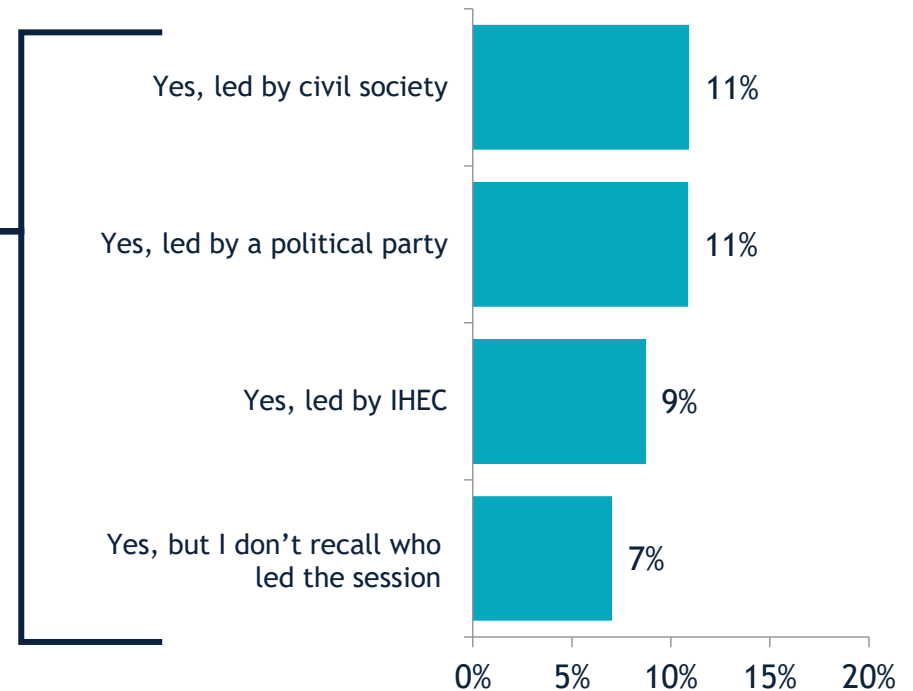
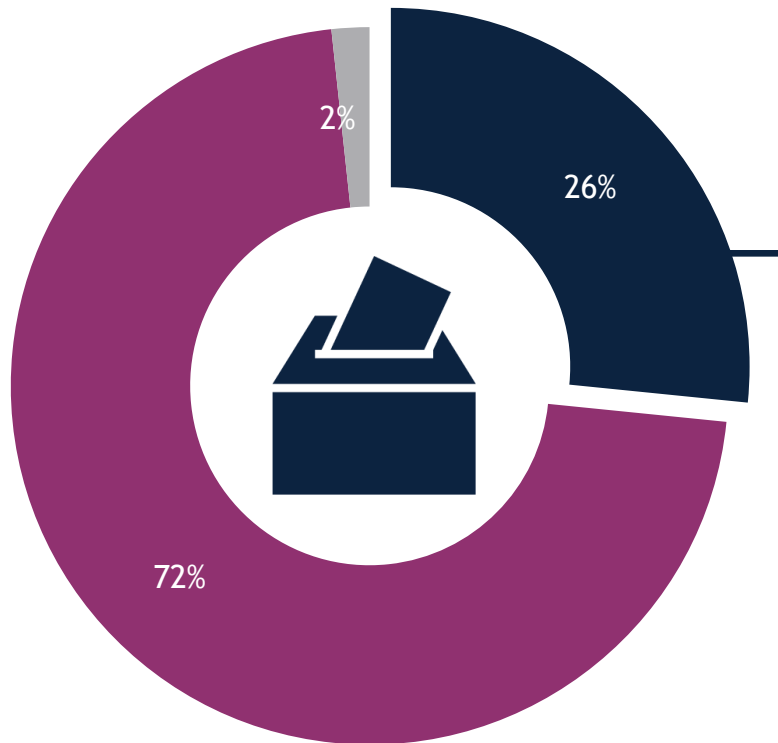


# Do you feel that the upcoming elections will be free and fair or not?



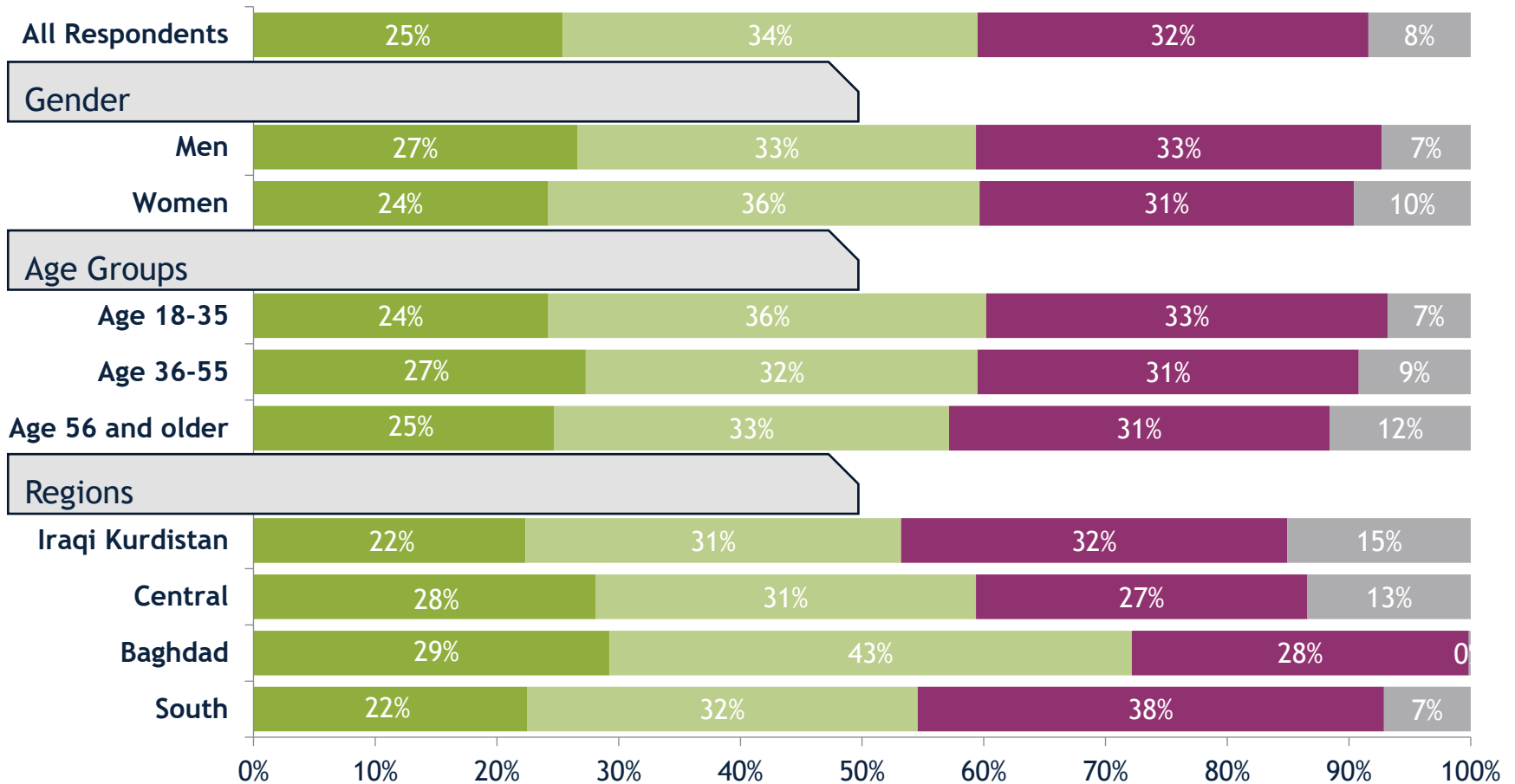
# Have you attended an event, virtually or in person, in the past three months where voting processes were described?

(Multiple “Yes” responses permitted)



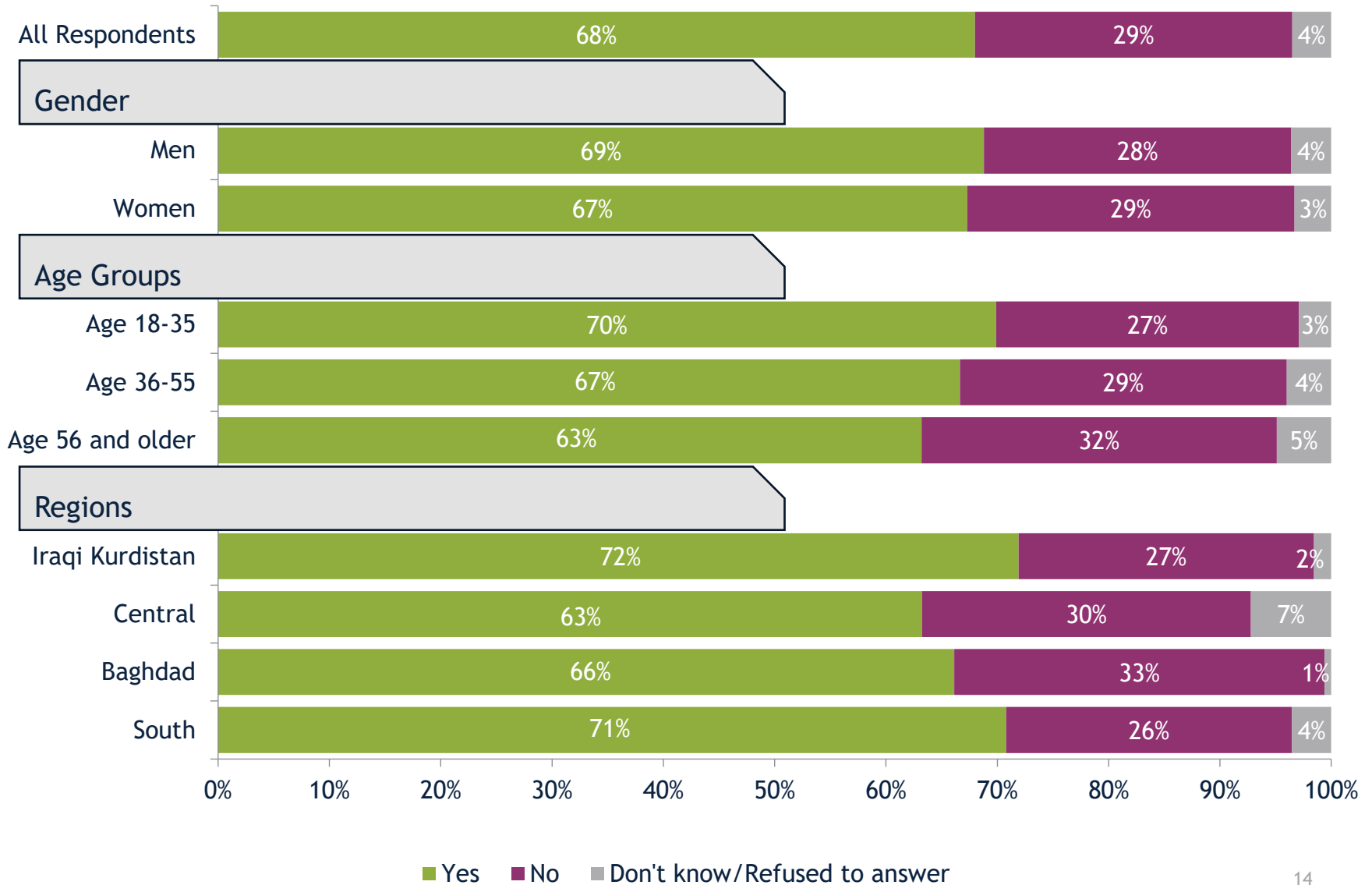
■ Yes   ■ No   ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

# Which statement about voting comes closest to your opinion?



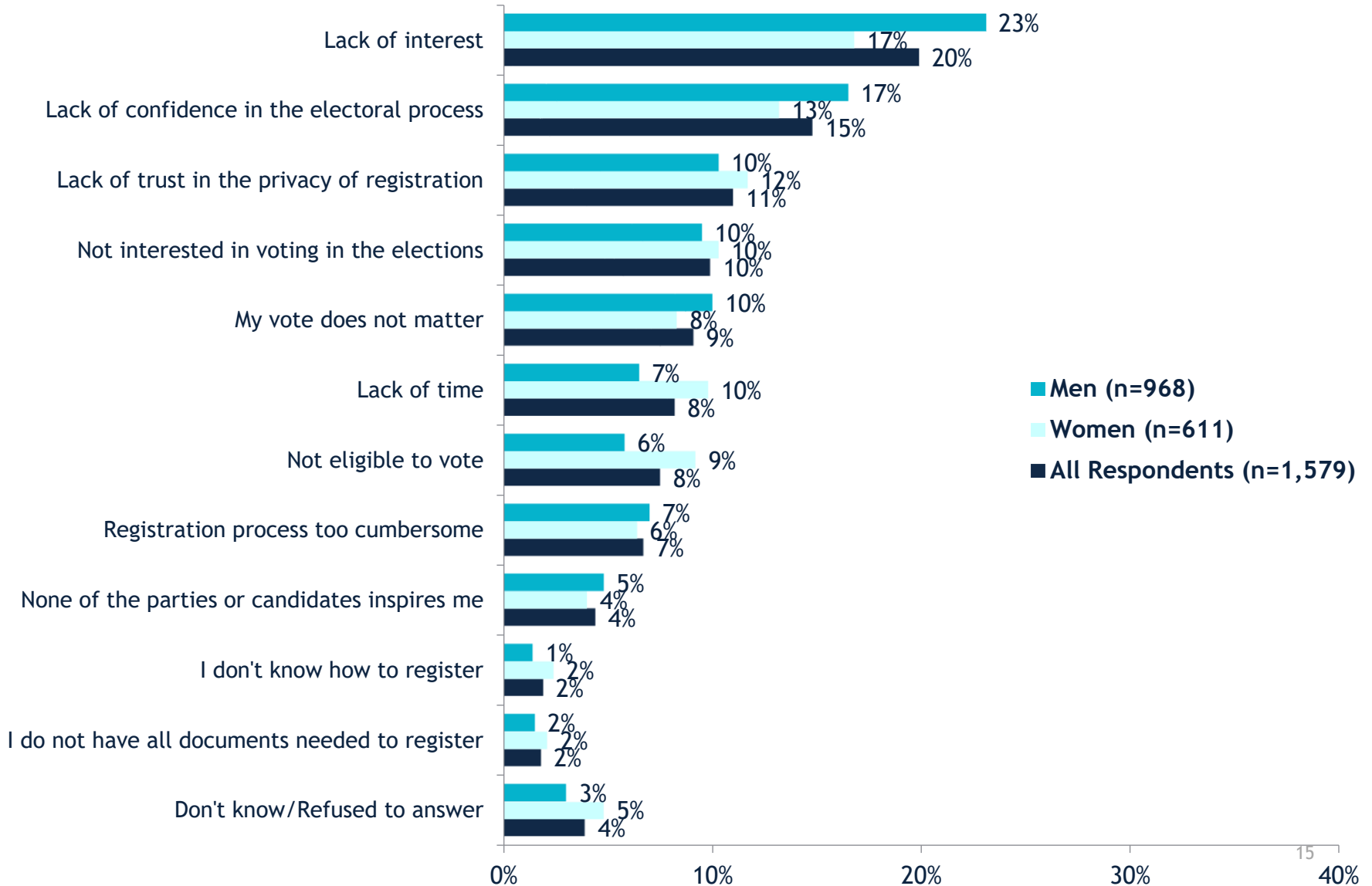
- Gives me some say about how the government runs things.
- Doesn't really affect how the government runs things, but I still believe it's important to vote.
- Doesn't really affect how the government runs things, so for me it's not really important to vote.
- Don't know/Refused to answer

# Are you registered to vote in the upcoming parliamentary elections?



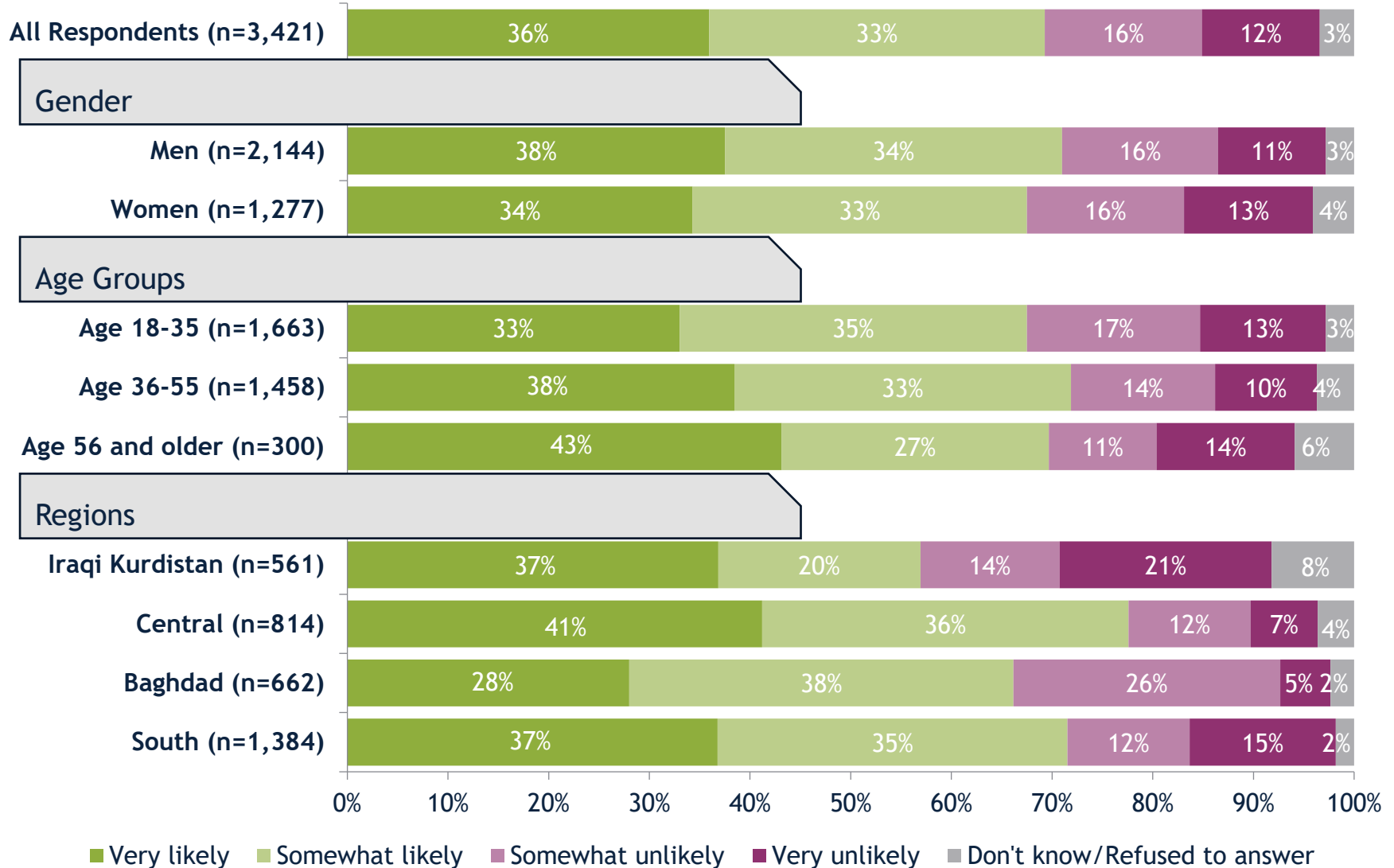
# What is the primary reason you did not register to vote in the upcoming parliamentary elections?

(Spontaneous response; Among those responded that they are not registered to vote or did not know if they were registered to vote in the upcoming elections)



# How likely or unlikely are you to vote in upcoming parliamentary elections?

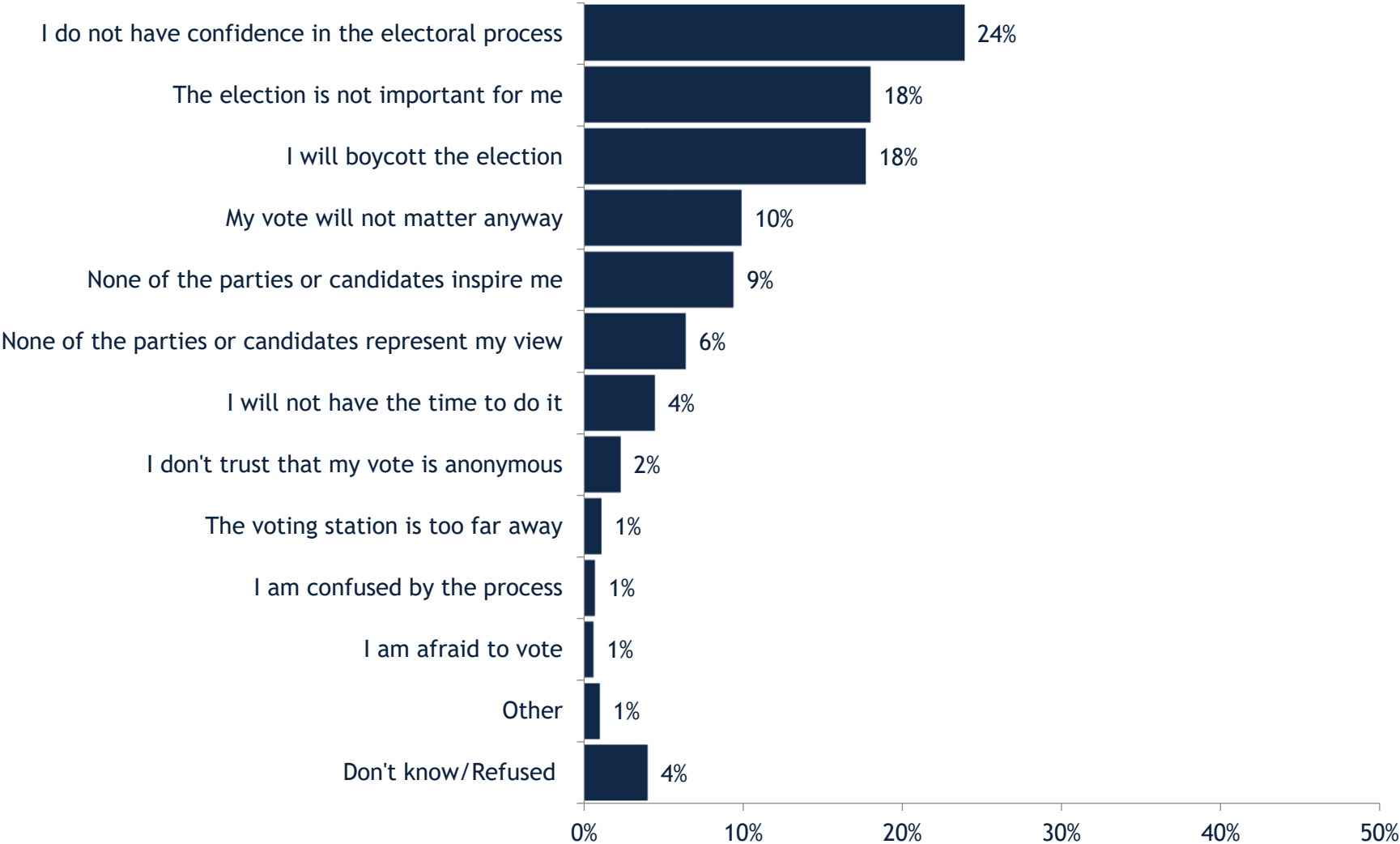
(Among those who responded that they are registered to vote)





# Why are you very unlikely to vote in upcoming parliamentary elections?

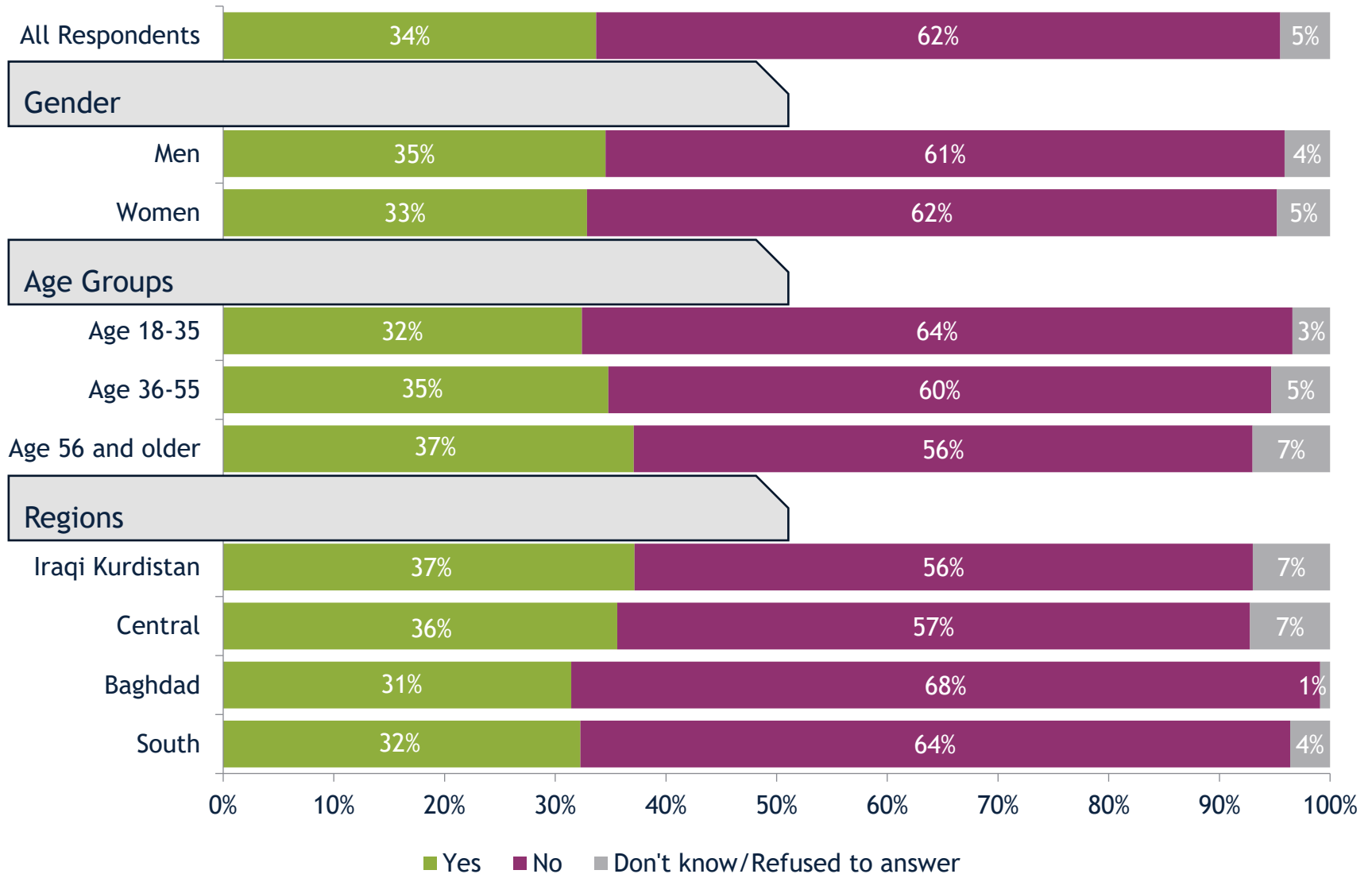
(Spontaneous response; Among those who are registered to vote but are *very unlikely* to vote, n=389)





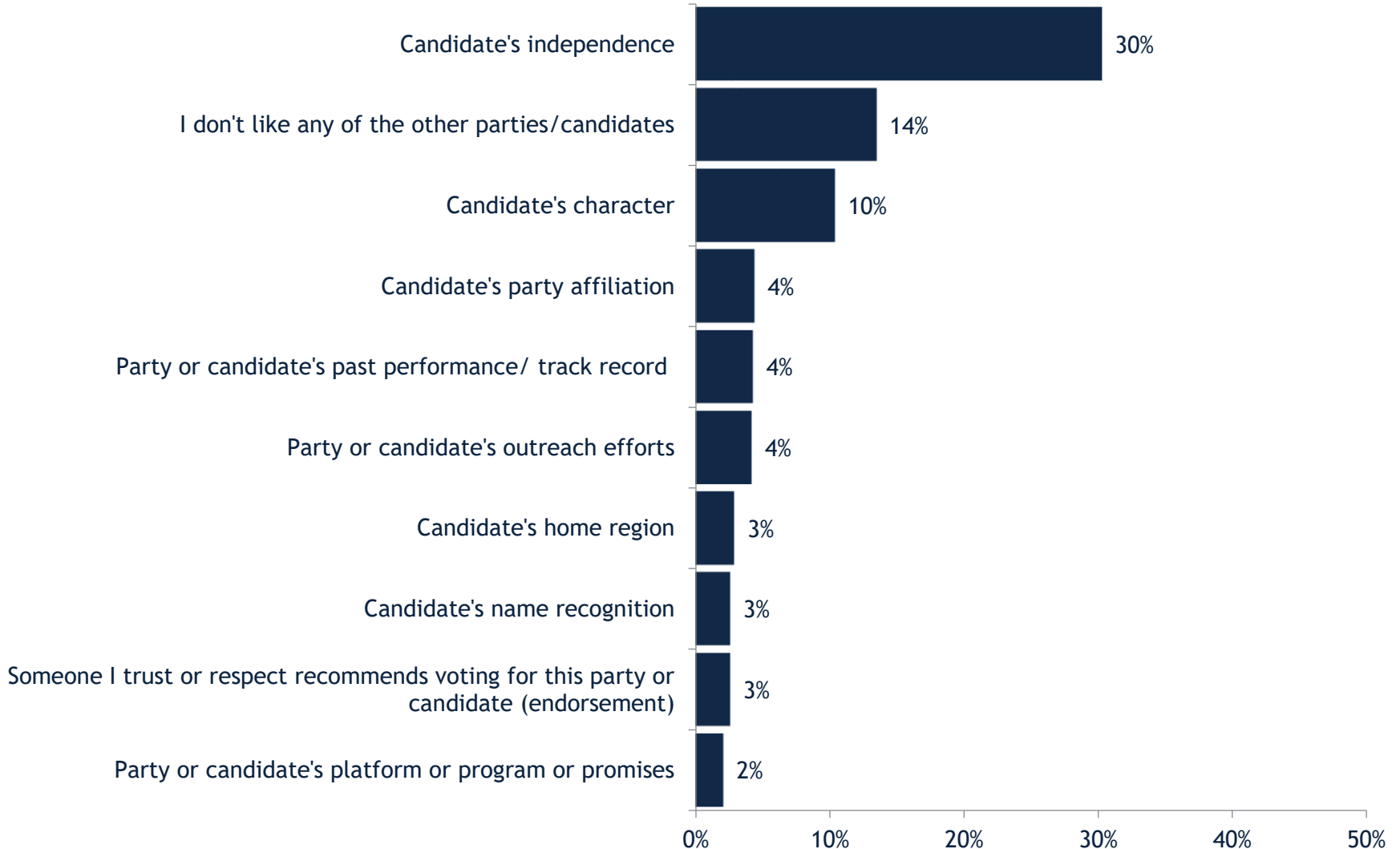
# Have you already decided which party or candidate to vote for?

(Among those who are registered to vote, n=3,421)



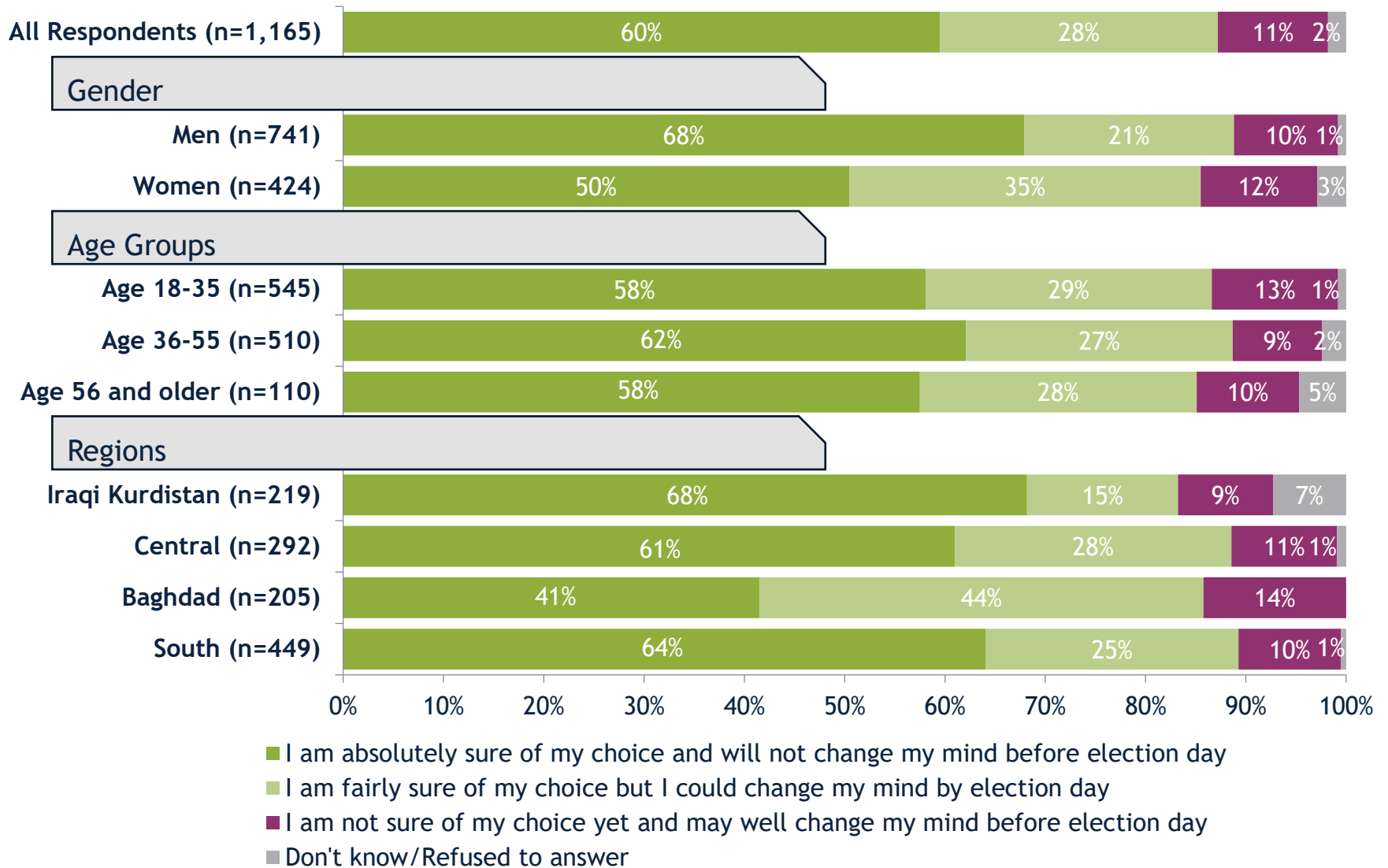
# What will be the most important factor for determining who you will vote for?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who have not already decided which party or candidate to vote for, n=2,256, Top 10 responses)

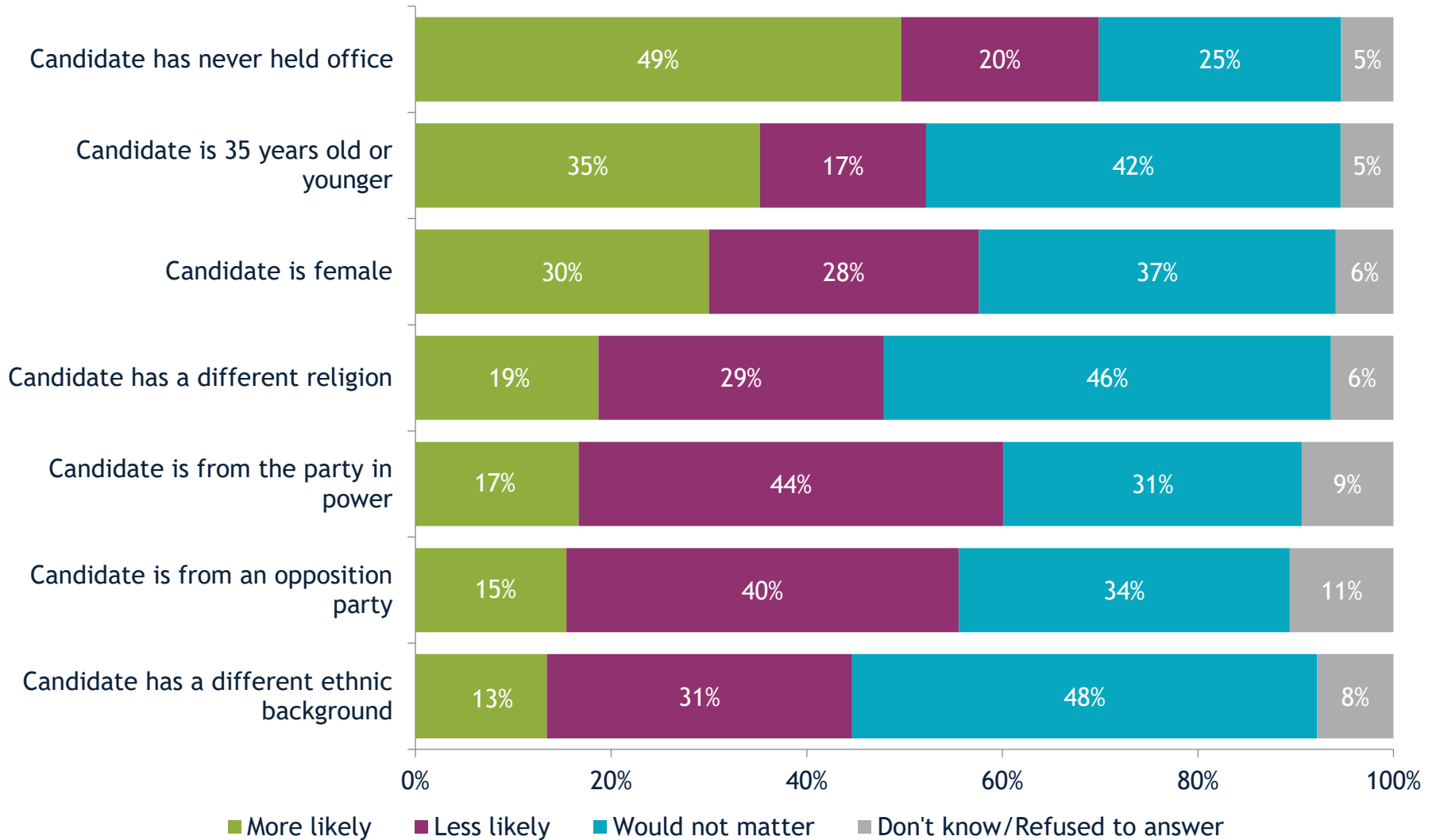


# How sure are you of your choice?

(Among those who registered to vote, are likely to vote and have a preferred candidate)

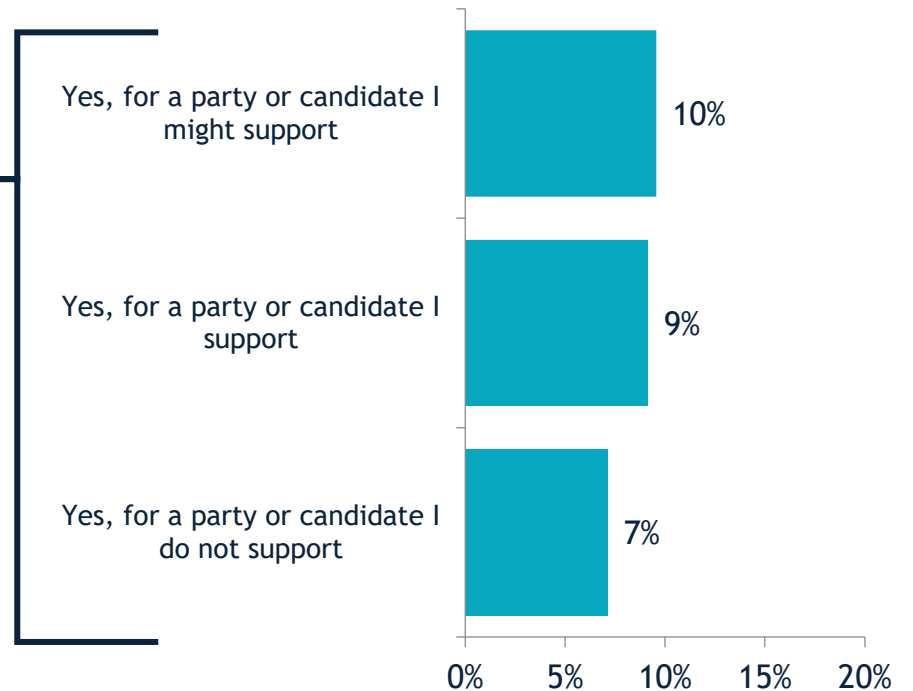
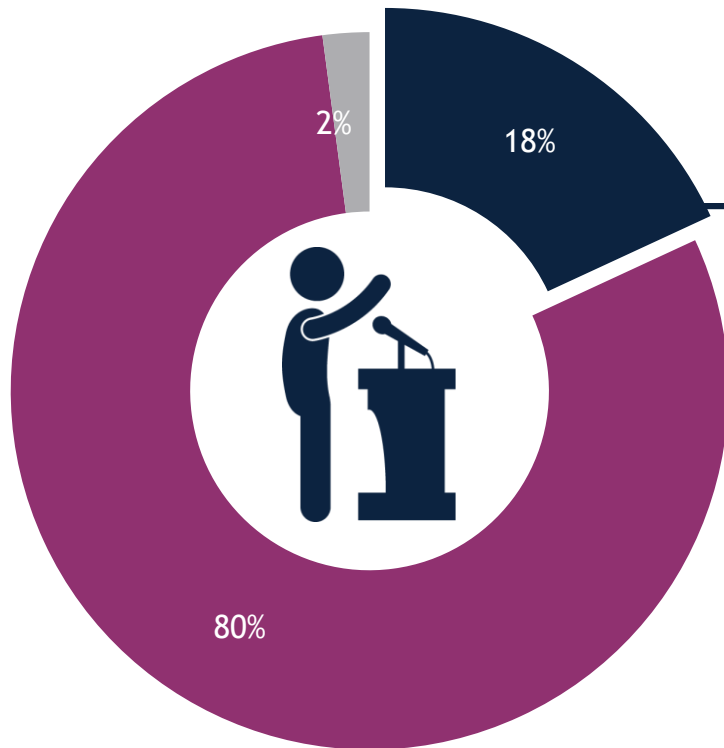


For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter.



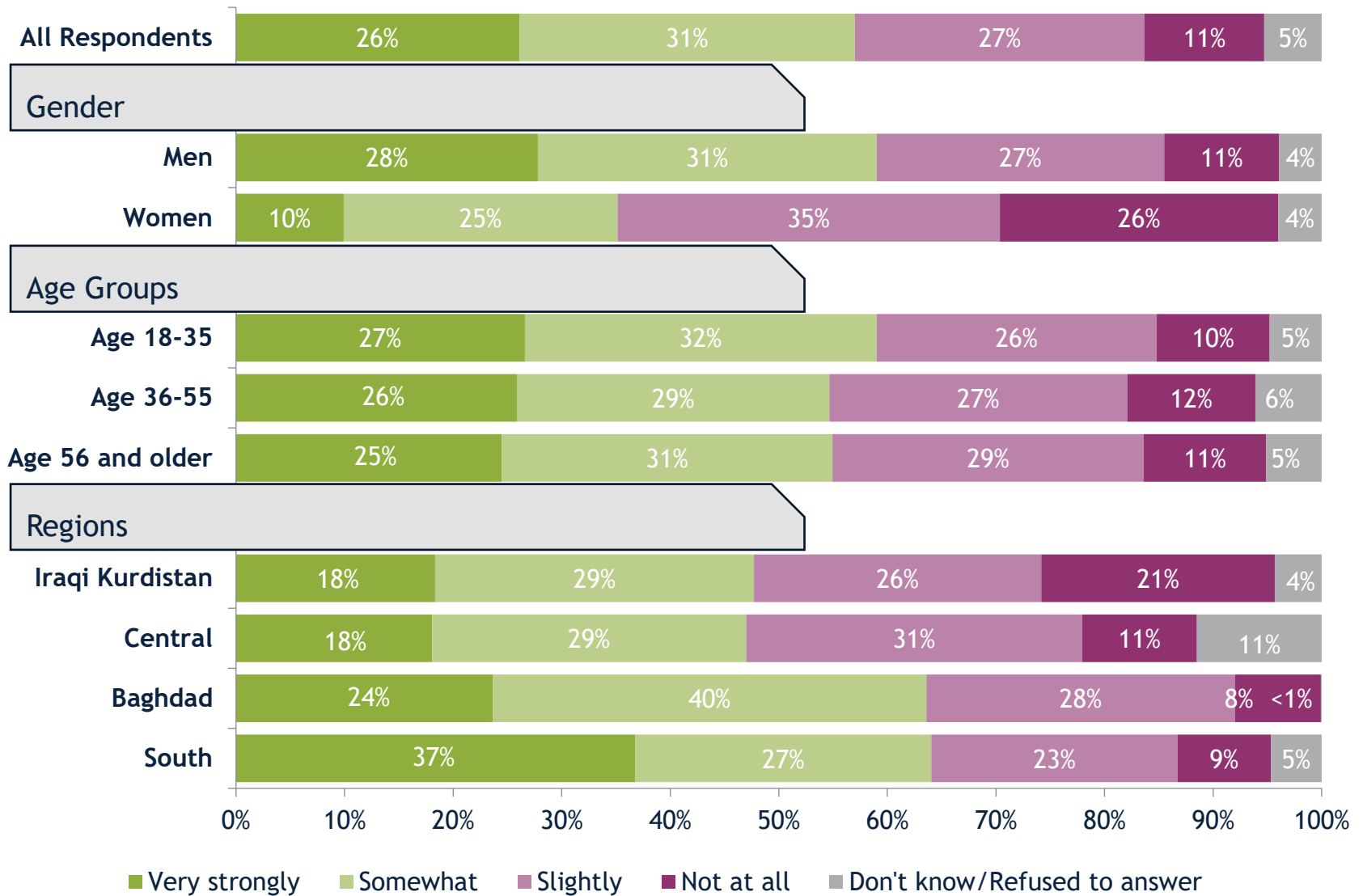
# Have you attended an event in the past three months where a politician or political party was campaigning for the parliamentary elections?

(Multiple "Yes" responses permitted)



■ Yes   ■ No   ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

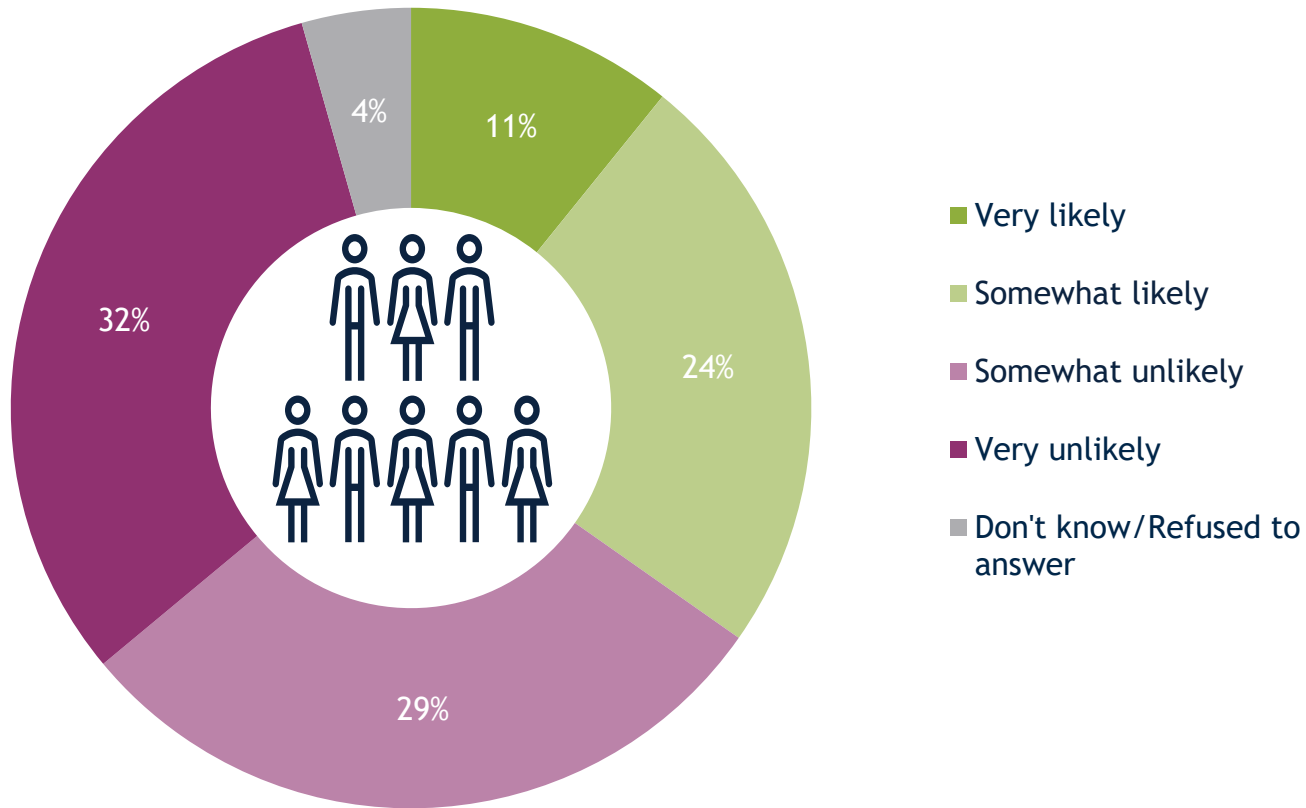
# How much, if at all, do you think religious leaders will affect voters' choices in the upcoming elections?



# Civic Education and Participation



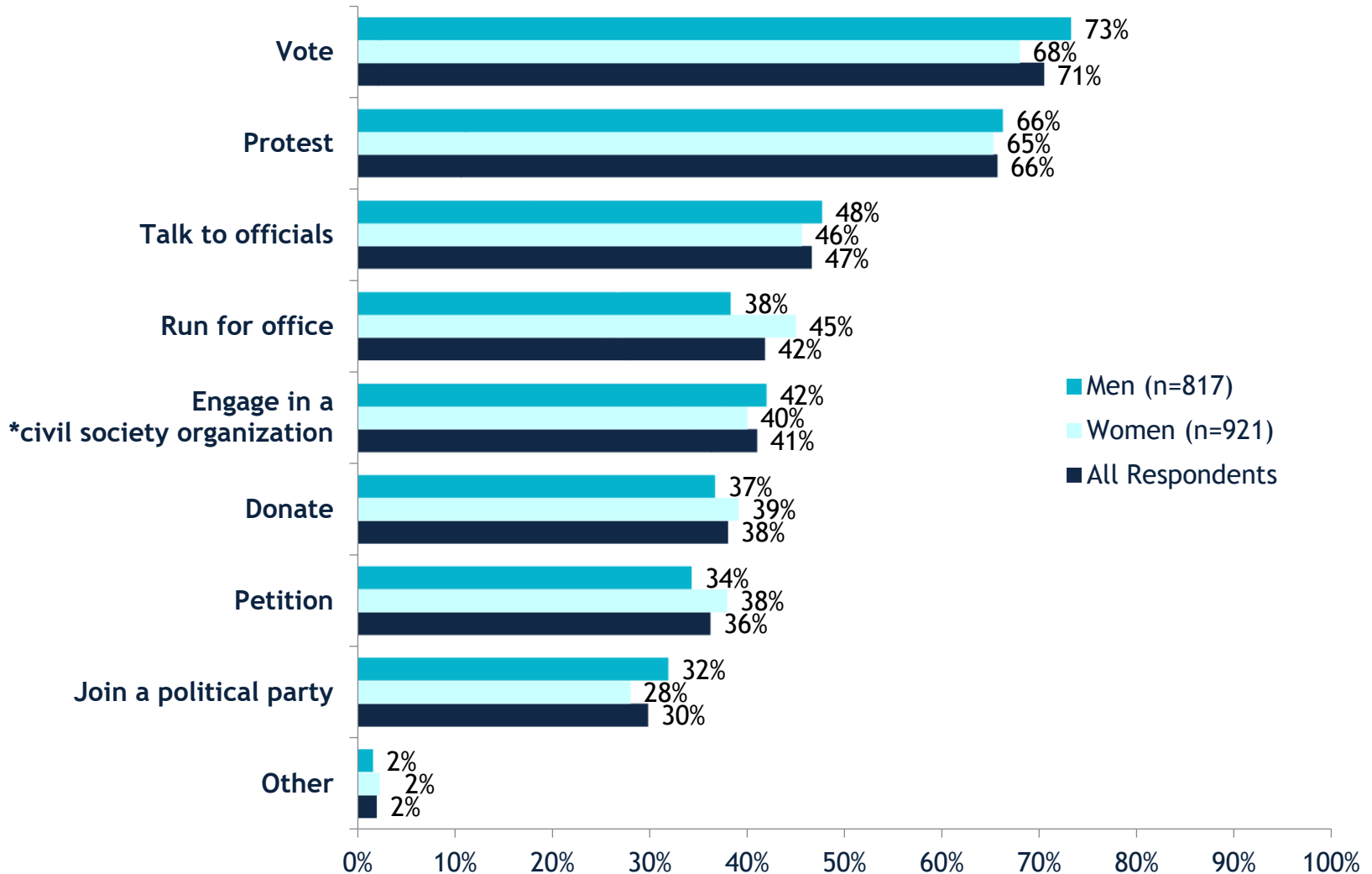
# How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?





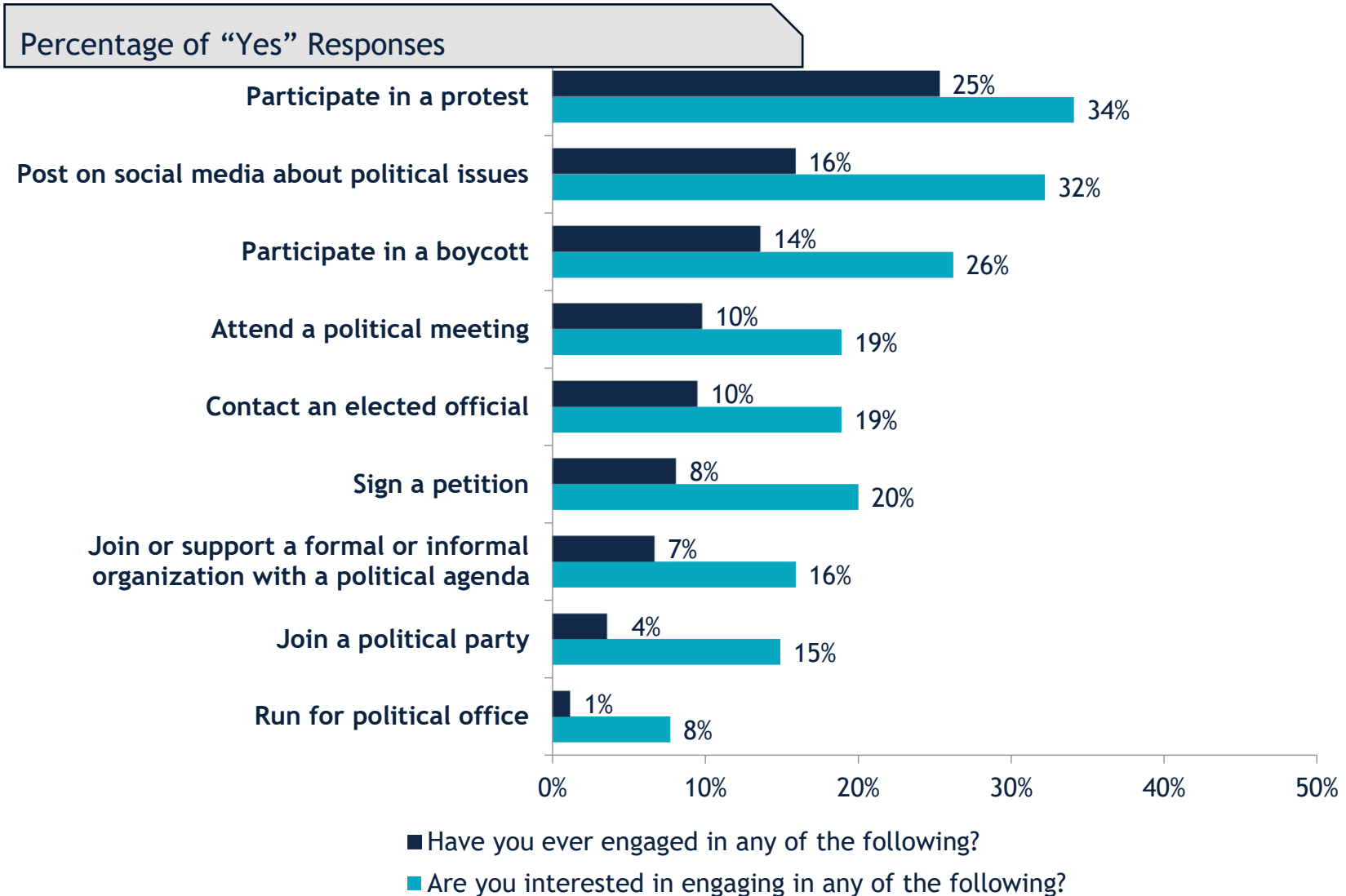
# How can ordinary people influence decisions made in our country?

(Multiple responses permitted; Among those who think ordinary people are likely to influence decisions made in Iraq; n=1738)



\*Civil society organization defined as a local, national or international group of people who organize to support a particular interest, group, or issue.

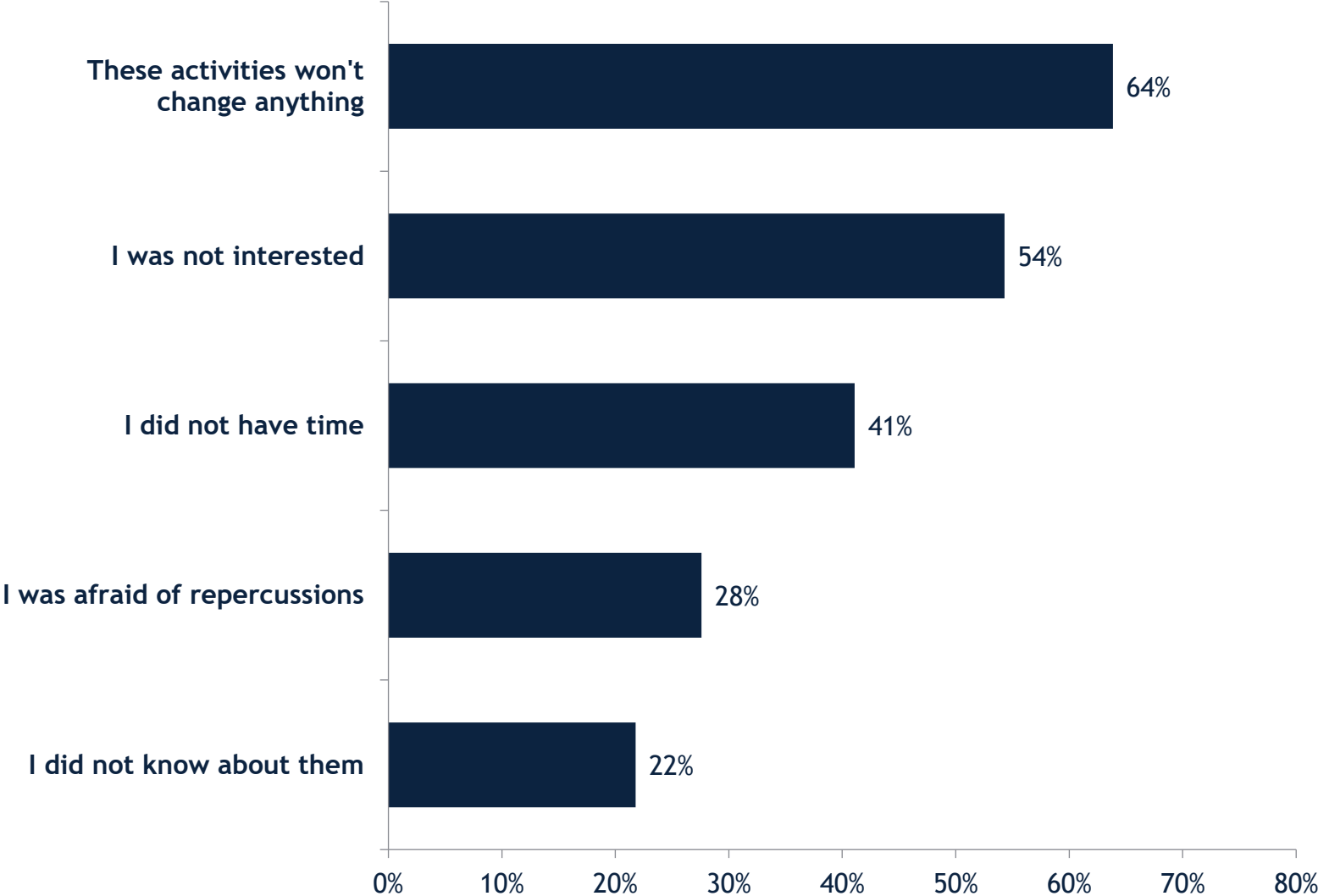
# Have you engaged in any of the following activities? Are you interested in engaging in any of the following activities?





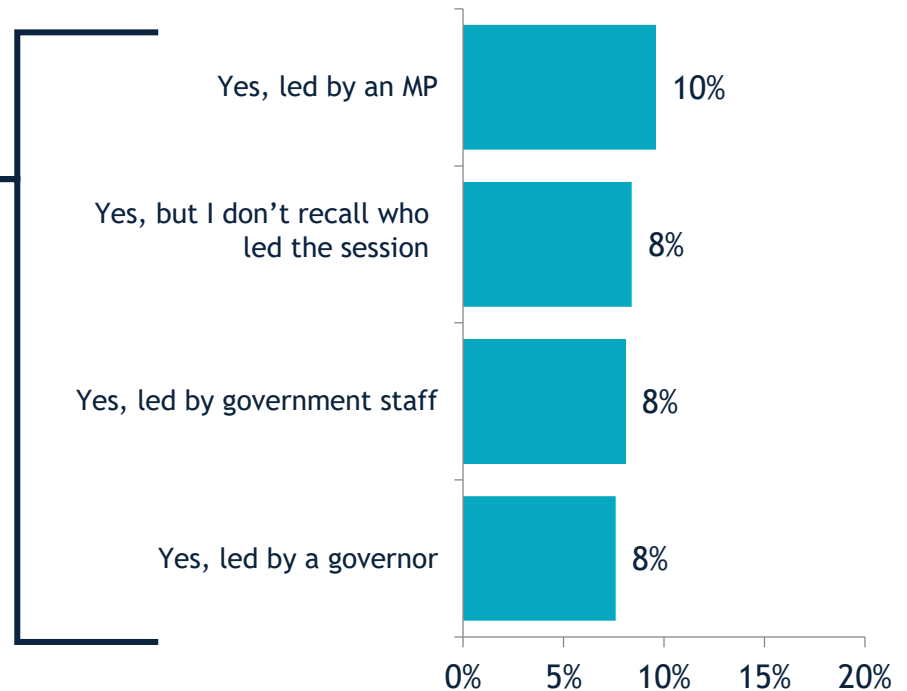
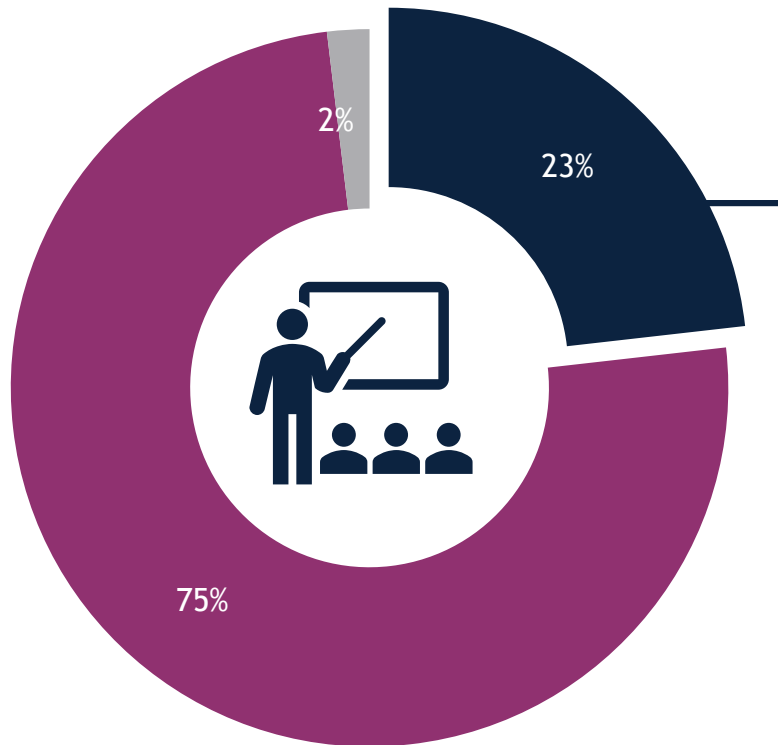
# Why have you never engaged in any of these activities?

(Multiple responses permitted; Among those who responded did not engage in any activities, n=895)



# Have you attended a public event, but not a campaign event, led by a government official where they described government services or policies?

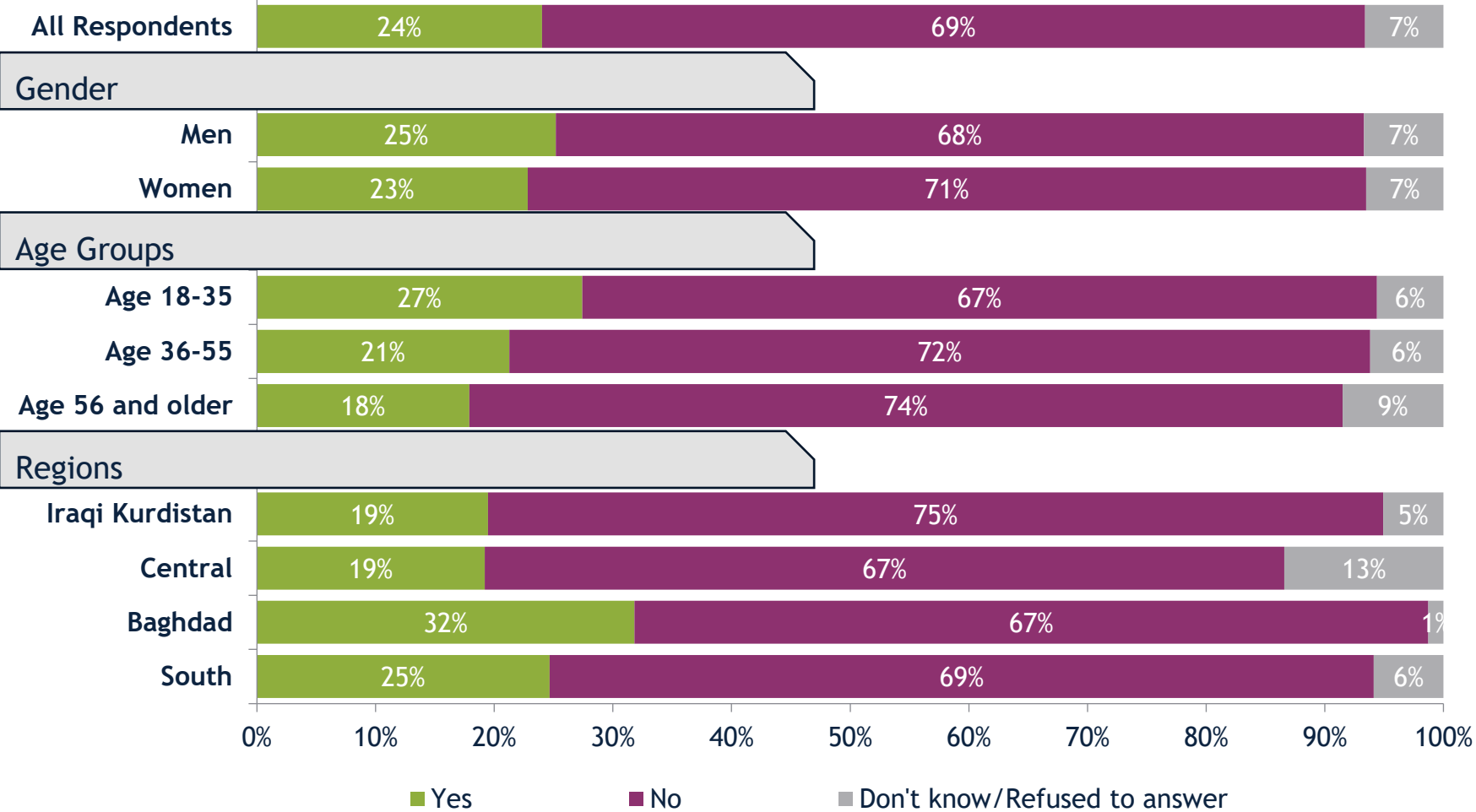
(Multiple "Yes" responses permitted)



■ Yes   ■ No   ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

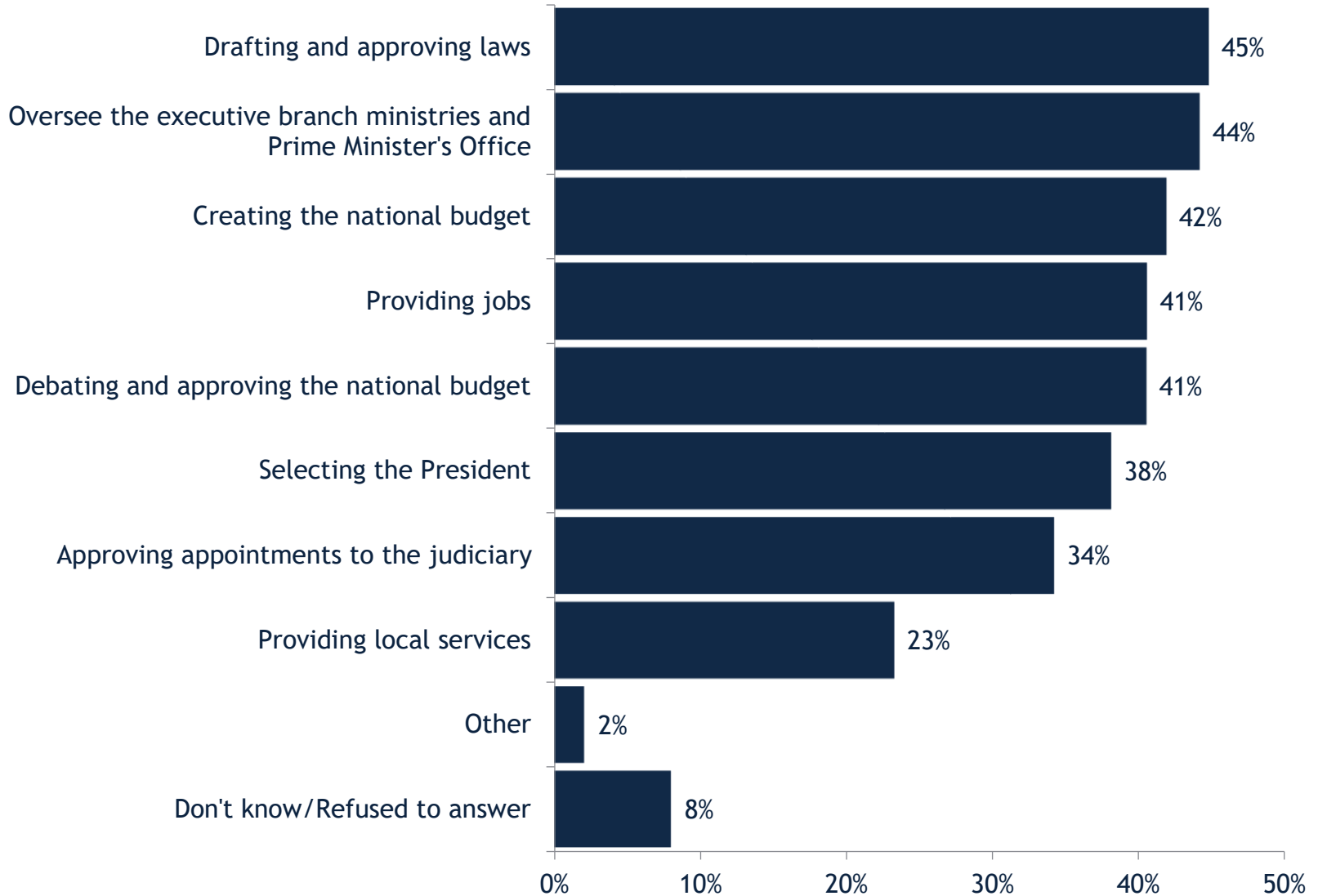


# Would you be interested to attend an event like this in the future?



# What do you believe the role of parliament is?

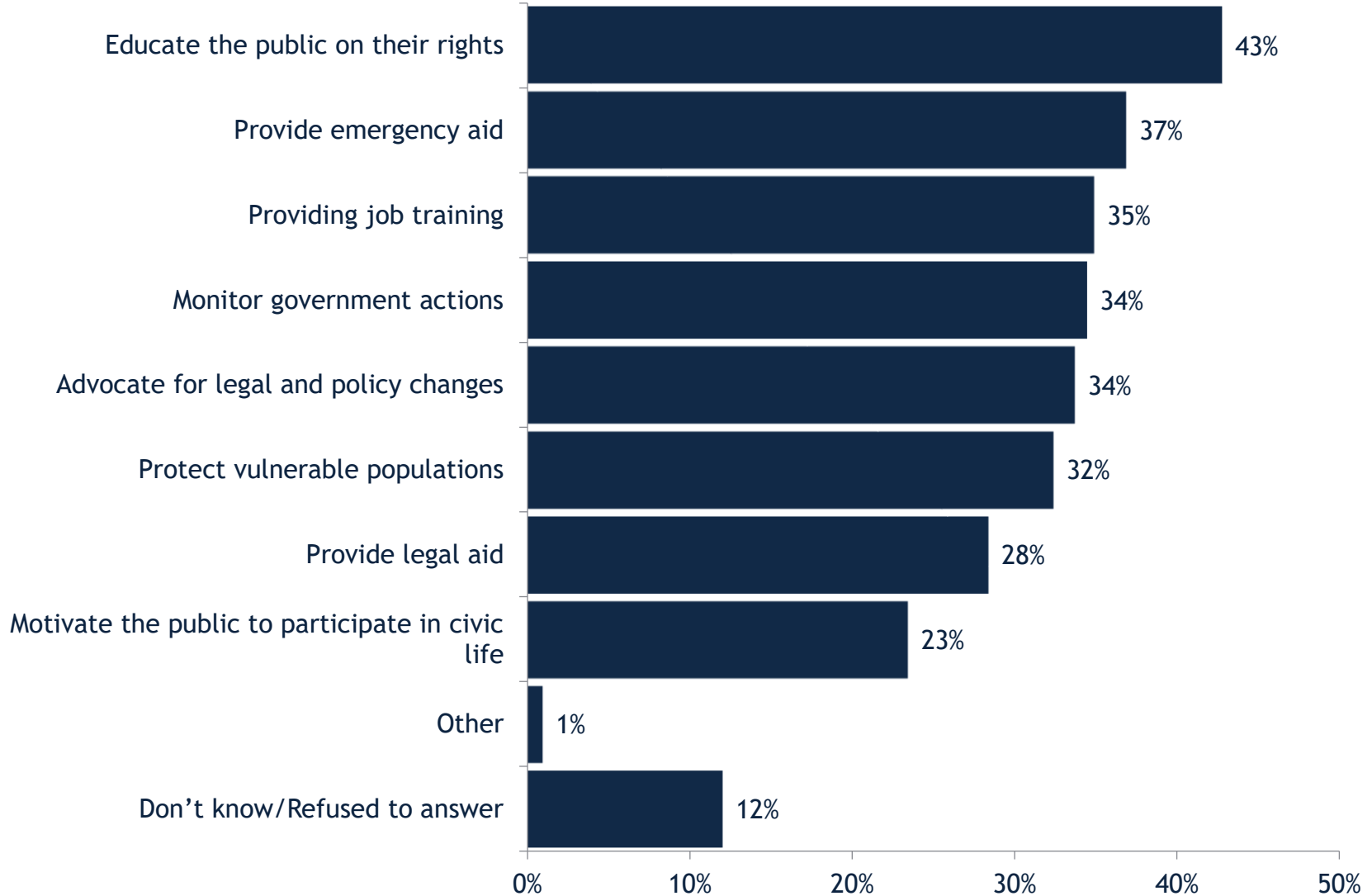
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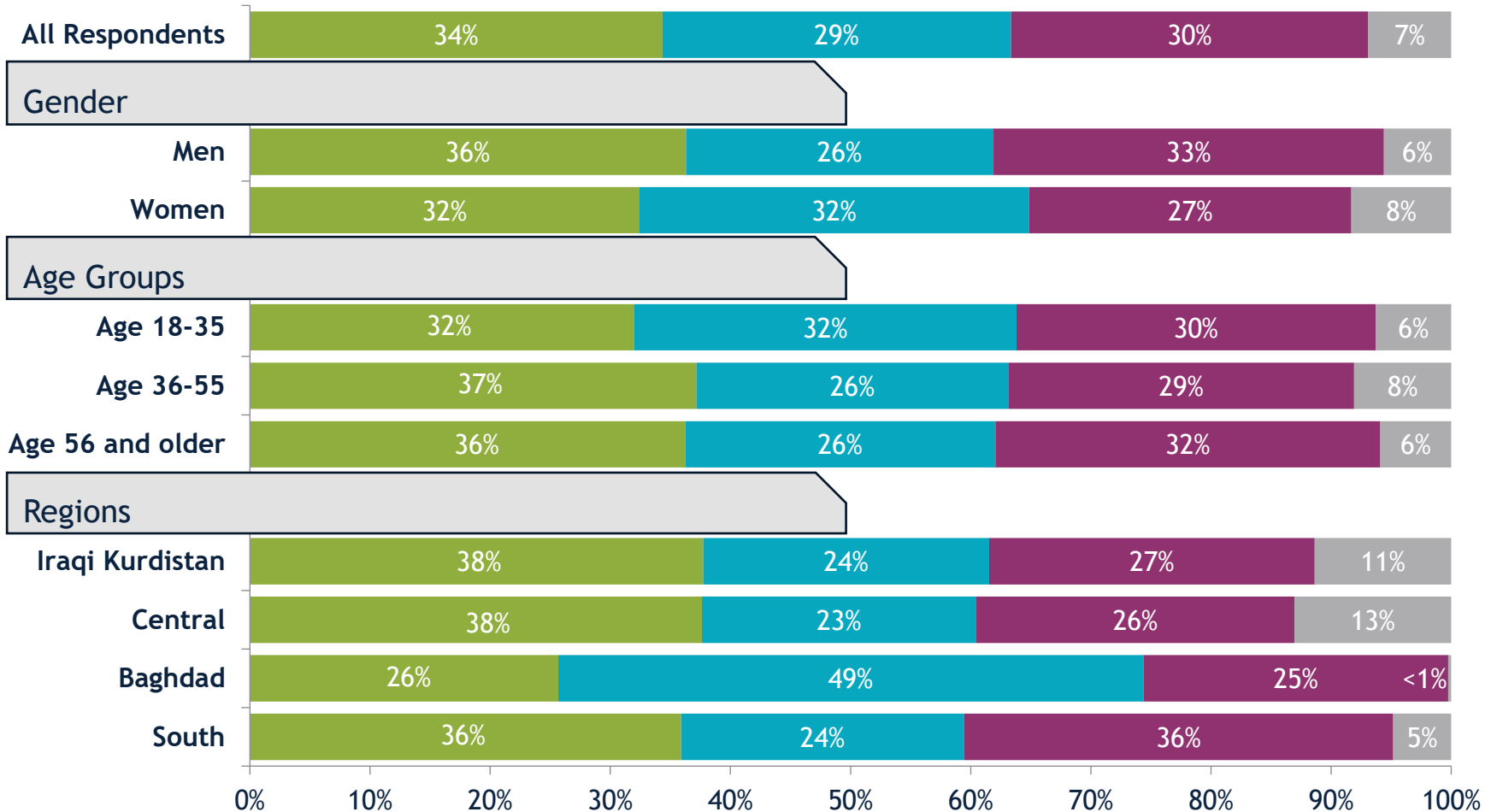


# What do you believe the role of civil society is?

(Multiple responses permitted)



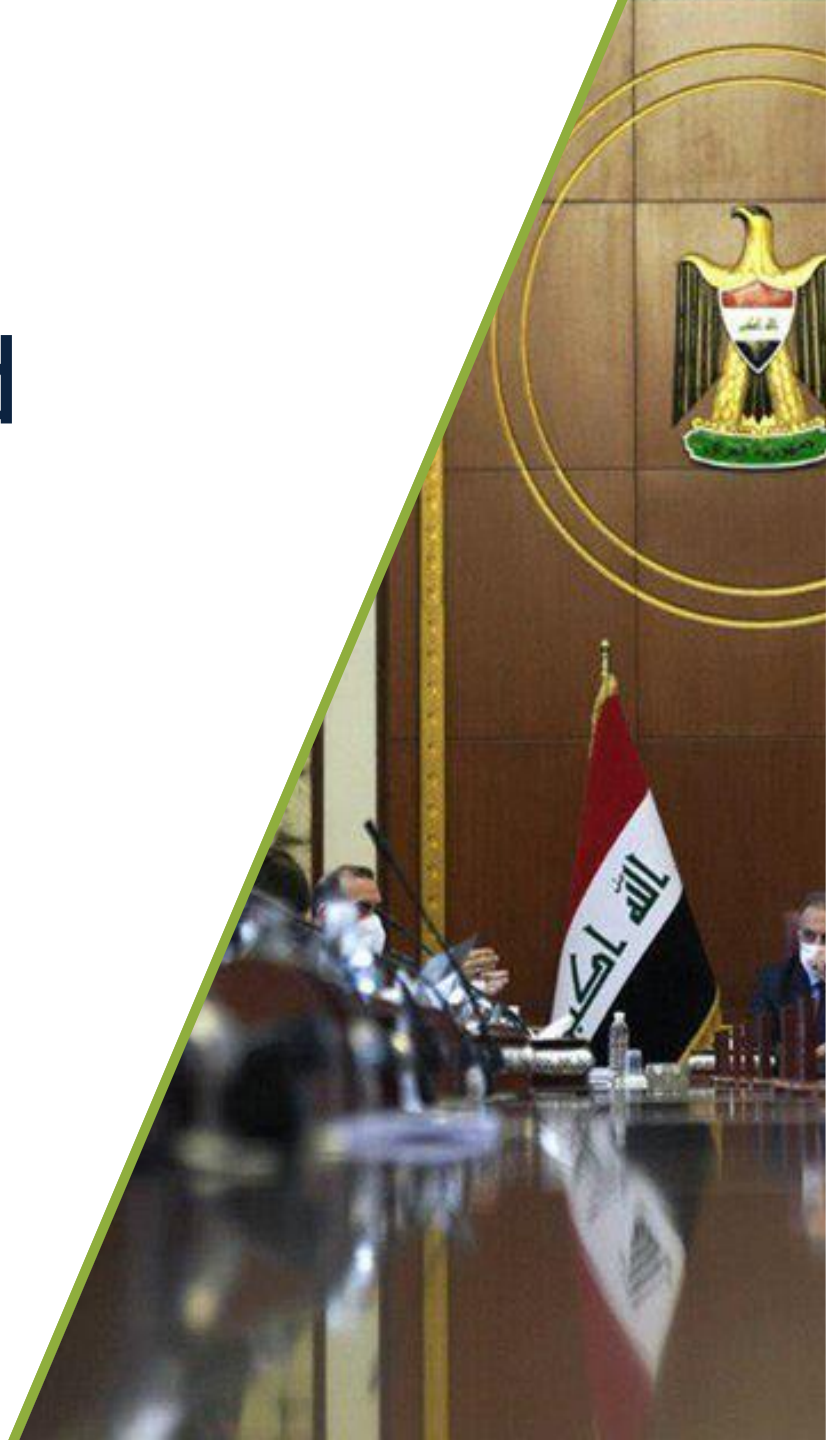
# Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



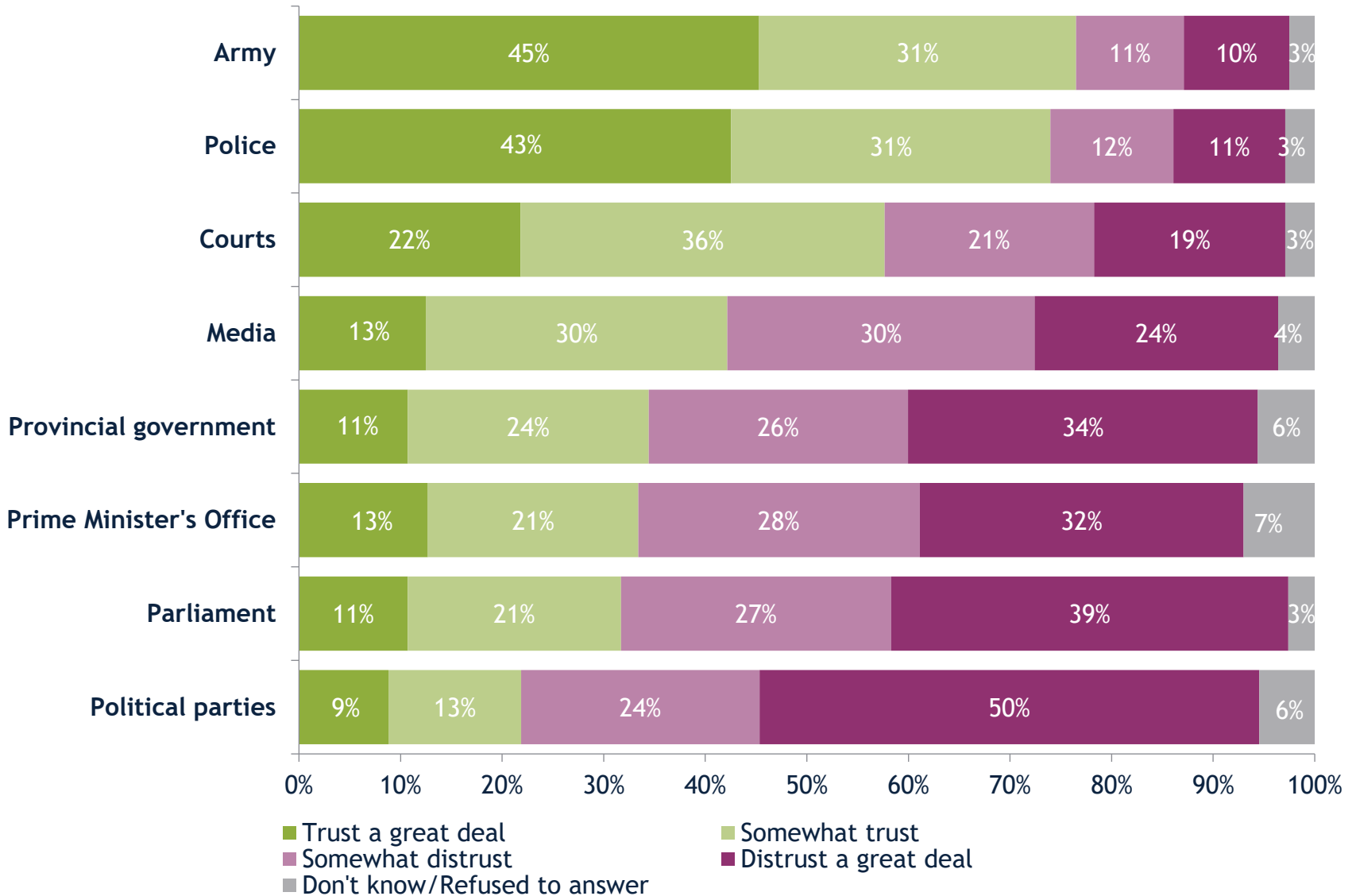
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy.
- Don't know/Refused to answer



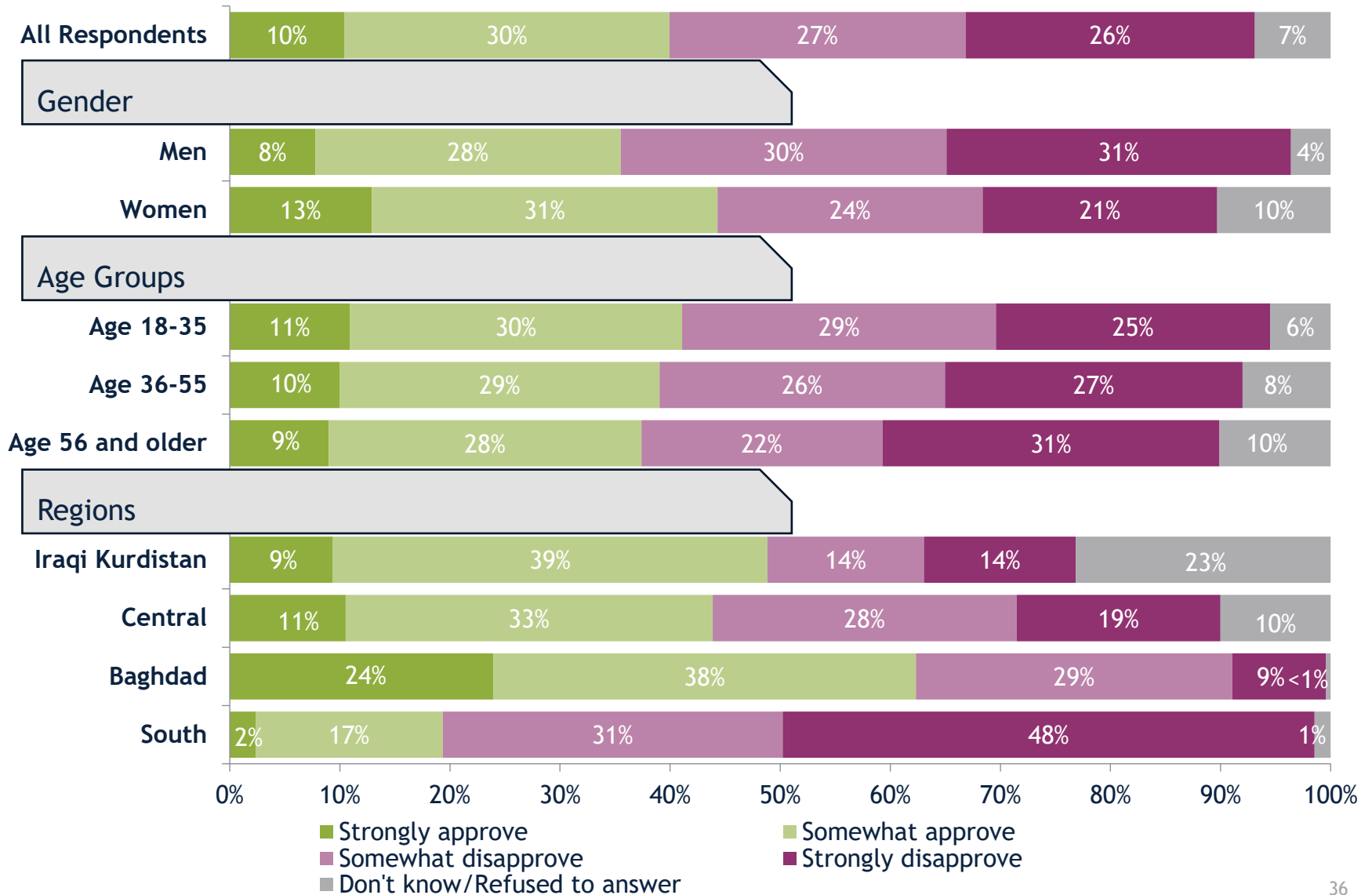
# Institutional and Governmental Ratings



# To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?



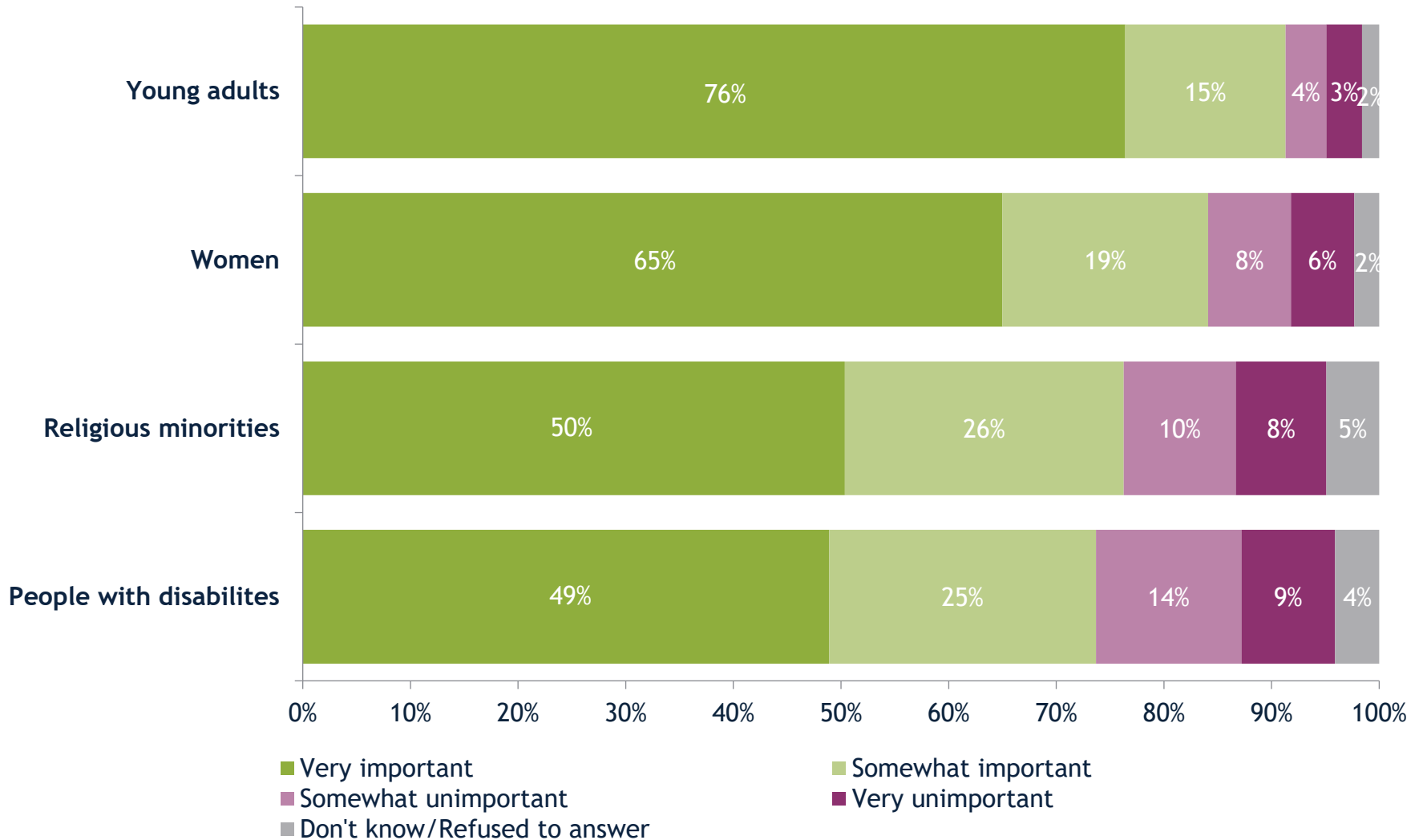
# Do you approve or disapprove of the Mustafa al Kadhimi government?



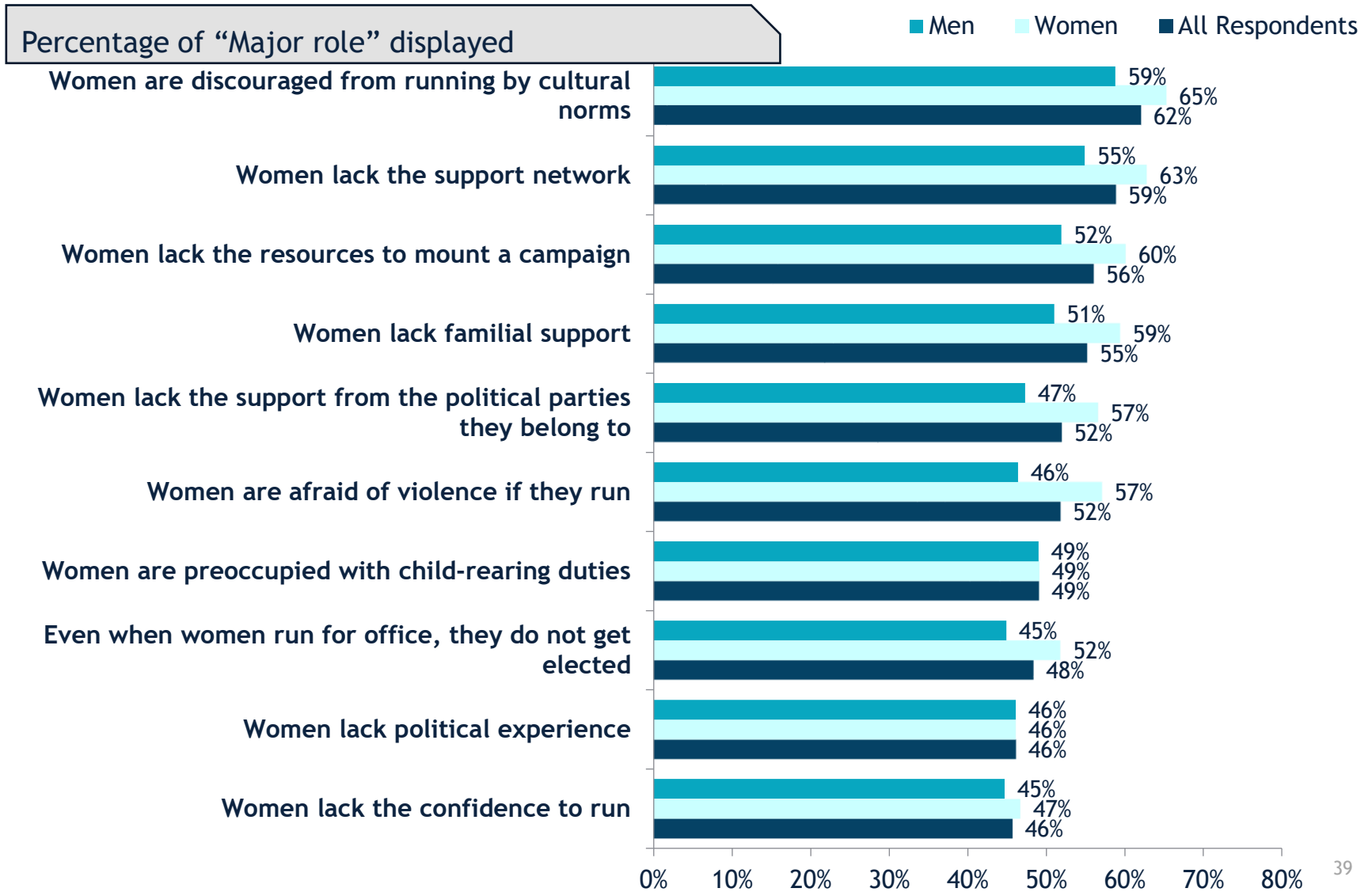
# Inclusion and Freedom of Speech



# How important or unimportant is it that the following members of our country's adult population are included in political decision making?

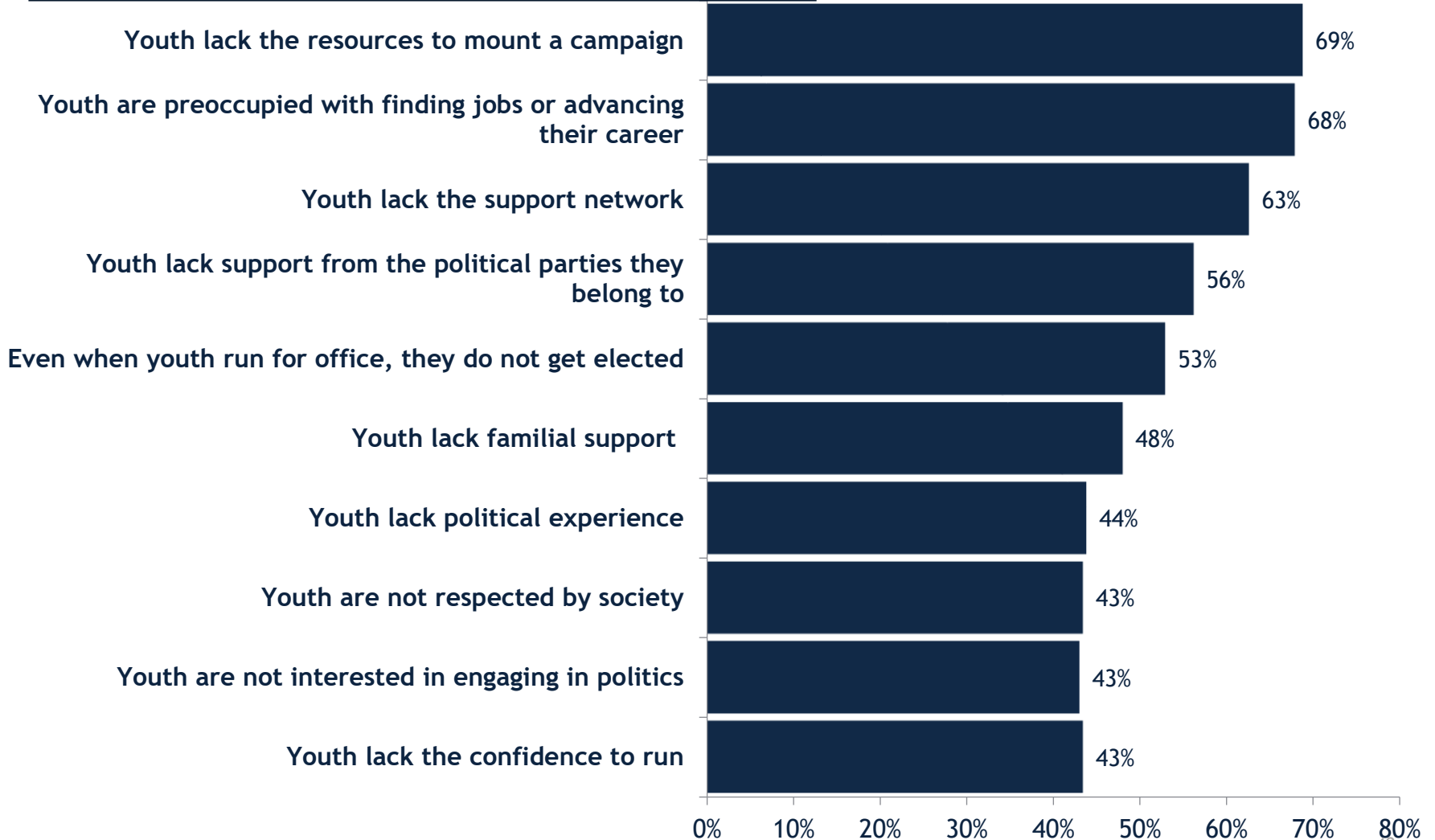


# Why are there not more women politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.



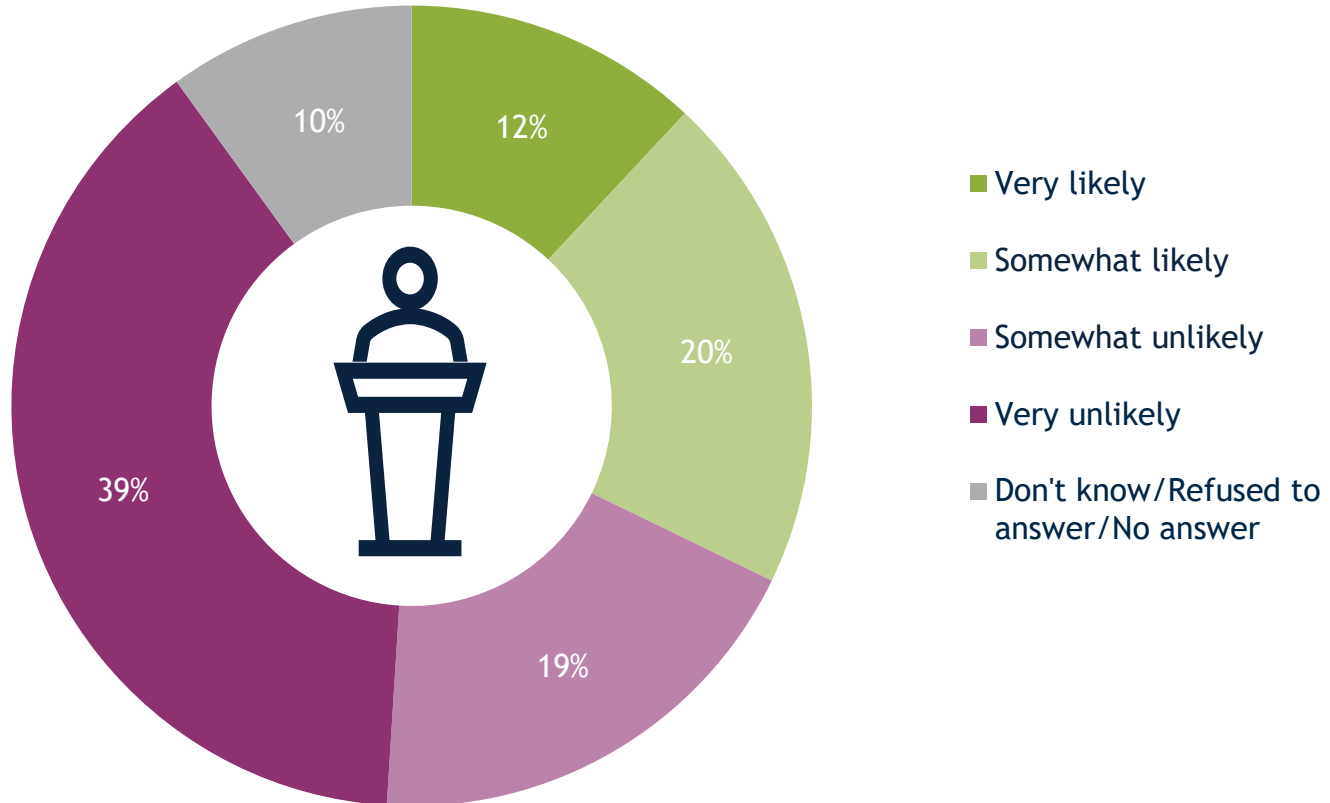
# Why are there not more youth aged 35 and younger politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.

Percentage of “Major role” displayed



# How likely, if at all, are you to run for political office by the age of 35?

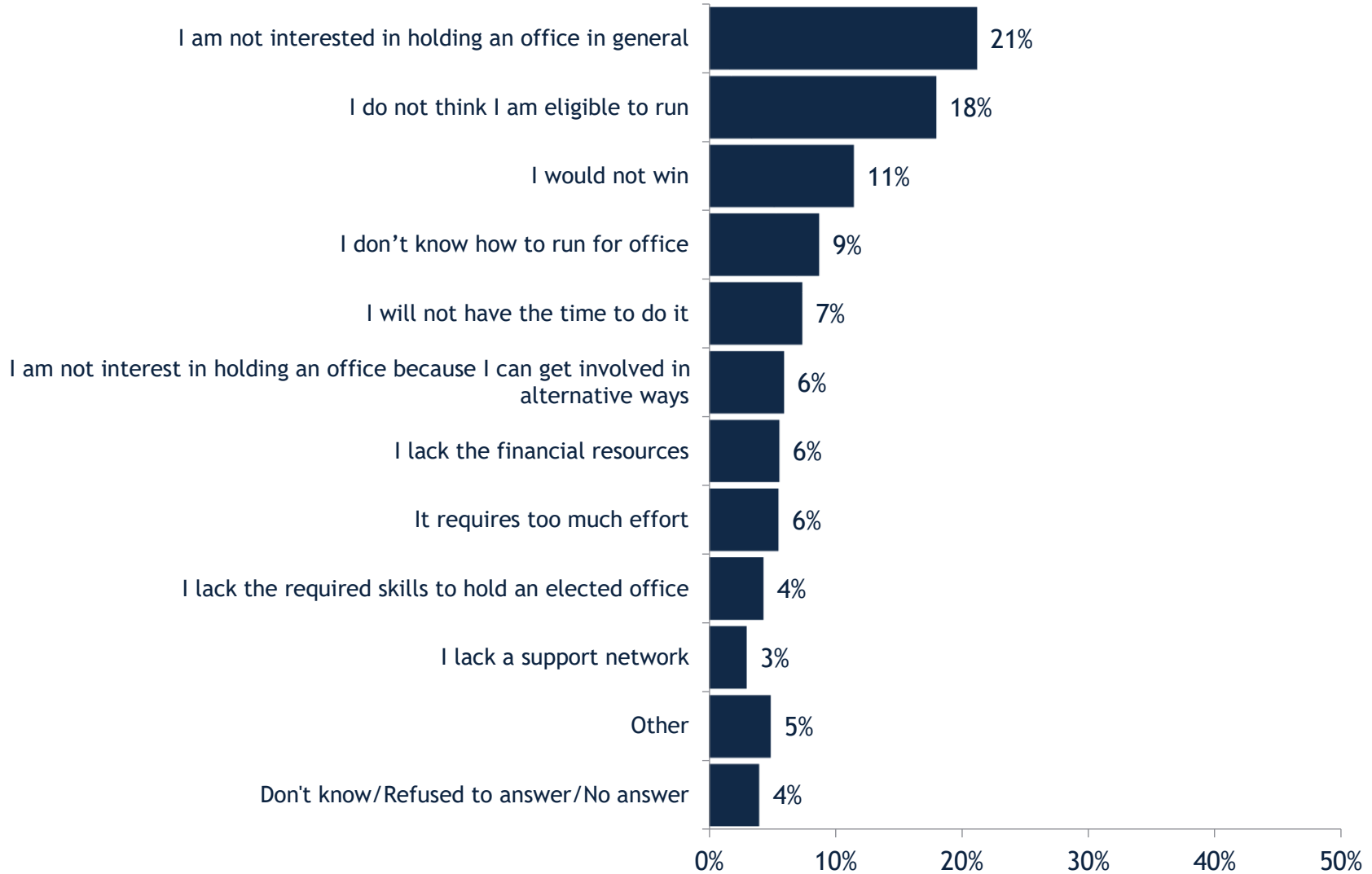
(Among respondents aged 35 or younger, n=2,386)





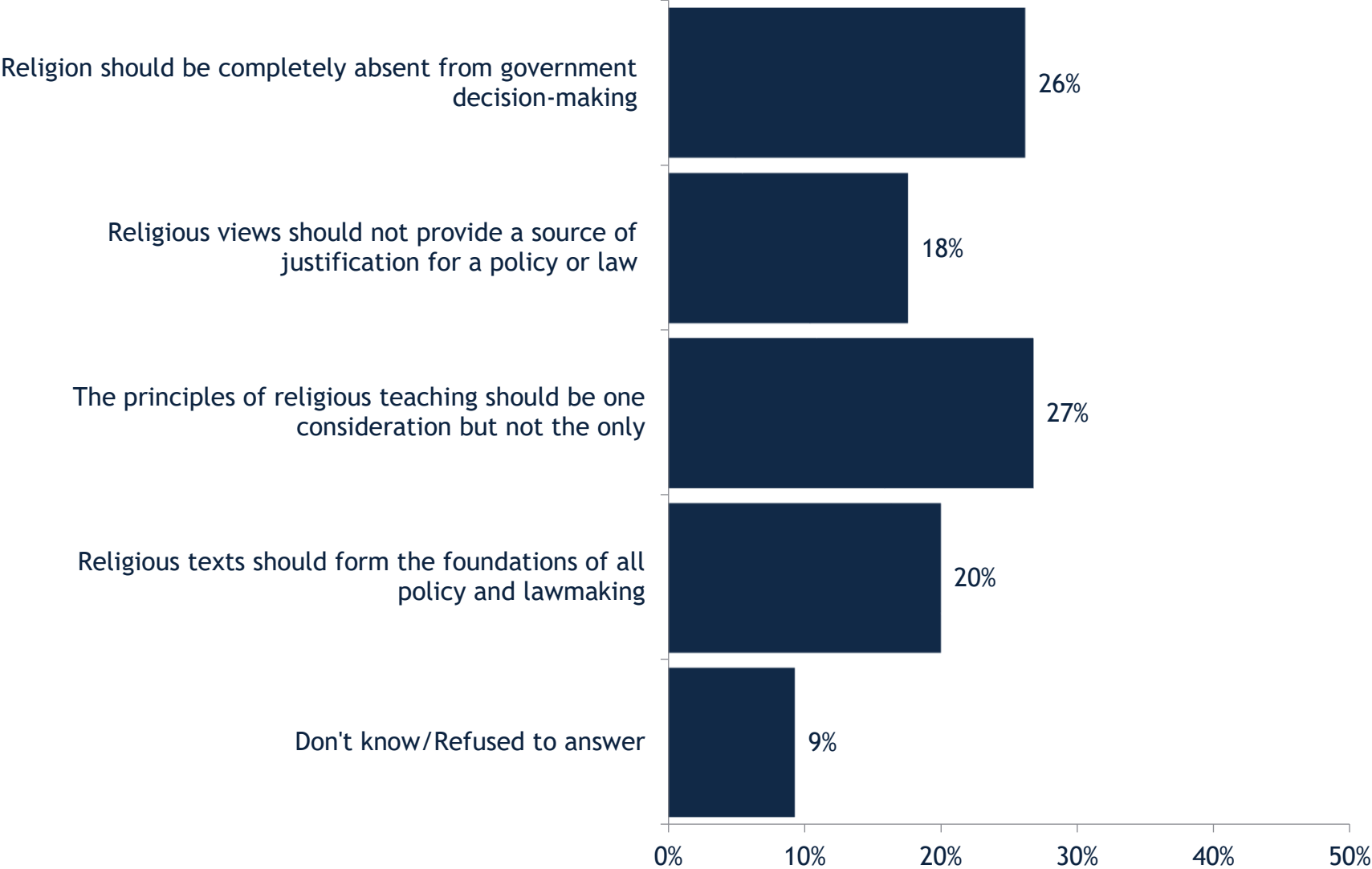
# Why are you not likely to run for political office by the age of 35?

(Spontaneous response; Among respondents aged 35 or younger who are not *likely* to run for office, n=1,404)

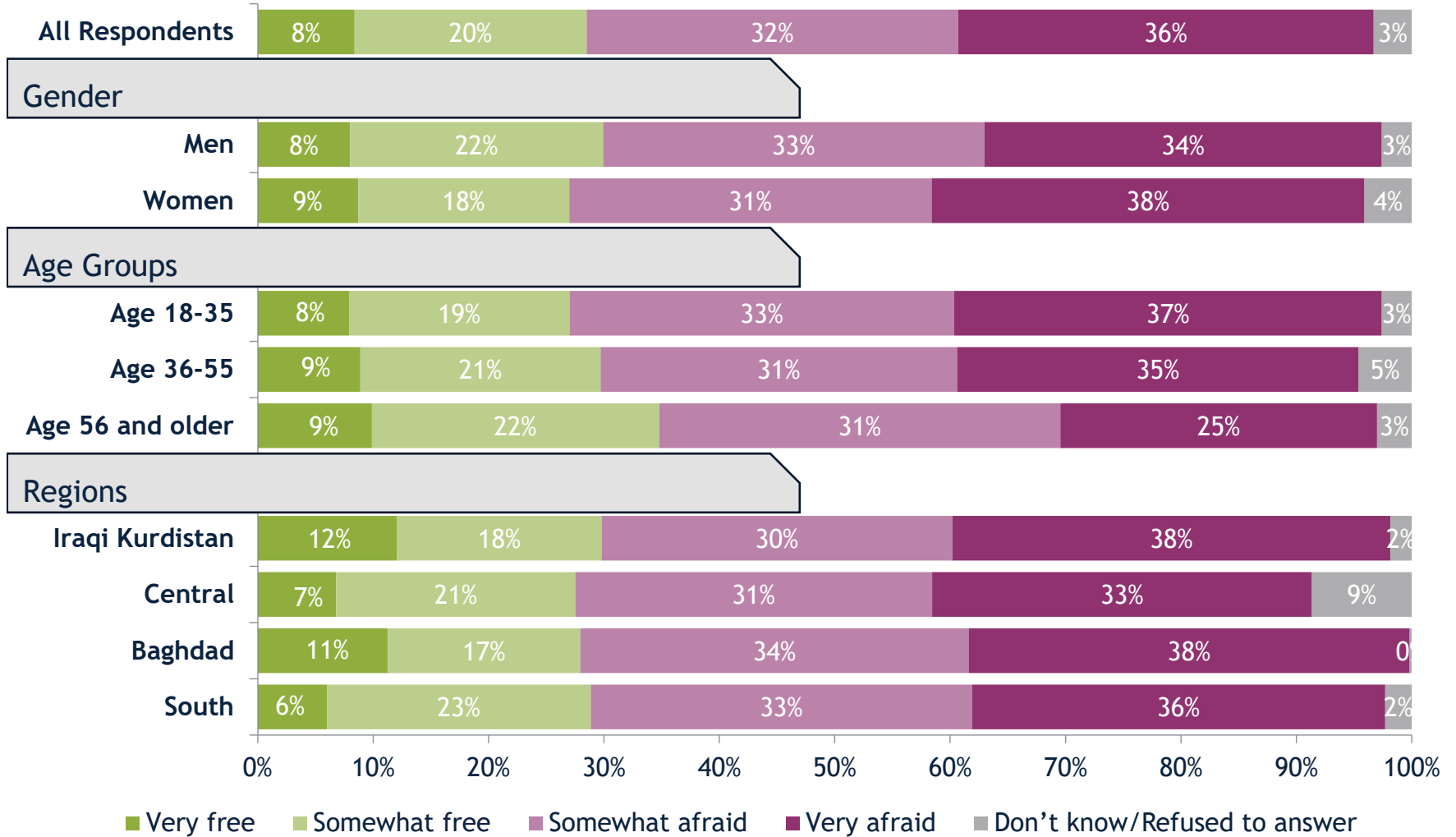




# Which of the following statements best matches your own opinion of the role that religion should play in government?



# Do people in our country feel free to express their opinions or are they afraid?



# International Relations

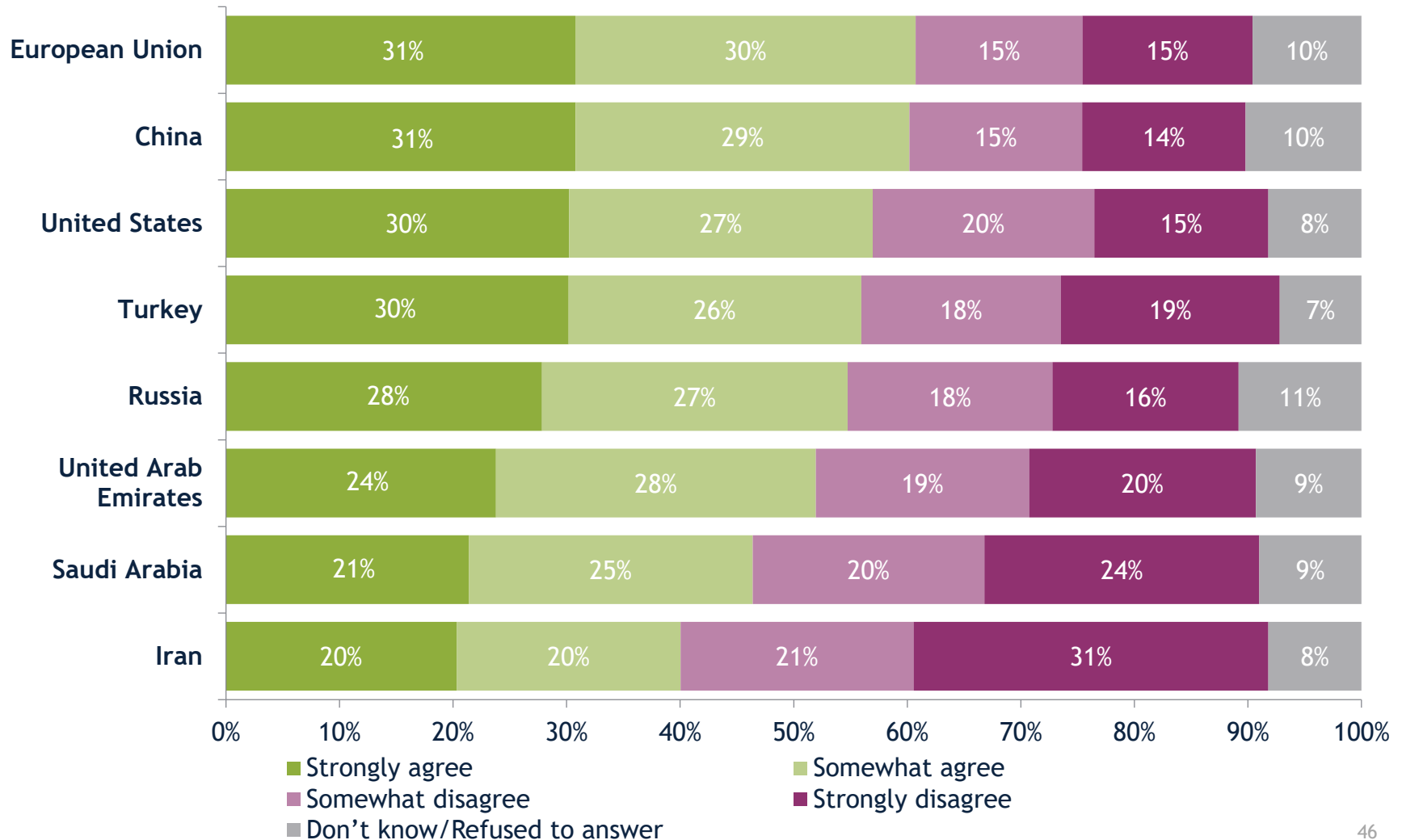


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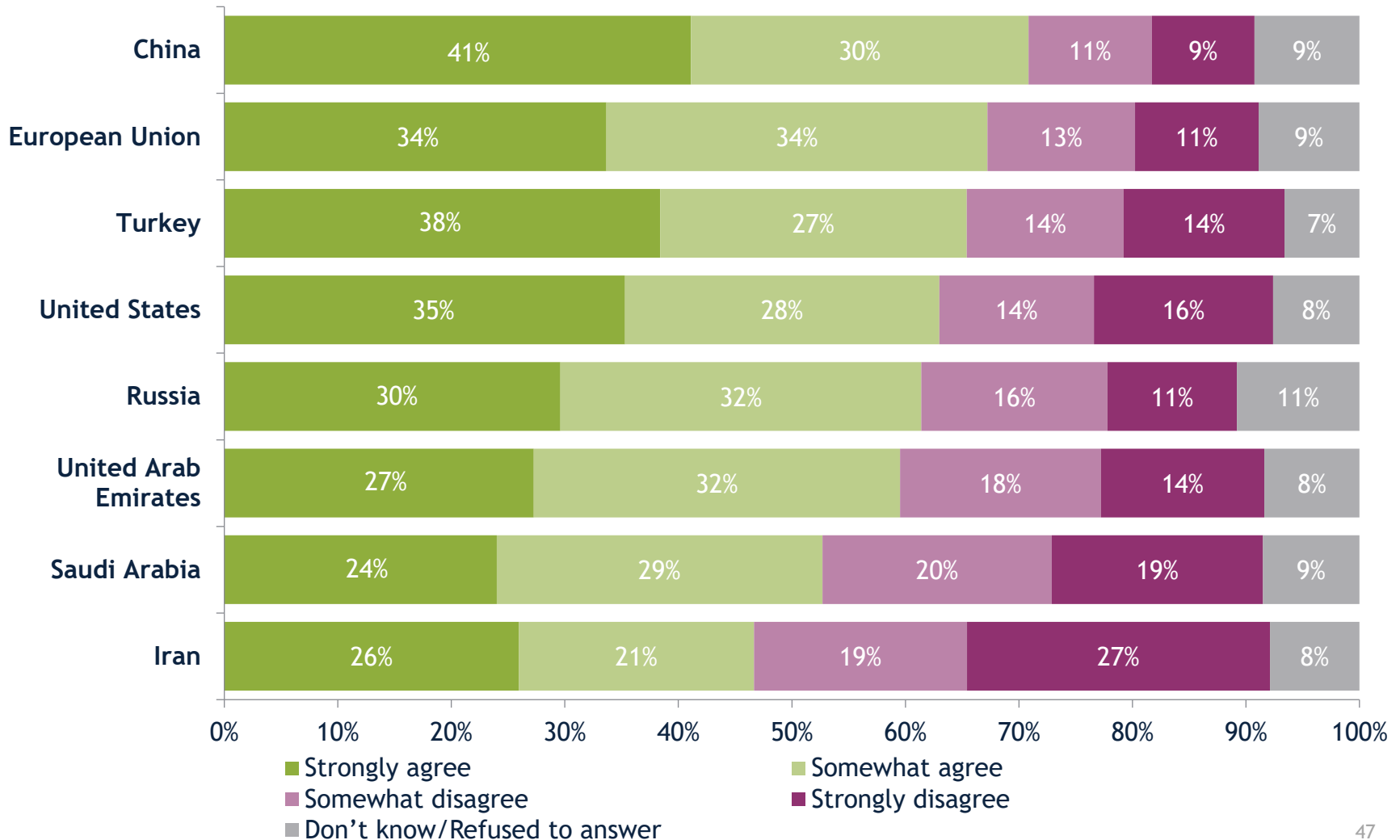
# How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

*Iraq's **political interests** are best served by maintaining strong relations with [...]?*



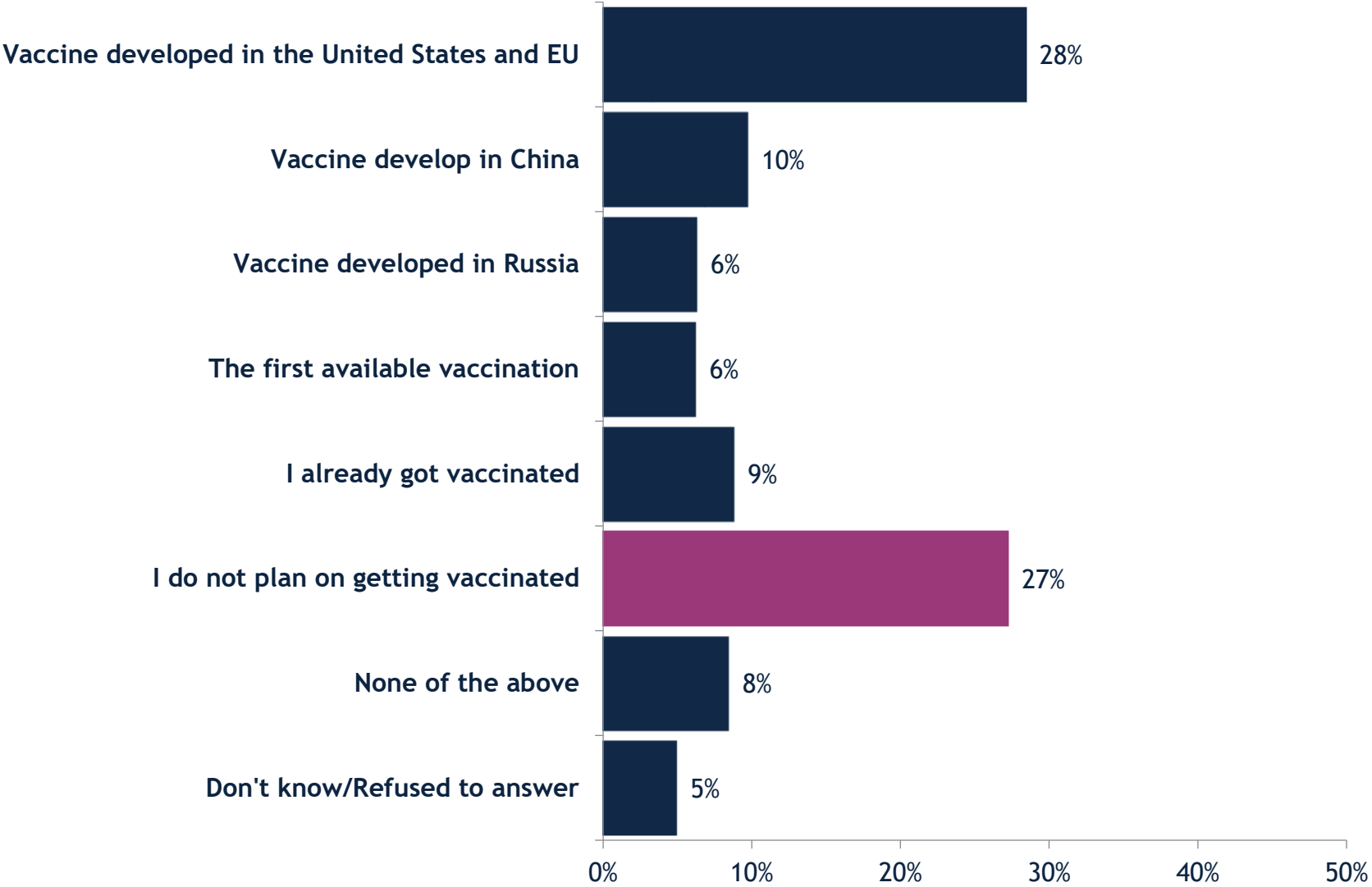
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# Which vaccine would you prefer to be vaccinated against the coronavirus?

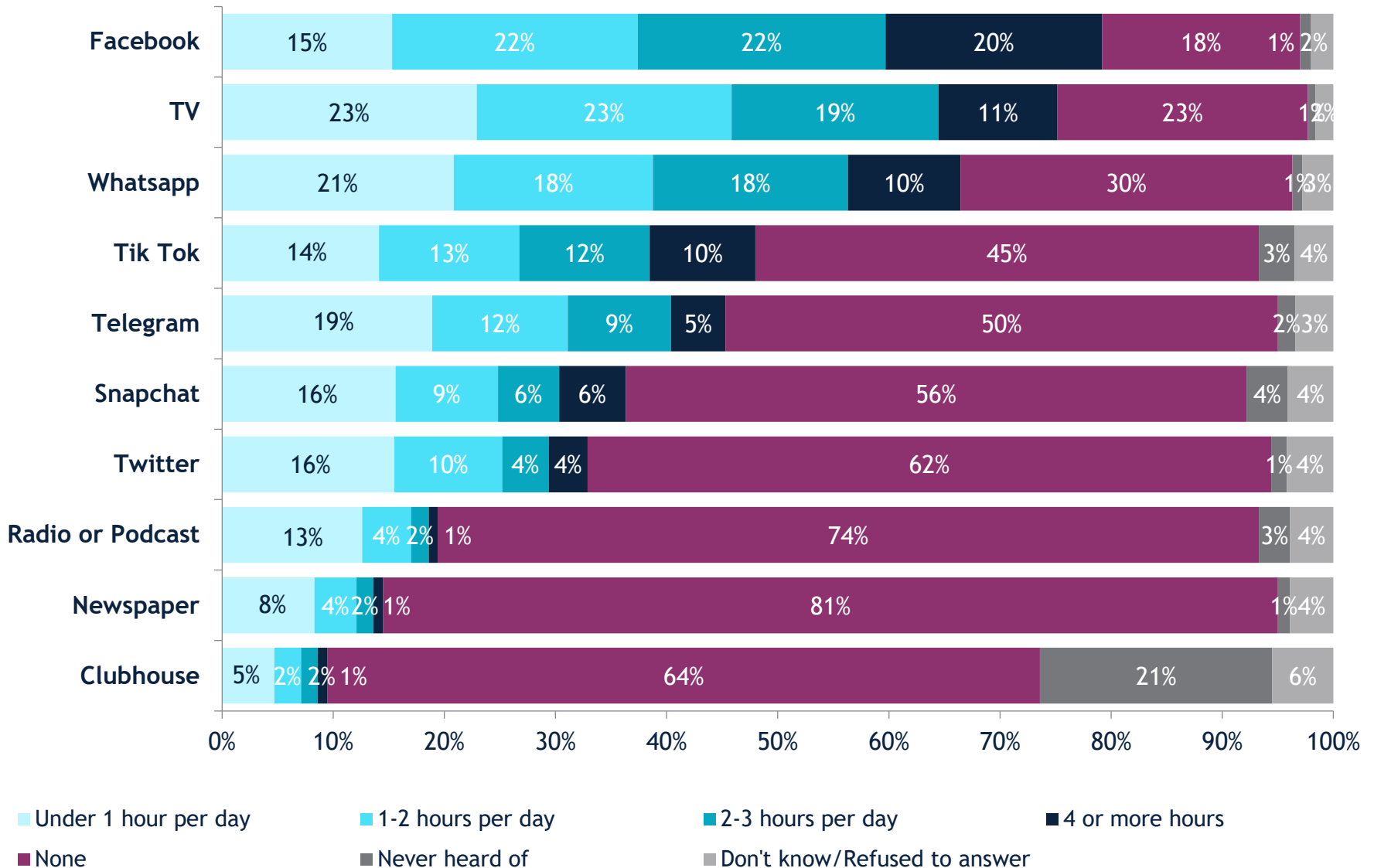


# Sources of Information and Perceptions of Disinformation

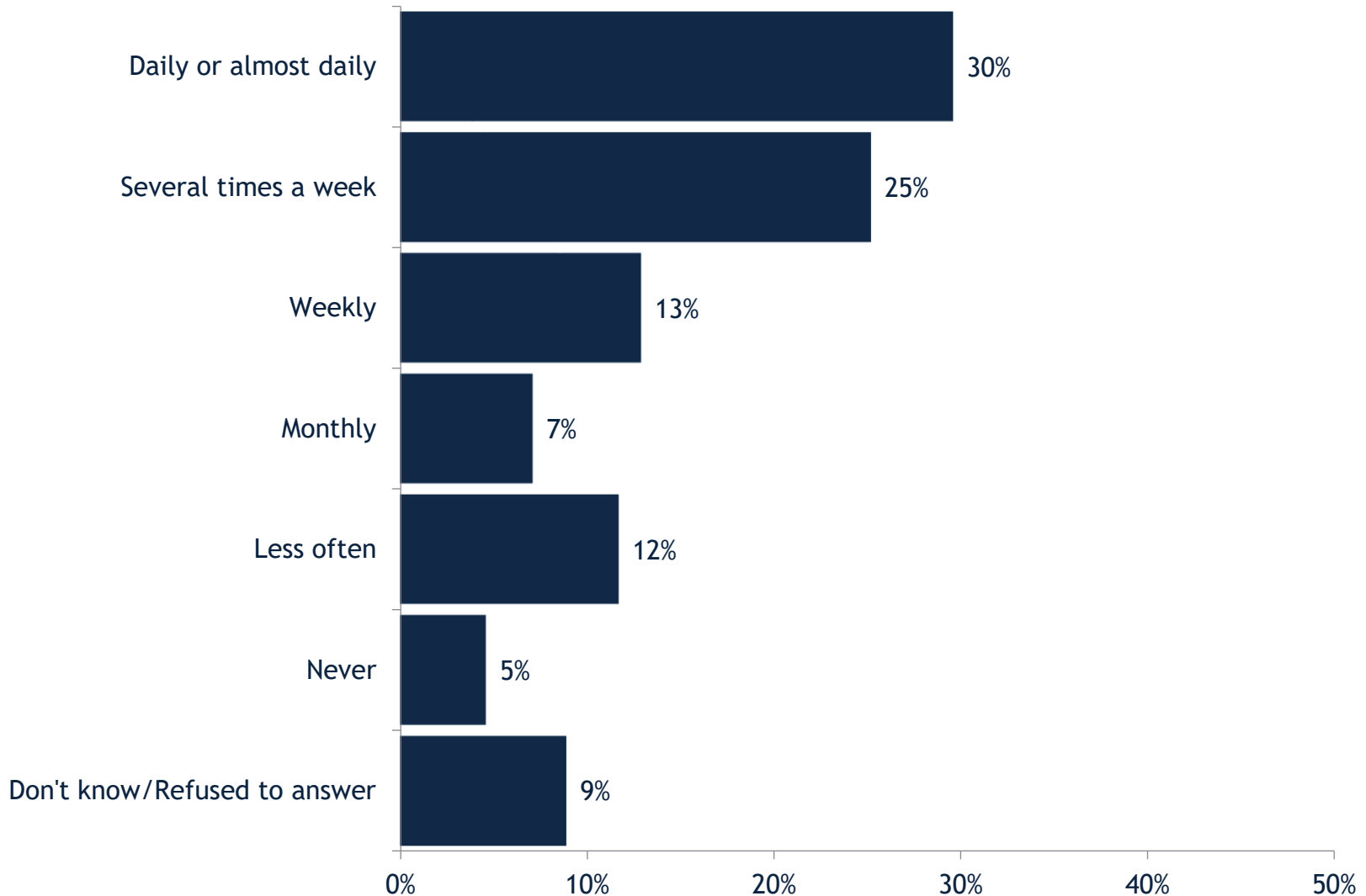




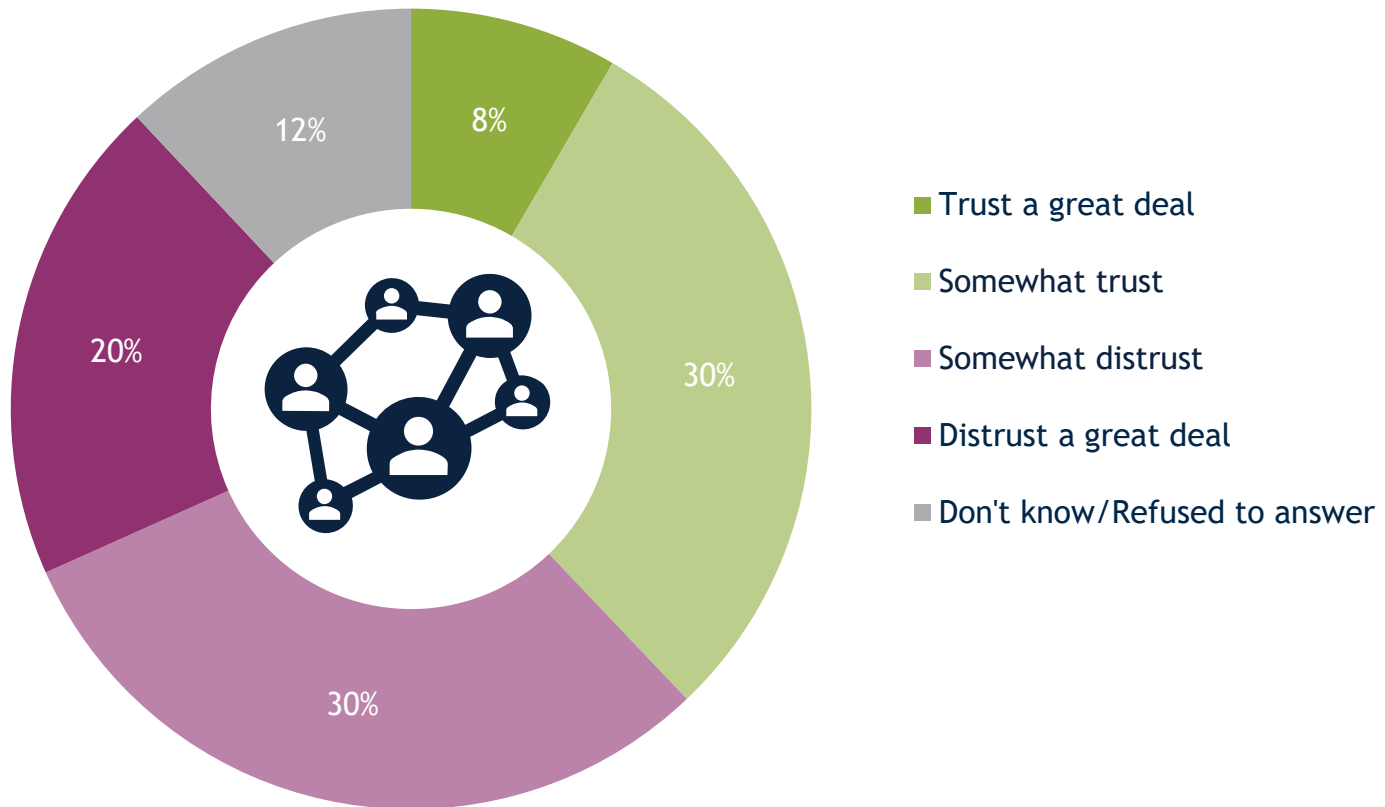
# In the past week, on average, how many hours did you spend per day using each media type?



# How frequently do you encounter information in the media, including social media, that you believe is misleading or false?



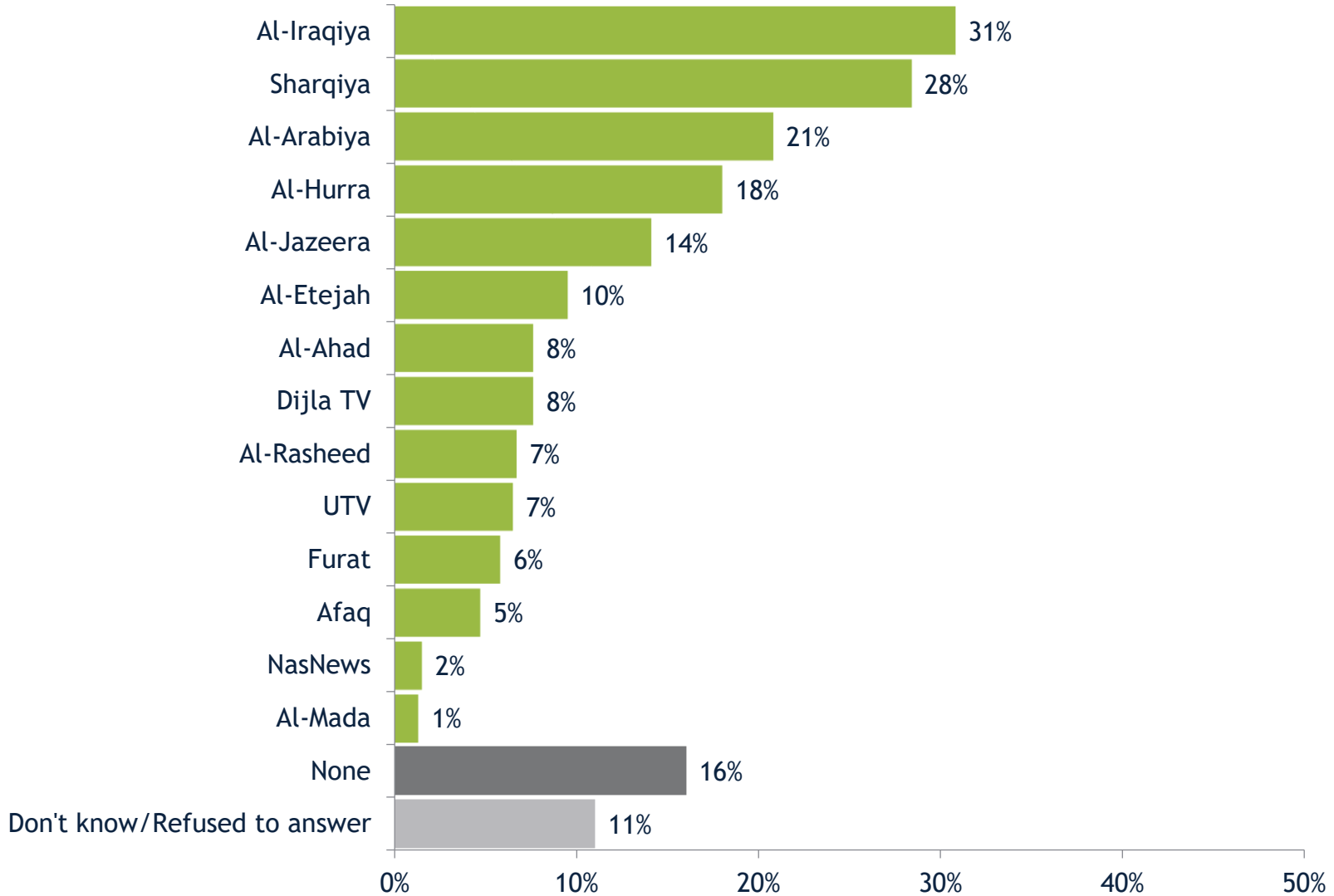
# How much trust do you have in social media companies like Facebook and Twitter to determine which posts on their platforms should be labeled as inaccurate or misleading?





# Of the following outlets, which do you trust to deliver accurate information about Iraq?

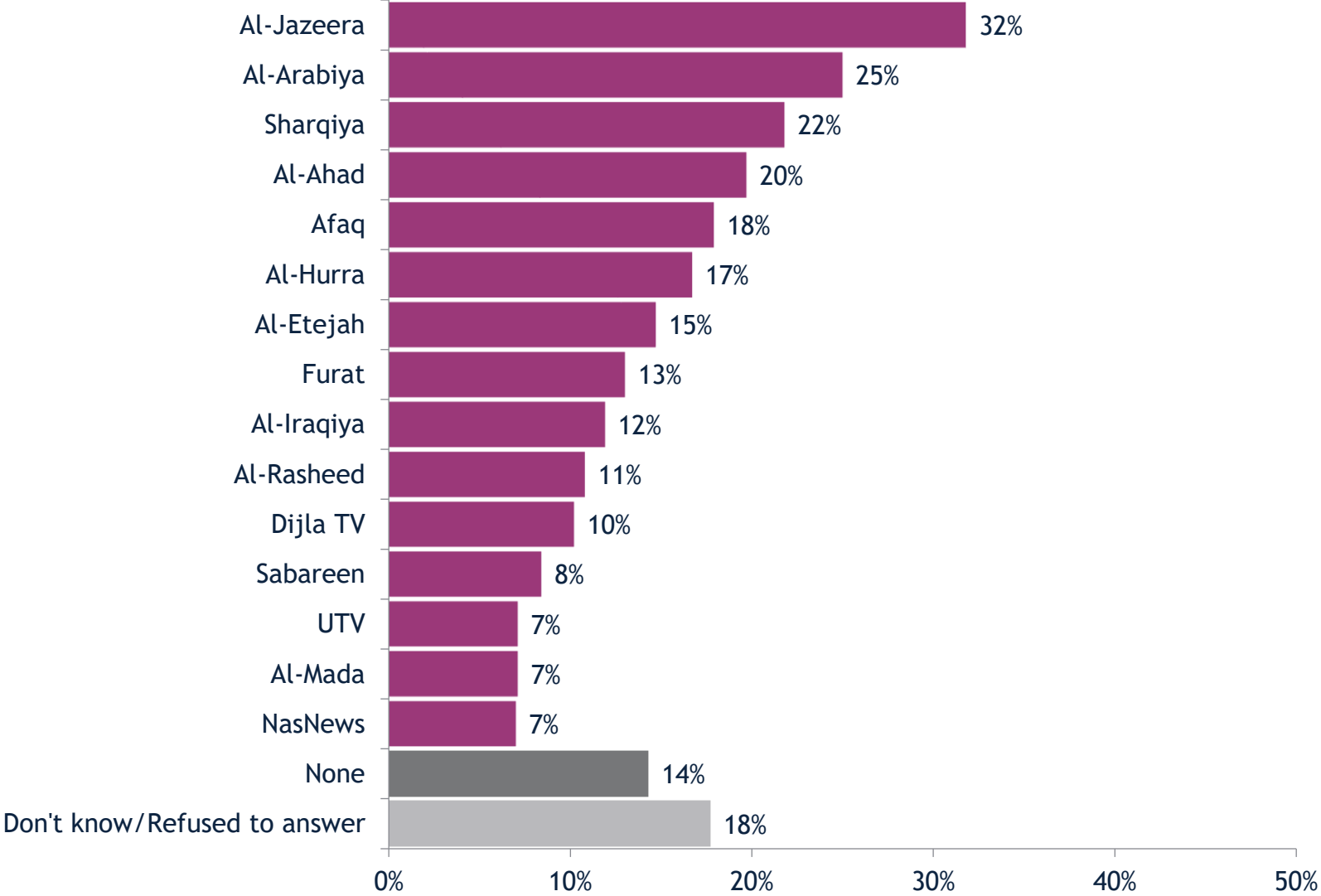
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# Which of the following outlets do you think distorts news or information in Iraq?

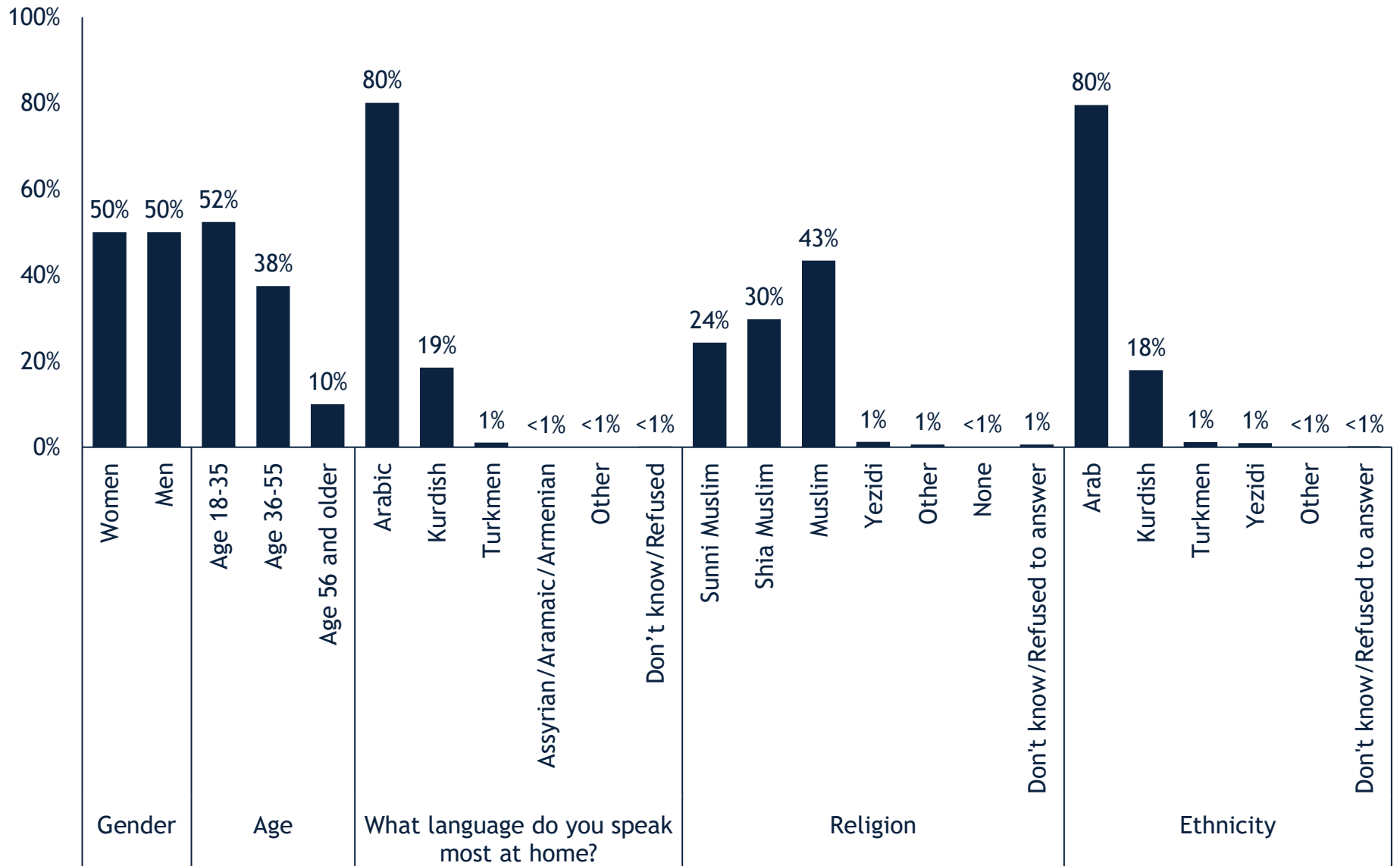
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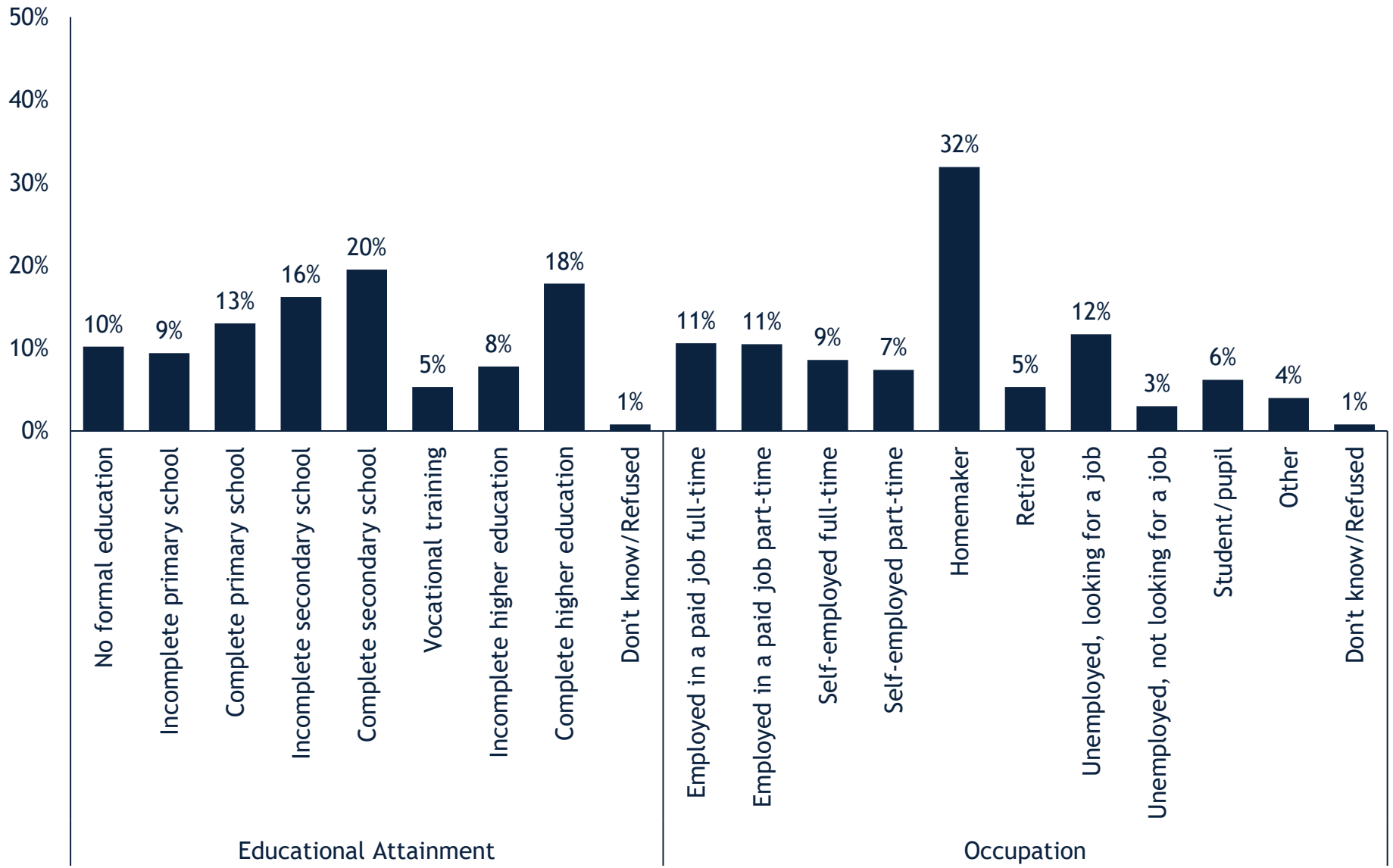


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