

# NATIONAL POLL OF GUYANA

January 04 - January 24, 2022



A PROJECT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE

## Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by CID Gallup.
- Data was collected between January 04, 2022 and January 24, 2022 through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of n=1,500 Guyanese adults aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample based on the 2012 national census. The sample was stratified by region and by settlements, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum.
- The achieved sample was weighted for ethnicity, gender, age, and region according to figures from the 2012 census.
- The response rate was 20 percent.
- The margin of error for the mid-range full sample does not exceed  $\pm 2.5$  points.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the National Endowment for Democracy.

## Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Brackets	18-35	n = 716
	36-55	n = 504
	56+	n = 280
Gender	Male	n = 748
	Female	n = 752
Urbanicity	Urban	n = 725
	Rural	n = 775
Region*	Capital	n = 627
	Coastal	n = 766
	Non-coastal**	n = 107
Ethnicity	African	n = 462
	East Indian	n = 603
	Indigenous	n = 118
	Mixed	n = 307

*Margin of error will vary with sample size n.*

*\*Regions were classified as follows:*

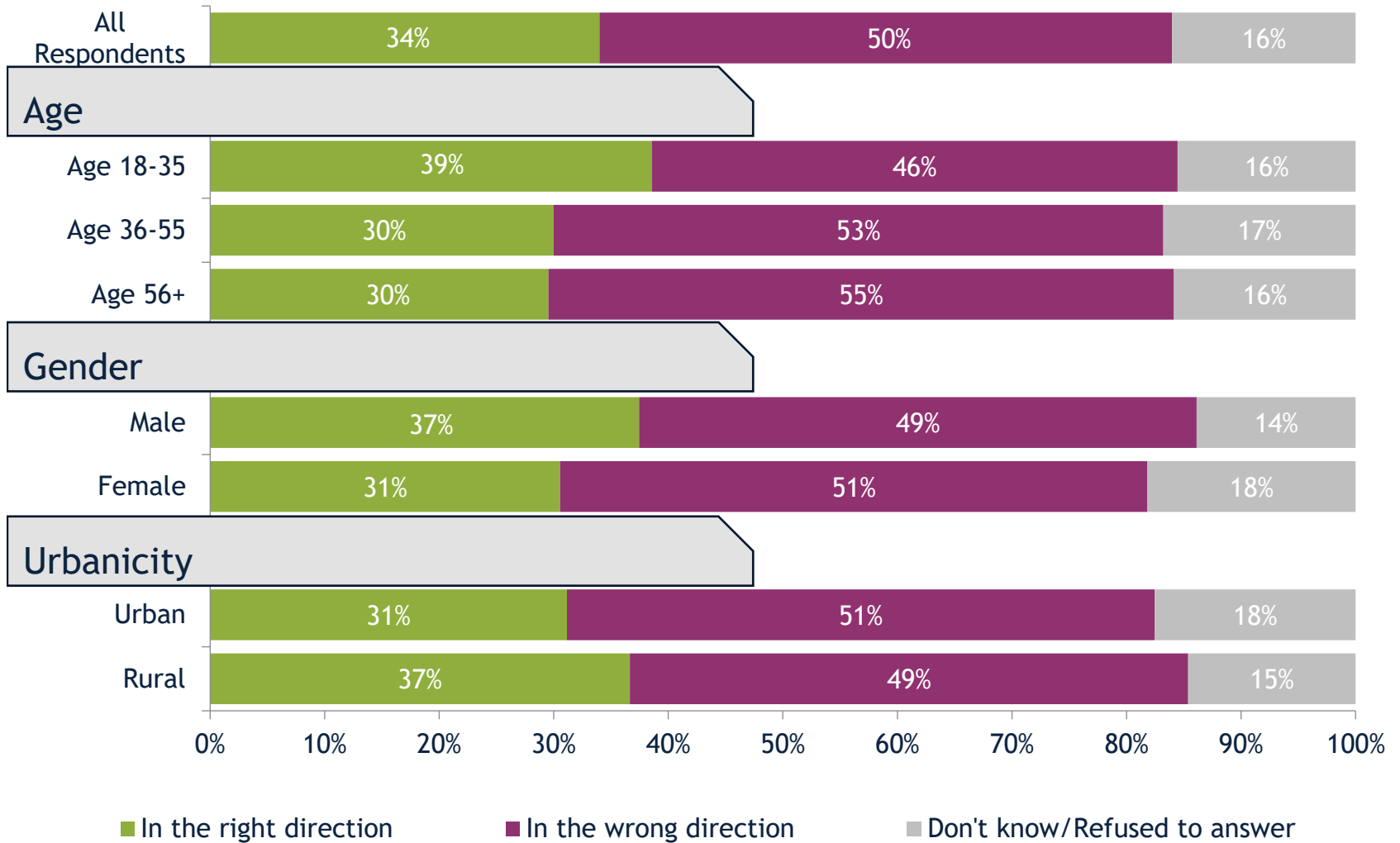
- Capital: Demerara-Mahaica*
- Coastal: Barima-Waini, Pomeroon-Supenaam, Essequibo Islands-West Demerara, Mahaica-Berbice, East Berbice-Corentyne and Upper Demerara-Berbice*
- Non-coastal: Cuyuni-Mazaruni, Potaro-Siparuni and Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo*

*\*\* Datapoints should be interpreted with caution due to small n.*

# General Outlook



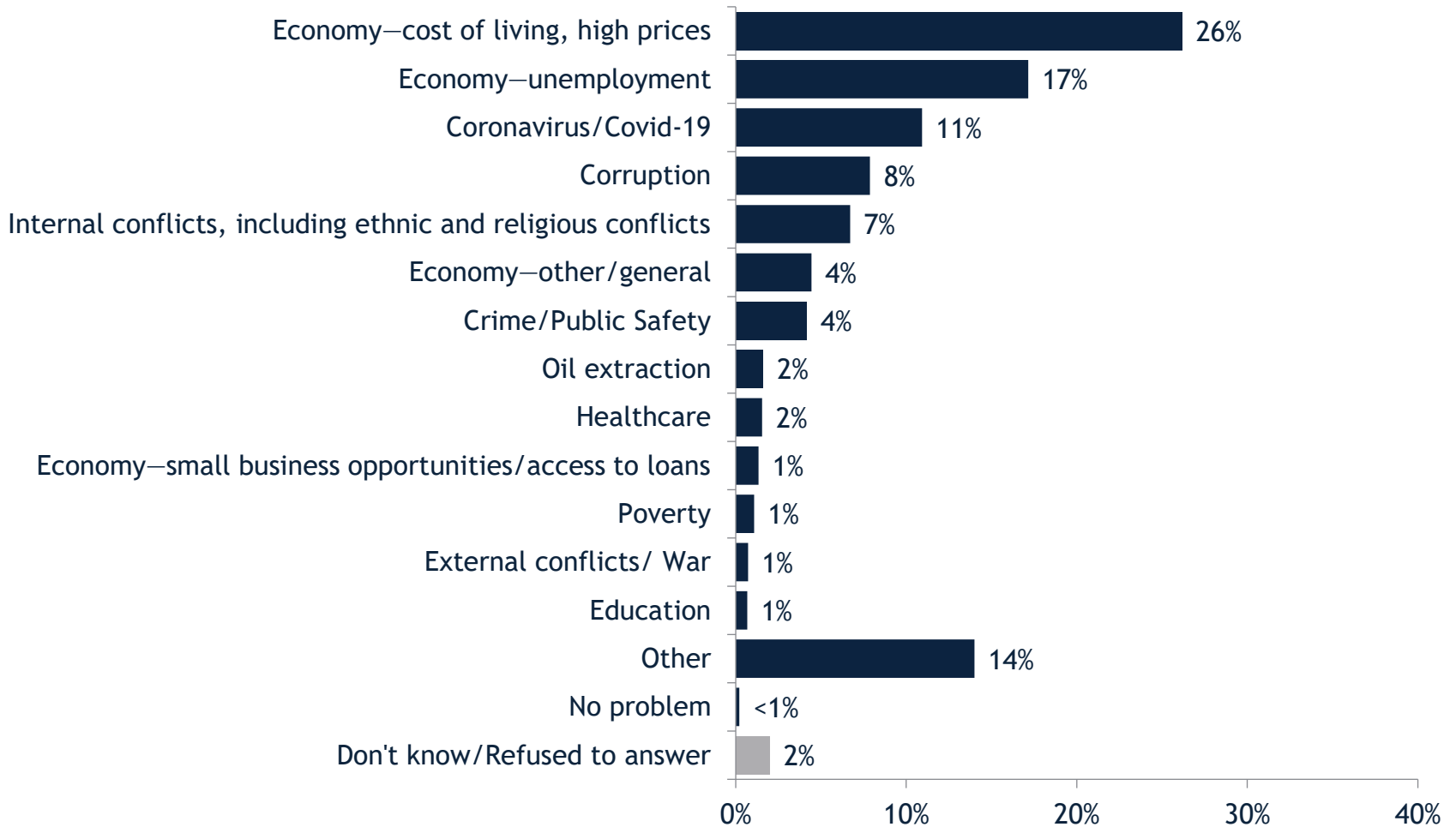
# In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?





# What is the most important problem facing our country today?

(Spontaneous response)

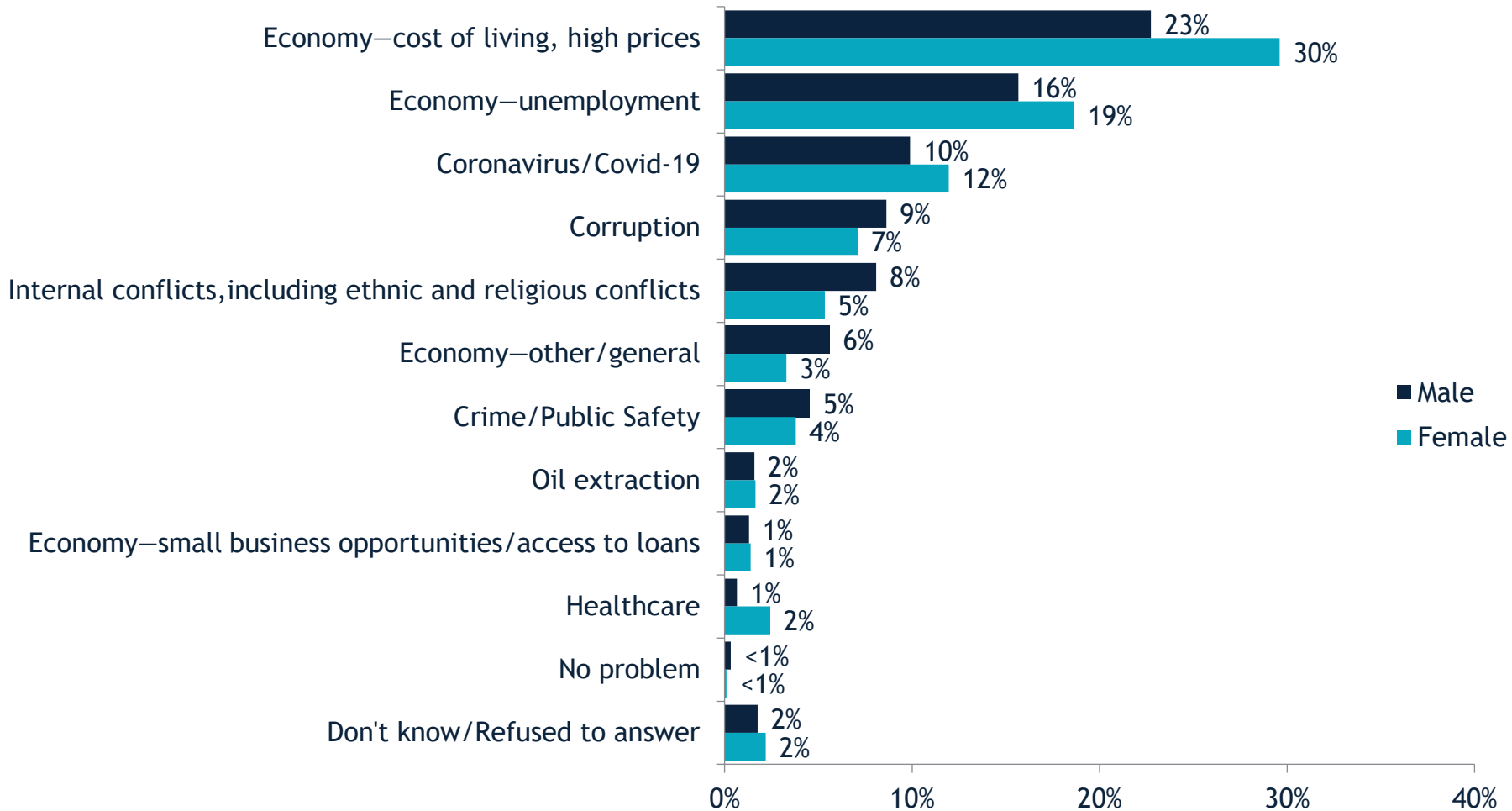


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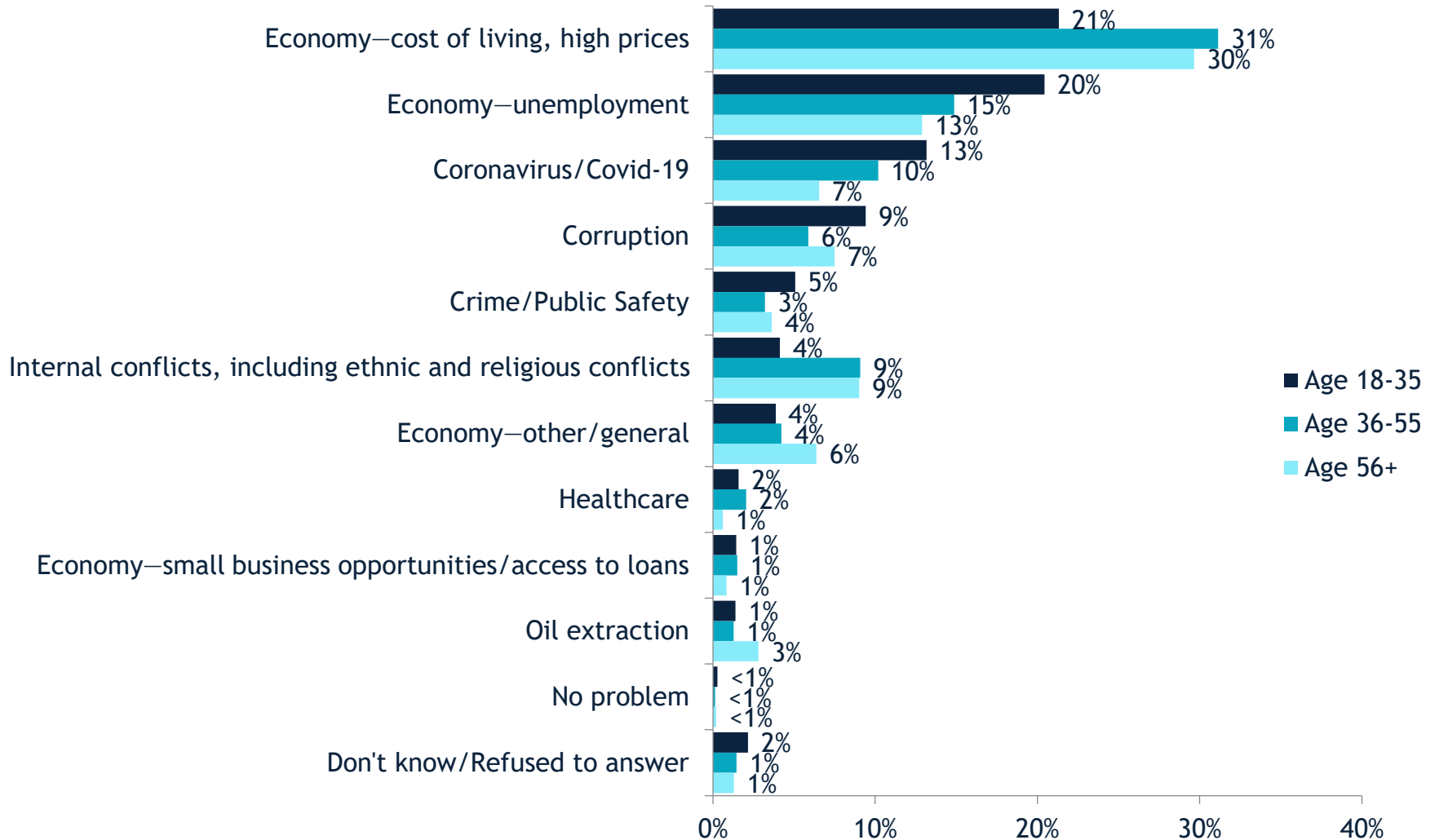
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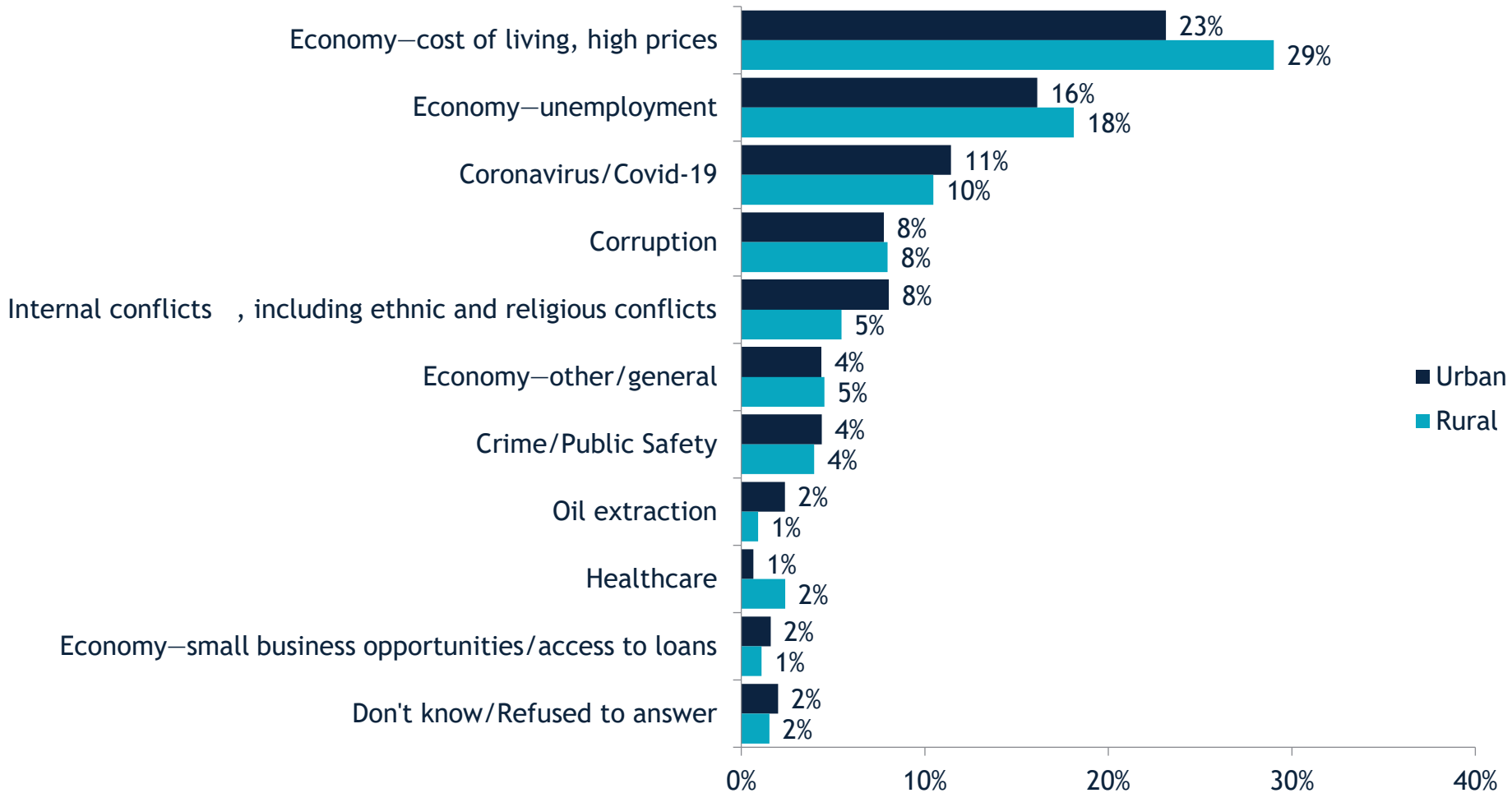




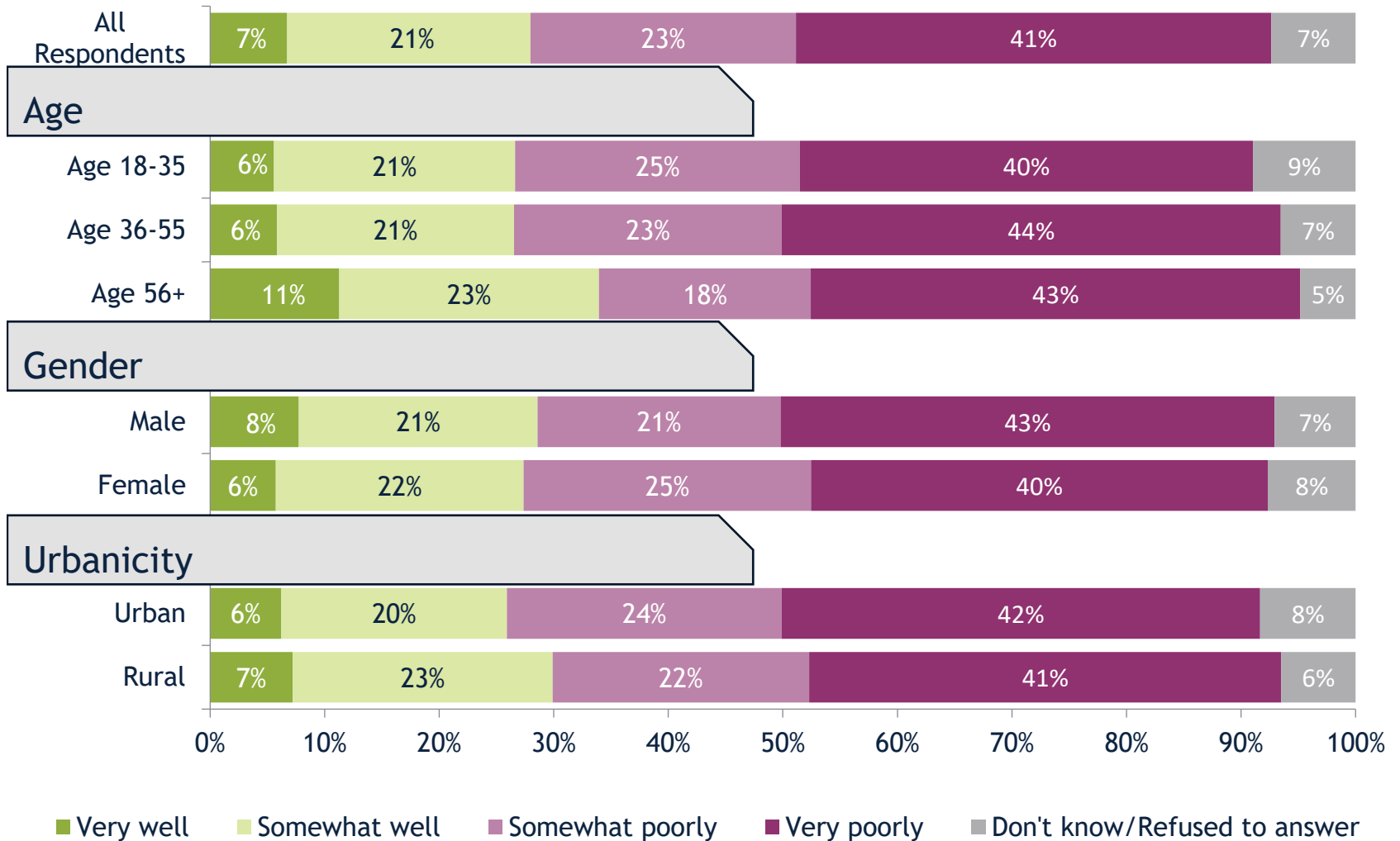


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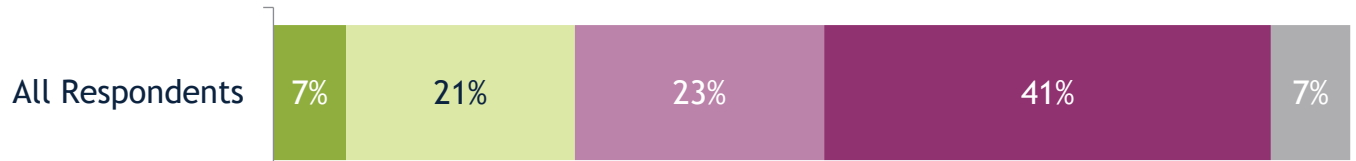


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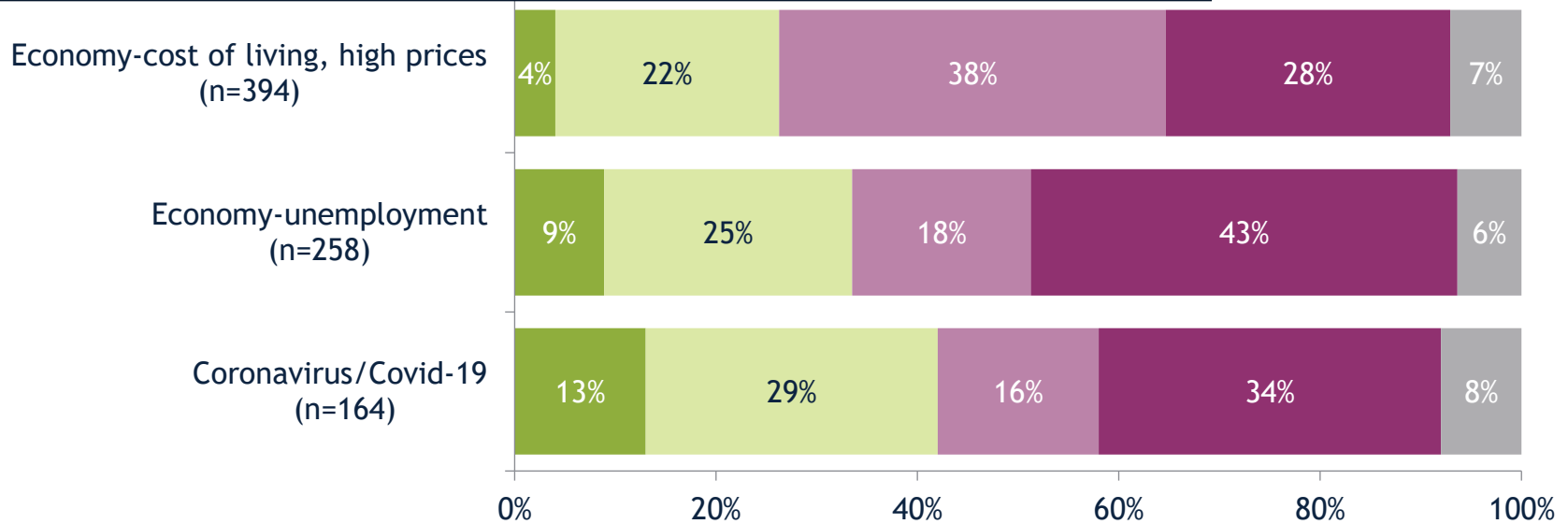


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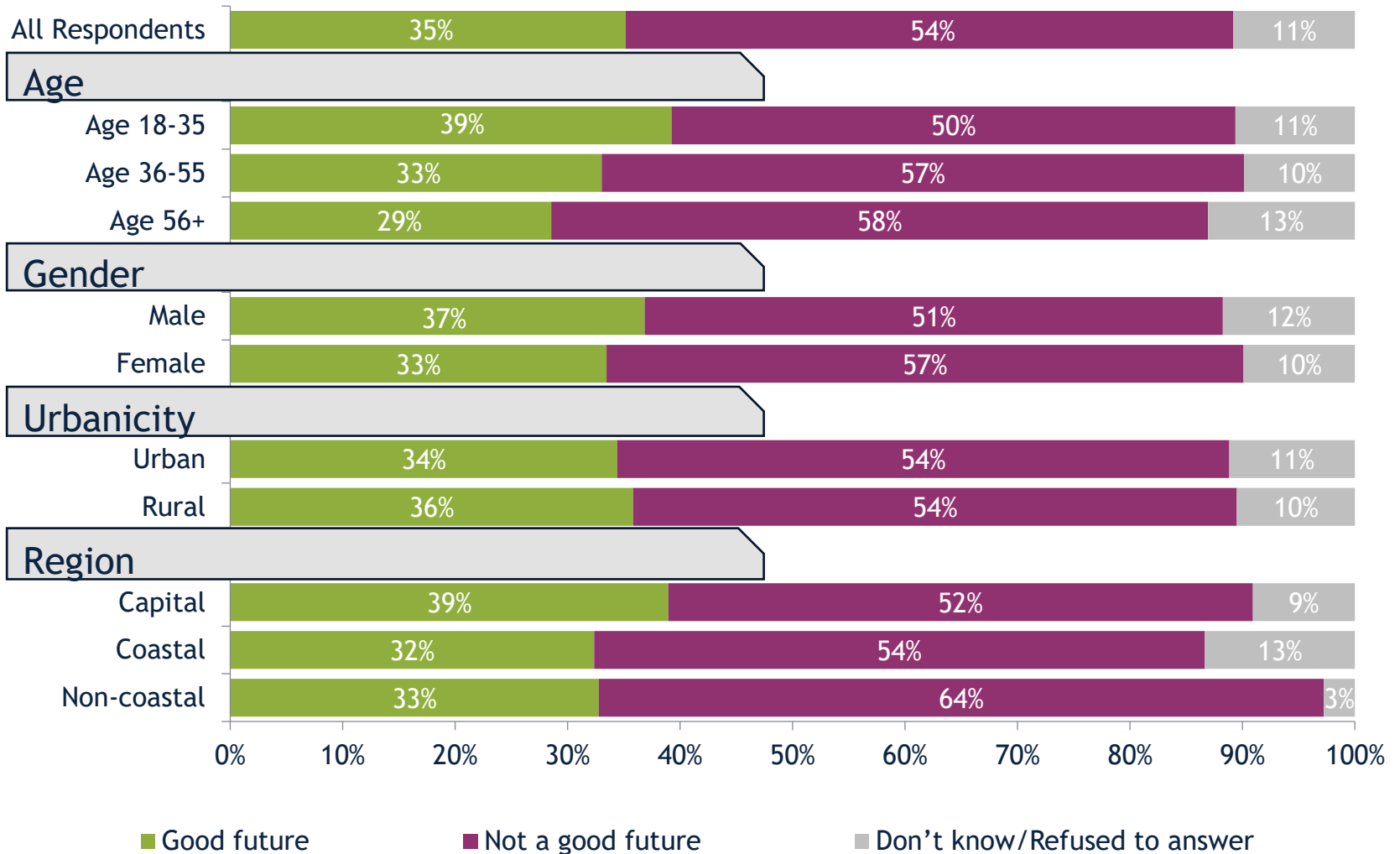


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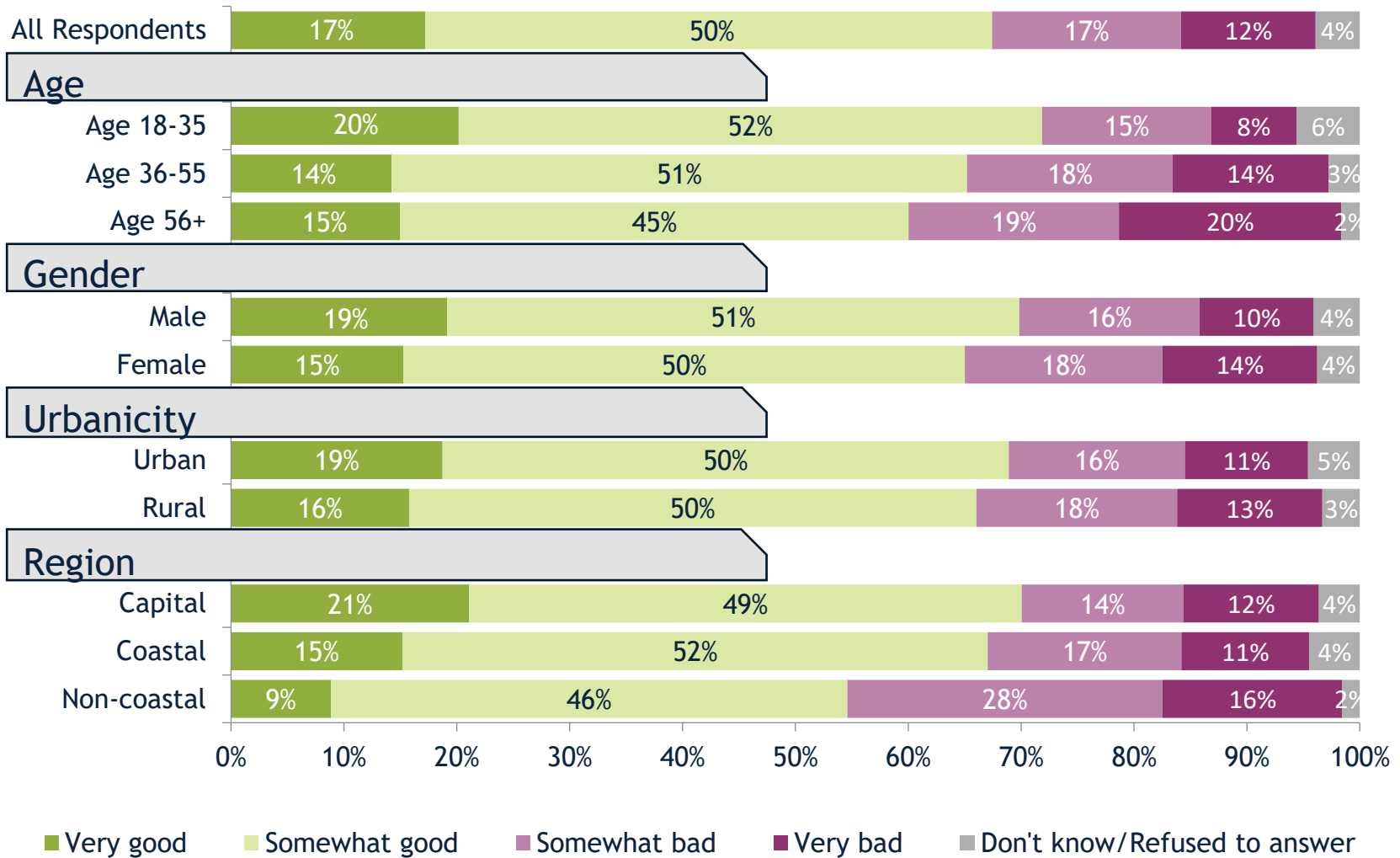


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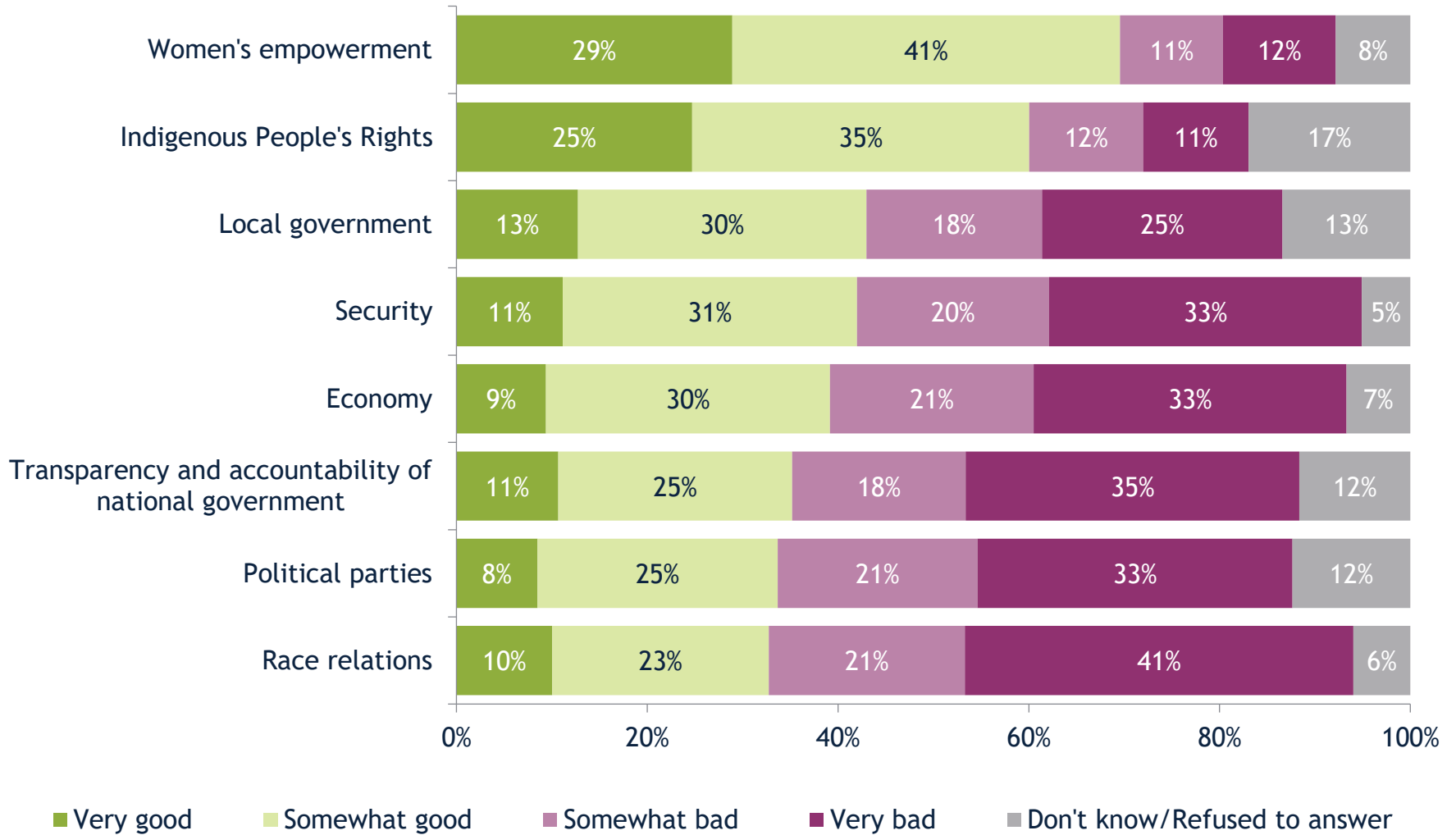
# Do you think that today's generation of young people has a good future in our country or not?



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



# How would you describe the current status of each of the following issues in our country?

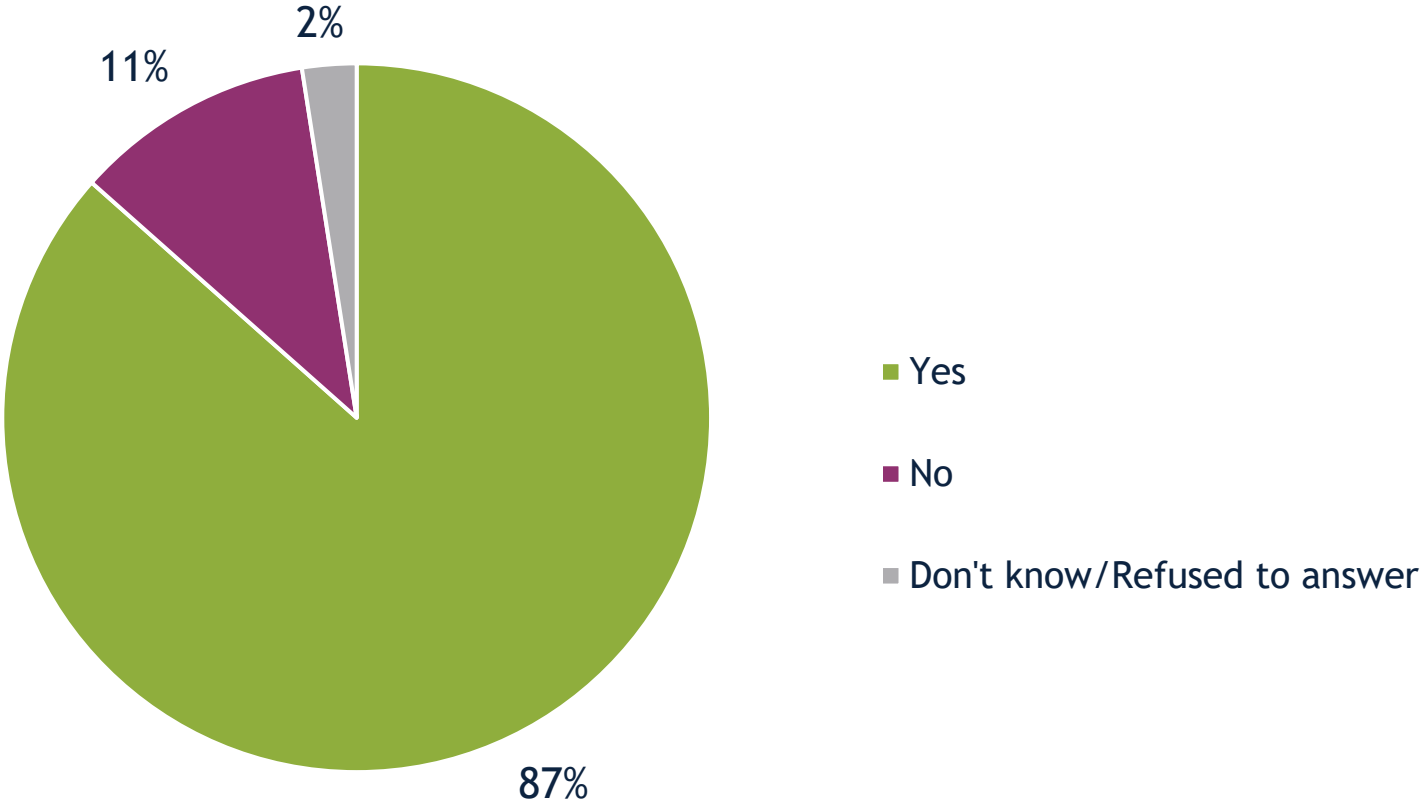


# Elections





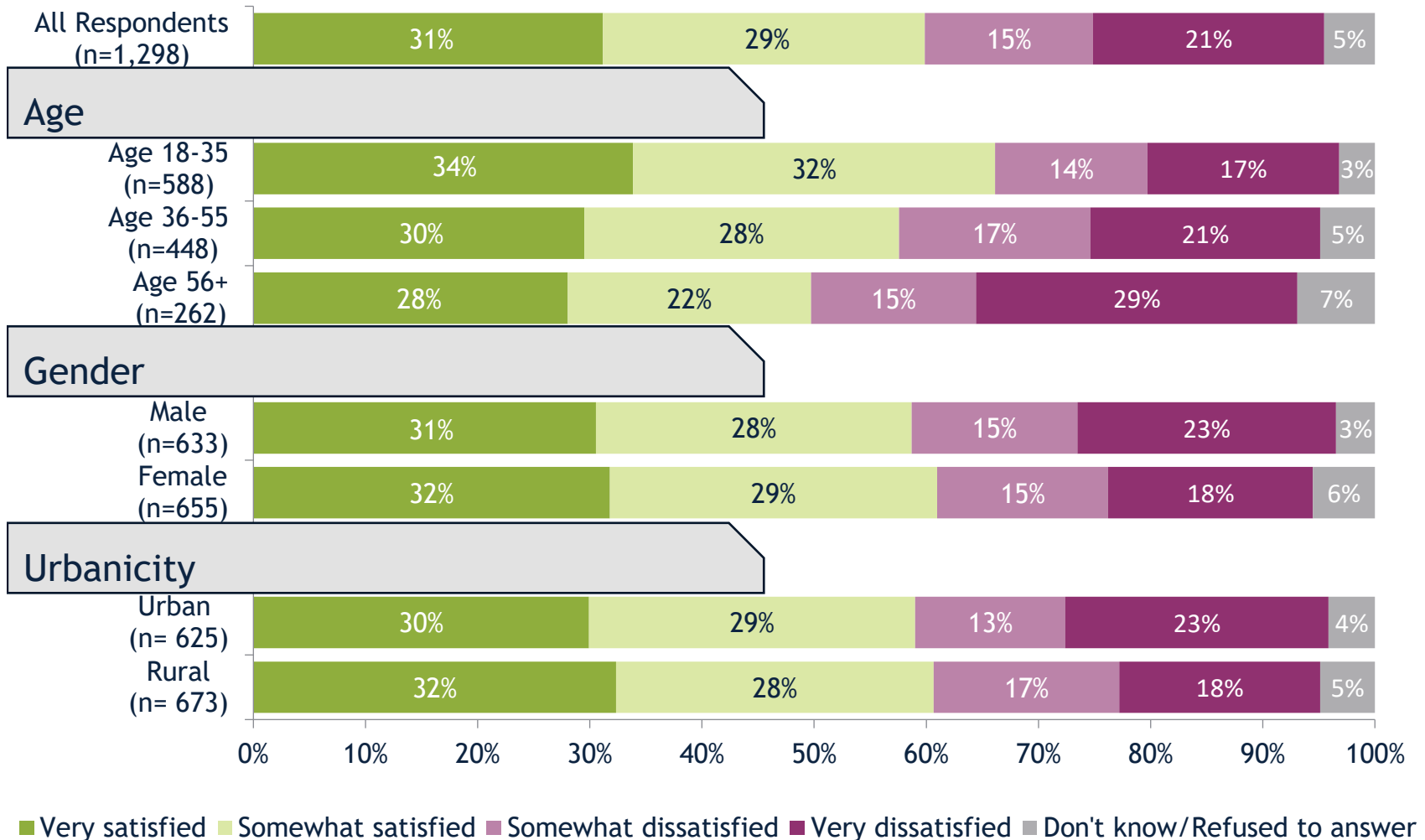
# Are you registered to vote in the elections?



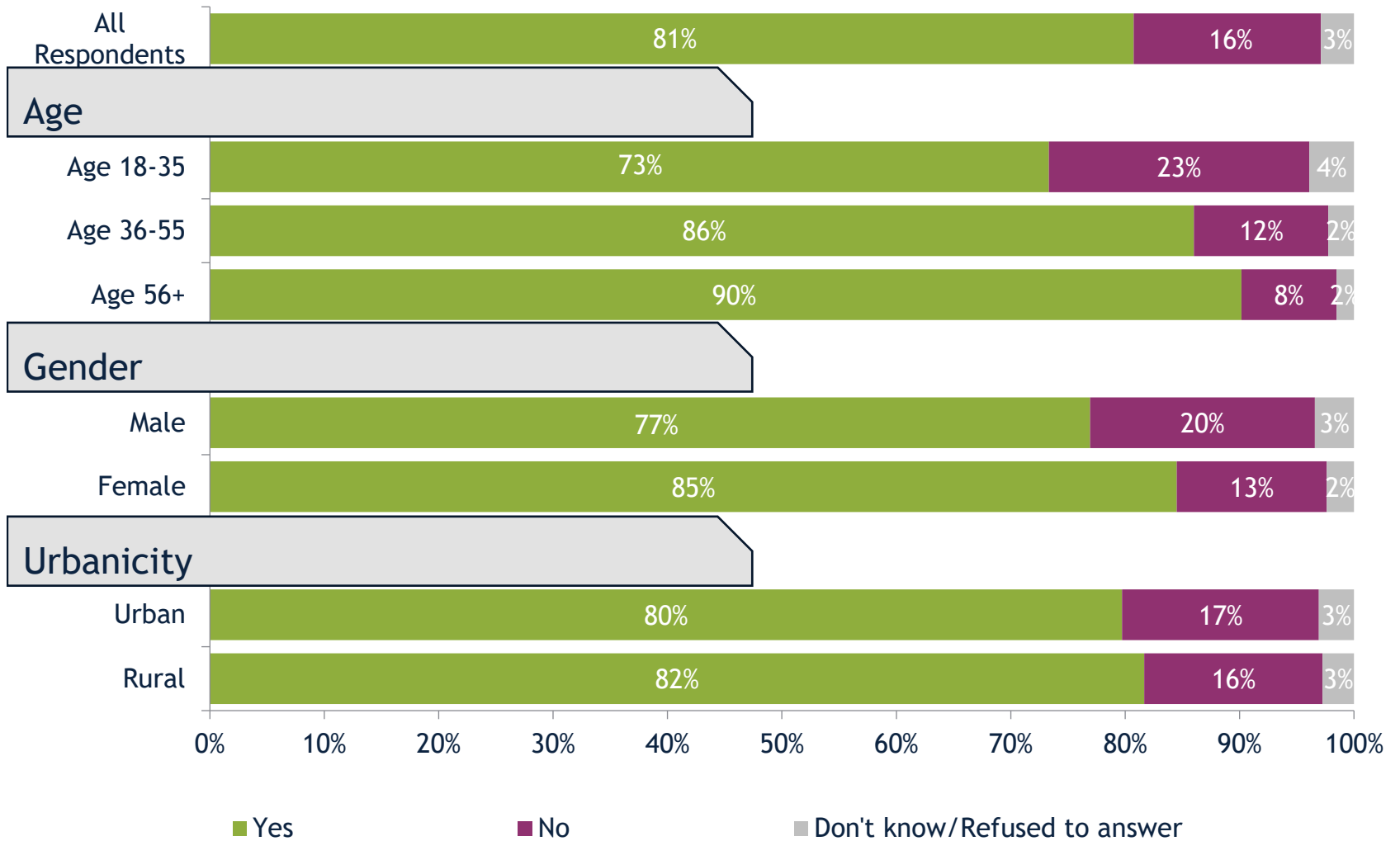


# How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the registration process?

(Among those who are registered to vote)



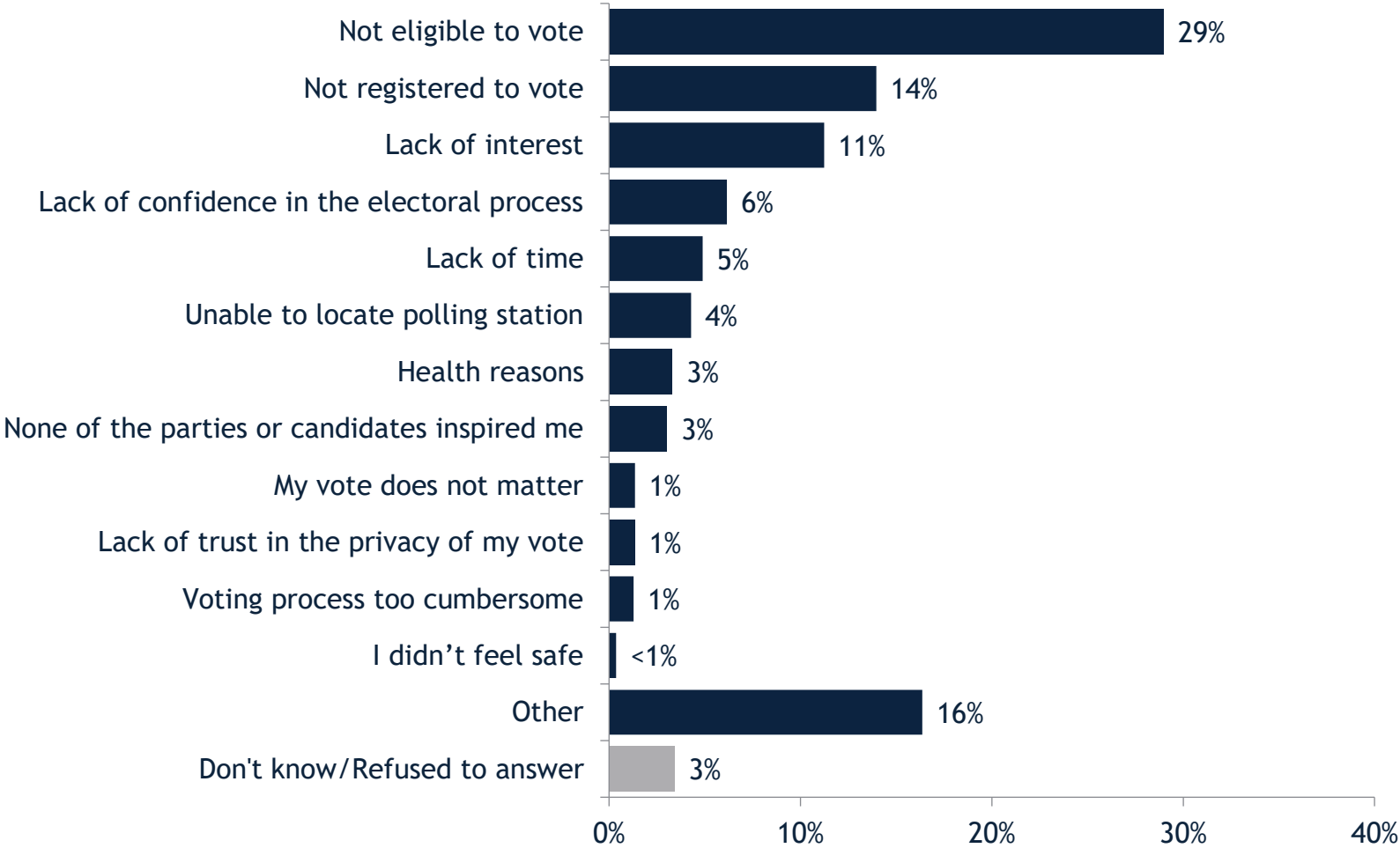
# Did you vote in the 2020 General and Regional elections?



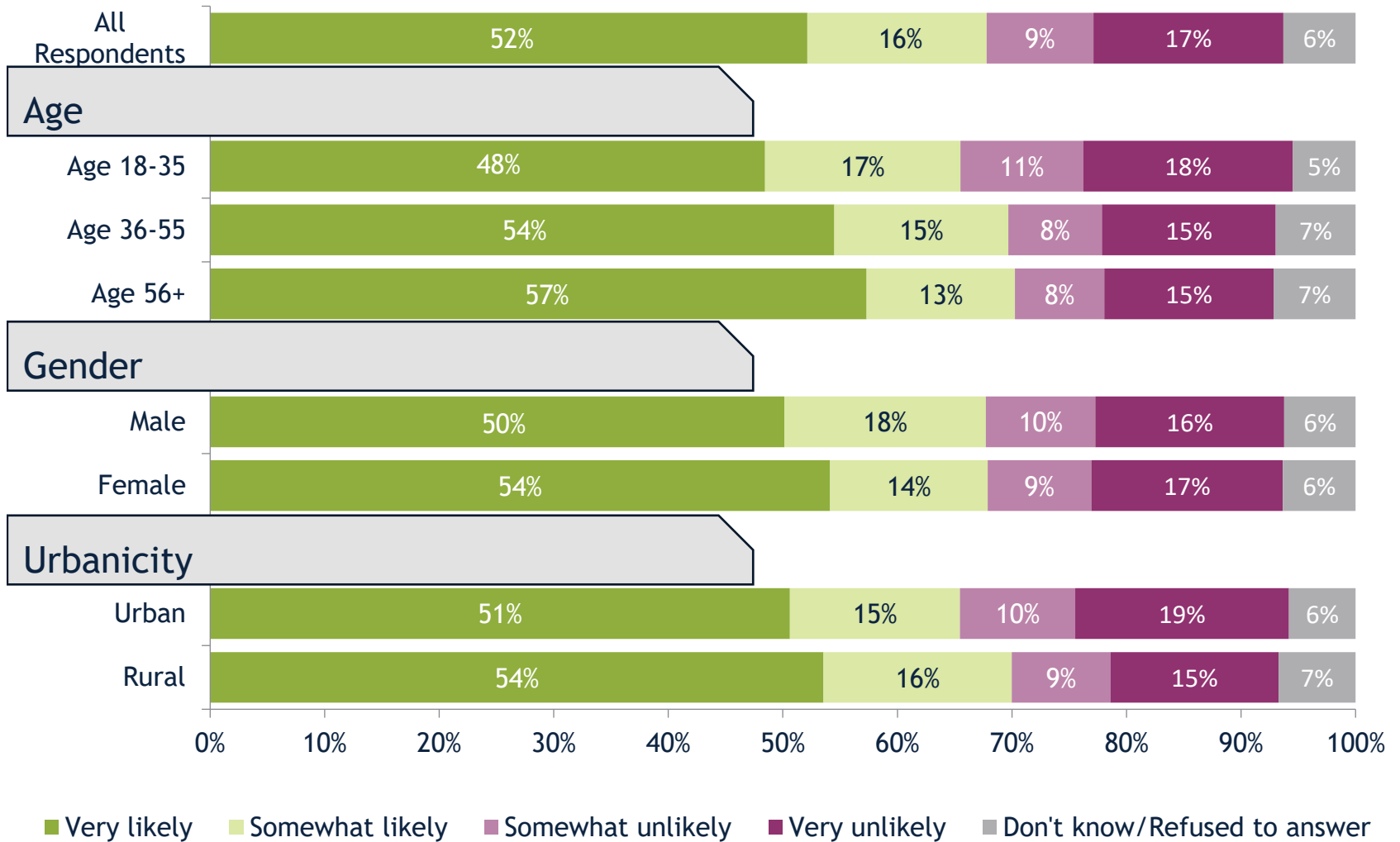


# What is the primary reason you did not vote in the 2020 General and Regional elections?

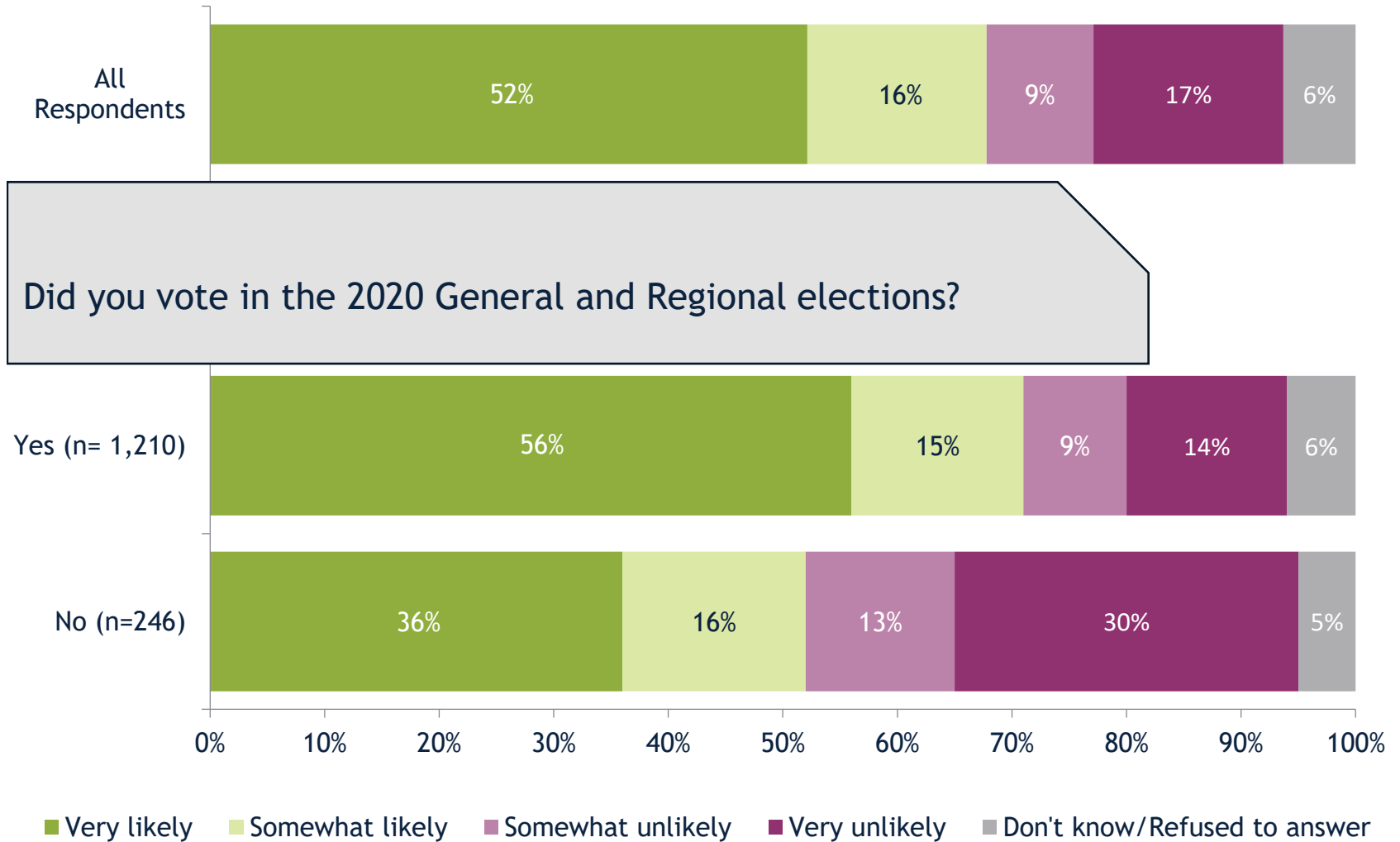
(Spontaneous response; among those who did not vote in the 2020 General and Regional elections, n=246)



# How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the next local elections?



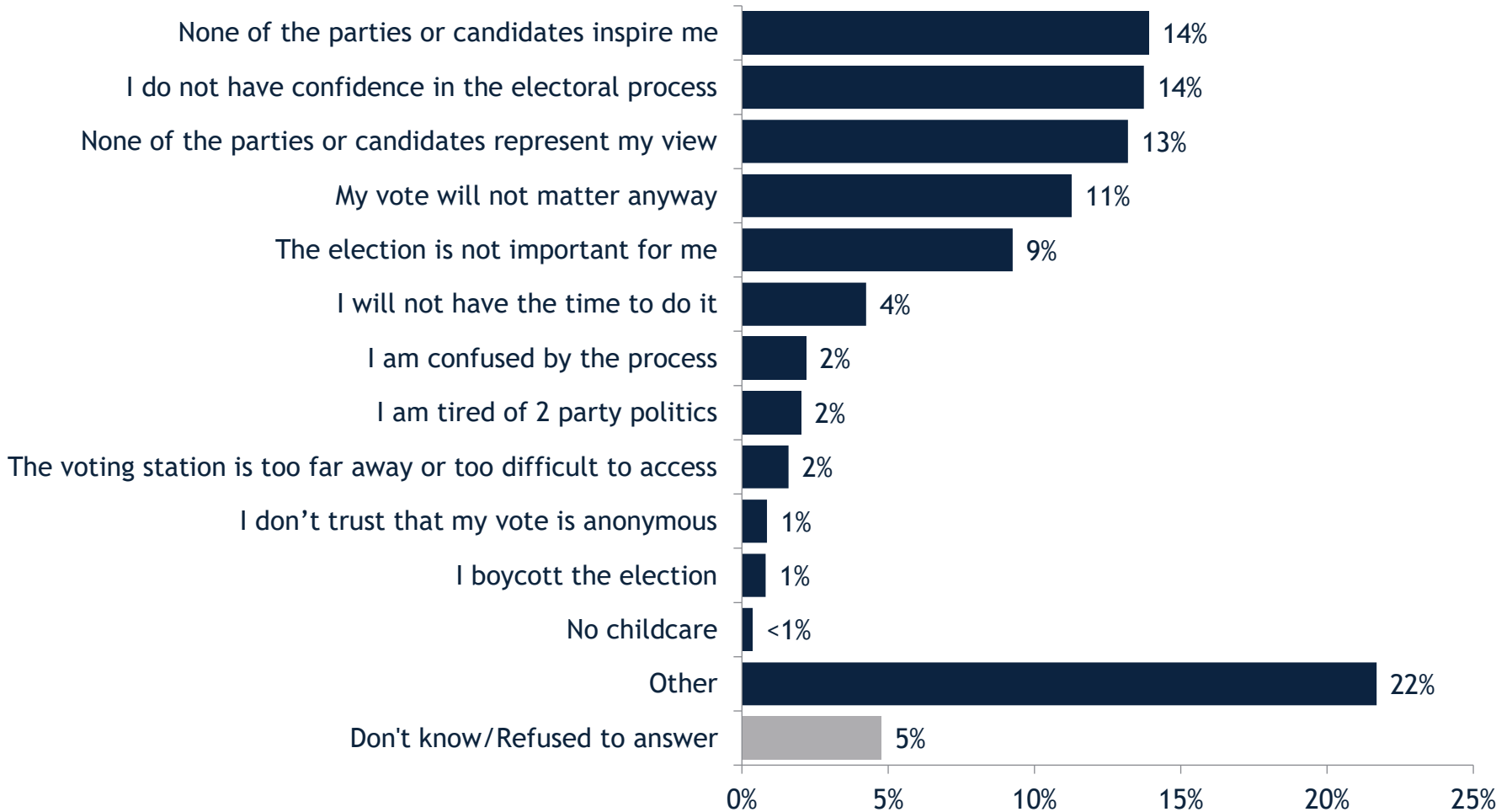
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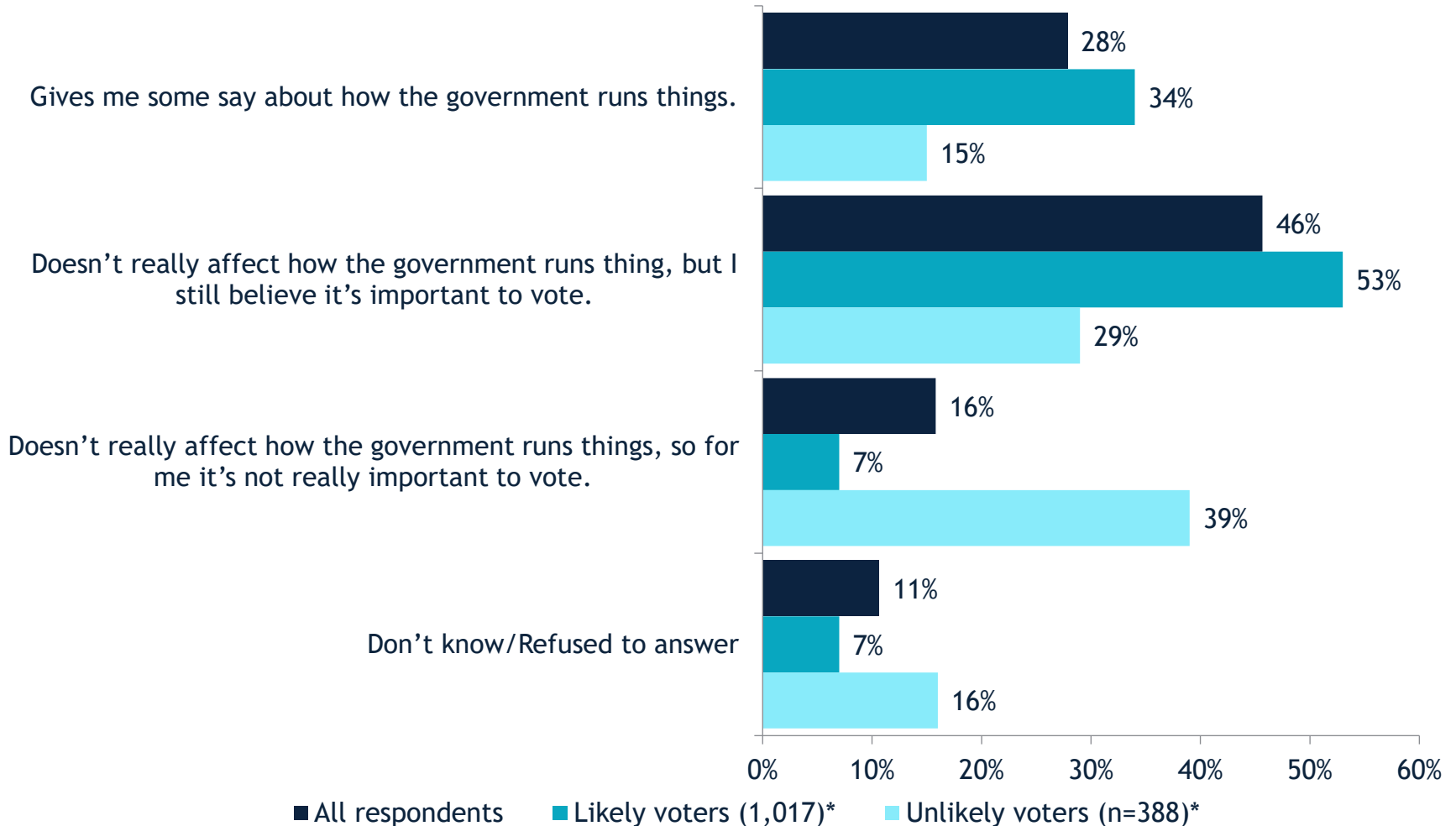
# Why are you very unlikely to vote in the next local elections?

(Among those who declared that they are very unlikely to vote in the next local elections, n=249; spontaneous response)



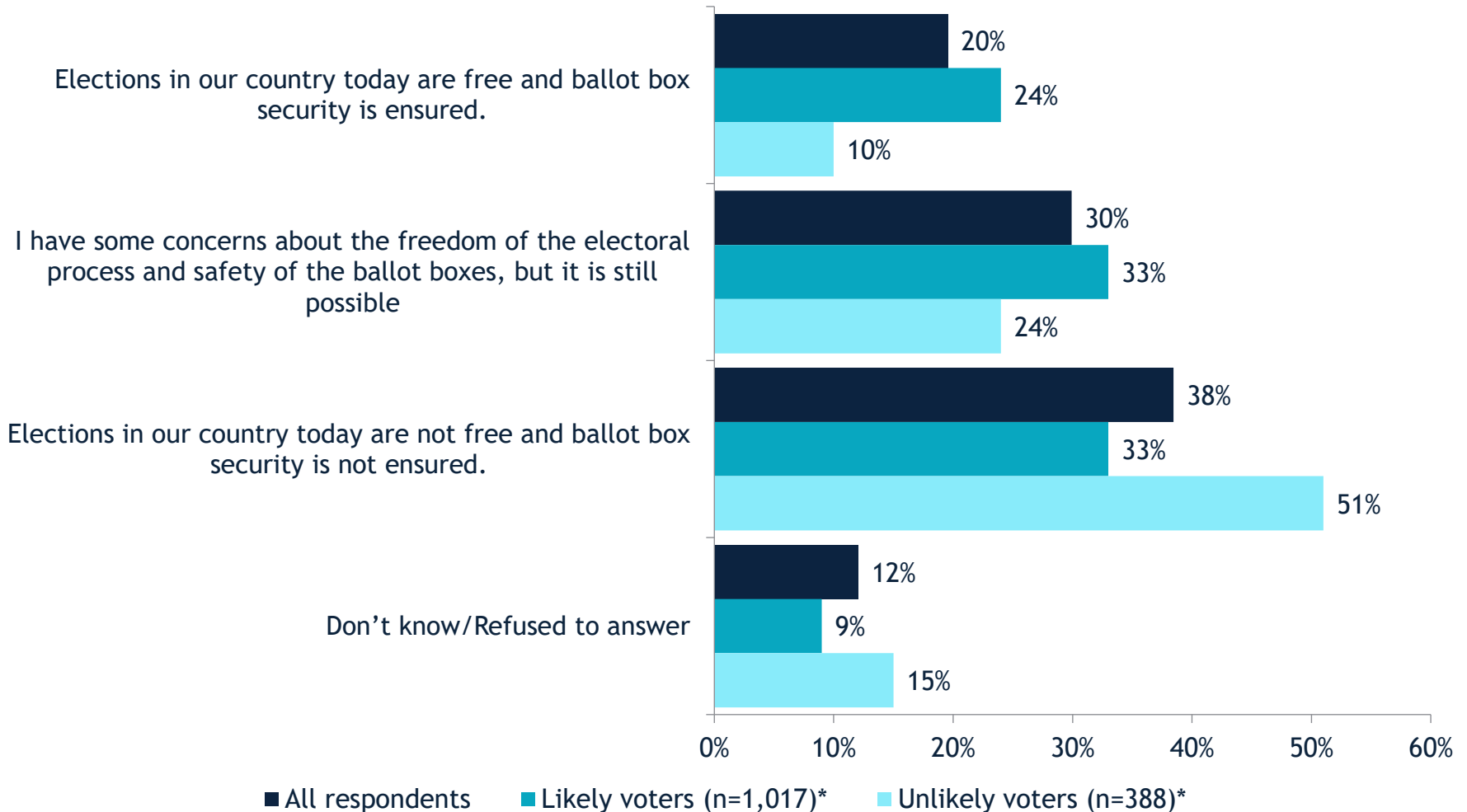


# Which statement about voting comes closest to your opinion?



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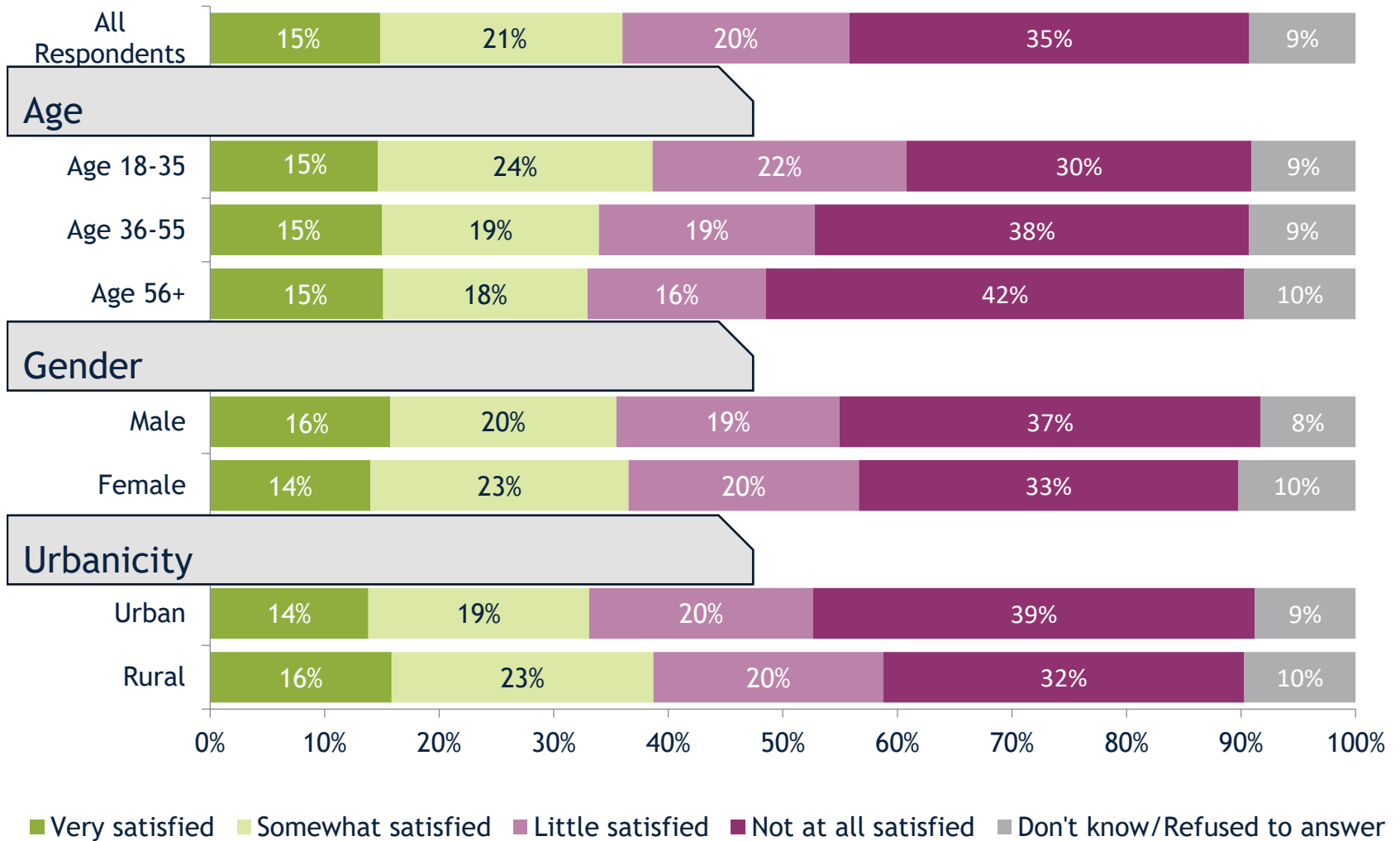
# Some people are concerned about freedom of elections and ballot box security in our country. Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal opinion regarding this matter?



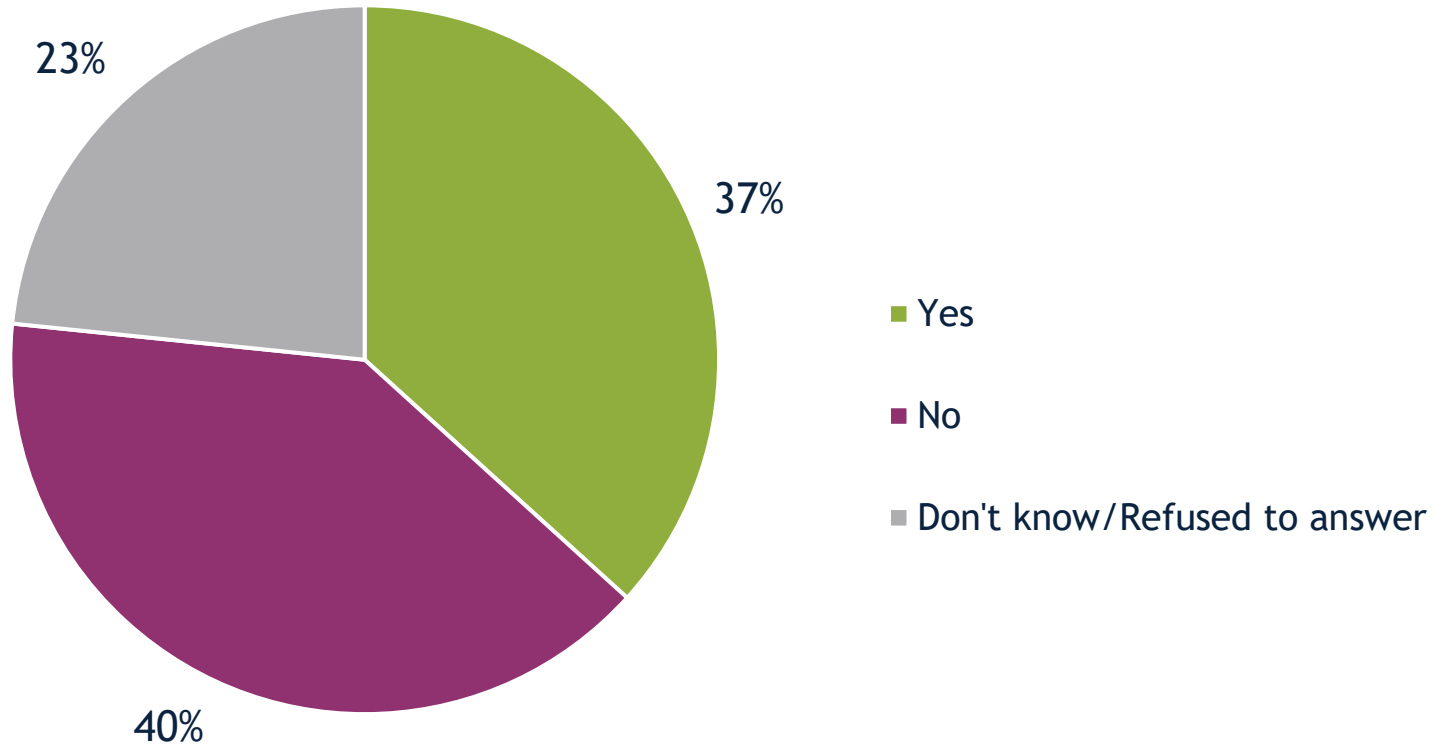
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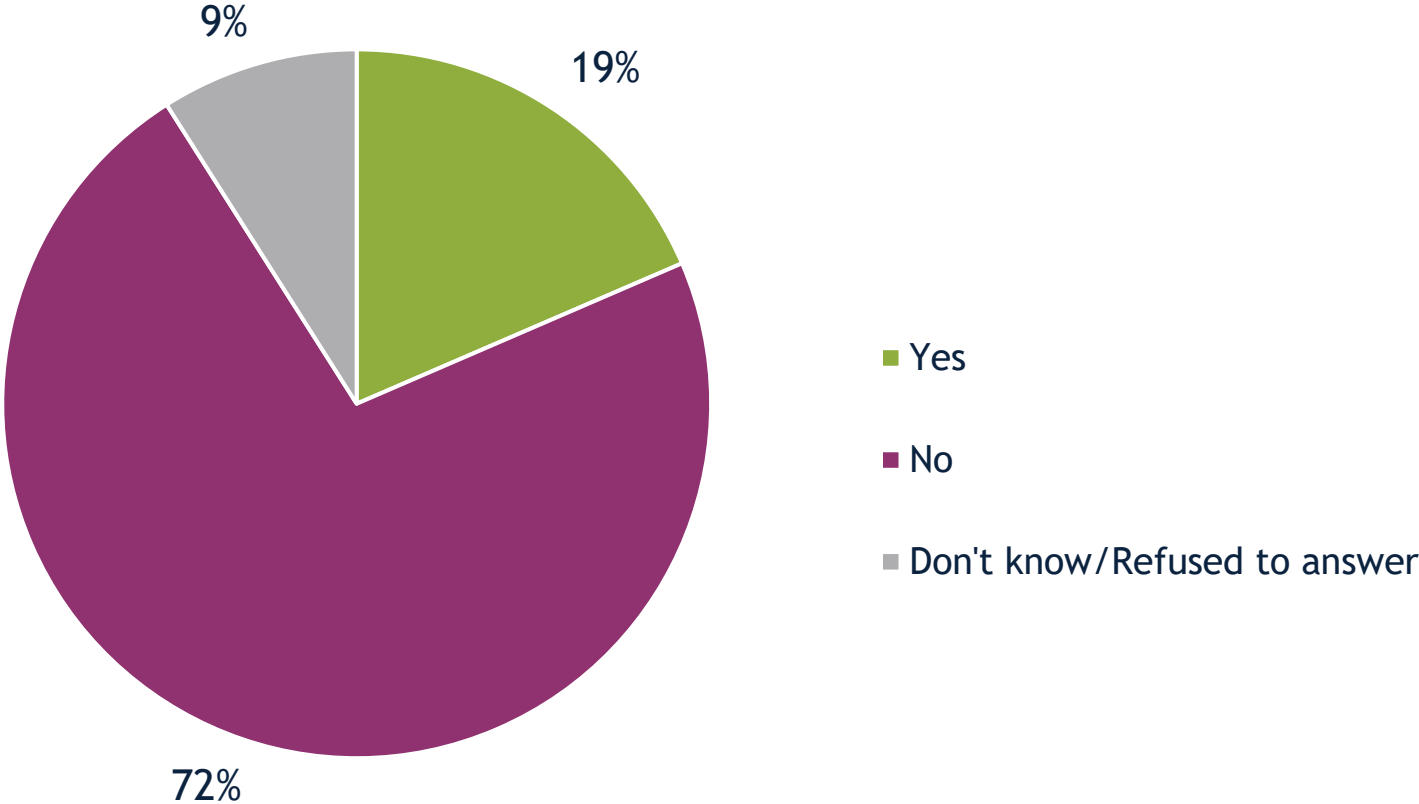
# How satisfied are you with the system that decides who serves on the Guyana Elections Commission, also known as GECOM?



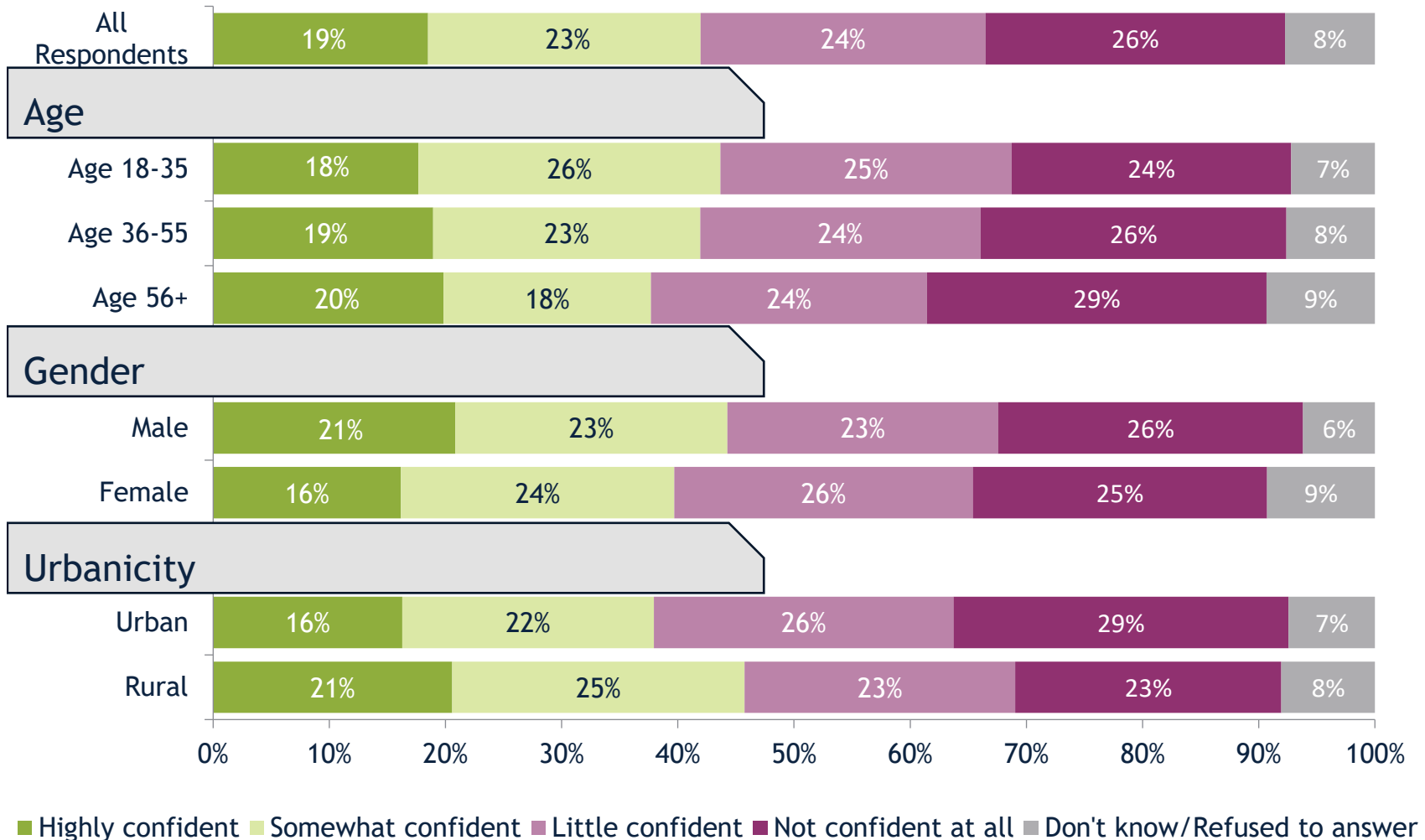
## Does GECOM have clear criteria for hiring elections officials?



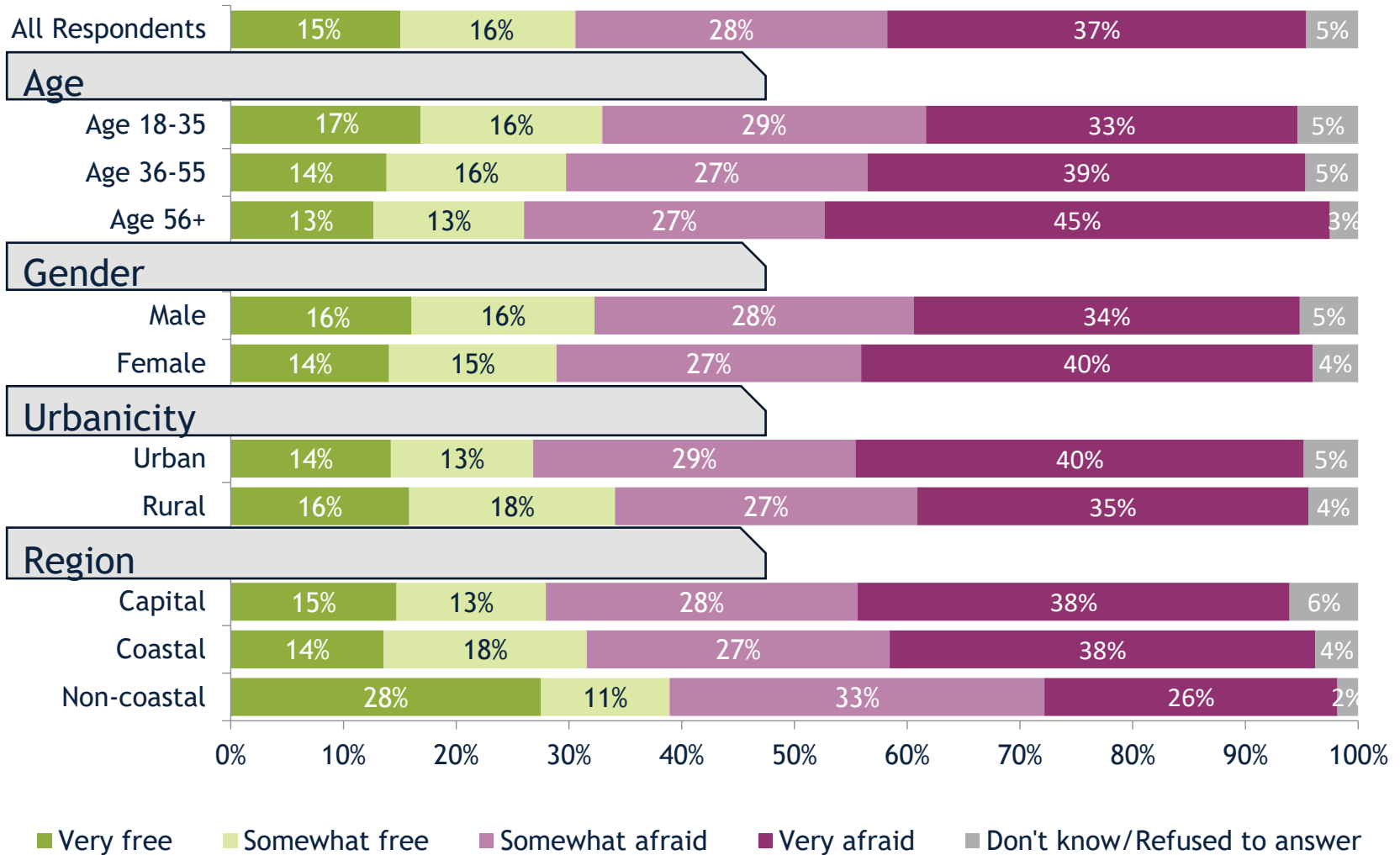
# Should GECOM hire individuals known to be politically affiliated?



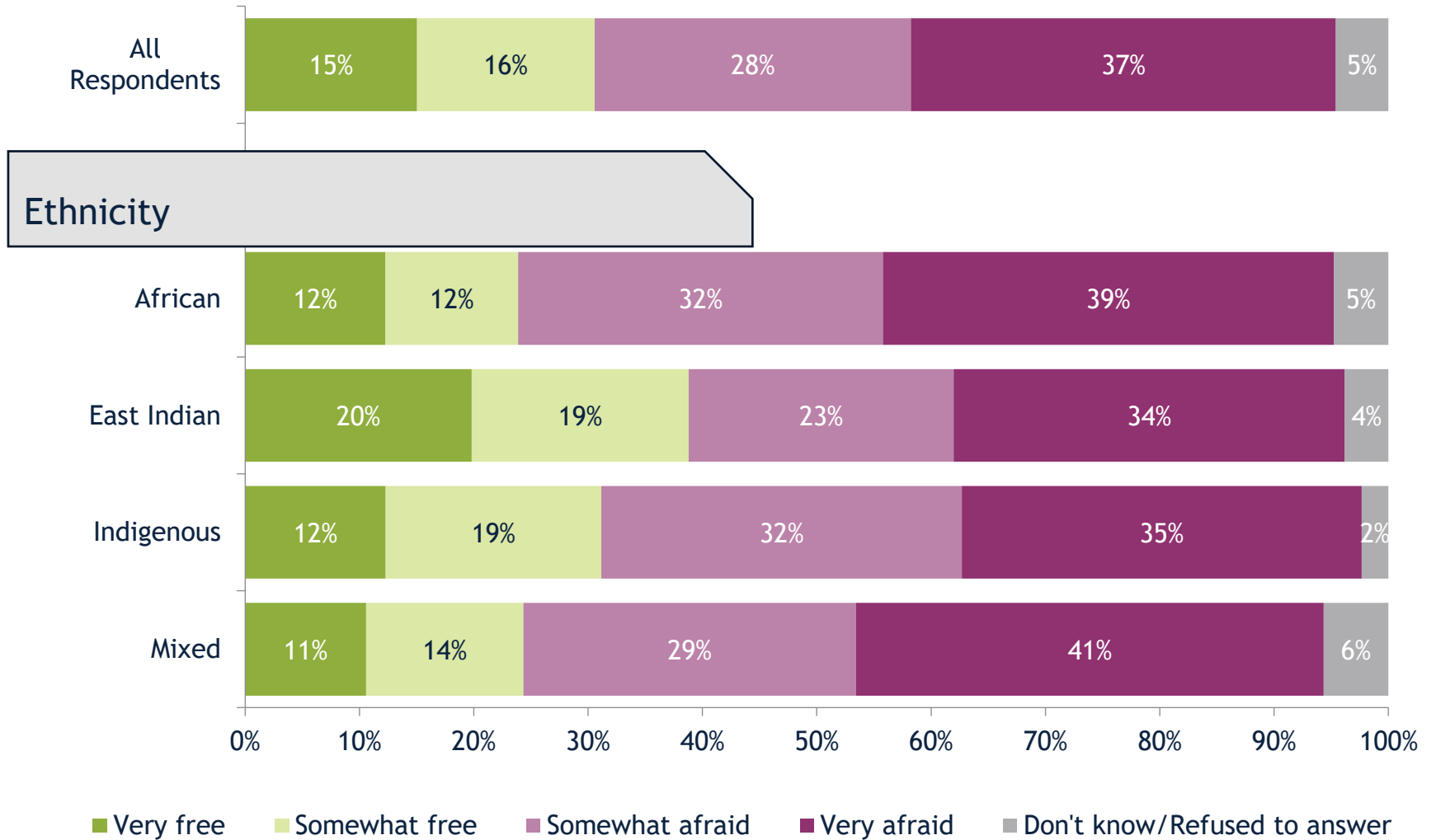
# How confident, if at all, are you in the Guyana Election Commission's or GECOM's ability to organize and supervise elections?



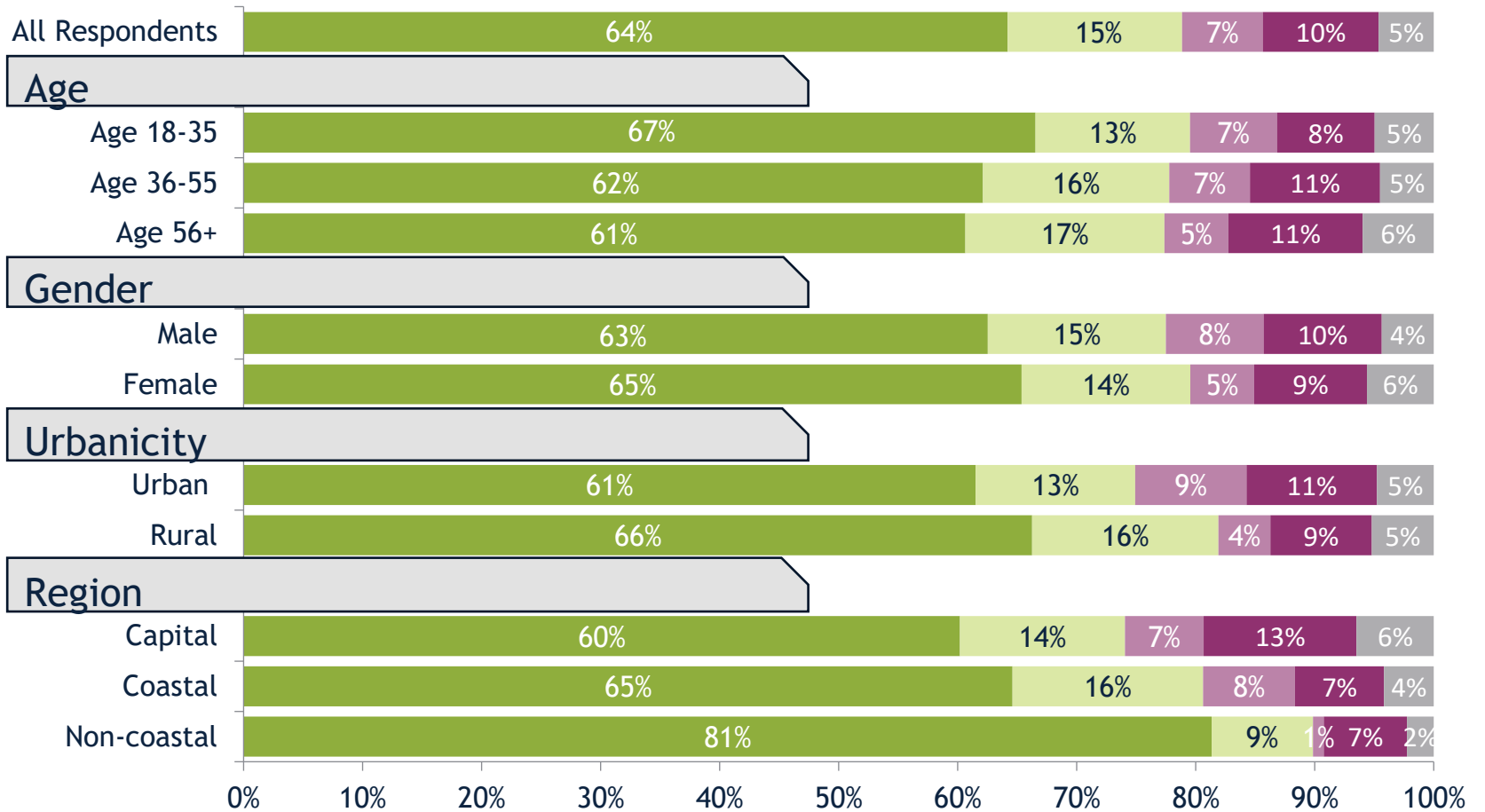
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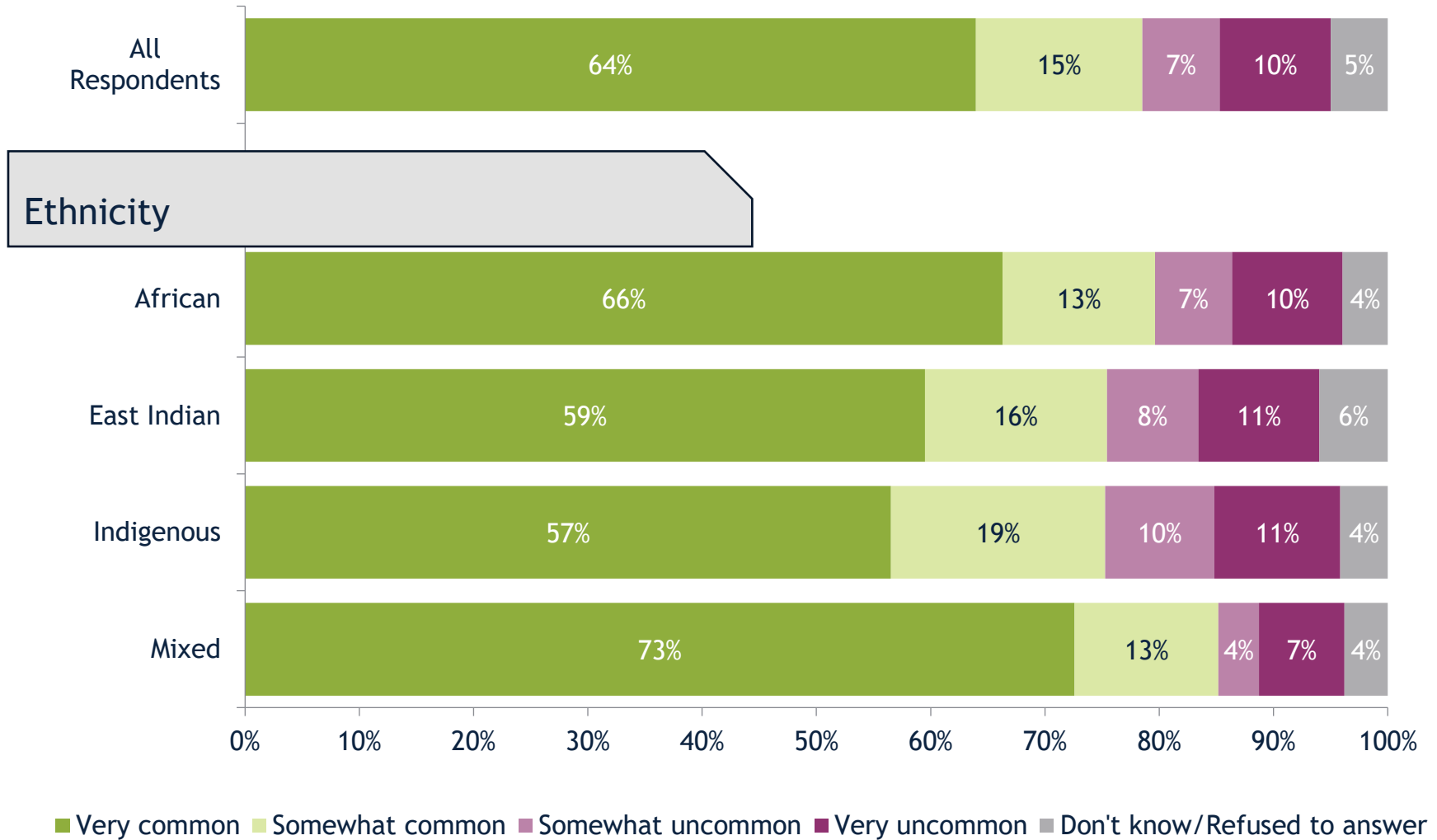


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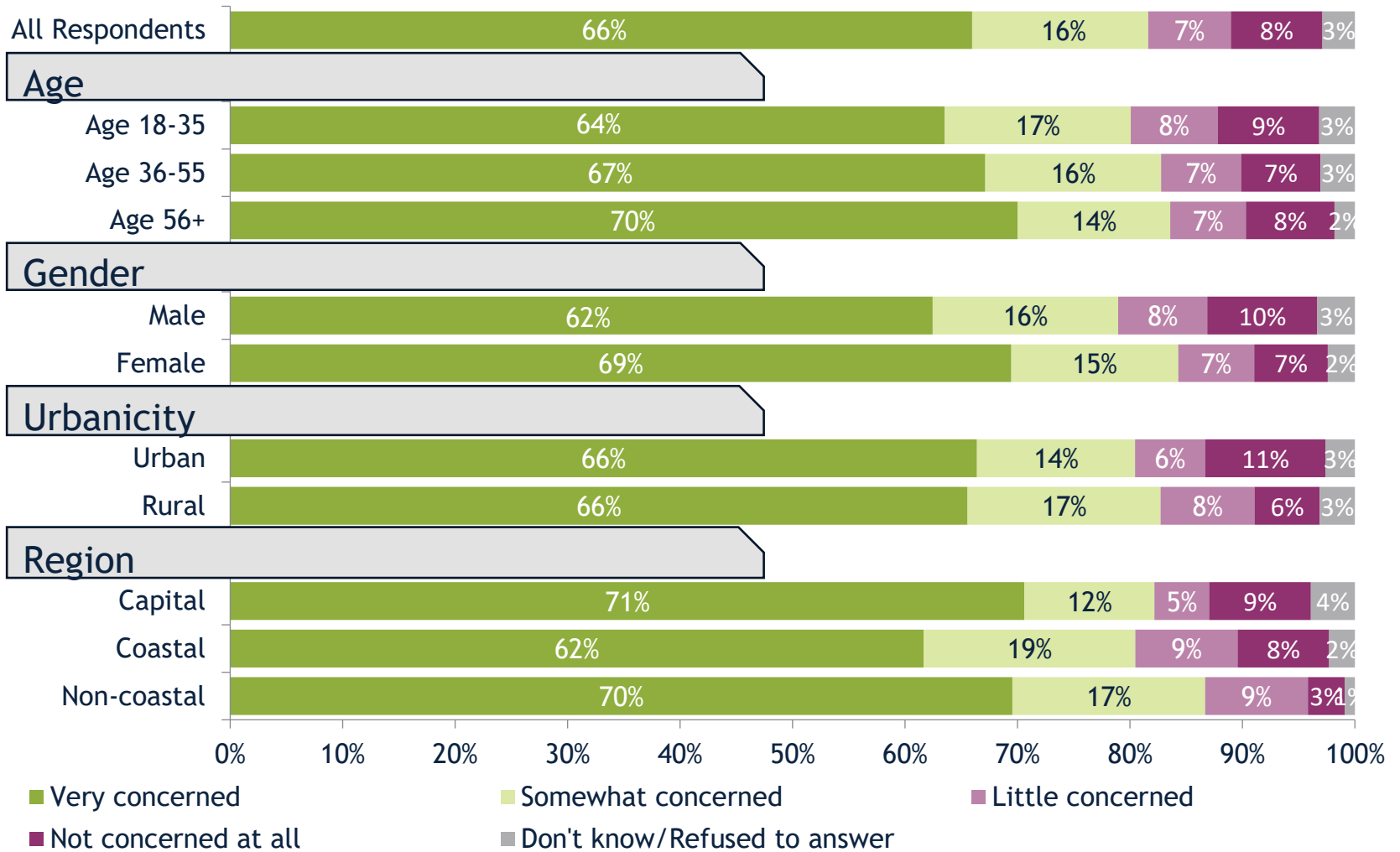
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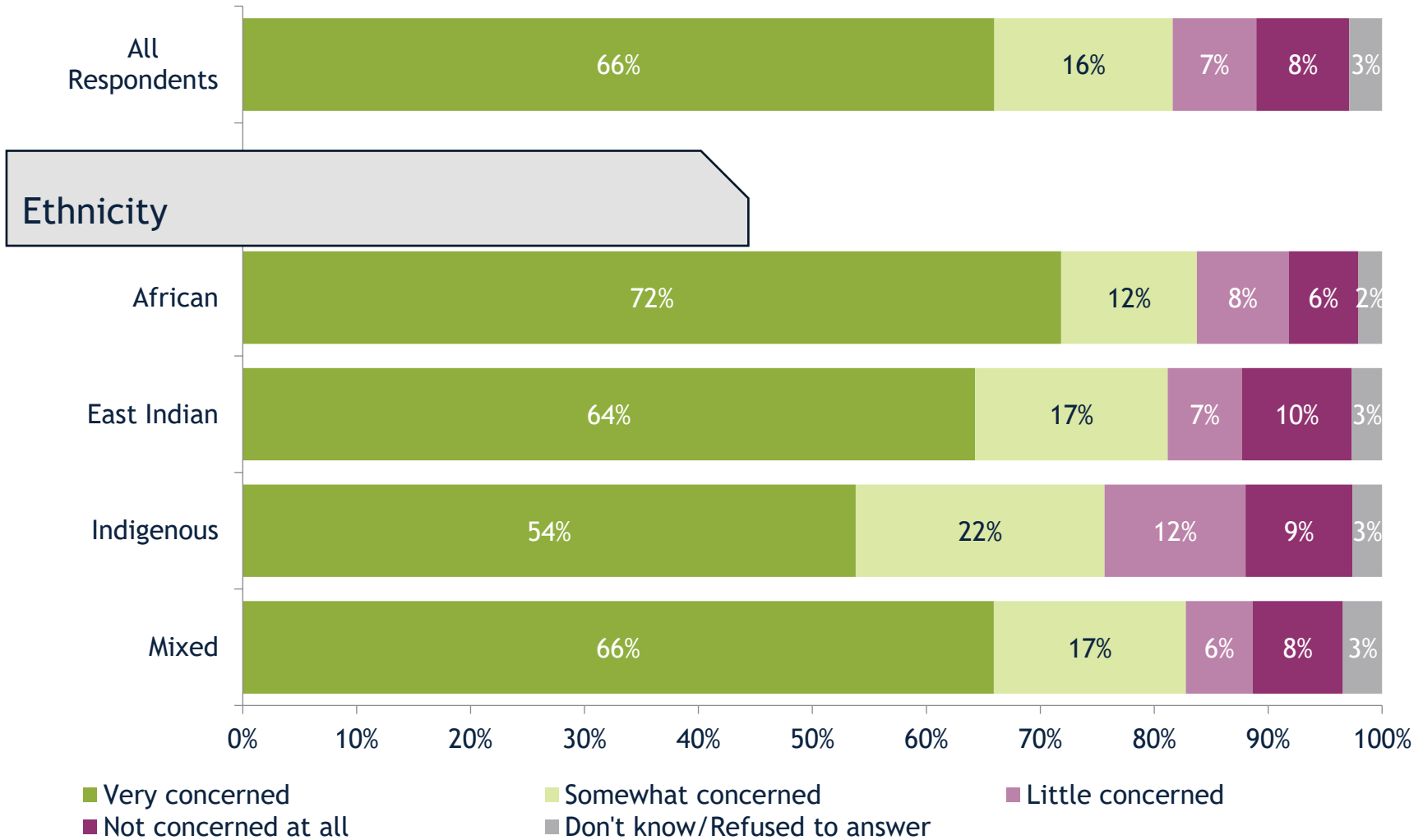


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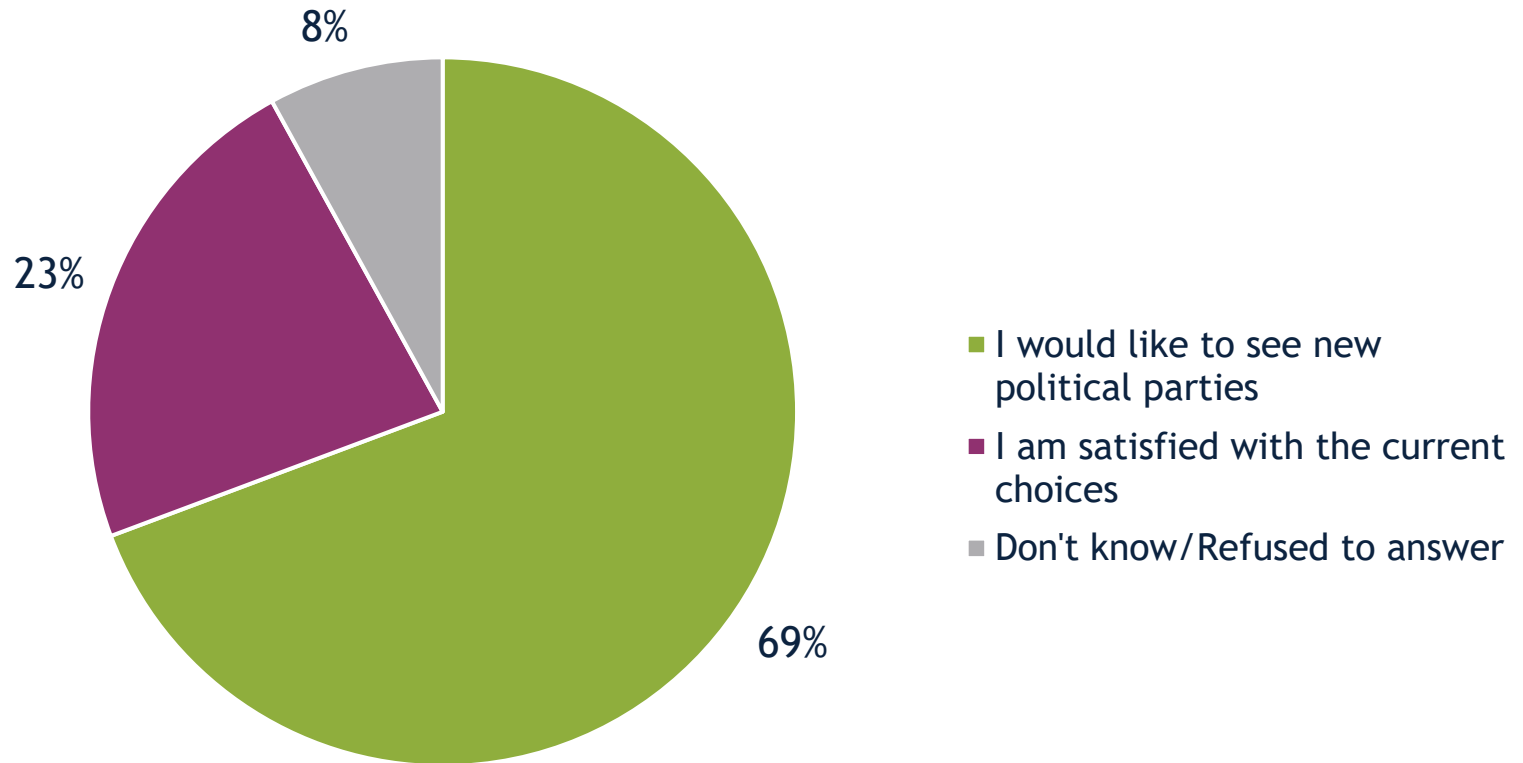




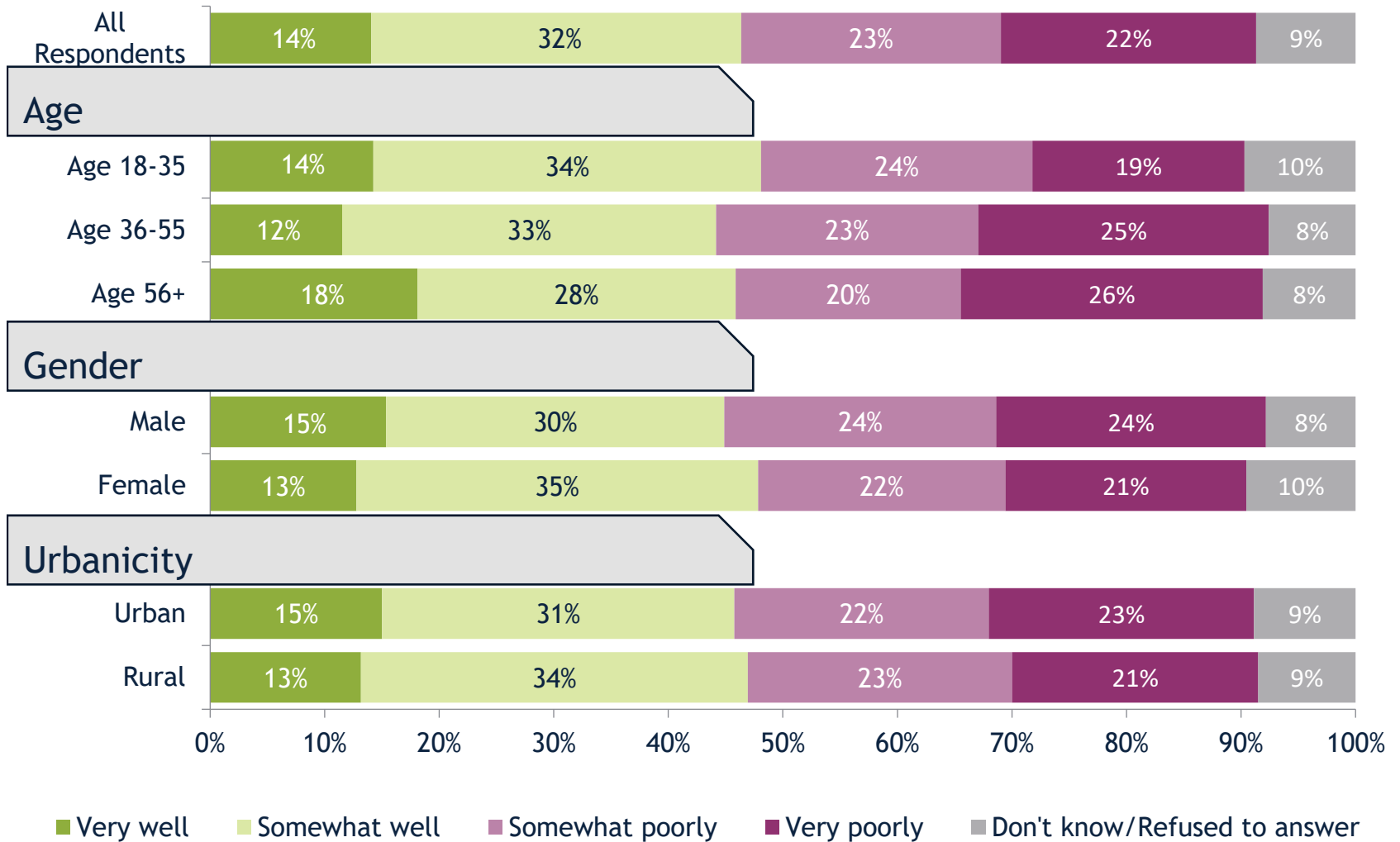
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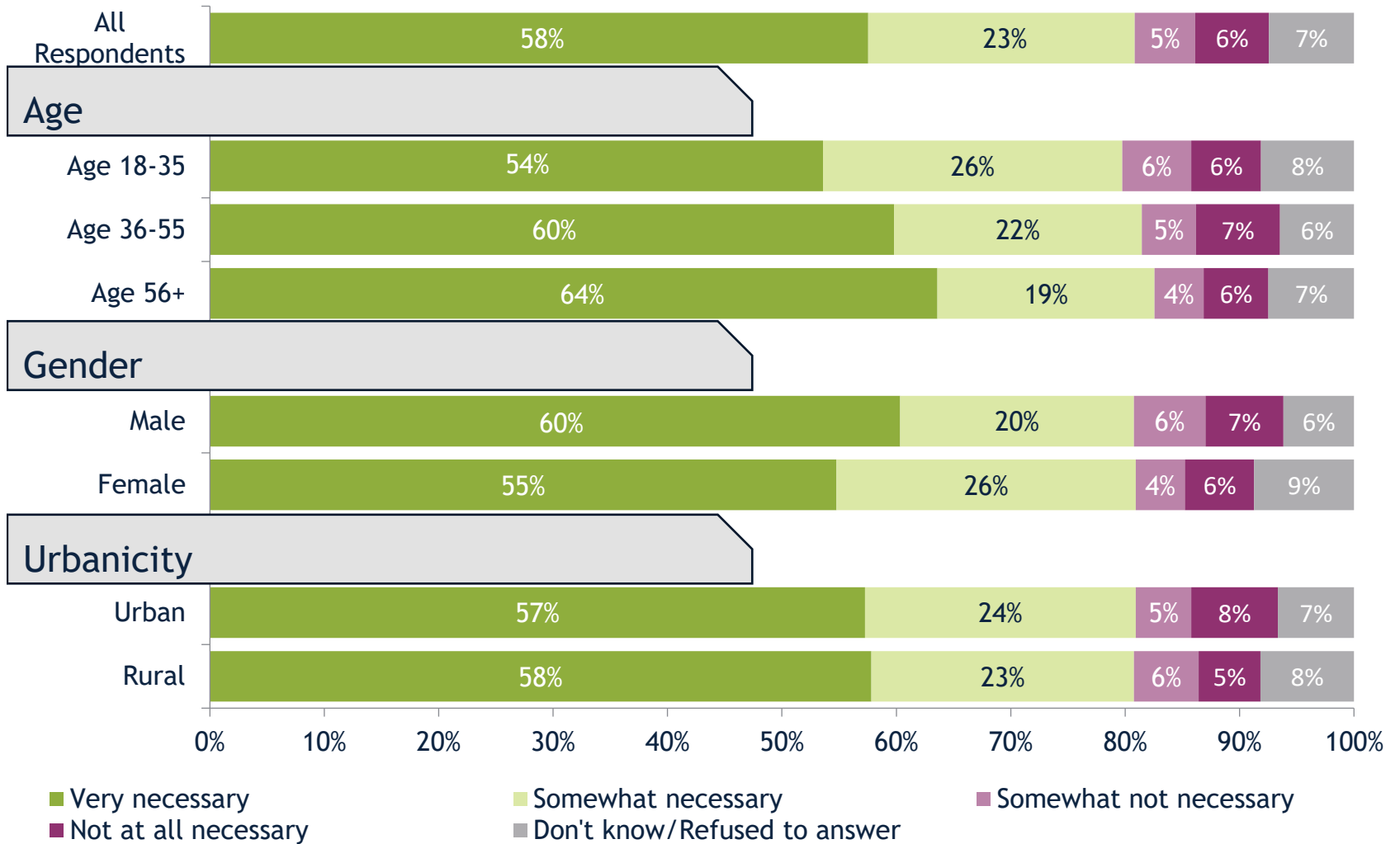
## Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?



# How well or poorly does current electoral system elect quality representatives in Parliament, regional councils, villages and local governments work?

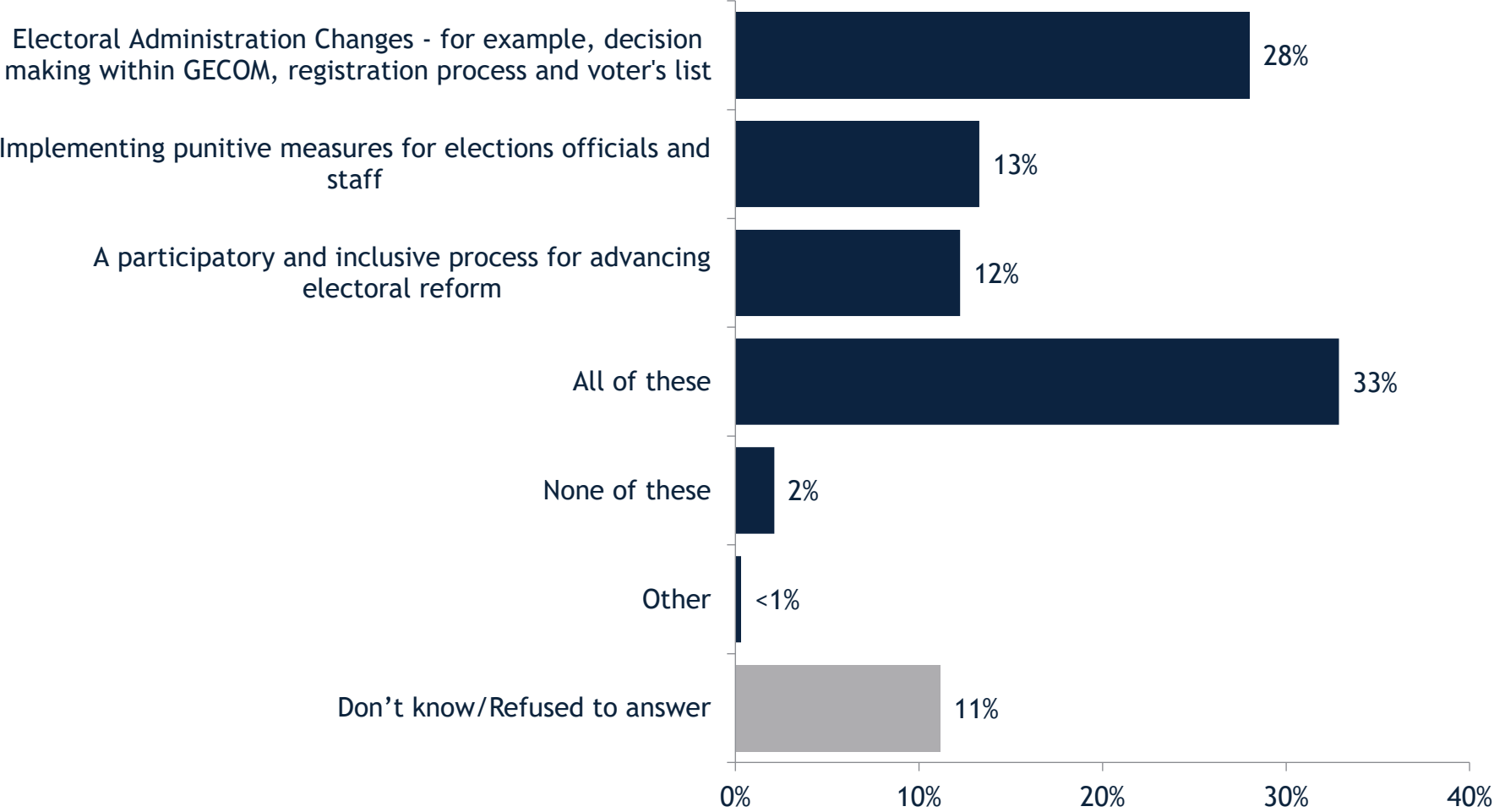


# To what extent is electoral reform necessary in our country?

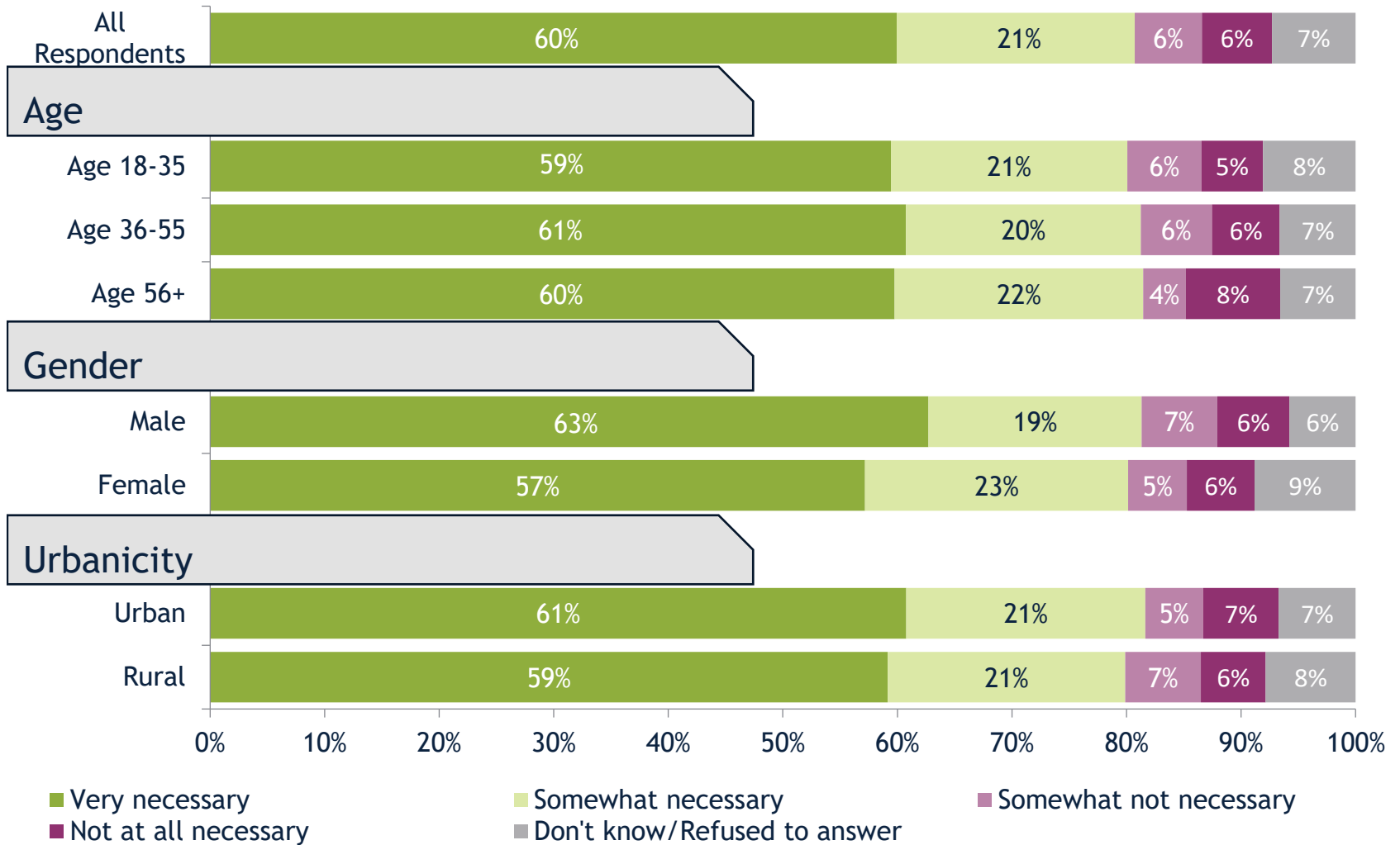




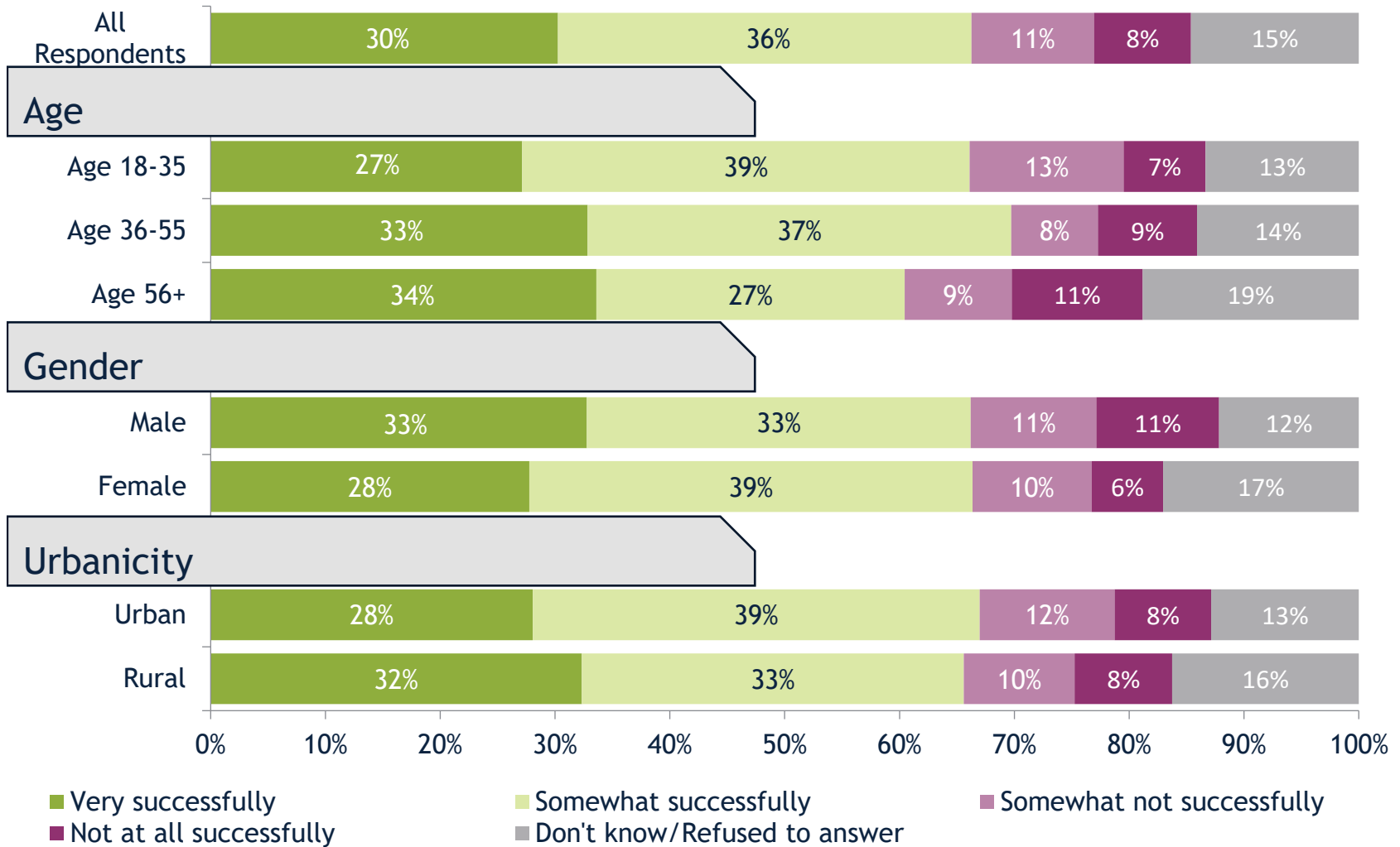
# Which of the following is your number one priority on the issue of electoral reform?



# To what extent is a comprehensive review of all election laws necessary?



# To what degree can legislative reforms successfully address weaknesses in the current system?

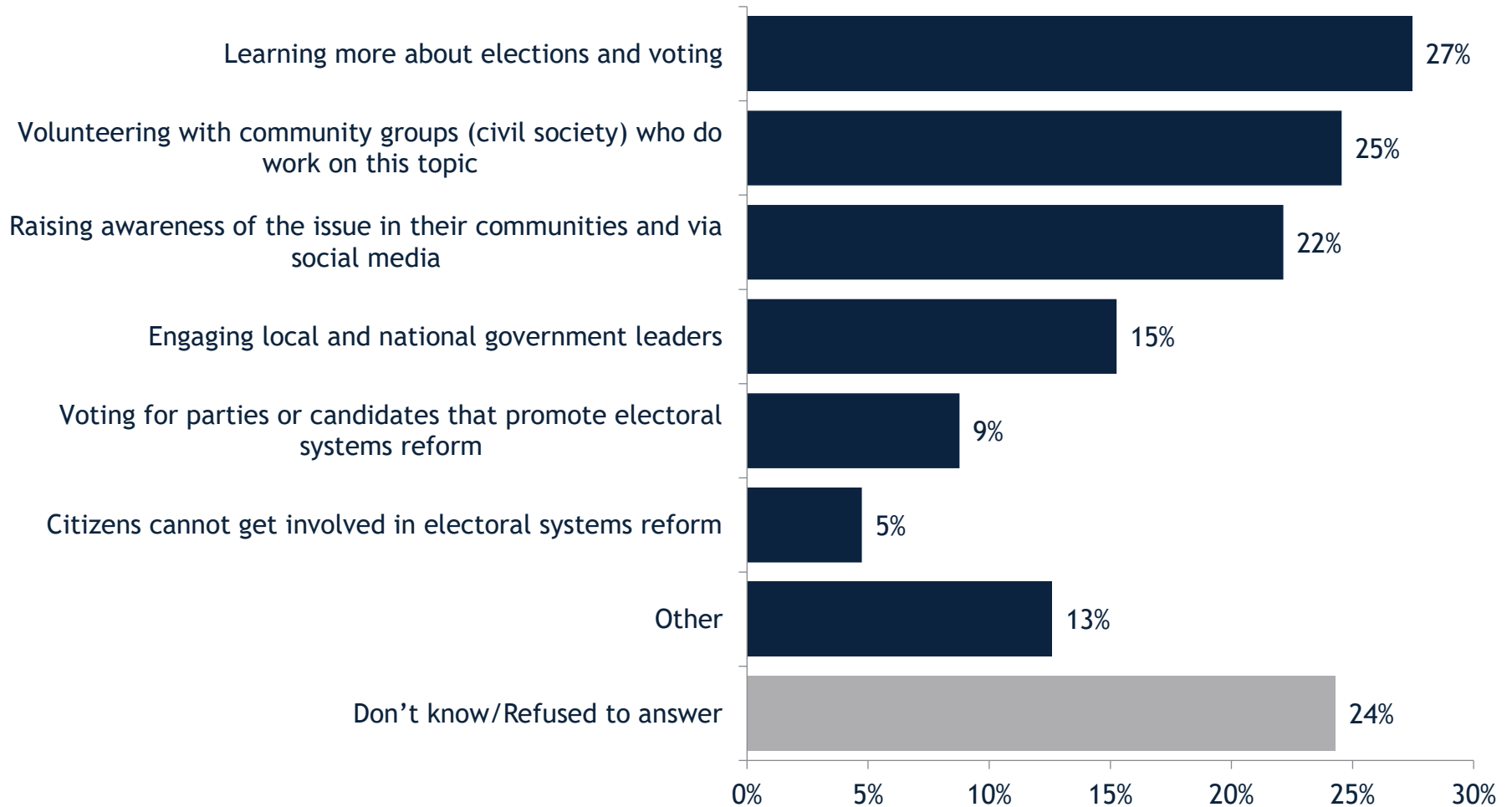






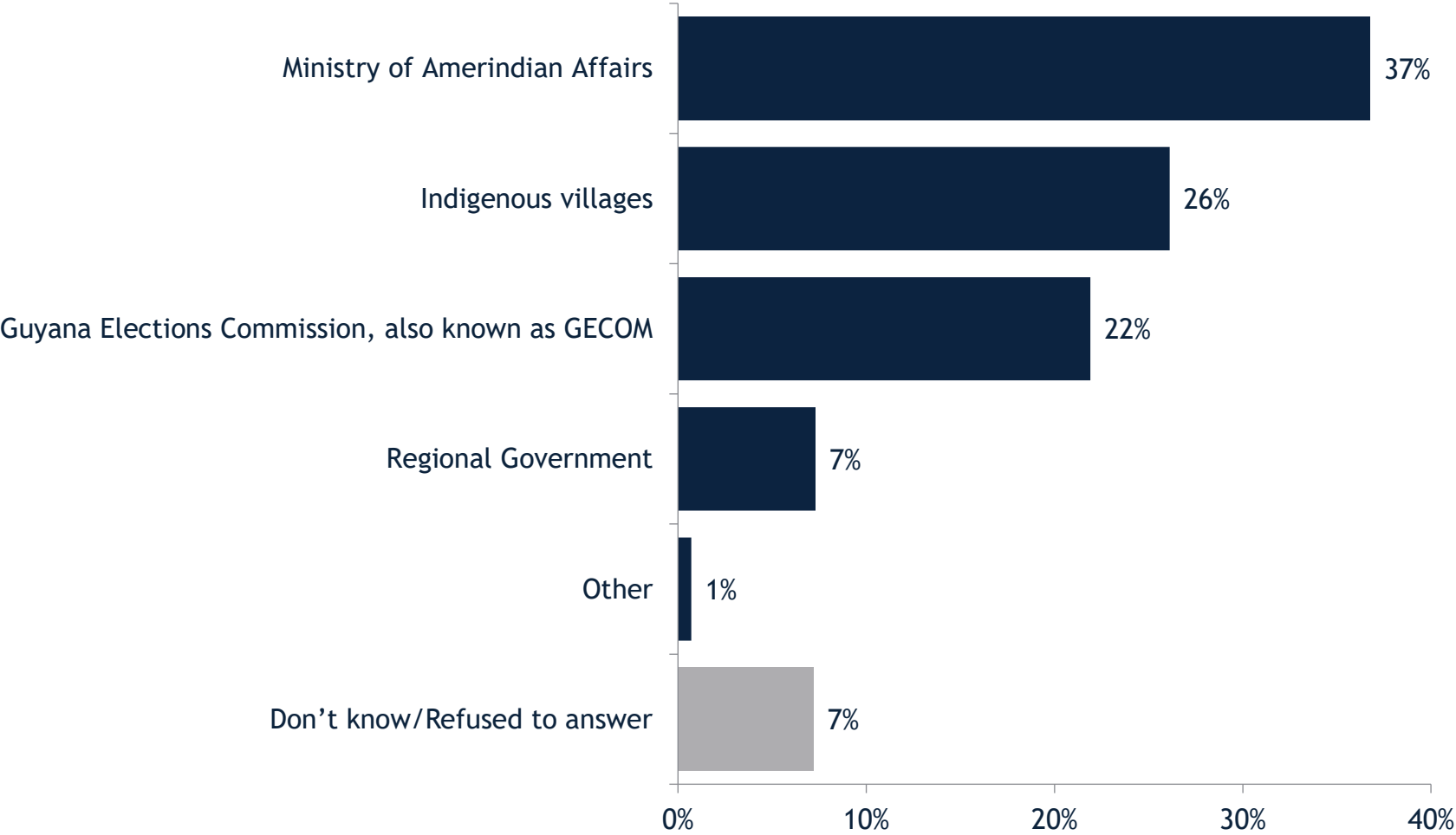
# How can citizens get involved in electoral system reform?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses allowed)



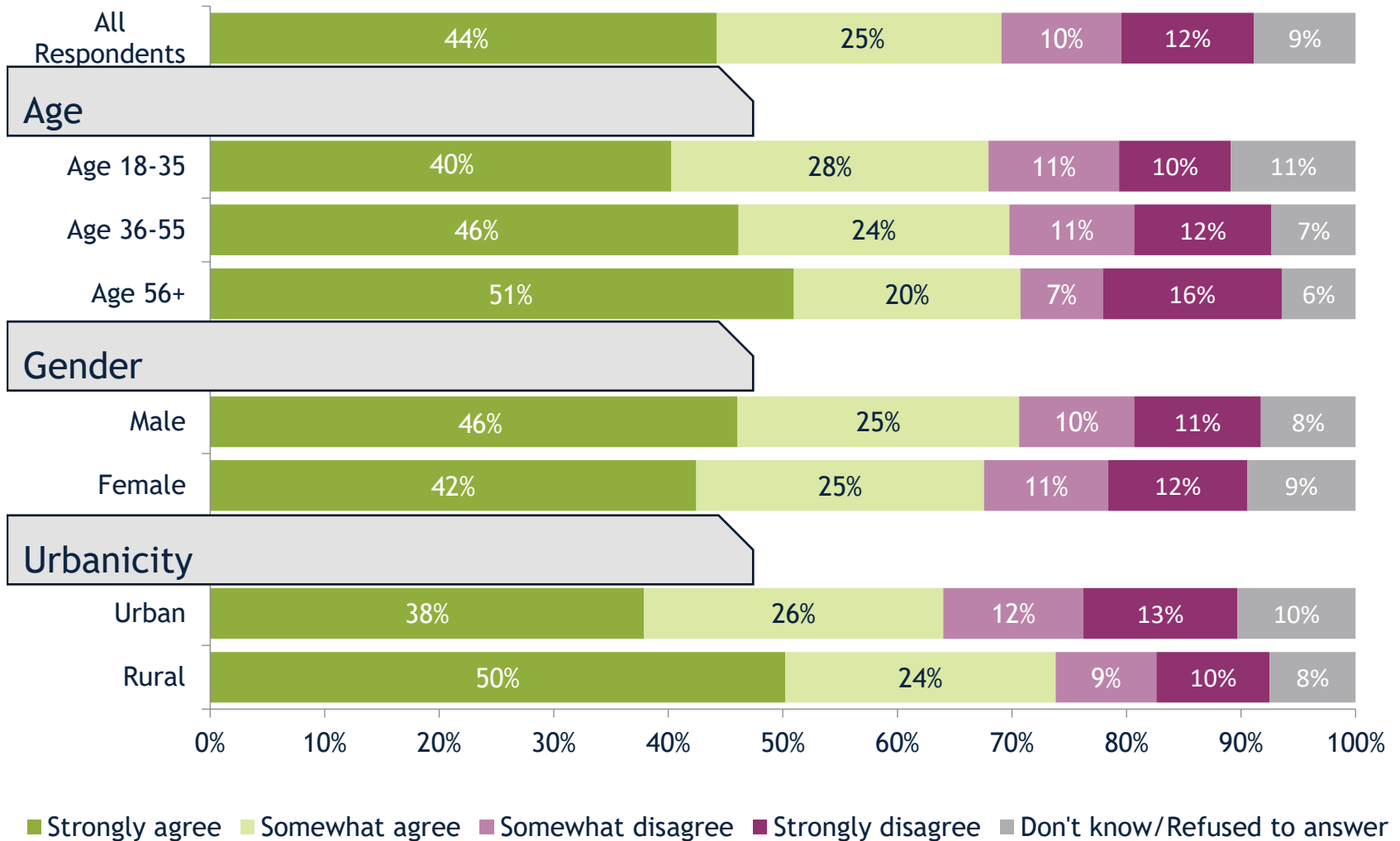


# Which organization, institution or entity should manage Indigenous or Amerindian village elections?



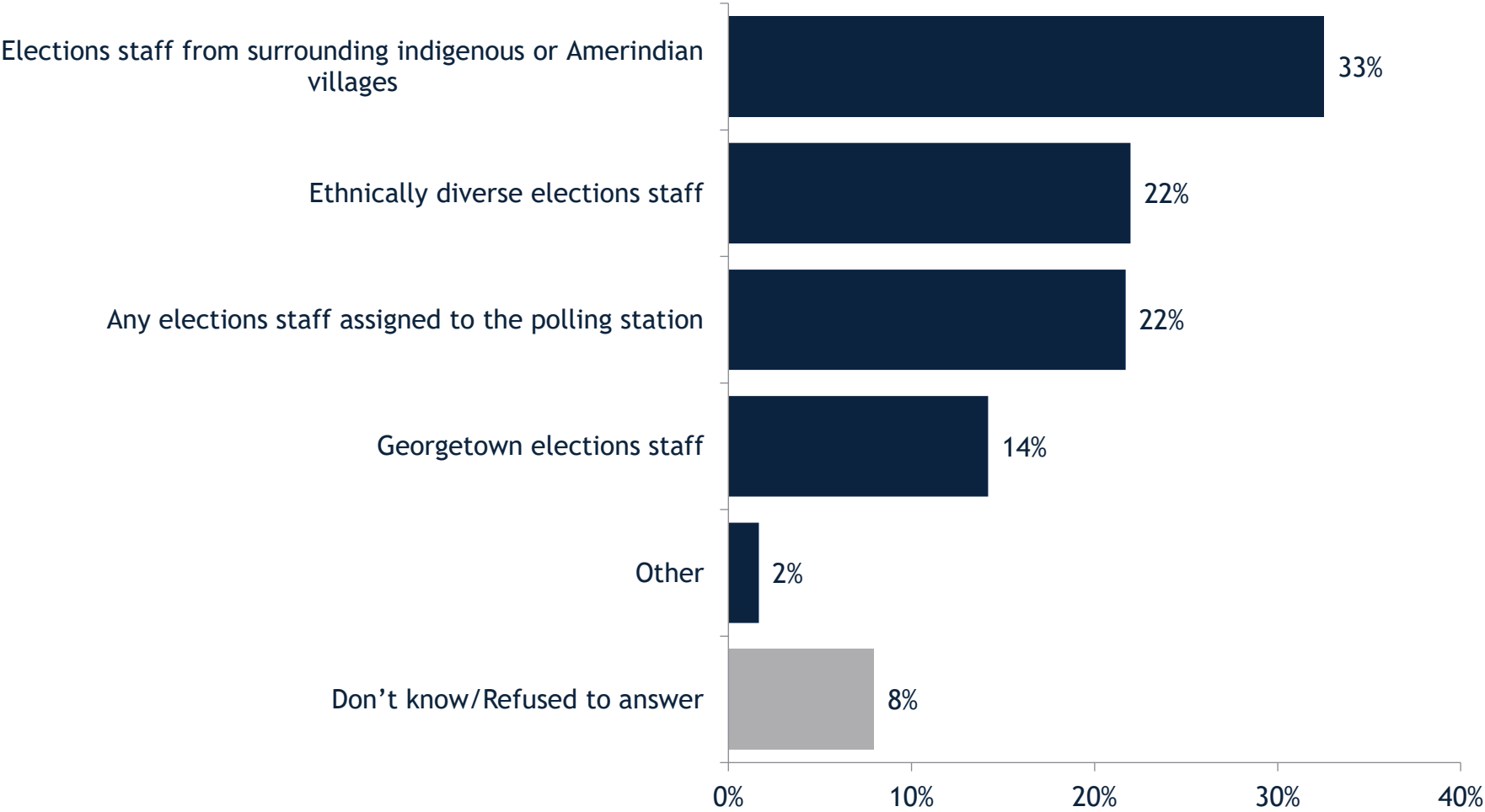
## To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

*If Indigenous or Amerindian villages receive adequate support and resources to create and manage voter's lists, then elections are more likely to be credible and smoothly executed.*

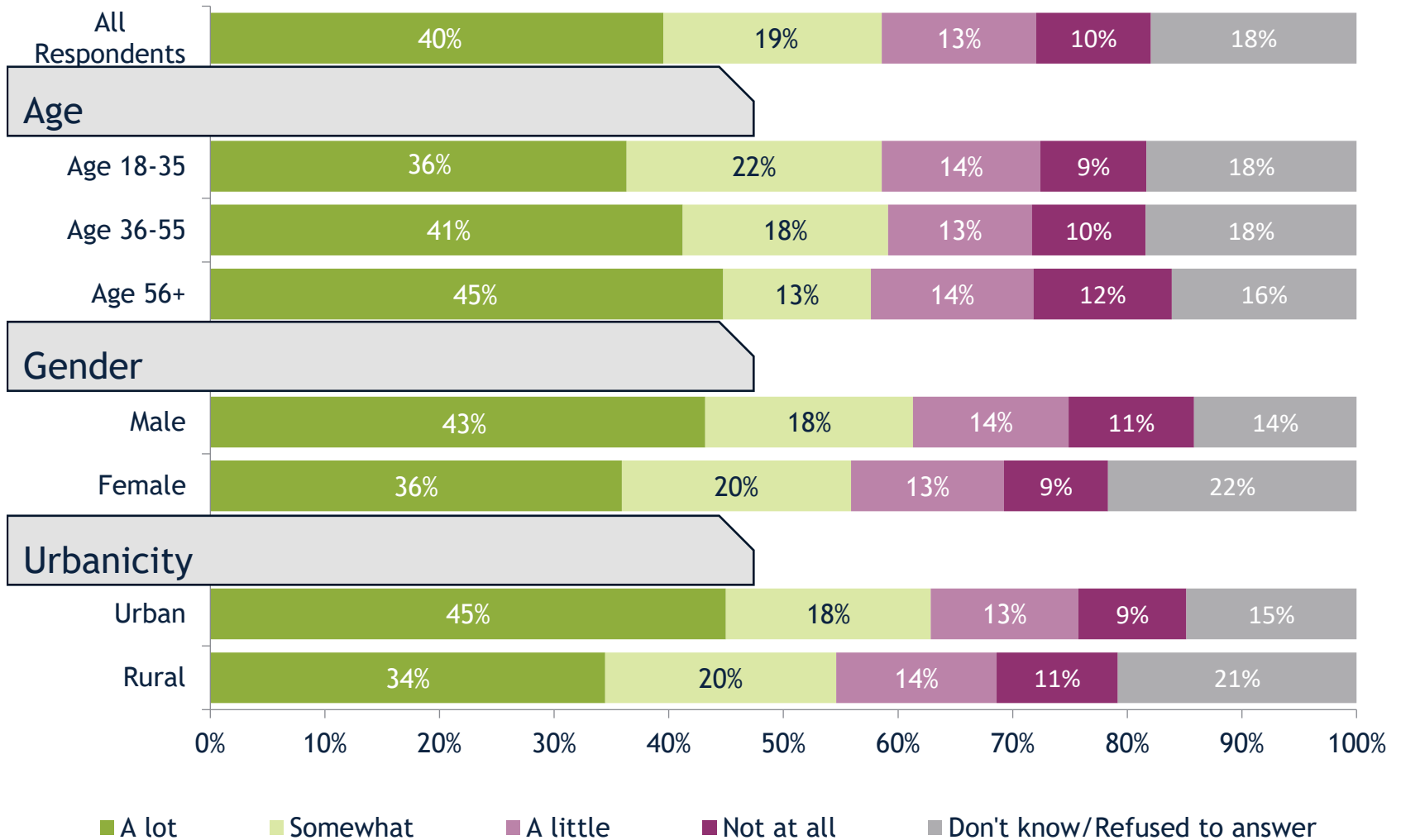




# Who do you think should operate polling stations in Indigenous or Amerindian villages?



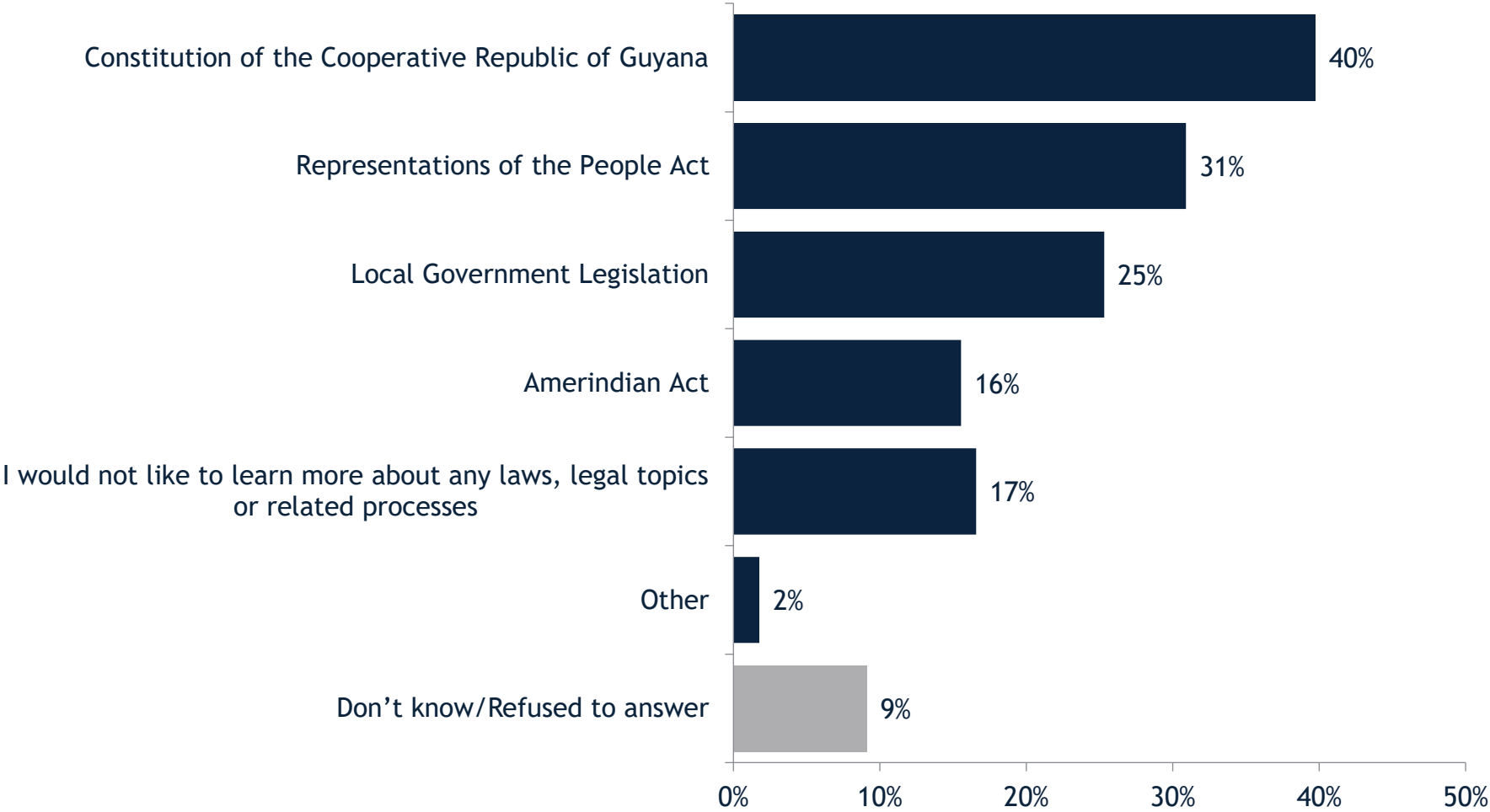
# To what extent do political parties interfere in Indigenous or Amerindian village elections?





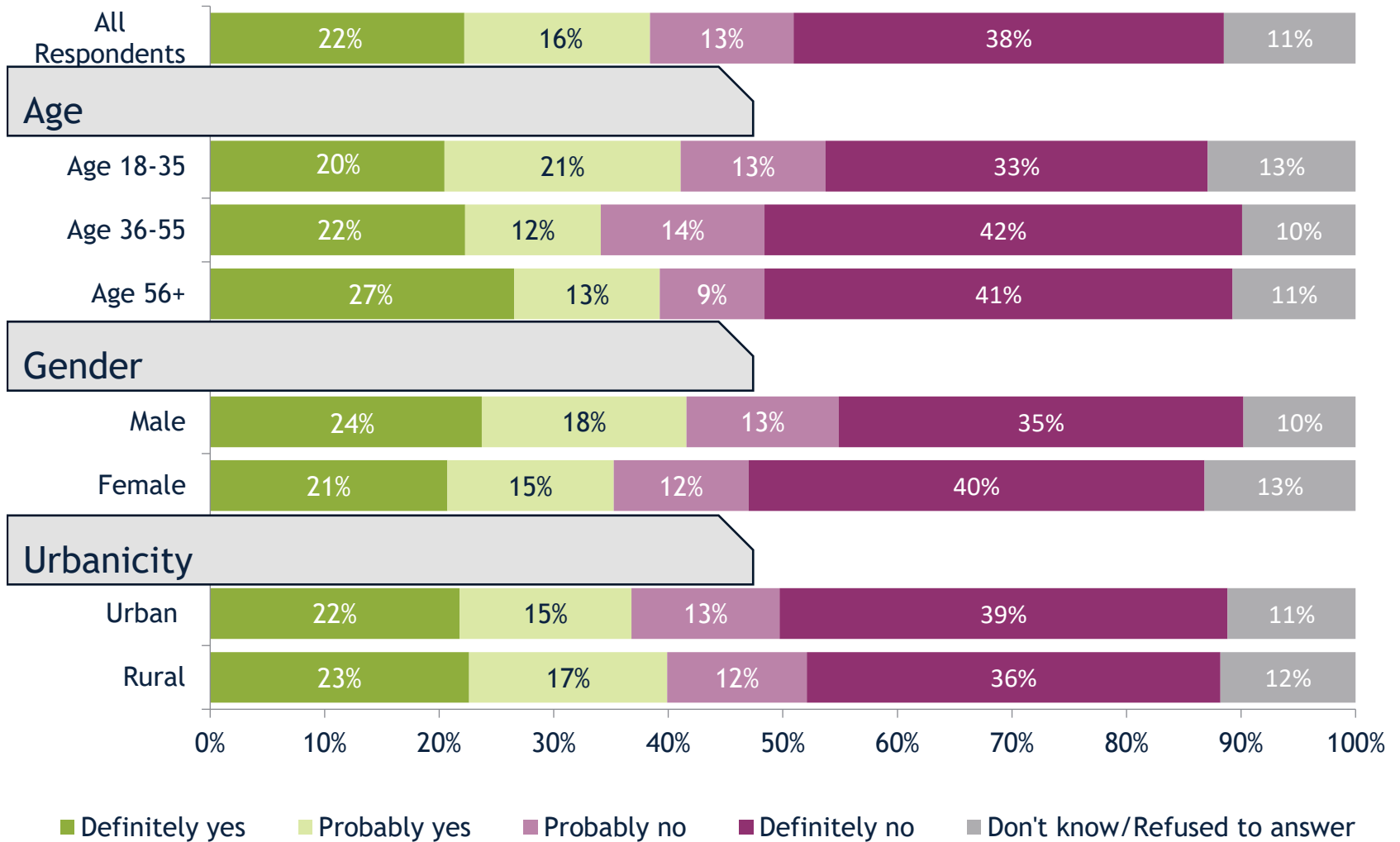
# What laws, legal topics or related processes would you like to learn more about?

(Multiple responses allowed)



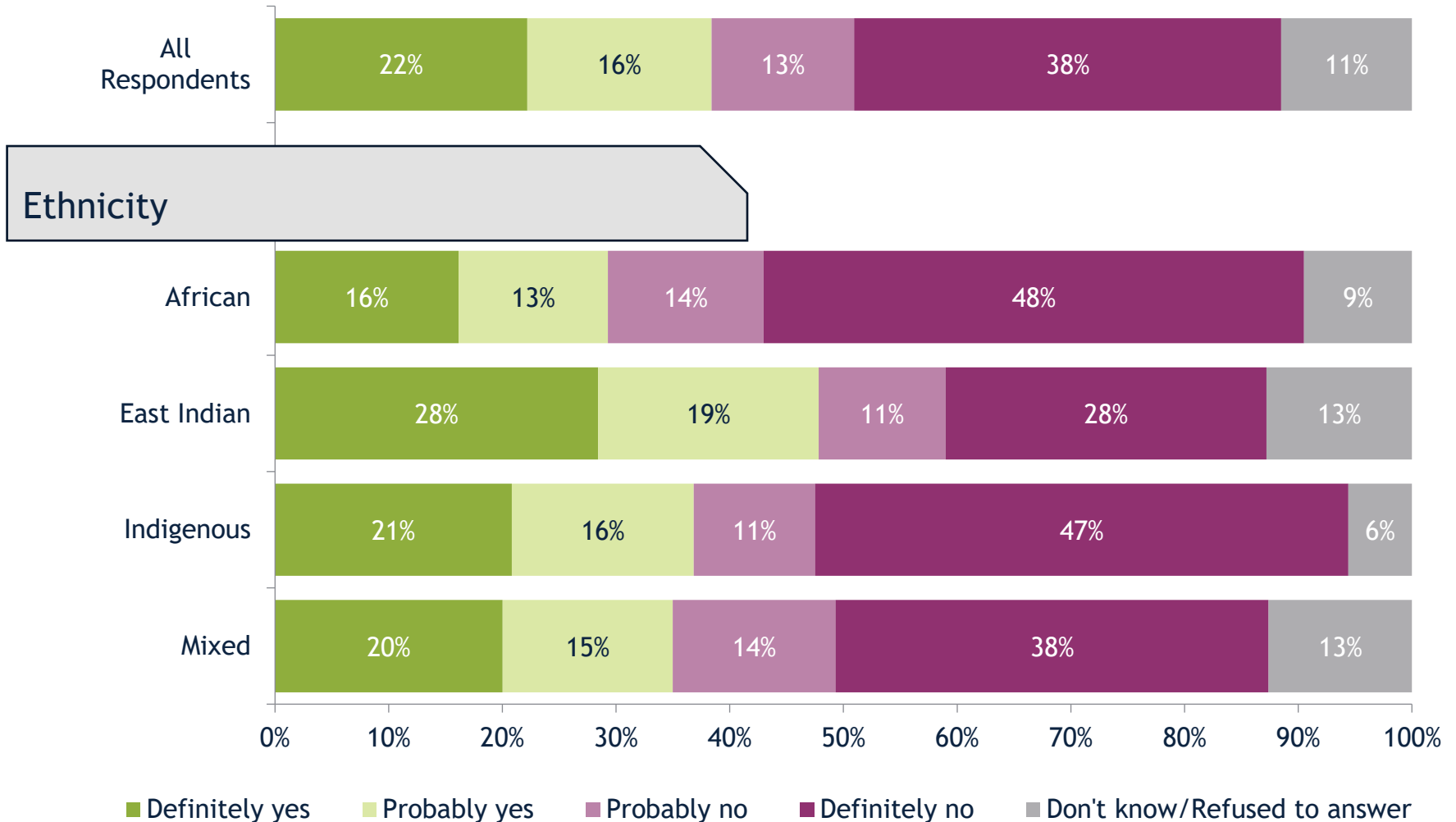


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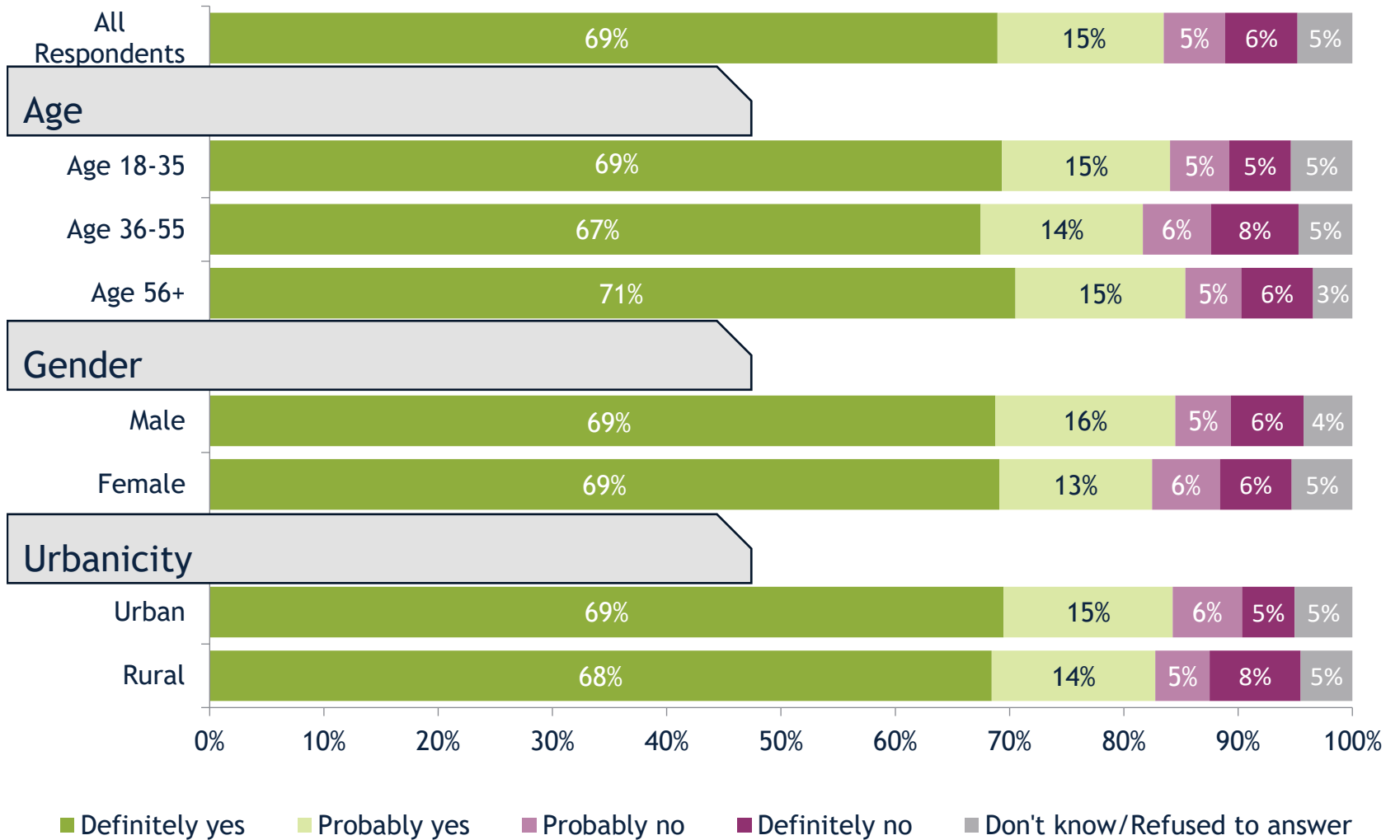


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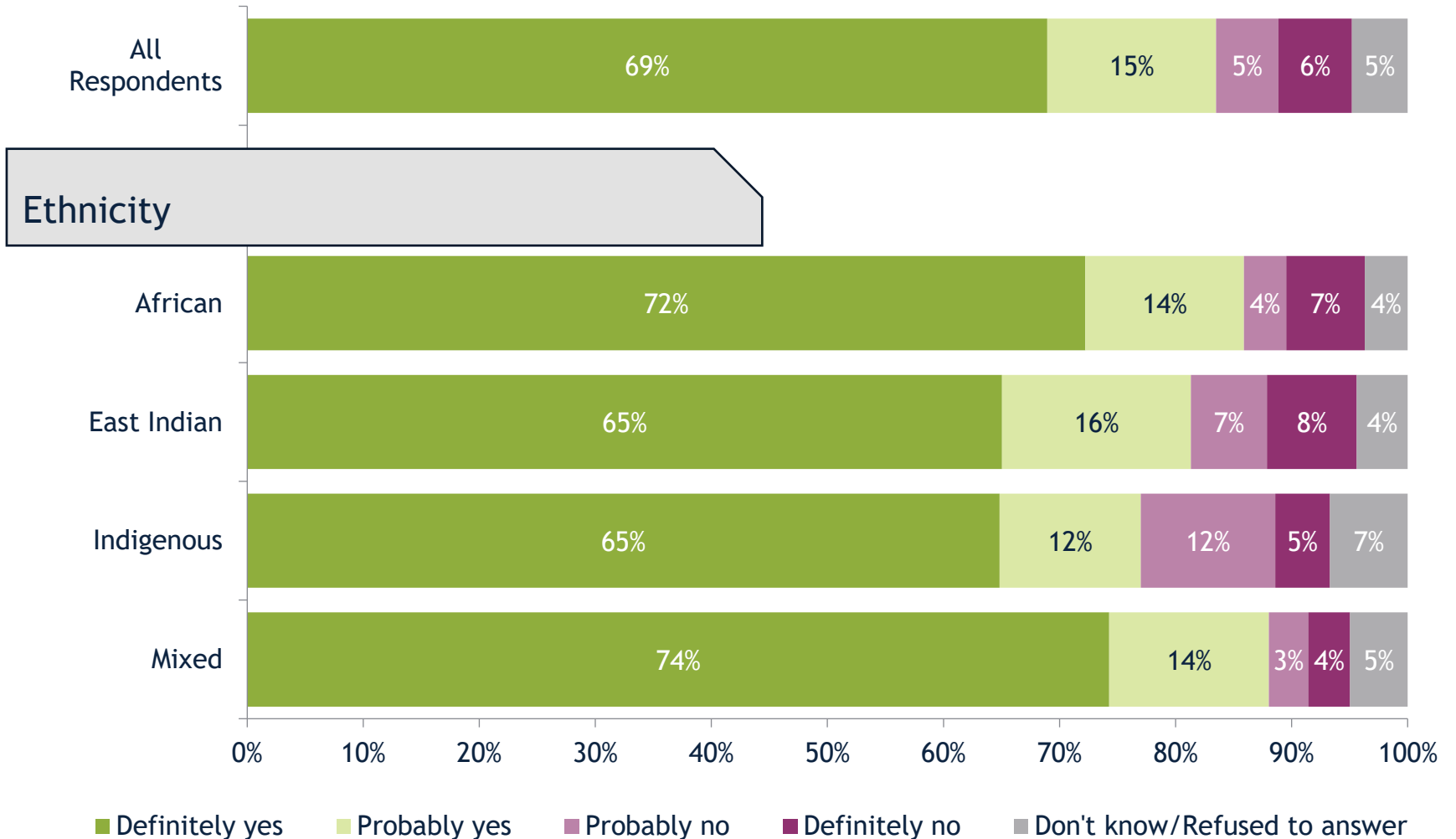




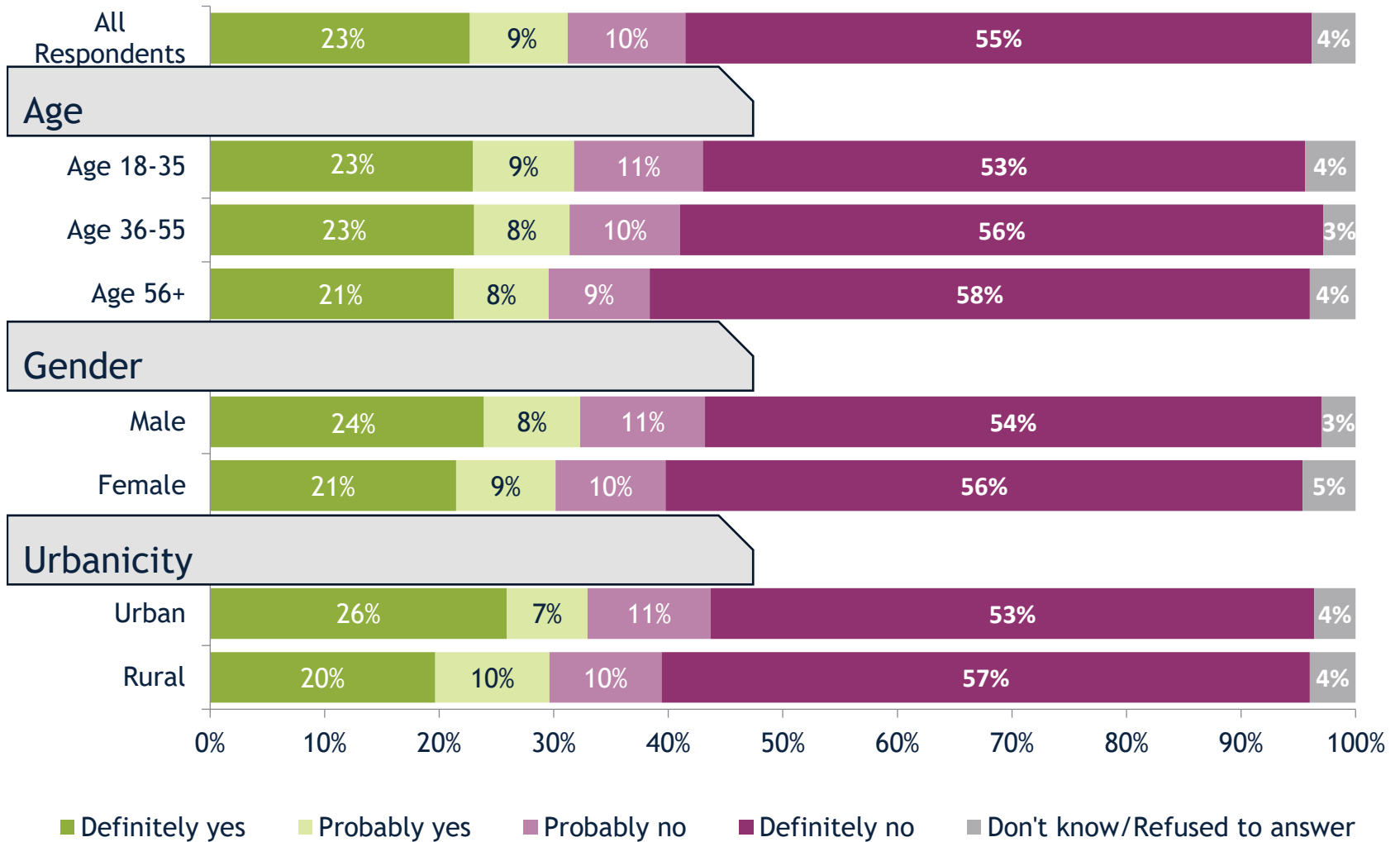
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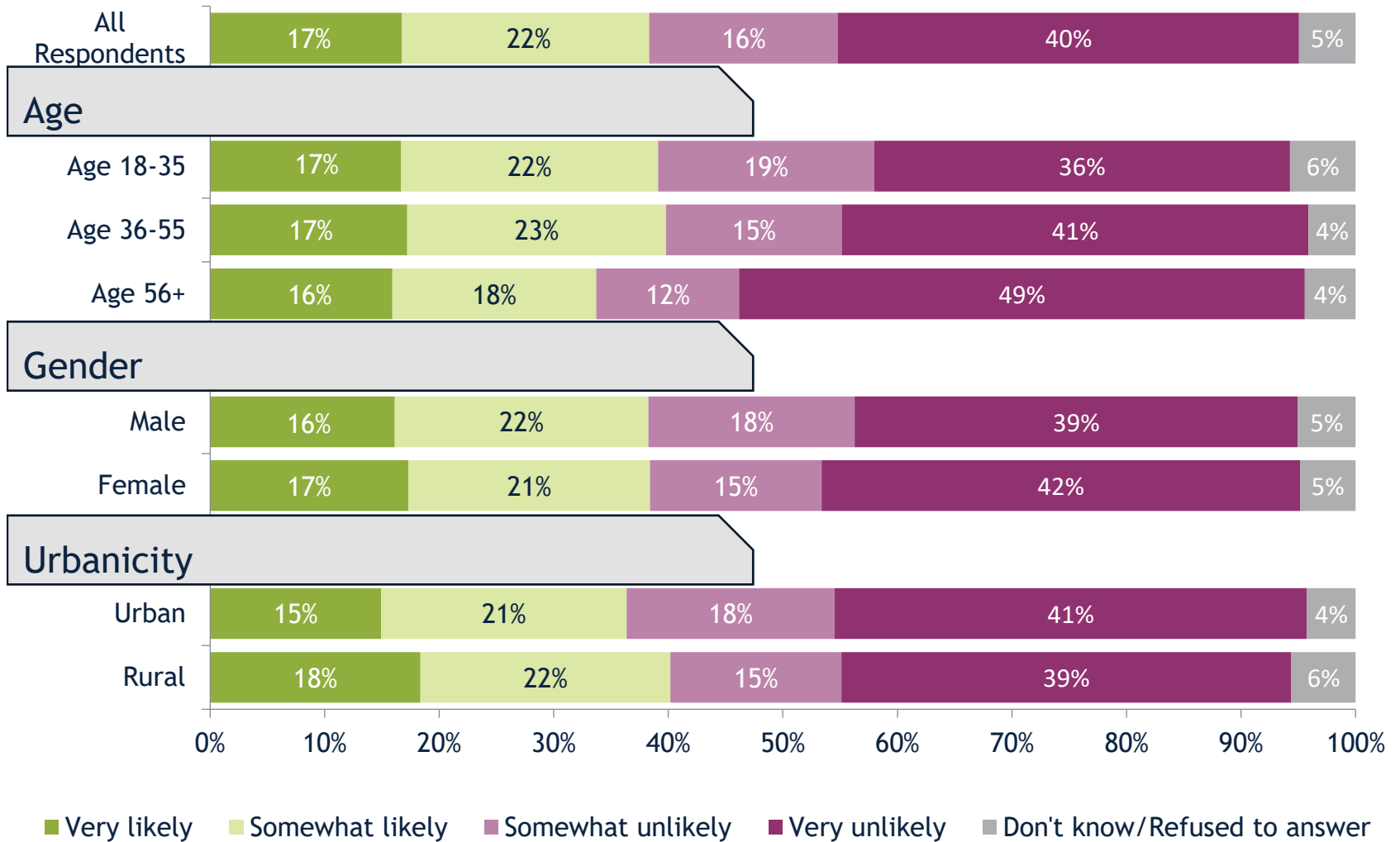
# Have you experienced physical or other types of violence including cyberbullying during elections?



# Inclusion and Civic Engagement



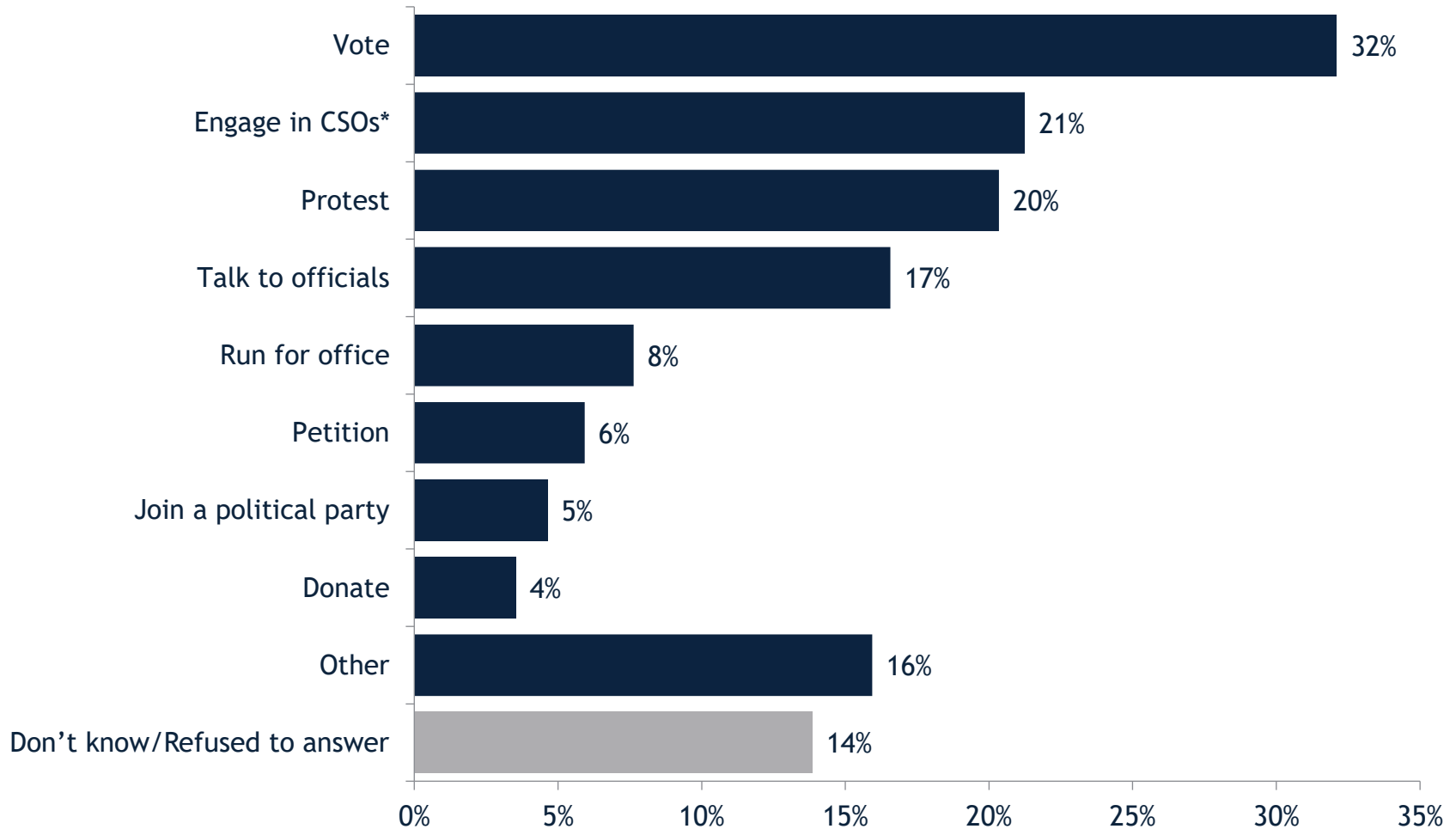
# How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?





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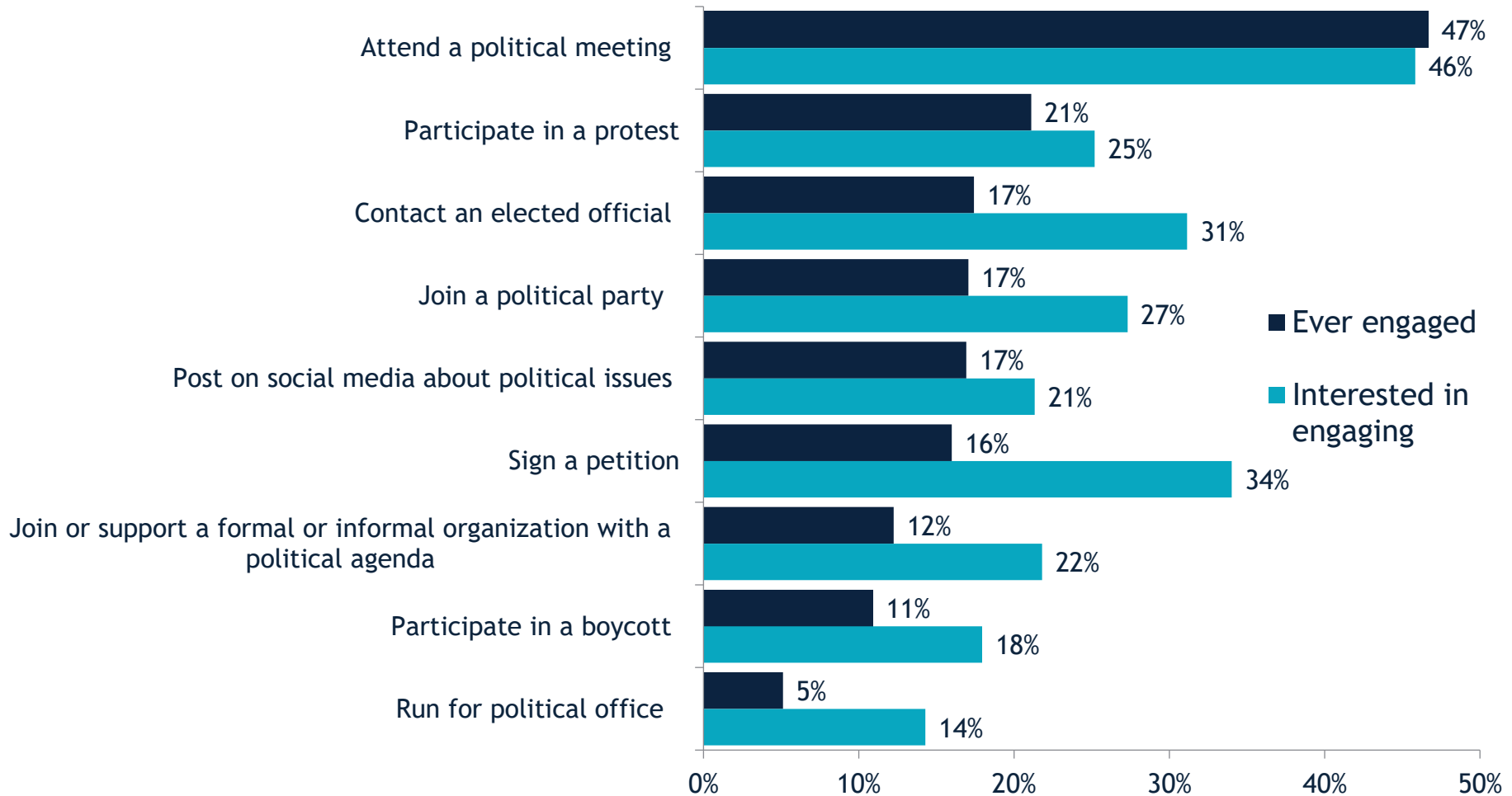
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses allowed)



\*CSOs are local, national or international groups of people who organize to support a particular interest, group or issue.

# Have you ever engaged in the following activities? Are you interested in engaging in any of the following activities within the next several years?

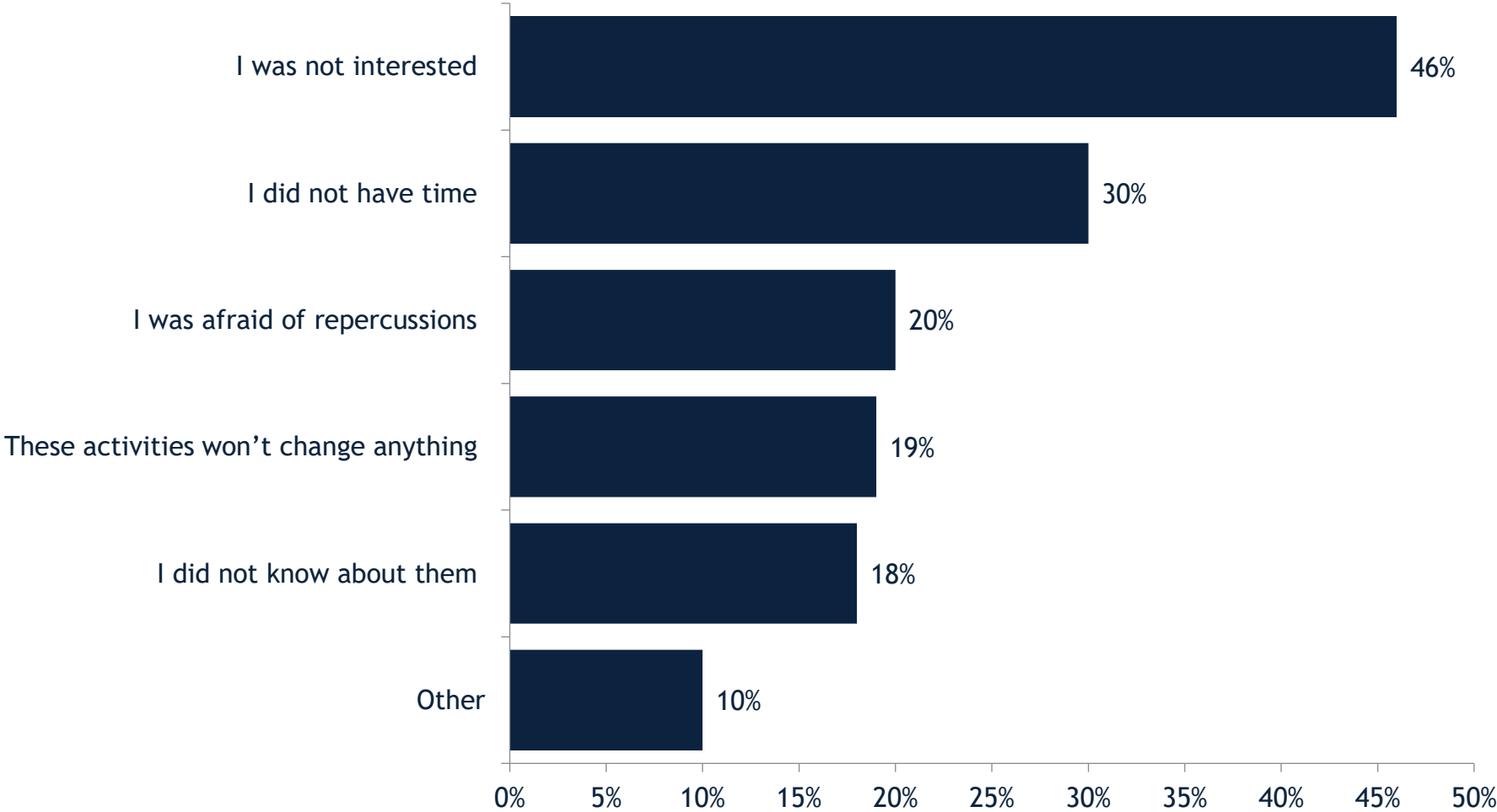
(Only “yes” responses displayed)





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

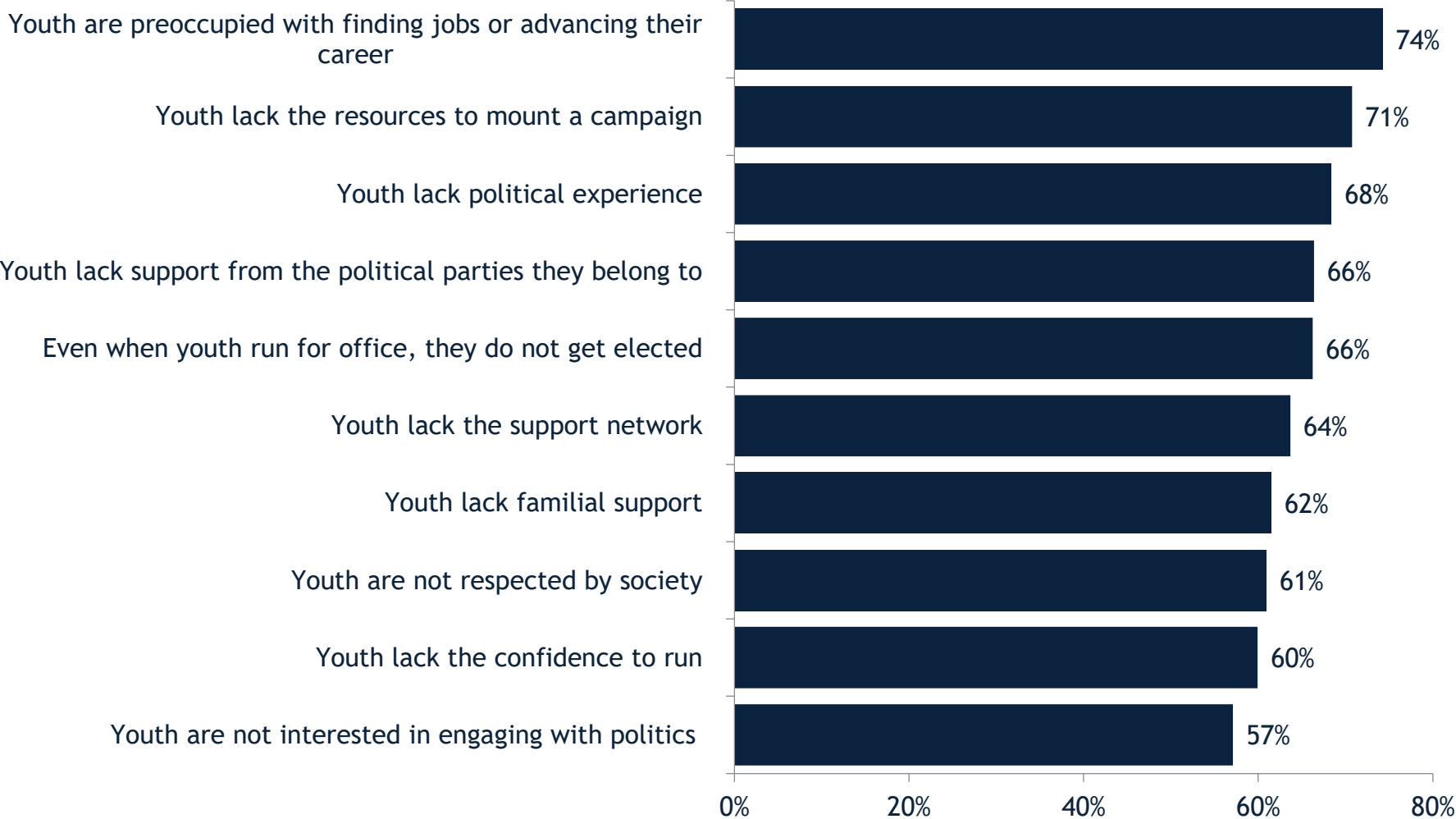
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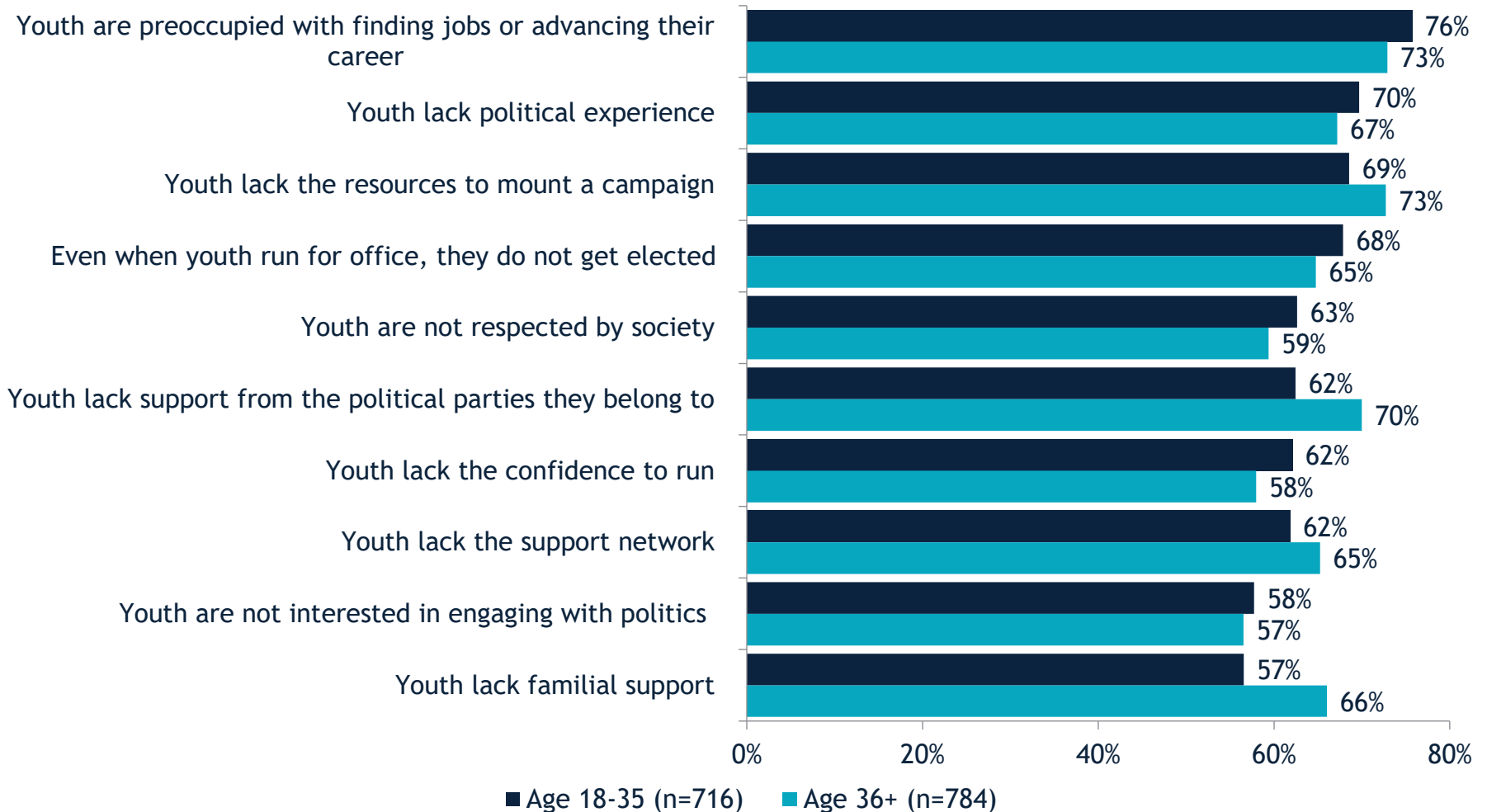


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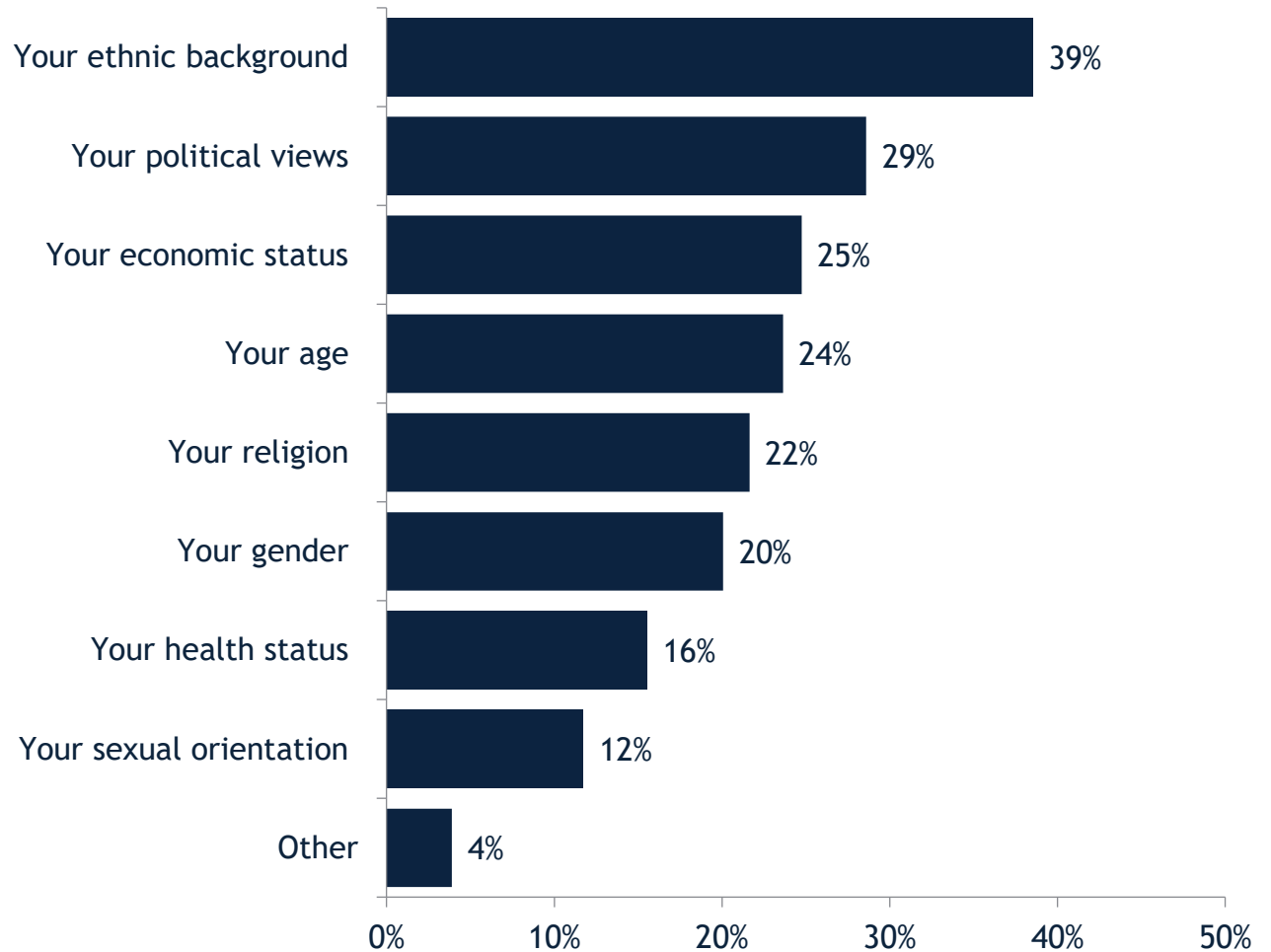
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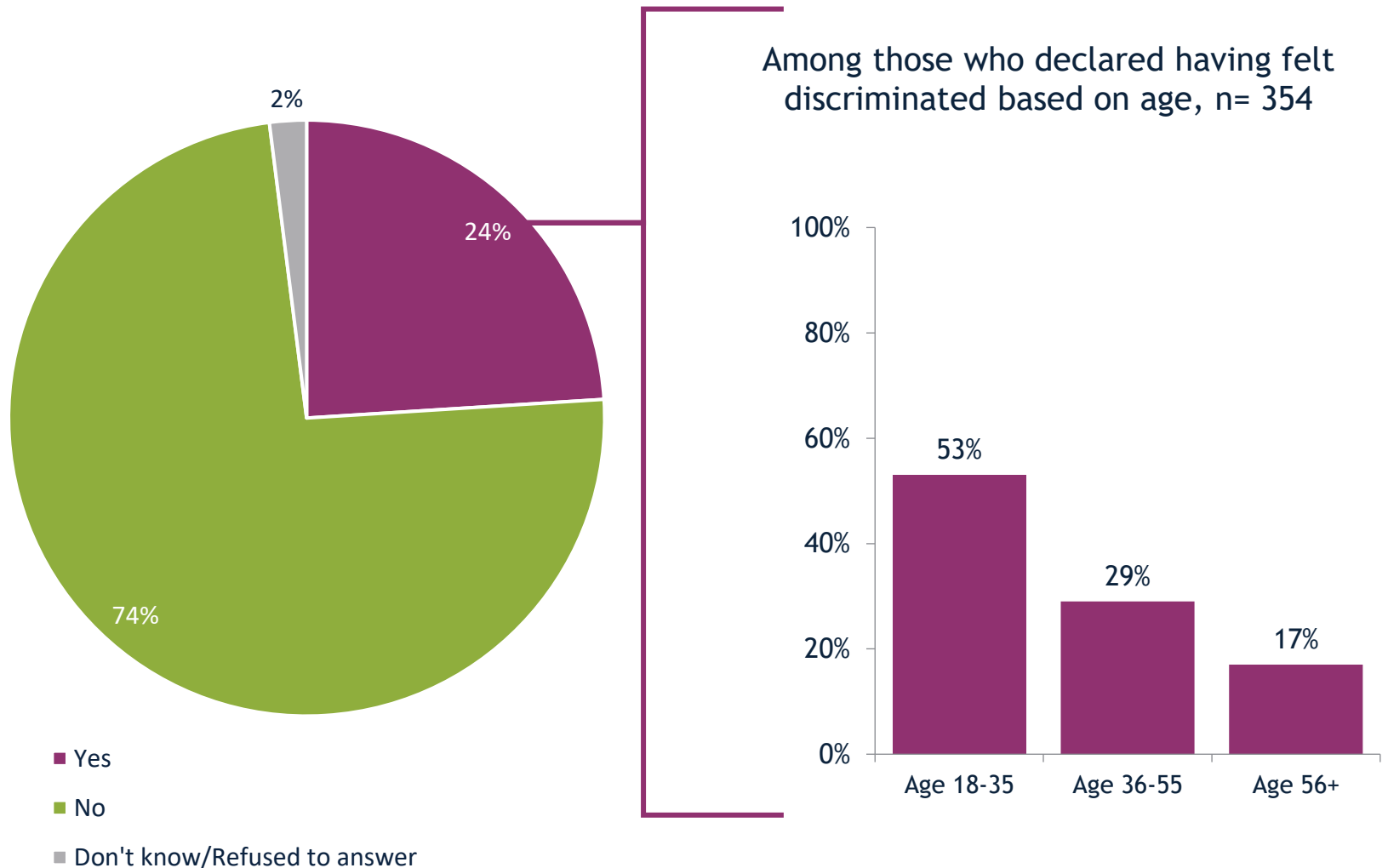
**In the past 12 months have you personally felt discriminated against in our country on the basis of one or more of the following grounds? By discrimination, we mean when somebody is treated less favorably than others because of a specific personal feature.**

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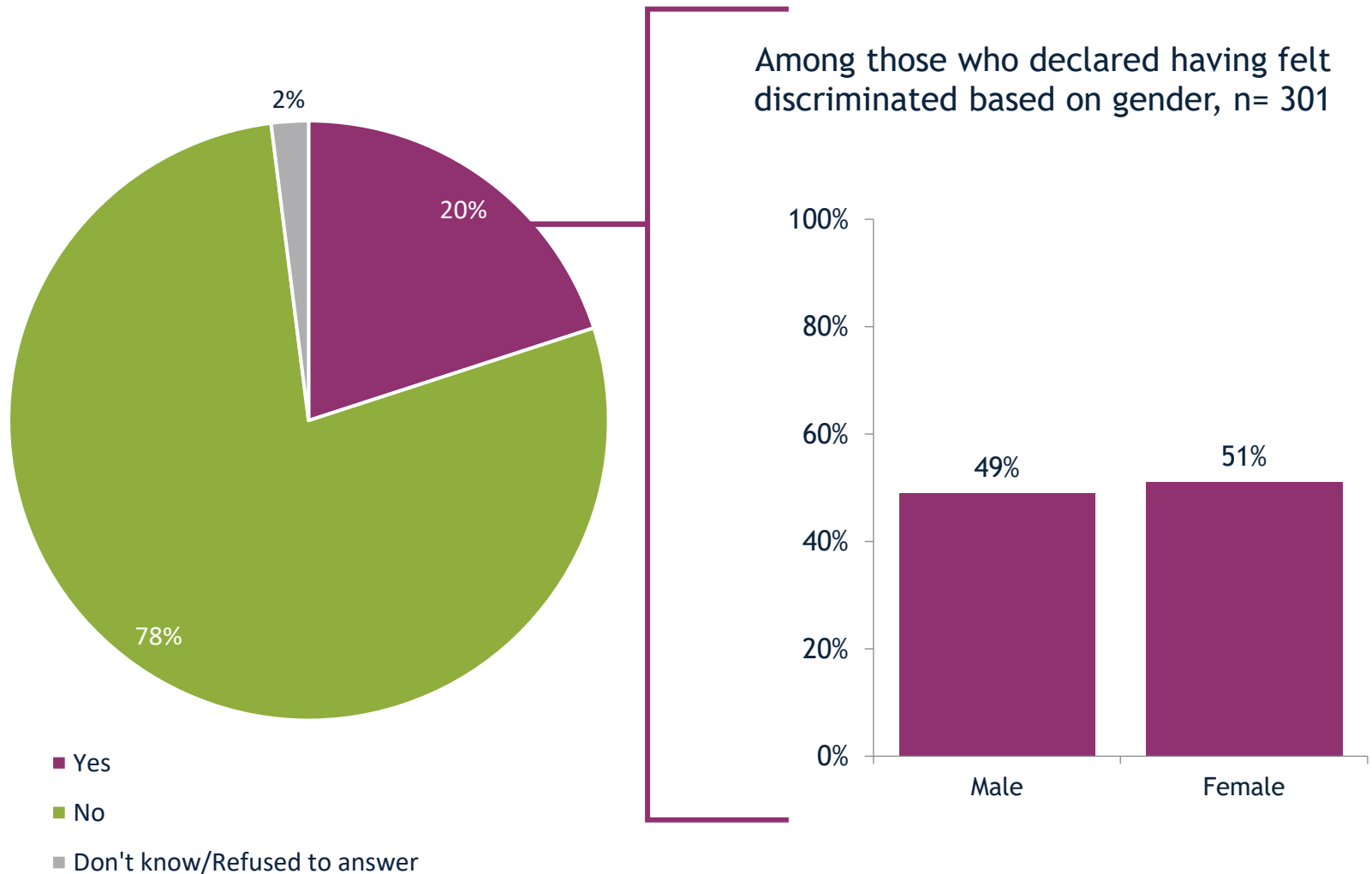
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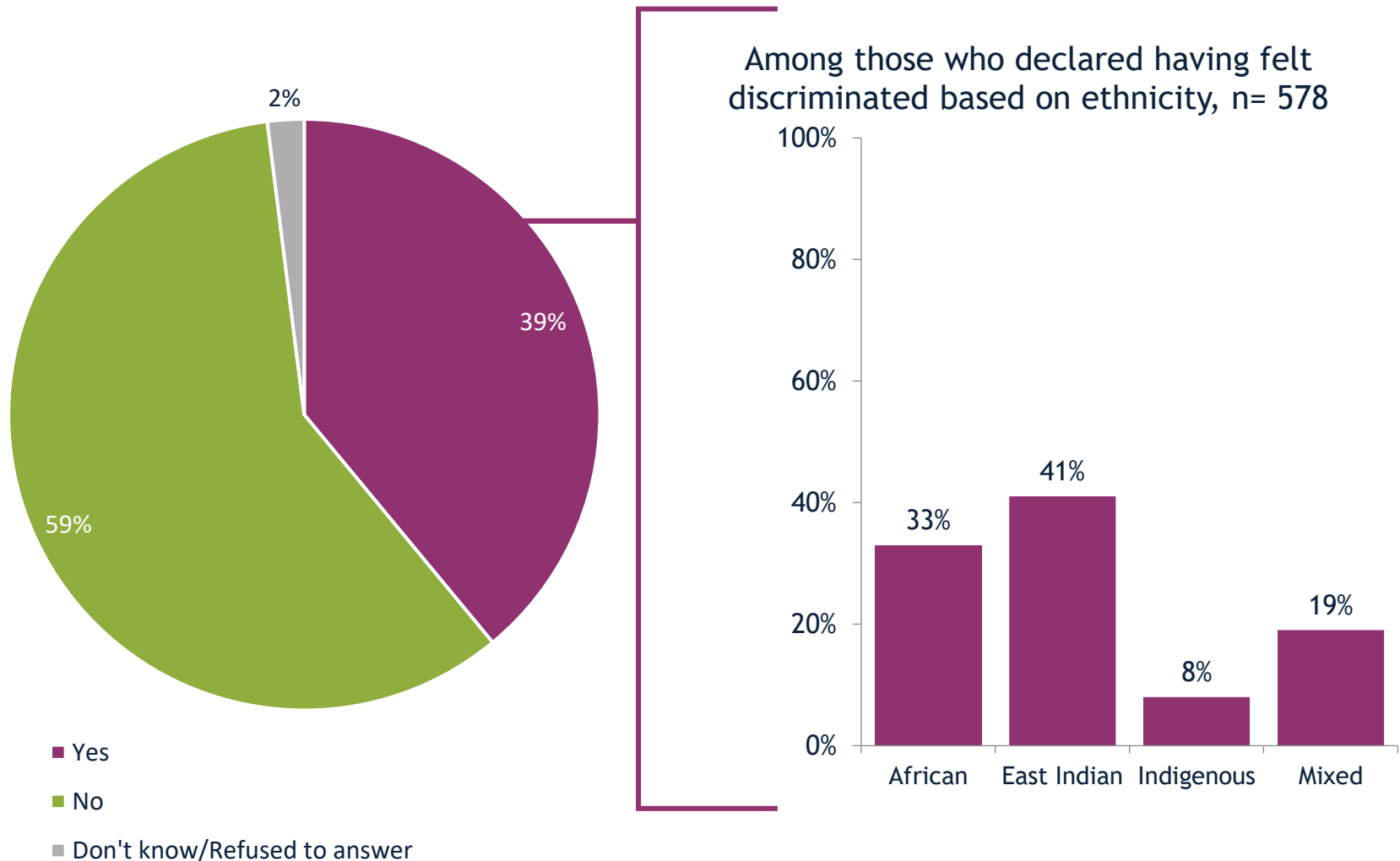
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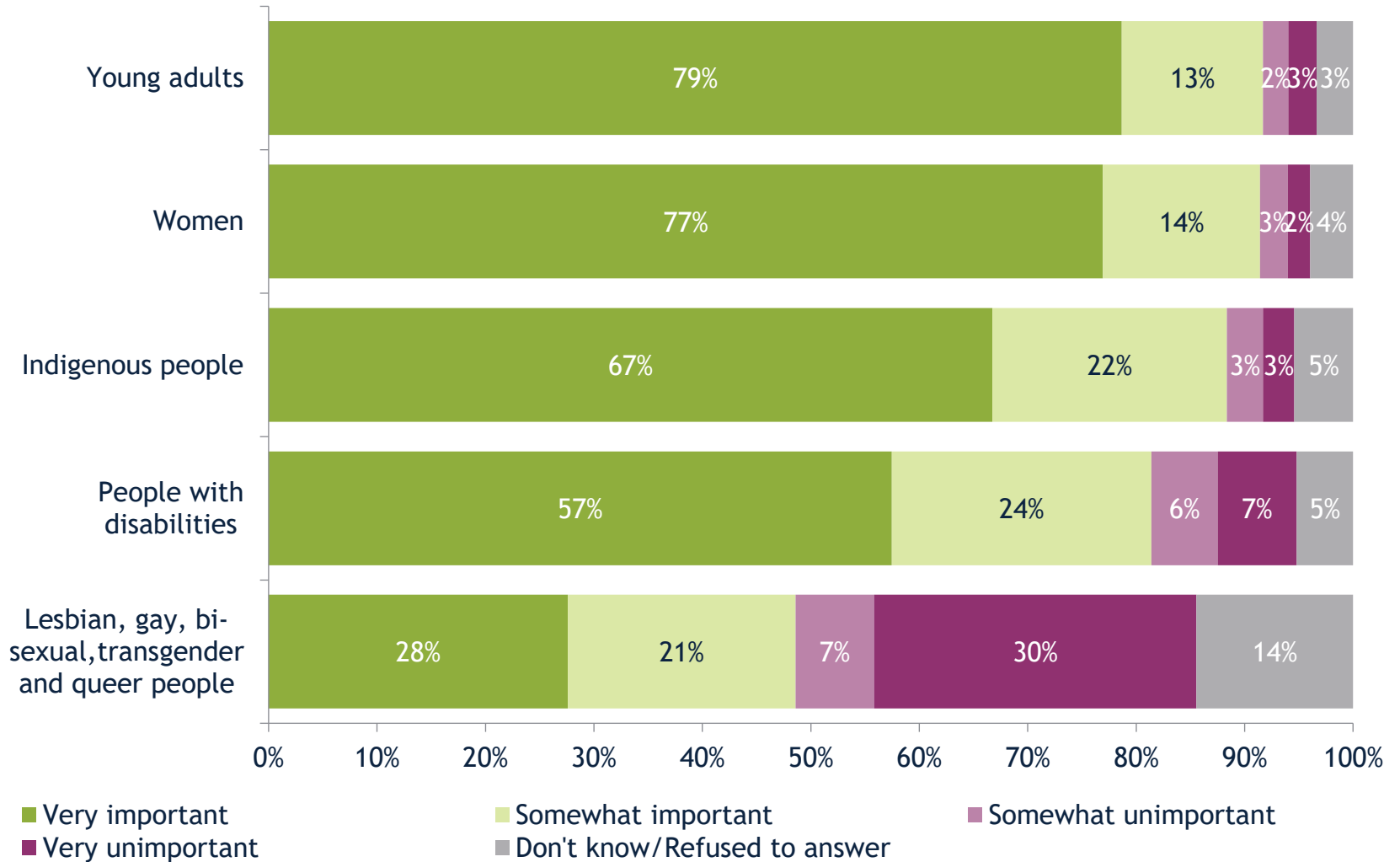


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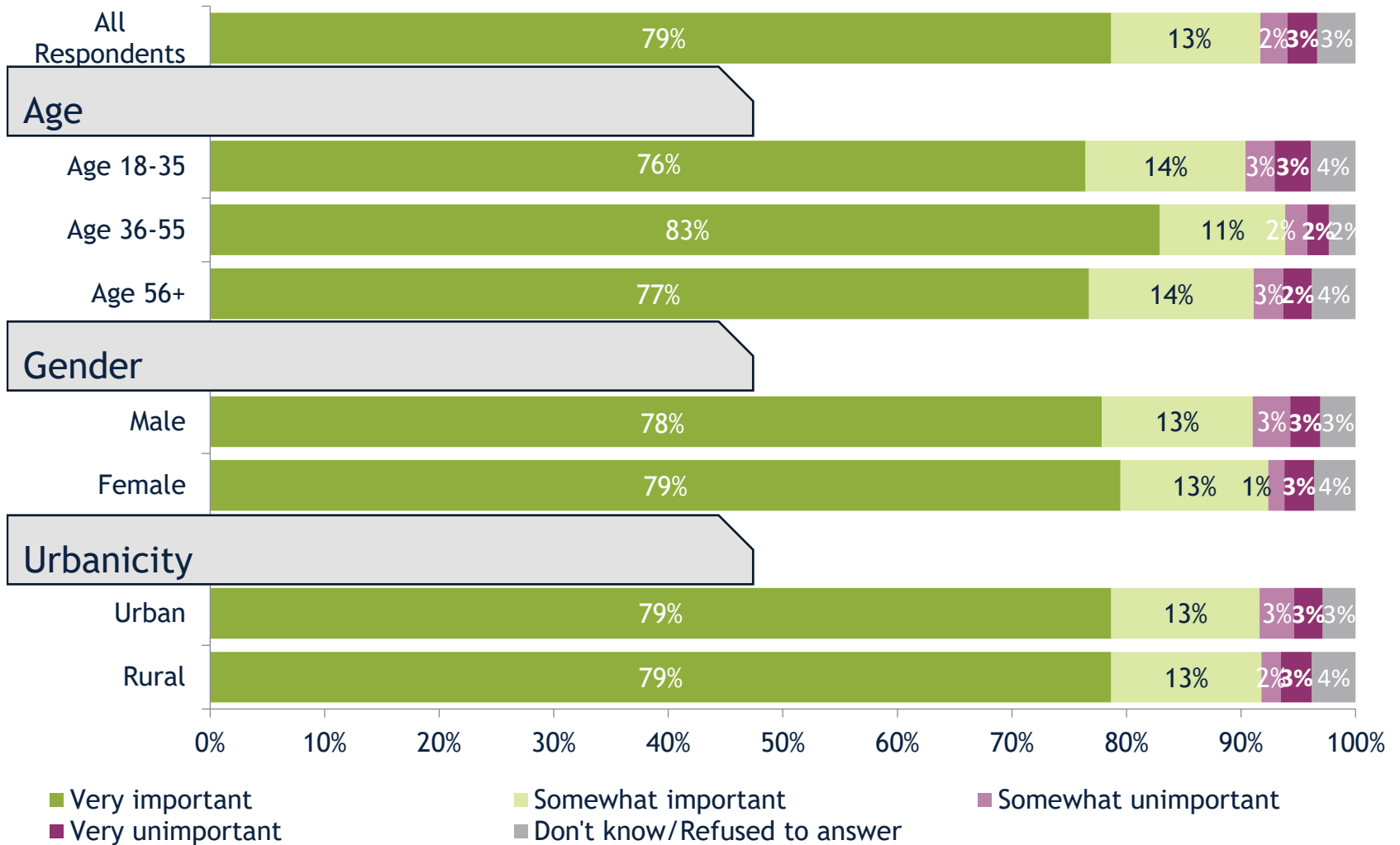
*Your ethnic background*



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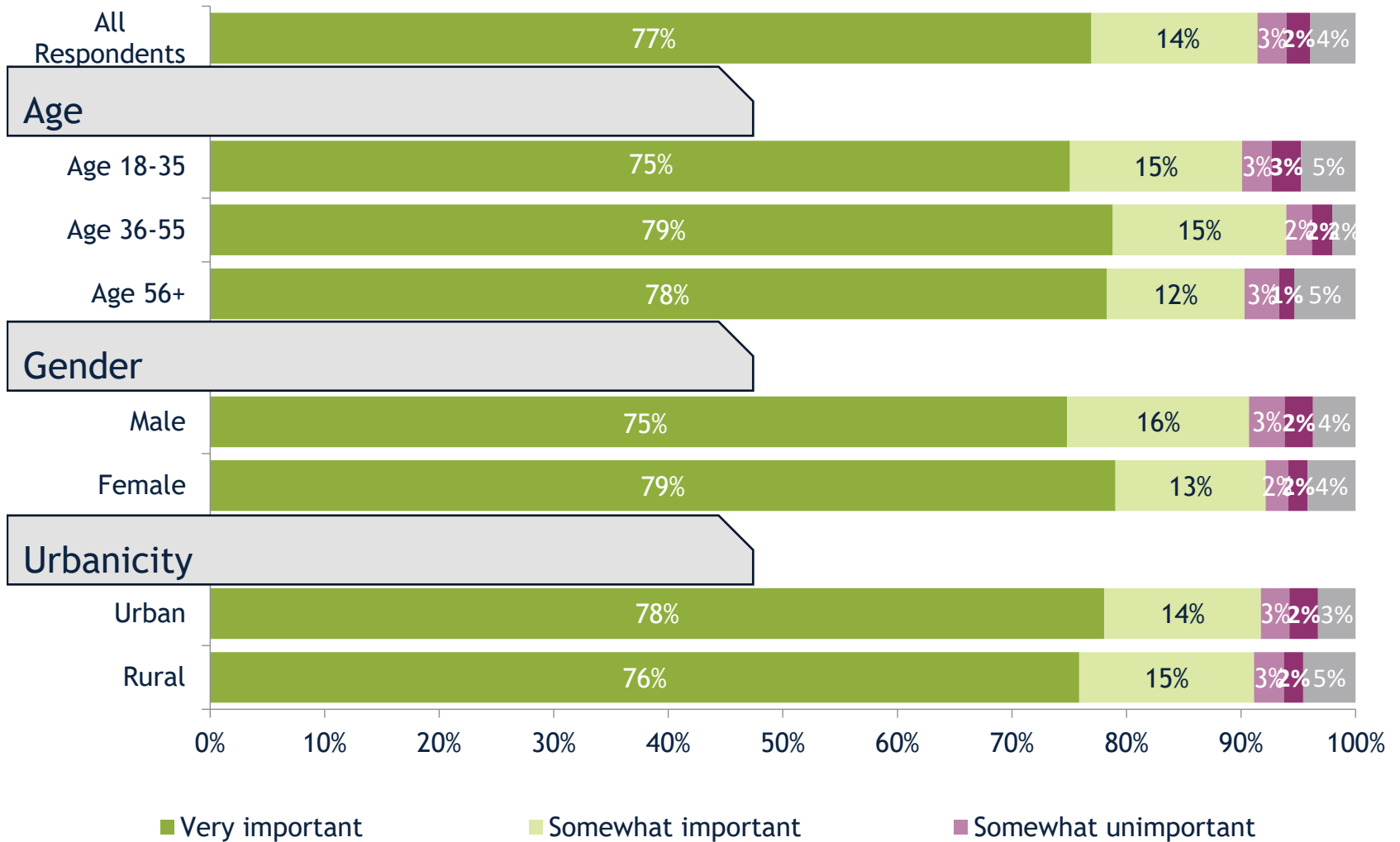


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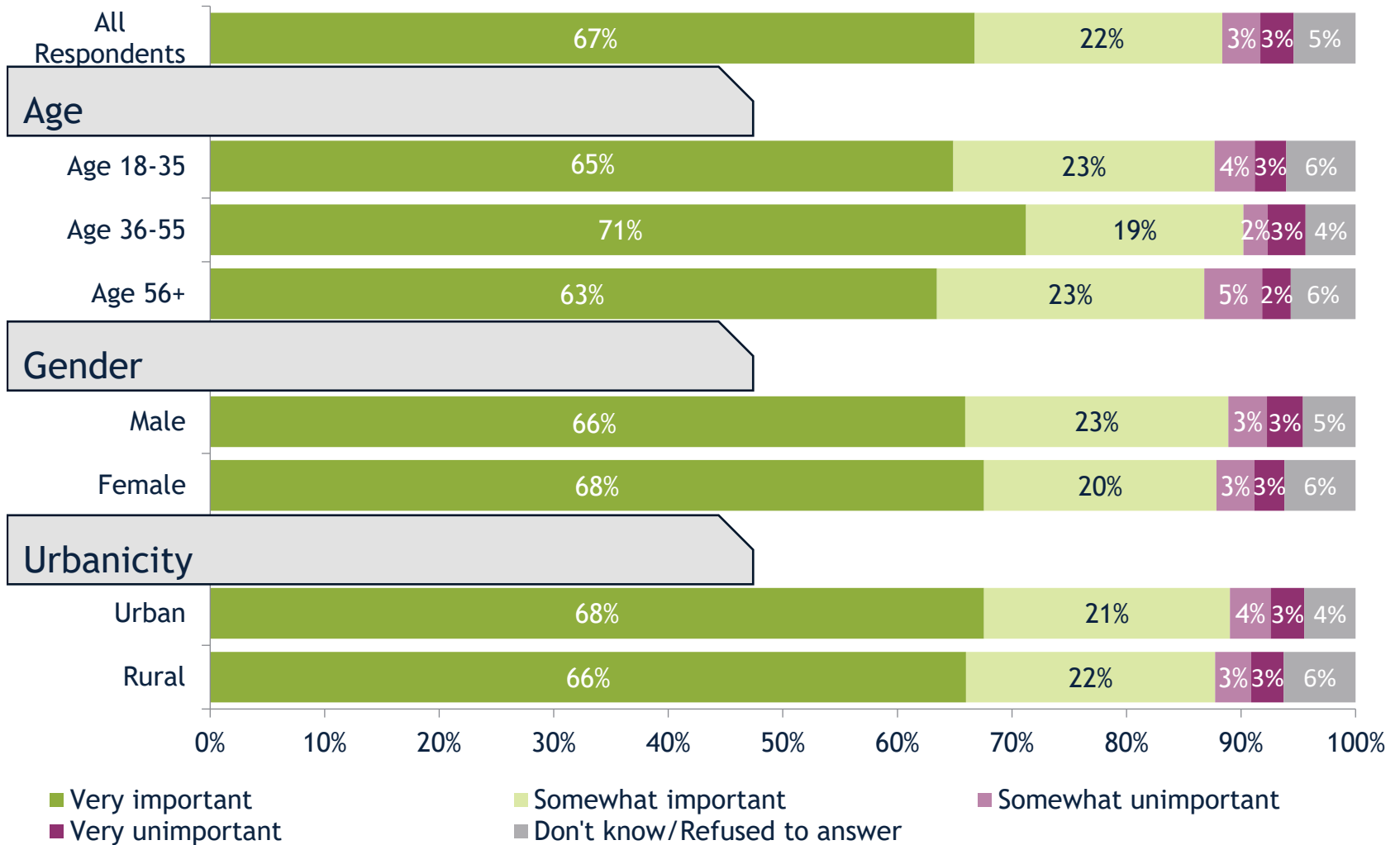




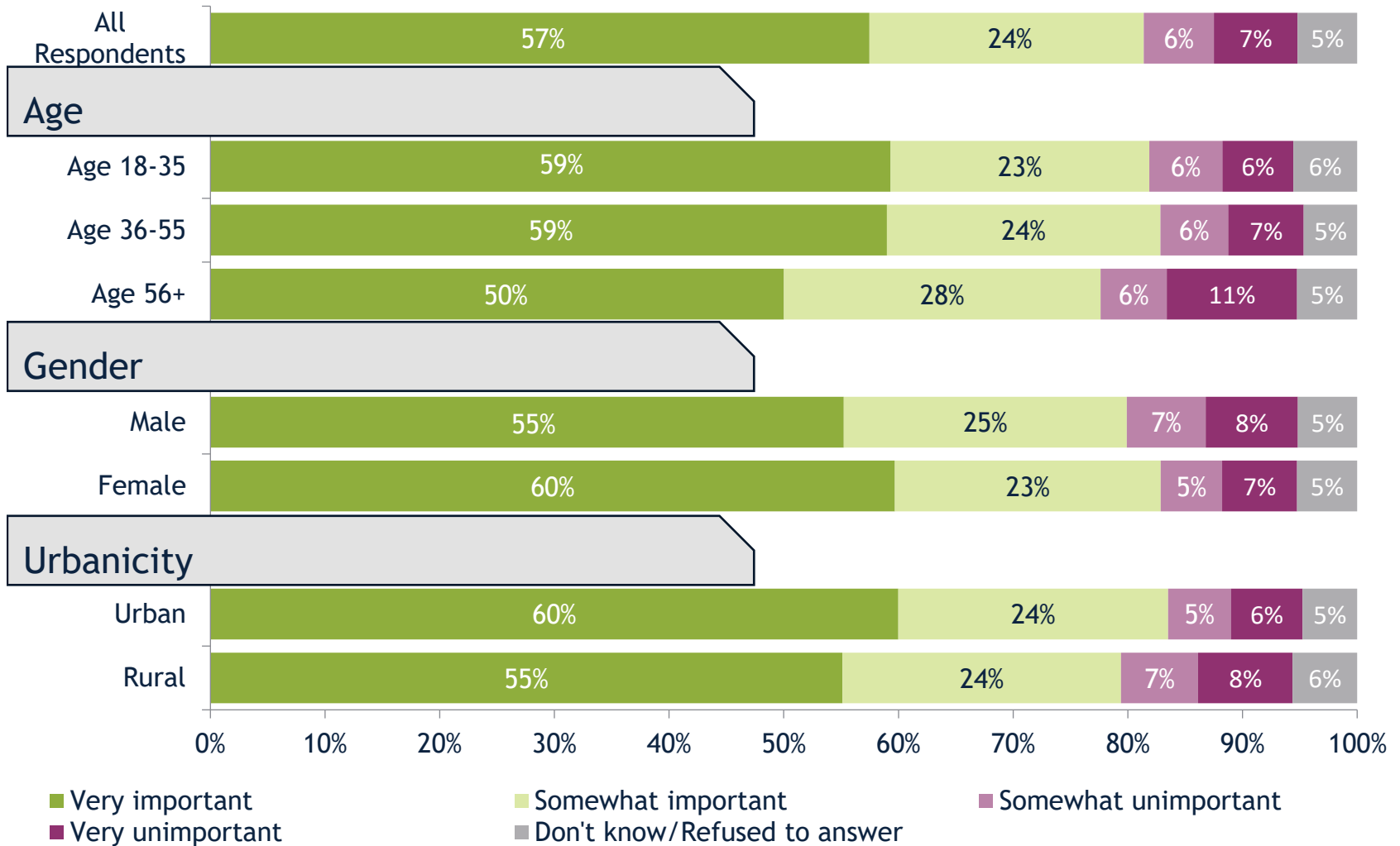
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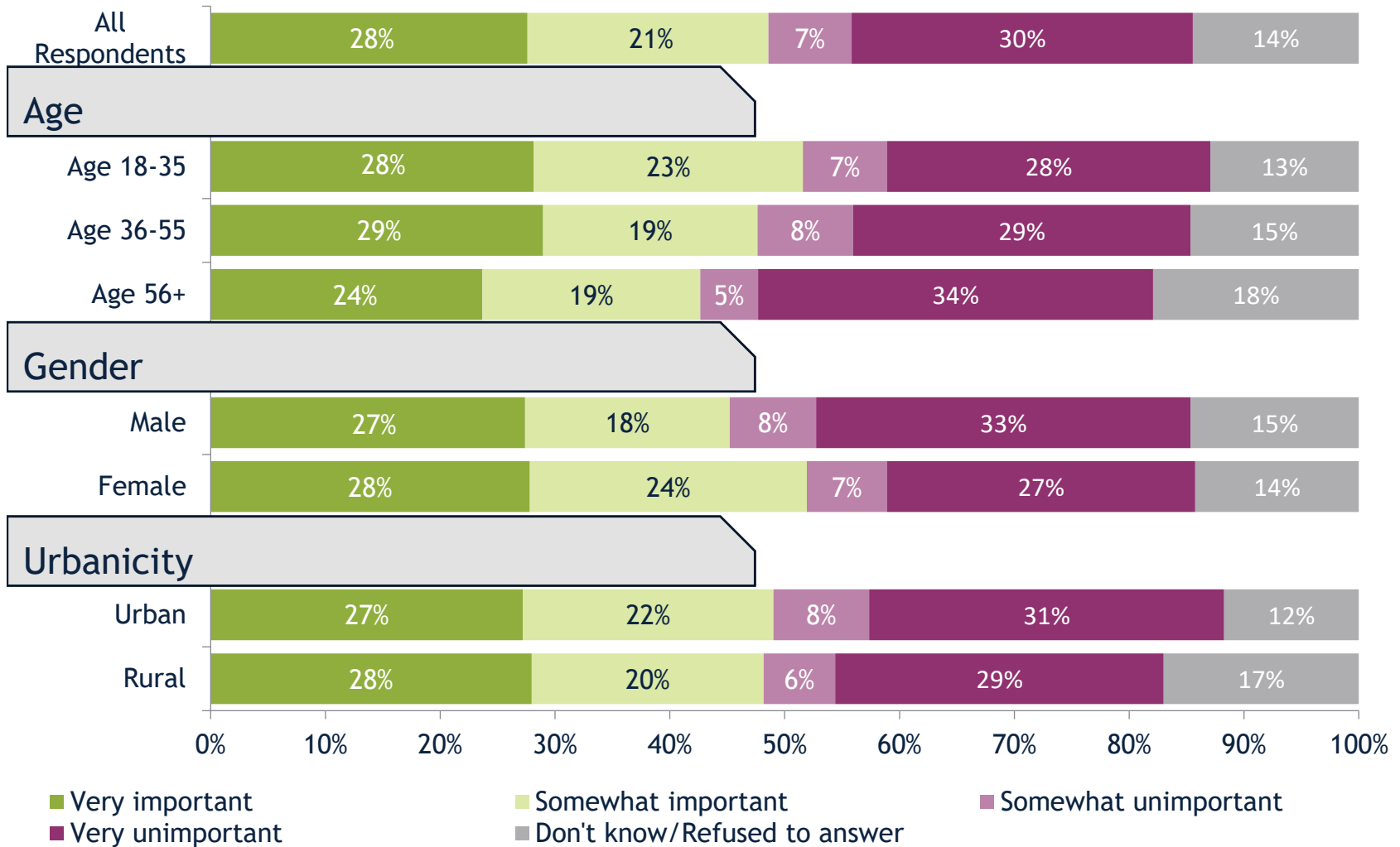
# How important or unimportant is it that Indigenous people are included in political decision making?



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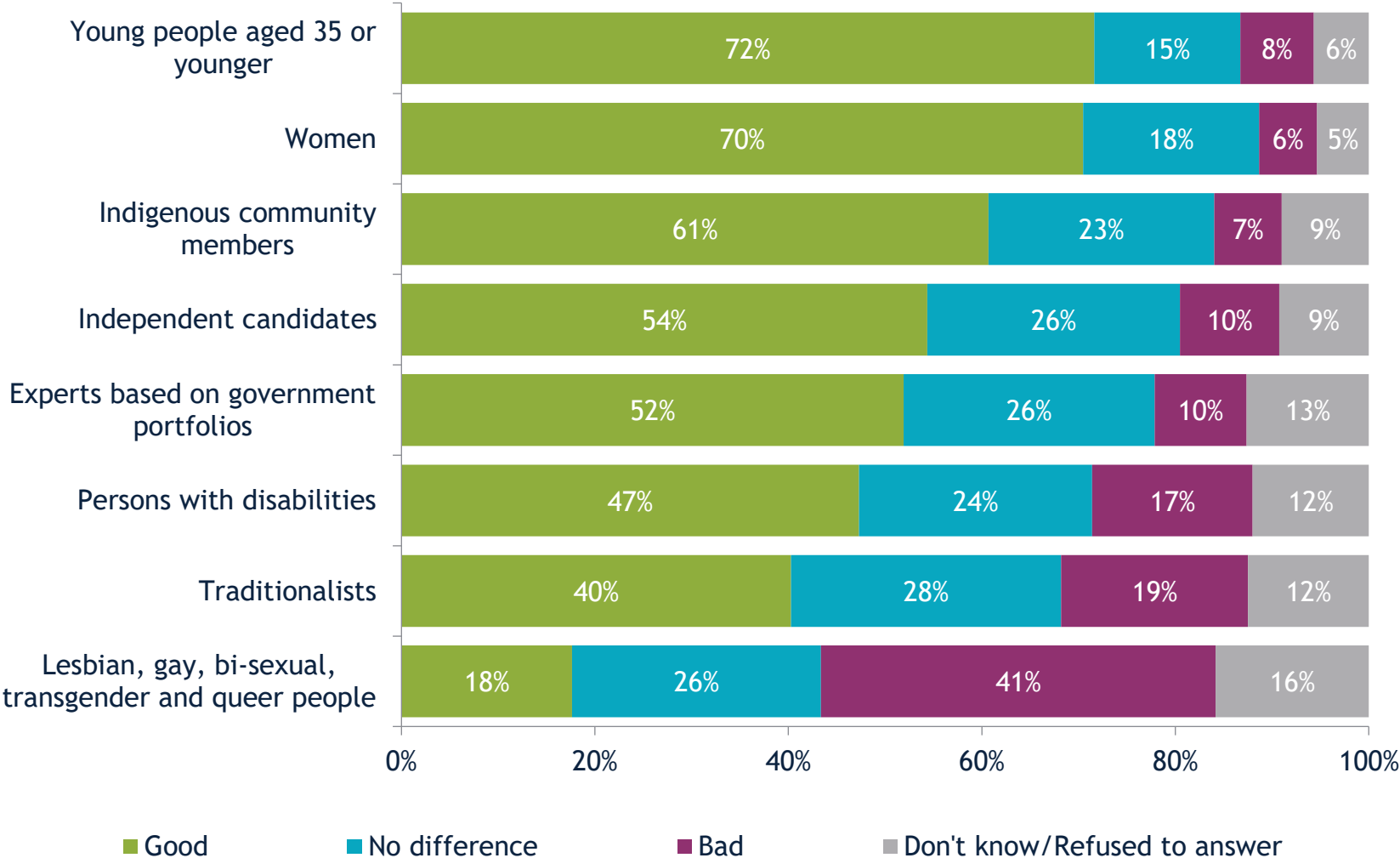


# How important or unimportant is it that lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer people are included in political decision making?



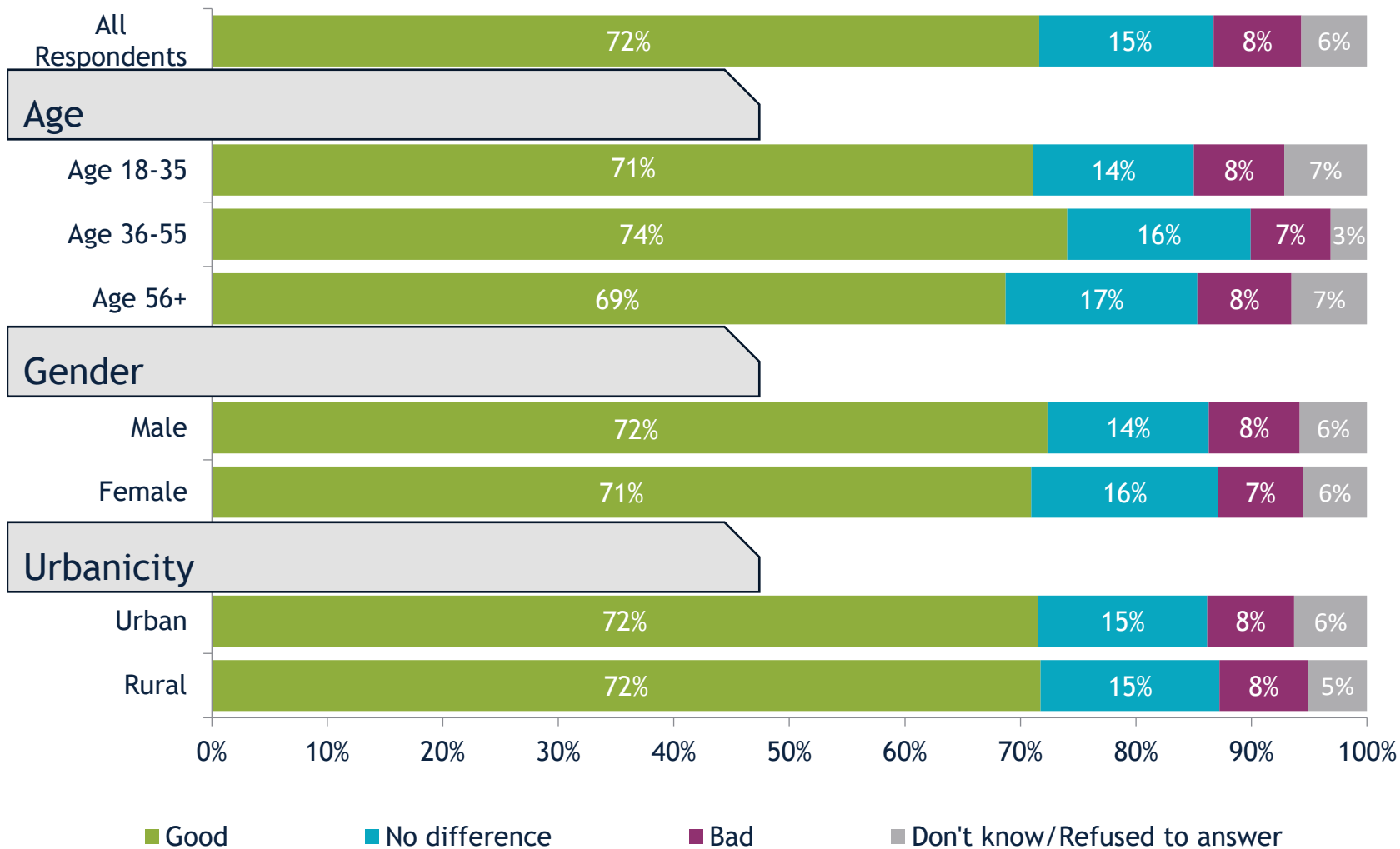


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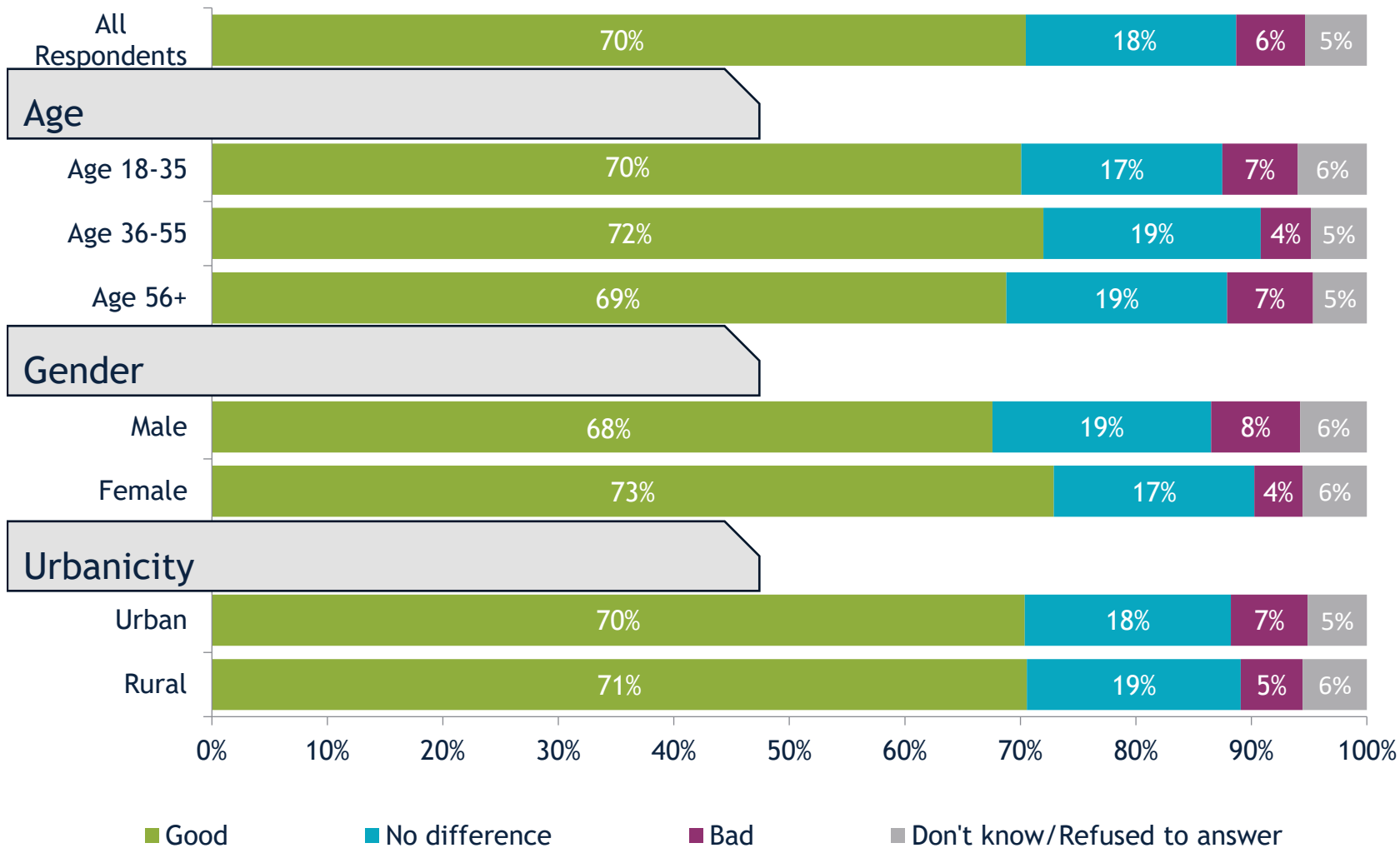
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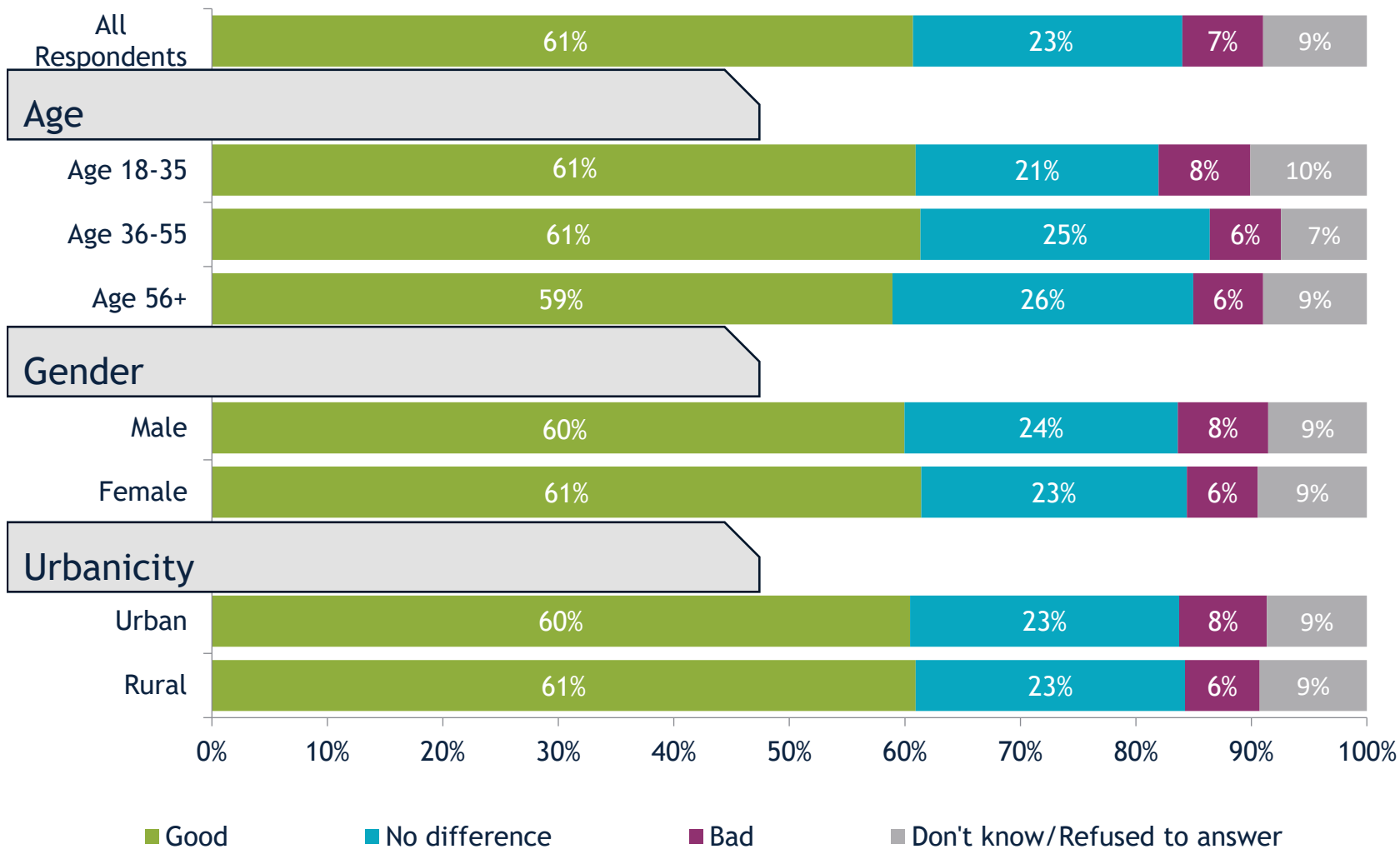
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Women



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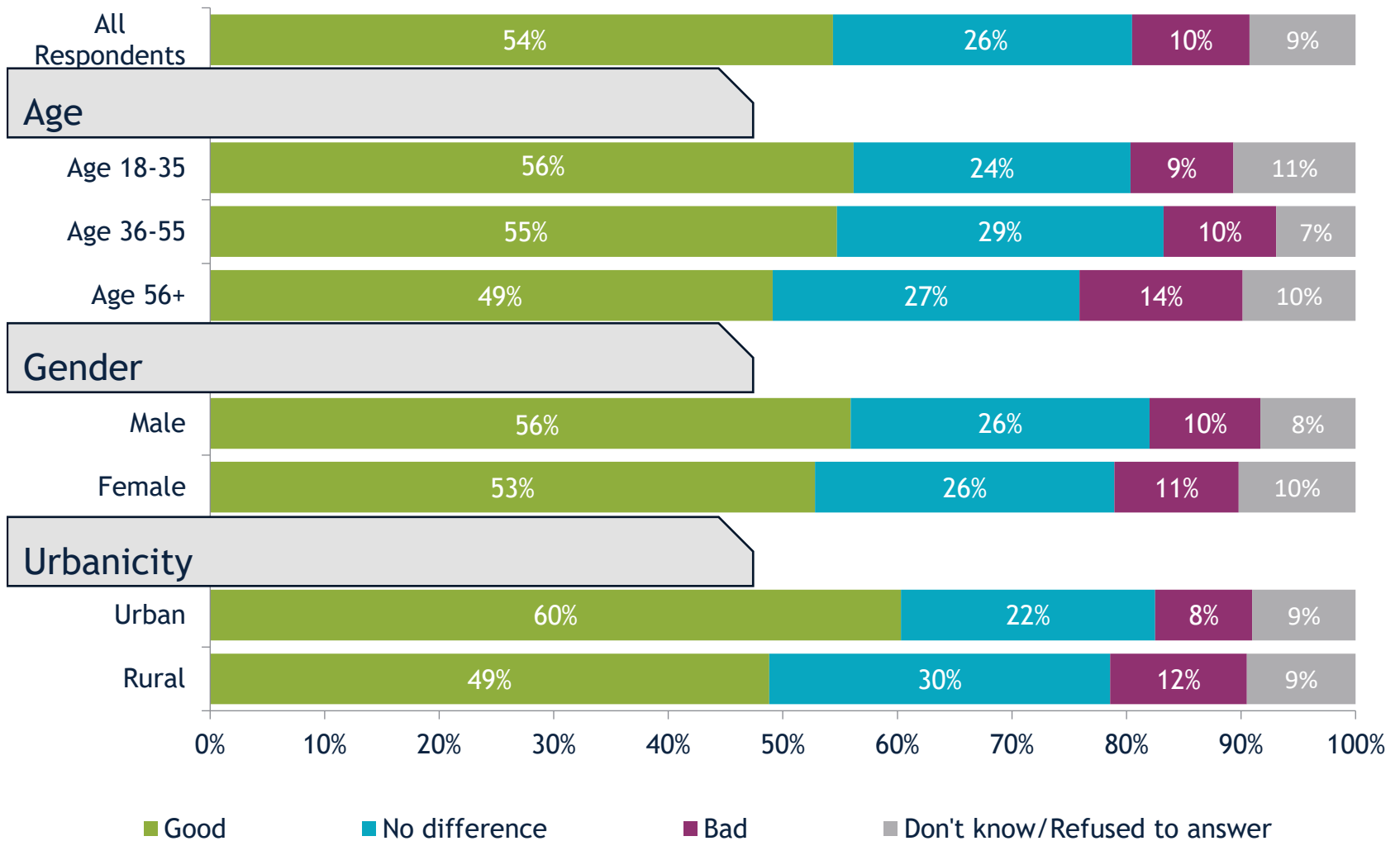
## Indigenous community members





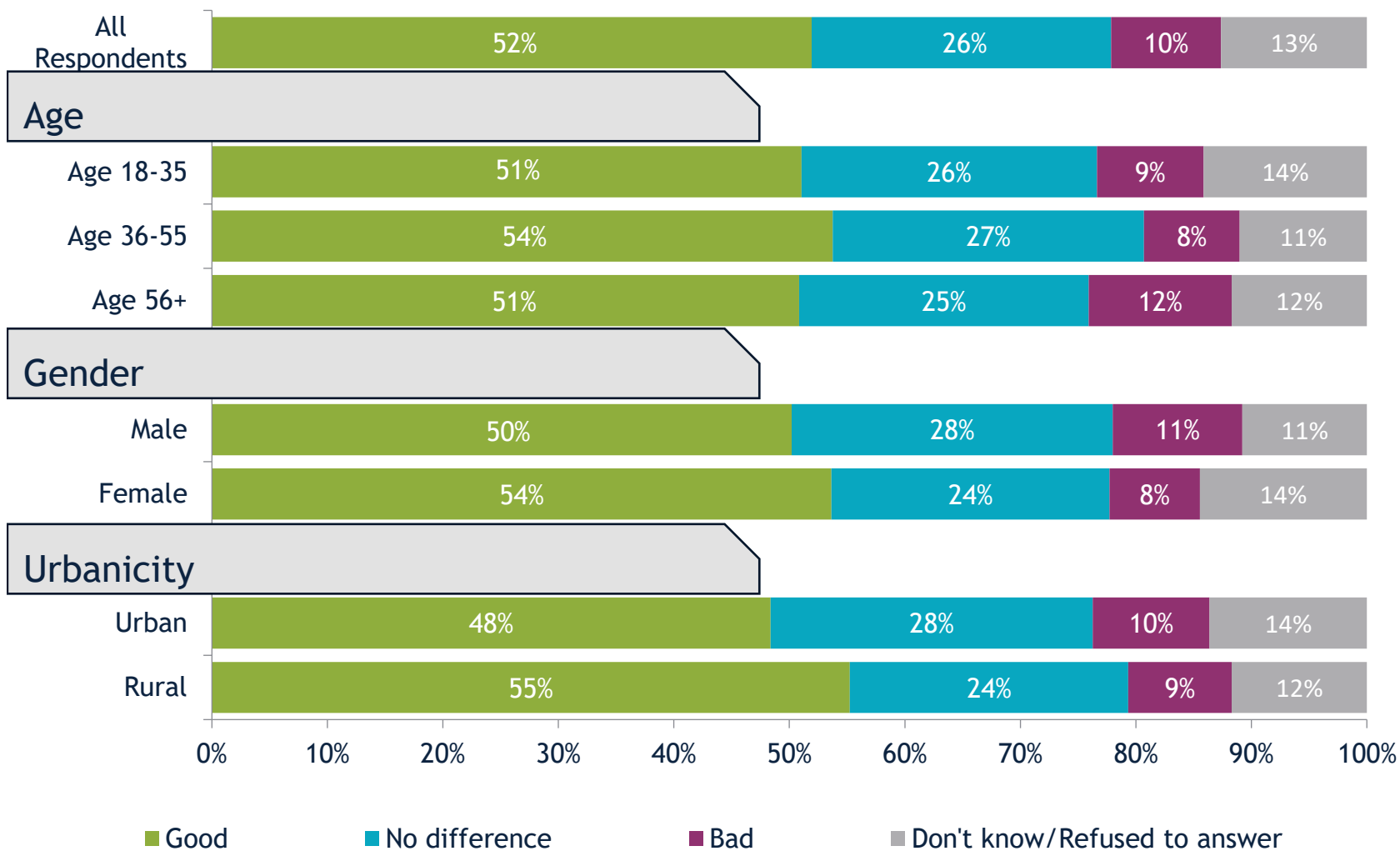
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## Independent Candidates



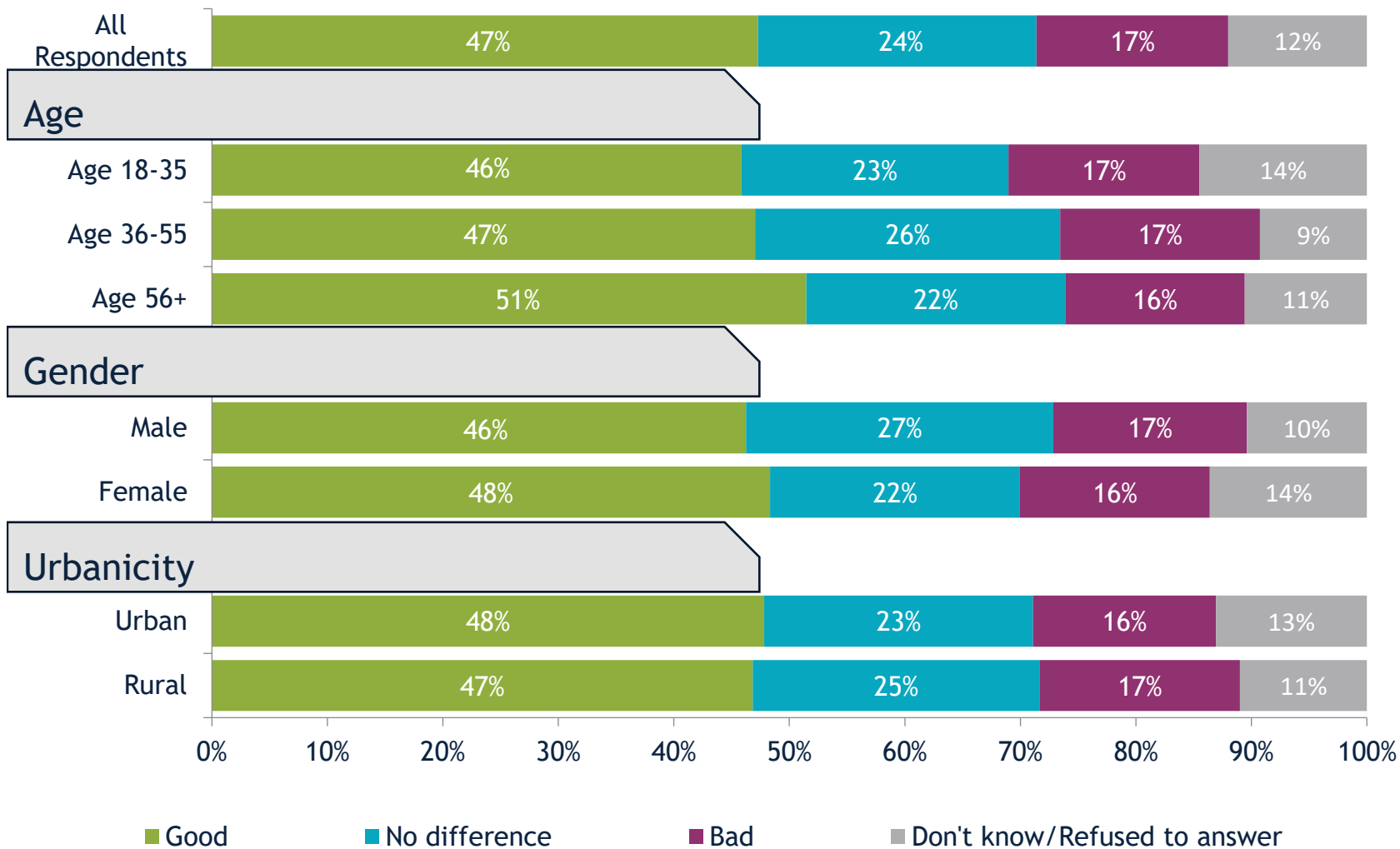
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*Experts based on government portfolios*



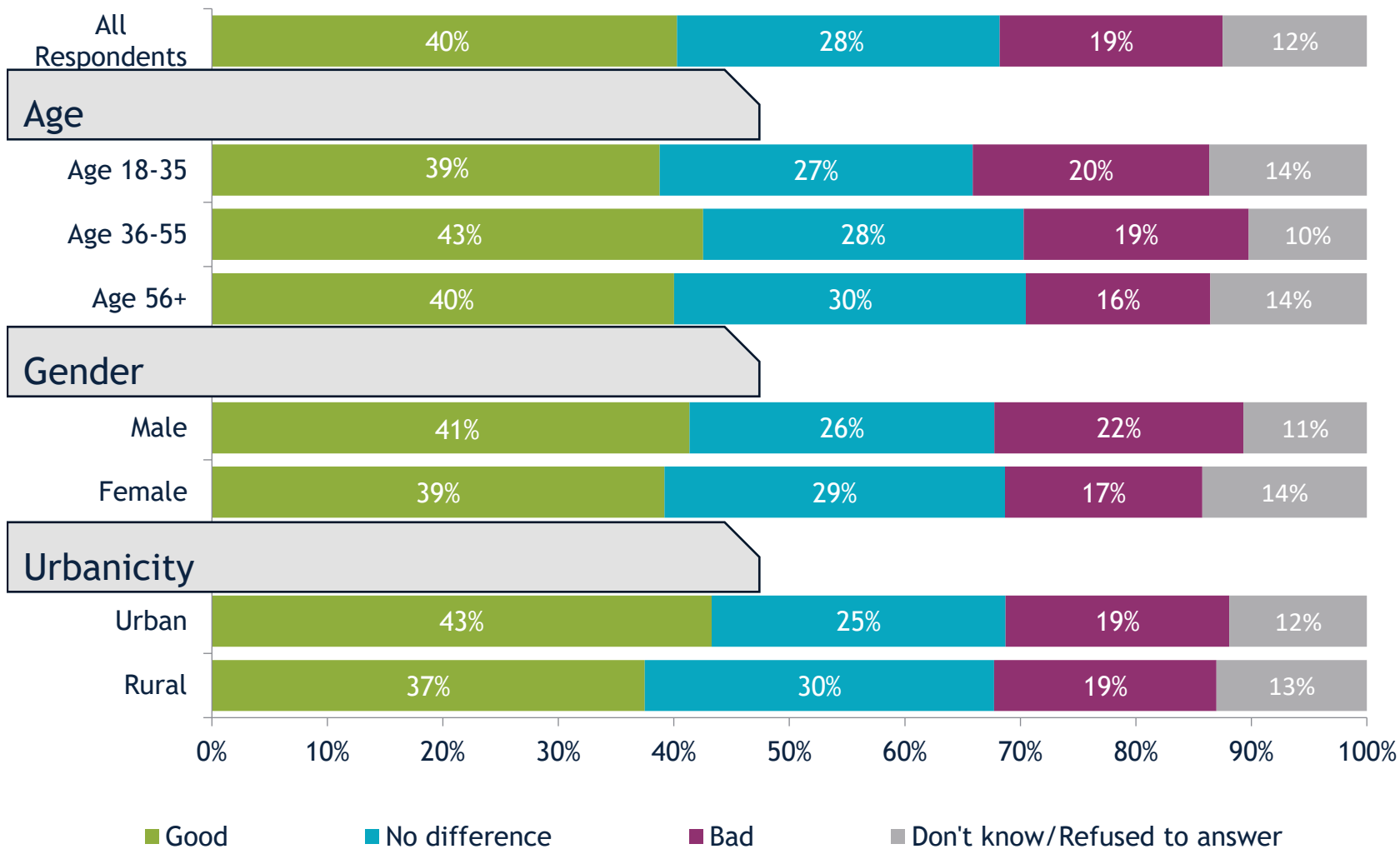
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## Persons with disabilities



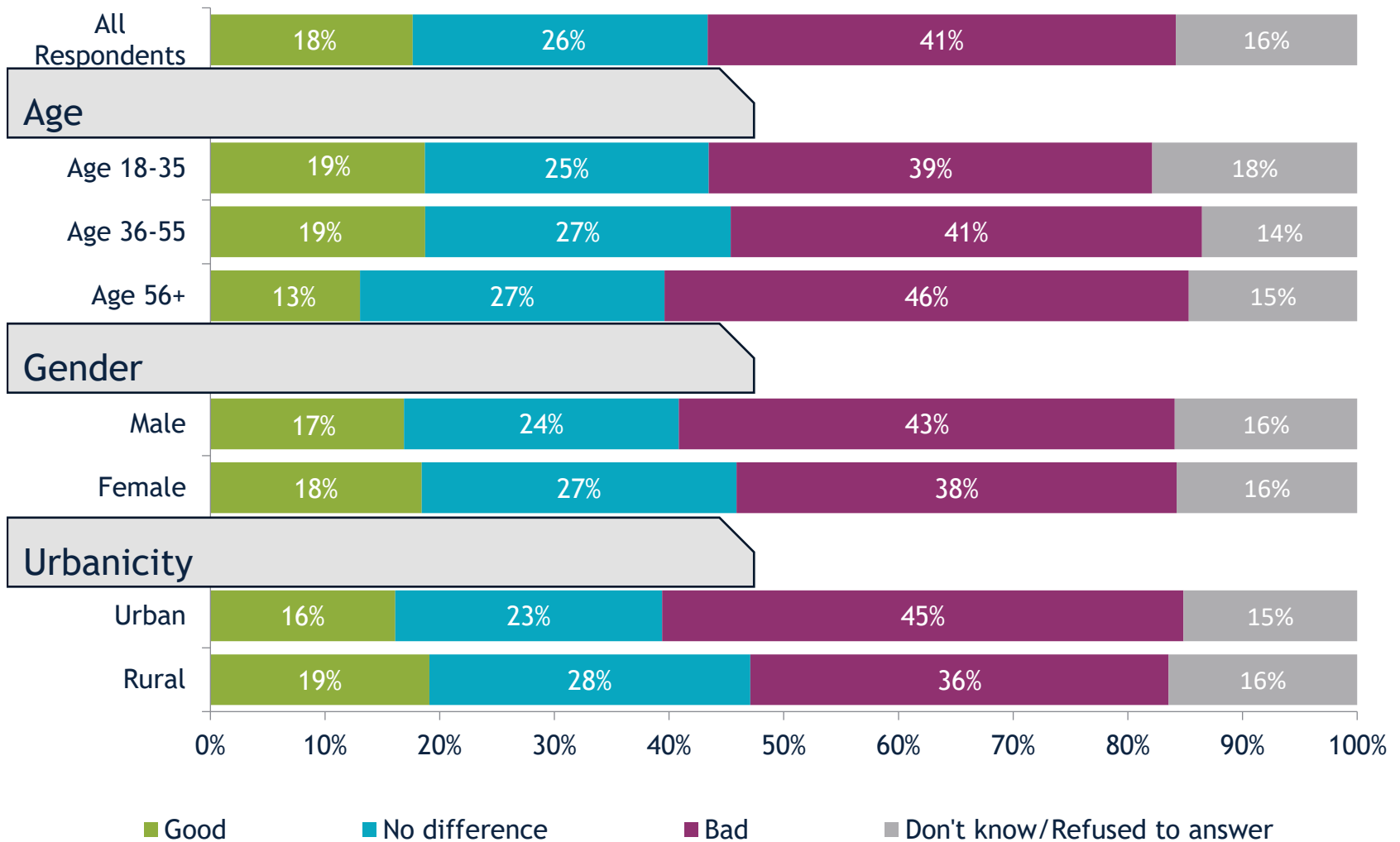
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## Traditionalists

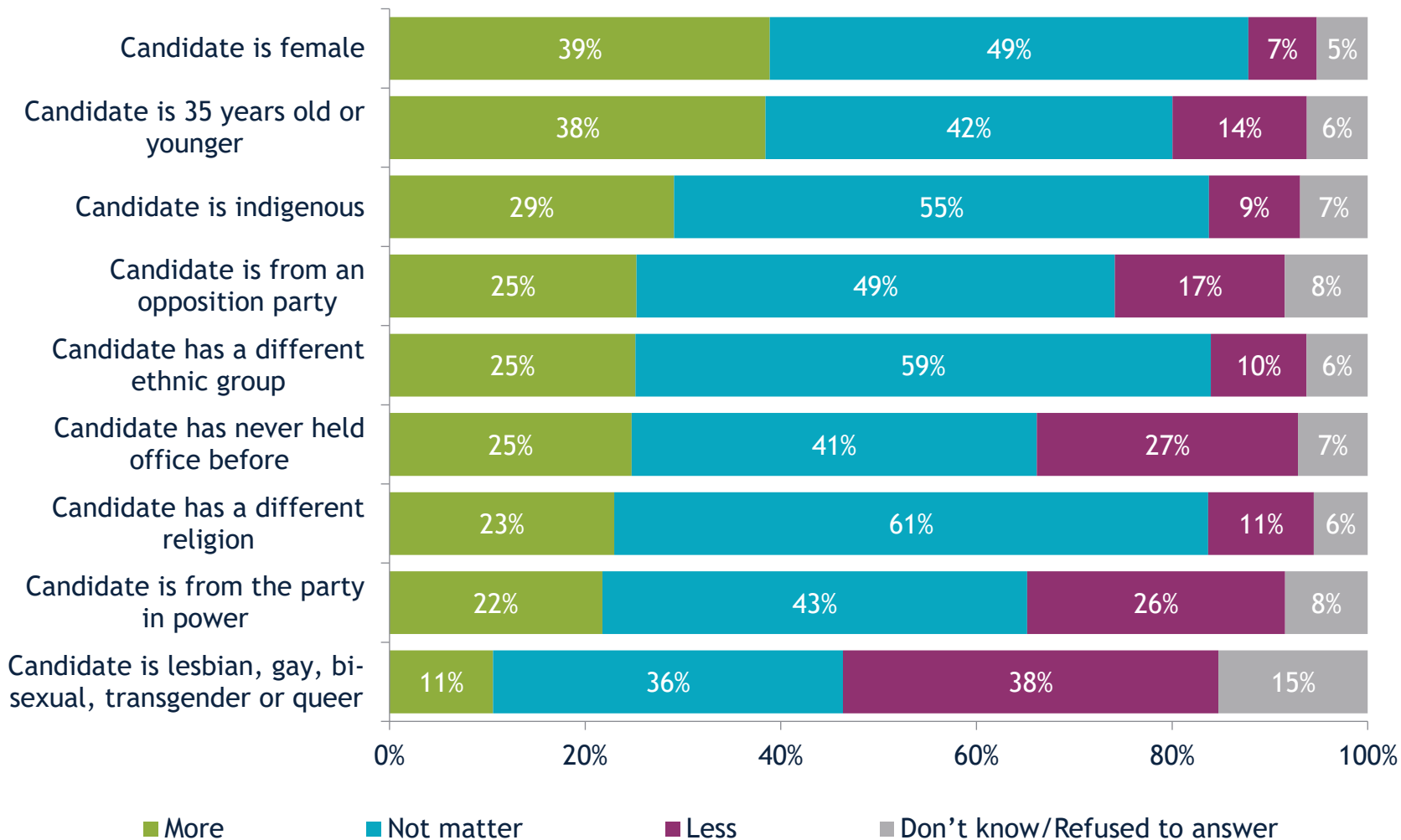


# If more people representing the following groups were elected to the government, do you think that would be good, bad or would it not make a difference?

*Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer people*

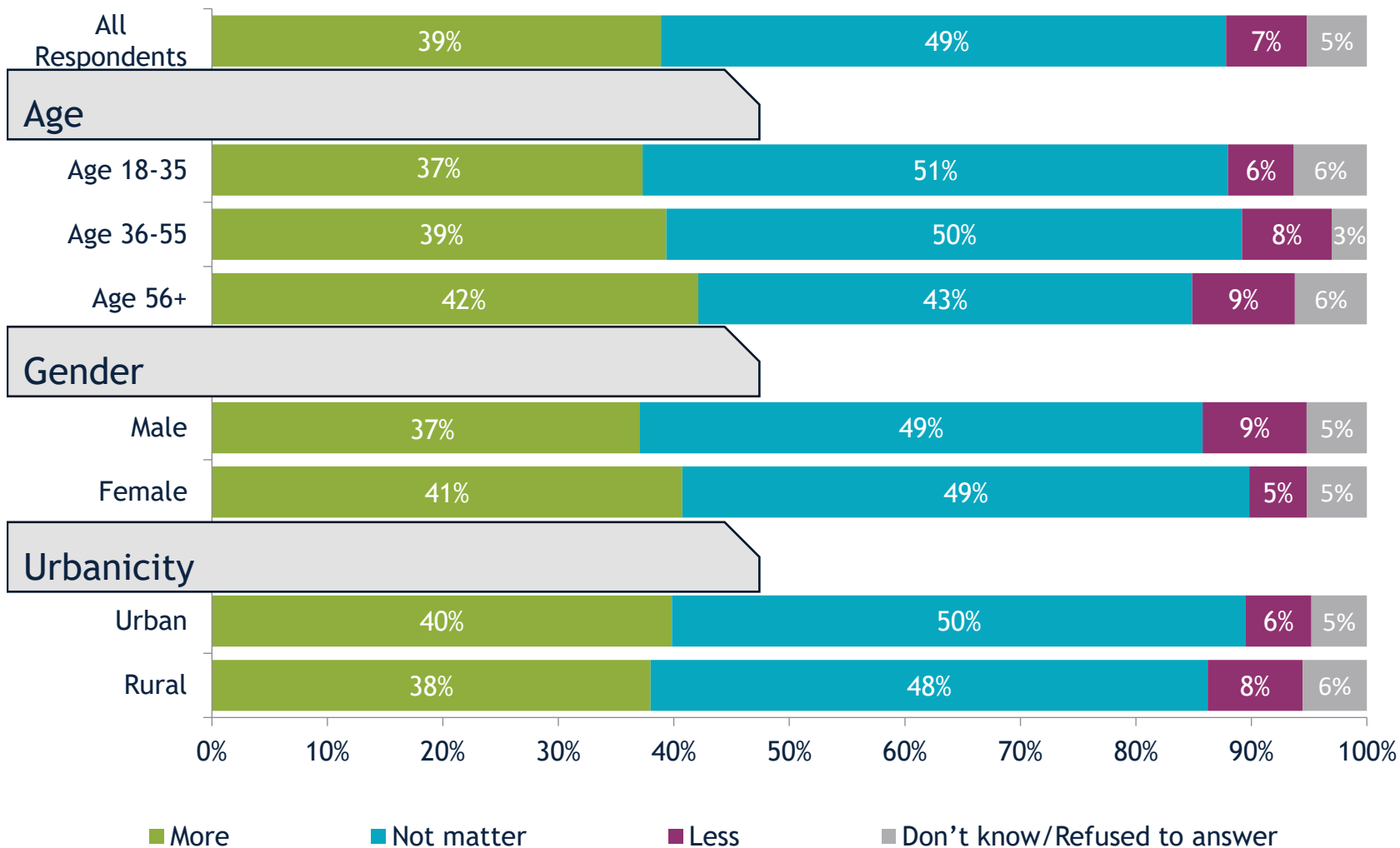


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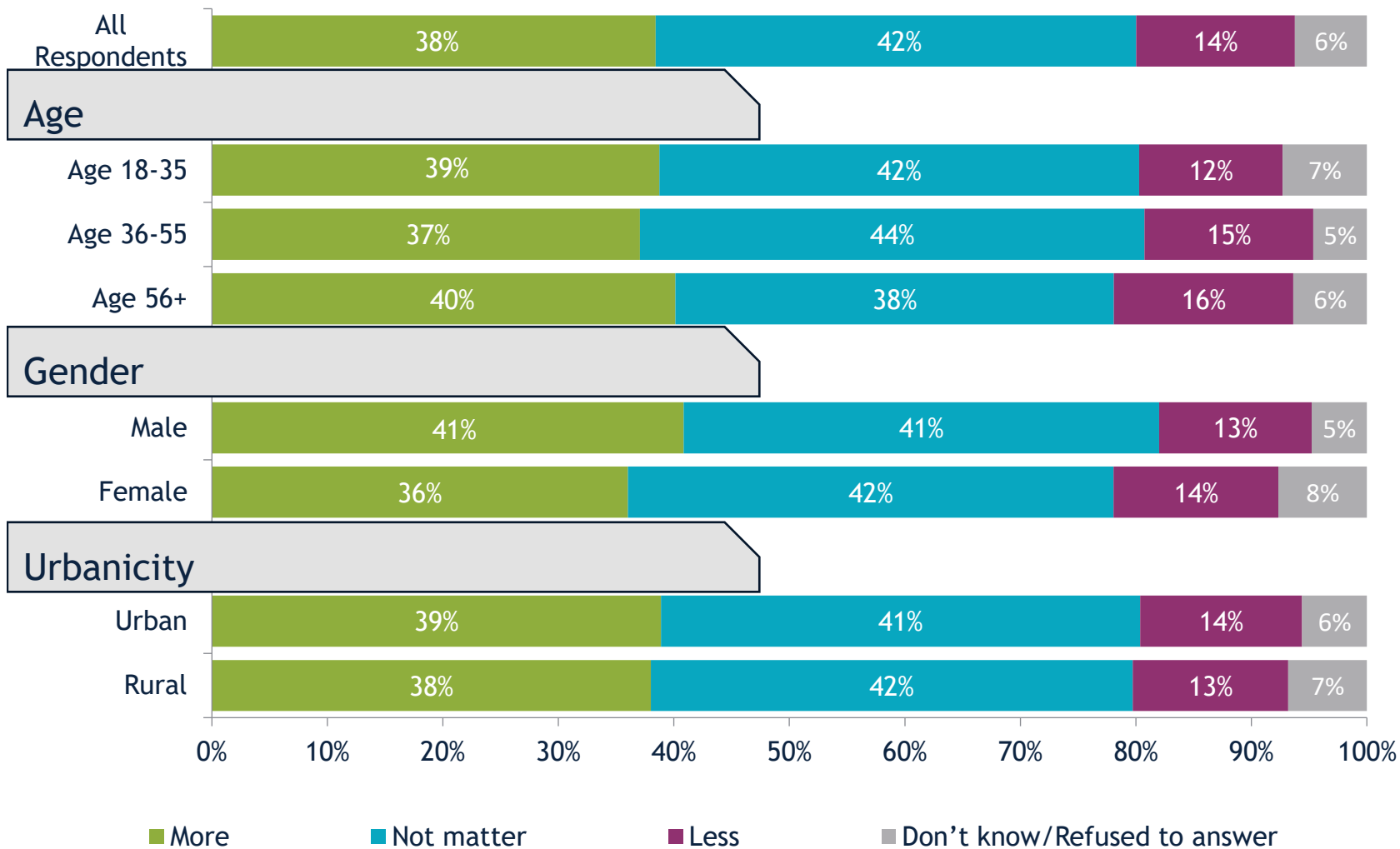
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*Candidate is female*



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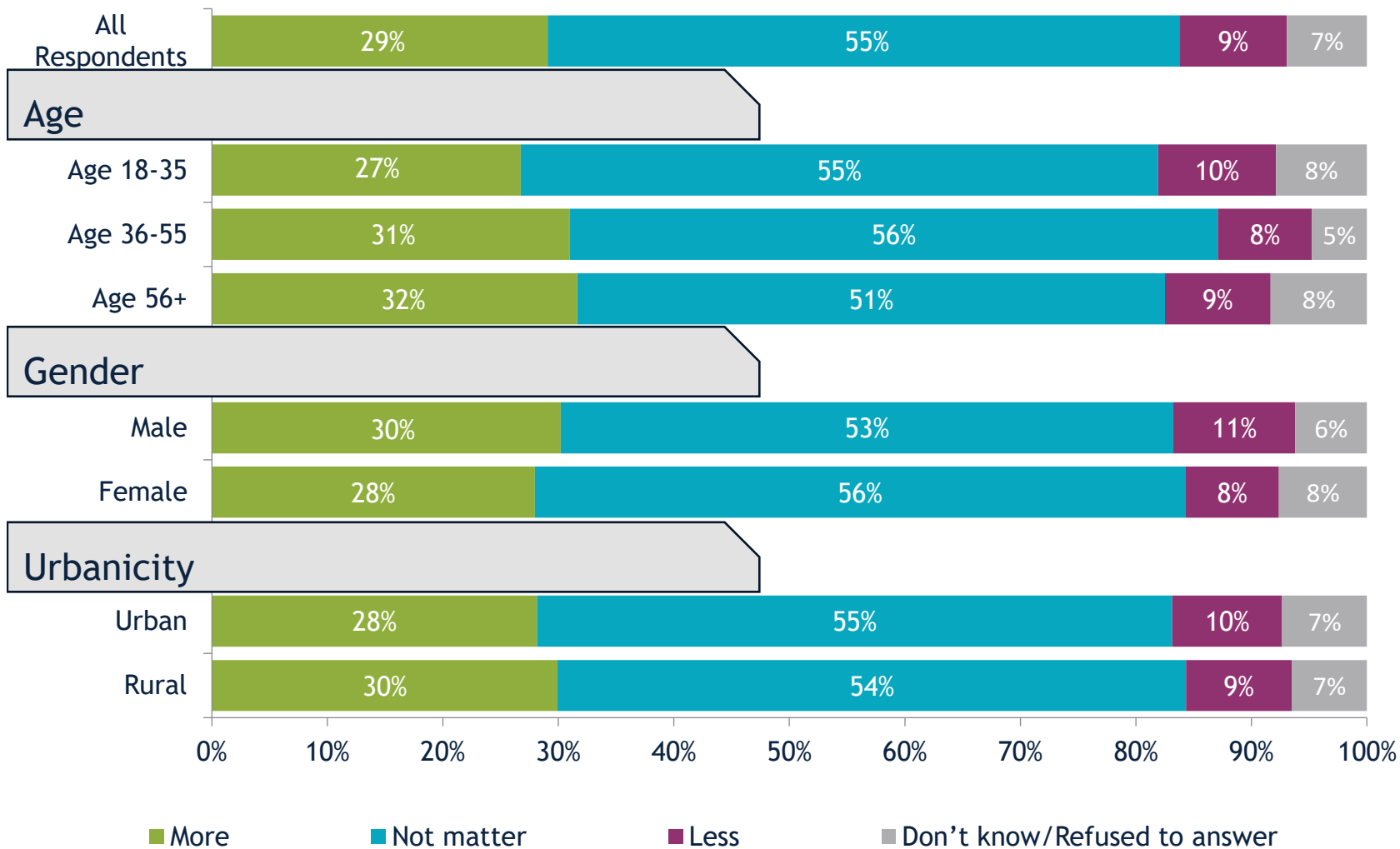
*Candidate is 35 years old or younger*





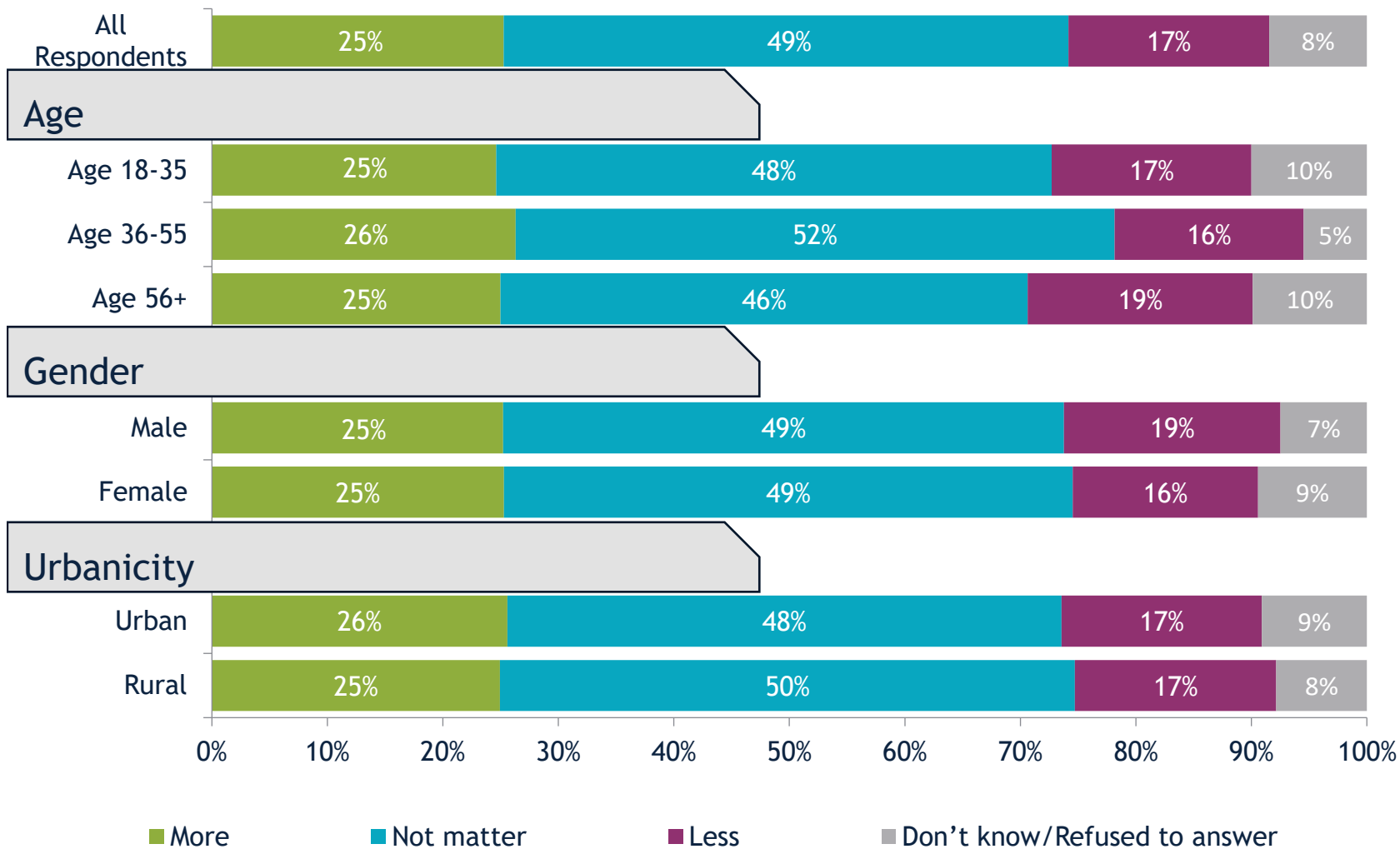
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*Candidate is Indigenous*



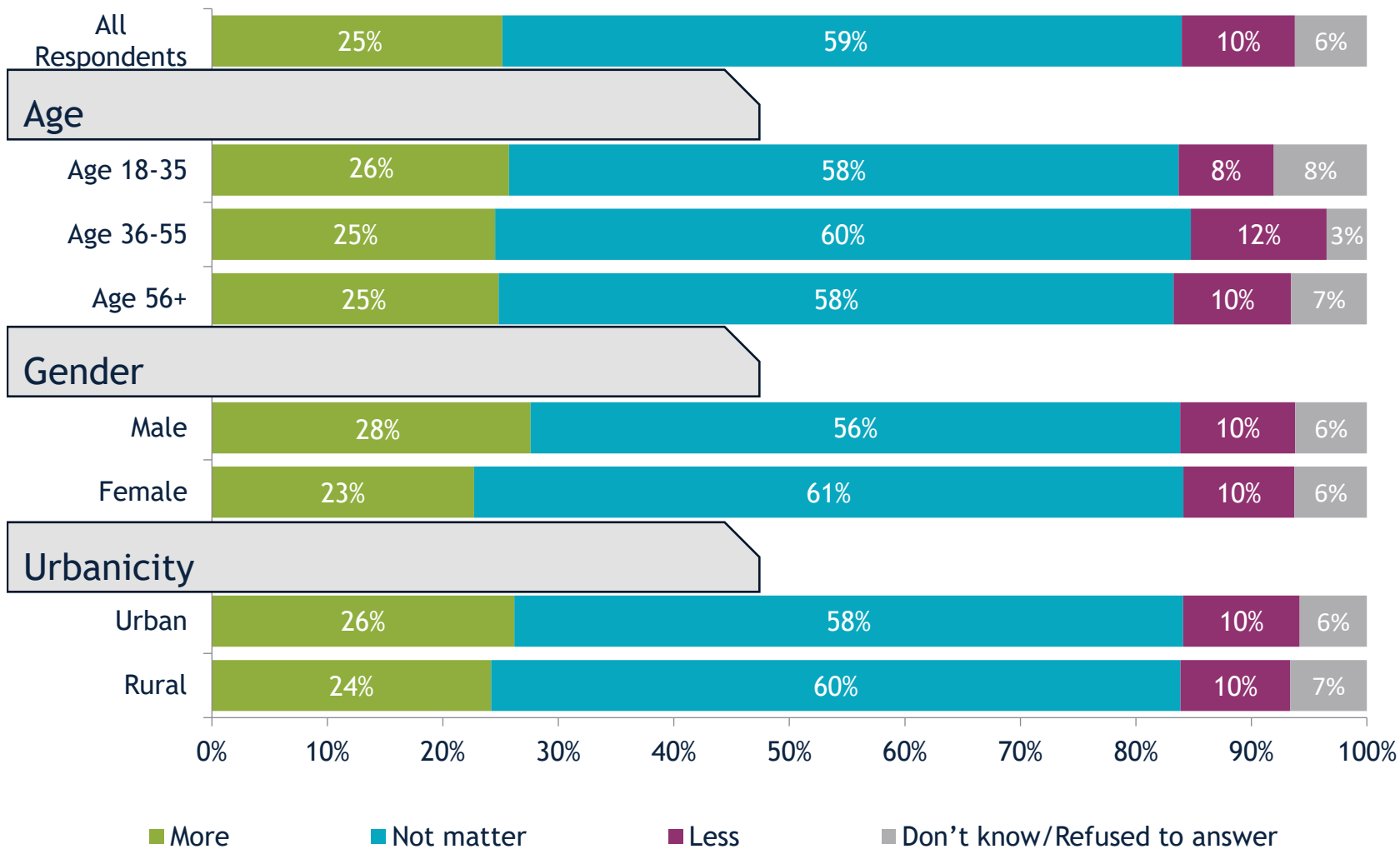
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*Candidate is from an opposition party*



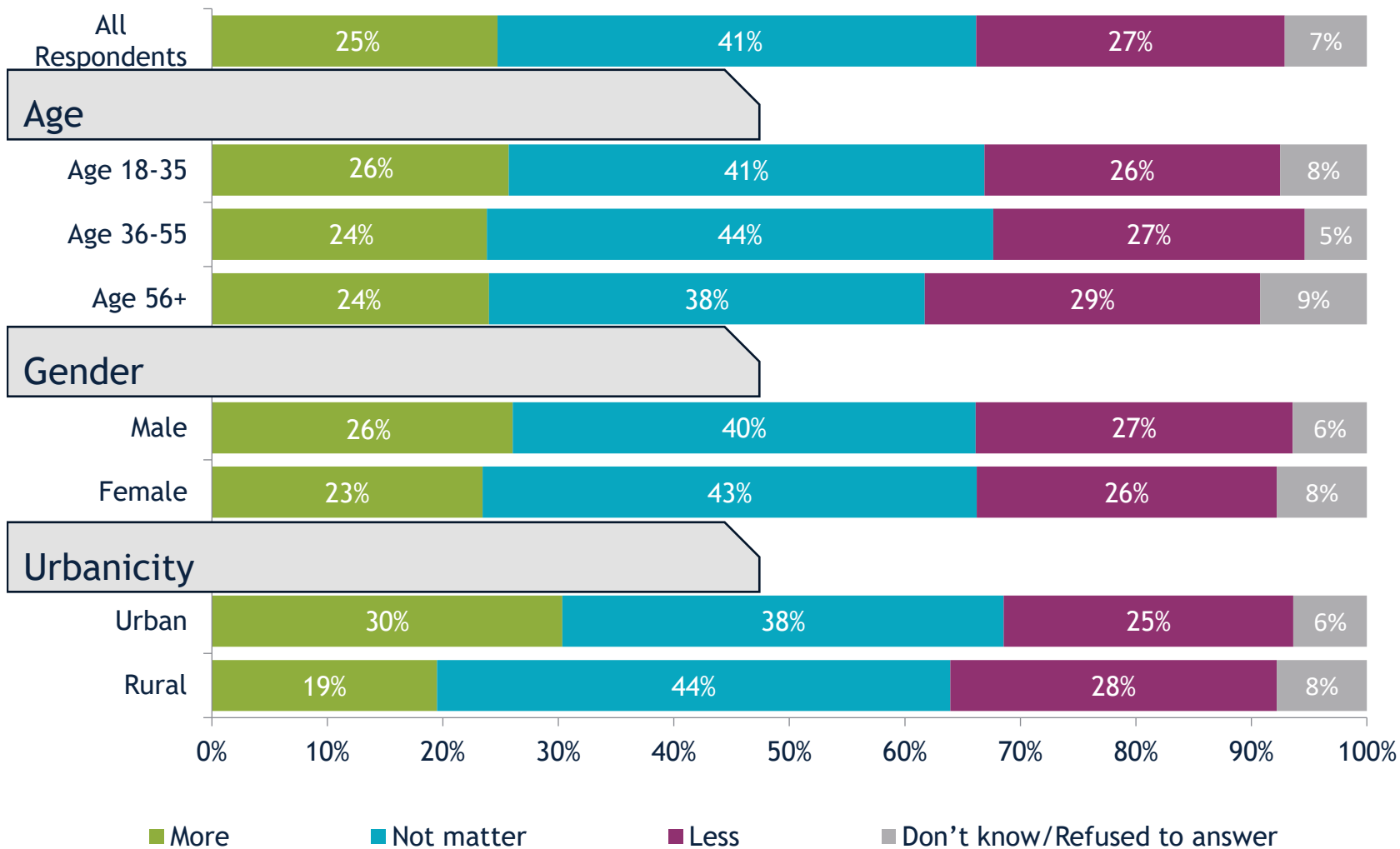
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*Candidate has a different ethnic background*



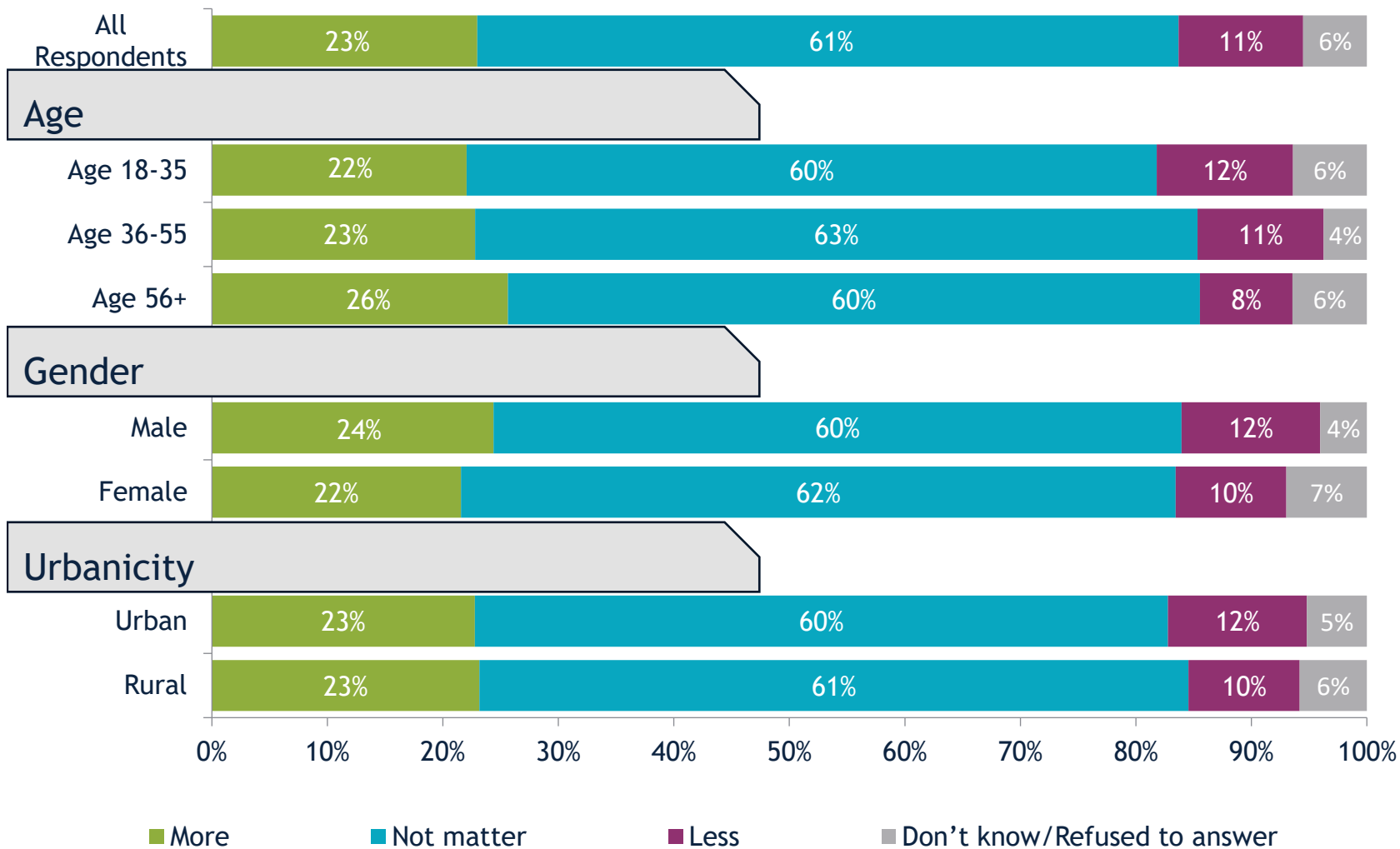
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*Candidate has never held office before*



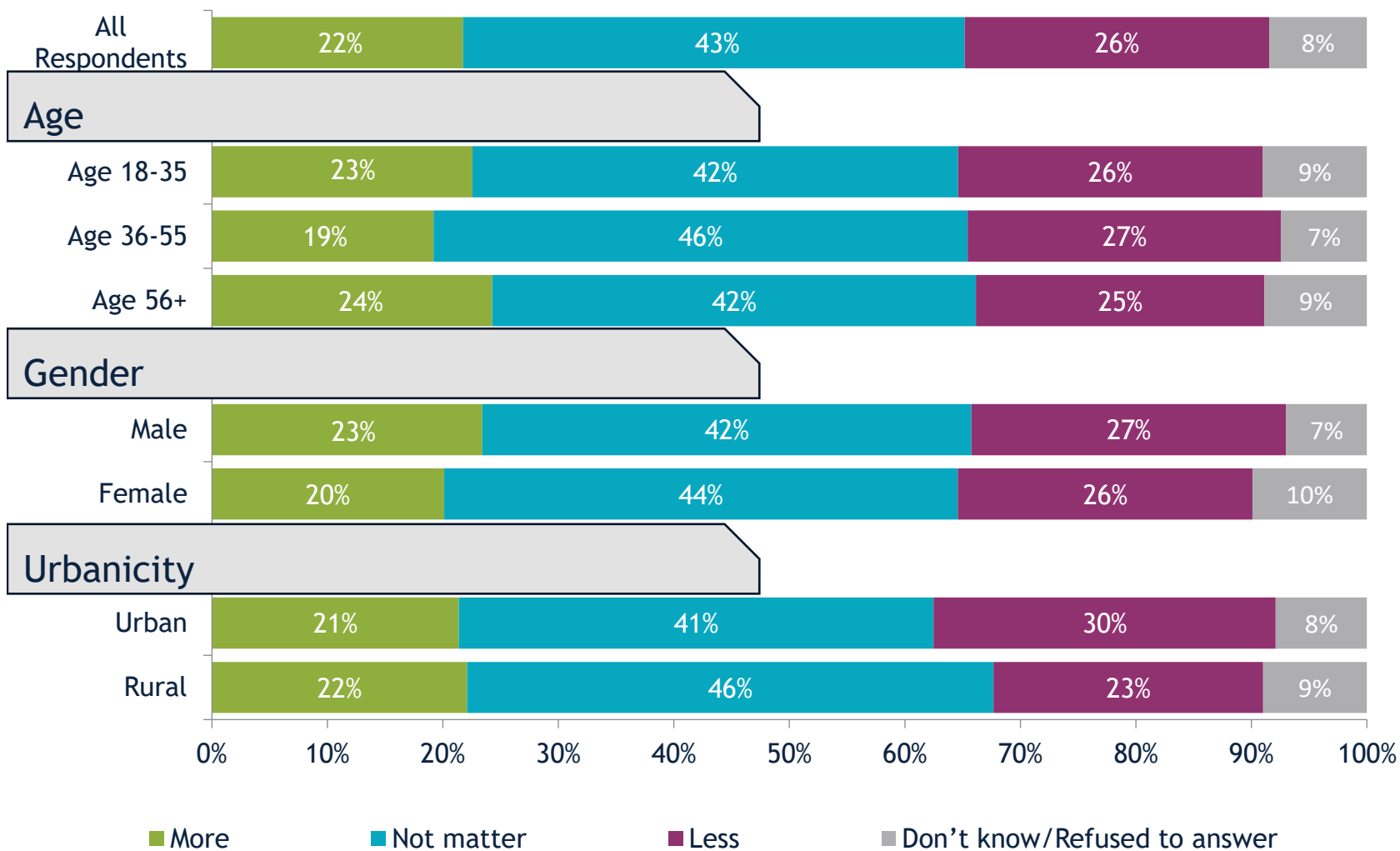
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*Candidate has a different religion*



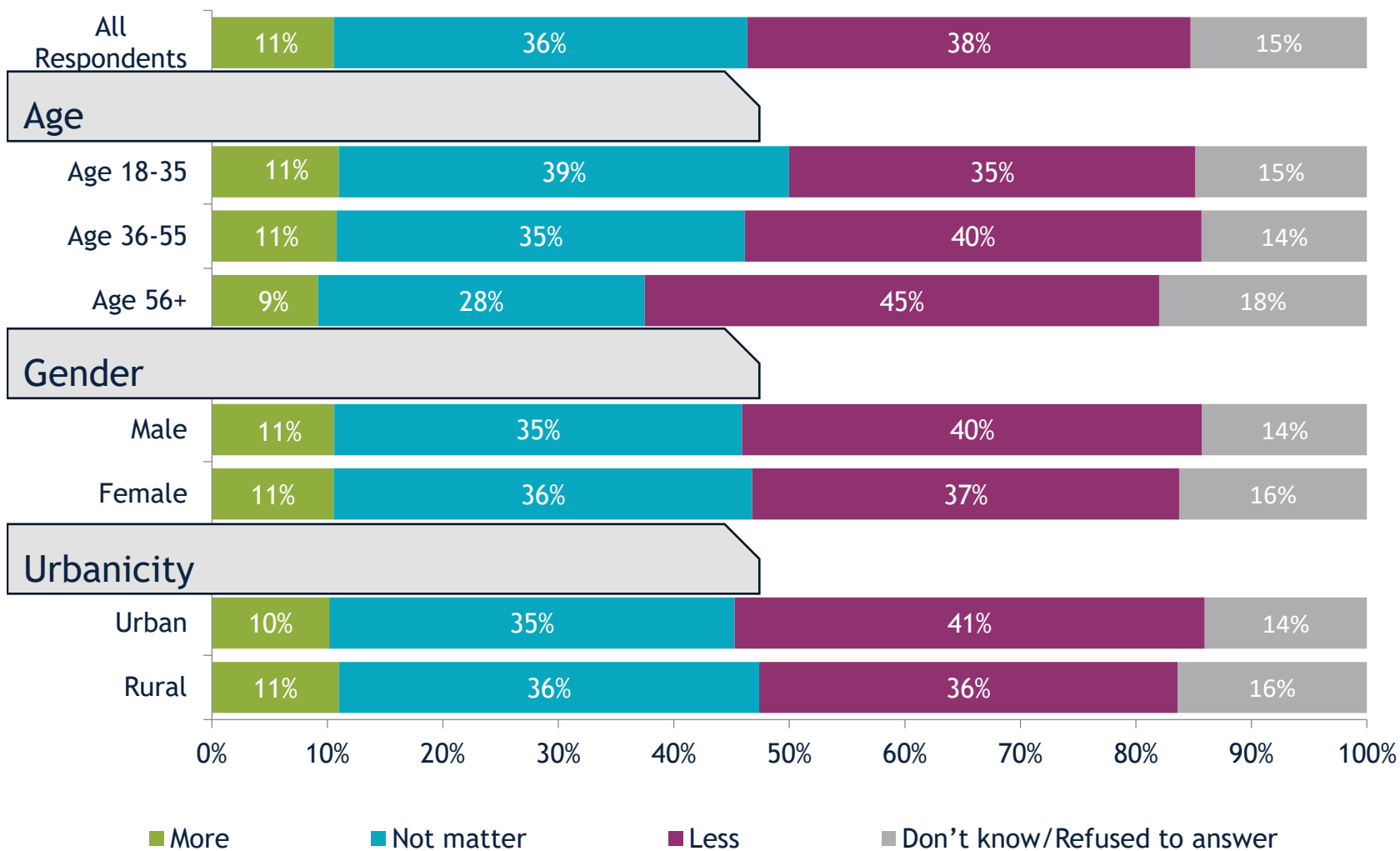
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*Candidate is from the party in power*



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*Candidate is lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender or queer*



# Reforms

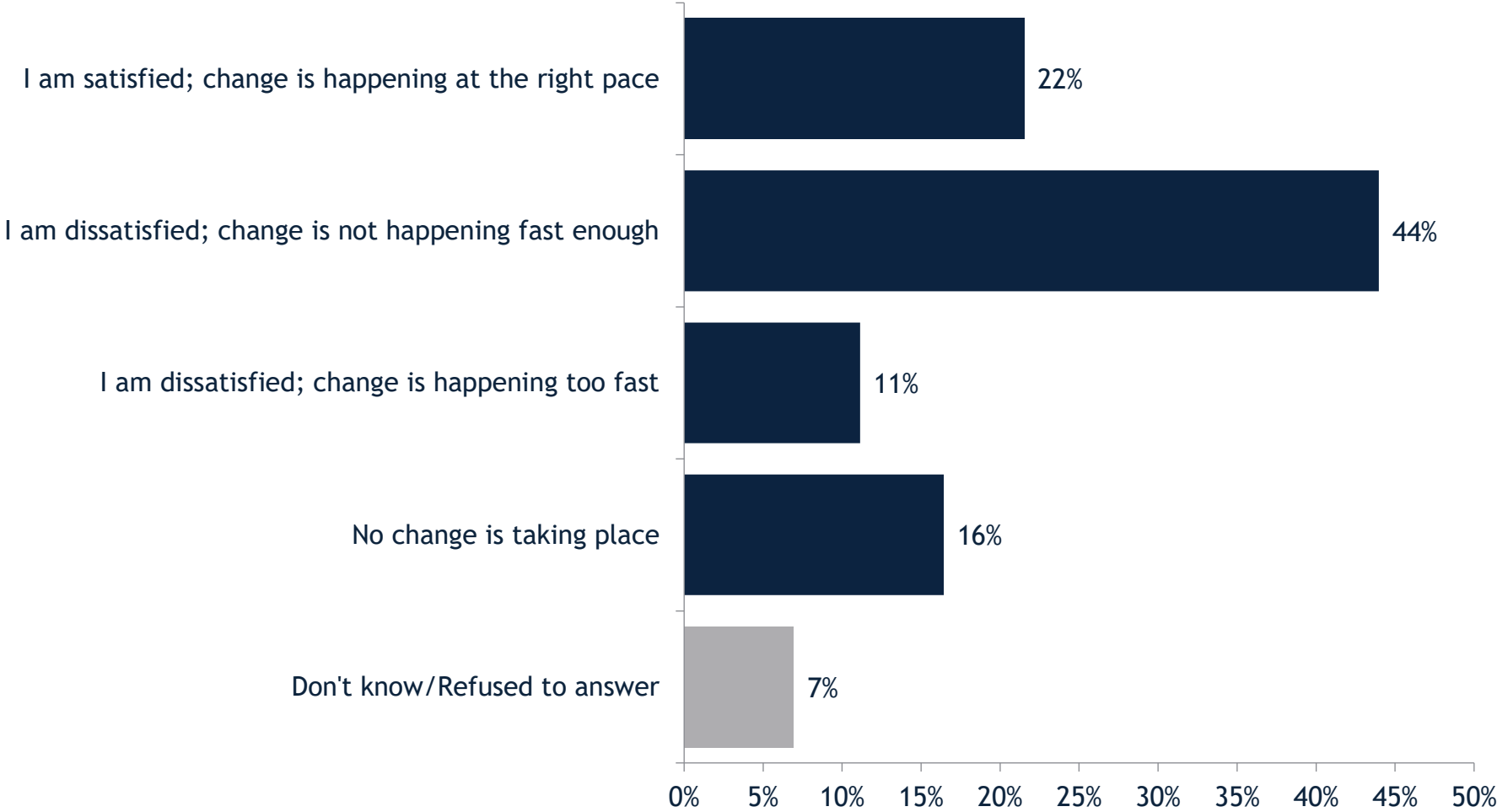


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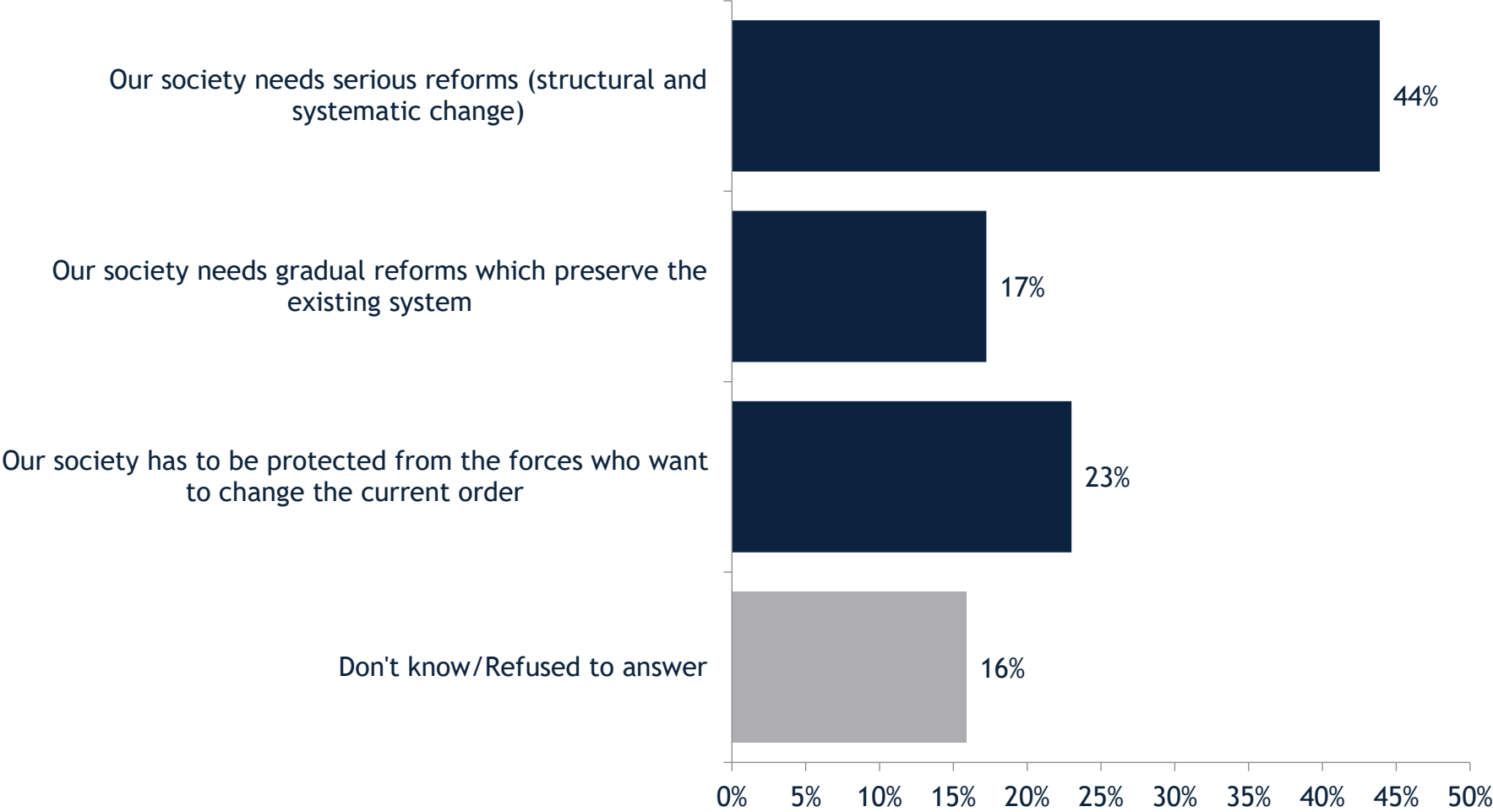


# How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the pace of change in country?

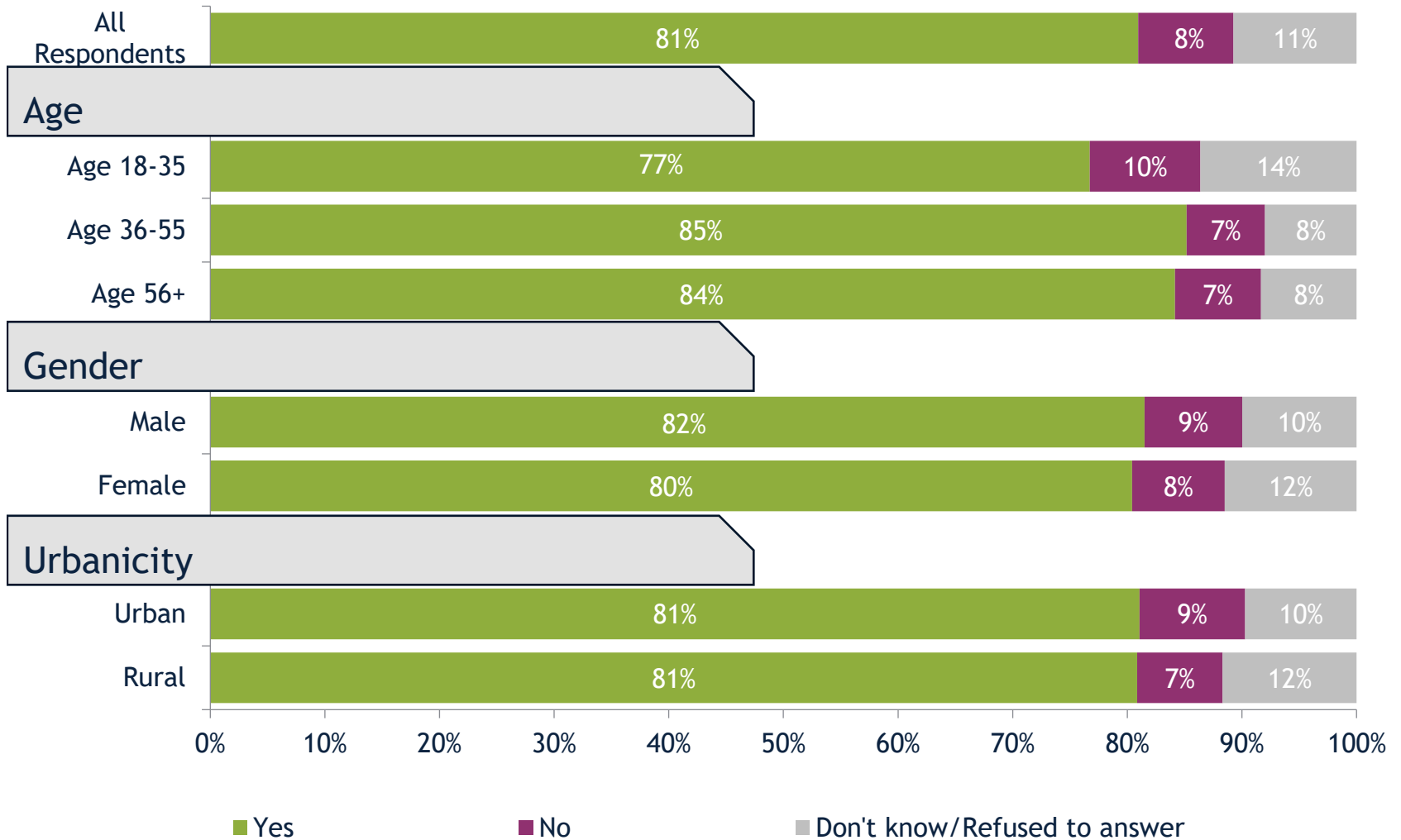




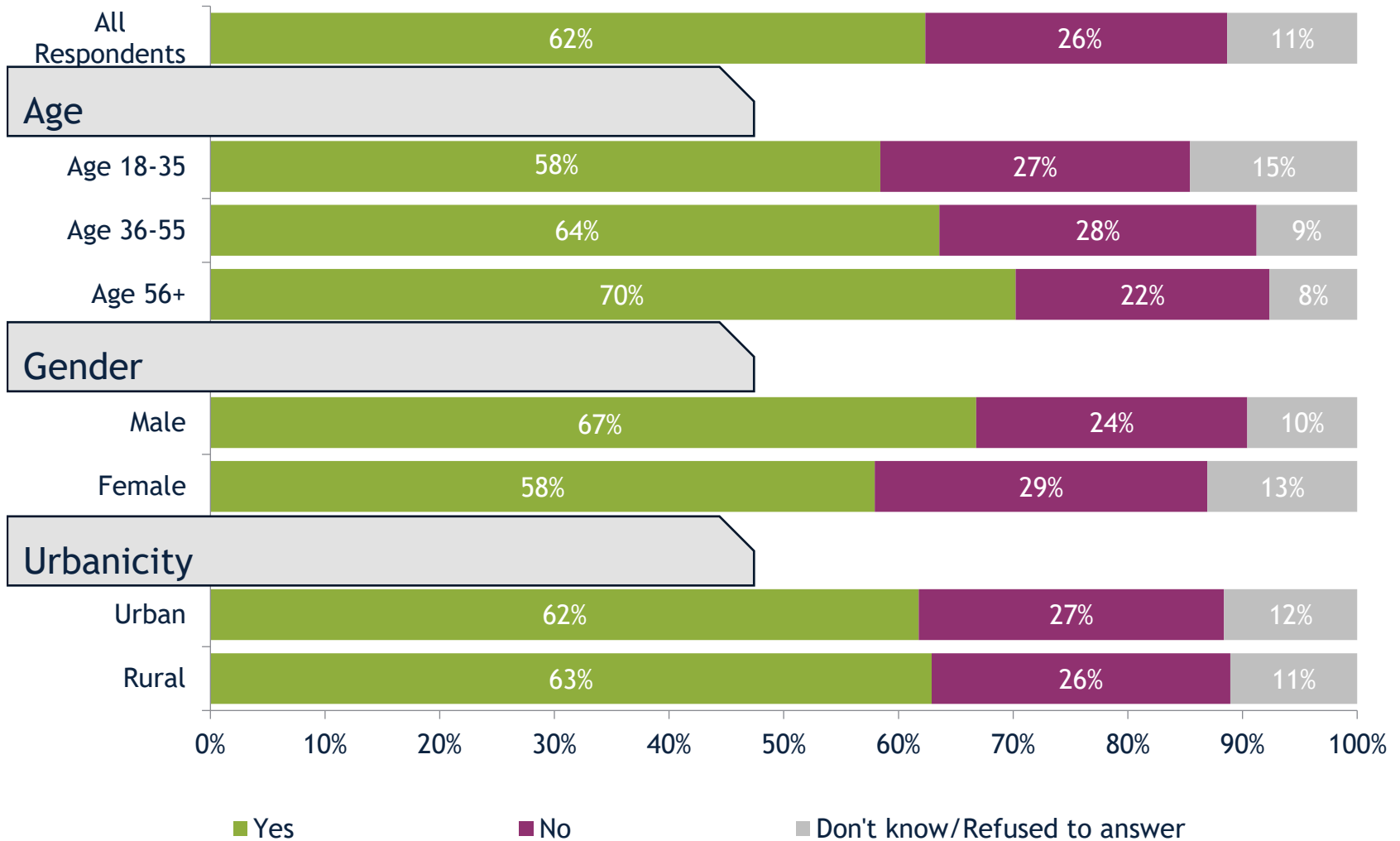
# Which of these statements is closest to your point of view?



# Should Tshaos, also known as village chiefs, represent Indigenous voices at the level of regional government?



# Should Village Councils be revived as a key decision-making and governance structure in communities where they are not currently present?



# Democracy and Political Interest

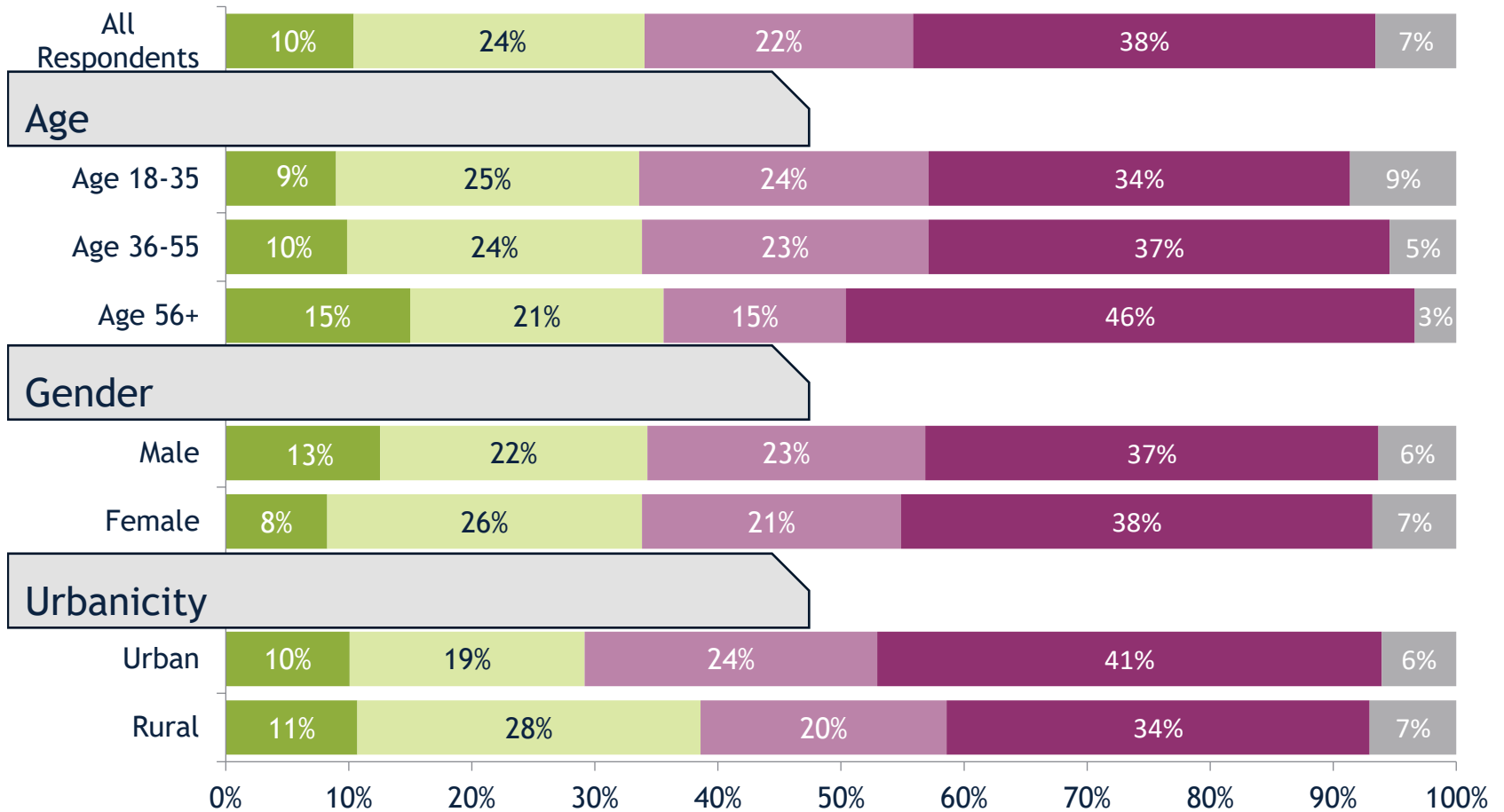


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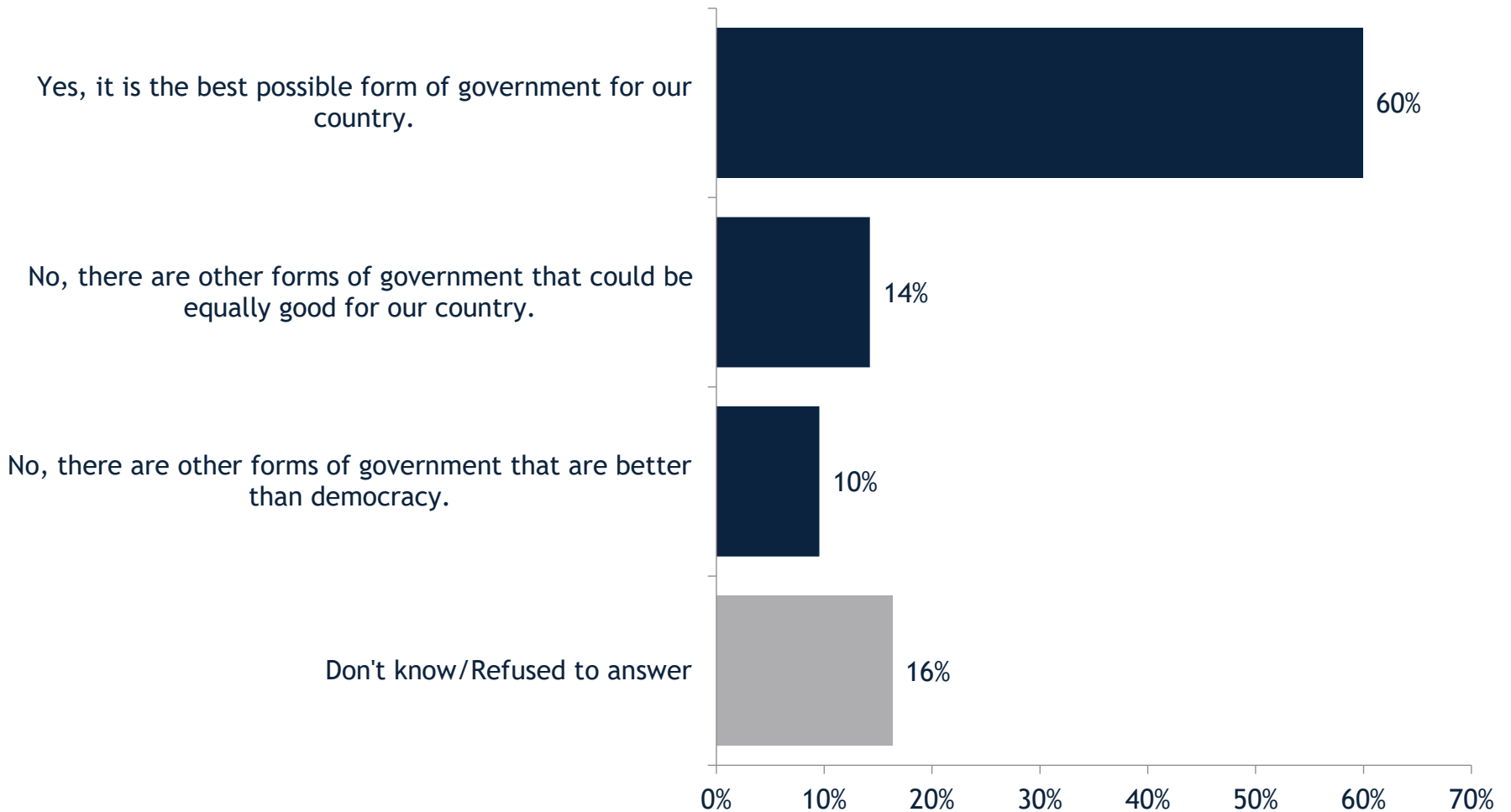


# How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?



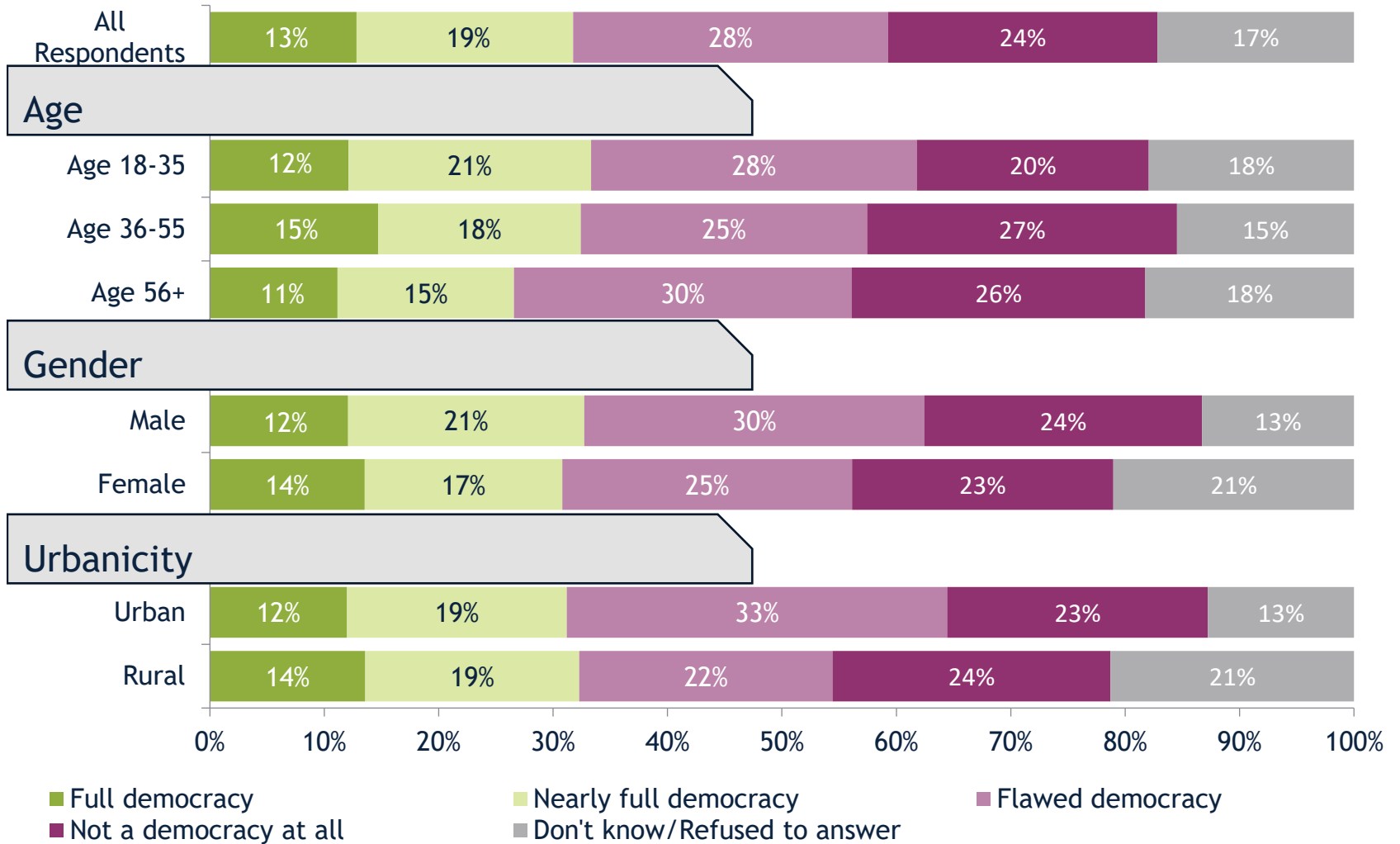
■ Very satisfied 
 ■ Somewhat satisfied 
 ■ Somewhat unsatisfied 
 ■ Very unsatisfied 
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

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



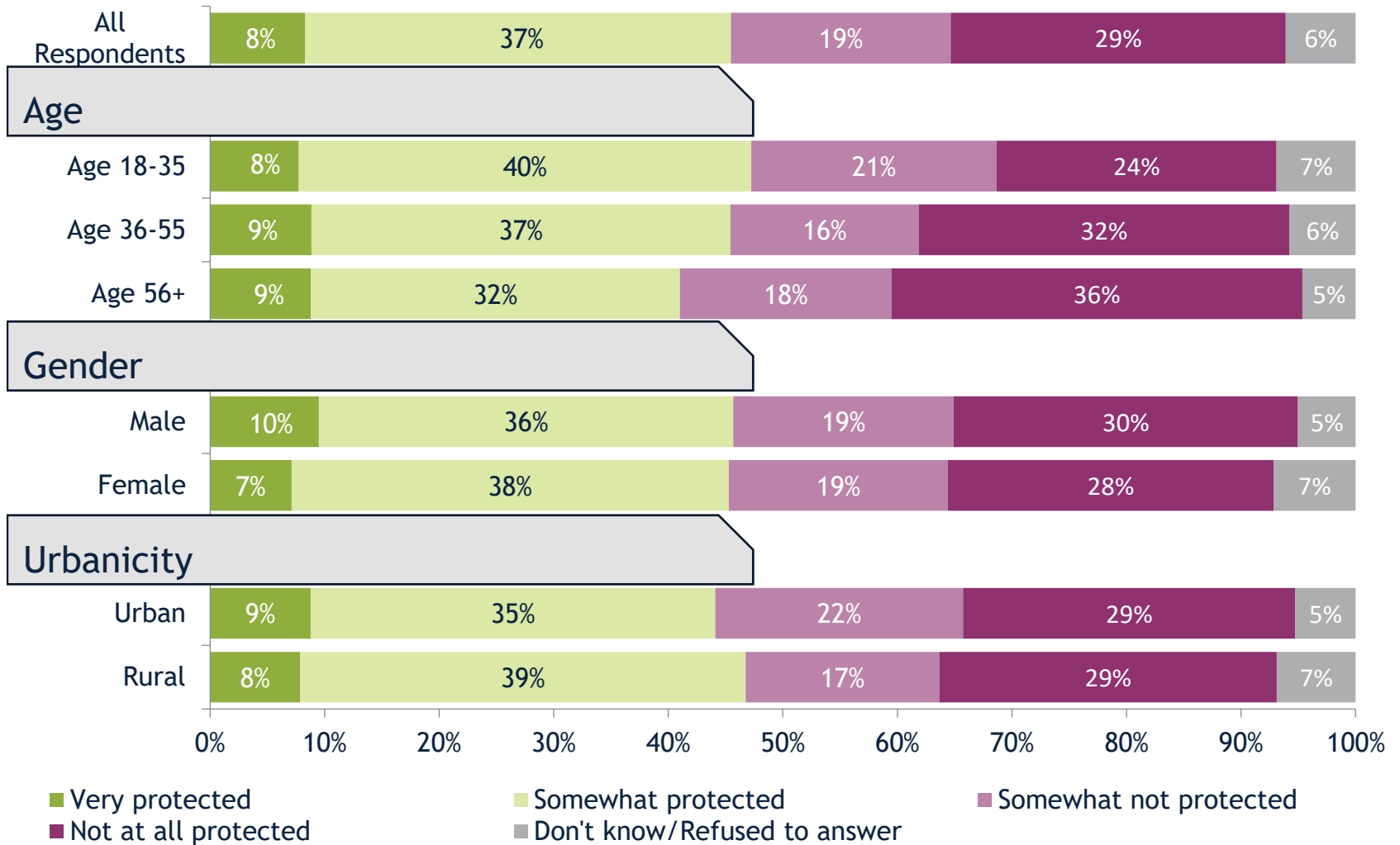


# Thinking about our country's current political system, do you believe it is a...?

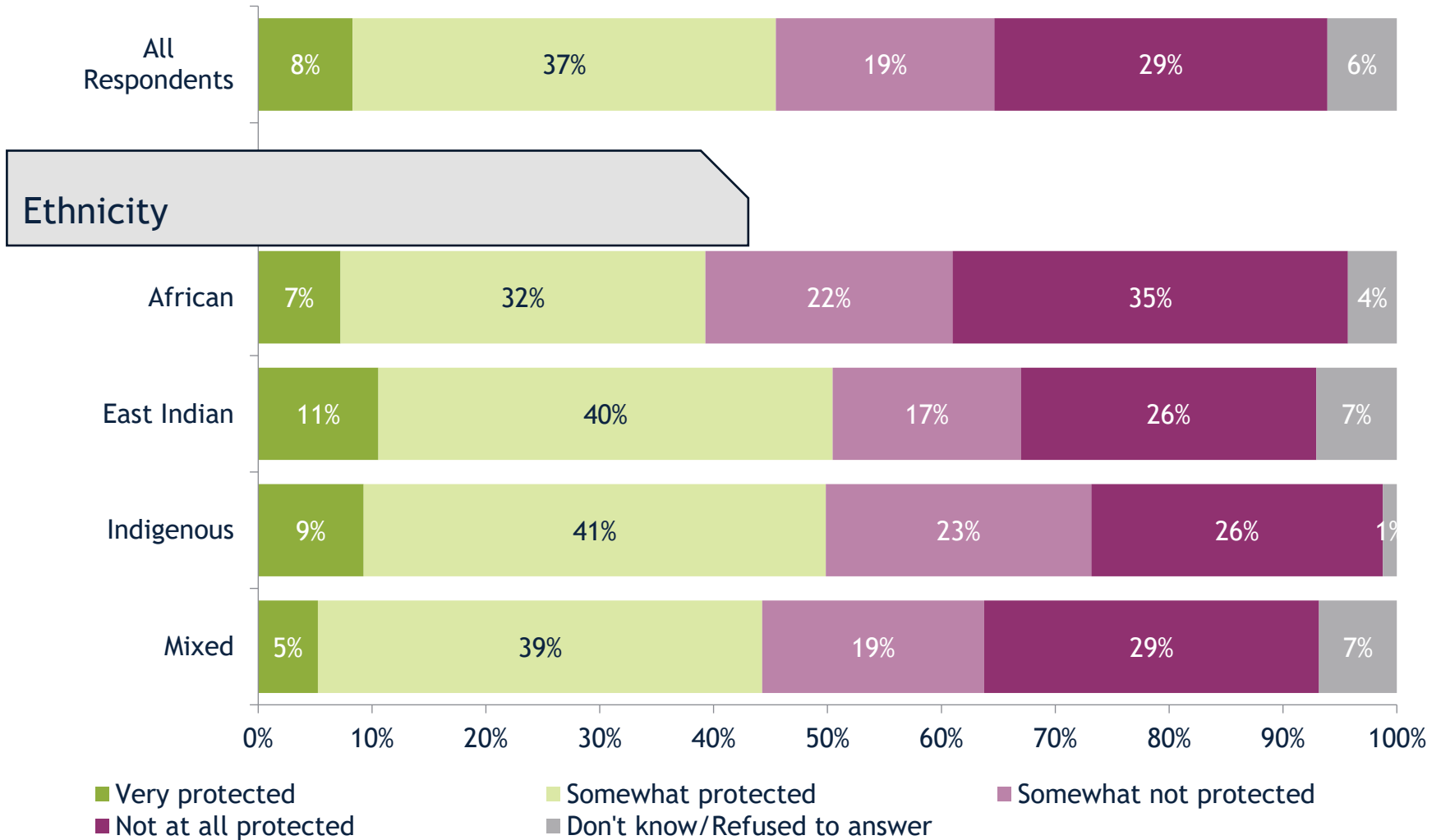




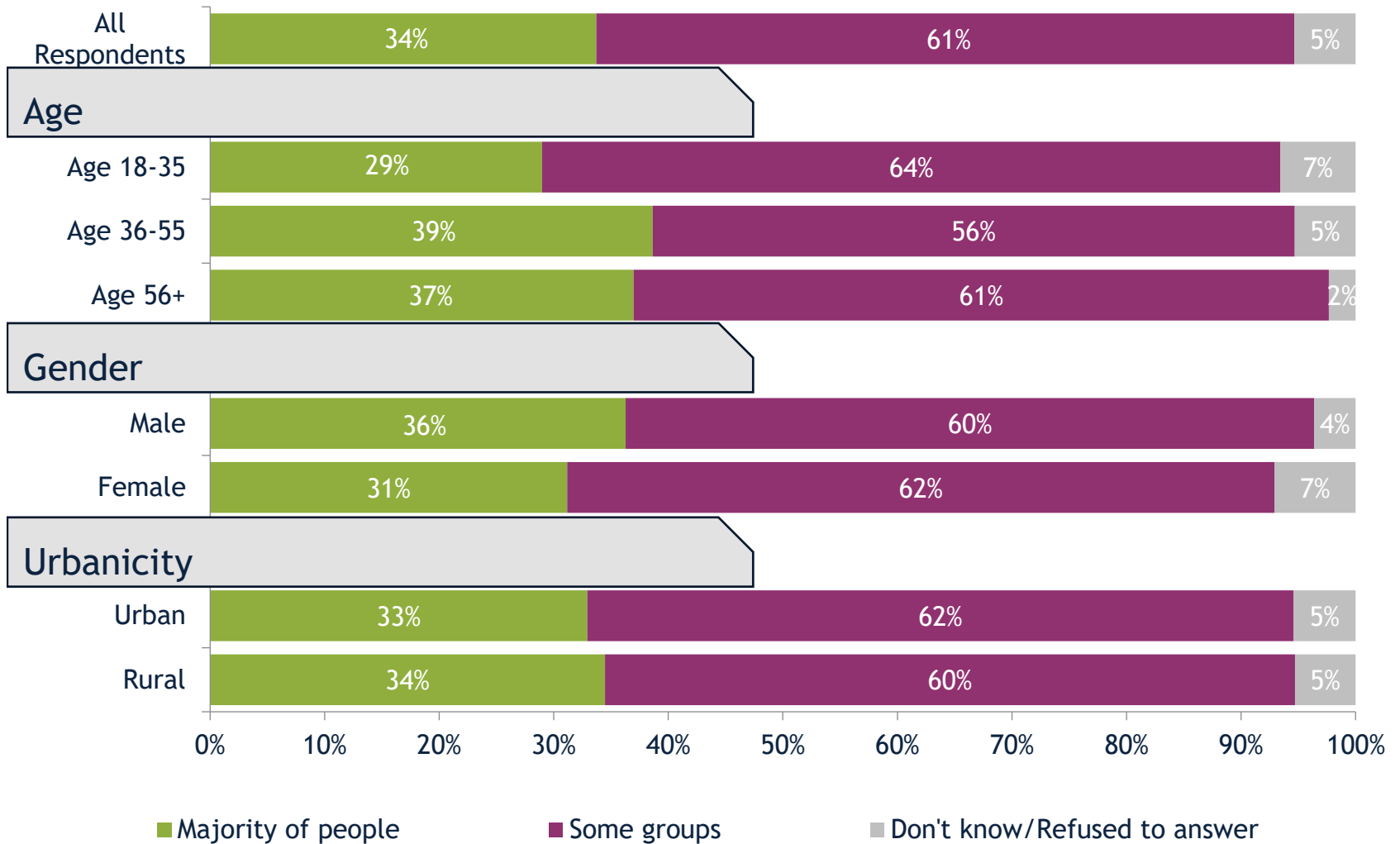
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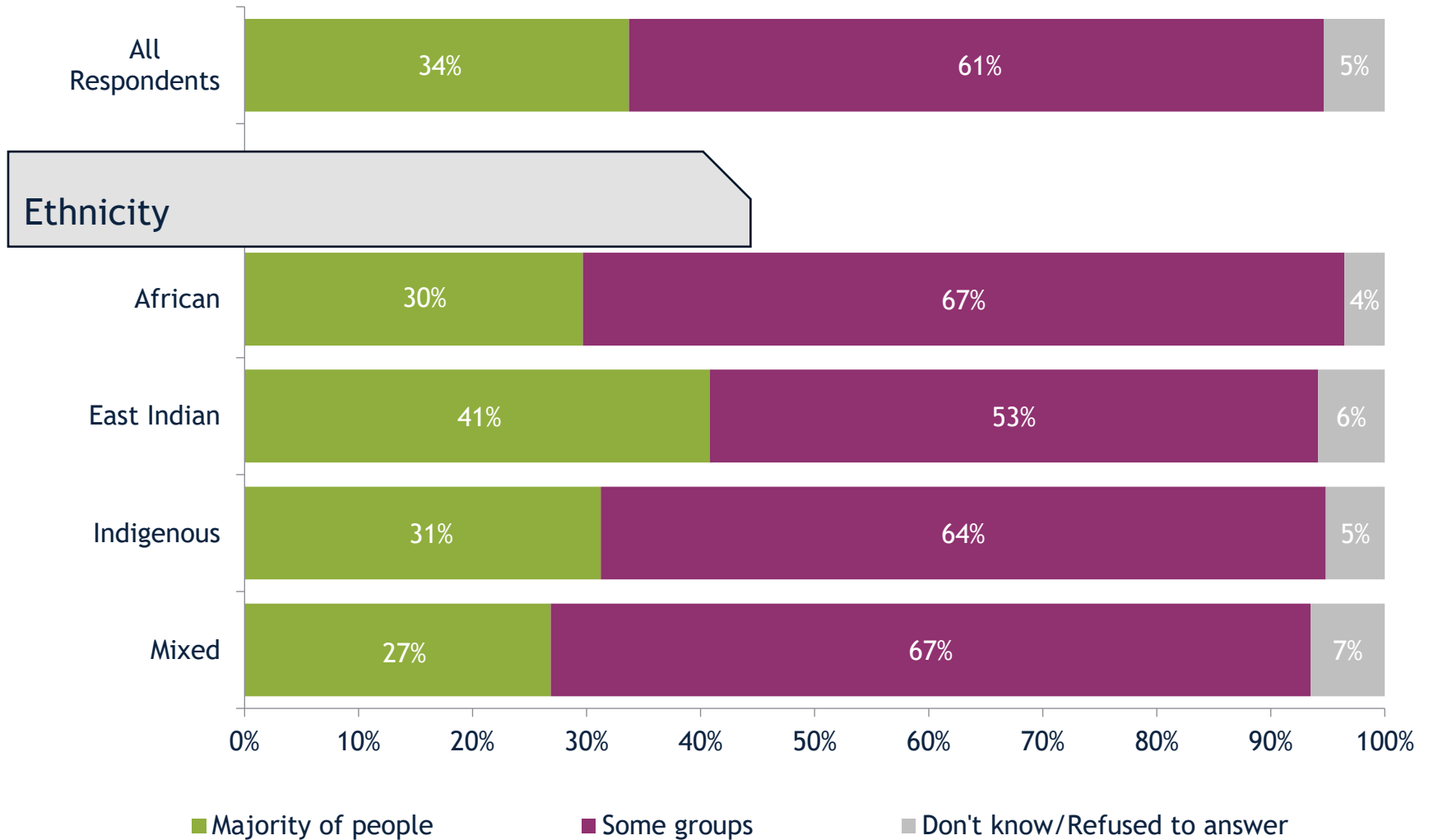
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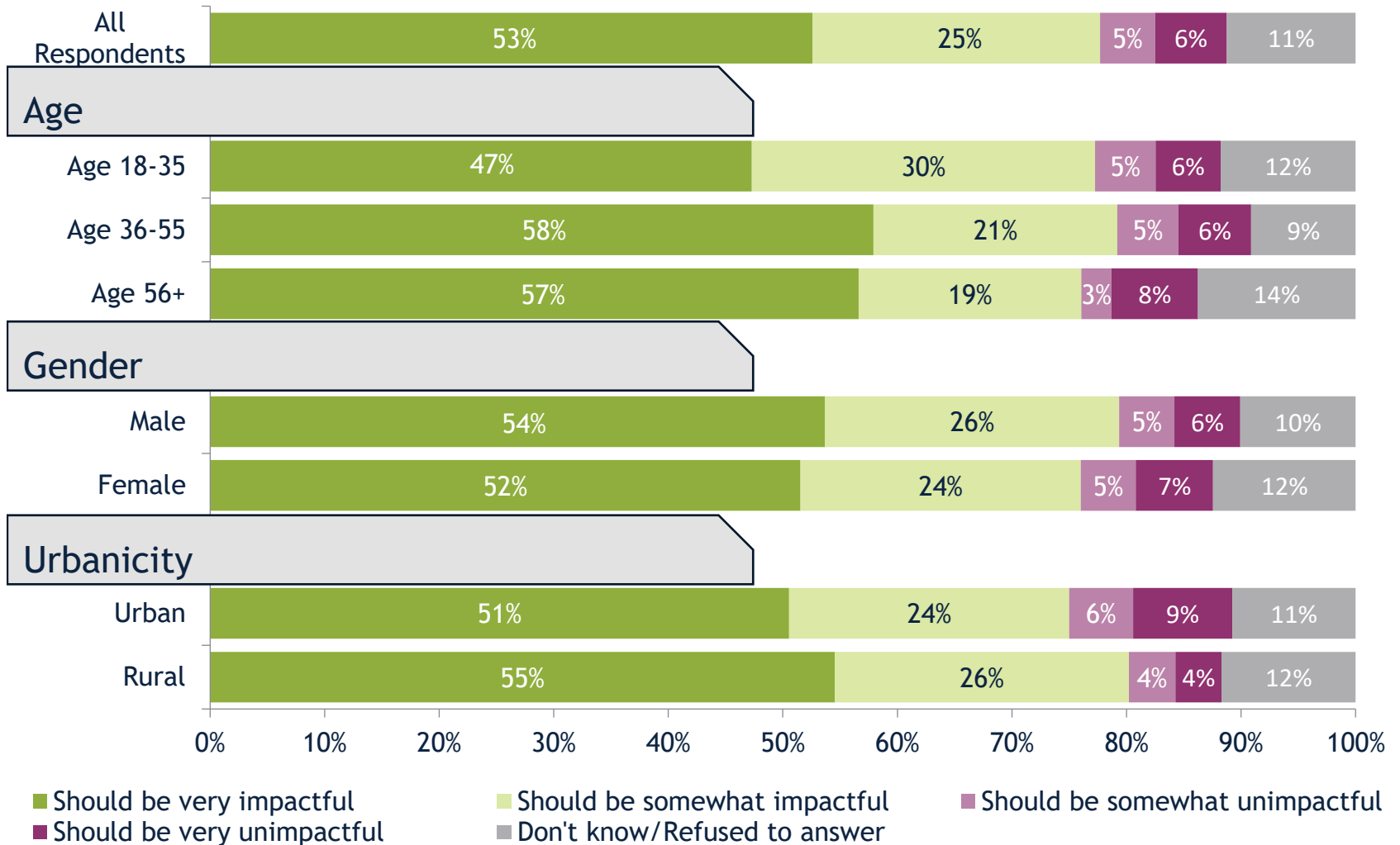
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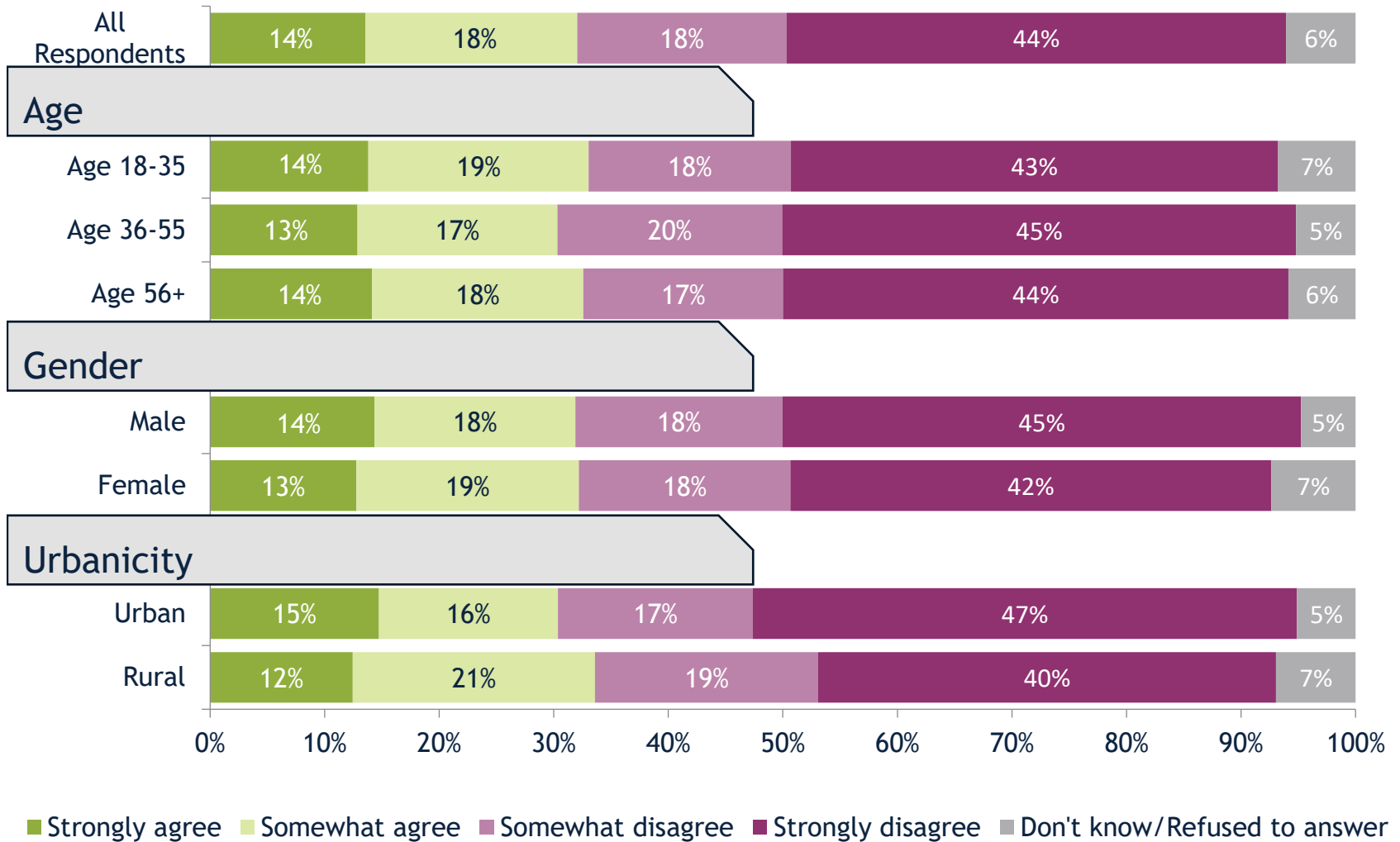


# To what extent should civil society organizations (CSOs\*) impact government policy in our country?

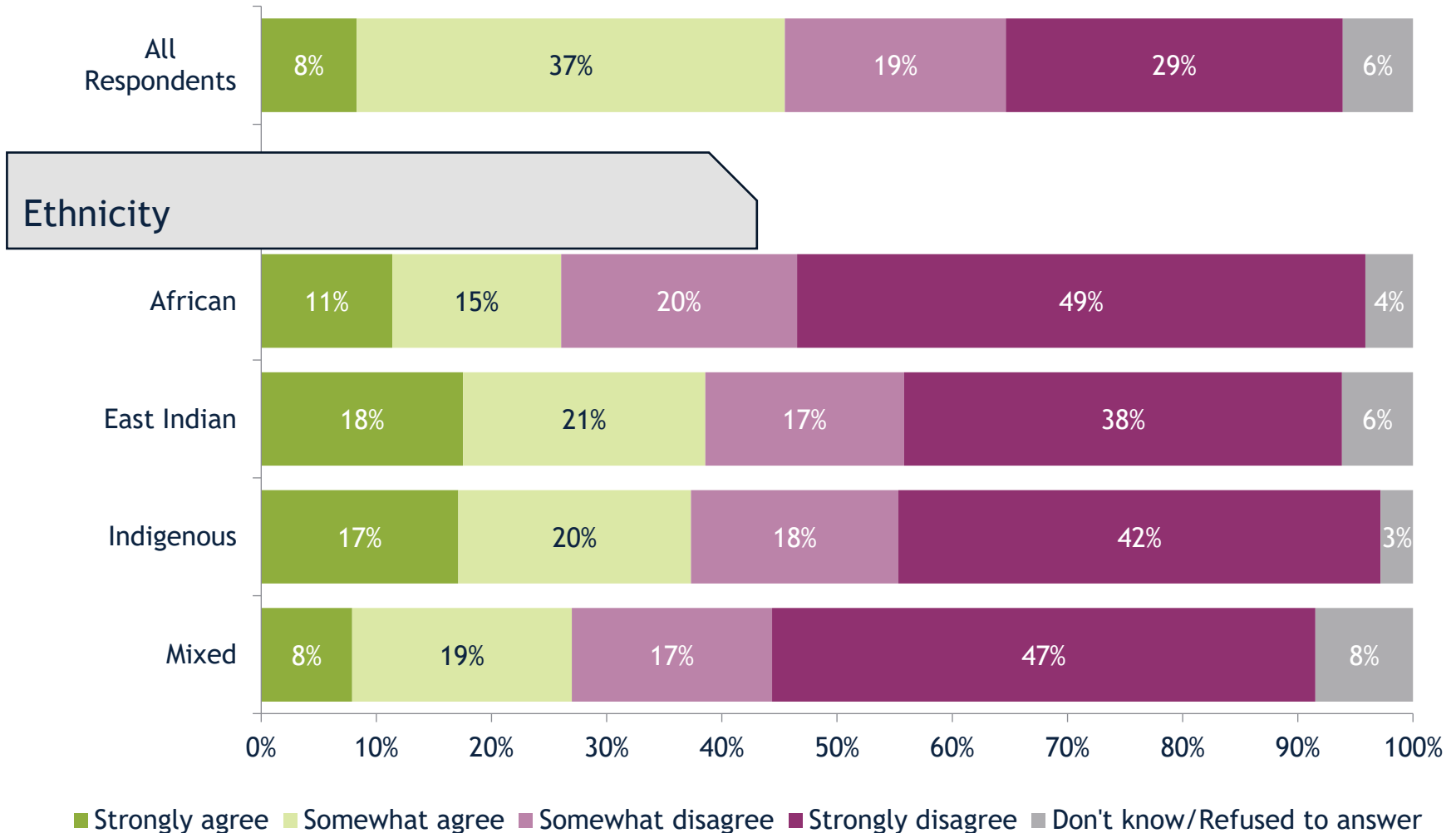


\*CSOs are local, national or international groups of people who organize to support a particular interest, group or issue.

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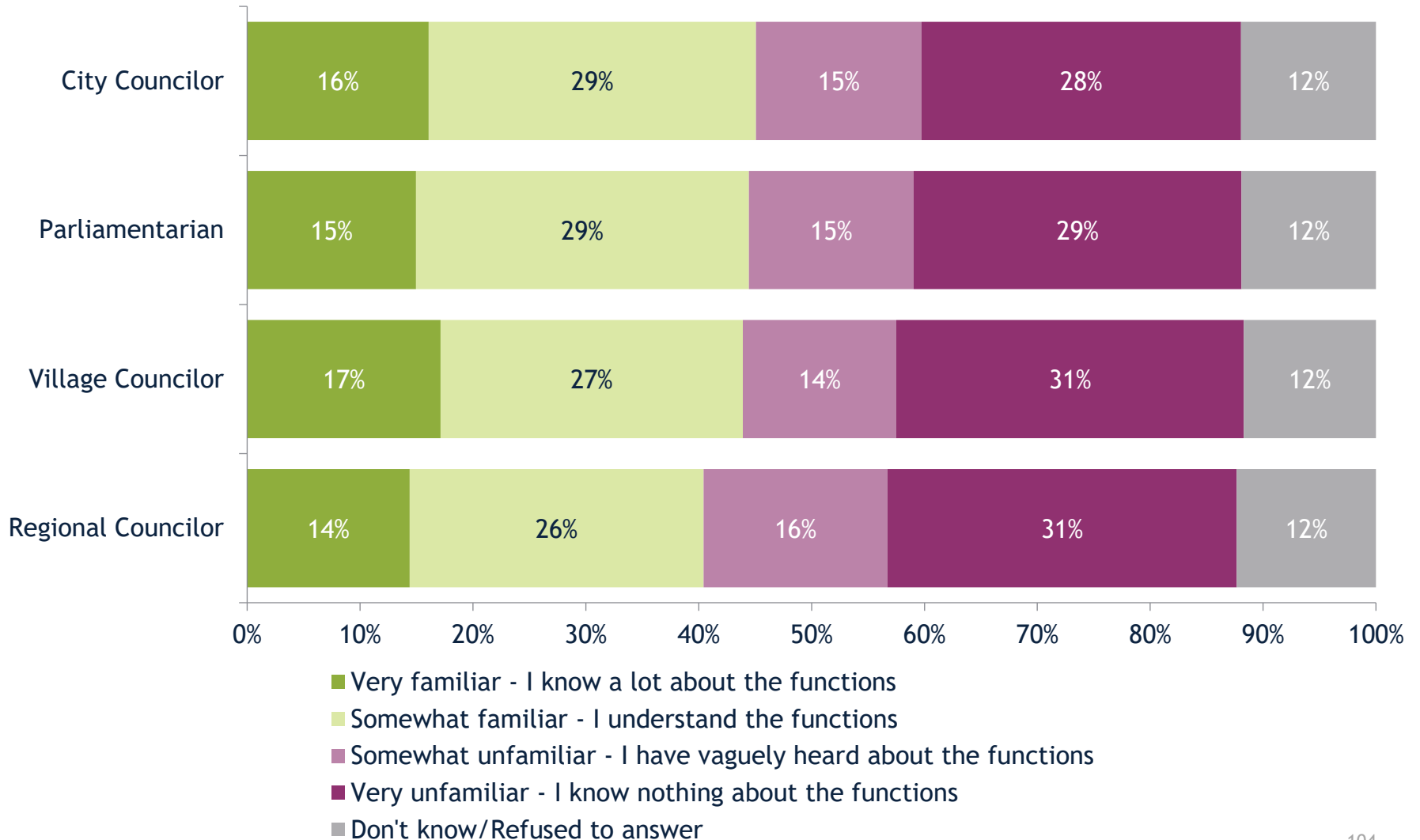


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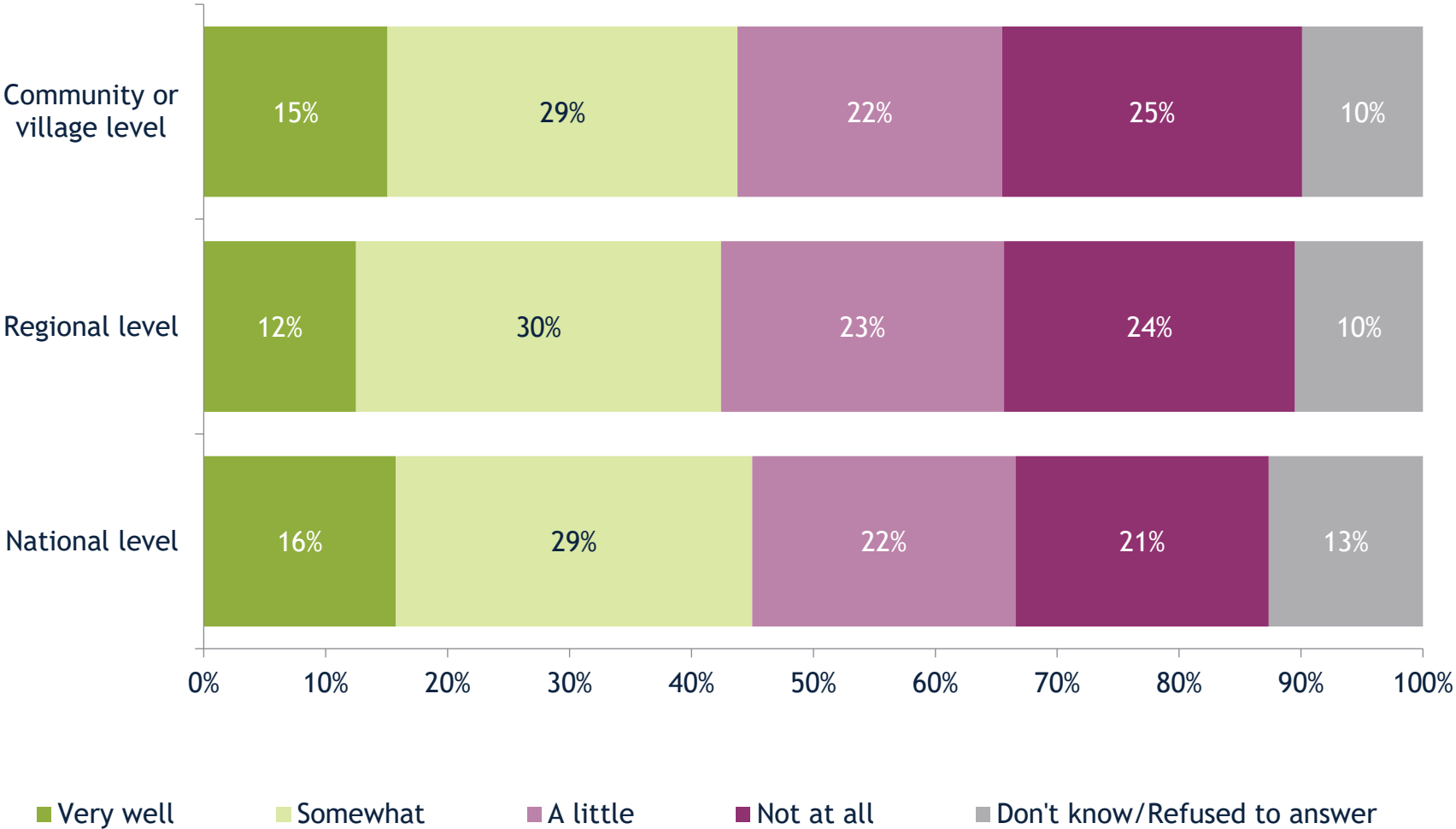
# How familiar or unfamiliar are you with the functions of each of the following representatives?







# To what extent do you understand how decisions are made for each of the following levels?



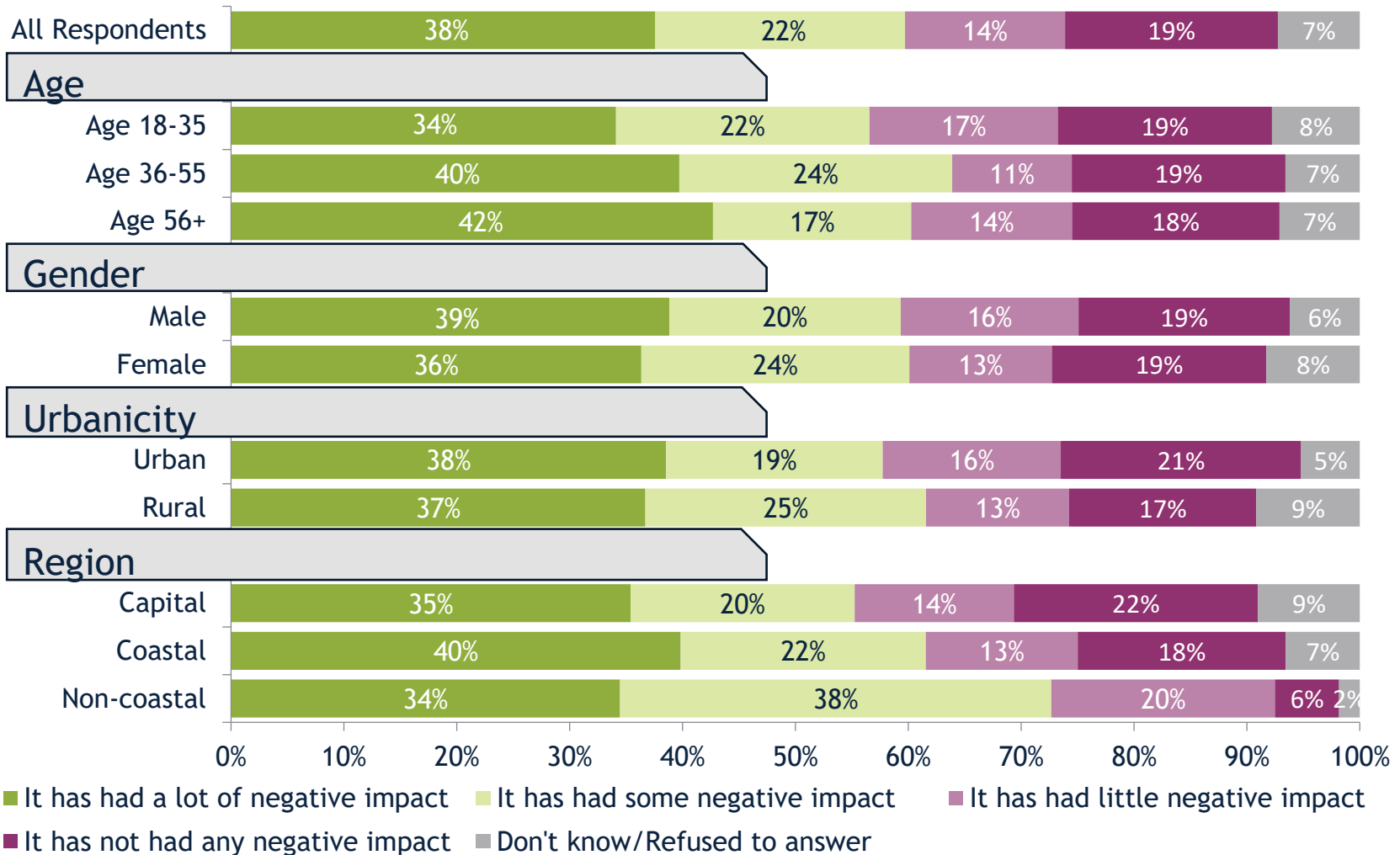
# Corruption



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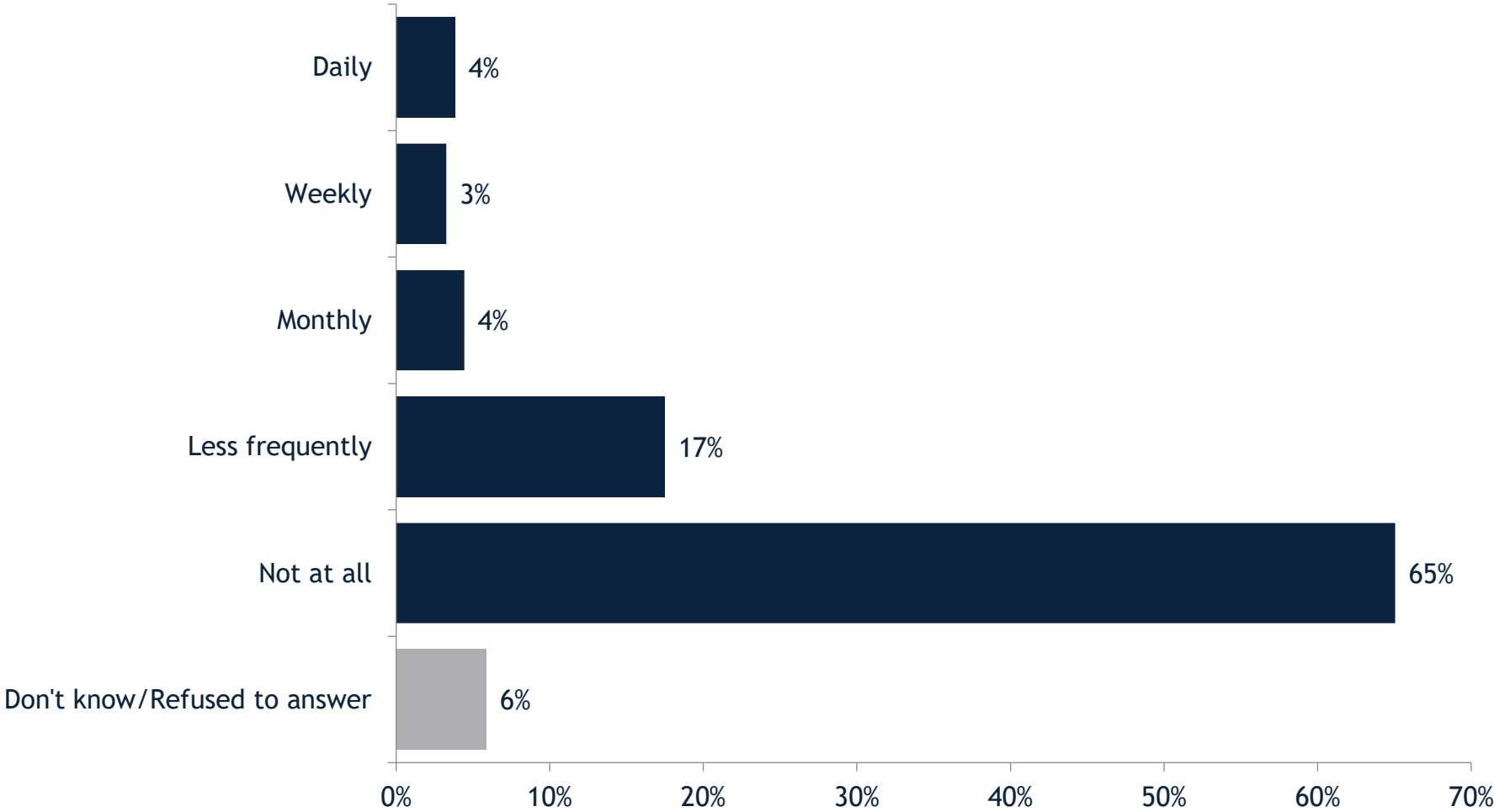


Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gain. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

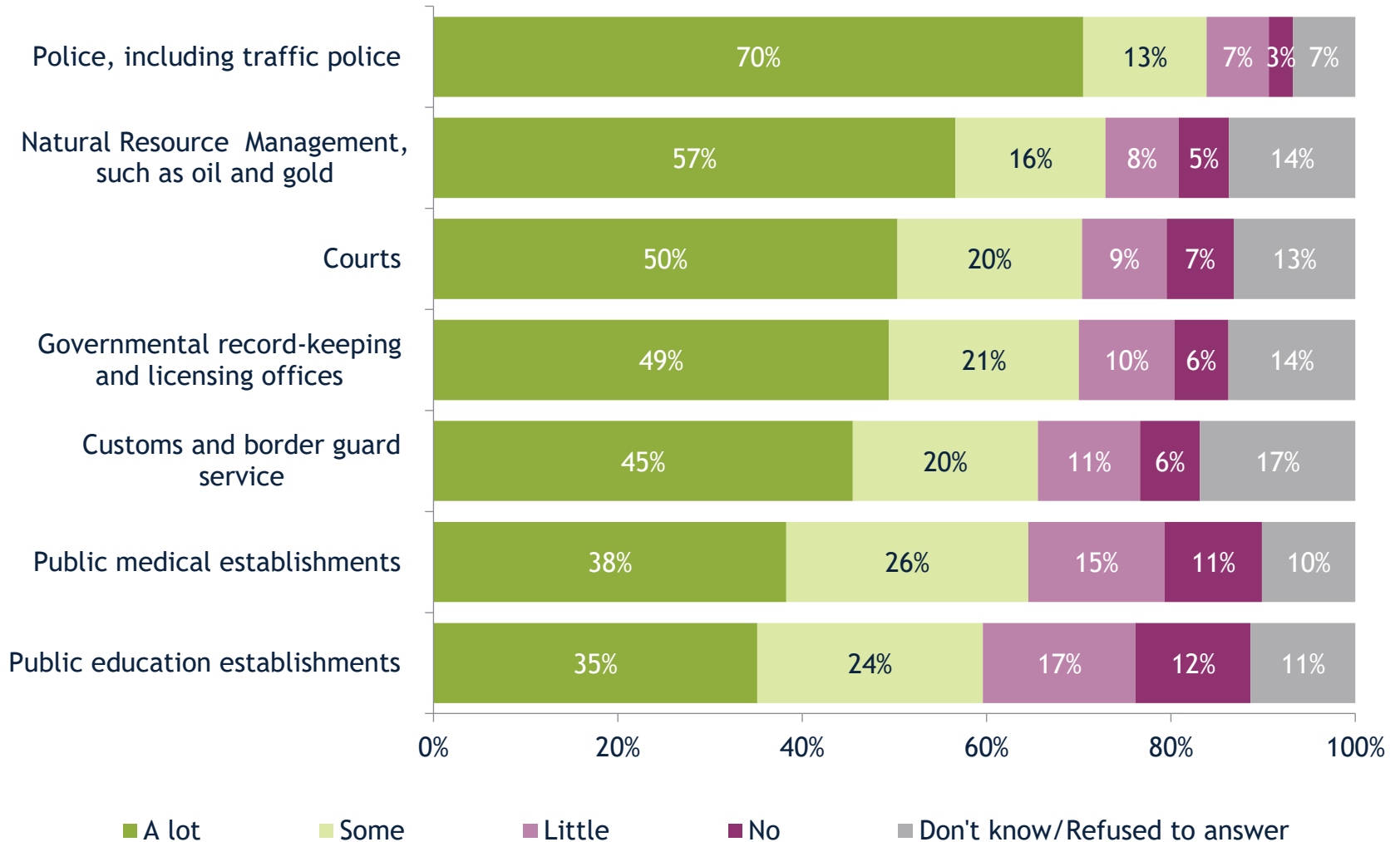




# In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?



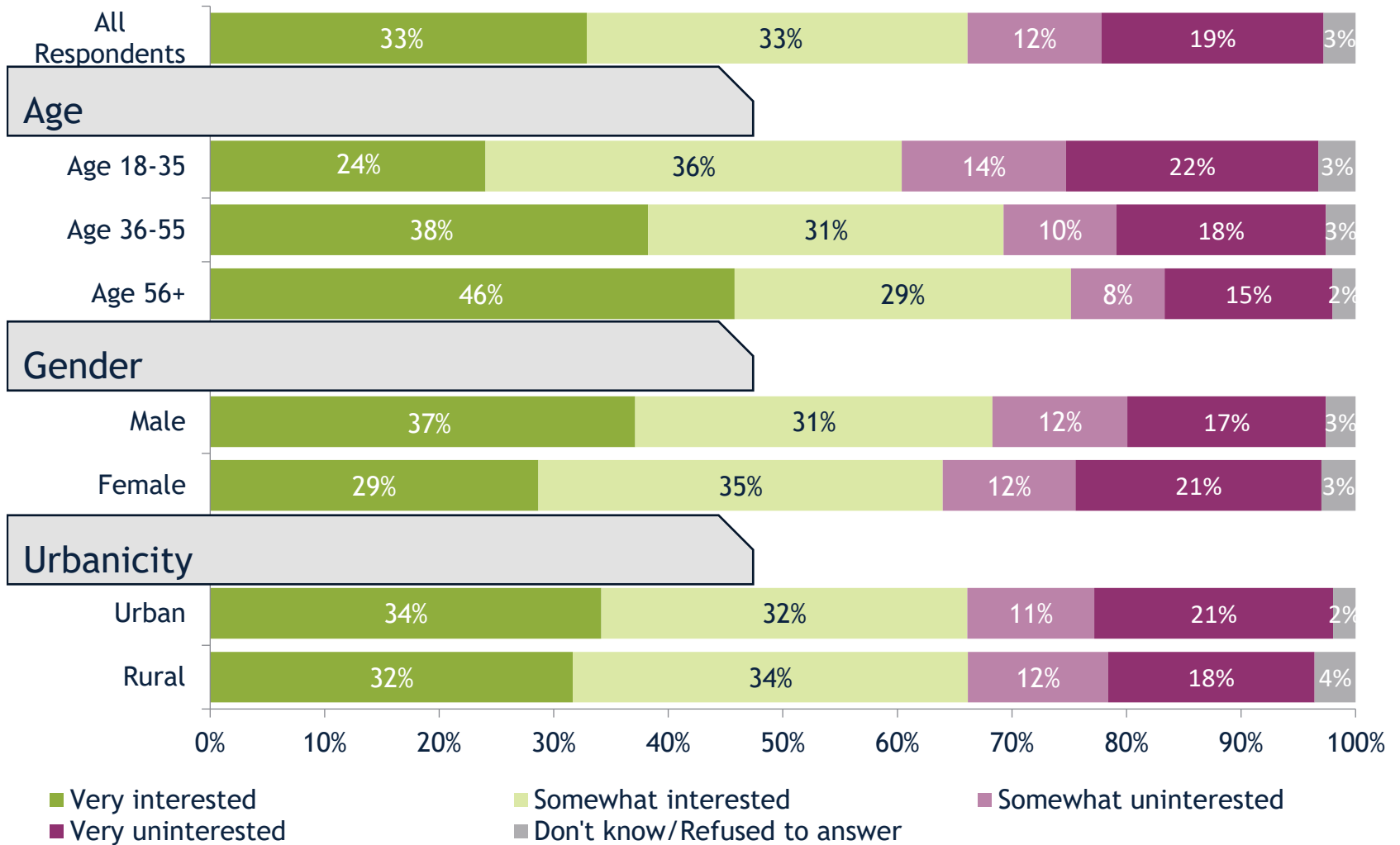
# Please tell me if there is a lot, some, little, or no corruption among each of the following providers of government services



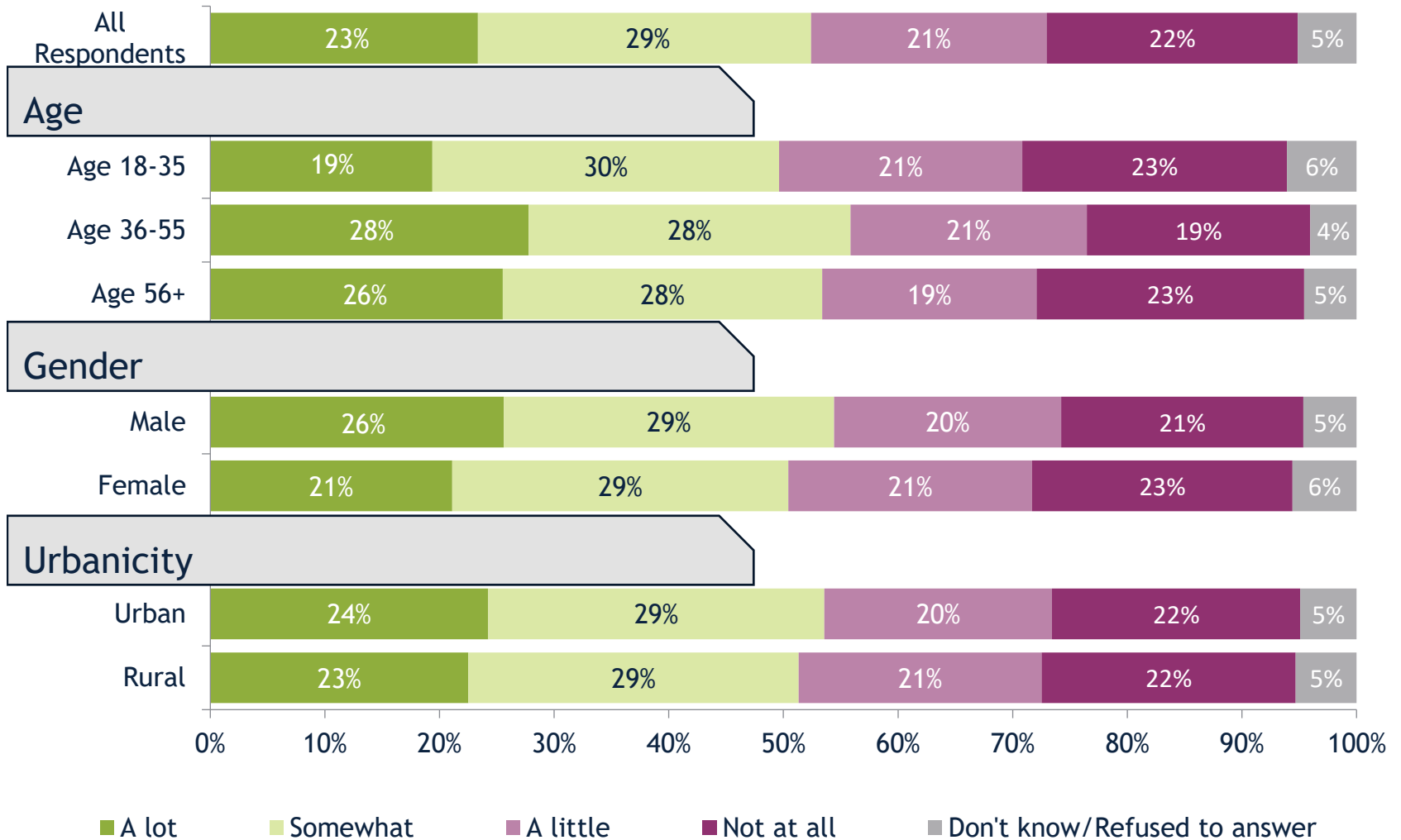
# Information



# How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information?



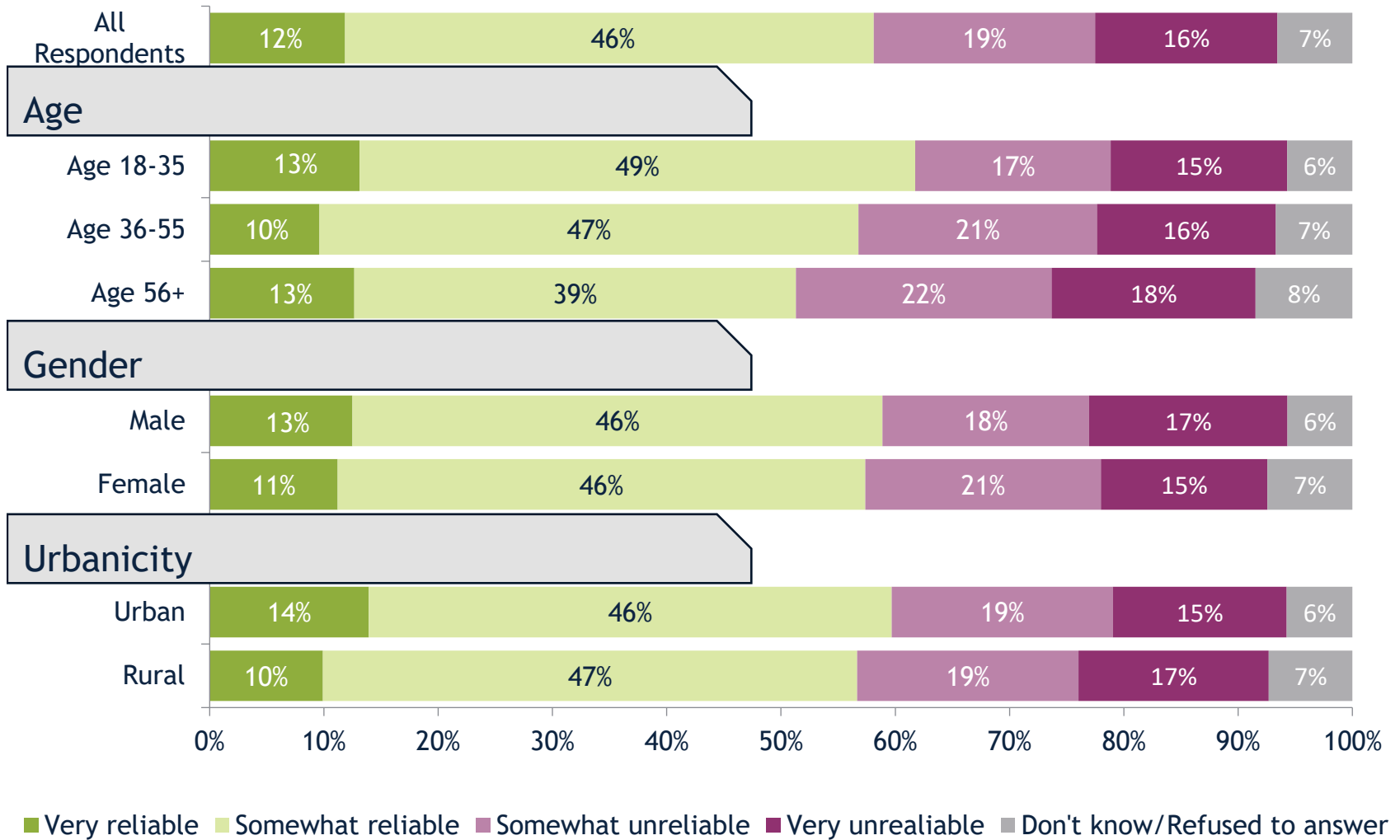
# To what extent does the news media affect your thoughts on national issues and the decisions that you make in day-to-day life?



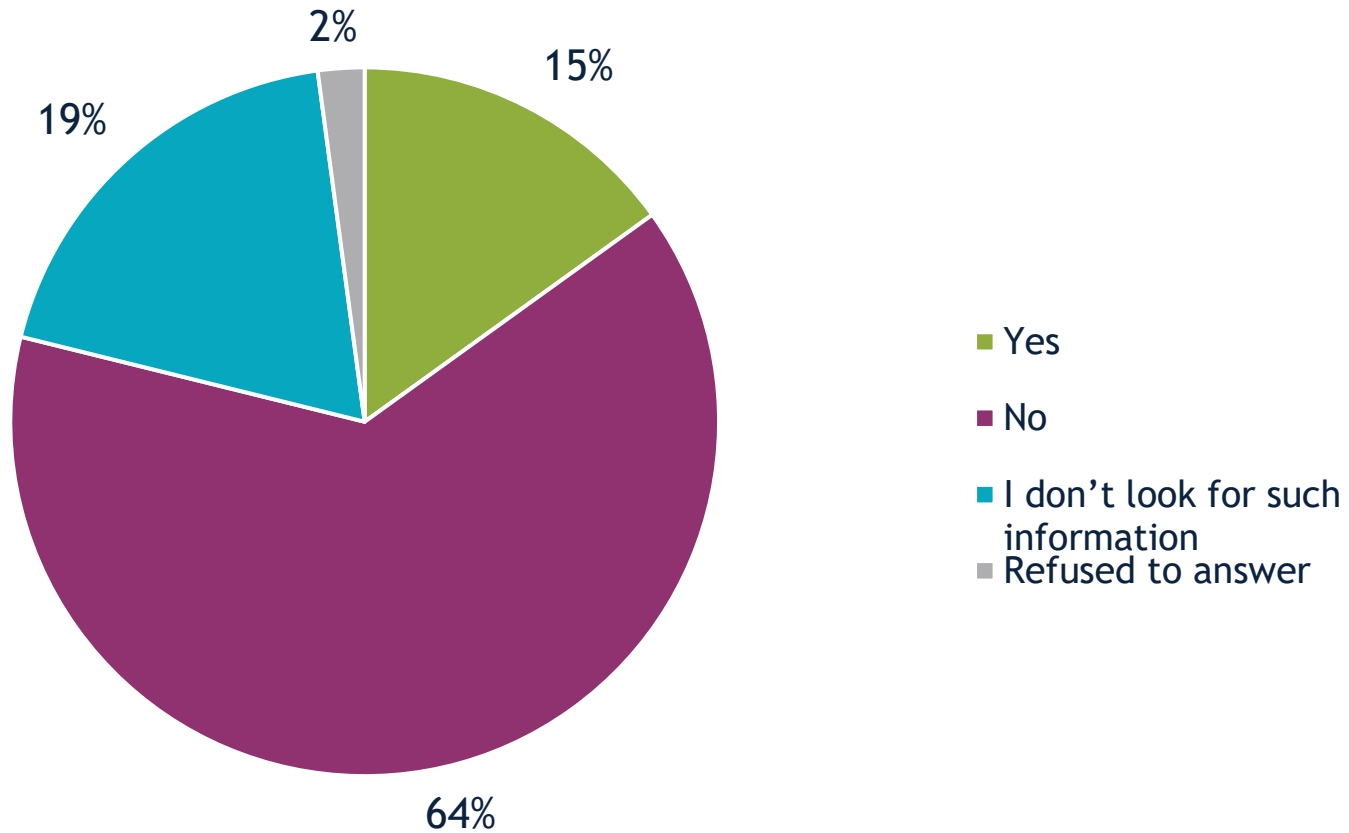




# How reliable or unreliable is the information in the media?



# Do you know where to find information on how oil revenues are being used by the Government?

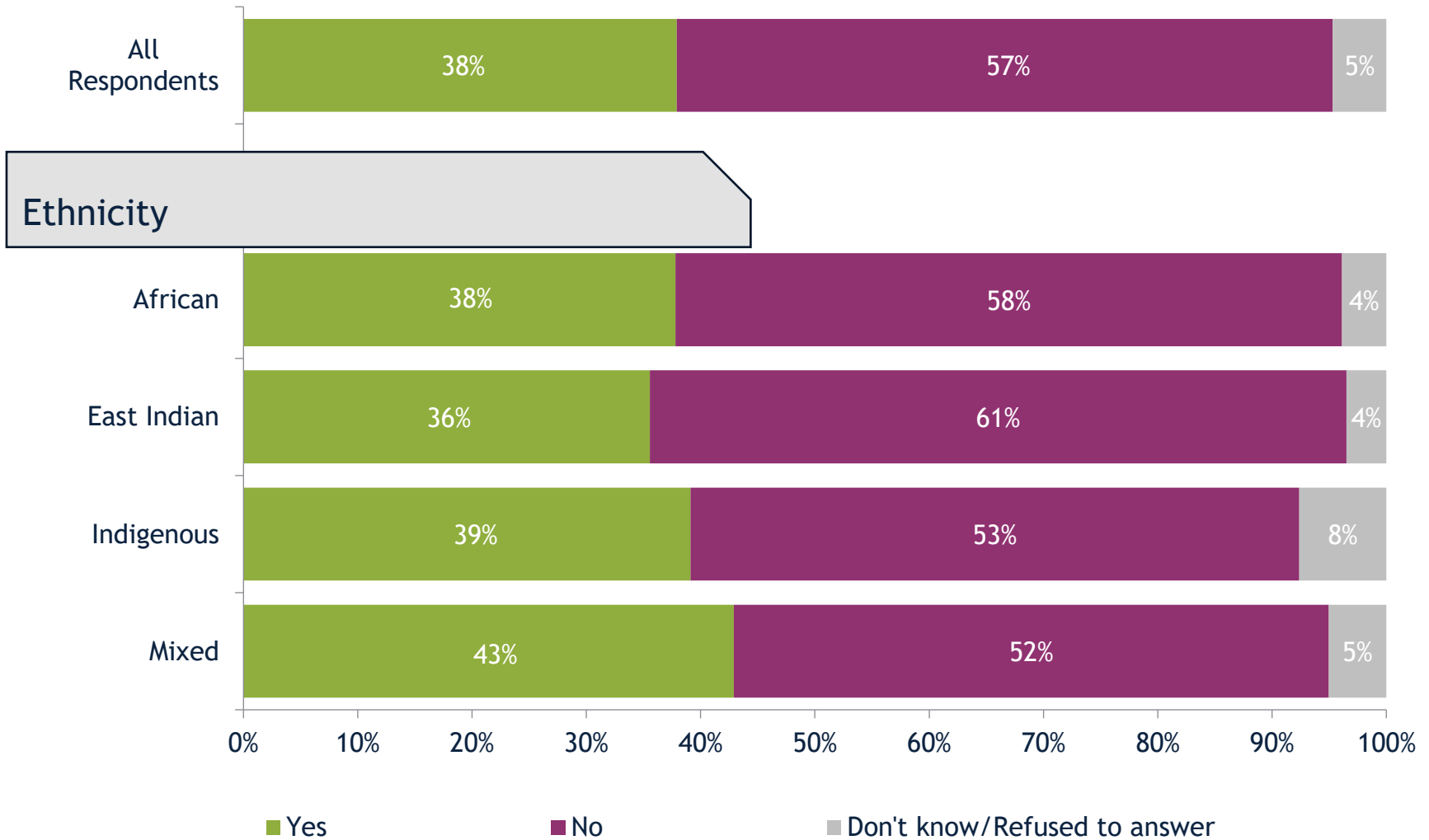


# Migration

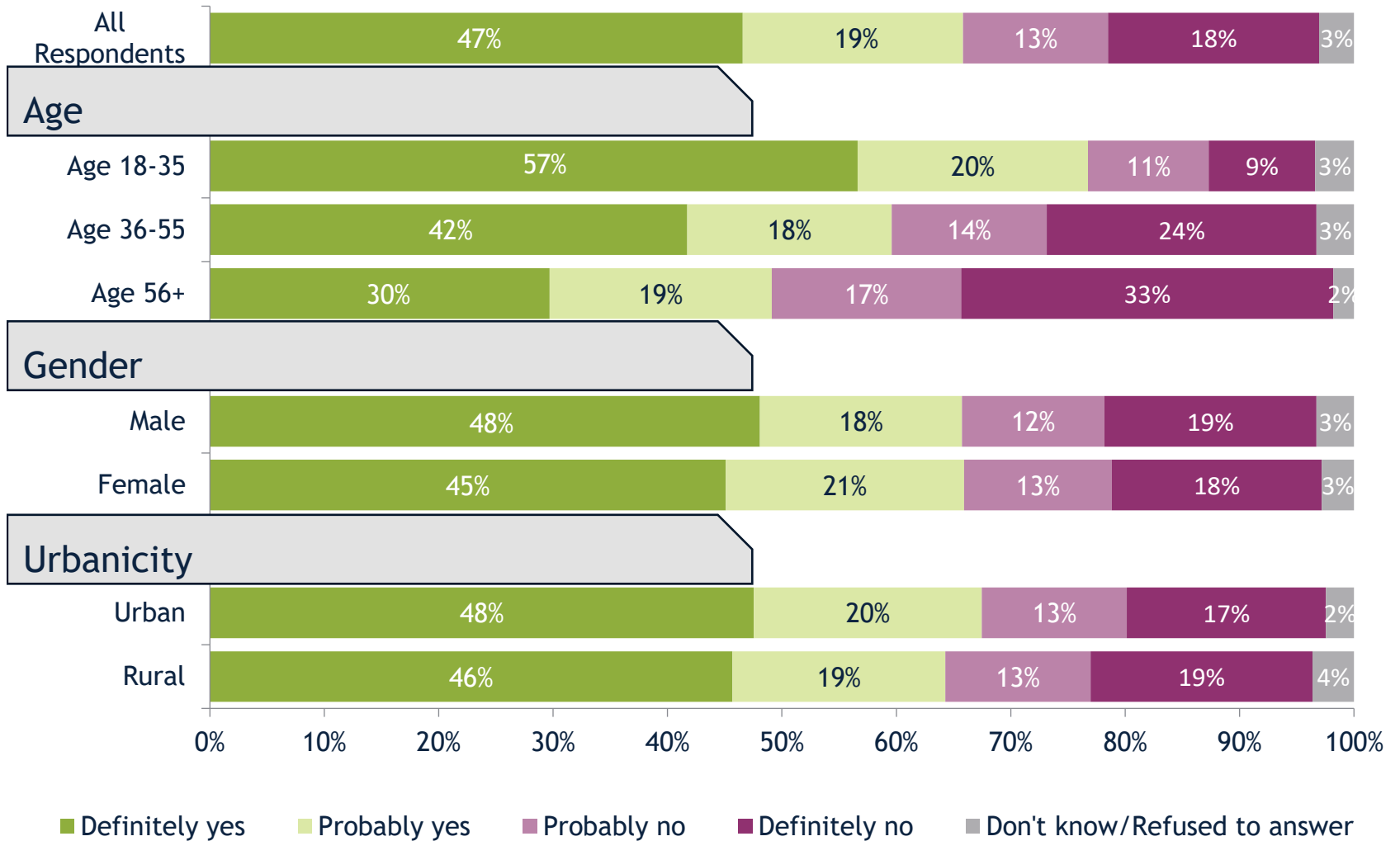


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# Do any members of your household currently live or work abroad?

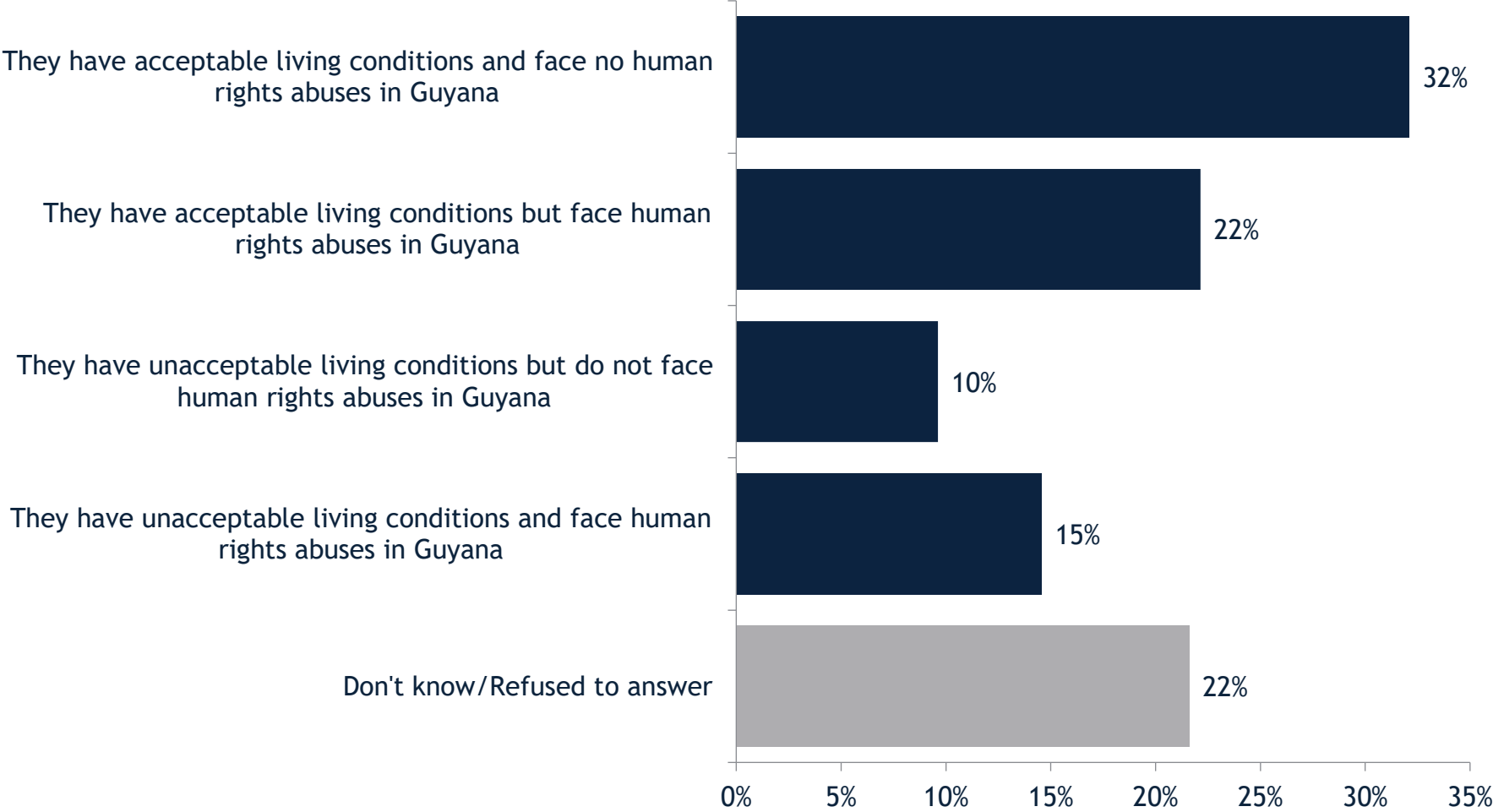


# If you had the opportunity, would you choose to go abroad, not just for a vacation, but for a longer period?





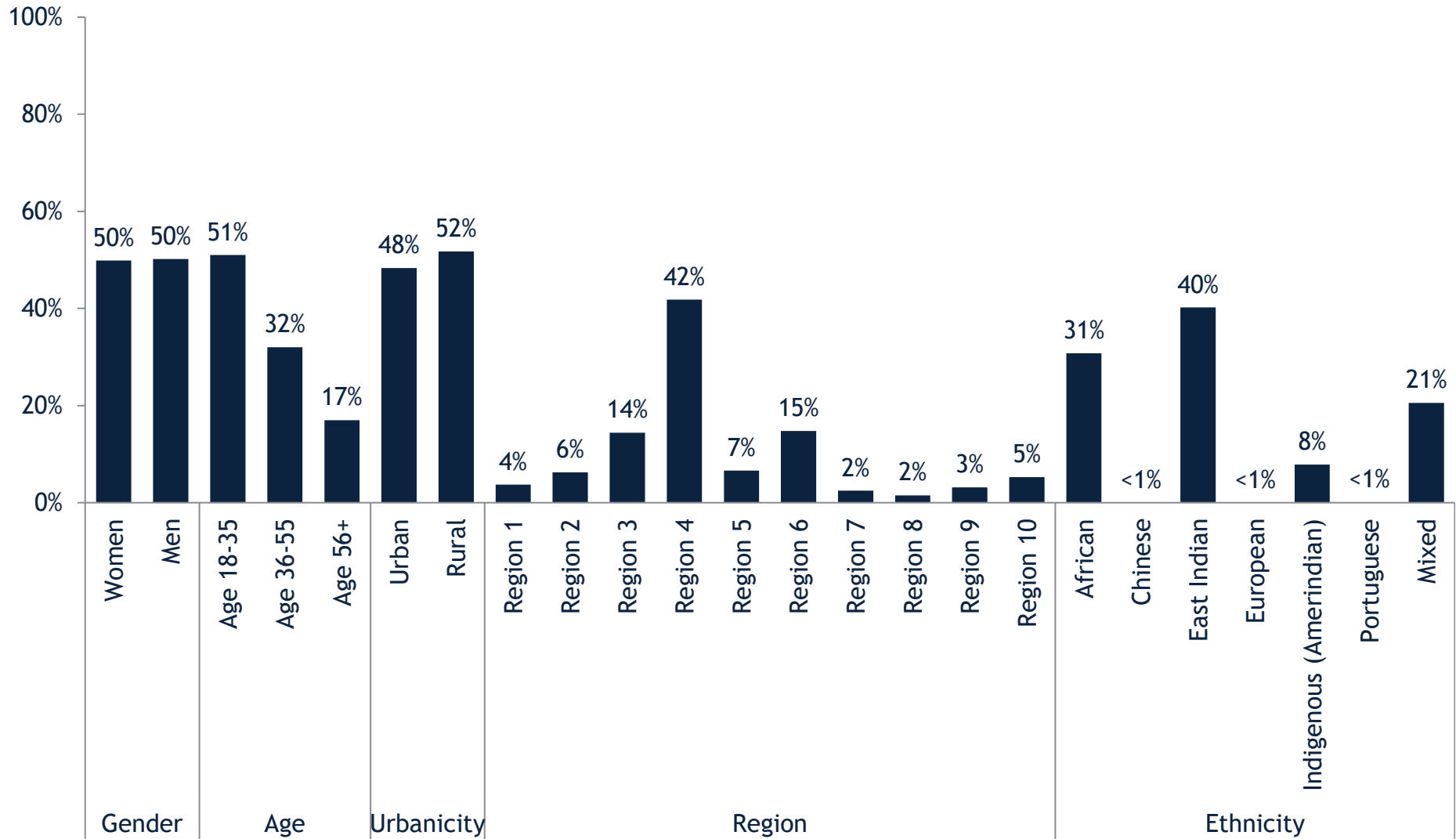
# As far as you know, what is the experience of migrants who came to Guyana to escape violence or poverty in their home countries?



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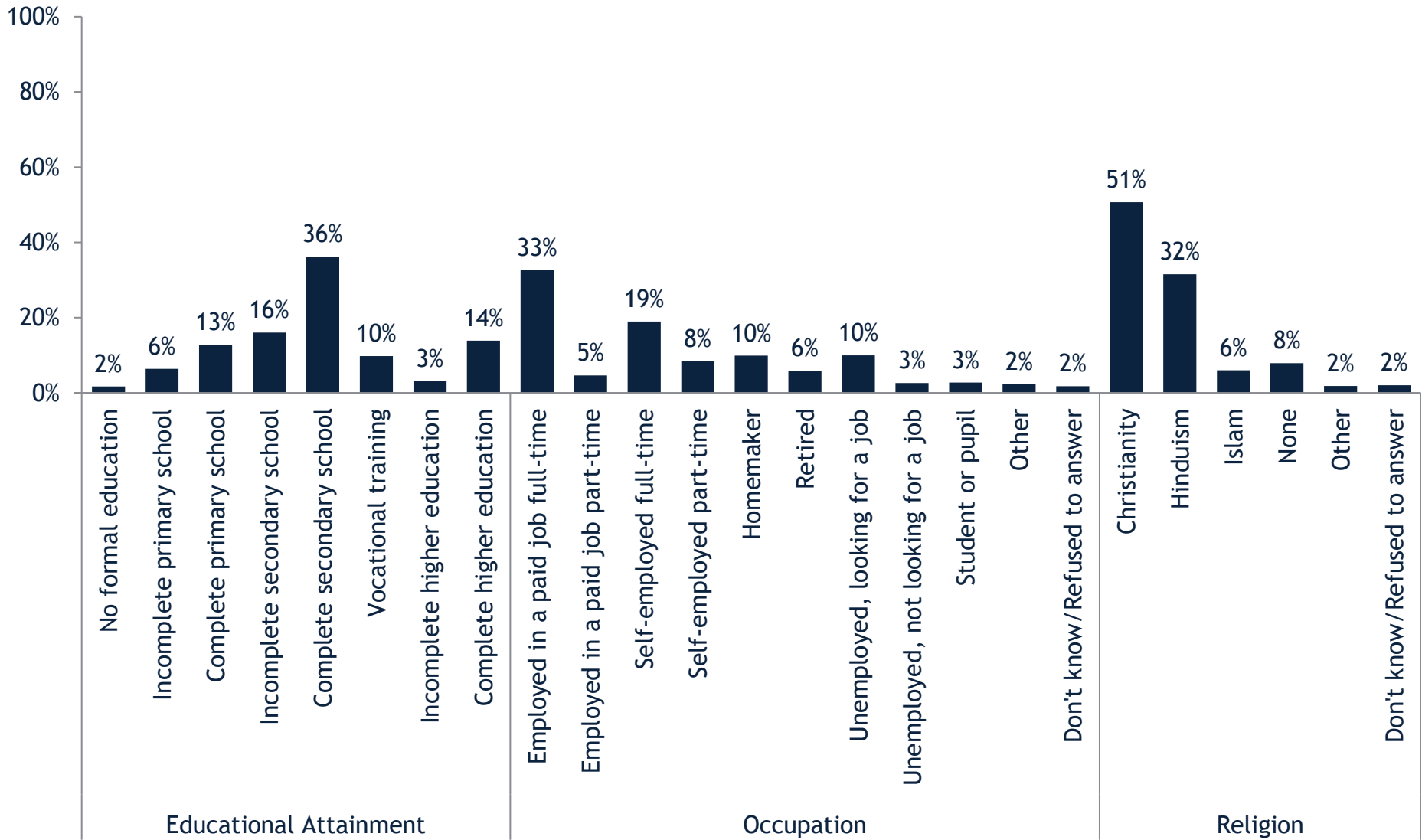


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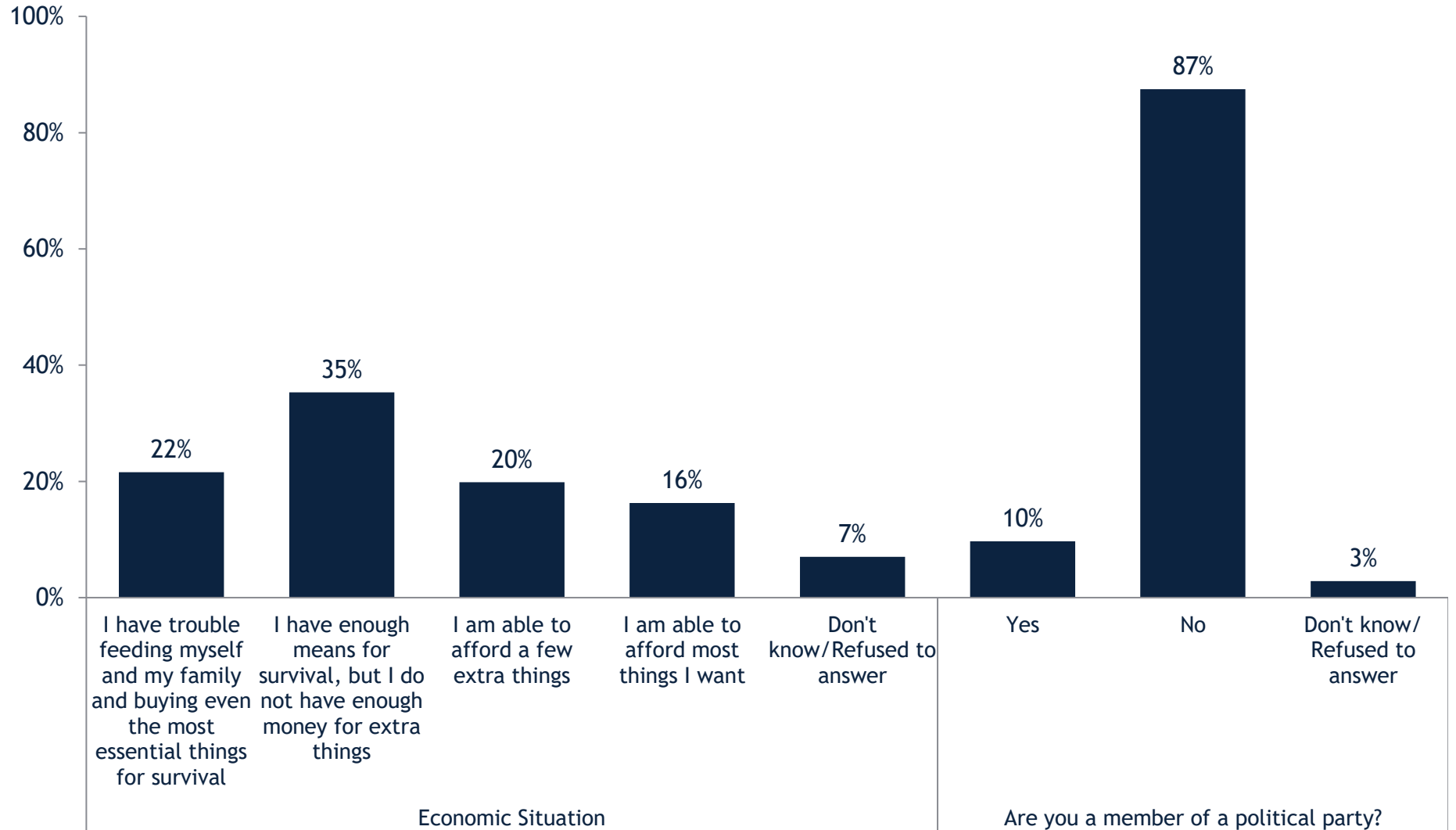




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