

NATIONAL SURVEY OF ALBANIA

February 2023



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Detailed Methodology

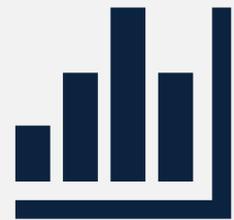
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [IDRA Research & Consulting](#).
- Data was collected between January 29 - February 13, 2023, through the Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) technique, administered through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of n=1200 Albanian citizens, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by a random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. The random route method was applied to select households and the 'last birthday' method was used to select respondents within households. A predefined age quota was applied to keep sample representativeness. The sampling frame was based on the Albania Census 2011 data.
- The achieved sample was weighted for age groups, region, gender, and urbanicity parameters according to the 2011 Census parameters.
- The response rate was 57 percent.
- The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ± 2.8 points at the 95% confidence level.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Group	18-35	n = 442
	36-55	n = 418
	56+	n = 339
Gender	Men	n = 600
	Women	n = 600
Urbanicity	Urban	n = 669
	Rural	n = 531
Region	South-West (Fier, Vlore, Berat)	n = 261
	South-East (Korce, Gjirokaster)	n = 122
	North (Shkoder, Kukes, Lezhe, Diber)	n = 231
	Central (Durres, Tirane, Elbasan)	n = 584
<i>Margin of error will vary with sample size n.</i>		

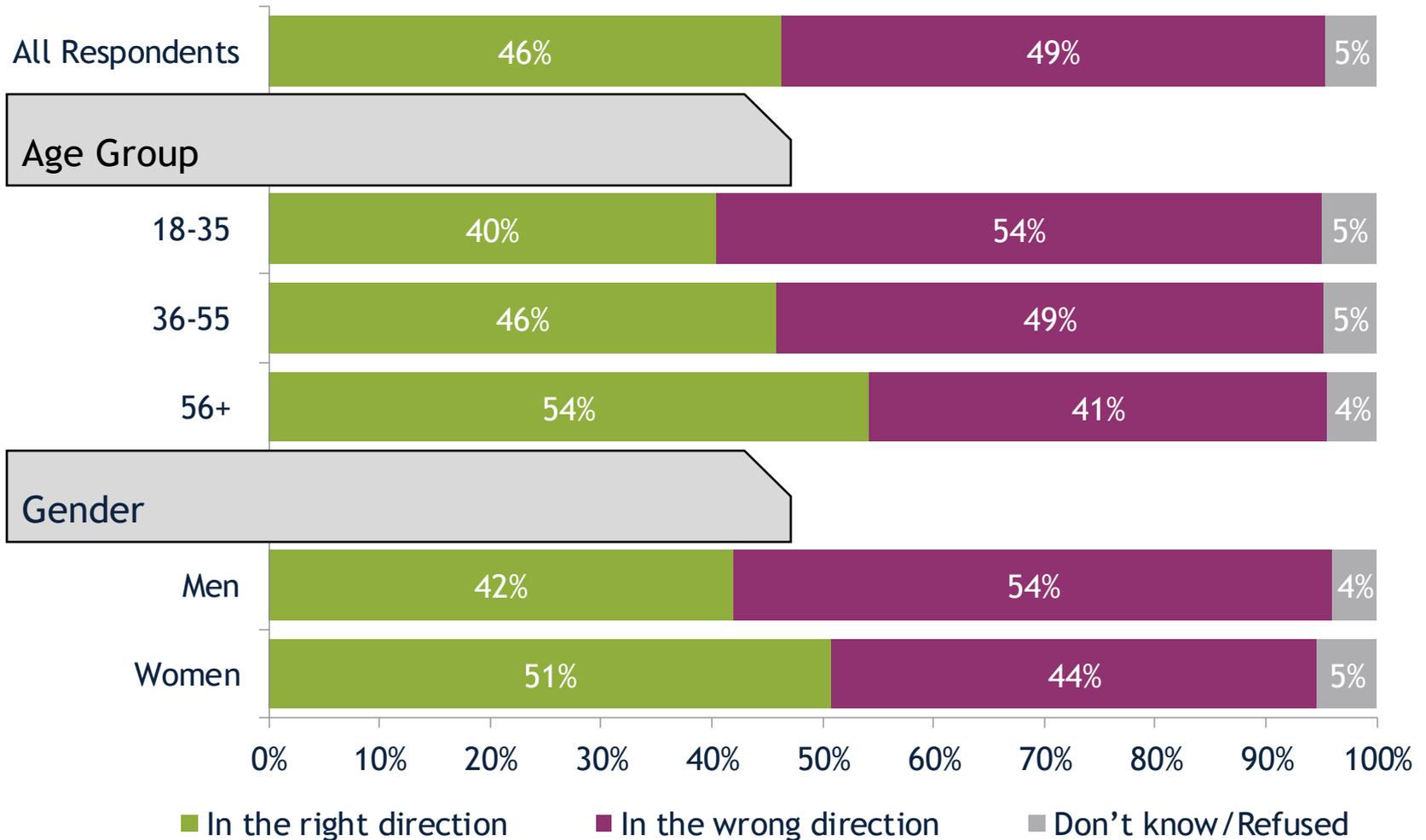
*Cited bases are weighted

General Assessment and Outlook





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



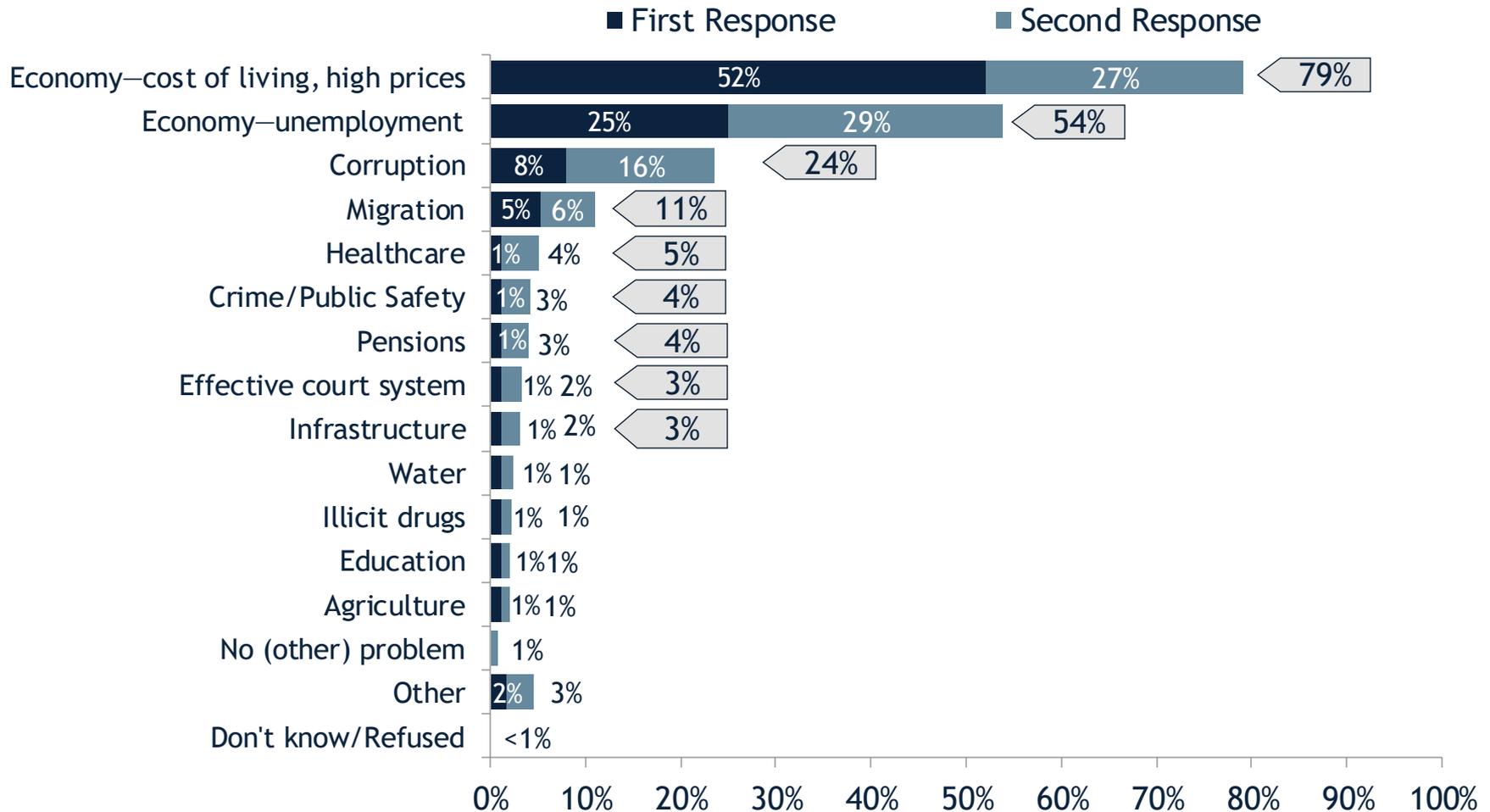


How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of our country's population?



What is the most important problem facing our country today? And what is the second most?

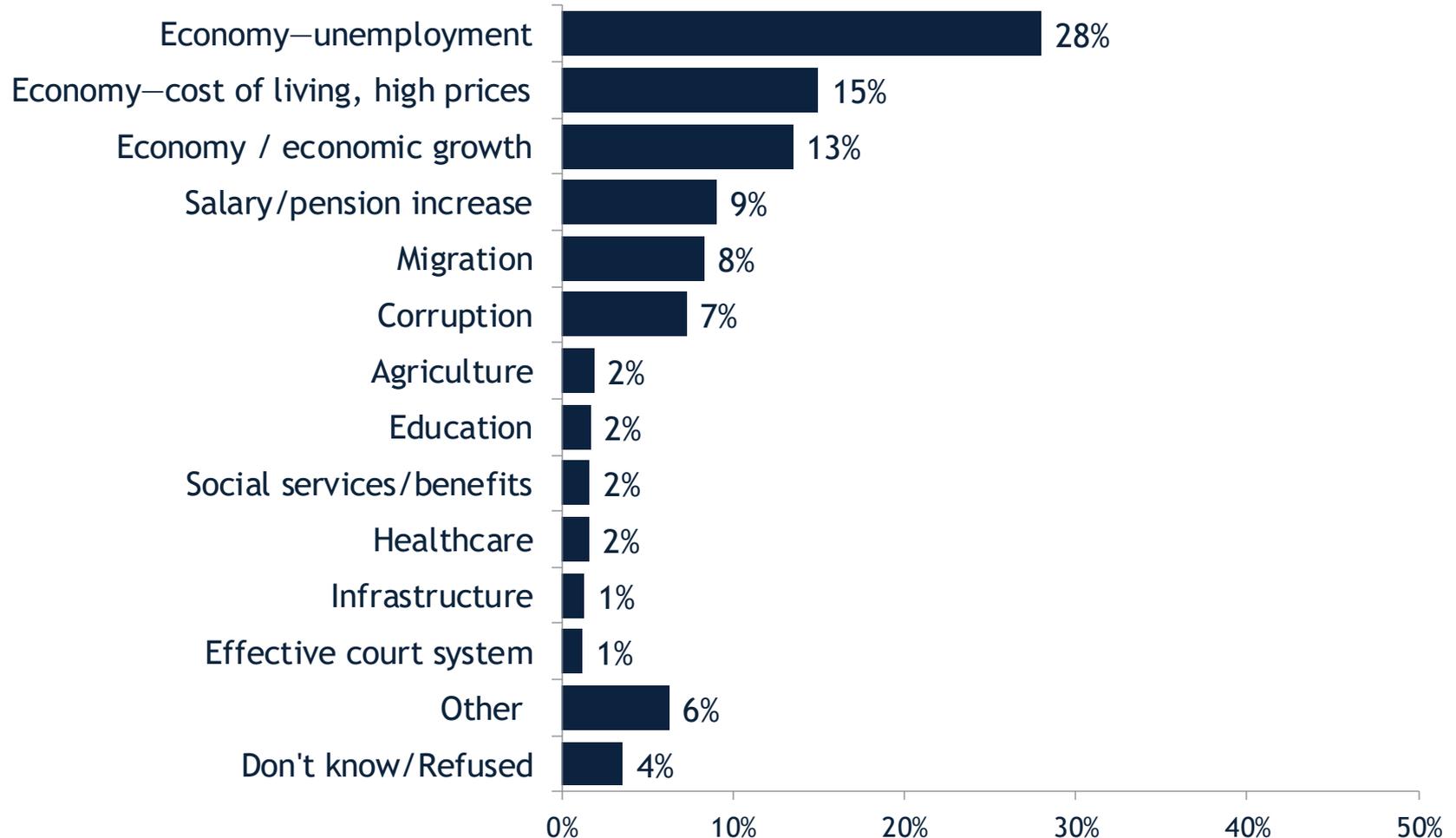
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses possible)



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What specific issue should be the top priority for the government to address?

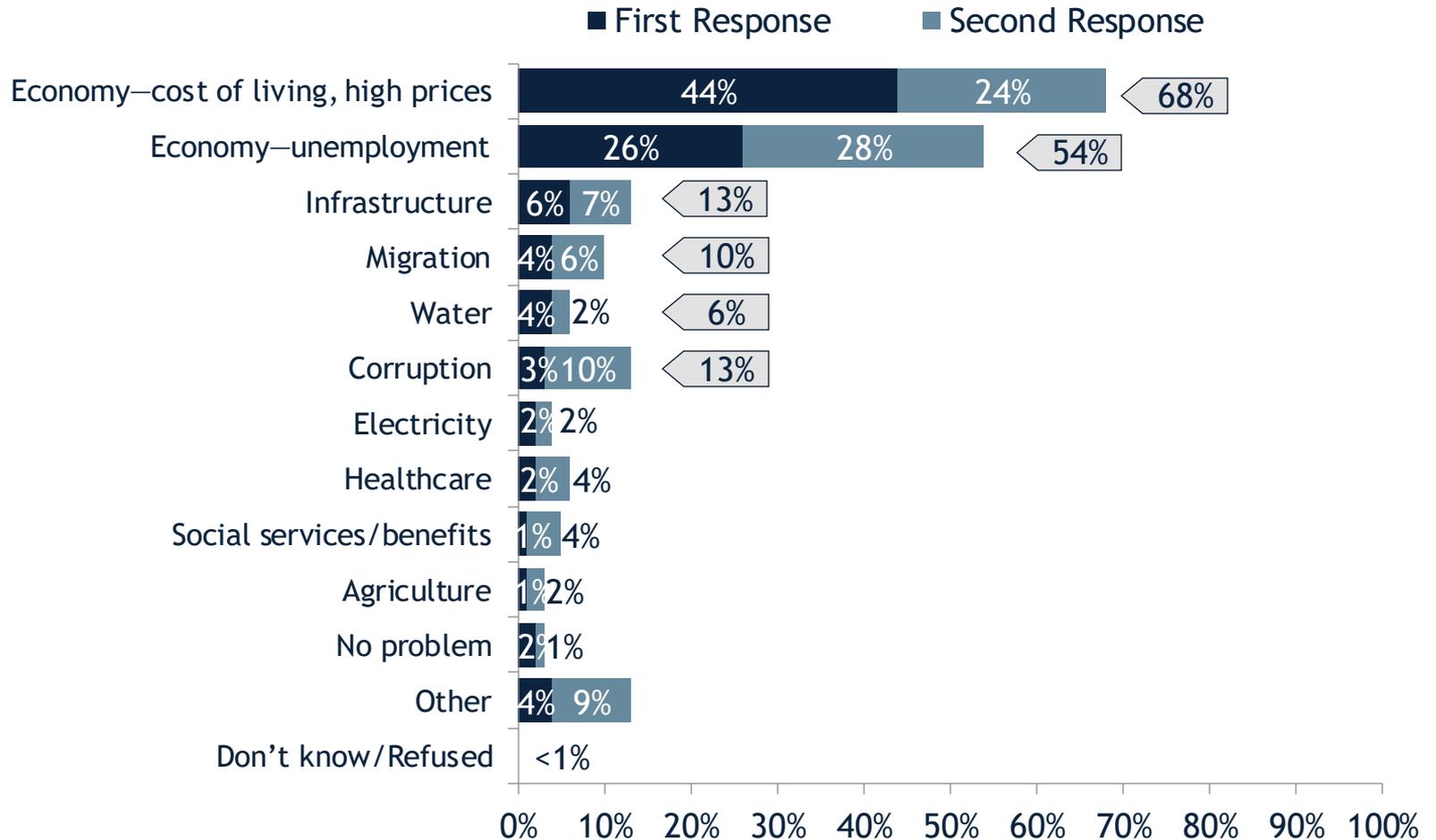
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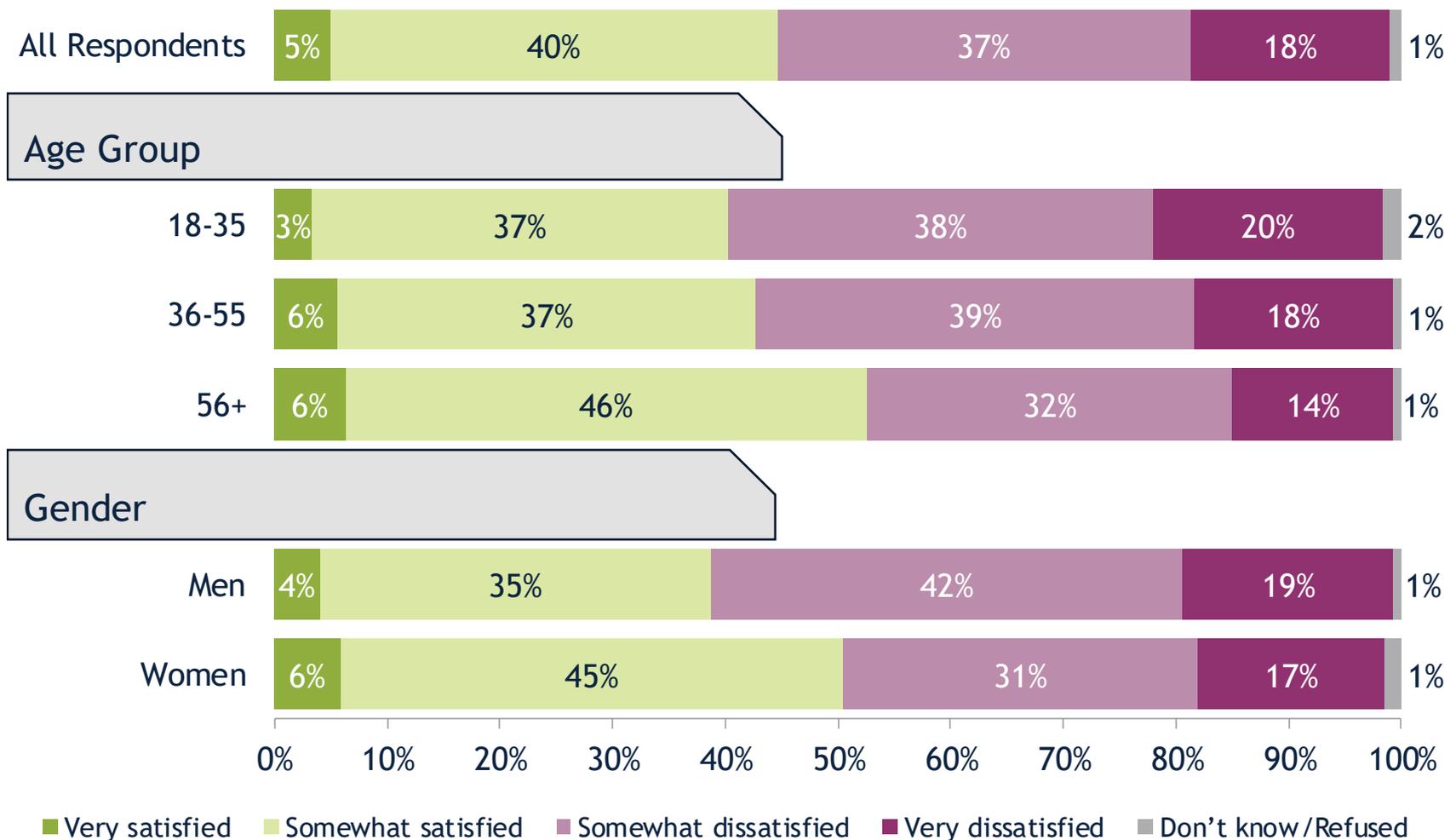
What is the most important problem facing your MUNICIPALITY today? And what is the second most important?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses possible)

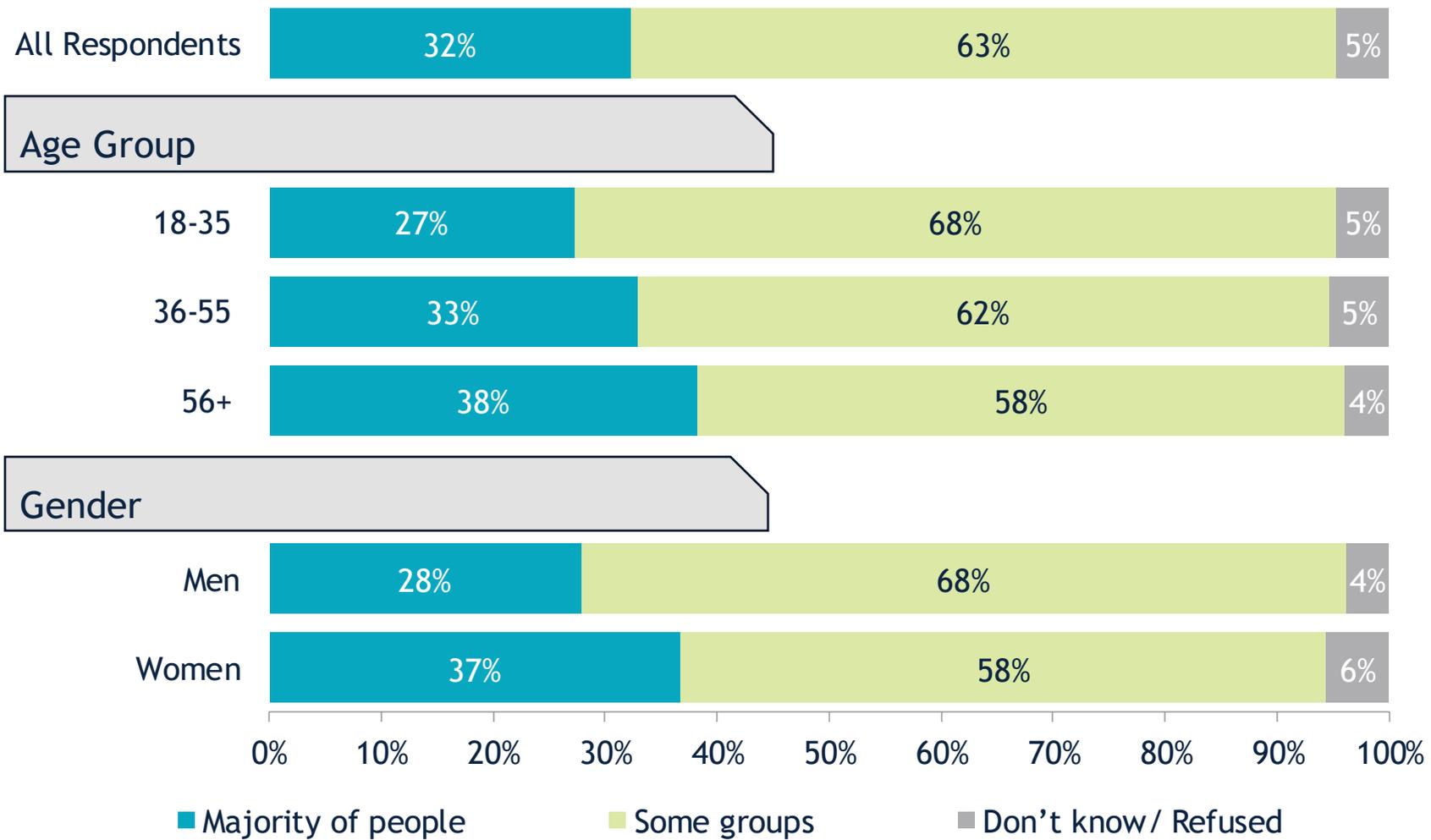


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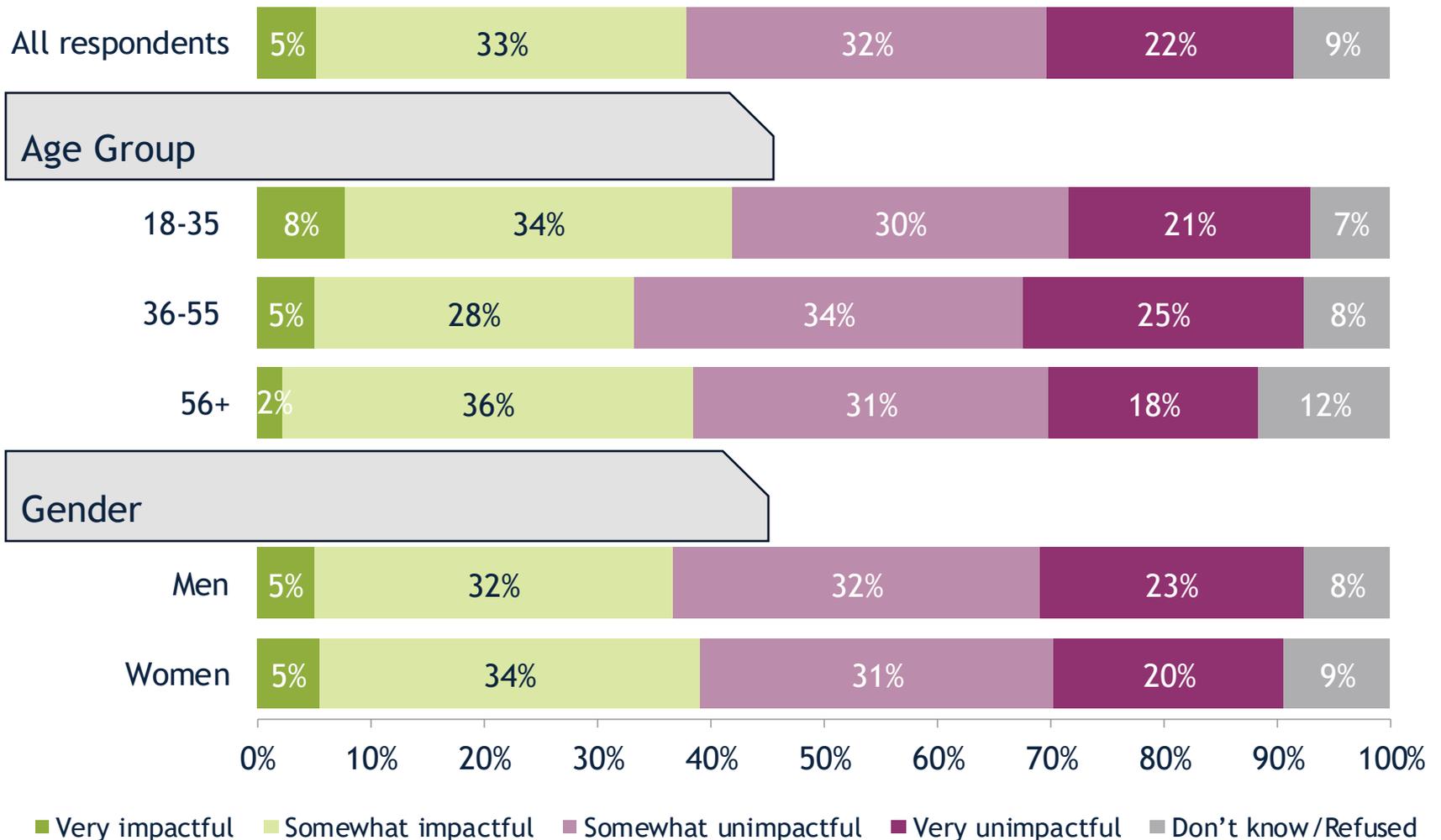
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?



Do you consider our country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or in the interest of some groups?

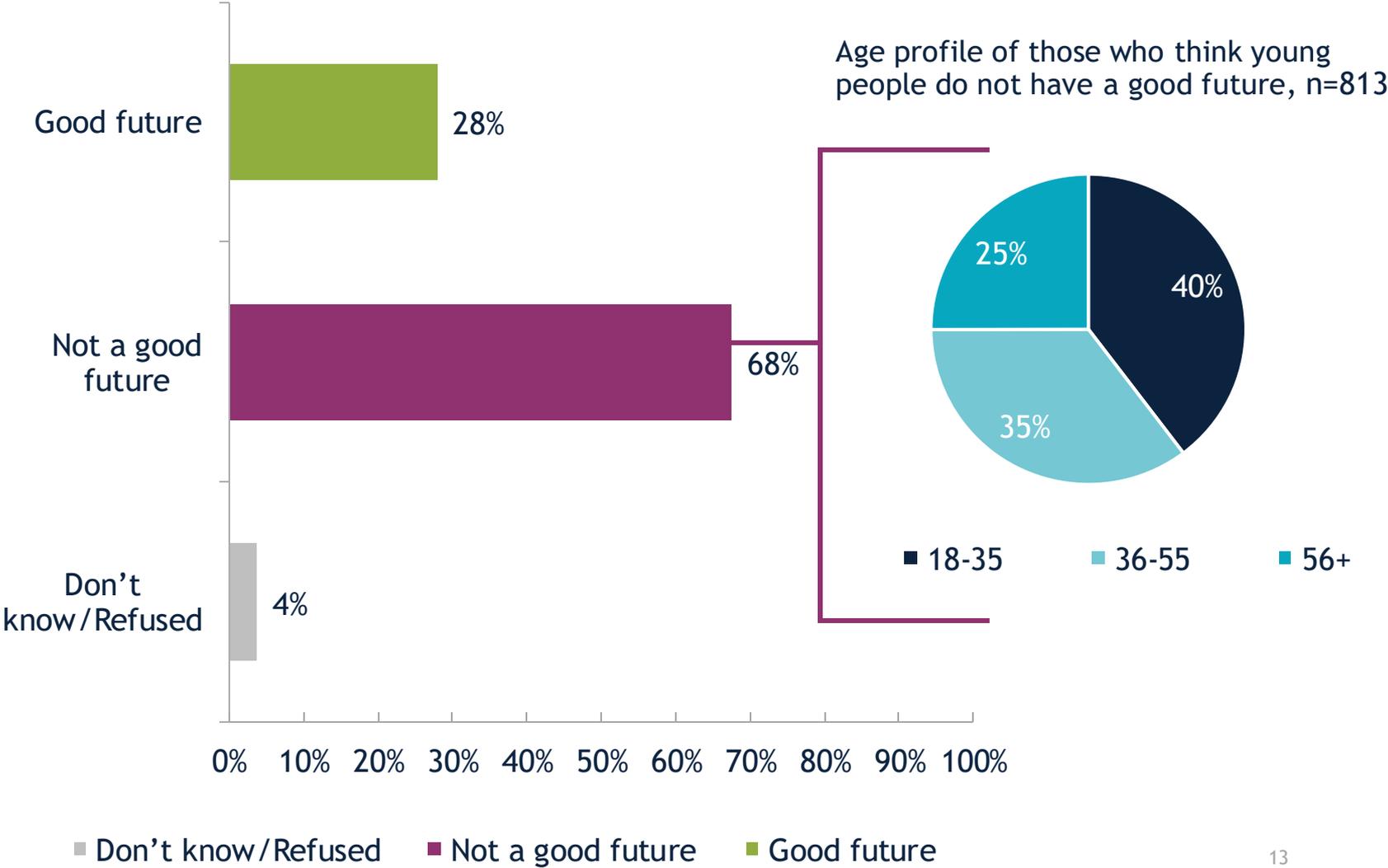


To what extent do civil society organizations (CSOs) impact government policy in our country?





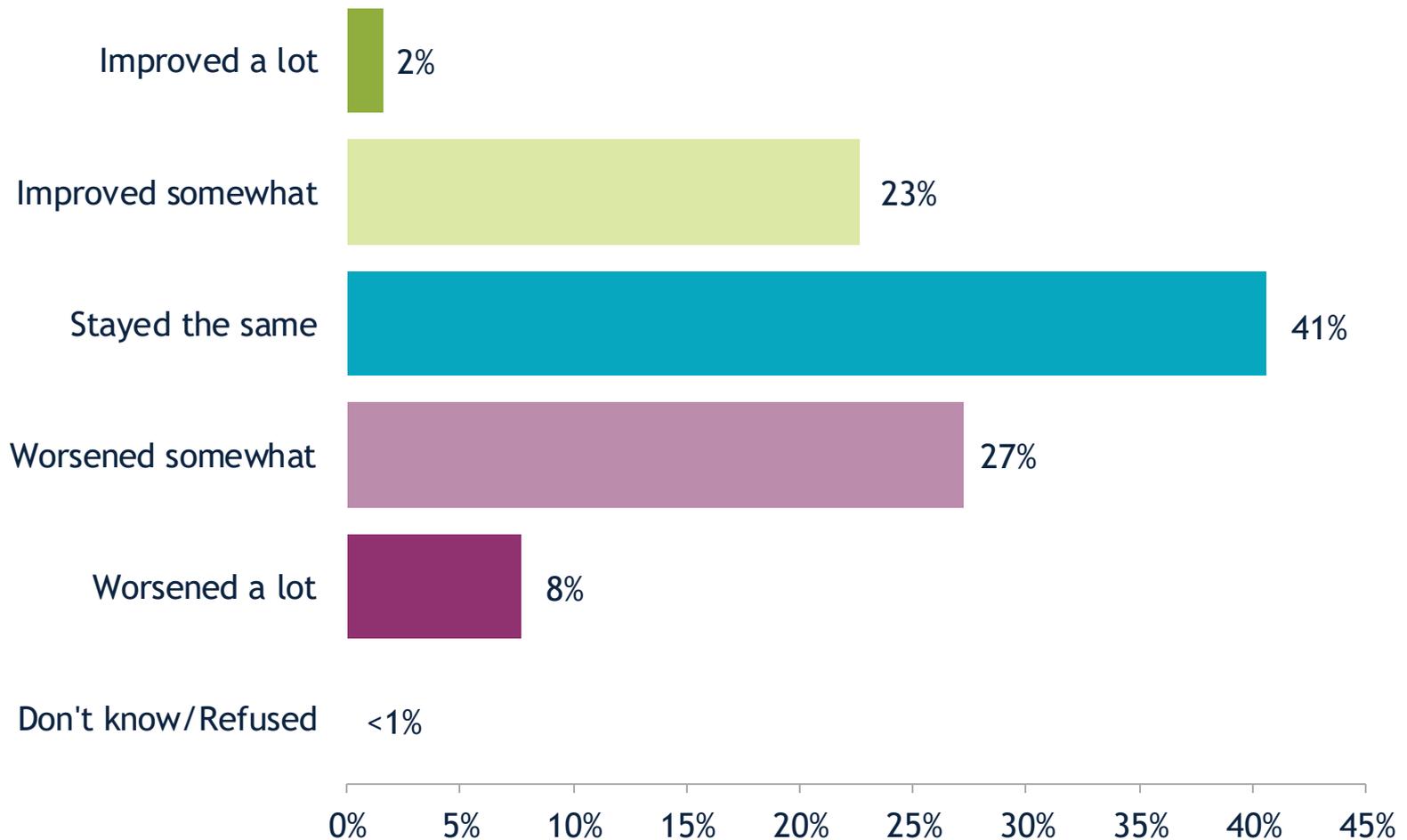
Do you think that today's generation of young people has a good future in our country or not?



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

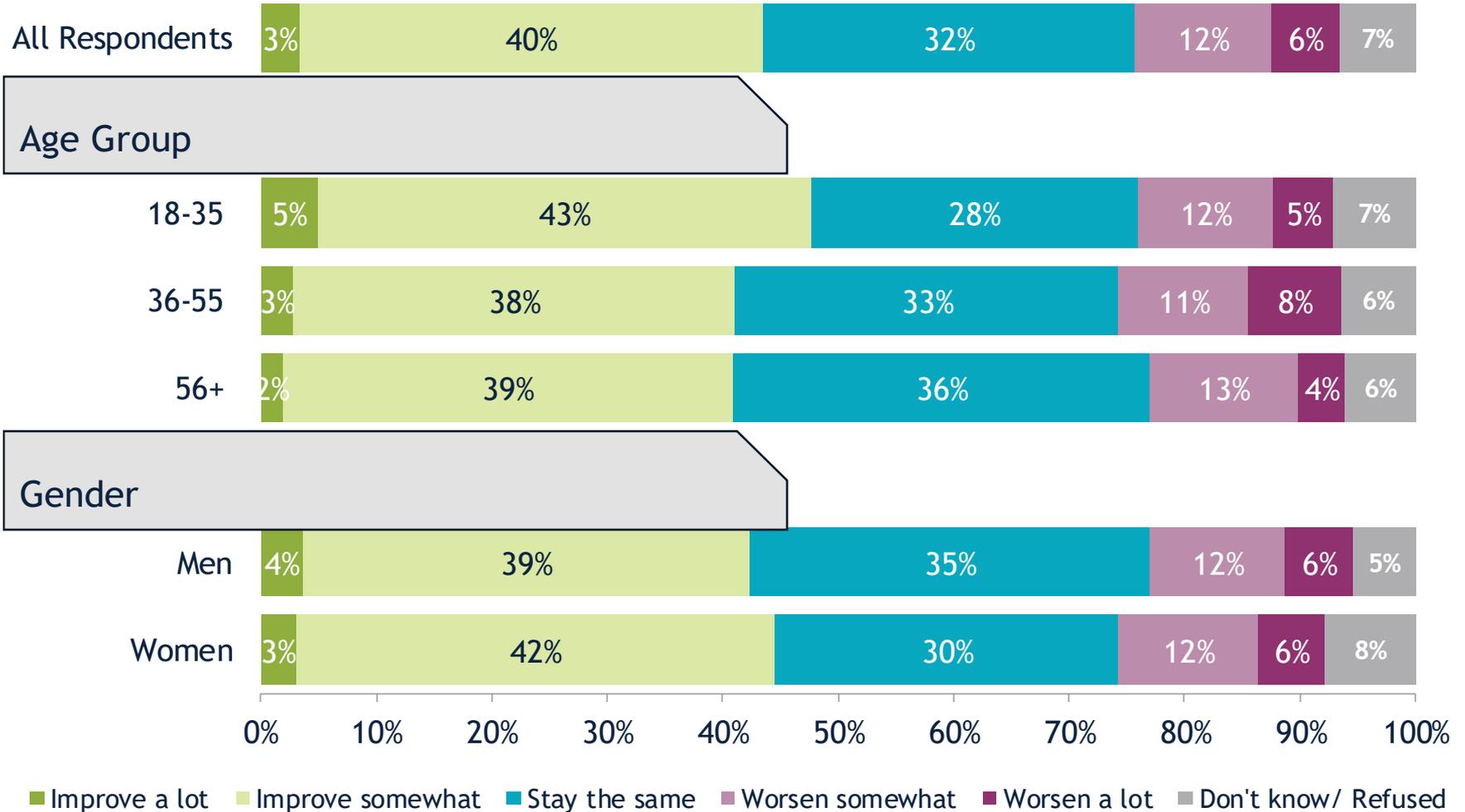


Over the last 6 months, how has the economic situation of your household changed?

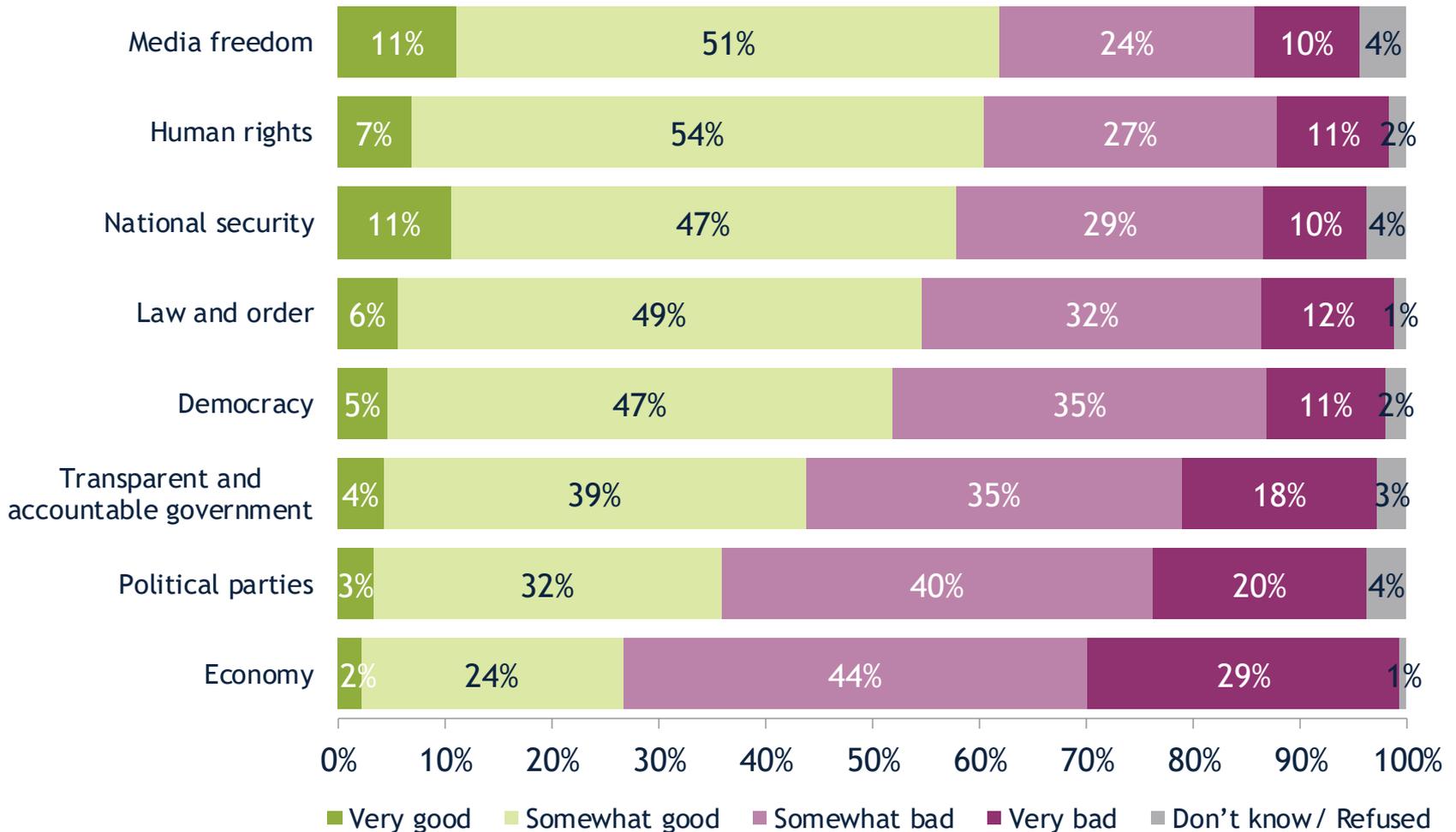




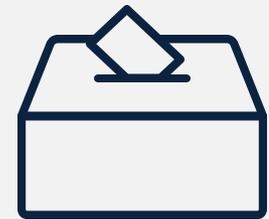
In the coming 6 months how do you expect the economic situation of your household to change?



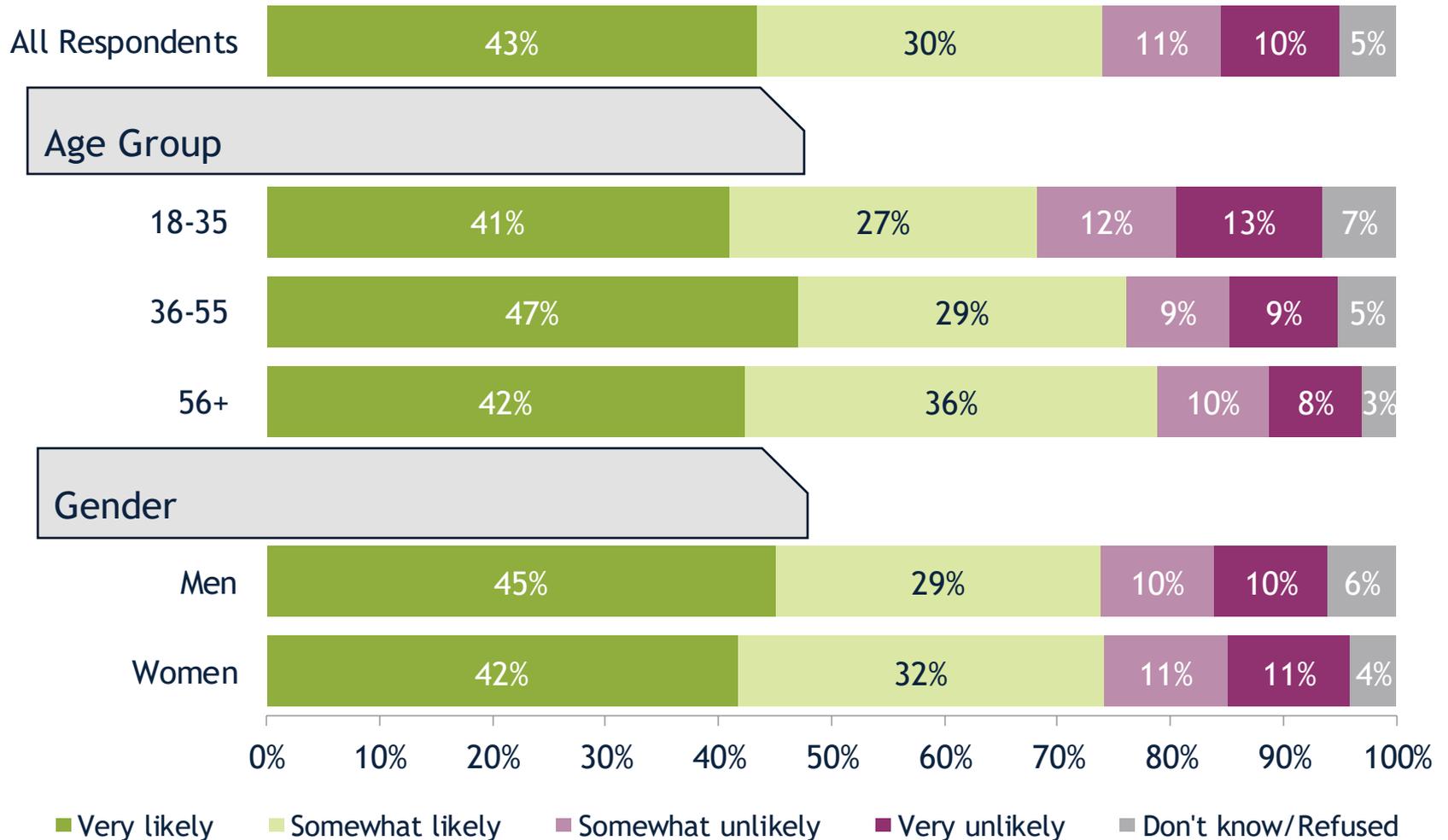
How would you describe the current status of each of the following items in our country?



Municipal Elections- Upcoming

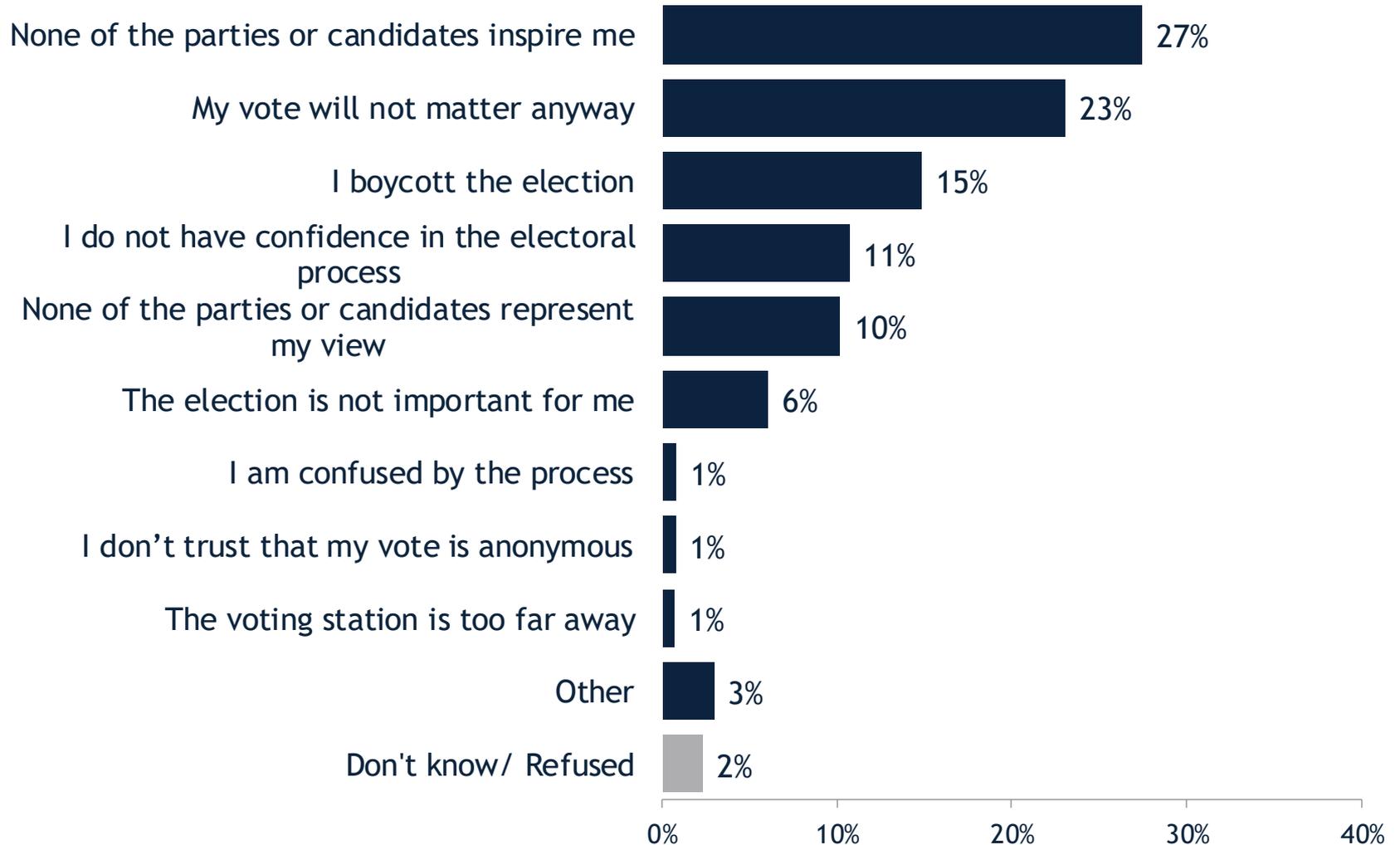


How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the May 2023 Municipal Elections?



Why are you very unlikely to vote in the May 2023 Municipal Elections?

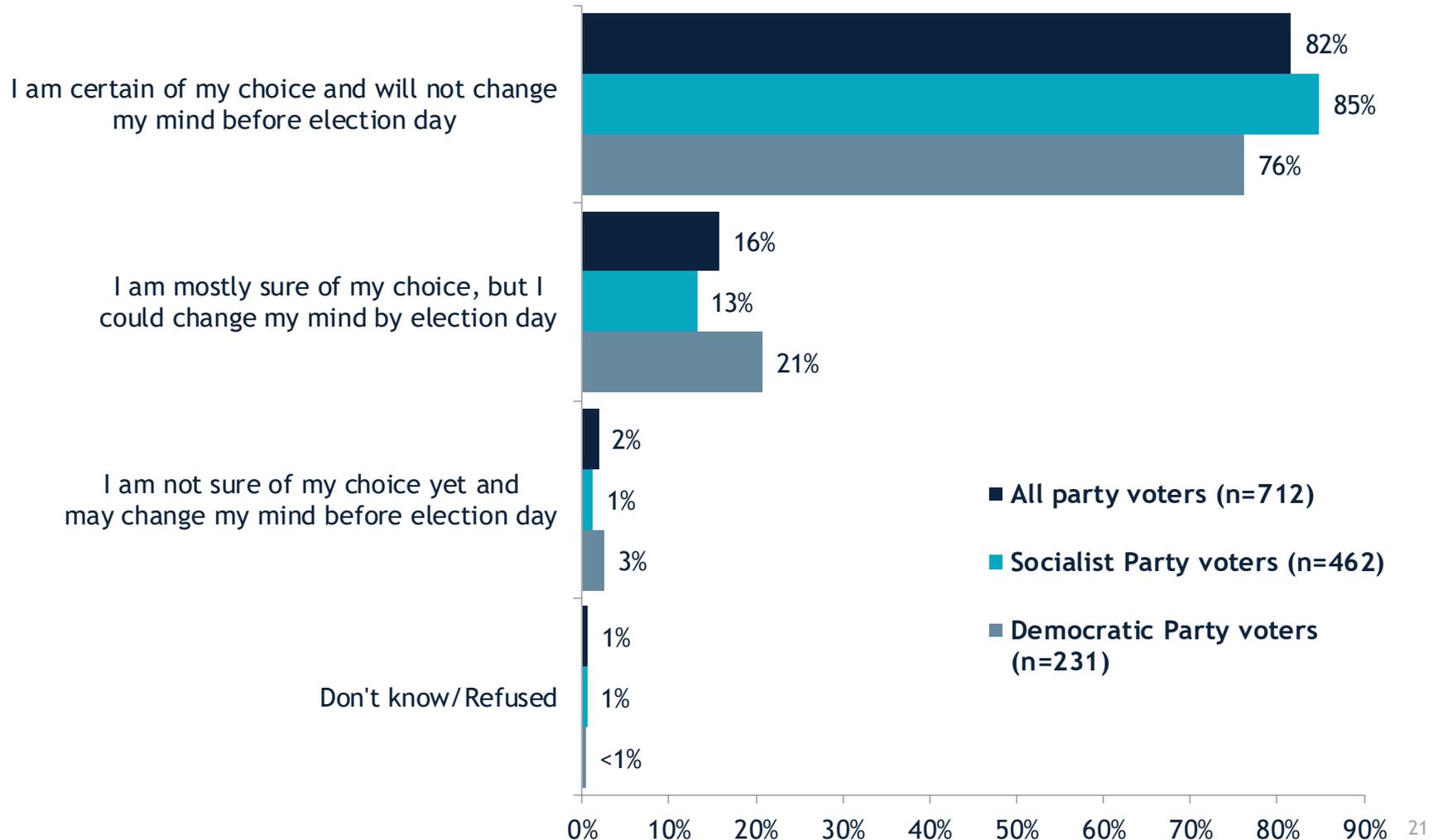
Spontaneous response; Among very unlikely voters, n=125





How sure are you of your choice?

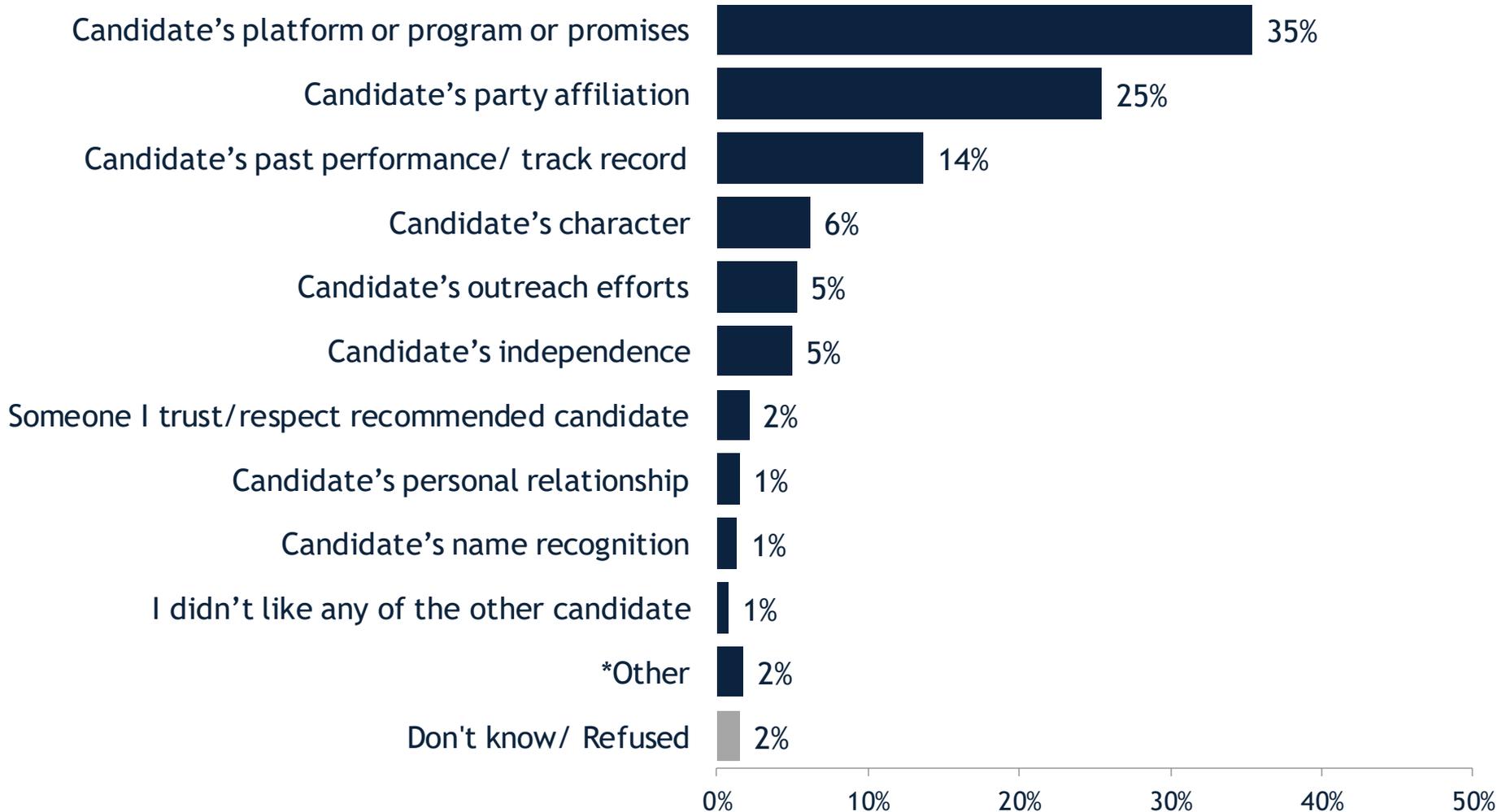
(Among those who intend to vote for any party in the May 2023 municipal elections)





What will be the most important factor for determining your vote for MAYOR?

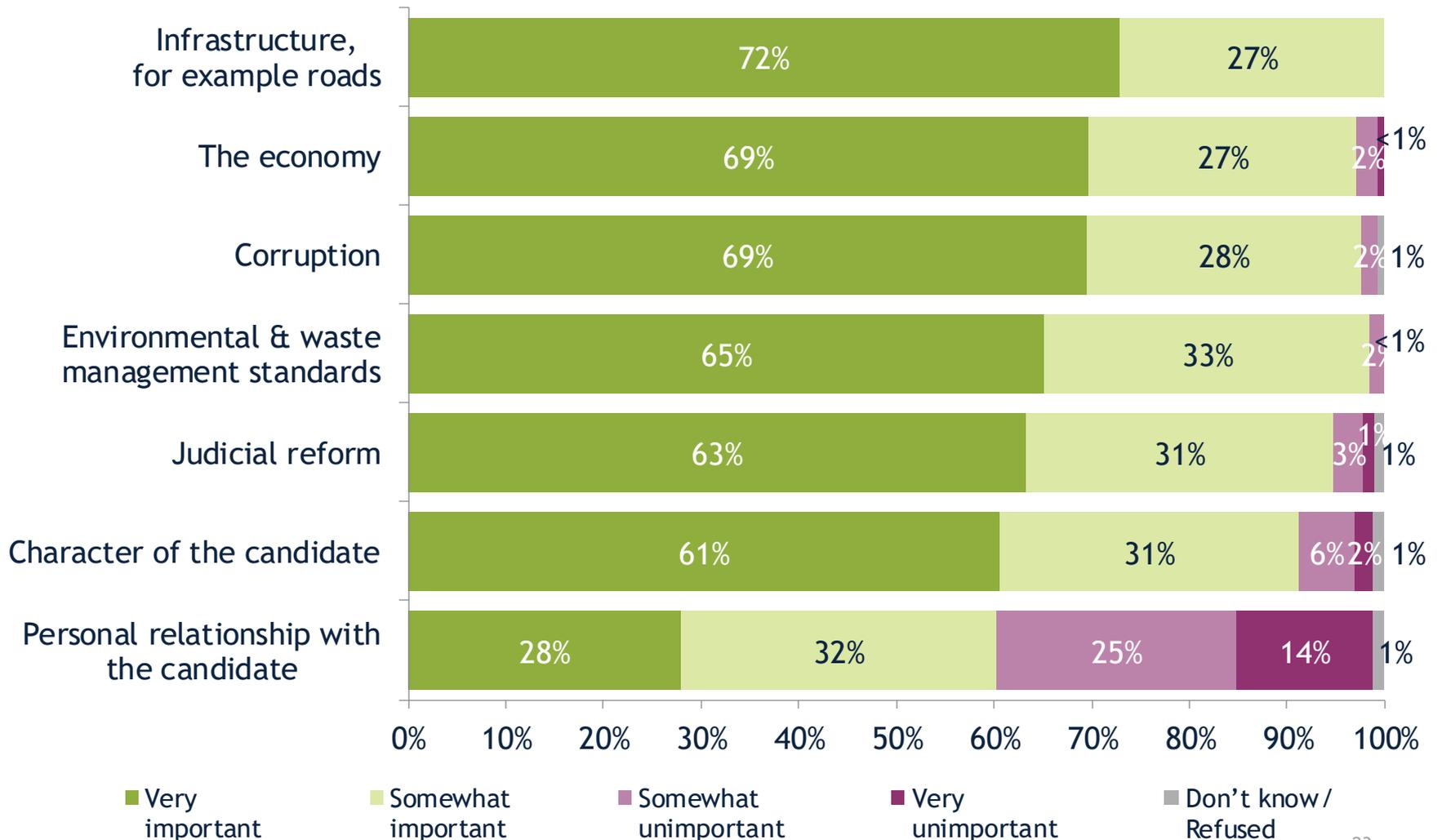
(Spontaneous response; Among very/somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely voters, or don't know /refused to answer, n=1,075)



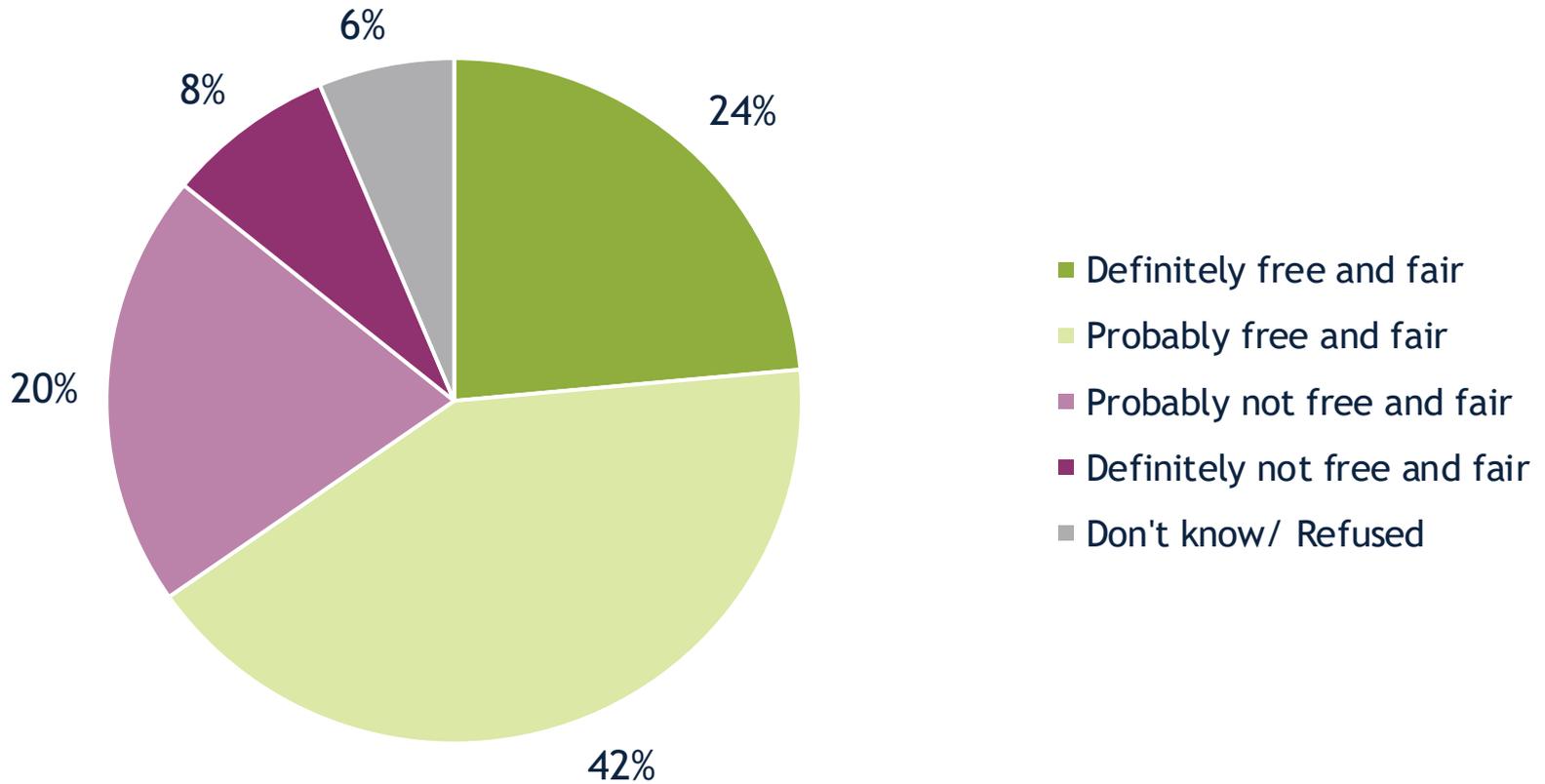
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How important or unimportant are each of the following issues for determining your vote for MAYOR?

(Among very/somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely voters, or don't know/refused to answer, n=1,075)

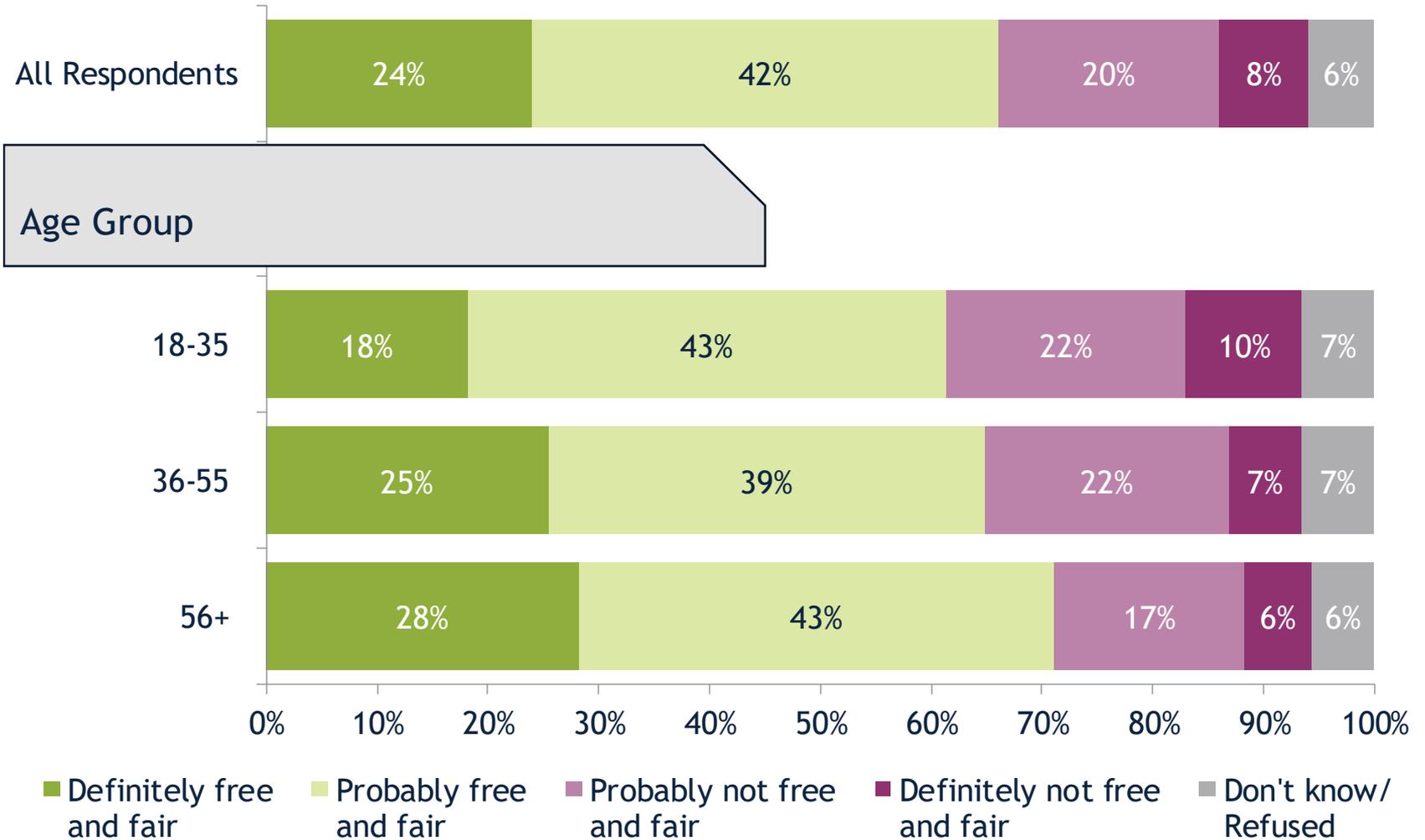


Do you feel that the upcoming elections will be free and fair or not?

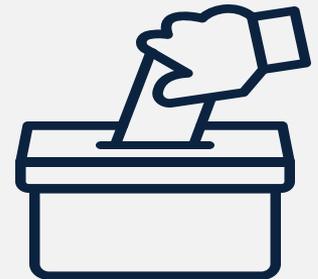




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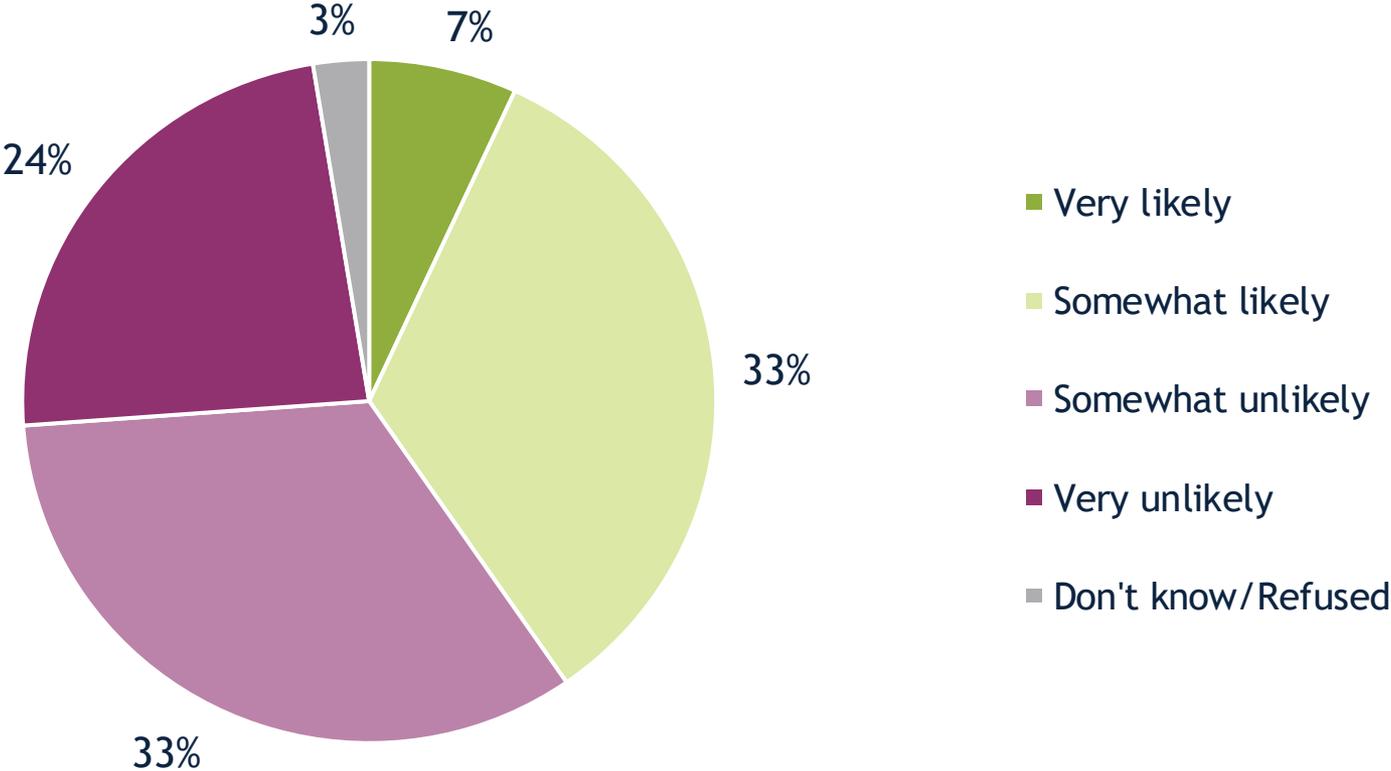


Elections—System

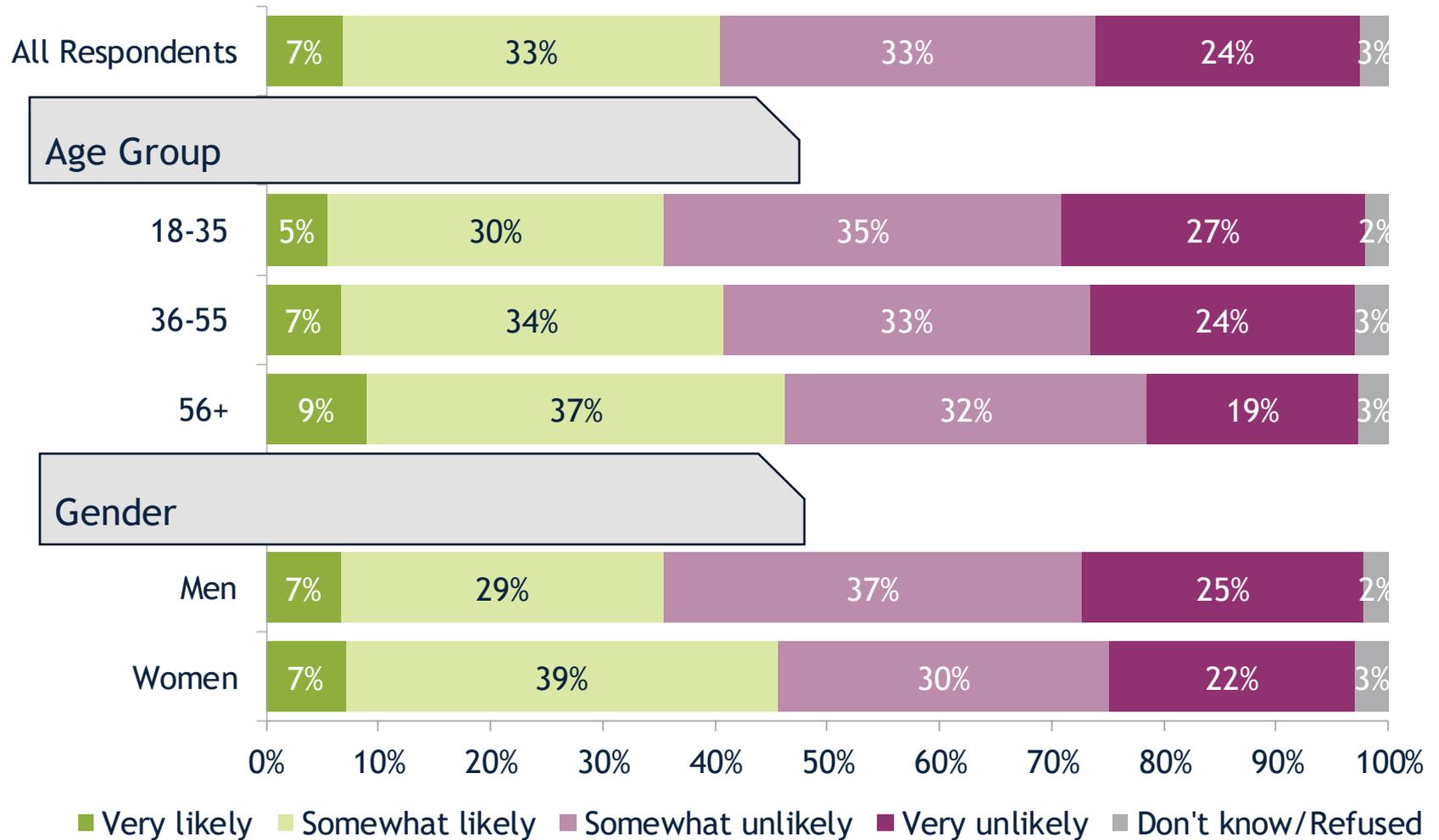




How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in your municipality?

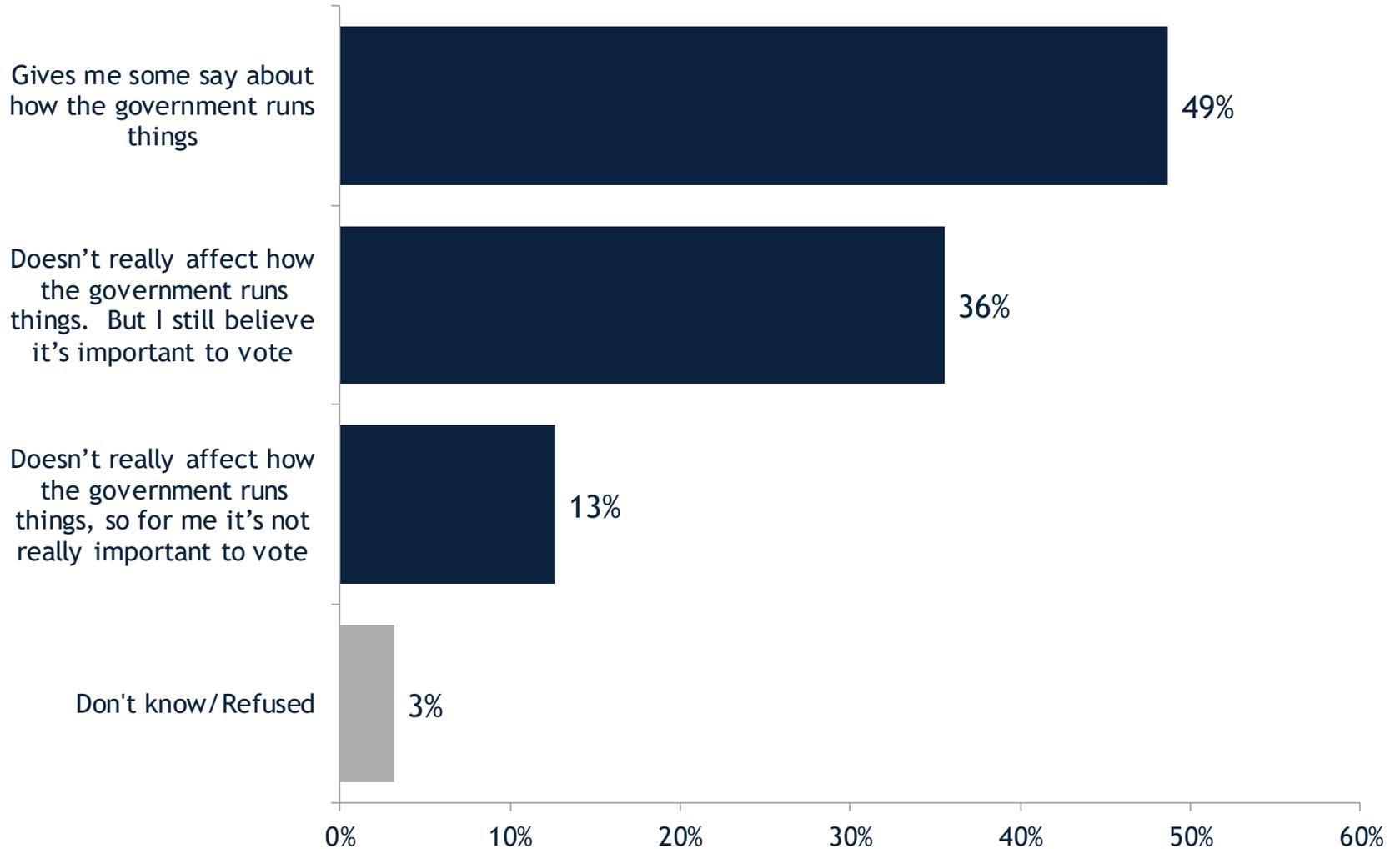


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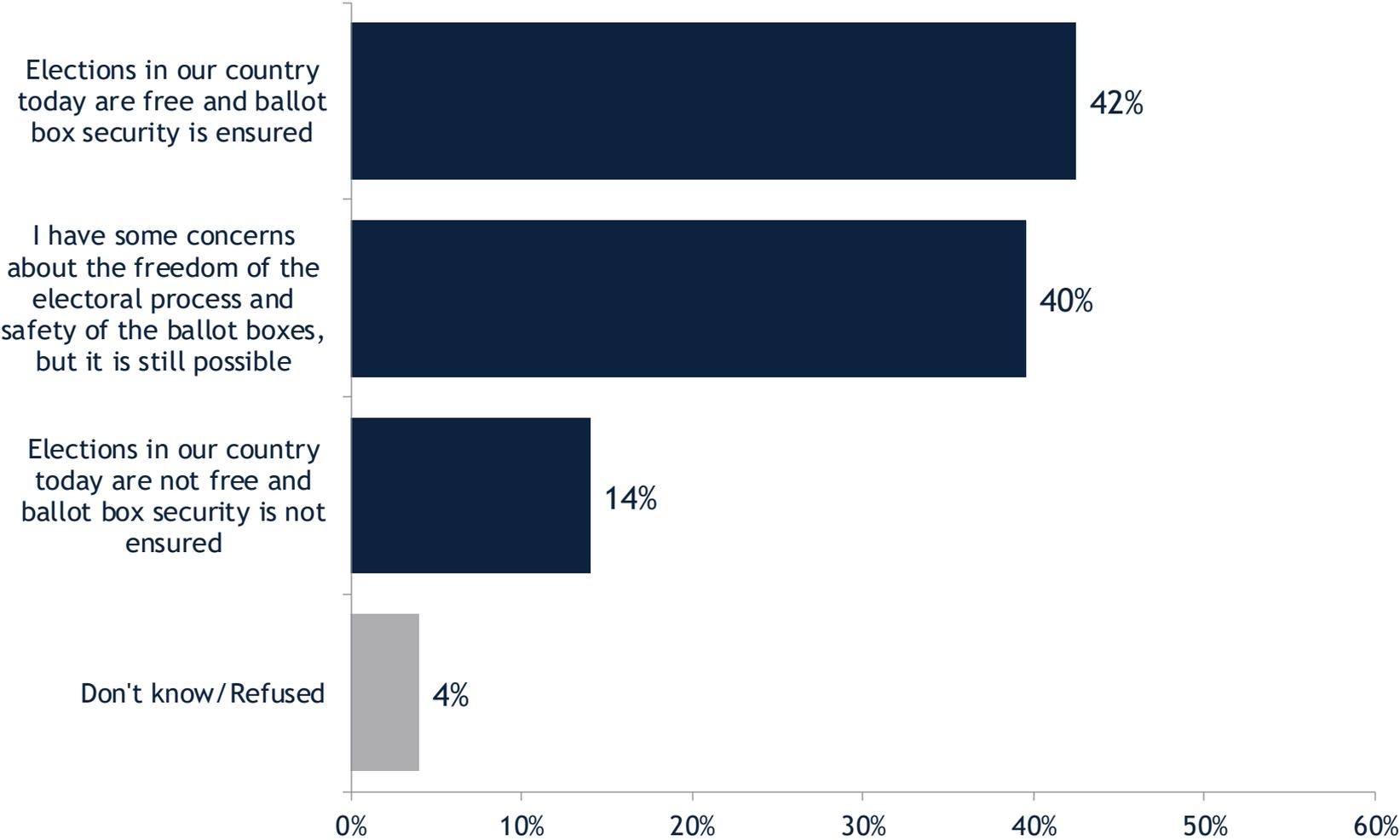


Which statement about voting comes closest to your opinion?

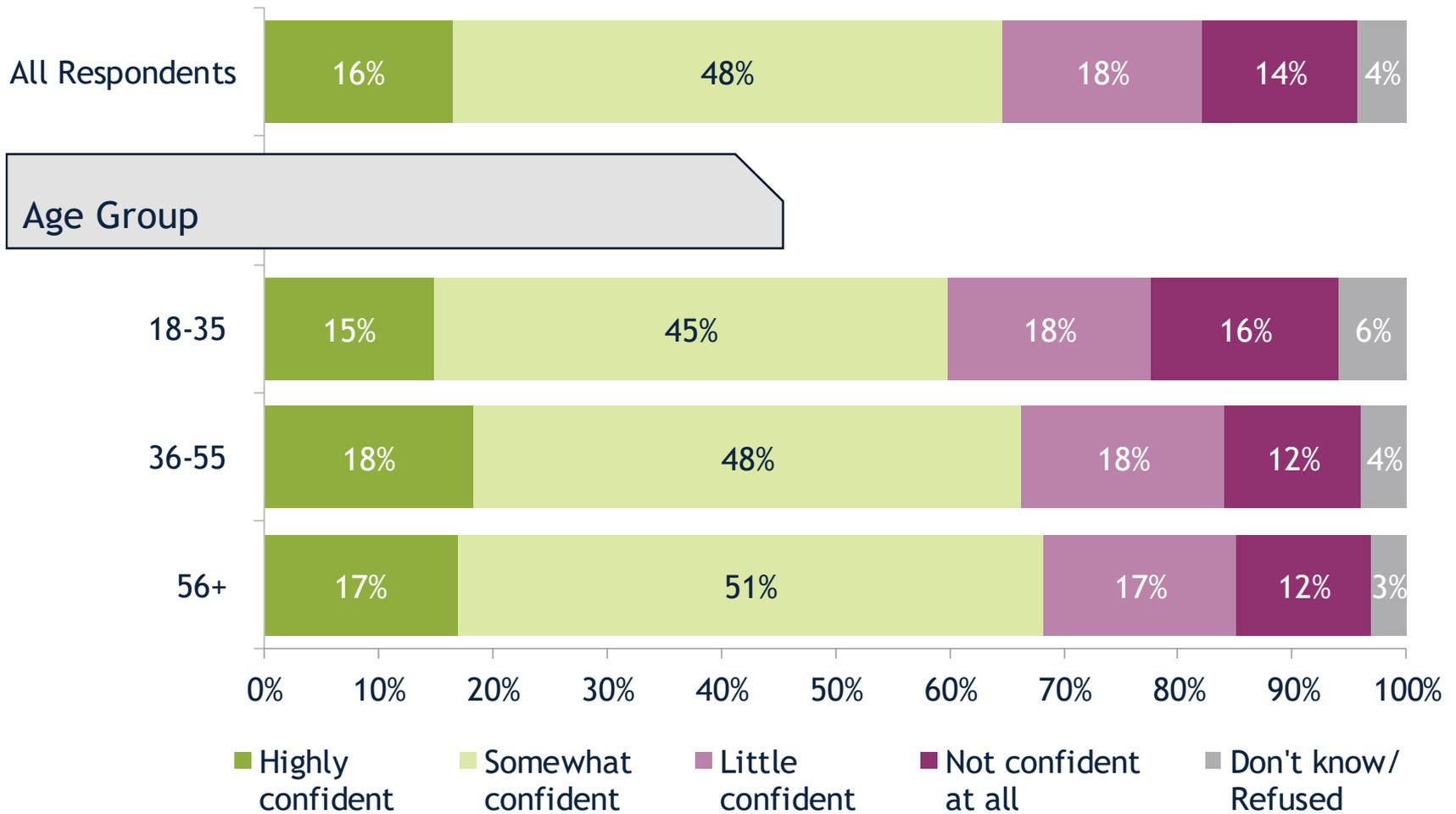




Some people are concerned about freedom of elections and ballot box security in our country. Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal opinion regarding this matter?

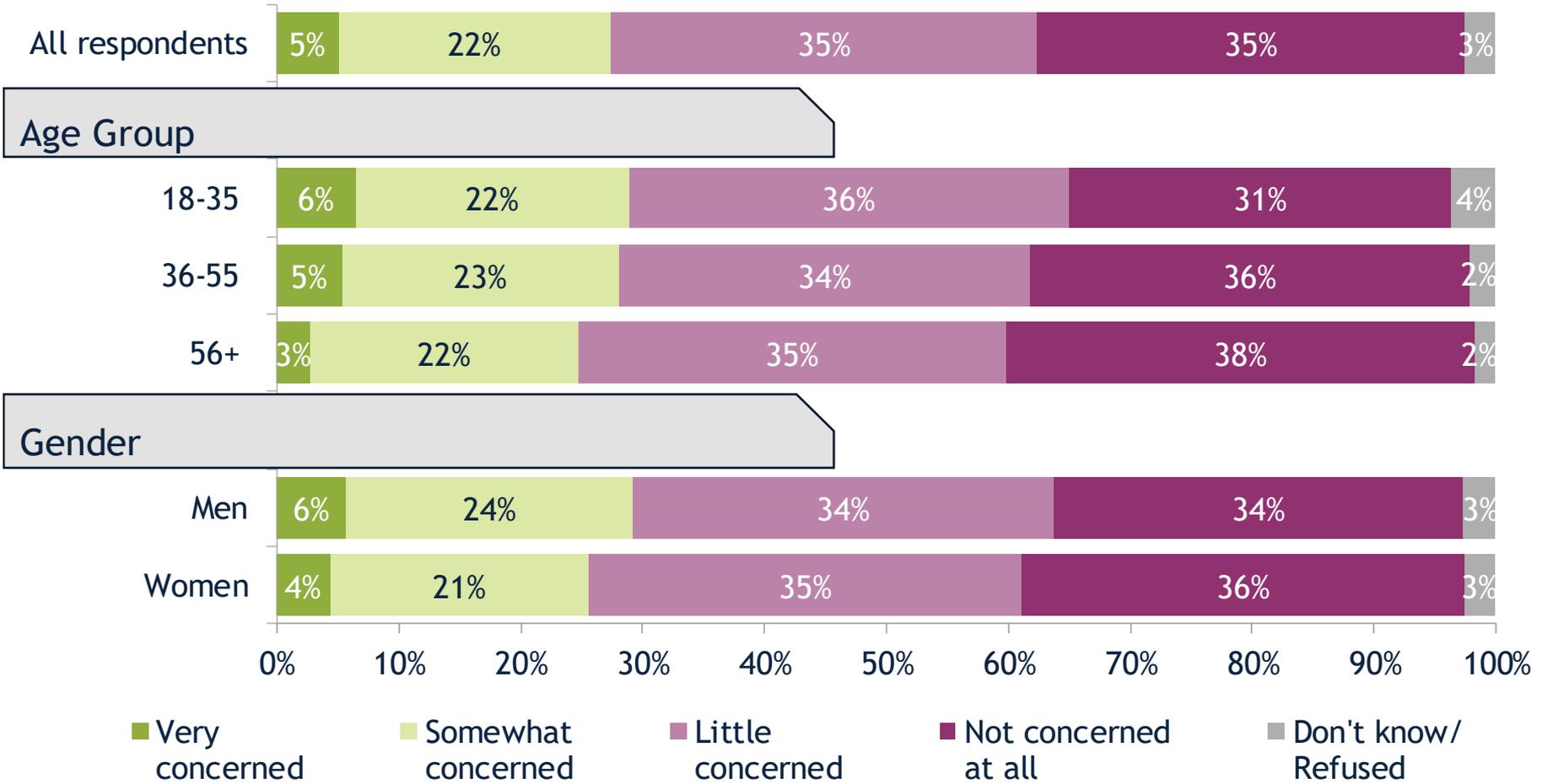


How confident, if at all, are you in the Central Election Commission's ability to organize and supervise elections?

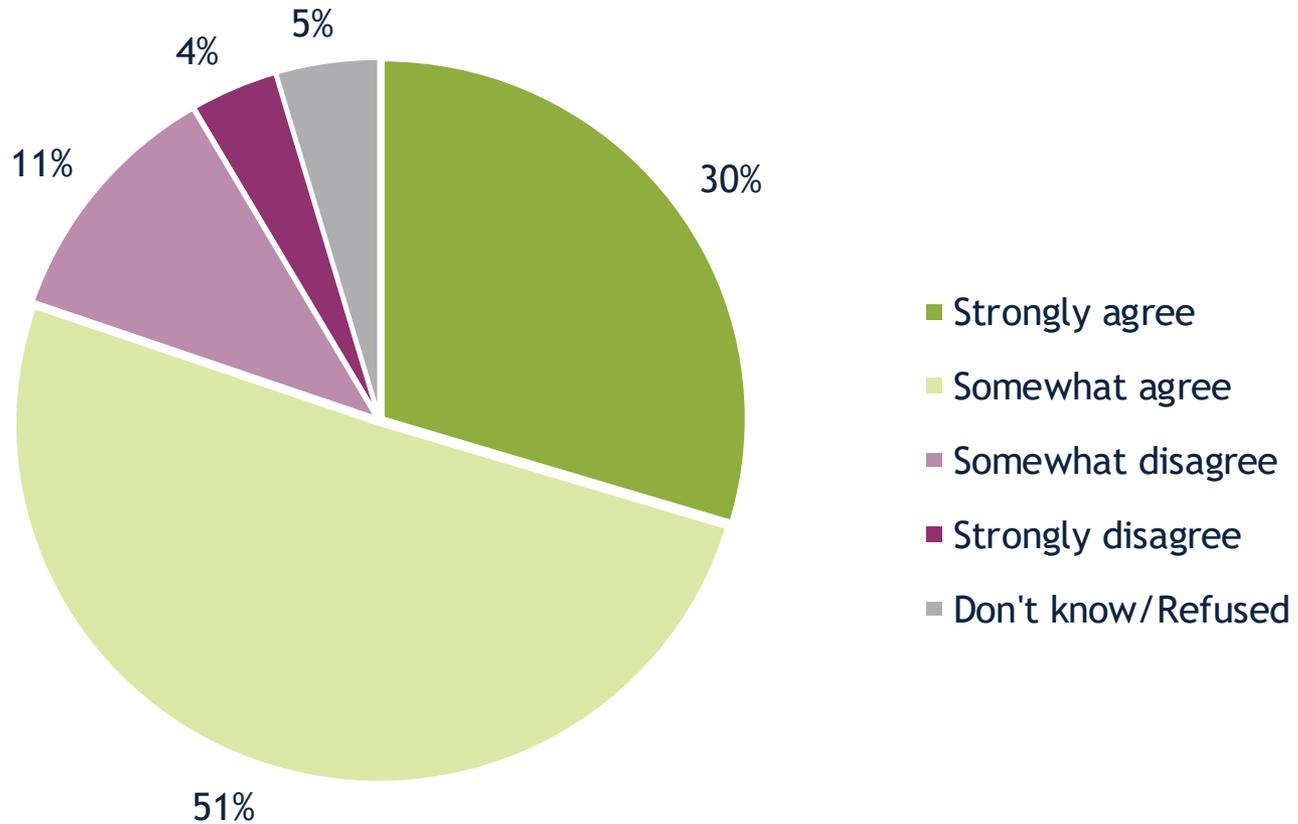




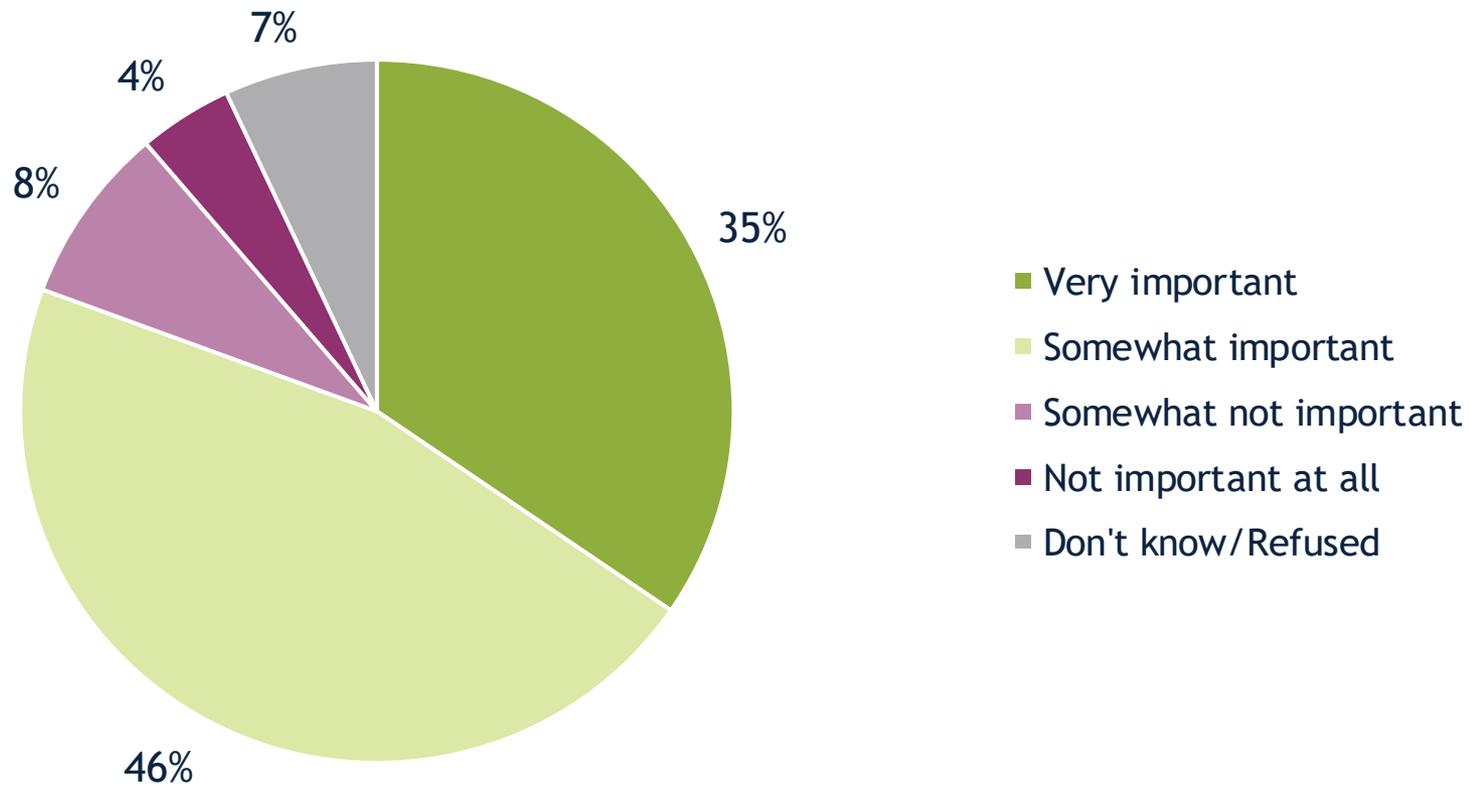
How concerned, if at all, are you about election-related violence?



Some people argue that the party choices in our country's politics are too limited and that new political forces should provide other alternatives in future elections. **To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**



How important is it for local political party branches to be independent of national parties when it comes to selecting municipal candidates and identifying issues important in municipal campaigns?



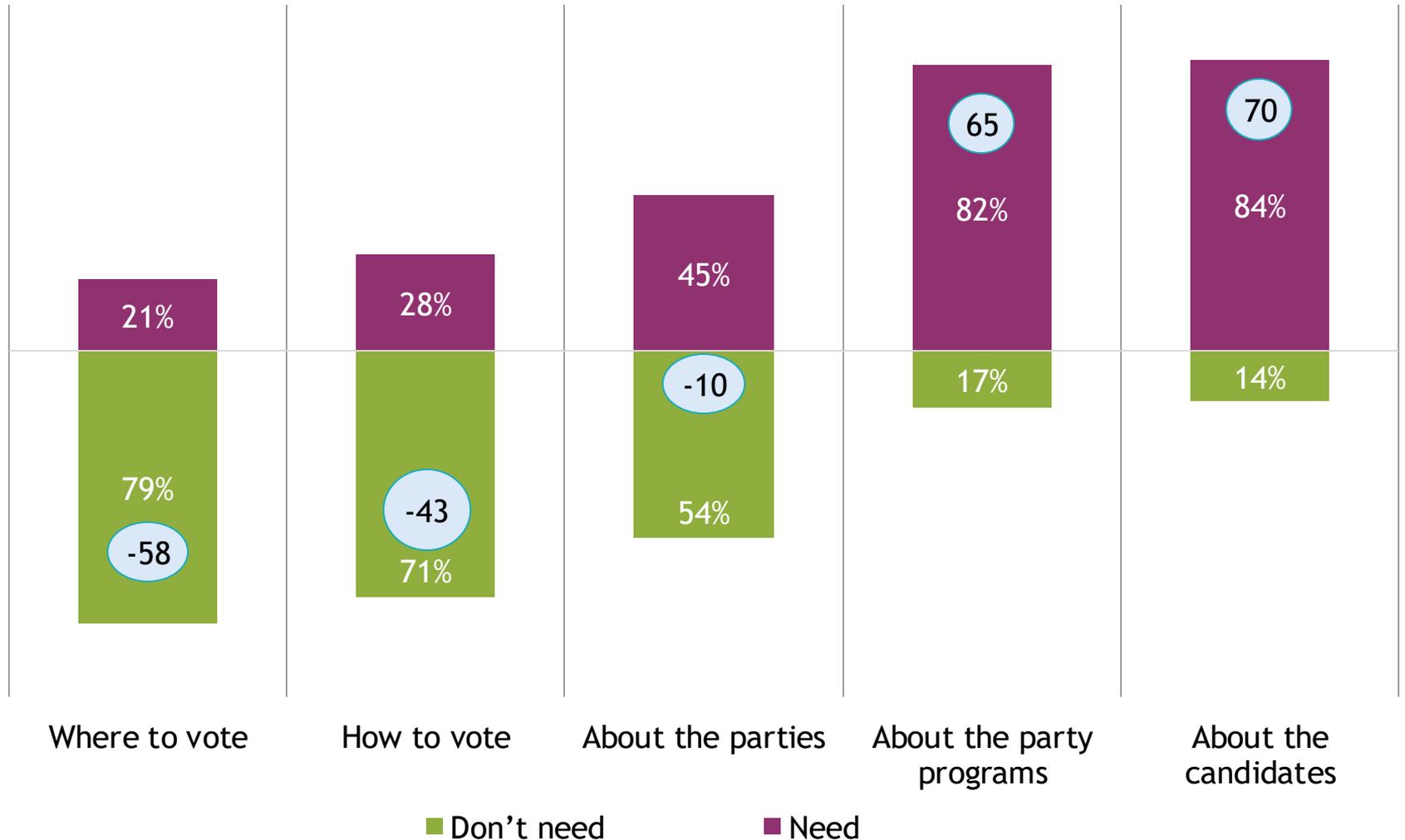
Municipal Elections— Campaigning





What type of additional information would you need? For each item, please tell if you need it.

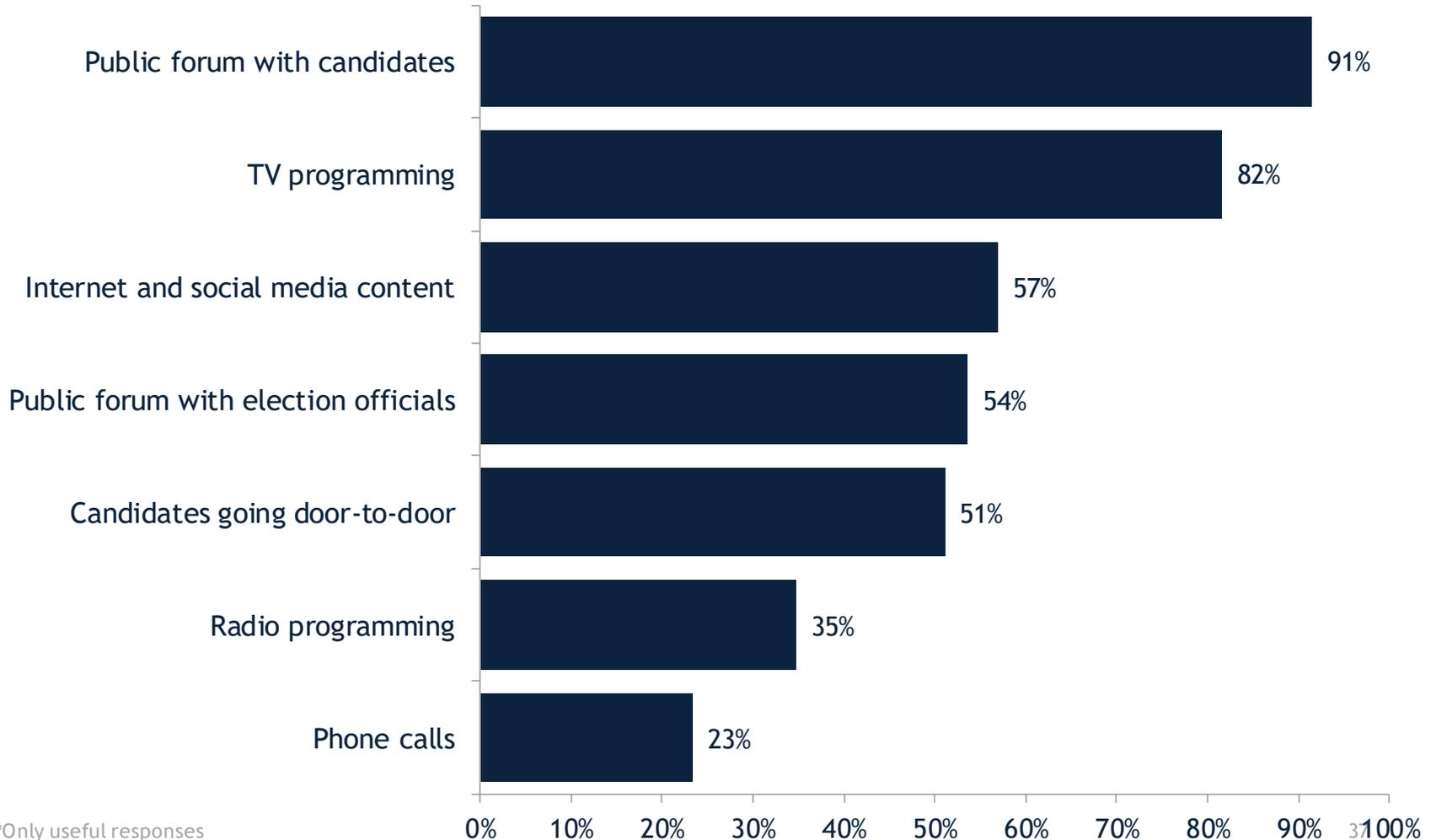
(Among those who need additional information on how to vote, n=261; *net values displayed in percentage points; Don't know/Refused to answer responses excluded*)





In what formats would you like additional information?

(Multiple responses allowed; among those who wanted additional information, n=261)

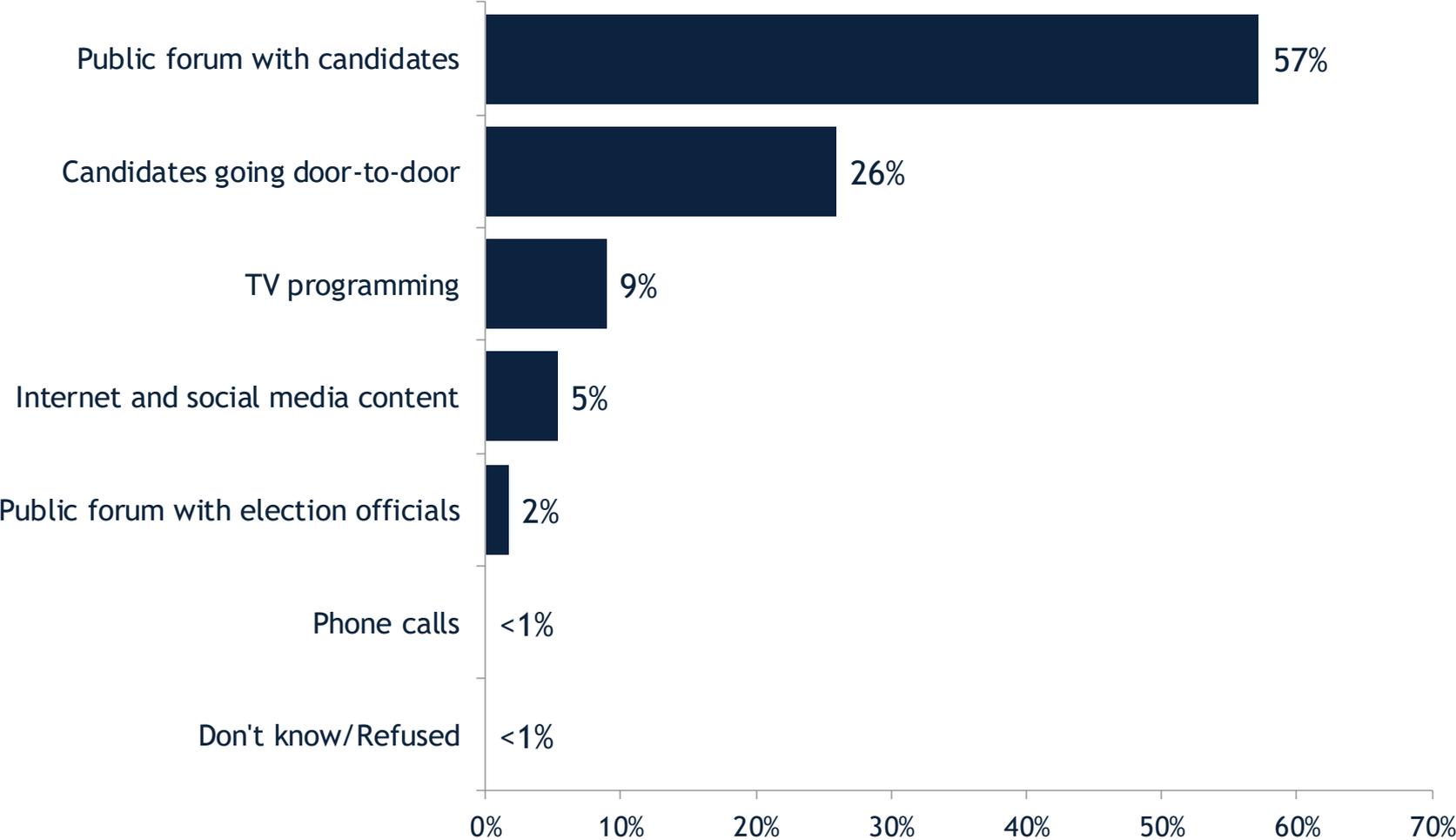


*Only useful responses

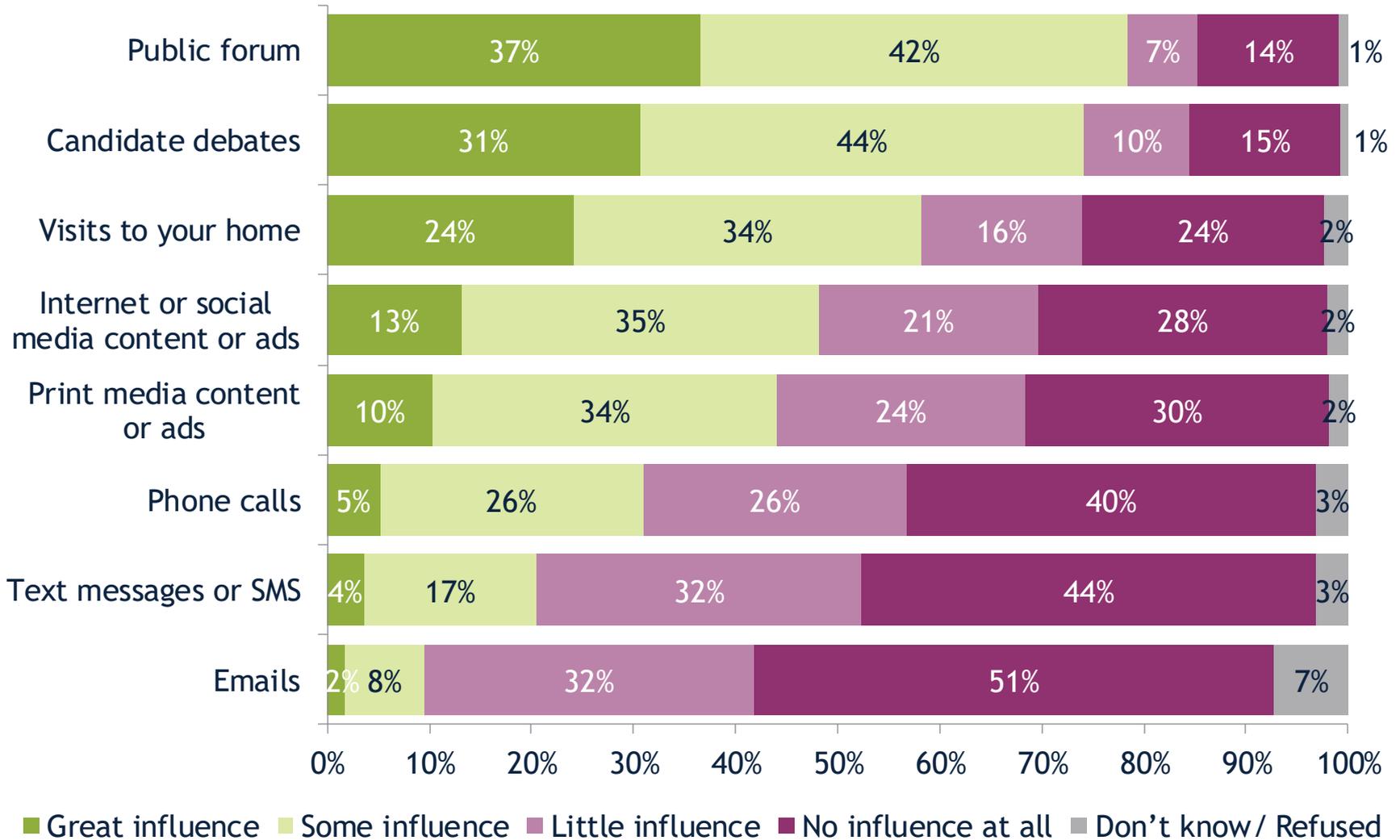


And which of these would be the most useful, if you had to choose just one?

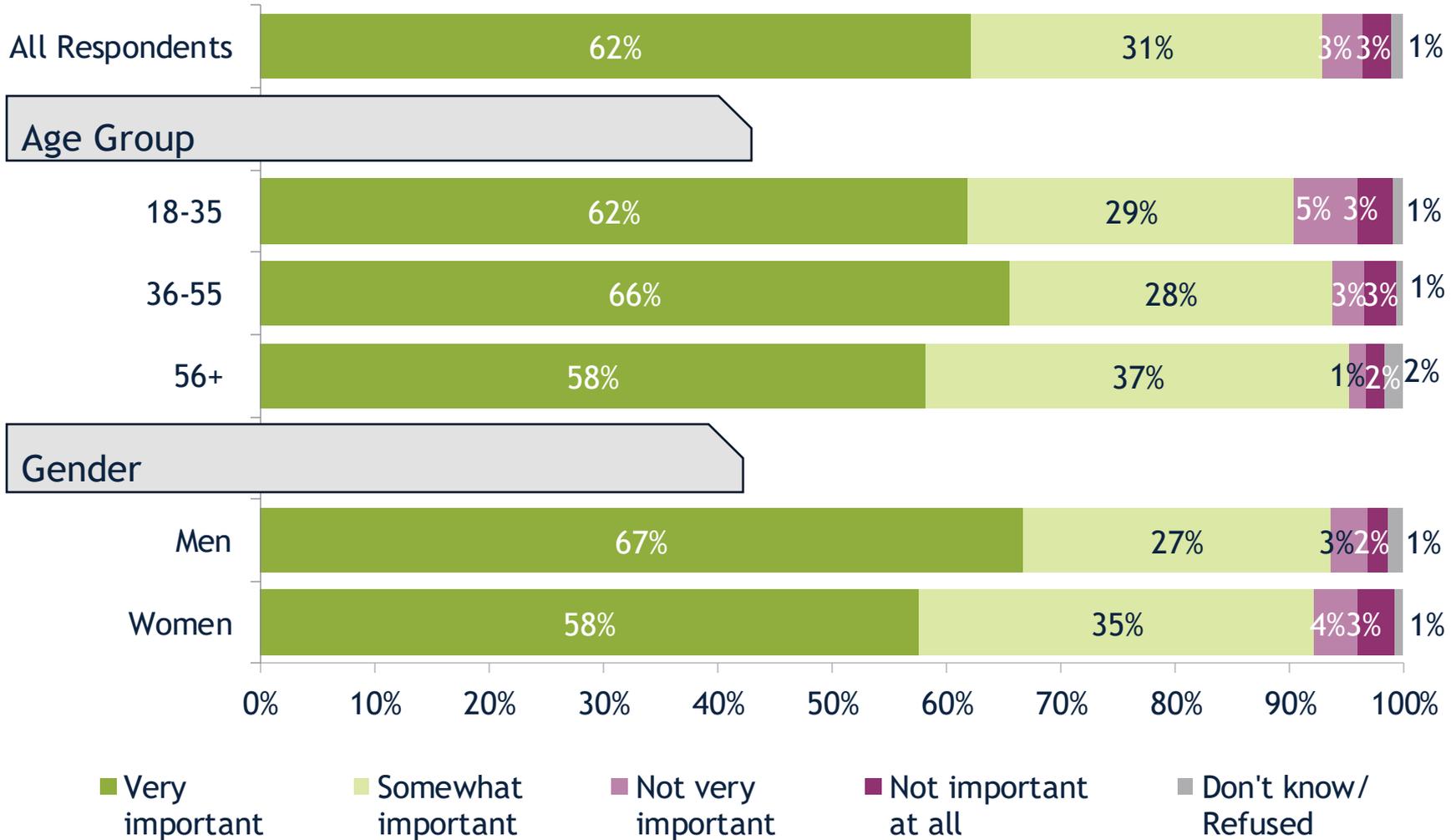
(Among those who rated more than one format as useful to receive additional information, n=245)



In general, what is the influence of each of these forms of election campaigning on you?



How important is it to you that candidates for mayor address the issue of corruption in their campaigns?



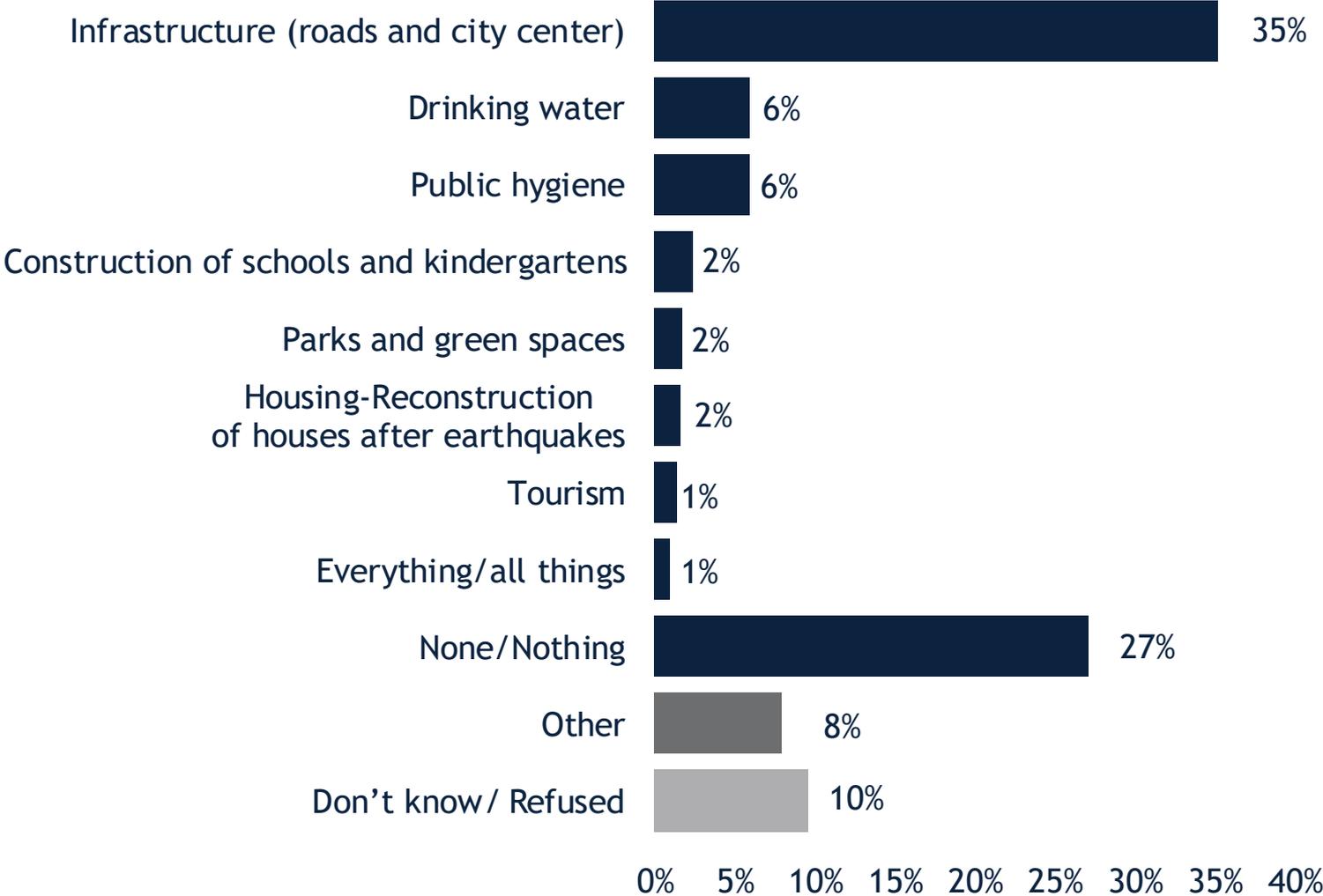
Ratings of Parties, Government, Personalities, and Institutions





What is the most important accomplishment of your current MUNICIPAL government?

Spontaneous response

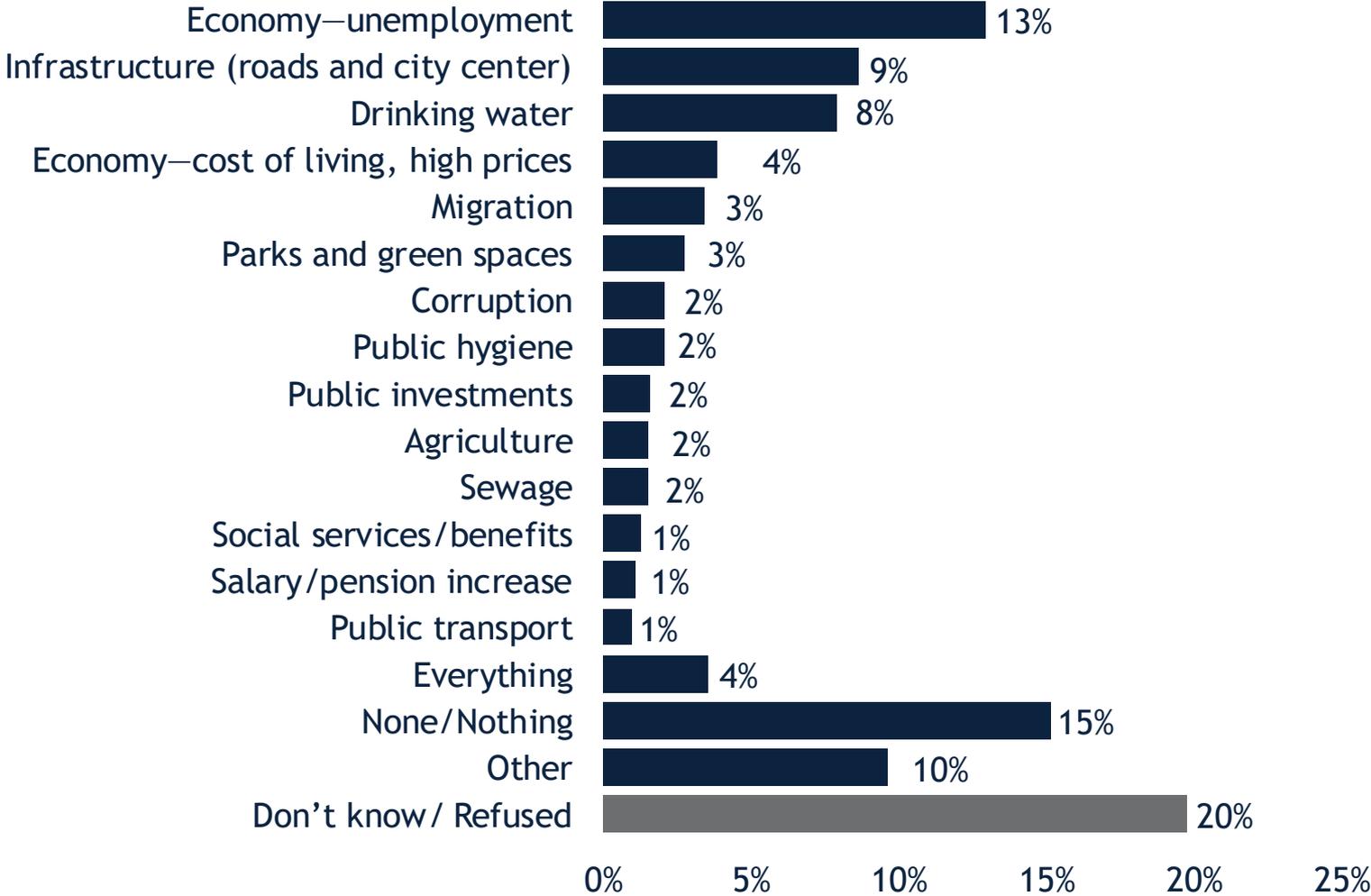


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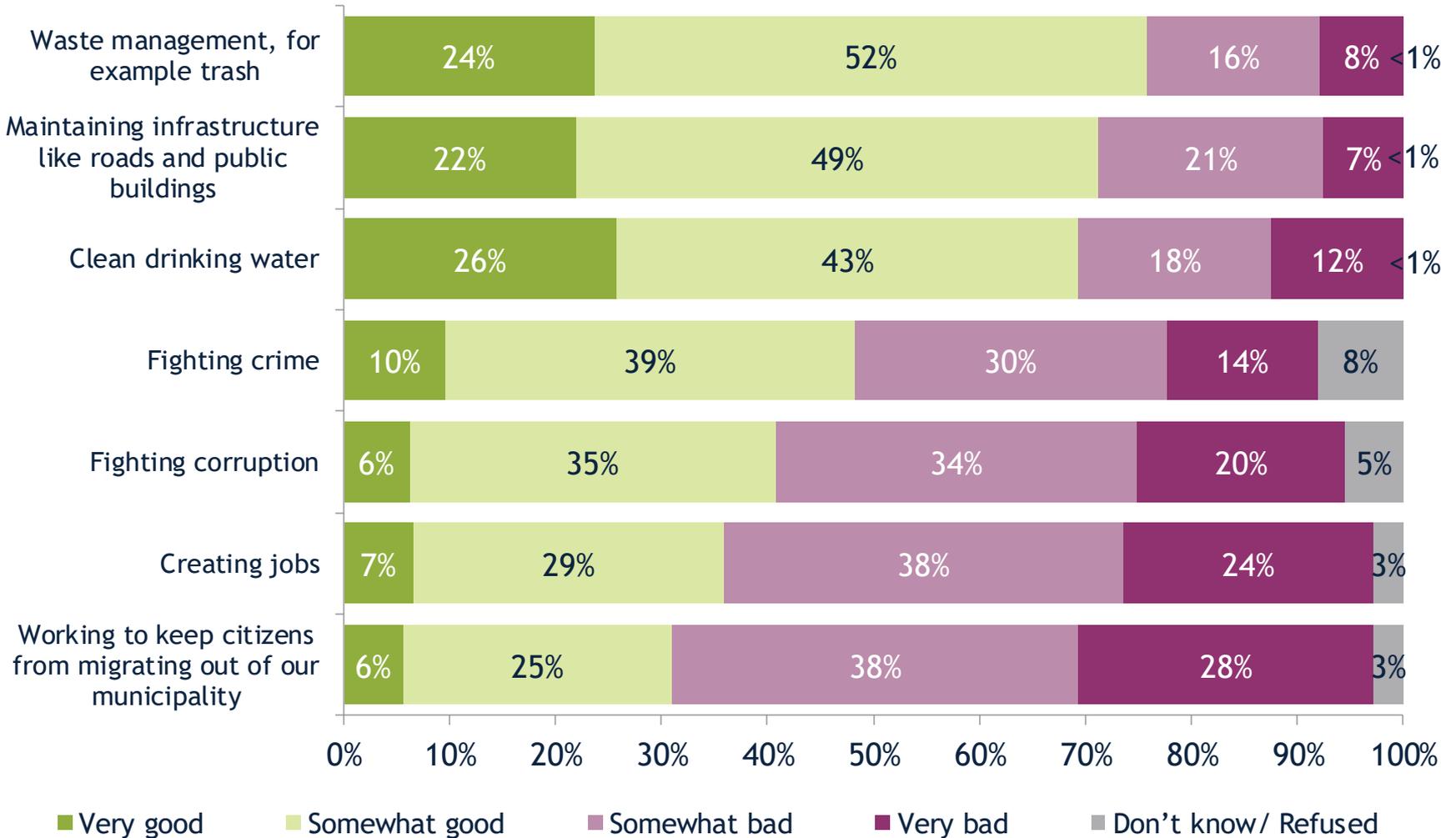
What is the most important failure of your current MUNICIPAL government?

Spontaneous response



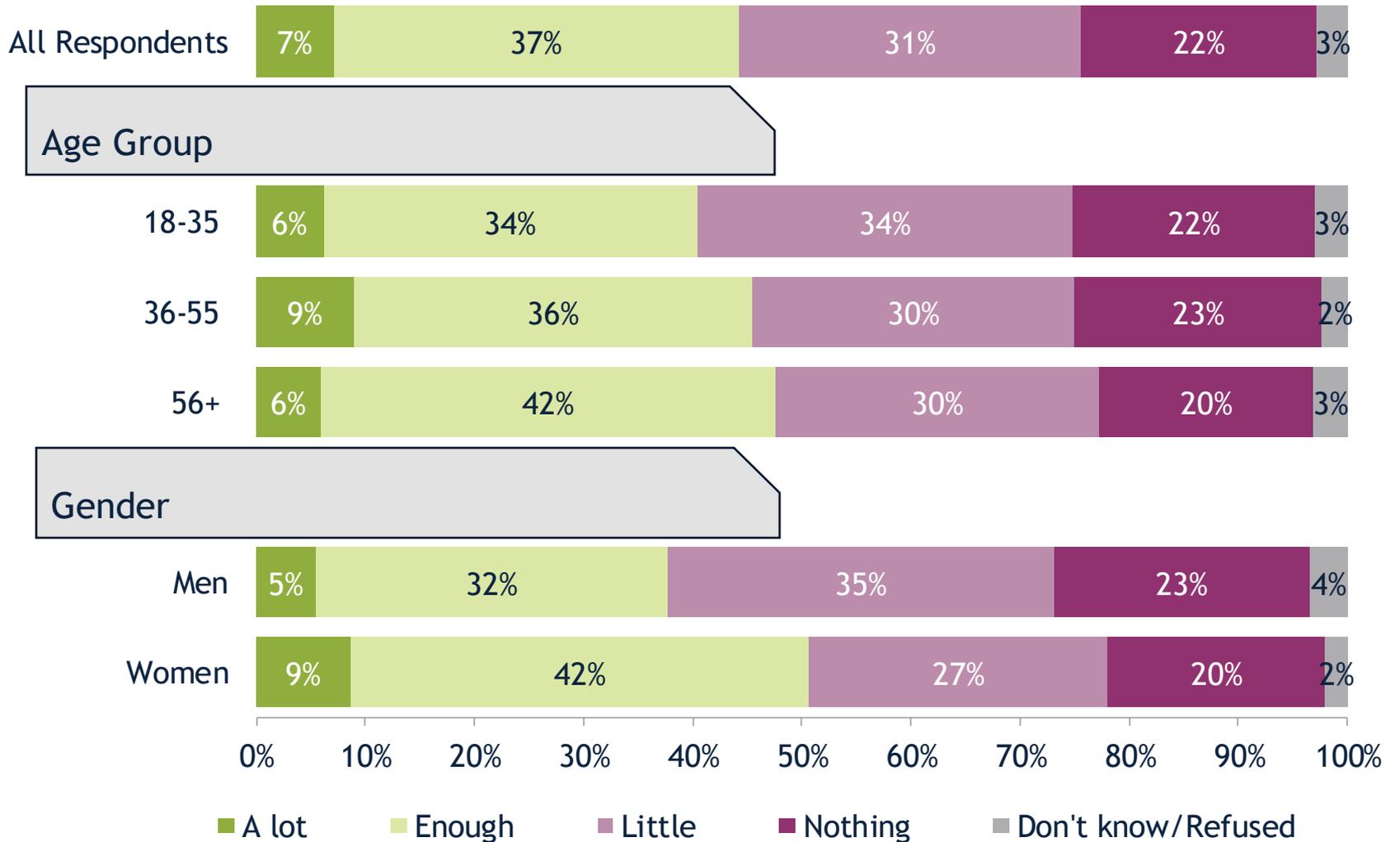
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For the following issues, is the MUNICIPAL government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?

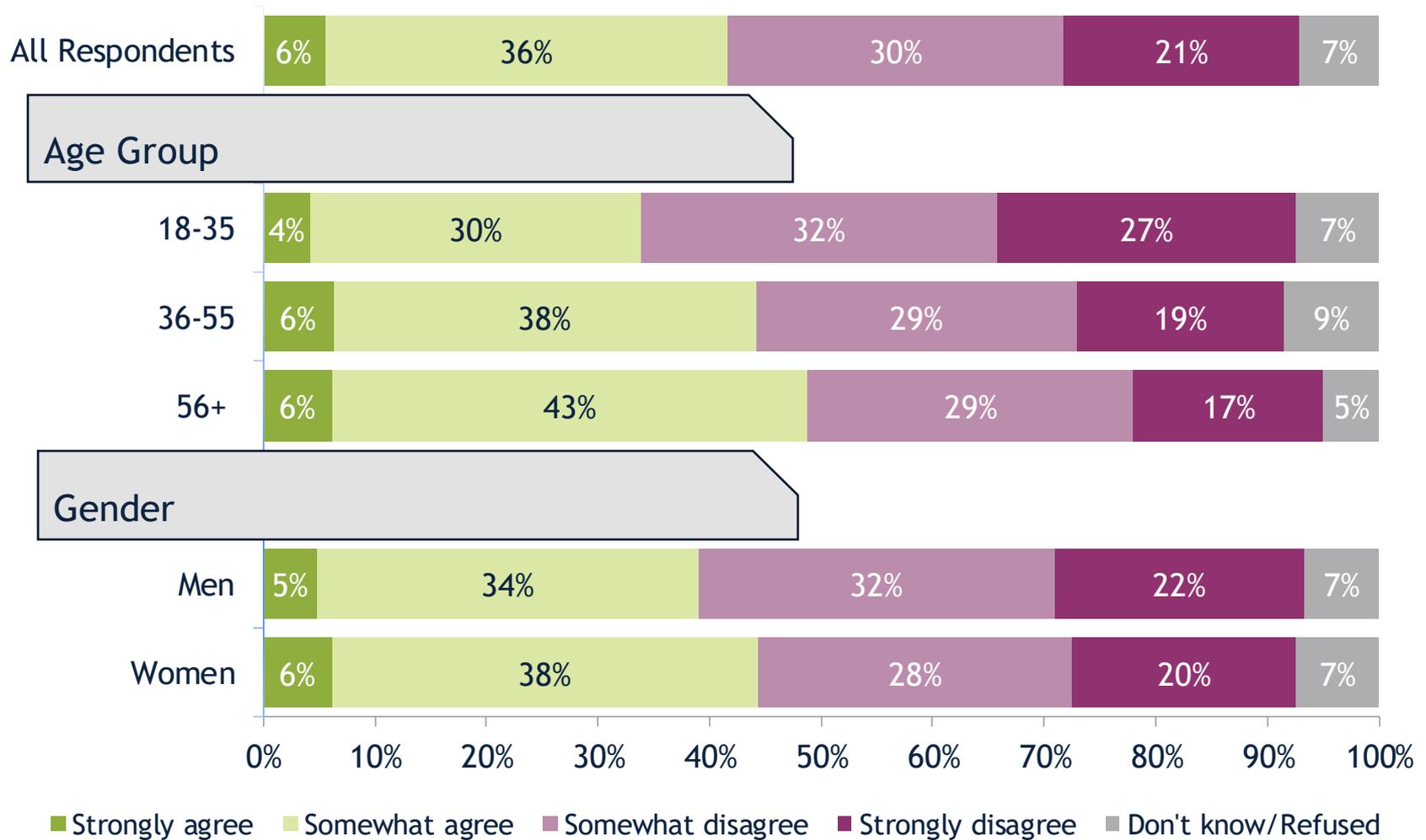




In general, is your MUNICIPAL government doing a lot, enough, little, or nothing to address the needs of people like you?



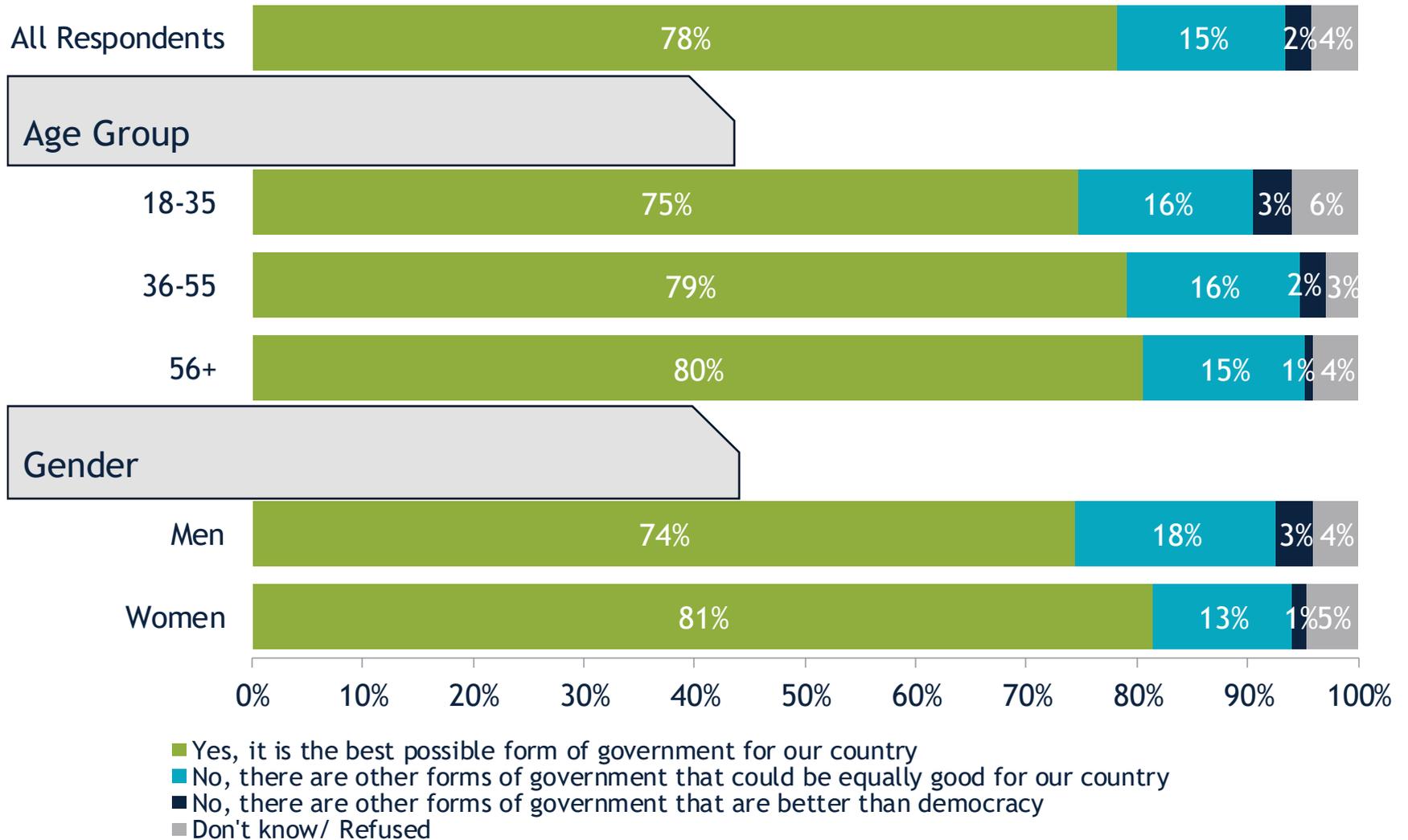
Do you agree or disagree that political parties are doing enough to address the needs of voters like you?



Values and Ideology



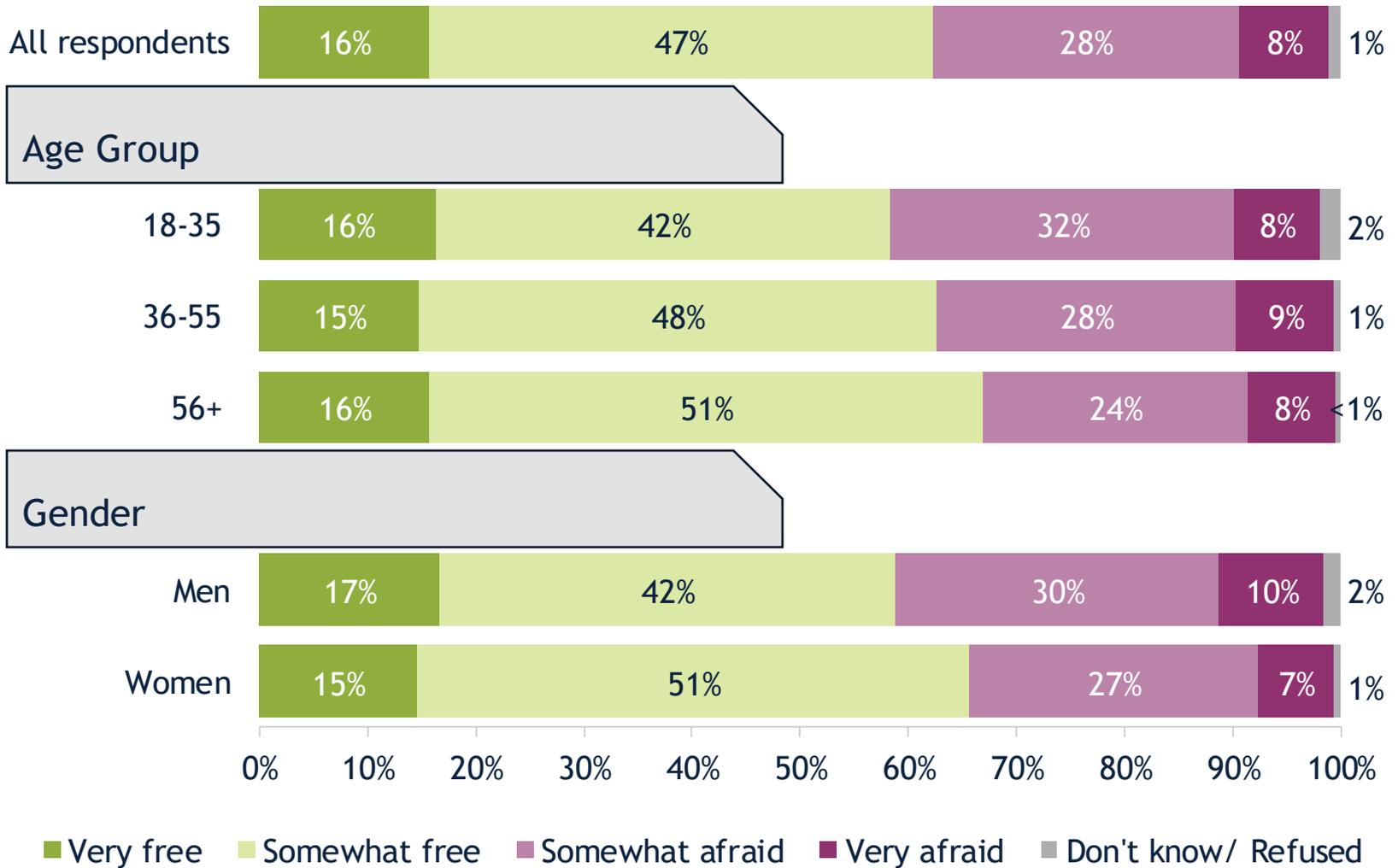
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



Freedom

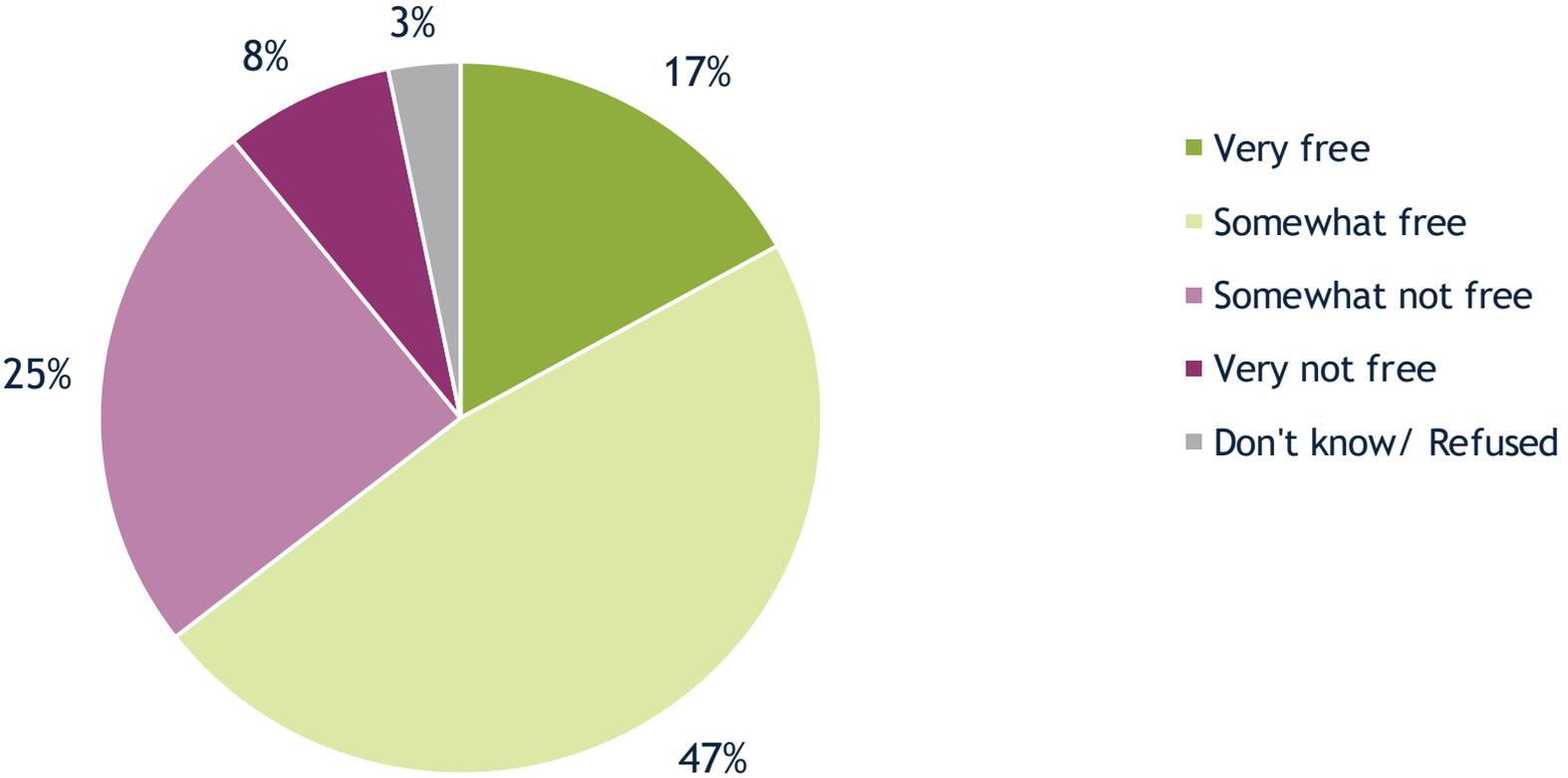


Do people in our country feel free to openly express their opinions or are they afraid?





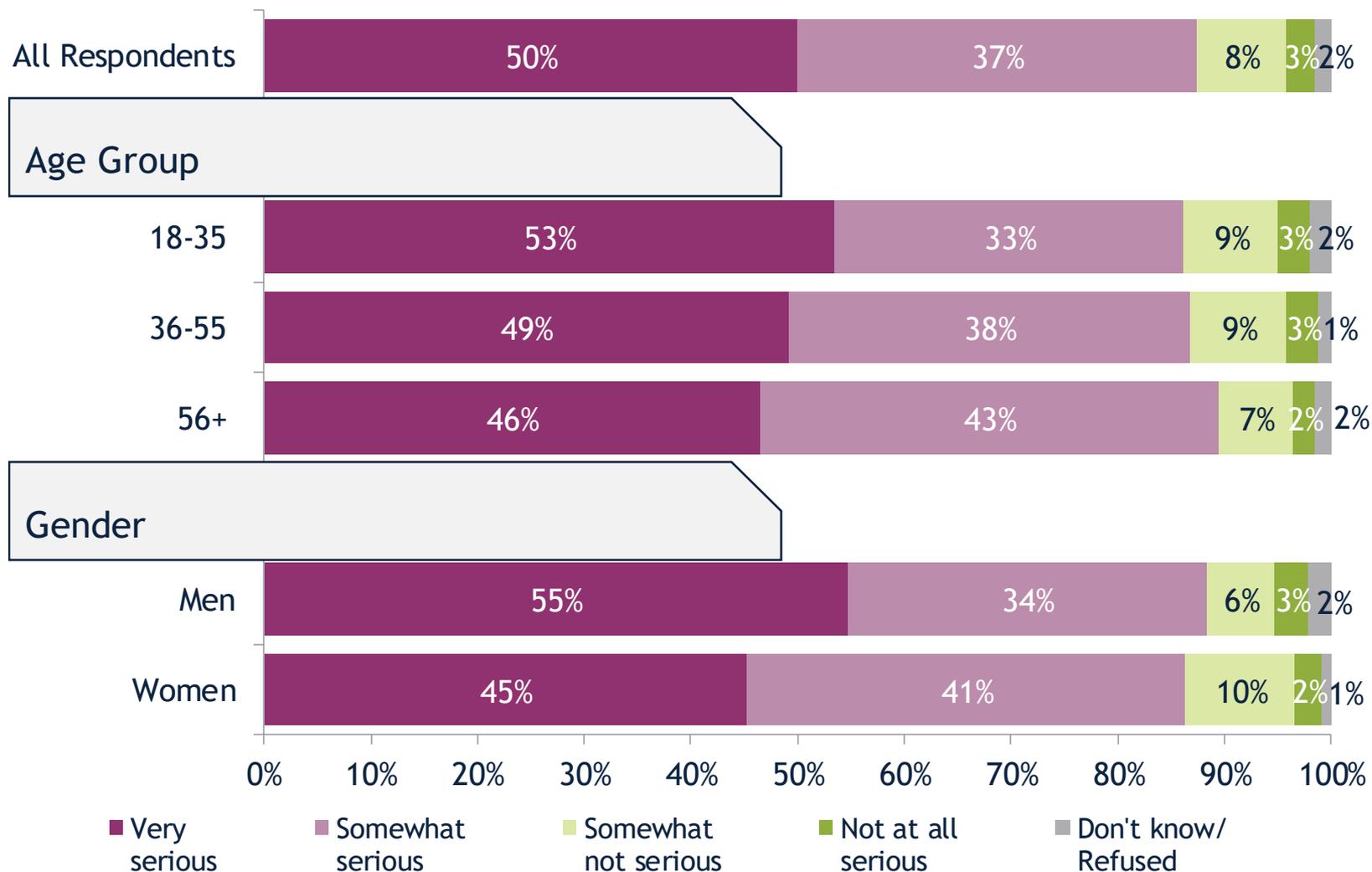
Are the media in our country free to independently cover any issue or not?



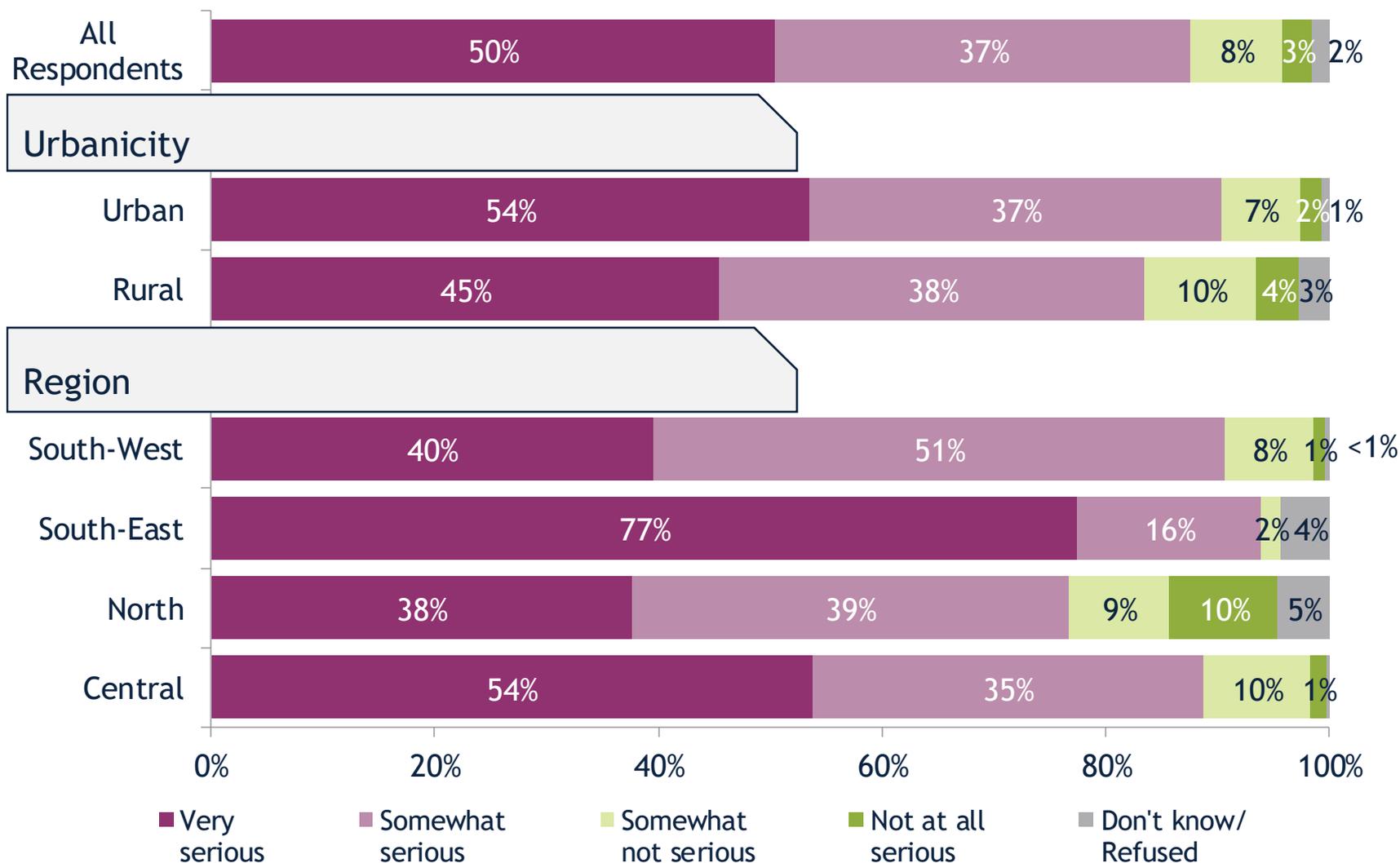
Corruption



Do you believe that corruption in our country is a serious problem or not?

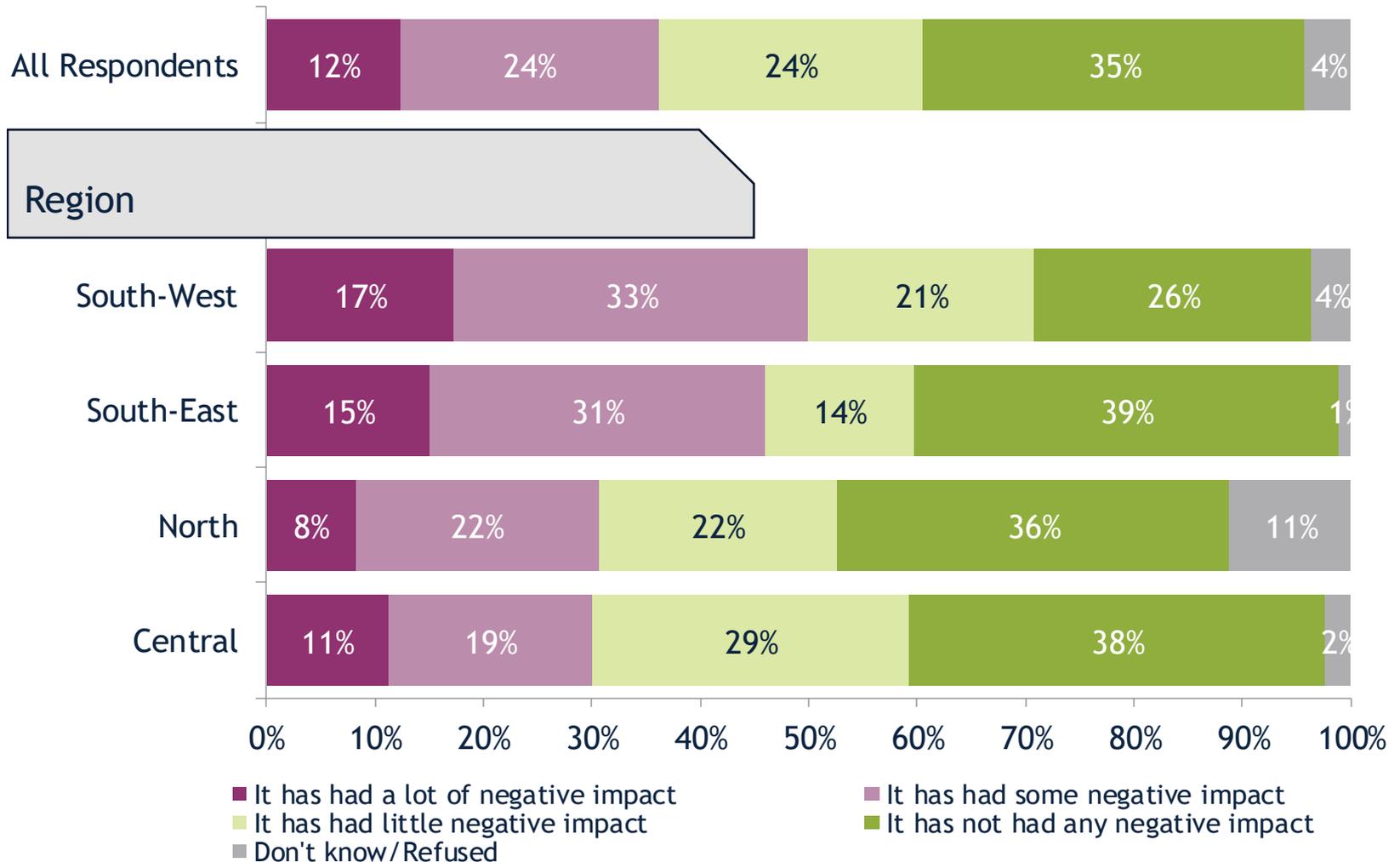


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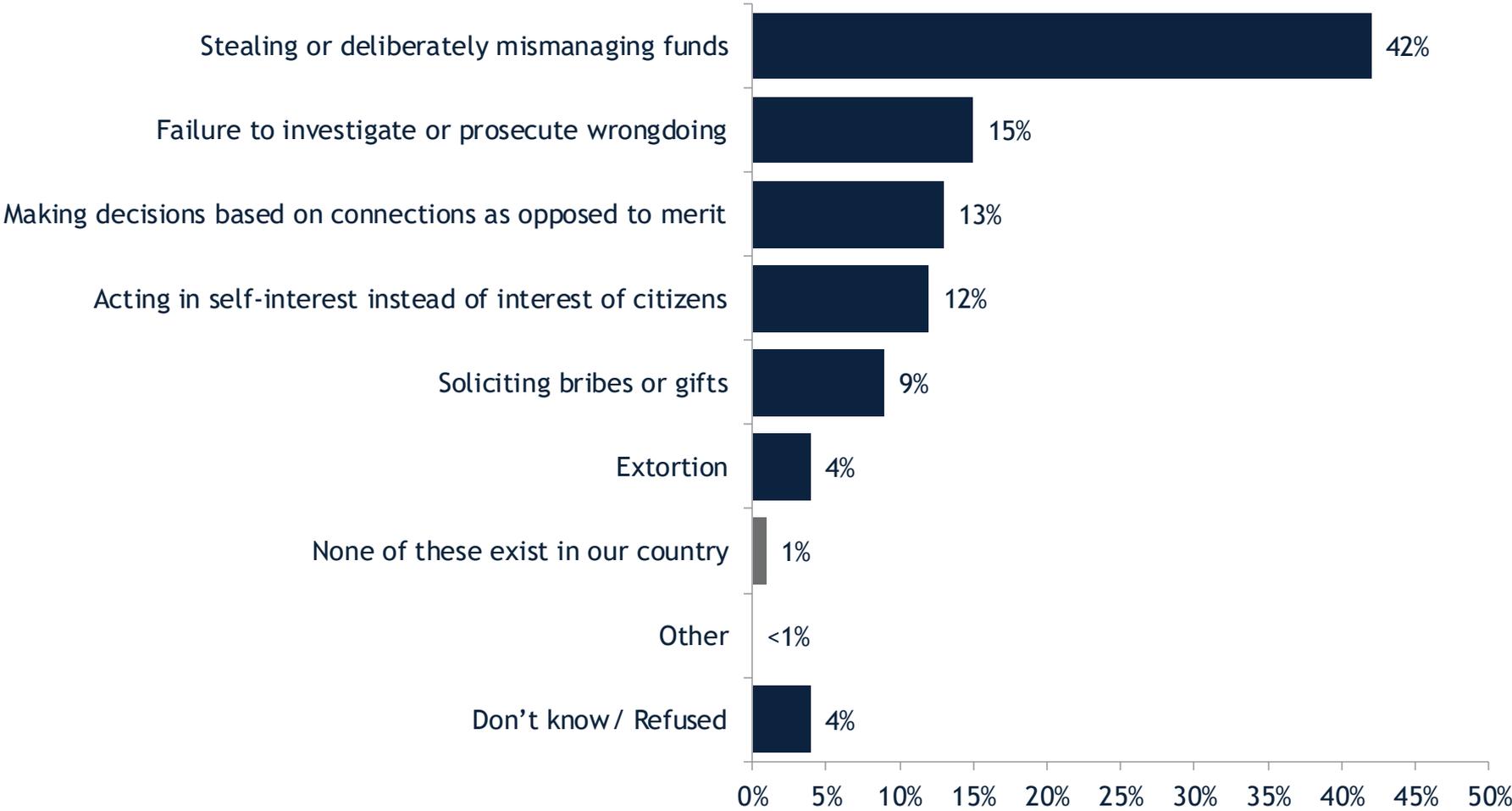


To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



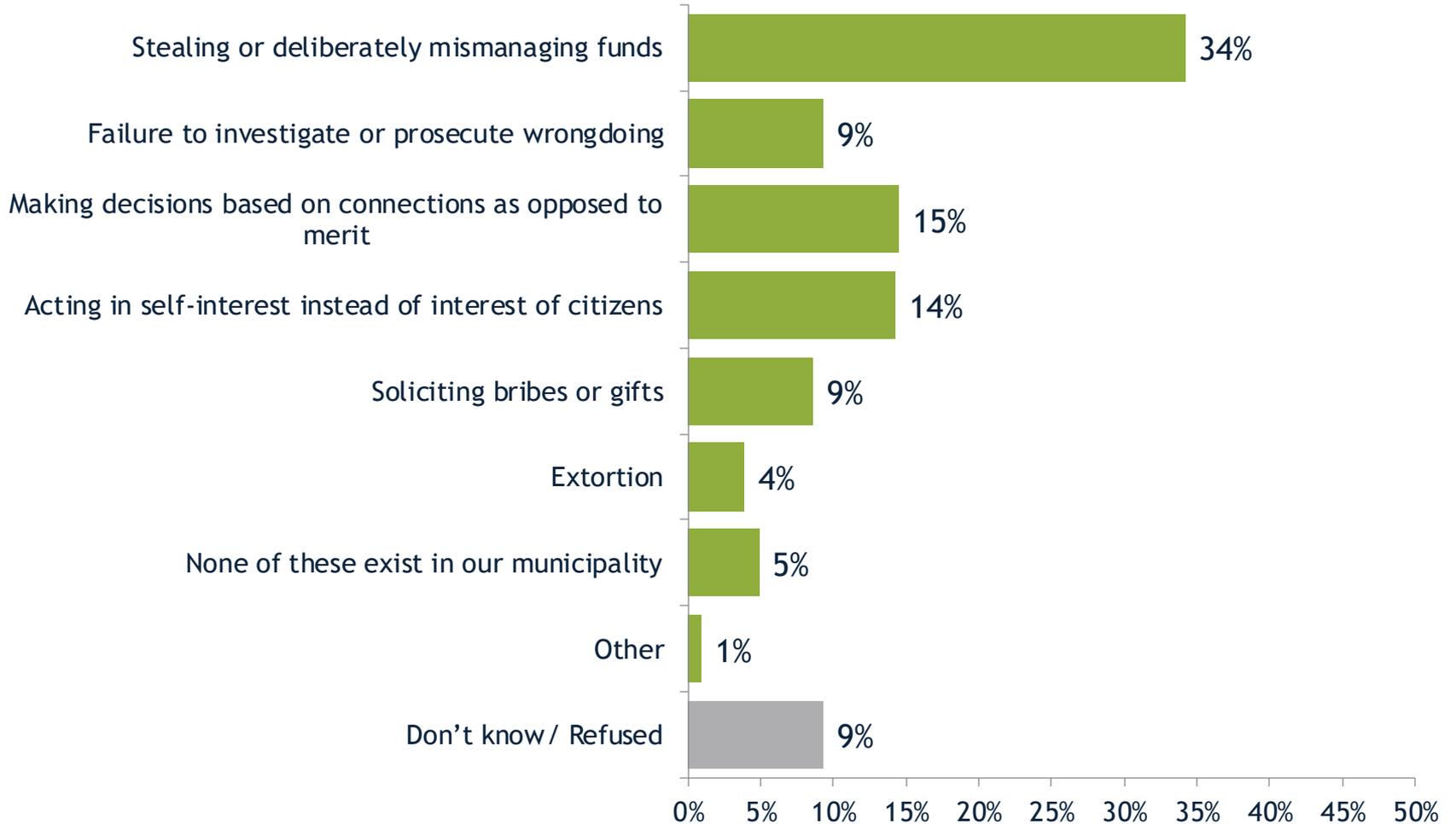


In your experience, what type of corruption is most common in your country?



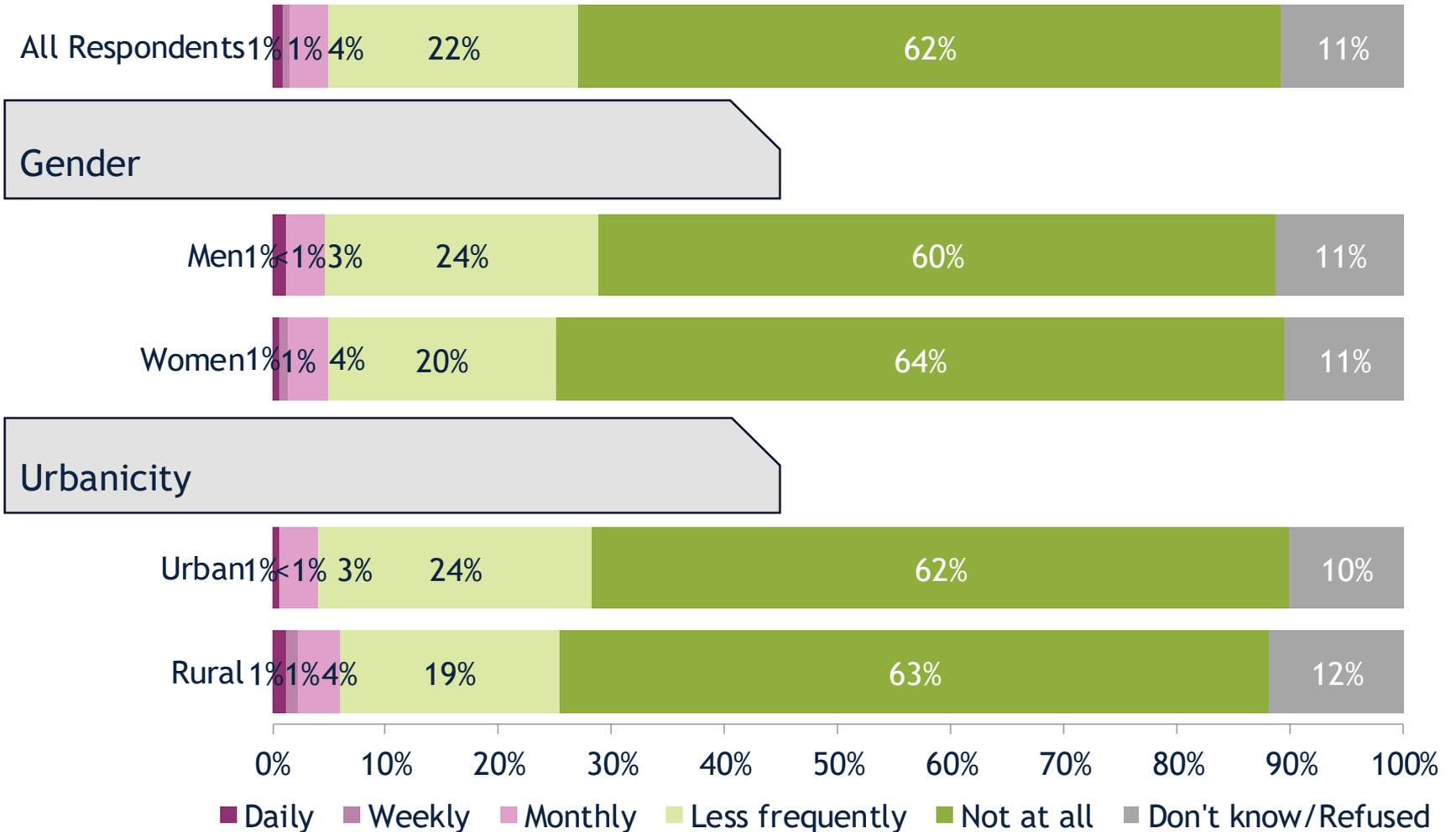


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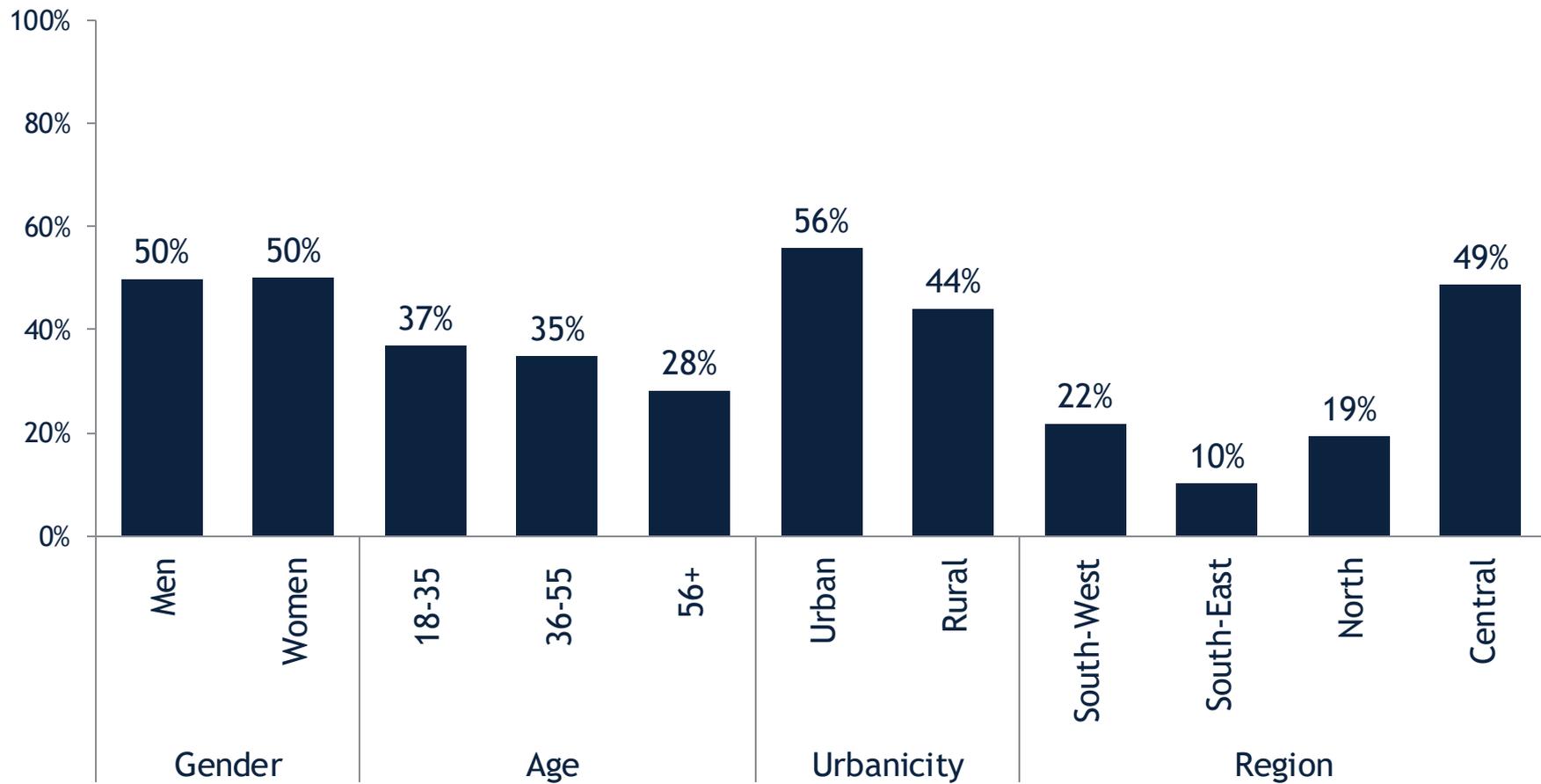
In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift, or pay a bribe?



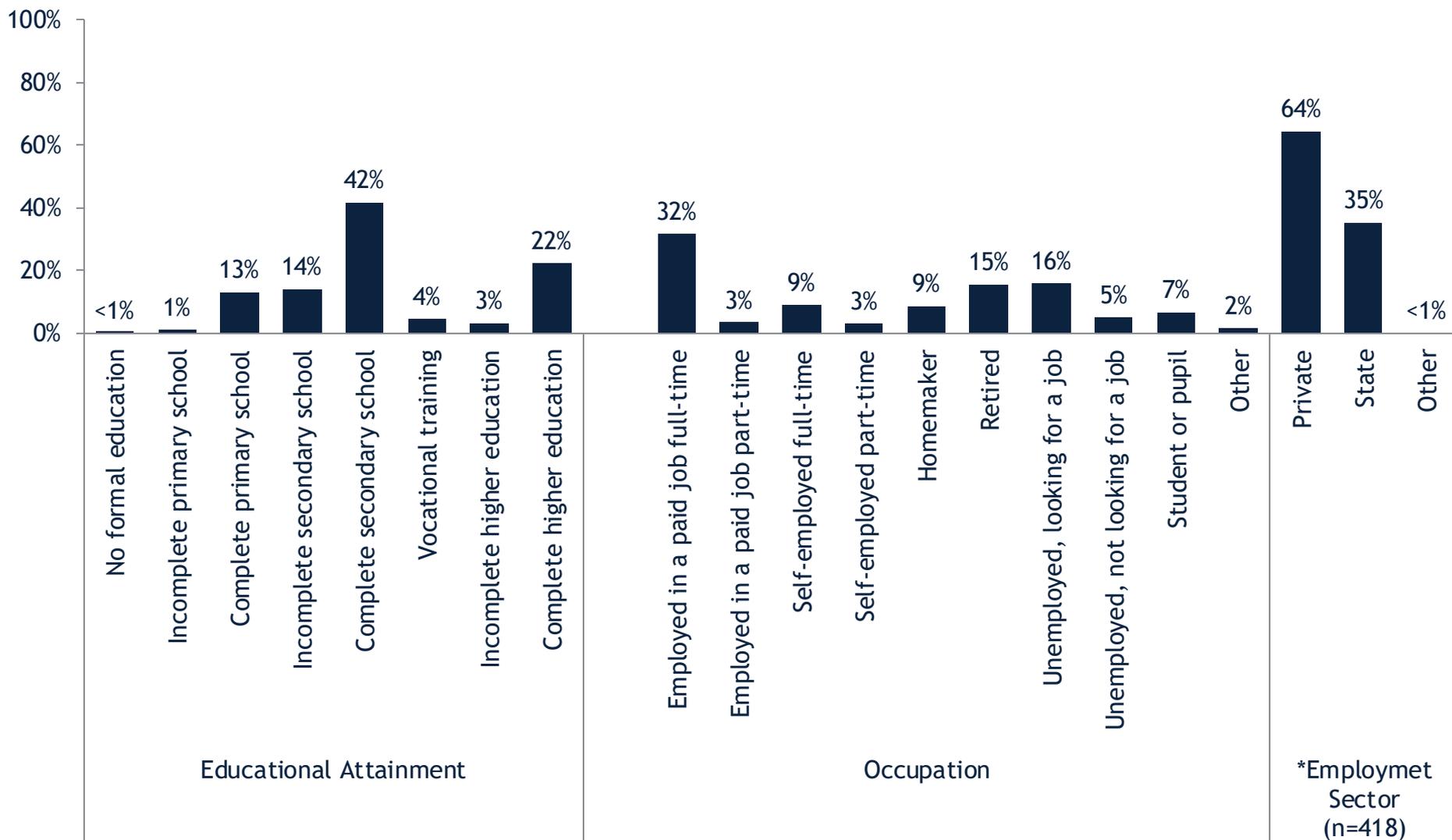
Demographics



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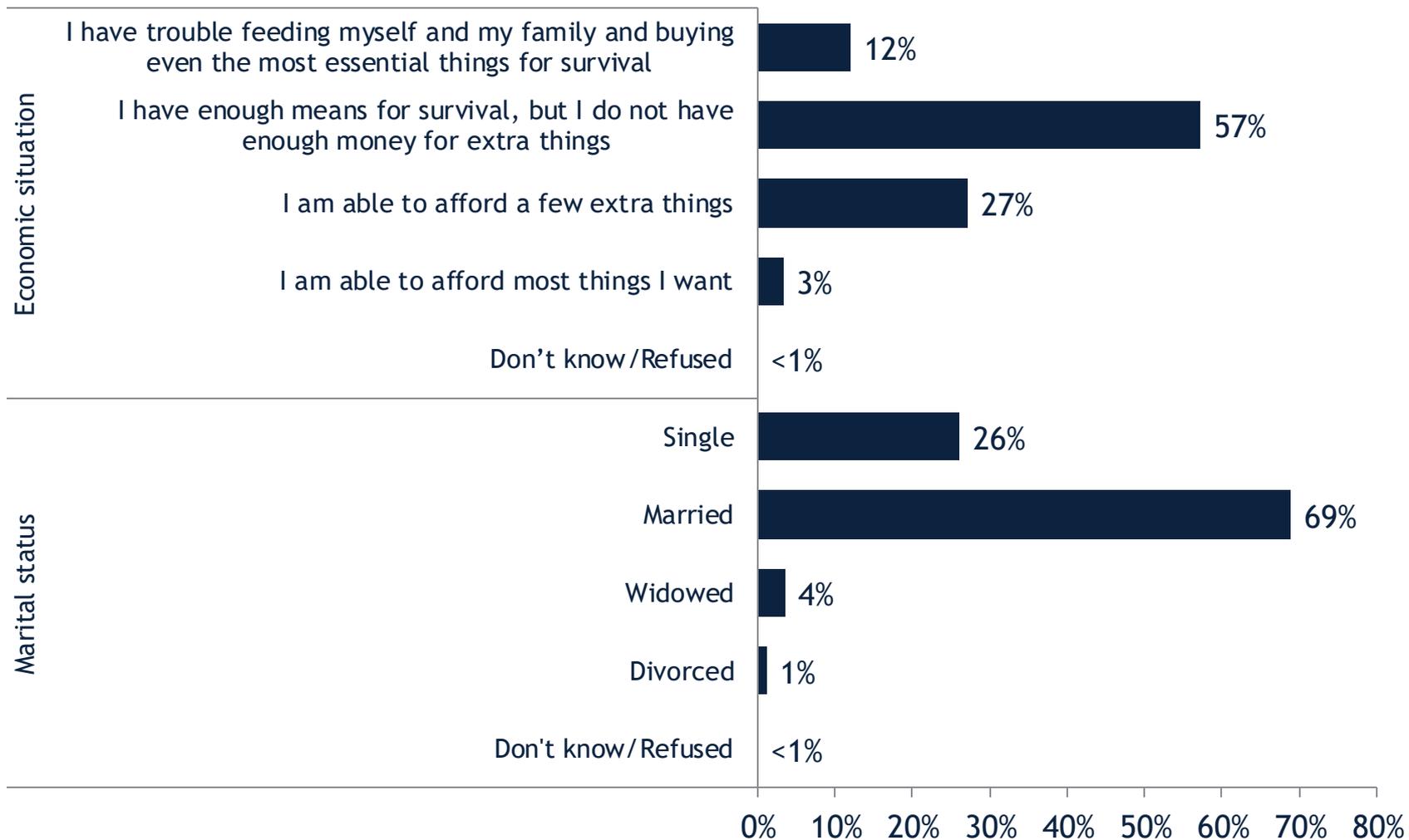


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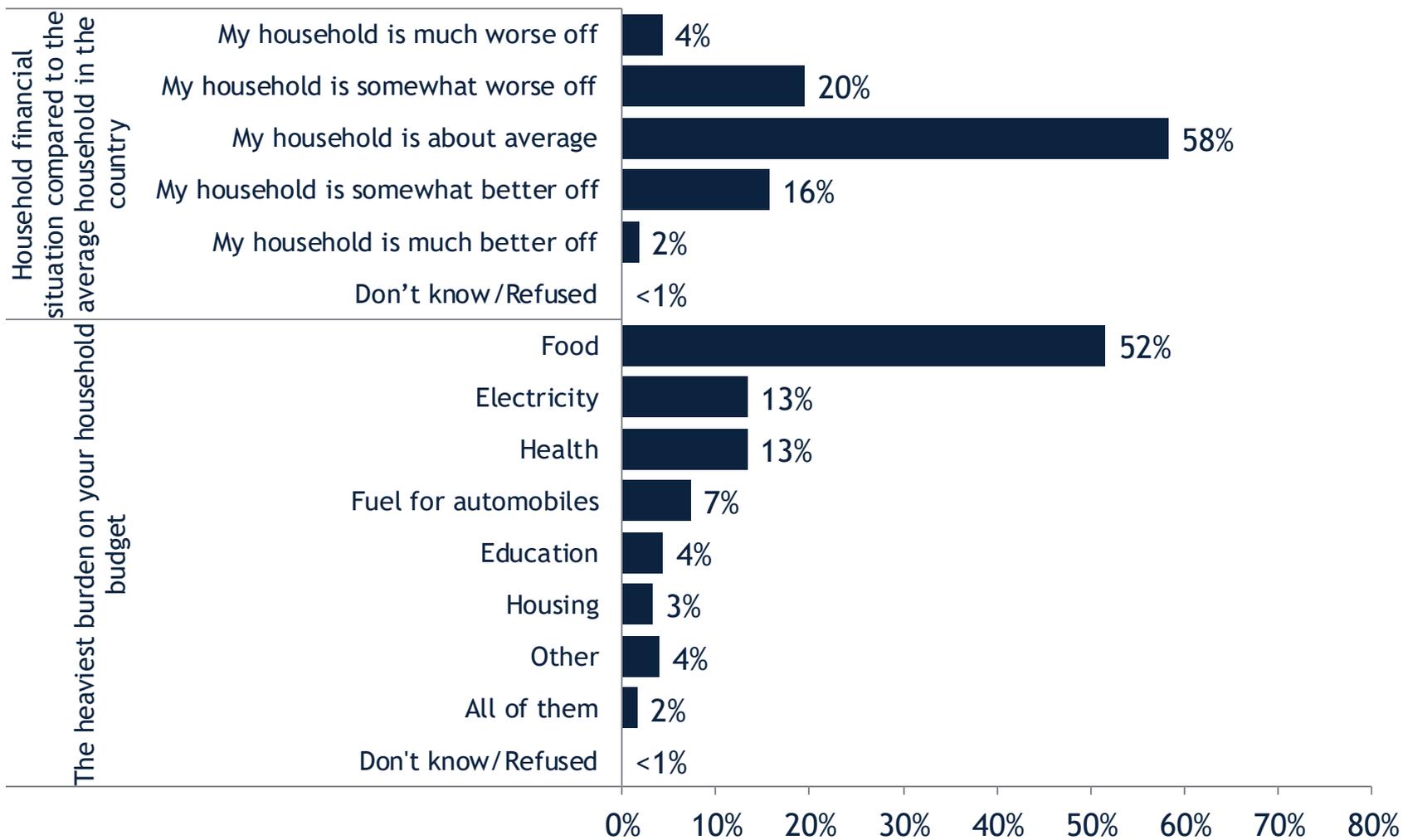


*Among those employed in a paid job full or part-time.

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