



# National Public Opinion Survey of Timor-Leste

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April 17 - May 14, 2017



# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [INSIGHT Lda.](#), based in Dili, Timor-Leste, under the supervision of [Chariot Associates LLC](#) between April 17 and May 14, 2017. The November 2016 data is taken from a survey conducted between November 7 and 24, 2016. The 2013 data is taken from a survey conducted between September 18 and October 19, 2013.
- Data was collected through in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by the 13 districts of Timor-Leste. Interviews were conducted in both urban and rural locations.
- The sample consisted of 1,200 respondents (response rate: 99 percent) aged 17 and older and is representative of voting-age adults nationally.
- The survey was conducted according to a random multistage stratified section process. The first stage of the survey was stratified by Timor-Leste's 13 districts. In the second stage, the survey was further stratified by *suco* (village). Next, *aldeias* (neighborhood administrative units) were chosen by random sampling, using the 2015 census information. Within each *aldeia*, households were selected from a random starting point and then every fifth house was chosen. Following random household selection, respondents in each household were chosen based on the Kish Grid method to select respondents 17 years and older.
- Interview teams were comprised of both men and women.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.8 percent at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies. Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

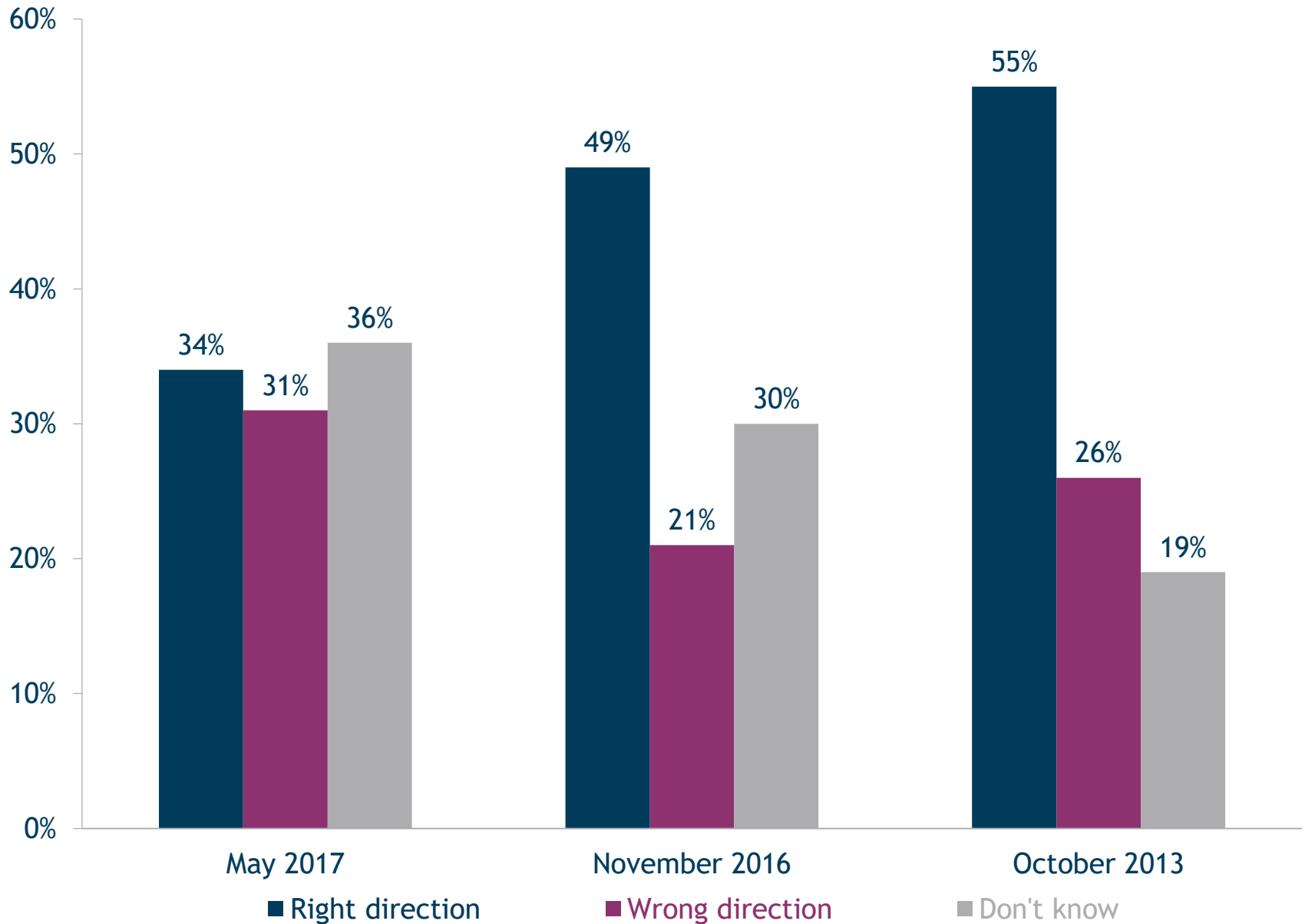


# National Mood

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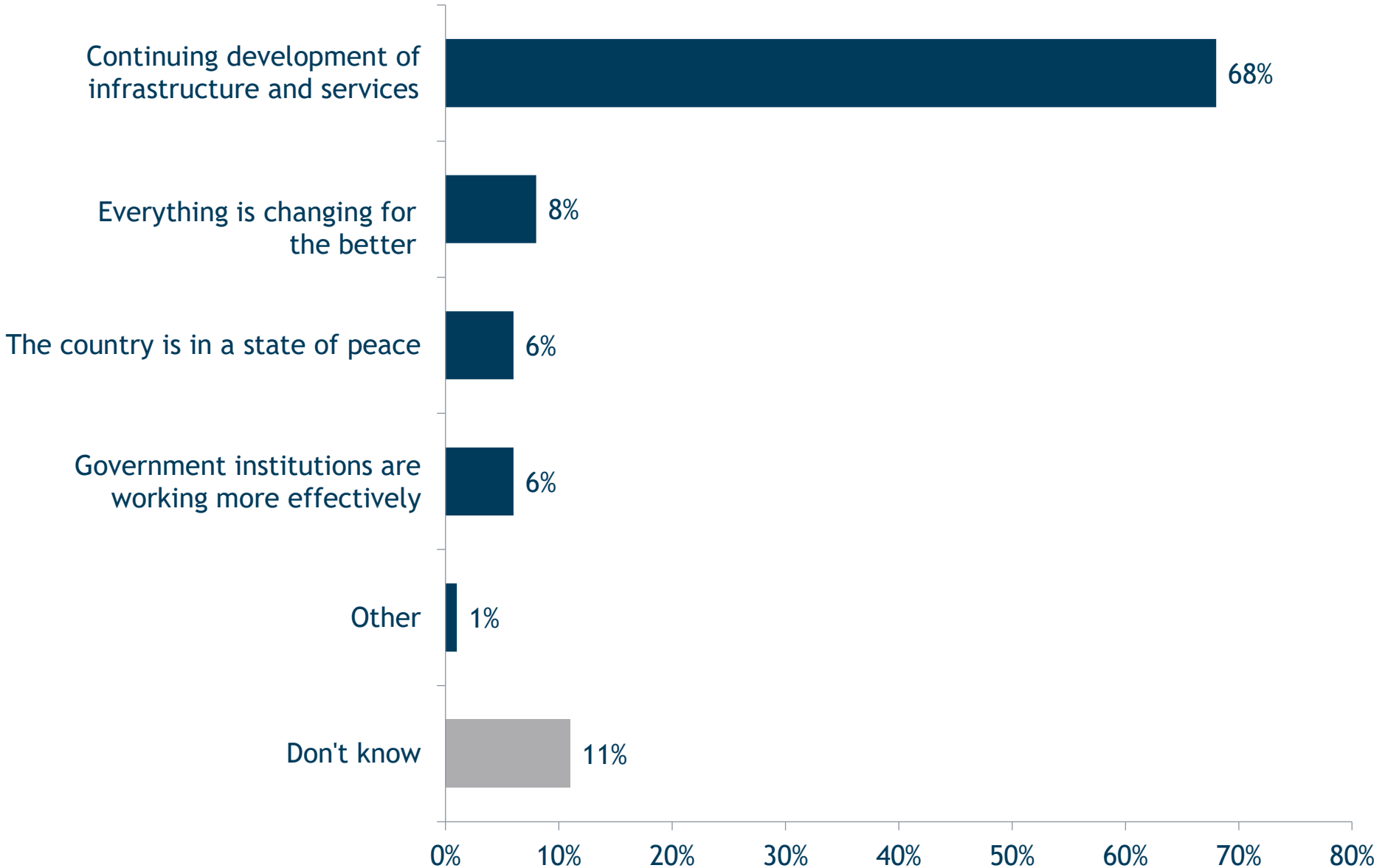


# Are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction in Timor-Leste?

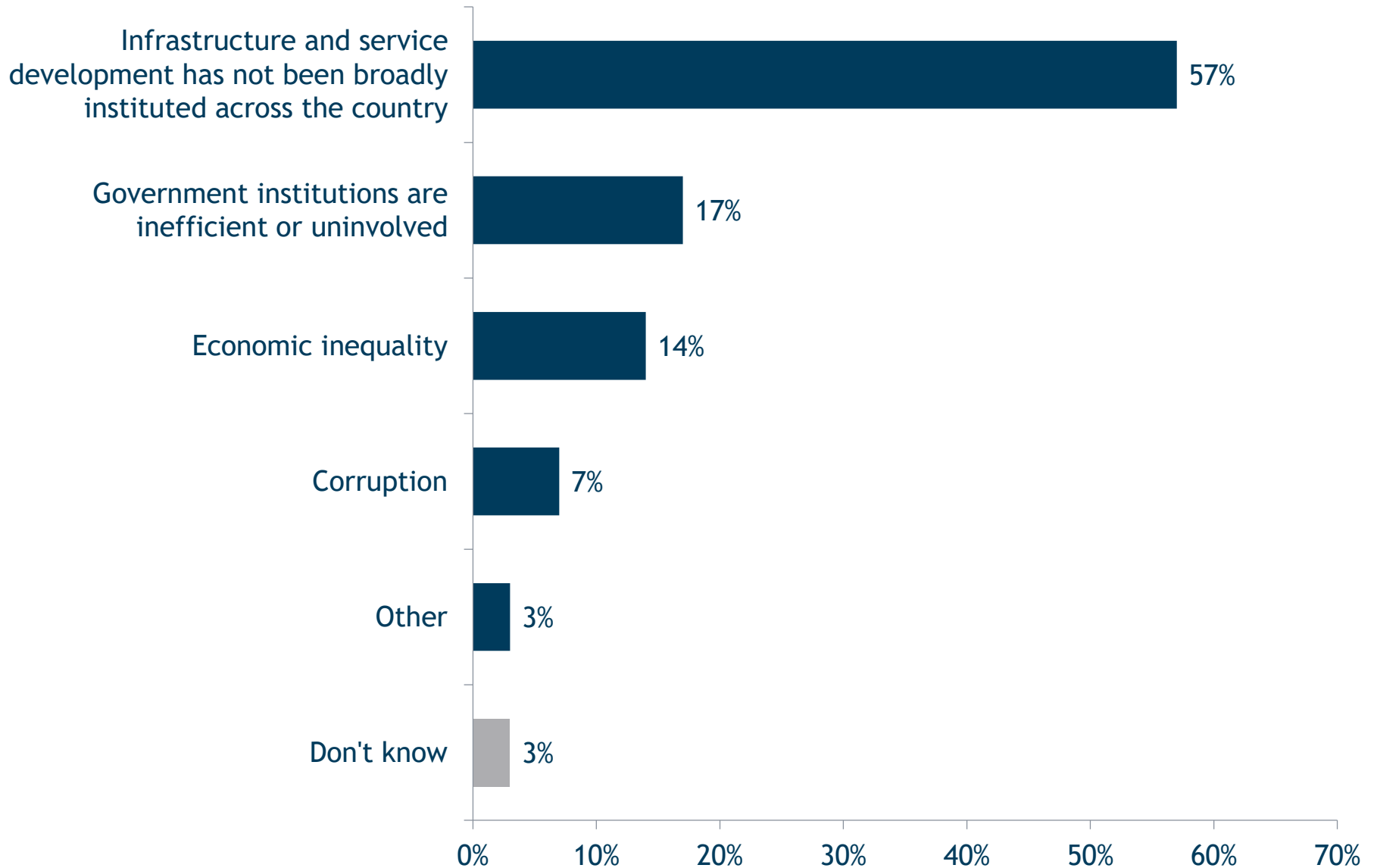


# Why do you think the country is moving in the right direction?

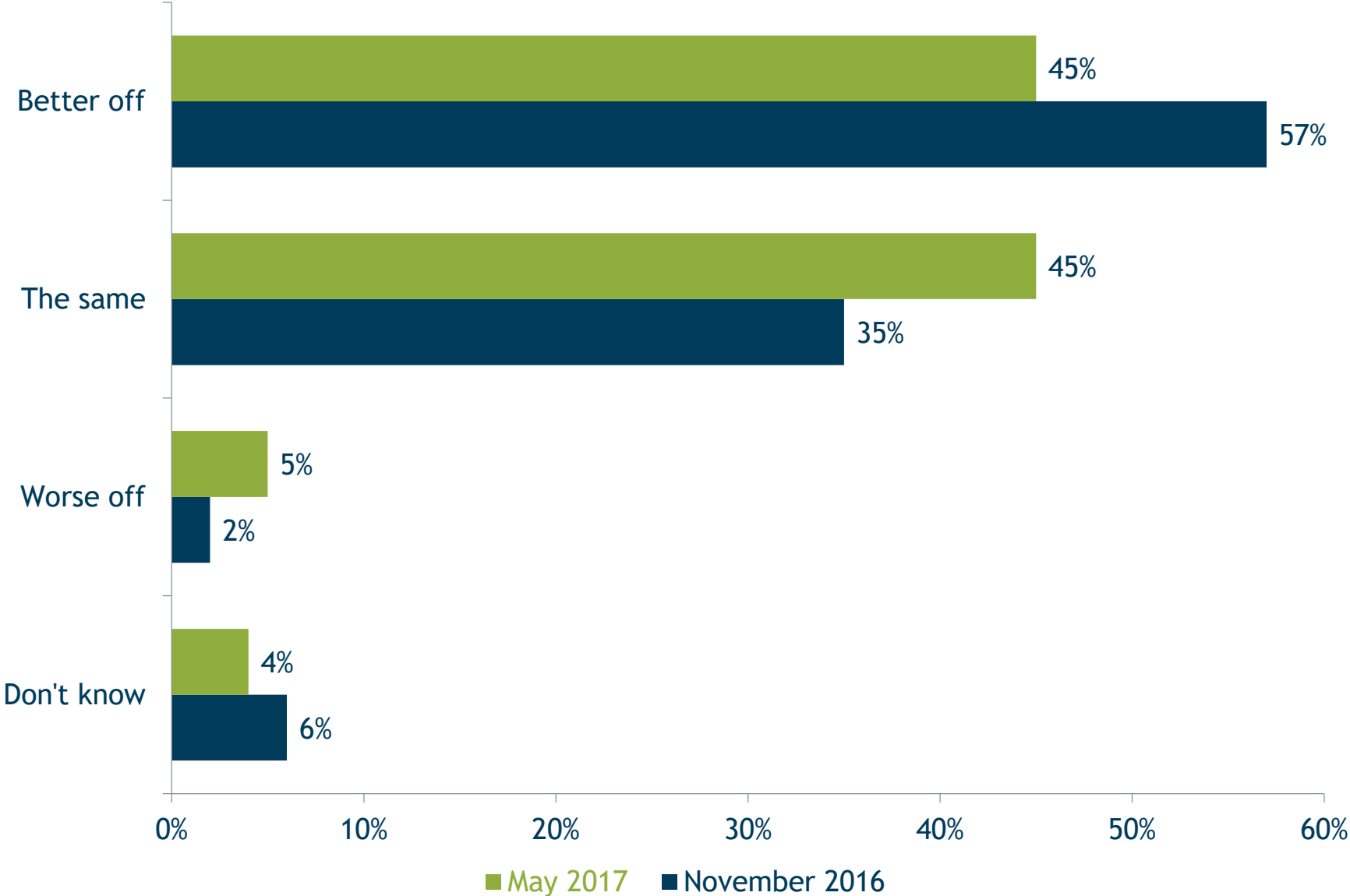
(Open-ended; respondents who answered affirmatively: n=402)



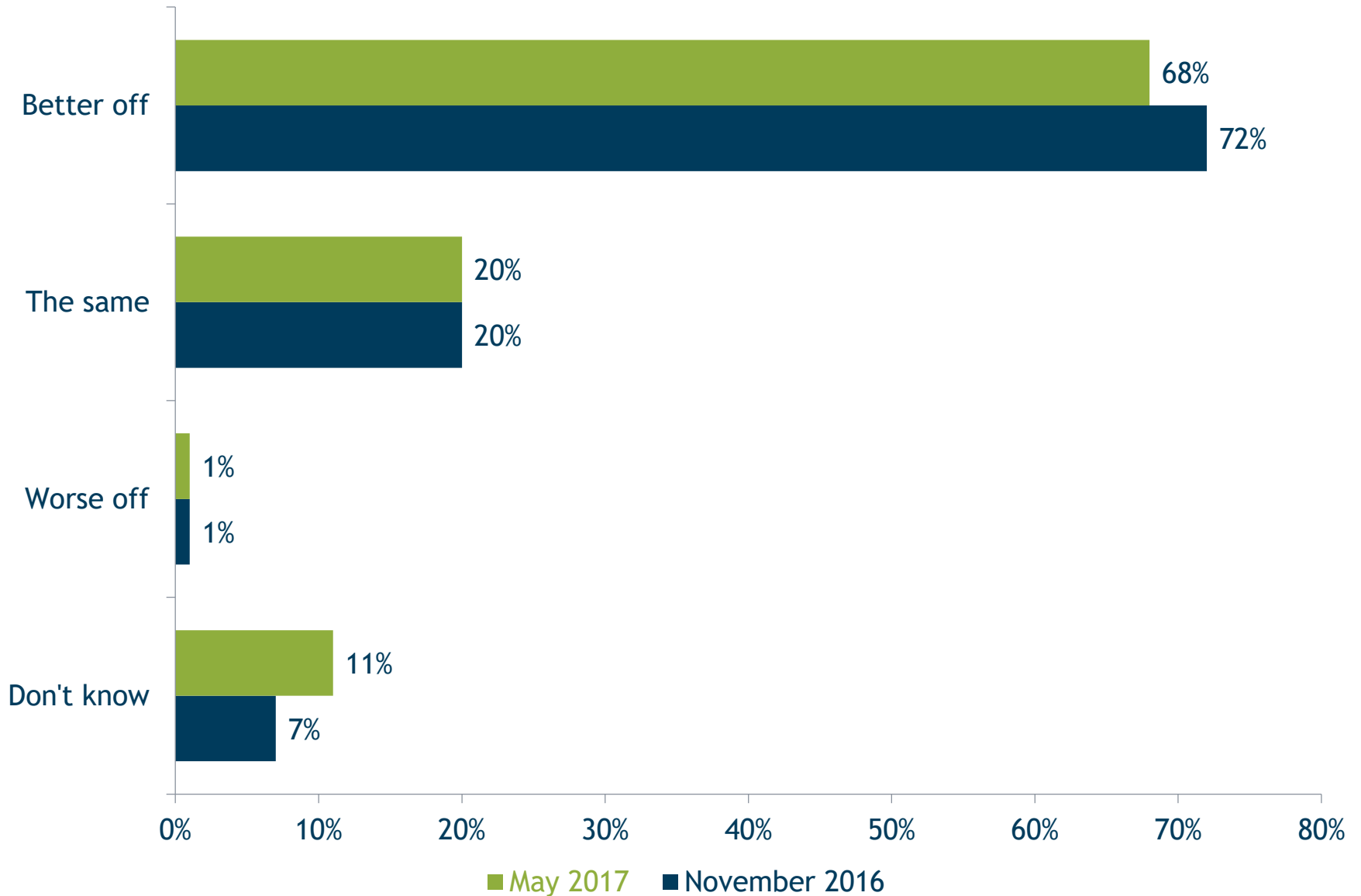
# Why do you think the country is moving in the wrong direction? (Open-ended; respondents who answered negatively: n=369)



# In your opinion, do you think Timor-Leste is better off, the same or worse off than last year?

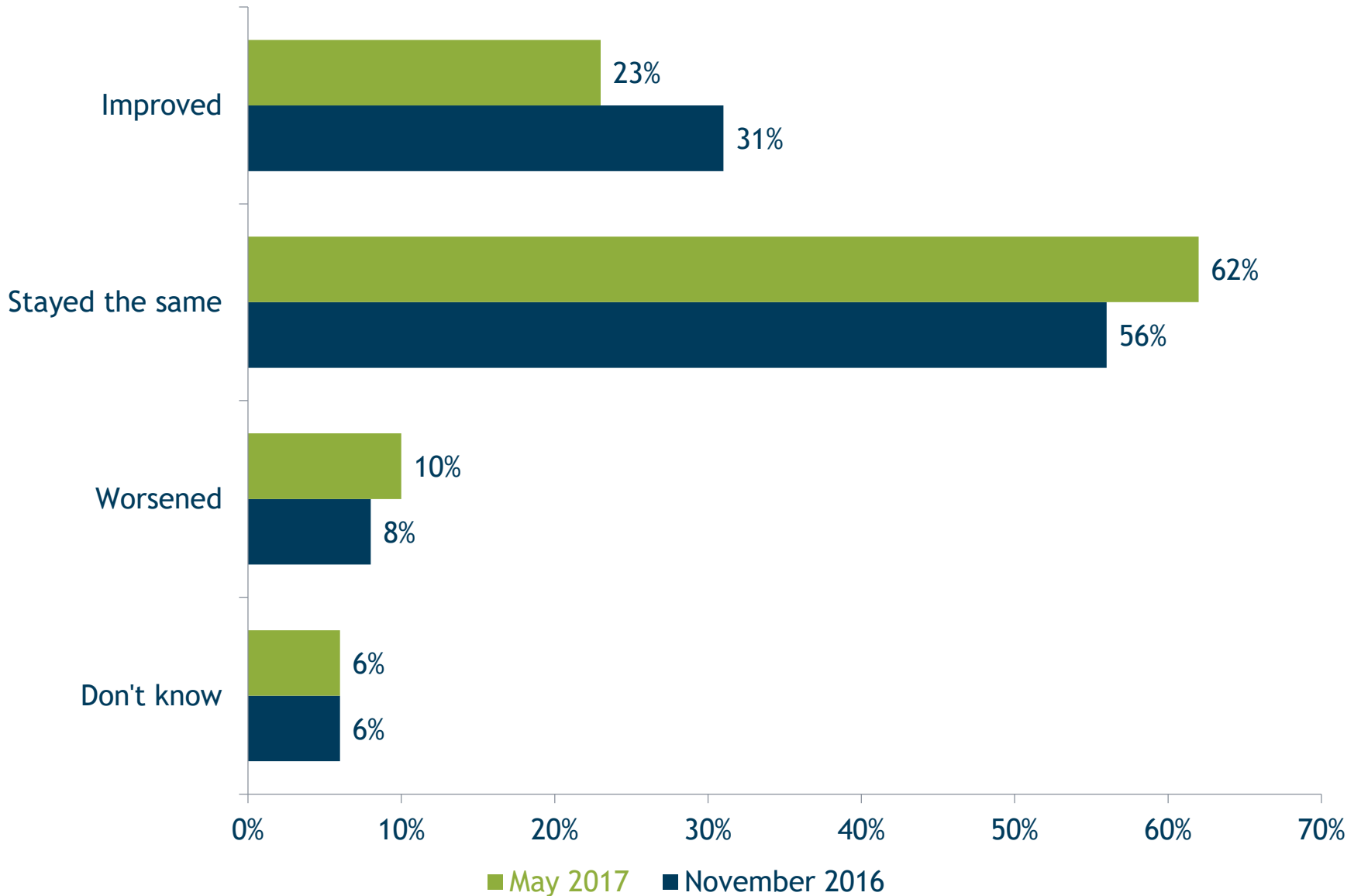


# Thinking ahead, do you think Timor-Leste will be better off, the same or worse off in the coming year?

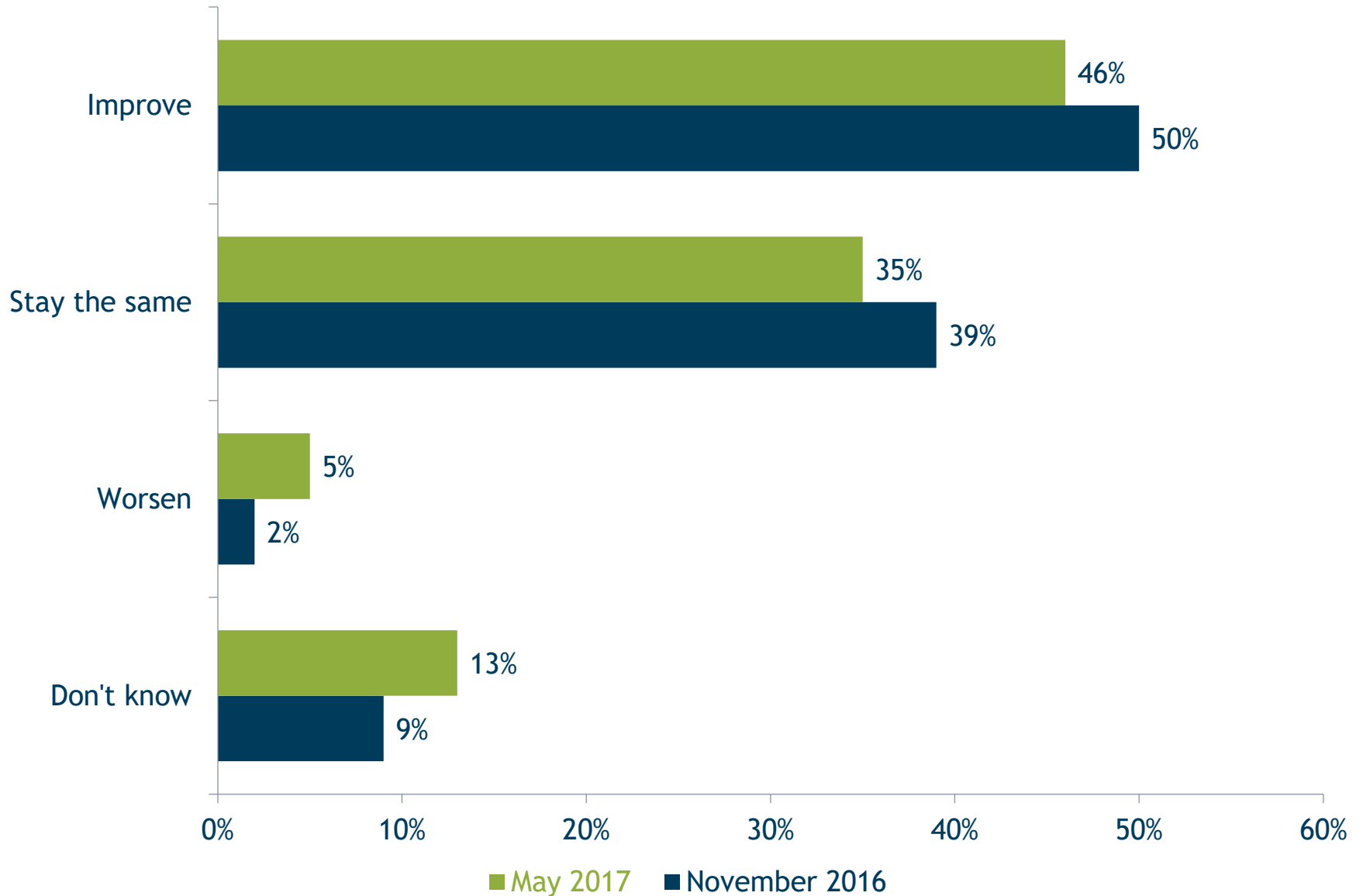




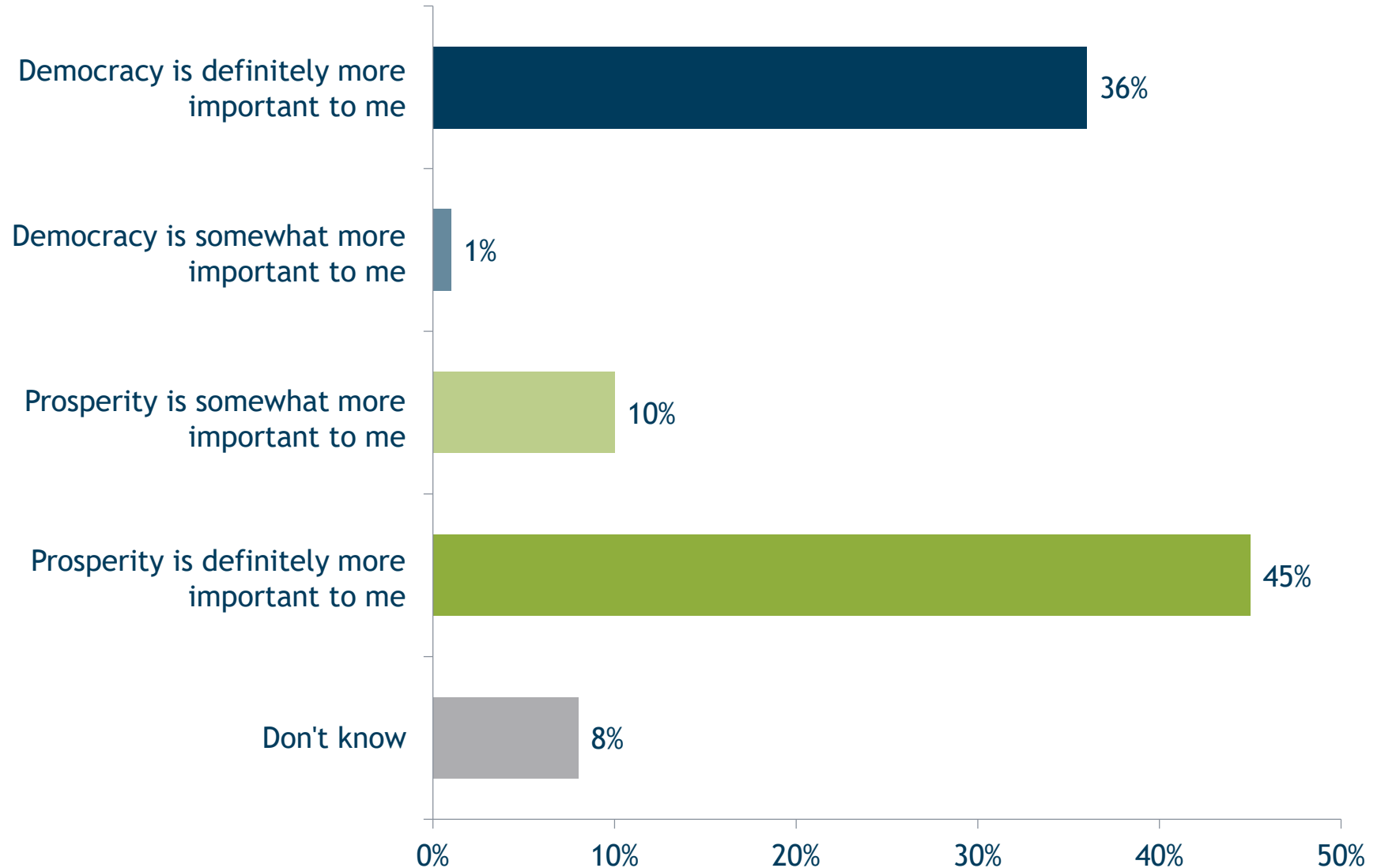
# In the last year, did you and your family's financial situation improve, stay the same or worsen?



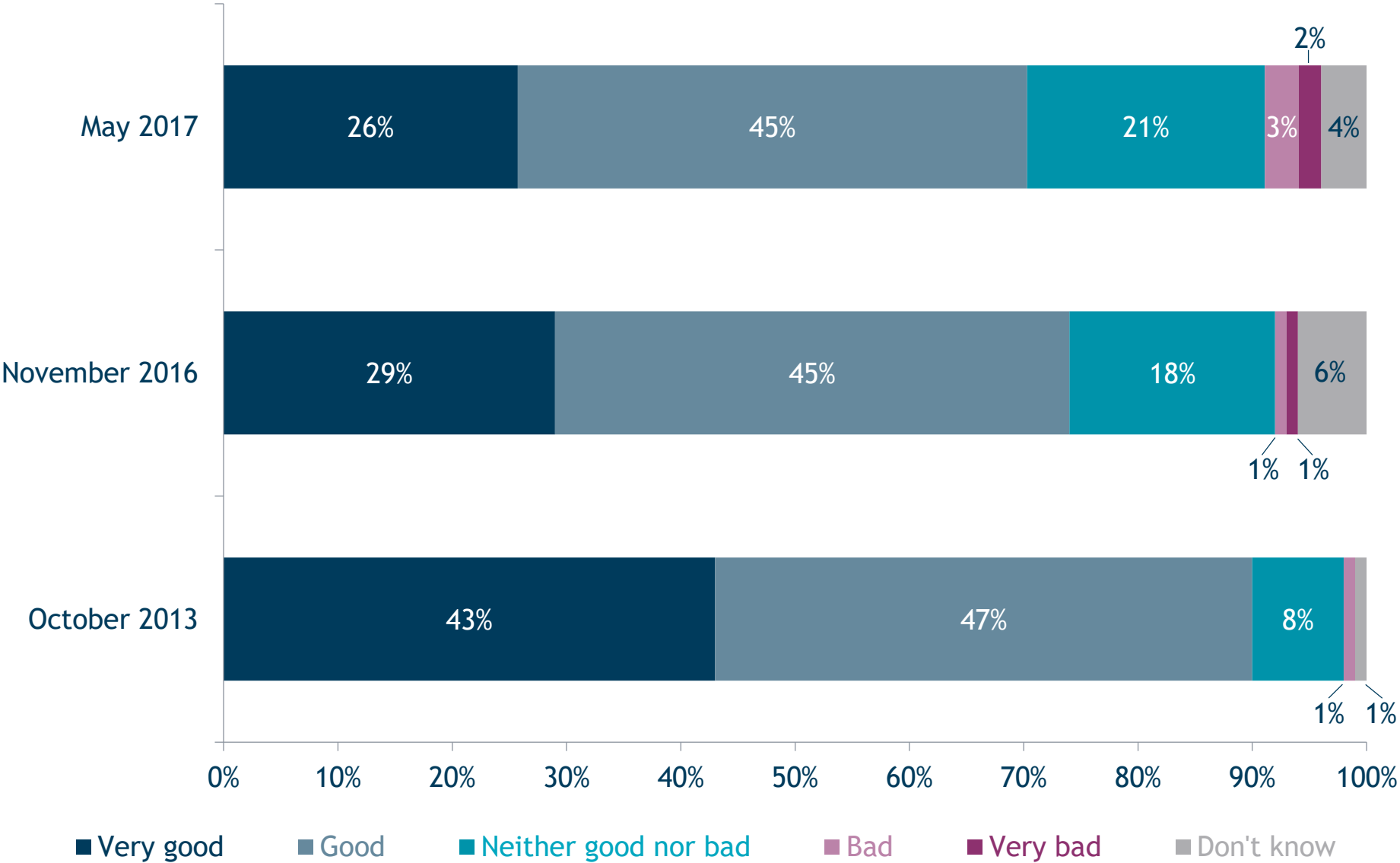
# Do you think you and your family's financial situation will improve, stay the same or worsen in the coming year?



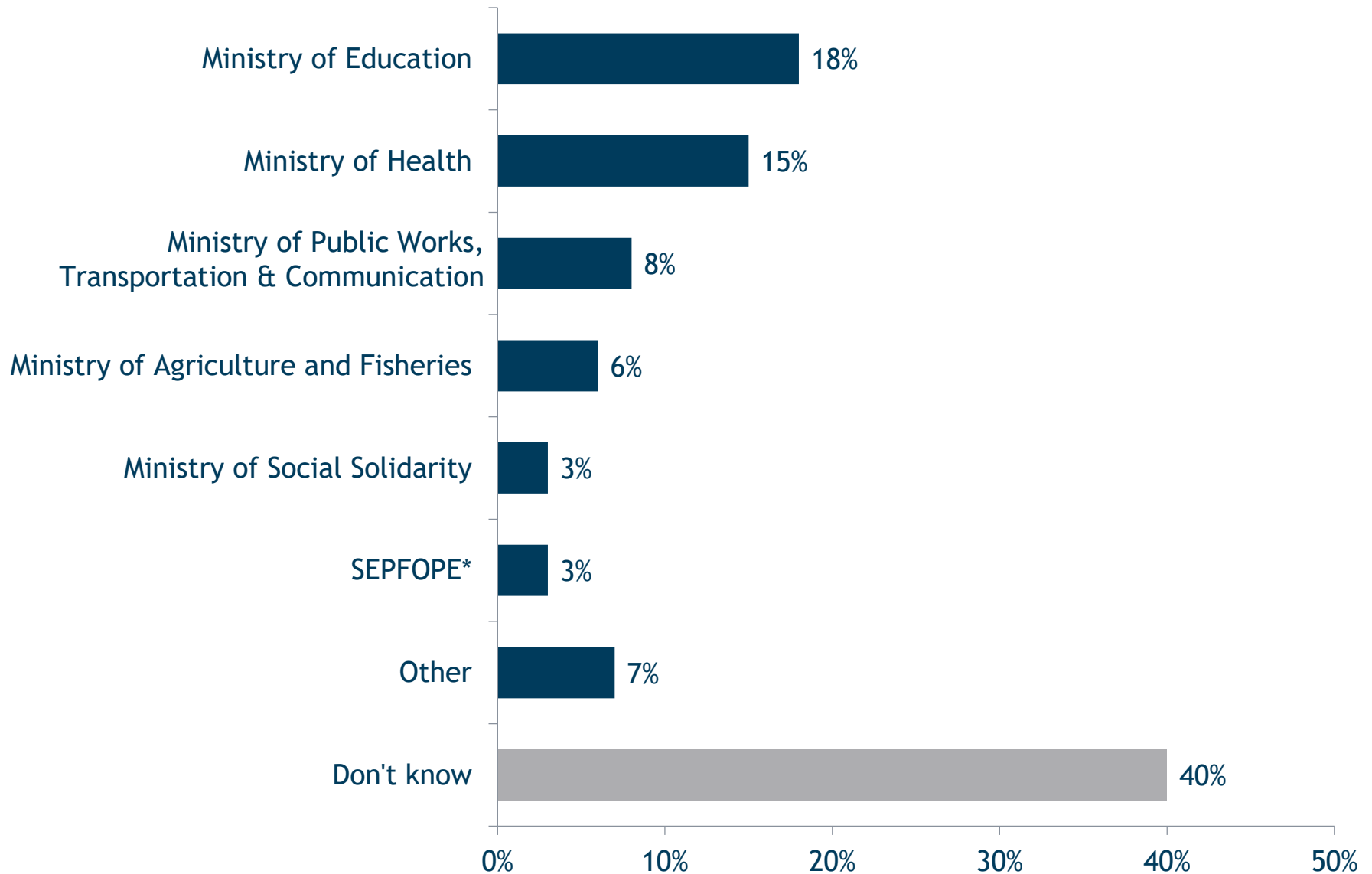
# If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



# How would you rate the performance of the government of Timor-Leste?



# Which government institution in Timor-Leste do you view most favorably? (Open-ended)



\*Secretary of State for Vocational Training Policy and Employment

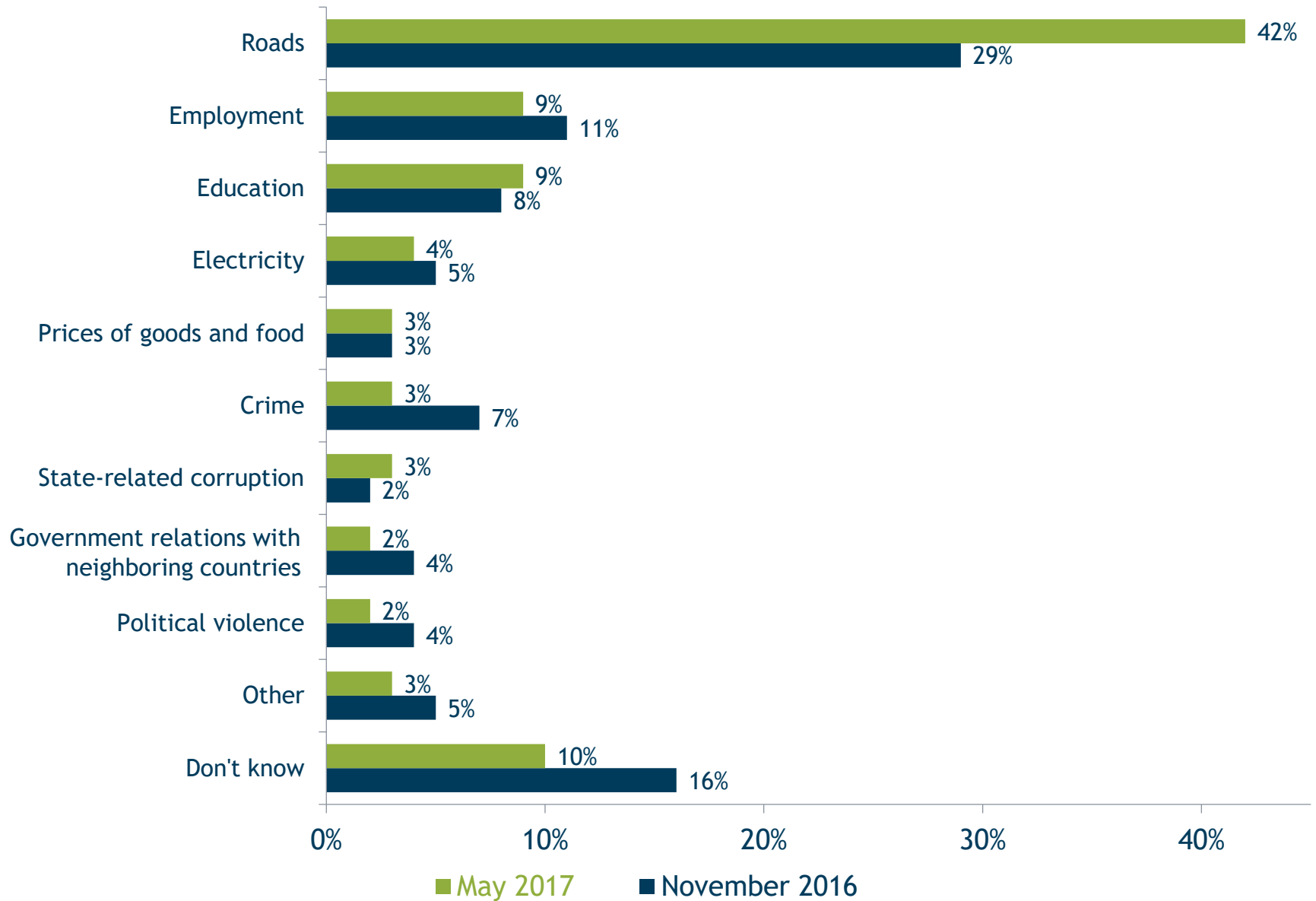


# Issues and Priorities

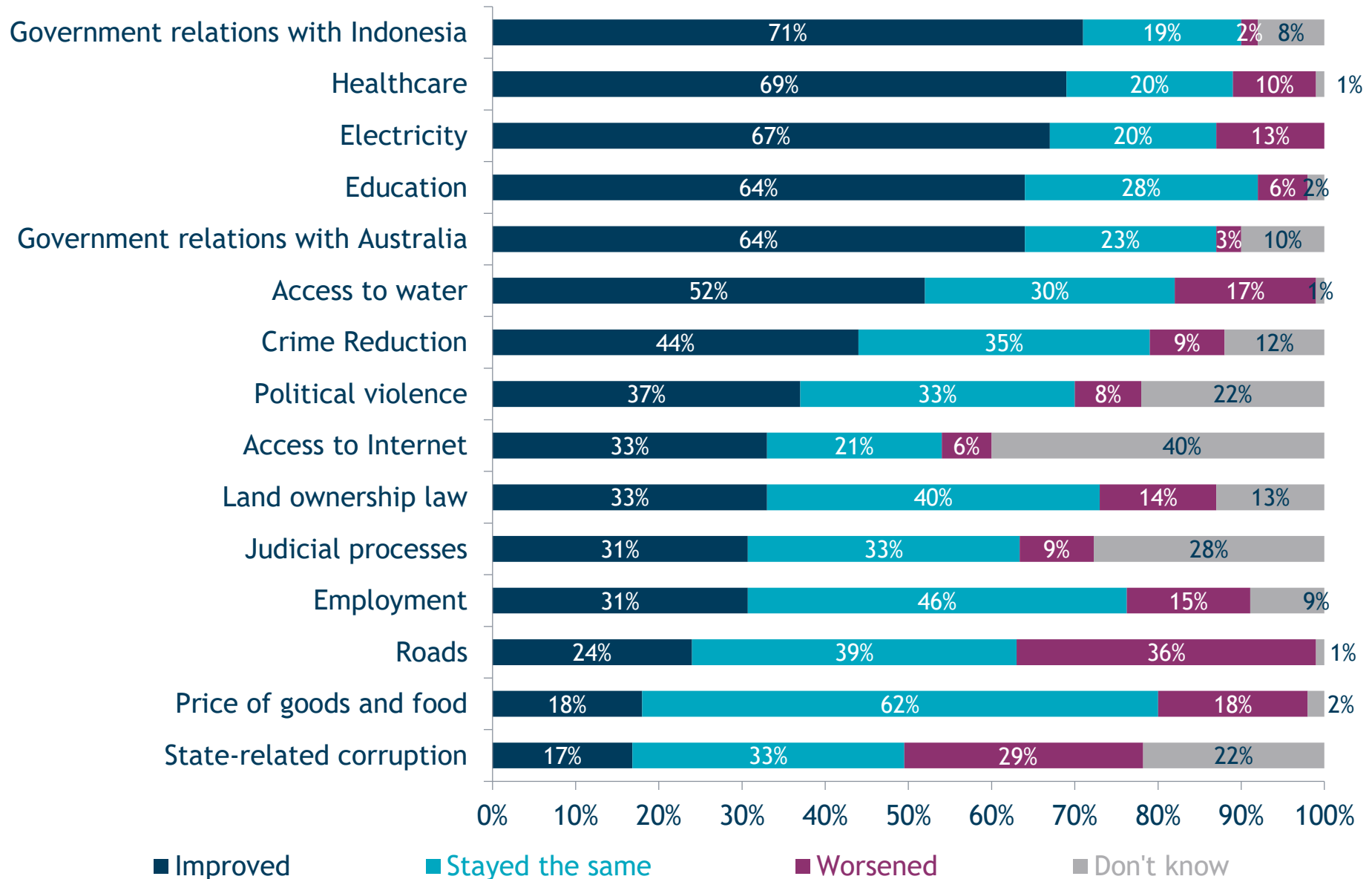
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# In your opinion, what is the most important issue/problem facing Timor-Leste? (Open-ended)

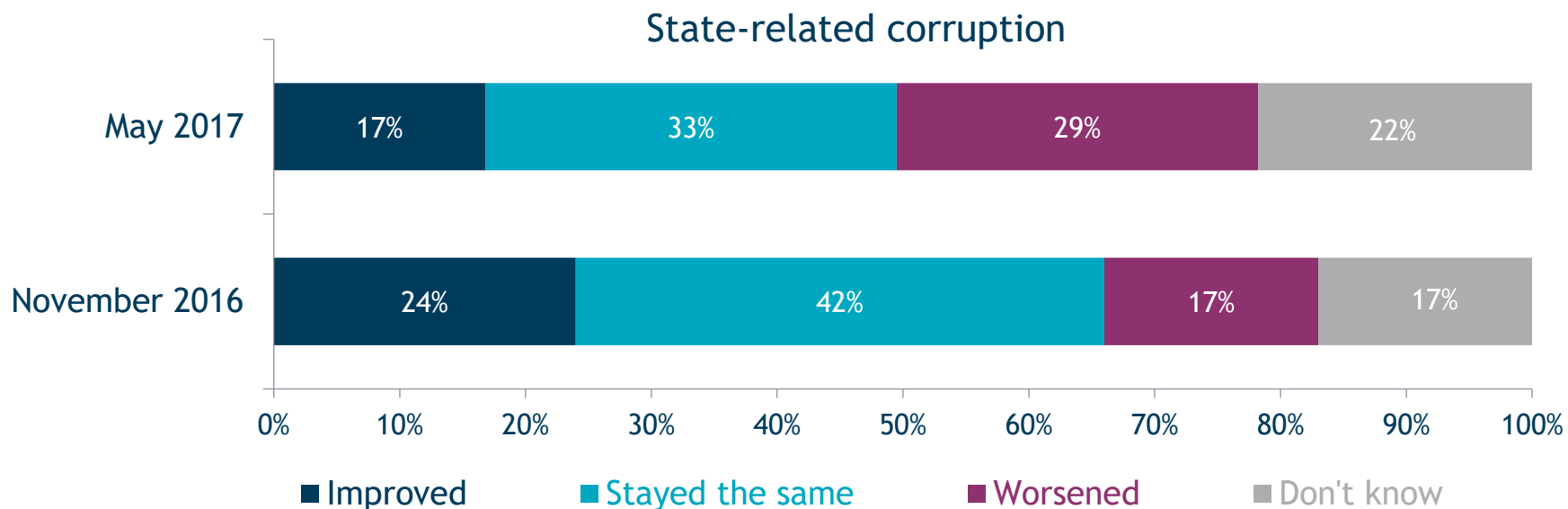
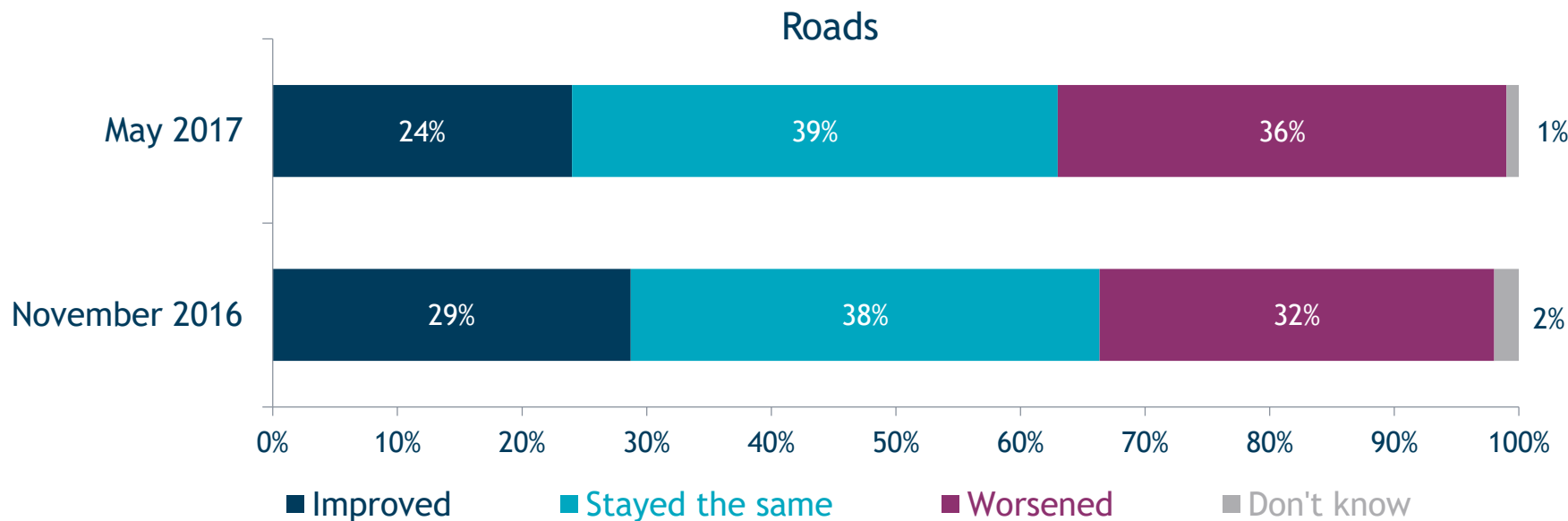


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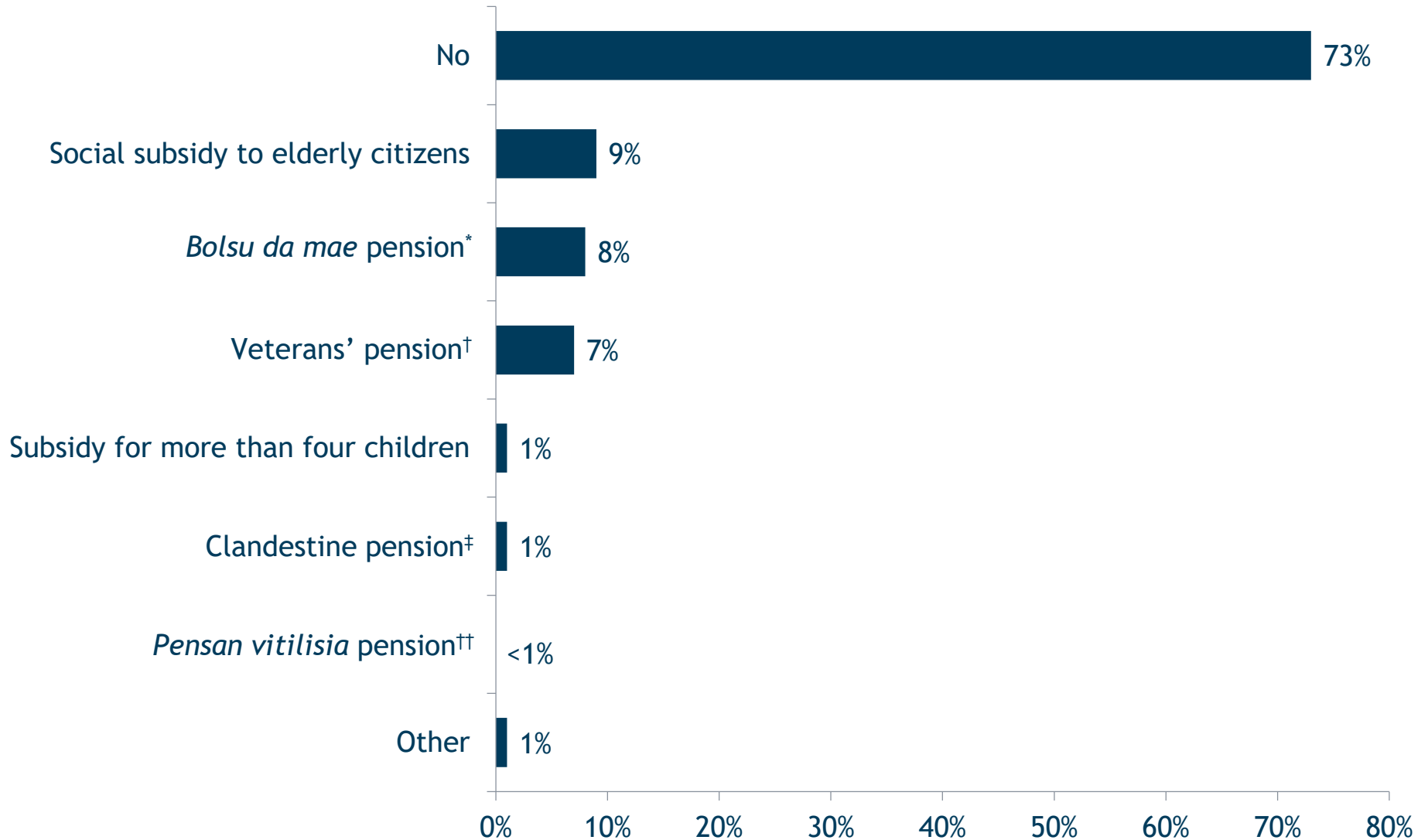




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# Have you personally received any benefits from the government? (Open-ended)



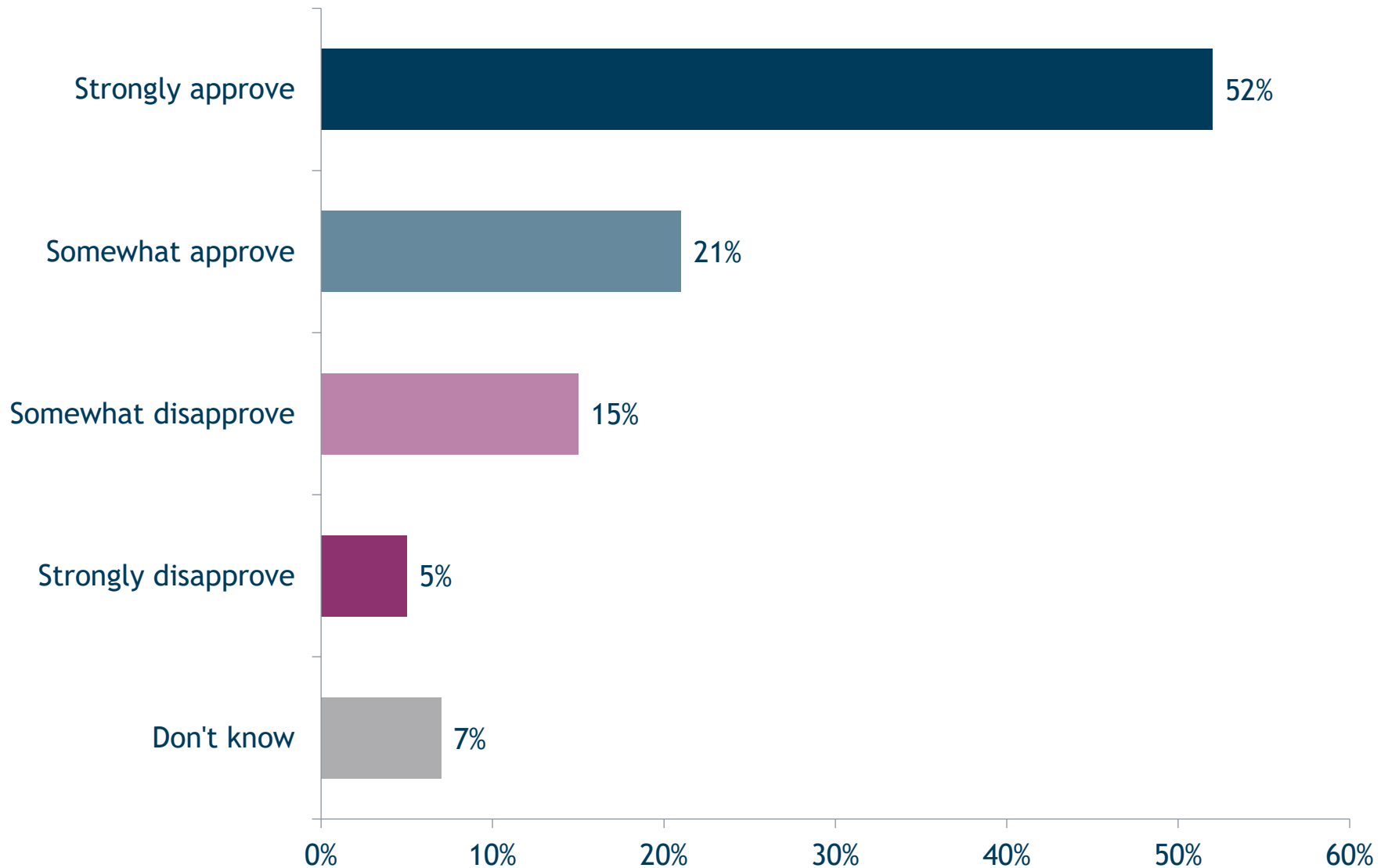
\*Pension for single mothers with three or more children

†Pension for FALINTIL (The Armed Forces for the National Liberation of East Timor) fighters

‡Pension for former members of the government

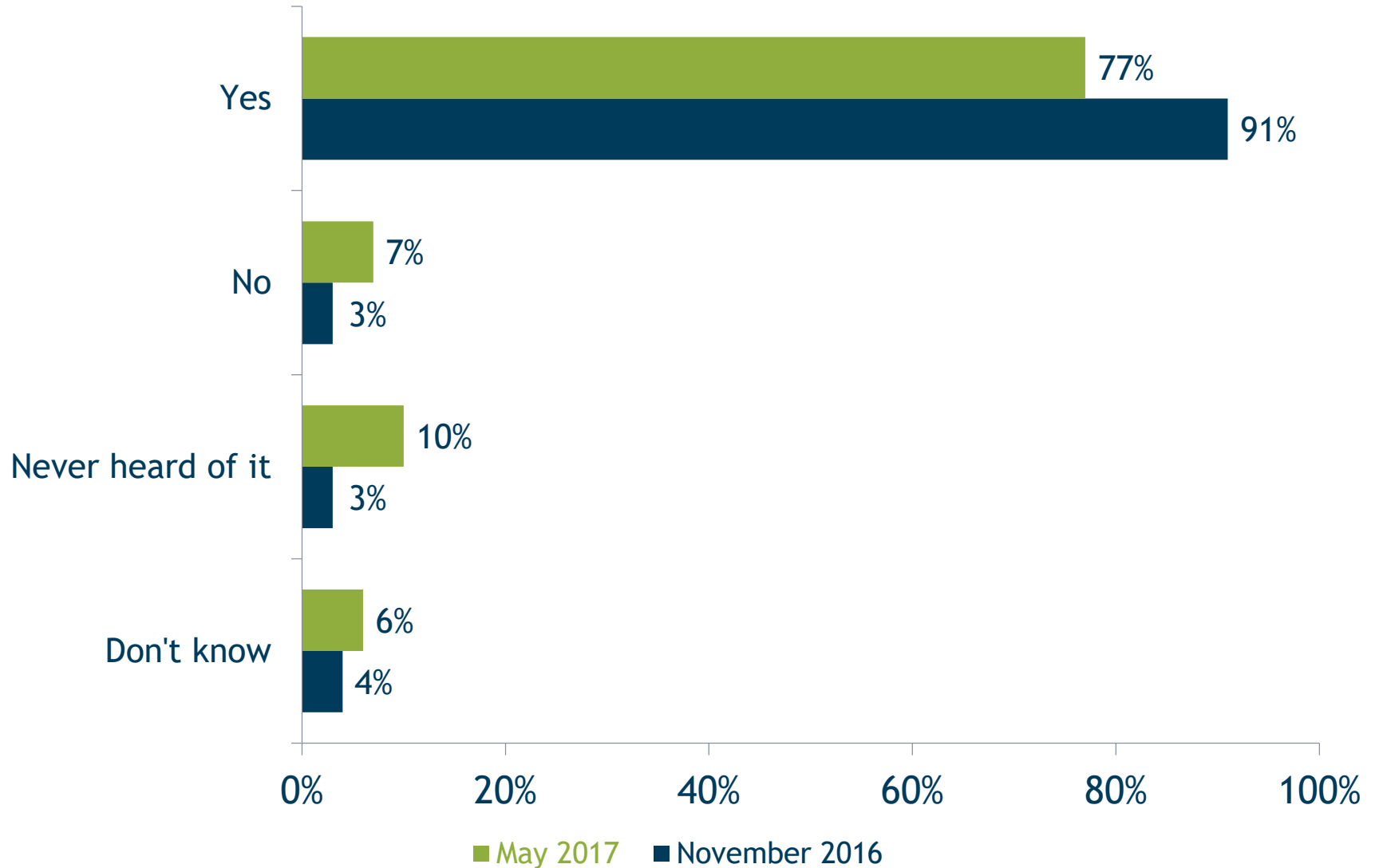
††Pension for non-FALINTIL fighters

# Based on your prior knowledge, do you approve of how the government is spending the petroleum fund\* money?



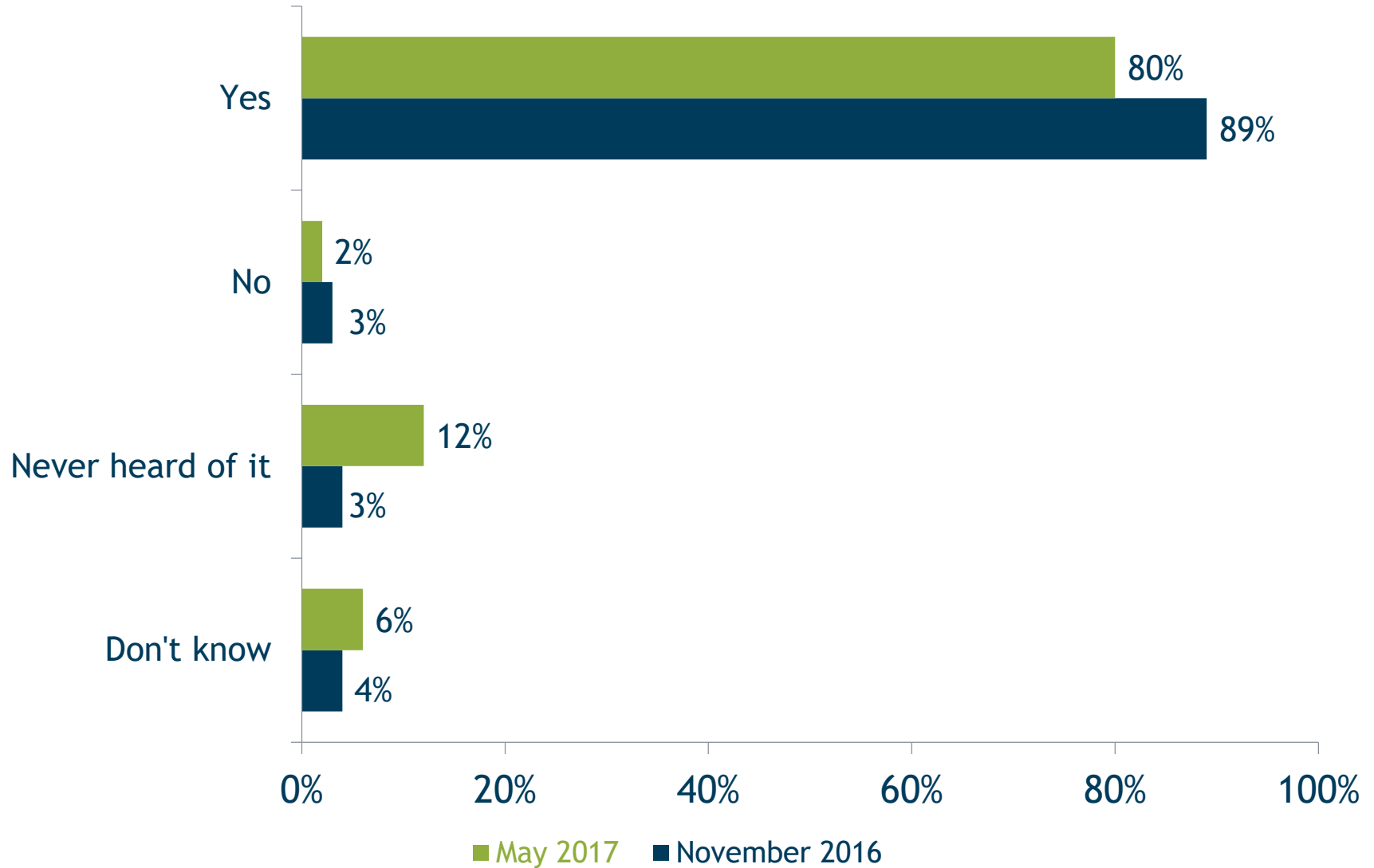
\*The petroleum fund is a wealth fund for revenue from exported Timorese petroleum and gas.

# Do you support the government's plan for the *Zonas Especiais de Economia Social de Mercado*\* (ZEESM) project in Oecusse?



\*ZEESM (Special Economic Zones for Social Market Economy) is an infrastructure development project based in Oecusse.

## Do you support the *Tasi Mane*\* project?



\*The *Tasi Mane* project is part of the Strategic Development Plan to build three industrial centers on the southwest coast to support Timor-Leste's petroleum industry.

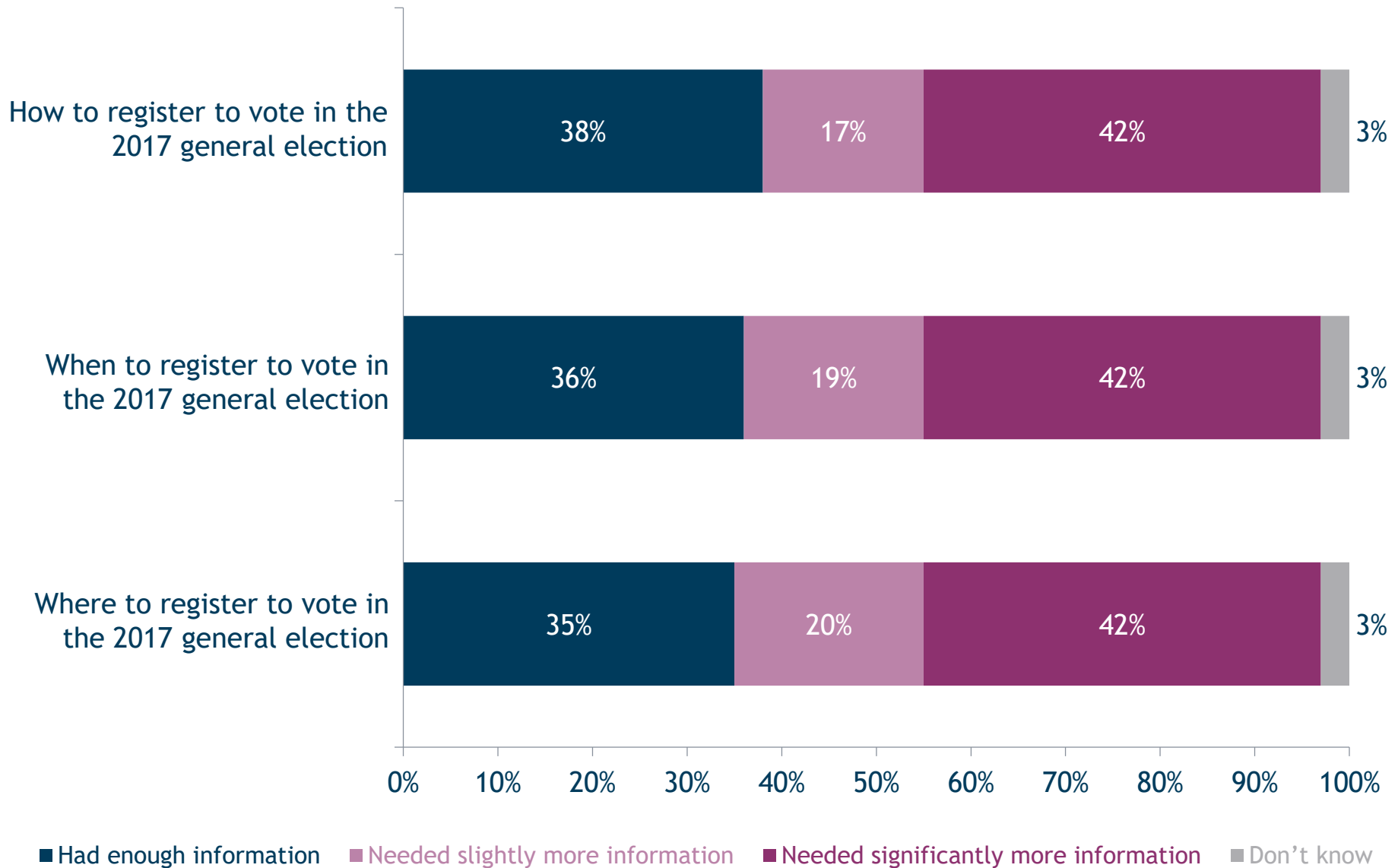


# Voting and Elections

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# Please indicate if you had enough information or needed more information for each of the following aspects of the voter registration process.

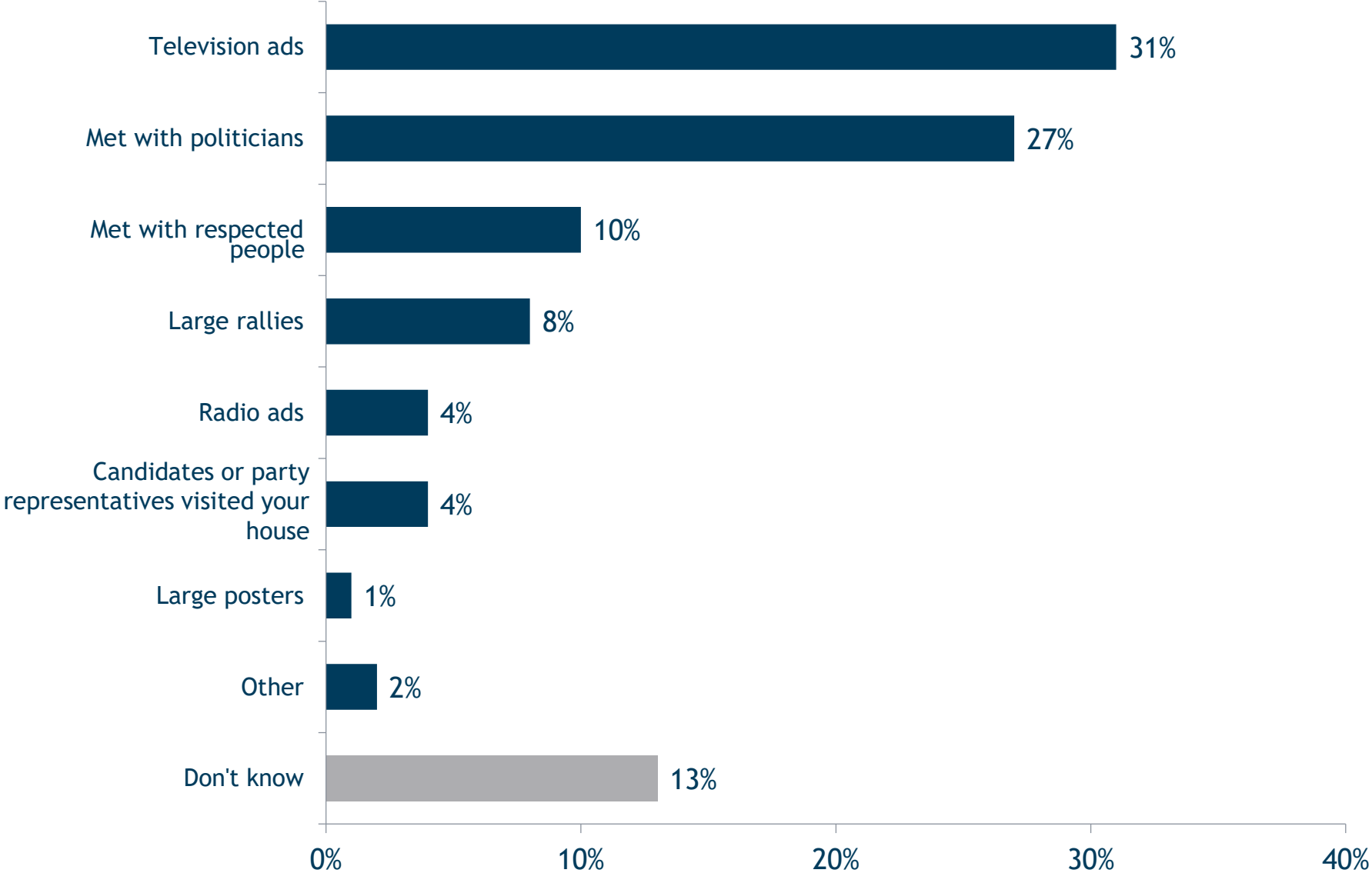


## Which of the following media sources do you think is most helpful for people like you to learn about election-related issues and procedures?

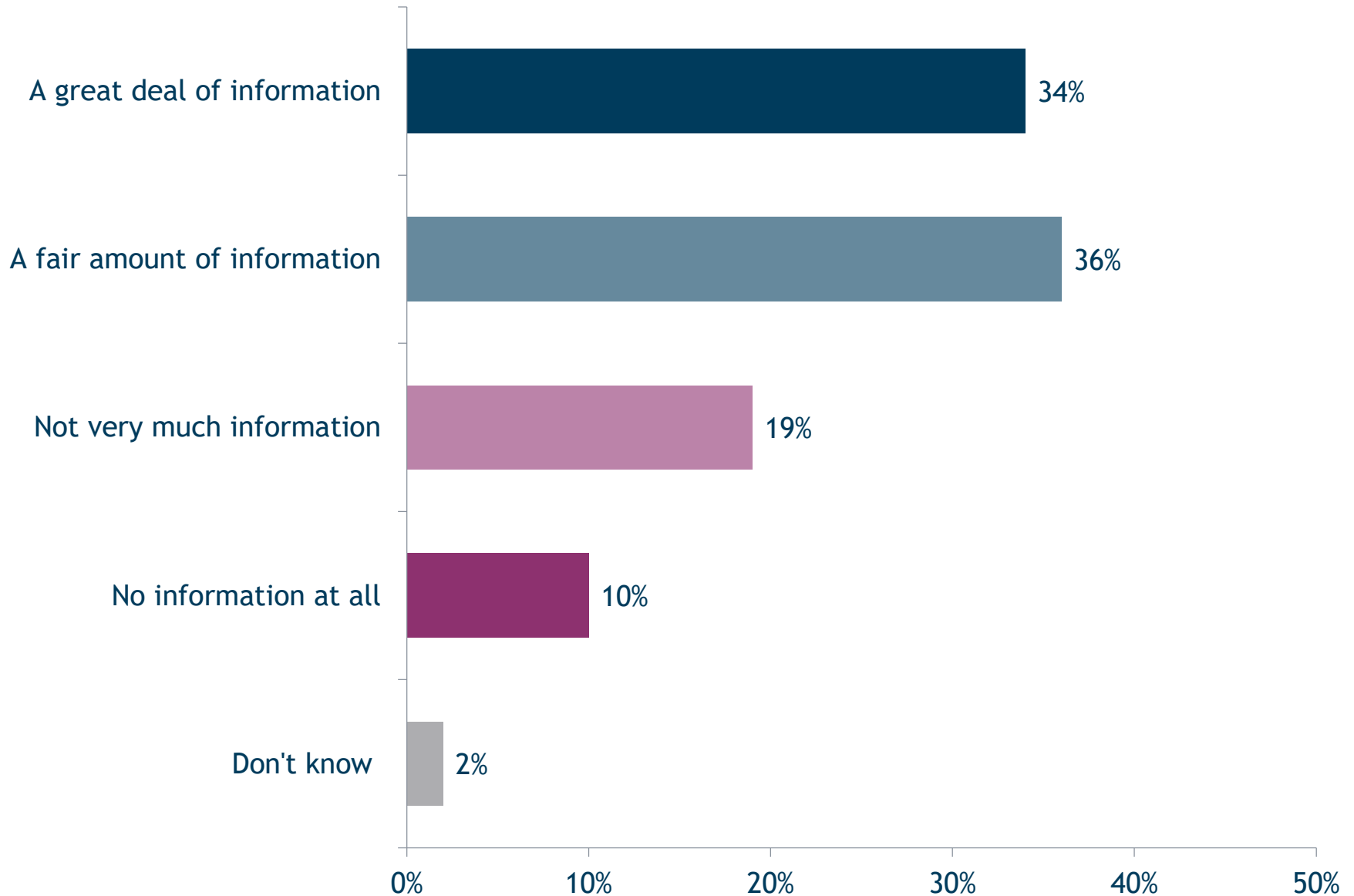
Source	First Mention	Second Mention	Third Mention
Talk shows or news programs on TV	59%	30%	27%
Information from one person to another (word of mouth)	13%	18%	22%
Talk shows or news programs on the radio	11%	27%	10%
Information on Facebook	2%	2%	3%
Information in newspapers and magazines	2%	3%	7%
Town hall meetings/workshops/discussion groups	1%	4%	6%
Religious meetings	1%	2%	6%
Information on the internet in general	1%	2%	2%
Brochures/Flyers/Posters/Banners	1%	1%	1%
Test messaging (SMS)	<1%	<1%	<1%
Don't know	10%	12%	16%



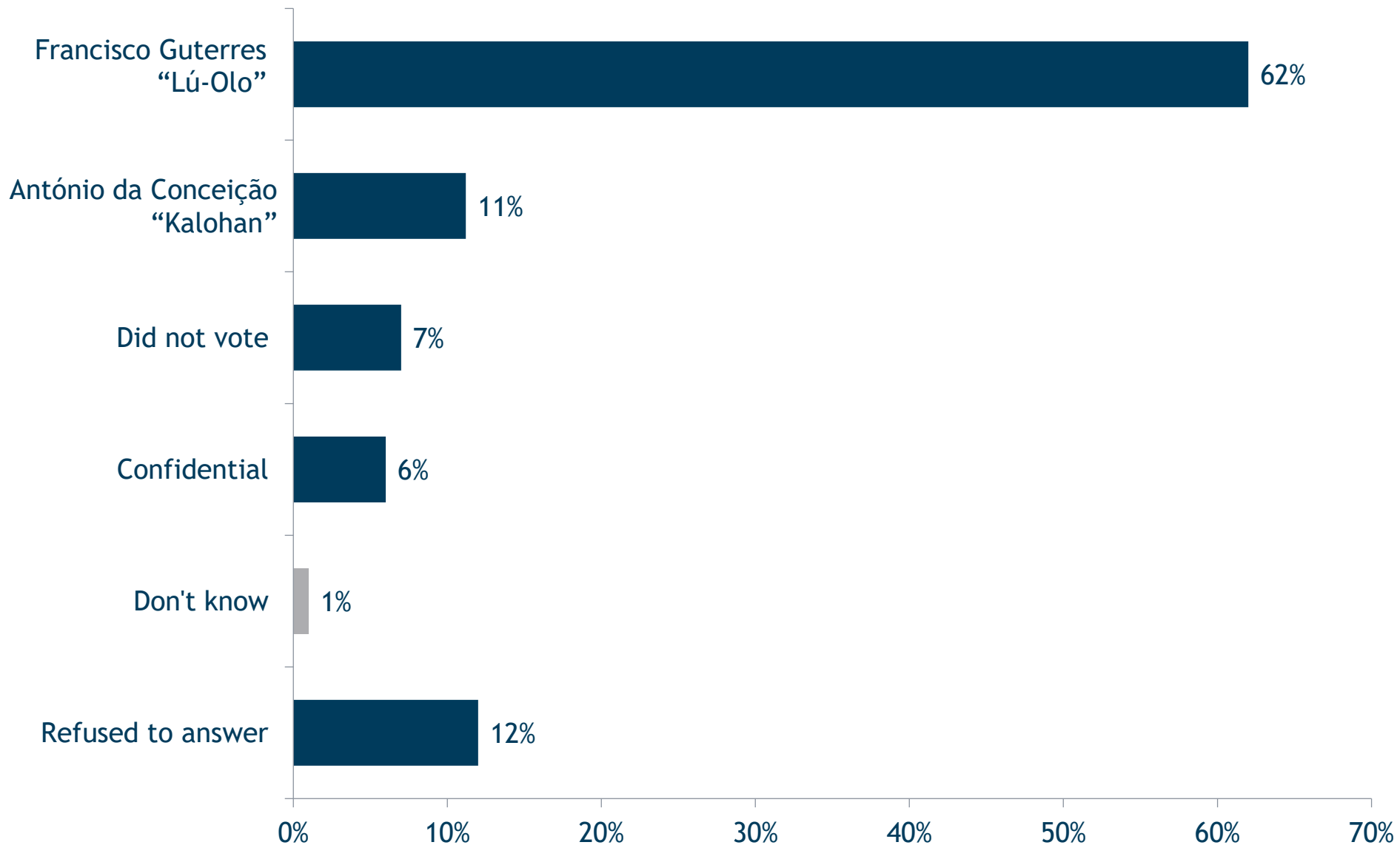
# In what ways did candidates reach out to you during the 2017 presidential election? (Open-ended)



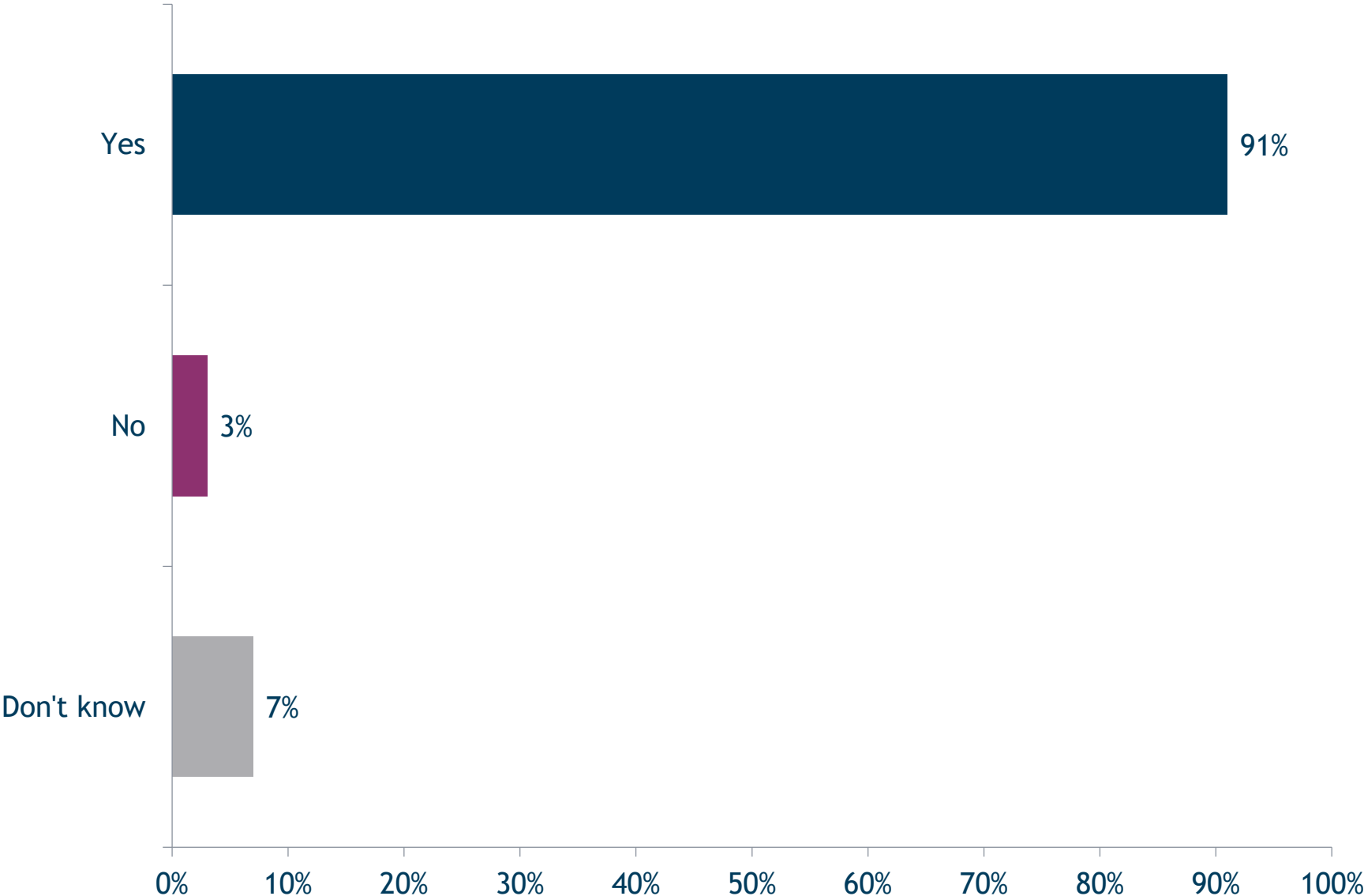
# How much information do you feel you had about the presidential candidates when you voted?



# Who did you vote for in the presidential election held on March 20, 2017? (Open-ended)

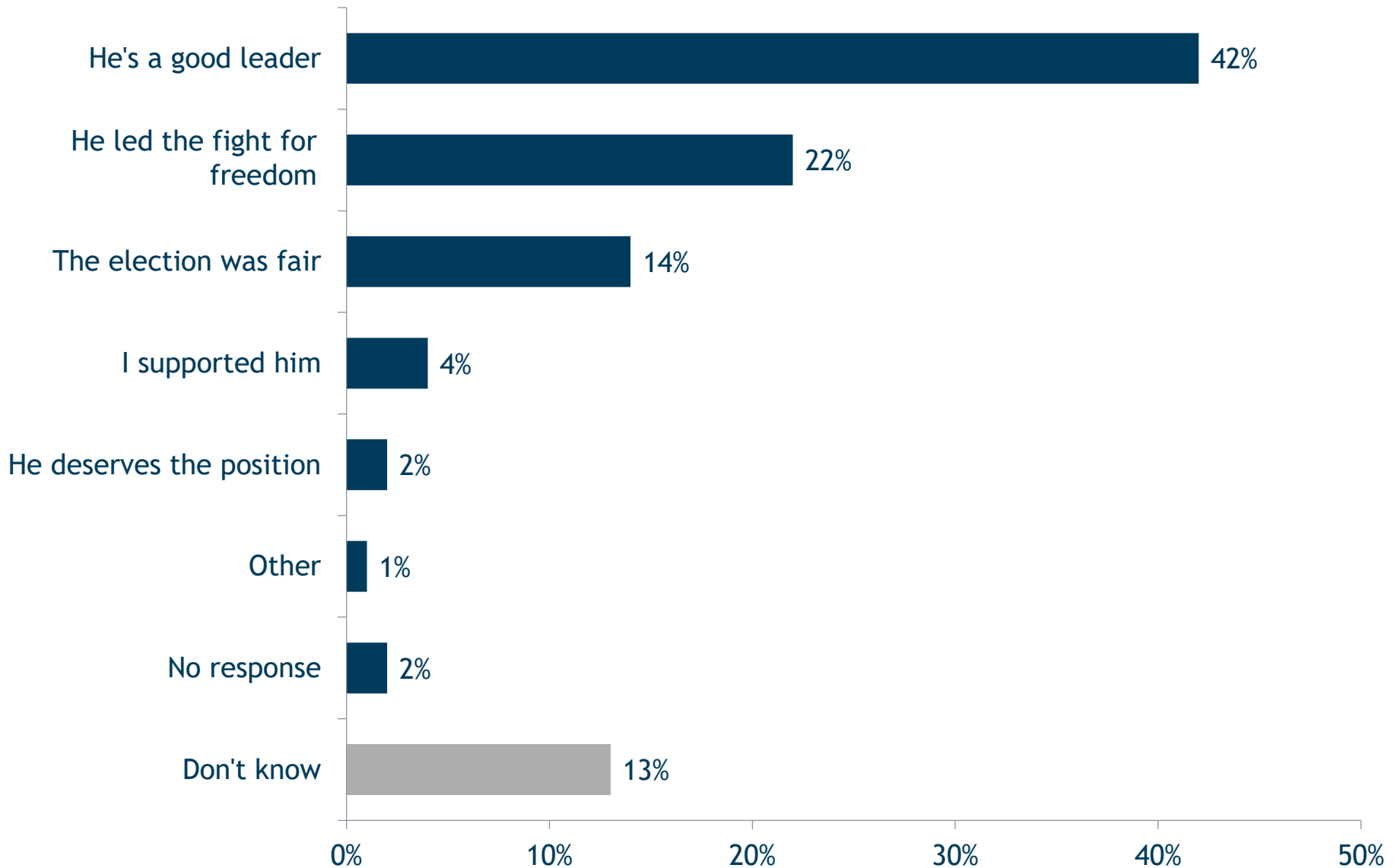


# Francisco Guterres “Lú-Olo” was elected President. Are you happy with this result?

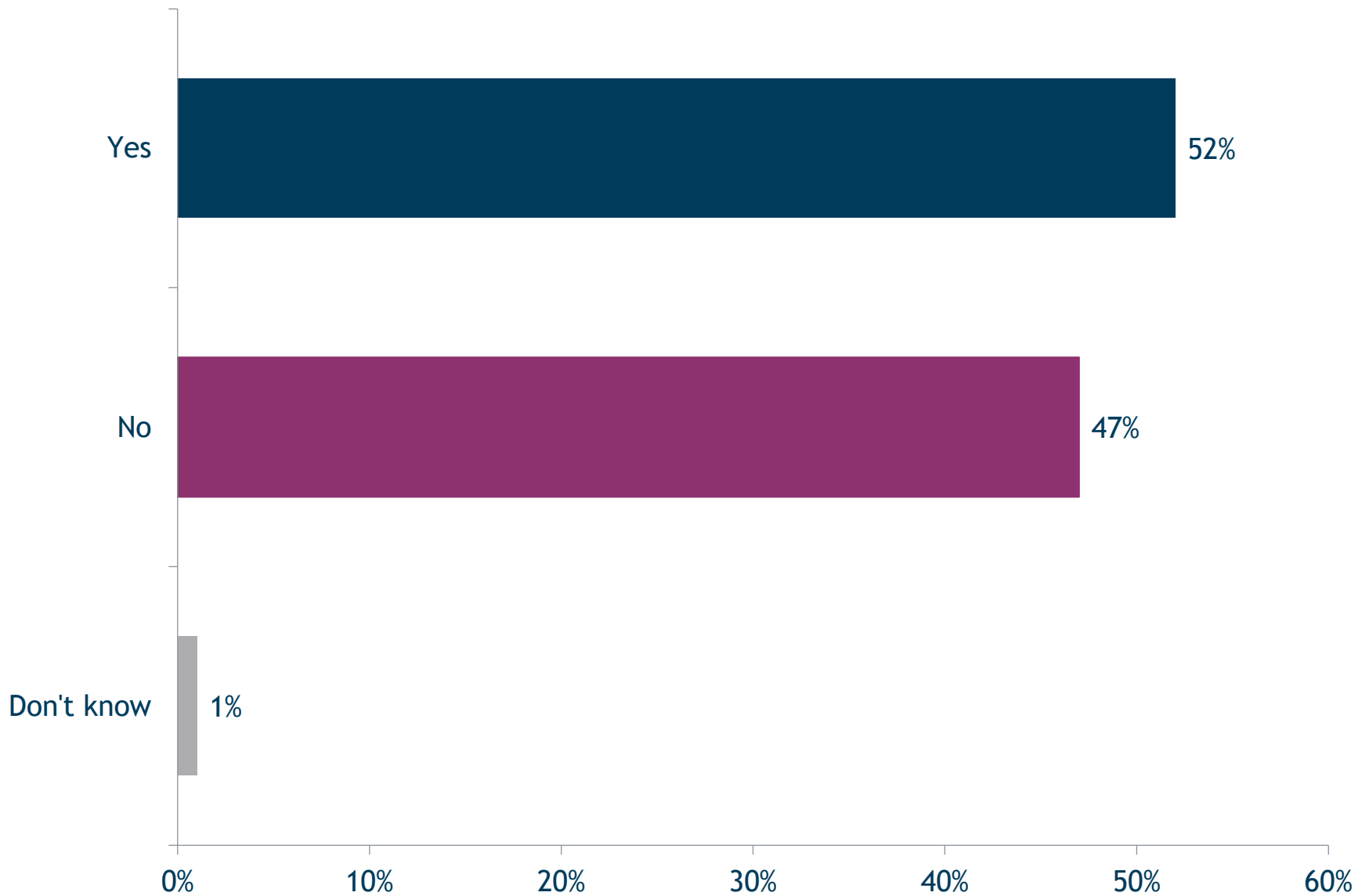


# Why were you happy with this result?

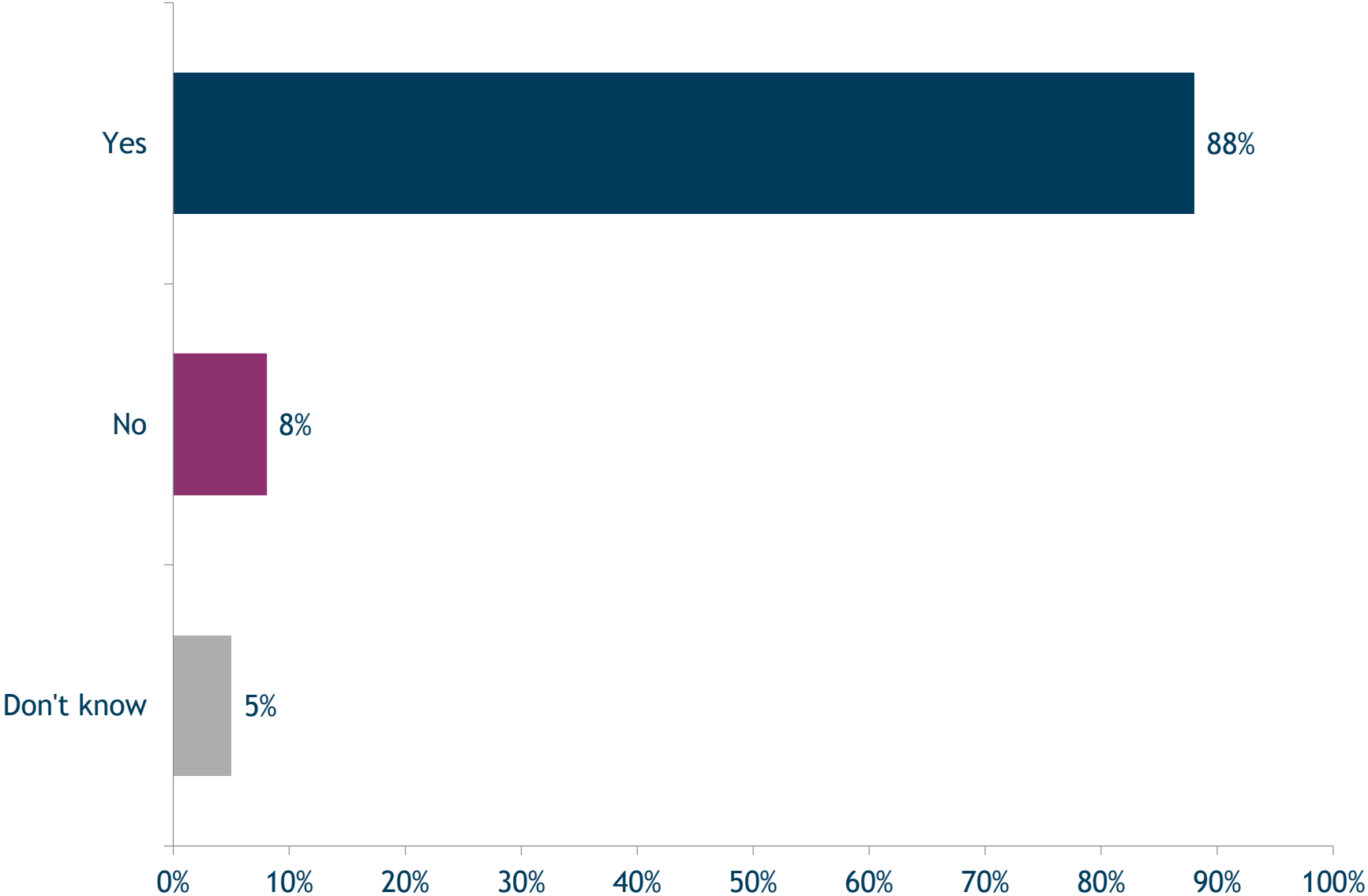
(Open-ended; respondents who answered affirmatively: n=1,087)



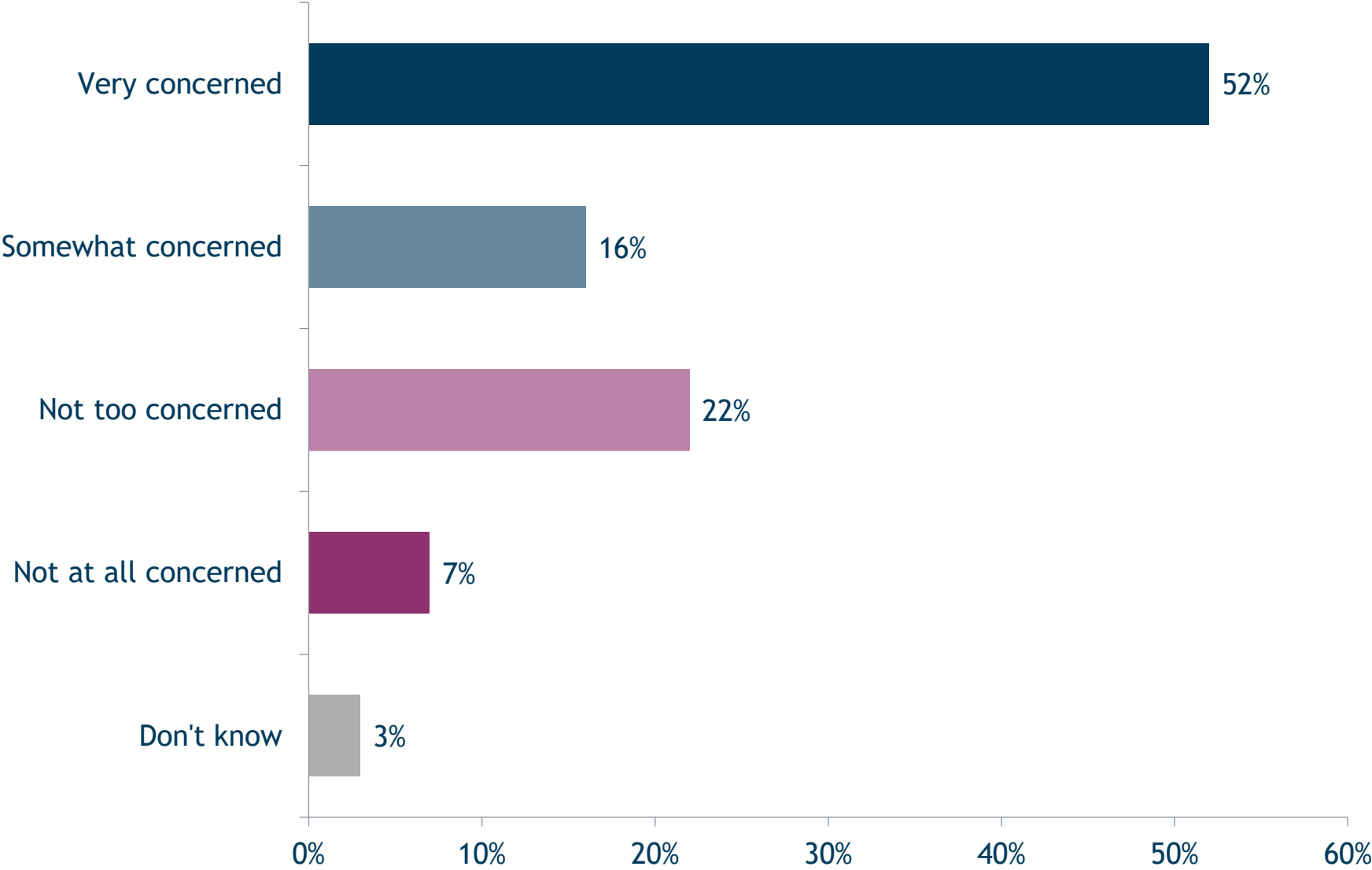
# Did you need to travel or miss days of work in order to vote? (Respondents who voted in the presidential election: n=1,116)



# Do you believe the presidential election was free and fair?

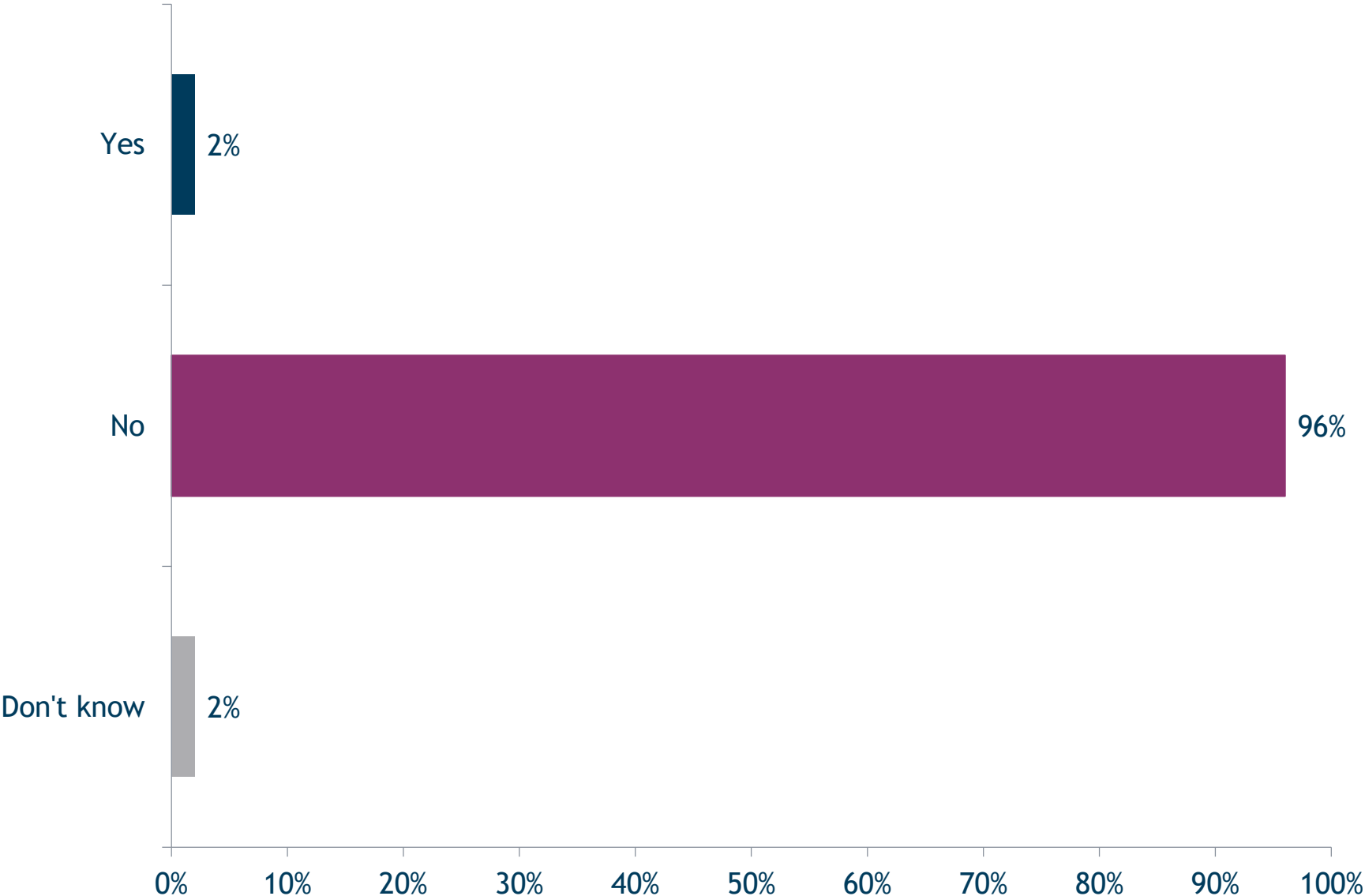


# How concerned were you about violence taking place during the 2017 presidential elections?

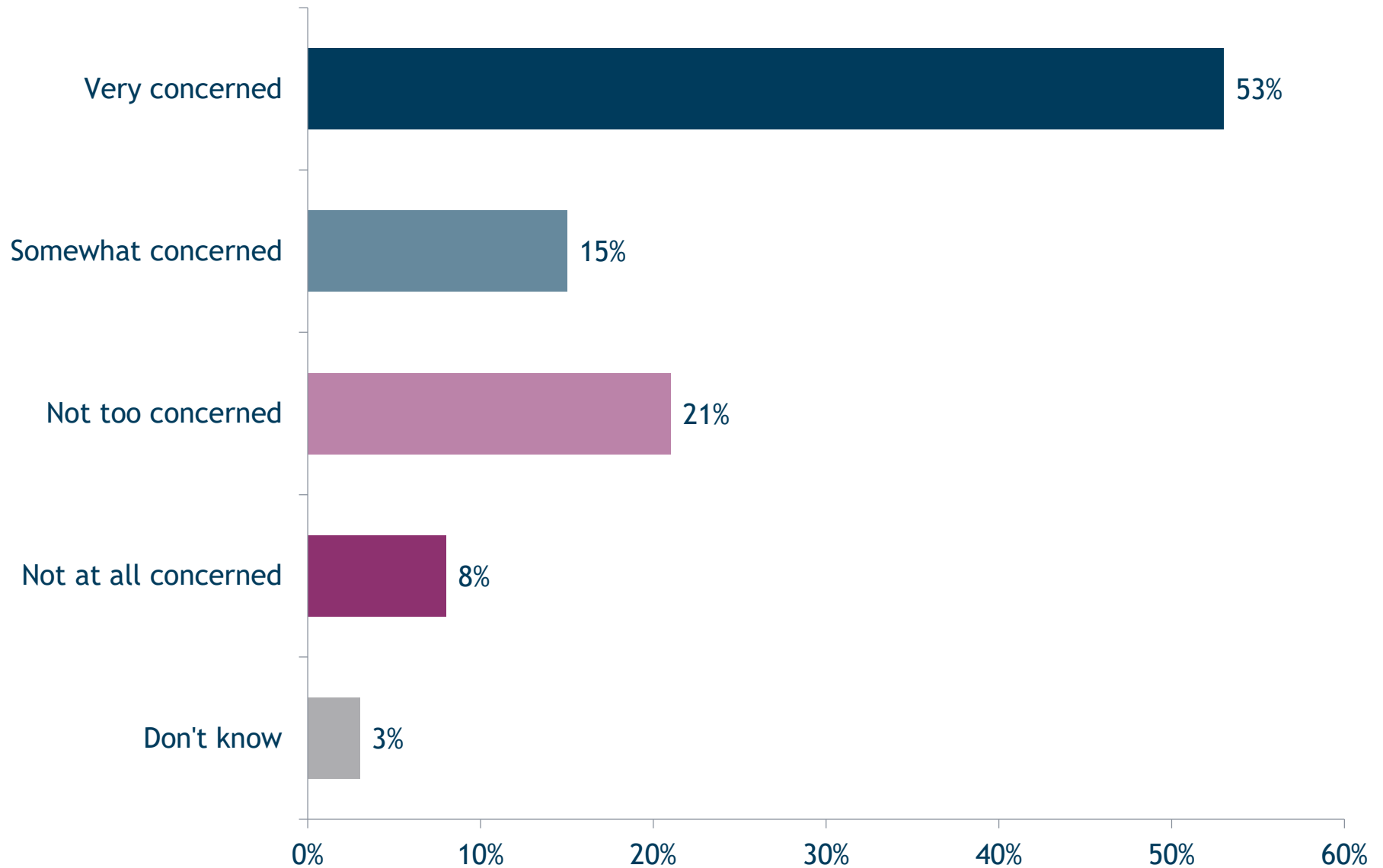




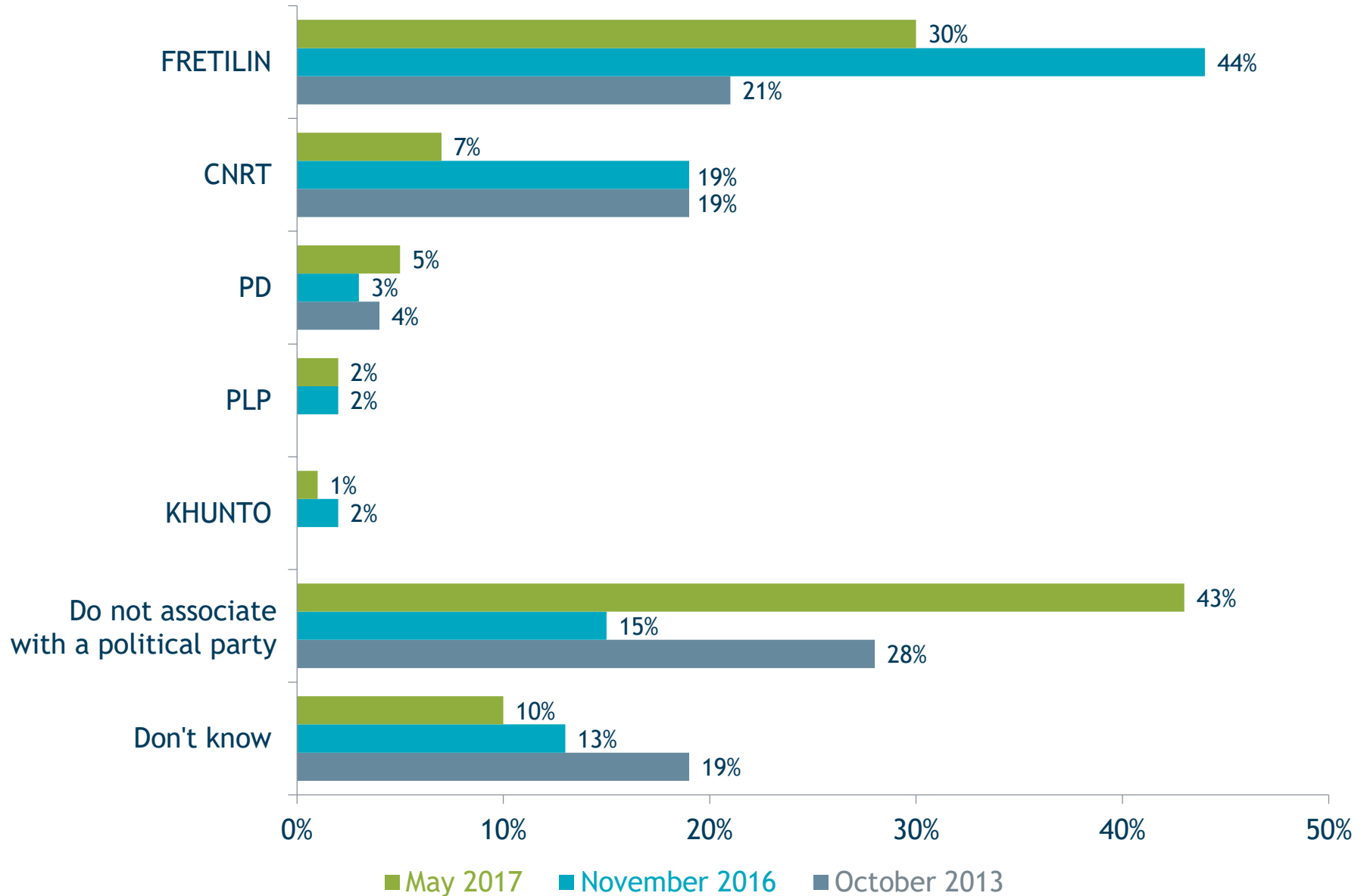
# Did you observe any violence during the March 20, 2017 presidential election?



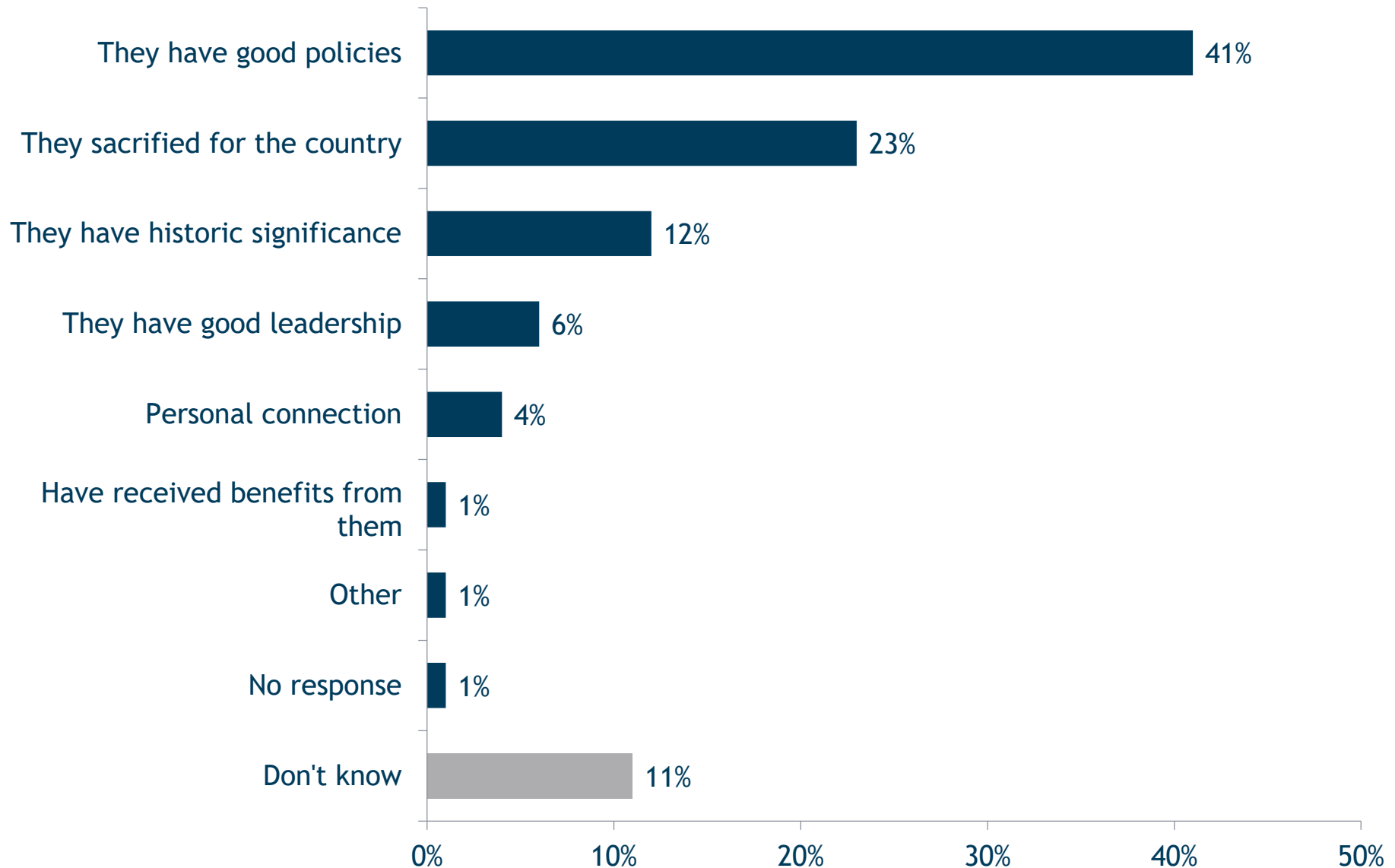
# How concerned are you that violence may take place in your district during the 2017 parliamentary elections?



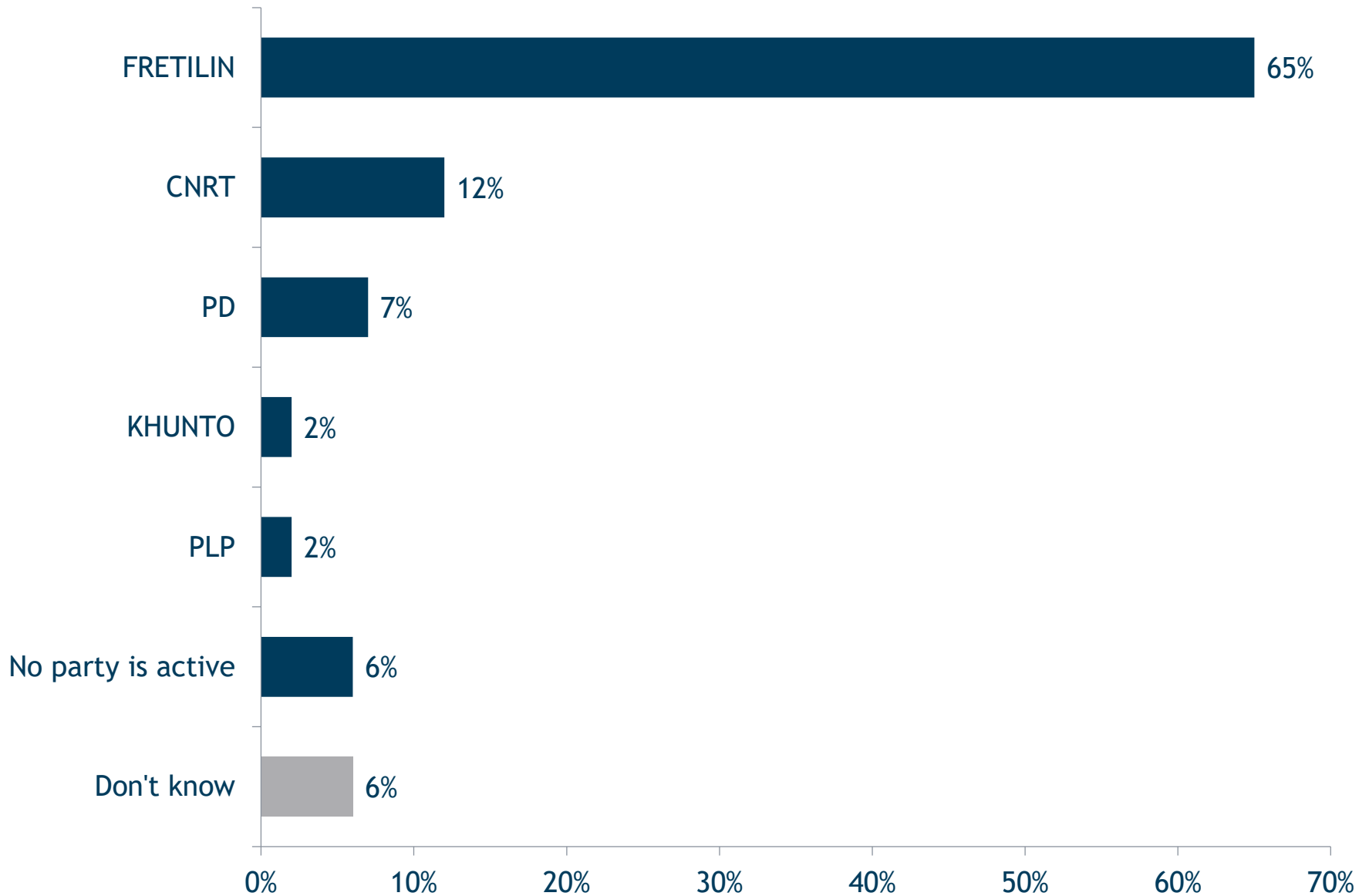
# Which political party do you associate with or belong to? (Open-ended)



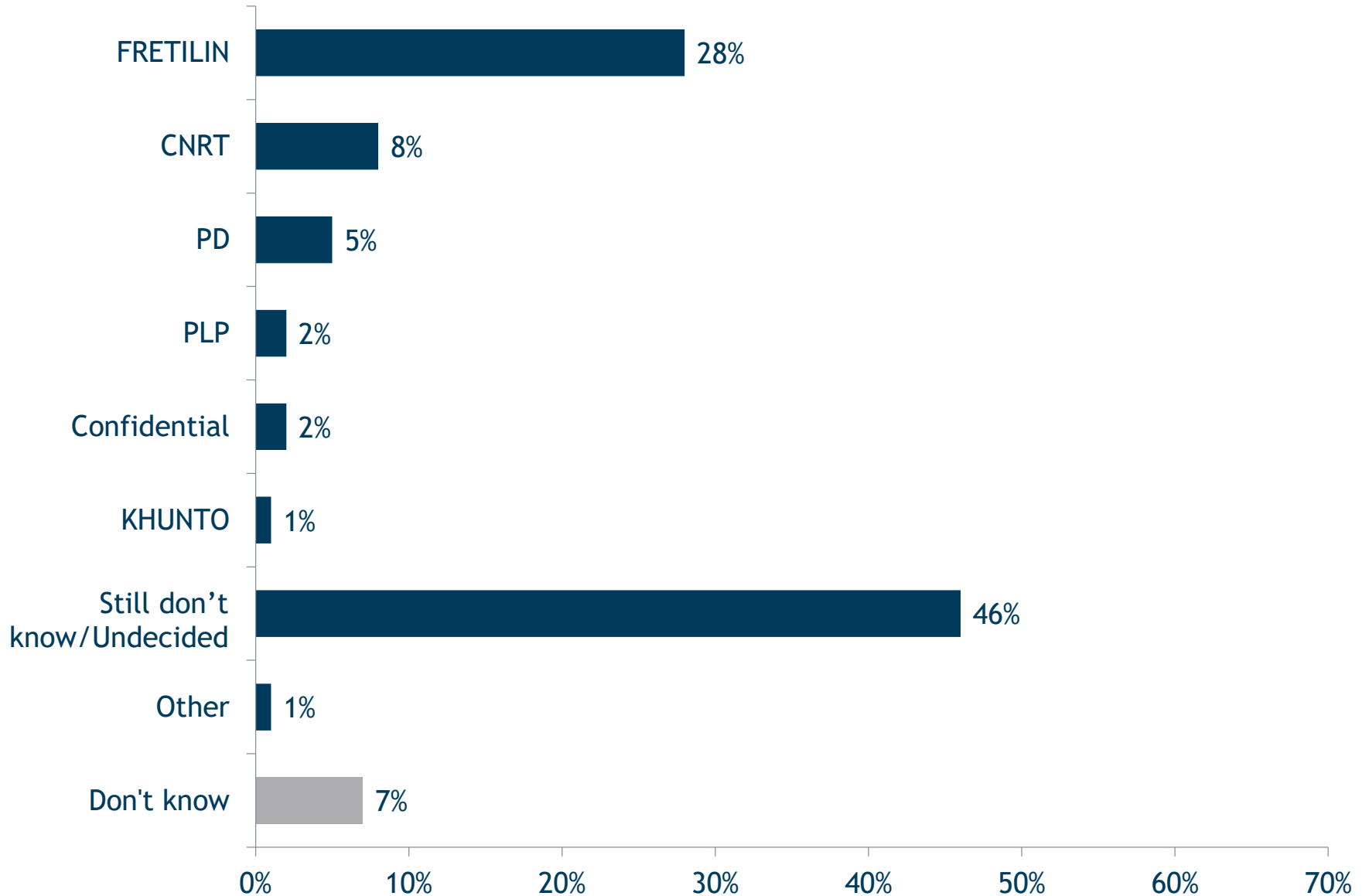
# What is the main reason that you associate with or belong to this party? (Open-ended; respondents who answered affirmatively: n=564)



# Which political party is most active in your neighborhood? (Open-ended)

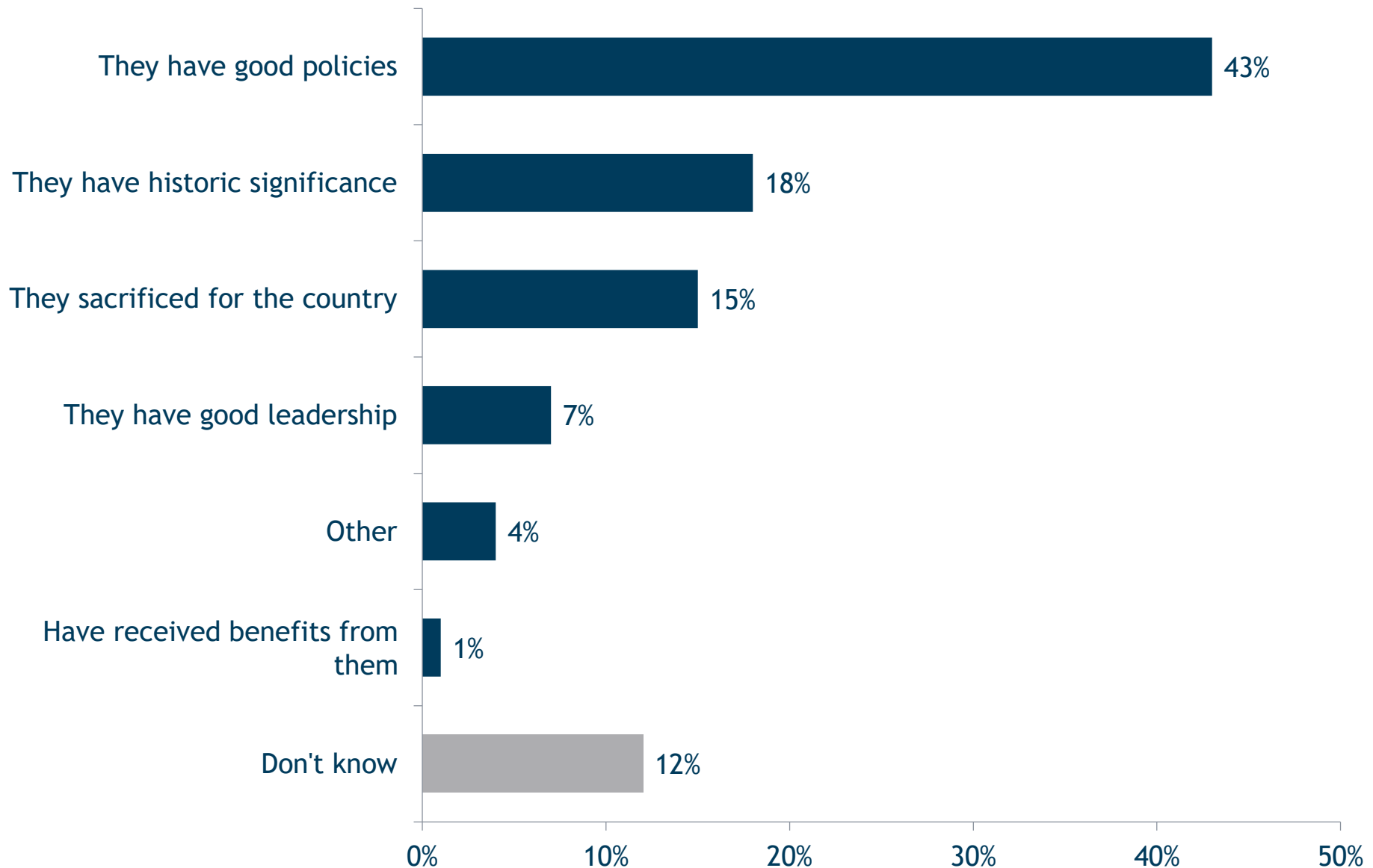


# If the parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, which political party would you vote for? (Open-ended)



# Why would you vote for that particular party?

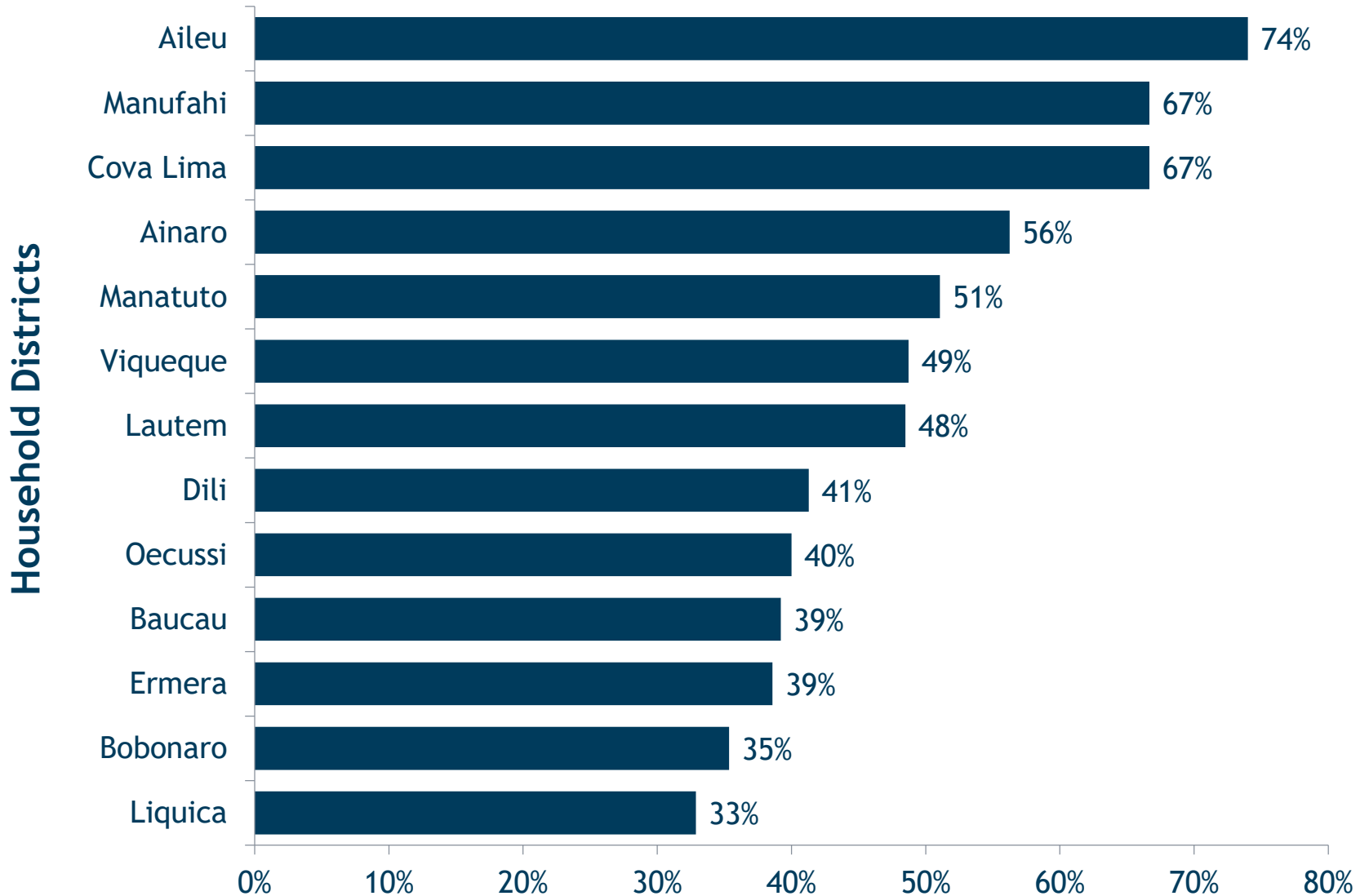
(Open-ended; respondents who would vote for a political party: n=565)



## Examining undecided voters:

If the parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, which political party would you vote for?

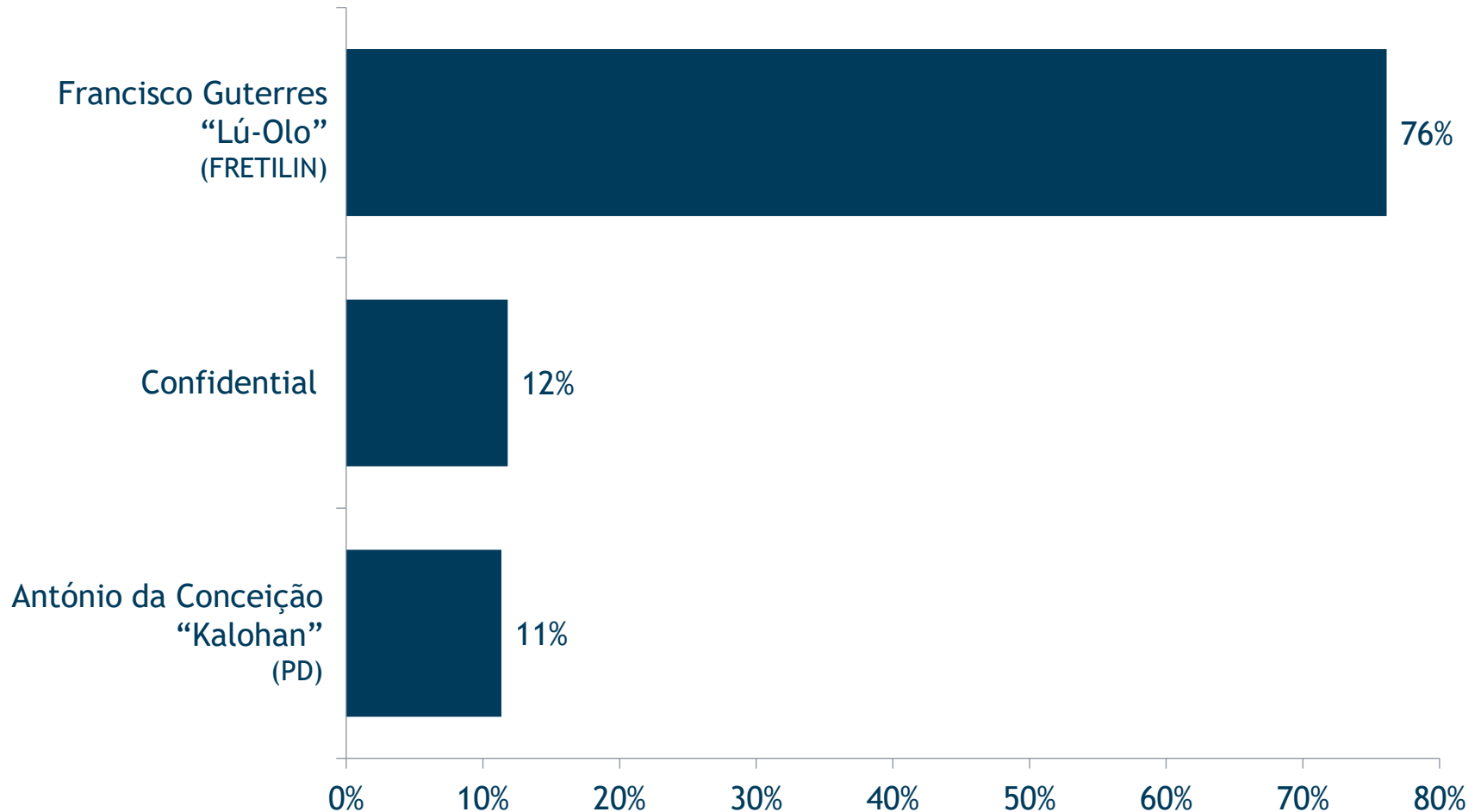
(Respondents who are undecided in each district)





## Examining undecided voters:

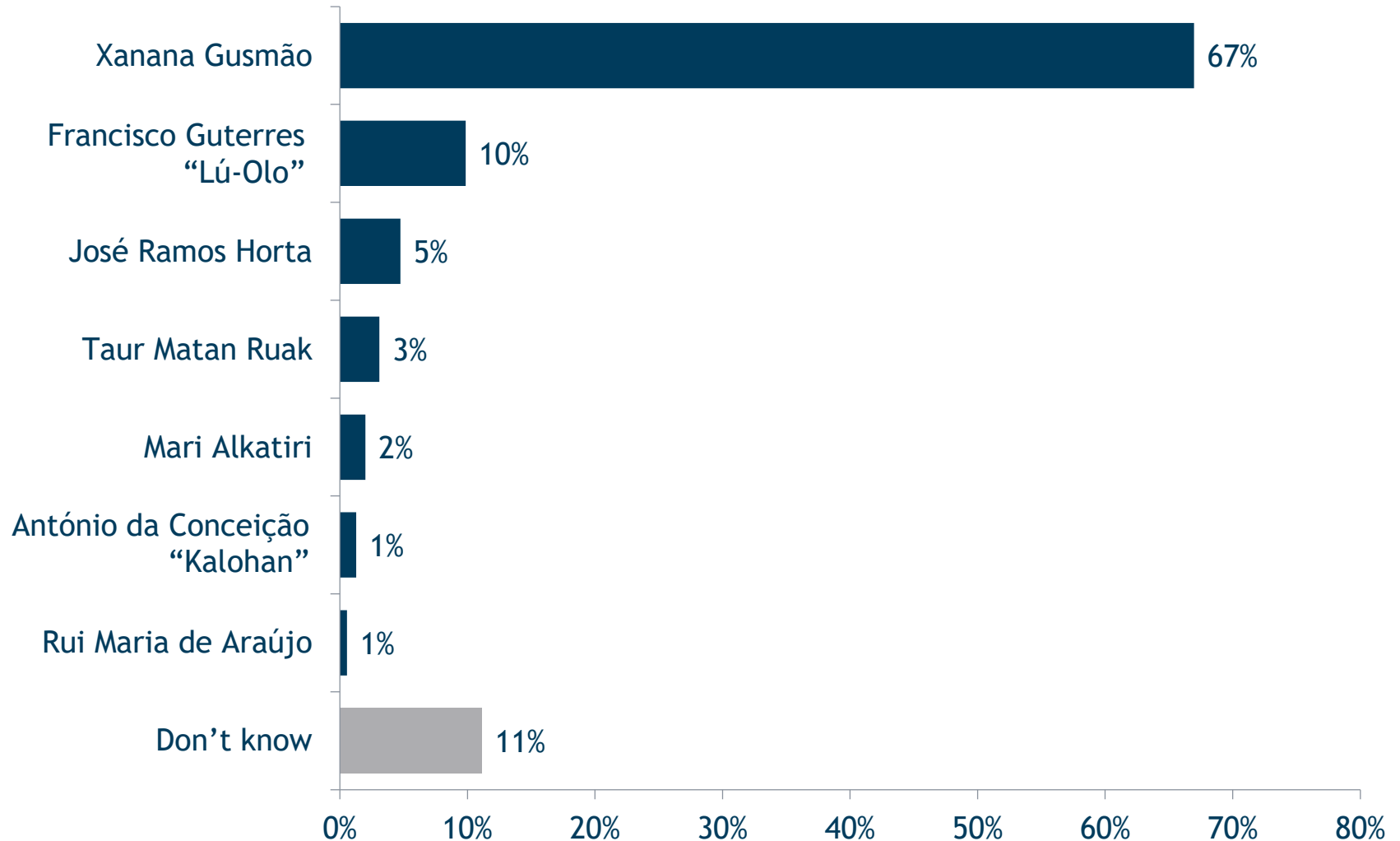
Who did you vote for in the presidential election held on March 20, 2017?  
(Respondents who are undecided in the July 2017 parliamentary elections: n=548)



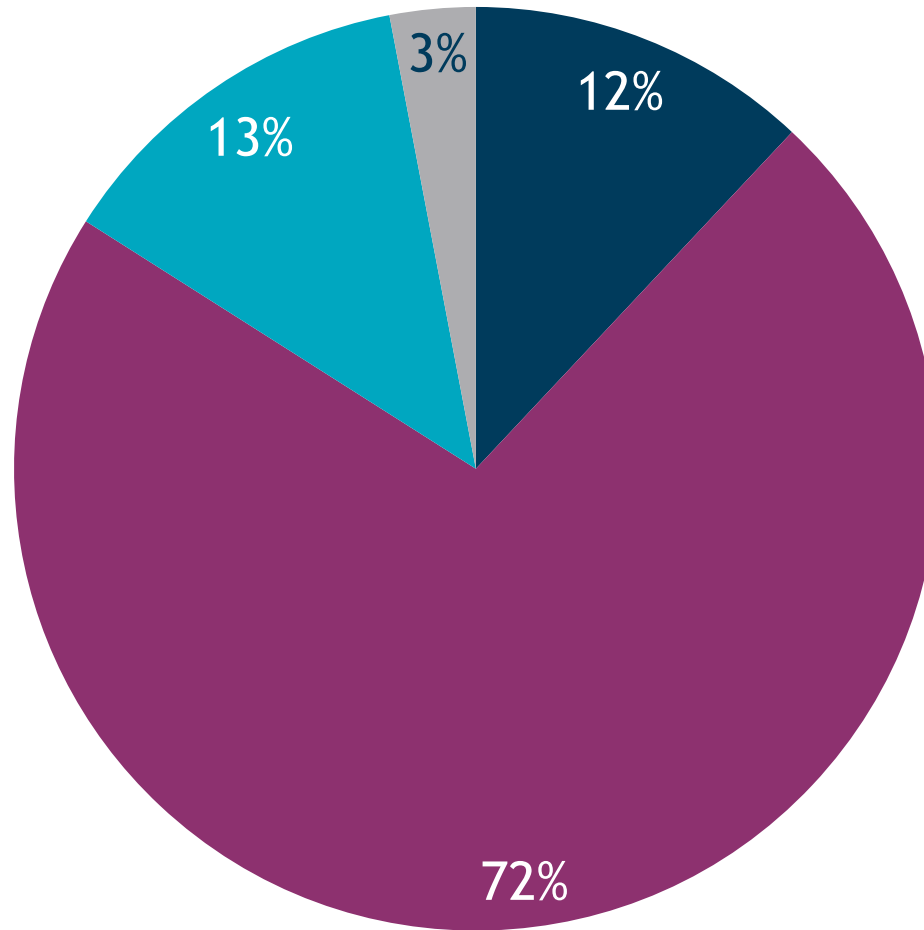
## Examining undecided voters:

In your opinion, who is the best political or government leader in Timor-Leste?

(Respondents who are undecided in the July 2017 parliamentary elections: n=548)

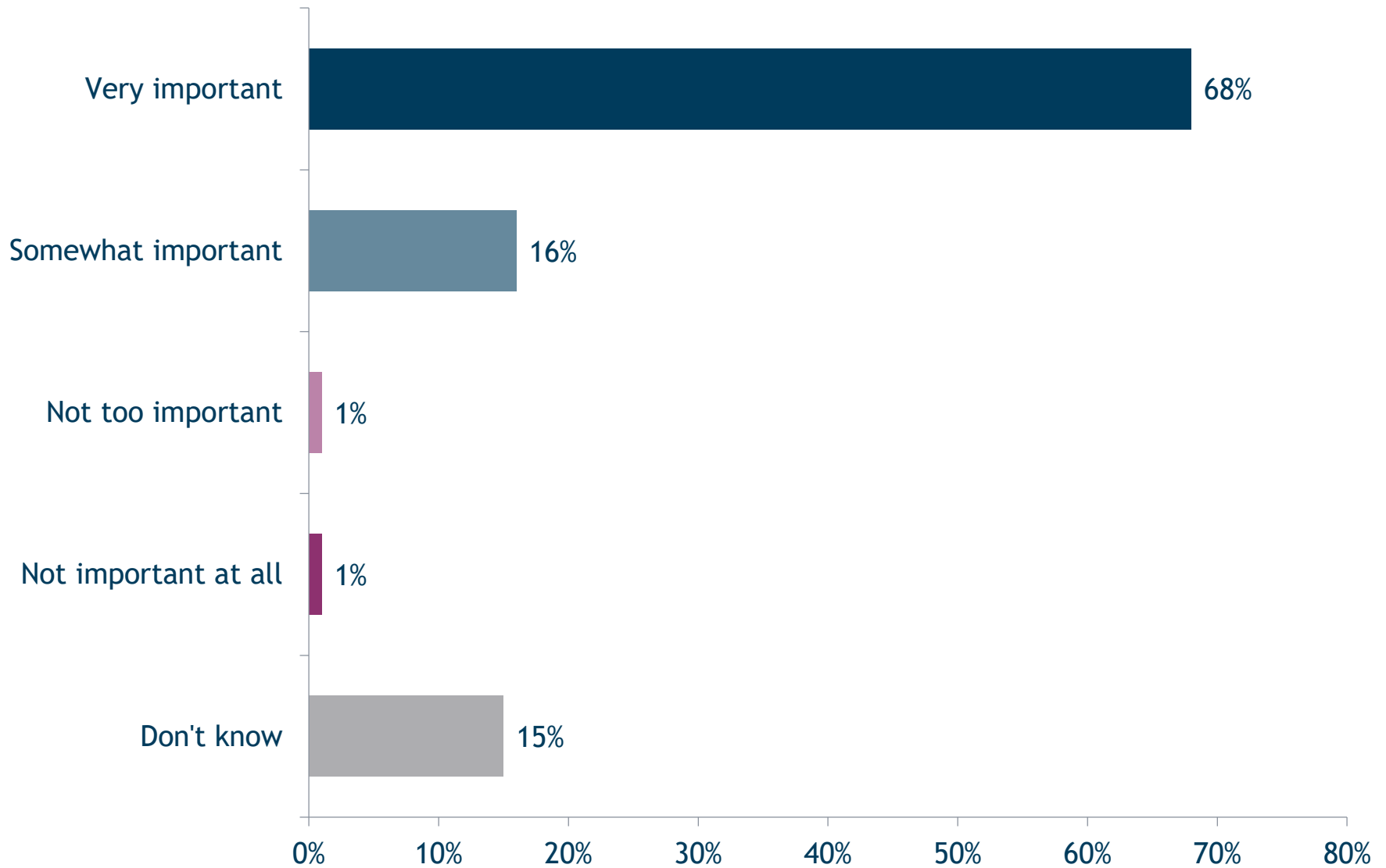


Would you consider voting for other political parties in future elections?

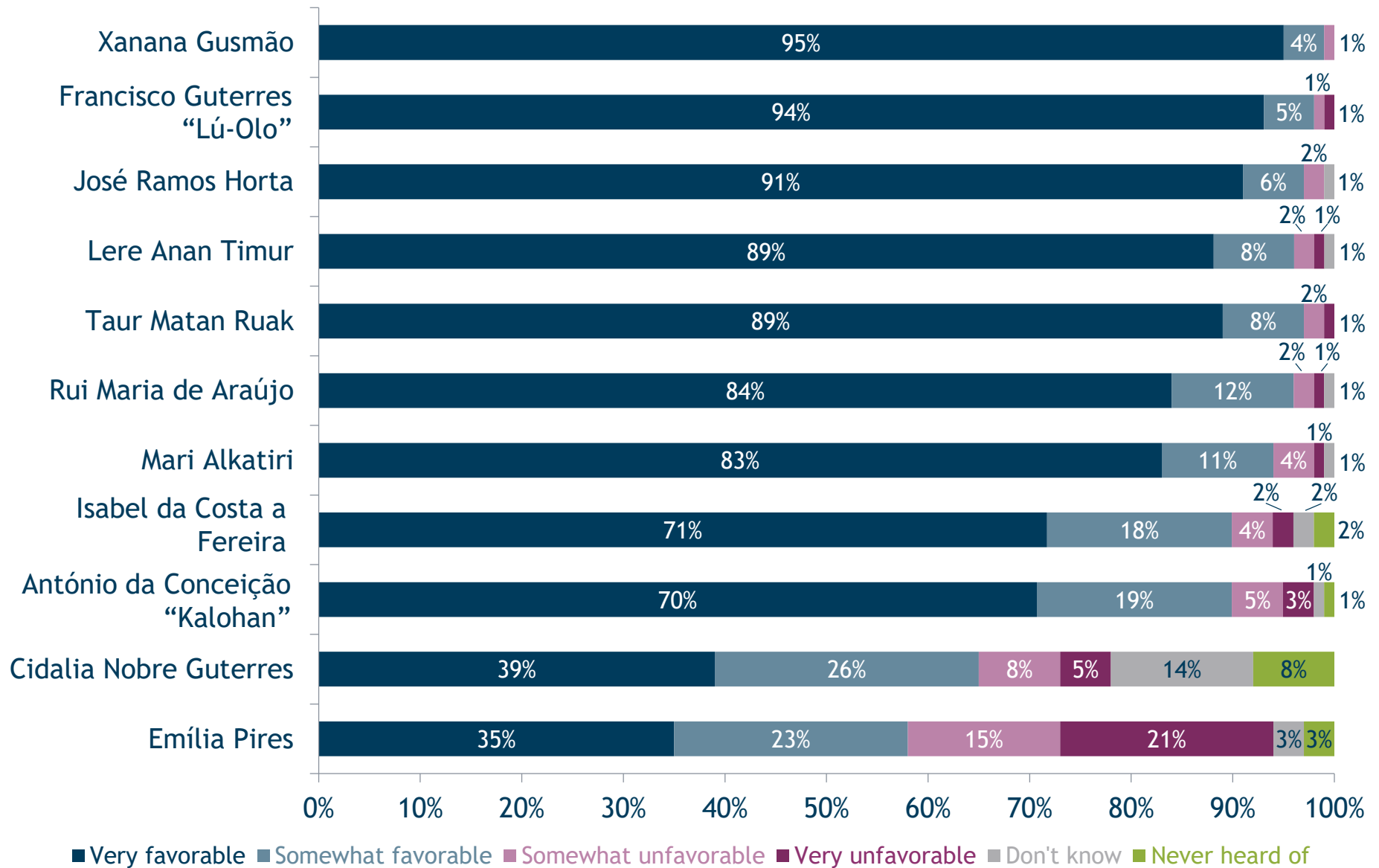


■ Yes ■ No ■ Maybe ■ Don't know

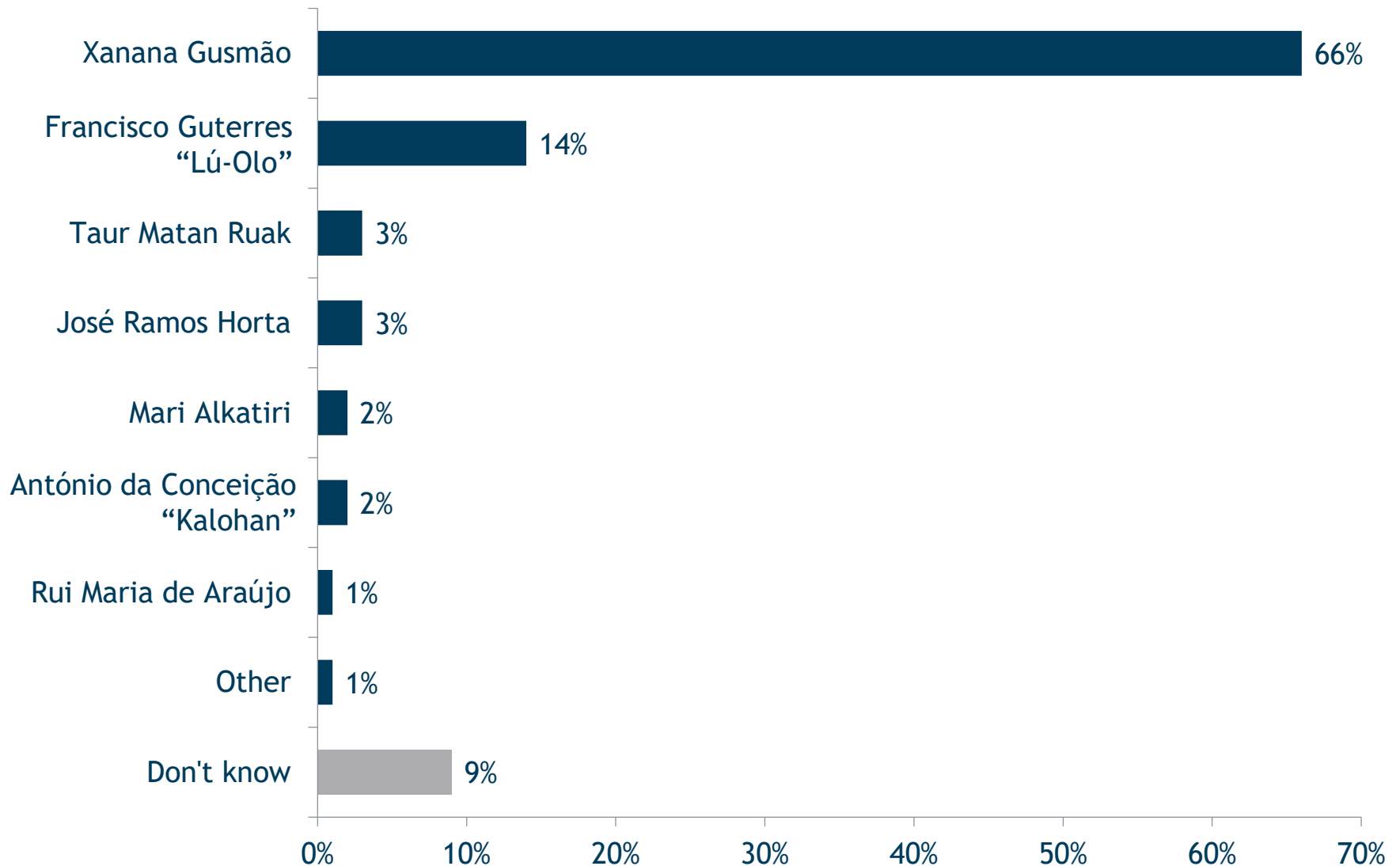
# How important is it to have a strong opposition in the National Parliament?



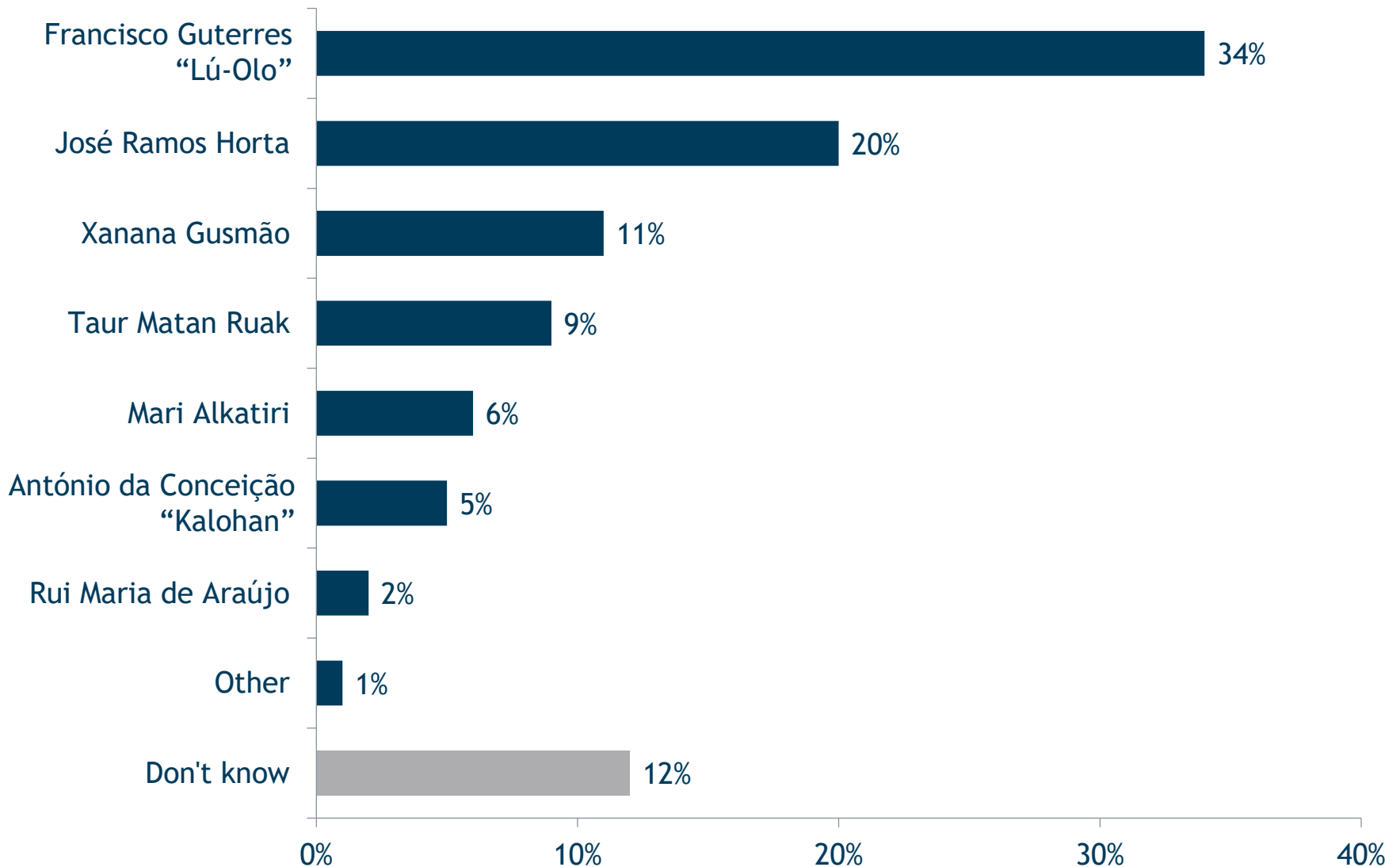
# Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people?



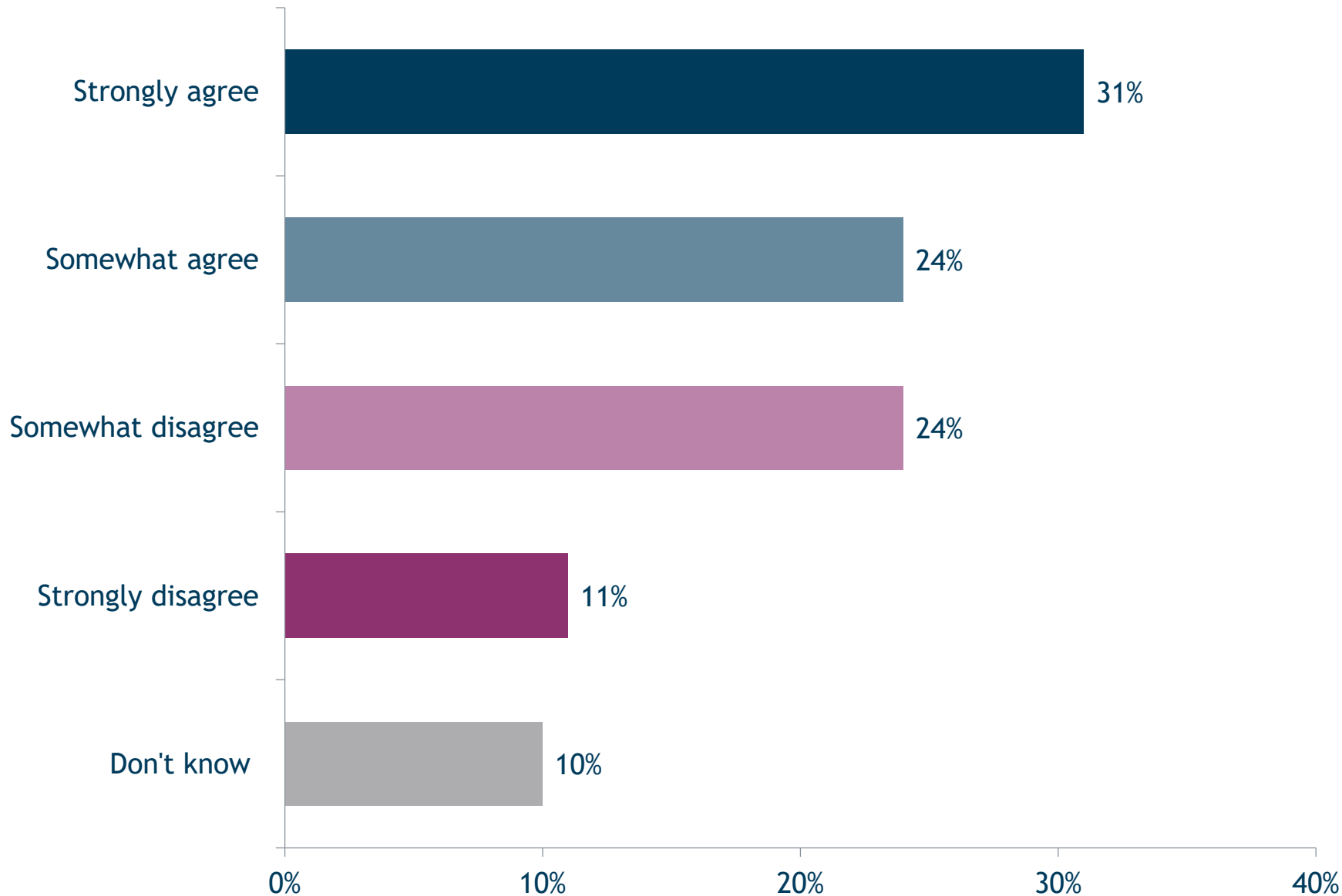
# In your opinion, who is the best political or government leader in Timor-Leste? (Open-ended)



# In your opinion, who is the second best political or government leader in Timor-Leste? (Open-ended)

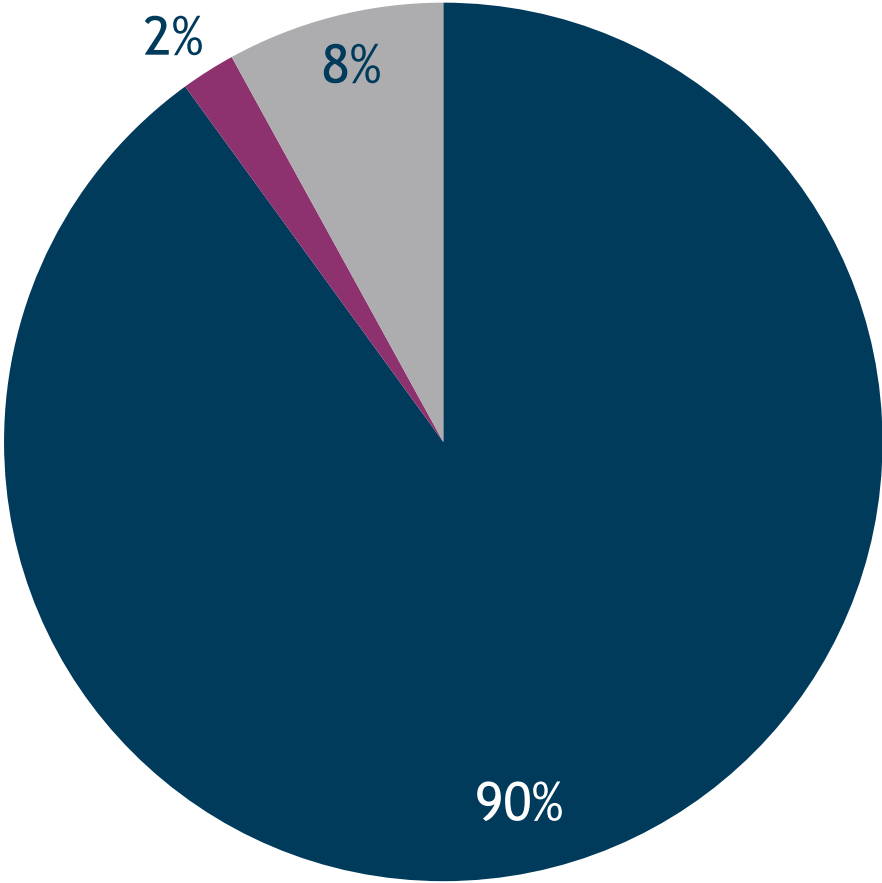


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
“It is time for the older generation to step back from leading the country.”





# Do you feel free to express your political opinions in the area where you live?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

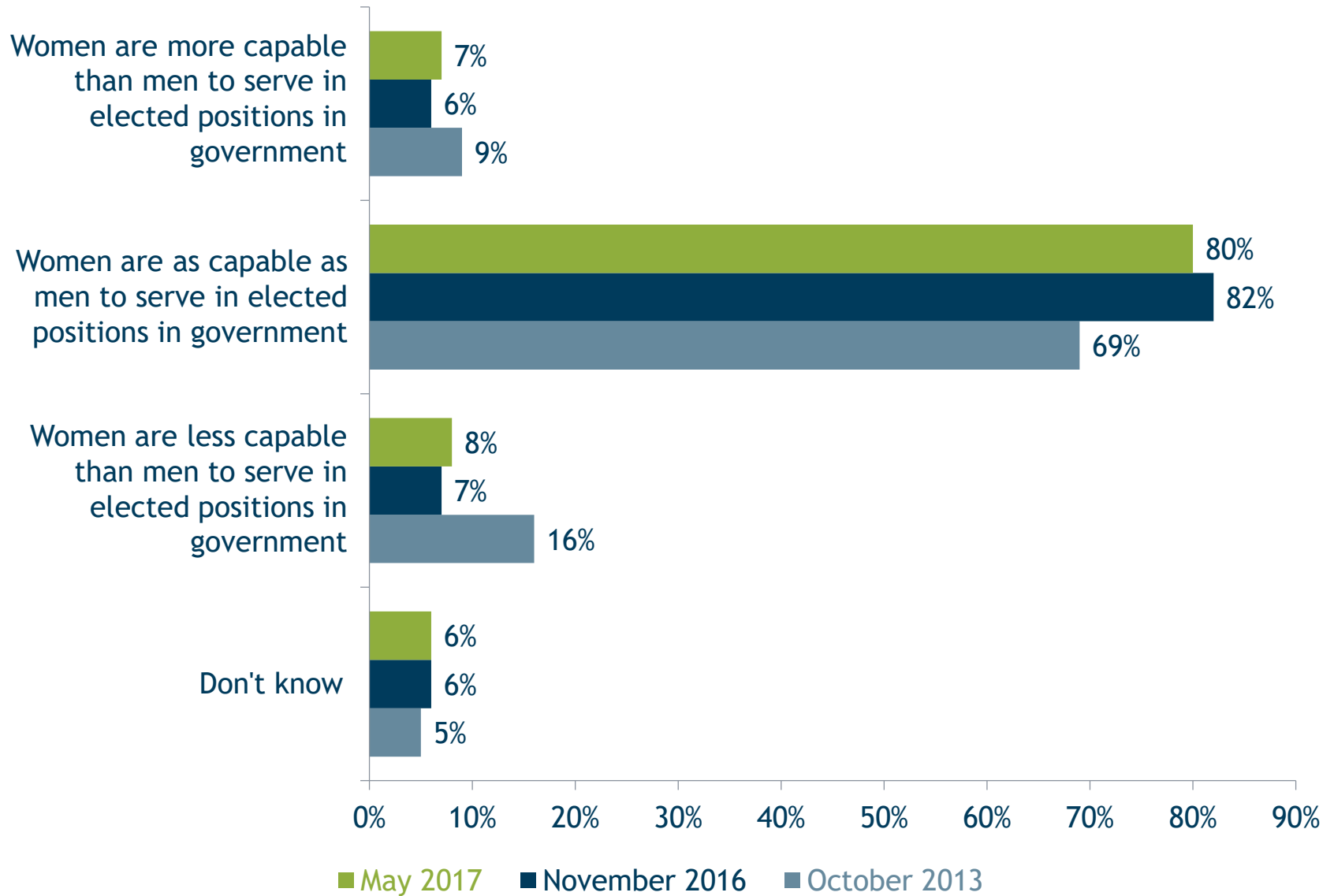


# Women and Youth

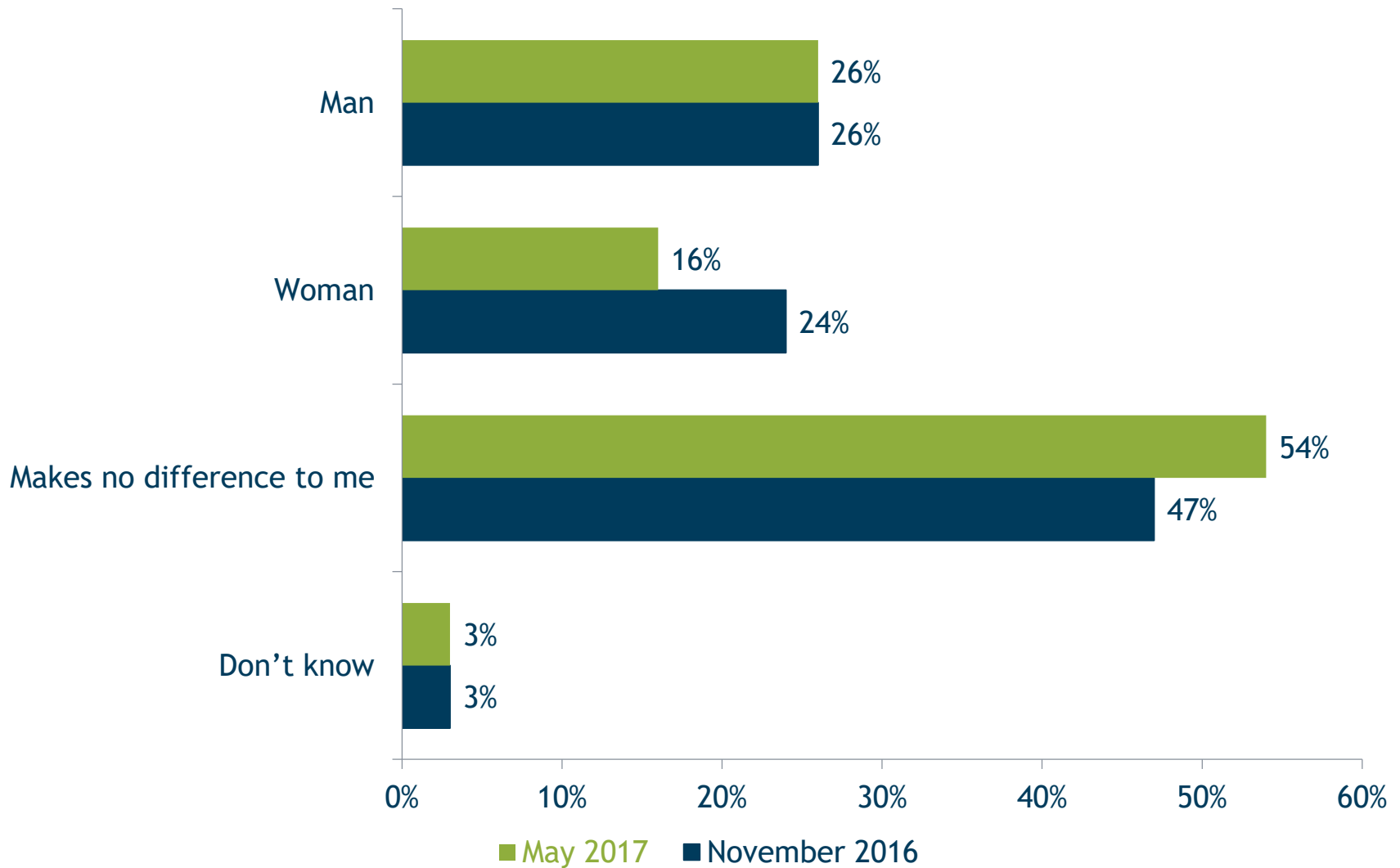
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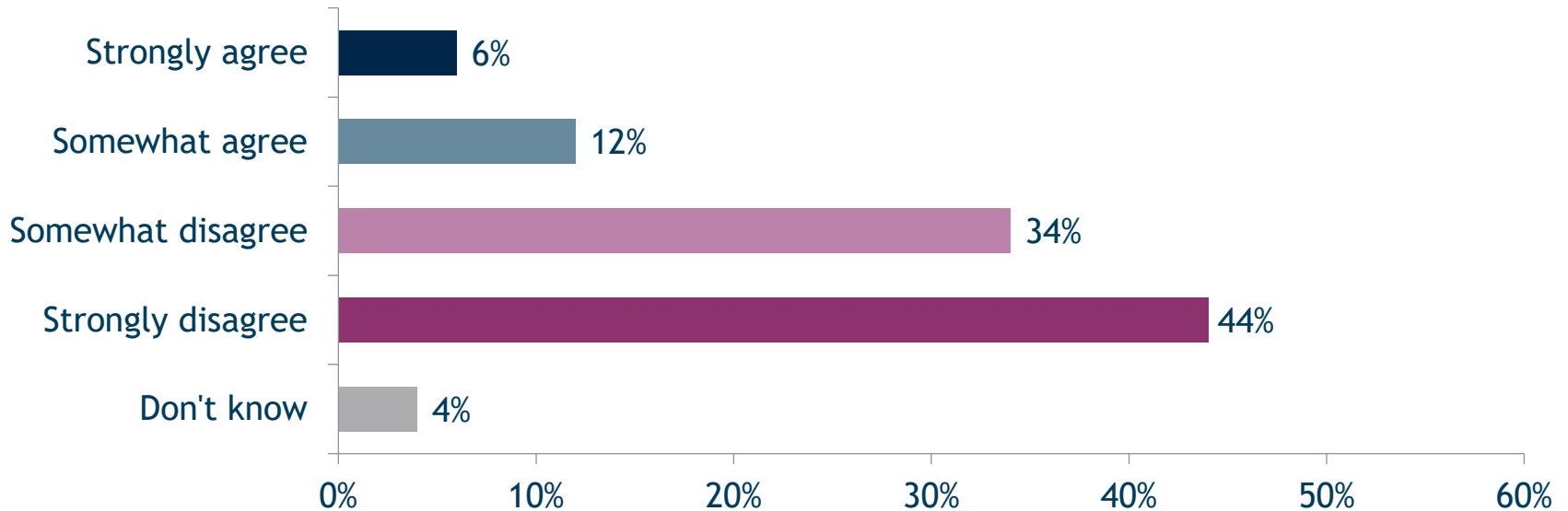
# Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?



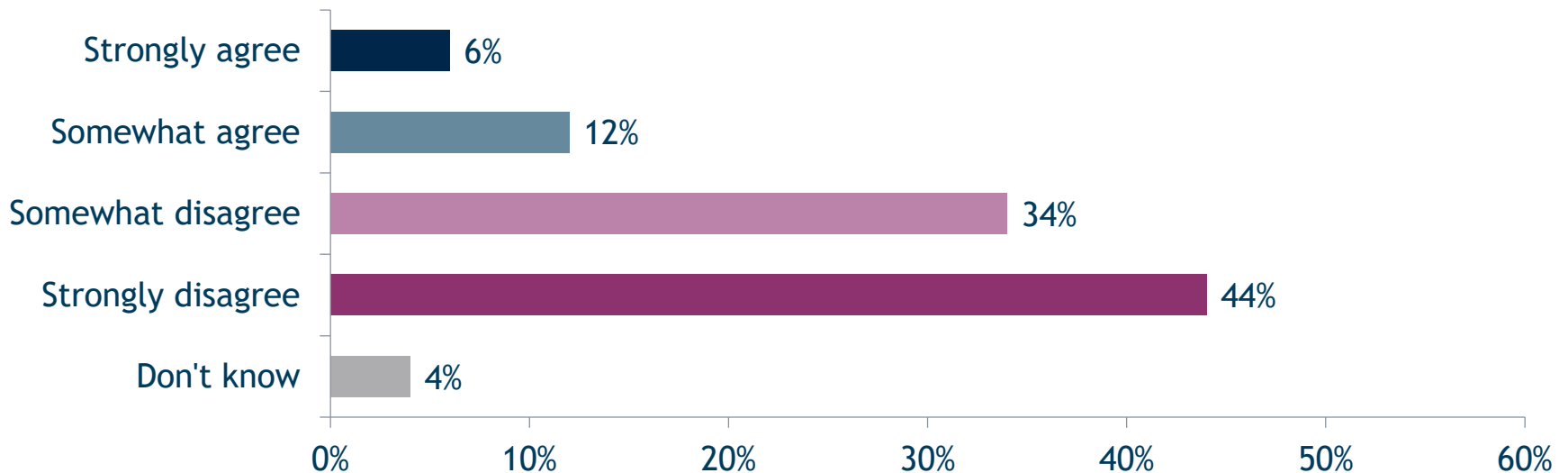
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



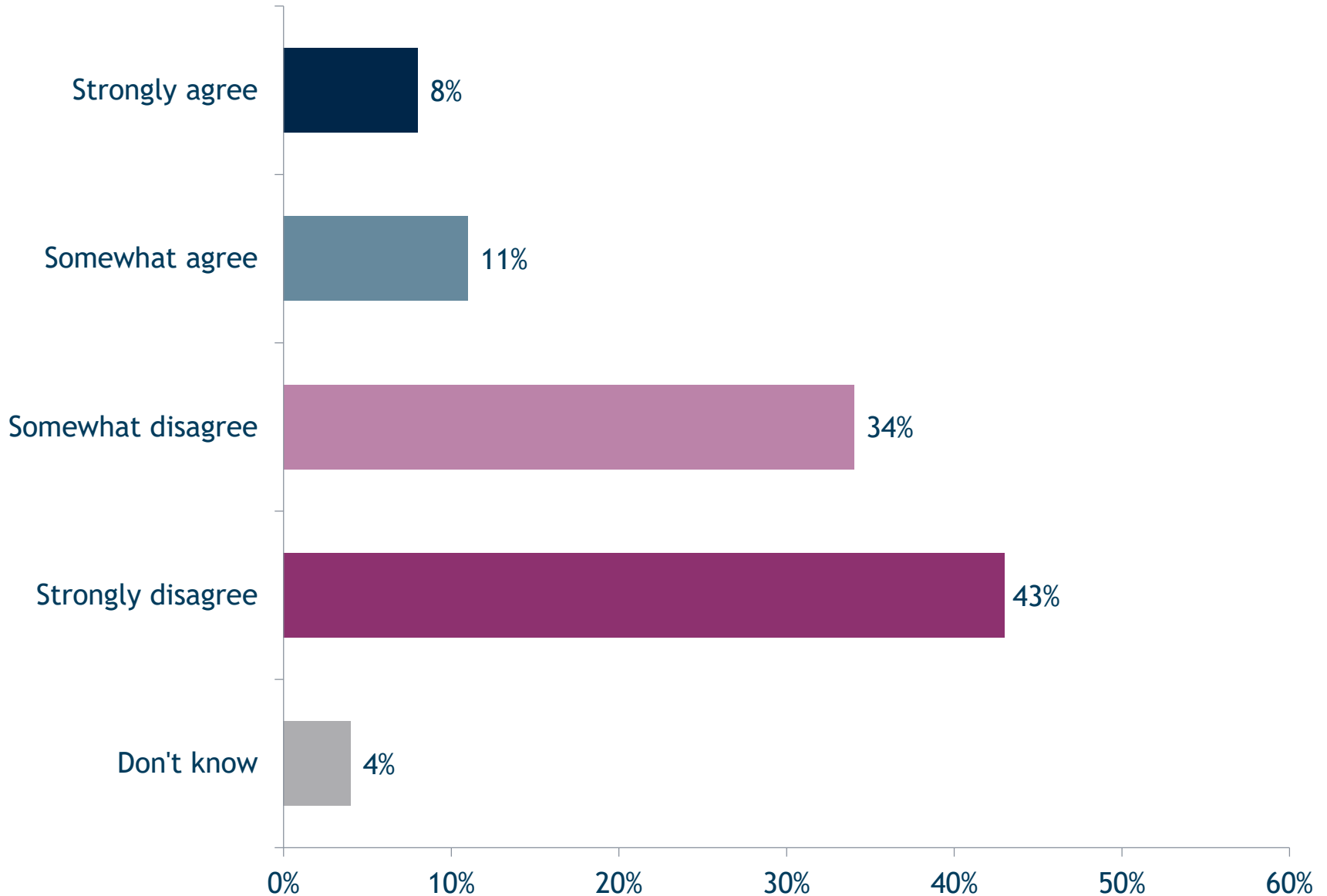
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
“Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”



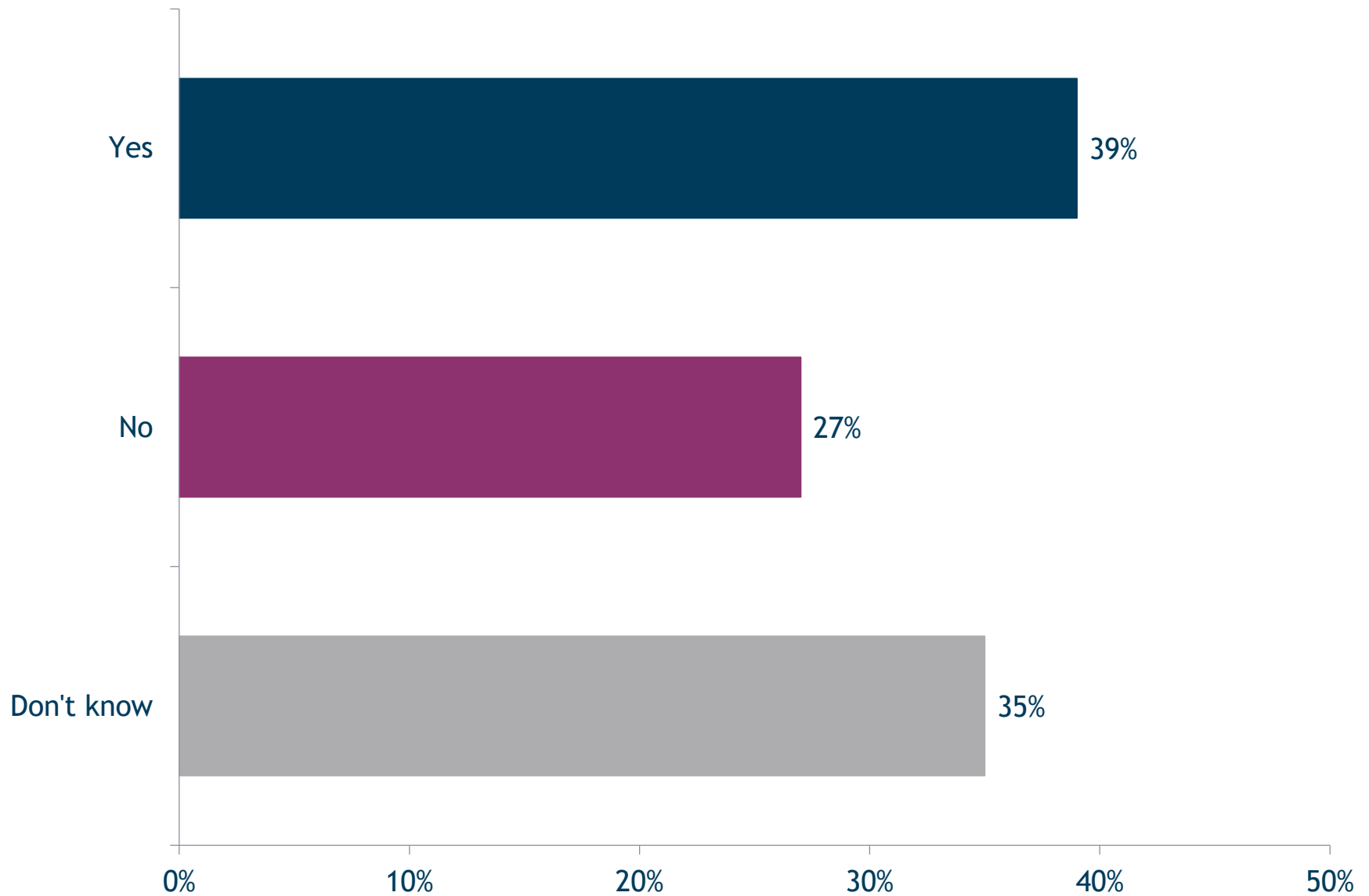
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
“Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
“Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of citizens.”

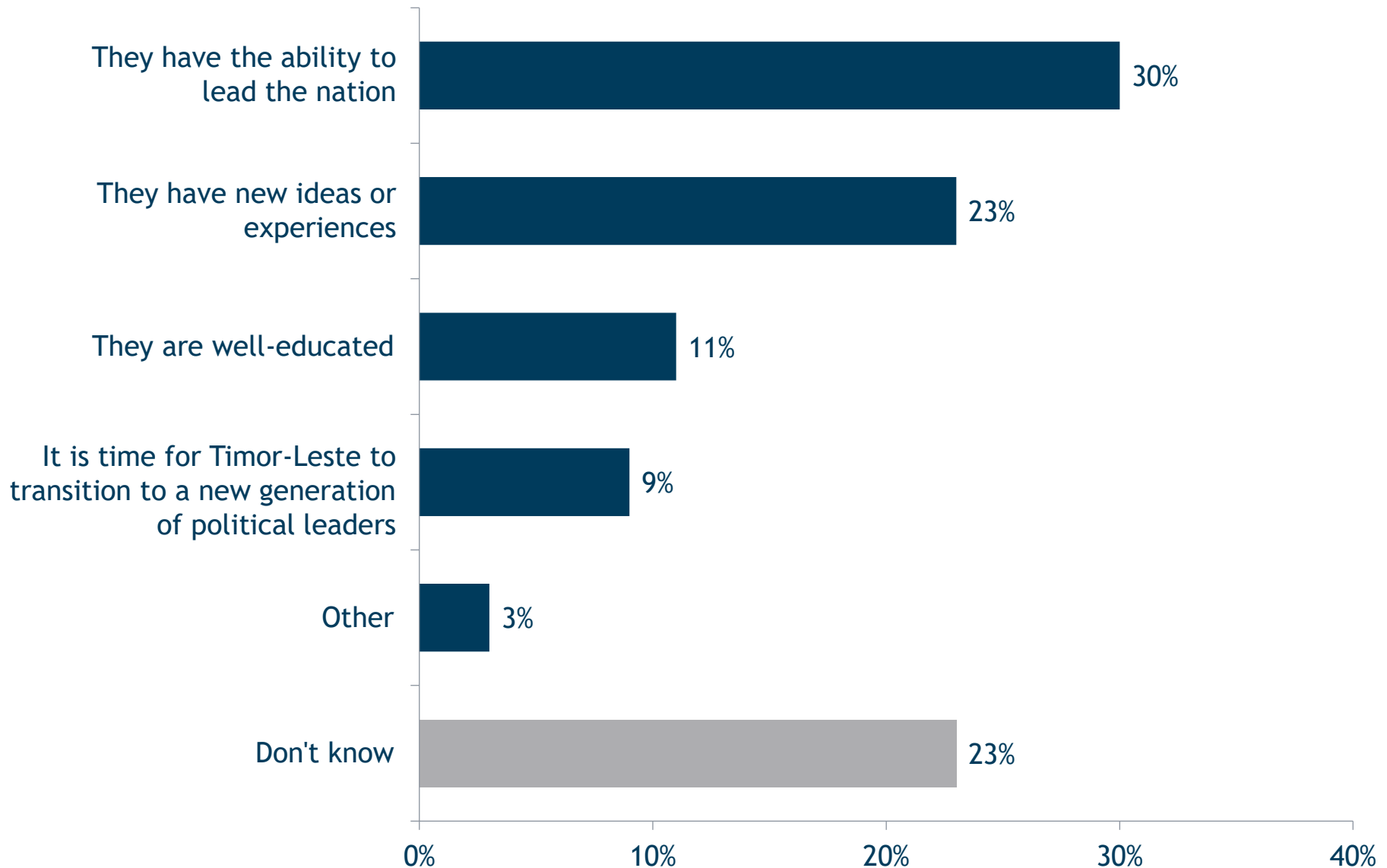


# Do you believe that young people are capable of becoming leaders of political parties?



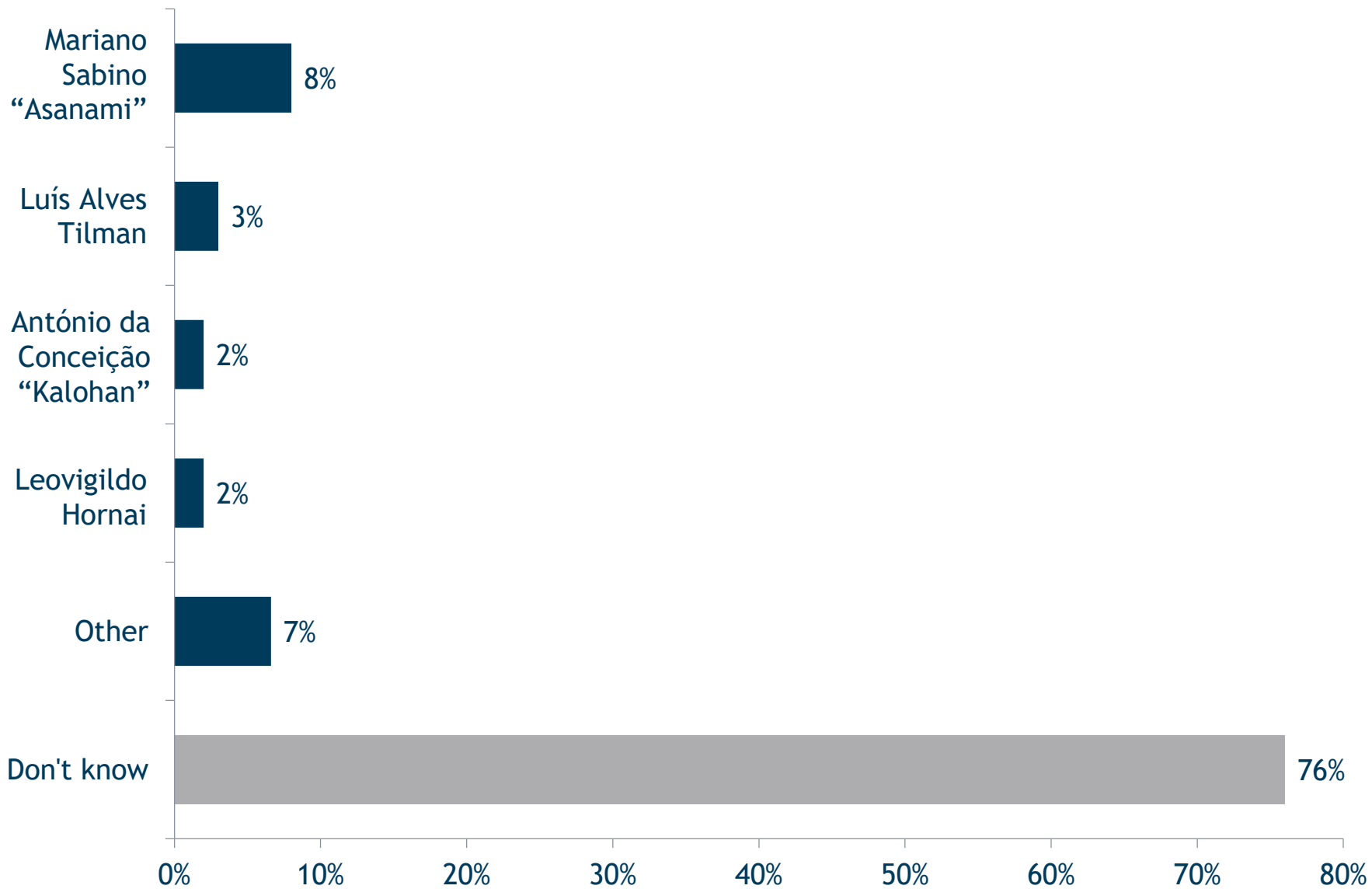
# Why do you believe that young people are capable of becoming political leaders?

(Open-ended; respondents who answered affirmatively: n=462)

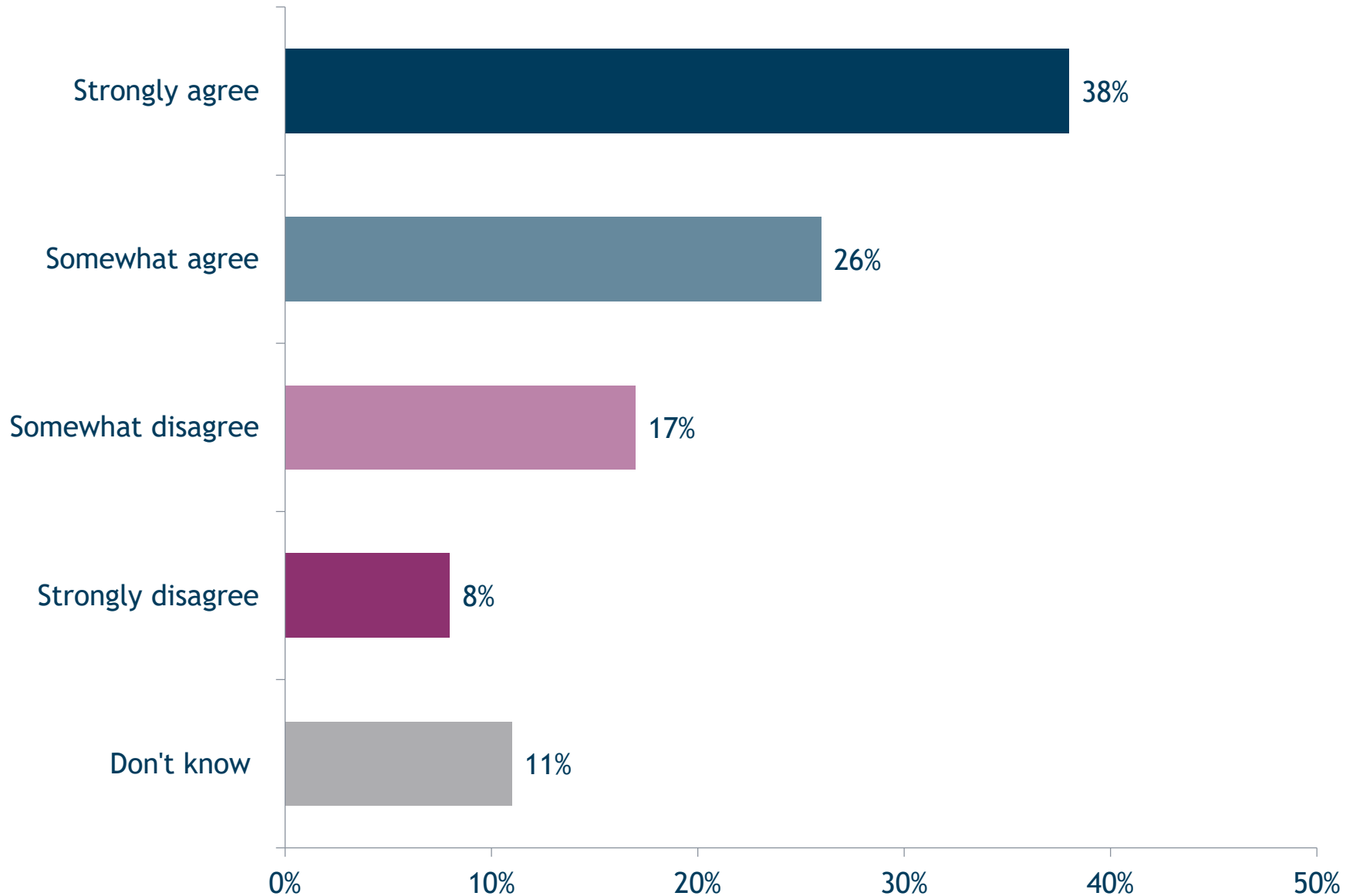




# Which young political leader do you view most favorably? (Open-ended)



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
“It is time for Timor-Leste to transition to a younger generation of leaders.”



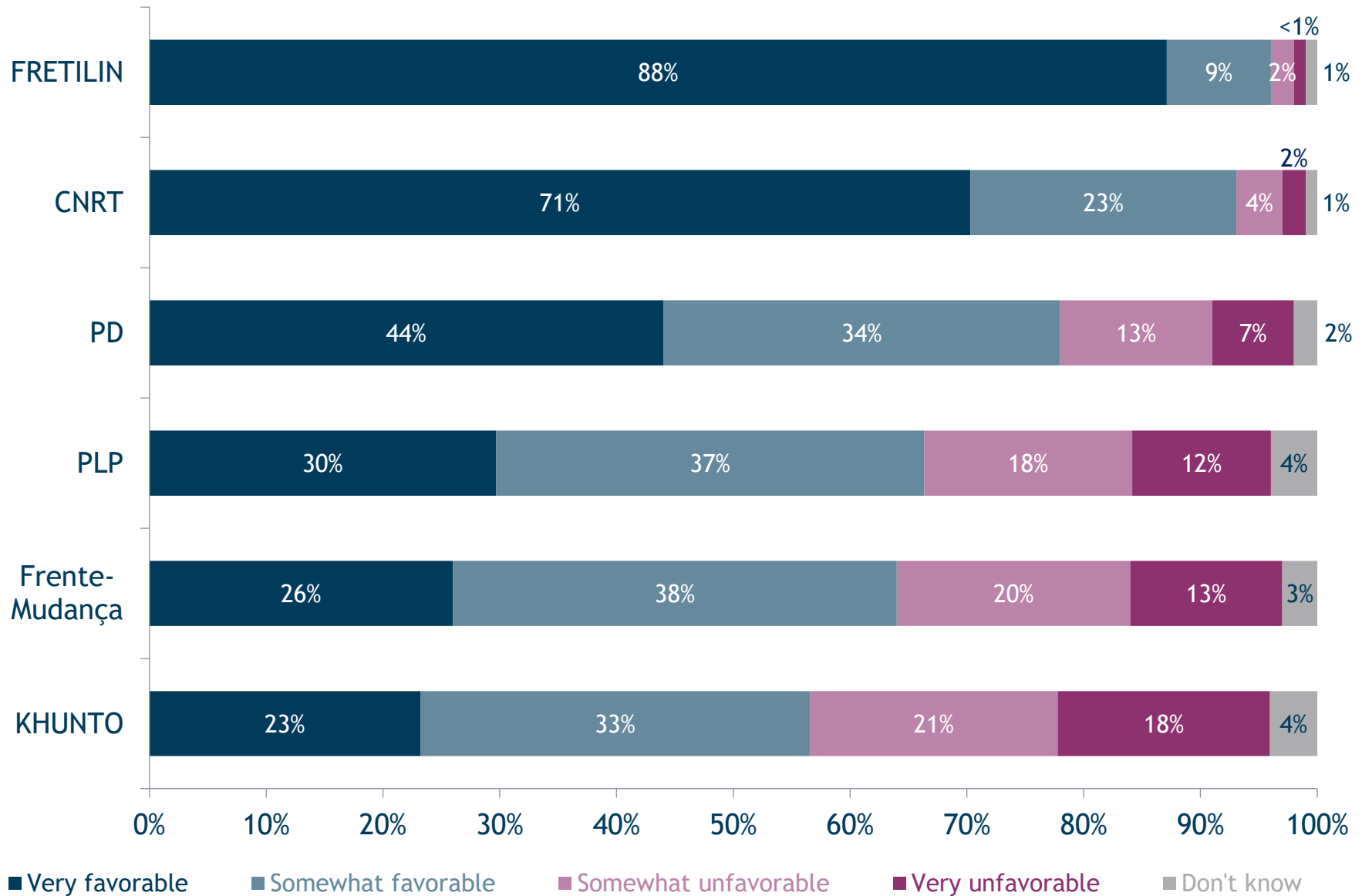


# Views of Political Parties

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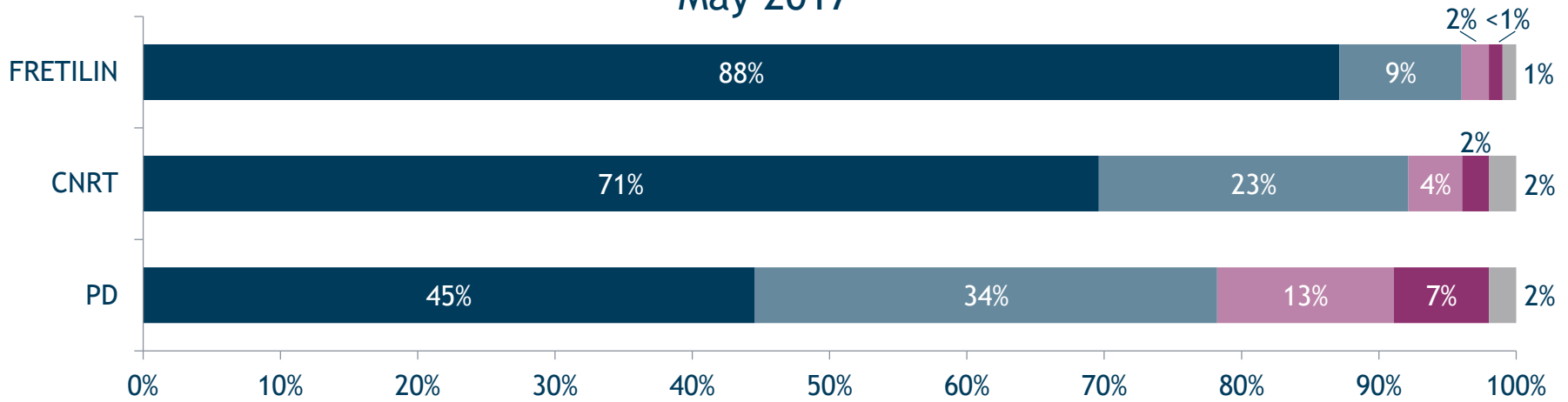


# Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

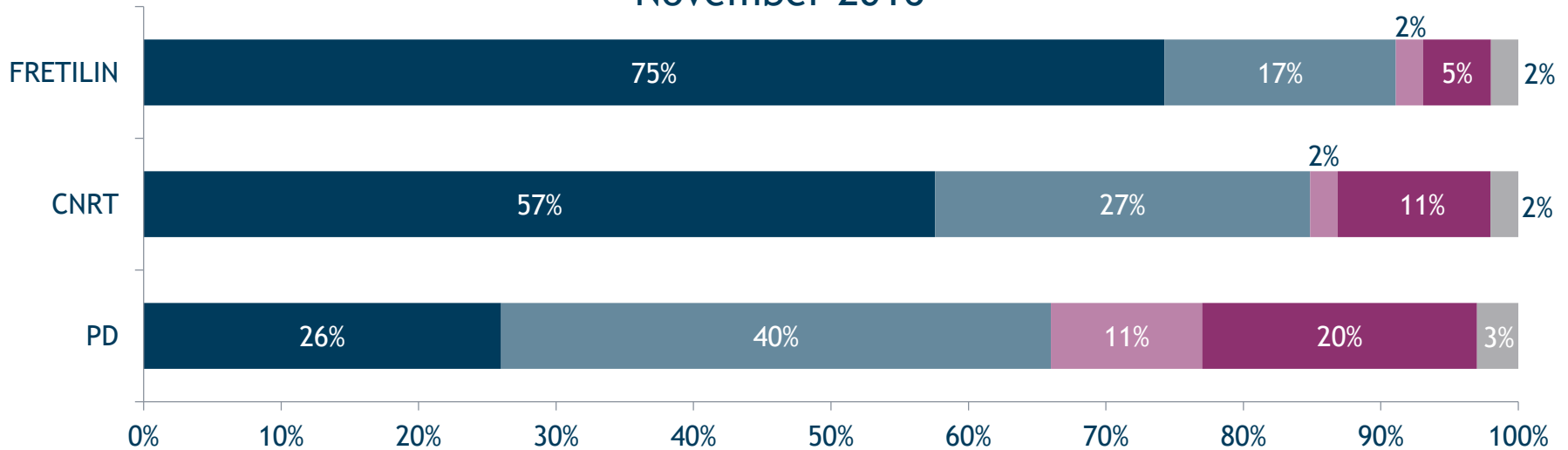


# Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

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■ Very favorable   
 ■ Somewhat favorable   
 ■ Somewhat unfavorable   
 ■ Very unfavorable   
 ■ Don't know

## Which party best reflects each statement?

Statement	FRETILIN	CNRT	PD	PLP	KHUNTO	Frente-Mudança	None	Don't know
They are the most trustworthy	61%	16%	8%	2%	2%	<1%	4%	8%
They have the best policies	56%	19%	8%	2%	2%	<1%	4%	10%
They are the strongest supporter of democratic reform	57%	16%	9%	2%	2%	1%	4%	11%
They care the most about people like me	52%	18%	7%	2%	2%	1%	5%	12%
They have the strongest leadership	57%	17%	8%	2%	2%	1%	3%	10%
They have the best policies to help the poor	52%	20%	8%	2%	1%	<1%	5%	12%
They are the most committed to fighting corruption	55%	15%	7%	2%	2%	1%	5%	13%
They have the most young leaders	50%	16%	14%	2%	2%	1%	4%	12%

## Which party best reflects each statement?

Statement	FRETILIN	CNRT	PD	PLP	KHUNTO	Frente-Mudança	None	Don't know
They would do the best job on the economy	53%	17%	8%	2%	1%	<1%	5%	15%
They would do the best job preventing violence	51%	20%	7%	2%	2%	1%	4%	14%
They would do the best job improving education	52%	17%	9%	2%	1%	1%	4%	14%
They would do the best job improving healthcare	52%	18%	8%	2%	1%	1%	5%	14%
They would do the best job strengthening the nation	54%	17%	8%	2%	1%	1%	4%	13%
They would do the best job maintaining political stability	55%	18%	7%	2%	1%	1%	4%	13%
They are the strongest supporter of women	51%	16%	8%	2%	2%	1%	5%	15%
They are the most religious	48%	18%	8%	2%	2%	1%	5%	17%



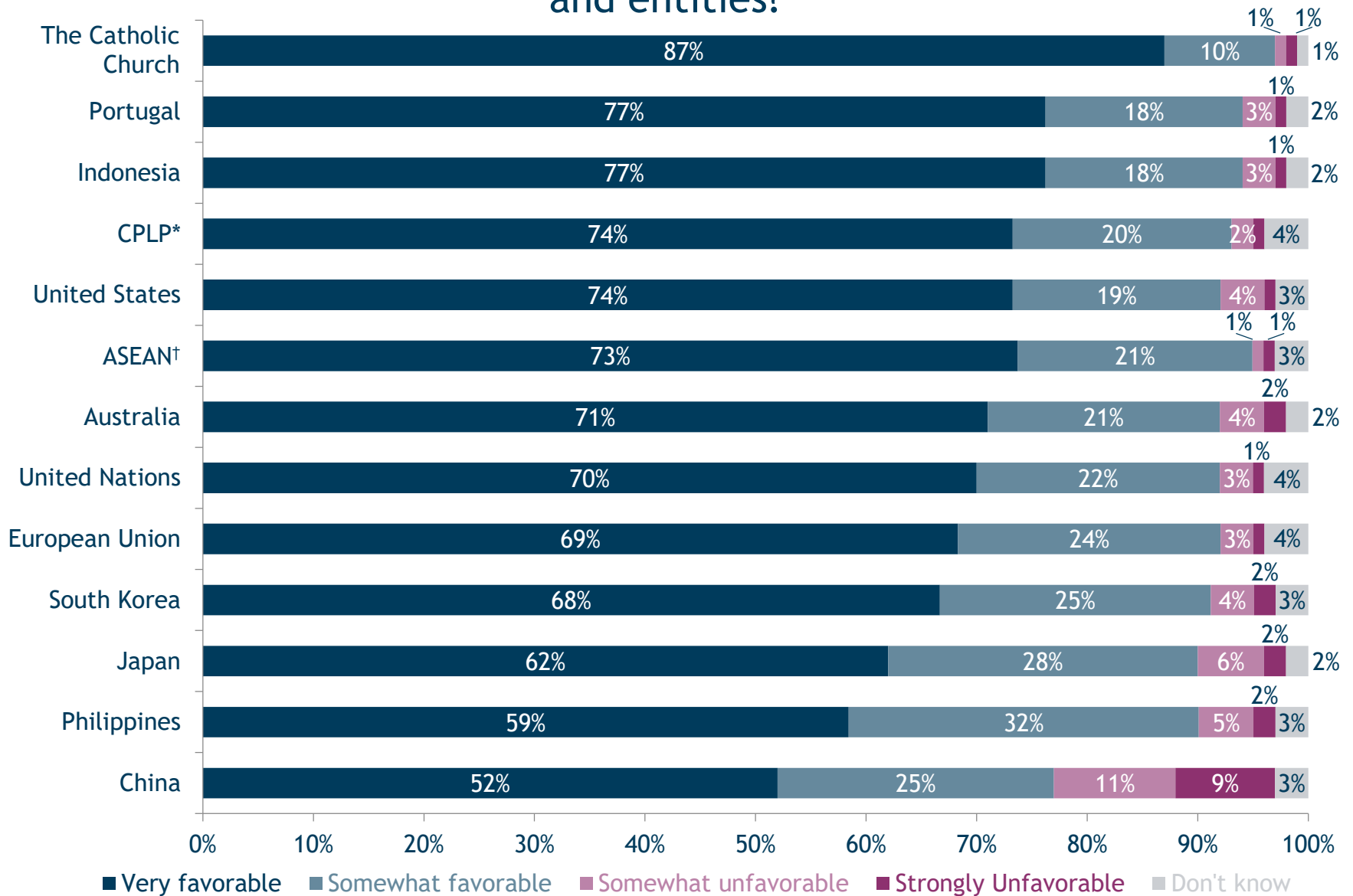
# International Relations

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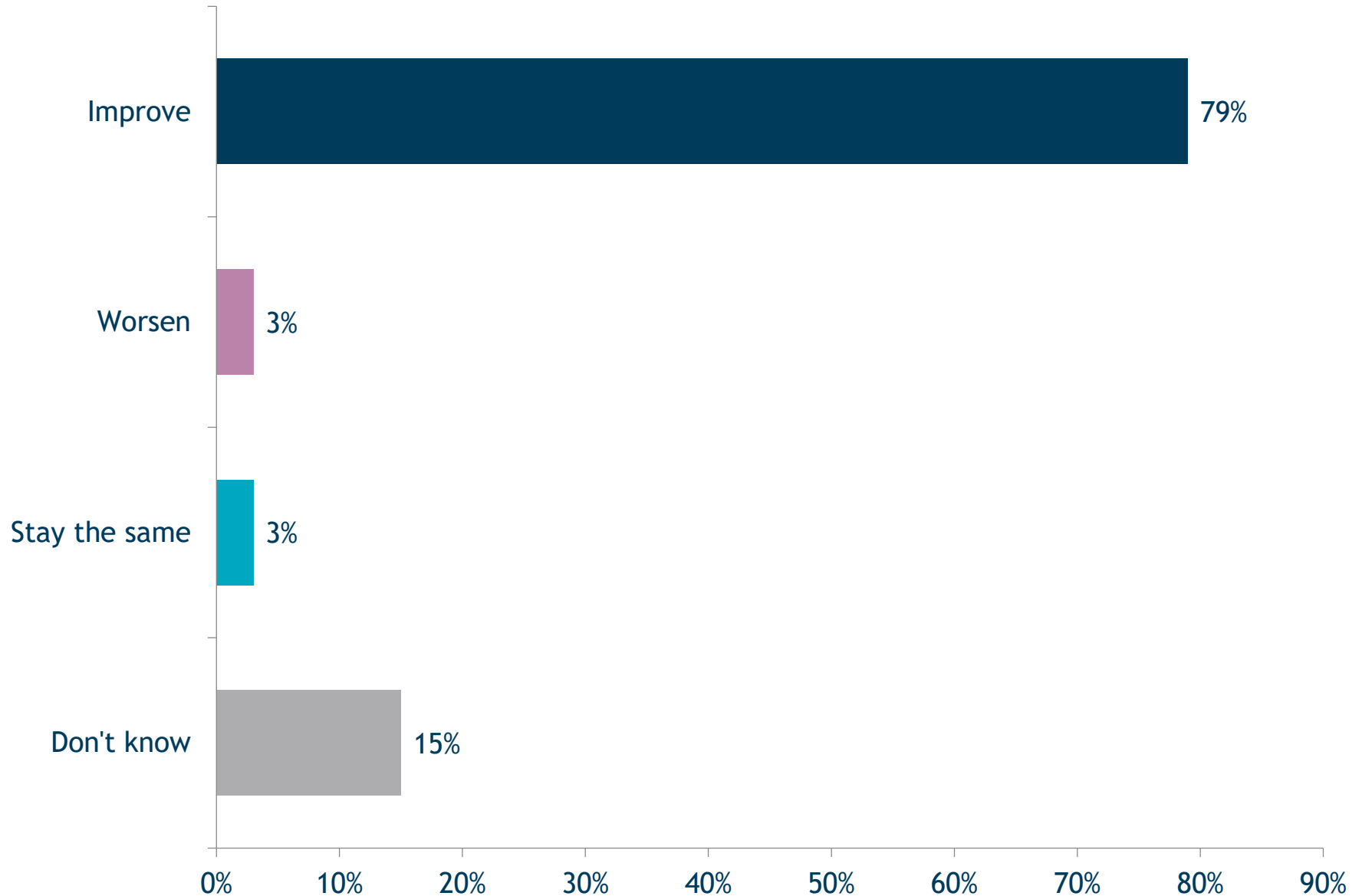
# Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following countries and entities?



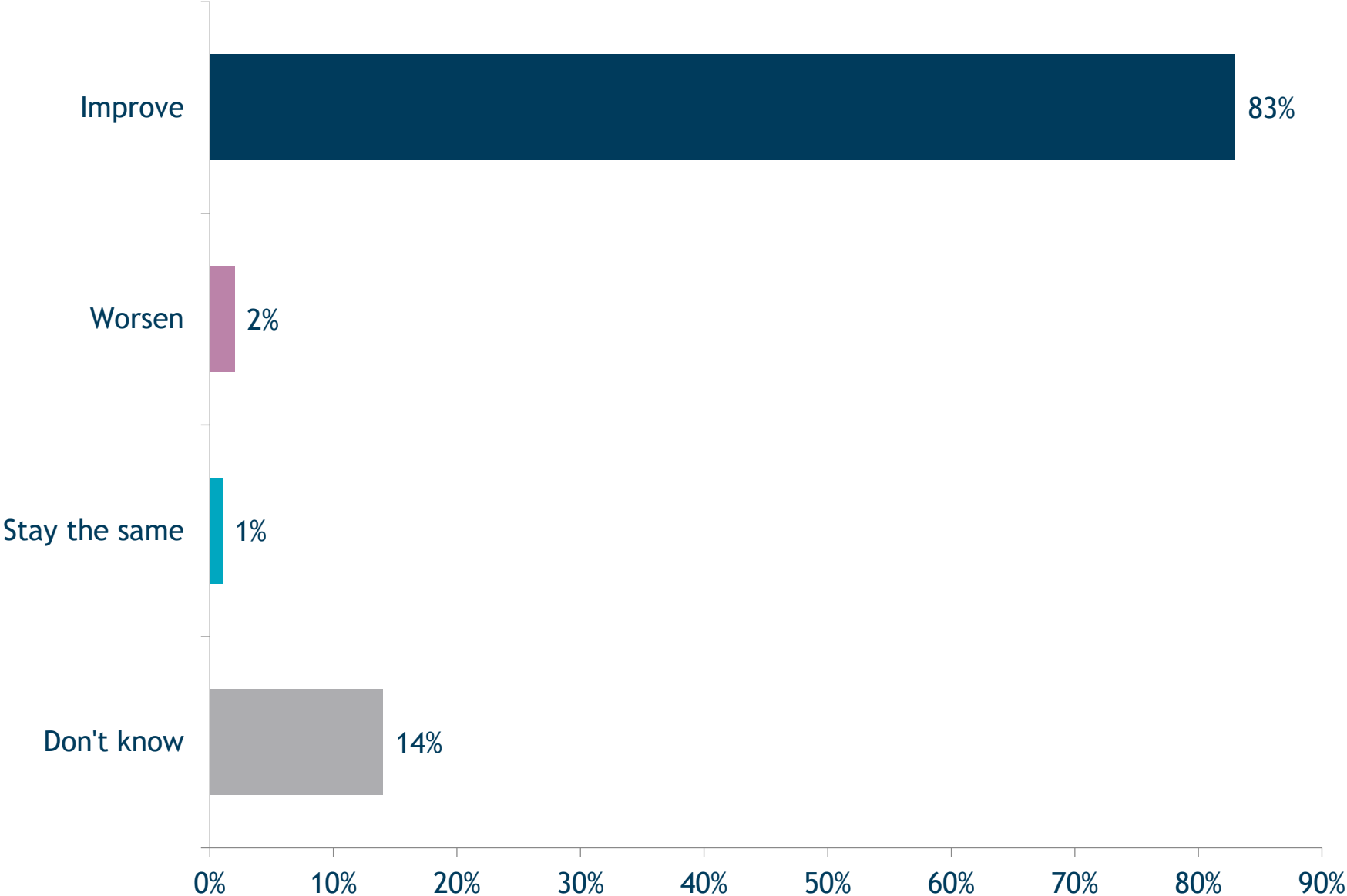
\*Community of Portuguese Language Countries

†Association of Southeast Asian Nations

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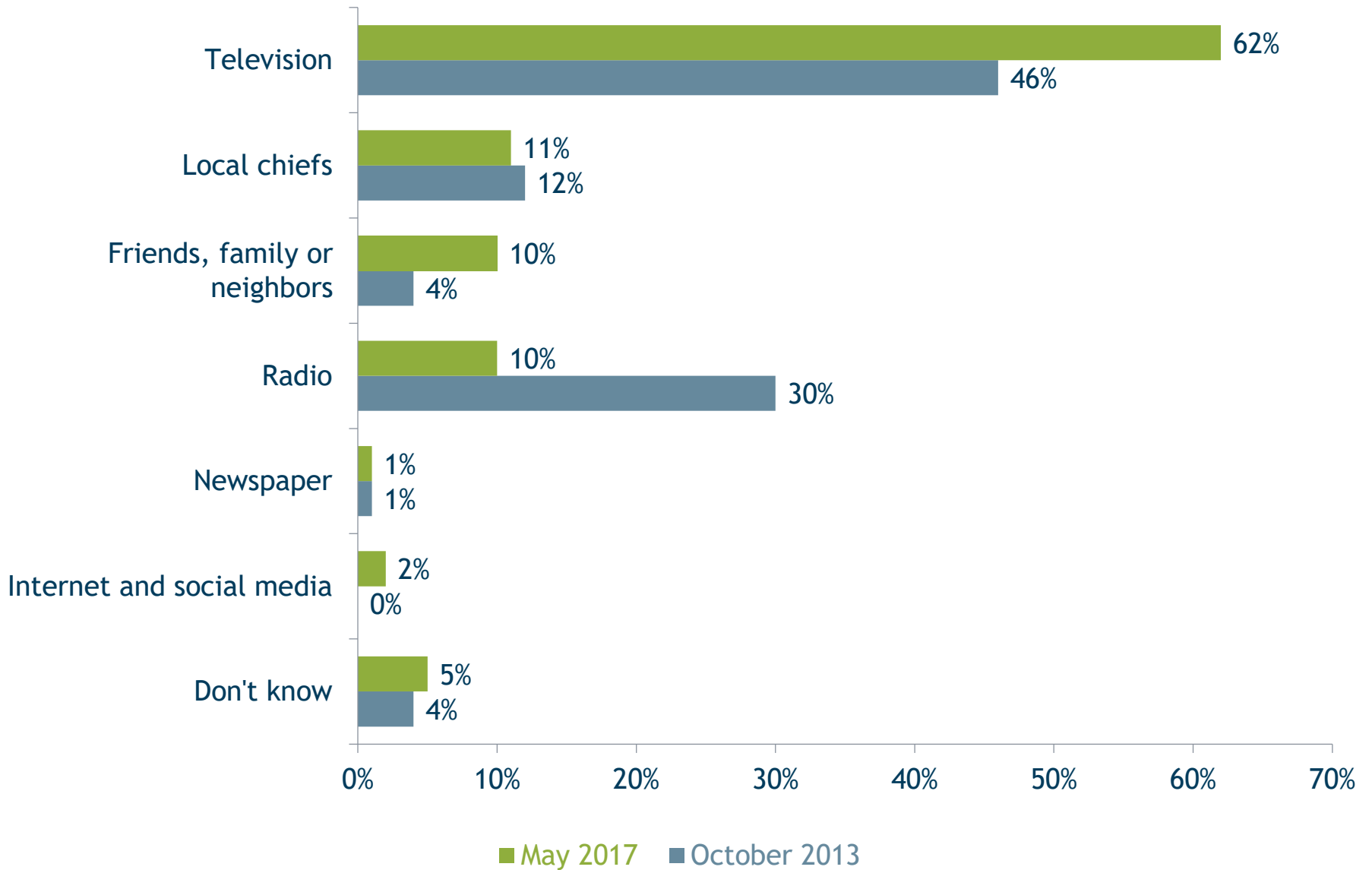


# Media

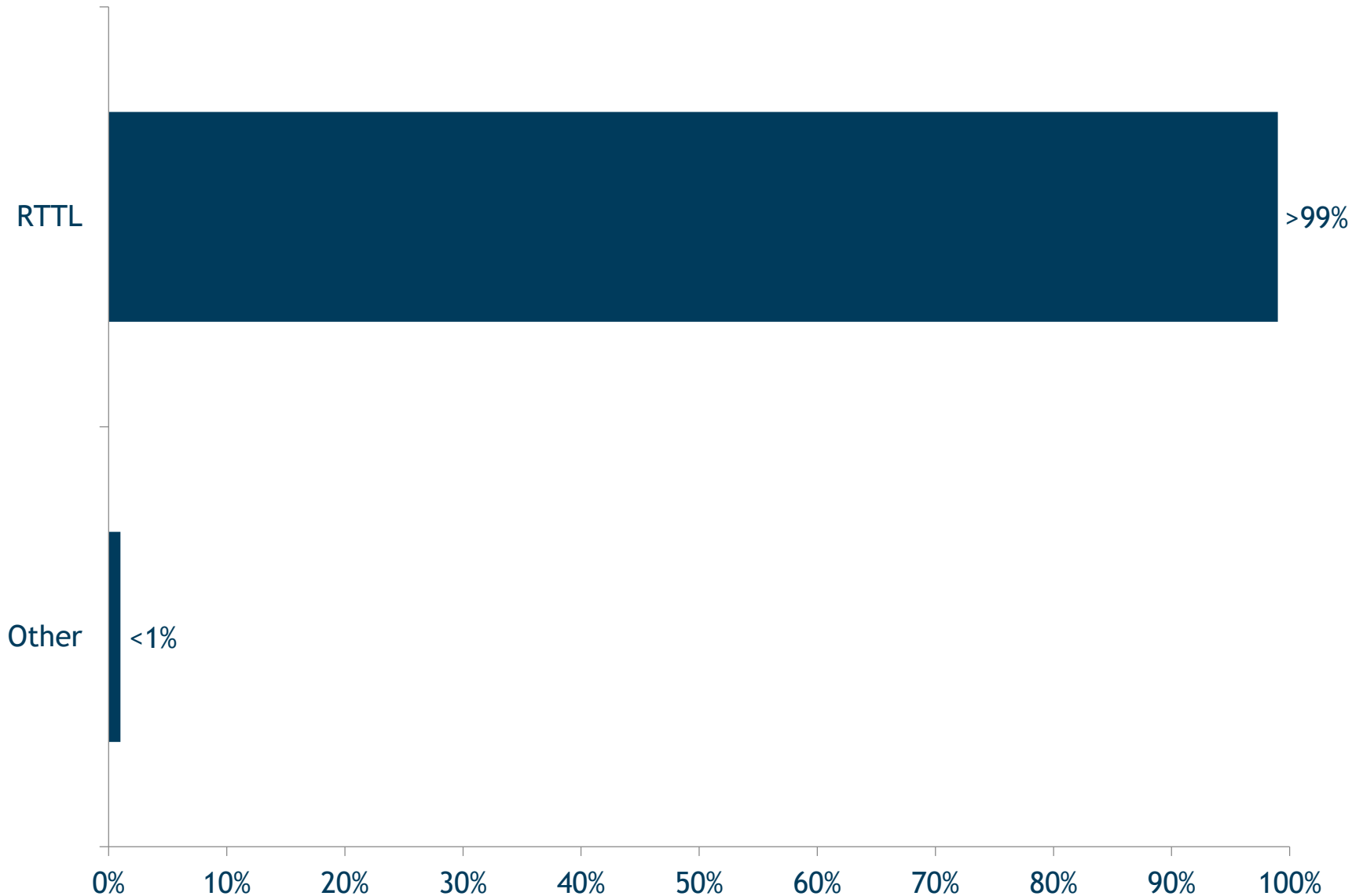
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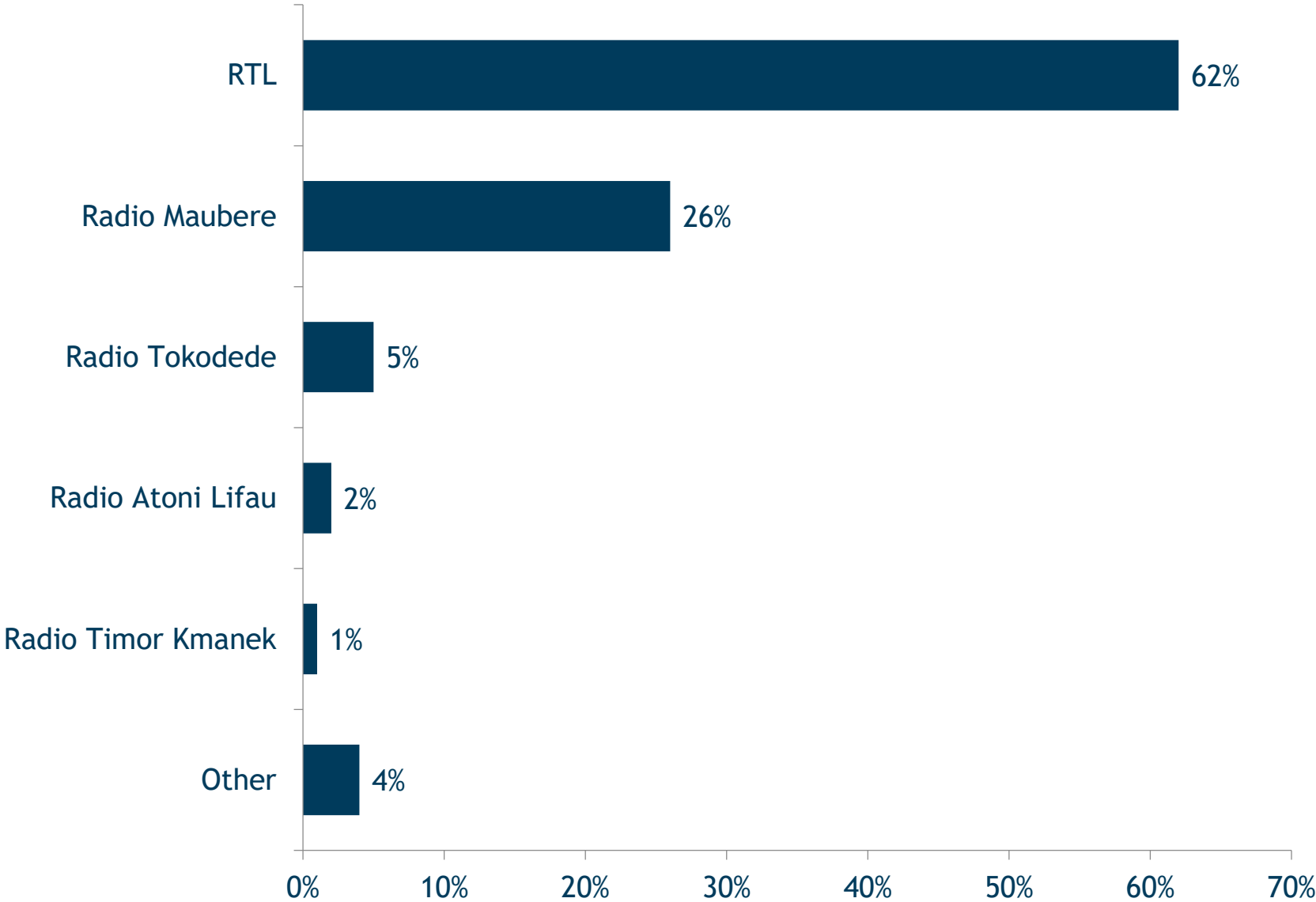
# What is your main source of political news? (Open-ended)



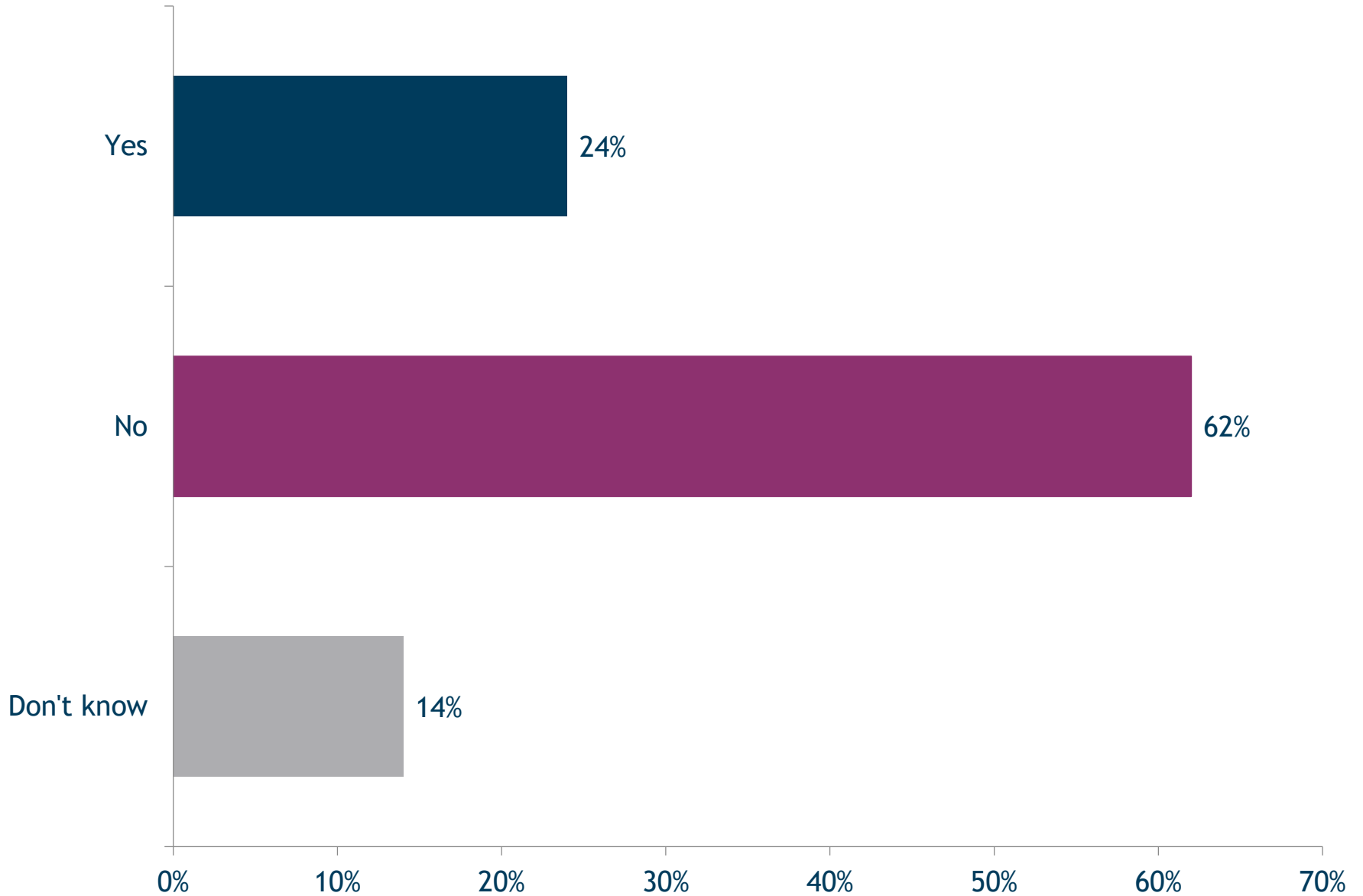
# Which TV channel is your main source for political news? (Open-ended; respondents who rely on television for political news: n=747)



# Which radio station is your main source for political news? (Open-ended; respondents who rely on radio for political news: n=114)

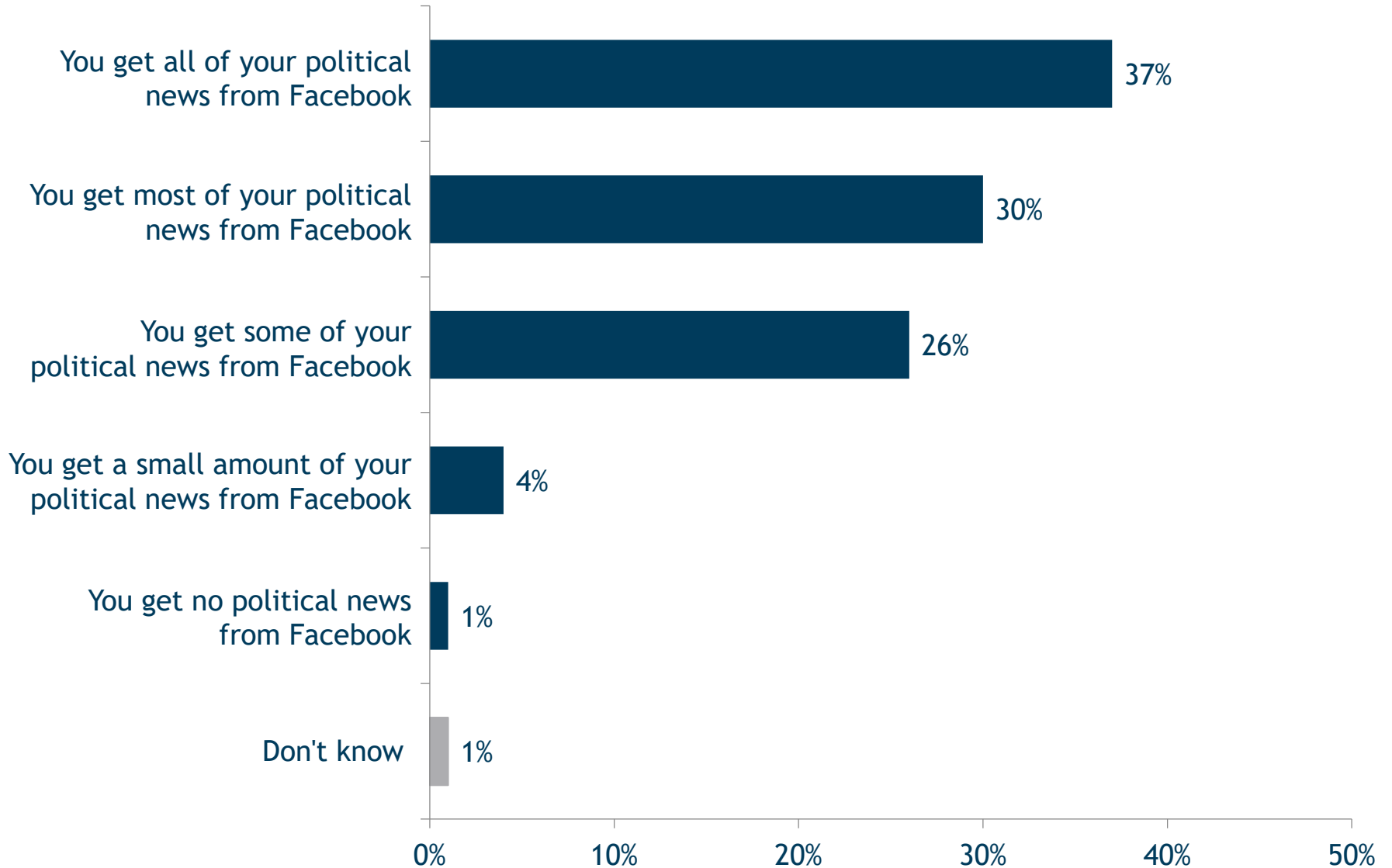


# Do you use Facebook?





# How much do you rely on Facebook for your political news? (Respondents who use Facebook: n=282)



# Demographics

## Gender

Female	50%
Male	50%

## Age

18-30	34%
31-40	22%
41-50	13%
51-60	14%
61+	11%

## Education

Never attended school	23%
Primary school (incomplete)	13%
Primary school graduate	10%
Junior high school	14%
Senior high school	29%
University (incomplete)	5%
University graduate	6%

## Religious Attendance

Daily	2%
Weekly	52%
Monthly	6%
Occasionally	37%
Never	3%

## Employment Status

Farmer	31%
Housekeeper	27%
Businessman	10%
Studying/In training	9%
Unemployed	8%
Seeking work	7%
Office employee	4%
Fisherman	1%
Retired	1%
Other	2%

## Monthly Income (per family)

Under 100 dollars	55%
101 to 300 dollars	28%
301 to 500 dollars	2%
501 to 700 dollars	1%
701 to 900 dollars	<1%
901 to 999 dollars	0%
More than 1,000 dollars	<1%
Don't know	15%

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