



Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Moldova

September 16, 2021 - November 1, 2021



Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene from [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#). The fieldwork was carried out by [Centre CIVIS](#).
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (with the exception of Transnistria) between September 16 and November 1, 2021 through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,619 permanent residents of Moldova aged 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and settlement size, according to the Moldova Statistical Databank.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, with the random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
 - Stage one: All districts of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups; all regions (with the exception of Transnistria) were surveyed.
 - Stage two: Selection of the settlements (cities and villages).
 - Settlements were selected at random.
 - The number of settlements selected in each region was proportional to the share of population living in the particular type of settlement in each region.
 - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent for the full sample.
- The response rate was 31 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [United States Agency for International Development](#).

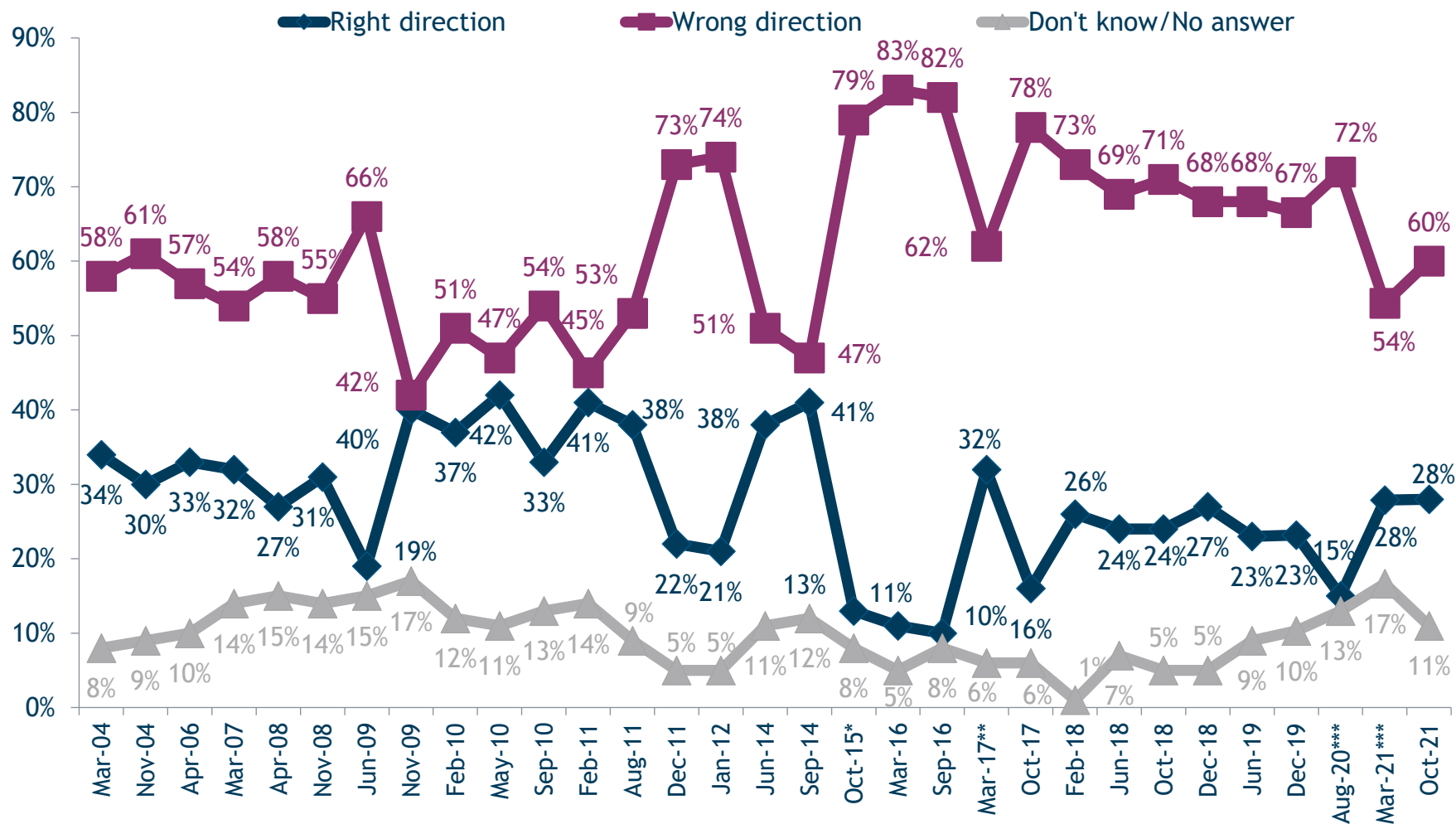


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In general, would you say that Moldova is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?



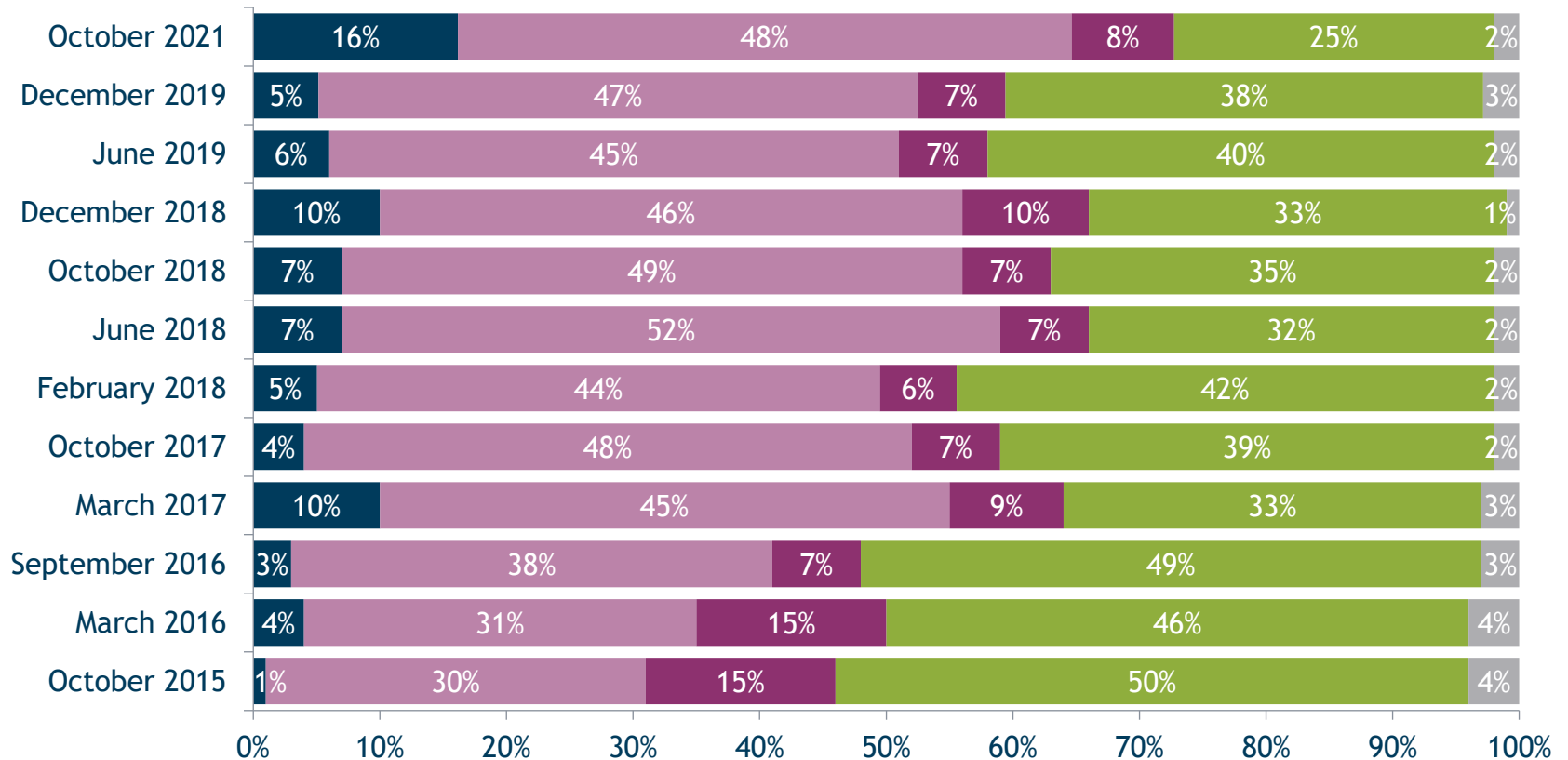
*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal involving nearly \$1 billion missing from three state banks. The scandal is often referred to as “the stolen billion.”

**In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular presidential election since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second-round contest on November 13, 2016.

*** Interviews for the August 2020 and March 2021 surveys were done via computer-assisted phone interviews (CATI). All previous polls were conducted through face-to-face interviews.

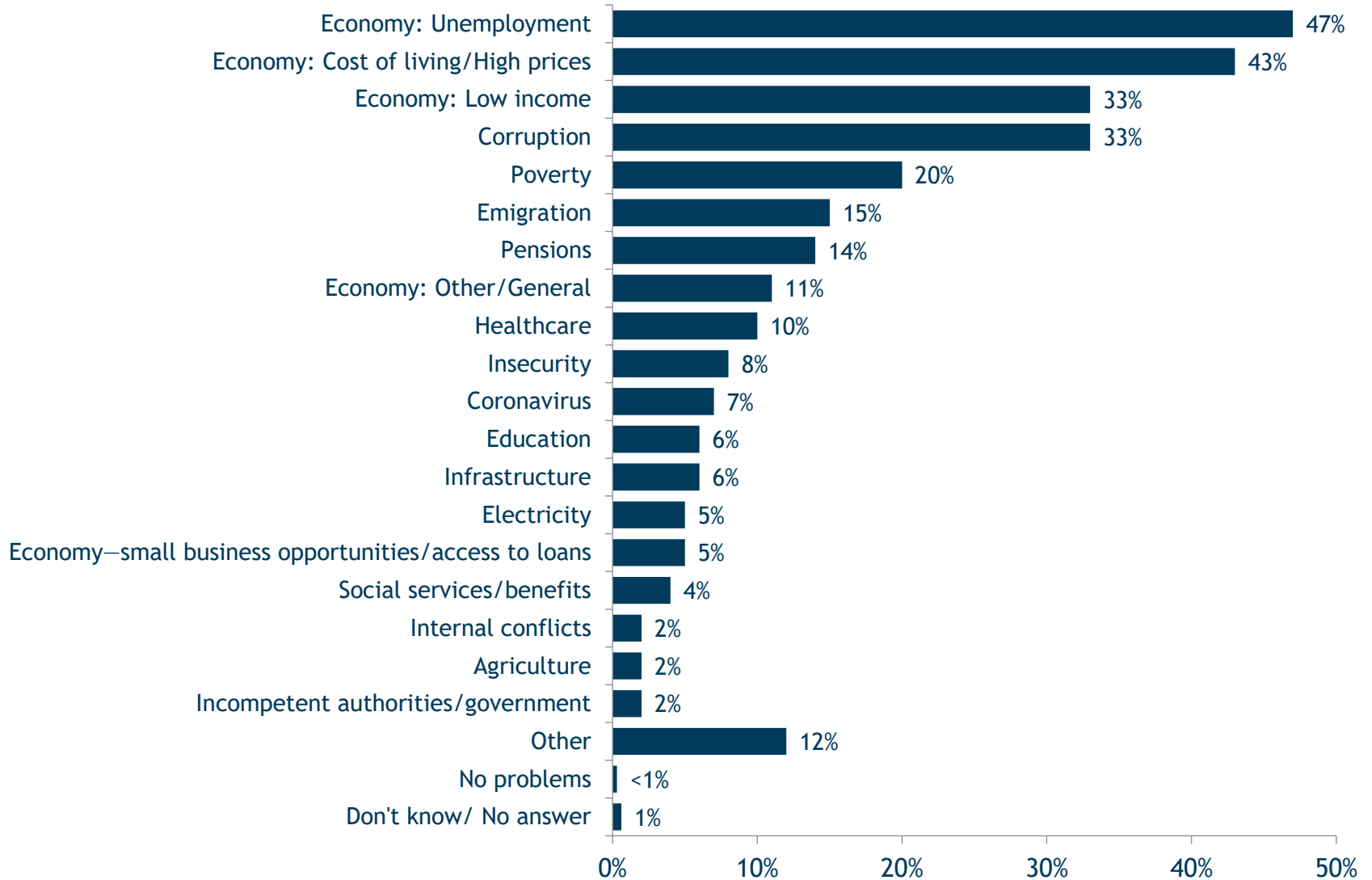
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the pace of change in the country?

- I am satisfied; change is happening at the right pace
- I am dissatisfied; change is not happening fast enough
- I am dissatisfied; change is happening too fast
- No change is taking place
- Don't know/No answer



What is the most important problem facing Moldova today?

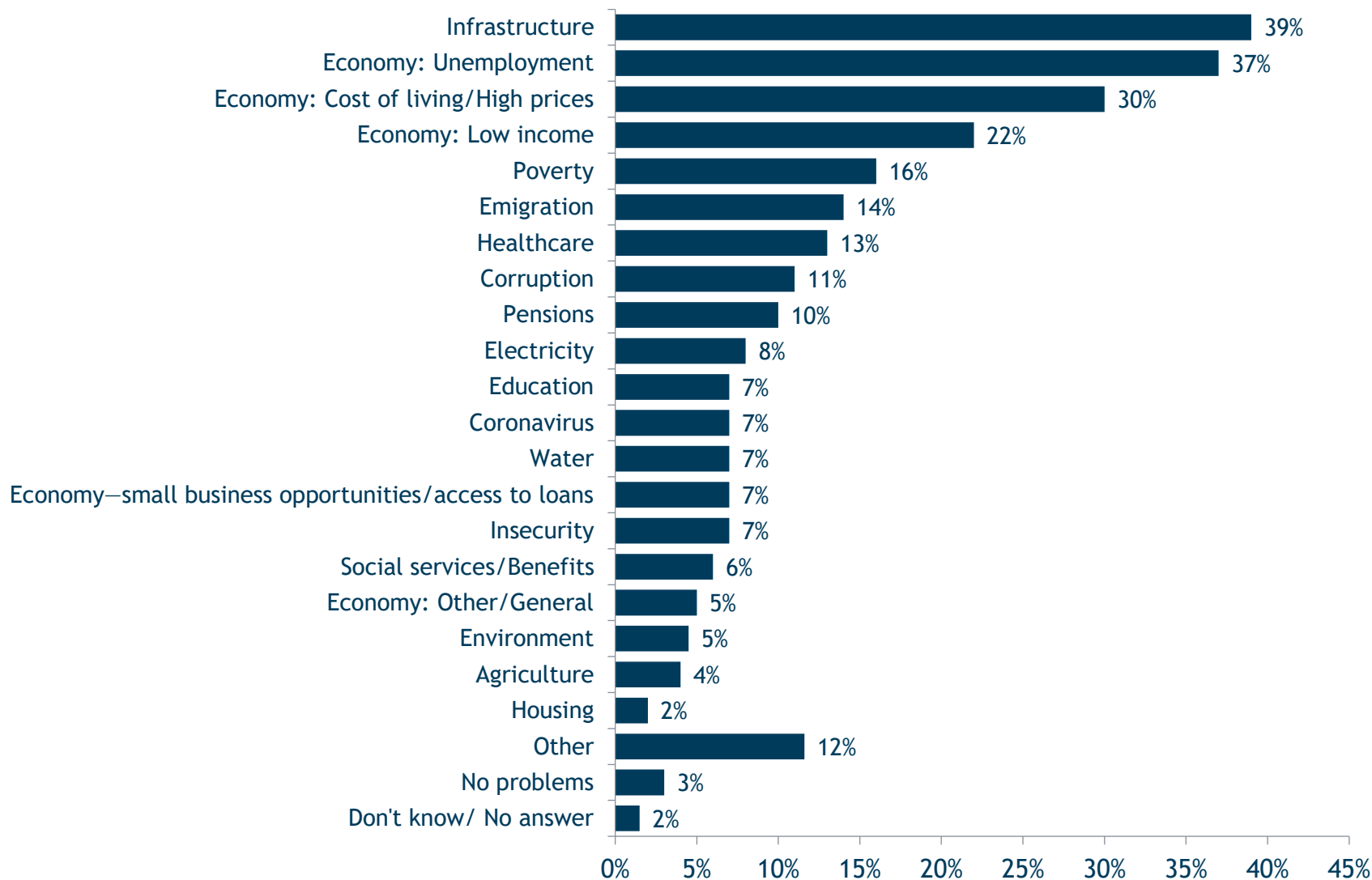
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What is the most important problem facing your town/village today?

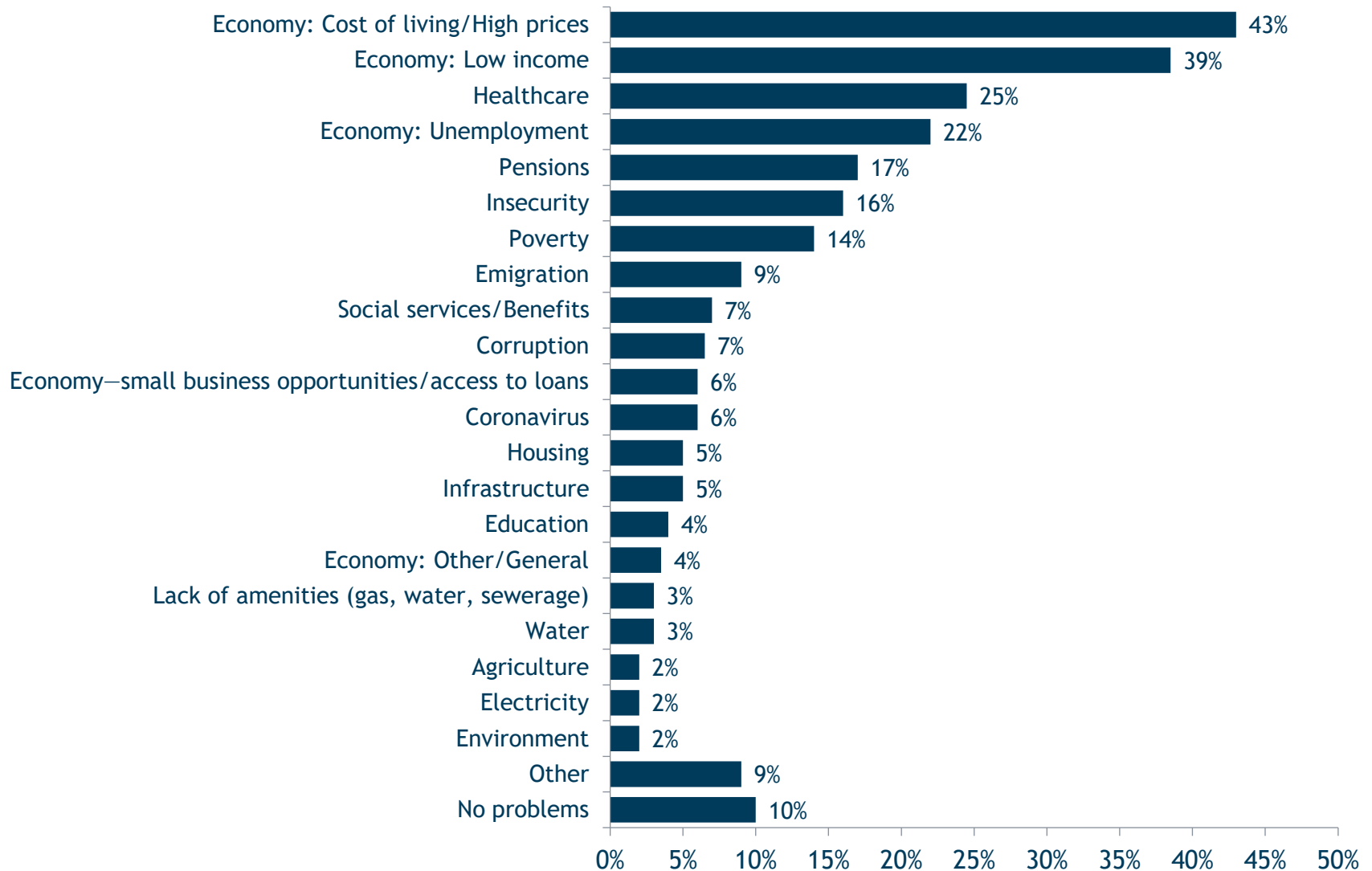
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What is the most important problem facing your household today?

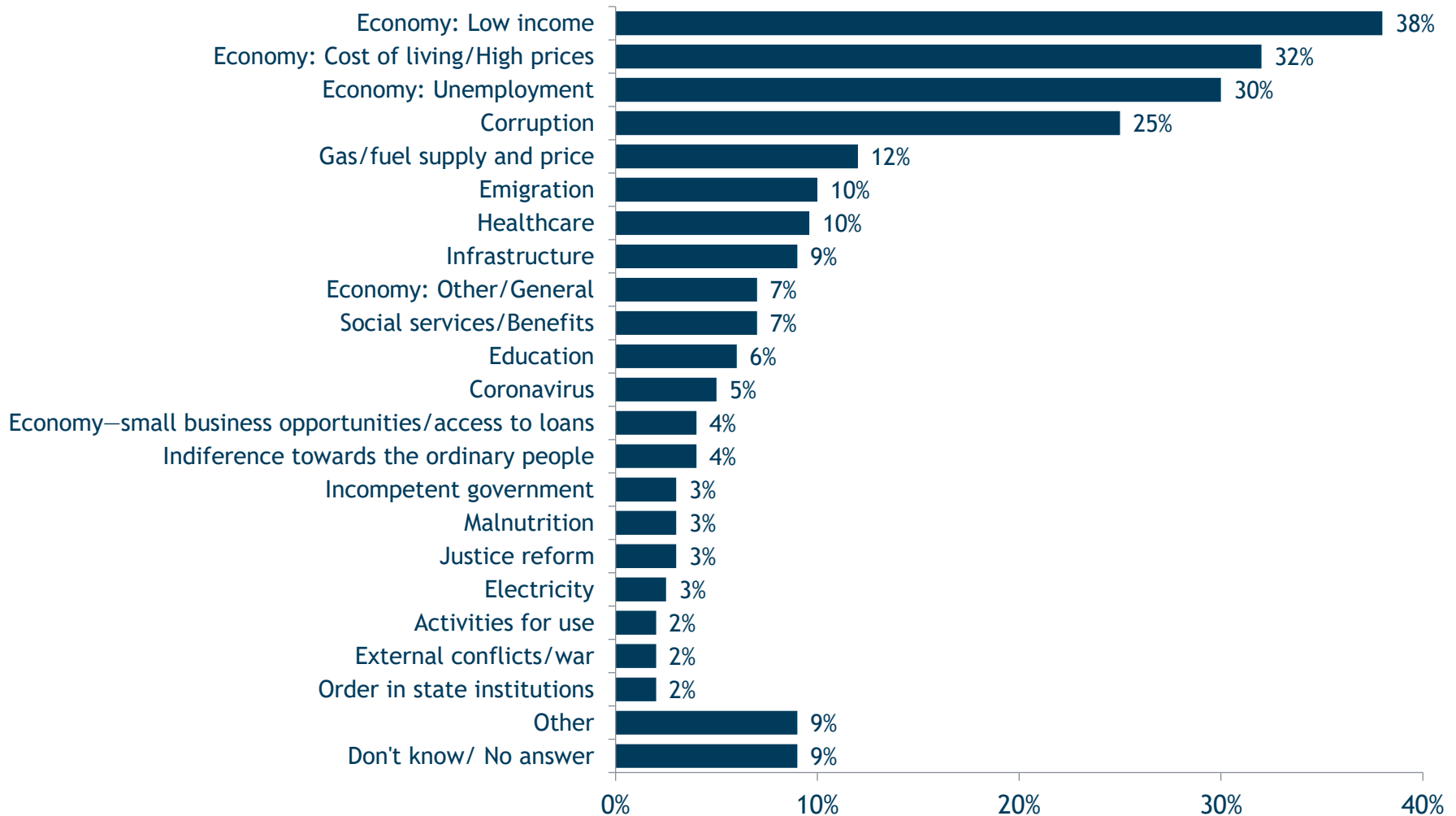
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What specific issues should be the top priority for the new government to address?

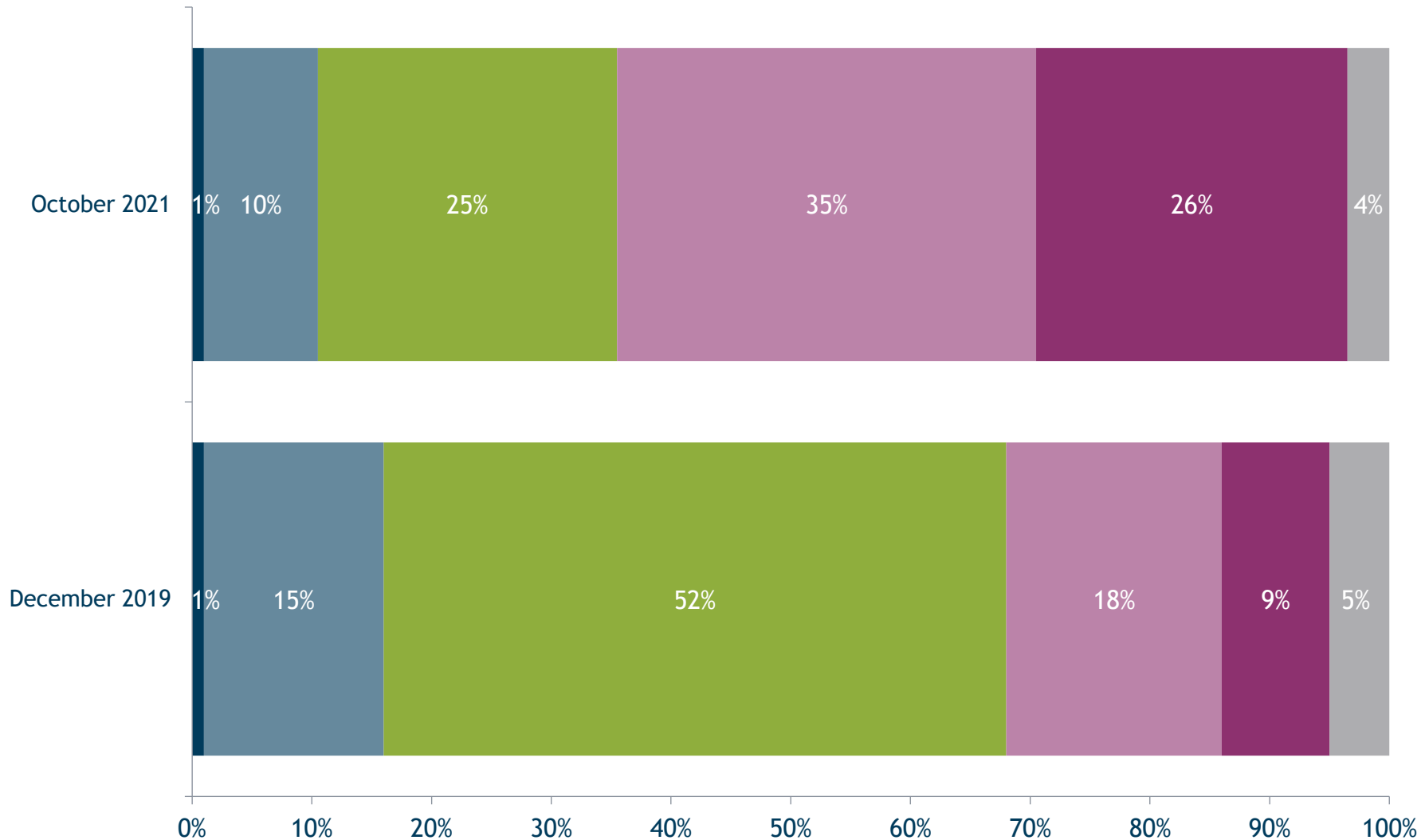
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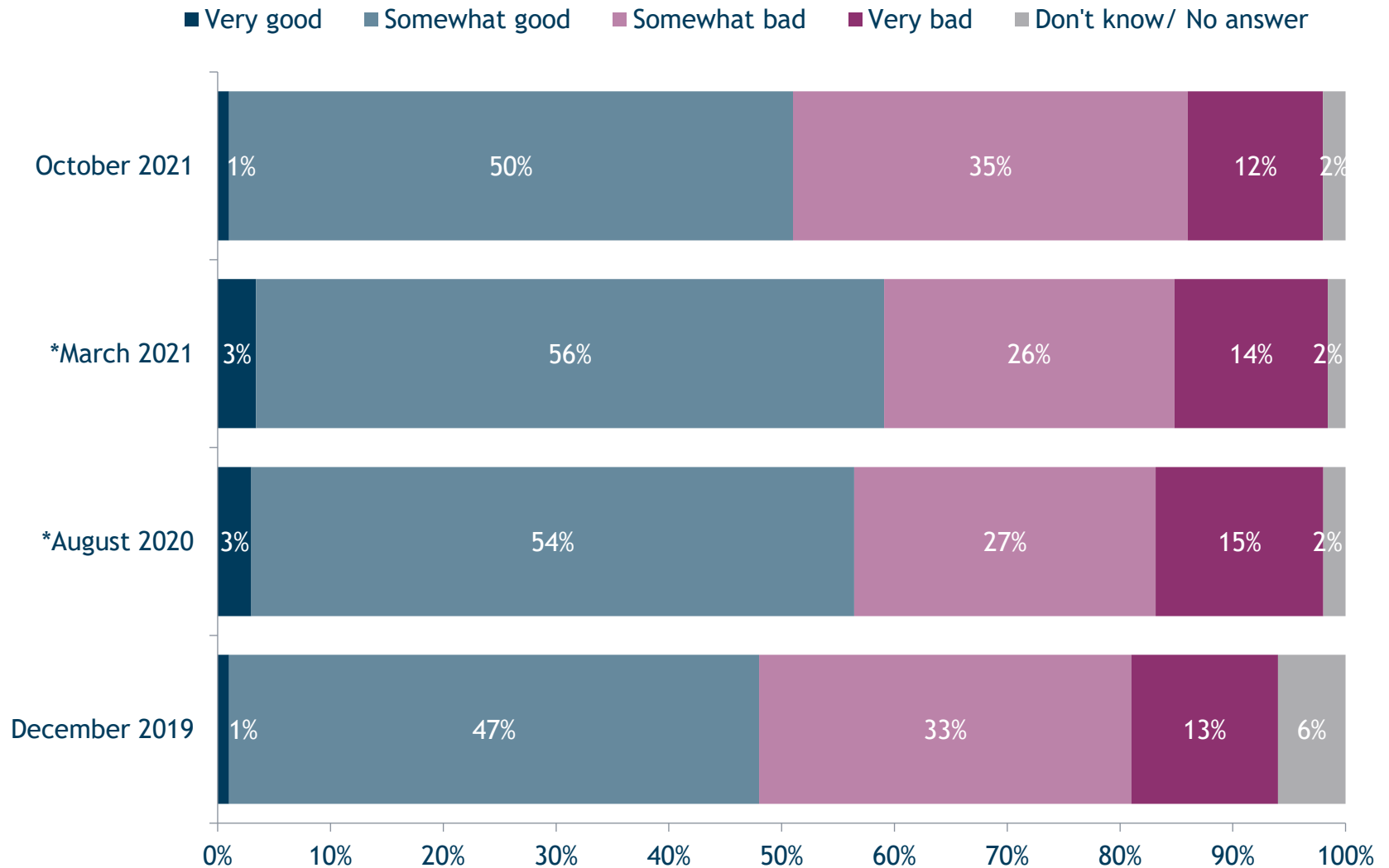
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Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Moldova changed?

■ Improved a lot ■ Improved somewhat ■ Stayed the same ■ Worsened somewhat ■ Worsened a lot ■ Don't know/No answer

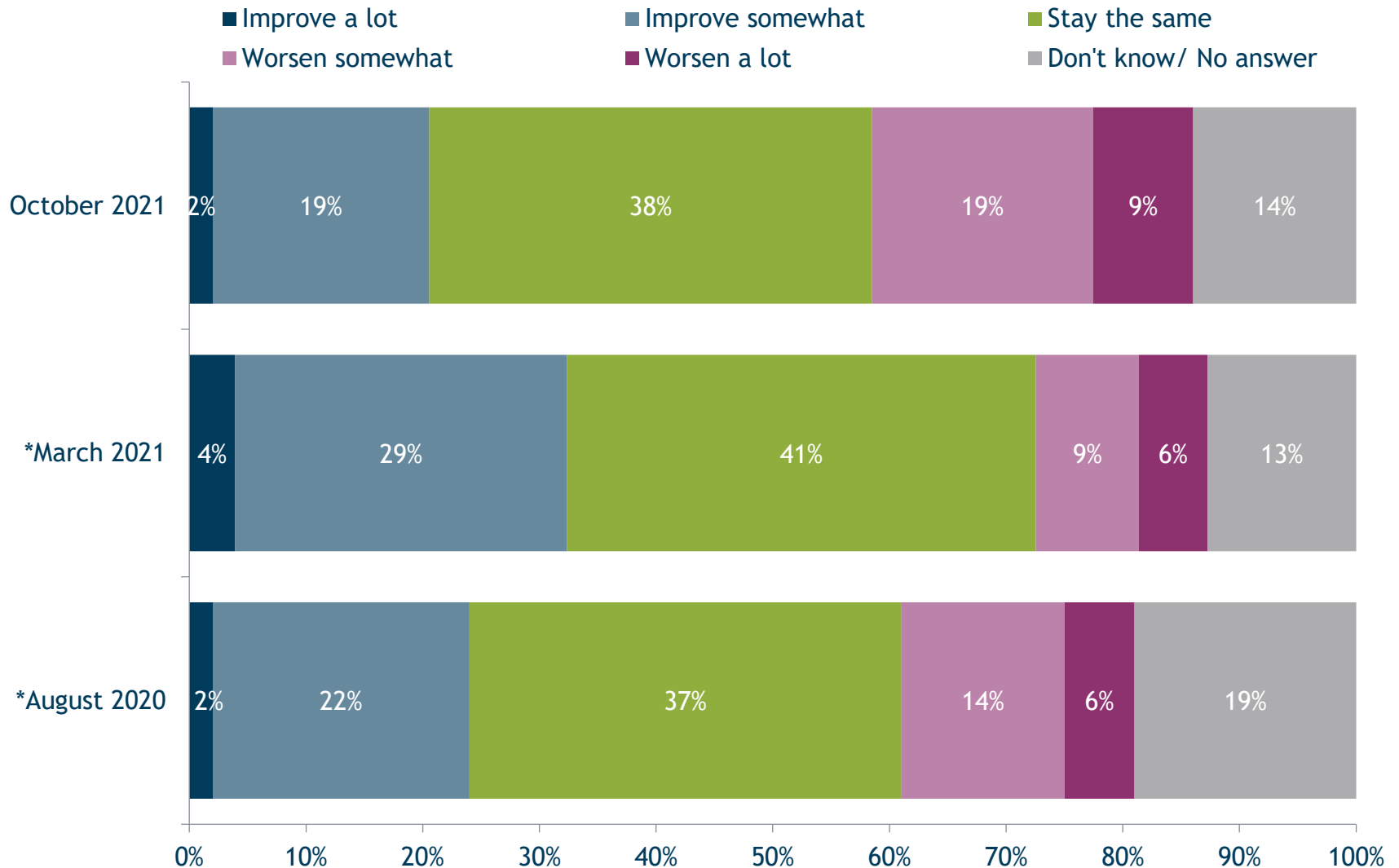


How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?



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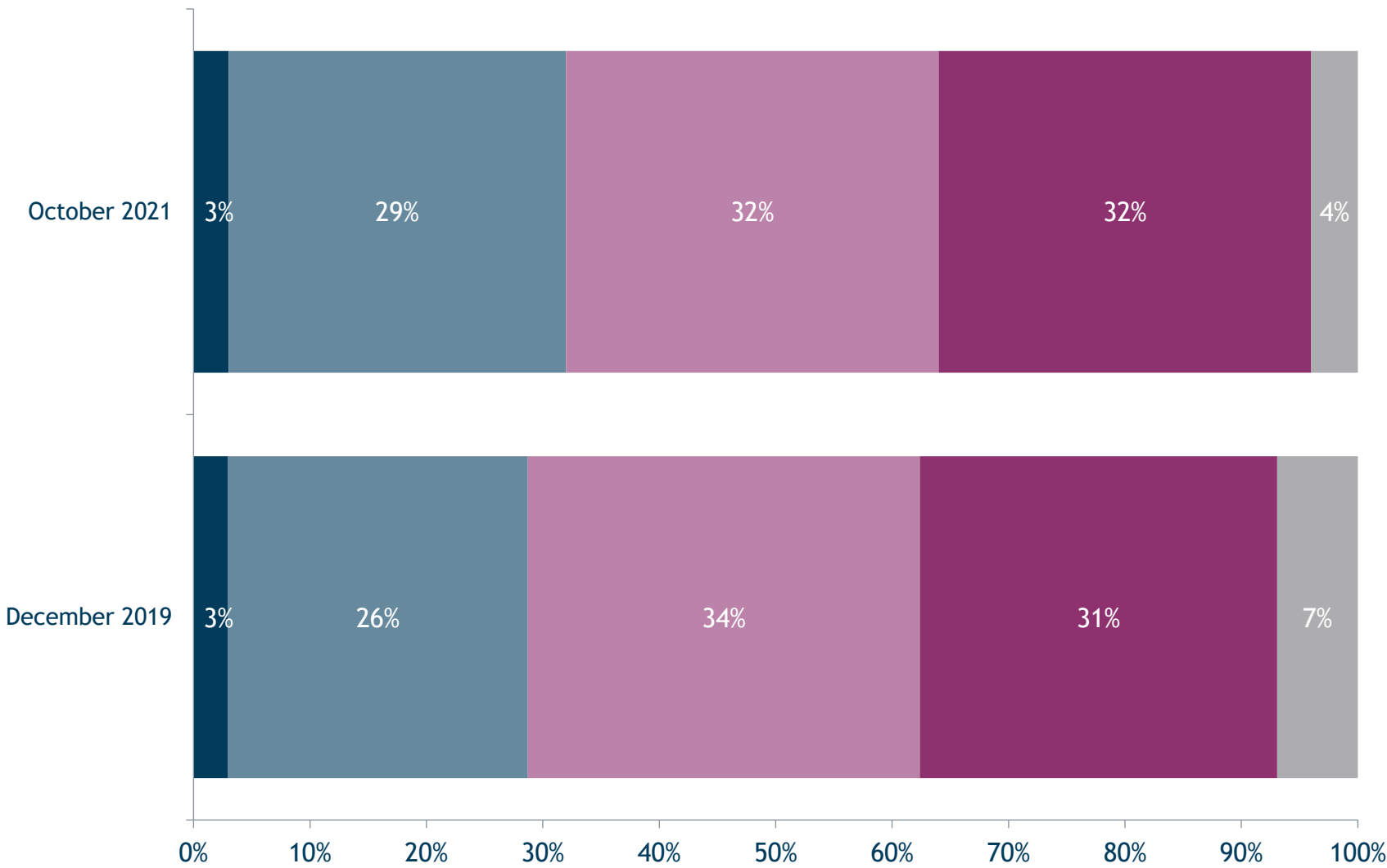
In the coming 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation of your household to change?



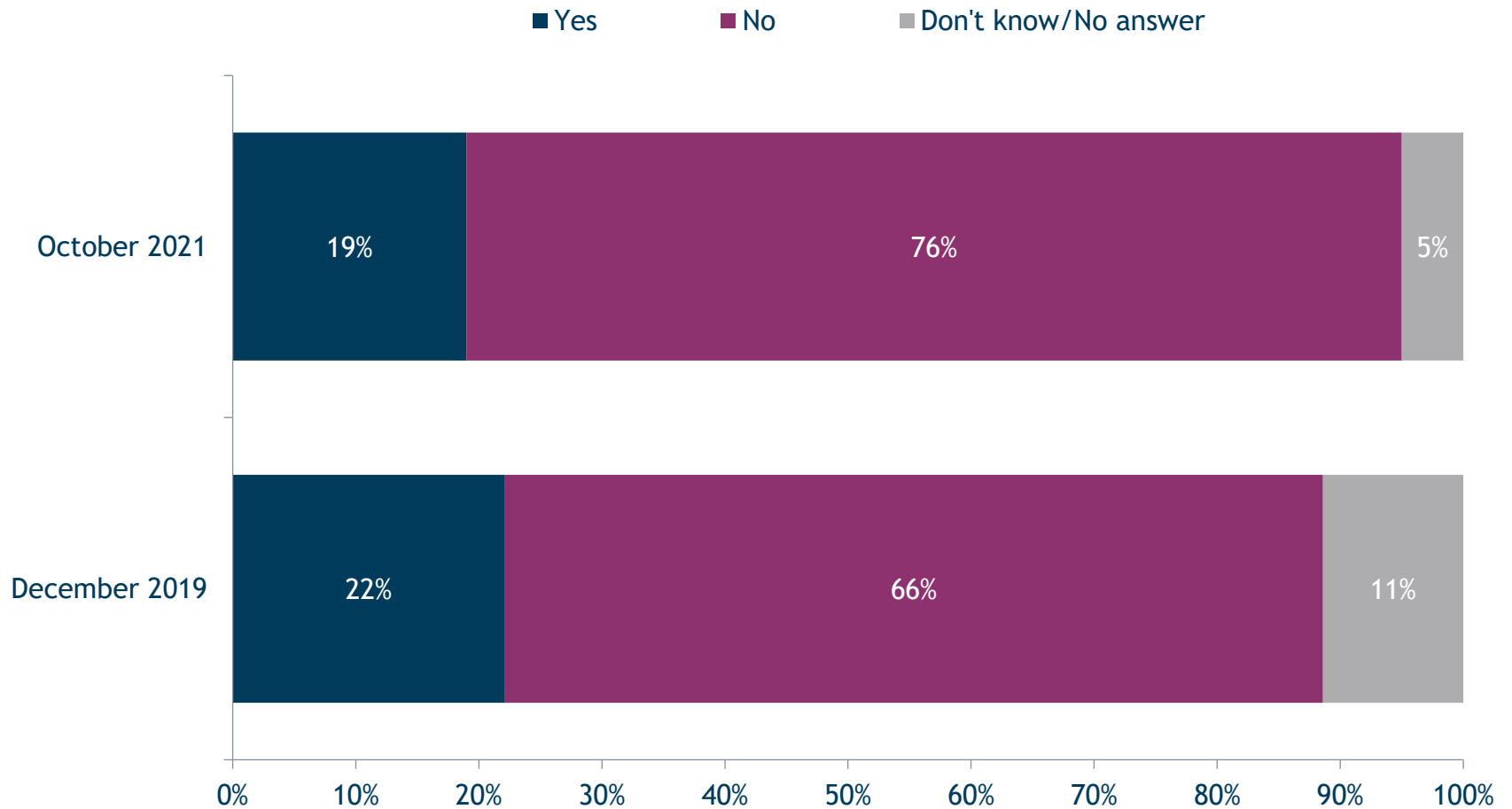
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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?

■ Very satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Somewhat dissatisfied ■ Very dissatisfied ■ Don't know/No answer



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



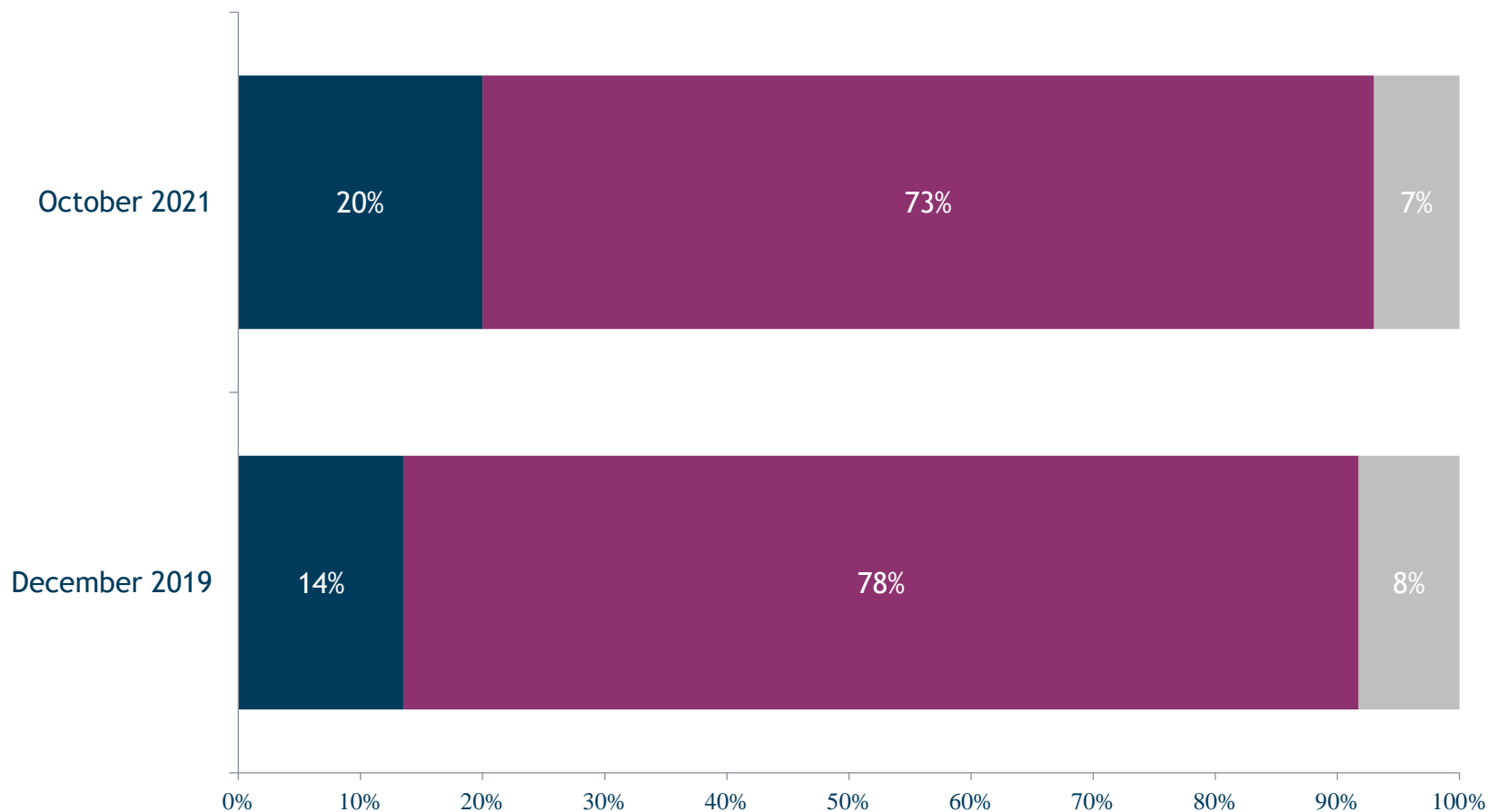


Views on Corruption



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

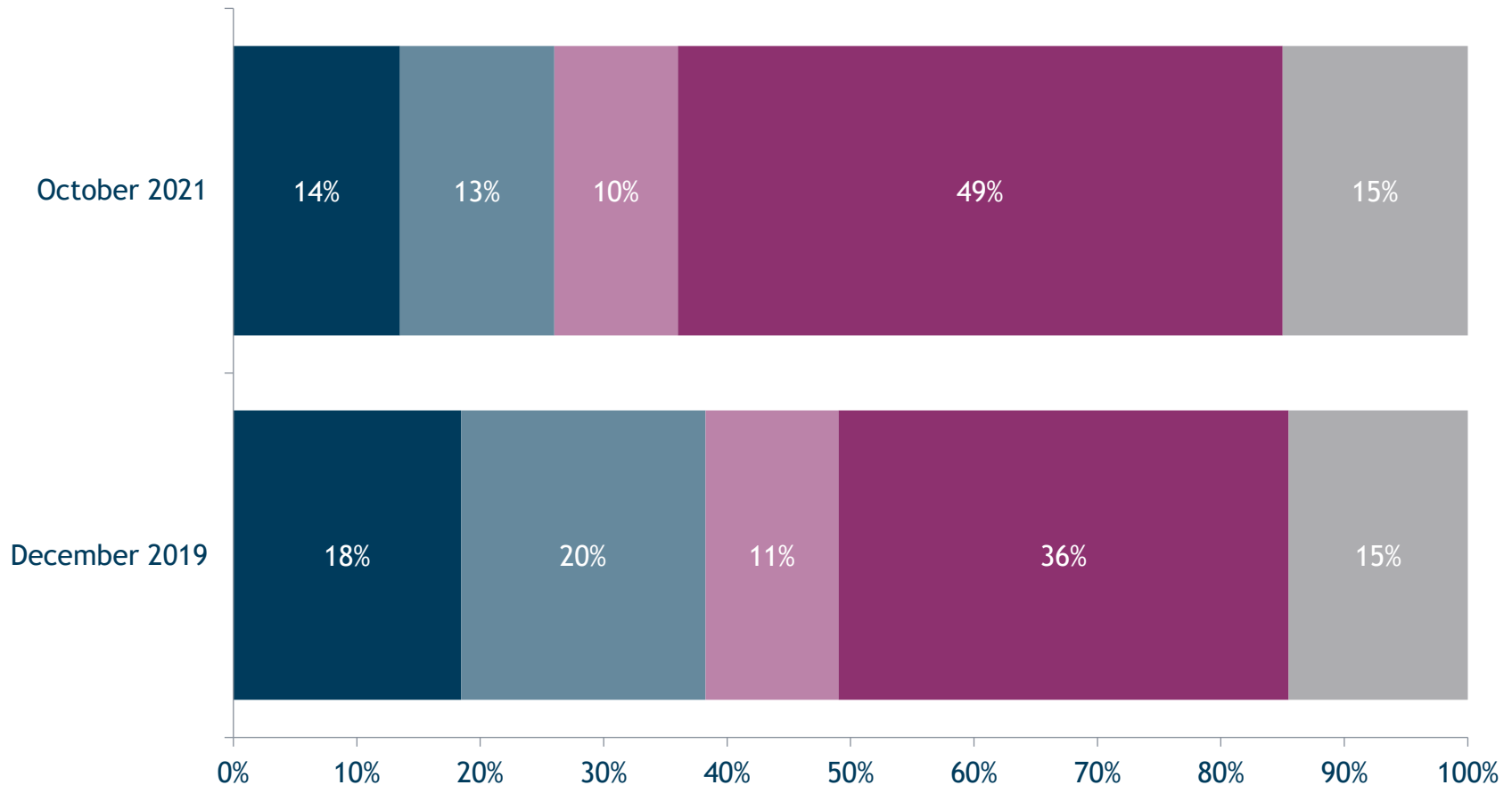
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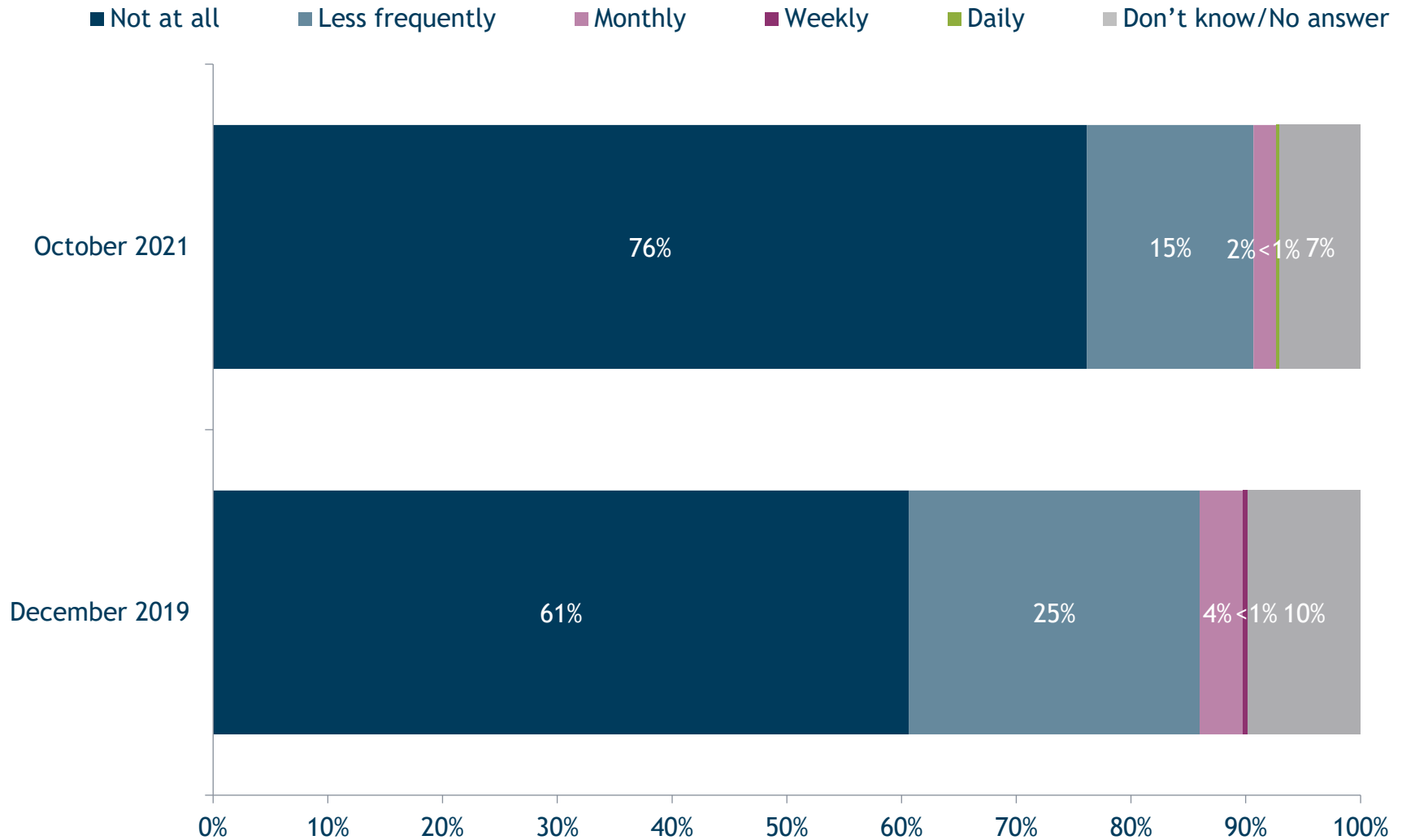
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains.

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

- It has had a lot of negative impact
- It has had some negative impact
- It has had little negative impact
- It has not had any negative impact
- Don't know/No answer

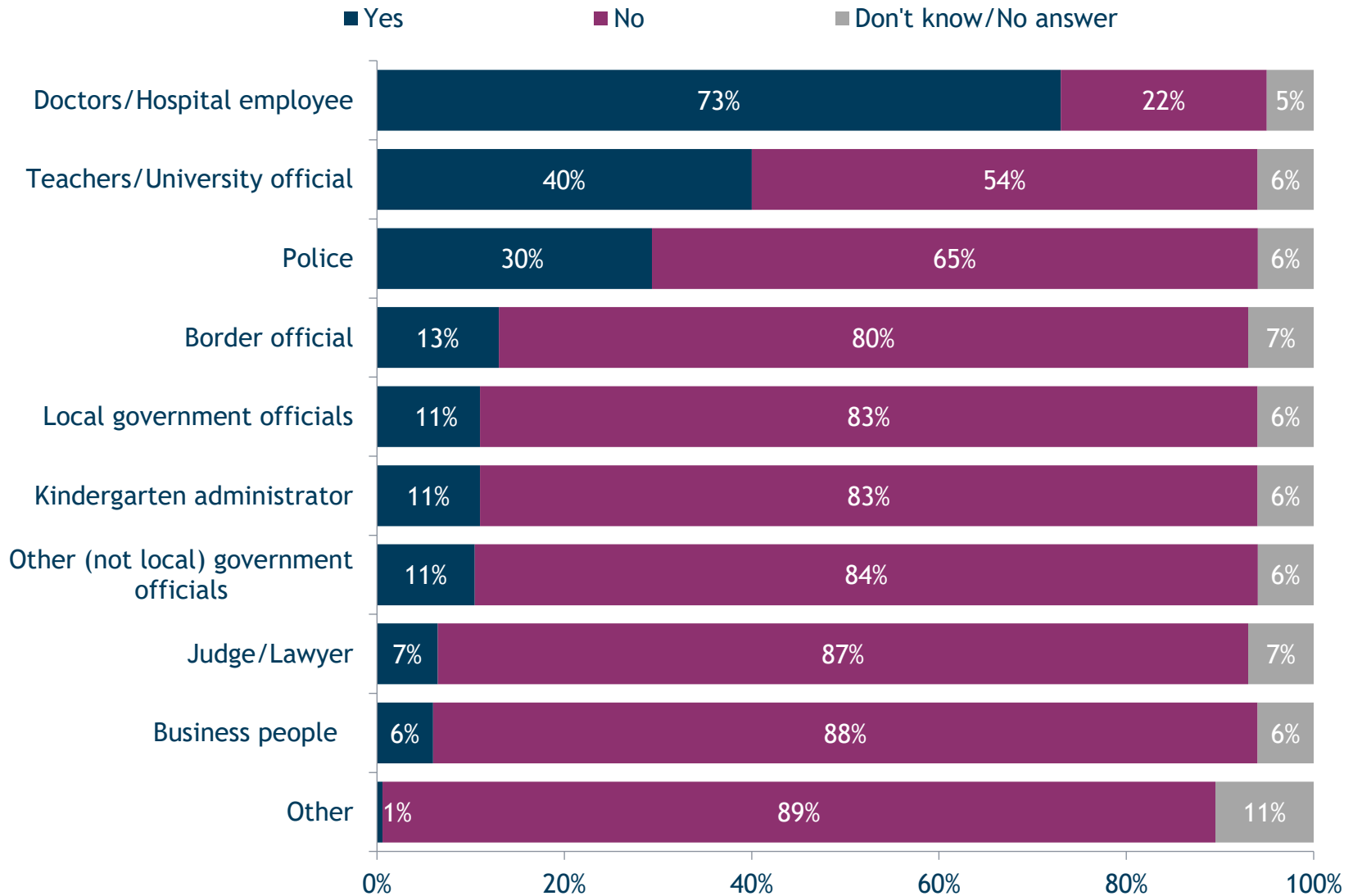


In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?



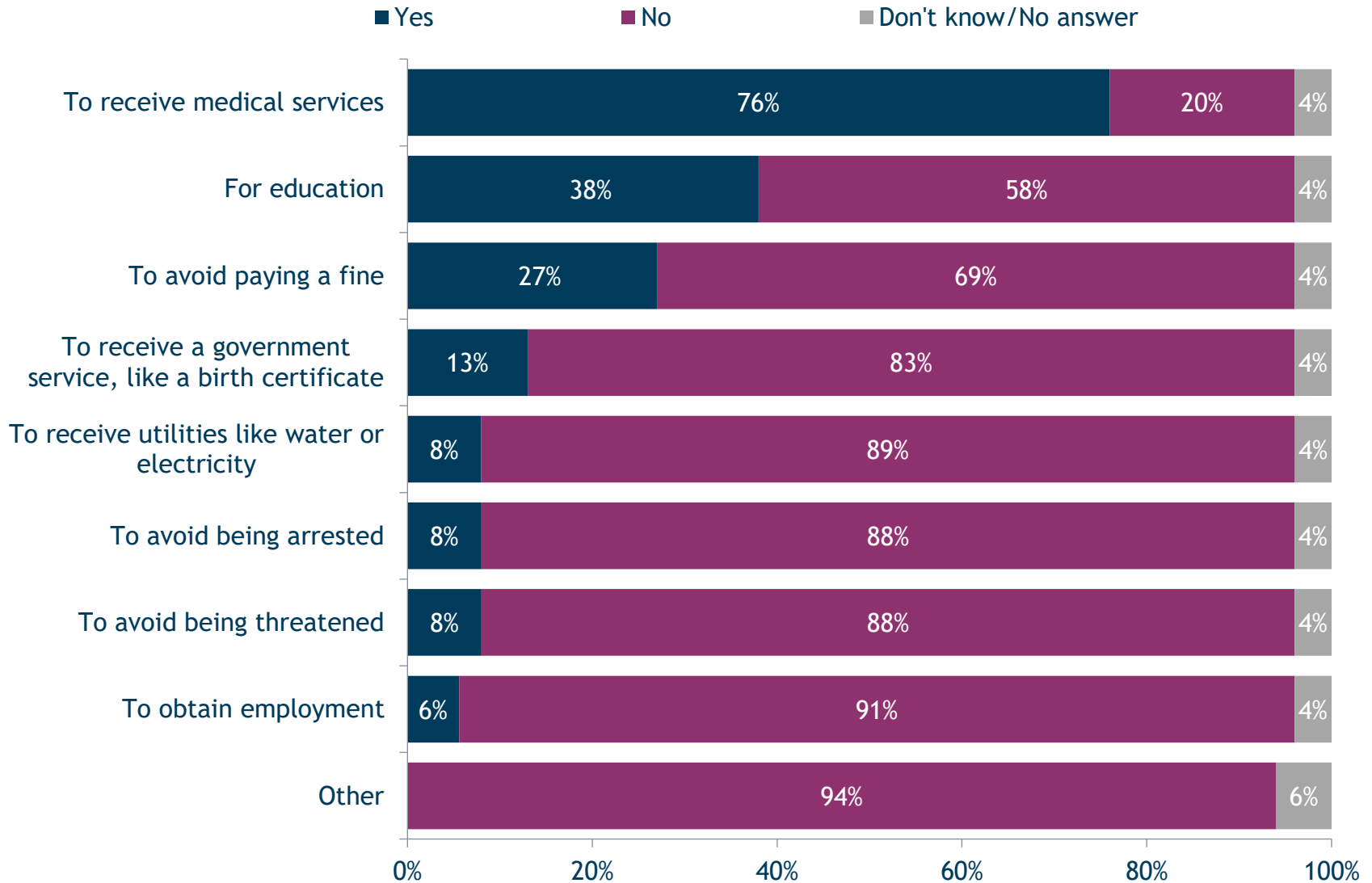
Whom did you have to do favors for, give gifts or pay bribes to?

(Respondents who had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe in the past 12 months, n=274)

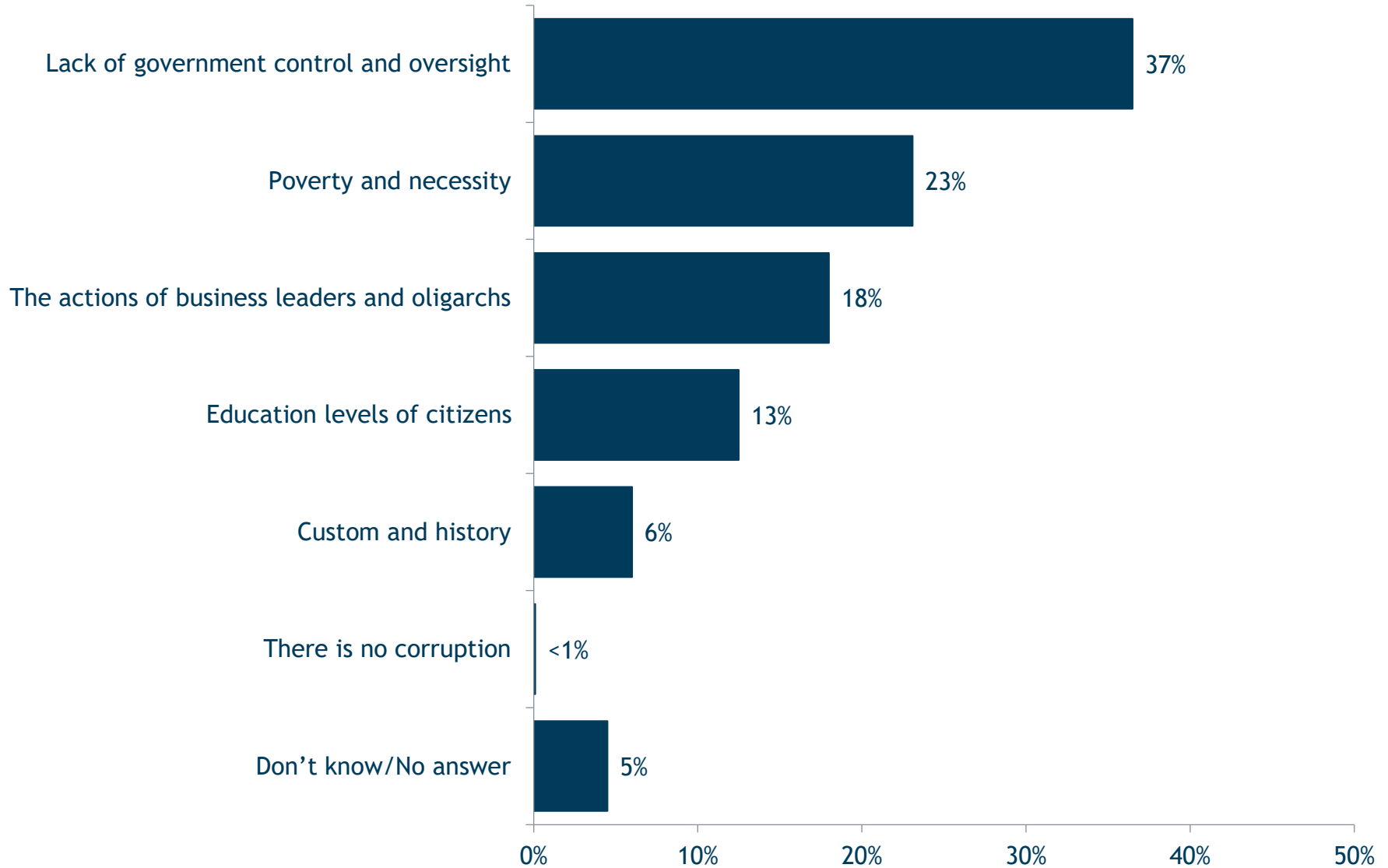


Why did you have to do favors, give gifts or pay bribes?

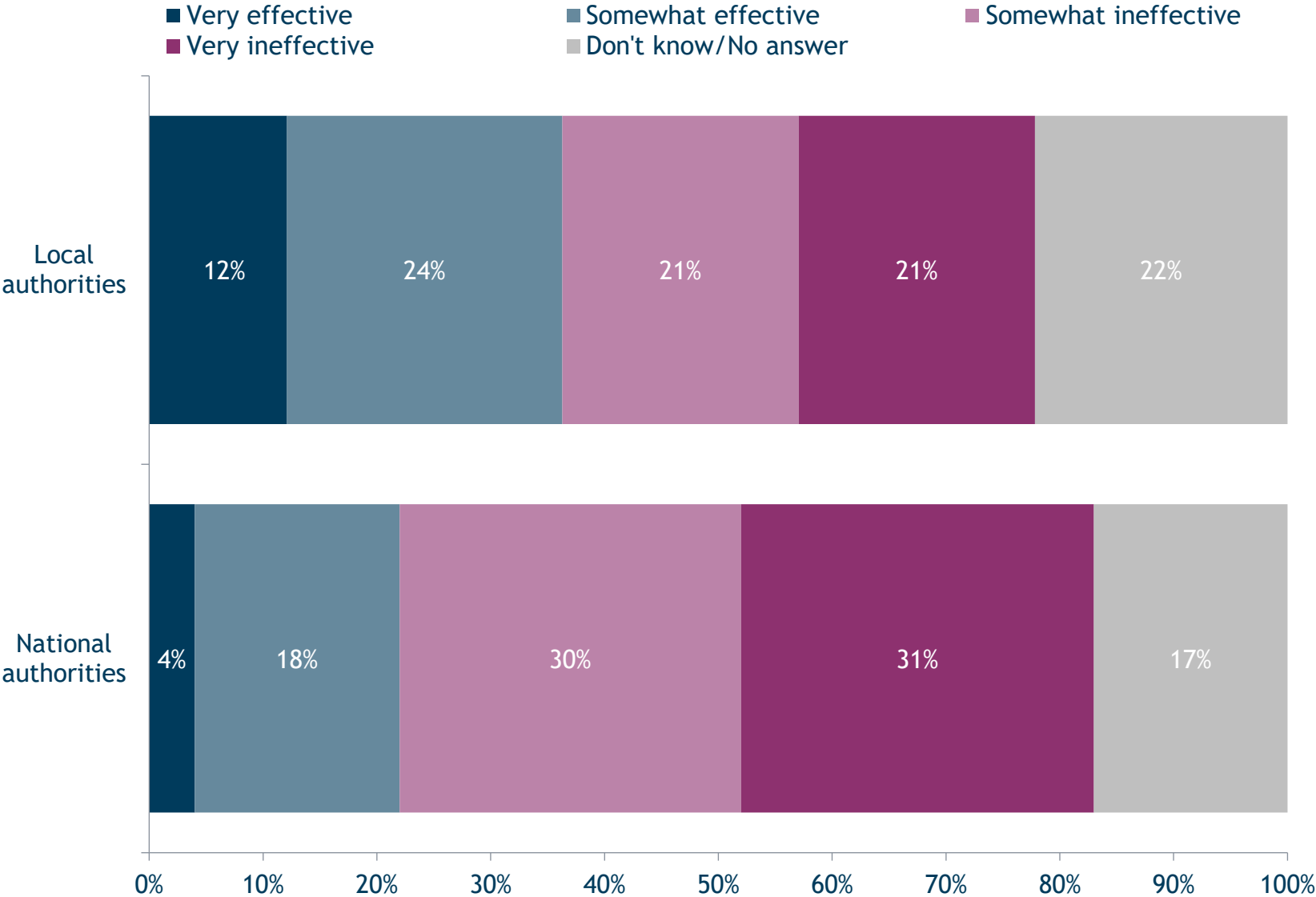
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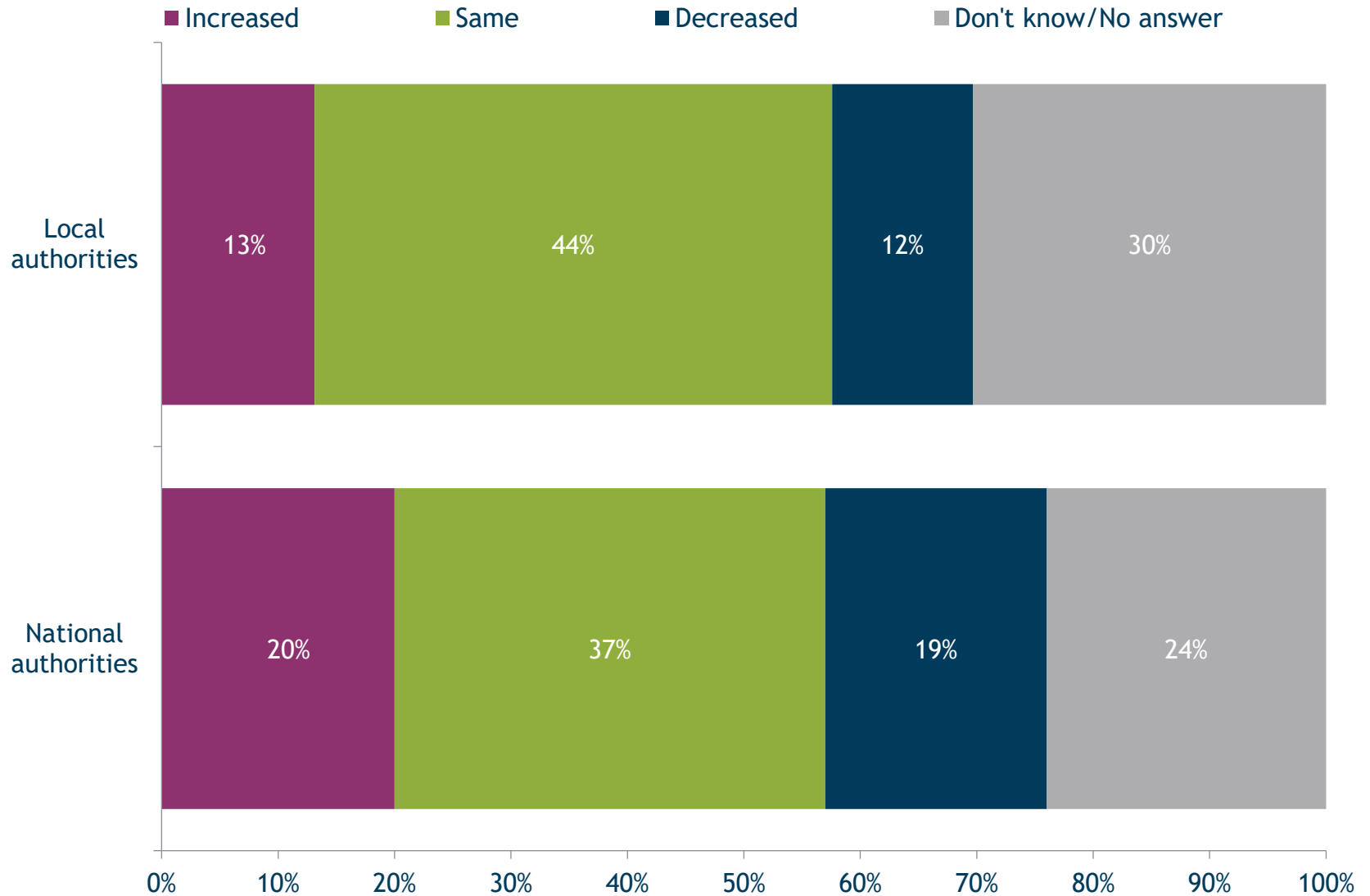
What, in your opinion, is the greatest cause of corruption in our country?



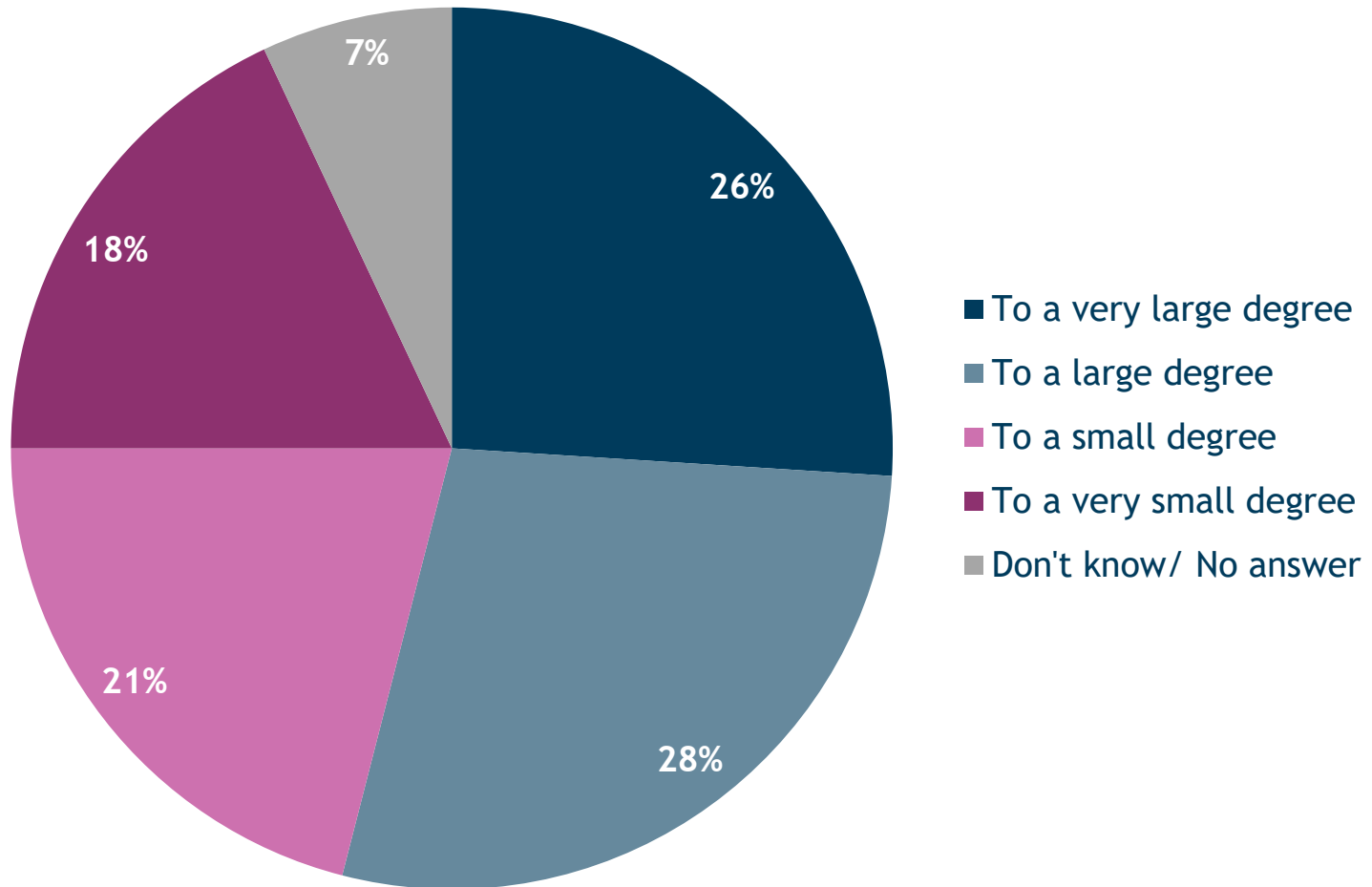
In your opinion, how effective are authorities in addressing corruption?



Over the past 12 months, has corruption among authorities increased, decreased or stayed the same?



To what degree is it the responsibility of citizens to address corruption?

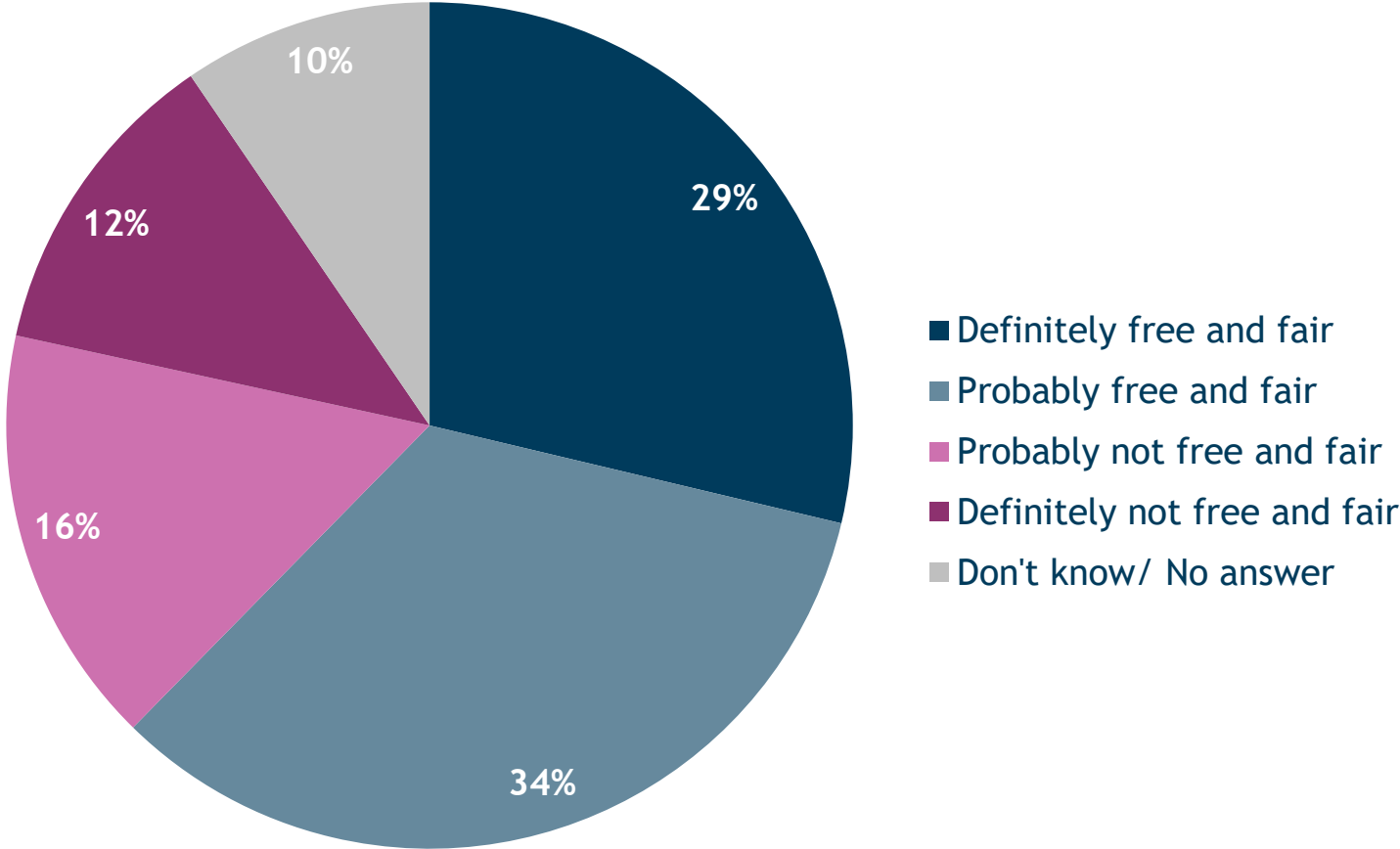




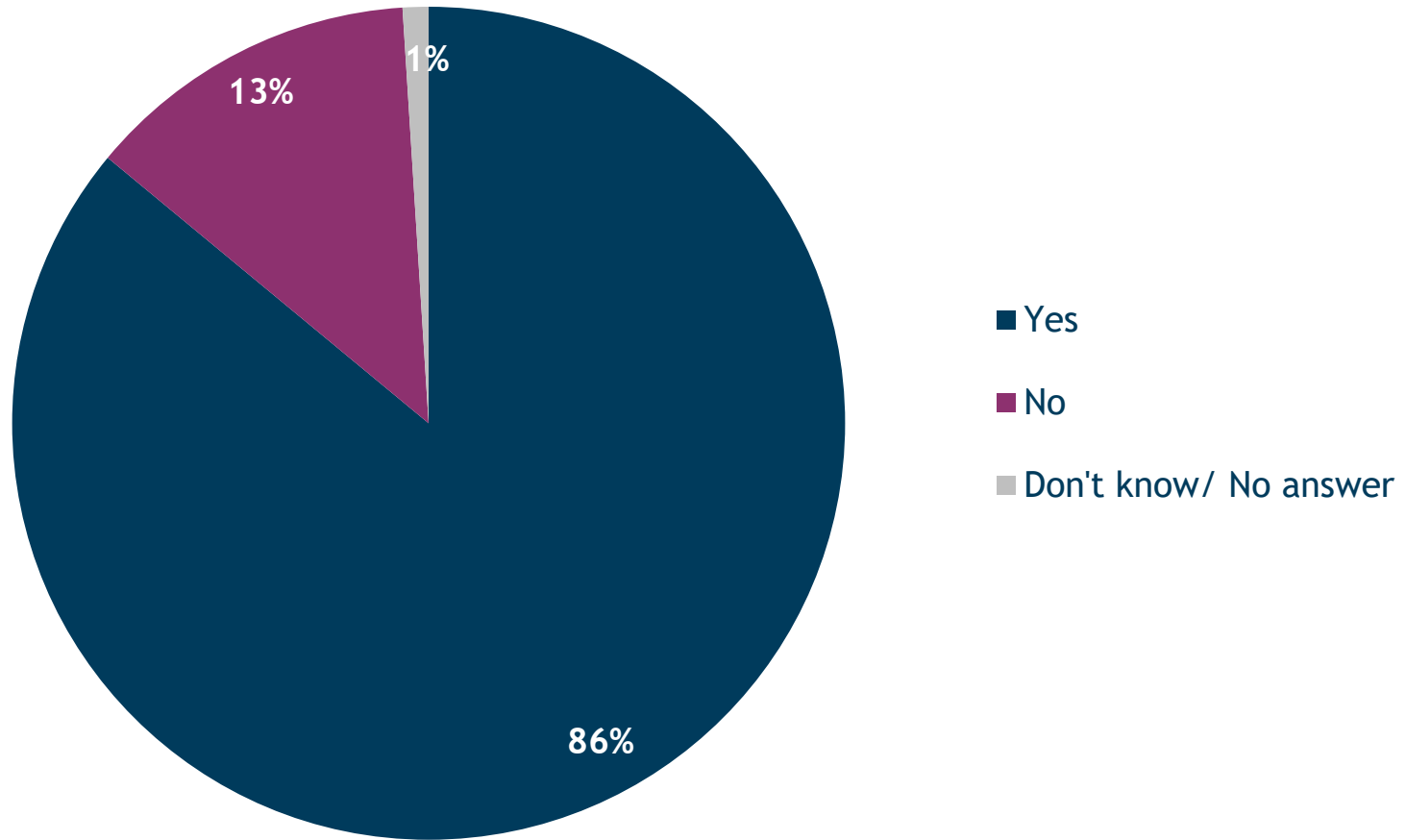
Elections - Past and Future



Do you think that the early parliamentary elections on July 11, 2021 were free and fair?

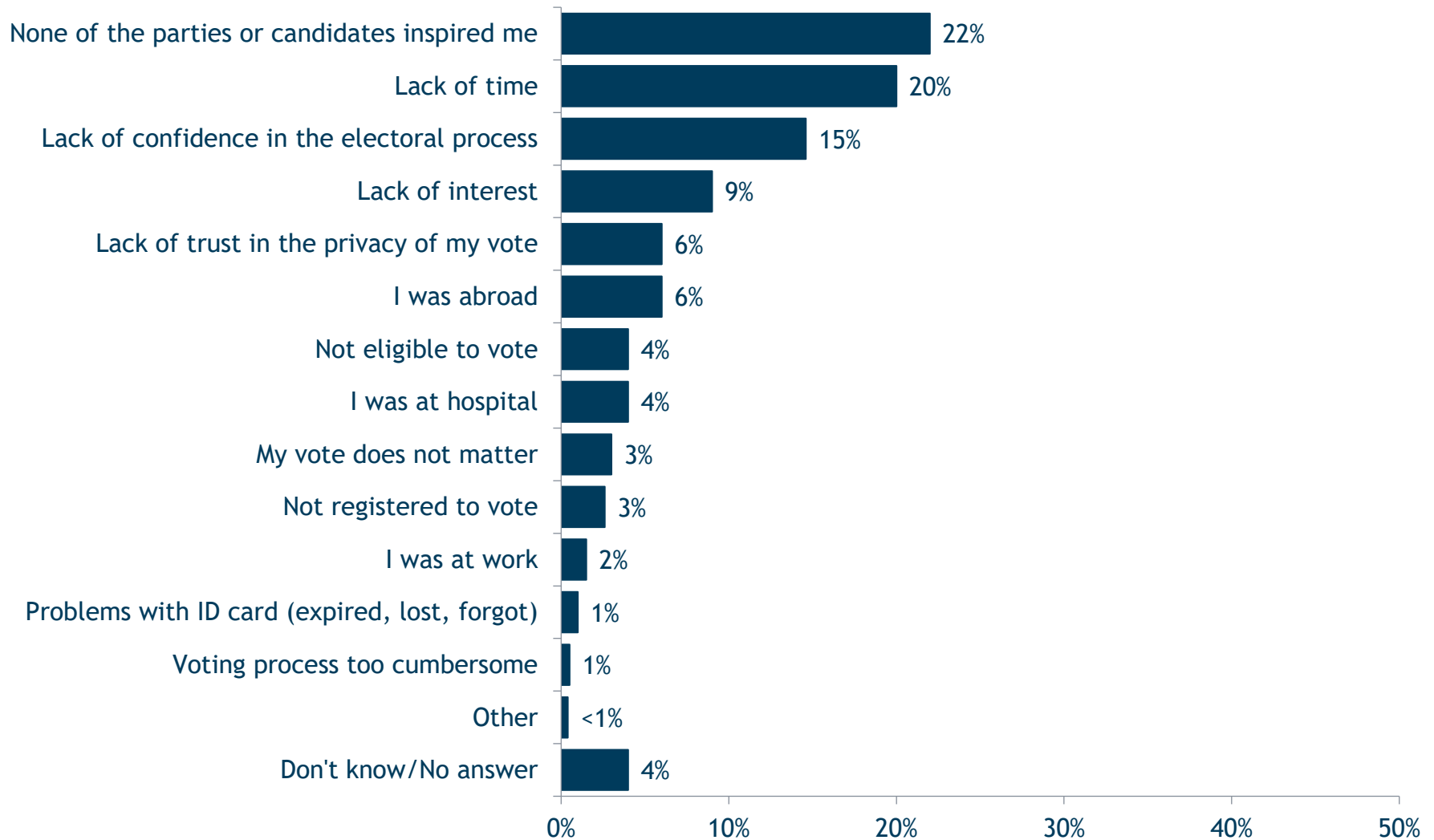


Did you vote in the July 11 parliamentary elections?



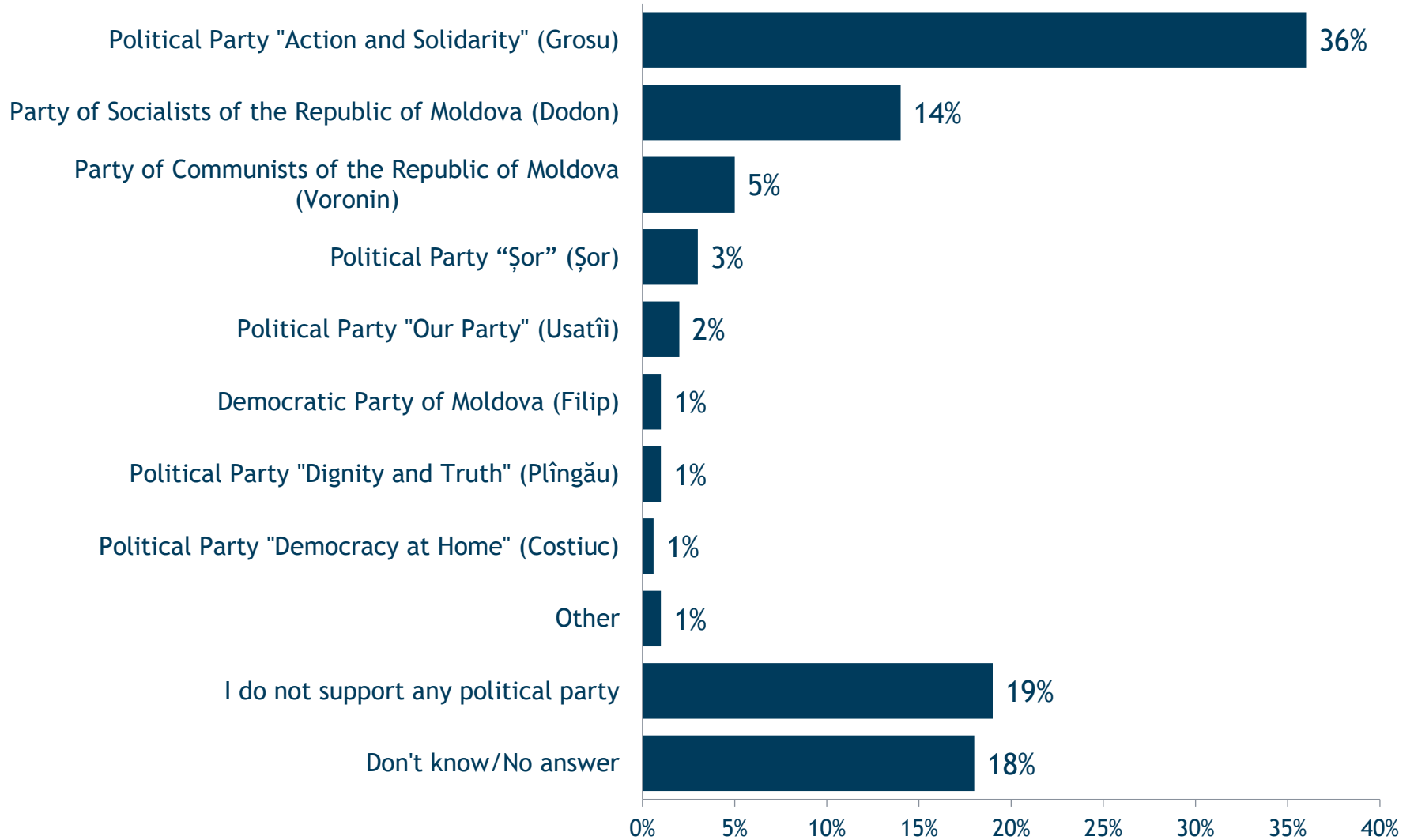
What is the primary reason you did not vote in the July 11 parliamentary elections?

(Respondents supplied a spontaneous answer; Respondents who did not vote in the July 11 parliamentary elections, n=217)



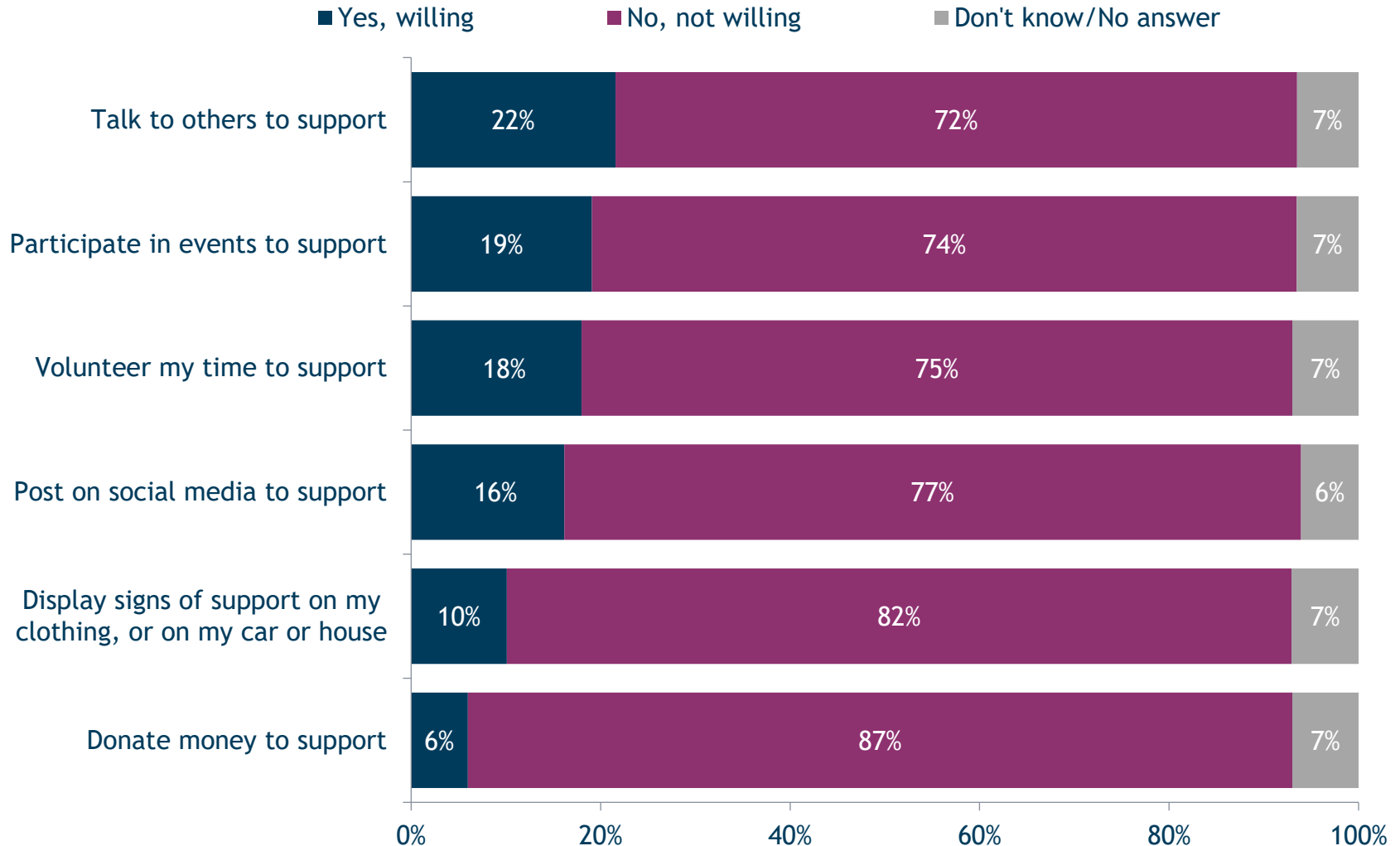
Which political party if any, do you currently support? I would like to remind you that your response is confidential.

(Respondents supplied a spontaneous answer)



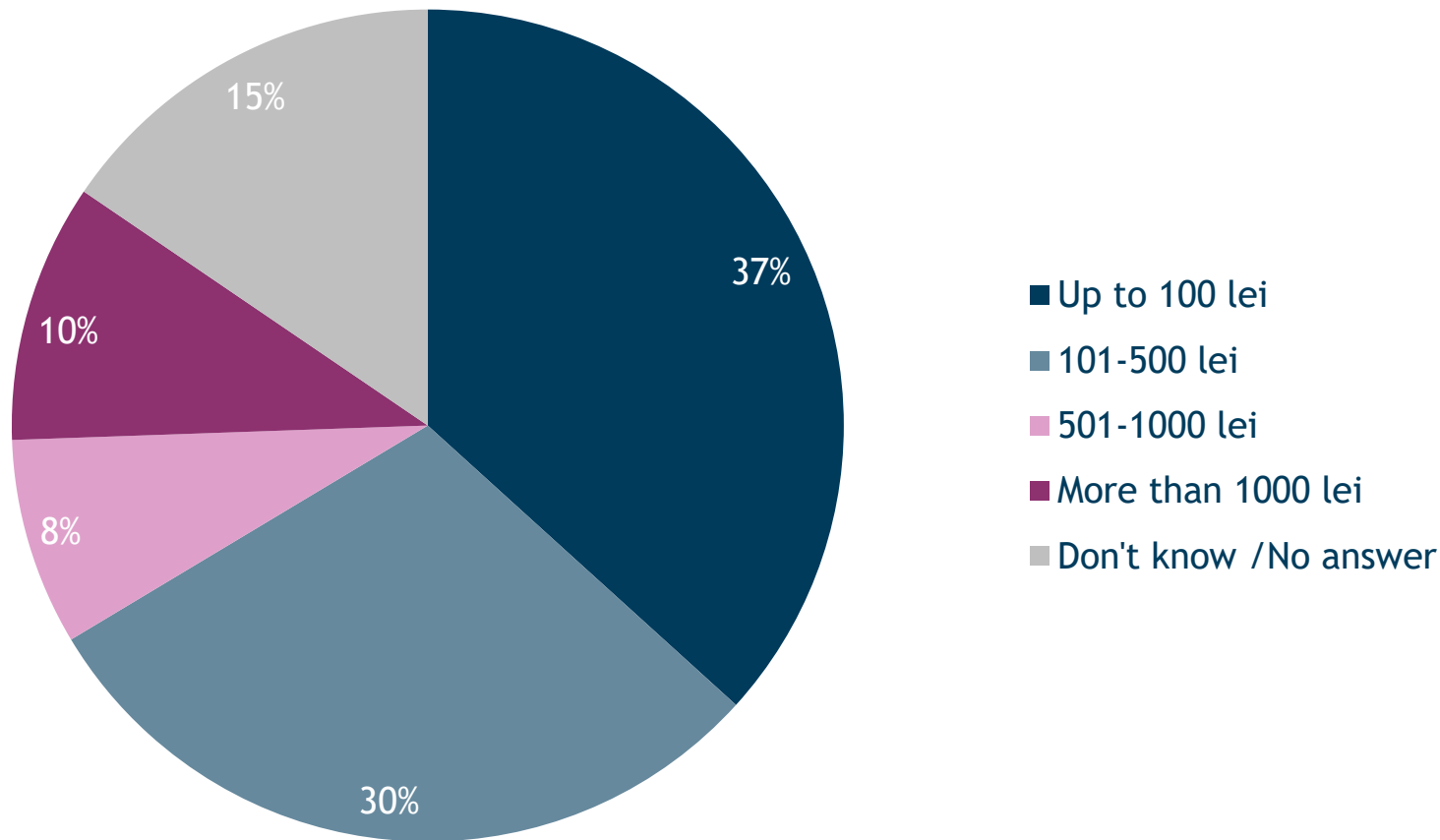
*Some parties that received <1% were united under the category "Other"

Would you be willing to engage in any of the following support activities for a political party or political movement you support?



If you would be willing to donate to the political party or political movement you support, how much would you be willing to give?

(Respondents willing to donate money to support, n=102)



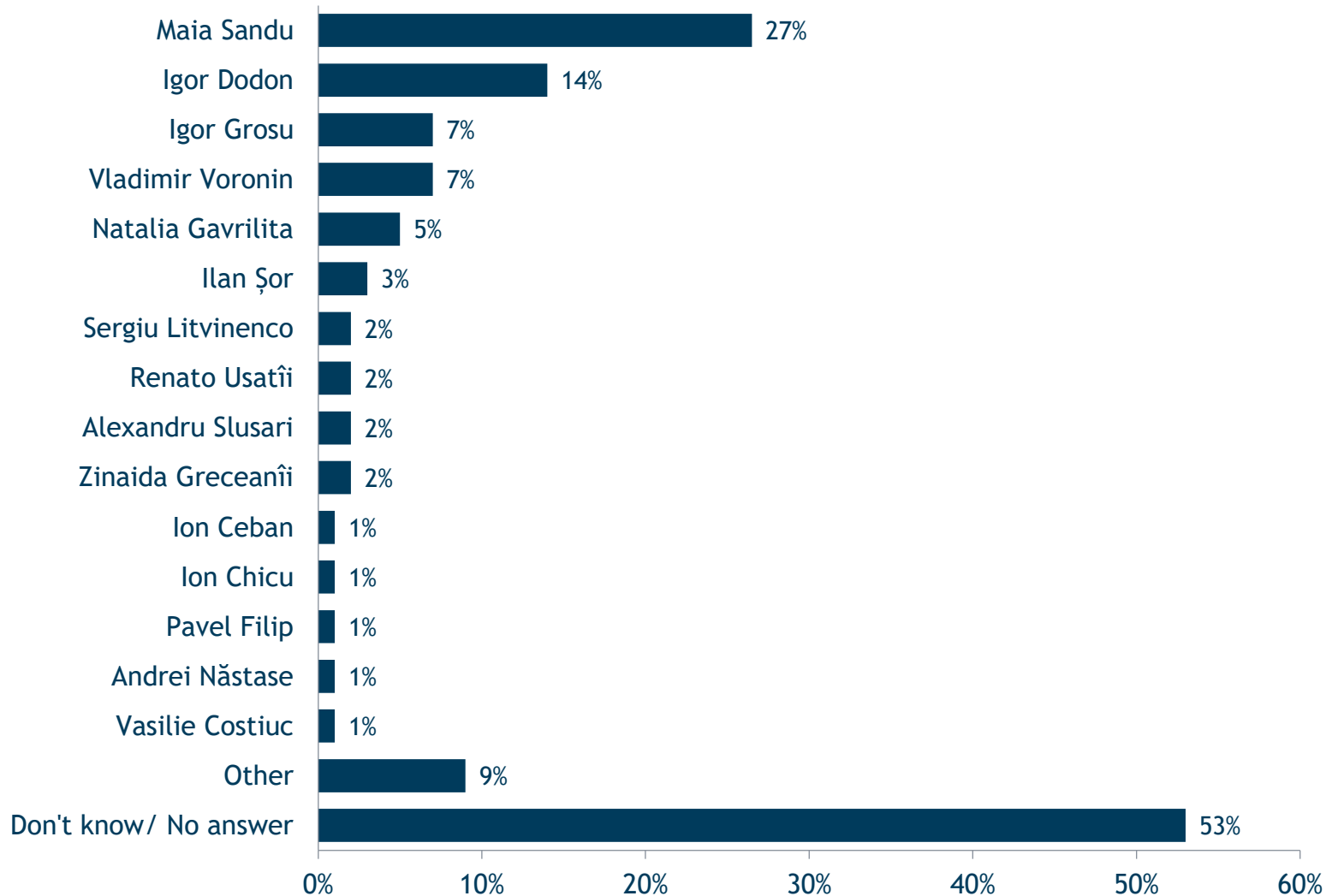


Politicians



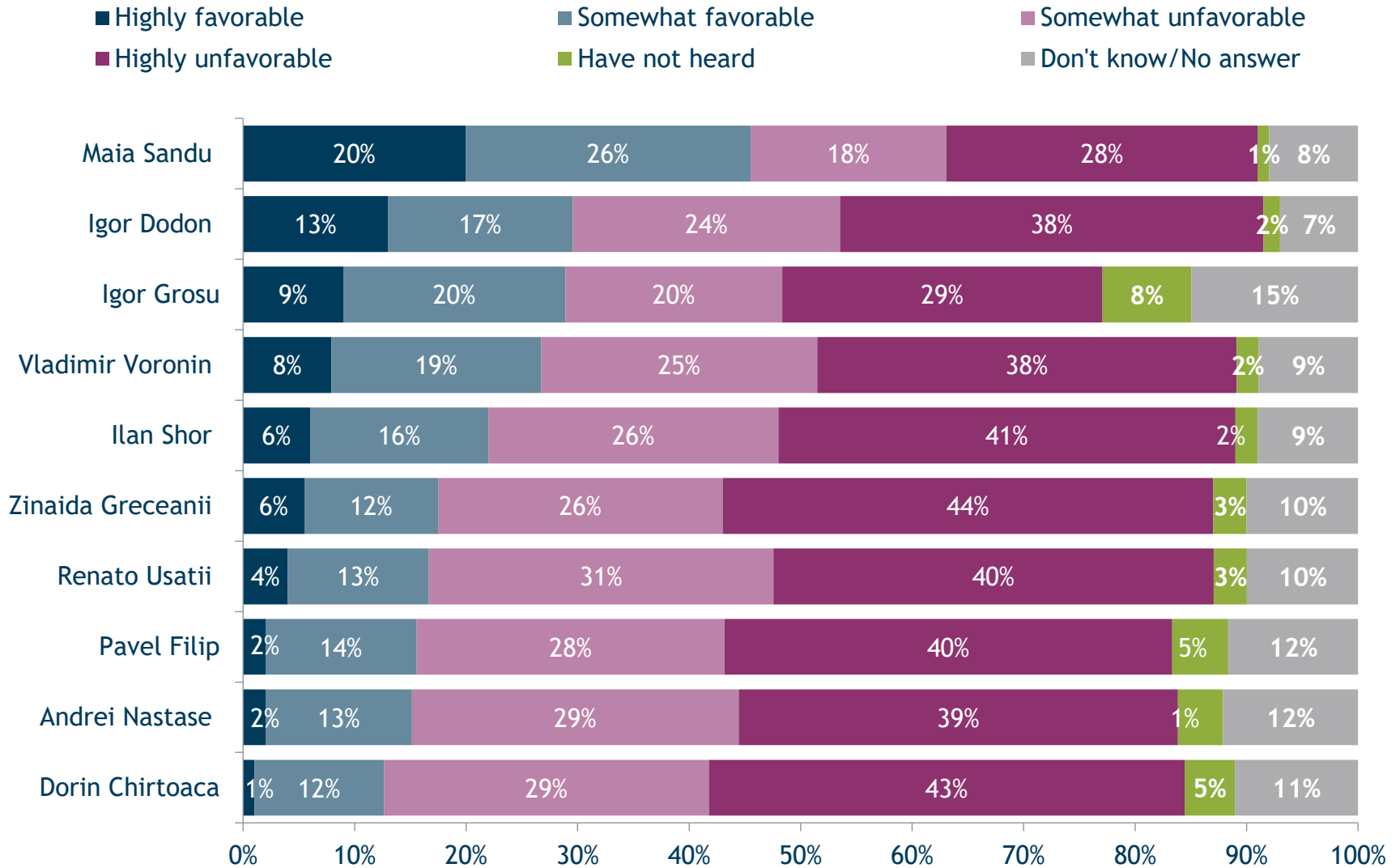
Which politician or public person do you trust the most?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers; persons mentioned by at least 1 percent of respondents displayed)

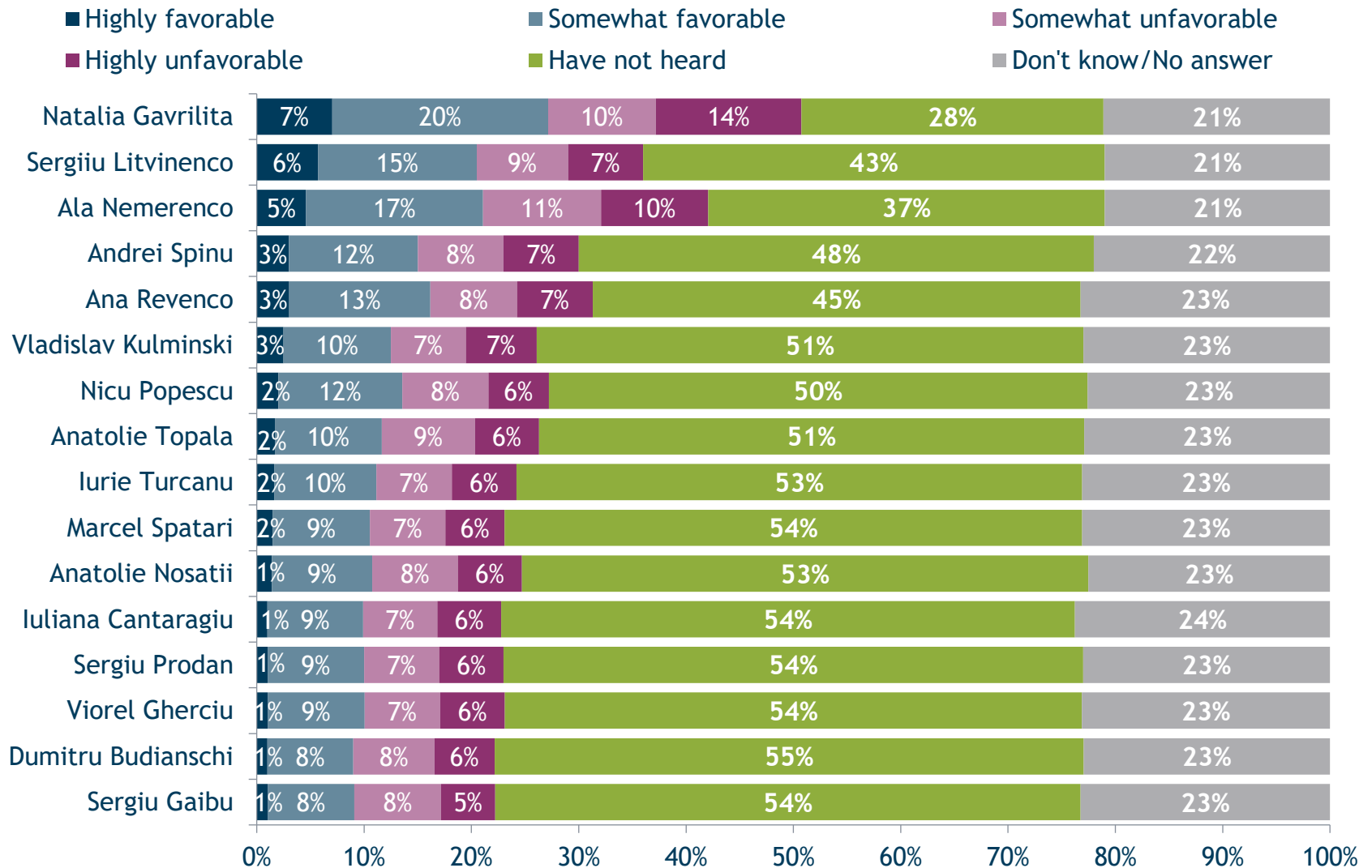


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For each name, please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or highly unfavorable opinion of this individual. If you have not heard of this person please tell me.



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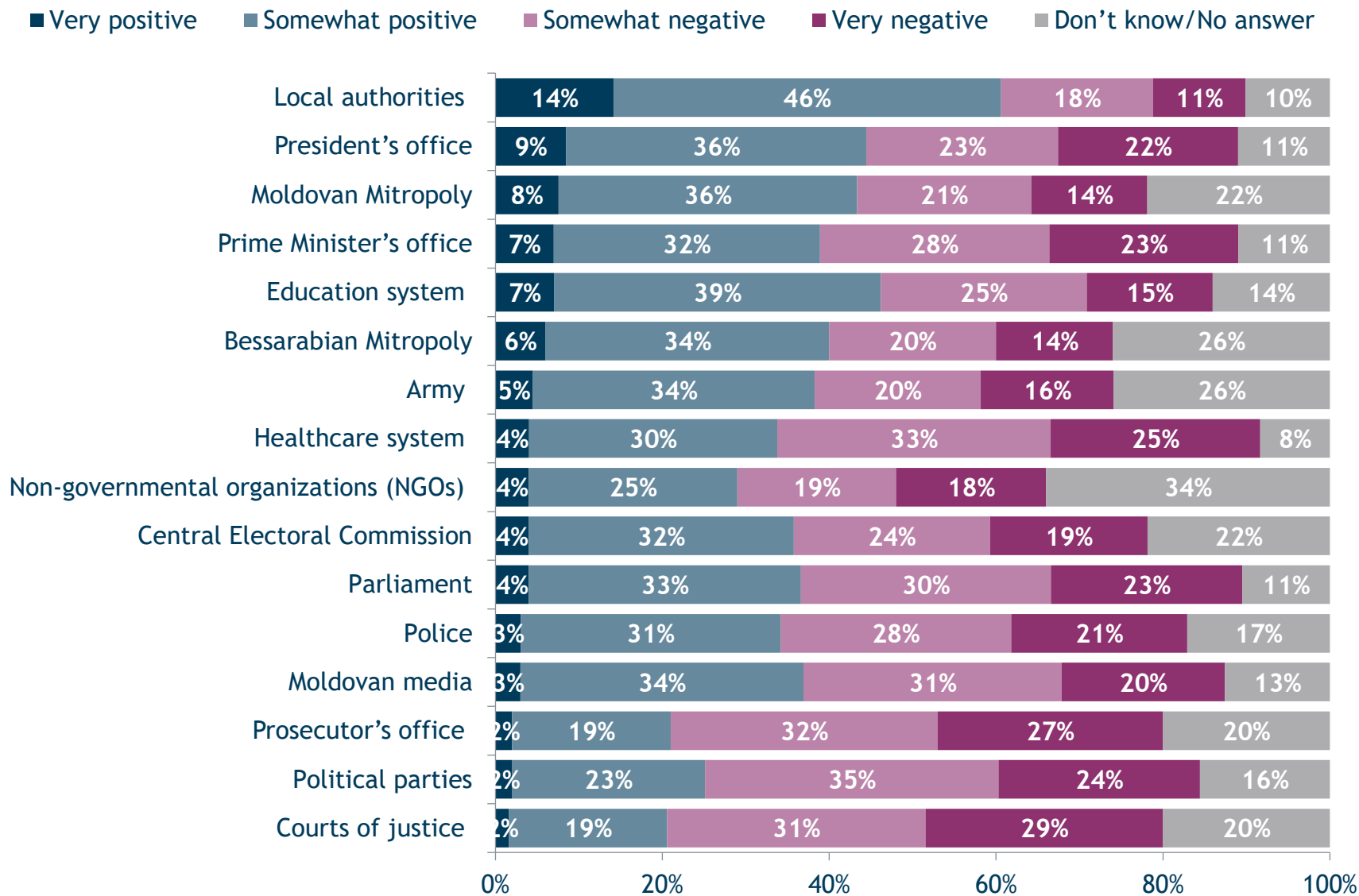




Institutions



What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?

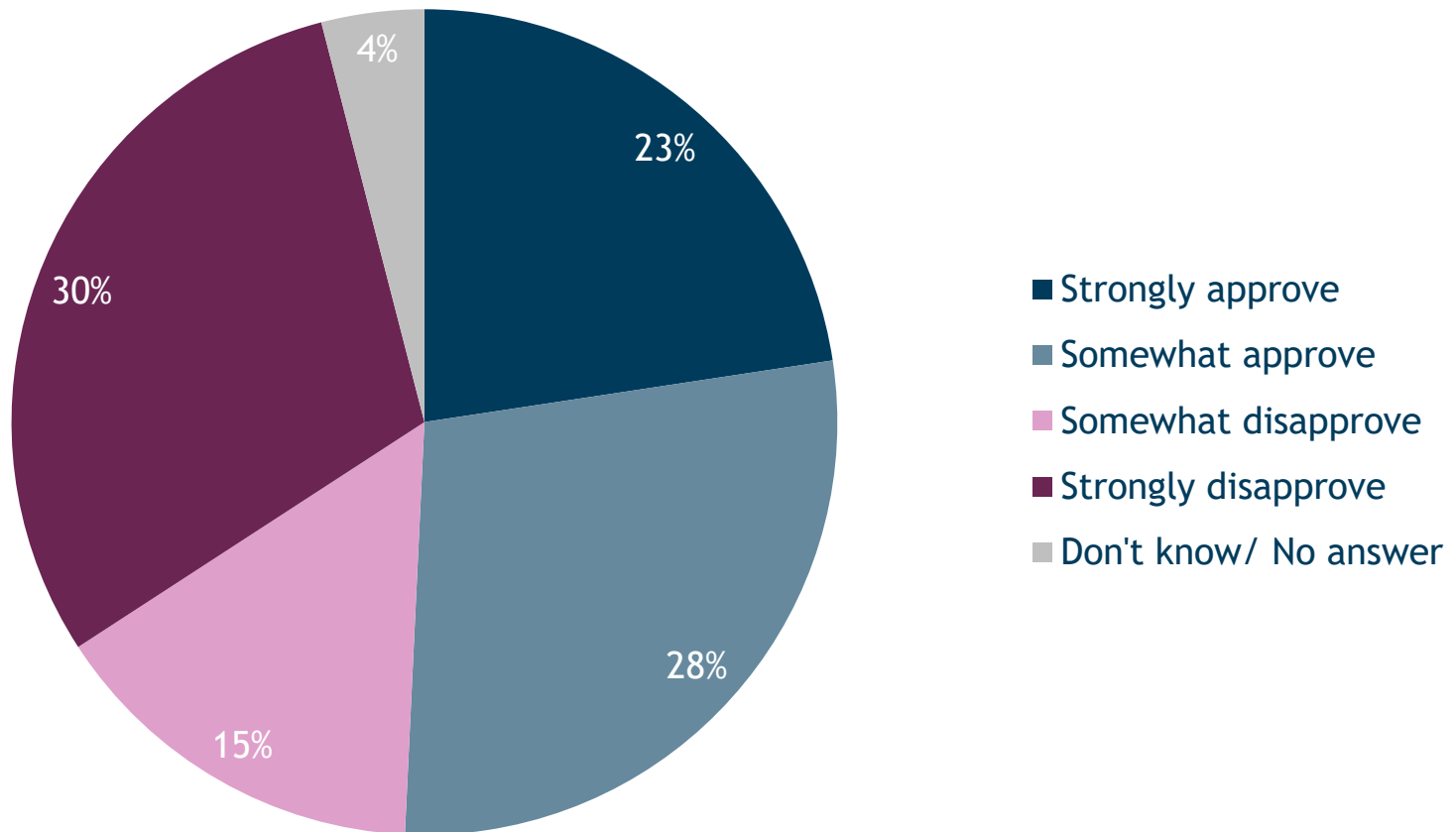




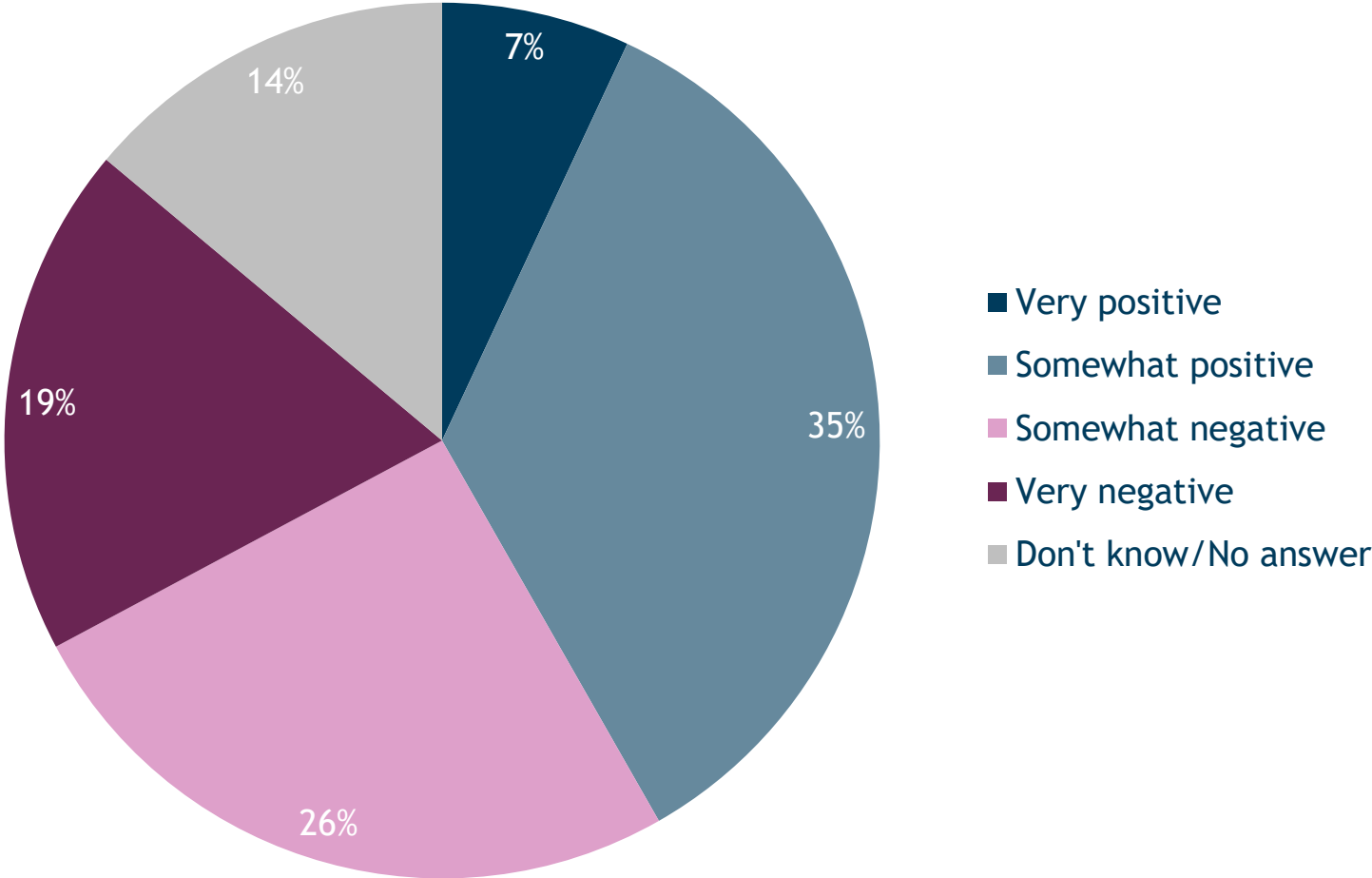
Attitudes Toward the President, Government and Local Authorities



Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the President of Moldova, Maia Sandu?

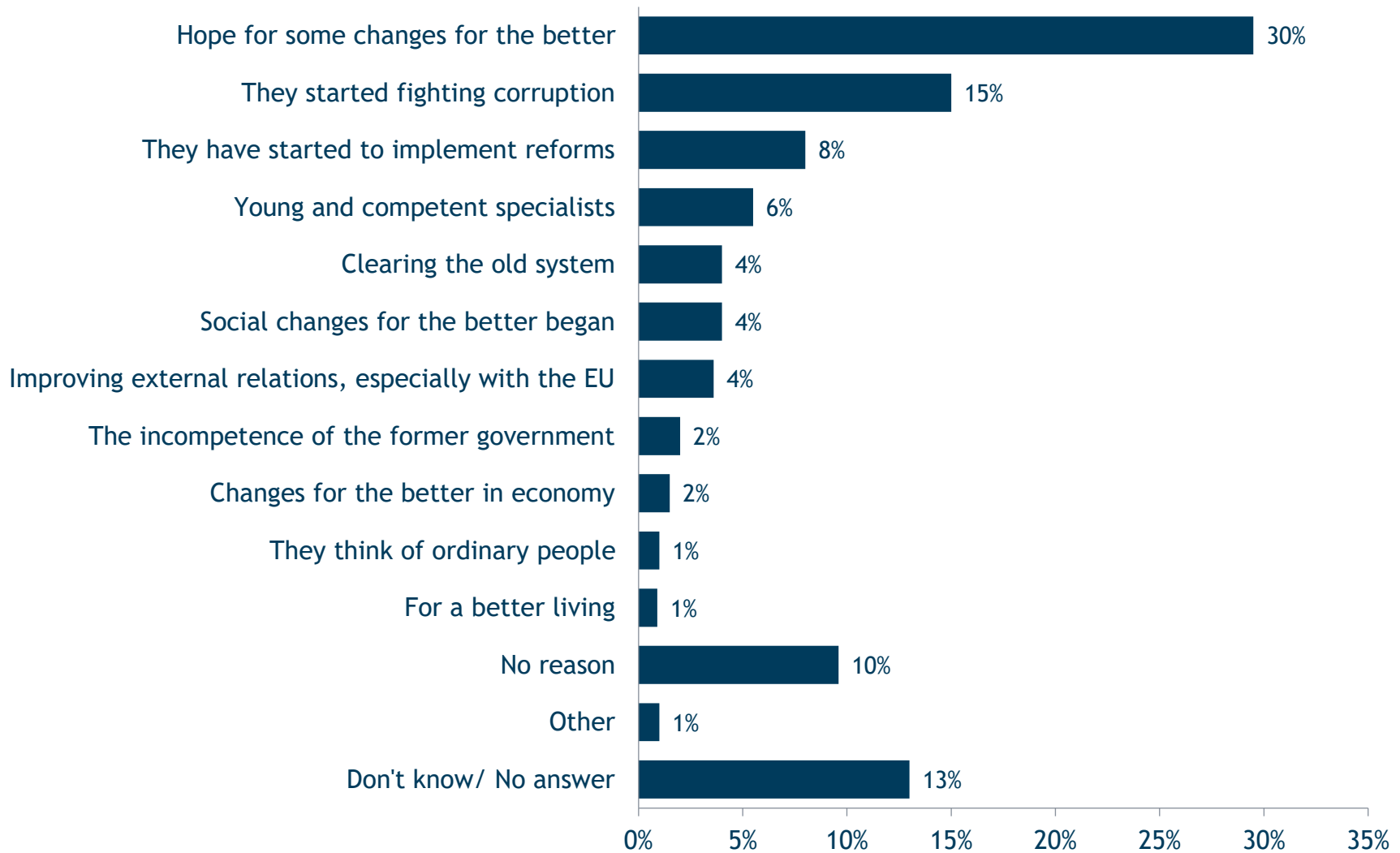


How do you view the recent change in government?



What is the most important reason why you view the change in government as positive?

(Respondents provided a spontaneous answer; Respondents positively evaluating change in government, n=680)



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What is the most important reason why you view the change in government as negative?

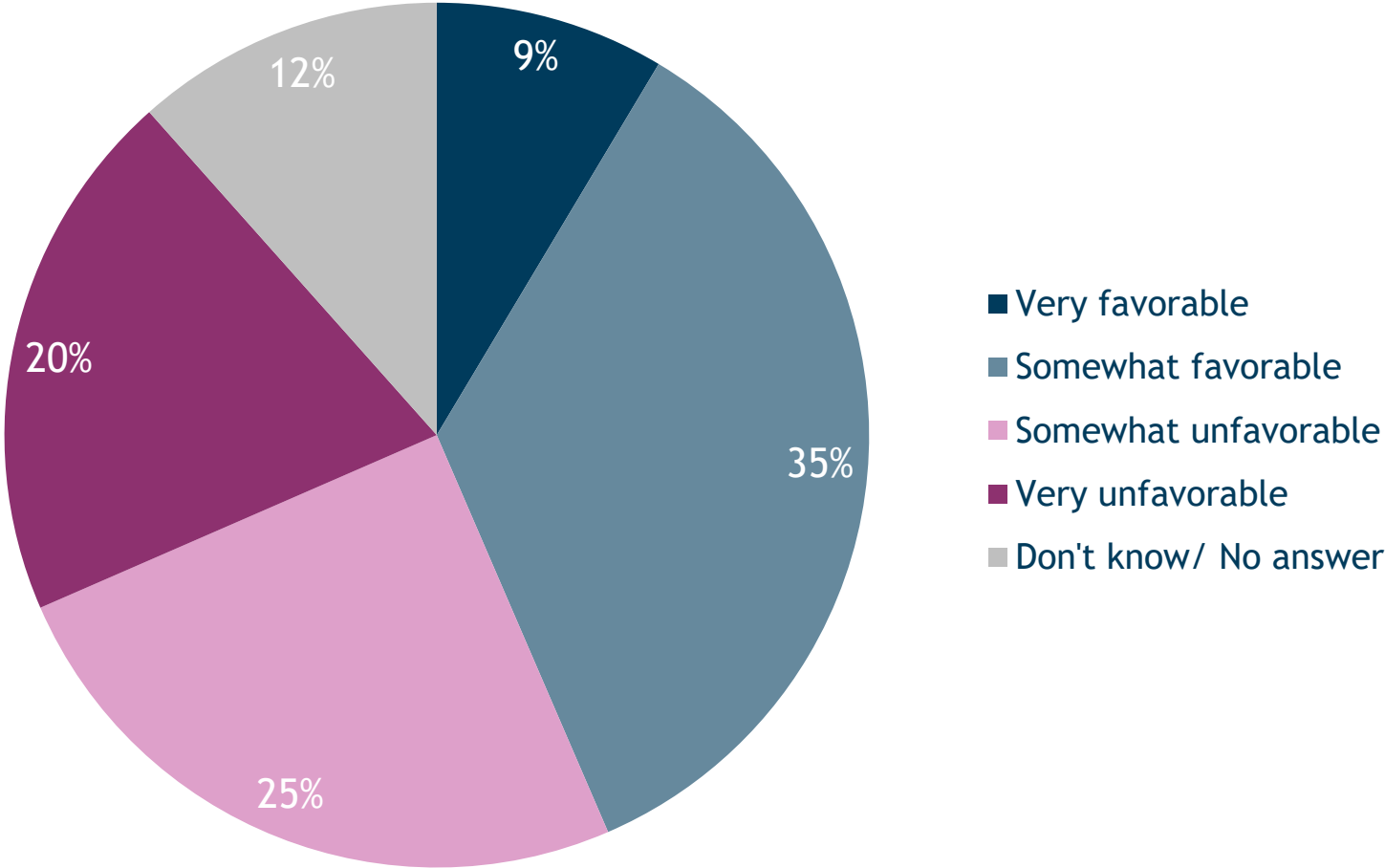
(Respondents provided a spontaneous response; Respondents negatively evaluating change in government, n=717)



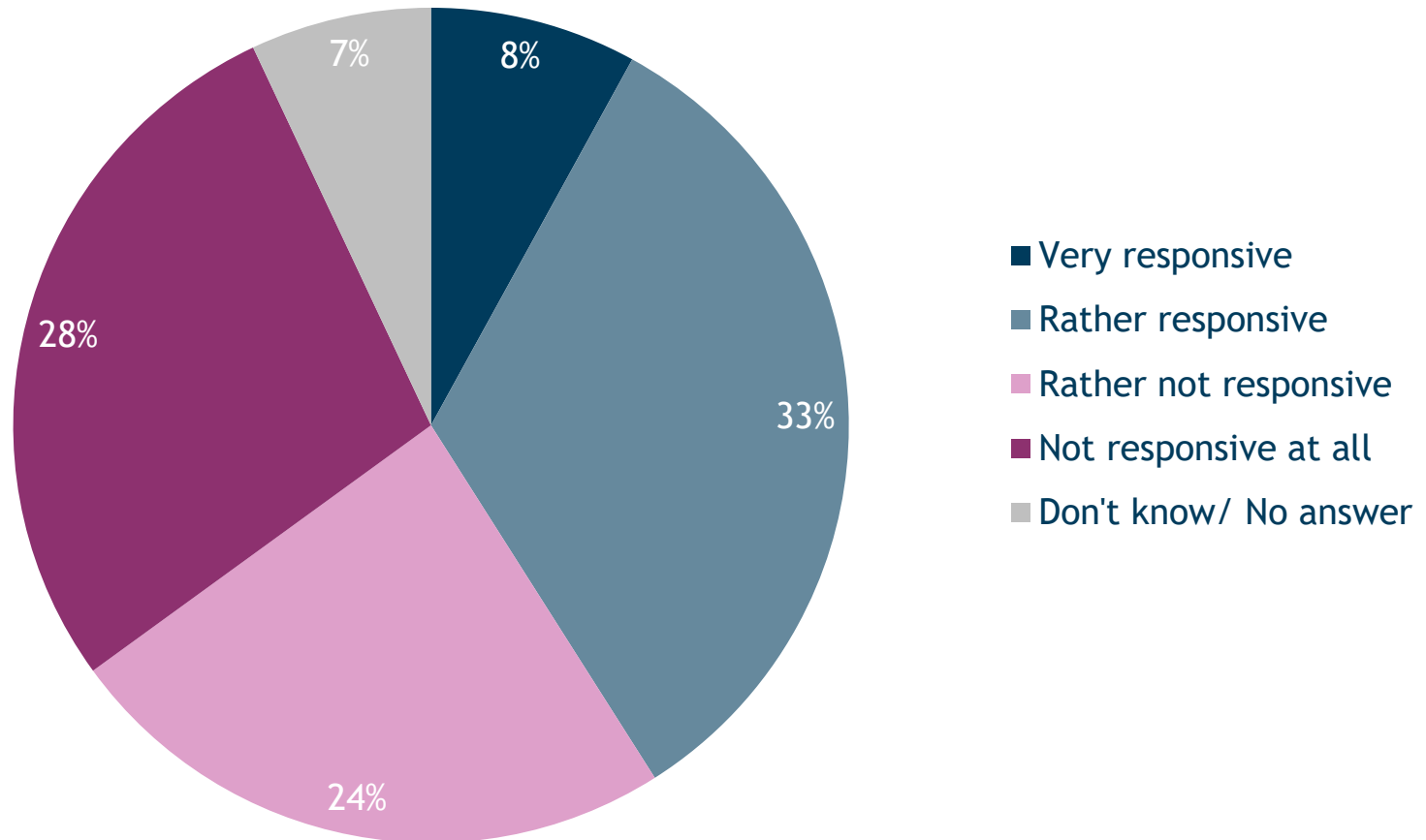
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*The term *cumătrism* refers to the use of informal networks in the Republic of Moldova. It has a pejorative connotation and describes the unmerited promotion of a candidate to a certain position, based on kinship relations to someone with status

What is your opinion of the new government team?

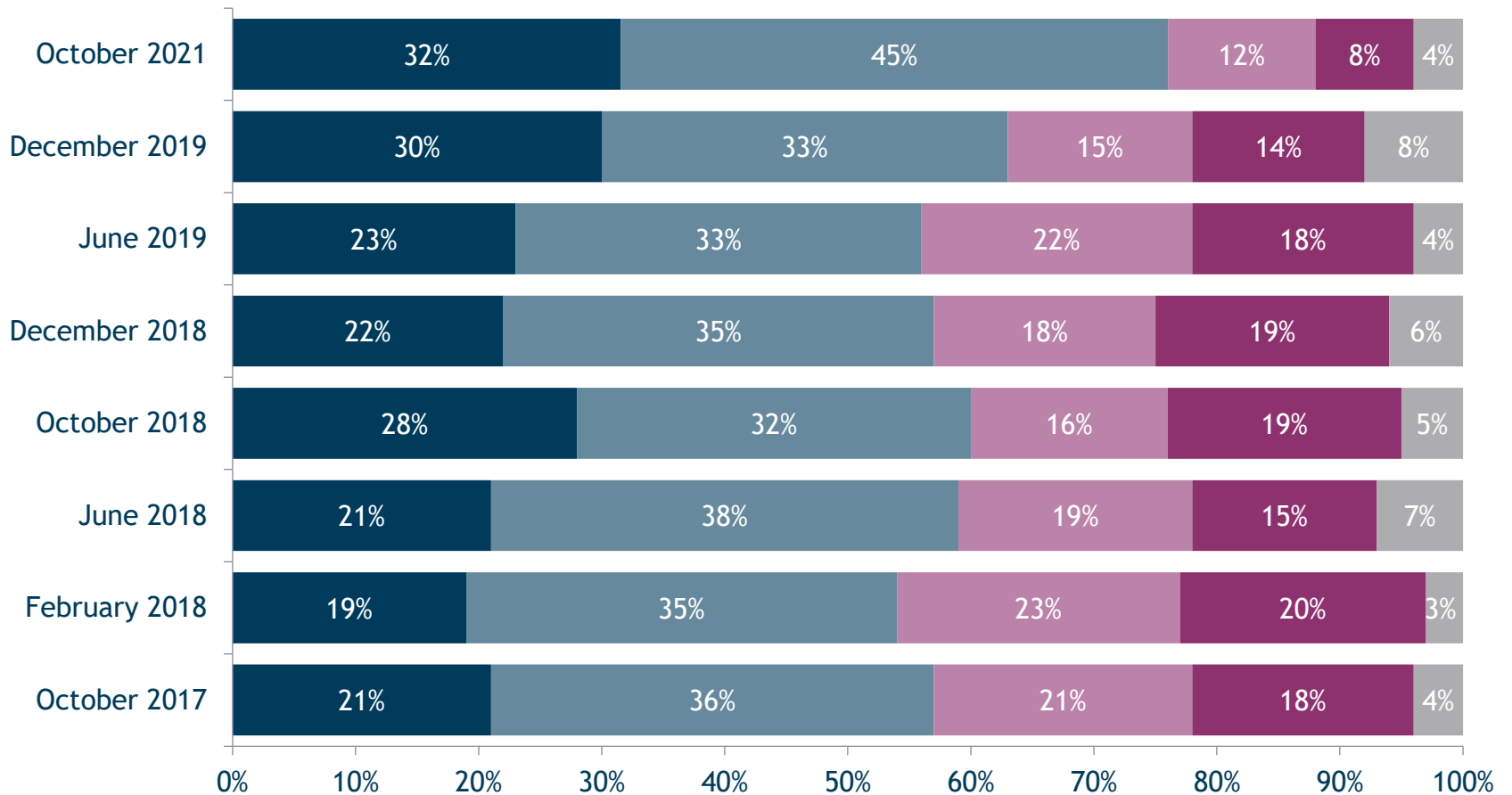


Do you think the new Moldovan Parliament will be responsive or not responsive to the needs of voters like you?



Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of your local government (i.e. mayor, local councilors and *raion* councilors)?

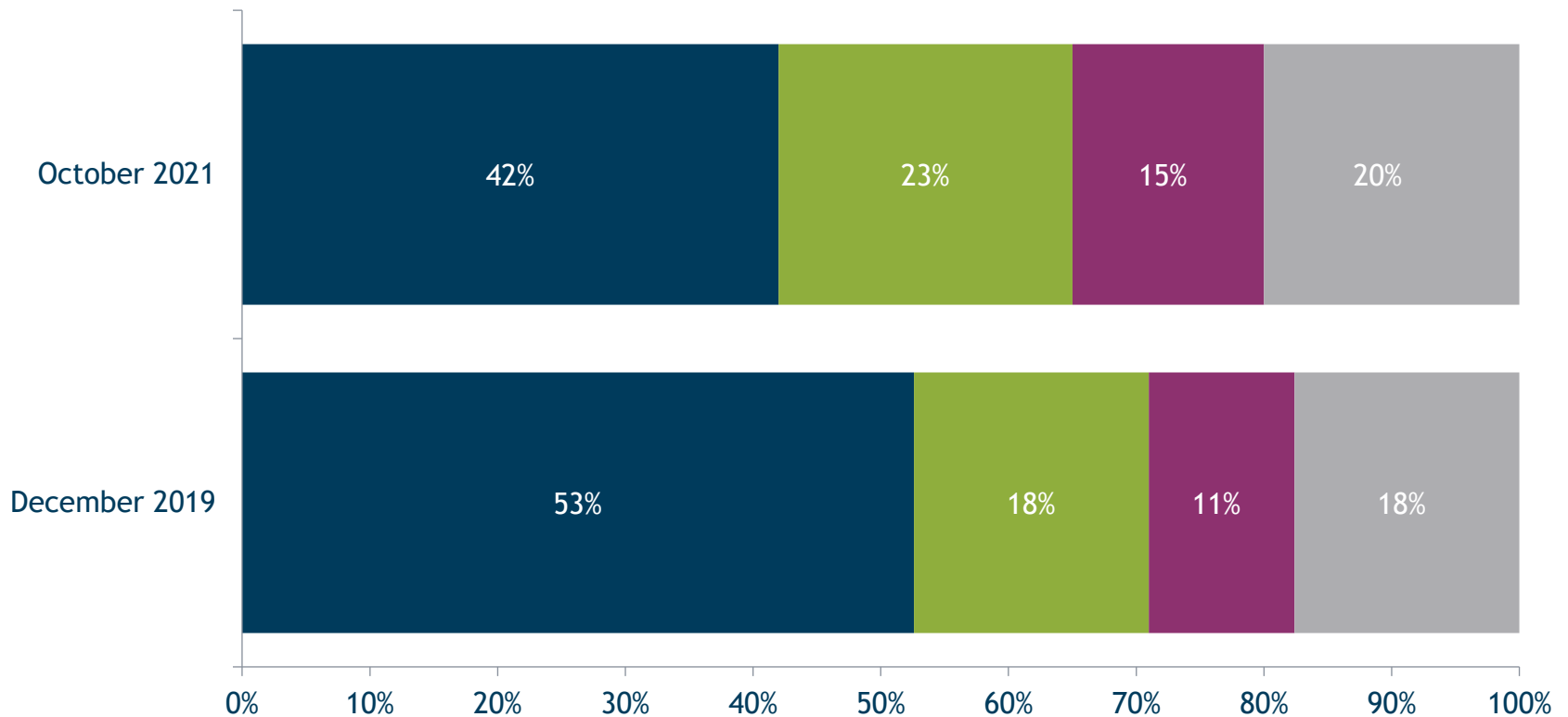
■ Strongly approve
 ■ Somewhat approve
 ■ Somewhat disapprove
 ■ Strongly disapprove
 ■ Don't know/No answer



*Below the central government, Moldova is divided administratively into 3 municipalities, 2 autonomous regions and 32 districts which are referred to as *raions*. The *raions* are governed by a locally-elected council.

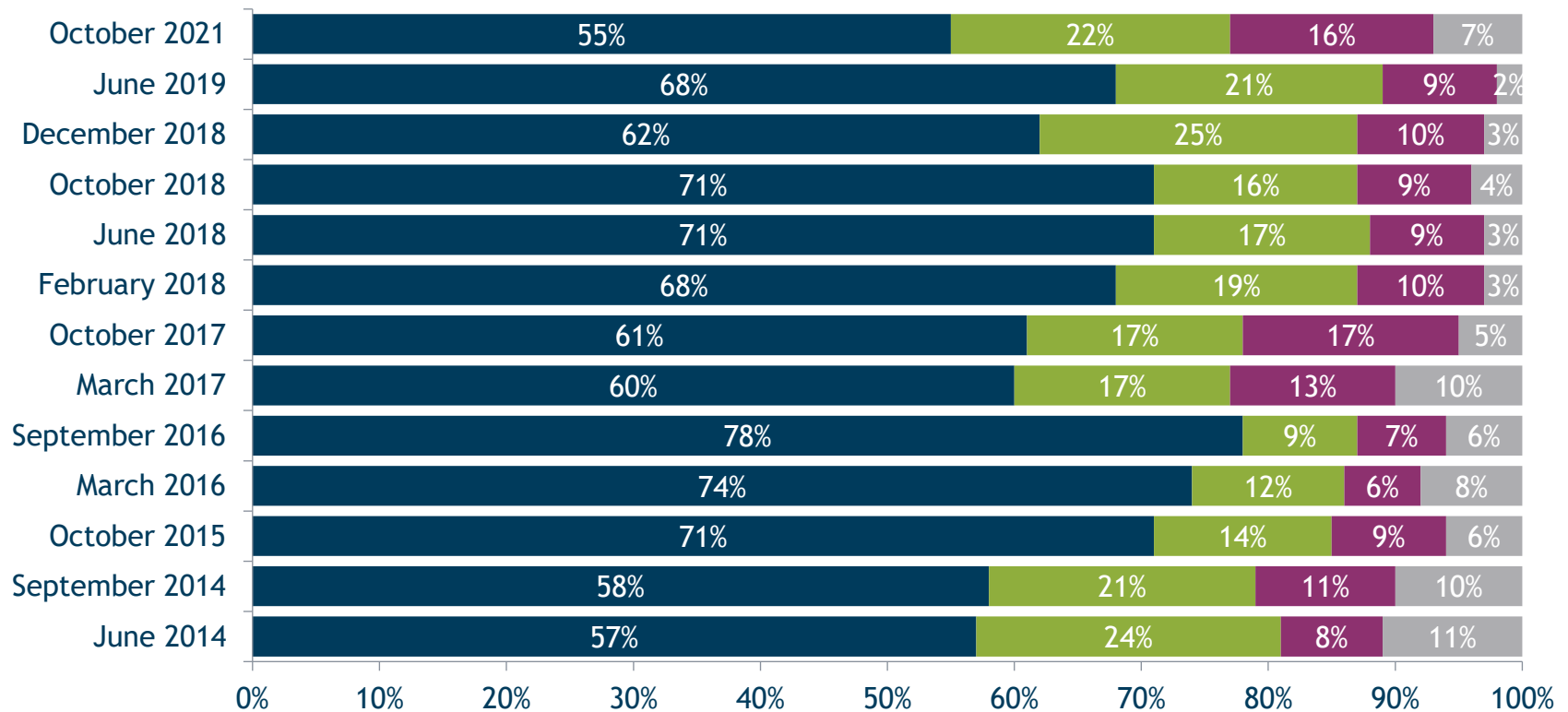
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

- 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/No answer



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

- Our society needs serious reforms (structural and systemic change)
- Our society needs gradual reforms which preserve the existing system
- Our society has to be protected from the forces who want to change the current order
- Don't know/No answer

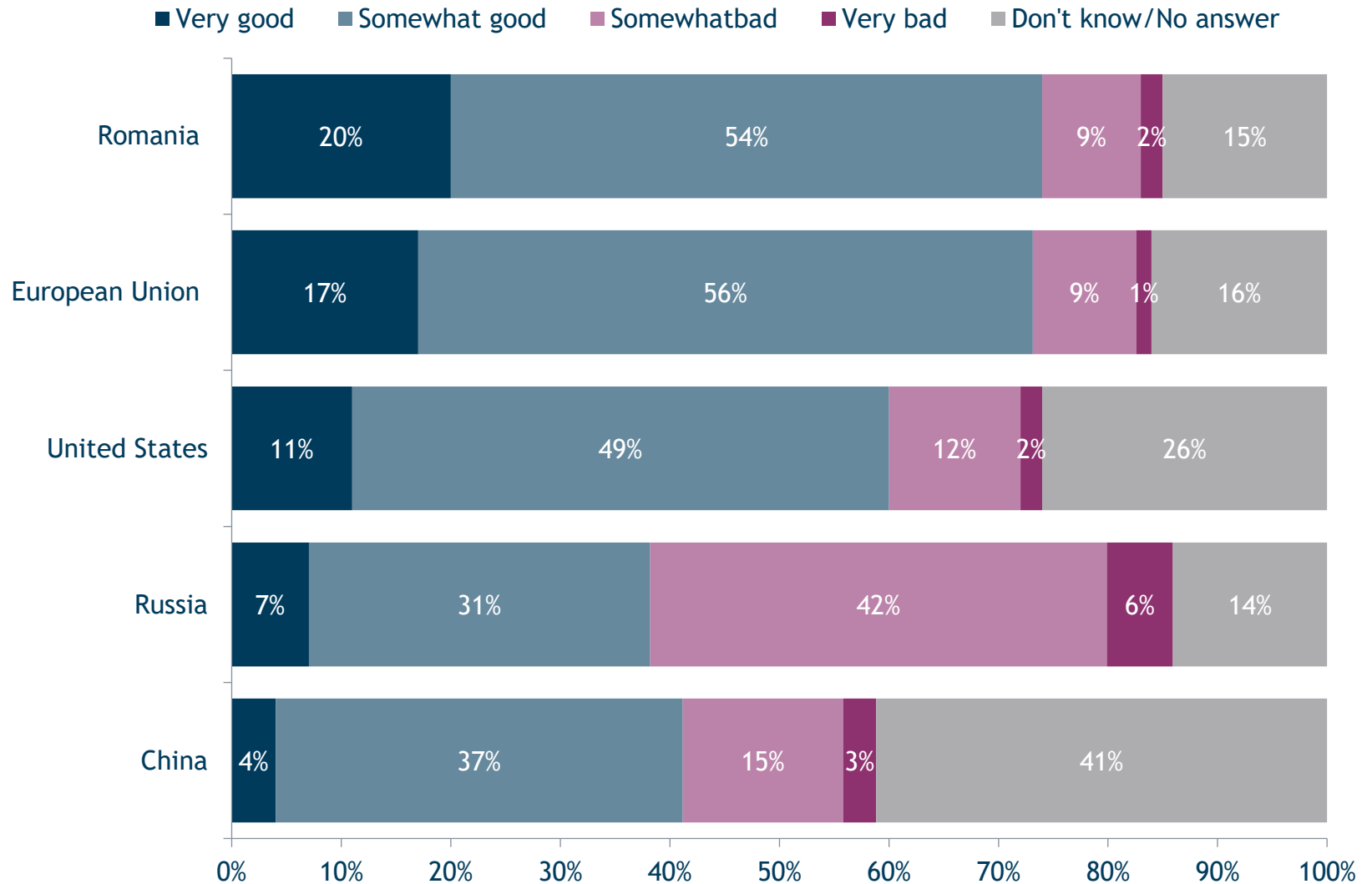




International Relations

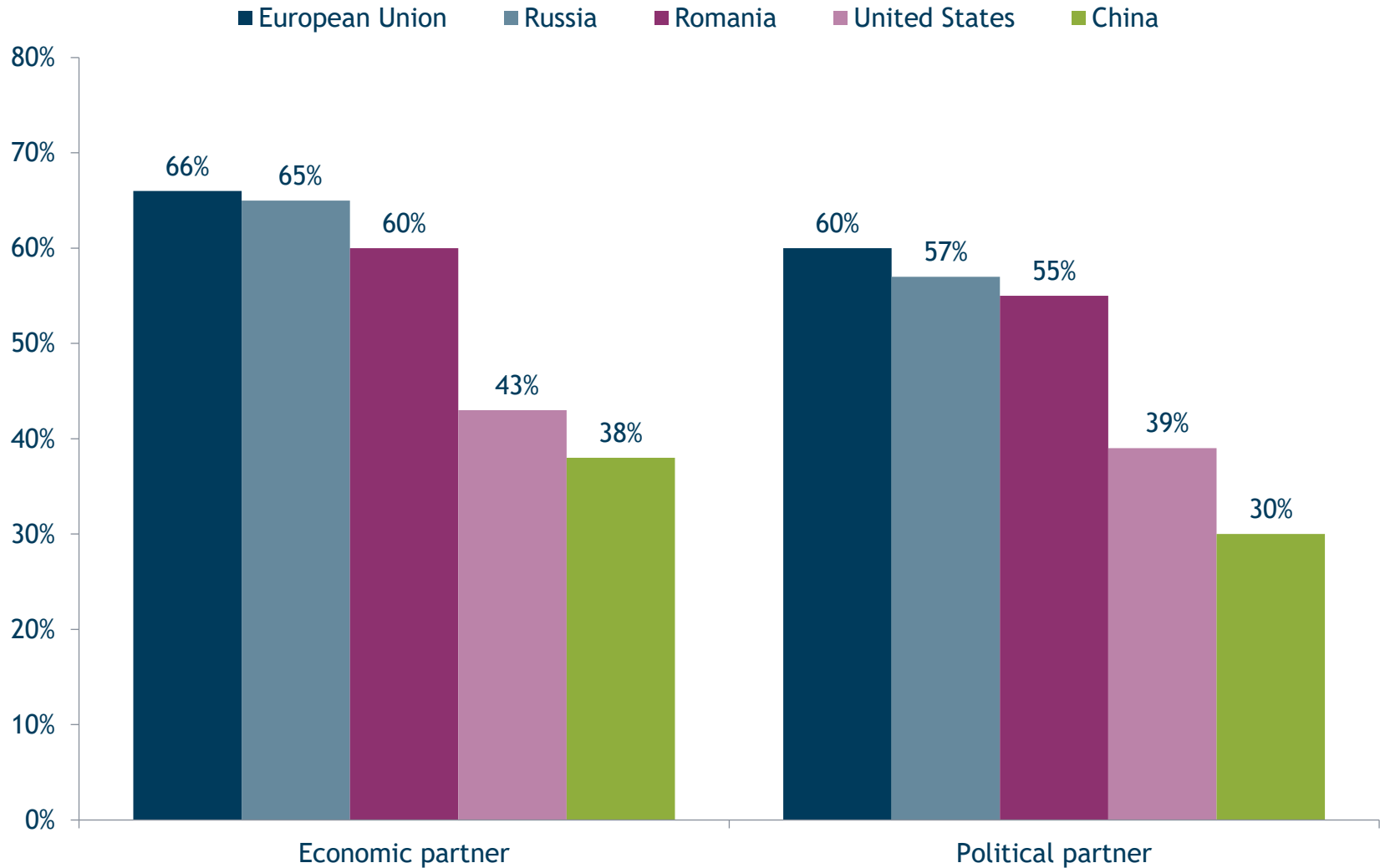


How would you rate the current relations between Moldova and...

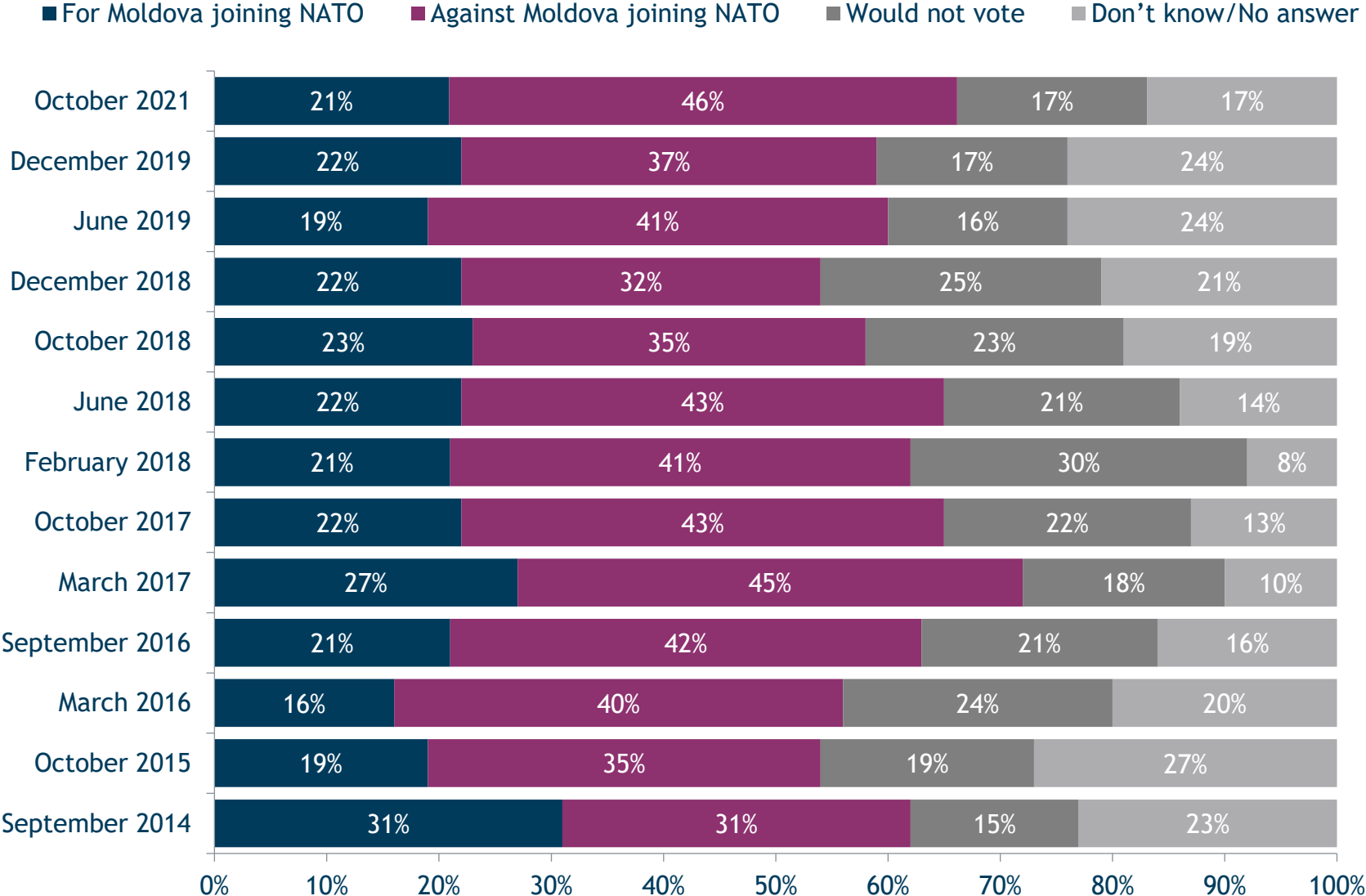


Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner(s) and political partner(s) for our country?

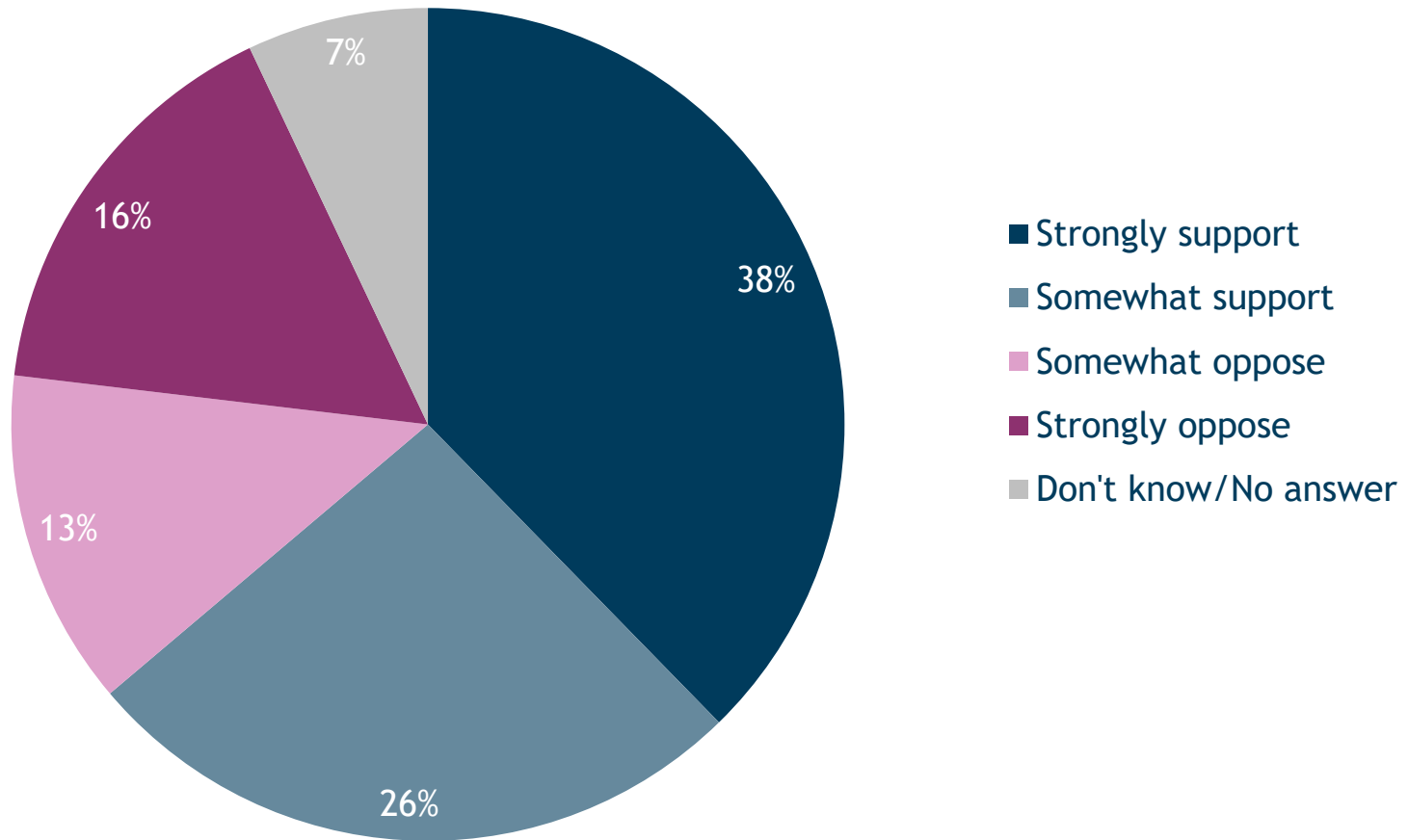
(Respondents evaluated each country/organization separately as to whether they were among the most important or not)



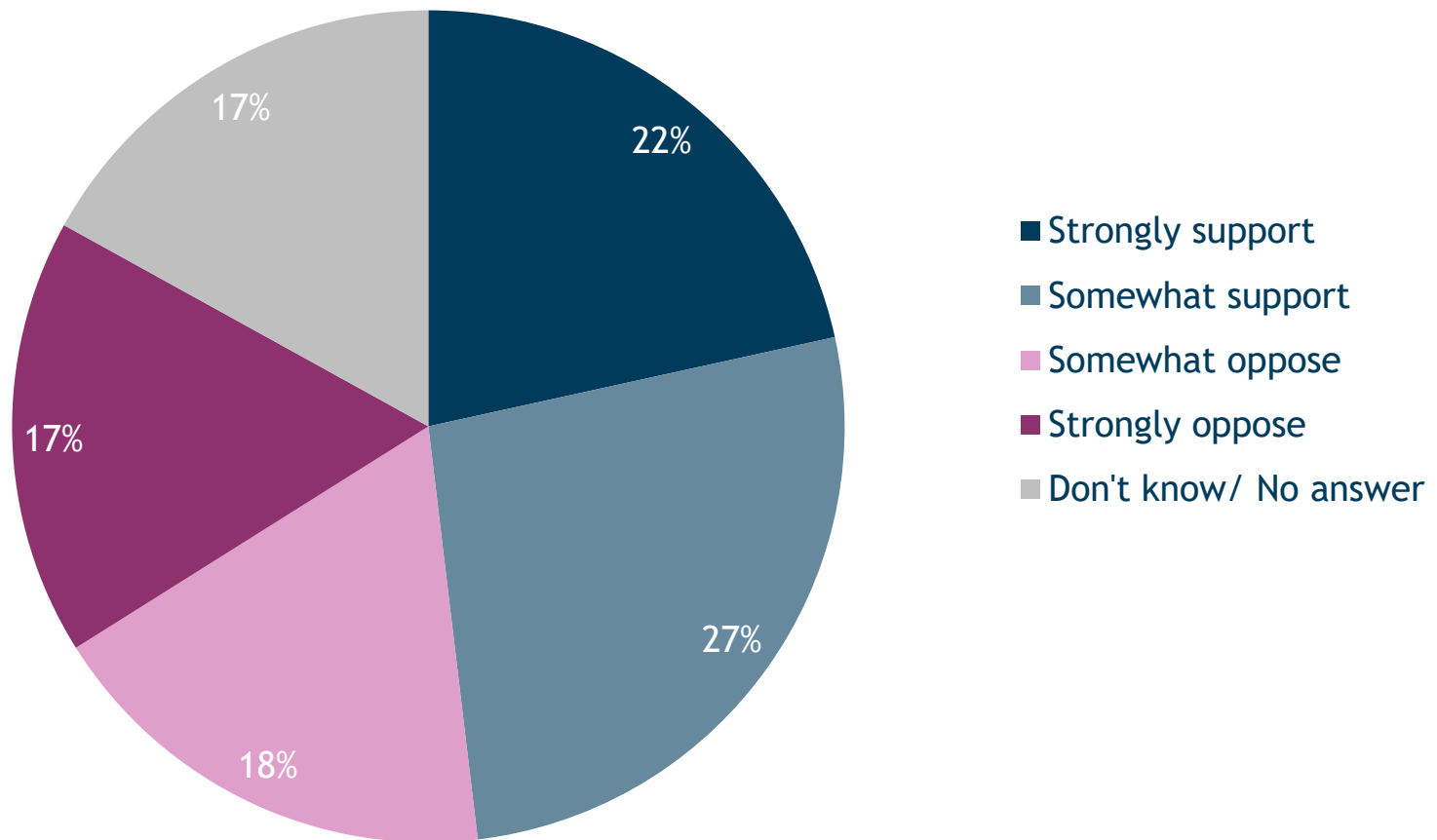
If a referendum was held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?



Do you support or oppose Moldova becoming a member of the European Union in the future?



Do you support or oppose Moldova becoming a member of the Customs Union/Eurasian Union in the future?

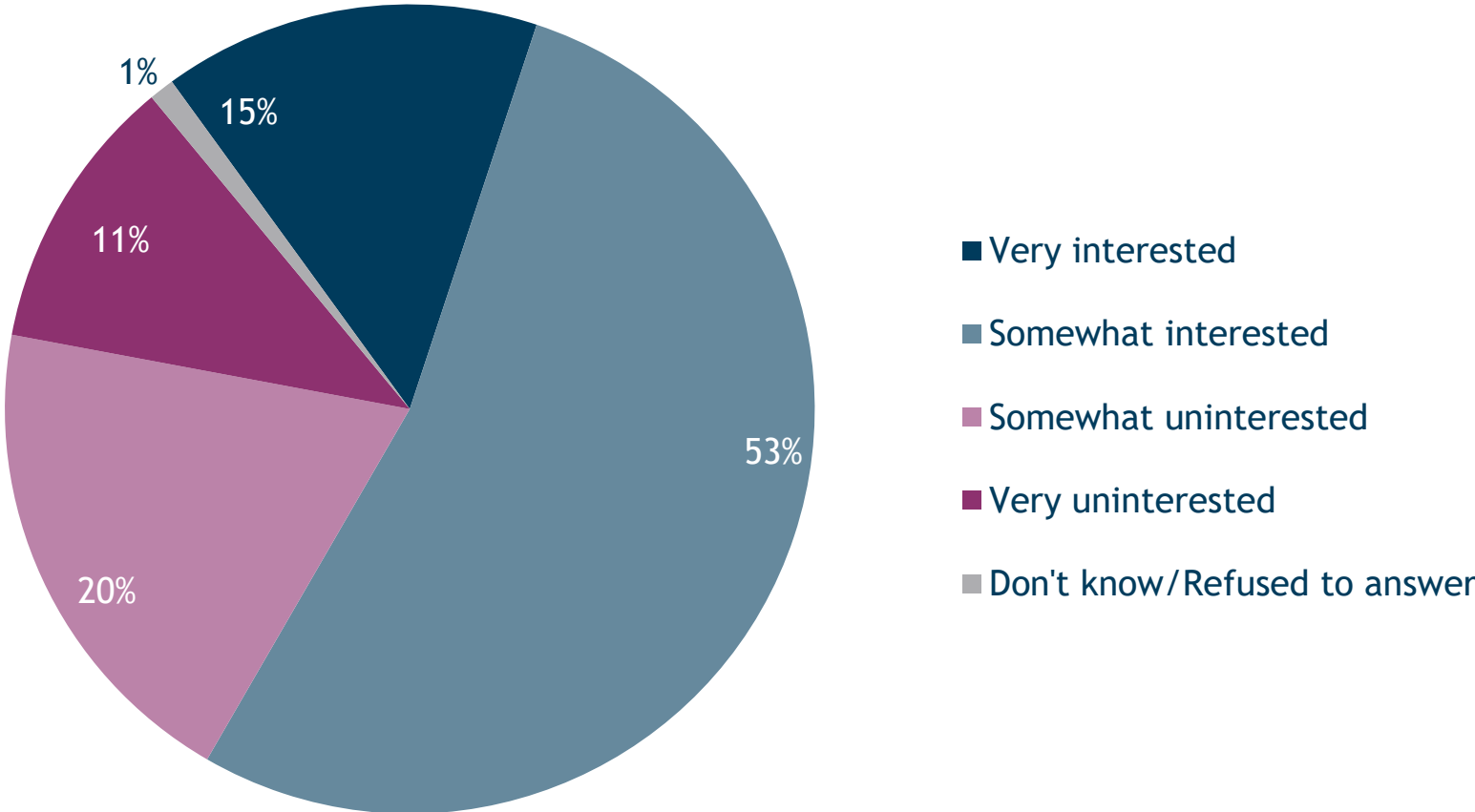




Sources of Information

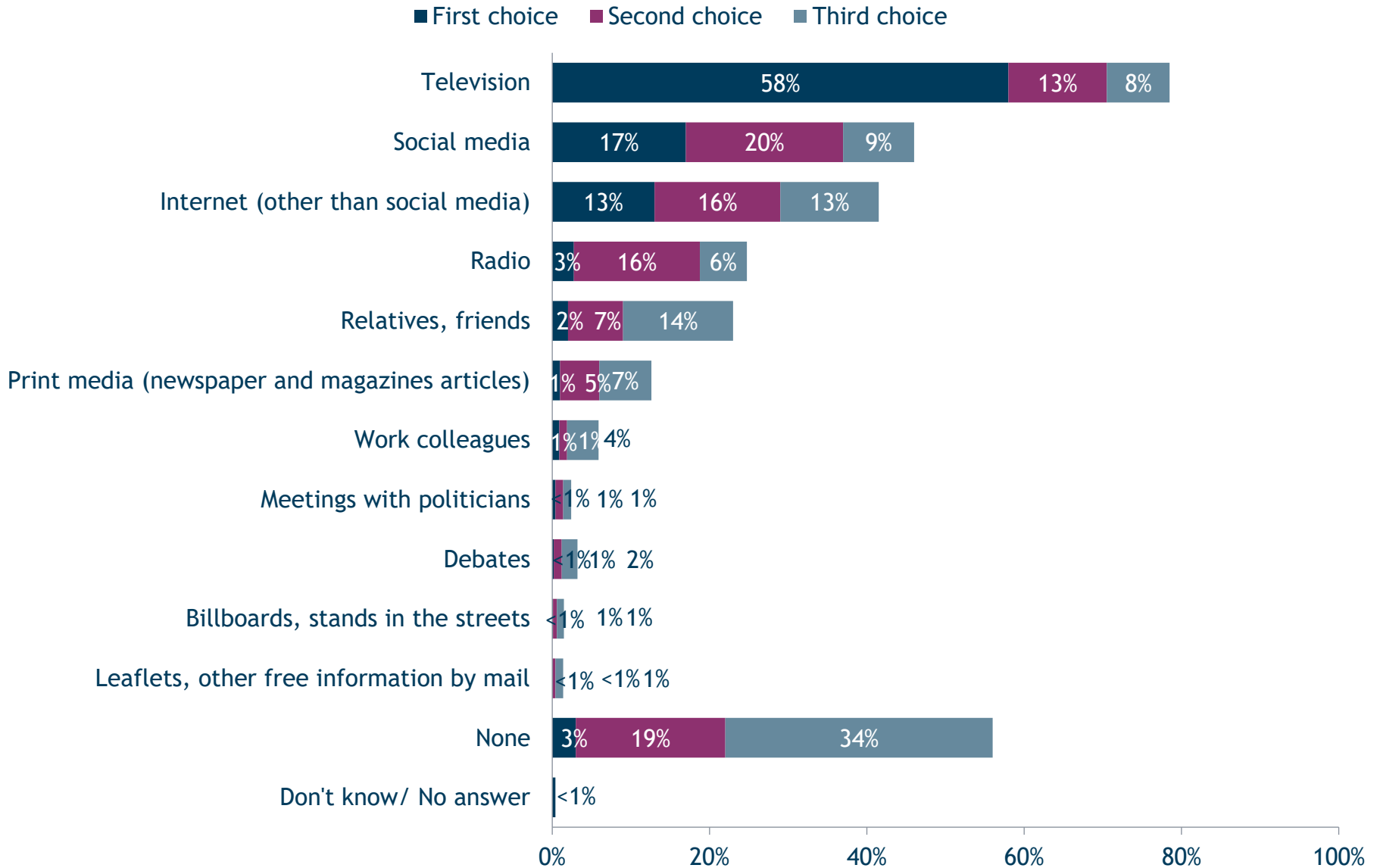


How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information?

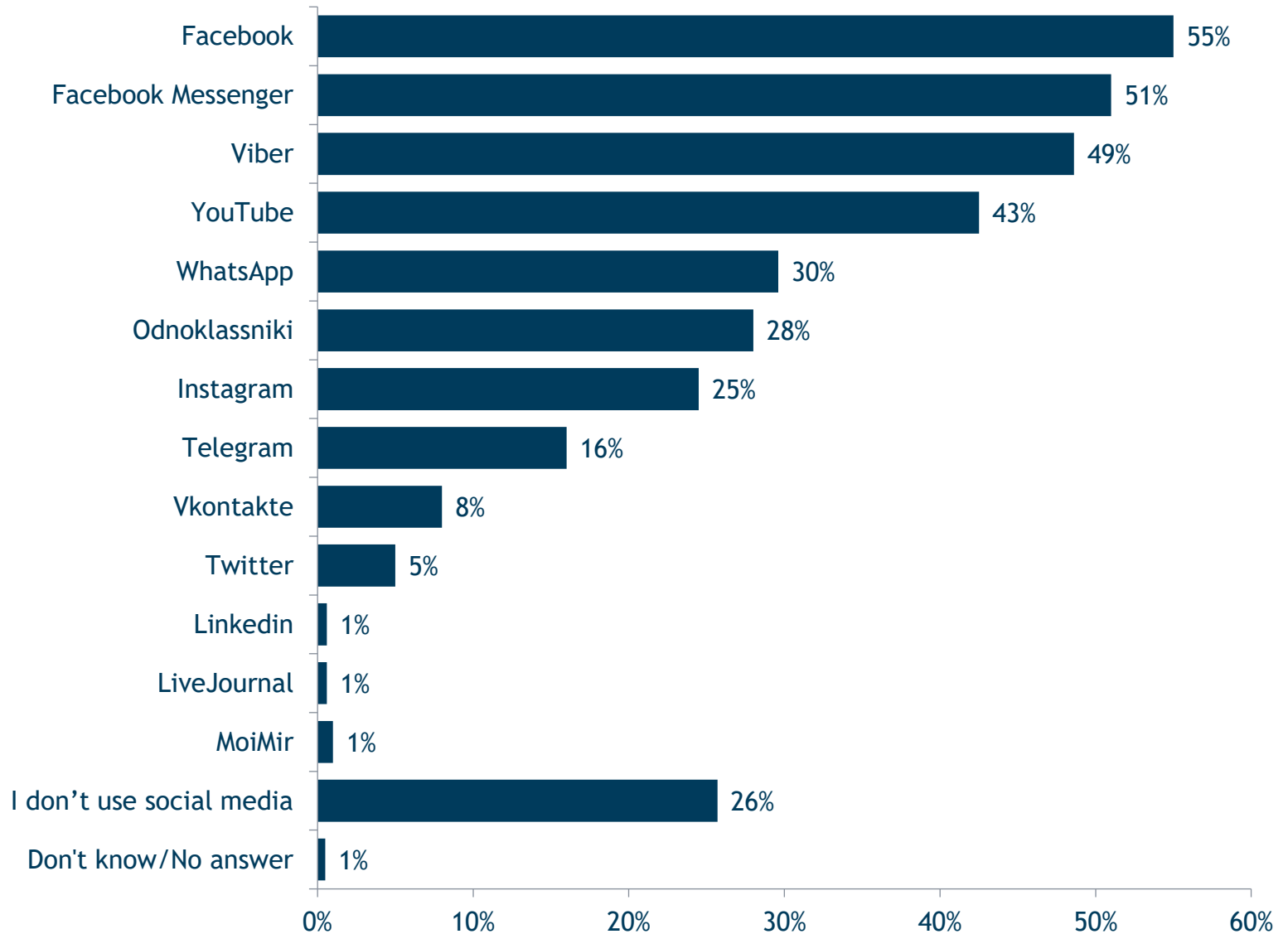


Which sources of information do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

(Respondents permitted to supply three answers)

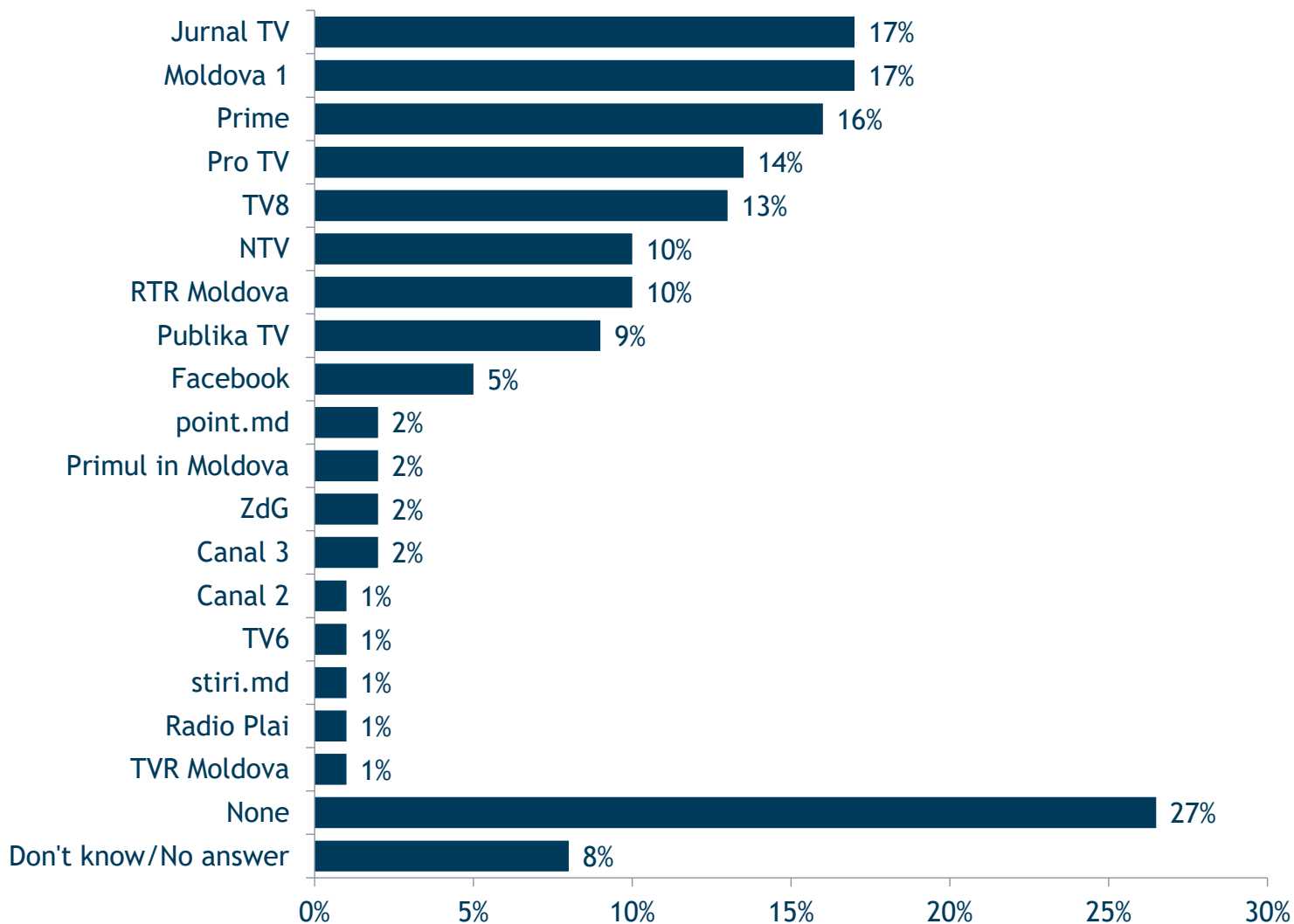


Do you use any of the following social media sites?

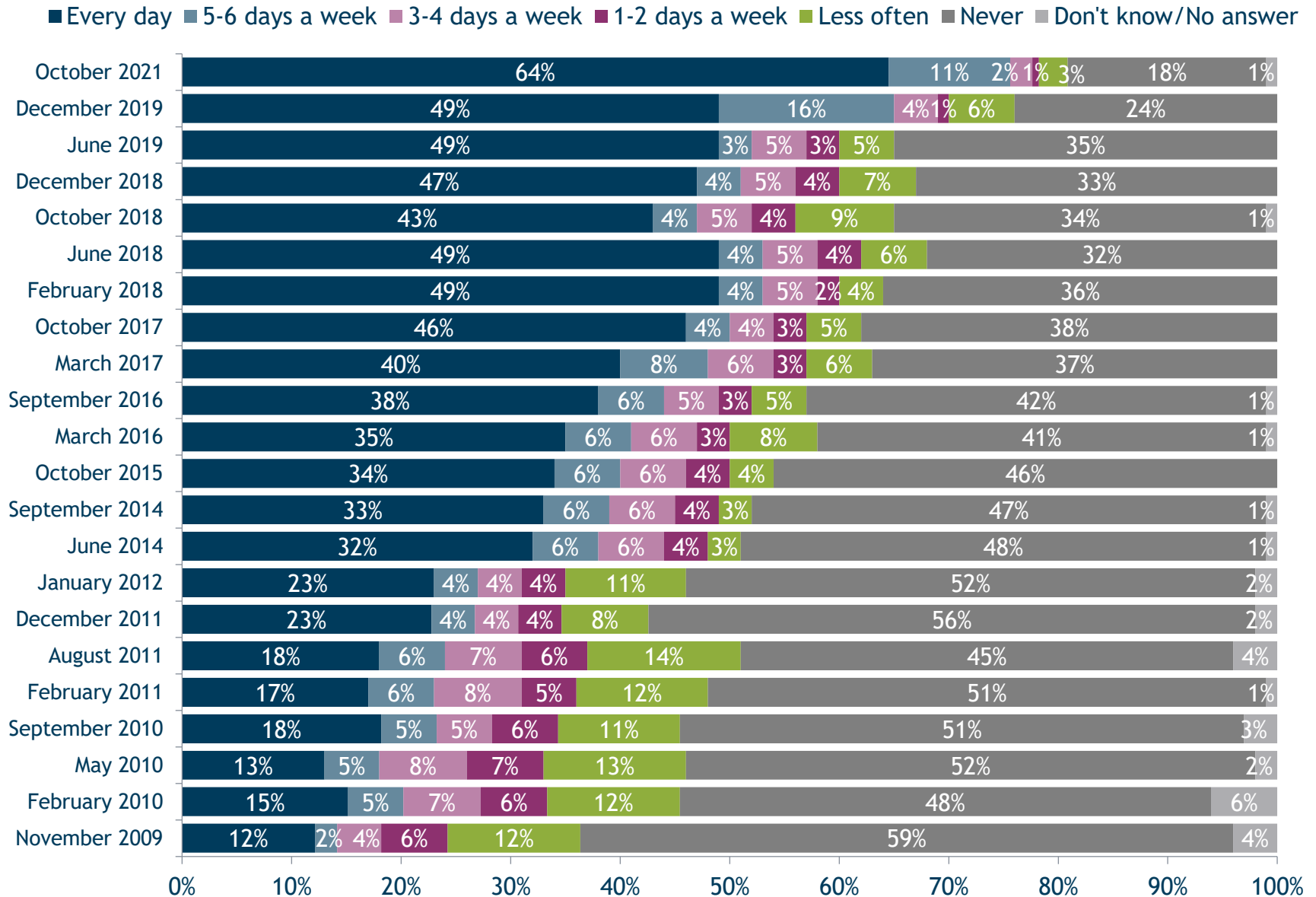


Which specific media outlets, such as a specific TV channel, radio station, newspaper, website etc. do you consider most trustworthy for political news and information?

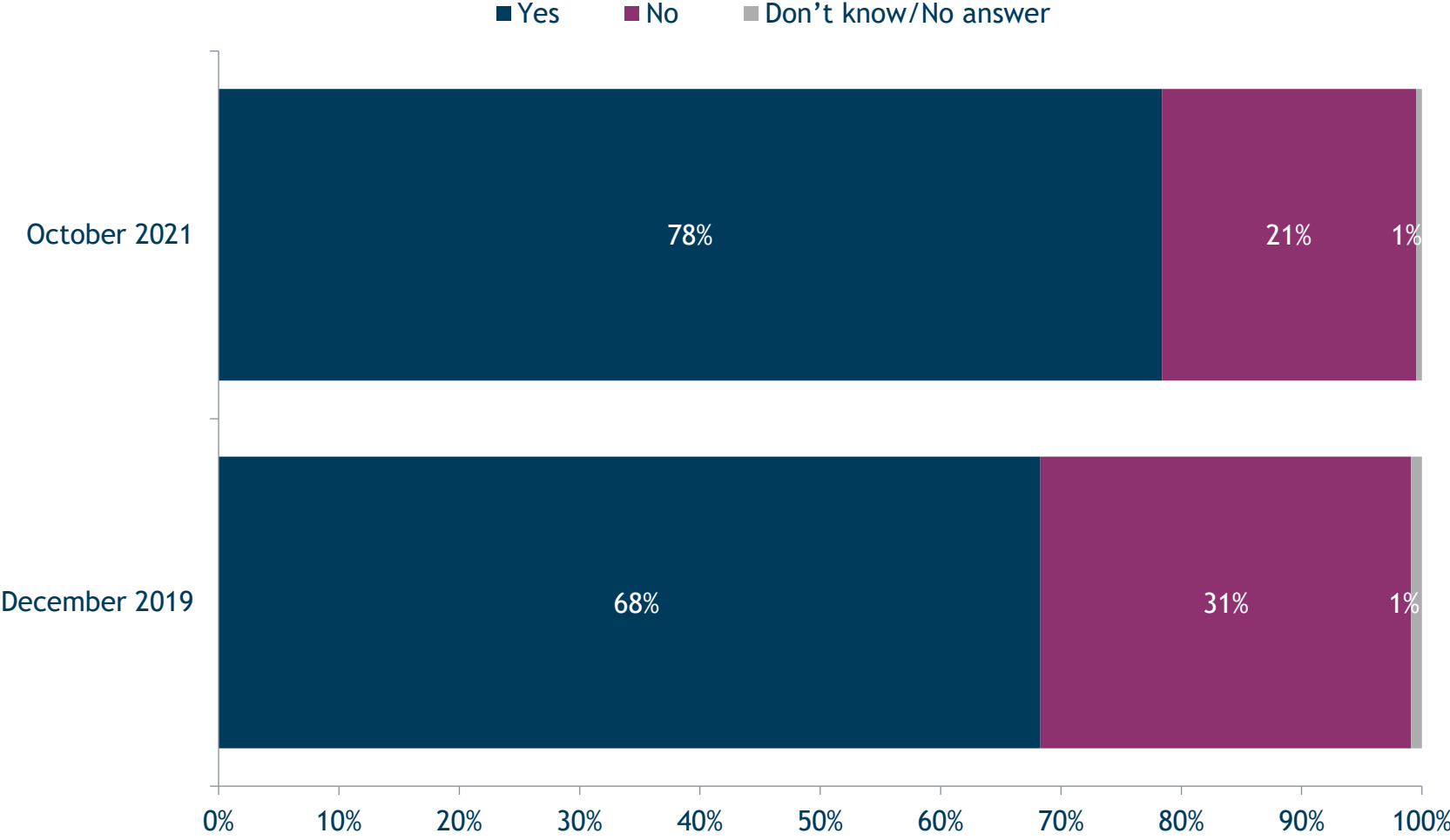
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How often do you use the internet?



Do you own a smartphone that you use to access the internet or apps such as Facebook and WhatsApp?

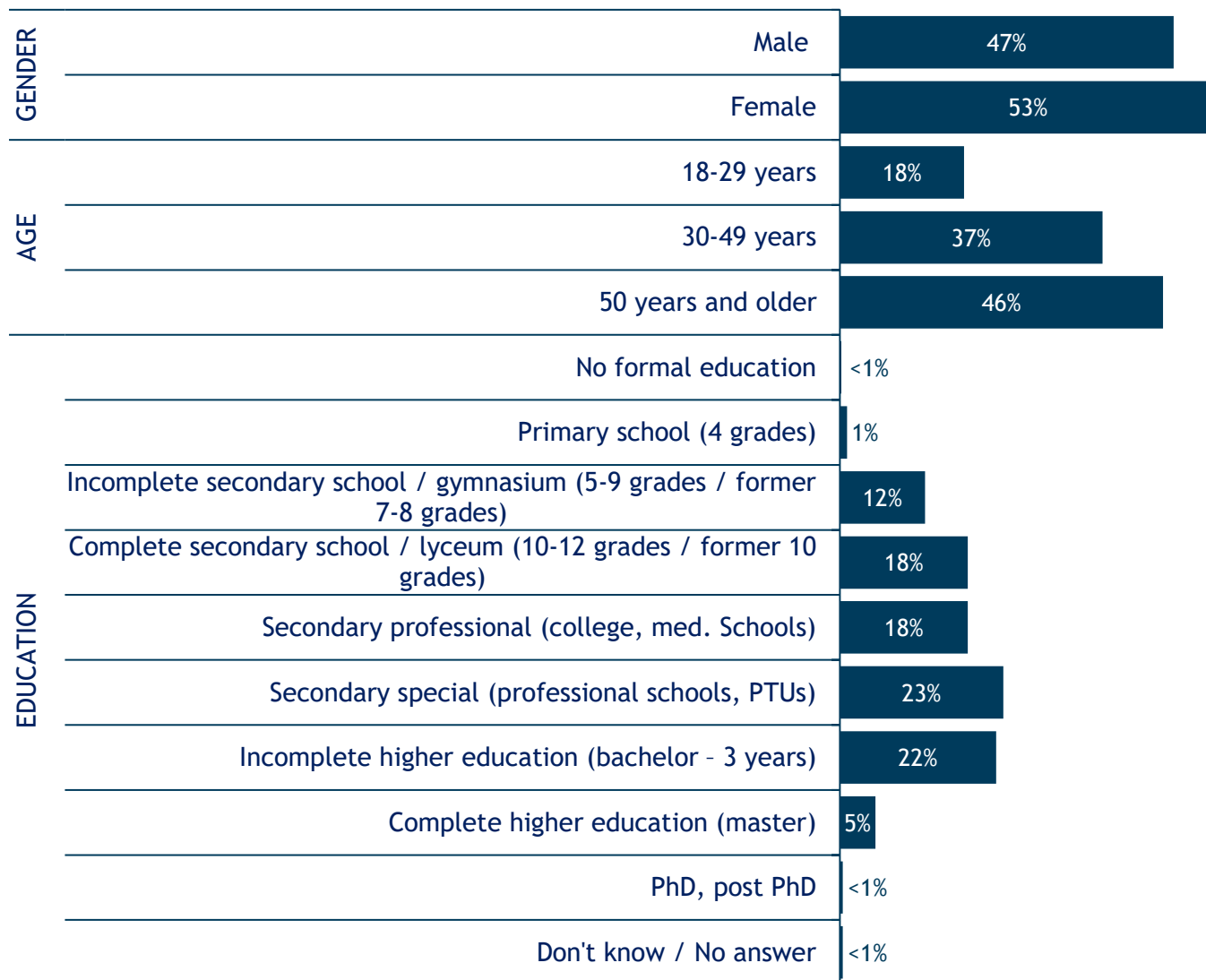




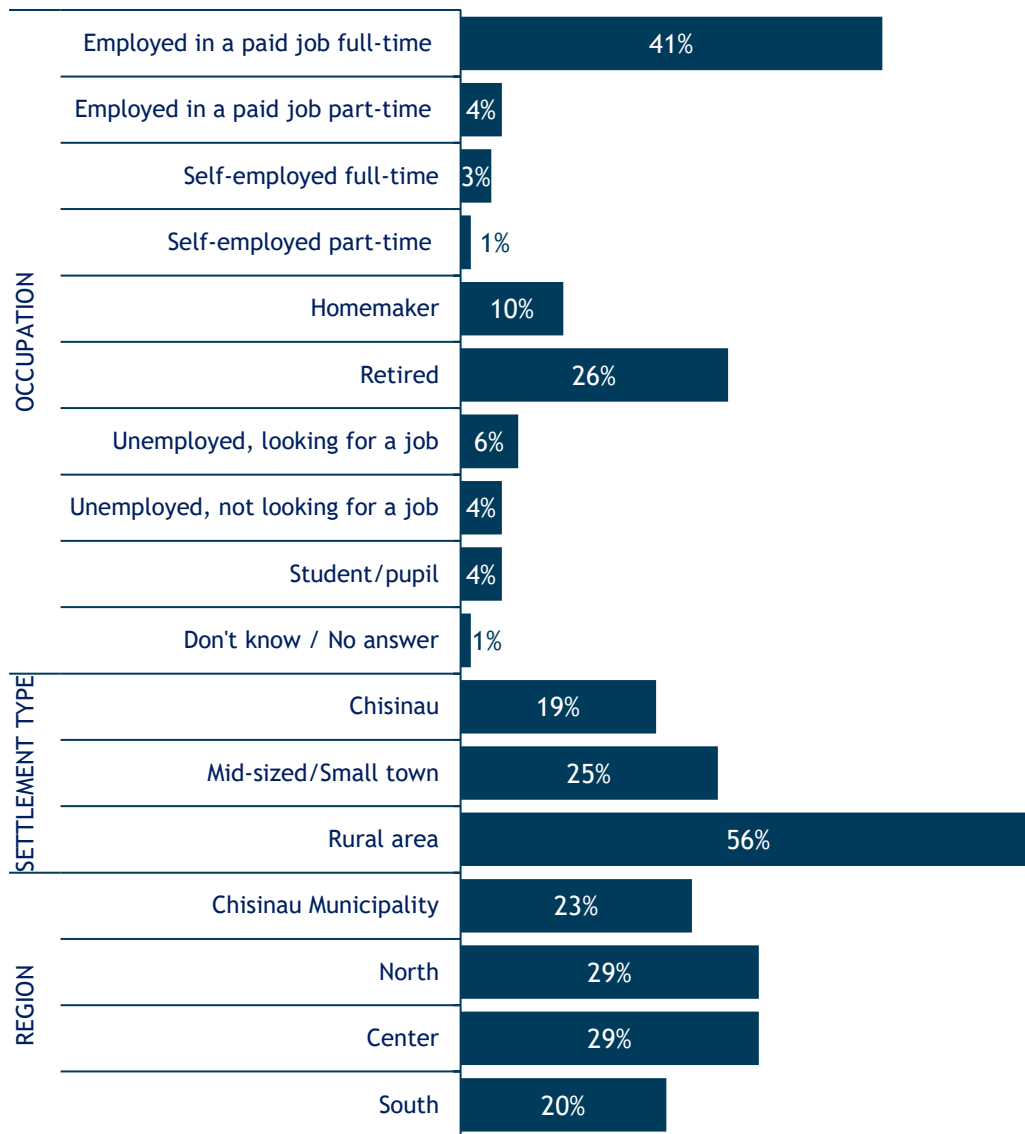
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