

Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Armenia

January-March 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 [Breavis](#) (represented by IPSC LLC).
- Data was collected between January 23 and March 04, 2023, through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
 - Fieldwork took longer than expected because there were unreachable or difficult to reach destinations due to severe weather conditions that posed a risk to the health of interviewers.
- The sample consisted of n=1,513 permanent residents of Armenia older than the age of 18.
- A multi-level stratified sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Households were selected by random walk in each of the PSUs, and respondents were selected by Kish grid.
- The achieved sample was weighted for age, gender, and community type according to the 2021 Yearbook of the Statistical Committee of Armenia.
- The response rate was 16 percent.
- The margin of error for the mid-range full sample does not exceed ± 2.5 points.
- 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](#).

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base*
Age Group	18-35	n = 513
	36-55	n = 484
	56+	n = 516
Gender	Men	n = 686
	Women	n = 827
Community type	Yerevan	n = 563
	Urban	n = 407
	Rural	n = 543
Employment status	Employed	n = 492
	Self-employed	n = 175
	Homemaker	n = 264
	Retired	n = 280
	Unemployed, looking for job	n = 156
	Student/Pupil, Unemployed not looking for a job, Other, Don't Know/Refused to answer	n = 146

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

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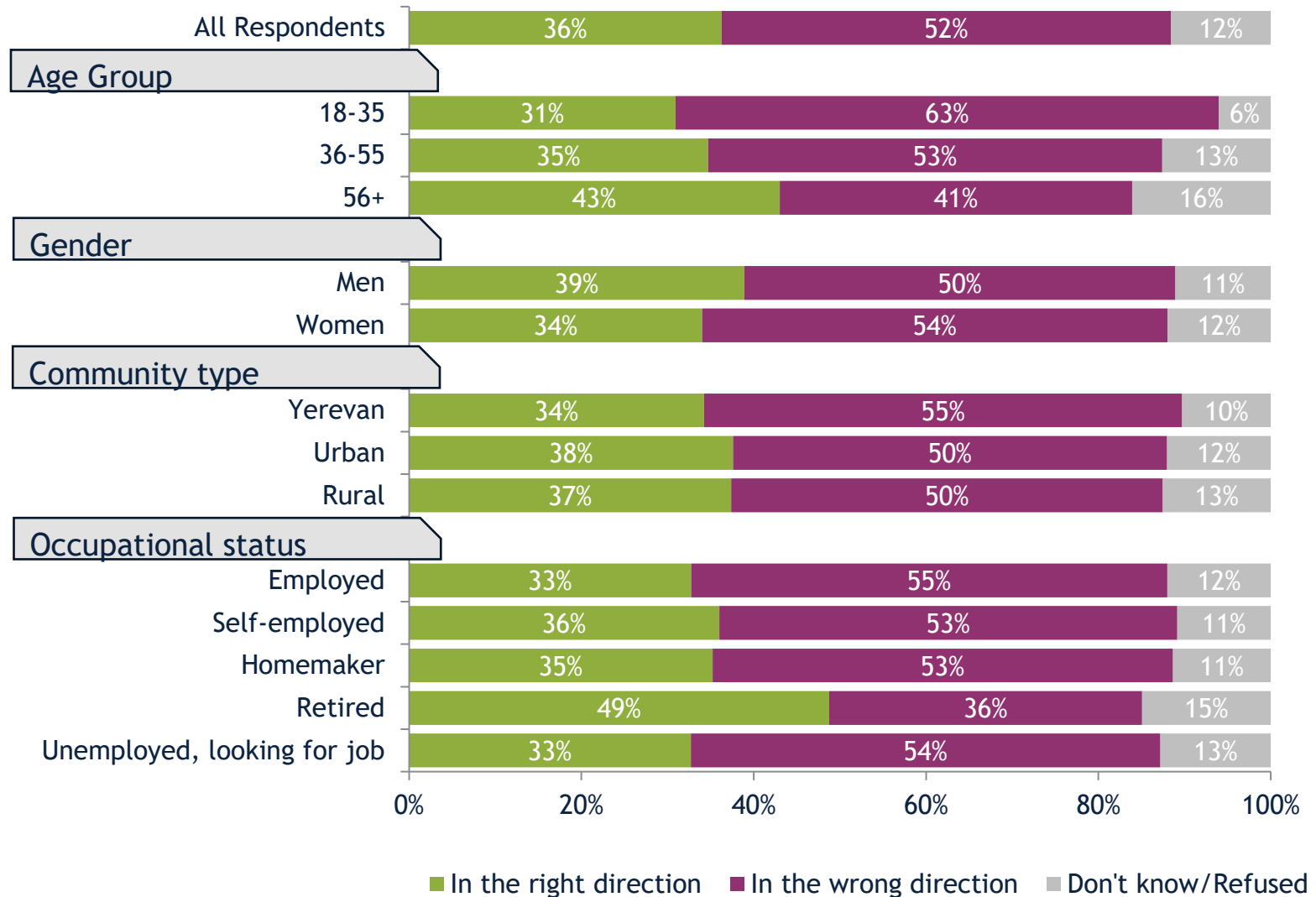
Disaggregate	Category	Base*
Number of people in the household	1-3 people	n = 667
	4-6 people	n = 707
	7+ people	n = 135
Number of household members under 18	None	n = 747
	1-2 members	n = 563
	3+ members	n = 201
Perceptions of Armenia's development direction	Right direction	n = 549
	Wrong direction	n = 789

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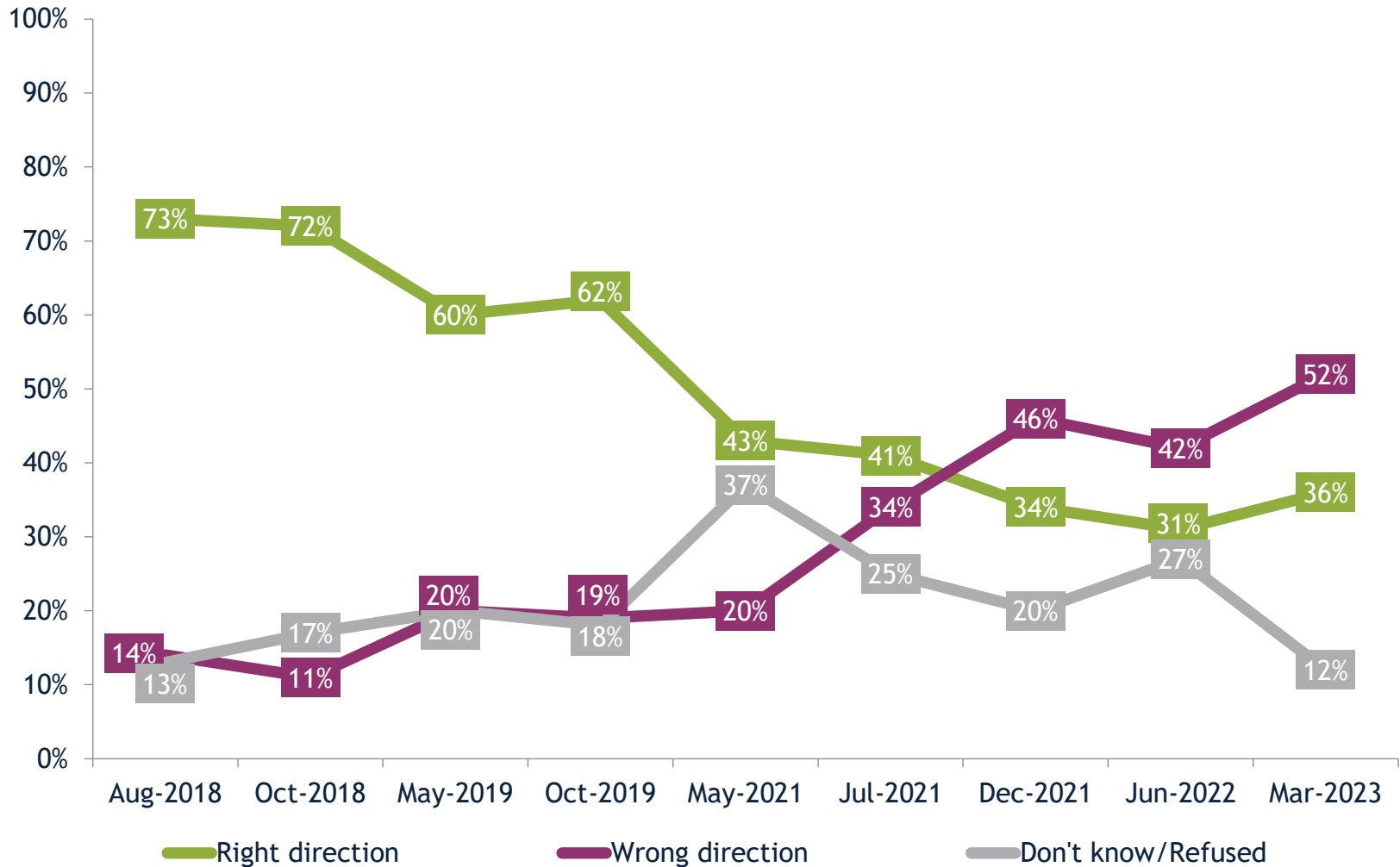
General Information



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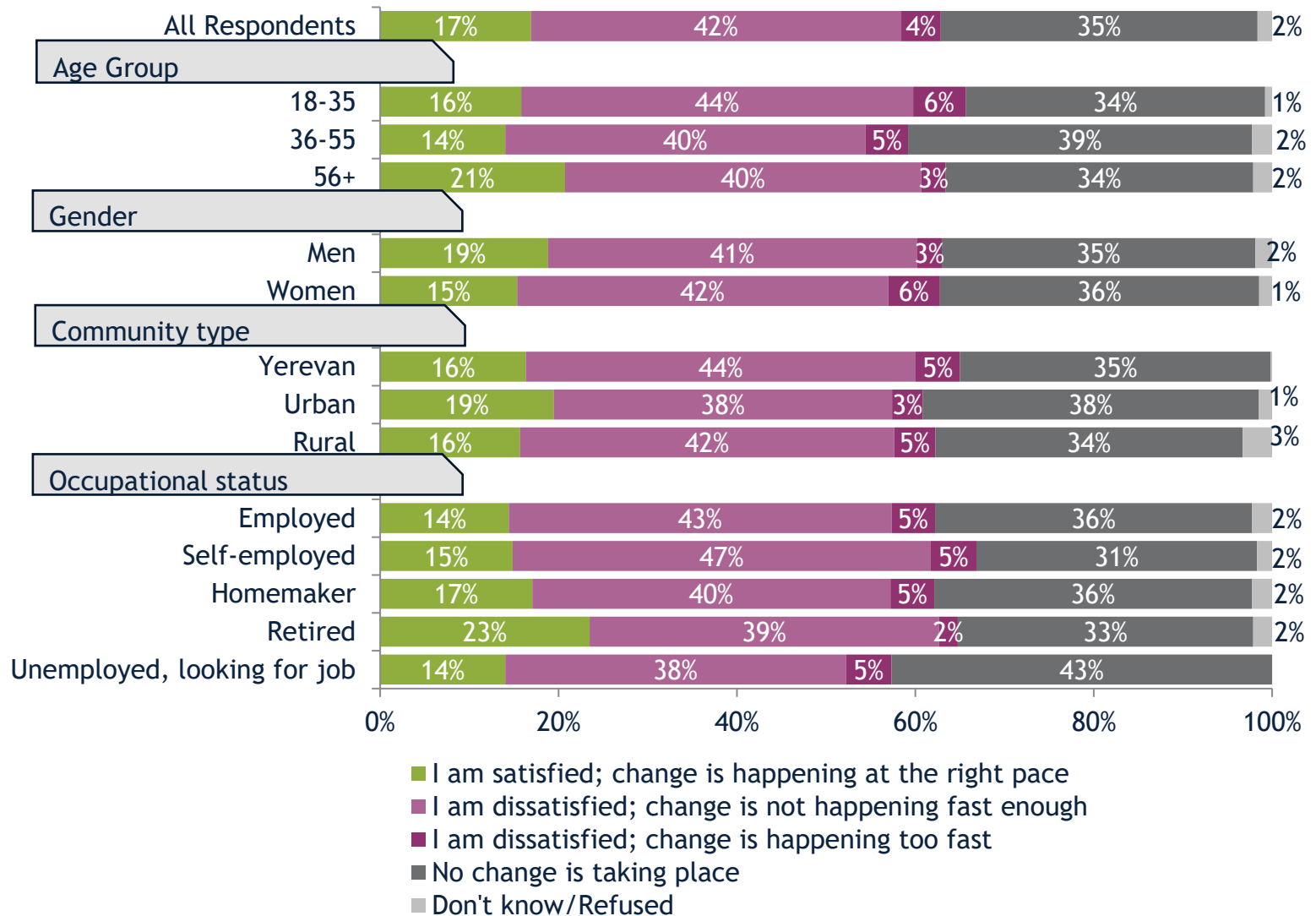


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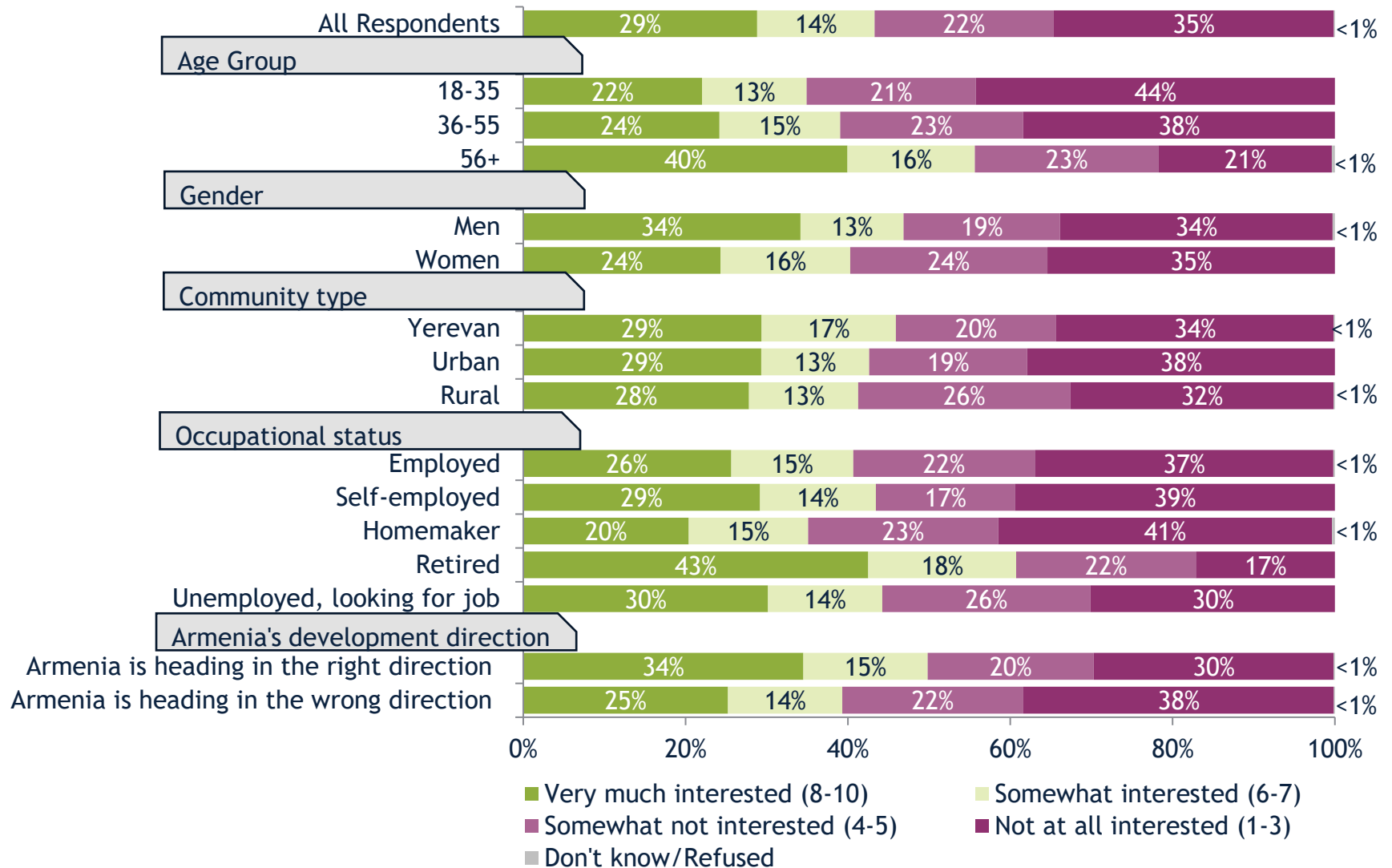


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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the pace democracy is developing in our country?

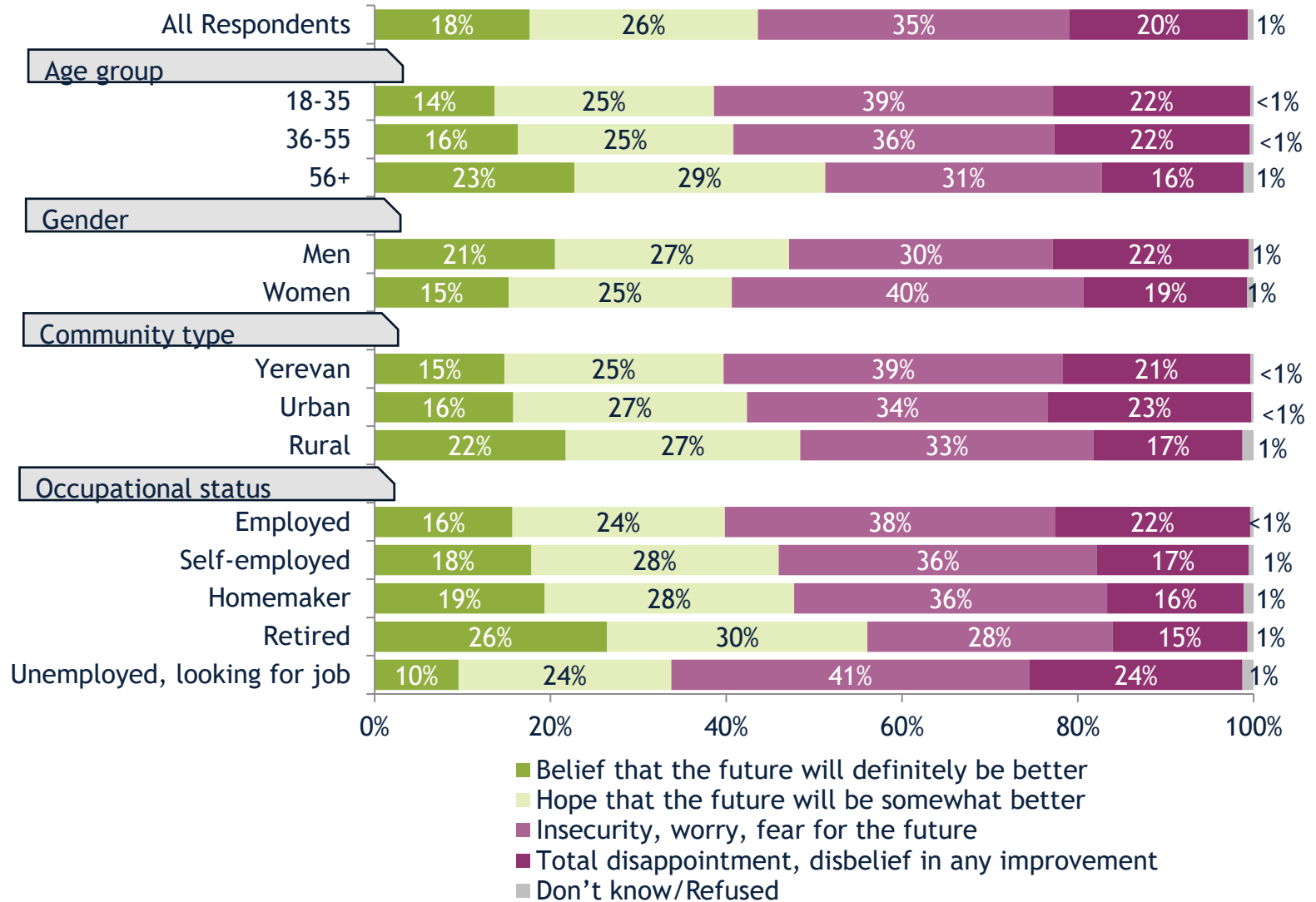


How much interest do you have in politics?*

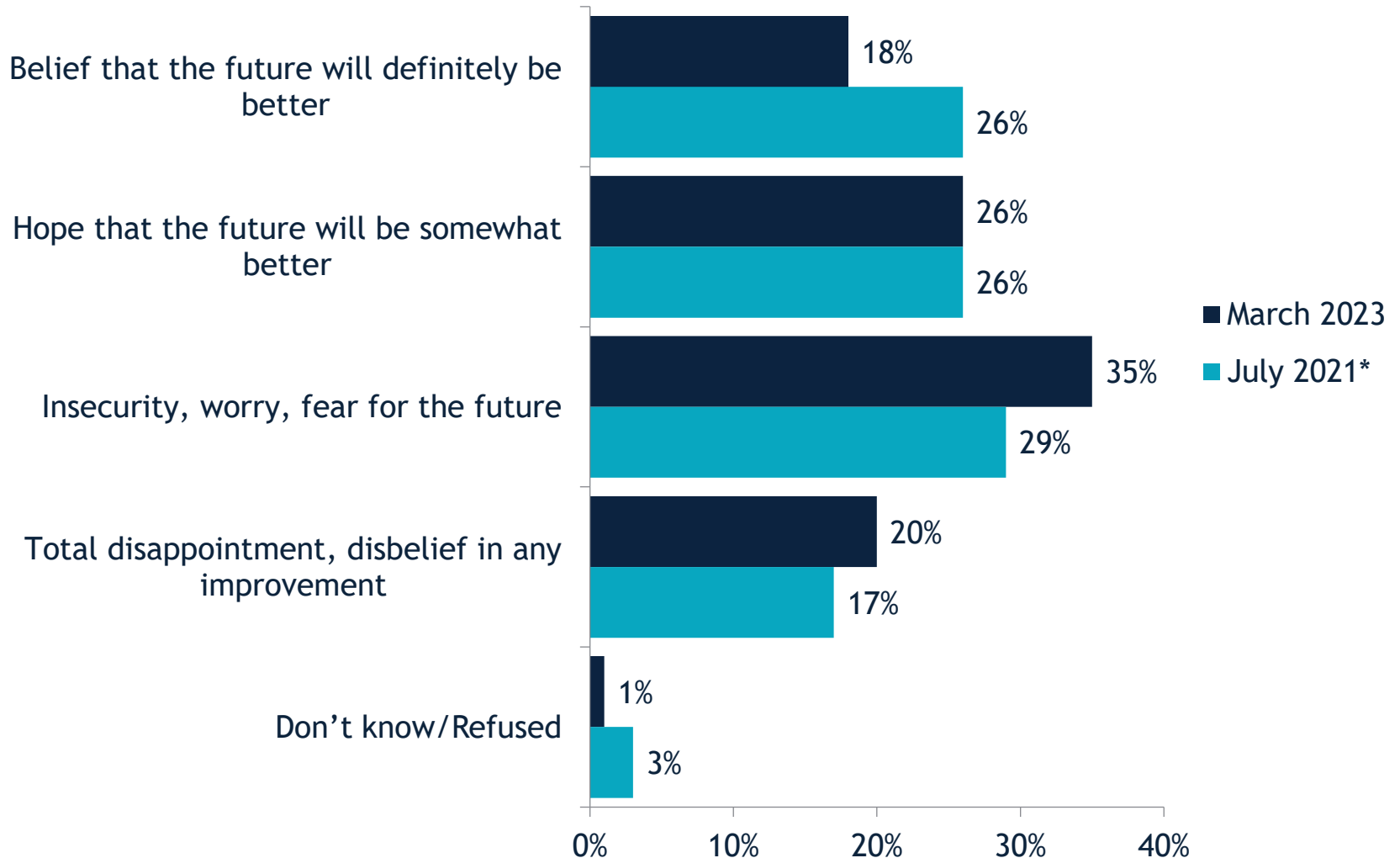


* Interest in politics was measured on a 1-10 scale.

How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Armenian population?



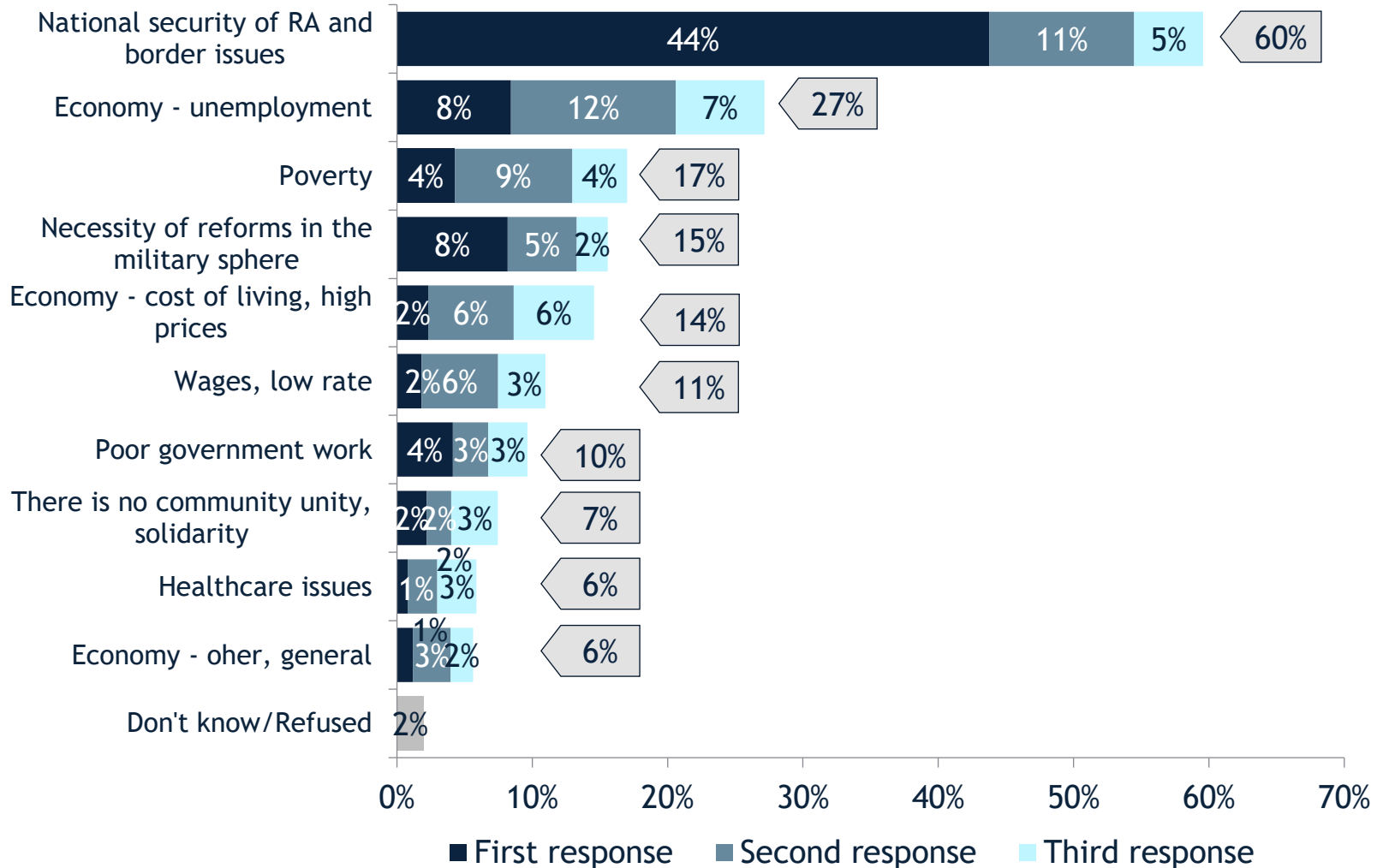
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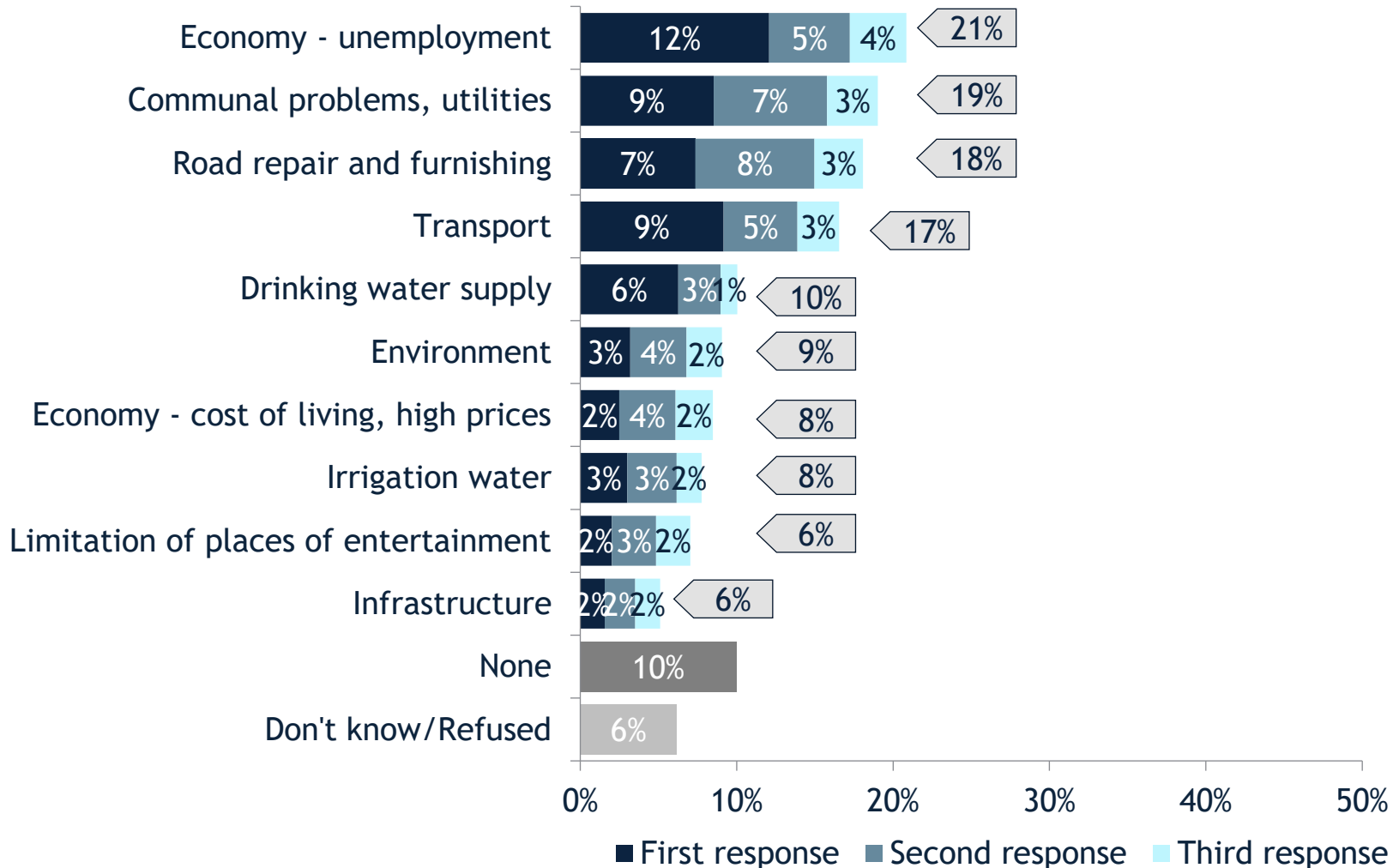
What are the main problems Armenia is currently facing?

(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



What are the three main problems you would say your town/ village is currently facing?

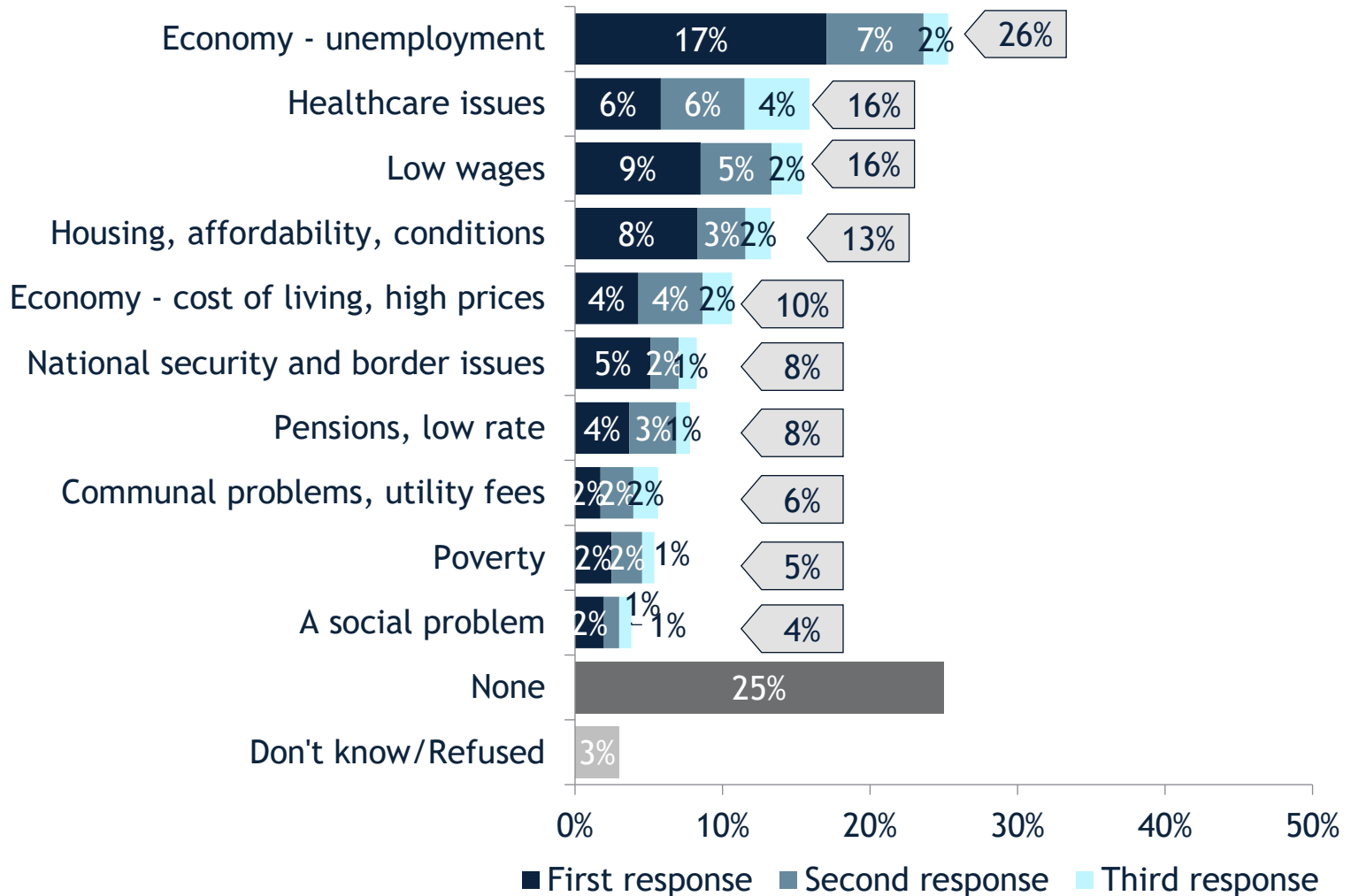
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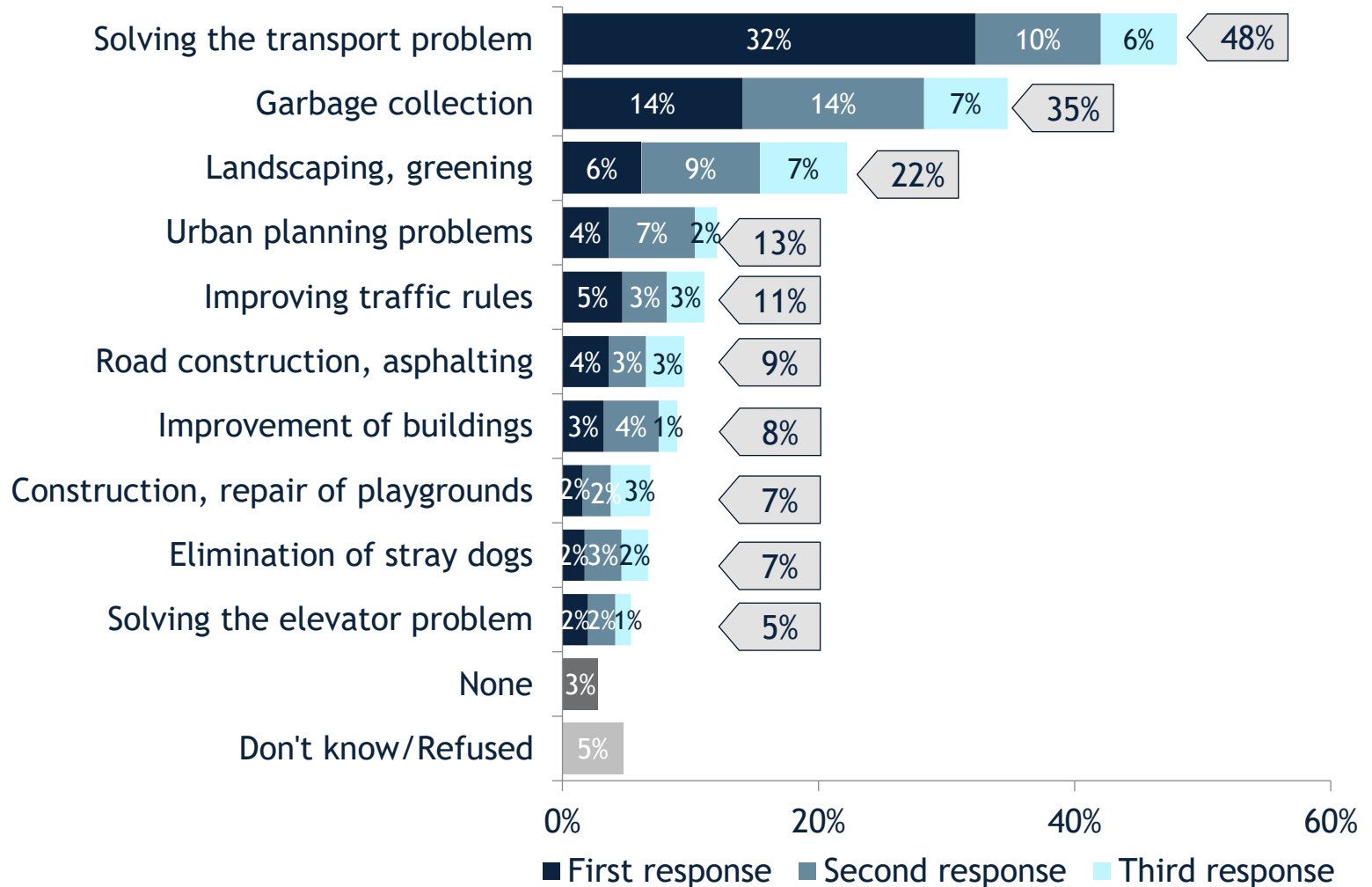
What are the three most important problems for you and your household members currently?

(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



What are the three most important problems the new mayor of Yerevan should address?*

(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



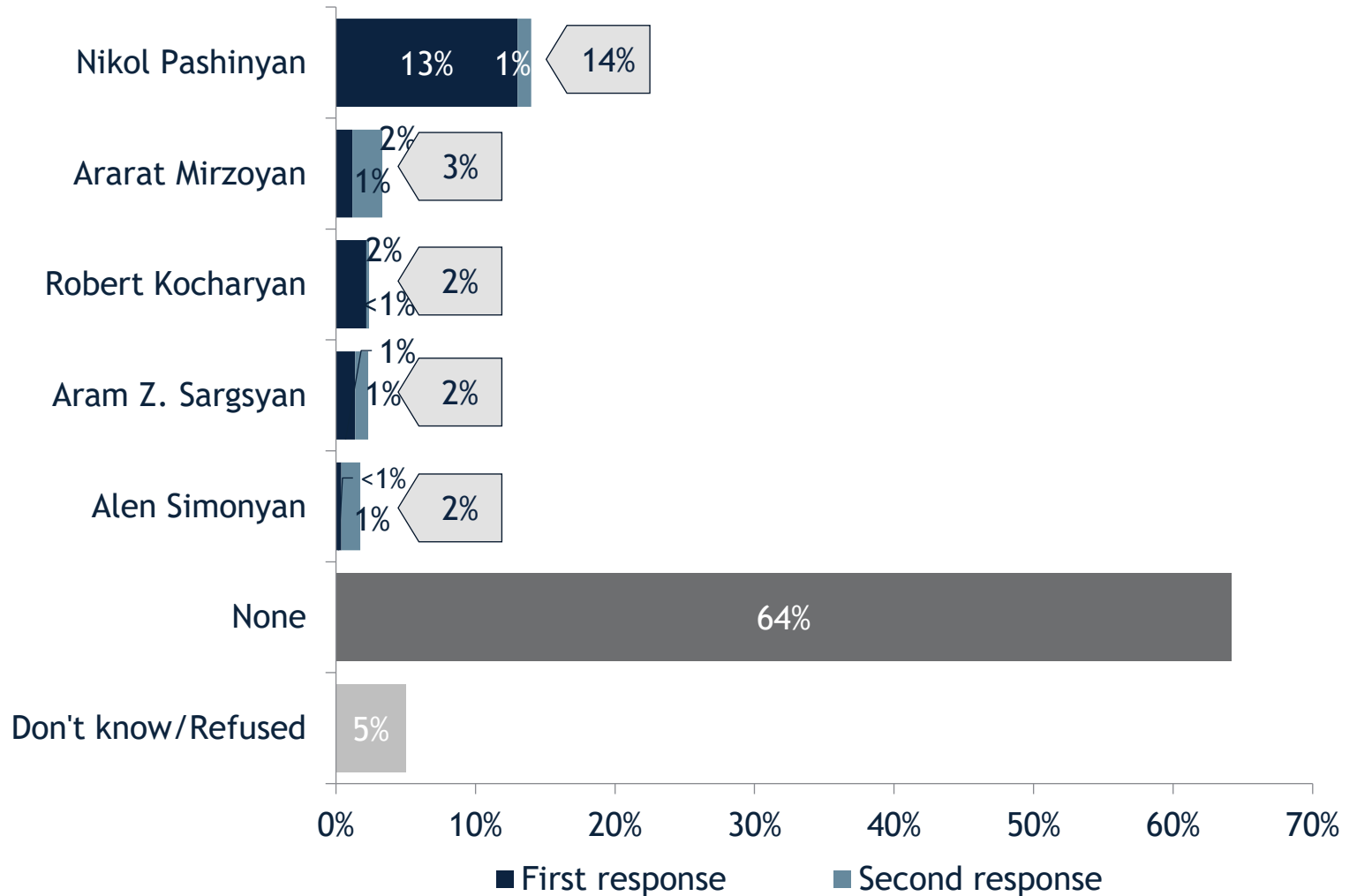
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Attitude towards Politicians and Political Institutions



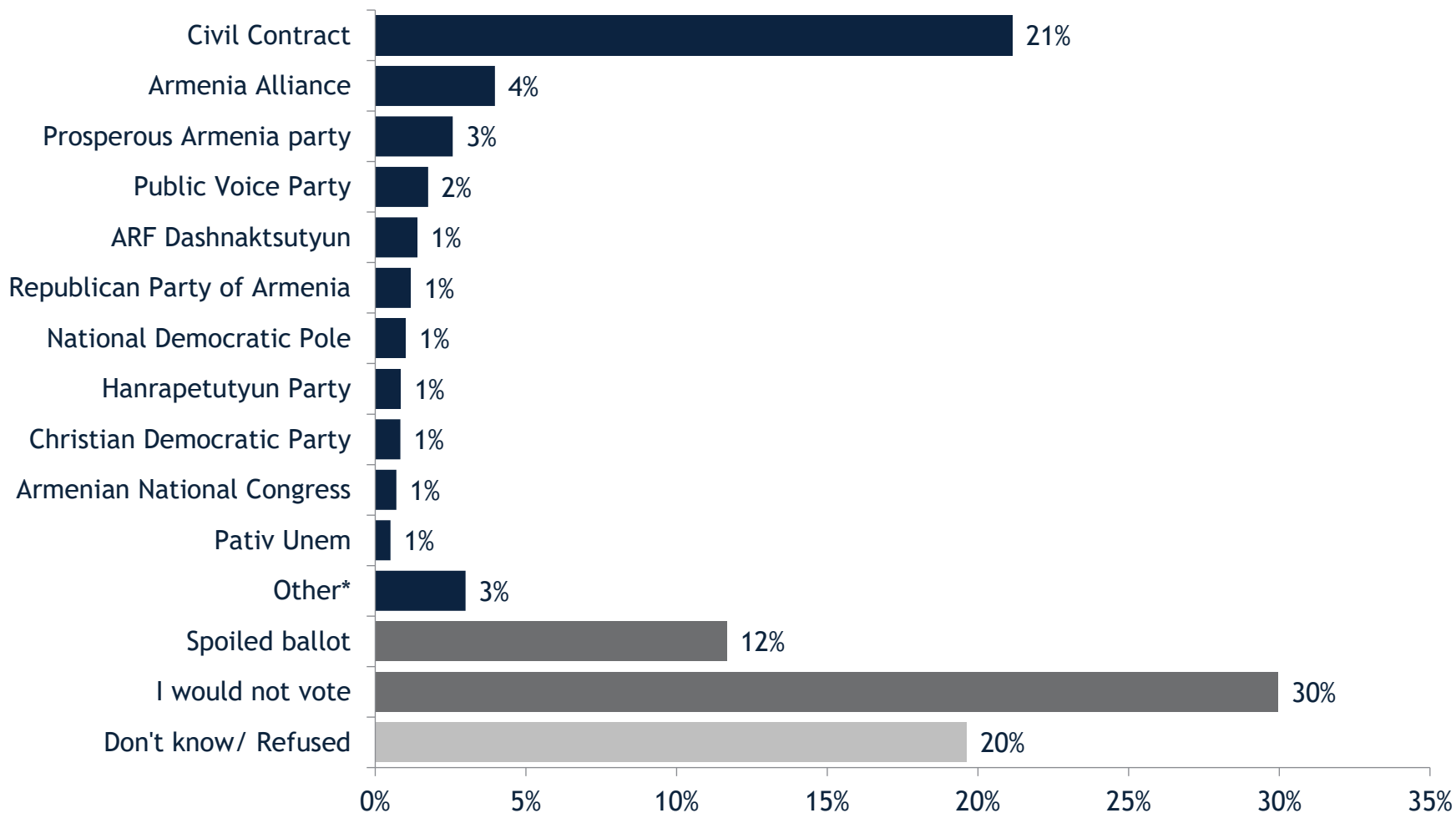
Which politician or public person do you trust the most? And the second most?

(Up to two spontaneous responses permitted)



Which political party or alliance, if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday?

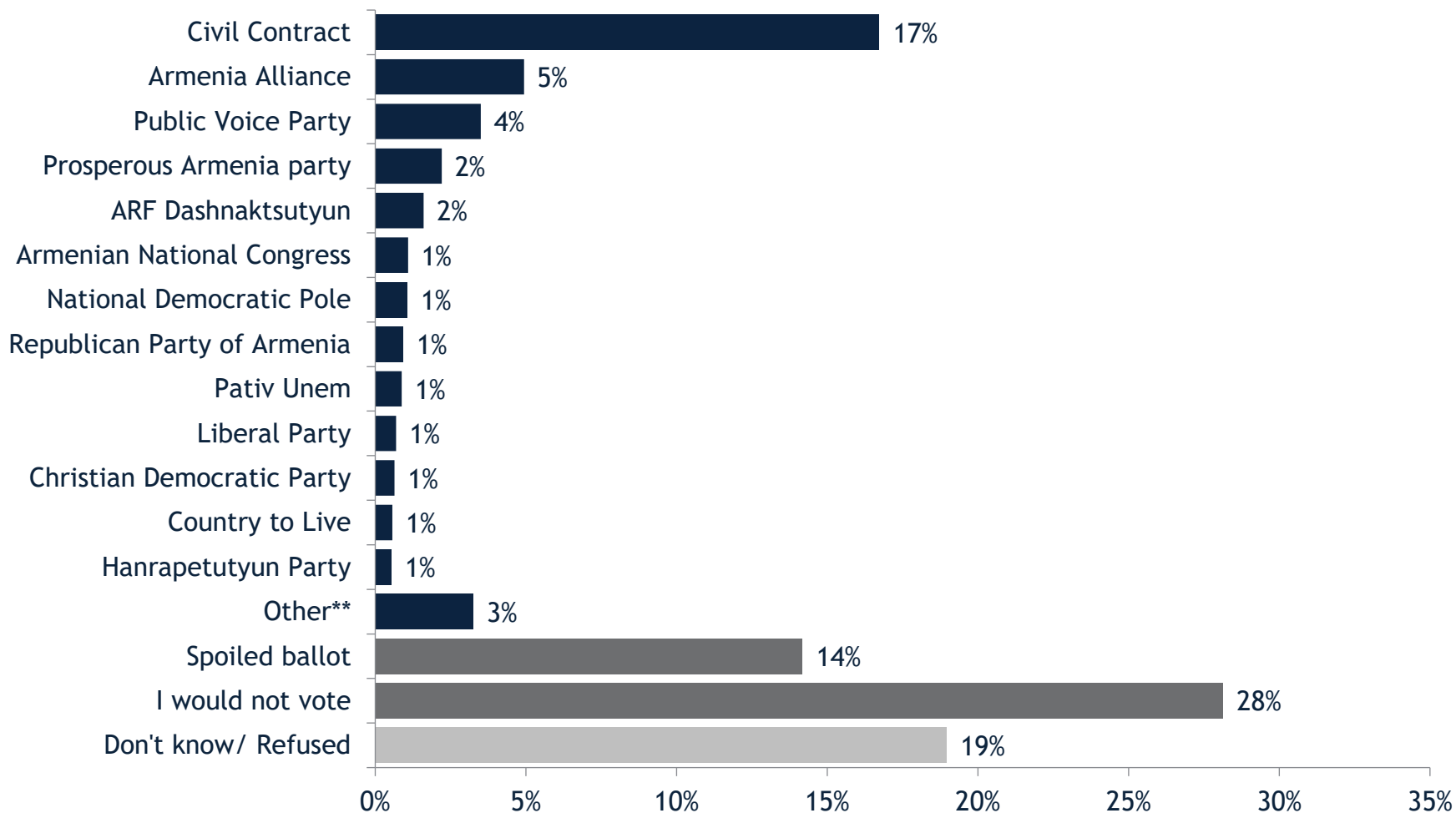
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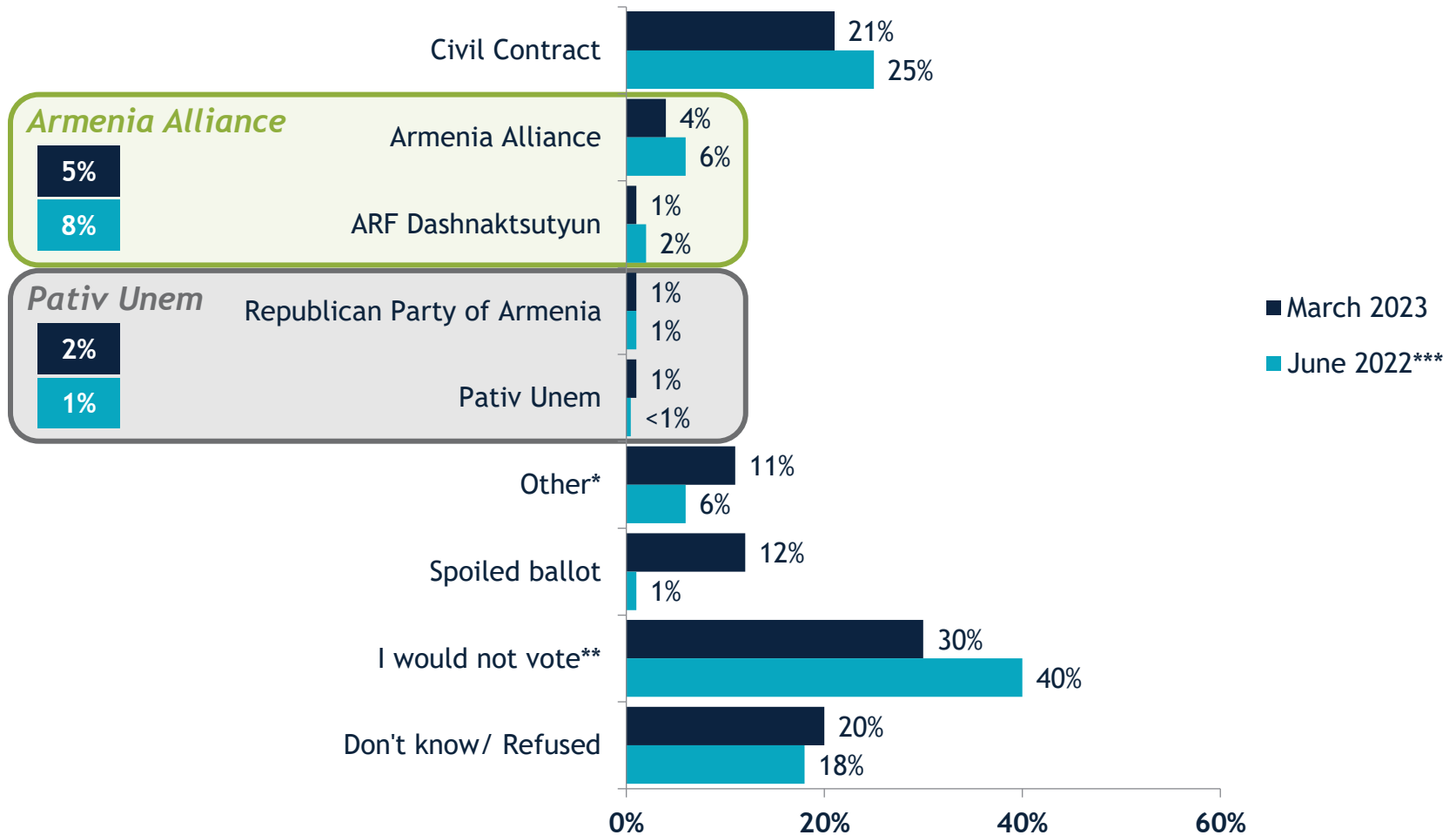


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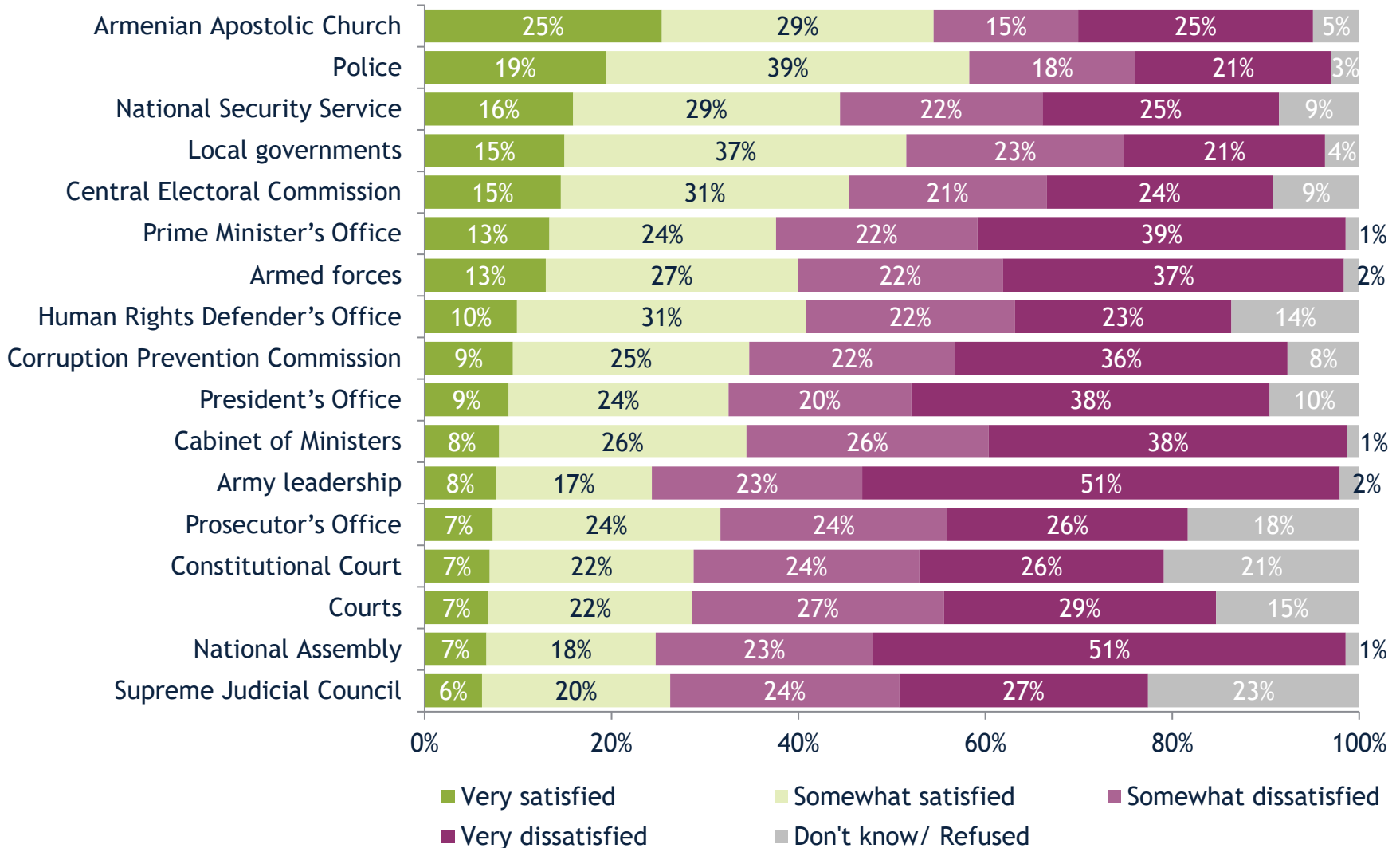
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** 'None' and 'I would not vote' responses were merged in June 2022 survey.

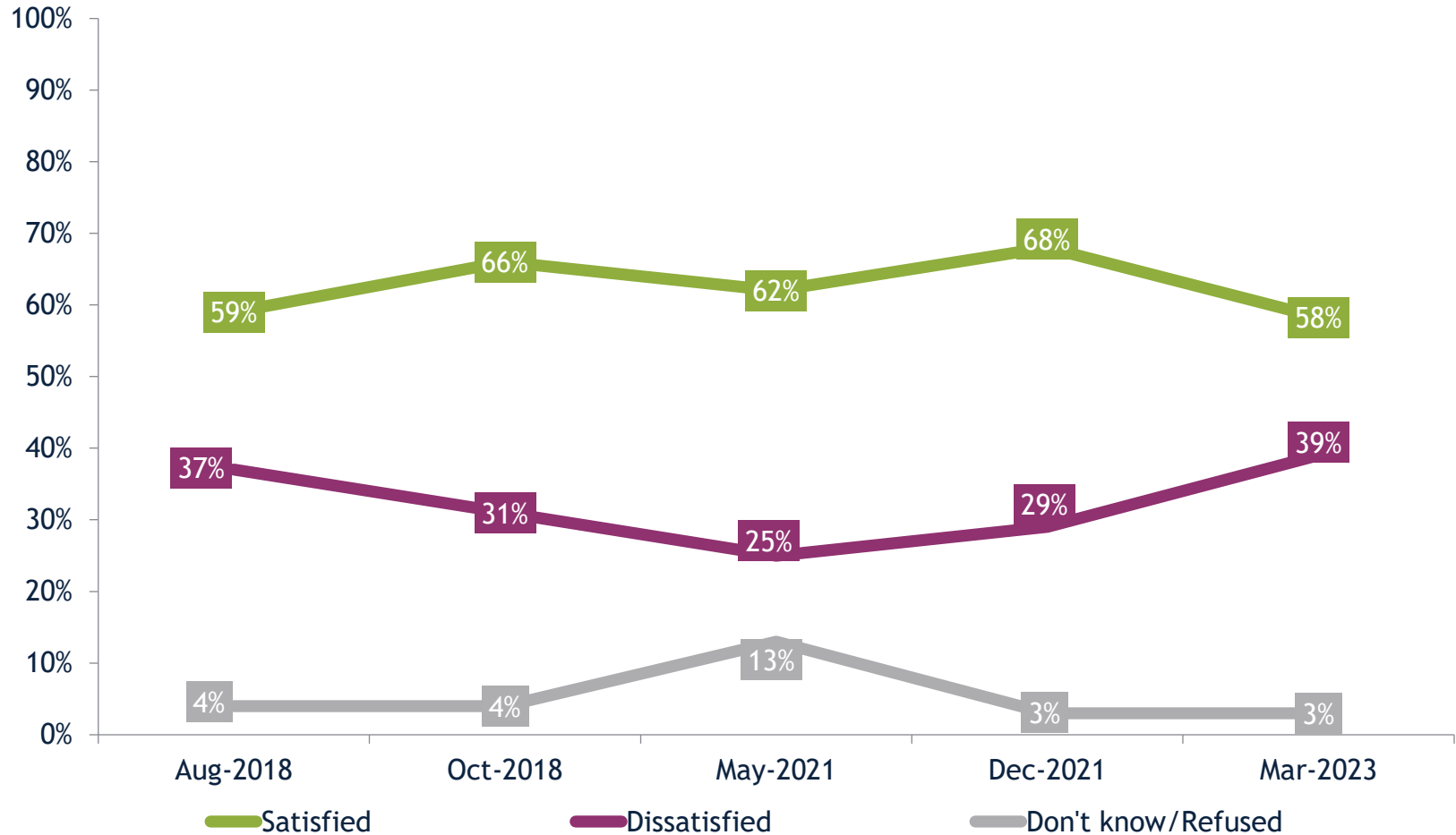
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Boxes for 'Armenia Alliance' and 'Pativ Unem' show combined results for parties in these alliances.

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the following institutions?



How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the *Police*?

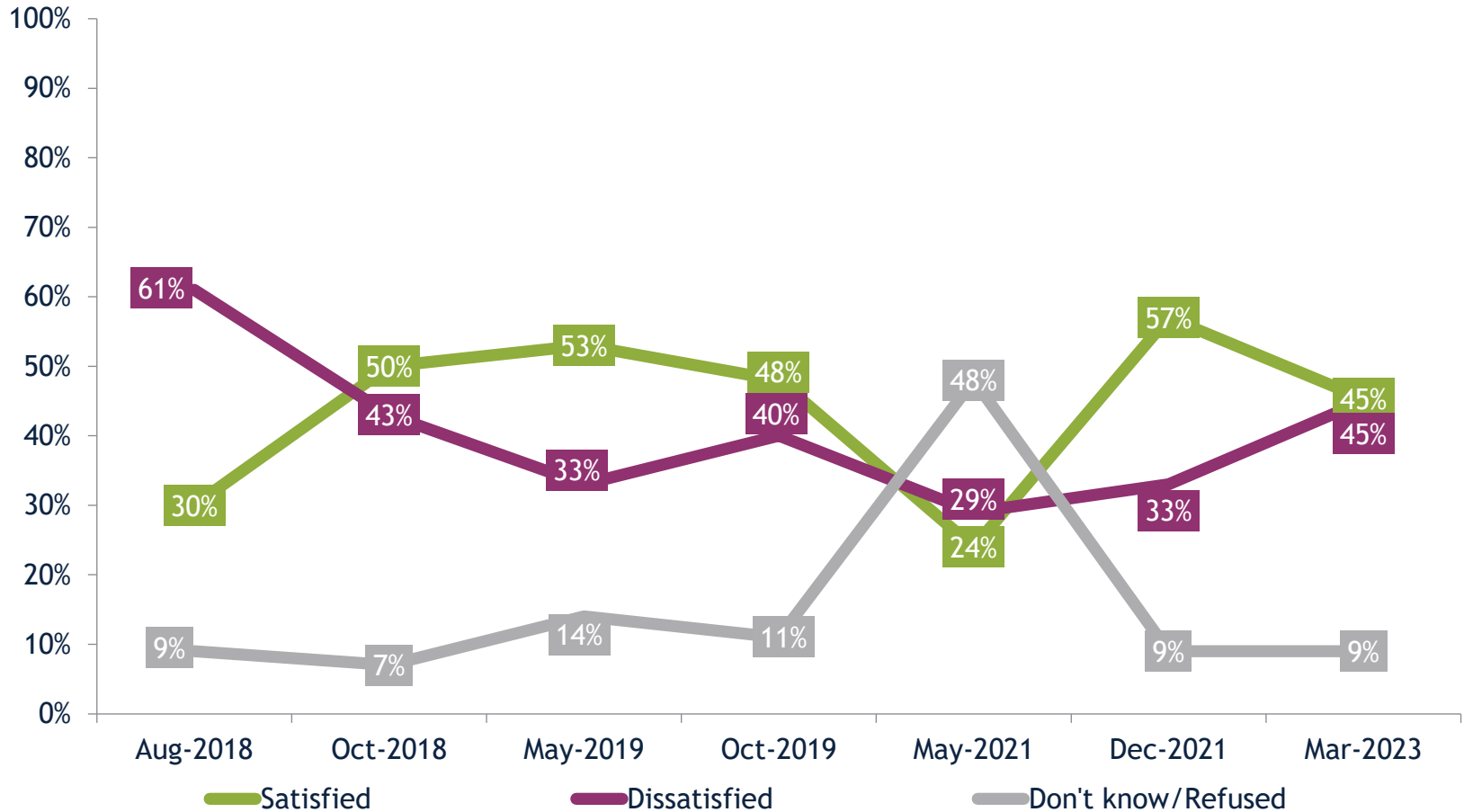


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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the *Central Electoral Commission*?



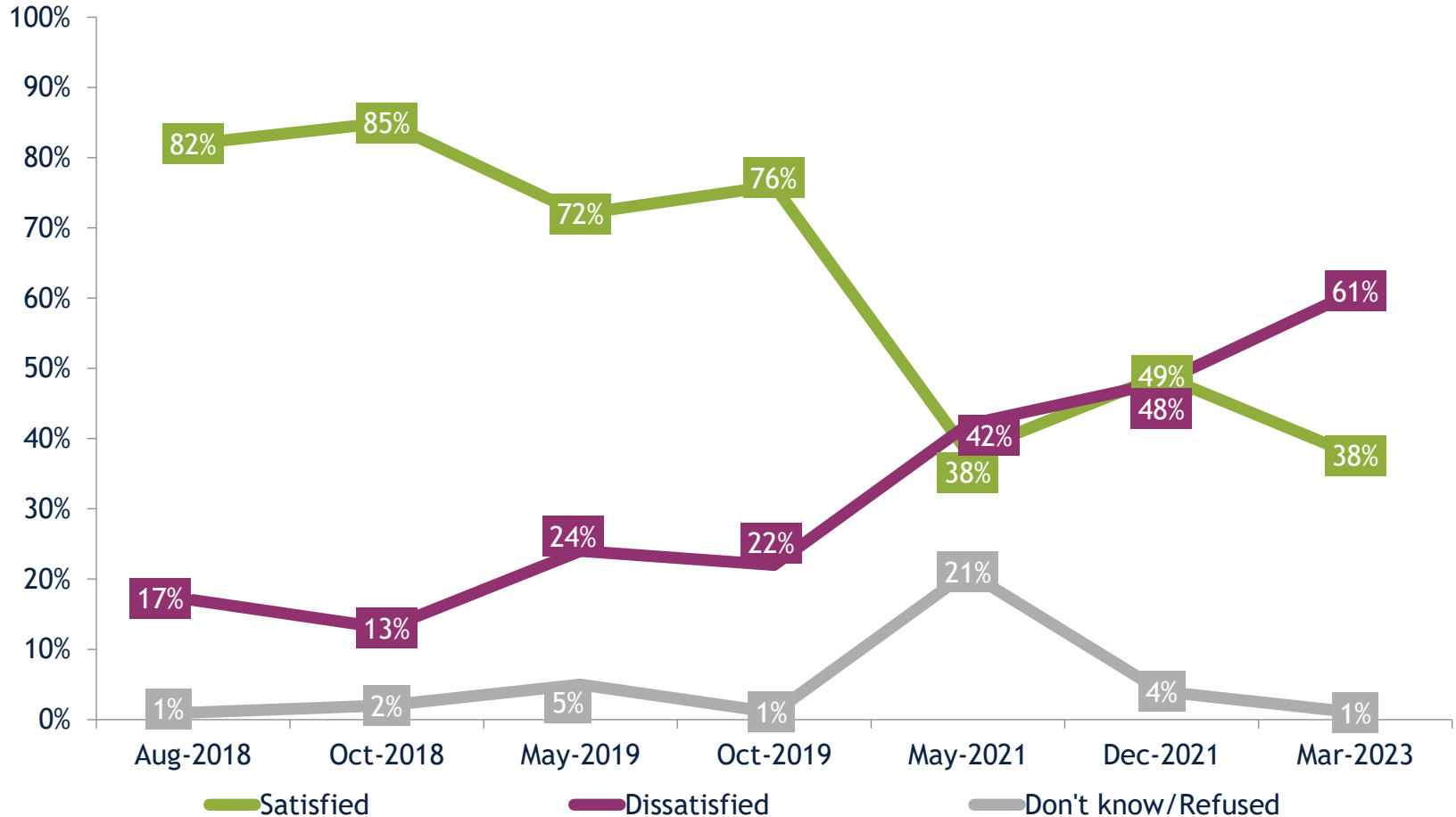
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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the *Prime Minister's Office*?

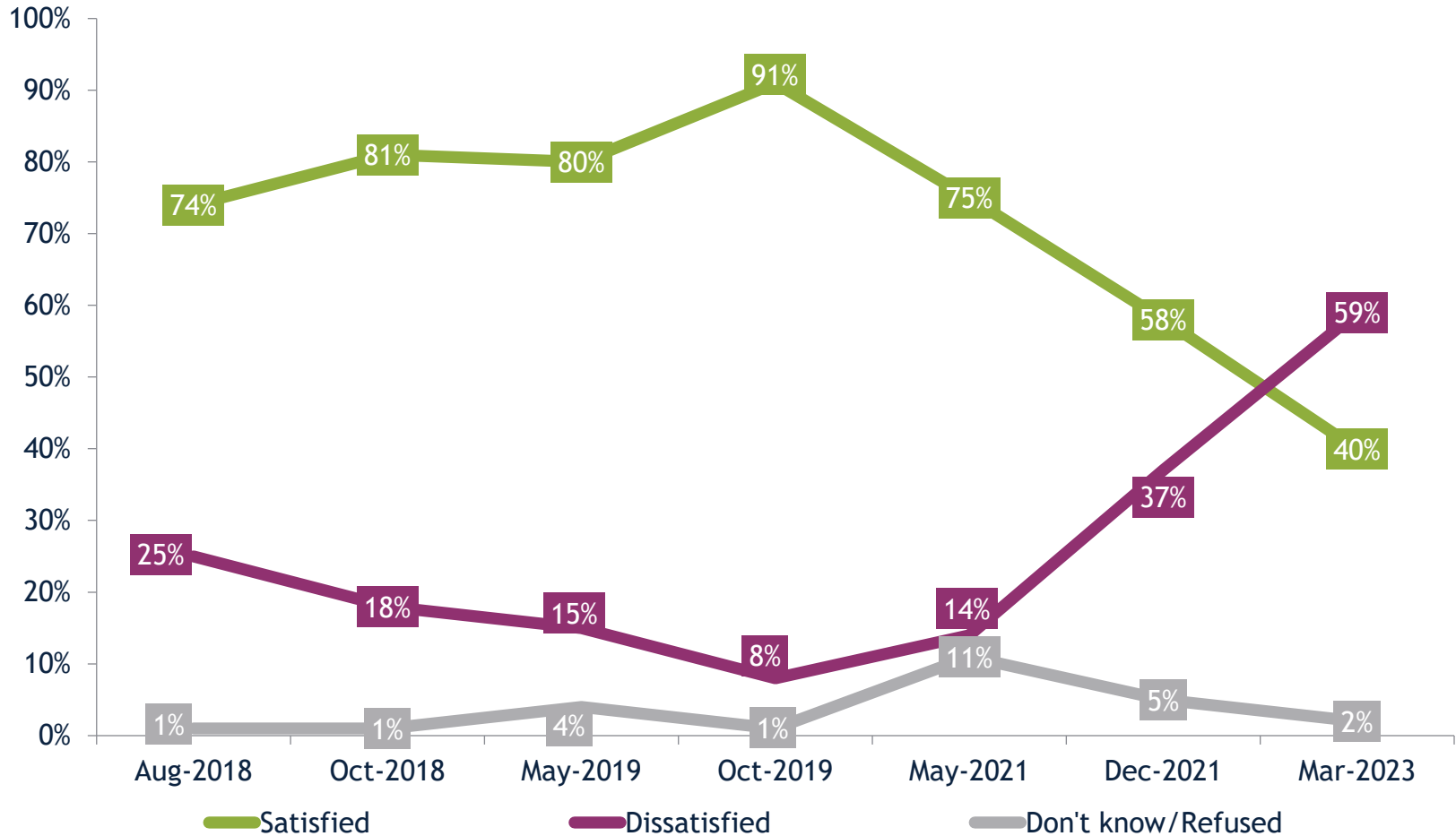


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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the *Armed forces*?



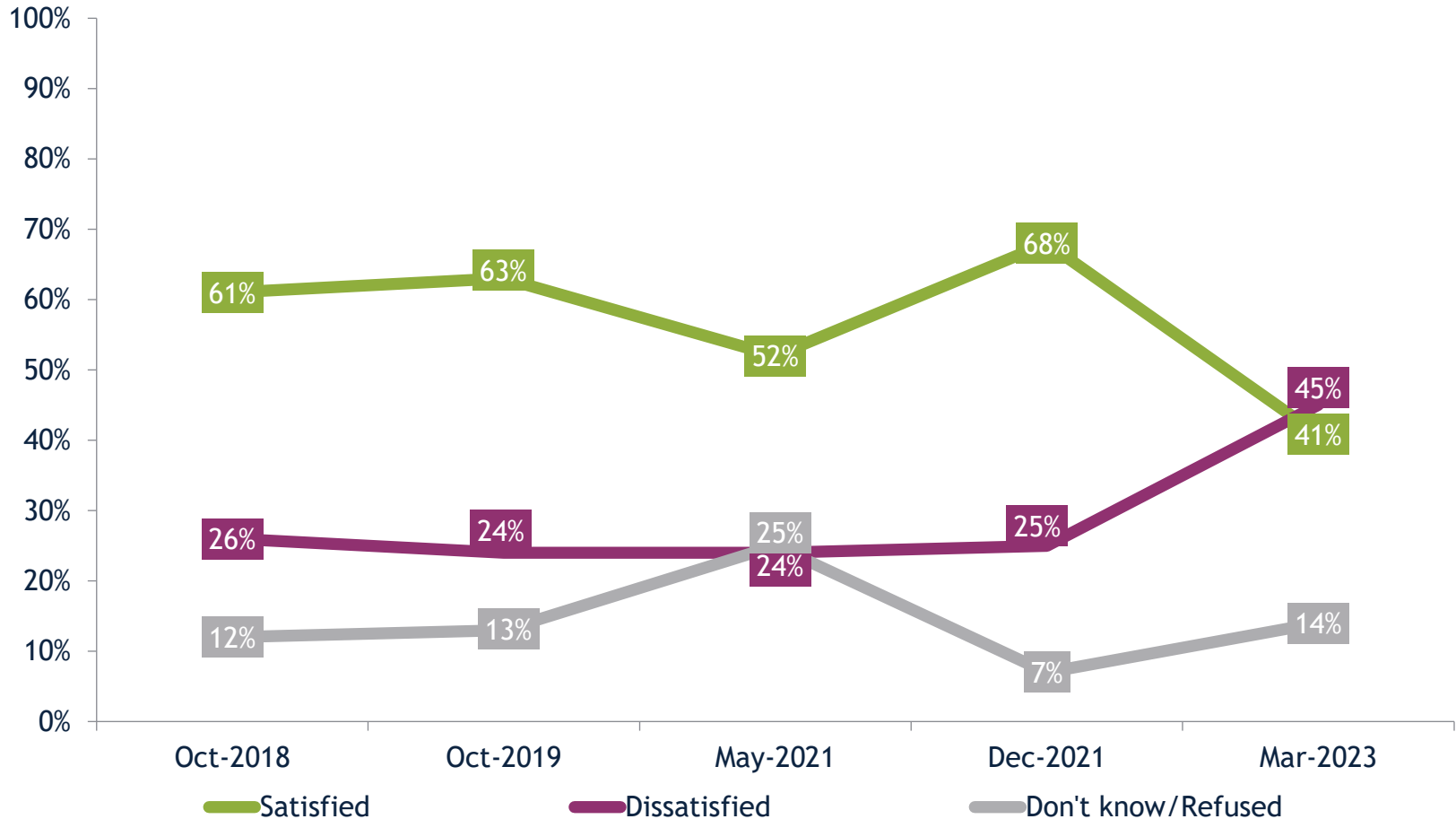
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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the *Human Rights Defender's Office*?

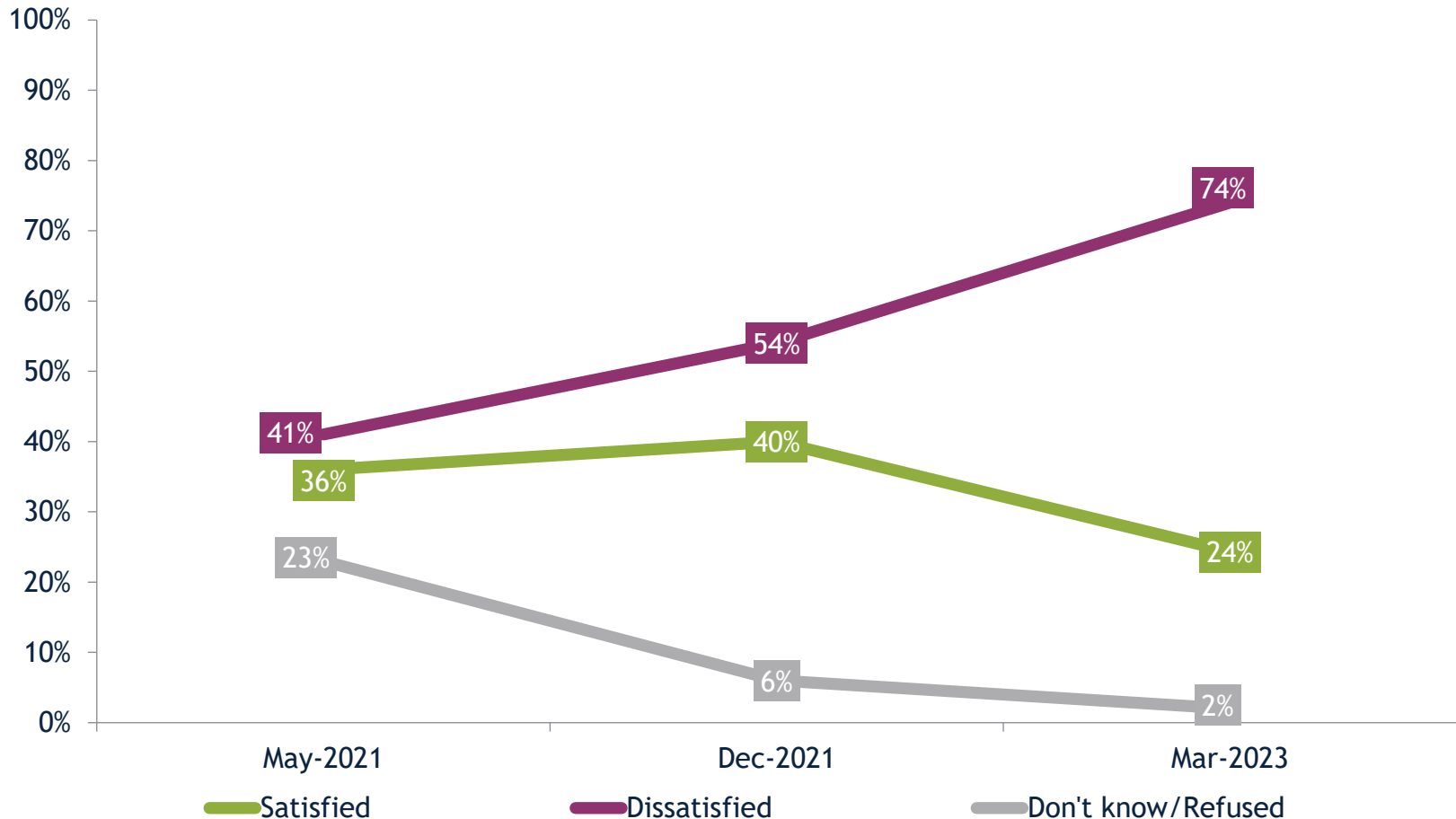


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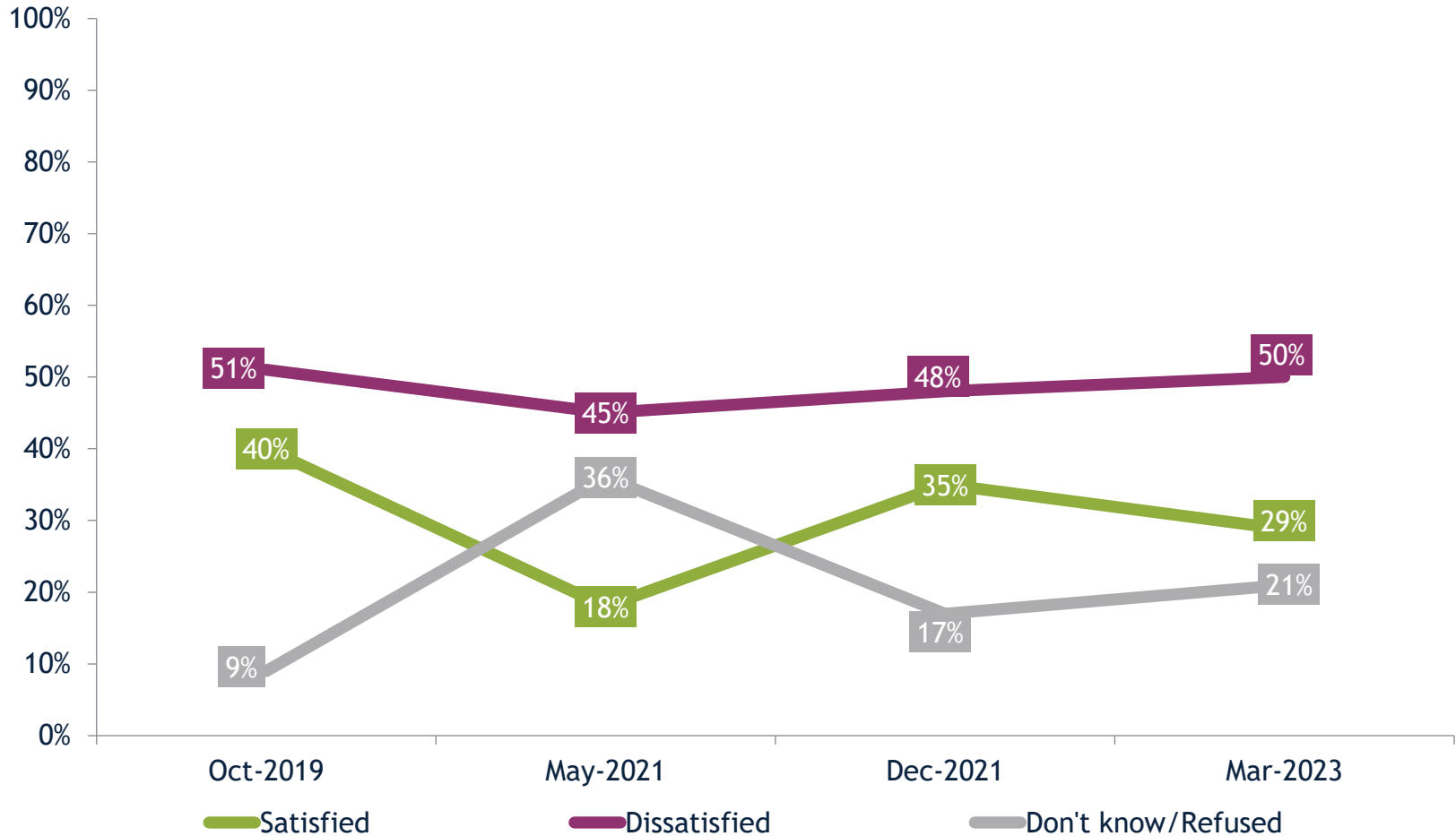


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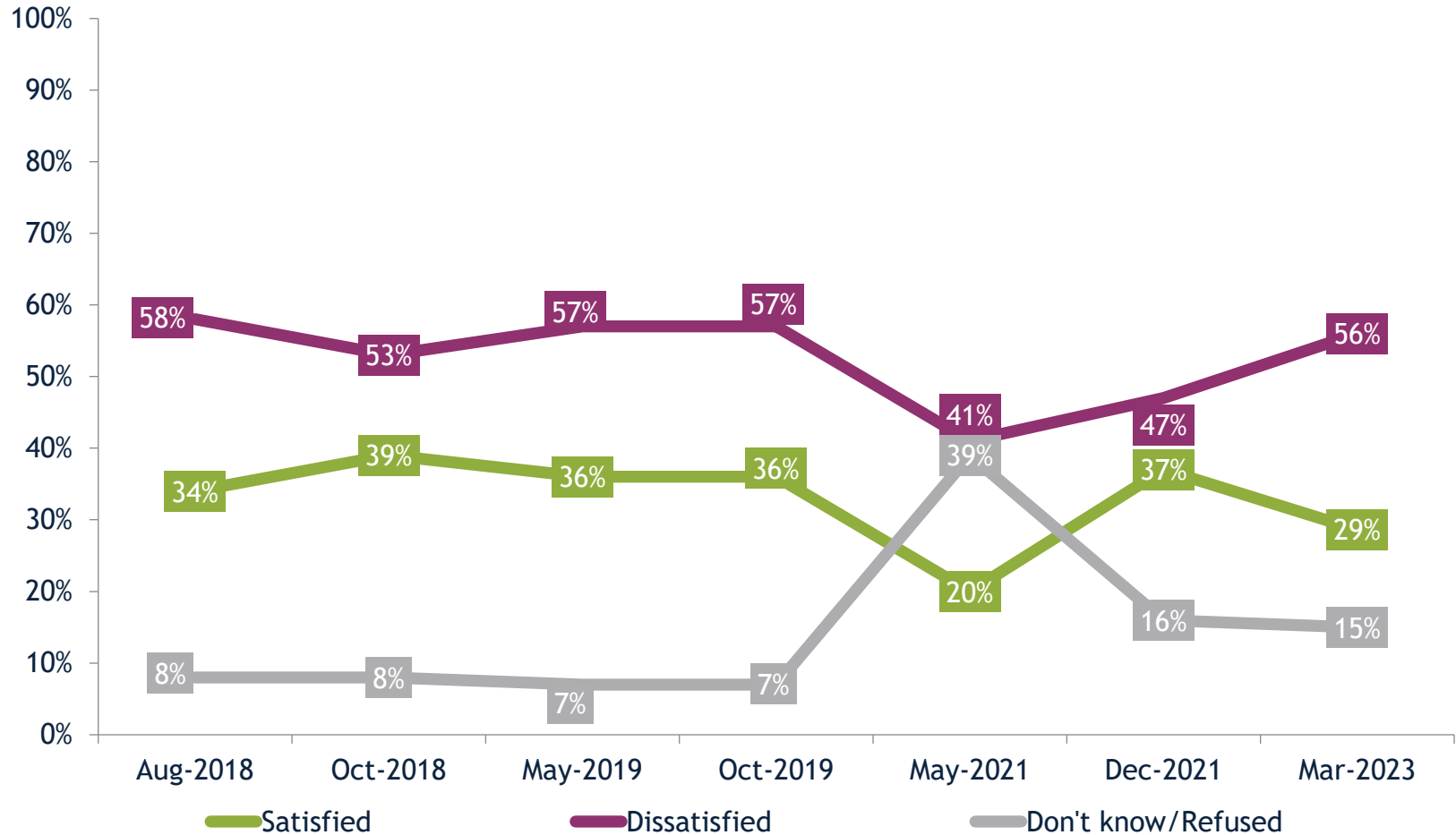


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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the work of the Courts?

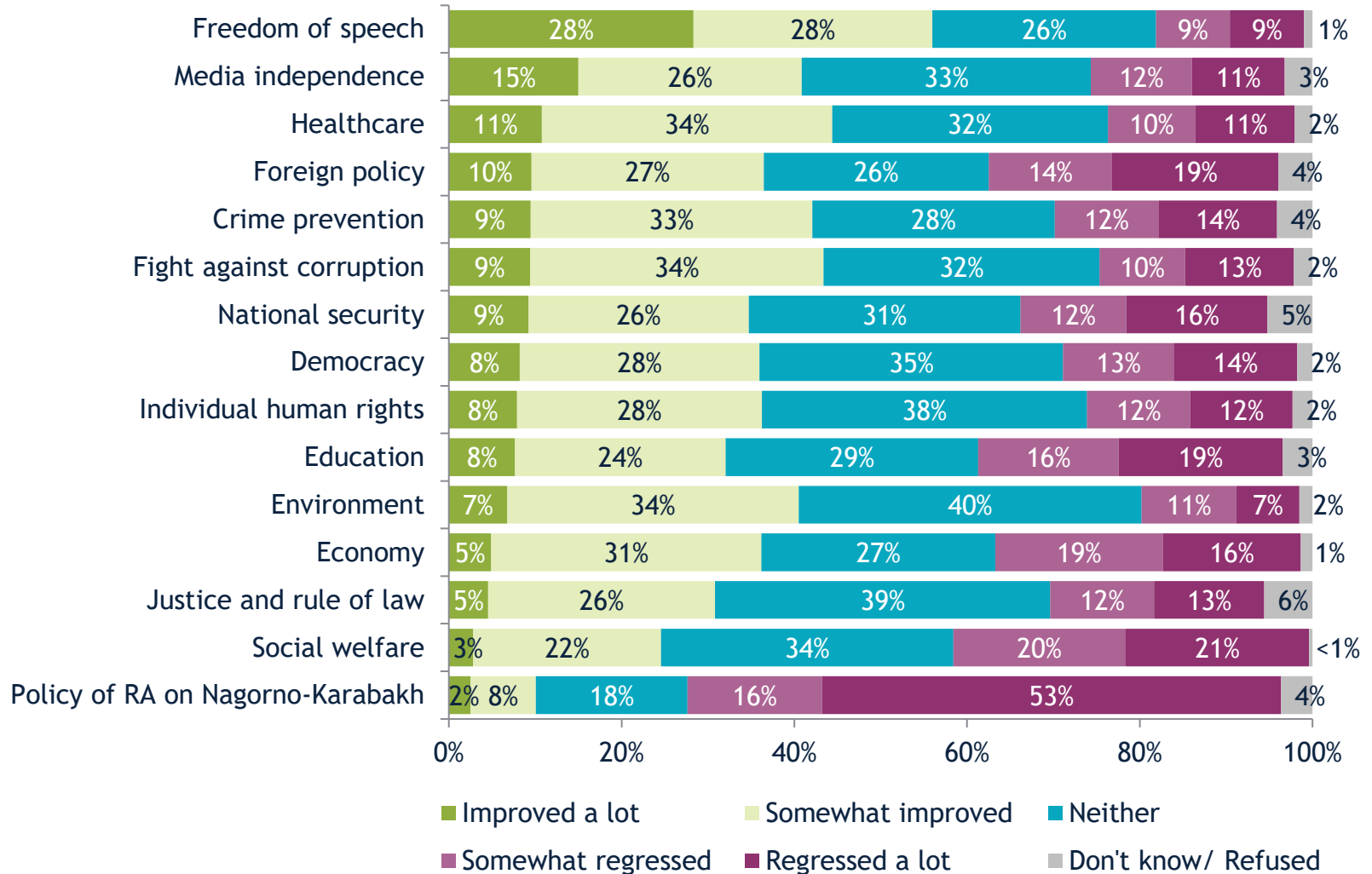


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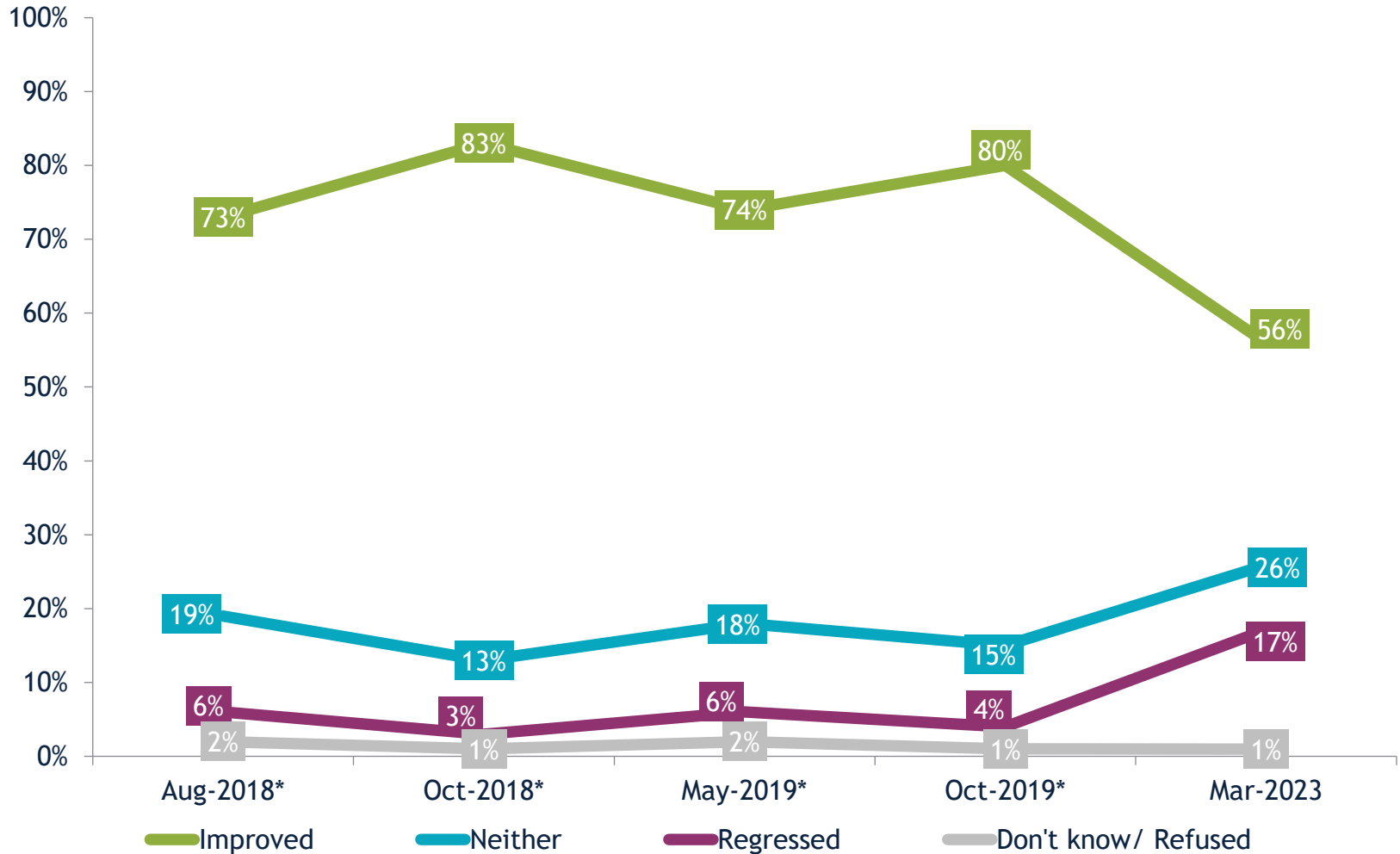
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How do you feel about the direction of each of the following spheres during the past six months?



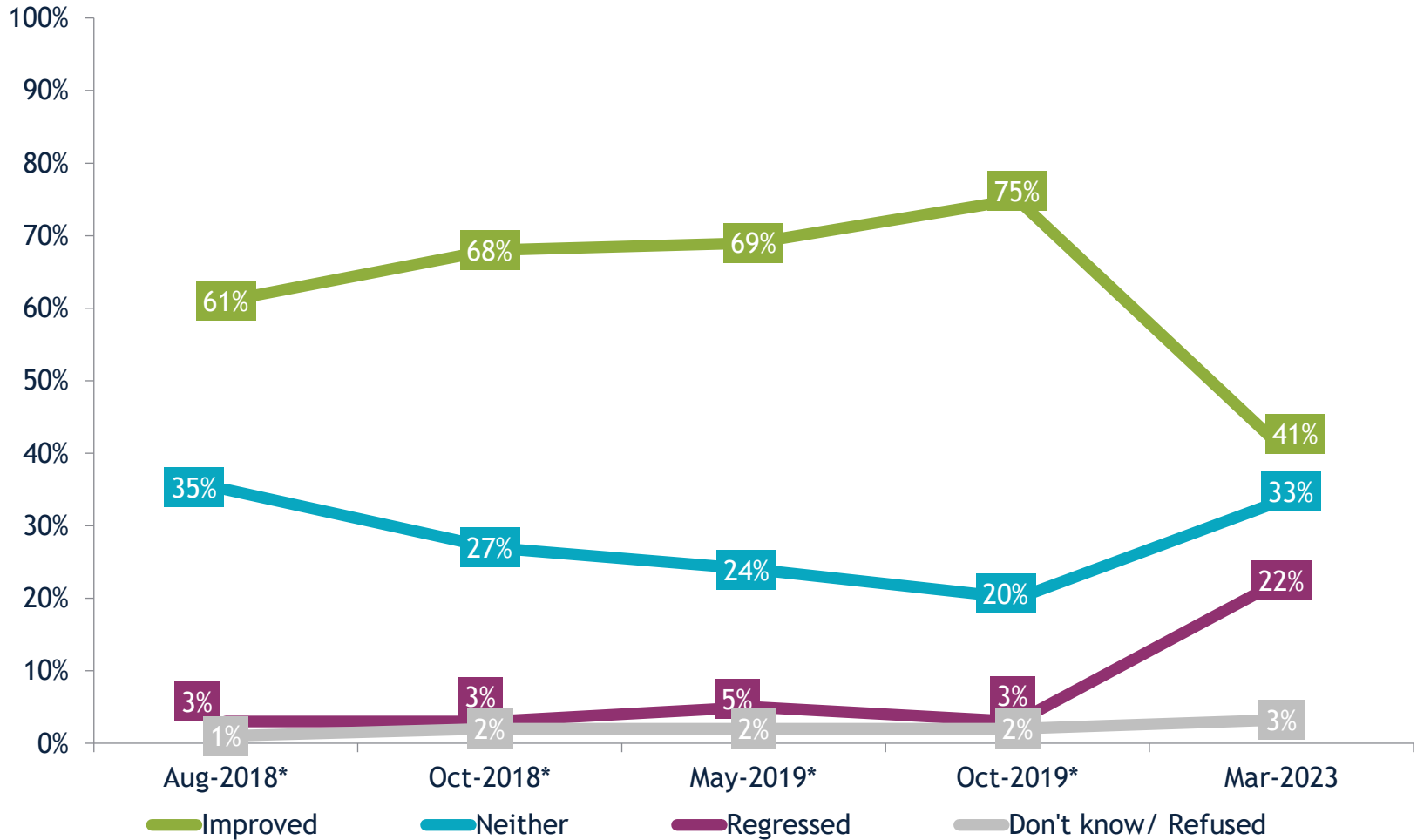
How do you feel about the direction of the *freedom of speech* during the past six months?



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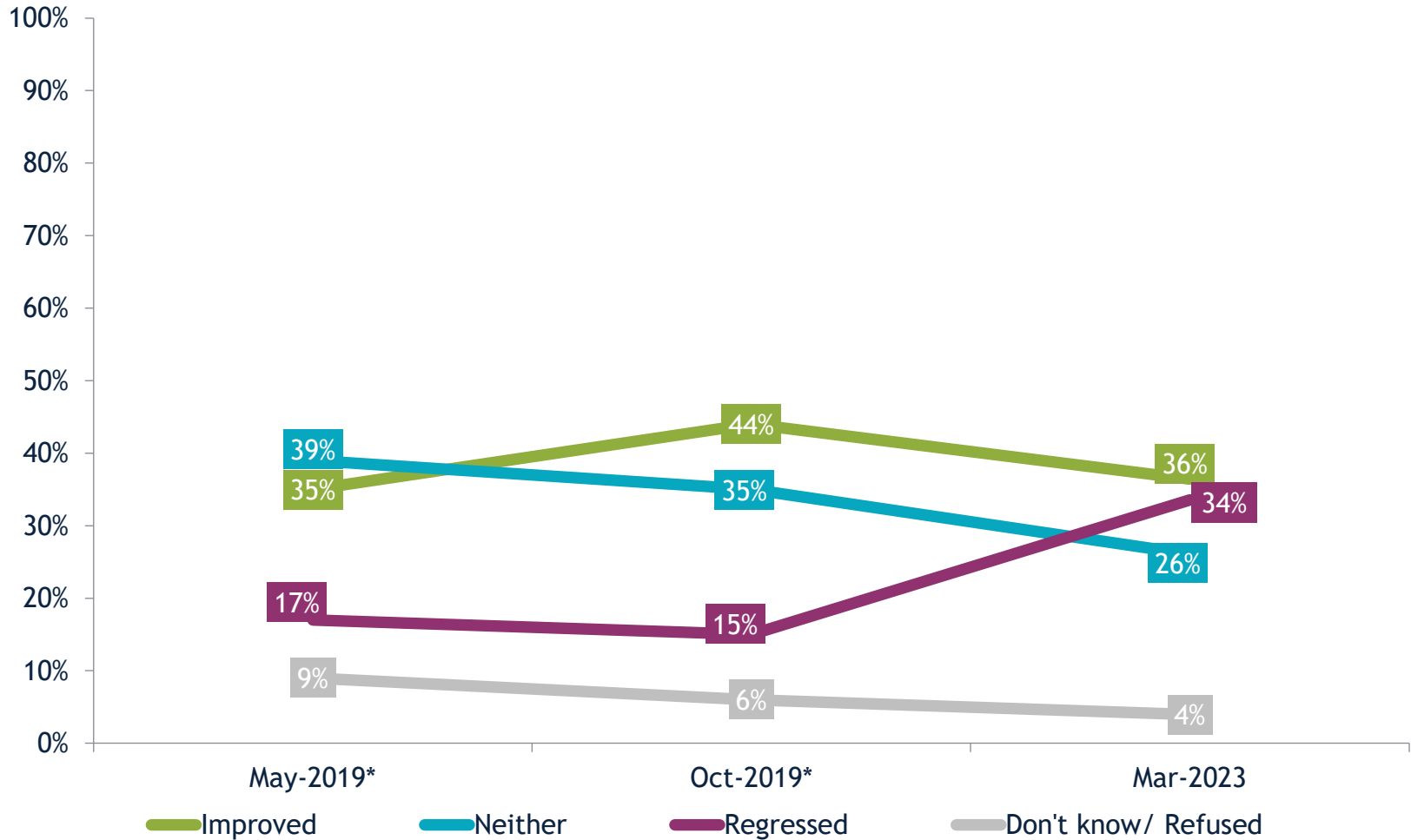
How do you feel about the direction of the *media independence* during the past six months?



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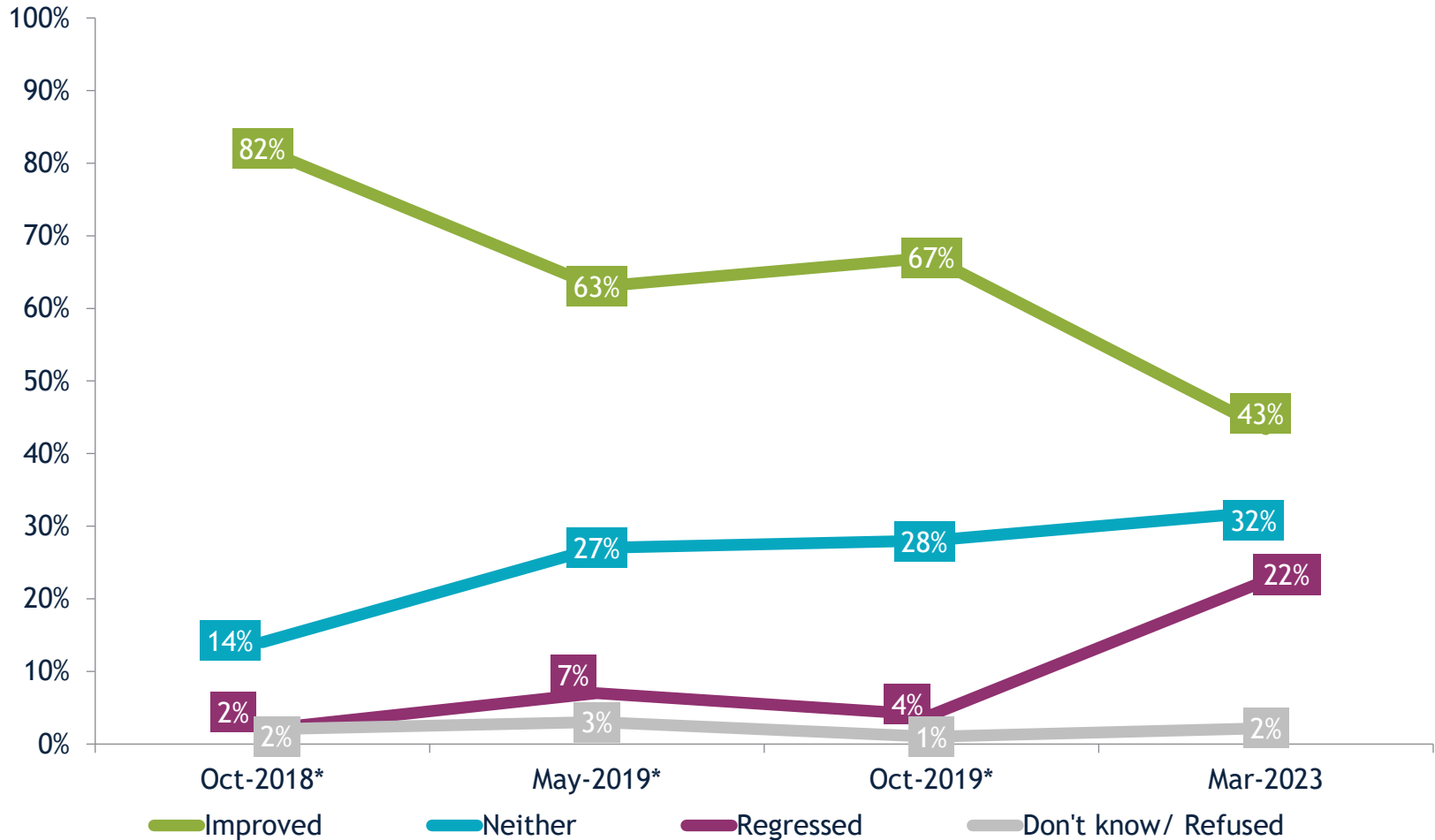
How do you feel about the direction of the *foreign policy* during the past six months?



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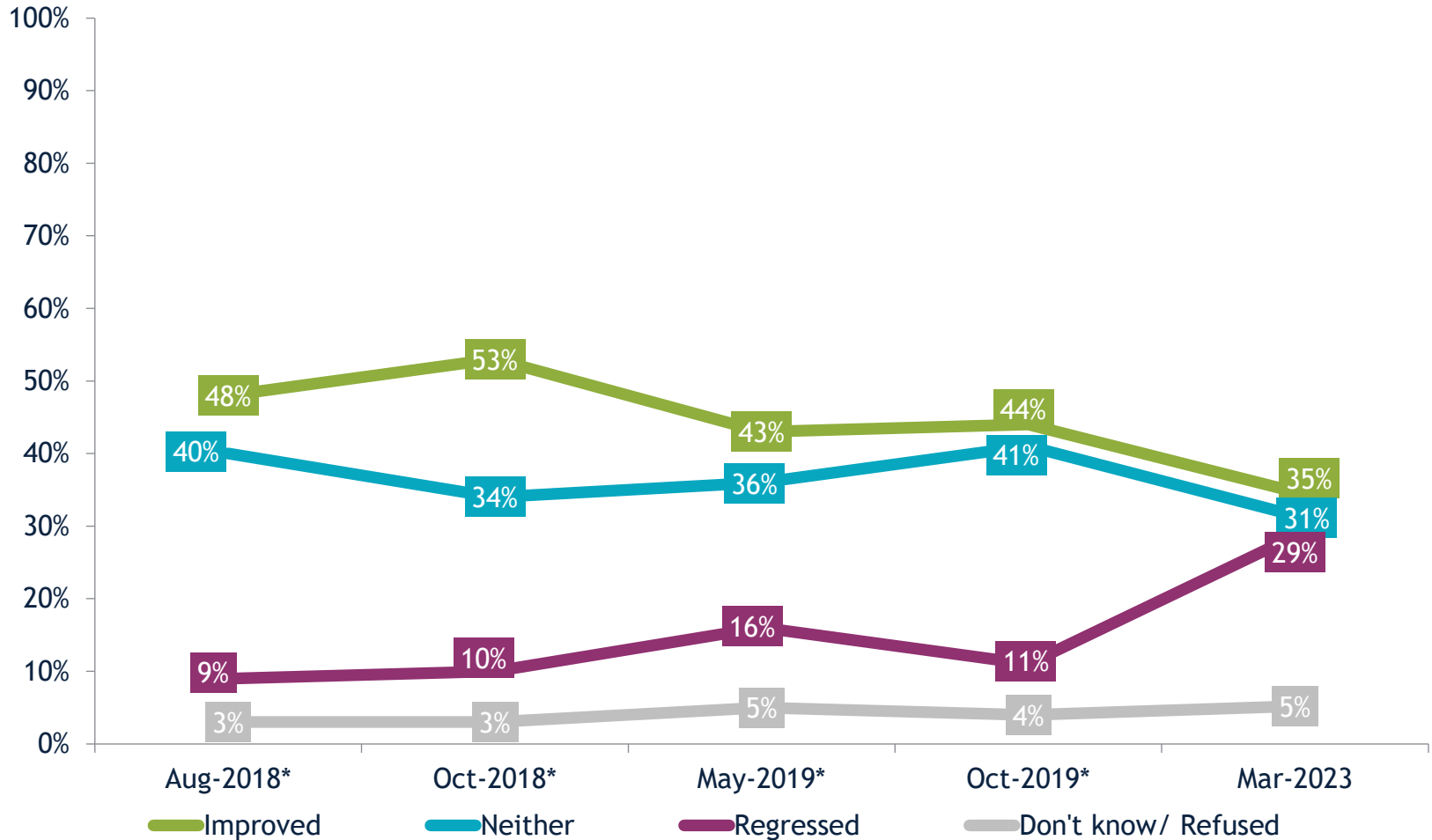
How do you feel about the direction of the *fight against corruption* during the past six months?



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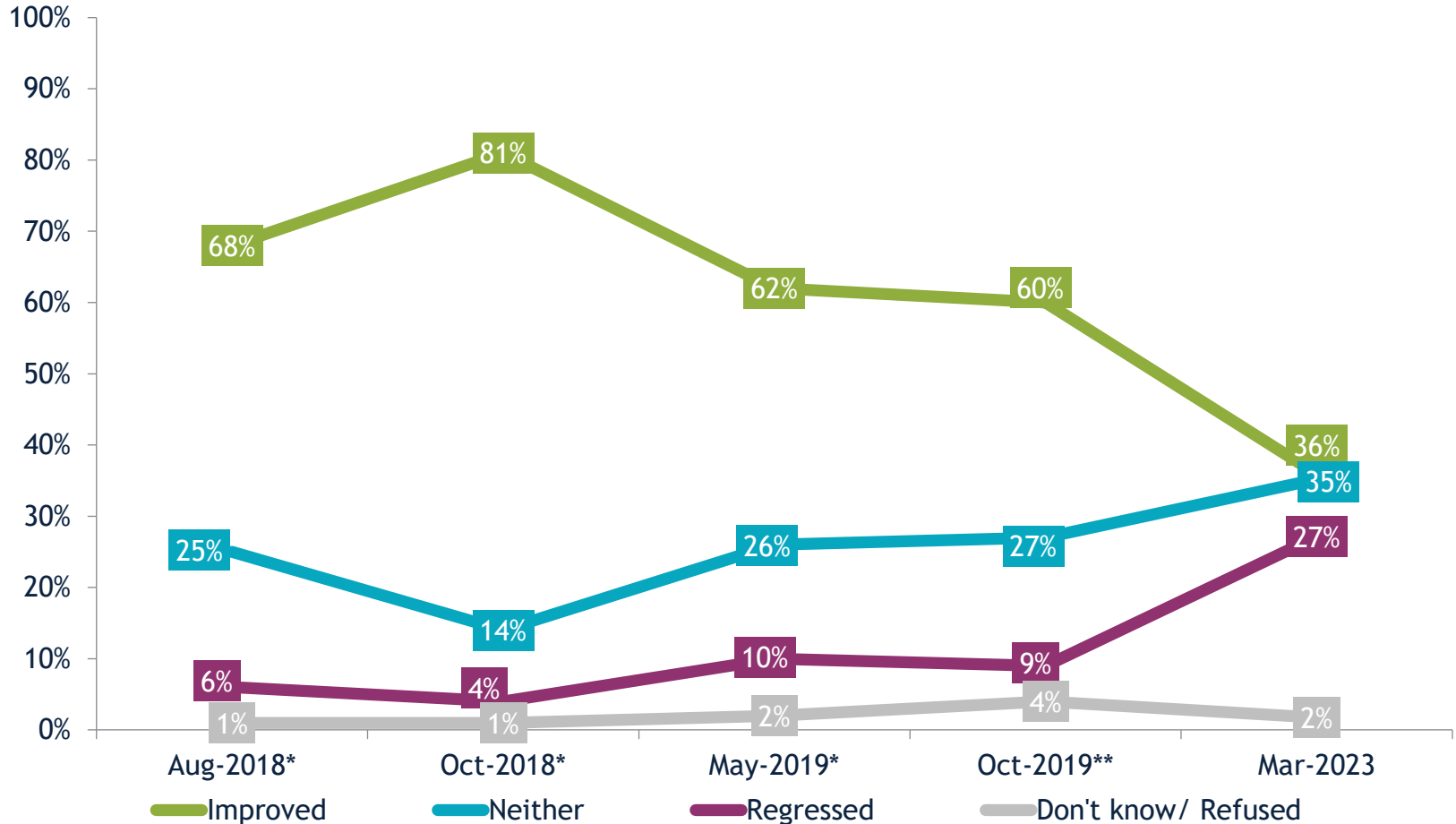
How do you feel about the direction of the *national security* during the past six months?



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How do you feel about the direction of the *democracy* during the past six months?

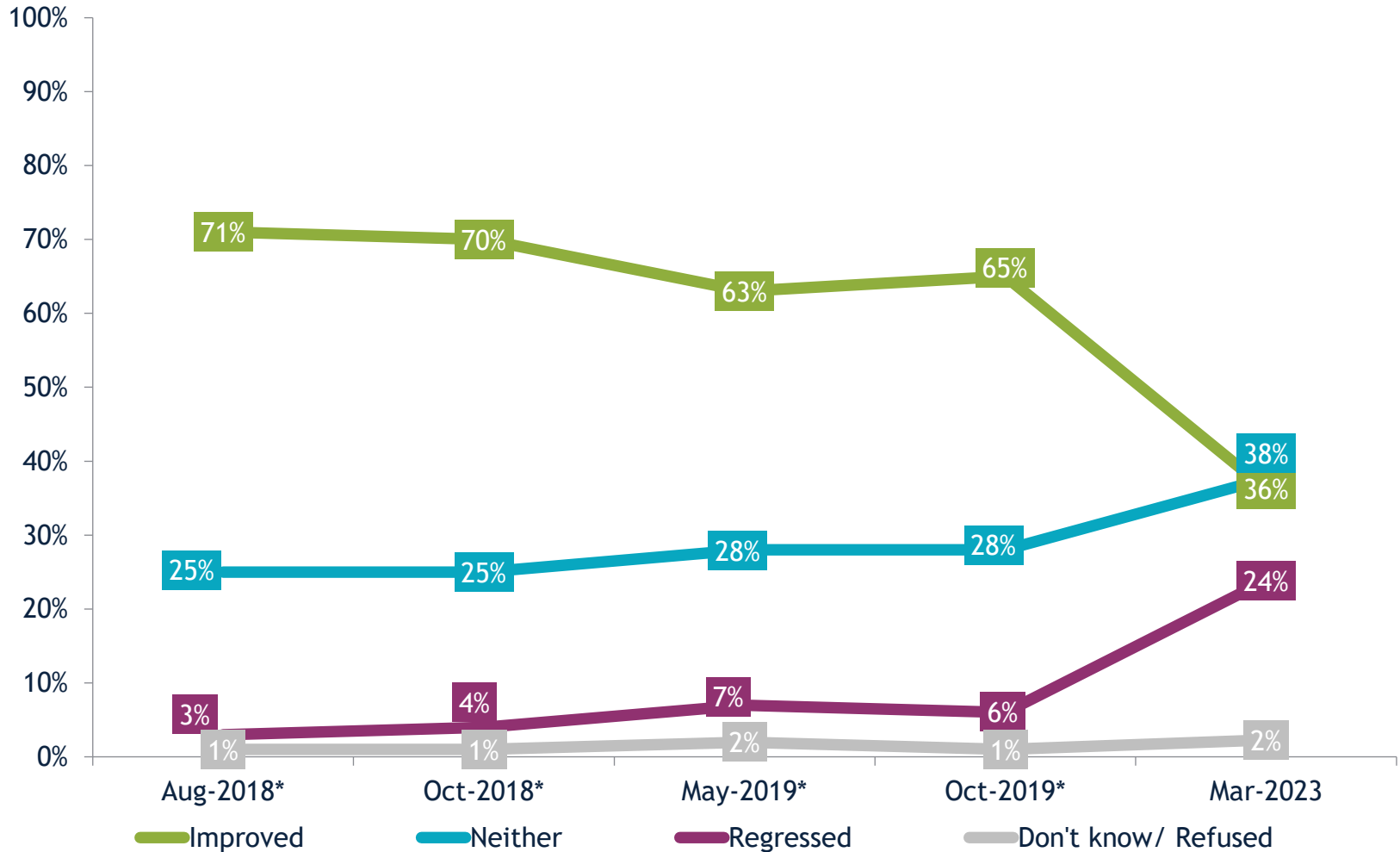


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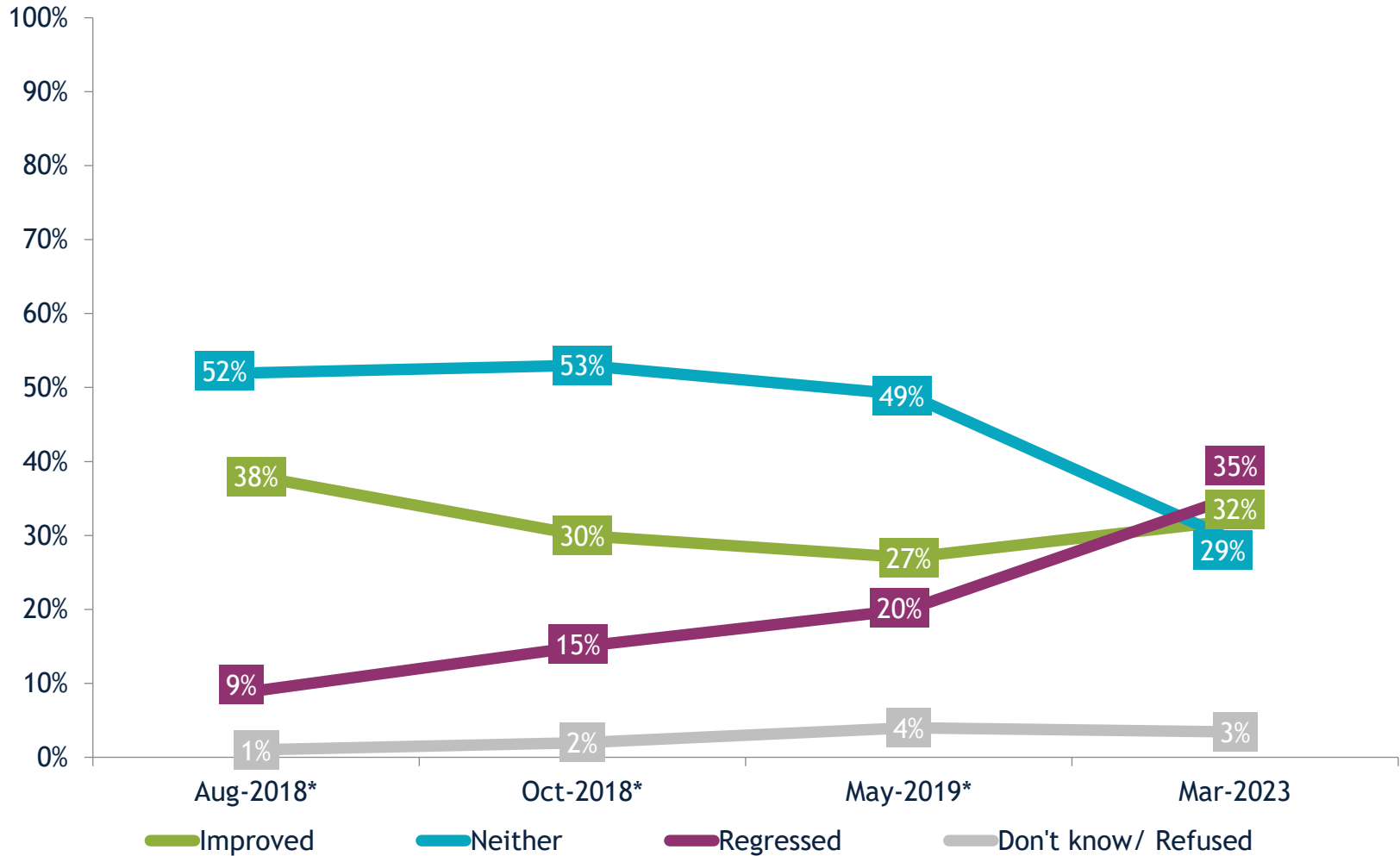
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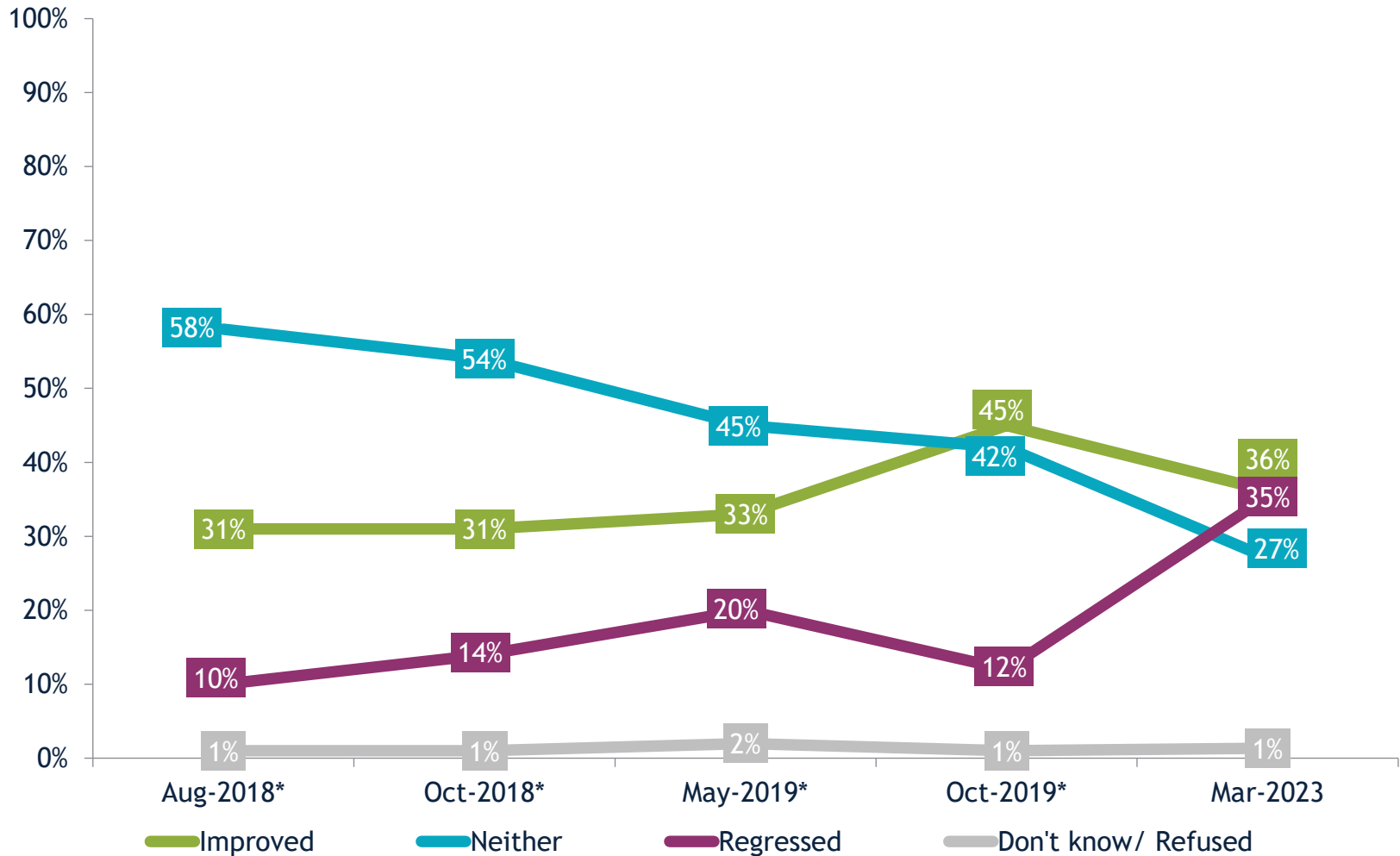
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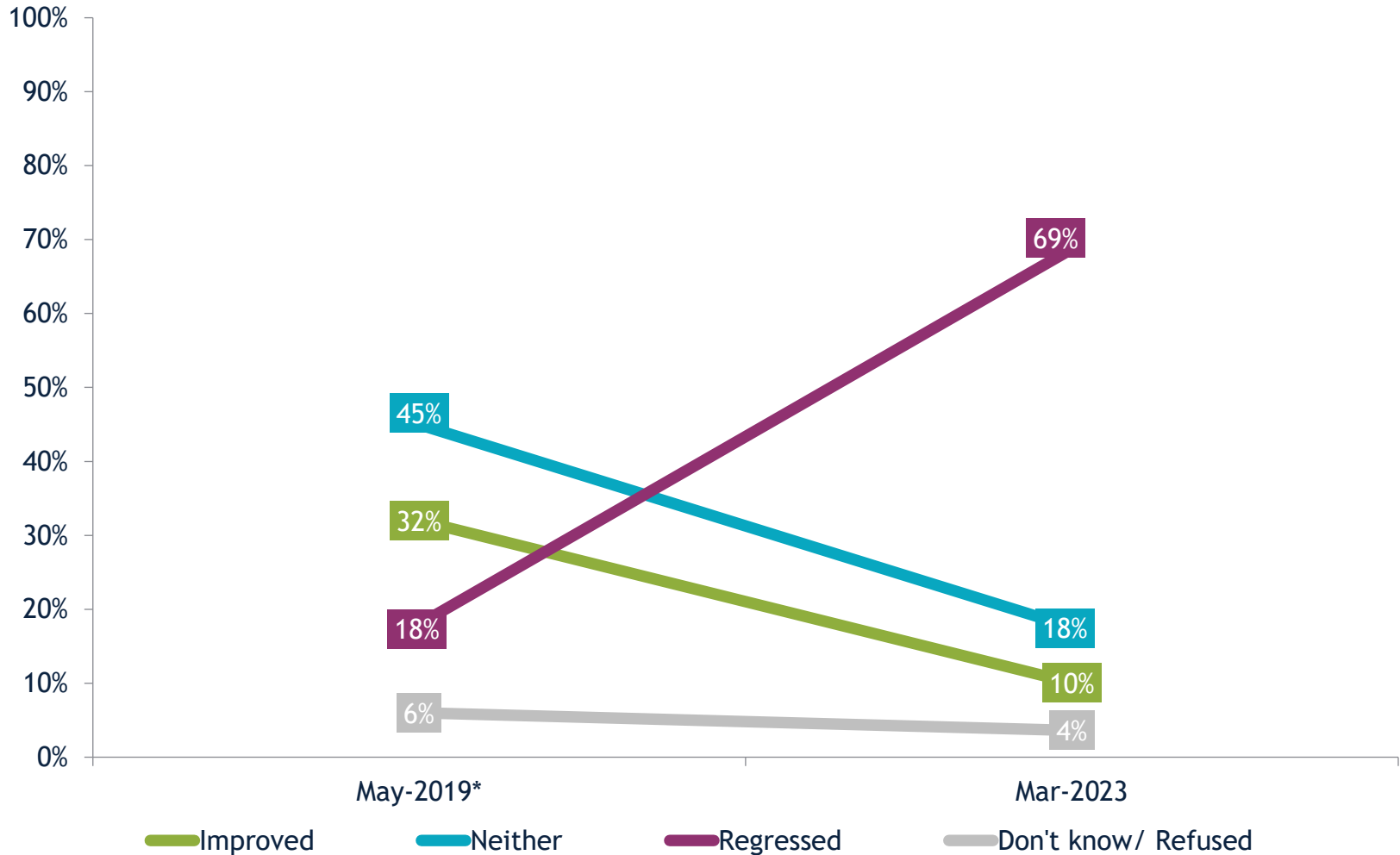
How do you feel about the direction of the *economy* during the past six months?



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How do you feel about the direction of the *policy of RA on Nagorno-Karabakh* during the past six months?

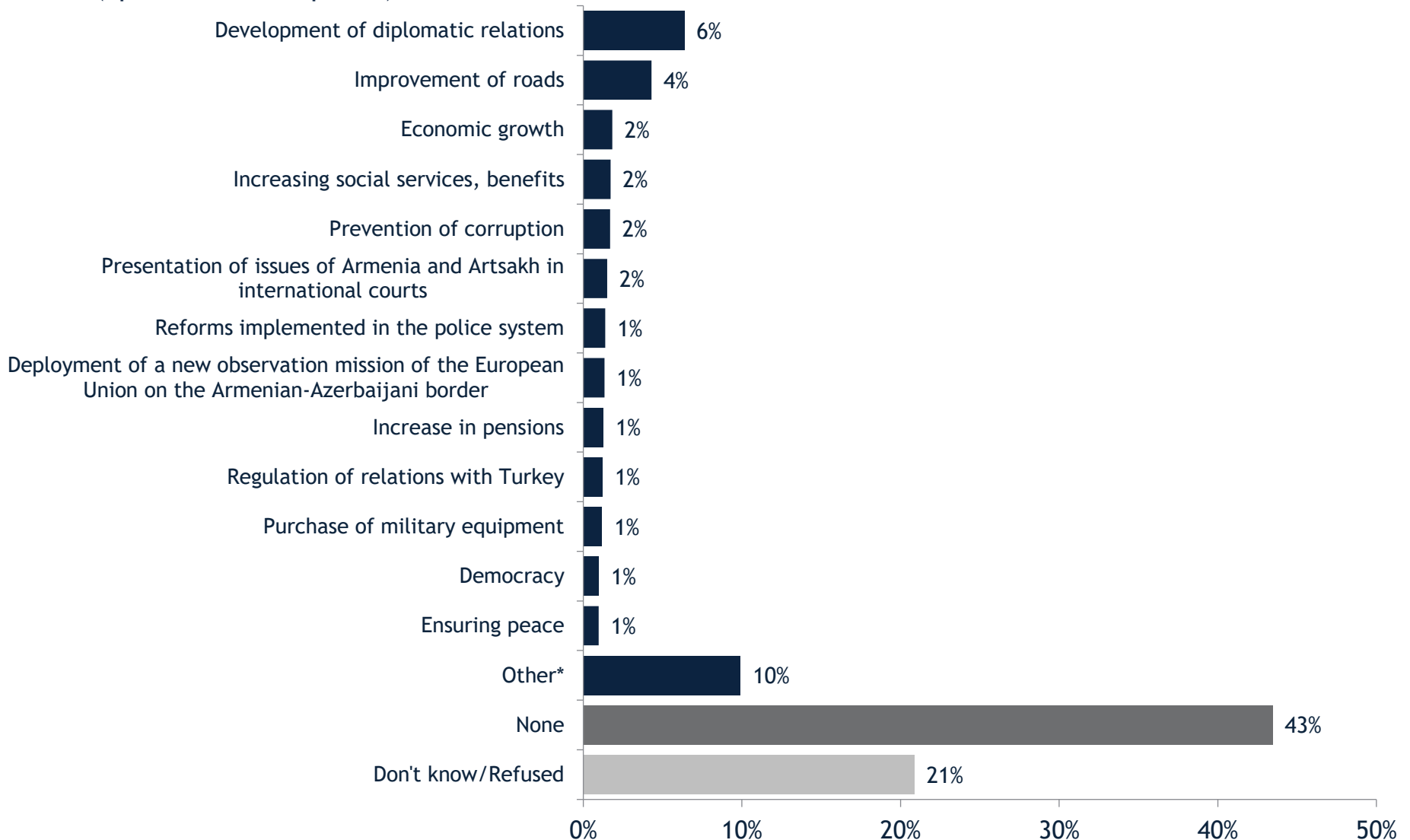


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What do you think is the biggest success of the government during the last 6 months?

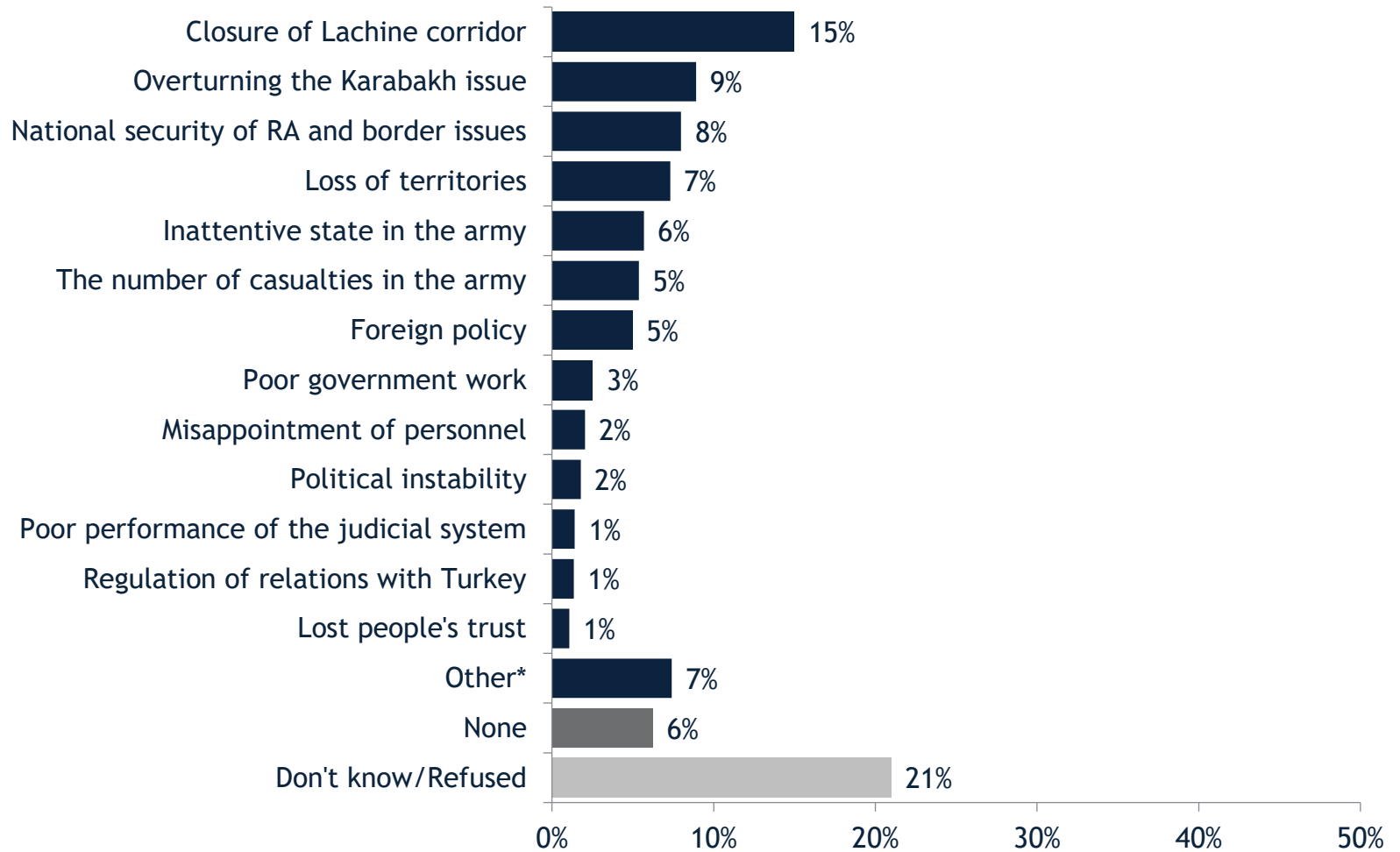
(Spontaneous response)



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What do you think is the biggest failure of the government during the last 6 months?

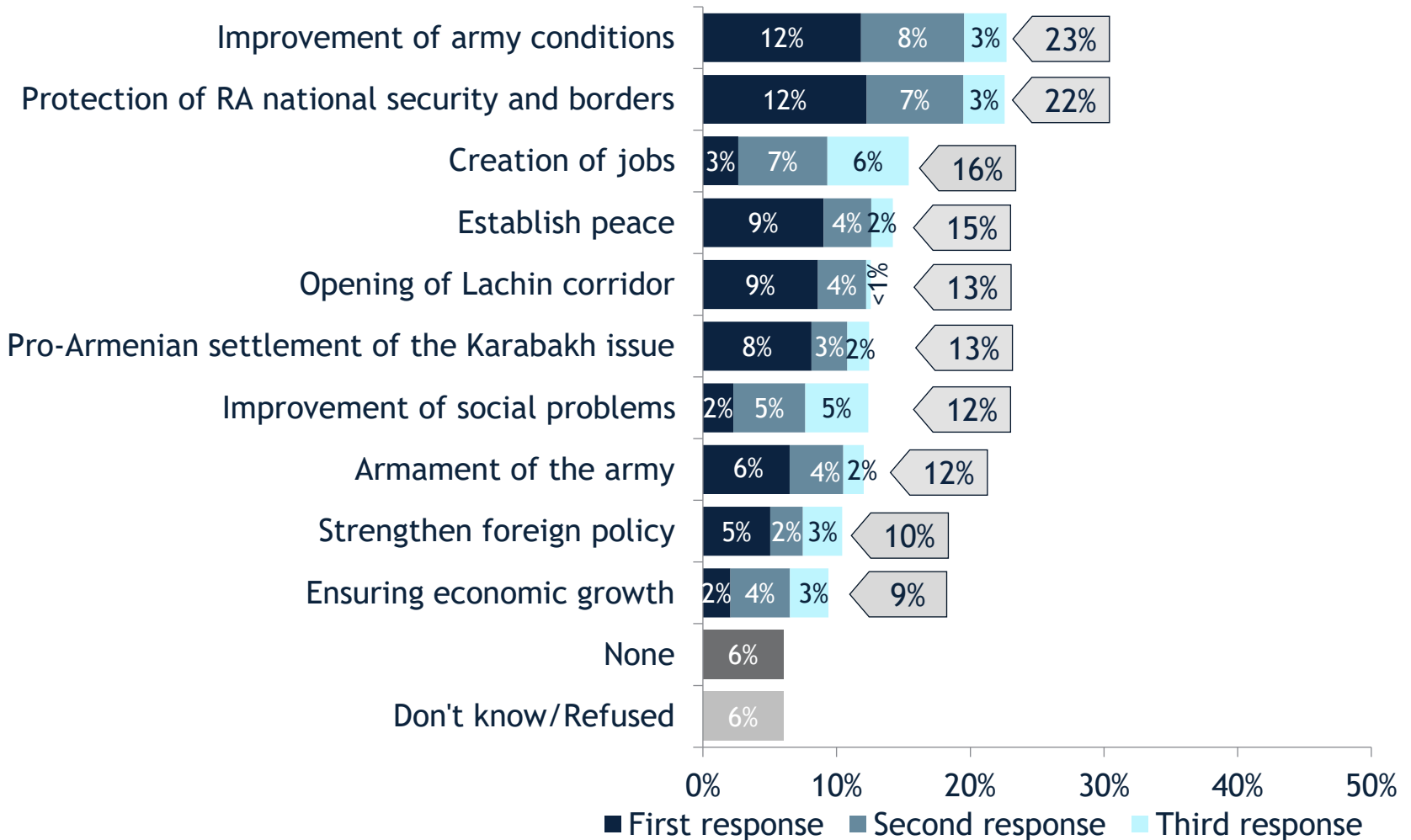
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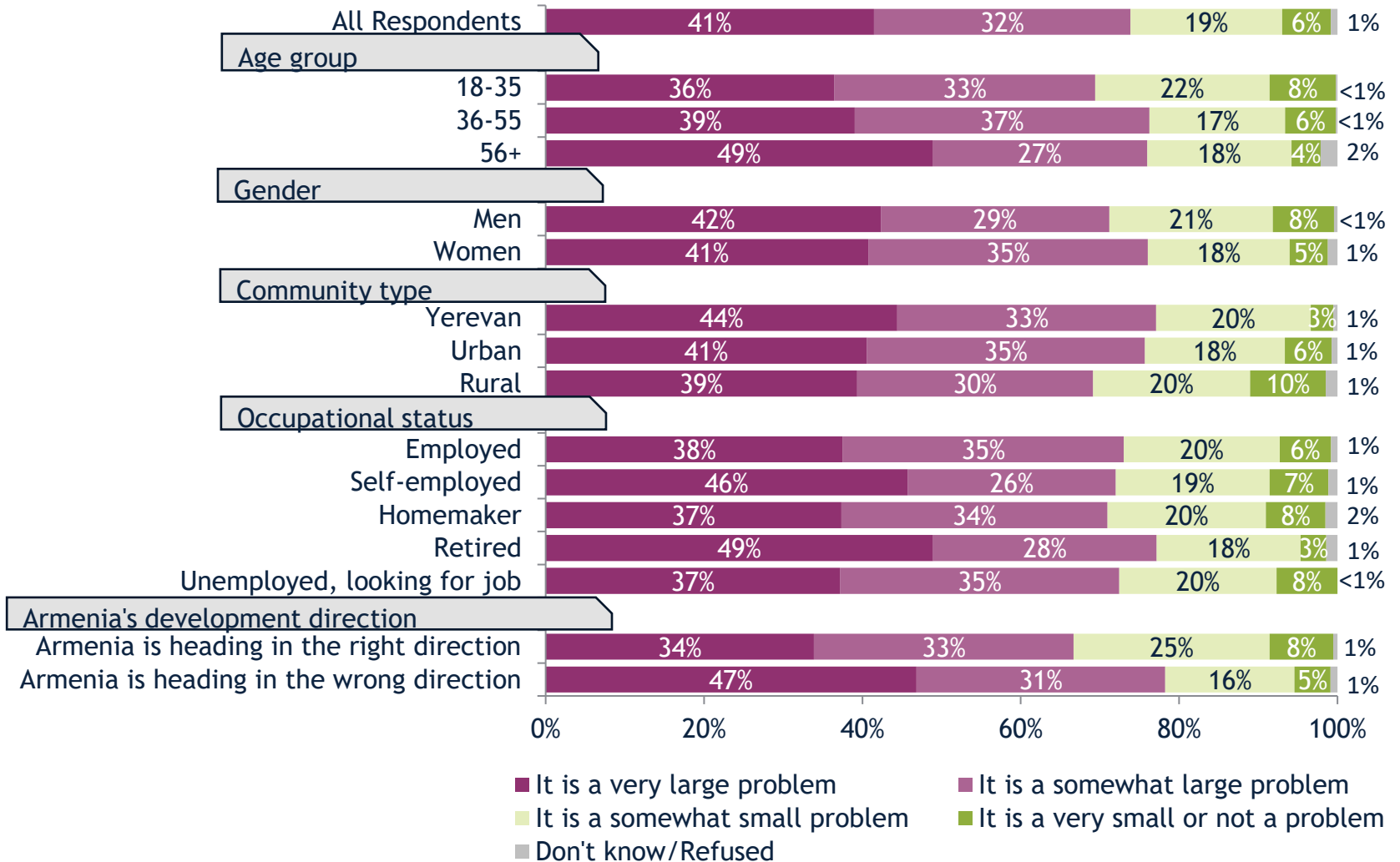
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What are things you believe that N. Pashinyan's Government must achieve in the next 6 months, if any?

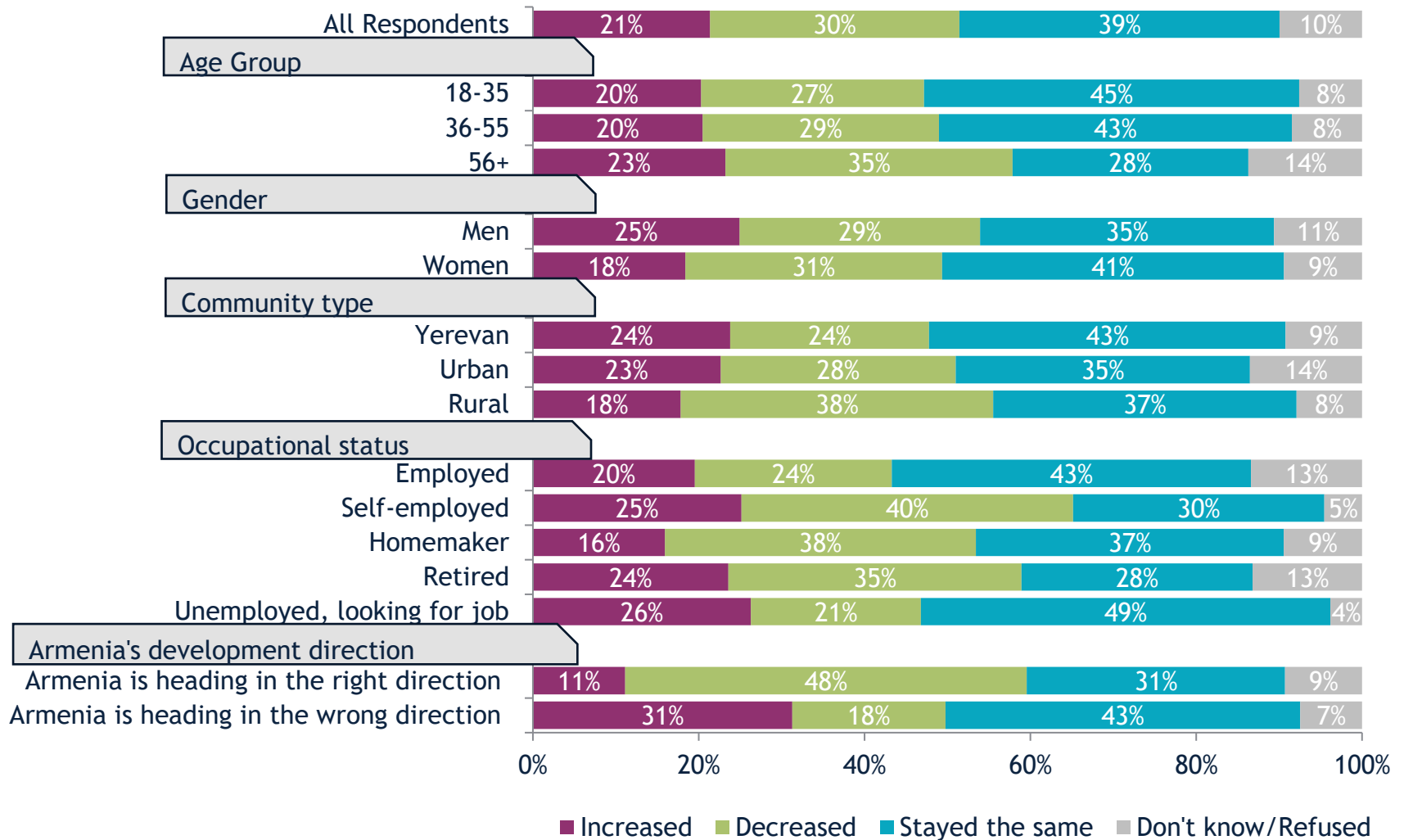
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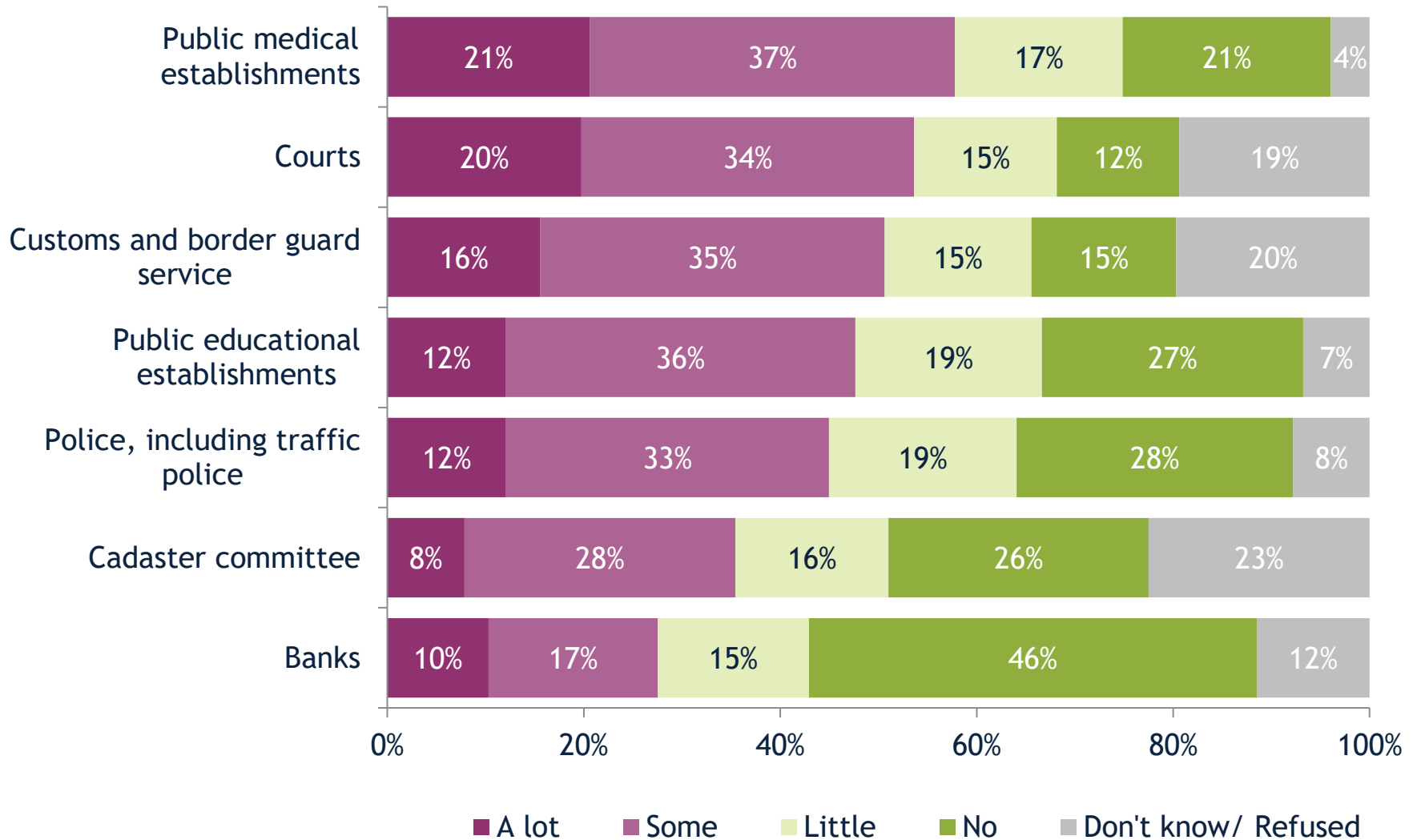
To what extent is corruption a problem in our country?



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



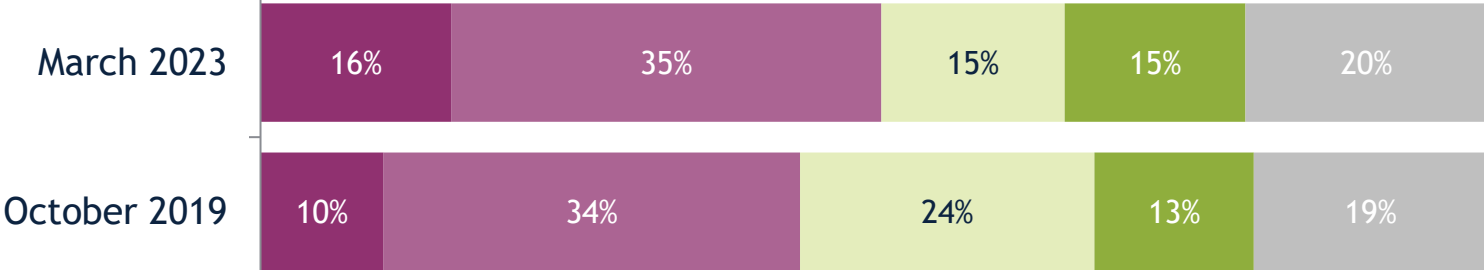
I will read you a list of institutions. For each, please tell me if there is a lot, some, little, or no corruption among these institutions?



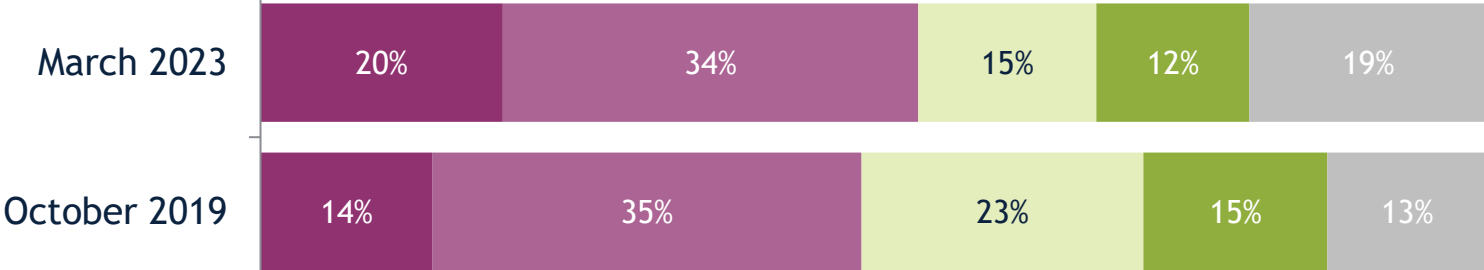


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Customs and border guard service



Courts



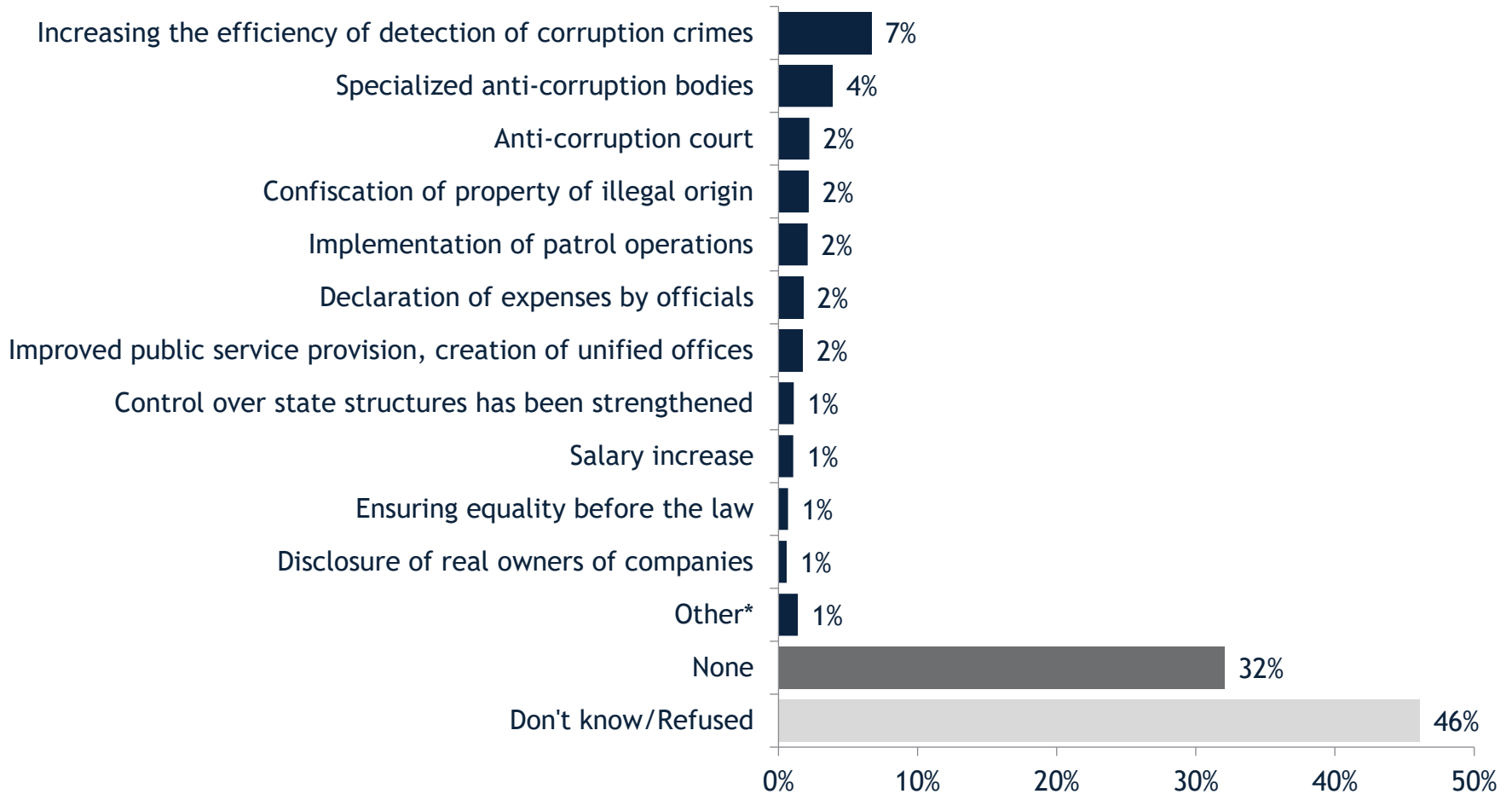
0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

■ A lot ■ Some ■ Little ■ No ■ Don't know/Refused



What government led anti-corruption reforms do you know?

(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



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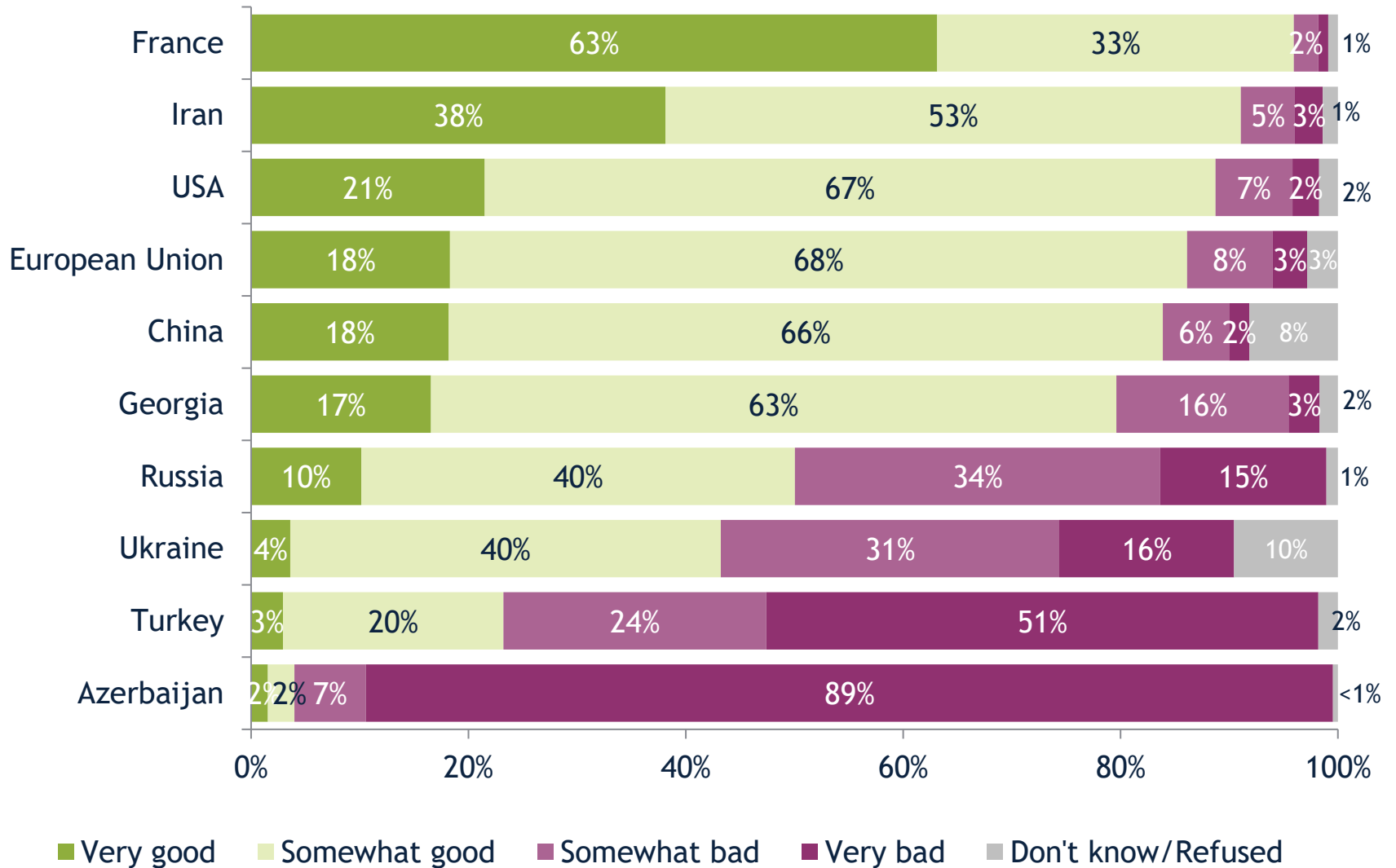
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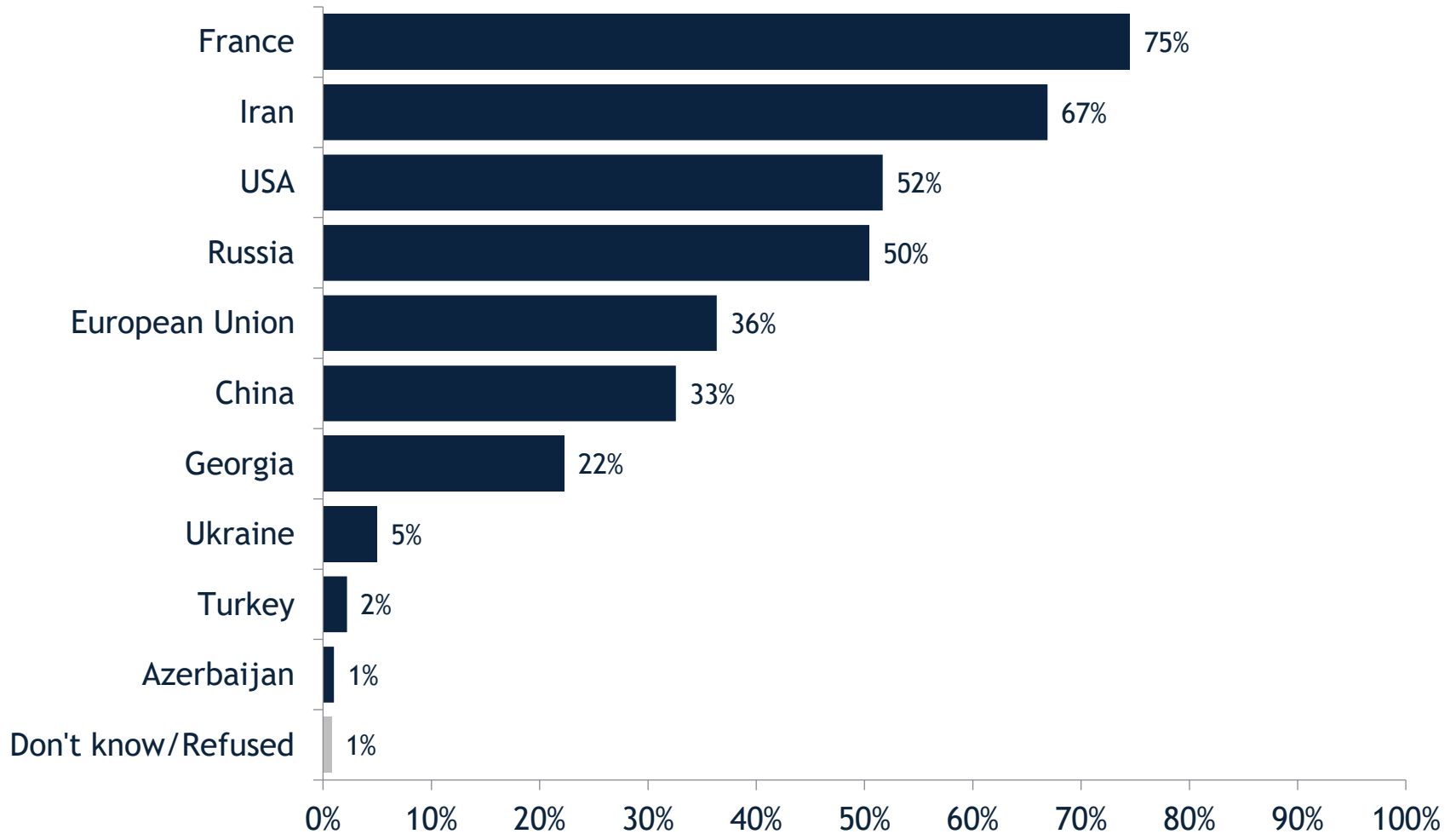


How would you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Armenia and ...?



Which of these countries do you consider the most important *political* partners for Armenia?

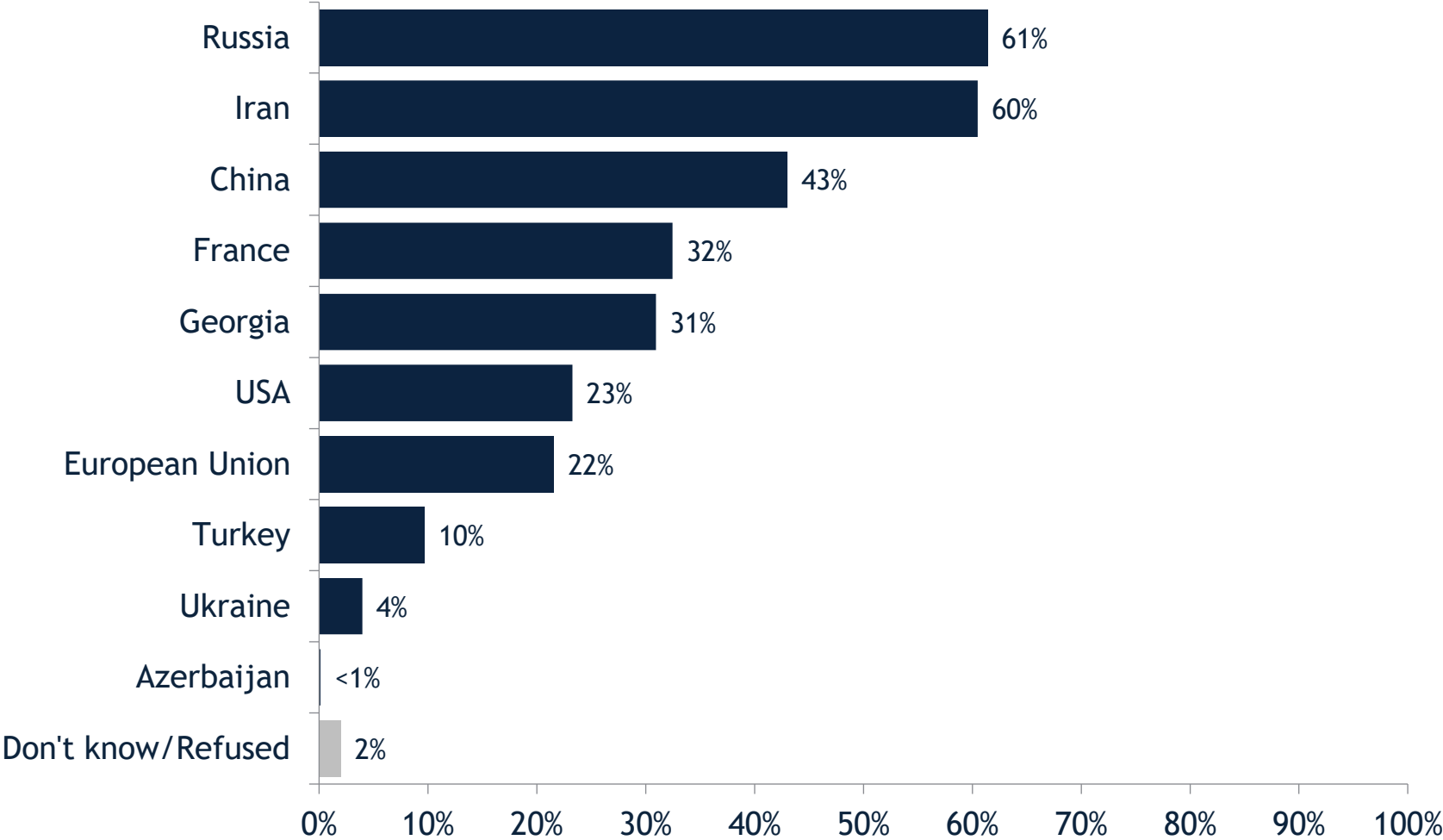
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Which of these countries do you consider the most important economic partners for Armenia?

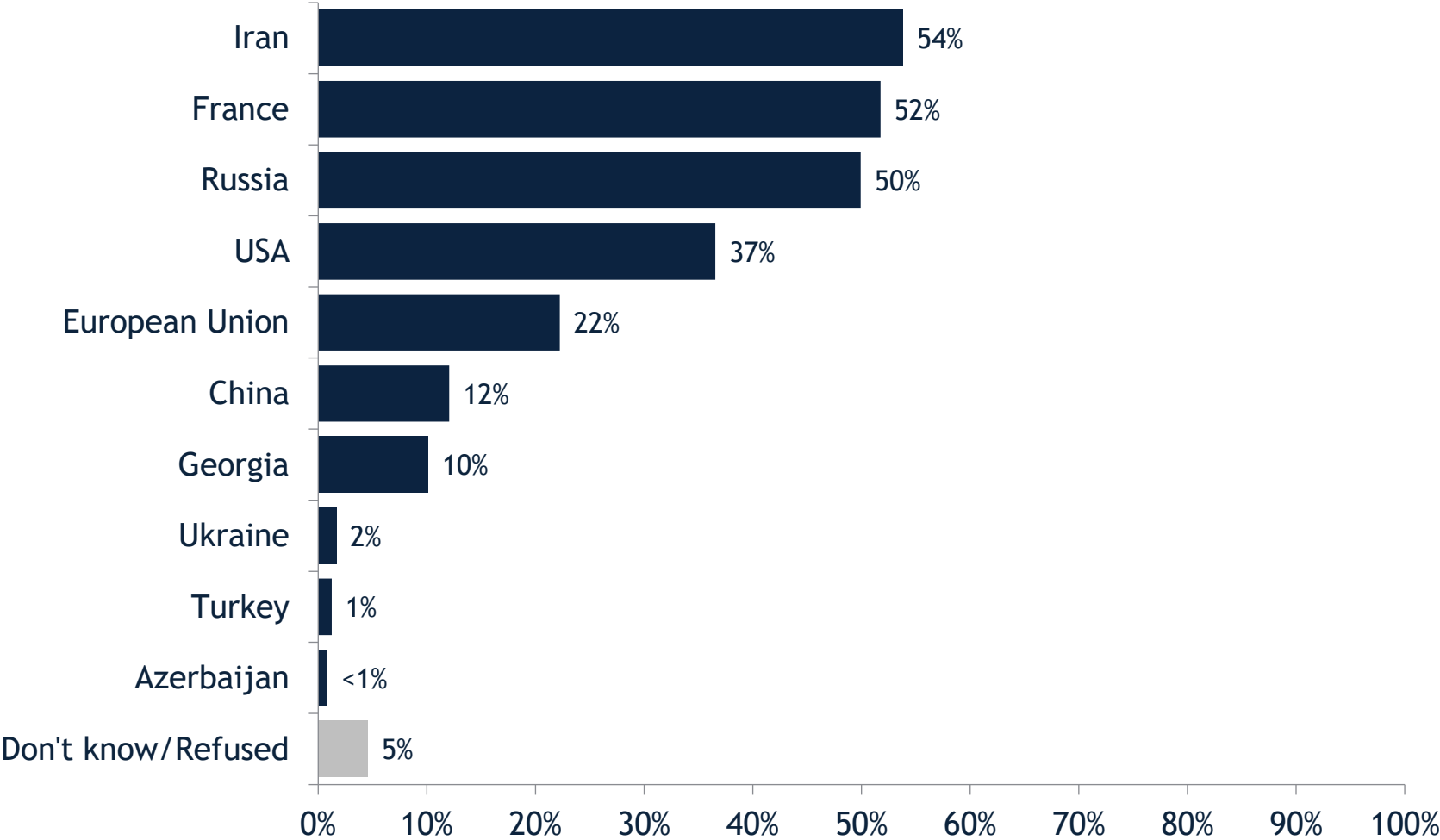
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Which of these countries do you consider the most important security partners for Armenia?

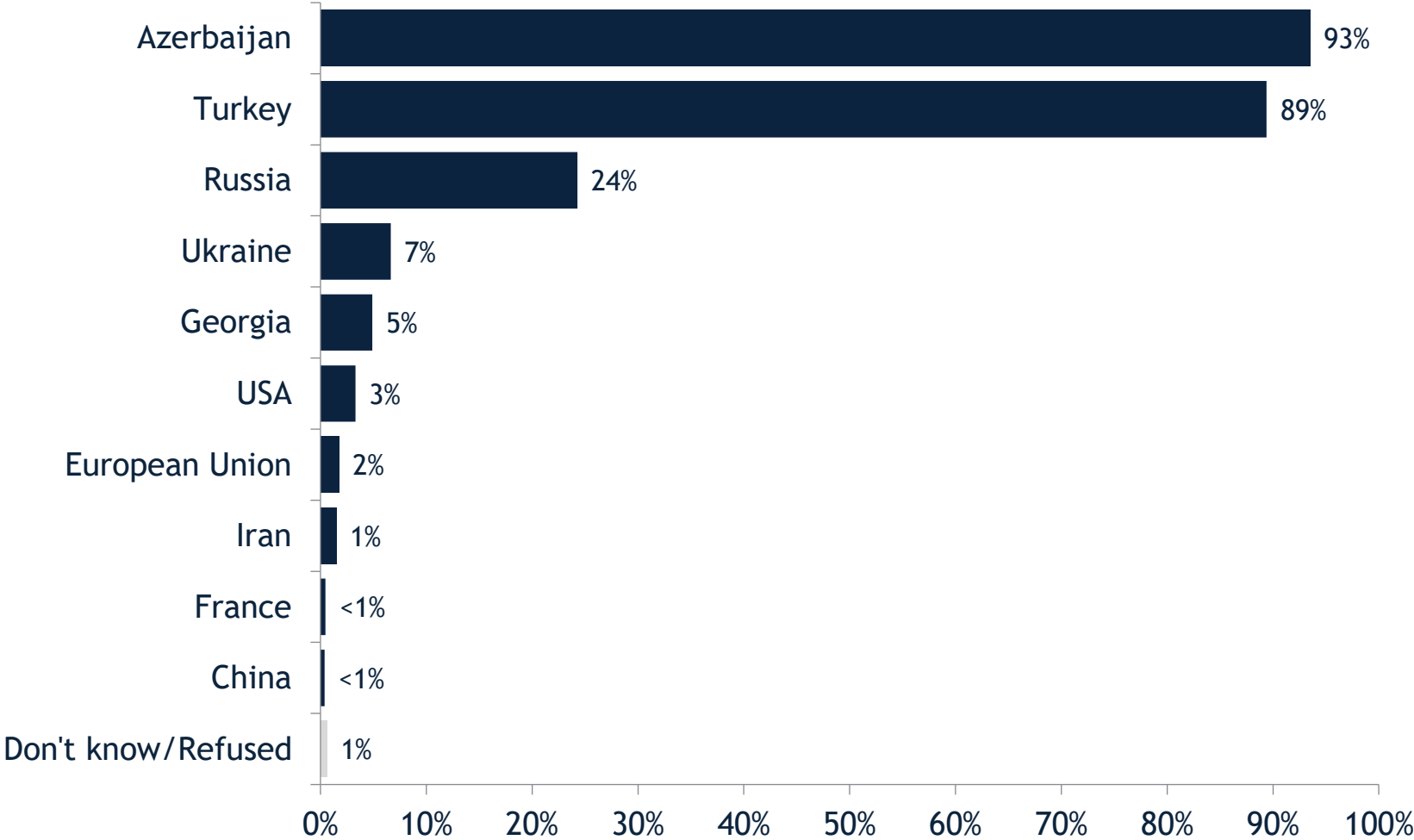
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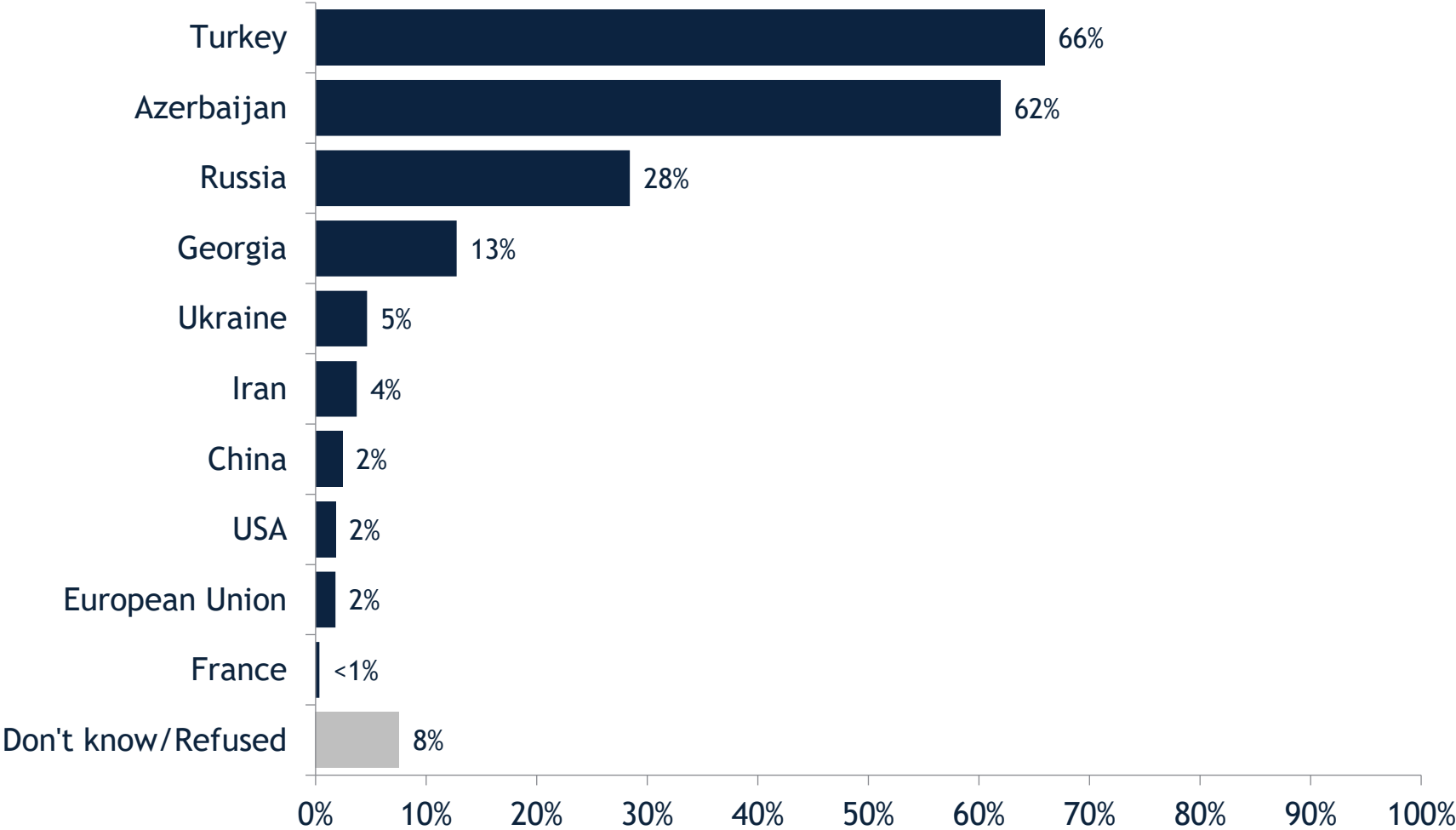
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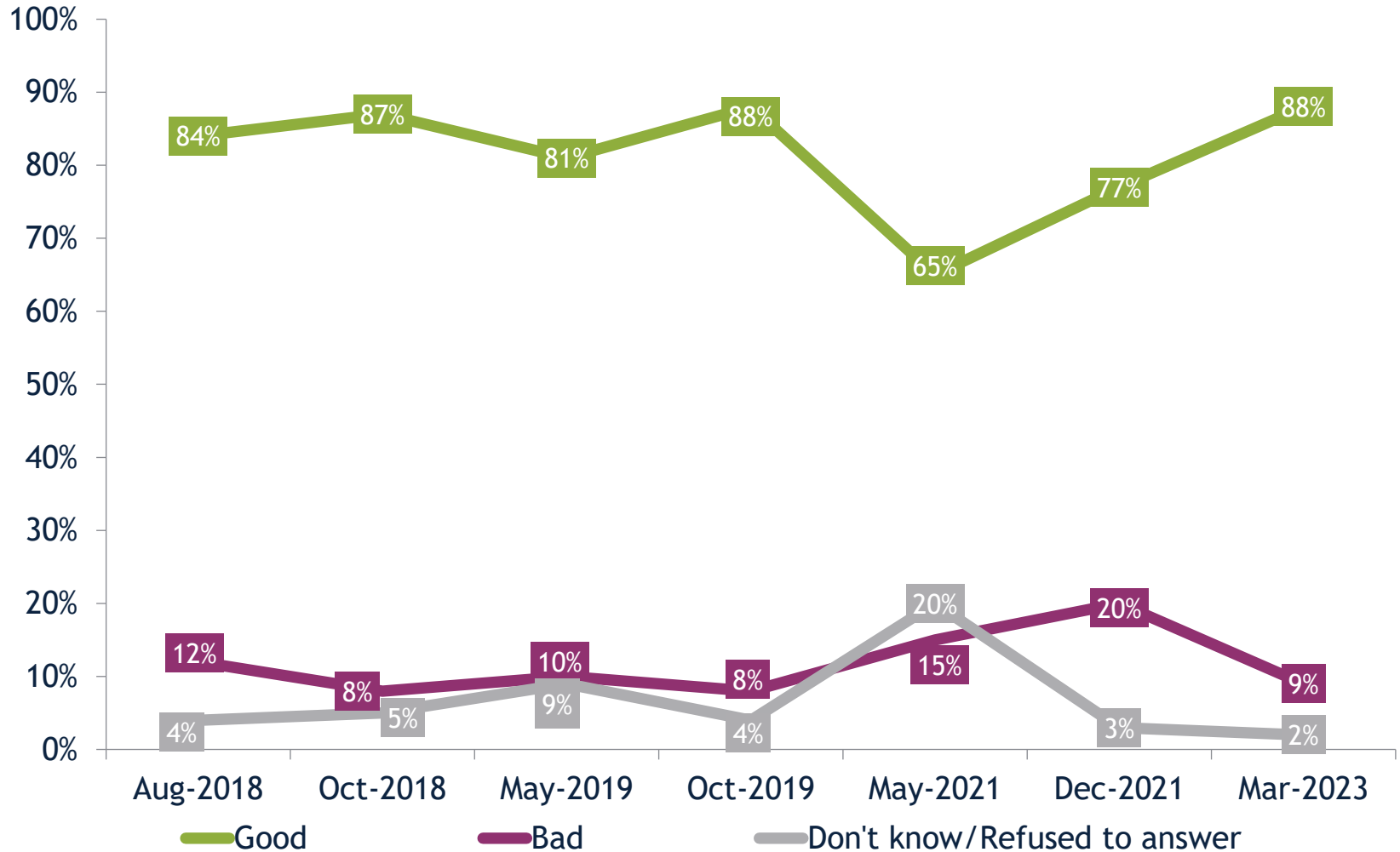


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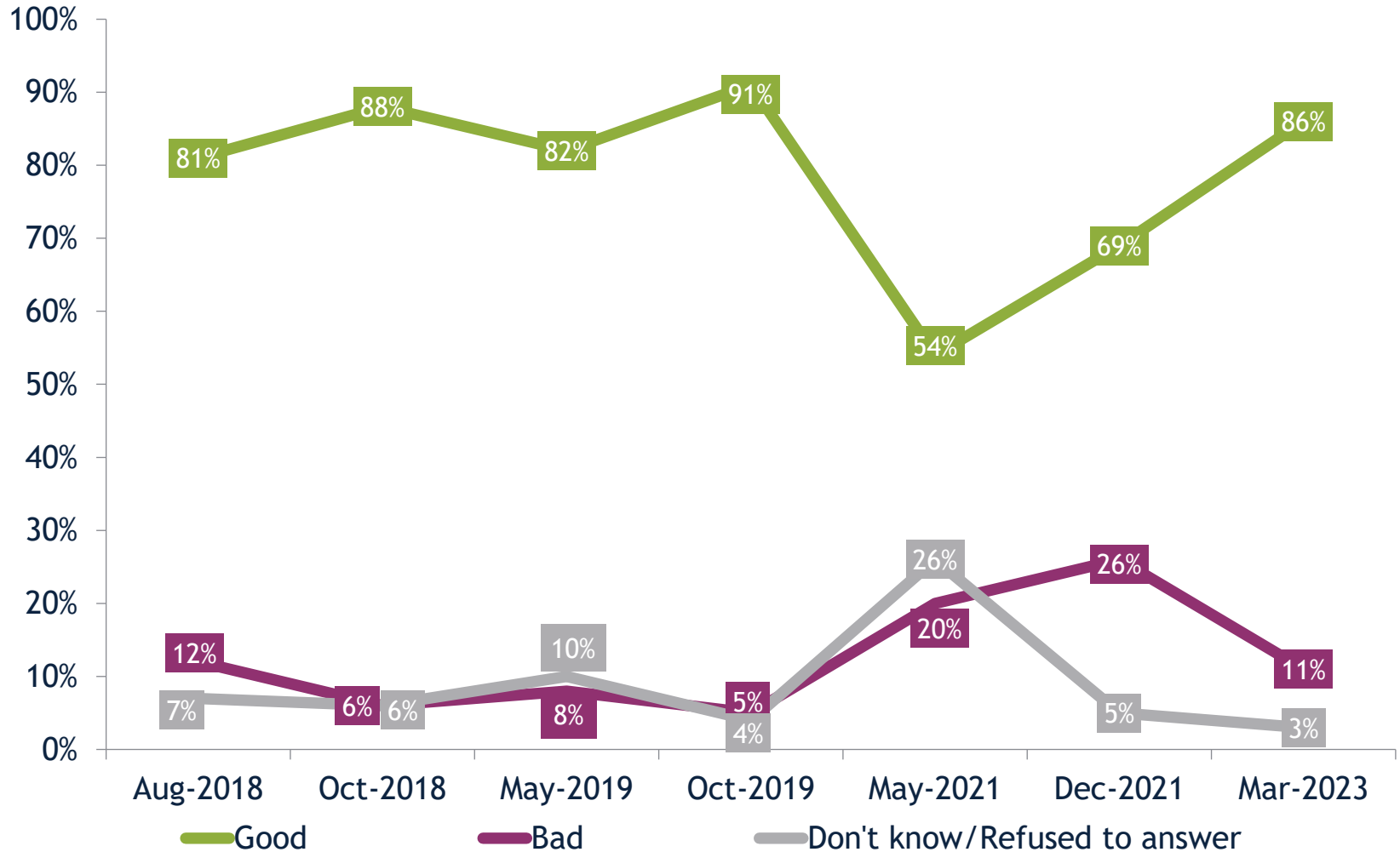


How would you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Armenia and USA?



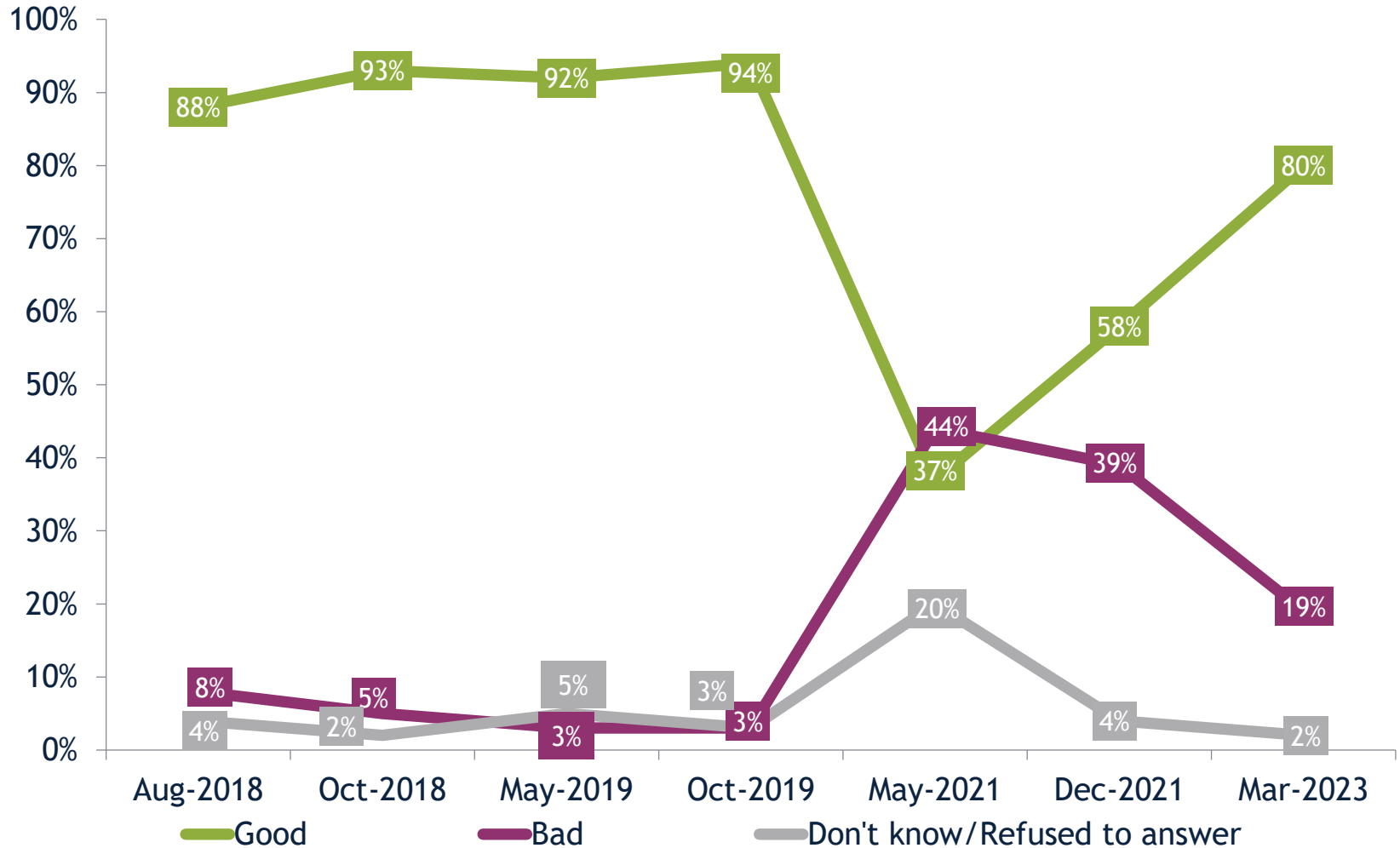
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How would you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Armenia and *European Union*?



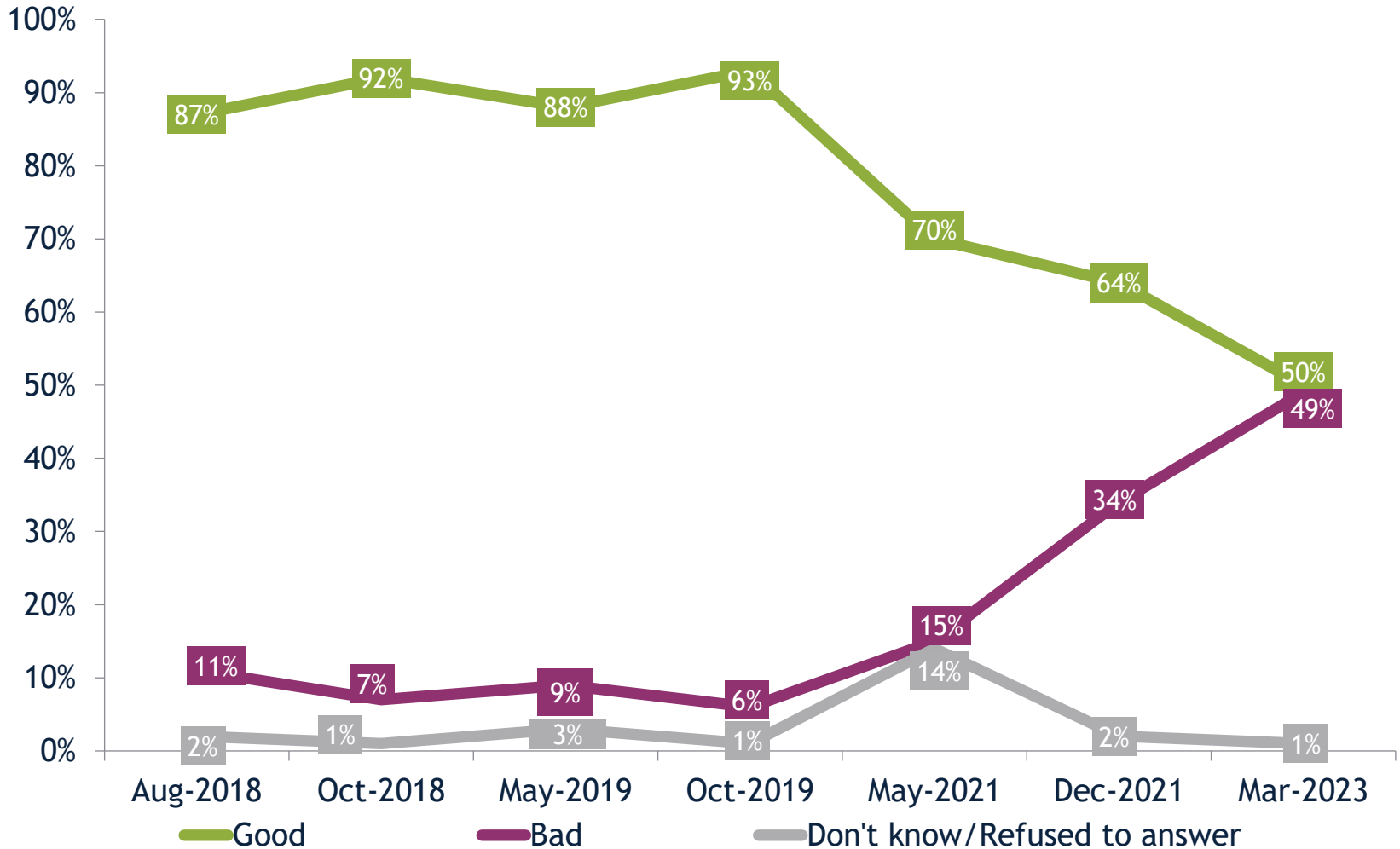
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How would you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Armenia and Georgia?



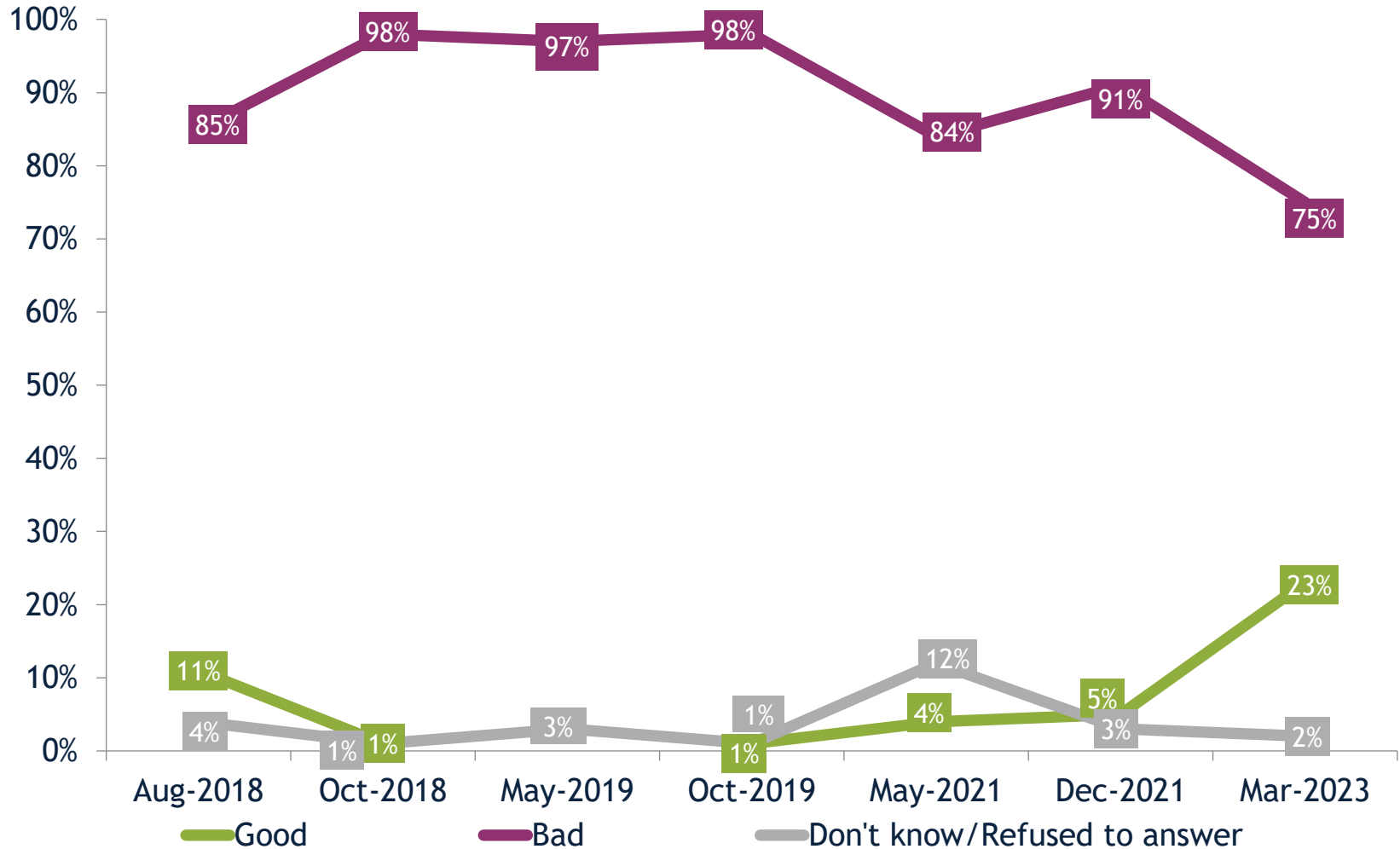
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How would you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Armenia and *Russia*?



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How would you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Armenia and Turkey?



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Media and Sources of Information

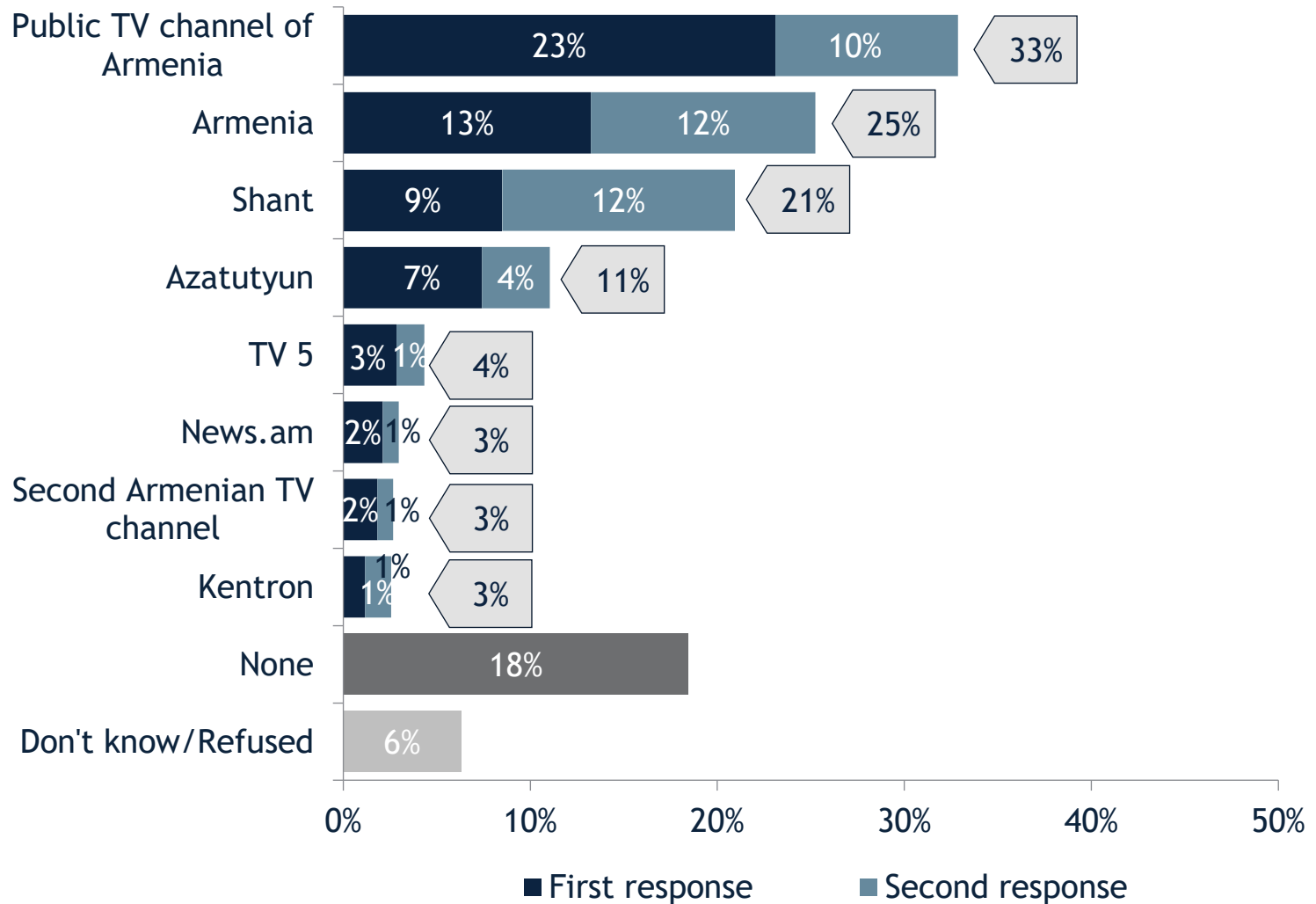


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Which specific media outlets do you consider most trustworthy for political information?

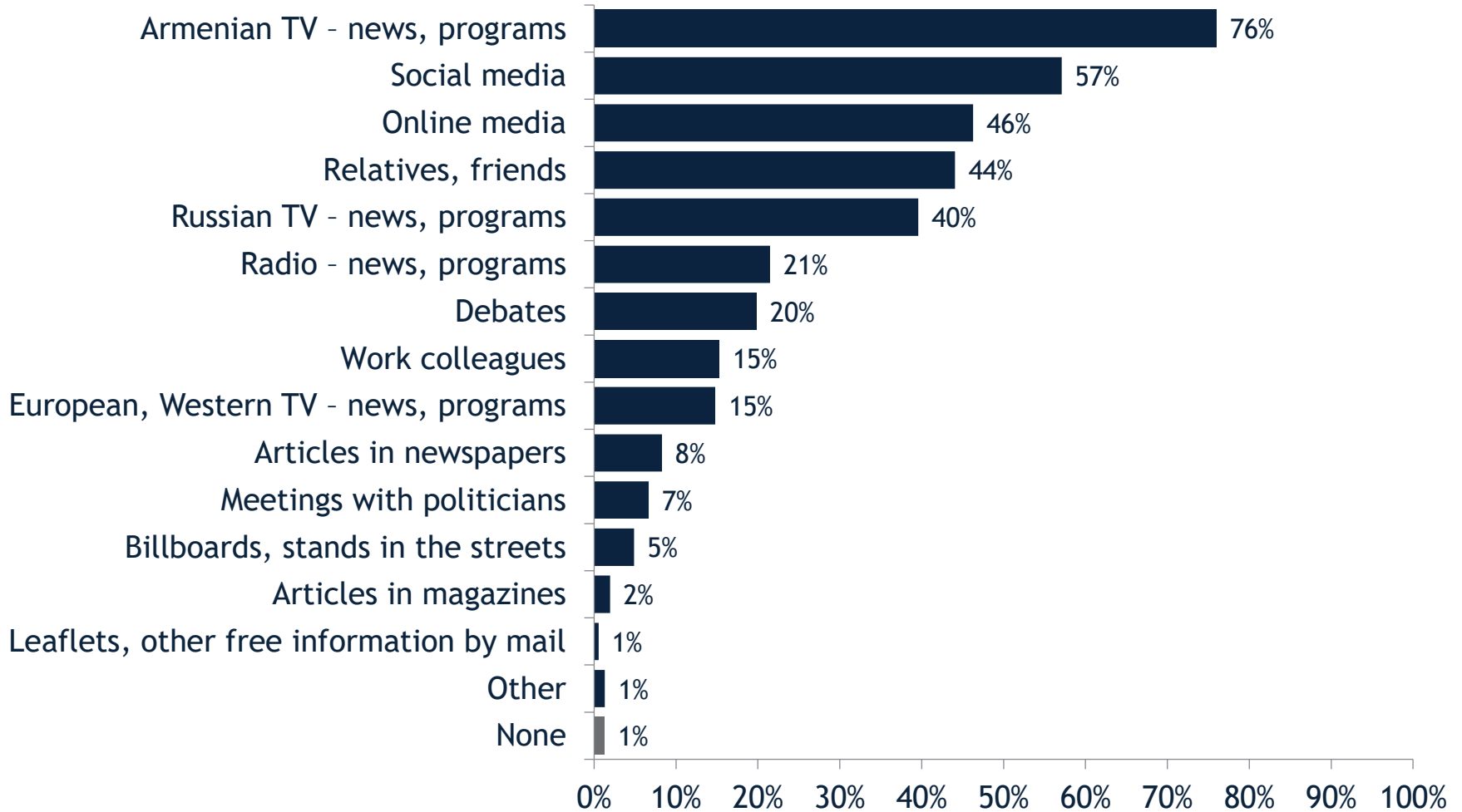
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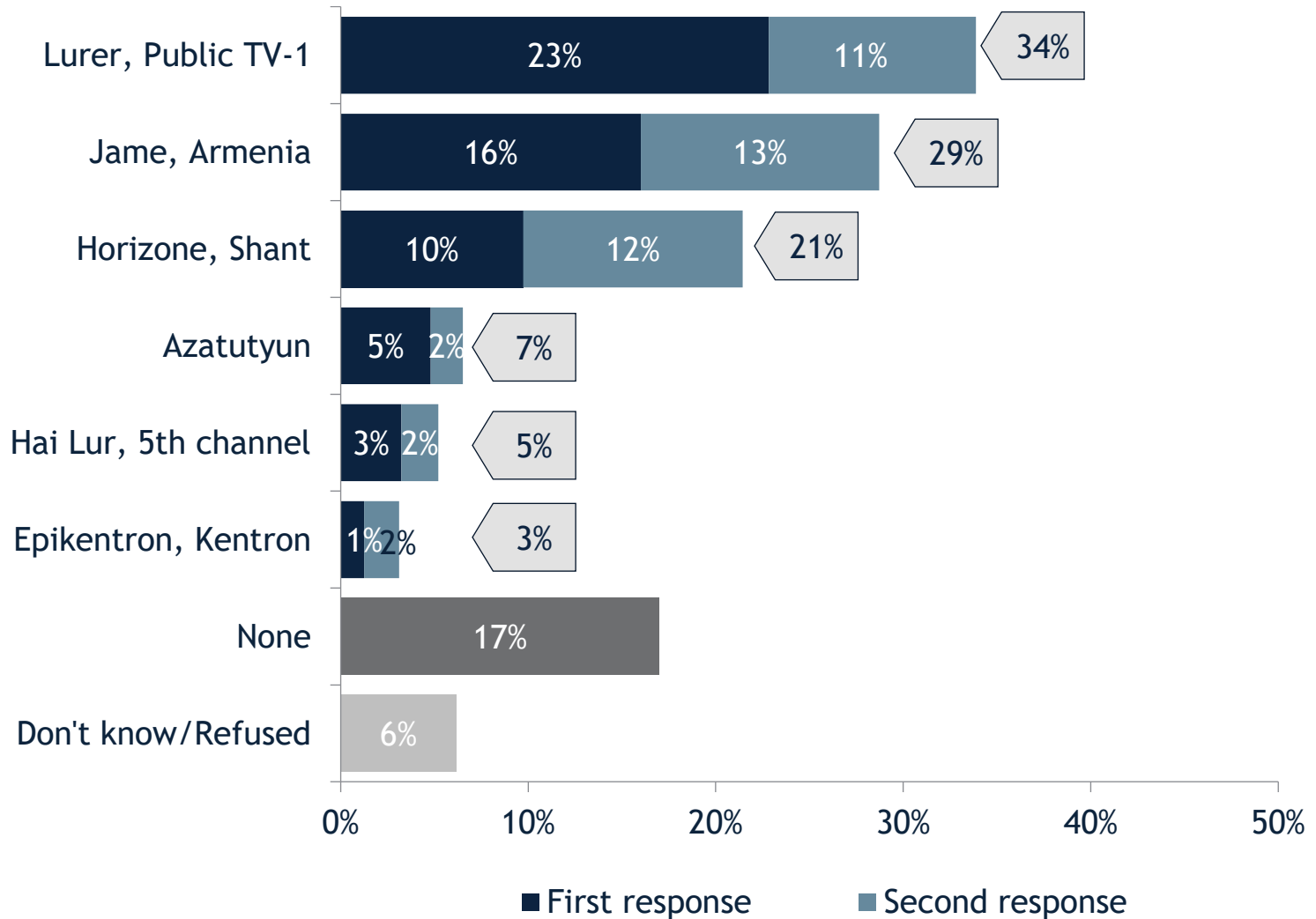
Which of these sources do you use to gain political information?

(Multiple responses permitted)



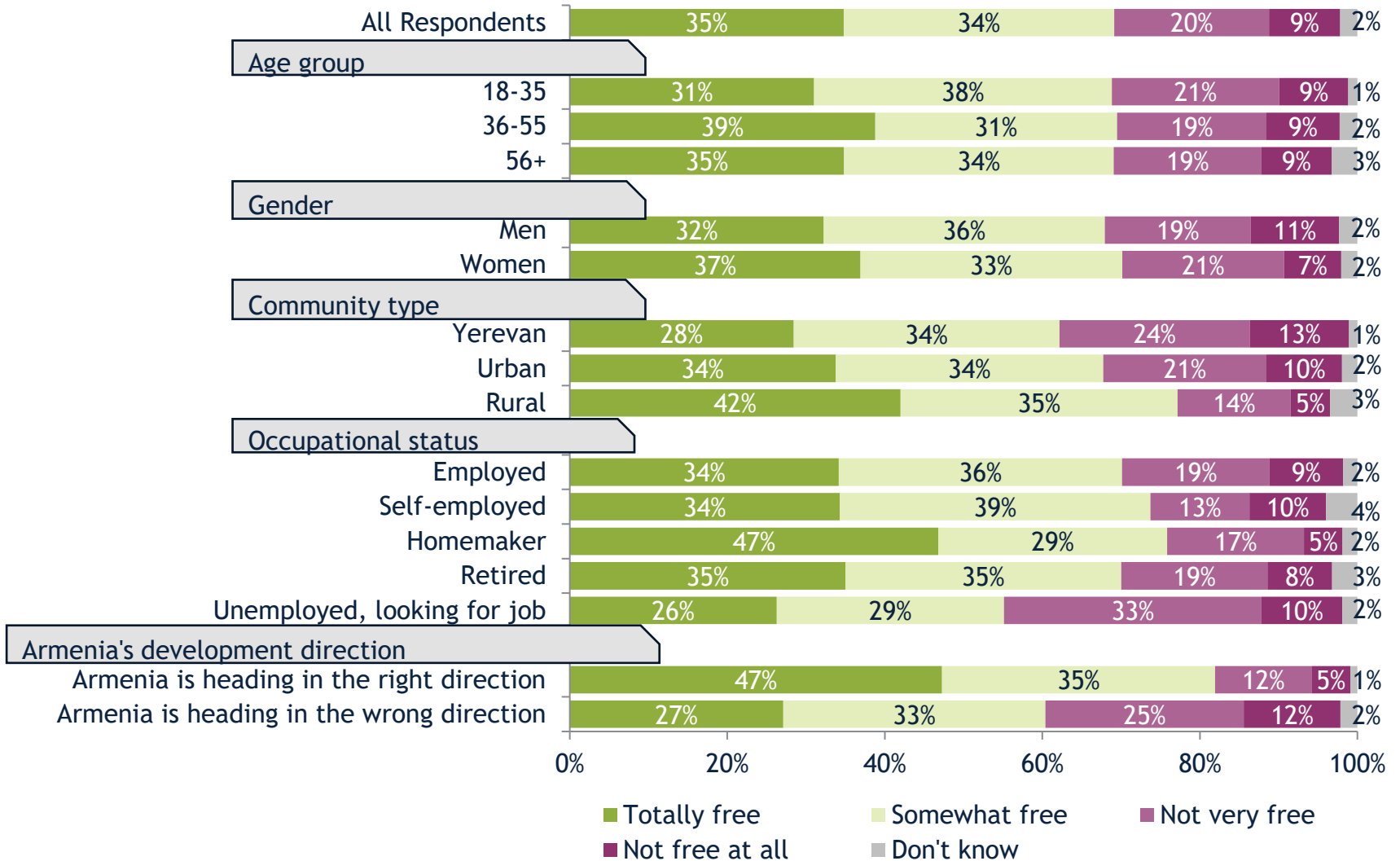
Which TV news program or YouTube channel do you view the most for political information?

(Spontaneous response; up to two responses permitted)



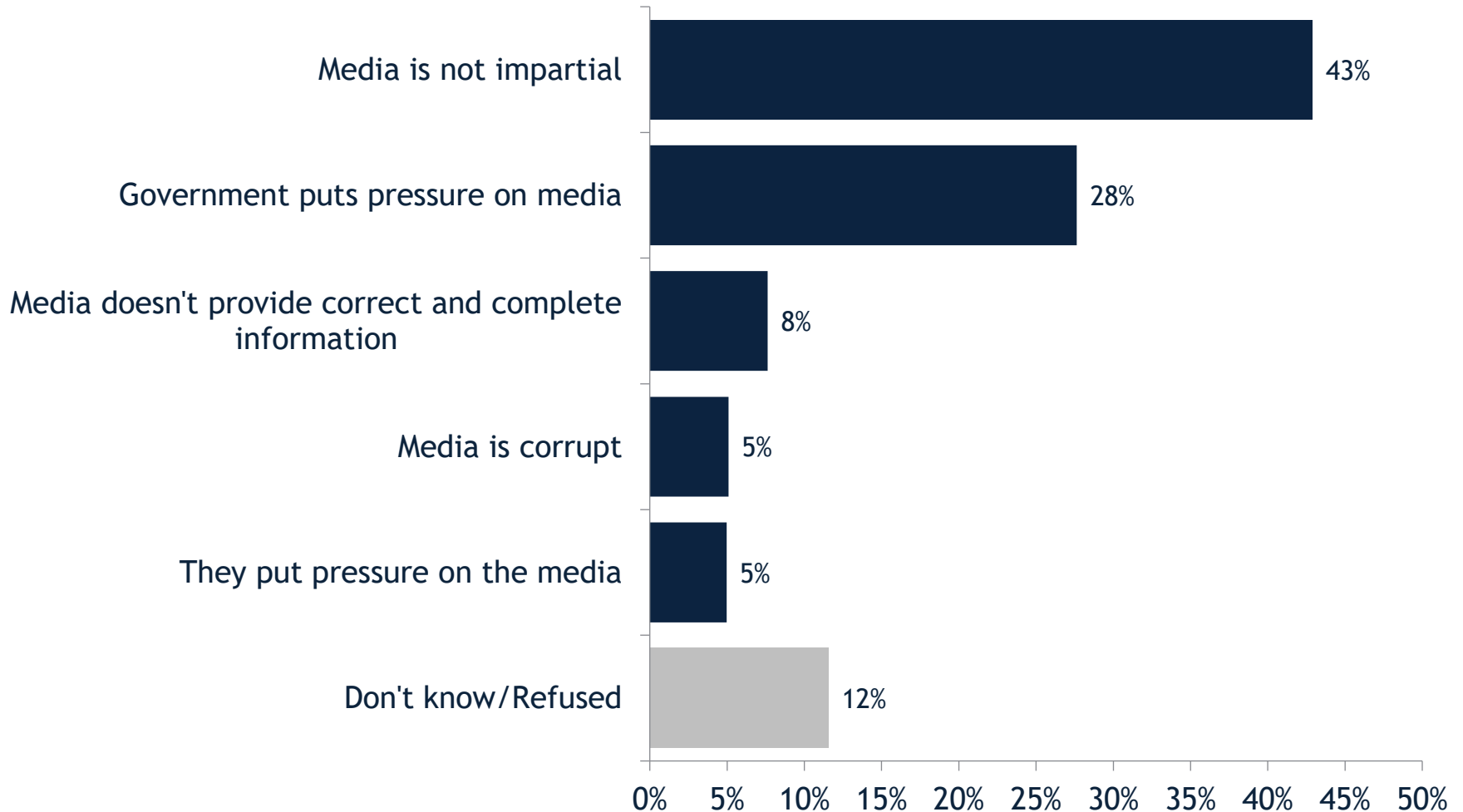
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In your opinion, is Armenian mass media, meaning TV, radio, press and online media, free to express various political views?



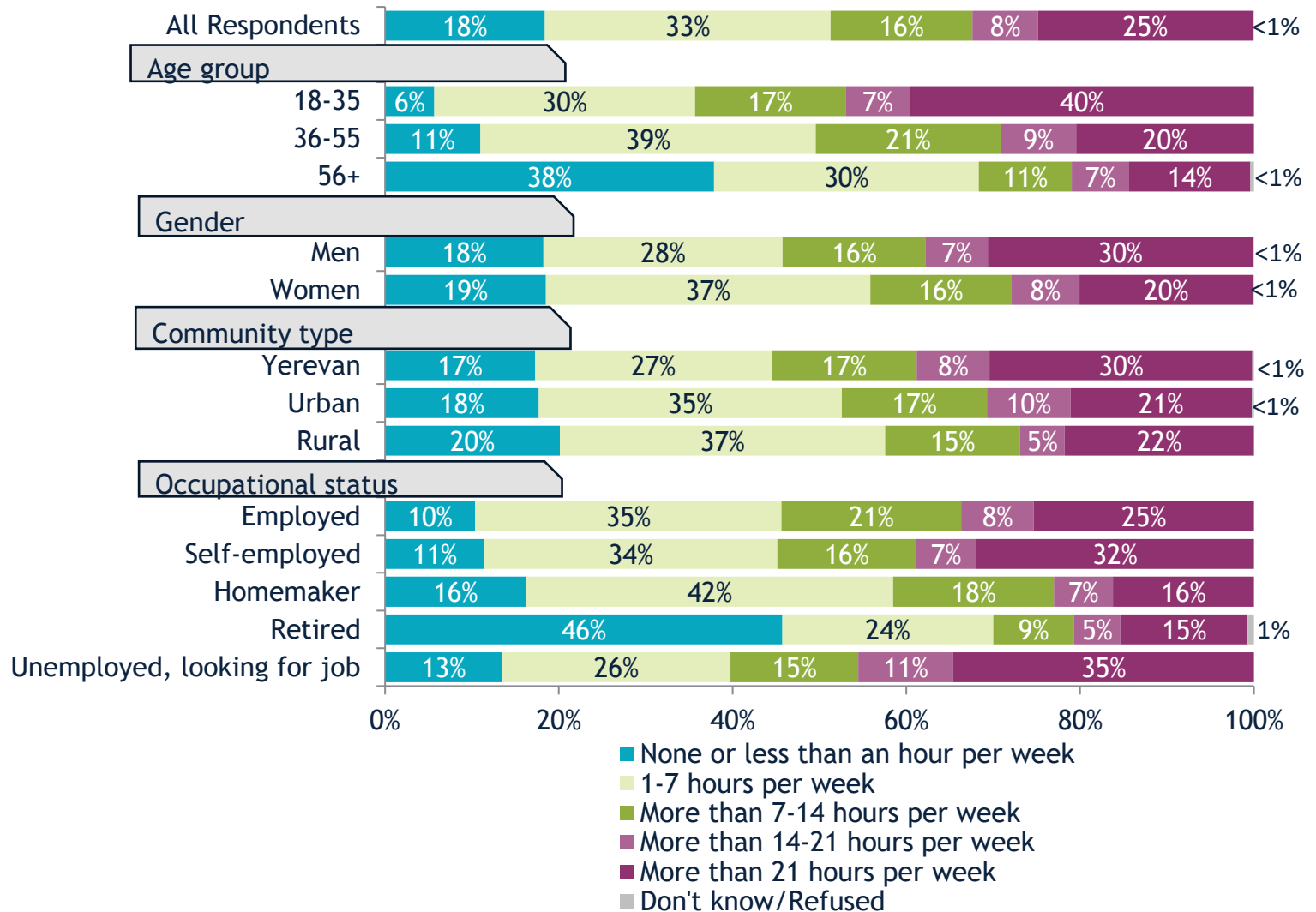
Why do you think that Armenian mass media, meaning TV, radio, press and online media, is not free to express various political views?

(Spontaneous response)



*Among those who think that Armenian mass media, meaning TV, radio, press and online media, is not free to express various political views, (n=434).

How much time do you spend on the internet per week?



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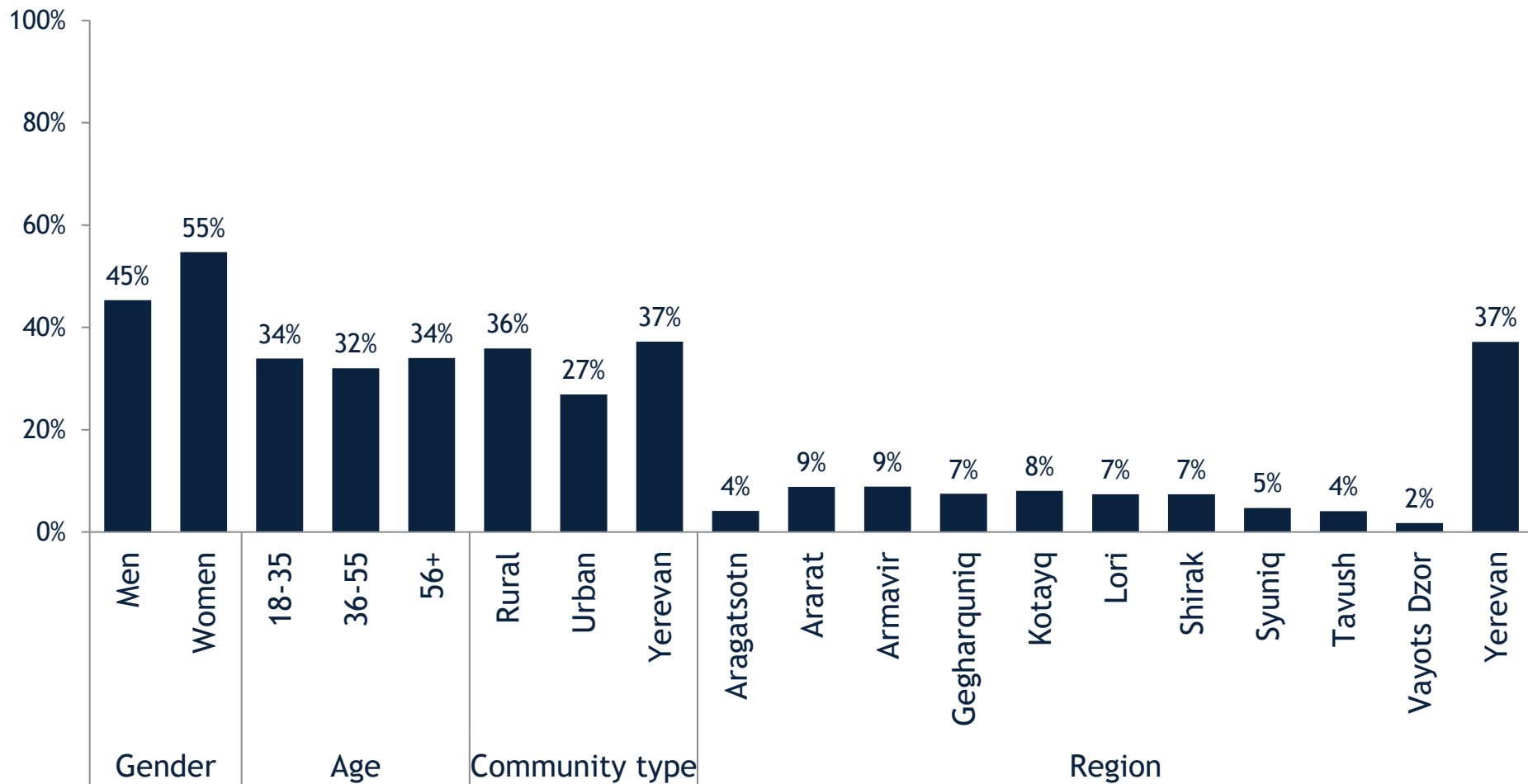


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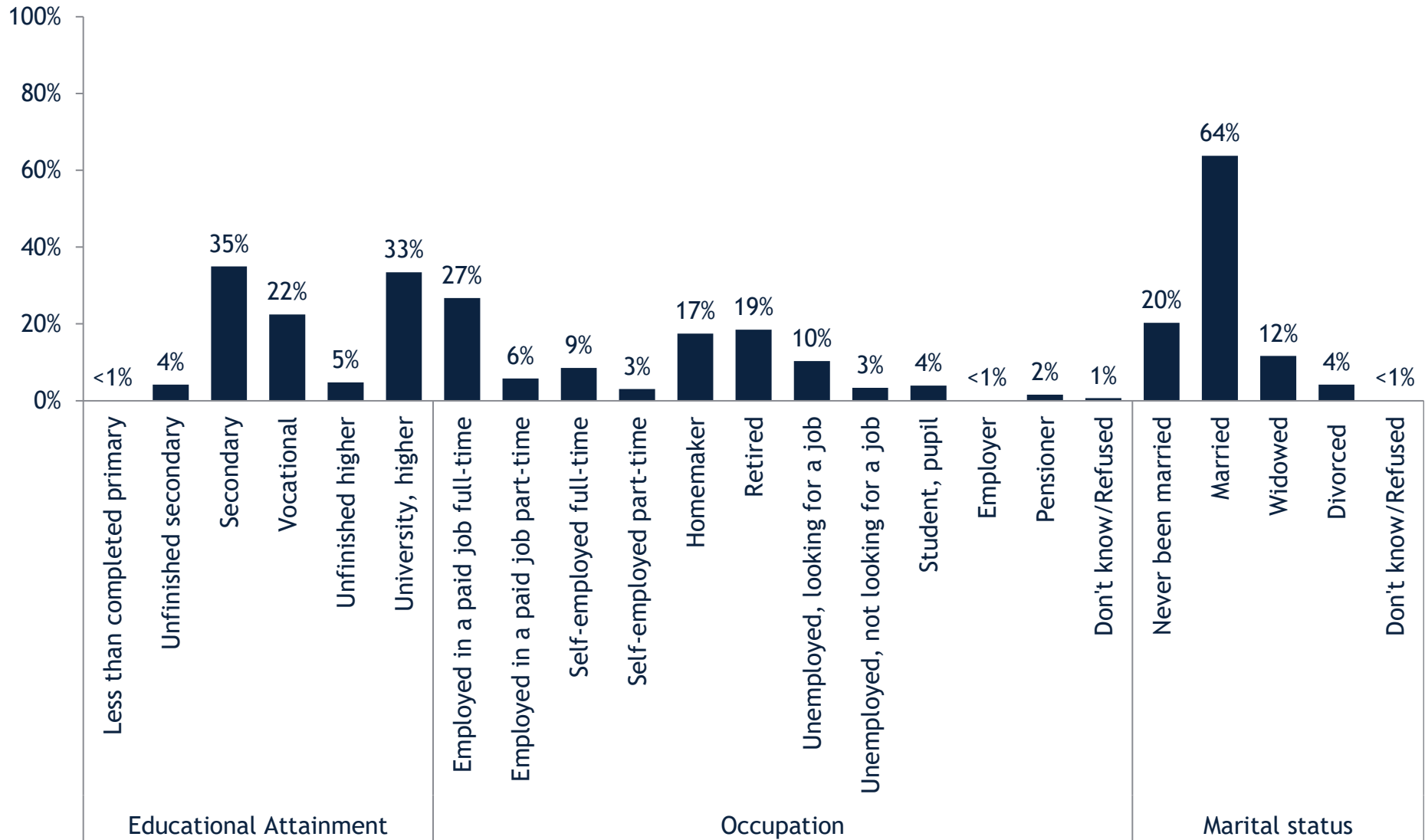
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