



# Public Opinion Survey Residents of Georgia

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June 2021



# Detailed Methodology

- The fieldwork was carried out by the [Institute of Polling & Marketing](#). The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene of the public and market research company [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#).
- Data was collected throughout Georgia between June 15 and June 30, 2021, through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Georgia aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and settlement size.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used with a “random route” protocol to select households and the “last birthday” method to select respondents
  - Stage one: All districts of Georgia are grouped into 10 regions. All regions of Georgia were surveyed (Tbilisi city - as separate region) except for Abkhazeti and Samachablo (South Ossetia), which were excluded due to the political situation.
  - Stage two: selection of the settlements - cities and villages.
    - Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a 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.
- Response rate was 74 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#).

# Frequently Cited Disaggregates\*

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Gender	Male	n=699
	Female	n=801
Age Groups	Age 18-29	n=301
	Age 30-49	n=543
	Age 50 and older	n=656
Regions	Tbilisi city	n=451
	Kakheti	n=131
	Shida Kartli	n=107
	Kvemo Kartli	n=166
	Samtskhe-Javakheti	n=64
	Ajara	n=134
	Guria*	n=47
	Samegrelo	n=138
	Imereti	n=221
	Mtskheta-Mtianeti*	n=39

\*Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Results for bases with fewer than 50 should be interpreted with caution. Disaggregates for Guria and Mtskheta-Mtianeti should be interpreted with caution due to very small sample sizes.

# Frequently Cited Disaggregates

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Settlement type	Rural	n=633
	Urban	n=867
Party preference	Georgia Dream - Democratic Georgia	n=385
	United National Movement - United Opposition Strength in Unity	n=215
	For Georgia	n=137
	Other parties	n=277
	None	n=81
	Undecided	n=299
	Refused	n=106
Voting intentions in the 2021 municipal elections	Likely voters	n=1,333
	Unlikely voters	n=135
	Don't know/No answer	n=31

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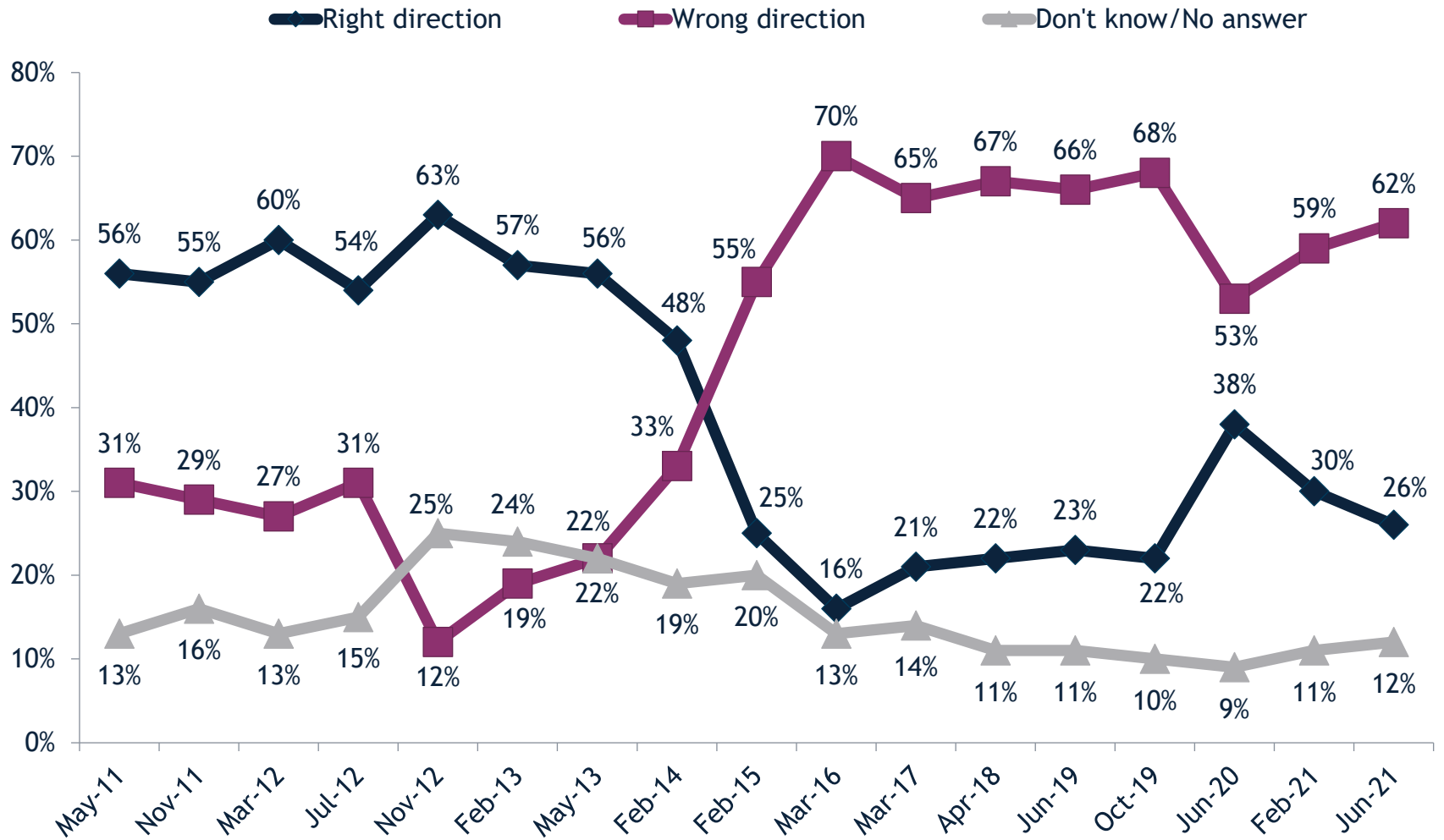


# National Outlook

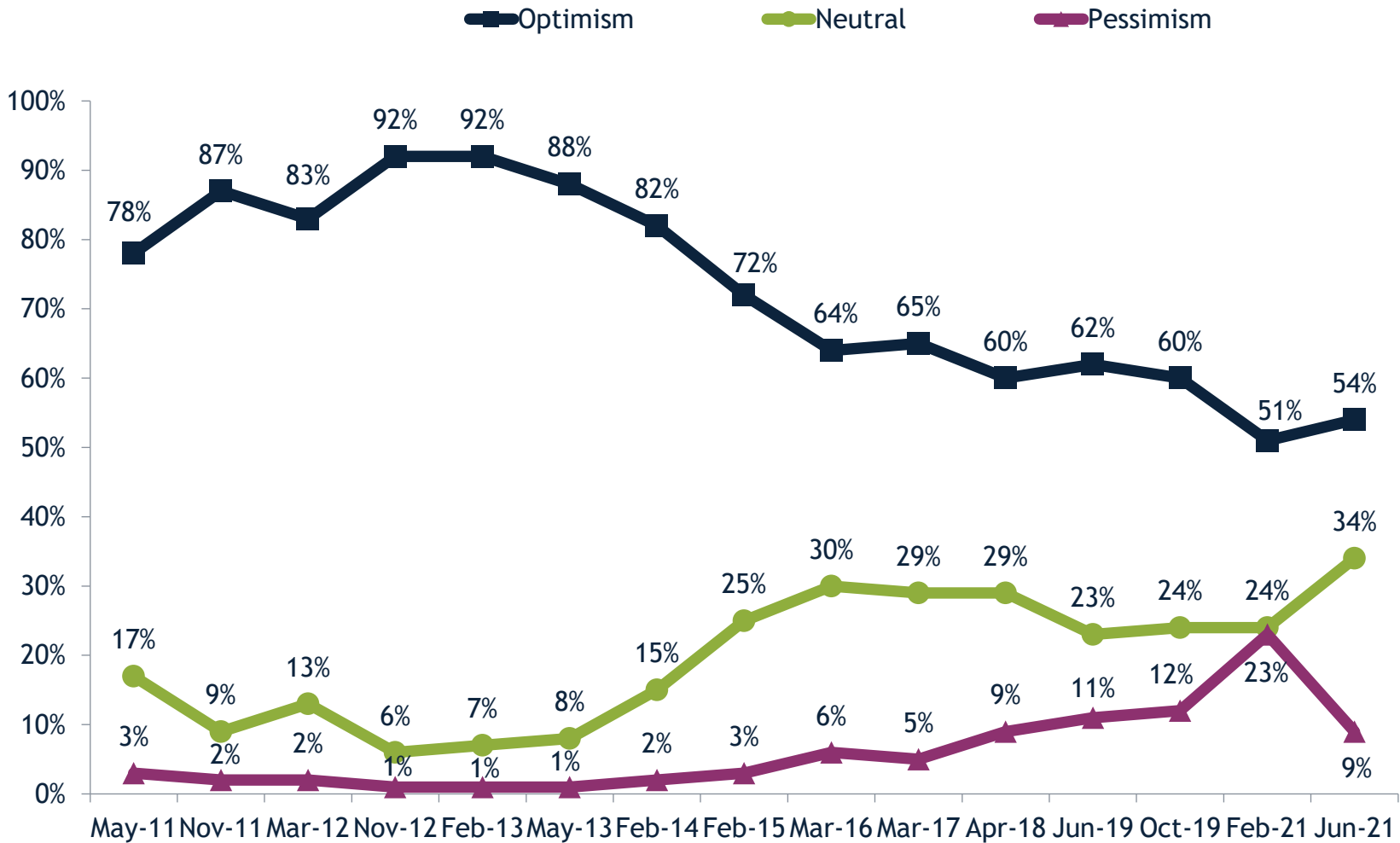
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# In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?



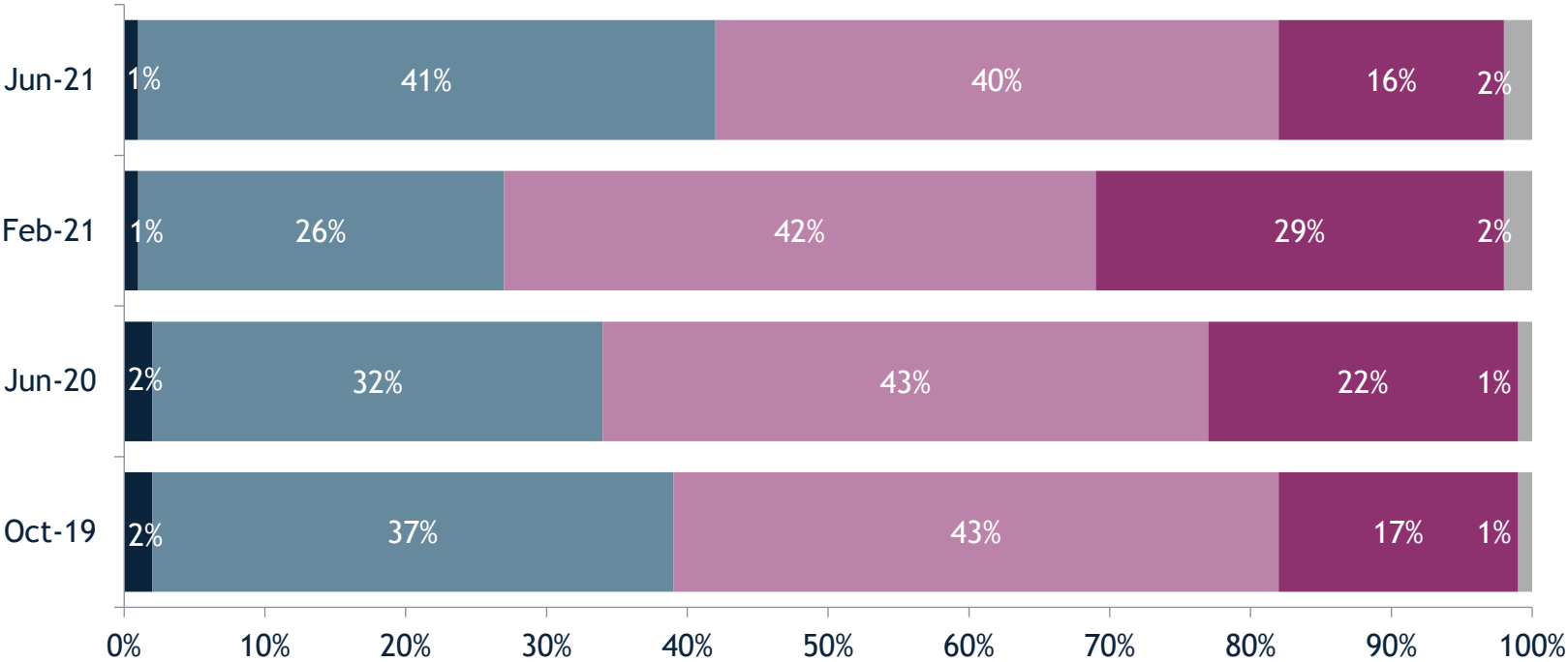
# How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Georgian population?\*



\* Under "Optimism," responses "Belief that the future will definitely be better" and "Hope that the future will be somewhat better" are combined. Responses "Not much hope for a better future" and "Apathy, belief in fate" are grouped under "Neutral." Responses "Insecurity, worry, fear for the future" and "Total disappointment, disbelief in any improvement" are combined under "Pessimism." Don't know/No answer is not displayed.

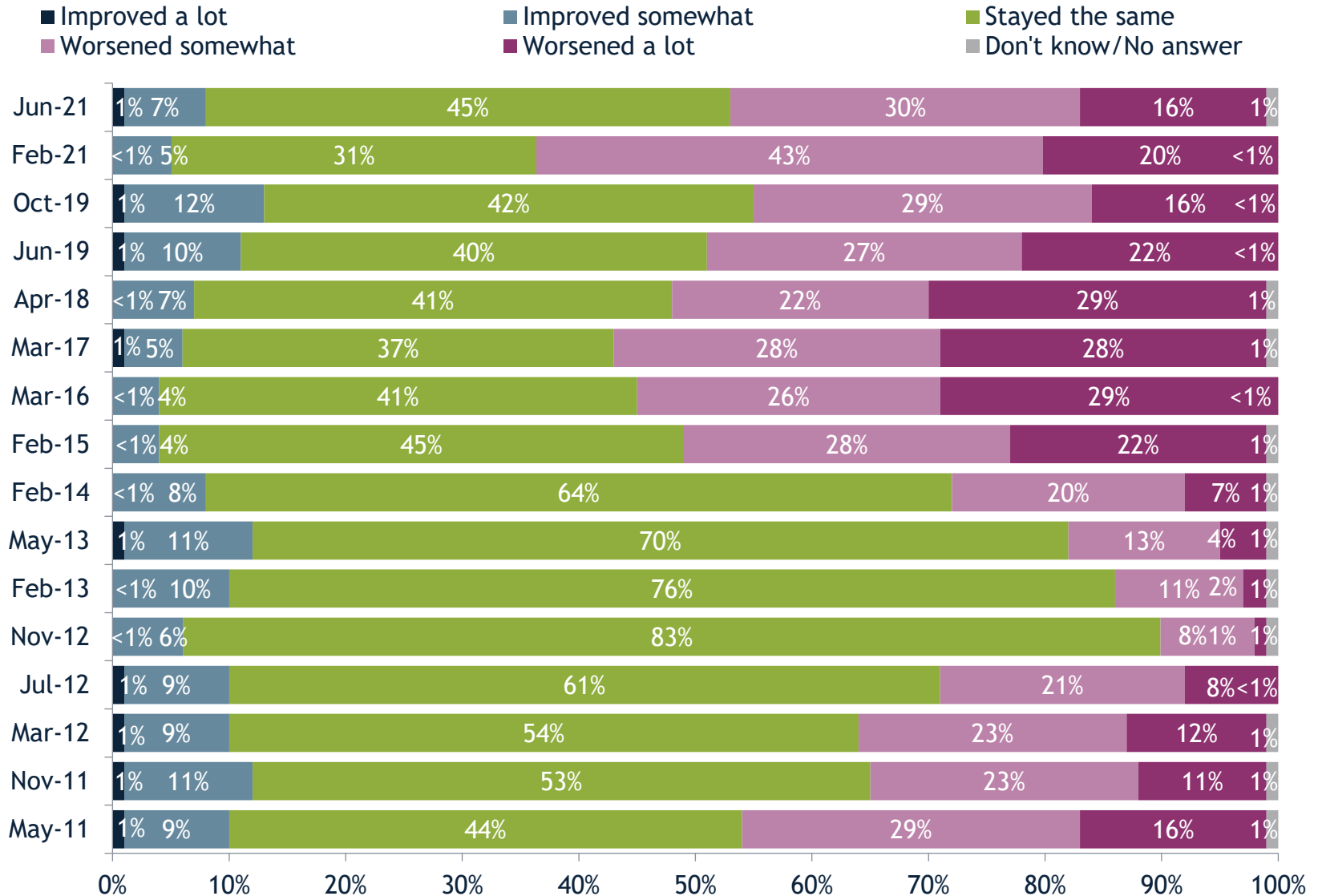
# How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

Very good    Somewhat good    Somewhat bad    Very bad    Don't know/No answer





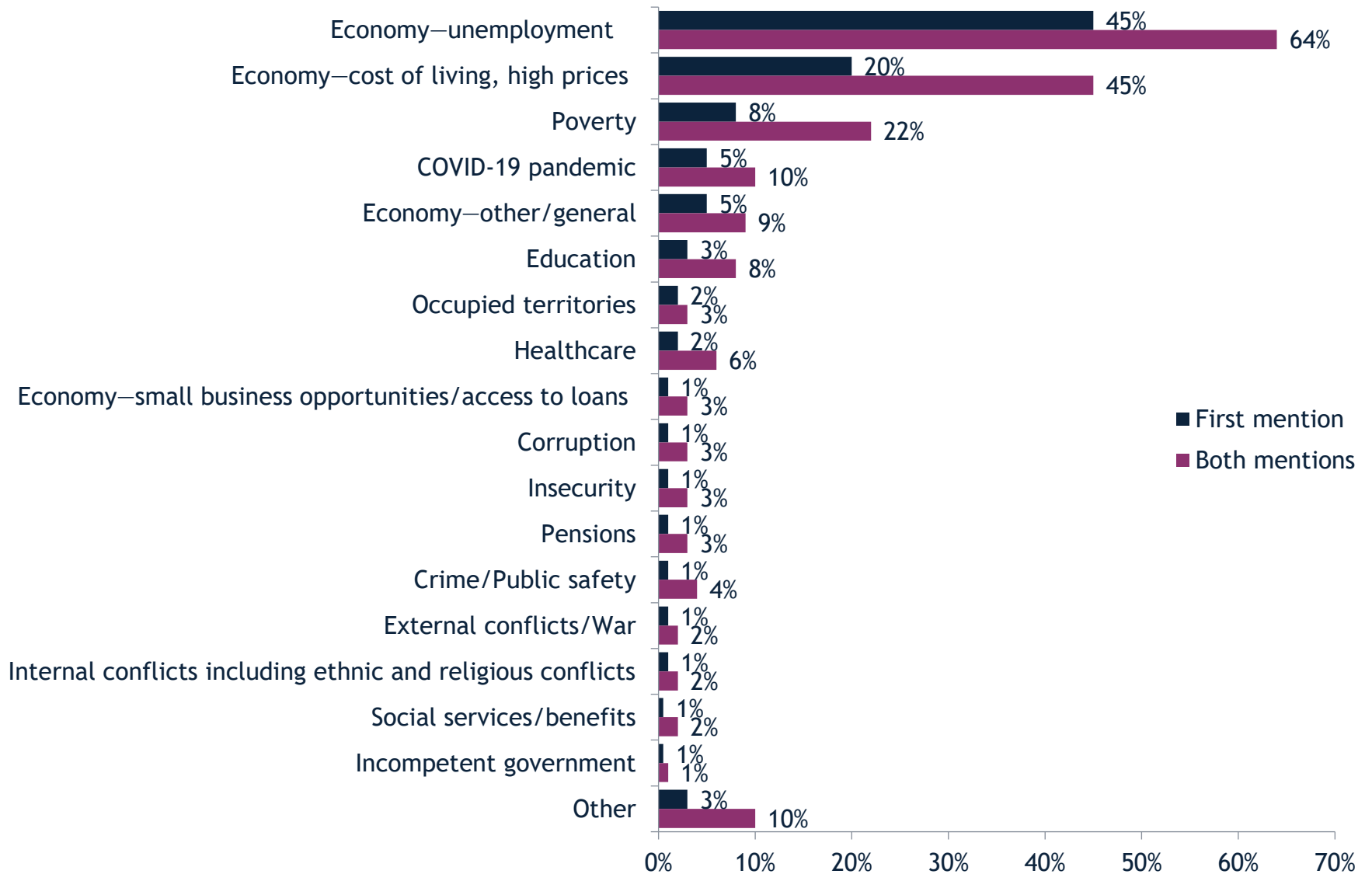
# Over the last 12 months,\* how has the economic situation of your household changed?



\* In surveys before 2008 the question was about the period of 3 months, in surveys from 2008 to 2017 - about the period of 2 months.

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

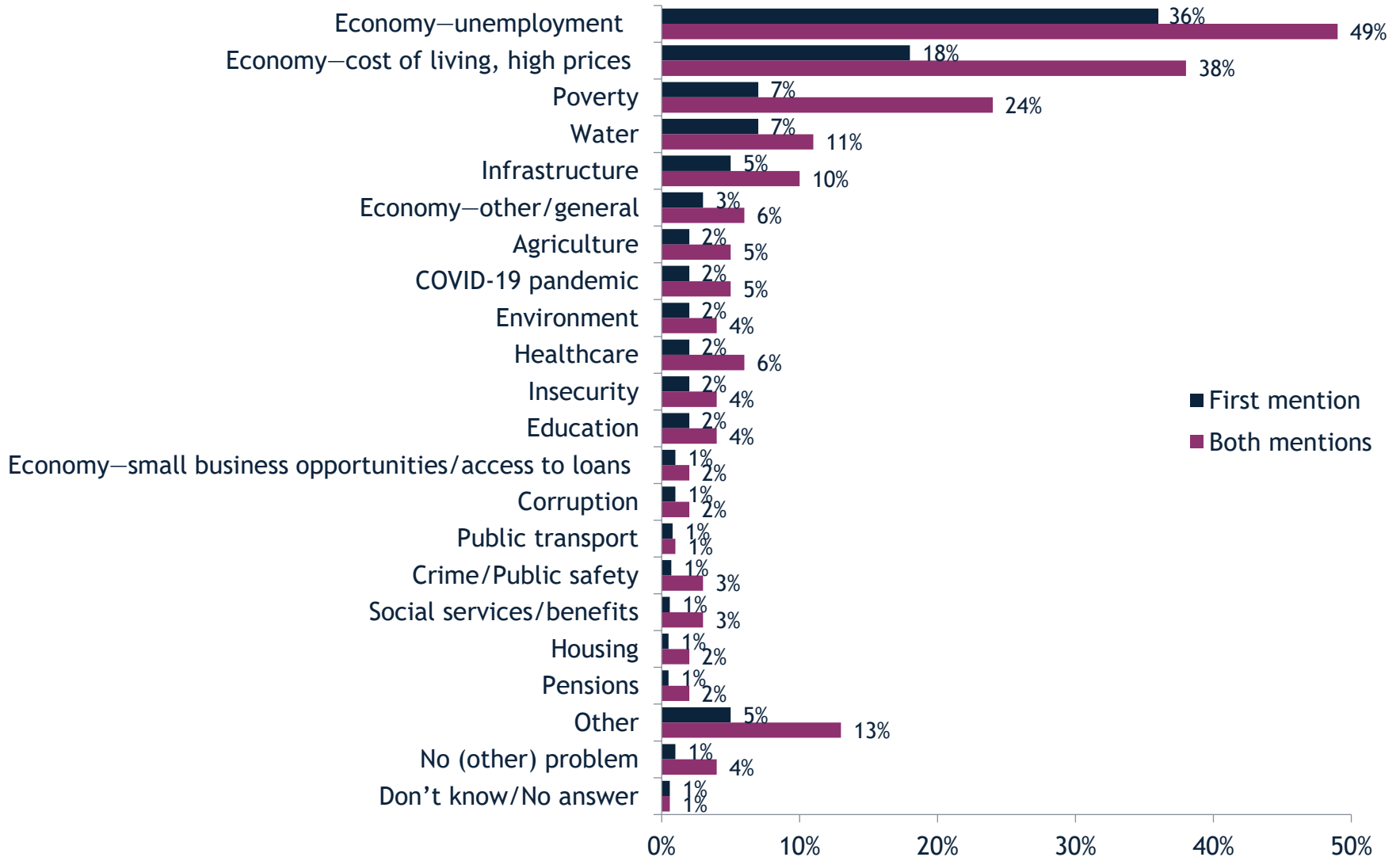
(Respondents permitted to provide two spontaneous answers)



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

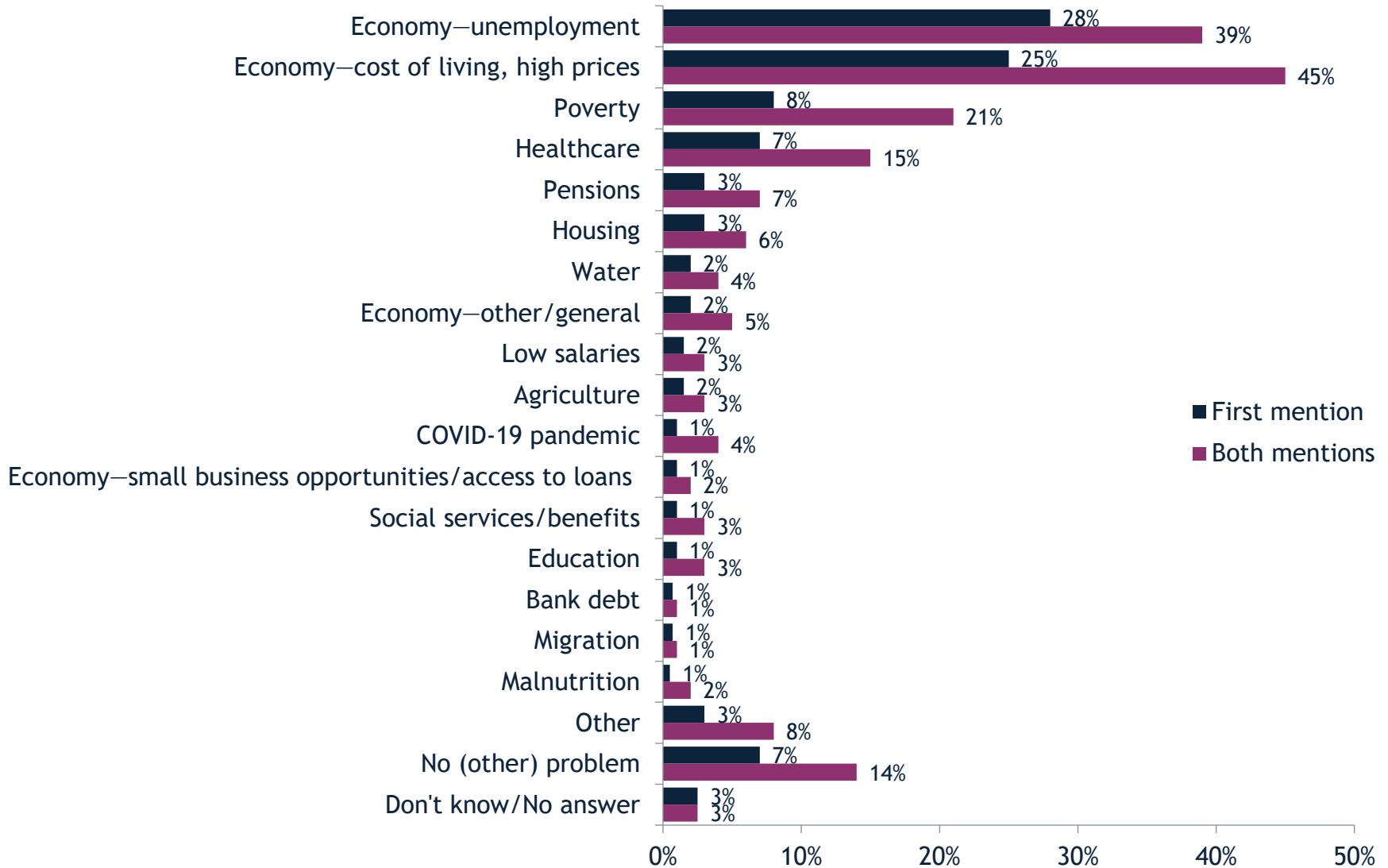
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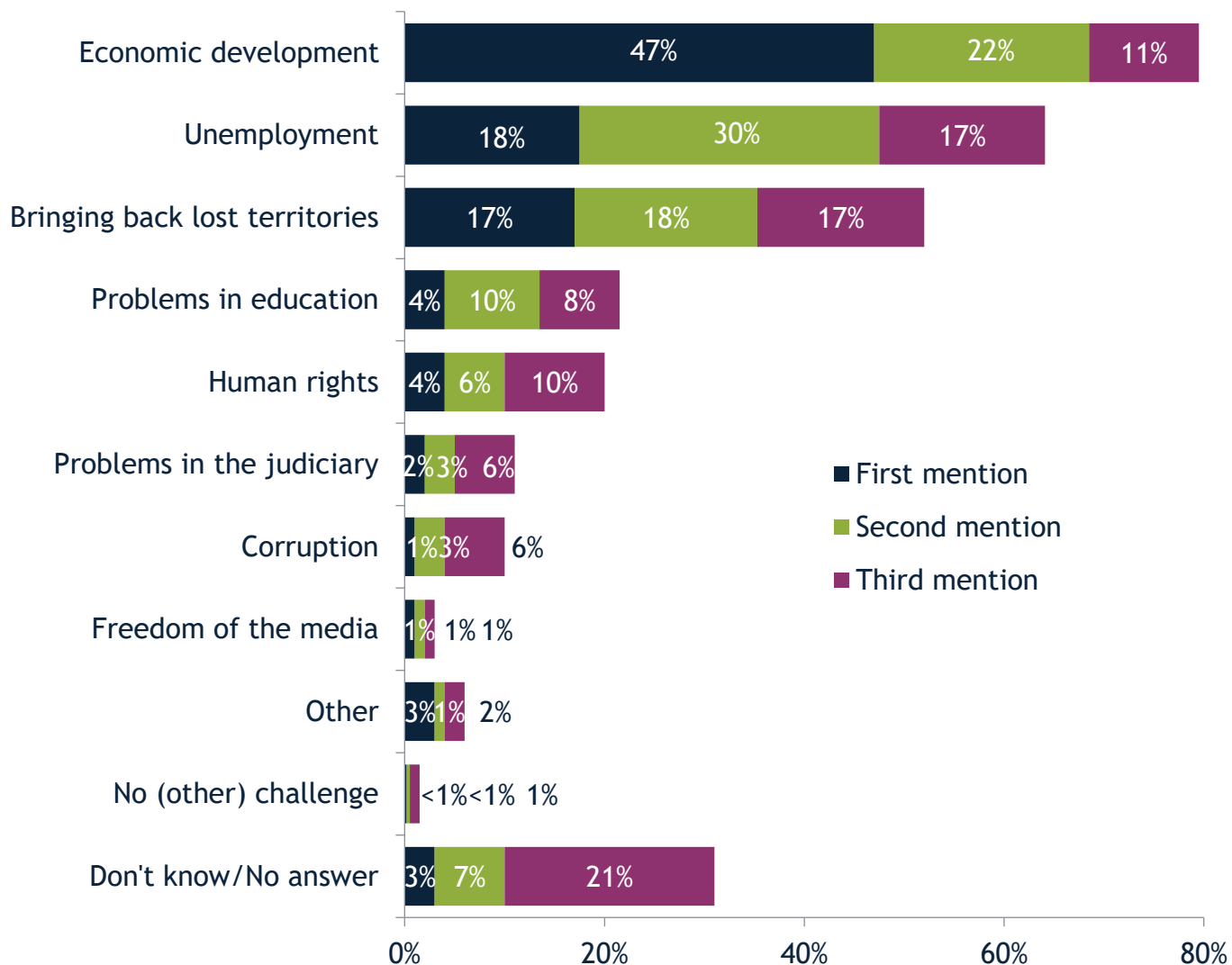
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# What do you think are the three biggest challenges for Georgia's democratic development and future?\*

(Respondents permitted to provide three spontaneous answers)



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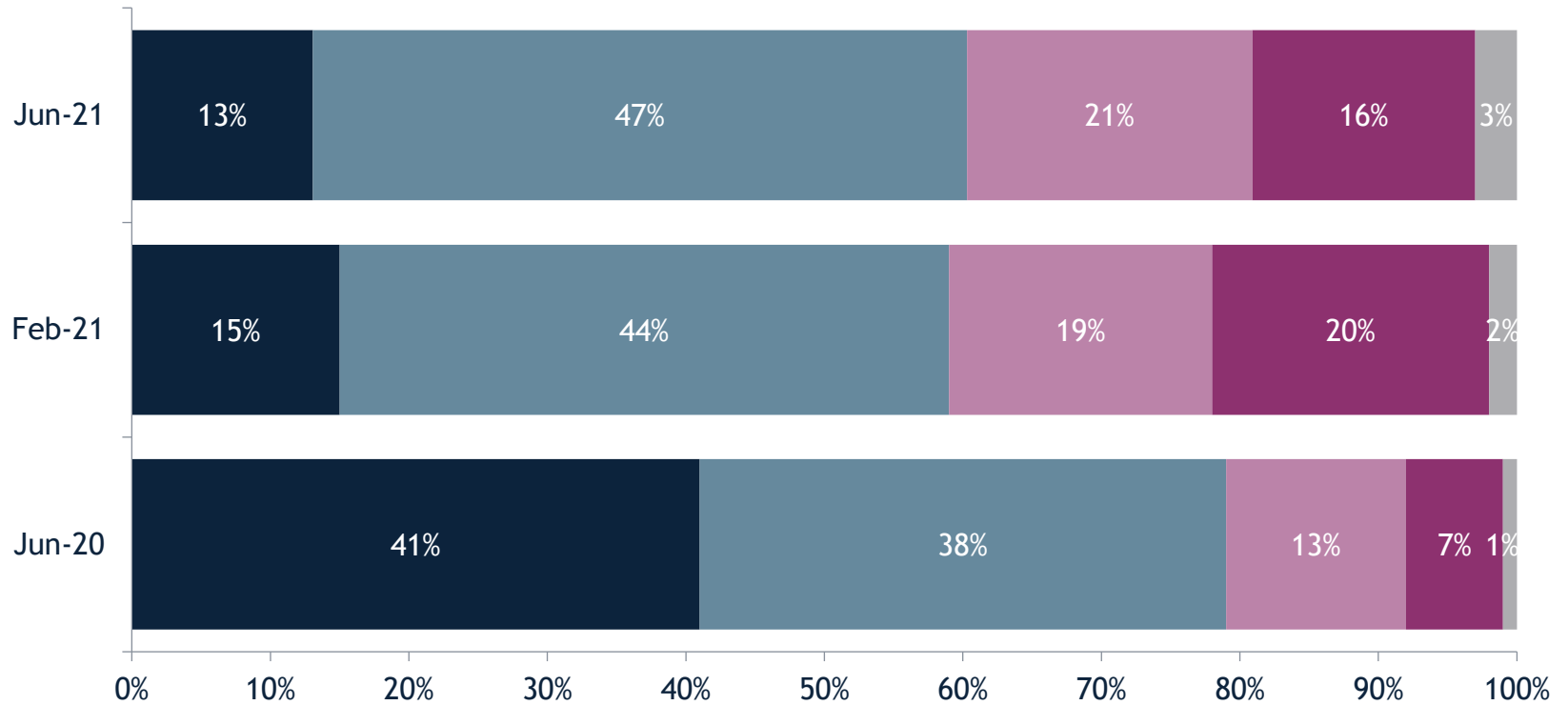
# COVID-19 Pandemic

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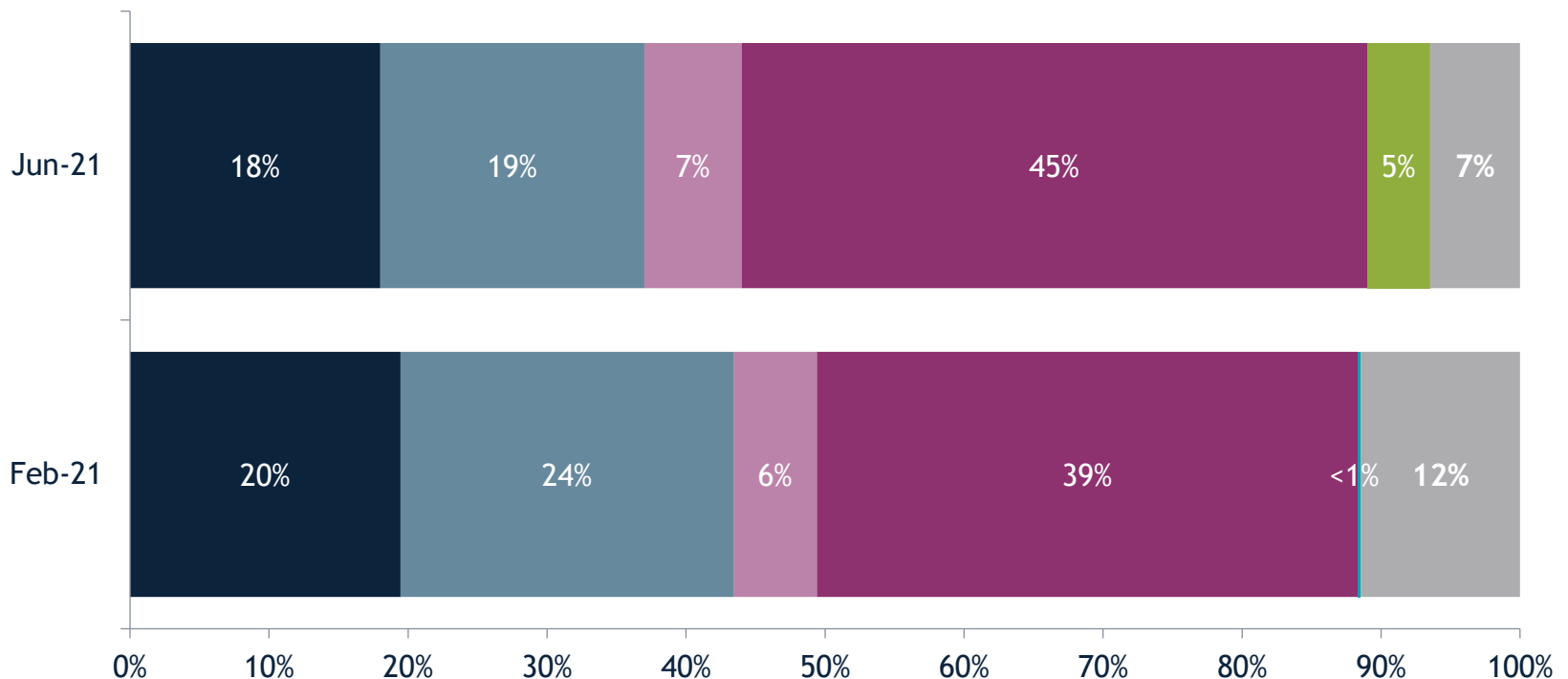
# To what extent are you satisfied with the government's response to COVID-19?

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



# As the COVID-19 vaccine becomes more widely available and the vaccination process continues, what will be your decision?\*

- I will get vaccinated as soon as it will be available to me
- I will get vaccinated after some time will pass
- I will get vaccinated only if required by the law or my employer
- I will not get vaccinated
- I am already vaccinated
- Other
- Don't know/No answer



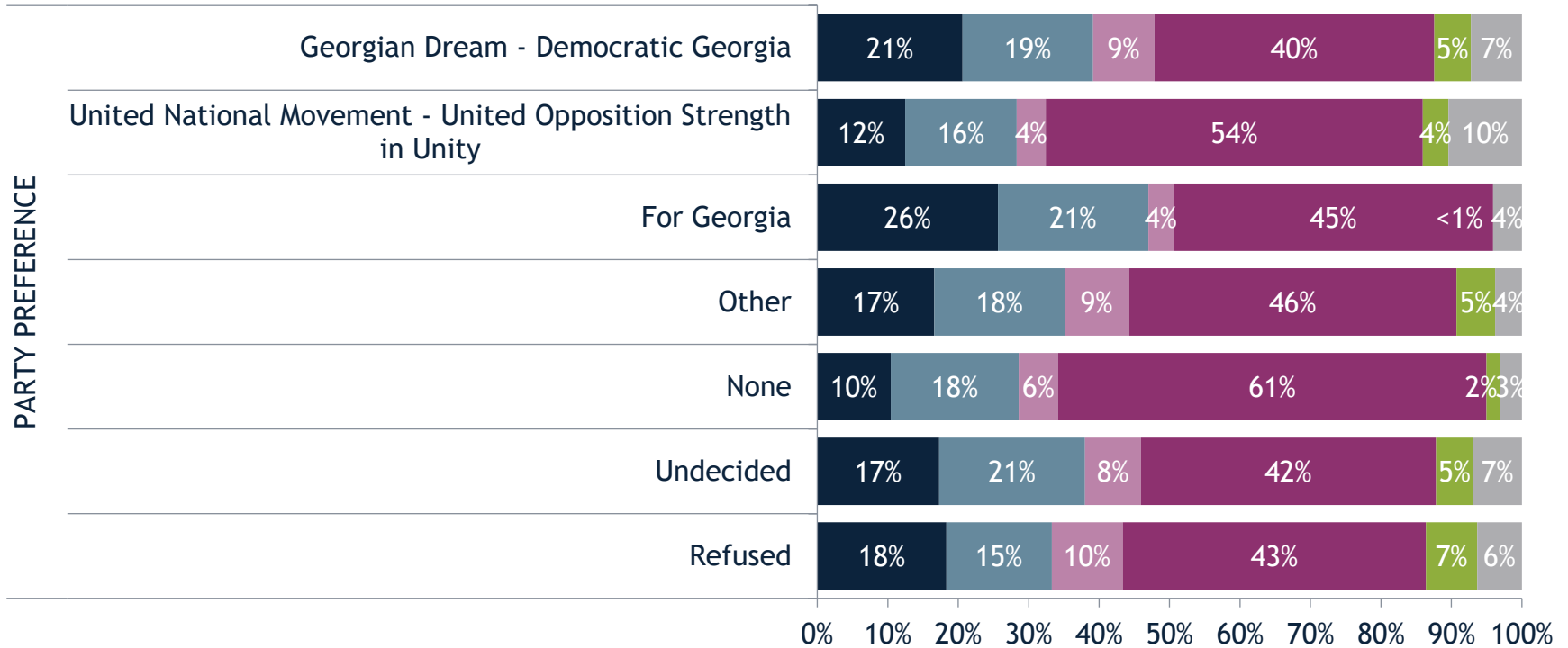
\*In the February 2021 poll, the question was phrased “After the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available and the vaccination process starts, what will be your decision?” to reflect the fact that vaccines had not yet become available in Georgia. The response option “I am already vaccinated” was added to the June 2021 questionnaire.



# As the COVID-19 vaccine becomes more widely available and the vaccination process continues, what will be your decision?

(Disaggregated by party preference)

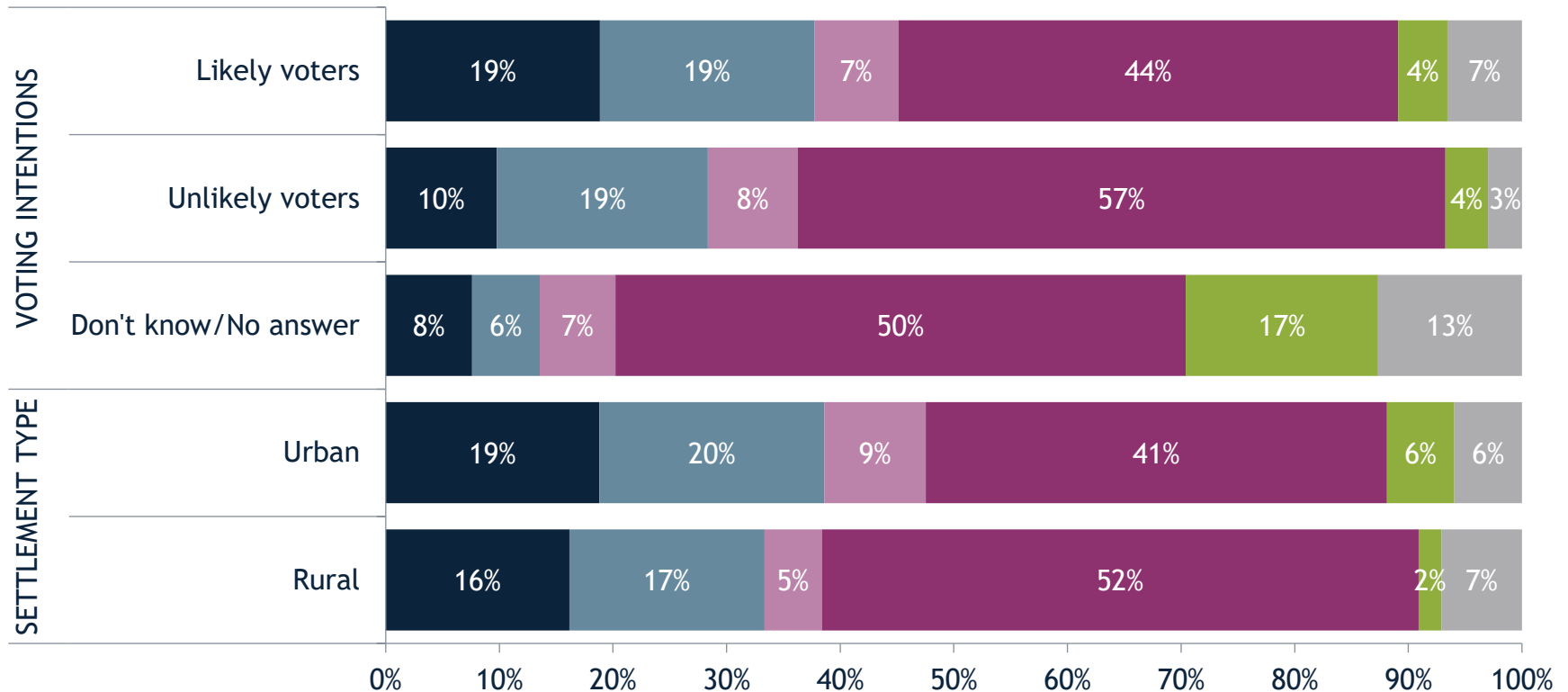
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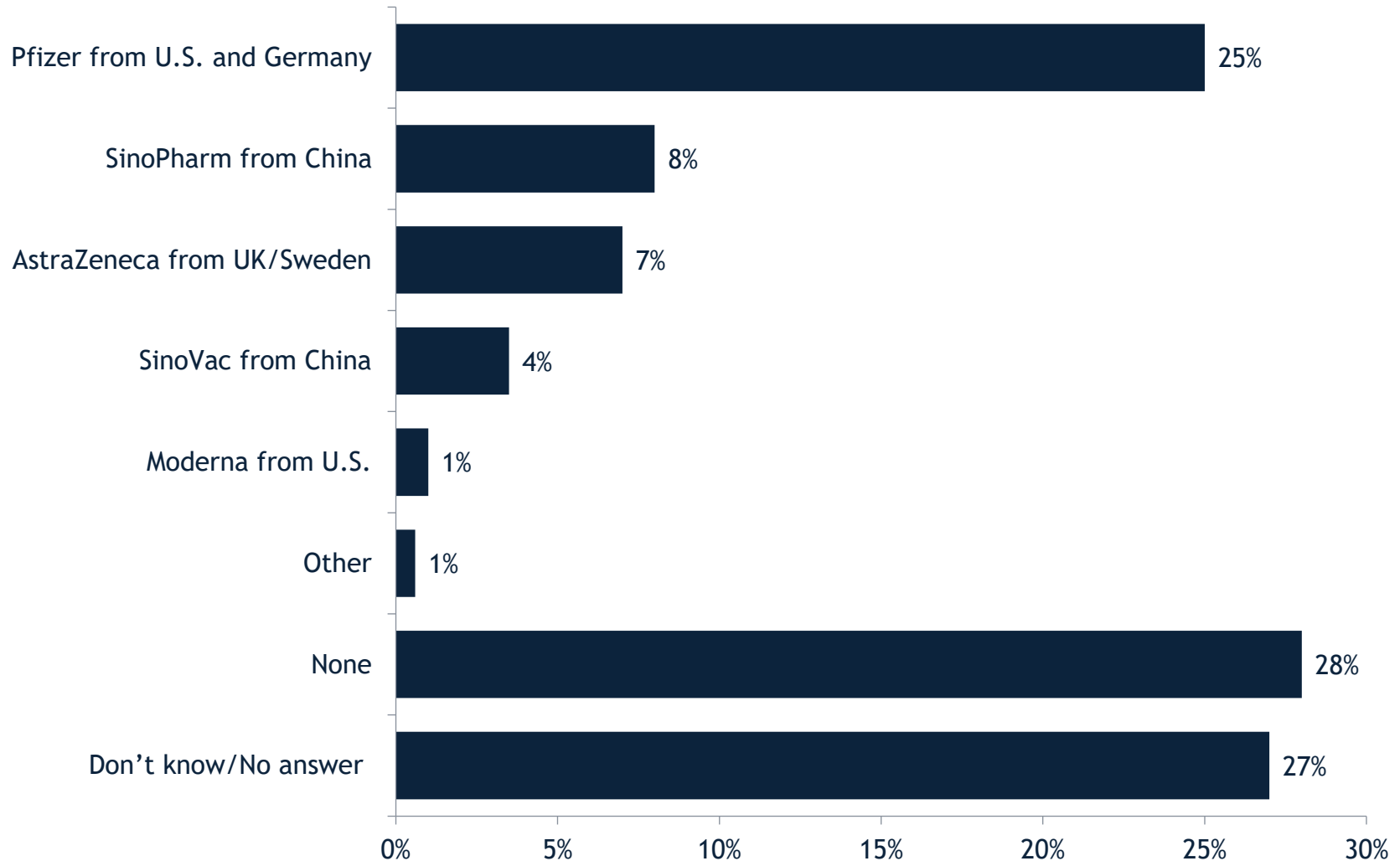
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(Disaggregated by intent to vote in the 2021 municipal elections and by settlement type)

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# In your opinion, which COVID-19 vaccine is the most trustworthy?



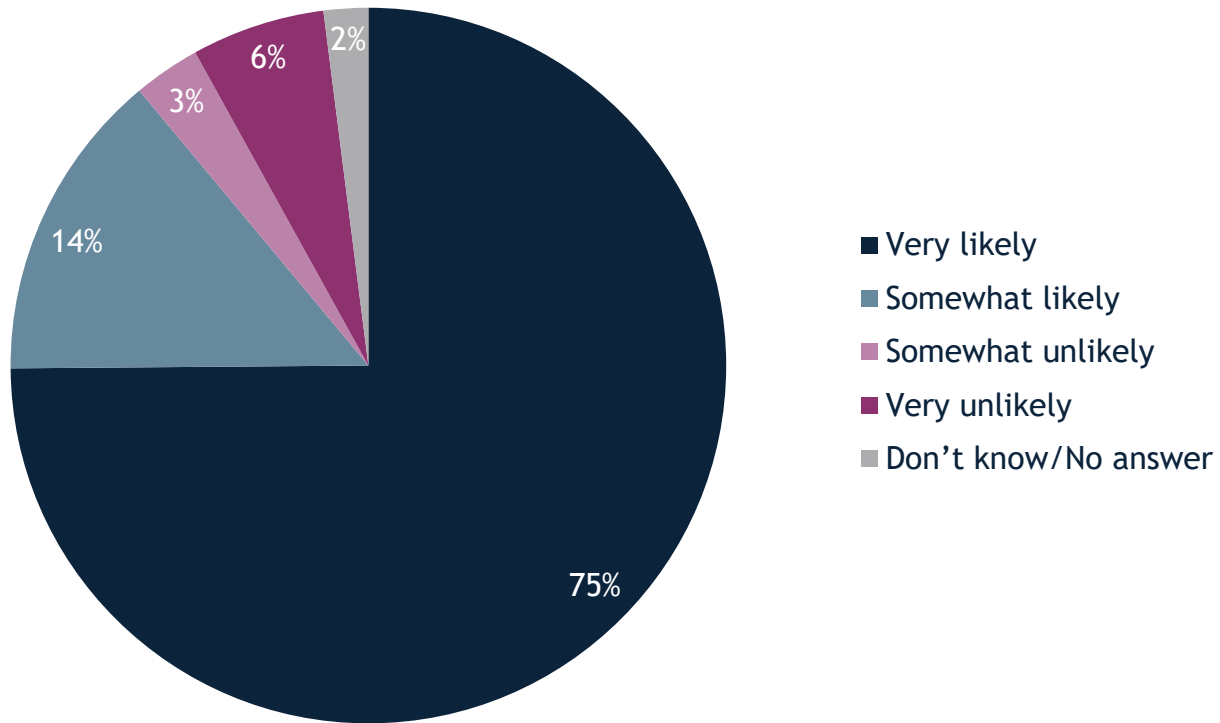


# 2021 Municipal Elections

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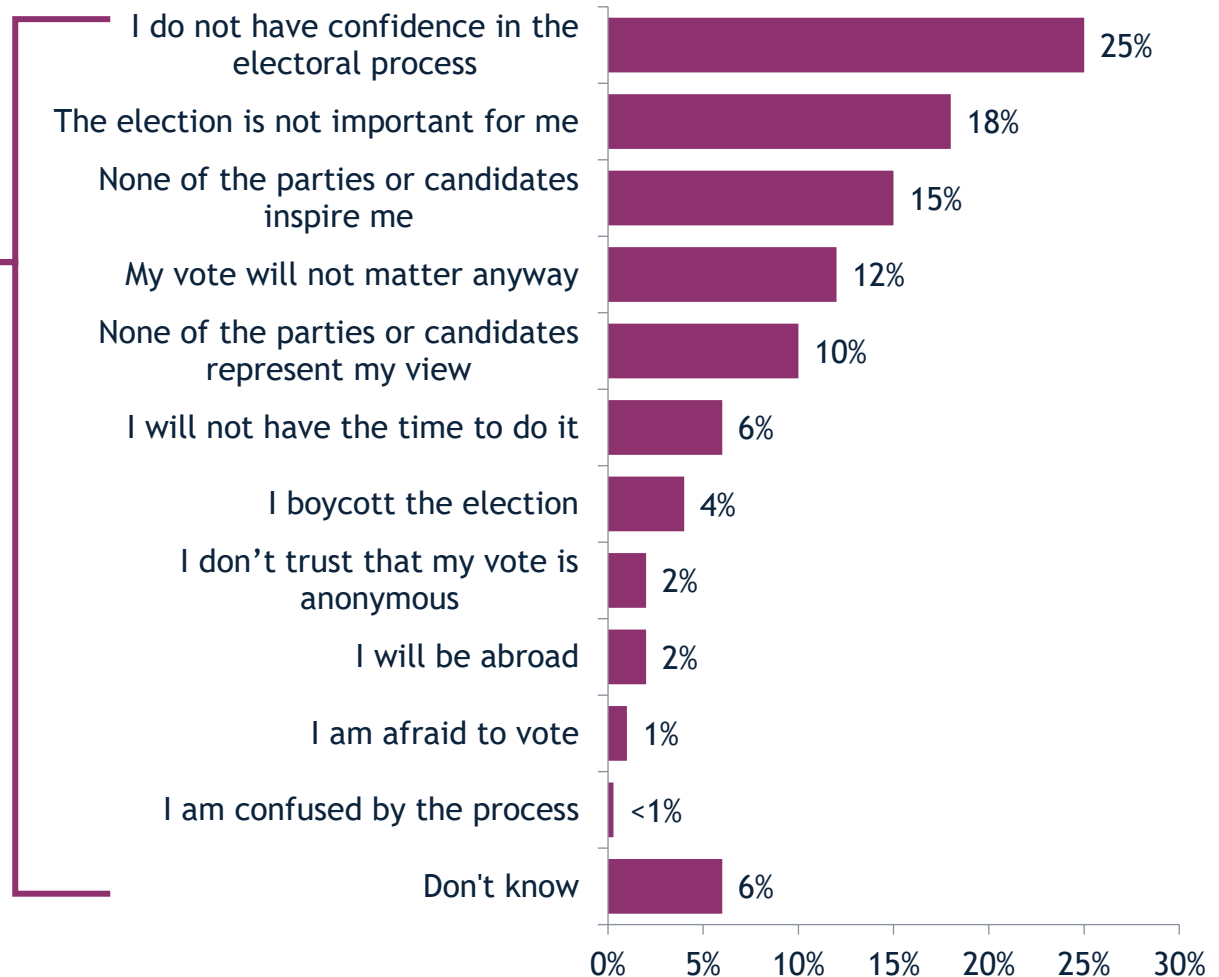
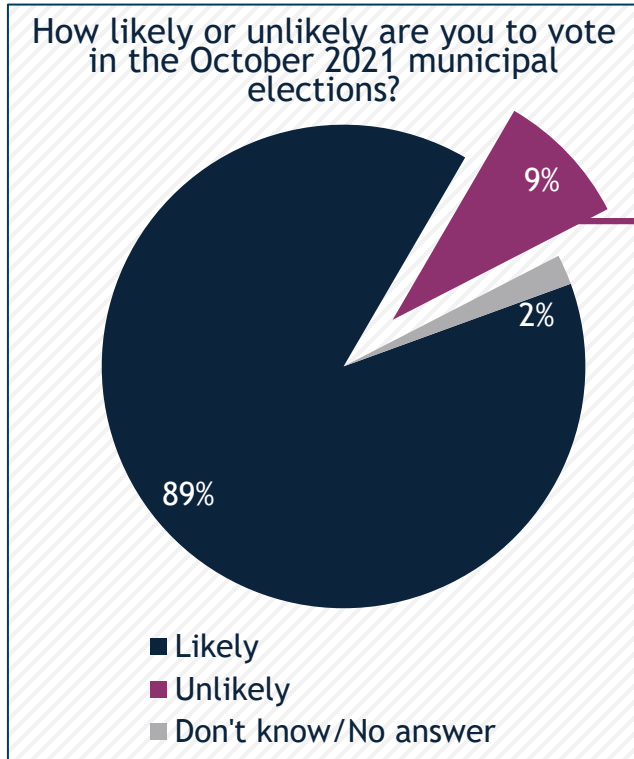


# How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the October 2021 municipal elections?



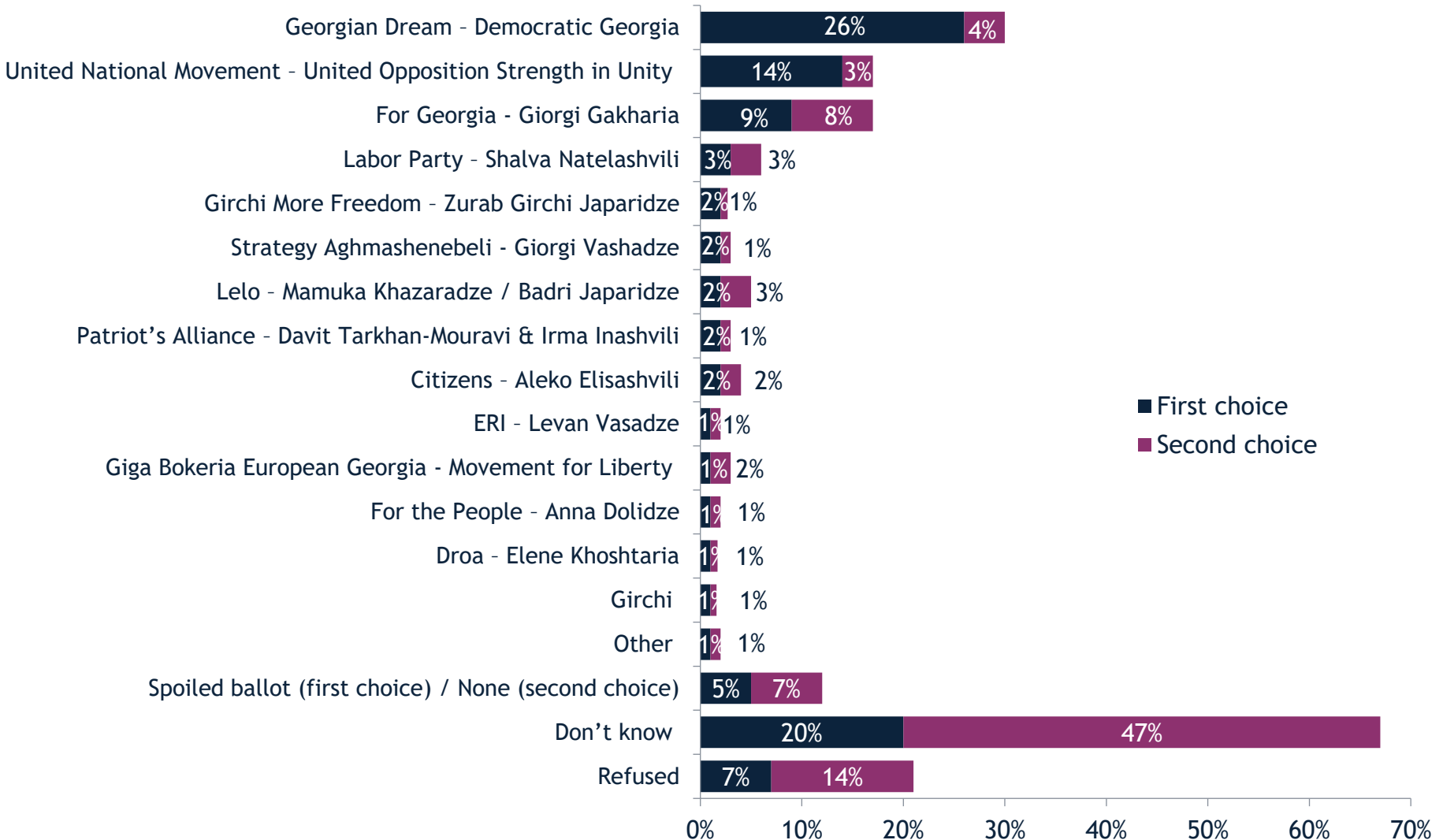
# Why are you unlikely to vote in the October 2021 municipal elections?

(Spontaneous response, respondents not likely to vote in the October 2021 municipal elections, n=135)



# If the October 2021 municipal elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote?\* (First choice)

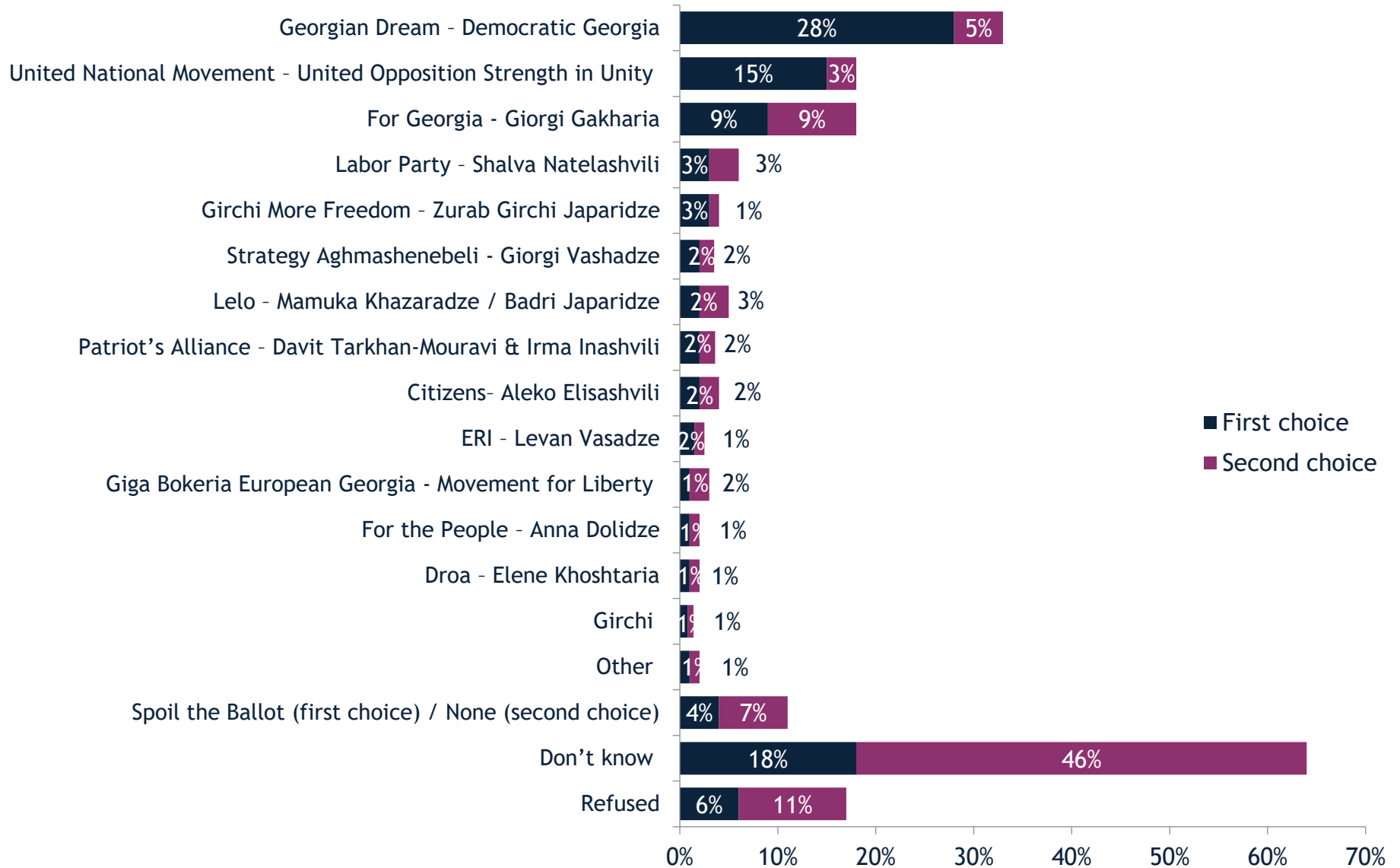
## If your first-choice party would not be on the ballot, who would you vote for instead? (Second choice)



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# If the October 2021 municipal elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote?\*

(Likely voters, n=1,333)



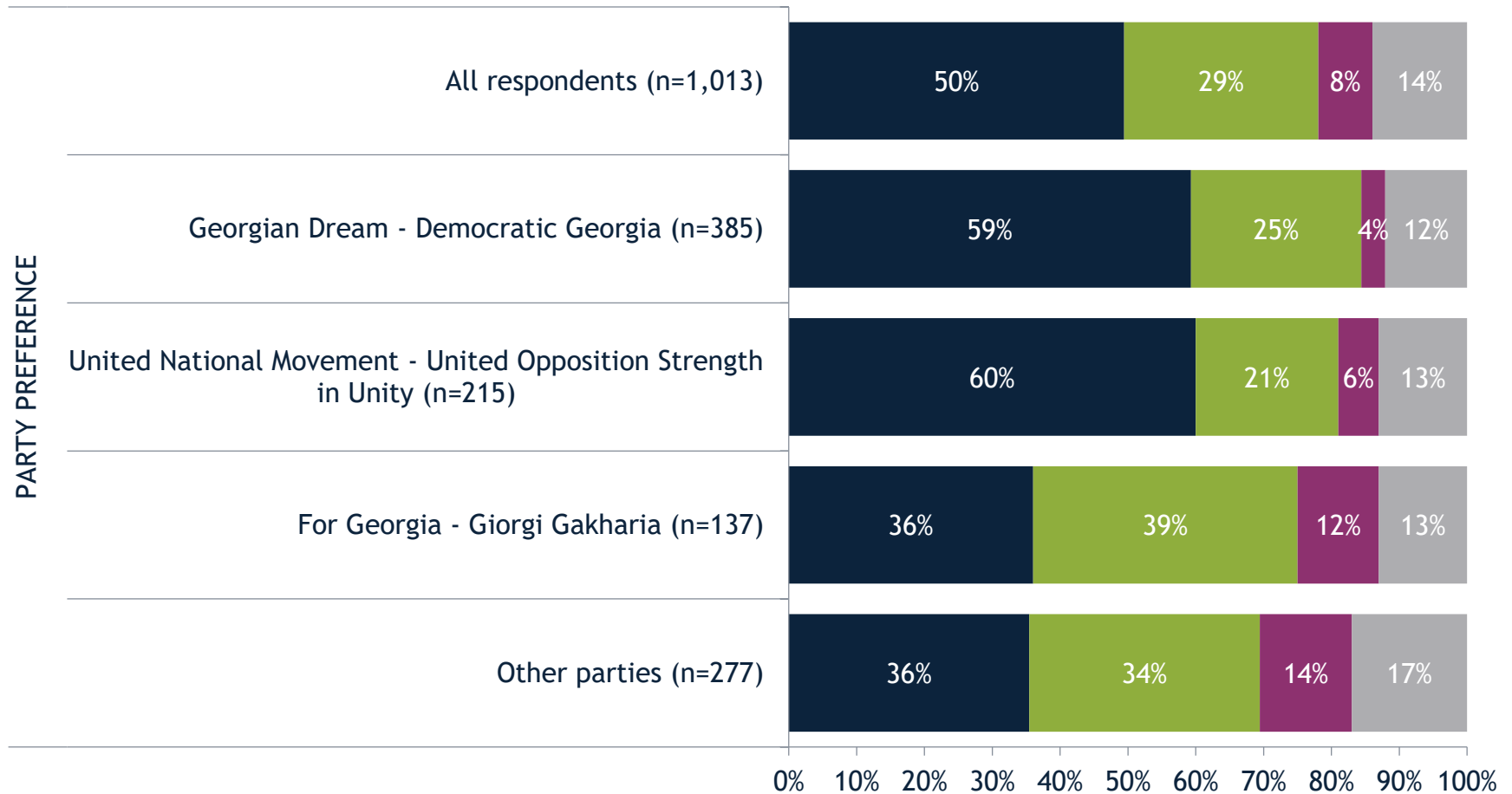
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# How sure are you of your choice?

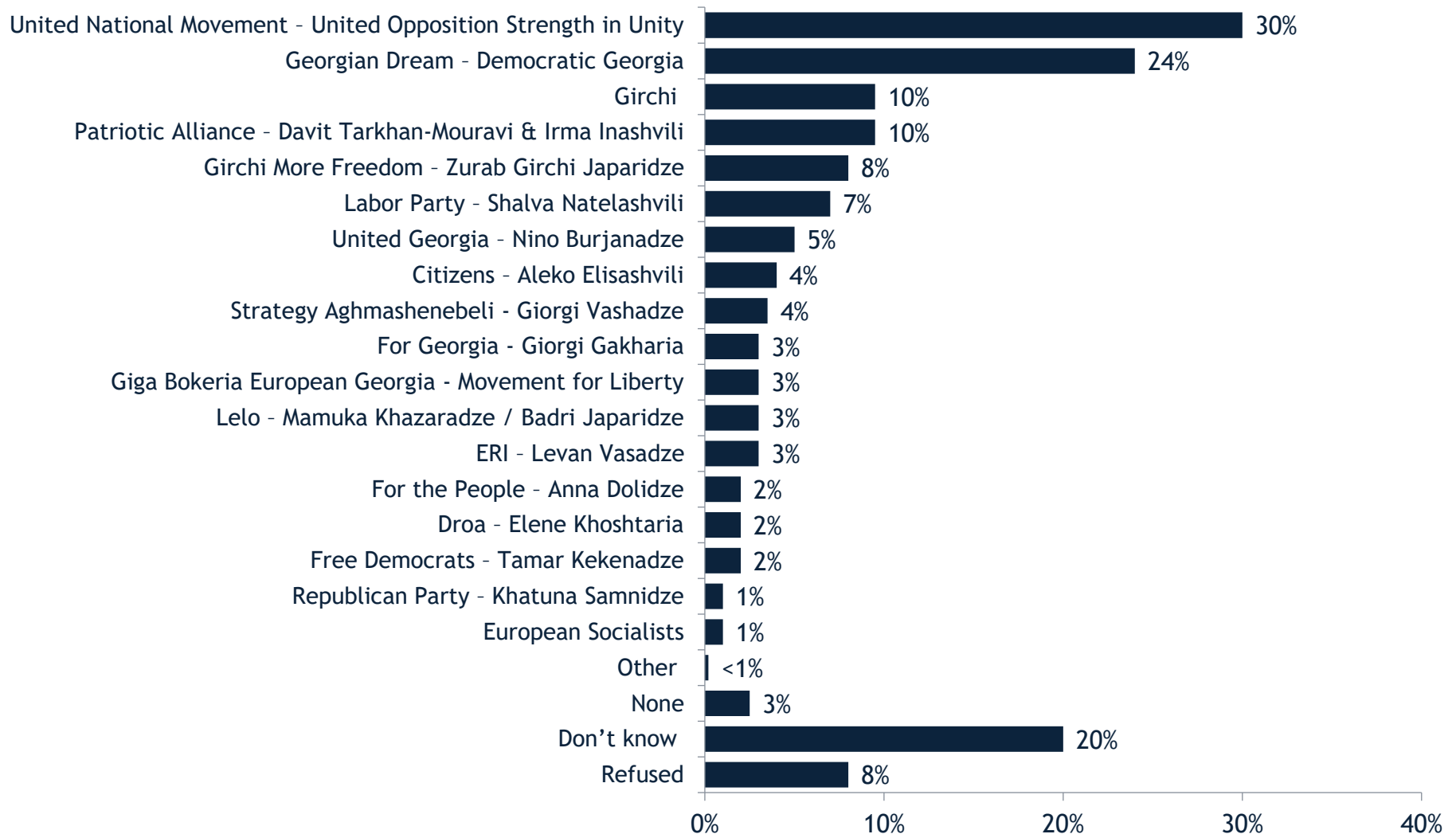
(Respondents who named a particular party as their first choice, n=1,013, disaggregated by party preference)

- I am absolutely sure of my choice and will not change my mind before election day
- I am fairly sure of my choice but I could change my mind by election day
- I am not sure of my choice yet and may well change my mind before election day
- Don't know/No answer

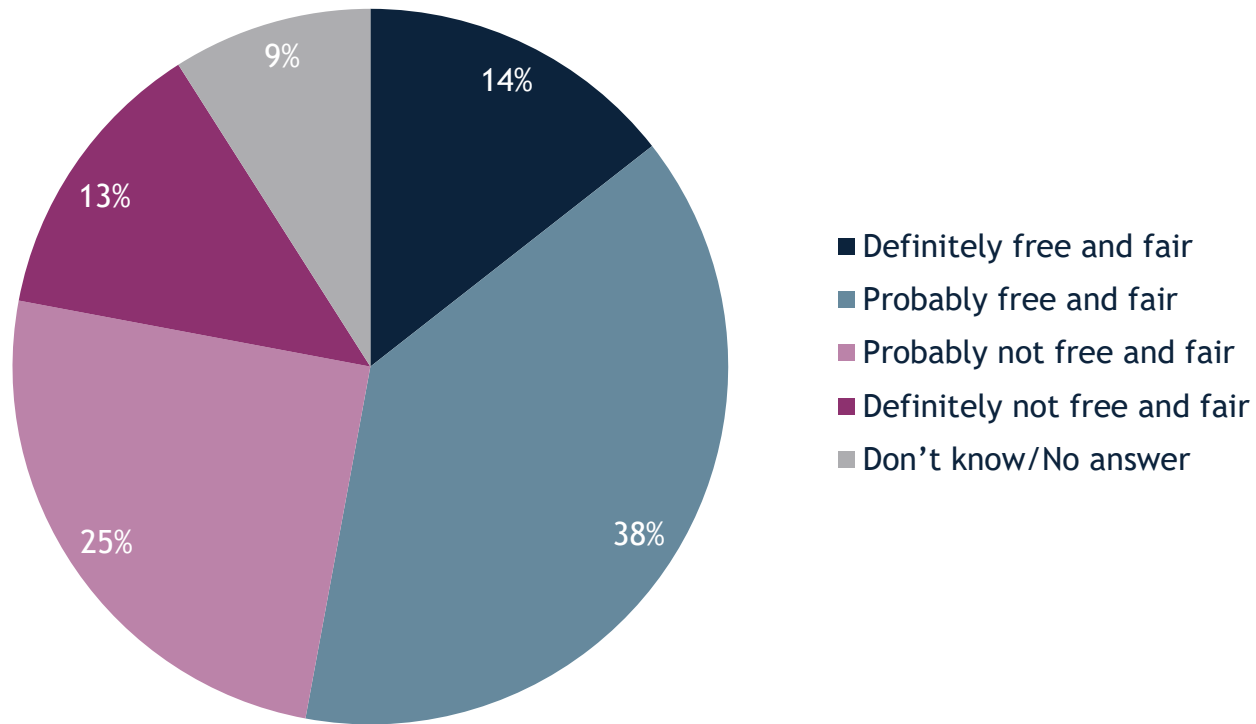


# Which parties, if any, would you not vote for under any circumstances?

(Respondents allowed to provide up to three responses)



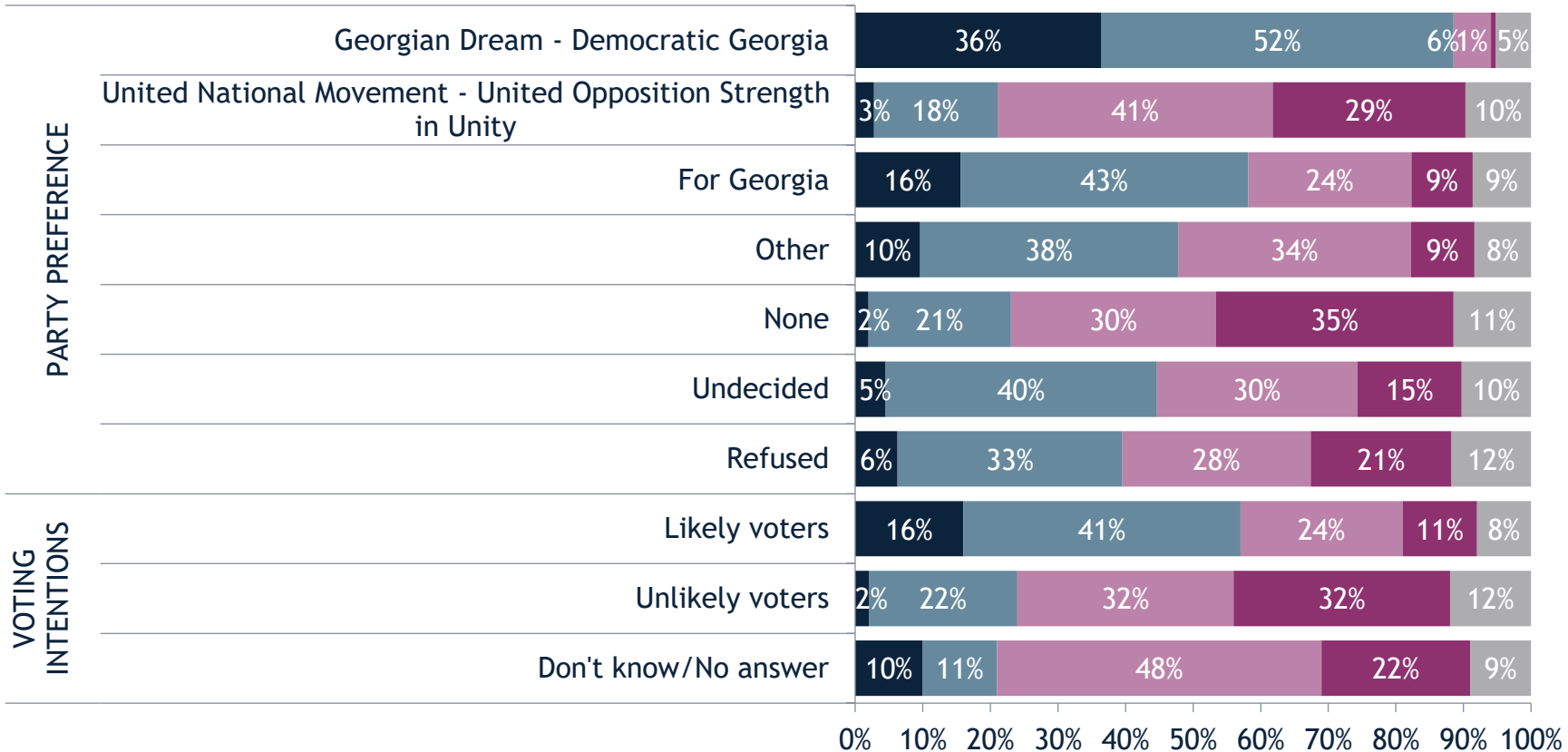
# Do you feel that the upcoming elections will be free and fair or not?



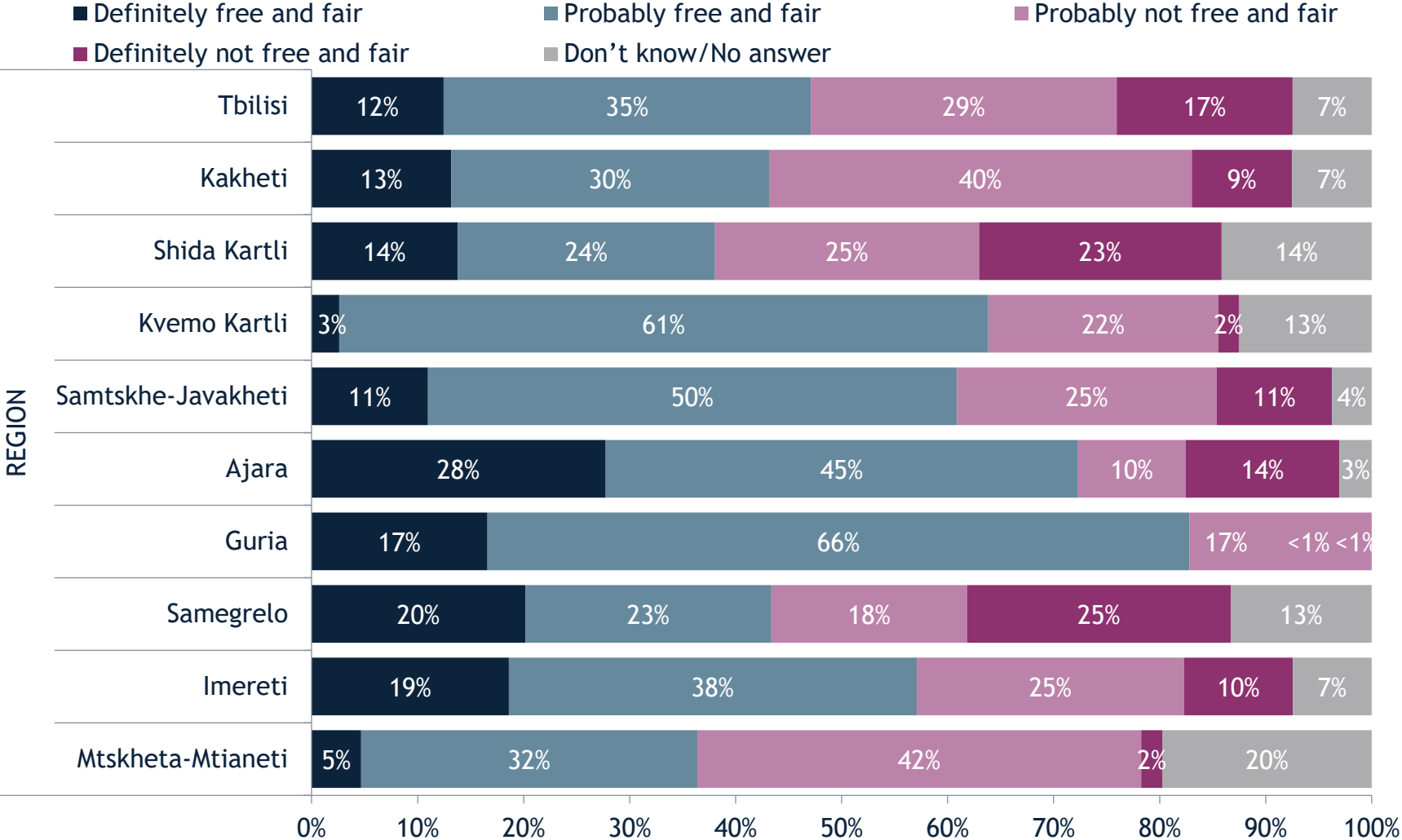
# Do you feel that the upcoming elections will be free and fair or not?

(Disaggregated by party preference and by intent to vote in the 2021 municipal elections)

- Definitely free and fair
- Probably free and fair
- Probably not free and fair
- Definitely not free and fair
- Don't know/No answer

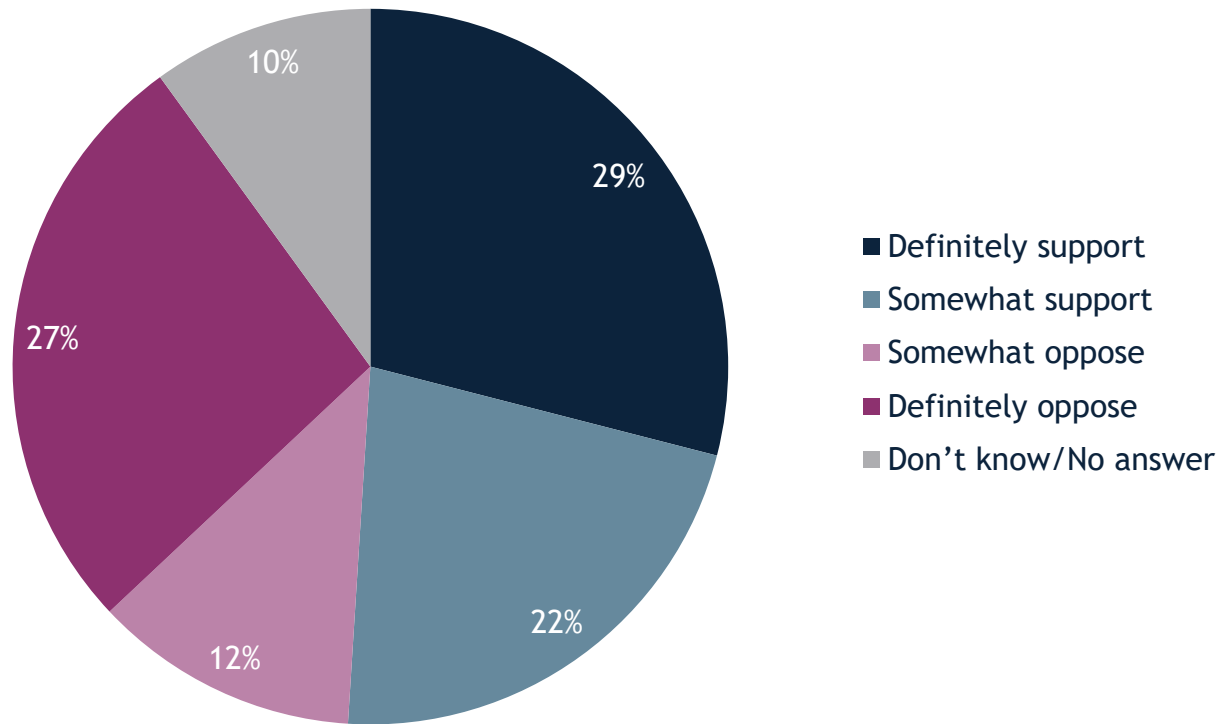


# Do you feel that the upcoming elections will be free and fair or not? (Disaggregated by region)



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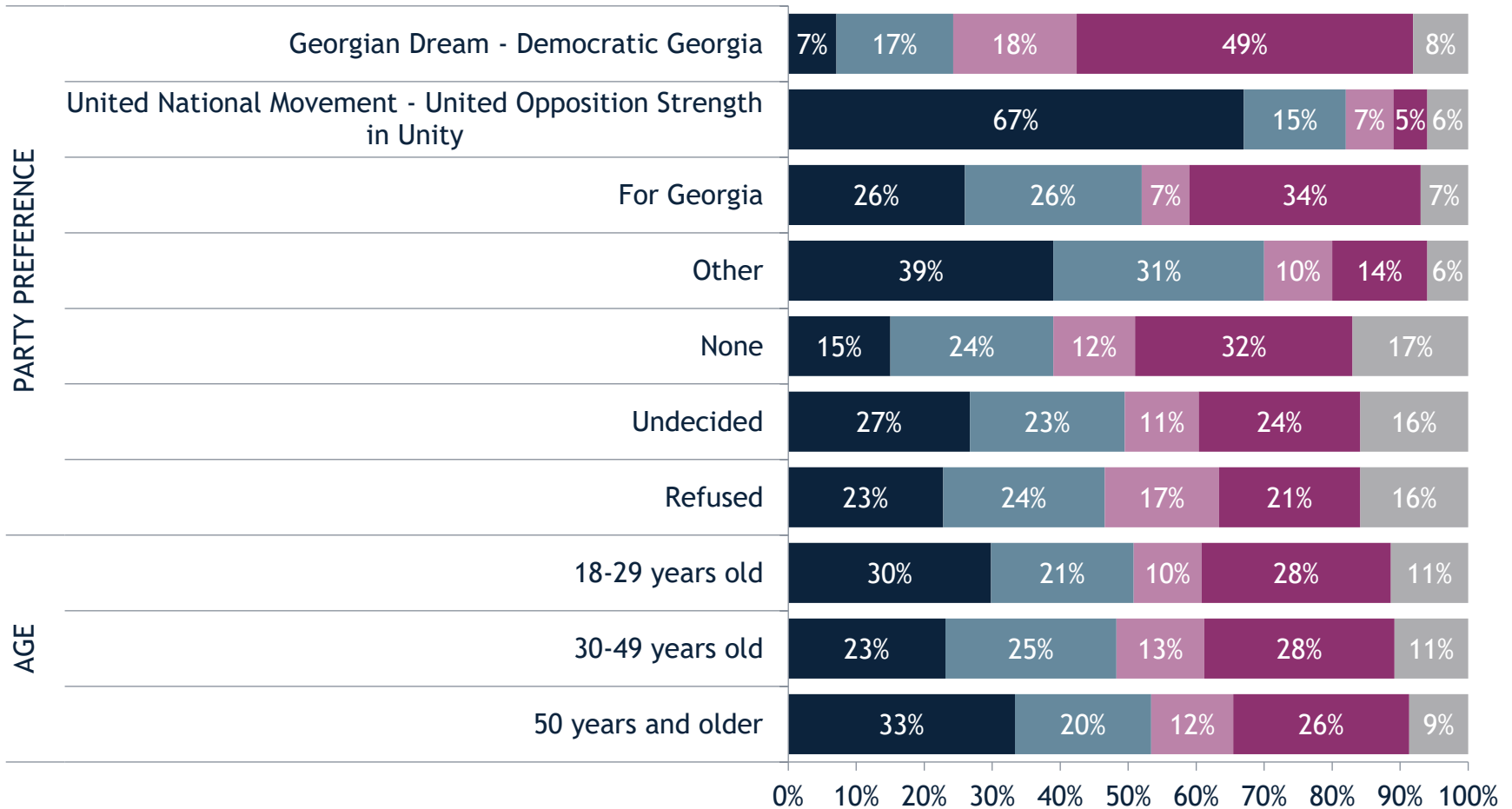
# Do you support or oppose the opposition demand for snap parliamentary elections in Georgia?



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(Disaggregated by party preference and by age)

■ Definitely support  
 ■ Somewhat support  
 ■ Somewhat oppose  
 ■ Definitely oppose  
 ■ Don't know/No answer



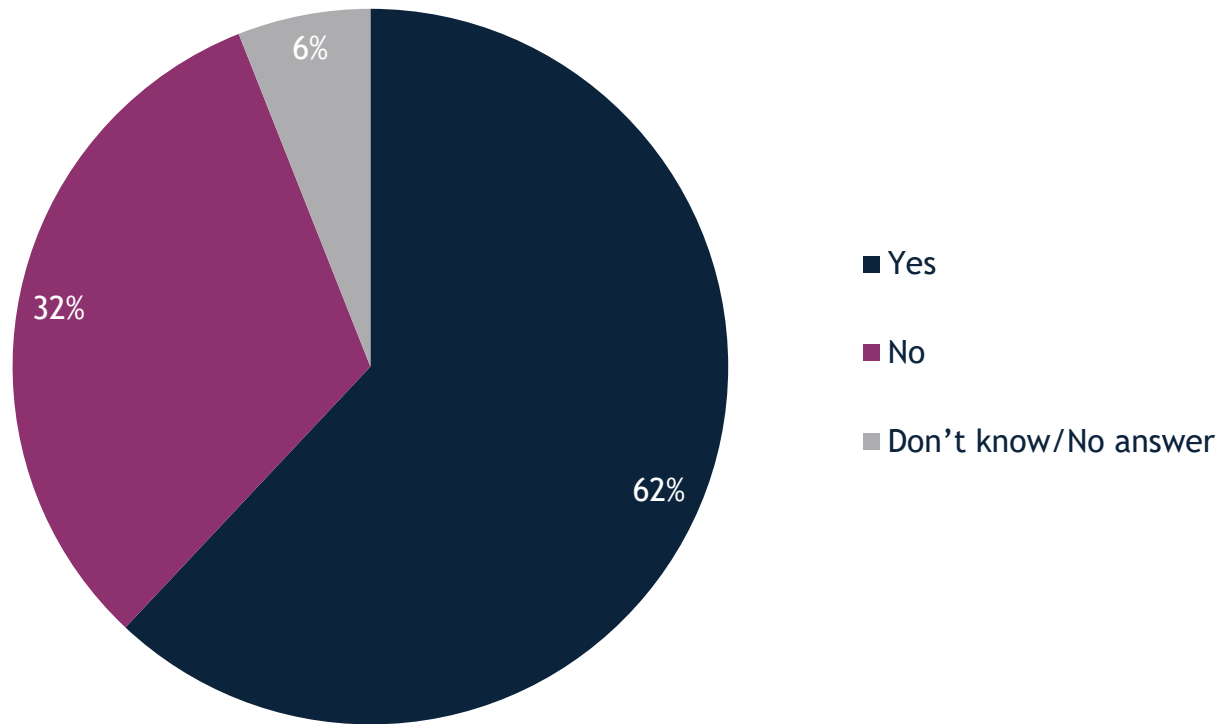


# Electoral system

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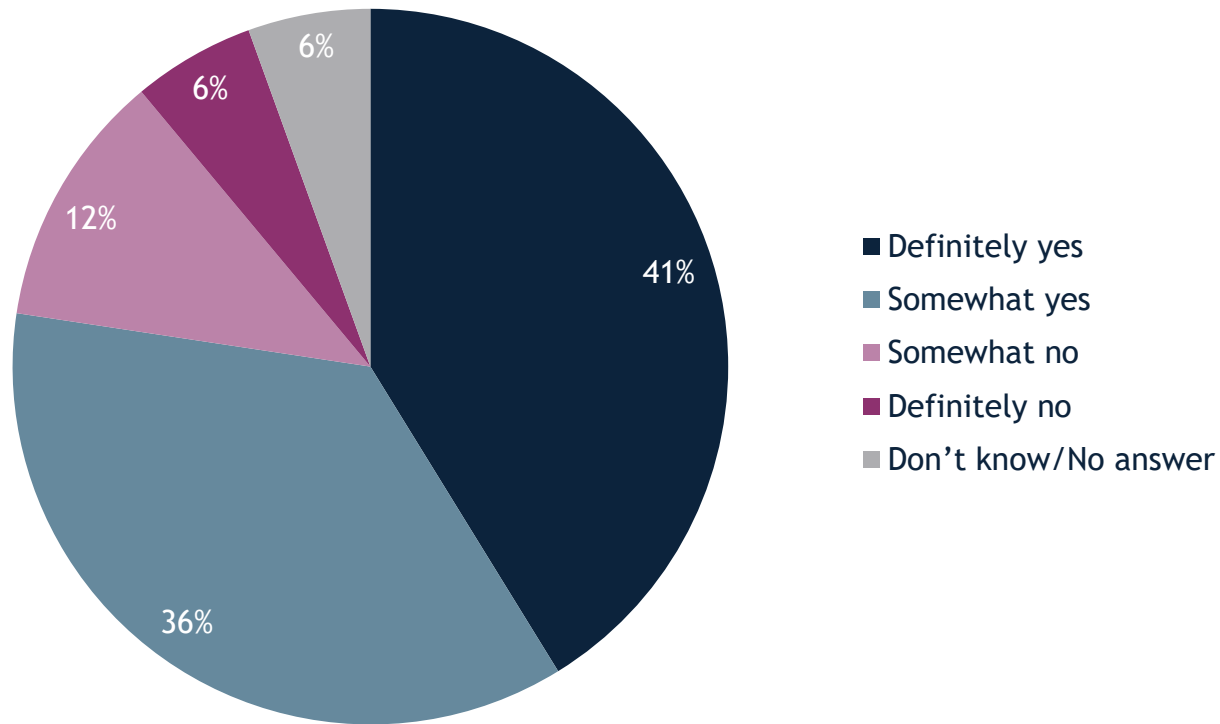


# Have you heard about the April 19 agreement to end the opposition boycott of the Parliament?



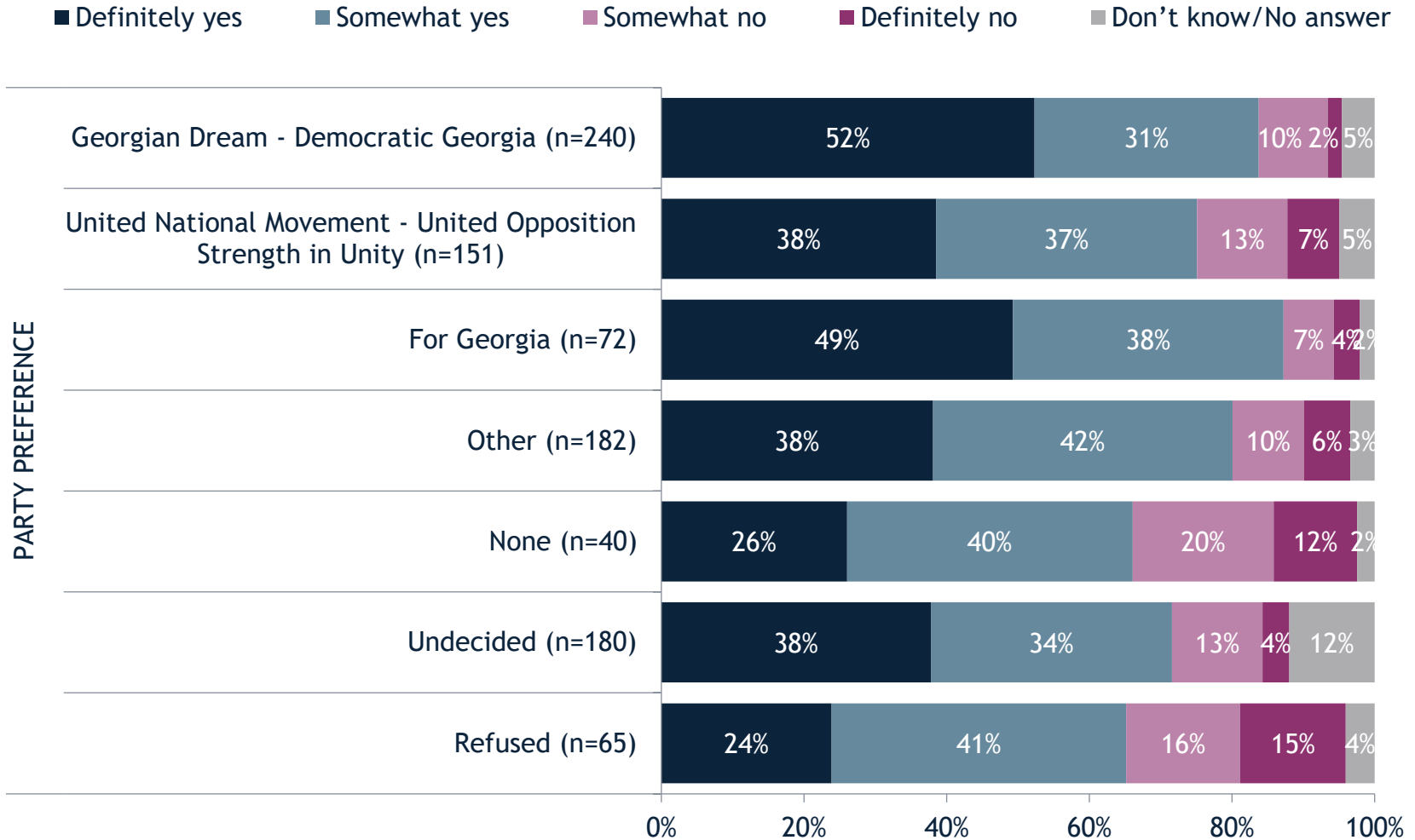
# If yes, do you agree with the decision of opposition and ruling party representatives to sign the agreement?

(Respondents who have heard about the April 19 agreement to end the opposition boycott of the Parliament, n=930)

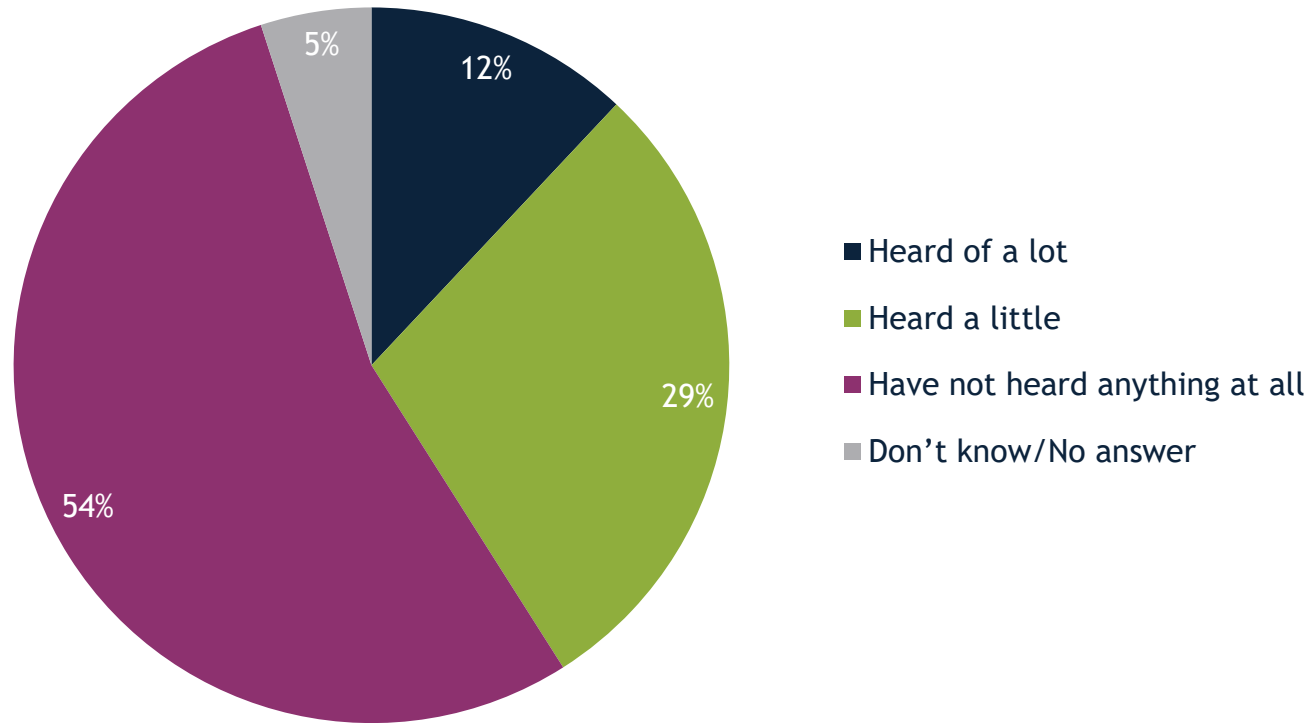


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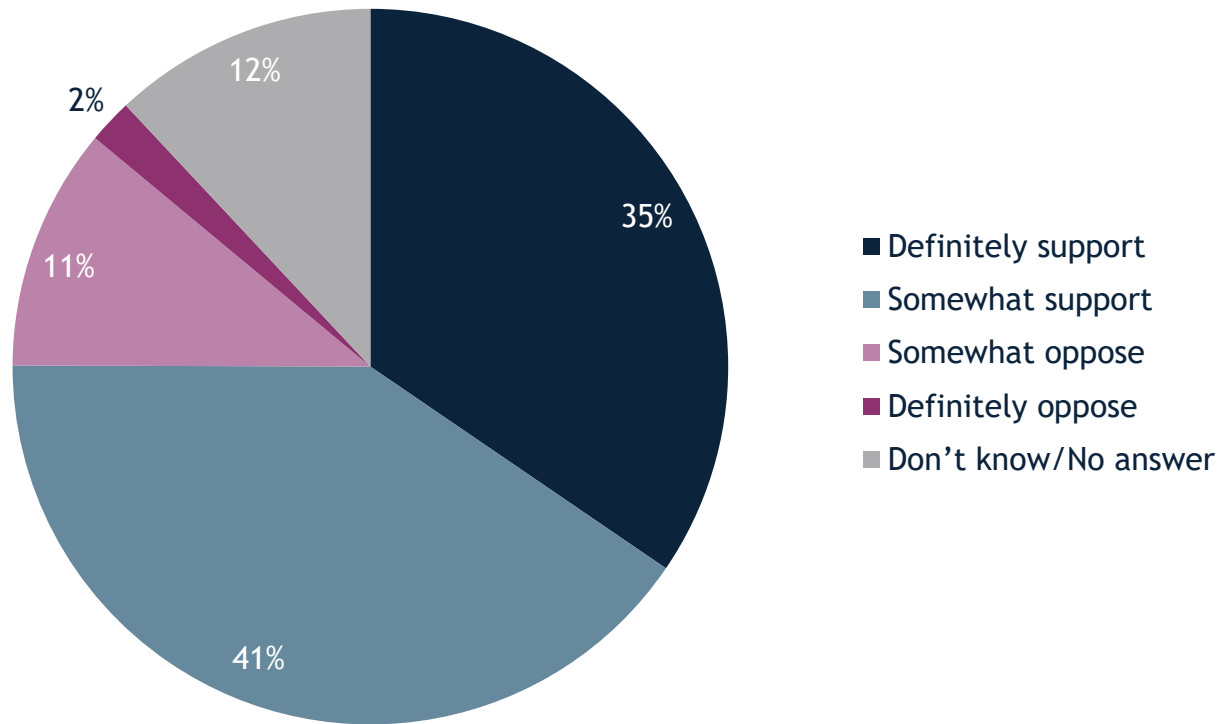


# How much have you heard of the Georgian Parliament's efforts to reform electoral law?

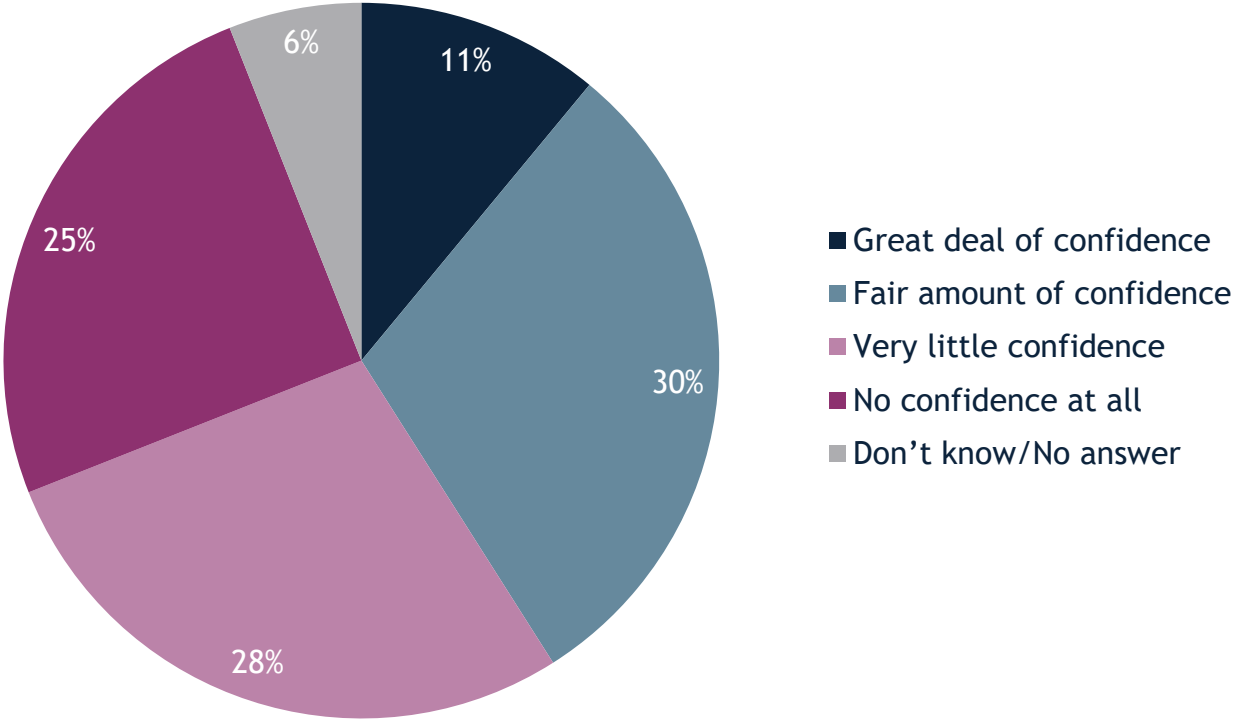


# If you heard about it, do you support or oppose adopting the revised electoral system in Georgia?

(Respondents who have heard about the Georgian Parliament's efforts to reform electoral law, n=613)

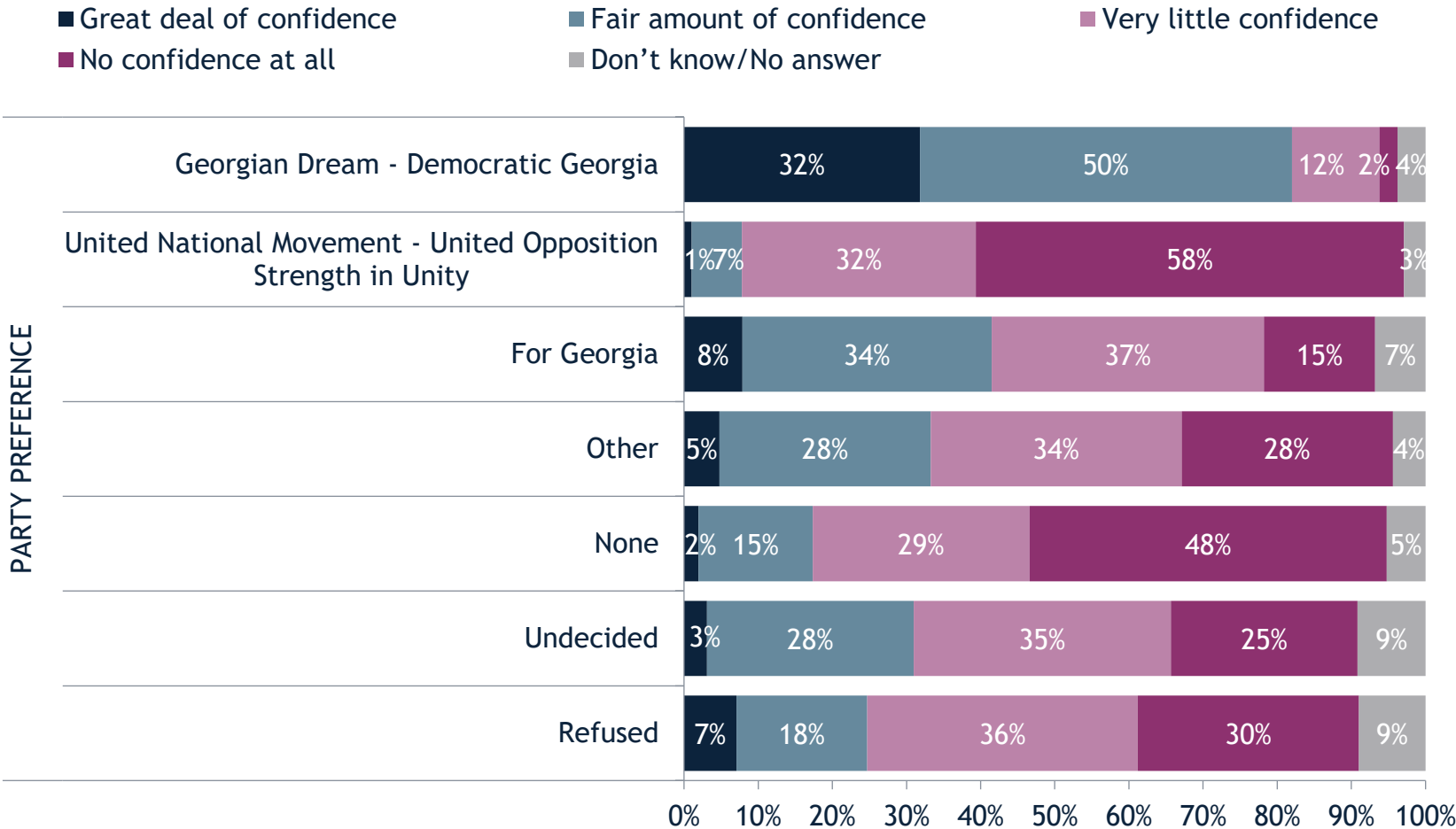


As you may know, the Central Election Commission (CEC) is the body responsible for conducting national elections in Georgia. How much confidence do you have in the ability of the CEC to organize credible elections? Do you have...



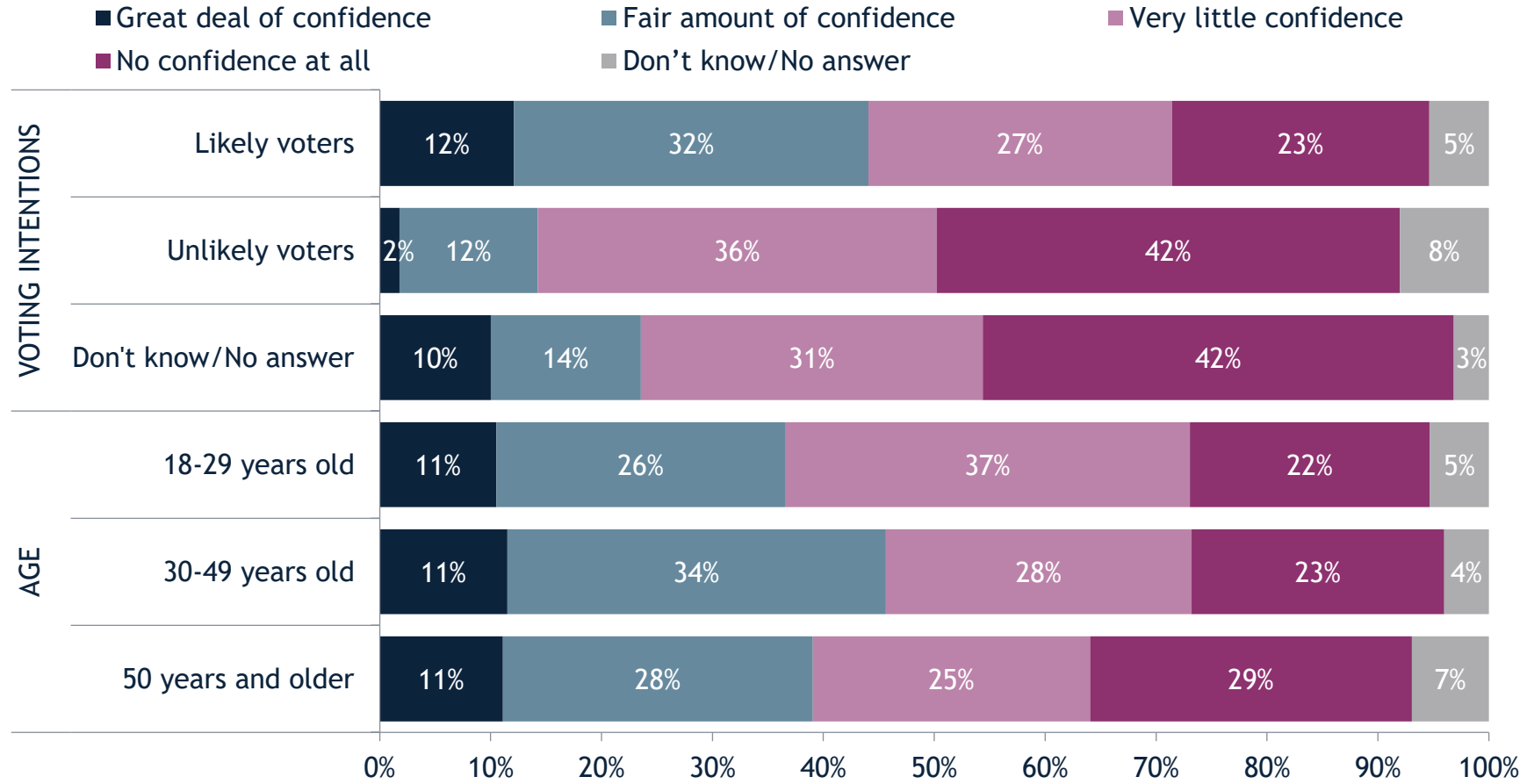
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(Disaggregated by party preference)



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(Disaggregated by intent to vote in the 2021 municipal elections and by age)





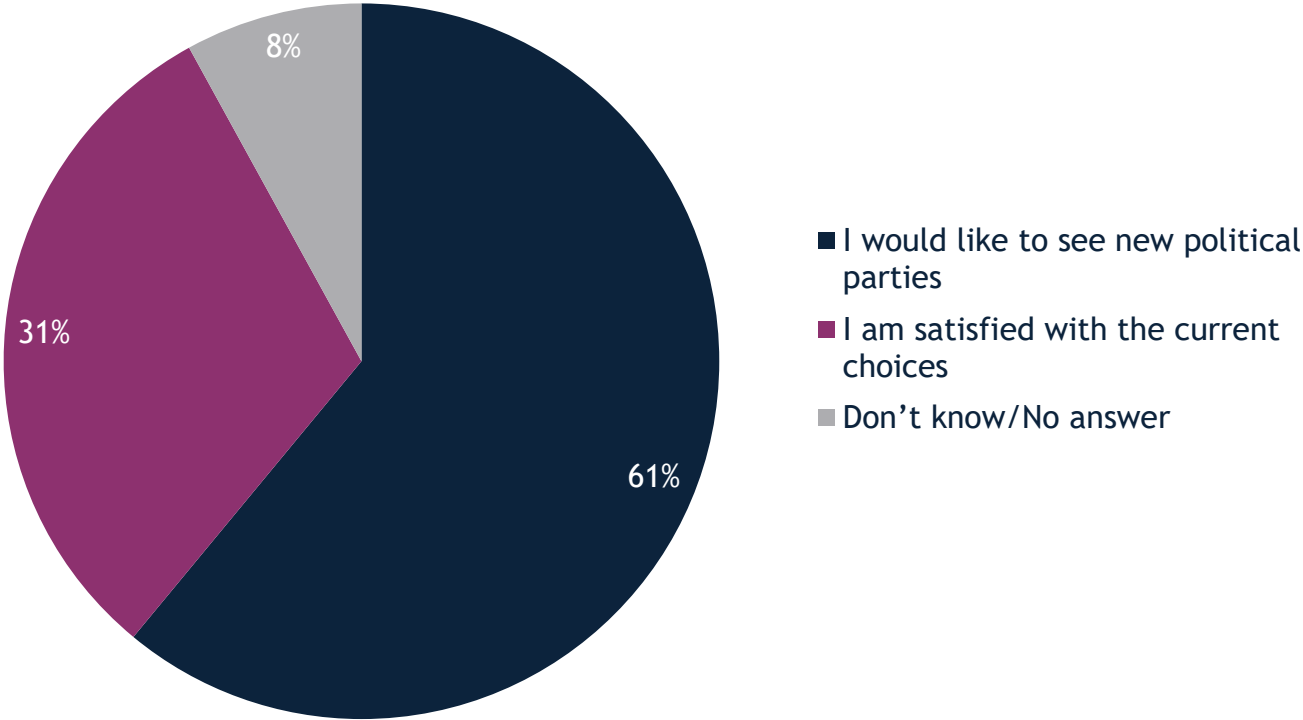


# Political Parties

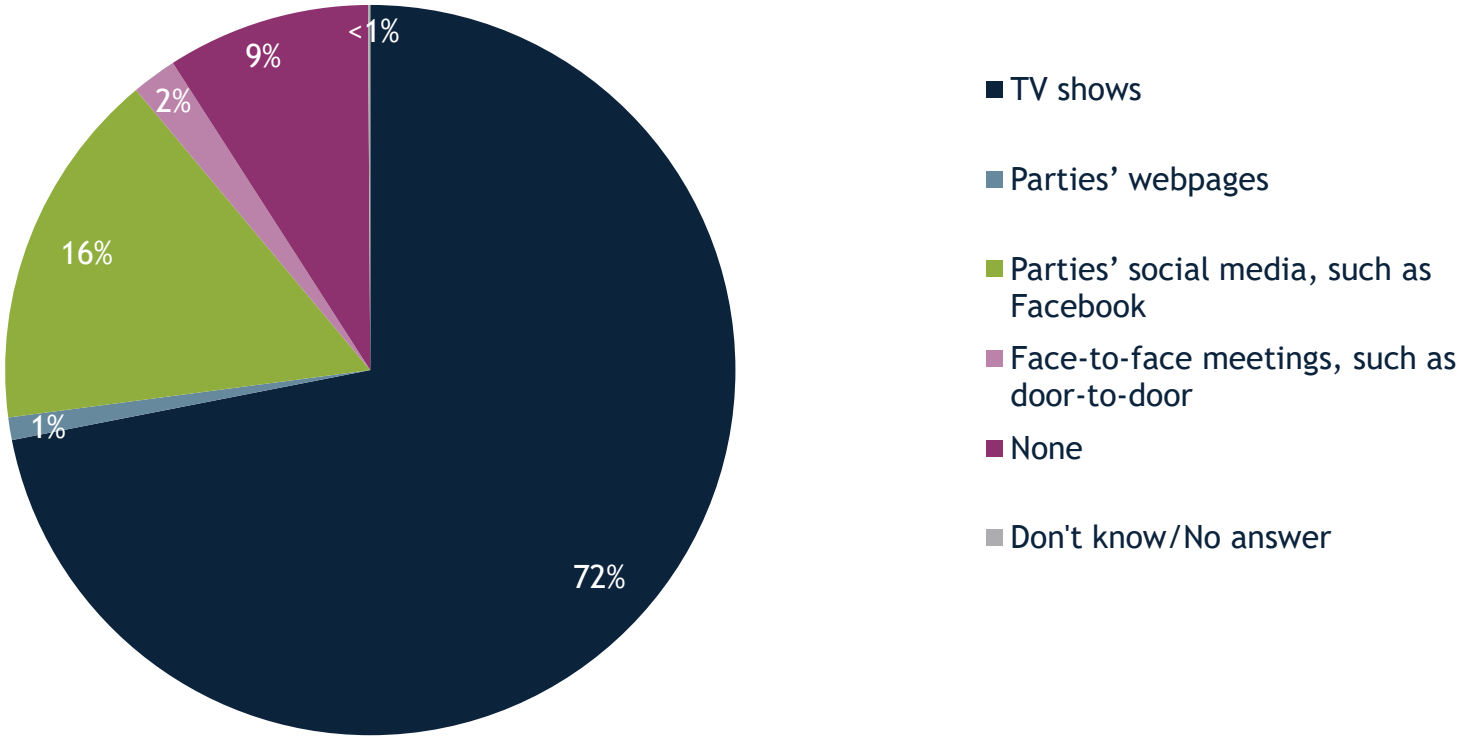
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# Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?

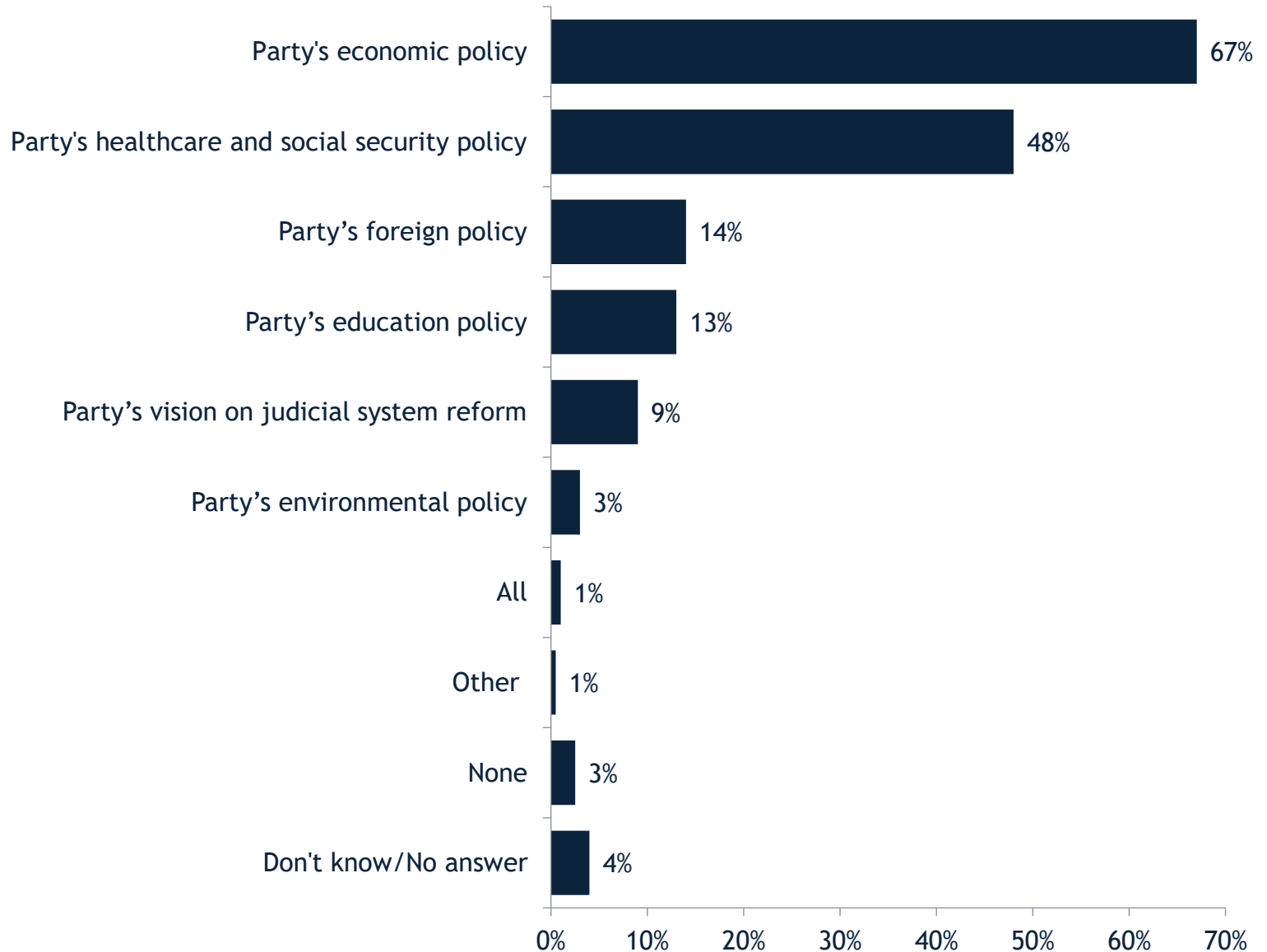


# Through which means do you get acquainted with the political party election messages most often?

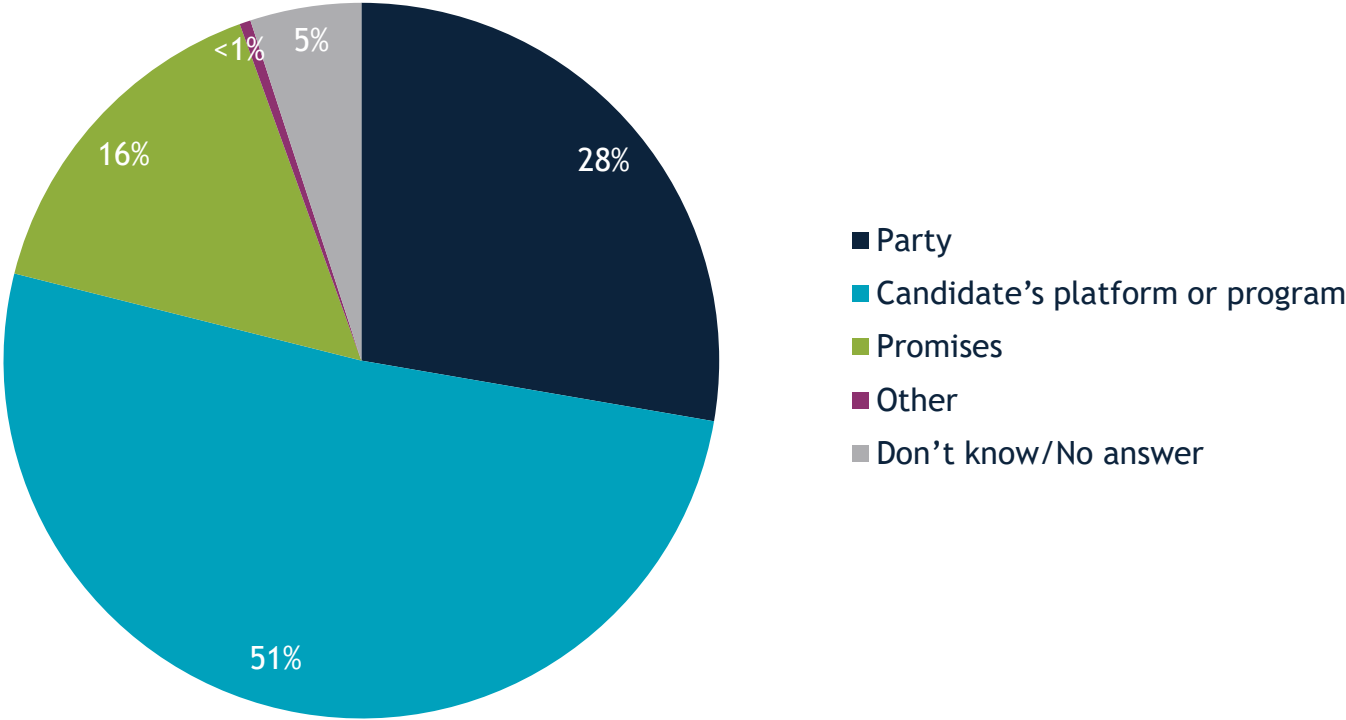


# Which component of a party's pre-election program will most likely determine your vote in the upcoming local elections?

(Respondents permitted to provide up to two answers)



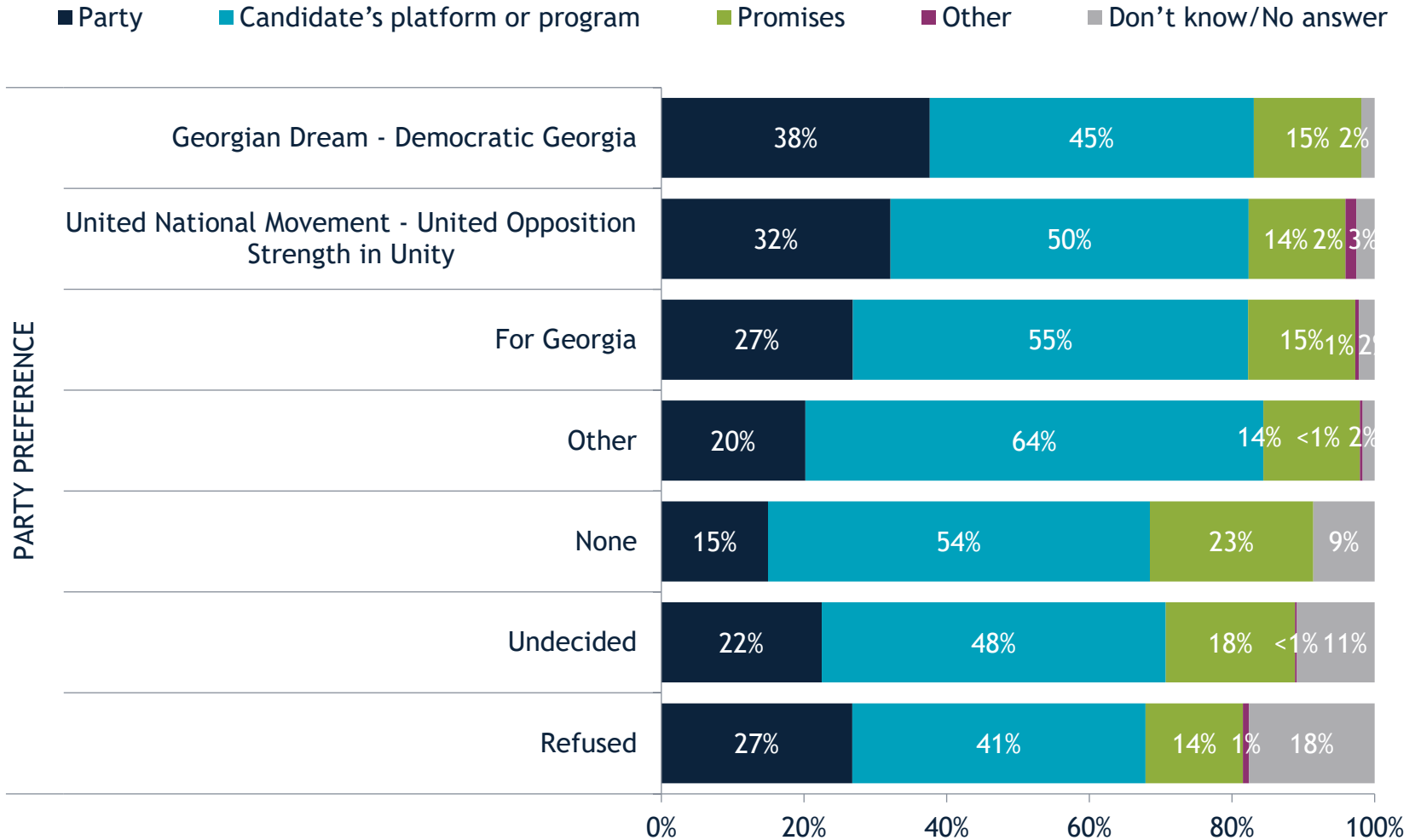
# Which of the following will be the most important factor in determining your vote?\*



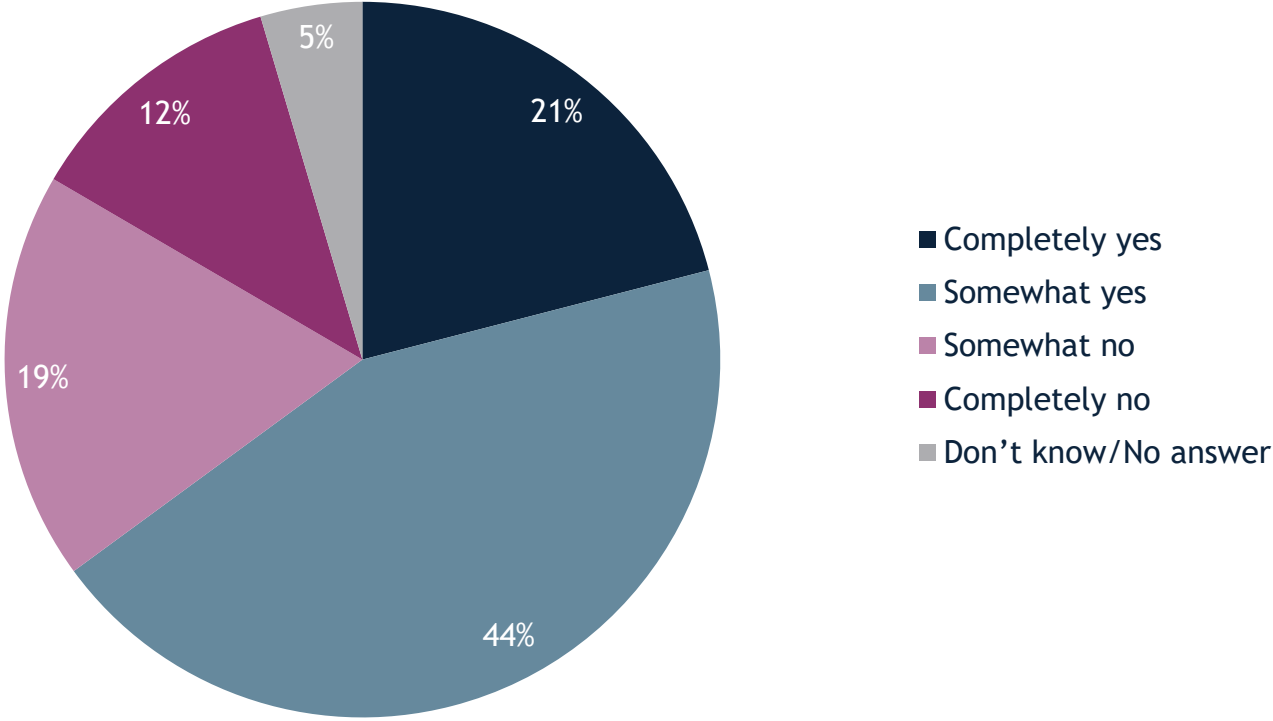
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# Which of the following will be the most important factor in determining your vote?

(Disaggregated by party preference)

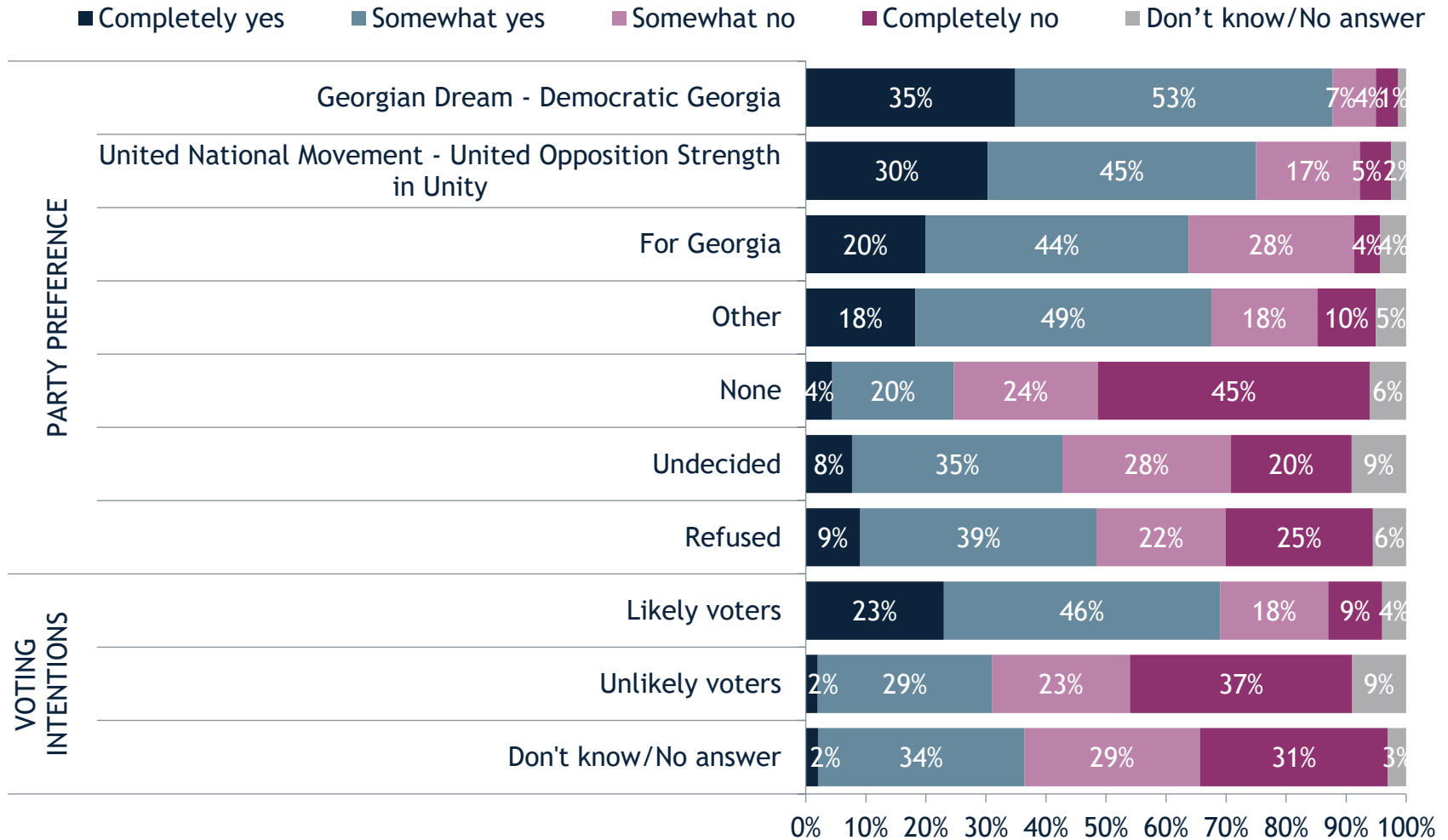


# Do you believe that at least one political party in Georgia represents your interests?



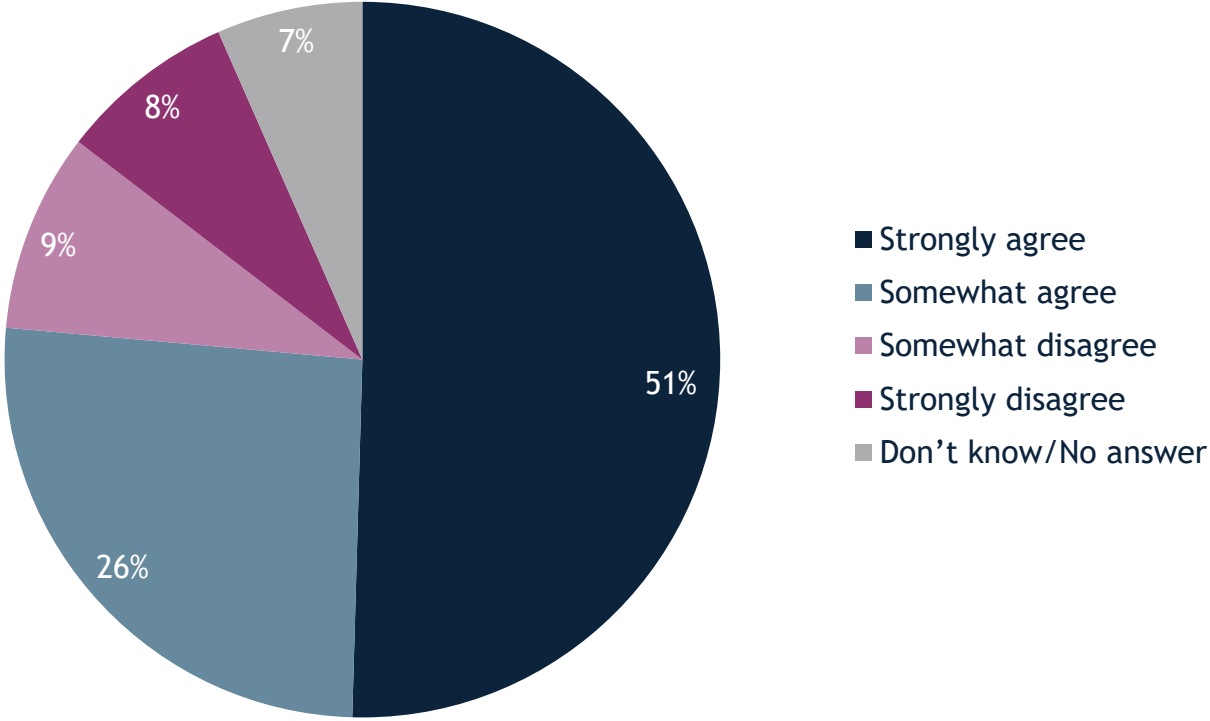
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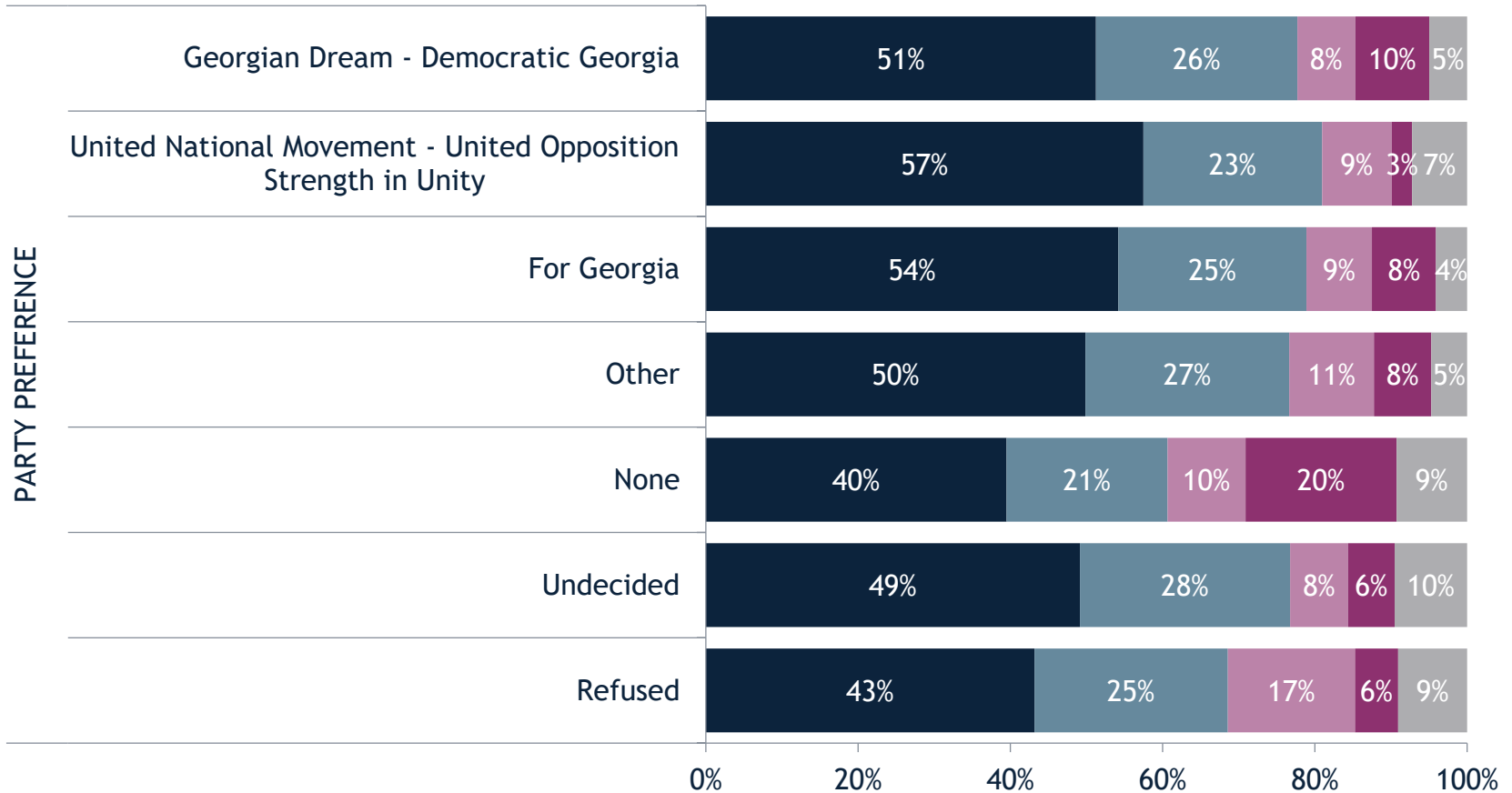
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “It is healthy for Georgia’s democracy to have multiple parties in power”?



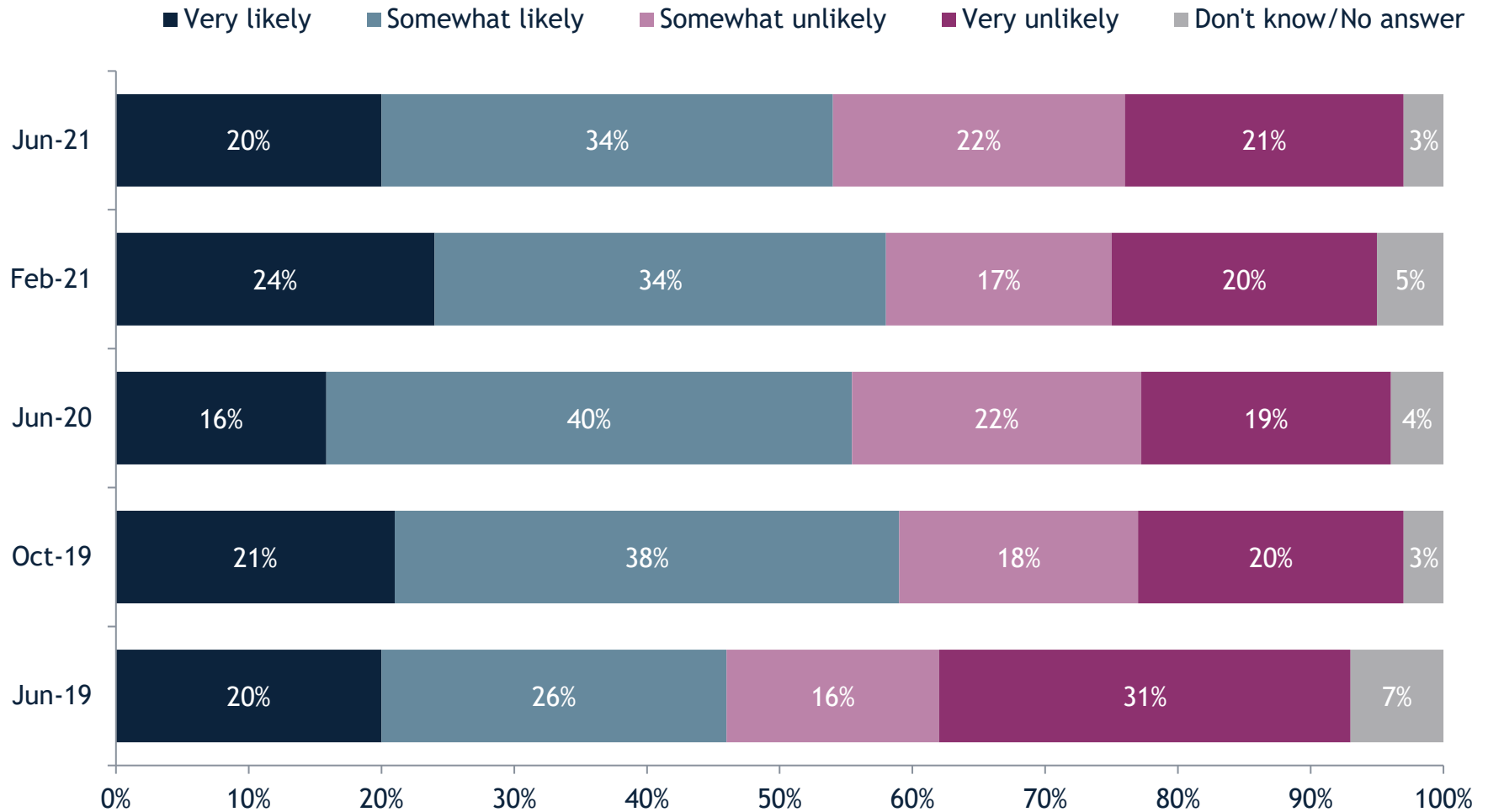
# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “It is healthy for Georgia’s Democracy to have multiple parties in power”?

(Disaggregated by party preference)

■ Strongly agree   
 ■ Somewhat agree   
 ■ Somewhat disagree   
 ■ Strongly disagree   
 ■ Don’t know/No answer



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

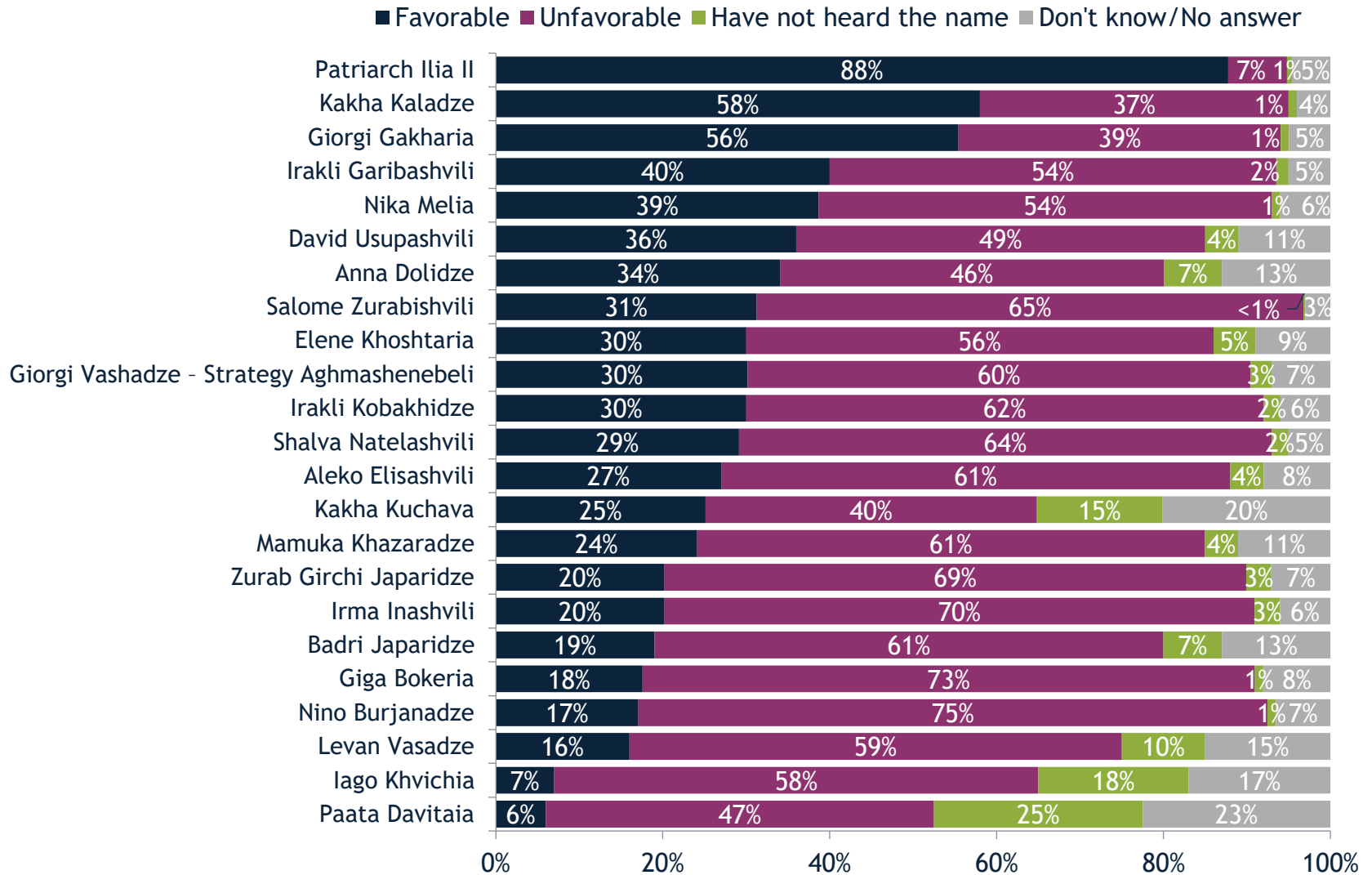




# Public Figures & Institutions

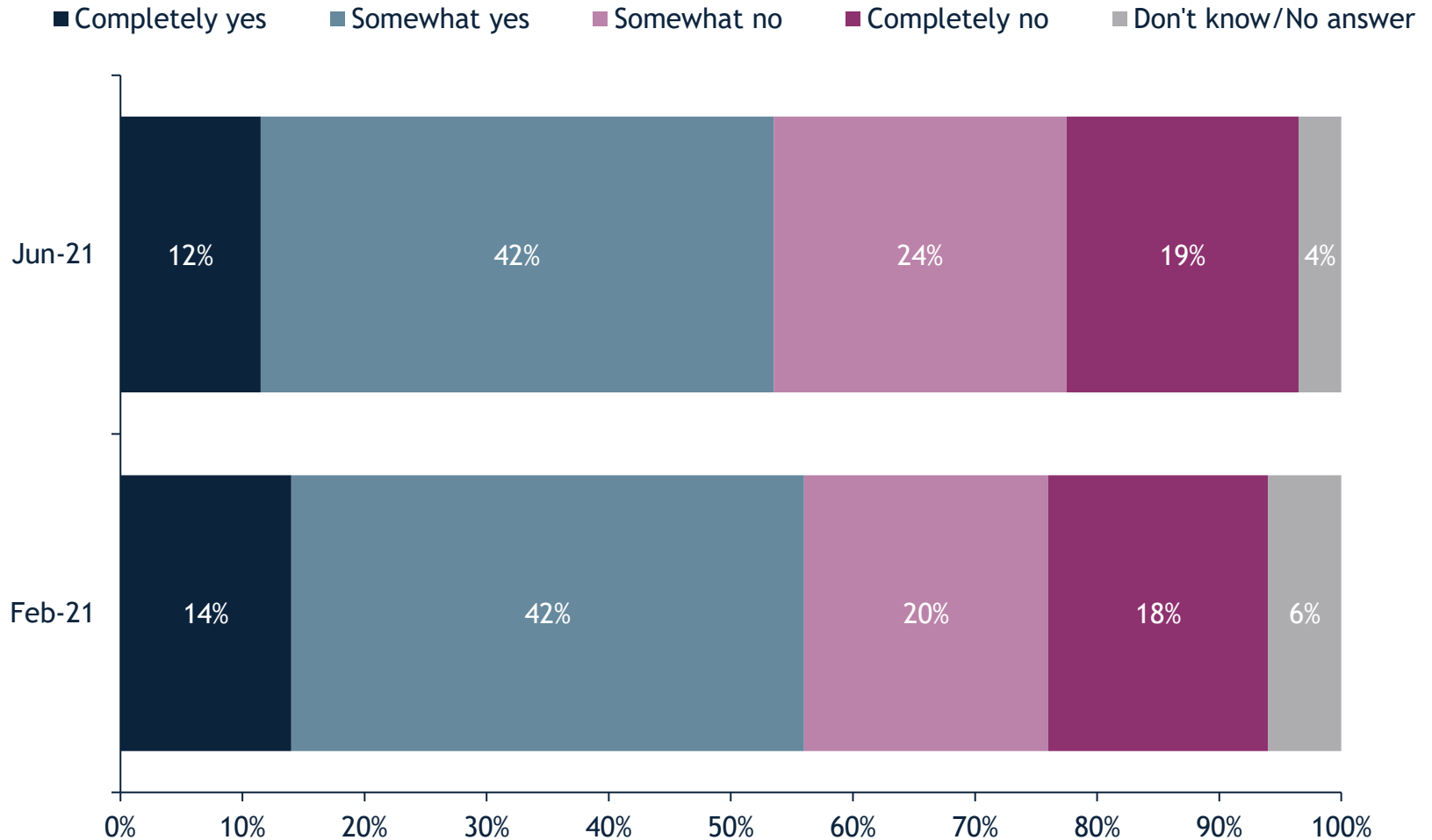


I will read you a list of names. For each, please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or highly unfavorable opinion of this individual. If you have not heard of this person, please tell me.\*

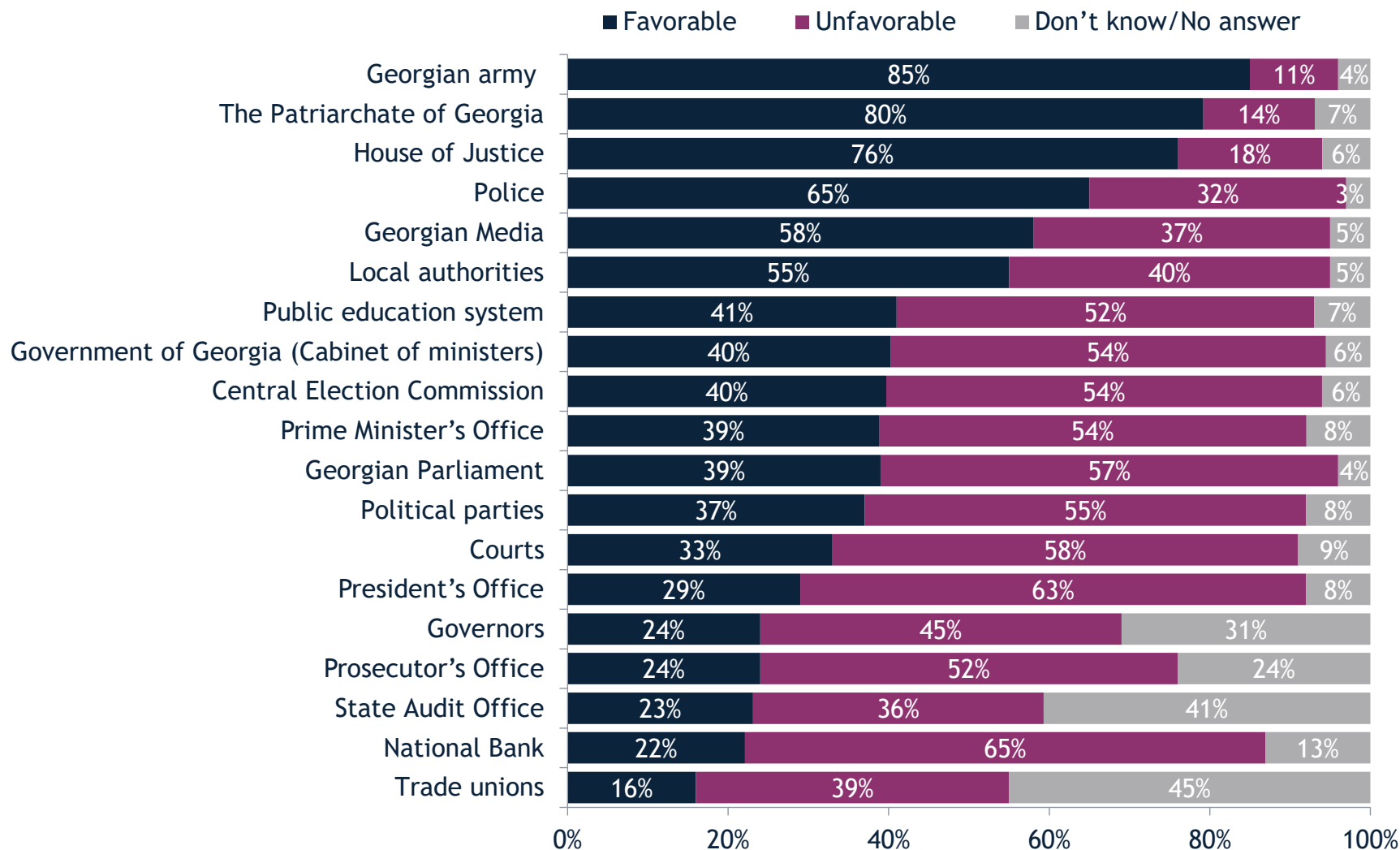


\*Responses “Very favorable” and “Somewhat favorable” combined under “Favorable.” Responses “Very unfavorable” and “Somewhat unfavorable” combined under “Unfavorable.”

# To what extent are your interests represented by political system, meaning the government, parliament and political parties, in Georgia?

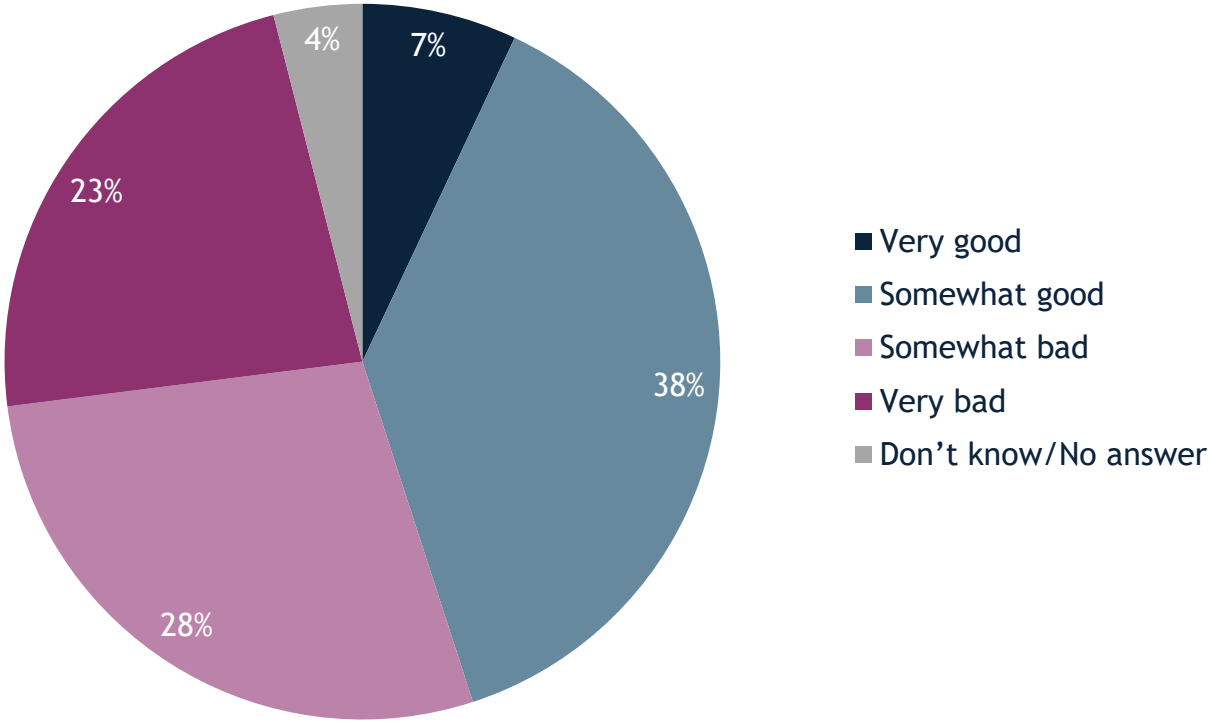


Now I am going to read out the names of some Georgian institutions and organizations. Please tell me your opinion about the work of each of these institutions:\*



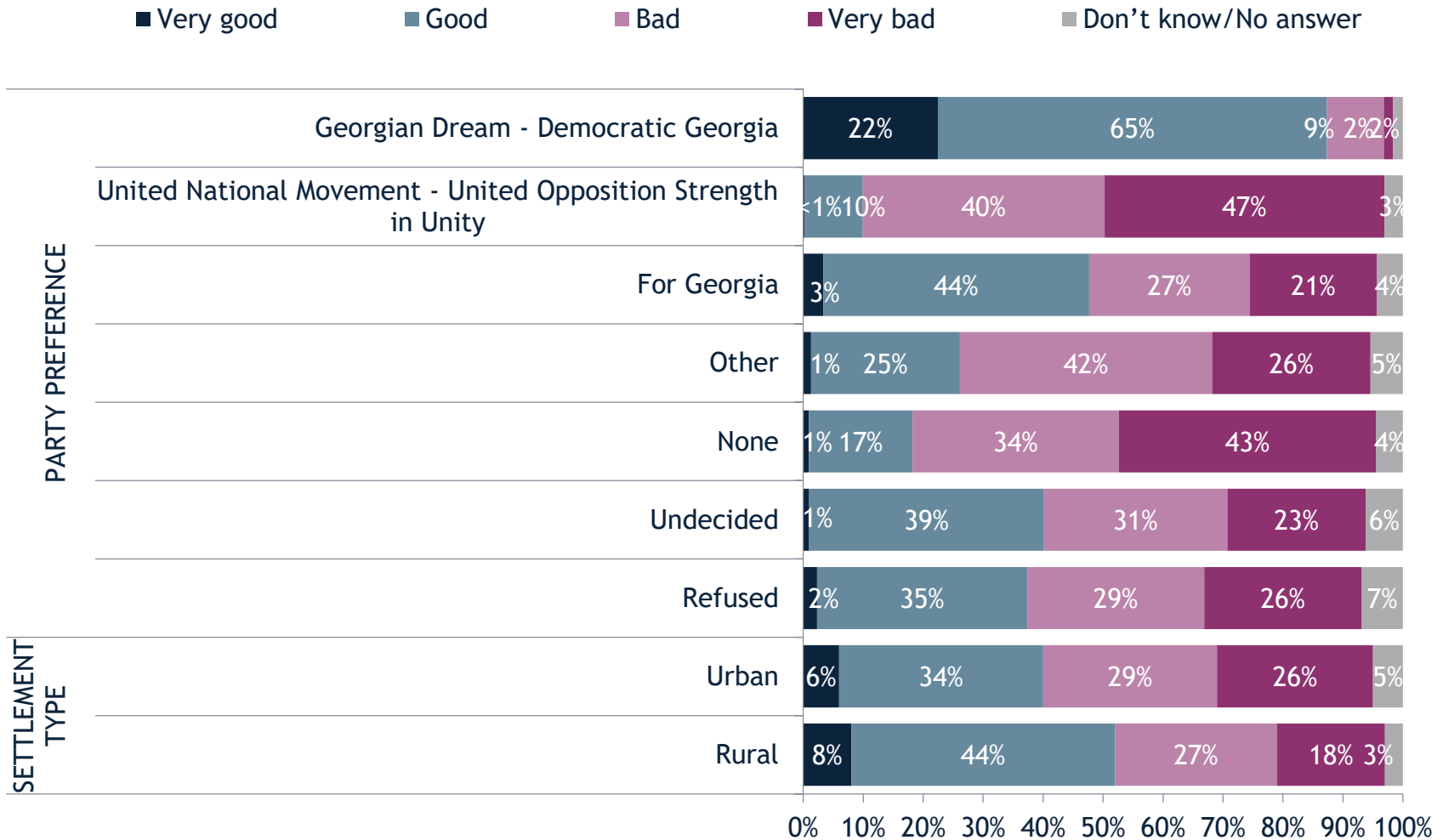
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# How would you rate the performance of the national government?

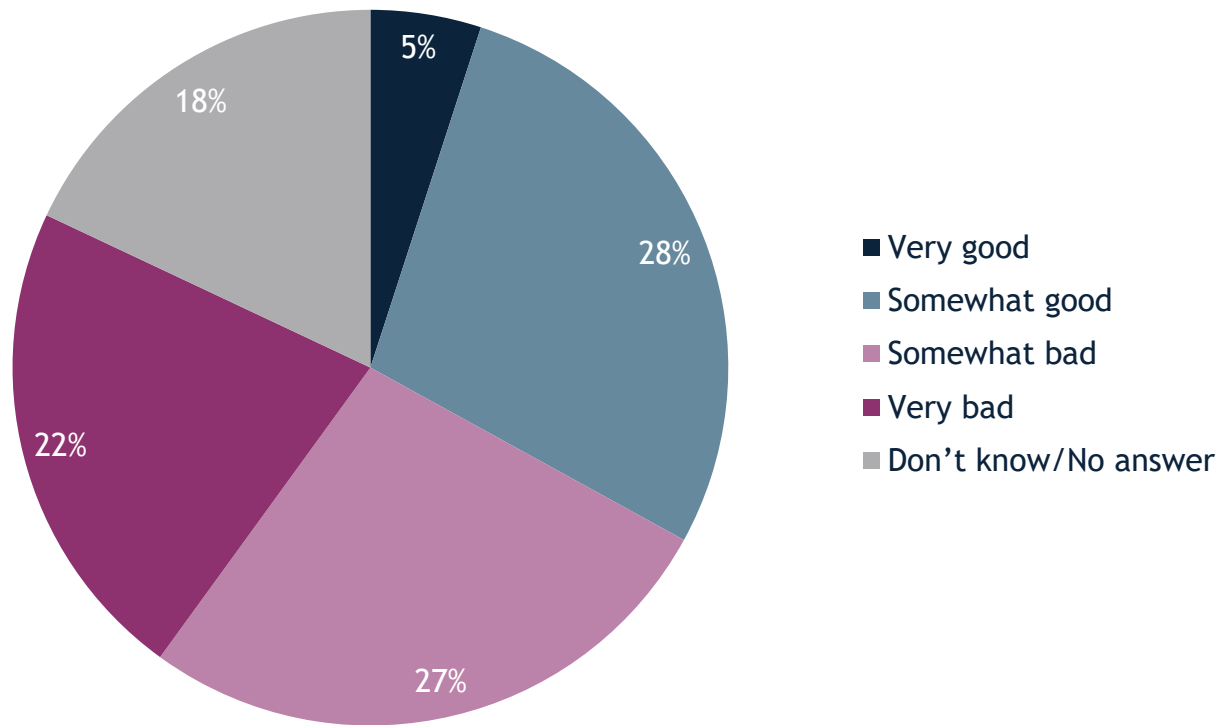




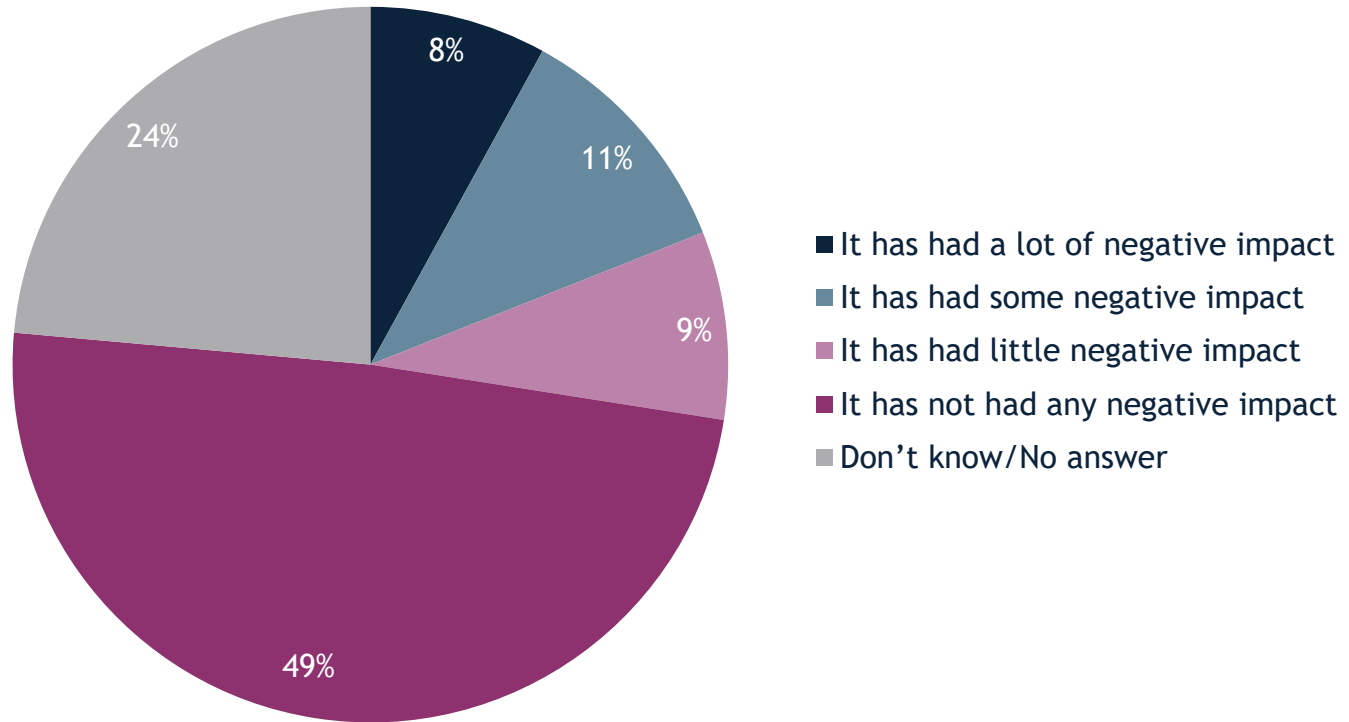
# How would you rate the performance of the national government? (Disaggregated by party preference and by settlement type)



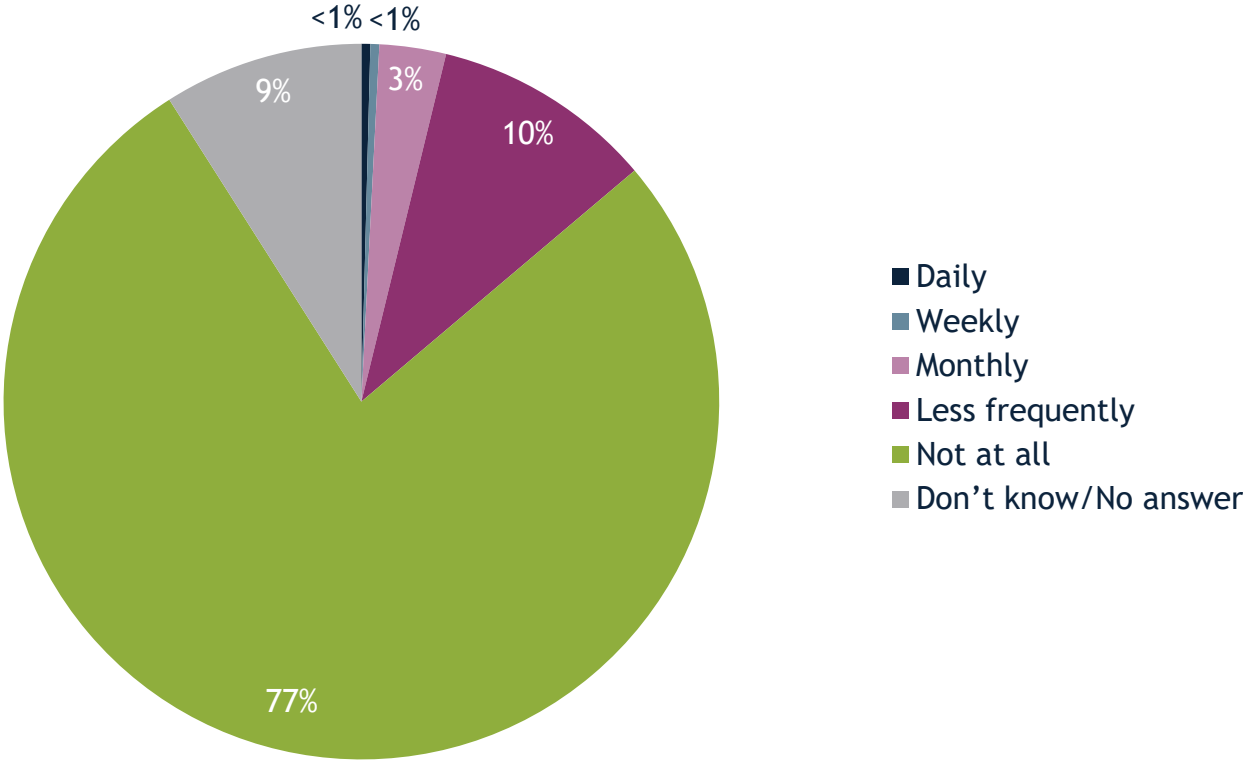
# How would you rate the performance of the national government in communicating with the public about the projects they are working on?



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?

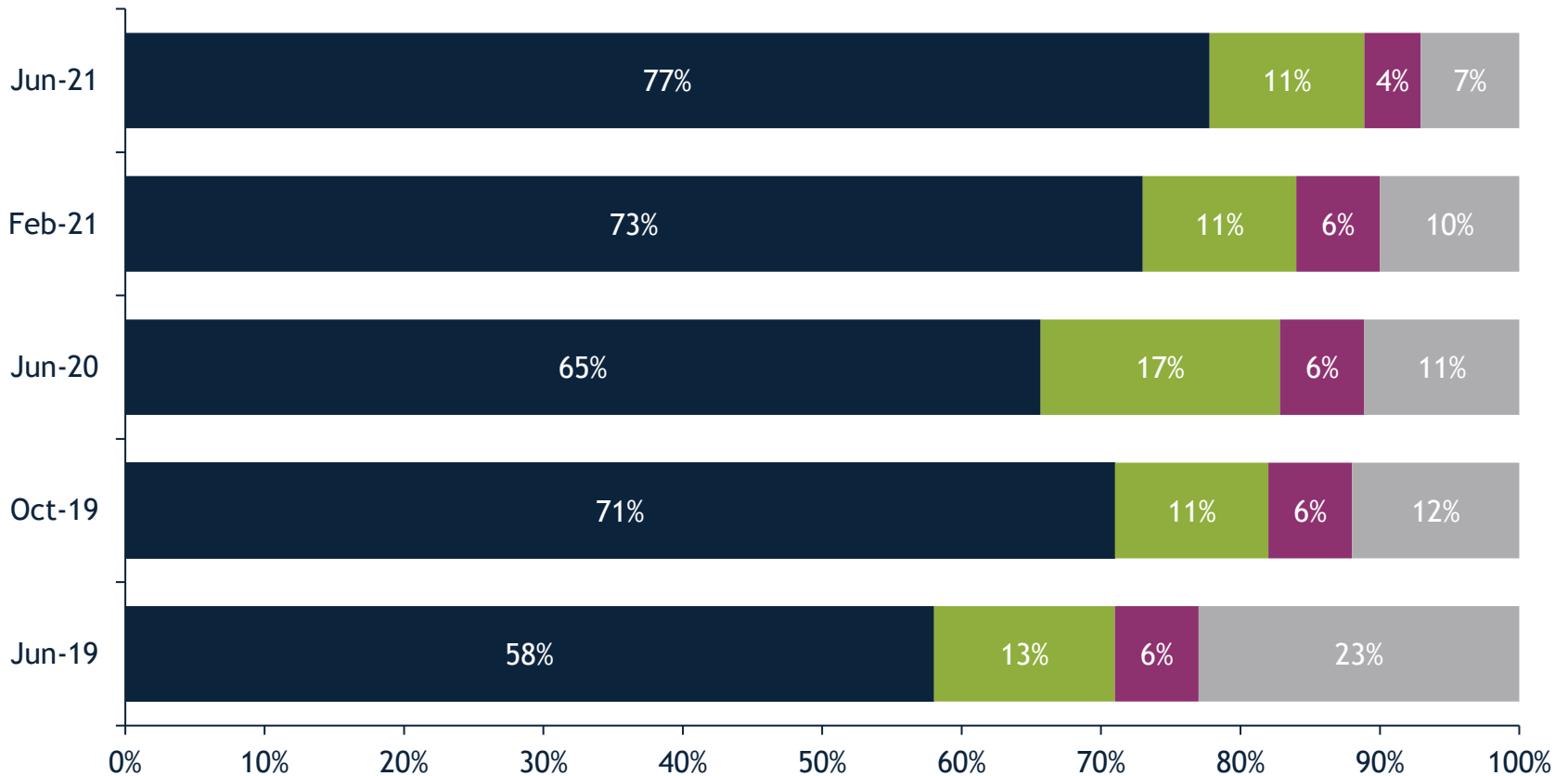


In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?

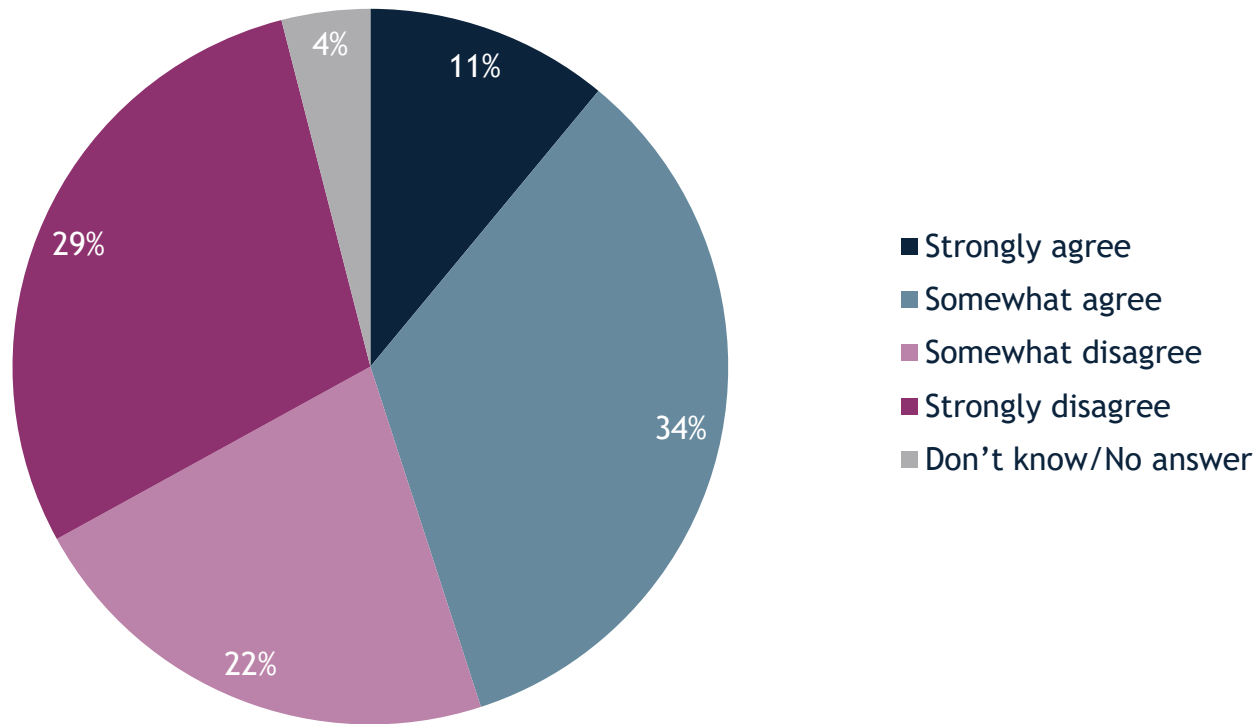


# Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

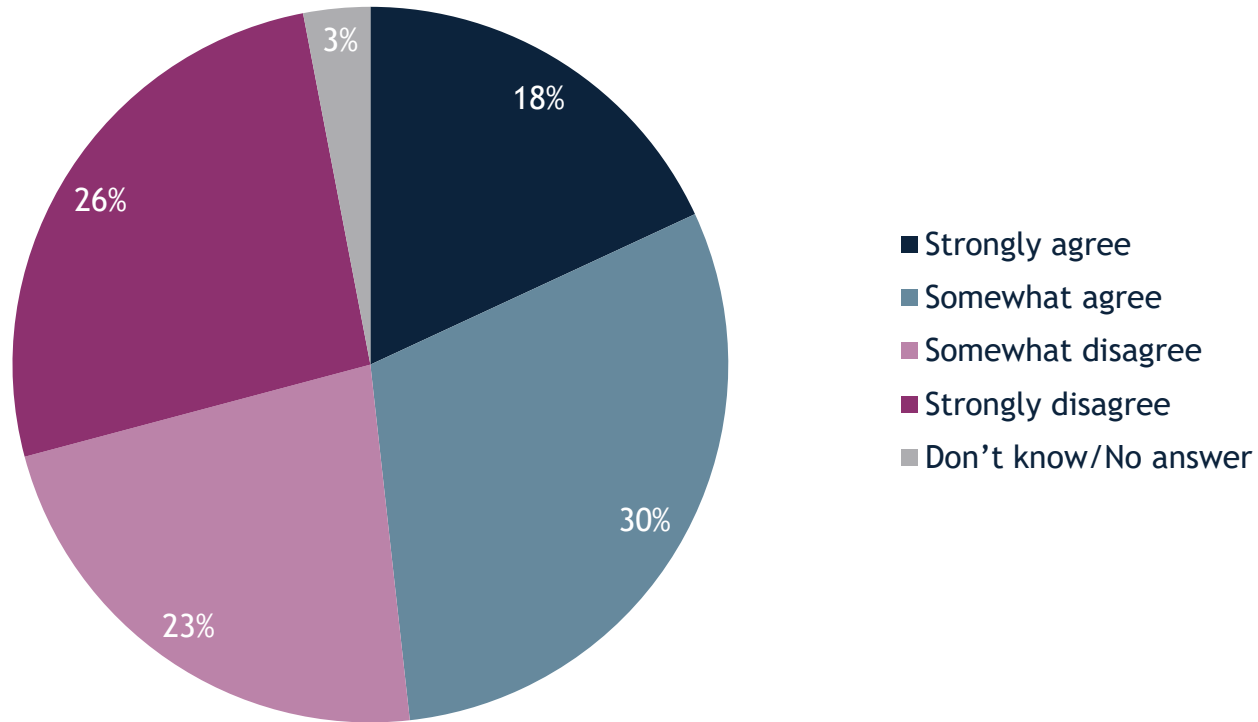
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- Don't know/No answer



Tell me how you feel about the following statement:  
“I am satisfied with the current state of democracy in Georgia.”

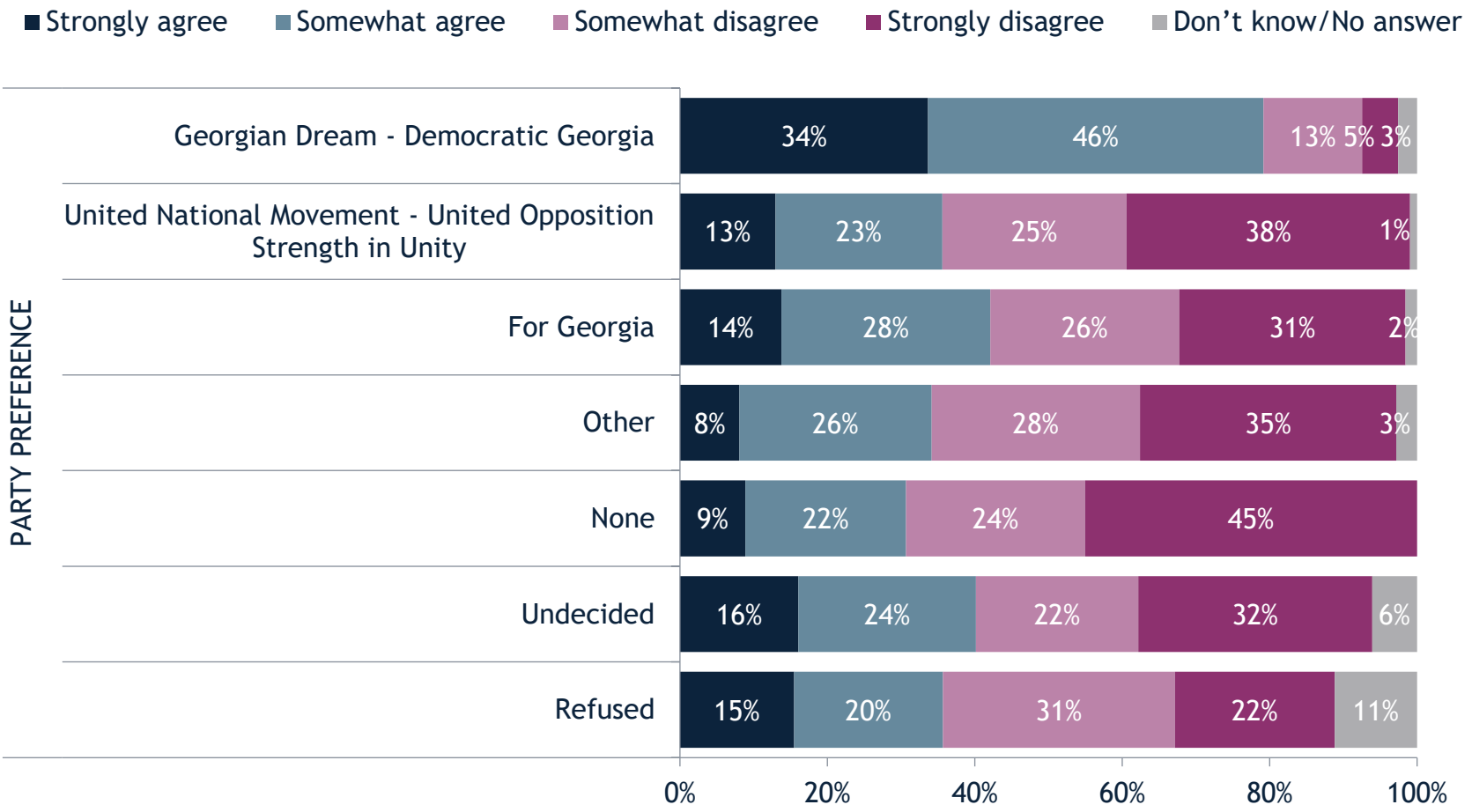


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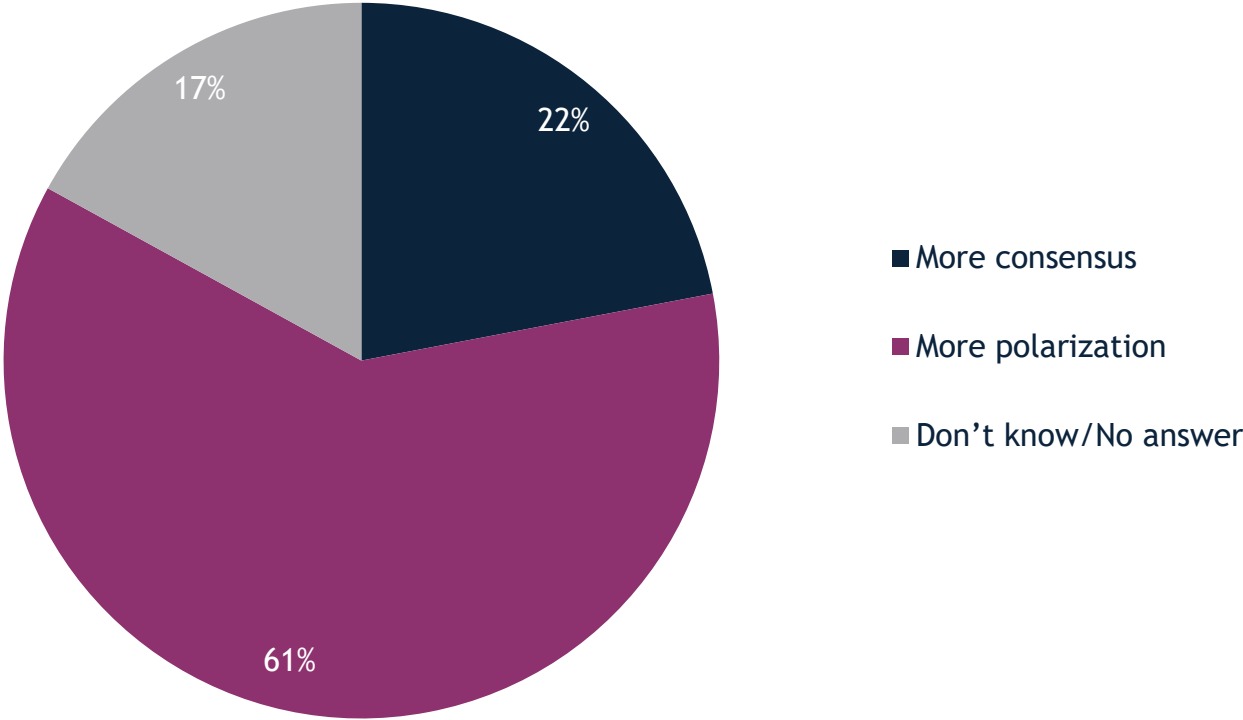
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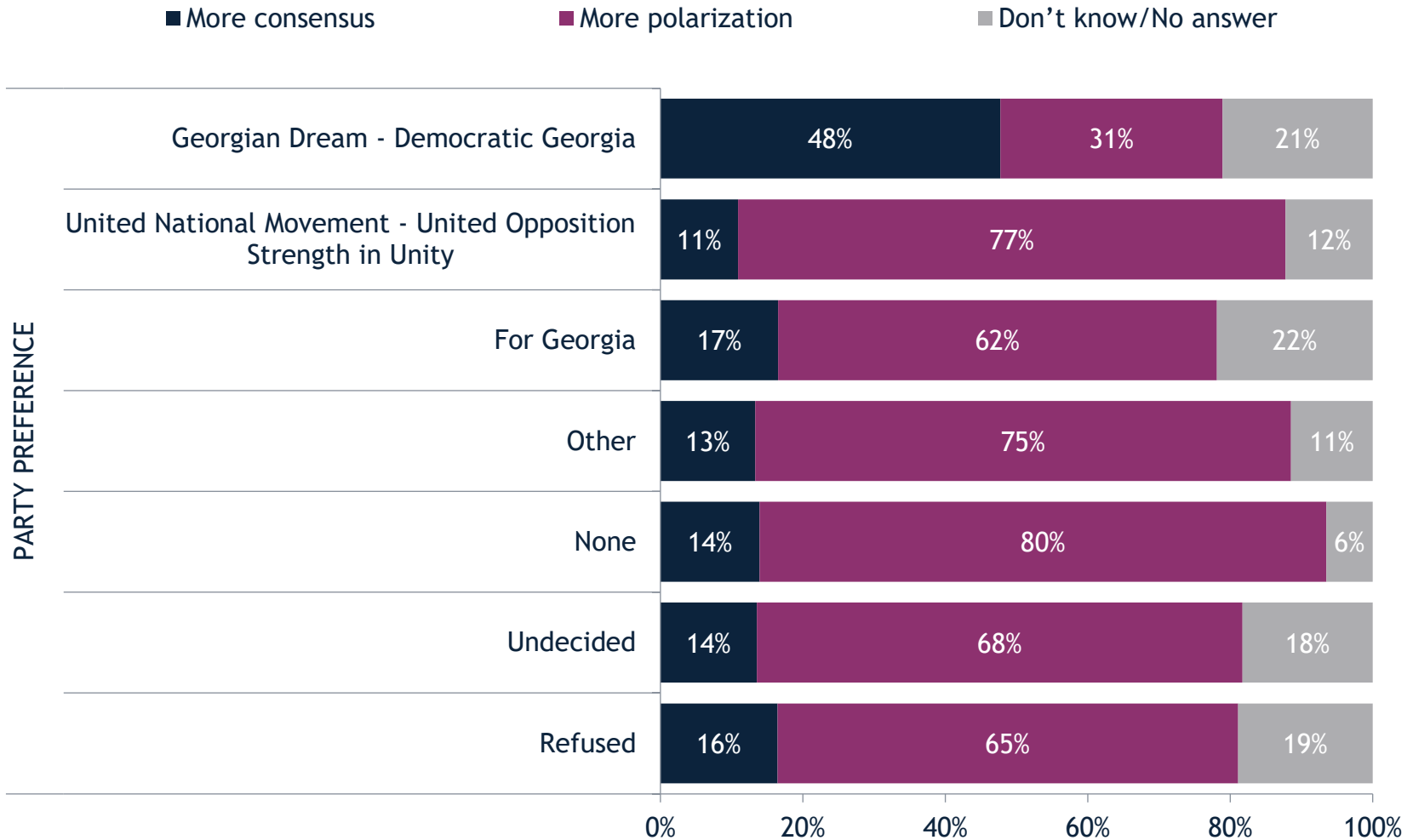


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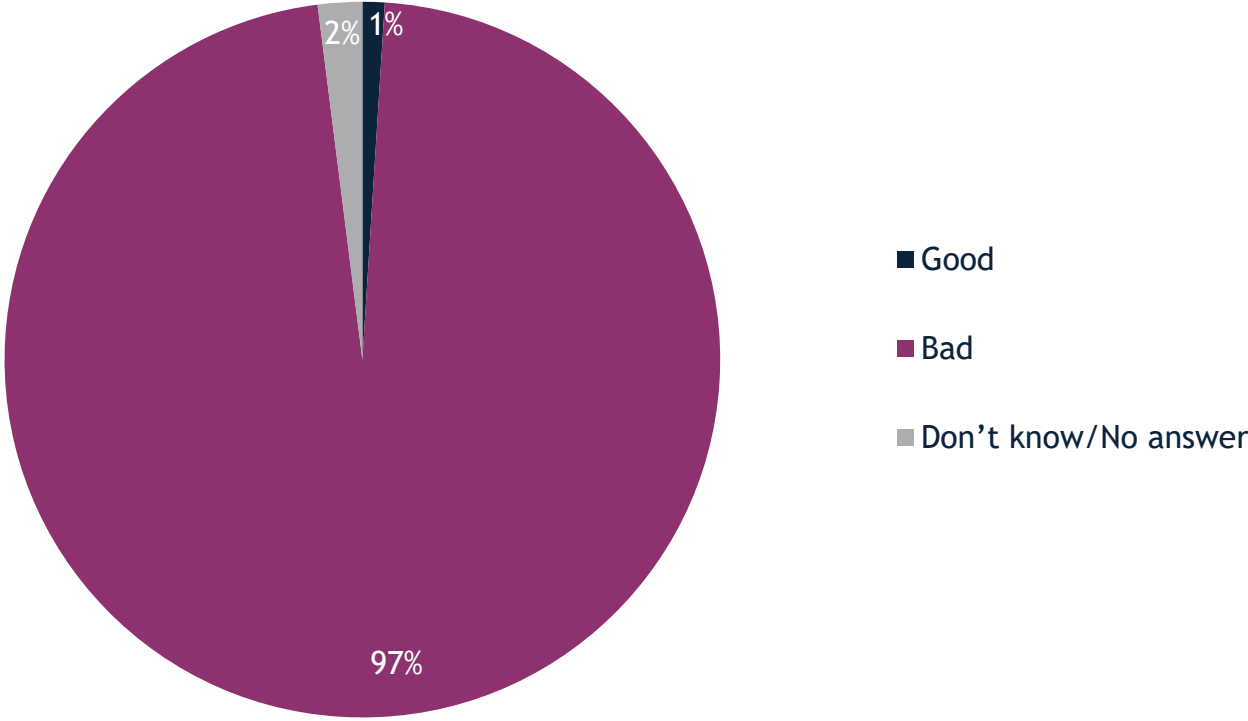
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# Is polarization of our country's politics a good or bad development?

(Respondents thinking that country's politics are moving towards more polarization, n=915)



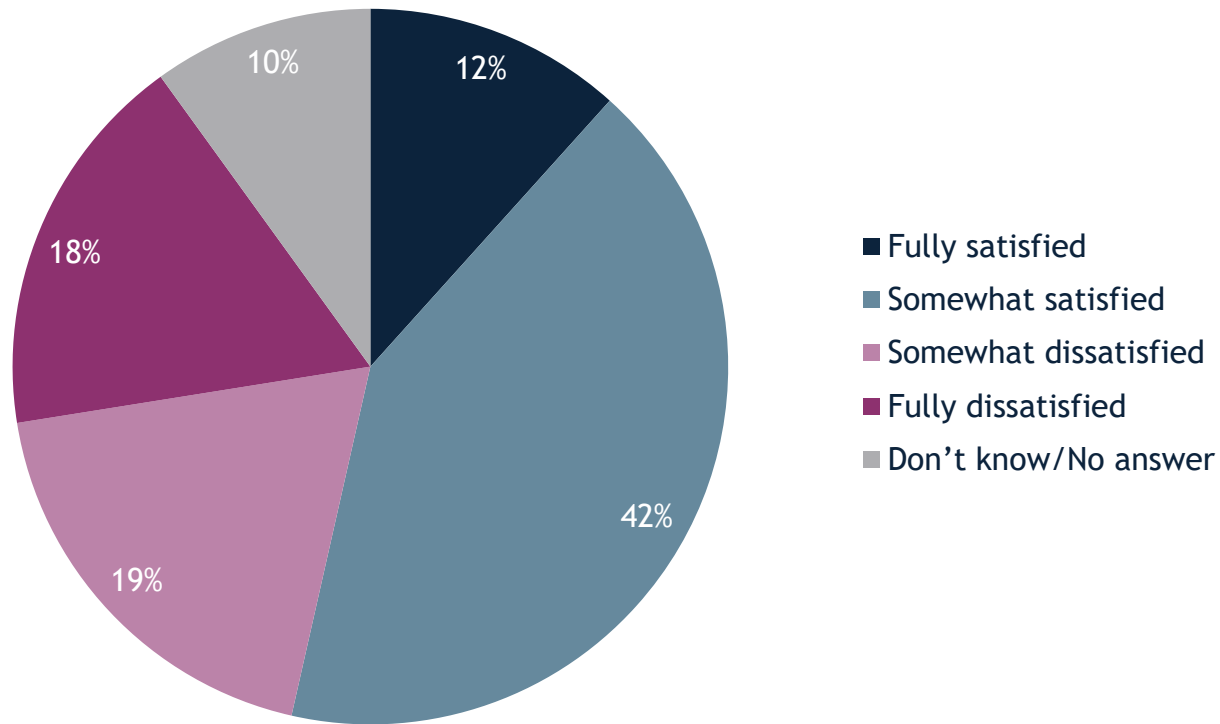


# Local Governance

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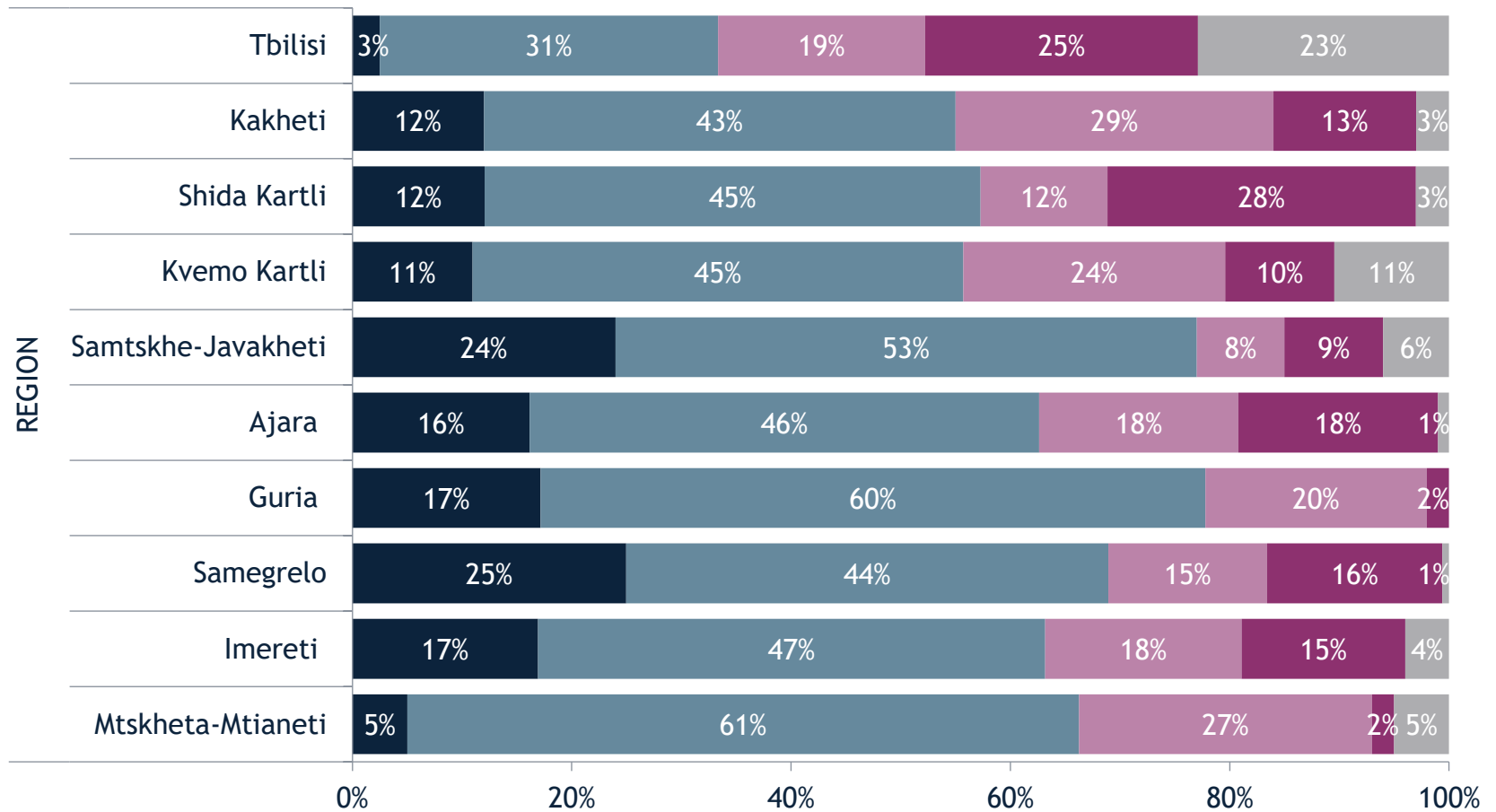
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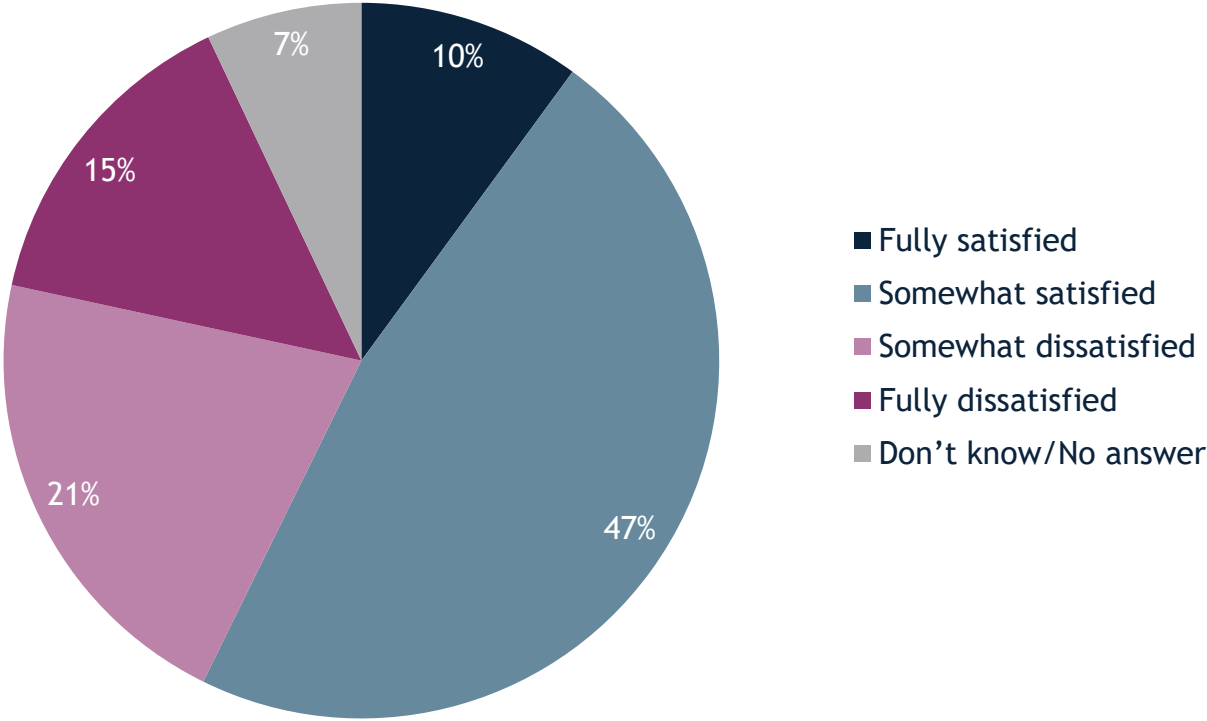
(Disaggregated by region)

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



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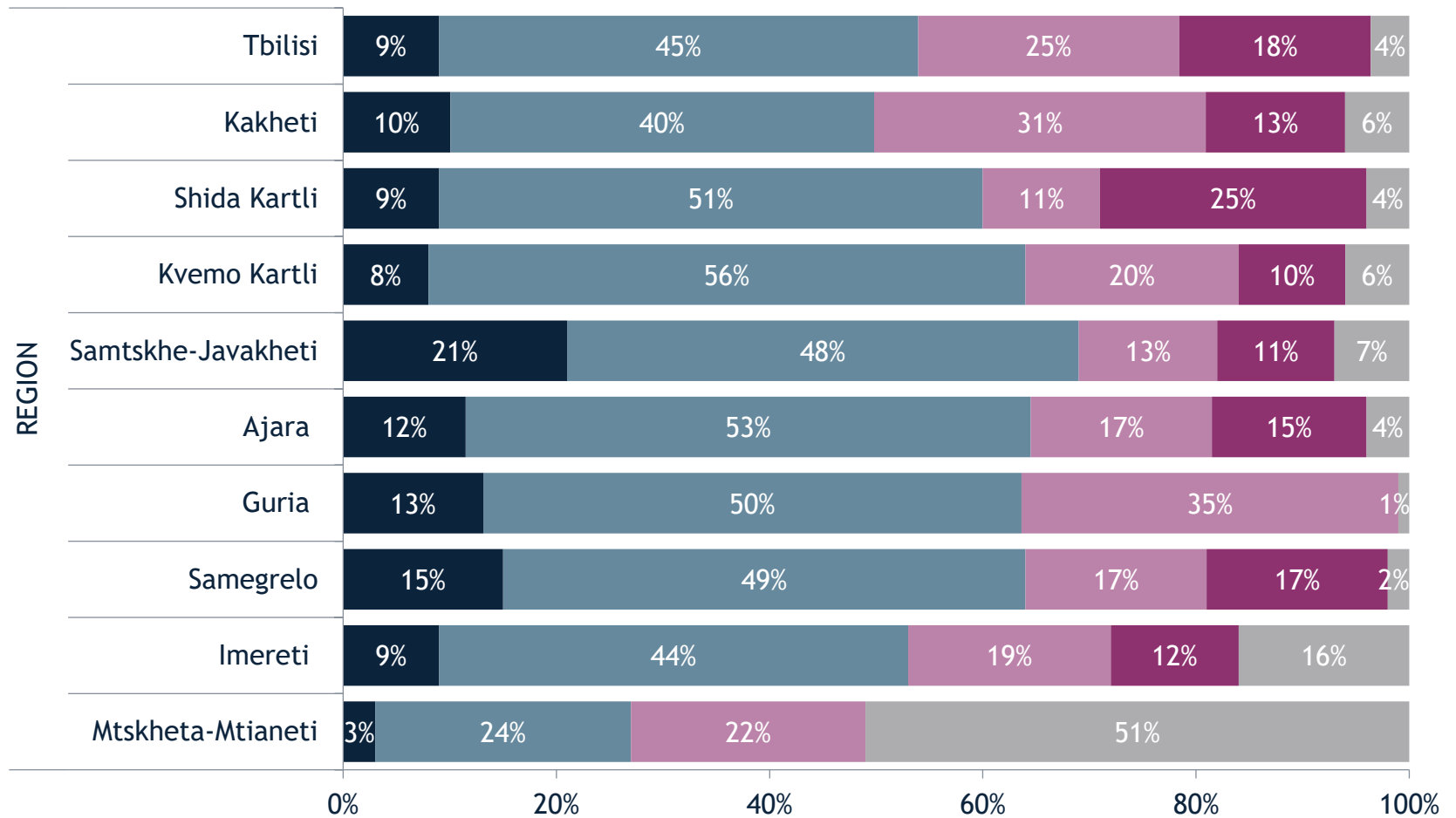
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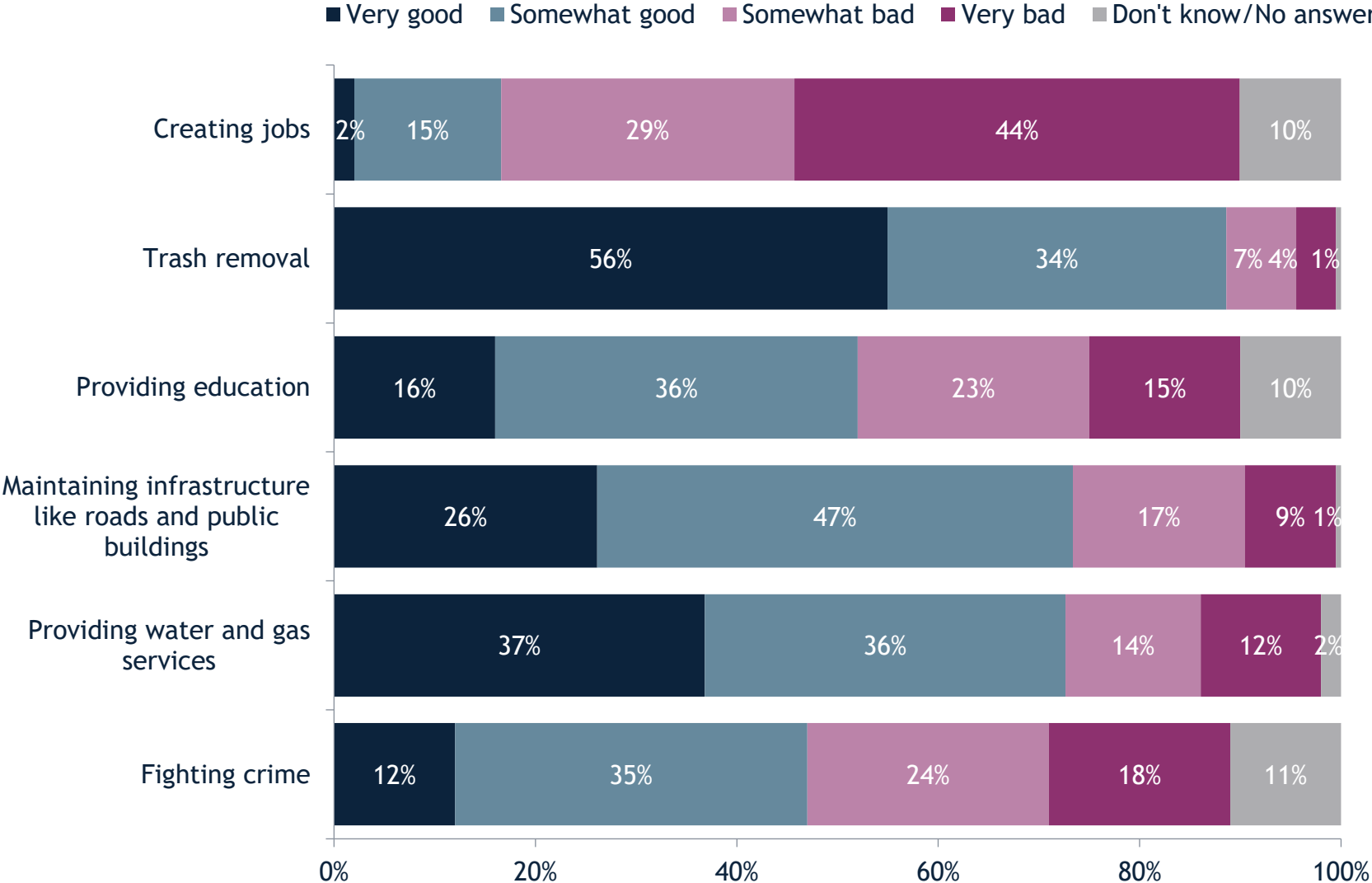
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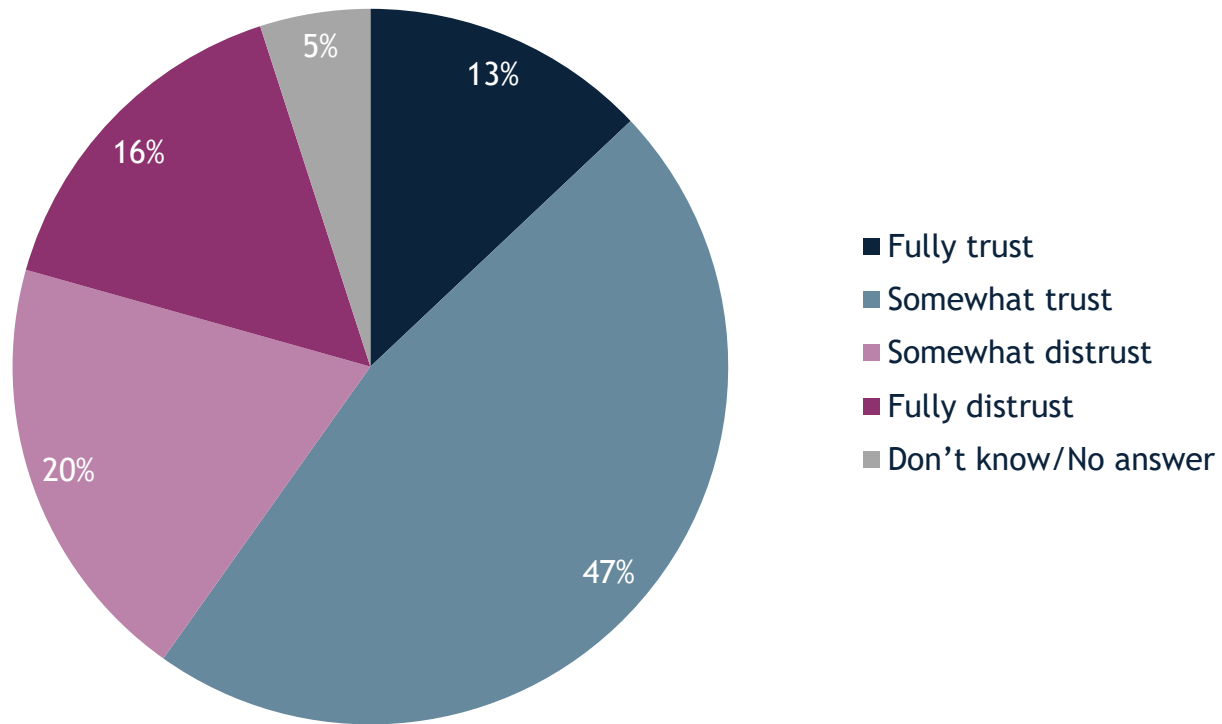
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# For the following issues, is the municipal government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

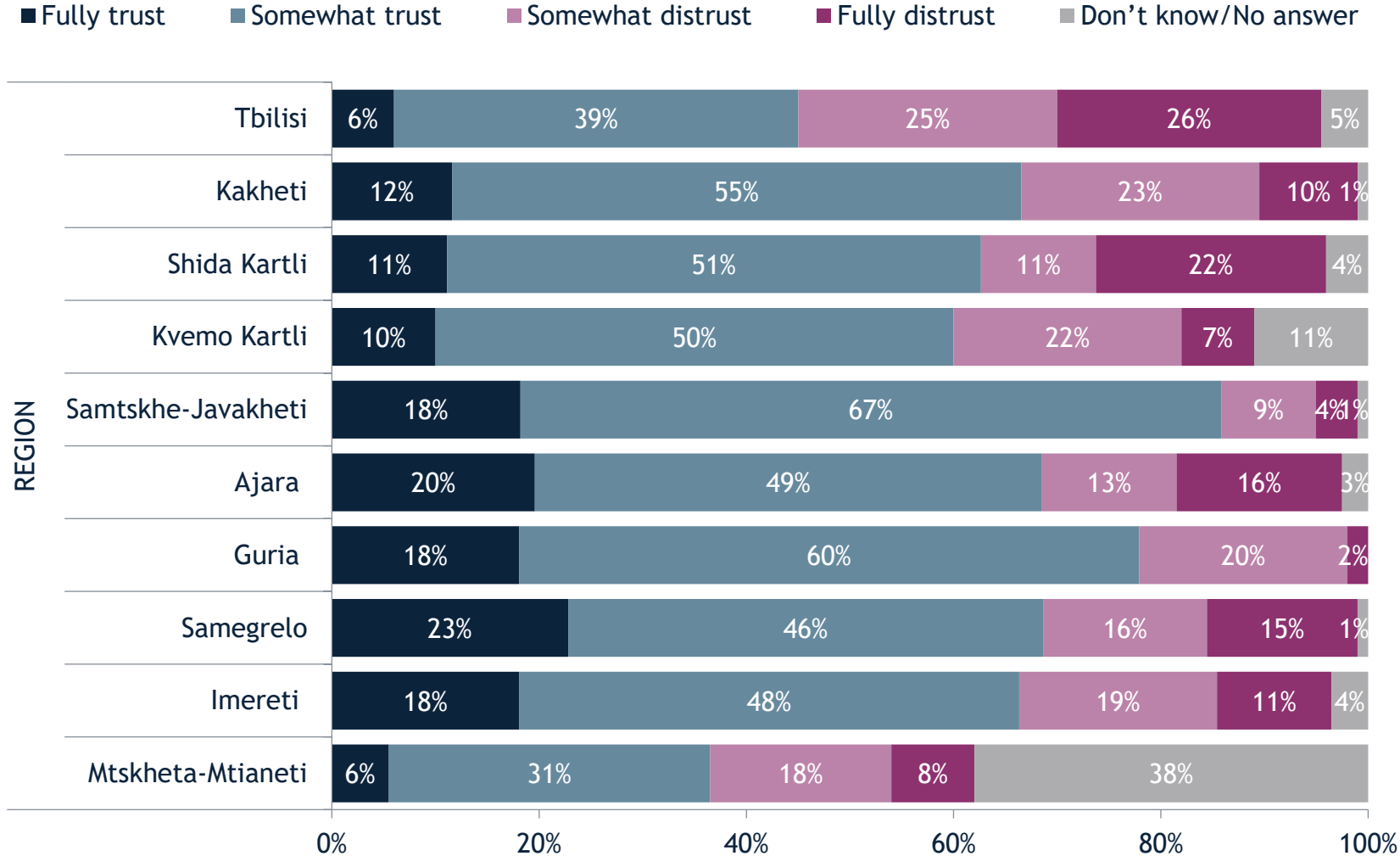


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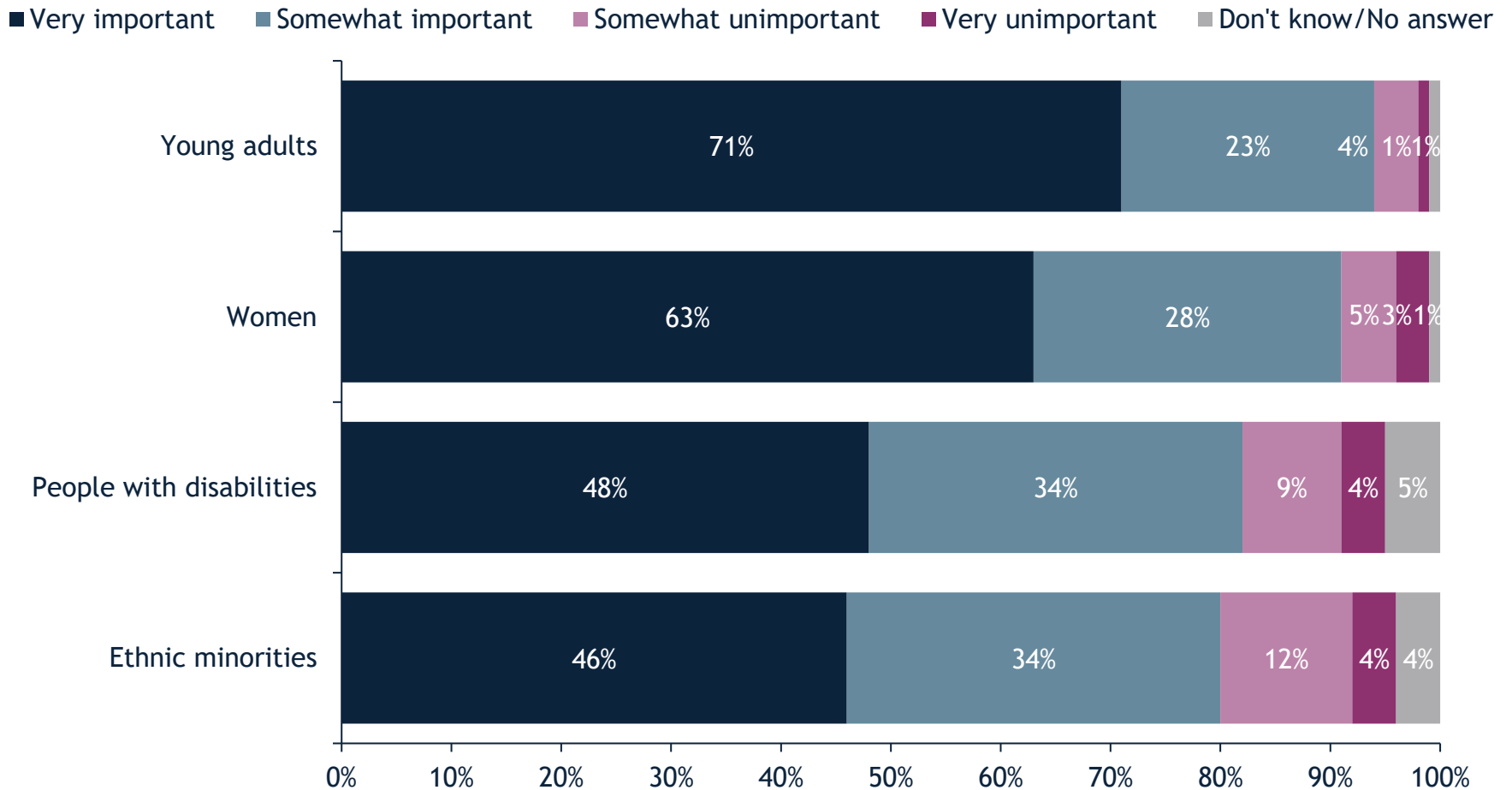
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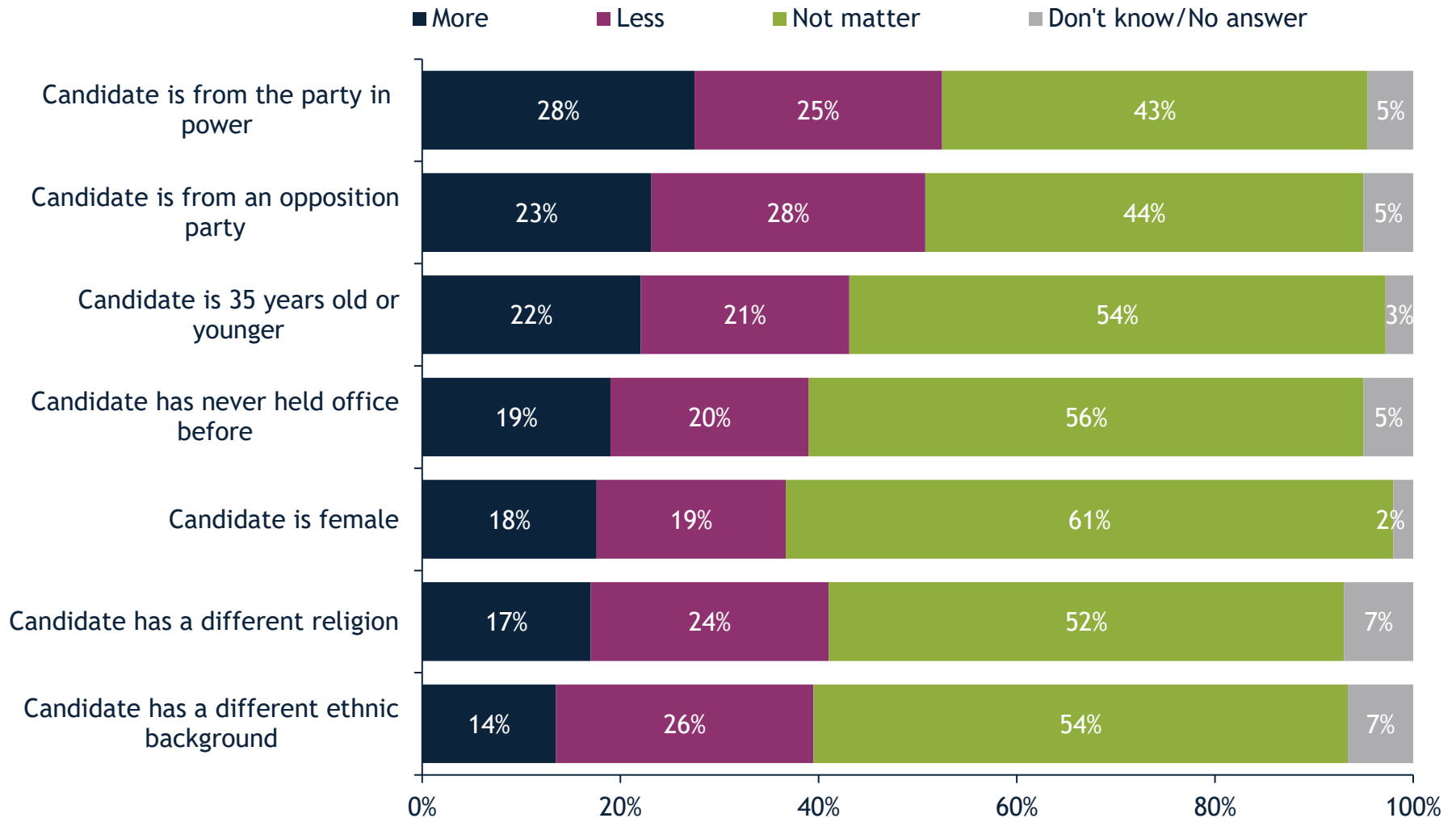
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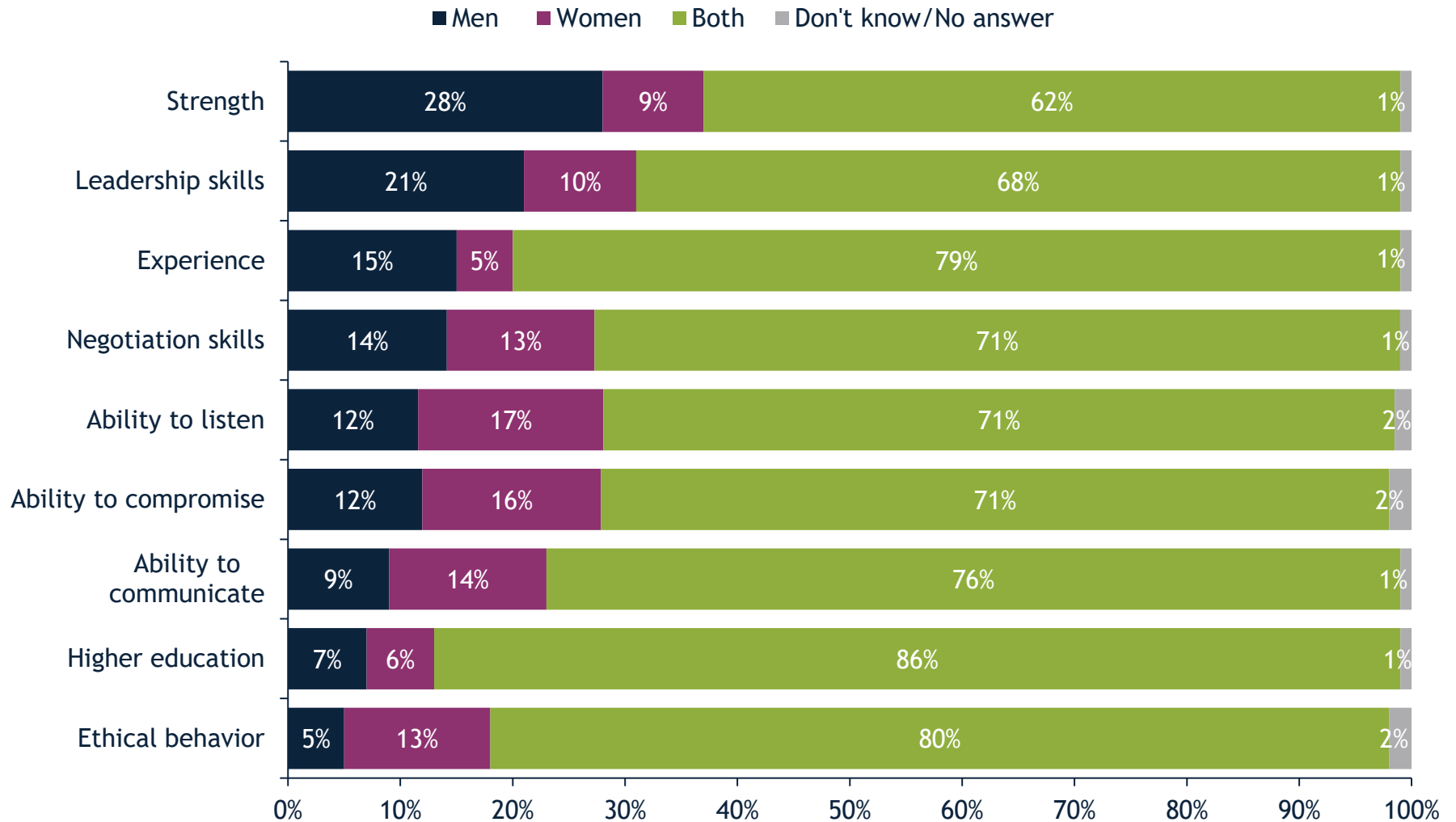
# How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?



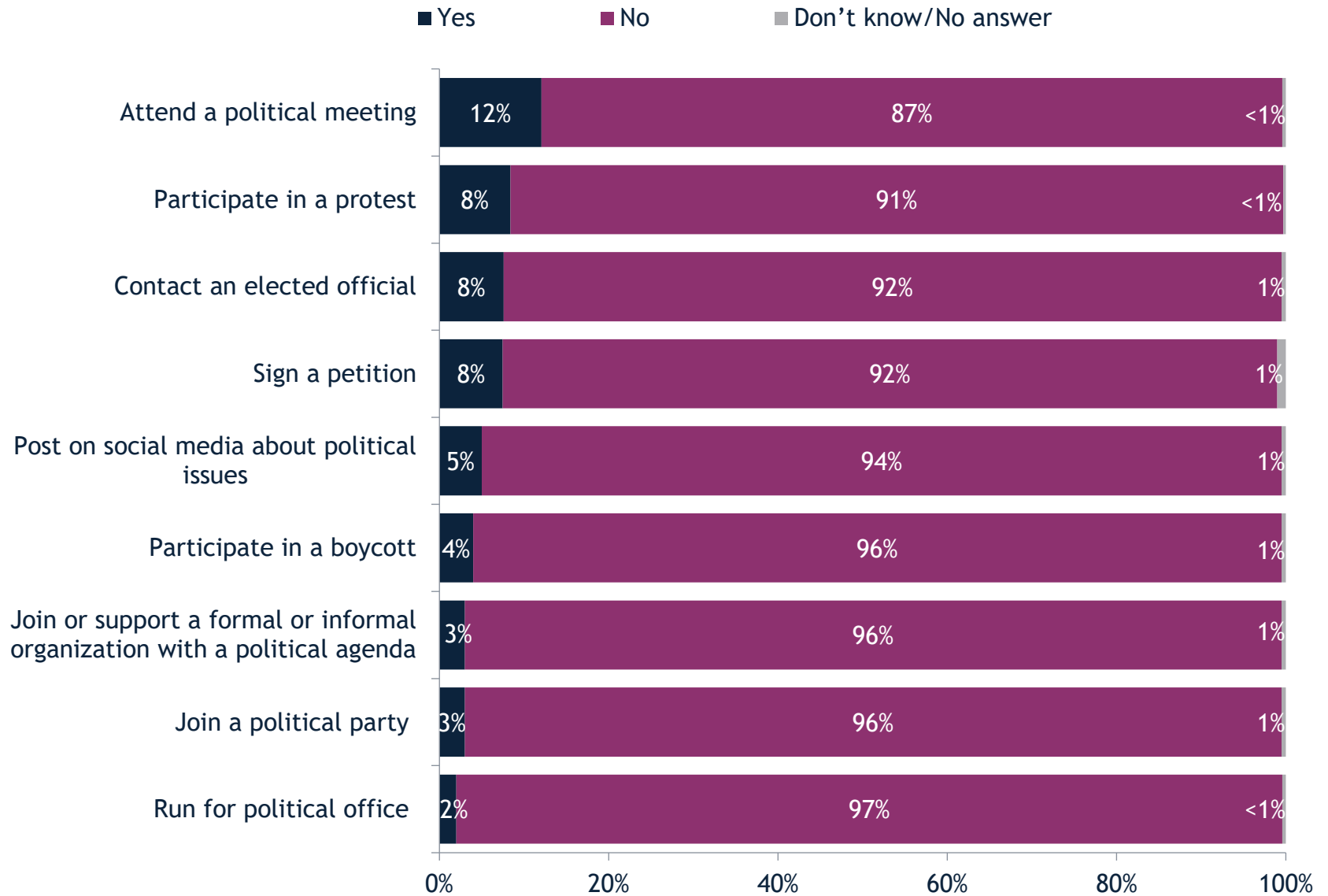
I will read you a list of several attributes a candidate running for office may have. For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter.



I will read you a list of several qualities voters commonly seek in politicians. For each quality, please tell me if it is more likely for men to have it, for women to have it, or if both genders are equally likely to have it.

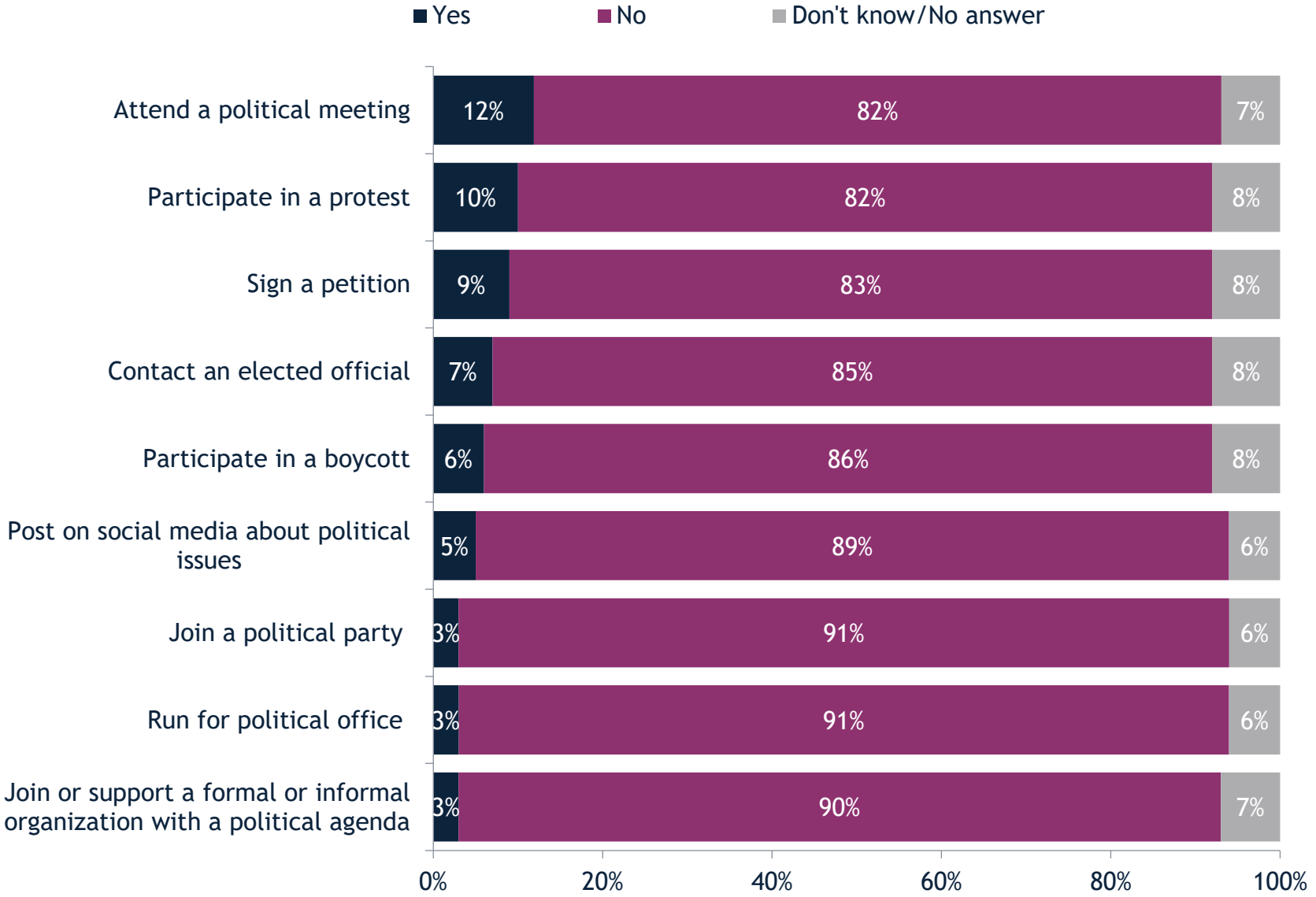


# Have you ever engaged in any of the following activities?



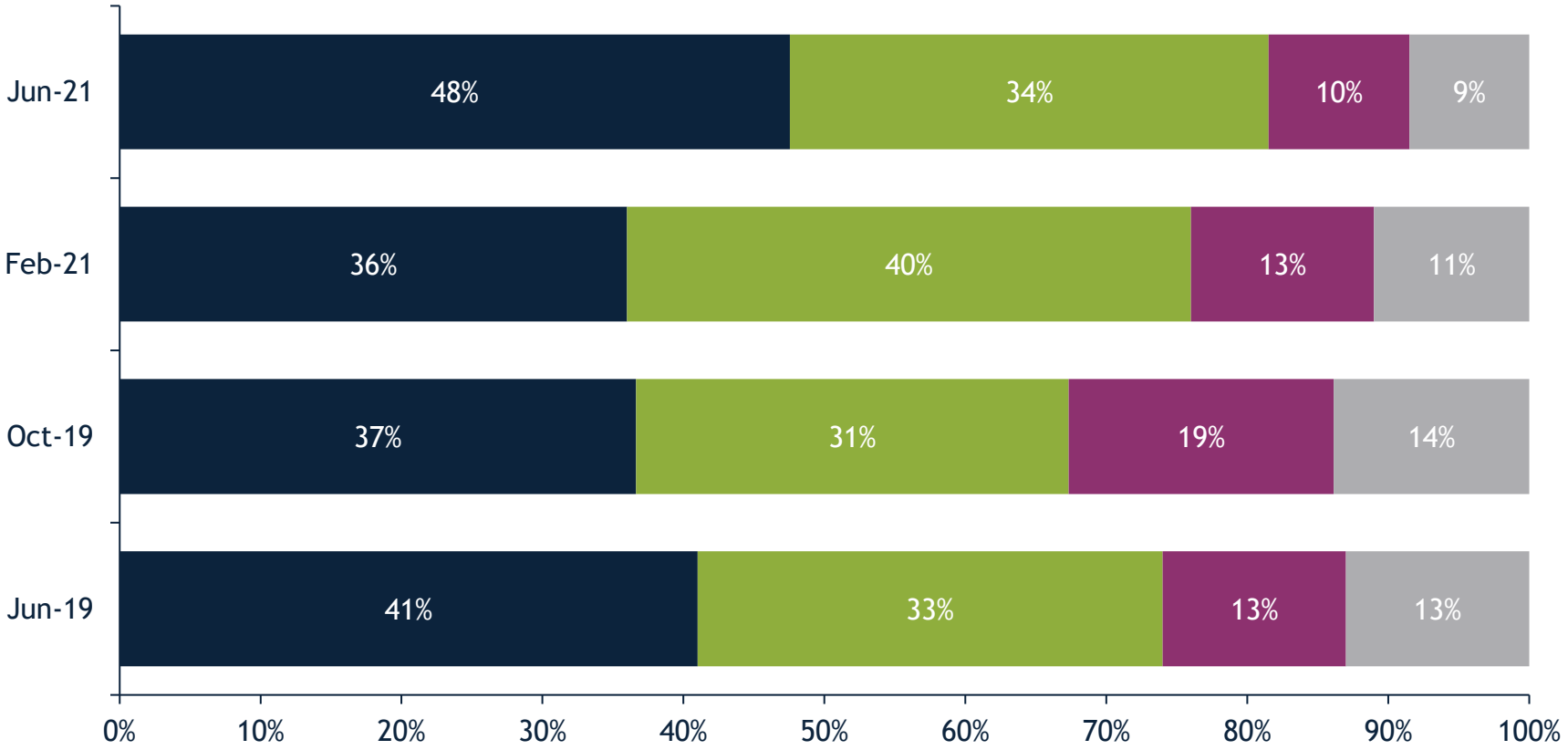


# Are you interested in engaging in any of the following activities within the next several years?



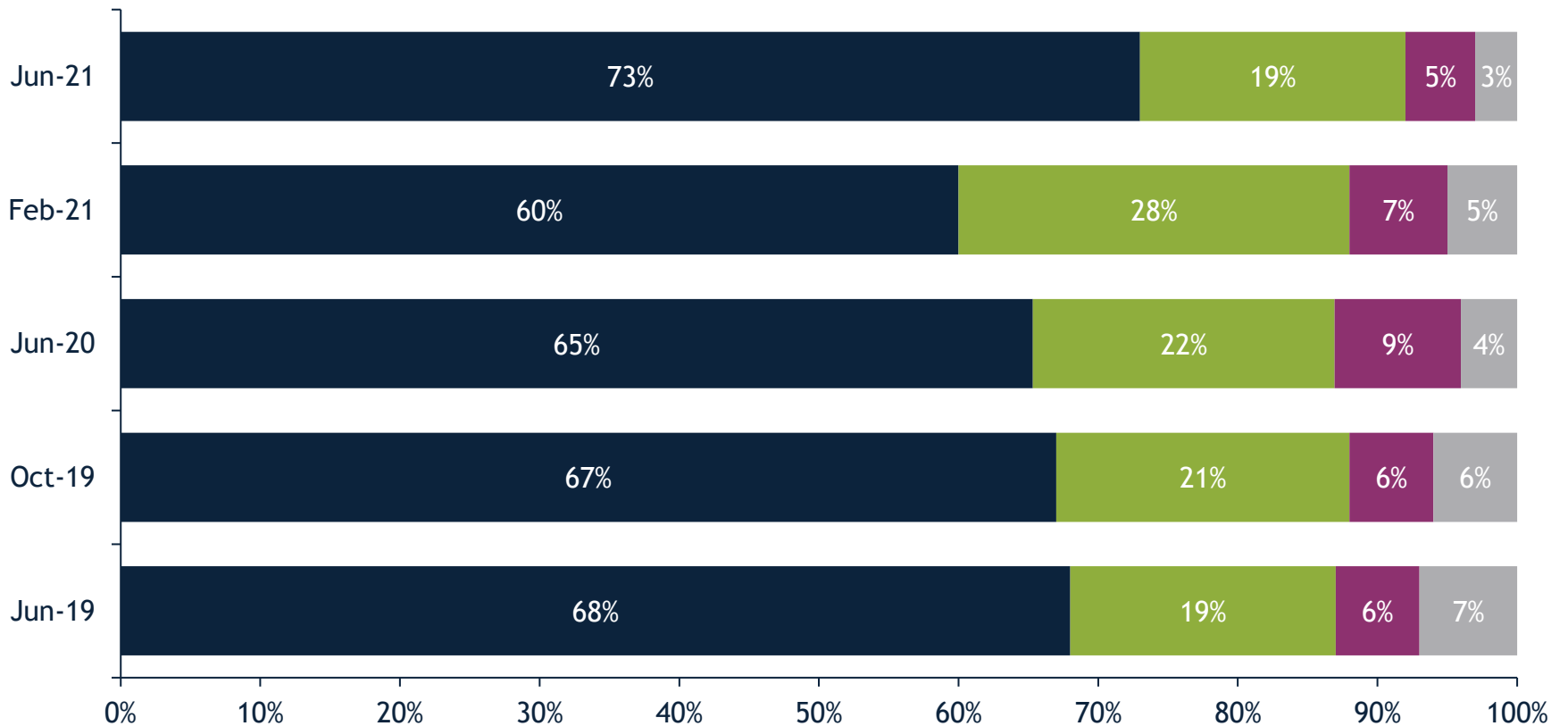
# In your opinion, should there be more women in Georgian politics?

- Yes, there should be more women in Georgian politics
- There should be the same level of women as there currently is
- No, there should be fewer women in Georgian politics
- Don't know/No answer

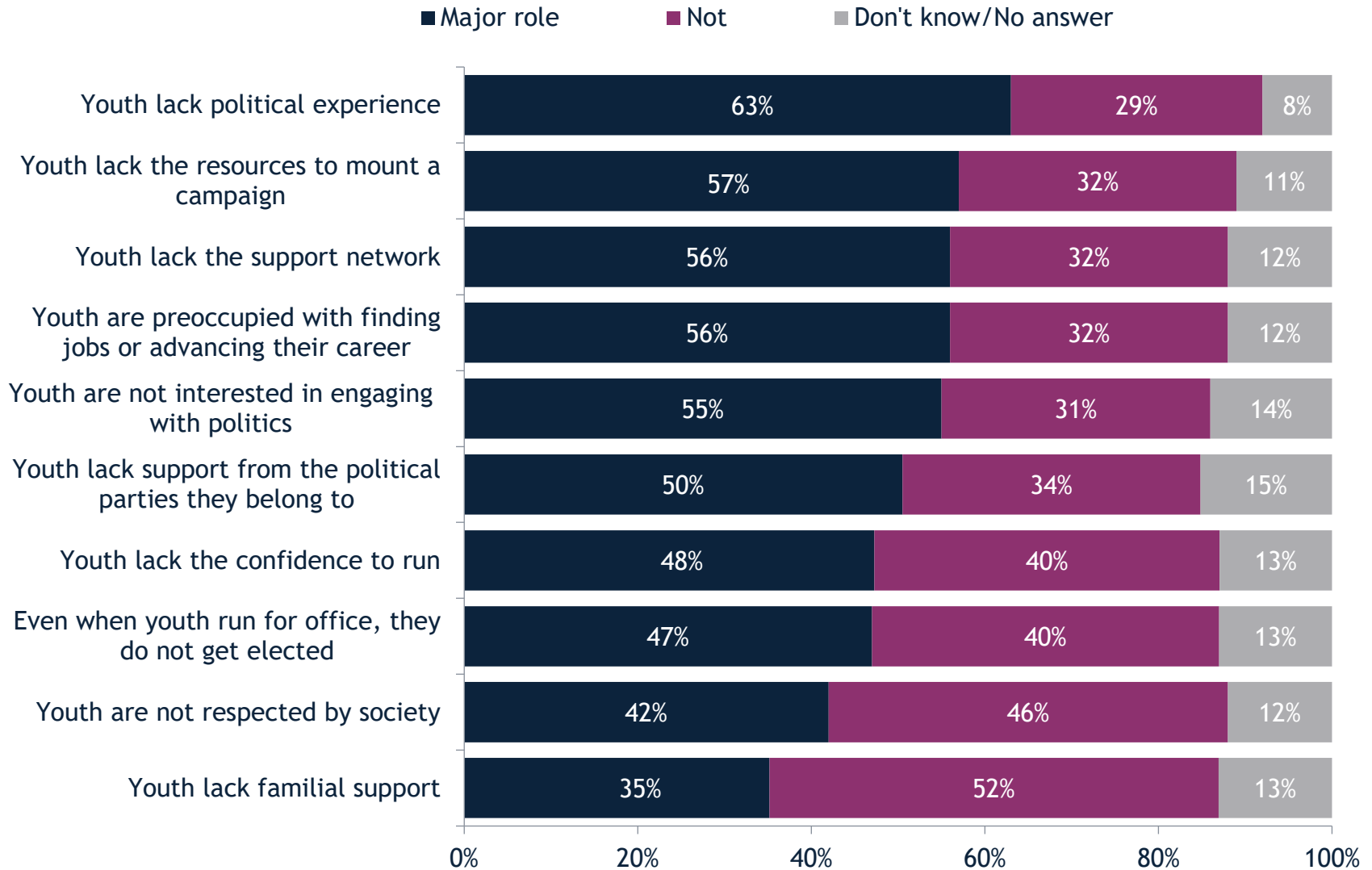


# In your opinion, should there be more youth in Georgian politics?

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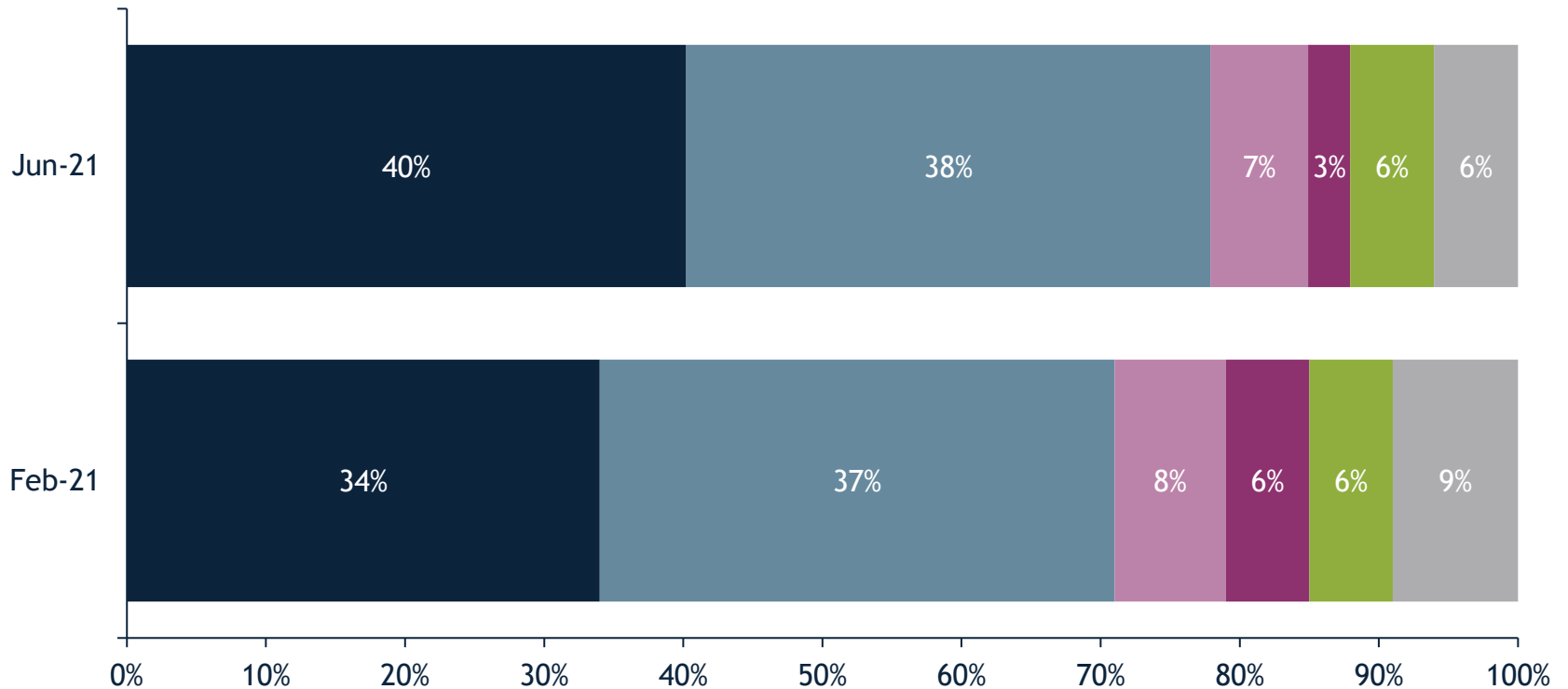


# Why are there not more youth aged 35 and younger politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.



# Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a political party that had at a high number of youth on the party list?

- Much more likely
- Somewhat more likely
- Somewhat less likely
- Much less likely
- Makes no difference to me
- Don't know/No answer





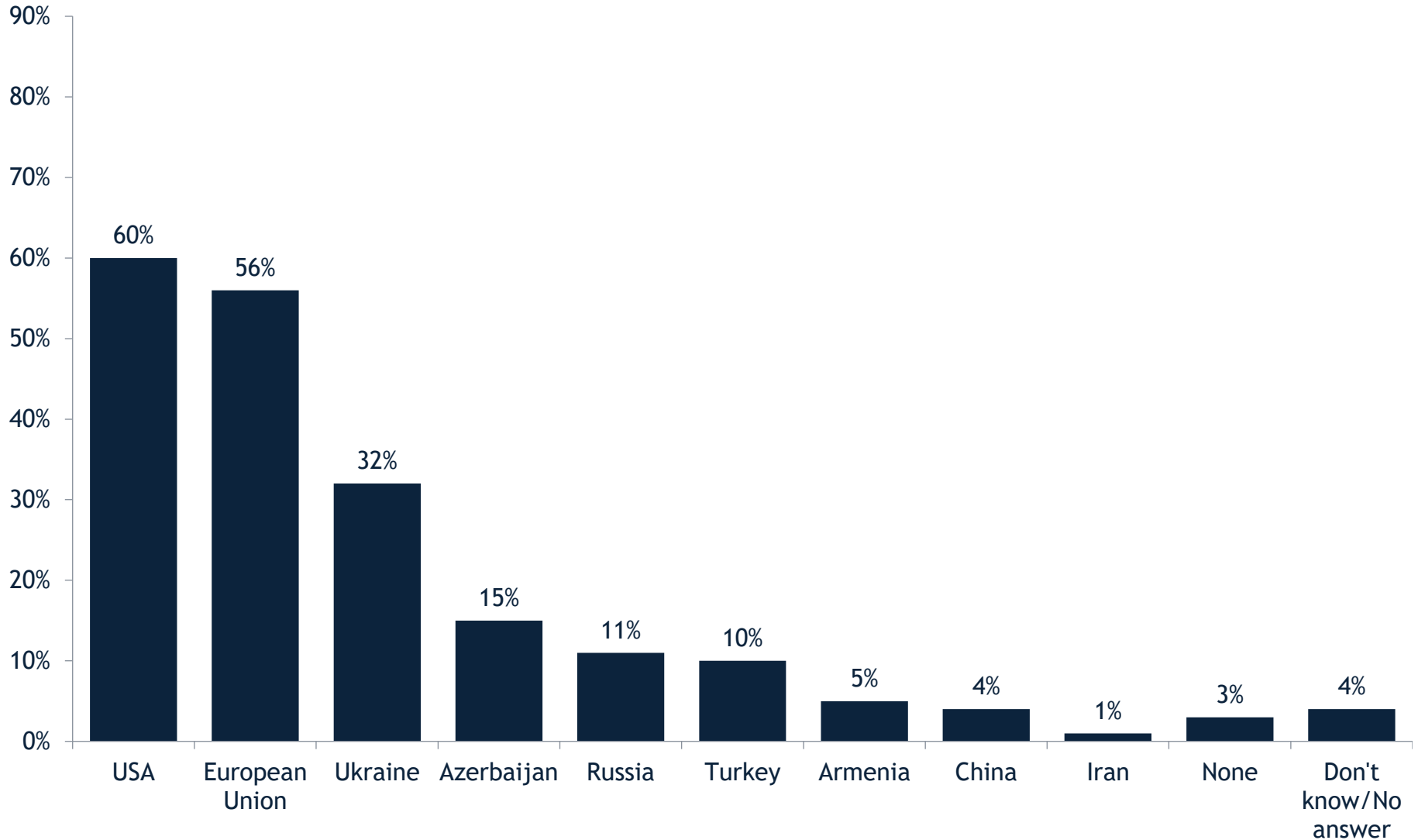
# International relations

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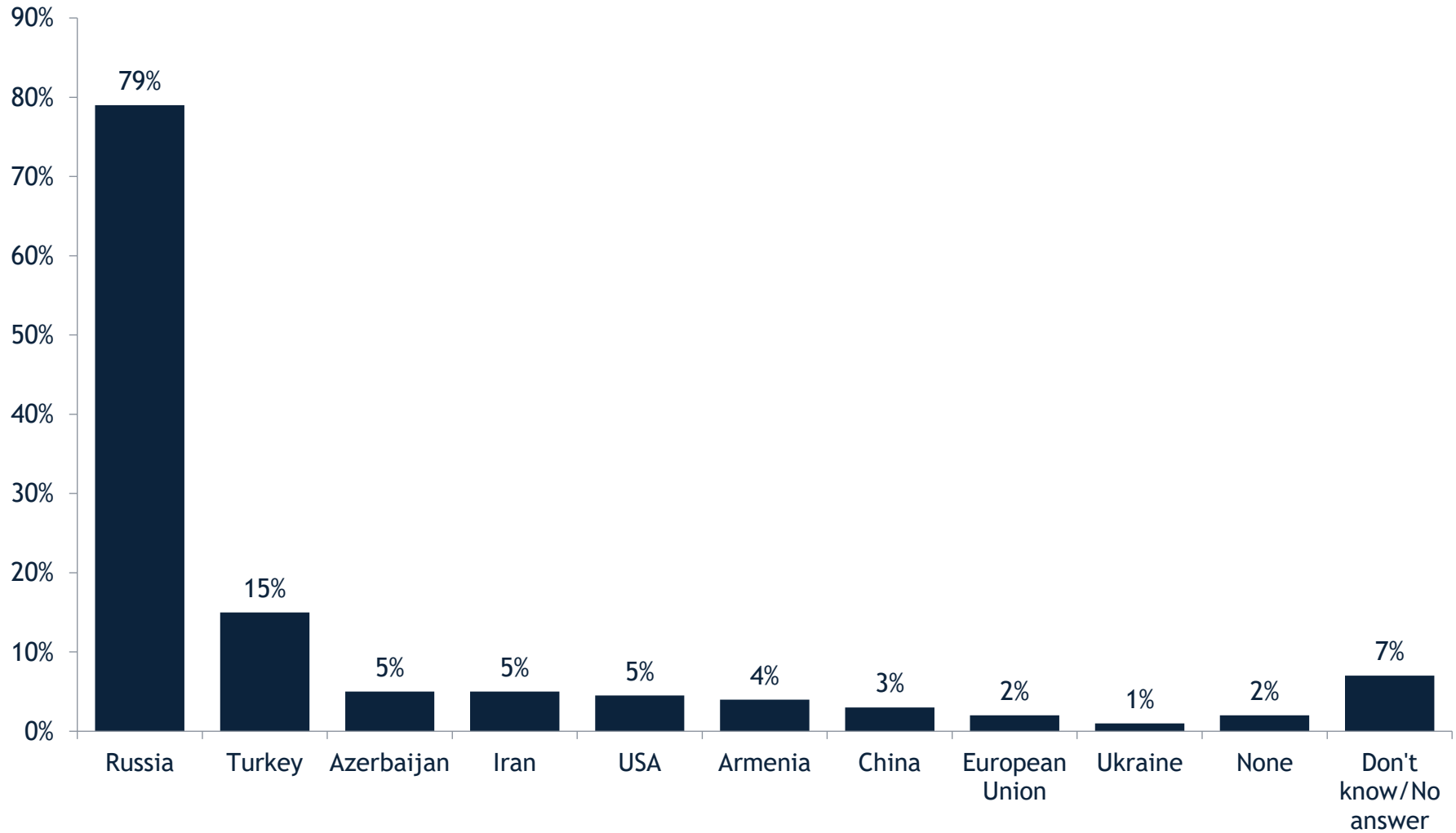
# Which of these countries do you consider the most important political partners for Georgia?

(Respondents allowed to provide multiple responses)



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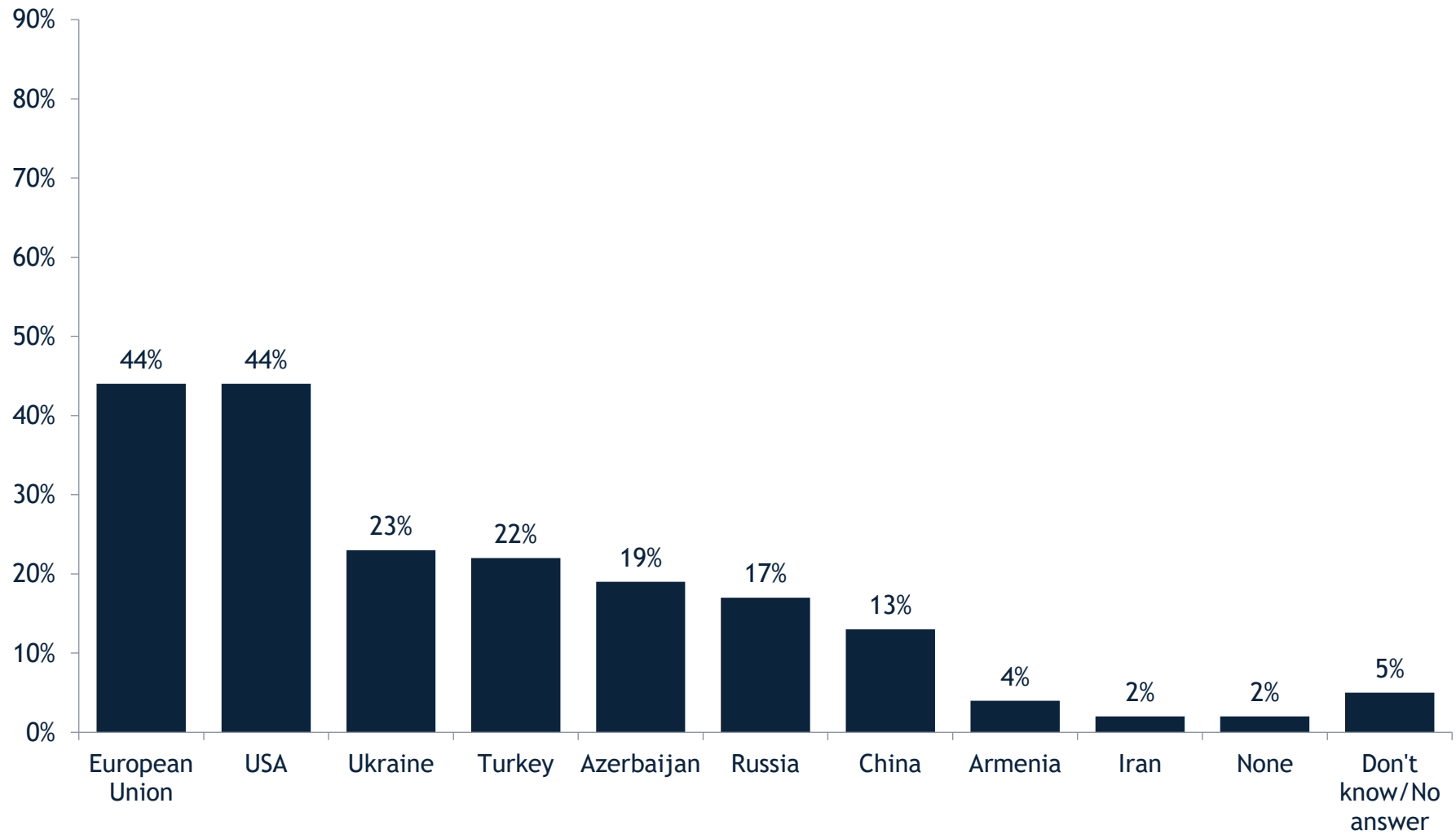
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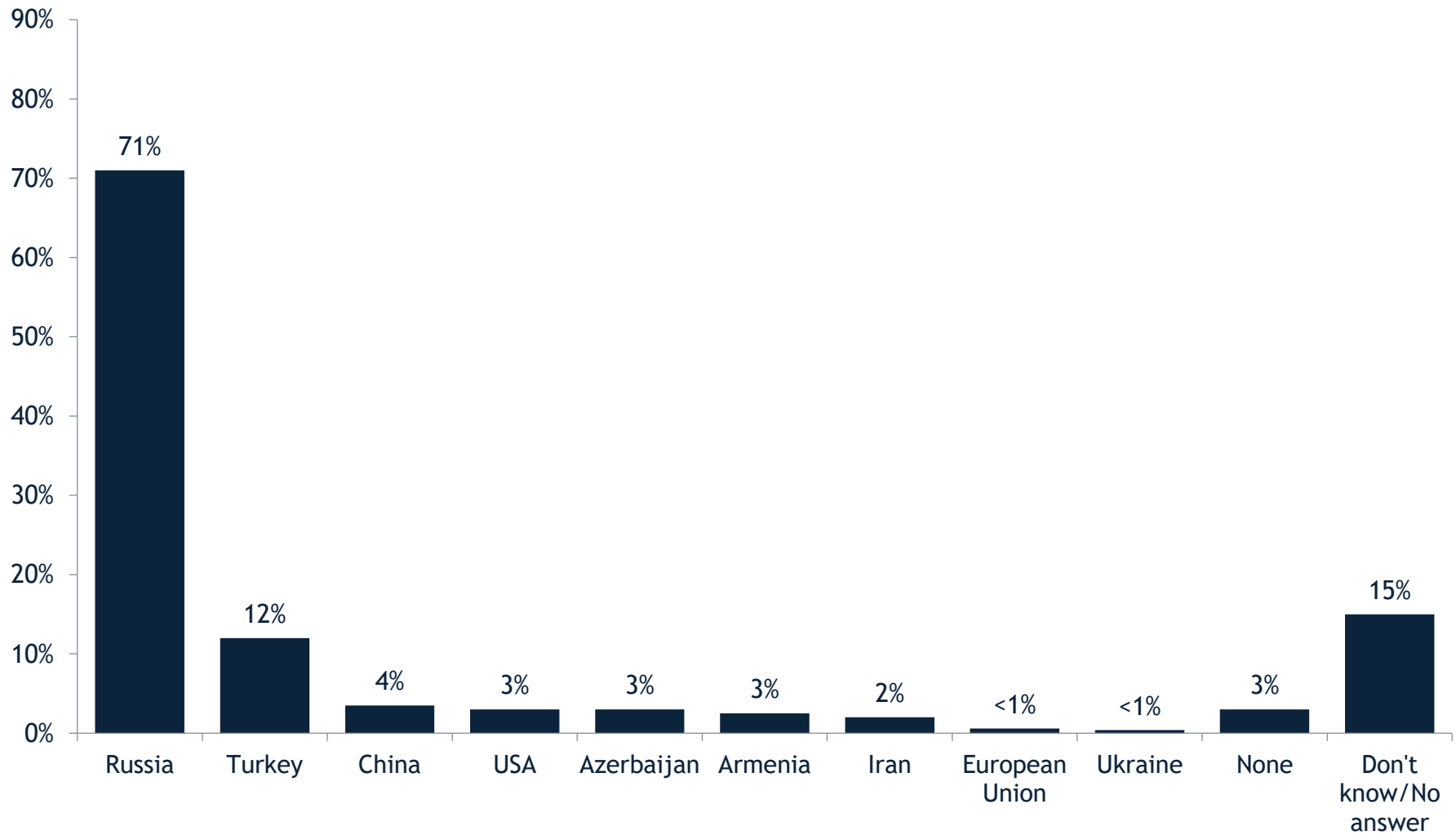
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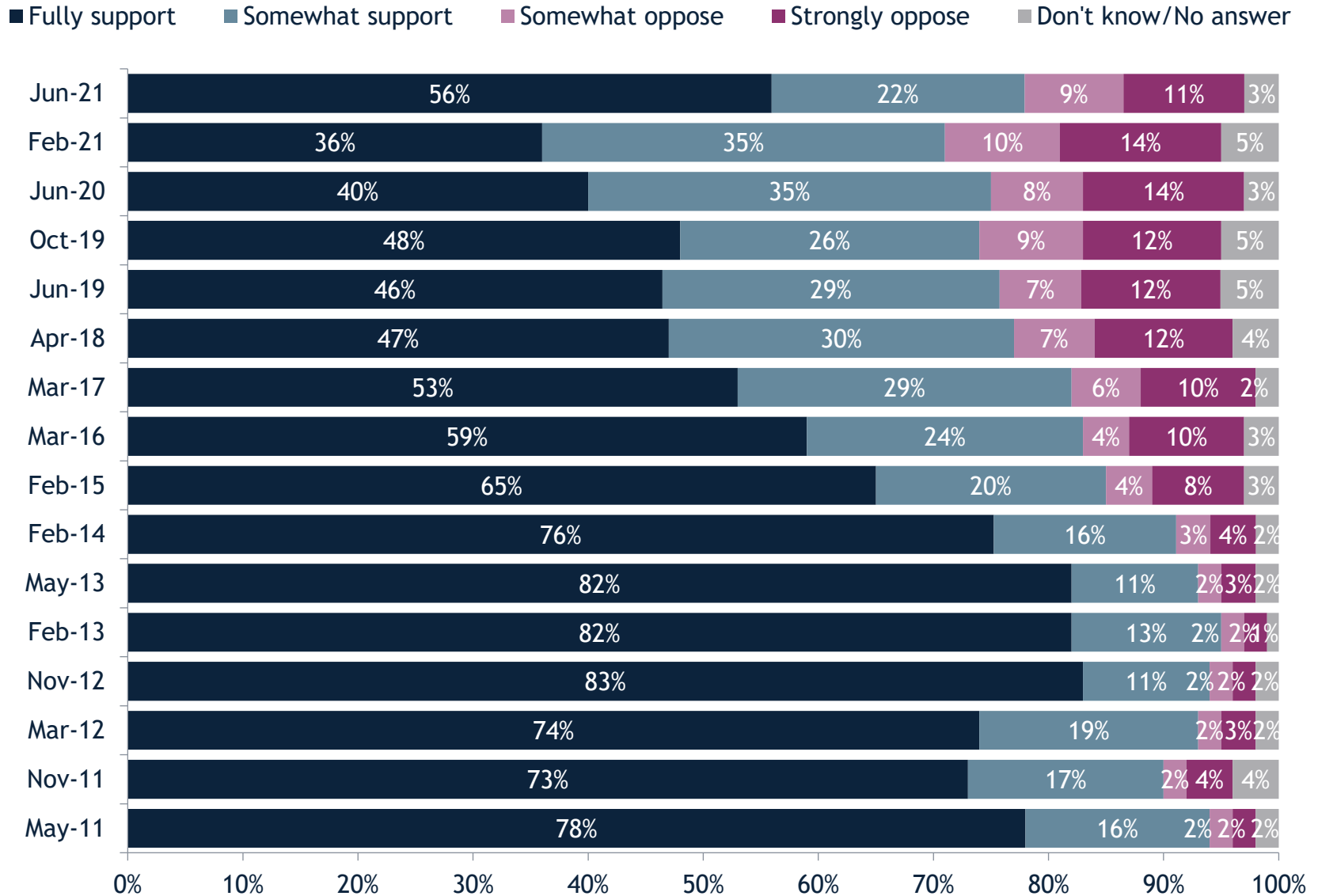


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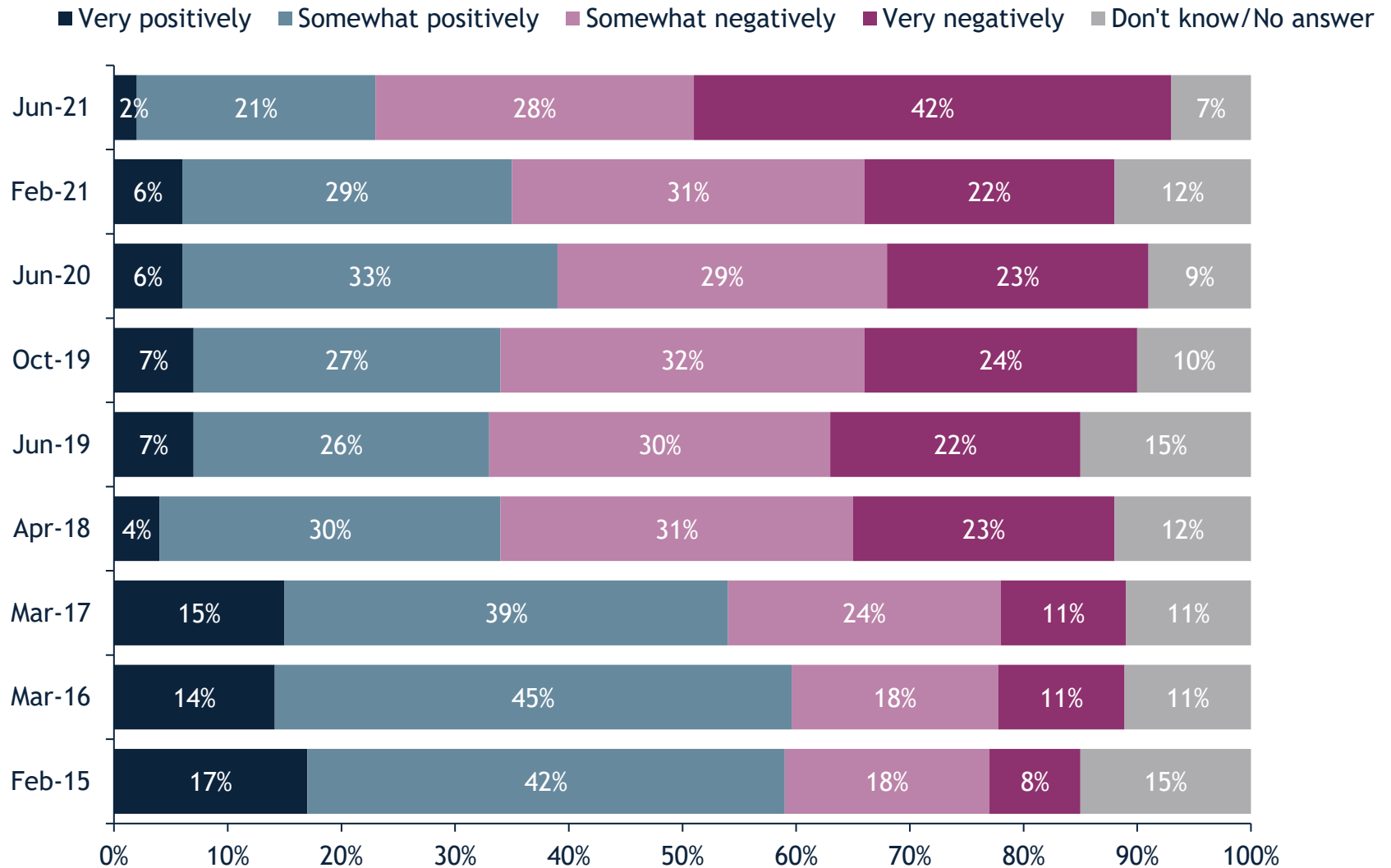
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# Do you support or oppose further dialogue with Russia?

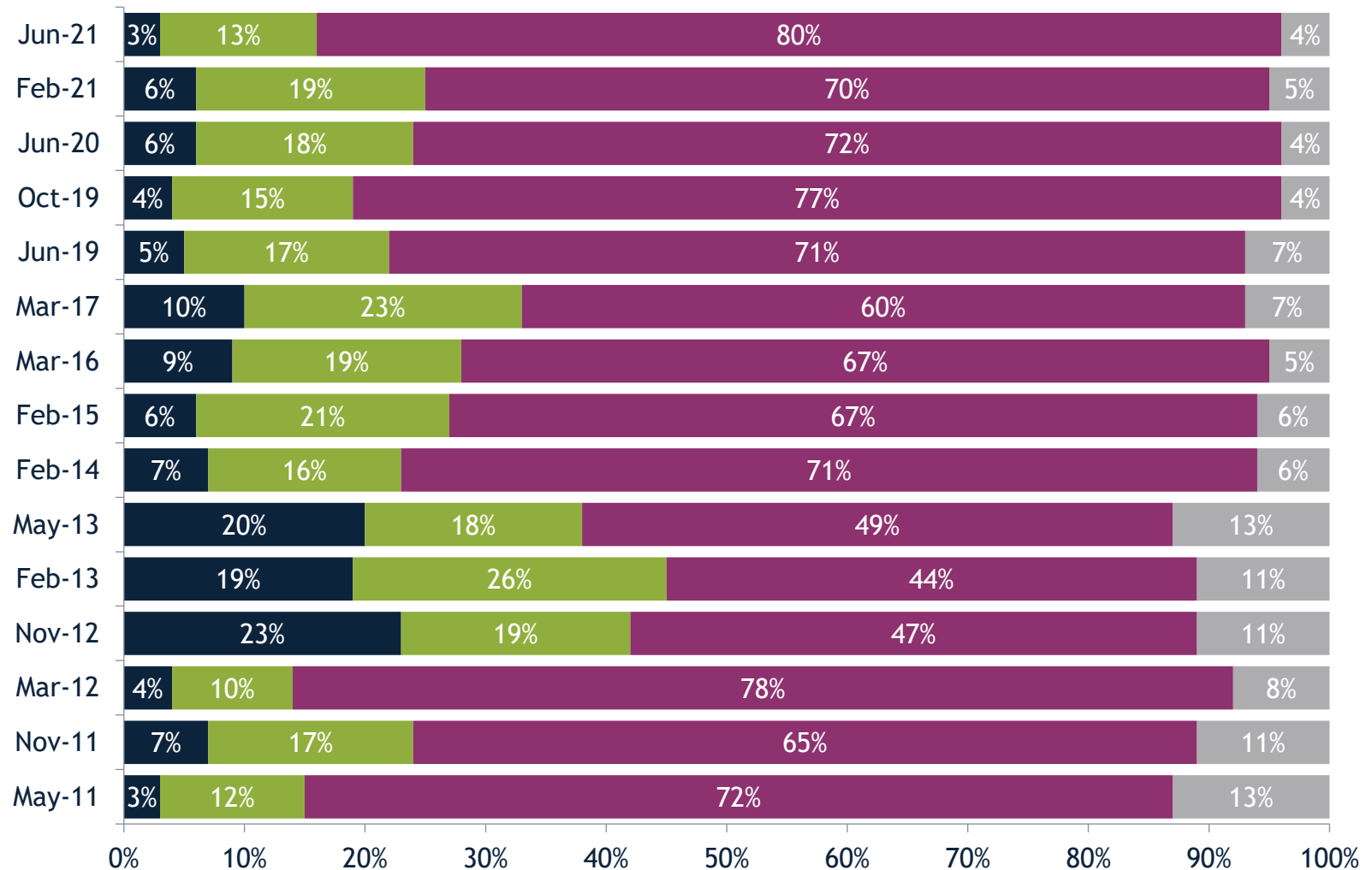


# How do you rate the current government's handling of Georgia's relationship with Russia?



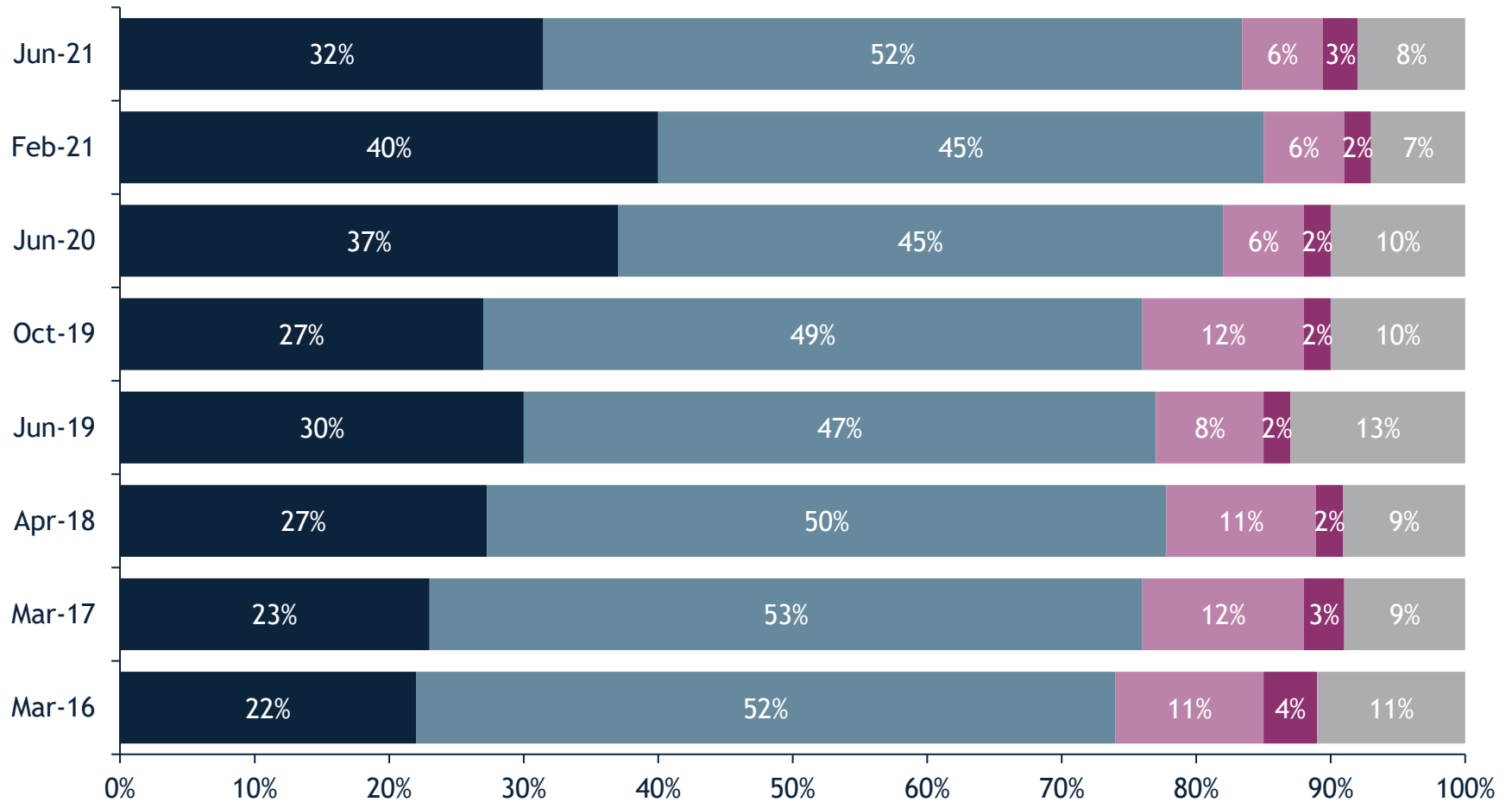
# Do you think that Russian aggression towards Georgia is over or is it still going on?

■ It is over and unlikely to resume ■ It is over but likely to resume ■ It is still going on ■ Don't know/No answer

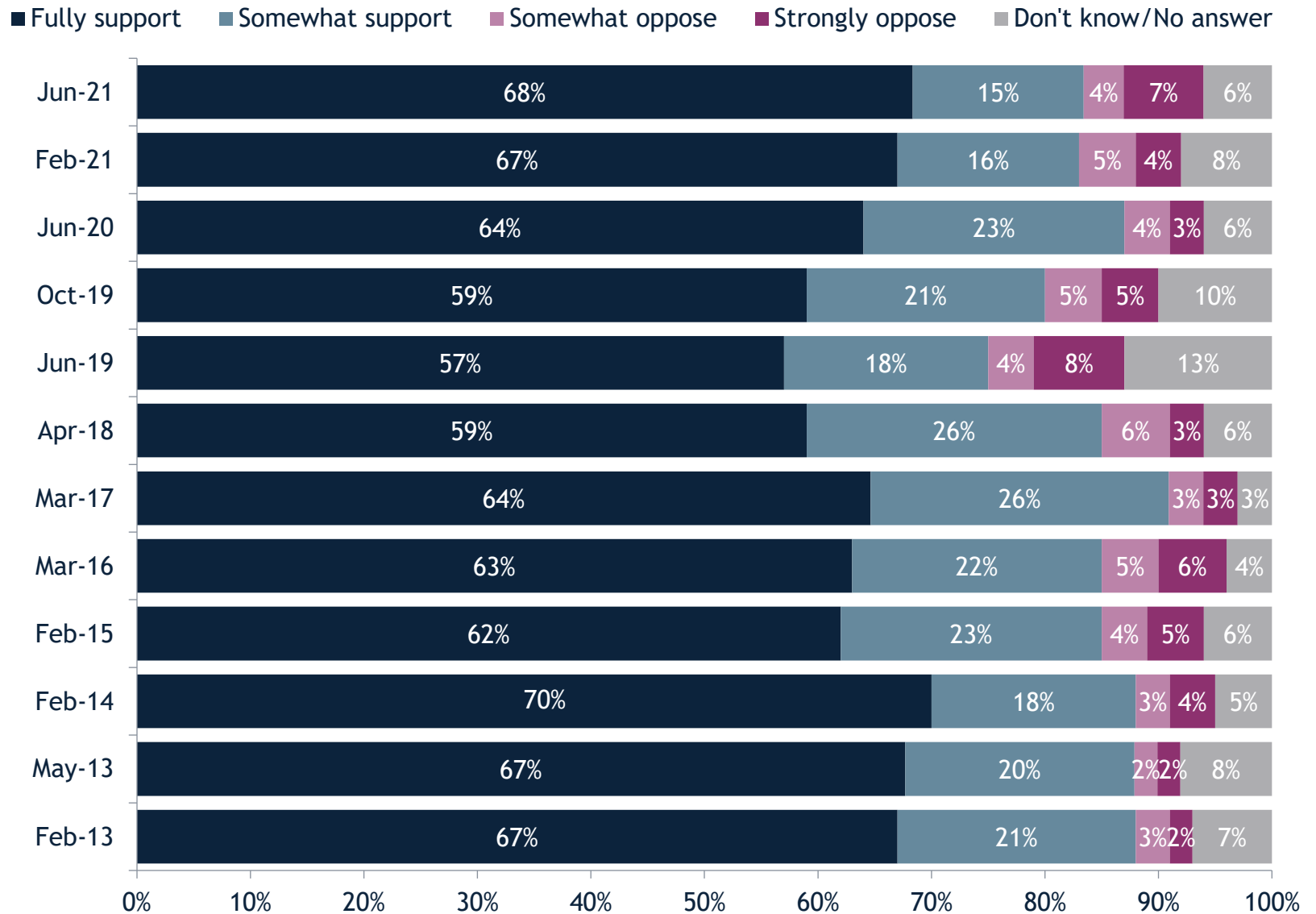


# In your opinion what should Georgia's foreign policy course be?

- Only pro- European Union and the West
- Pro-Western but keep up relations with Russia
- Pro-Russian but keep up relations with the European Union and the West
- Only pro-Russian
- Don't know/No answer

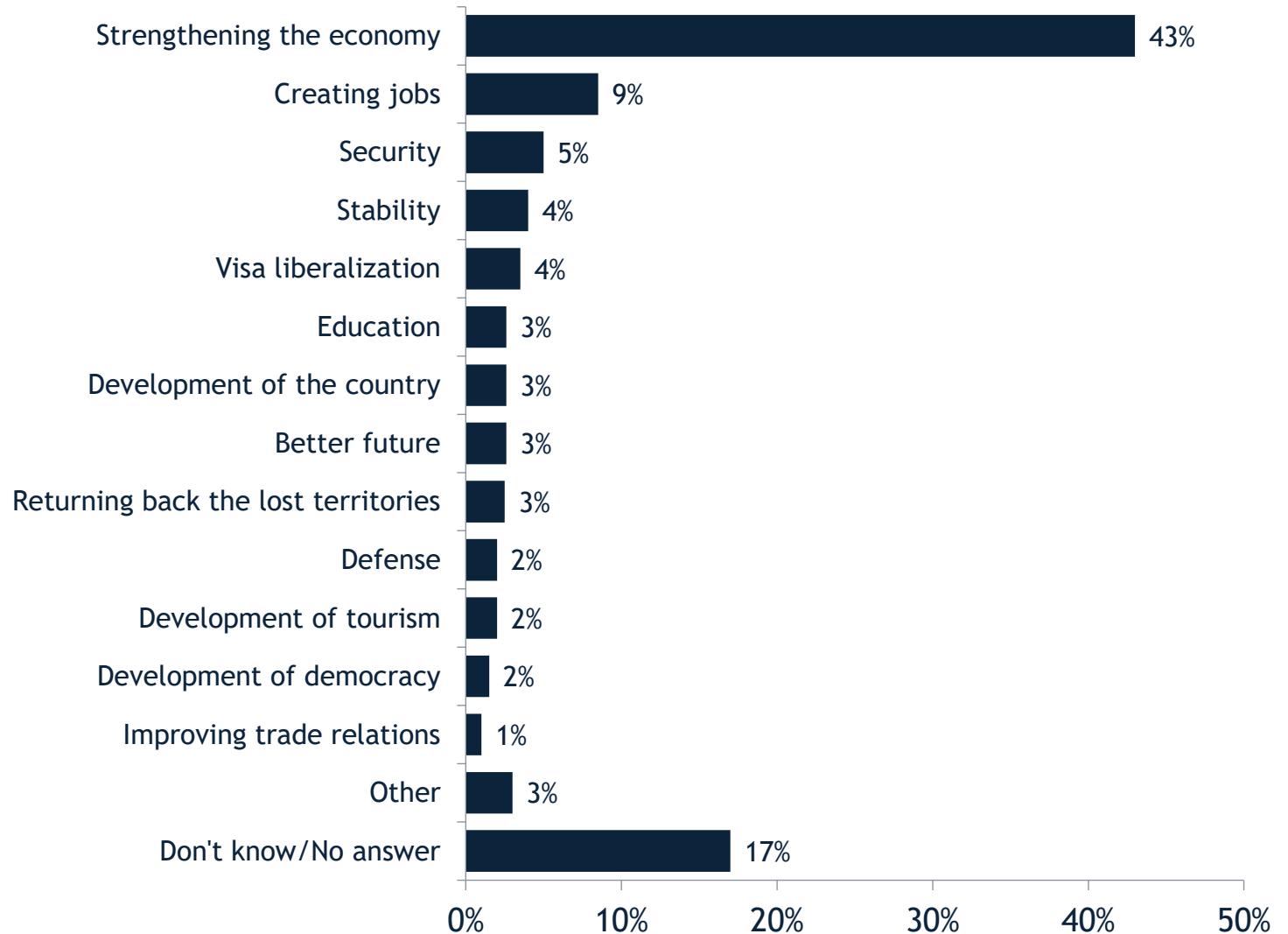


# Do you support Georgia joining the EU?



# If you support joining the EU, what is the main benefit of joining the EU?\*

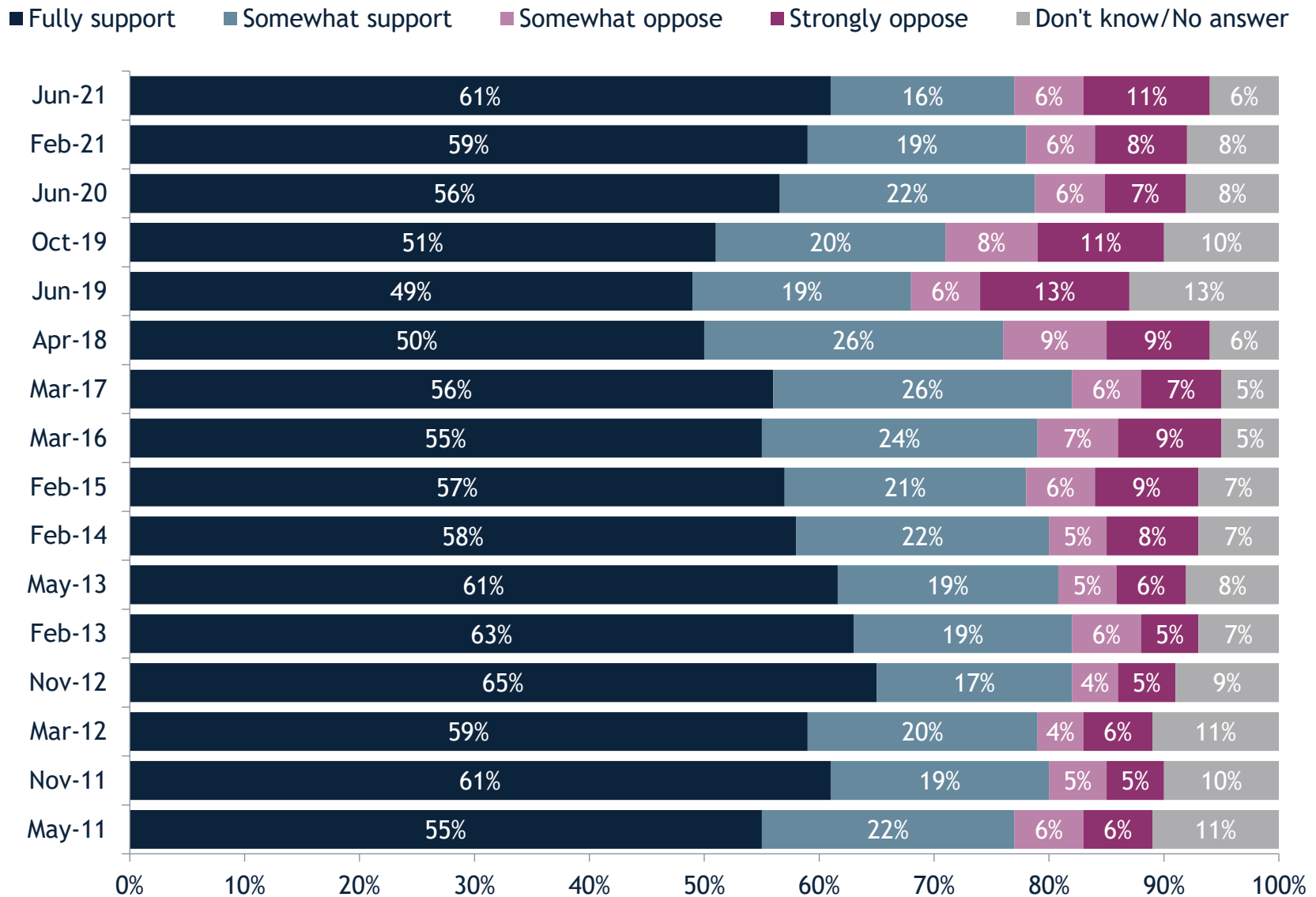
(Spontaneous response, respondents supporting Georgia joining the EU, n=1,252)



\*Responses named by less than one percent merged into "Other."

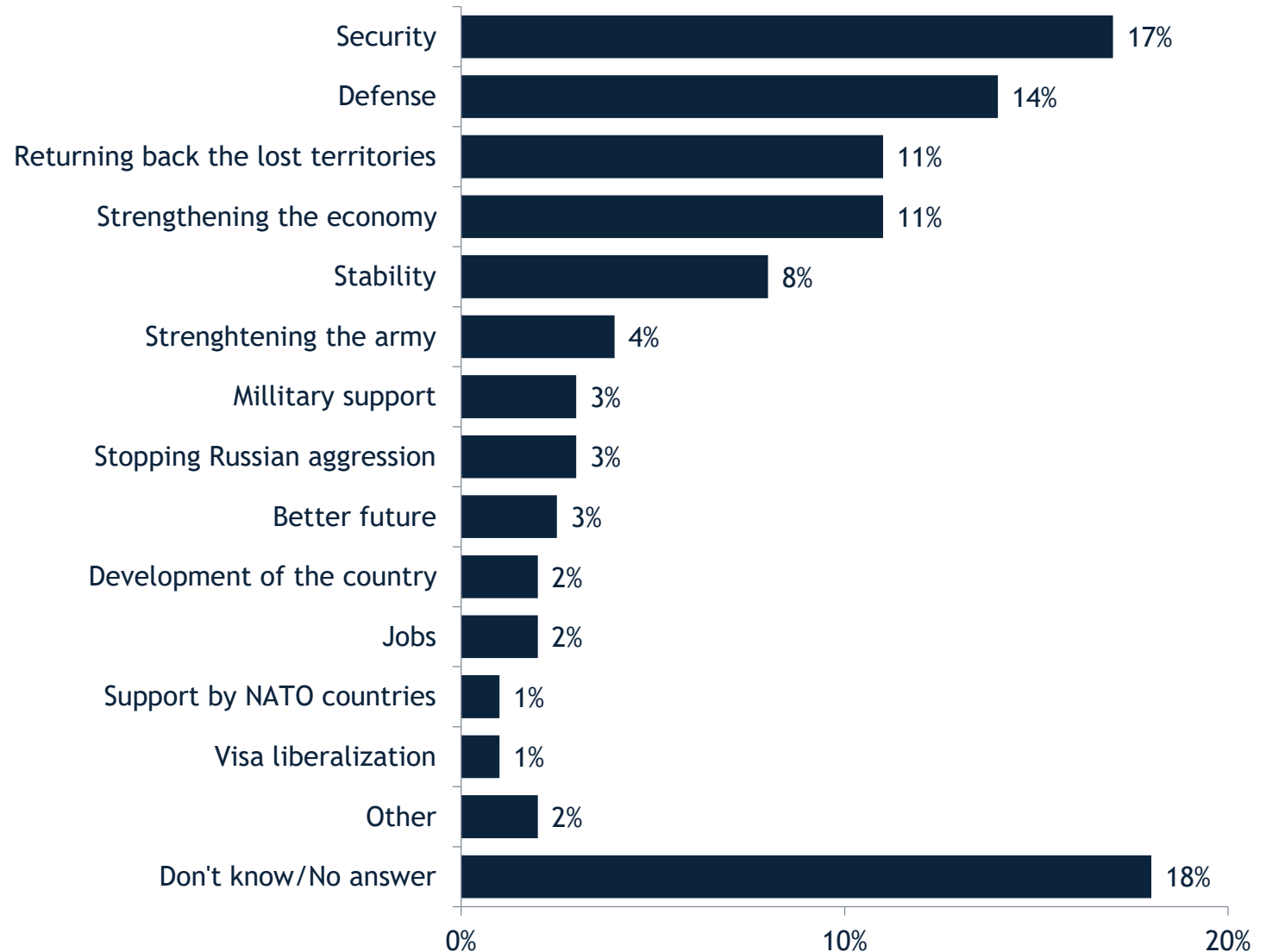


# Do you support or oppose Georgia joining NATO?



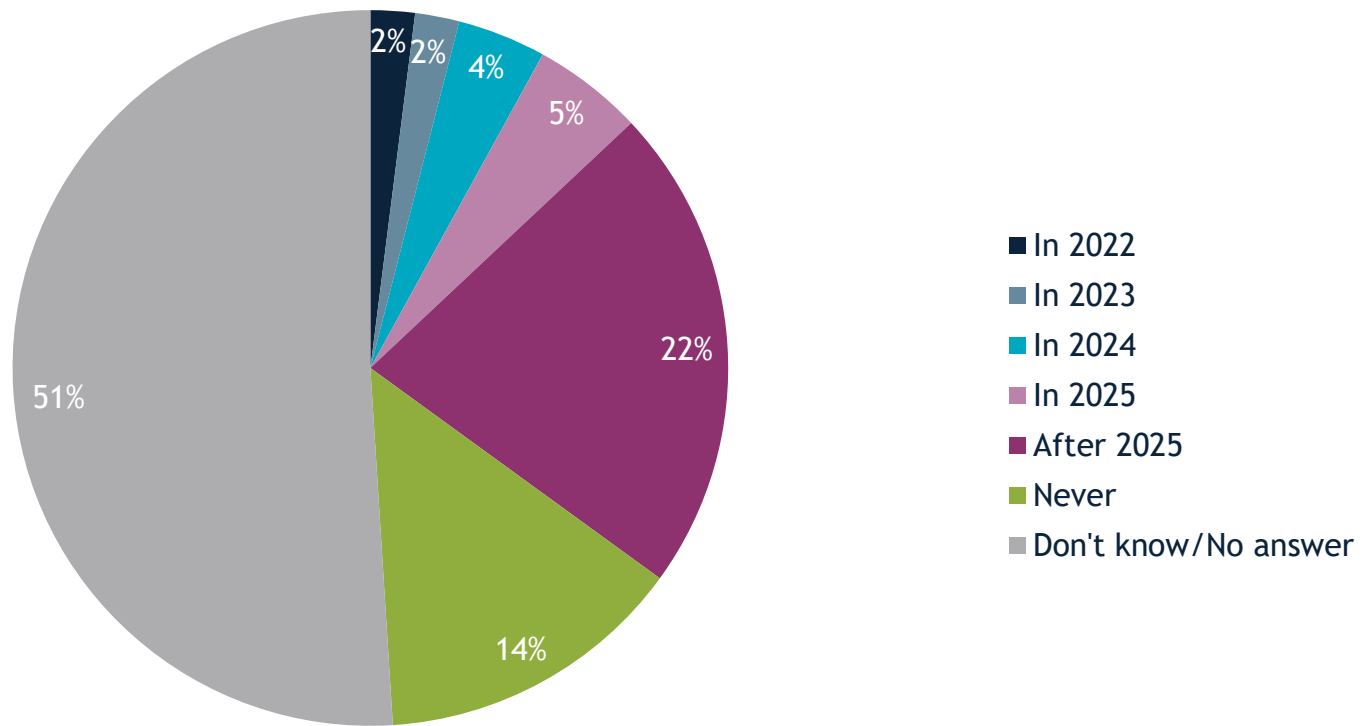
# If you support, what are the main benefits of joining NATO?\*

(Spontaneous response, respondents supporting Georgia joining NATO, n=1,158)

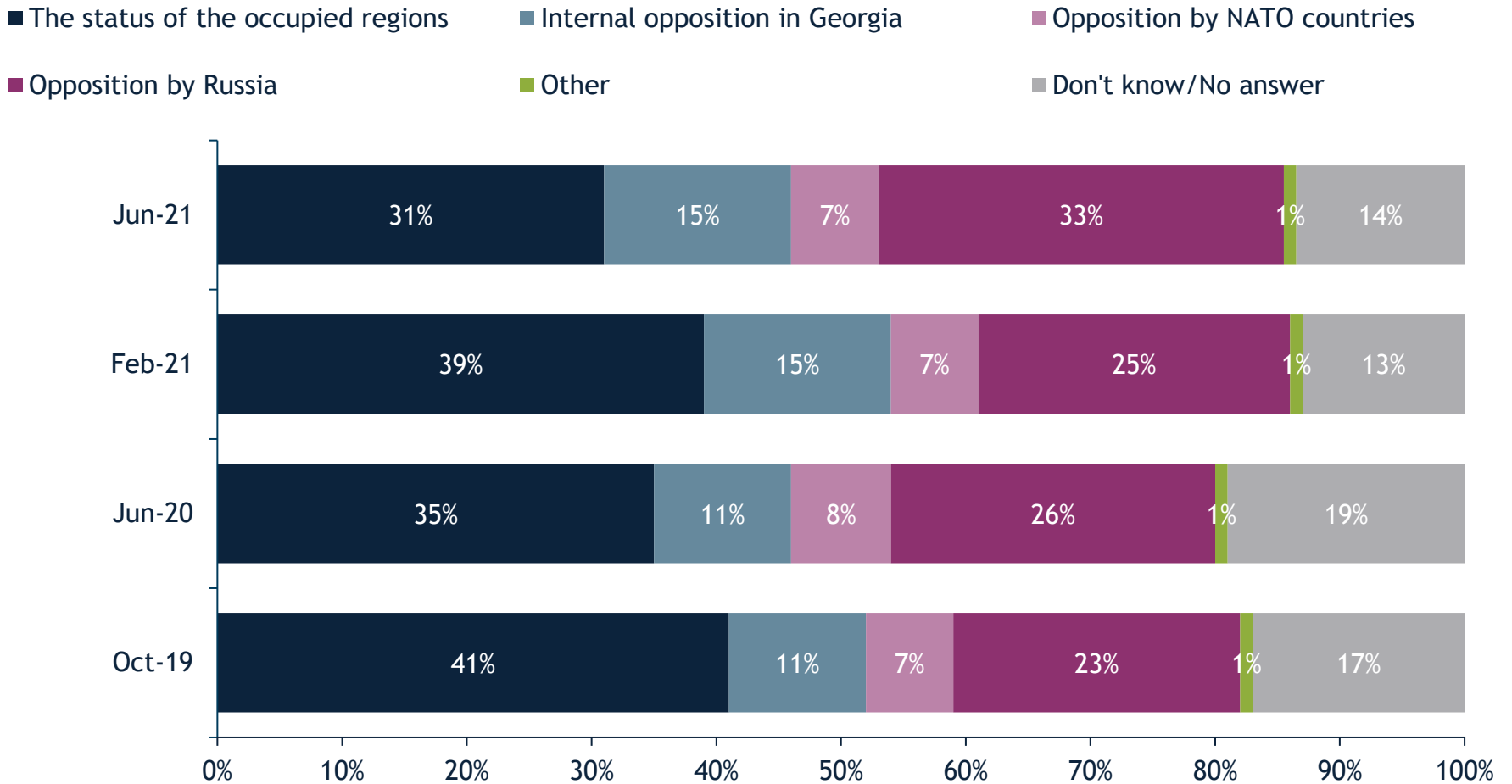


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# When do you think Georgia will become a member of NATO?



# What is biggest obstacle in the way of Georgia joining NATO?



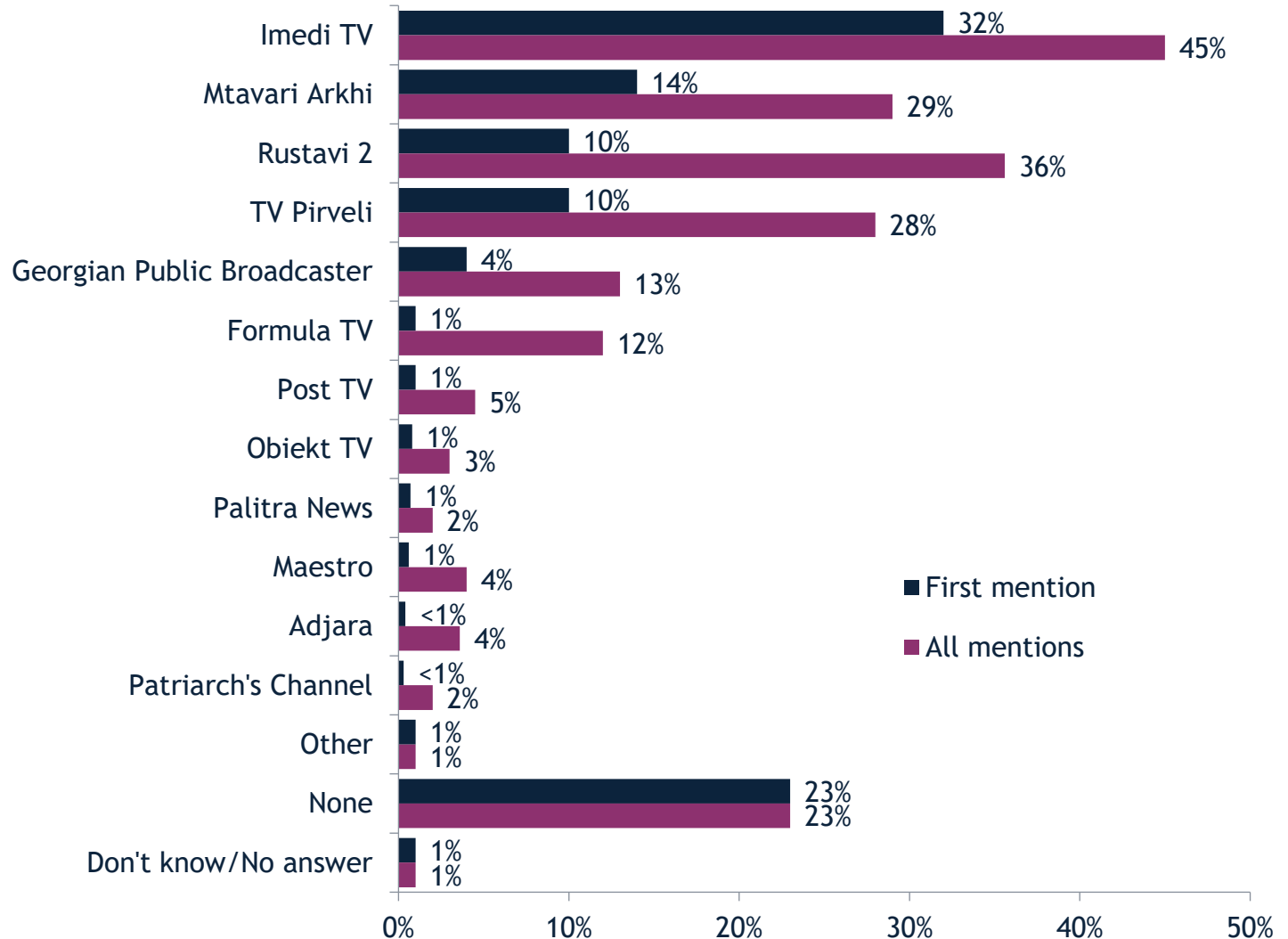


# Media & Sources of Information

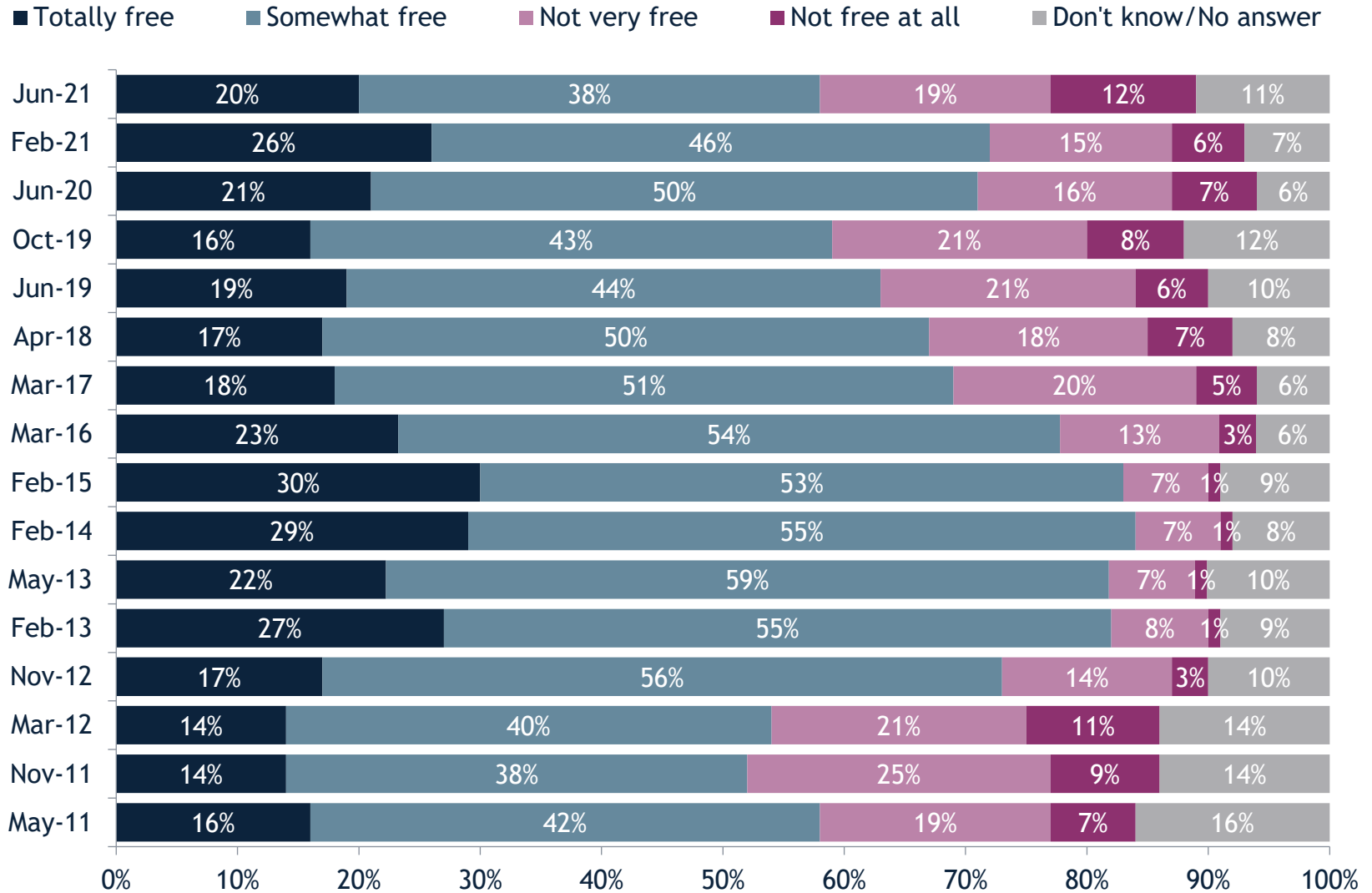


# Which Georgian TV station's news and political information do you trust the most?

(Respondents permitted to provide up to three answers)

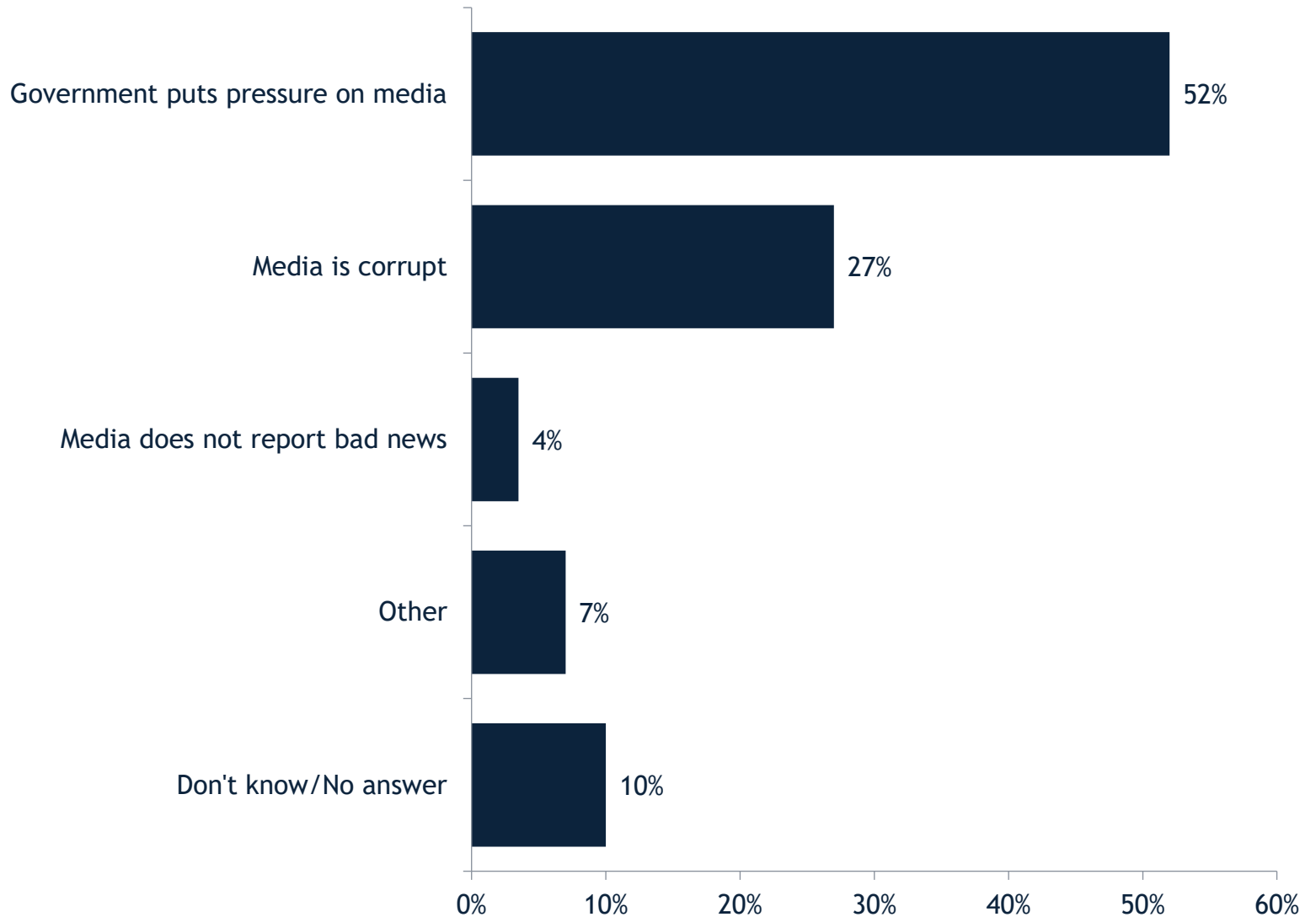


# In your opinion, is Georgian Mass Media (TV, radio and press) free to express various political views?



# Why do you think that Georgian Mass Media is not free to express various political views?

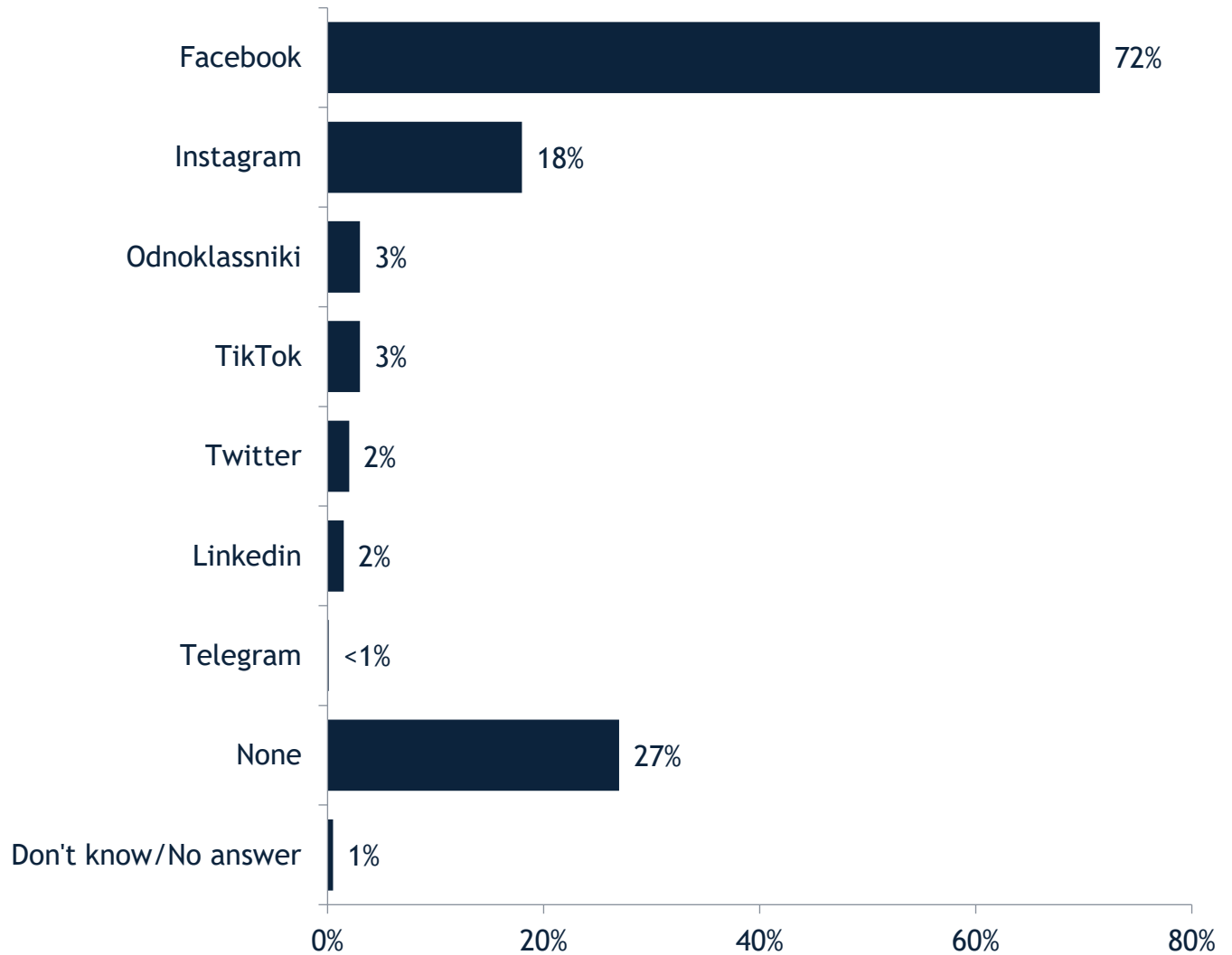
(% of respondents having such opinion, n=460)



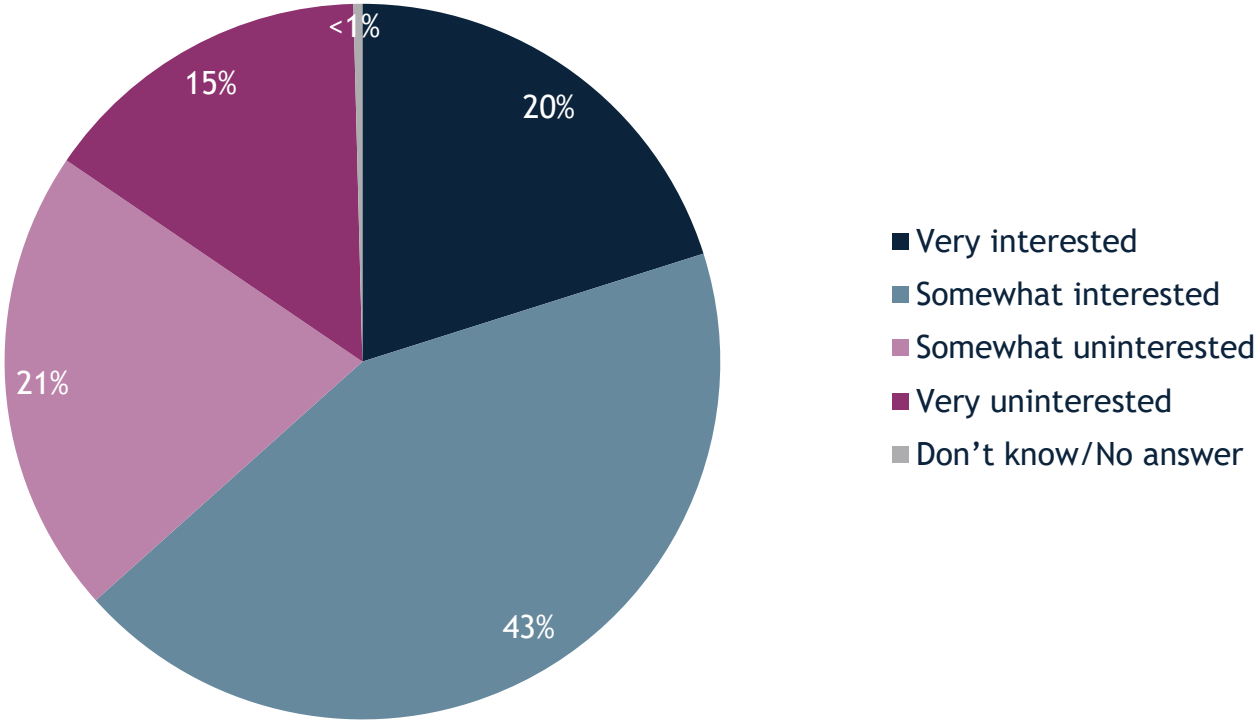


# Which social media sites do you use most often?

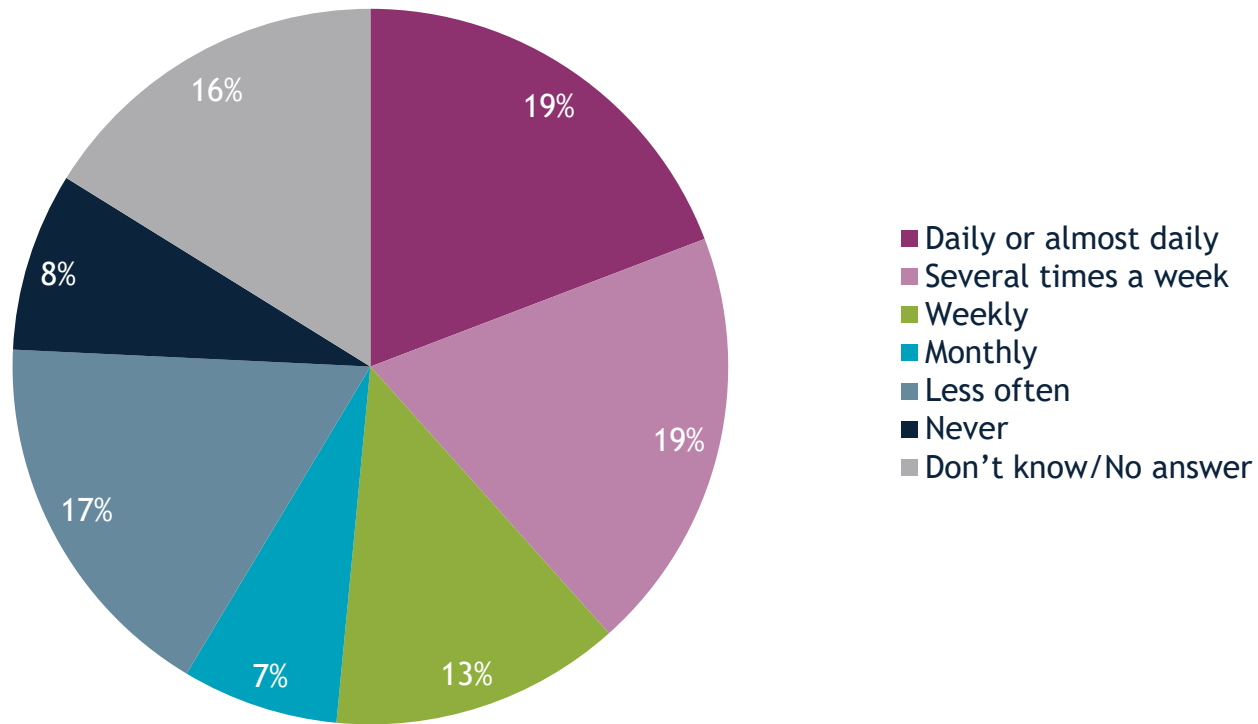
(Respondents permitted to provide three spontaneous answers)



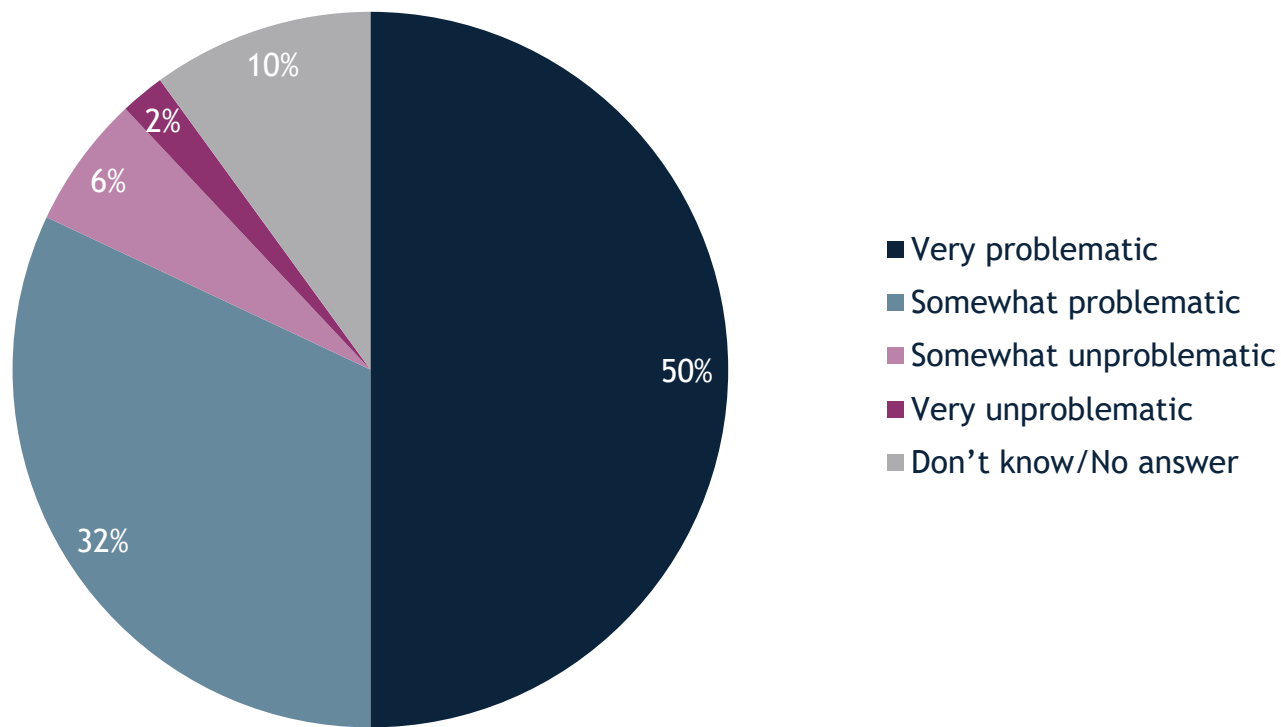
# How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information?



# How frequently do you encounter information in the media, including social media, that you believe is misleading or false?



# To what extent is misleading or false information in the media problematic for our country?



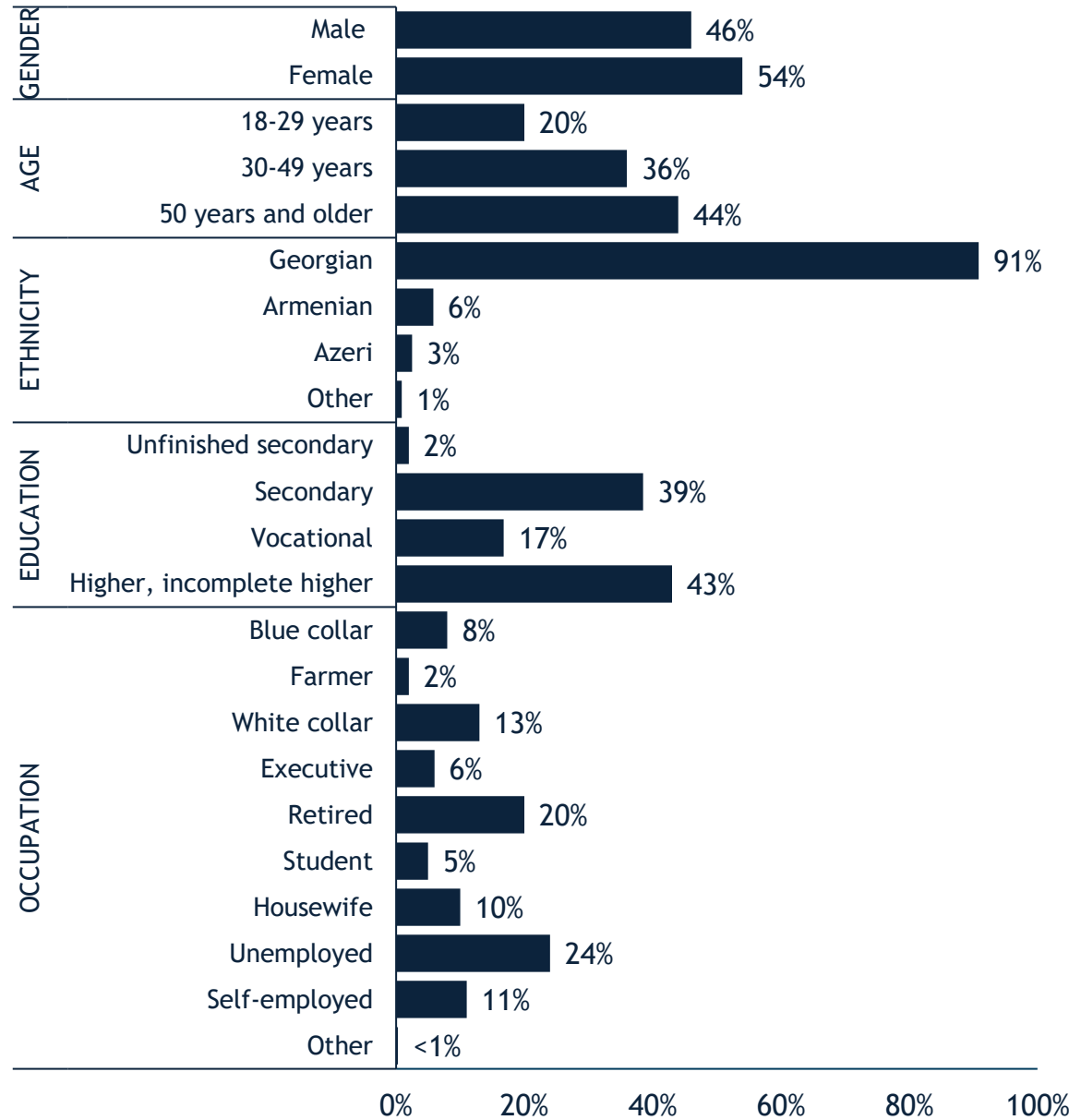


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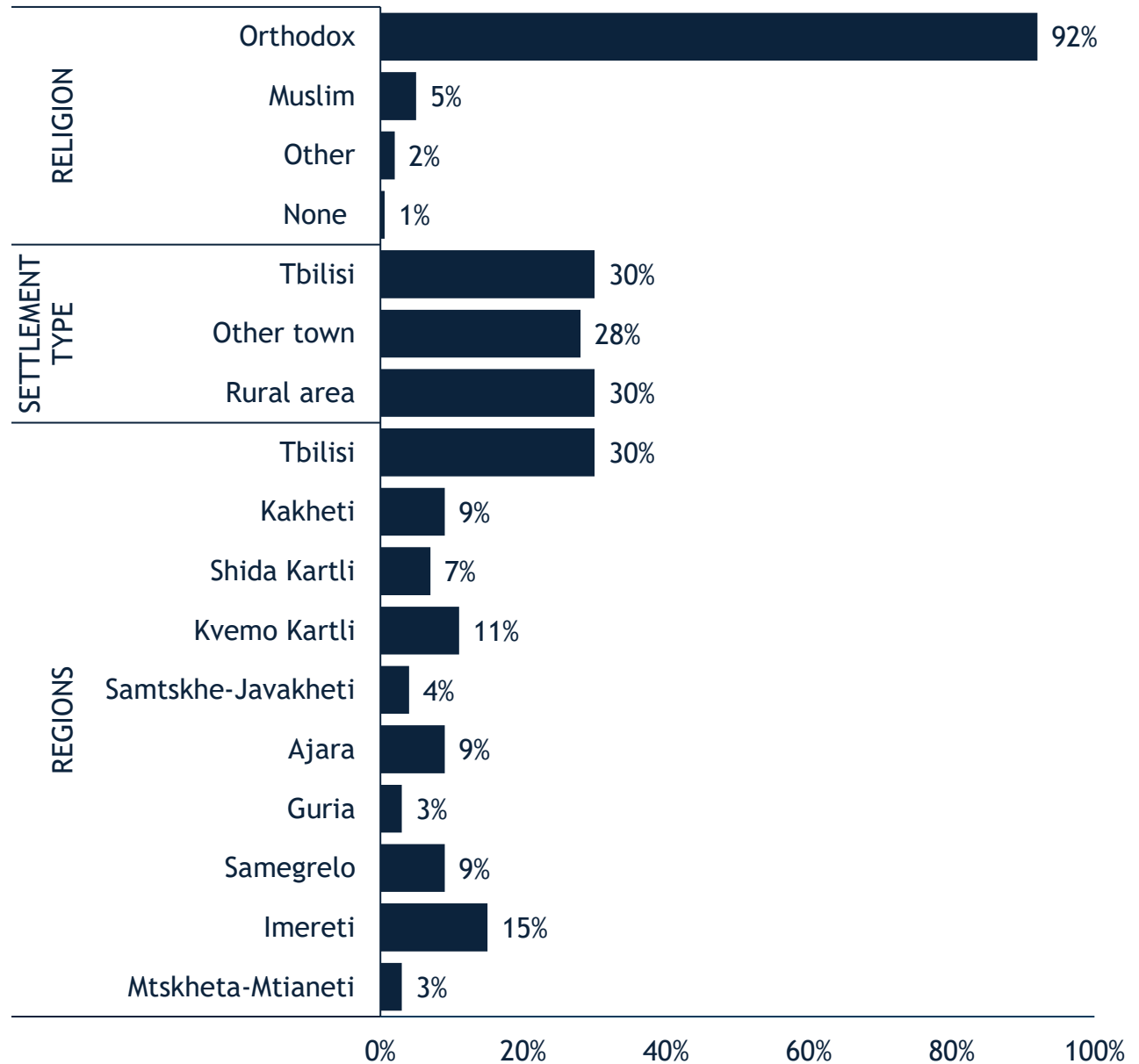
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