

NATIONAL SURVEY OF ALBANIA

October-November 2024



A PROJECT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE

Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [IDRA Research & Consulting](#).
- Data was collected between October 3 and November 2, 2024 through the Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) technique, administered through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of n=1,200 Albanian citizens, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by a random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. The random route method was applied to select the respondents on predefined age and gender quotas to keep sample representativeness. The sampling frame was based on the Albania Census 2023 data.
- The achieved sample was weighted for age groups, region by urbanicity, gender, and education parameters according to the 2023 Census.
- The response rate was 51%.
- The margin of error for the mid-range full sample does not exceed ± 2.8 percentage points.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Group	18-35	n = 330
	36-55	n = 371
	56+	n = 499
Gender	Men	n = 588
	Women	n = 612
Urbanicity	Urban	n = 700
	Rural	n = 500
Educational Attainment	Primary or Less*	n = 544
	Secondary	n = 404
	University or higher	n = 252

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

**Primary education lasts for 9 years*

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Region	South-West (Berat, Fier, Vlore)	n = 269
	South-East (Gjirokaster, Korce)	n = 119
	North (Diber, Kukes, Lezhe, Shkoder)	n = 207
	Central (Durres, Elbasan, Tirane)	n = 605
Country Direction <i>Respondents were asked the following: In, general, would you say that our country is heading in the right or in the wrong direction?</i> <i>*Those responding with 'Don't know' or who refused to answer (n=47) are not displayed.</i>	In the right direction	n = 626
	In the wrong direction	n = 527
Intent to vote <i>Respondents were asked the following: For which party or independent candidate do you intend to vote in the 2025 Parliamentary elections?</i> <i>*Parties other than the top two parties are not displayed. Those responding Refused or Don't Know (n=182) are not displayed.</i>	Would vote for Democratic Party	n = 214
	Would vote for Socialist Party	n = 579
Likelihood to vote <i>Respondents were asked the following: How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the 2025 Parliamentary elections?</i>	Likely to vote	n = 976
	Unlikely to vote	n = 188

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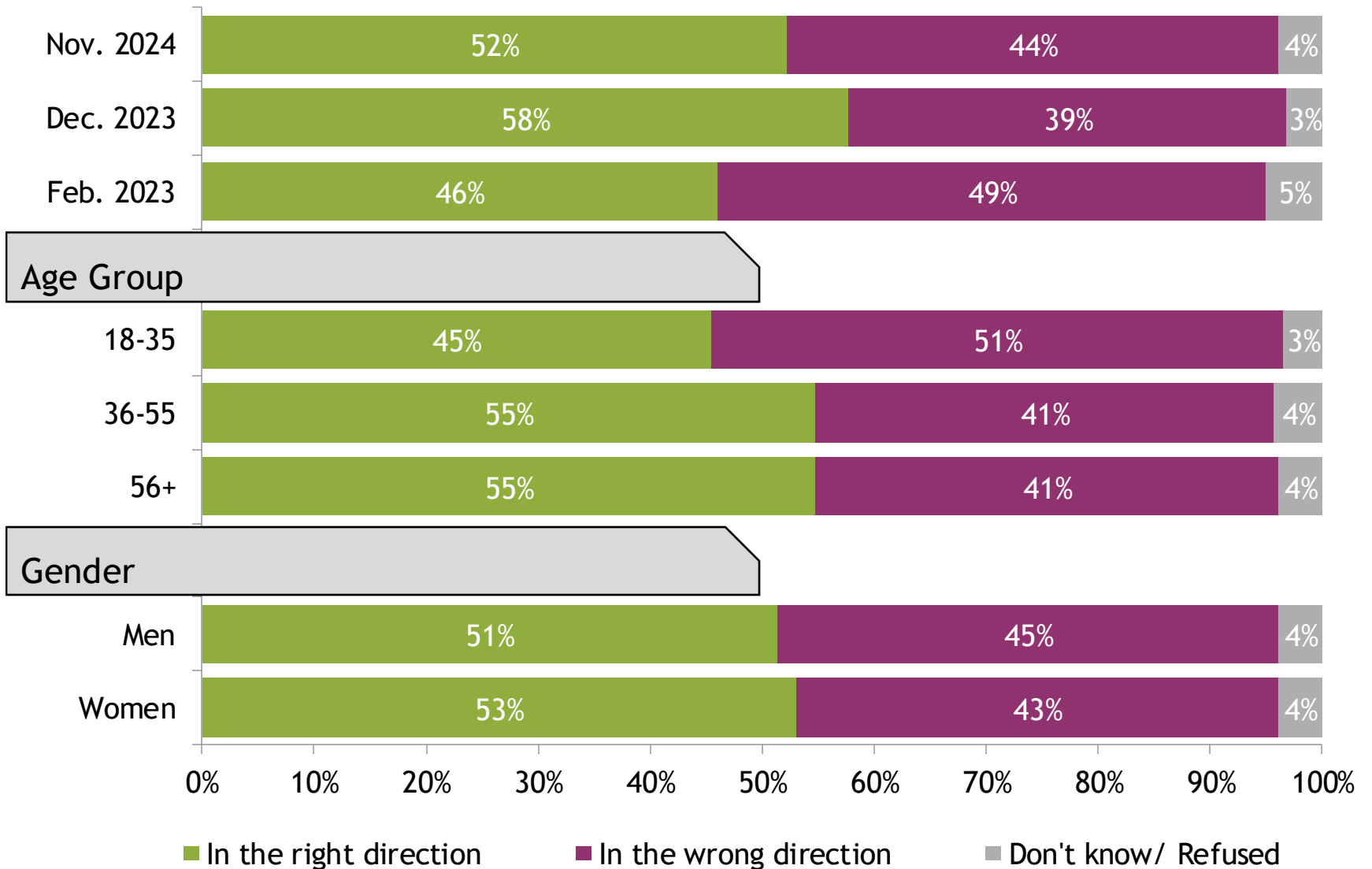
Most recent IRI Albania polls

Poll	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
National Survey of Albania (CAPI)	November 17 - December 12, 2023	n = 1,798
National Survey of Albania (CAPI)	January 29 - February 13, 2023	n = 1,200

General Assessment and Outlook

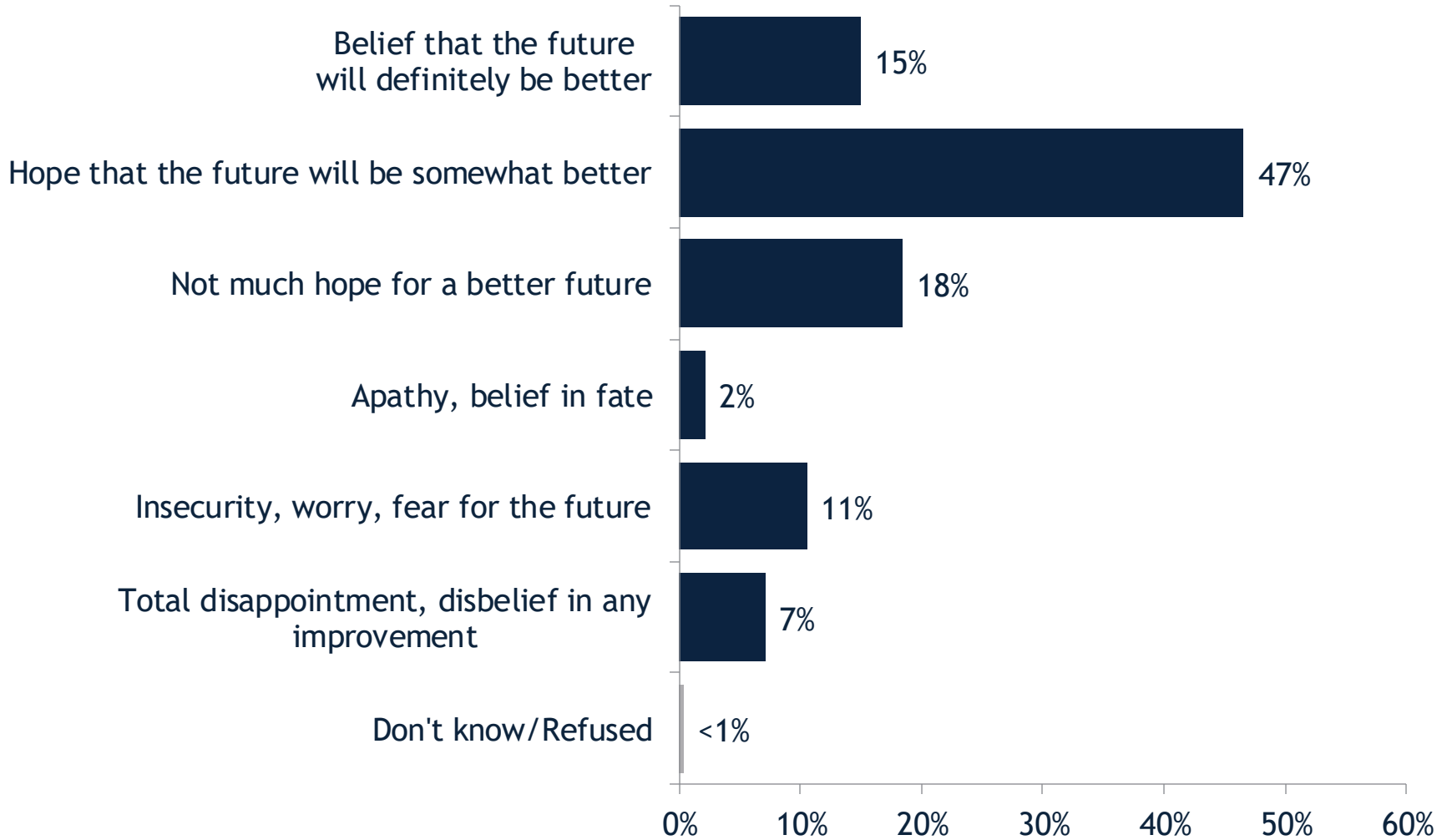


In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?





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



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

(Spontaneous response)

	Overall (multiple responses)	First Response	Second Response	Third Response
Economy—cost of living, high prices	80%	41%	28%	11%
Economy—unemployment	45%	23%	15%	8%
Corruption	36%	10%	12%	16%
Pensions	24%	7%	9%	9%
Healthcare	23%	4%	9%	11%
Crime/Public Safety	17%	3%	6%	9%
Migration	14%	4%	4%	7%
Infrastructure	9%	2%	2%	5%
Education	6%	1%	2%	3%
Social services/benefits	4%	<1%	1%	3%
Effective court system	4%	<1%	2%	2%
Agriculture	4%	1%	2%	2%
Illicit drugs	3%	<1%	1%	2%
Water	3%	1%	2%	1%
Housing	3%	<1%	1%	2%
No problem	2%	2%	3%	5%
Other	6%	2%	1%	3%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	0%	1%

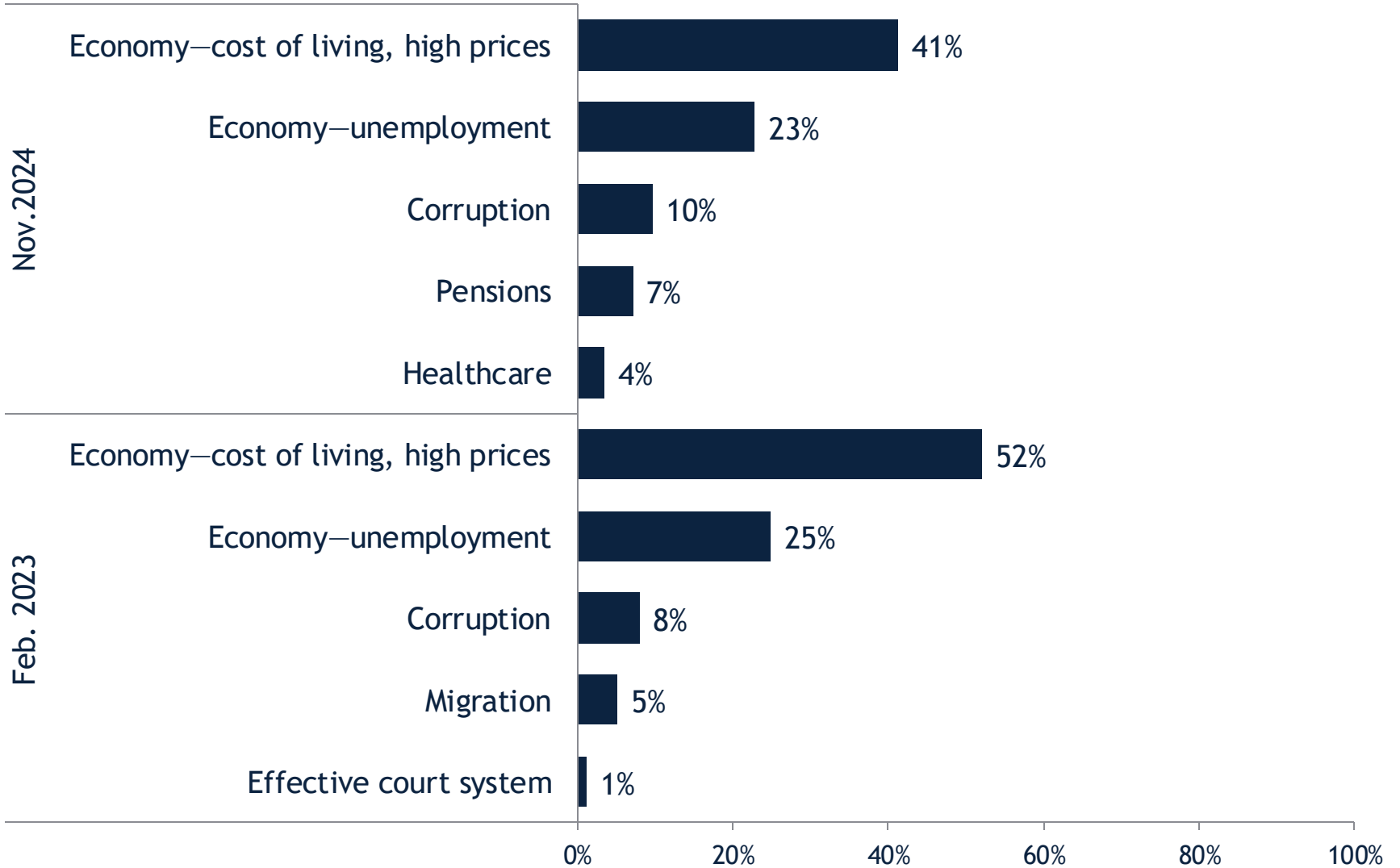
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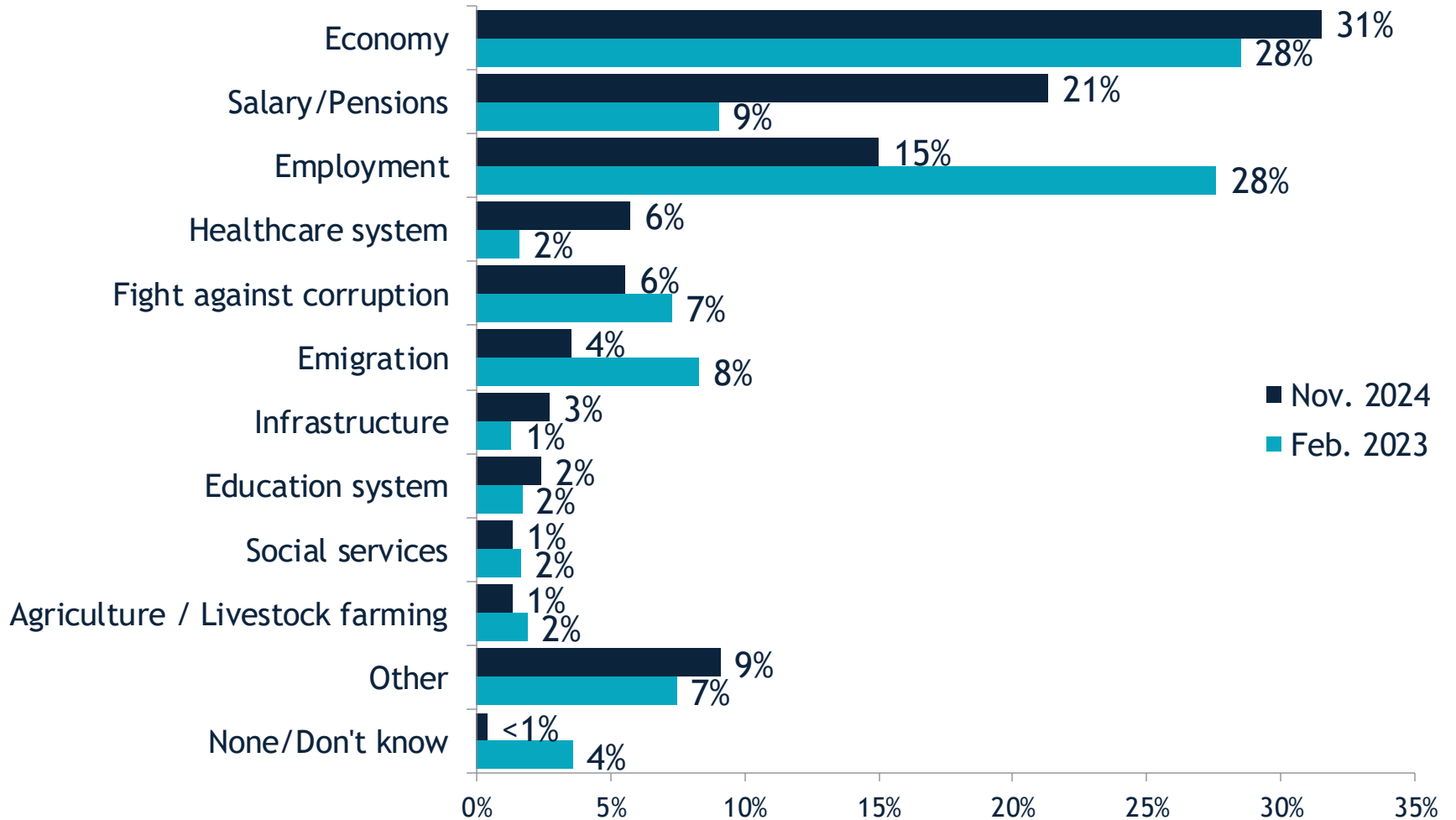
What is the most important problem facing our country today?

(Spontaneous response; first response displayed, top 5 responses by wave)



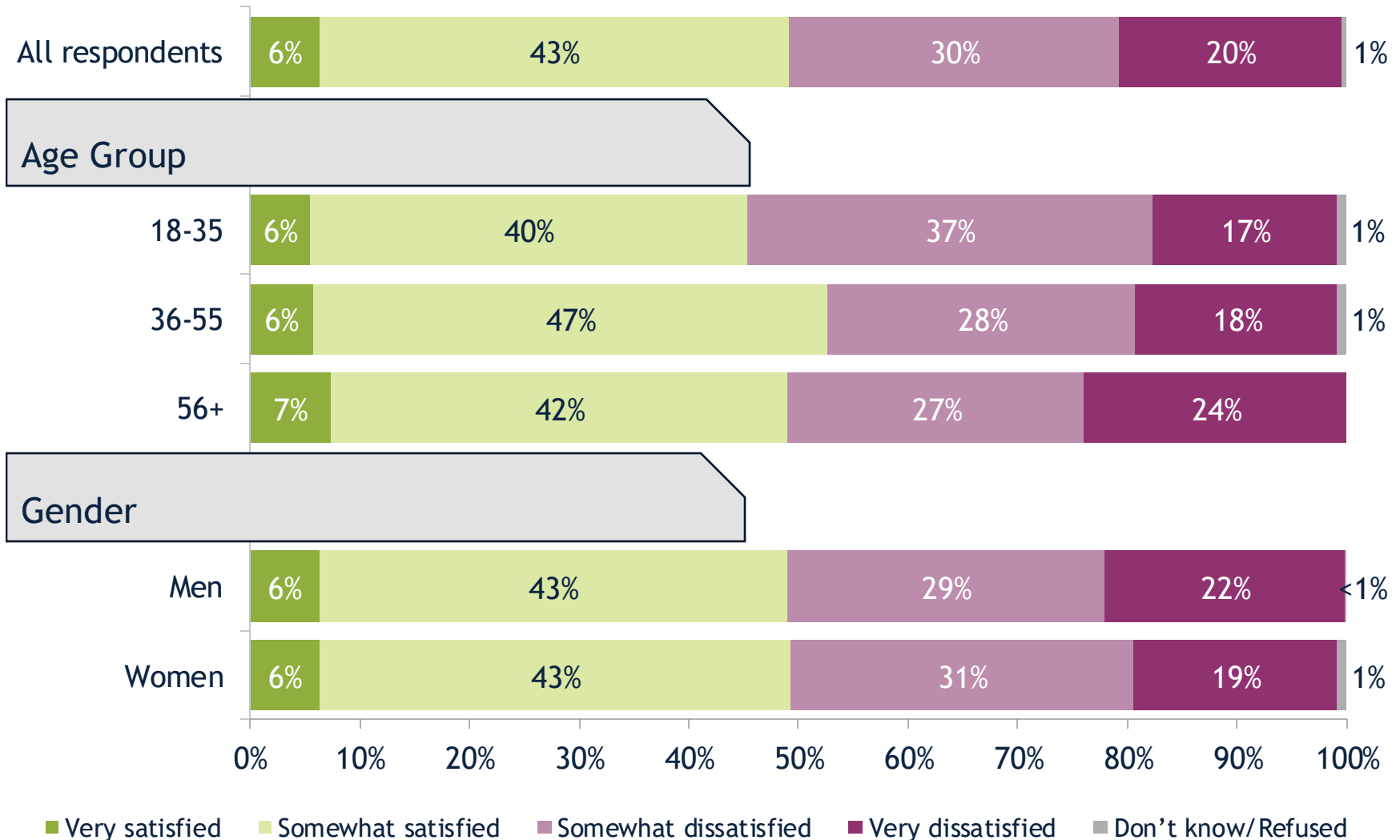
What specific issue should be the top priority for the government to address?

(Spontaneous Response)

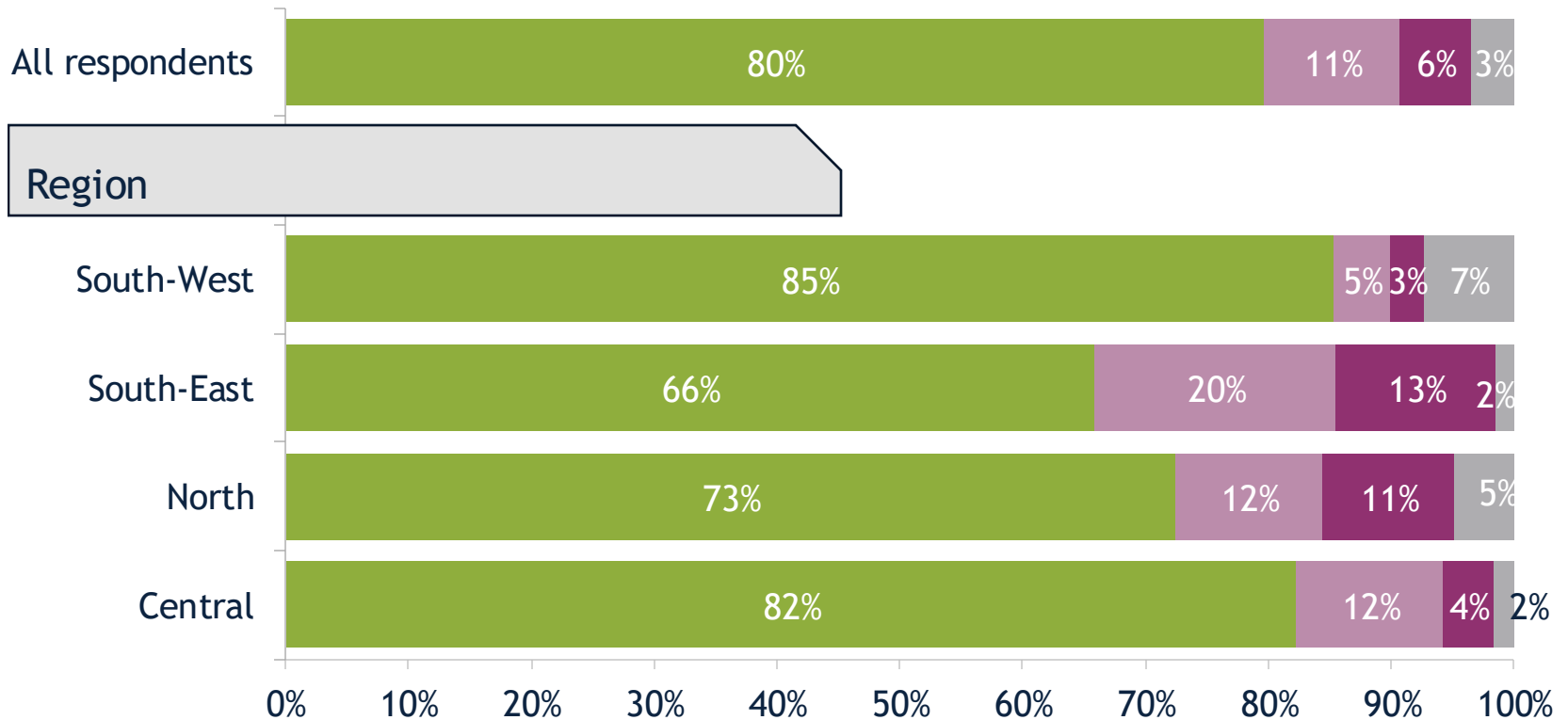


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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?

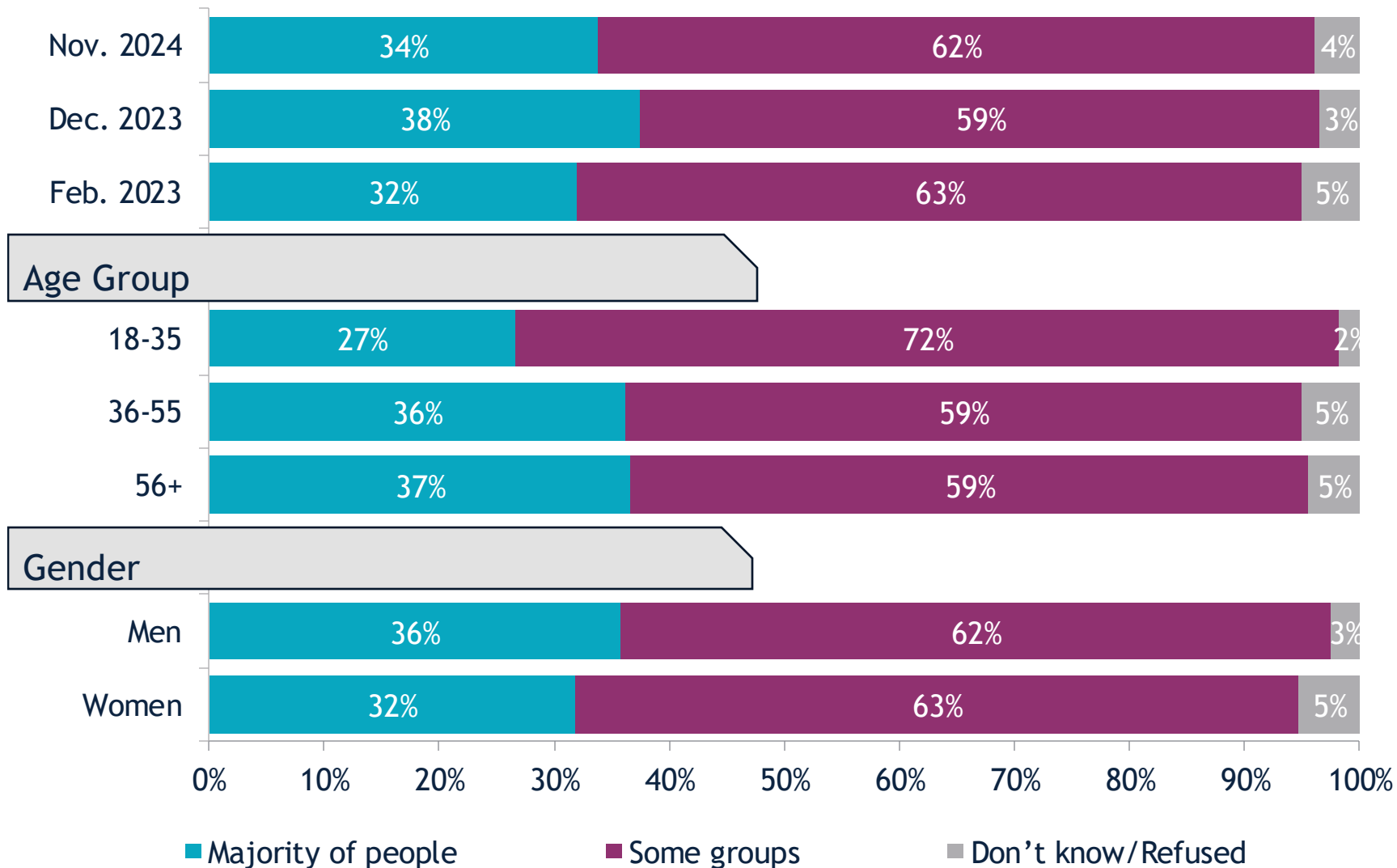


Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



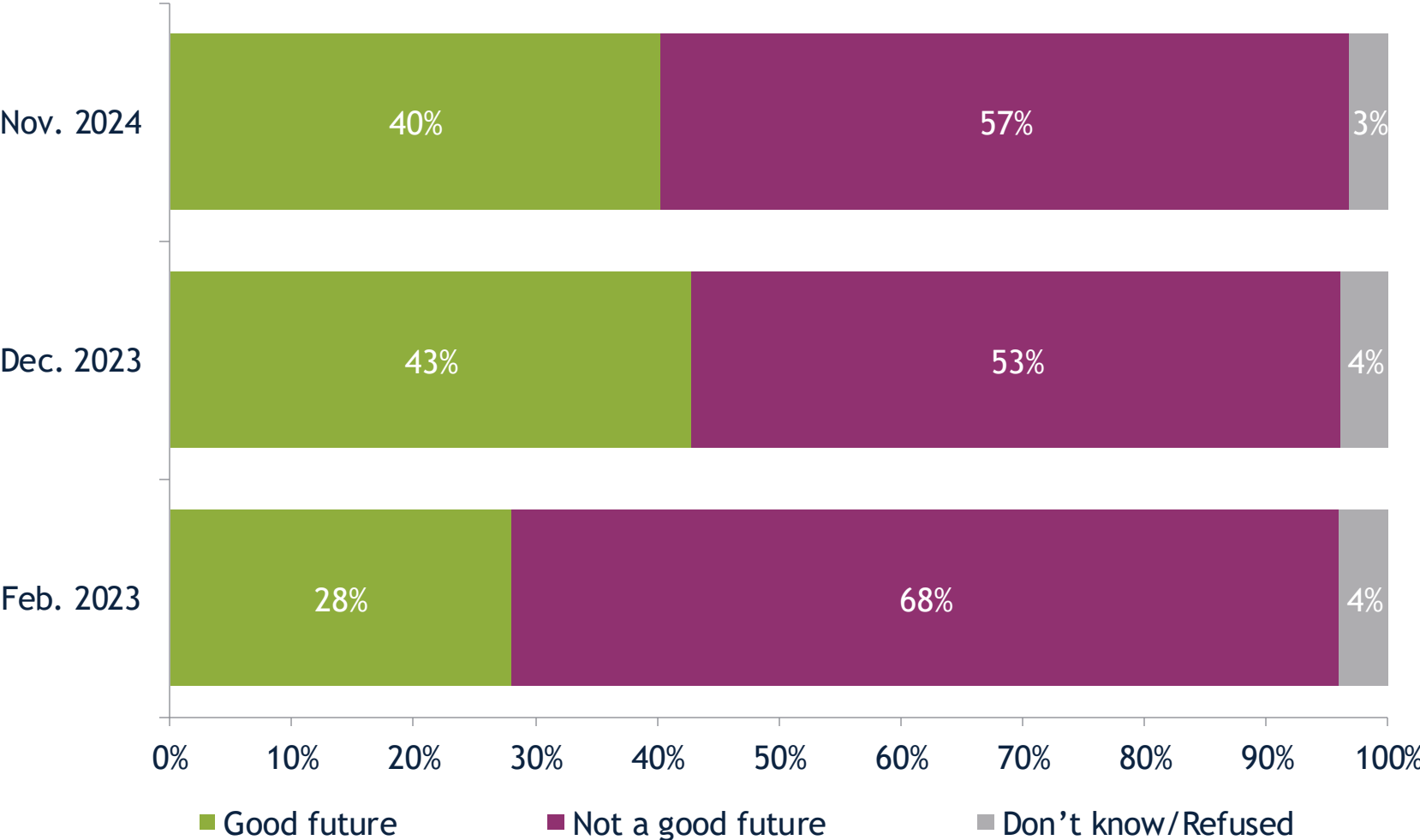
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- Don't know/ Refused

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



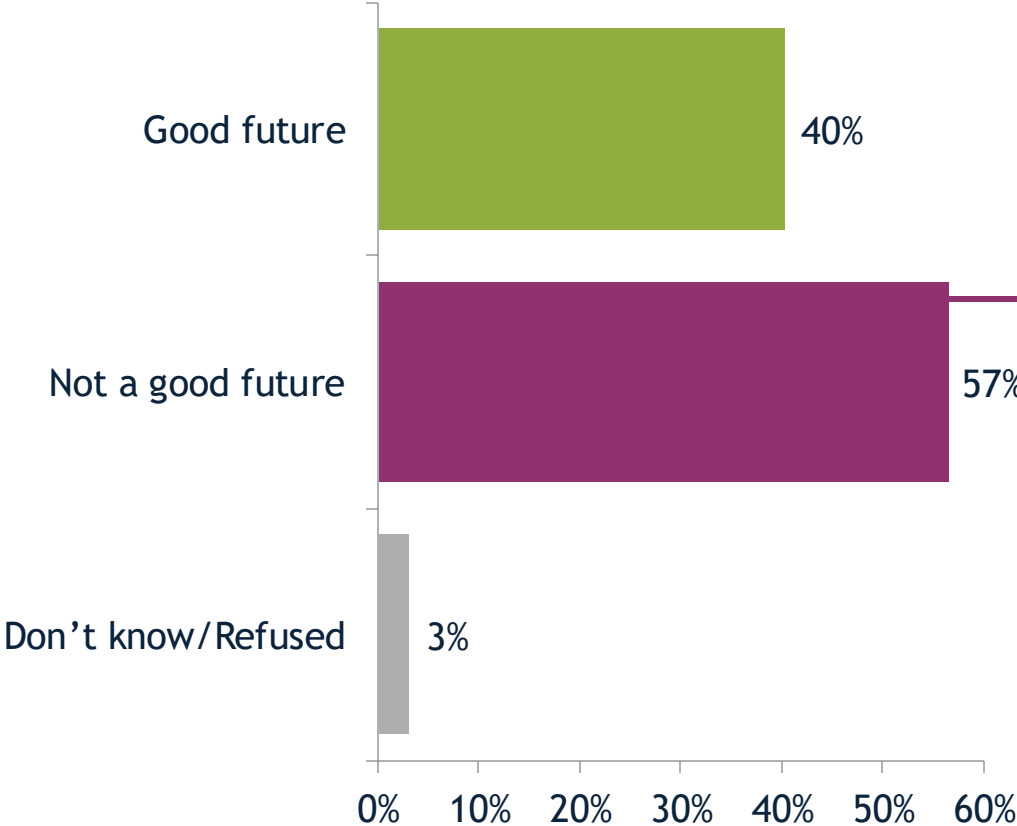


Do you think that today's generation of young people has a good future in our country or not?

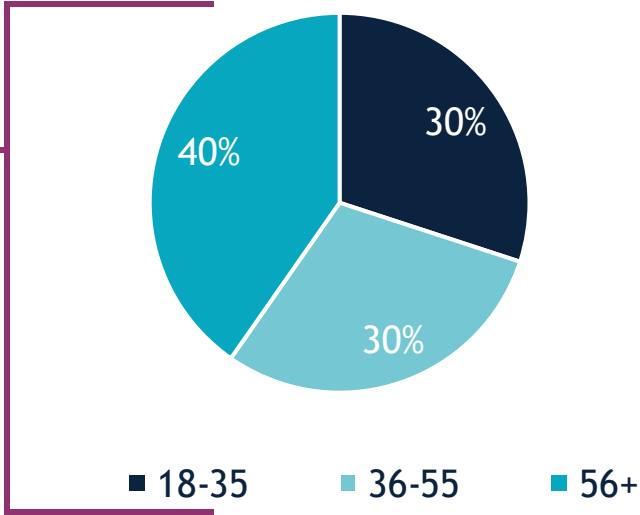




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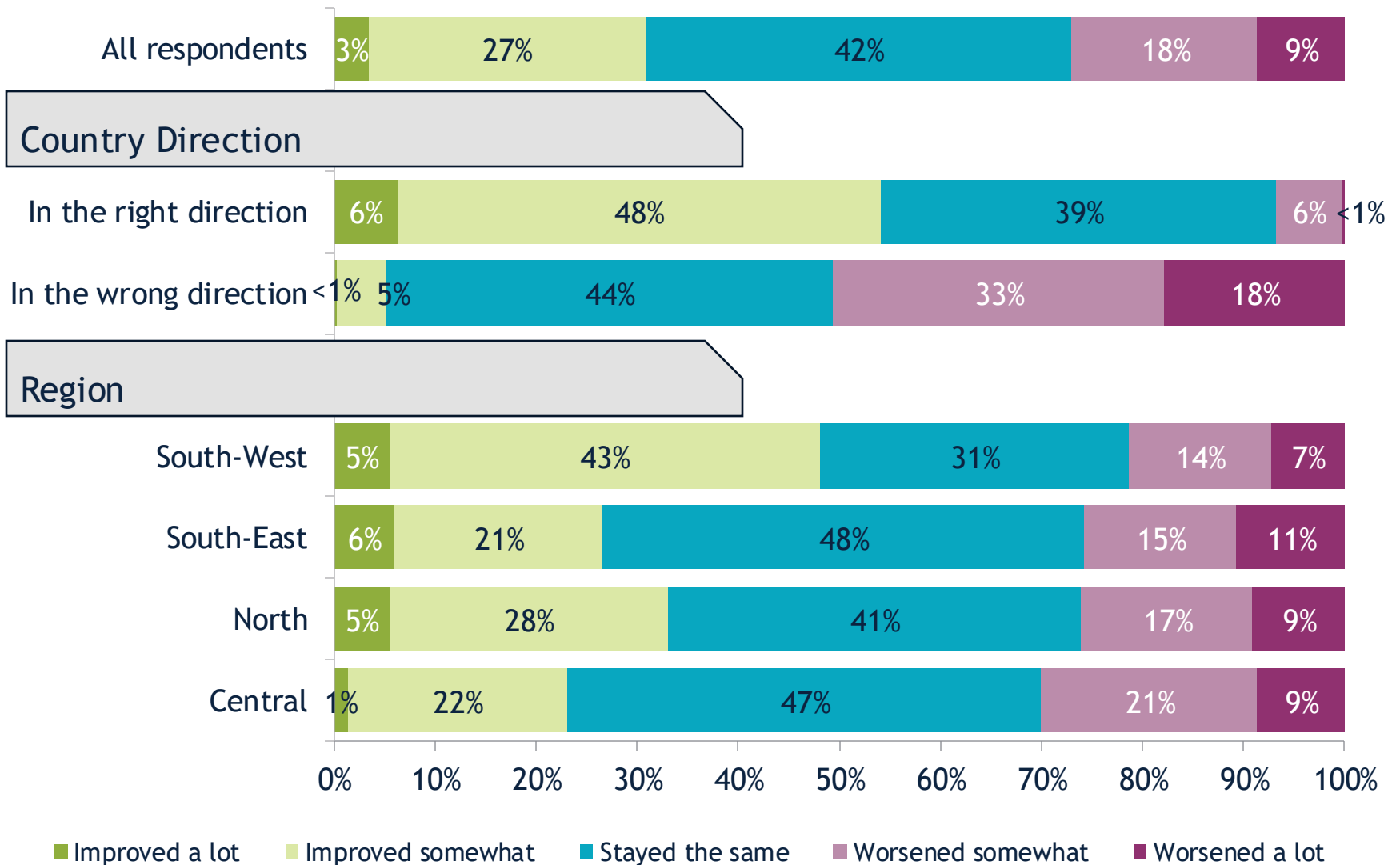


Age profile of those who think young people do not have a good future, n=679



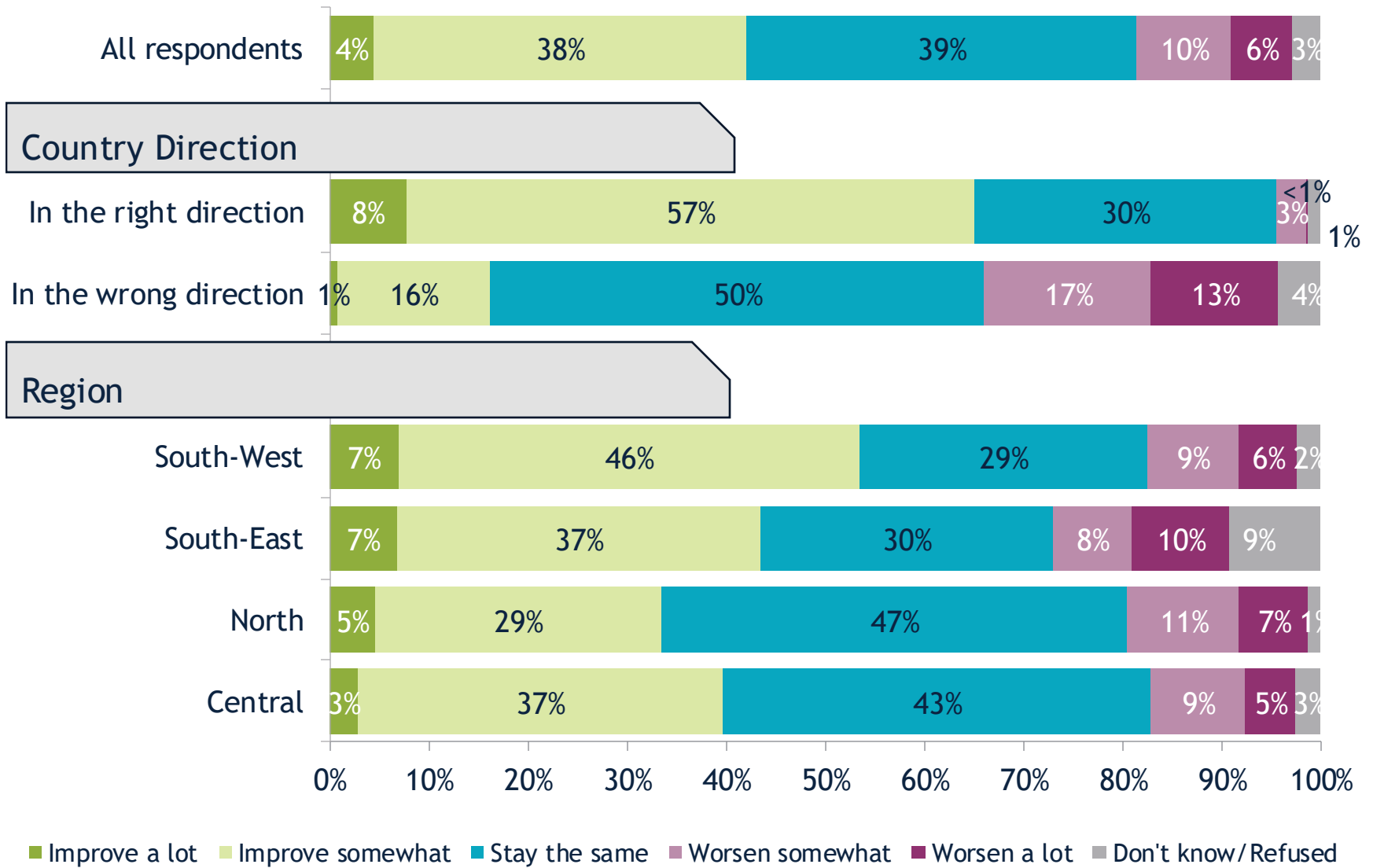
■ Good future ■ Not a good future ■ Don't know/Refused

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





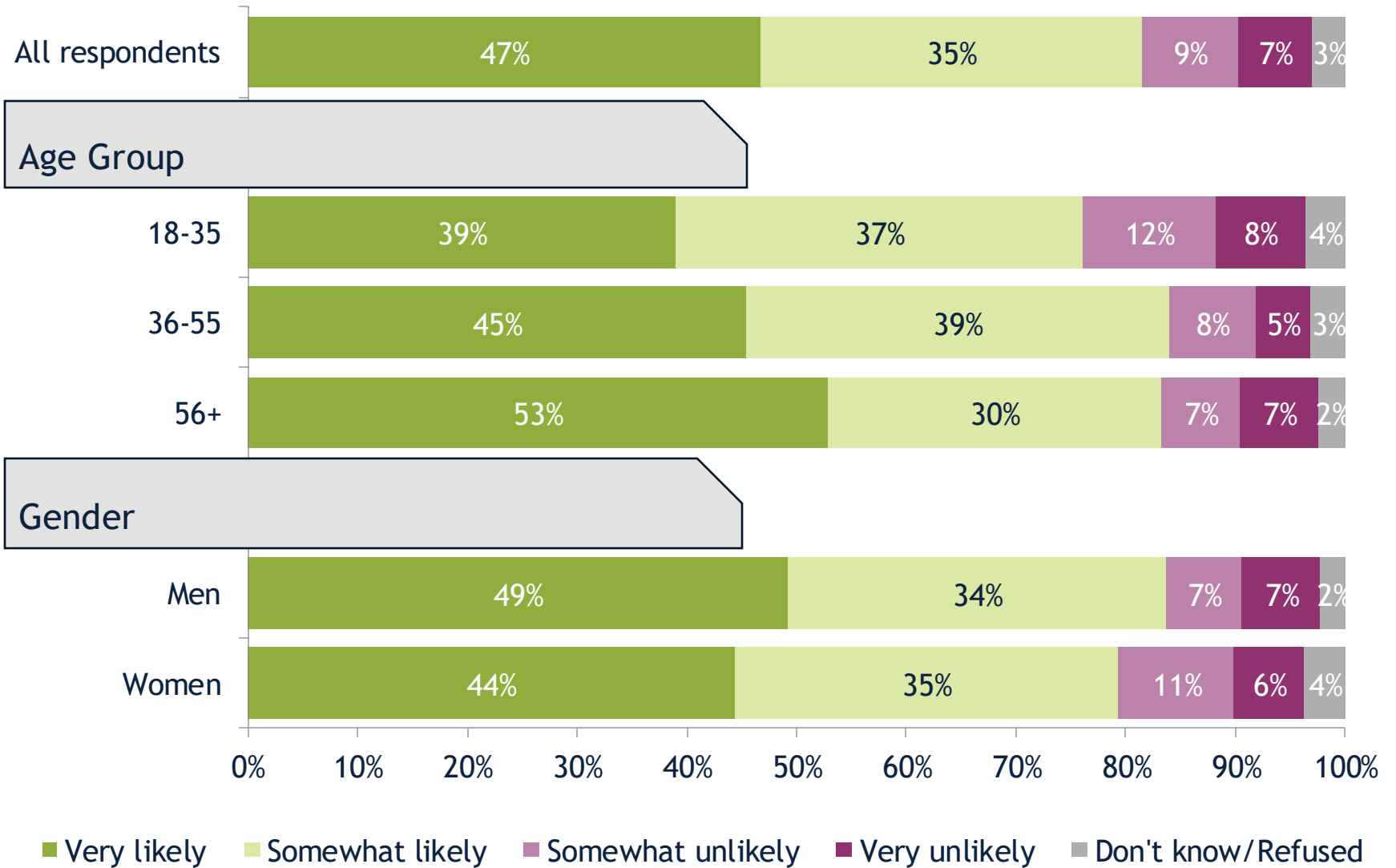
In the coming 6 months how do you expect the economic situation of your household to change?



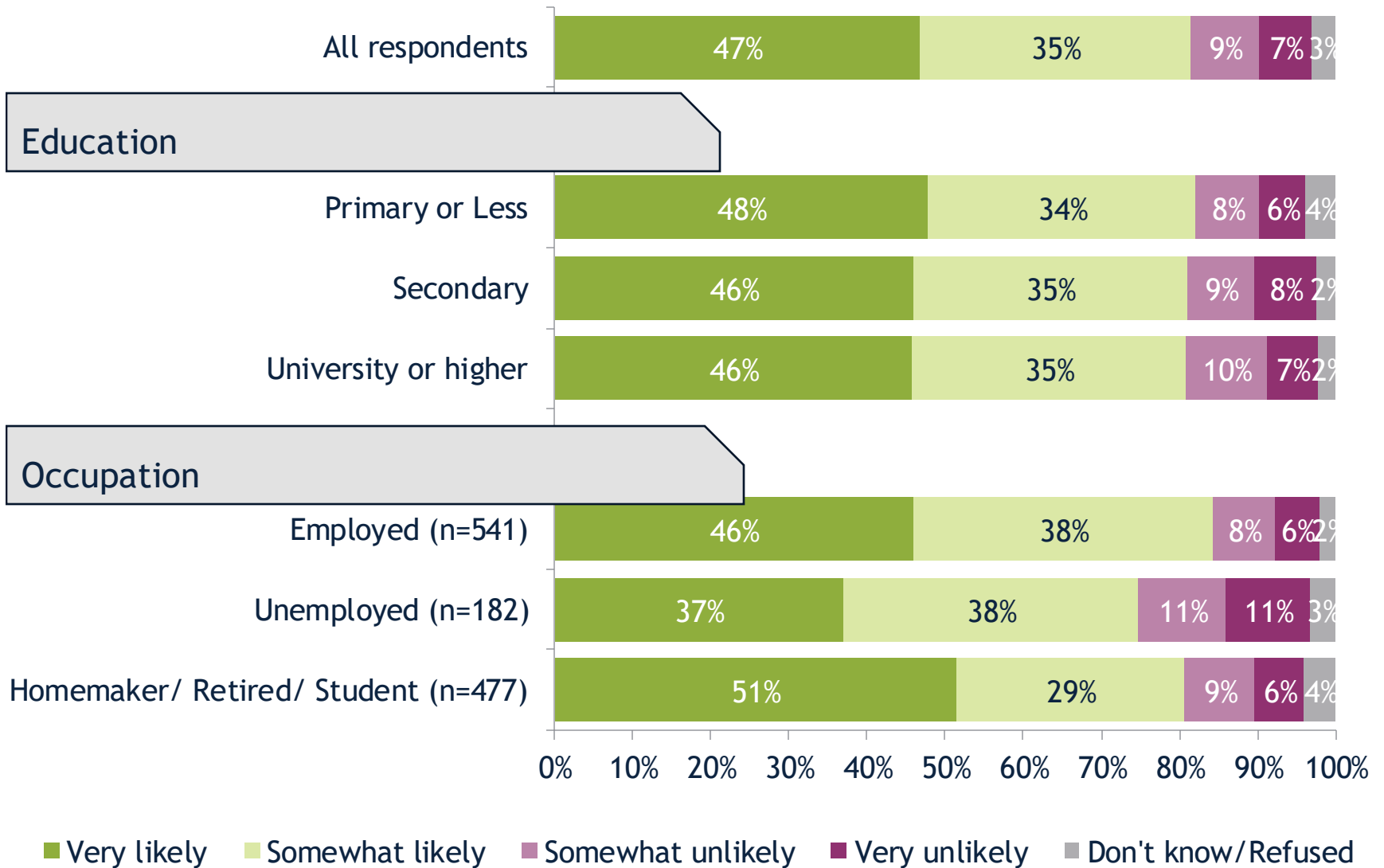
Elections-Upcoming



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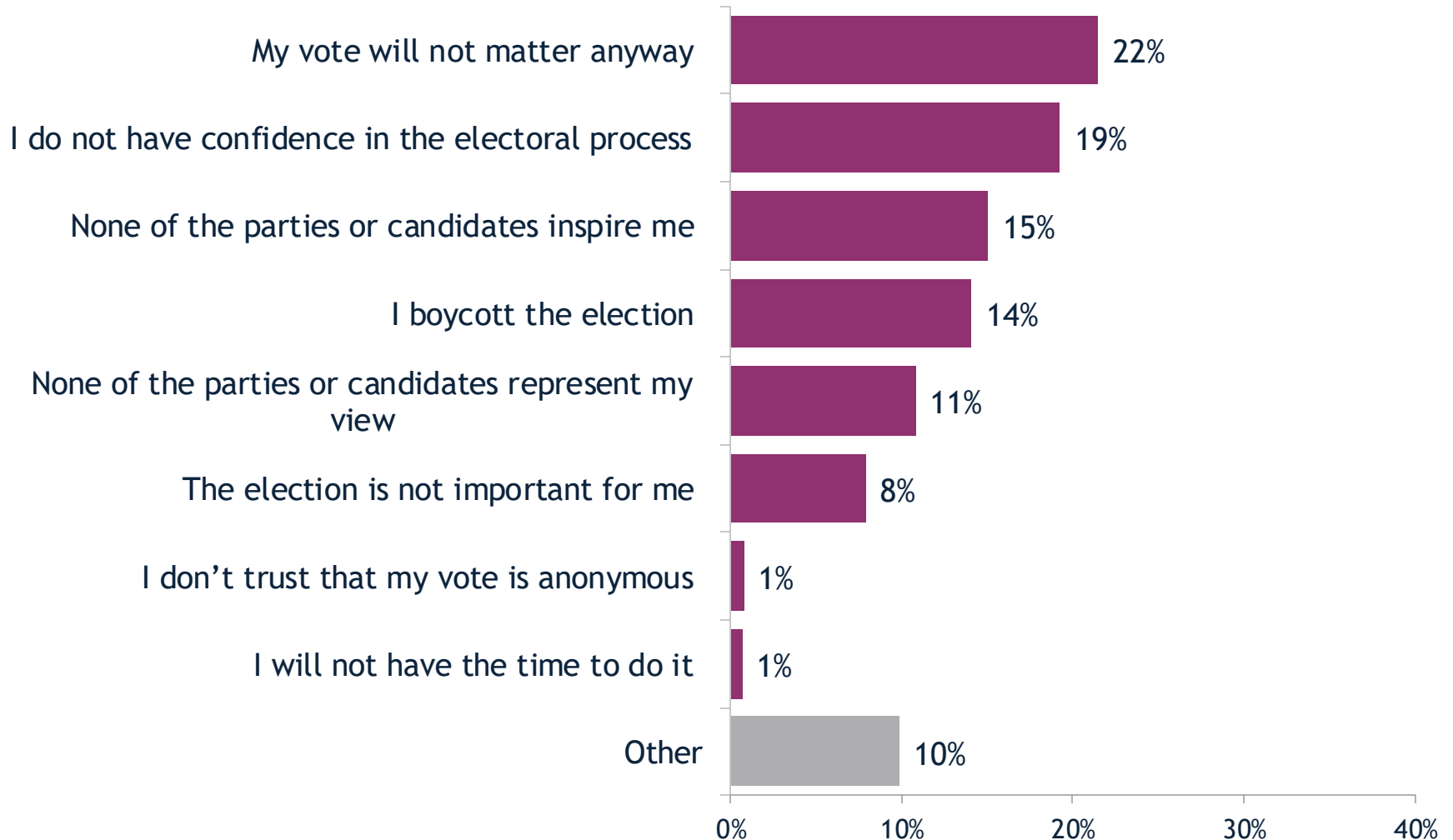


*Employed includes (employed in a paid job full-time and part-time; self-employed full-time and part-time), Unemployed includes (unemployed, looking and not looking for a job) 21



Why are you very unlikely to vote in the 2025 Parliamentary elections?

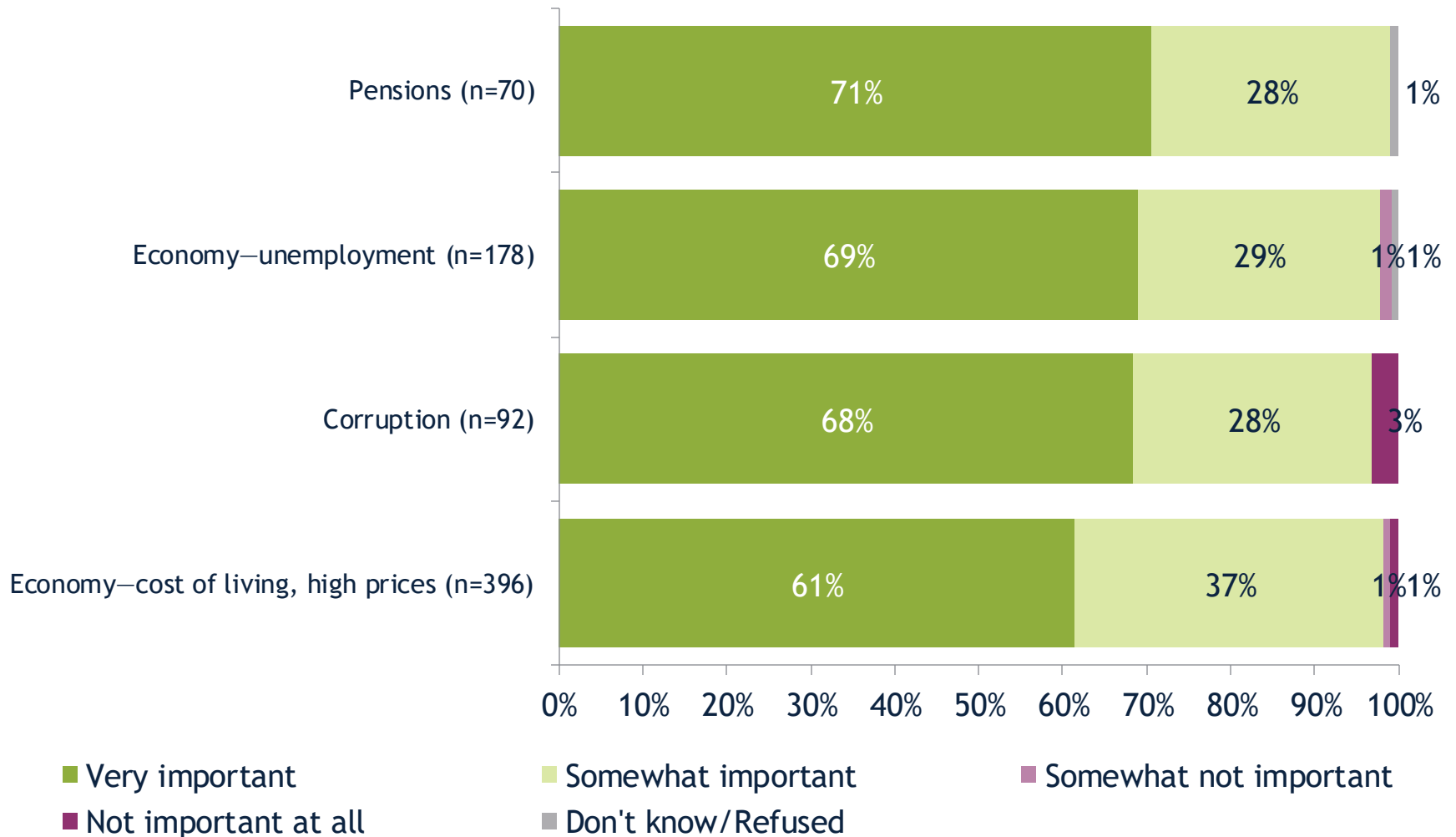
(Spontaneous response; among very unlikely voters, n=81)



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You said that [ITEM] was the most important problem facing the country today. If the Parliamentary Elections were being held today, how important would this issue be in determining who you would vote for Parliament?

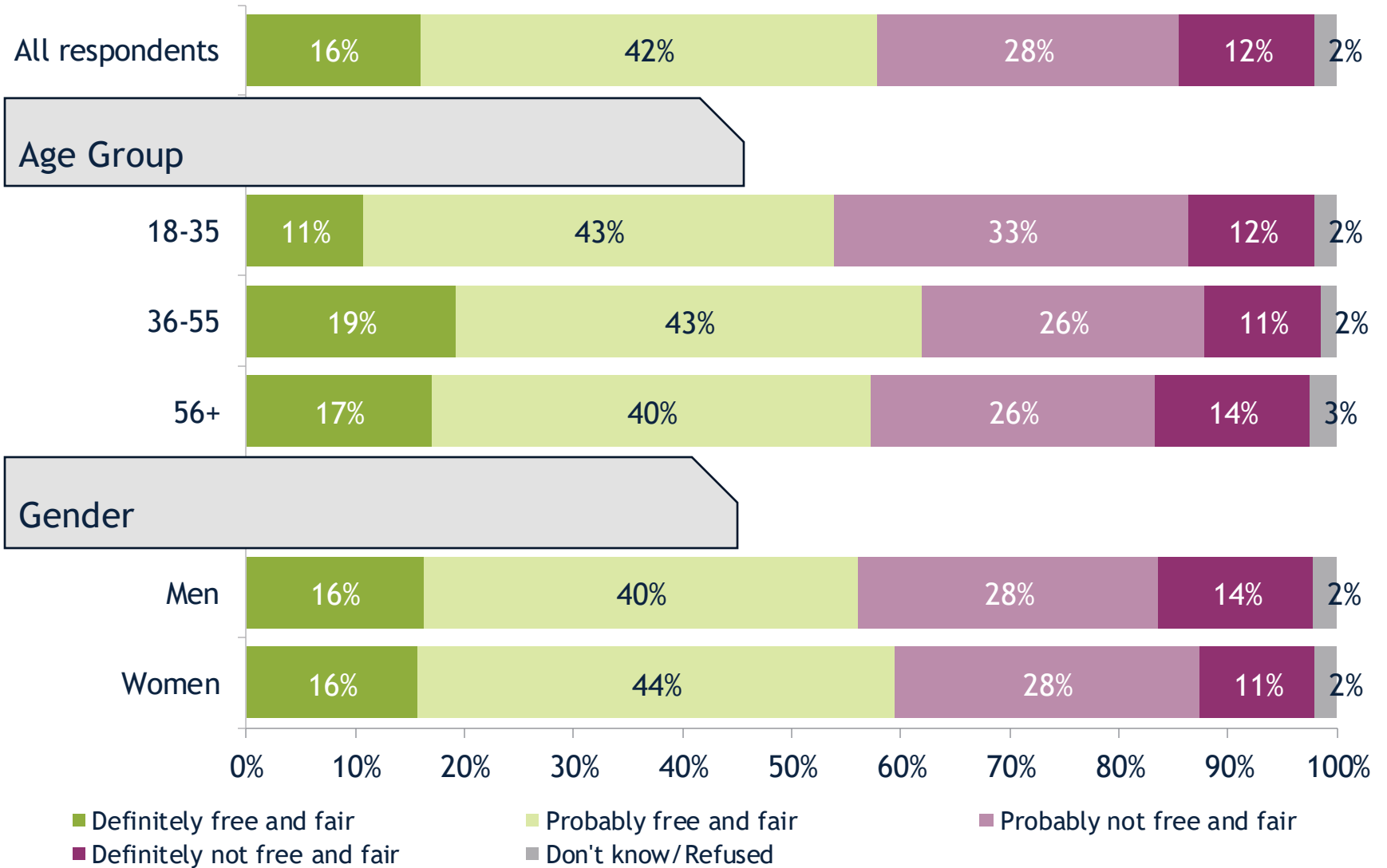
(Among respondents who named a party to vote for in the 2025 Parliamentary Elections and among those who identified a specific issue as the most important problem facing the country)



*Items with n<50 were excluded from this chart

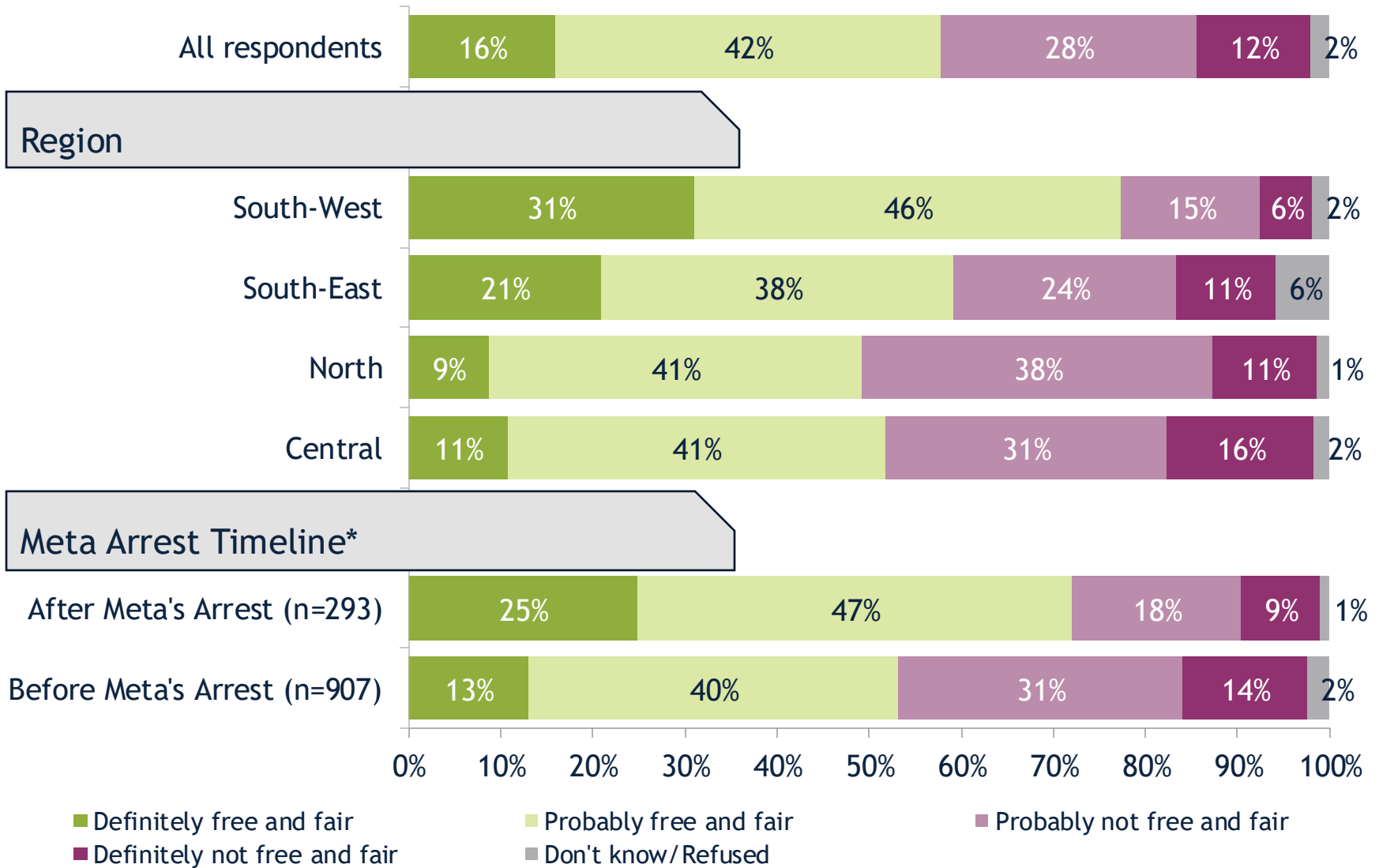


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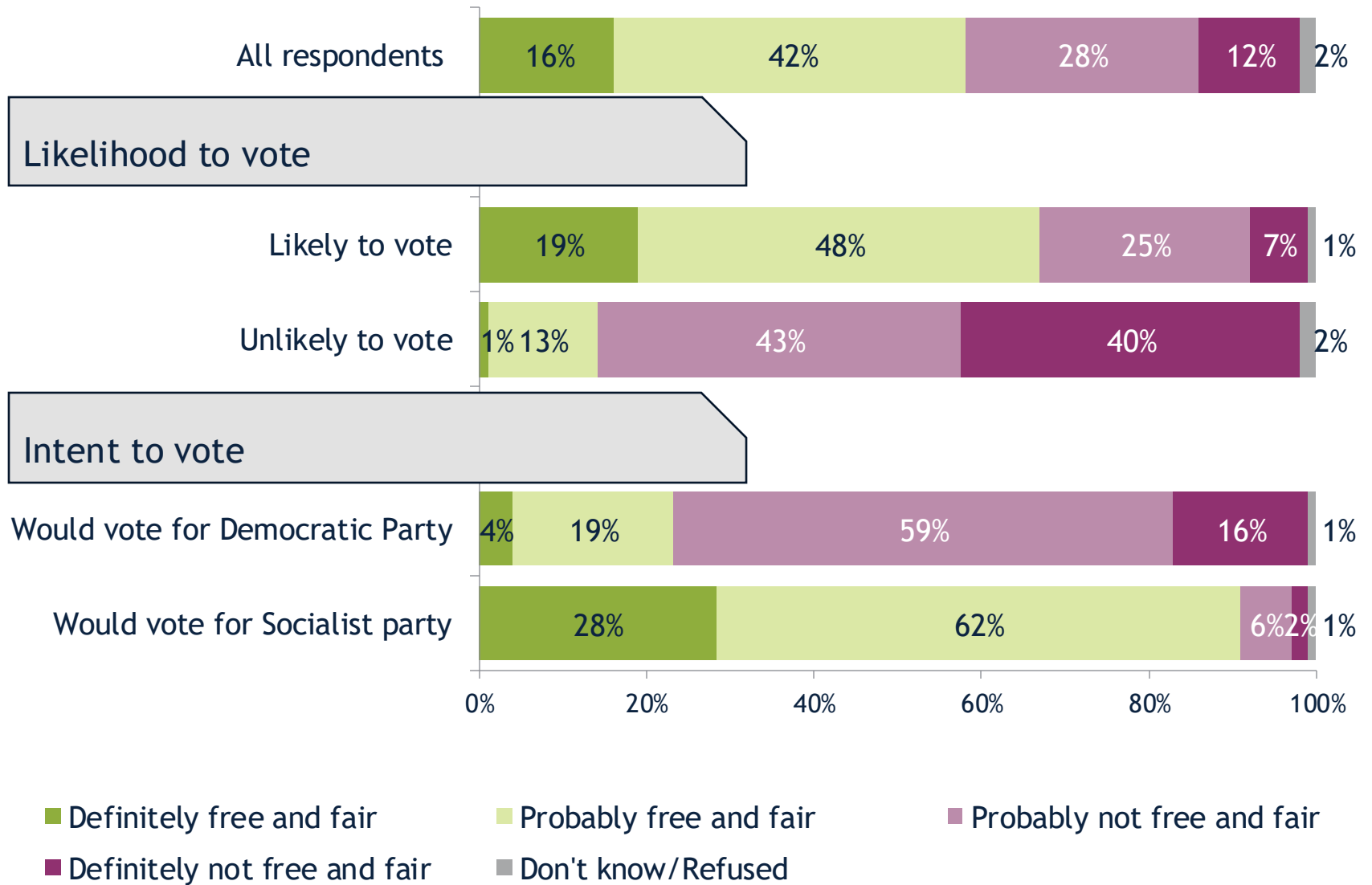
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*Former President Ilir Meta was arrested on corruption-related charges on October 21, 2024, nearly three weeks into the survey's fieldwork period.



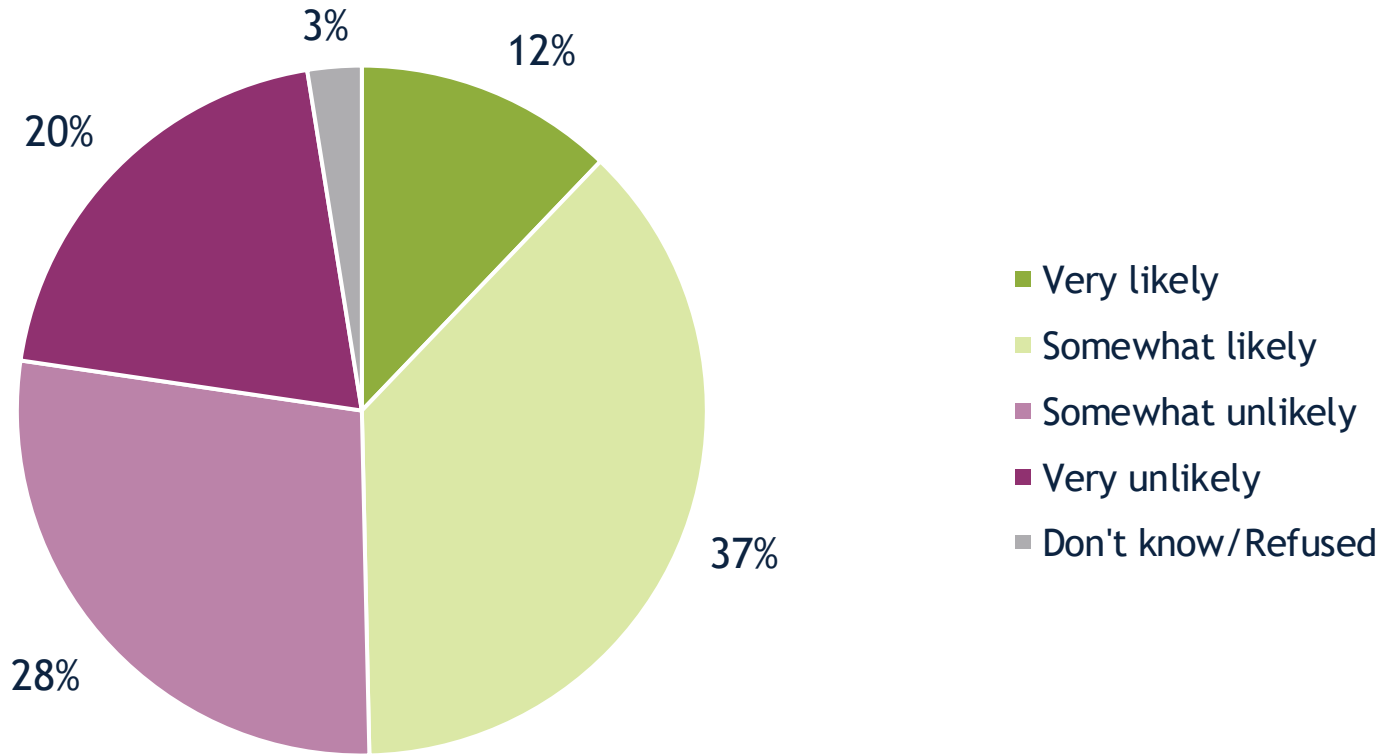
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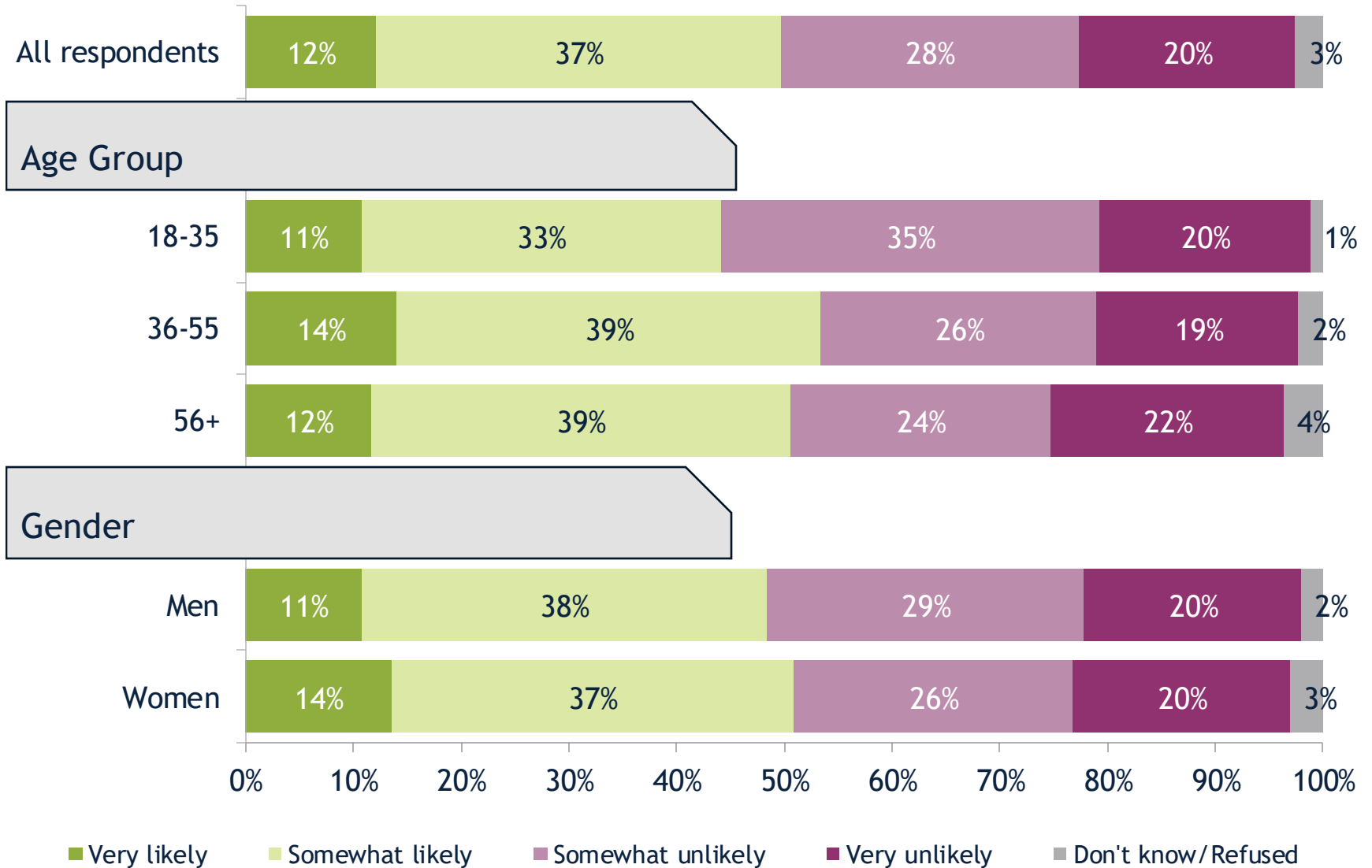
Elections—System



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

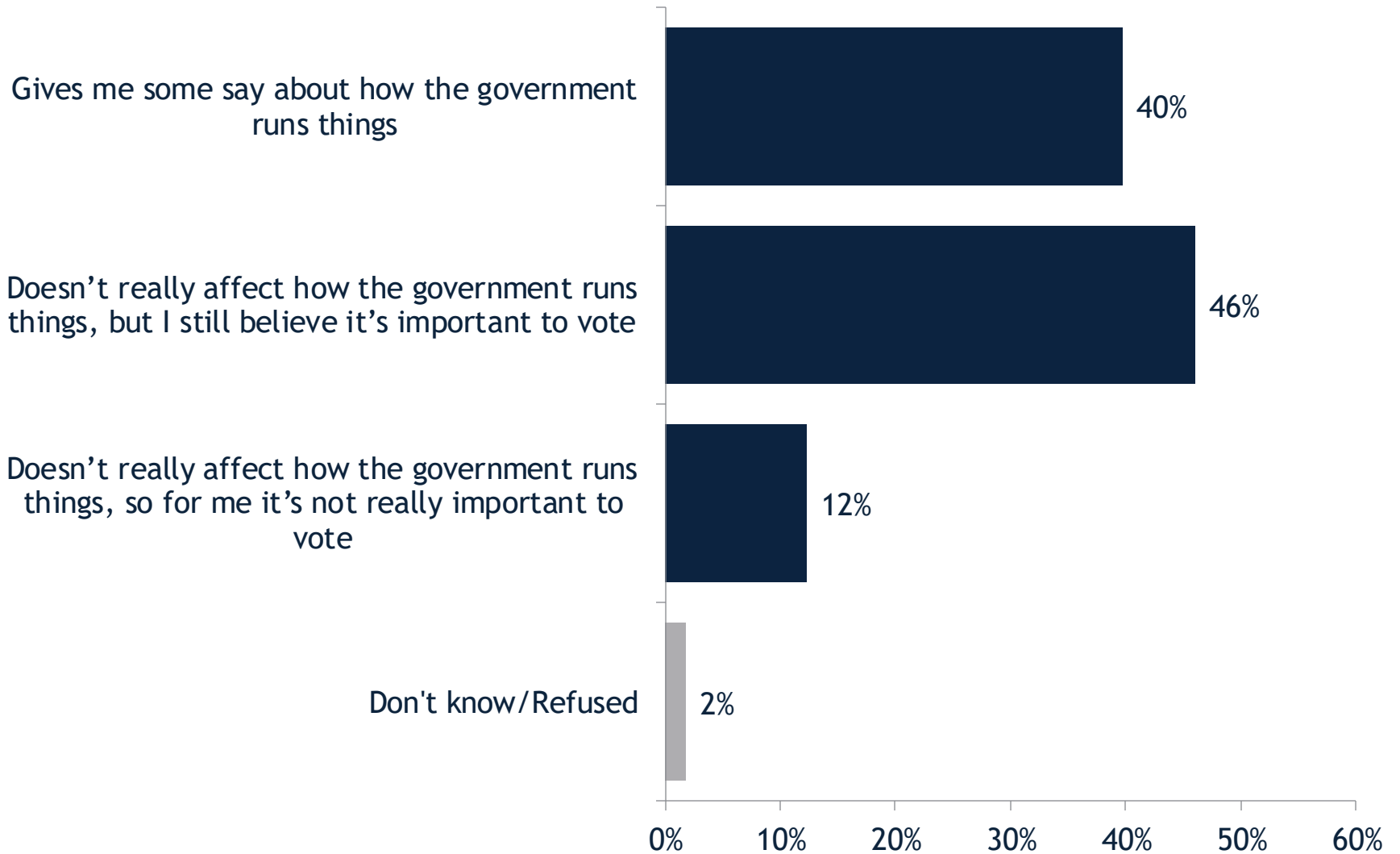


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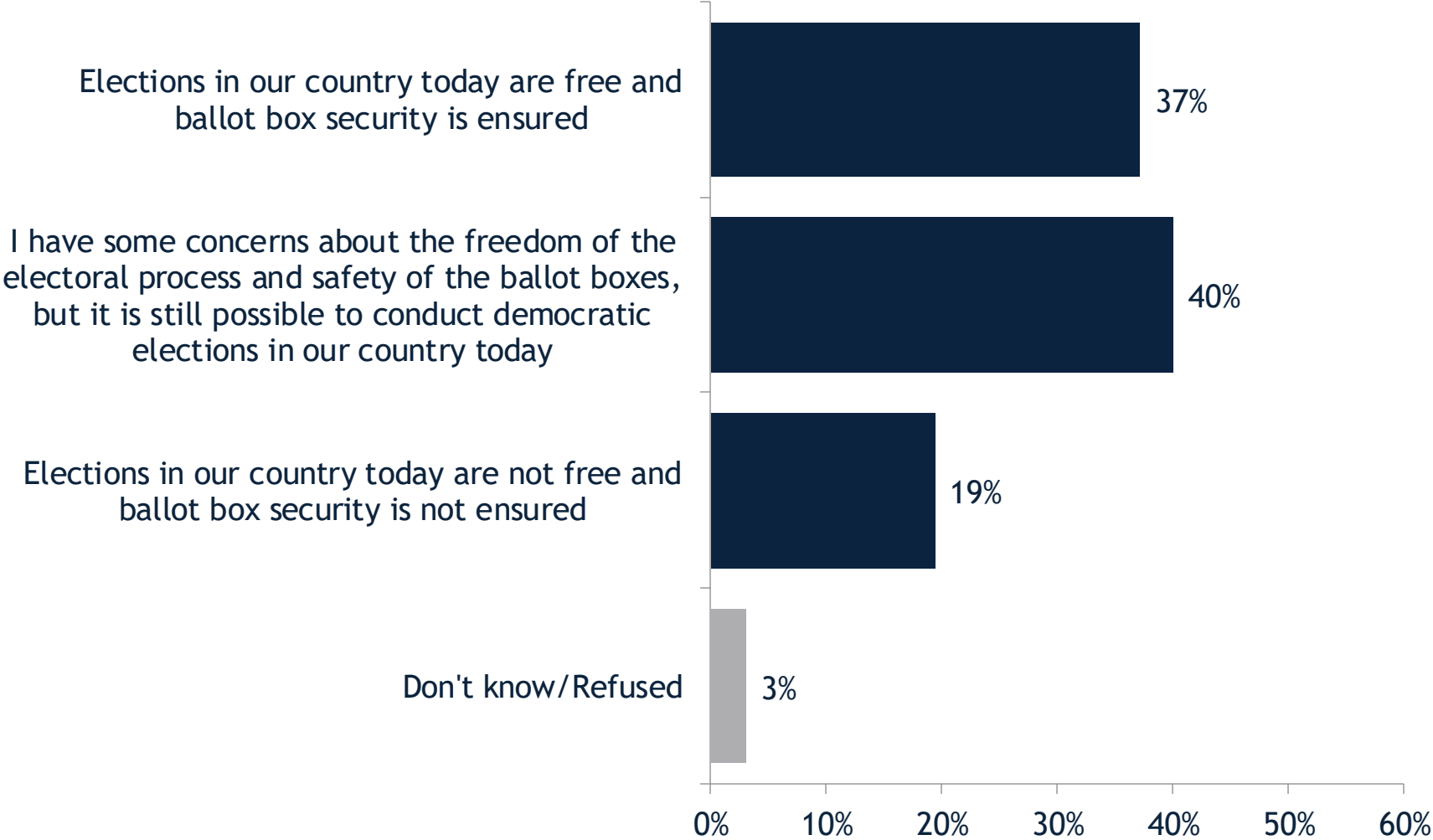


Which statement about voting comes closest to your opinion?



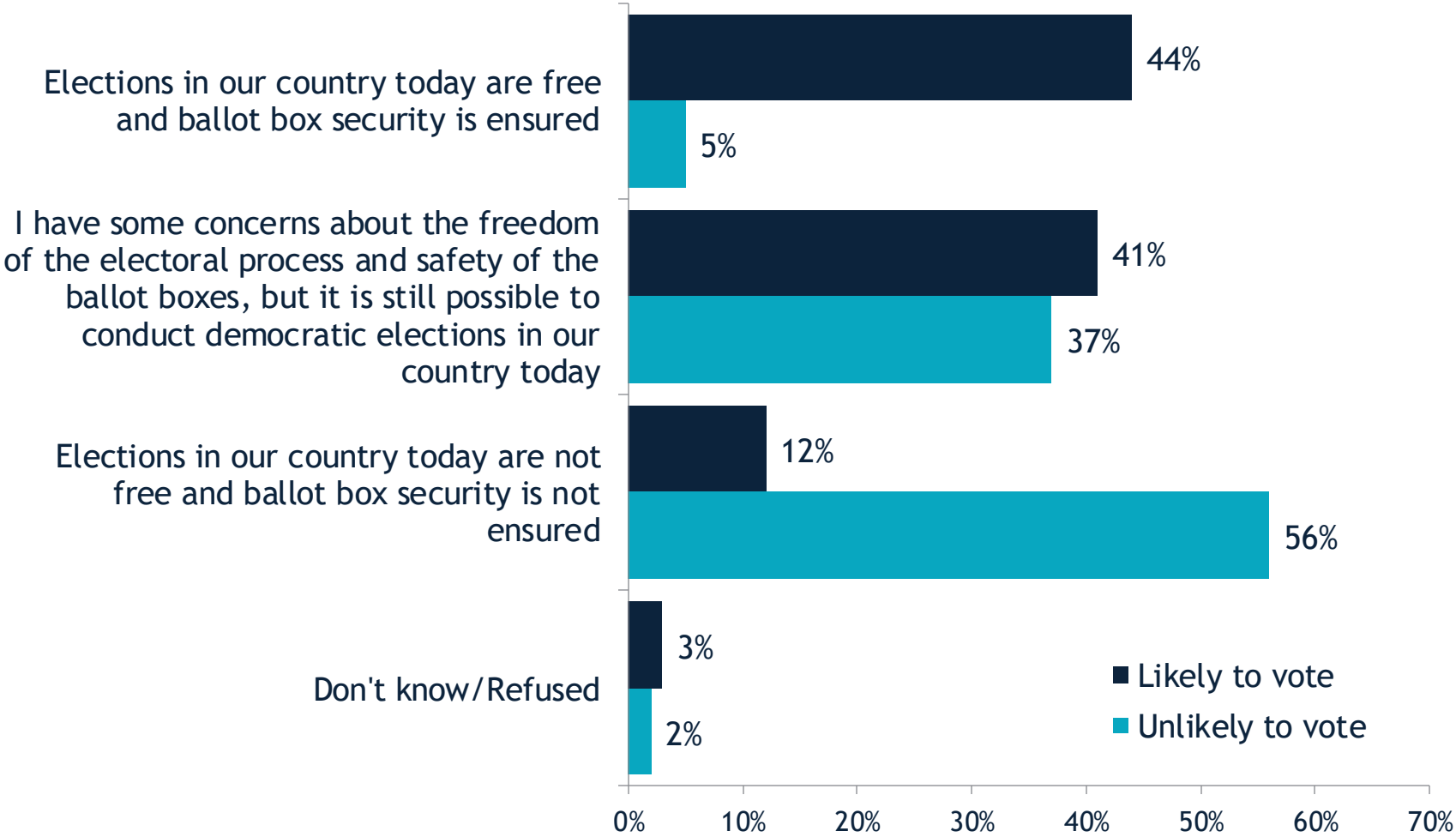


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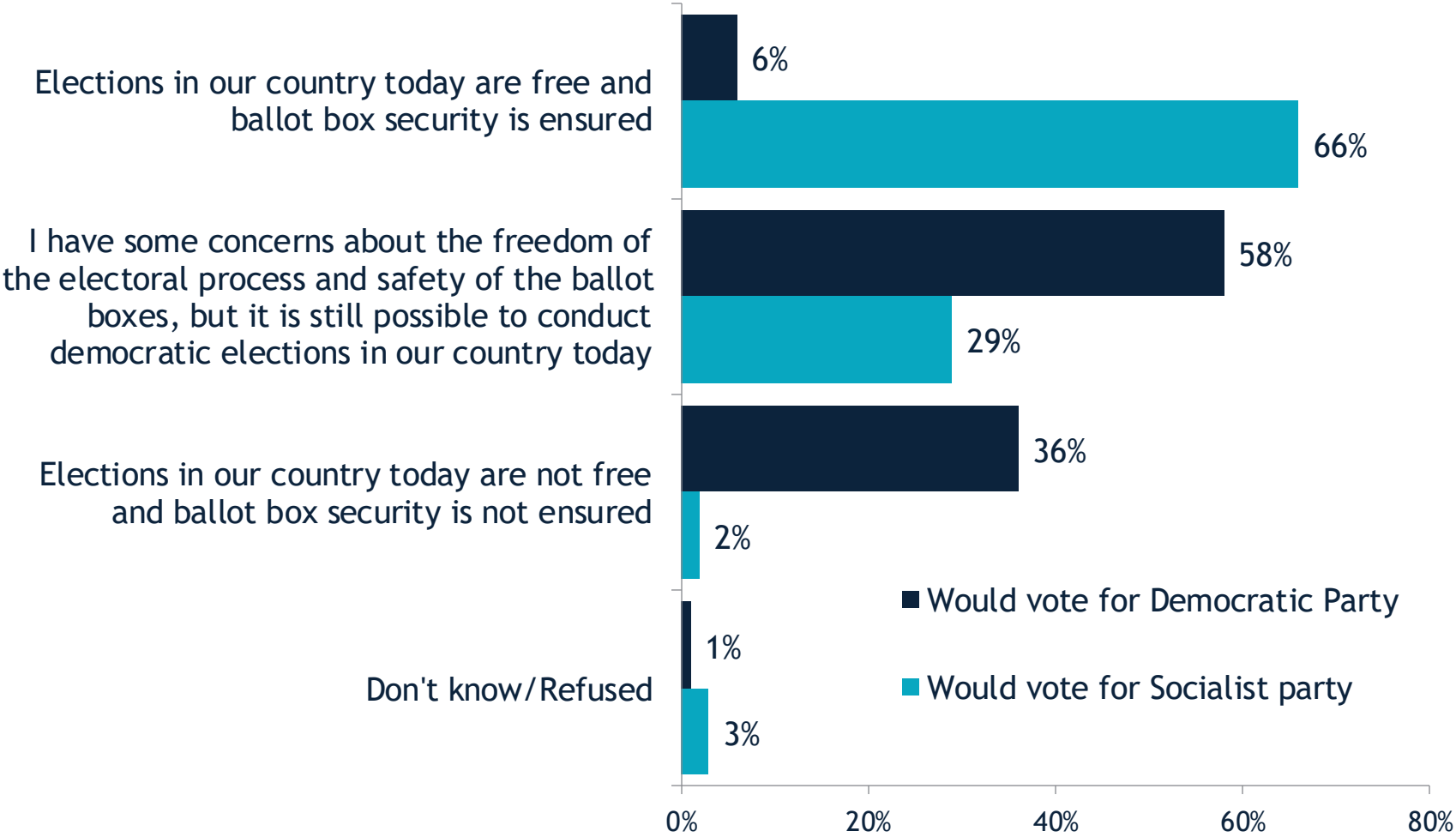


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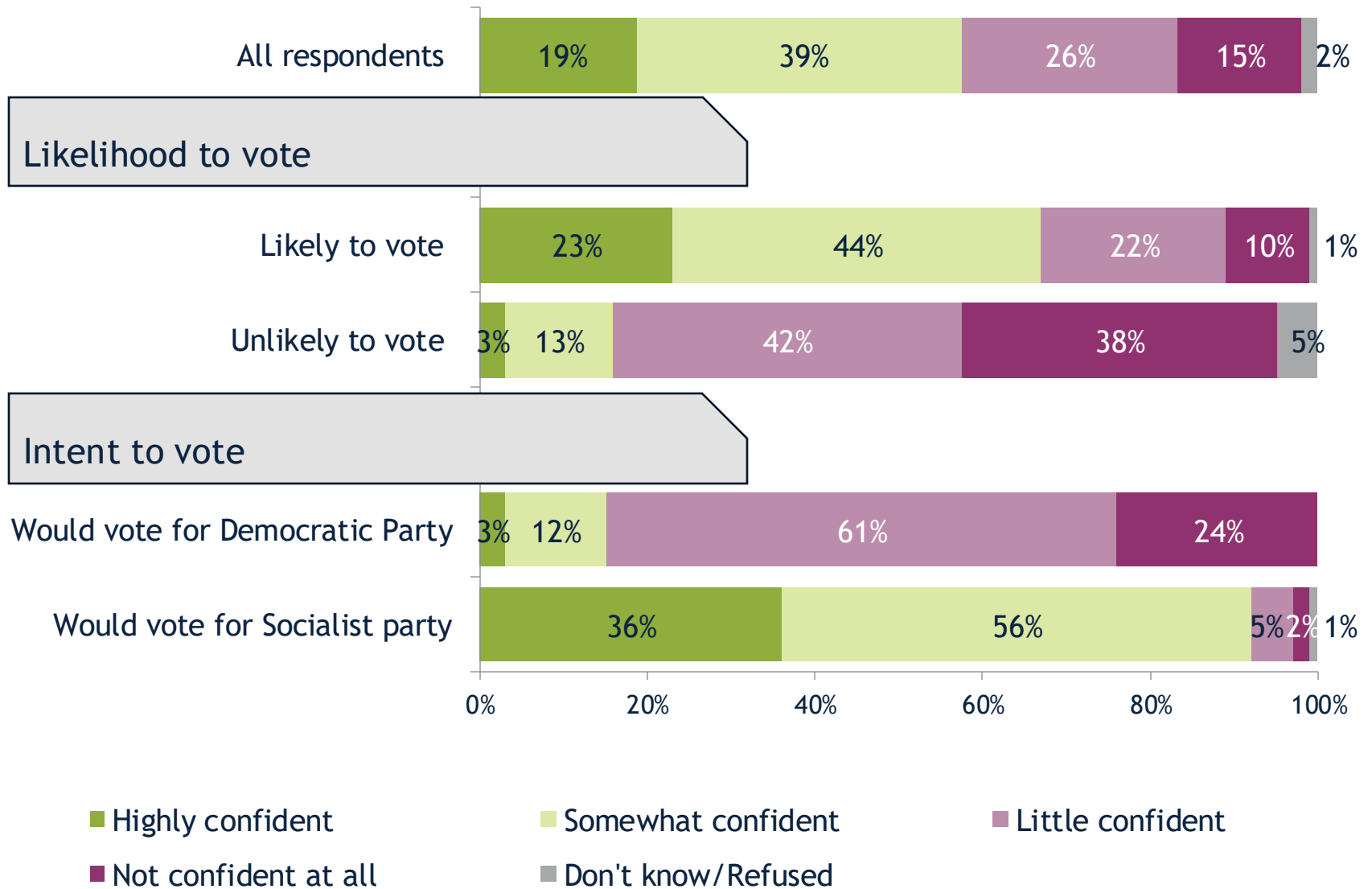
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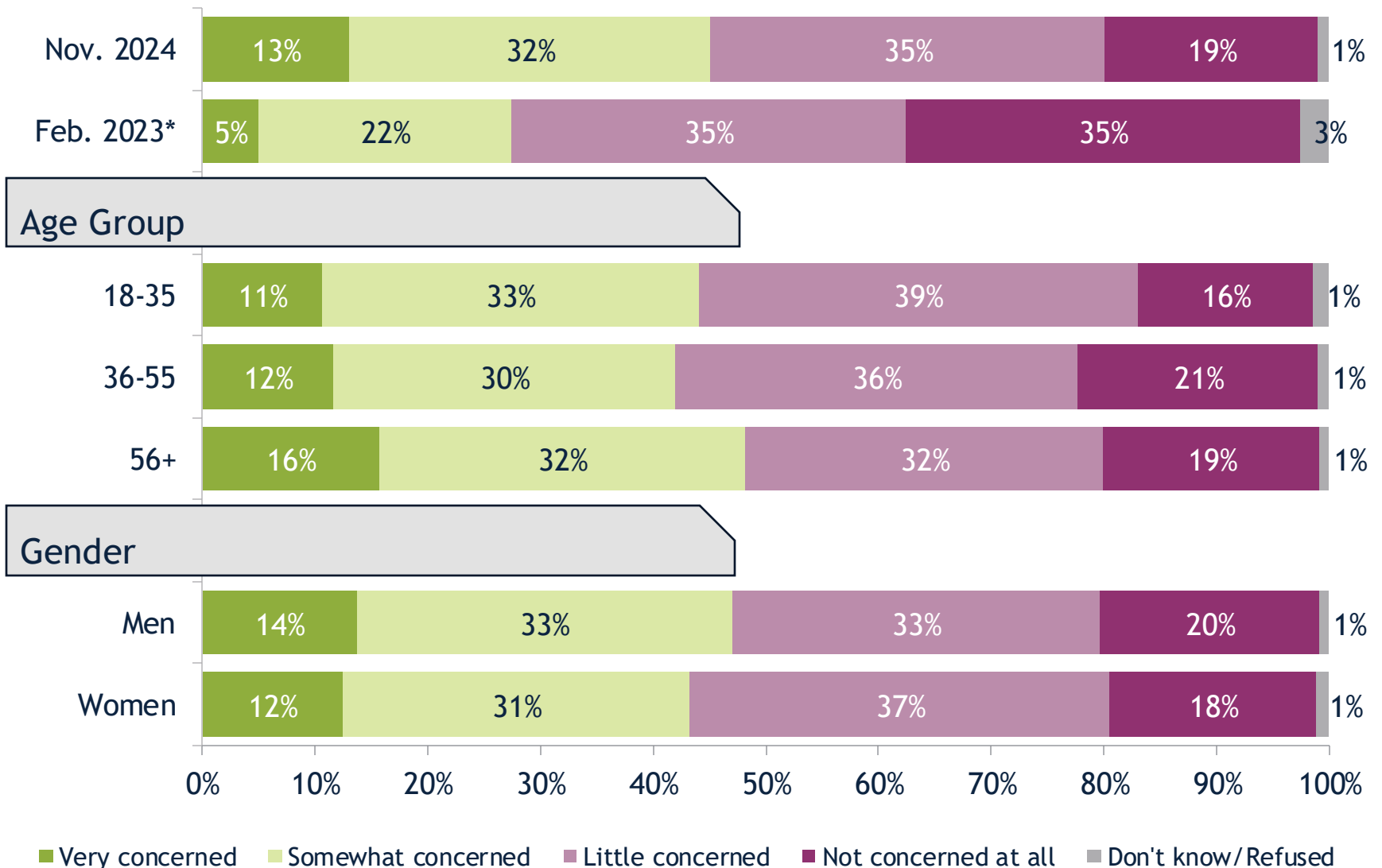
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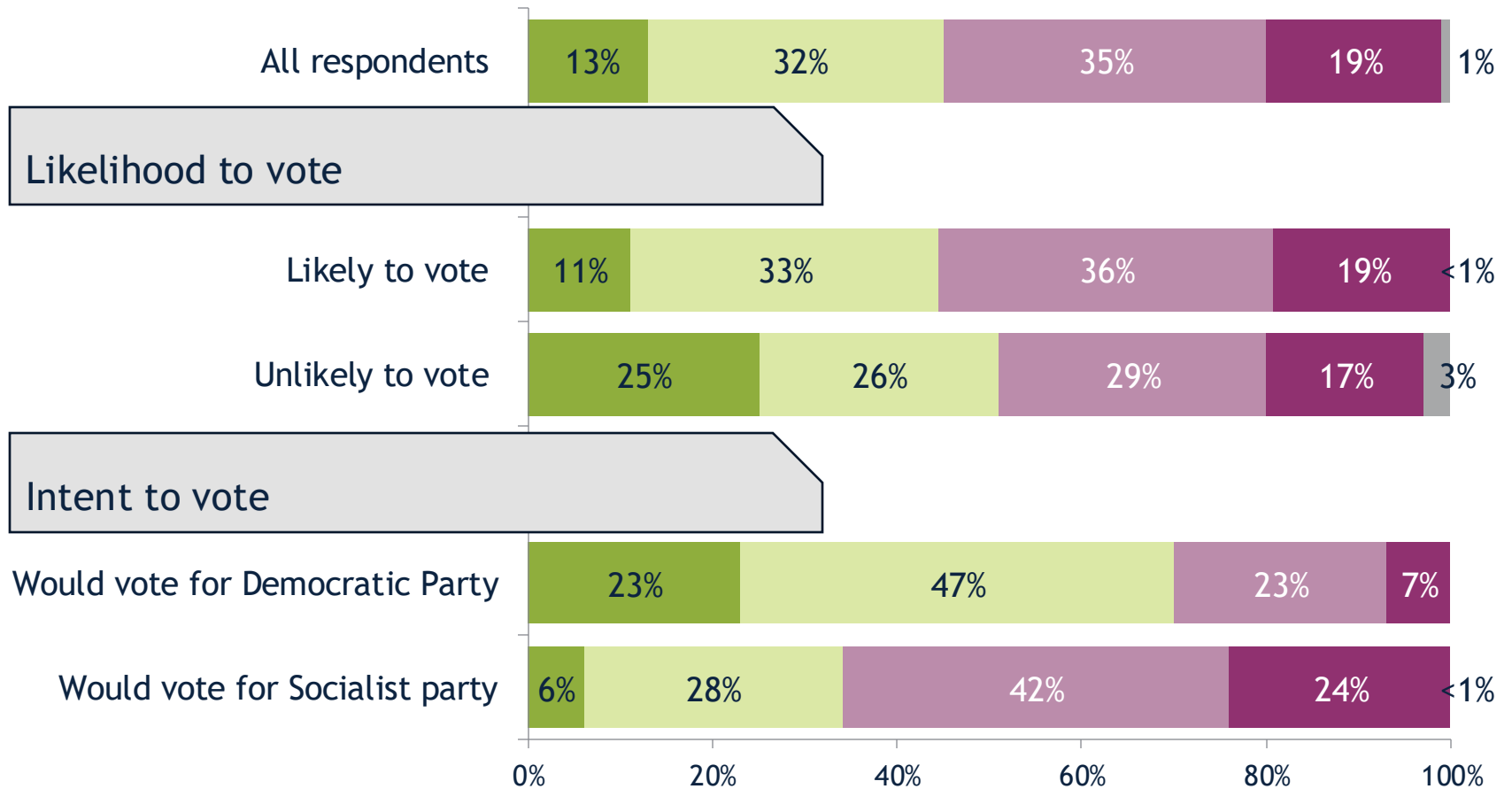
How concerned, if at all, are you about election-related violence?



* In February 2023, this question was asked in the lead-up to municipal elections.



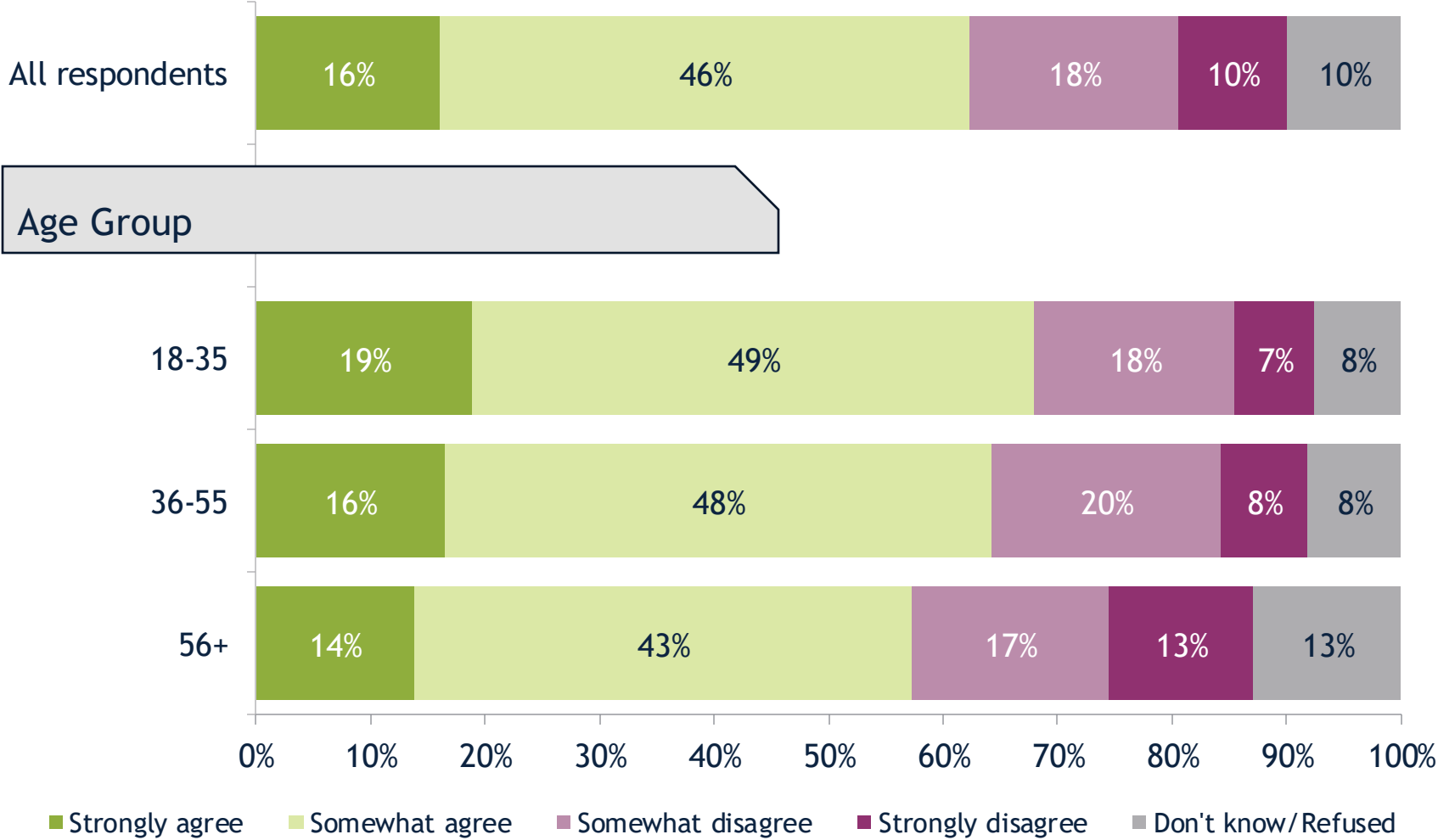
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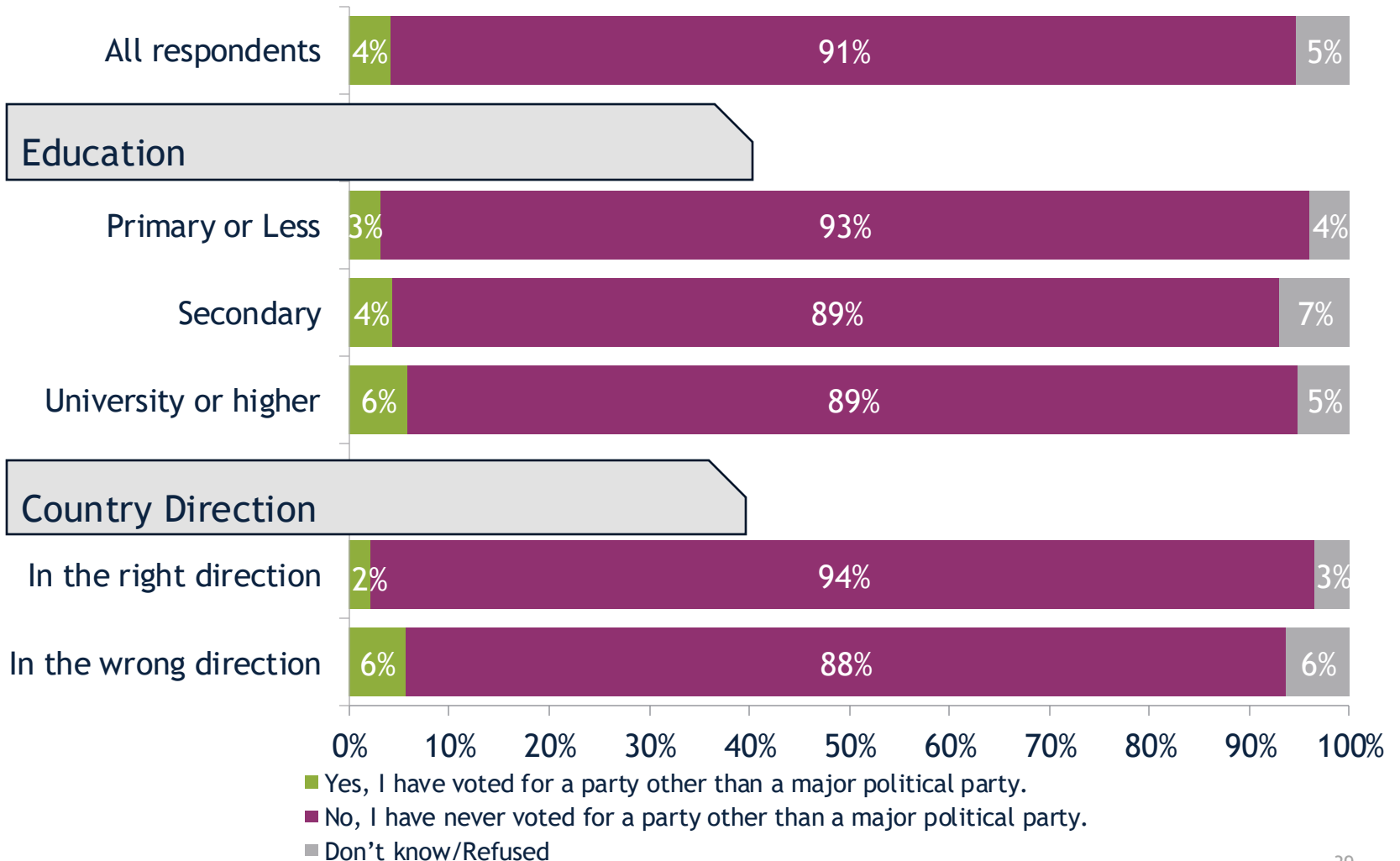
- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Little concerned
- Not concerned at all
- Don't know/Refused



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



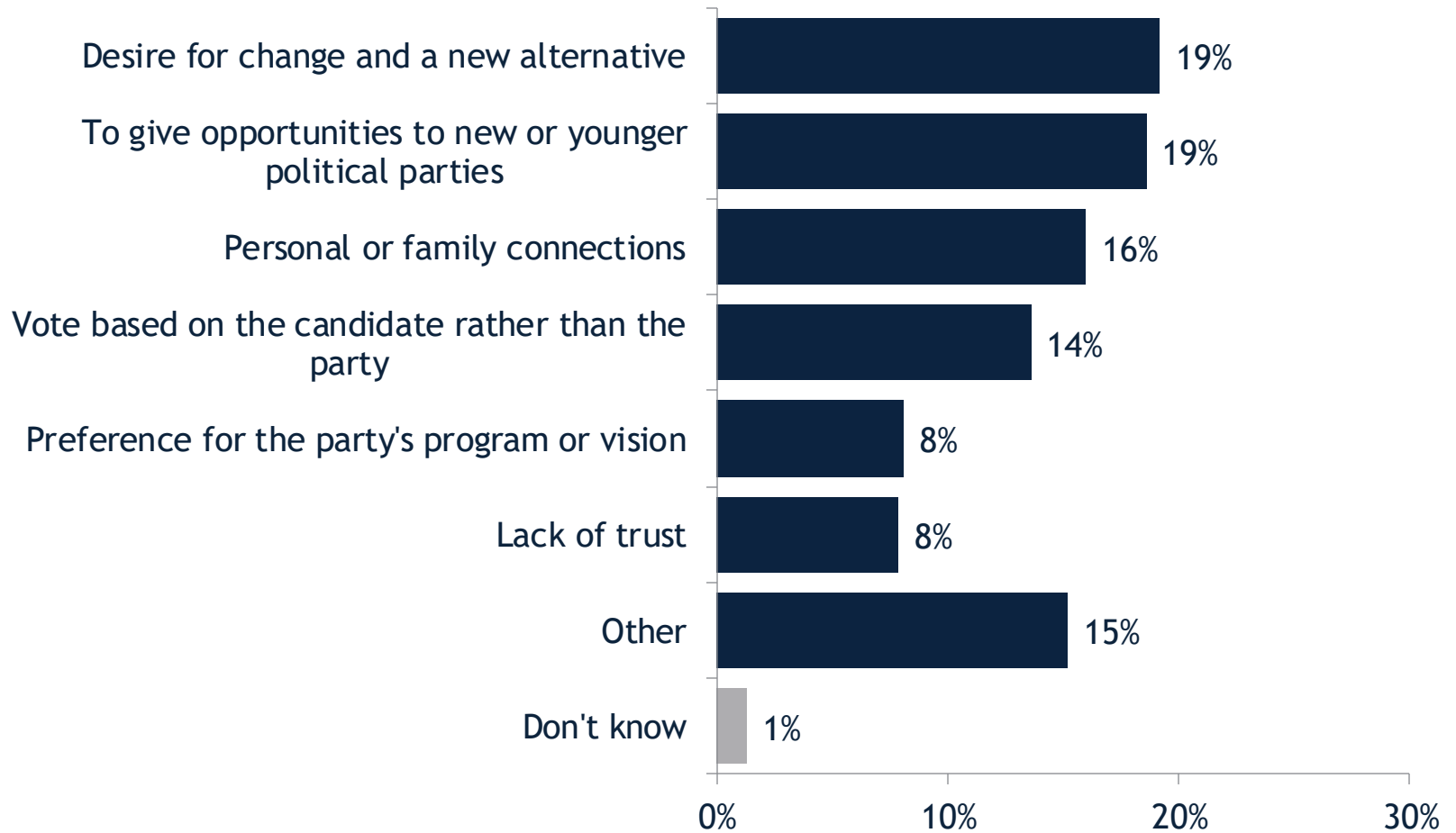
In recent past elections, have you ever voted for a party OTHER THAN a major political party? Major political parties include the Socialist Party of Albania, The Democratic Party of Albania, or the Socialist Party for Integration.





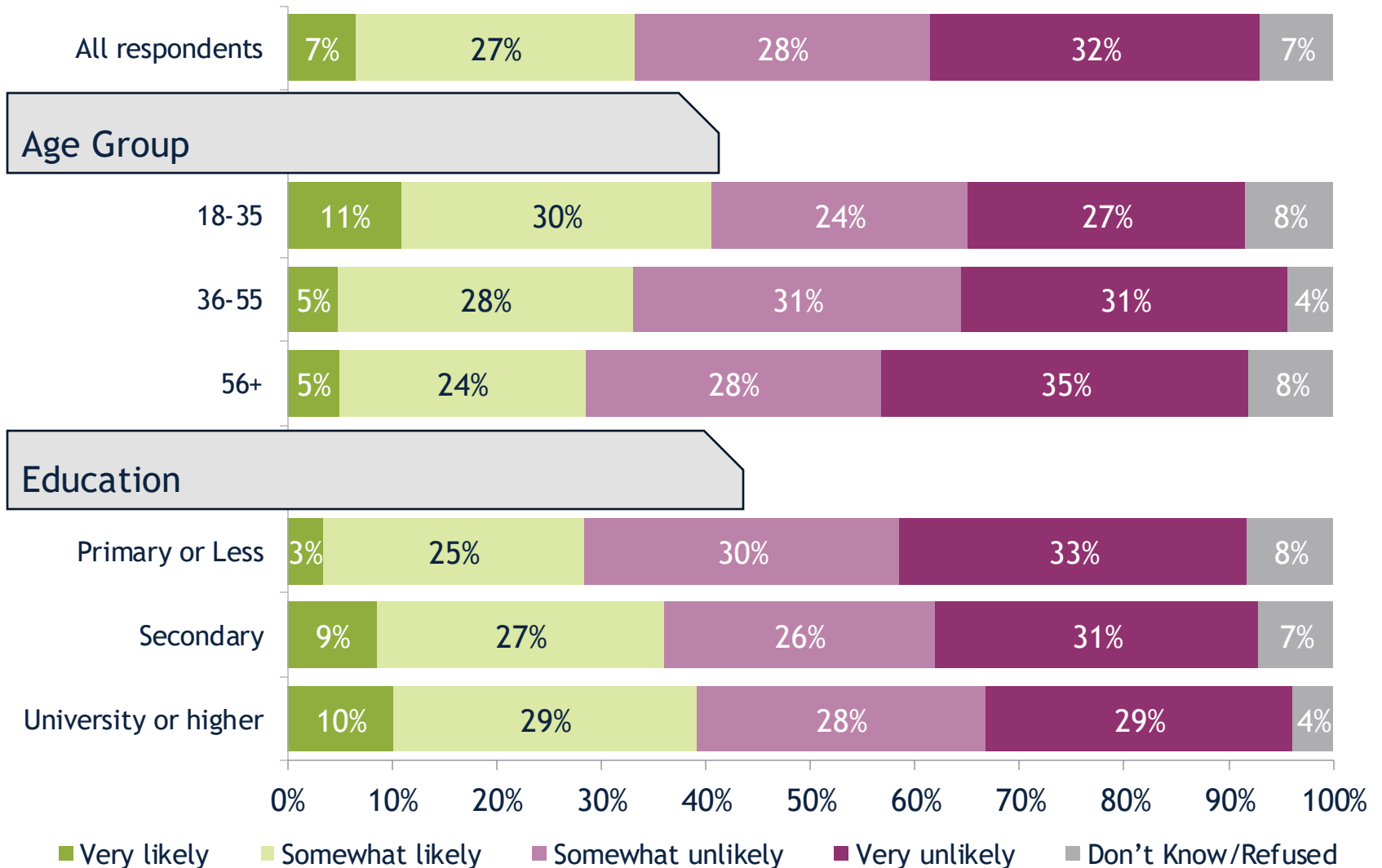
Could you tell me why you decided to vote for a party other than a major political party?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who have voted for a party other than a major political party, n=49)*



*Results should be interpreted with caution due to the small sample size n.

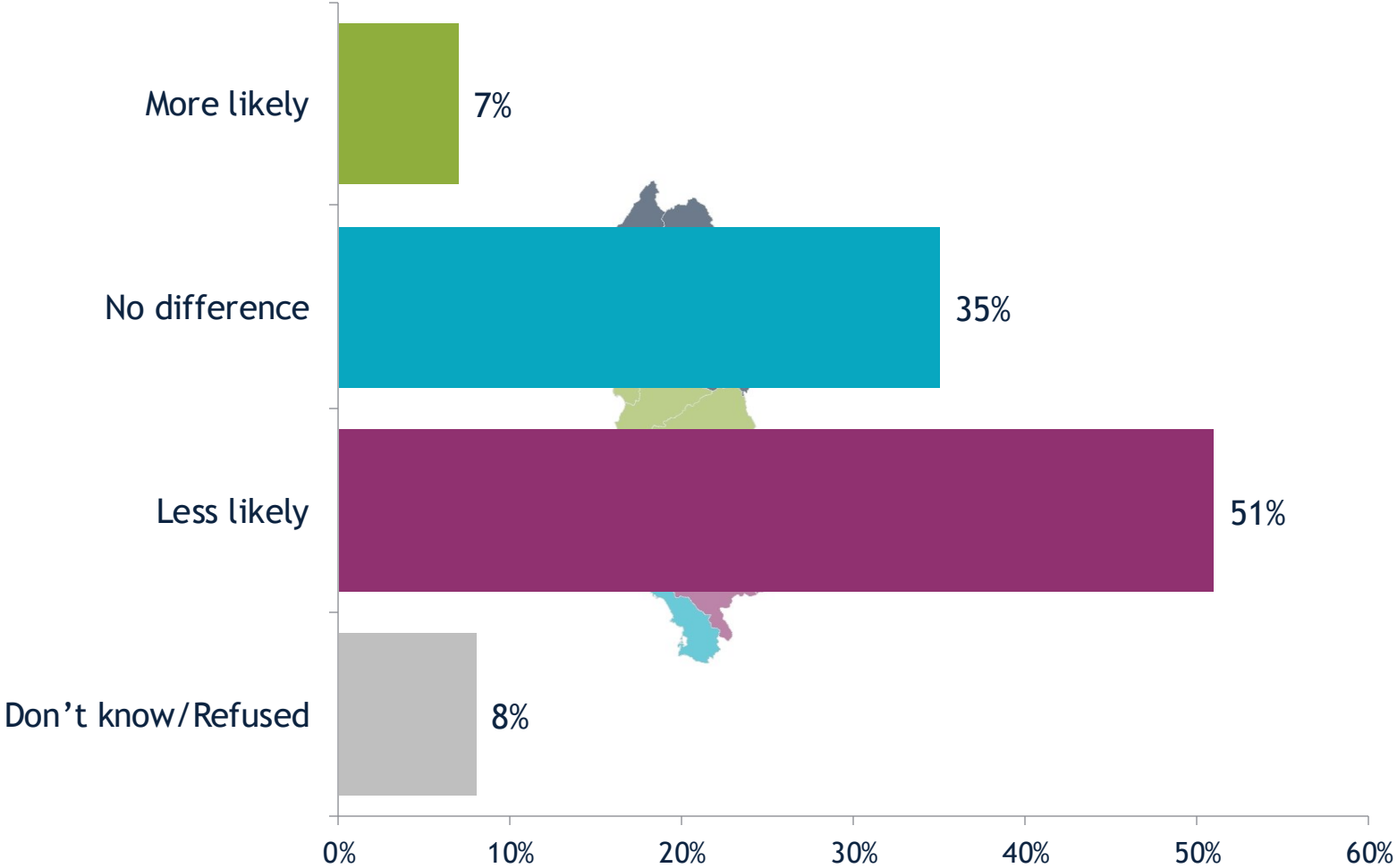
Some new political parties have been established in the past 6 months, or are in the process of being established. Please tell me how likely or unlikely you are to consider voting for one of these newly established parties in the 2025 Parliamentary election?





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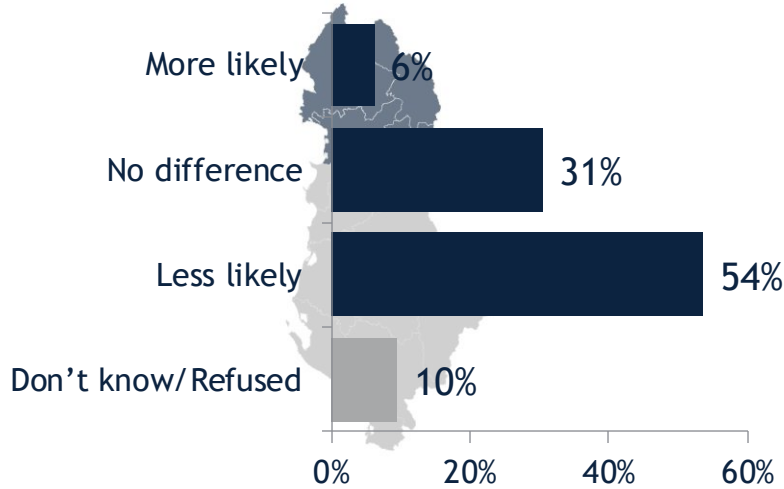
All Respondents



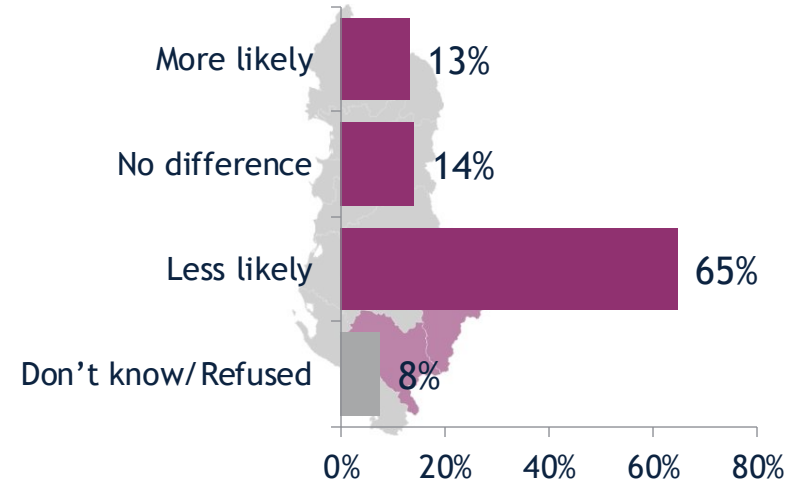
* Prior to this question respondents were read the following introduction "I'd now like to ask some questions about the Special Anti-Corruption Structure (SPAK)"

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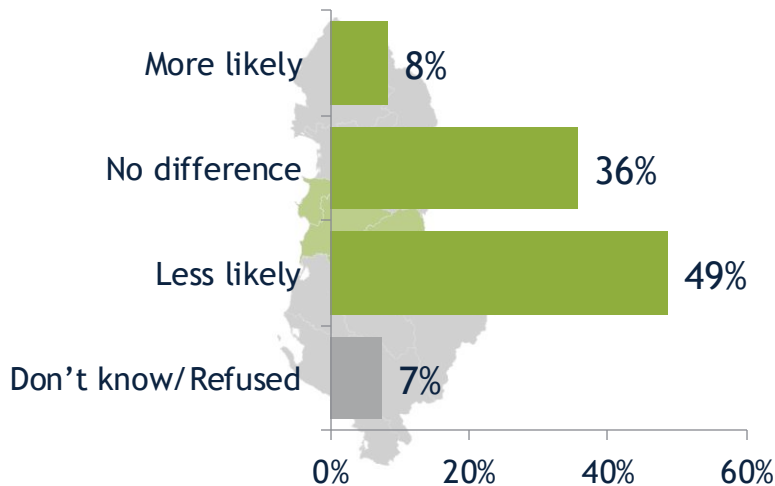
North Region



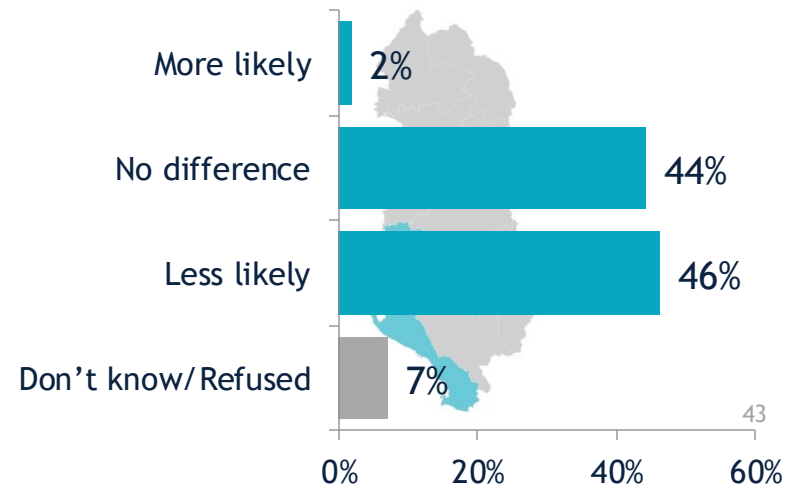
South-East Region



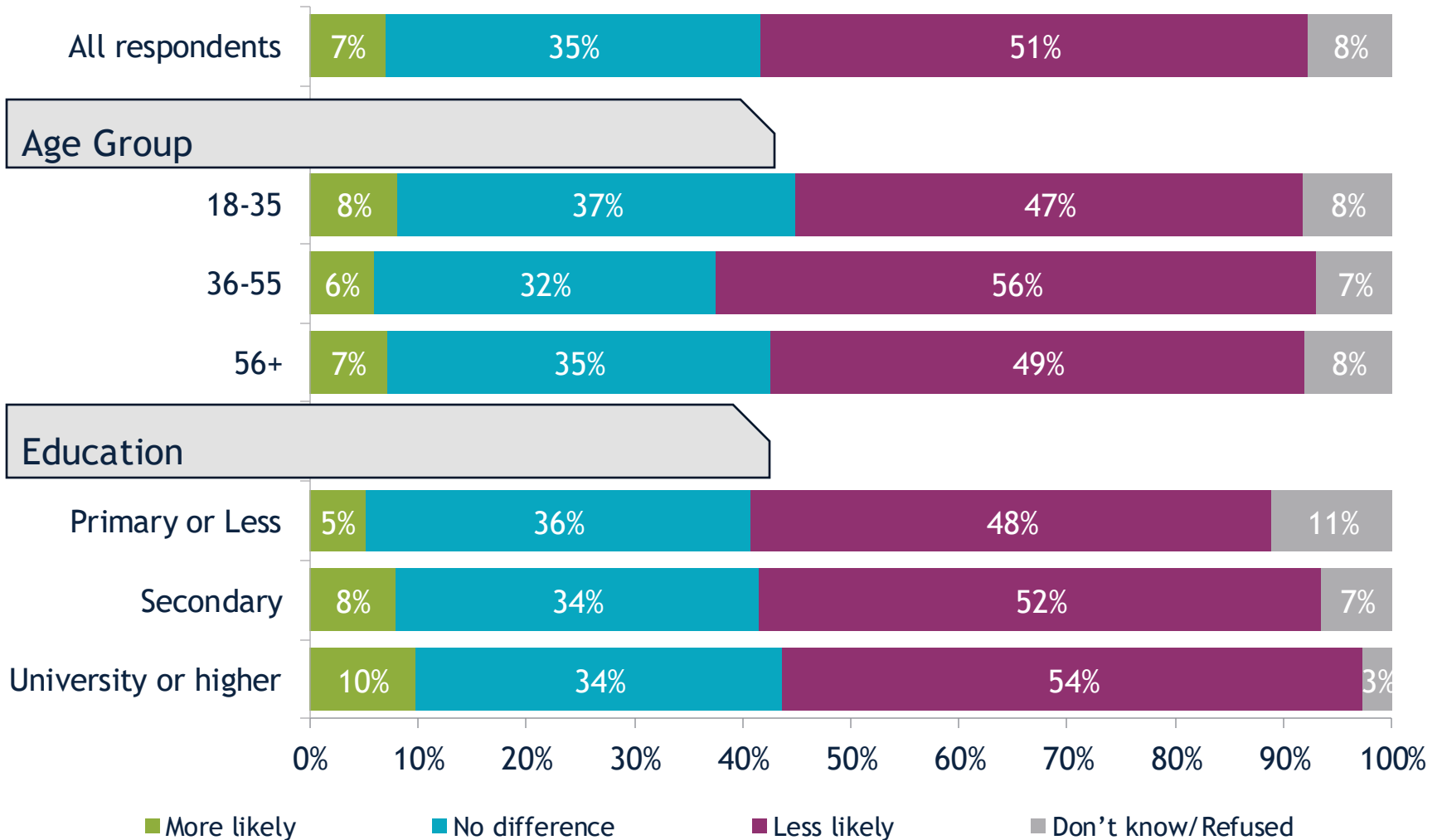
Central Region



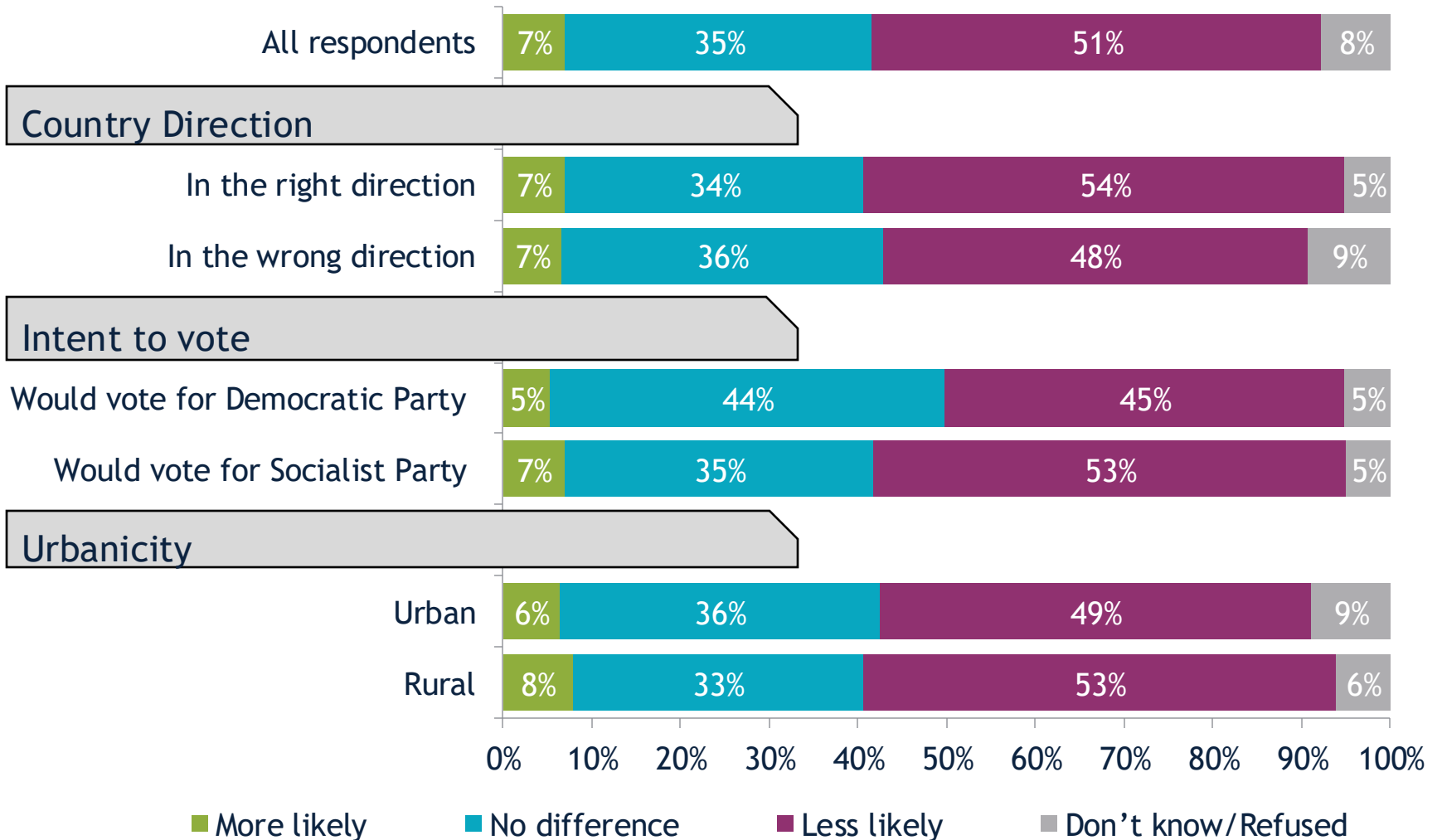
South-West Region



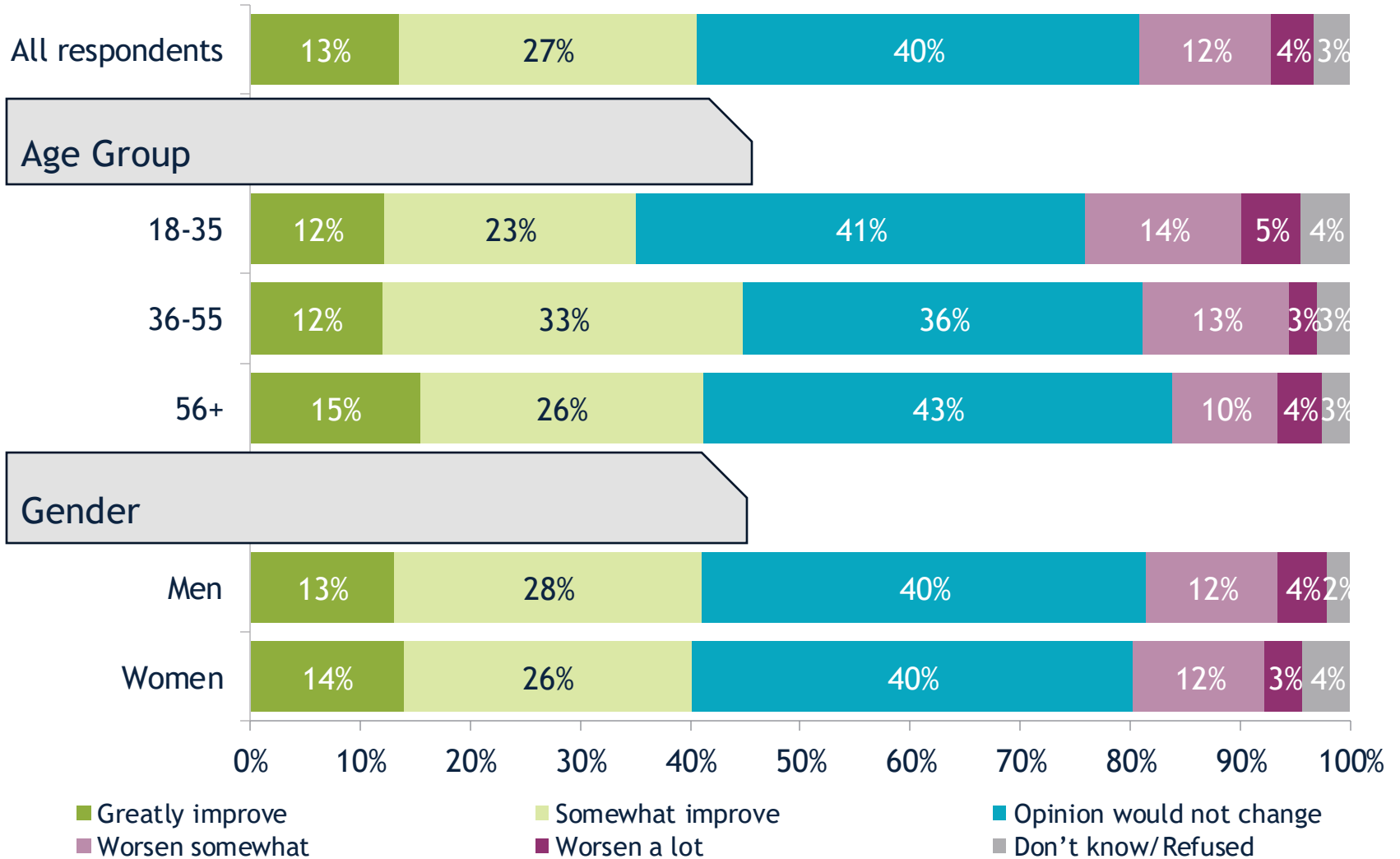
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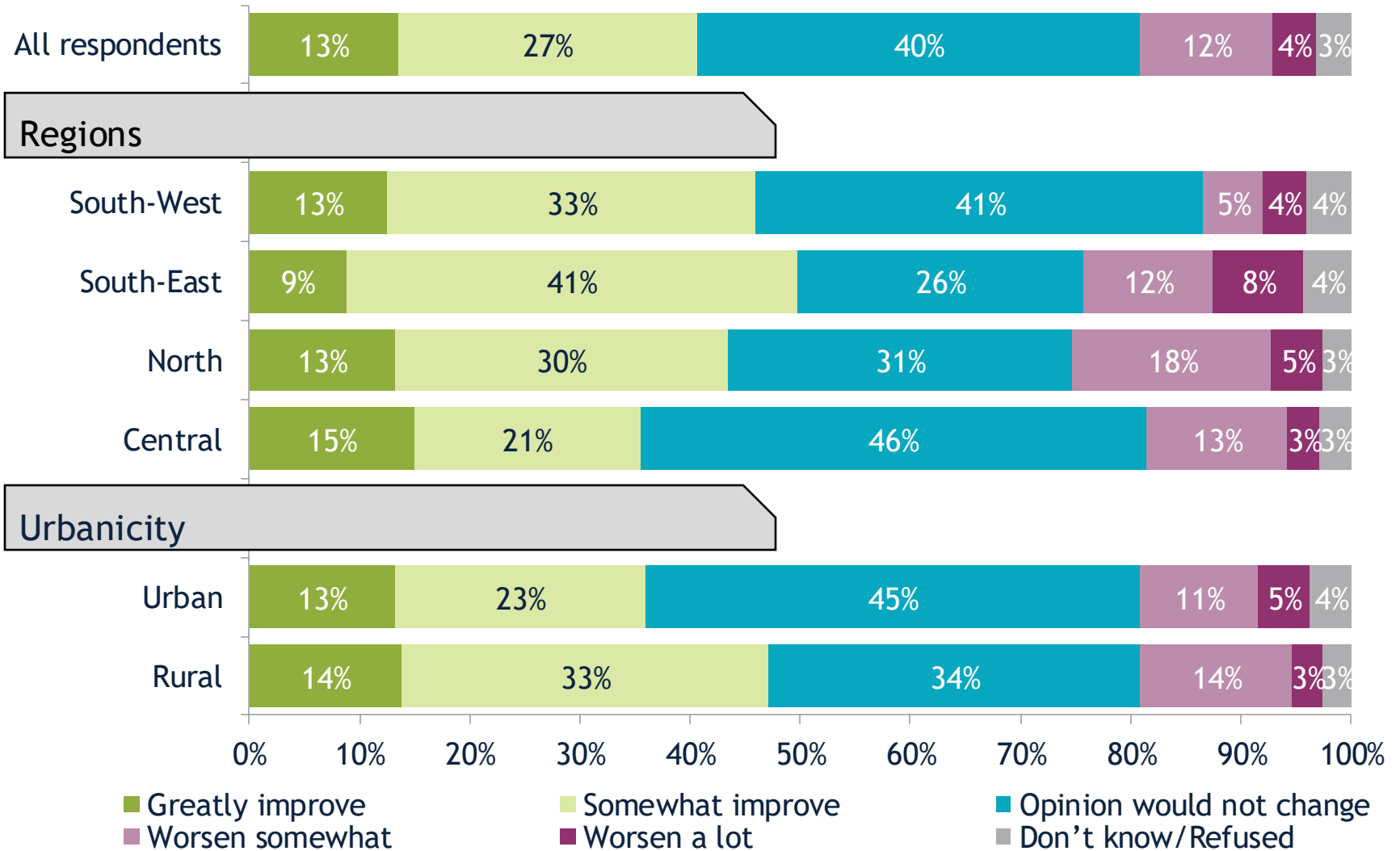
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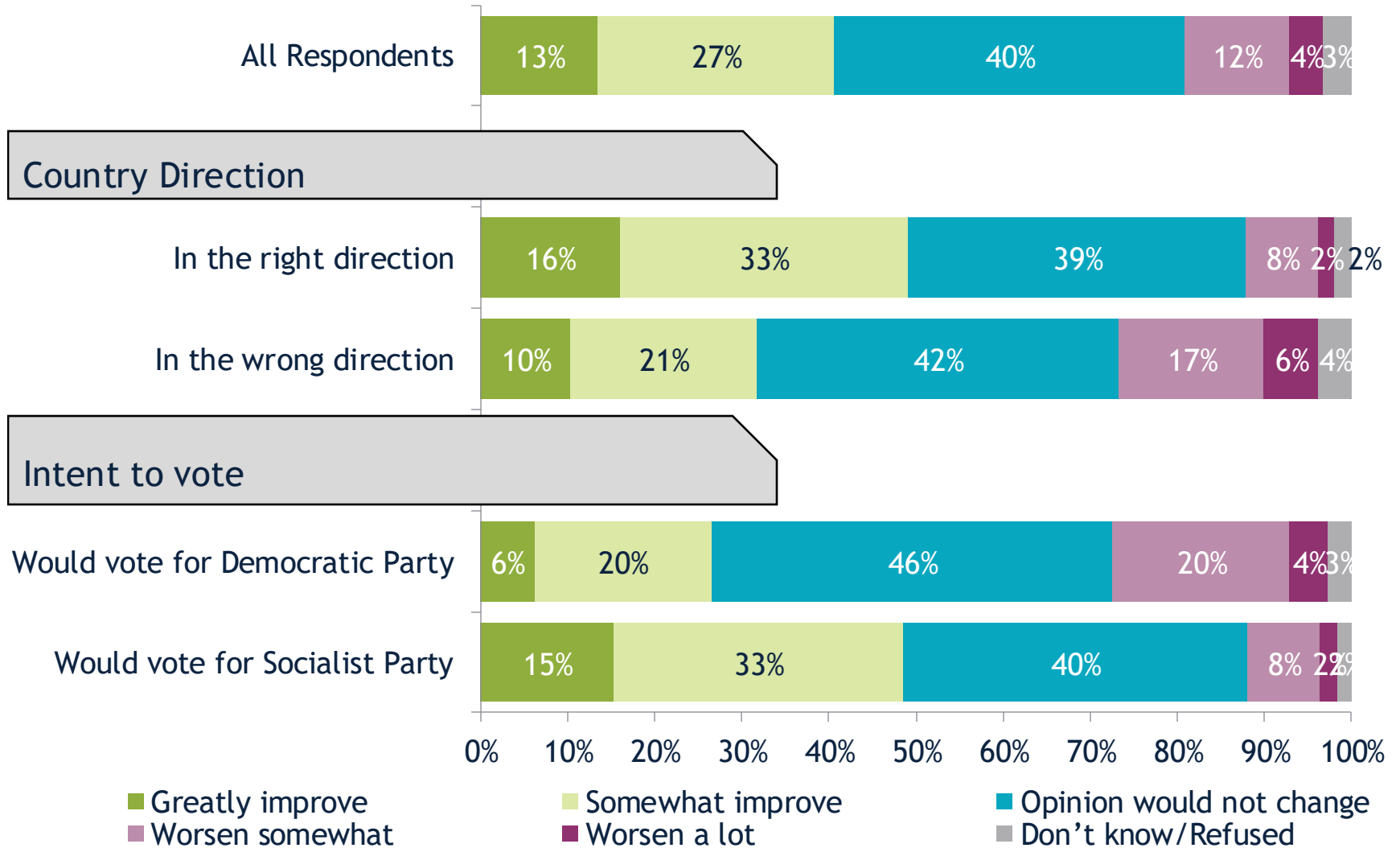
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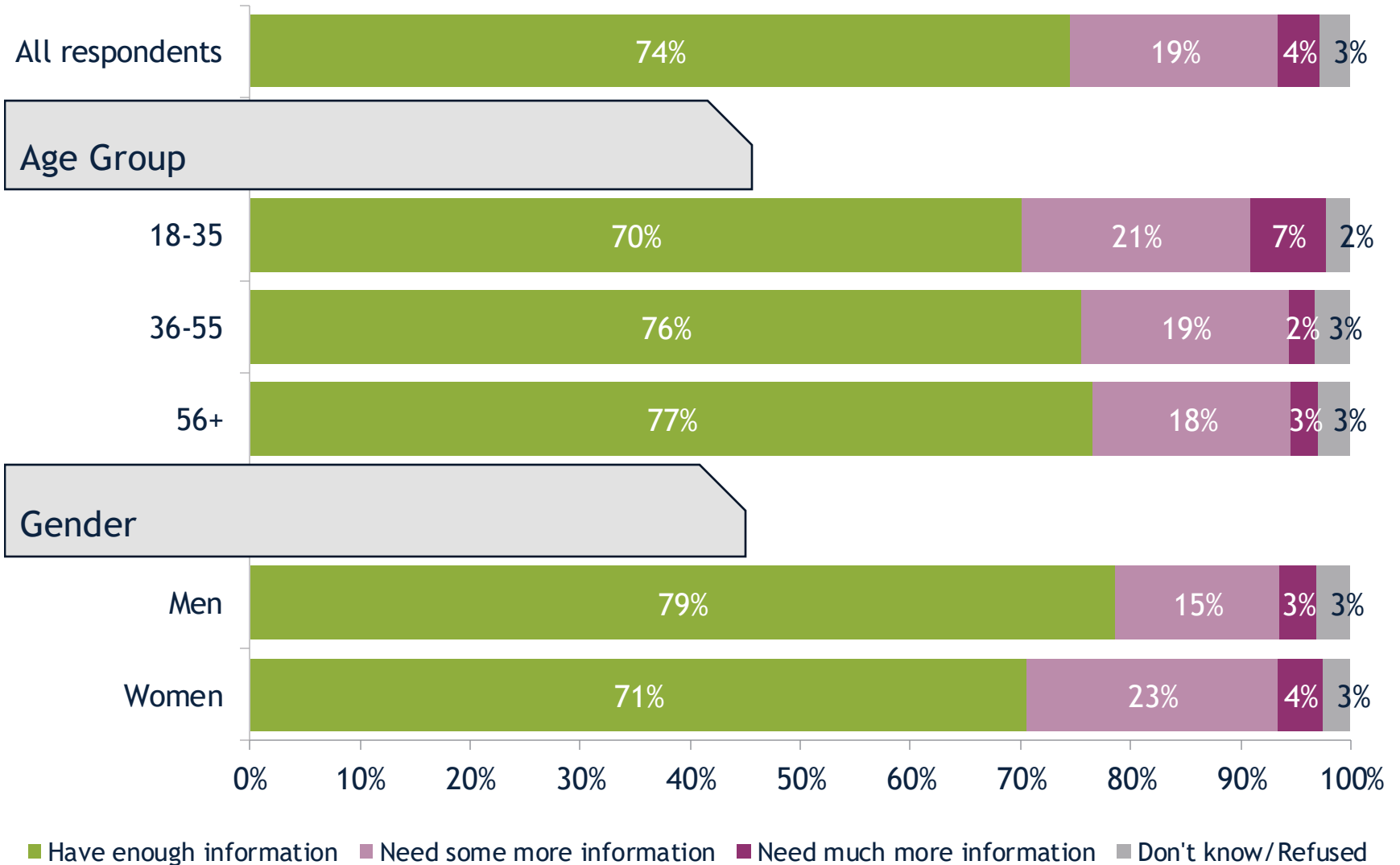
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Elections—Campaigning

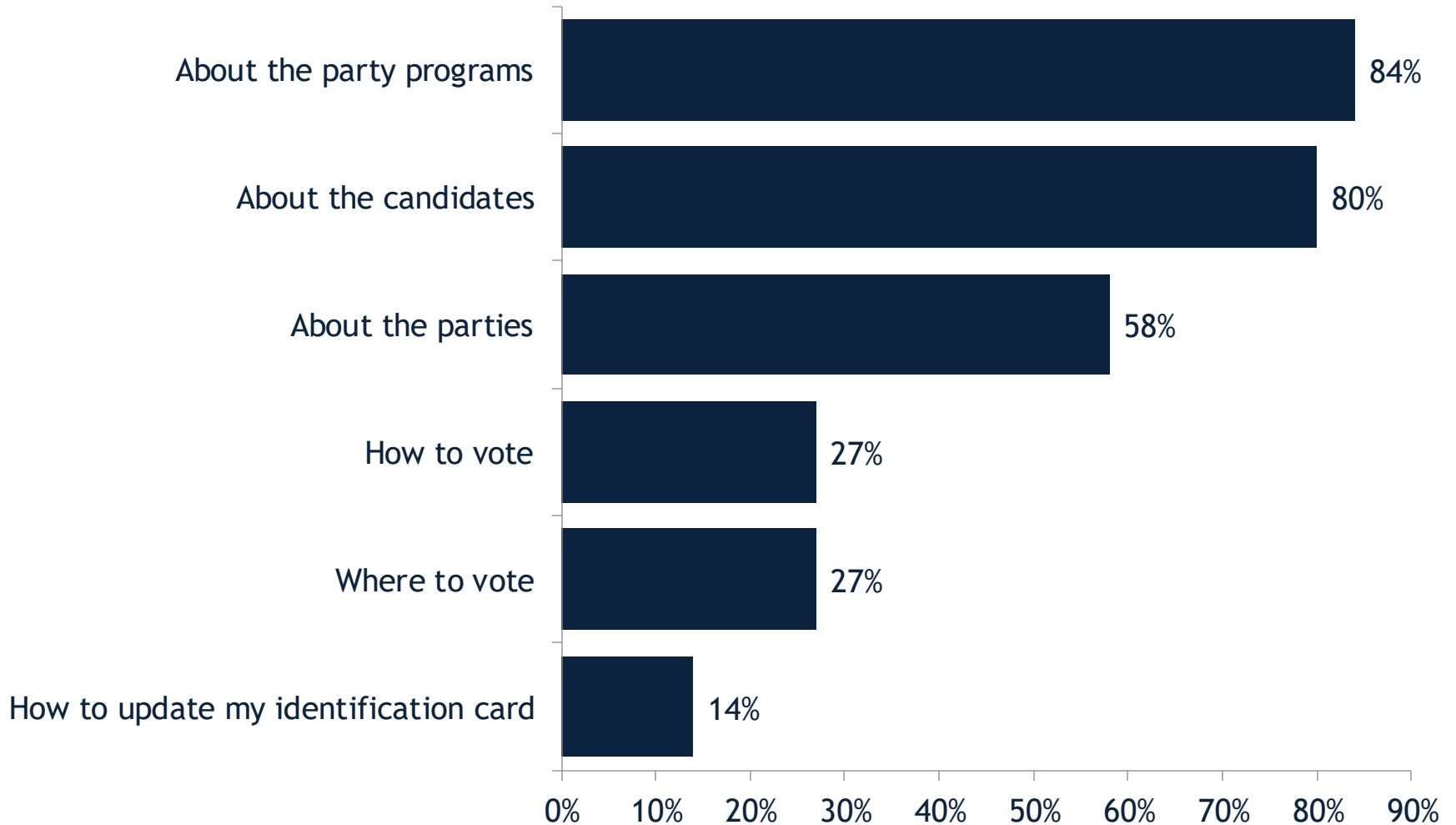


Thinking about the 2025 Parliamentary election, would you say that you have enough information or need more information on how to vote?



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

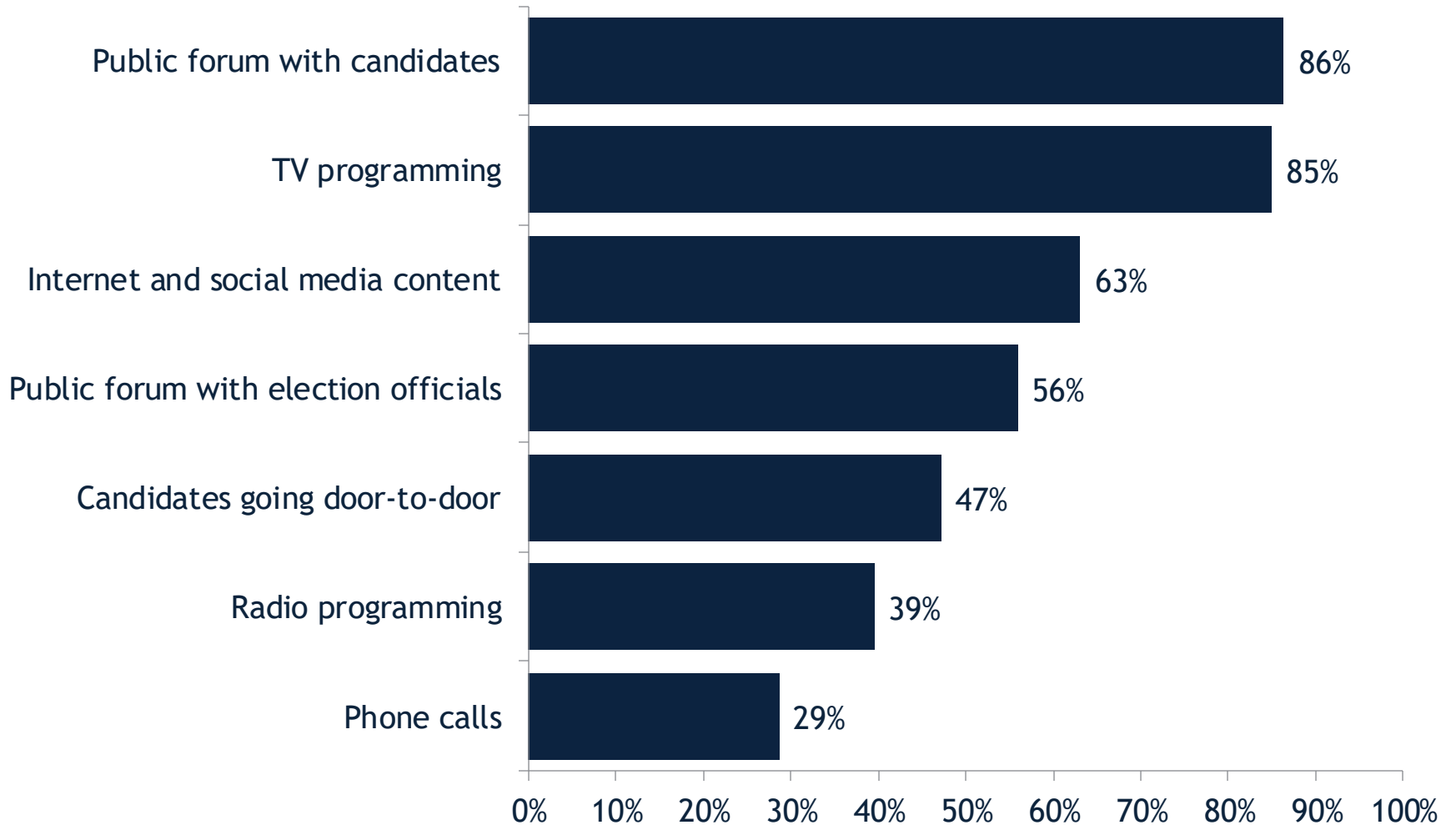
(Only 'need' responses displayed; among those who need additional information on how to vote, n=272)





In what formats would you like additional information?

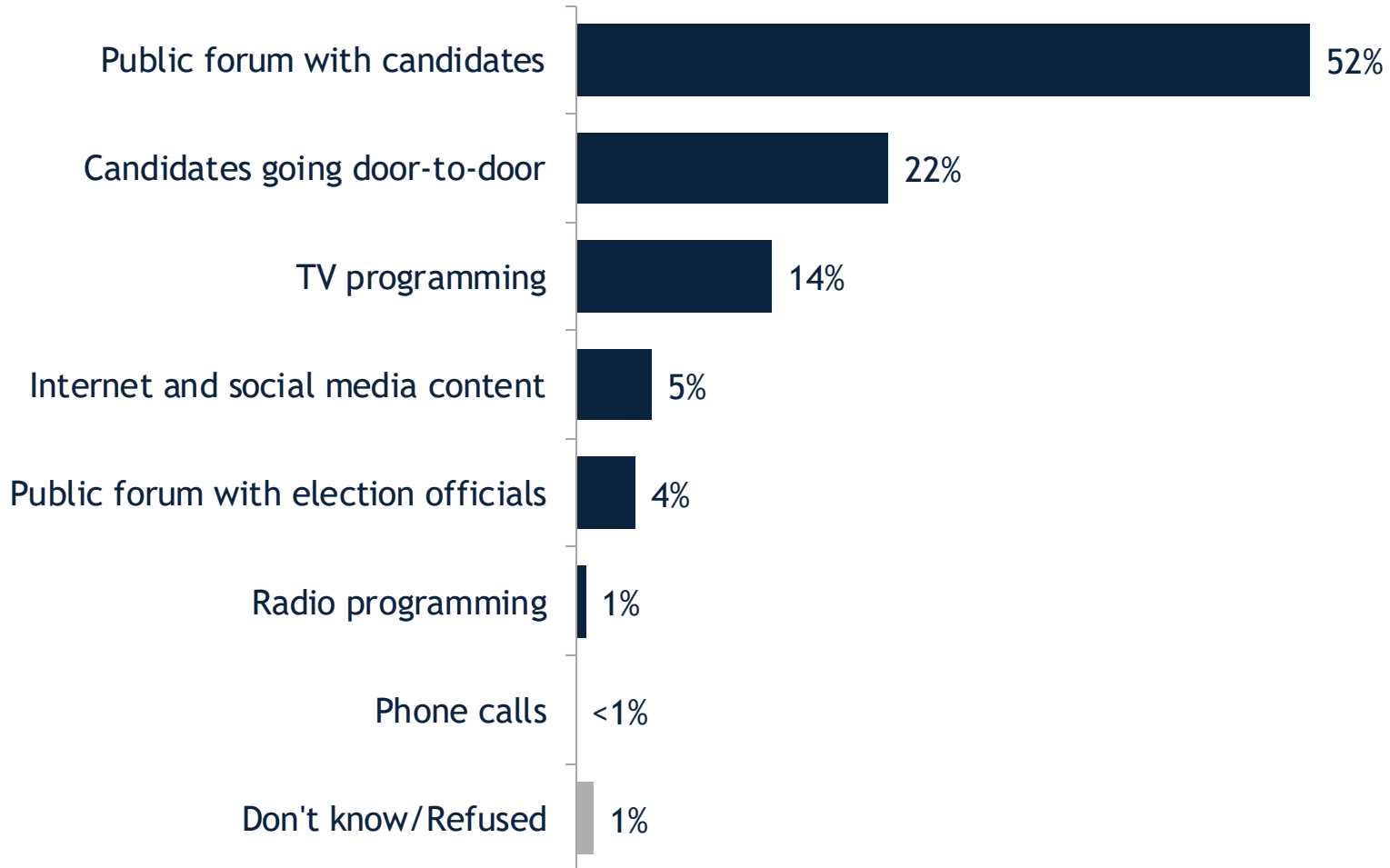
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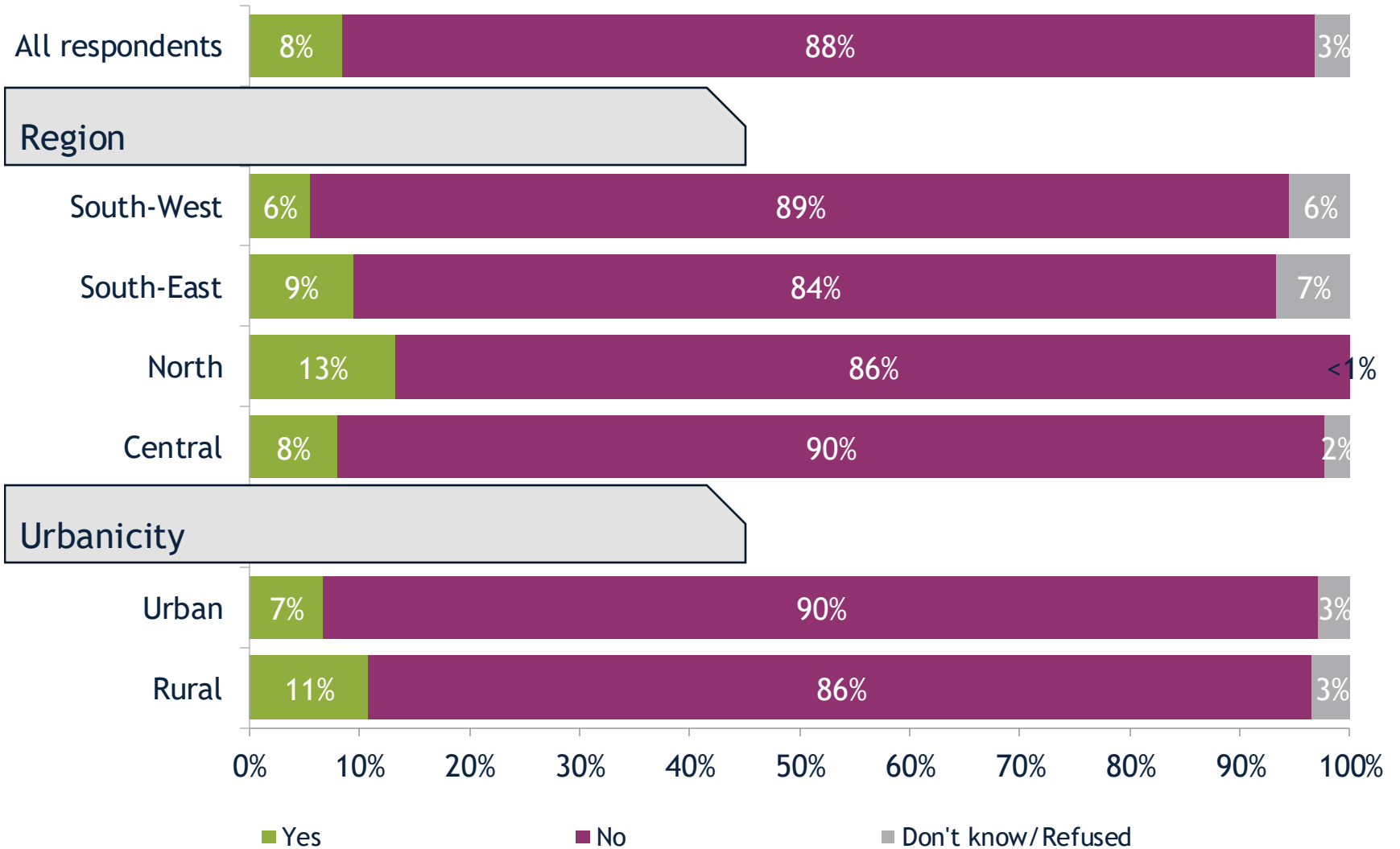
And which of these would be the most useful, if you had to choose just one?

(Among those who rated more than one format as useful to receive additional information, n=258)





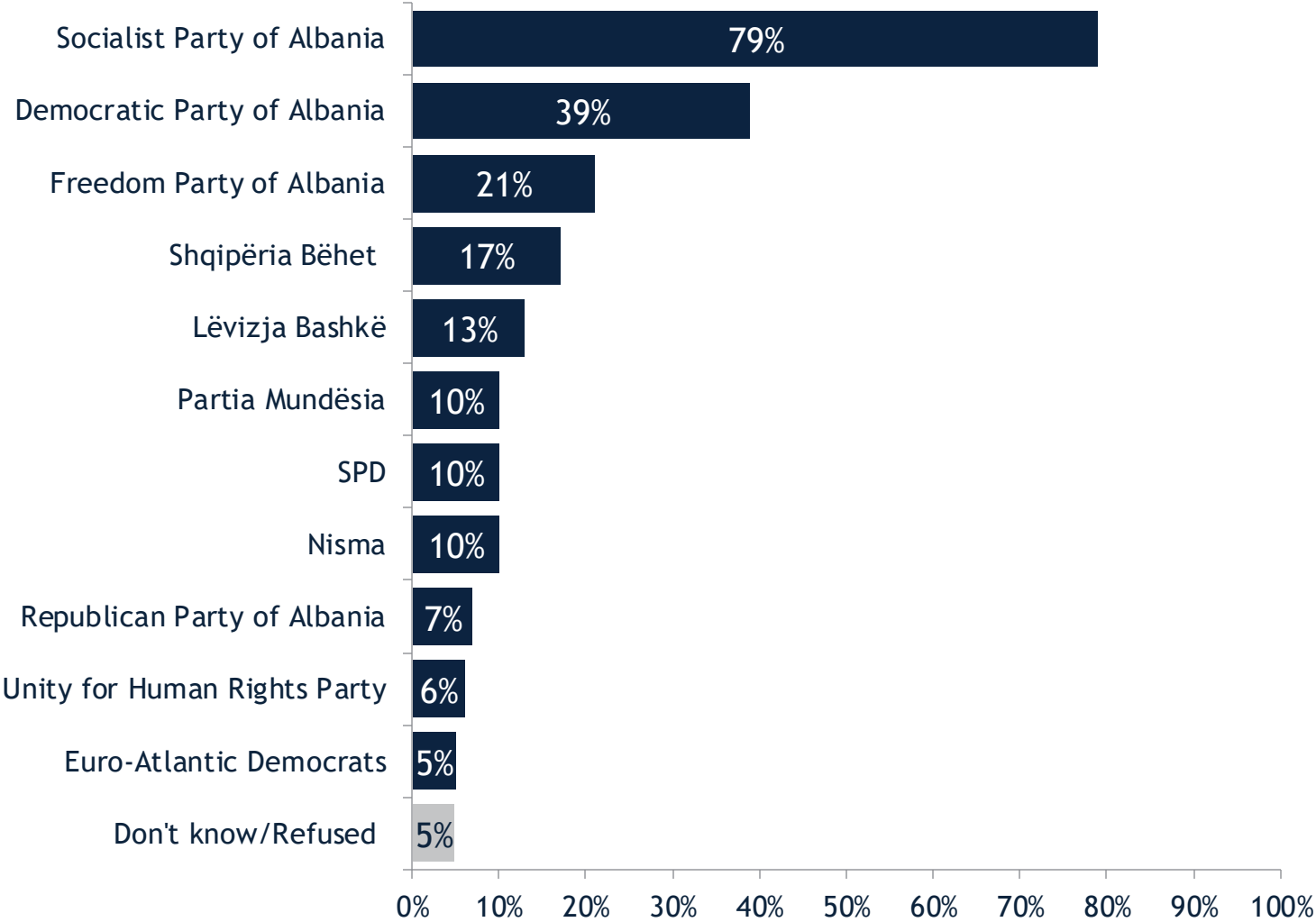
Have you seen any political party activists working in your area in the last 12 months?





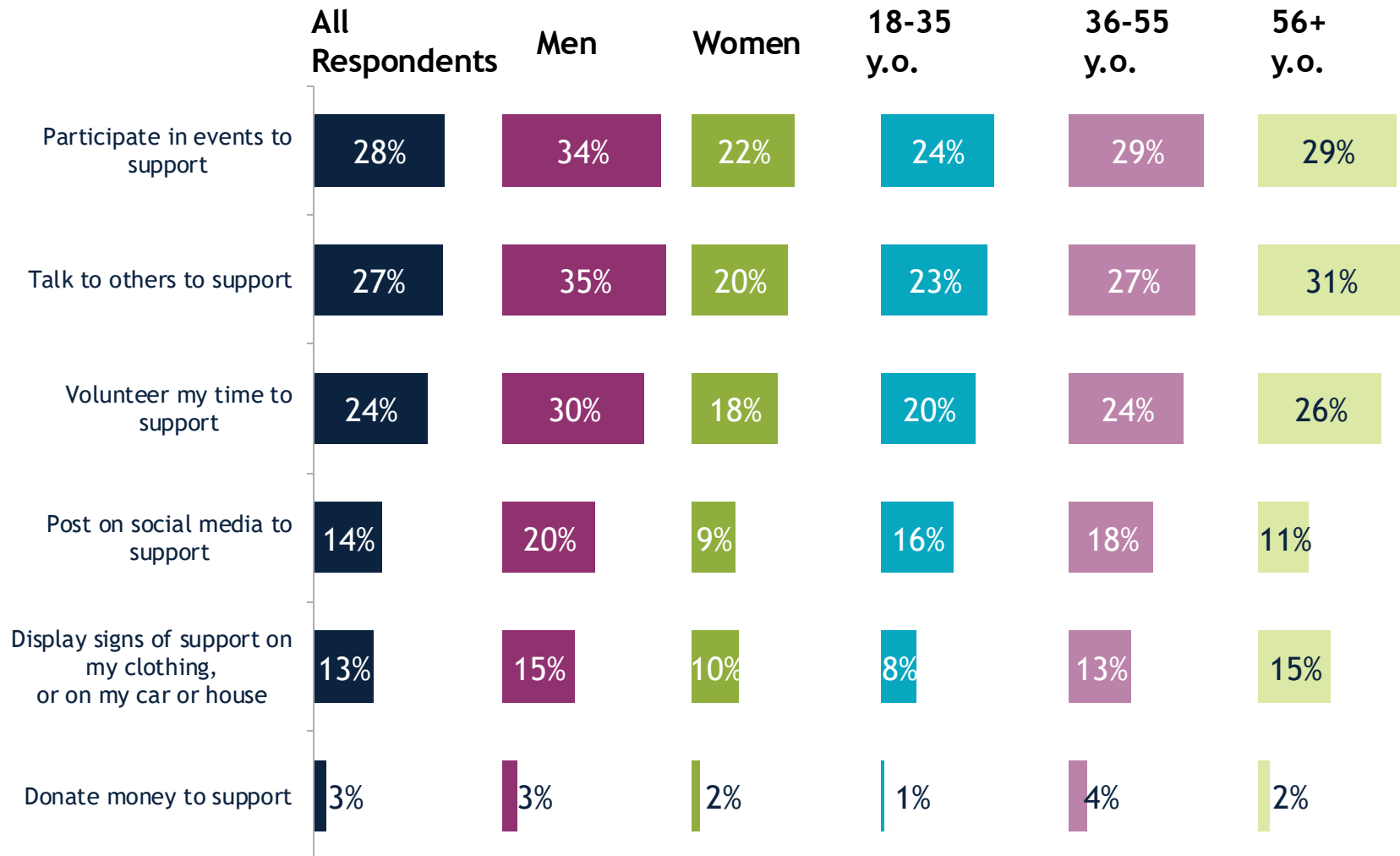
Which political parties did the activists in your area represent?

(Multiple responses accepted; among those who have seen political party activists (n=101))



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

(Only 'yes' responses are shown)

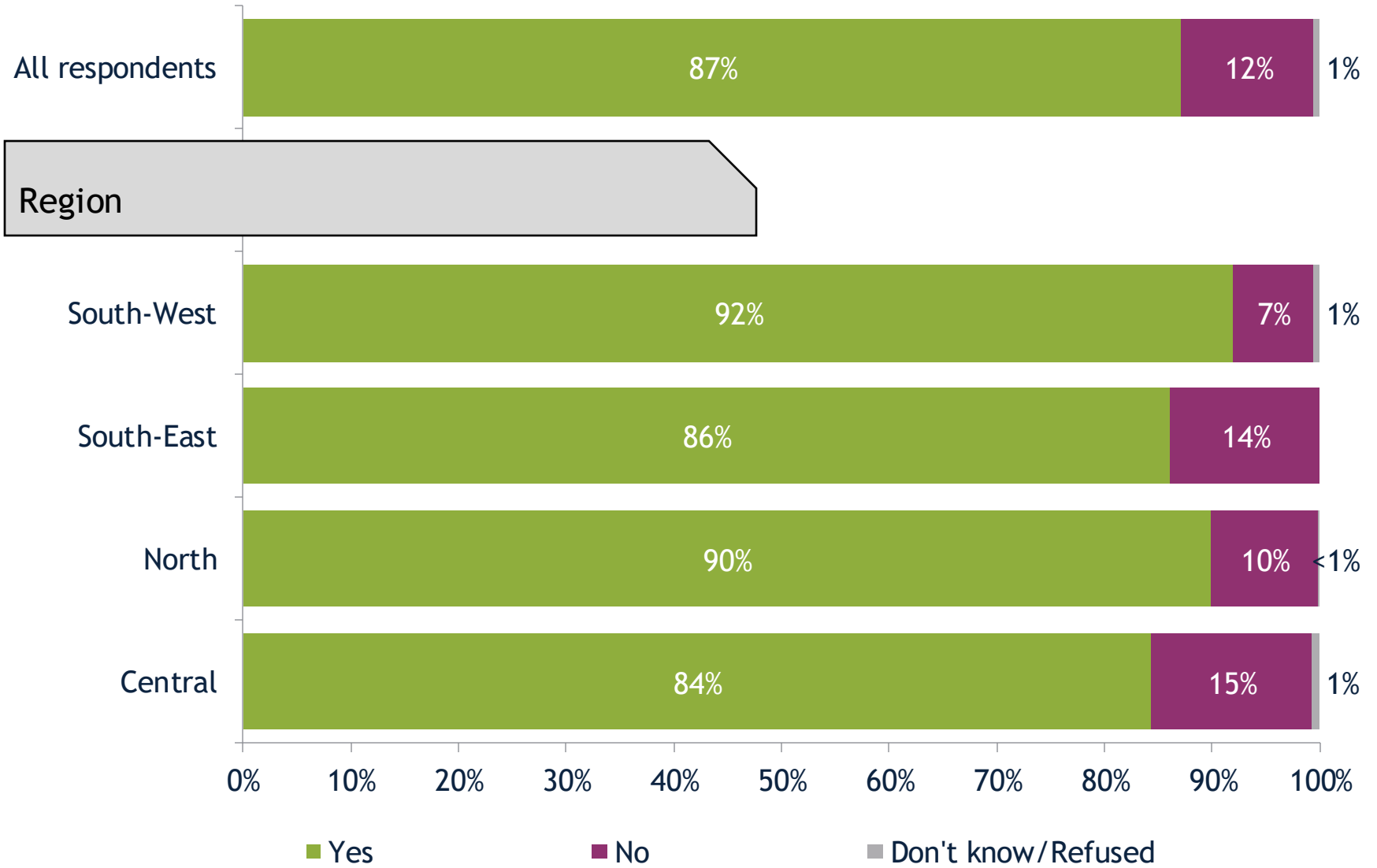


Elections—Past





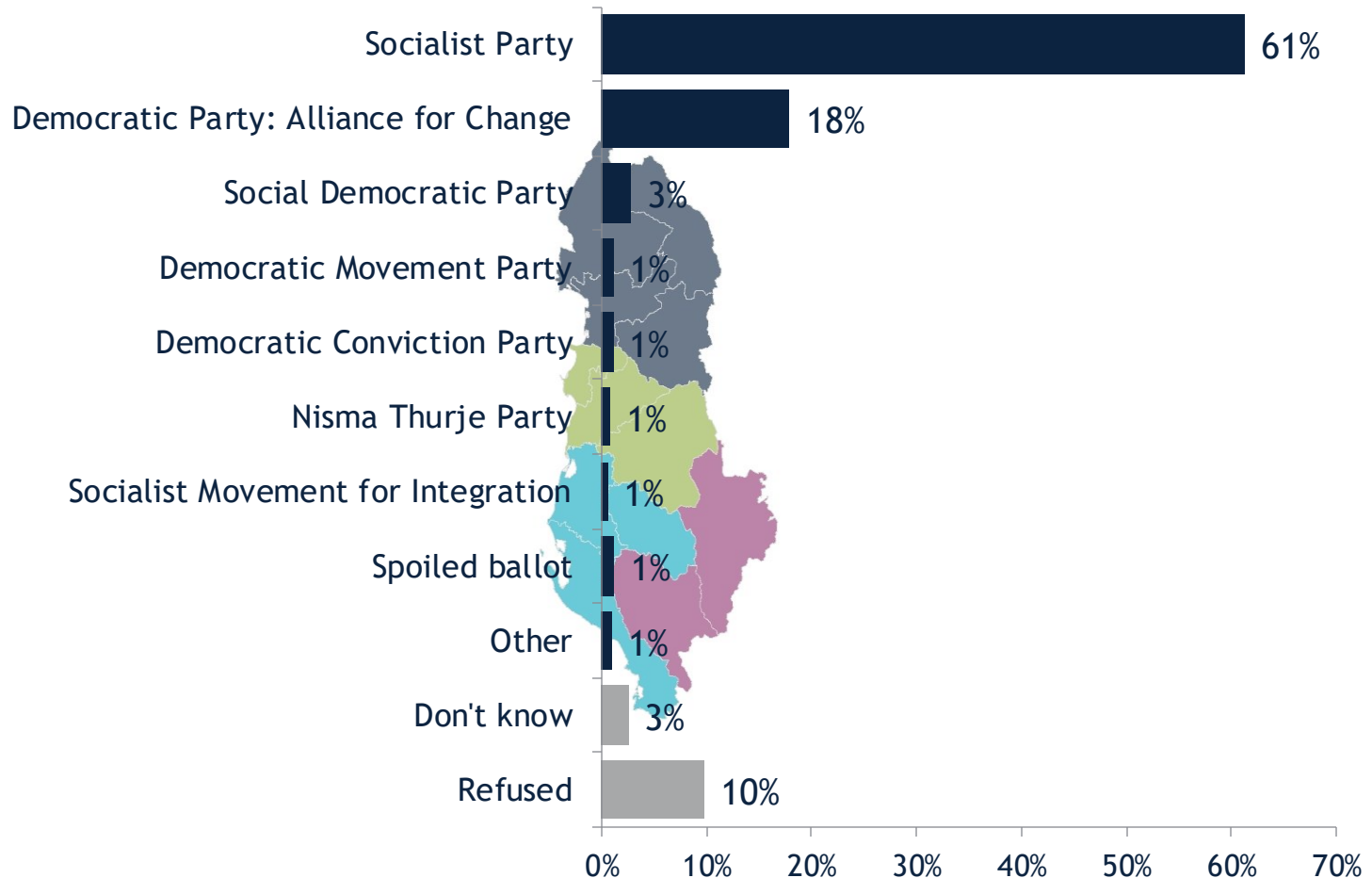
Did you vote in the 2021 Parliamentary elections?



For which party or independent candidate did you vote in the 2021 Parliamentary elections?

(Spontaneous response; among those who voted in the 2021 parliamentary elections)

All Respondents (n= 1,045)

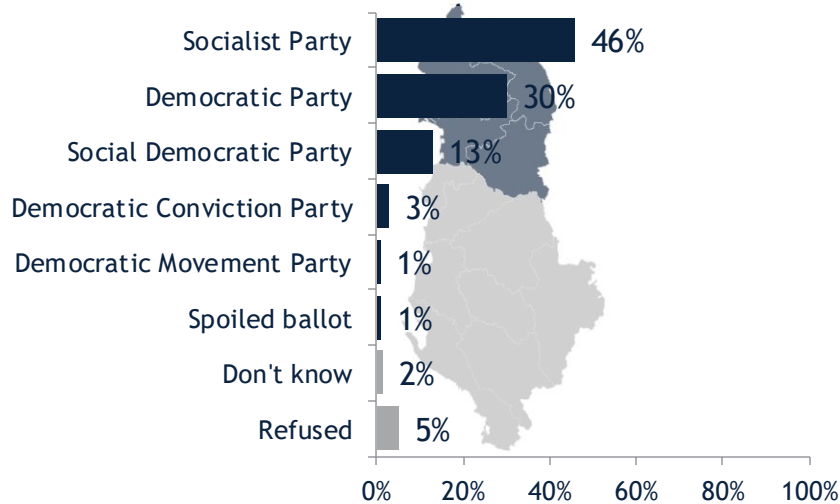


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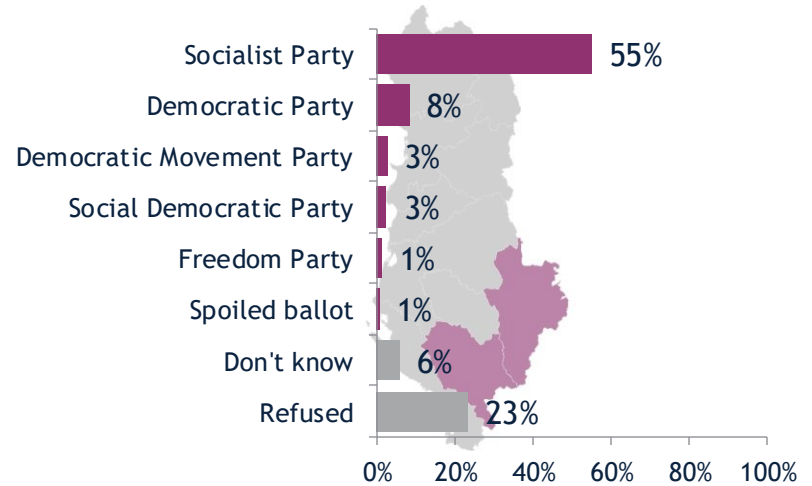
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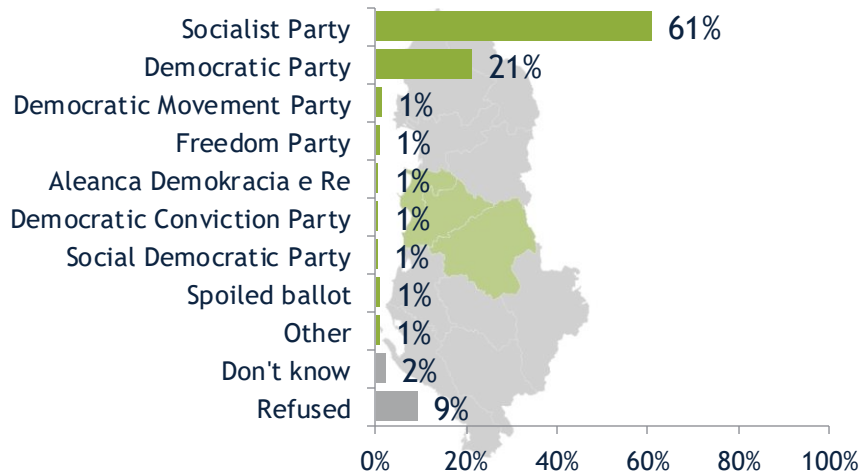
North Region (n=186)



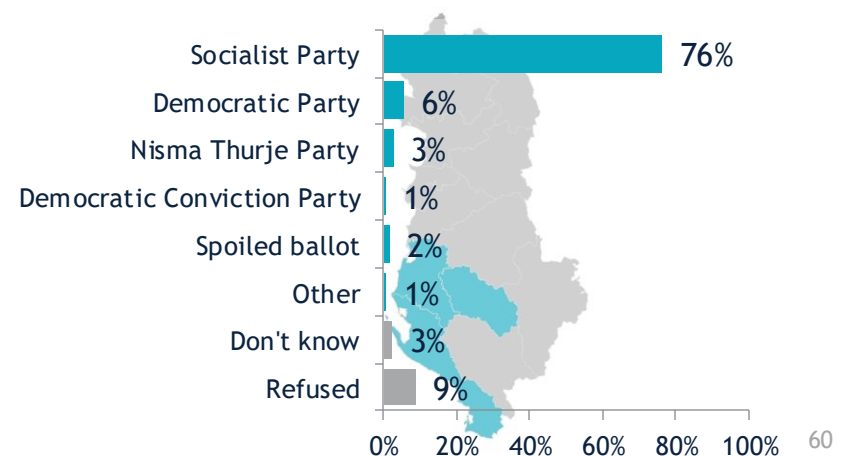
South-East Region (n=102)



Central Region (n=510)



South-West Region (n=247)

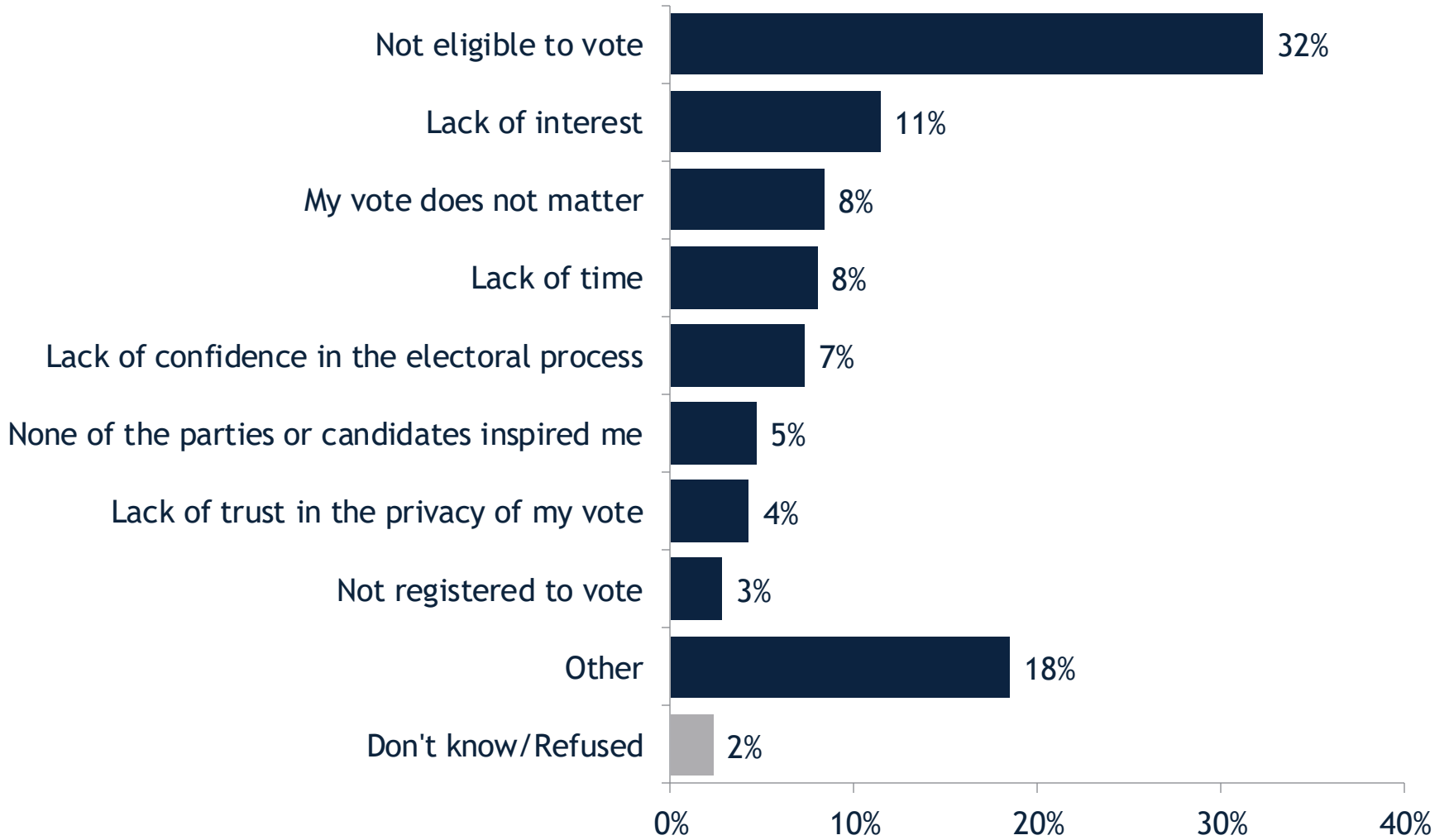


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What is the primary reason you did not vote in the 2021 Parliamentary elections?

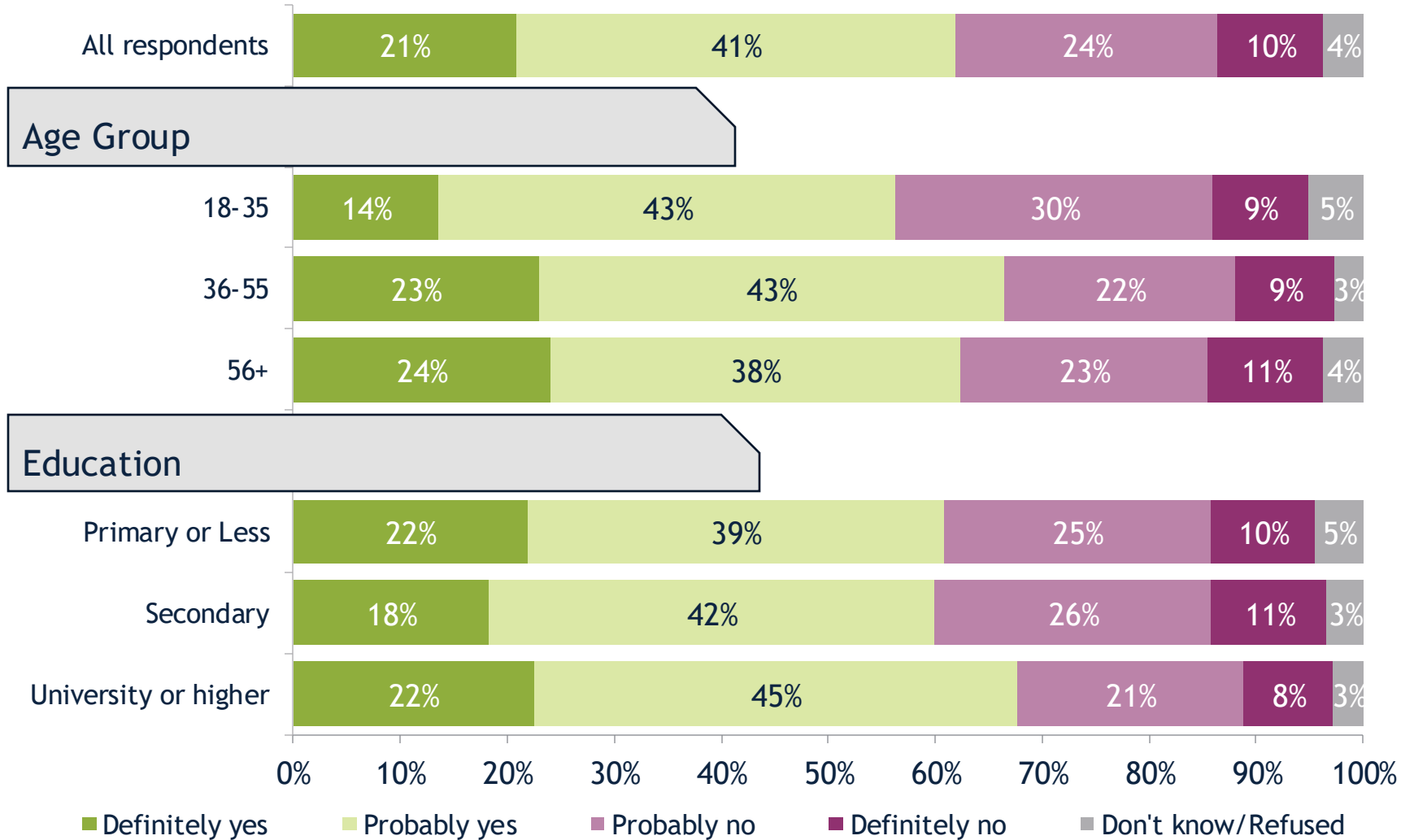
(Spontaneous response; among those who have not voted in the 2021 parliamentary elections, n=148)



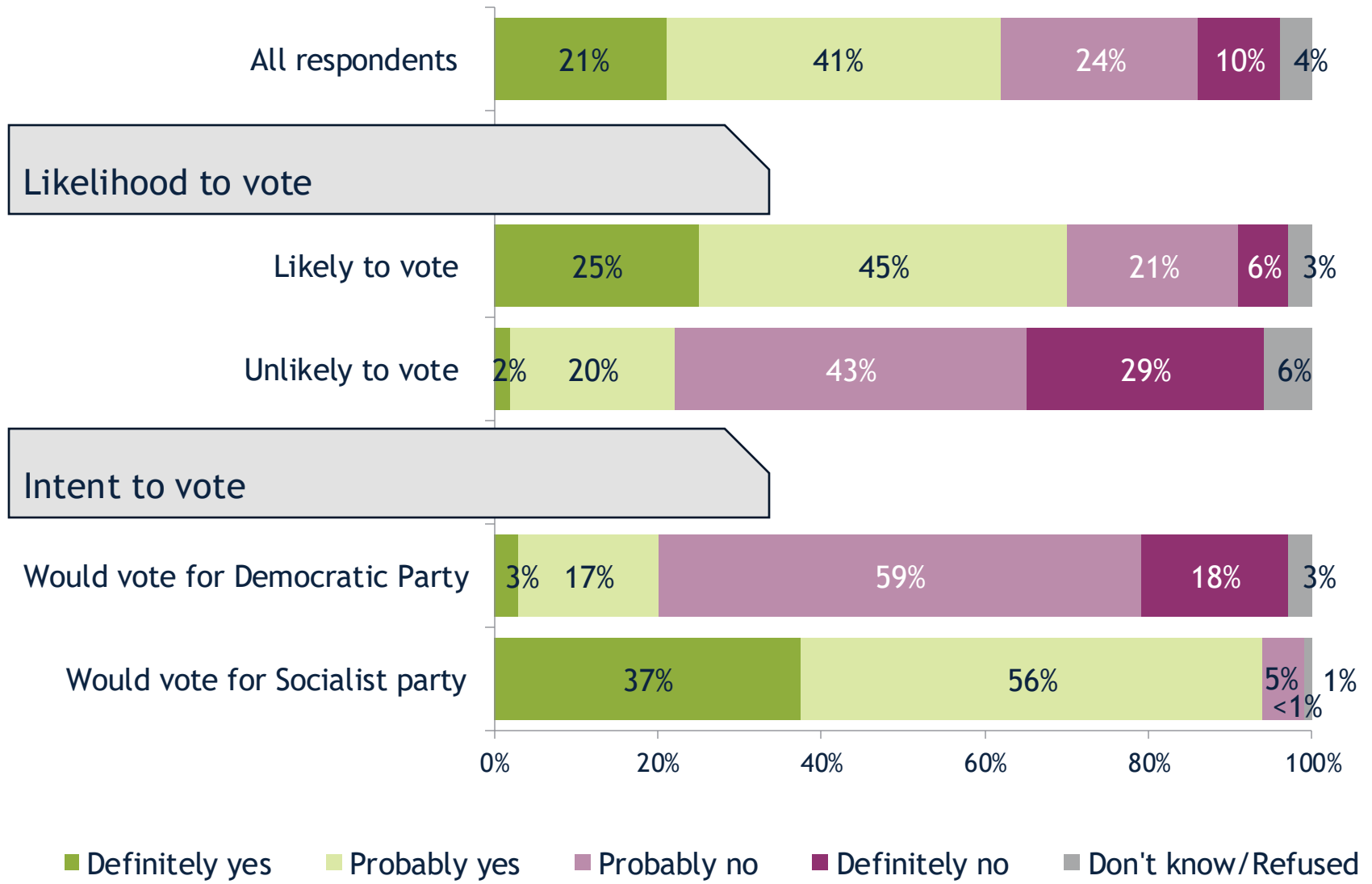
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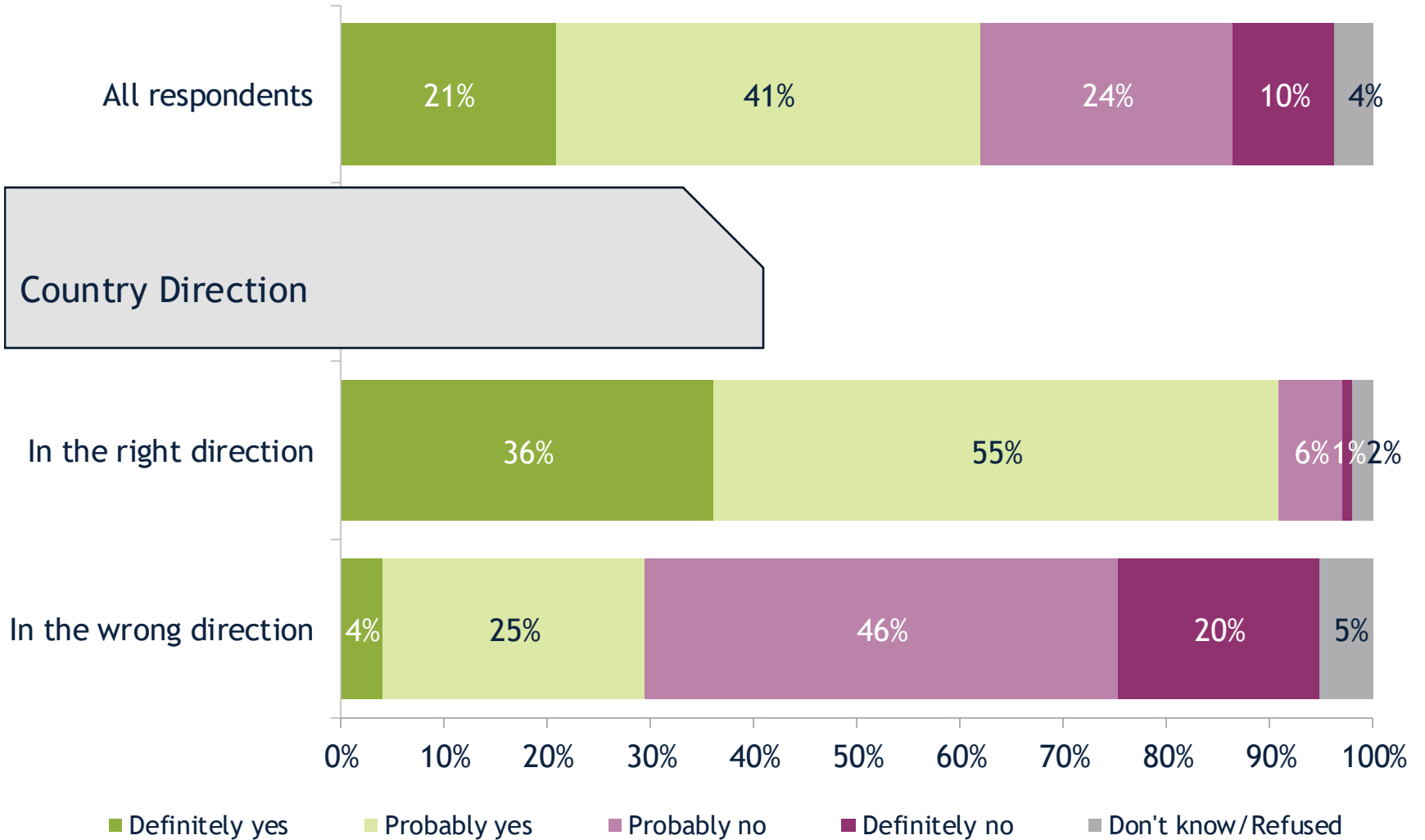


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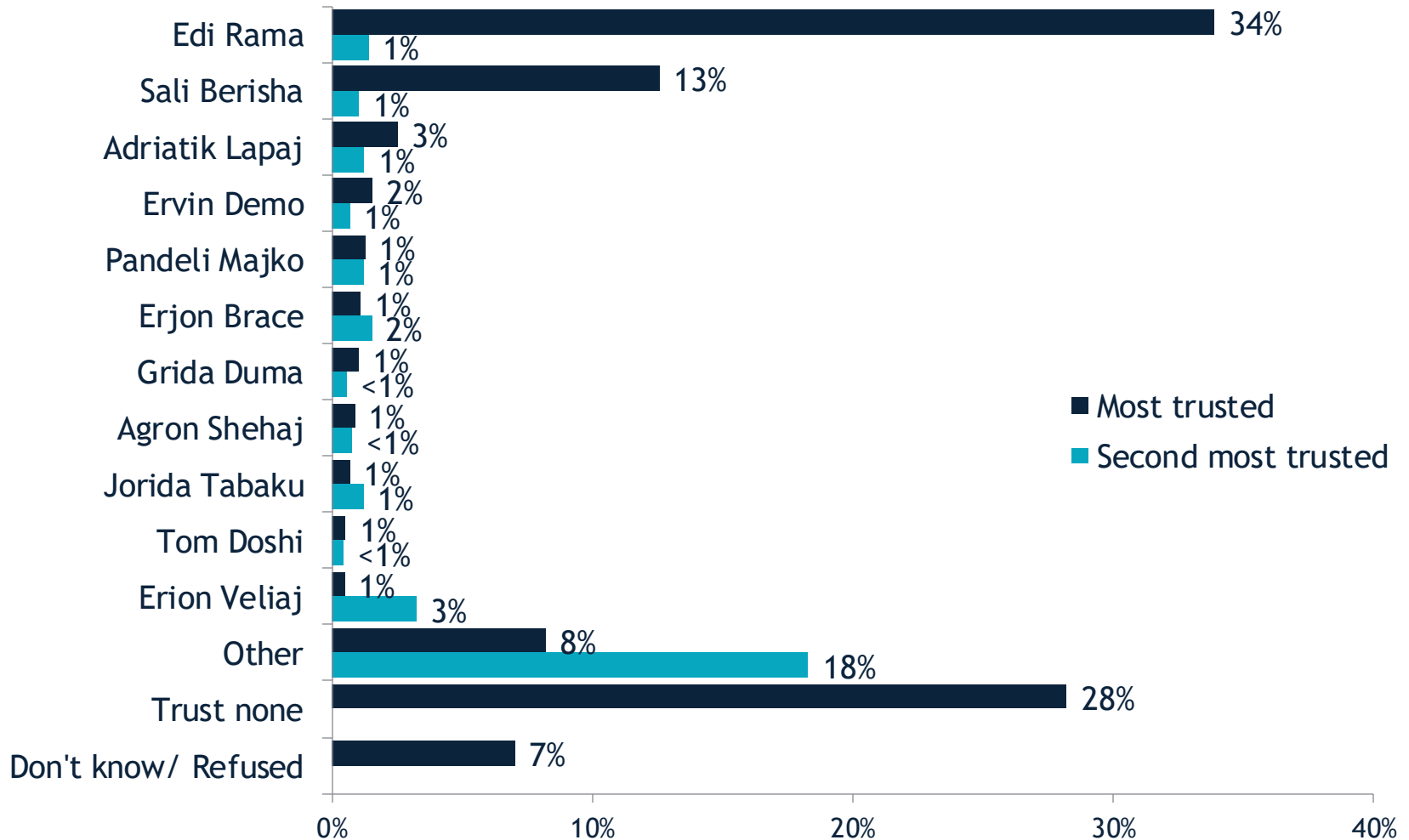
Ratings of Parties, Government, Personalities, and Institutions





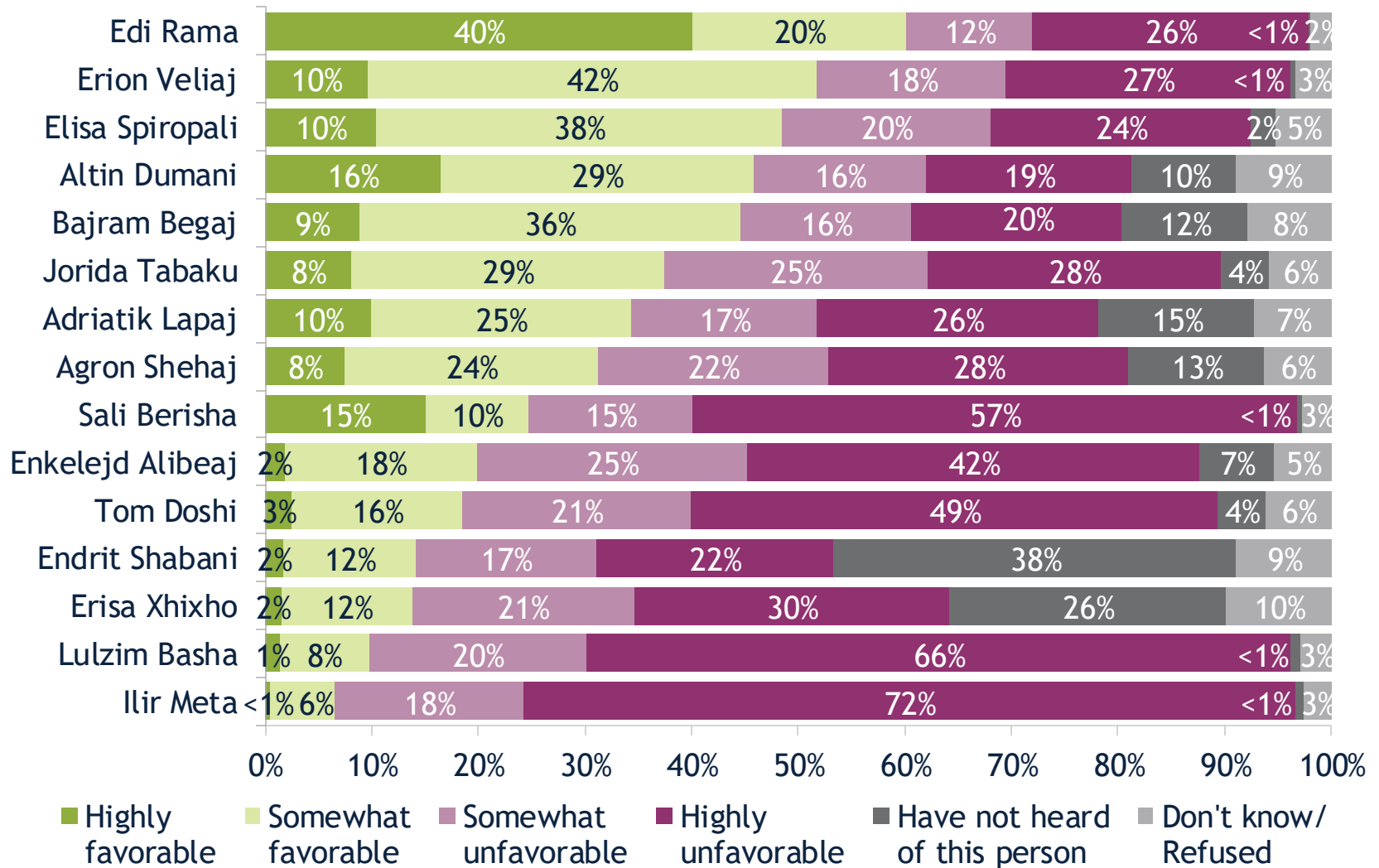
Which politician or public person do you trust the most? And the second most?

(Spontaneous response)



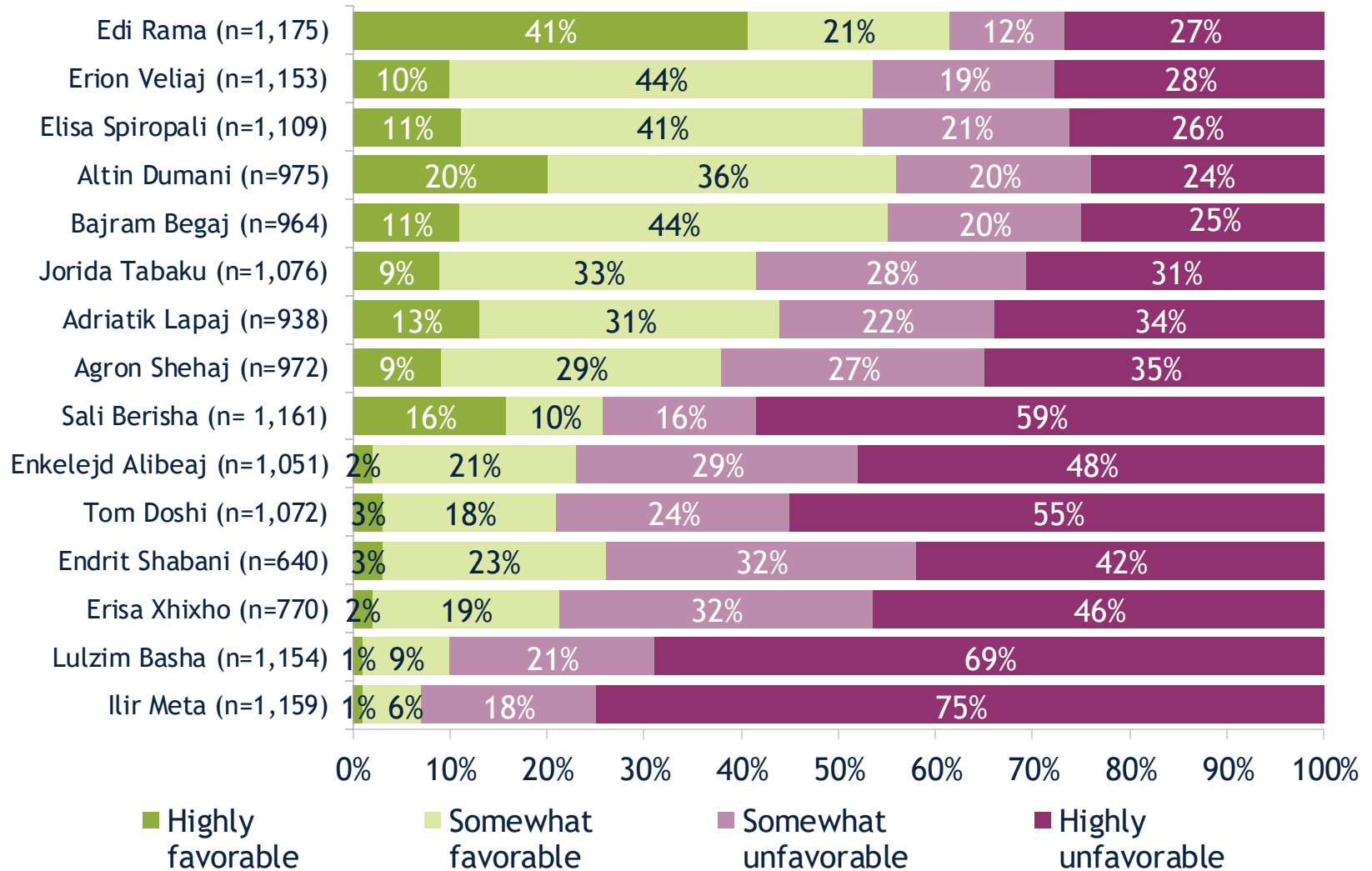
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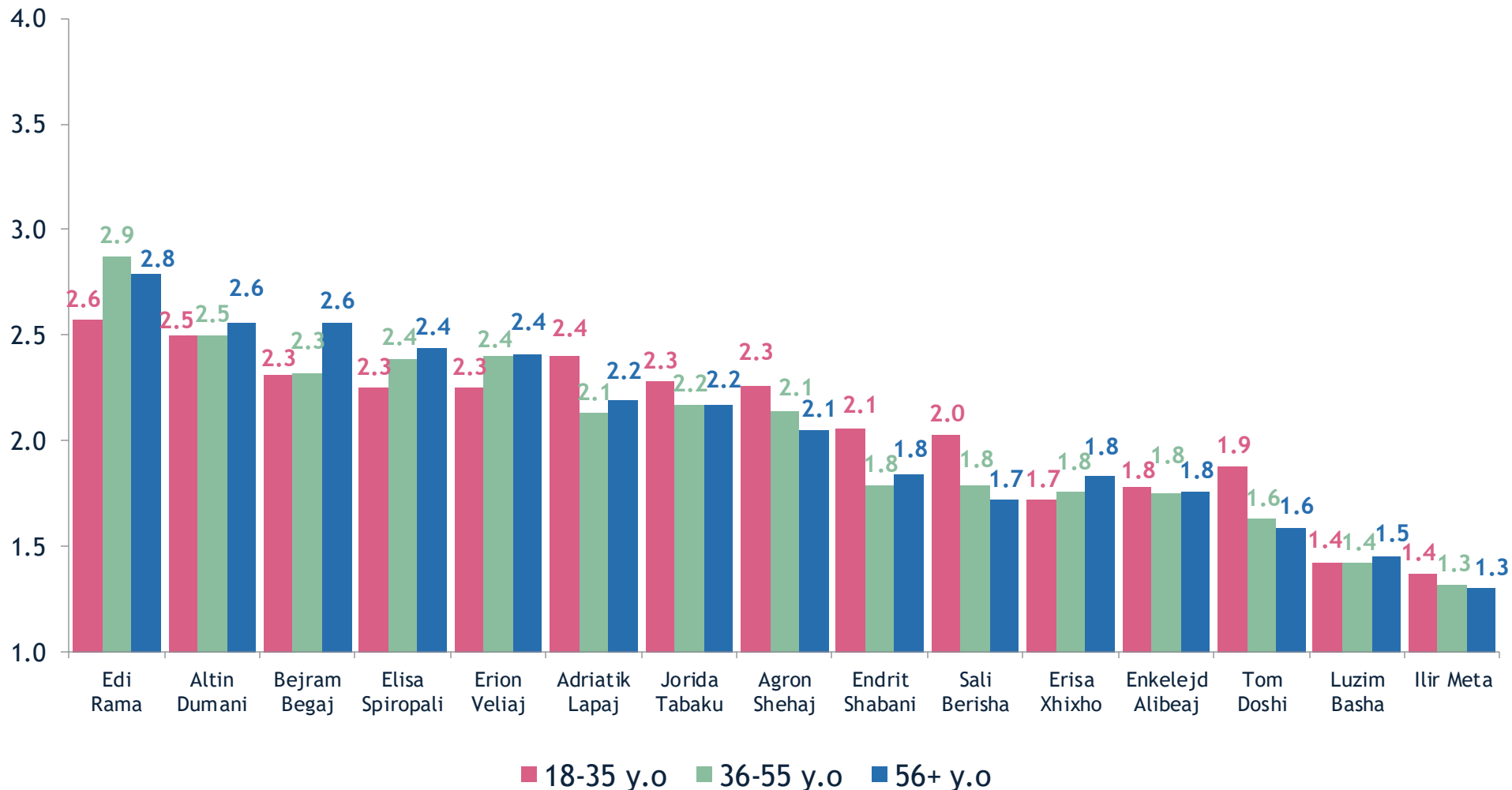
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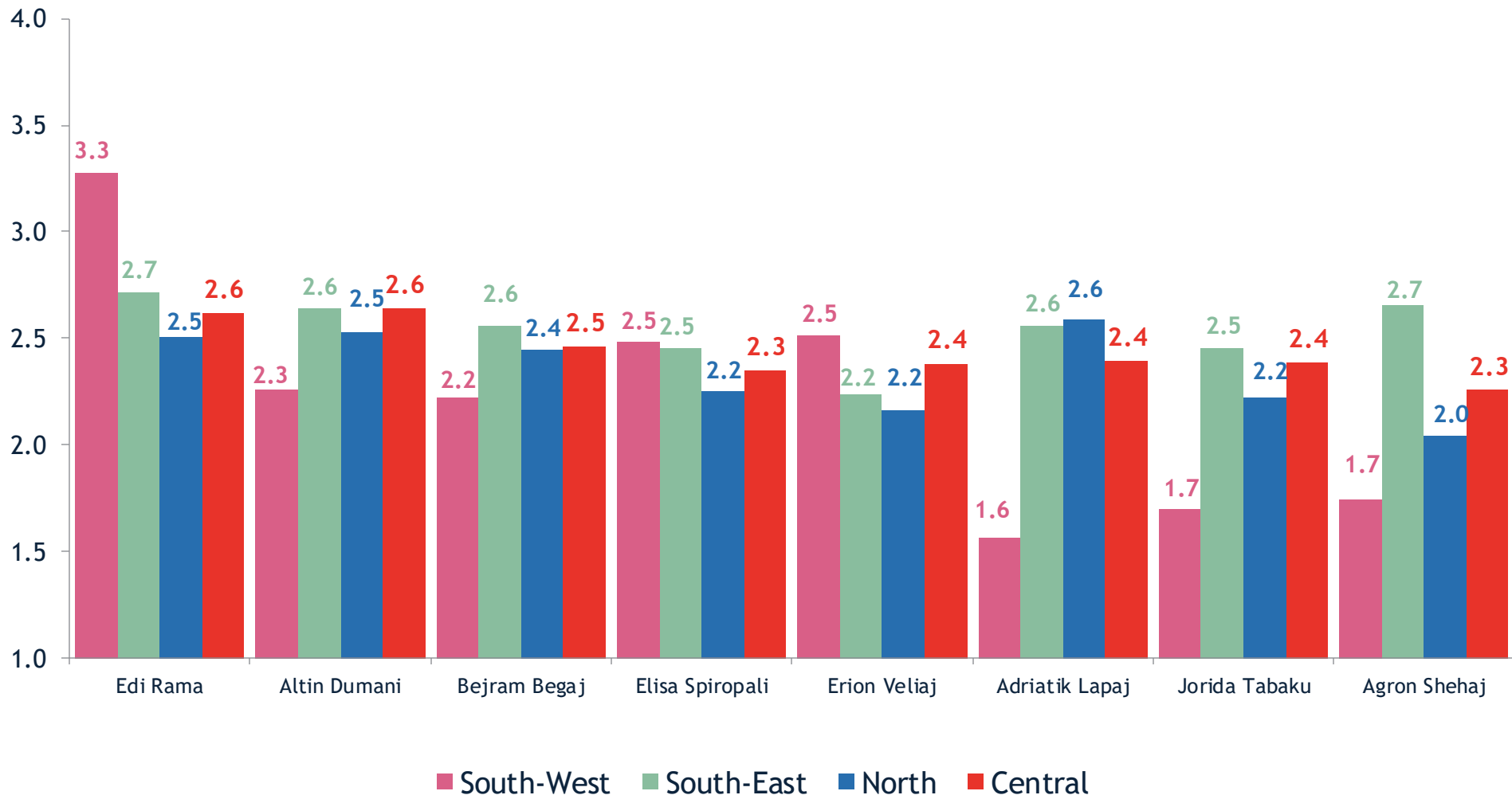
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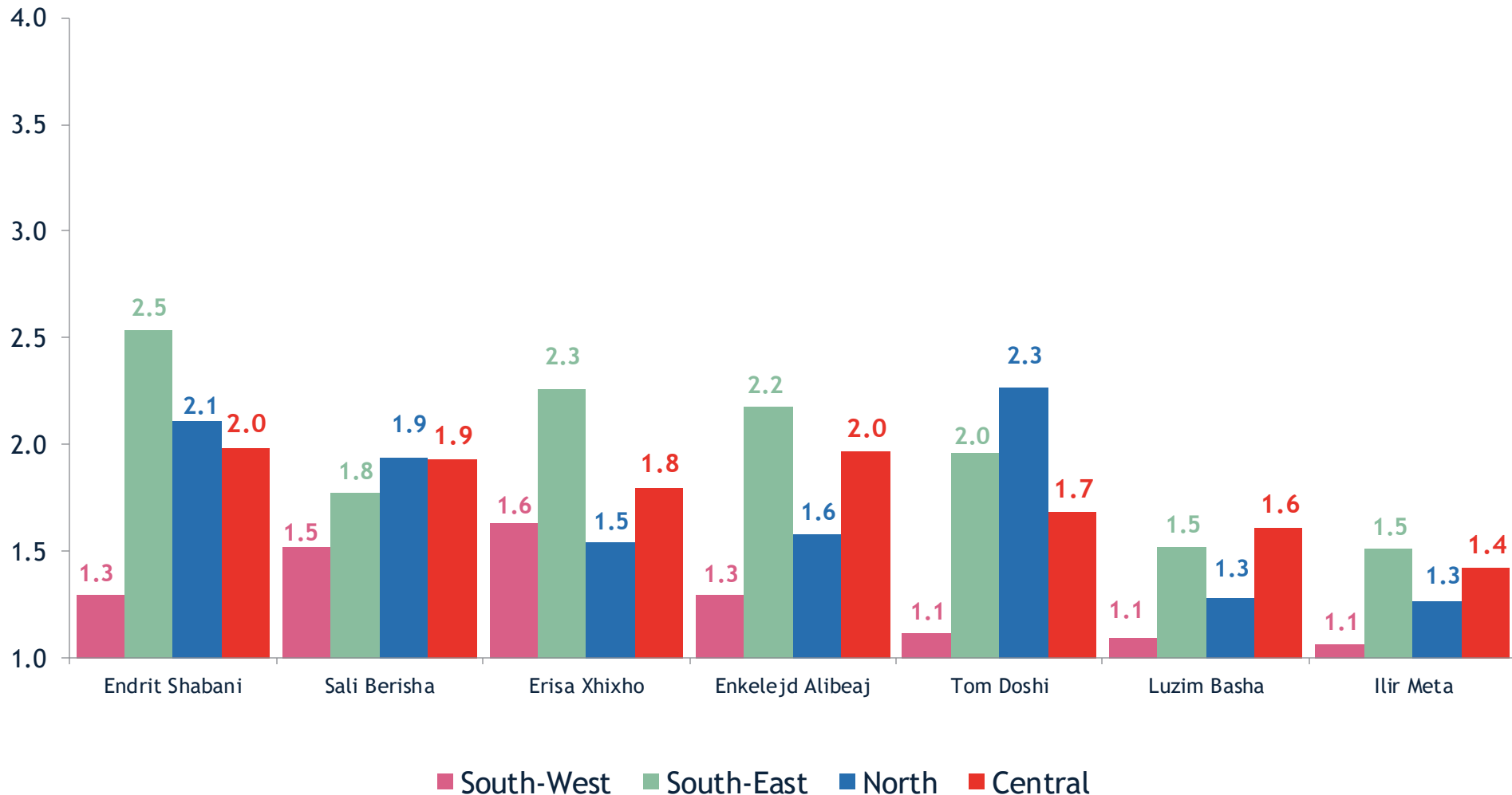
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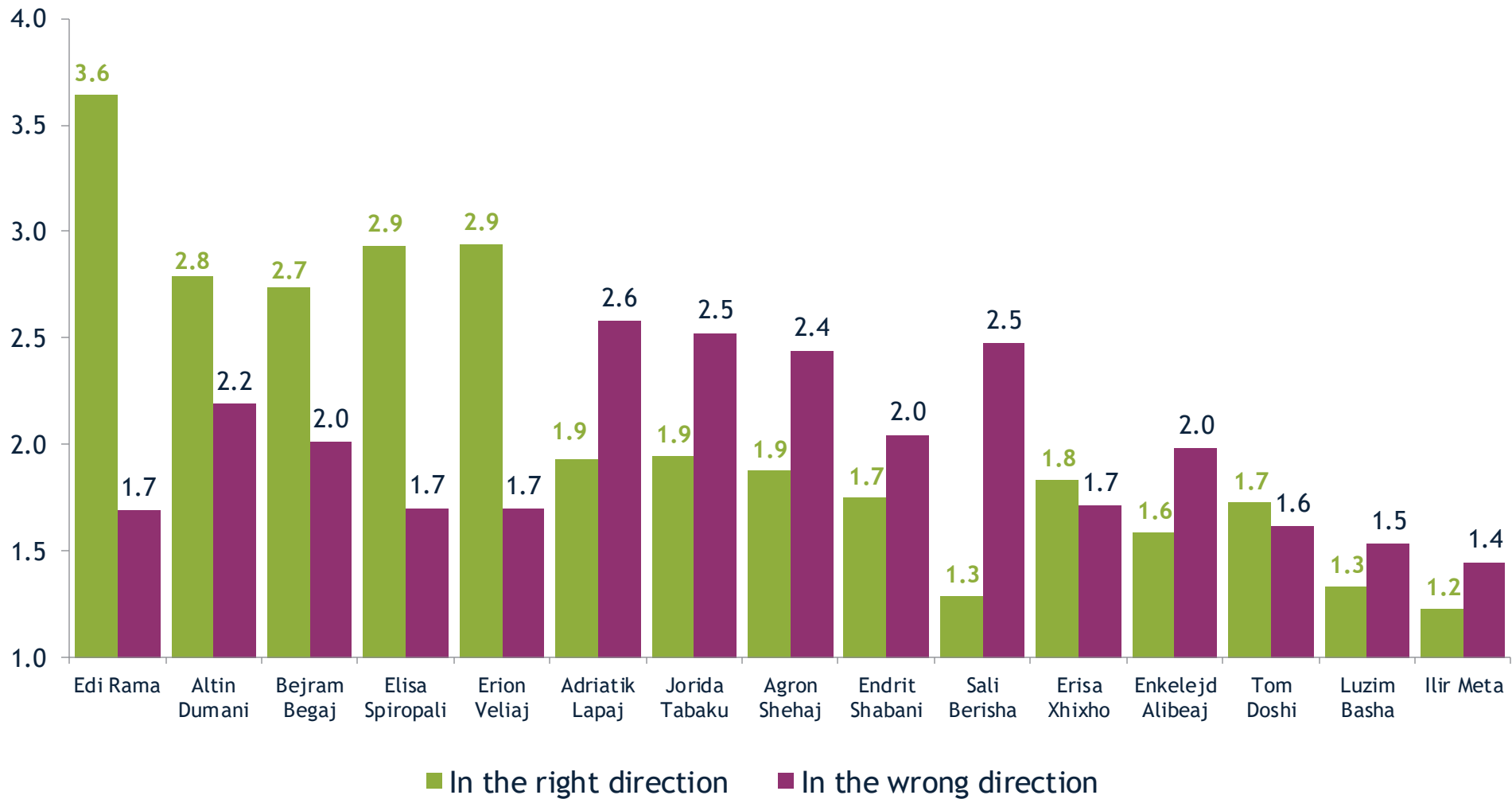
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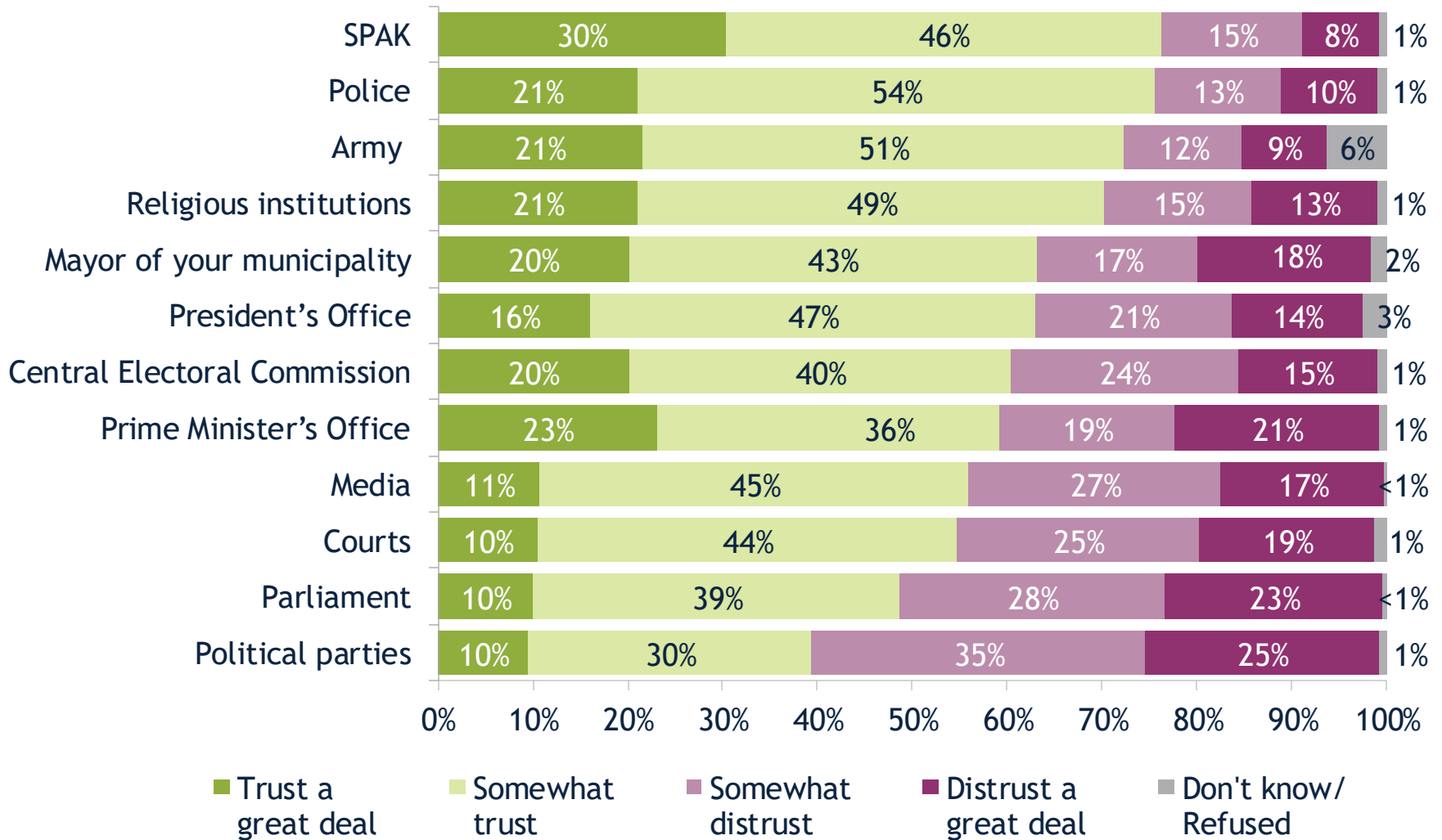
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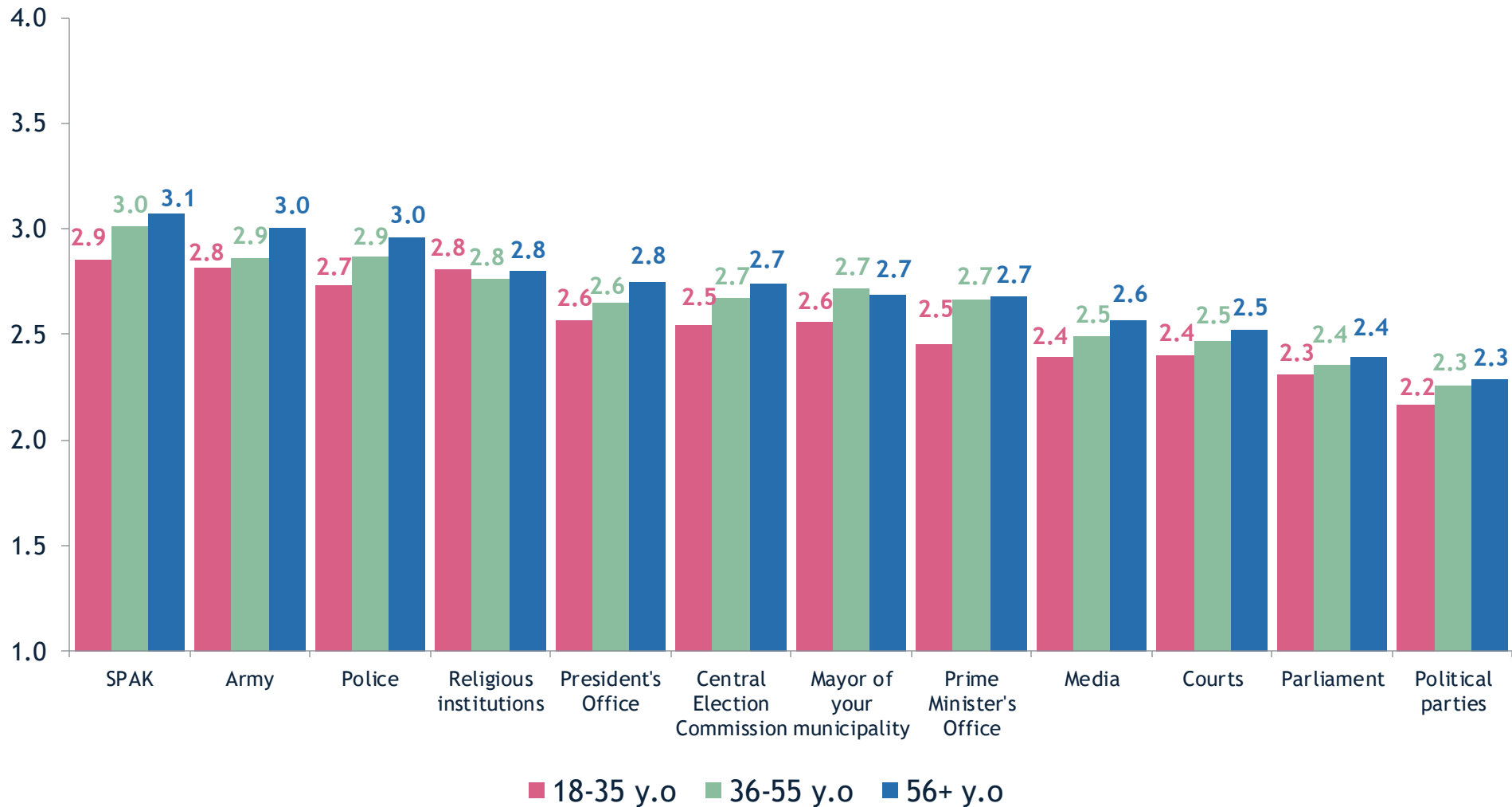
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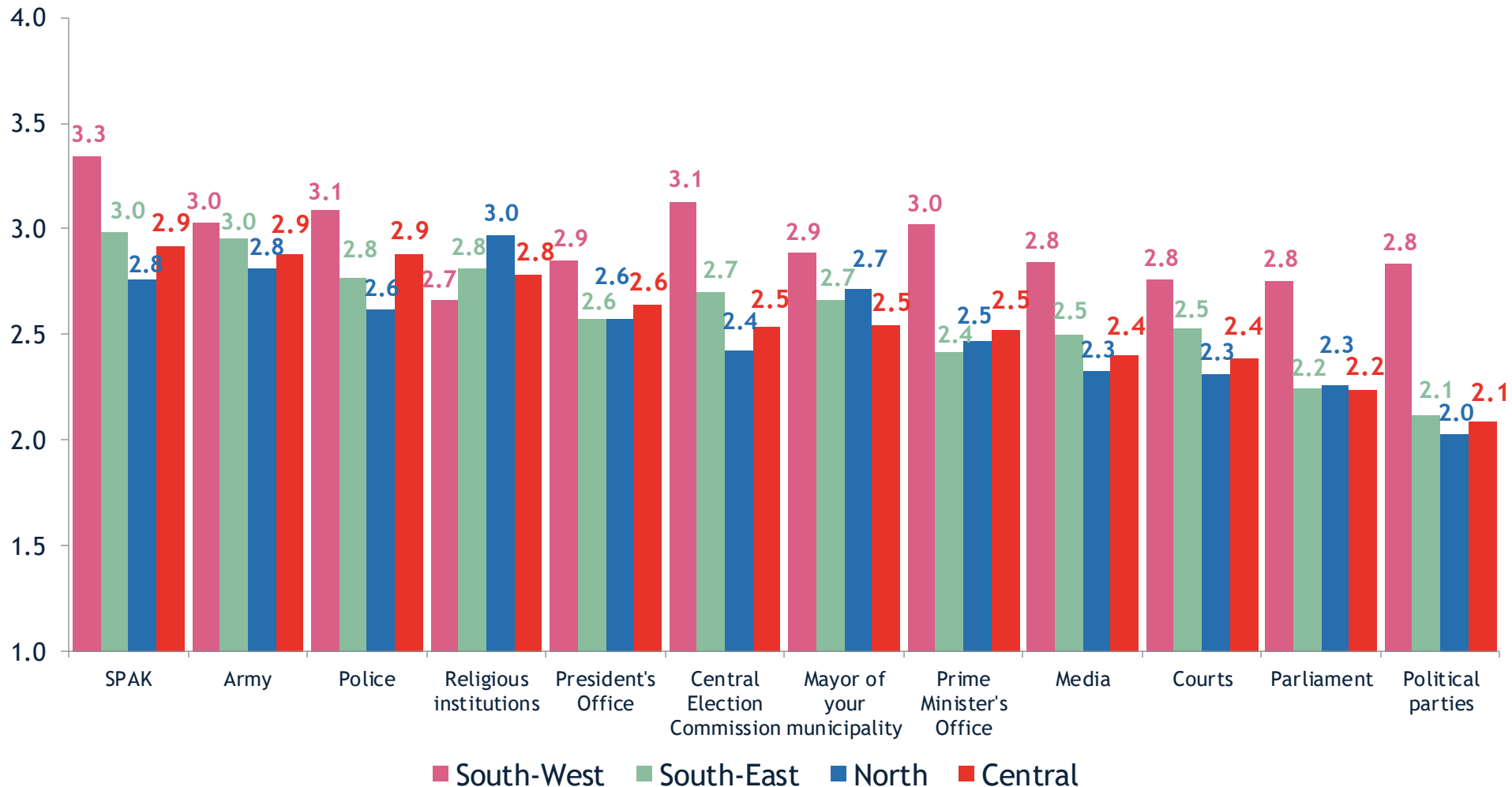
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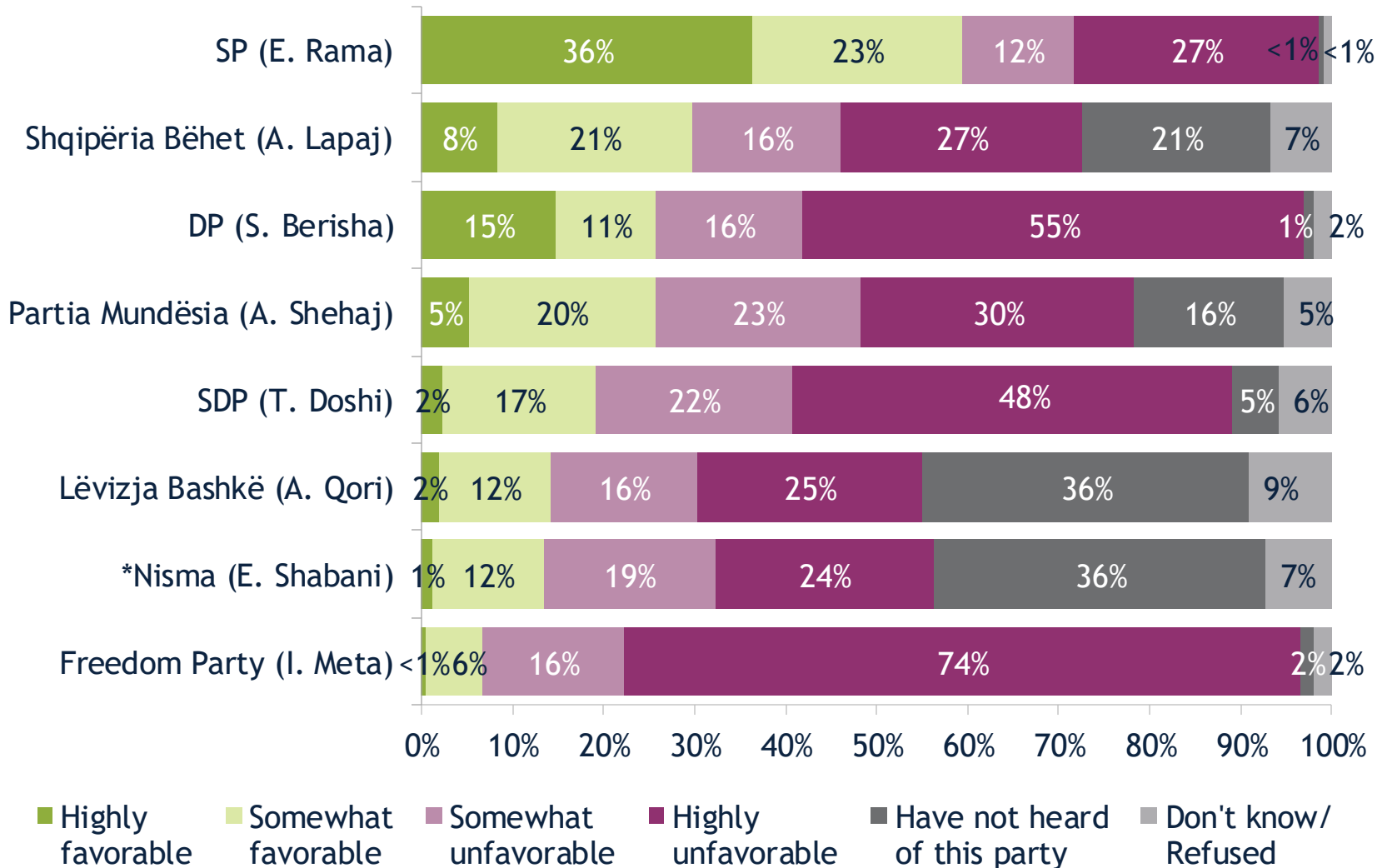


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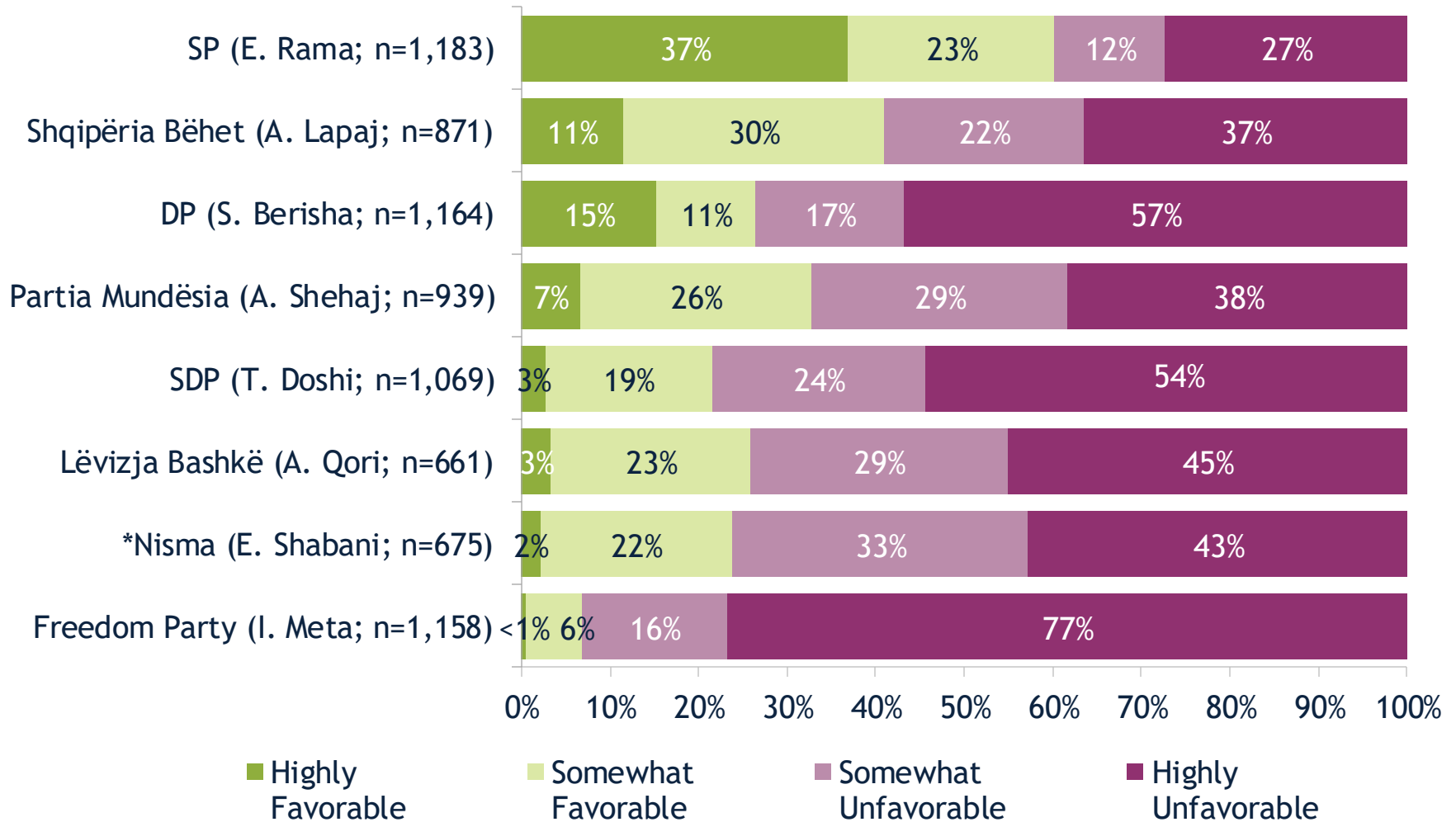


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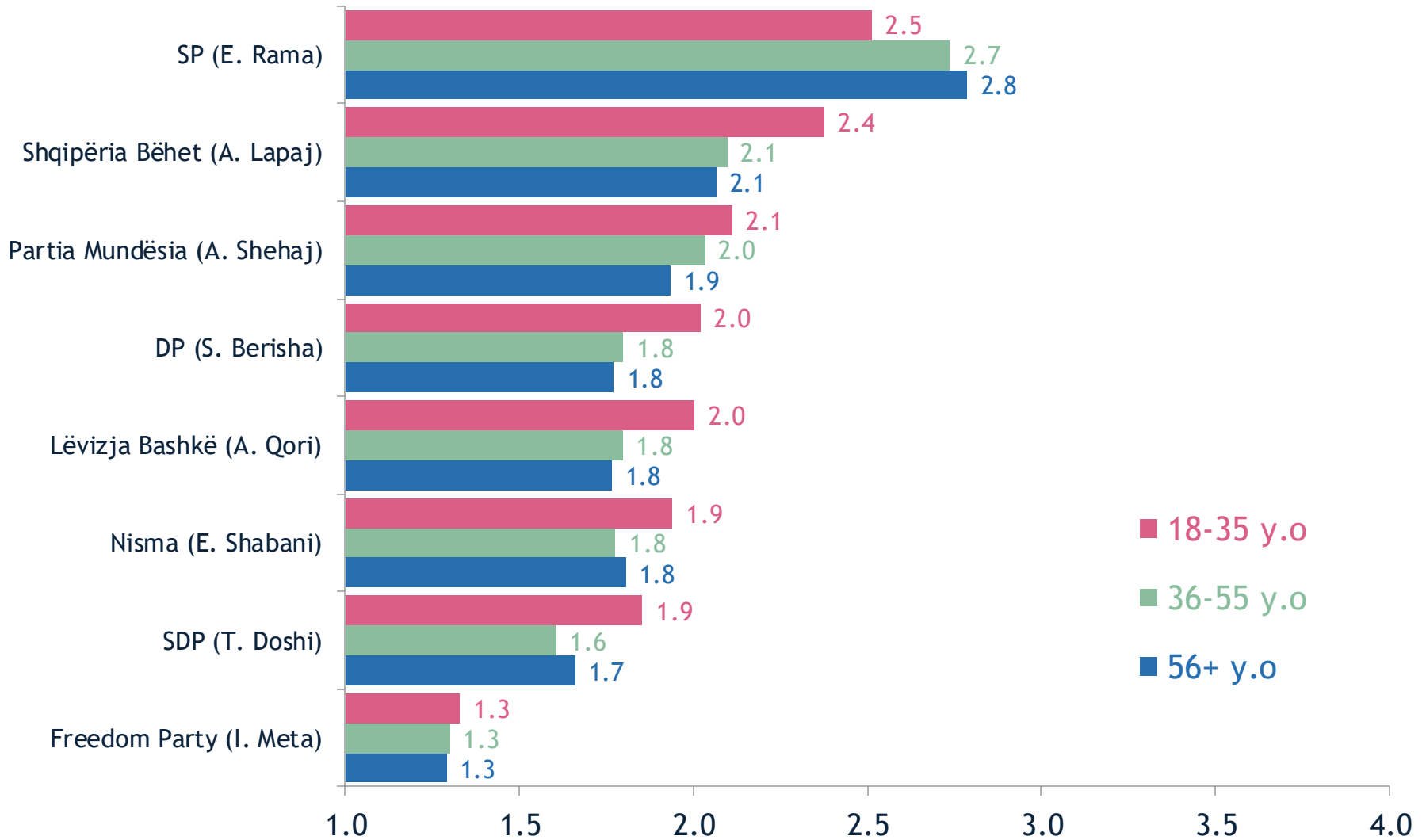


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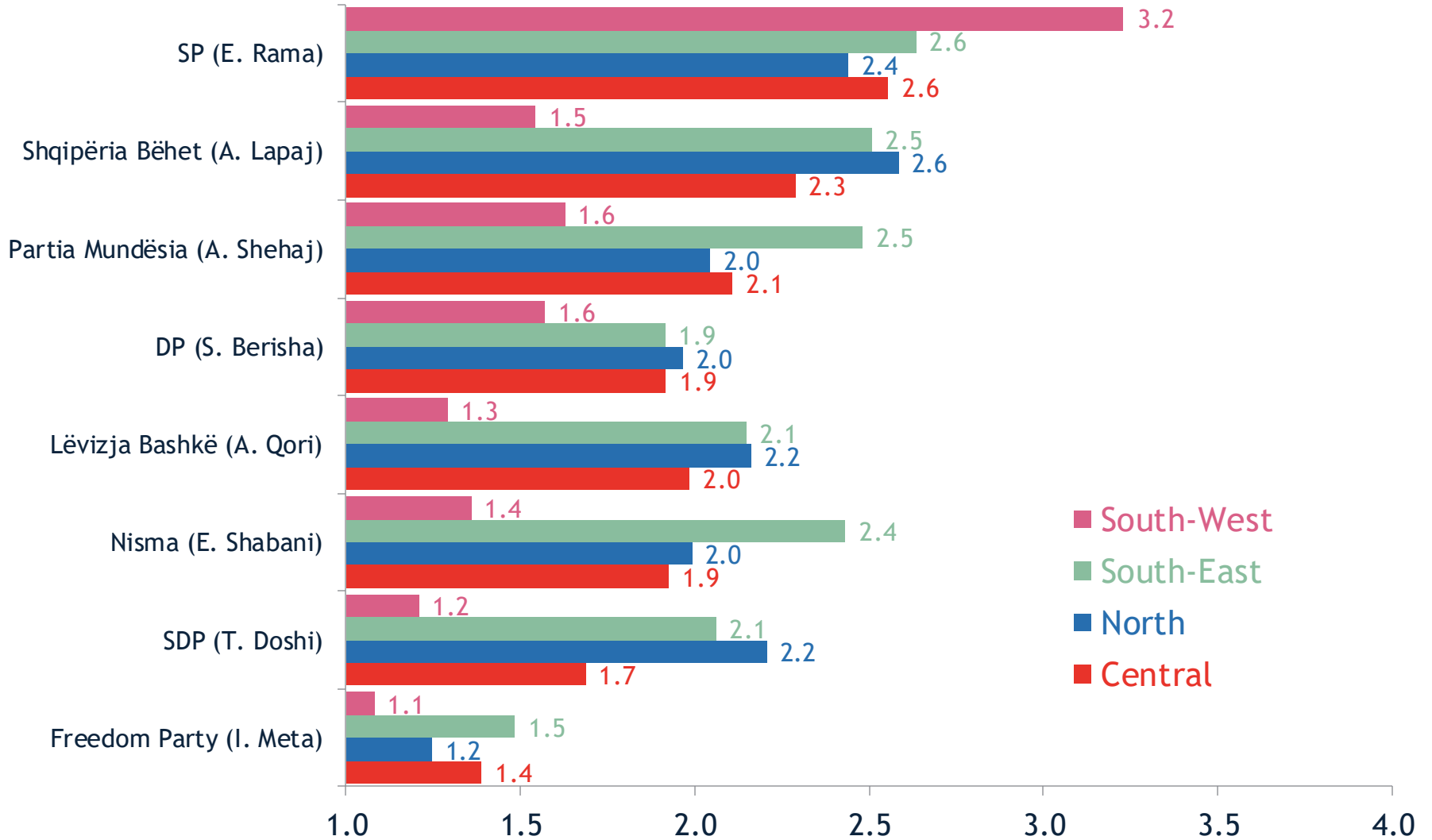
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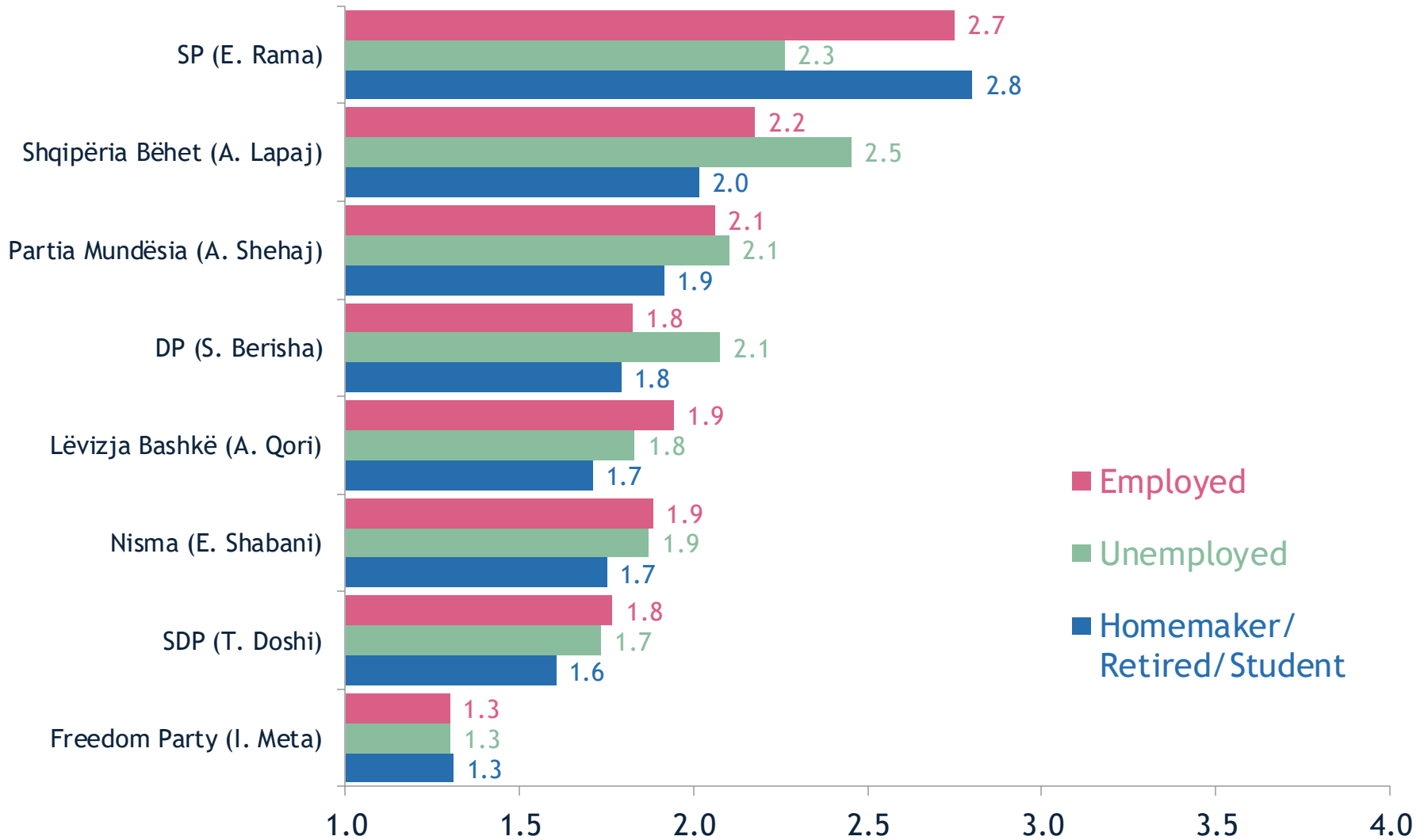
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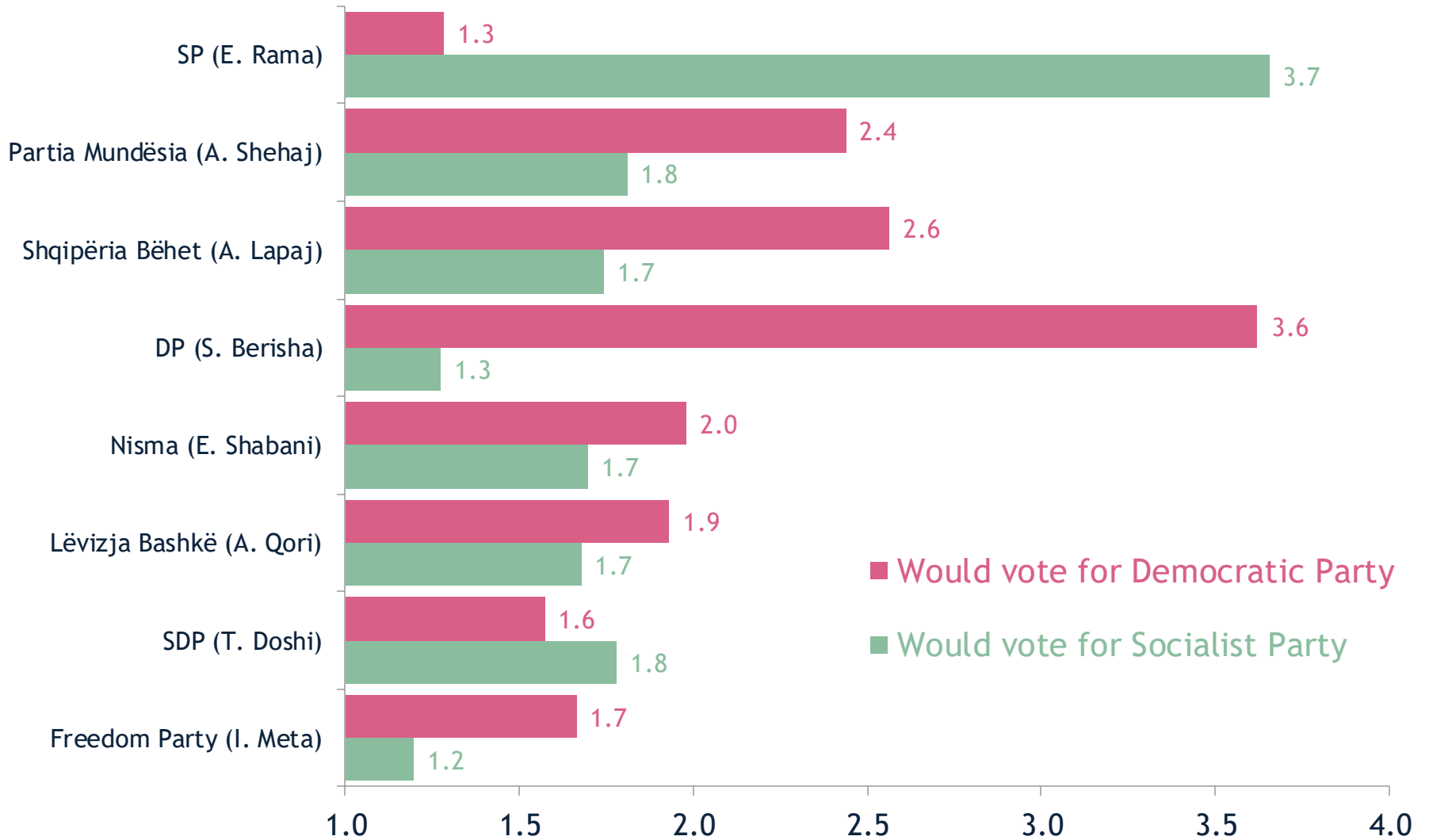
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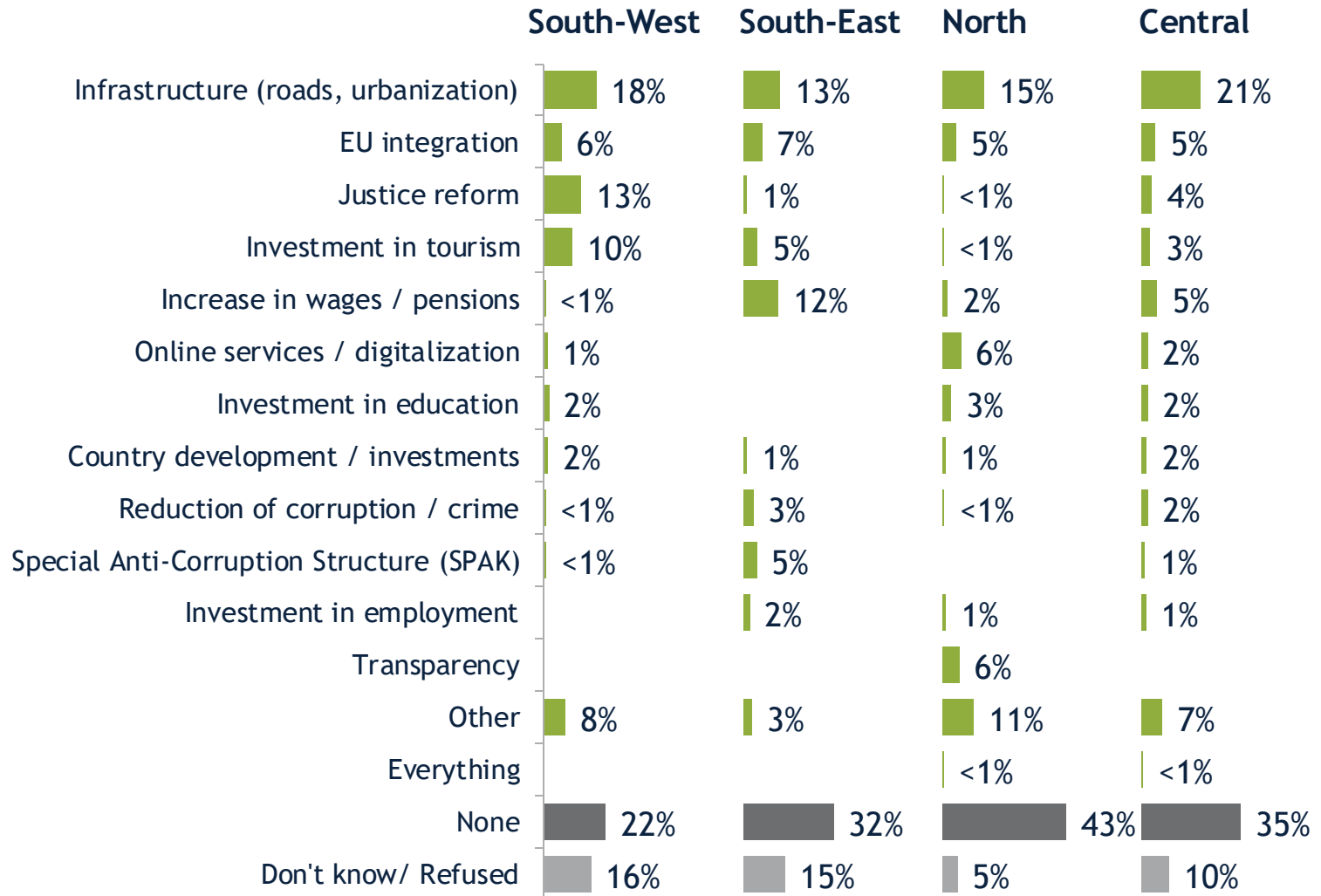
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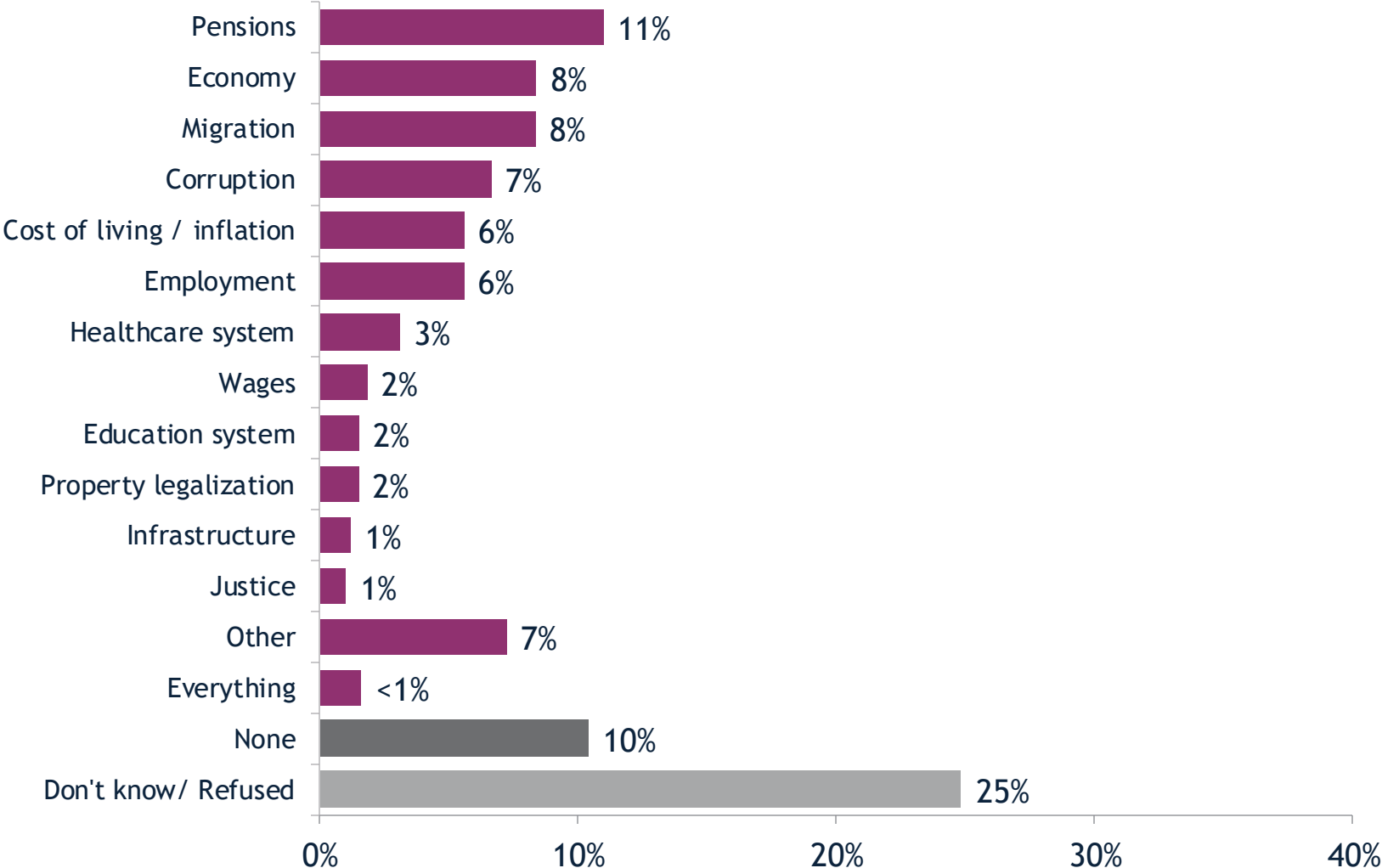


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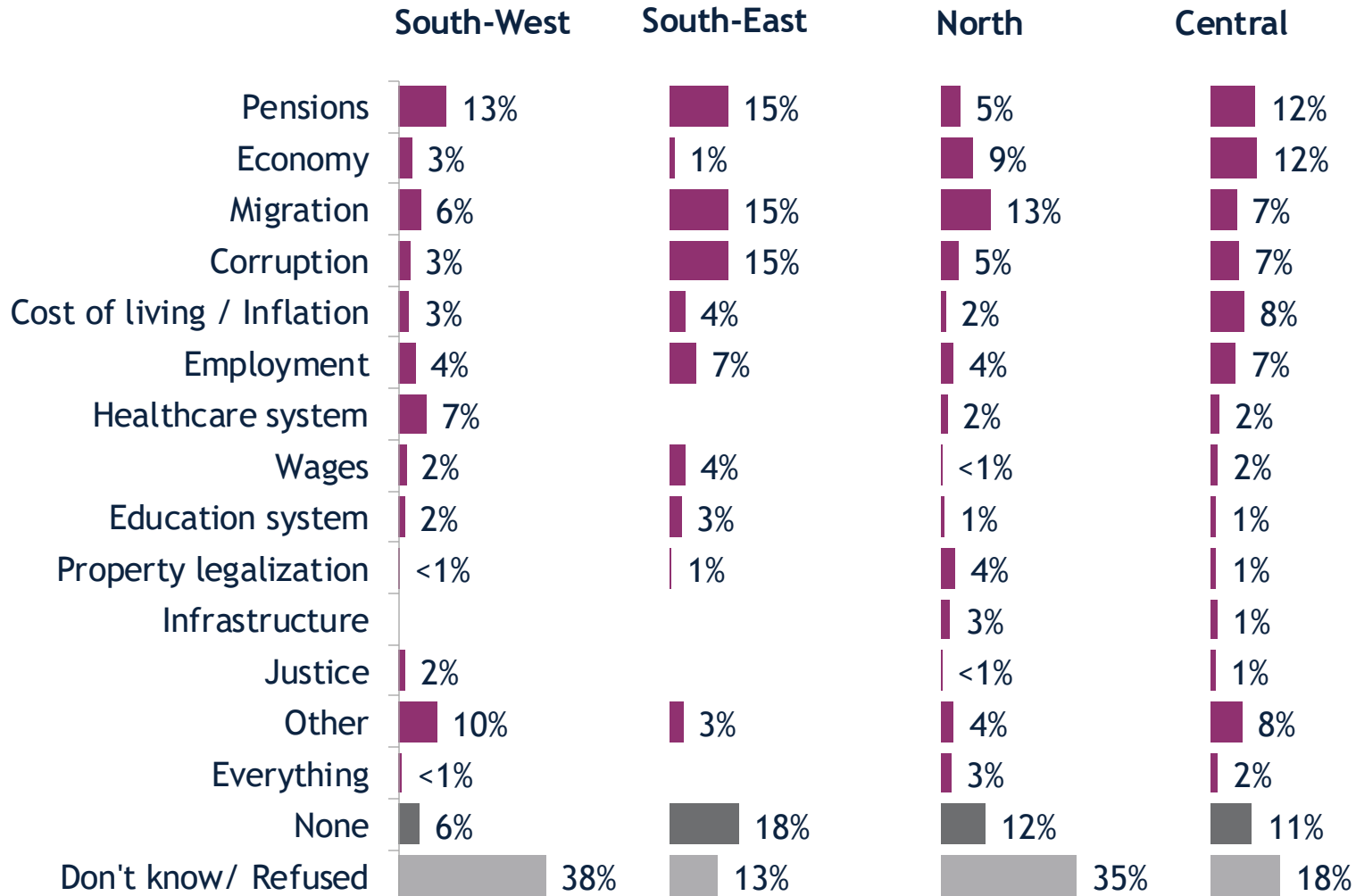


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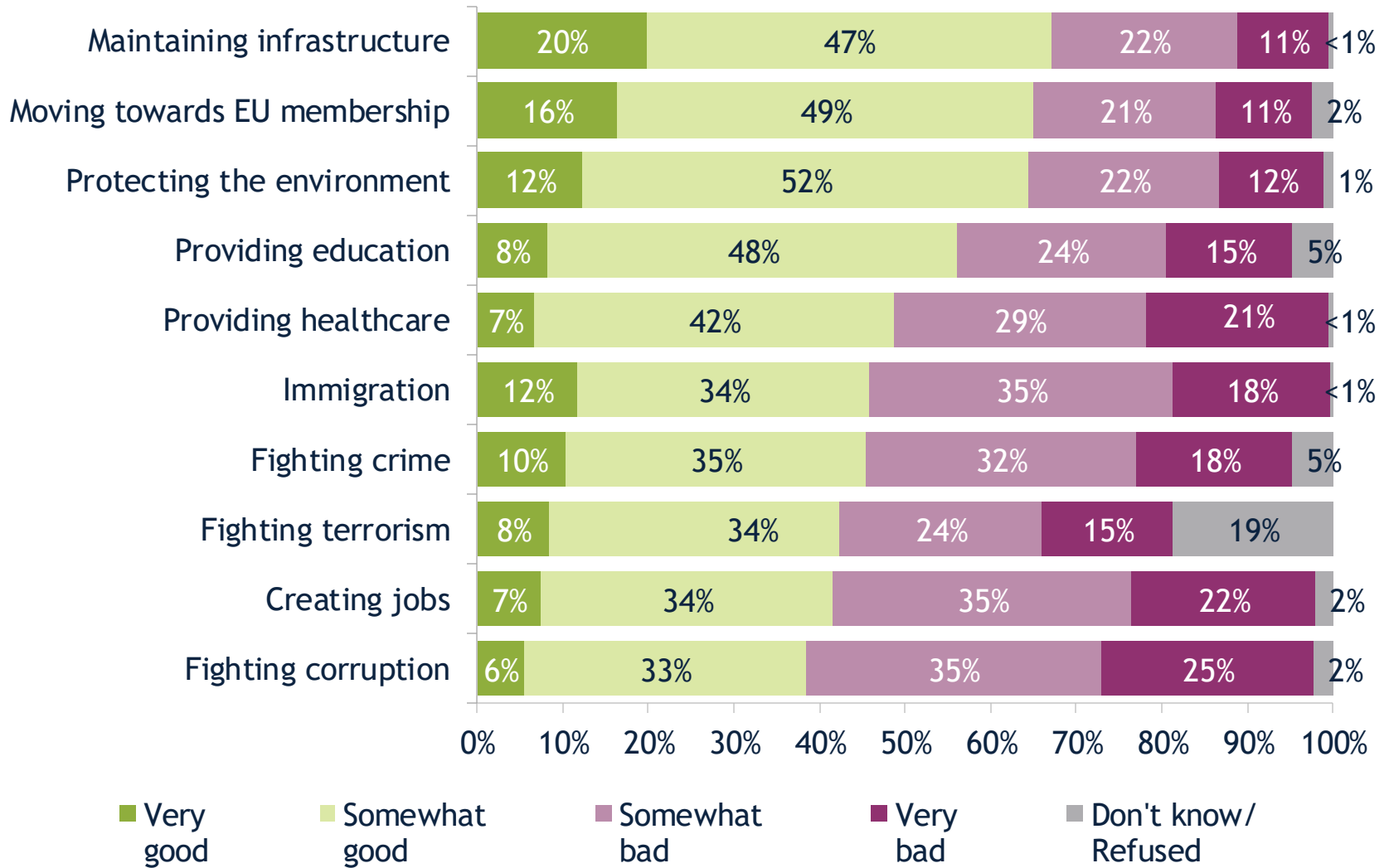
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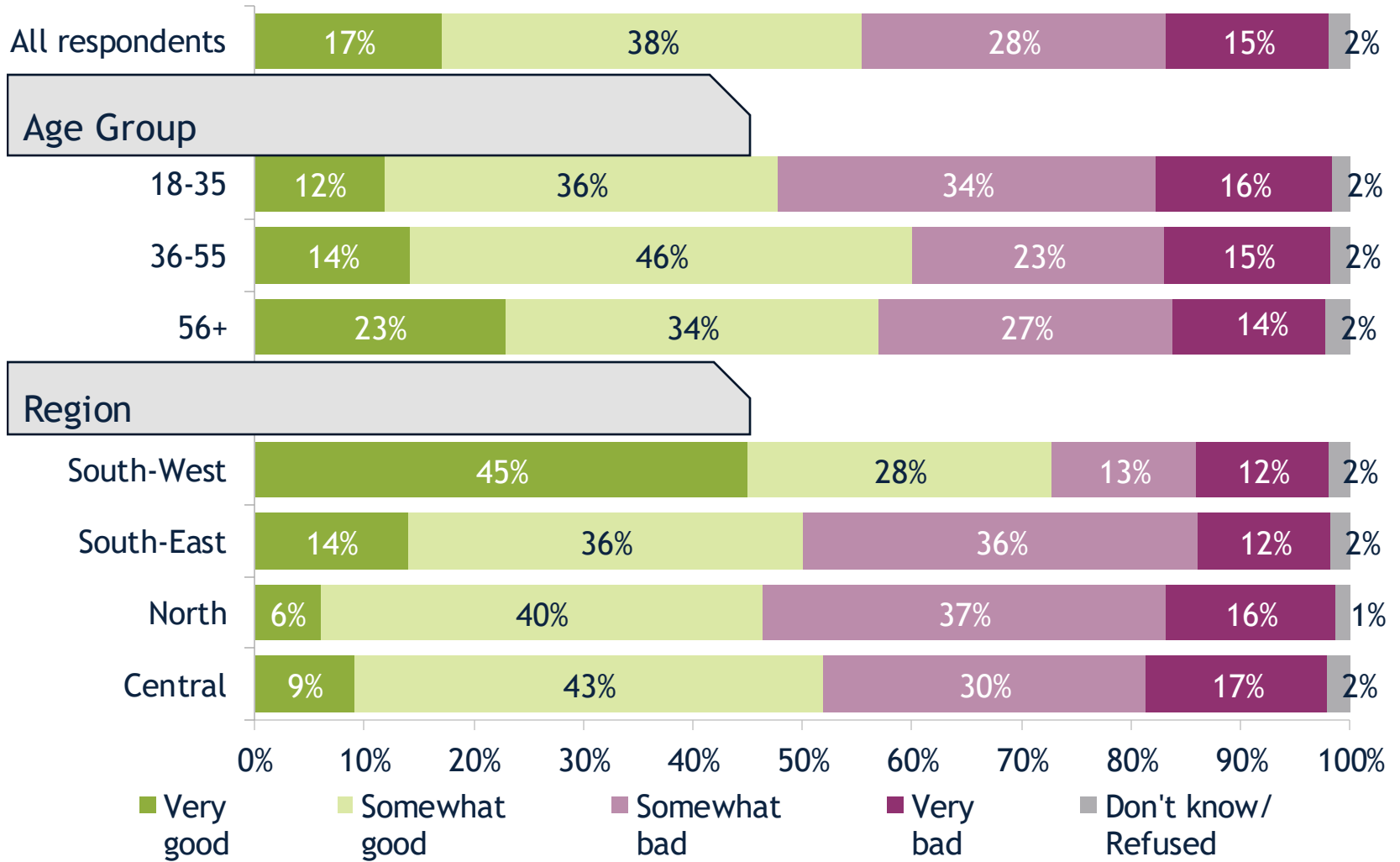
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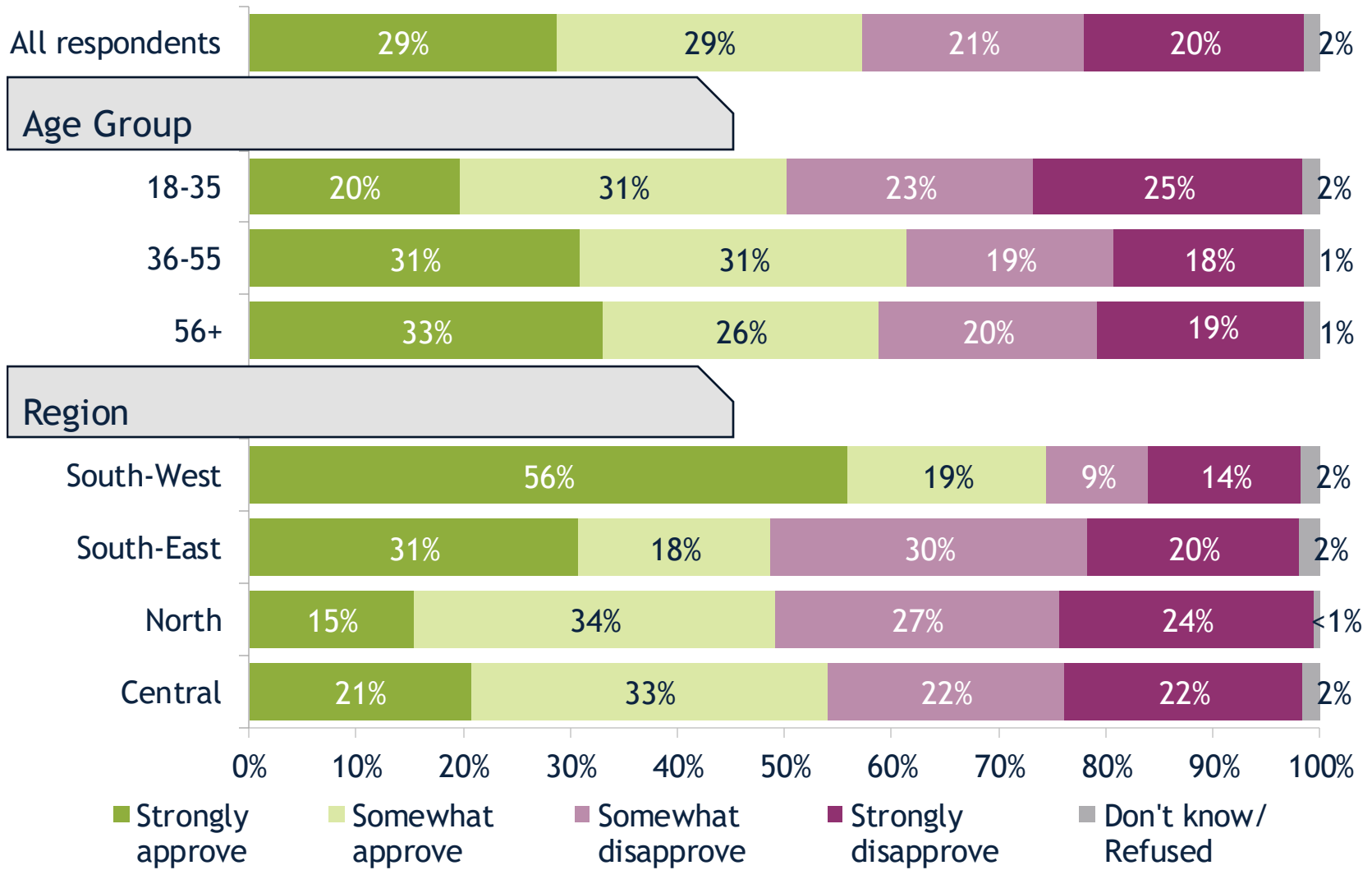




How would you rate the performance of the national government?



Do you approve or disapprove of the Edi Rama government?

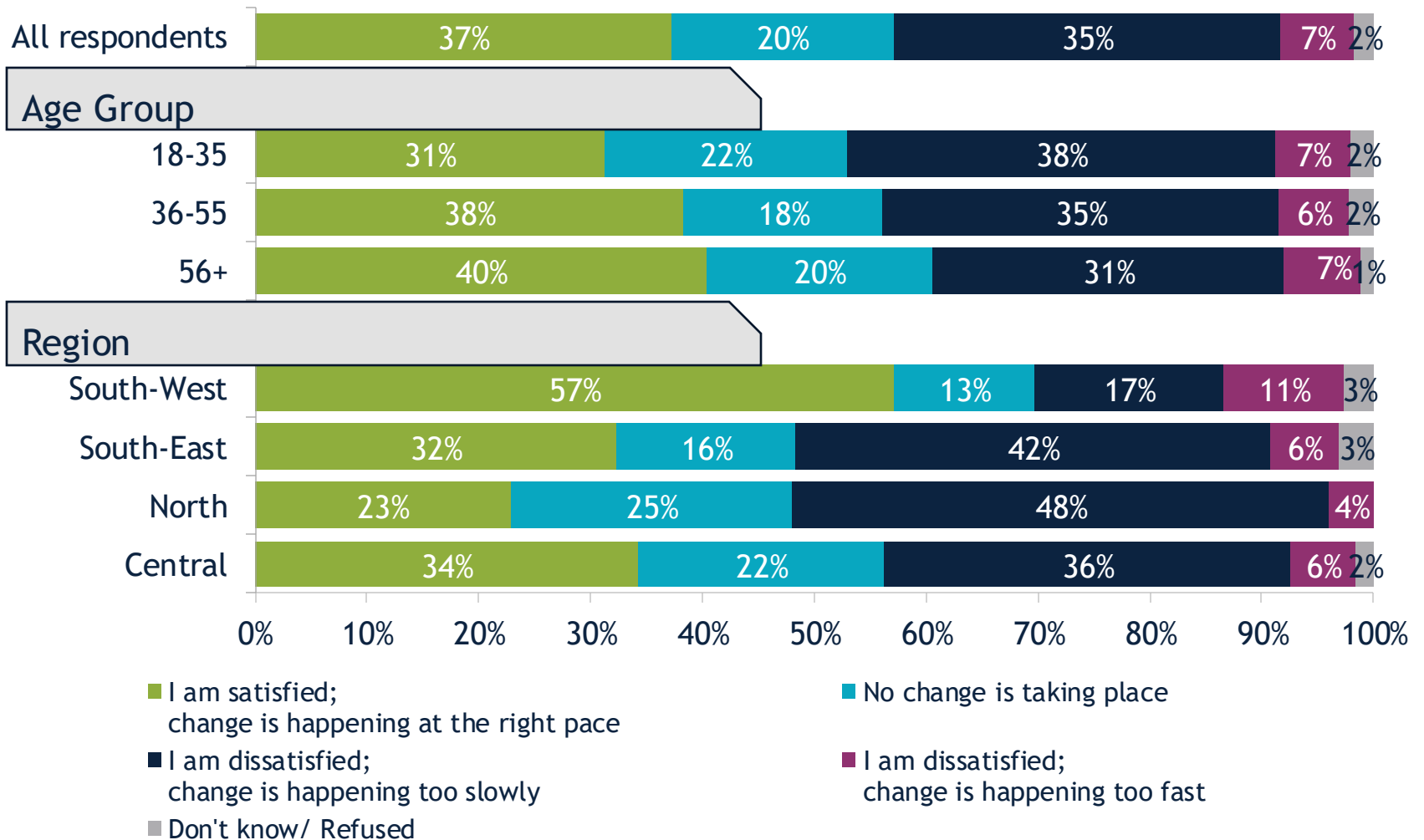


Reforms

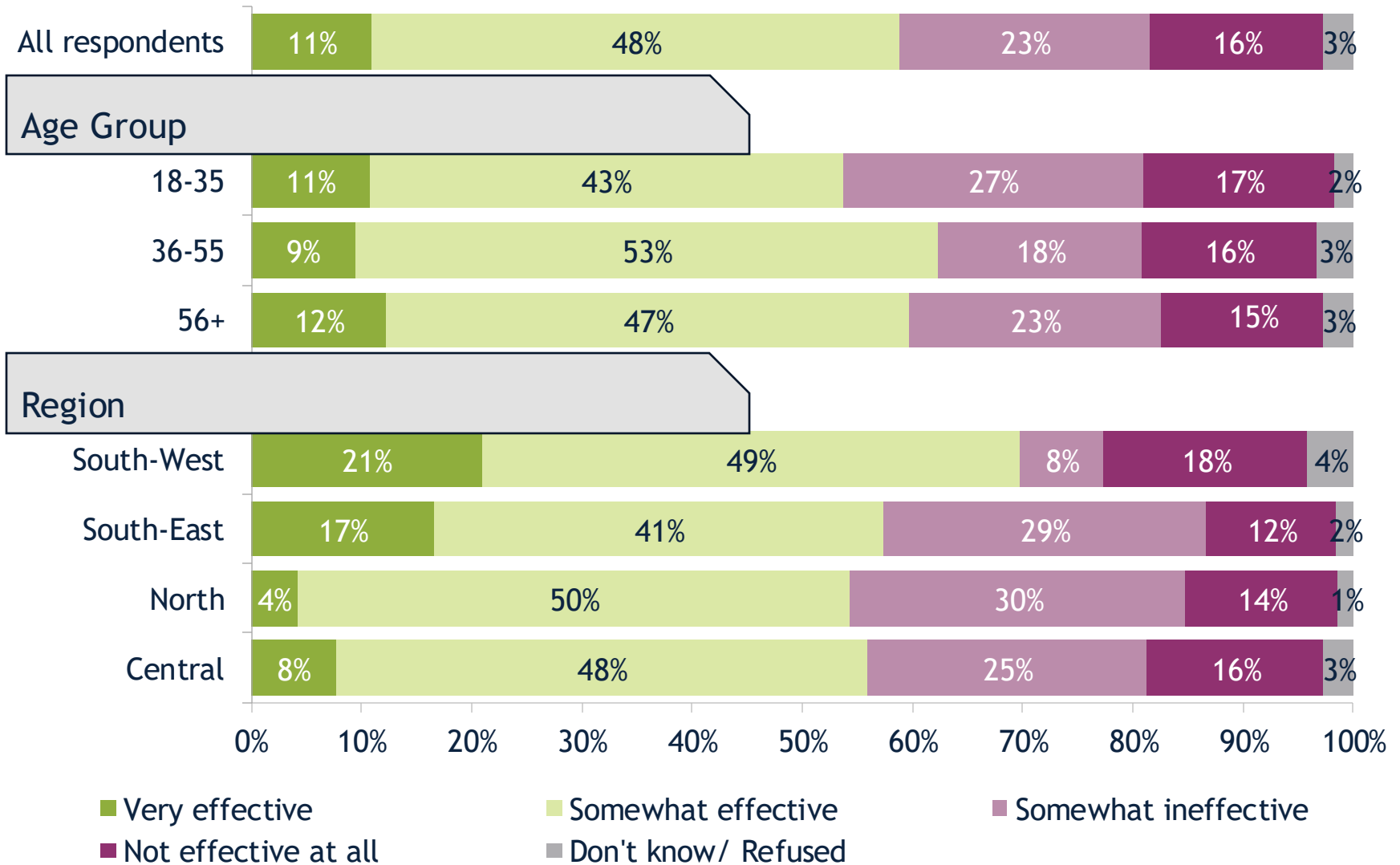




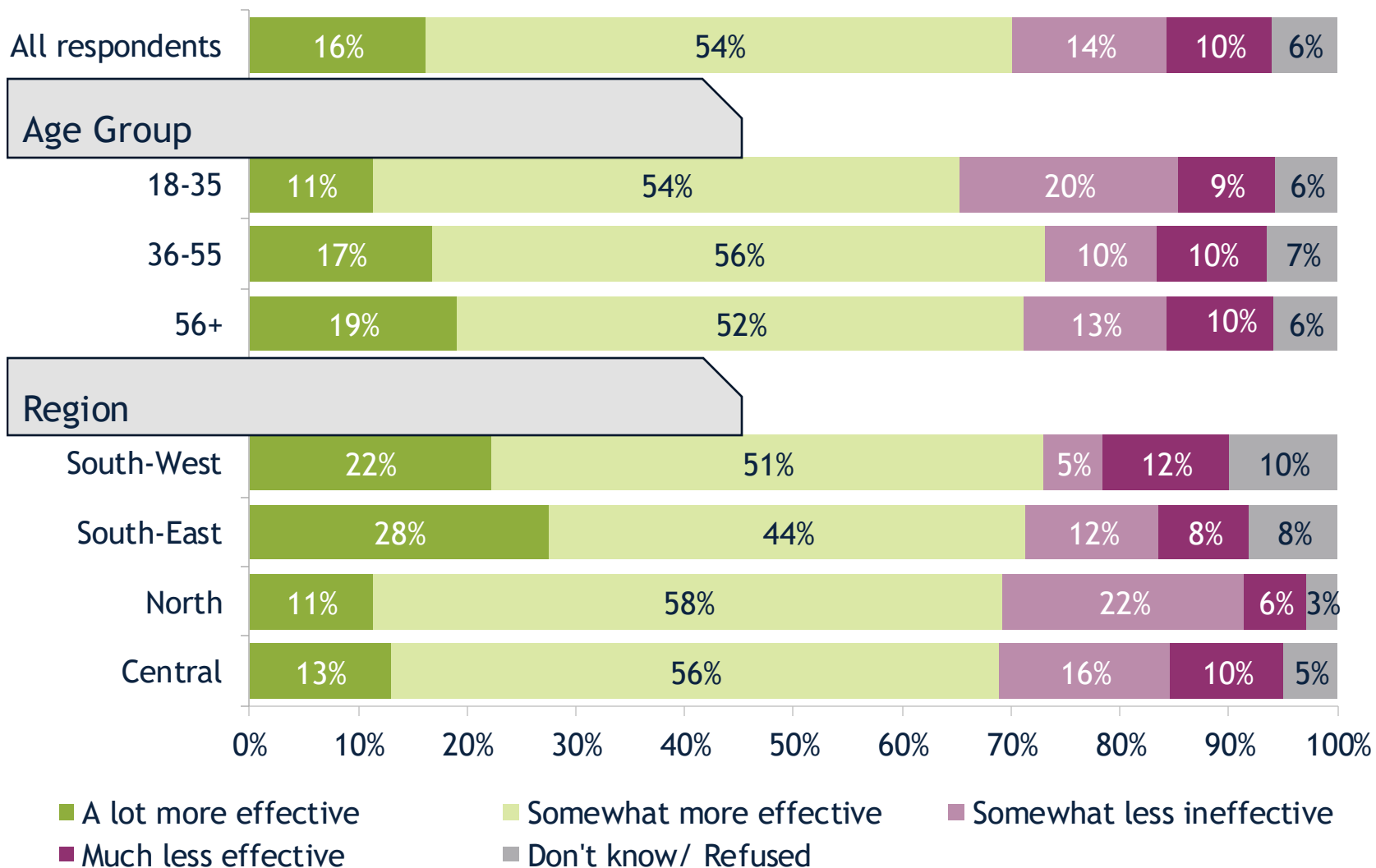
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the pace of change in our country?



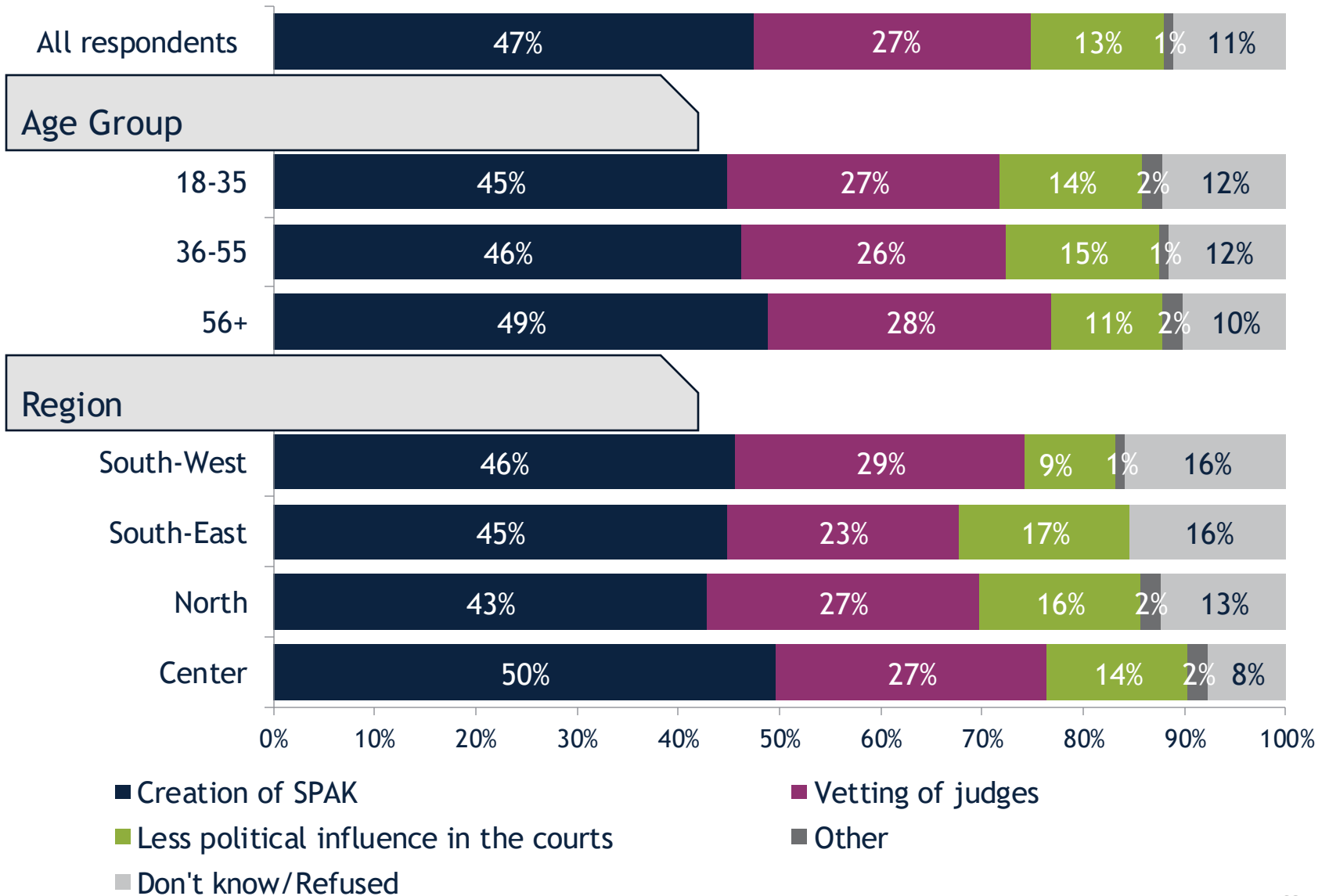
How effective or ineffective do you think is Albania's justice system?



In the past few years, there have been changes in Albania's justice system, such as the vetting of judges and the creation of the SPAK. Do you think those changes have made the Albanian justice system more or less effective?

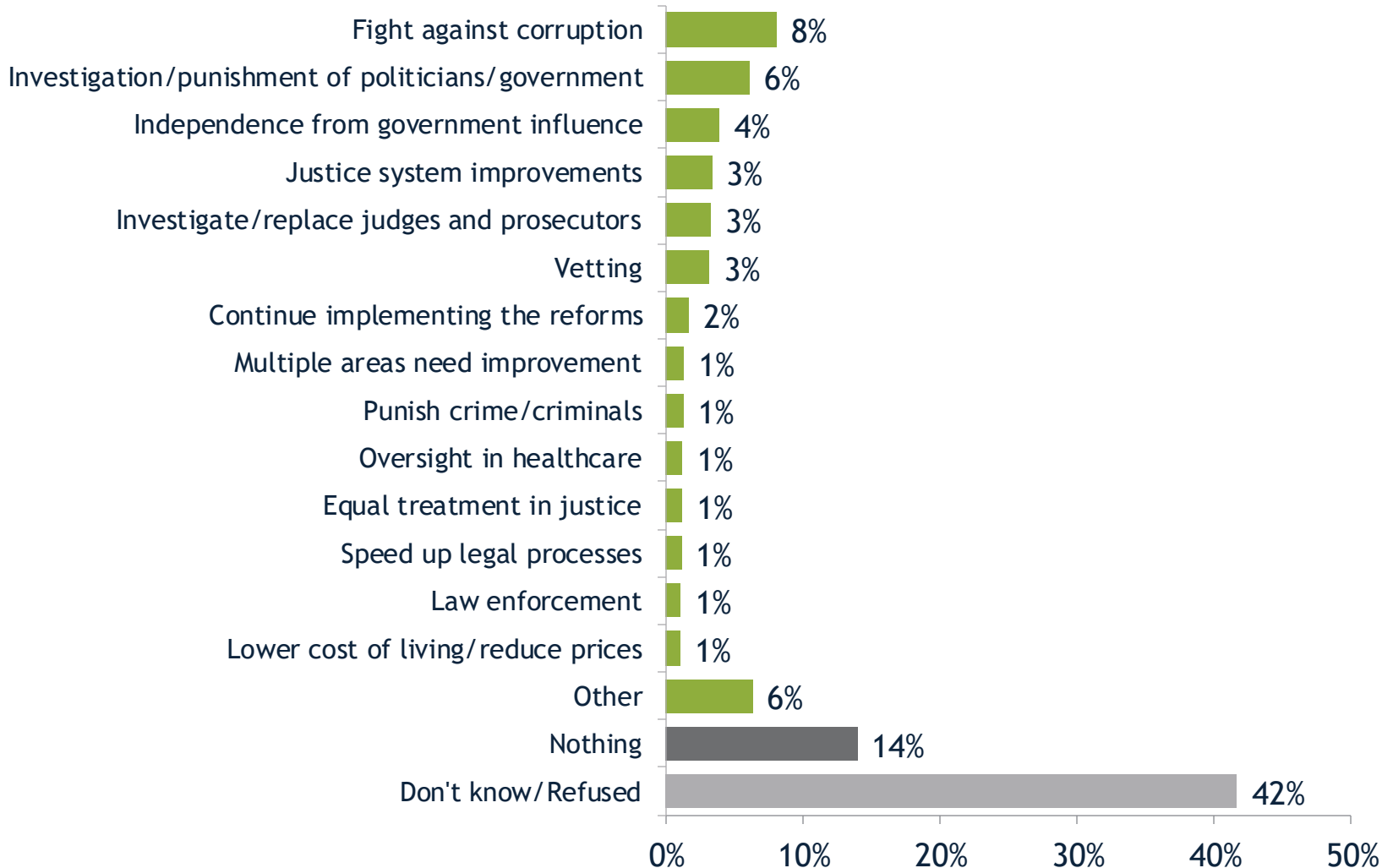


Albanian justice system reforms have produced several changes. Which of the following changes do you think has been the best outcome of justice reforms?



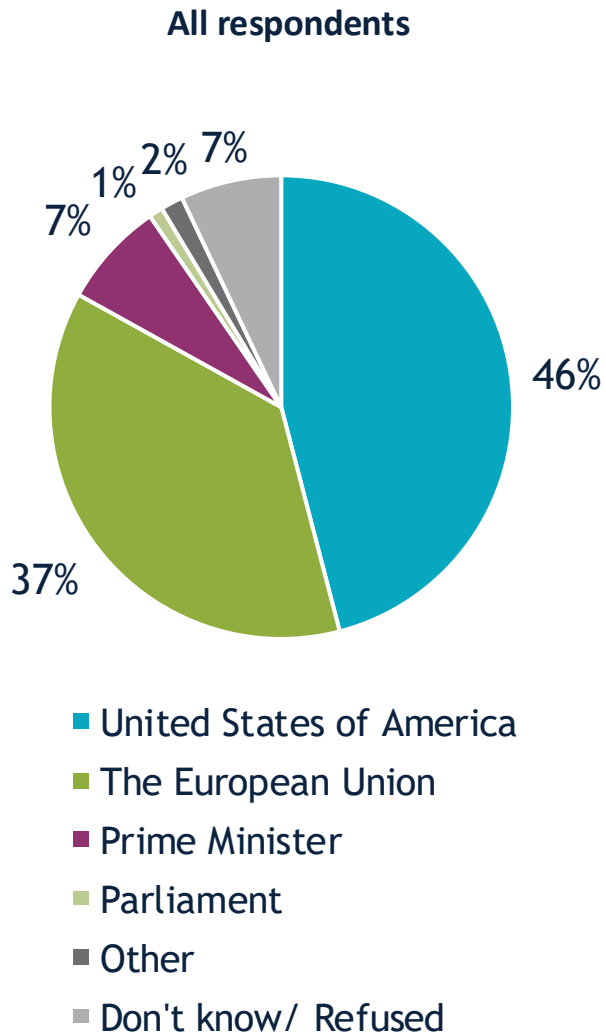
When thinking about justice system reforms, what is the most important thing that remains to be done?

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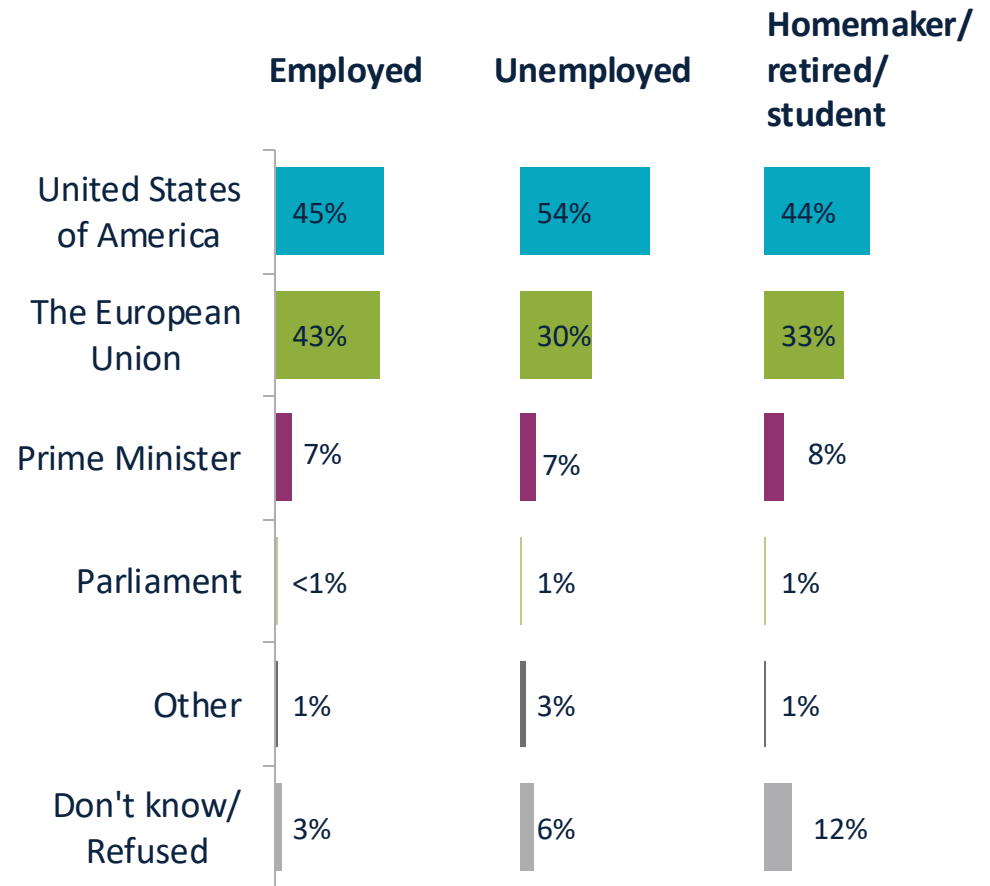


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Who do you trust the most to monitor new justice institutions, including SPAK and the courts?



By occupation

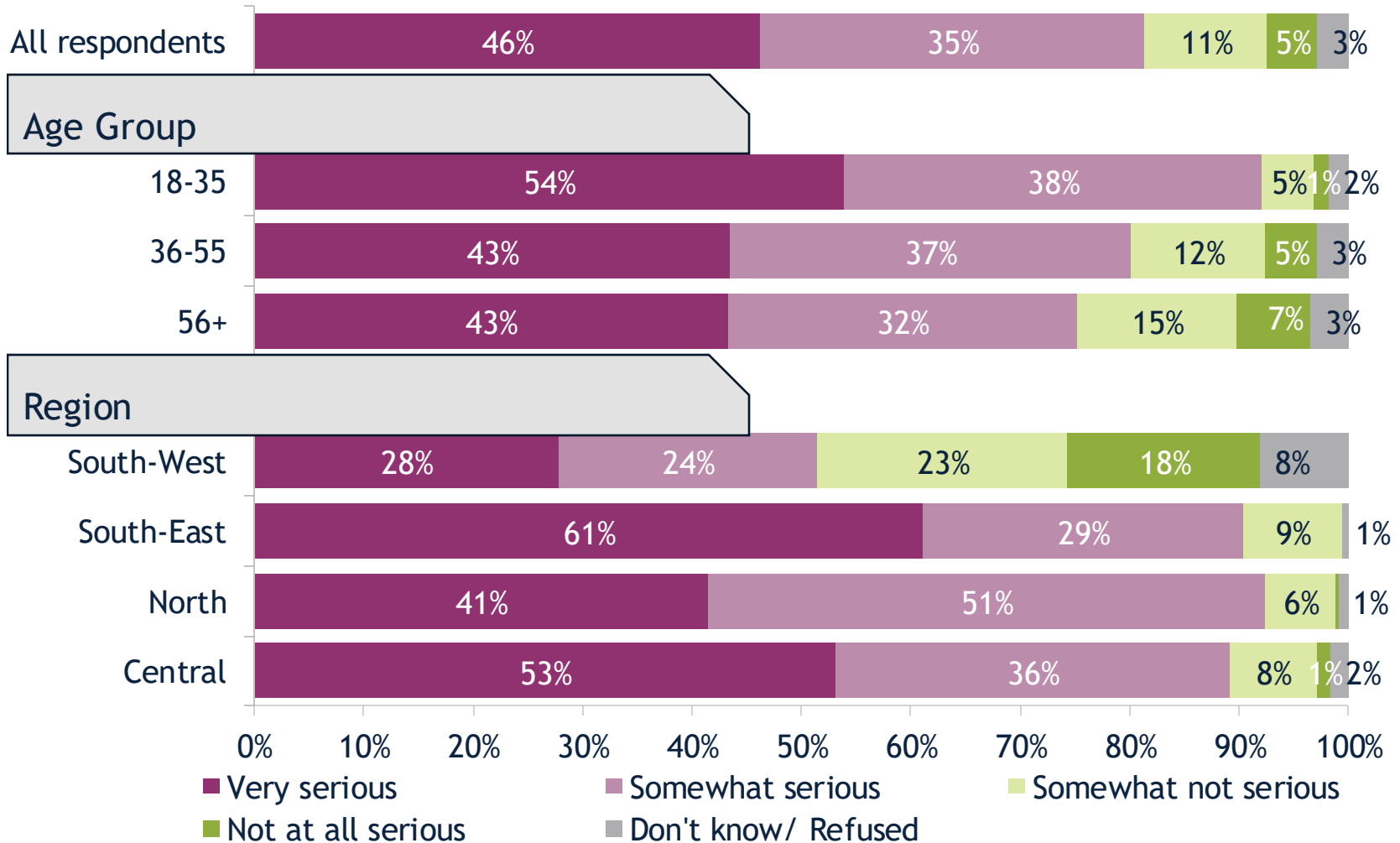


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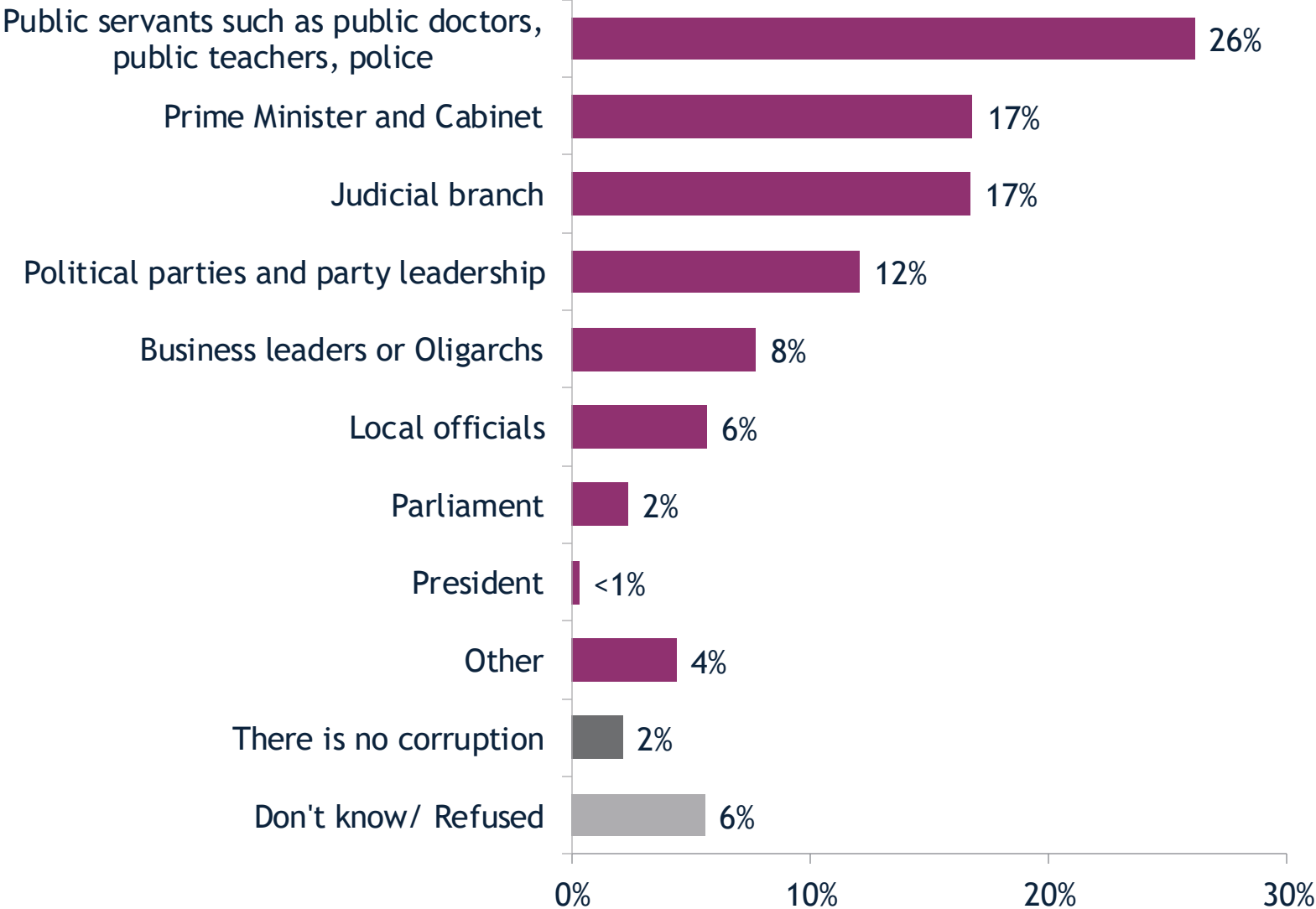


When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. **Do you believe that corruption in our country is a serious problem or not?**



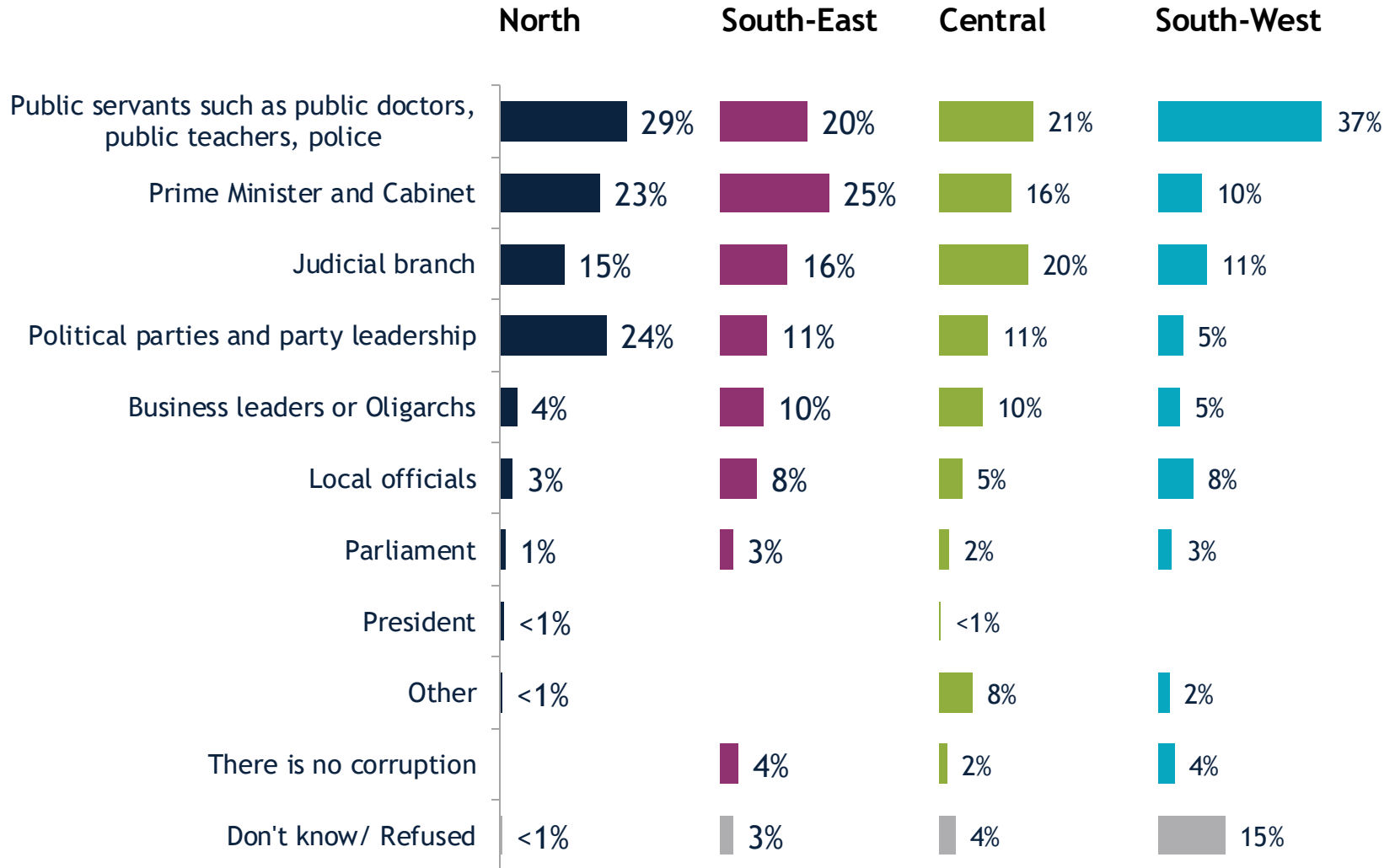


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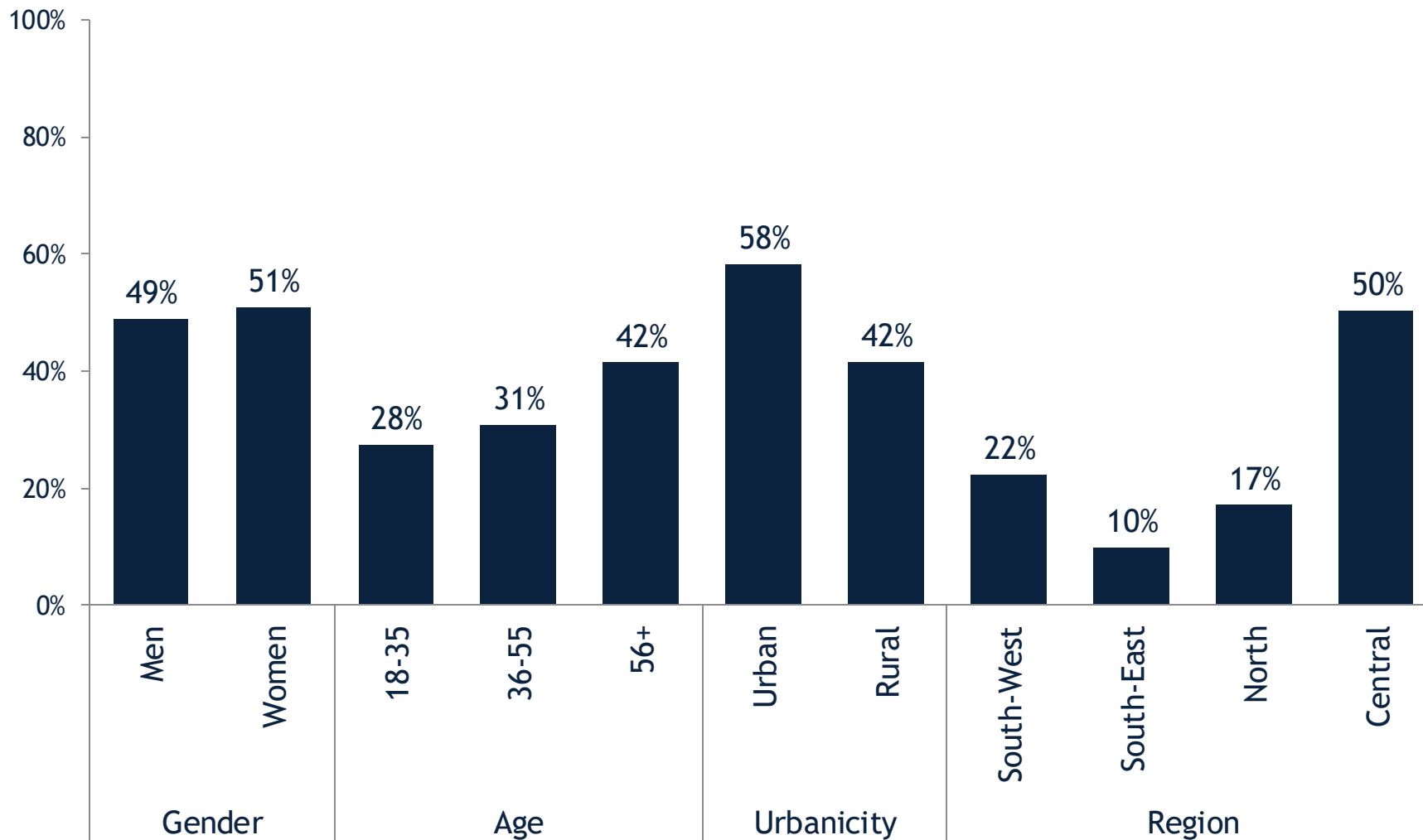
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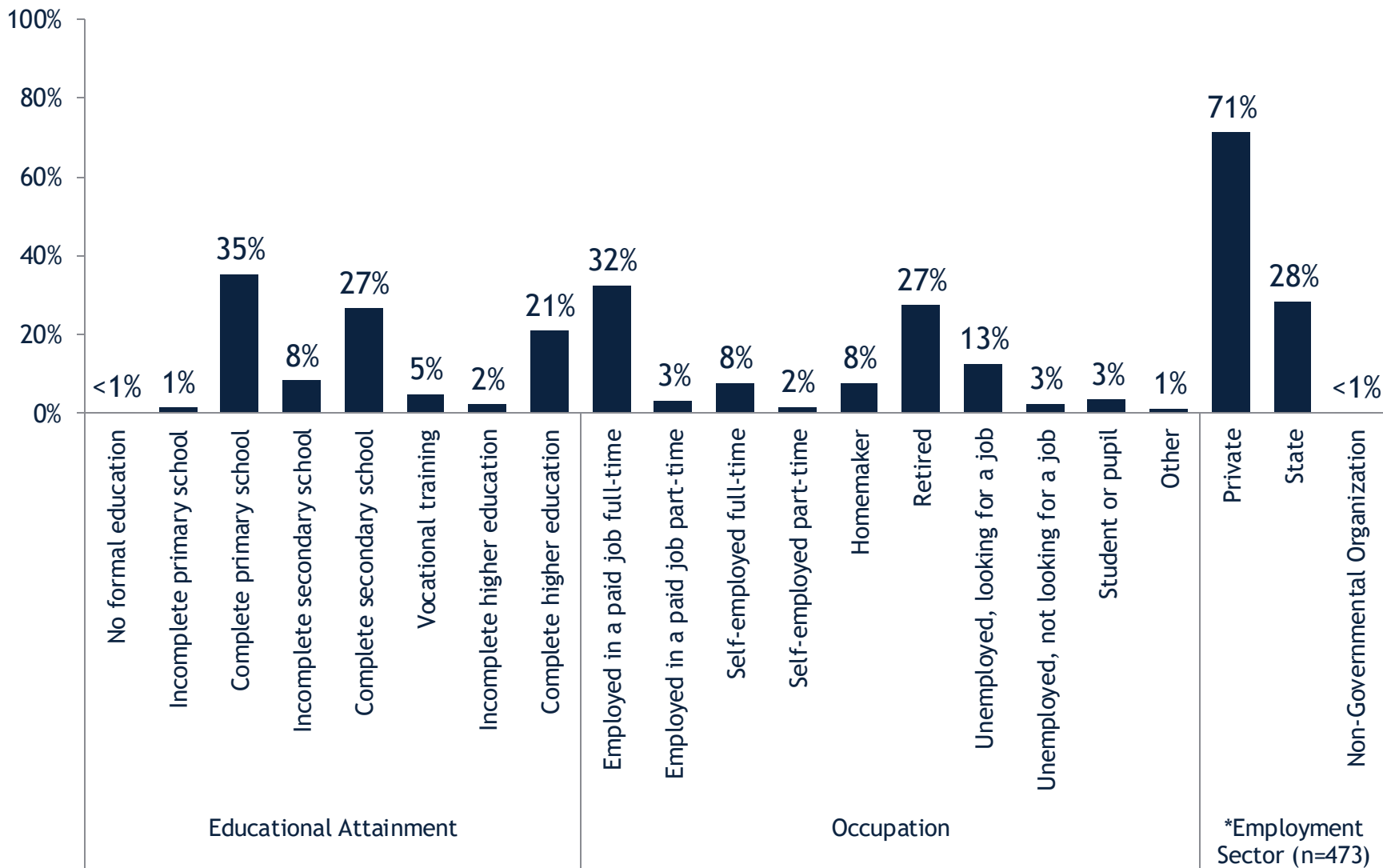
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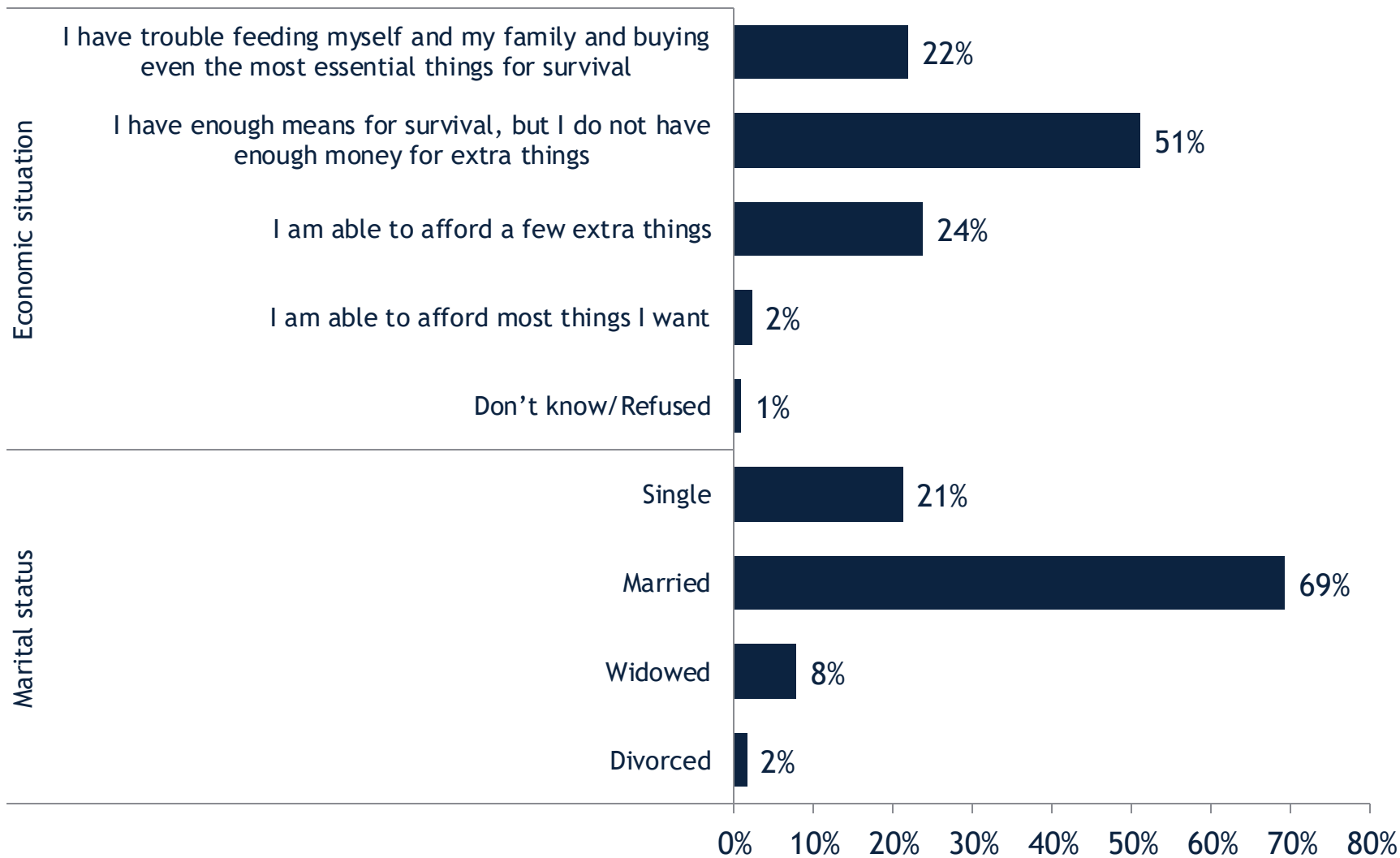


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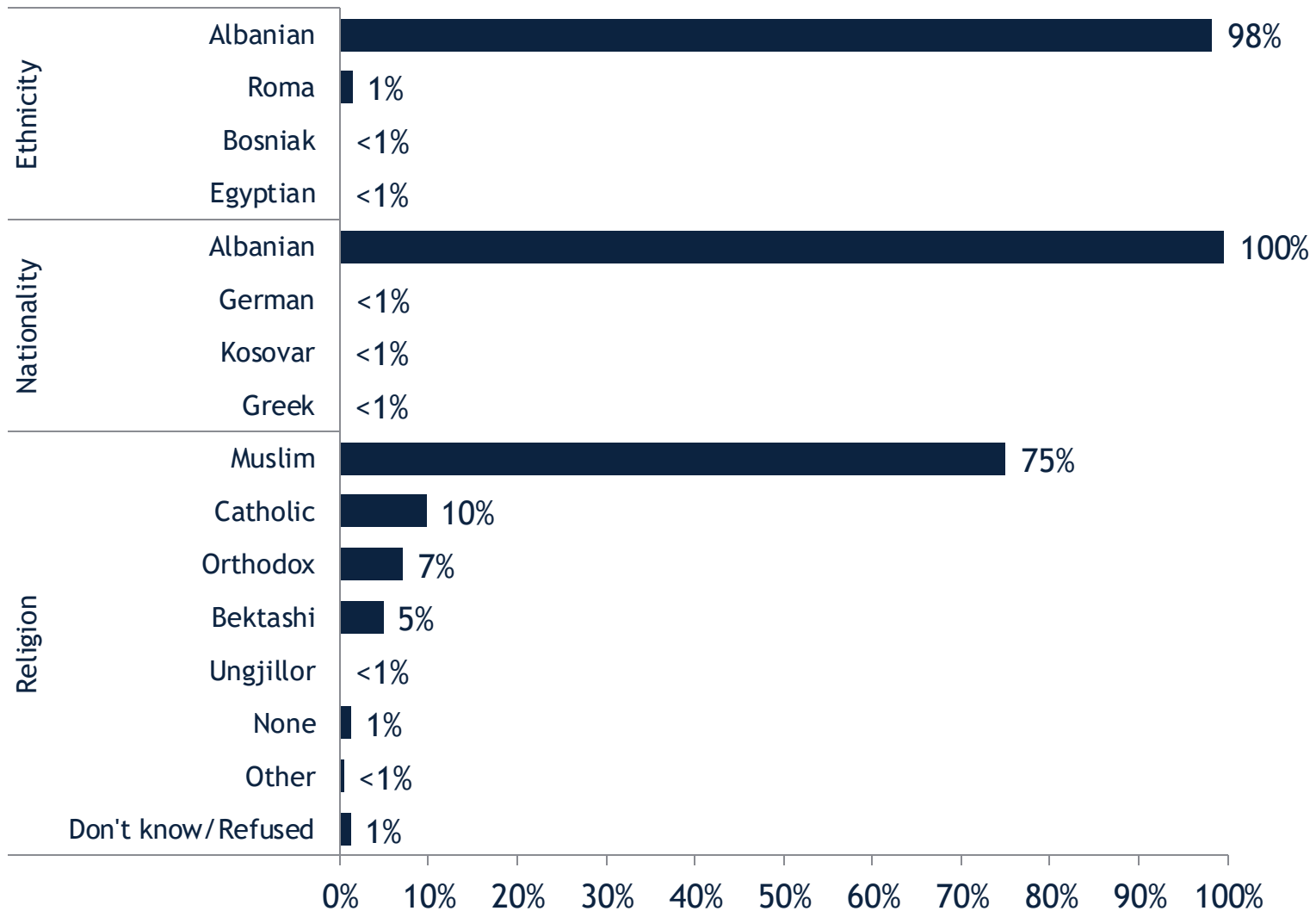


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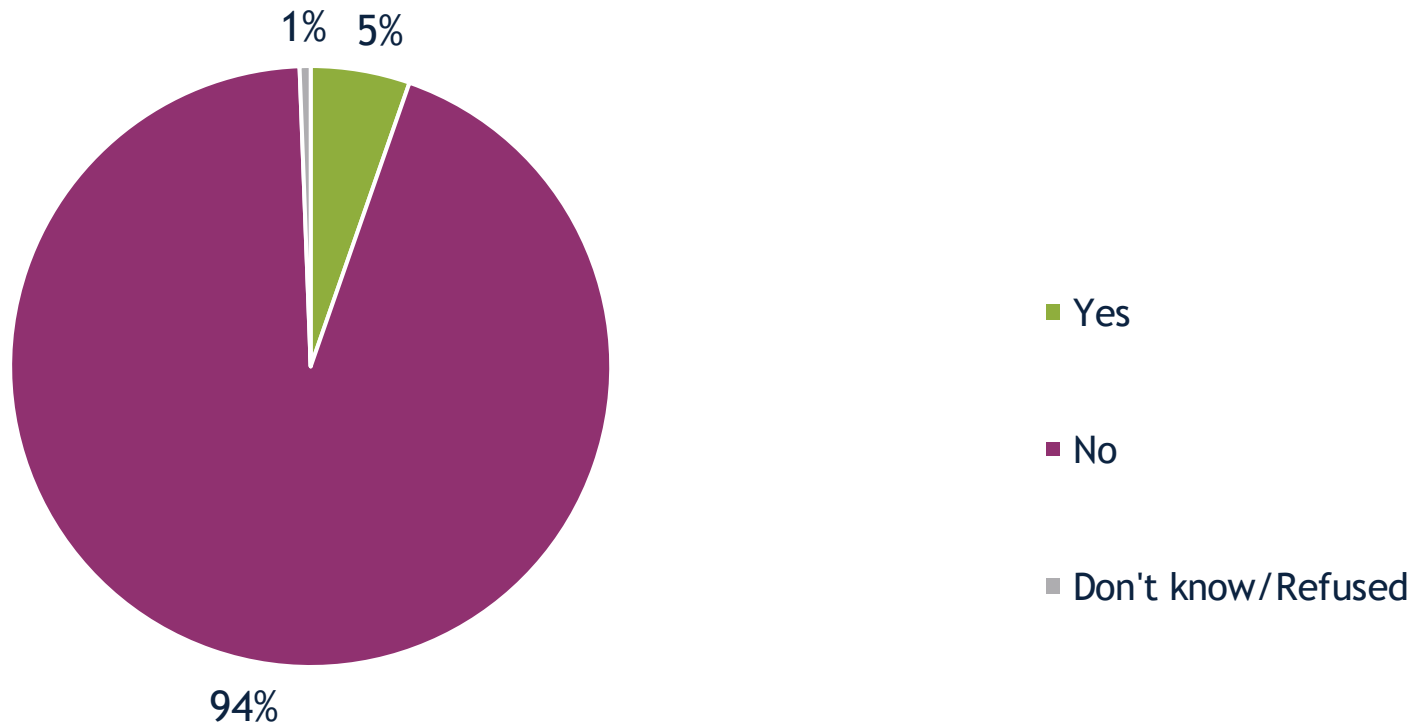


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