



# Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Armenia

September-October 2019



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# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene from [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#). The fieldwork was carried out by the [Armenian Sociological Association](#).
- Data was collected throughout Armenia between September 20 and October 13, 2019, through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,200 permanent residents of Armenia older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender and region.
- Sampling frame: Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia. Weighting: Data weighted for 11 regional groups, age and gender.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, with random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
  - Stage one: All districts of Armenia are grouped into 11 regions. The city of Yerevan was treated as a separate region.
  - Stage two: The territory of each region was split into settlements and grouped according to subtype (i.e., cities, towns and villages).
    - Settlements were selected at random across all regions.
    - The number of settlements selected in each region was proportional to the share of population living in the particular type of settlement in each region.
  - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 3.0 points for the full sample.
- The response rate was 66 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](#).

## (Weighted) Disaggregated Bases and Past Polls

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Age Groups	18-29	n=278
	30-49	n=439
	50+	n=483
Gender	Female	n=653
	Male	n=547
Settlement Type	Yerevan	n=442
	Town	n=331
	Rural	n=427
Monthly Household Income	>250,000 AMD	n=274
	151-250,000 AMD	n=380
	<151,000 AMD	n=358

IRI Polls	Sample Size
<a href="#">National Poll of Armenia, May 2019</a>	n=1,200
<a href="#">National Poll of Armenia, October 2018</a>	n=1,200
<a href="#">National Poll of Armenia, August 2018</a>	n=1,200



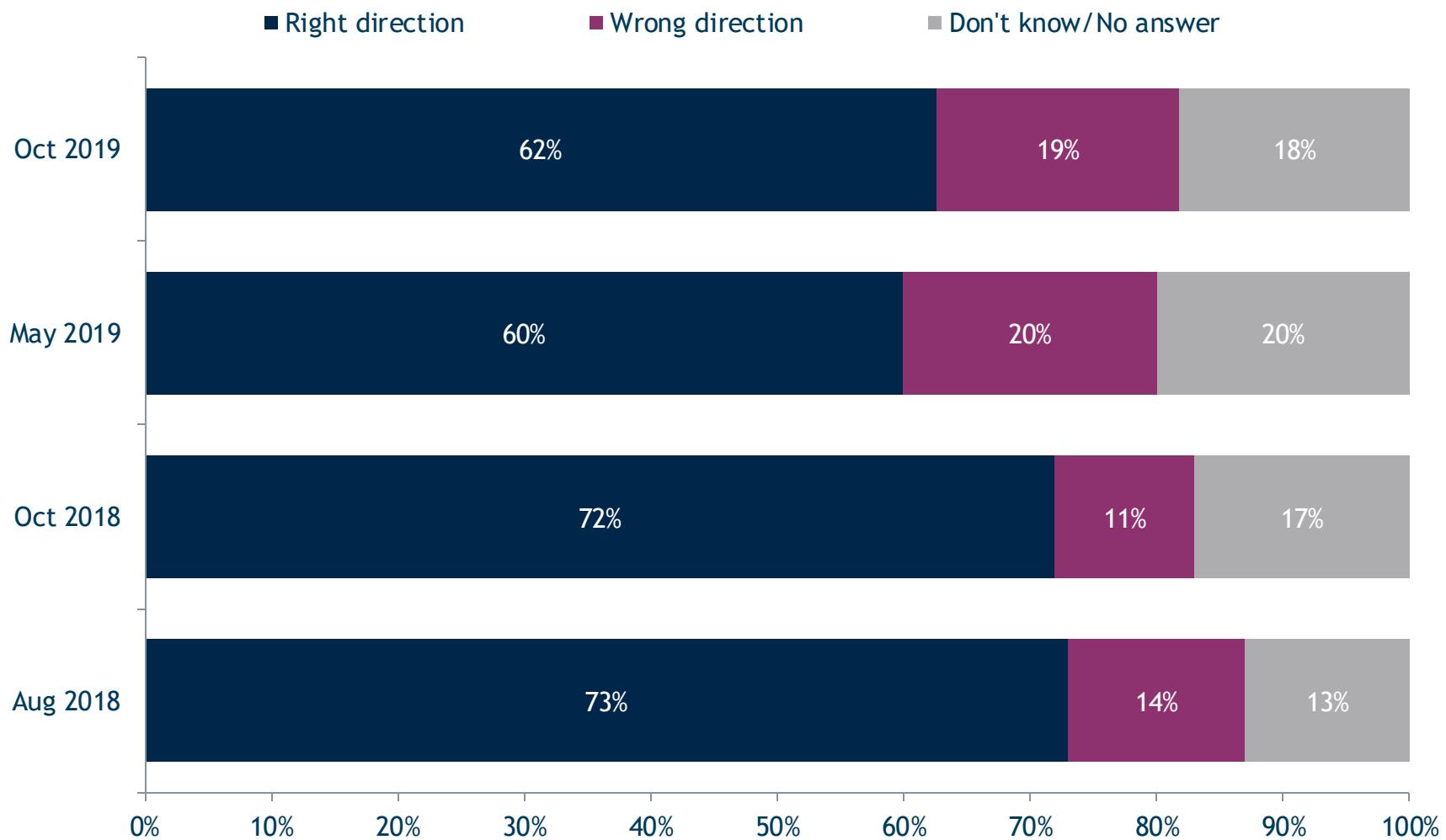
# Public Expectations



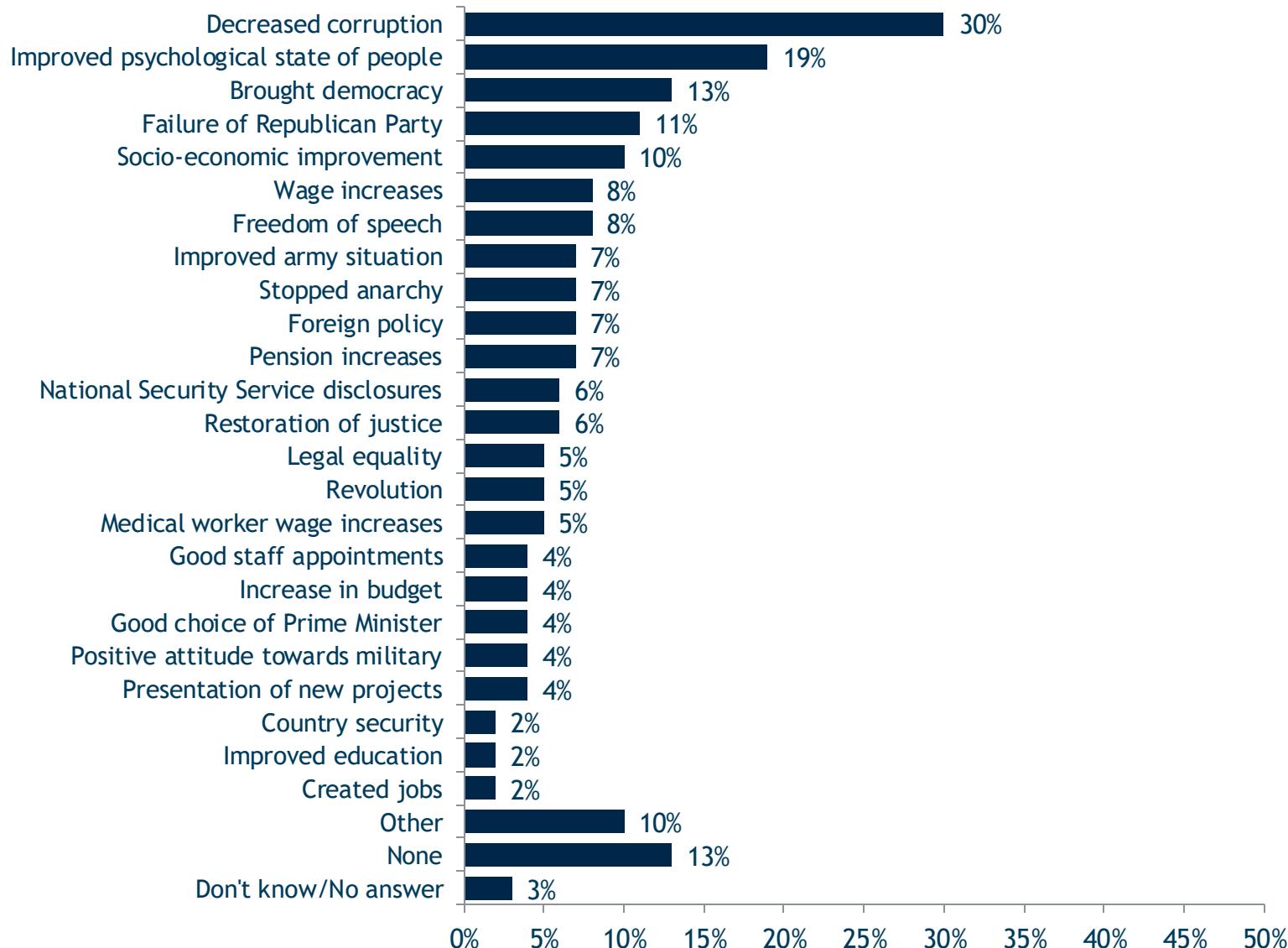
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# Generally speaking, do you think that things in Armenia are going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

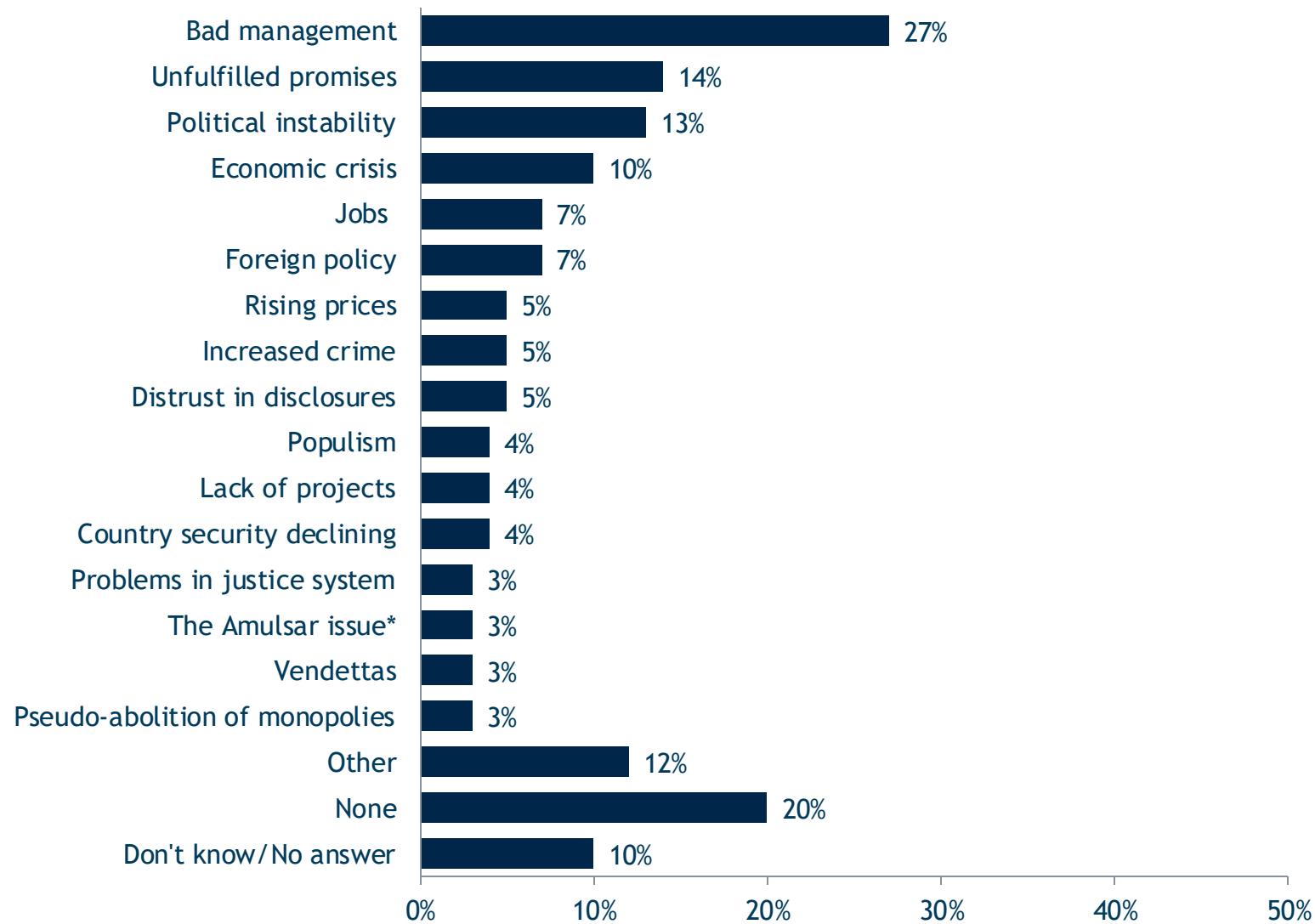


# What do you think are the biggest successes of the Government? (Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



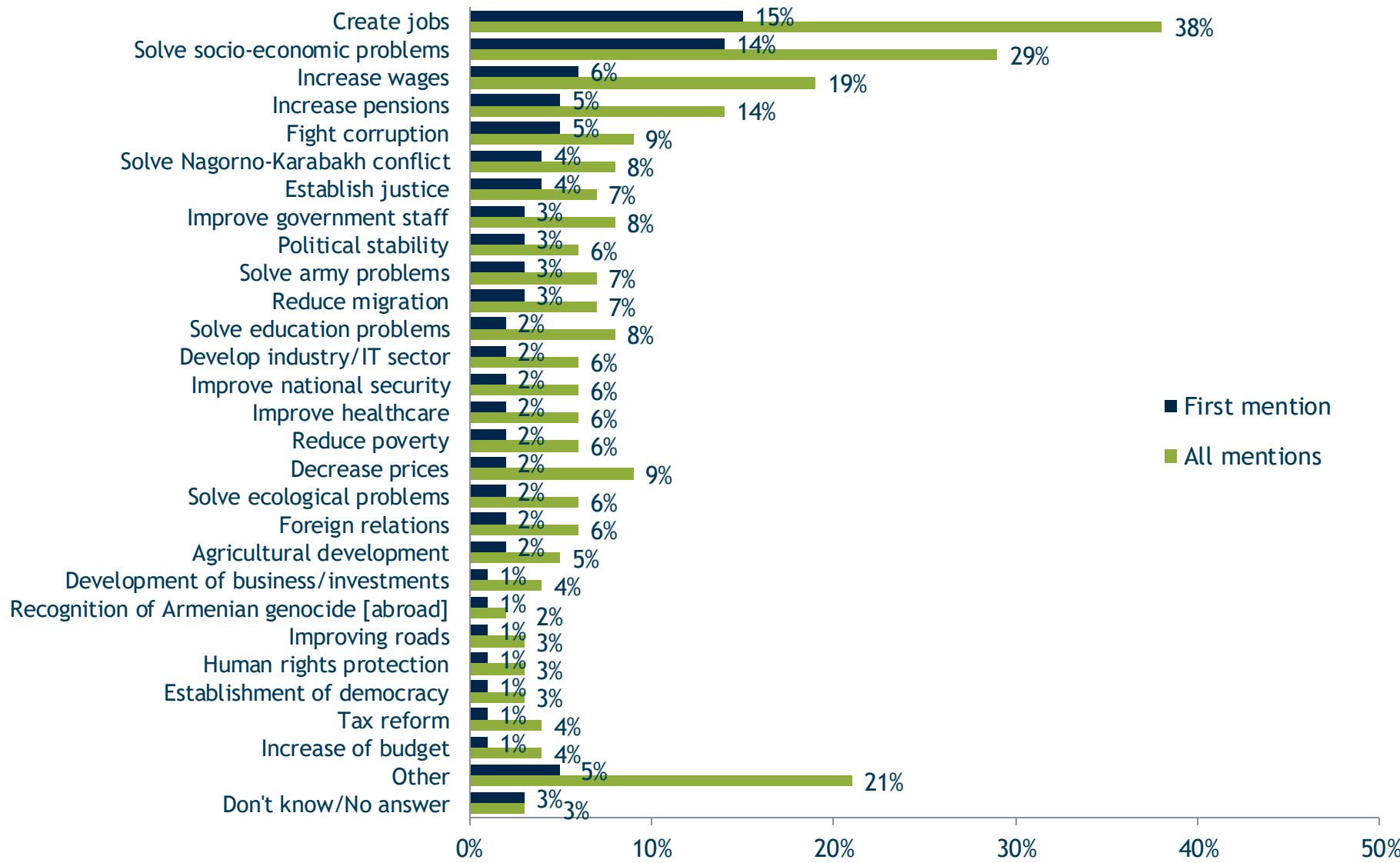
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# What do you think are the biggest failures of the Government? (Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted; only responses with at least 2% displayed)



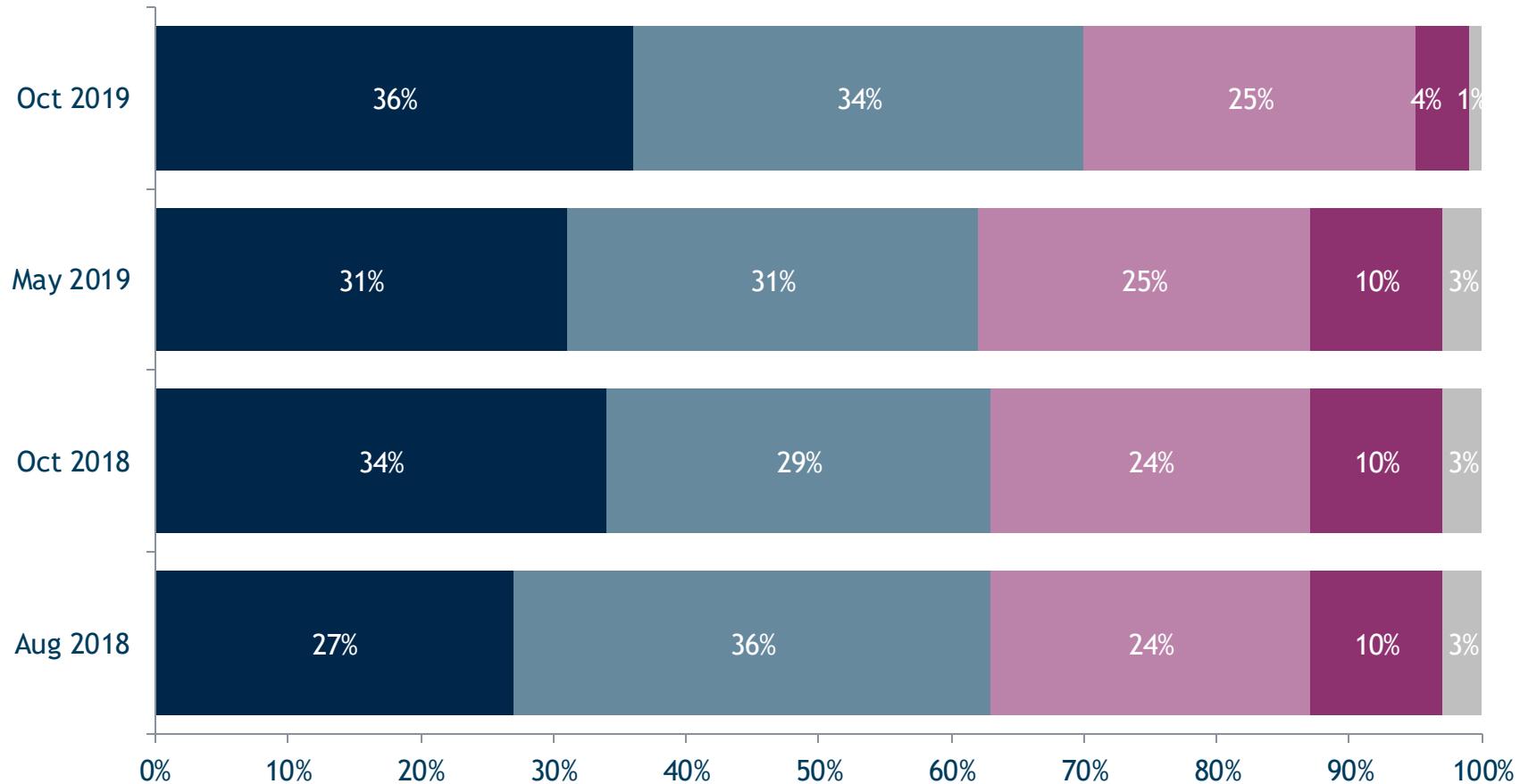
\* Referring to the development of a gold mine near a popular tourist town, controversial due to the planned usage of cyanide in the mining operations.

In your opinion, what are three things you believe the current government must achieve in the next six months?  
 (Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



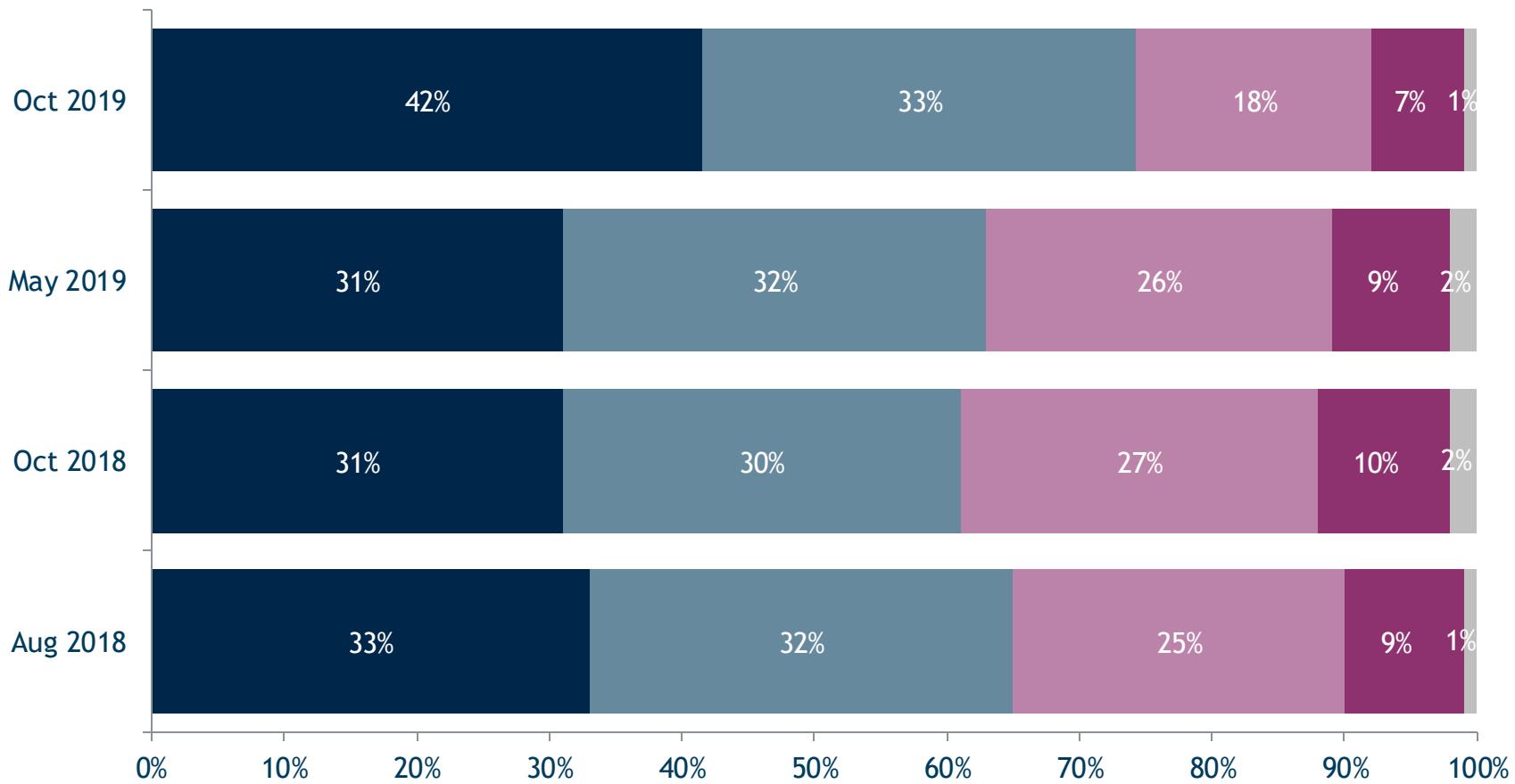
# What is your preference, should political reforms be undertaken quickly or more gradually?

■ Definitely quickly ■ More quickly than not ■ More gradually than not ■ Definitely gradually ■ Don't know/No answer



# What is your preference, should economic reforms be undertaken quickly or more gradually?

■ Definitely quickly ■ More quickly than not ■ More gradually than not ■ Definitely gradually ■ Don't know/No answer





# National Outlook

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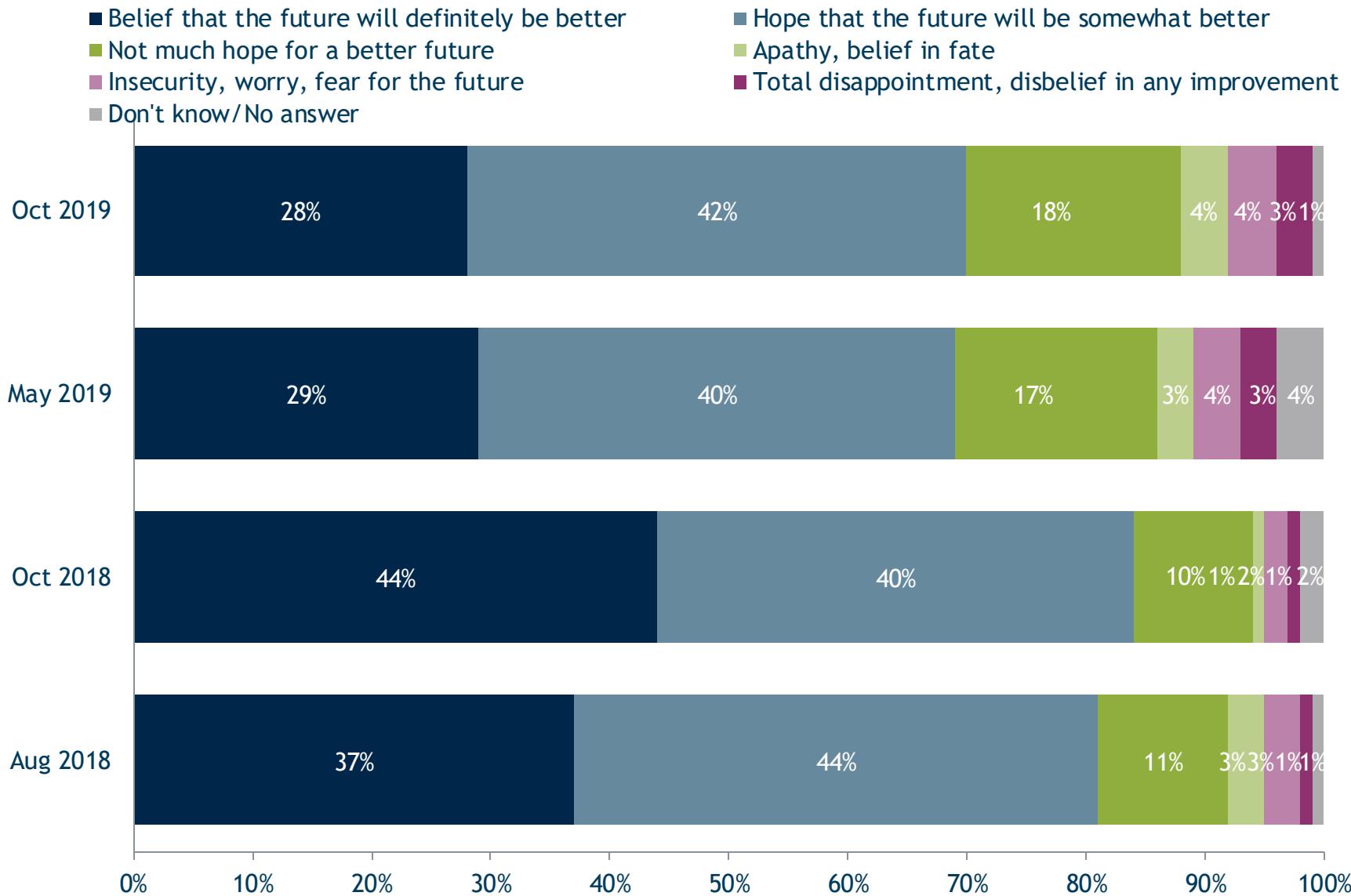


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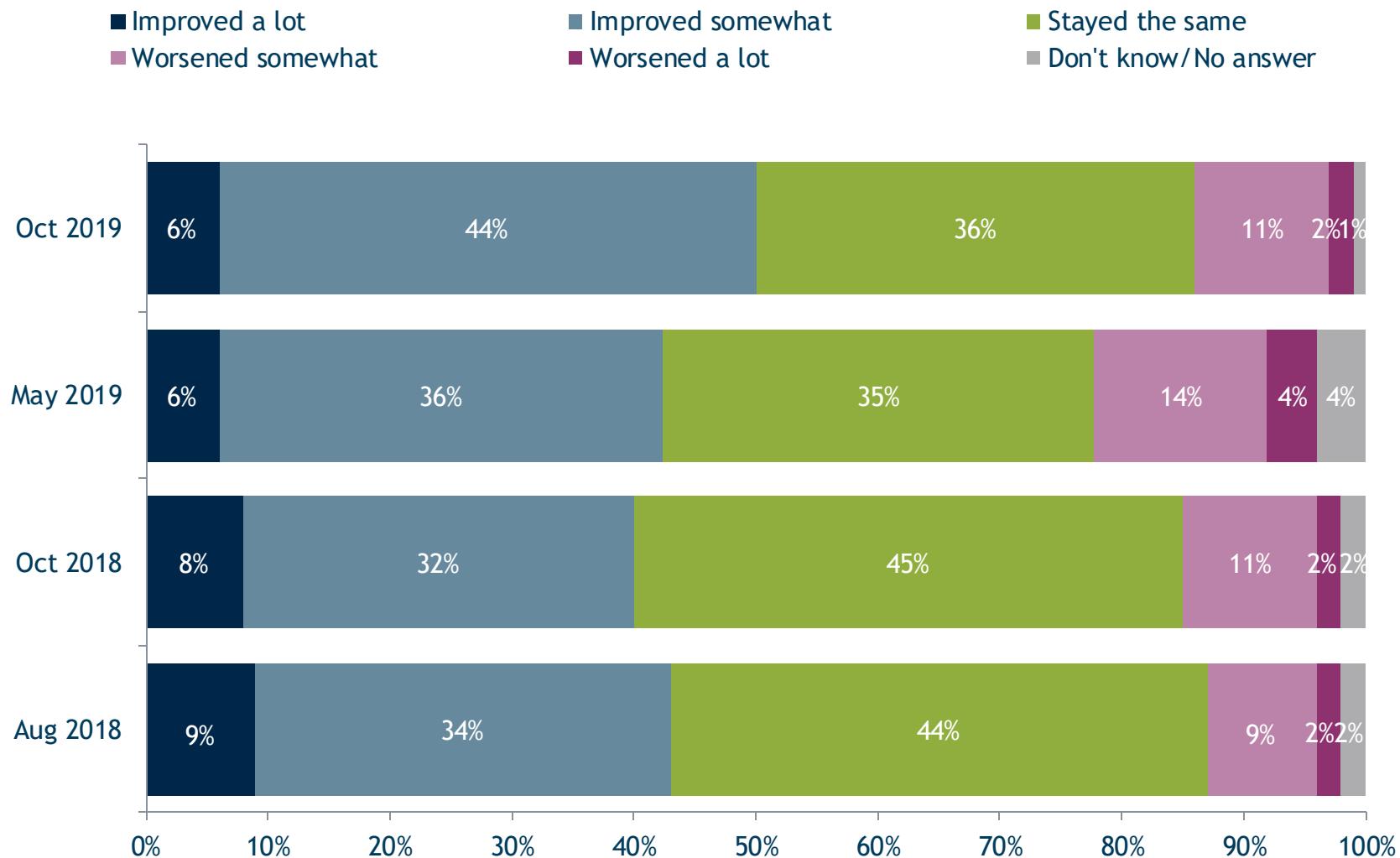
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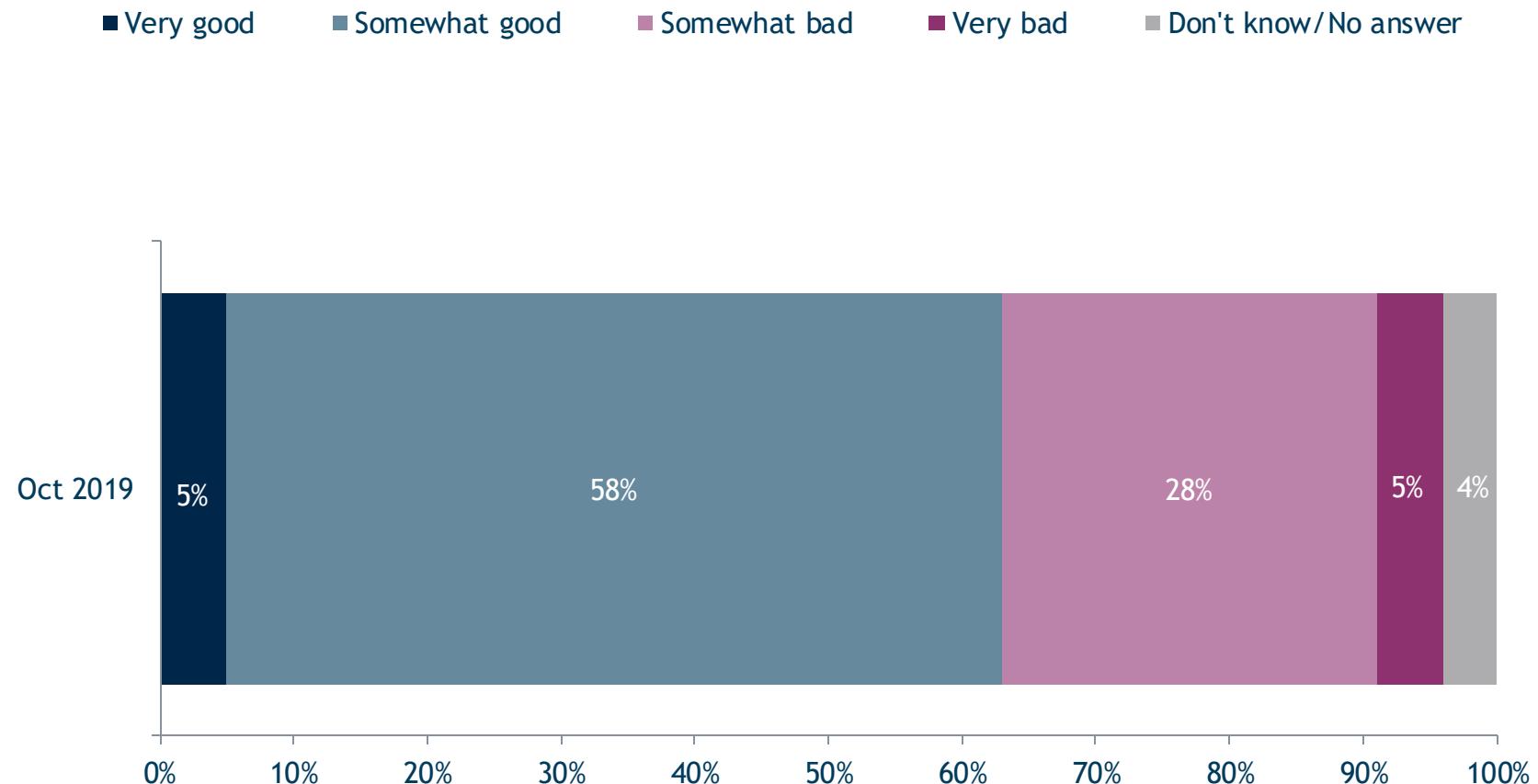
# How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Armenian population?



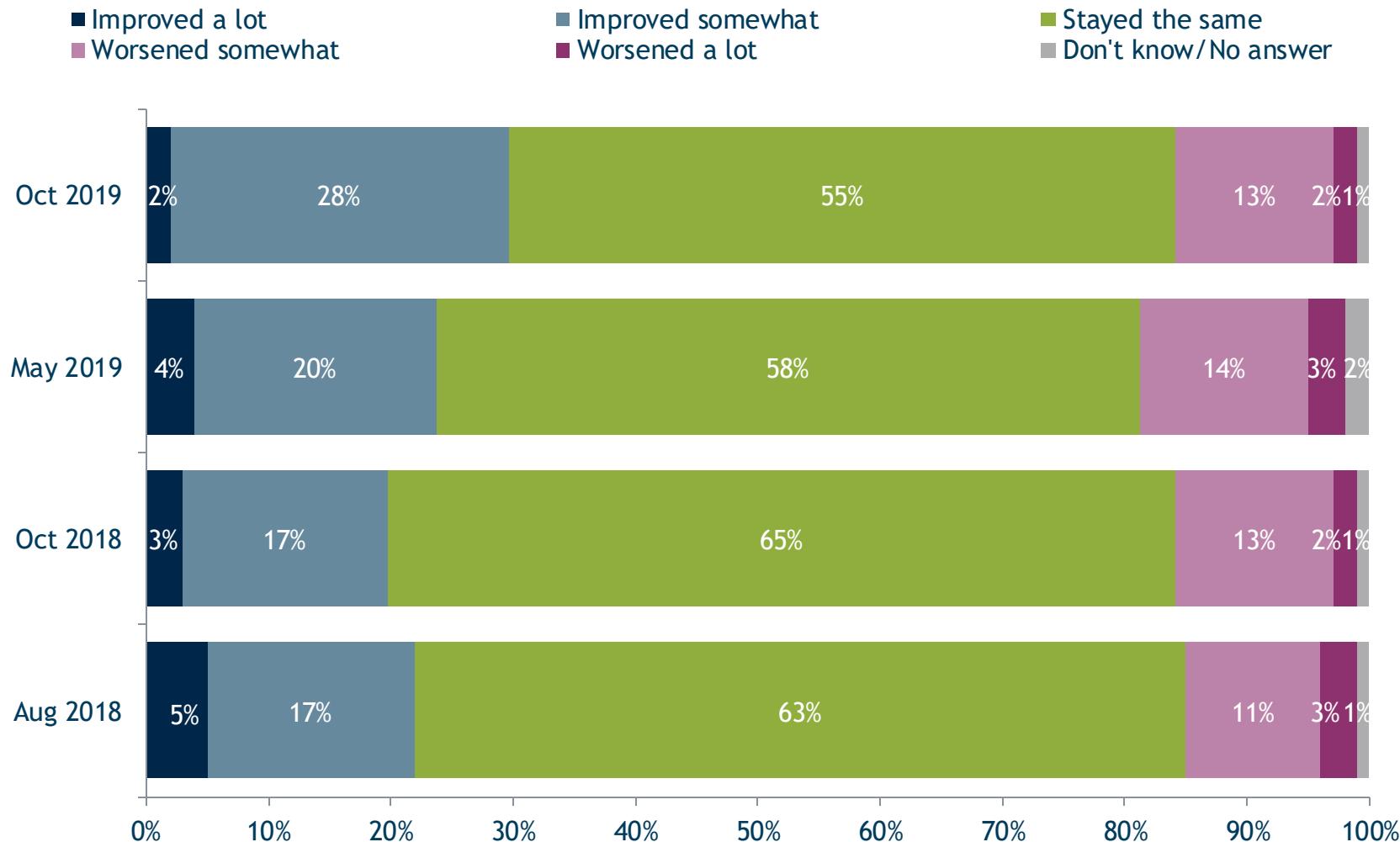
# Over the last six months, the economic situation in Armenia has...



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



# Over the last six months, the financial situation of your household has...



# Over the last six months, the financial situation of your household has...

■ Improved a lot

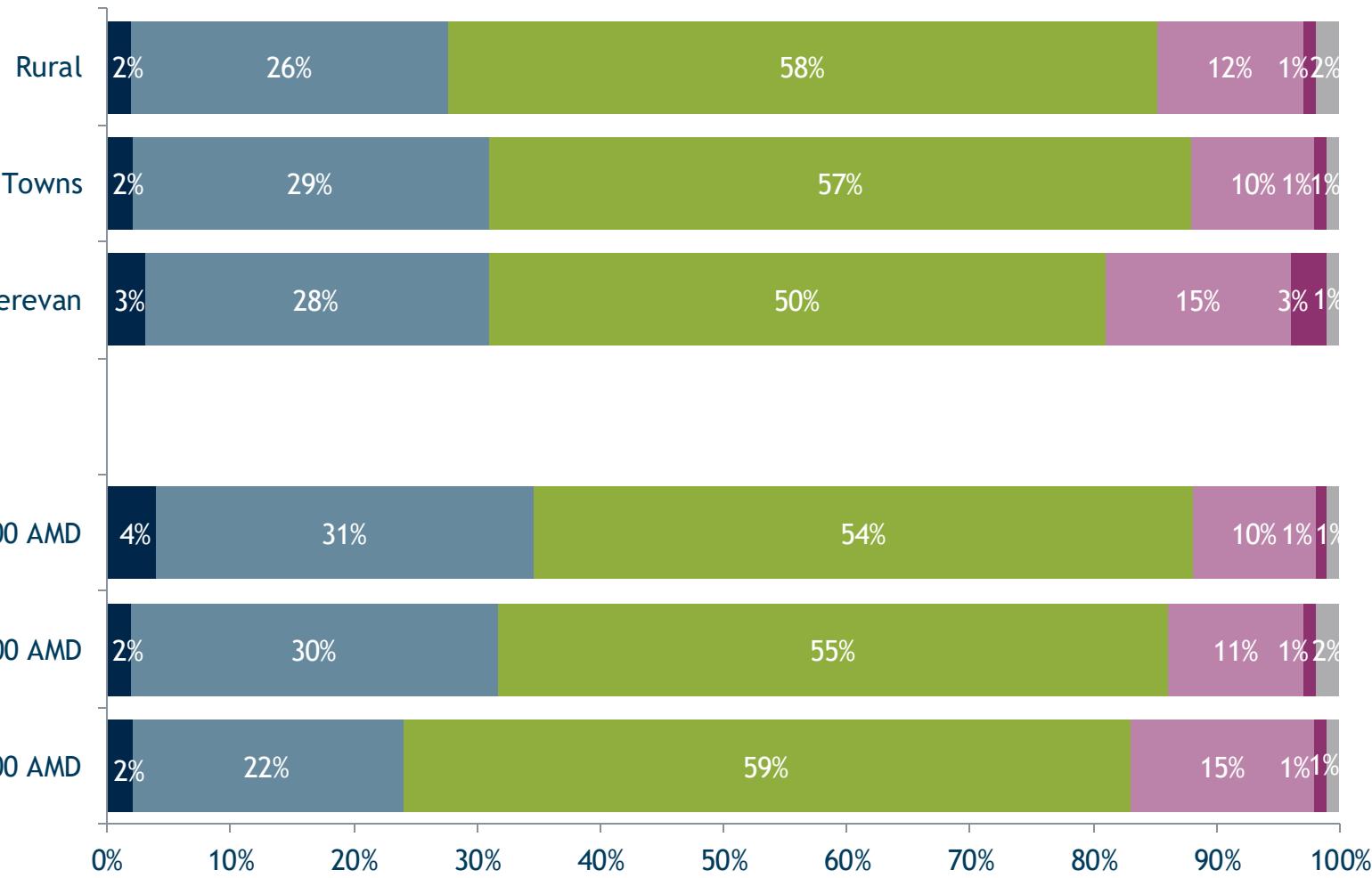
■ Worsened somewhat

■ Improved somewhat

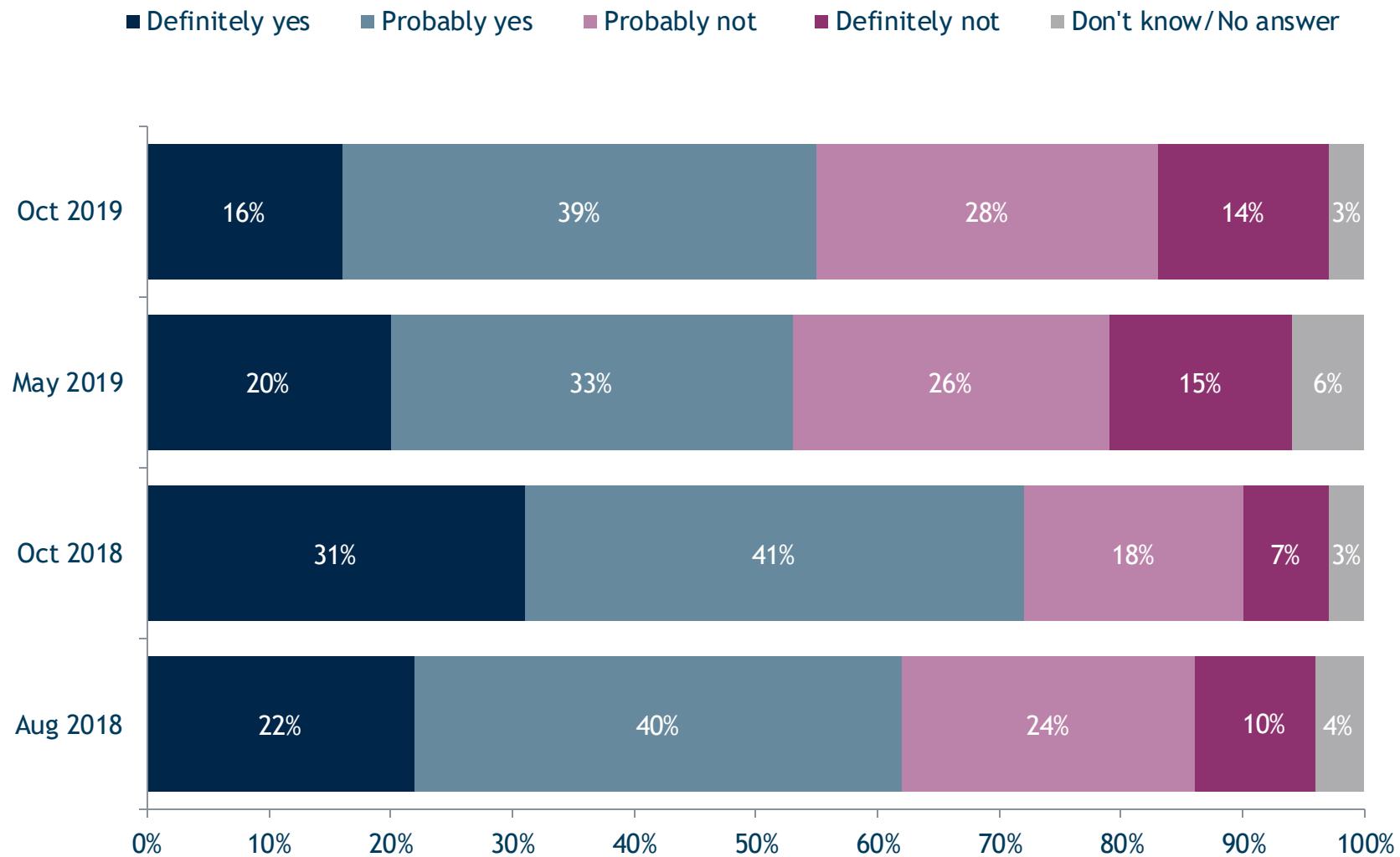
■ Worsened a lot

■ Stayed the same

■ Don't know/No answer

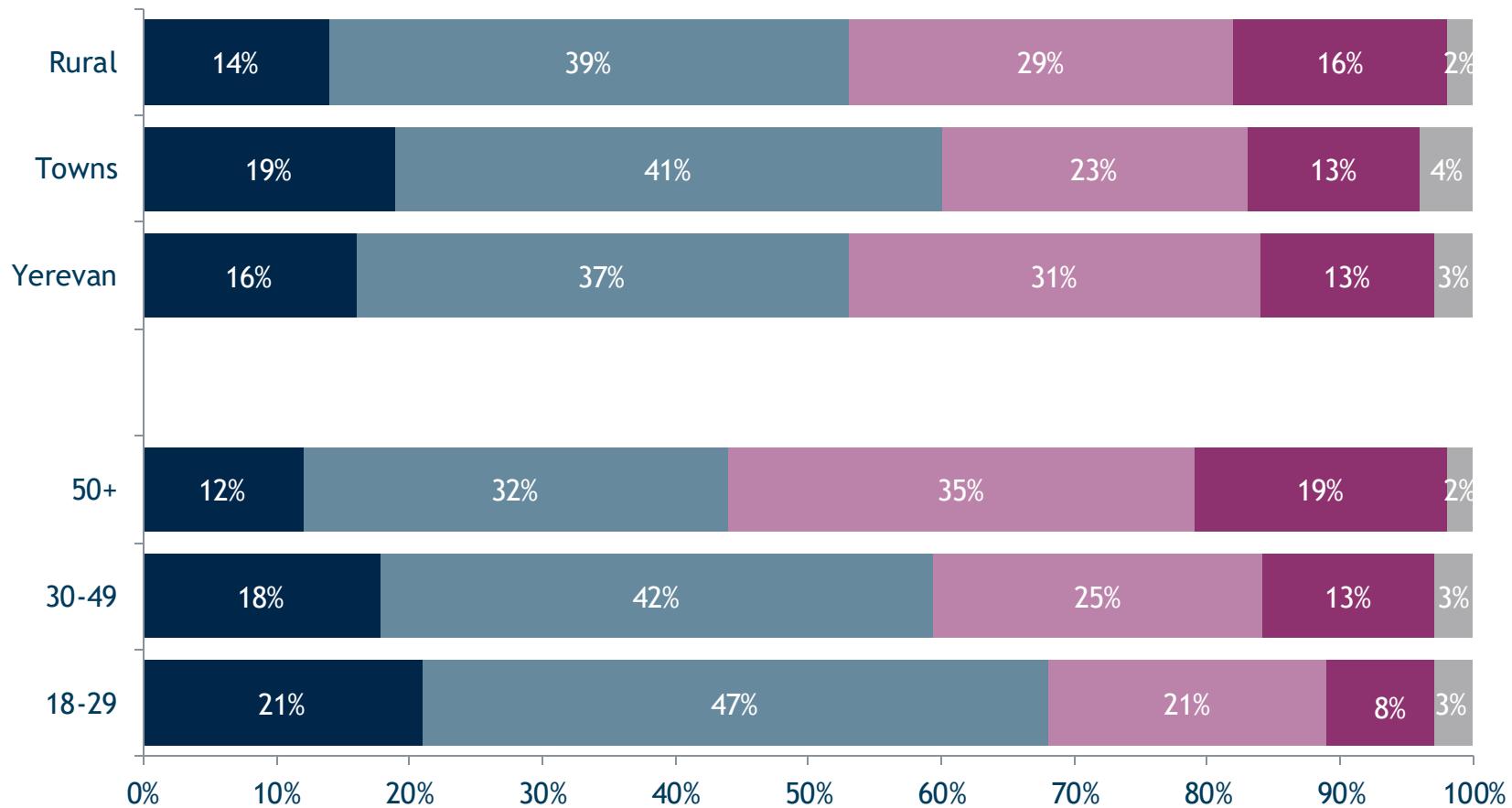


# Do you believe that people like you can influence decisions made in your country?



# Do you believe that people like you can influence decisions made in your country?

■ Definitely yes ■ Probably yes ■ Probably not ■ Definitely not ■ Don't know/No answer





# Domestic Policy

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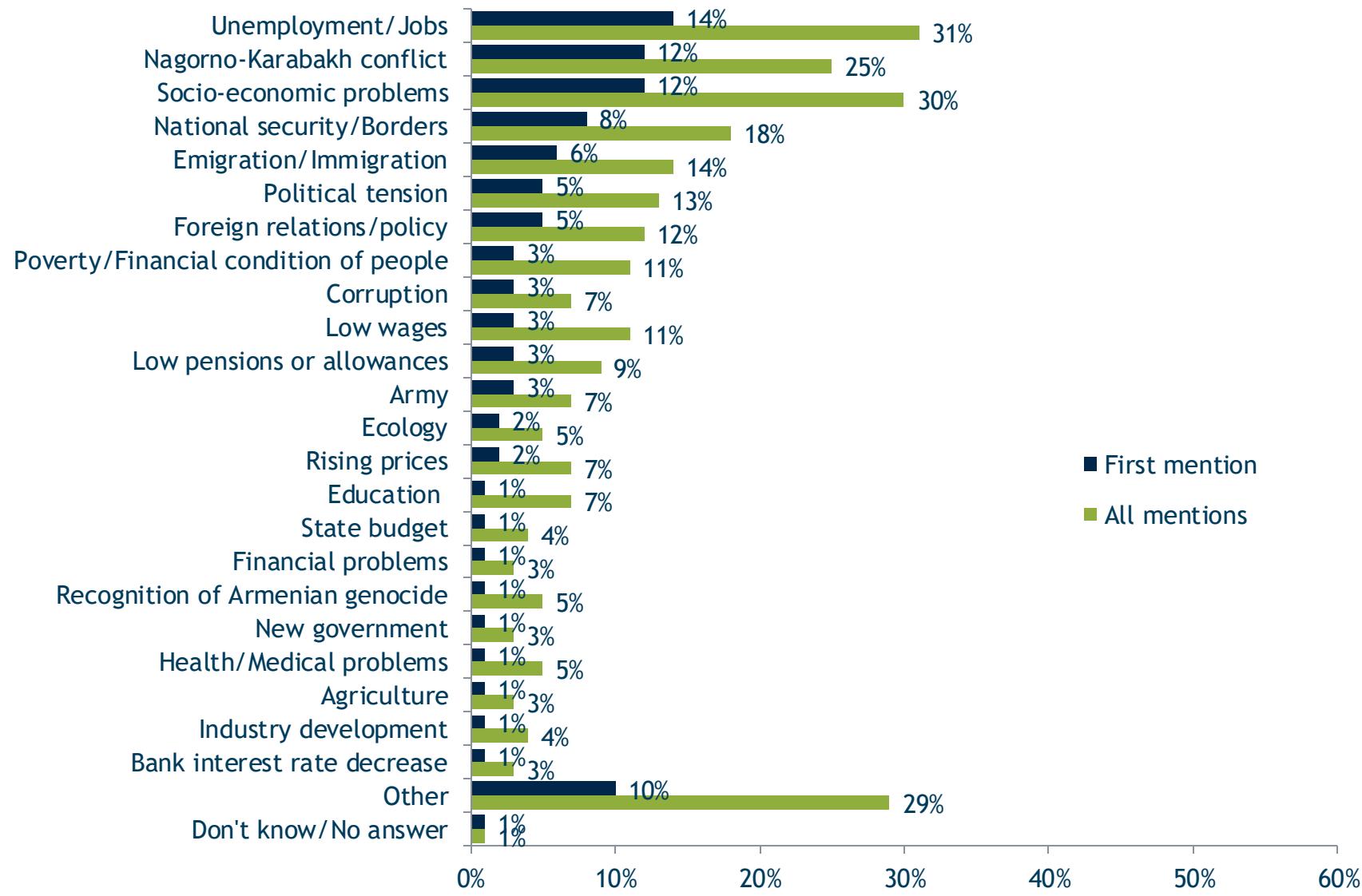


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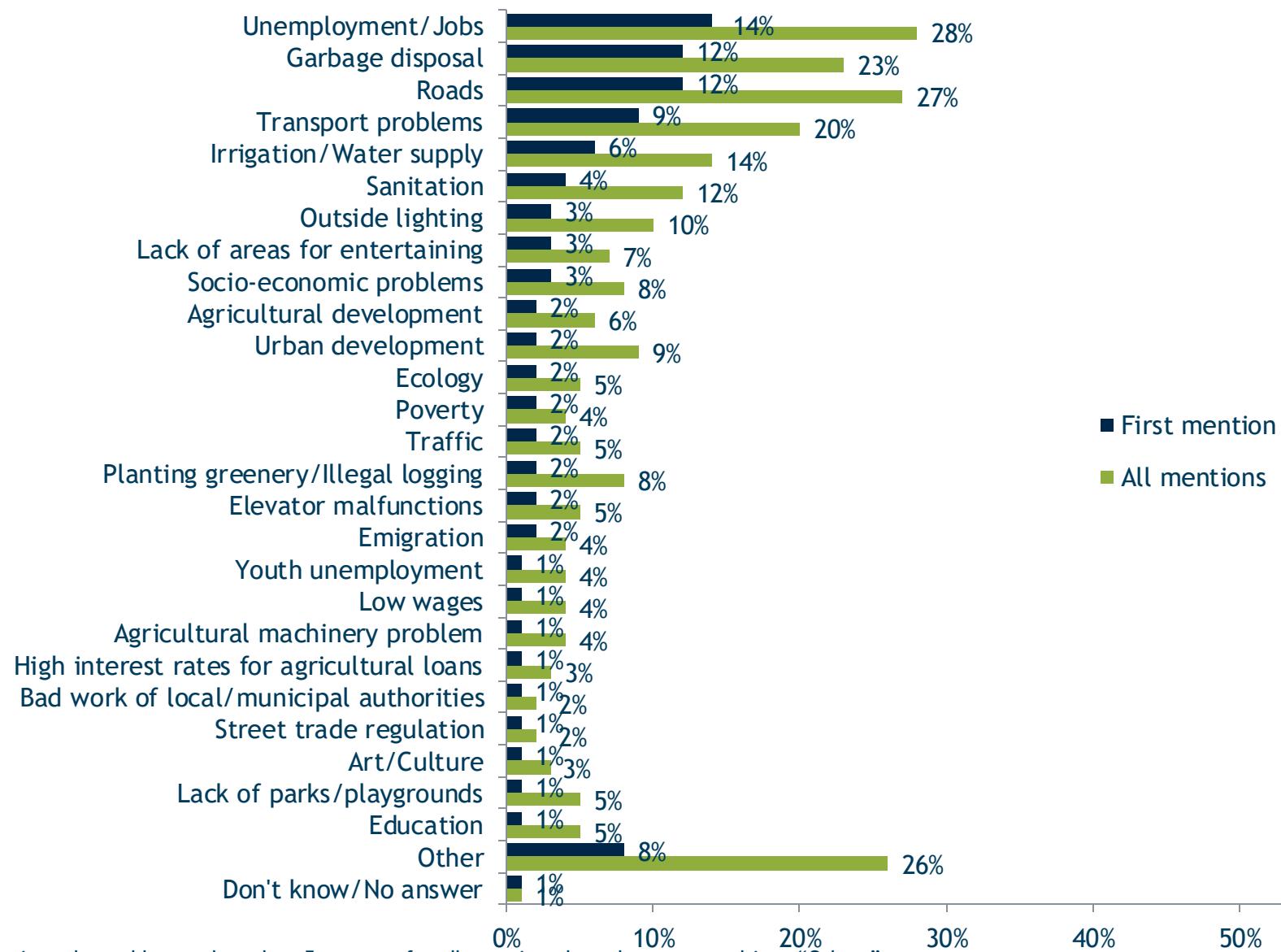
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# What are the main problems Armenia is currently facing? (Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



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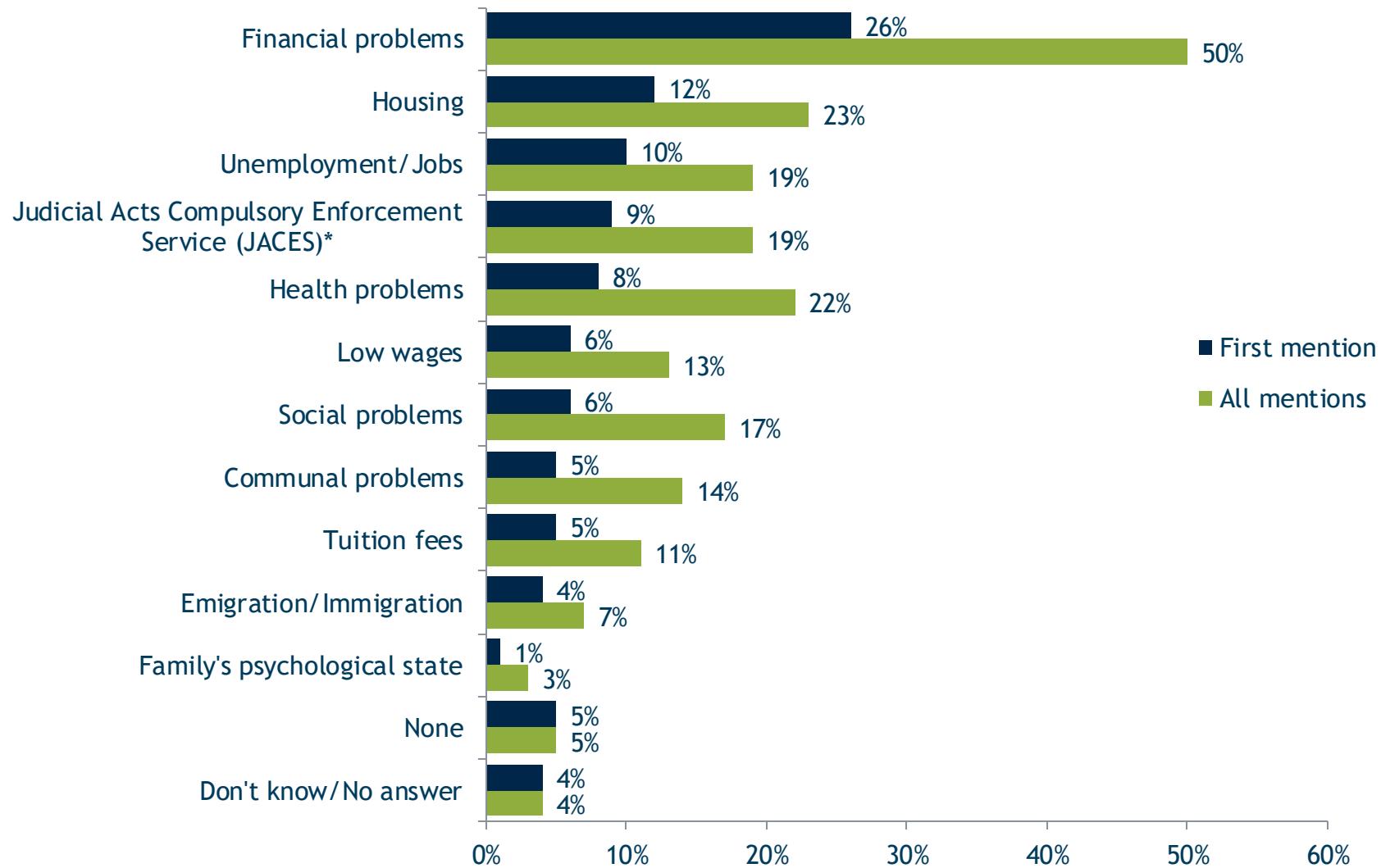
# What are the main problems your town or village is currently facing? (Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



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# What are the main problems your household is currently facing?

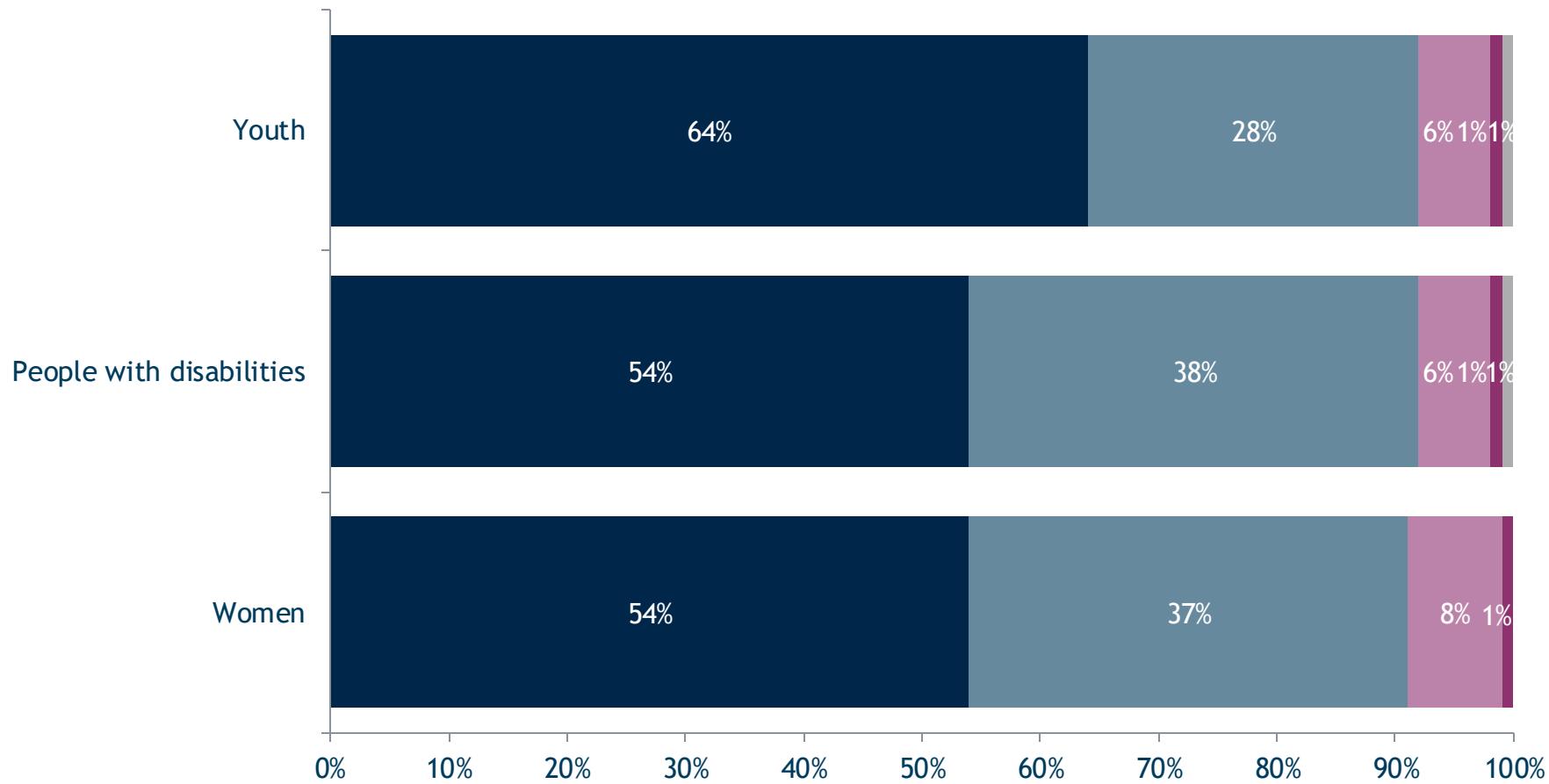
(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)



\* JACES is responsible for the enforcement of judicial acts, and has the power to garnish wages and confiscate assets in order to fulfill this duty.

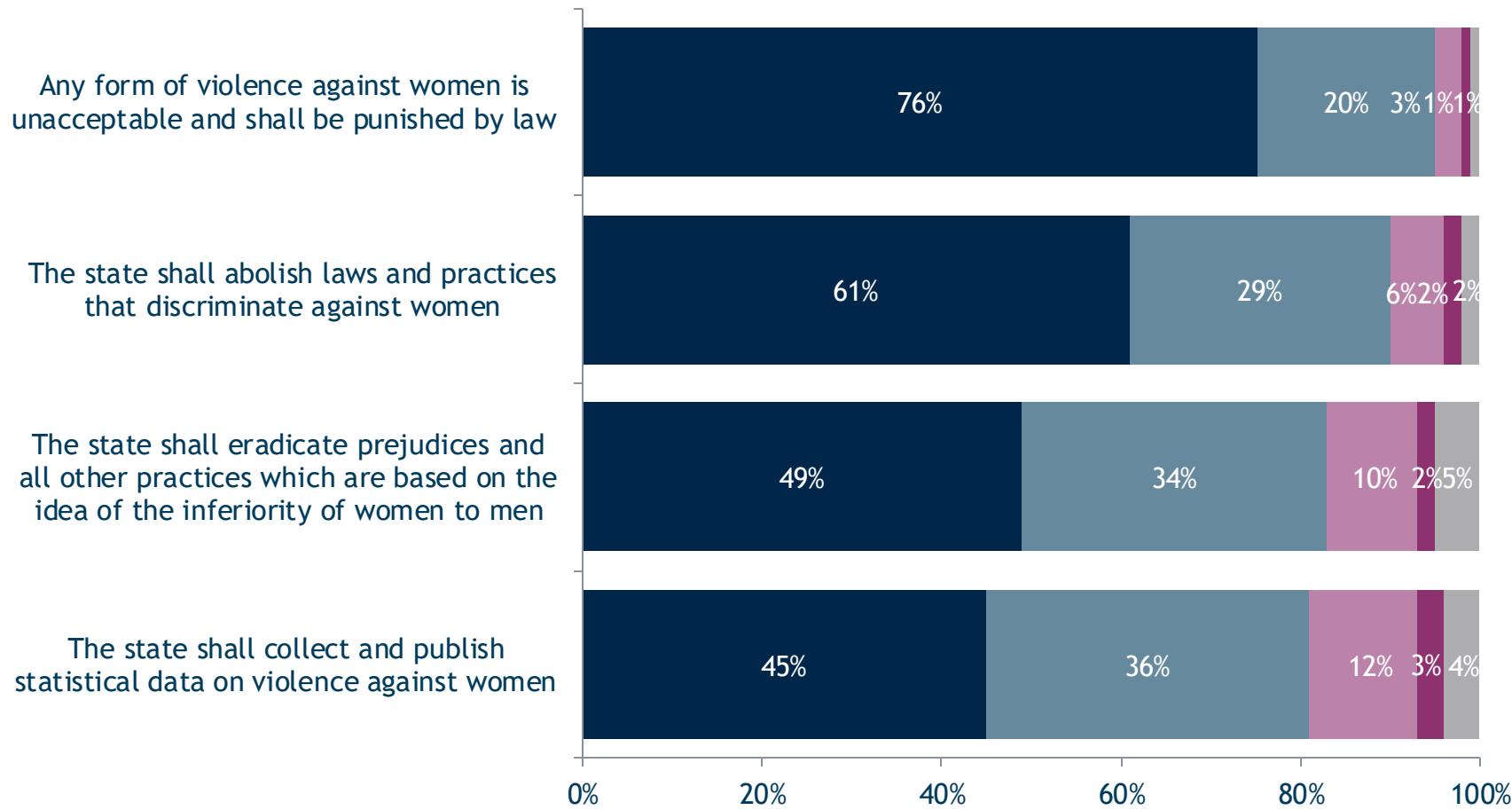
# How important is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, youth, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?

■ Very important ■ Somewhat important ■ Somewhat unimportant ■ Very unimportant ■ Don't know/No answer



# To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

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





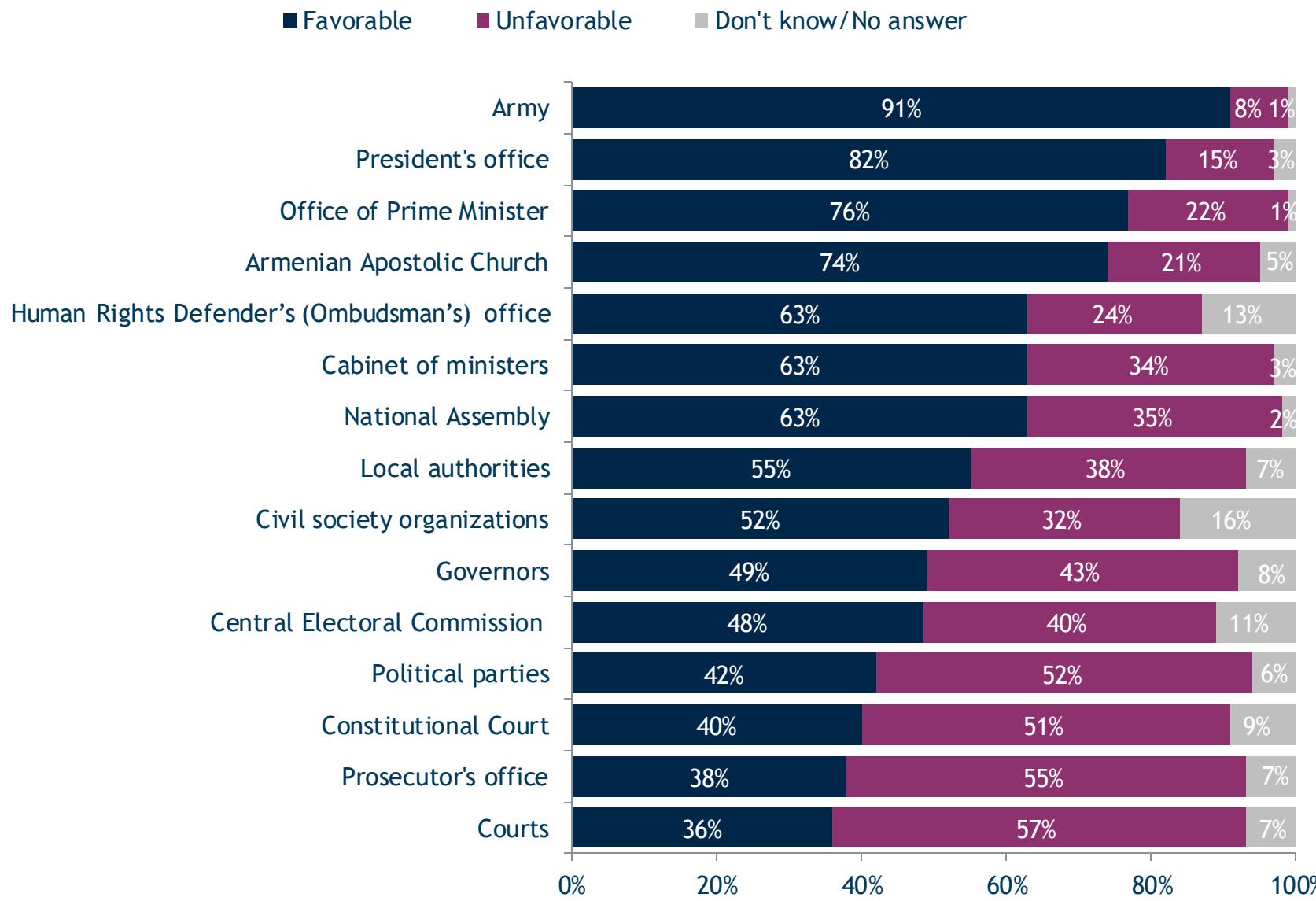
# Governance and Transparency



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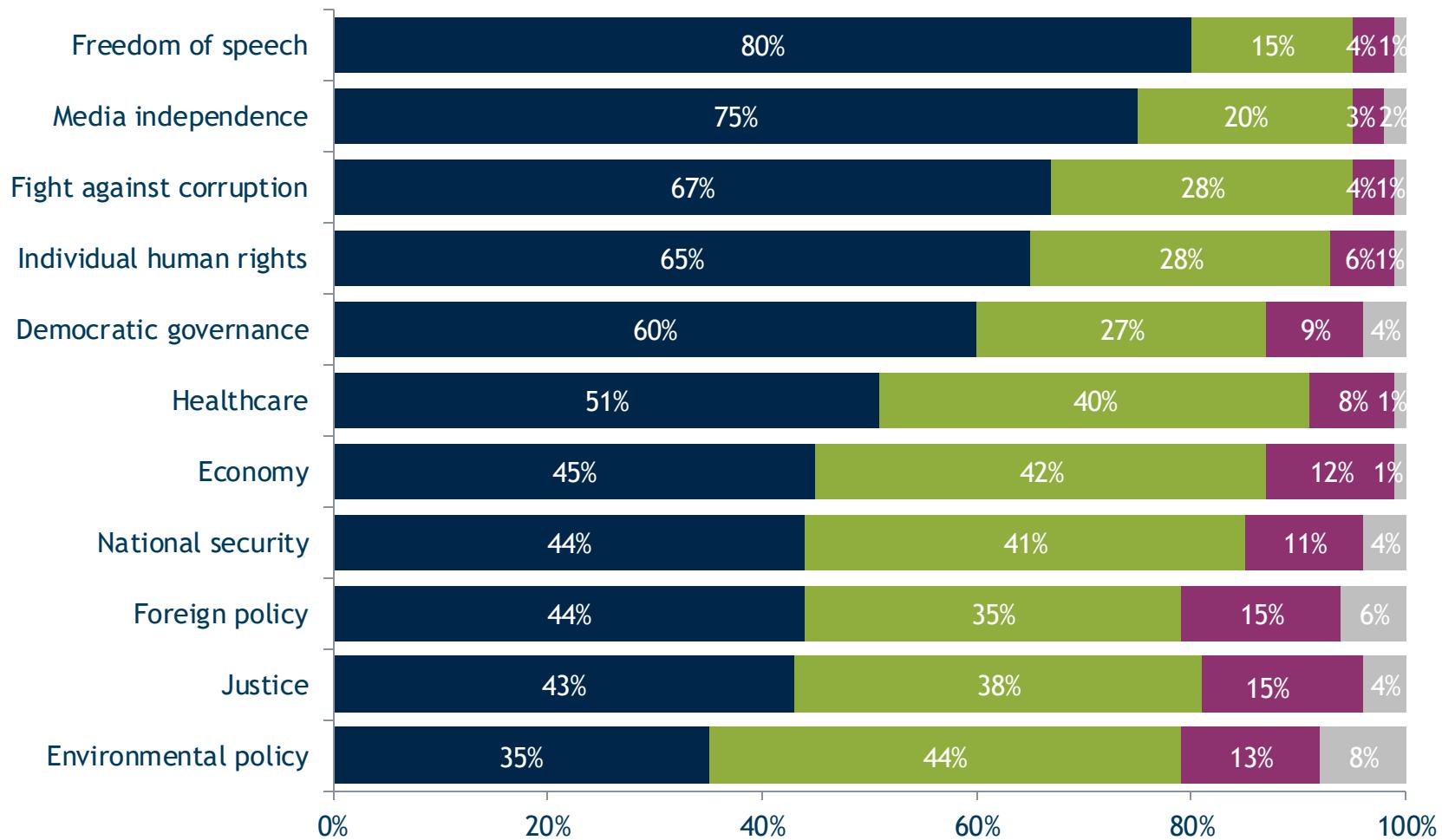
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# Please tell me your opinion about the work of each of these institutions:

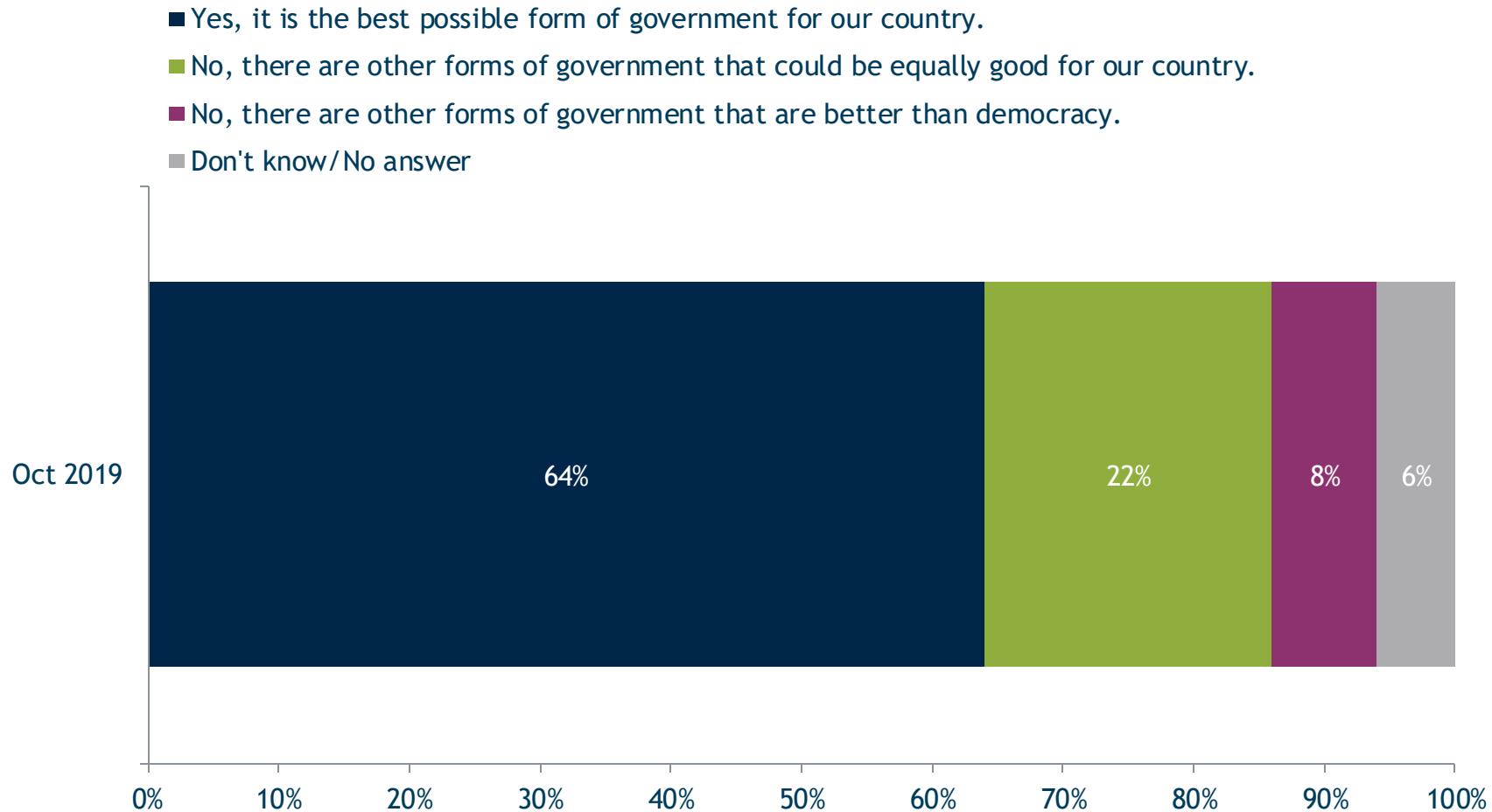


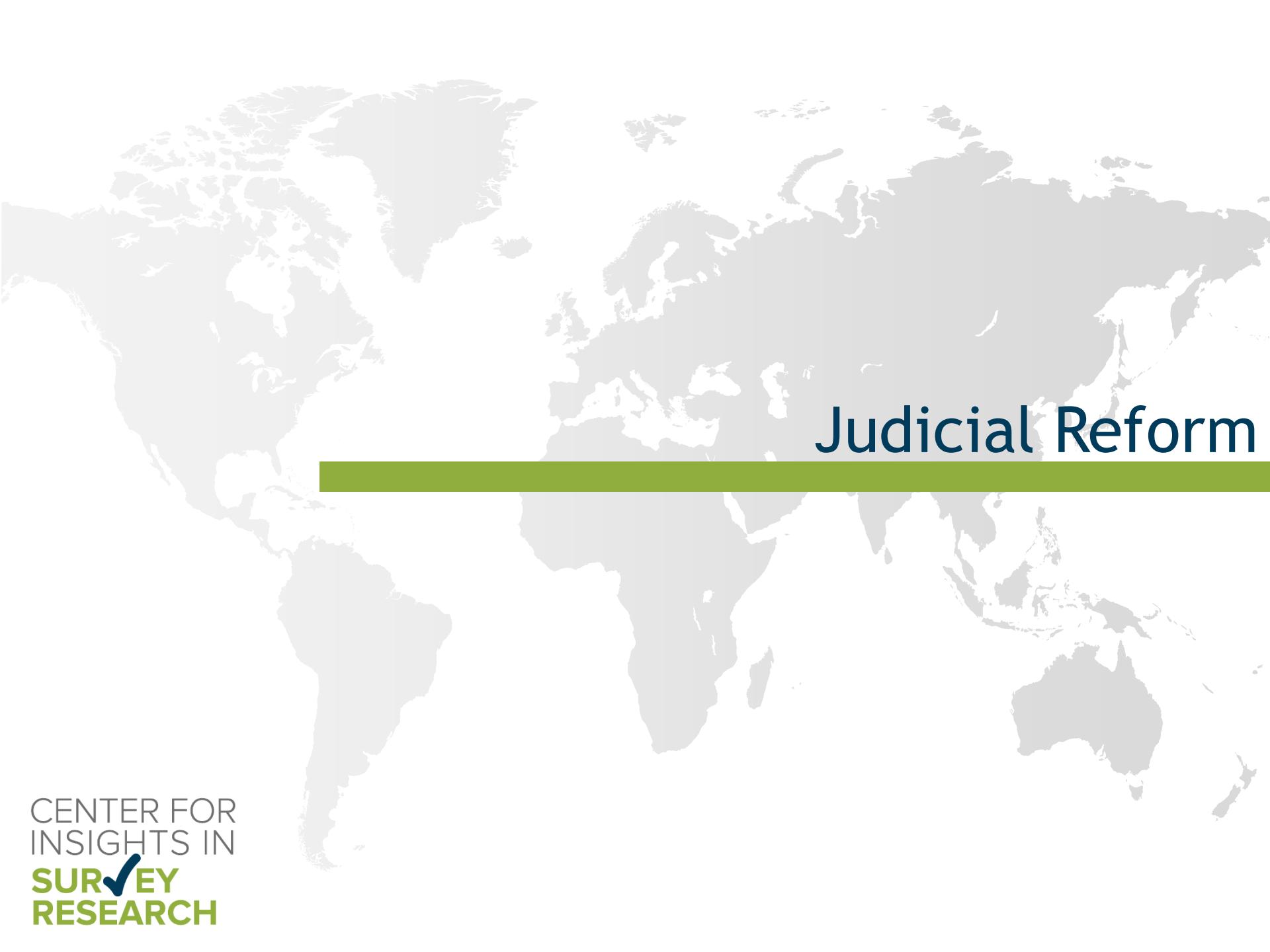
# How do you feel about the direction of each of the following issues during the past six months?

■ Progressed      ■ Neither progressed nor regressed      ■ Regressed      ■ Don't know/No answer



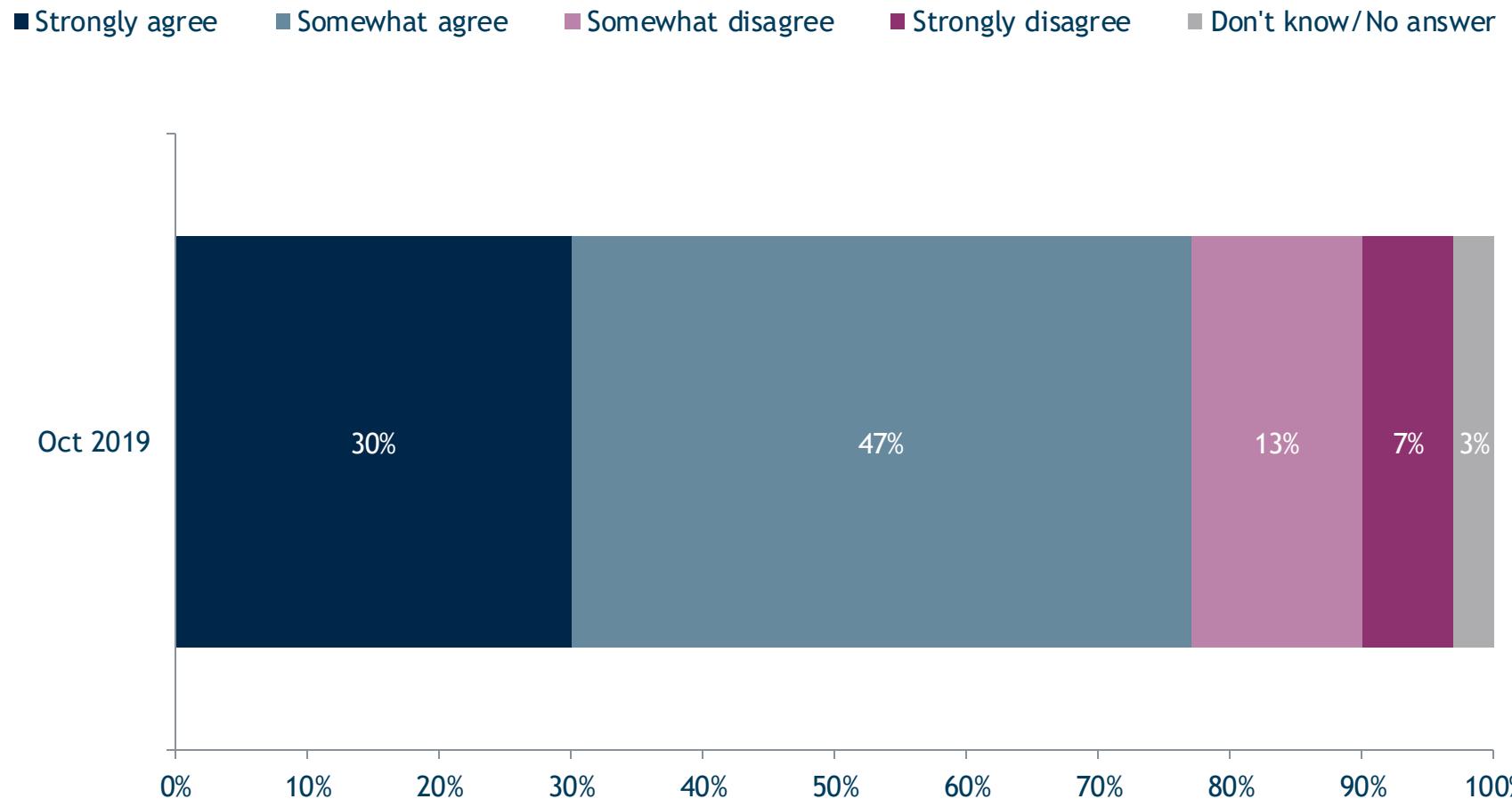
# Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



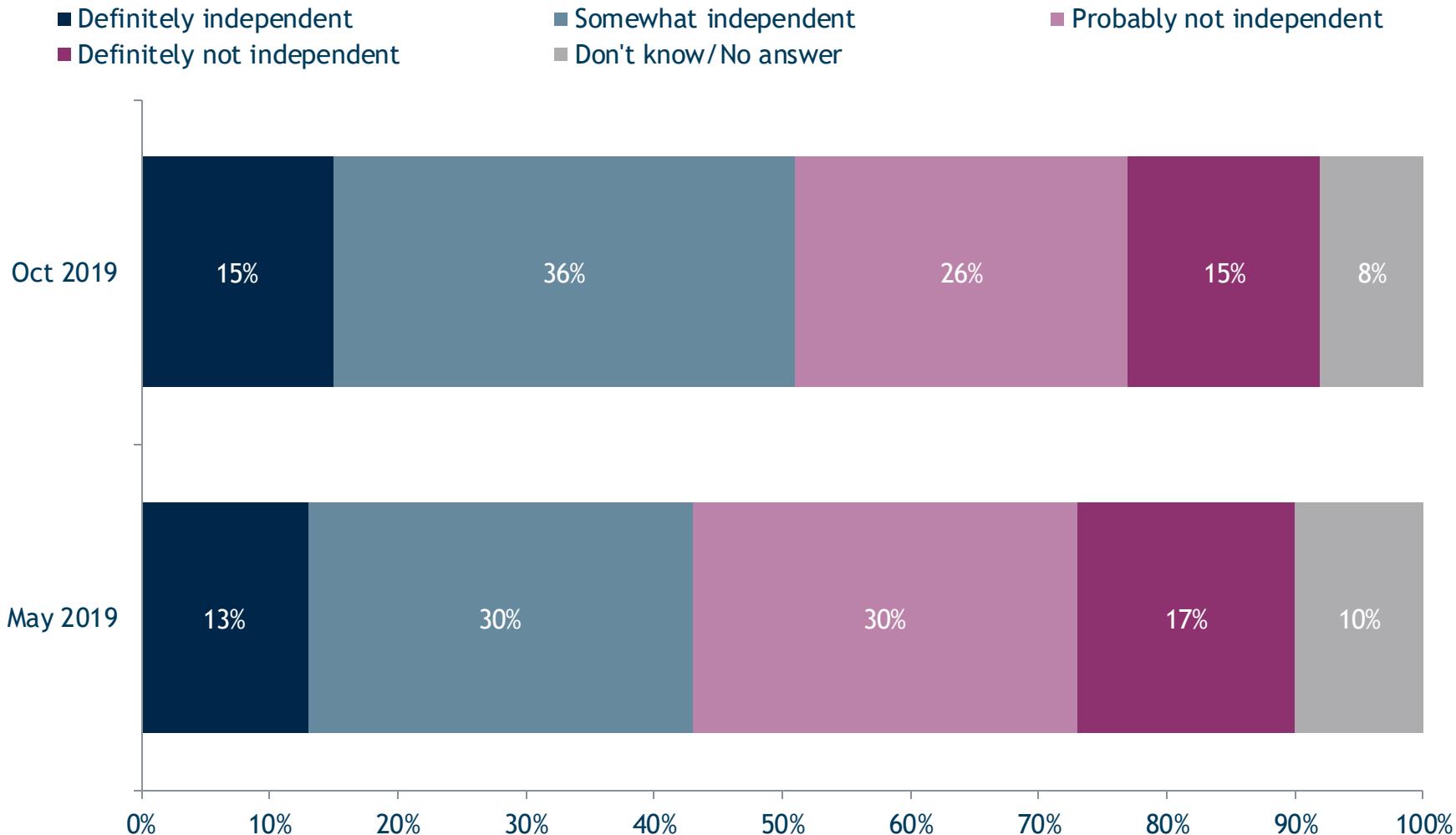


# Judicial Reform

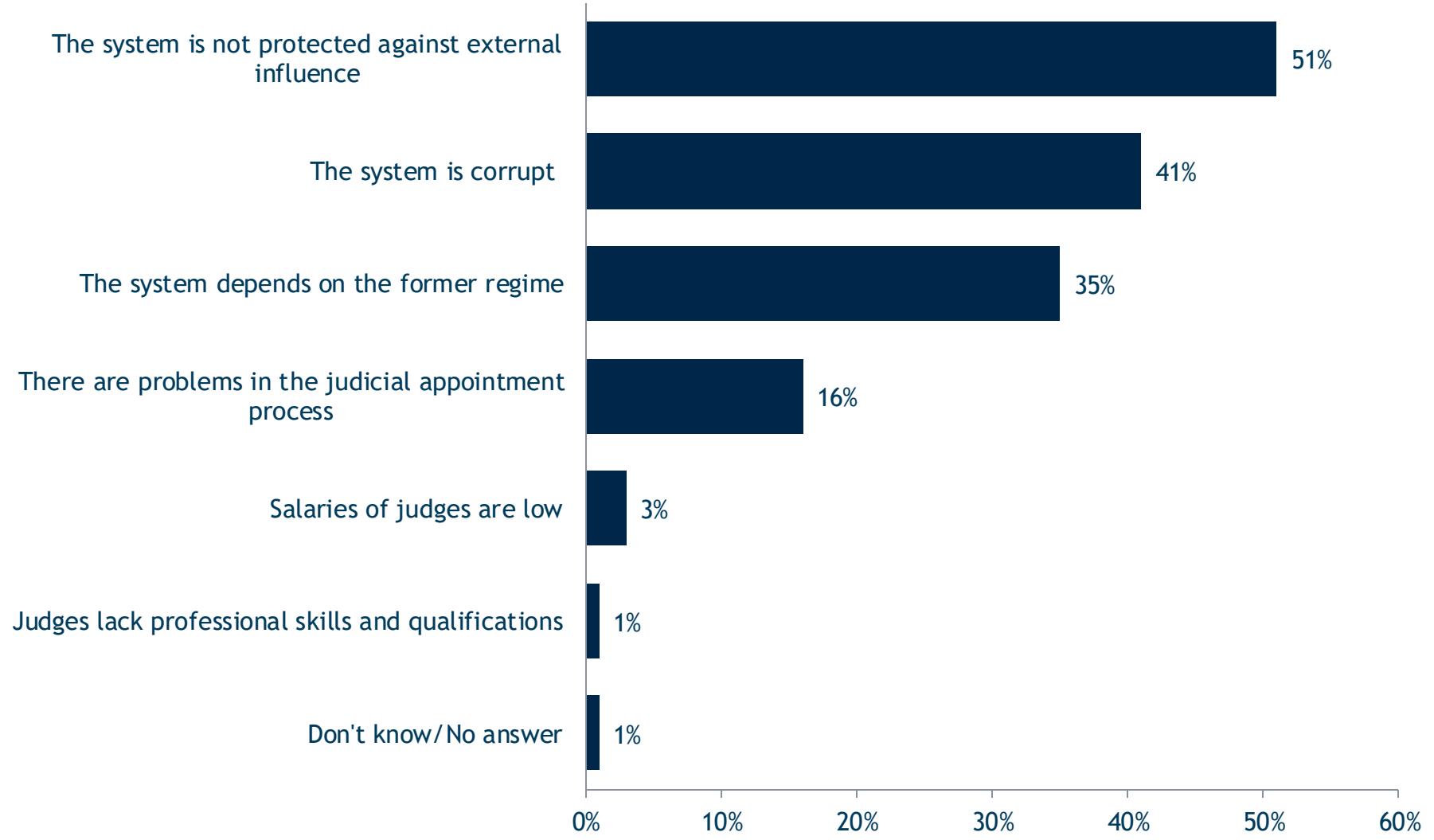
The rule of law in a democracy could be understood as “A state when all people and institutions are accountable to the law and the constitution and the law are equally applied towards all.” How strongly do you agree or disagree that rule of law exists in our country?



# What is your opinion about the current Armenian judicial system? Is it independent or not?

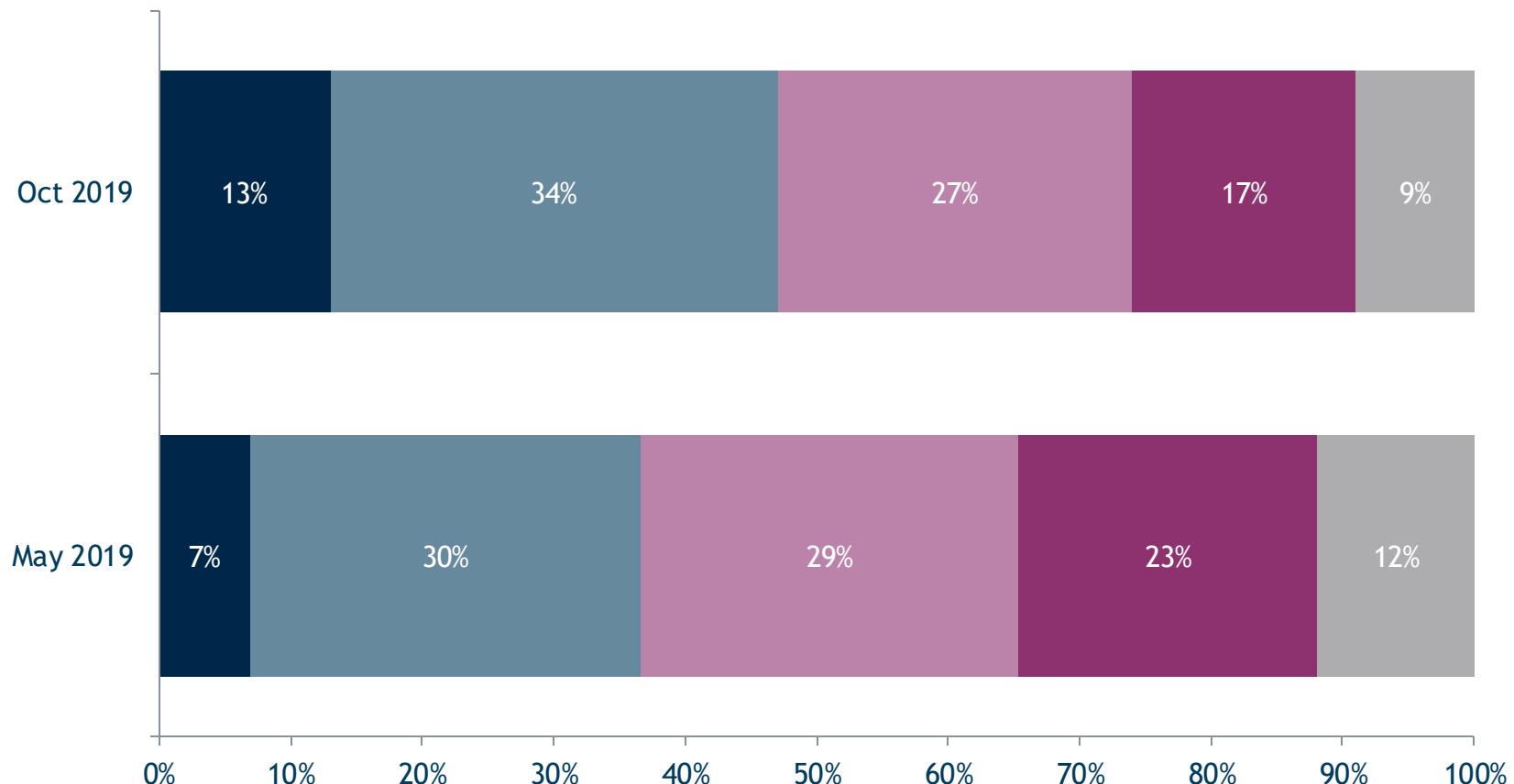


# Why do you think that Armenian judicial system is not independent? (Respondents who think that Armenian judicial system is not independent, n=493; several responses permitted)



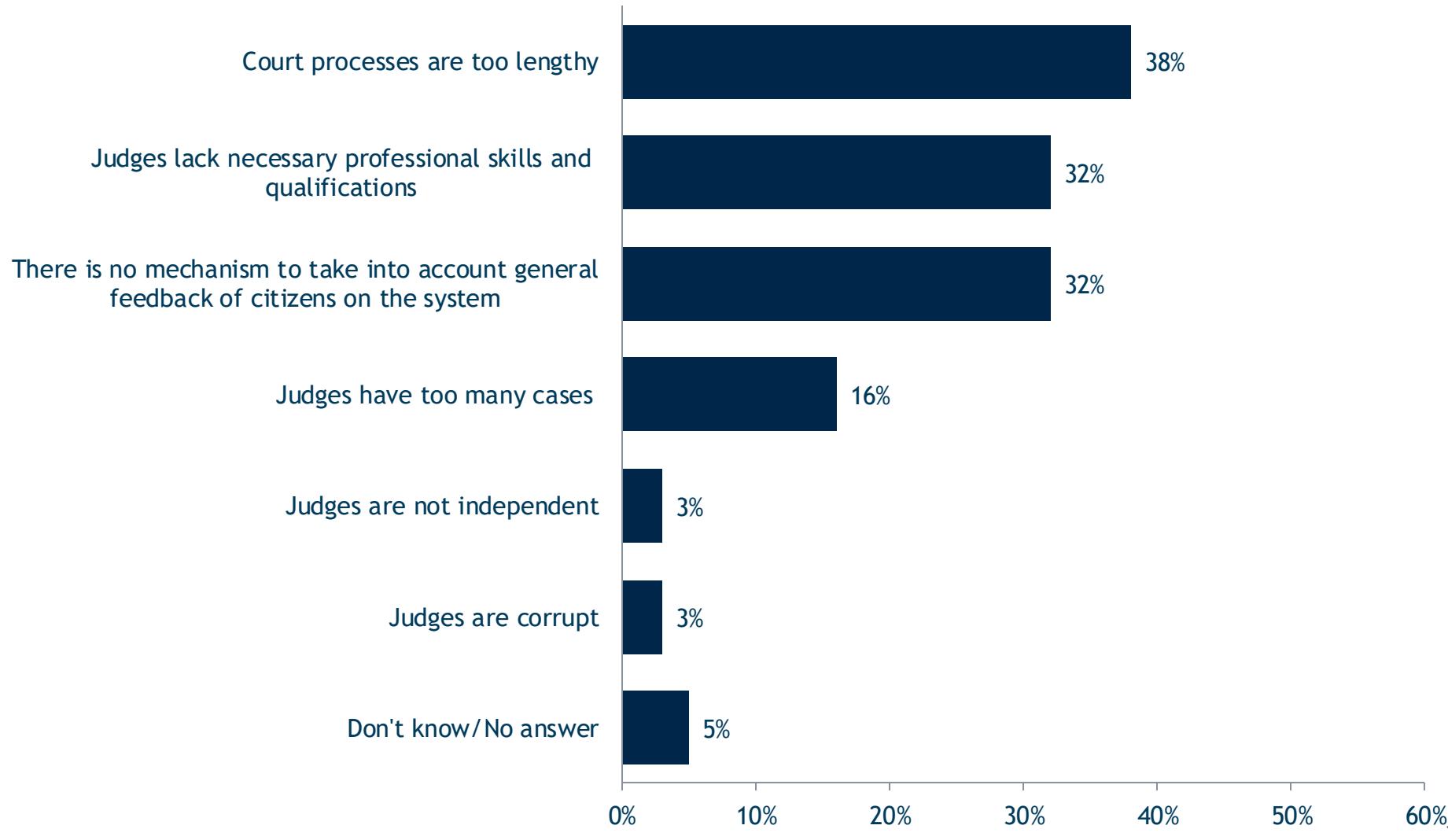
# What is your opinion about the current Armenian judicial system? Is it effective or not?

■ Definitely effective ■ Somewhat effective ■ Somewhat ineffective ■ Definitely ineffective ■ Don't know/No answer



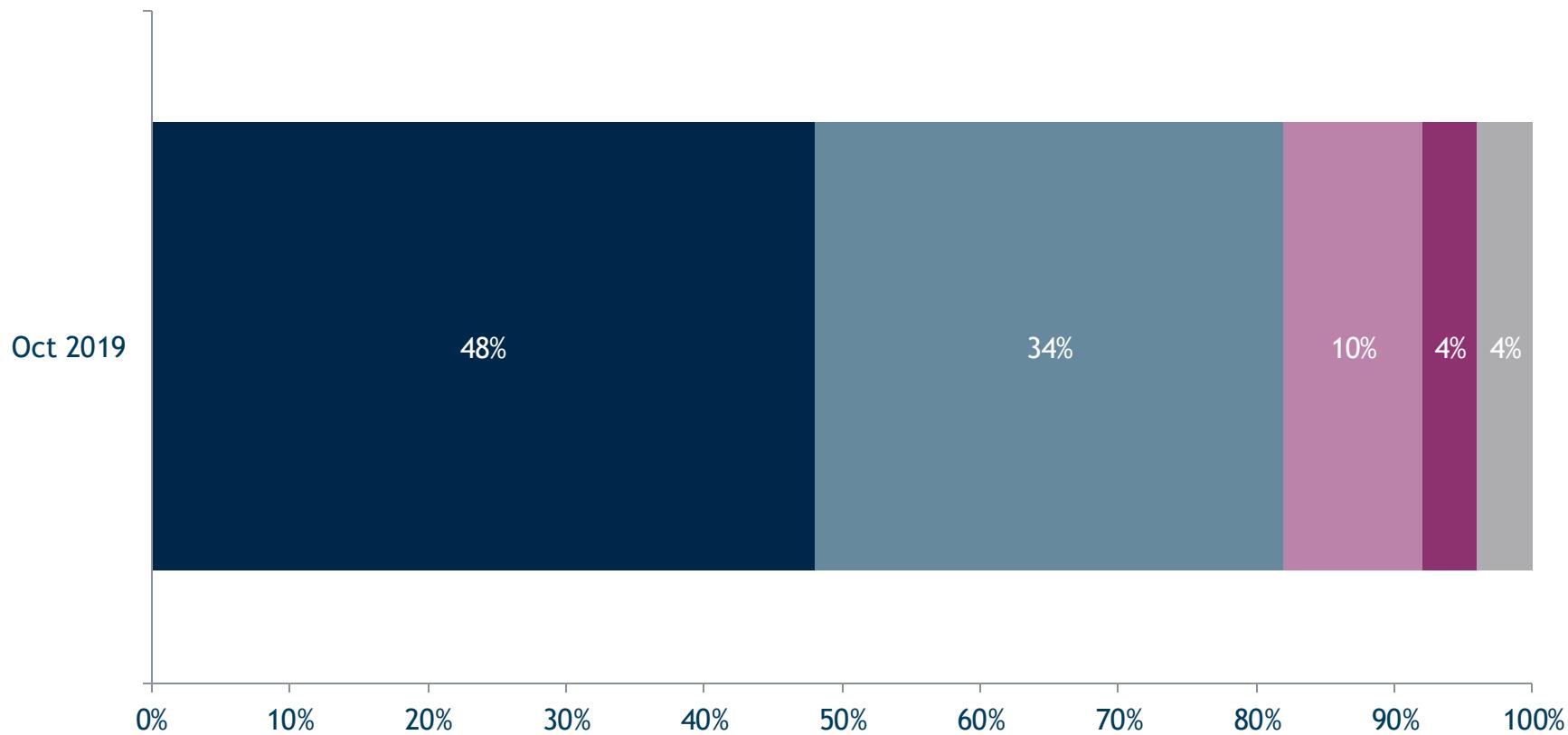
# Why do you think that Armenian judicial system is not effective?

(Respondents who think that Armenian judicial system is not efficient, n=533; several responses permitted)



# In your opinion, reforming the Armenian judicial system should be...

■ Top priority   ■ Important but lower priority   ■ Not too important   ■ Should not be done   ■ Don't know/No answer

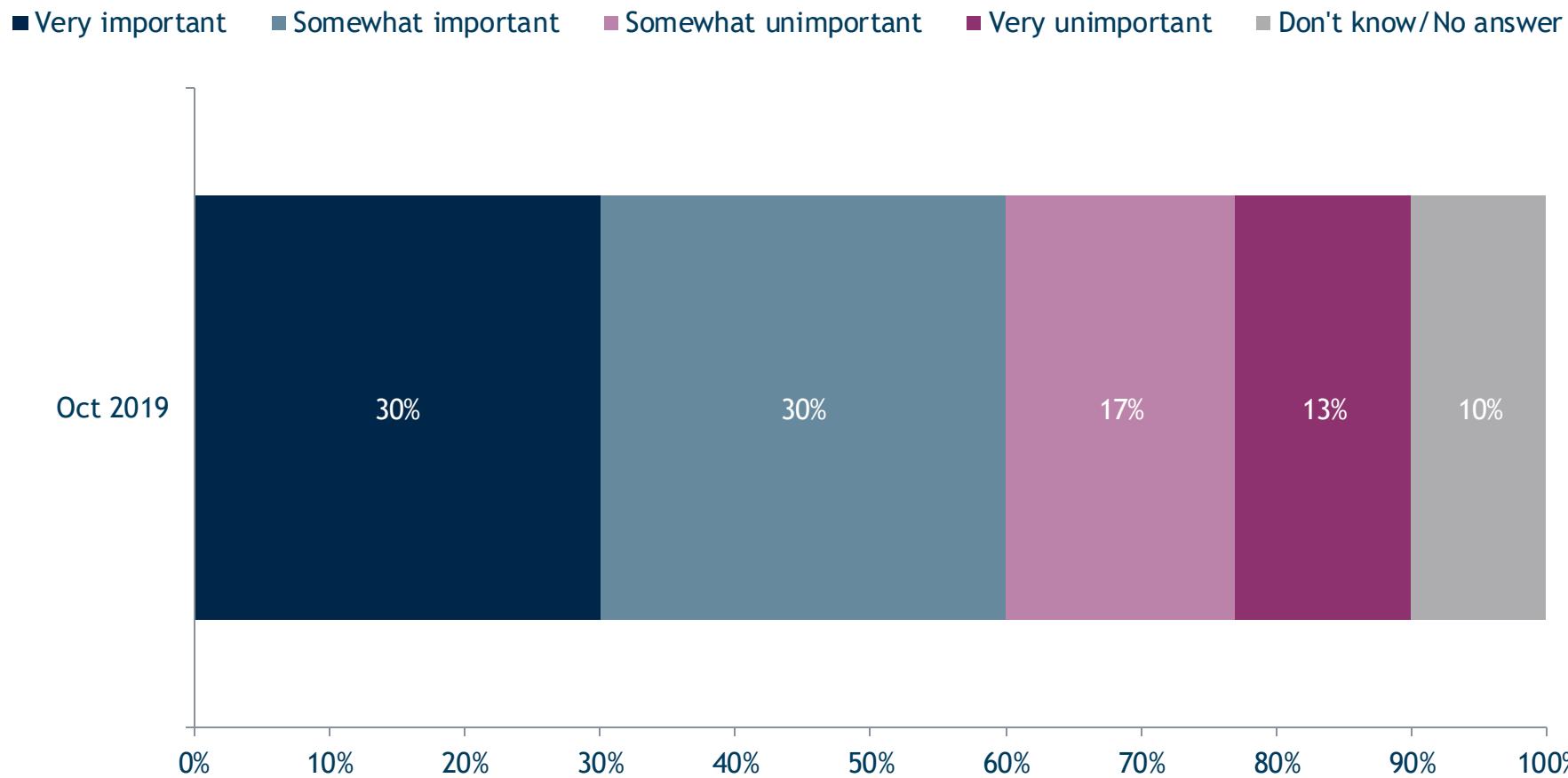




# Transitional Justice

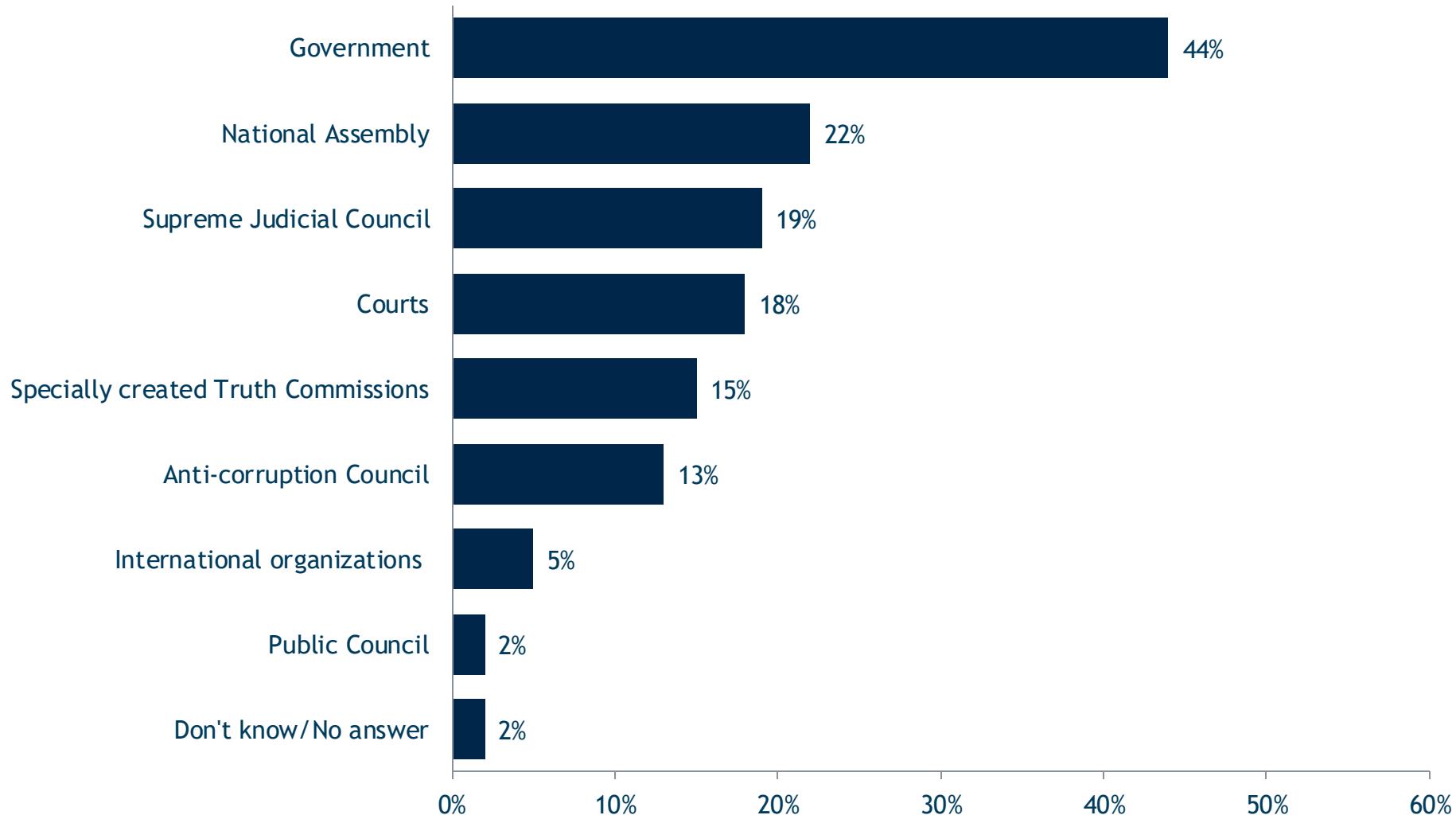
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Some countries that go through large-scale or systemic human rights violations and other crimes apply a special transitional justice system. How important or unimportant is it for Armenia to establish such a system to investigate transgressions committed prior to the 2018 change in power?

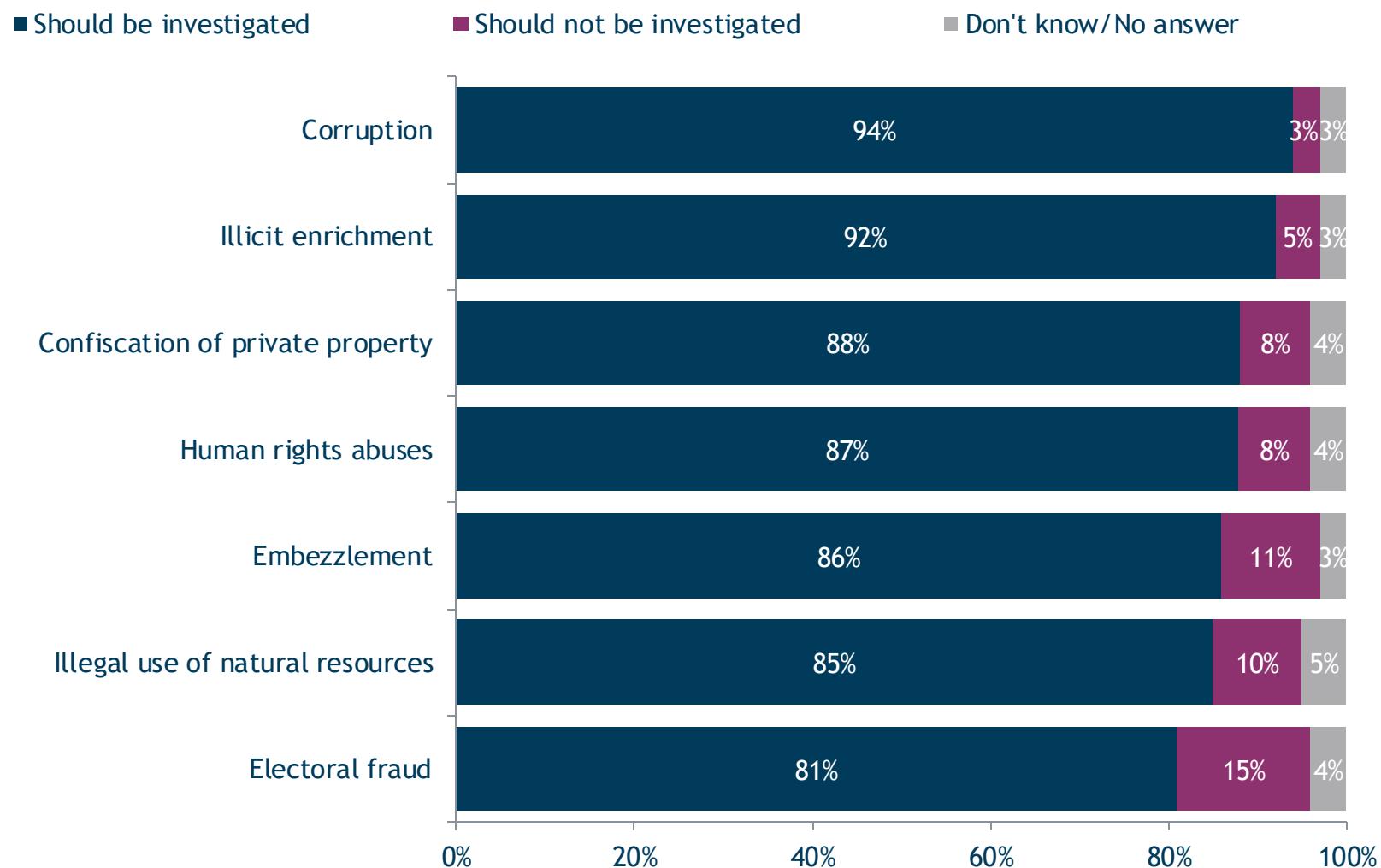


# Which entity should be in charge of a transitional justice system?

(Respondents who think that it is important to establish special transitional justice system, n=720; multiple responses permitted)

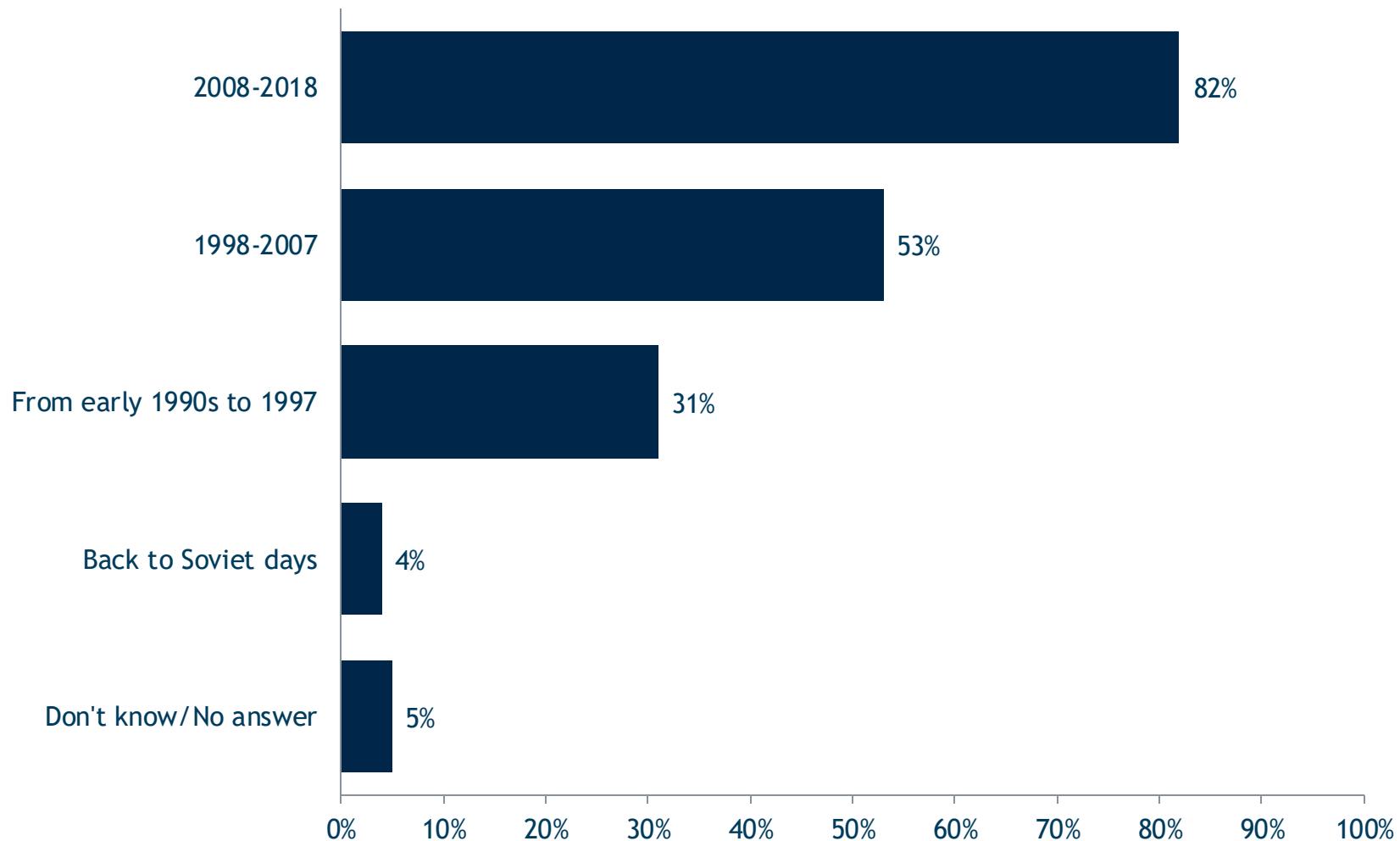


# Which crimes should be investigated by a transitional justice system? (Respondents who think that it is important to establish special transitional justice system, n=720)



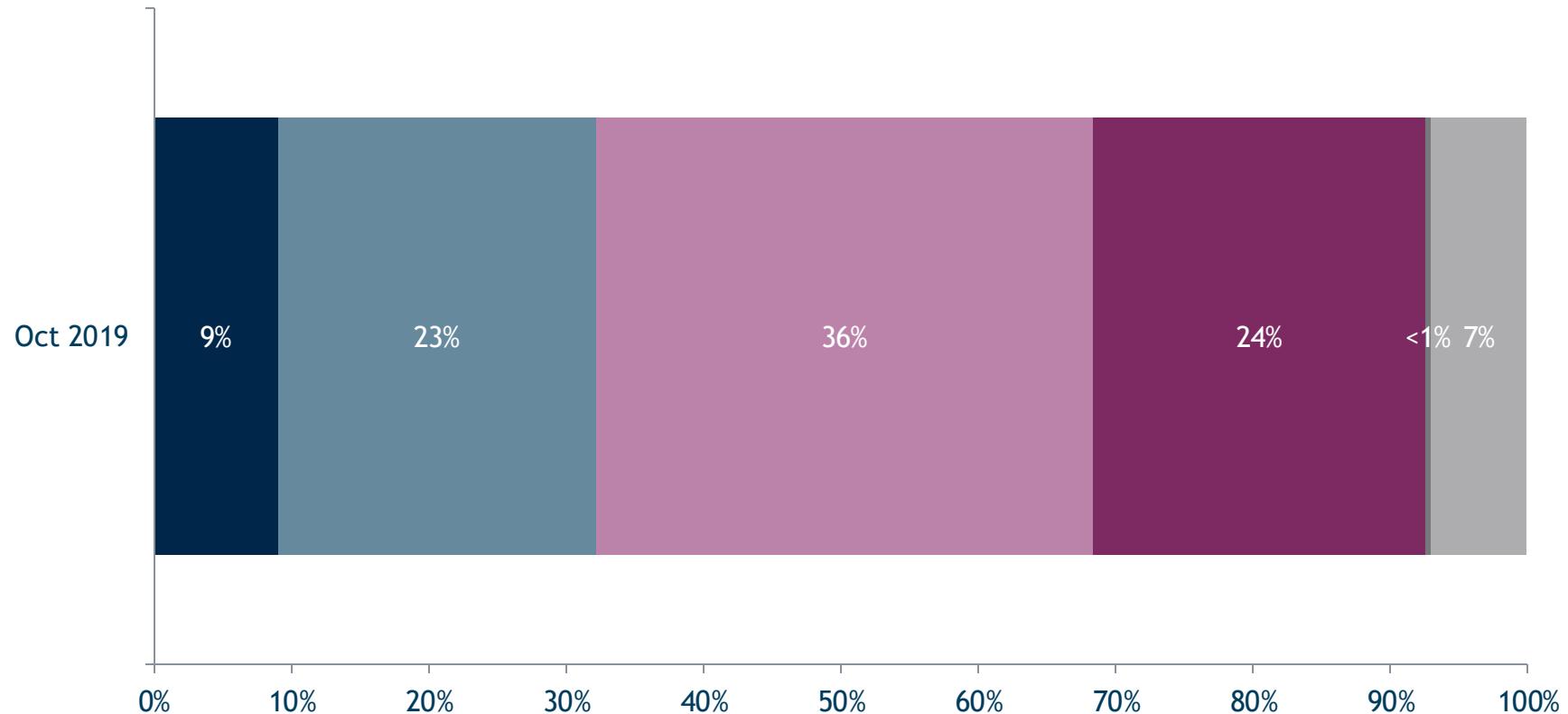
# What time periods should a transitional justice system cover in their investigations?

(Respondents who think that it is important to establish special transitional justice system, n=720; multiple responses permitted)

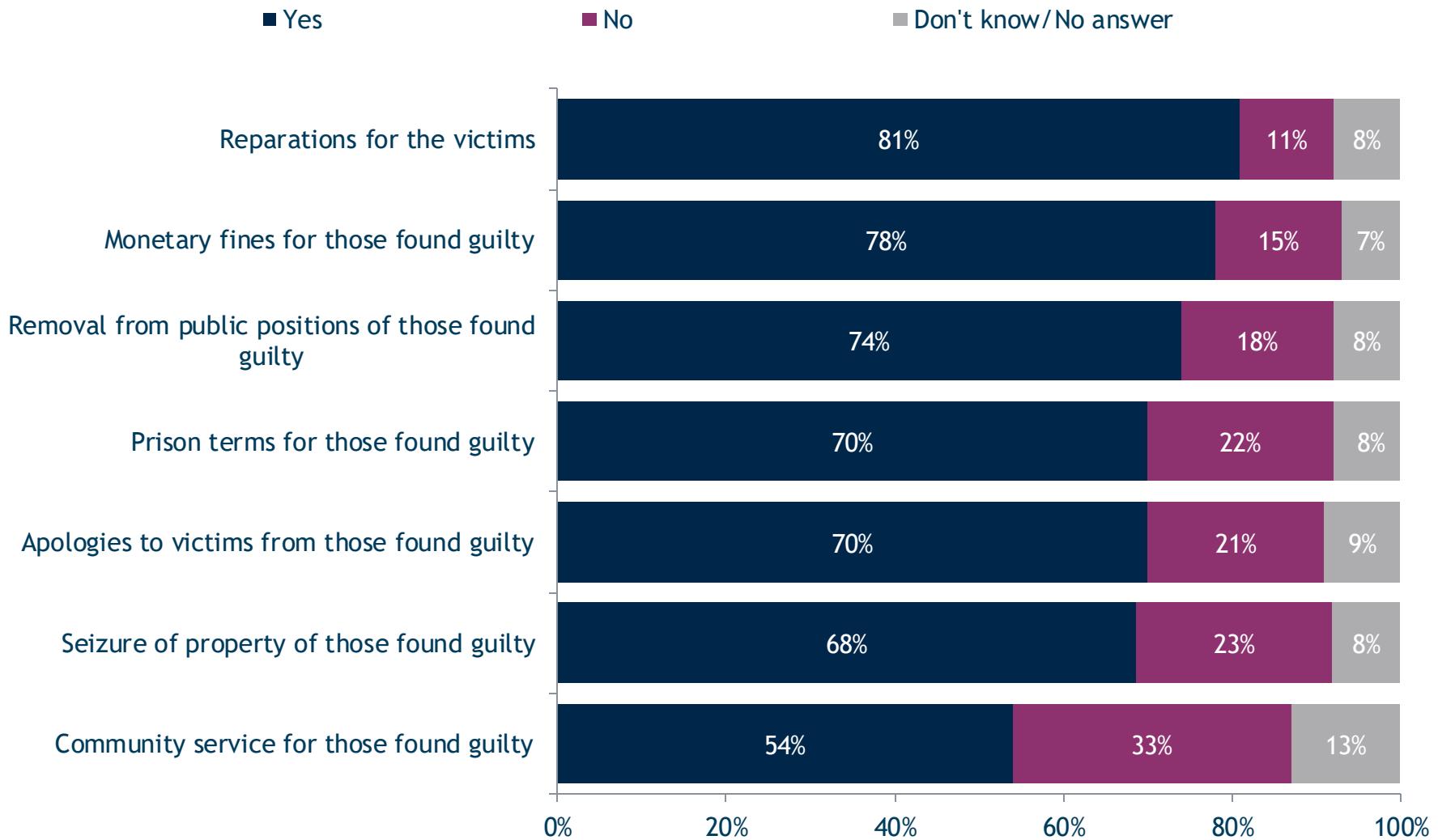


# What is the ultimate purpose of transitional justice? To ensure that society can reconcile and move on after wrongdoing, or that those who did wrong get punished?

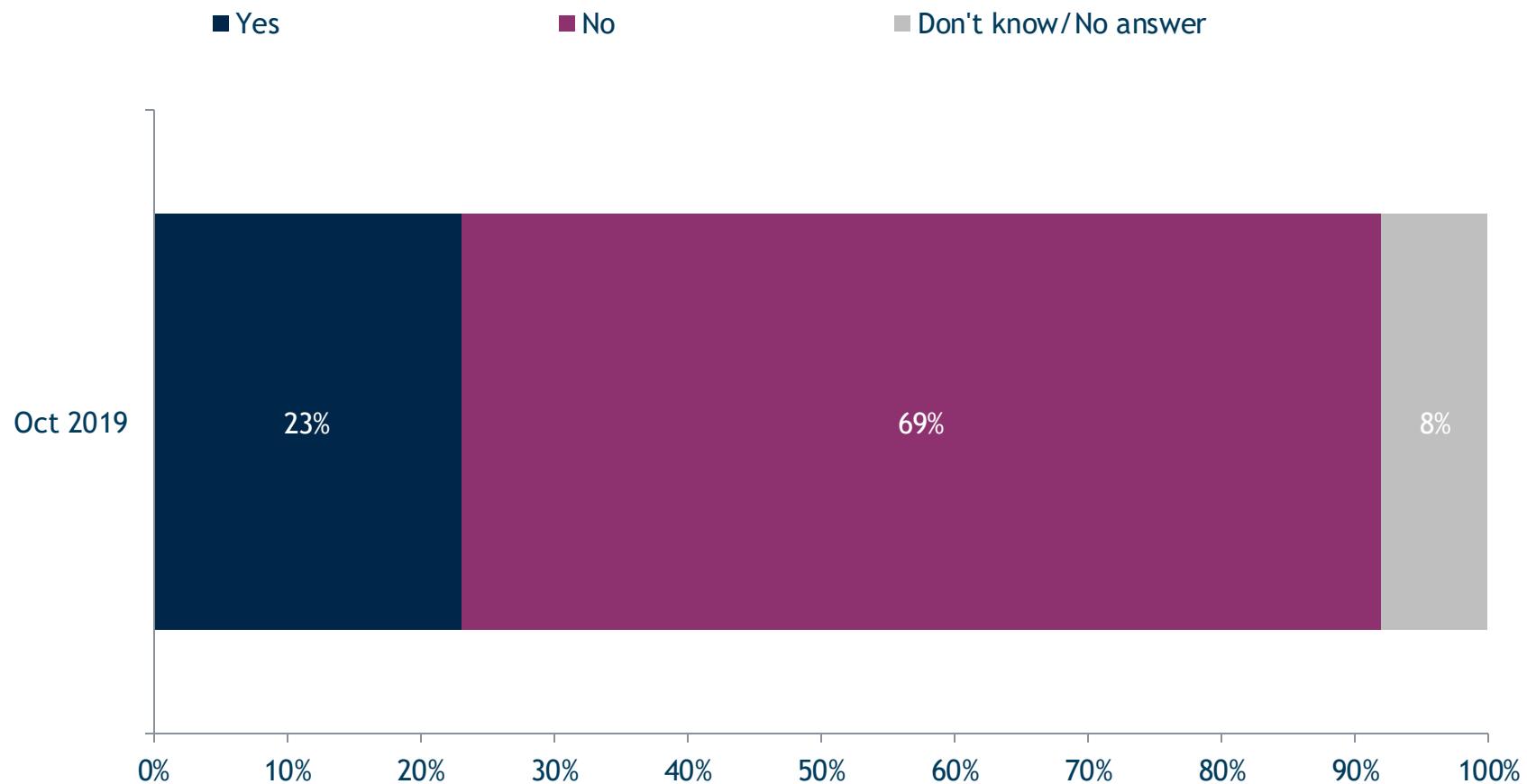
- Definitely reconcile and move on
- Probably reconcile and move on
- Probably punish
- Definitely punish
- Other
- Don't know/No answer



# Which of the following would be appropriate measures to address violations committed before 2018?

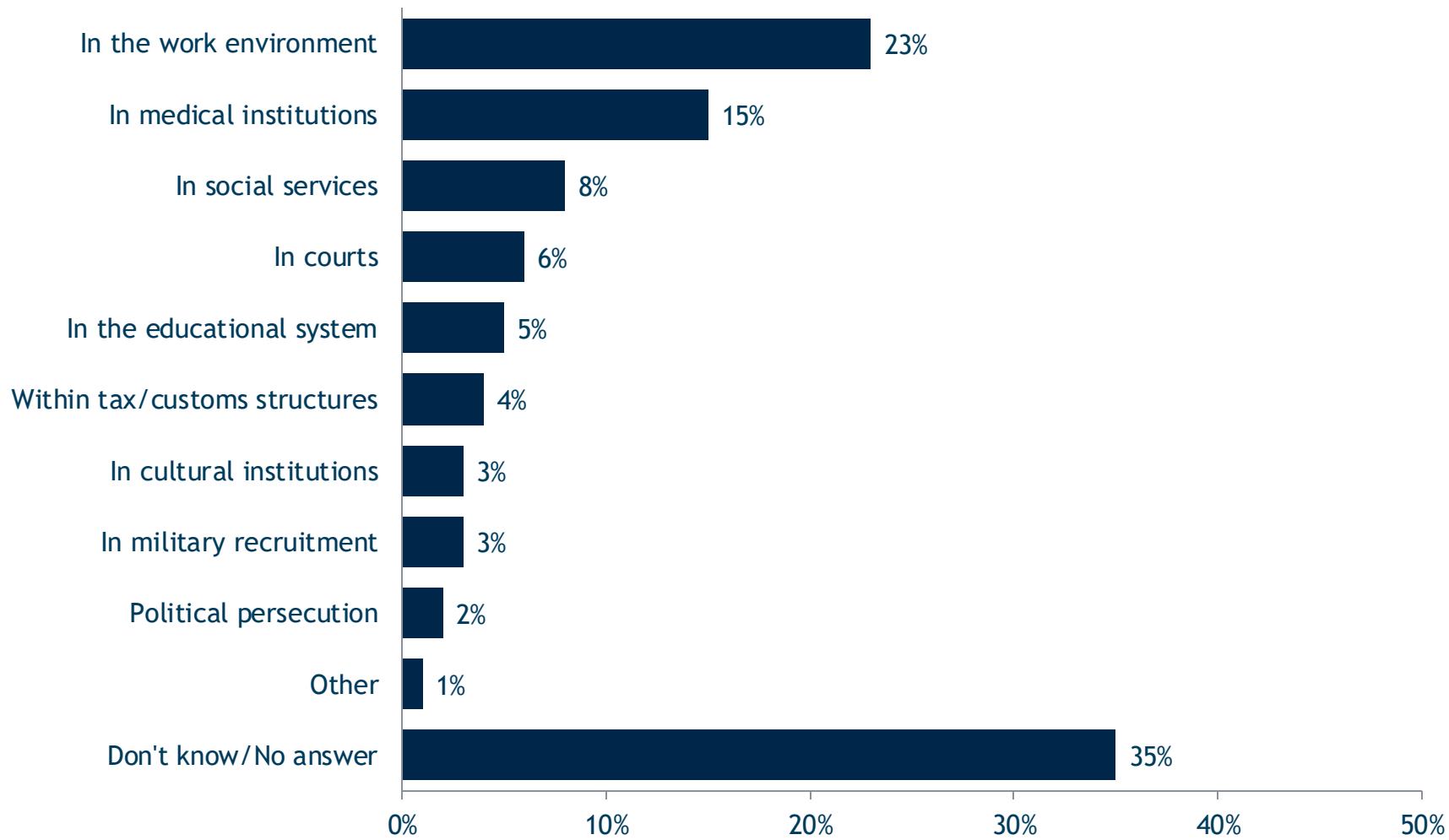


# Have you or a relative of yours directly experienced mistreatment or injustice since independence?



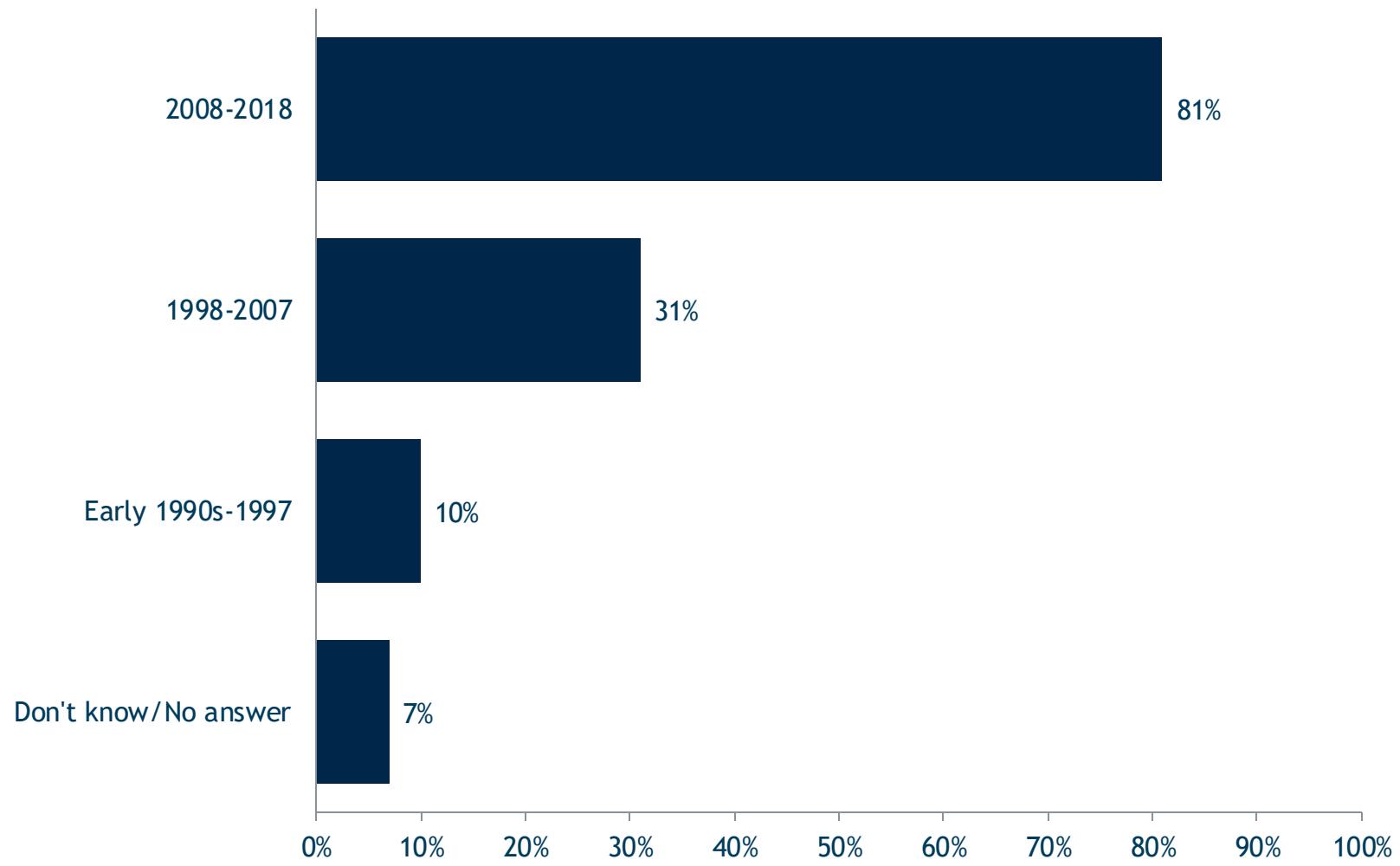
# What forms of mistreatment or injustice did you or your relative experience?

(Respondents who said that they or their relatives directly experienced mistreatment or injustice, n=275; multiple responses permitted)



# When did you and/or your relative experience injustice or mistreatment?

(Respondents who said that they or their relatives directly experienced mistreatment or injustice, n=275; multiple responses permitted)





# Fight Against Corruption

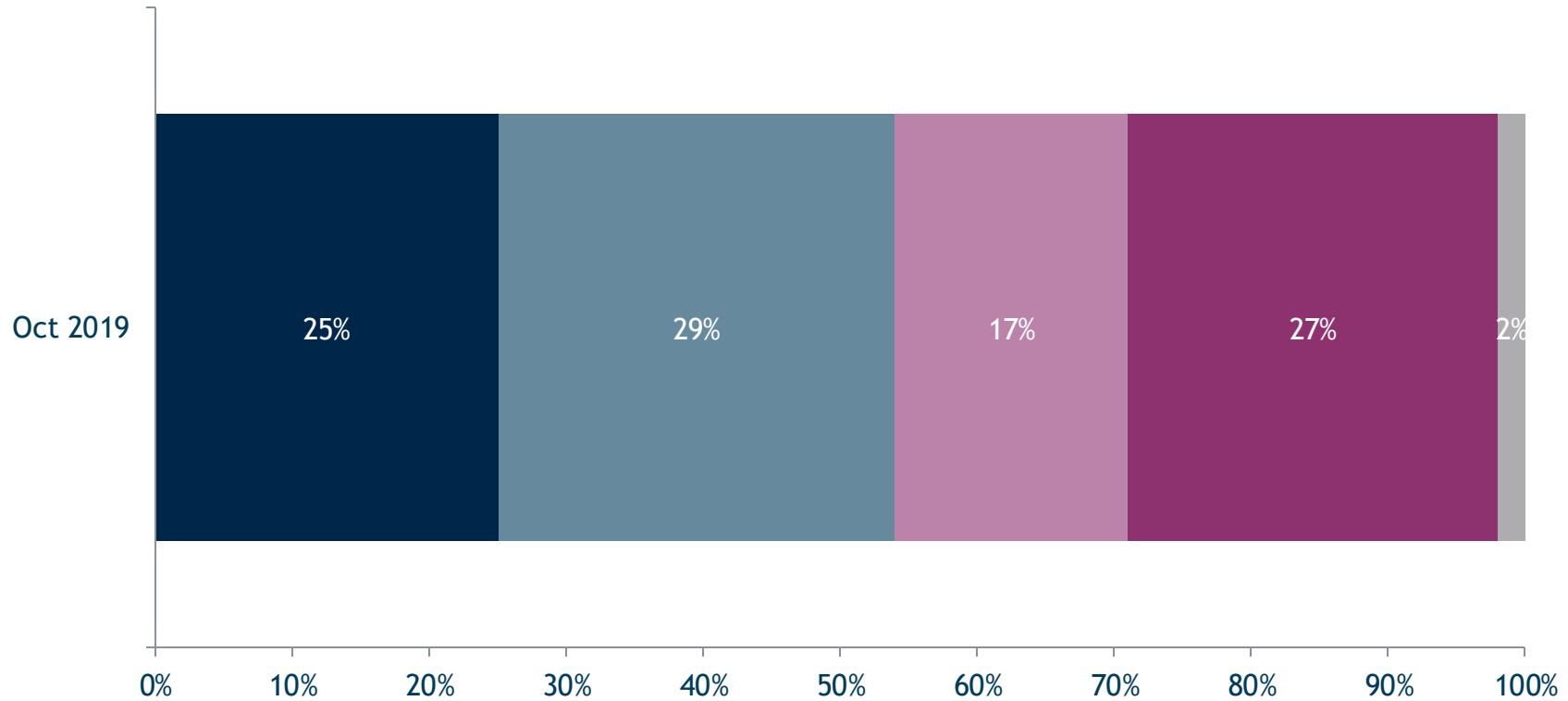


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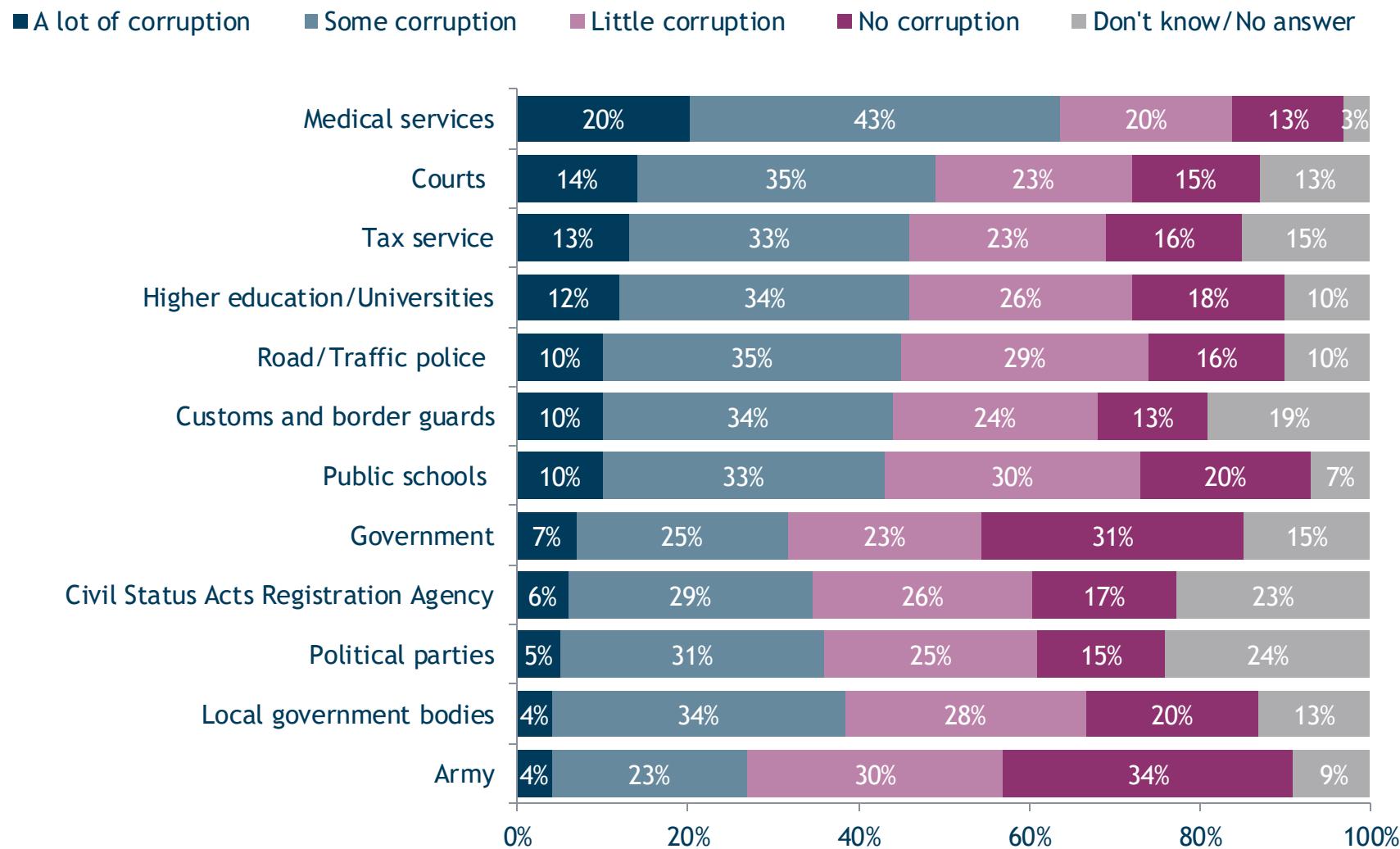
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Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gain. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

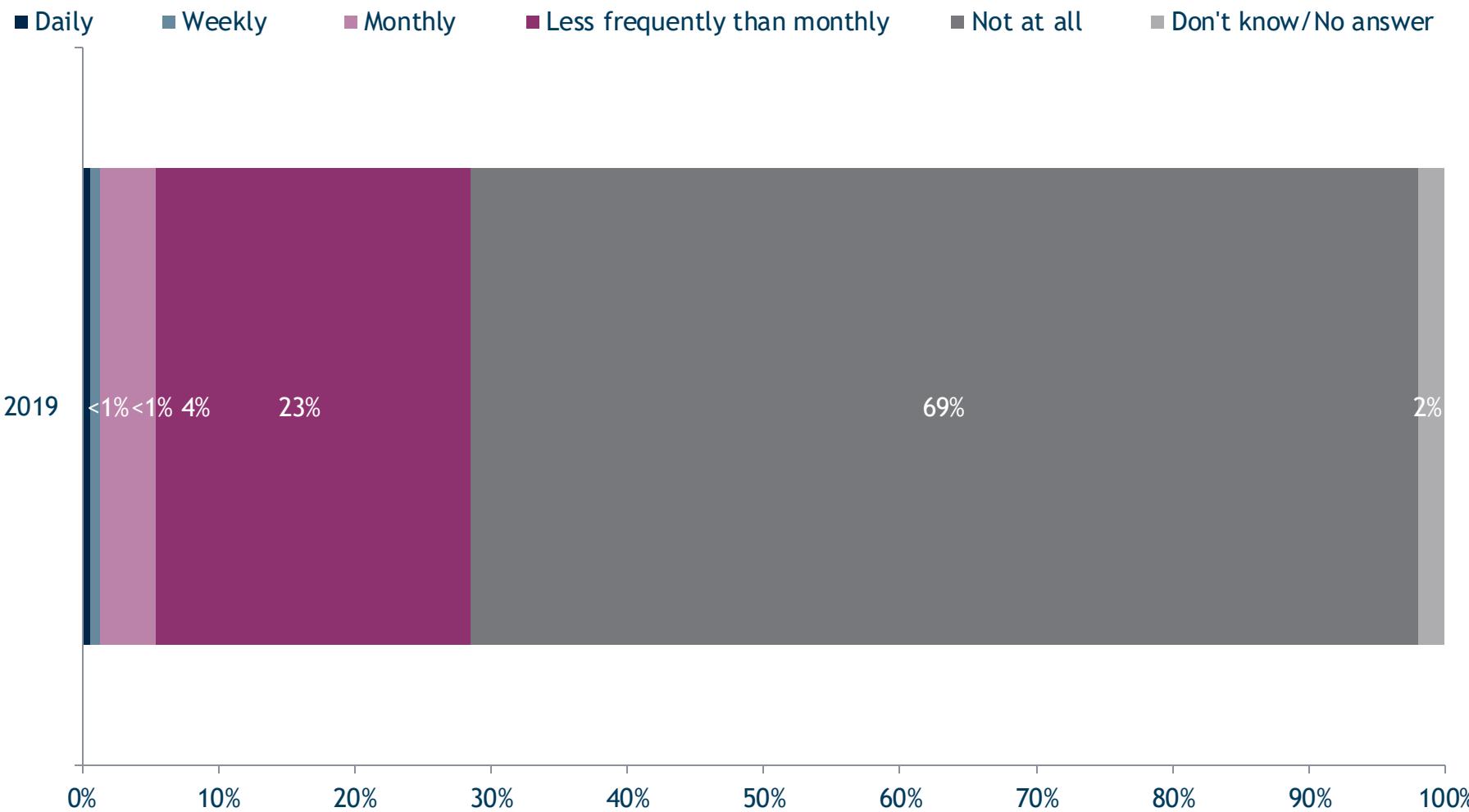
- It has had a lot of negative impact
- It has had some negative impact
- It has had little negative impact
- It has not had any negative impact
- Don't know/No answer



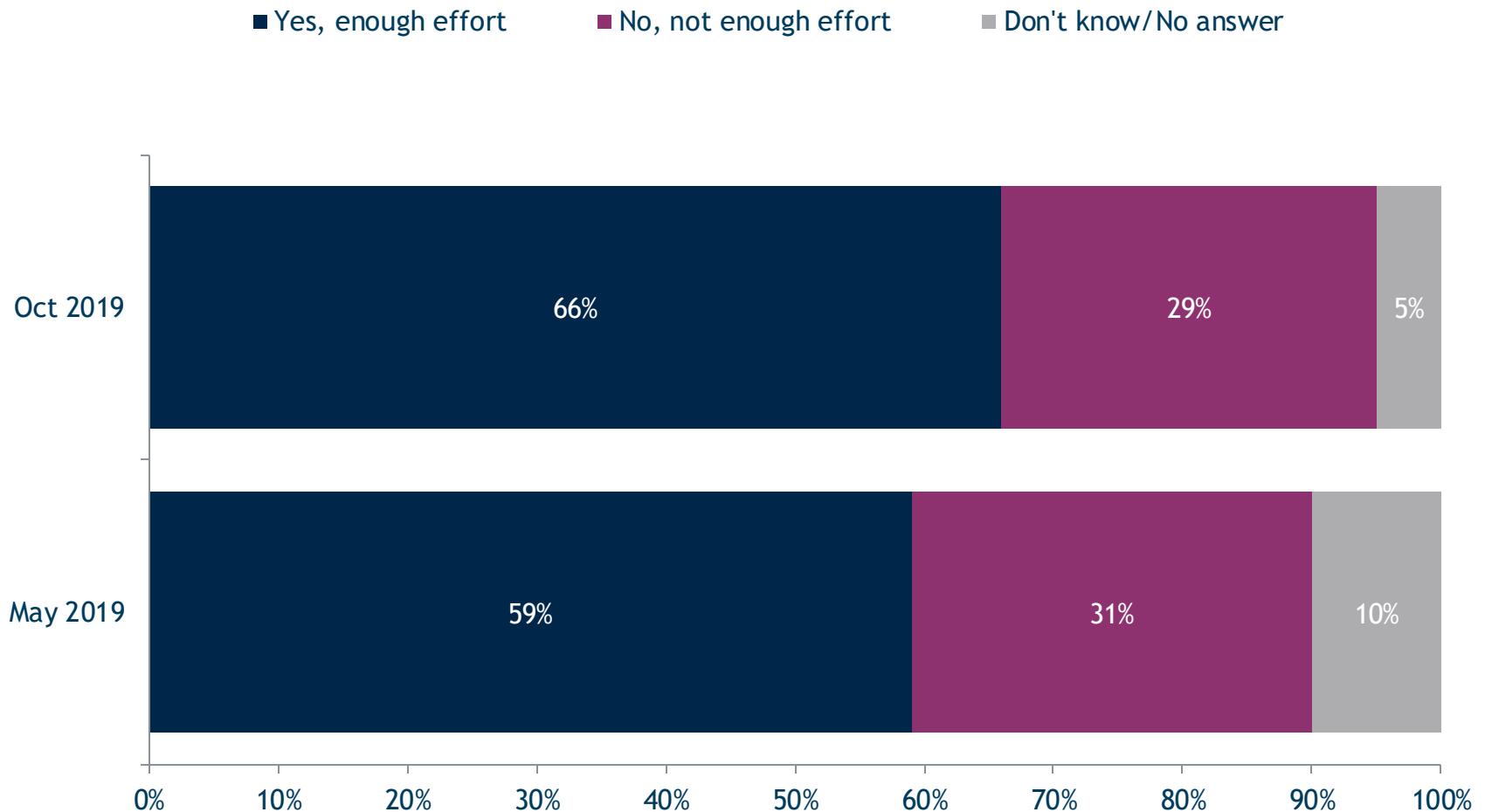
I will read you a list of institutions and governmental service providers. Please tell me about the level of corruption for each?



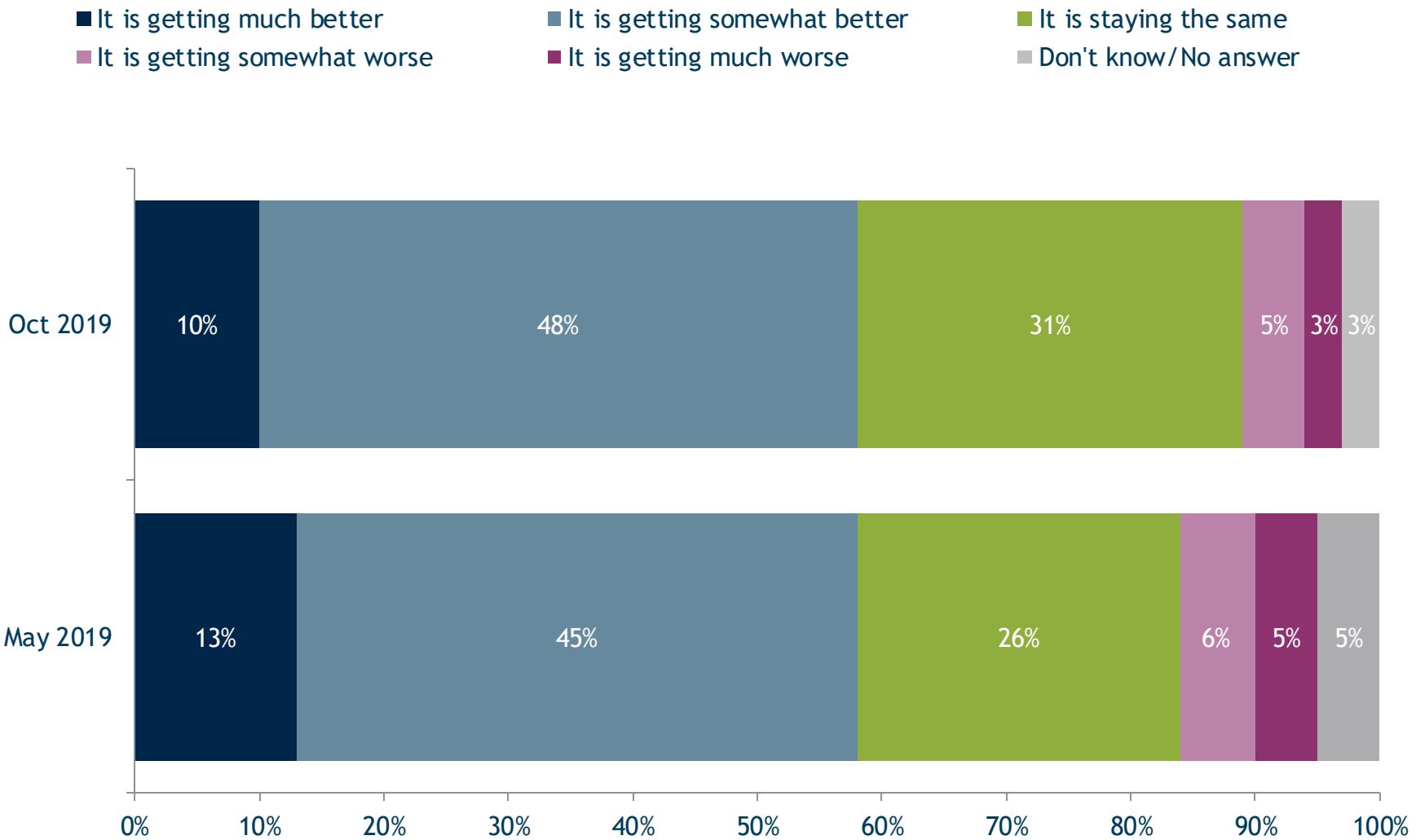
# In the past 12 months, how often have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe for personal gain?



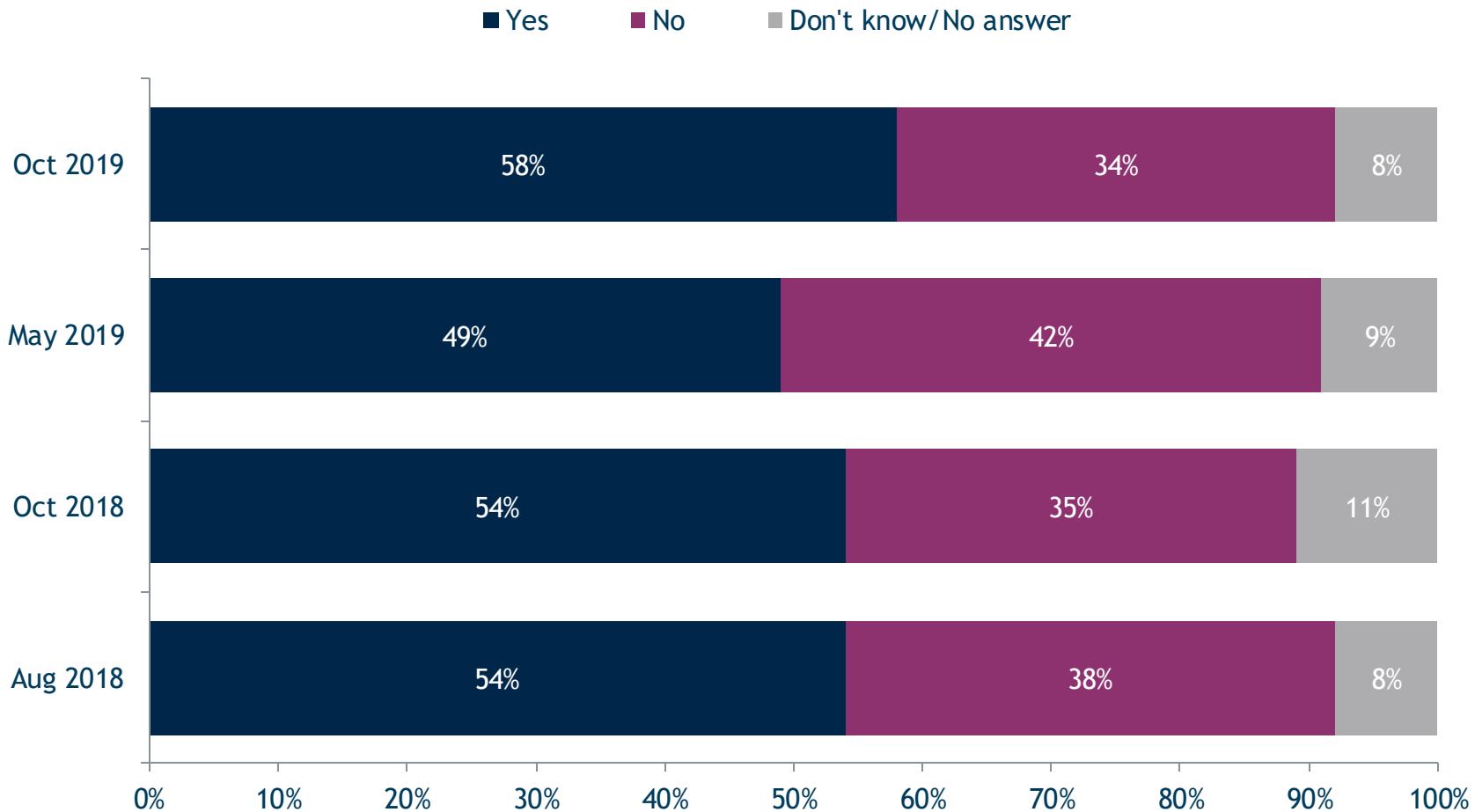
# Do you think the current Armenian government is making enough effort to fight corruption?



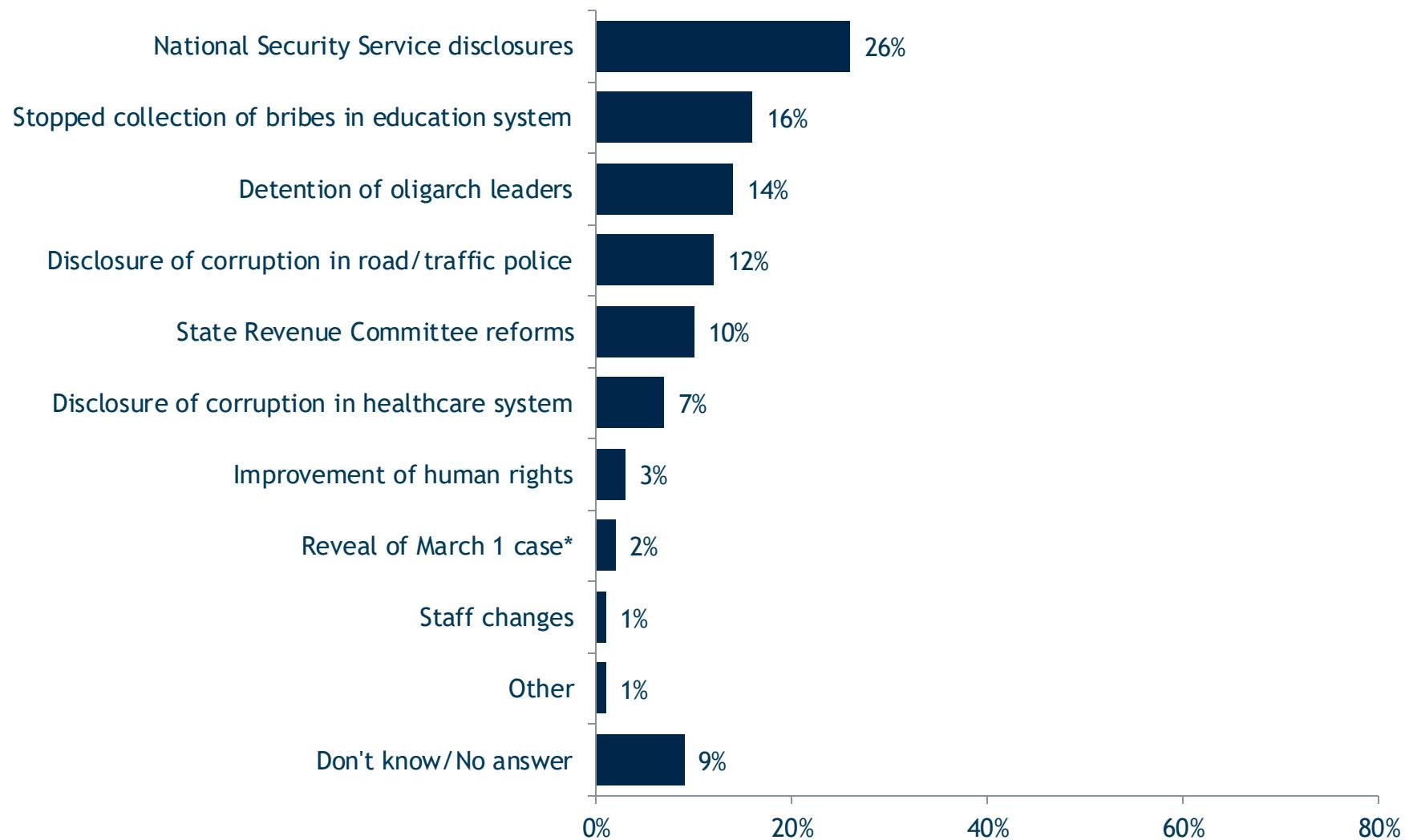
# Do you think that the situation with corruption has been getting better or worse?



# Have you heard of any anti-corruption efforts of the Armenian government or National Assembly?



If yes, please name the anti-corruption reform?  
(Among those aware of anti-corruption efforts, n=694; spontaneous responses; up to three responses permitted)

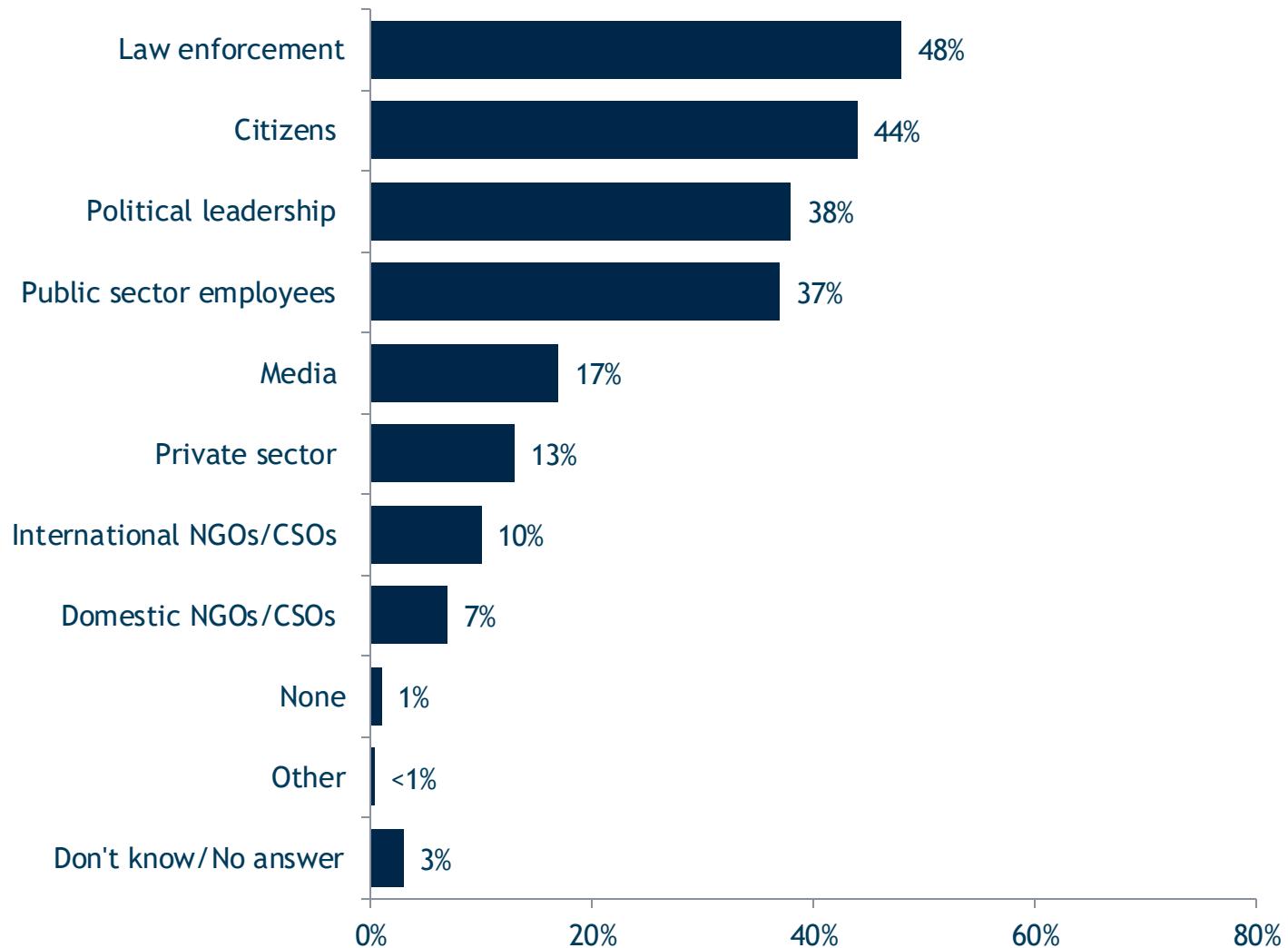


\* The March 1 case refers to the 2008 post-election clashes in Yerevan which resulted in the death of 10 people, including two police officers.

# How effective are the following bodies in addressing corruption?



Which among the following entities are the most important to effectively address corruption in our country?  
(Up to three responses permitted)





# Political Parties and Government



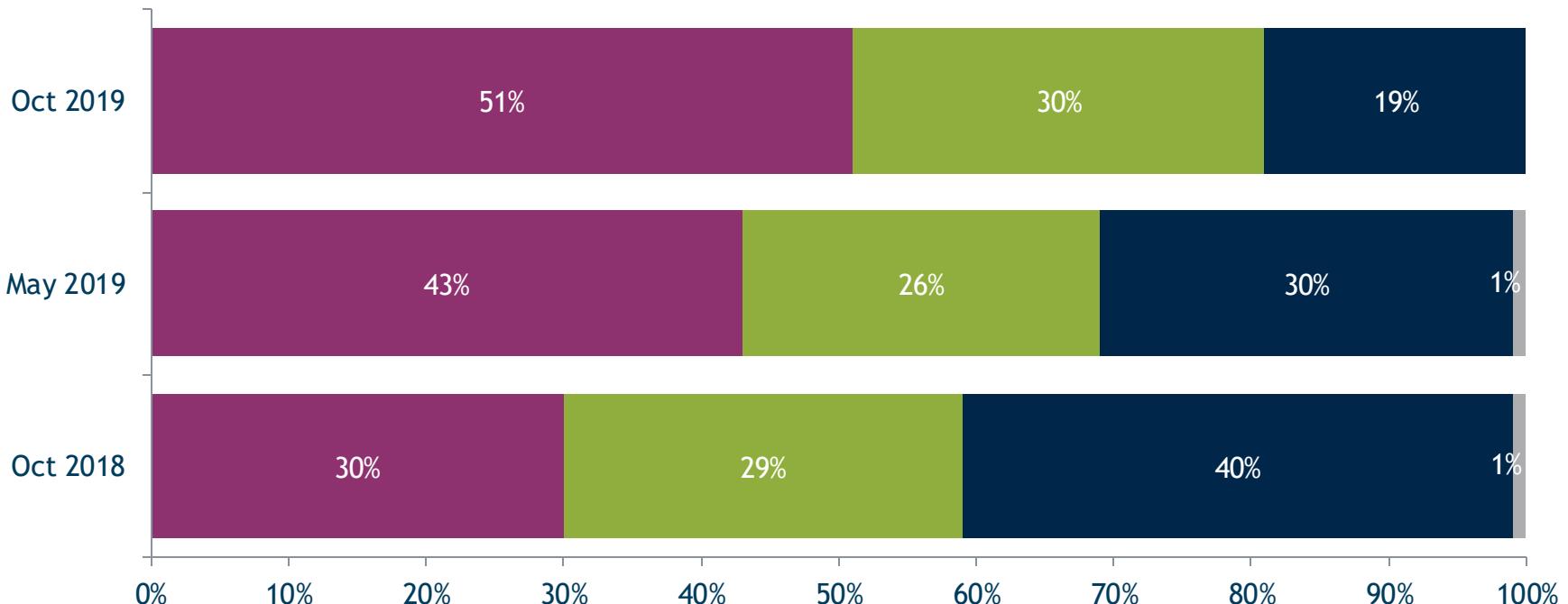
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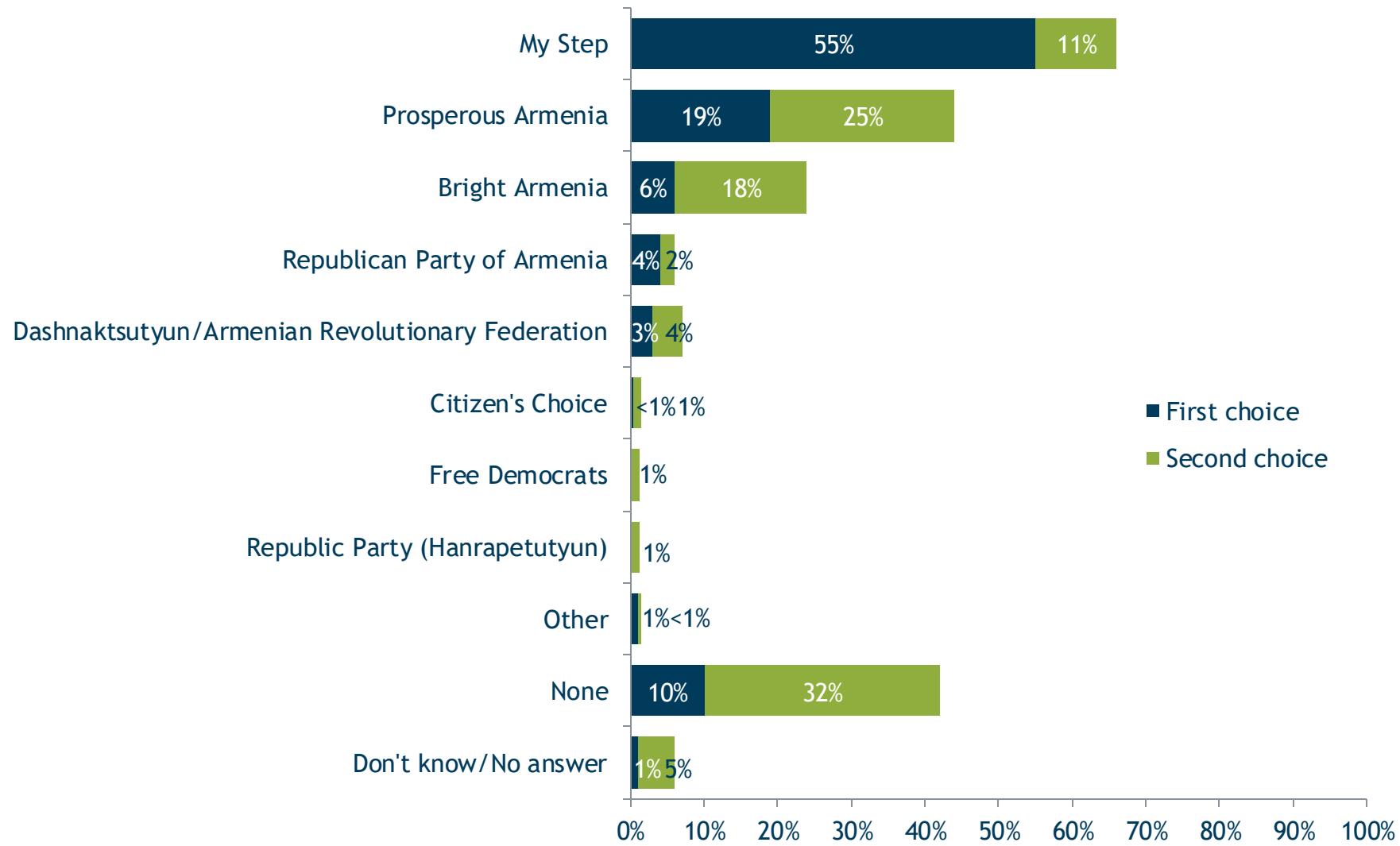
# How much interest do you have in politics?

(Responses given a 10-point scale, where 10 means “very much interested” and 1 means “not at all interested”)

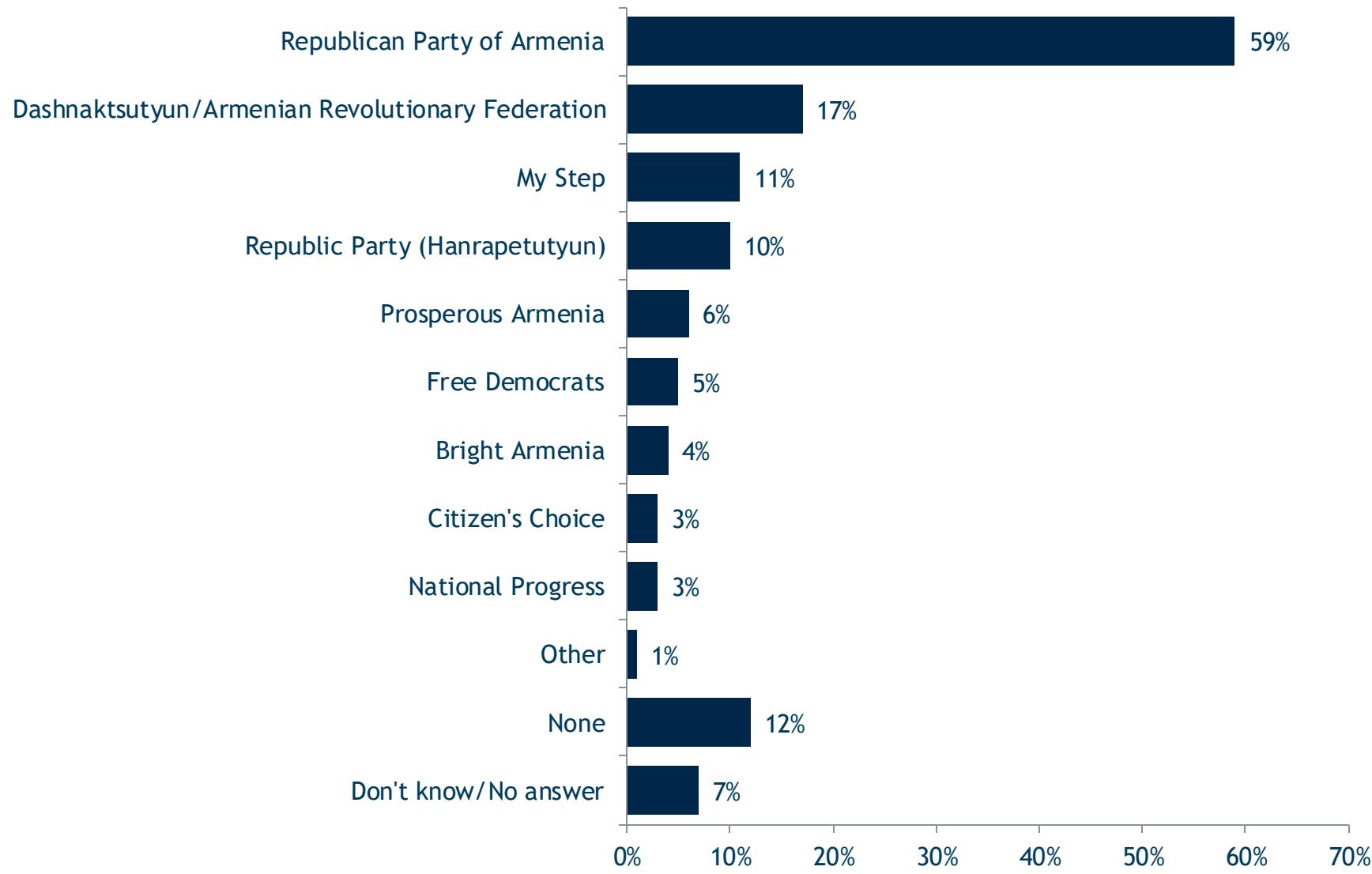
■ Low interest (1-4) ■ Medium interest (5-6) ■ High interest (7-10) ■ Don't know/No answer



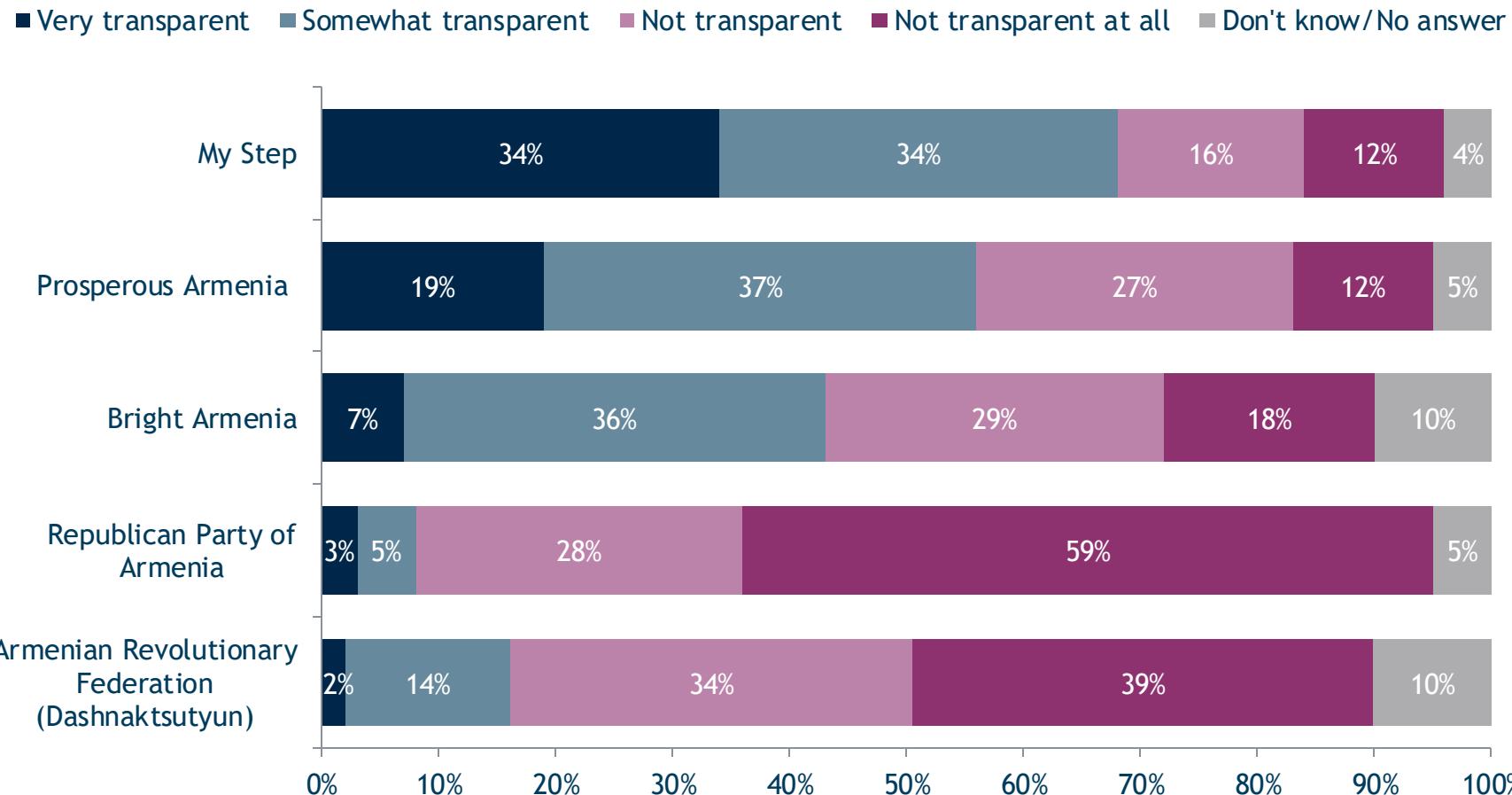
For which of these political parties/alliances would you vote if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday? Which other party/alliance might you vote for if your first choice is not available?



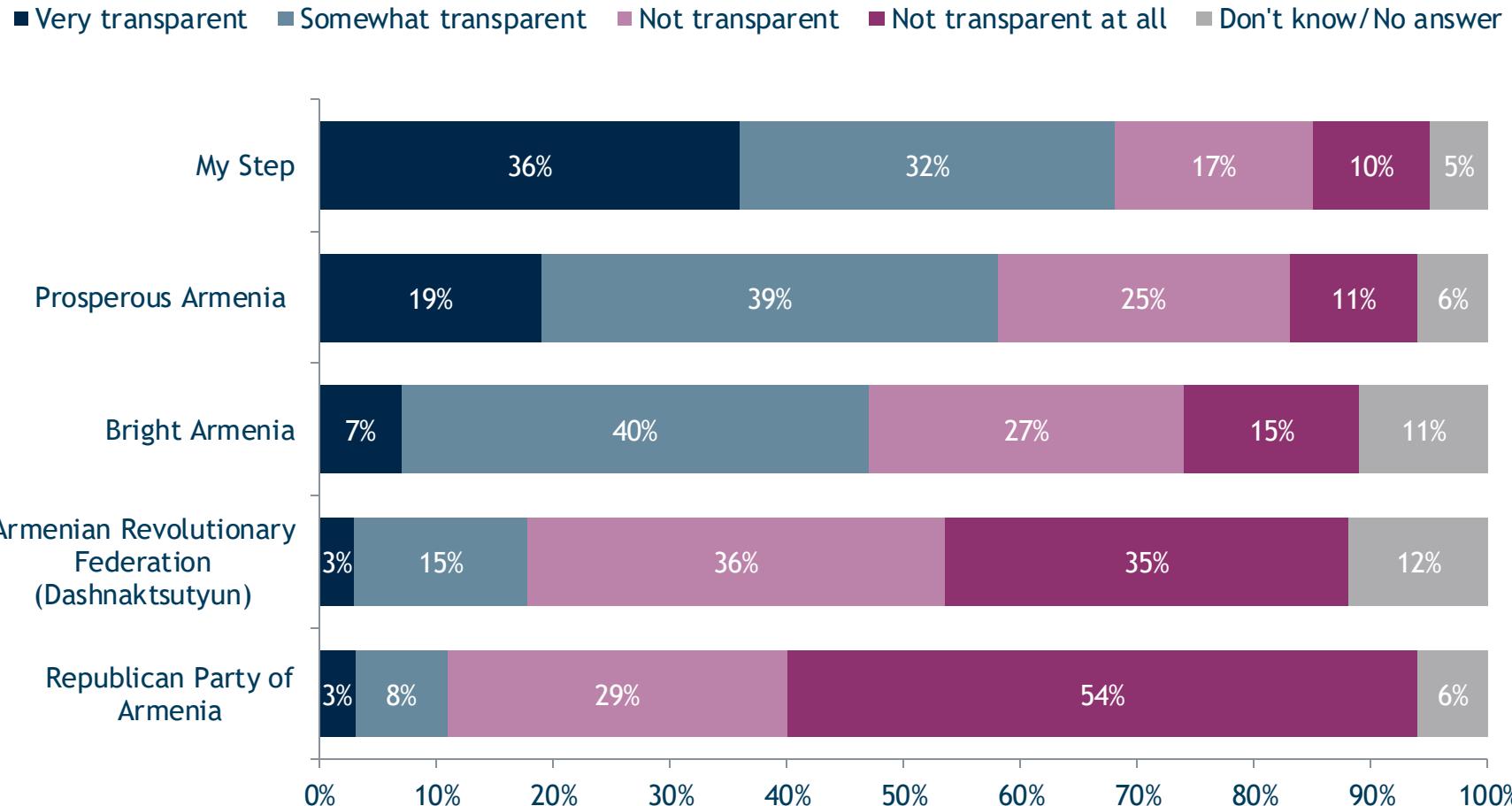
# For which of these political parties would you never vote? (Multiple responses permitted)



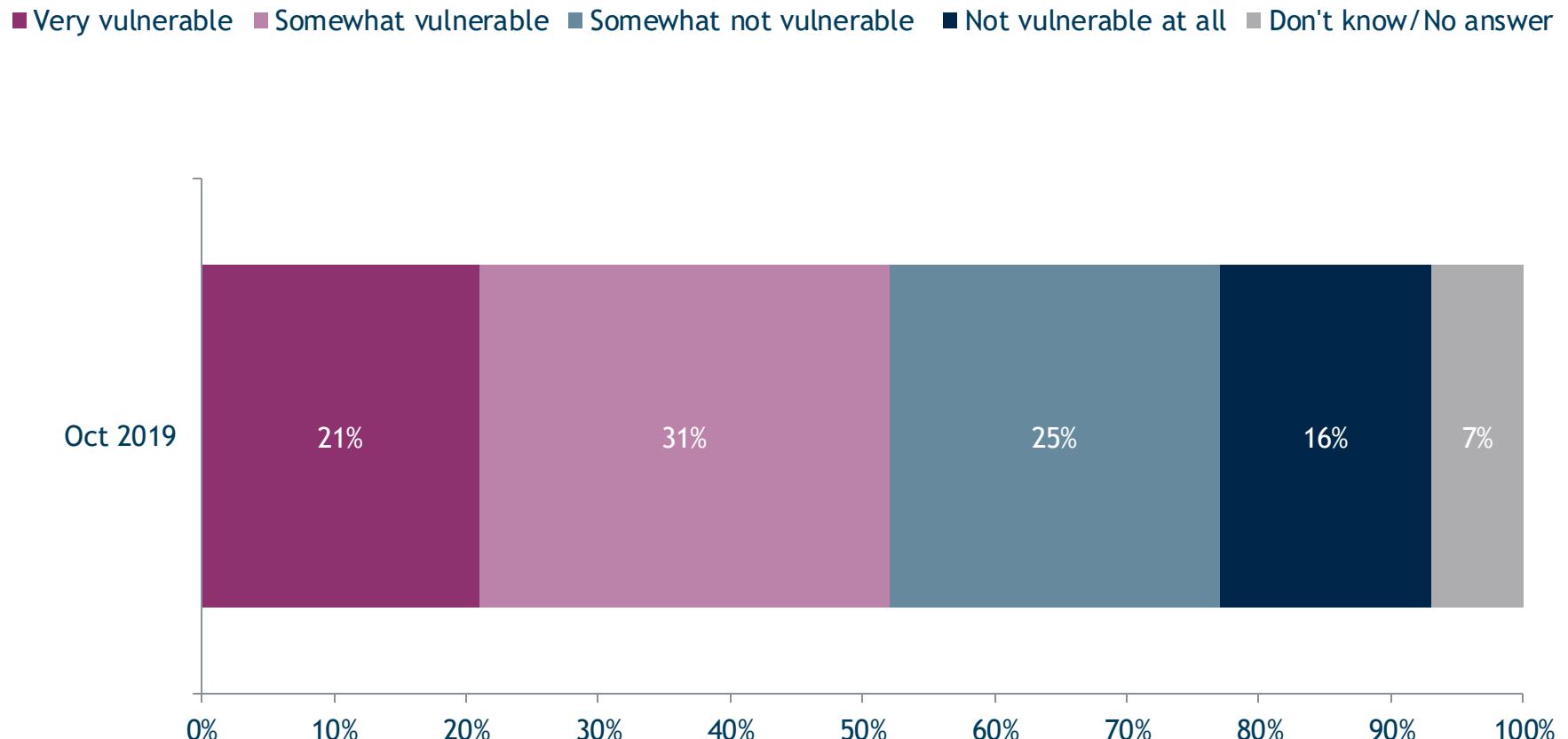
# To what extent do you think political parties/alliances in our country are transparent about the origin of their funding?



# To what extent do you think political parties in our country are transparent about the nomination process for political office?

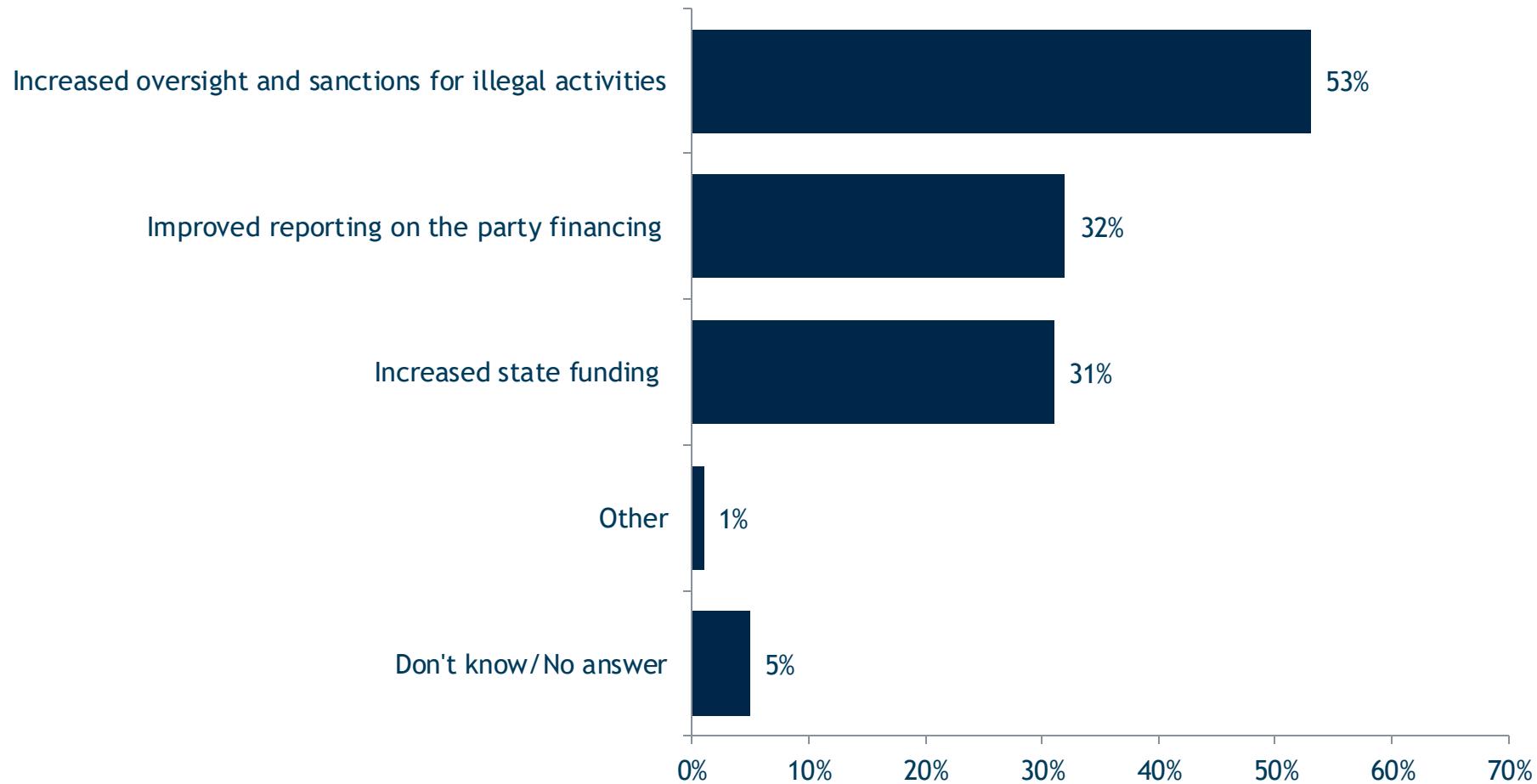


# In your opinion, to what degree are political parties vulnerable to the influence of wealthy people?

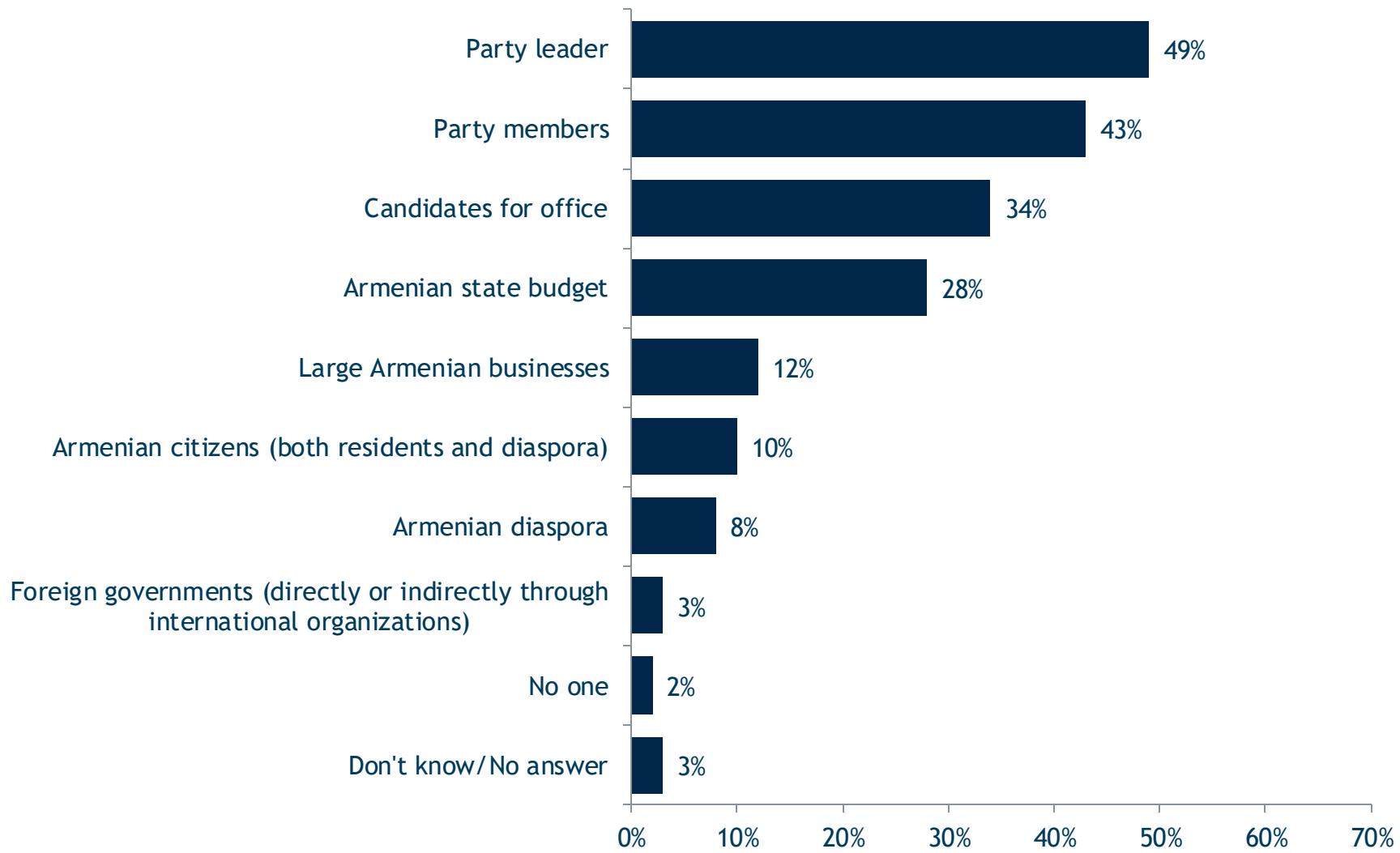


# In your opinion, how can political parties become more independent from business influence?

(Respondents who think that political parties are vulnerable to the influence of wealthy people, n=629; multiple responses permitted)

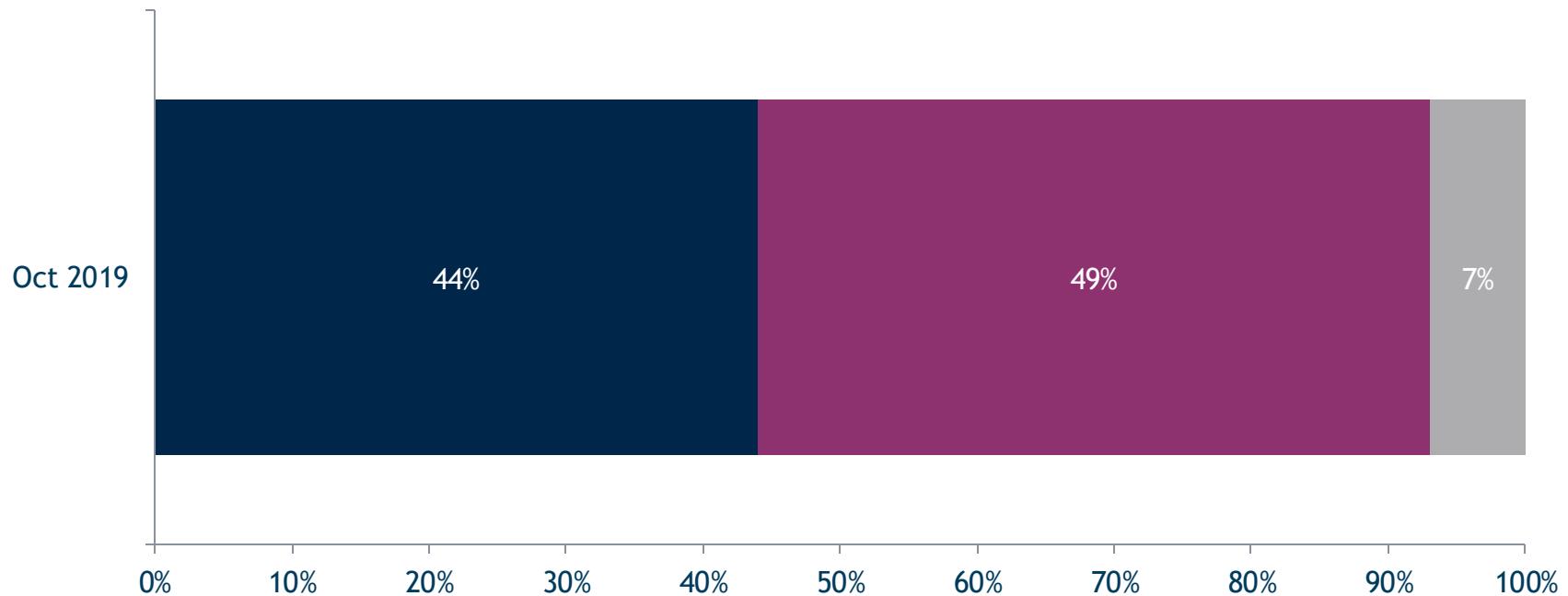


# Who in your opinion should have the right to fund the activities of political parties? (Multiple responses permitted)

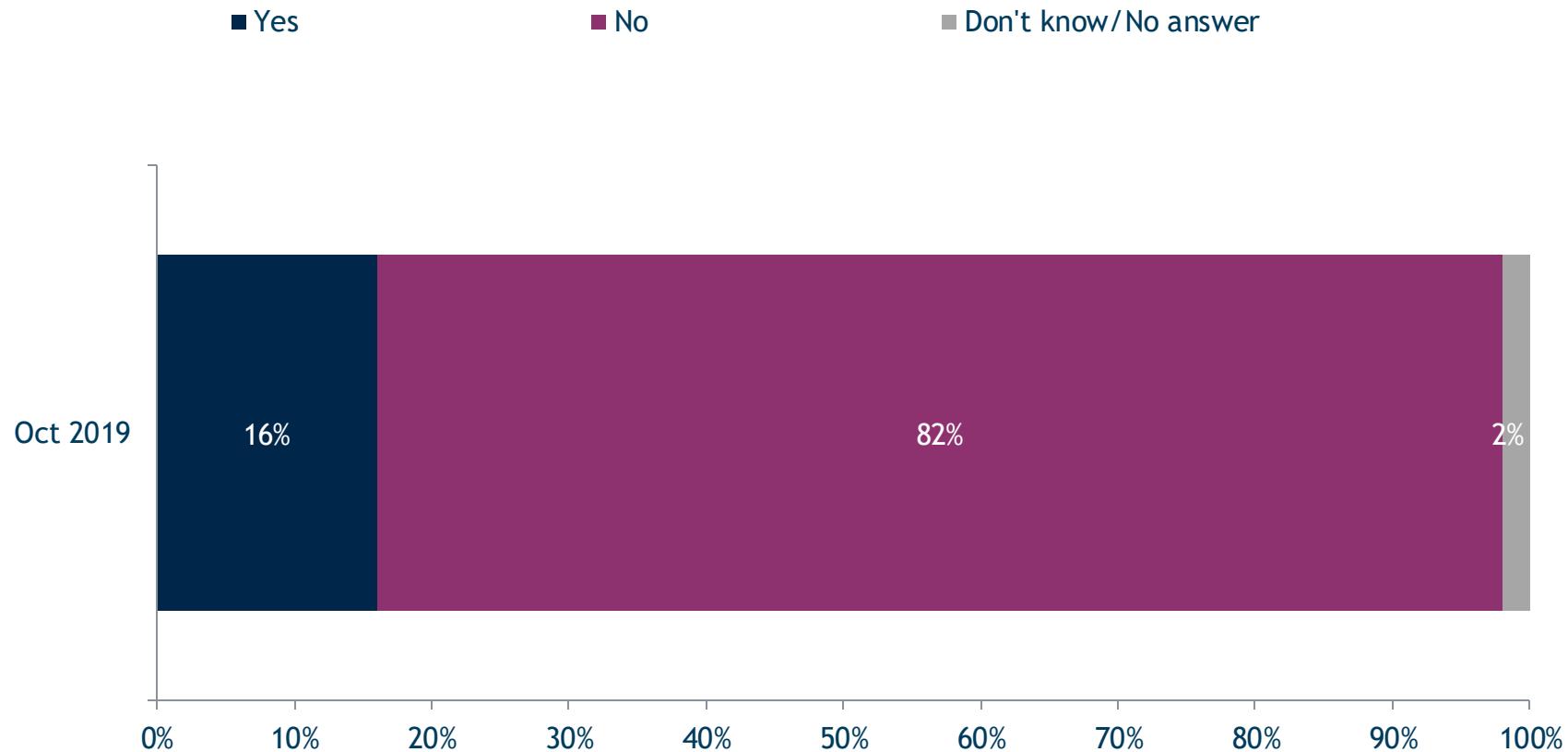


# Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?

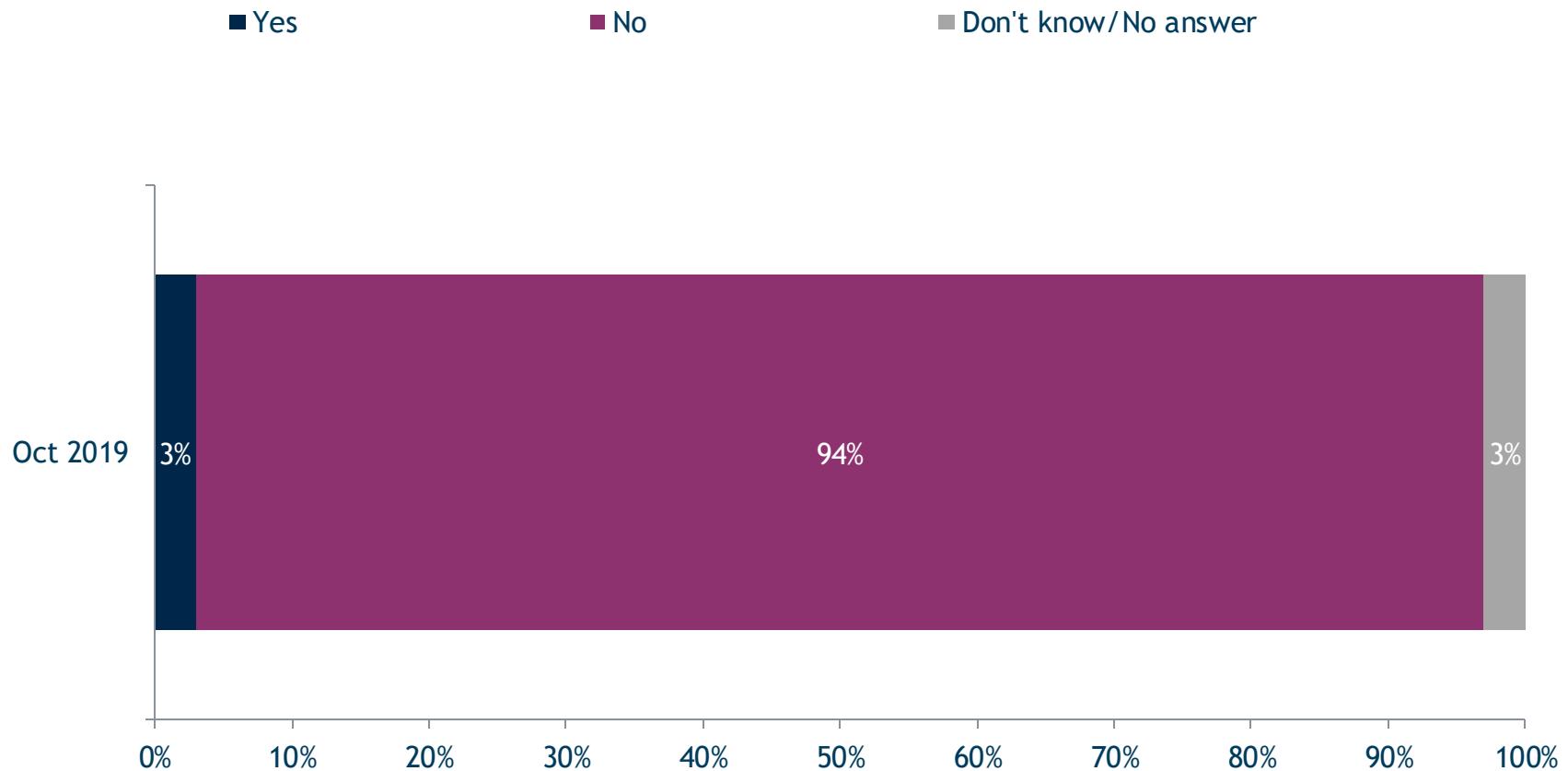
■ I would like to see new political parties   ■ I am satisfied with the current choices   ■ Don't know/No answer



Have you ever received any kind of financial support or in-kind contribution from political parties (politicians) or promise of receiving such type of support both during the past elections and outside of them?

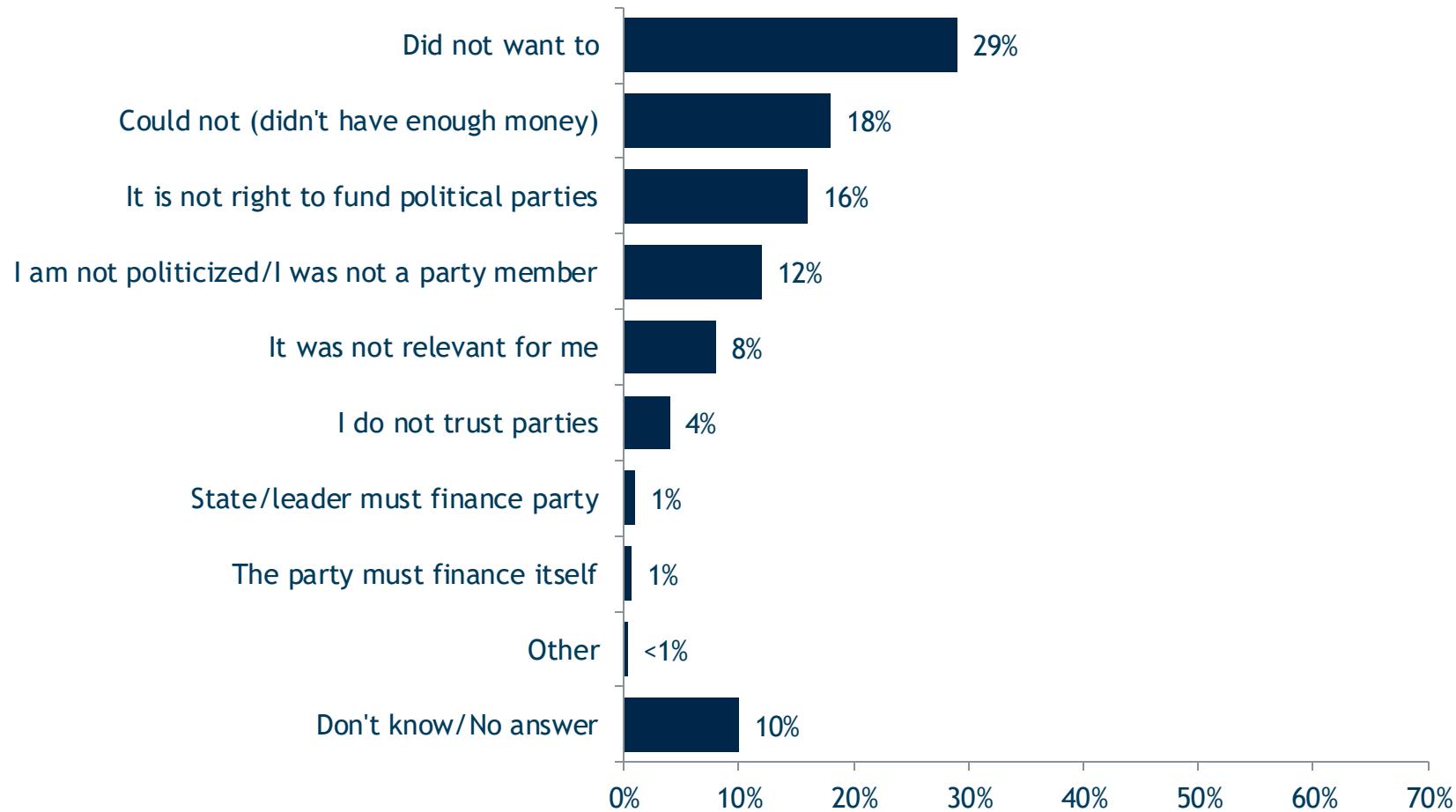


# Have you ever financially supported a political party?



# Why did you not financially support a political party?

(Respondents who have not financially supported a political party, n=1,123; multiple responses permitted)



# Who, in your opinion, shall compile the list of party candidates for elections?

■ The leader of the political party

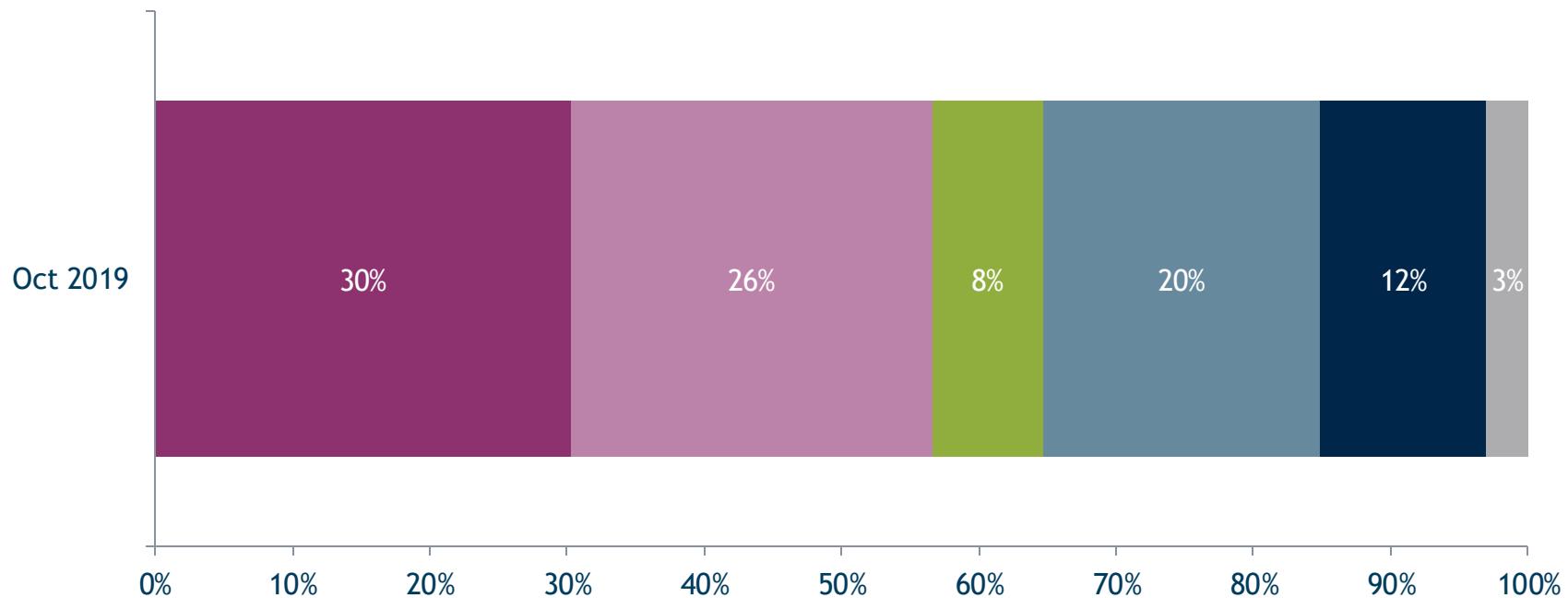
■ The regional offices of the political parties

■ Party congress open voting

■ The executive board

■ Party members through a secret ballot

■ Don't know/No answer





# National Assembly

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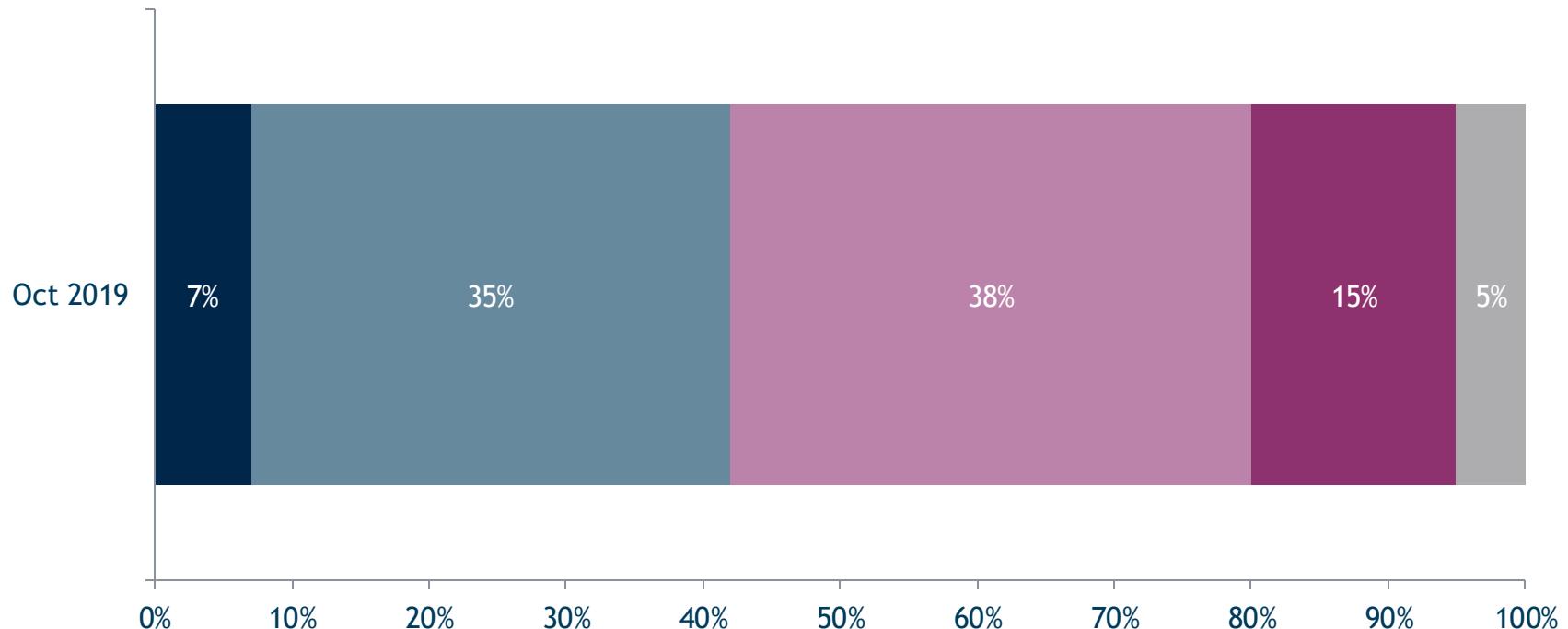
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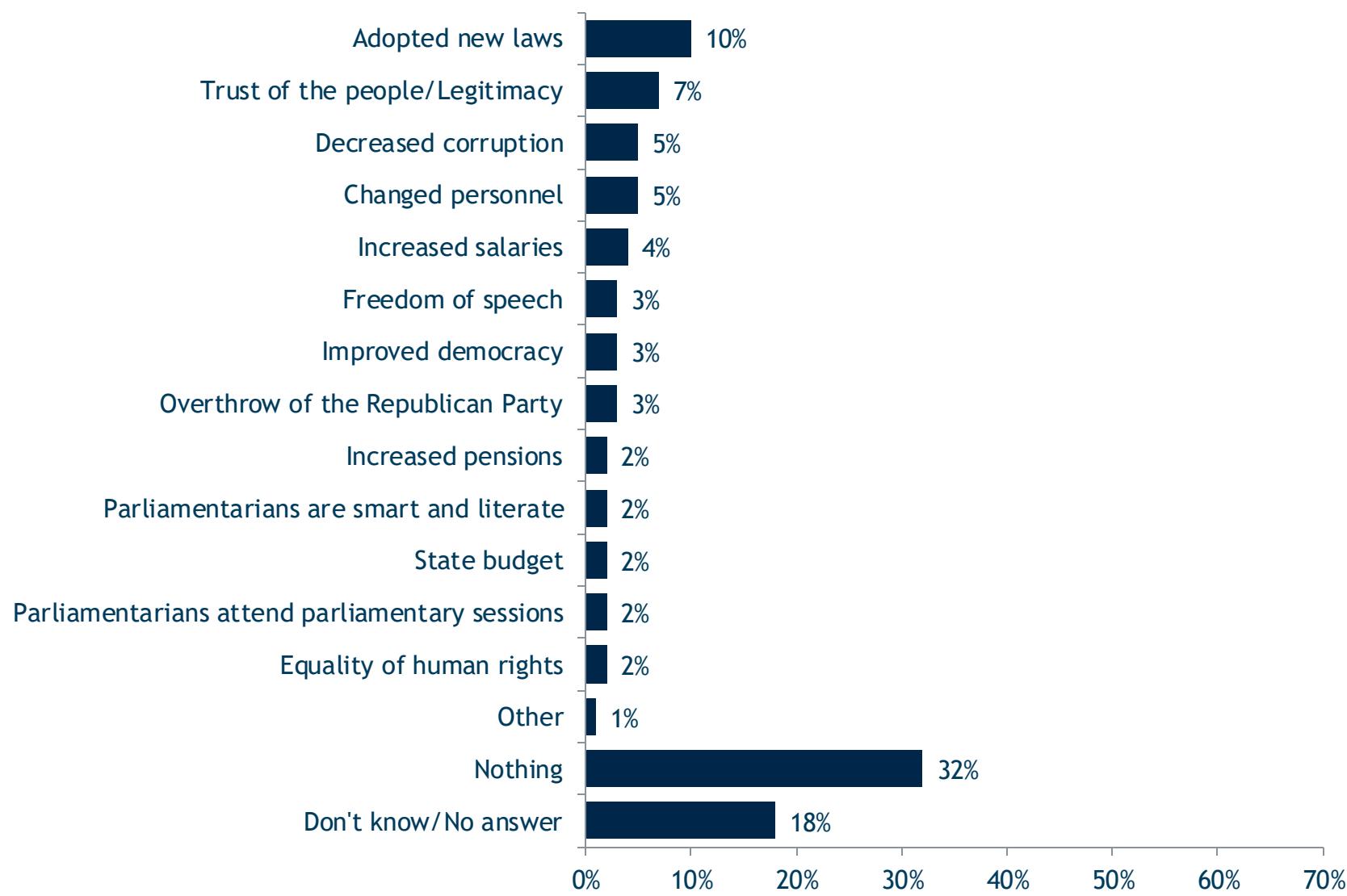
# In general, is the National Assembly doing enough to address the needs of people like you?

- National Assembly is doing a lot
- National Assembly is doing enough
- National Assembly is doing little
- National Assembly is doing nothing
- Don't know/No answer



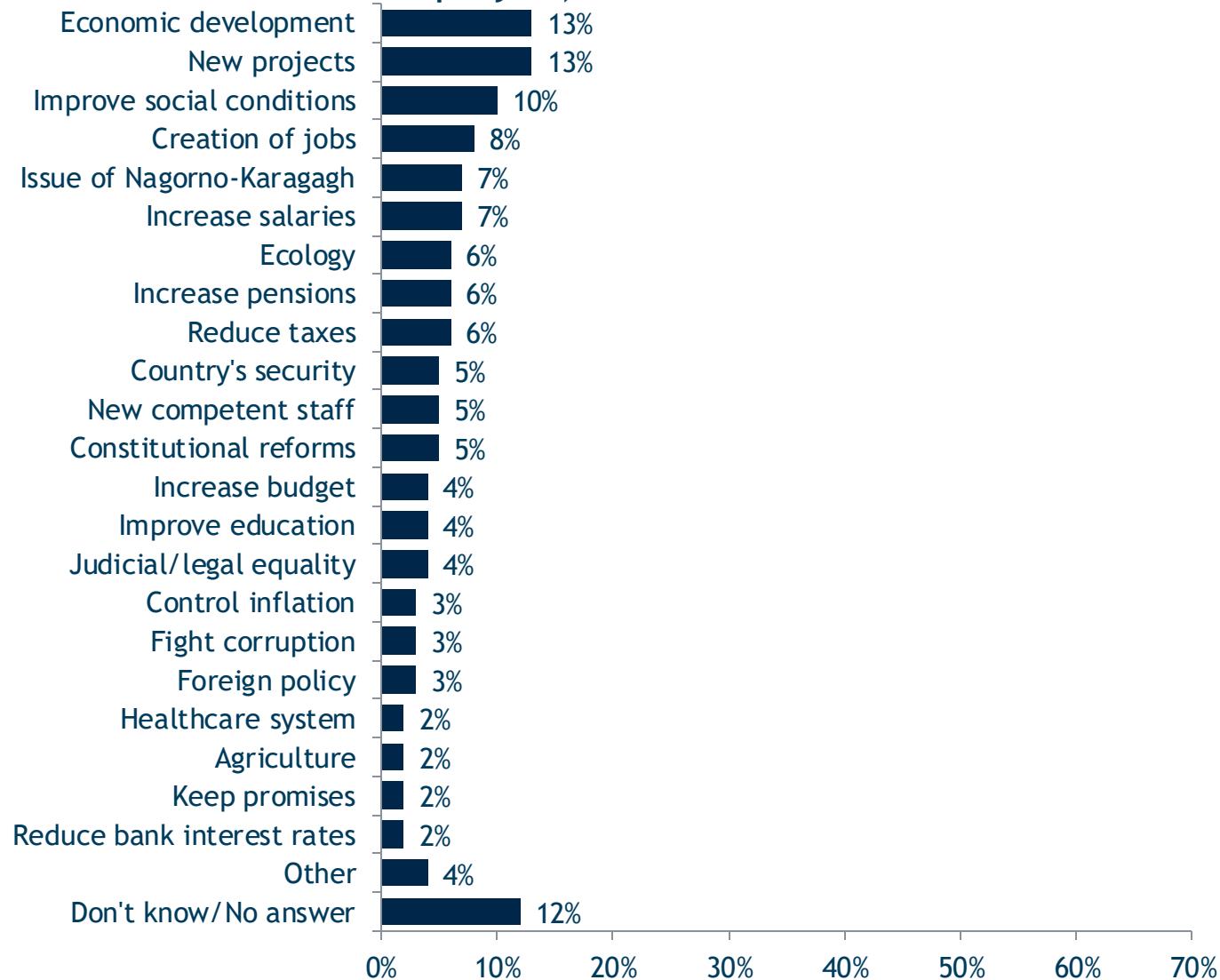
# What is the most important accomplishment of the current National Assembly?

(Spontaneous response; one response permitted)

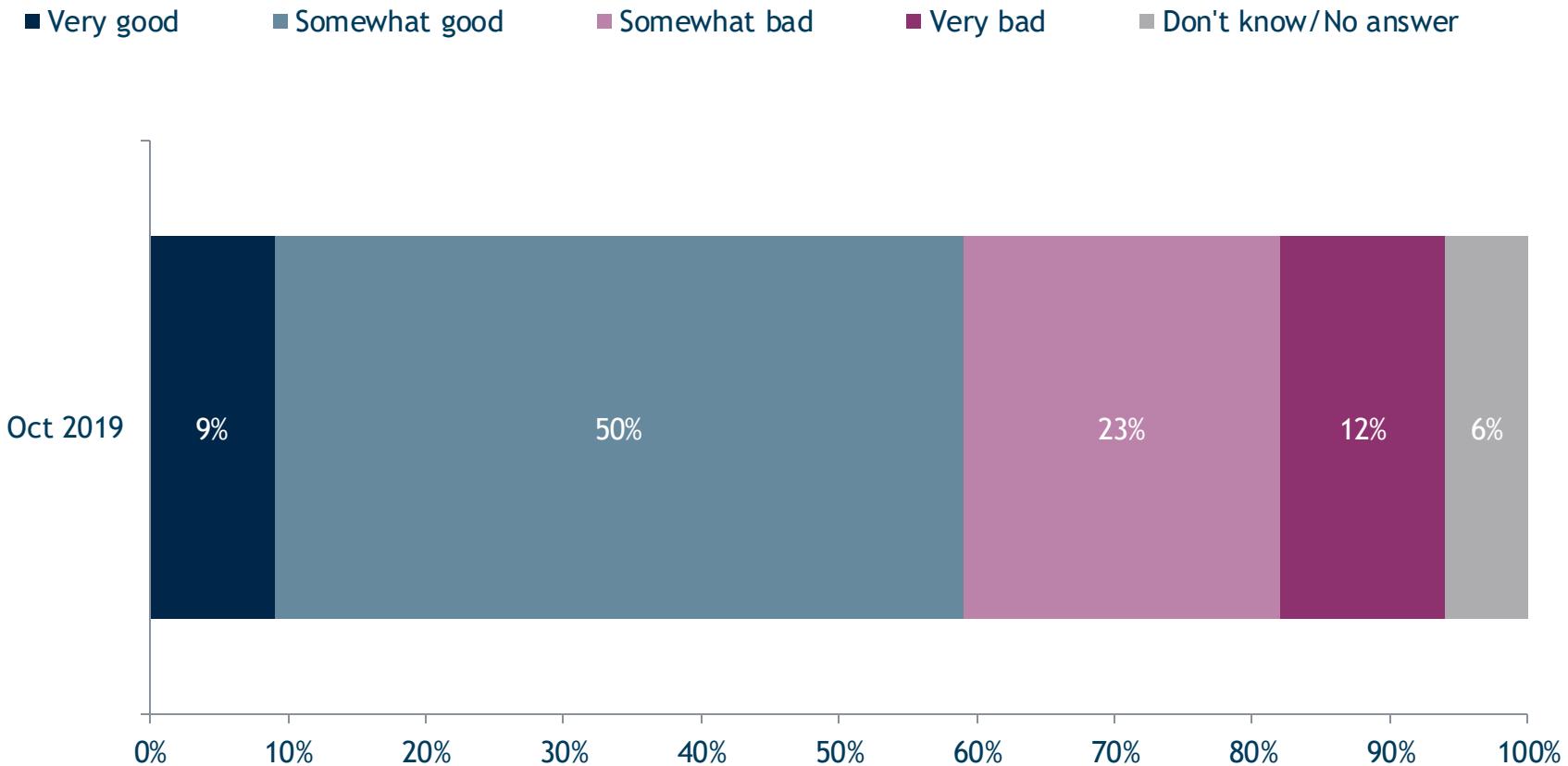


# What specific issue should be the top priority for the National Assembly to address?

(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted, only mentions of 2% or more displayed)



# How would you rate the performance of the National Assembly since January 2019?





# International Relations

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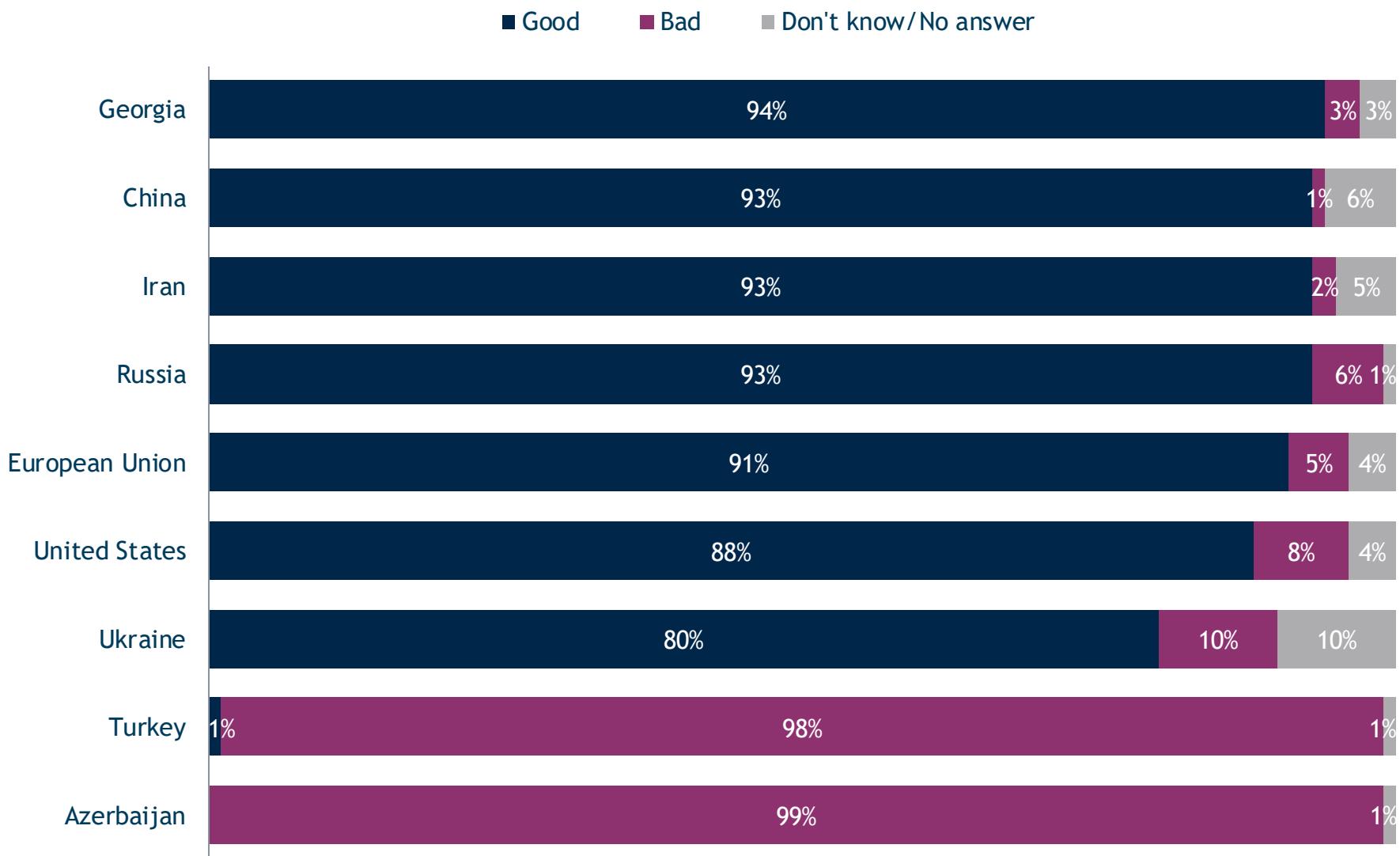


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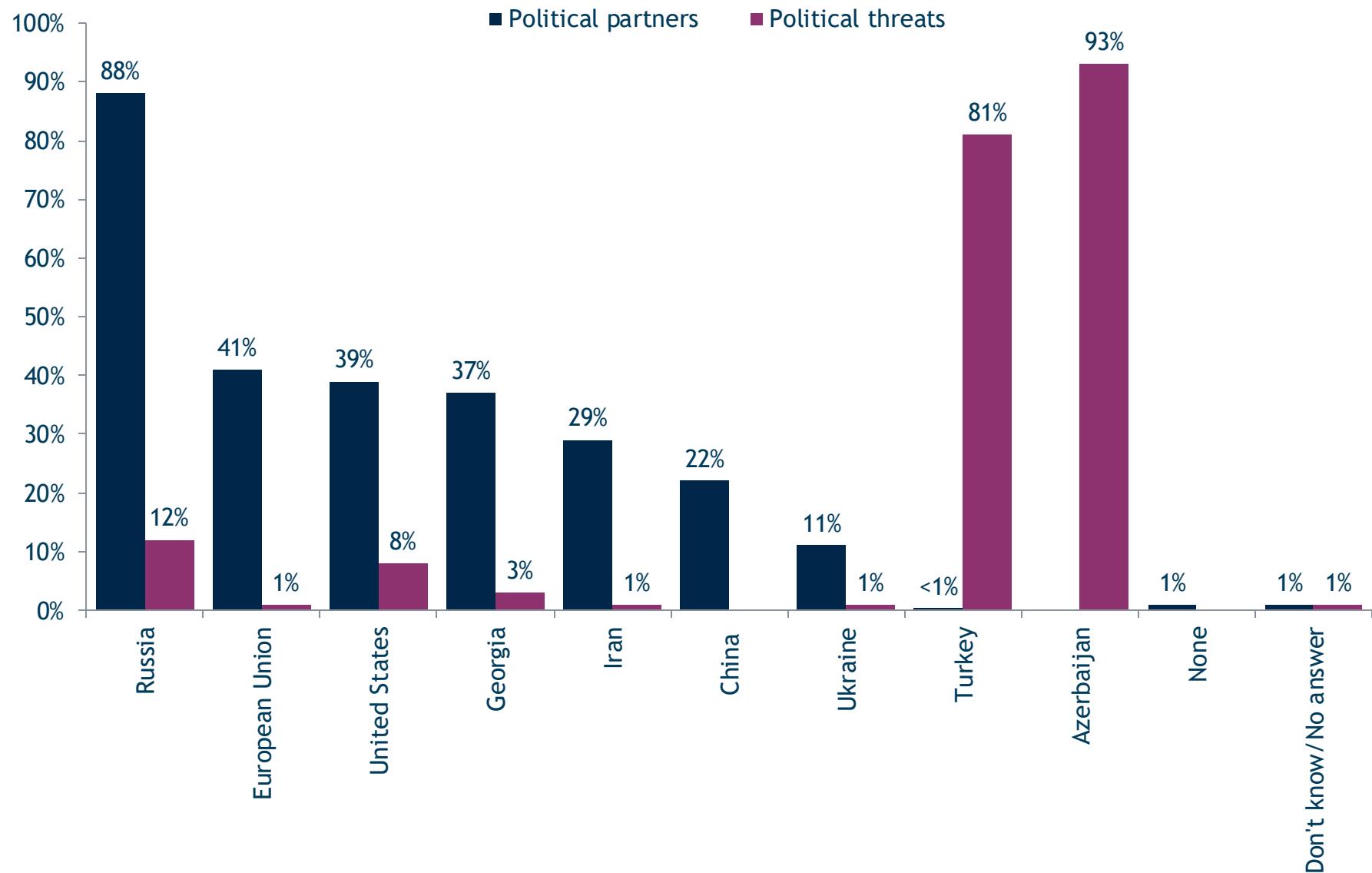
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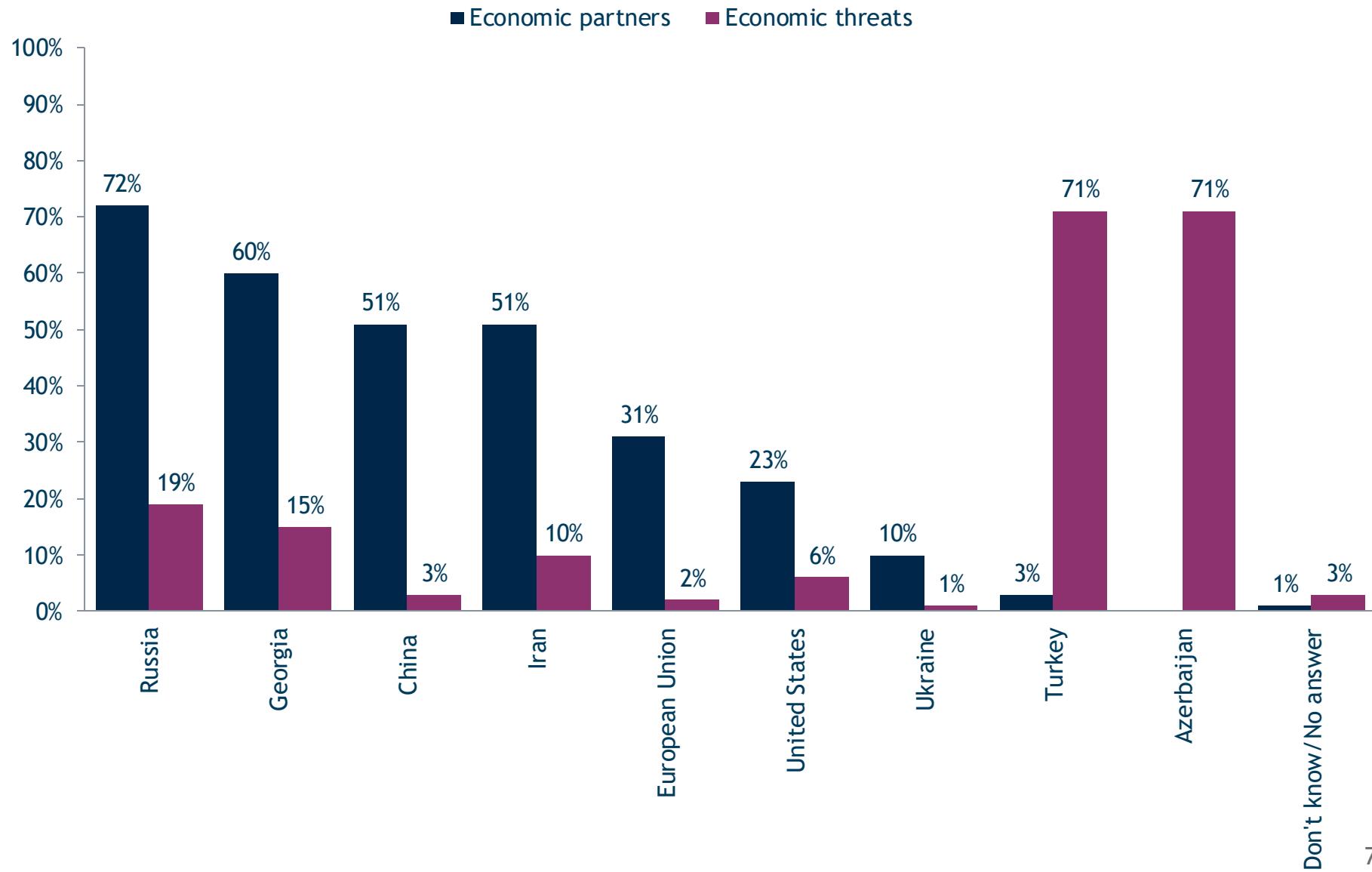
# How would you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Armenia and the following countries?



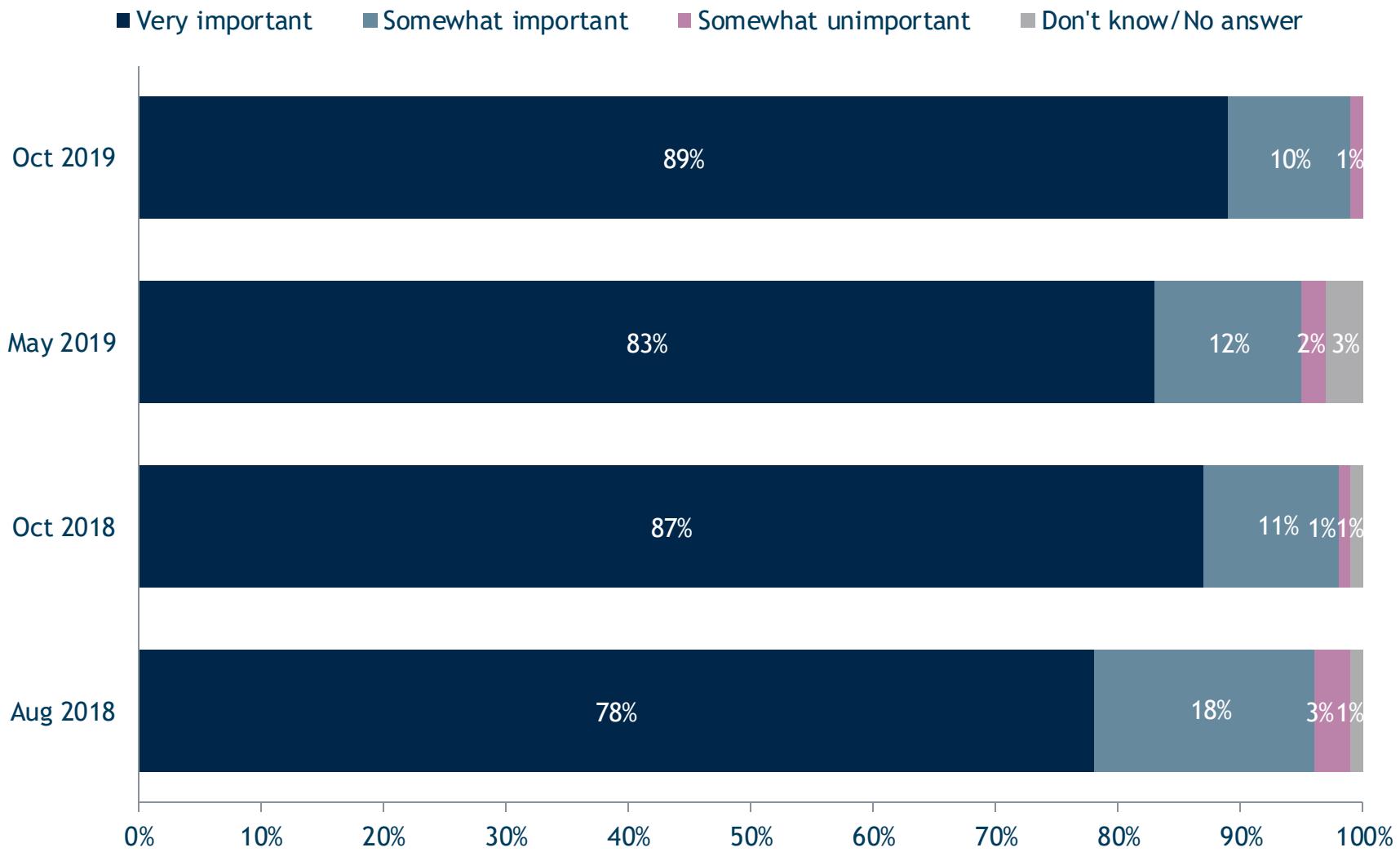
# Which of these countries do you consider the most important political partners or threats for Armenia? (Multiple responses permitted)



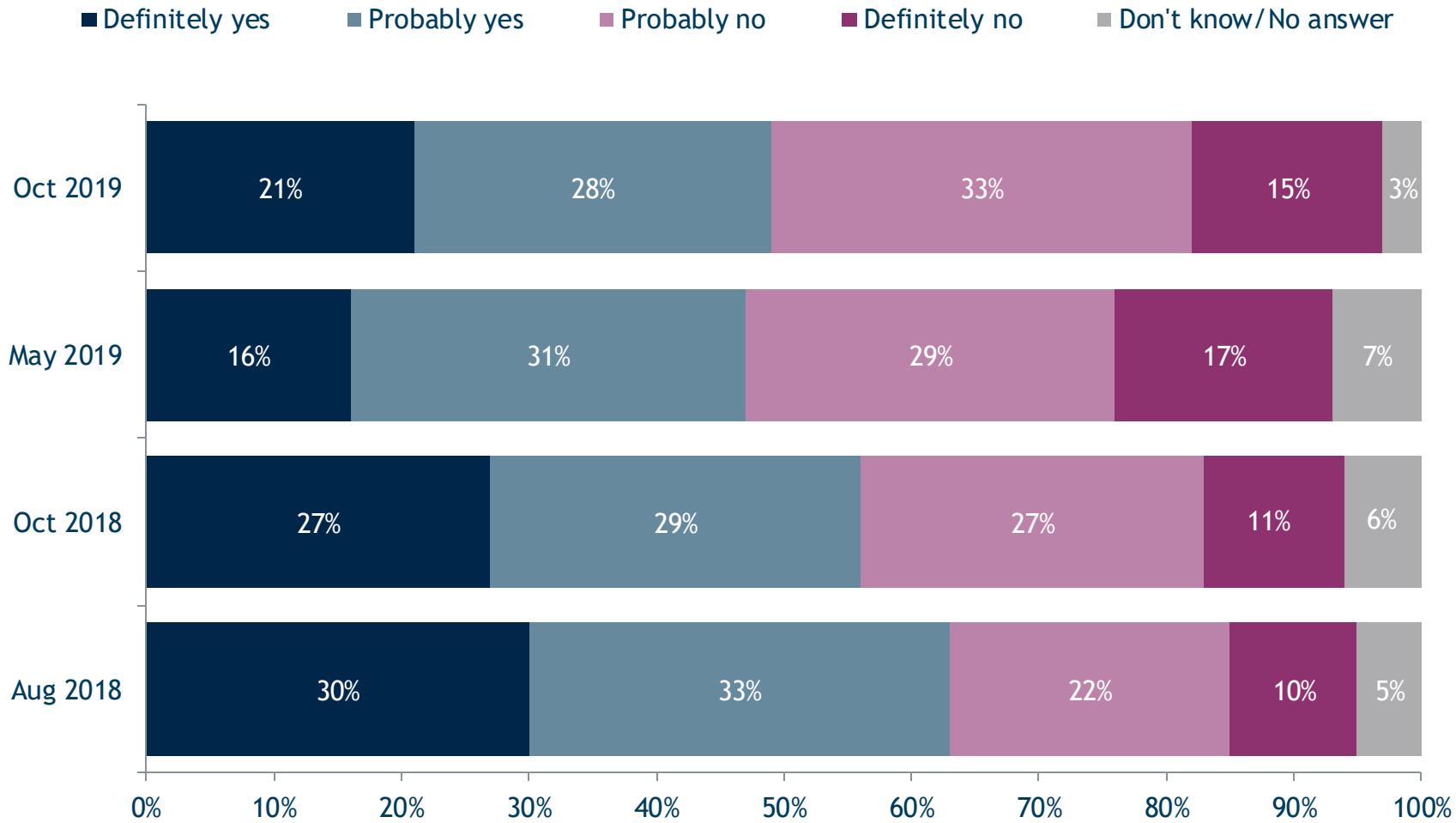
# Which of these countries do you consider the most important economic partners or threats for Armenia? (Multiple responses permitted)



# How important is it for Armenia's future to solve outstanding problems related to Nagorno-Karabakh in the near future?



# Do you think that a peaceful settlement of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict can be reached with Azerbaijan without either side resorting to military force?





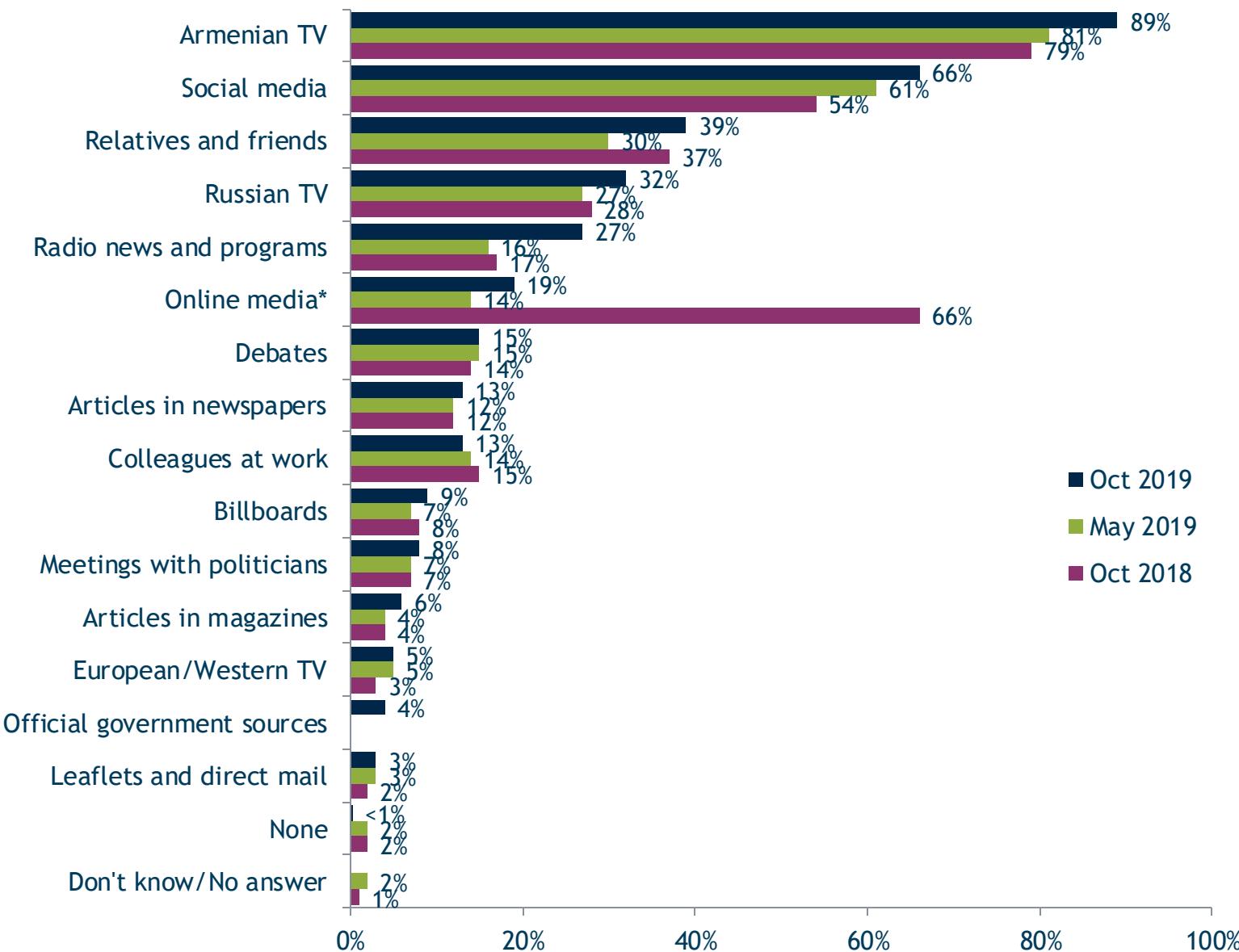
# Sources of Information



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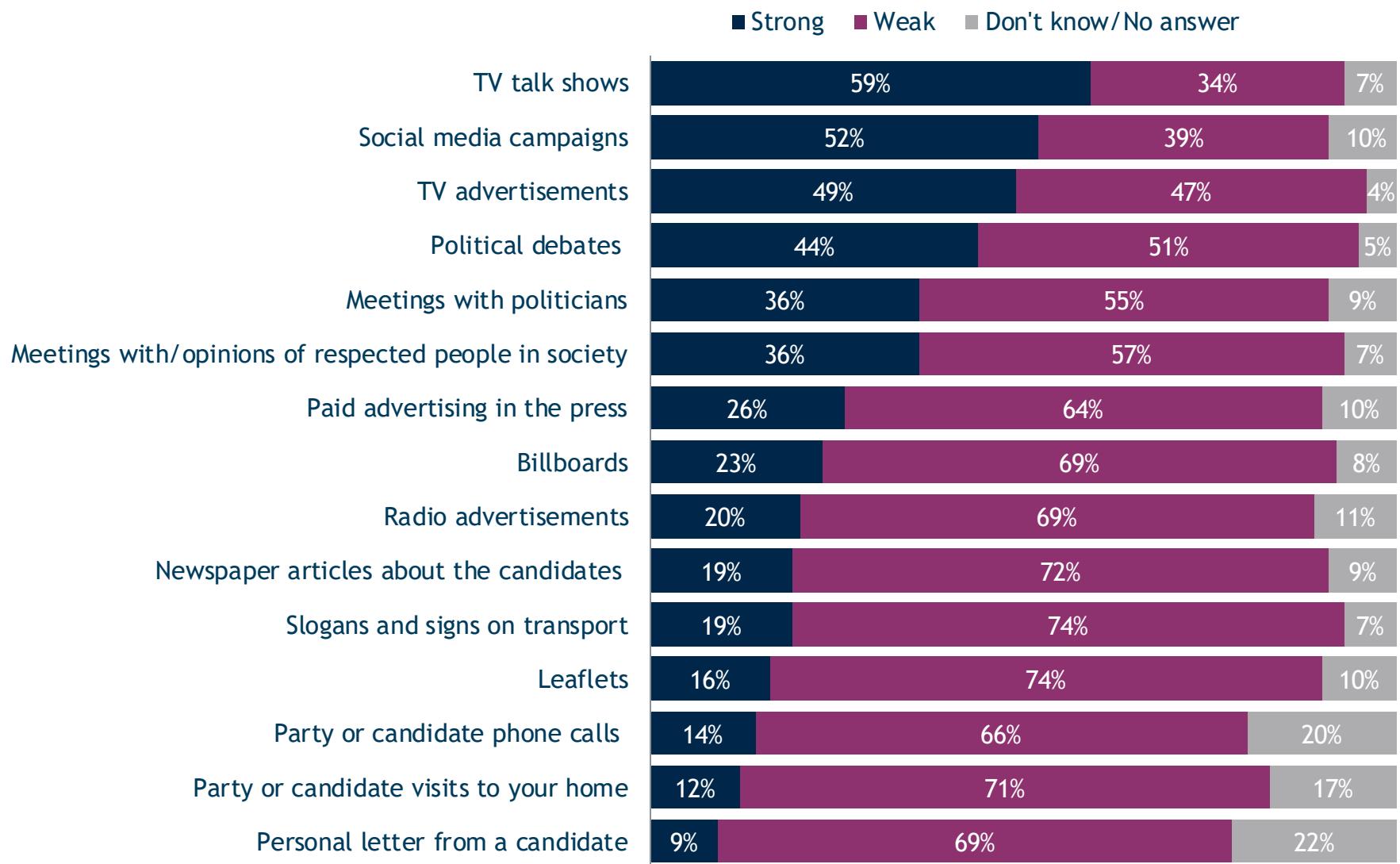
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# Which of these sources do you use to gain political information? (Multiple responses permitted)

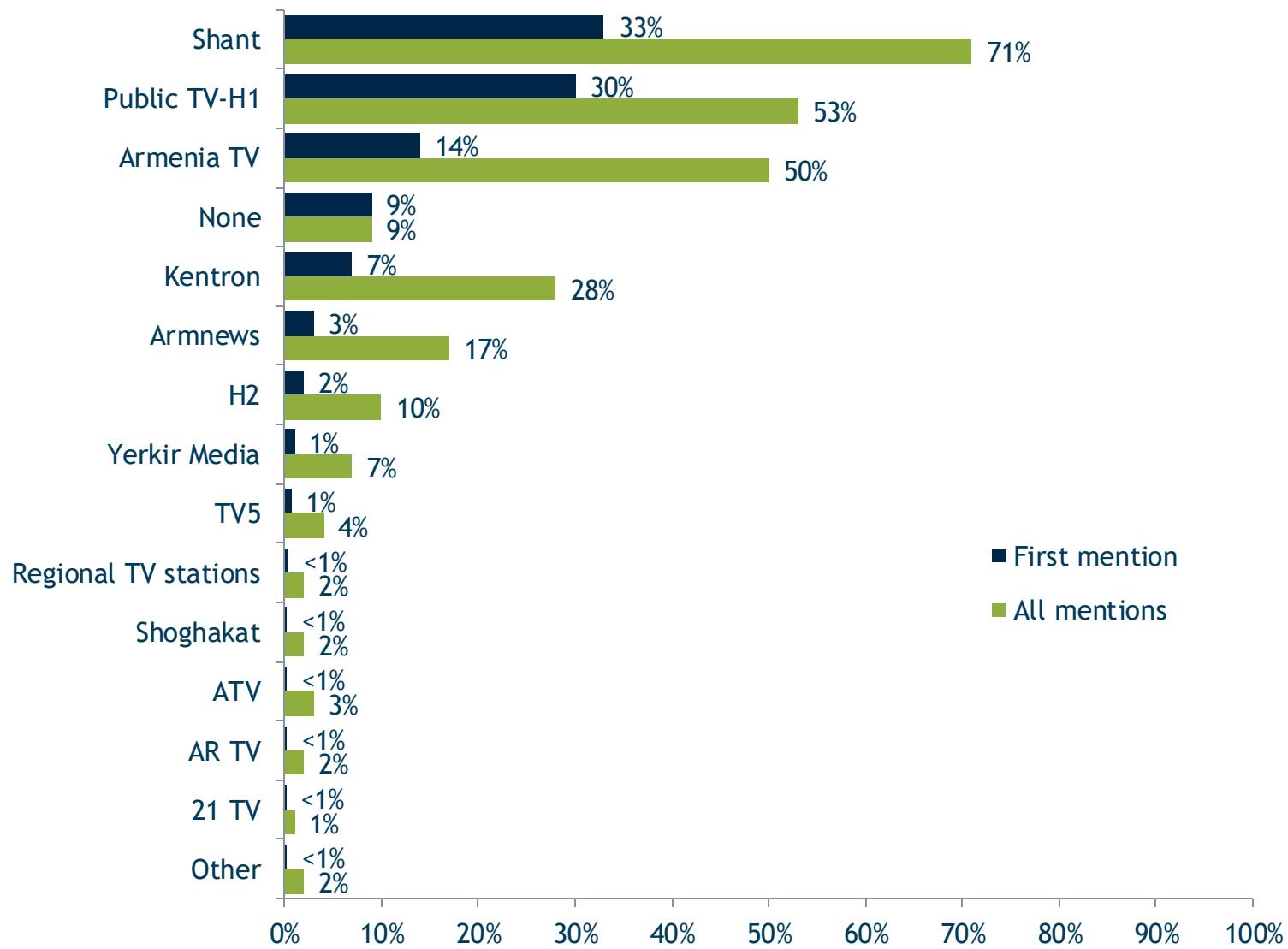


\* Beginning in May 2019, the term “online media” was used instead of internet.

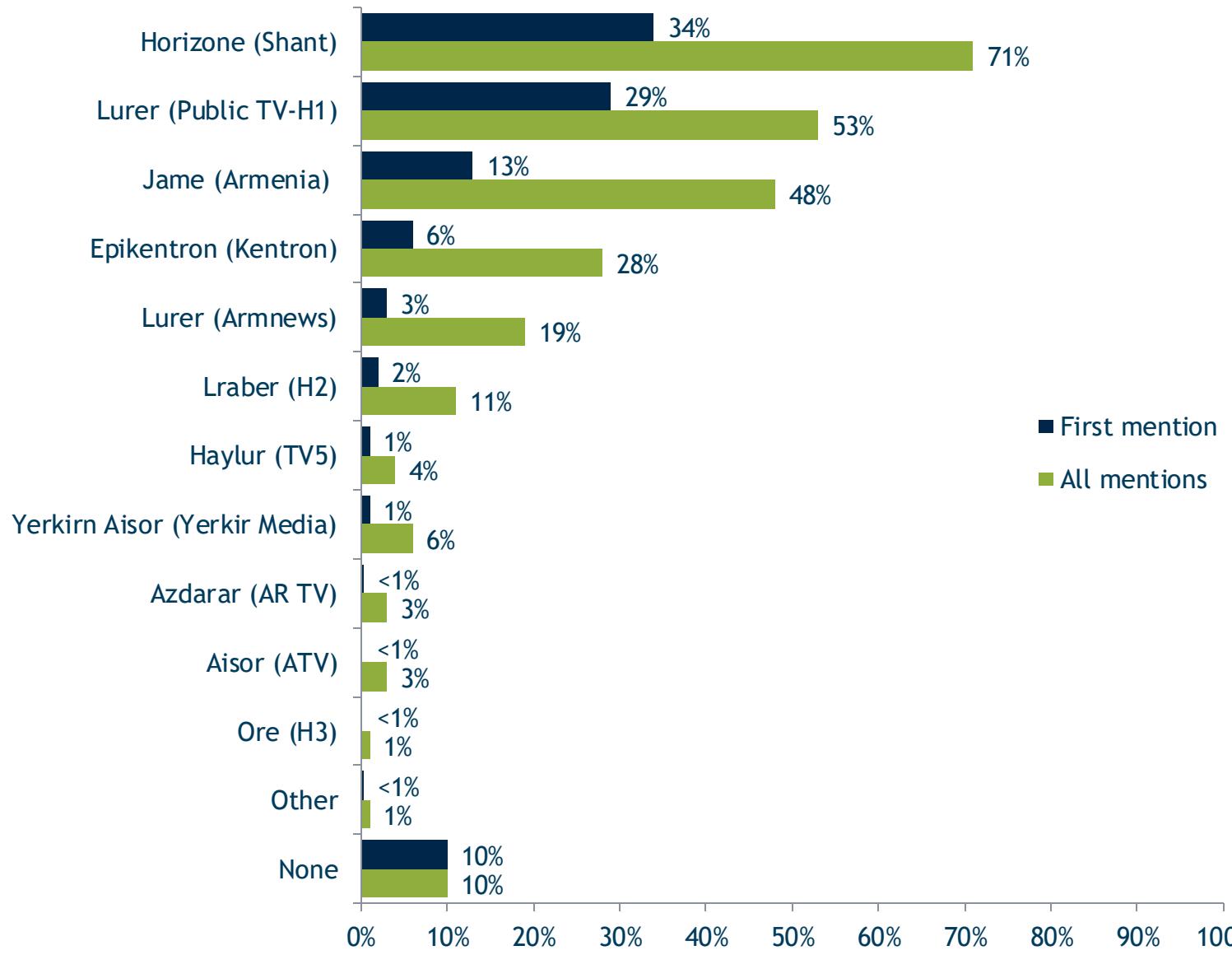
# In general, how much influence does each of the following forms of election campaigning have on you?



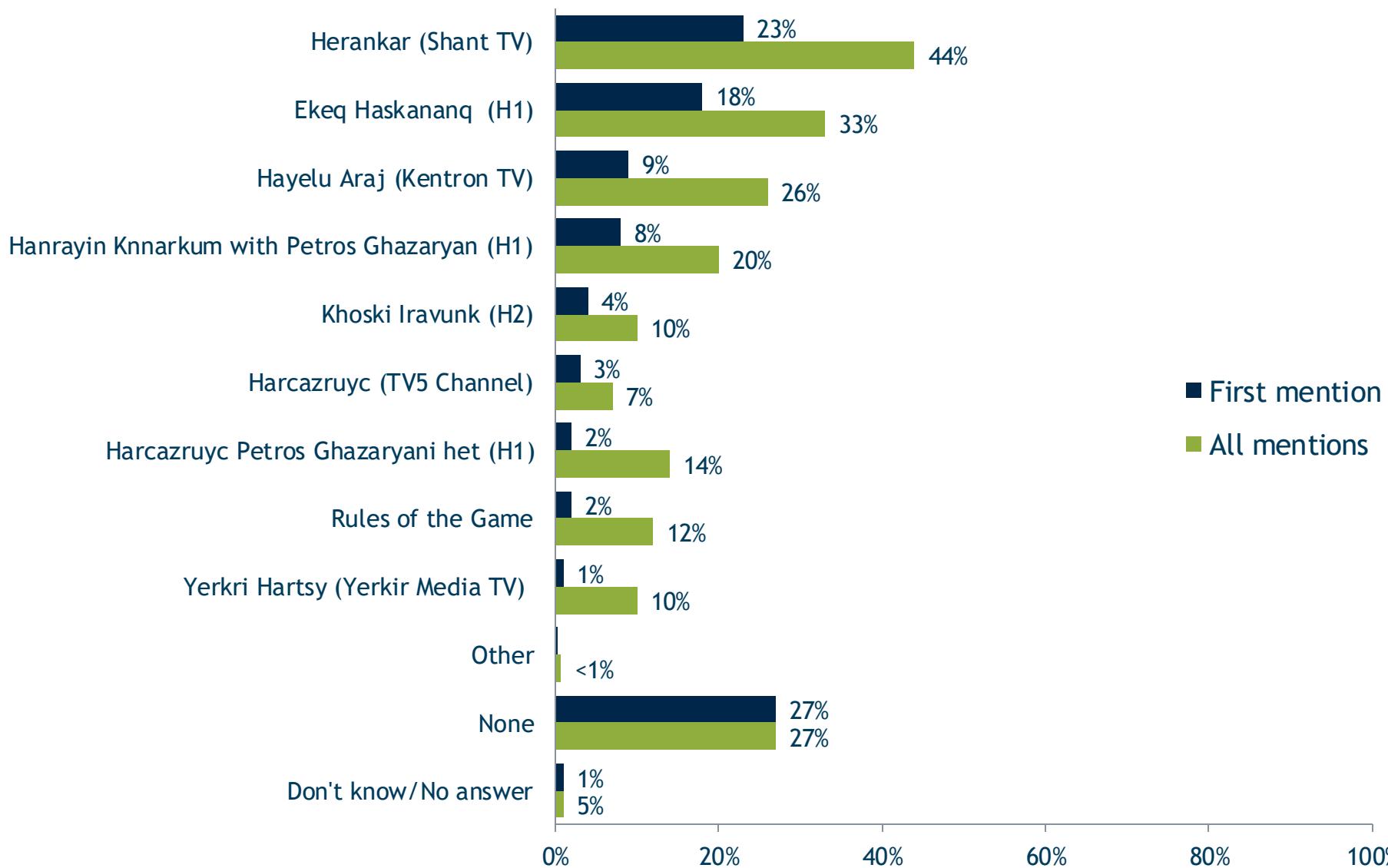
# Which Armenian television station's news and political information do you trust the most? (Up to three responses permitted)



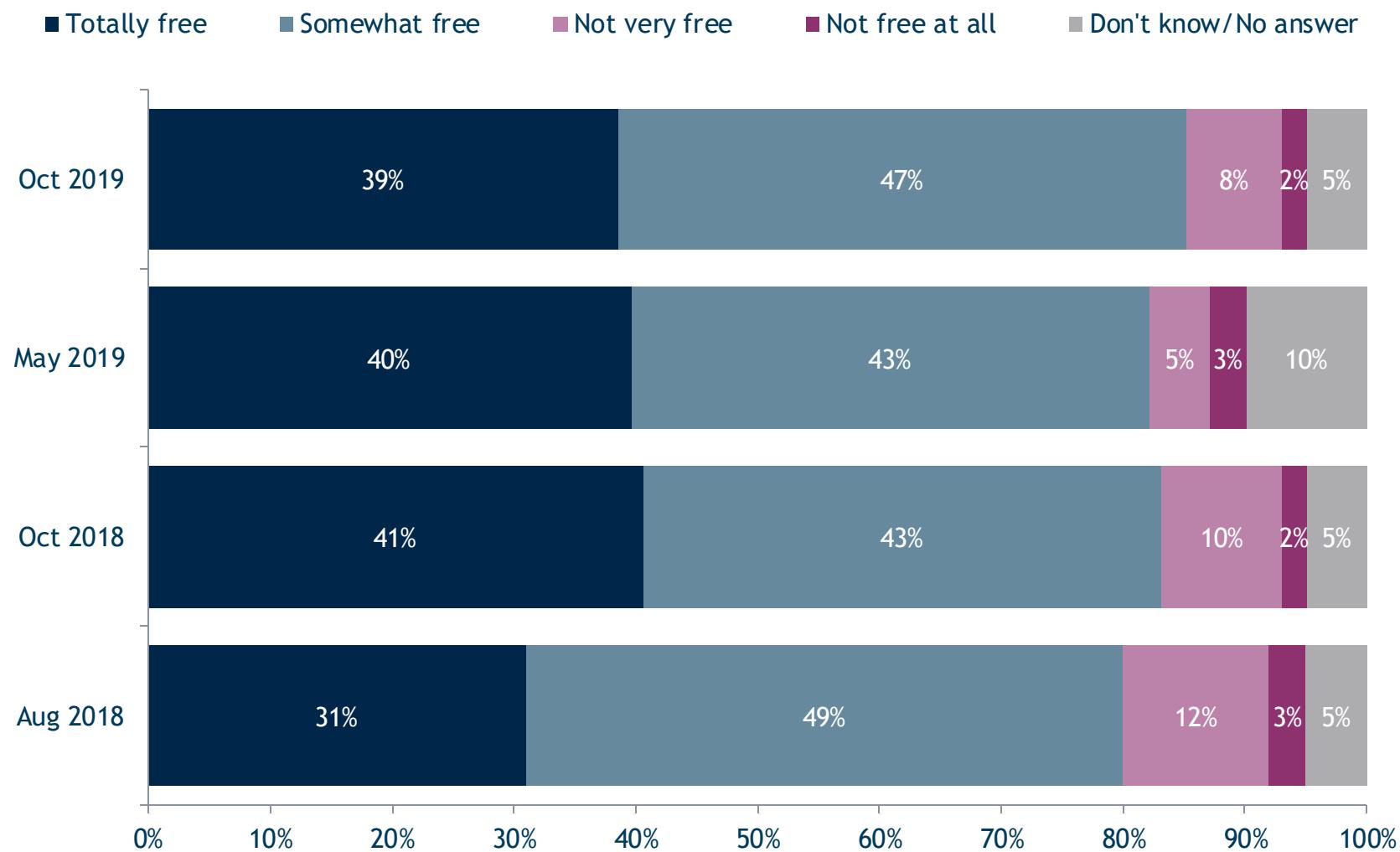
# Which television news program do you trust the most? (Up to three responses permitted)



# Which television talk shows do you watch most frequently? (Up to three responses permitted)

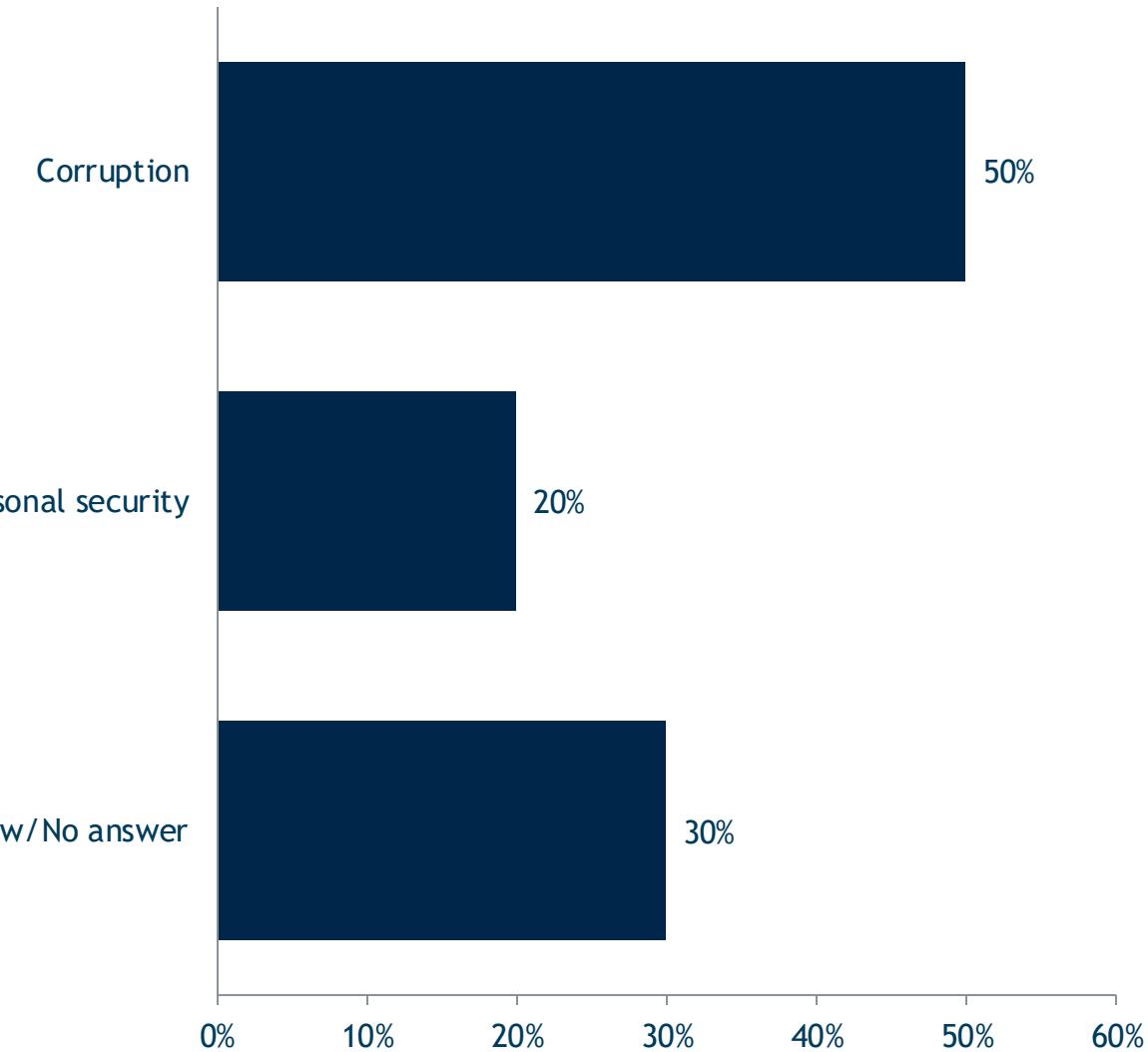


# Is Armenian mass media free to express various political views?



# Why do you think that Armenian mass media is not free to express various political views?

(Among those who said that media is *not free*, n=122)

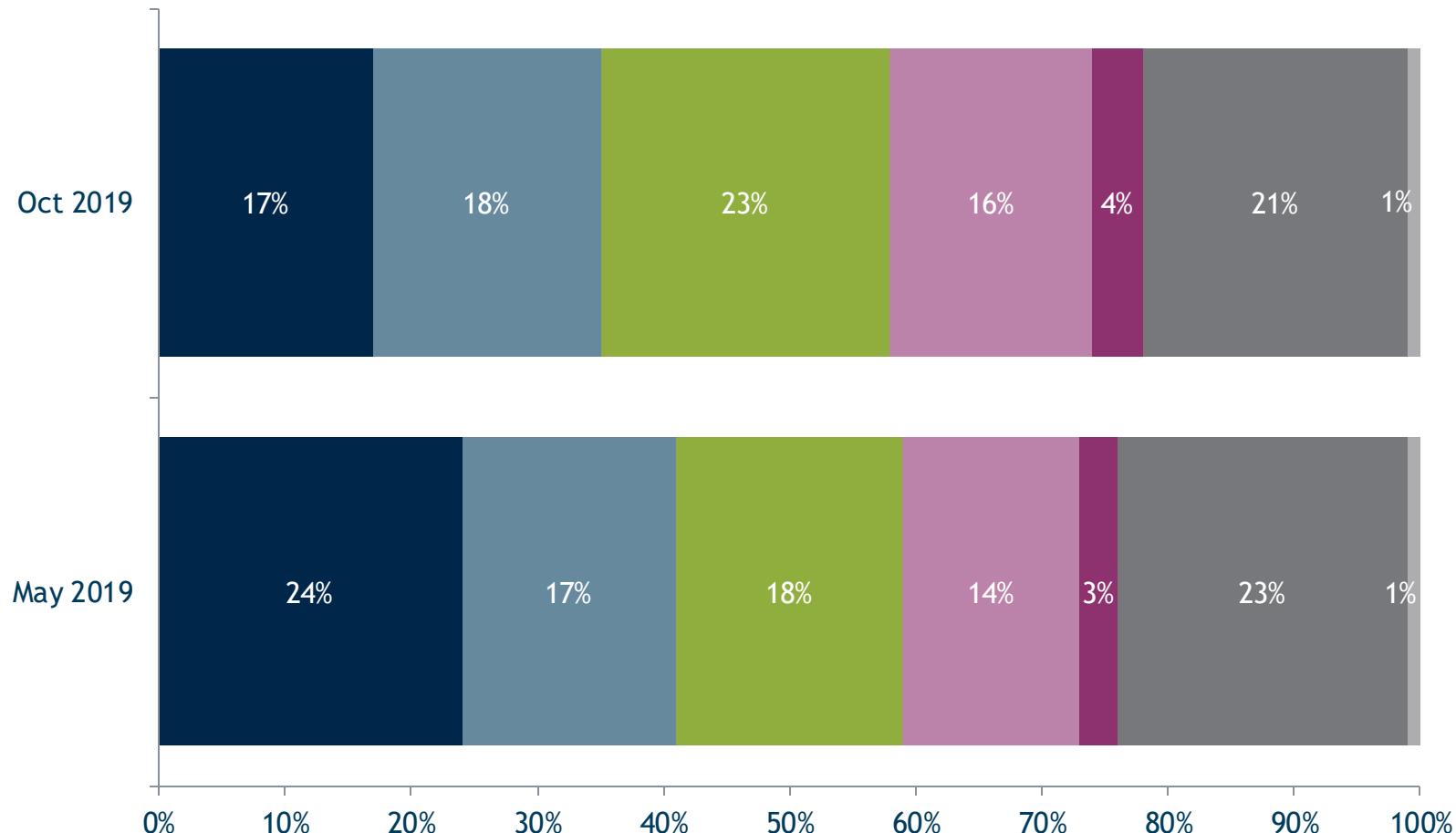


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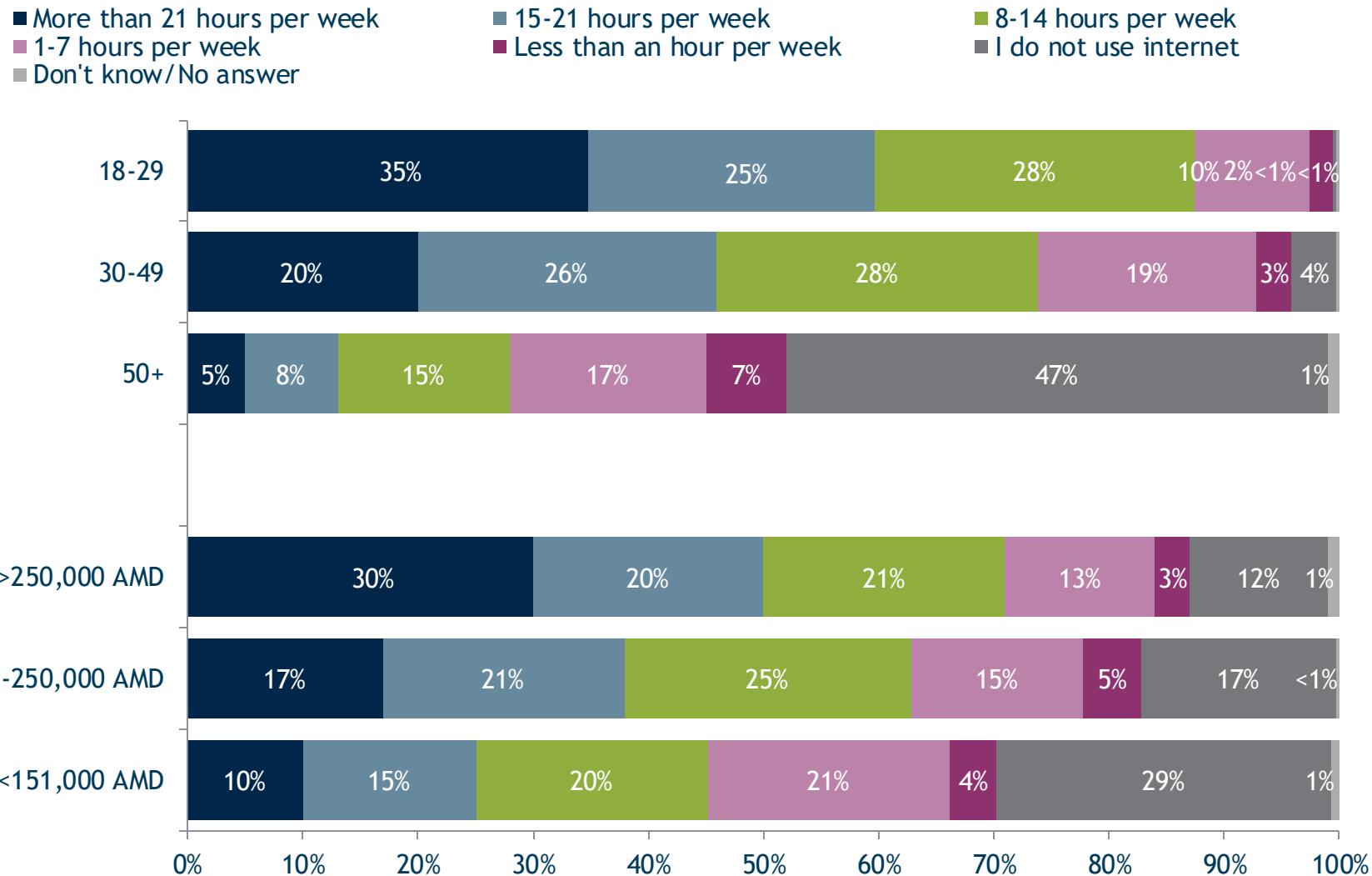
■ More than 21 hours per week  
■ 1-7 hours per week  
■ Don't know/No answer

■ 15-21 hours per week  
■ Less than an hour per week

■ 8-14 hours per week  
■ I do not use internet

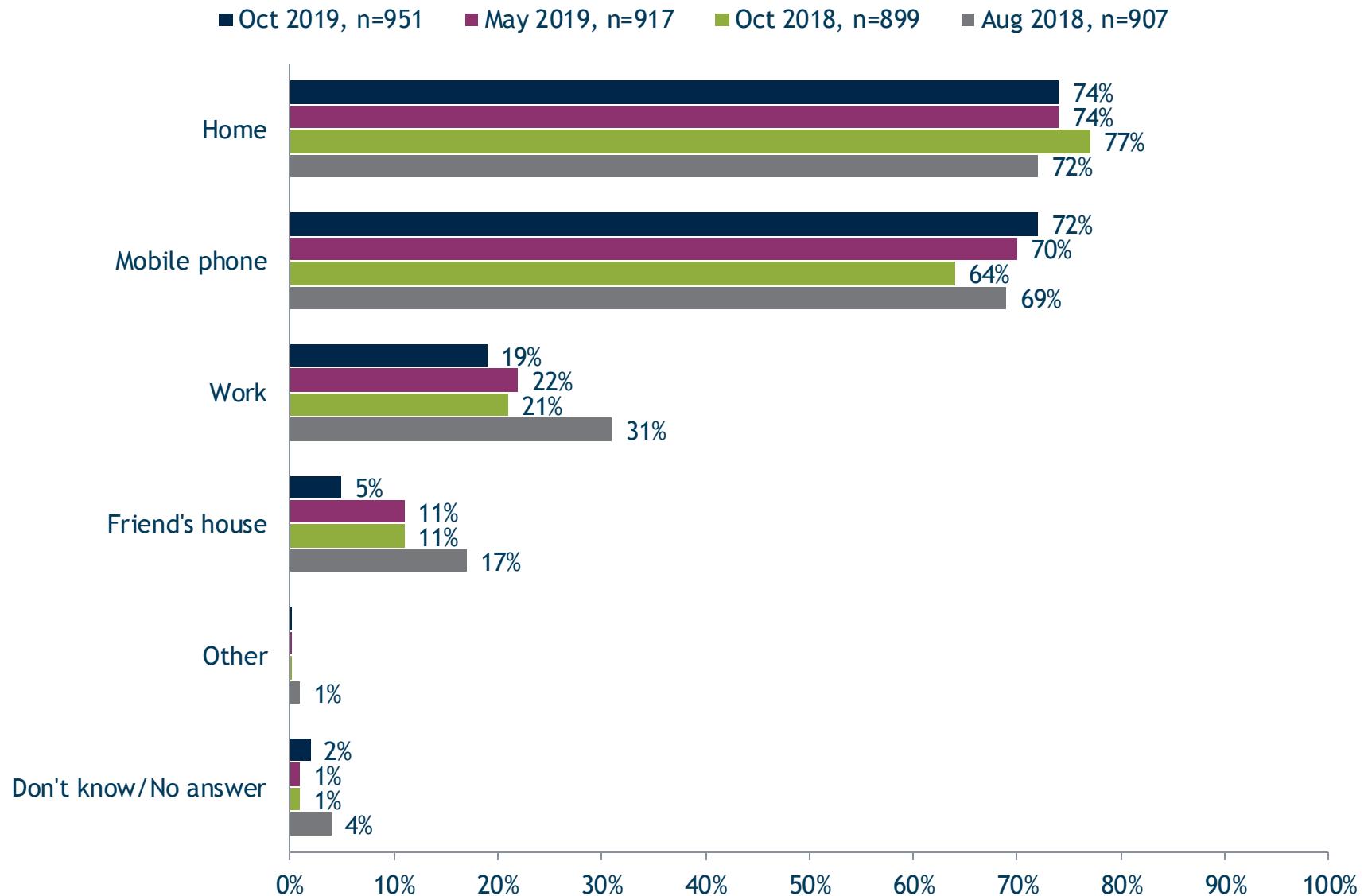


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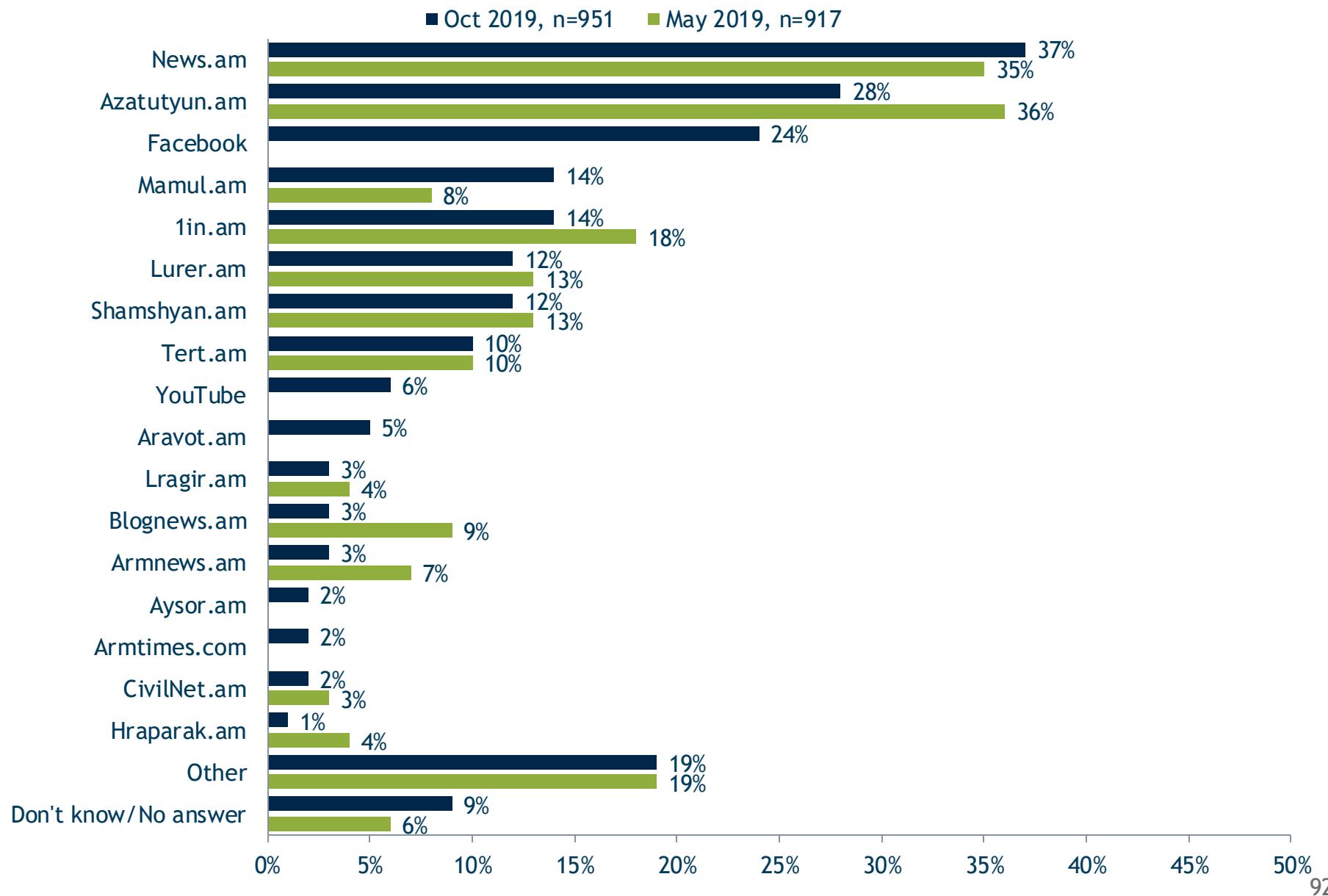


# Where do you access the internet?

(Among internet users; up to three responses permitted)



# Which internet sites do you visit most often for getting news? (Among internet users; spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)





# Demographics

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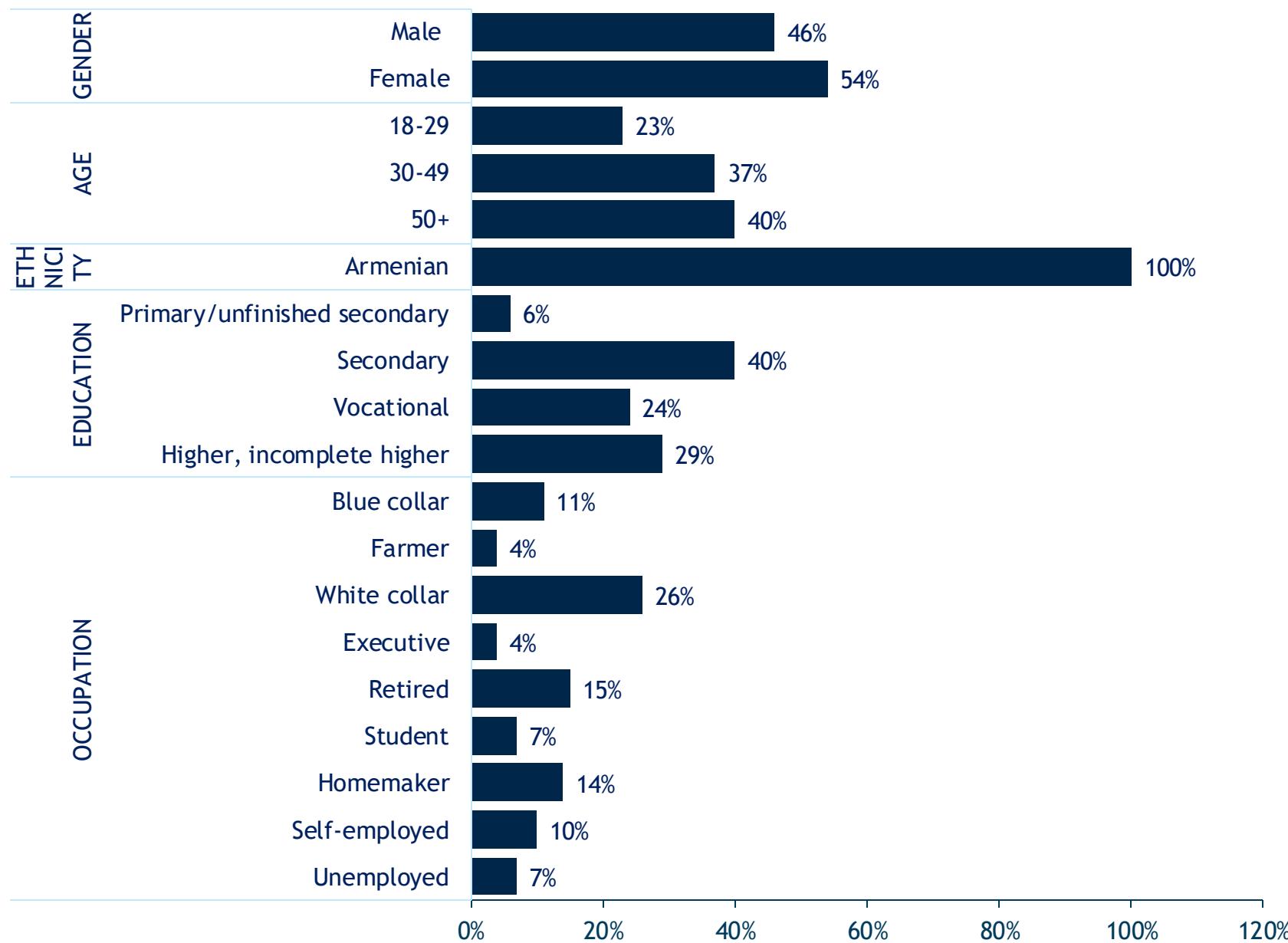


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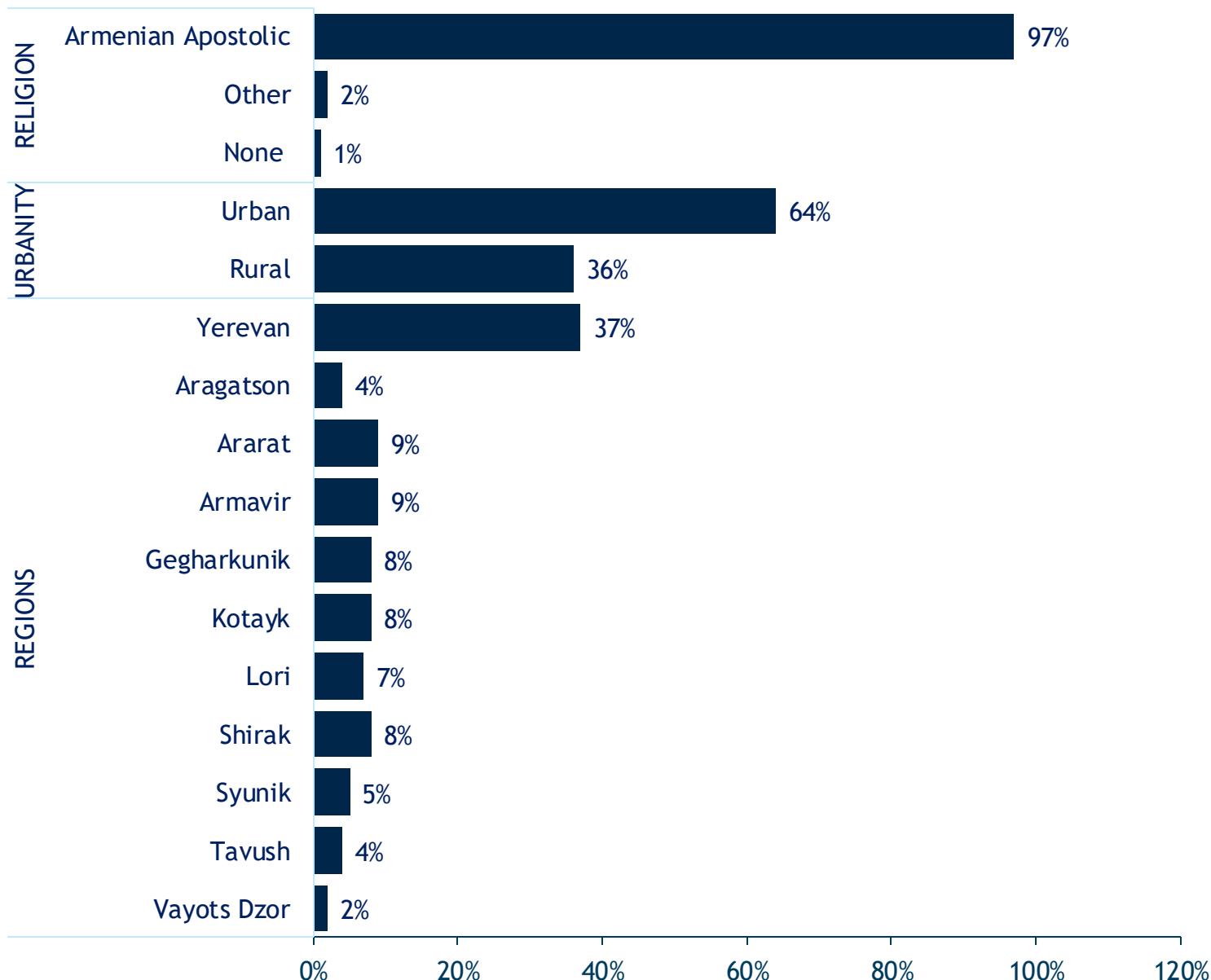
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