



*Public attitudes in Georgia:*

Results of a March 2013 survey carried out for  
NDI by CRRC

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# Methodology - Current Wave

- This research has been conducted over multiple waves. The funding for this wave was provided by the Swedish International Development and Cooperation Agency (Sida)
- **Current survey wave:**
  - Fieldwork dates: March 13 – 27, 2013
  - 3,103 completed interviews
  - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Capital, Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas.
- **Sample design**
  - NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design with both stratification and clustering
  - Households are selected via random route sampling
  - Respondents are selected using a Kish table
  - Randomly selected households and individuals are not substituted
  - All interviews are conducted face-to-face
- The average margin of error is +/- 2.5%

## Methodology – Historical Waves

- This research has been conducted over multiple waves. The funding for most waves was provided by Sida, however one wave was funded by the Eurasia Foundation and one by the British Embassy
- Historical waves:
  - **November 2012**
    - Fieldwork dates: November 14 – 25, 2012
    - 1,947 completed interviews
    - A nationally representative sample including capital, urban, rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas
    - The average margin of error does not exceed +/- 3%
  - **August 2012**
    - Fieldwork dates: July 31 – August 12, 2012
    - 2,038 completed interviews
    - A nationally representative sample including Capital, urban and rural areas.
    - The average margin of error does not exceed +/- 3%
  - **June 2012**
    - Fieldwork dates: June 4 – June 22, 2012
    - 6,299 completed interviews
    - A nationally representative sample including urban and rural areas as well as additional representative samples of the self governing cities of Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti and Rustavi as well as the Majoritarian districts of Saburtalo, Isani, Samgori, Nadzaladvi, Gldani, Telavi, Kobuleti, Zugdidi and Gori
    - The average margin of error does not exceed +/- 2%

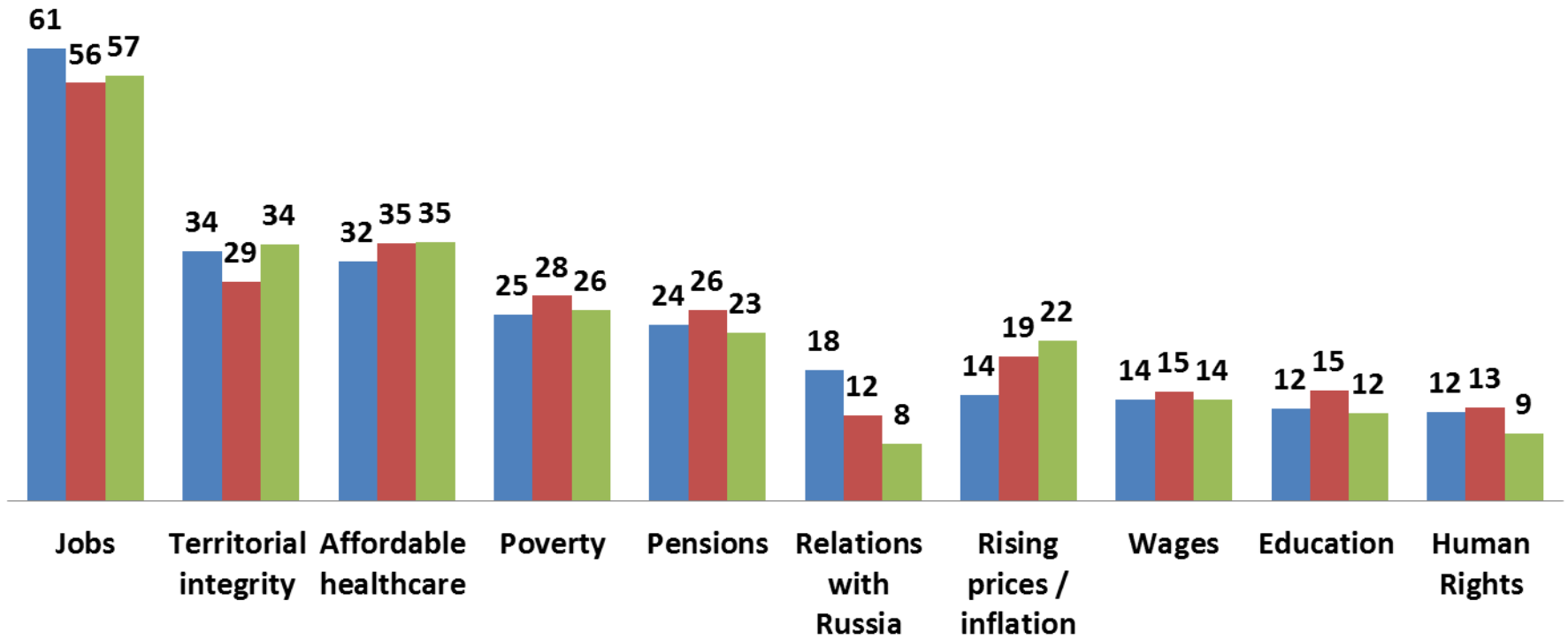
# Methodology – Historical Waves

- **February 2012**
  - Fieldwork dates: February 22 – March 5, 2012
  - 3,161 completed interviews
  - A nationally representative sample including representative samples of Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti, Rustavi, Telavi District 17, other urban and rural areas
- **September 2011**
  - Fieldwork dates: September 9-21, 2011
  - 2,425 completed interviews
  - A nationally representative sample with additional representative samples in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti, Rustavi, Telavi District 17, other urban and rural areas
- **March 2011**
  - Fieldwork dates: March 4-17, 2011
  - 2,893 completed interviews
  - A nationally representative sample, including representative samples in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Rustavi, other urban and rural areas
- The average margin of error for these waves is +/- 3%

# National and Local Issues

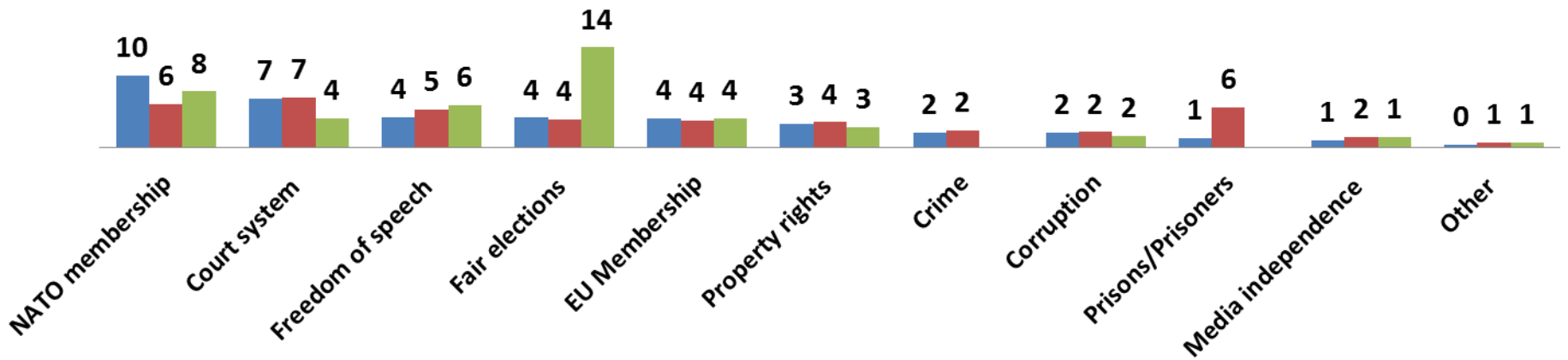
# Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1) Part 1

■ March 2013   ■ November 2012   ■ August 2012



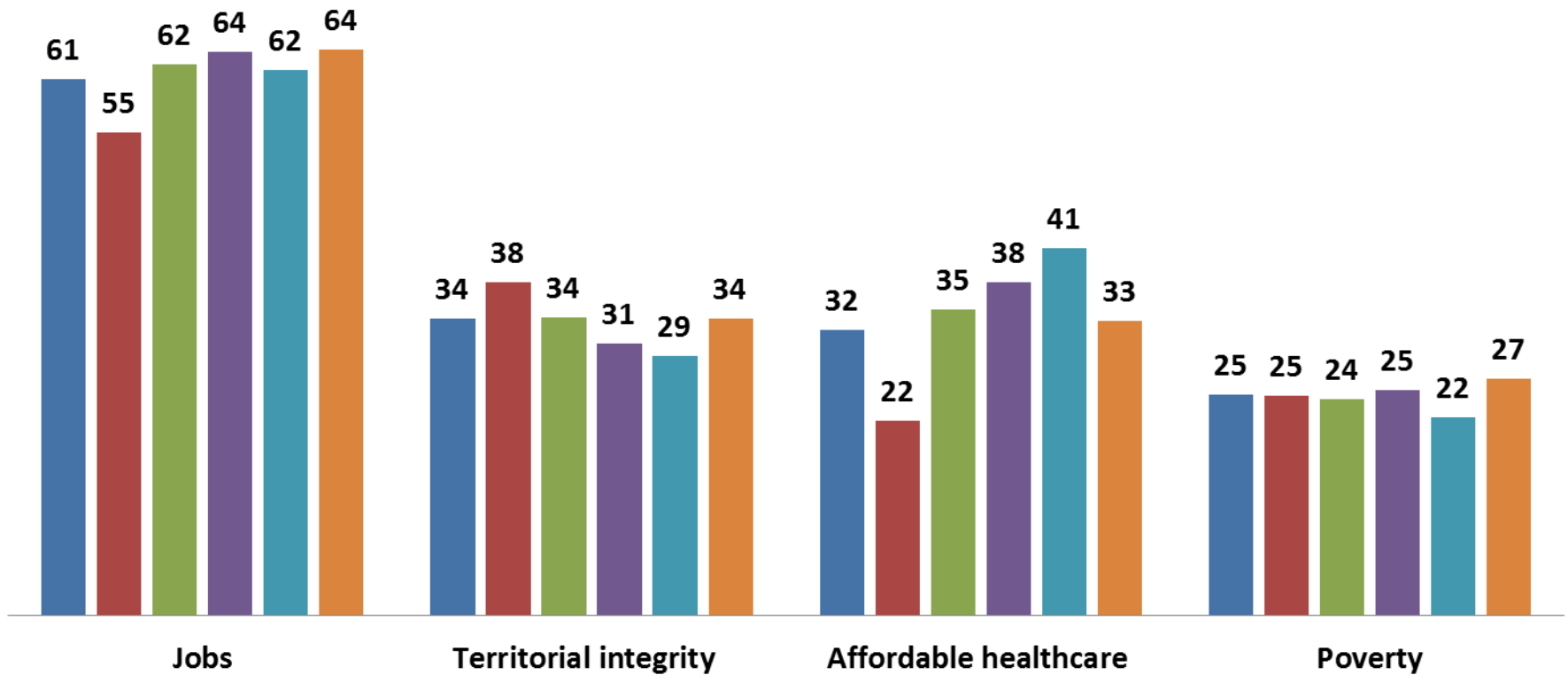
# Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1) Part 2

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# Most important national issue. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 1

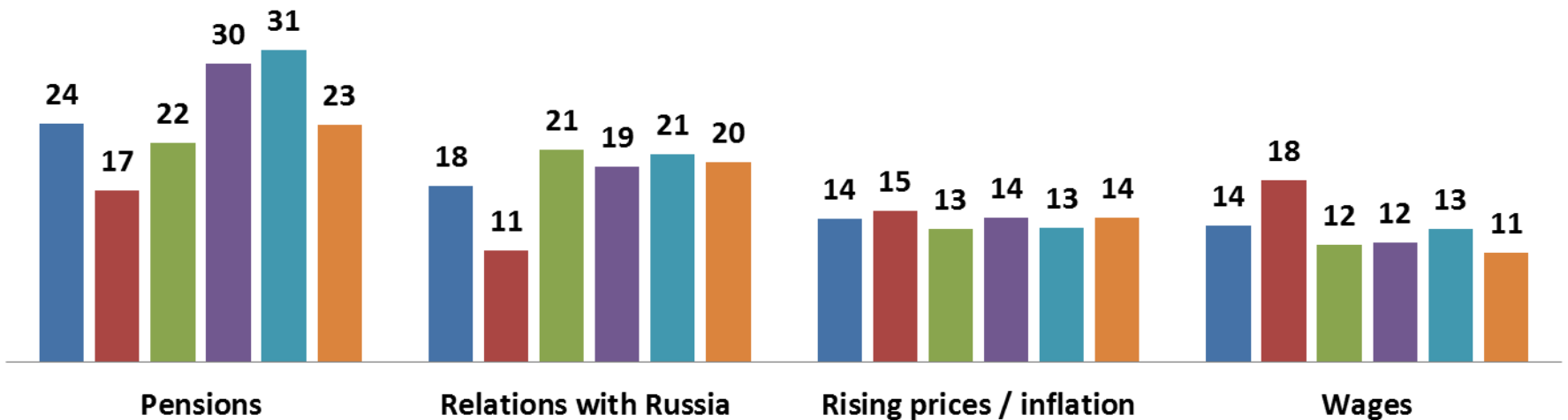
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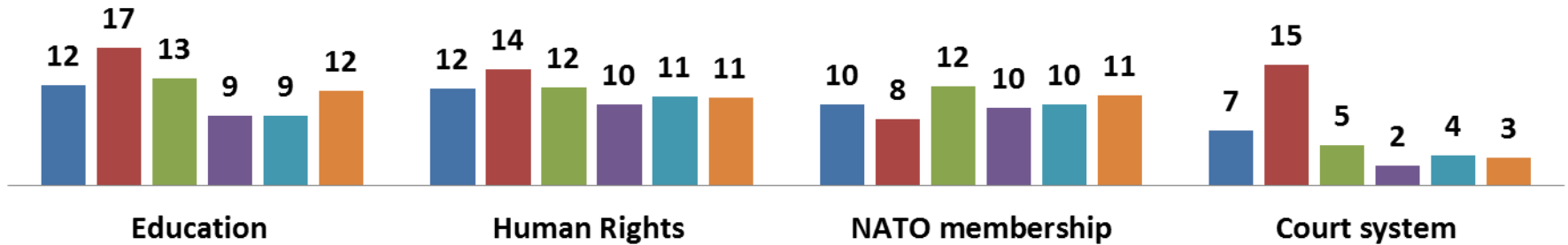
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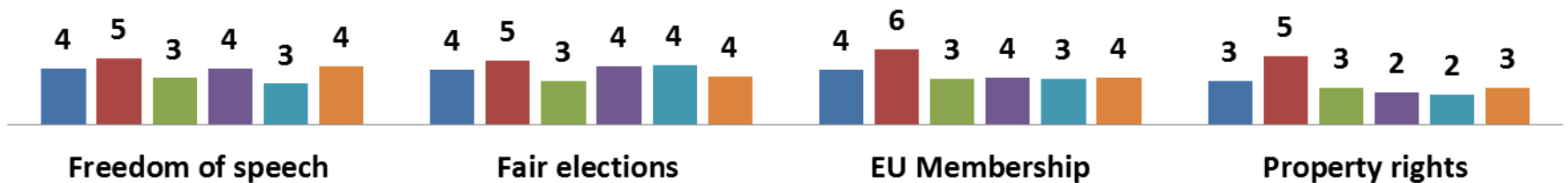
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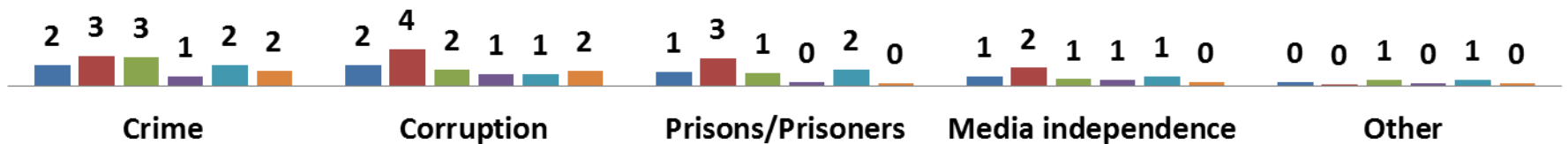
# Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 4

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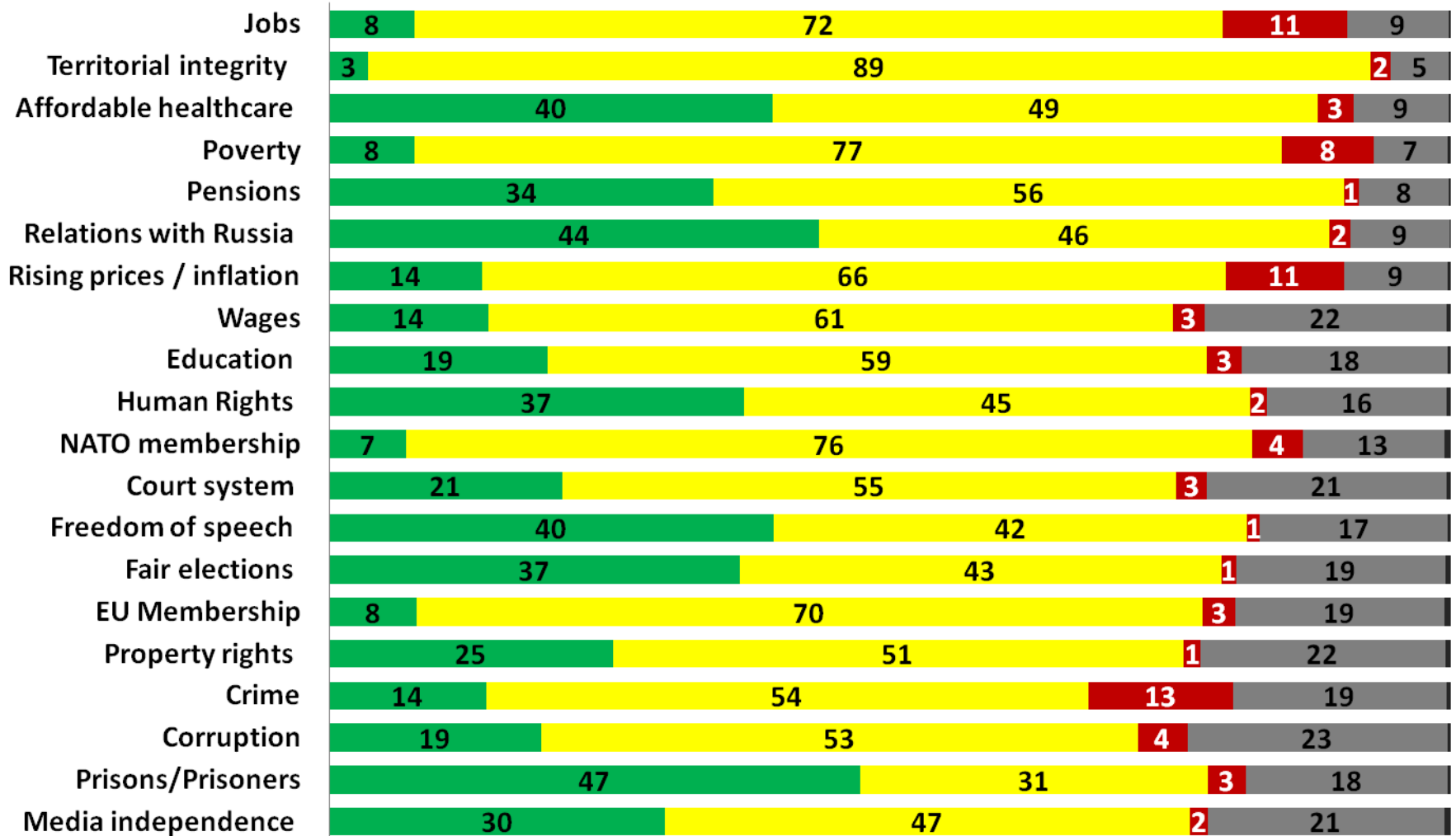
# Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 5

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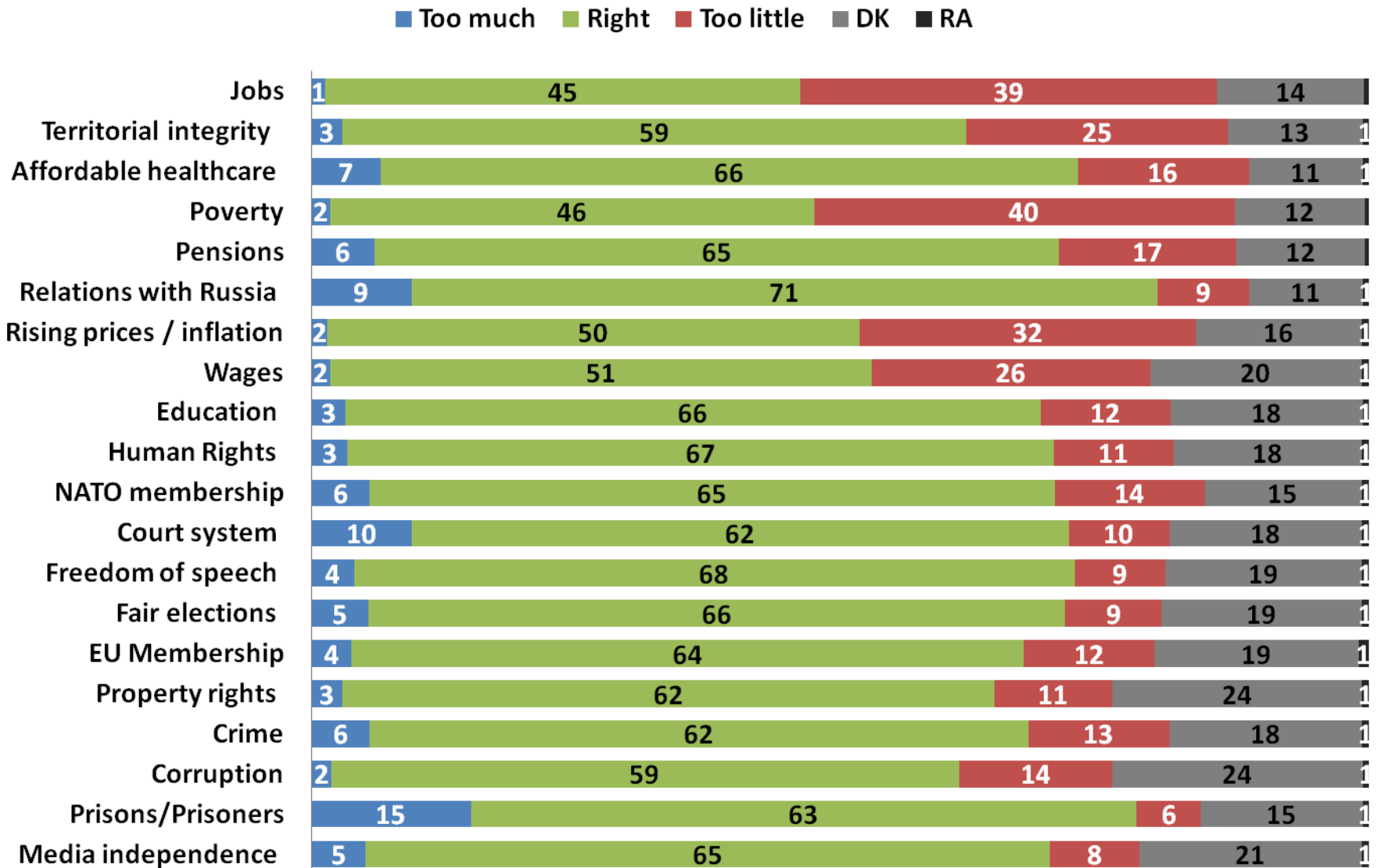


## How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q2)

■ Better ■ Same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

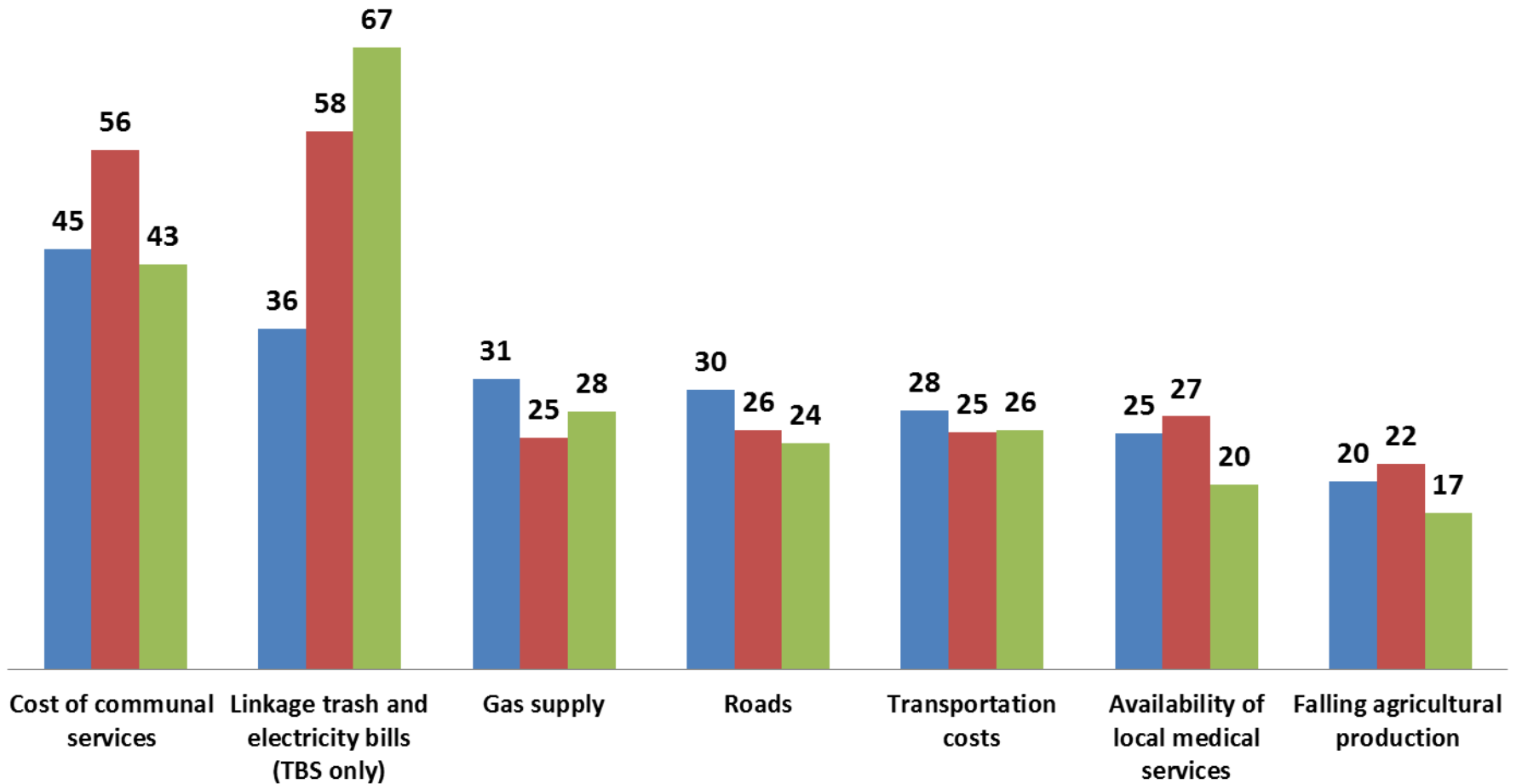


## Politicians in Georgia talk about... too much, the right amount or too little? (q3)



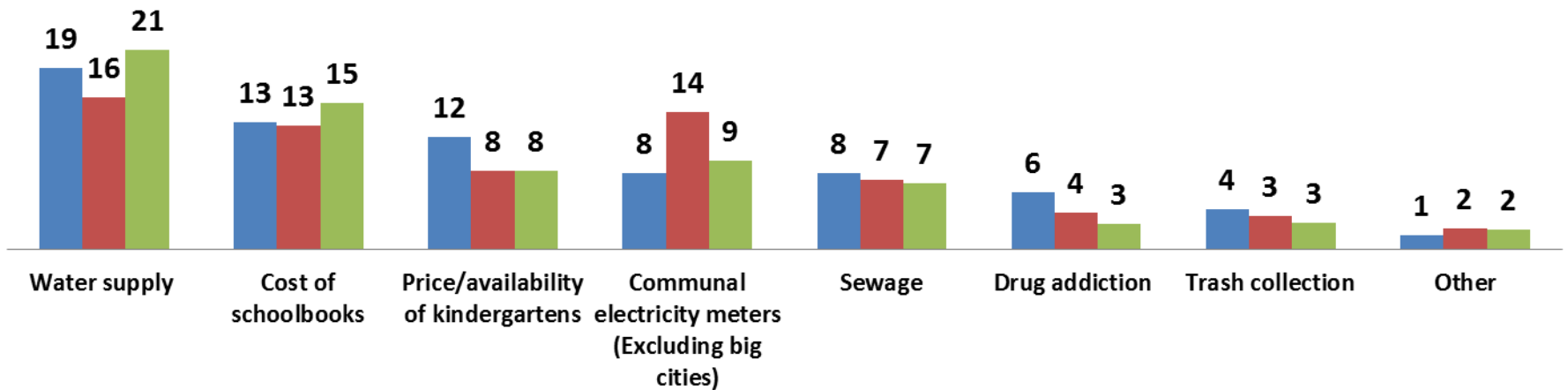
# Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4) Part 1

■ March 2013   ■ November 2012   ■ August 2012



# Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4) Part 2

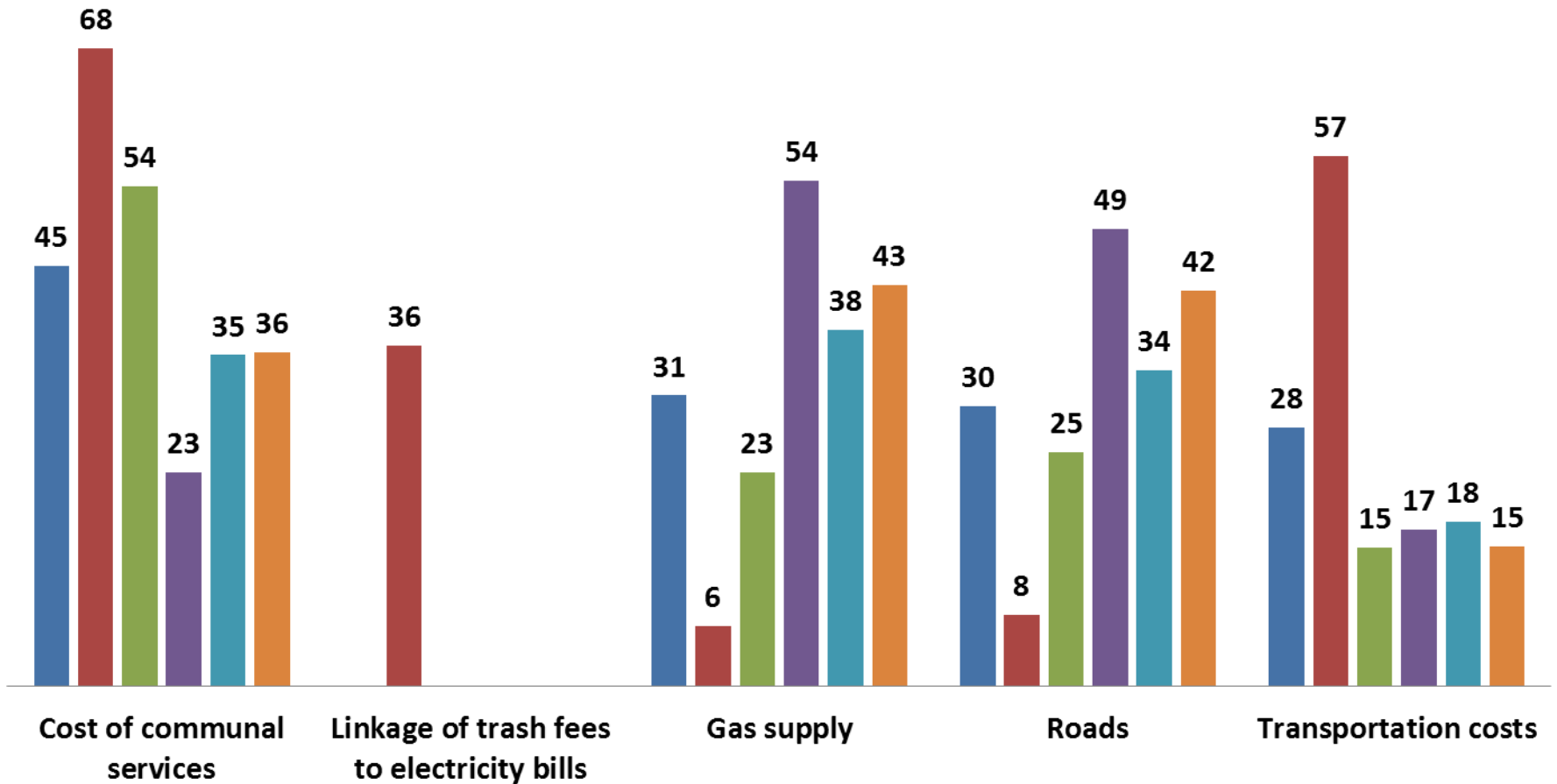
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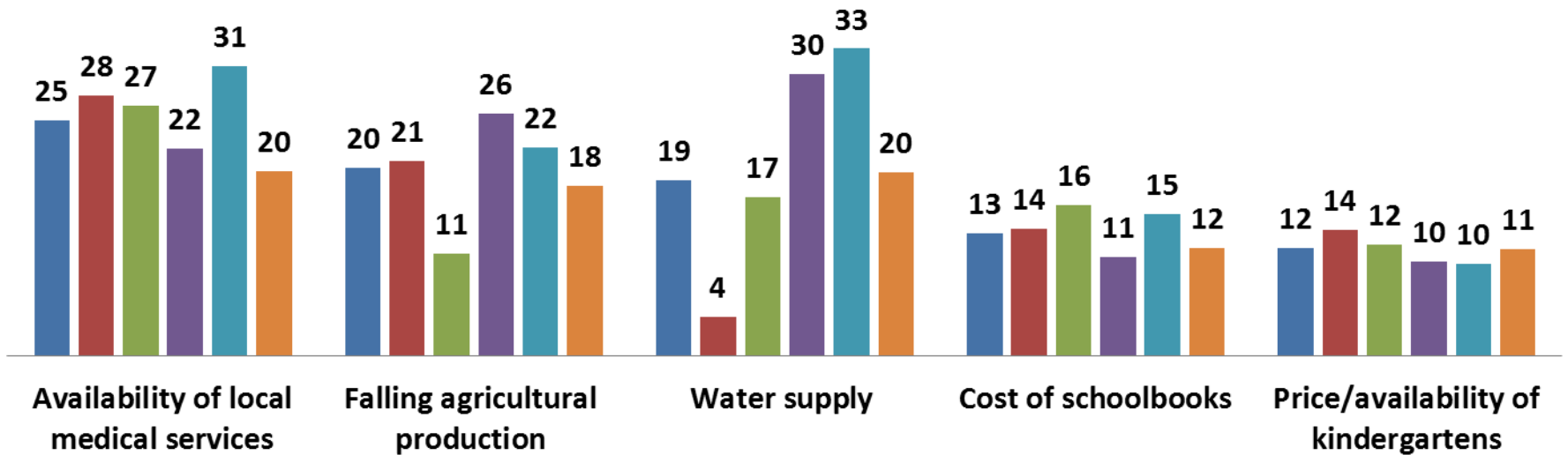
# Most important local issue. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 1

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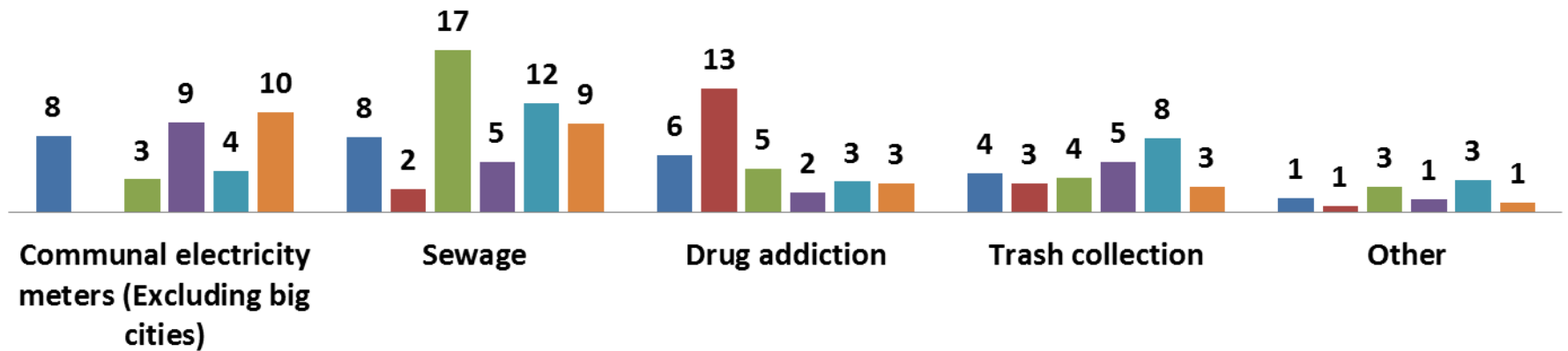
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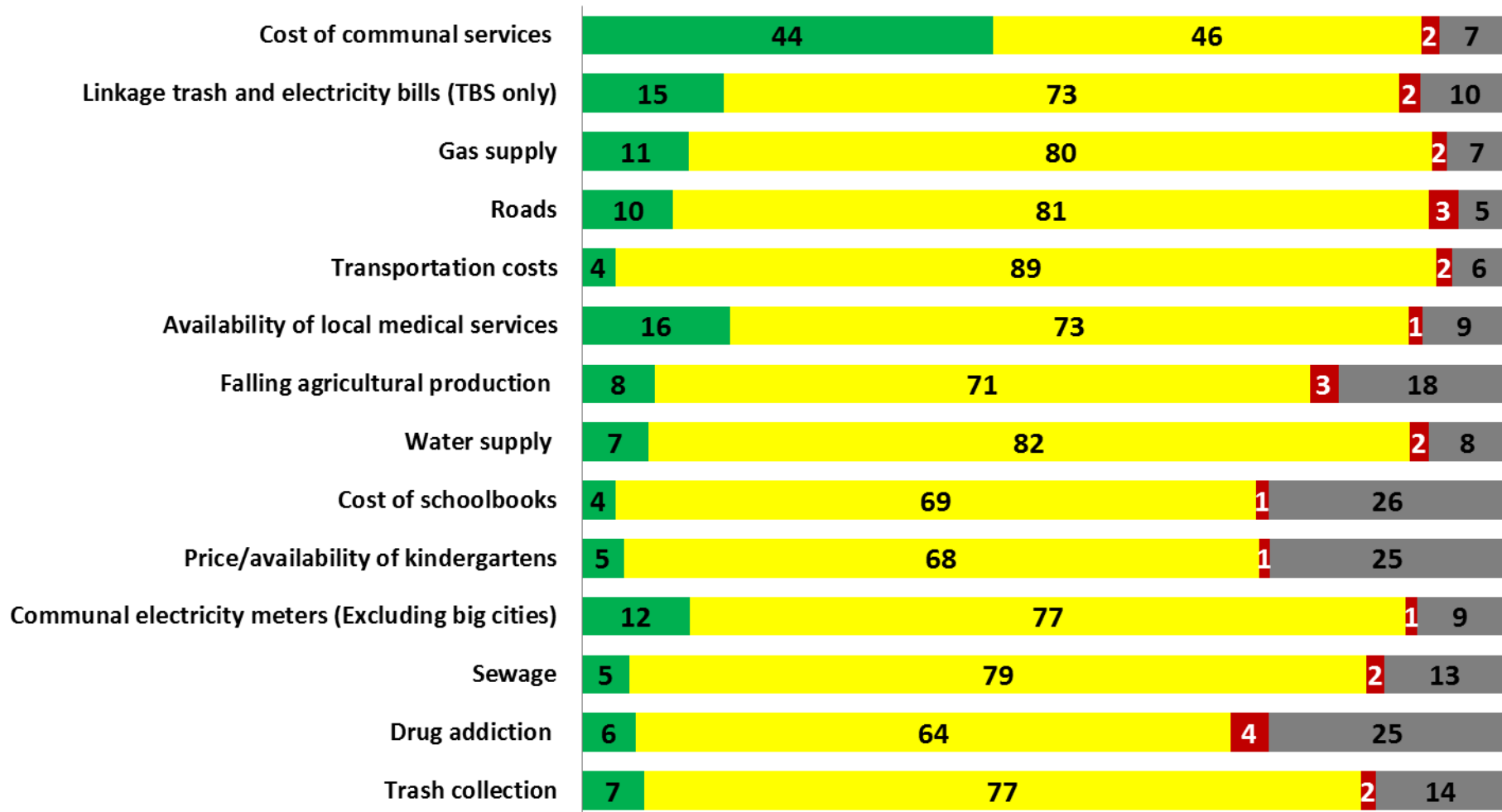
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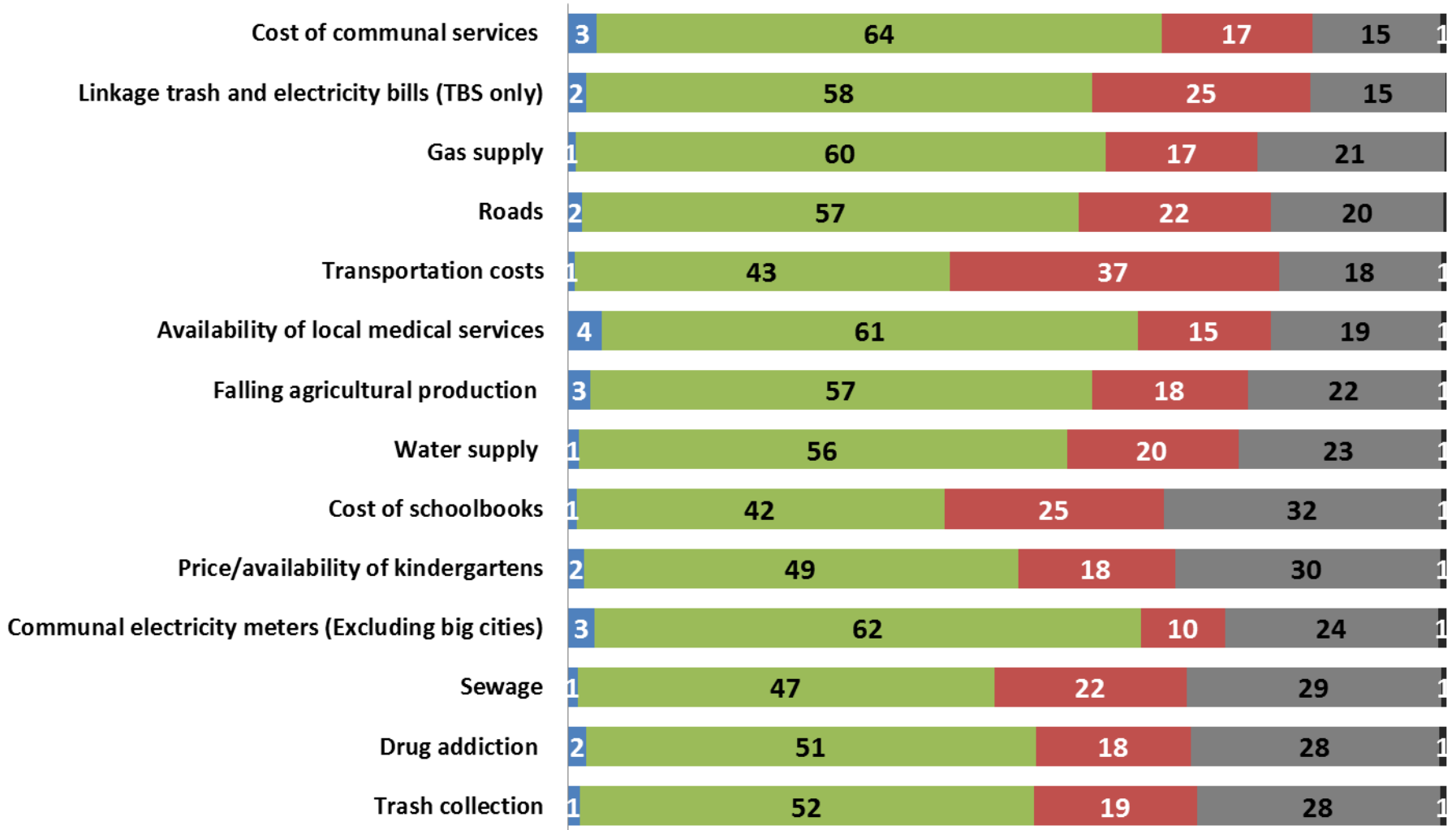
## How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q5)

■ Better ■ Same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA



## Politicians in Georgia talk about... too much, the right amount or too little? (q6)

■ Too much 
 ■ Right 
 ■ Too little 
 ■ DK 
 ■ RA



# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q105)

■ Yes    ■ No

March 2013

28

72

November 2012

33

67



# Do you consider yourself to be employed? ( q105 X Settlement)

■ Yes     ■ No



# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q105 X Gender)

■ Yes ■ No



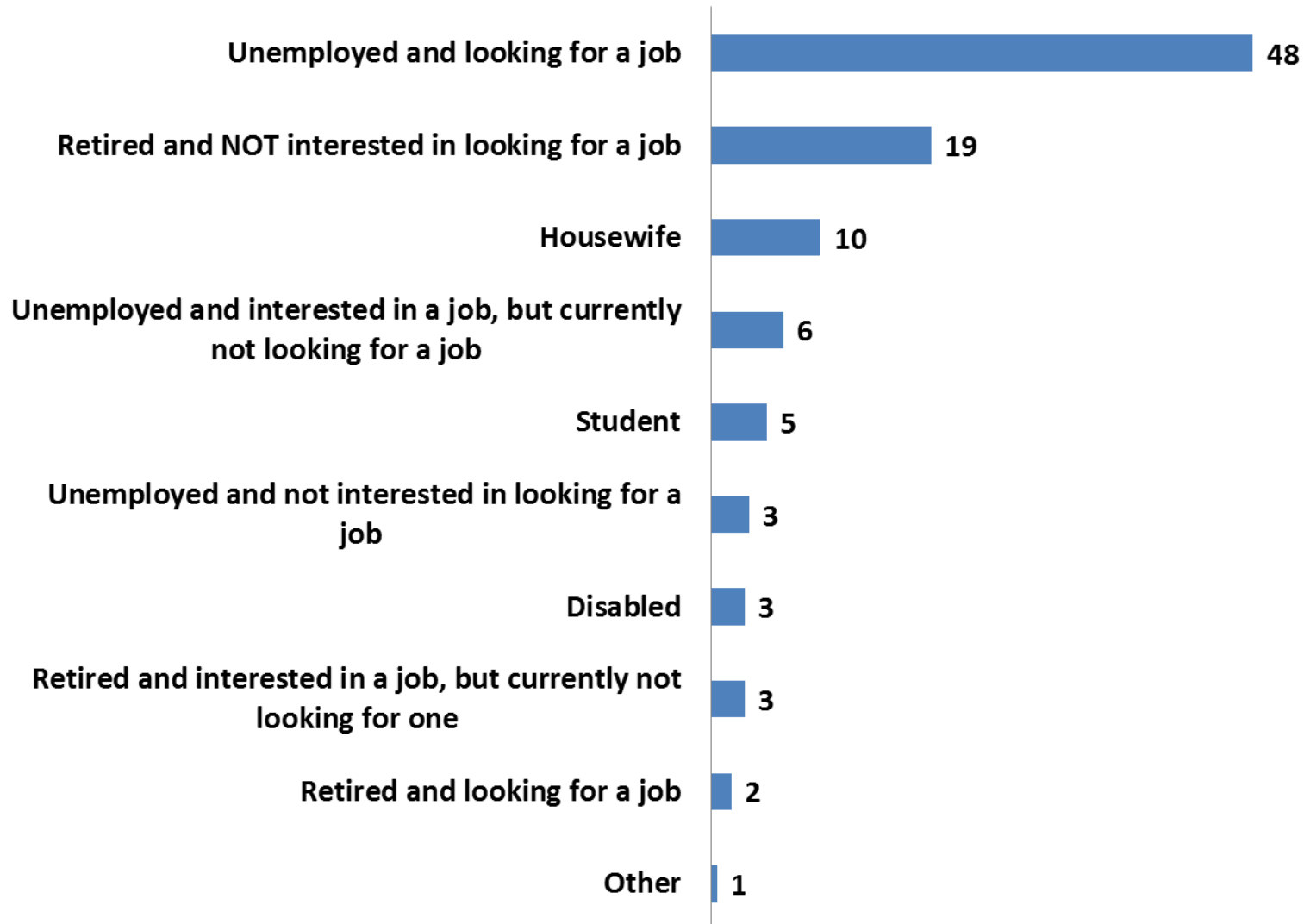


# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q105 X Age)

■ Yes    ■ No





## Which of the following best describes your situation? - of the 72% who are unemployed (q107)





# Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:

 28%--Employed (full or part time)

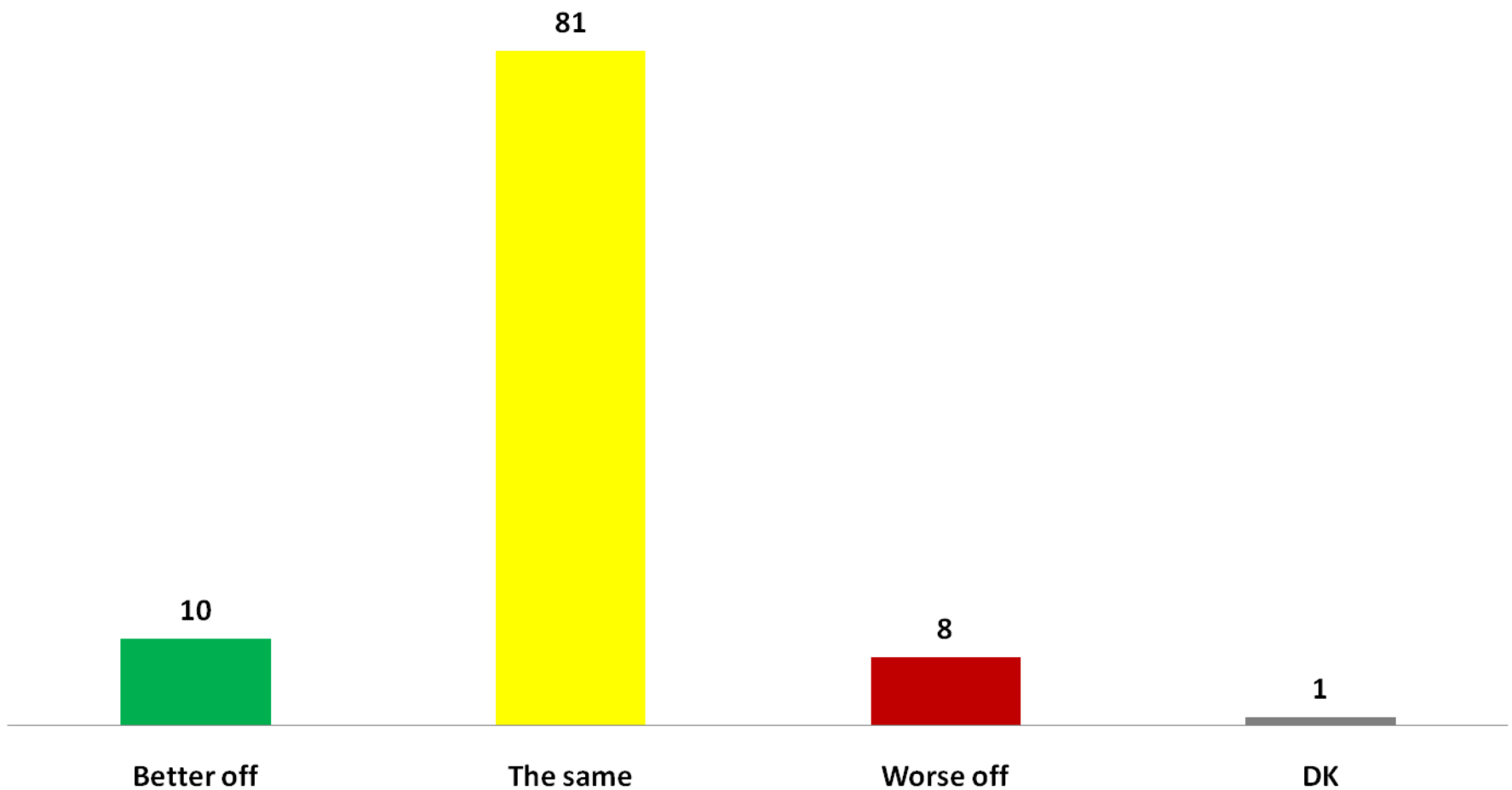
 36%--Unemployed and looking for work (This includes both unemployed and retired persons who are looking for work.)

 7%--Unemployed and not looking for work (This includes unemployed and retired persons who are interested in a job, but who are not looking.)

 29%--Non-active labour force (This includes students, homemakers, retired persons who are not interested in looking for a job.)

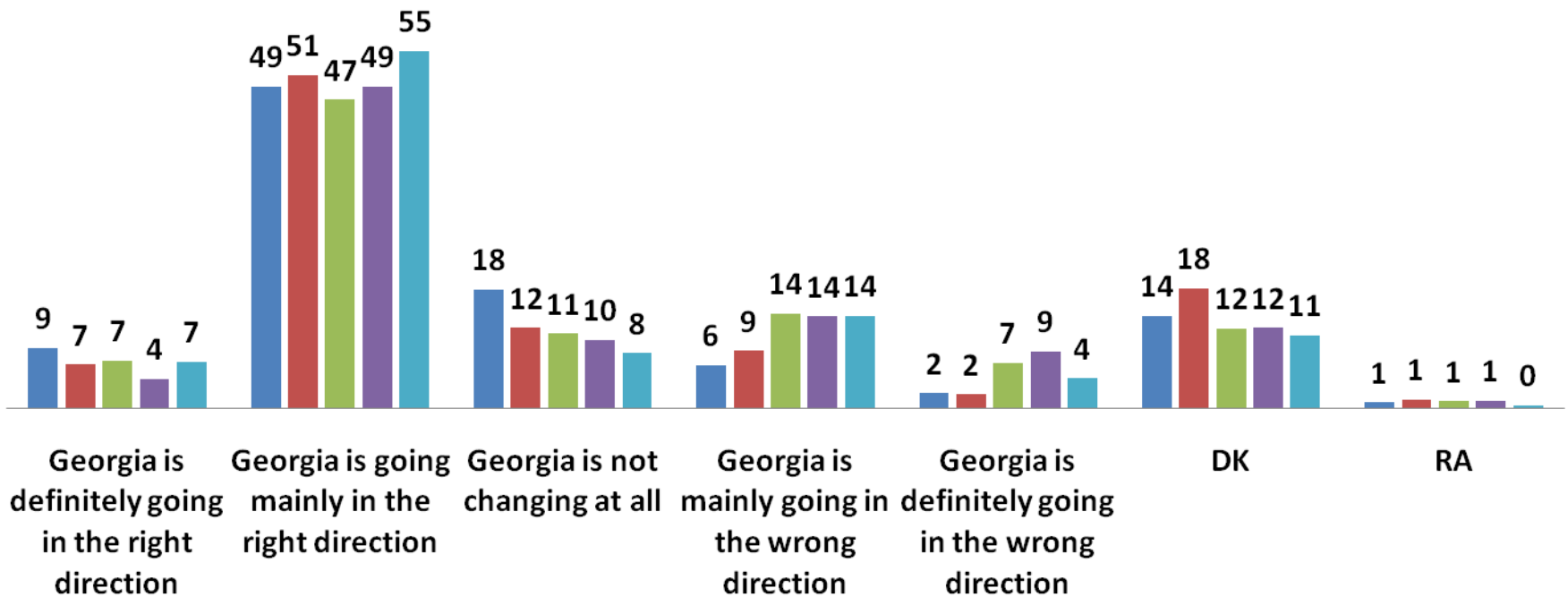


**Generally, taking everything into account, since October 2012  
you and your household are... (q10)**



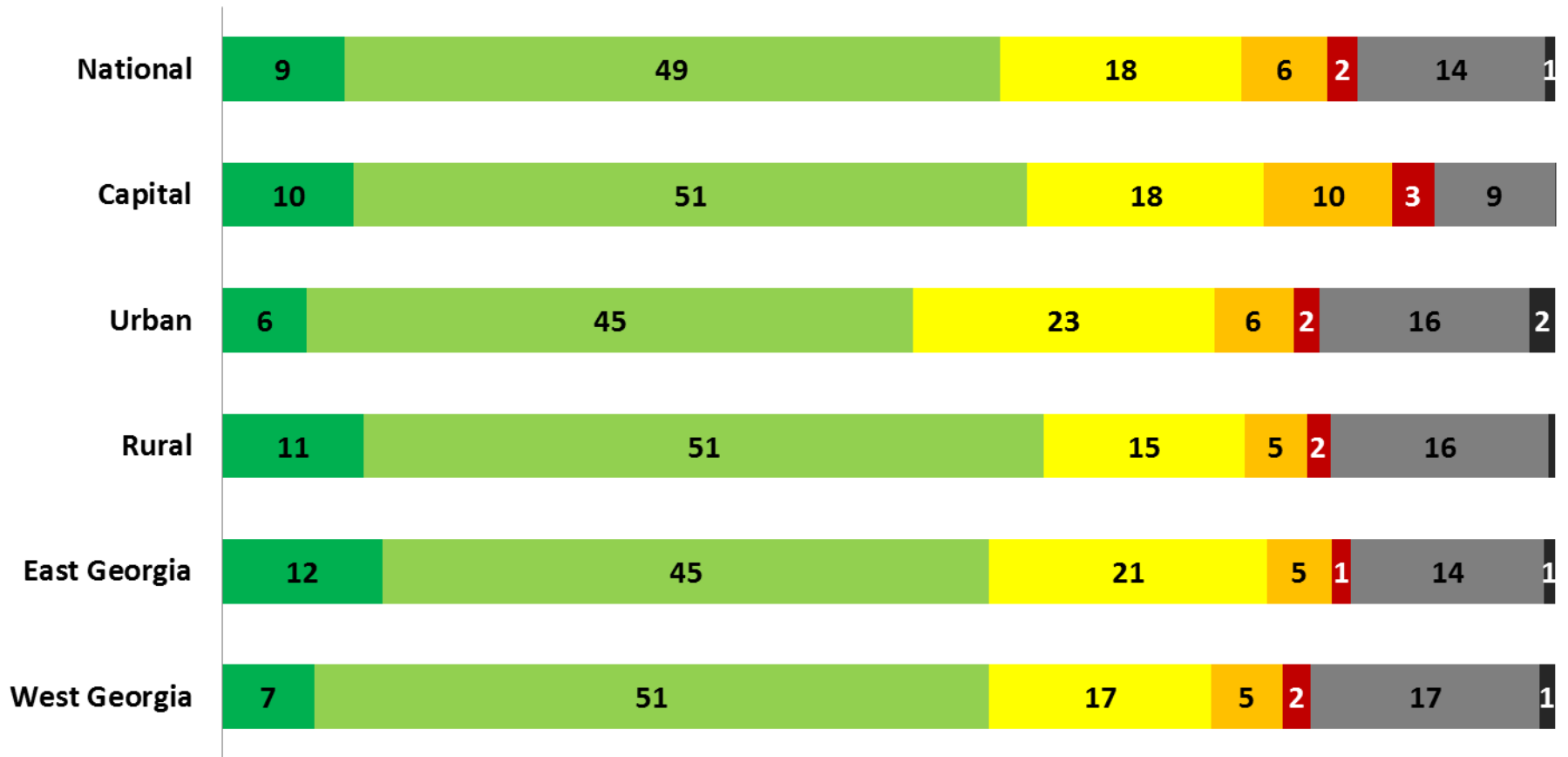
# In which direction is Georgia going? (q11)

■ March 2013   
 ■ November 2012   
 ■ August 2012   
 ■ June 2012   
 ■ February 2012



# In which direction is Georgia going? (q11 X Settlement)

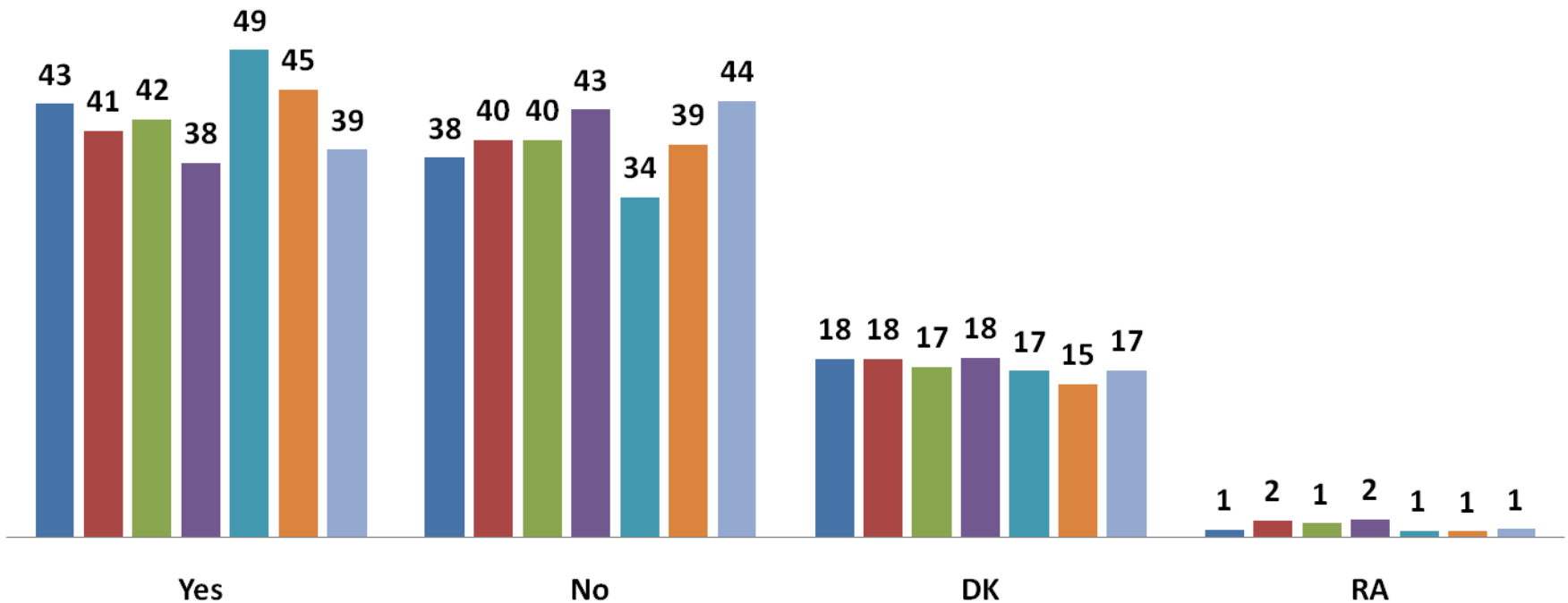
- Georgia is definitely going in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- Georgia is definitely going in the wrong direction
- RA
- Georgia is going mainly in the right direction
- Georgia is mainly going in the wrong direction
- DK



# Democracy, Reforms and Elections

# Is Georgia a democracy now? (q17)

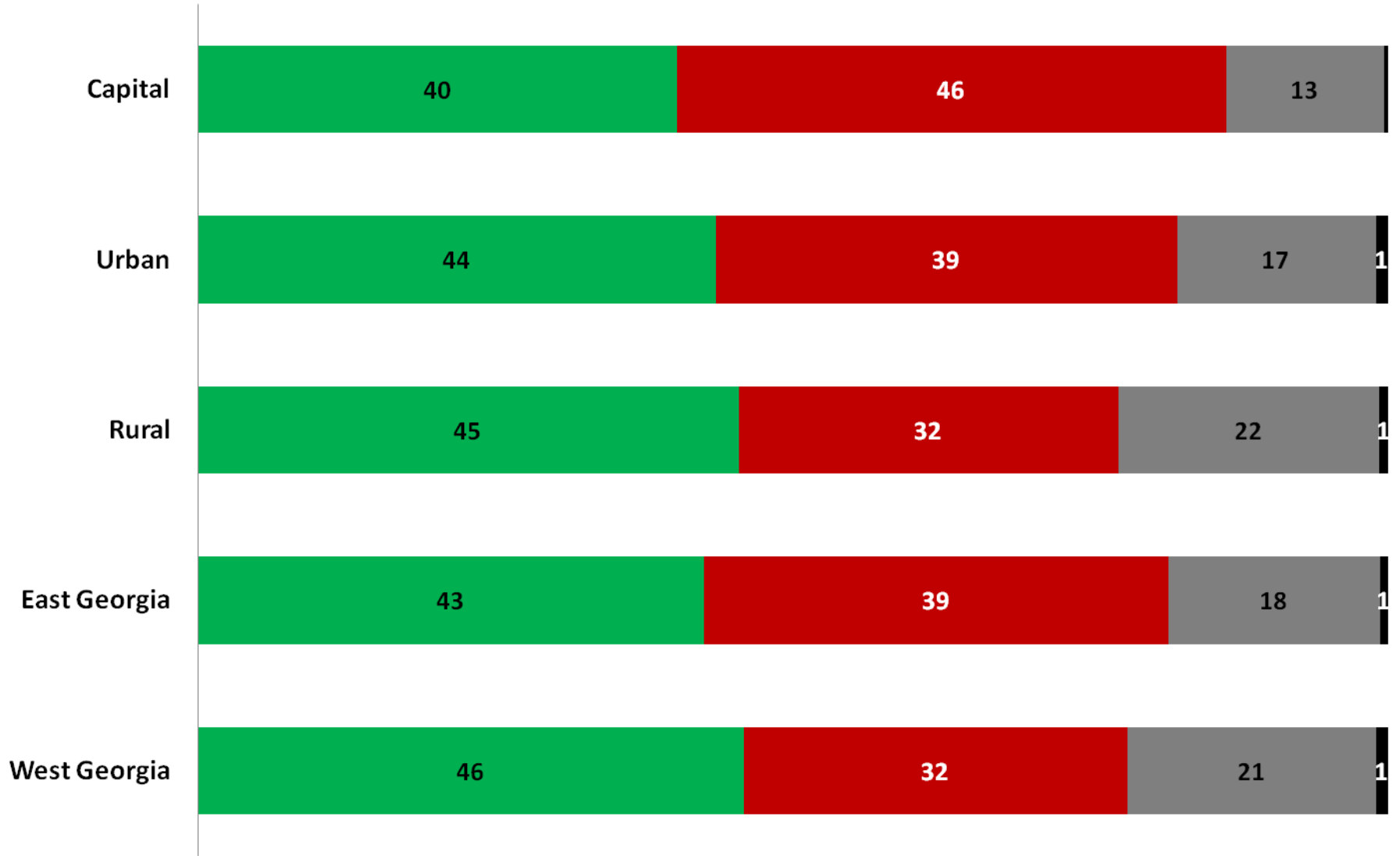
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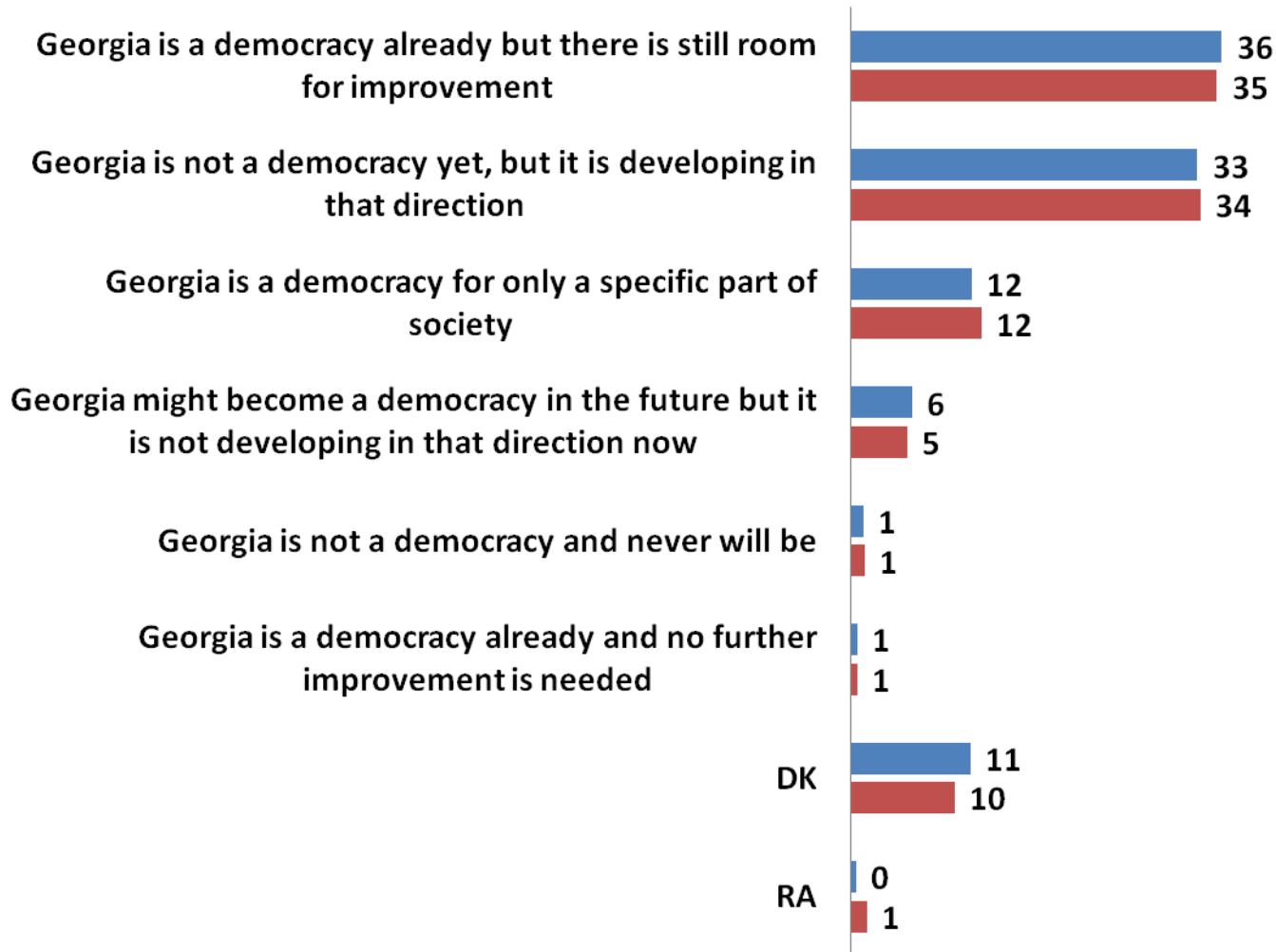
# Is Georgia a democracy now? (q17 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA

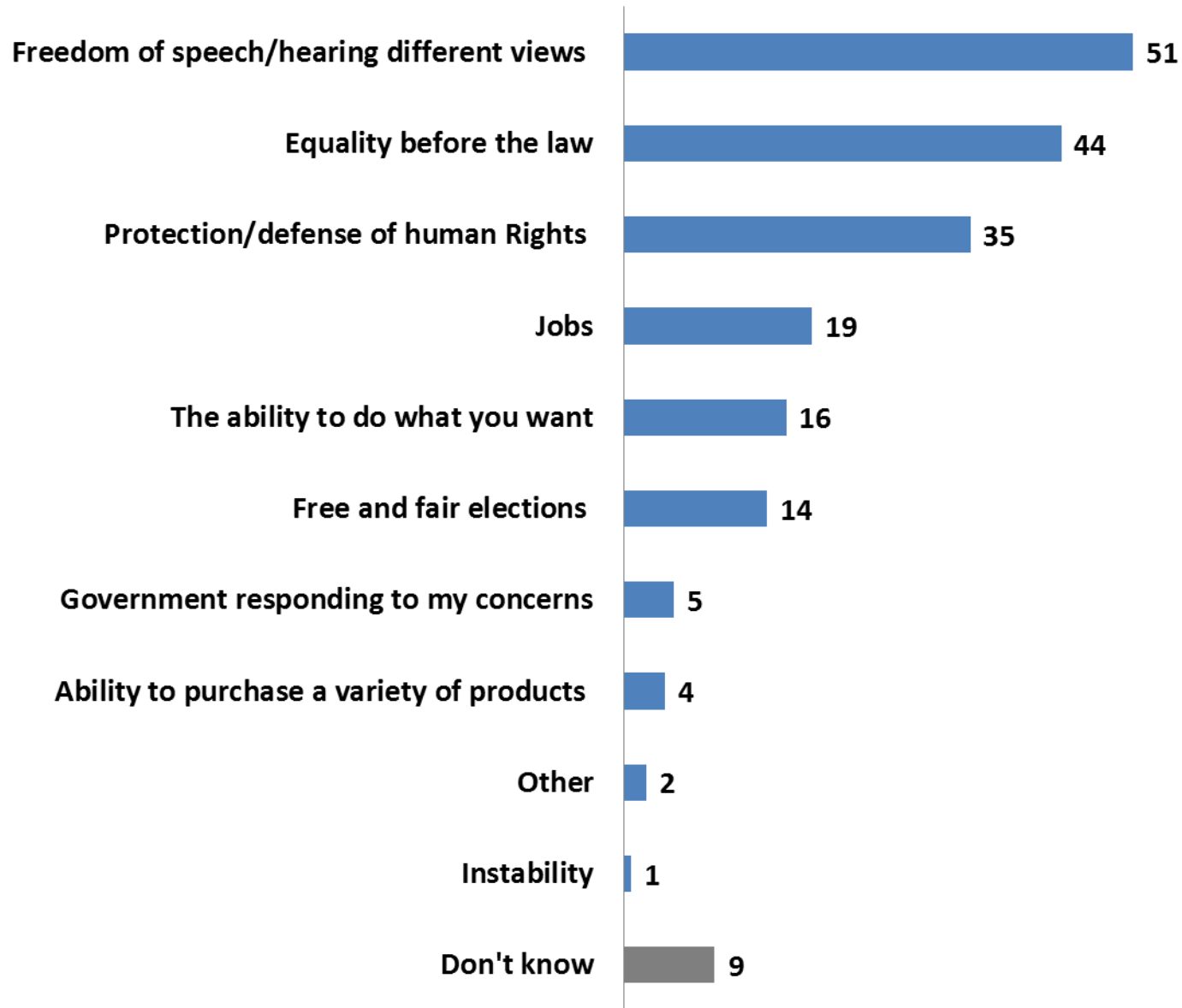


# Which statement do you agree with the most? (q18)

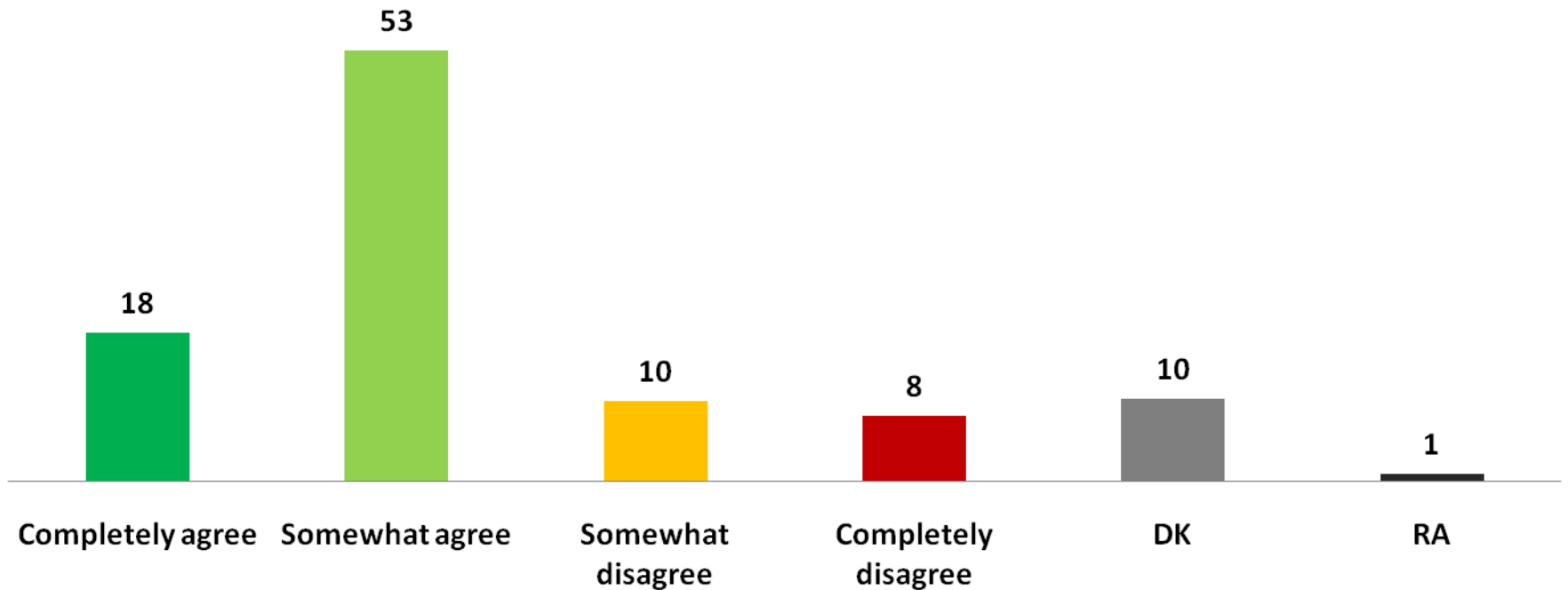
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## What does democracy mean to you? Name up to three (q16)



**To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q13)**



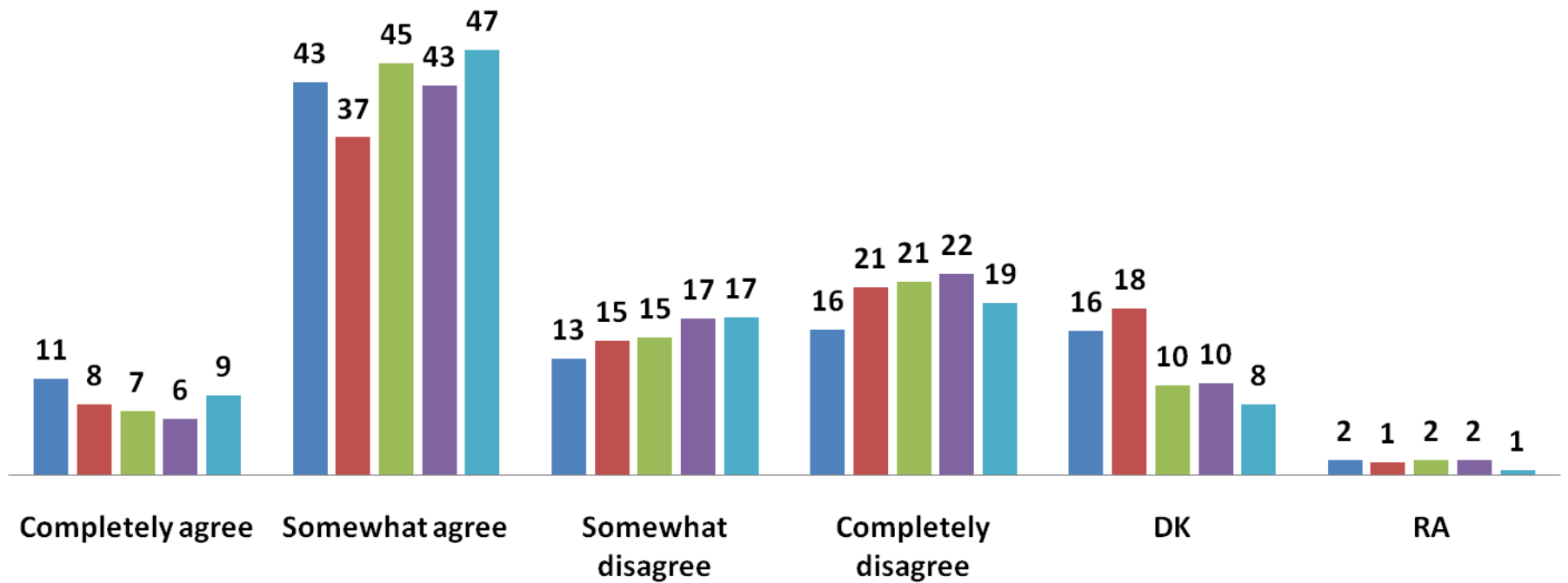
# To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q13 X Settlement)

■ Completely agree  
 ■ Somewhat agree  
 ■ Somewhat disagree  
 ■ Completely disagree  
 ■ DK  
 ■ RA



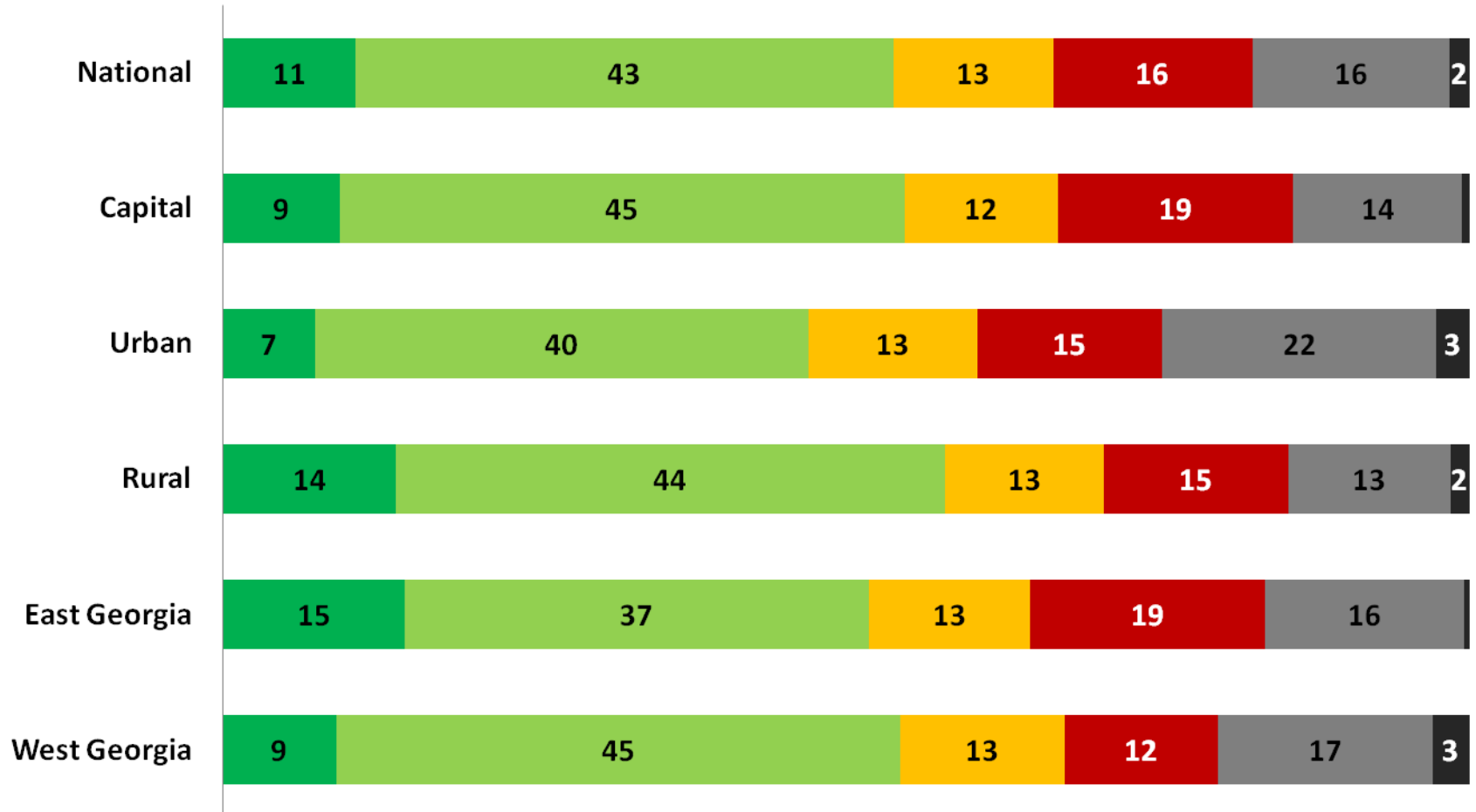
# To what extent do you agree or disagree that your current local government is making the changes that matter to you? (q14)

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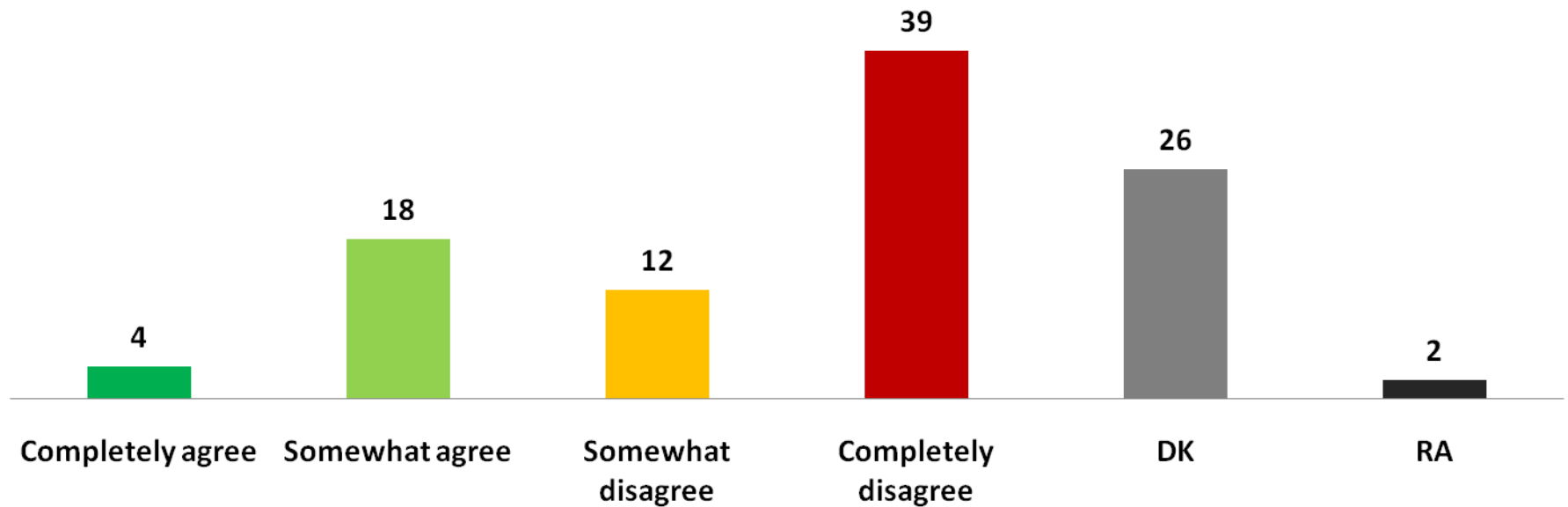


# To what extent do you agree or disagree that your current local government is making the changes that matter to you? (q14 X Settlement)

■ Completely agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Completely disagree ■ DK ■ RA



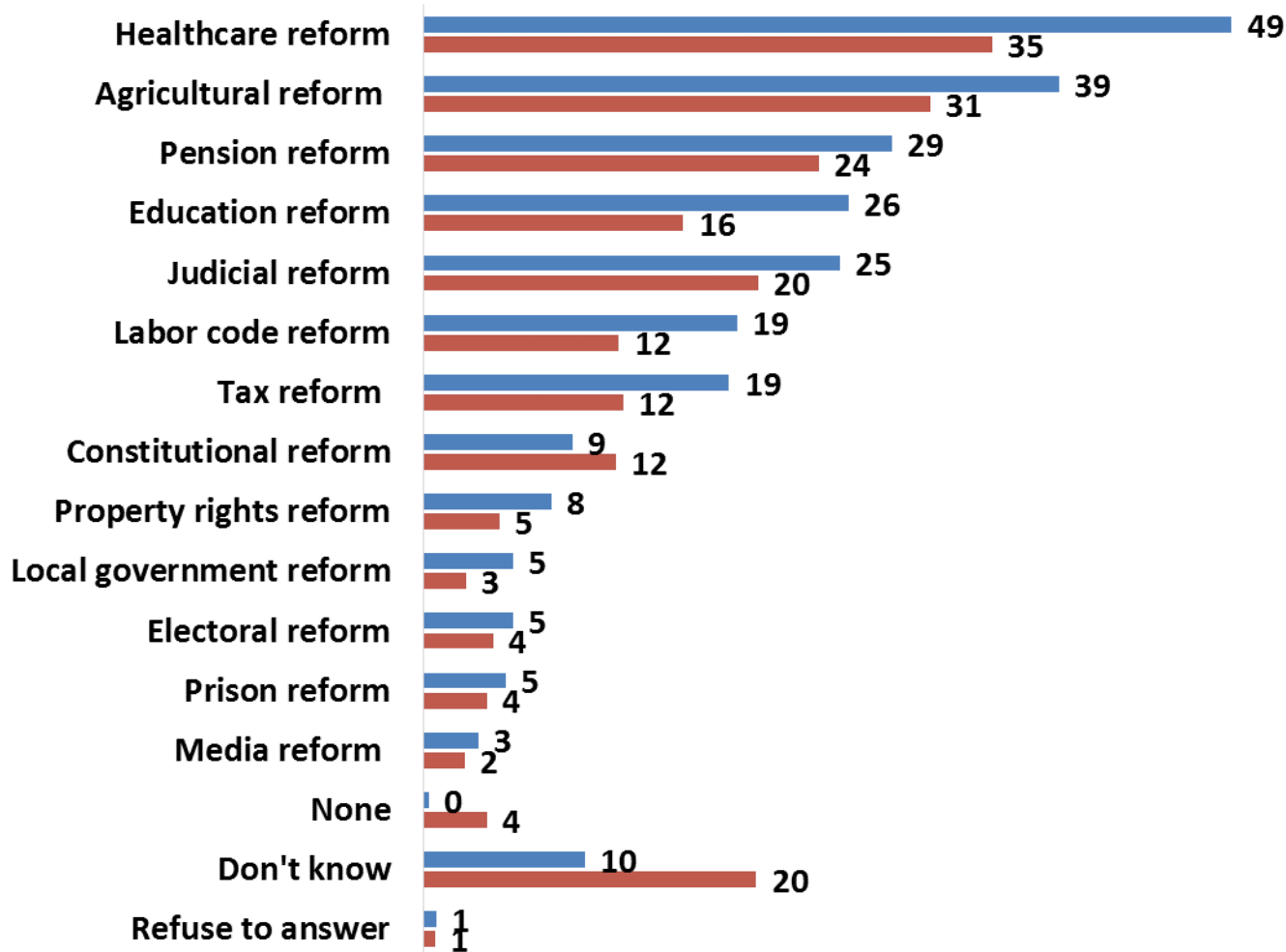
**To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q15)**





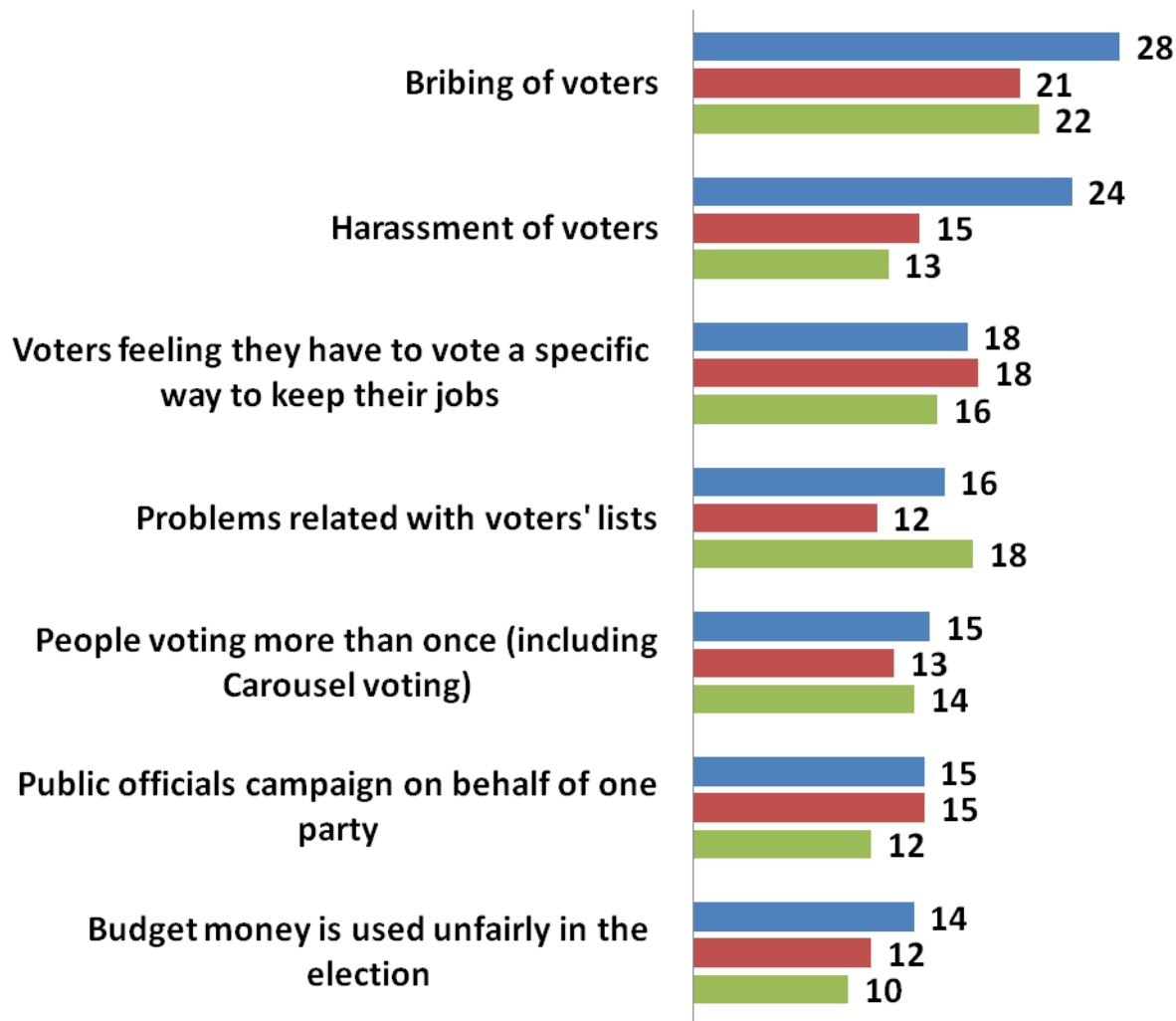
## Which three reforms do you think would be most important for Georgia/Which do you expect to see achieved in the next six months? (q7/q8)

■ Would be most important for Georgia     
 ■ Expect to see achieved in the next six months



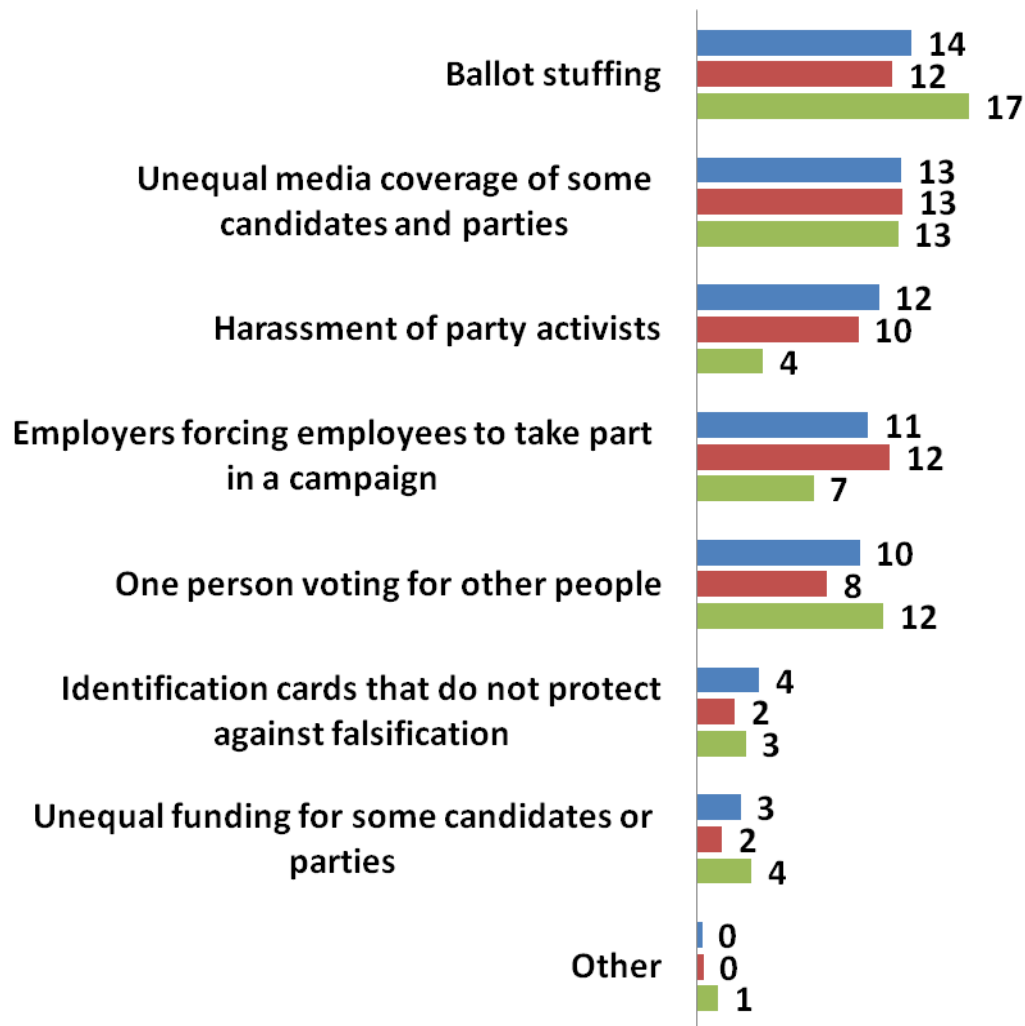
# What are the three biggest barriers to fair and free elections in Georgia? (q25) Part 1

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# What are the three biggest barriers to fair and free elections in Georgia? (q25) Part 2

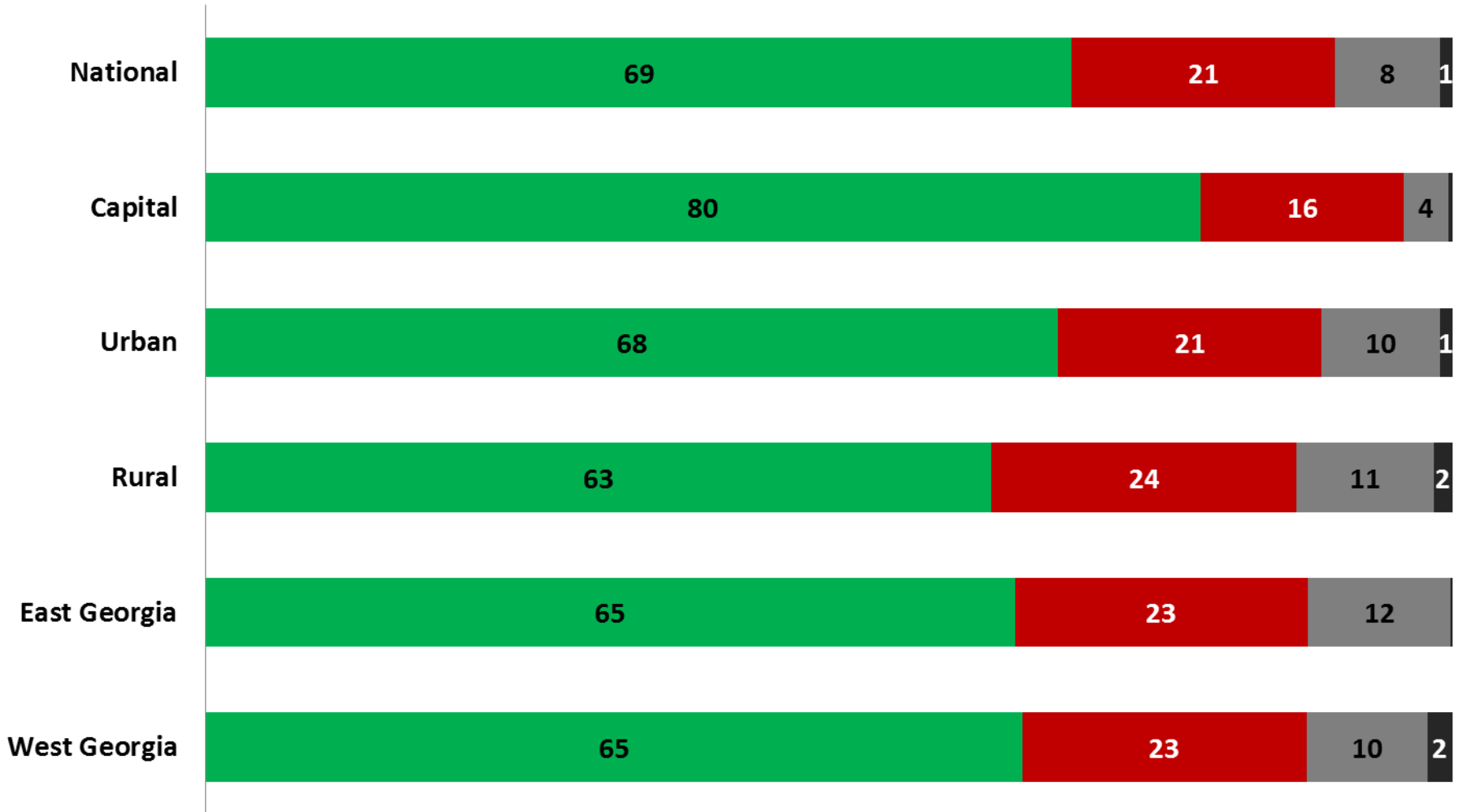
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# Current Events

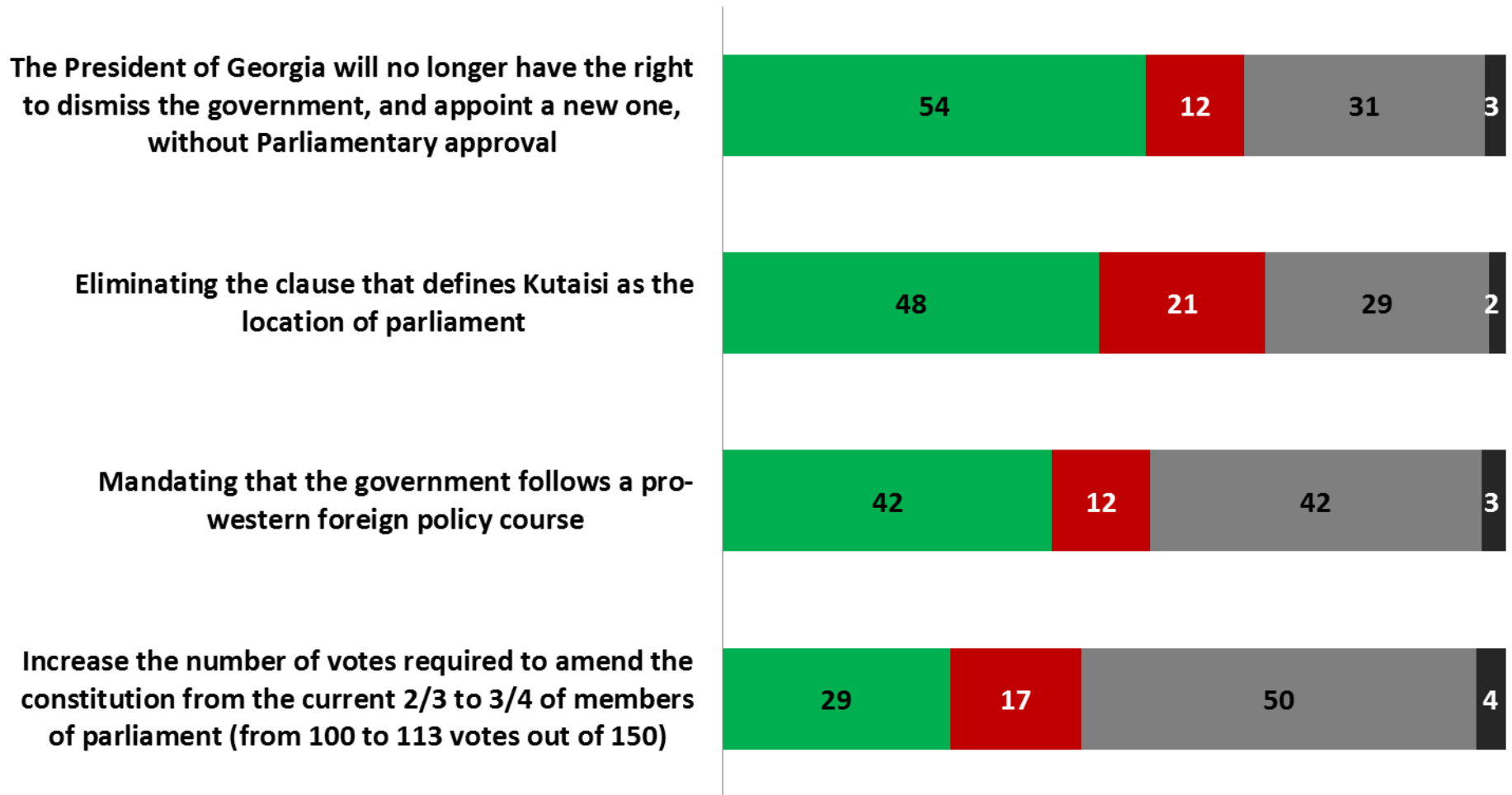
# Are you aware of an ongoing discussion around constitutional amendments? (q23 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA



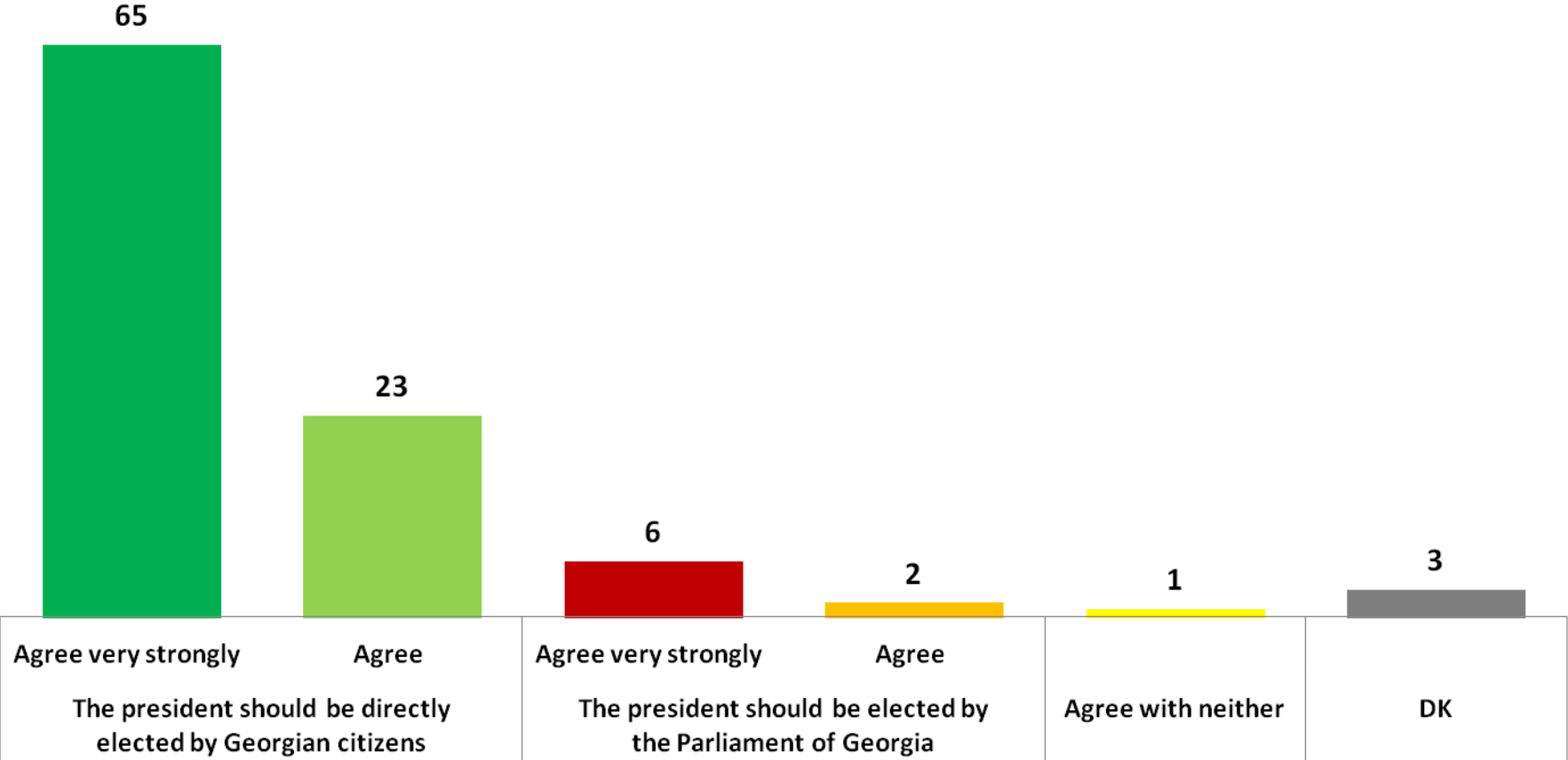
Some constitutional amendments are already proposed, others were raised as a subject of negotiations between the government and the opposition. Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q24)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



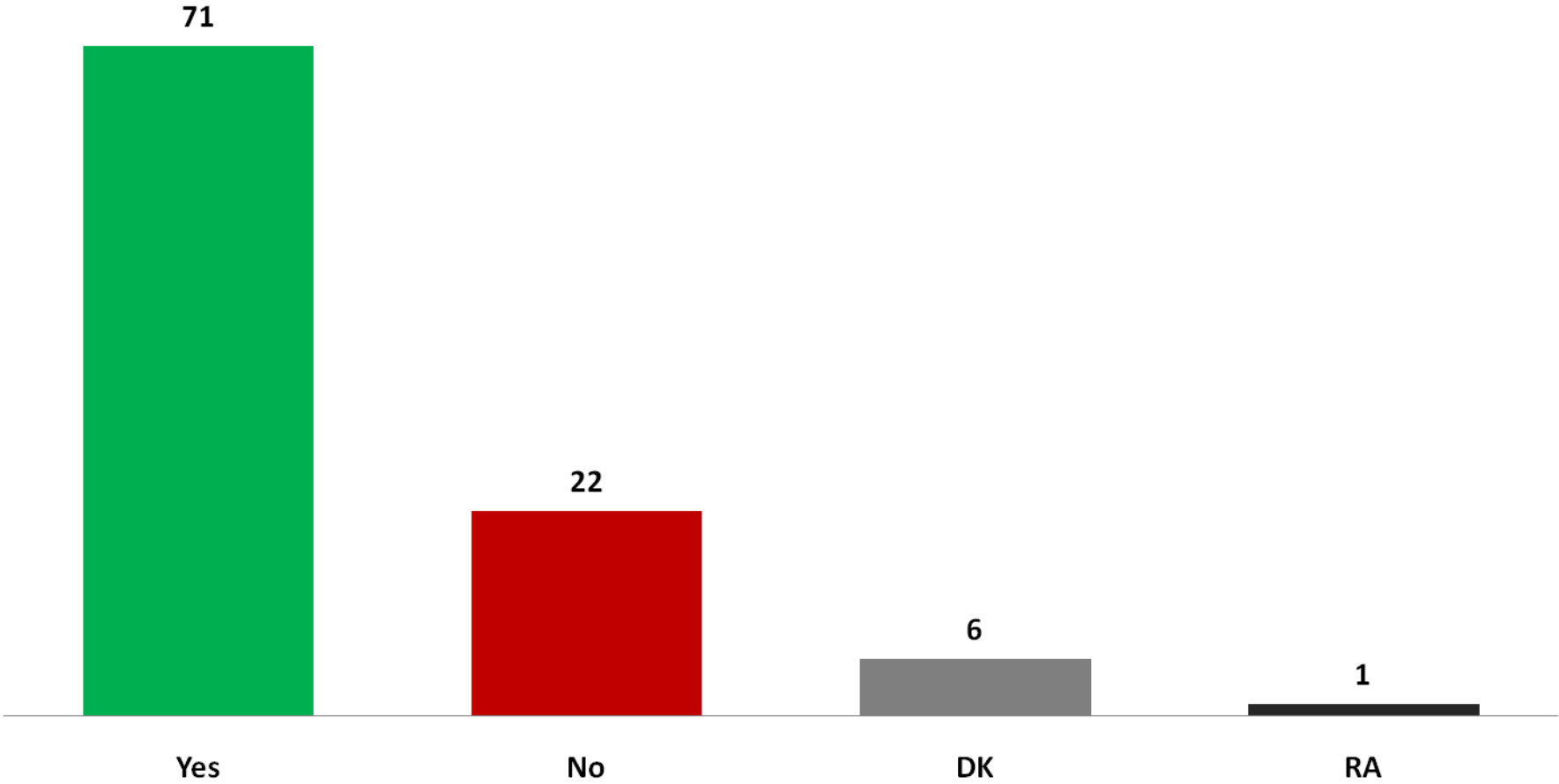
The subject for how Georgia should elect its president has been a topic of recent political discussions.

Which statement do you agree with most? (q68)



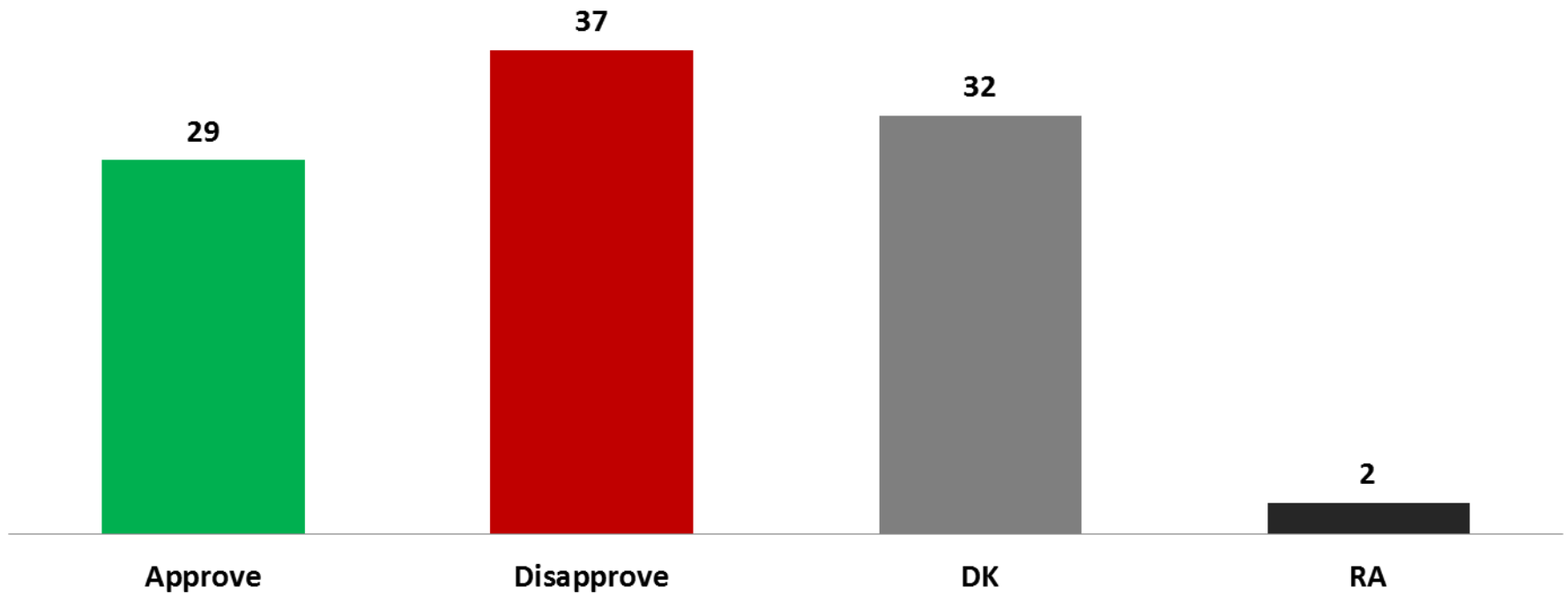
**On February 7, Parliament postponed the president's scheduled State of the Nation address to an undetermined date.**

**Were you aware of this? (q46)**



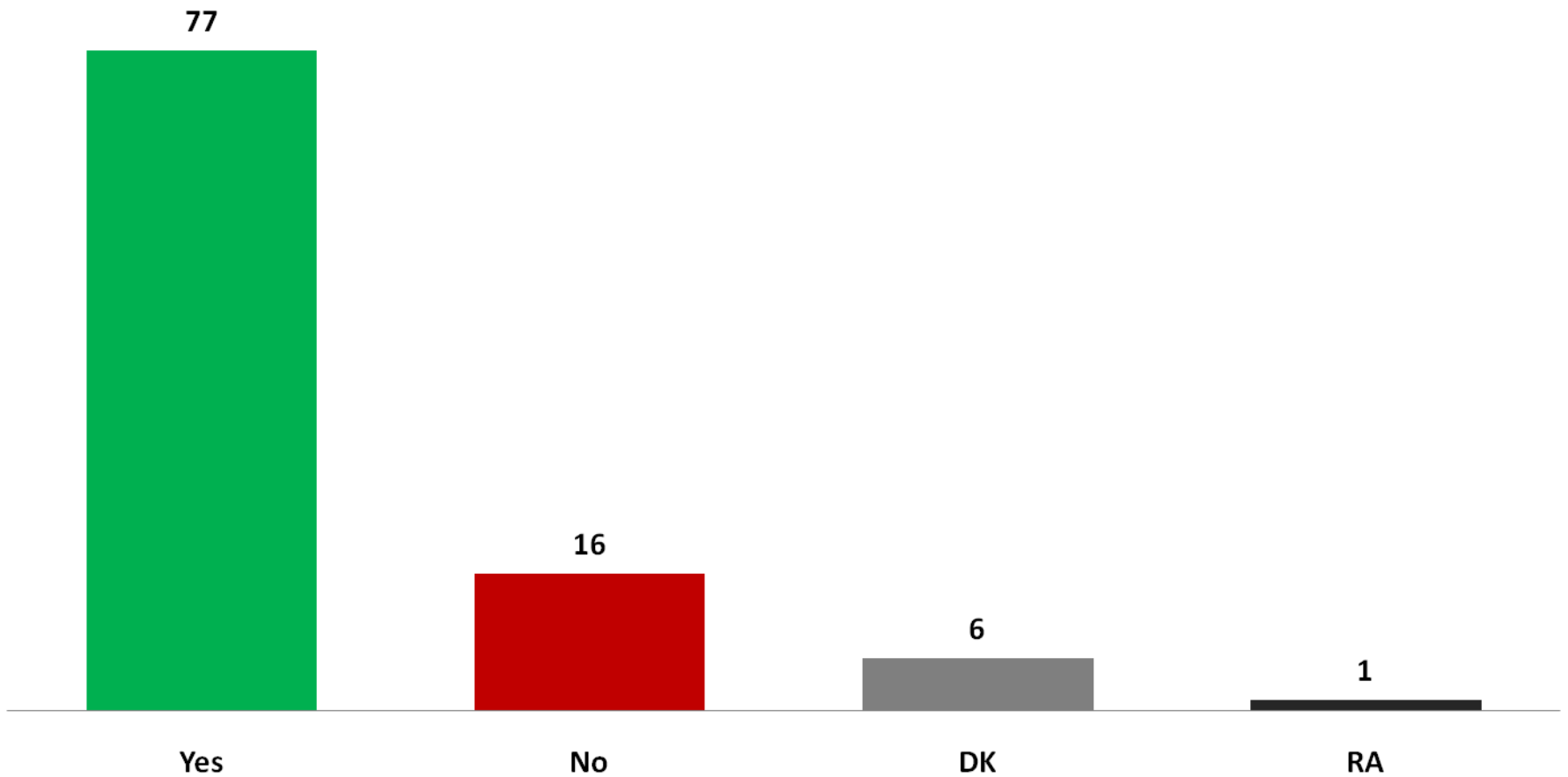


**Do you approve or disapprove of the parliament's decision to postpone the president's scheduled State of the Nation address to an undetermined date? (q47)**

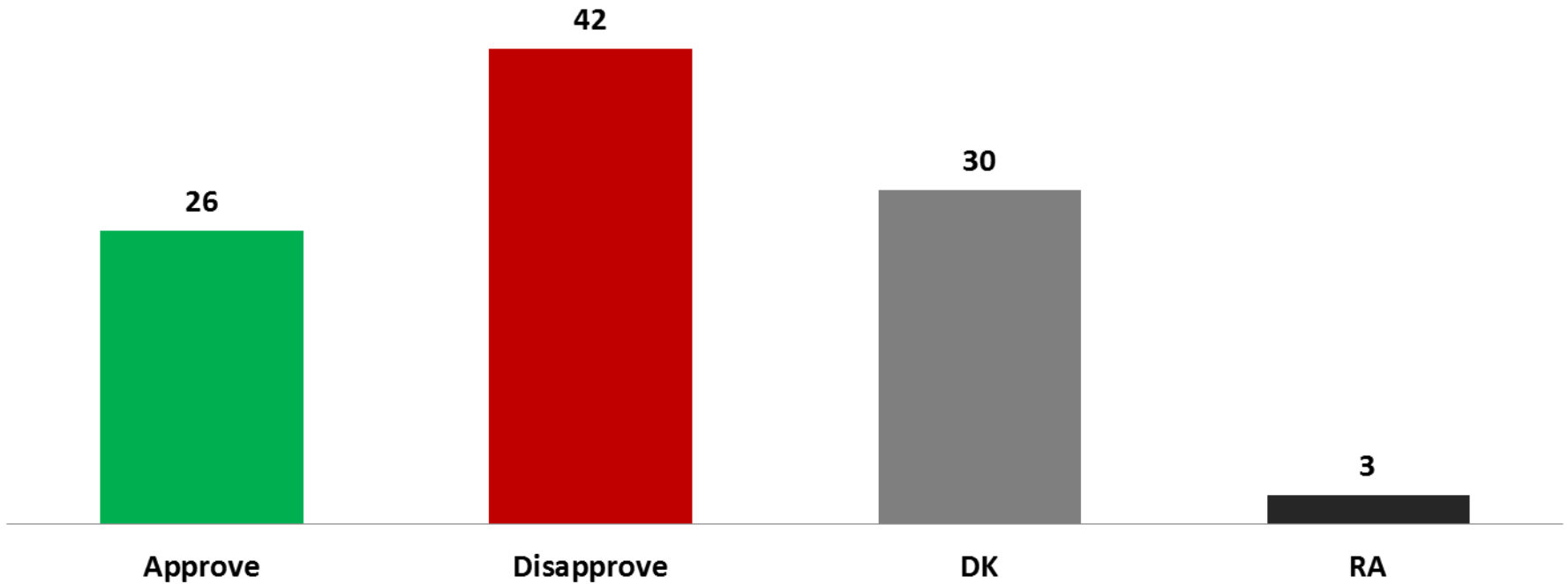


**On February 8, the President chose to deliver his State of the Nation address at the National Library of Parliament.**

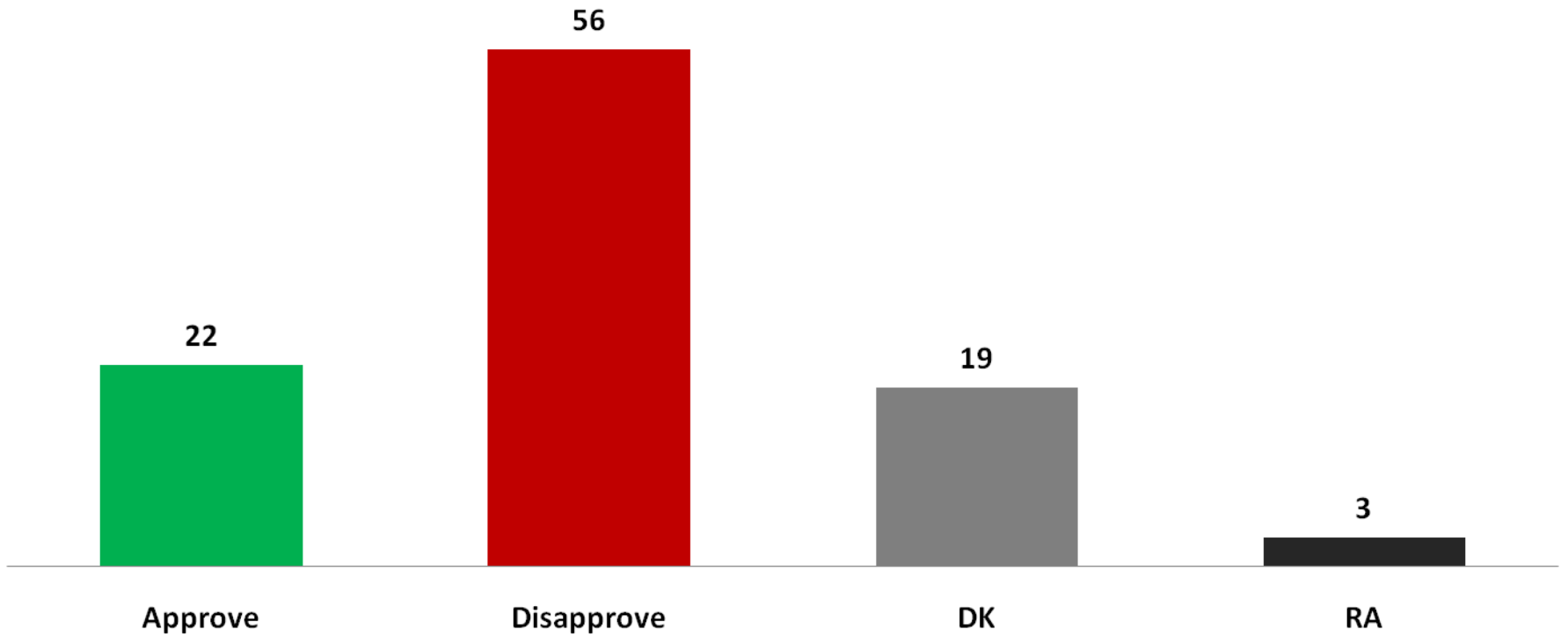
**Were you aware of this? (q48)**



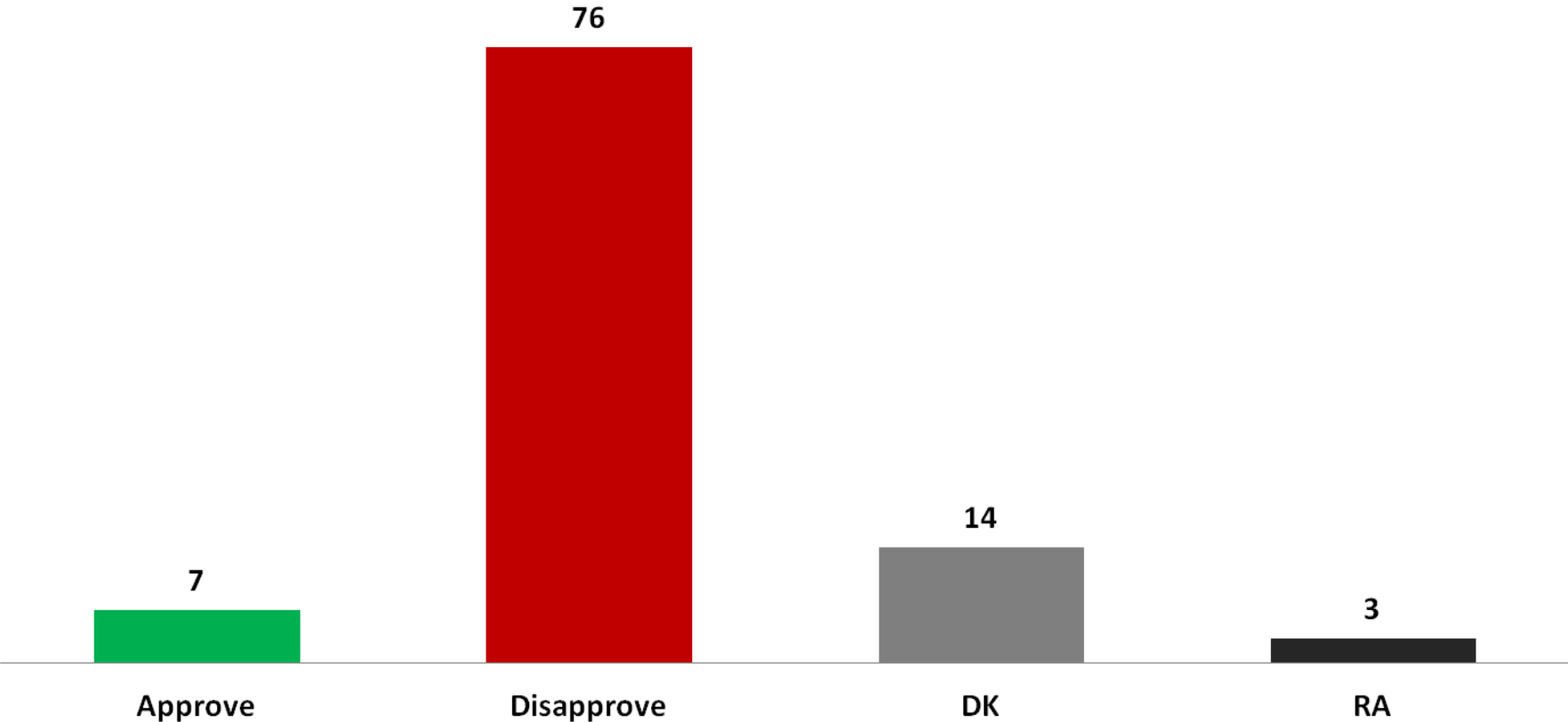
**Do you approve or disapprove of the president's decision to deliver his State of the Nation address at the National Library of Parliament? (q49)**



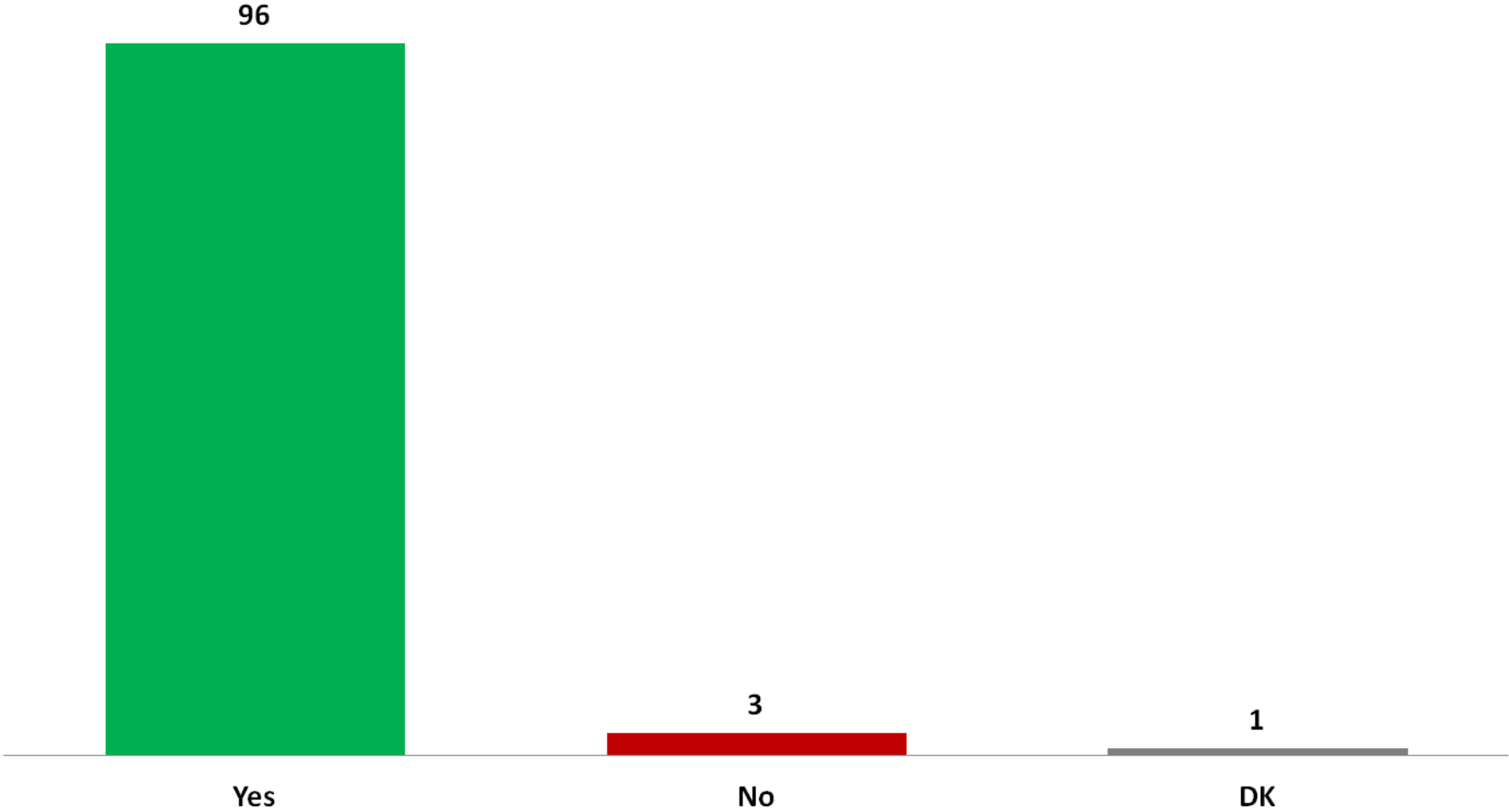
**Do you approve or disapprove of the demonstrators blocking the entrance to the Library? (q50)**



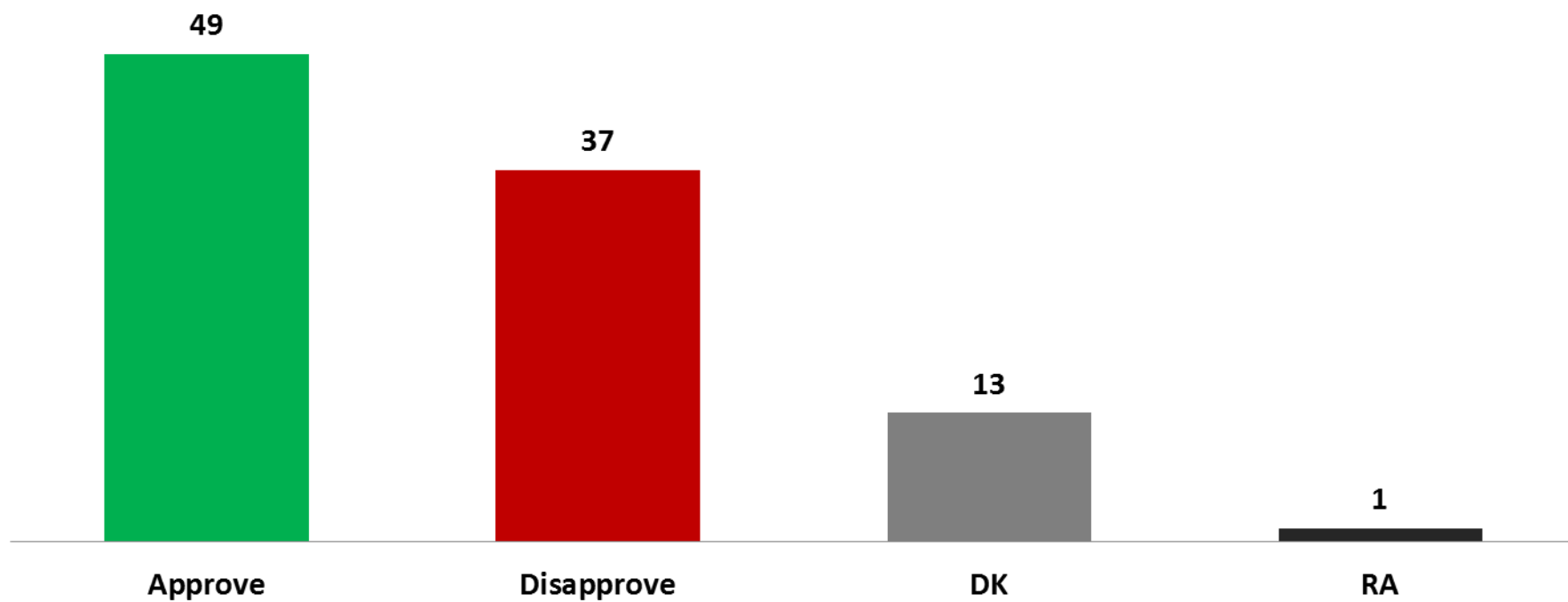
**Do you approve or disapprove of the violence demonstrators exhibited against elected officials? (q52)**



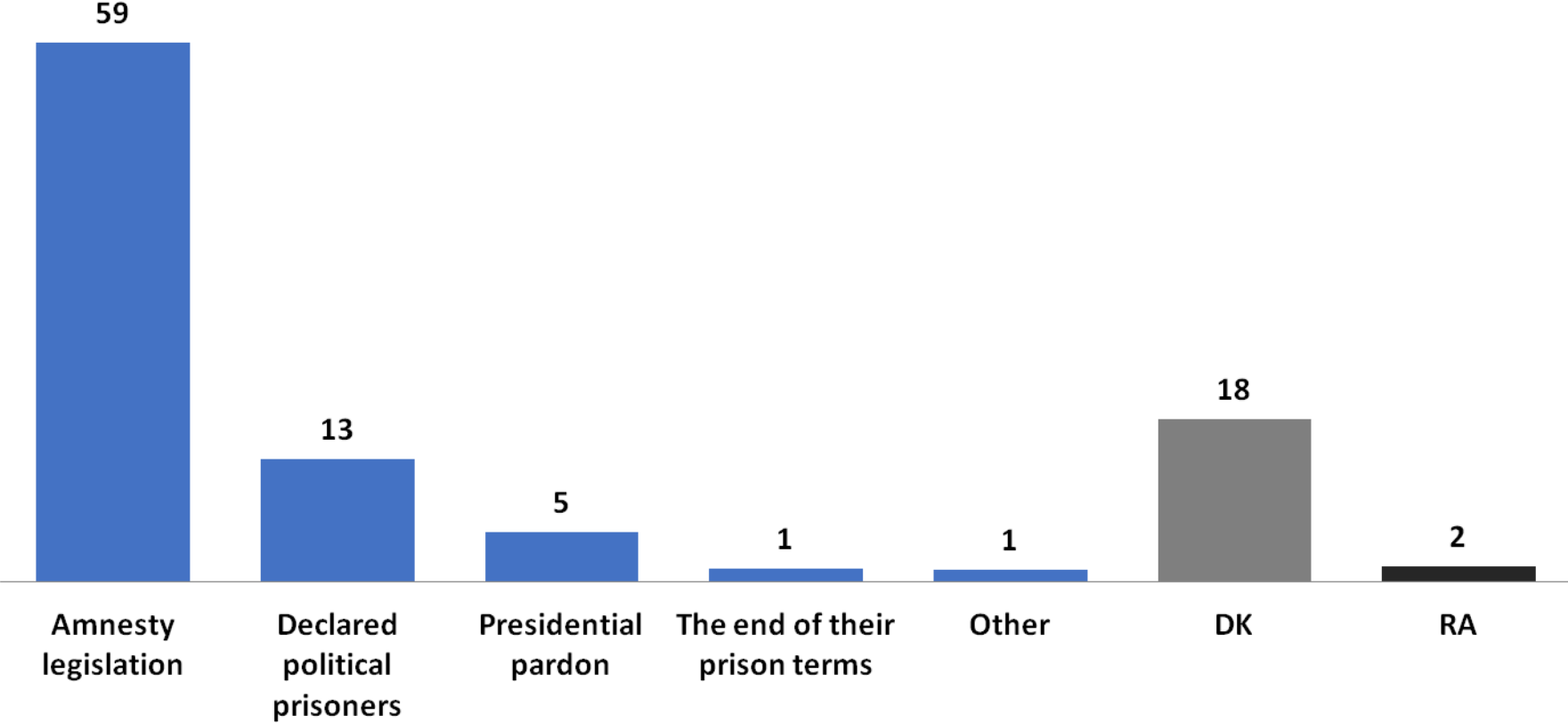
Since December 2012, more than 8,000 prisoners have been released from prison. Were you aware? (q60)



**Do you approve or disapprove of the release of more than 8,000 prisoners from the prisons? (q61)**

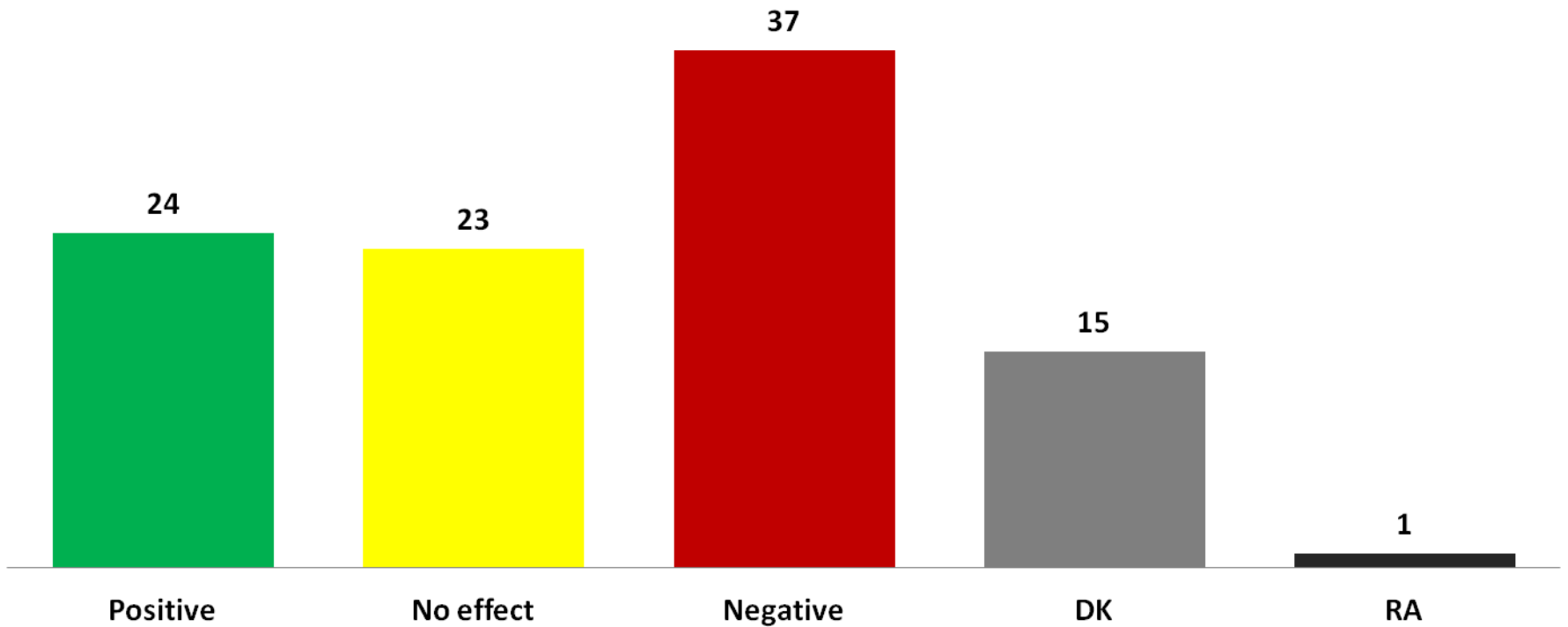


# What was the main reason these prisoners were released? (q62)

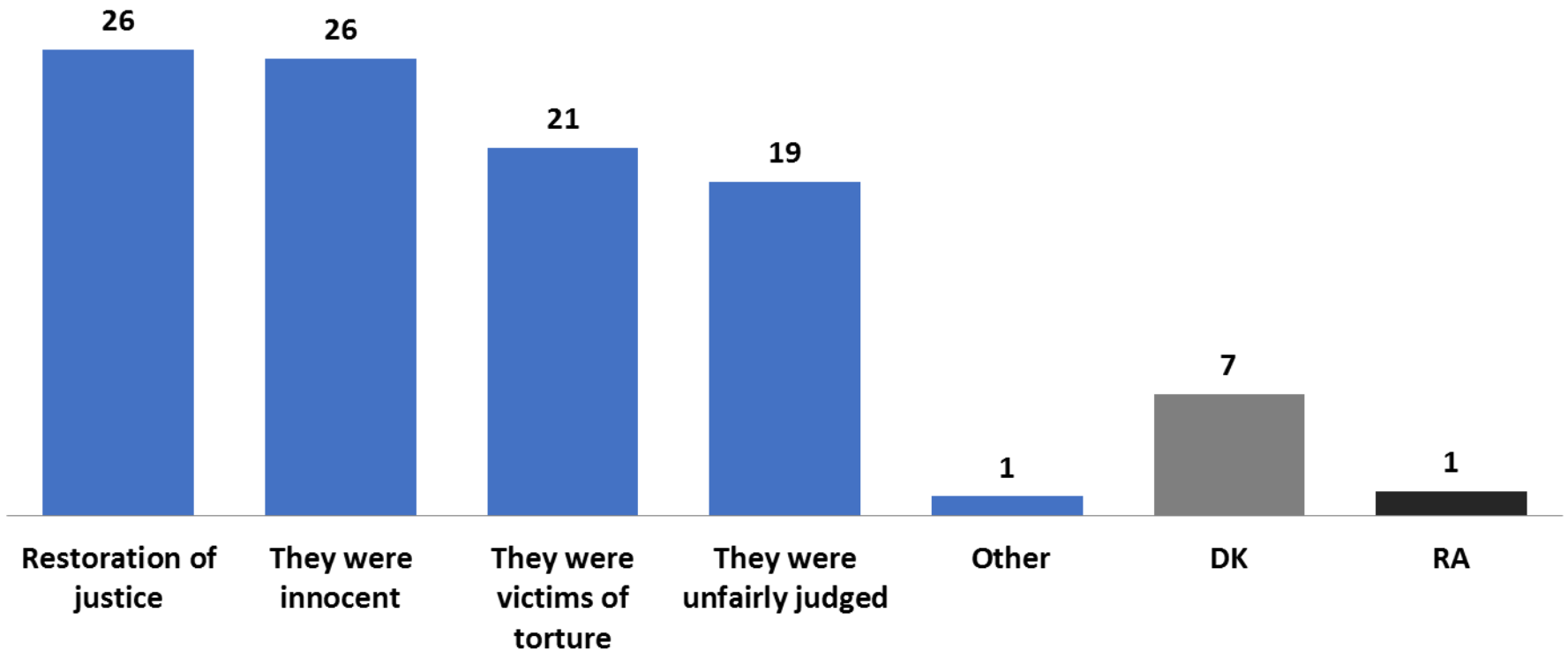




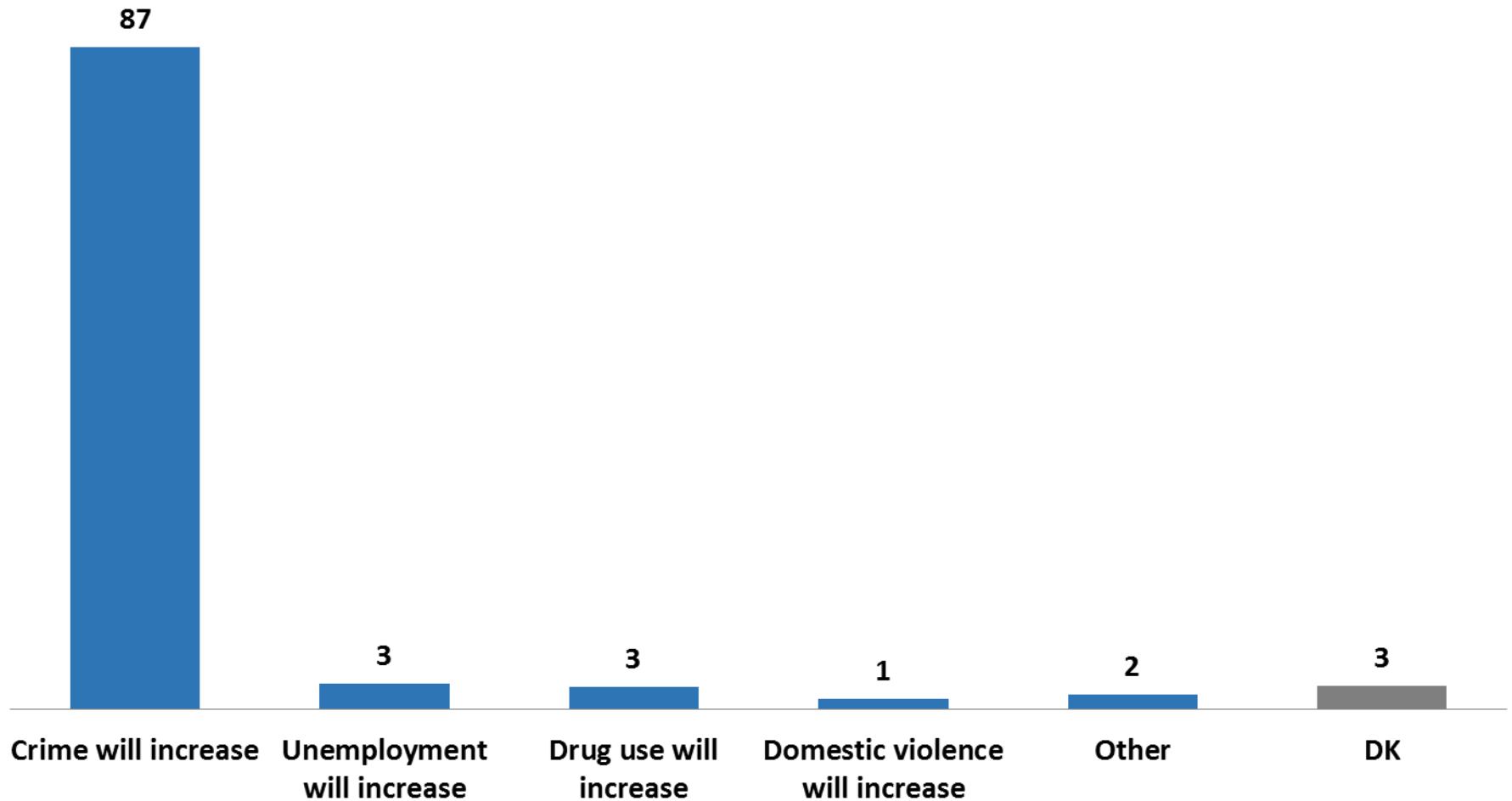
## What effect do you think the release of prisoners will have on society? (q63)



**If positive, why? - of the 24% who think that the release of prisoners will have a positive effect on society (q64)**

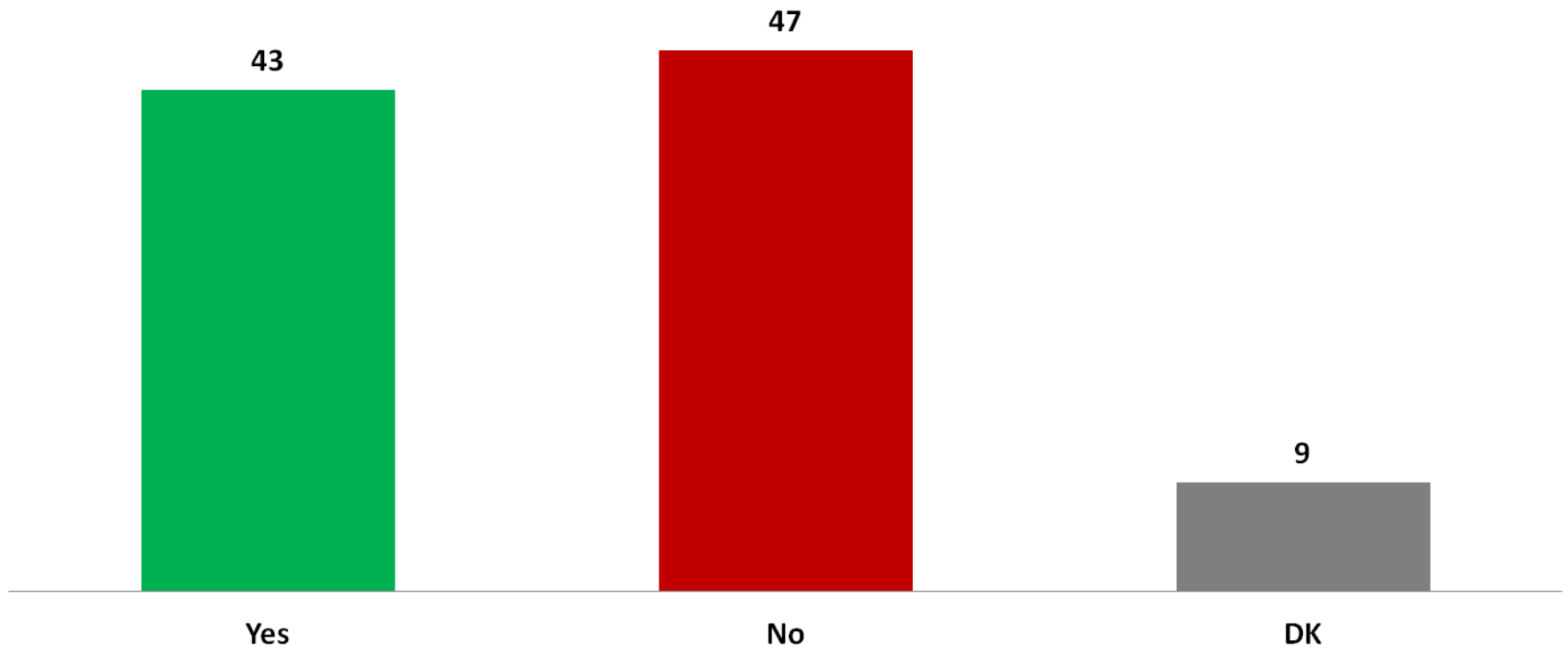


**If negative, why? - of the 37% who think that the release of prisoners will have a negative effect on society (q65)**

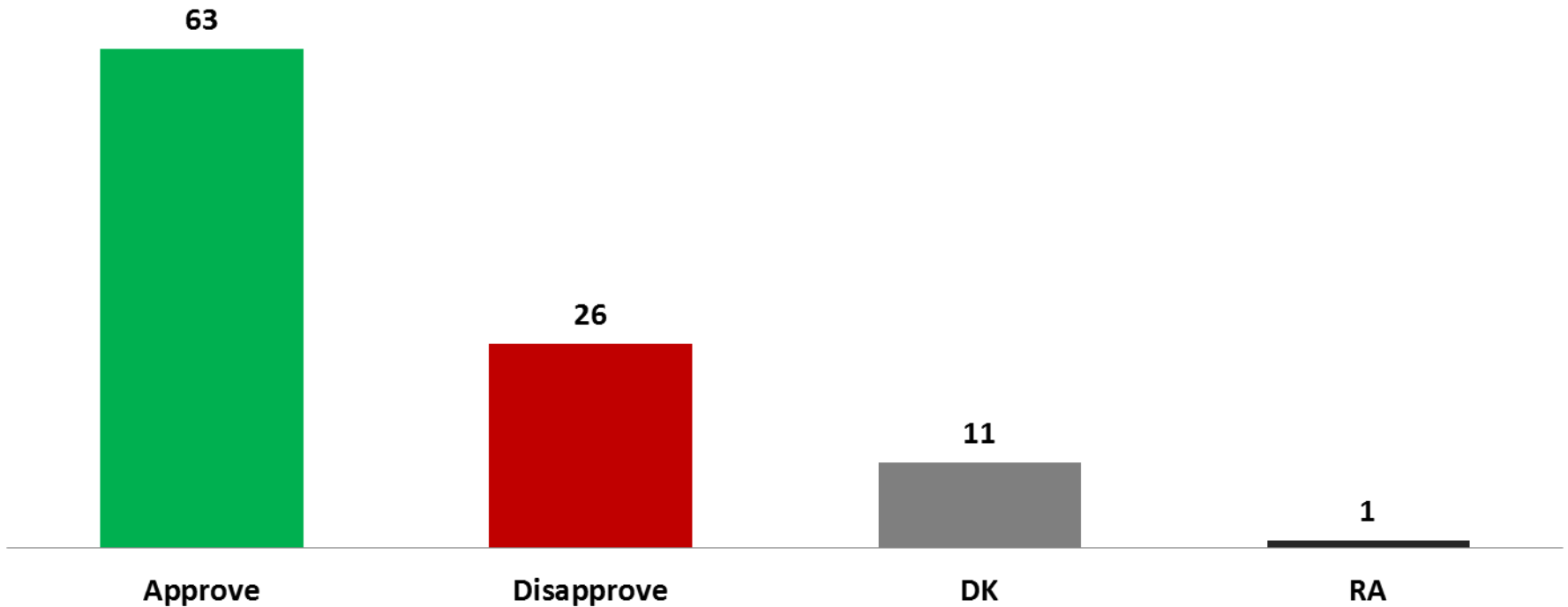


**The Ministry of Defense has proposed a transition to a contract based military service, abolishing mandatory military service.**

**Were you aware? (q66)**



**Do you approve or disapprove of the proposition about transition to a contract based military service, abolishing mandatory military service? - of the 43% who were aware (q67)**



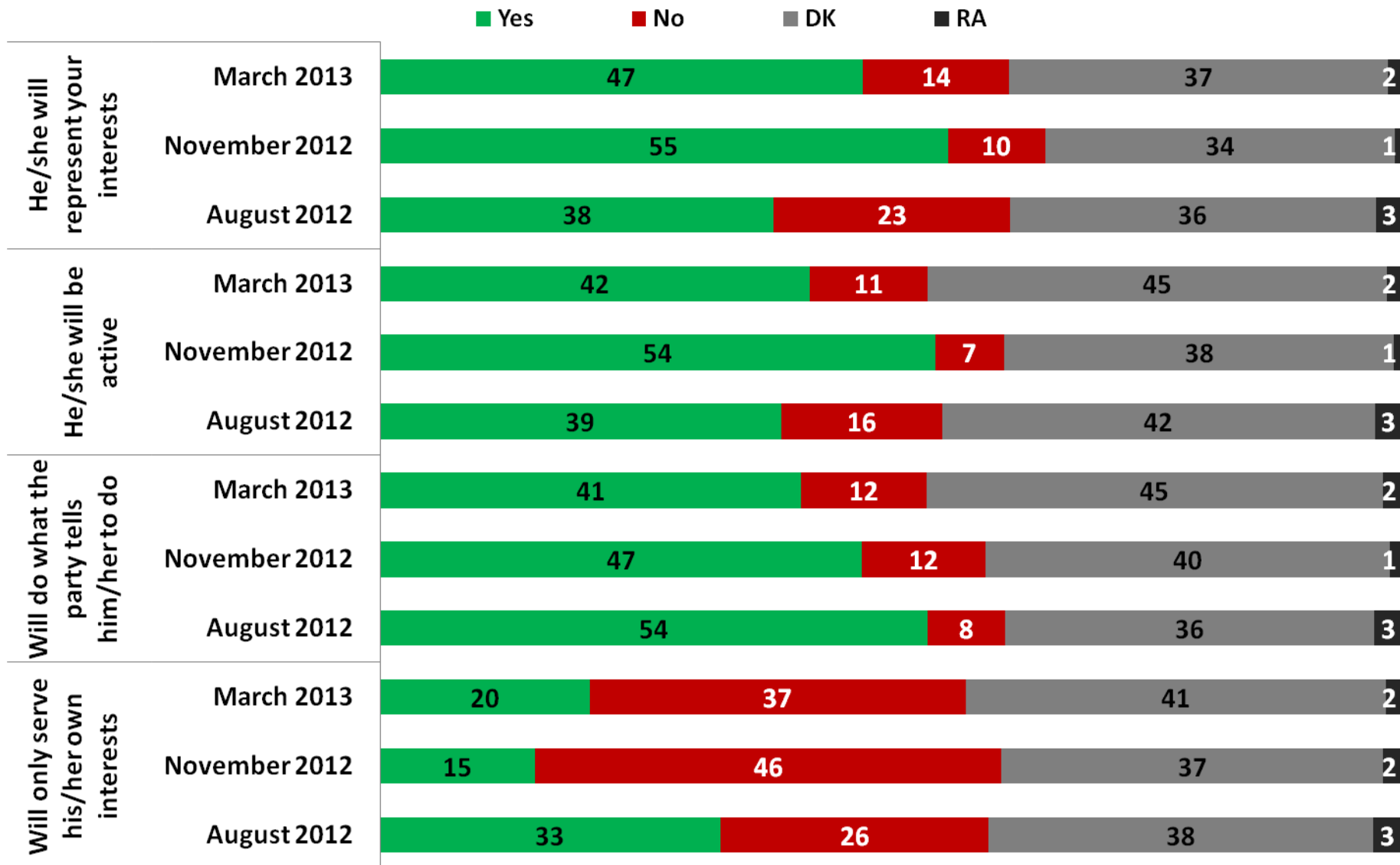
# Do you personally know someone who you beleive was fired from a state/public job because of their political beliefs? (q69)

Yes No DK RA



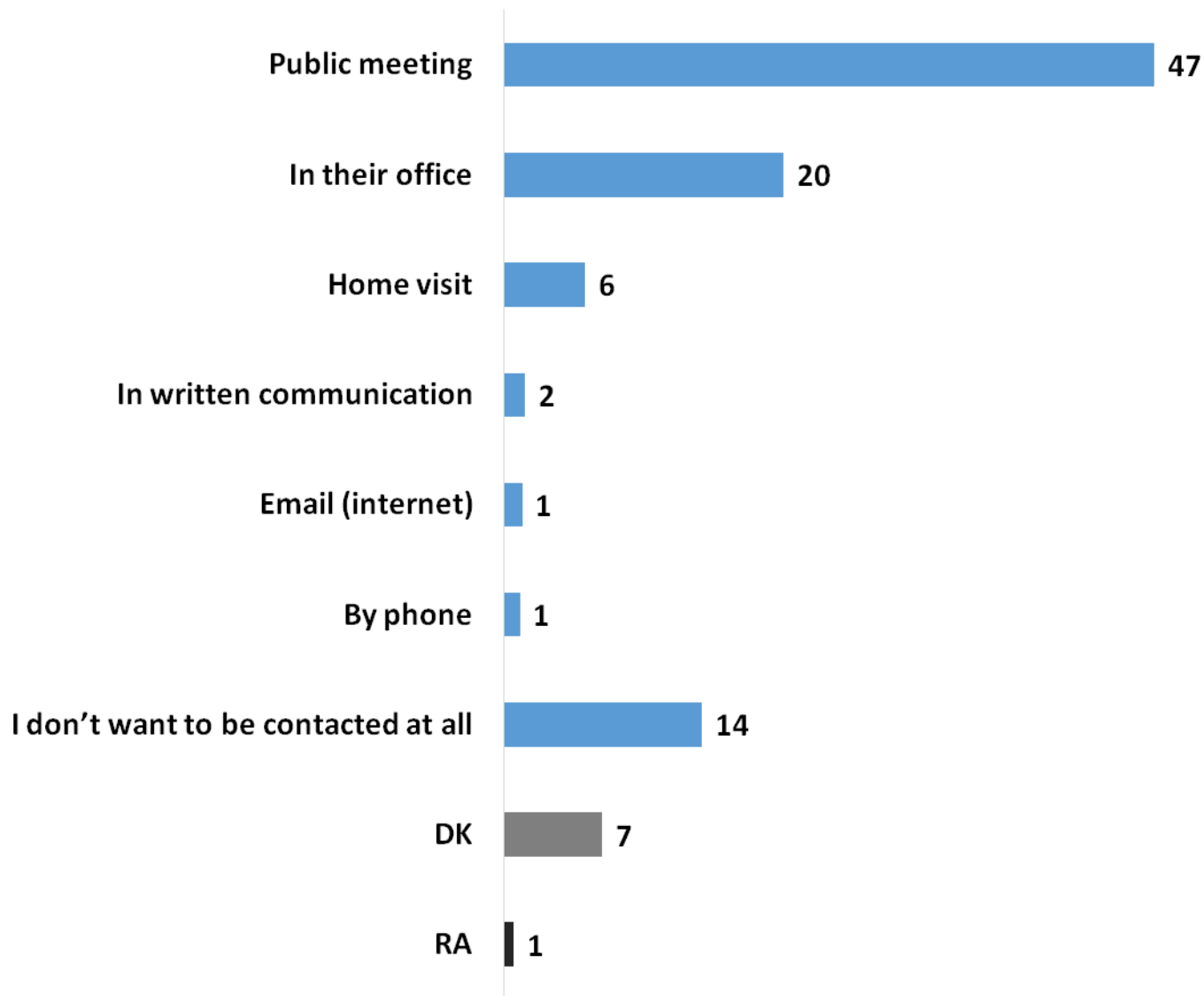
# Parliament and Women's Participation

# What do you expect from your majoritarian Member of the Parliament? (q28)



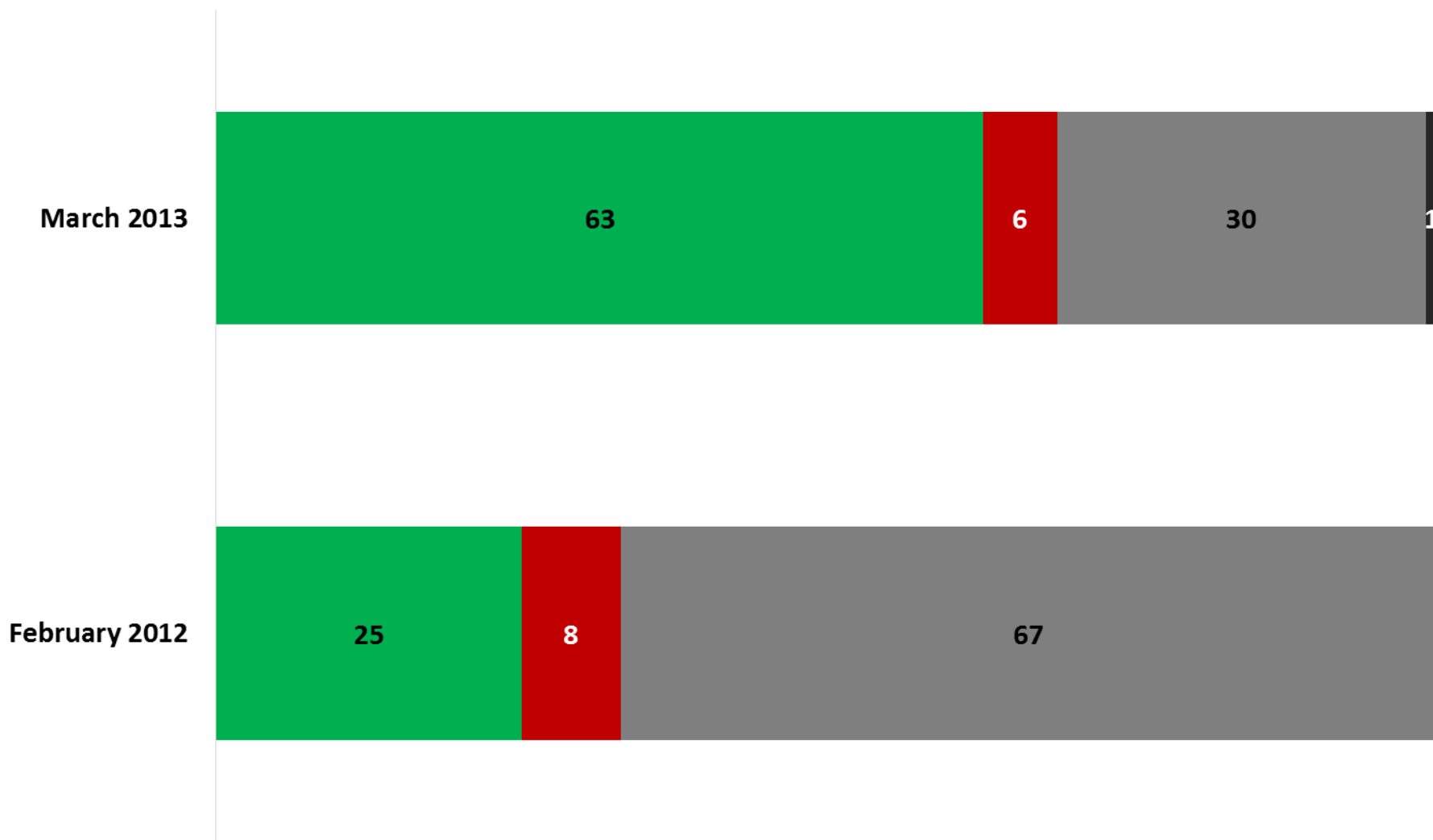


## If your elected representative were to contact you, what would be the best format? (q30)

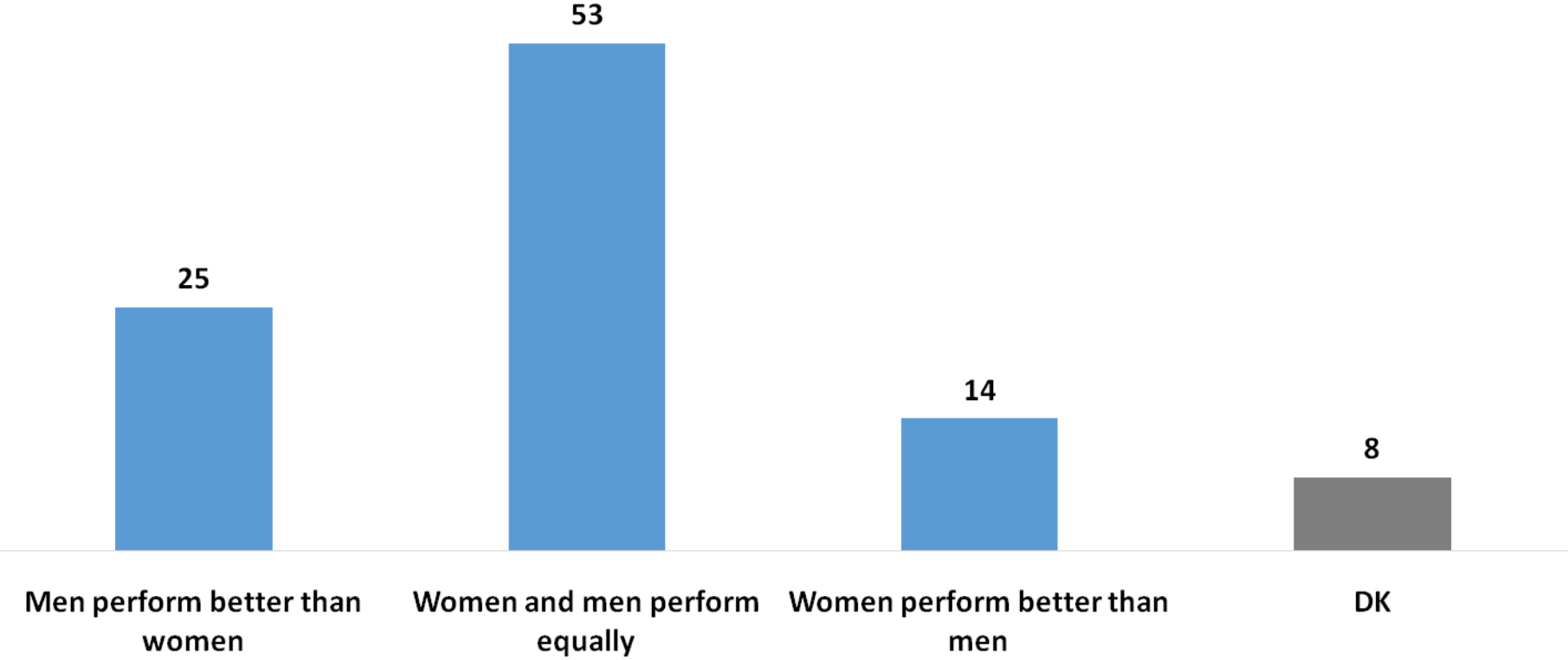


# Who is your majoritarian member in the Parliament of Georgia? (q29)

Correct answer    Incorrect answer    DK    RA

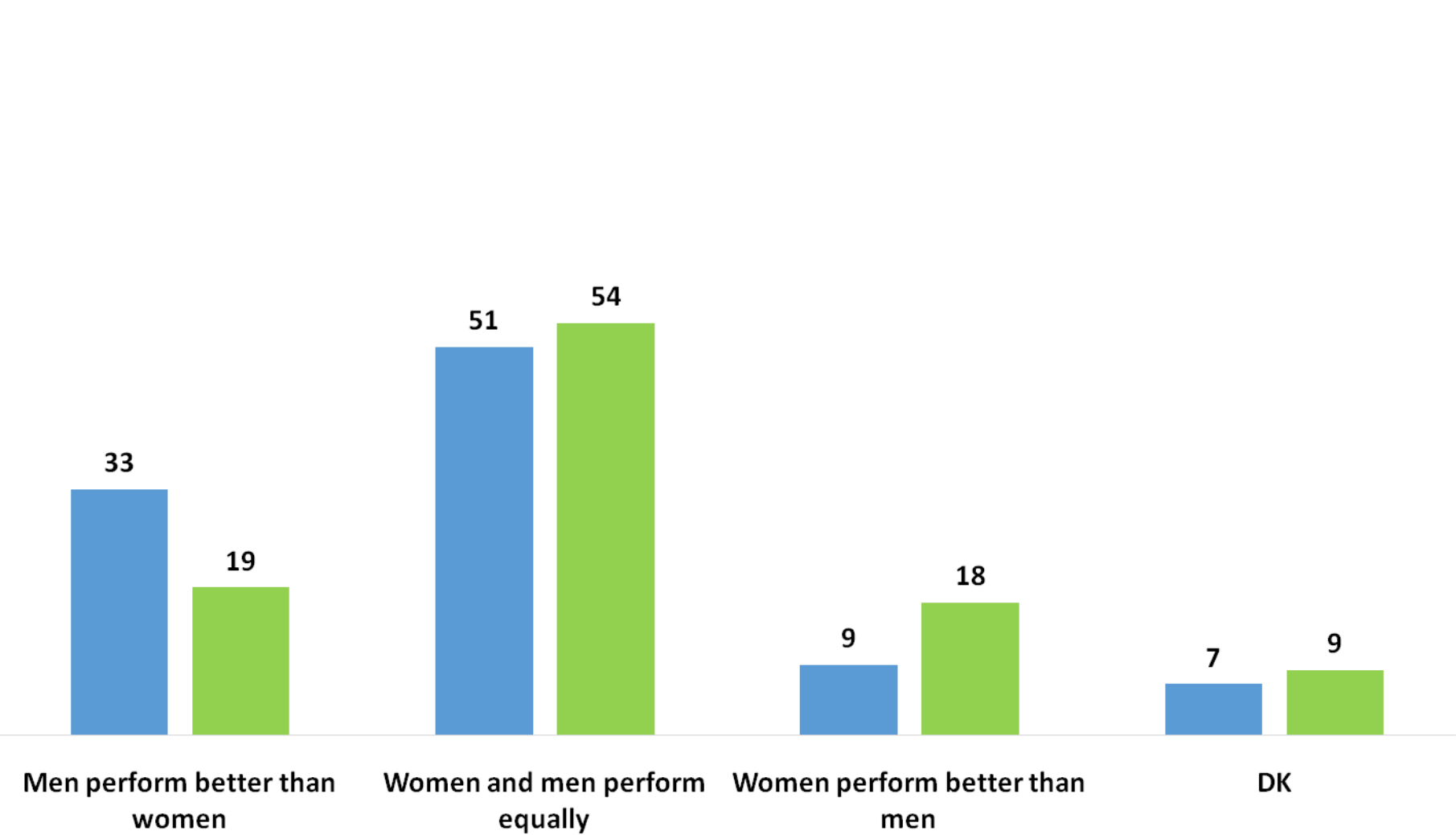


**Generally, comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, do you think? (q39)**

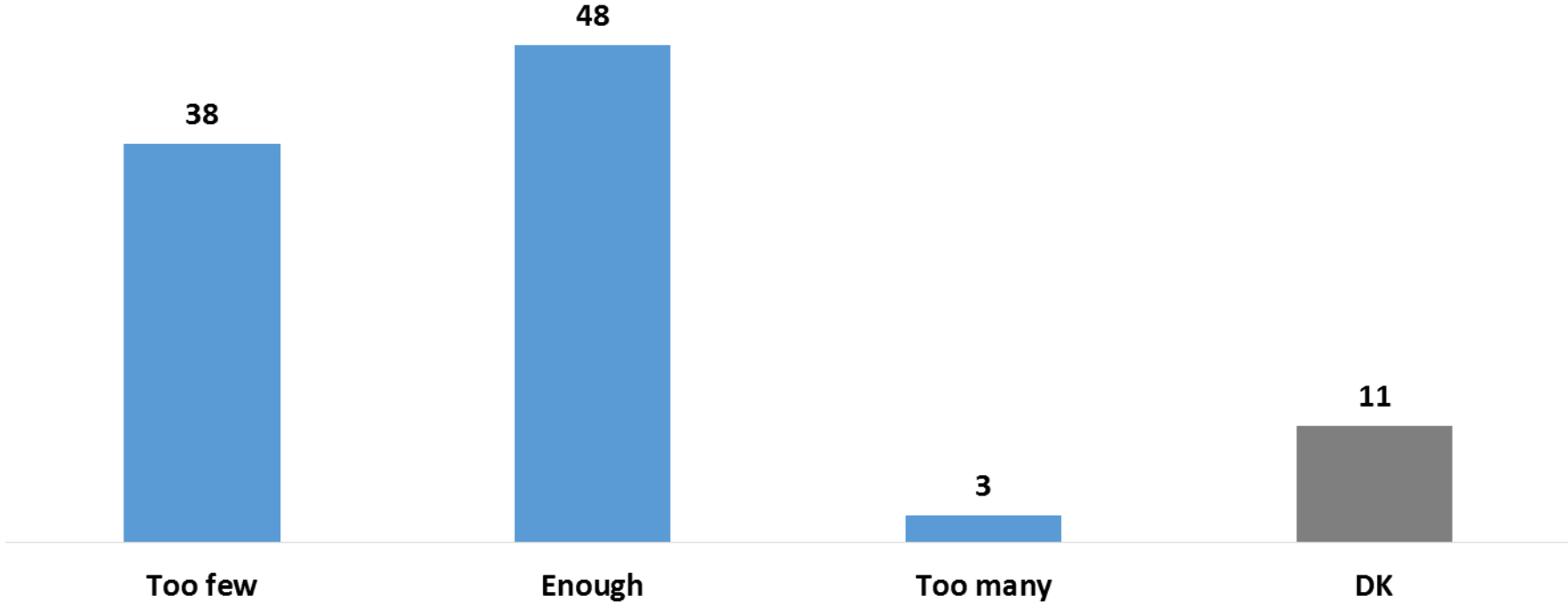


# Generally, comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, do you think? (q39 X Gender)

Male Female

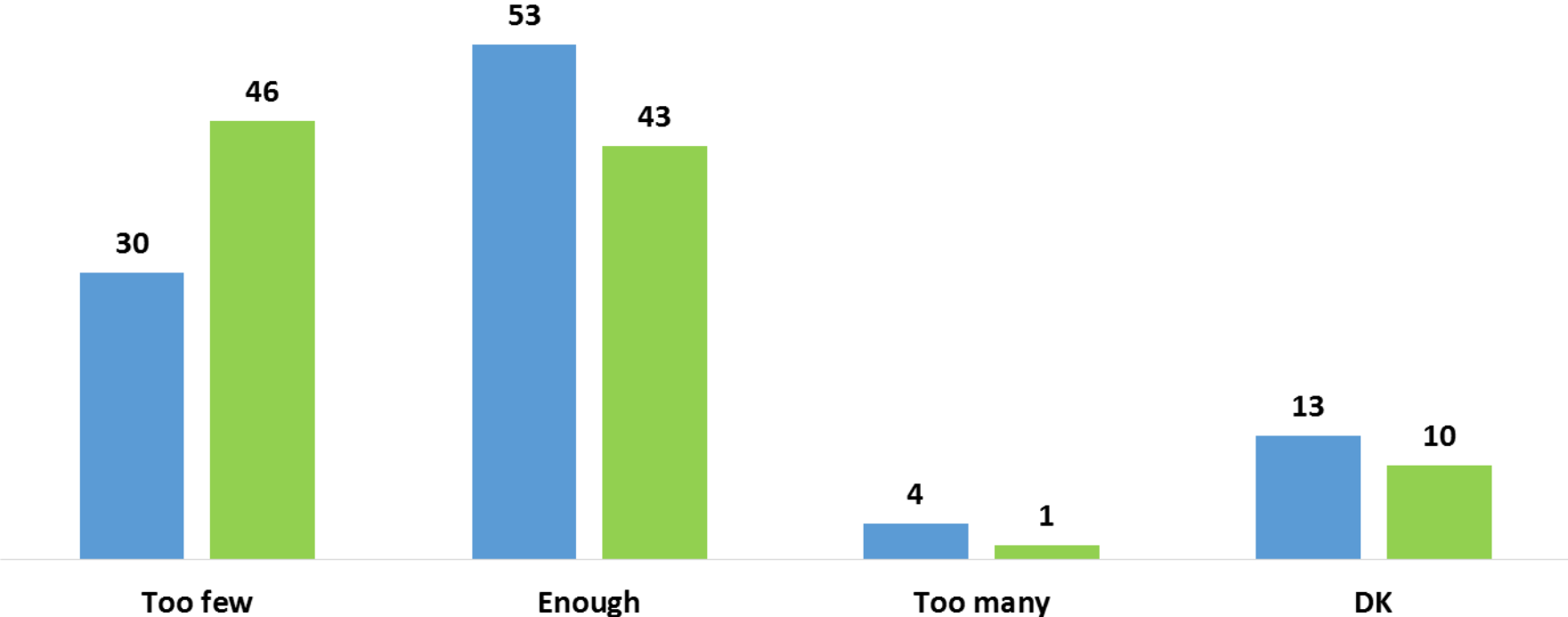


**Currently there are 16 women members of parliament out of 150 (11%).  
Do you think this is? (q40)**

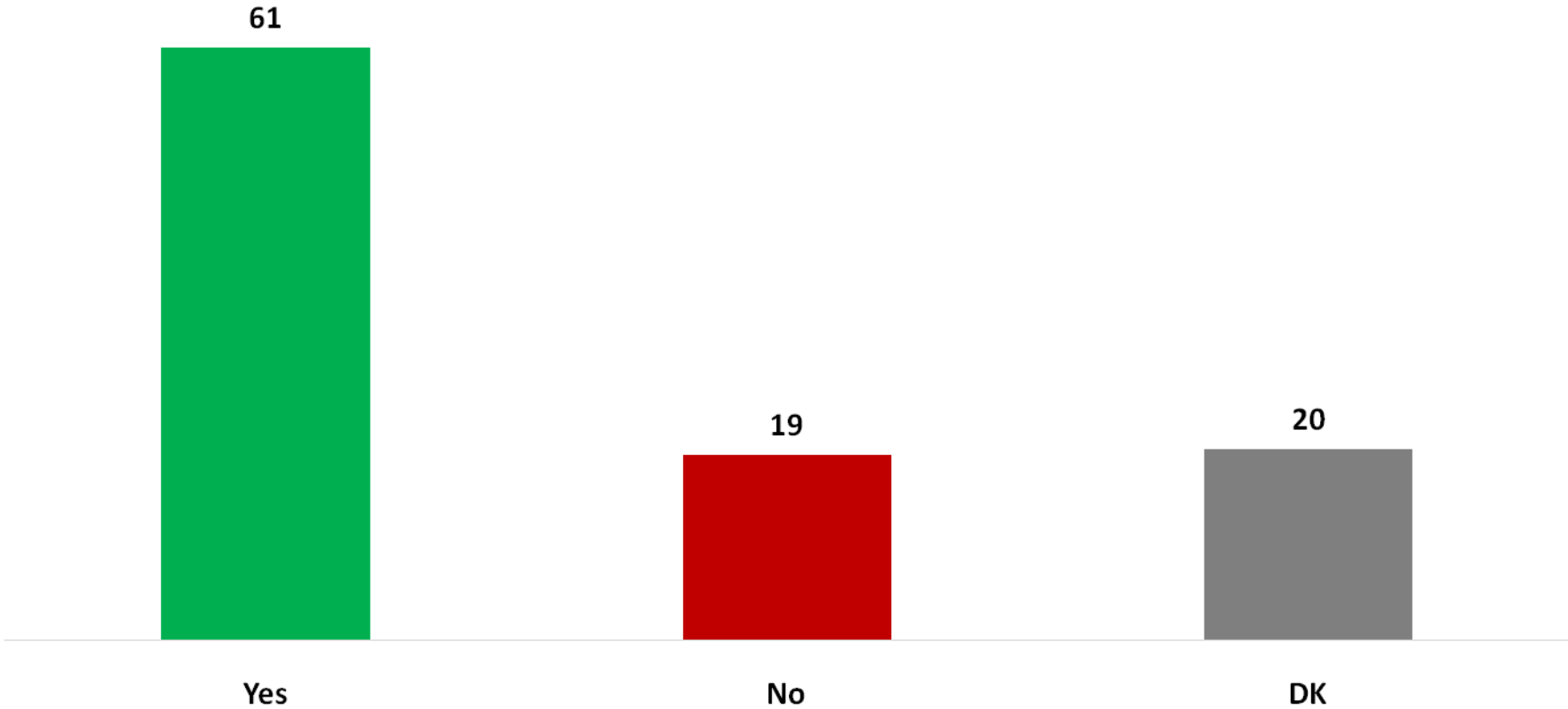


**Currently there are 16 women members of parliament out of 150 (11%).  
Do you think this is ? (q40 X Gender)**

■ Male ■ Female



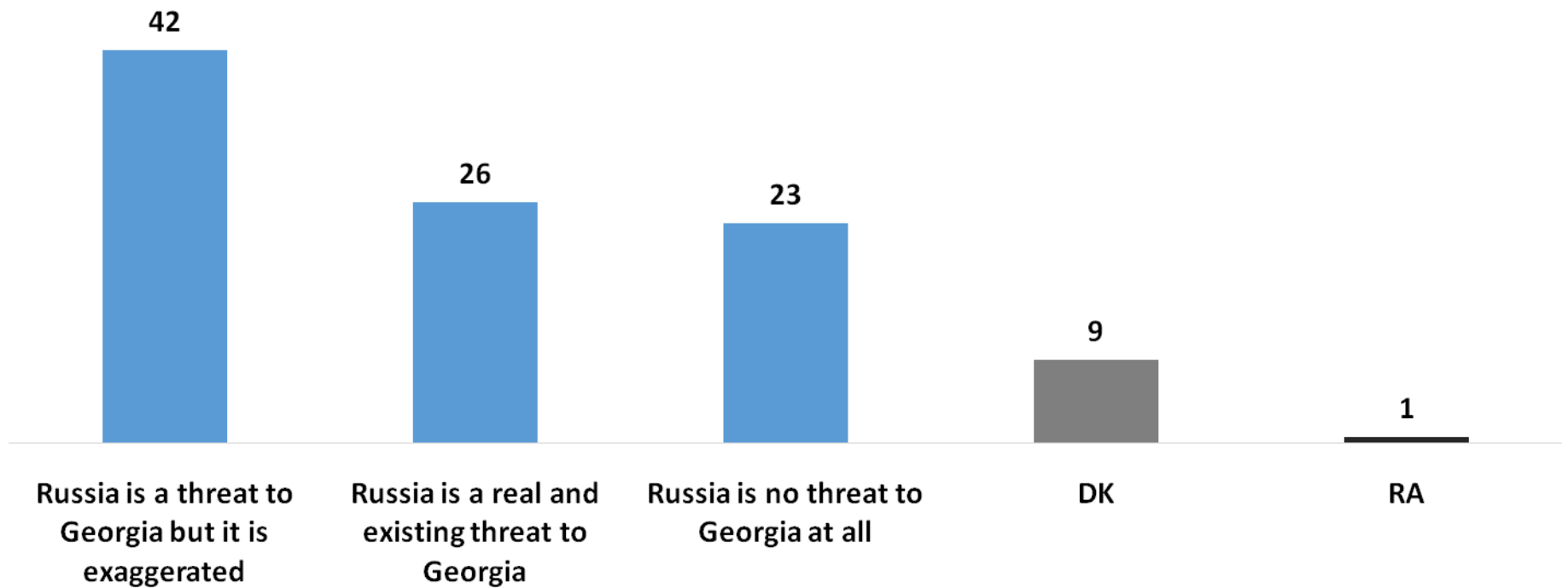
**All things being equal, would you vote for a woman candidate in the next local elections? (q41)**



# Foreign Relations

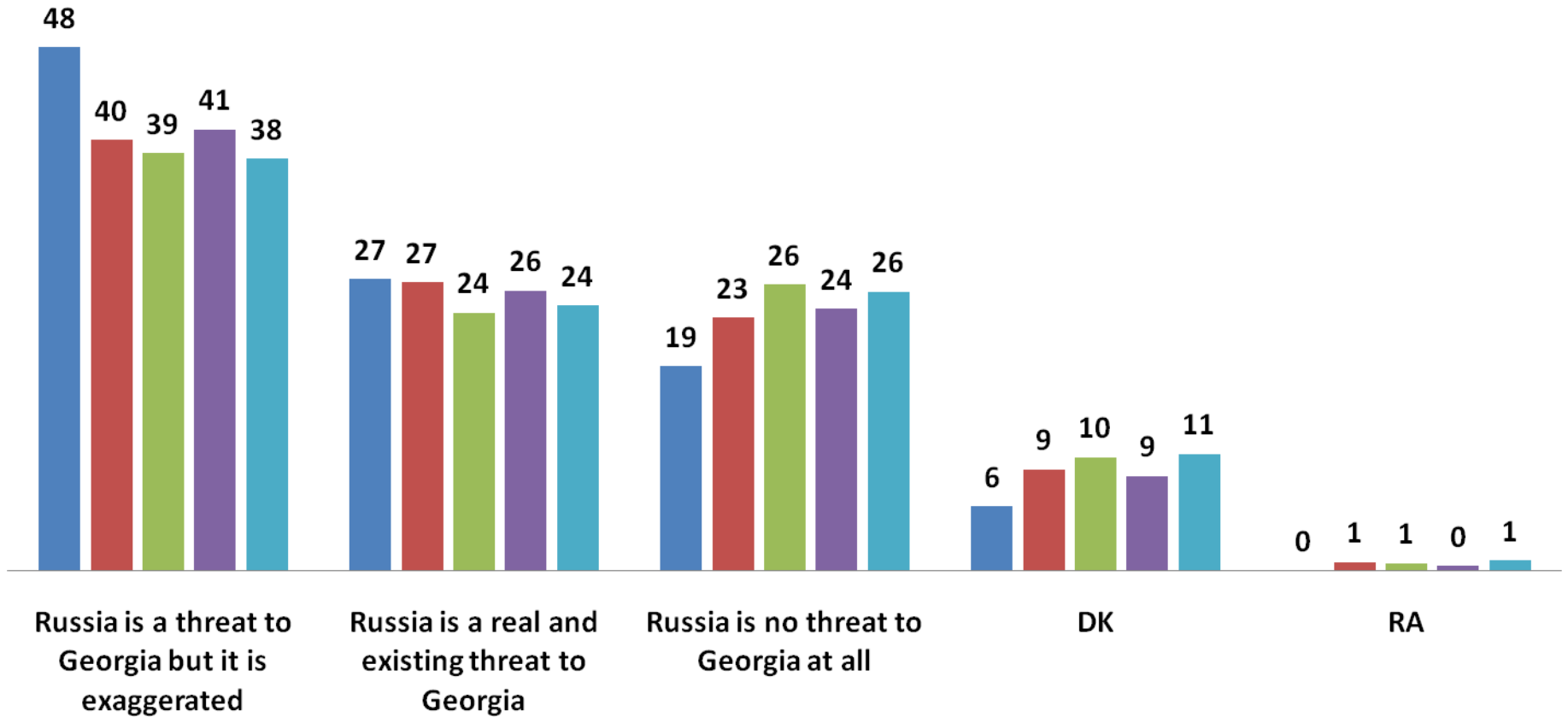


Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?  
(q42)

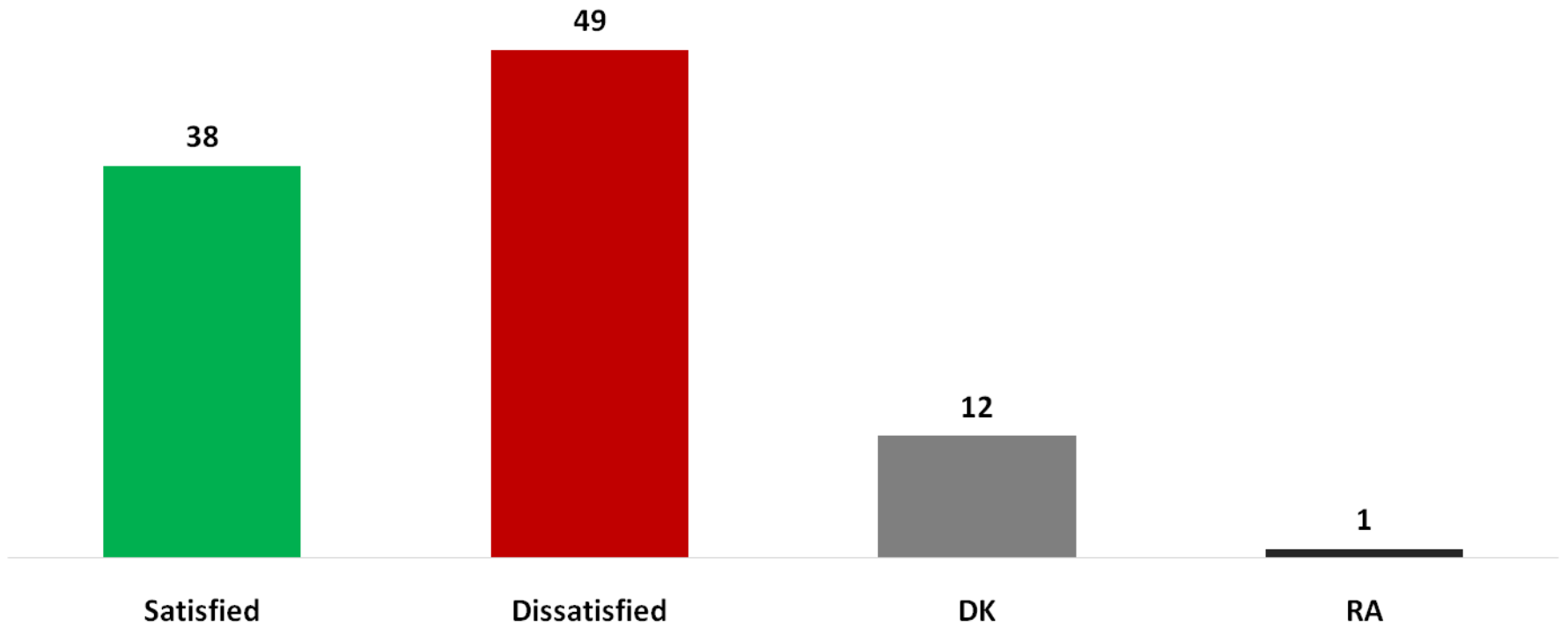


# Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (q42 X Settlement)

■ Capital ■ Urban ■ Rural ■ East Georgia ■ West Georgia

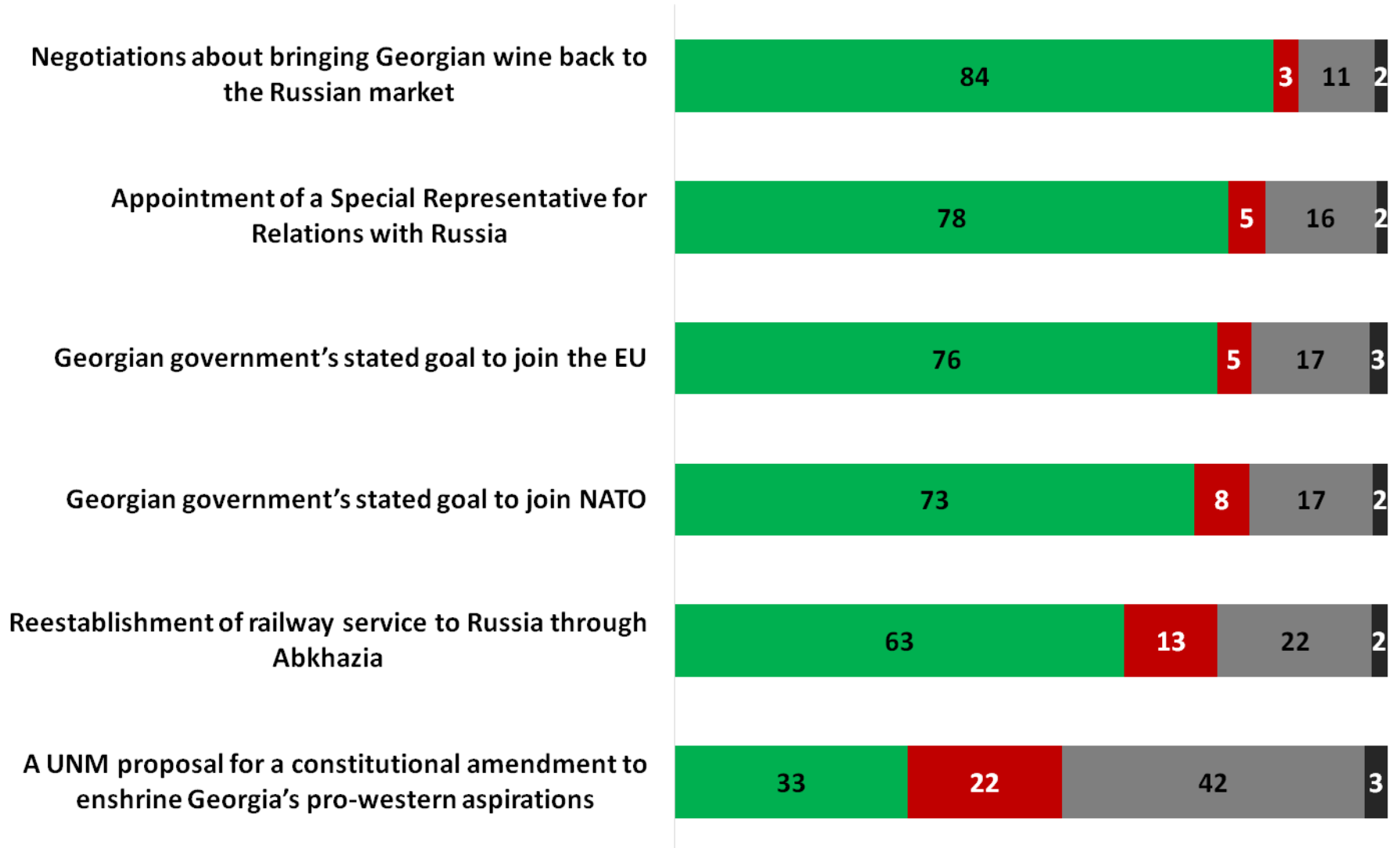


## Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Georgia's current relationship with Russia? (q43)

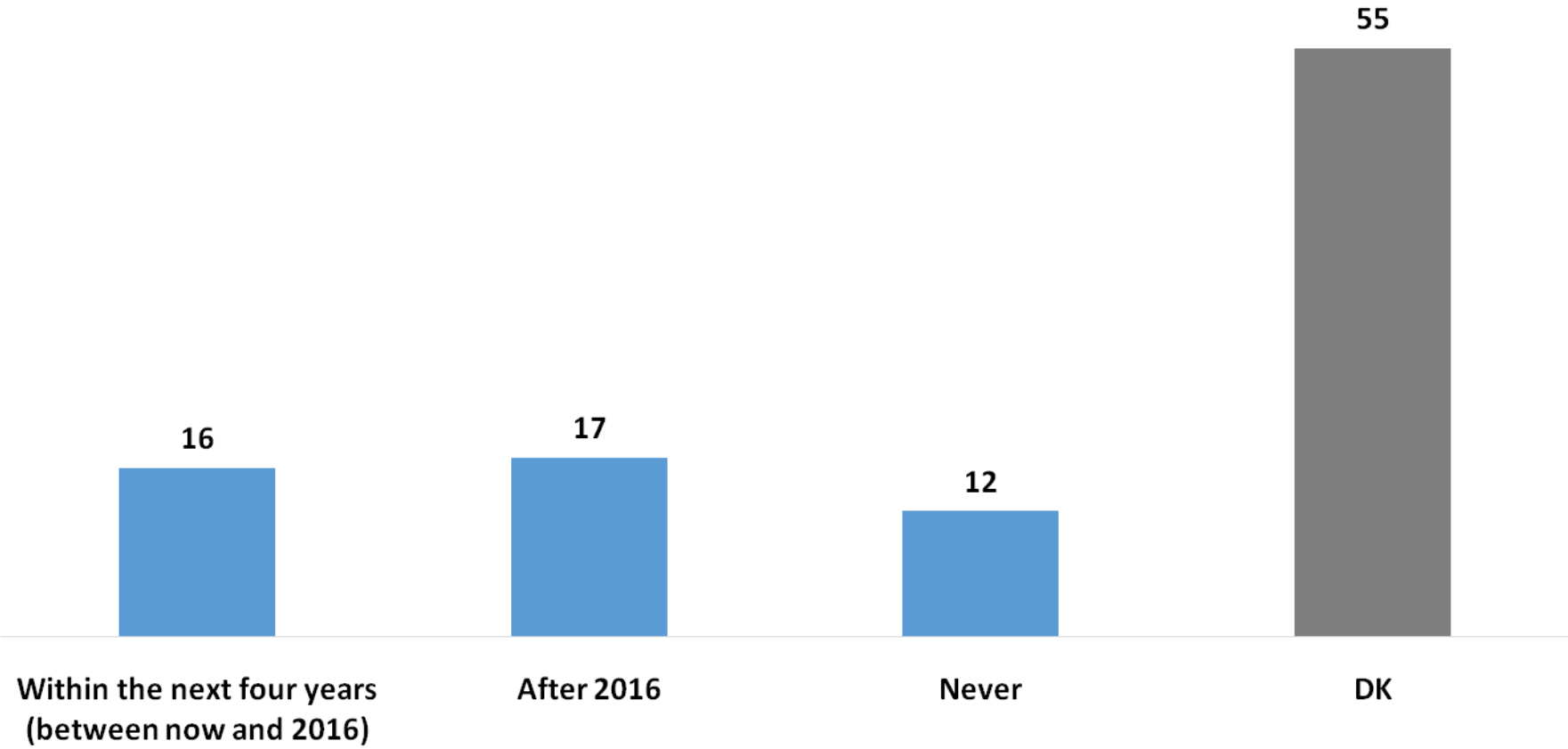


# Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q44)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



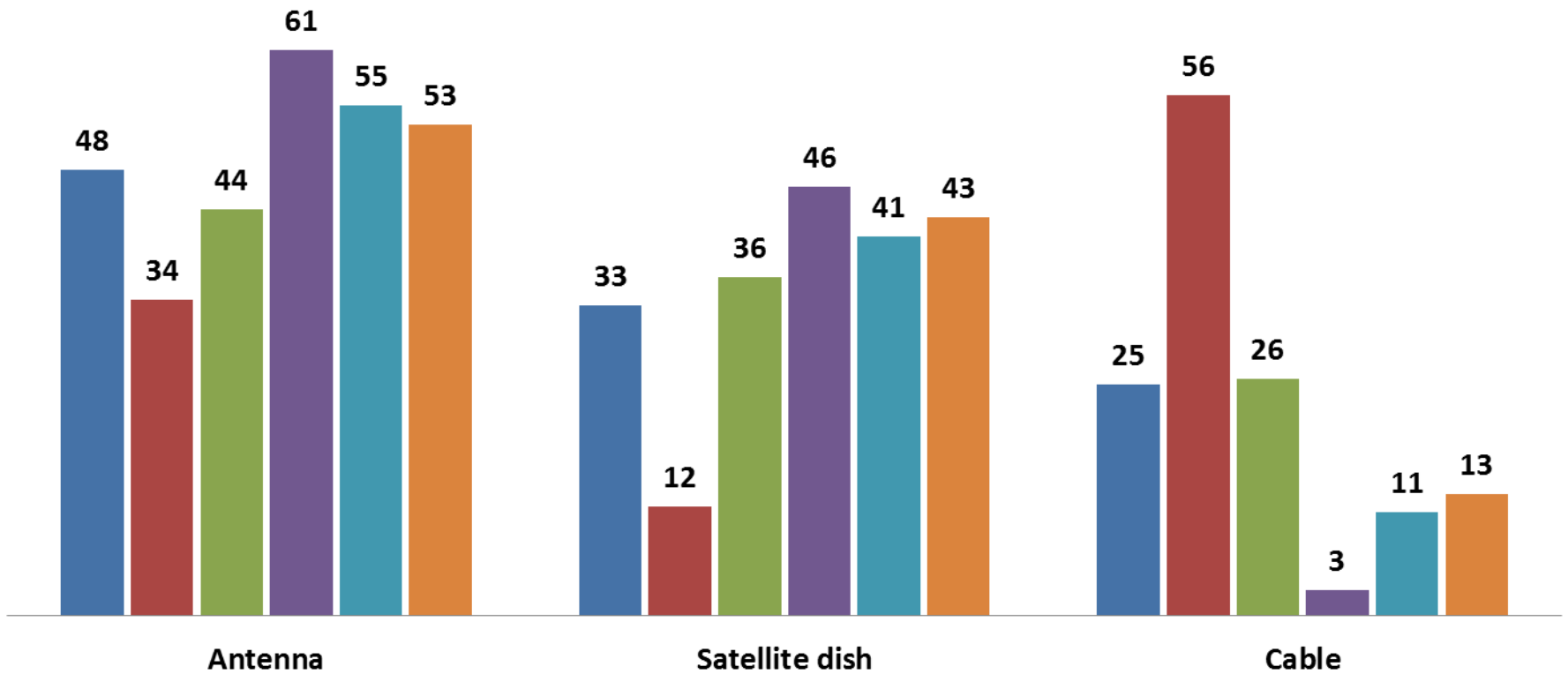
# When do you think Georgia will be granted NATO membership? (q45)



# Media

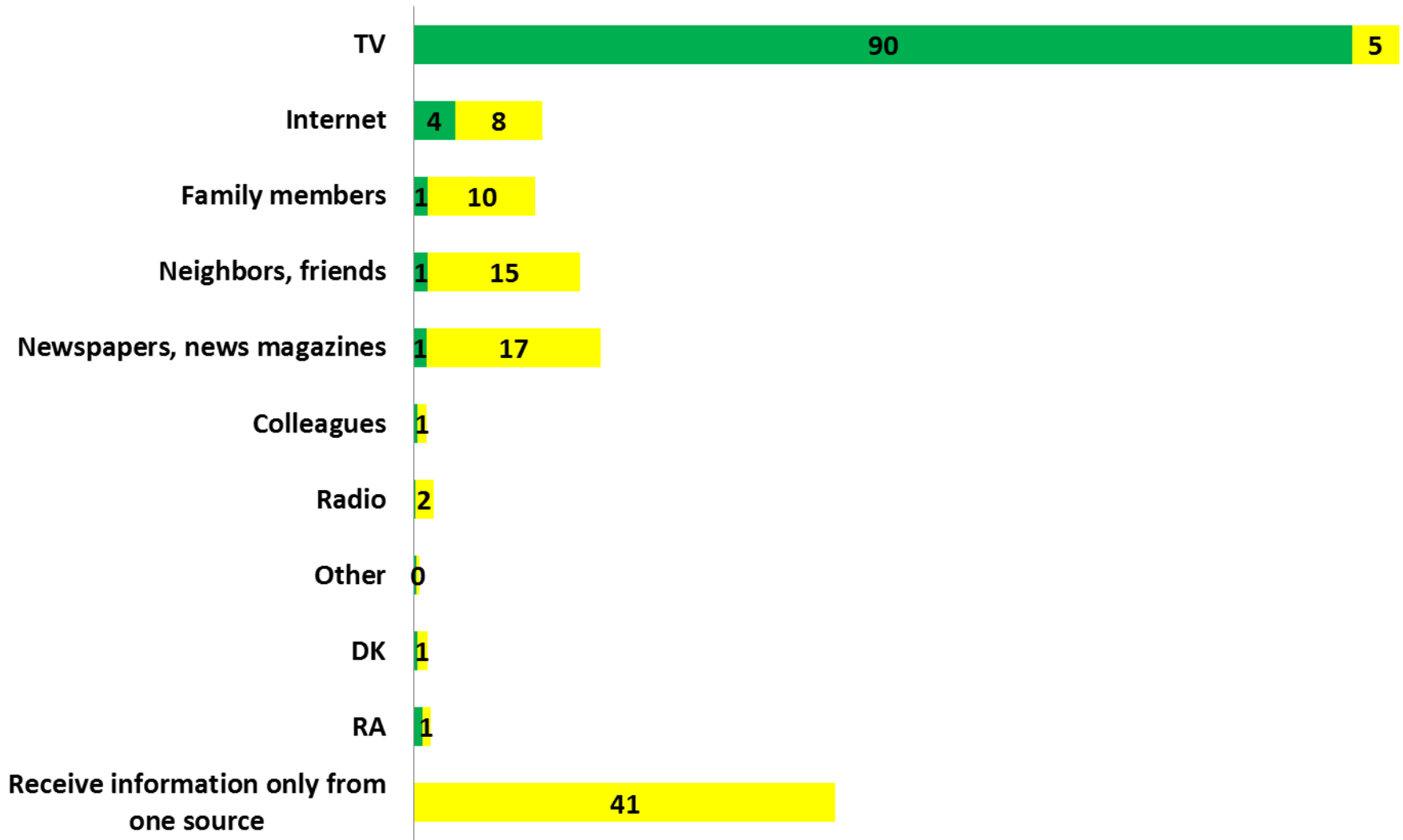
# How do you receive TV signal? Select all that apply (q80 X Settlement)

■ National ■ Capital ■ Urban ■ Rural ■ East Georgia ■ West Georgia



# What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q78-q79)

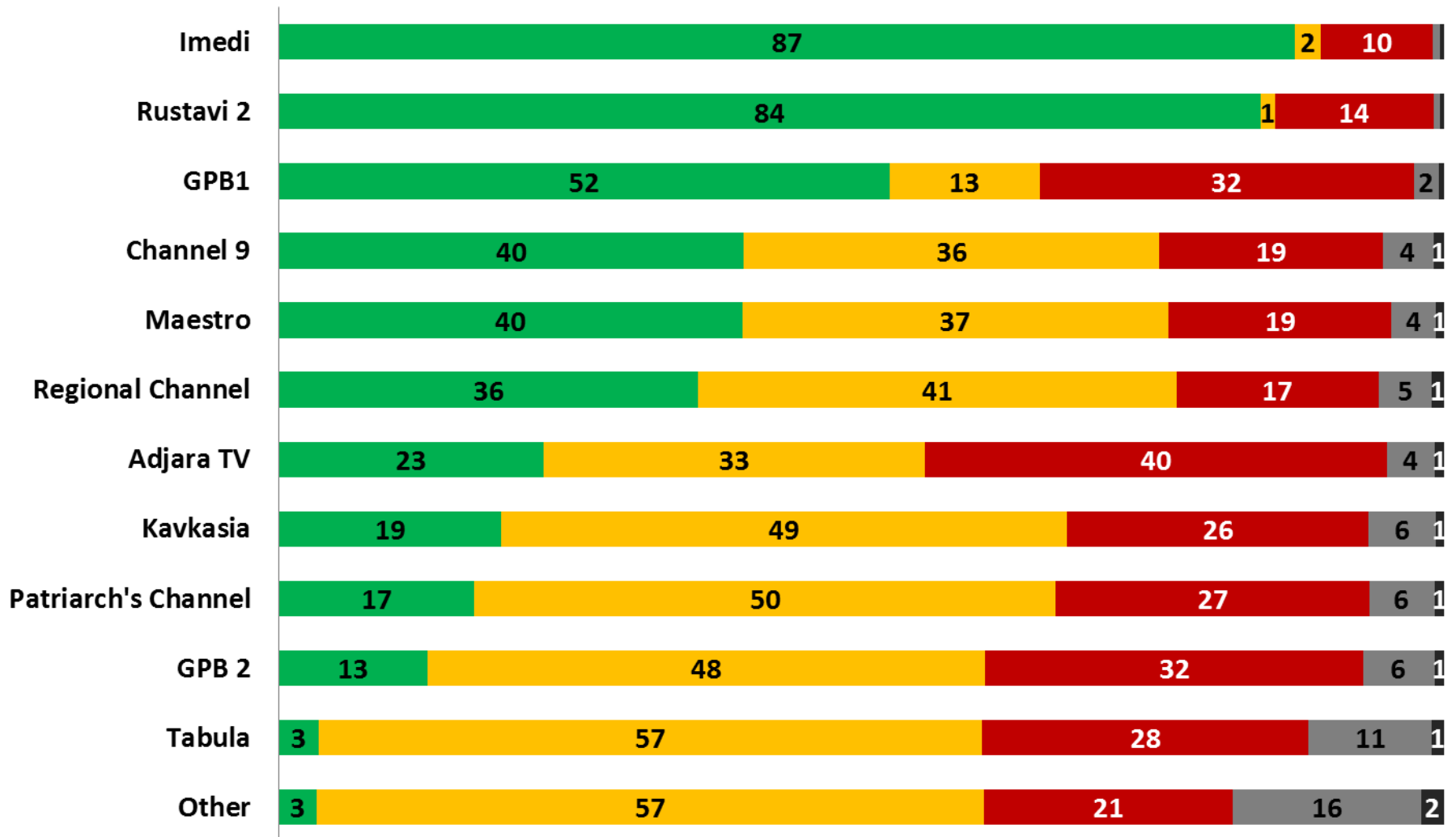
■ First Choice ■ Second choice





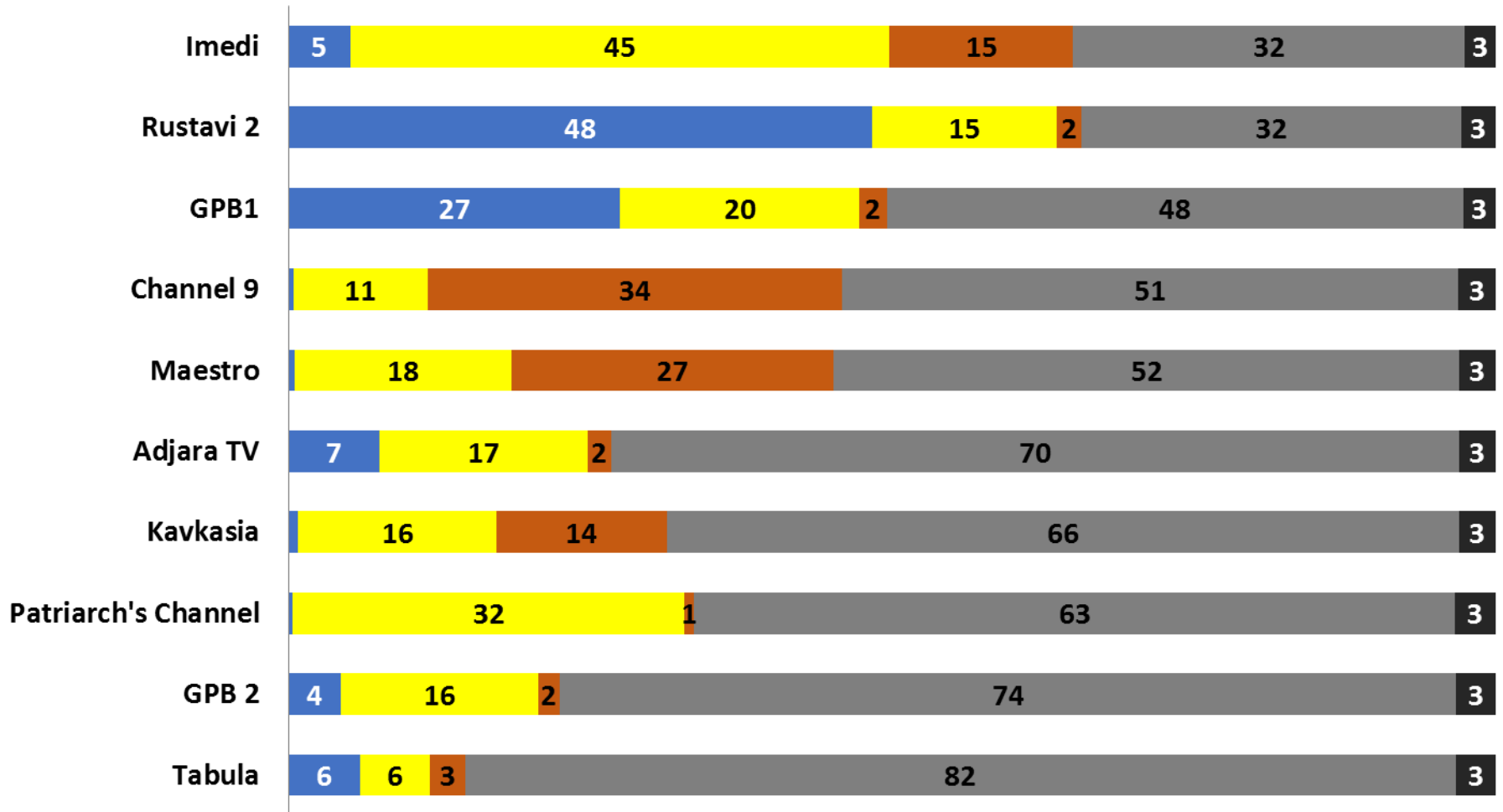
## Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? (Q82)

■ Yes   
 ■ No – I have no reception   
 ■ No – I have reception but I don't watch   
 ■ DK   
 ■ RA



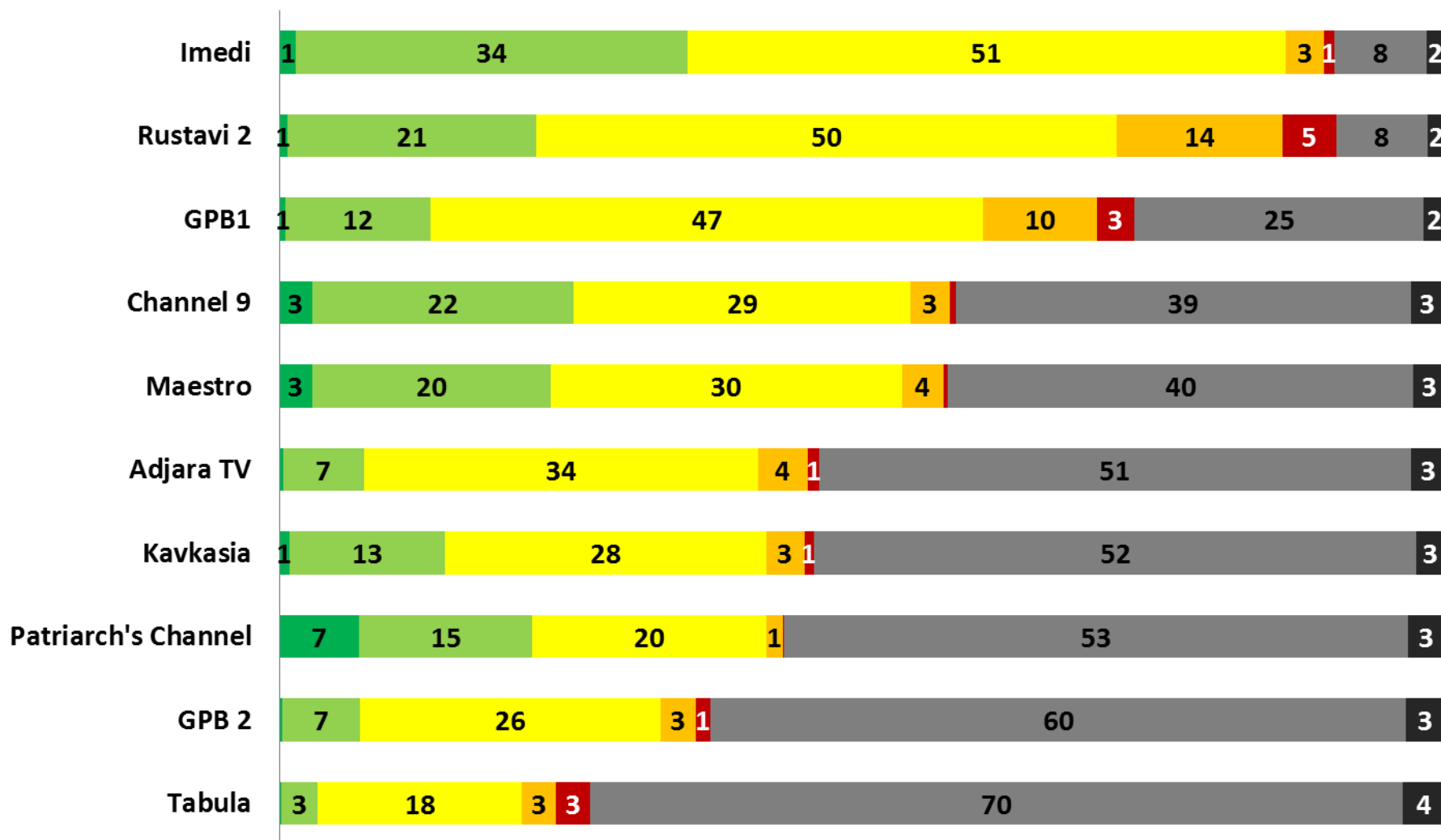
## Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels mostly reflect the interests of UNM, Georgian Dream or neither? (q83)

■ UNM   
 ■ Neither   
 ■ Georgian Dream   
 ■ DK   
 ■ RA

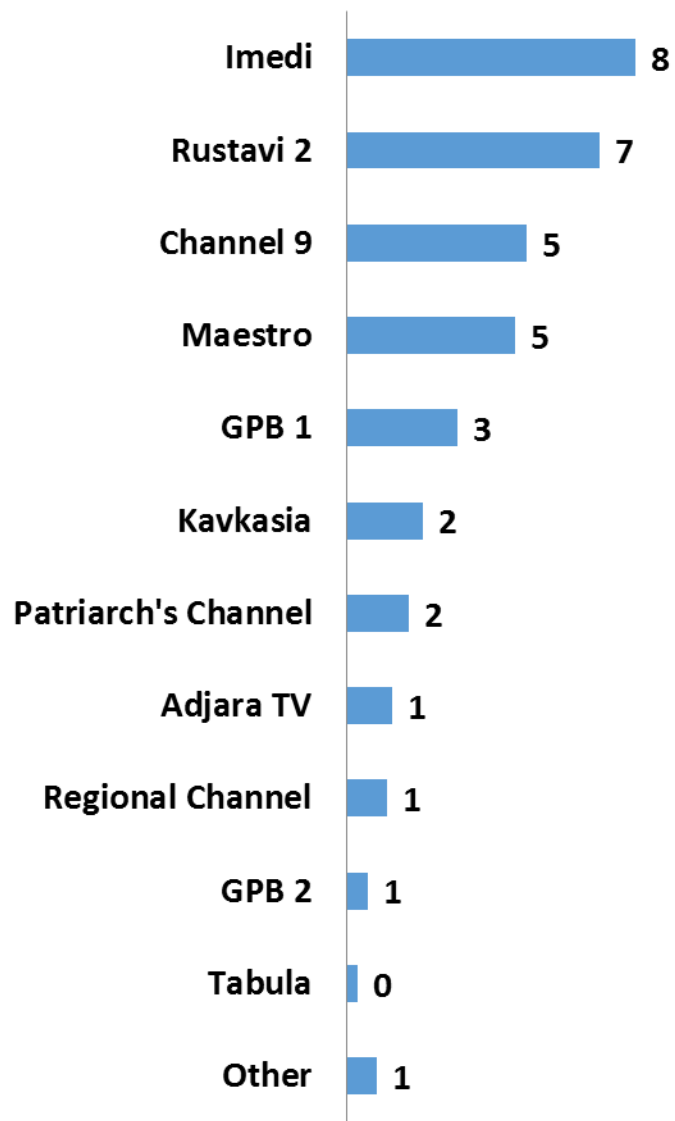


## How much do you trust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? (q84)

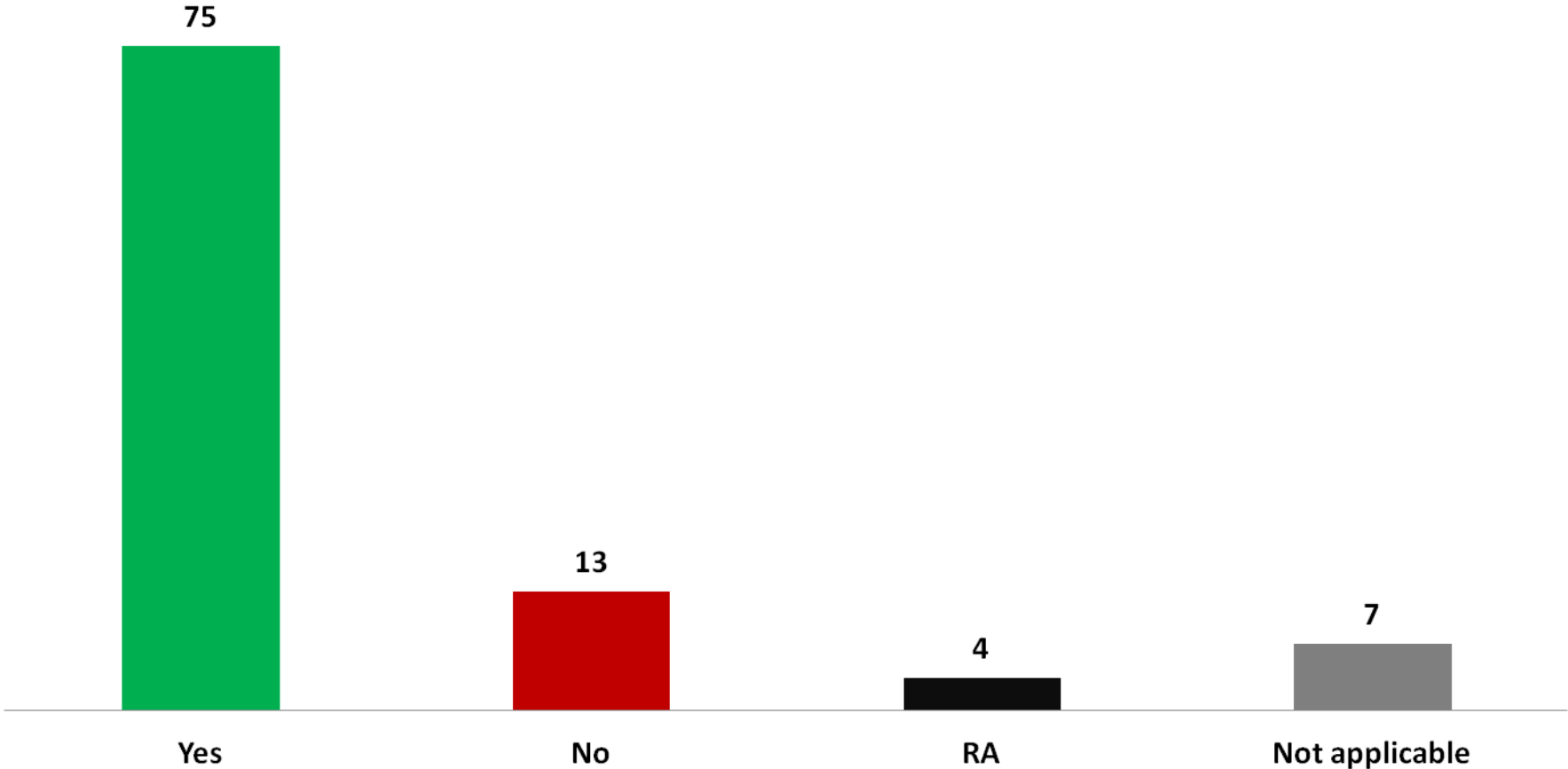
■ Fully trust
 ■ Trust
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Do not trust
 ■ Do not trust at all
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



## Do you watch the following channels on the Internet? (q81)

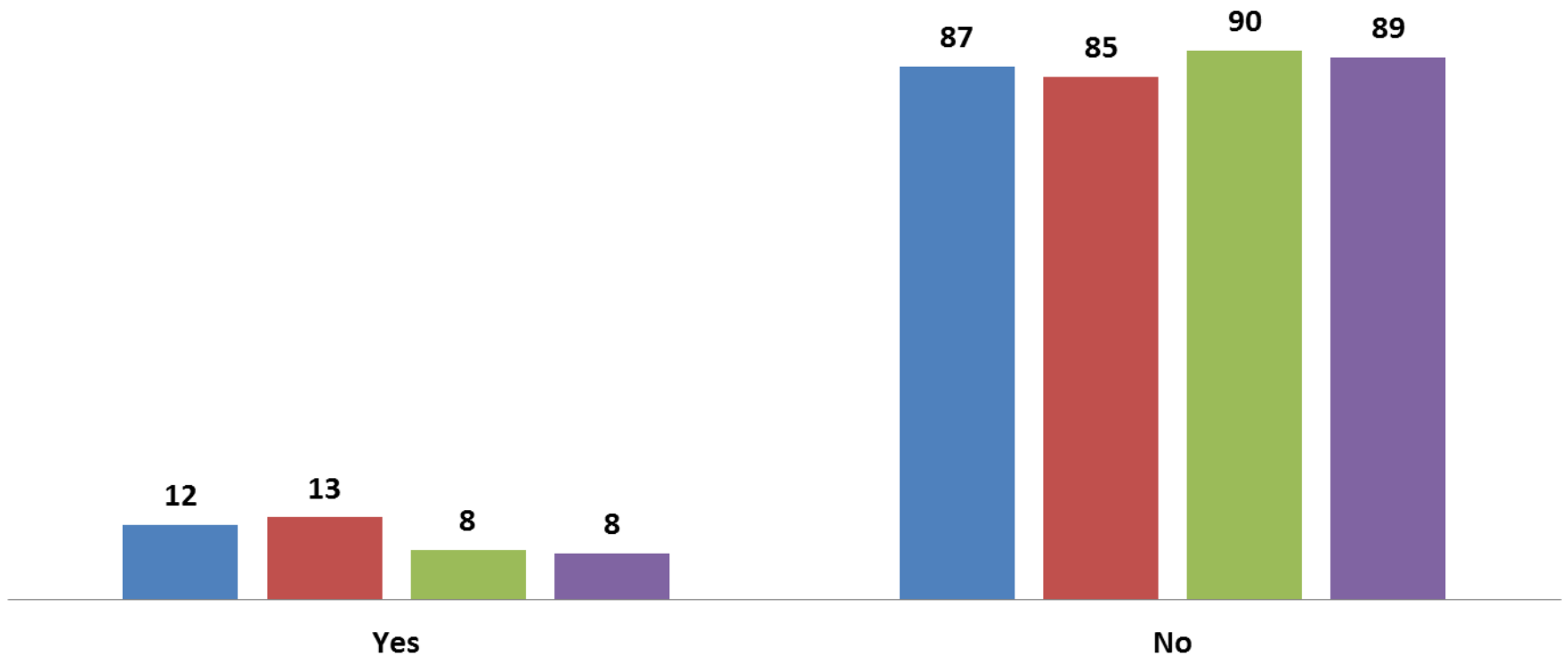


**In the past four months have you been receiving enough information from the media about the party you support? (q88)**



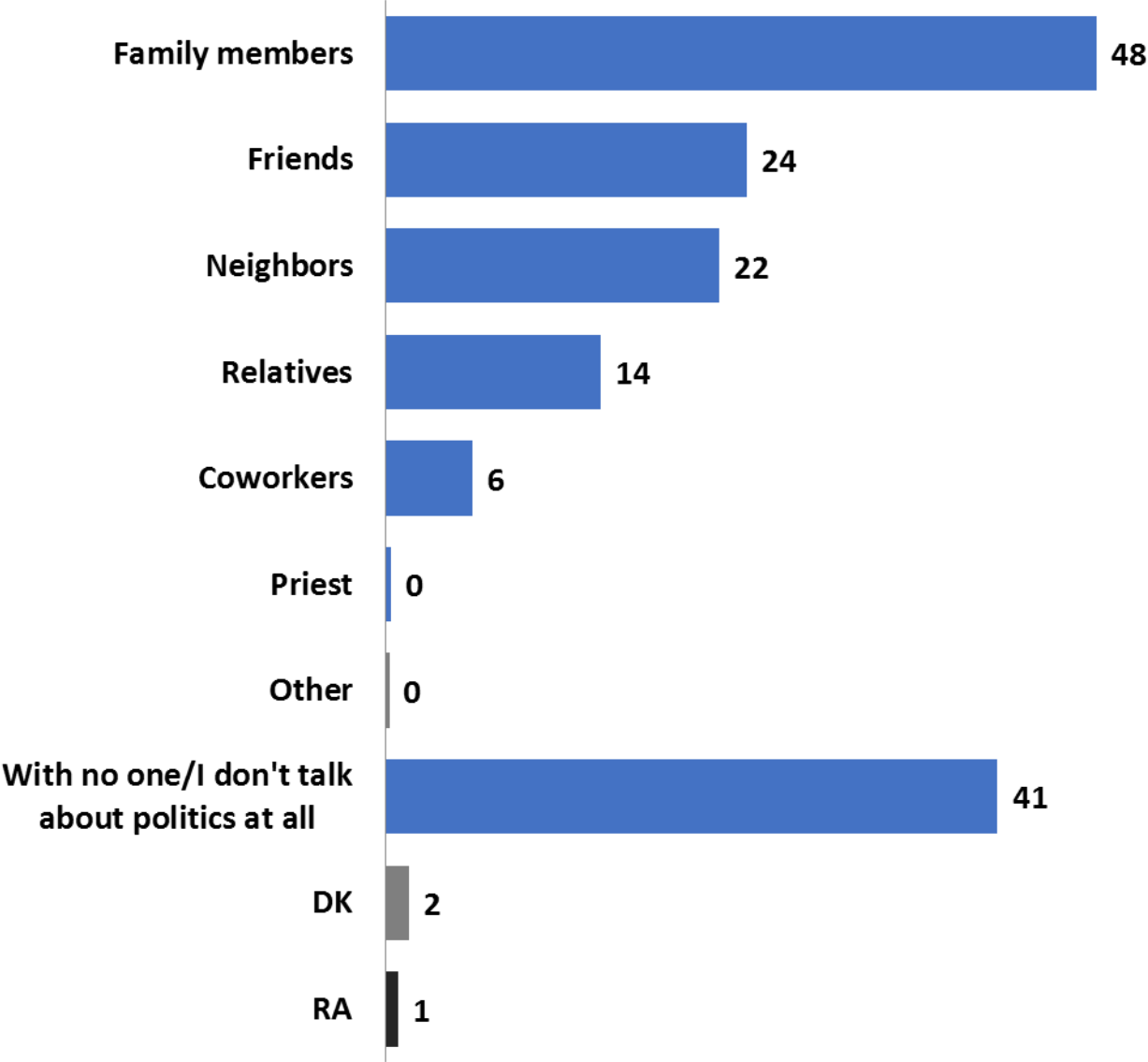
# Do you watch GPB Channel 2 which provides live coverage of Parliament and gives Free Tribune to political parties? (q86)

■ March 2013   ■ November 2012   ■ August 2012   ■ June 2012



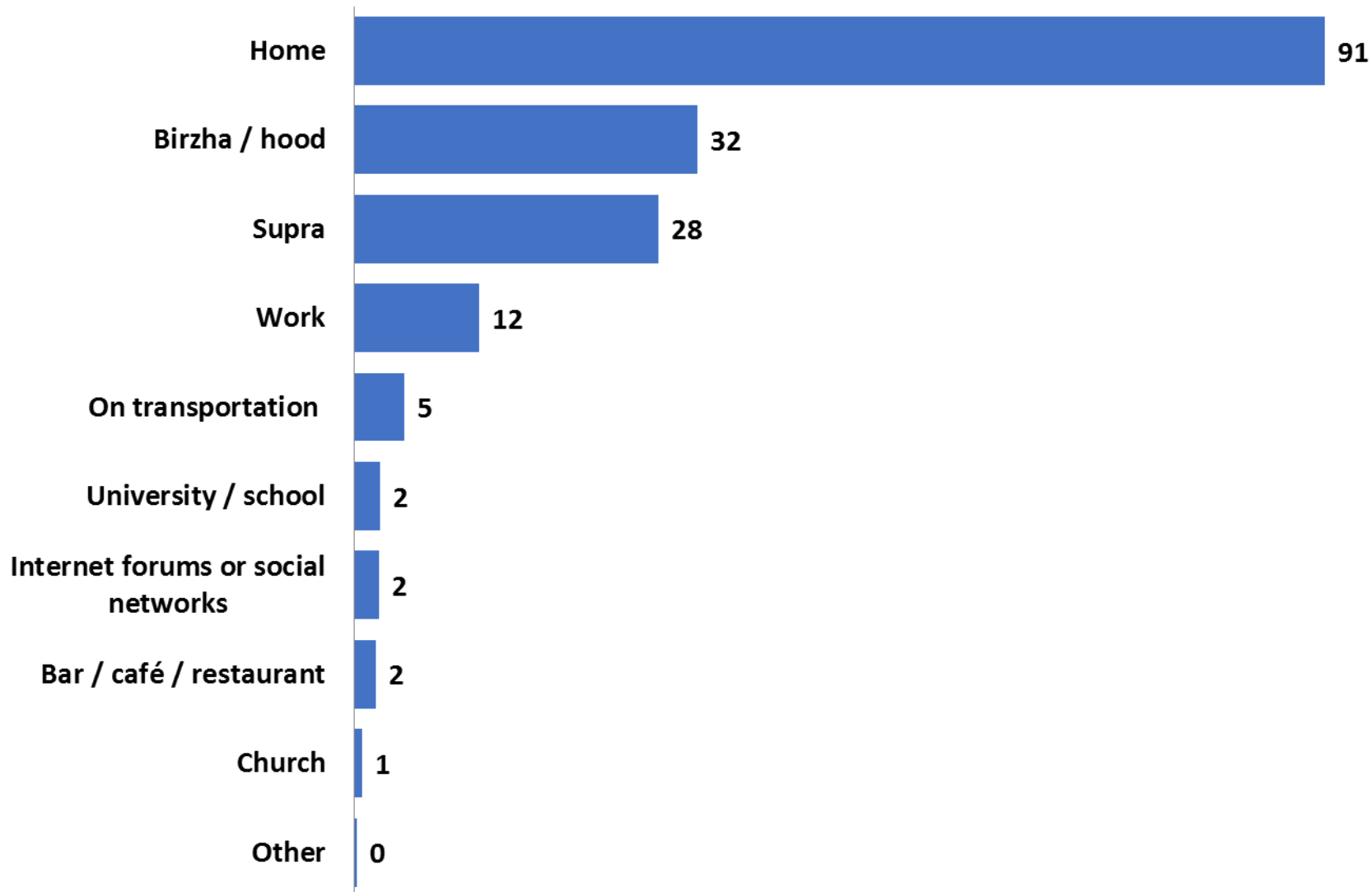
# Demographics

# With whom do you talk about politics? Select all that apply (q76)

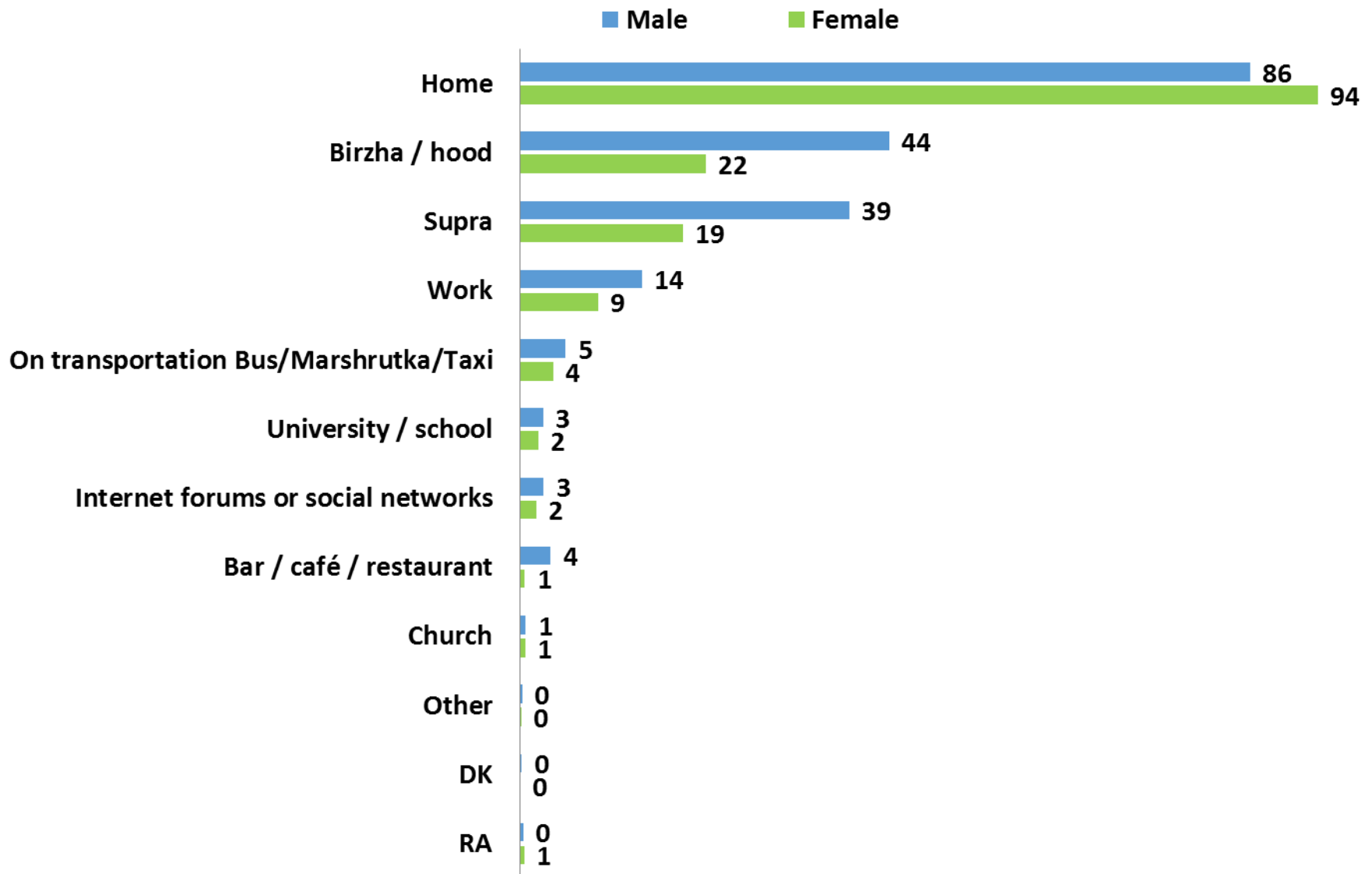




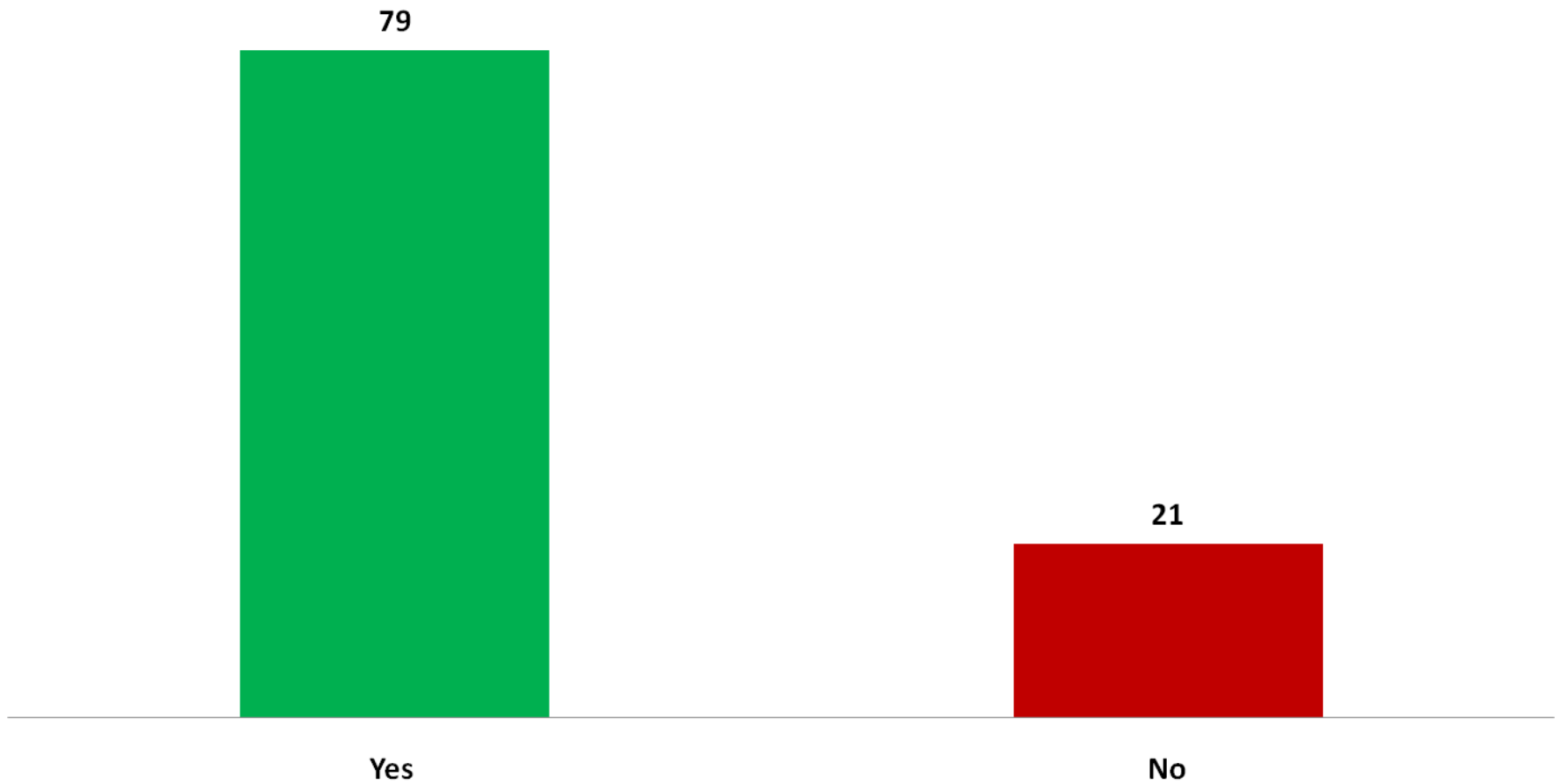
## Where do you talk about politics? Select all that apply (q77)



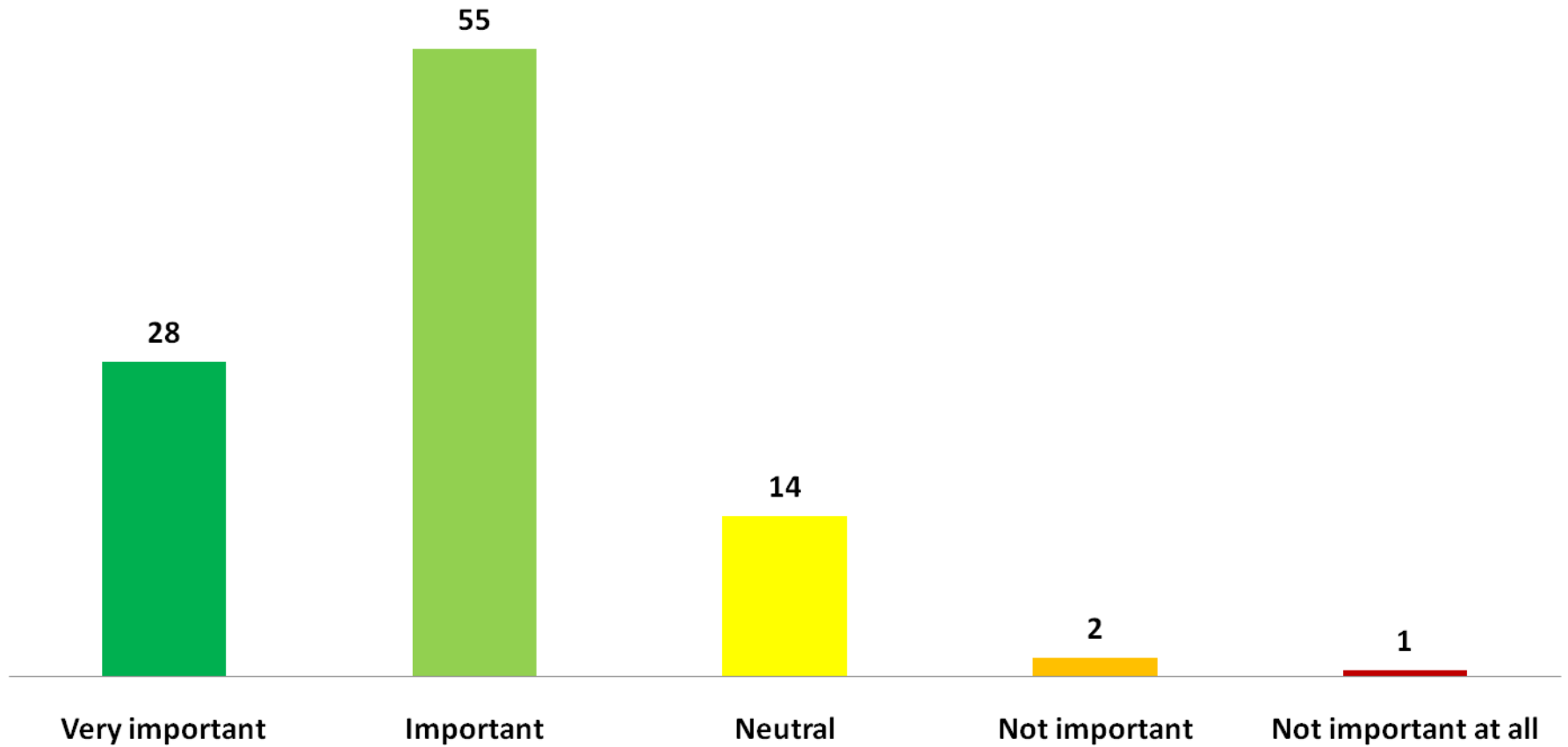
# Where do you talk about politics? Select all that apply (q77 X Gender)



**Do you currently live where you are legally registered? (q110)**



## How important are your own religious beliefs in making decisions in daily life? (q112)



**Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals,  
about how often do you attend religious services? (q113)**

