



*Public attitudes in Georgia:*

Results of a November 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: November 13 - 27, 2013
  - 3,915 completed interviews
  - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Capital, Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas. Also additional representative samples of the self governing cities of Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti and Rustavi, as well as the districts of Telavi, Gori, Akhaltsikhe, Zugdidi and Ambrolauri.
- **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%

# 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:
  - **September 2013**
    - Fieldwork dates: August 18 - September 3, 2013
    - 3,838 completed interviews
    - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Capital, Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas. Also additional representative samples of the self governing cities of Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti and Rustavi, as well as the districts of Telavi, Gori, Akhaltsikhe, Zugdidi and Ambrolauri.
    - The average margin of error does not exceed +/-2%
  - **June 2013:**
    - Fieldwork dates: June 12 – 26, 2013
    - 2,338 completed interviews
    - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Capital, Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas.
    - The average margin of error does not exceed +/-2.9%

# Methodology – Historical Waves

## – **March 2013:**

- 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.
- The average margin of error does not exceed +/- 2.5%

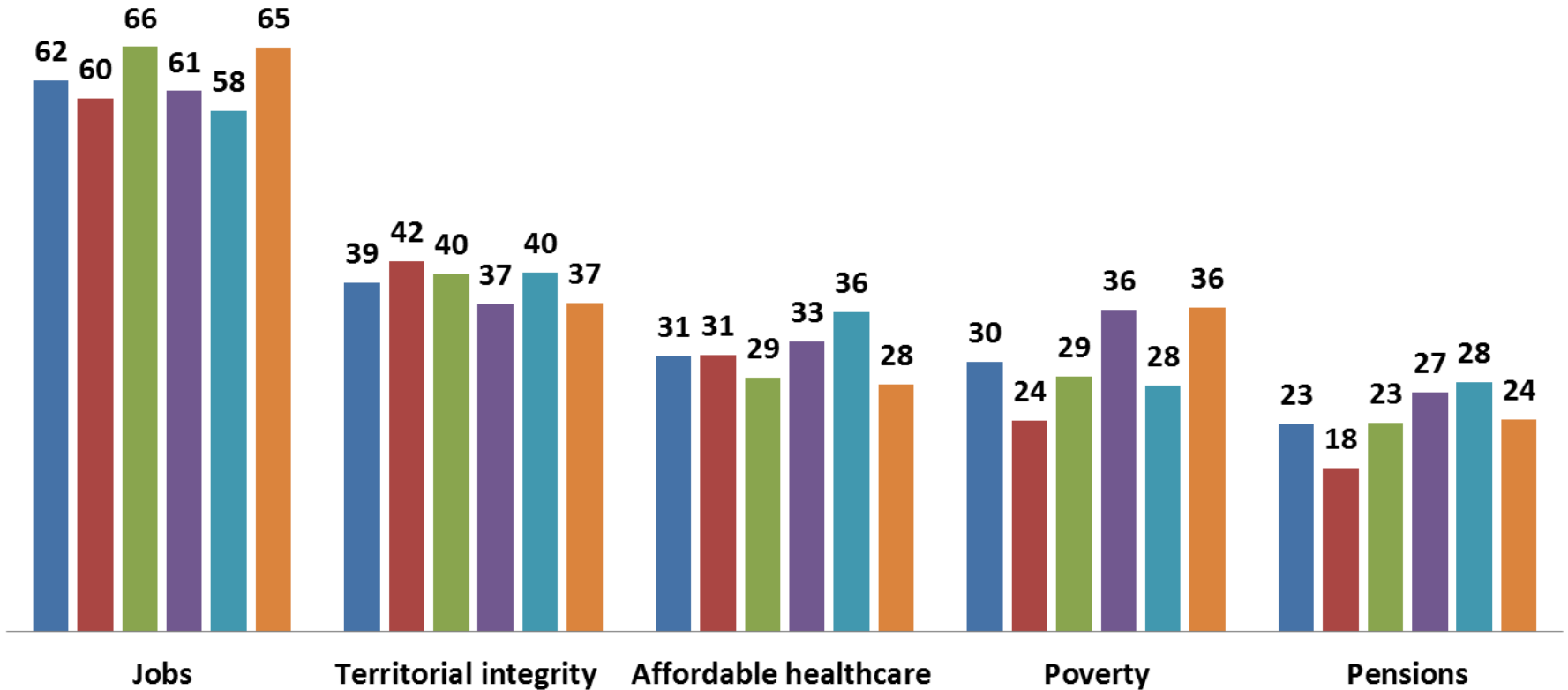
## – **November 2012**

- 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%

# National and Local Issues

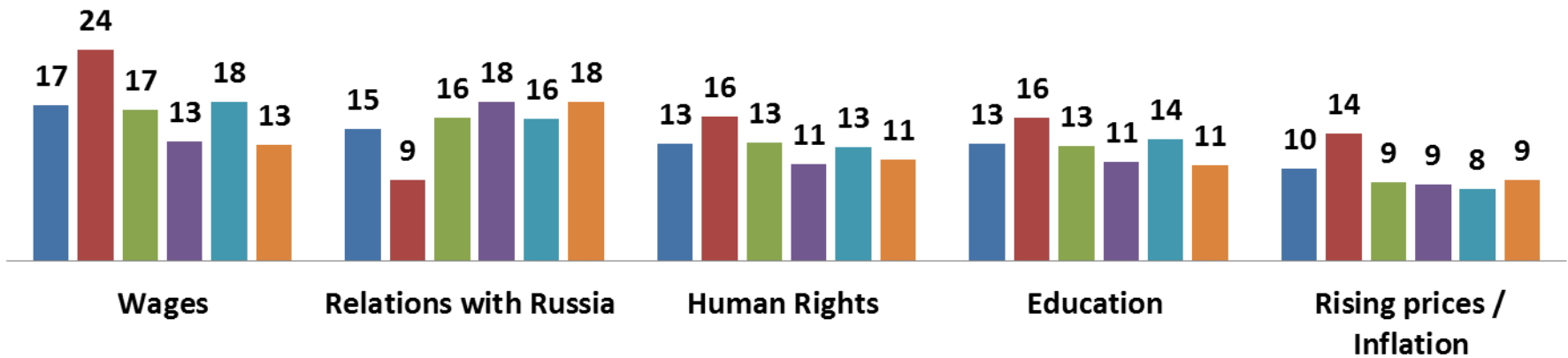
# Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 1

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



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

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



# Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 3

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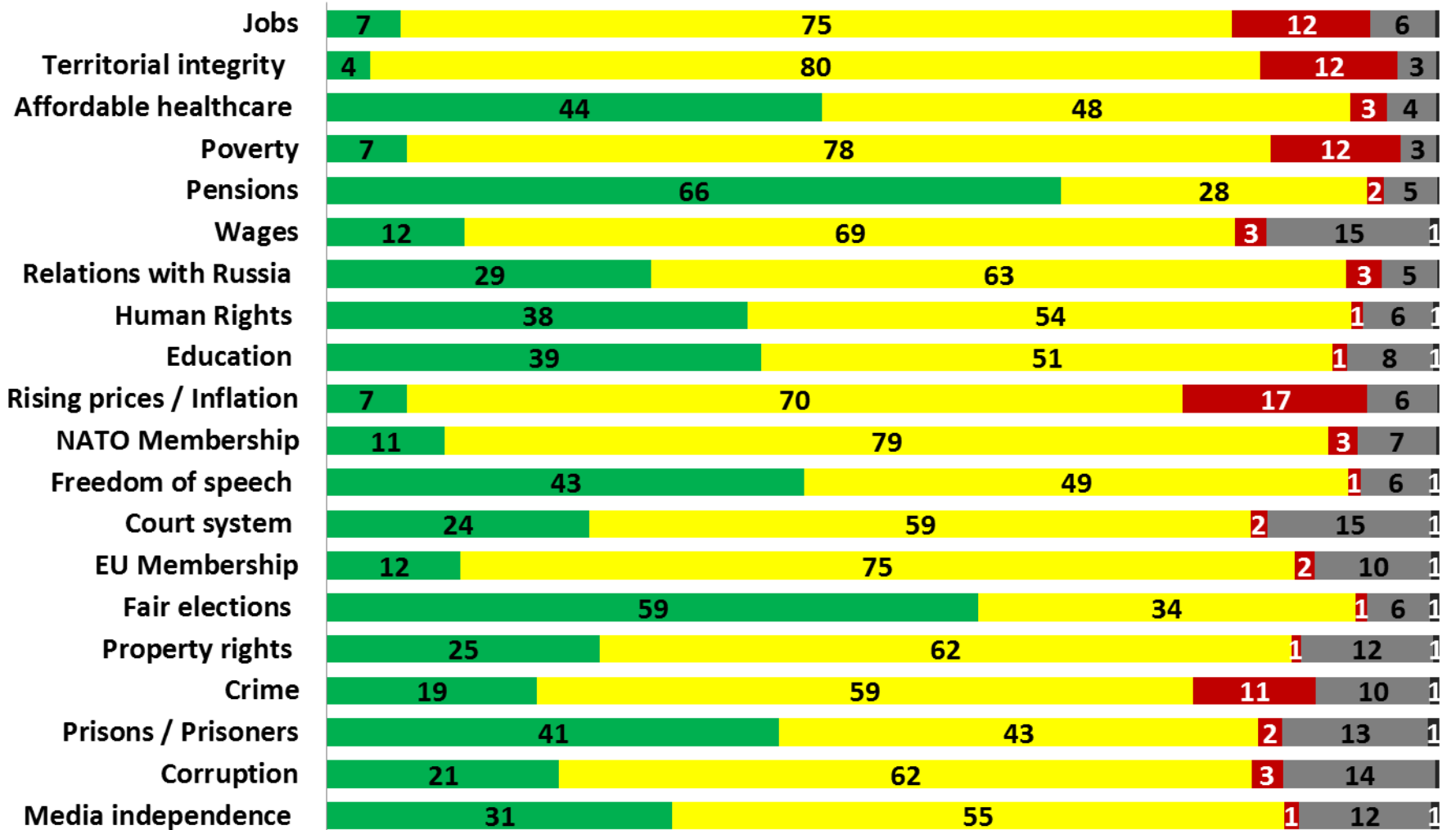
# Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 4

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

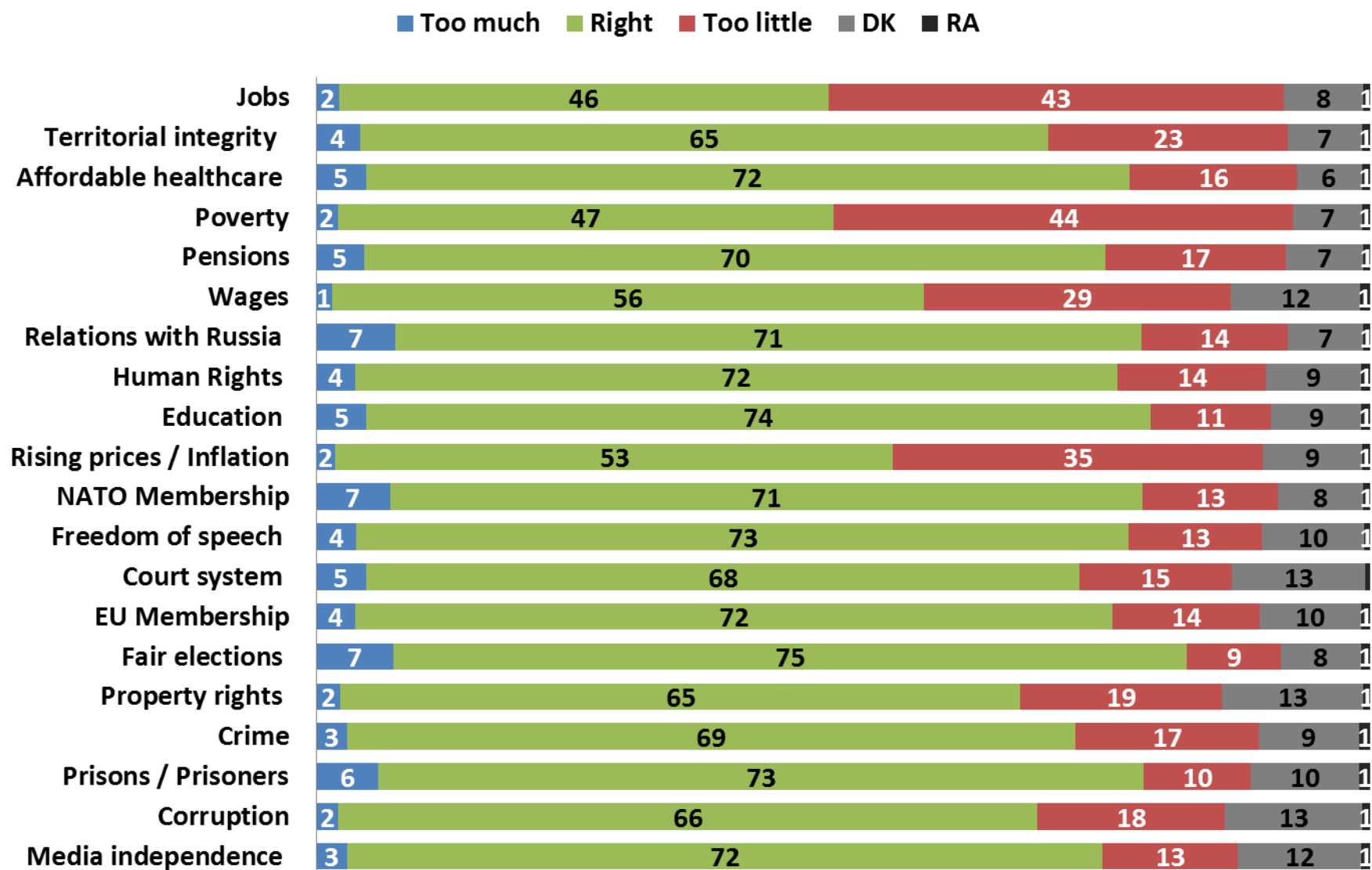


# How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q2)

■ Better ■ Same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

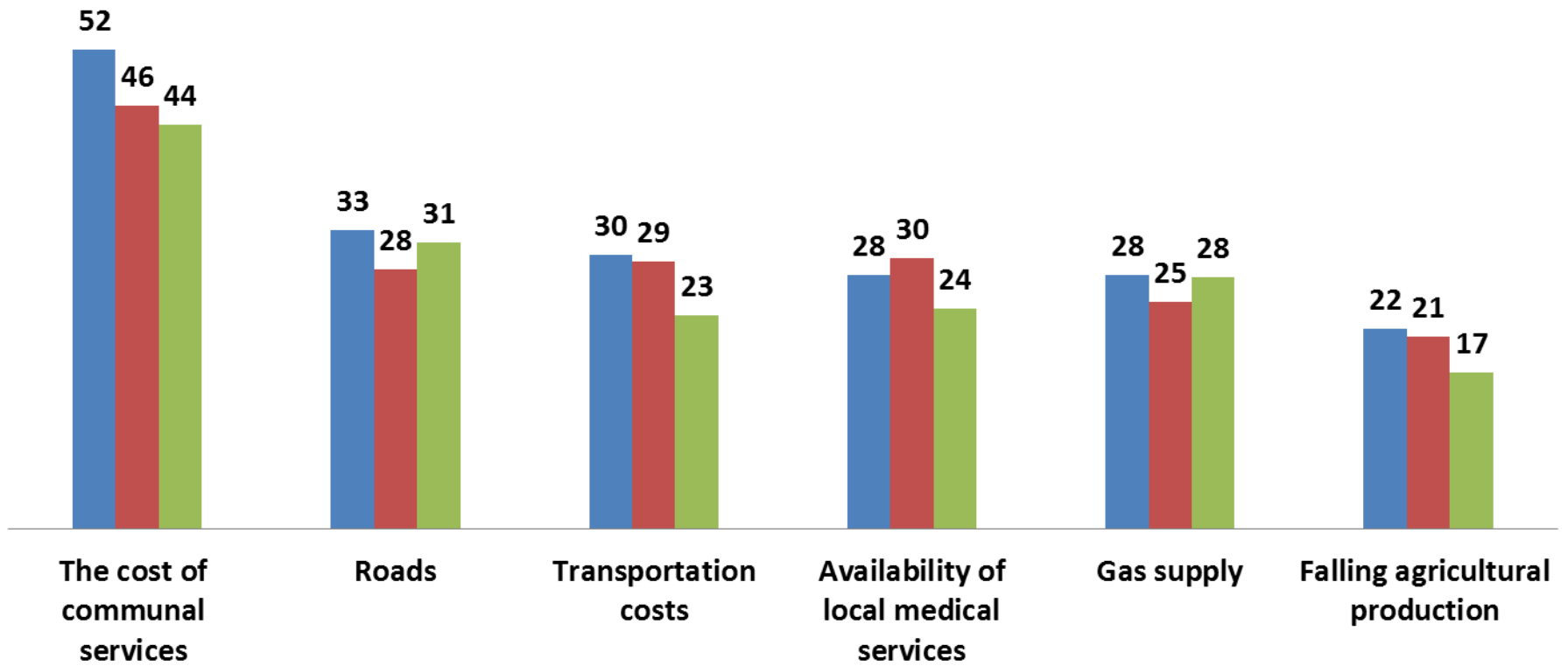


## Politicians in Georgia talk about ... too much, the right amount or too little? (q3)



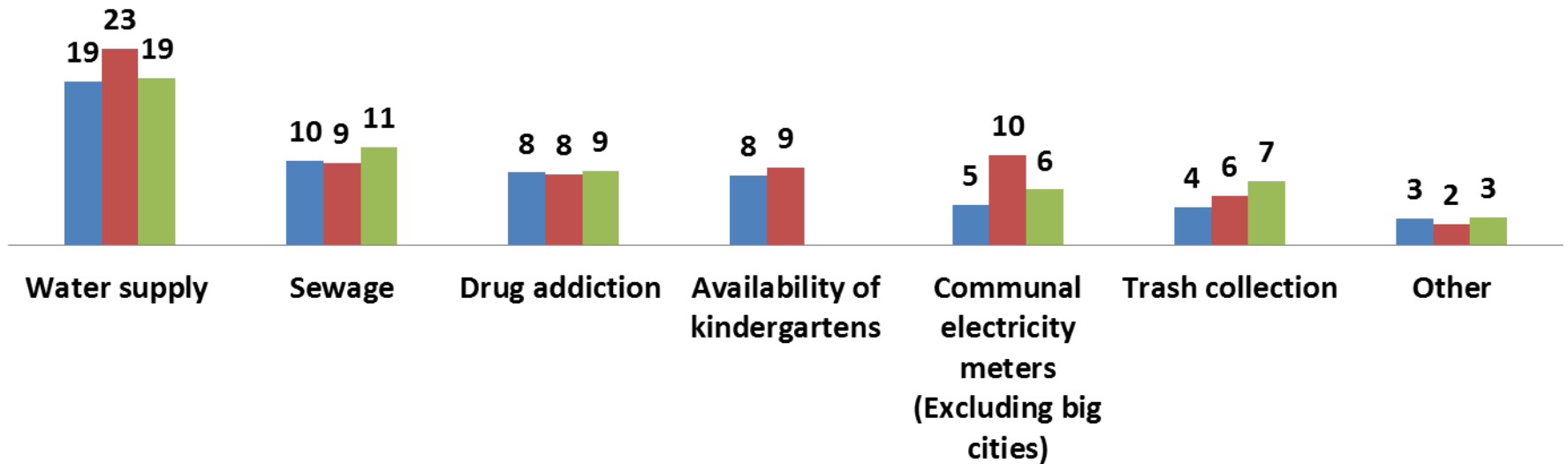
# Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4) Part 1

■ November 2013   ■ September 2013   ■ June 2013



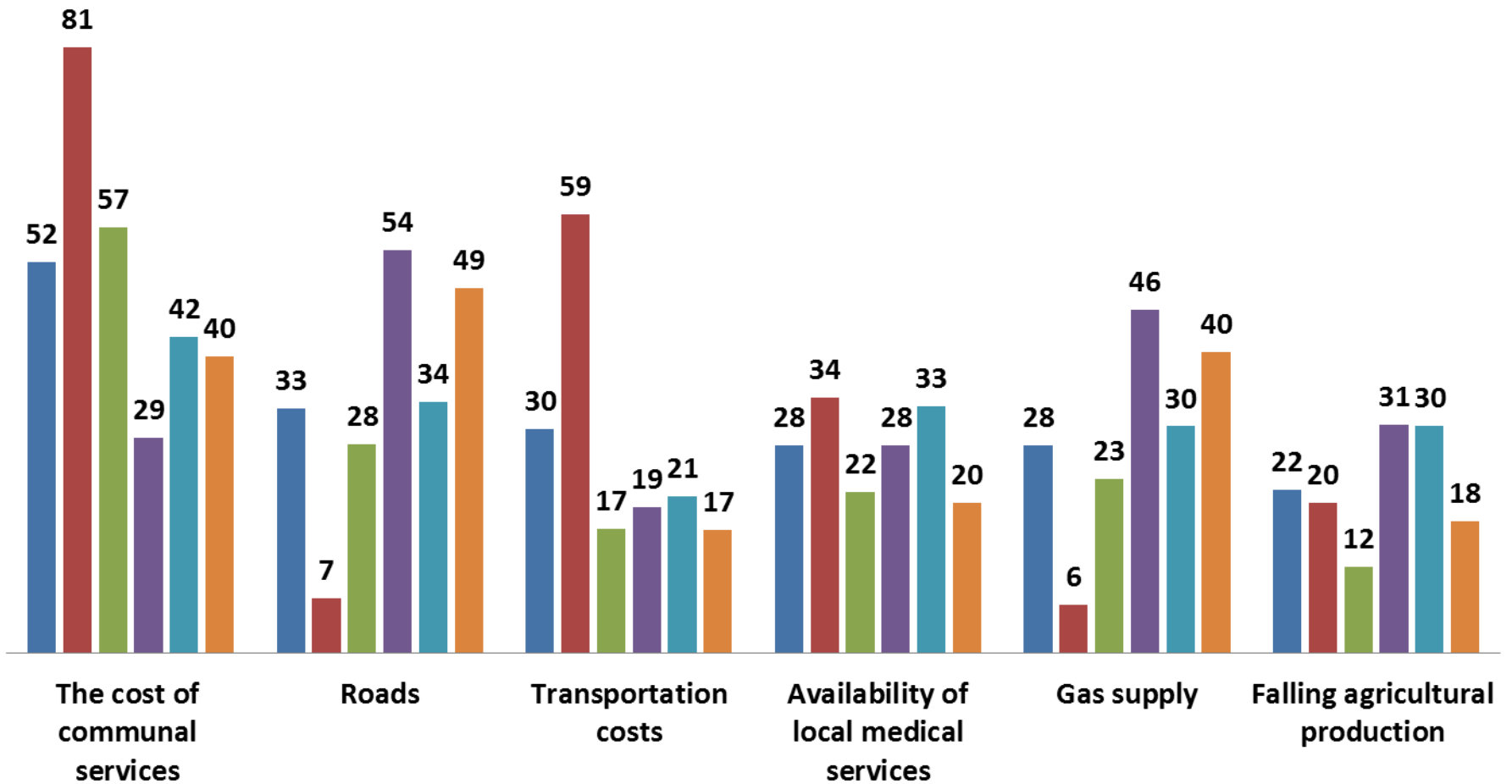
# Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4) Part 2

■ November 2013   ■ September 2013   ■ June 2013



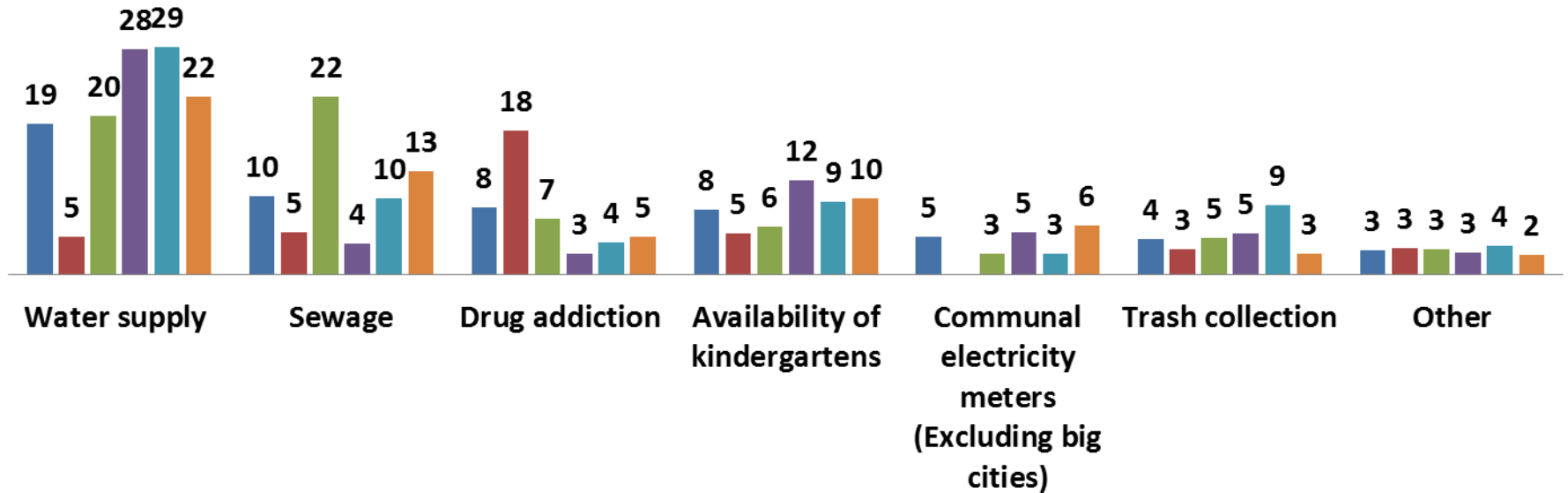
# Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 1

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



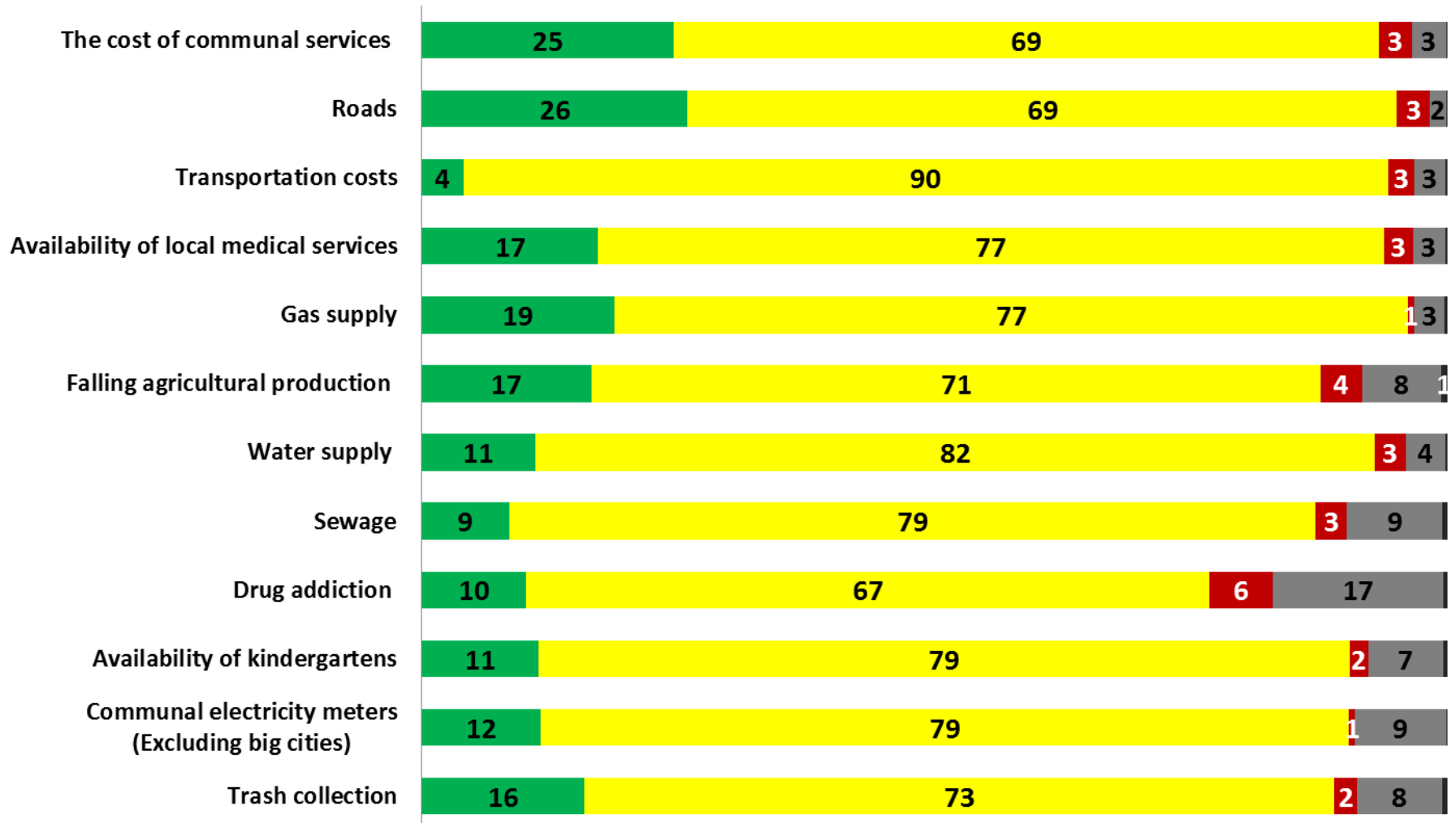
# Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 2

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



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

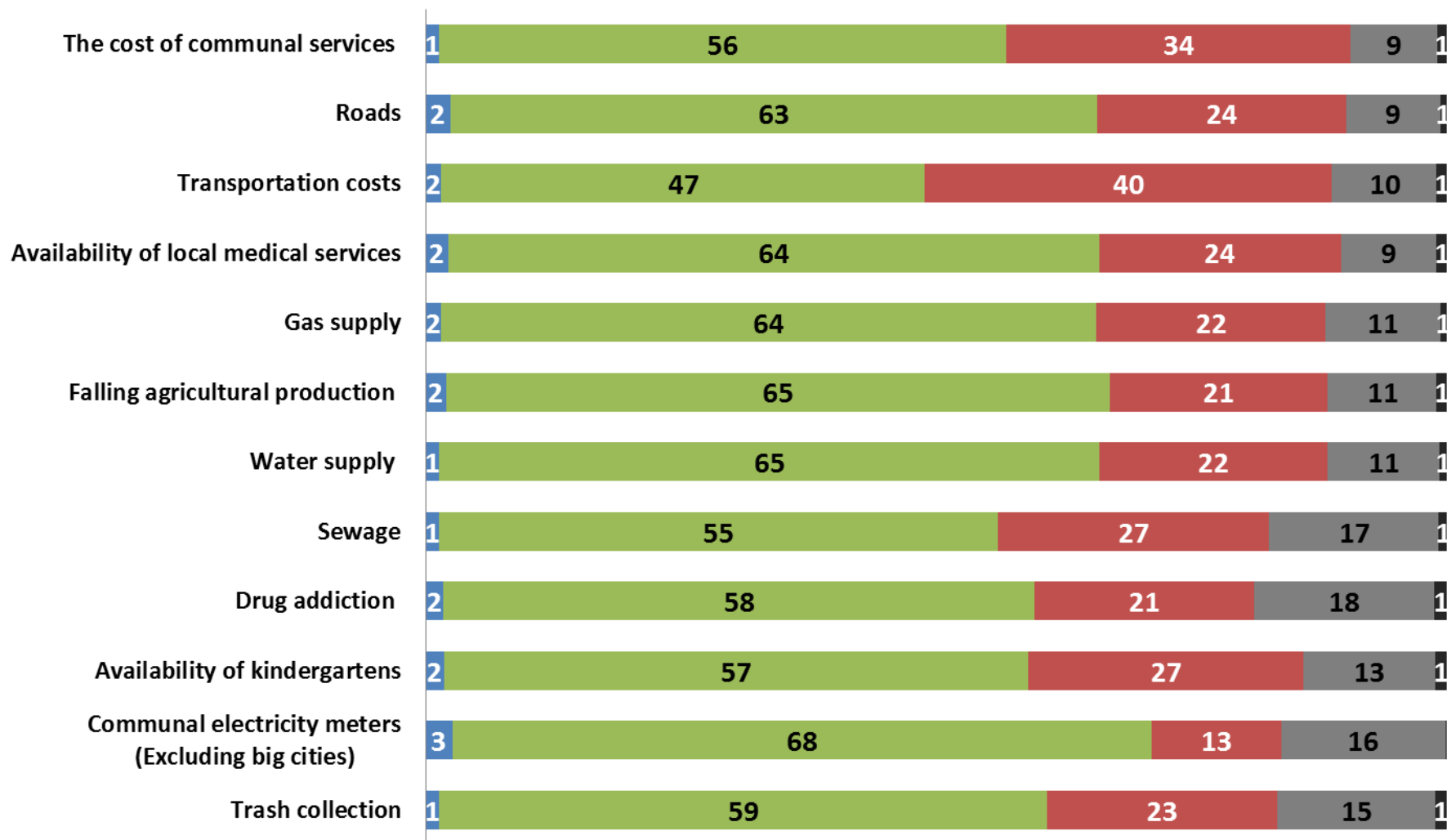
■ Better ■ Same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA





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

Too much Right Too little DK RA



# After the parliamentary elections of October 2012 has the number of jobs available in Georgia... (q11)

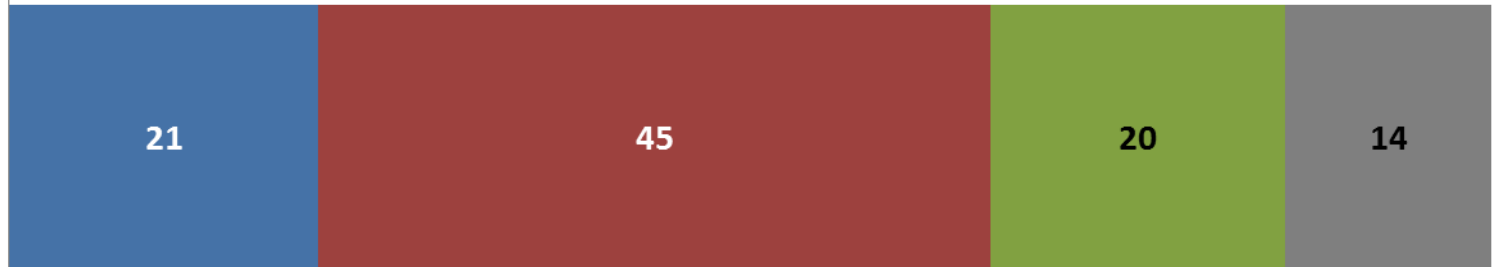
■ Increased    ■ Stayed the same    ■ Decreased    ■ DK



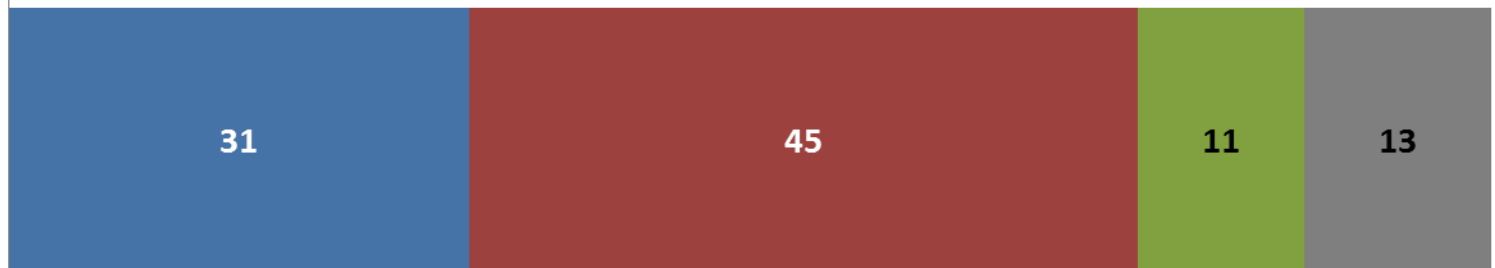
# After the parliamentary elections of October 2012 has the level of crime in Georgia... (q12)

■ Increased ■ Stayed the same ■ Decreased ■ DK

November 2013



September 2013



# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q95)

■ Yes      ■ No

November 2013

31

69

September 2013

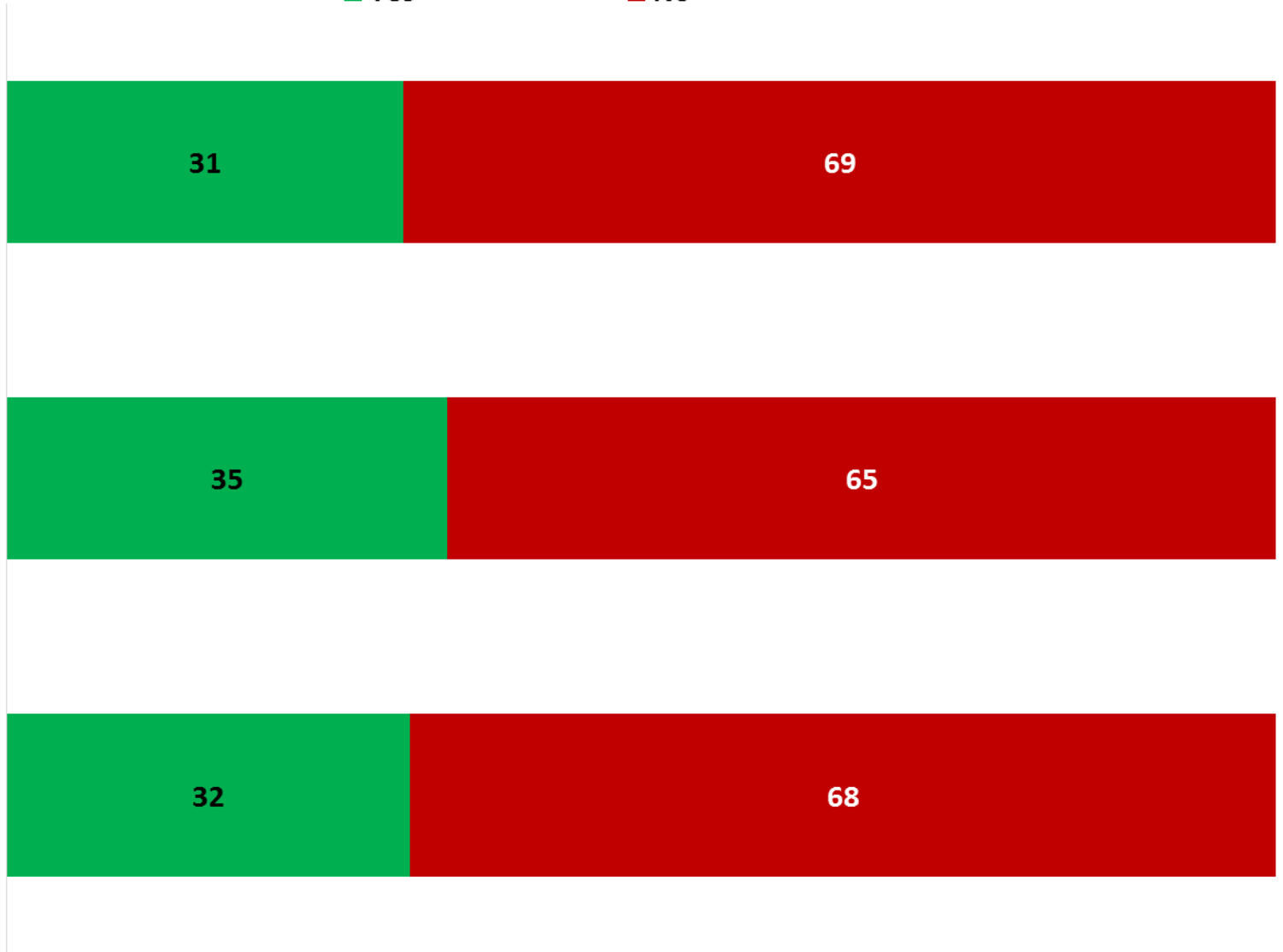
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June 2013

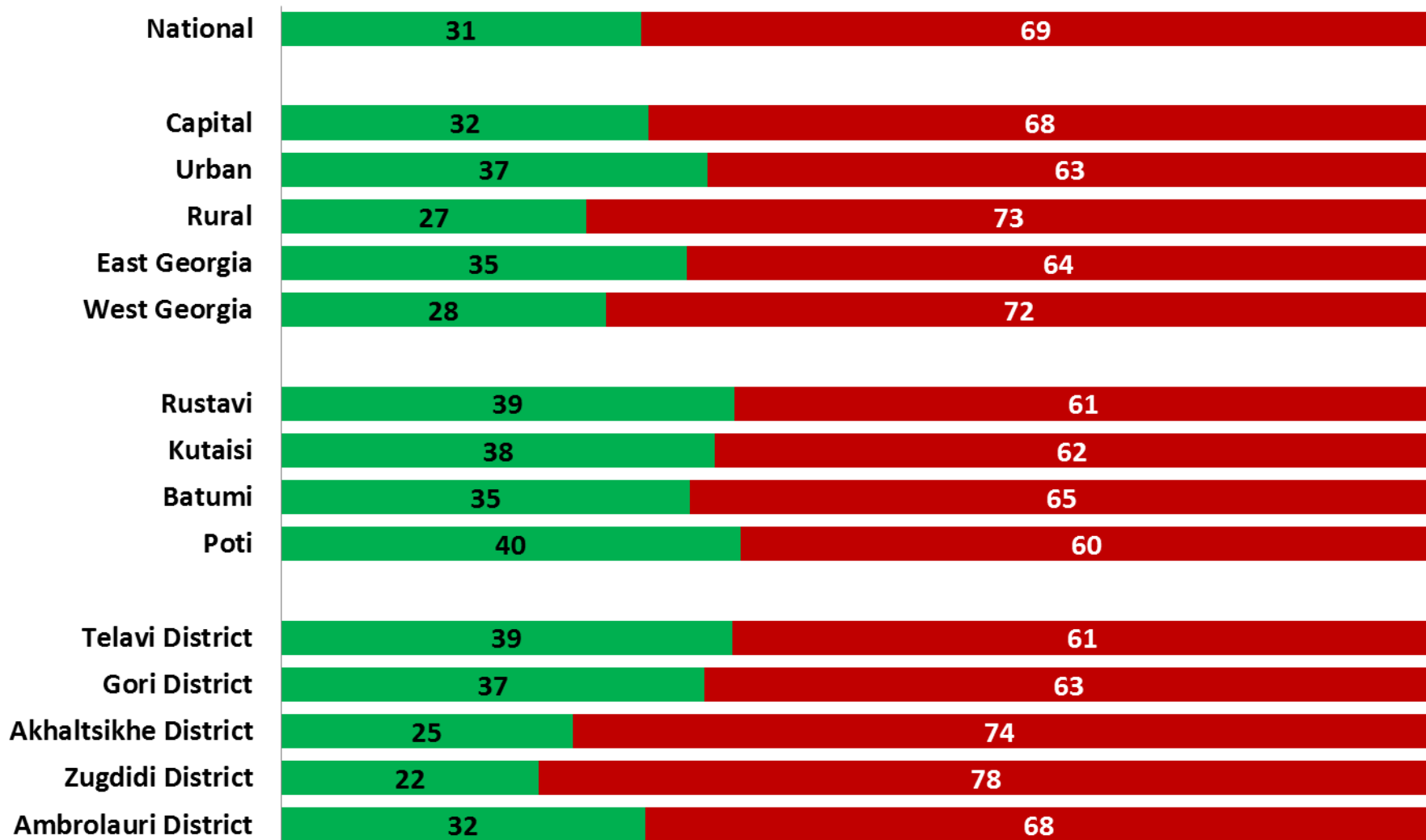
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## Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q95 X Settlement)

■ Yes      ■ No      ■ DK



# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q95 X Age)

■ Yes      ■ No      ■ DK

18-35



36-55



56+



# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q95 X Gender)

■ Yes      ■ No      ■ DK

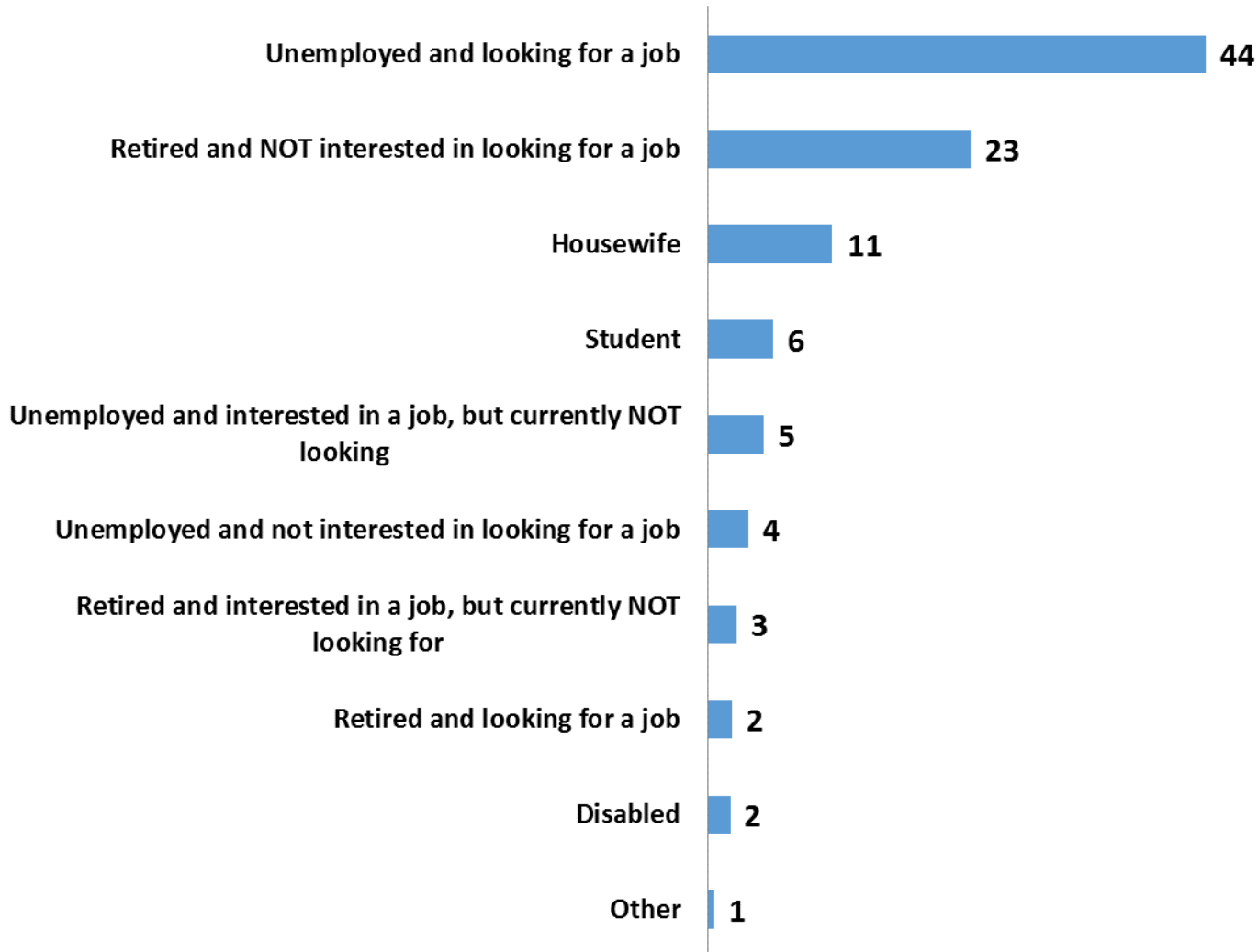
Male



Female



## Which of the following best describes your situation? (q97) of the 69% who are unemployed





# Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:



31%--Employed (full or part time)



32%--Unemployed and looking for work (This includes both unemployed and retired persons who are looking for work.)



5%--Unemployed and not looking for work (This includes unemployed and retired persons who are interested in a job, but who are not looking.)

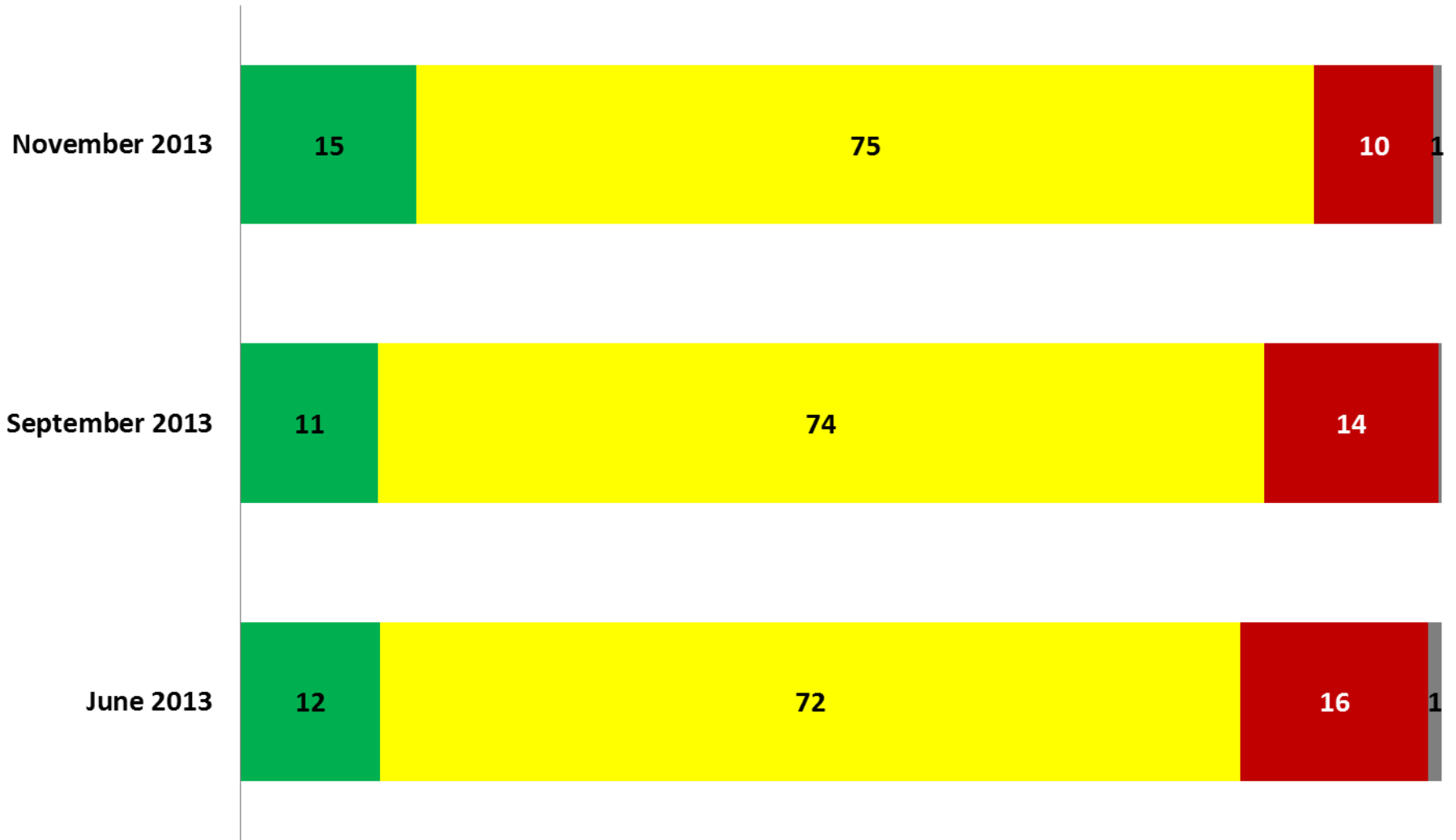


32%--Non-active labour force (This includes students, homemakers, retired persons who are not interested in looking for a job.)



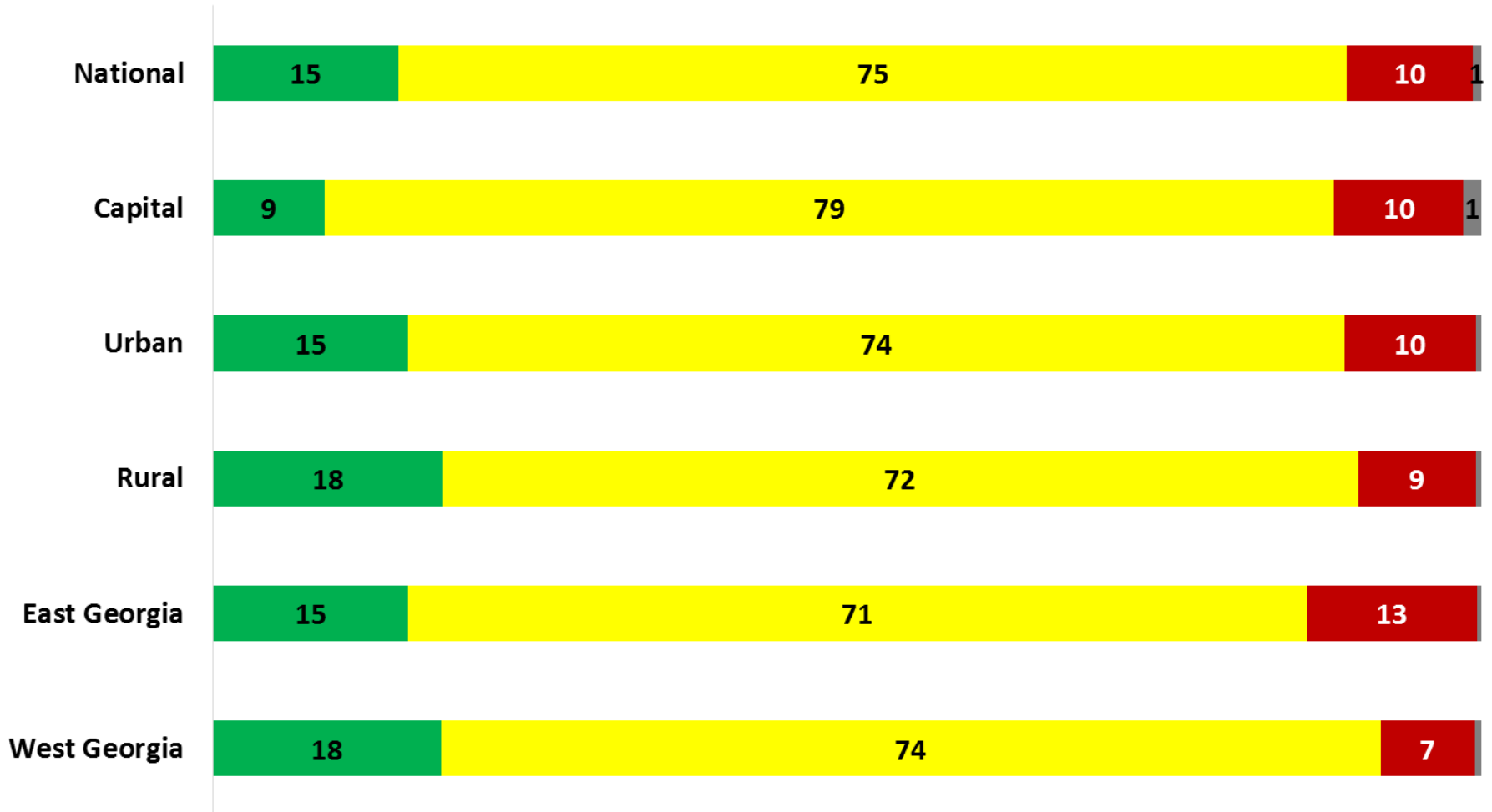
# Generally, taking everything into account, since October 2012 you and your household are... (q9)

**Better off**    **The same**    **Worse off**    **DK**



# Generally, taking everything into account, since October 2012 you and your household are... (q9 X Settlement)

■ Better off   ■ The same   ■ Worse off   ■ DK



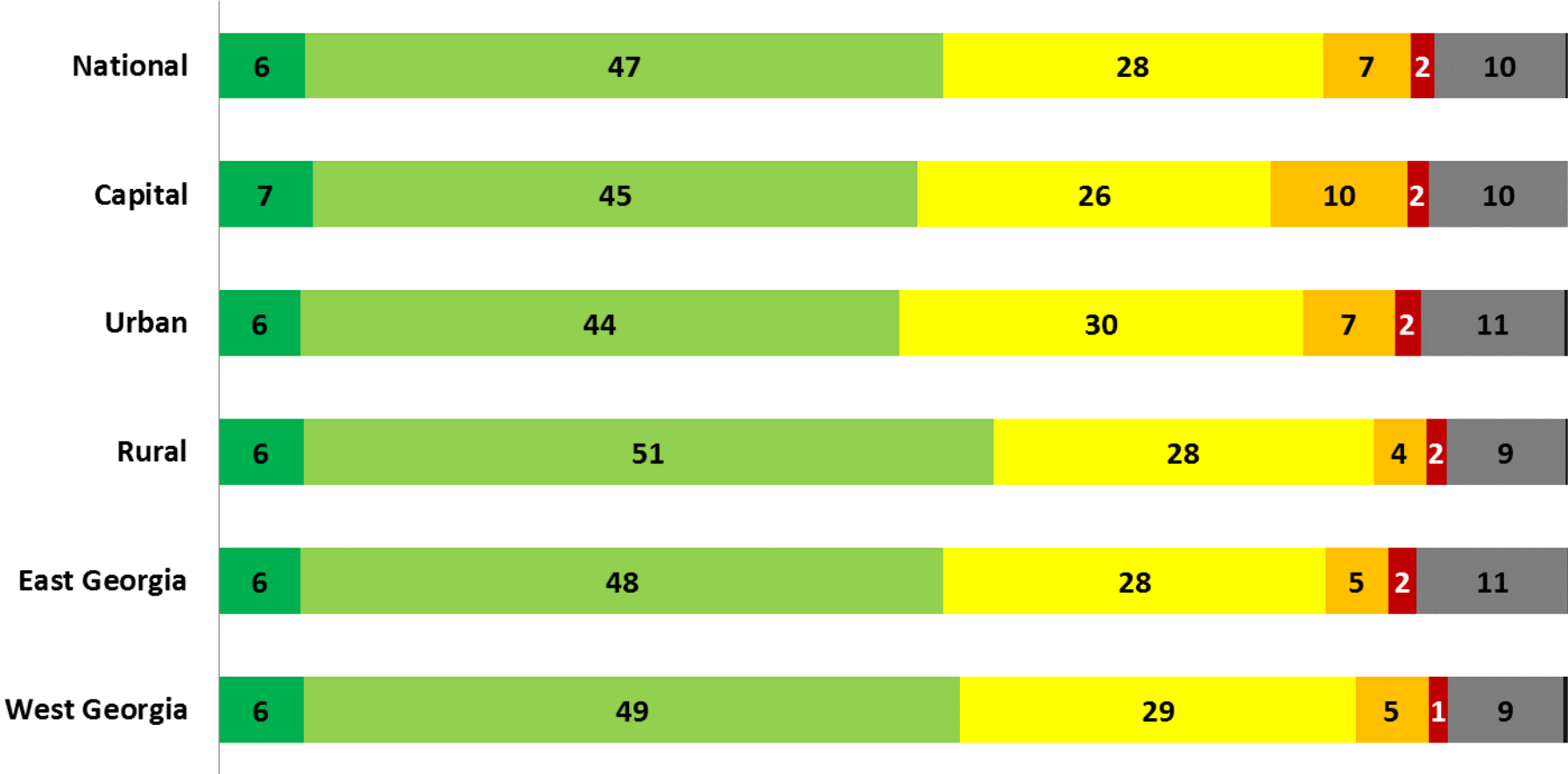
## In which direction is Georgia going? (q10)

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



# In which direction is Georgia going? (q10 X Settlement)

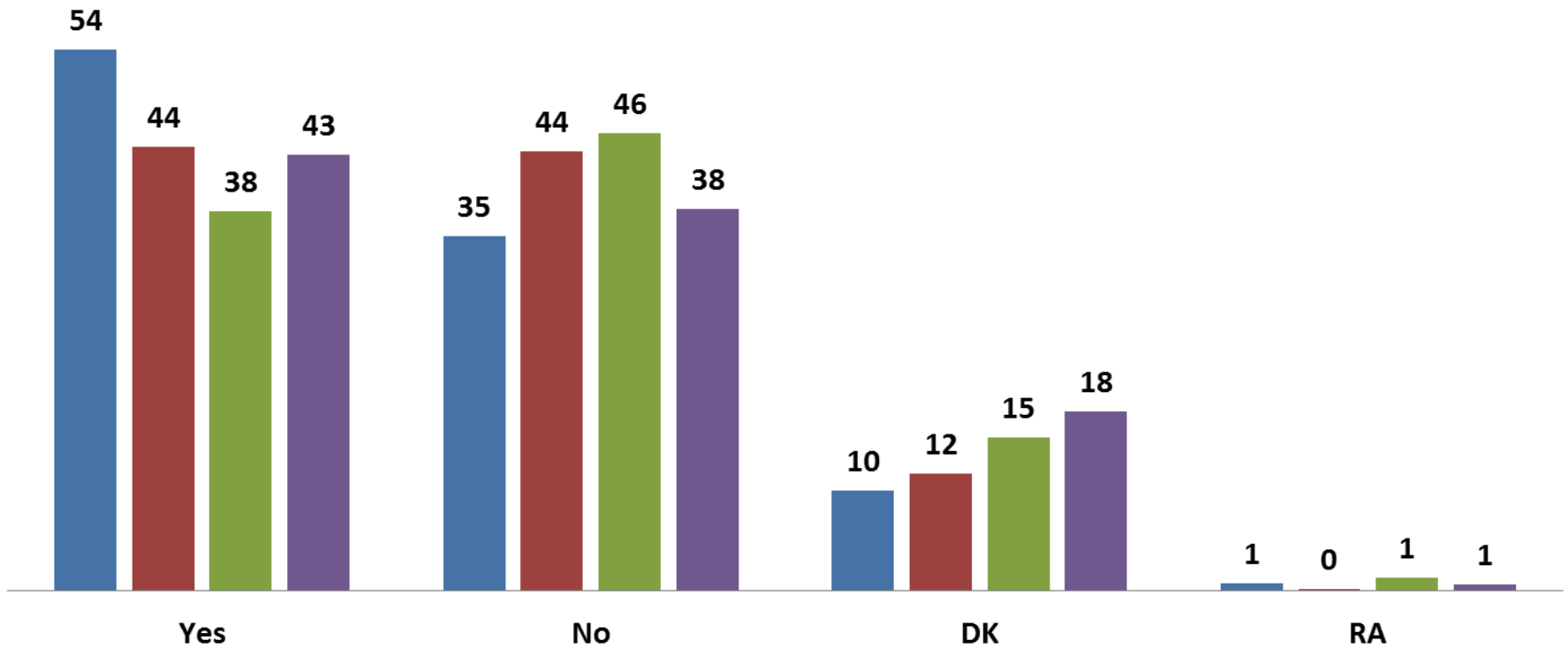
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- Georgia is not changing at all
- Georgia is mainly going in the wrong direction
- Georgia is definitely going in the wrong direction
- DK
- RA



# Democracy and Reforms

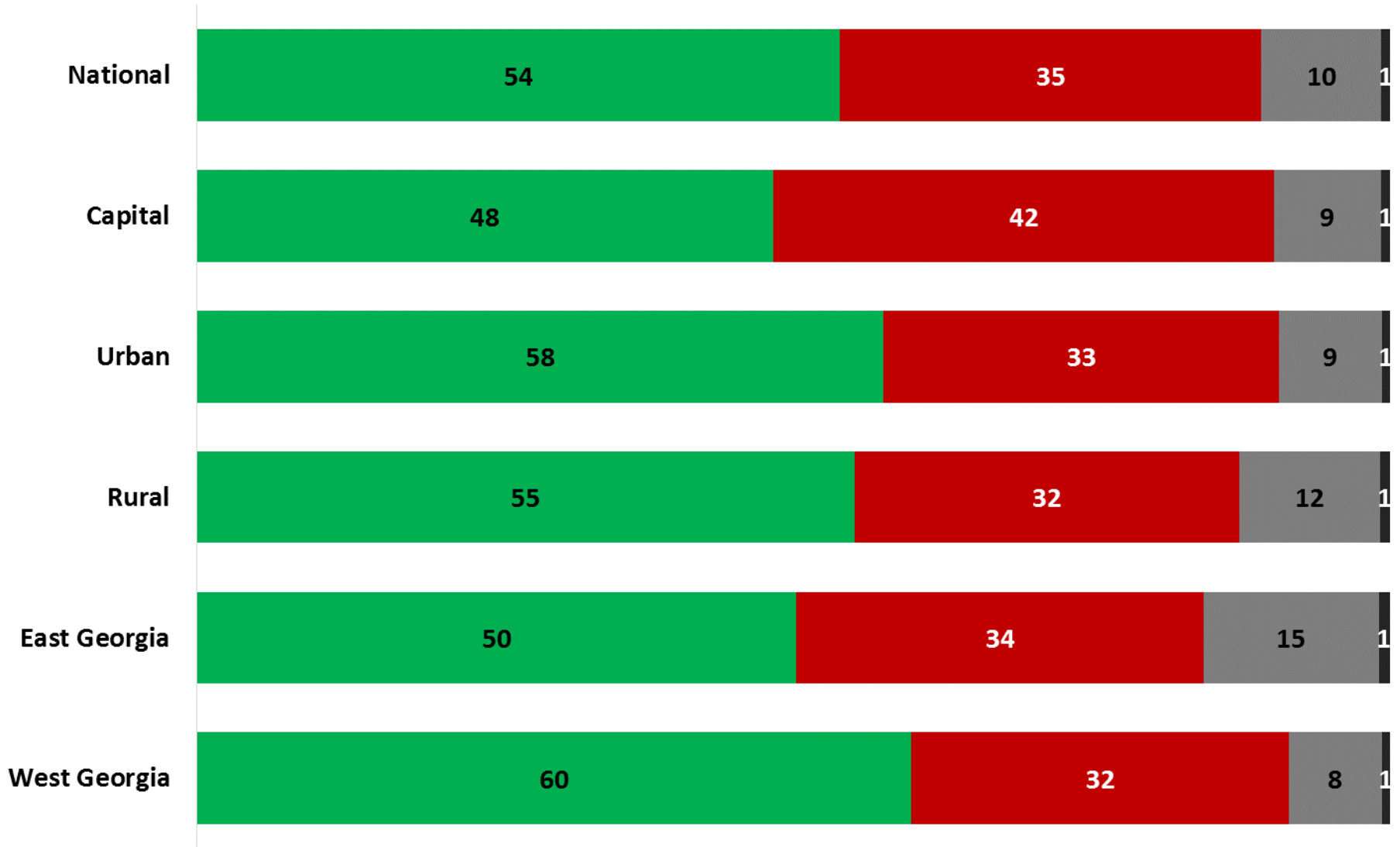
# Is Georgia a democracy now? (q17)

■ November 2013   ■ September 2013   ■ June 2013   ■ March 2013



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

Yes No DK RA

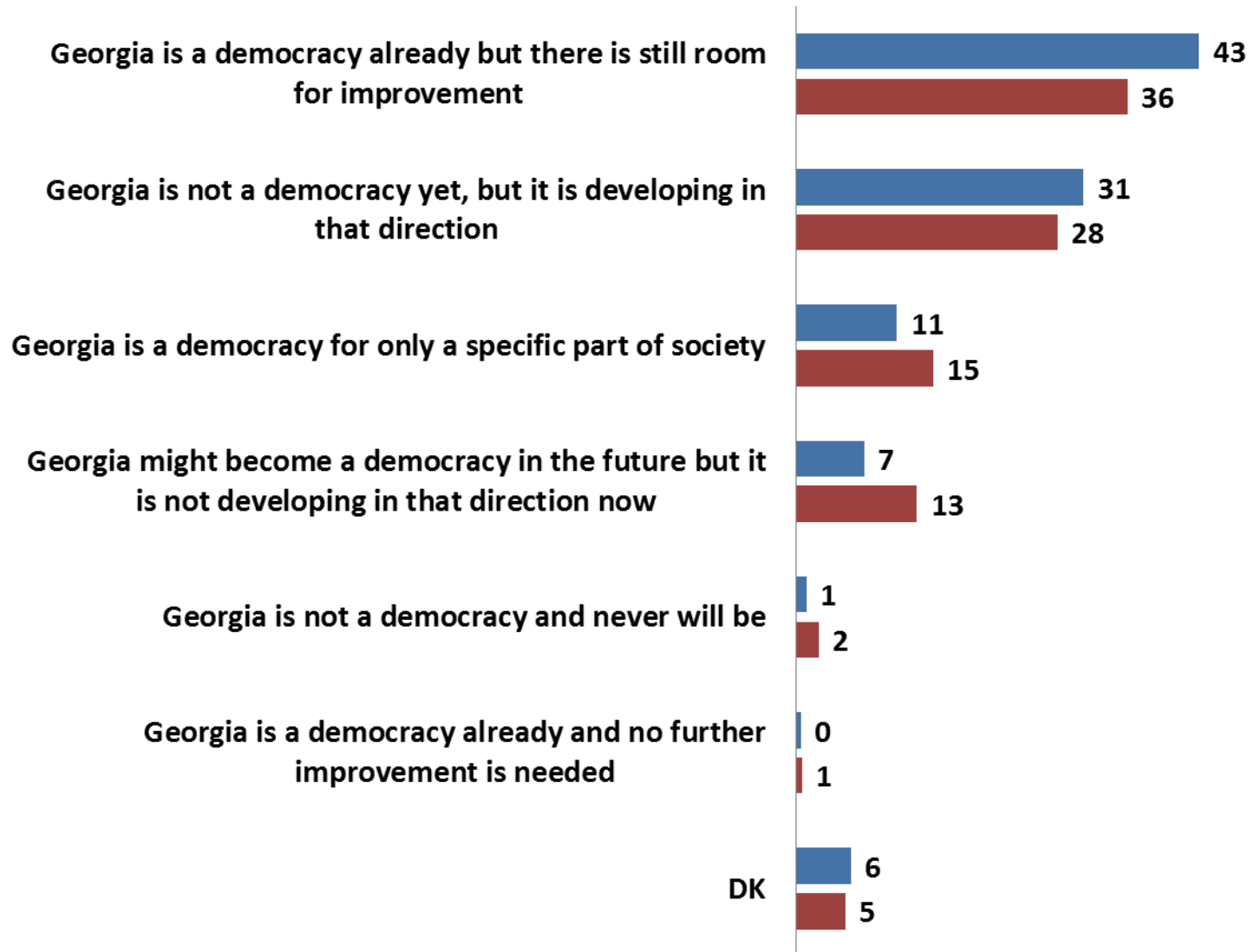




# Which statement do you agree with the most? (q18)

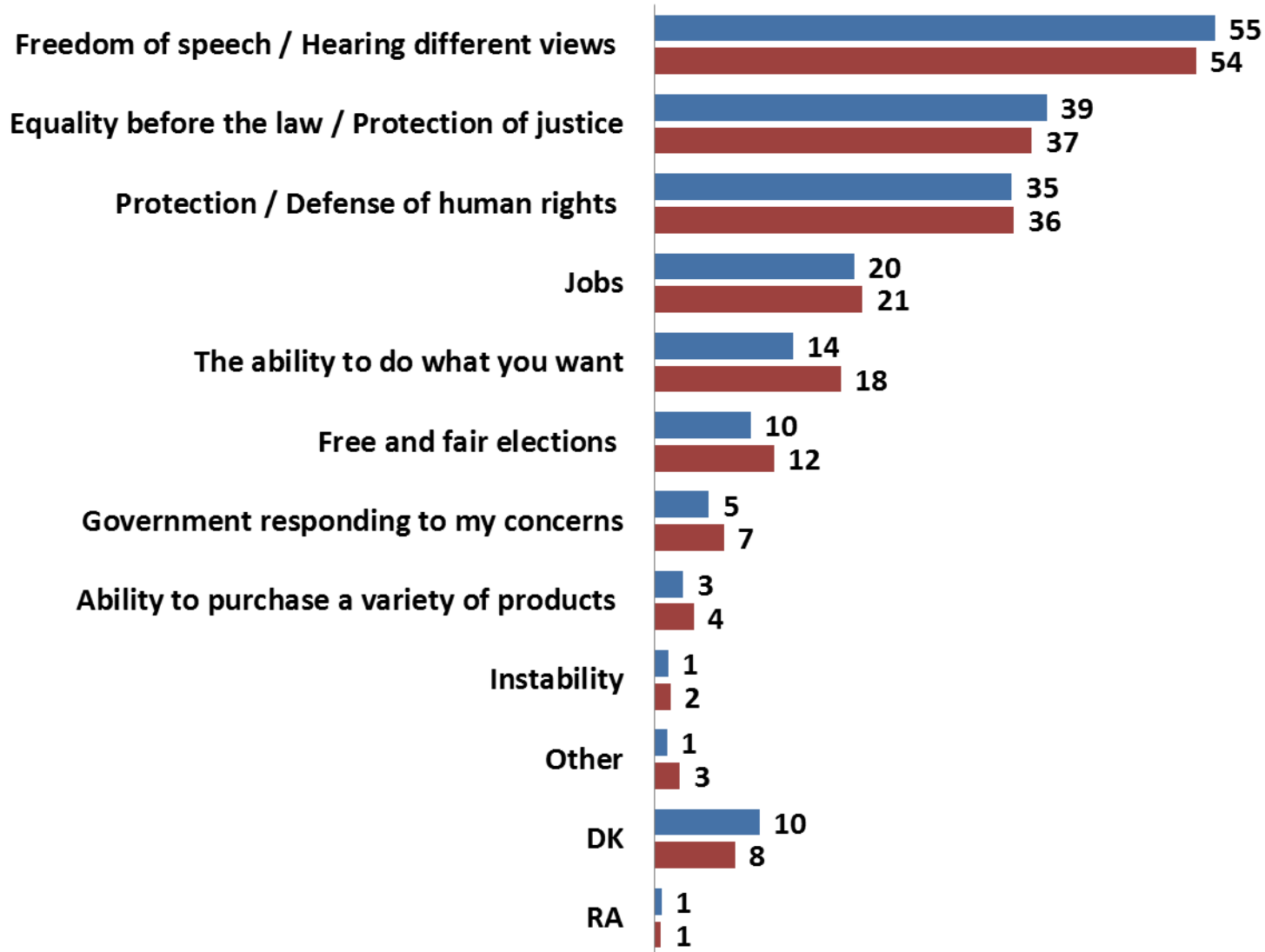
■ November 2013

■ September 2013



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

■ November 2013    ■ September 2013



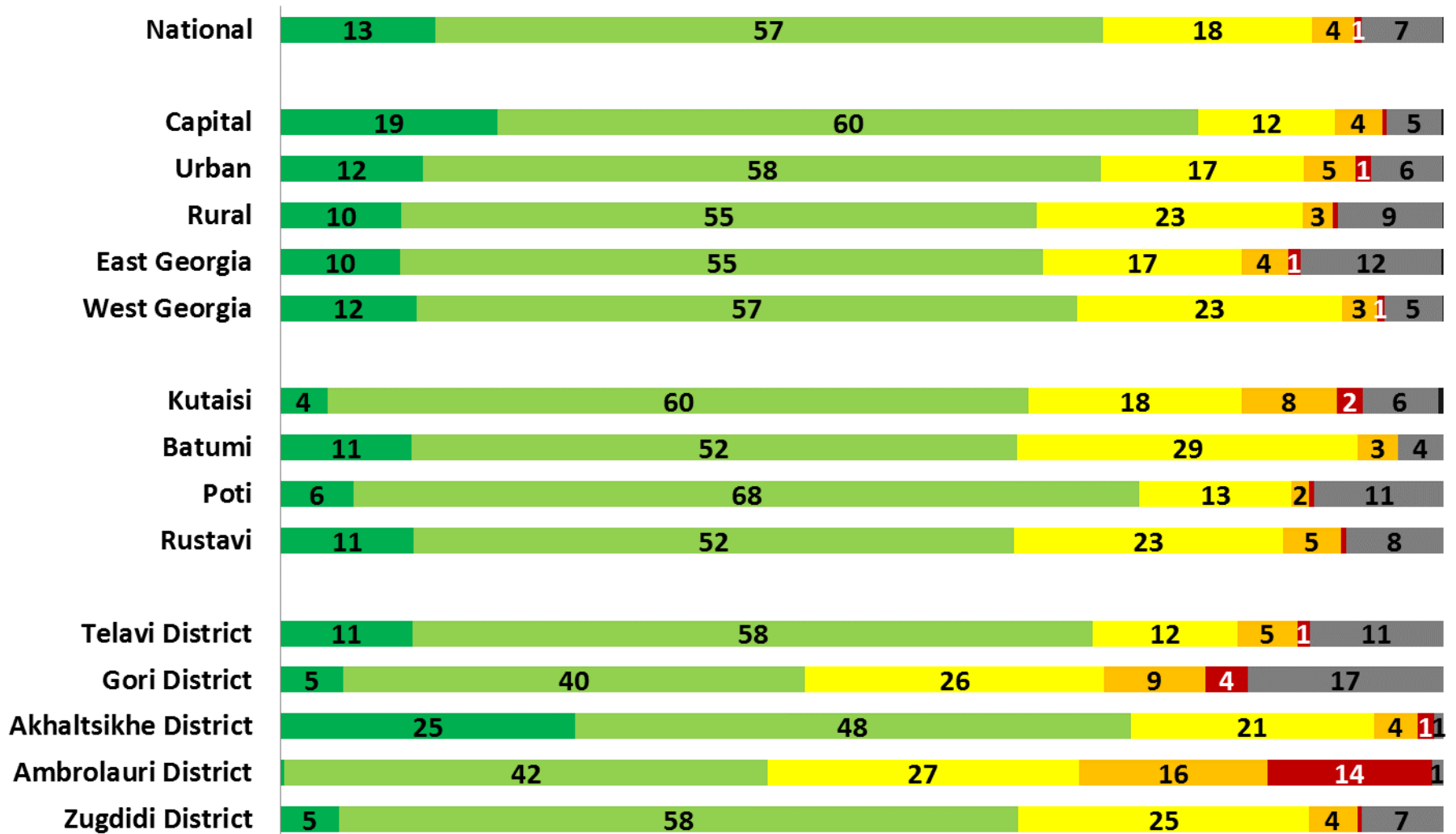
# How important is the protection of minority rights to Georgia's democratic development? (q21)

Very important   Important   Neutral   Not important   Not important at all   DK



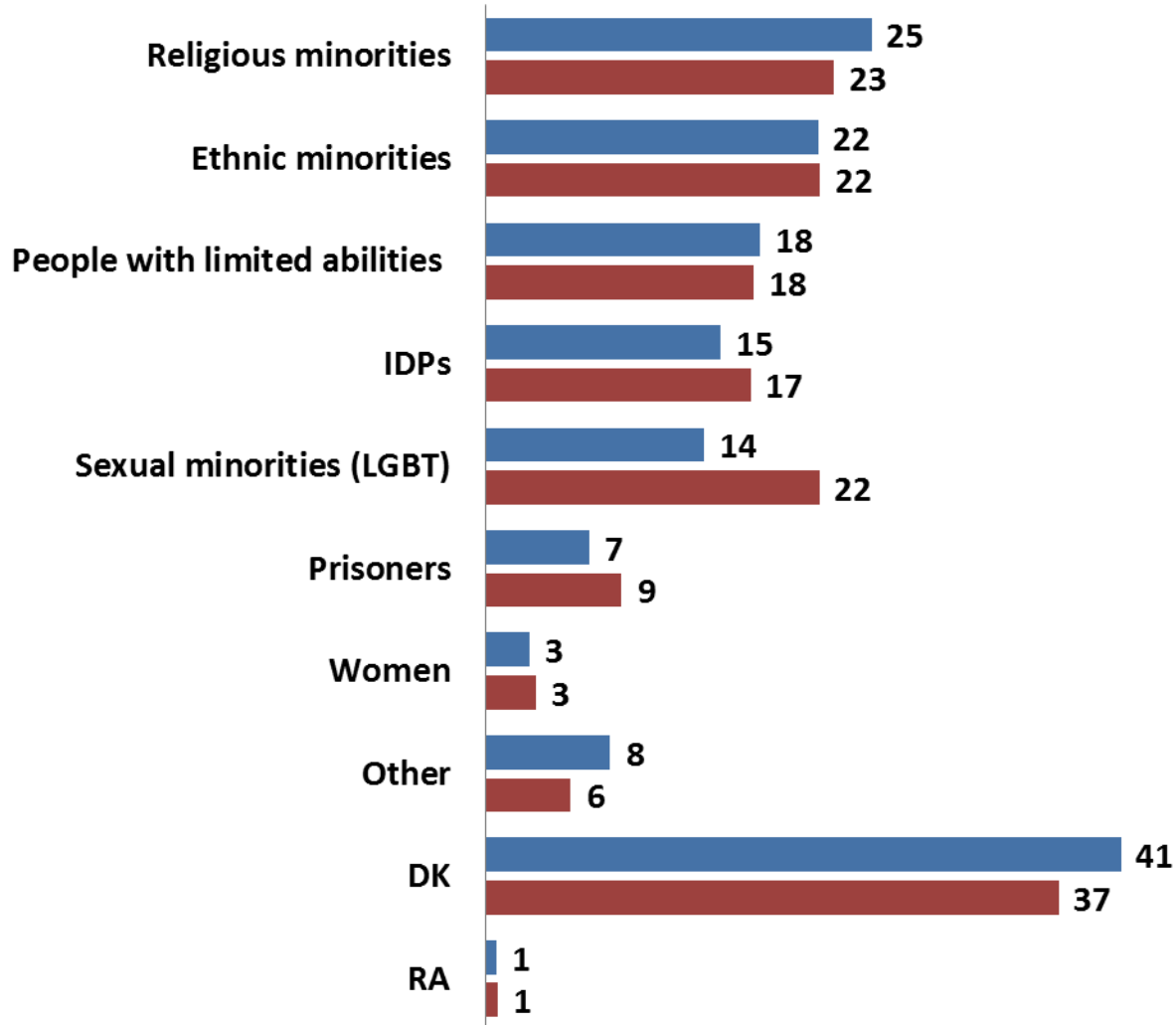
# How important or unimportant is the protection of minority rights to Georgia's democratic development? (q21 X Settlement)

■ Very important  
 ■ Important  
 ■ Neutral  
 ■ Not important  
 ■ Not important at all  
 ■ DK  
 ■ RA



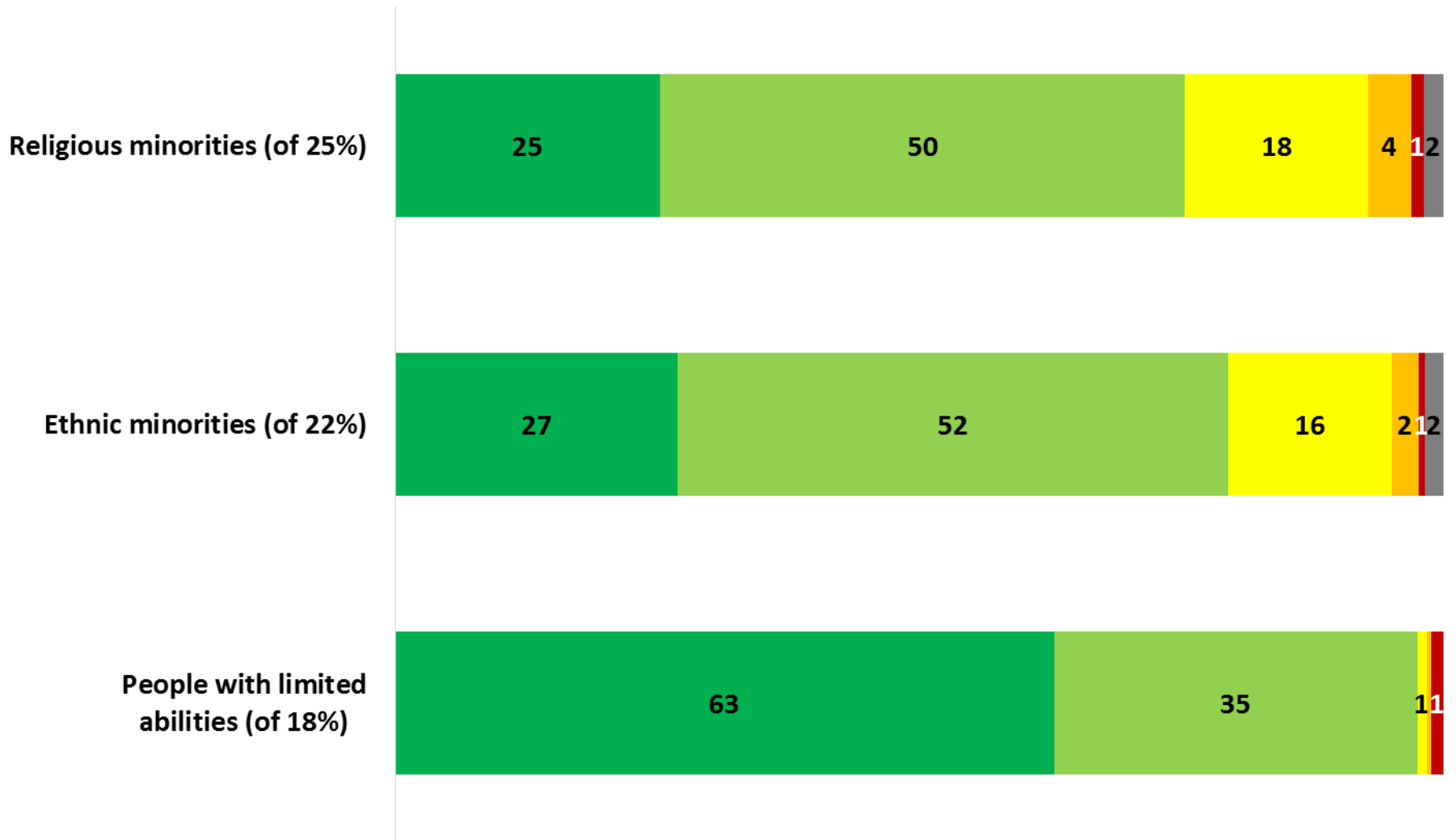
# When you think of minority groups, which groups come to mind first? Name up to three. (q22)

■ November 2013     ■ September 2013



# How important is the protection of rights of the following minorities? (q23)

Very important   Important   Neutral   Not important   Not important at all   DK   RA



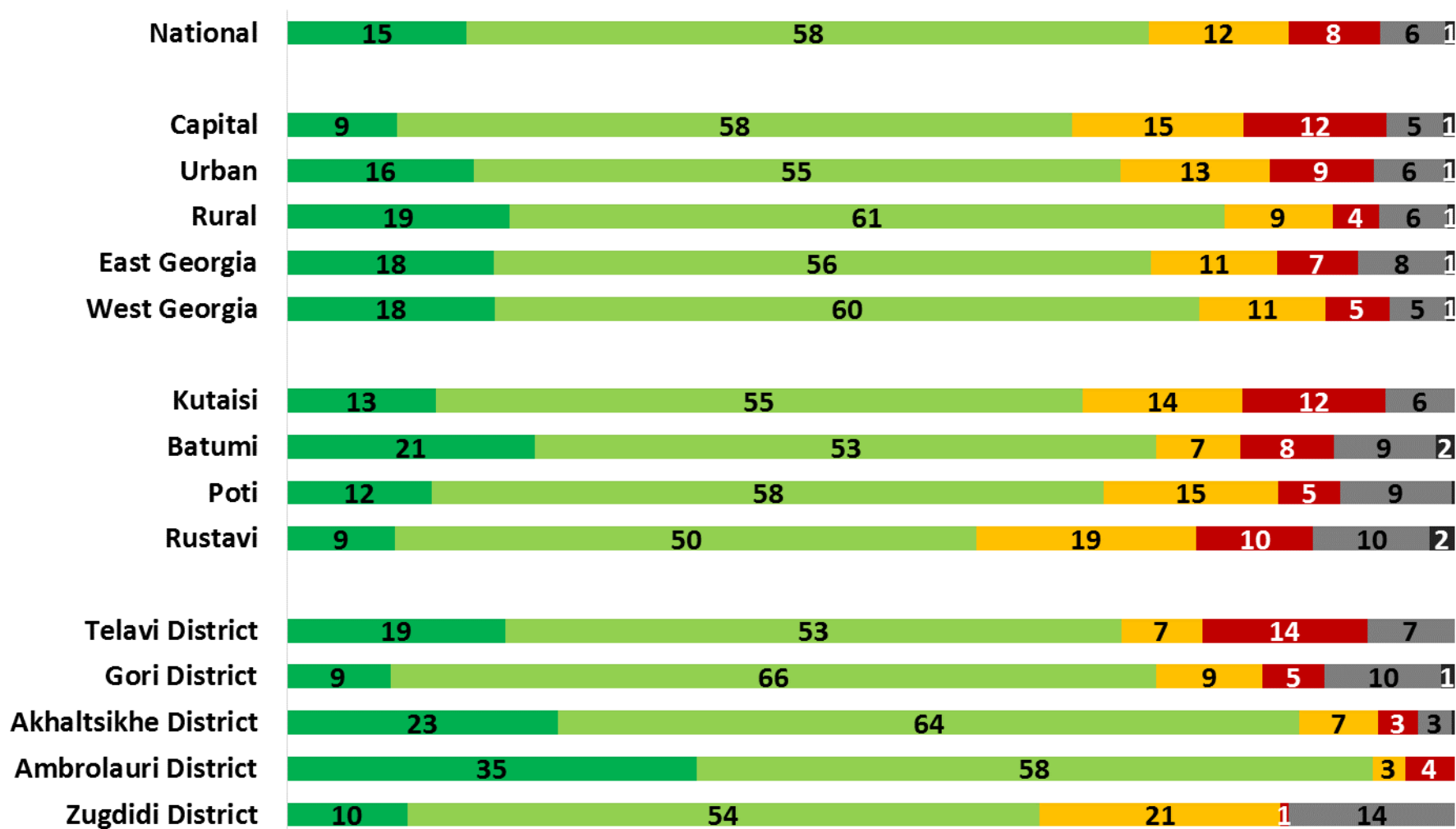
# To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q13)

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



# 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



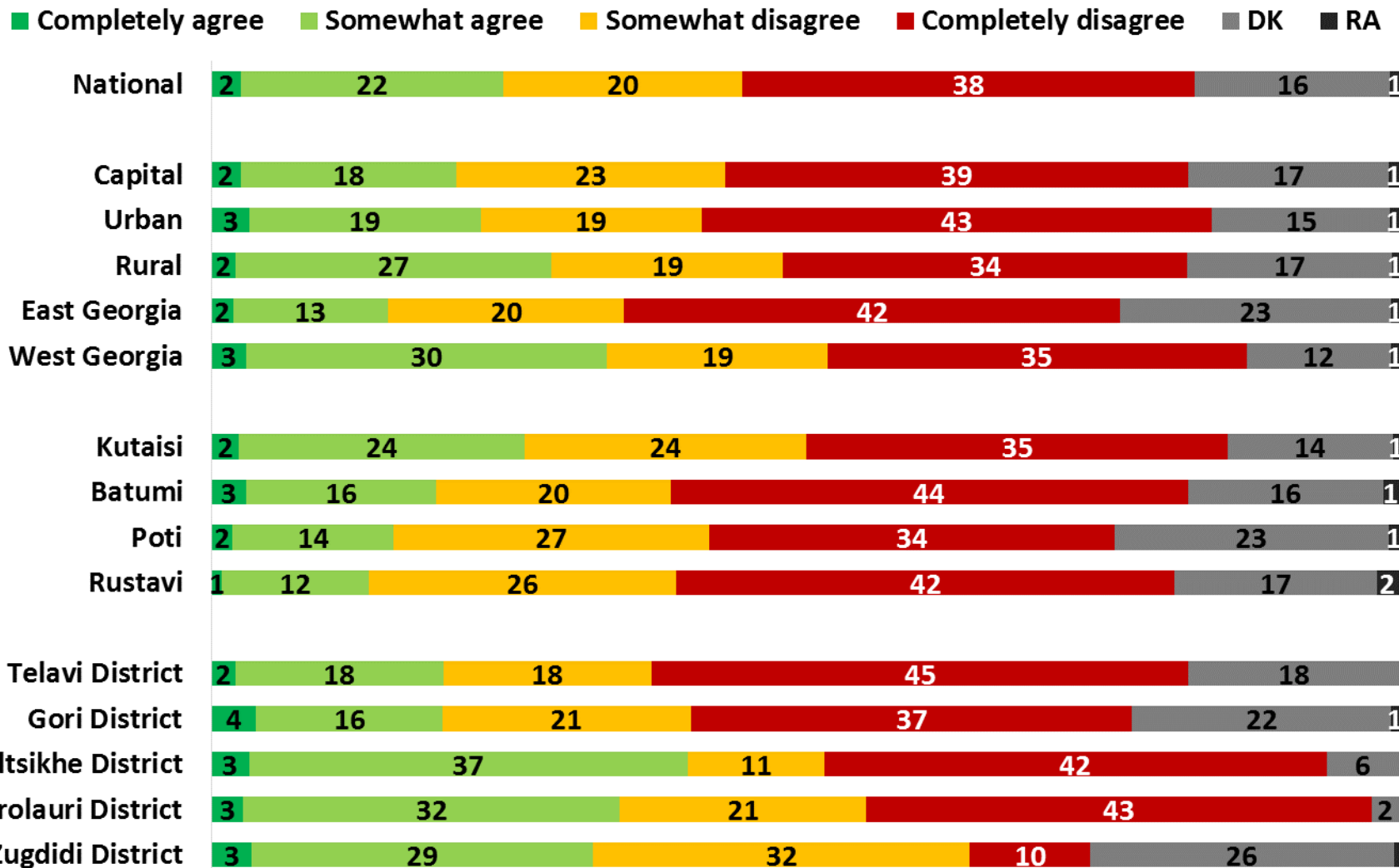


# To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q14)

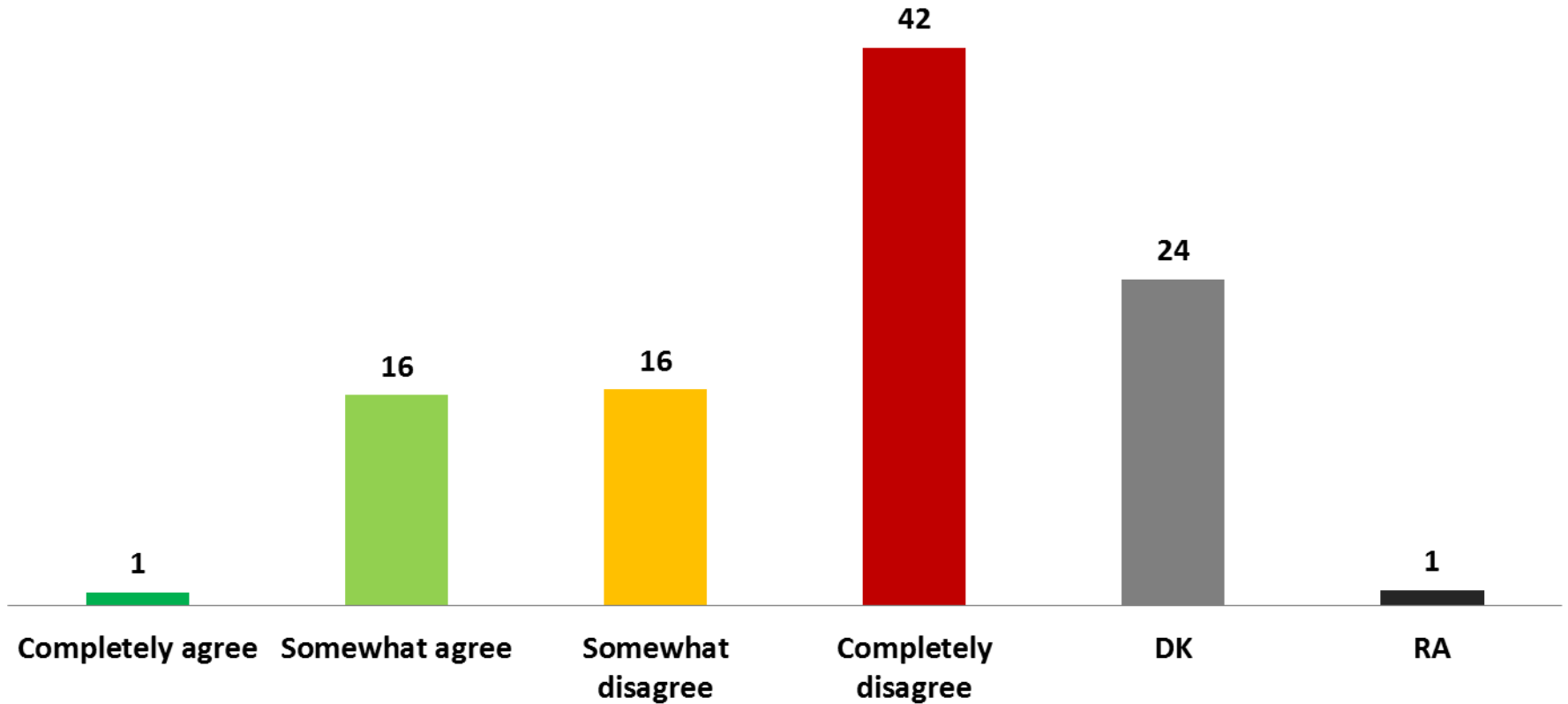
■ Completely agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Completely disagree ■ DK ■ RA



## 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? (q14 X Settlement)

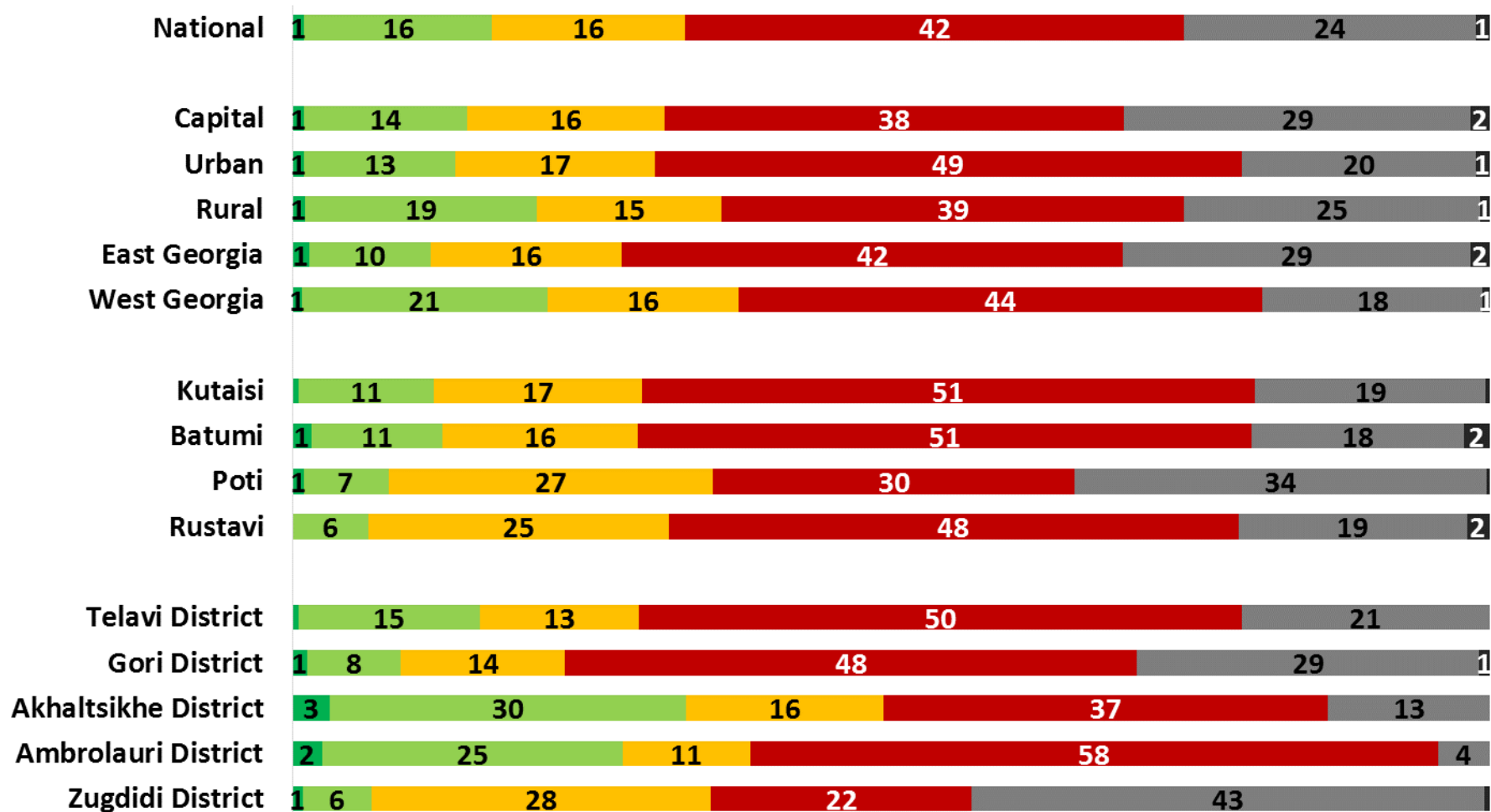


**To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the non-Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q15)**



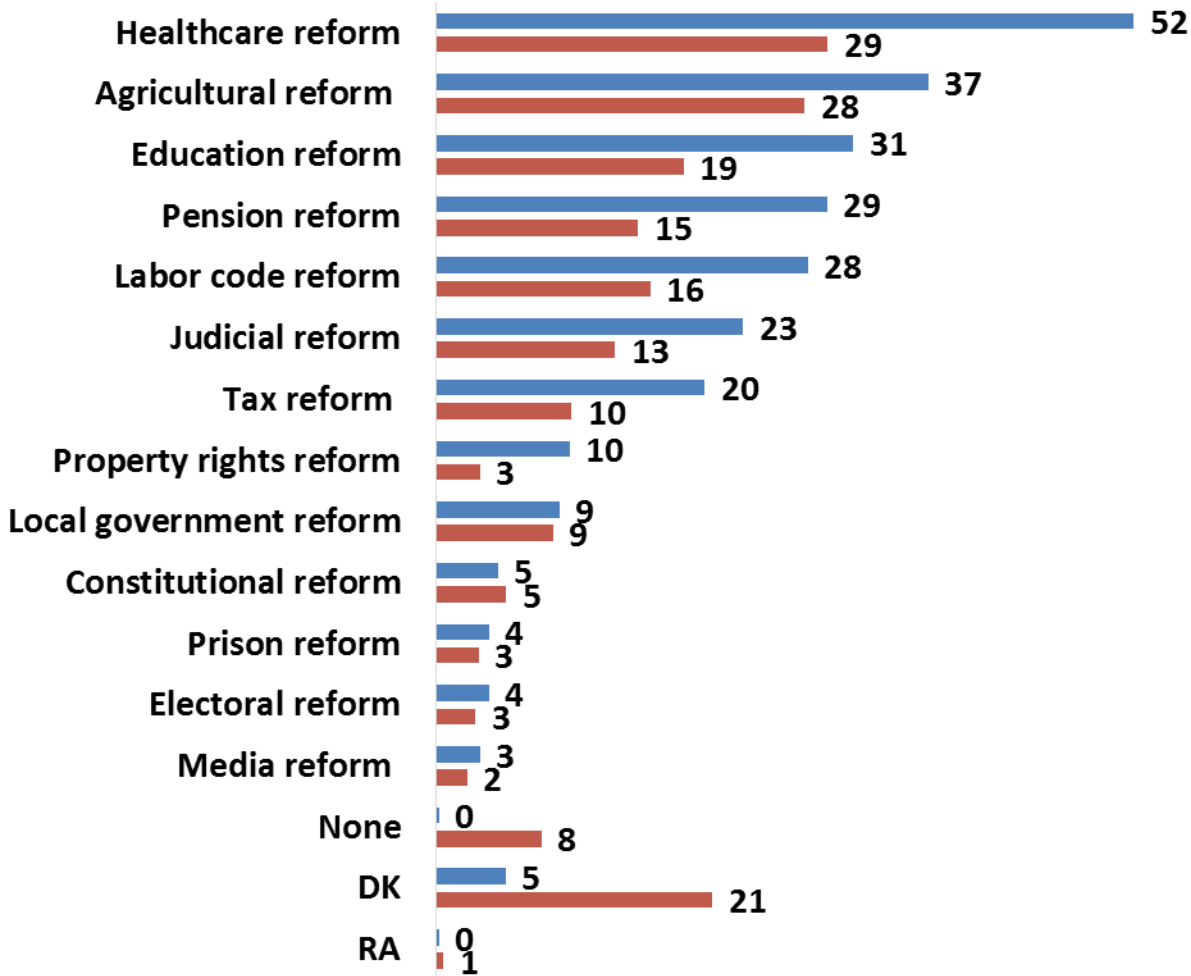
## To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the non-Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q15 X Settlement)

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



**Which three reforms do you think would be most important for Georgia  
 / Which do you expect to see achieved in the next six months?  
 Name up to three (q7/8)**

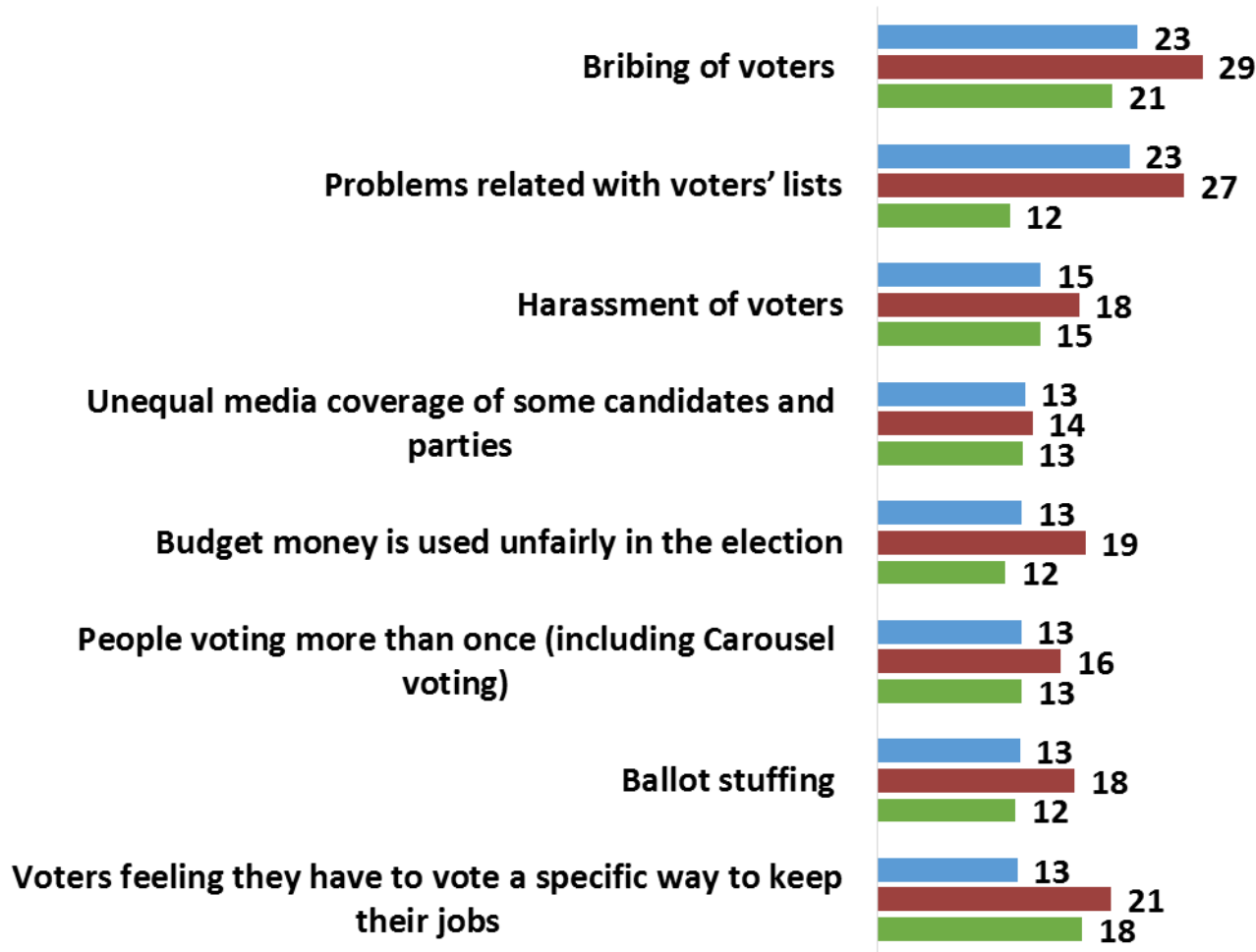
■ Would be most important for Georgia      ■ Expect to see achieved in the next six months



# Elections

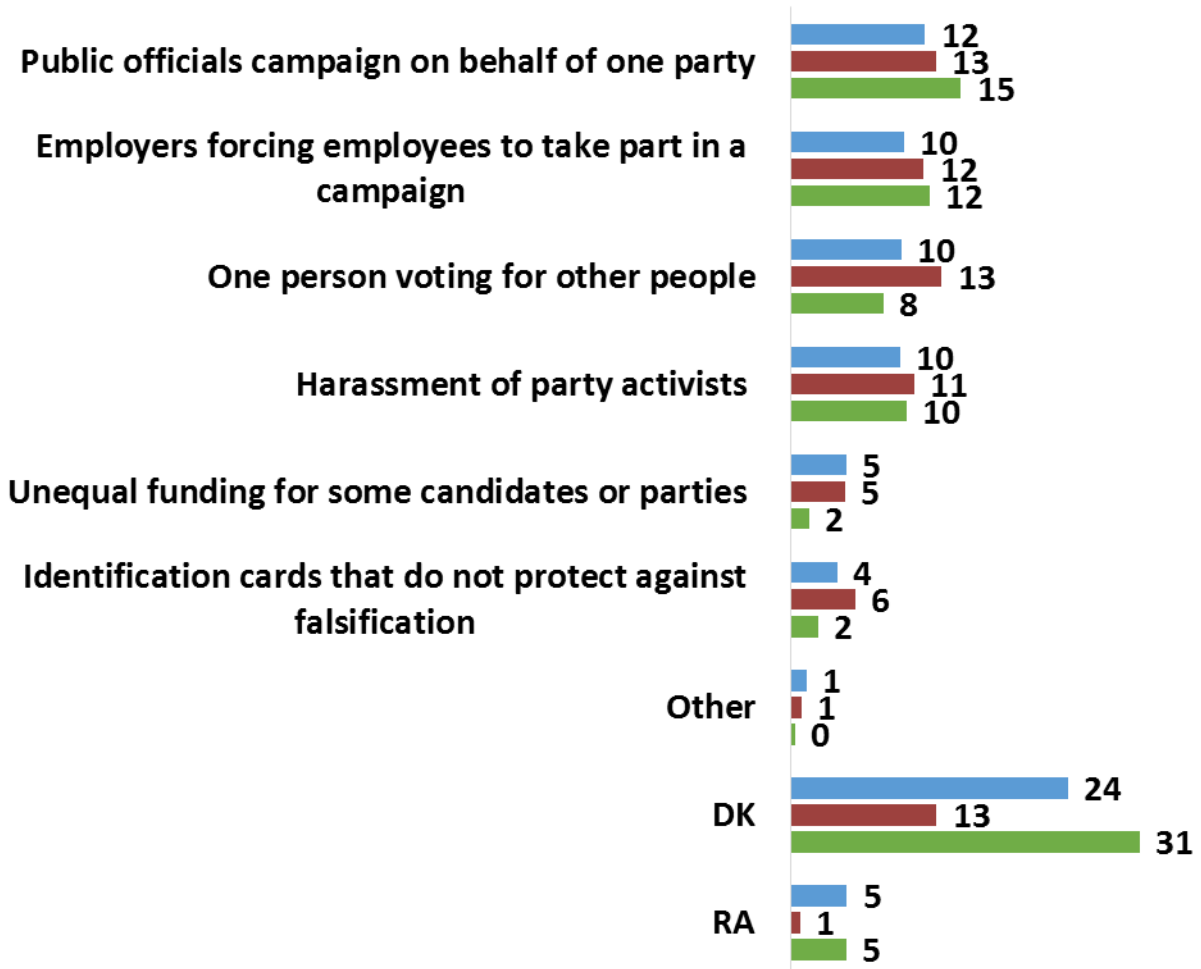
# What do you think are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? Name up to three (q64) Part 1

■ November 2013   ■ September 2013   ■ November 2012



# What do you think are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? Name up to three (q64) Part 2

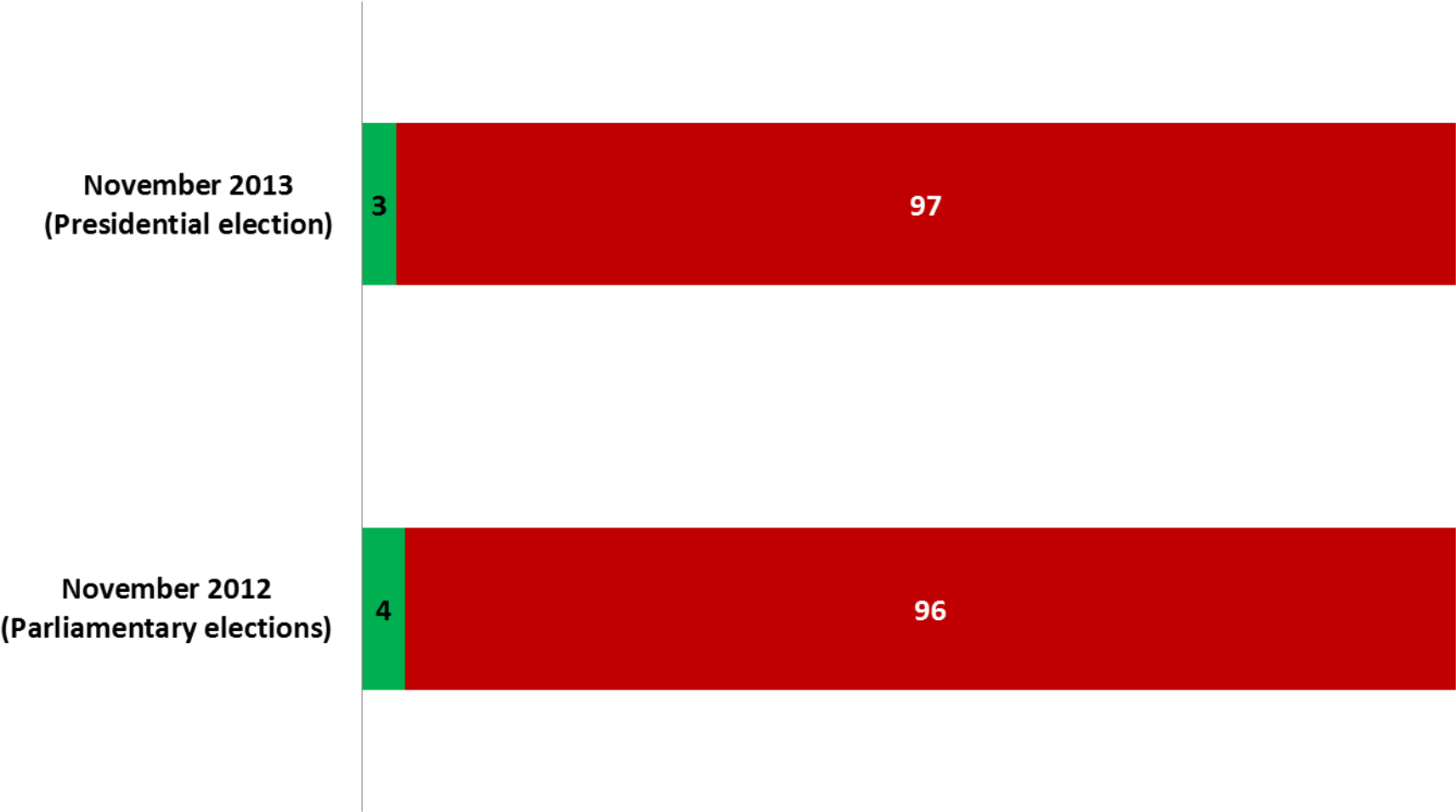
■ November 2013   ■ September 2013   ■ November 2012





# Did you encounter any problems with the voters' list during the Election Day? (q75)

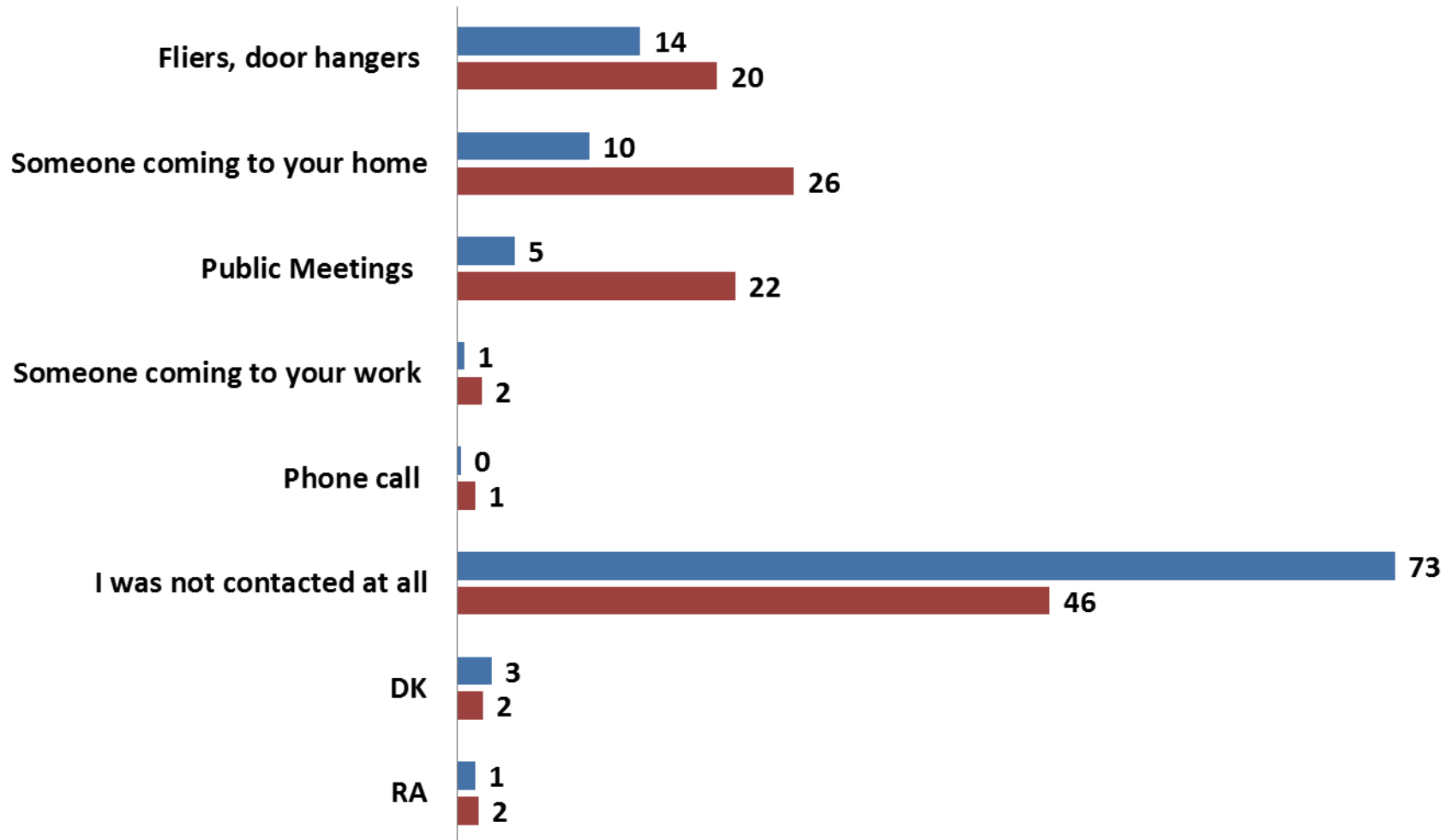
■ Yes    ■ No



# Were you contacted in any of the following ways by representatives of candidates before the election? (q66)

■ November 2013 (Presidential election)

■ November 2012 (Parliamentary elections)



# Did you have enough information about where to vote? (q69)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA

November 2013  
(Presidential election)

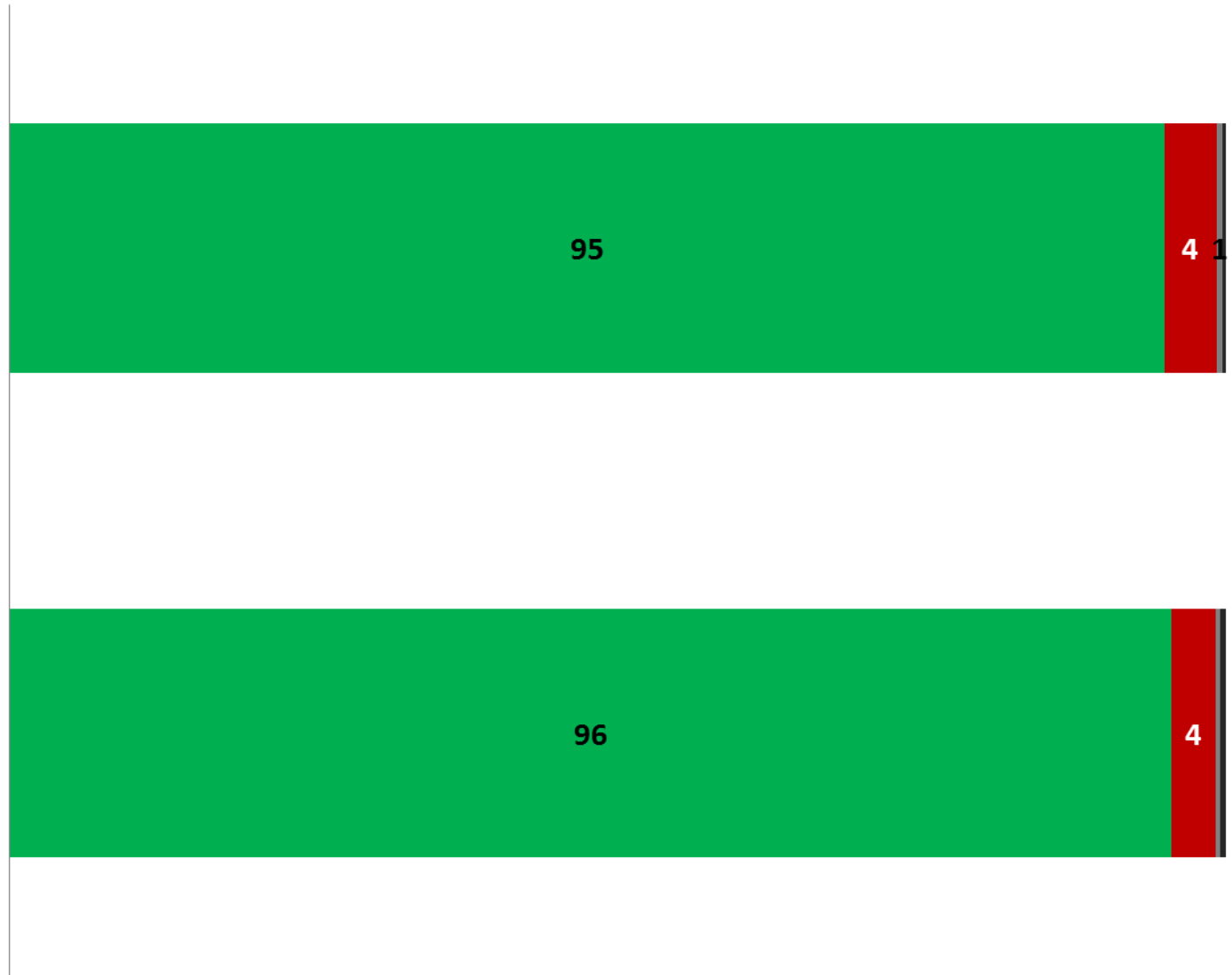
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November 2012  
(Parliamentary elections)

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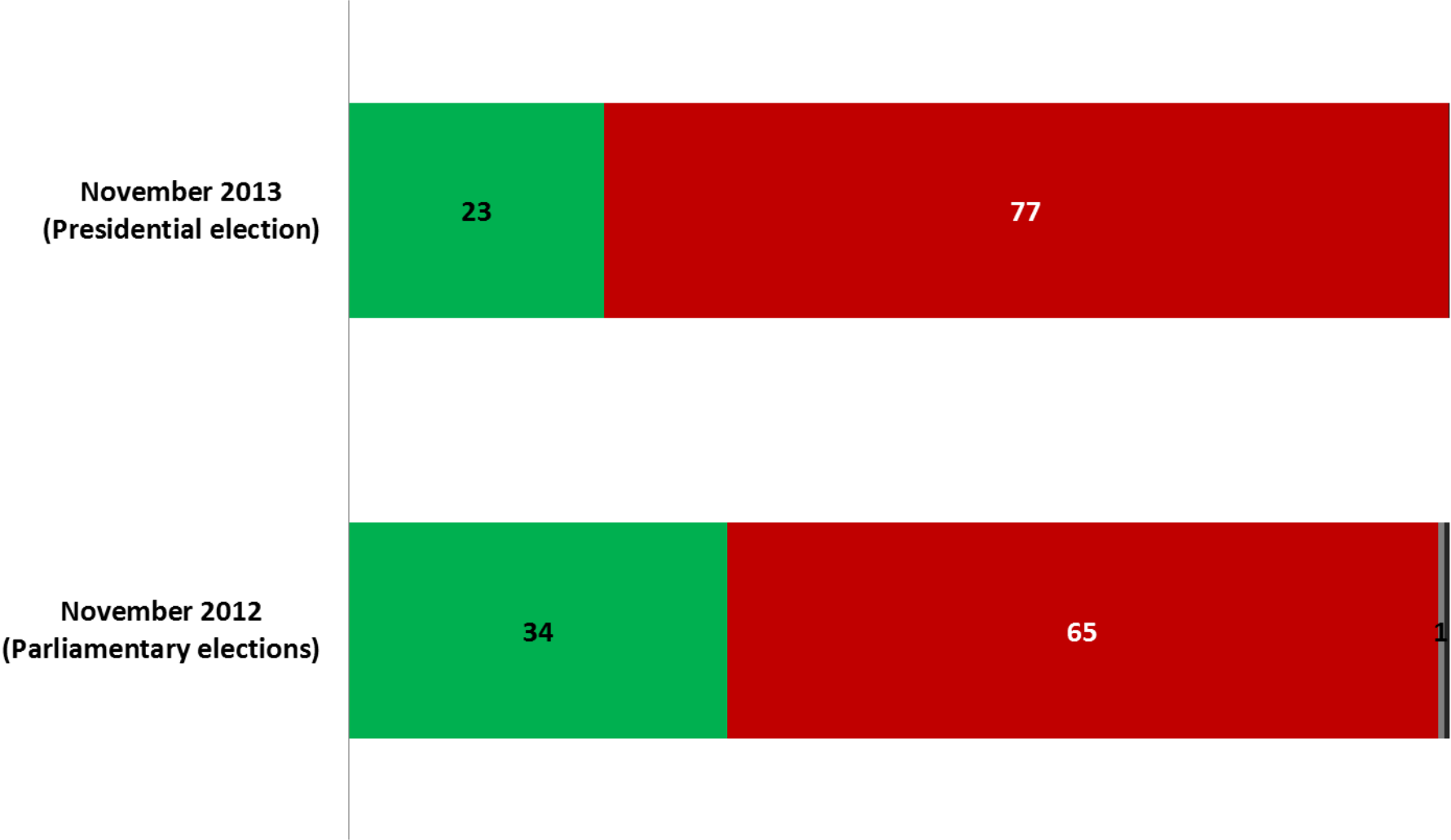
# Did you have enough information about voting procedures to vote without difficulty? (q70)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



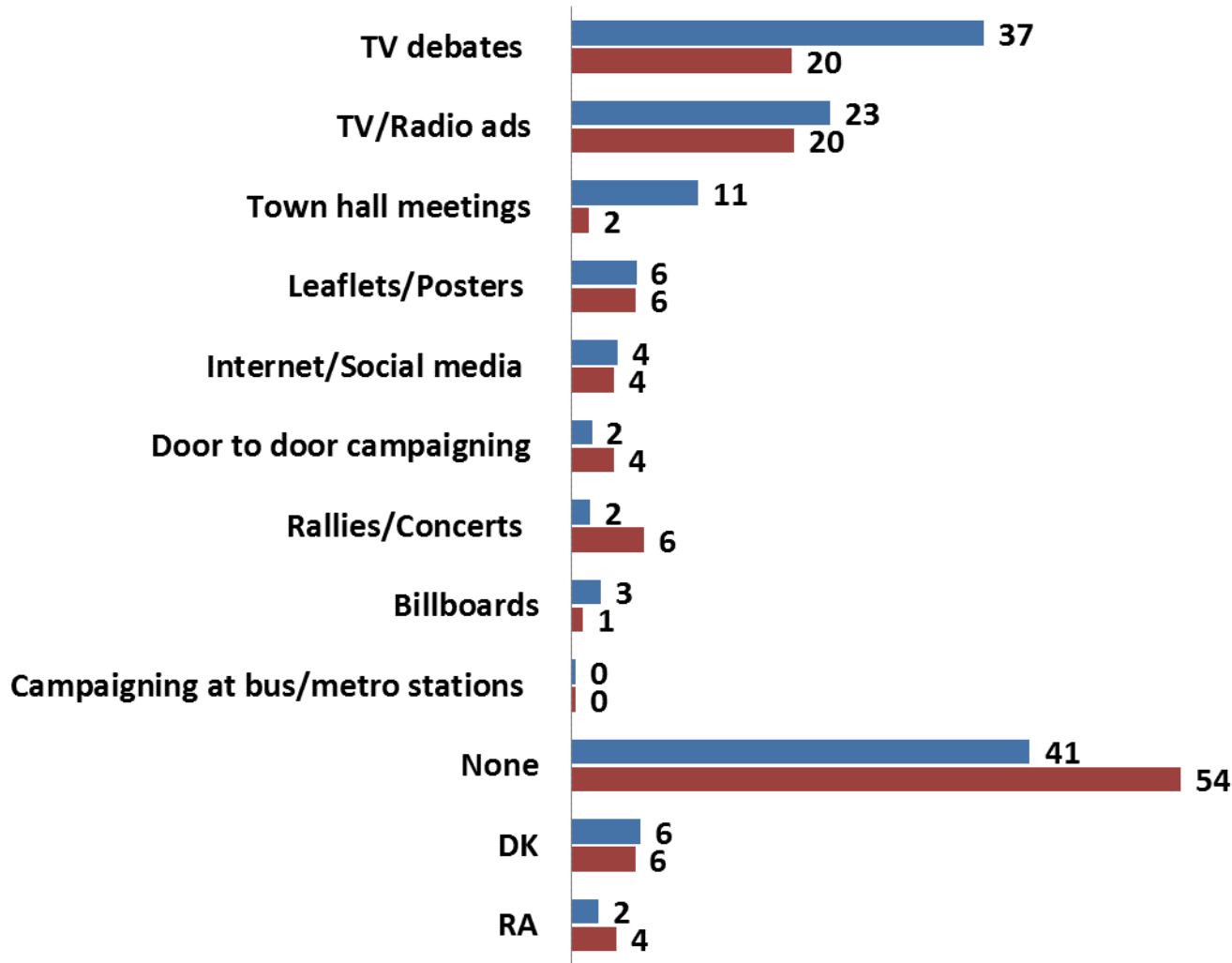
# Did you check yourself in the voters' lists prior to Election Day? (q71)

Yes No DK RA



# Which campaign activities were most helpful to you when making your decision on who to vote for? (q73)

■ November 2013 (Presidential election)    ■ November 2012 (Parliamentary elections)



# Did you discuss your vote with others prior to Election Day? (q76)

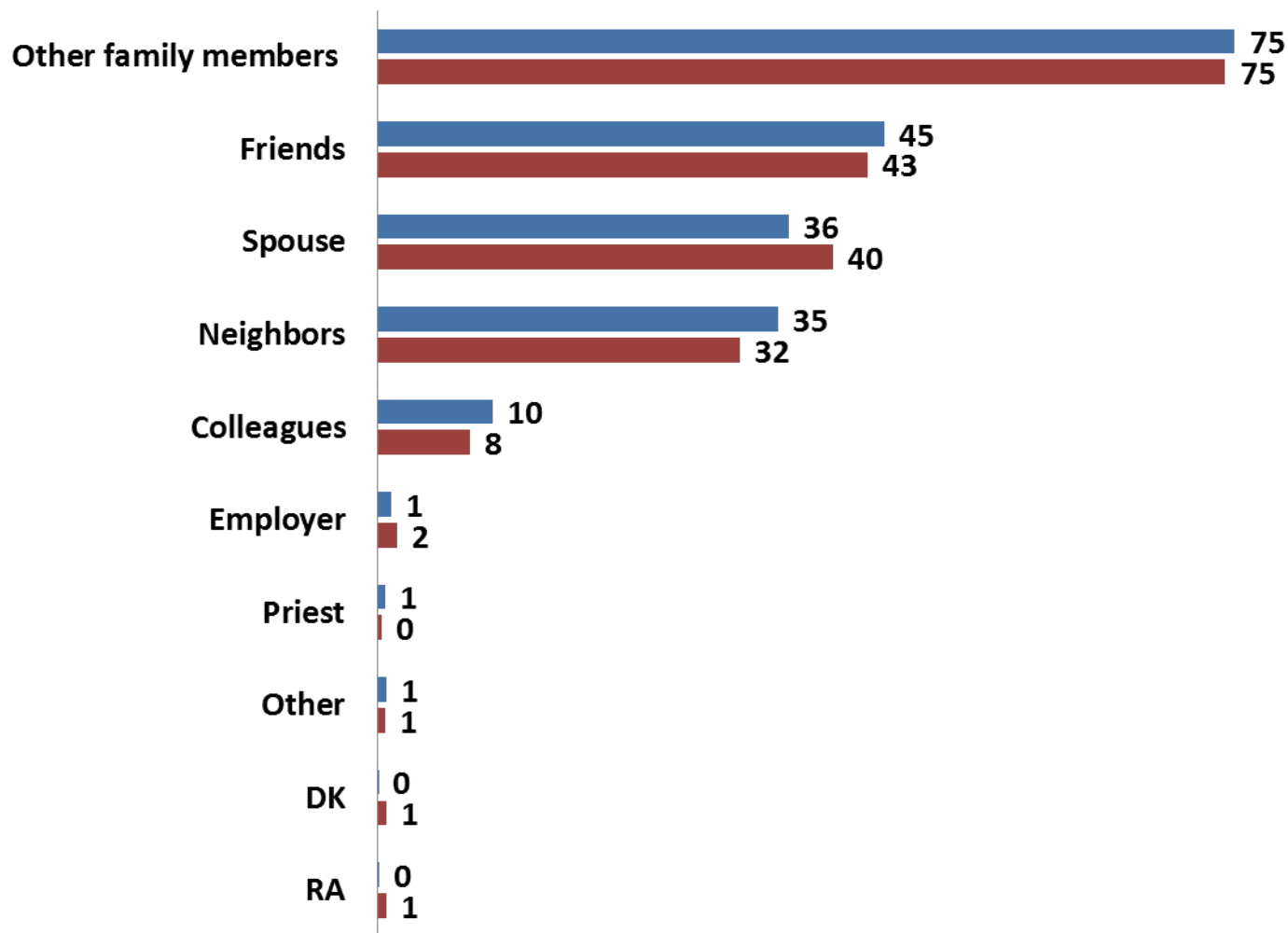
Yes No DK RA



## With whom did you discuss your vote? (q77) - of those who discussed their vote prior to elections

■ November 2013 (Presidential election)

■ November 2012 (Parliamentary elections)





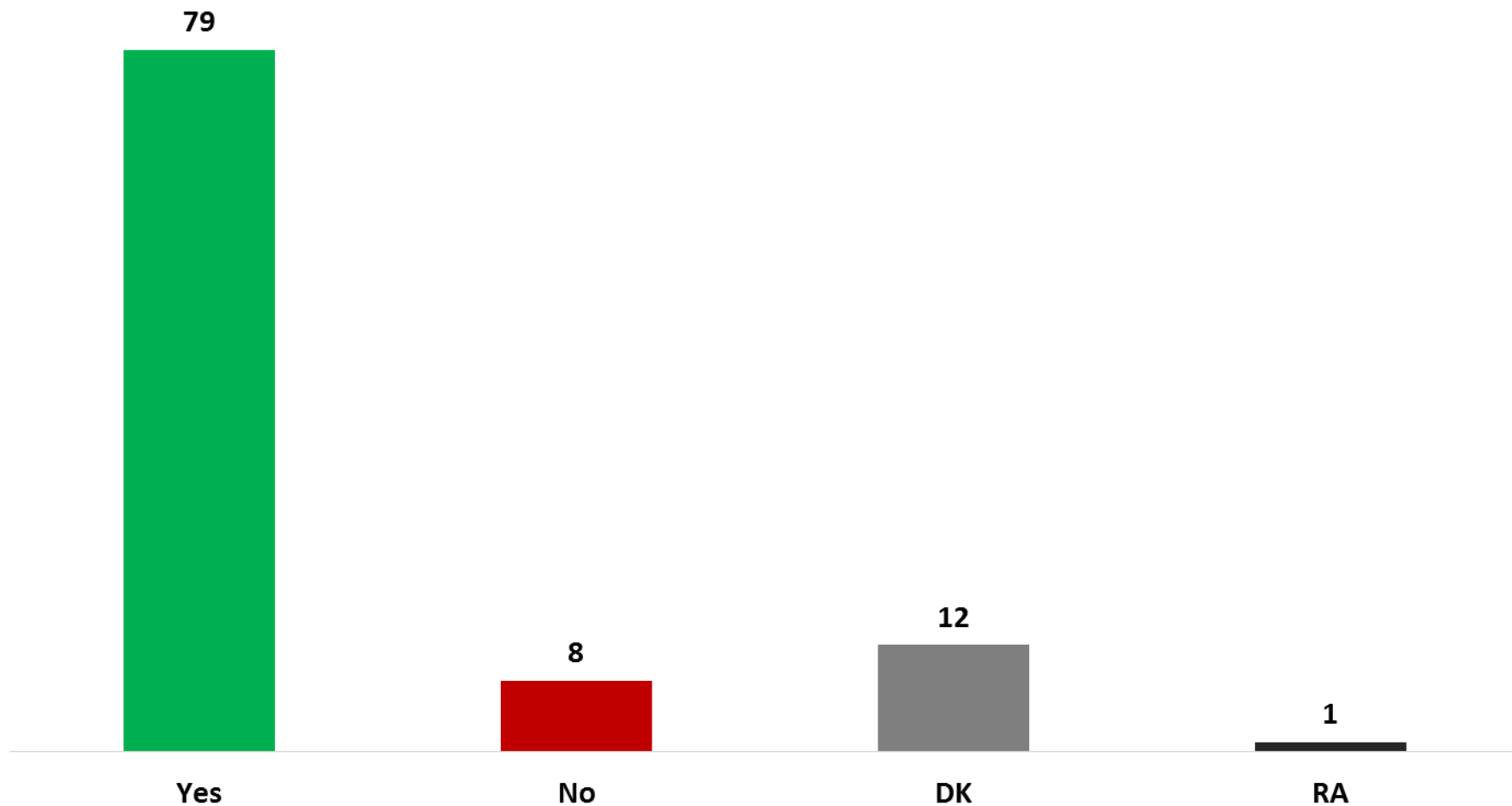
# How do you think the October 27 presidential/October 1 parliamentary elections were conducted? (q78)

■ Totally well conducted ■ Somewhat well conducted ■ Somewhat falsified ■ Totally falsified ■ DK ■ RA

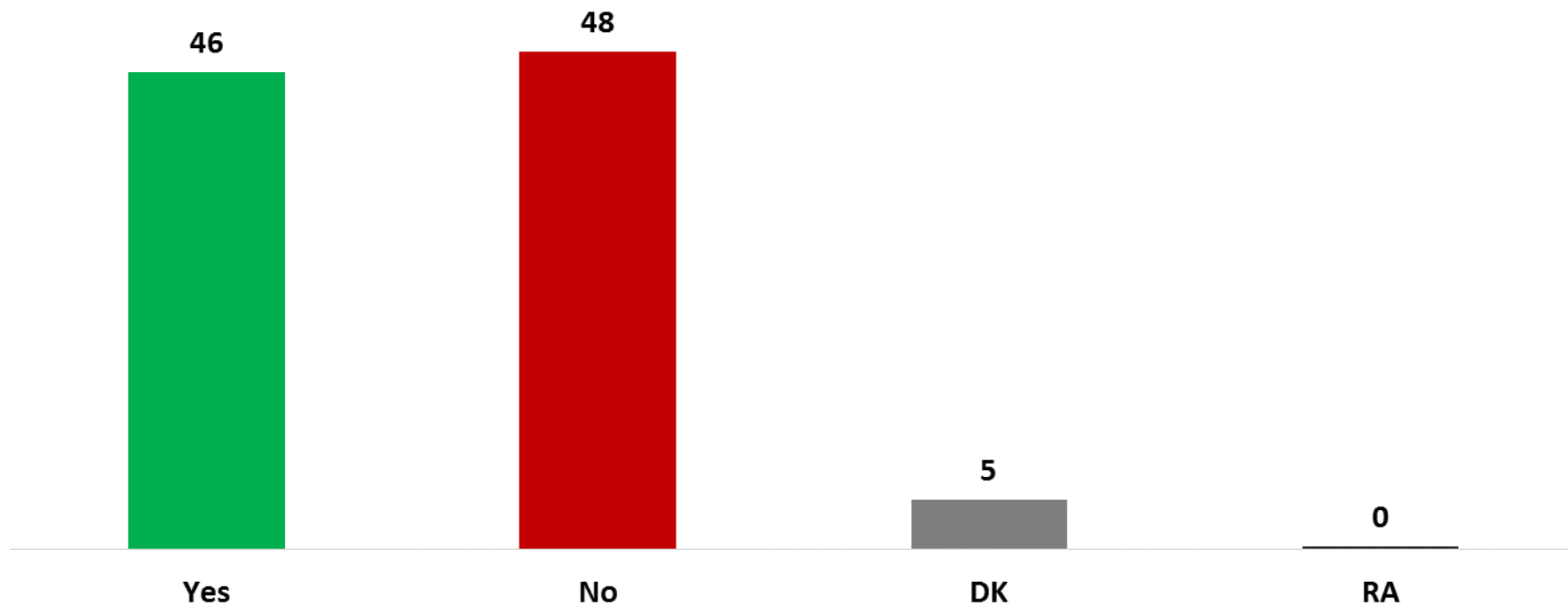


# Current Events

## Do you approve or disapprove of Bidzina Ivanishvili's candidate for the post of Prime Minister - Irakli Garibashvili? (q88)

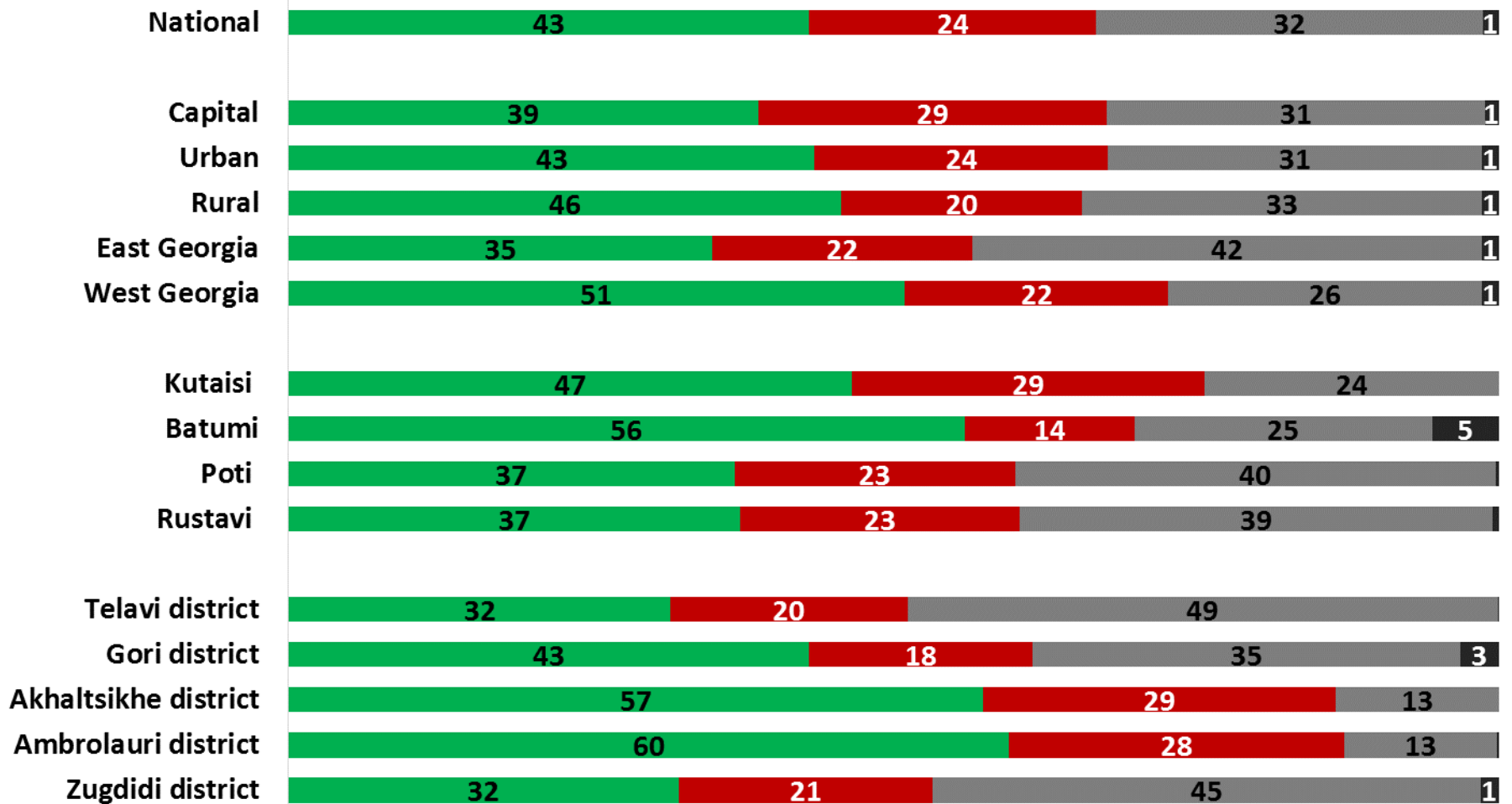


**On October 28 Bidzina Ivanishvili said that he would name the Georgian Dream's candidate for Tbilisi mayor before he would leave office on November 24. Were you aware? (q89)**

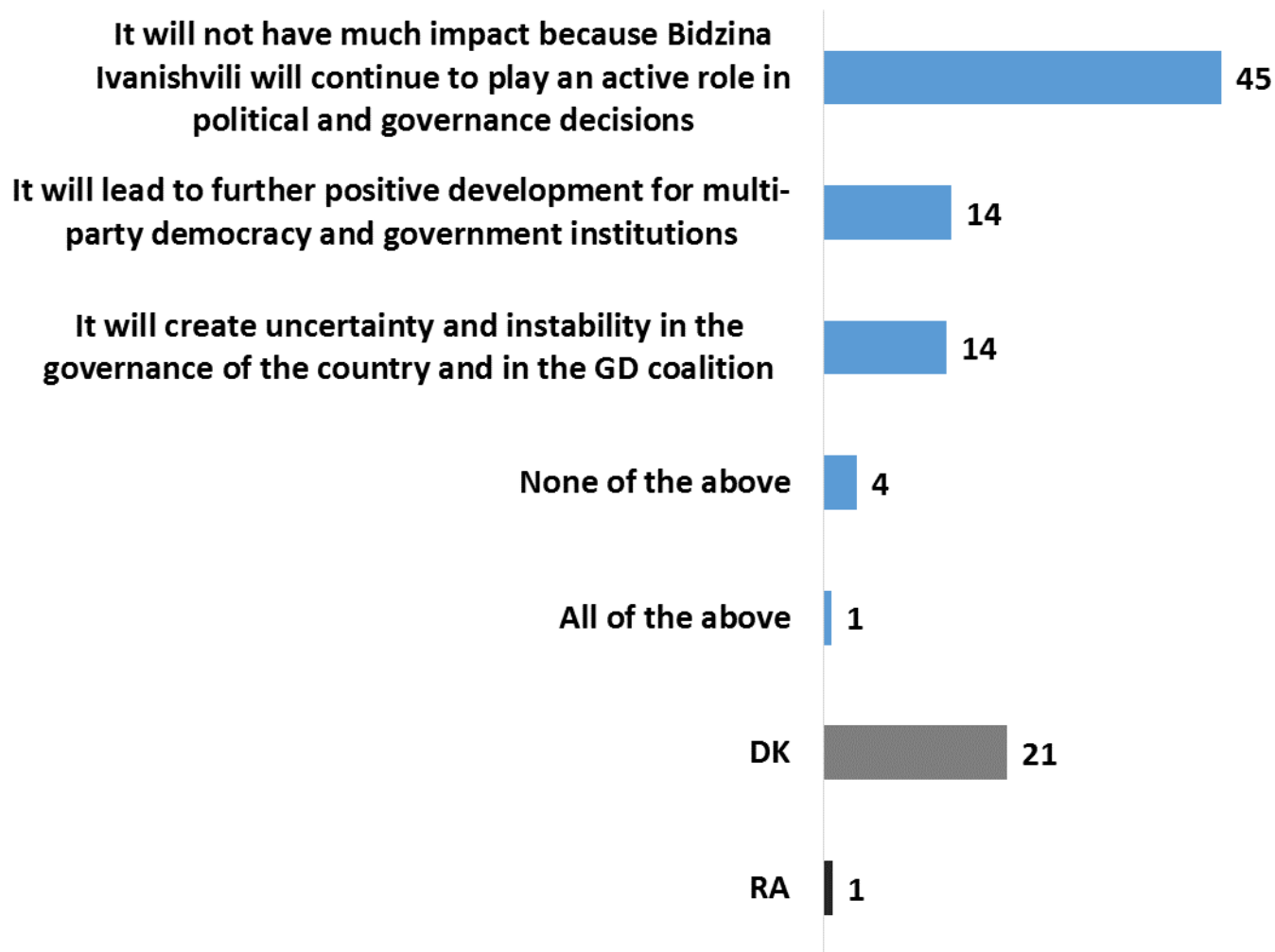


# Do you approve or disapprove of Ivanishvili's decision to name the Georgian Dream's candidate for Tbilisi mayor before leaving the office on November 24? (q90 X Settlement)

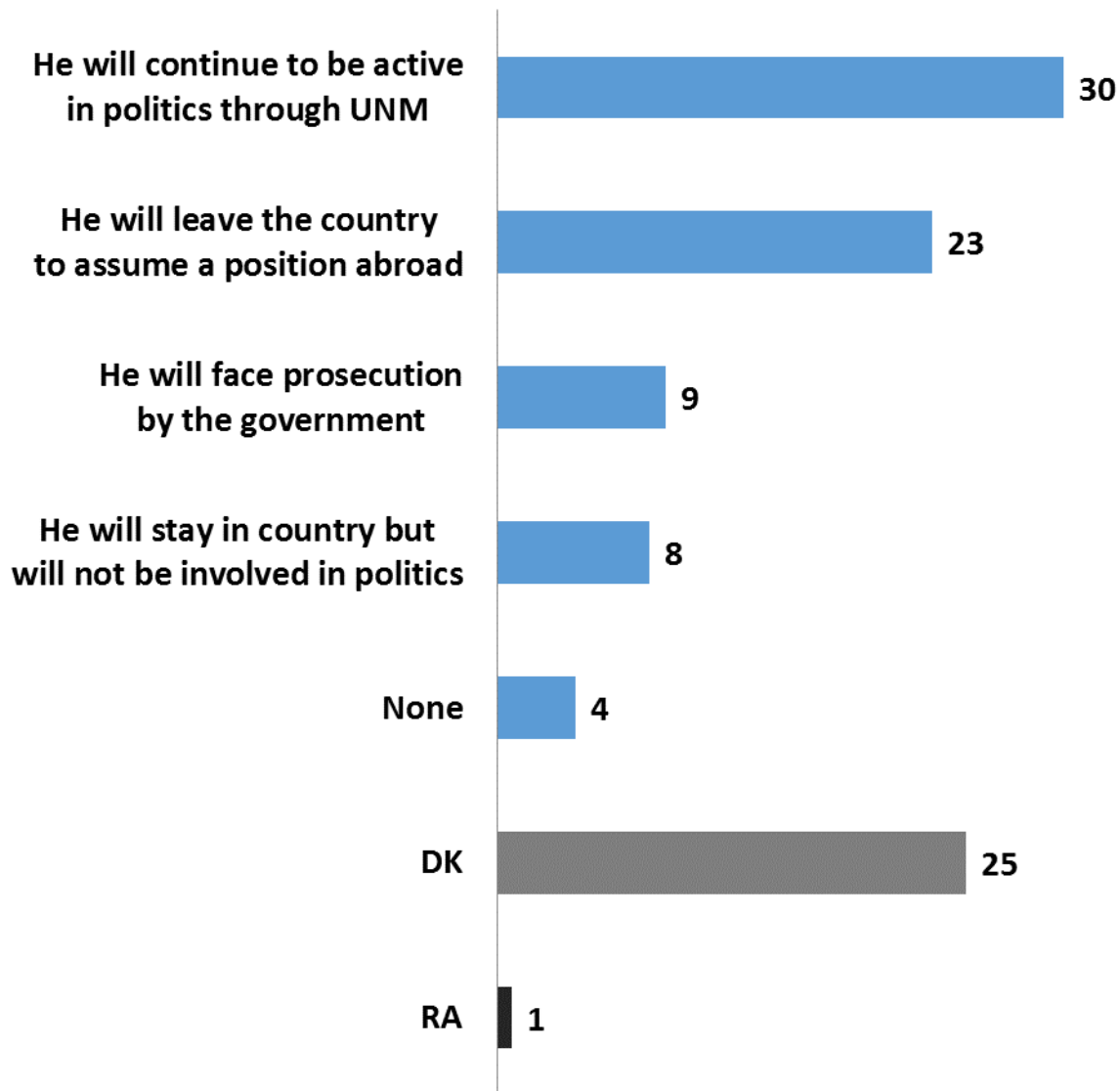
■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



**Bidzina Ivanishvili has said he will leave office on November 24.  
Which statement do you most agree with? (q93)**

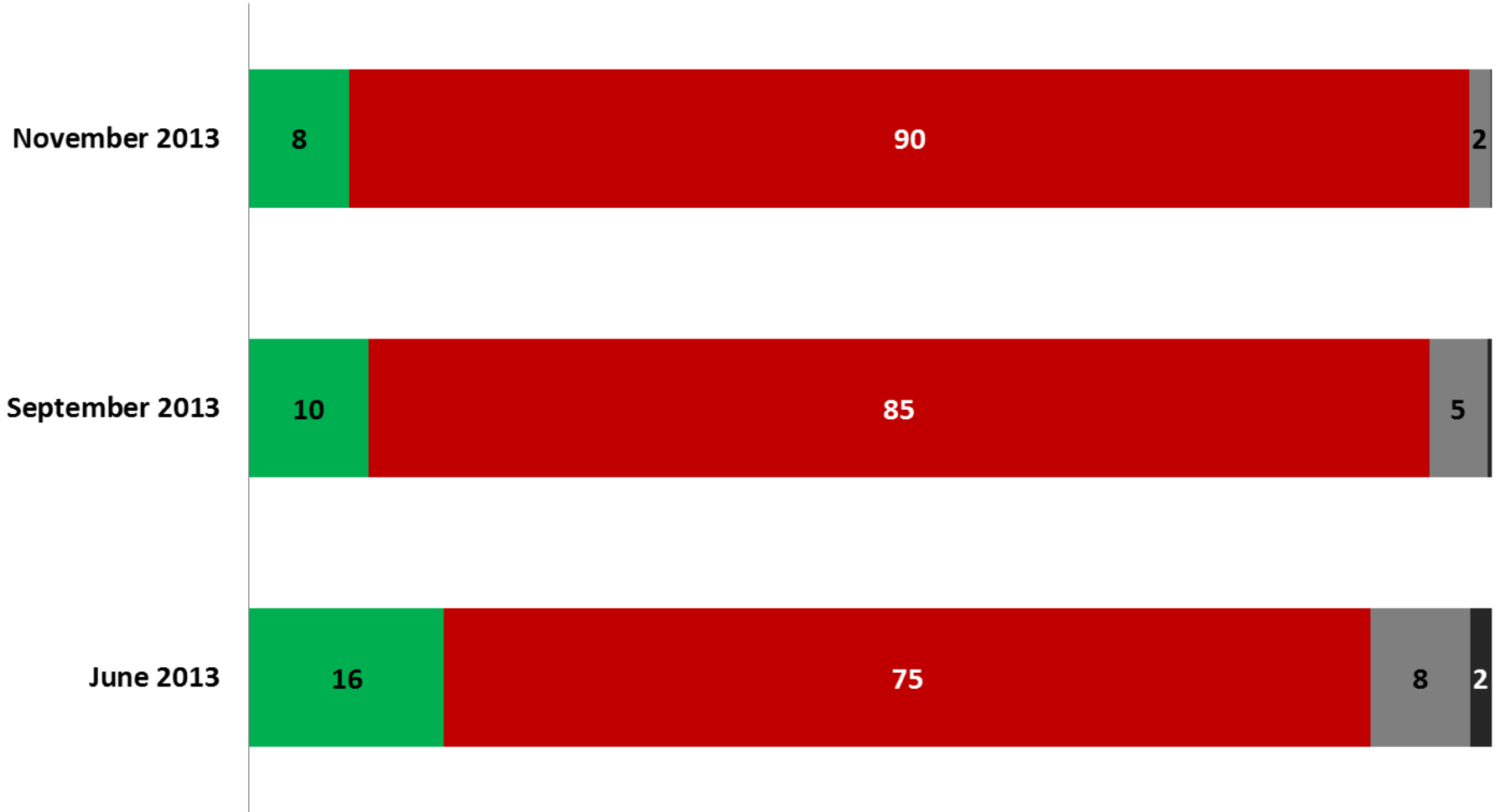


## Once Mikheil Saakashvili leaves the office of president, which of the following do you think is most likely to happen? (q58)



# Do you personally know someone who you believe was fired from a state/public job because of their political beliefs since October 2012? (q83)

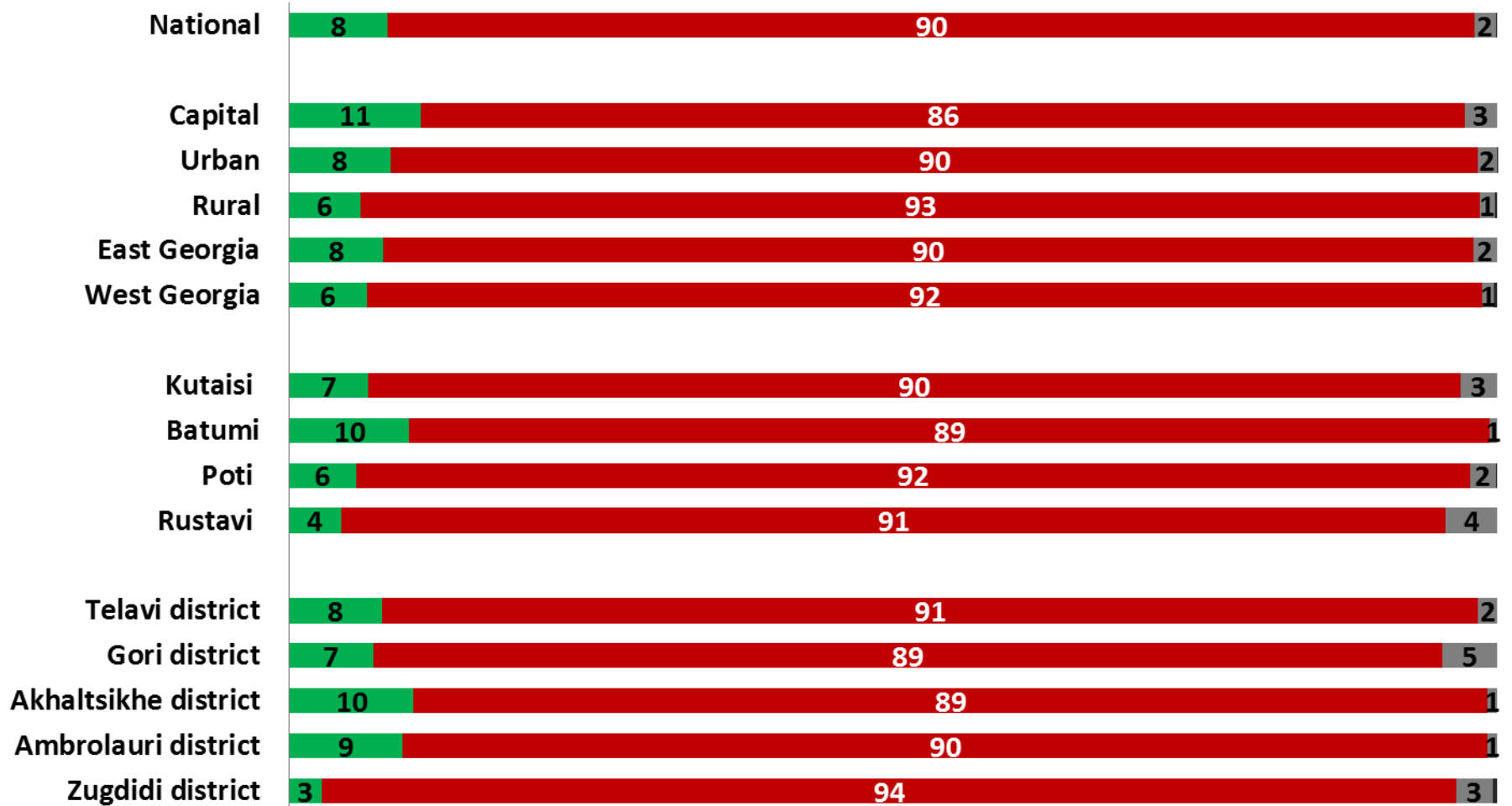
Yes No DK RA





# Do you personally know someone who you believe was fired from a state/public job because of their political beliefs since October 2012? (q83 X Settlement)

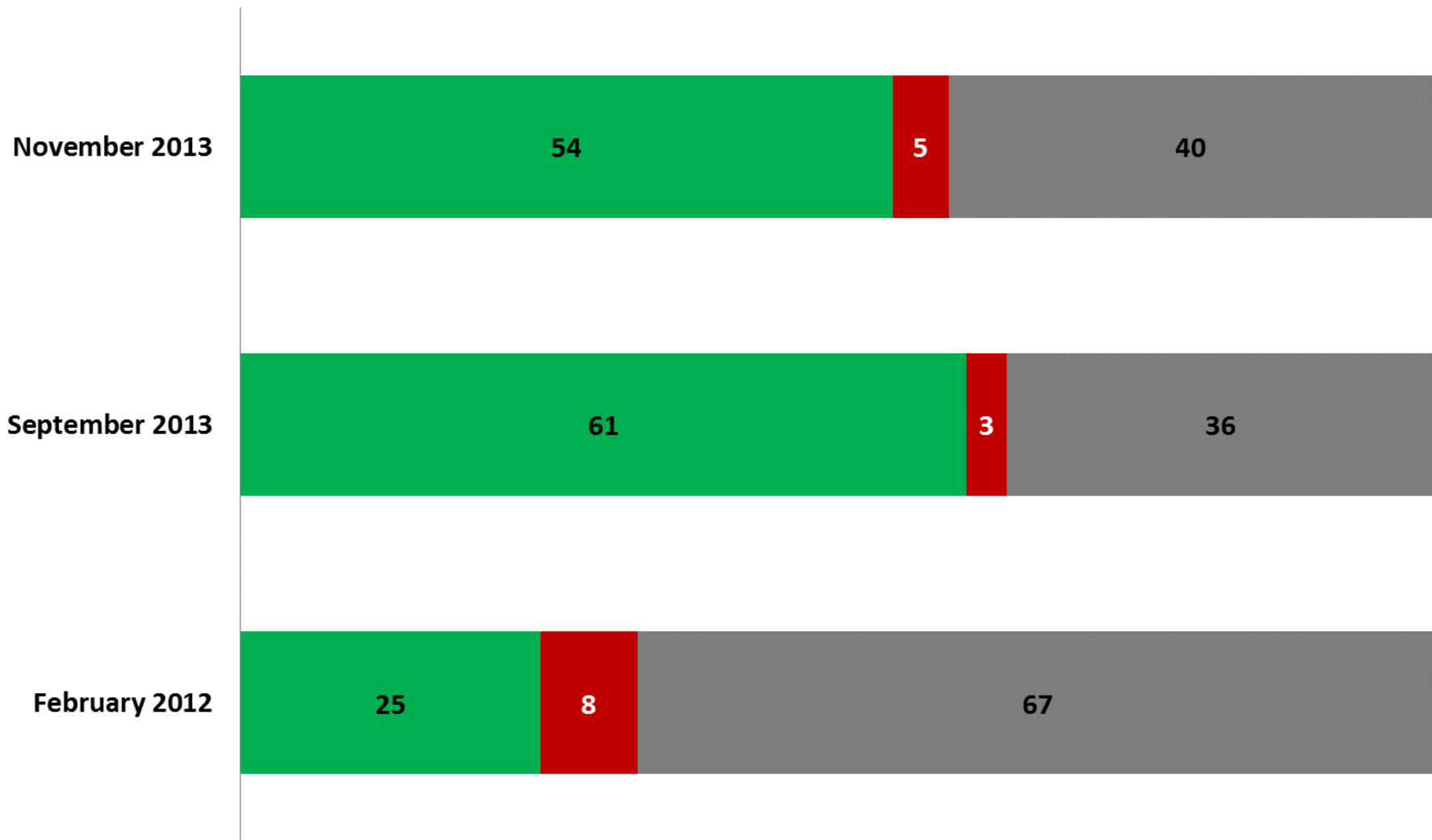
■ Yes    
 ■ No    
 ■ DK    
 ■ RA



# Parliament and Women's Participation

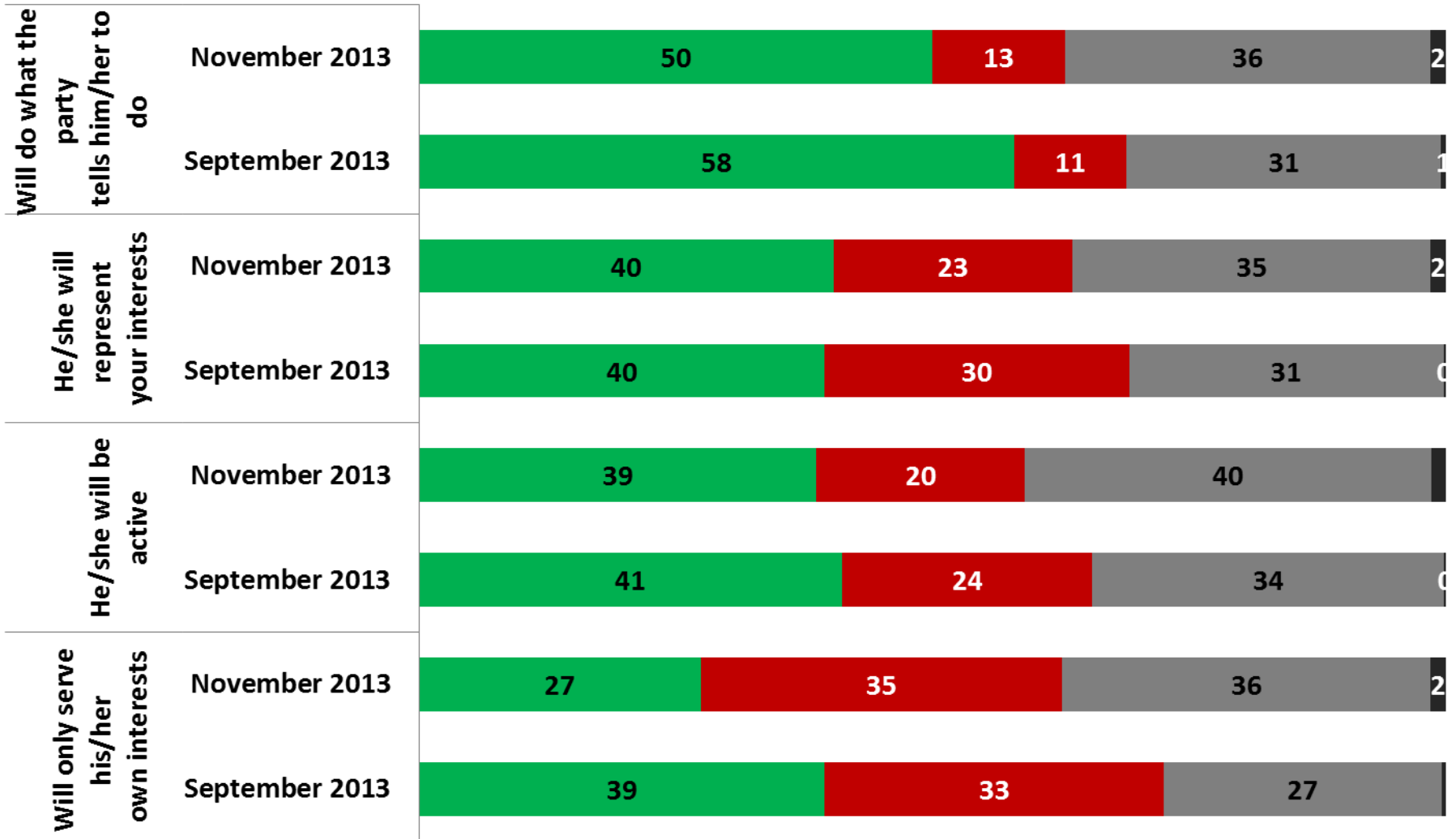
# Who is your majoritarian member in the Parliament of Georgia? (q31)

Correct answer    Incorrect answer    DK    RA

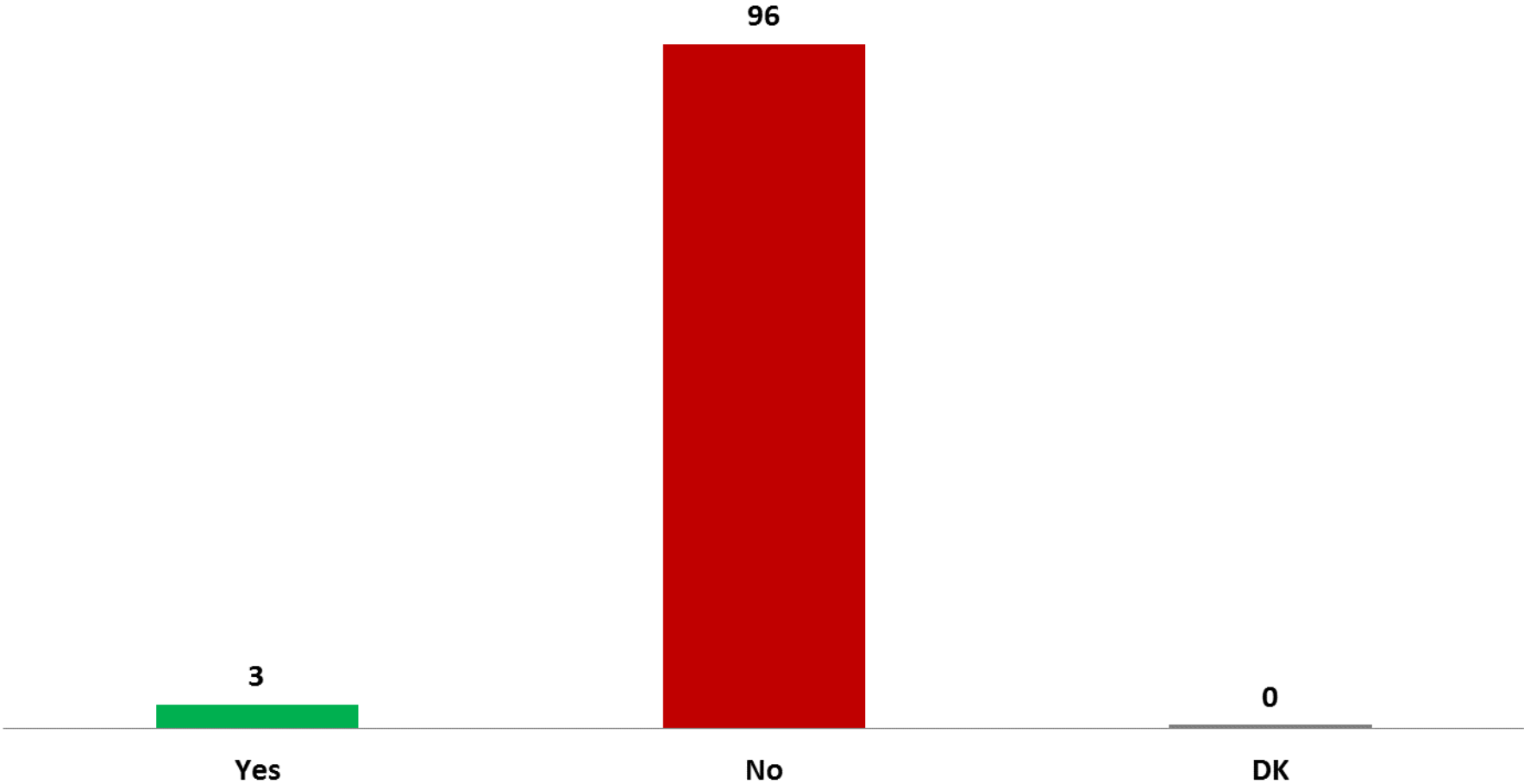


# What do you expect from your majoritarian Member of the Parliament? (q30)

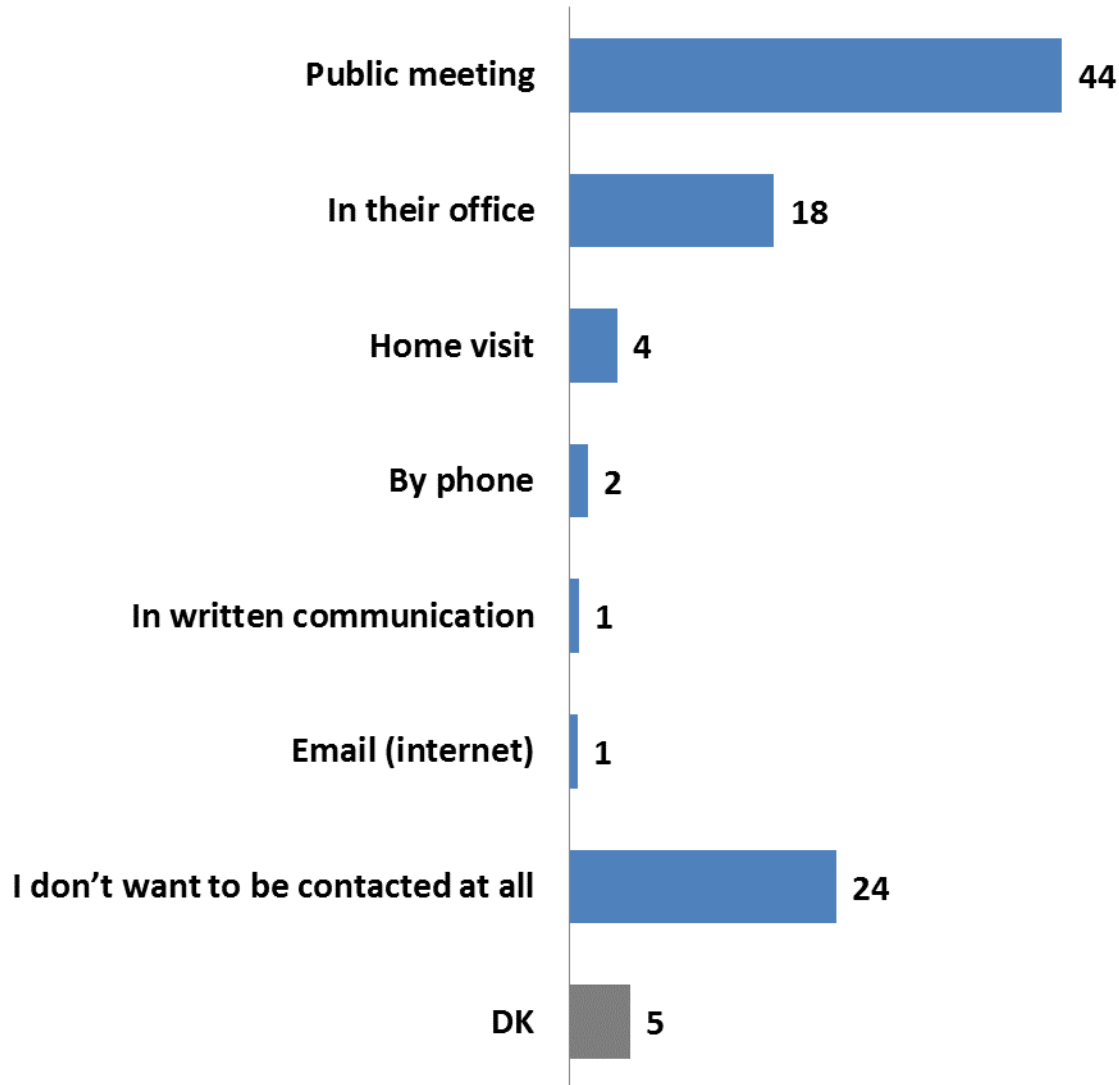
■ Yes    
 ■ No    
 ■ DK    
 ■ RA



**Have you addressed your majoritarian member in the Parliament  
or their office with any request or concern since the October  
2012 parliamentary election? (q38)**

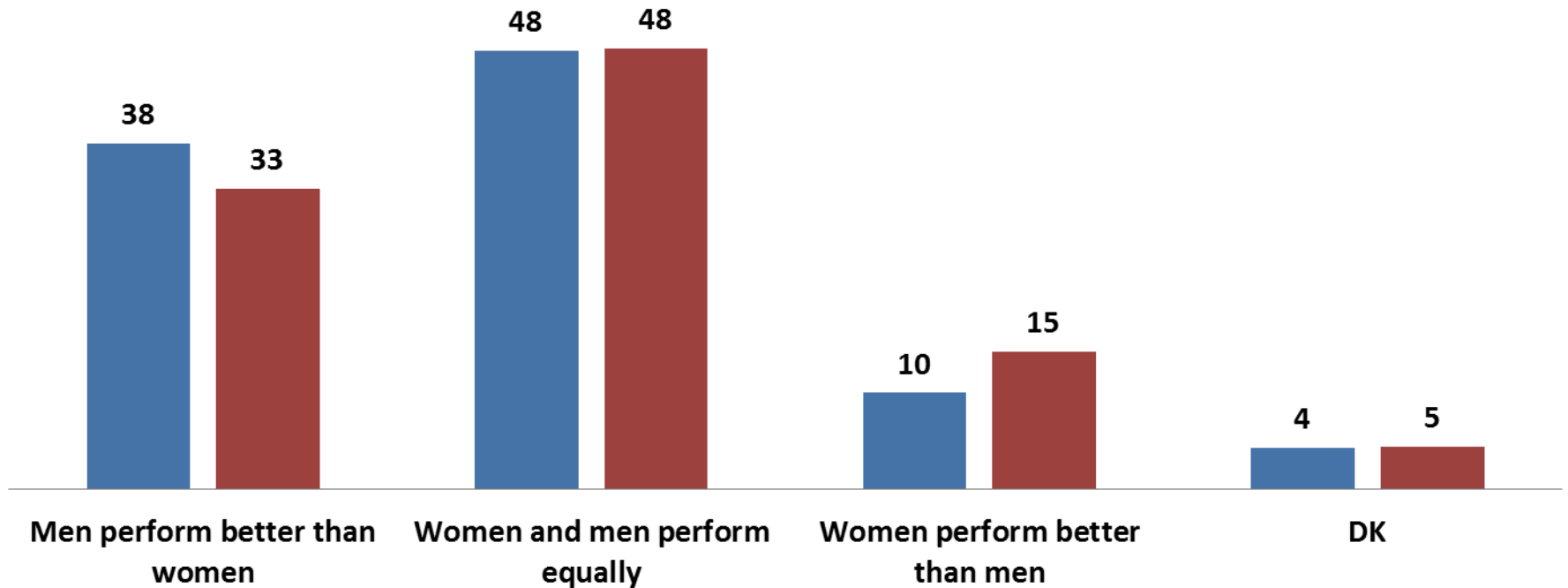


## If your elected representative were to contact you, what would be the best form? (q33)



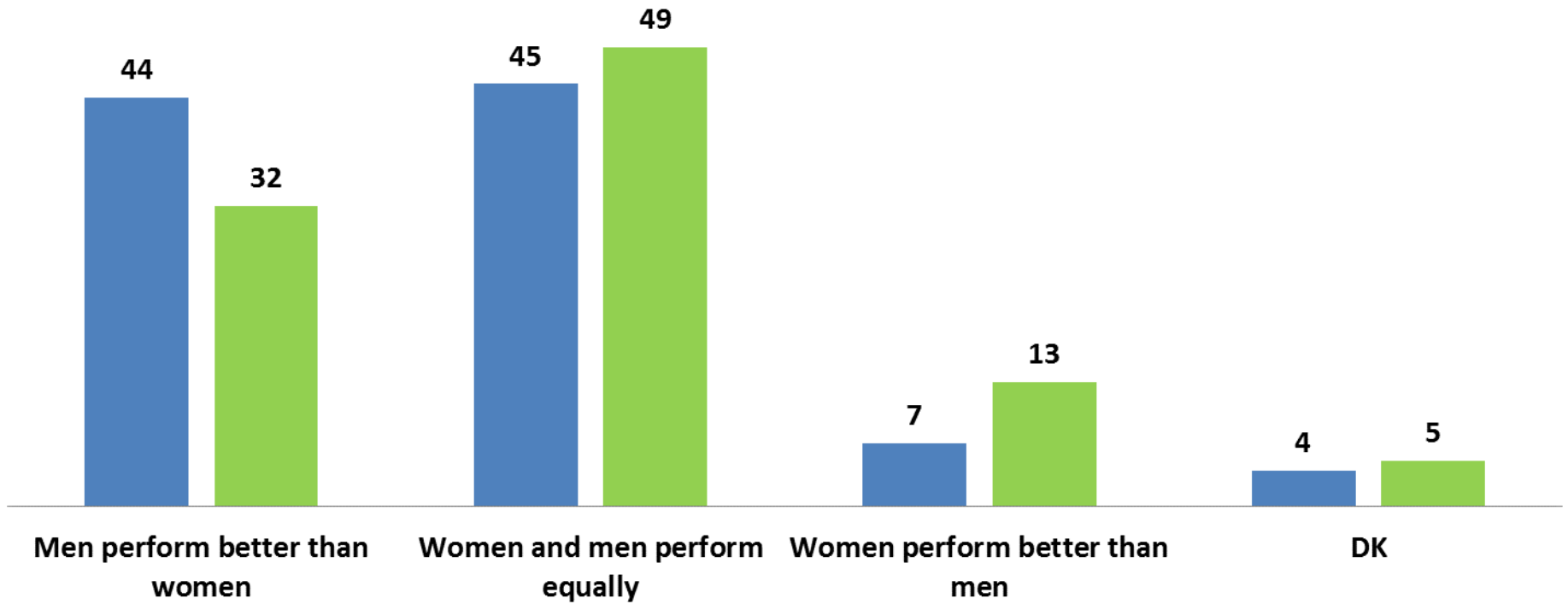
# Comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, do you think...? (q27)

■ November 2013   ■ September 2013



# Comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, do you think... (q27 X Gender)

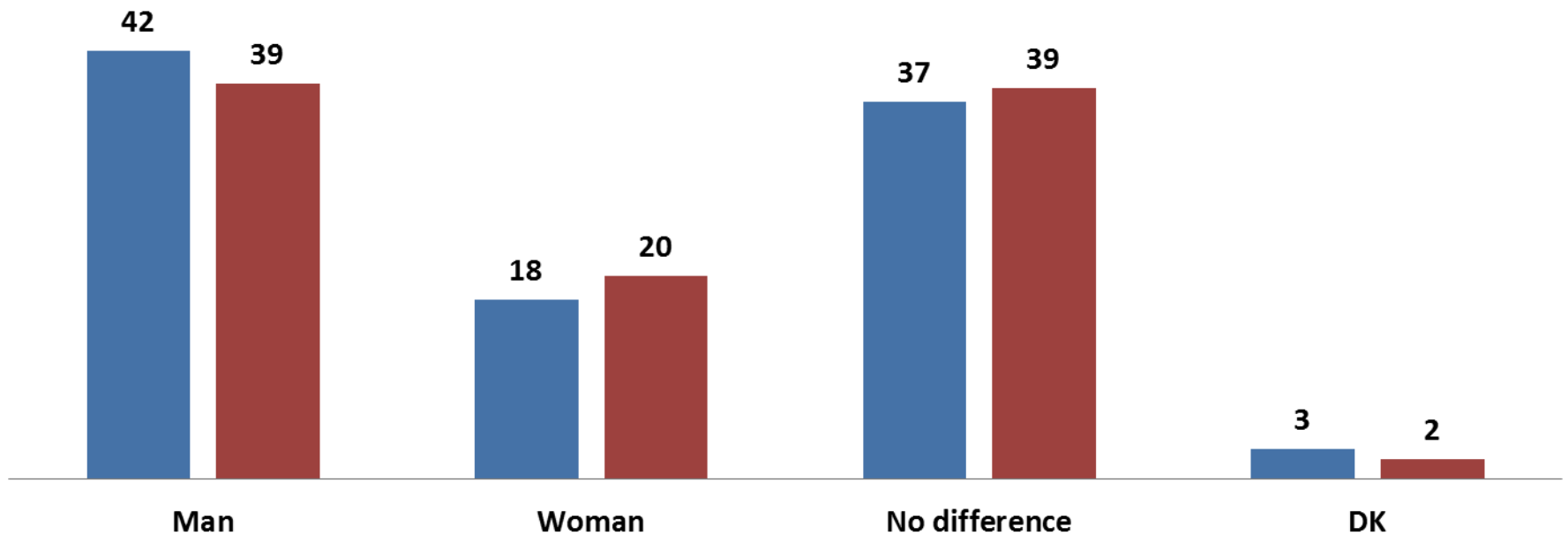
■ Male ■ Female





# All things being equal, would you prefer to vote for a man or a woman candidate? (q25)

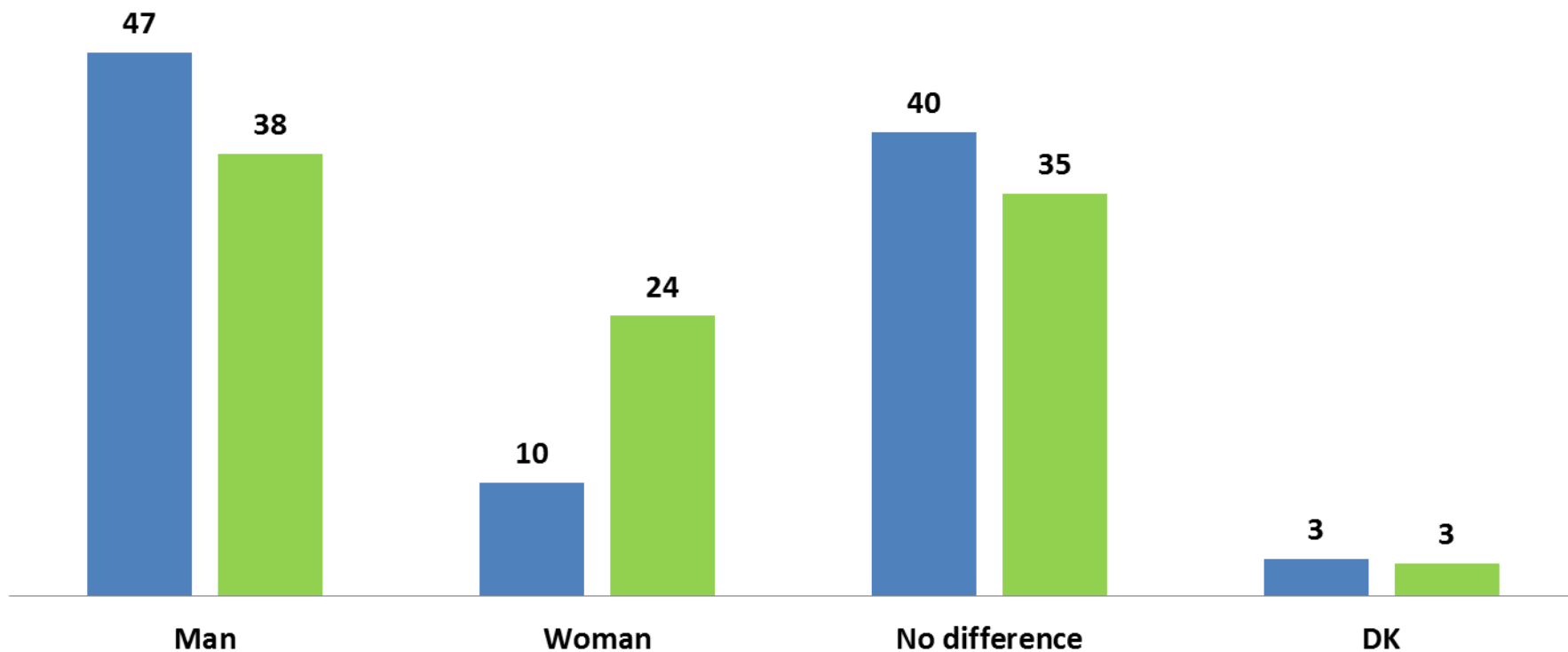
■ November 2013 ■ September 2013



# All things being equal, would you prefer to vote for a man or a woman candidate? (q25 X Gender)

■ Male

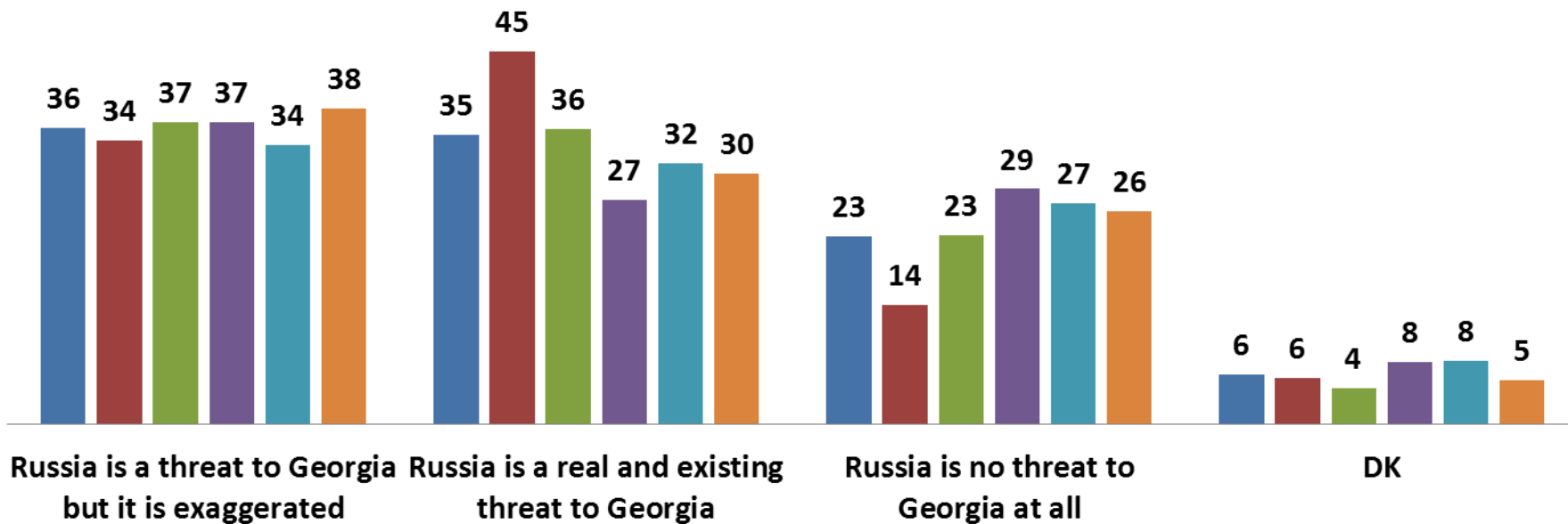
■ Female



# Foreign Relations

# Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (q40 X Settlement)

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



# Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Georgia's current relationship with Russia? (q41)

Satisfied Dissatisfied DK RA



# Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q42)

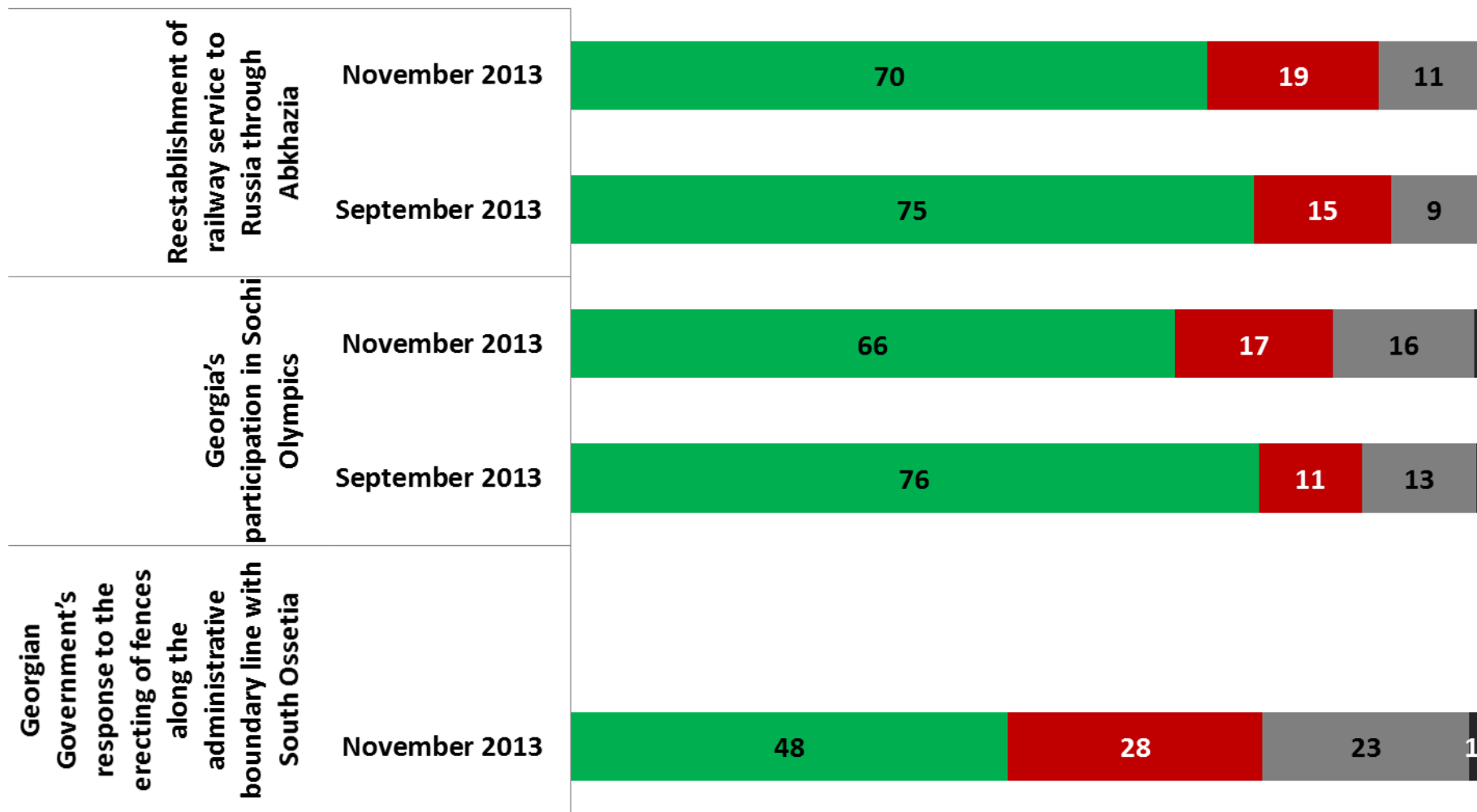
## Part 1

■ Approve
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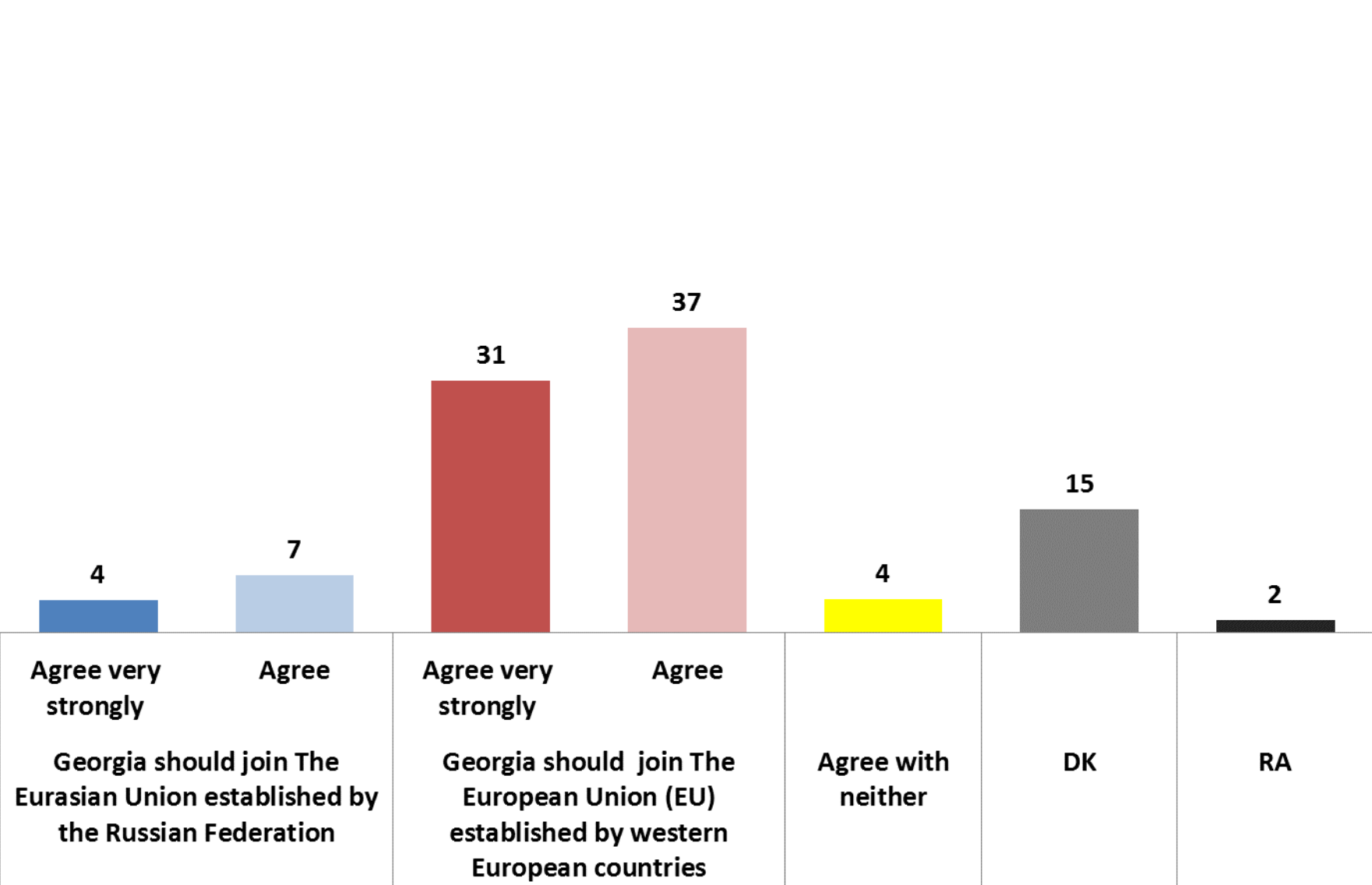


## Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q42) Part 2

■ Approve
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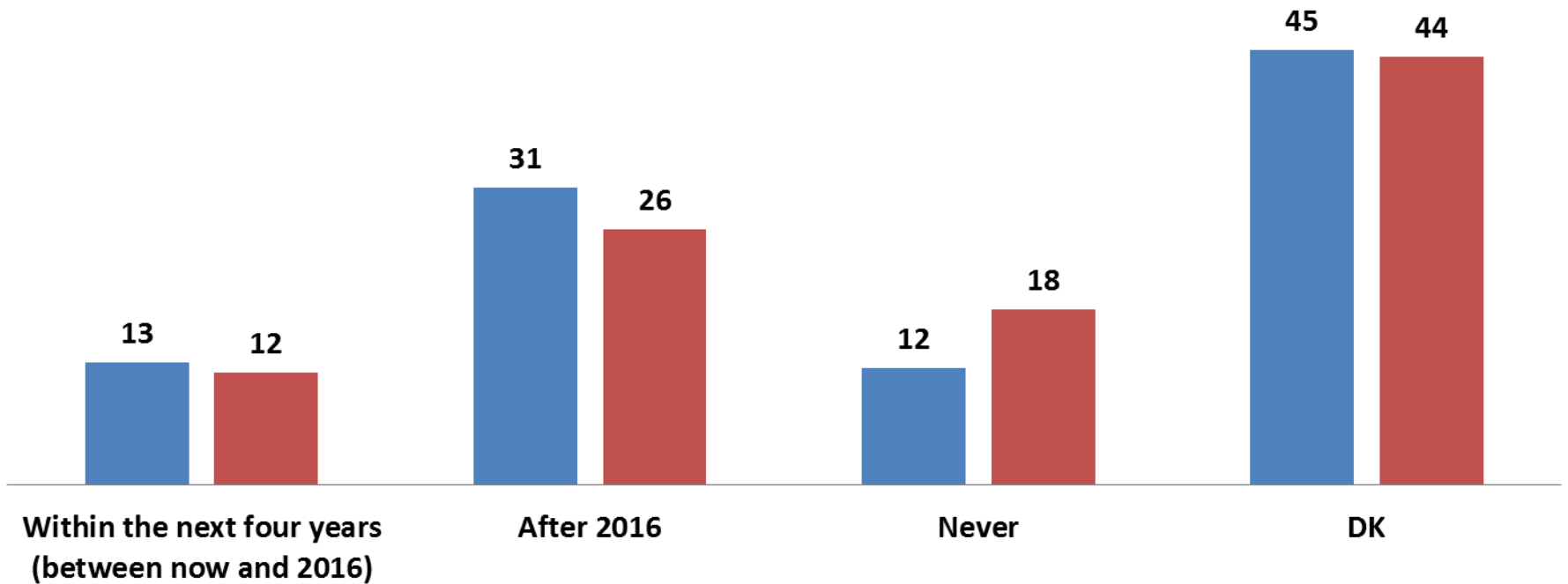
# Which of the following two statements do you agree with? (q44)





# When do you think Georgia will be granted NATO membership? (q43)

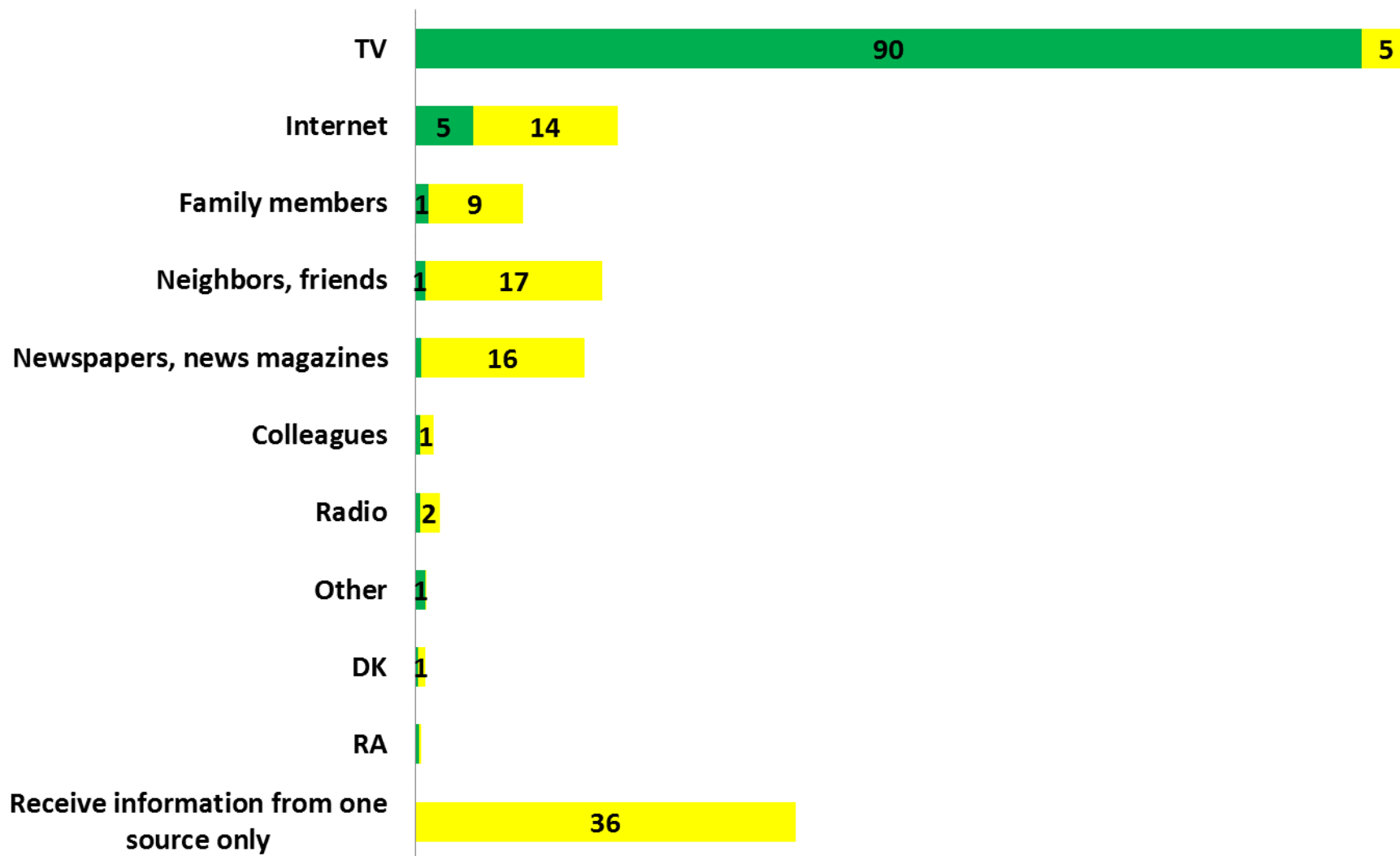
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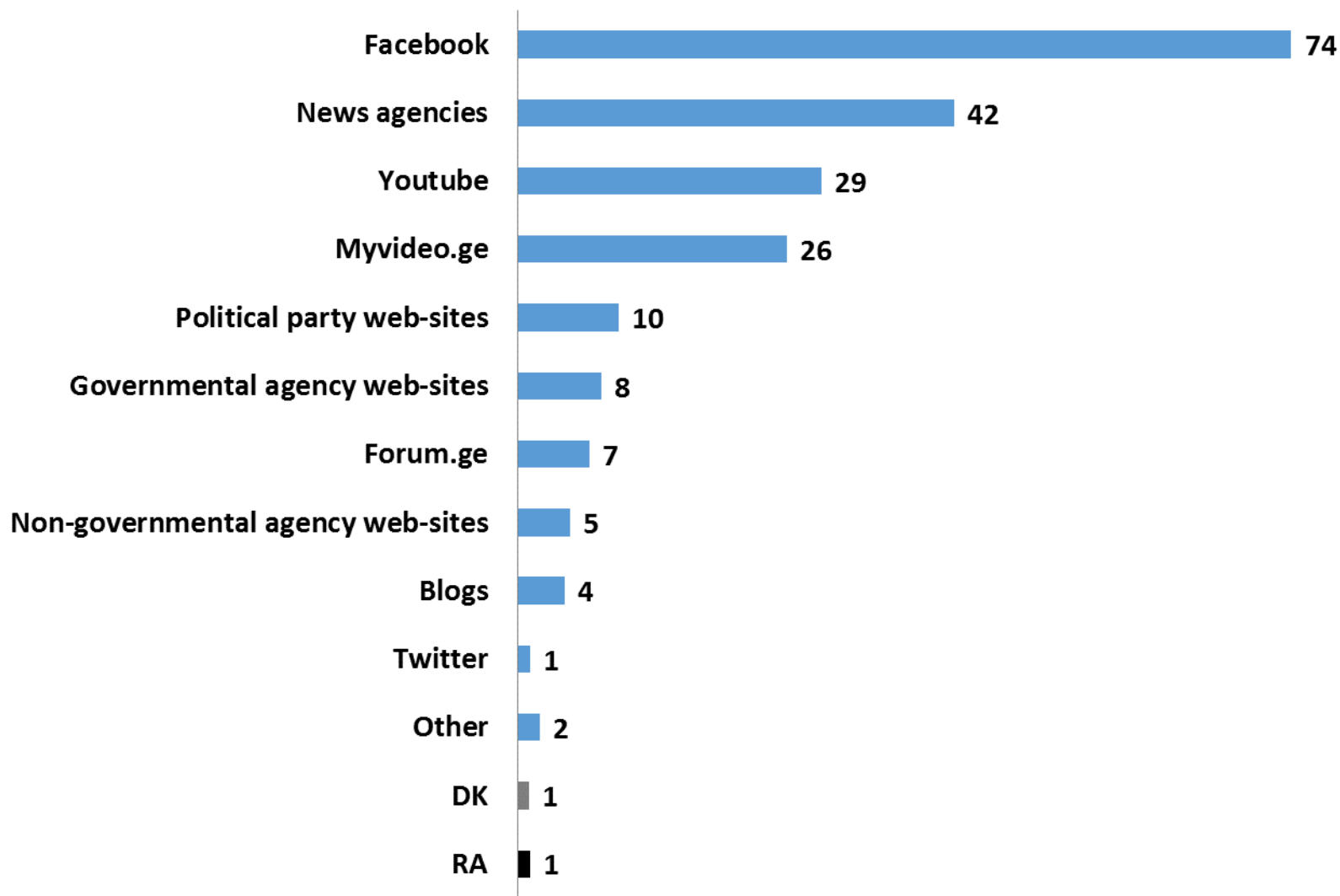
# Media

# What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q45-q46)

■ First source ■ Second source

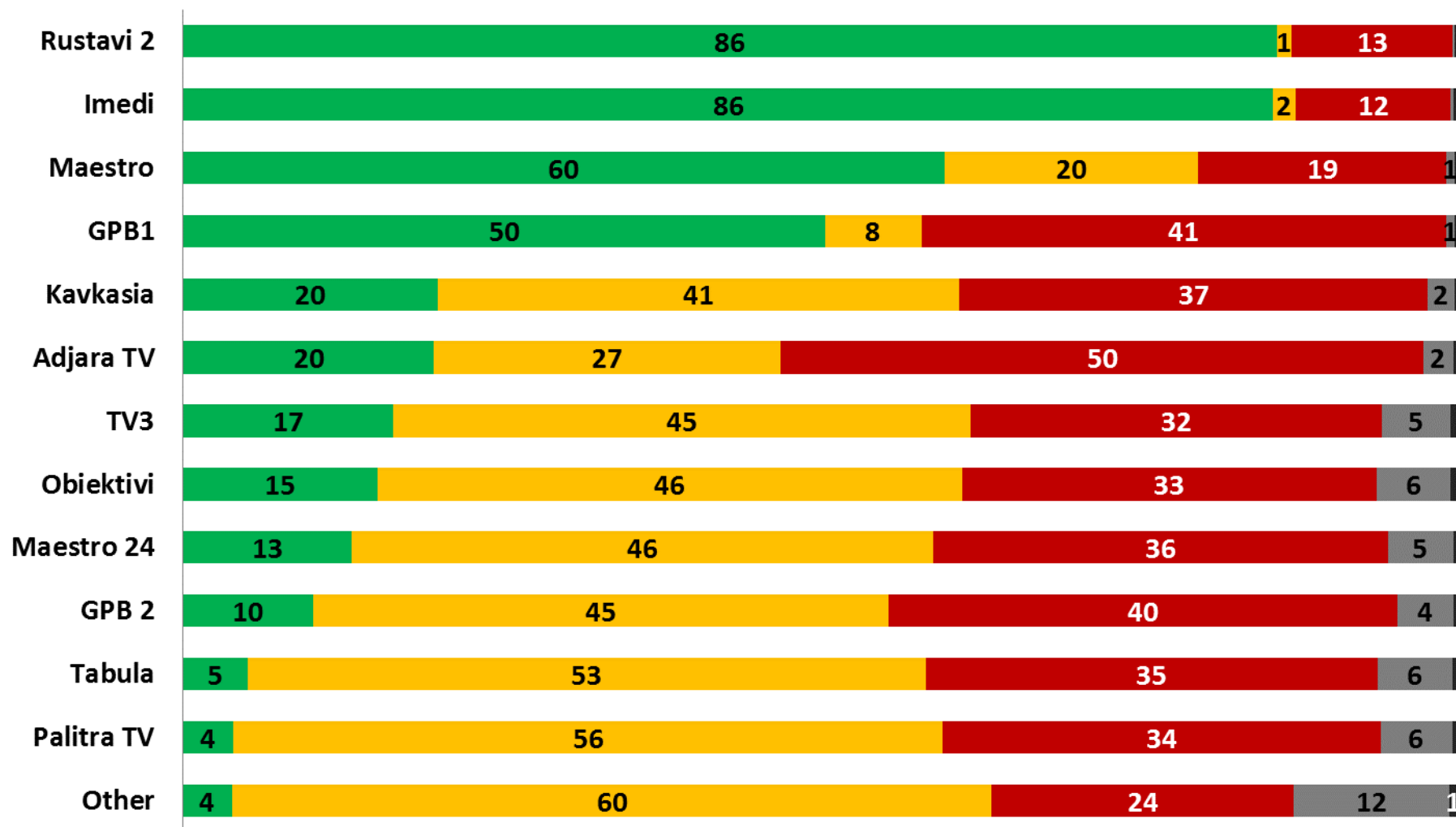


**What are the top three internet sites you visit for politics?  
(q47) - of the 19% who named internet as their first or second  
source of information**



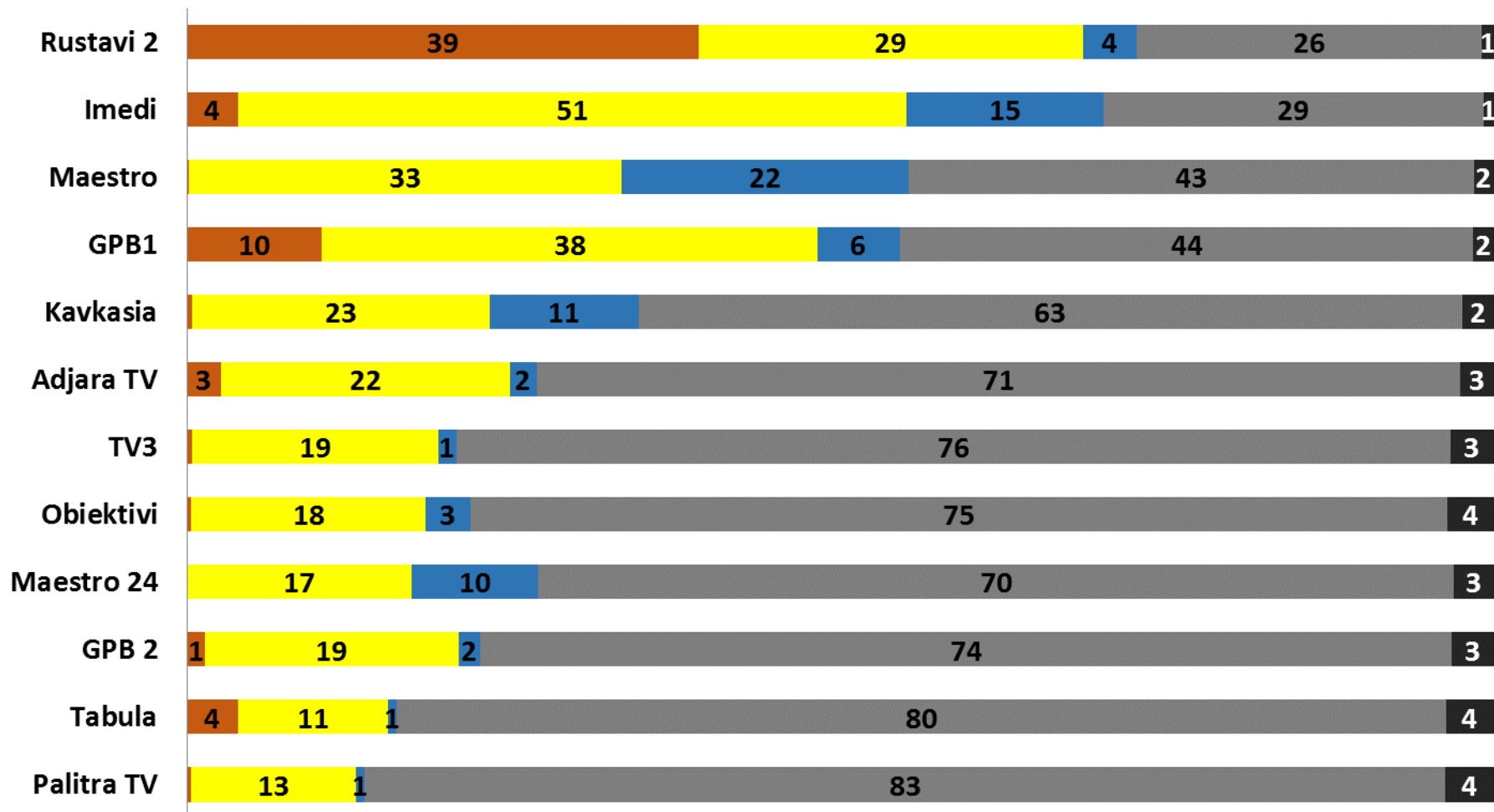
## Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? National (q48)

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



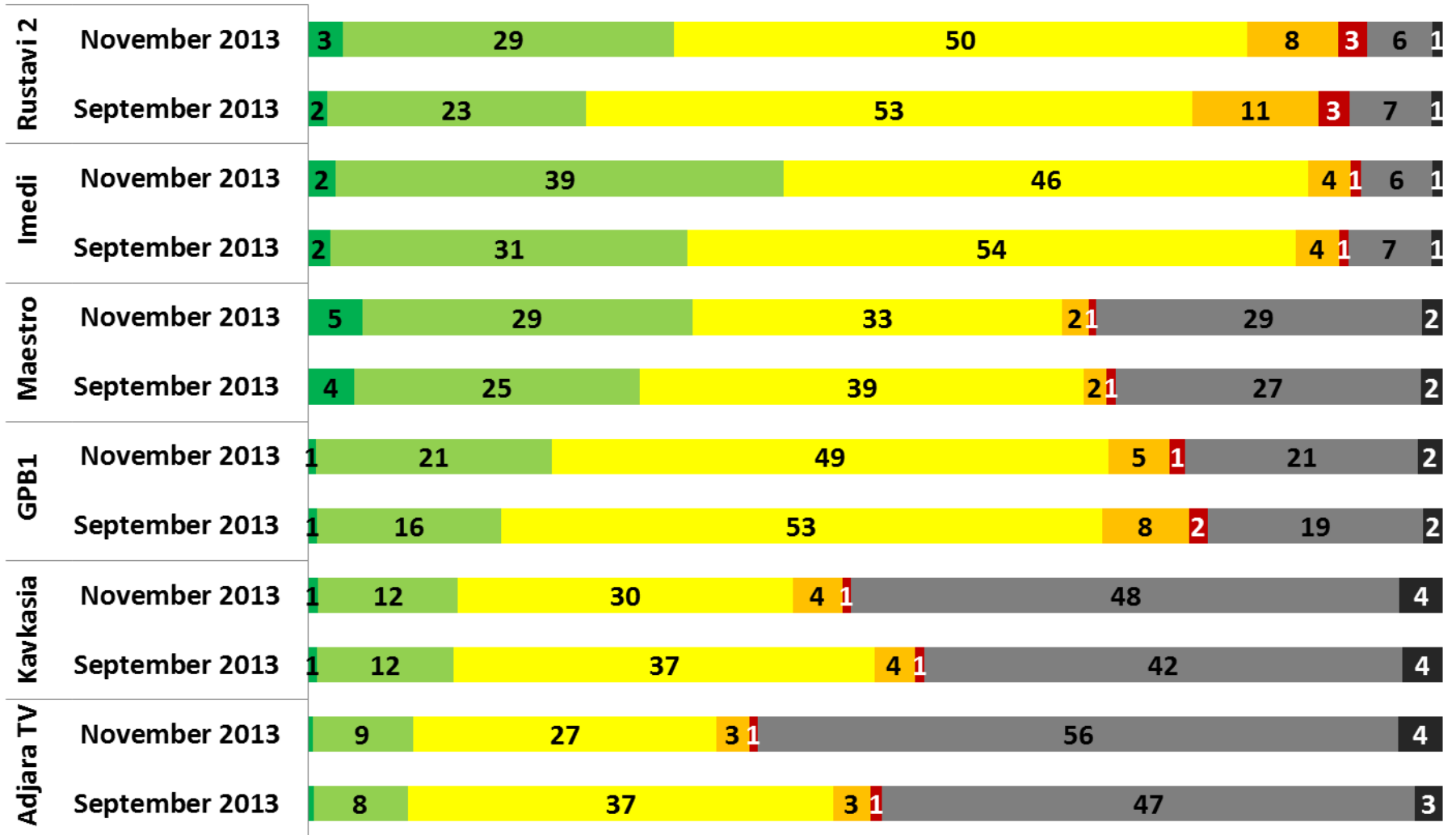
## Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels mostly reflect the interests of UNM, Georgian Dream or neither? National (q49)

UNM Neither Georgian Dream DK RA



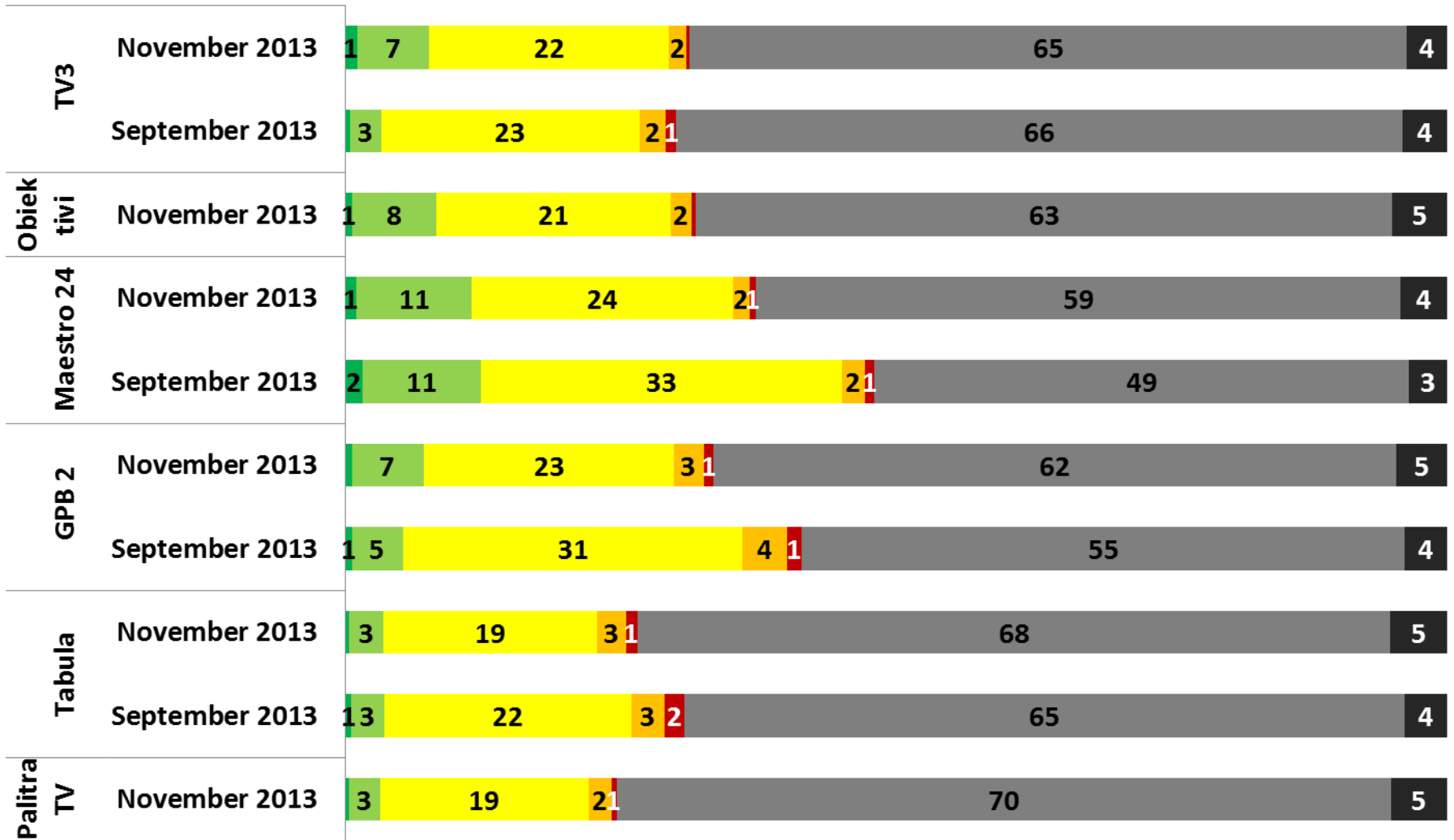
# How much do you trust or distrust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? National (q50) Part 1

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



# How much do you trust or distrust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? National (q50) Part 2

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

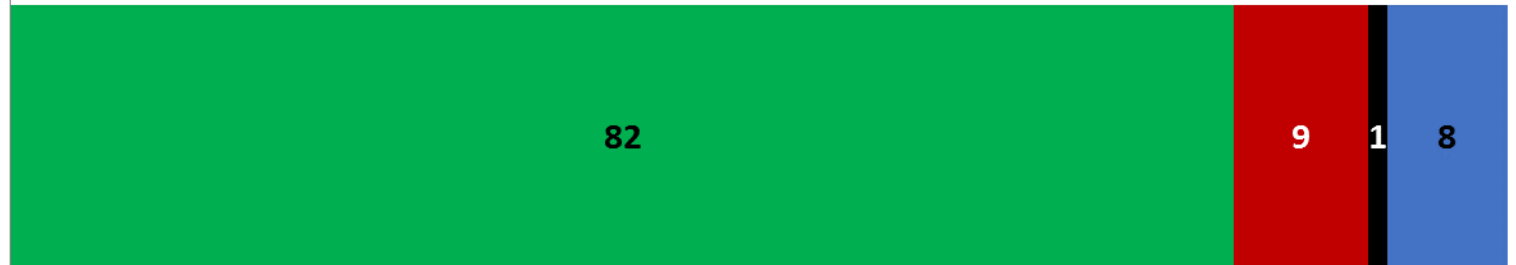




# In the past four months have you been receiving enough information from the media about the party you support? (q52)

Yes No RA Not applicable

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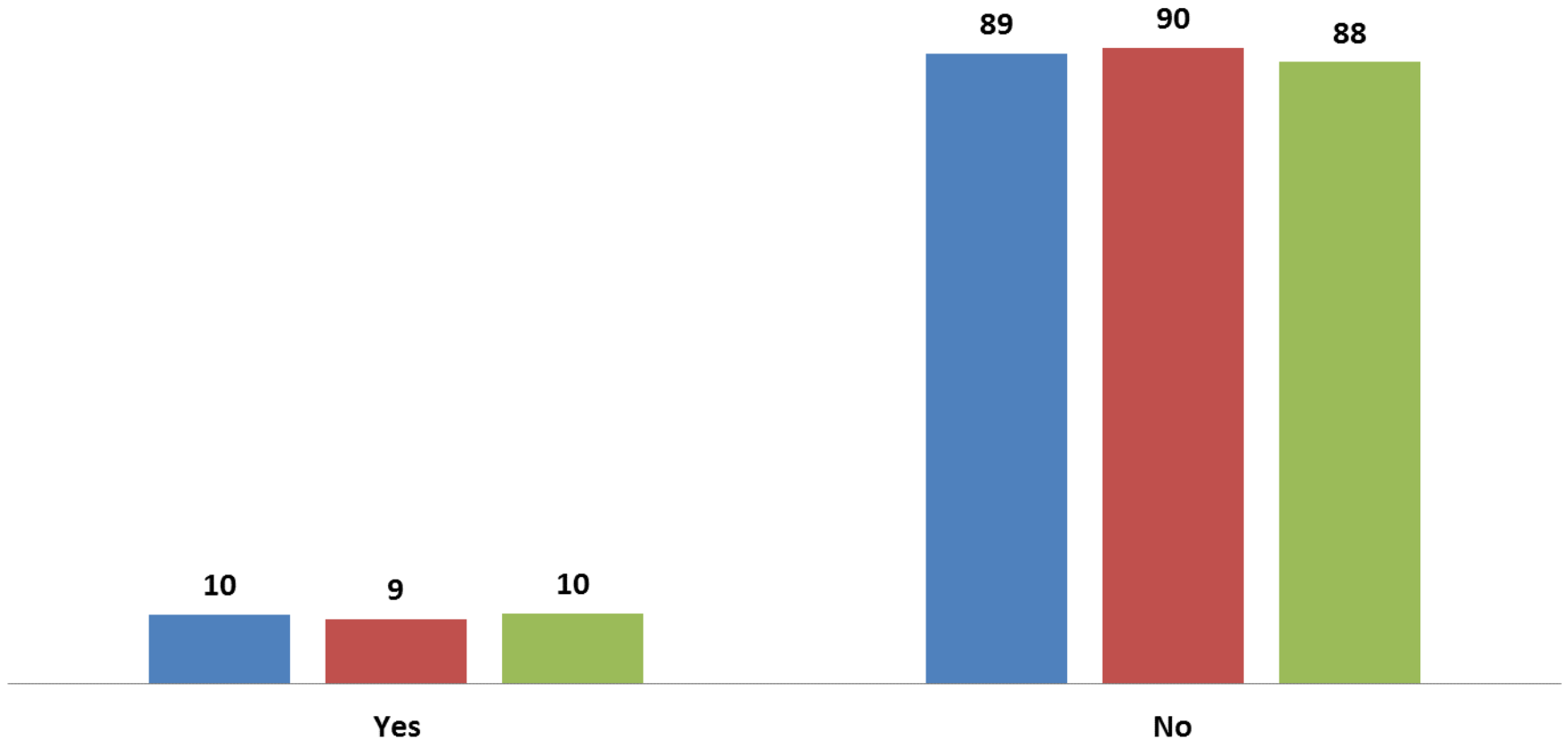


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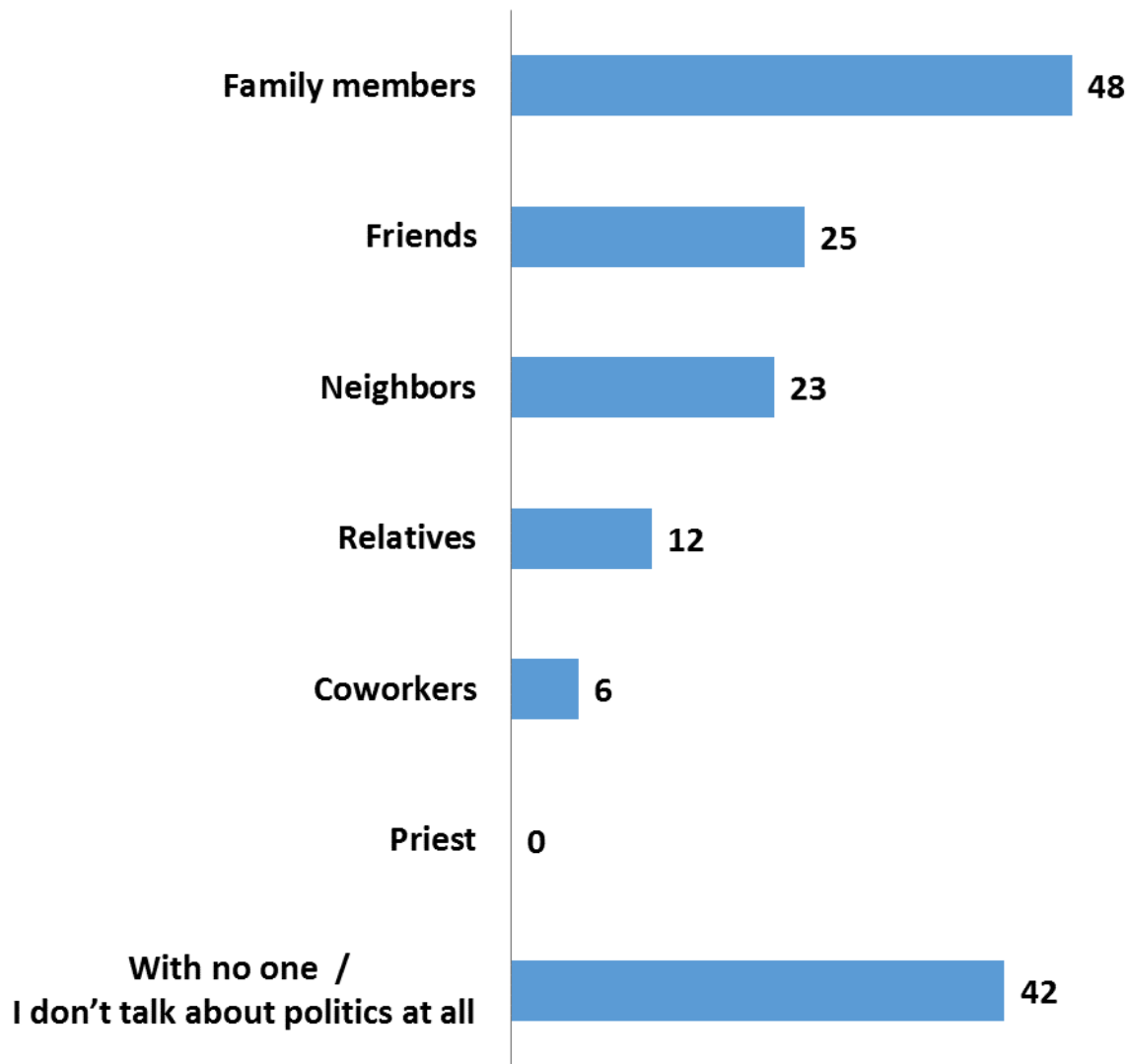
# Do you watch GPB Channel 2 which provides live coverage of Parliament and gives Free Tribune to political parties? (q51)

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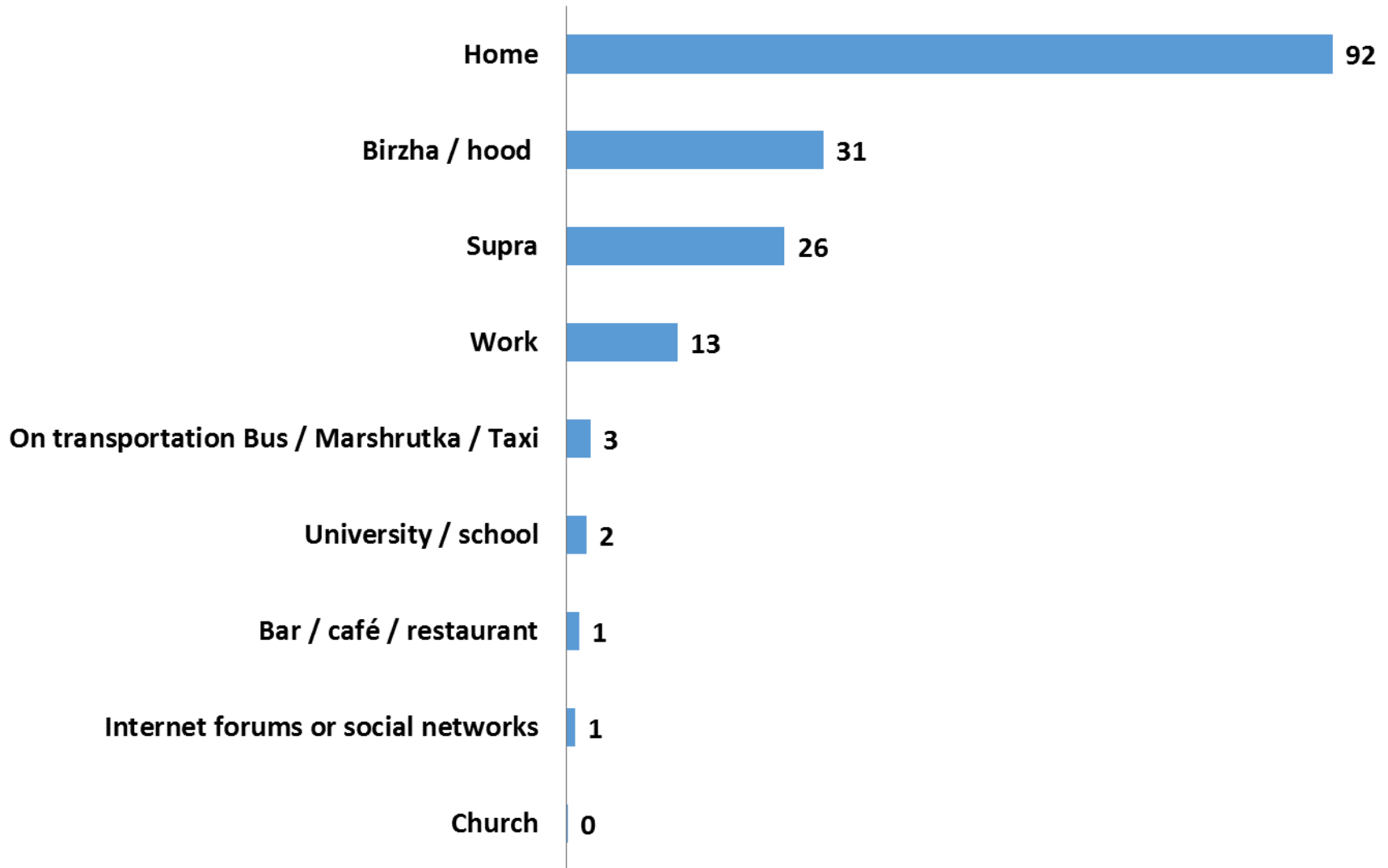


# Demographics

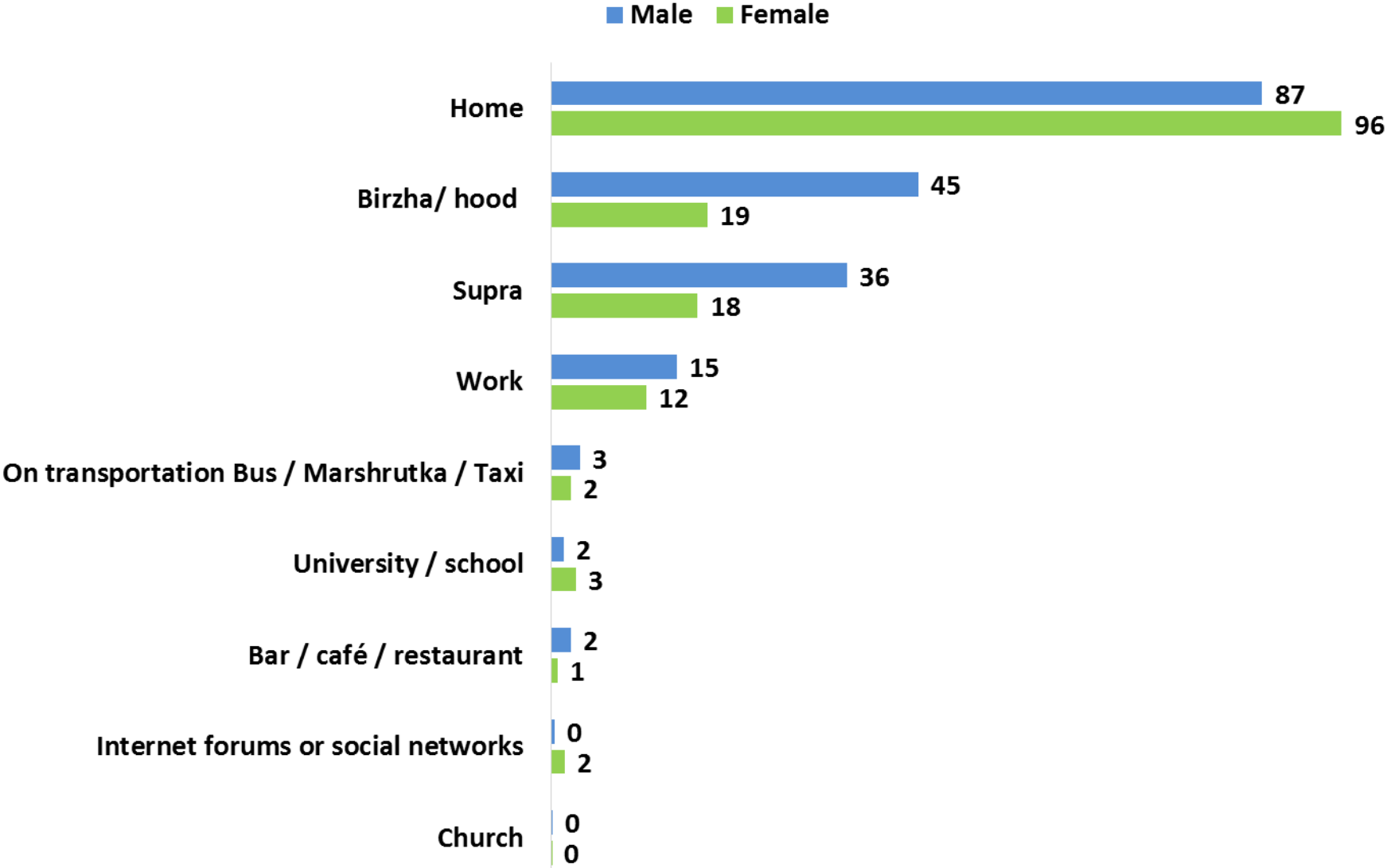
## In general, with whom do you talk about politics? (q84)



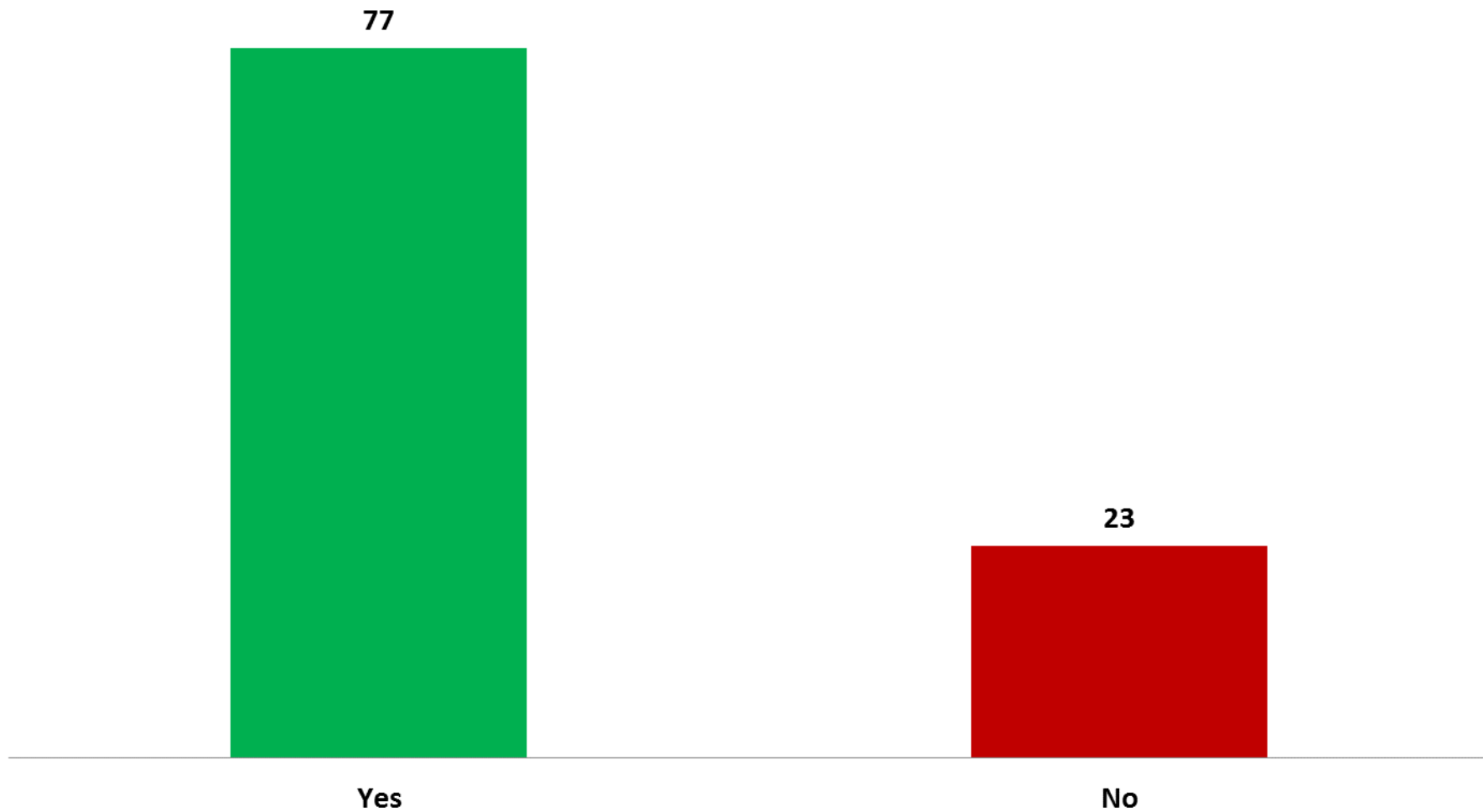
## Where do you talk about politics? (q85) of the 58 % who talk about politics



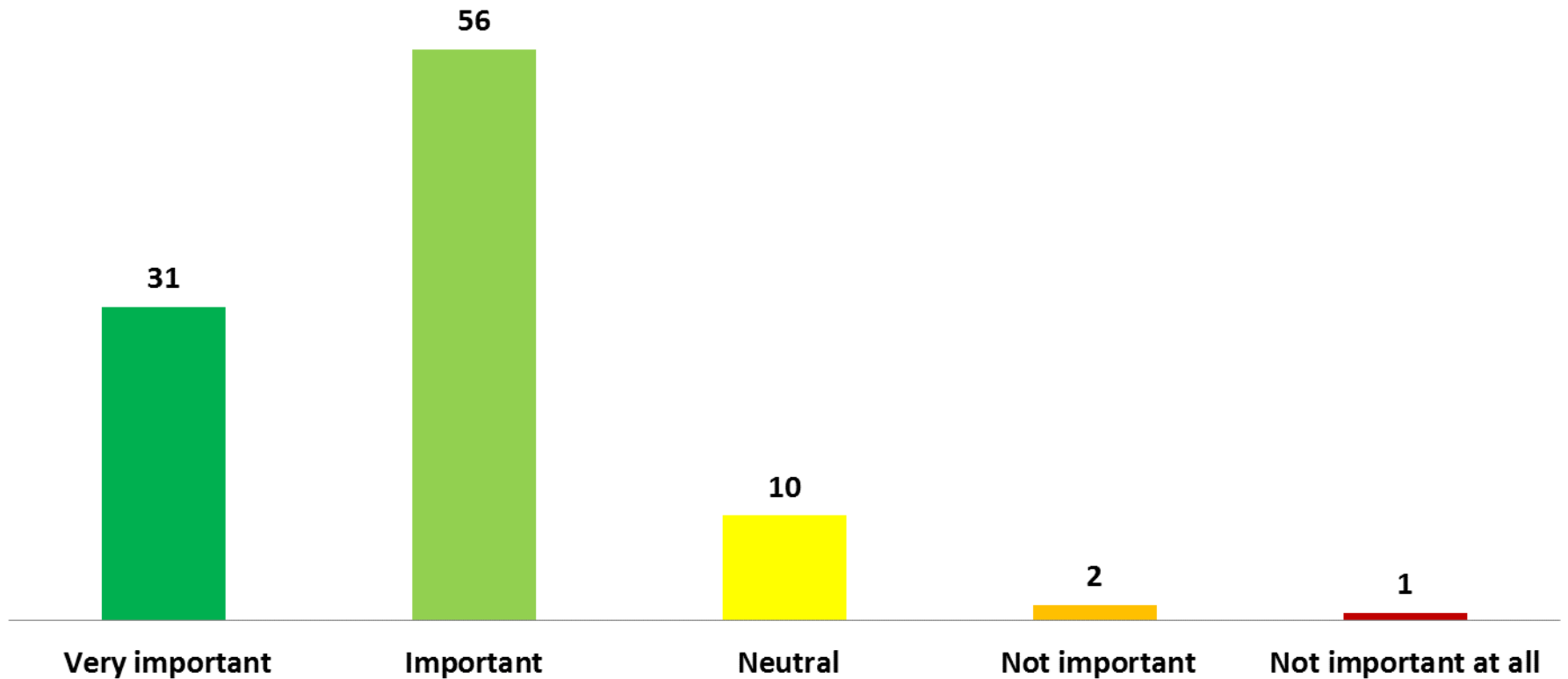
# Where do you talk about politics? (q85 X Gender) of the 58 % who talk about politics



# Do you currently live where you are legally registered? (q100)



## How important are your own religious beliefs in making decisions in daily life? (q104)





**Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals,  
about how often do you attend religious services? (q105)**

