



Public Opinion Poll

Bosnia and Herzegovina

MARCH – APRIL 2017



METHODOLOGY



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DATA COLLECTION

- 25 March – 18 April, 2017

METHOD

- Quantitative face to face survey within households
- Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI method)

POPULATION

- Population of Bosnia and Herzegovina aged 18+

SAMPLE FRAME

- Polling station territories database (CEC)

SAMPLE SIZE

- N=2000 (1000 in FBiH, 1000 in RS)
- Data are weighted where necessary (by region, age, gender and education) in order to reflect the true population allocation according to the 2013 census

SAMPLING ERROR

- +/- 2.2% on full sample
- +/- 3.1% at entity level

SAMPLE TYPE

- Stratified sample

STRATIFICATION

- Within each entity the sample was stratified by region and settlement type

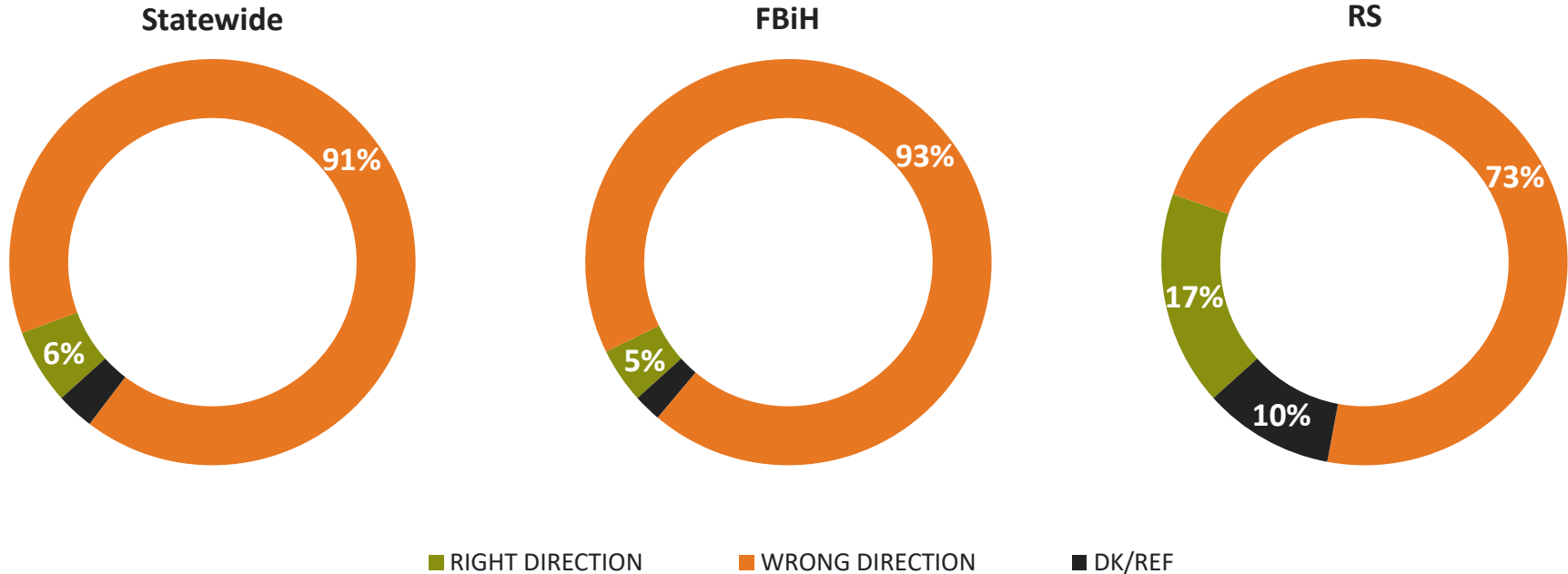
STEPS OF RANDOM SELECTION

- Step 1: Random selection of polling stations
- Step 2: Random selection of households (random route technique)
- Step 3: Random selection of respondents within HH (Kisch scheme)

OVERVIEW



Citizens see BiH heading in the wrong direction; RS respondents are a bit less pessimistic about their entity than those in FBiH.



Generally speaking, do you think that things in Bosnia and Herzegovina are moving in the right or wrong direction?

Base: Total N=2000

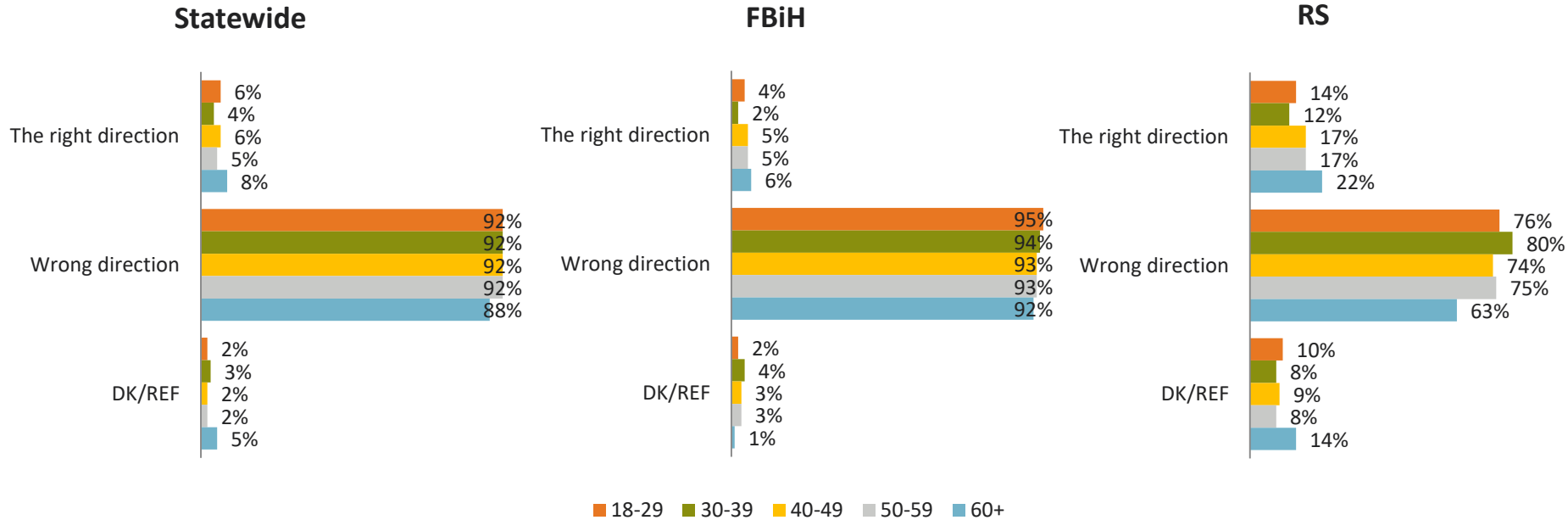
Generally speaking, do you think that things in FBiH are moving in the right or wrong direction?

Base: FBiH Total N=1000

Generally speaking, do you think that things in RS are moving in the right or wrong direction?

Base: RS Total N=1000

There are no significant differences among age groups on BiH's general direction.



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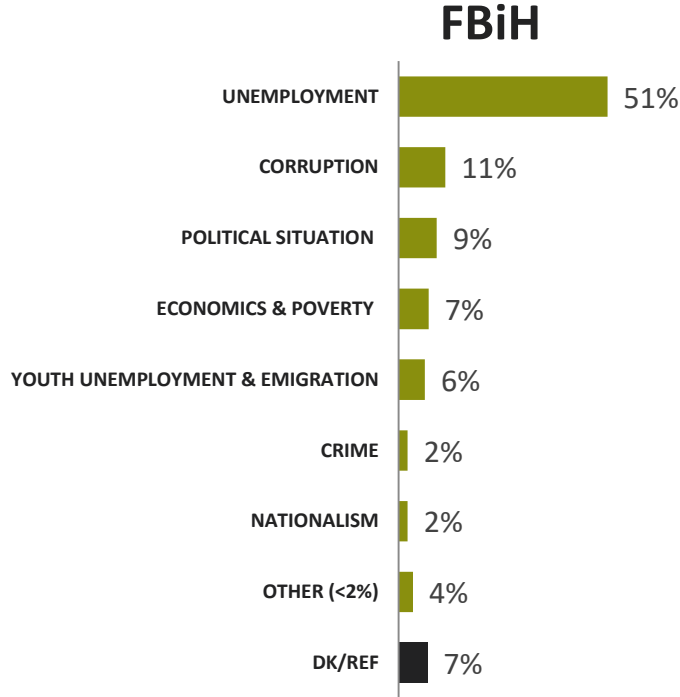
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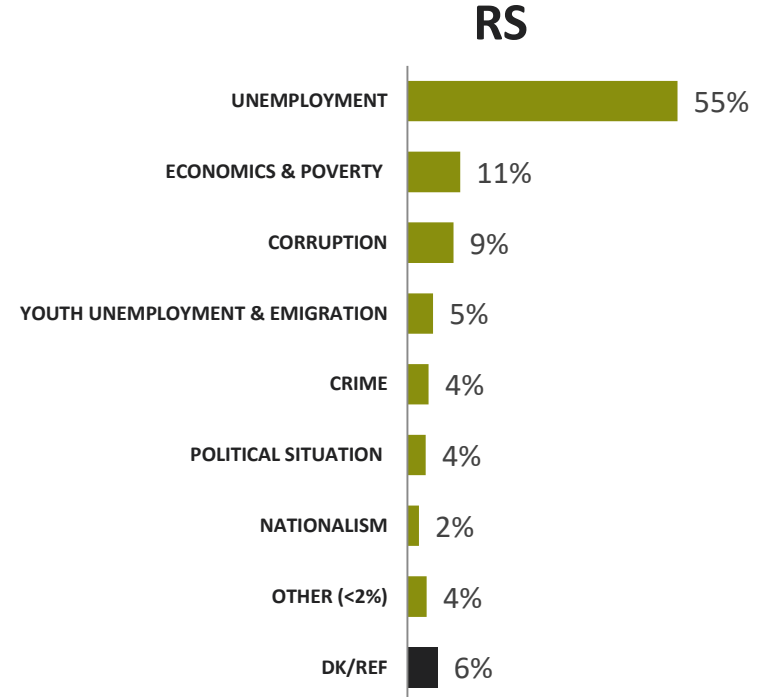
Pessimism in both entities is tied to the lack of economic and political progress in unemployment and corruption.



What would you name as the two biggest problems that FBiH is facing today?

Base: FBiH Total N=1000

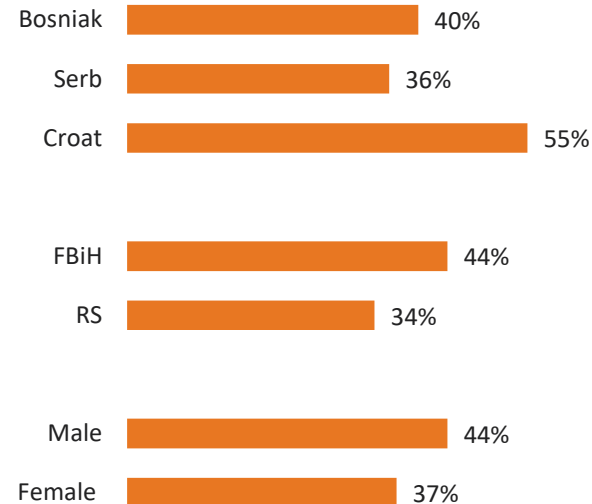
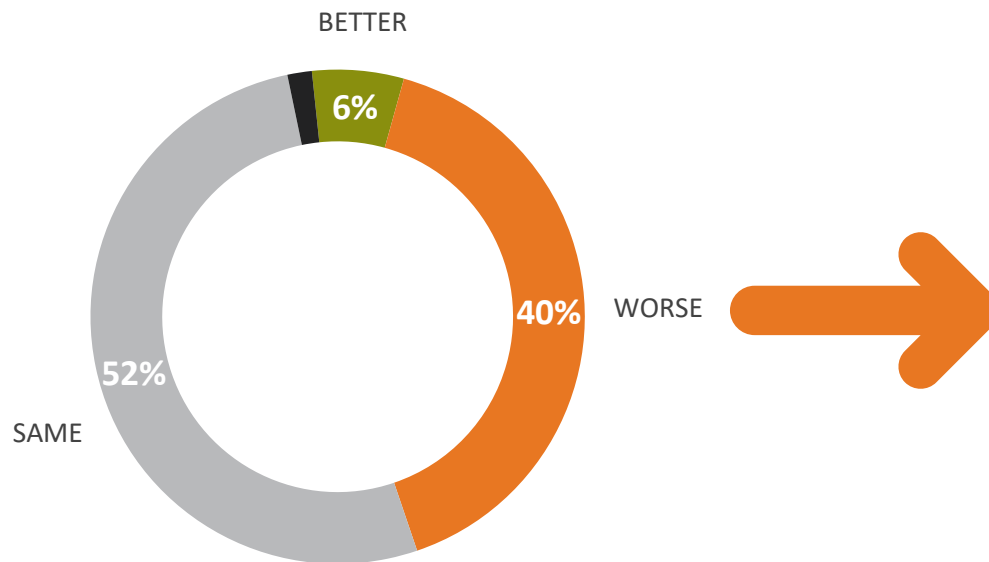
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What would you name as the two biggest problems that RS is facing today?

Base: RS Total N=1000

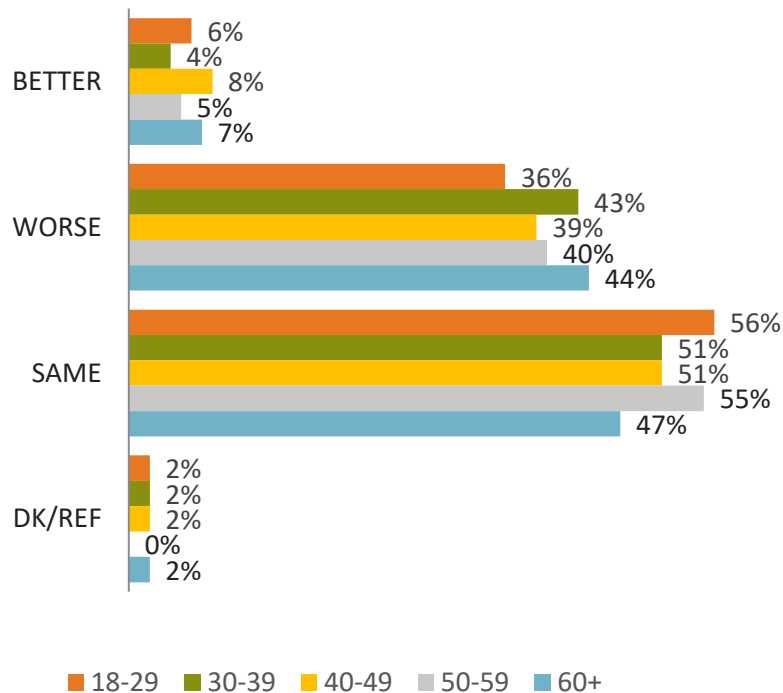
Many think interethnic relations have deteriorated in the past year.



Compared to a year ago, do you think that interethnic relations in BiH are better, worse or about the same?

Base: Total N=2000

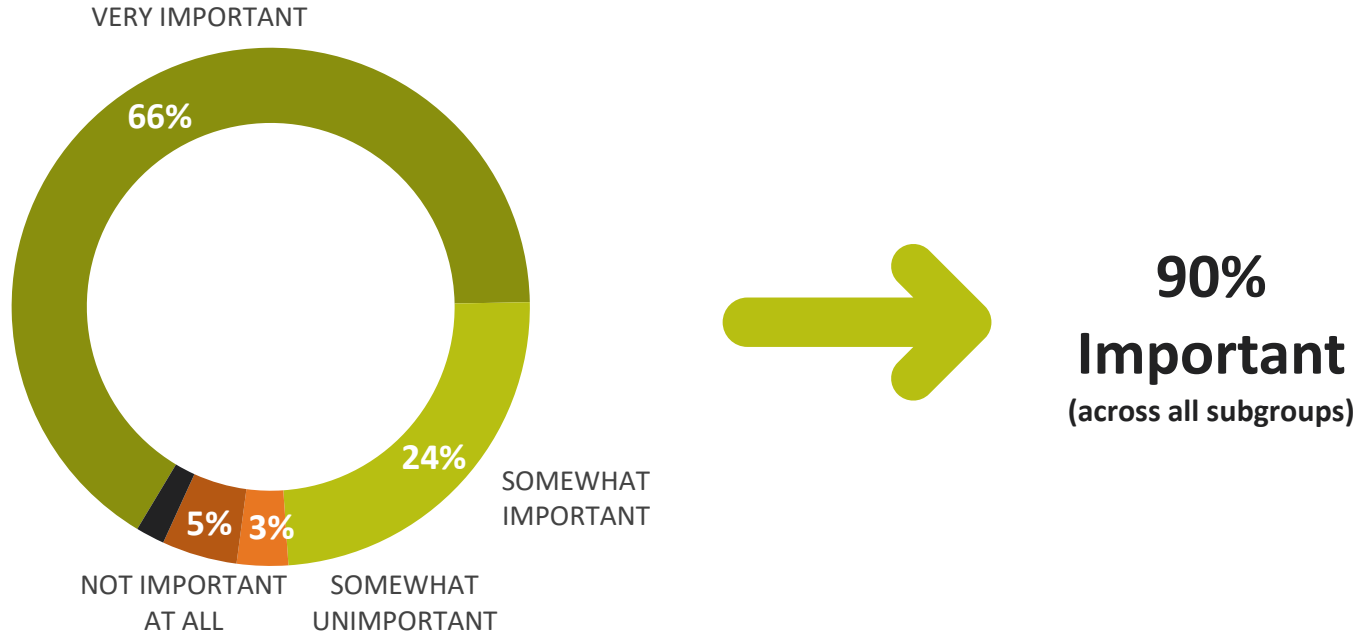
There are no significant differences among age groups on inter-ethnic relations.



Compared to a year ago, do you think that interethnic relations in BiH are better, worse or about the same?

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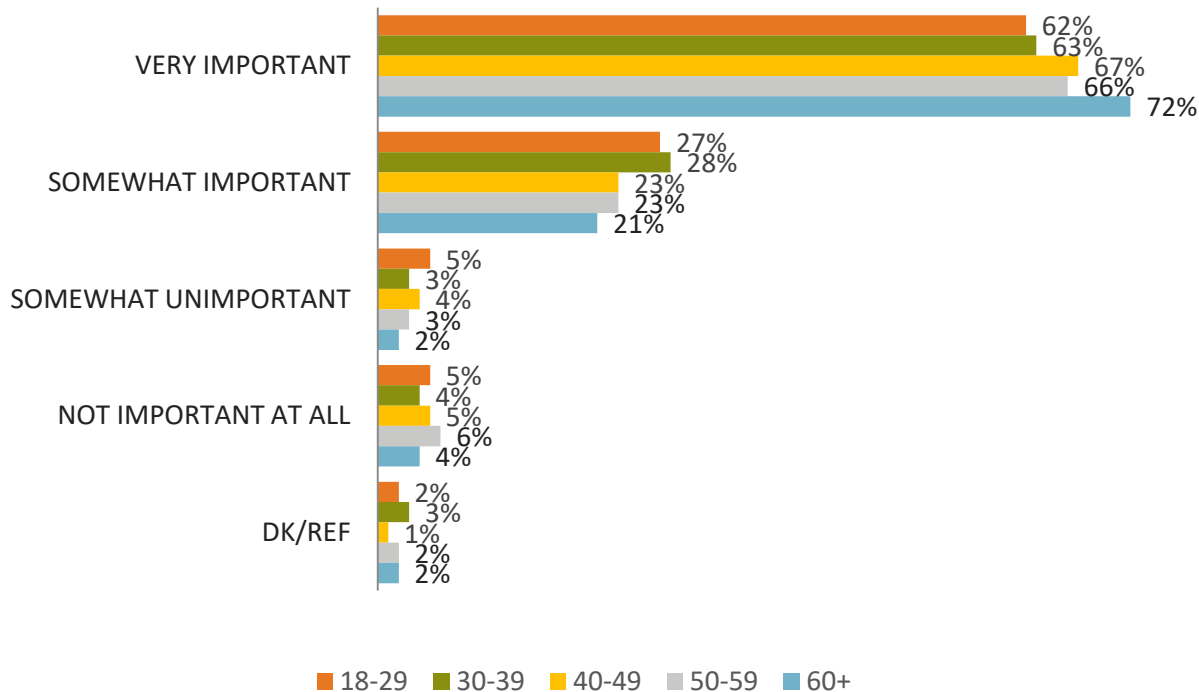
Citizens view ethnic reconciliation as essential for the future of BiH.



In your opinion, how important is the reconciliation process for the future of BiH?

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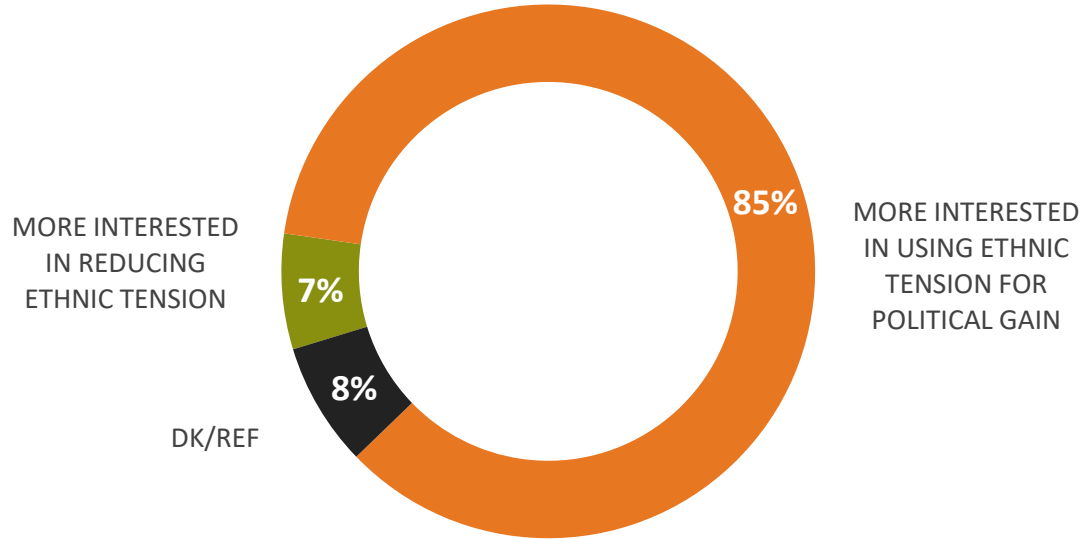
There are no significant differences among age groups on ethnic reconciliation.



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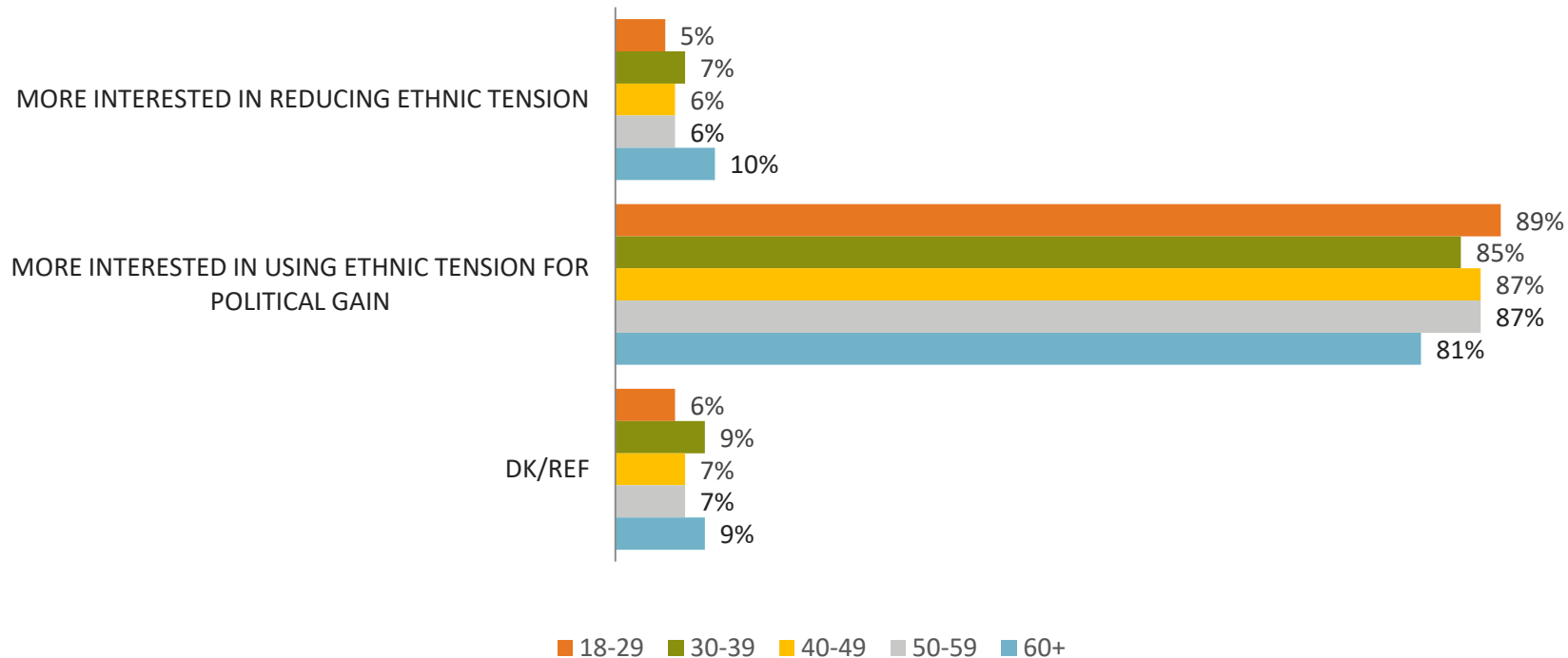
People are convinced that politicians use ethnic tension for political gain rather than try to reduce it.



Generally speaking, do you think that politicians in BiH are more interested in taking meaningful steps to reduce ethnic tension, or are they more interested in using ethnic tension for political gain?

Base: Total N=2000

There are no significant differences among age groups on politicians' motives regarding inter-ethnic relations.



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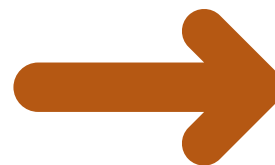
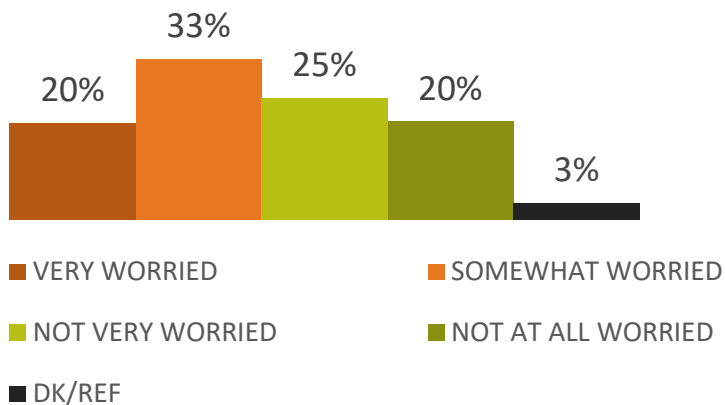
There are no significant differences between entities on politicians' motives regarding inter-ethnic relations.



Generally speaking, do you think that politicians in BiH are more interested in taking meaningful steps to reduce ethnic tension, or are they more interested in using ethnic tension for political gain?

Base: Total N=2000

About one-half of BiH citizens are worried that ethnic tension might lead to armed conflict.



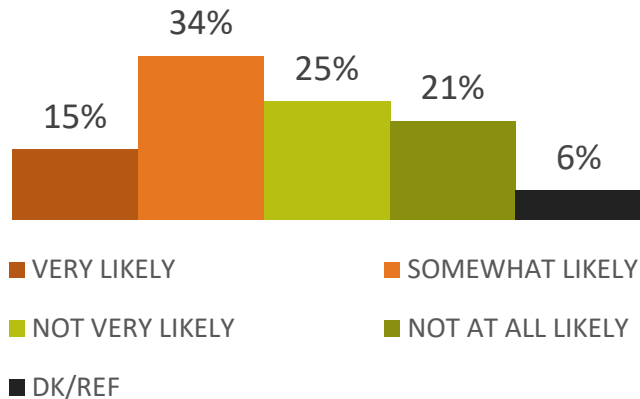
**53%
Worried**

**50% FBiH
56% RS**

How worried are you that ethnic tension in BiH might lead to armed conflict?

Base: Total N=2000

A similar percentage thinks that ethnic tensions might lead to the dissolution of the state.



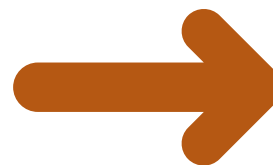
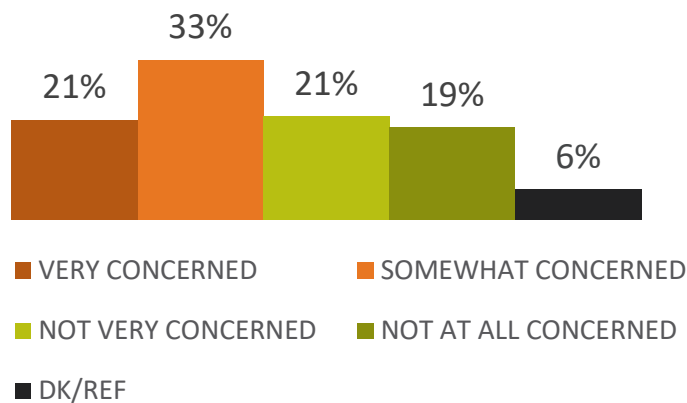
**49%
Likely**

**44% Bosniak
58% Serbs
50% Croats**

And how likely do you think it is that the ongoing ethnic tension might lead to the dissolution of the state?

Base: Total N=2000

There is significant concern about radical extremism in BiH, especially among Serbs.



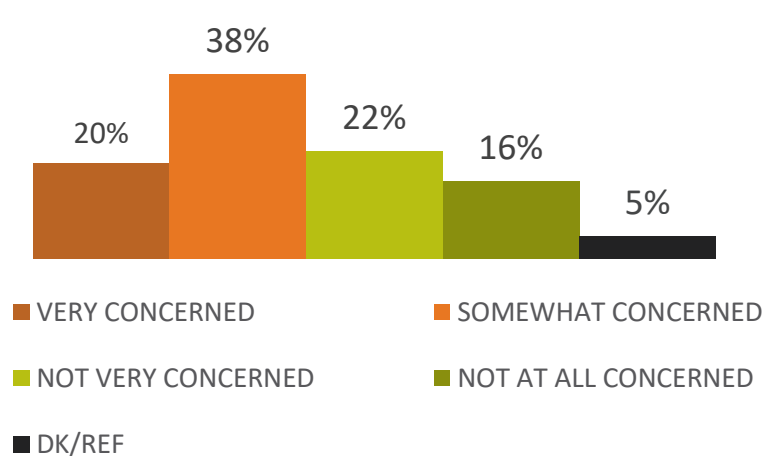
54%
Concerned

47% Bosniak
70% Serbs
47% Croats

How concerned are you about the threat of radical extremism in BiH?

Base: Total N=2000

Almost six-in-10 express concern about foreign interference in the political affairs of BiH.



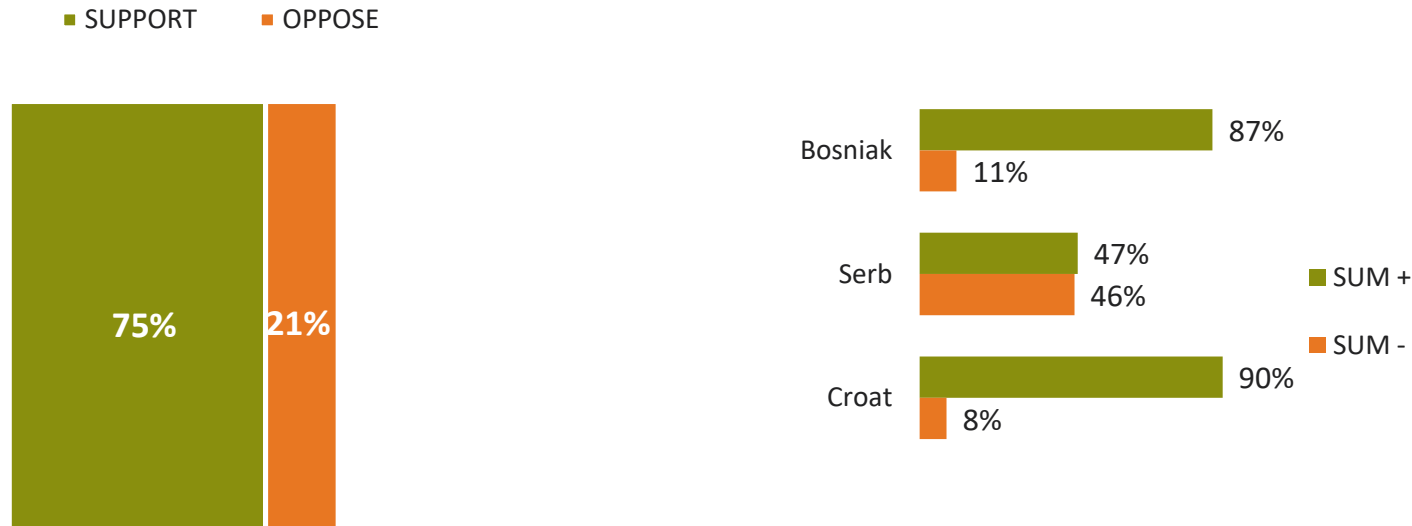
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**53% Bosniak
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And how concerned are you about foreign interference in the political affairs of BiH?

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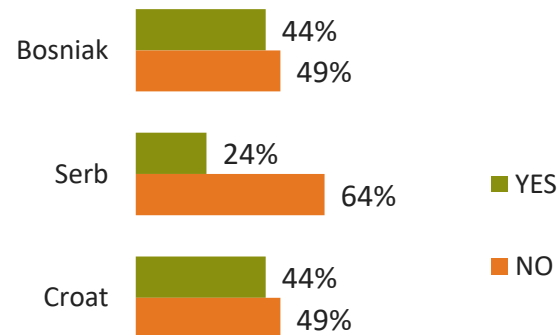
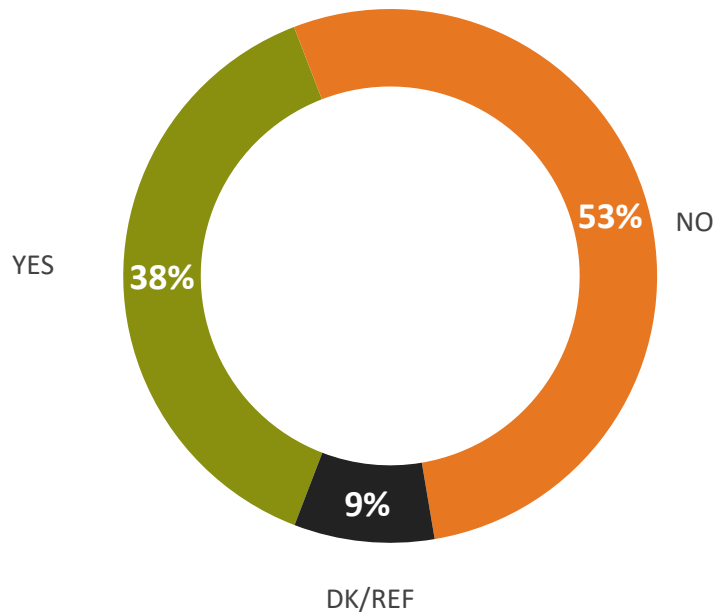
Support for EU membership remains strong among Bosniaks and Croats; Serbs are evenly split.



Do you personally support or oppose BiH accession to EU?

Base: Total N=2000

Many doubt that BiH will gain EU candidate status within the next 5 years.



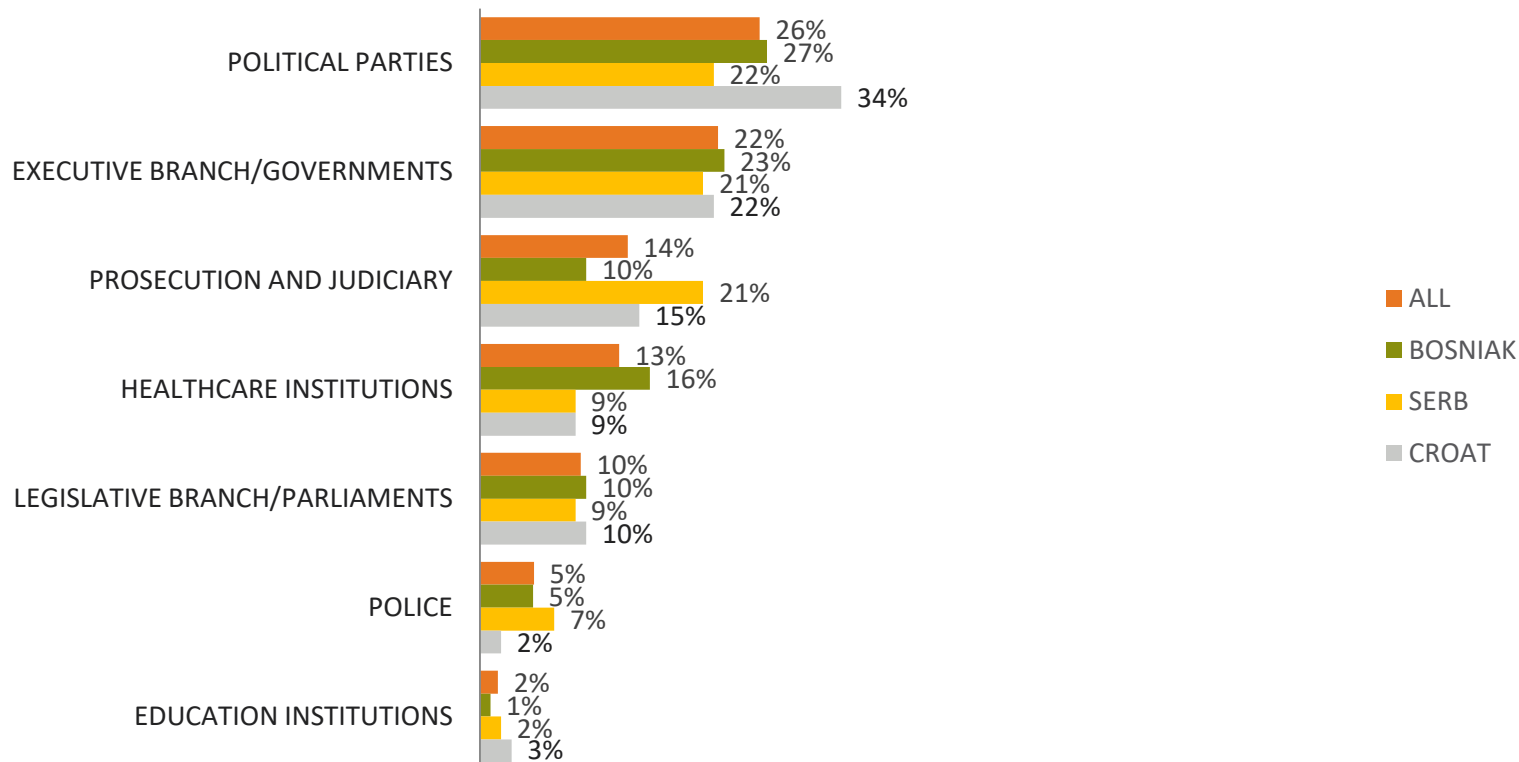
Regardless of how you just answered, do you expect BiH to gain EU candidate status within the next 5 years?

Base: Total N=2000

CORRUPTION



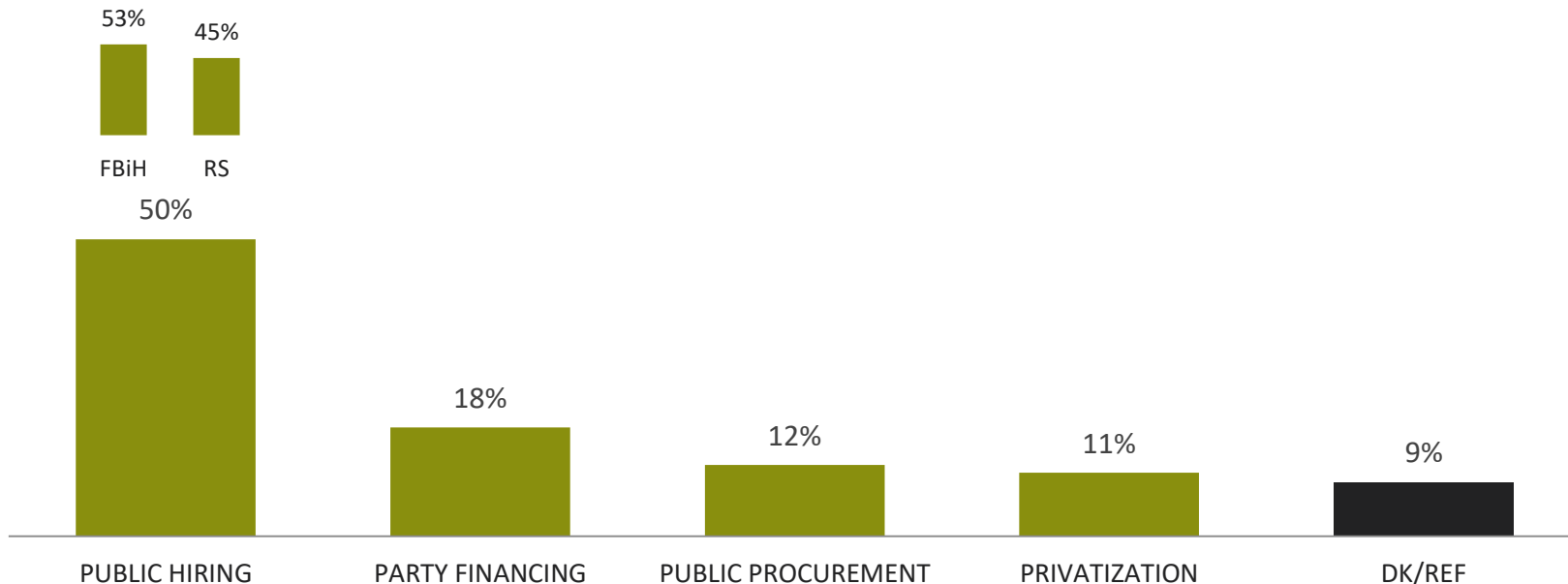
Political parties and government are seen as the most corrupt public institutions in BiH.



Which of the following is the most corrupt public institution in BiH?

Base: Total N=2000

A majority of respondents point to public sector hiring as the most corrupt process.

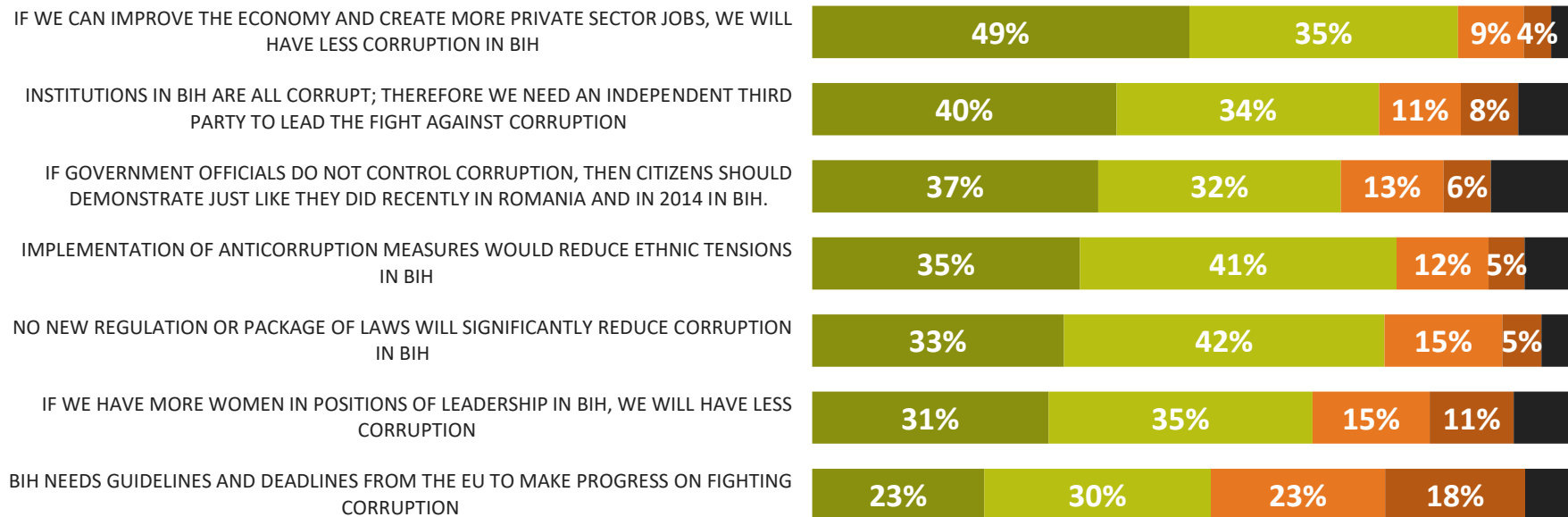


Which of the following processes is most corrupt?

Base: Total N=2000

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Citizens favorably view a variety of measures to reduce corruption, including economic progress and EU influence.



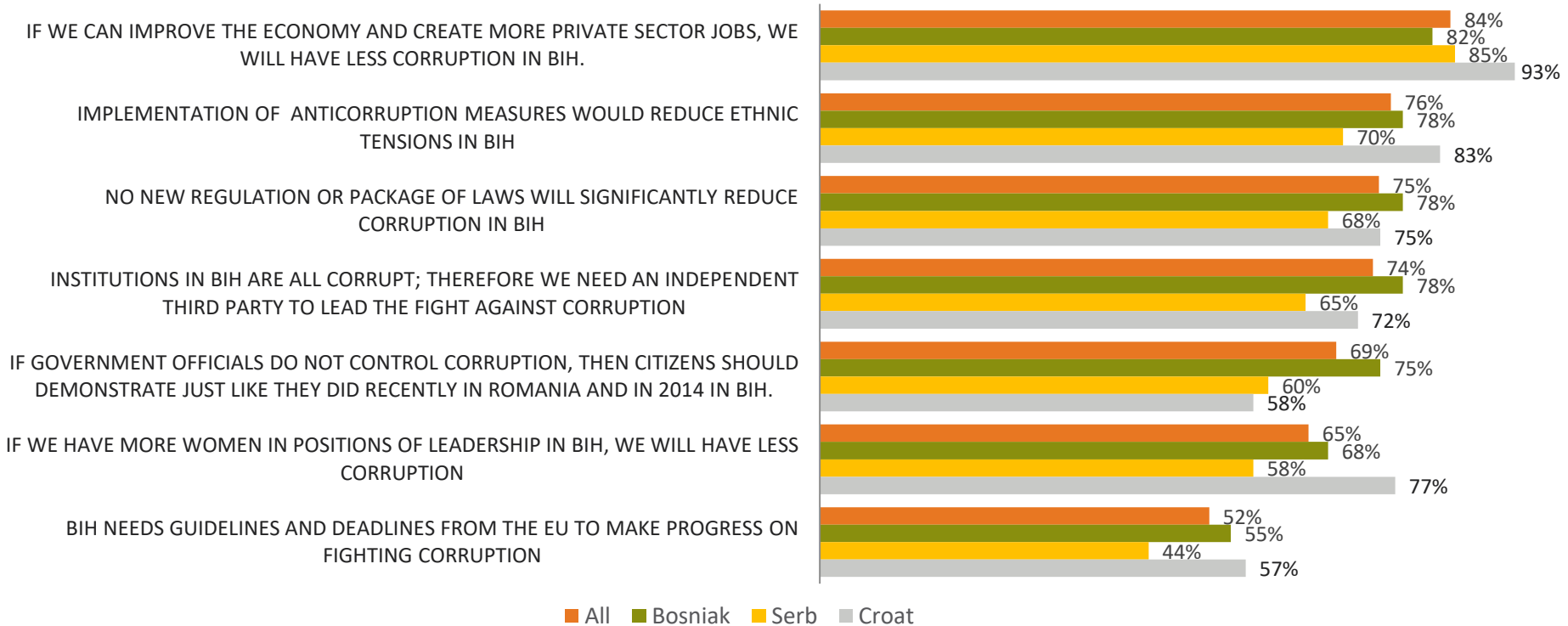
■ STRONGLY AGREE
 ■ SOMEWHAT AGREE
 ■ SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
 ■ STRONGLY DISAGREE
 ■ DK/REF

Now I will read you a series of statements related to corruption in BiH. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each statement.

Base: Total N=2000

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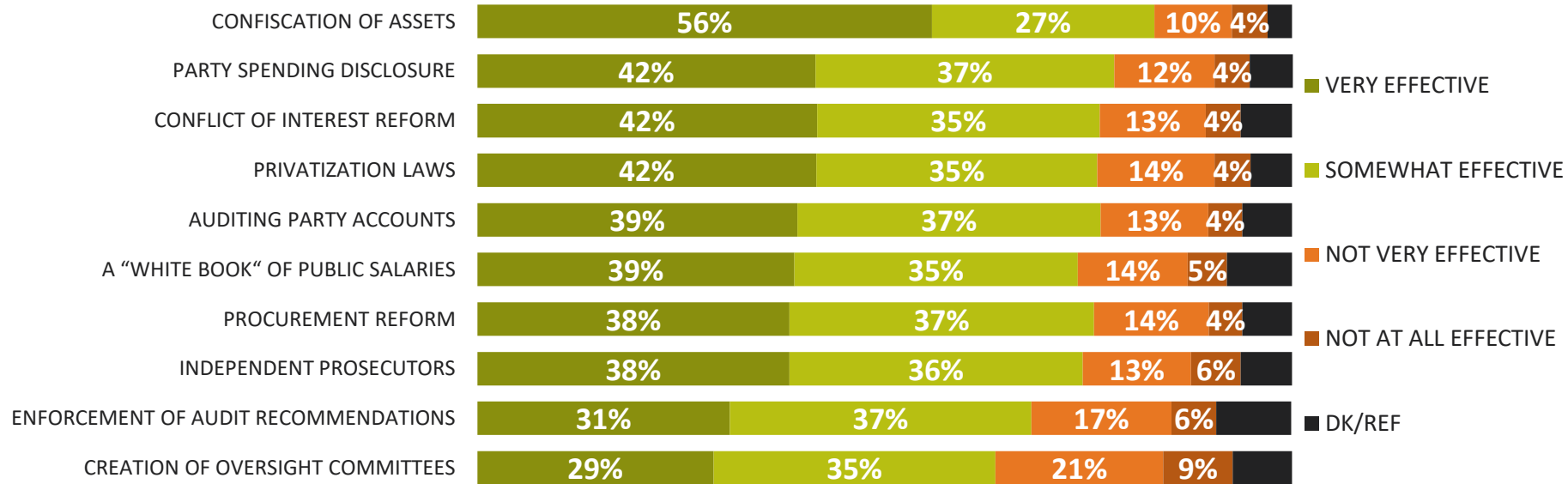
General consensus on the drivers of corruption in BiH.



Now I will read you a series of statements related to corruption in BiH. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each statement.

Base: Total N=2000

Citizens favorably rate a number of measures to fight corruption directed at privatization and political influence.

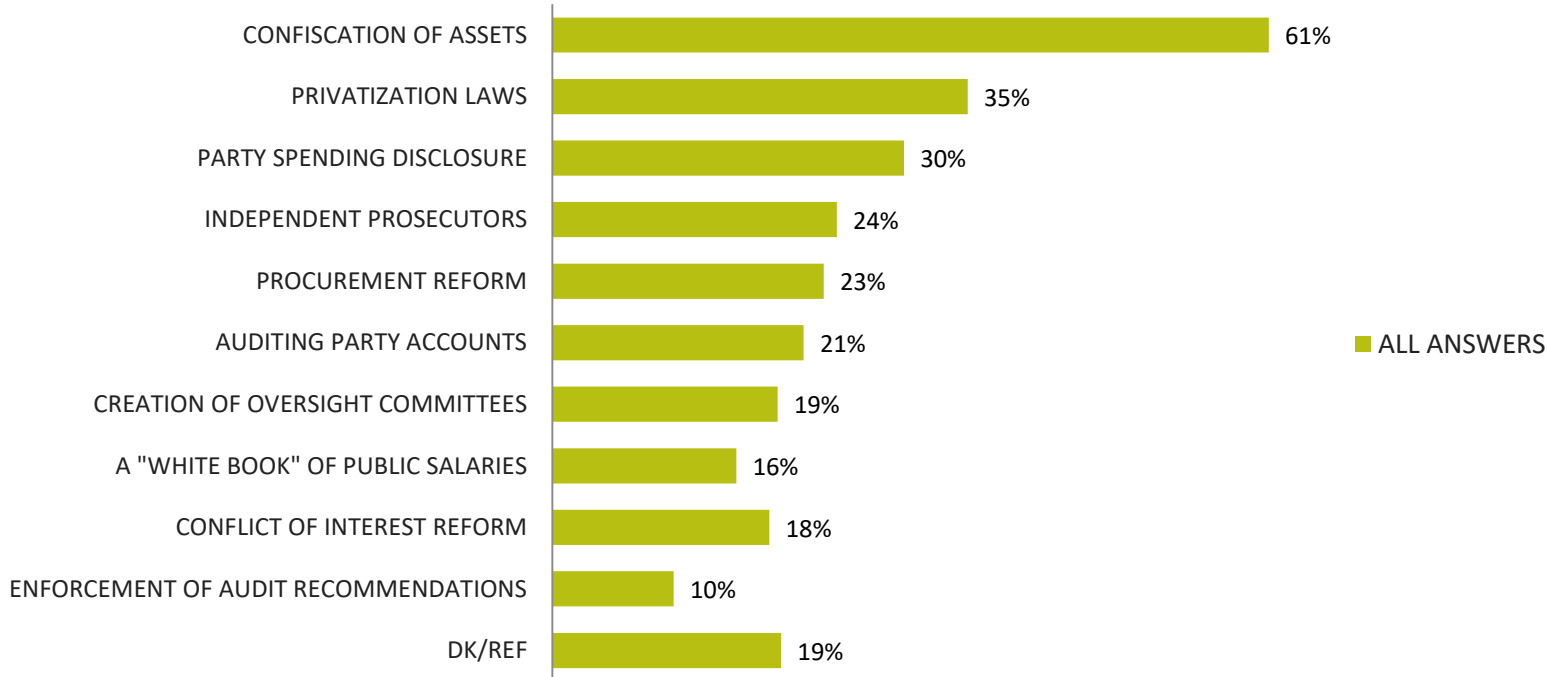


Now I am going to read you a list of measures that have been proposed for fighting corruption and increasing transparency in BiH. Please tell me whether you think each one, if properly implemented, would be very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective or not at all effective in reducing corruption.

Base: Total N=2000

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Confiscation of illegally obtained assets is considered the most important measure in reducing corruption.



Of the measures we have just discussed, please tell me which 2 OR 3 you think are the MOST important?

Base: Total N=2000

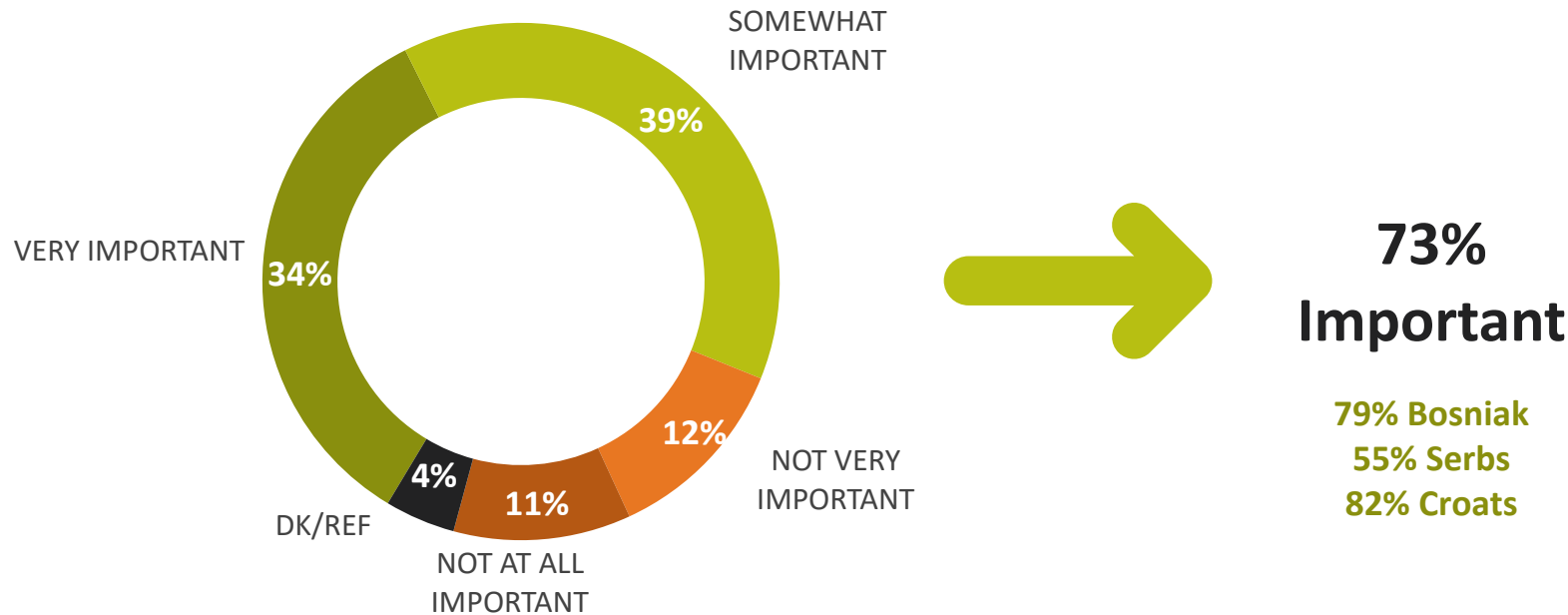
Prosecutors, the judiciary, and the international community have the most credibility on corruption measures.



And what would be the most credible group to implement and enforce such an anti-corruption package?

Base: Total N=2000

A majority of citizens feels the international community must be part of any anti-corruption initiative in BiH, but fewer Serbs agree.



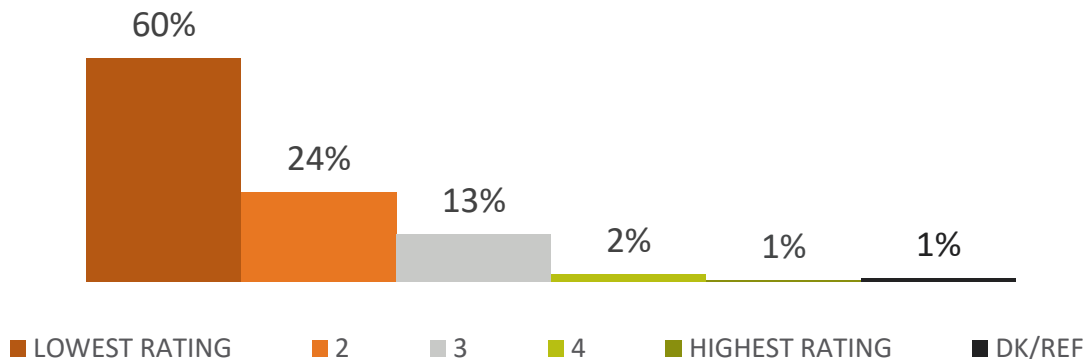
Regardless of how you just answered, how important is the international community in advancing an anti-corruption agenda in BiH?

Base: Total N=2000

Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH)



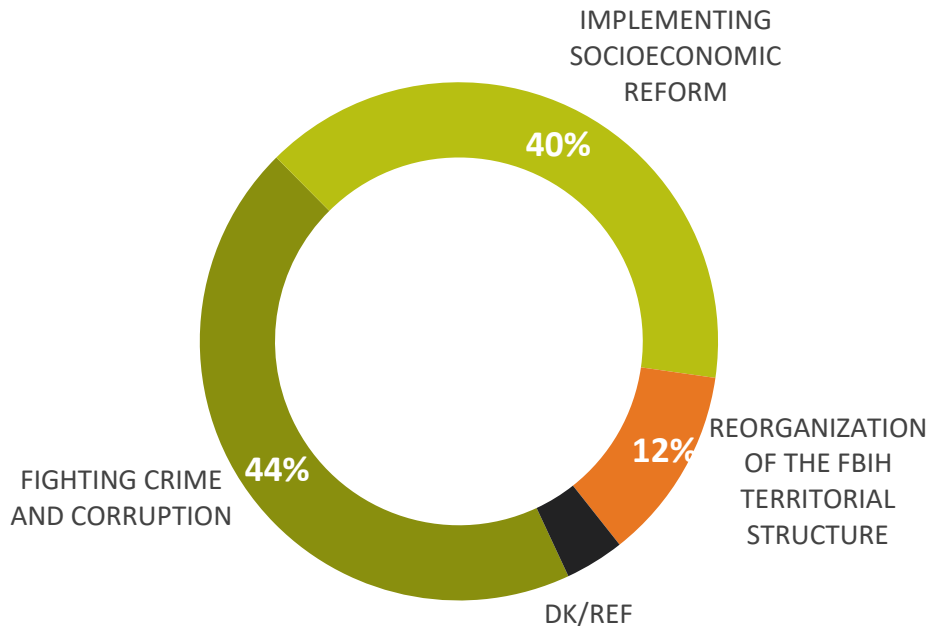
The Federation government is seen as failing to implement policies that improve the lives of citizens.



How would you rate the performance of the current Federation government in terms of implementing policies that improve the lives of citizens in the FBiH? Please use 5 point scale like in school where 1 is the lowest rating and 5 is the highest.

Base: FBiH Total N=1000

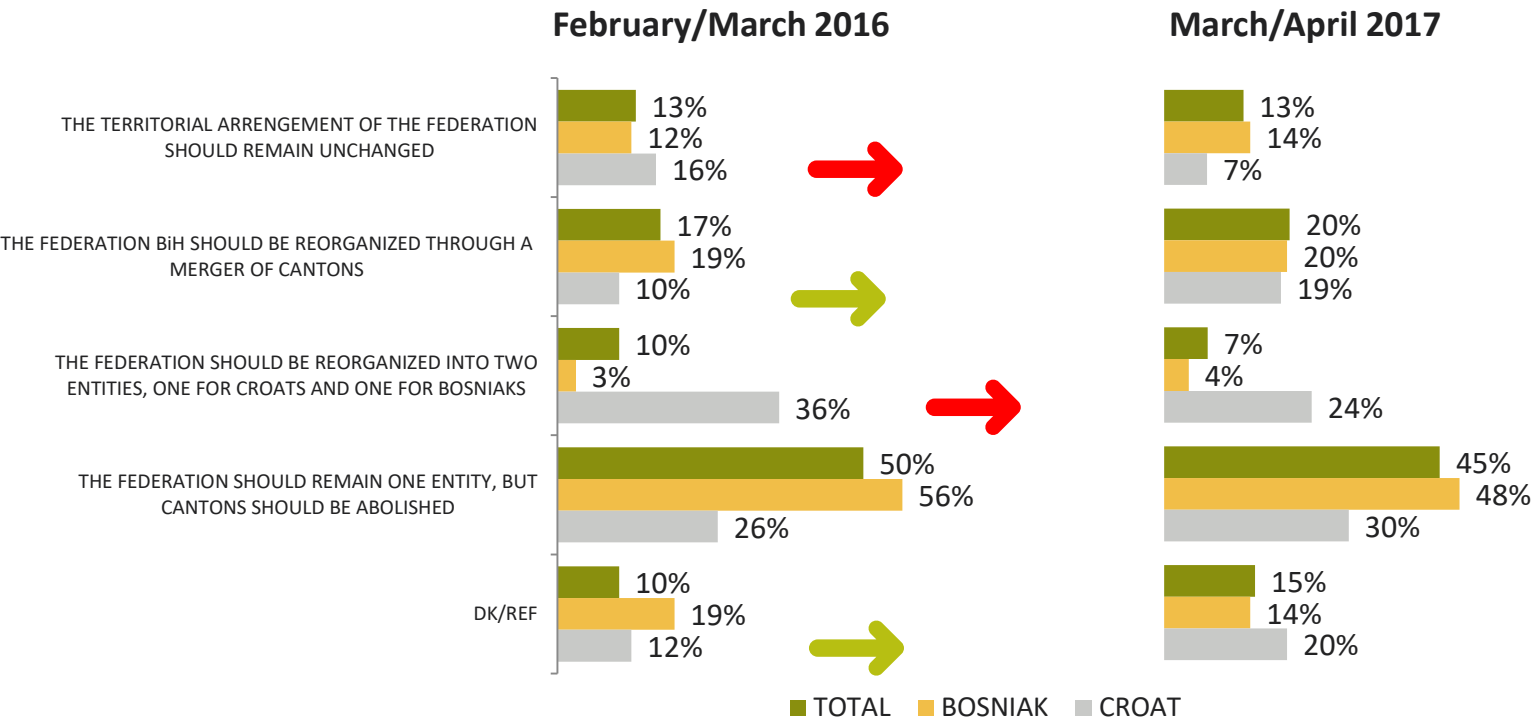
Citizens clearly want the FBiH government to focus on corruption and socioeconomic reforms.



What should be the priority of the FBiH Government at this time?

Base: FBiH Total N=1000

Some citizens showed a slight change in attitudes toward the governing structure of FBiH.



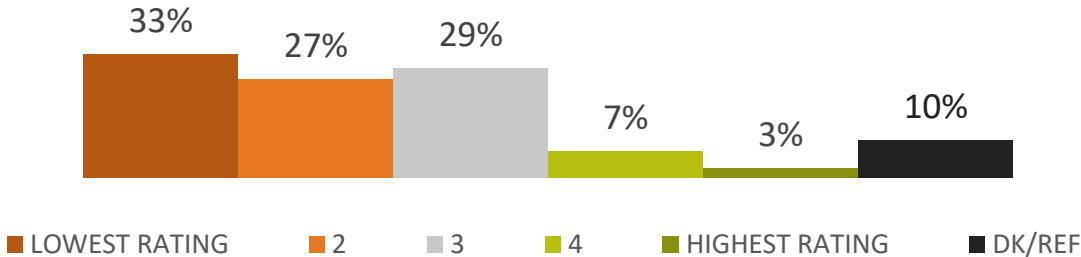
Which of the following statements best describes your personal view about the territorial arrangement of the Federation BiH?

Base: FBiH Total N=1000

Republika Srpska (RS)



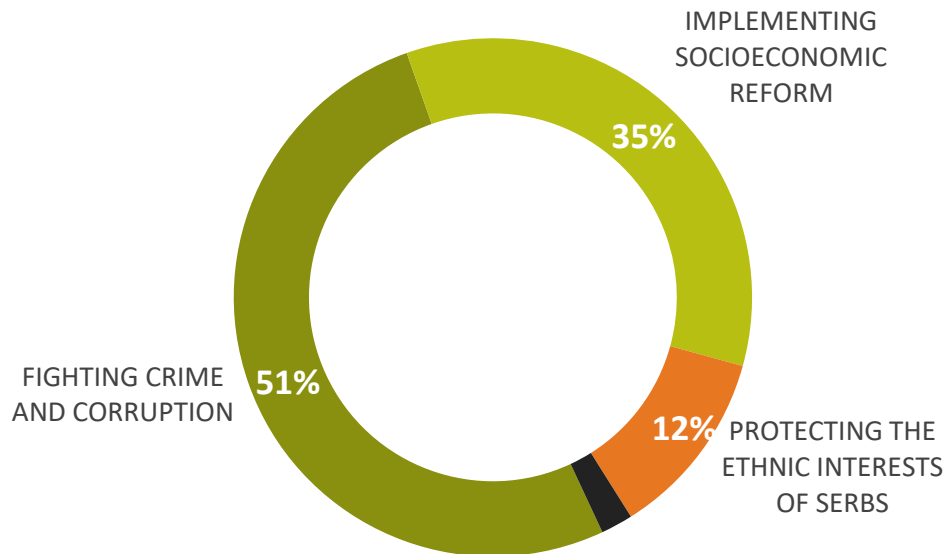
Citizens perceive the RS administration as performing poorly.



How would you rate the performance of the current RS government in terms of implementing policies that improve the lives of citizens in the RS? Please use 5 point scale like in school where 1 is the lowest rating and 5 is the highest.

Base: RS Total N=1000

RS residents want action on corruption and socioeconomic reform, not ethnic protection.



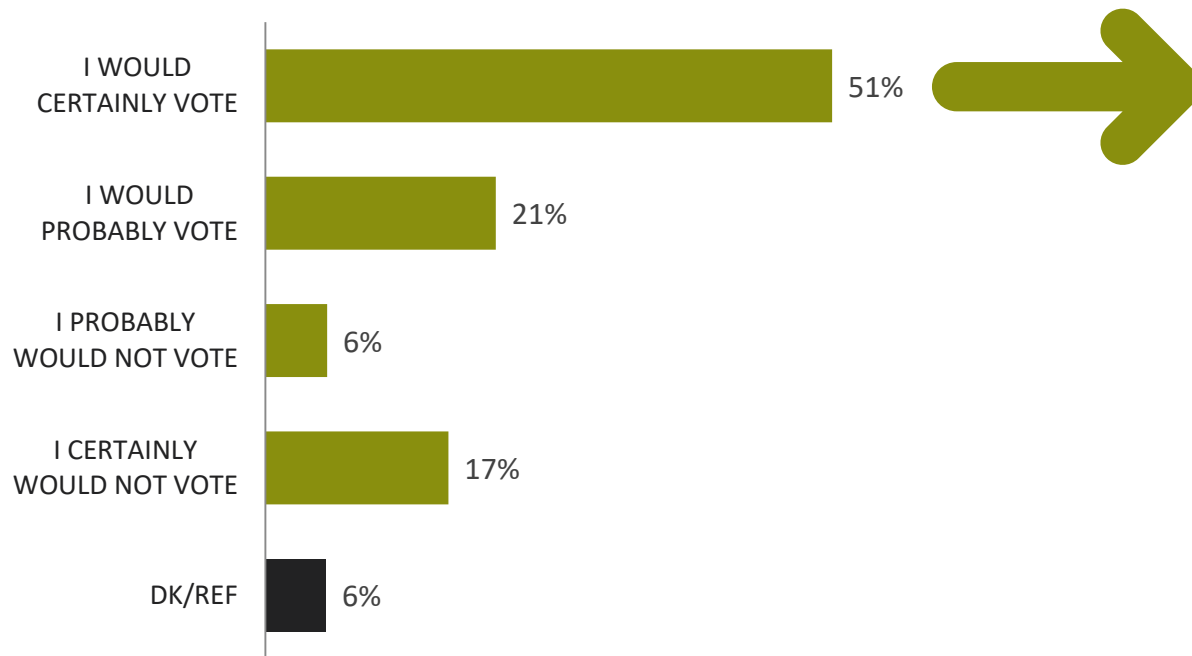
What should be the priority of the RS Government at this time ?

Base: RS Total N=1000

ELECTIONS



Statewide, about half of respondents would certainly vote if elections were held now.

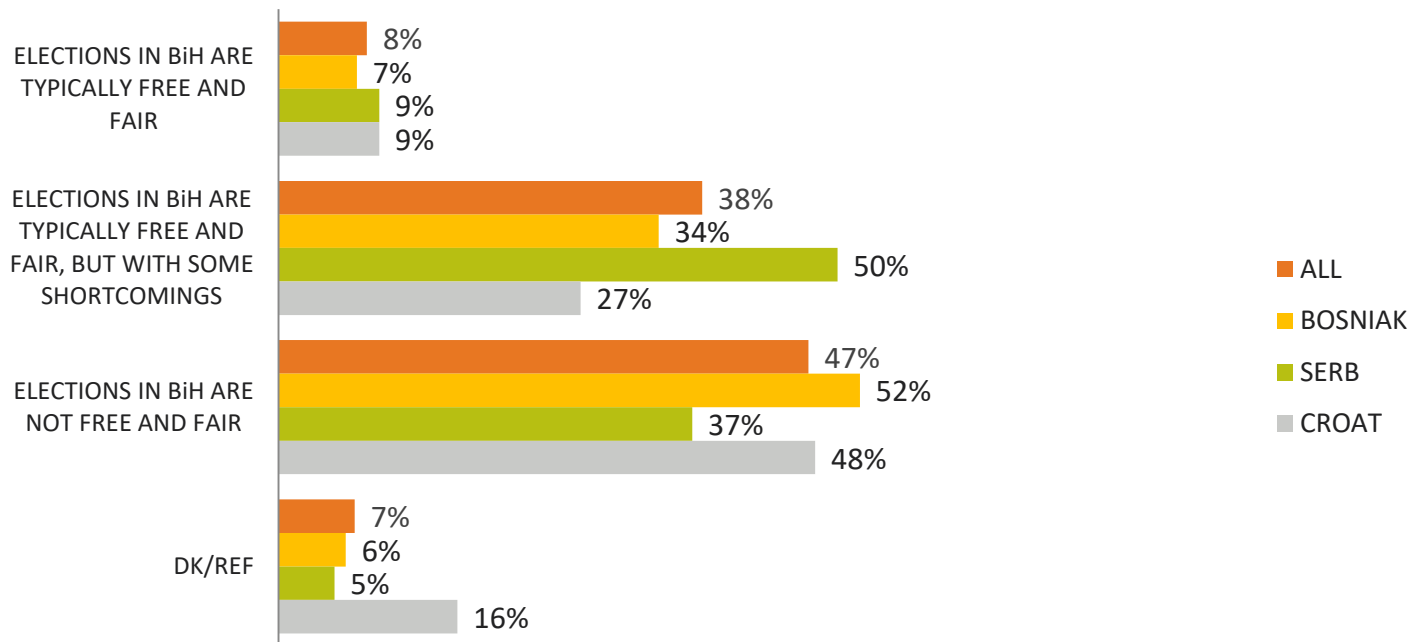


59% Older than 60
59% Higher Education Degree
53% FBiH
RS 49%

If elections were held next weekend, how likely is it that you would vote?

Base: Total N=2000

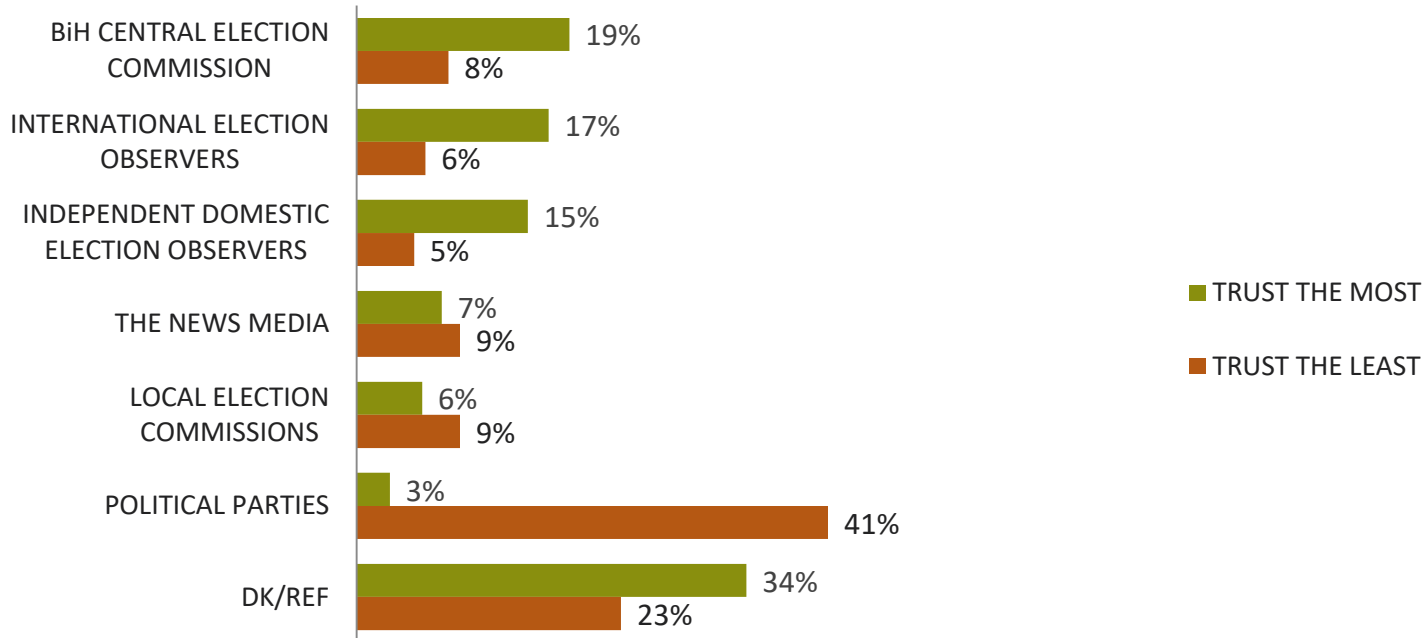
Citizens have concerns about the integrity of elections in BiH.



Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina?

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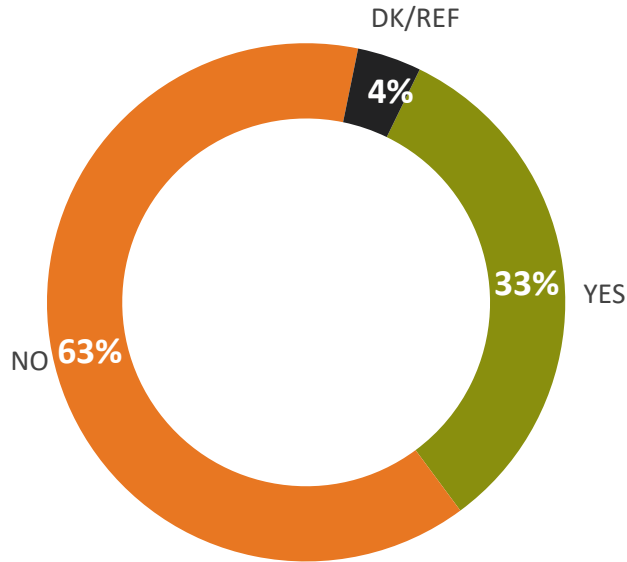
Election administration and both domestic and international observers help ensure election integrity; political parties do not.



Who do you trust most when it comes to ensuring free and fair elections in BiH?/Q30. Who do you trust least when it comes to ensuring free and fair elections in BiH?

Base: Total N=2000

One-third of BiH citizens are familiar with domestic election monitoring coalition *Pod Lupom*.

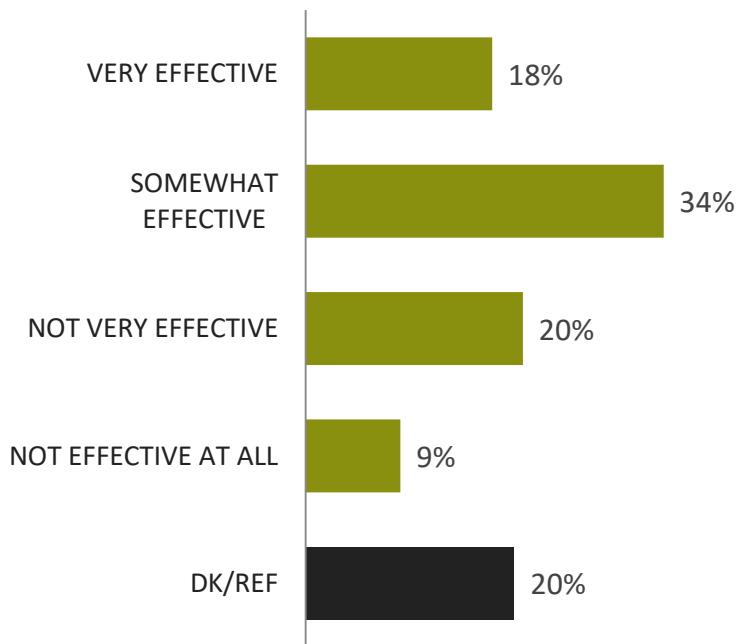


52% Higher Education Degree
37% Male/29% Female
40% Bosniak/25% Serbs/18% Croats

Have you ever heard of the domestic election monitoring coalition called “Pod Lupom”?

Base: Total N=2000

After a description, half of respondents think *Pod Lupom* can contribute to the integrity of the electoral process.



Now that you know more about “Pod Lupom”, how effective do you think such a coalition can be in contributing to public knowledge of the electoral process and preventing violations of the electoral rules?

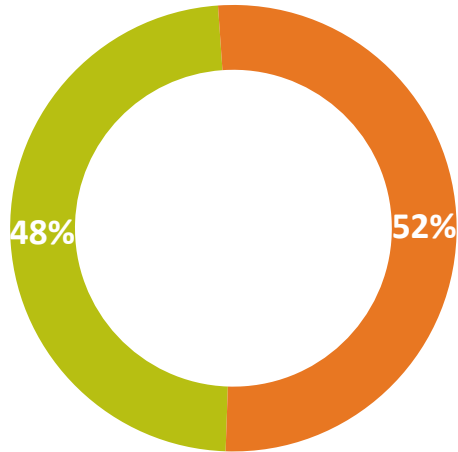
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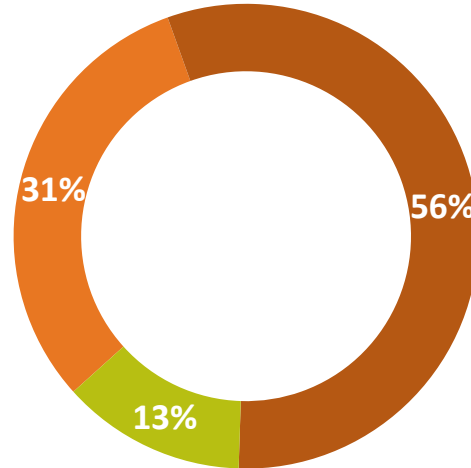
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GENDER



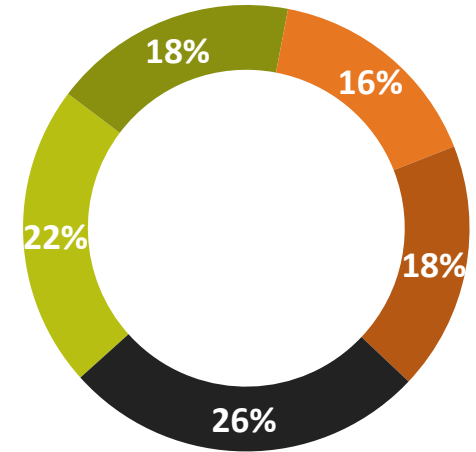
■ MALE ■ FEMALE

EDUCATION



■ ELEMENTARY OR LESS
 ■ SECONDARY
 ■ COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

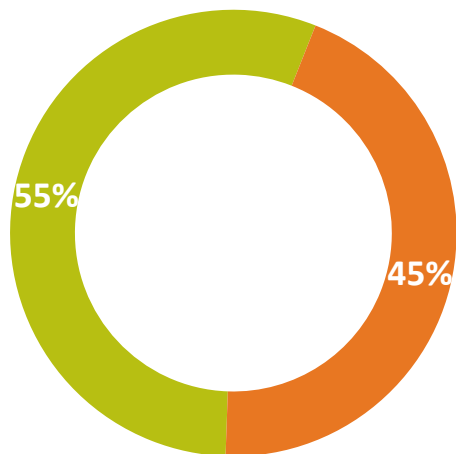
AGE



■ 18-29 ■ 30-39 ■ 40-49 ■ 50-59 ■ 60+

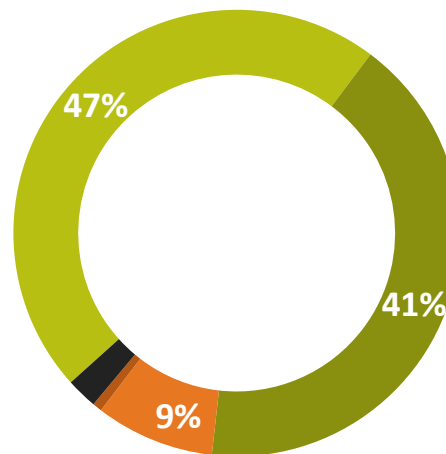
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TYPE OF SETTLEMENT



■ URBAN ■ RURAL

ETHNICITY



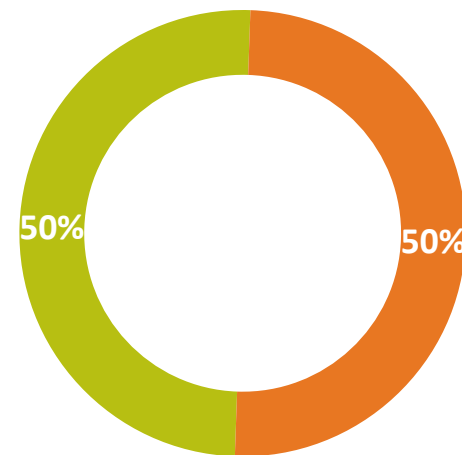
■ BOSNIAK ■ SERB ■ CROAT ■ OTHER ■ DK/REF

DEMOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF THE SAMPLE

REGIONS

Region	%
Una-Sana Canton	6.0
Tuzla Canton	10.6
Zenica-Doboj Canton	8.3
Central Bosnia Canton	5.3
Herzegovina-Neretva Canton	4.8
West Herzegovina Canton	1.7
Canton Sarajevo	10.2
Canton 10 (Livno)	1.6
Posavina Canton	.9
Bosnian-Podrinje Canton	.6
North Republika Srpska	30.2
East Republika Srpska	17.1
District Brcko	2.7

ENTITY



■ FBiH ■ RS & DISTRICT BRCKO