



Public attitudes in Georgia:

Results of a February 2012 survey carried out for
NDI by CRRC

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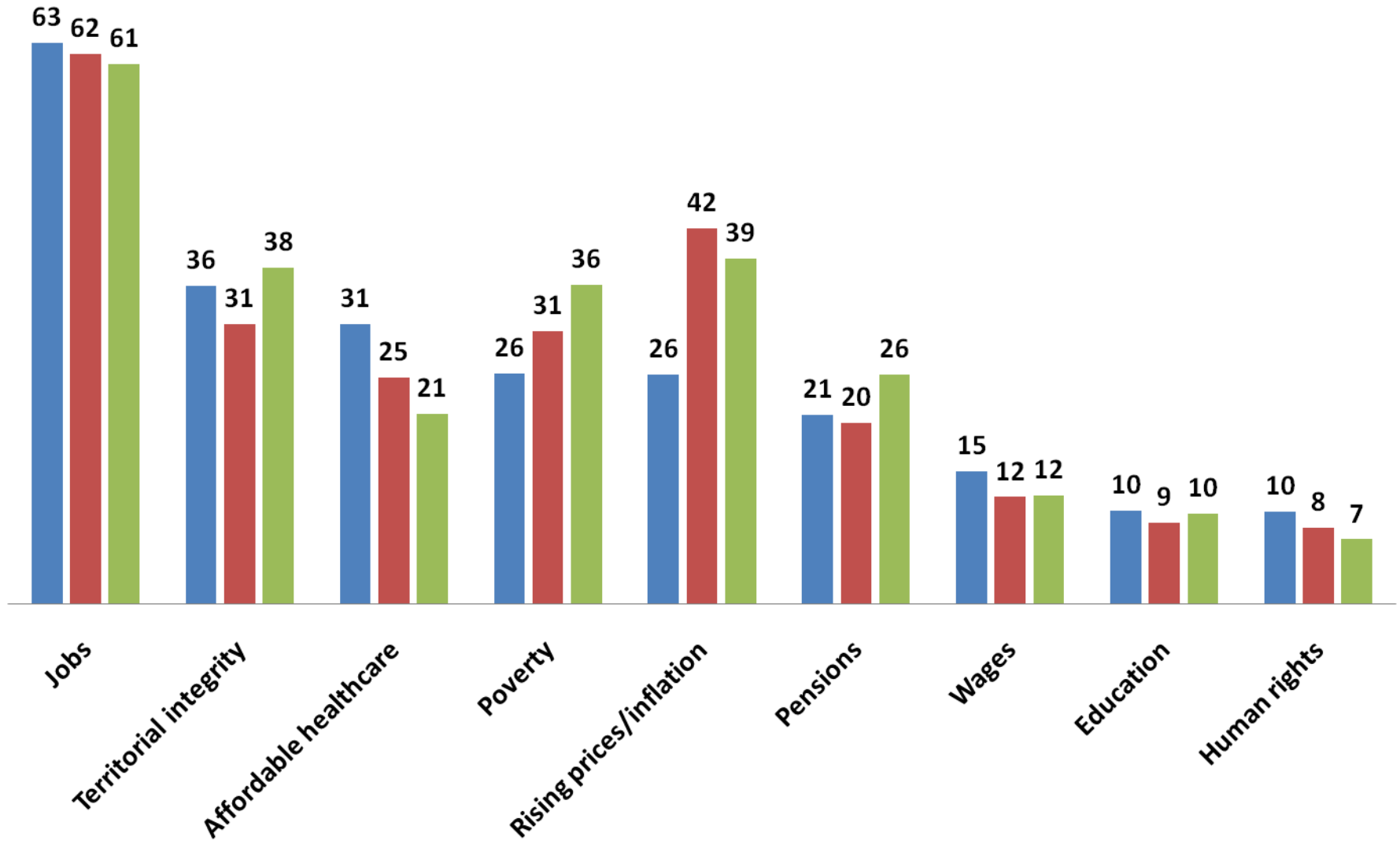
Methodology

- This research has been conducted over multiple waves, four of which contribute data to this presentation. The funding in each wave was provided by Sida.
- **Current survey wave:**
 - **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, other urban and rural areas**
- **Historical waves:**
 - **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, 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
 - **April 2010**
 - Fieldwork dates: April 11-26, 2010
 - 2,053 completed interviews
 - A nationally representative sample, including an oversample of Tbilisi and representative samples in urban and rural areas
- **Sample design**
 - NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design with both stratification and clustering. There are eight macro-strata: Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Rustavi, Poti, Other urban, Telavi District 17 and Rural. This included 254 clusters of electoral precincts
 - 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 +/- 3%

National and Local Issues

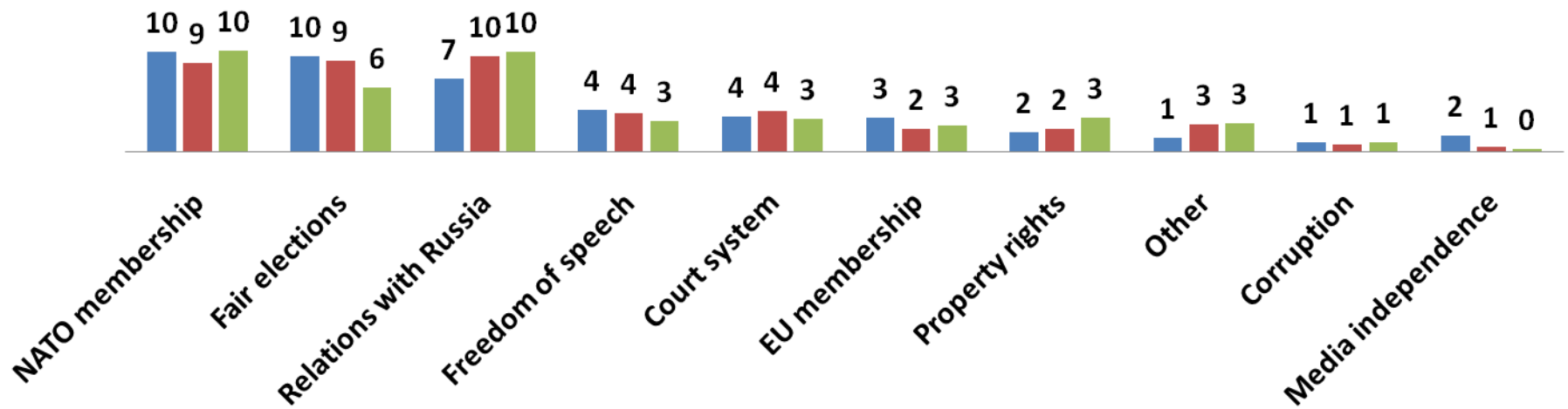
Most important national issues (q1) Part 1

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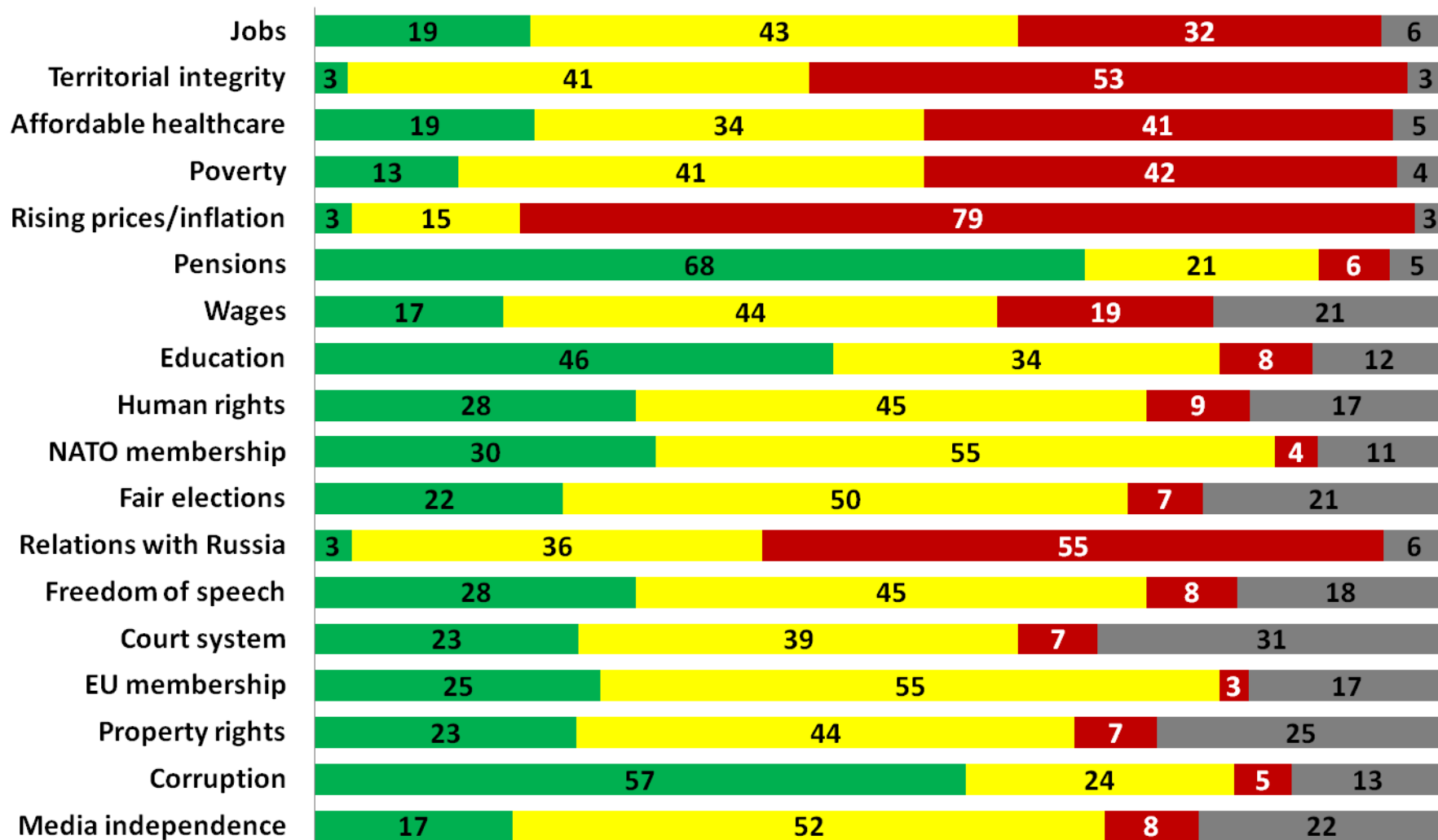
Most important national issues (q1) Part 2

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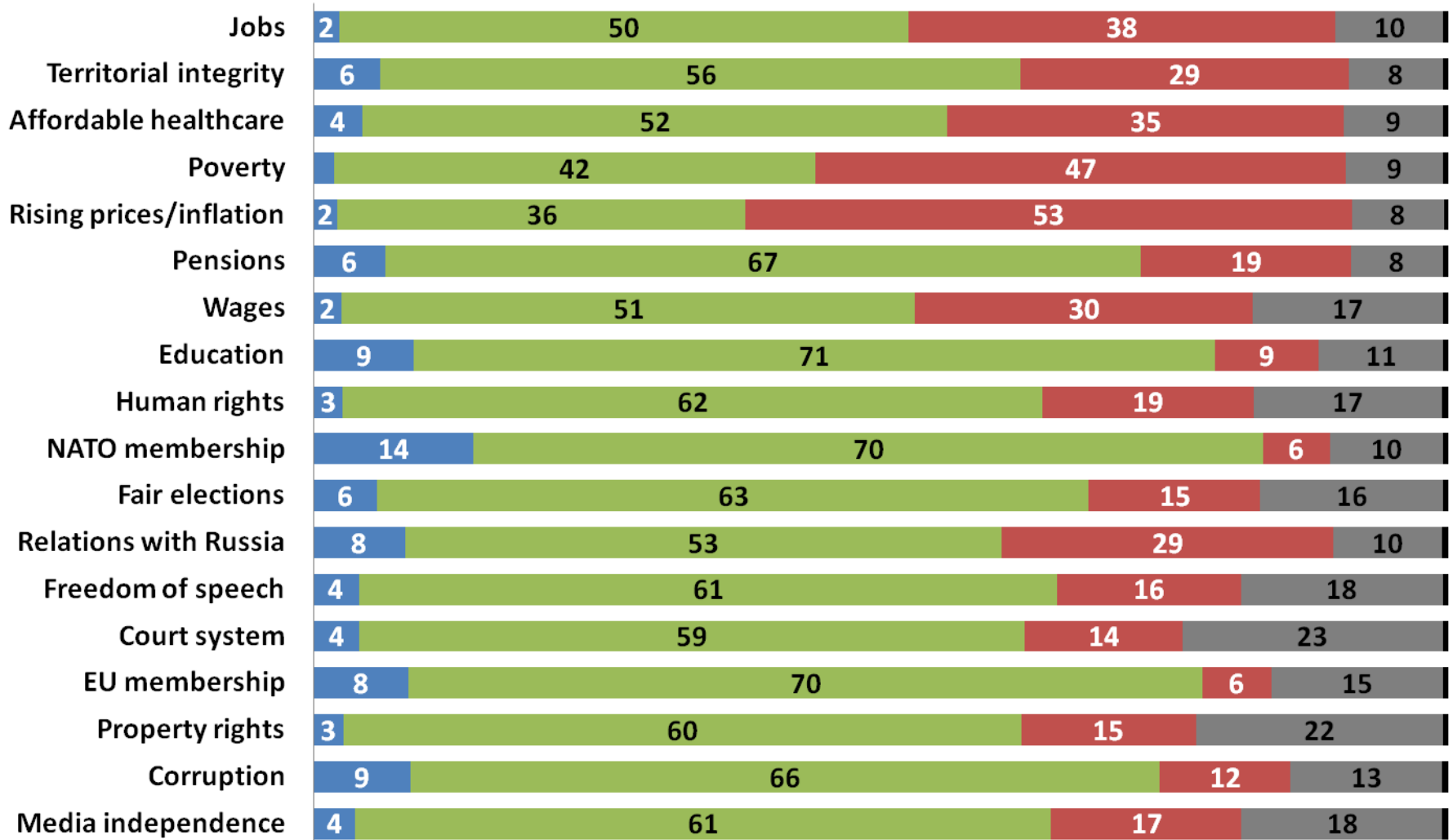
How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to January 2008? (q2)

■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

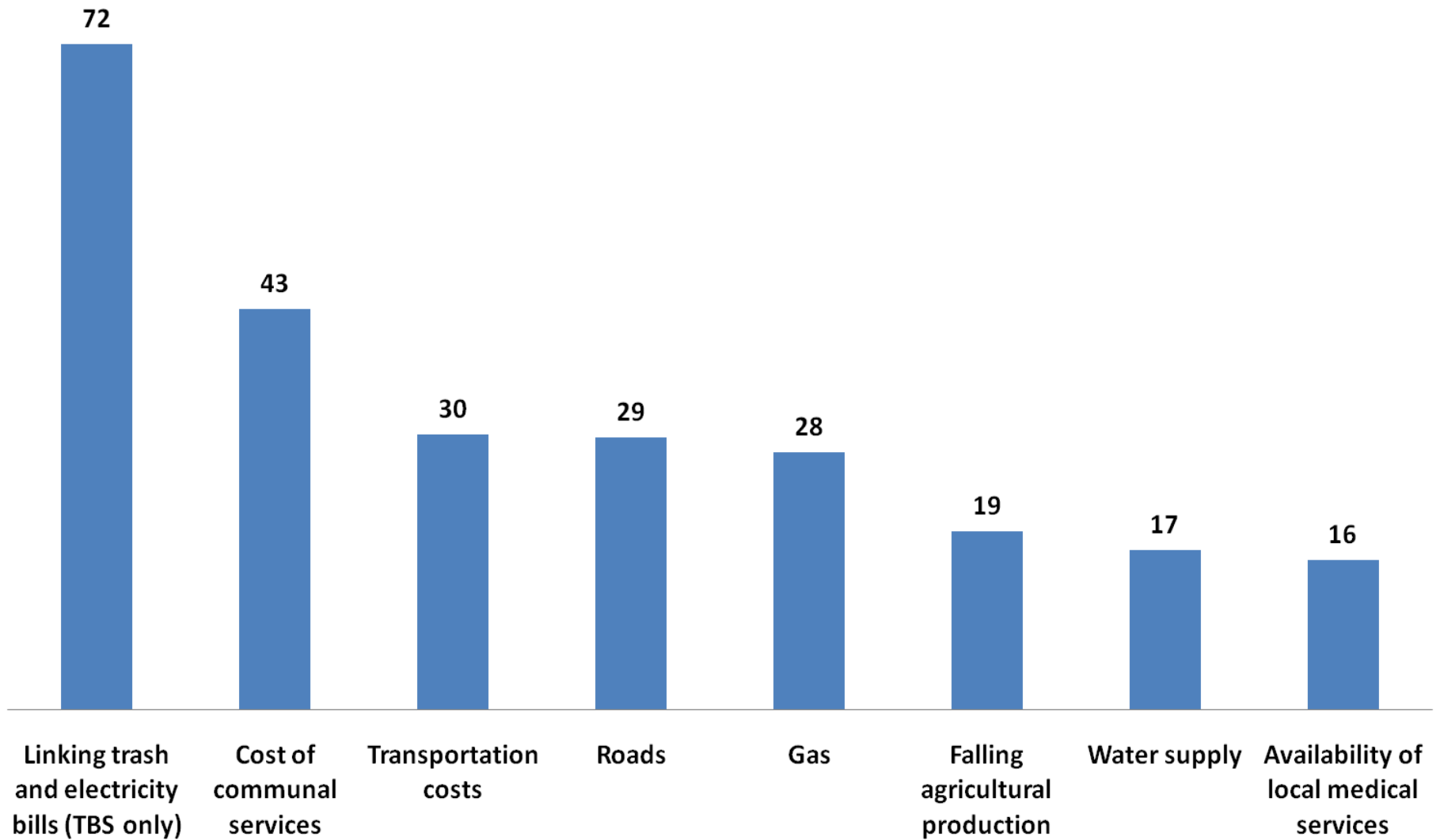


Politicians in Georgia talk about... too much, the right amount or too little? (q3)

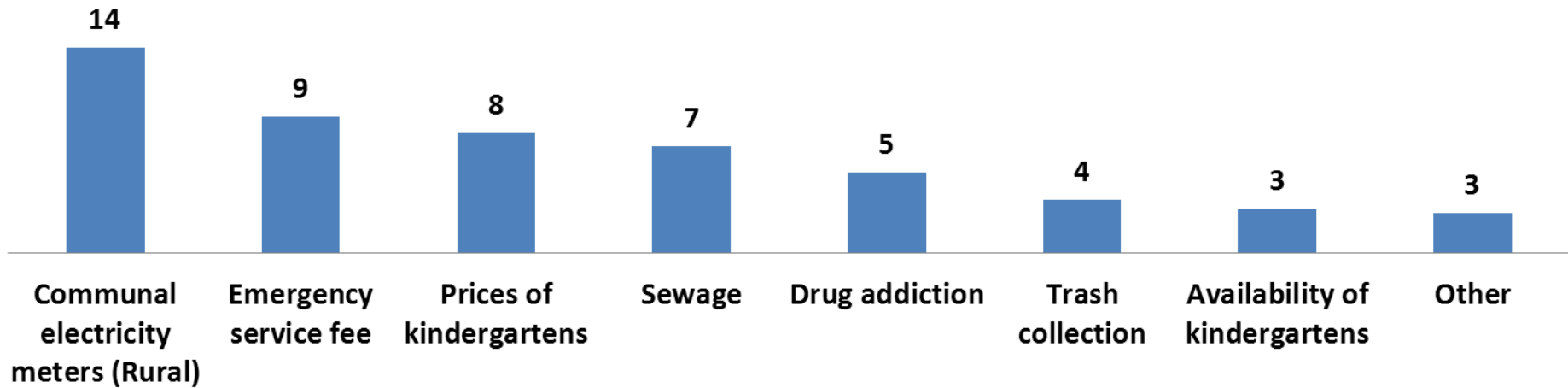
Too much Right Too little DK RA



Most important local issues (q4) Part 1

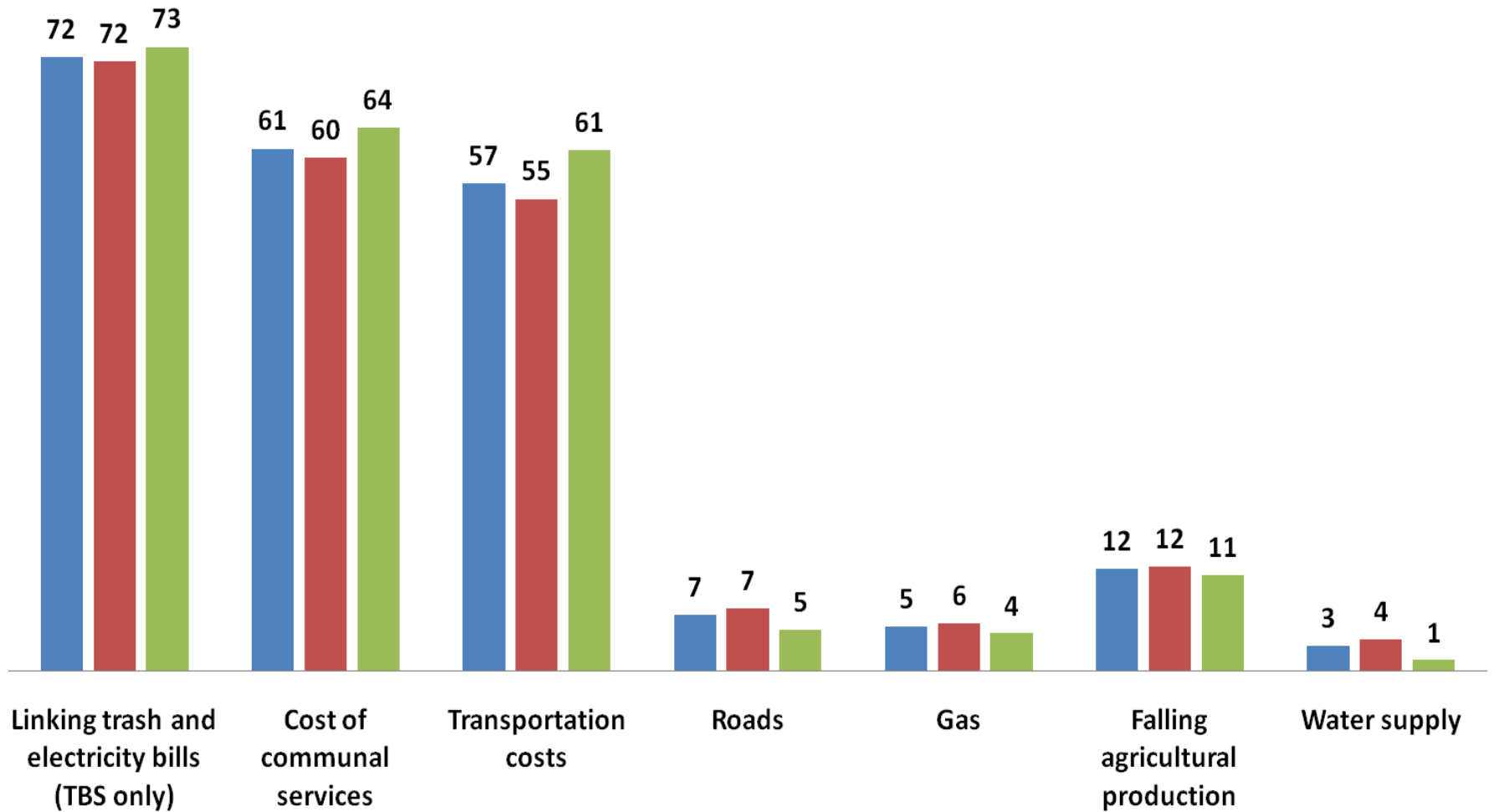


Most important local issues (q4) Part 2



Most important local issues (q4) Tbilisi Part 1

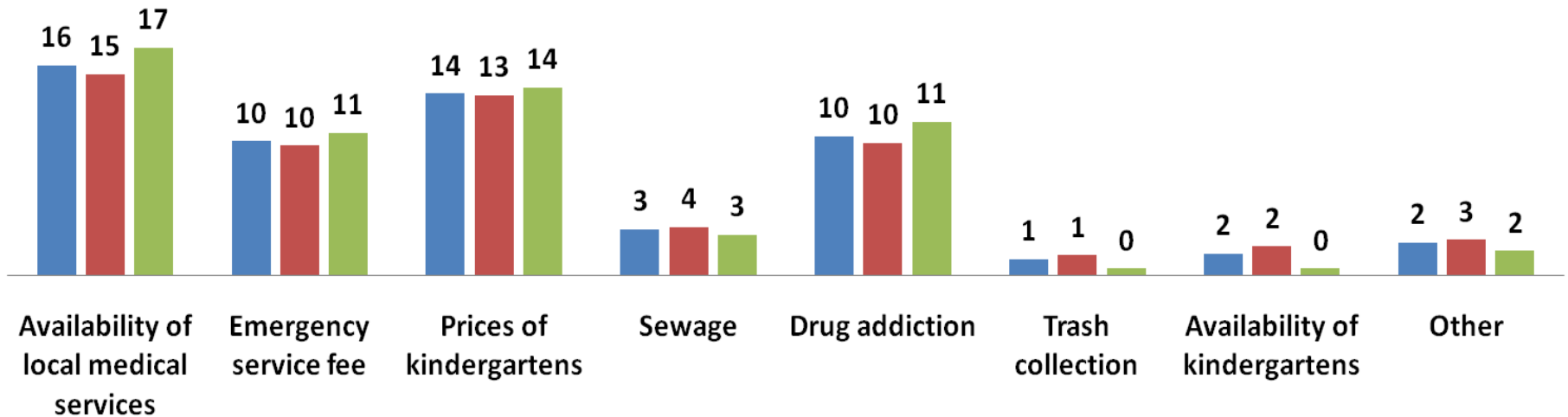
Tbilisi Left Bank Right Bank



Most important local issues (q4)

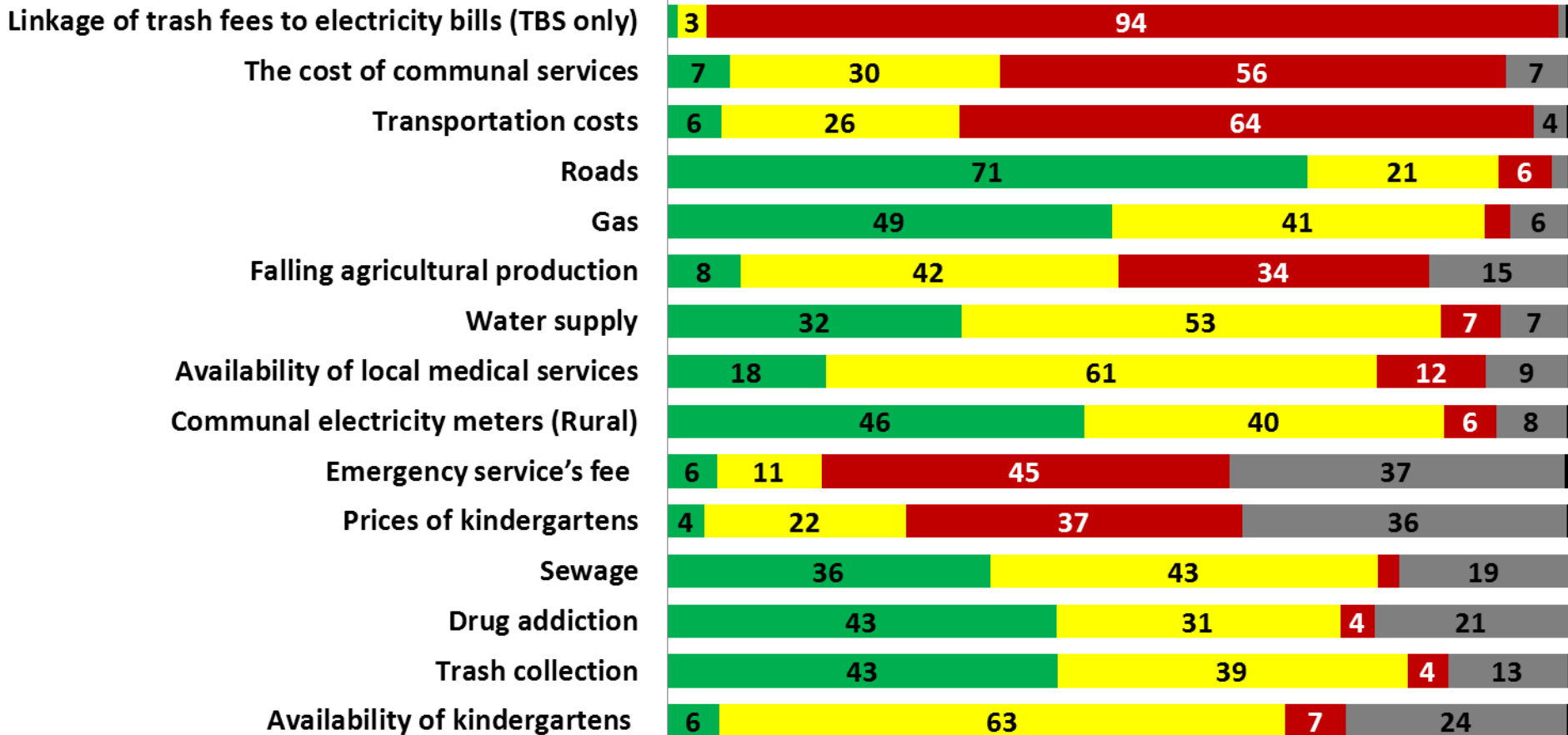
Tbilisi Part 2

■ Tbilisi ■ Left Bank ■ Right Bank



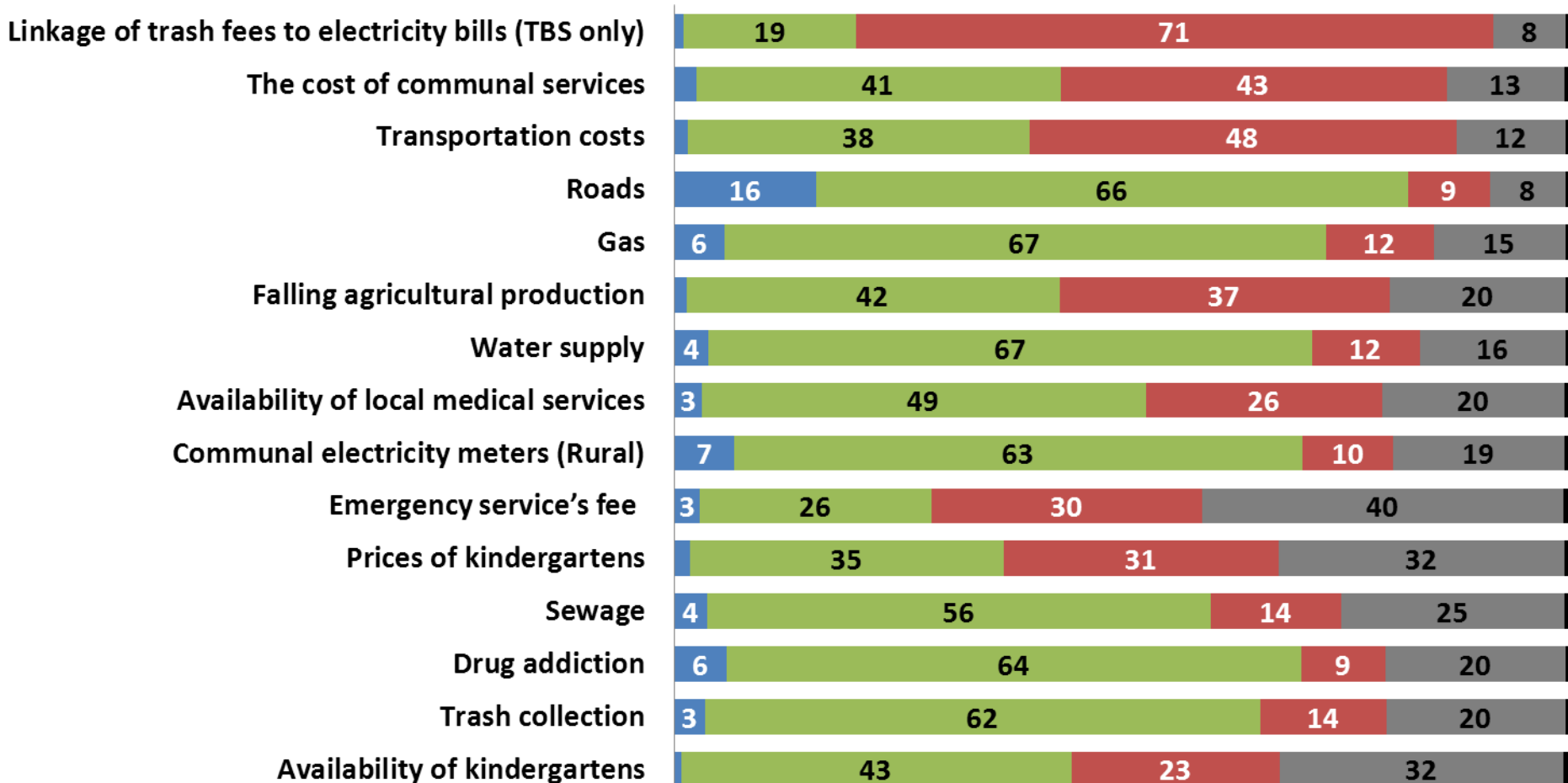
How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia? Compared to January 2008, is . . . better, the same or worse? (q5) National

■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

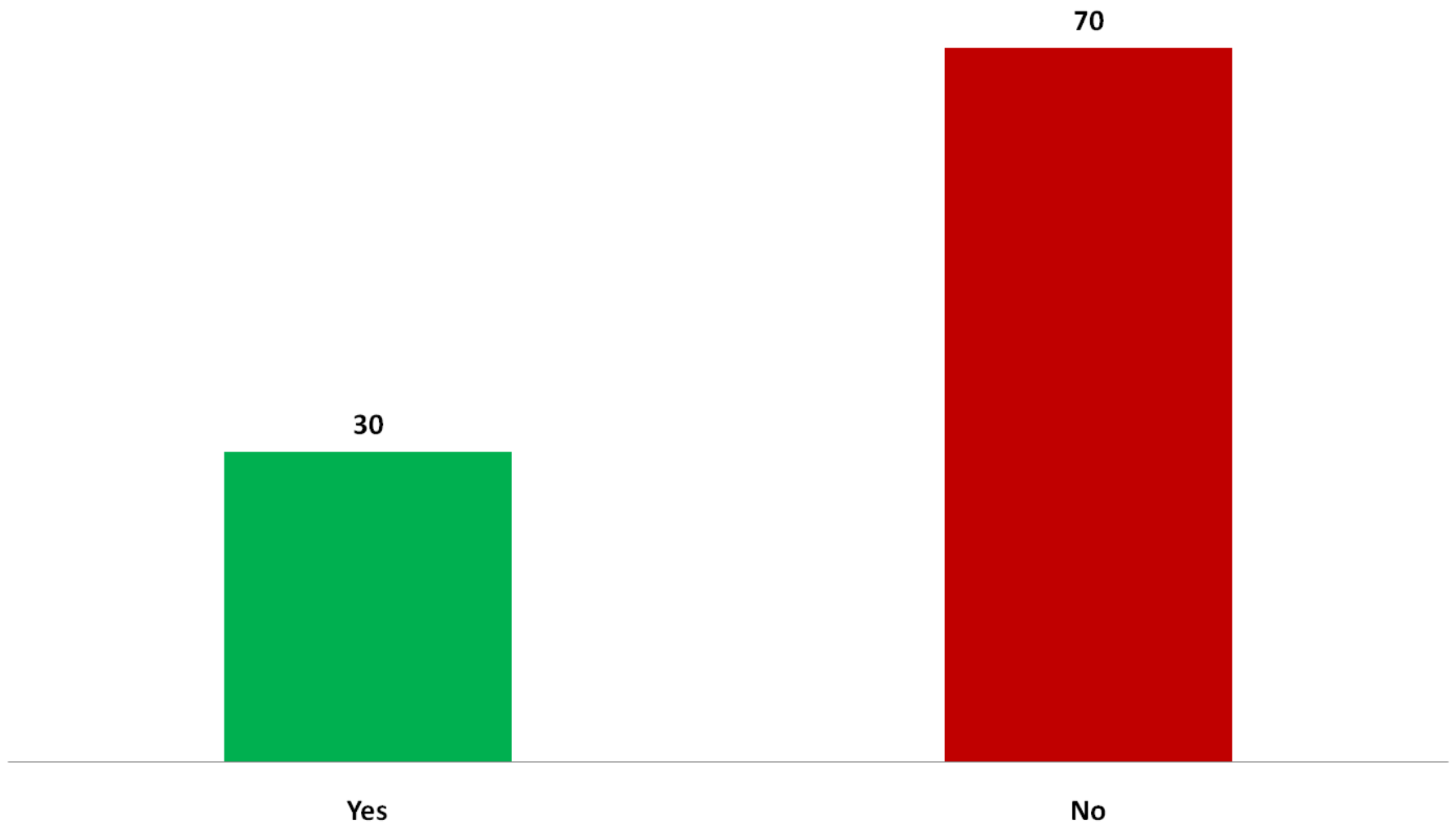


Politicians in Georgia talk about... too much, the right amount or too little? (q6) National

■ Too much ■ The right amount ■ Too little ■ DK ■ RA

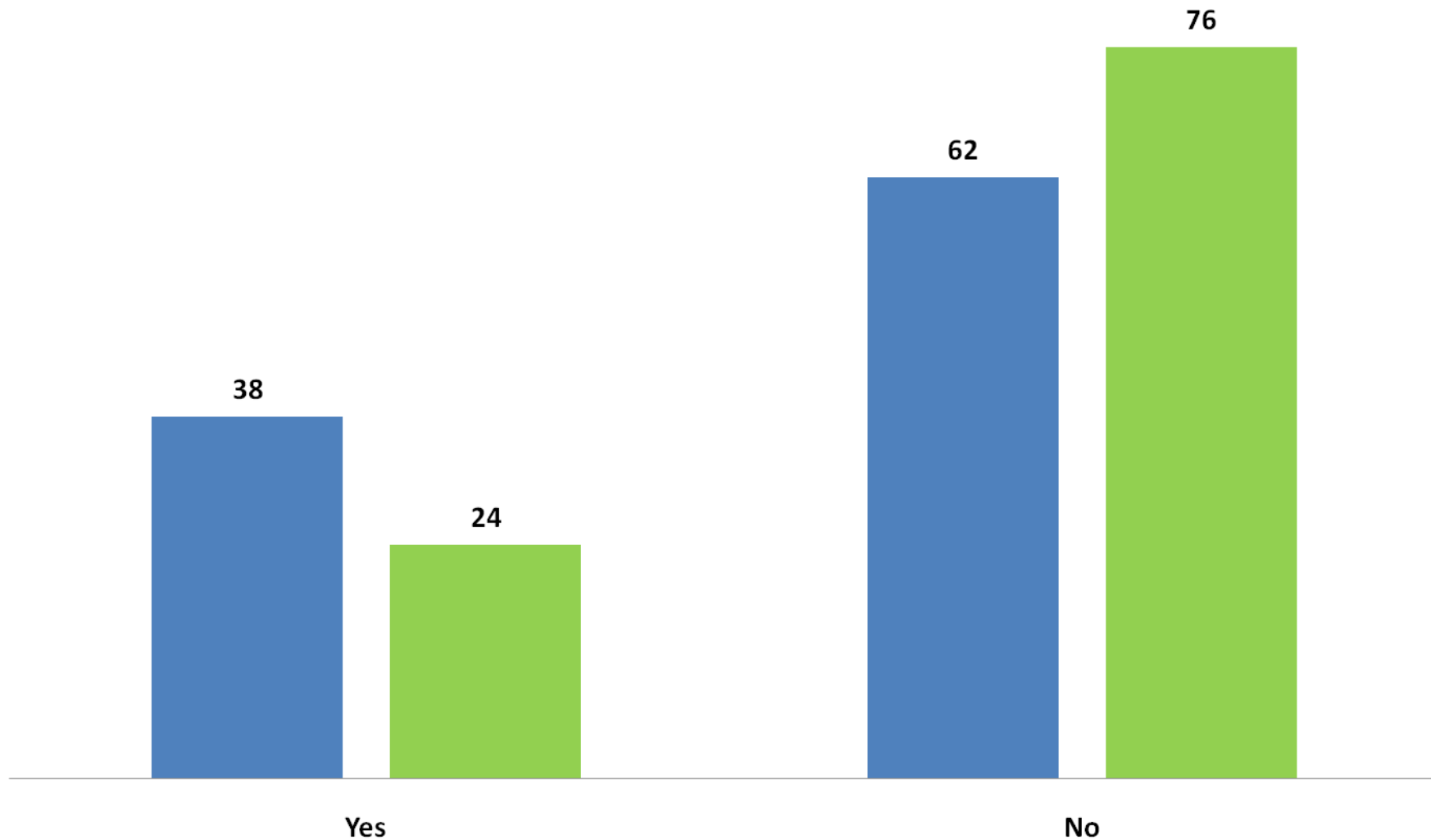


Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q101)



Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q101 X Gender)

■ Men ■ Women

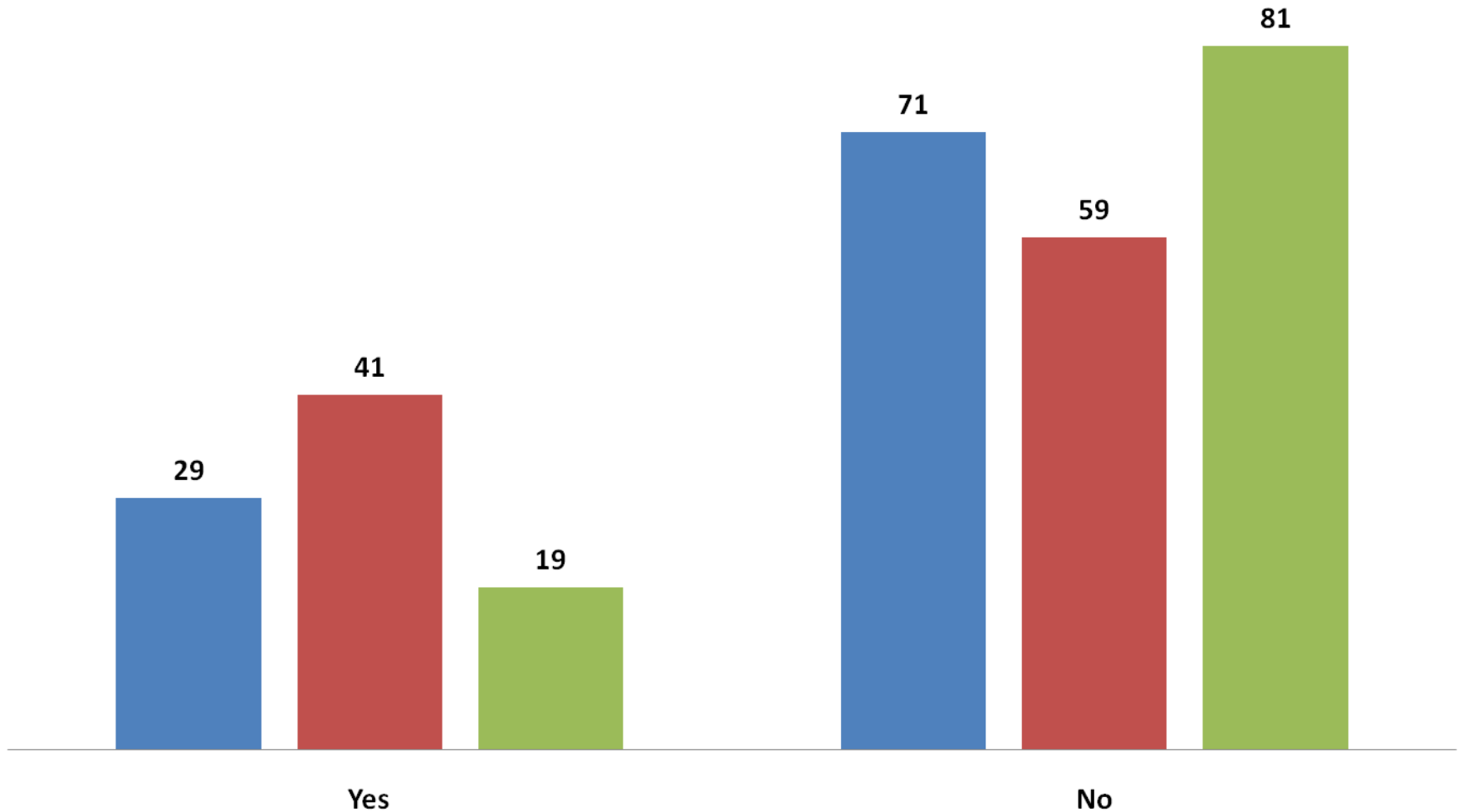


Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q101 X Age)

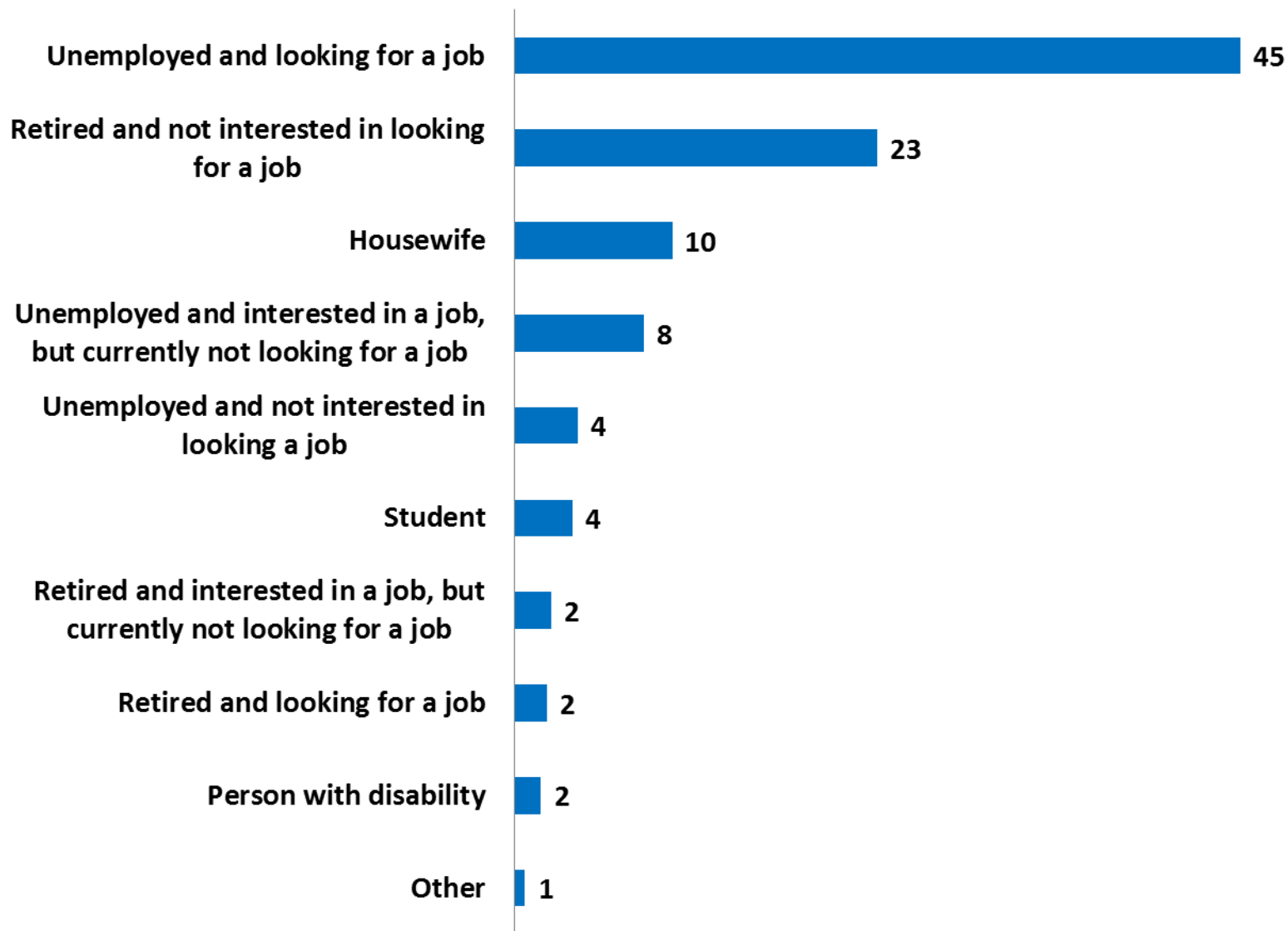
■ 18-35

■ 36-55

■ 56+



Which of the following best describes your situation? (q103)



Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:



30%--Employed (full or part time)



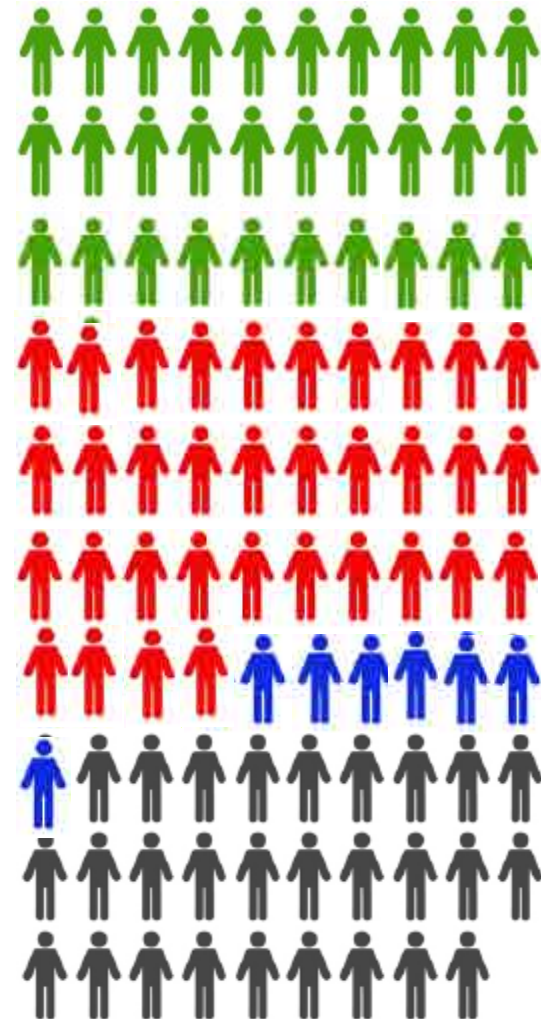
33%--Unemployed and looking for work (This includes both unemployed and retired persons who are looking for work.)



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, unemployed persons who are not interested in looking for a job, etc.)



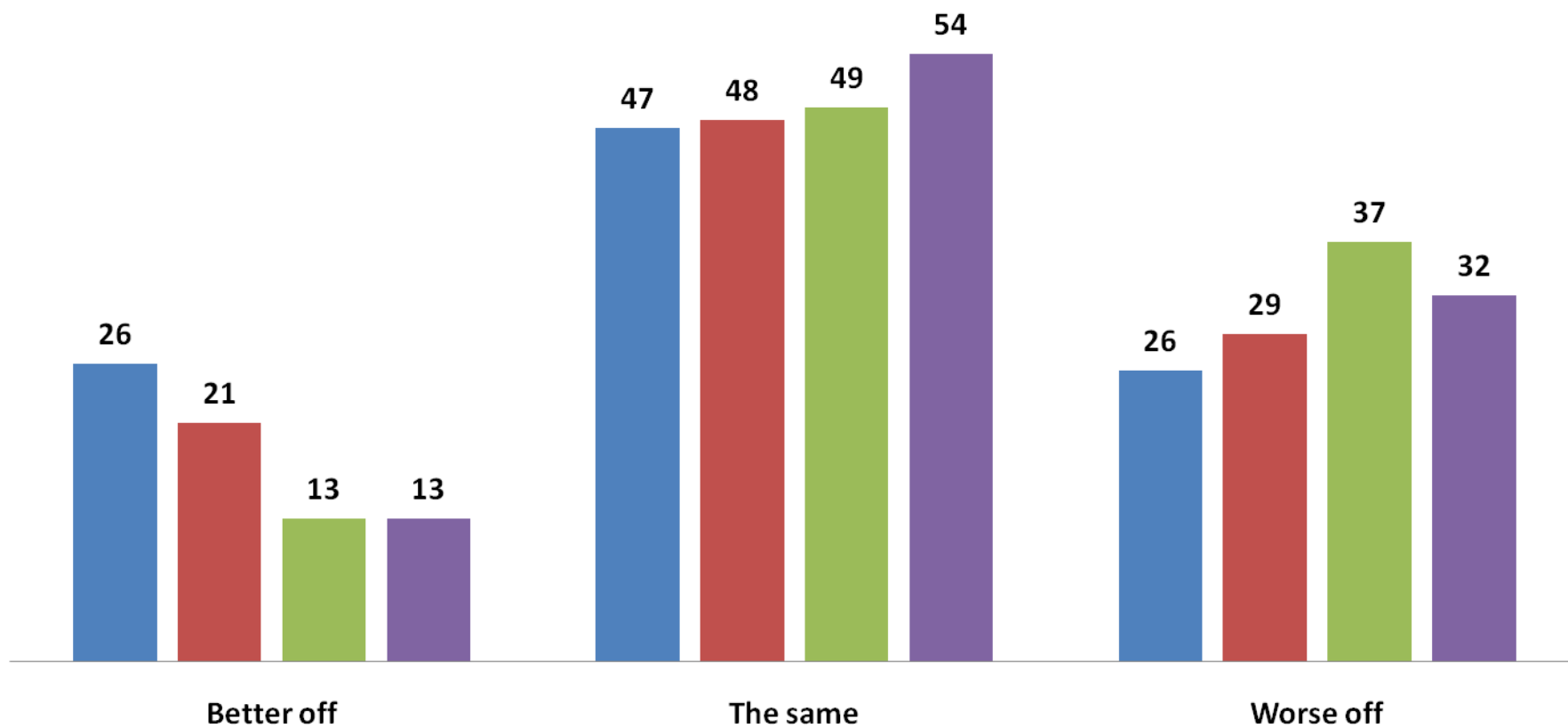
Since January 2008 you and your household are . . . (q9)

February 12

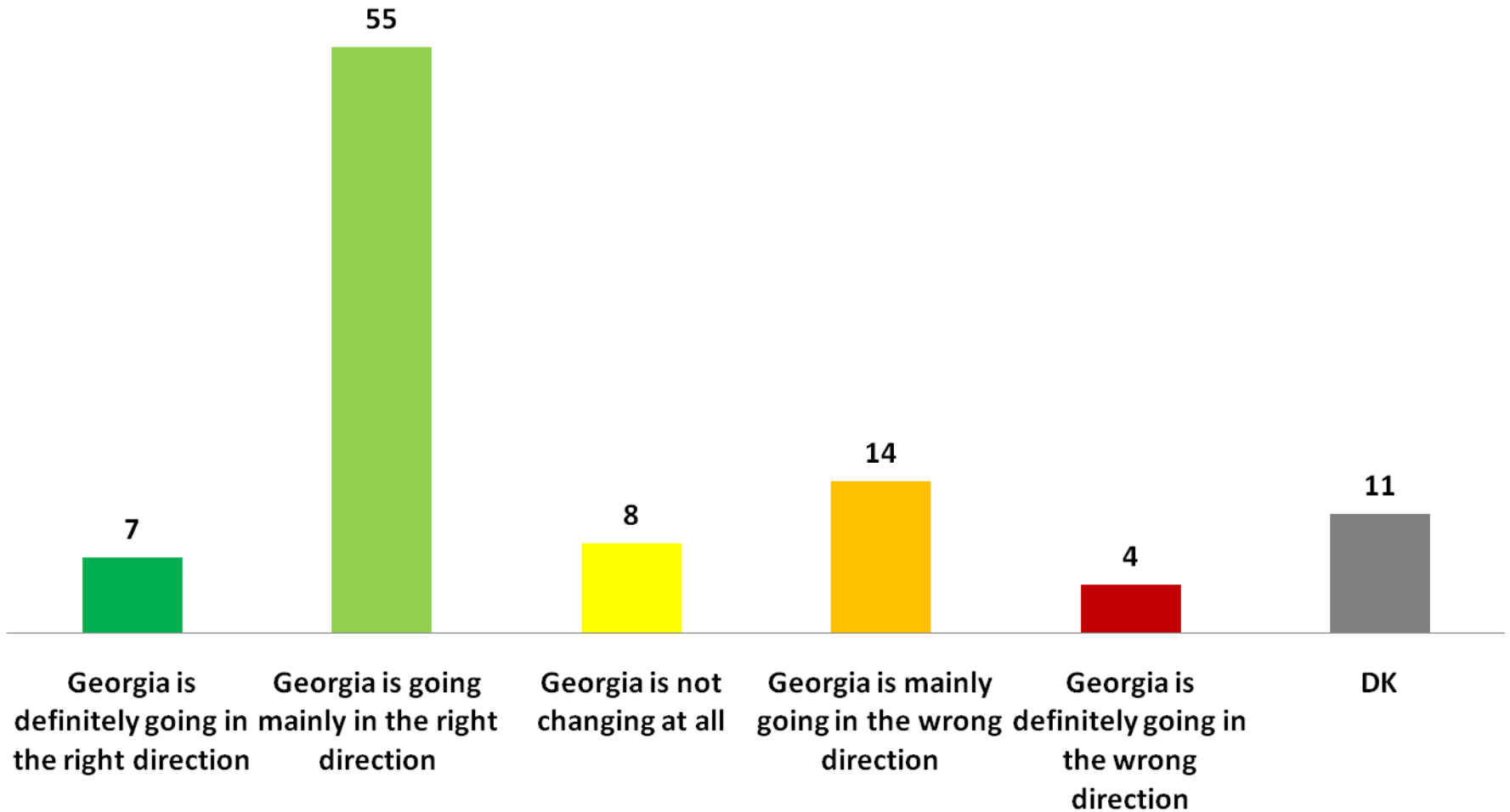
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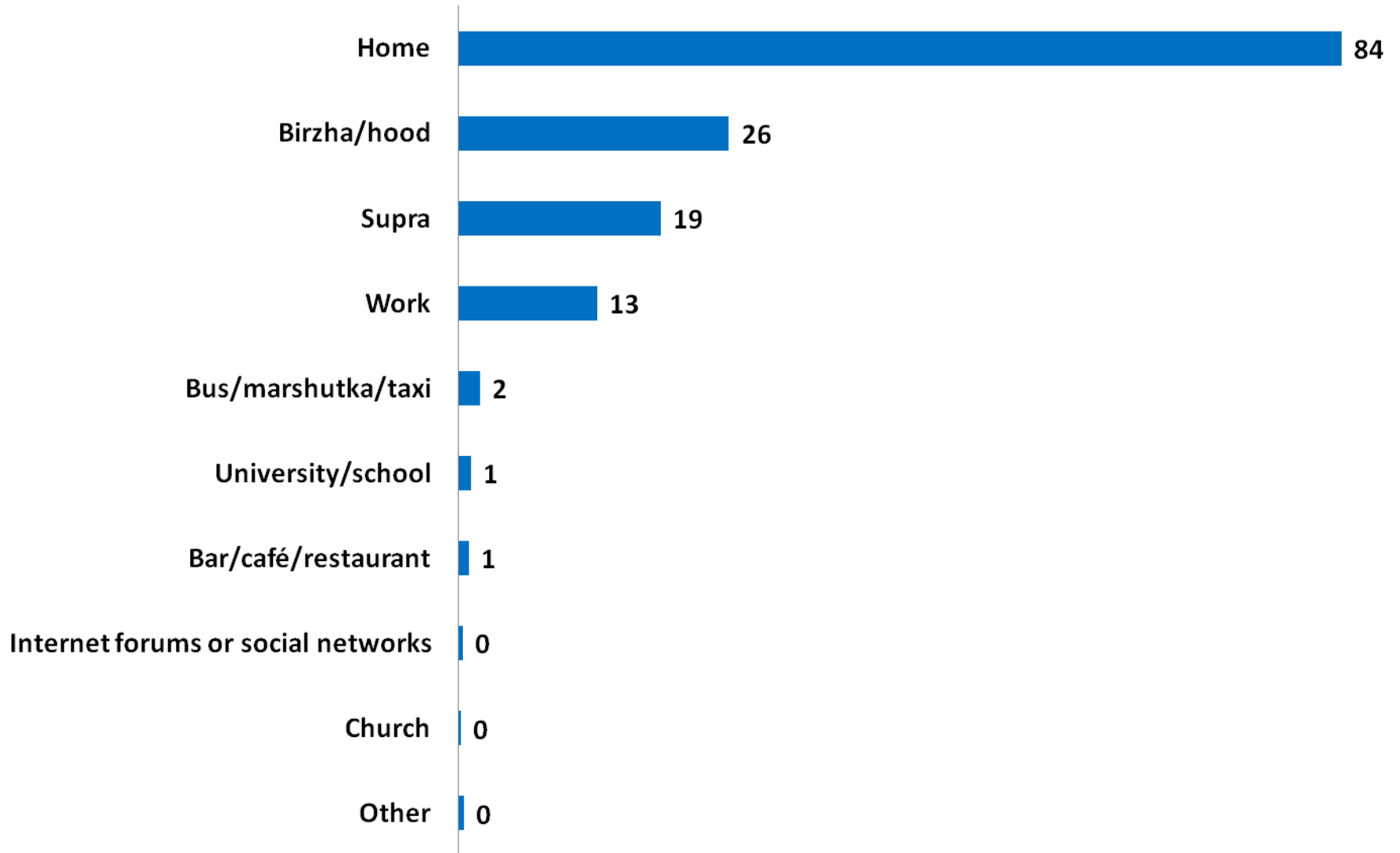


In which direction is Georgia going? (q10)



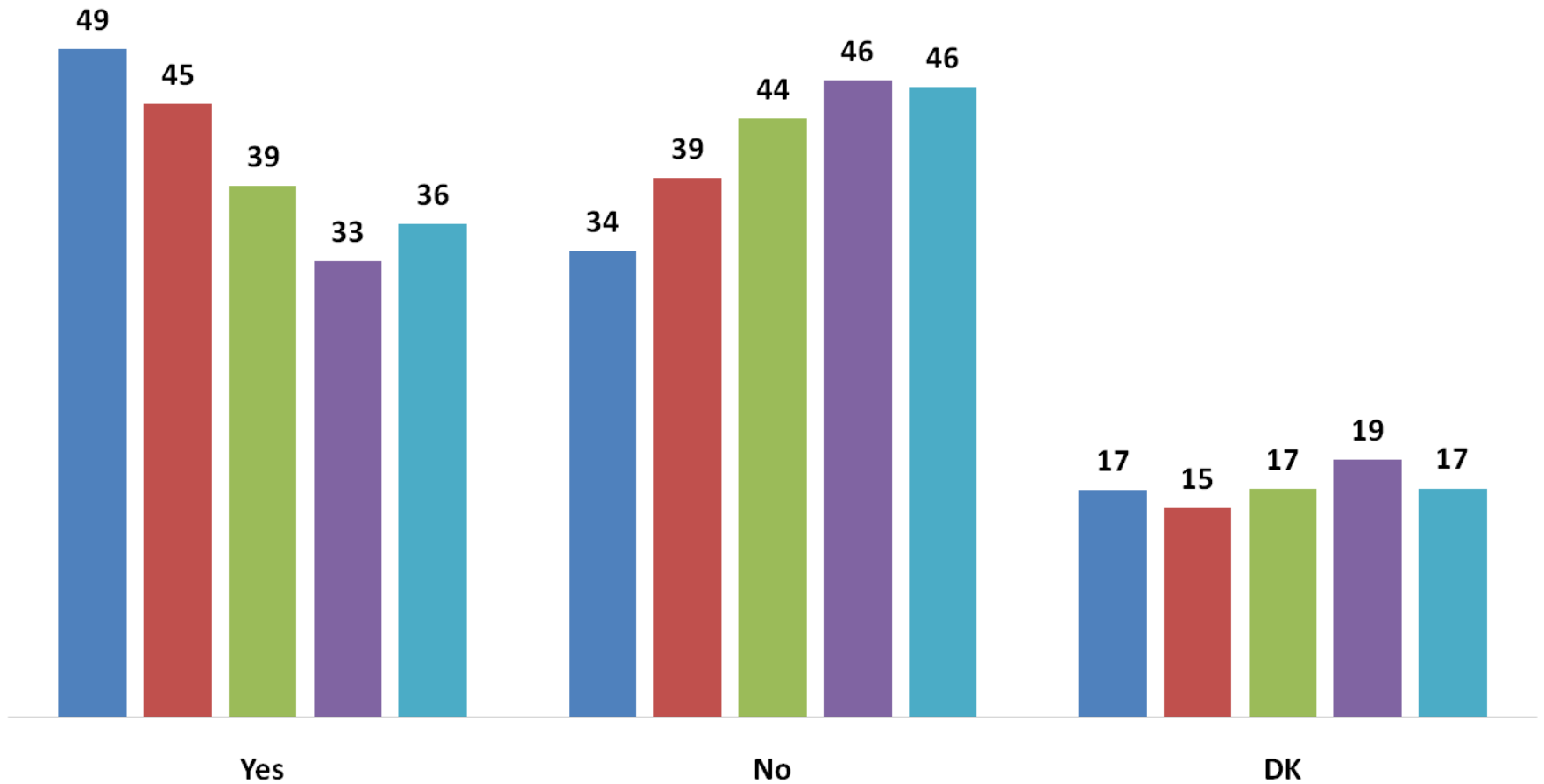
Democracy and Reforms

Where do you talk about politics? - of the 55% who talk about politics (q99)

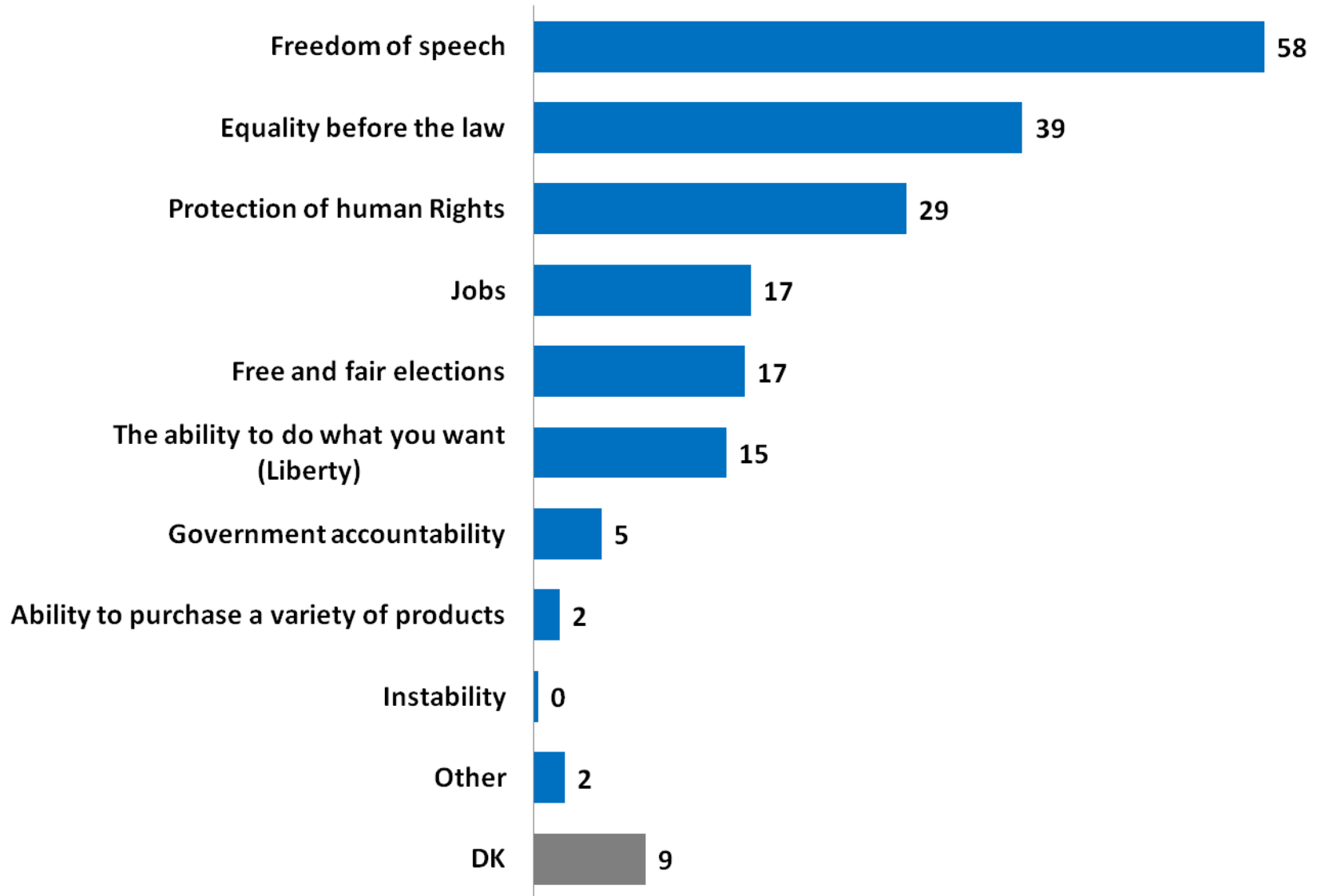


Is Georgia a democracy now? (q21)

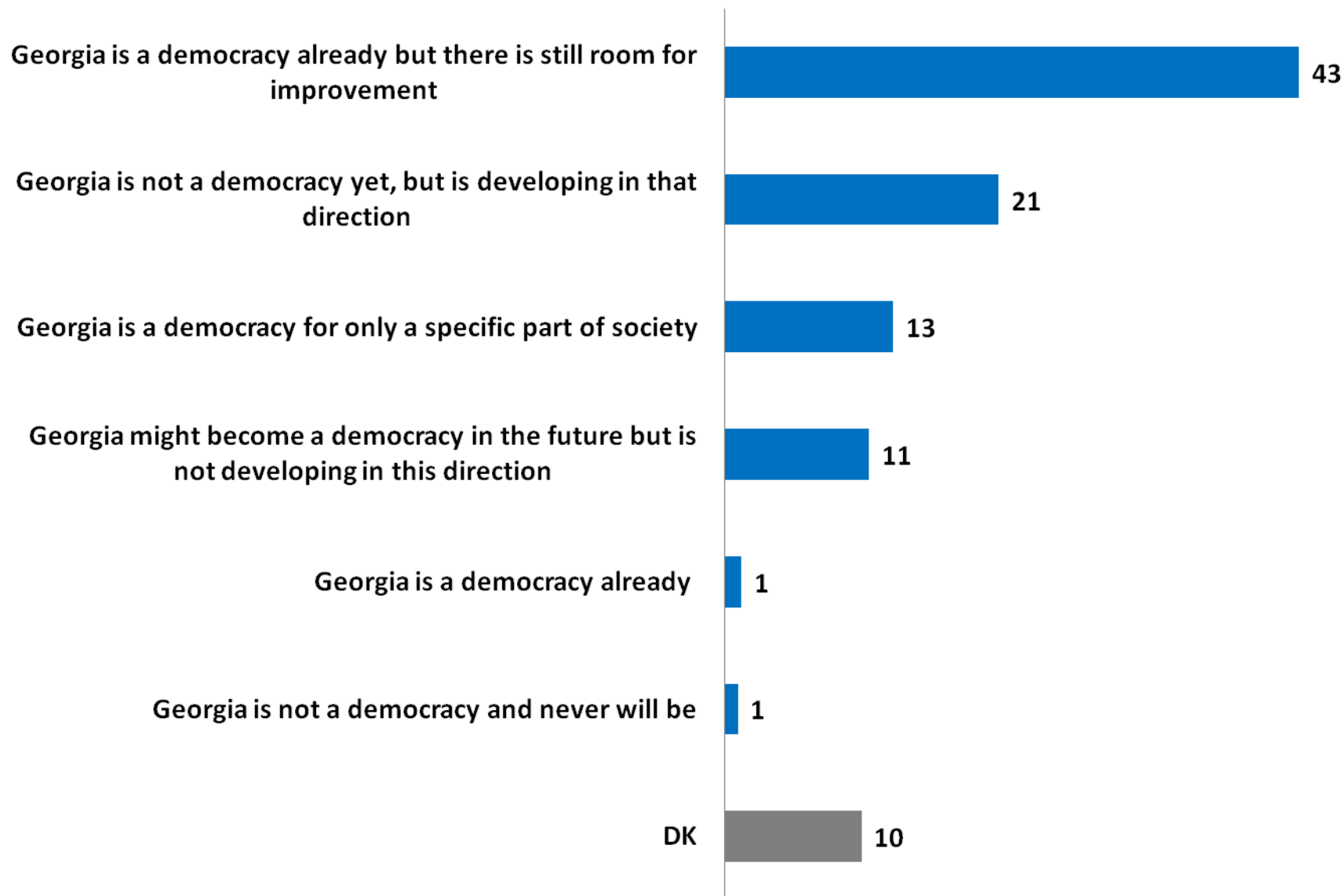
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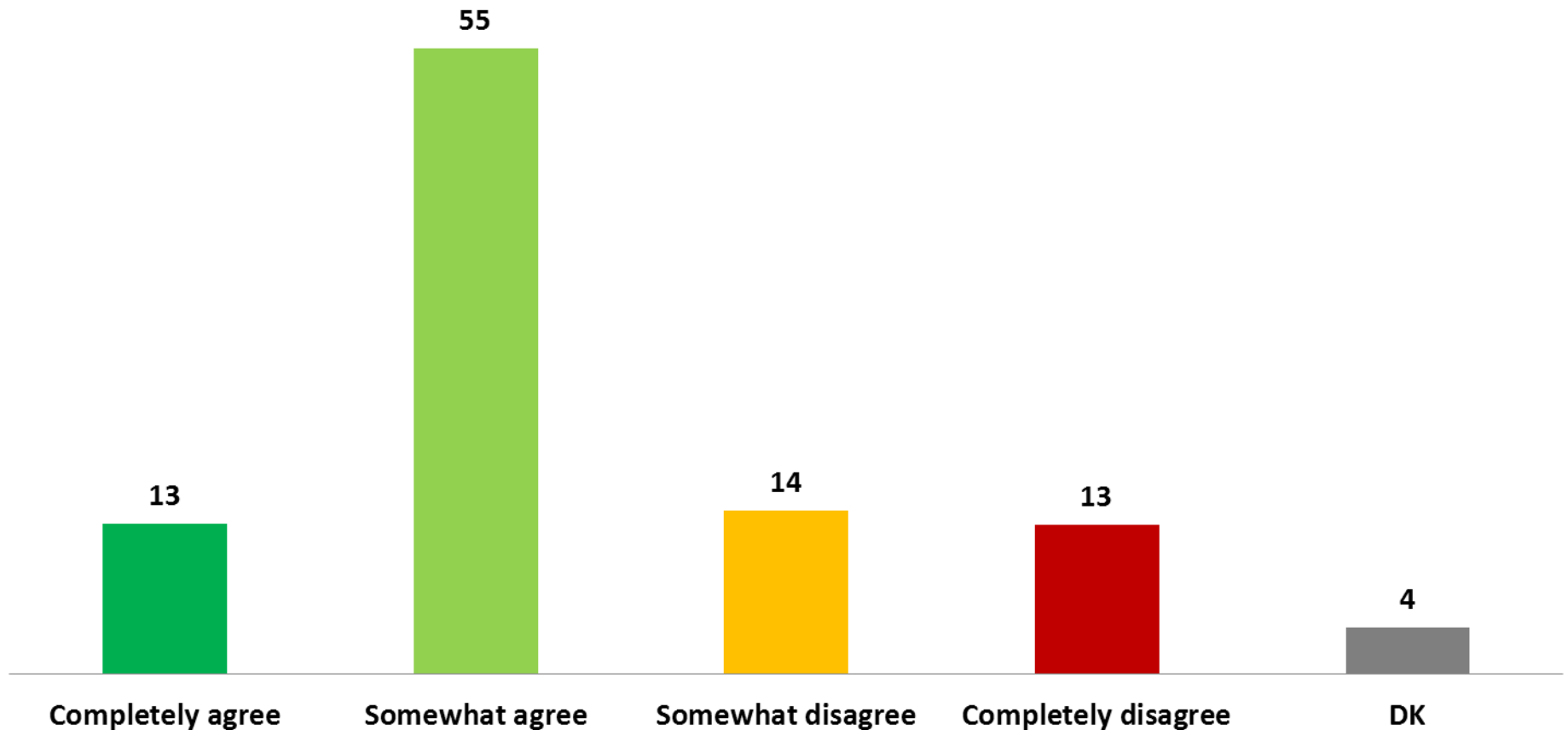
What does democracy mean to you? (q20)



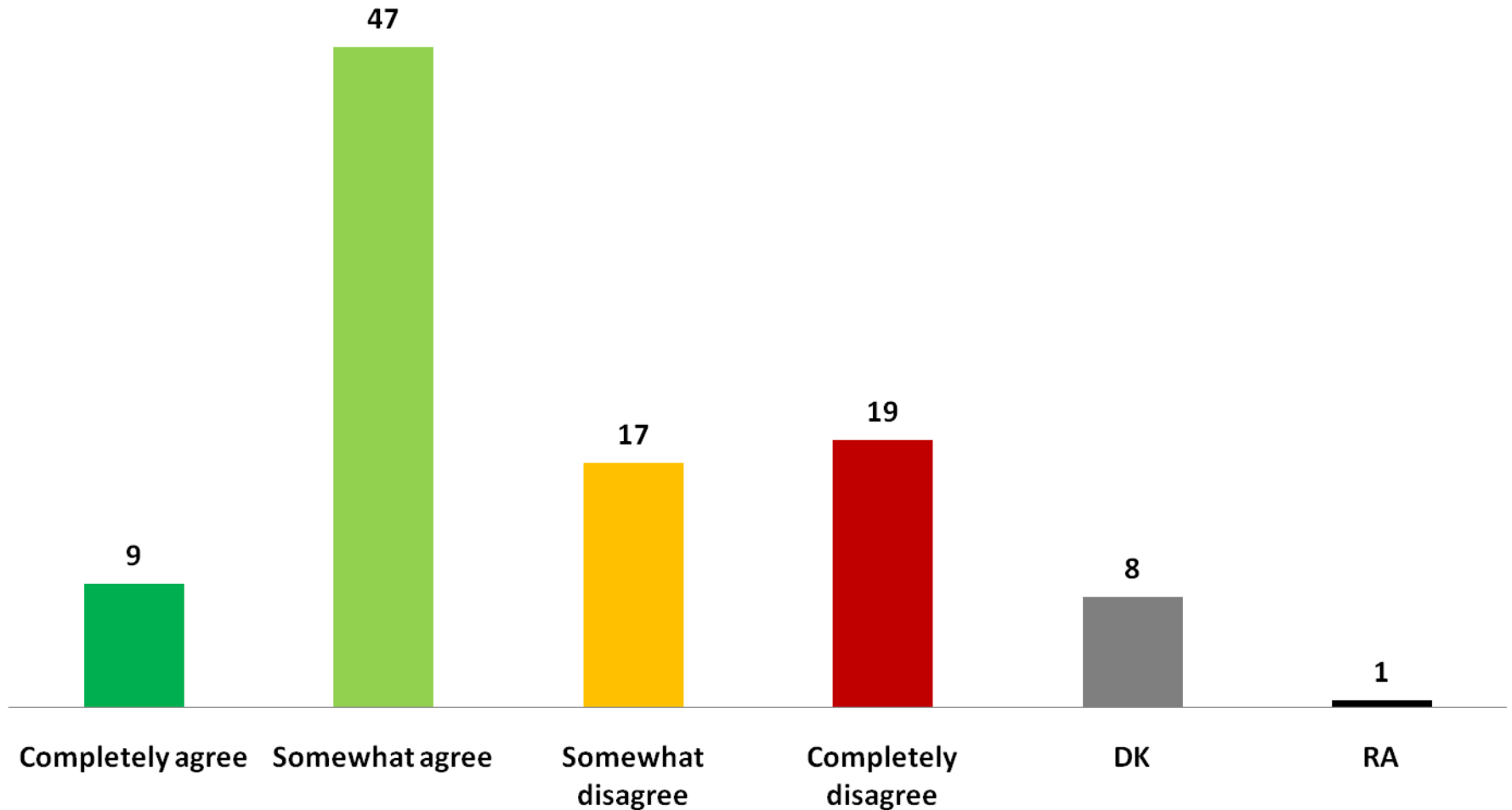
Please tell me, which statement do you agree with the most?(q22)



To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q17)



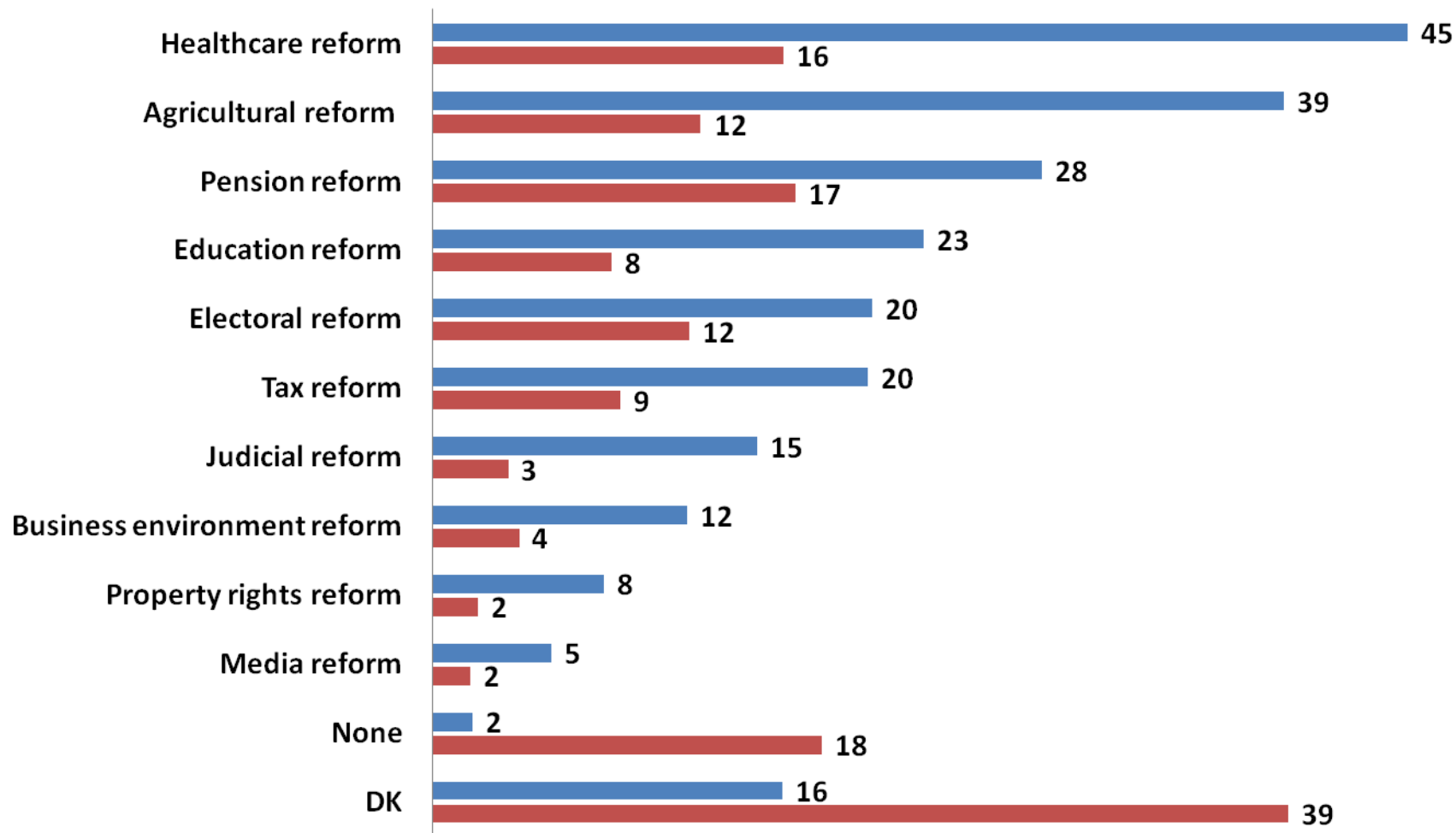
To what extent do you agree or disagree that your current local government is making the changes that matter to you? (q18)



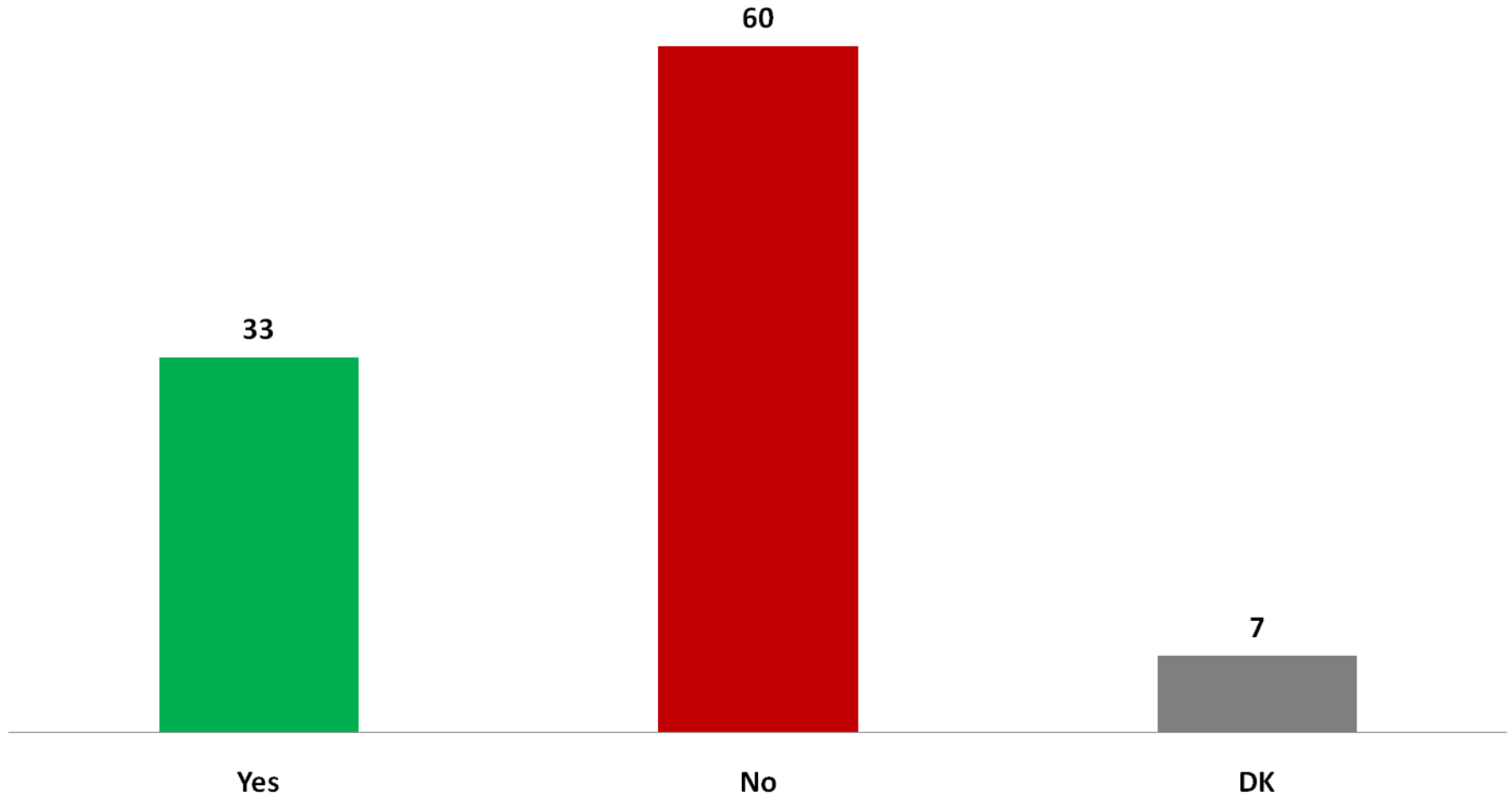
Which three reforms do you think would be most important for Georgia/expect to see achieved during the next 6 months? (q12/13)

■ Most important

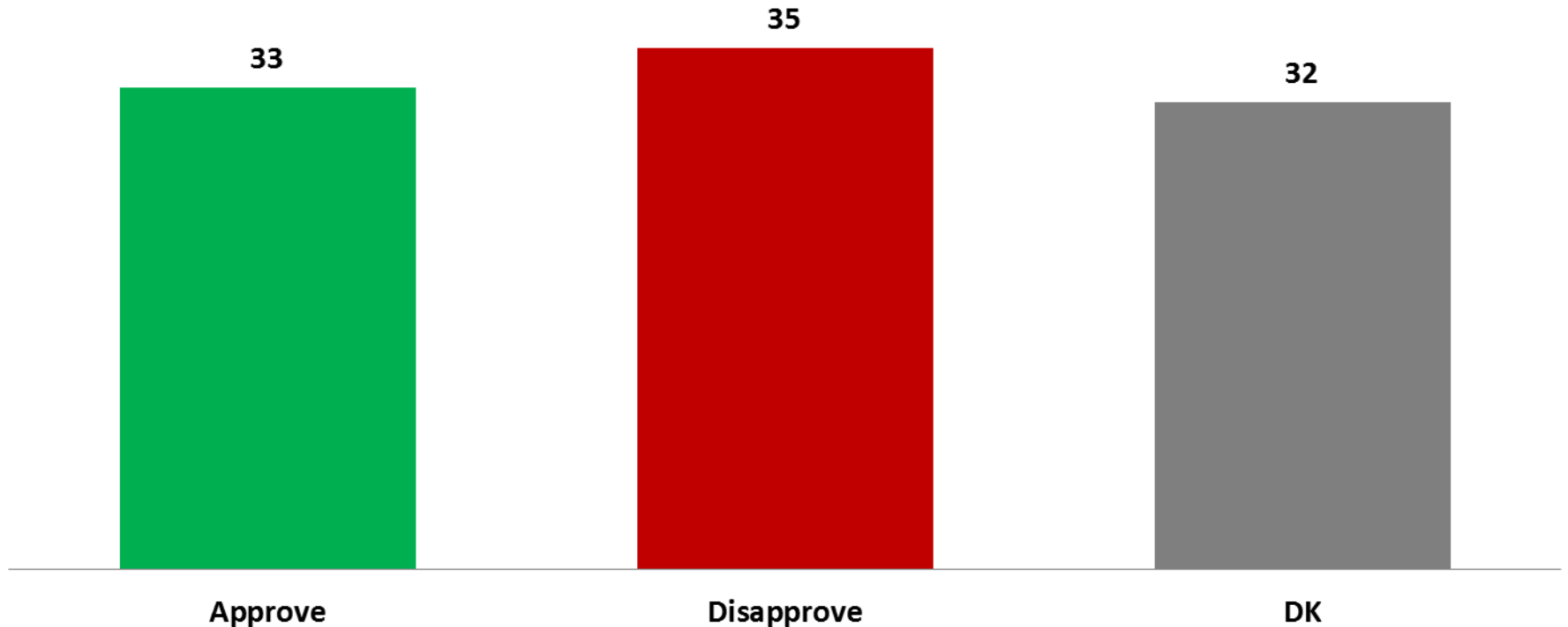
■ Most likely to be achieved during the next 6 months



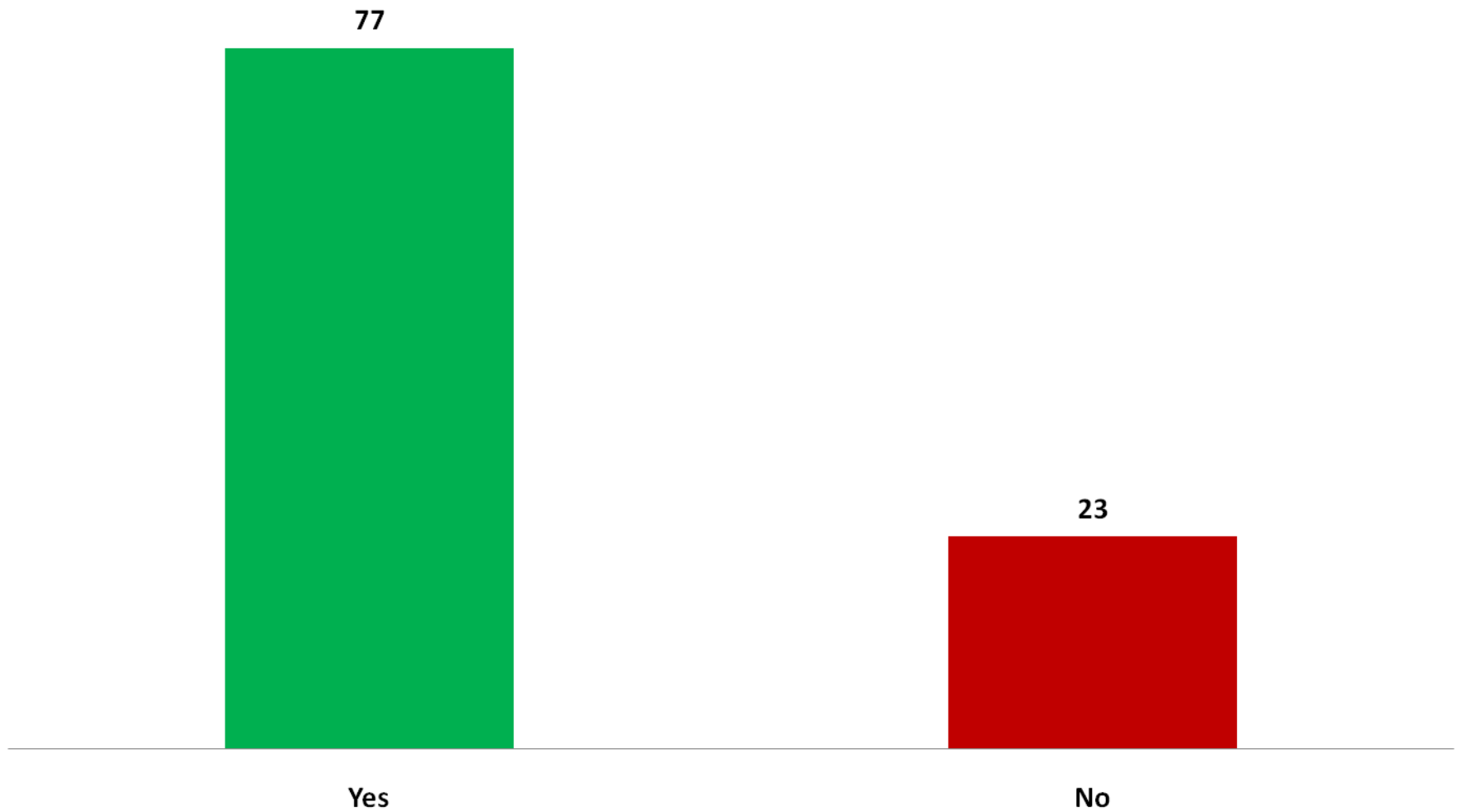
A special commission was established to verify the accuracy of voters' list relying mostly on door to door outreach of households. Were you aware of this commission? (q35)



Some officials have said it will cost approximately 5 million GEL to carry out the voters' list verification. Would you approve or disapprove of this spending? (q37)

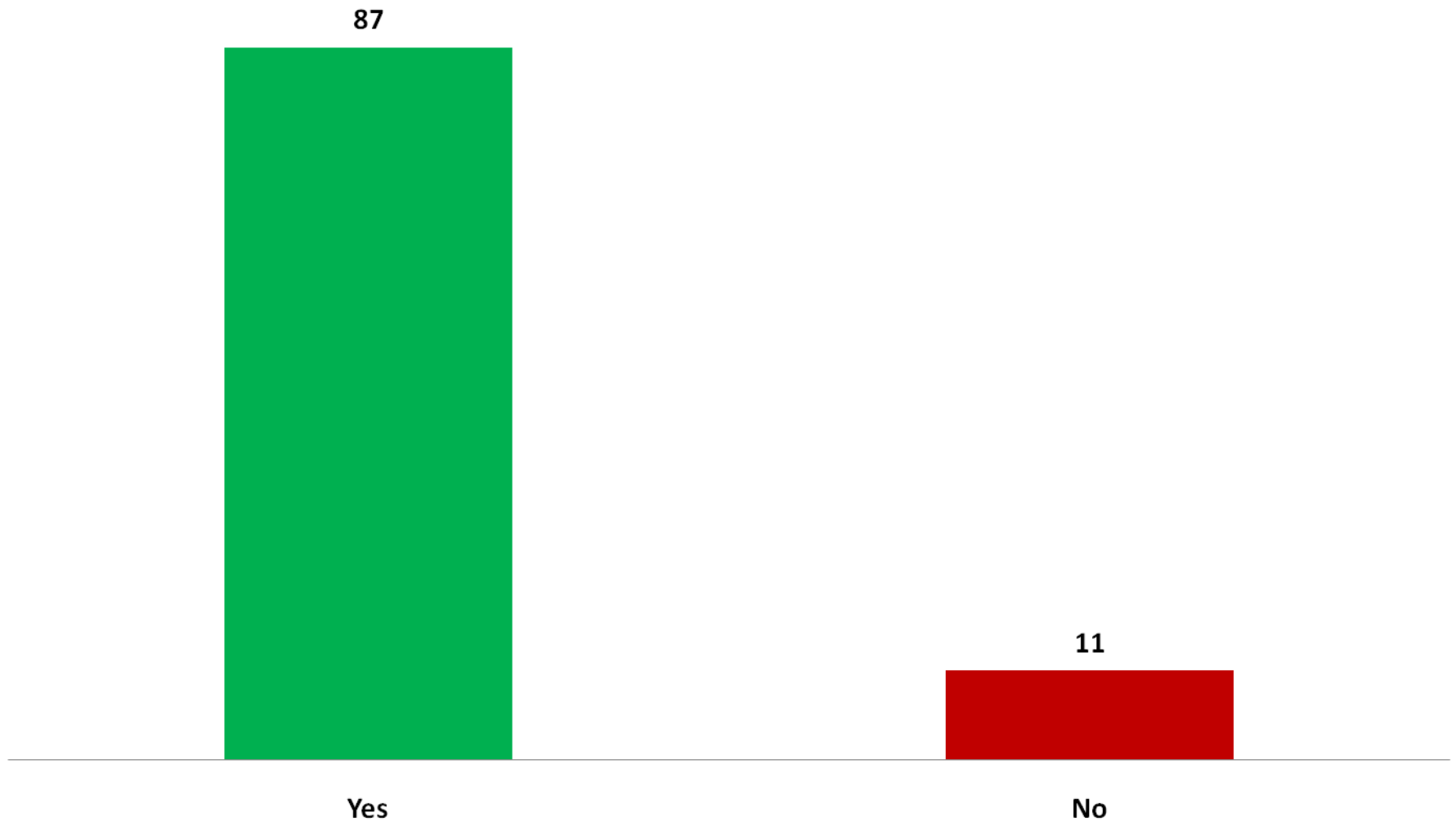


Do you currently live where you are legally registered? (q106)

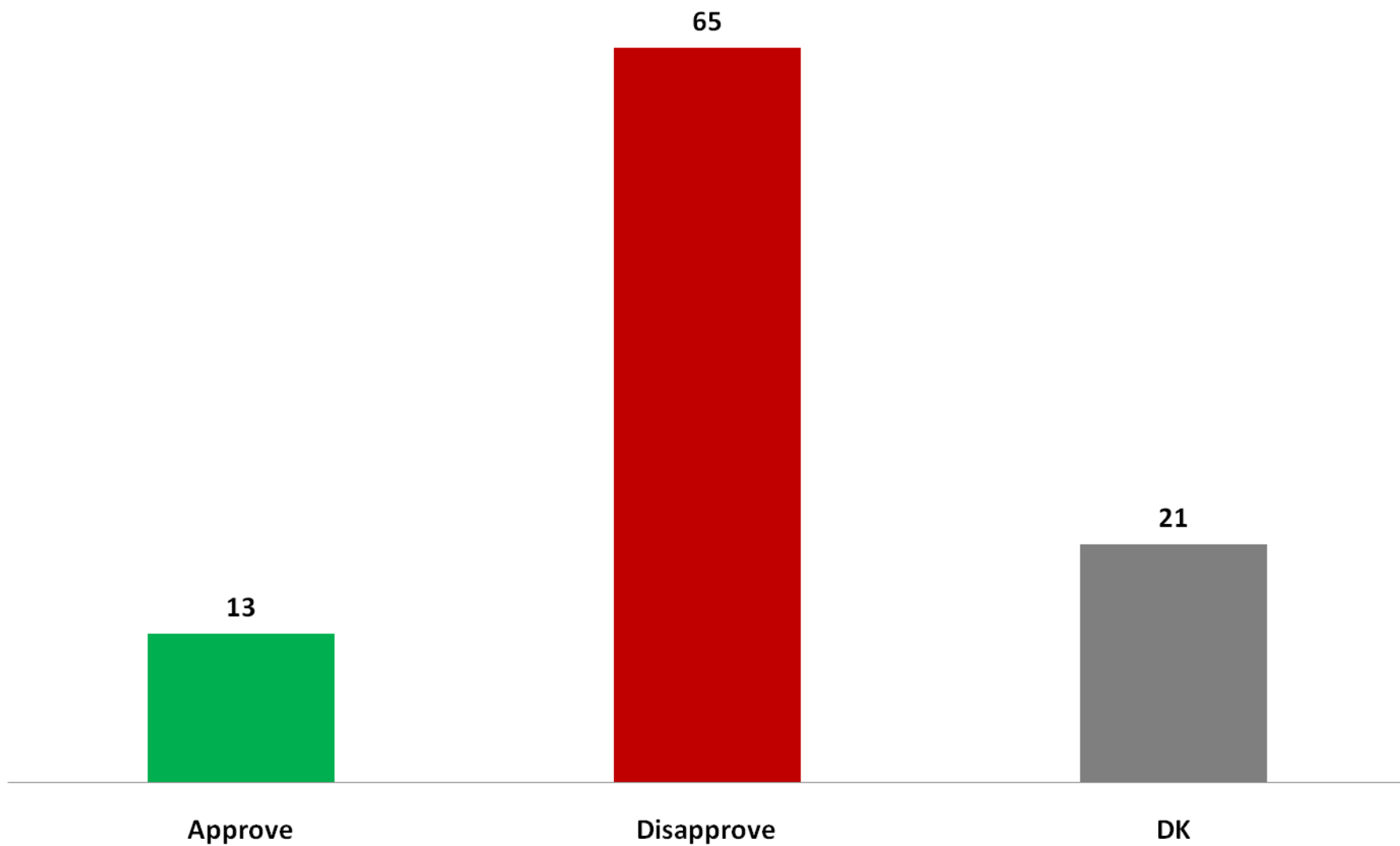


Current Events

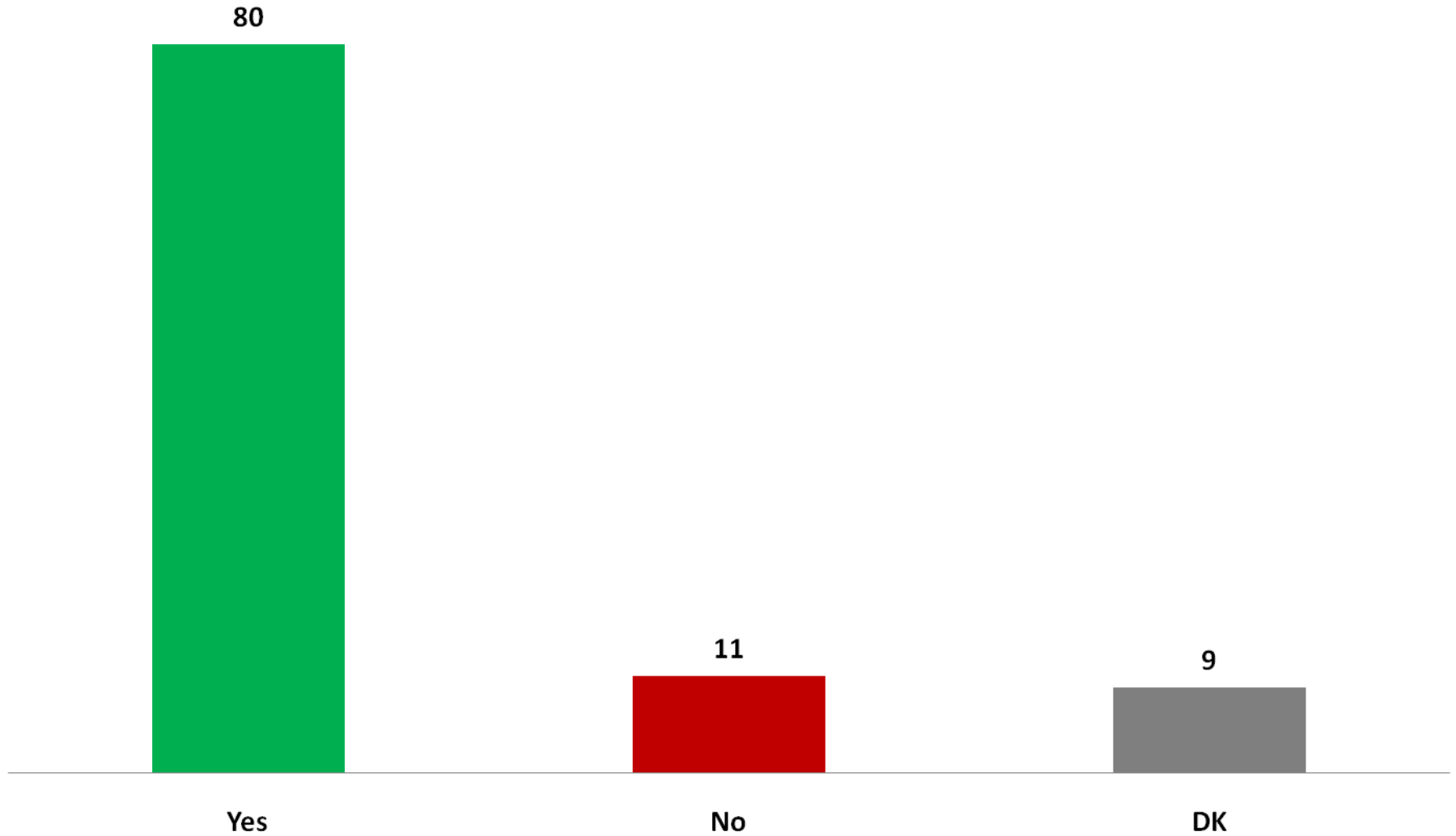
Are you aware that Bidzina Ivanishvili was stripped of his Georgian citizenship by Presidential decree? (q89)



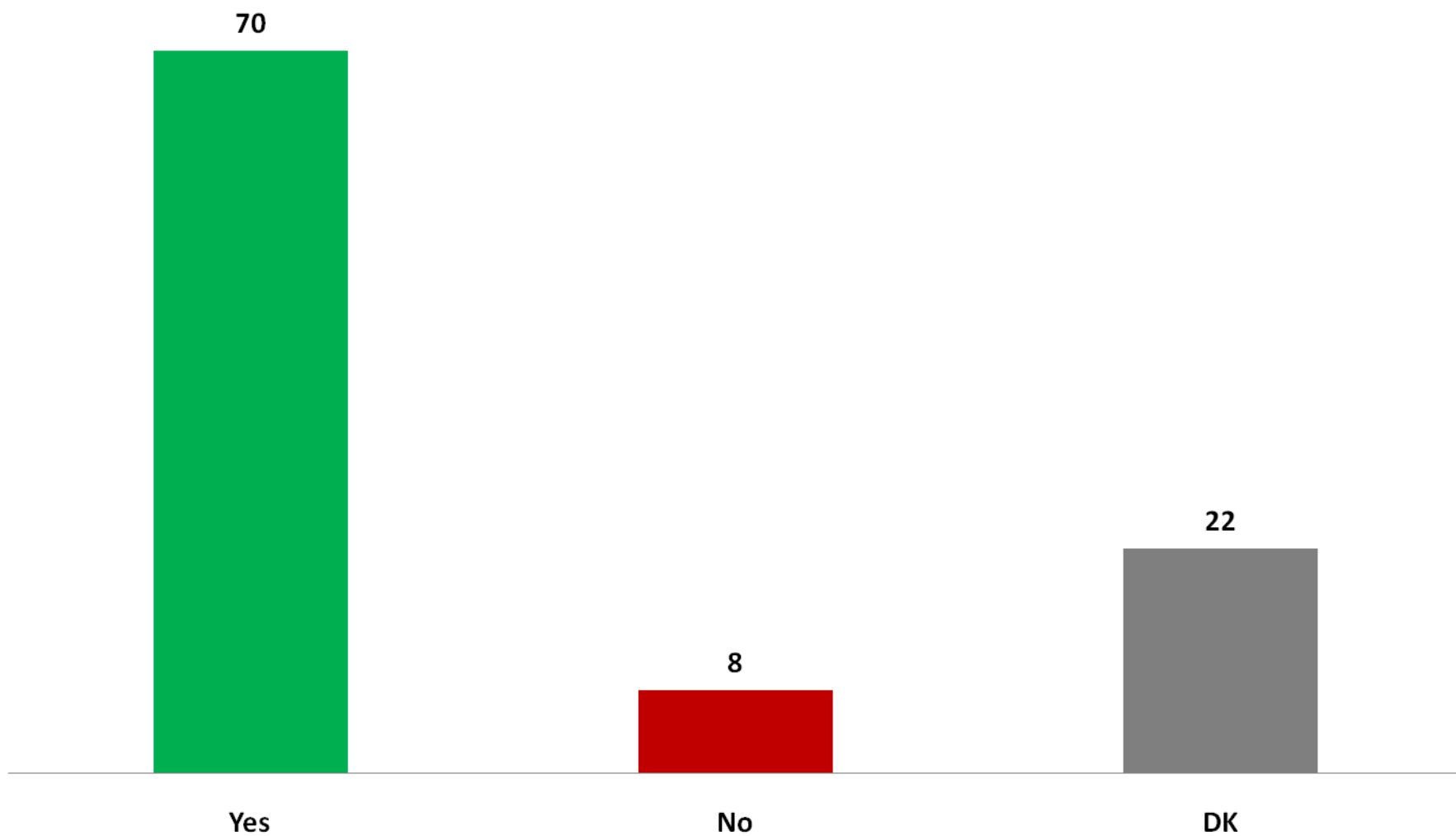
Do you approve or disapprove of the revocation of Bidzina Ivanishili's citizenship? (q90)



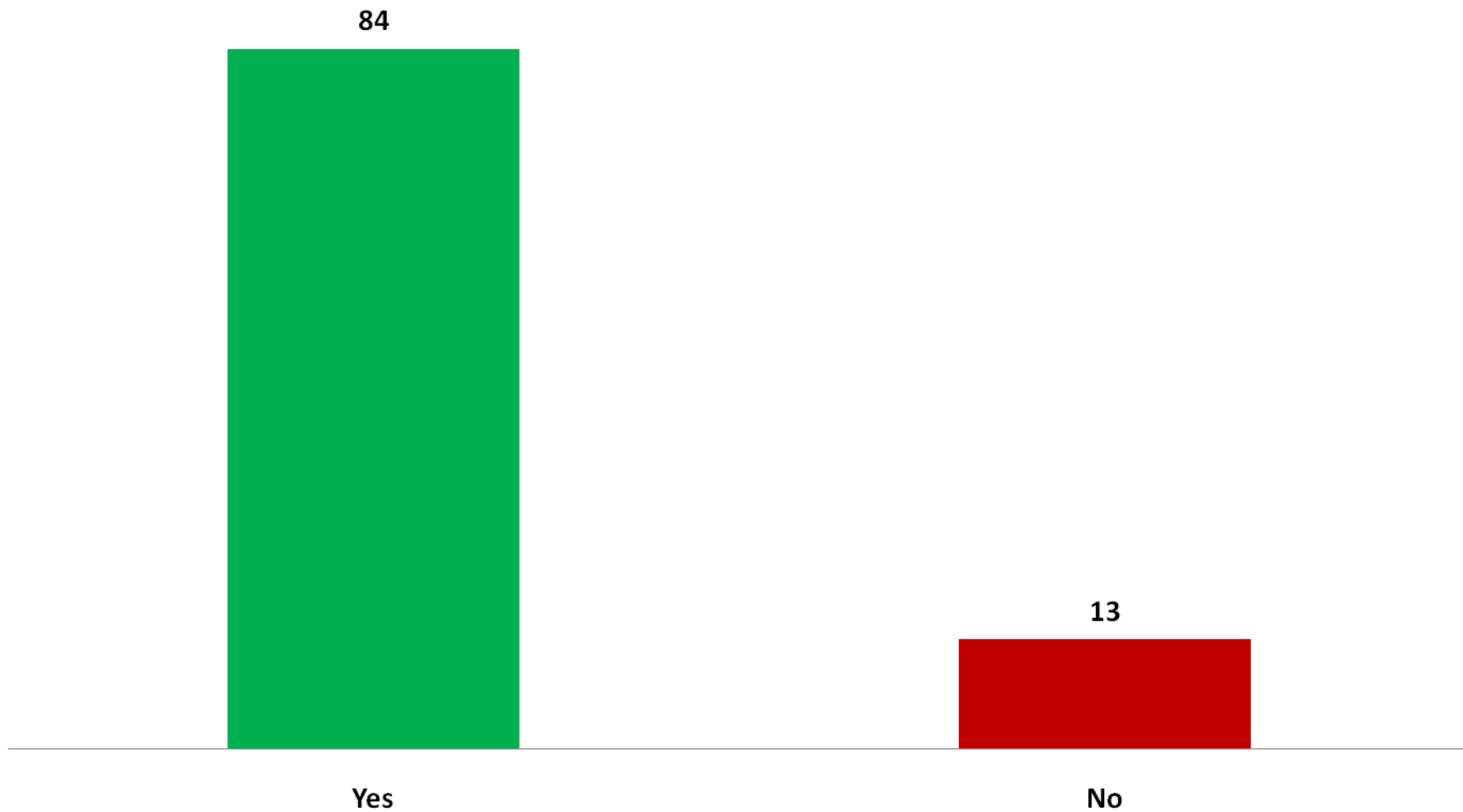
Are you aware that Bidzina Ivanishvili is pursuing the reinstatement of his citizenship (q91)



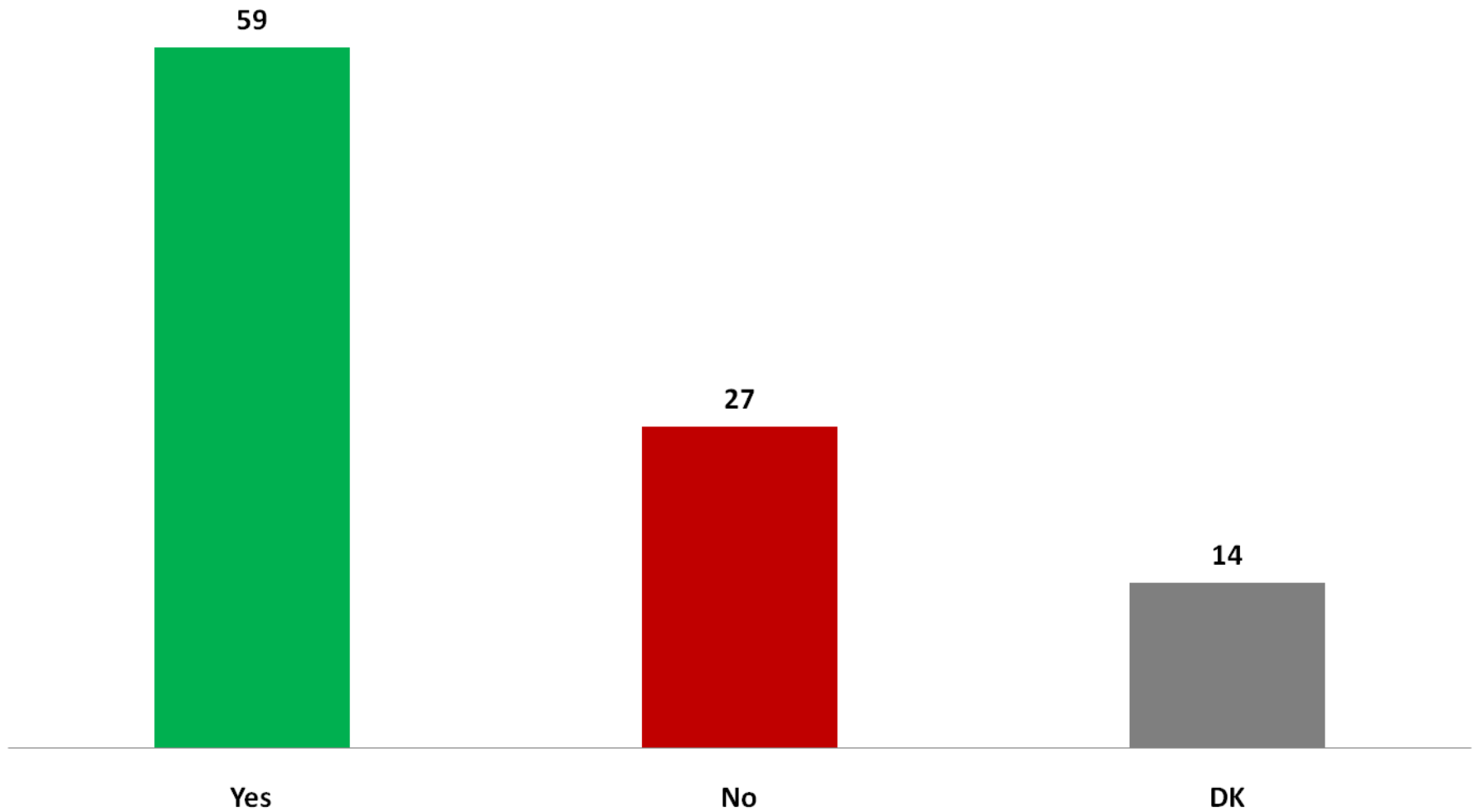
Do you think that Bidzina Ivanishvili's citizenship
should be reinstated? (q92)



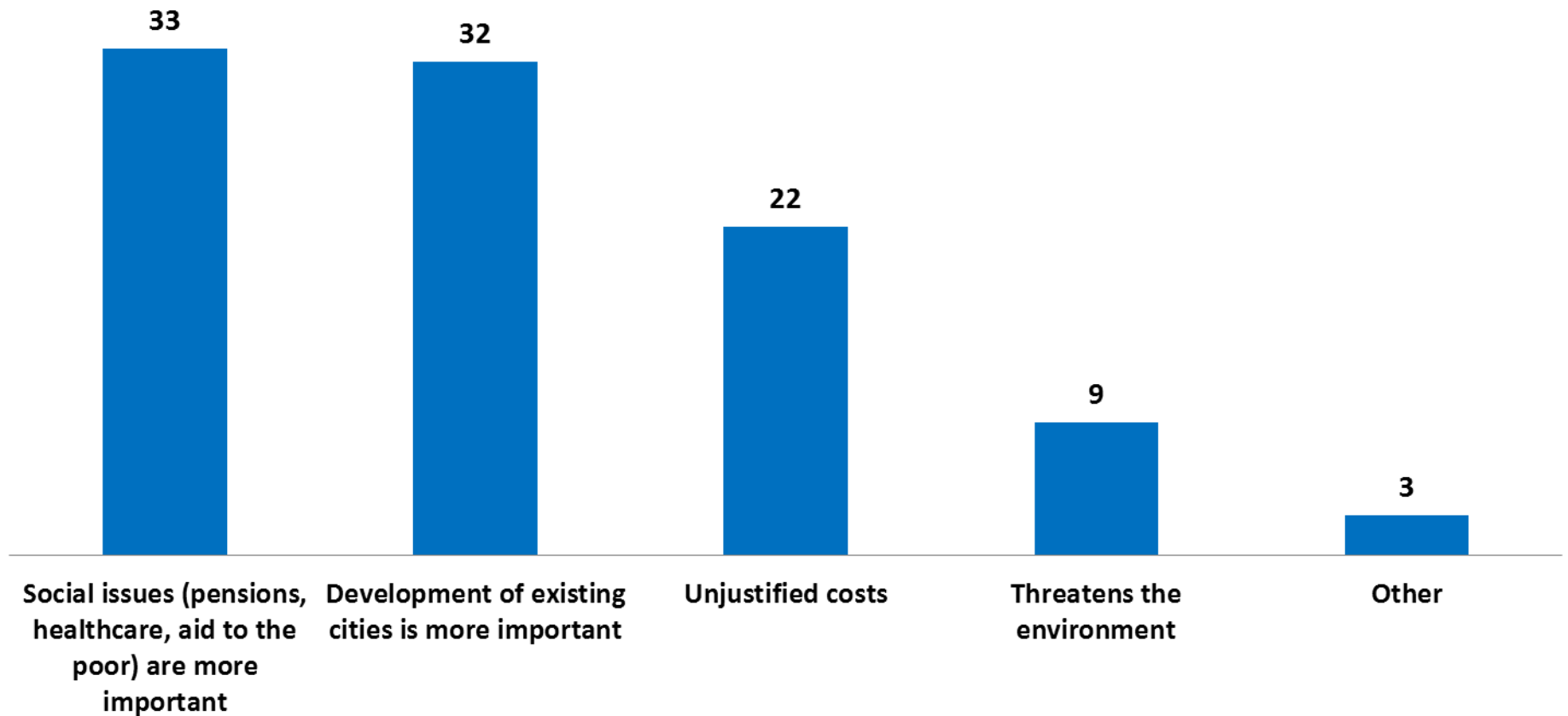
President Saakashvili has announced that he will build a new city Lazika, which will become Georgia's second largest city and the third port on the Black Sea. Are you aware of this announcement? (q94)



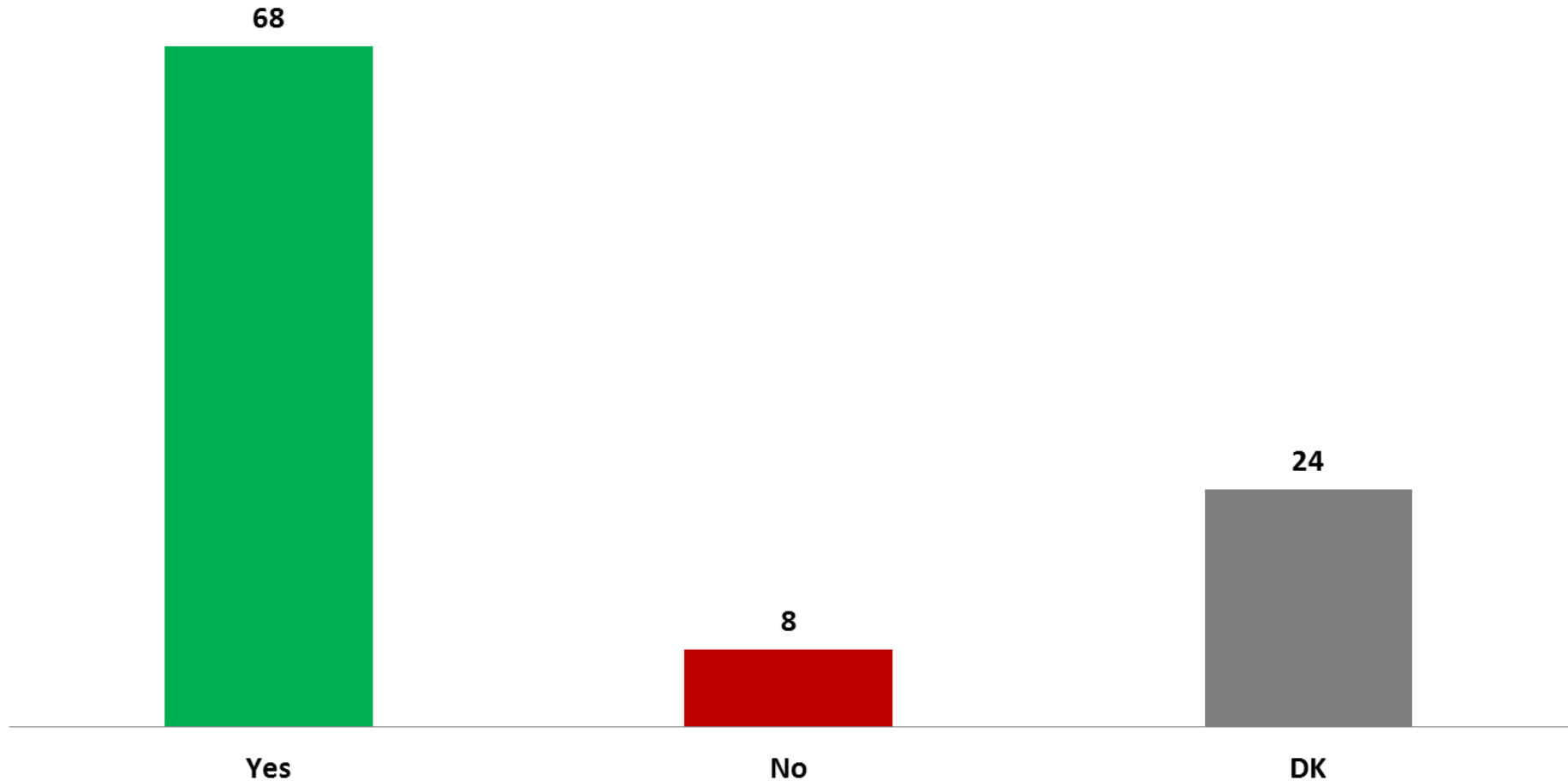
Do you support this initiative? - of 84% (q95)



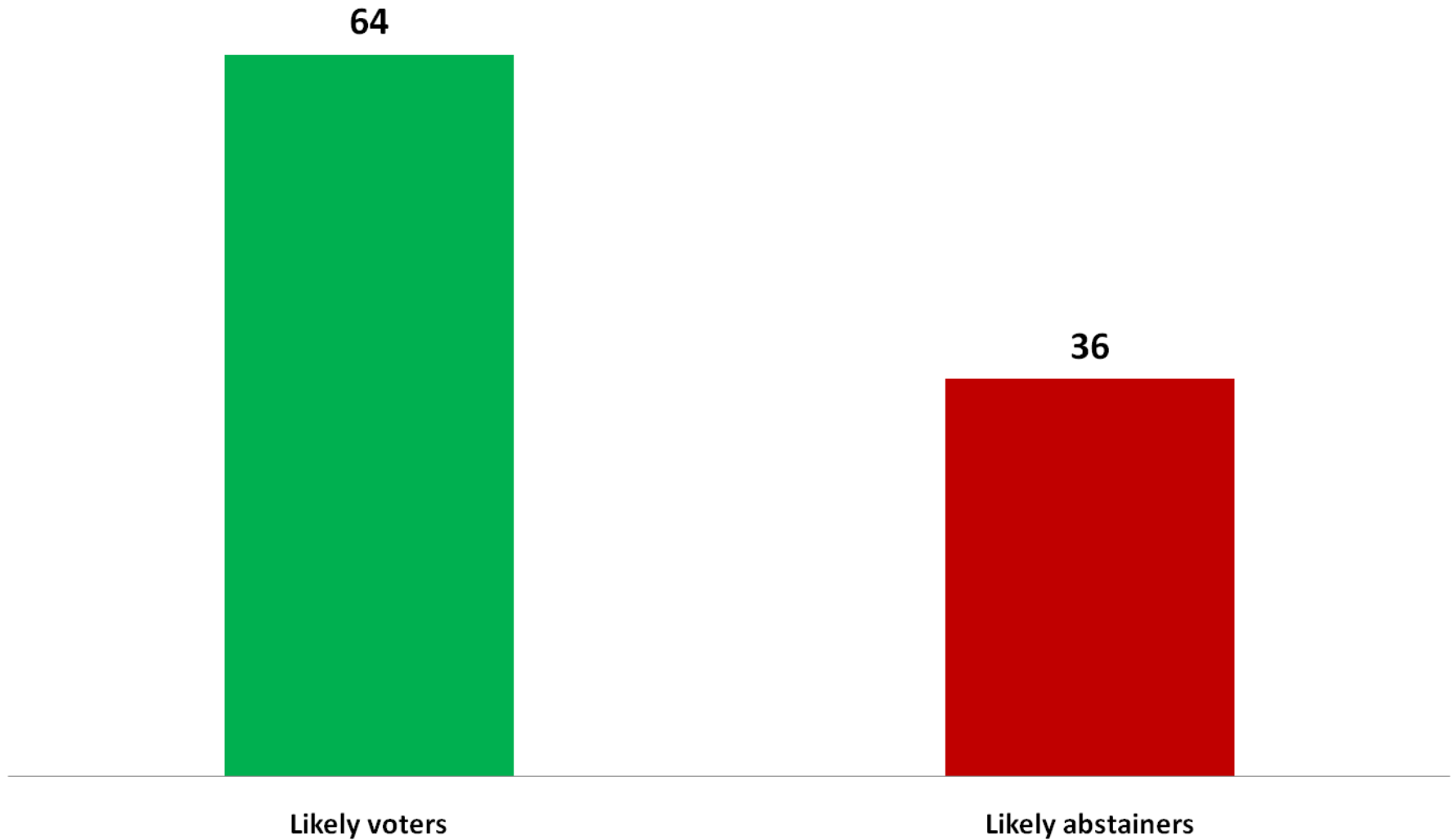
If no, why not? - of 27% (q96)



Should there have been public consultations and/or discussions of this initiative in Parliament prior to this declaration?- of the 84% who were aware of the initiative (q97)

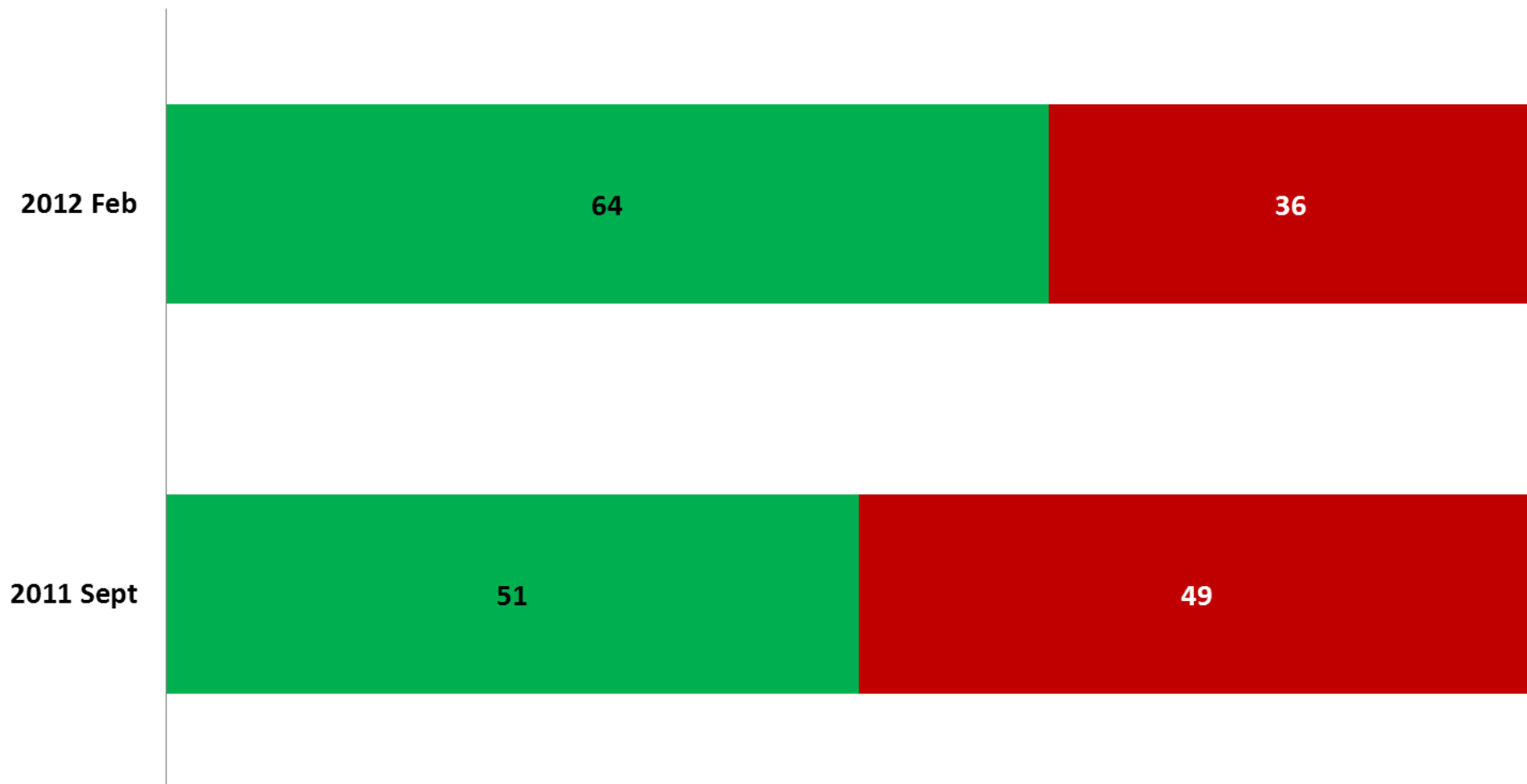


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■ Likely voters ■ Likely abstainers

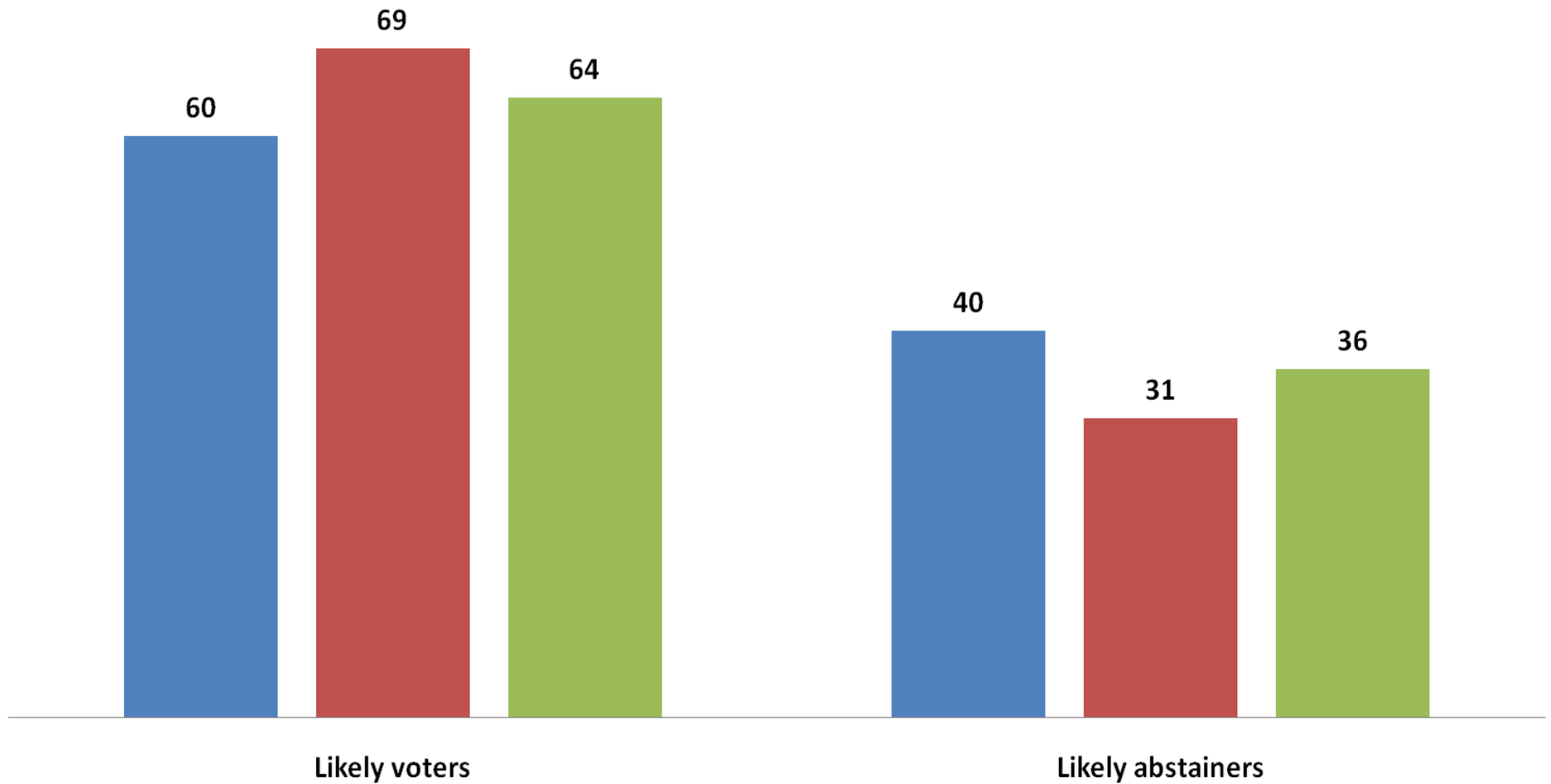


If 2012 parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q23 X Age)

■ 18-35

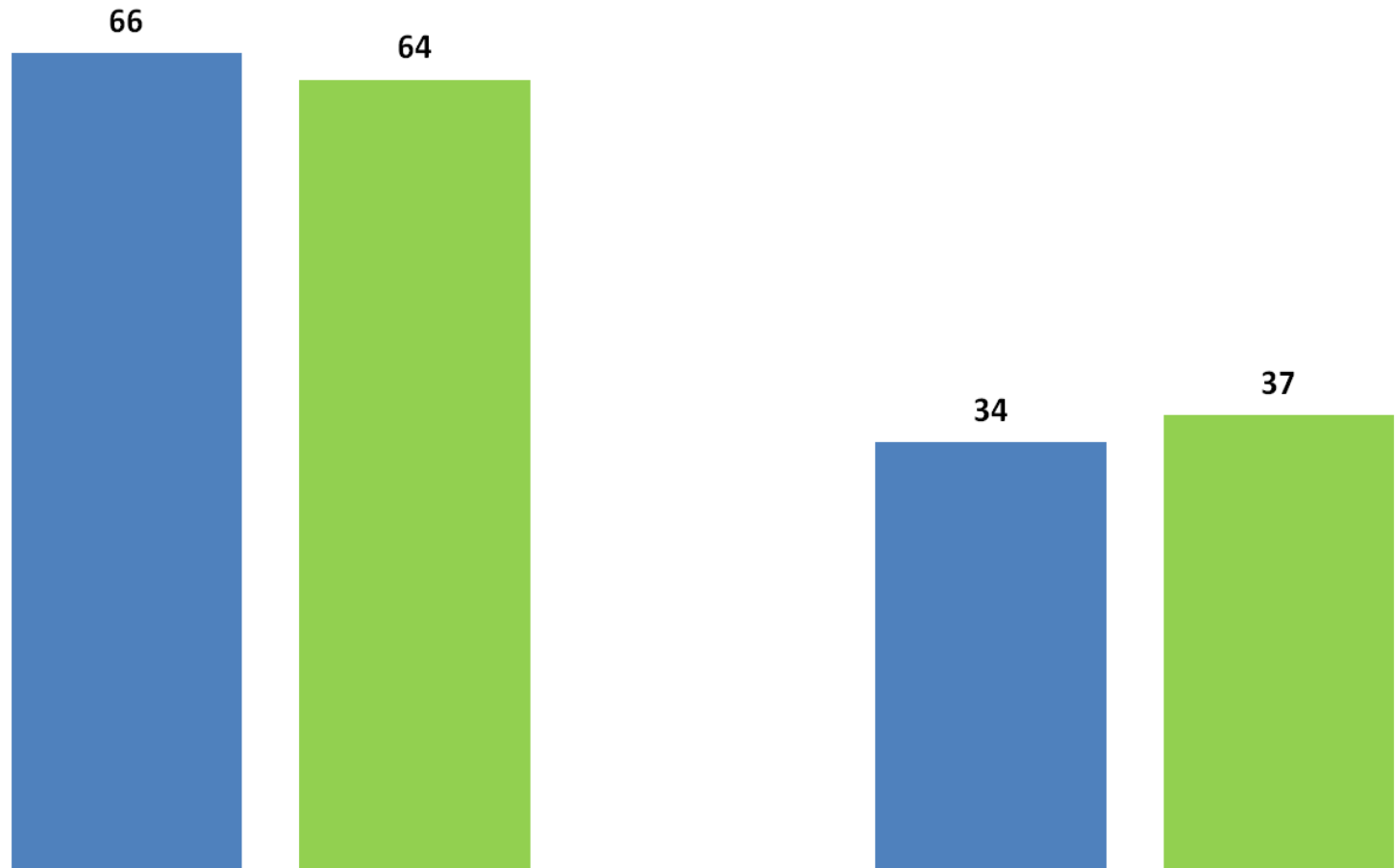
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If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q23 X Gender)

■ Men ■ Women

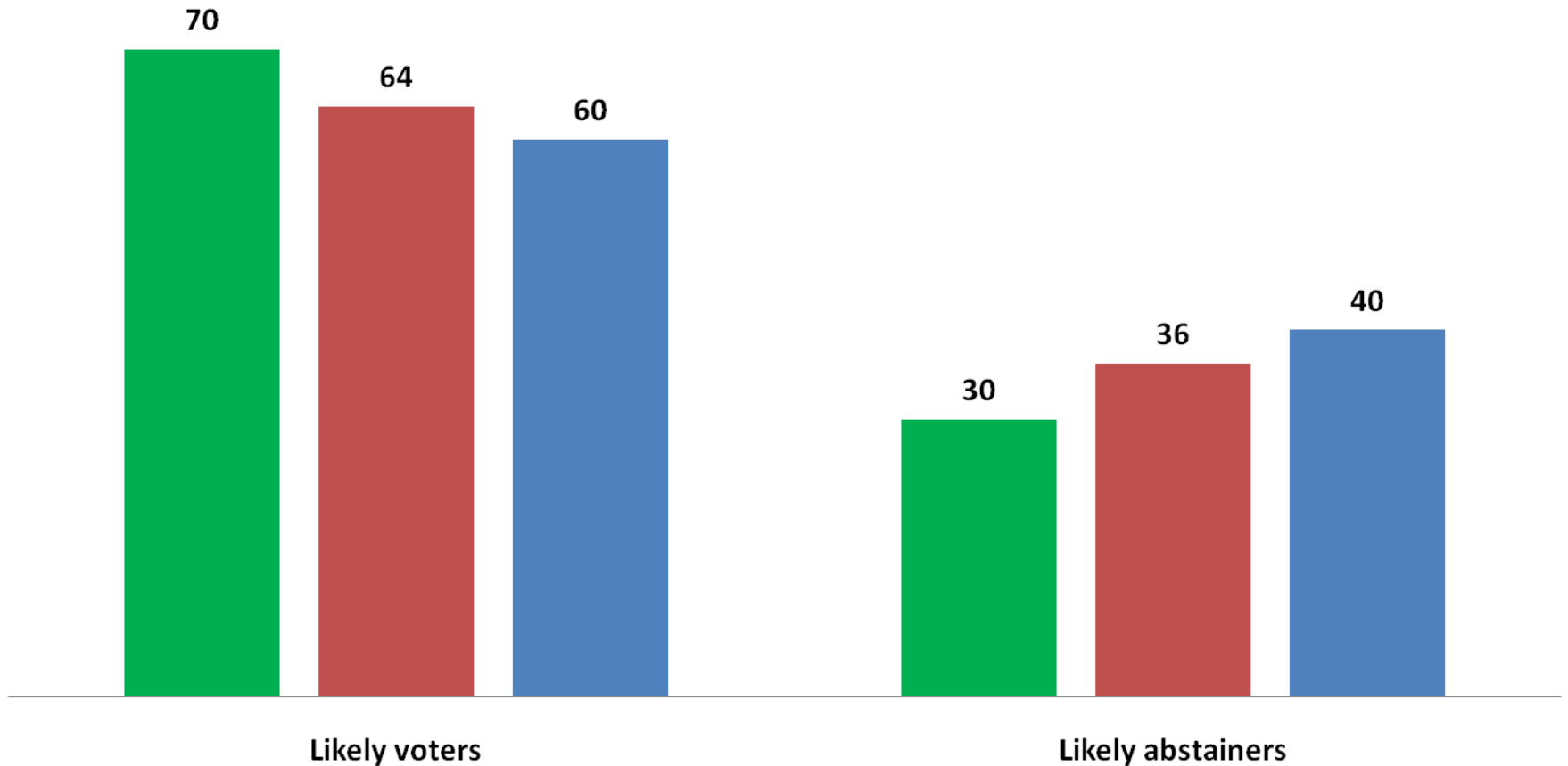


Likely voters

Likely abstainers

If 2012 parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q23 X Employment)

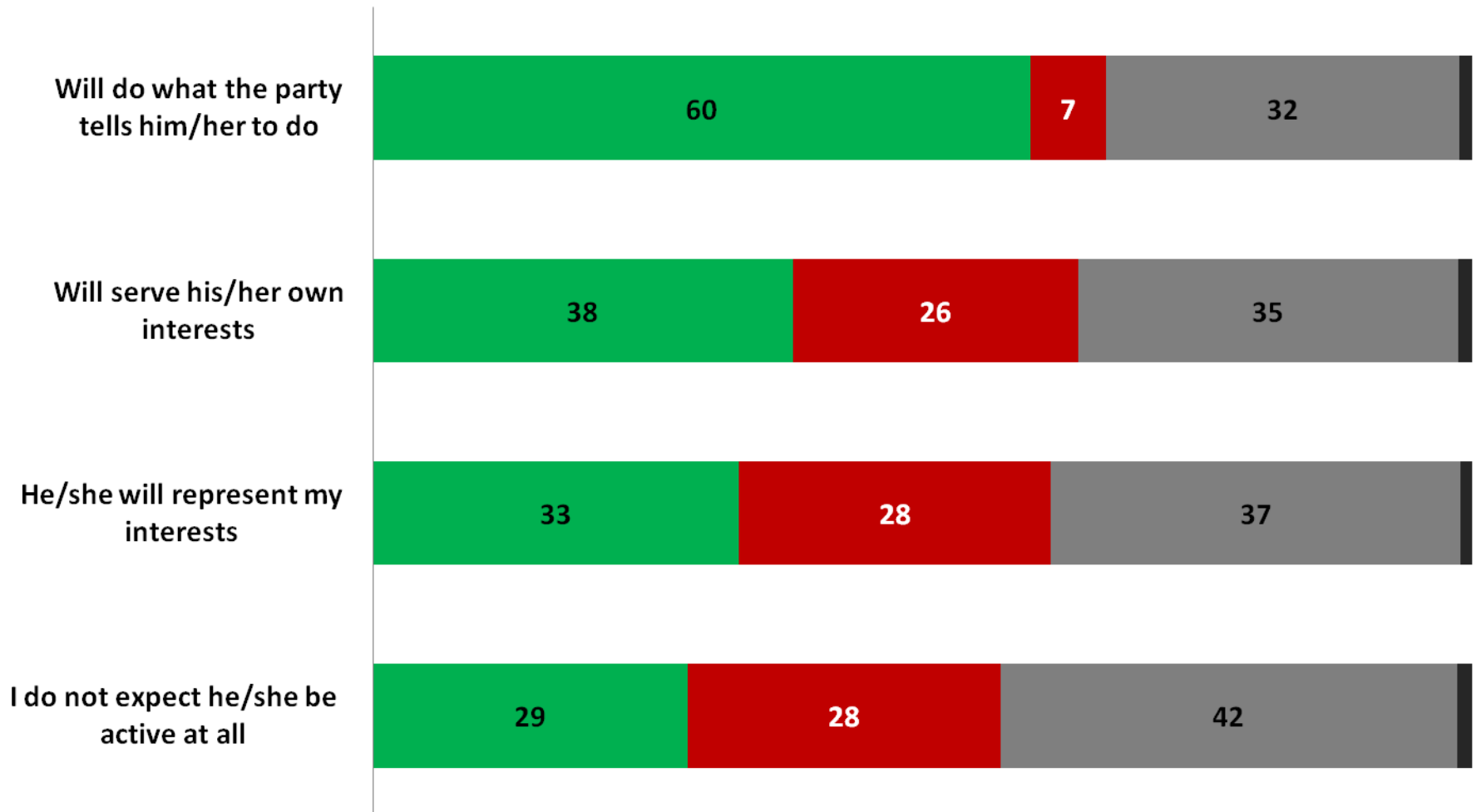
■ Employed ■ Unemployed and looking for a job ■ Other



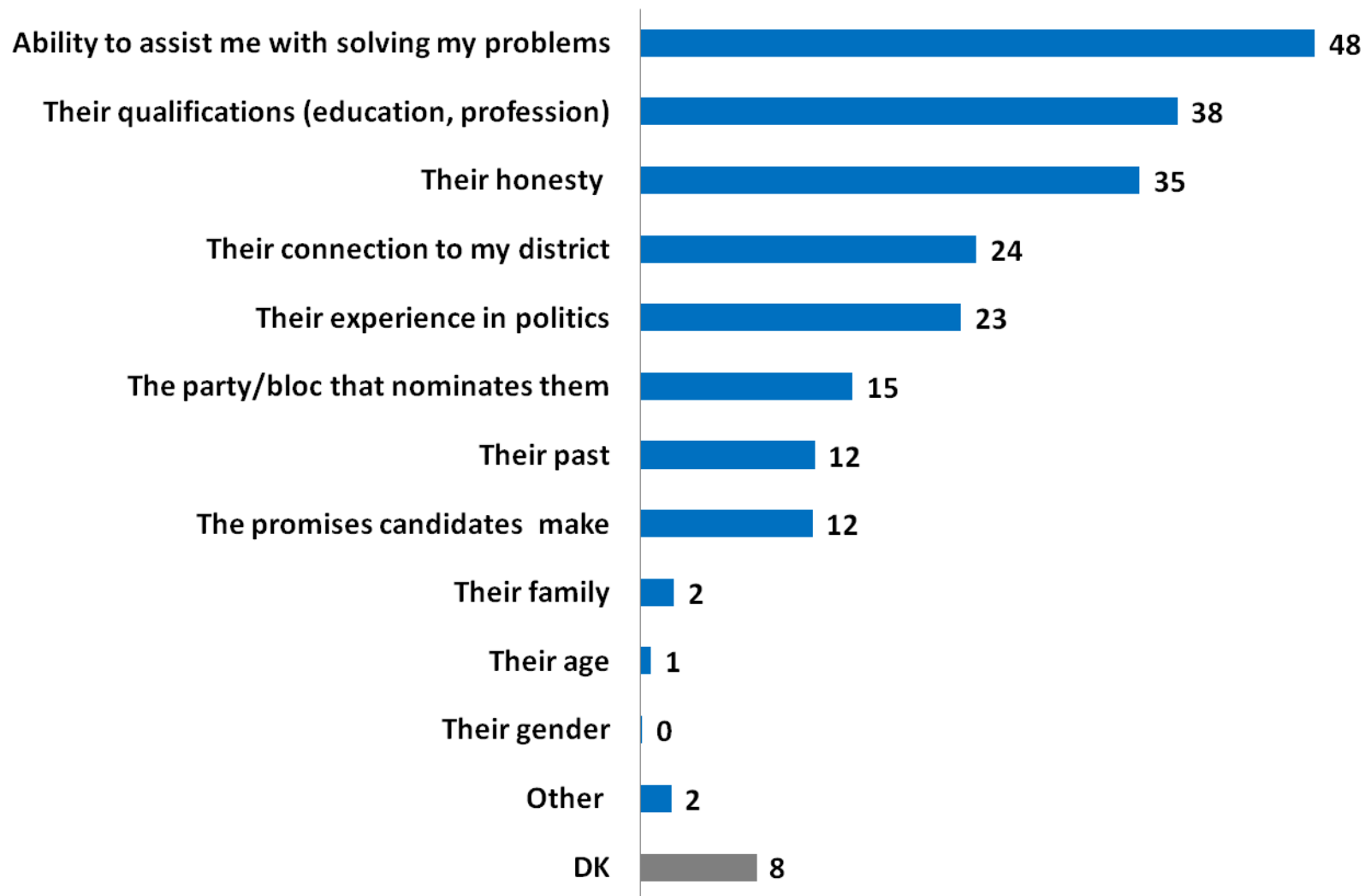
Parliament and Women's Participation

What do you expect from your majoritarian member of the Parliament (MP)? (q56)

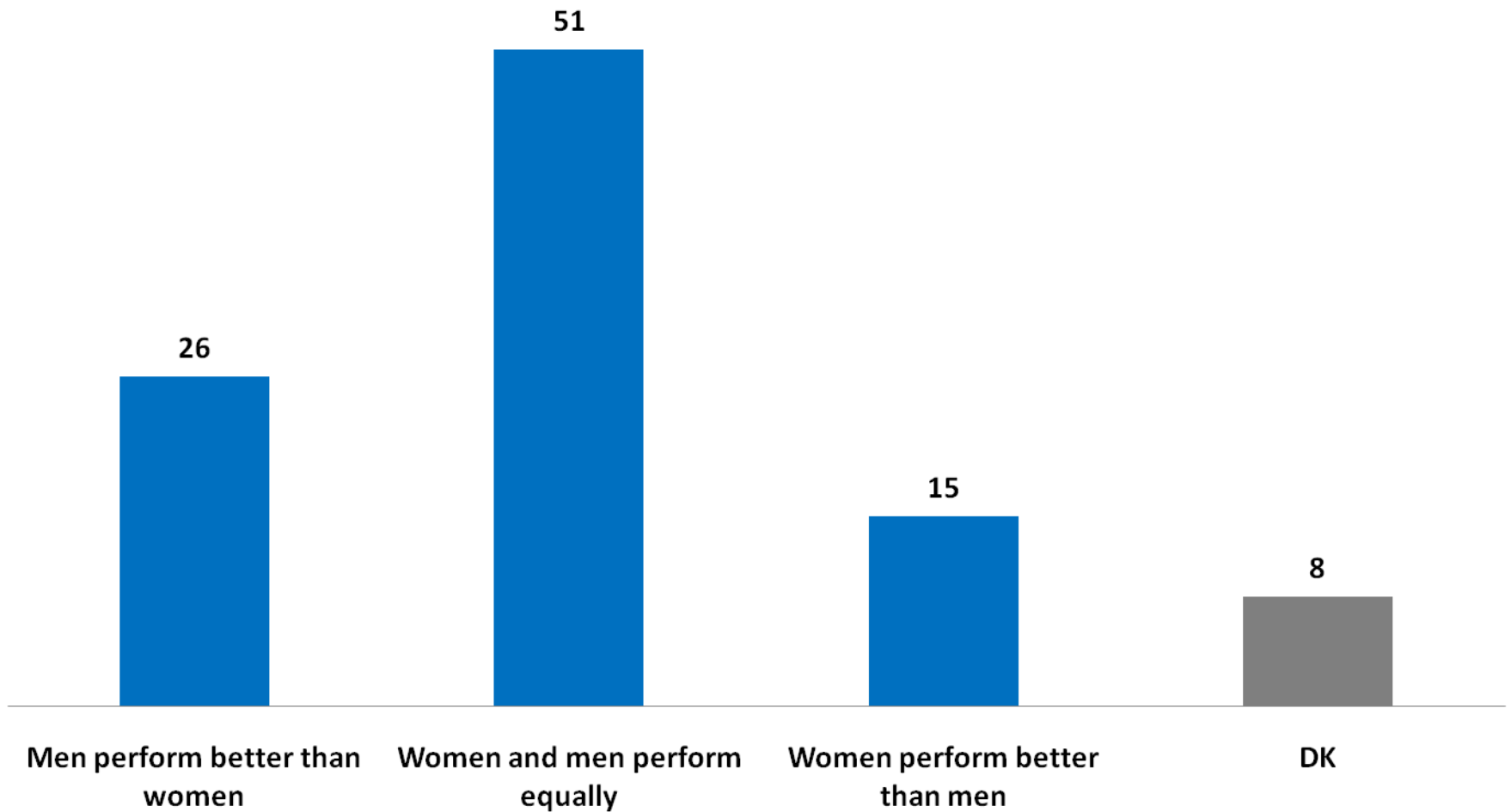
Yes No DK RA



When deciding who you want as your Majoritarian MP, what is important for you? - Name up to three (q57)

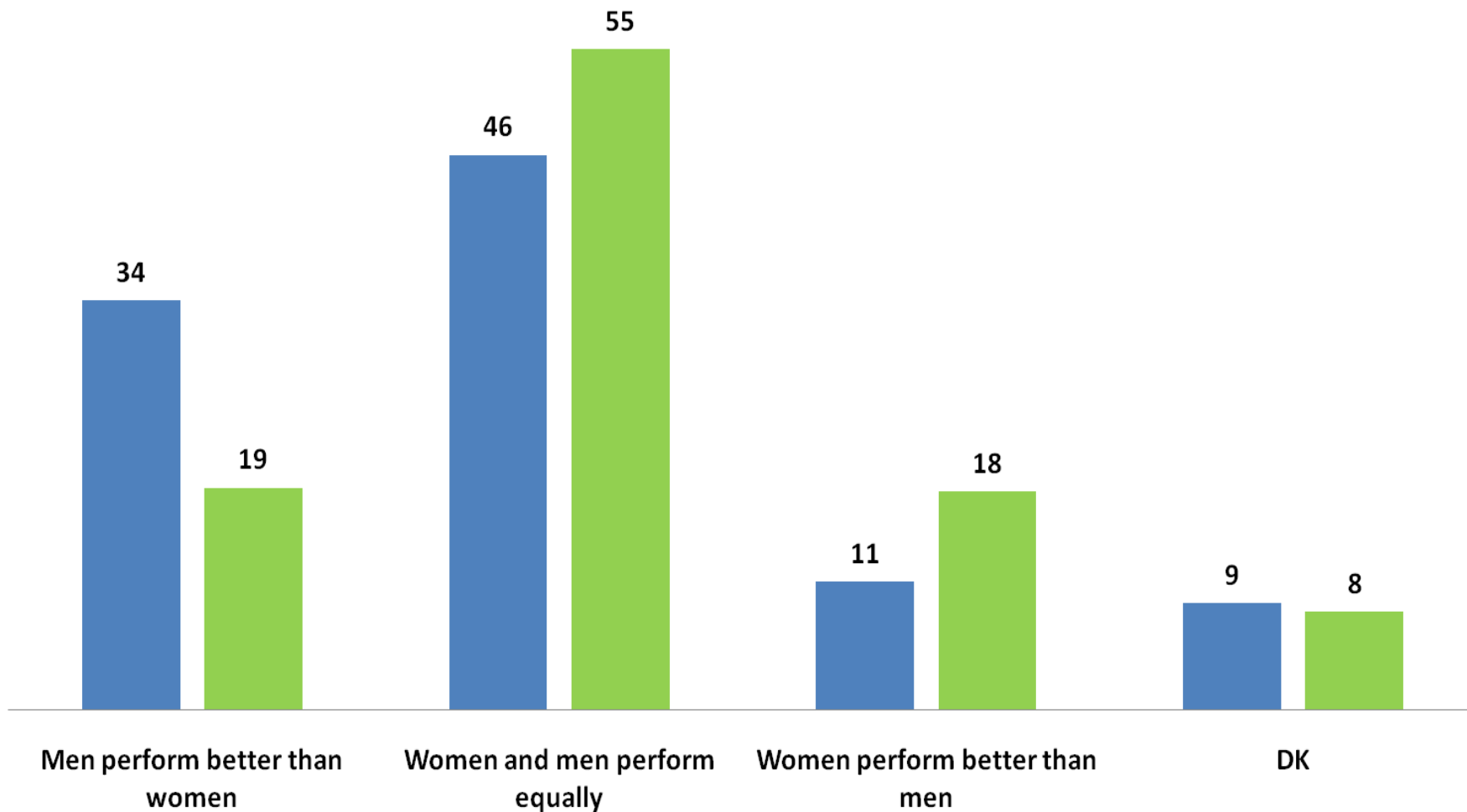


**Generally, comparing the performance of men and women in
elected office, do you think ... (q58)**

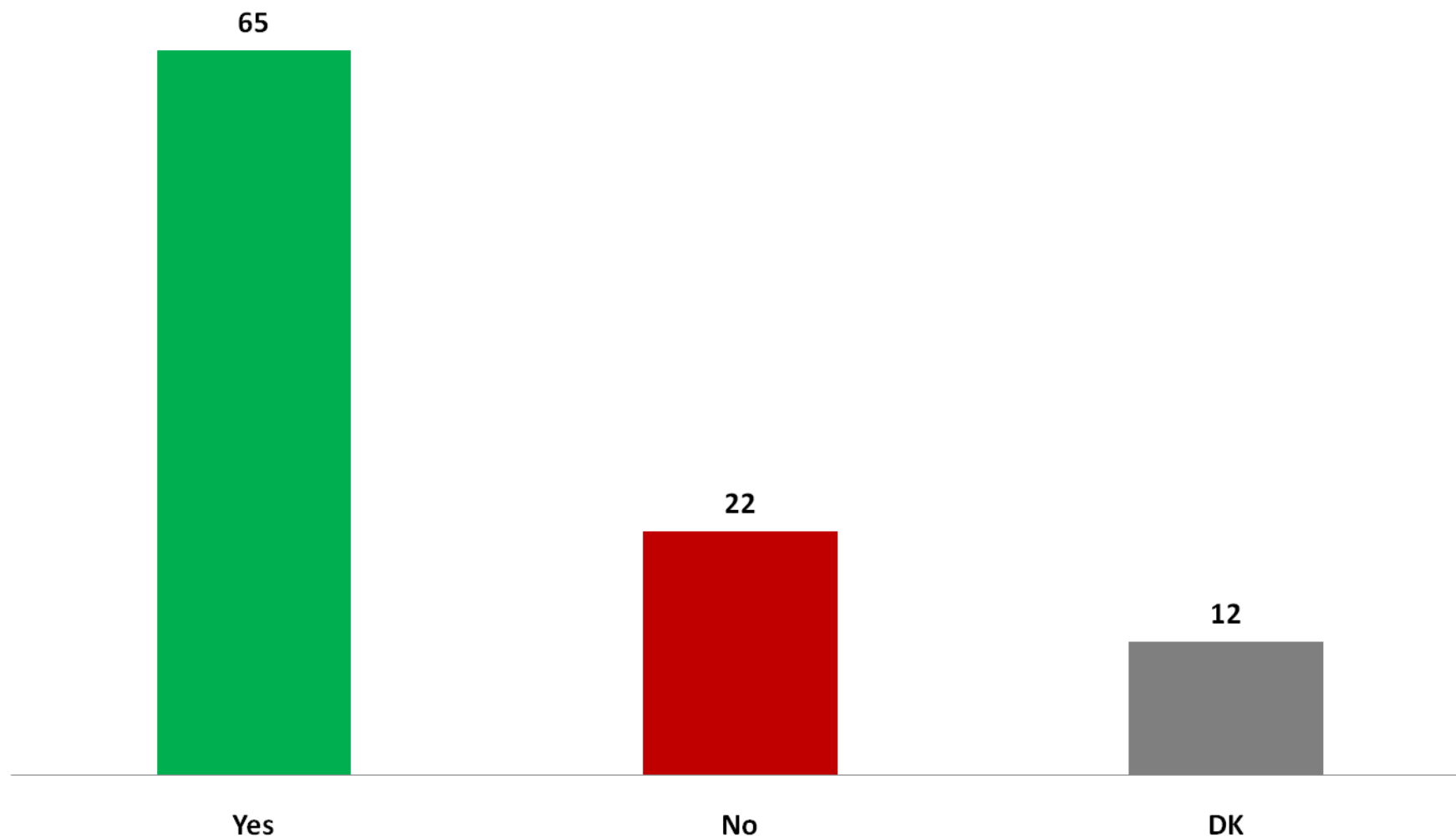


Generally, comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, do you think ... (q58 X Gender)

■ Men ■ Women

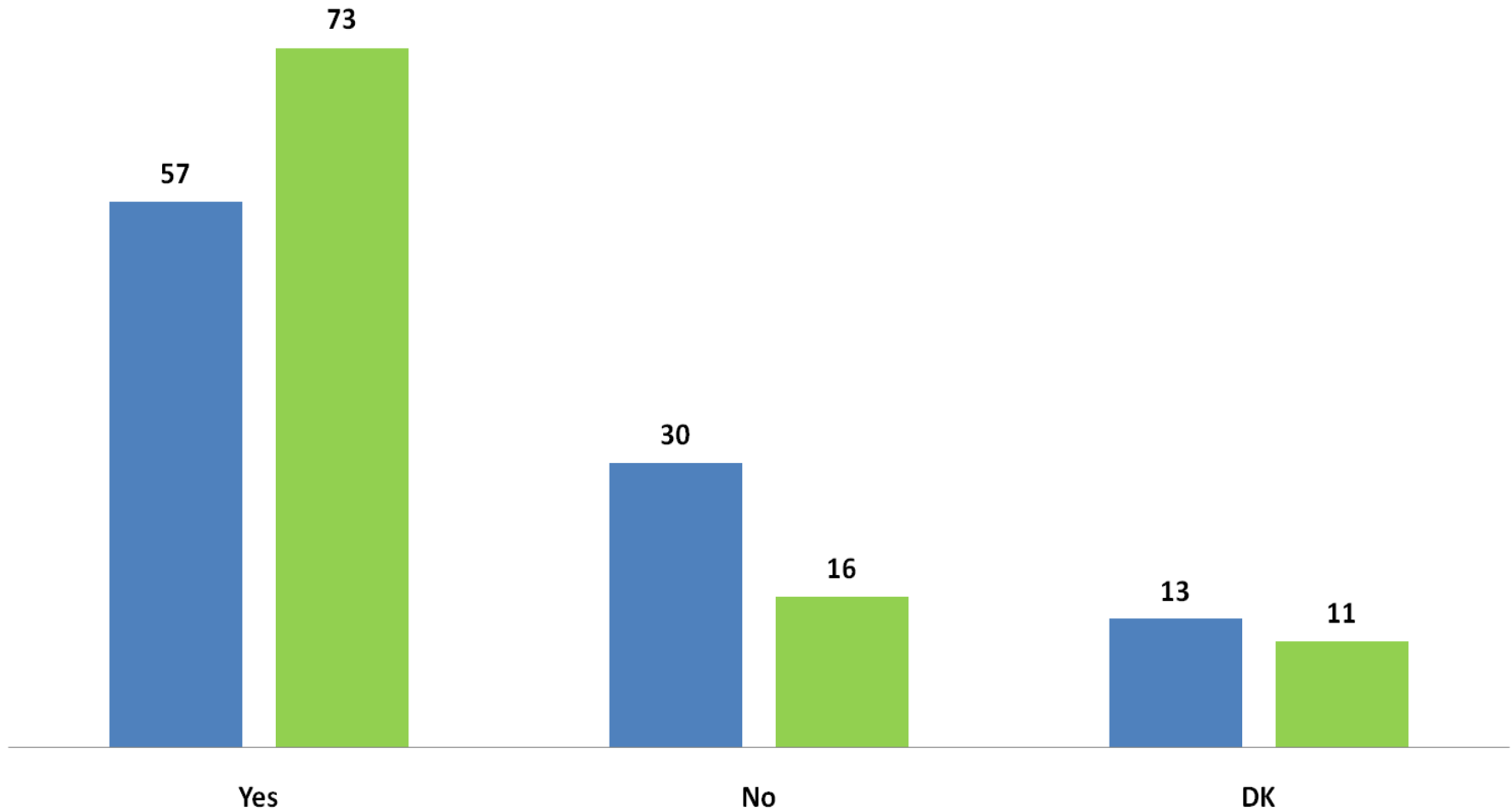


All things being equal, would you vote for a woman candidate in the next parliamentary elections? (q59)

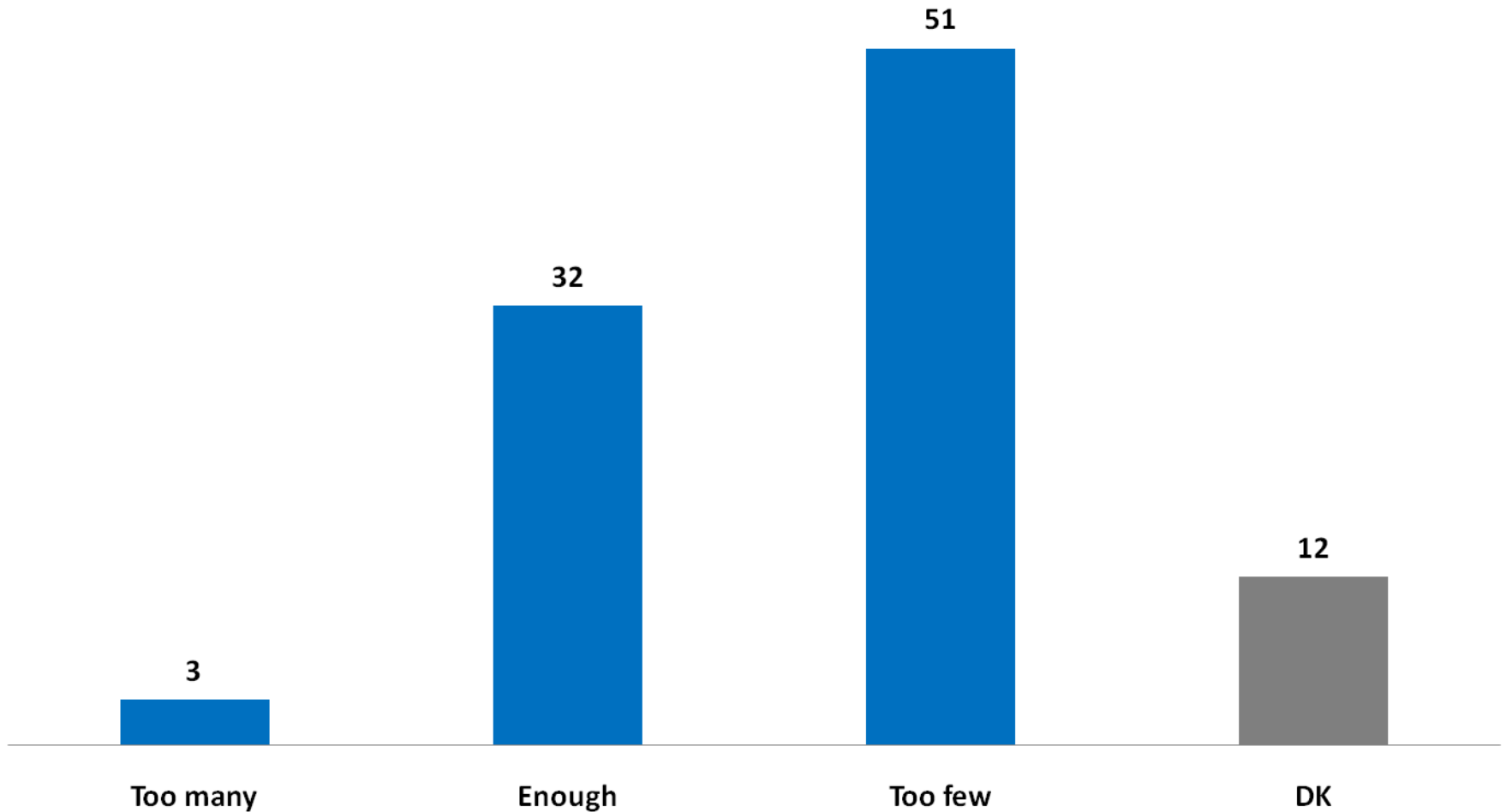


All things being equal, would you vote for a woman candidate in the next parliamentary elections? (q59 X Gender)

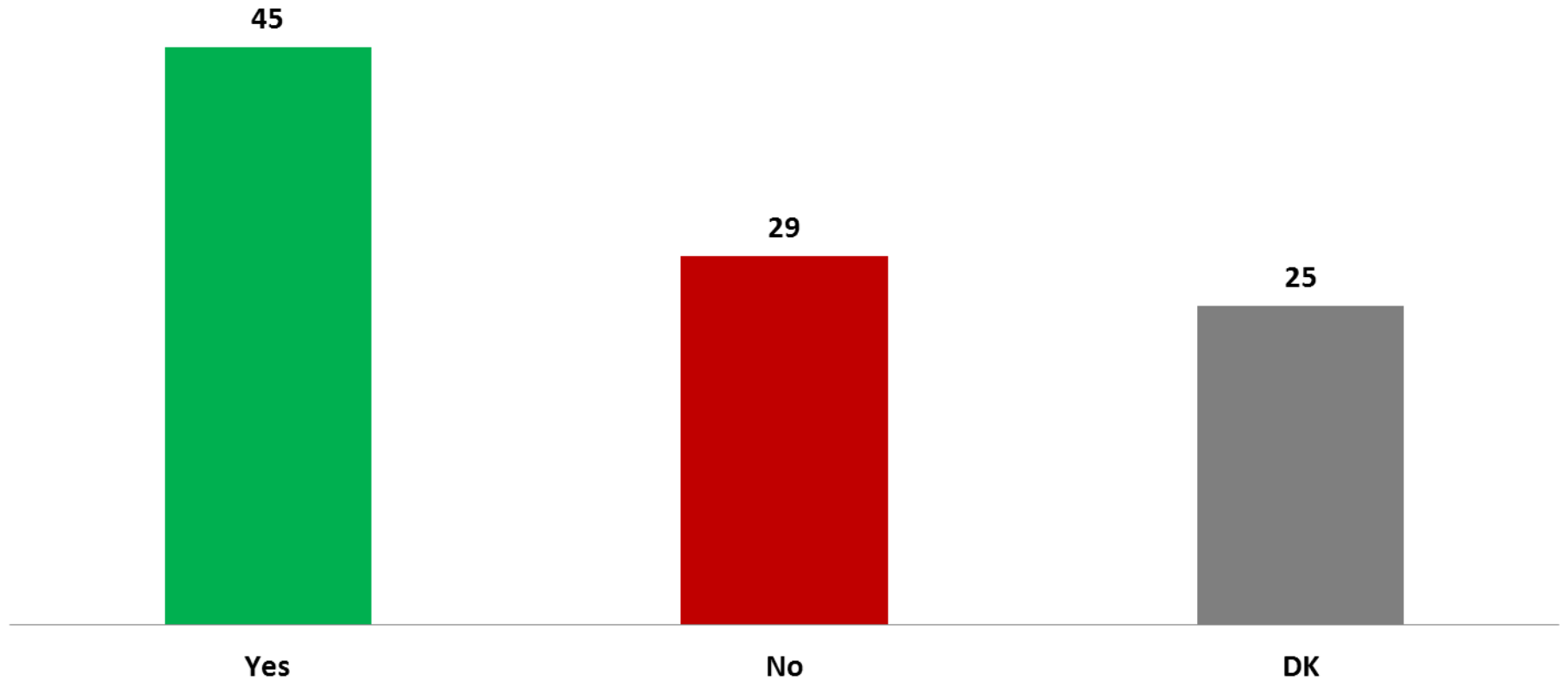
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Currently there are 9 women members of parliament out of 150 (6%). Do you think this is... (q60)

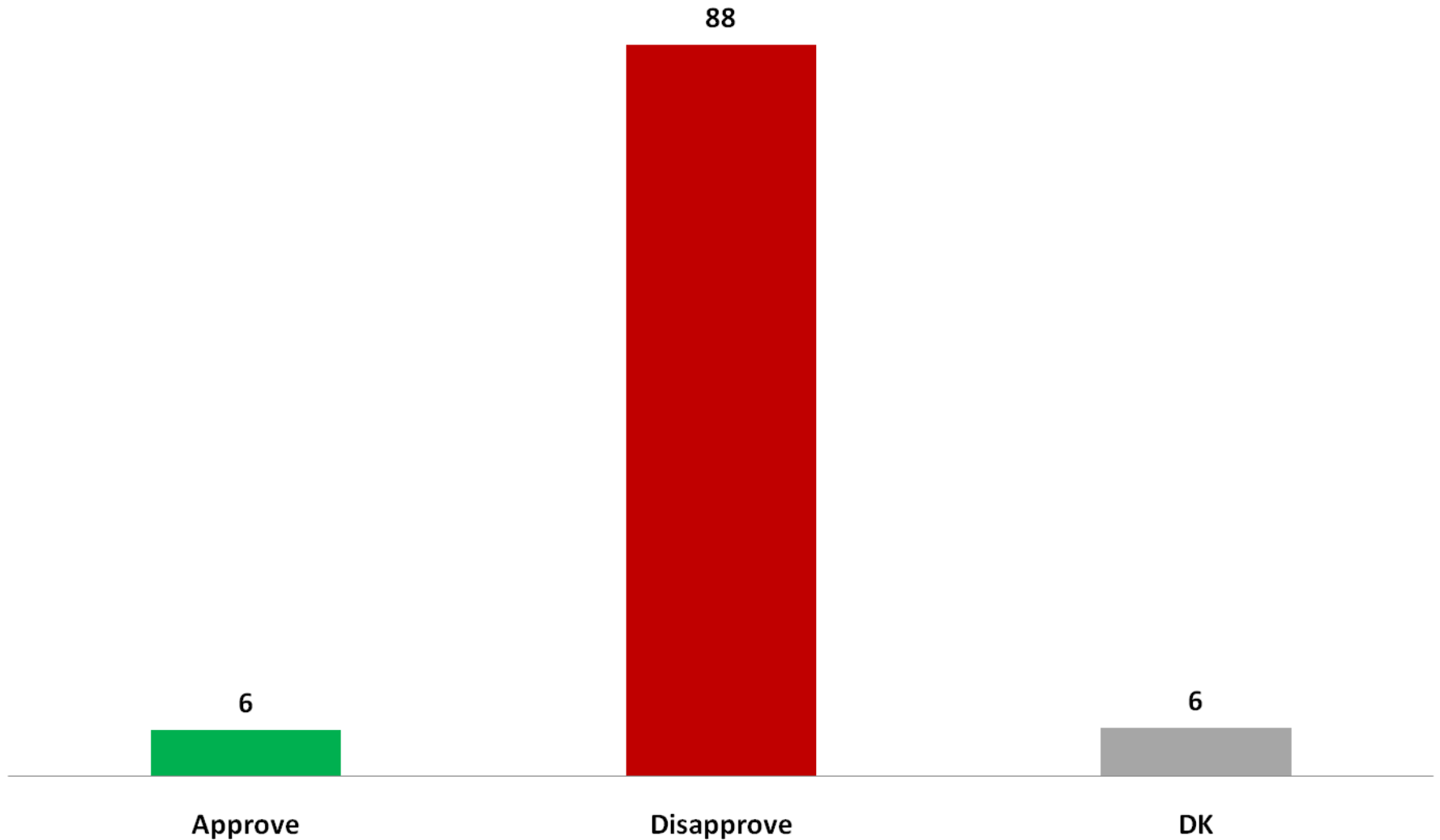


An amendment to law has been passed by Parliament establishing financial incentives for parties to increase the number of women on their party lists. Do you support this amendment? (q61)

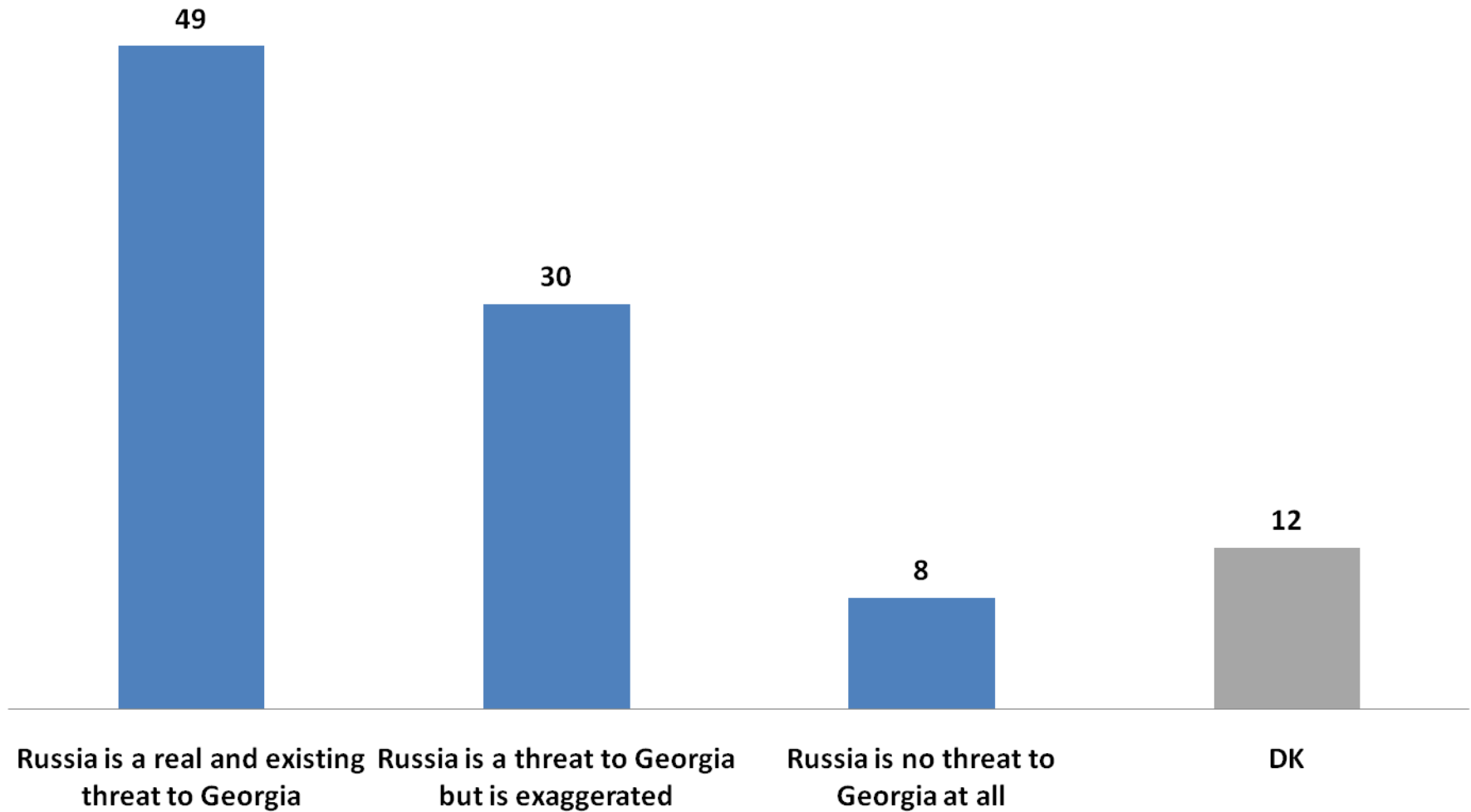


Foreign Relations

**Do you approve or disapprove of Georgia's current
relationship with Russia? (q68)**

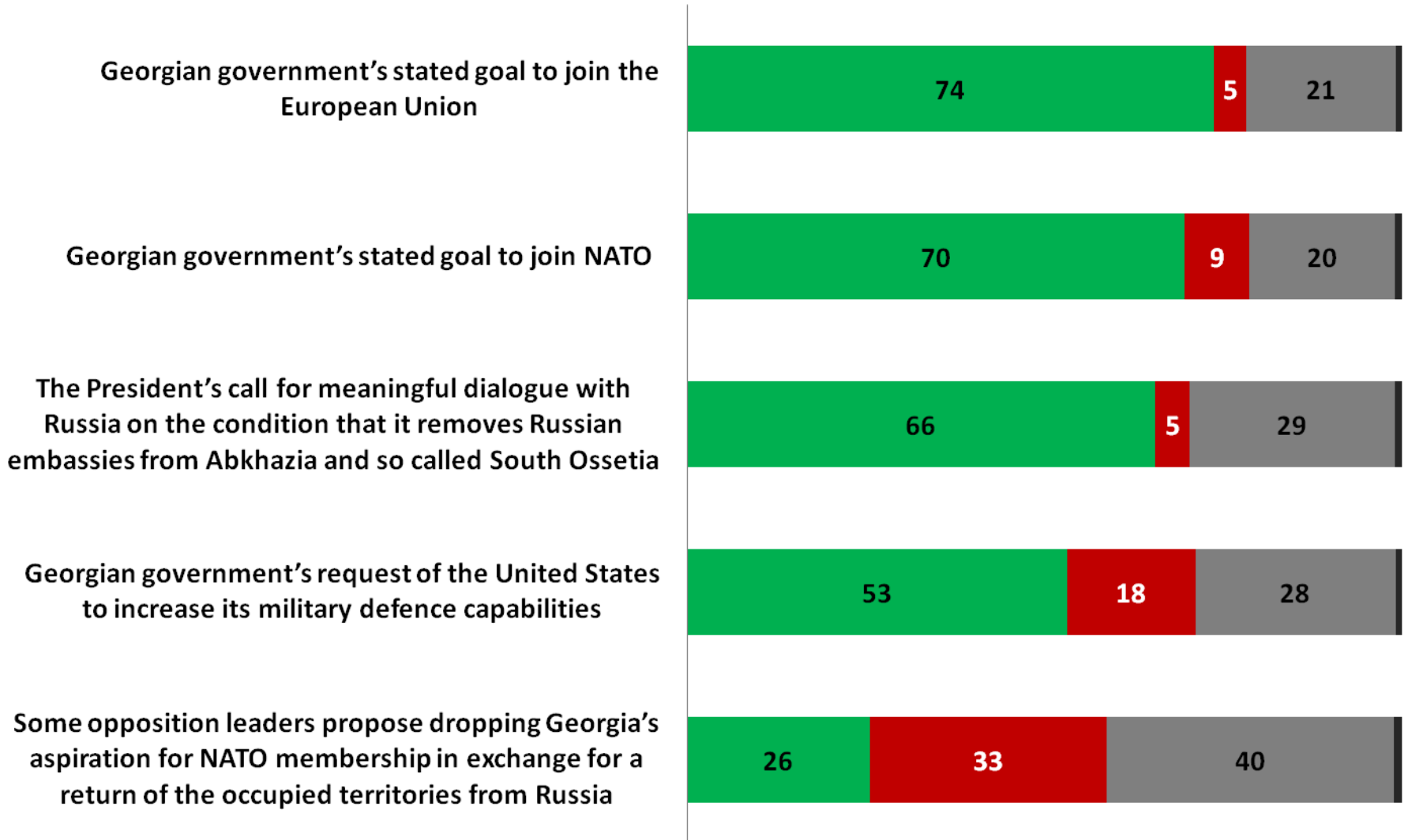


**Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?
(q67)**

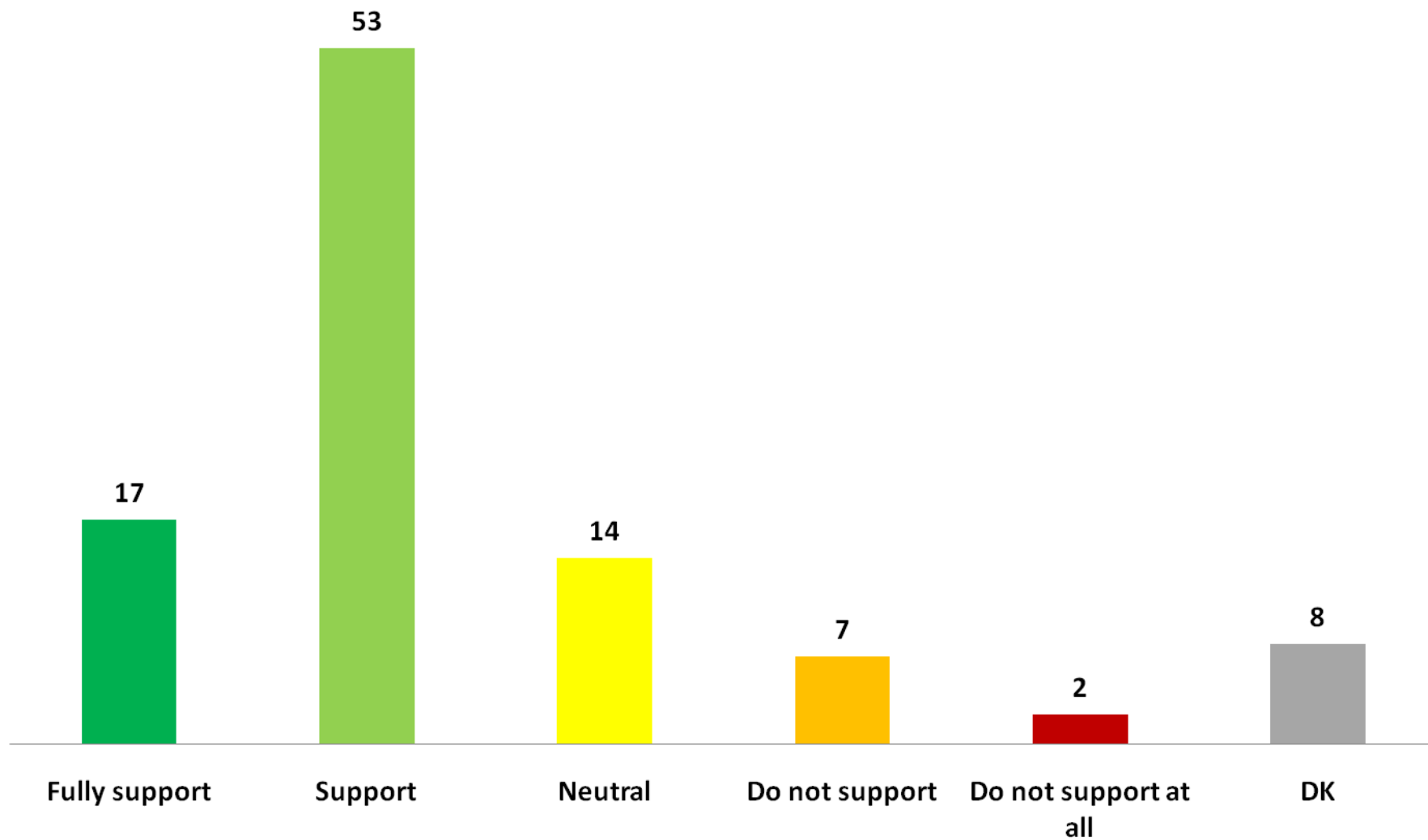


Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q72)

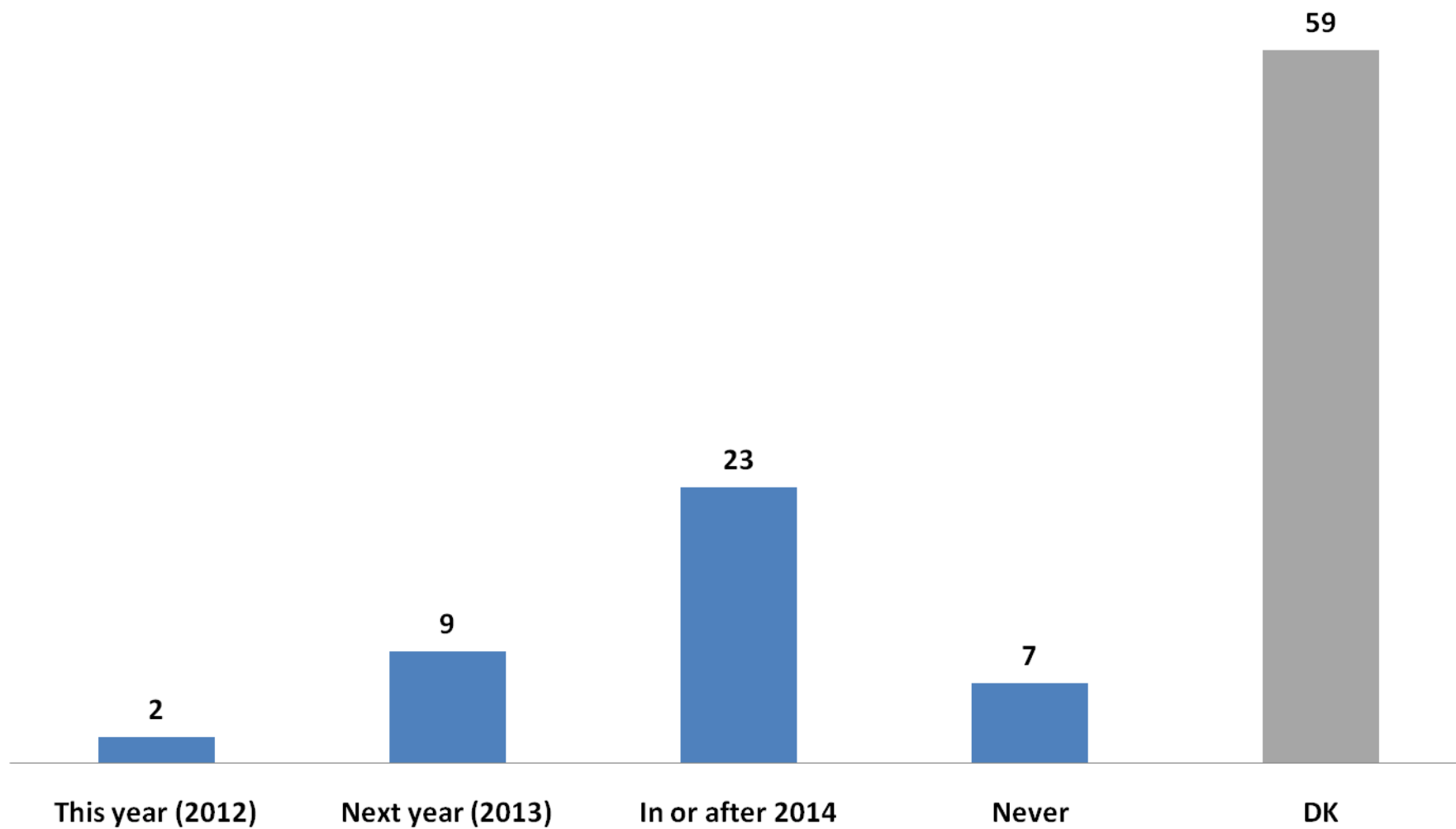
■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



To what extent do you support Georgia's membership in NATO? (q70)



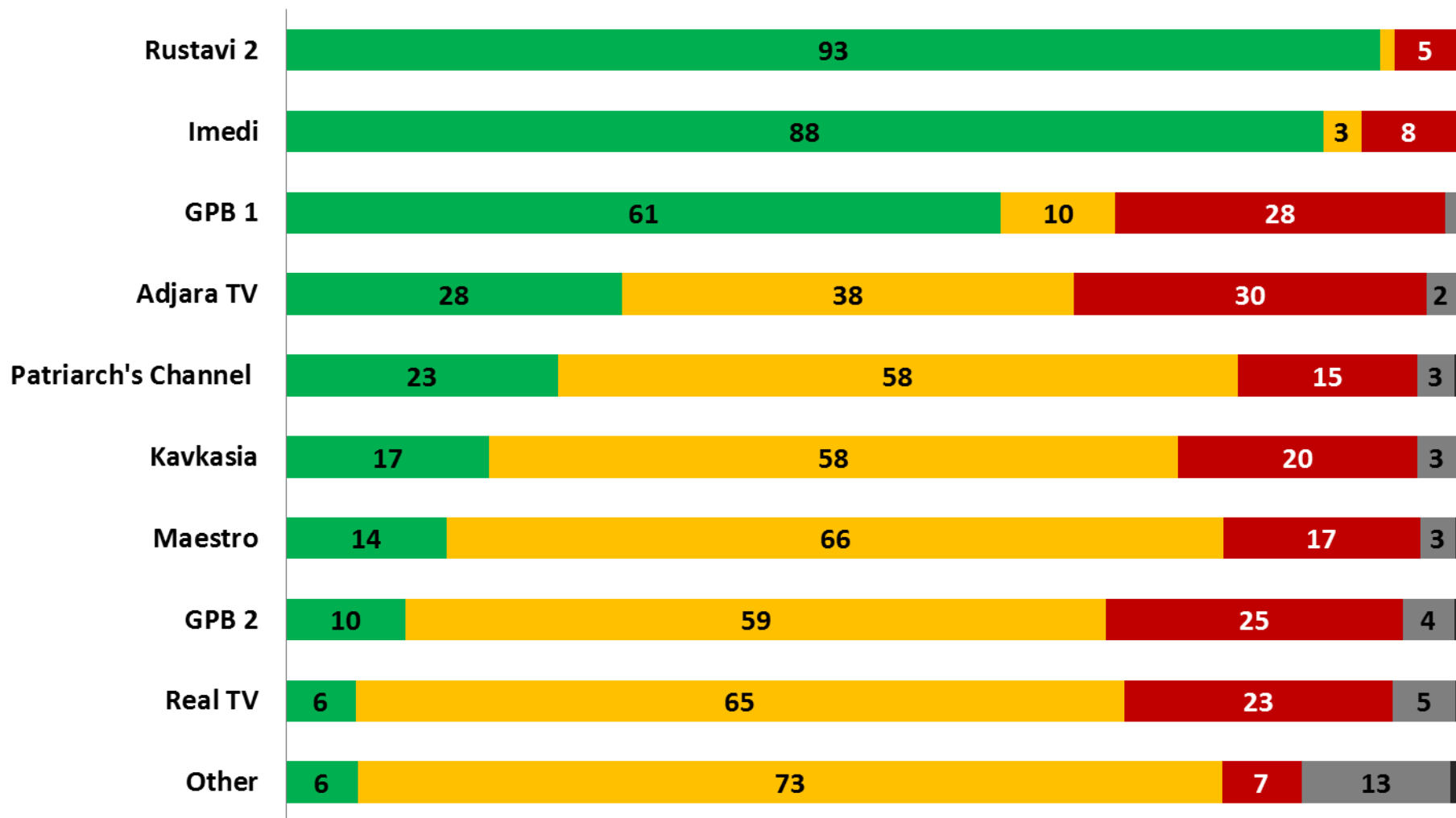
When do you think Georgia will be granted NATO membership? (q71)



Media

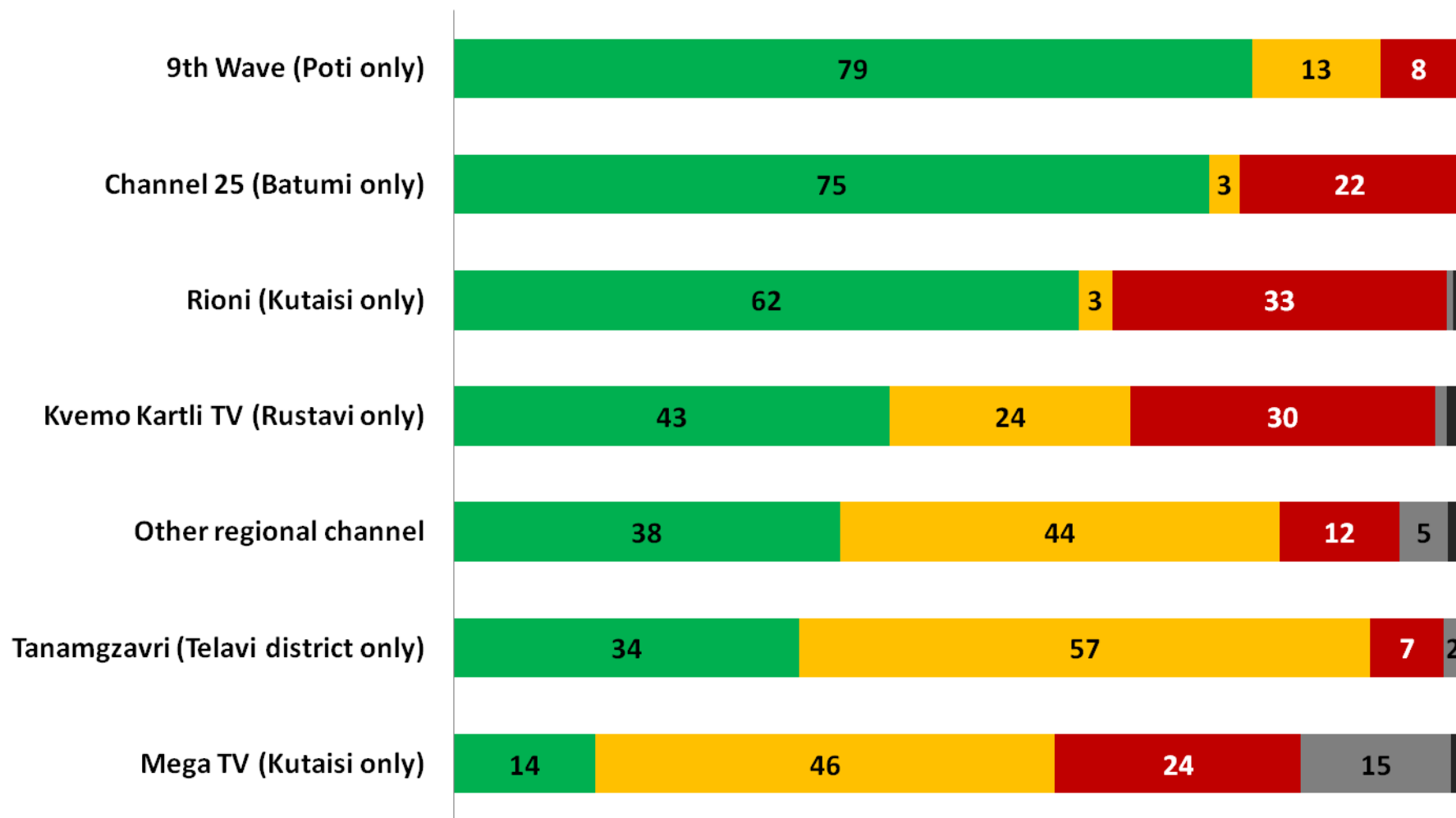
Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? (q77) National

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



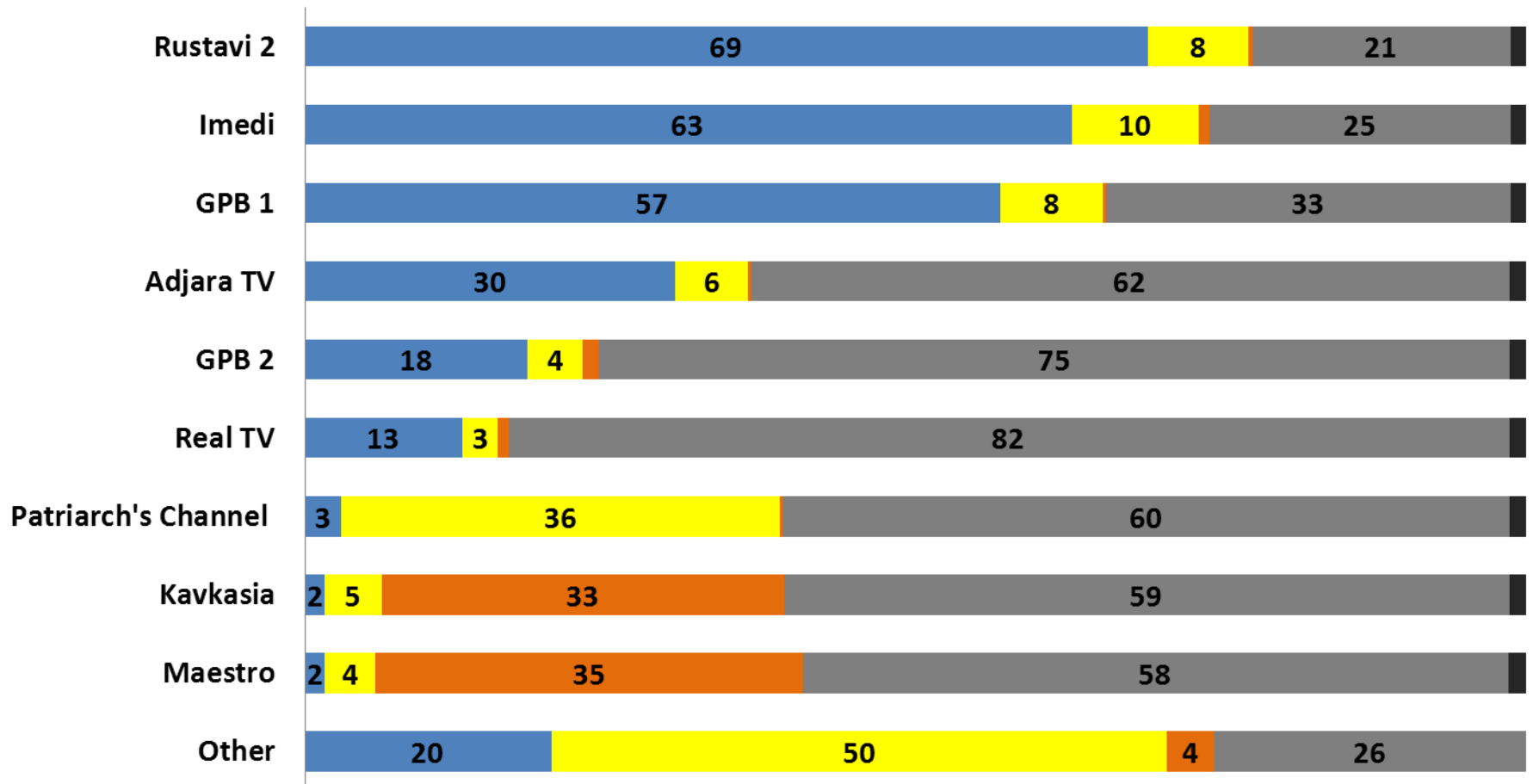
Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? (q77) Regional

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



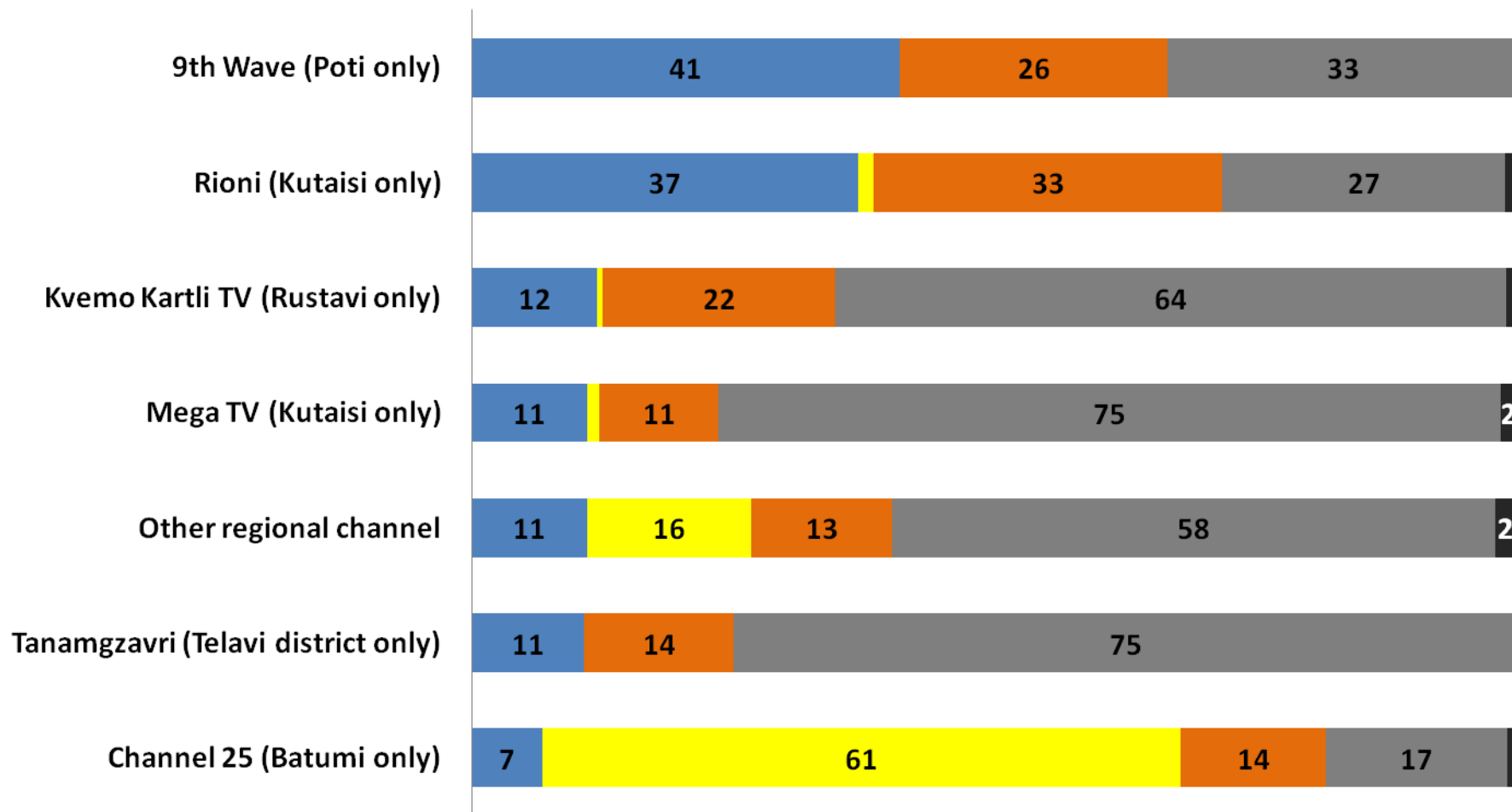
Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels ... mostly reflect the interests of government, opposition or neither? (q78) National

■ Government ■ Neither ■ Opposition ■ DK ■ RA



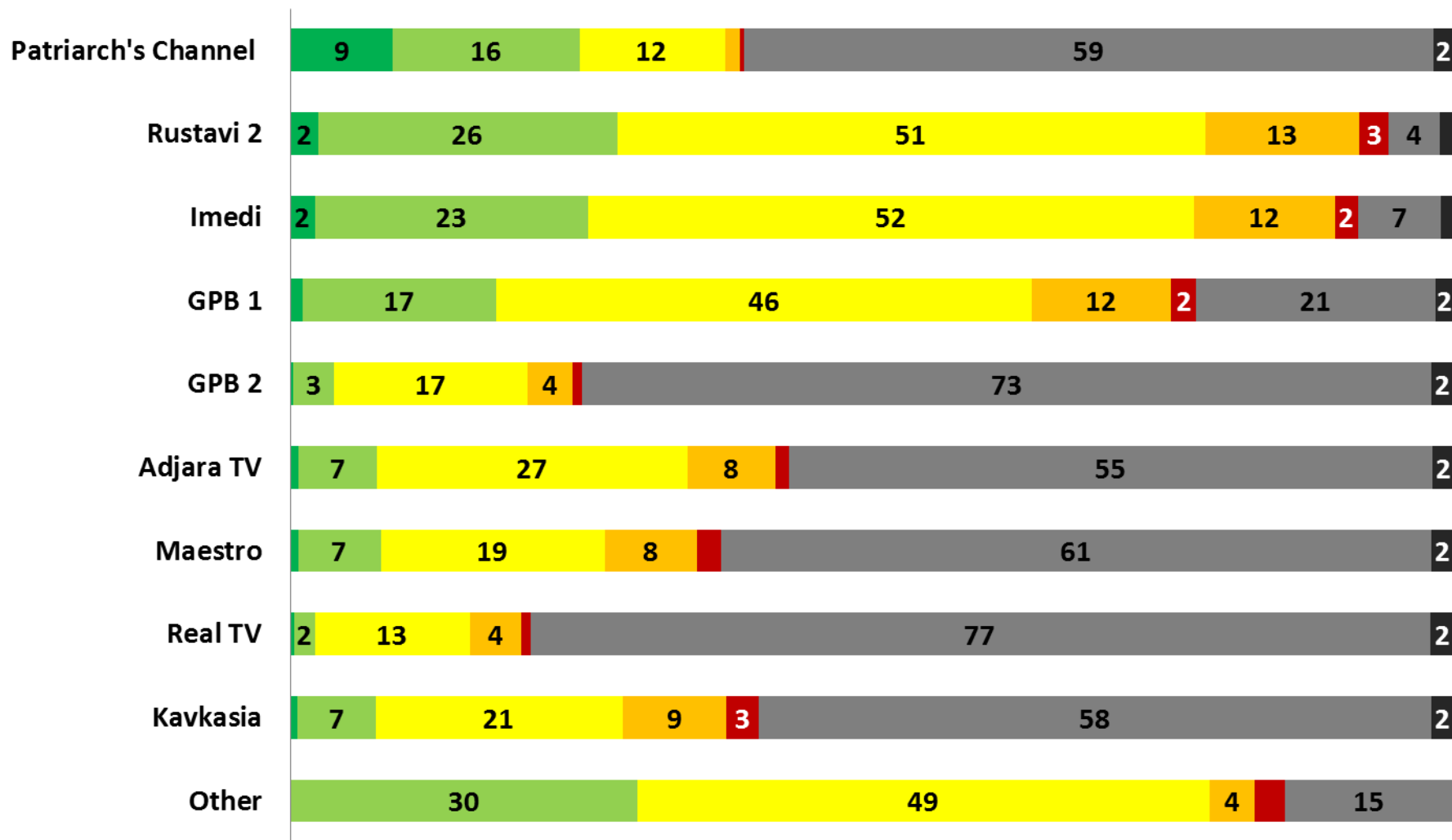
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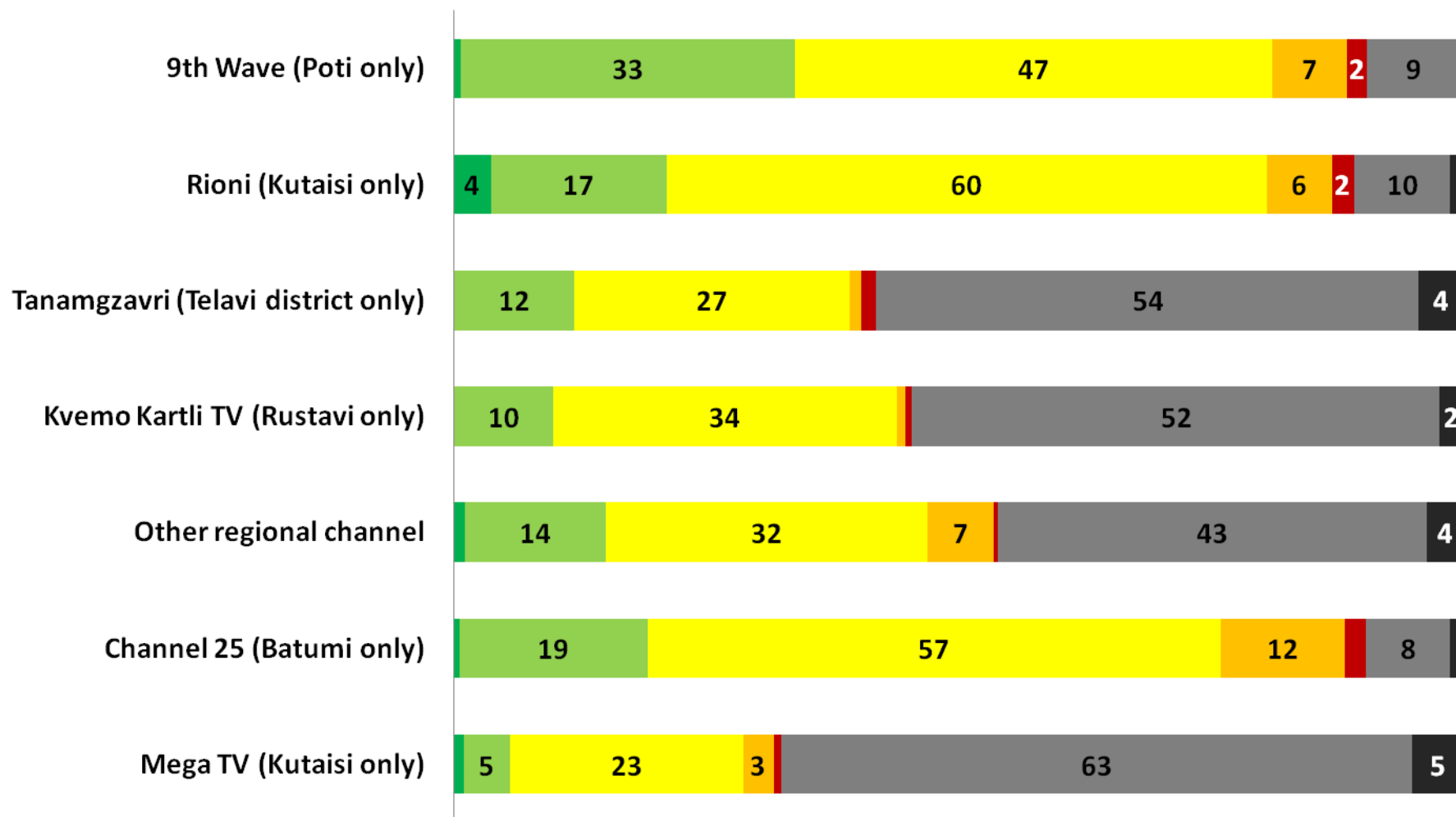
In general, how much do you trust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? (q79) National

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



In general, how much do you trust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? (q79) Regional

■ Fully trust
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**Would you like to see your Majoritarian Member of Parliament
on TV talking about local issues that matter to you? (q82)**

