

Public attitudes in Georgia: Results of a March 2011 survey carried out for NDI by CRRC This research is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) Historical data was funded by the Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Sida and UK Embassy

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# Methodology

- This research has been conducted in six waves: November 2008 (UK), May 09 (EPF), December 09 (Sida), April 2010 (Sida), July 2010 (Sida) and March 2011 (Sida).
- In slides that show multiple waves the first column is the first wave.
- Fieldwork dates:
  - 1st wave: 19 27 November 2008
  - 2nd wave: 19-25 May 2009
  - 3rd wave: 26 November 5 December, 2009
  - 4th wave: 11-26 April 2010
  - 5<sup>th</sup> wave: June 24 July 5 2010
  - 6<sup>th</sup> wave: March 4 17, 2011
- Face to face interview method
  - The questionnaire was largely the same for all five waves
    - The questions were added our taken out based on important current issues
- Sample size:

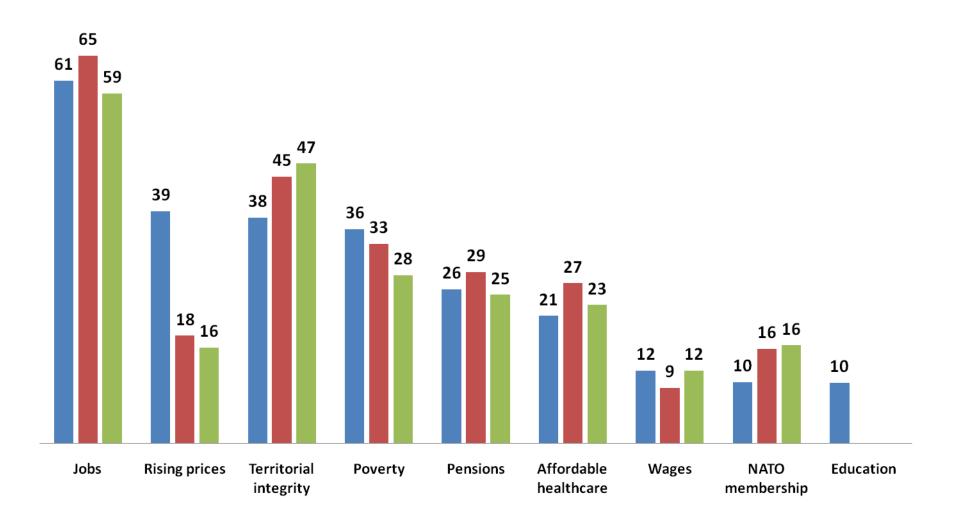
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- 1st wave: 2,480
- Including a freestanding post election survey in Adjara
- 2nd wave: 1,836
- Including representative samples of Tbilisi and outside of Tbilisi
- 3rd wave: 2,096
- Including an oversample of Tbilisi
- 4th wave: 2,378
- Including an oversample of Tbilisi
- 5<sup>th</sup> wave: 2,053
- Including an oversample of Tbilisi
- -6<sup>th</sup> wave: 2,893
- Including representative samples in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi and Rustavi
- Margin of error: +/- 3%

# National and Local Issues

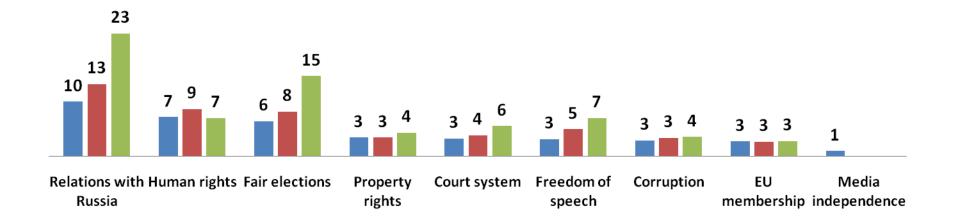
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March 11 July 10 April 10



#### Most important national issues (q1 - Part 2)

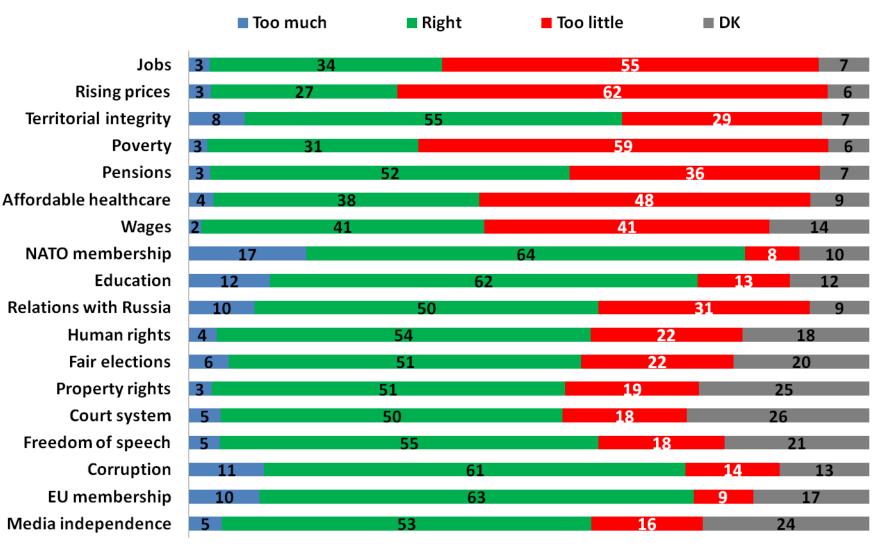
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#### January 2008, is ... better, the same or worse? (q2) Better Same Worse DK Jobs **Rising prices Territorial integrity** Poverty Pensions Affordable healthcare Wages NATO membership Education **Relations with Russia Human rights** Fair elections **Property rights** Court system **Freedom of speech** Corruption EU membership Media independence

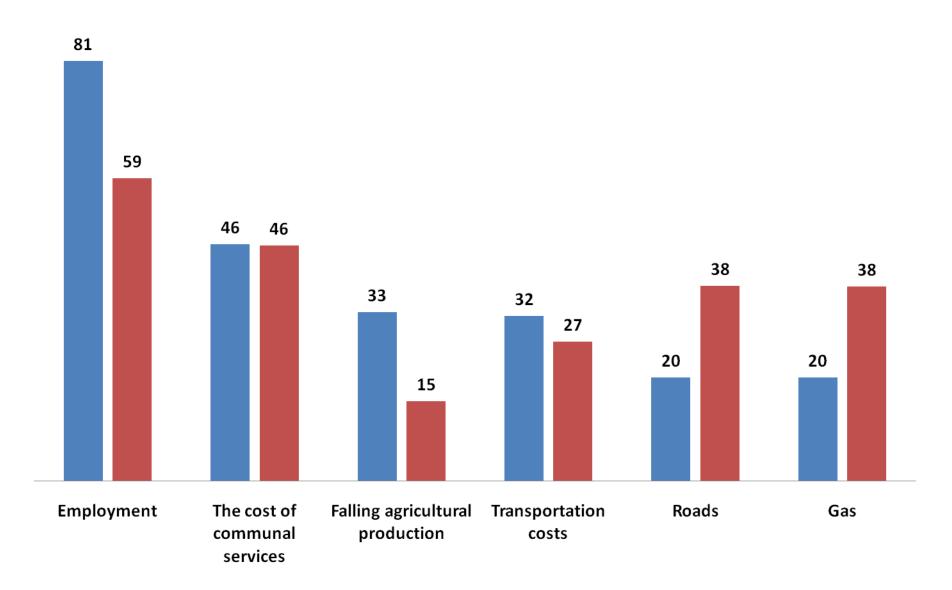
### How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia? Compared to January 2008, is ... better, the same or worse? (q2)

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



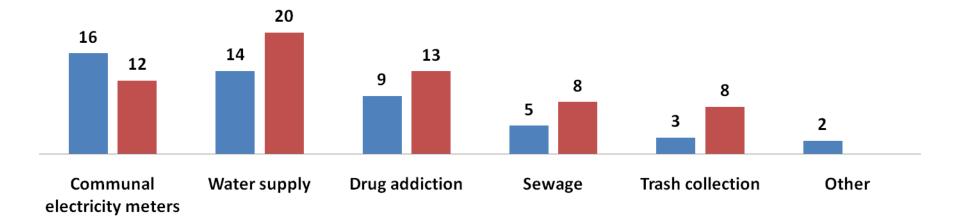
#### Most important local issues (q4 - Part 1)

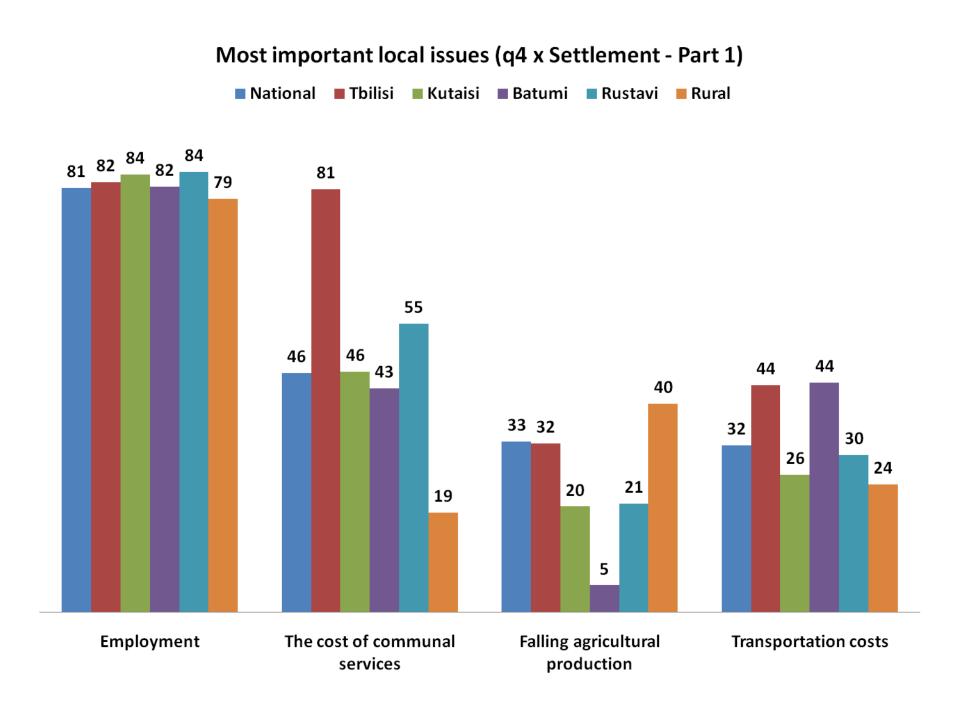
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Most important local issues (q4 - Part 2)

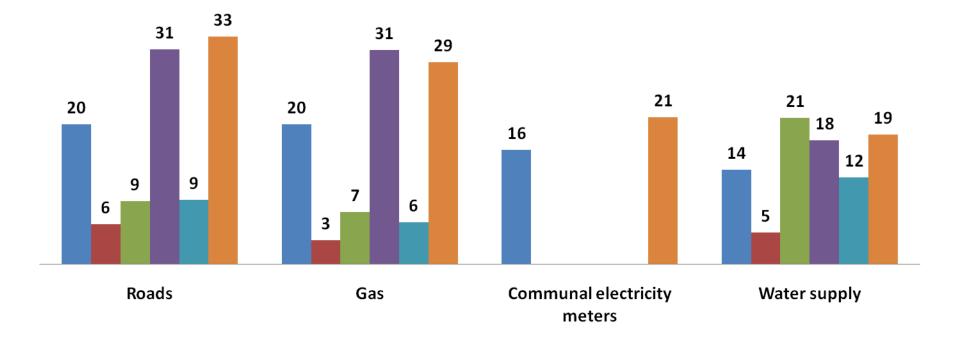
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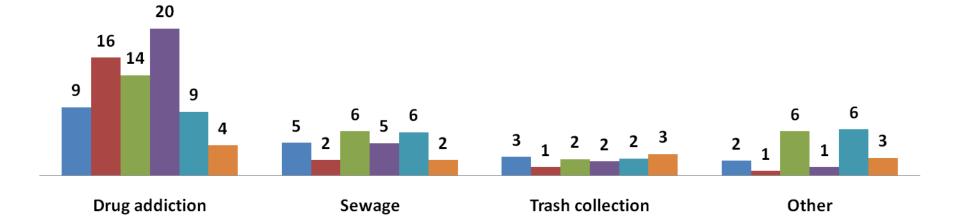
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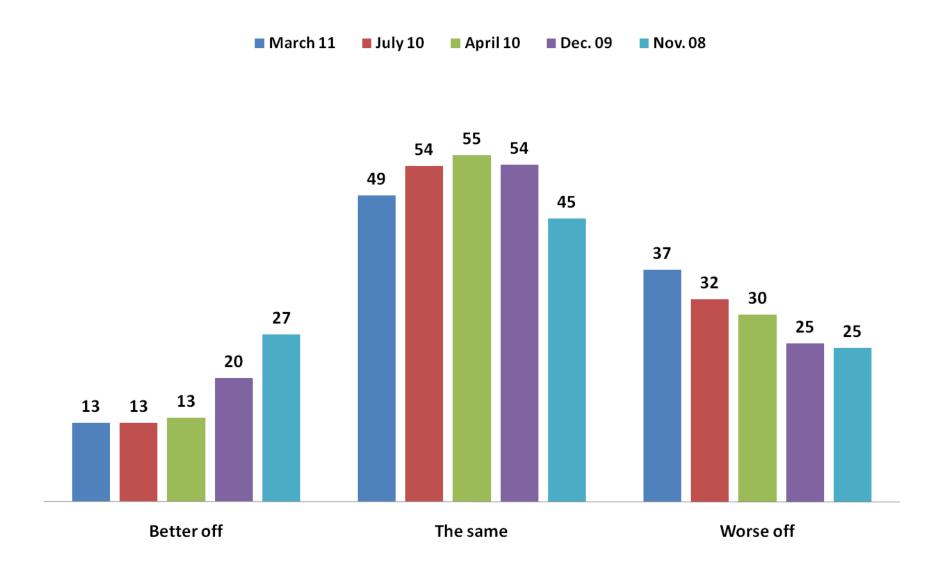


#### Better Same Worse DK Employment The cost of communal services Falling agricultural production **Transportation costs** Roads 4 3 Gas **Communal electricity meters** Water supply **Drug addiction** Sewage Trash collection

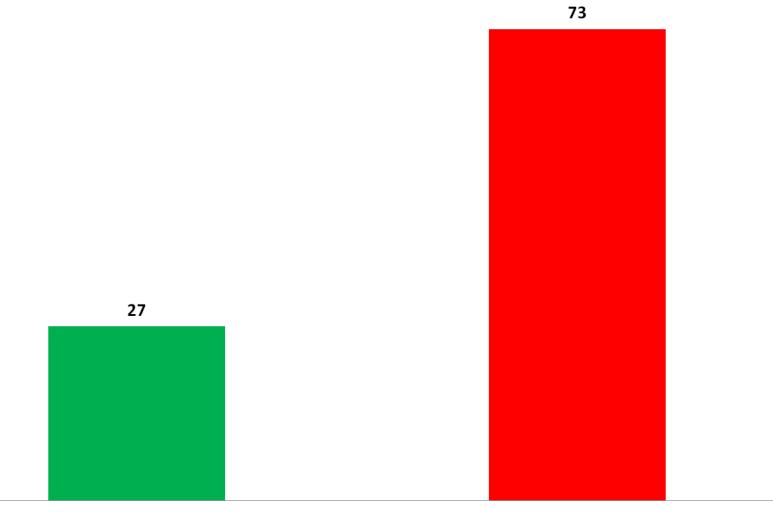
### How do you think the situation has changed? Compared to 2008 is . . . better, the same or worse? (q5)

#### Politicians in Georgia talk about . . . too much, the right amount or too little? (q6) Too much Right Too little DK Employment The cost of communal services Falling agricultural production **Transportation costs** Roads Gas **Communal electricity meters** Water supply **Drug addiction** Sewage Trash collection

#### Since January 2008 are you and your household... (q8)

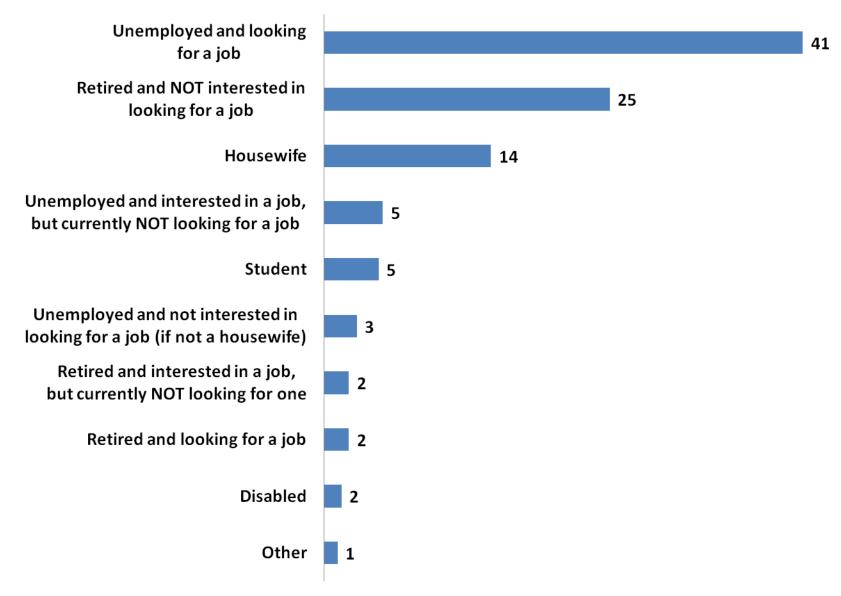


### Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q95)



Yes

#### Which of the following best describes your situation? (q97)



### Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:



27%--Employed (full or part time)



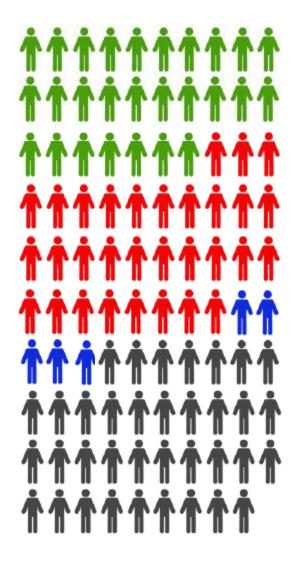
31%--Unemployed and looking for work (This includes both unemployed and retired persons who are looking for work.)

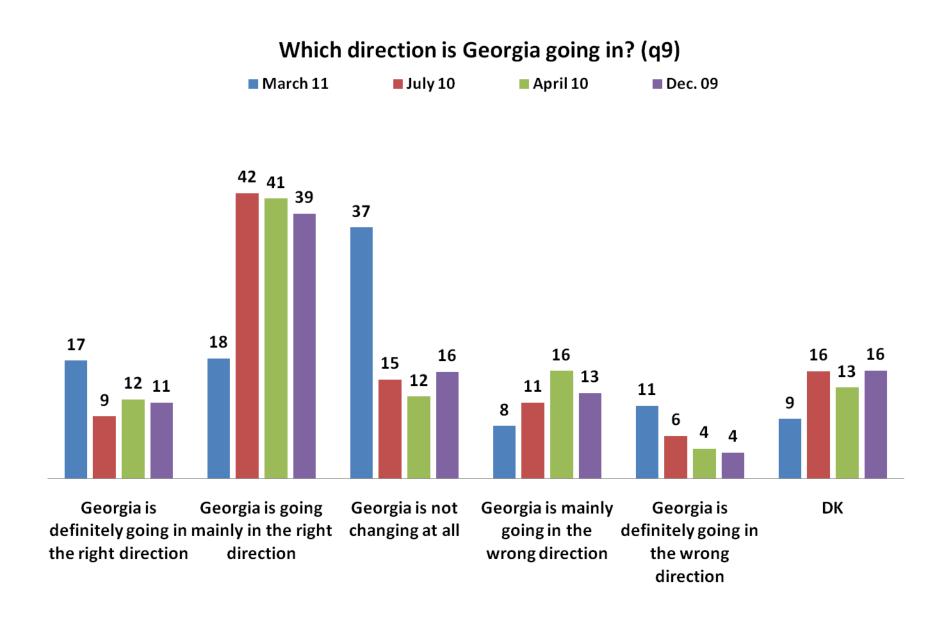


5%--Unemployed and not looking for work (This includes unemployed and retired persons who are interested in a job, but who are not looking.)



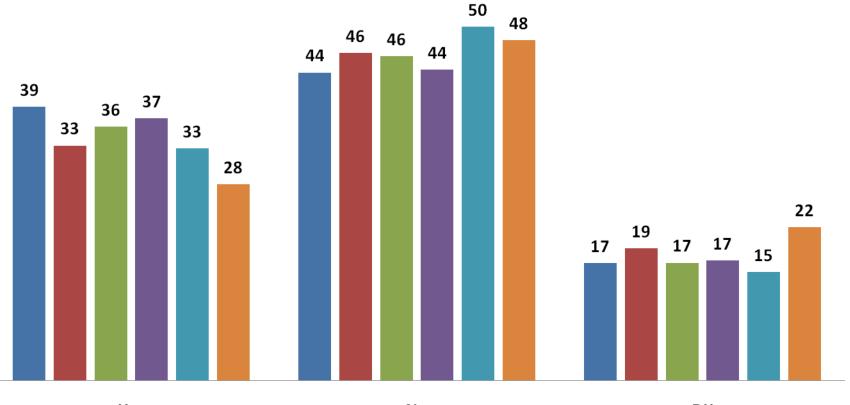
36%--Non-active labour force (This includes students, homemakers, retired persons who are not interested in looking for a job, unemployed persons who are not interested in looking for a job, etc.).





## **Democracy and Reforms**



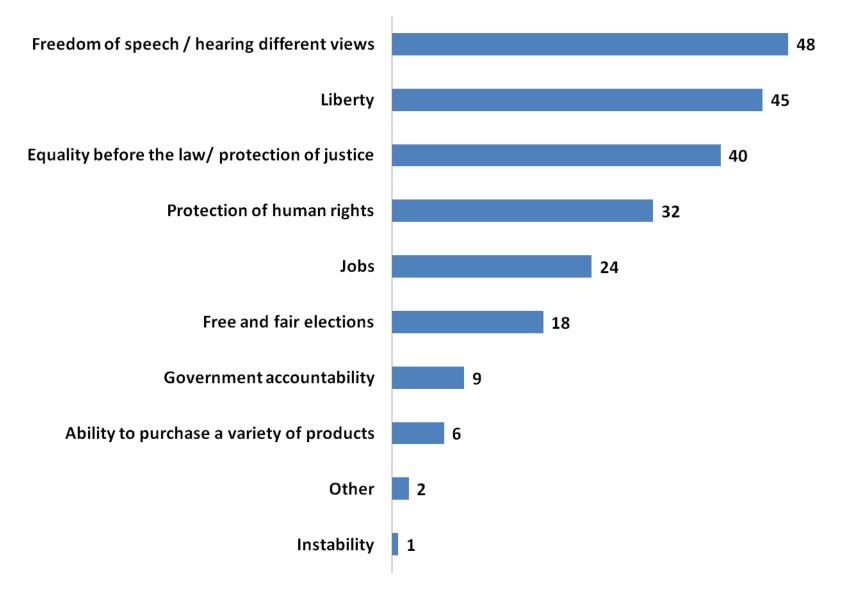


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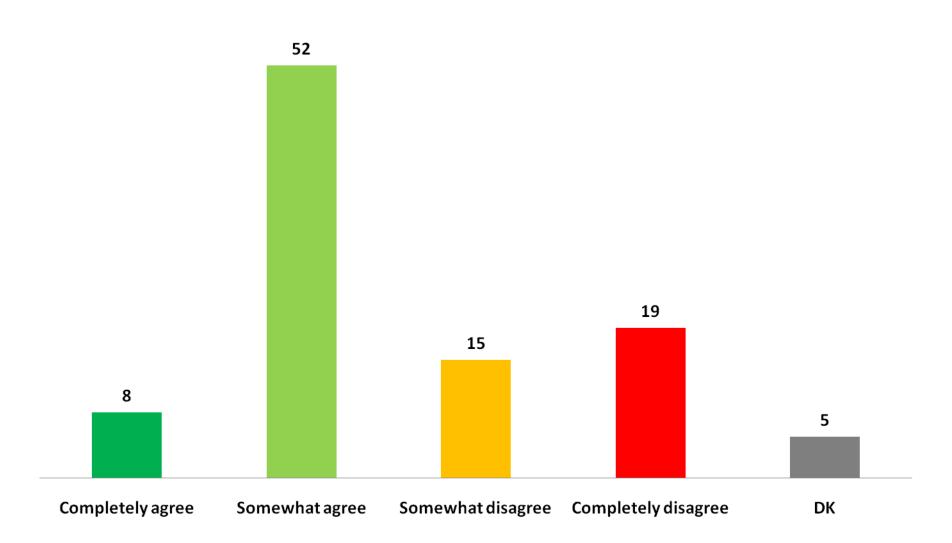
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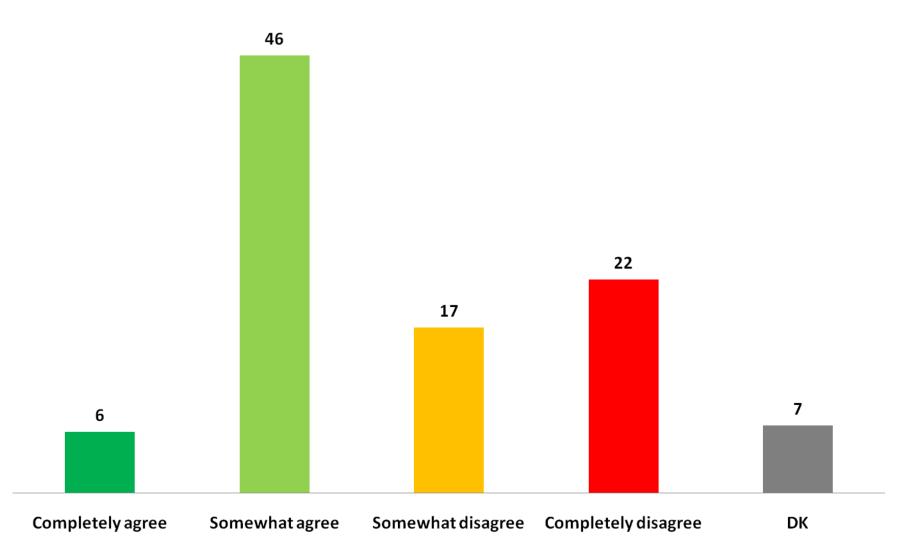
#### What does democracy mean to you? (q26)



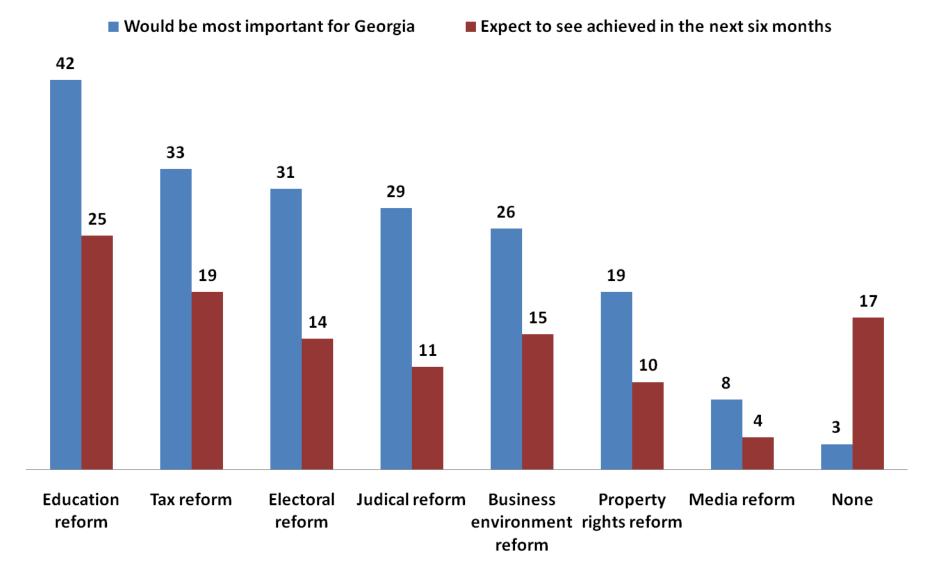
# To what extent do you agree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q13)



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

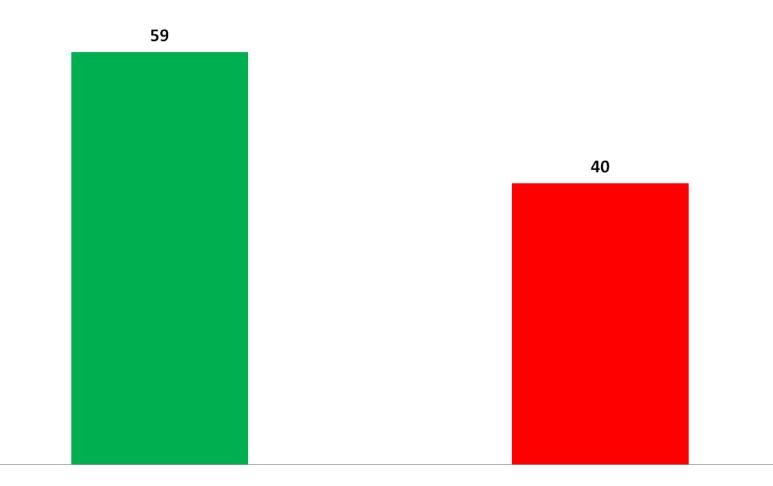


#### Which political reforms would be most important for Georgia/ do you expect to see achieved in the next six months? (q11-12)

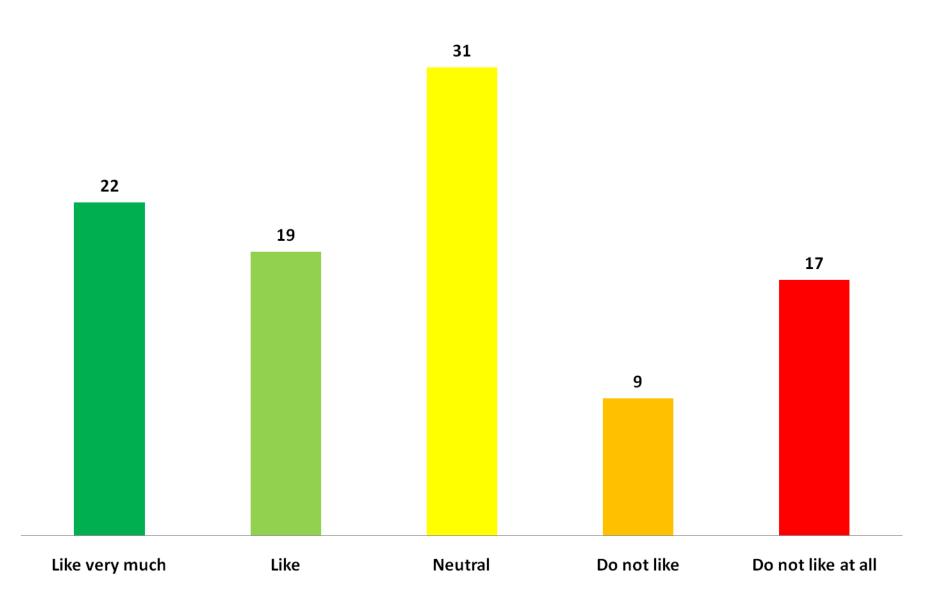


## **Current Events**

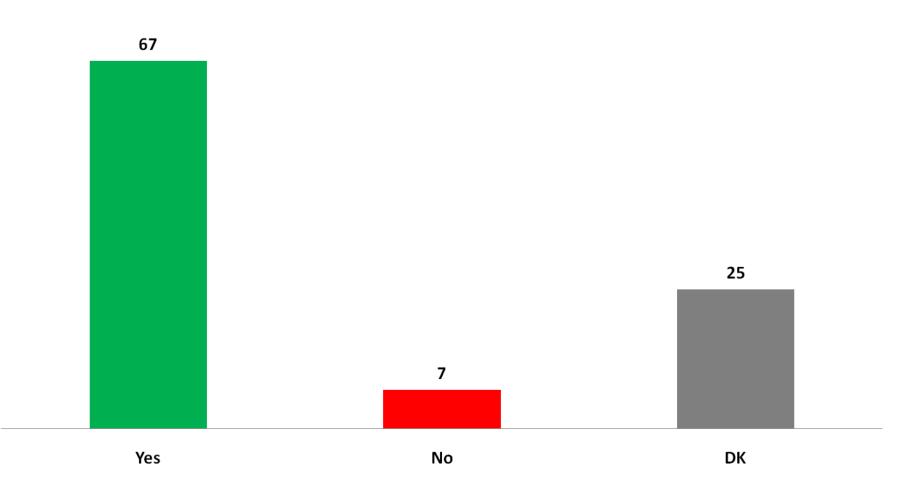
#### Did you watch the live nationwide broadcast of the President's phone-in show? (q87)



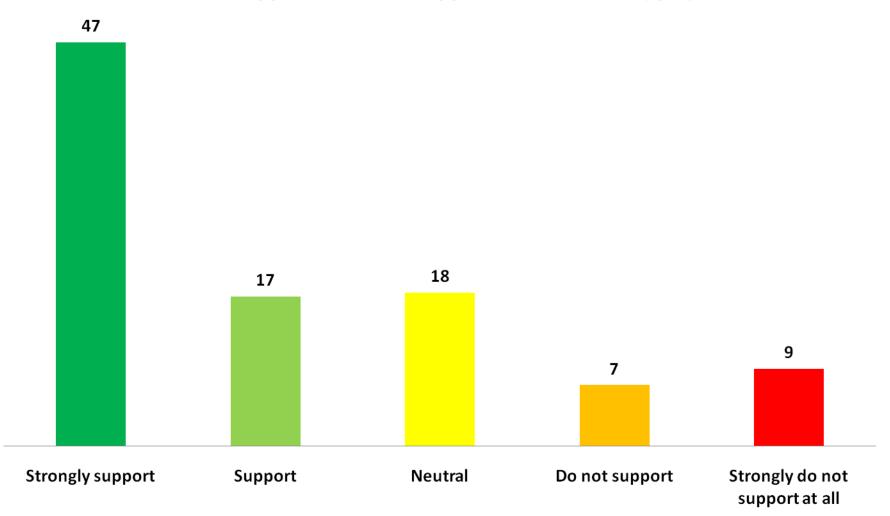
#### Did you like or dislike the show? (q88)



### Should the leading parliamentary opposition faction have had opportunity to make a formal response on the same channel? (q89)



According to the new government initiative, 20 Lari electricity vouchers have been distributed to all Georgian families. To what extent do you support or do not support the initiative? (q16)



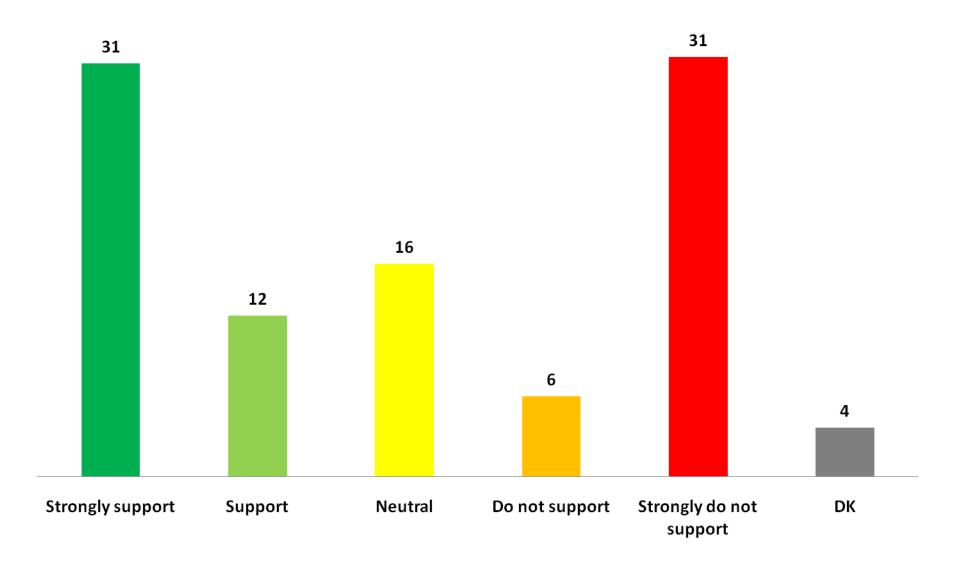
According to the new government initiative, 30 Lari food vouchers are being distributed to all Georgian families to assist with purchasing food. To what extent do you support or do not support the initiative? (q17)

49 18 16 9 7 **Strongly support** Neutral Support Do not support Strongly do not support at all

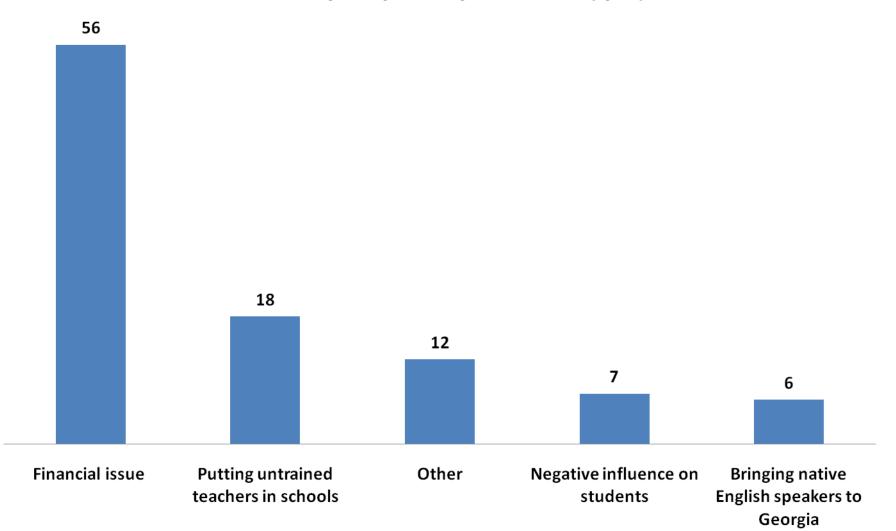
The government has launched a program to bring native English speakers to teach English in Georgian schools. Do you know about the program? (q23)

89 9 Yes No

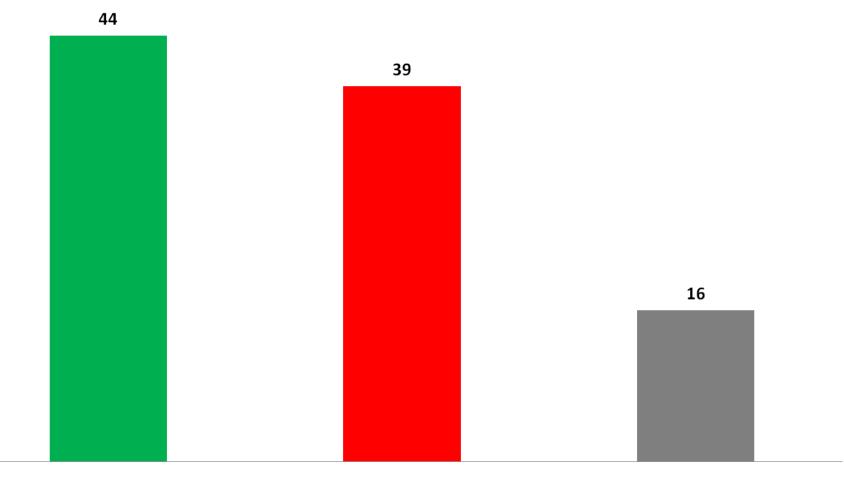
#### Do you support or oppose the Teach and Learn Georgia (TLG) program? (q24)



If you don't support the program (TLG), what is your primary concern? (q25)

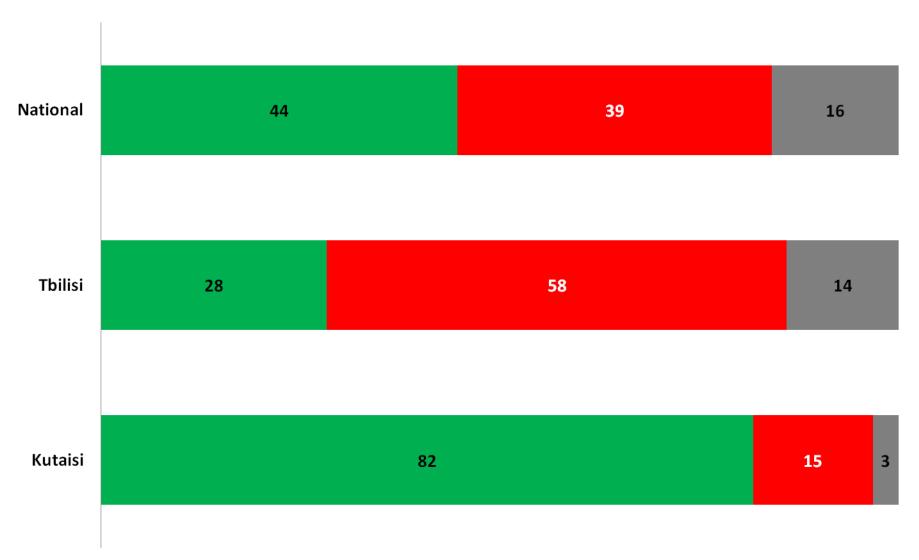


### A new parliament is being built in Kutaisi. Do you support this idea? (q67)



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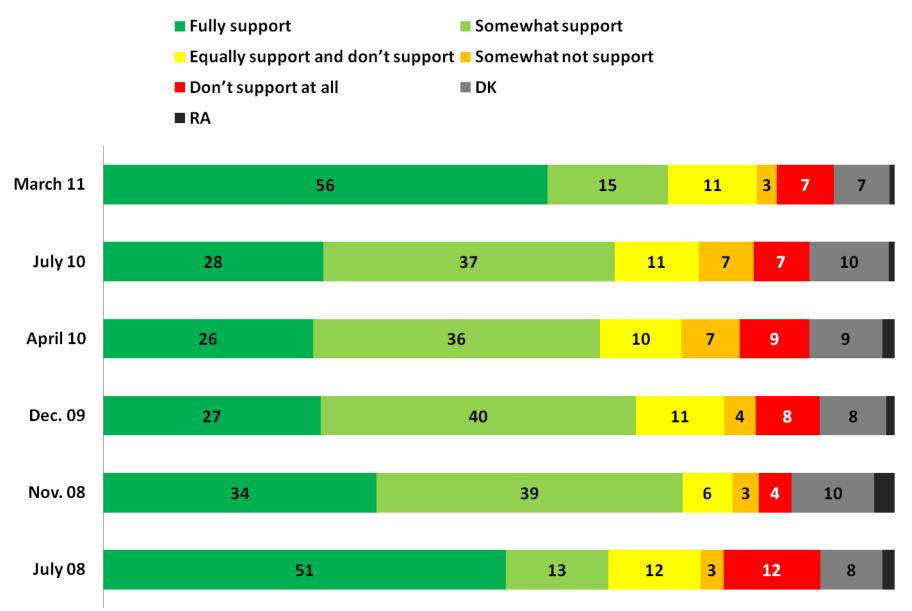
Yes No DK



#### What kind of impact will new parliament in Kutaisi have on...? (q68) No impact Positive Negative DK On Kutaisi On Tbilisi On rest of Georgia **Georgian security** You and your family

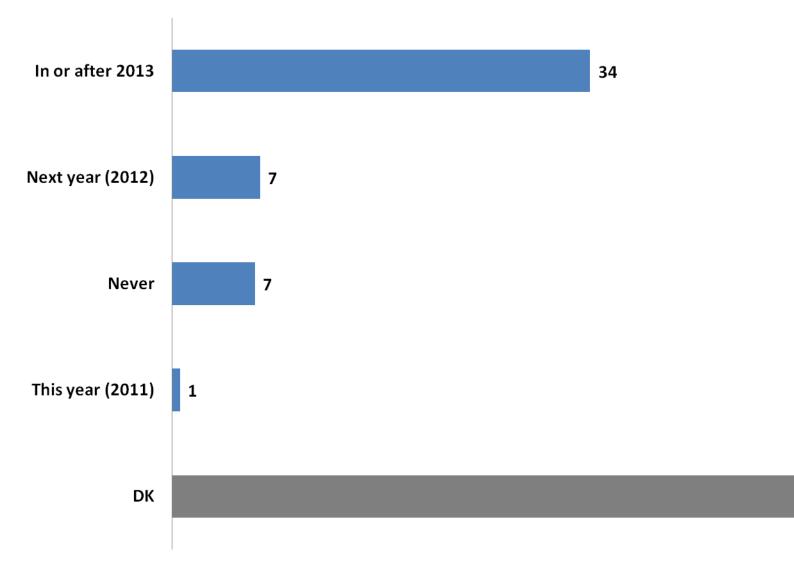
## **Foreign Relations**

#### To what extent do you support Georgia's membership in NATO? (q76)

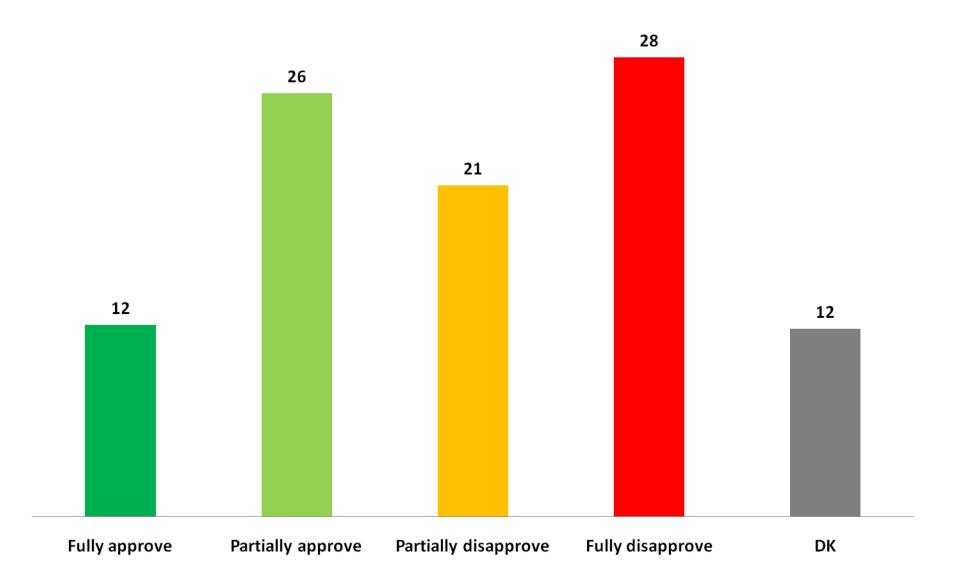


# When do you think Georgia will be granted full NATO membership? (q77)

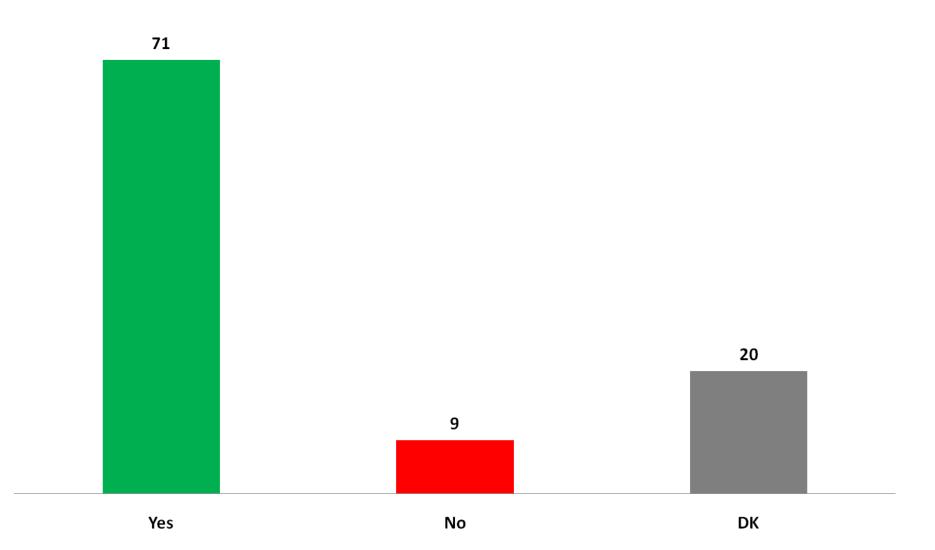
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#### Do you approve of Georgia's current policy toward Russia? (q78)

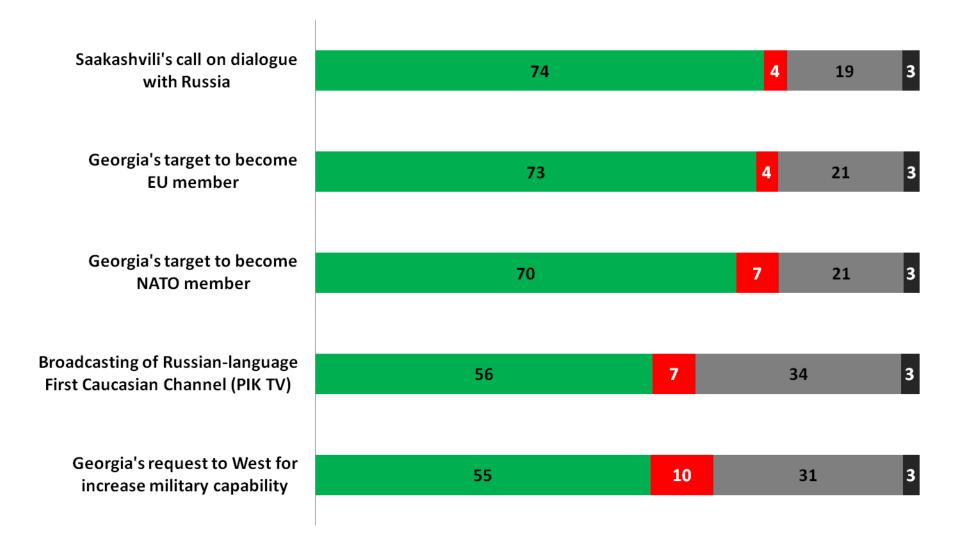


# Do you think Russia's current policy threatens Georgia's sovereignty? (q79)



#### Approve or disapprove the following... (q80)

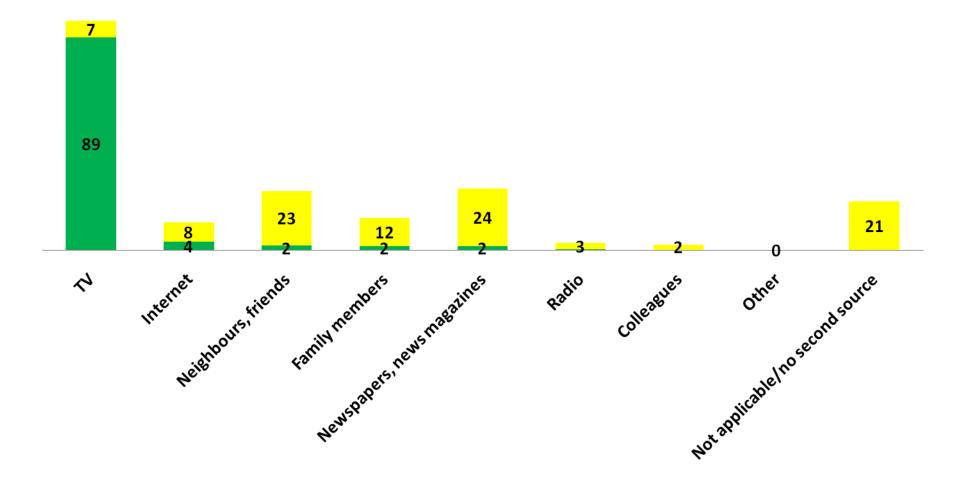
■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



## Media

# Main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q81 & q82)

First choice Second choice



Which television stations do you watch for coverage of Georgian politics and current events? (q84)

