



Public attitudes in Georgia:

Results of a April 2014 survey carried out for
NDI by CRRC-Georgia

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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 26 – April 18, 2014
 - 3,942 completed interviews
 - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas. Also additional representative samples of 12 self governing cities of Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti, Rustavi, Gori, Akhaltsikhe, Ozurgeti, Ambrolauri, Zugdidi, Telavi and Mtskheta.
- **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 +/- 2.1%

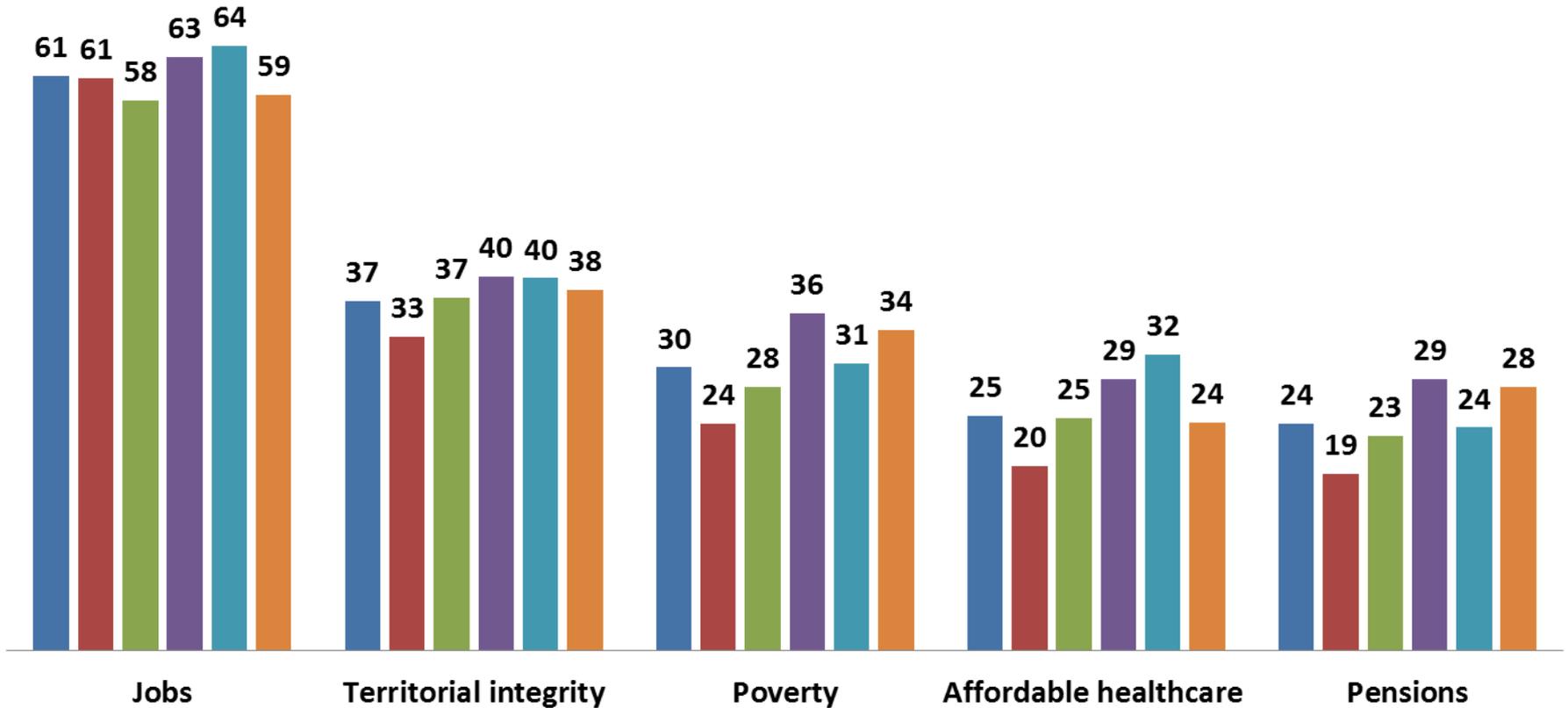
Methodology – Historical Waves

- This research has been conducted over multiple waves. The funding was provided by Sida.
- Historical waves:
 - **November 2013:**
 - 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.
 - The average margin of error is +/- 2%
 - **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%

National and Local Issues

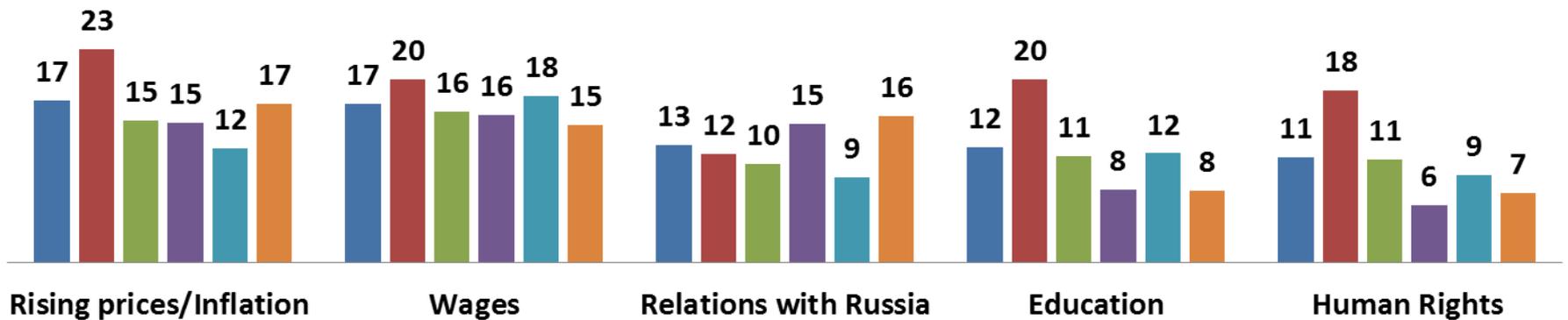
Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 1

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



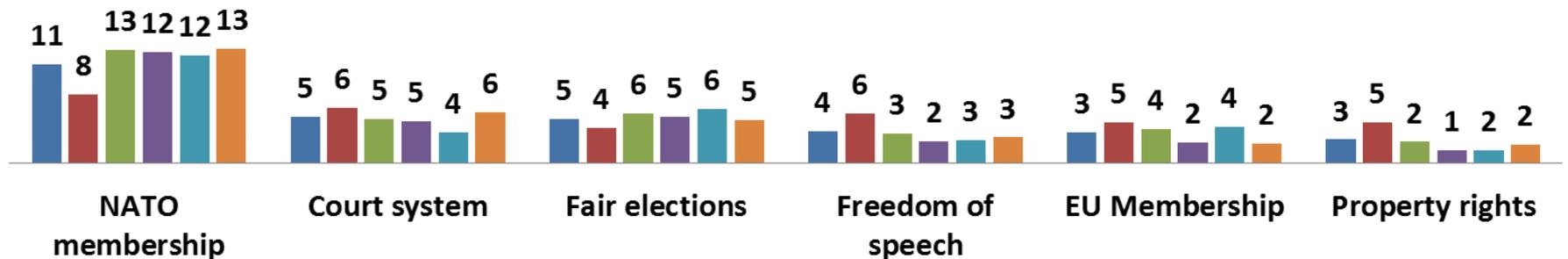
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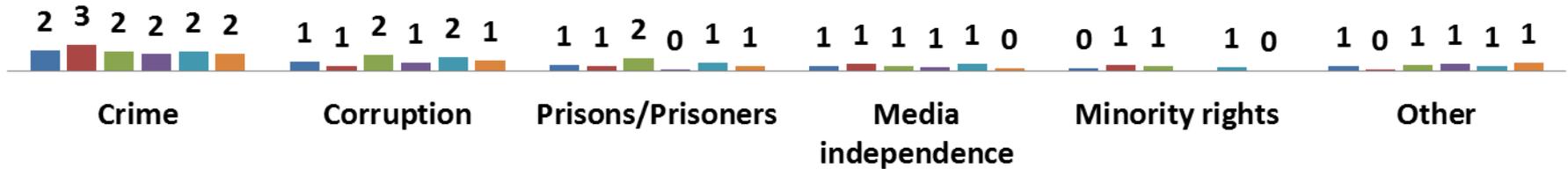
Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 3

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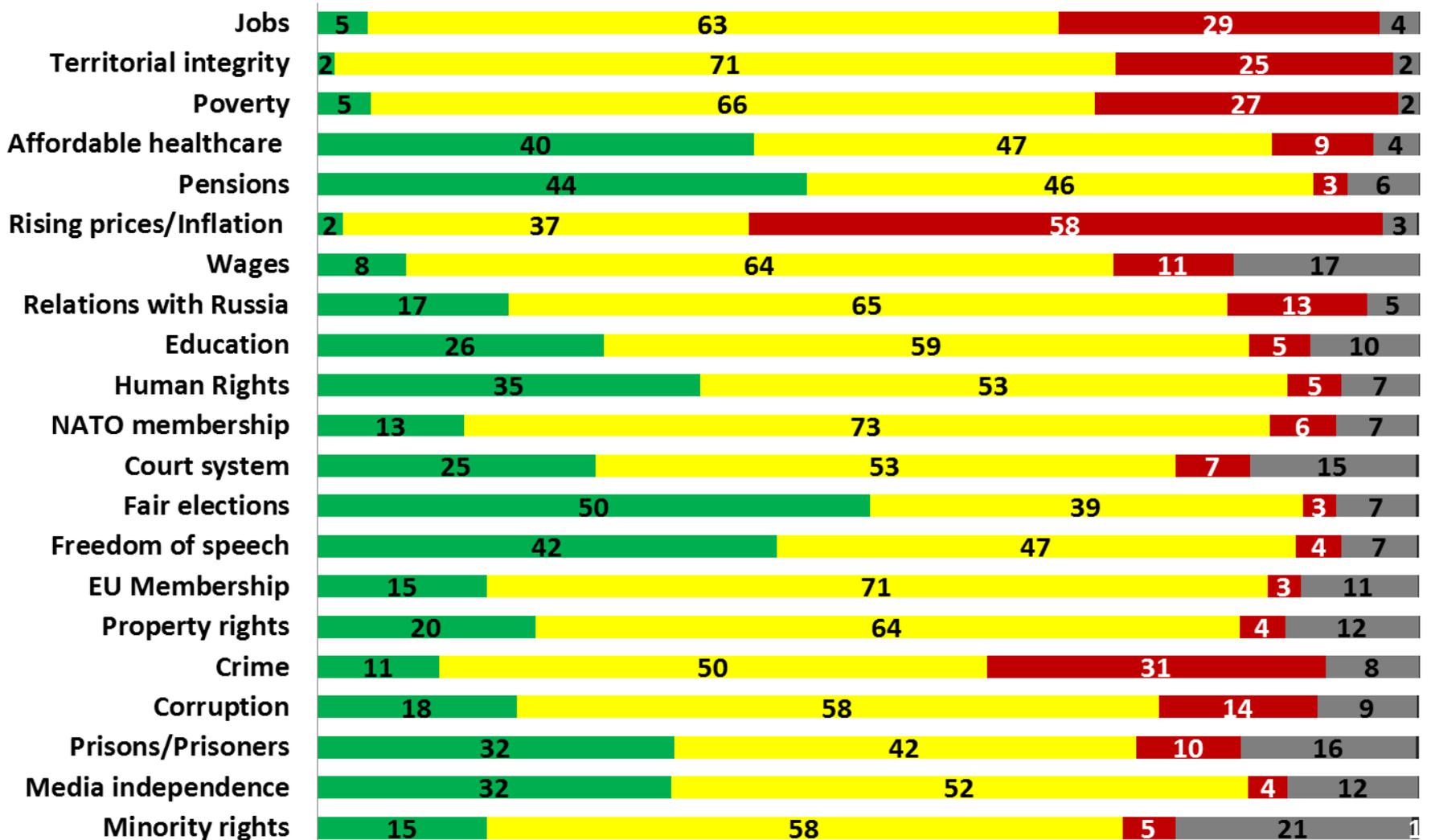
Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 4

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

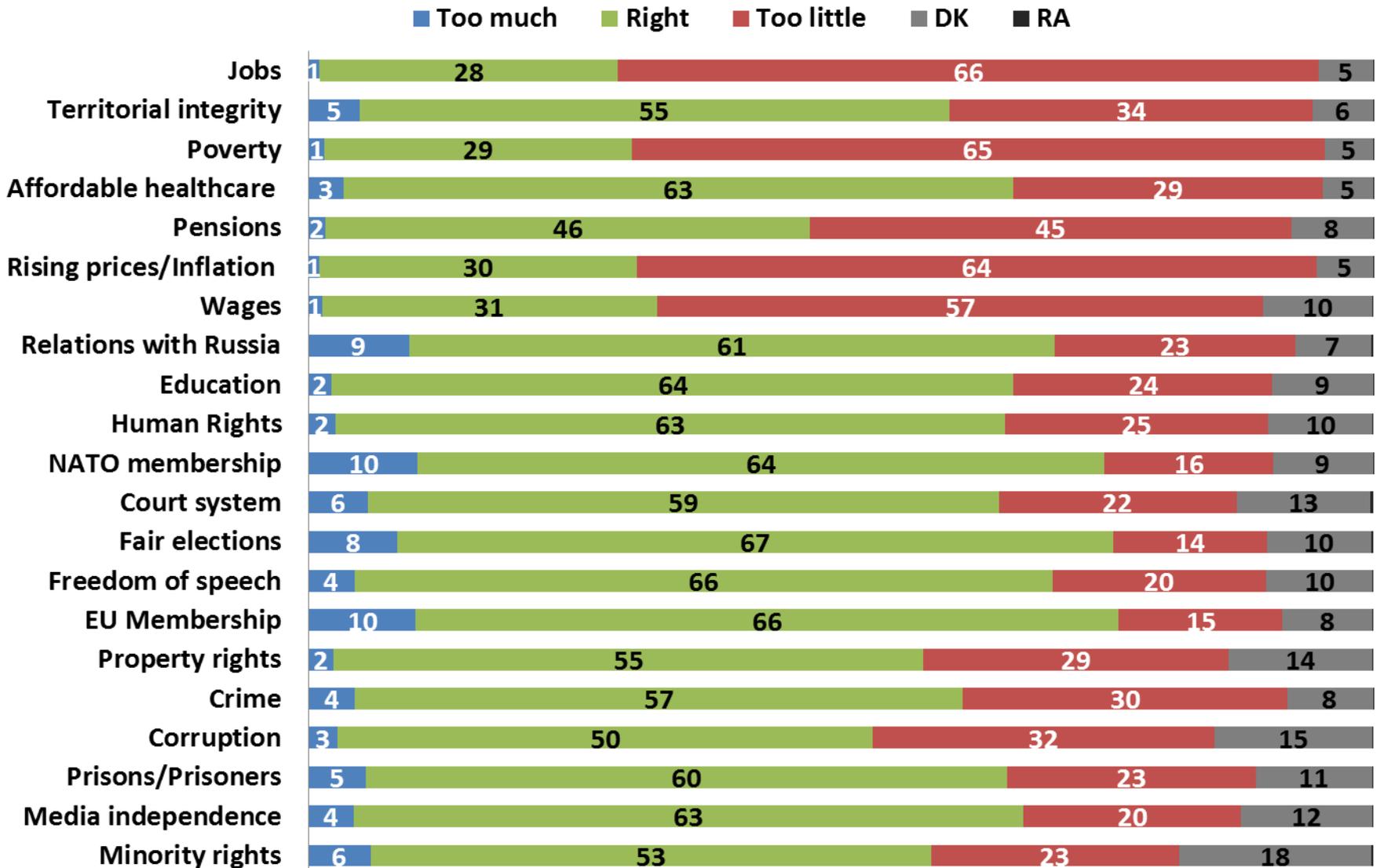


How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q2)

■ Better ■ Same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

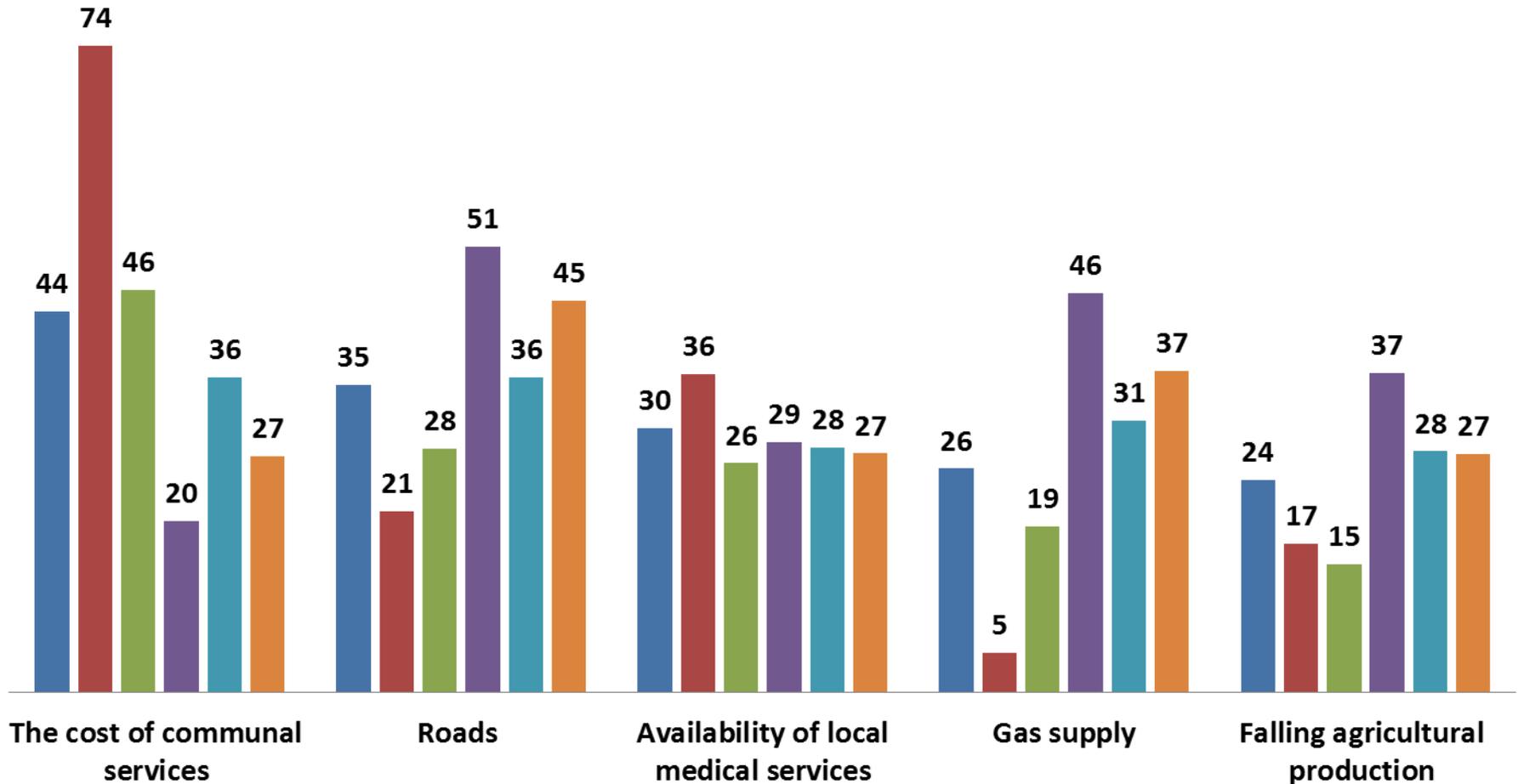


Politicians in Georgia talk about ... too much, the right amount or too little? (q3)



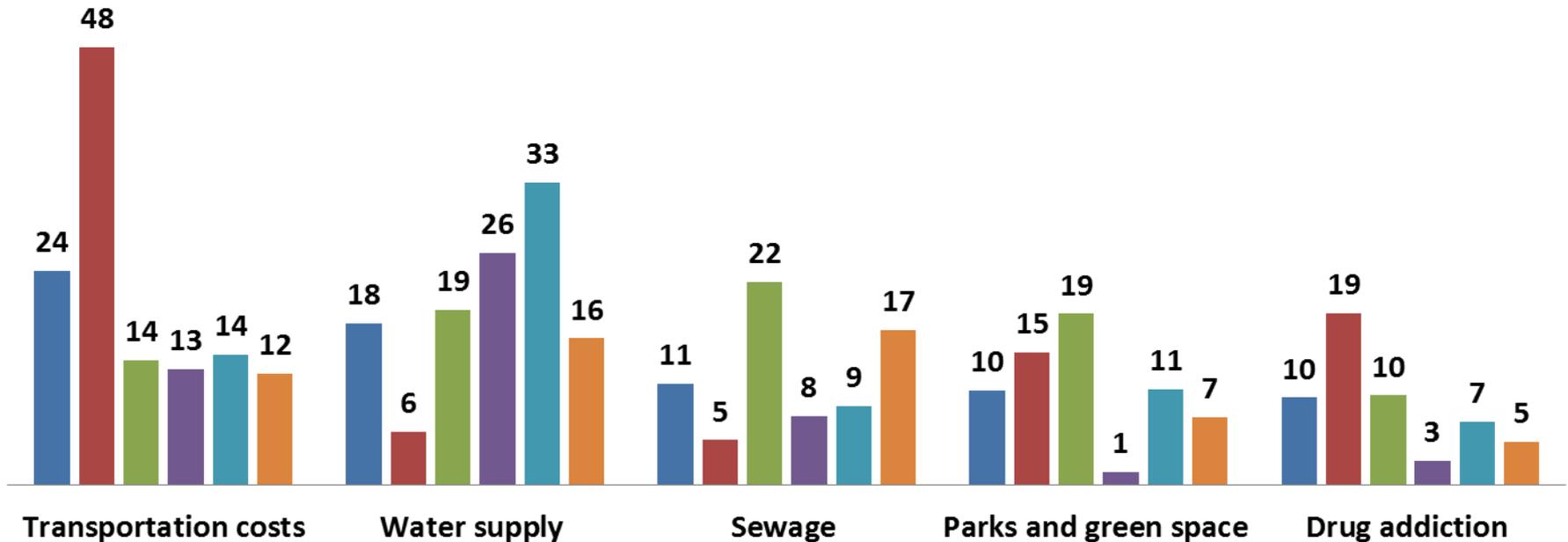
Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 1

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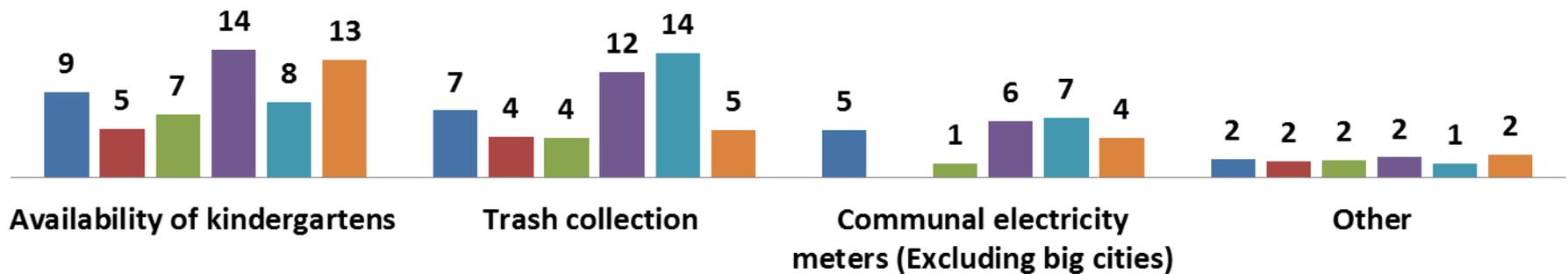
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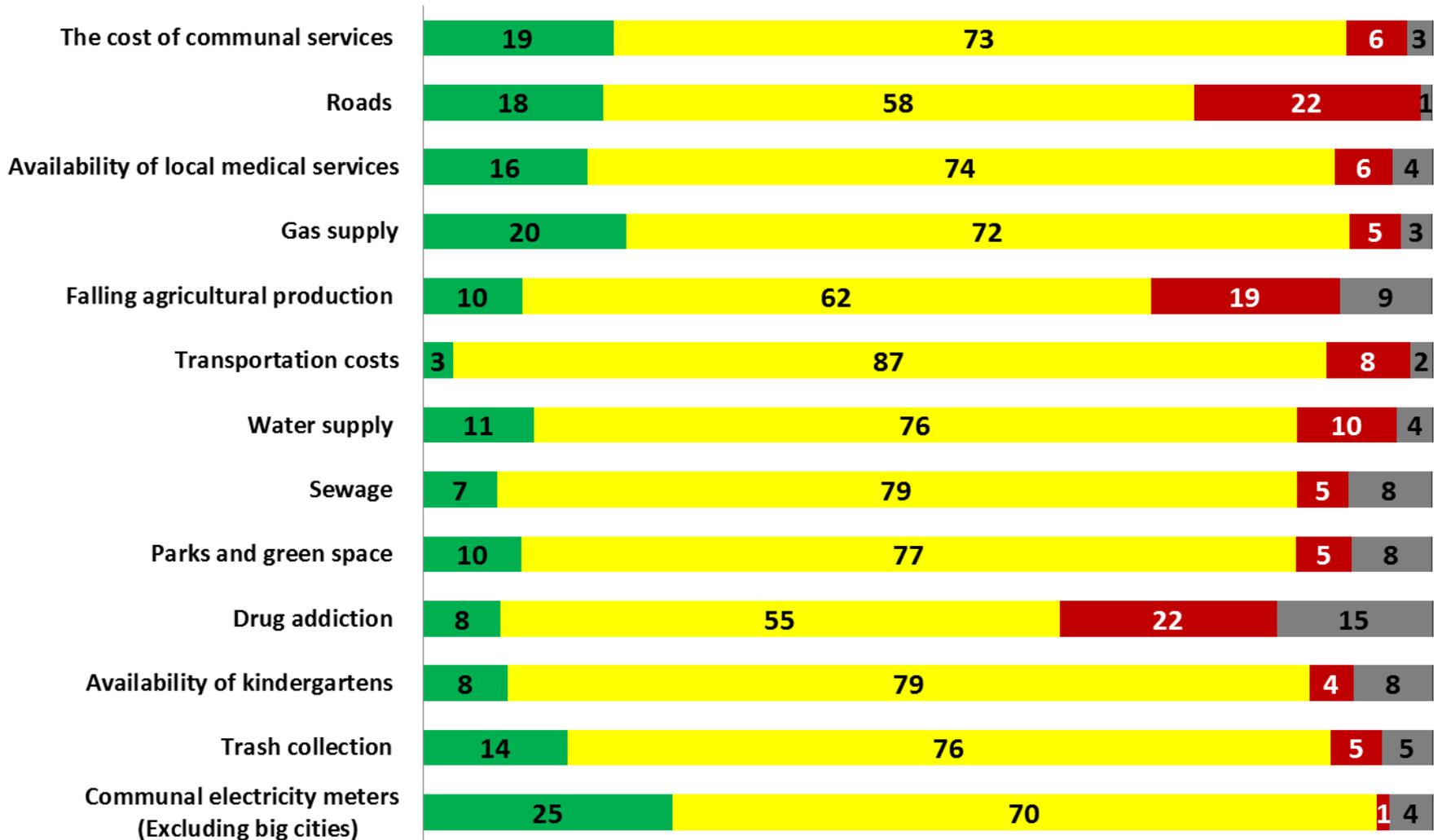
Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 3

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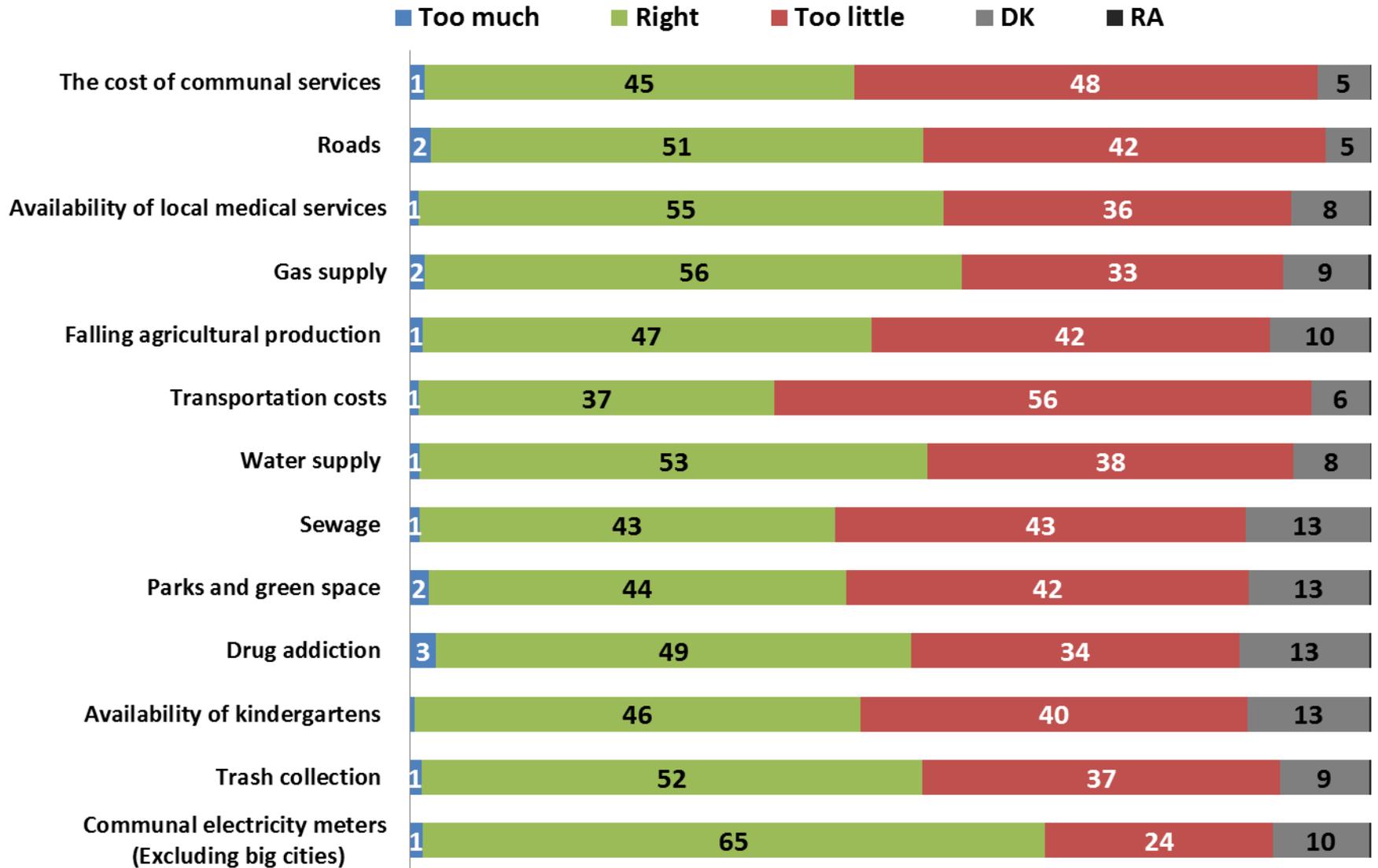


How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q5)

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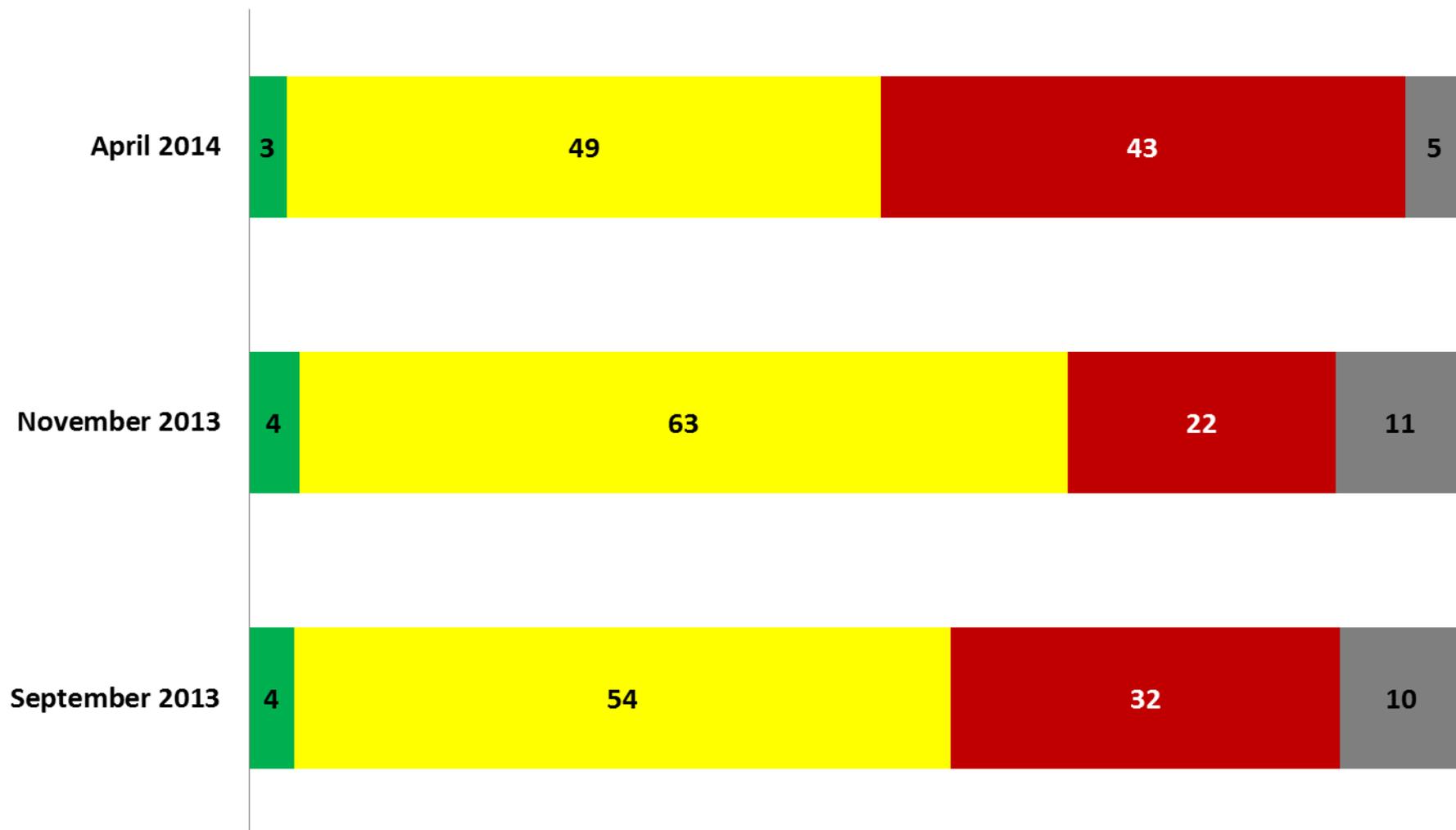


Politicians in Georgia talk about ... too much, the right amount or too little? (q6)



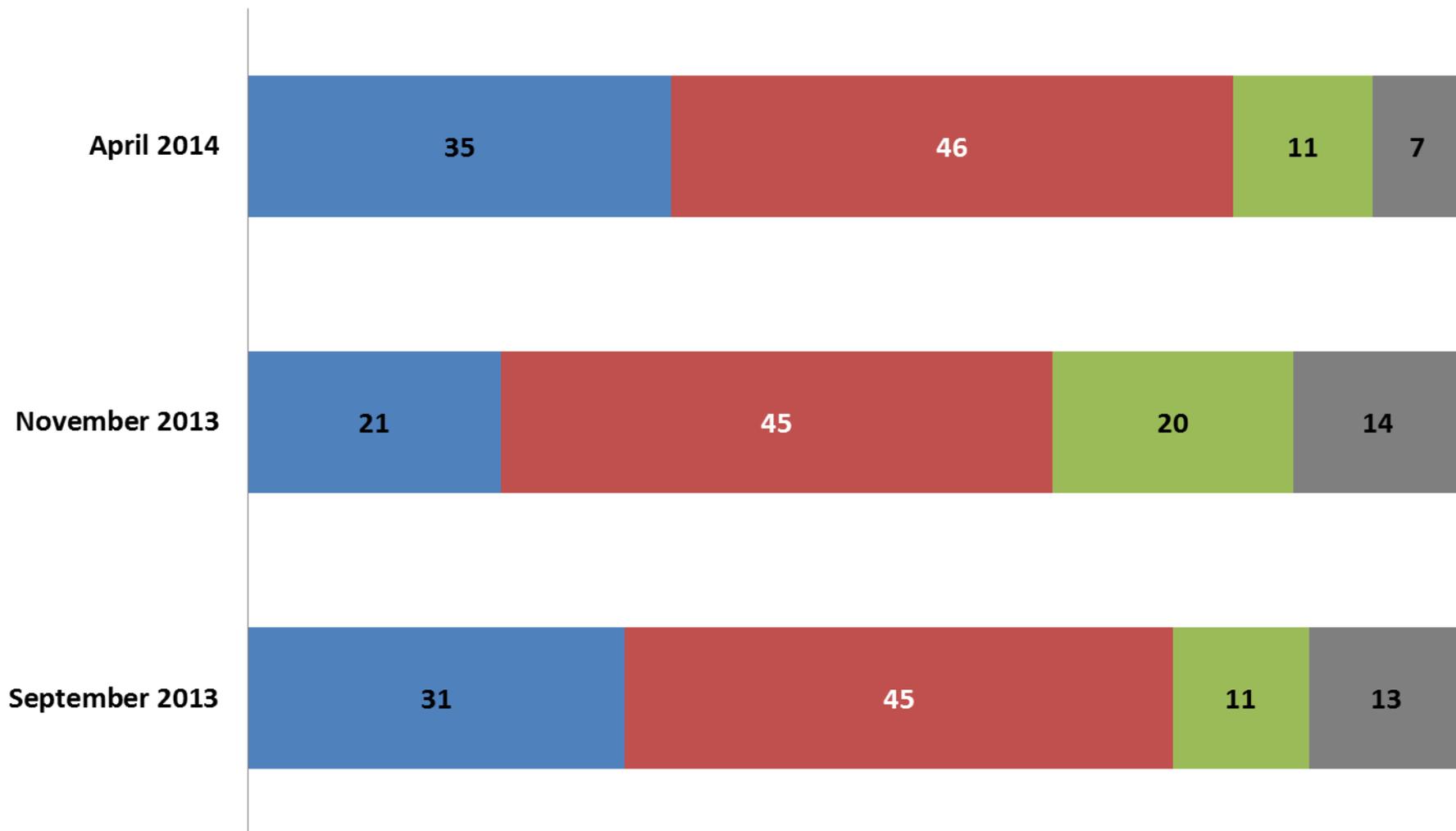
After the parliamentary elections of October 2012 has the number of jobs available in Georgia... (q12)

■ Increased ■ Stayed the same ■ Decreased ■ DK ■ RA



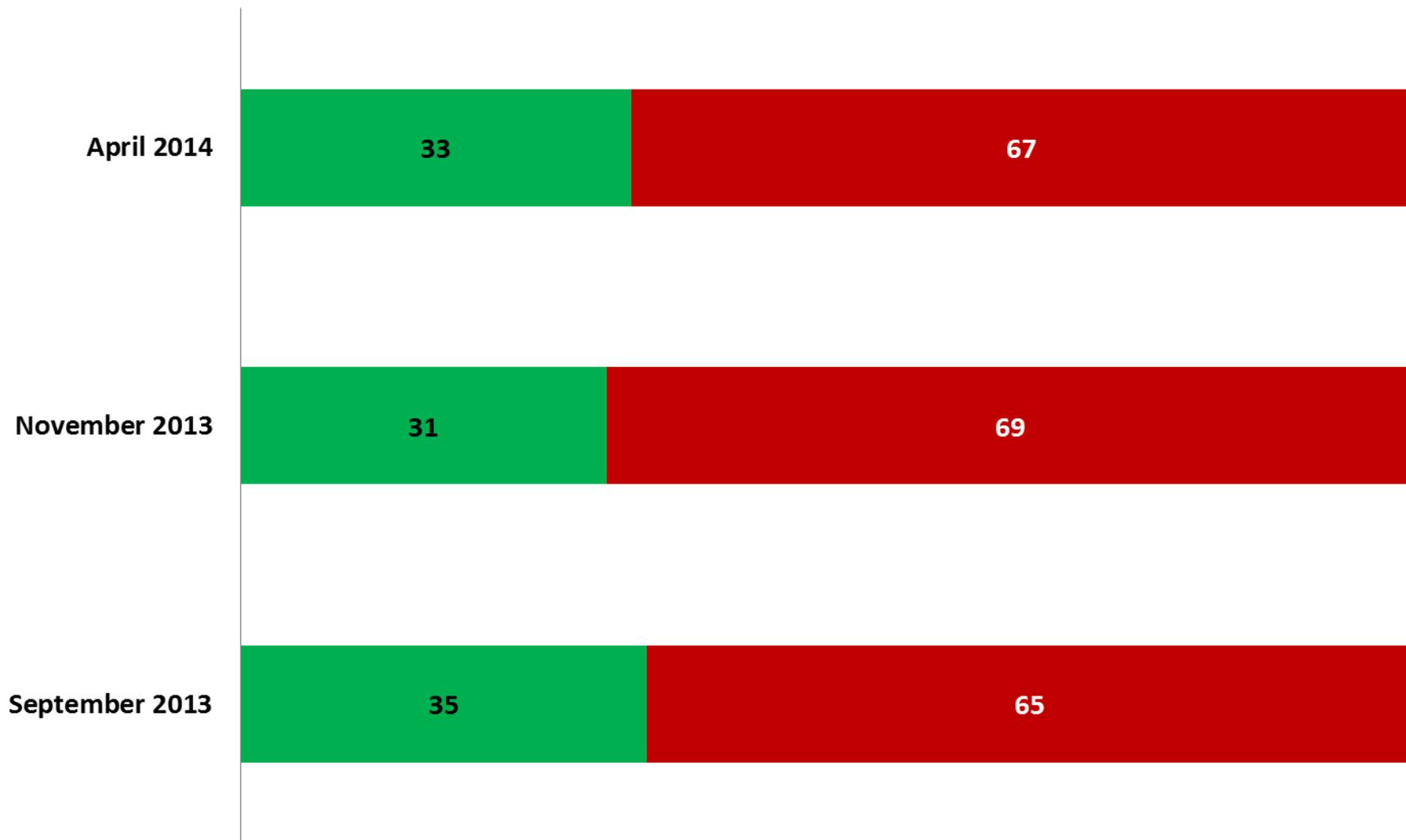
After the parliamentary elections of October 2012 has the level of crime in Georgia... (q13)

■ Increased ■ Stayed the same ■ Decreased ■ DK ■ RA



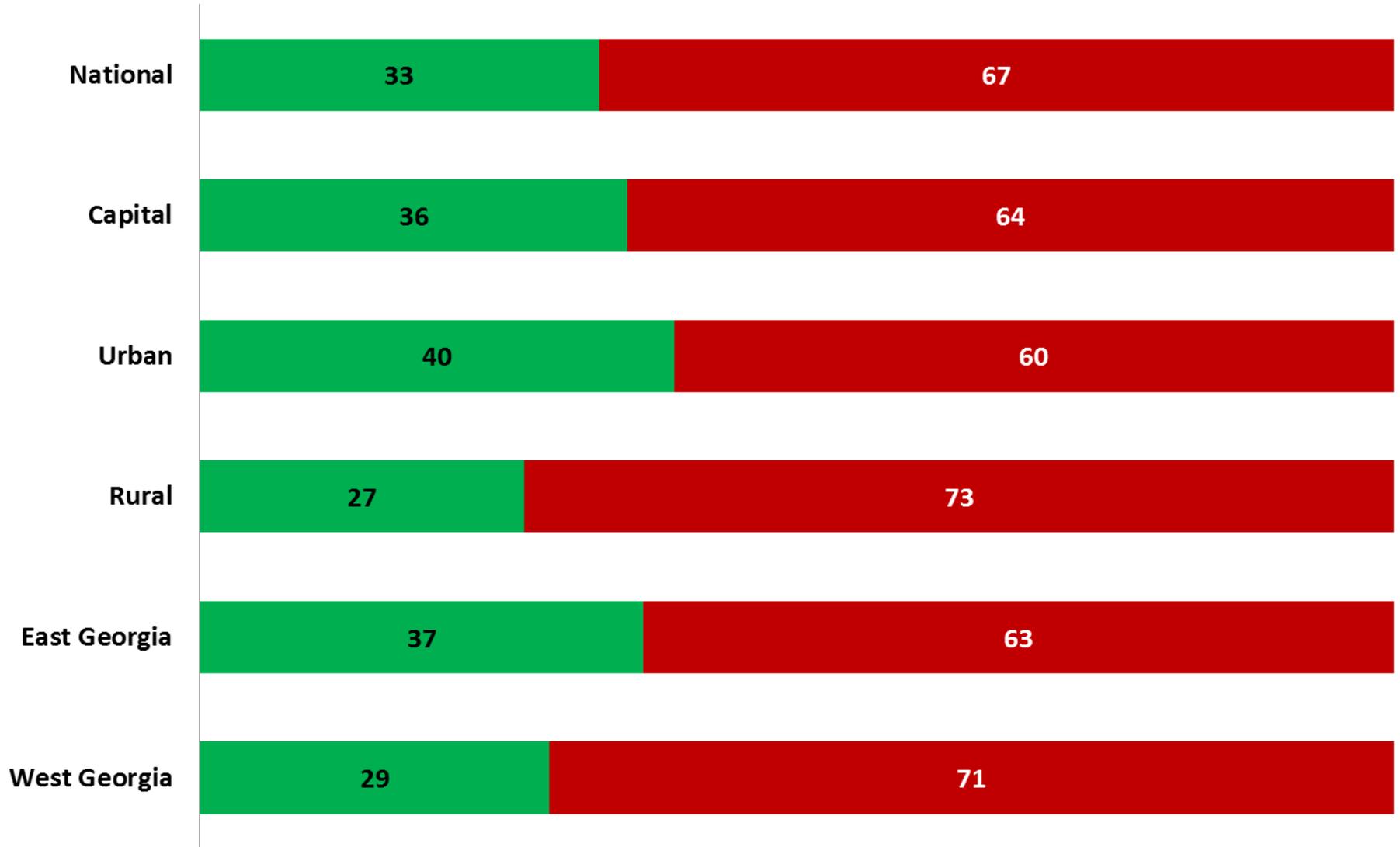
Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q104)

■ Yes ■ No

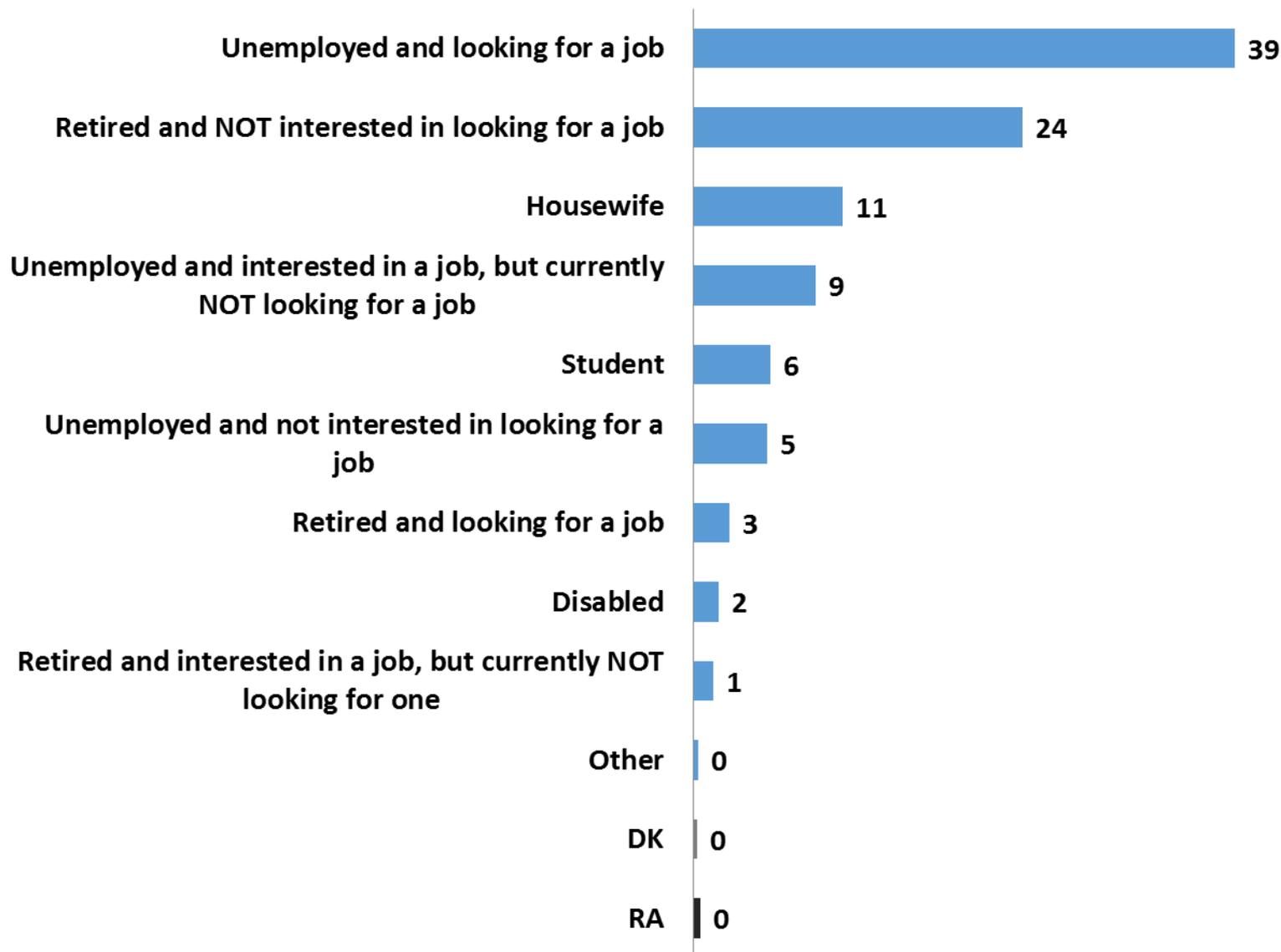


Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q104 X Settlement)

■ Yes ■ No



Which of the following best describes your situation? (q106) - of the 67% who are unemployed



Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:



33%--Employed (full or part time)



28%--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.)

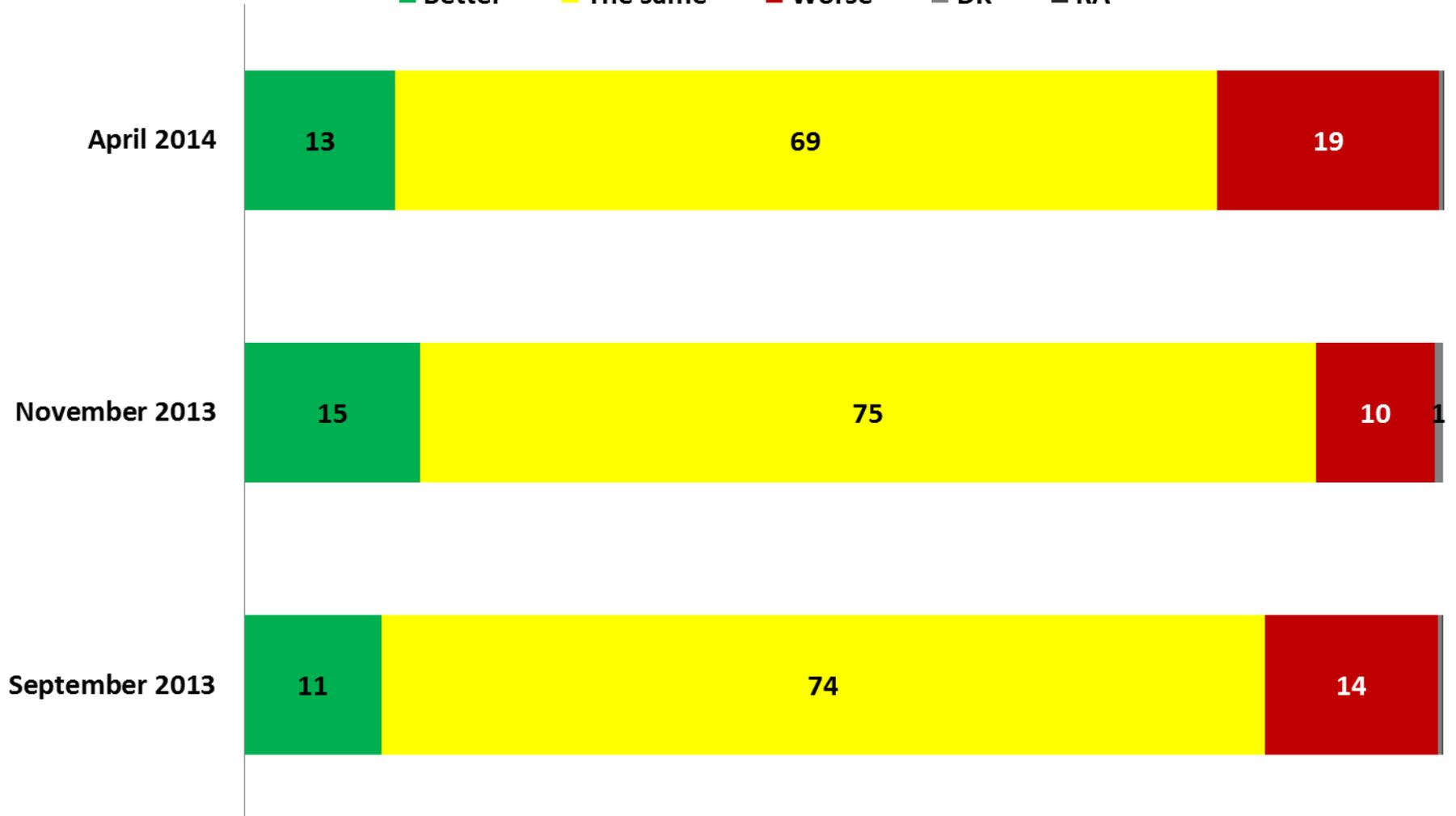


32%--Non-active labour force (This includes students, homemakers, retired persons who are not interested in looking for a job.)

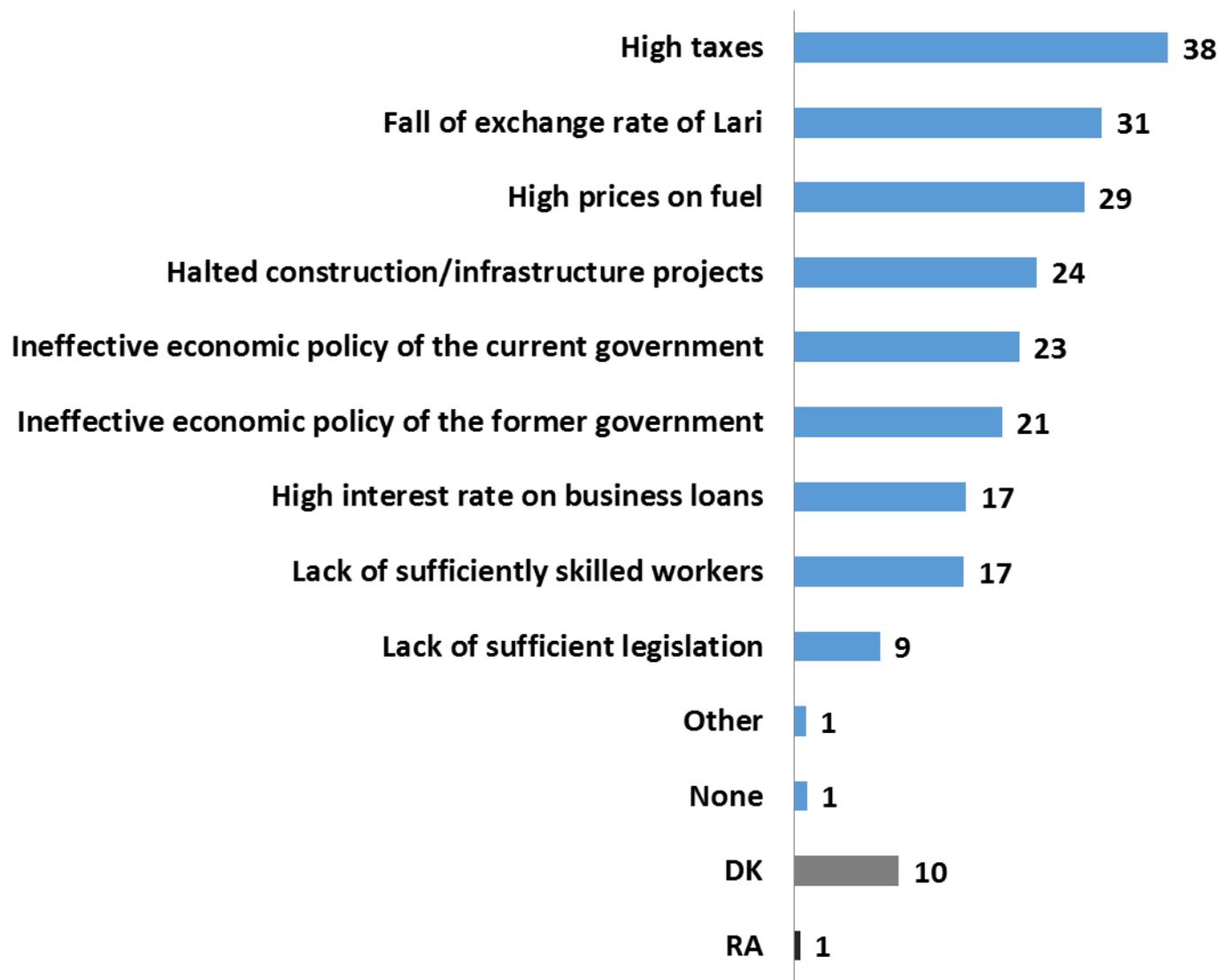


Generally, taking everything into account, since October 2012 you and your household are... (q9)

Better **The same** **Worse** **DK** **RA**

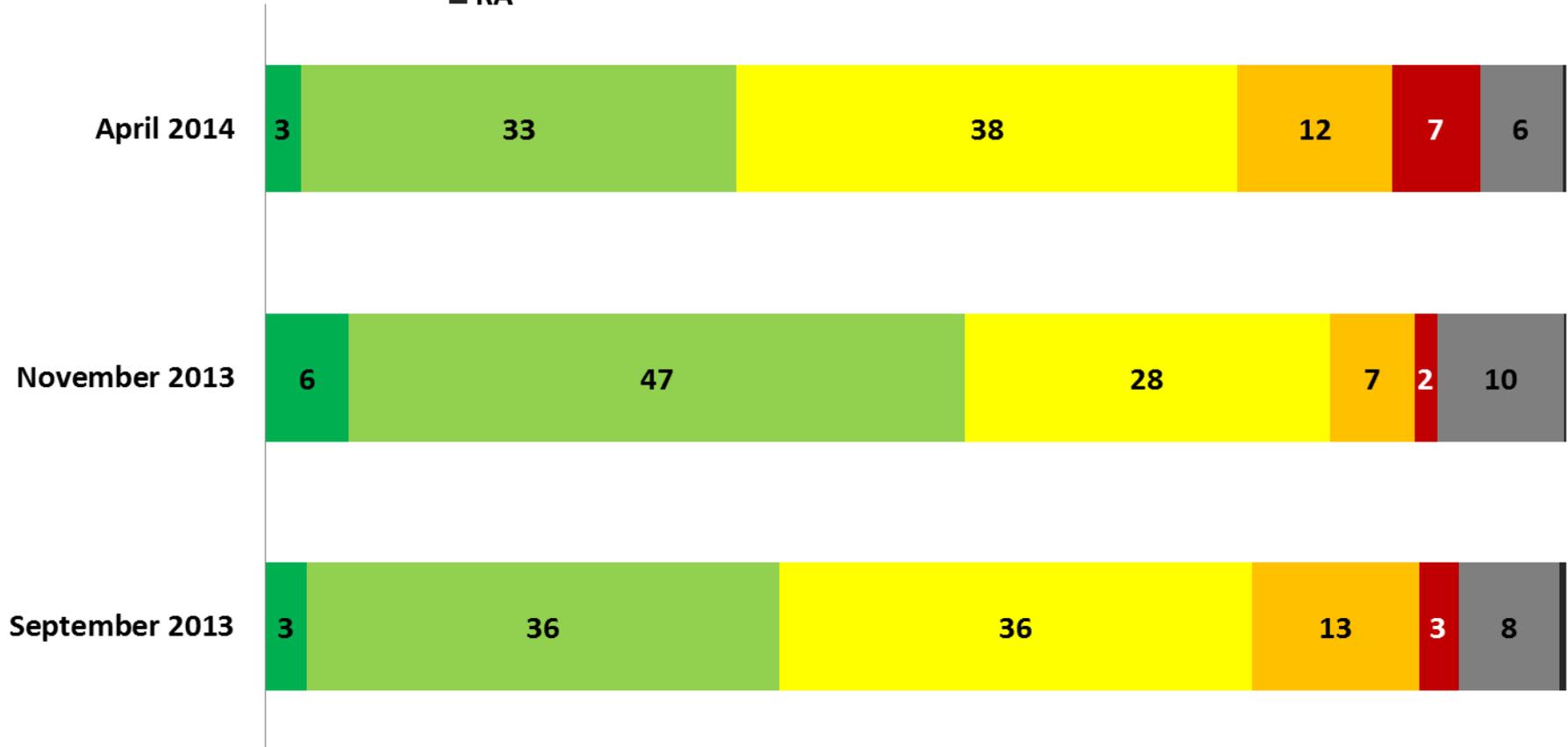


What are the main challenges Georgian economy faces? Name up to three (q10)



In which direction is Georgia going? (q11)

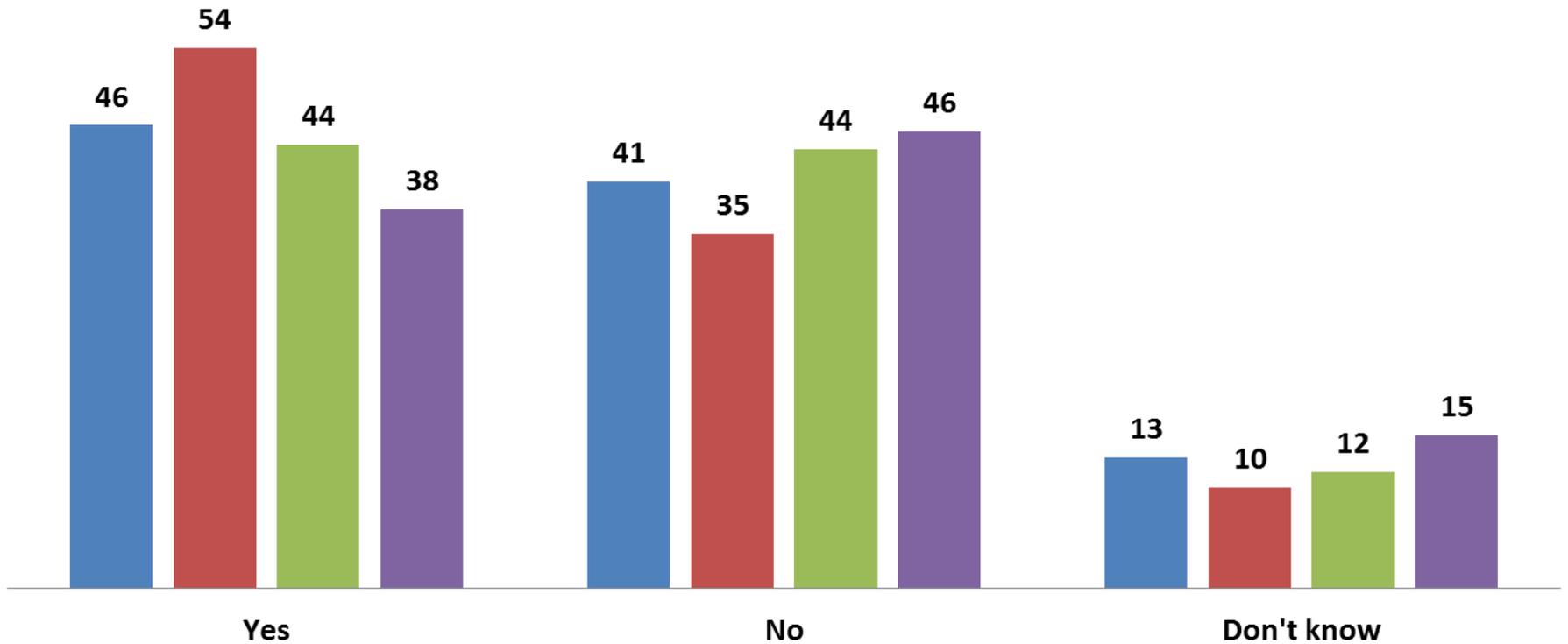
- Georgia is definitely going in the right direction
- Georgia is going mainly in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- Georgia is mainly going in the wrong direction
- Georgia is definitely going in the wrong direction
- DK
- RA



Democracy and Reforms

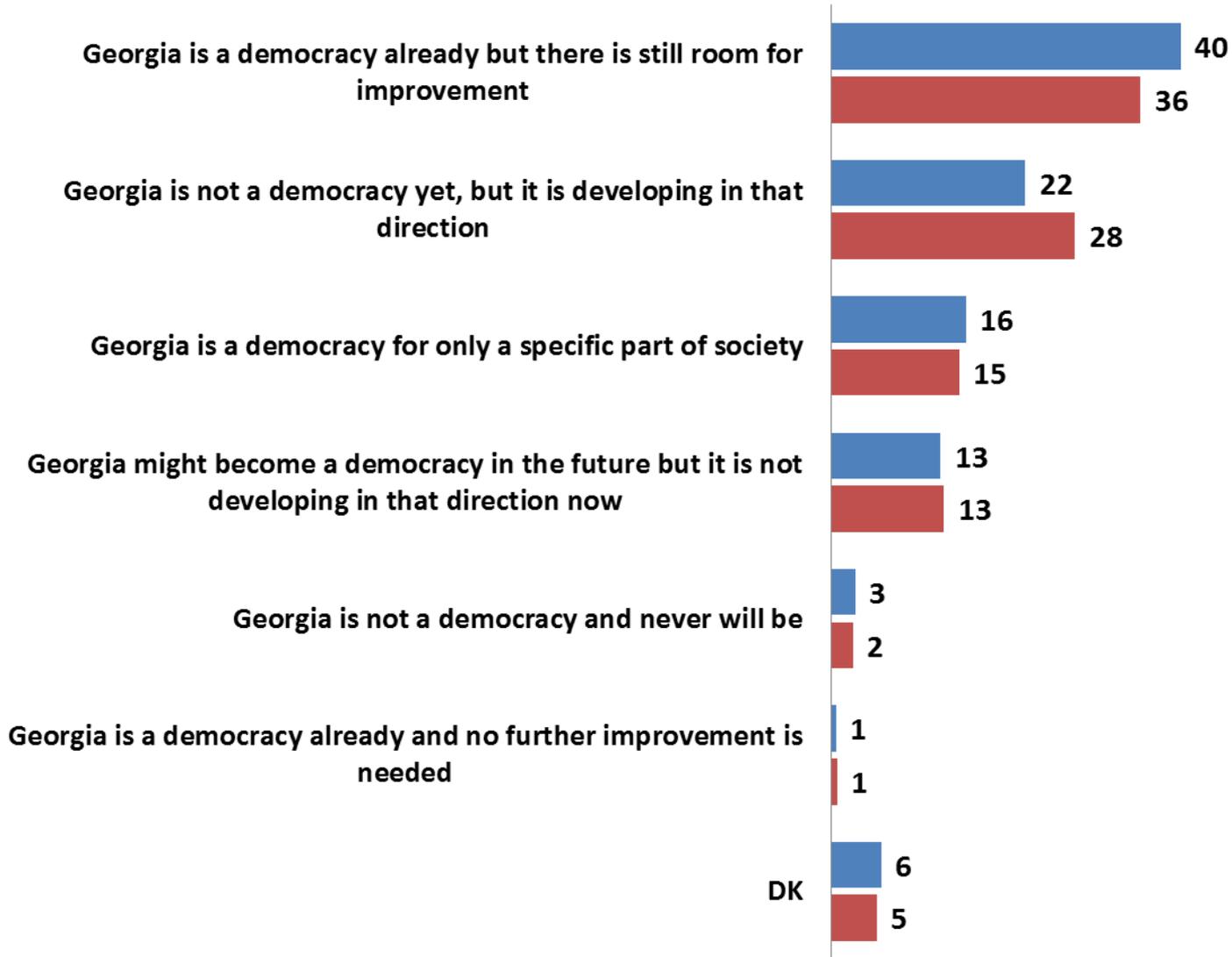
Is Georgia a democracy now? (q19)

■ April 2014 ■ November 2013 ■ September 2013 ■ June 2013



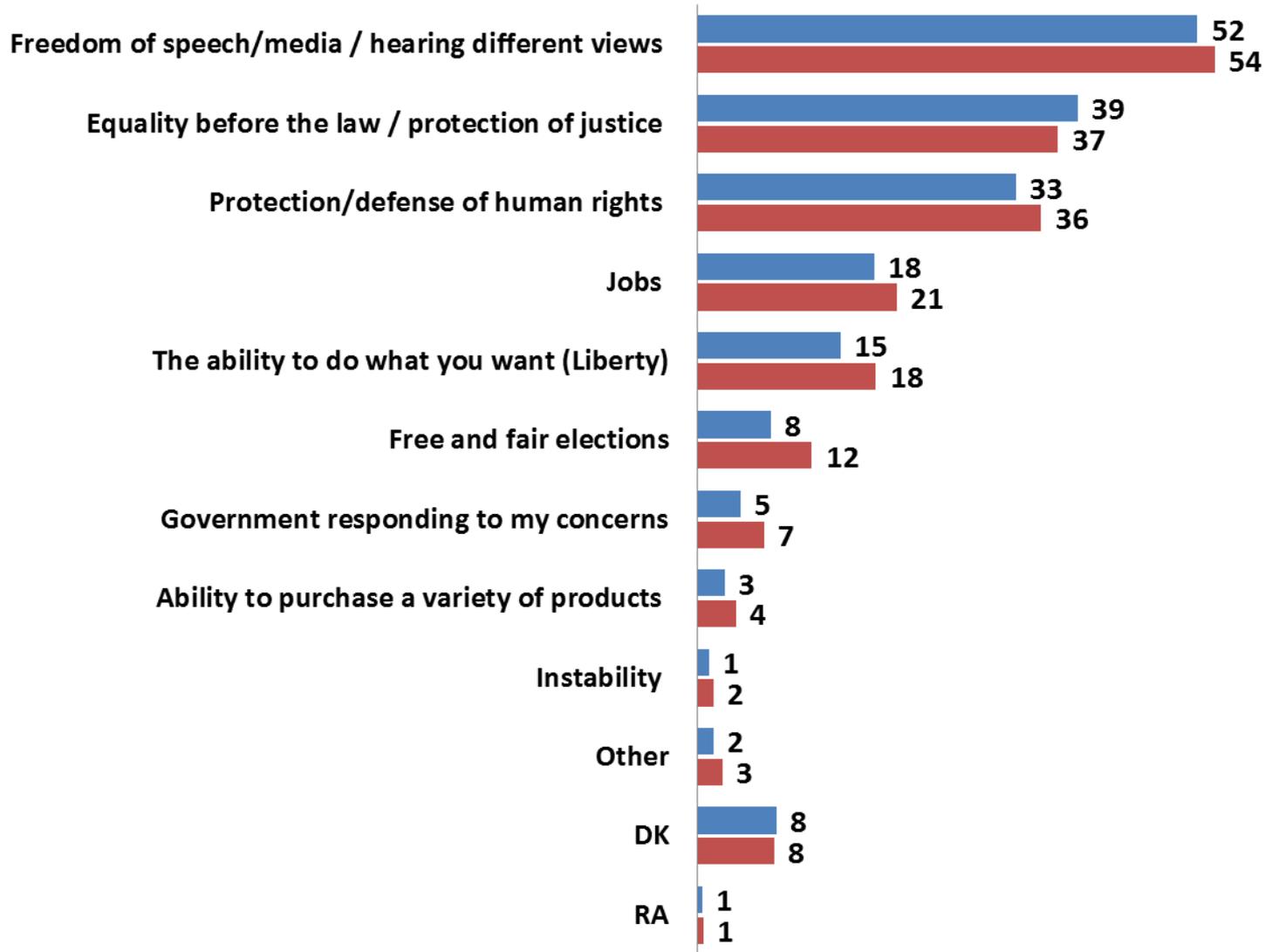
Which statement do you agree with the most? (q20)

■ April 2014 ■ September 2013



What does democracy mean to you? Name up to three (q18)

■ April 2014 ■ September 2013



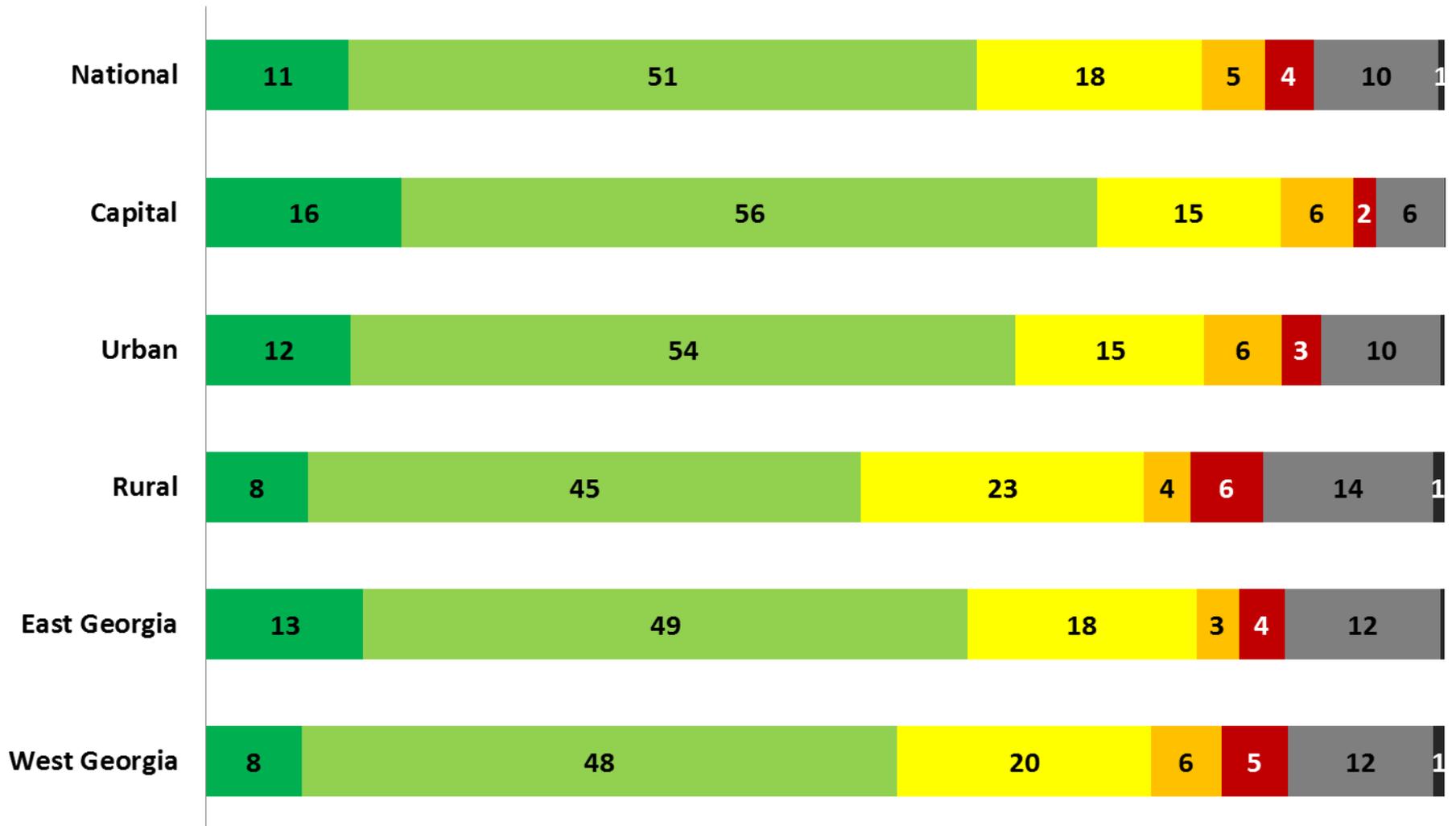
How important is the protection of minority rights to Georgia's democratic development? (q24)

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



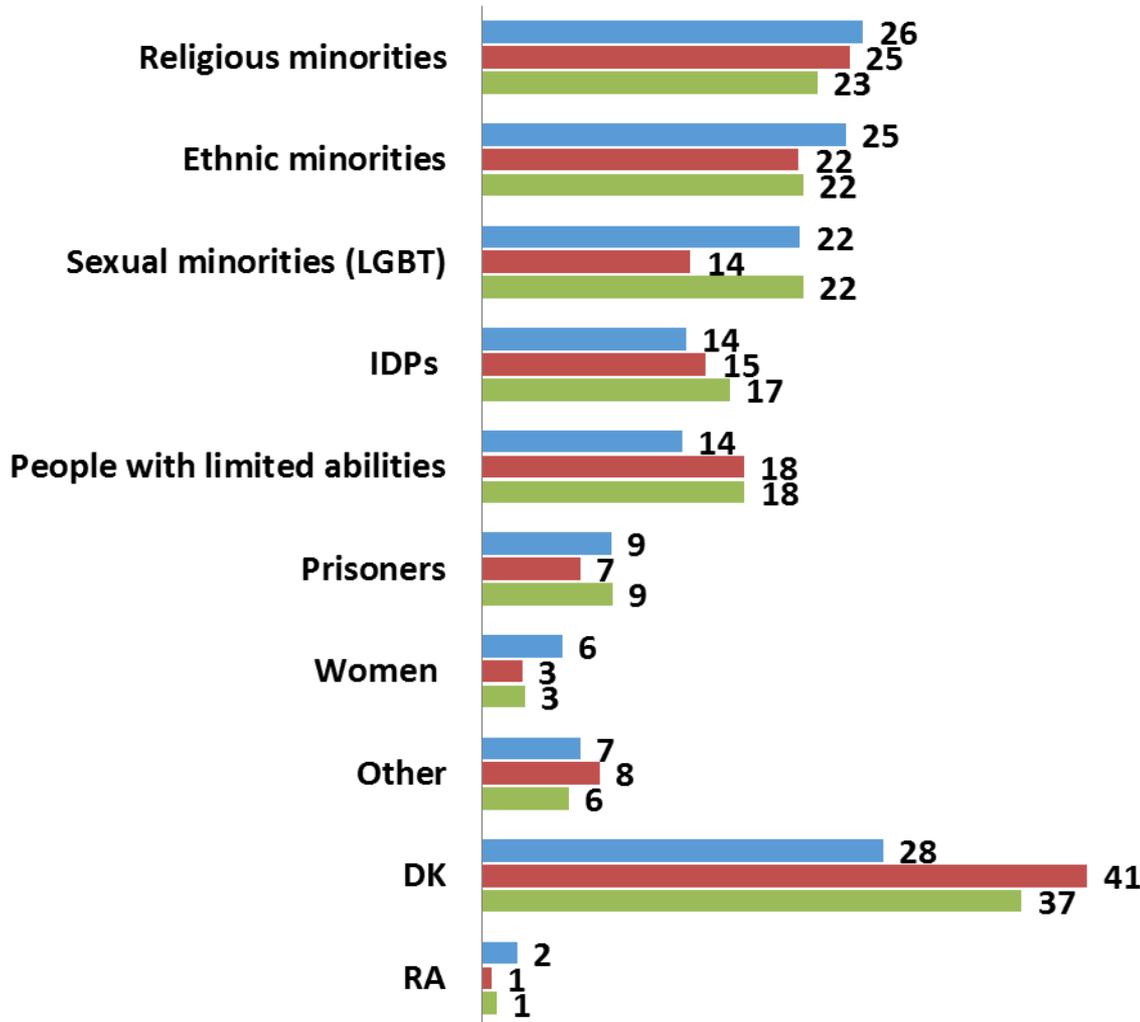
How important is the protection of minority rights to Georgia's democratic development? (q24 X Settlement)

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



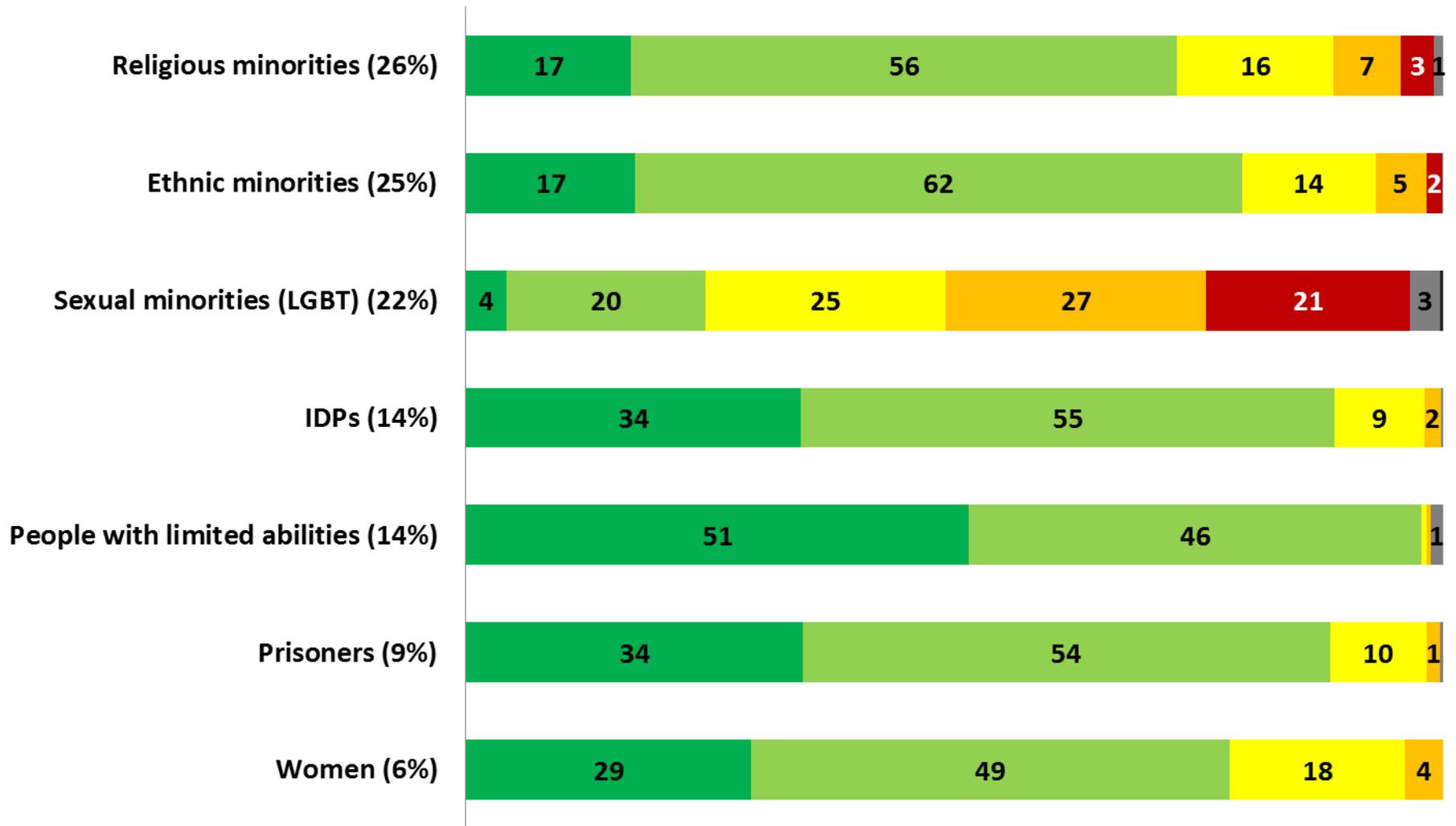
When you think of minority groups, which groups come to mind first? Name up to three (q25)

■ April 2014 ■ November 2013 ■ September 2013



How important is the protection of rights of the following minorities? (q26)

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

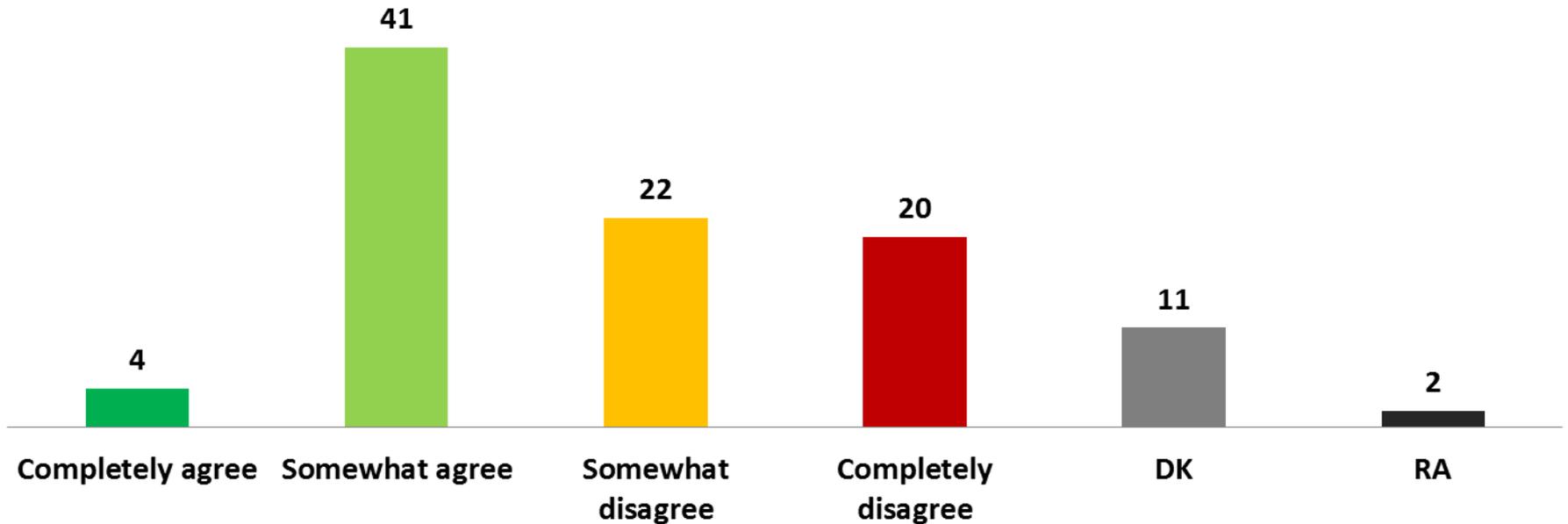


To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q14)

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

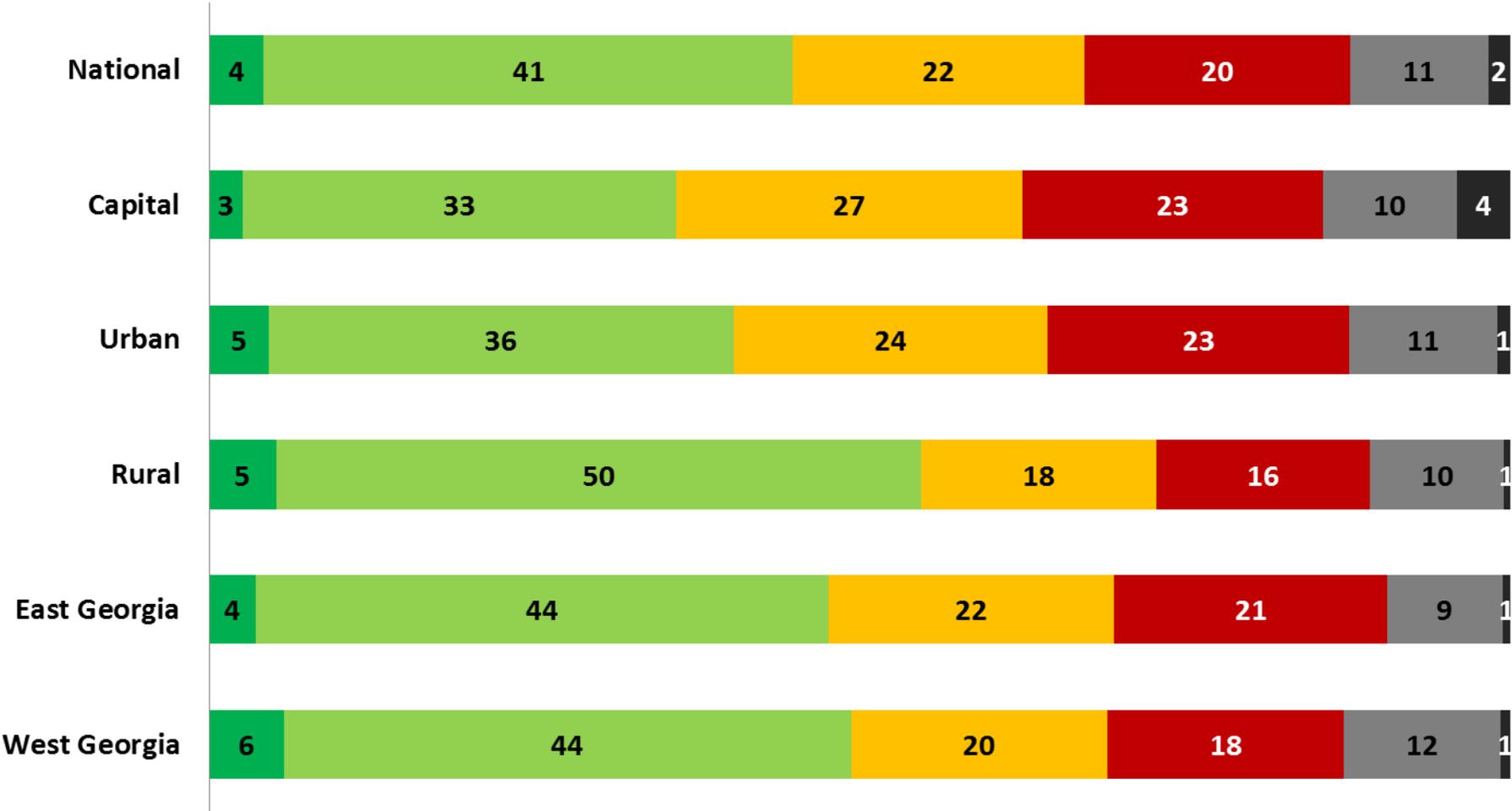


To what extent do you agree or disagree that the local government is making the changes that matter to you? (q15)



To what extent do you agree or disagree that the local government is making the changes that matter to you? (q15 X Settlement)

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



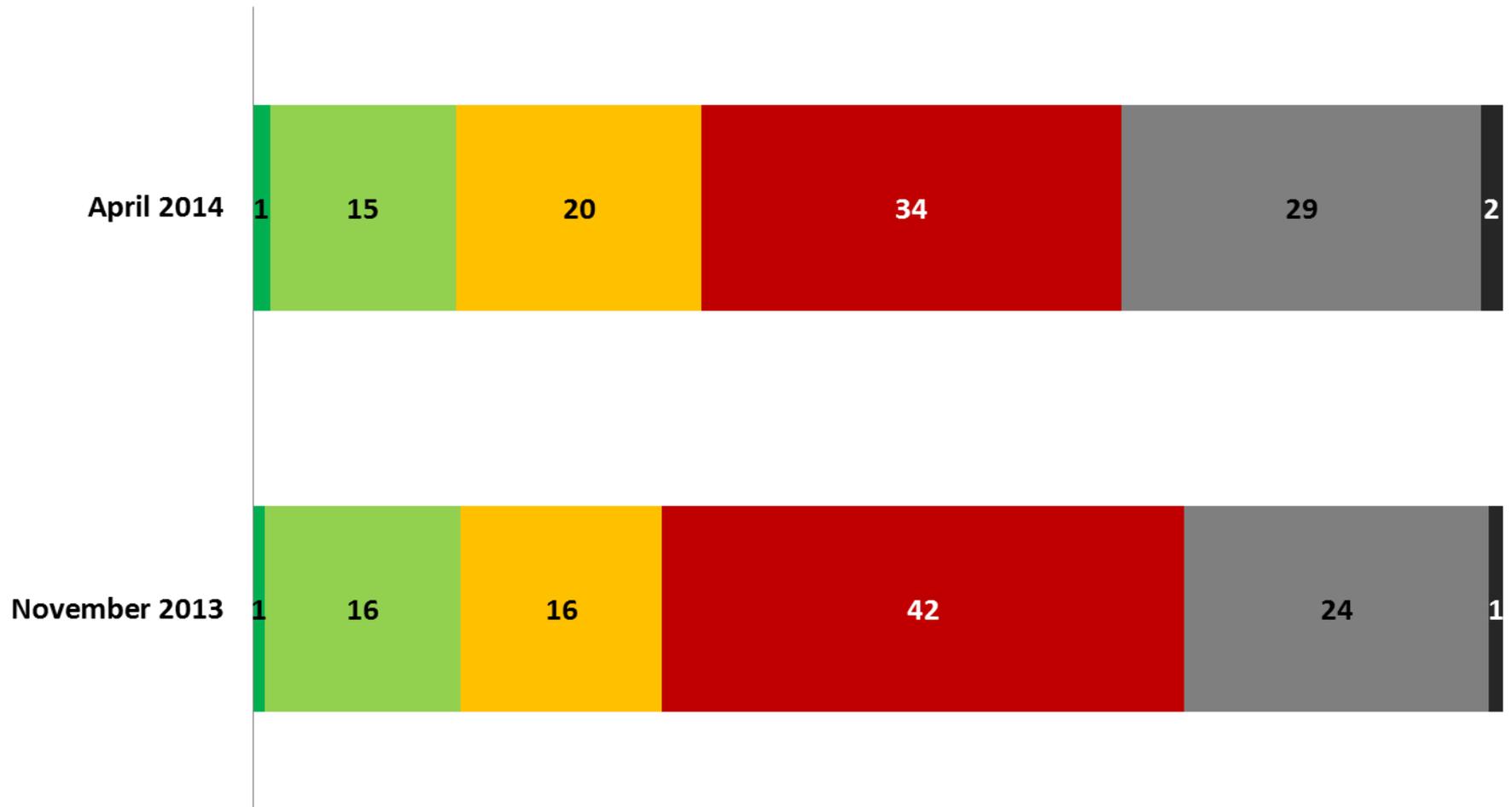
To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q16)

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

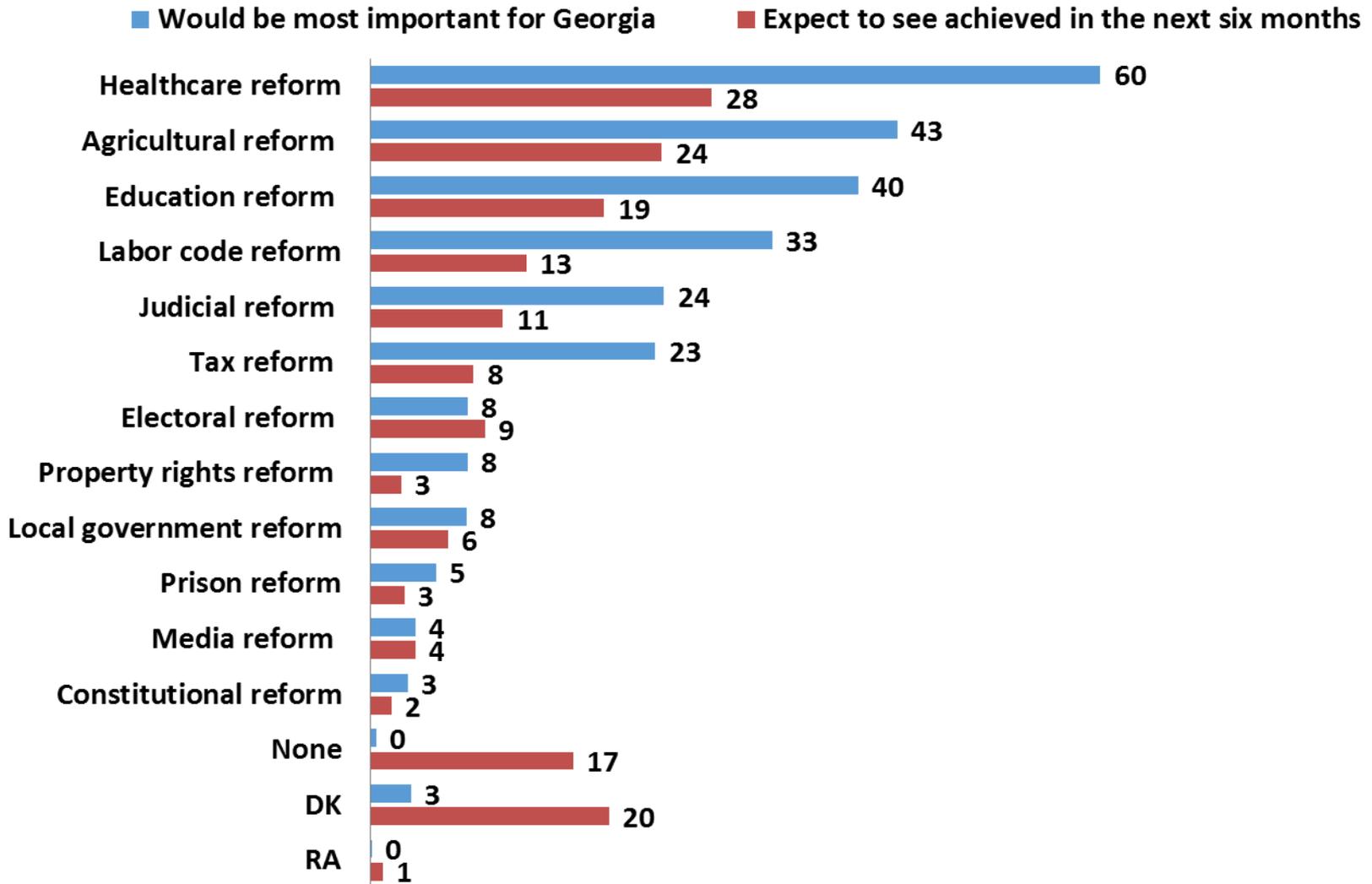


To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the non-Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q17)

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

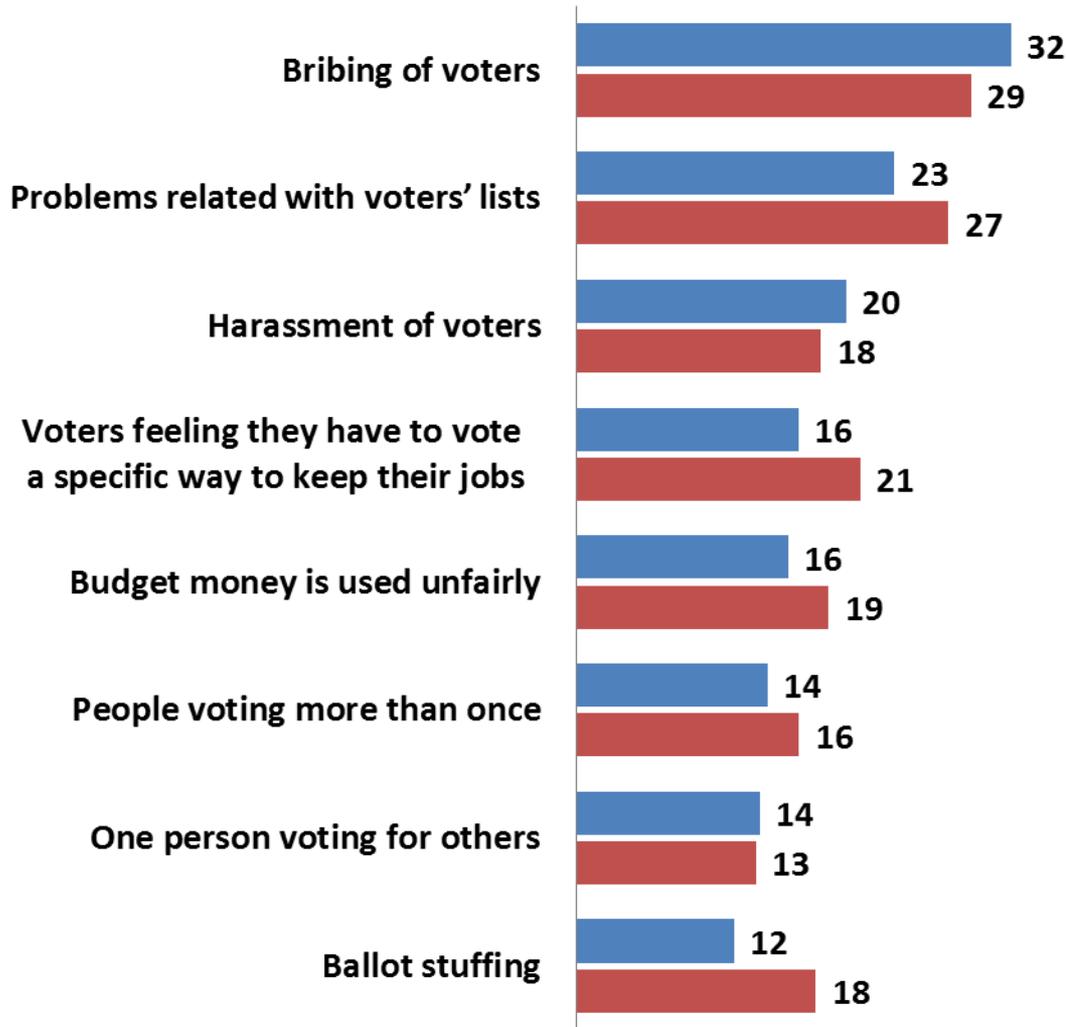


Which three reforms do you think would be most important for Georgia / Which do you expect to see achieved in the next six months? Name up to three (q7/8)



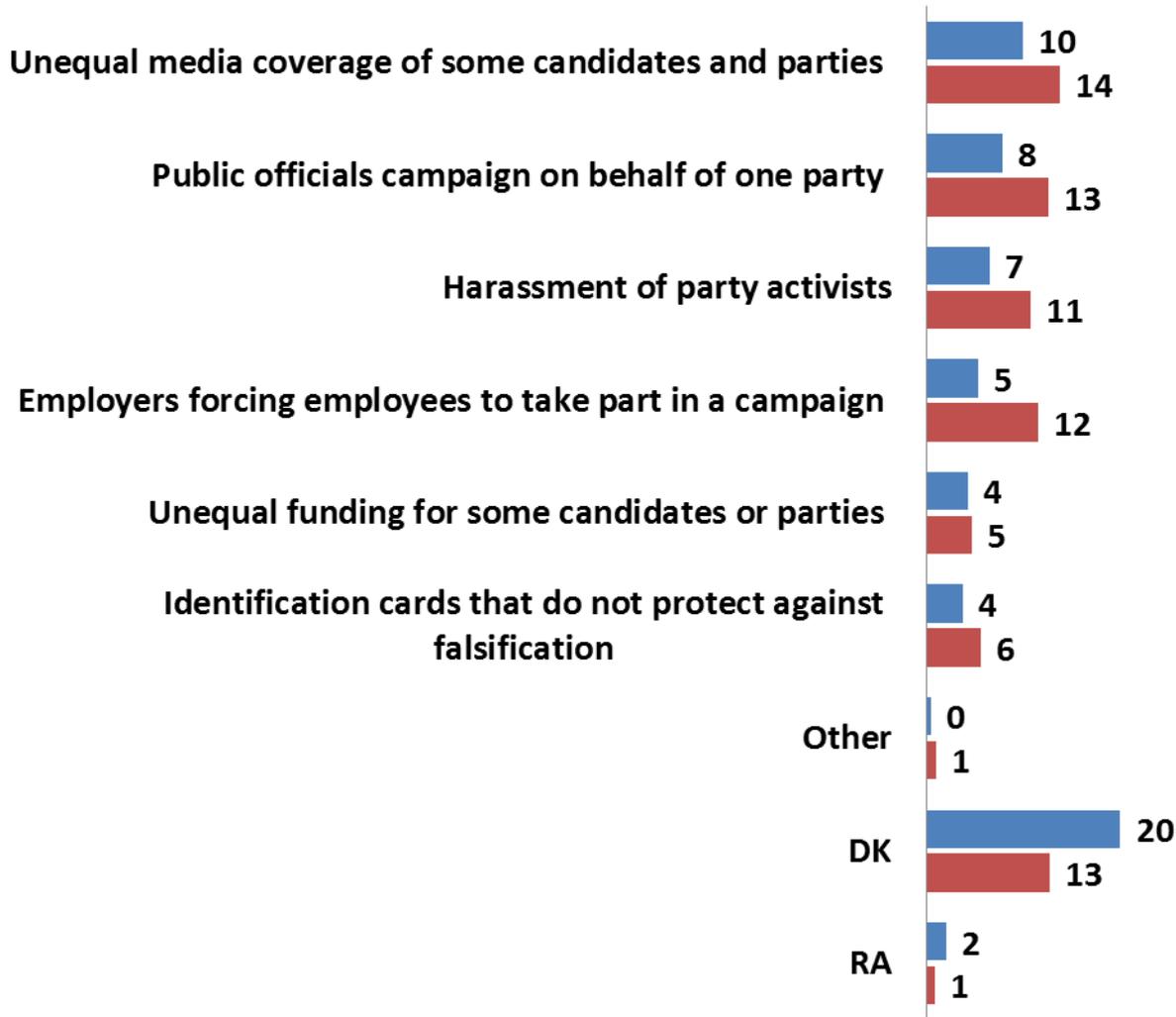
What do you think are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? (80) Part 1

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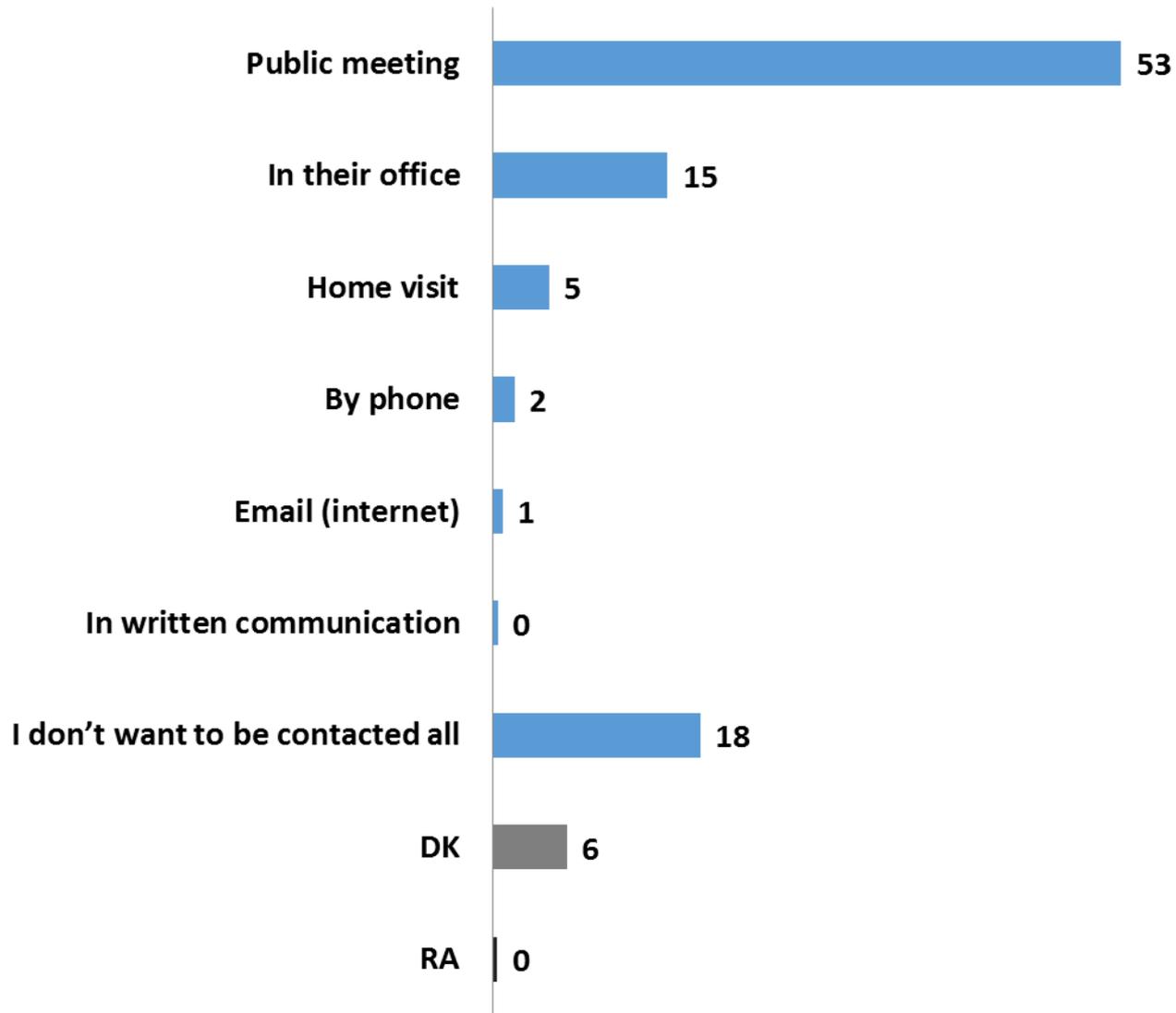


What do you think are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? (80) Part 2

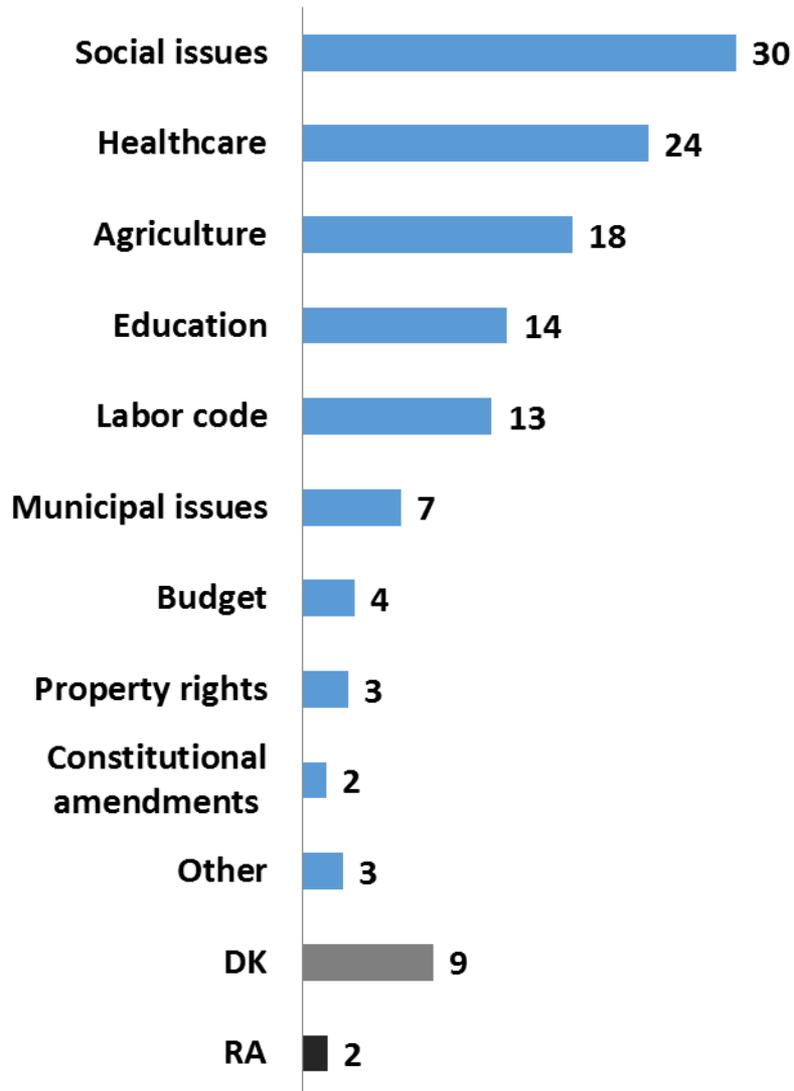
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If your elected representative were to contact you, what would be the best form? (q35)

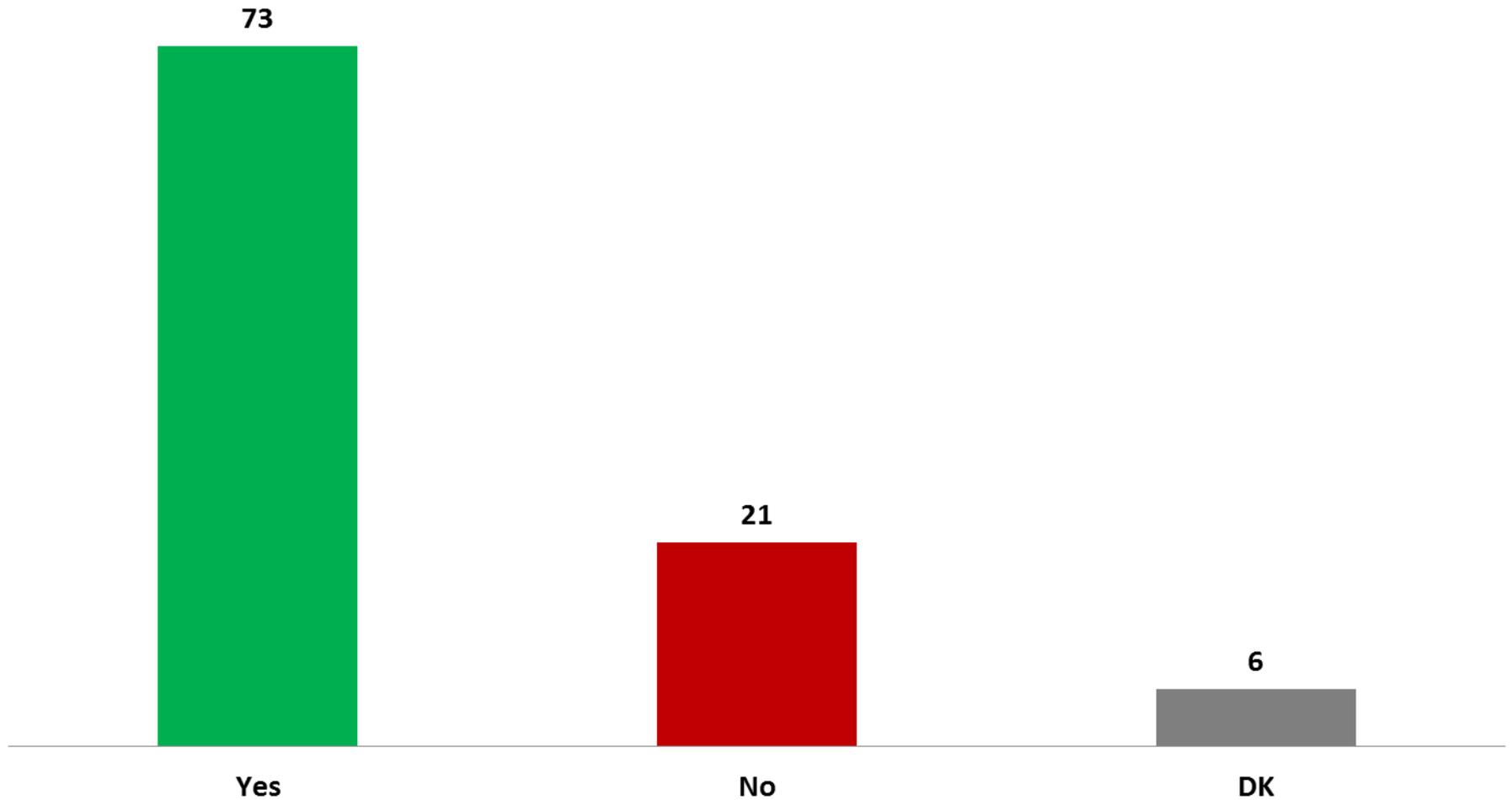


What are the issues that you would like to engage in the discussion of? (q36)



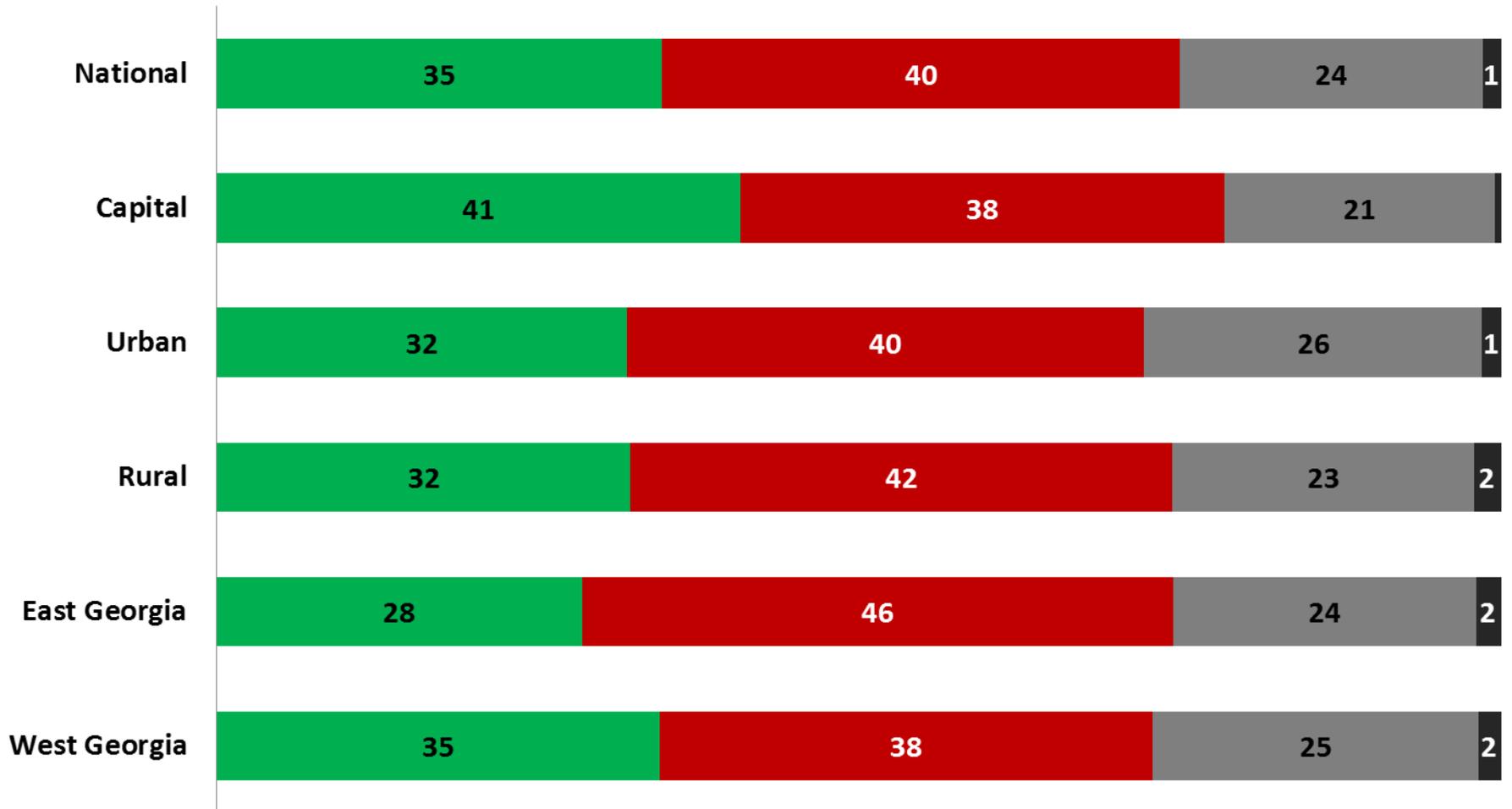
Current Events

On March 18, in his interview on Imedi TV, Bidzina Ivanishvili criticized President Margvelashvili. Were you aware? (q89)

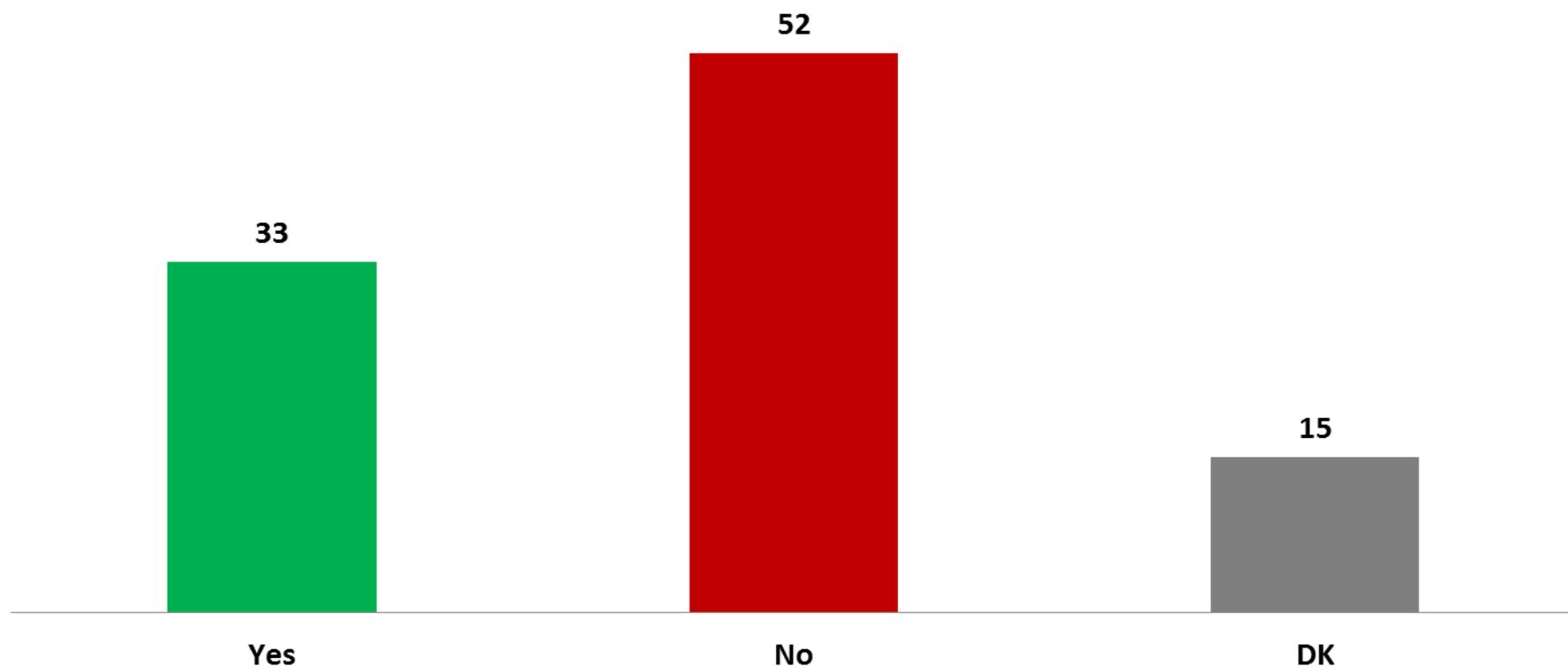


Do you approve or disapprove of Bidzina Ivanishvili criticizing President Margvelashvili? (q90 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA

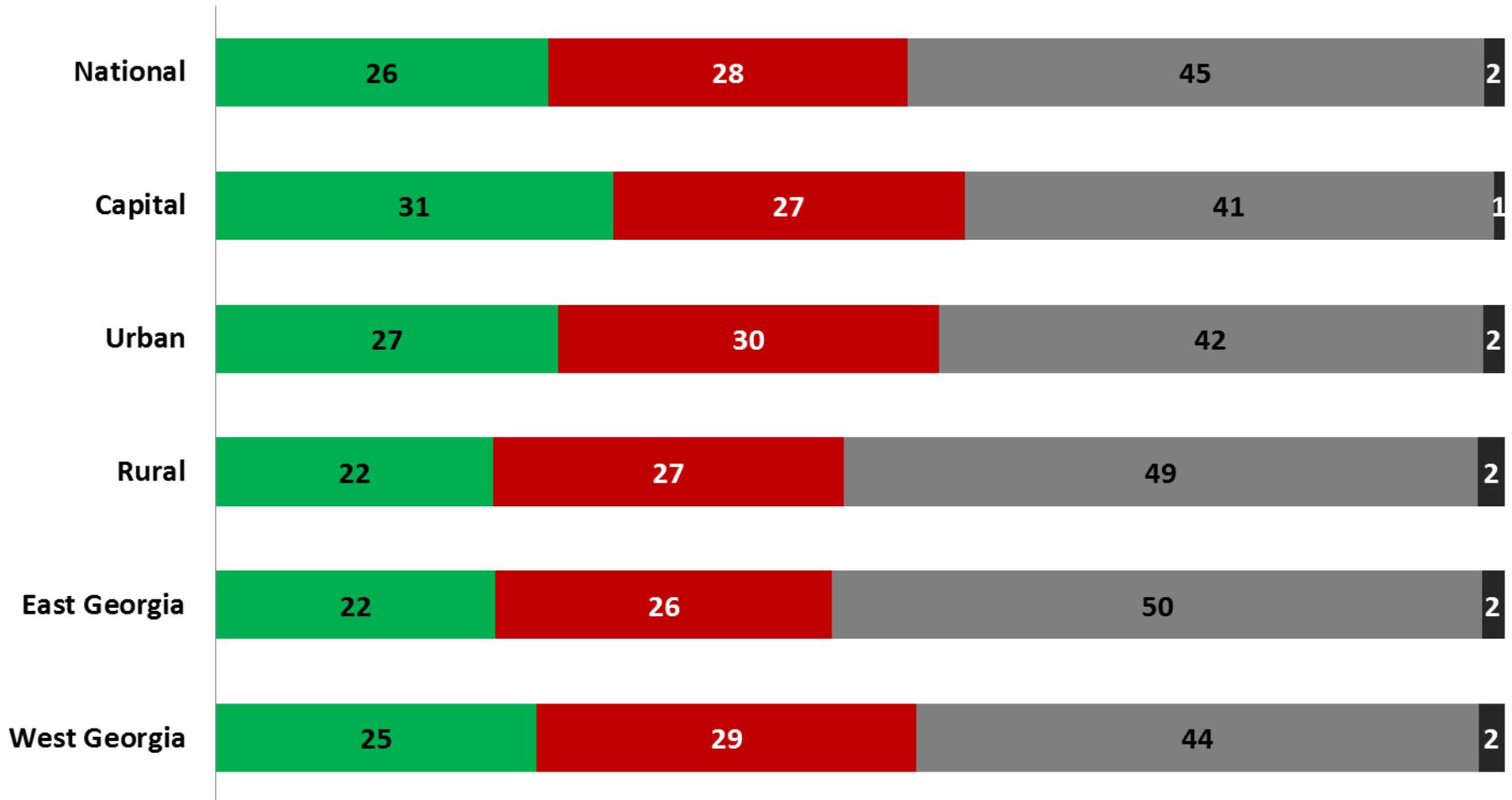


The Prime Minister Irakli Gharibashvili has said that he will not engage in discussions on public policy with the parliamentary opposition because “they have no moral right to question the government”. Were you aware of this? (q91)

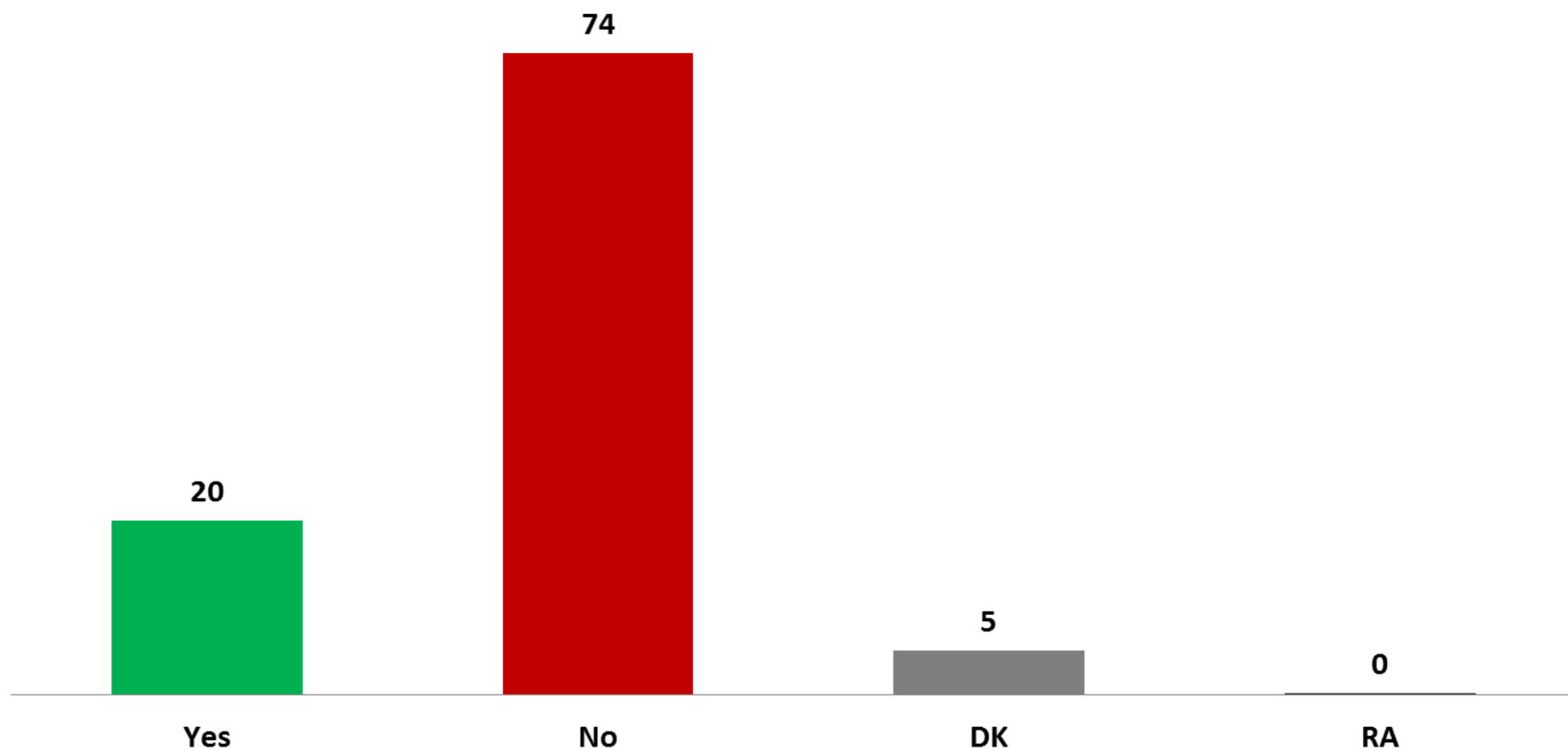


Do approve or disapprove of Irakli Gharibashvili's position? (q92 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA

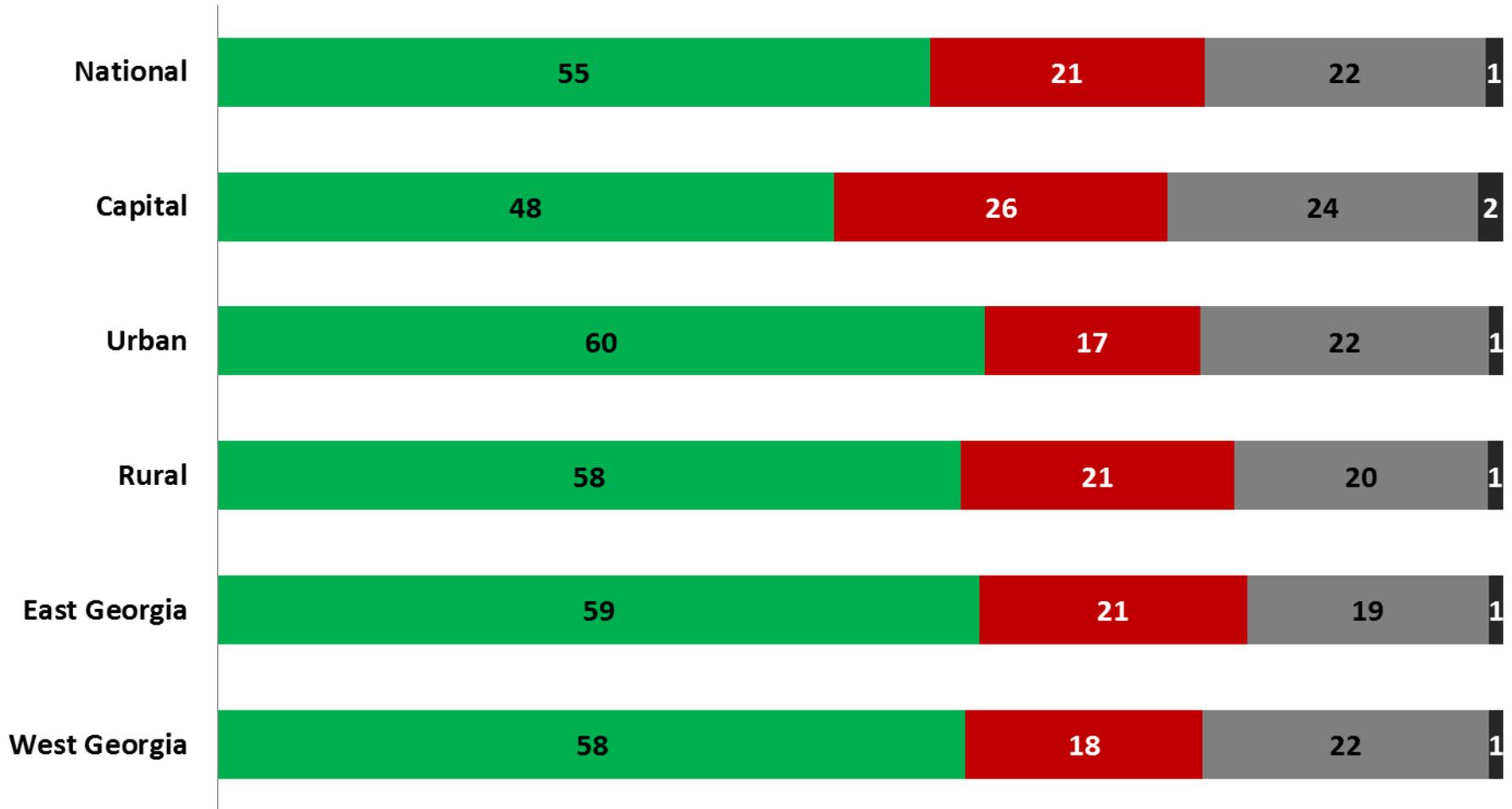


The Georgian Orthodox Church is currently receiving GEL 25 million from the state budget. Were you aware? (q93)



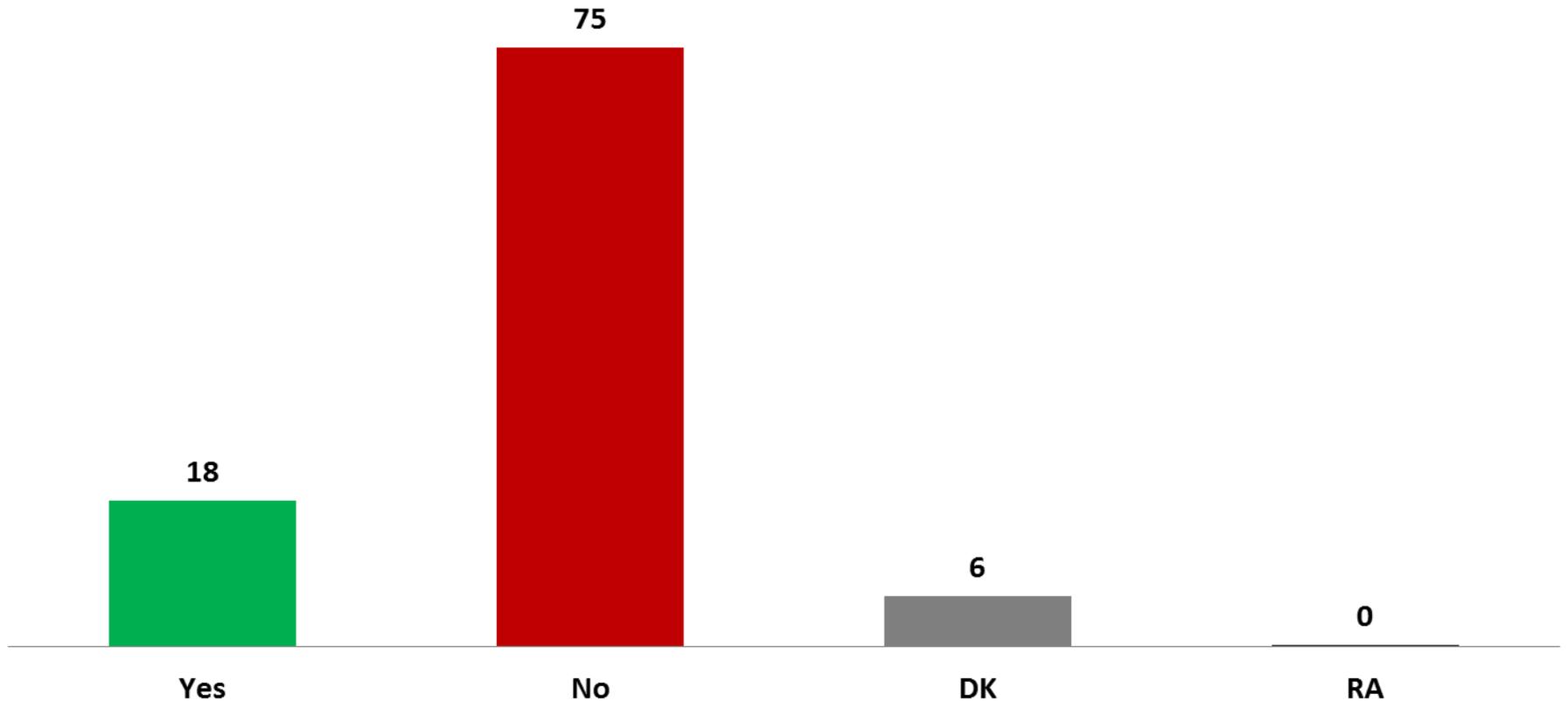
Do you approve or disapprove of the Georgian Orthodox Church receiving GEL 25 million from the state budget? (q94 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



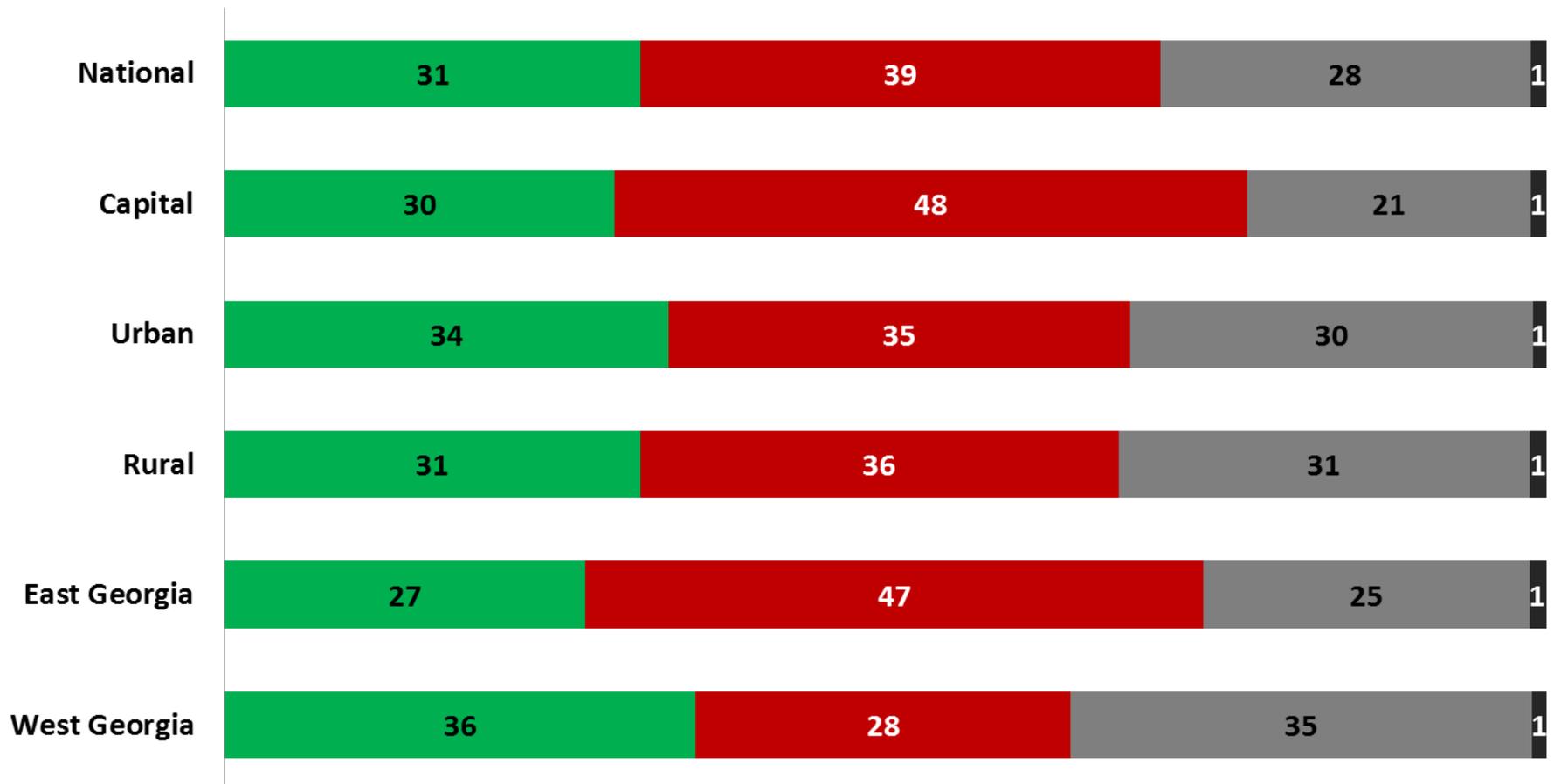
The state budget also includes GEL 4,5 million, to be split among Catholics, Muslims, Jews, and Armenian Apostolic church.

Were you aware? (q95)

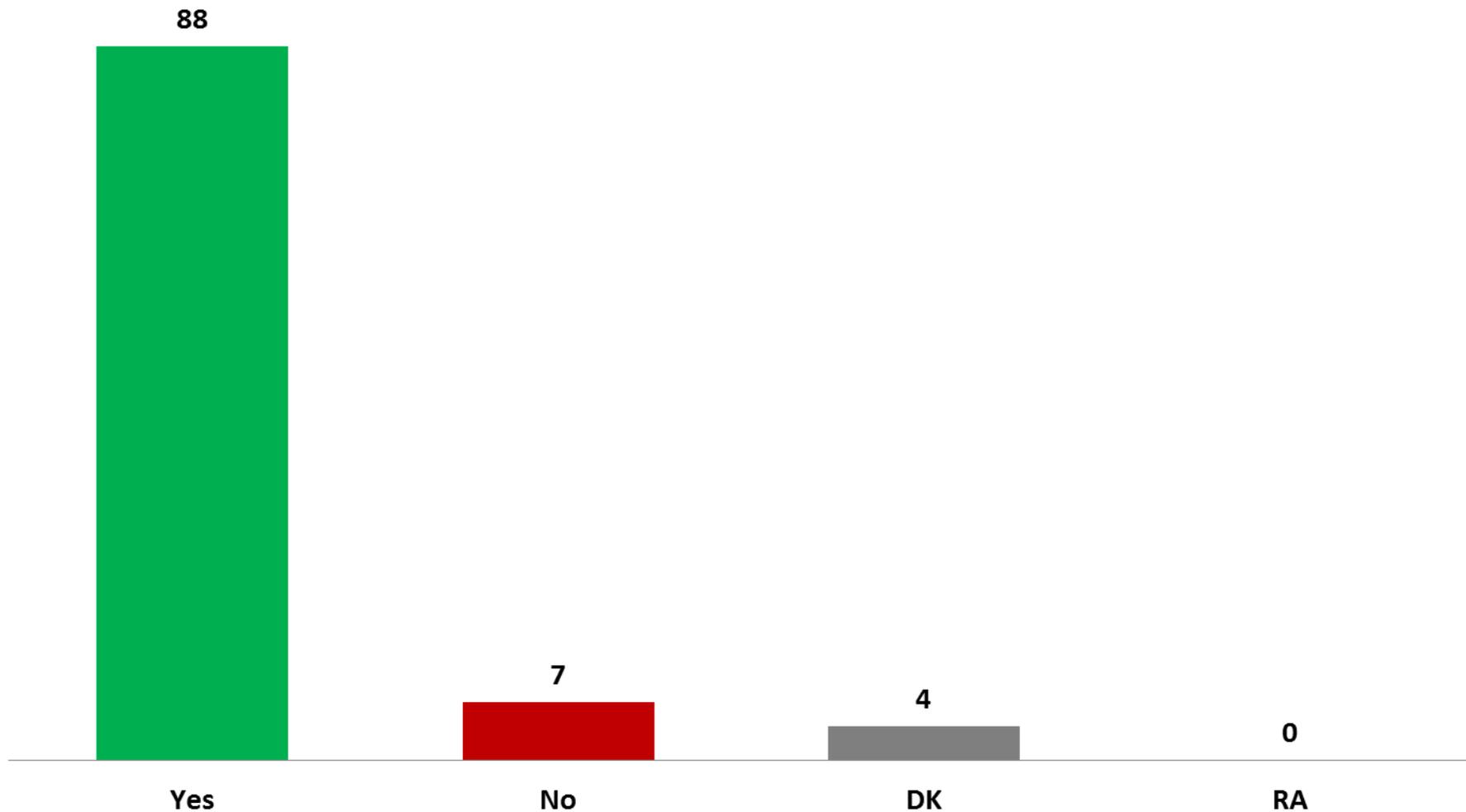


Do you approve or disapprove of the state budget providing GEL 4, 5 million, to be split among Catholics, Muslims, Jews, and Armenian Apostolic church? (q96 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA

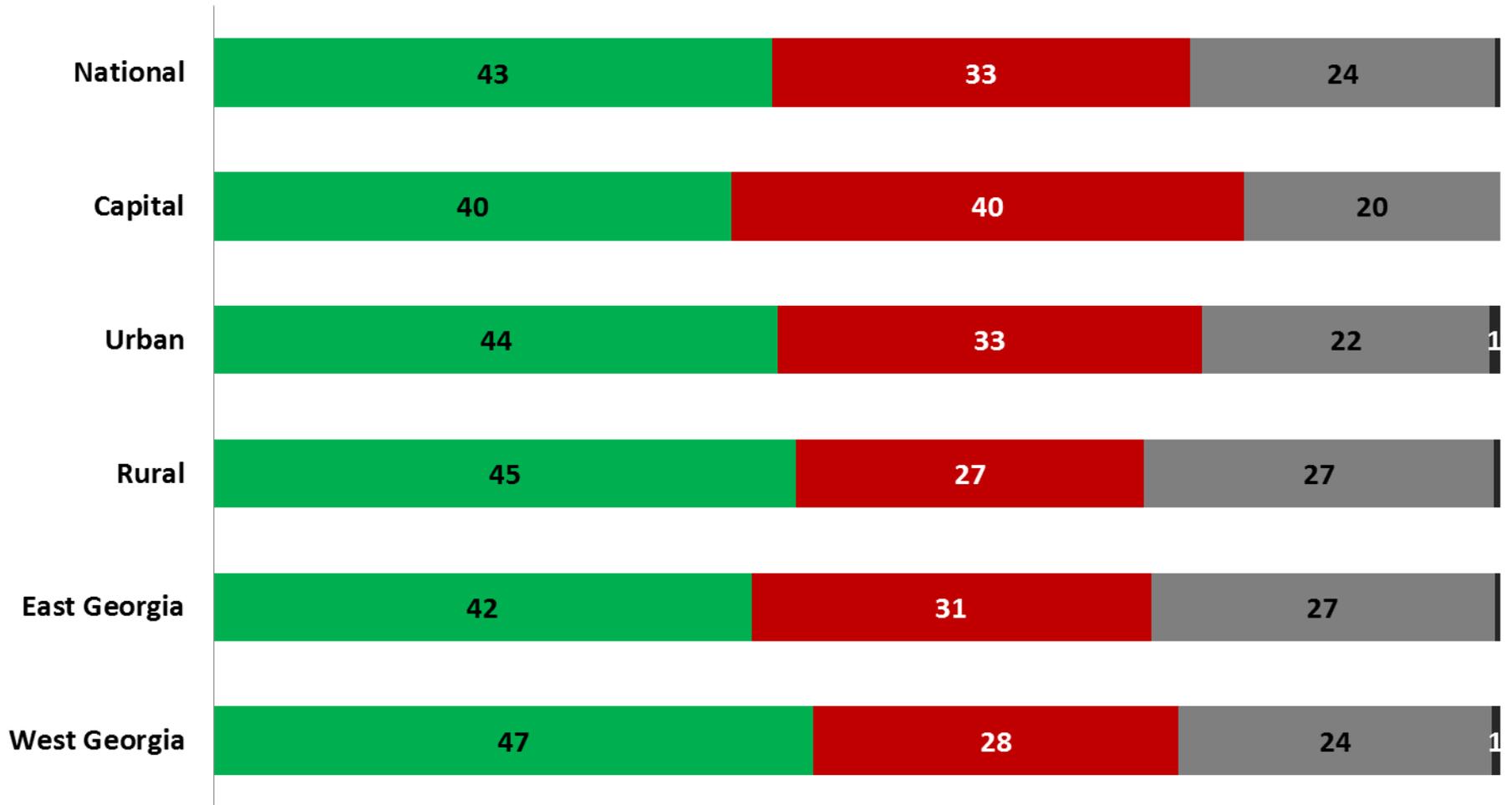


The state is issuing Electronic ID cards to replace the current ID cards. Were you aware? (q97)



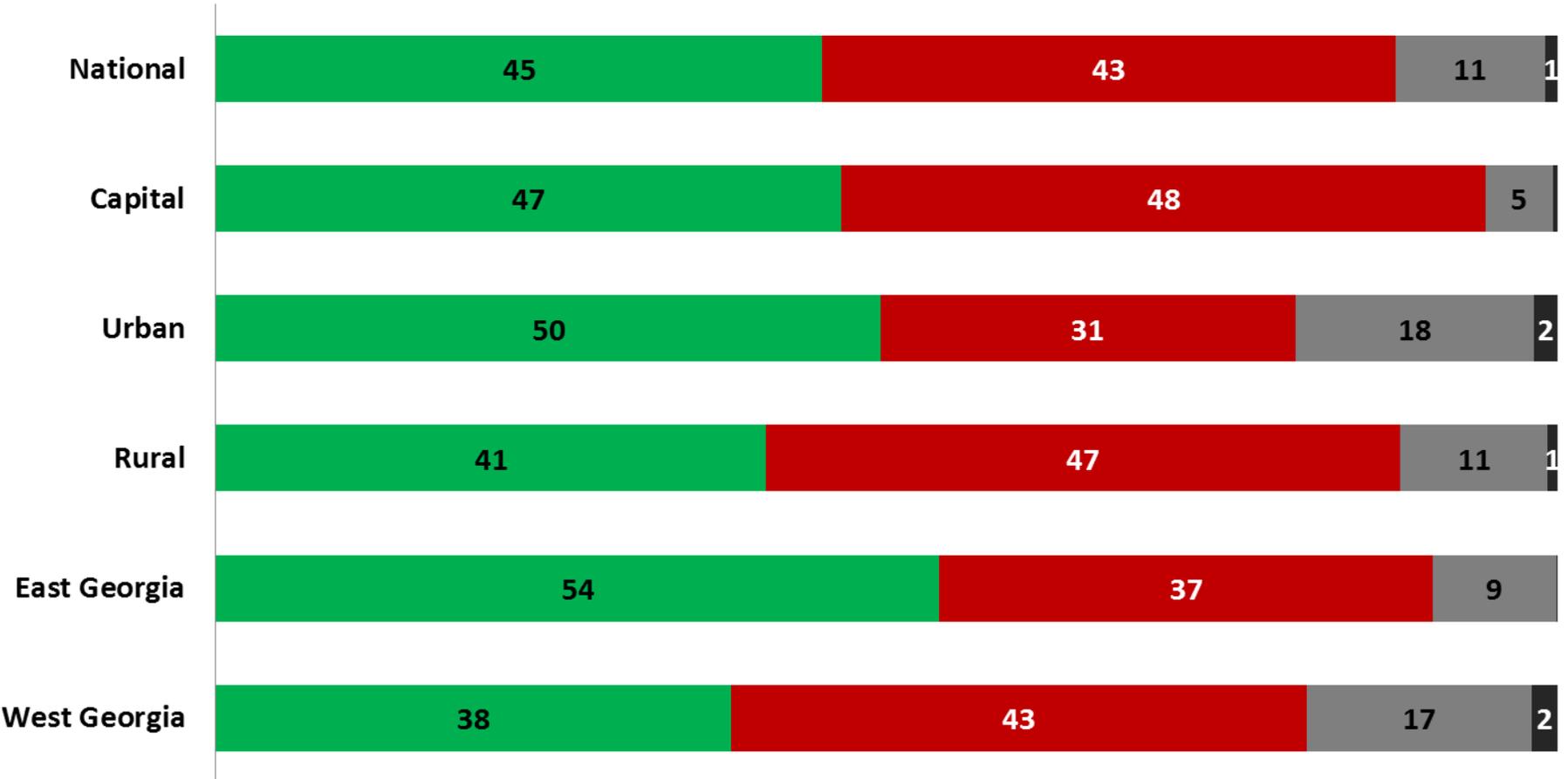
Do you approve or disapprove of the state issuing the Electronic ID cards? (q98 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



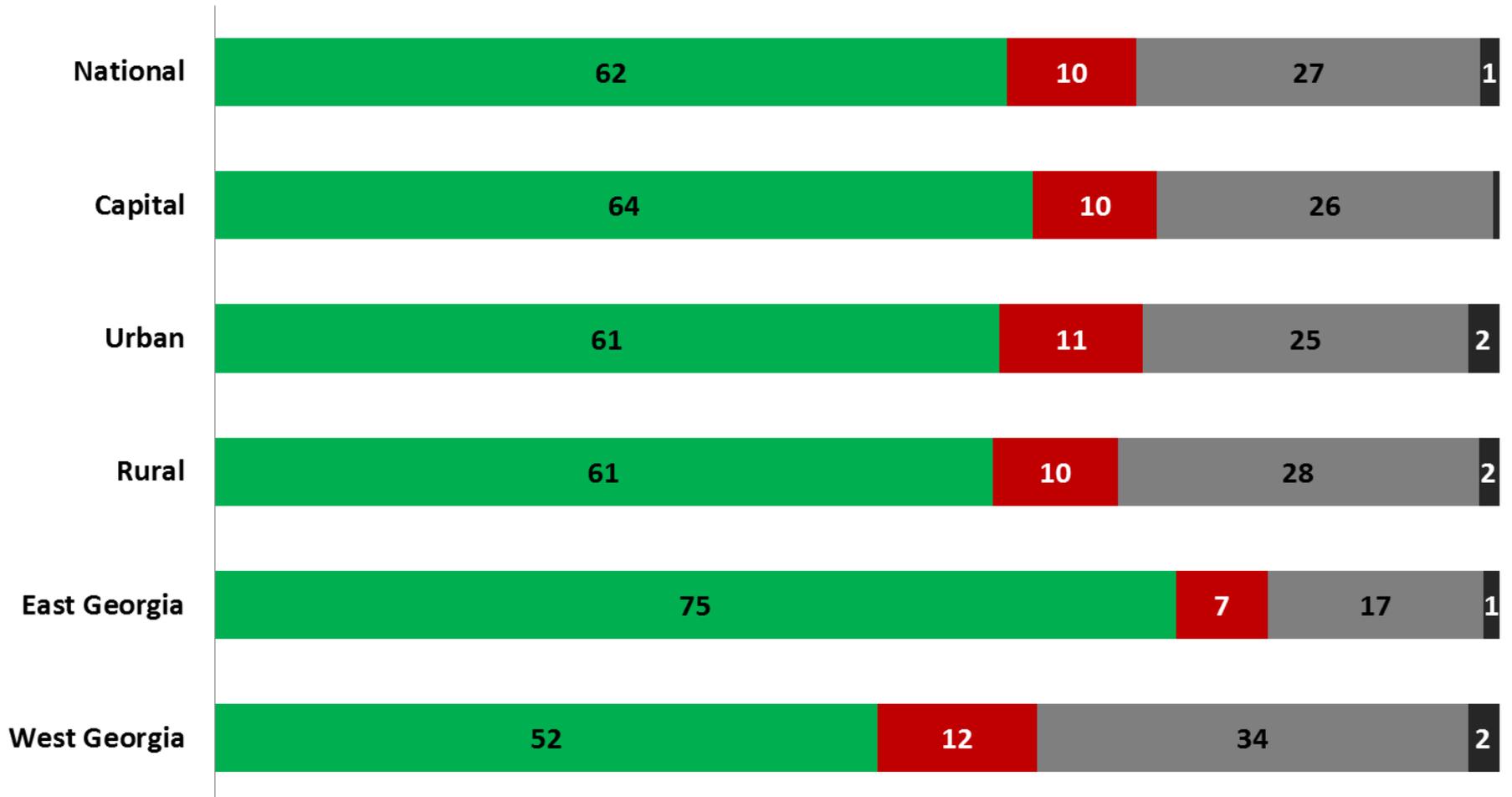
A coalition of NGOs led by ISFED, GYLA & TI, launched a campaign of “This affects you too” which calls for legislative changes prohibiting alleged illegal surveillance carried out by law enforcement agencies. Were you aware? (q101 X Settlement)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA

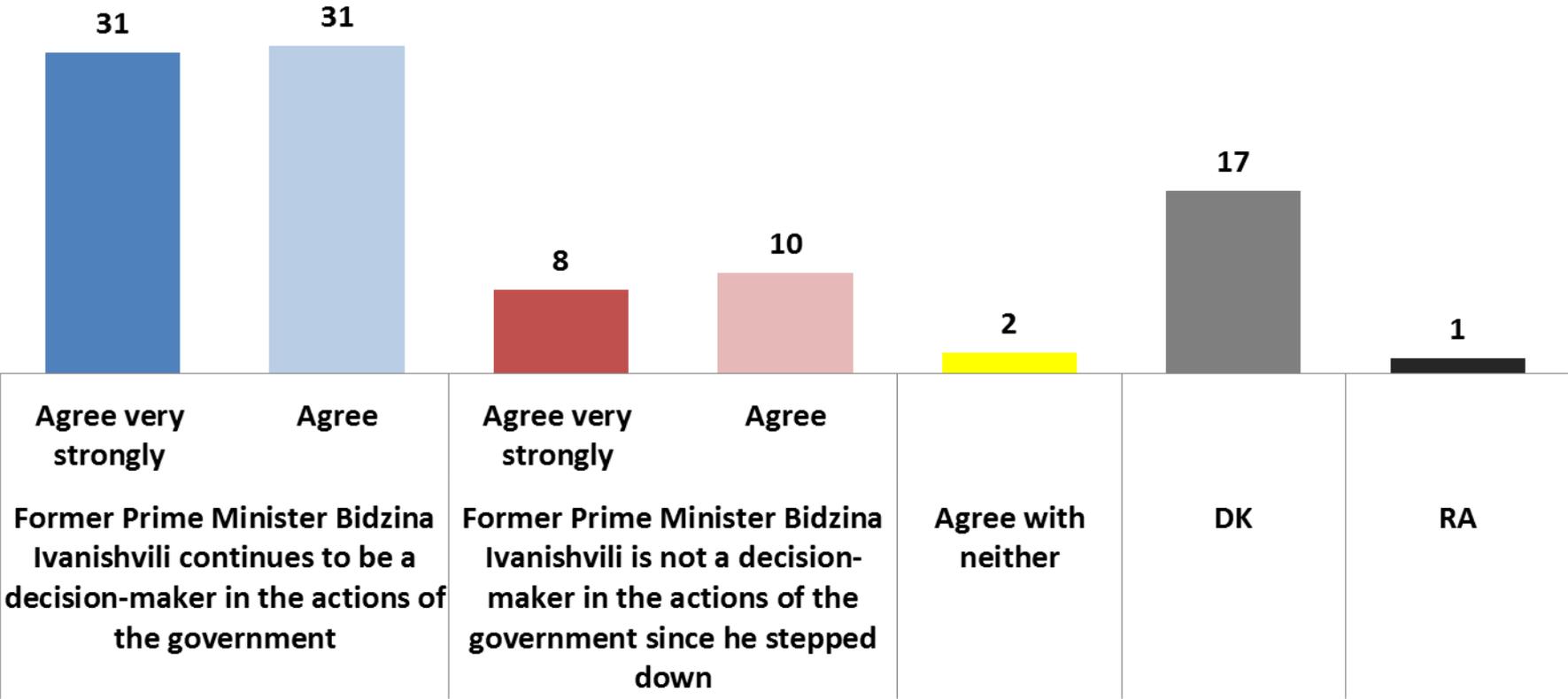


Do you approve or disapprove of “This affects you too” campaign? (q102 X Settlement)

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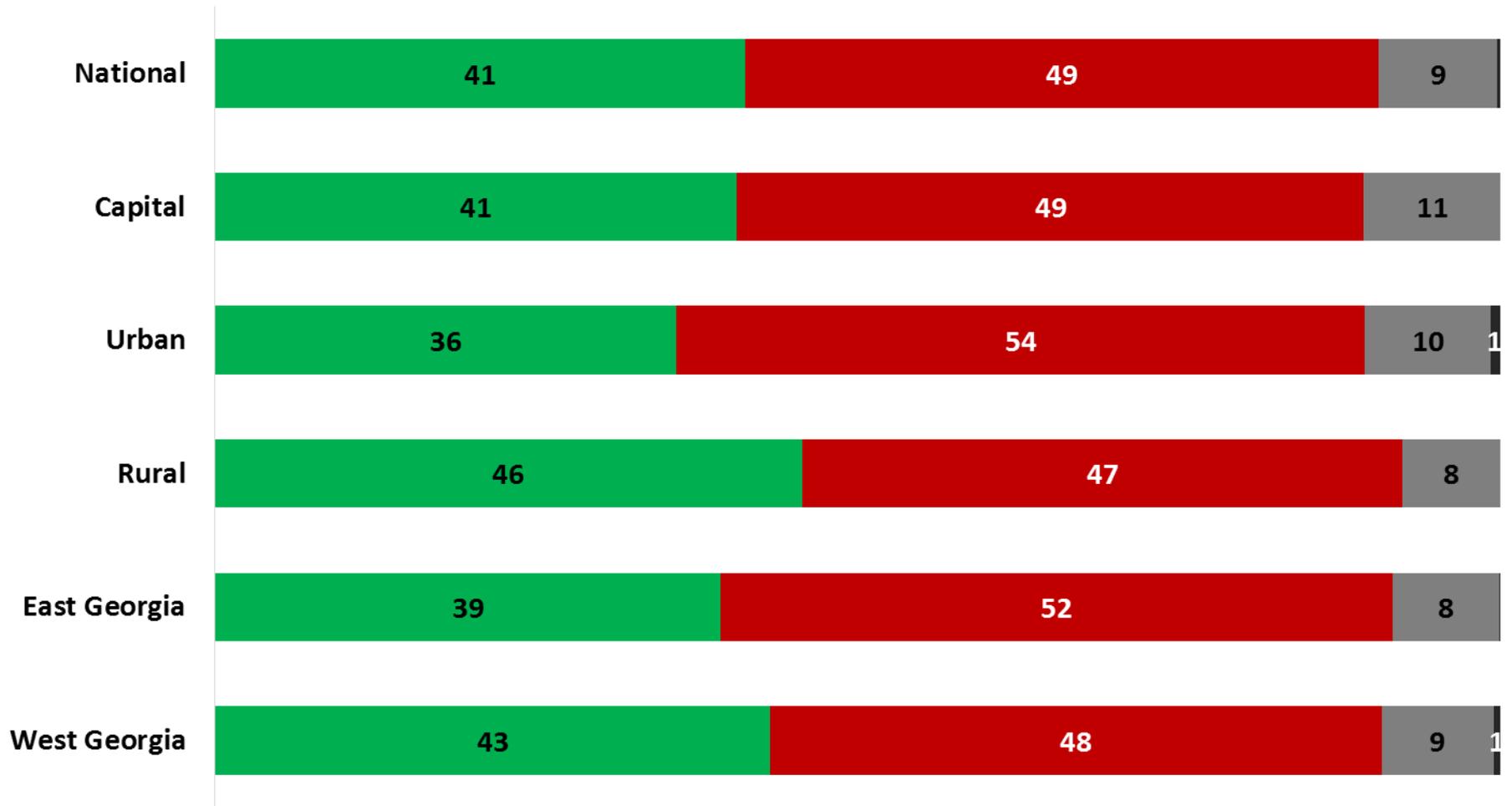


Which of the following two statements do you agree with? (q86)

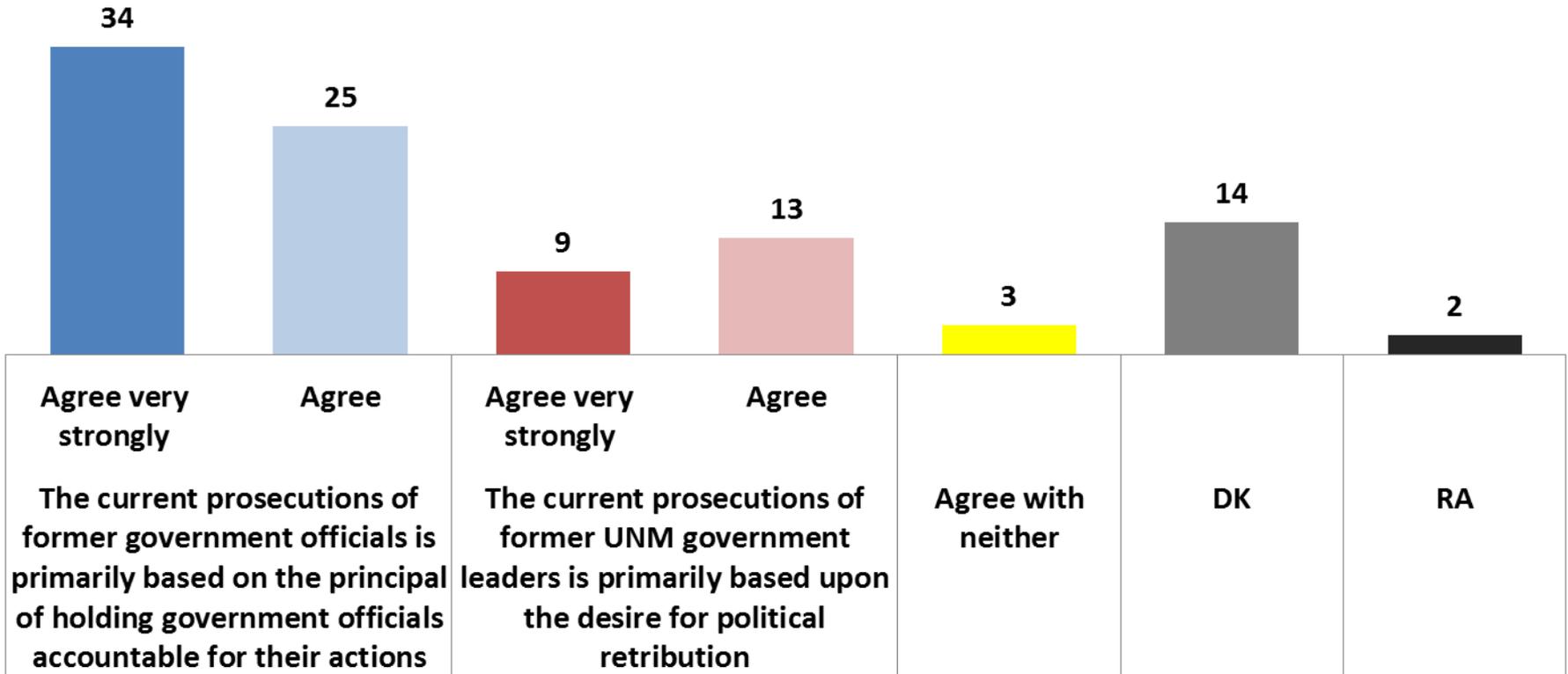


Do you approve or disapprove that Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili continues to be a decision-maker in the actions of the government? (q87 X Settlement) - of the 62%

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA

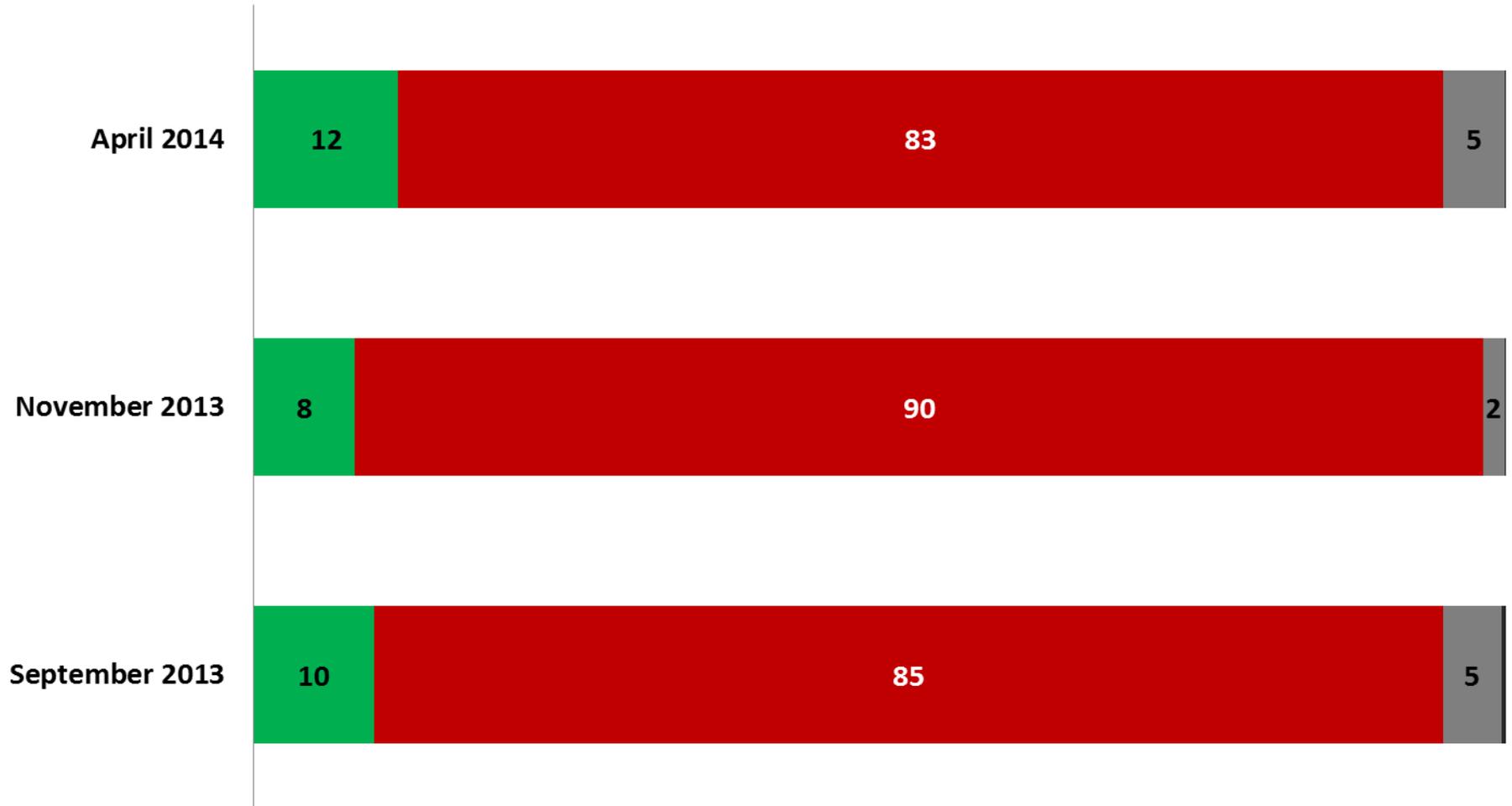


Which of the following two statements do you agree with? (q23)



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

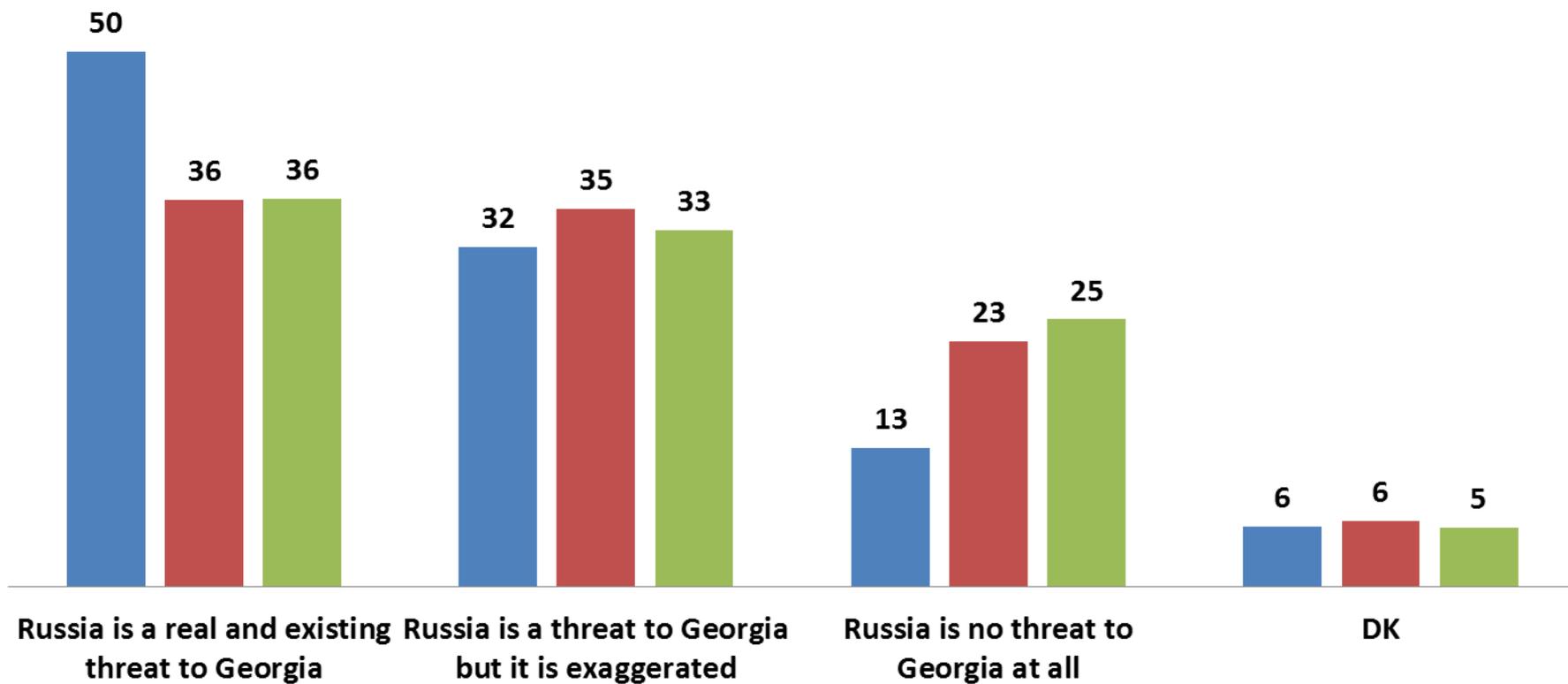
Yes No DK RA



Foreign Relations

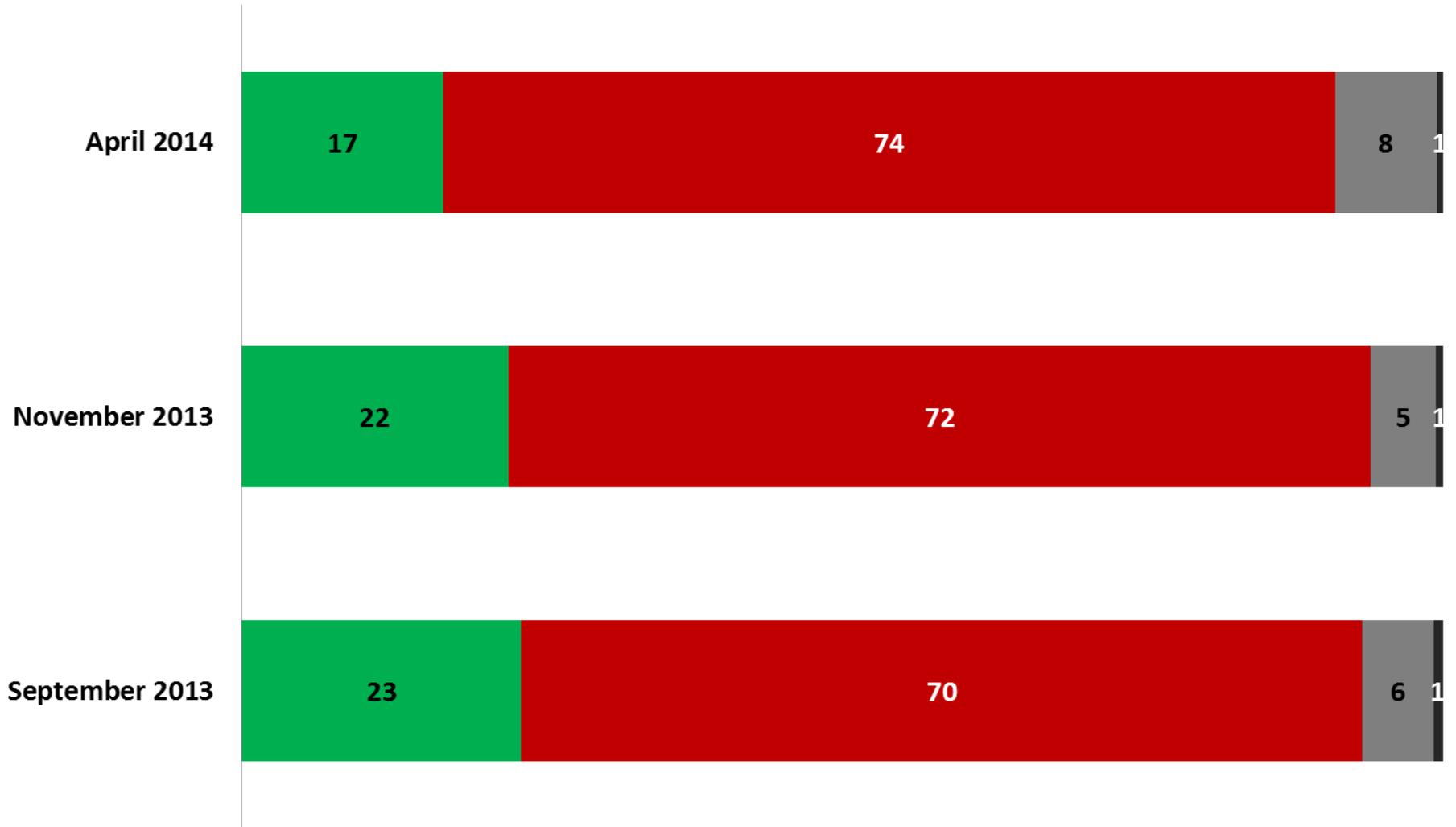
Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (q42)

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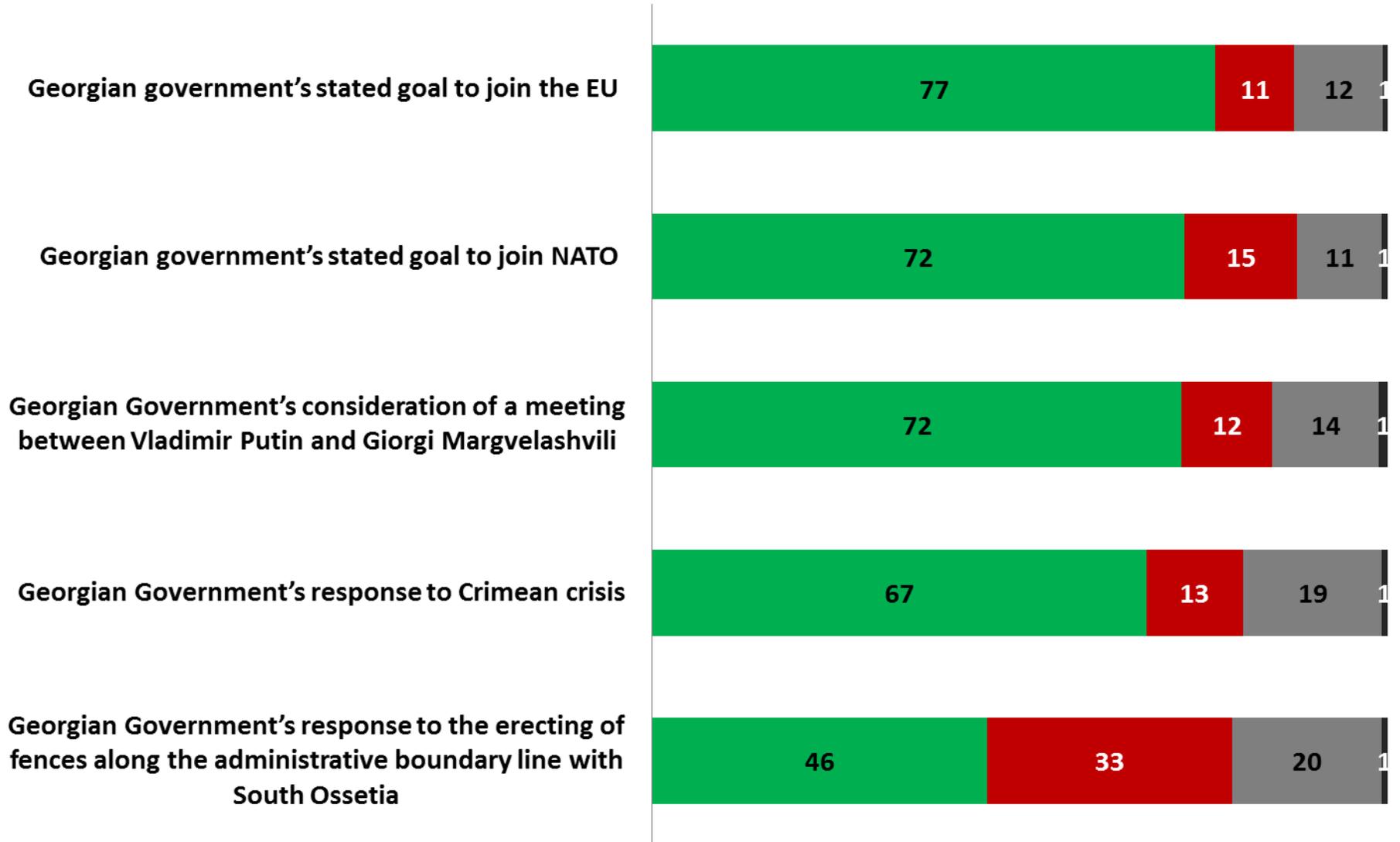
Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Georgia's current relationship with Russia? (q43)

■ Satisfied ■ Dissatisfied ■ DK ■ RA

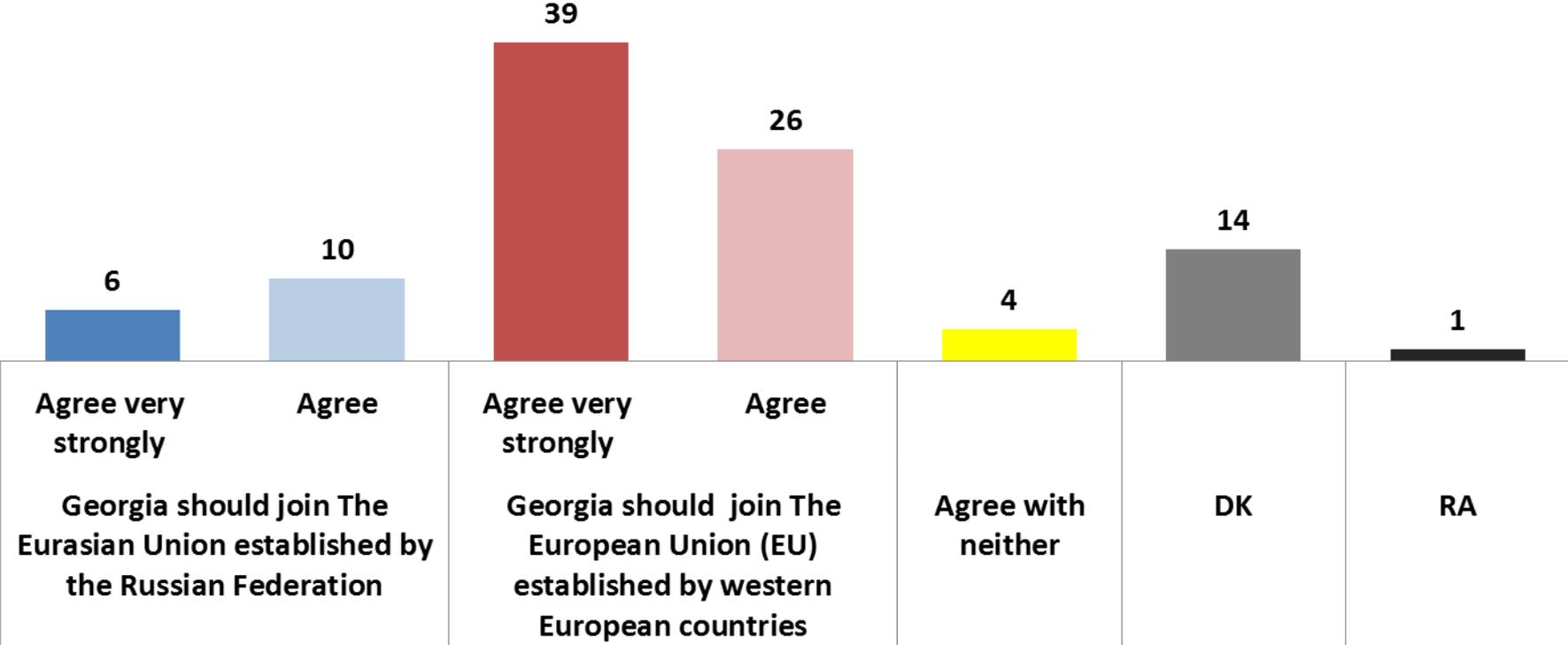


Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q44)

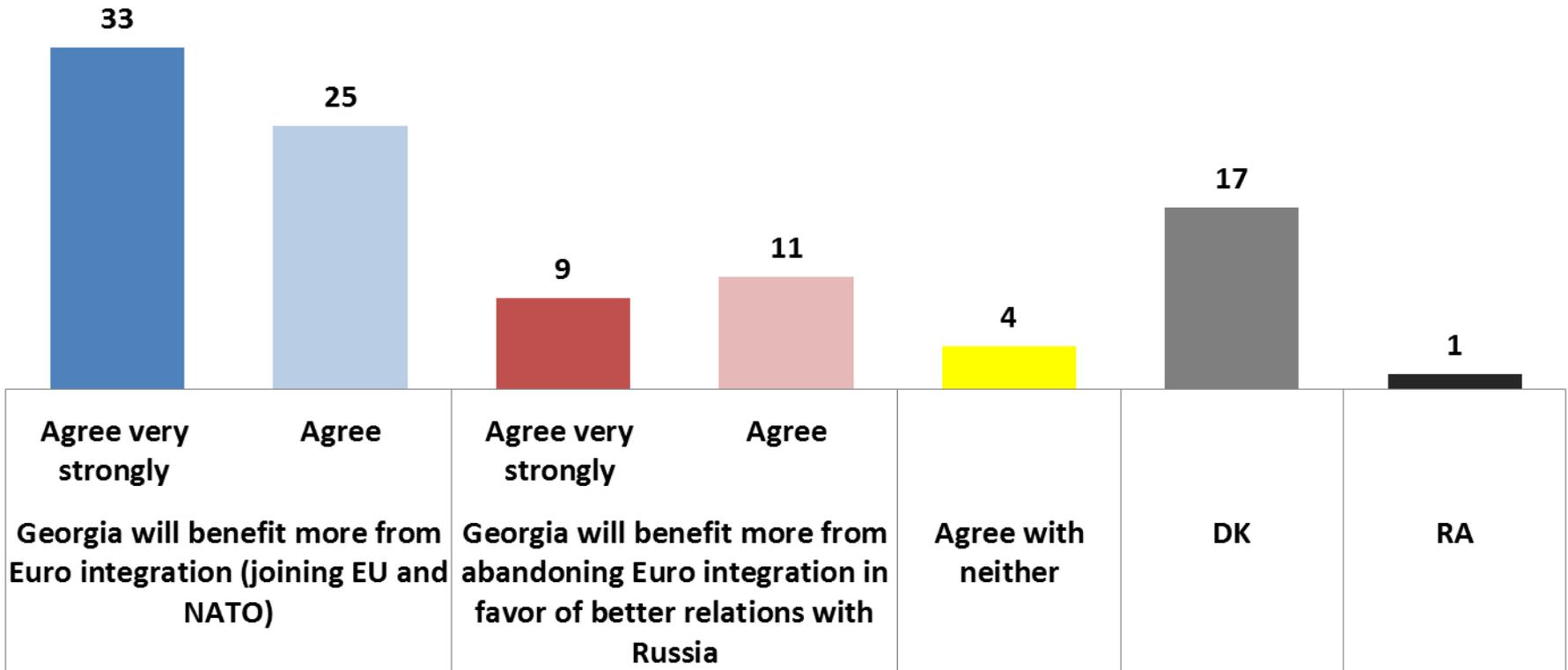
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Which of the following two statements do you agree with? (q46)

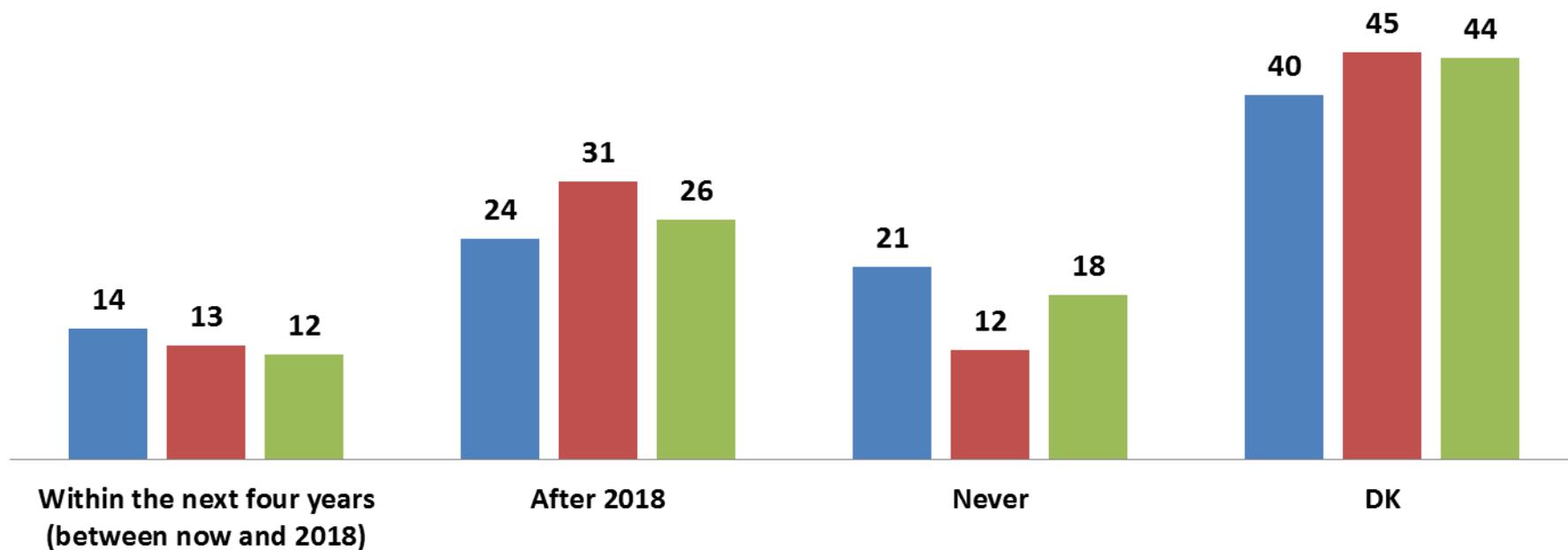


Which of the following two statements do you agree with? (q47)

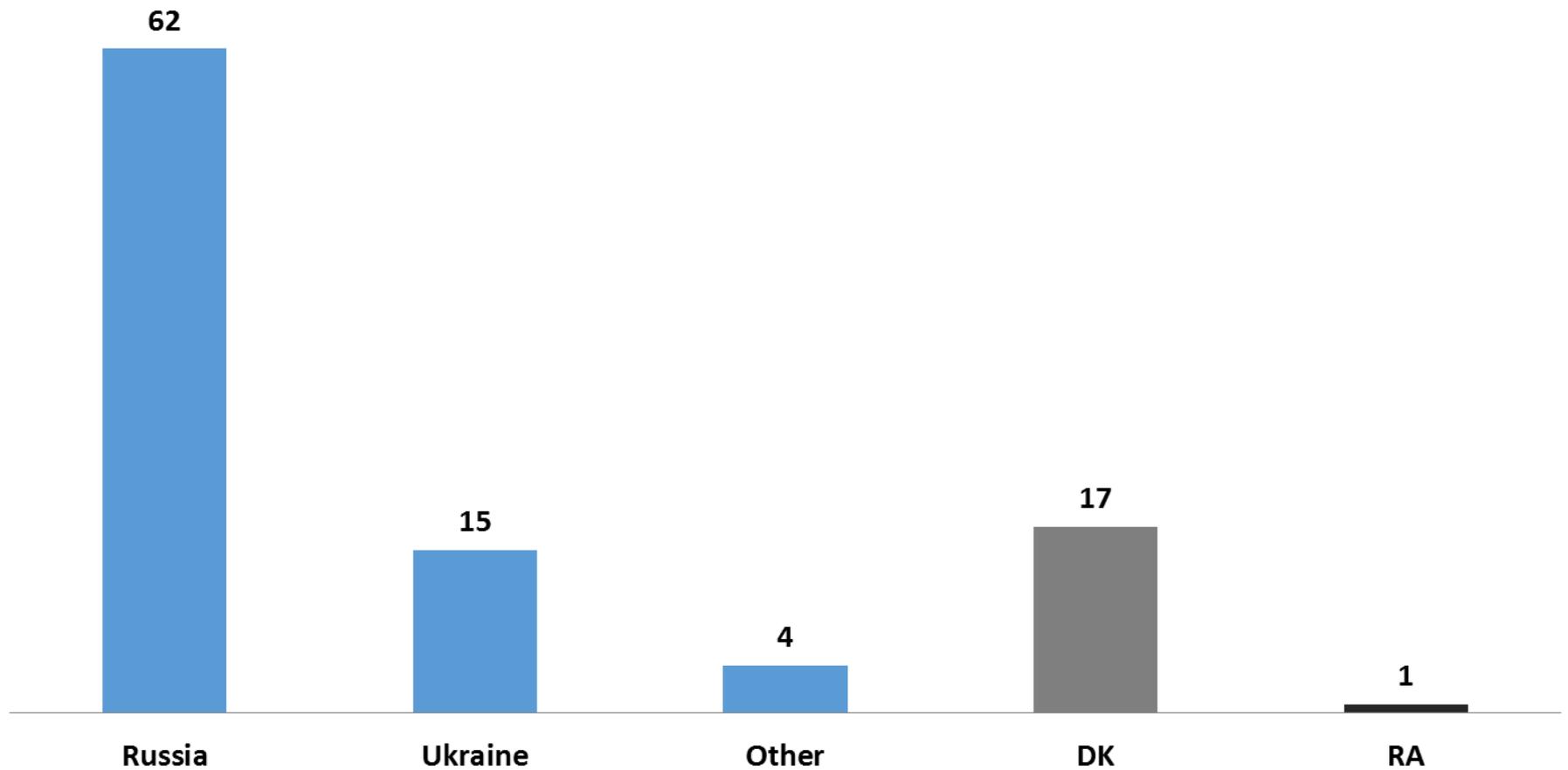


When do you think Georgia will be granted NATO membership? (q45)

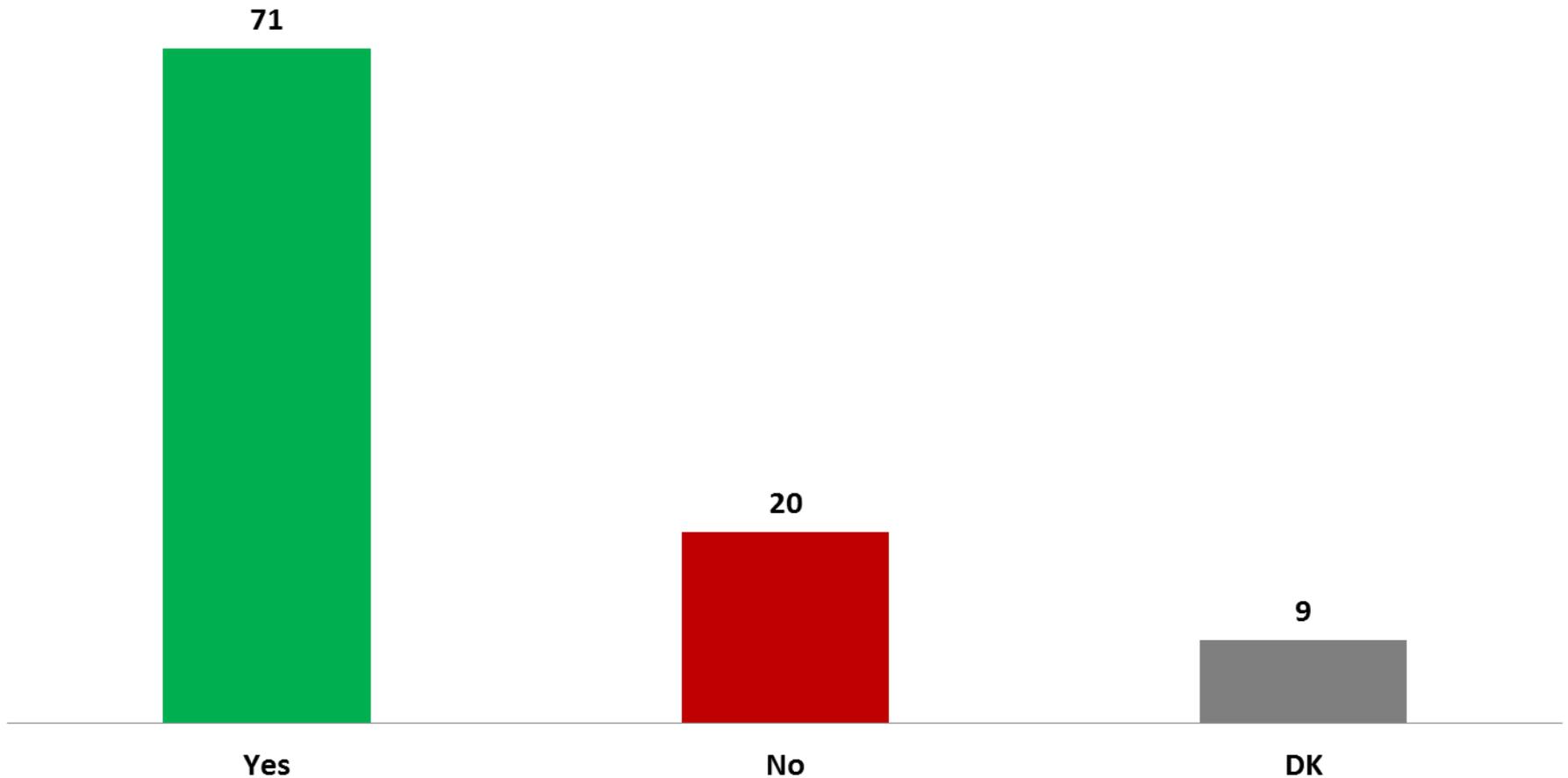
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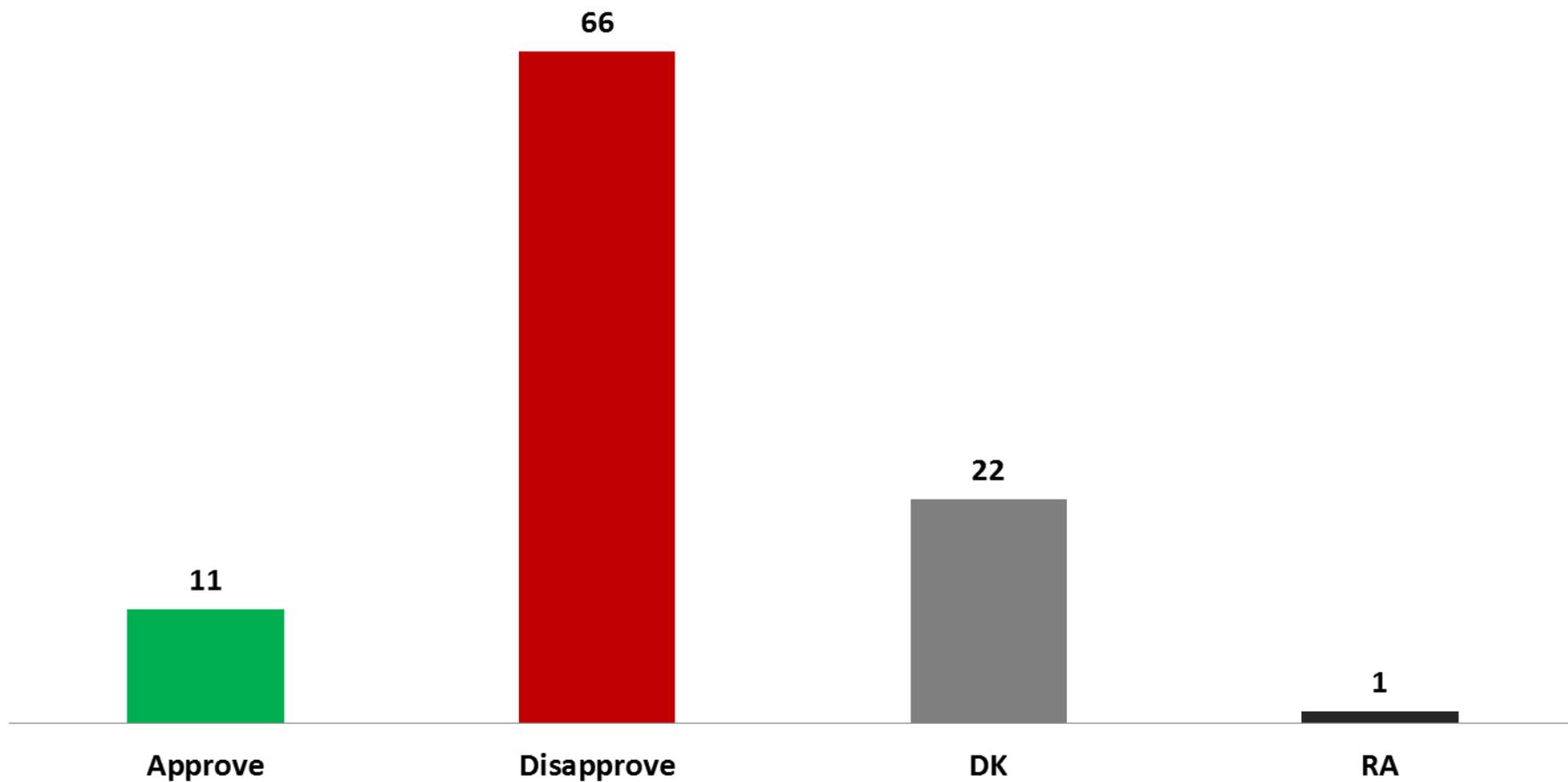
Which country bears the most responsibility for the crisis in the Crimea? (q48)



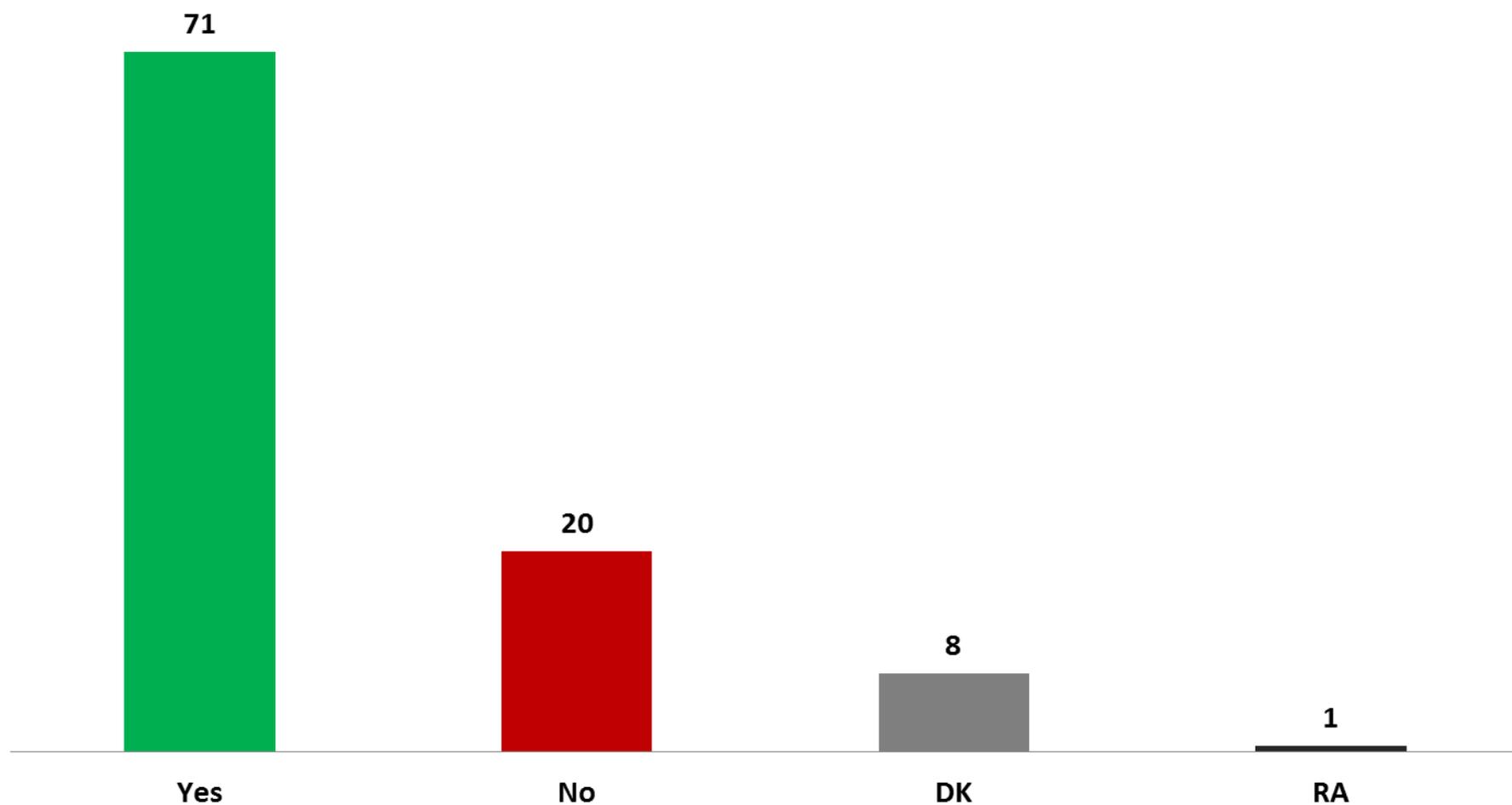
On March 16, a referendum passed which declared that the Crimea should be reunited with Russia as part of the Russian Federation. Were you aware? (q49)



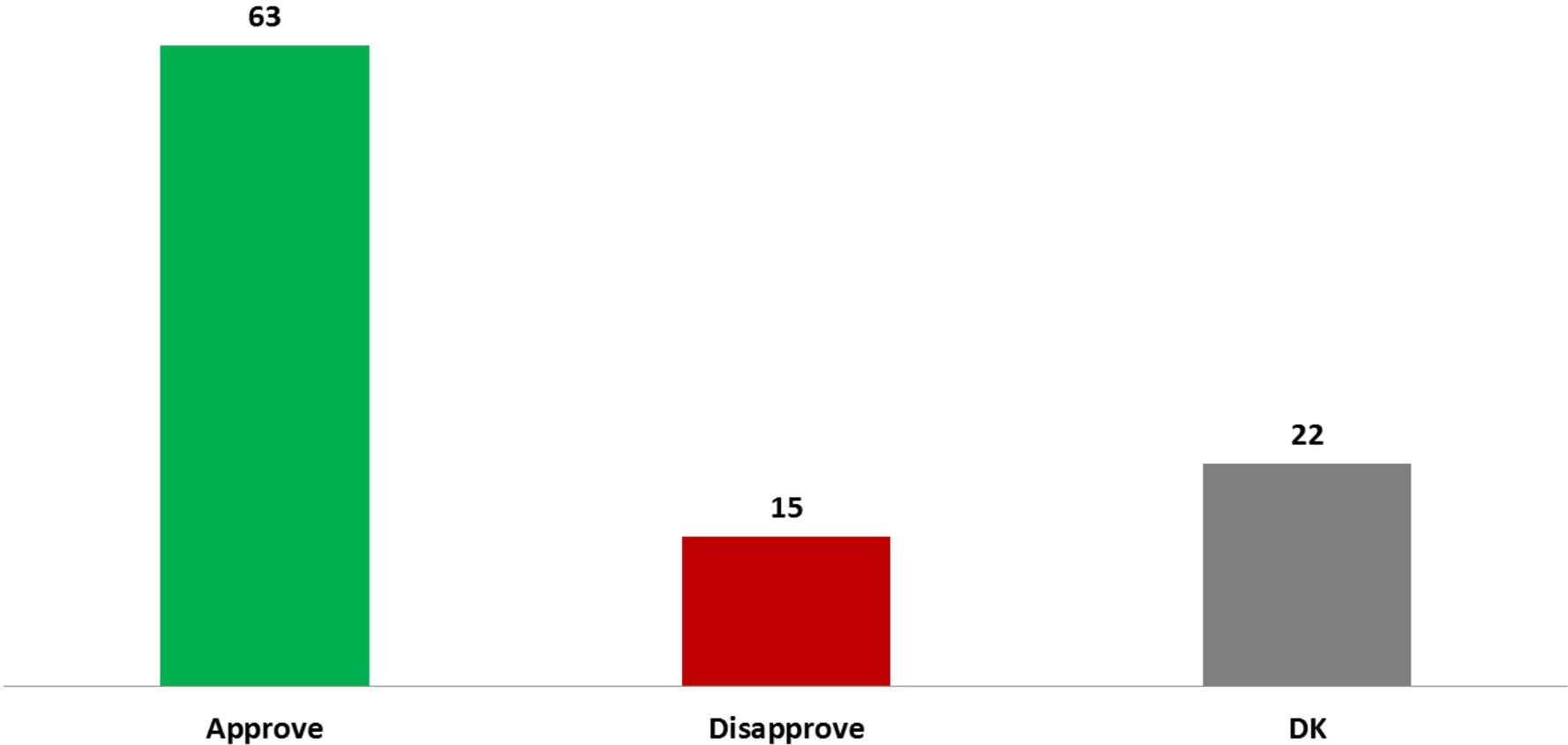
Do you approve or disapprove Crimea reuniting with Russia? (q50)



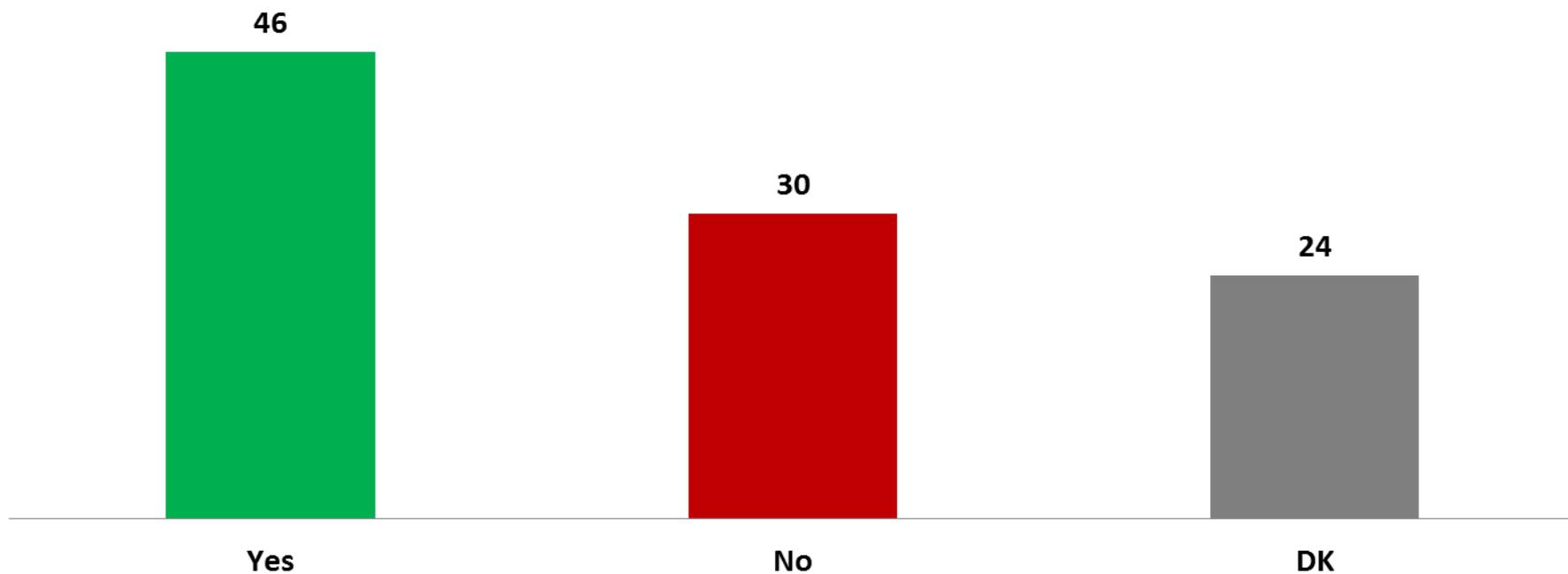
The government of Georgia has condemned Russia's actions in the Crimea. Were you aware? (q51)



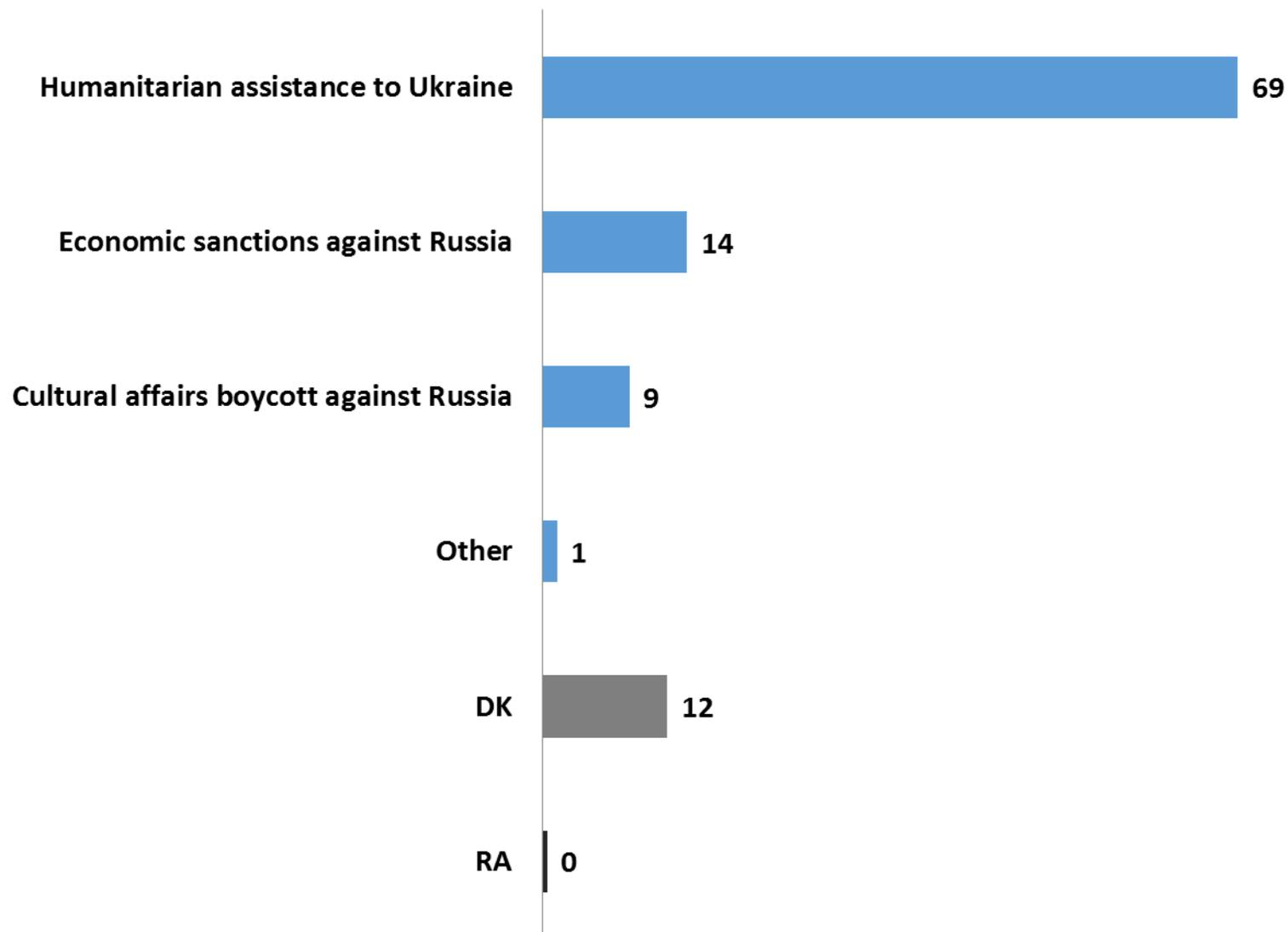
**Do you approve or disapprove Georgian government's action?
(q52)**



Should Georgia take any additional action in support of the Ukraine? (q53)



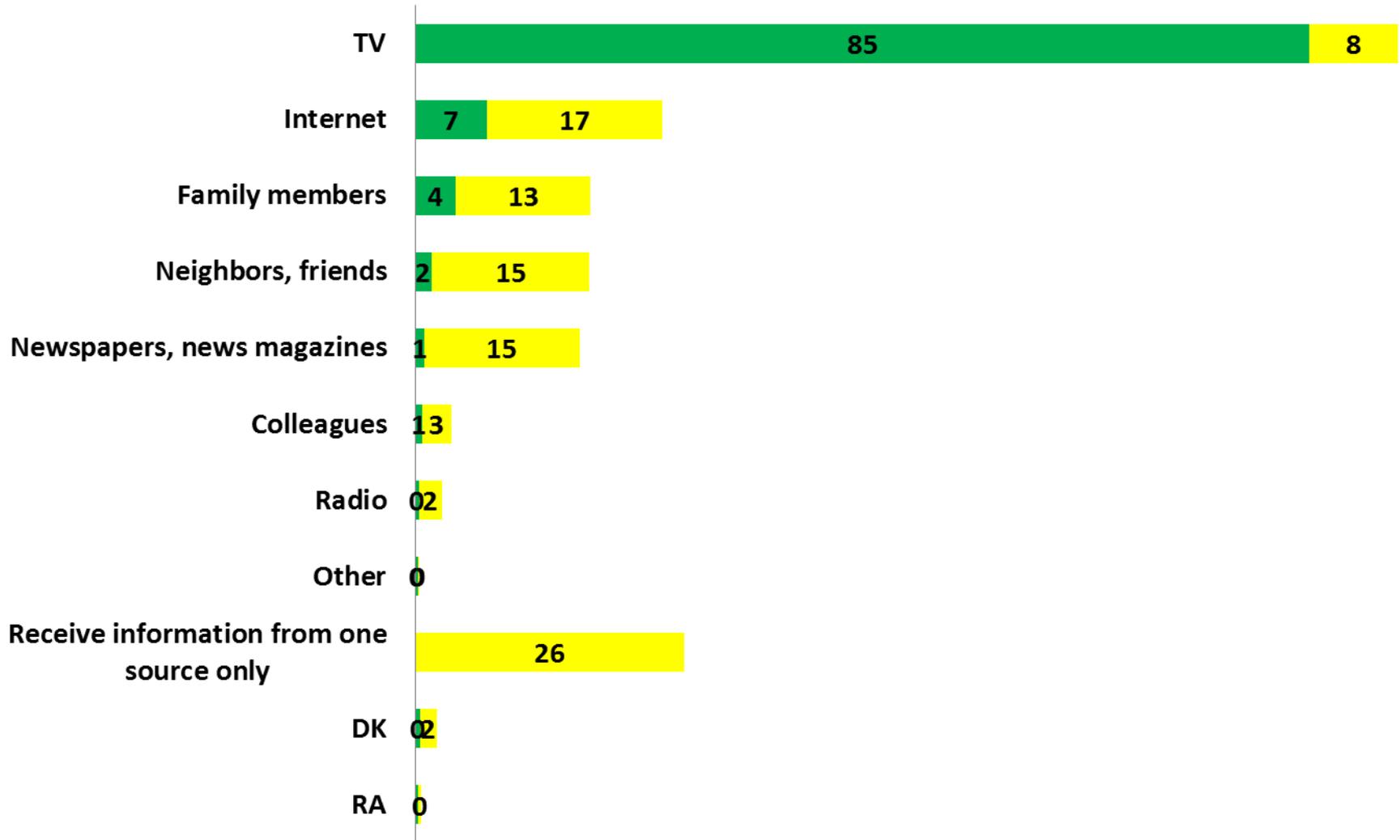
If yes, what? (q54) - of the 46 % who thinks Georgia should take additional action



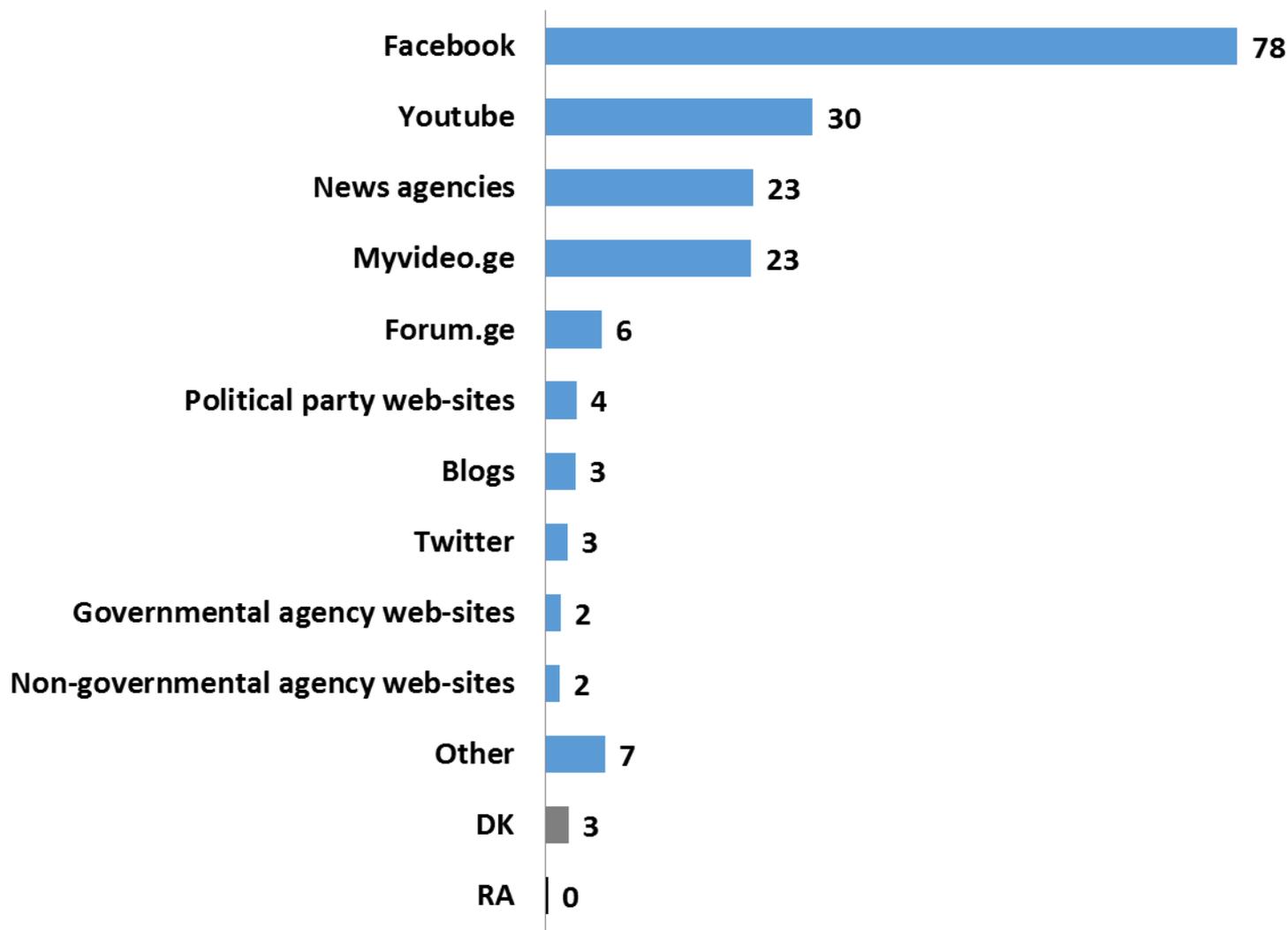
Media

What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q57/q58)

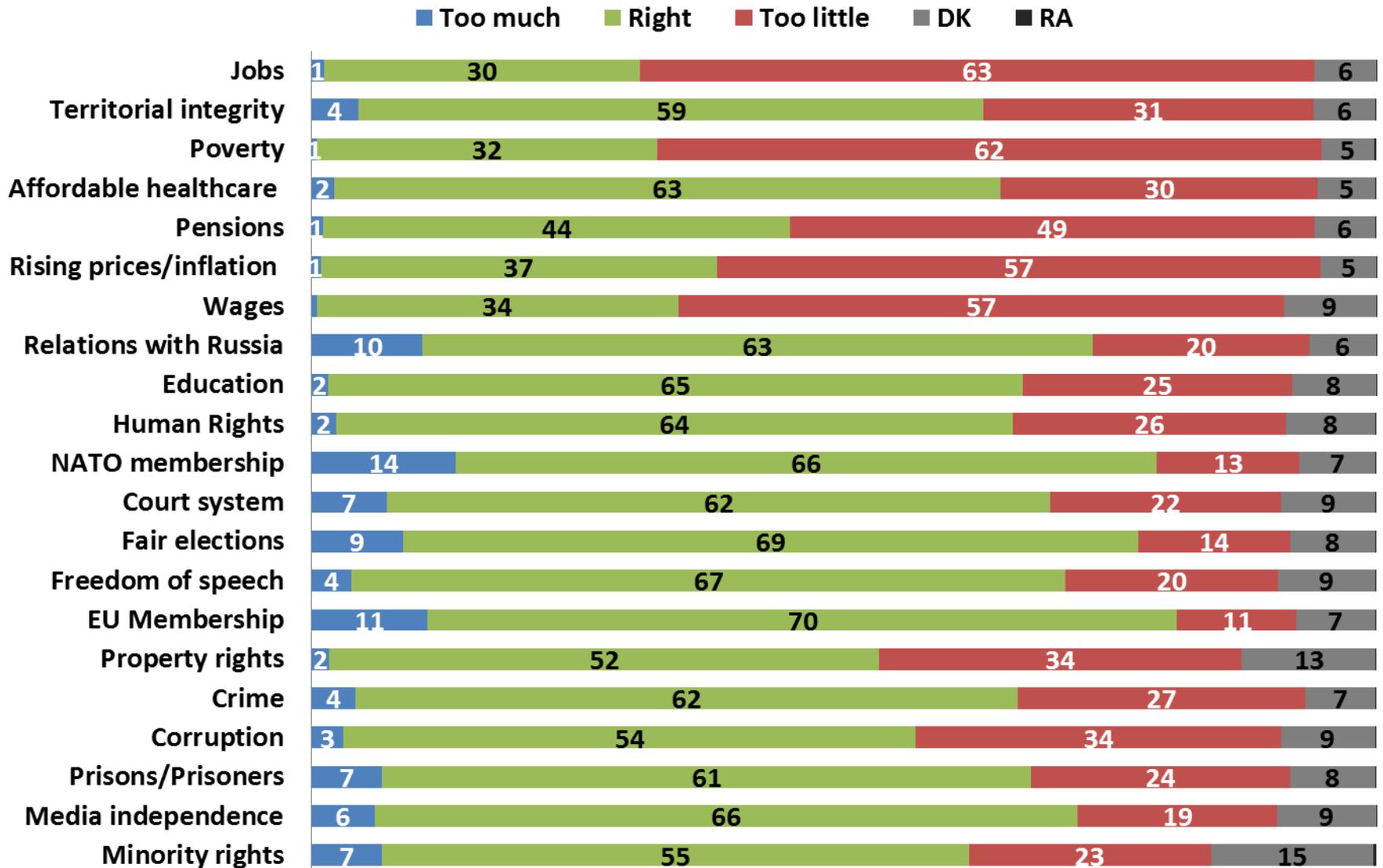
■ First source ■ Second source



**What are the top three internet sites you visit for politics?
(q59) - of the 24% who named internet as their first or second
source of information**

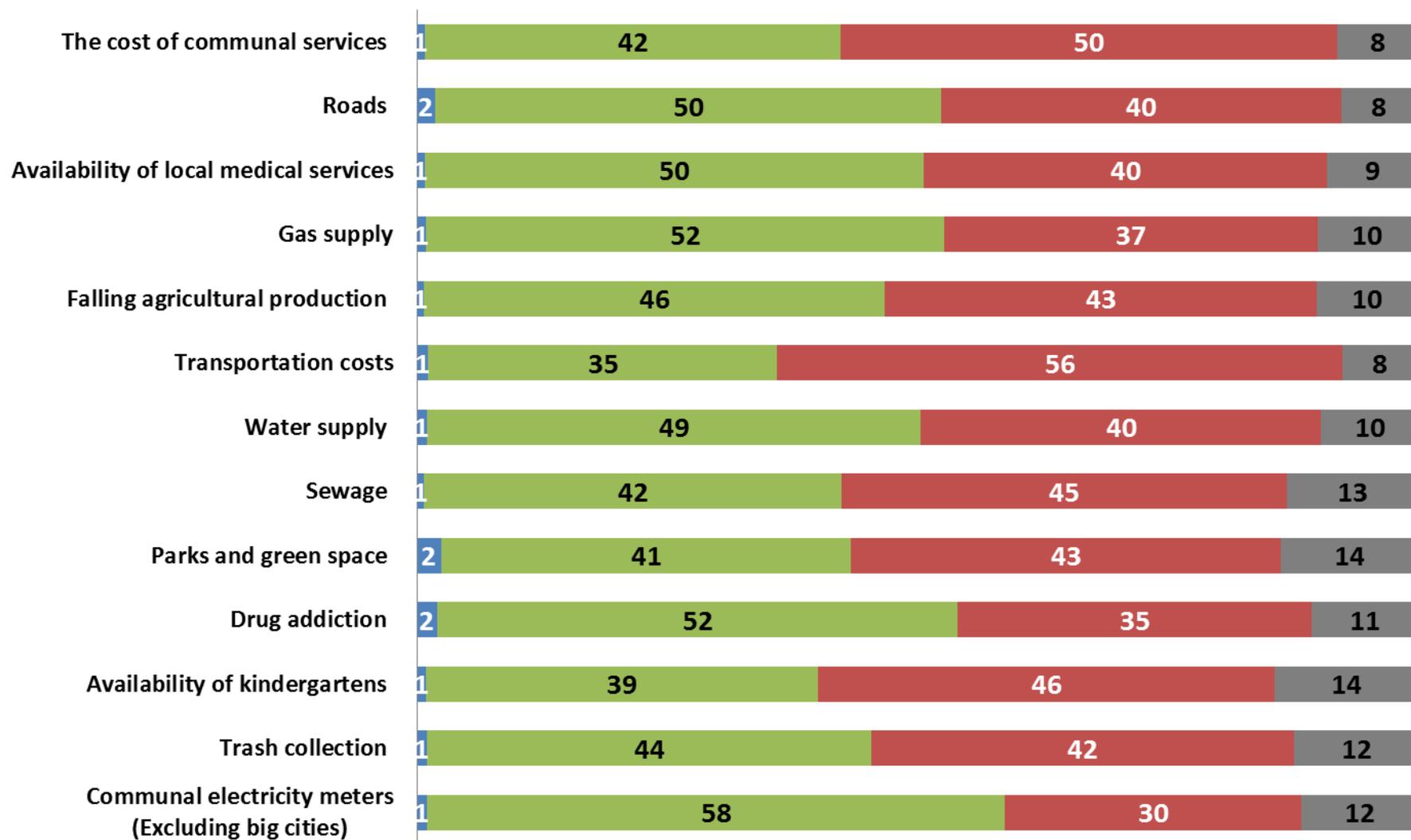


Media in Georgia covers ... too much, the right amount or too little? (q55)



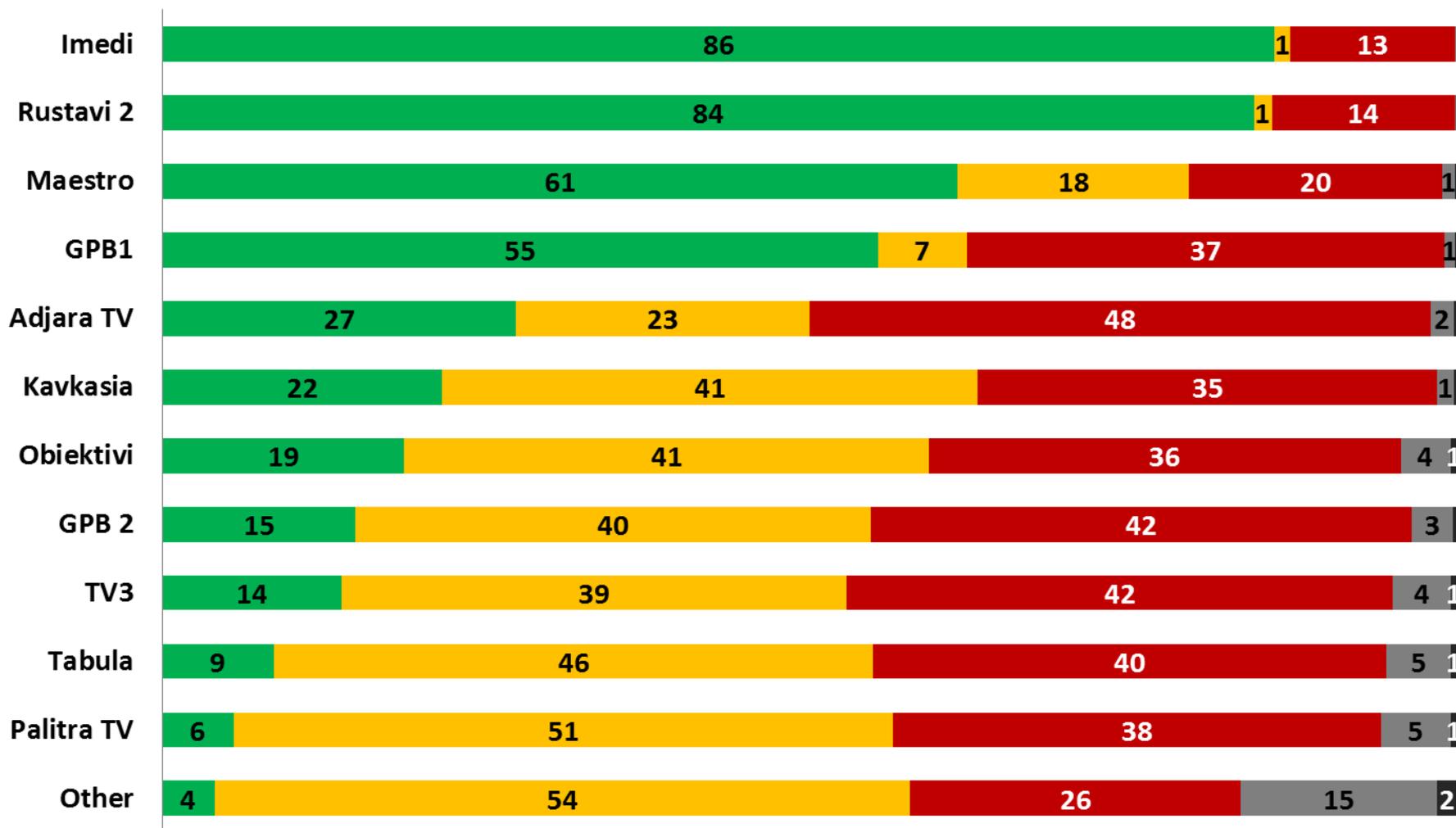
Media in Georgia covers ... too much, the right amount or too little? (q56)

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



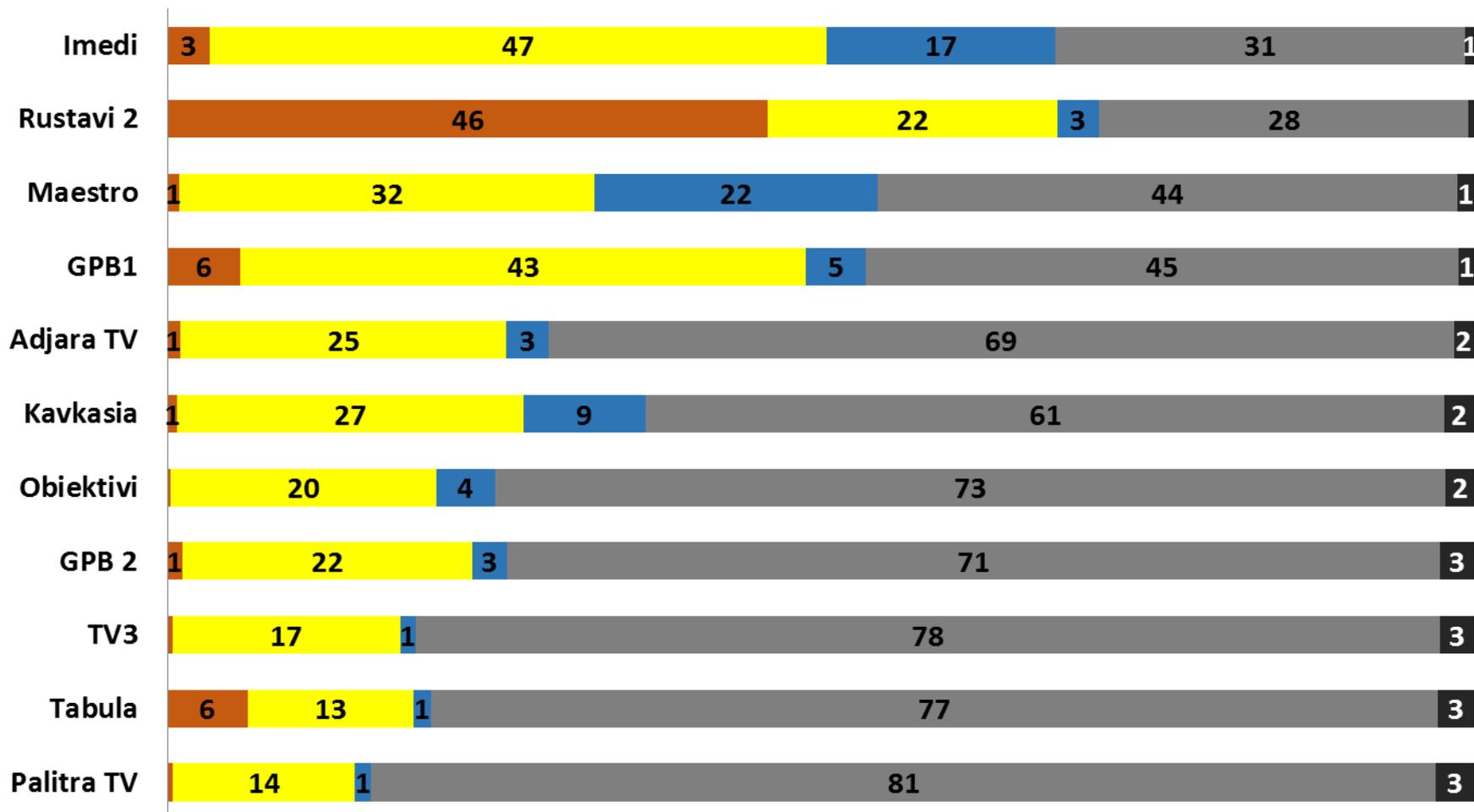
Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? National (q60)

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



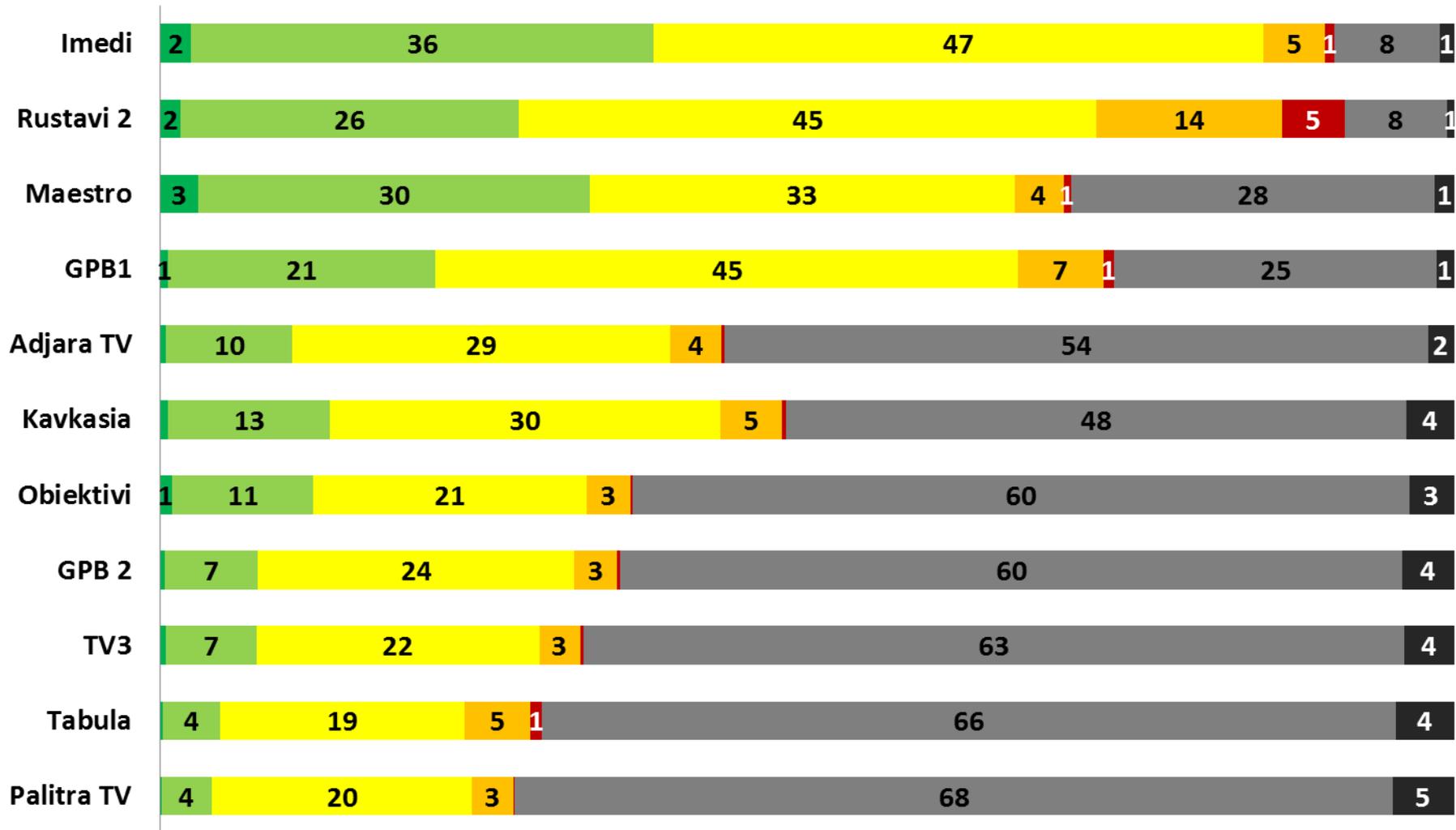
Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels mostly reflect the interests of UNM, Georgian Dream or neither? National (q61)

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 (q62)

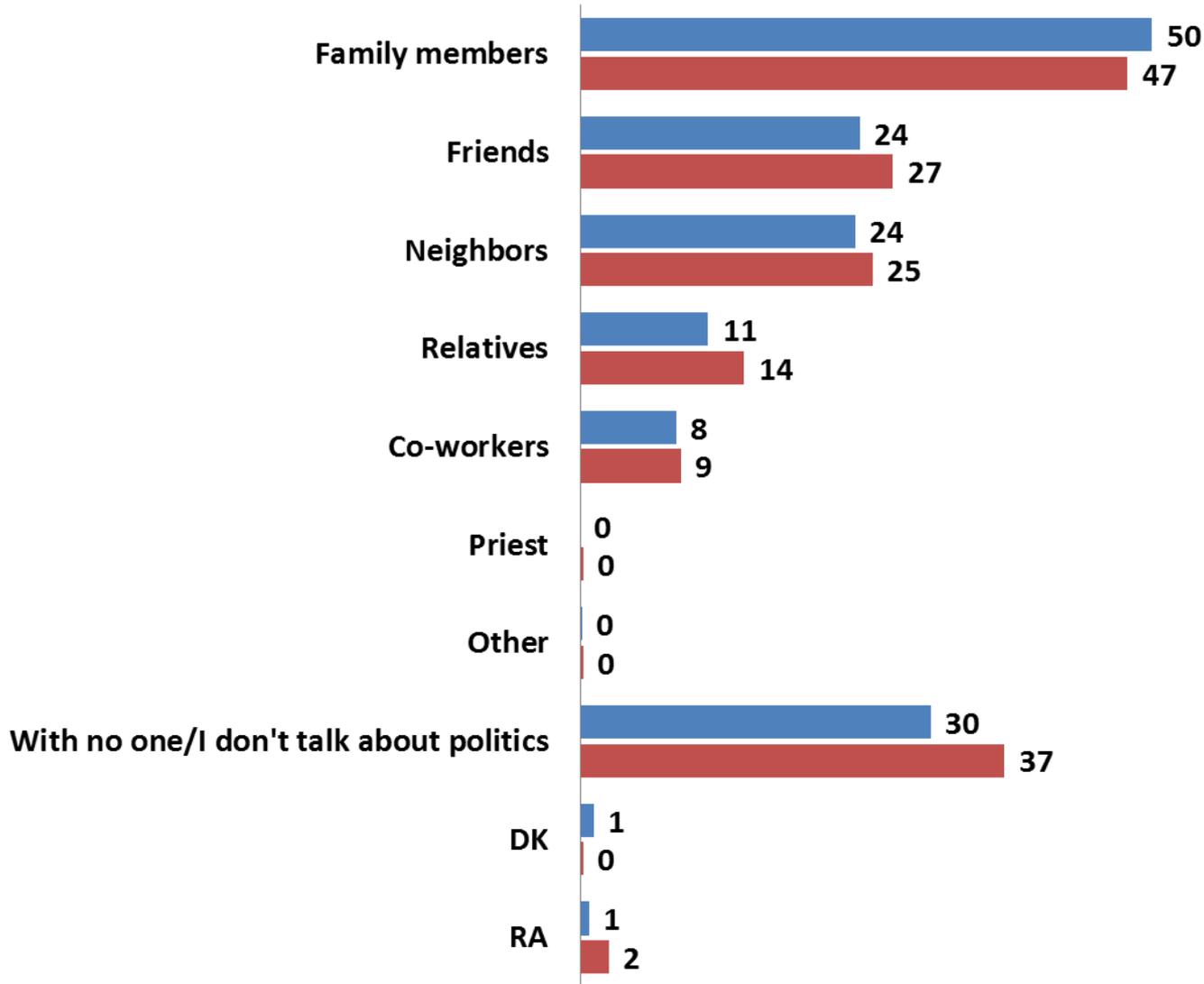
■ Fully trust
 ■ Trust
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Do not trust
 ■ Do not trust at all
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



Demographics

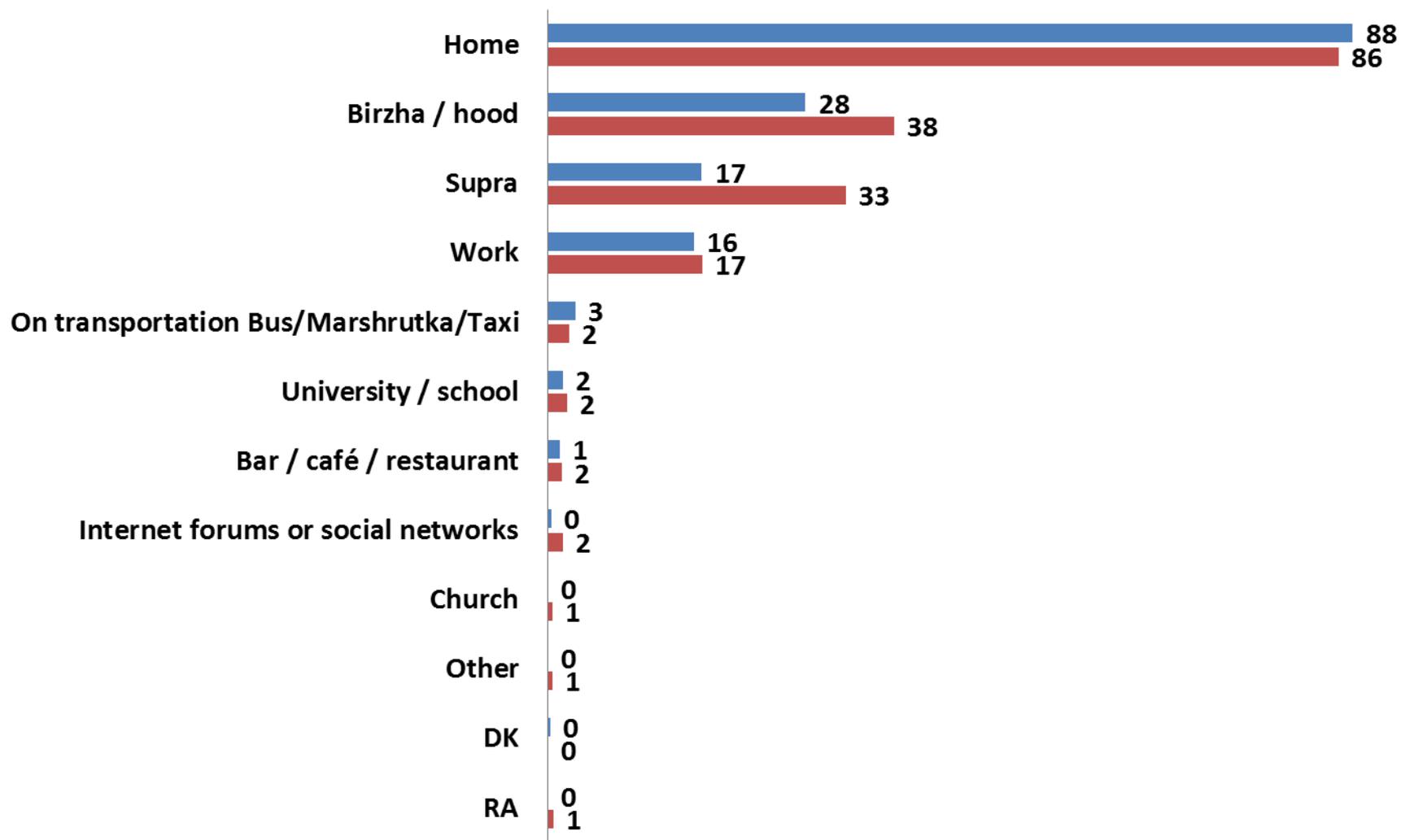
With whom do you talk about politics? (q84)

■ April 2014 ■ September 2013

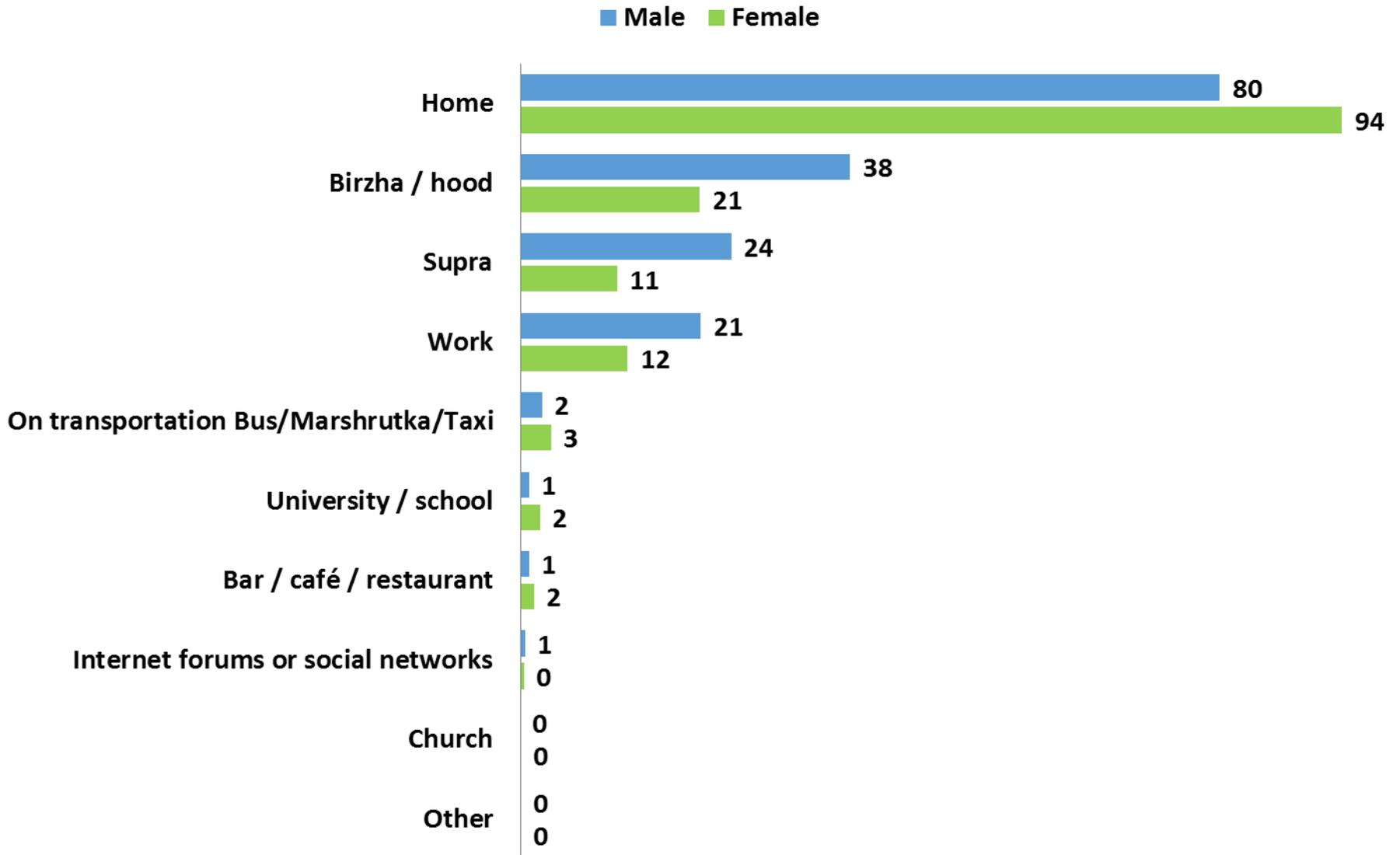


Where do you talk about politics? (q85) - of those who talk about politics

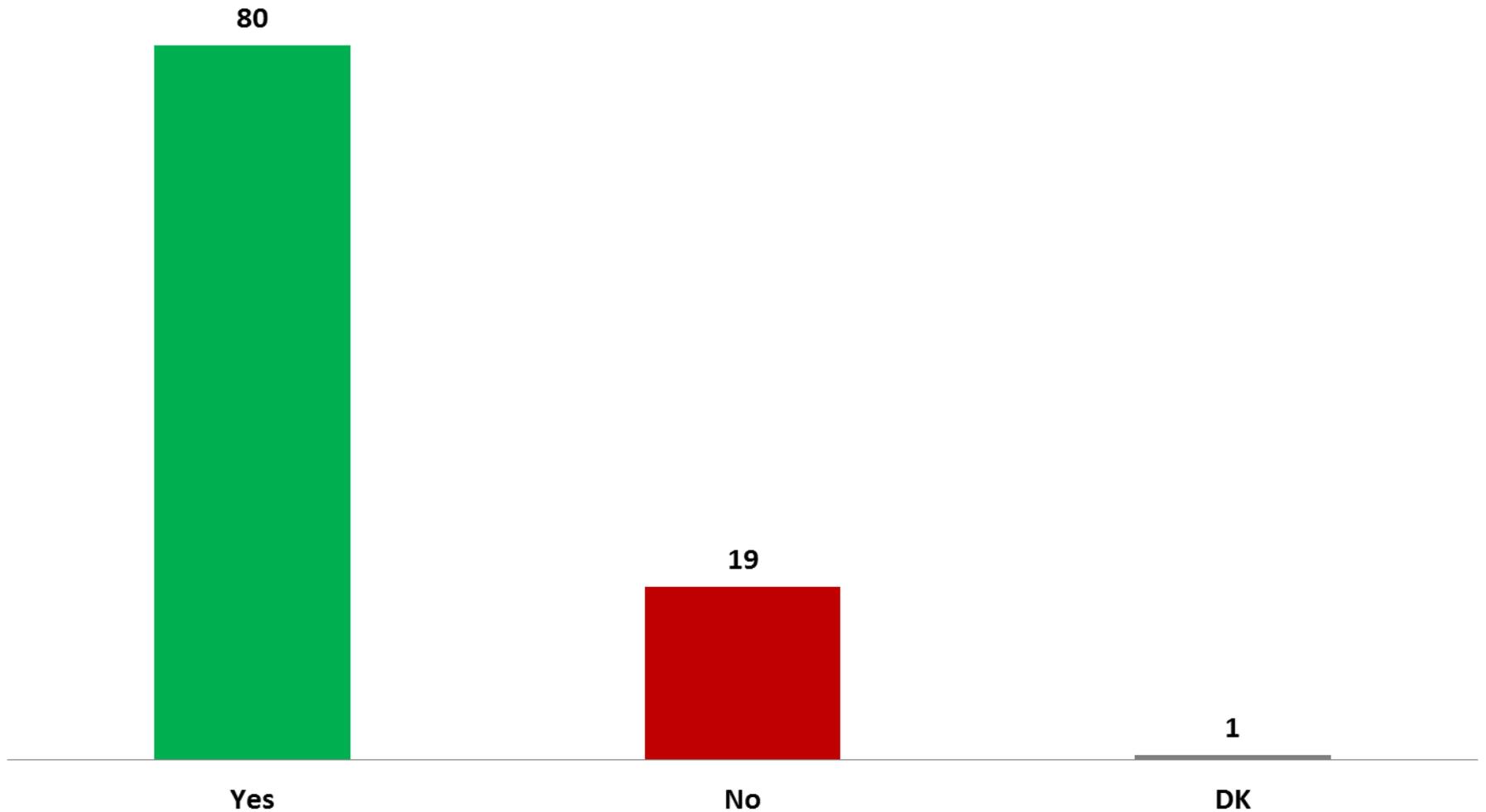
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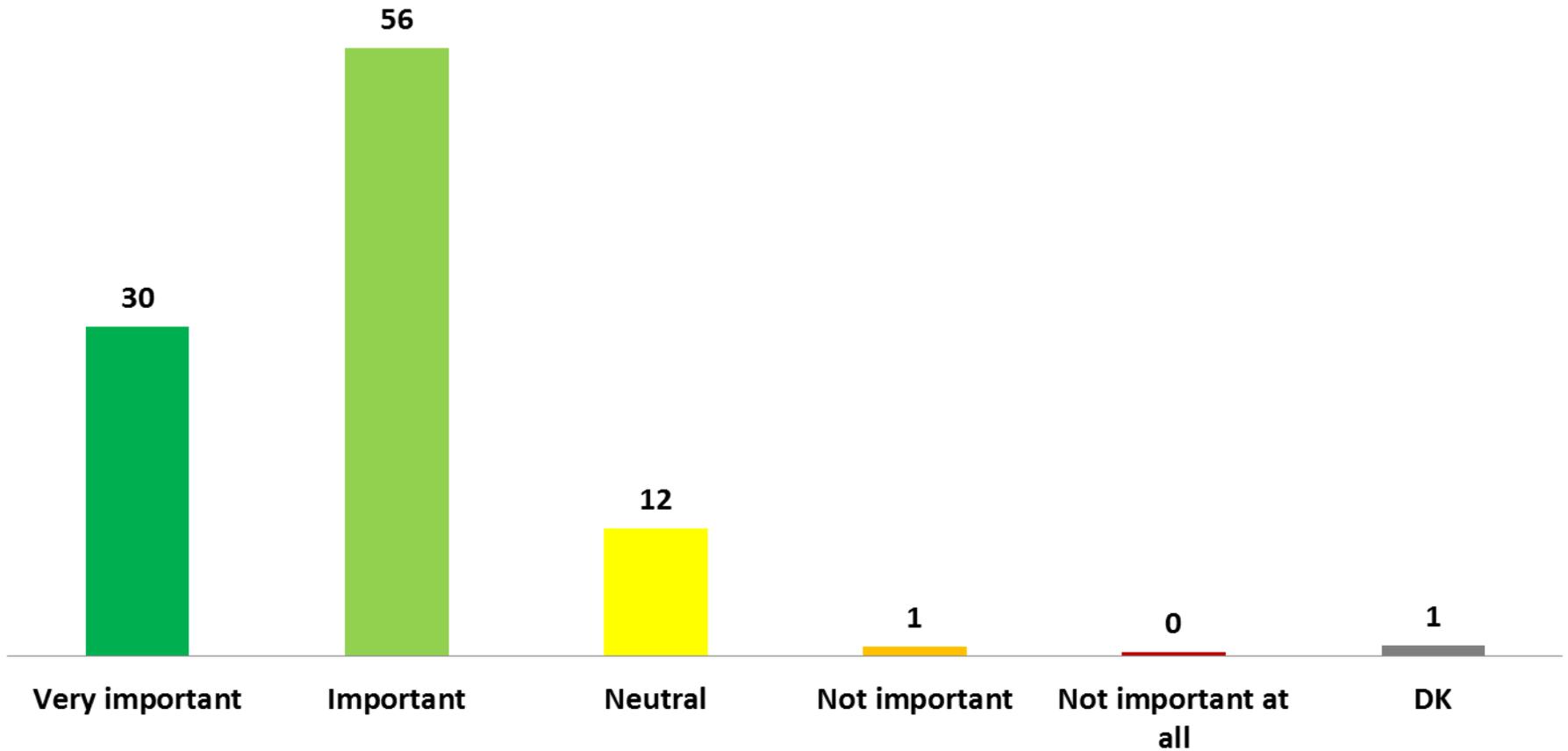
Where do you talk about politics? (q85X Gender) - of the 68% who talk about politics



Do you currently live where you are legally registered? (q109)



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)**

