



Parliamentary Elections: A New Turning Point for Iraq

February – April 2018 Survey Findings

Public-Facing Report



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Methodology Overview

- February 12 – April 10, 2018
- 14,350 face-to-face interviews
- Approx. 800 interviews in all 18 governorates, weighted to proportional size
- **Regions:** South: Basra, Missan, Thi Qar, Diwaniya, Babylon, Najaf, Kerbala, Wassit, Muthana; West: Anbar, Salahaddin, Ninewa, Diyala, Kirkuk; North: Dohuk, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah
- Average MOE +/- <1.89% nationally with design effects; Average MOE +/-3.3-7.0 per province with design effects
- Nationally representative by gender, age, education, urban/rural
- Sample includes 584 IDP interviews including 173 IDP camp interviews
- Security and access restrictions in several districts of Kirkuk, Salahaddin, Anbar, Diyala, and Ninewa. In most cases interviews were replaced within governorate
- Multi-stage cluster sampling; probability proportional to size sampling down to block level in urban areas; simple random sampling at rural village selection and house/individual level
- Implementation team: NDI, JPM Strategic Solutions, GQR, IIACSS
- 13th national survey in Iraq conducted by team dating back to 2010; past surveys average sample size 2,000 face-to-face interviews

Key Survey Findings

- 1. Increased pessimism in direction of country**
- 2. Increased public focus on jobs, corruption, and economic issues as security concerns diminish**
- 3. Security bodies higher level of trust than governing institutions**
- 4. Concern of return of extremist groups and more violence**
- 5. Sectarianism less appealing to the public, still may have a role in post-election coalition formation**

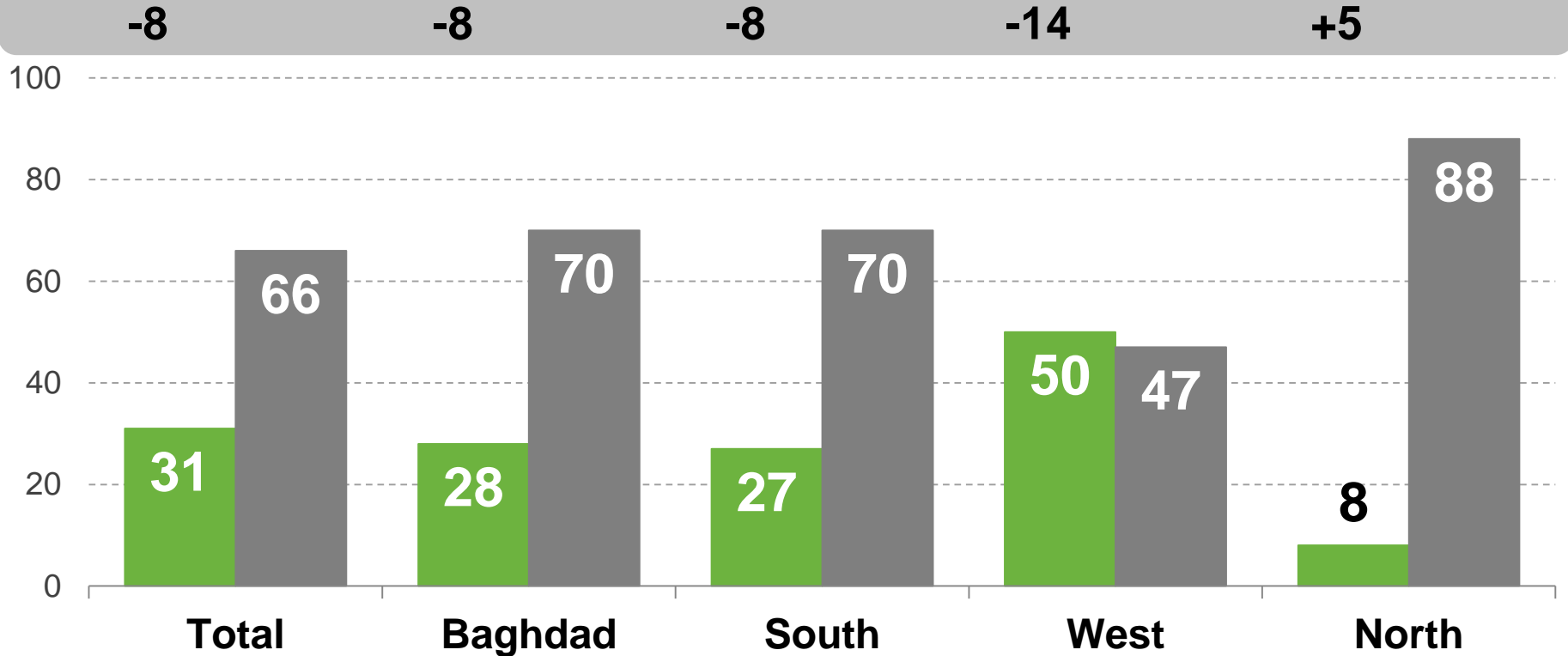
Less optimistic in most regions

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

■ Right direction

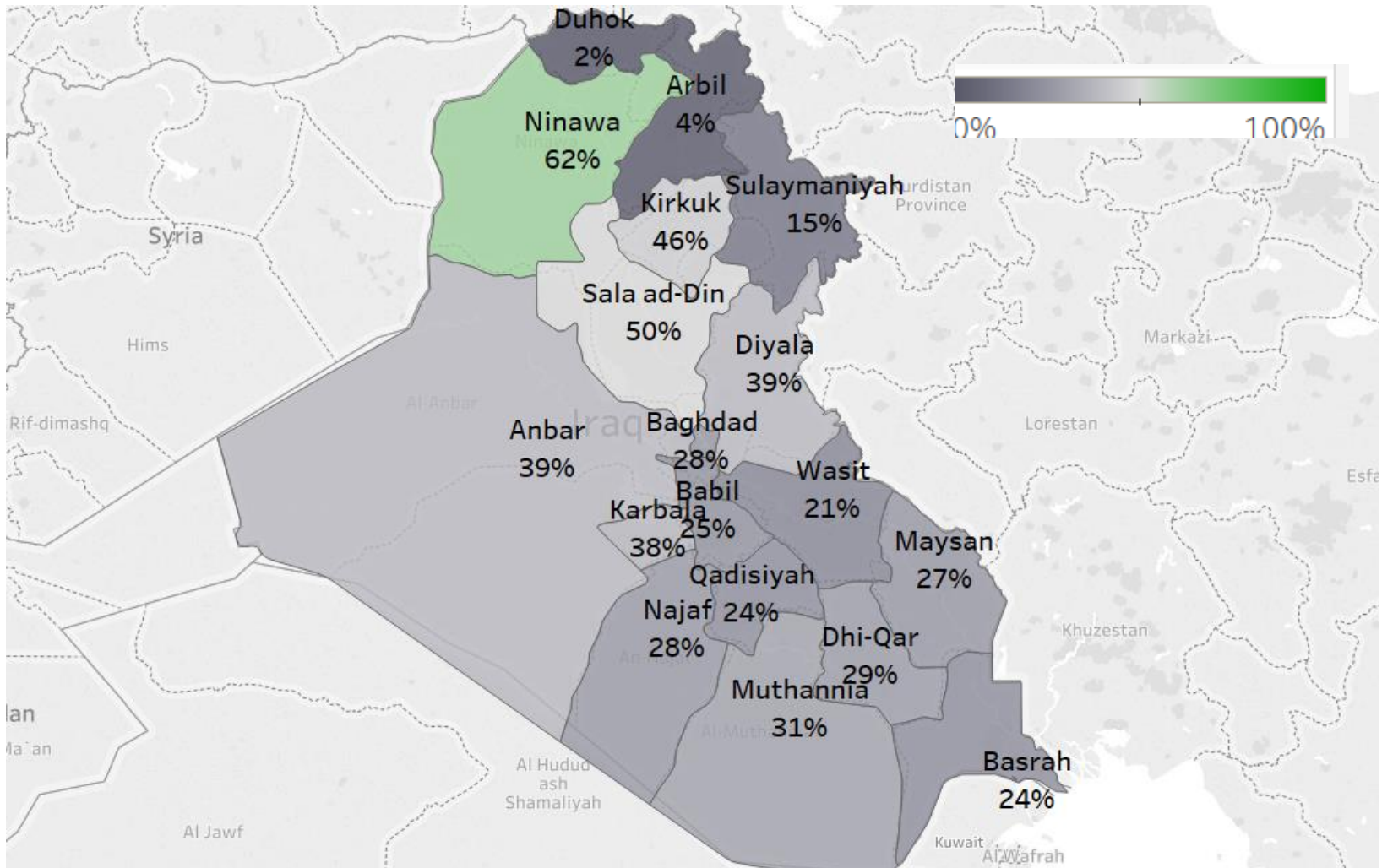
■ Wrong direction

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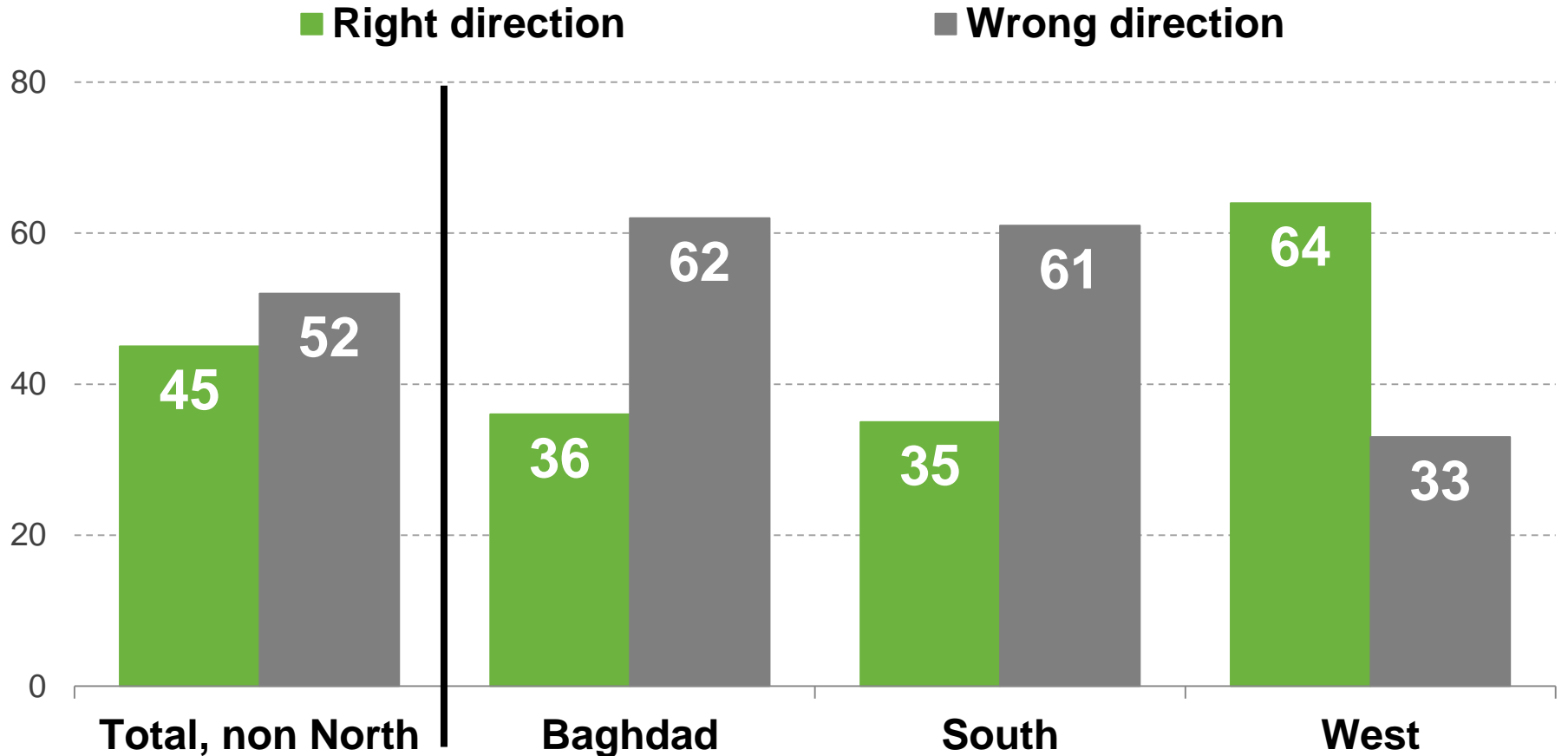
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Right country direction by governorate



West also more optimistic on governorate direction

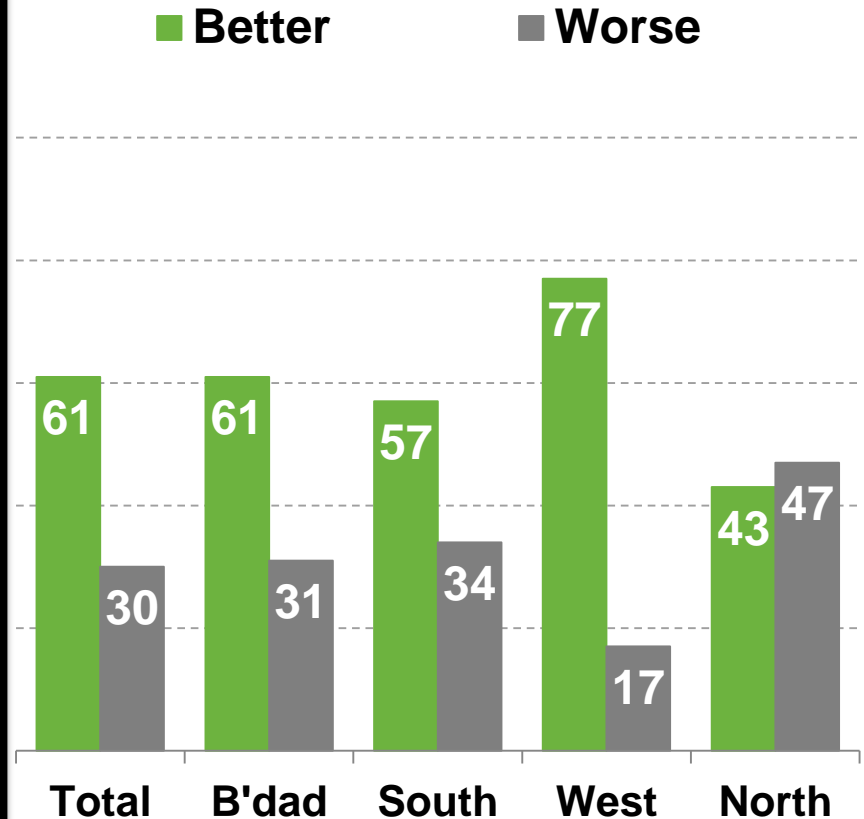
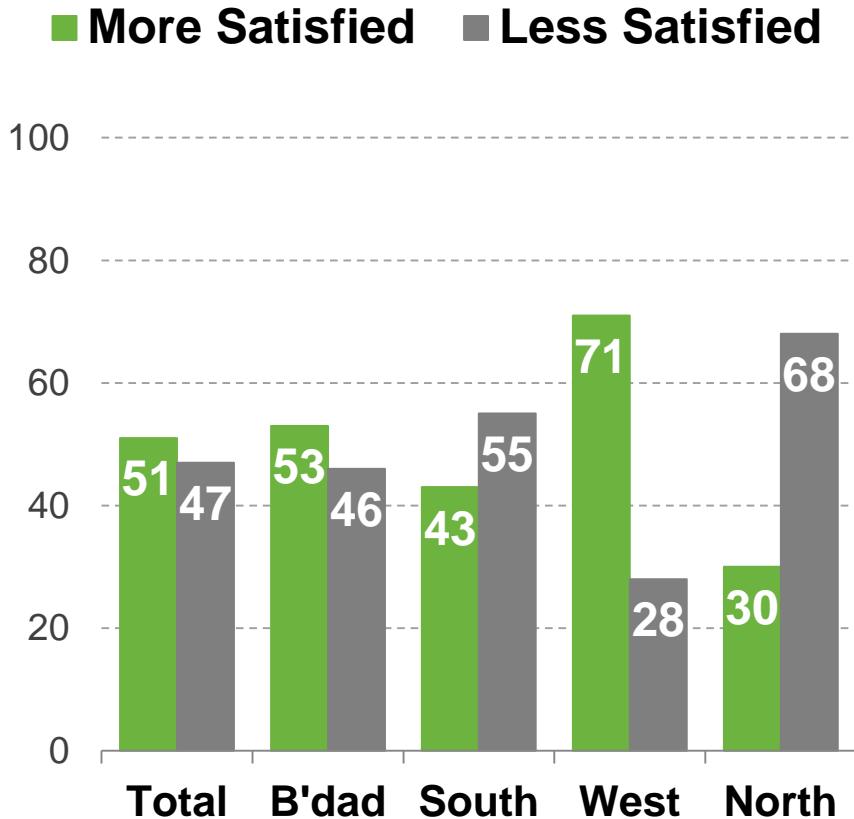
Generally speaking, do you think that things in [INSERT GOVERNORATE] are going in the right direction, or do you think things are going in the wrong direction?



Yet, optimism about the future

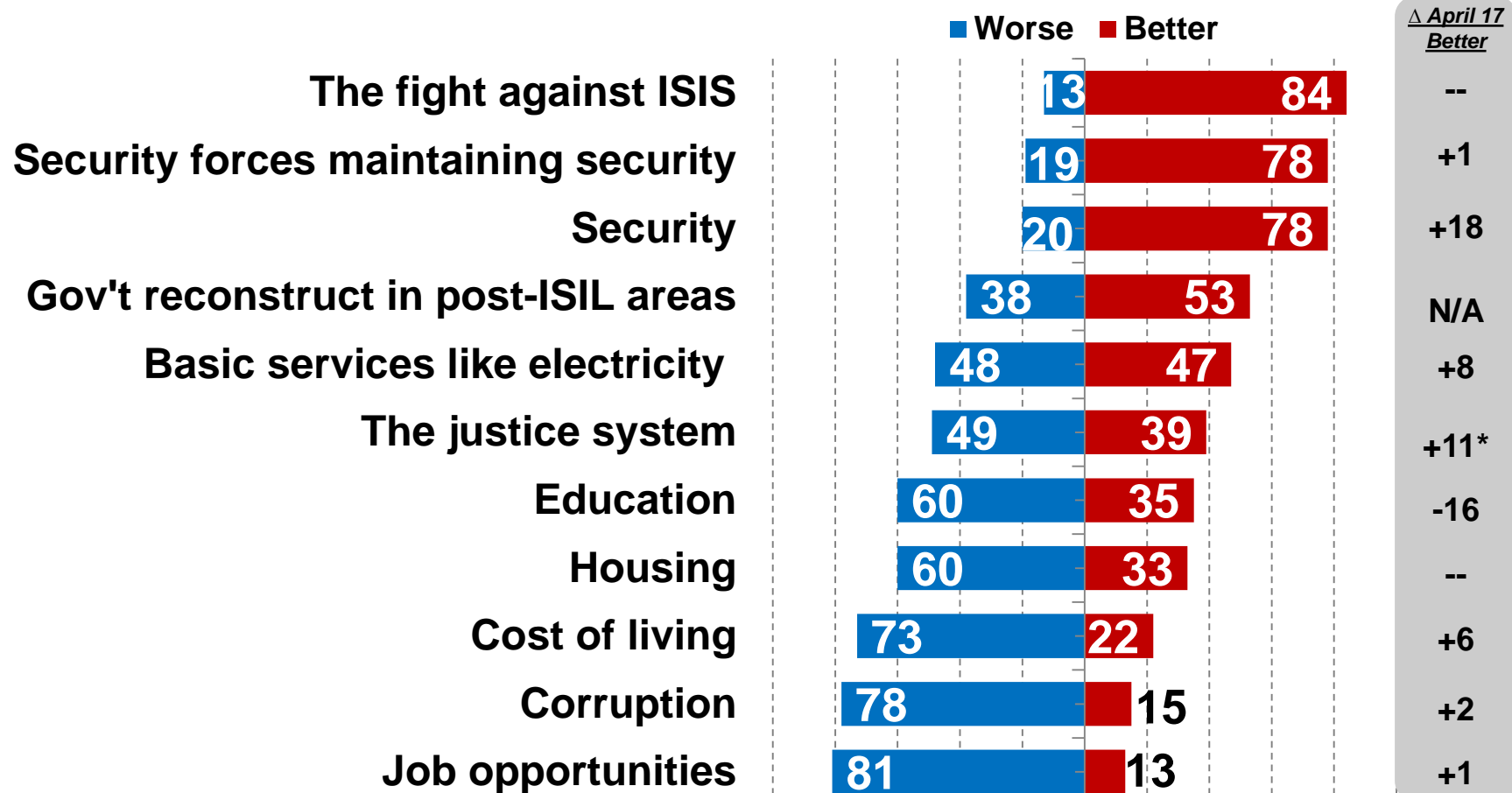
Thinking specifically about your life now compared to 6 months ago, would you say you are more or less satisfied now than compared to 6 months ago?

Thinking specifically about your life, do you expect things to get better for you or worse for you over the next 6 months.



Economic issues and corruption worsening

Now, I will read you a list of issues. Please tell me if you think this issue is getting better or worse in Iraq.



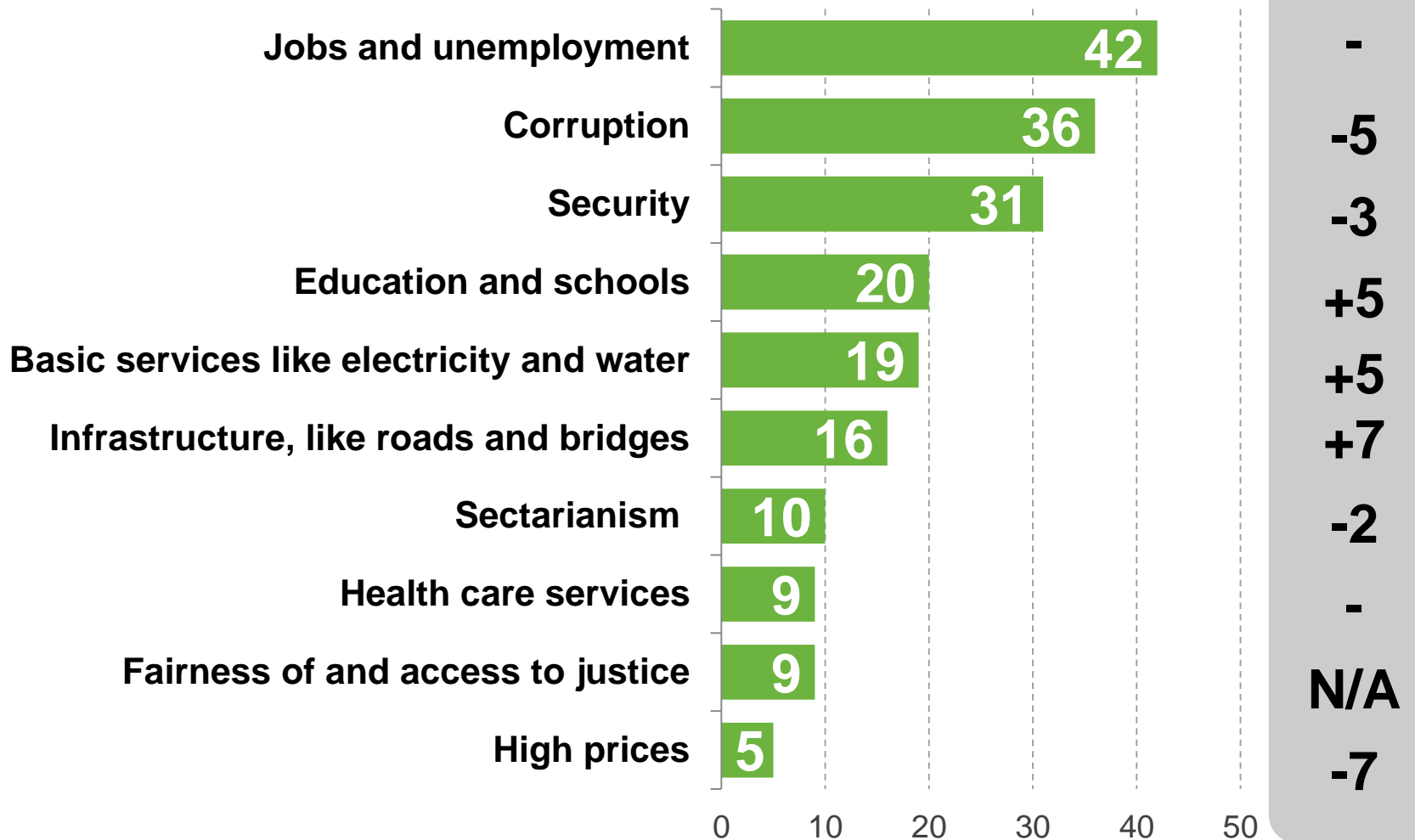
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*Last asked in 2011.

Top concerns | non-North

Which TWO of these are the most important for the Iraqi government to address

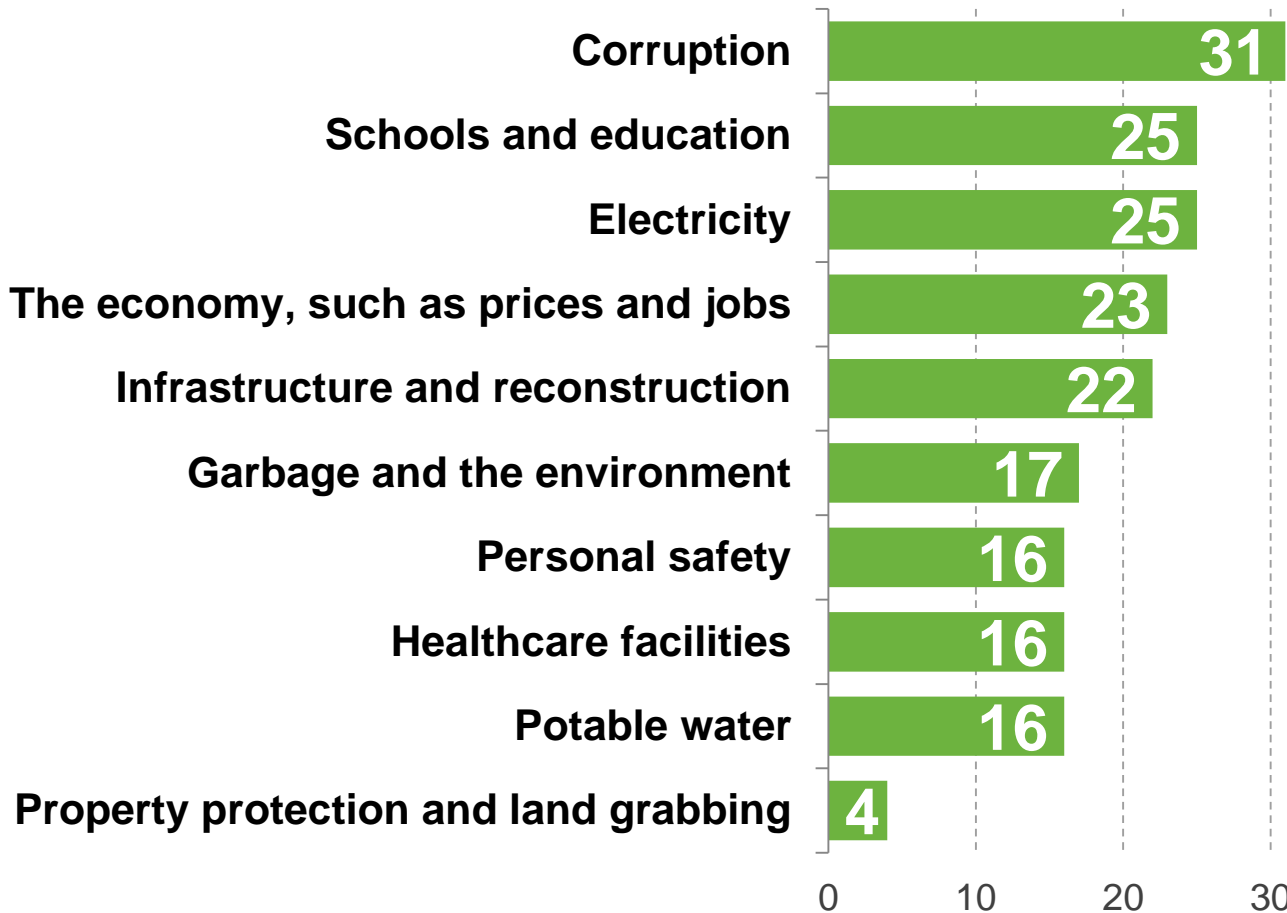
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Within governorates, corruption top local concern

Now, I am going to read you a list of concerns that some people may have in this governorate. Please tell me which TWO of these are the most important for your GOVERNORATE'S government to address.



Top Local Concerns:

Baghdad
 Corruption (35%),
 Electricity/Education (28%)

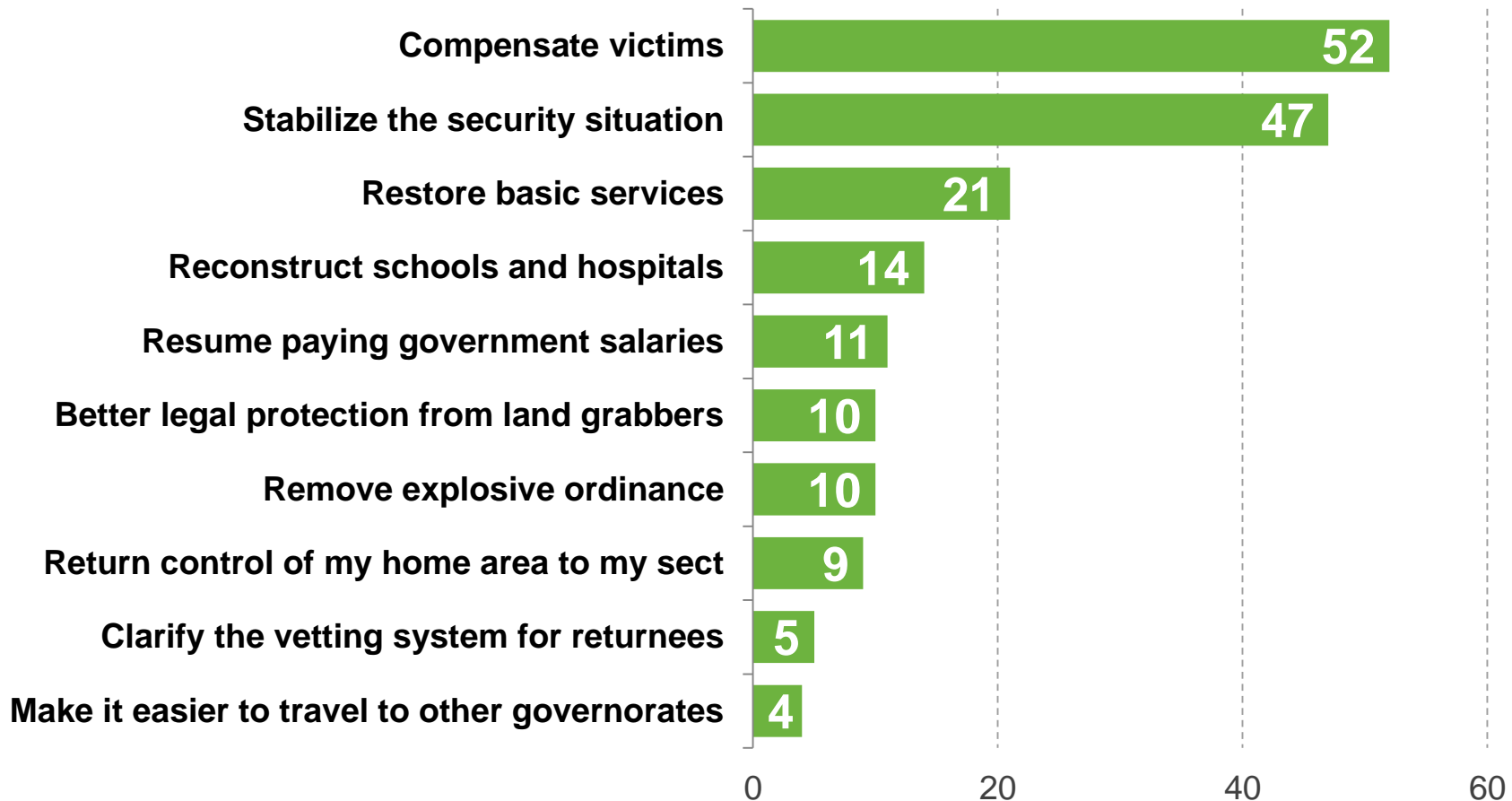
South
 Corruption (29%),
 Education (25%)

West
 Infrastructure (31%),
 Corruption (29%)

North
 Economy (38%),
 Electricity (35%)

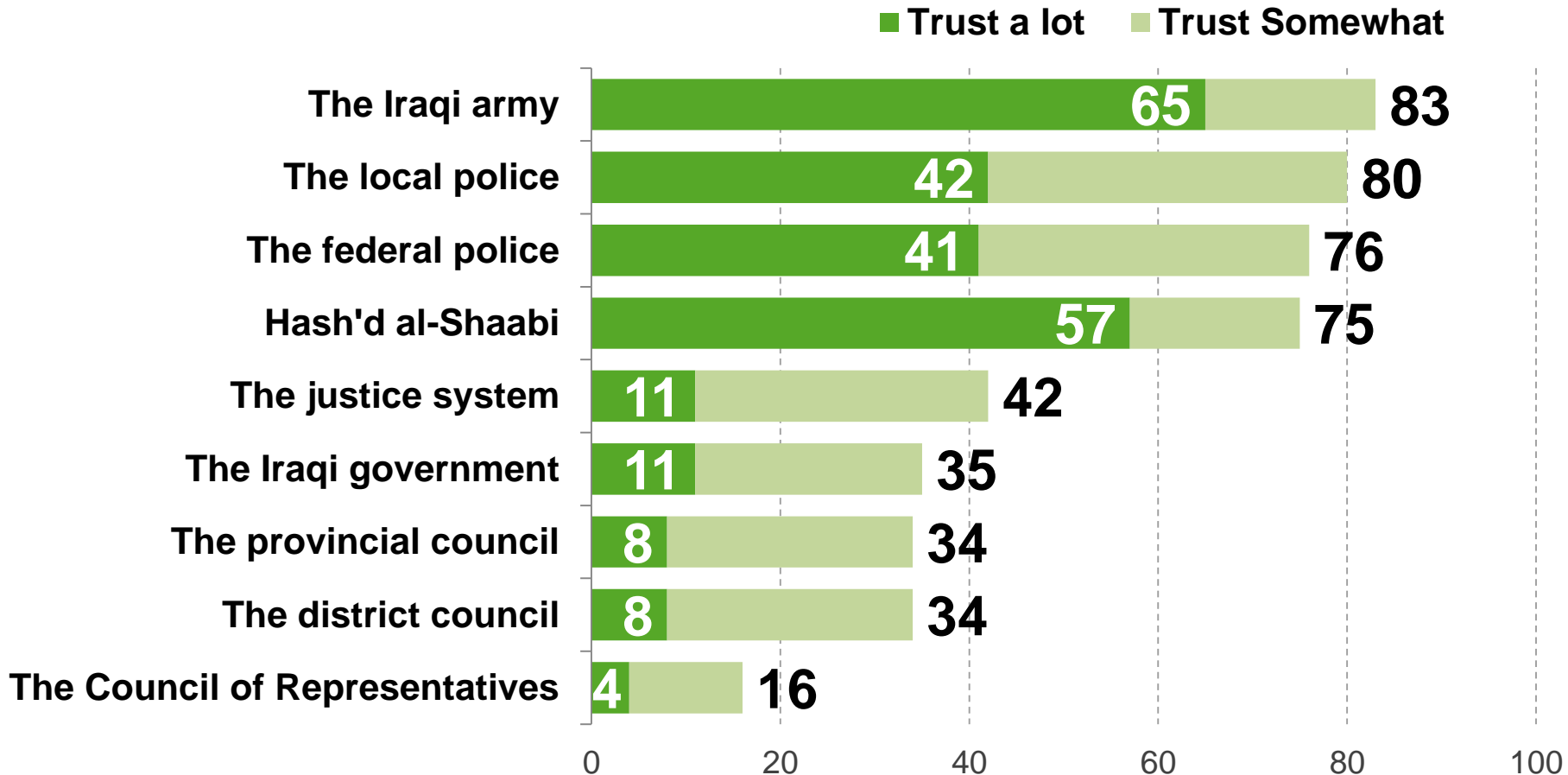
Compensation and security encourage IDP returns

Now I am going to read a list of actions the Iraqi government could take in order to facilitate your return home. According to you, which TWO of these actions is MOST important in order to make you more likely to return home?



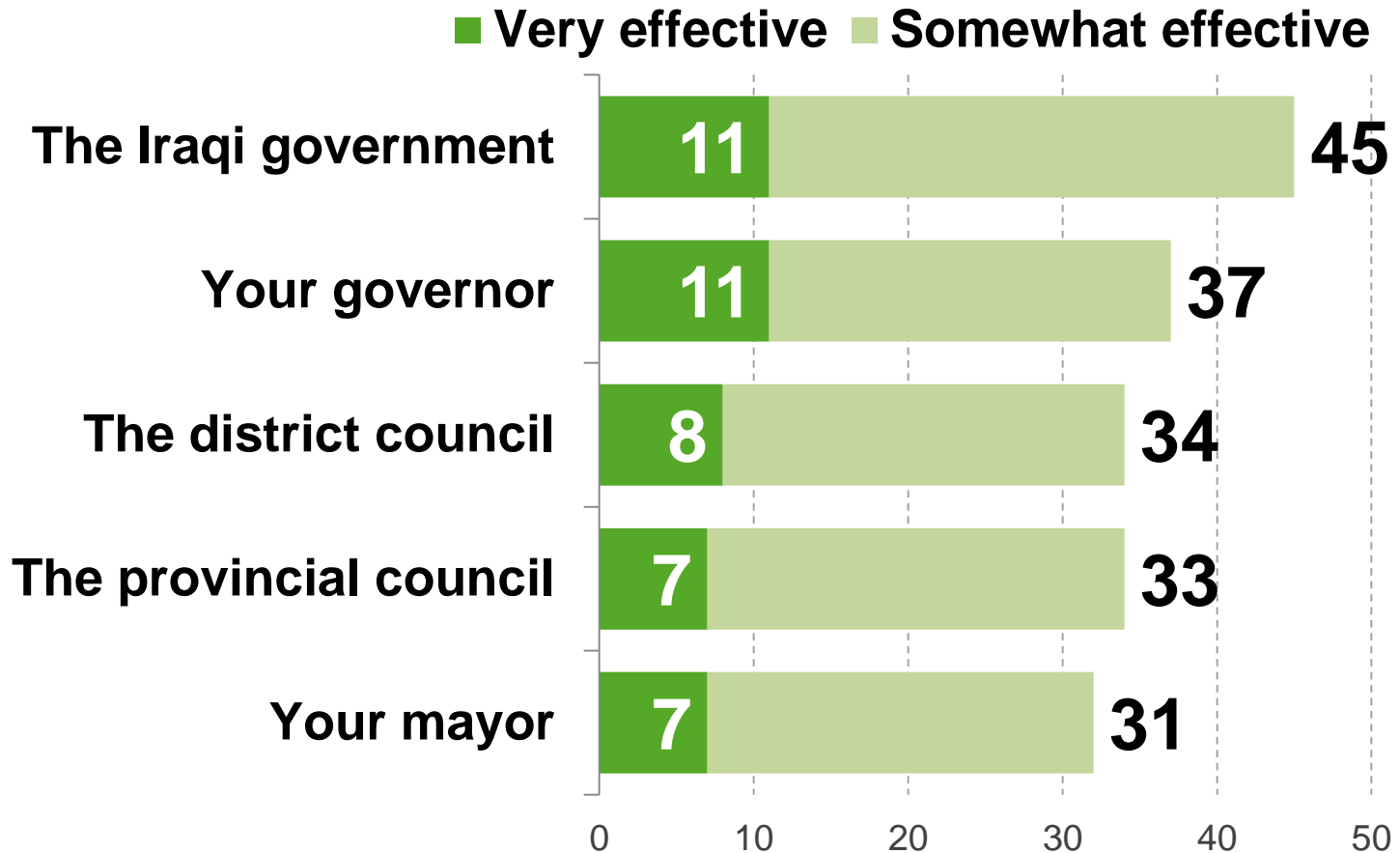
High trust in security forces

I will now give you a list of institutions. For each, please tell me how much you trust that institution. Do you trust that institution a lot, somewhat, just a little, or not at all?



Governing institutions not viewed as effective

For each, please tell me how effective you think that institution is at its job. Is it very effective, somewhat effective, just a little effective, or not effective at all?

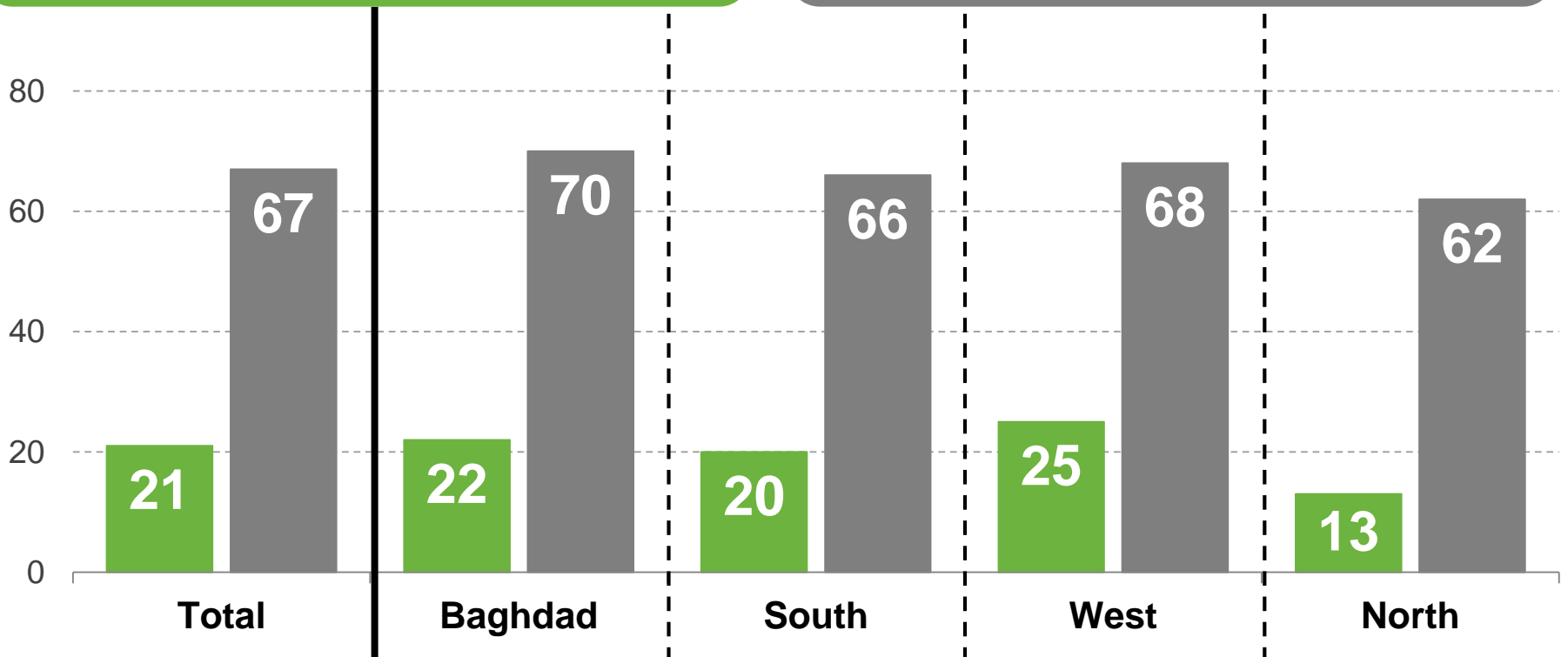


Knowledge of local government

Now for something different. I'm going to read you some pairs of statements and for each one, I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

I generally have a good idea what my local government's priorities are.

I do not have a good sense of what my local government's priorities are.



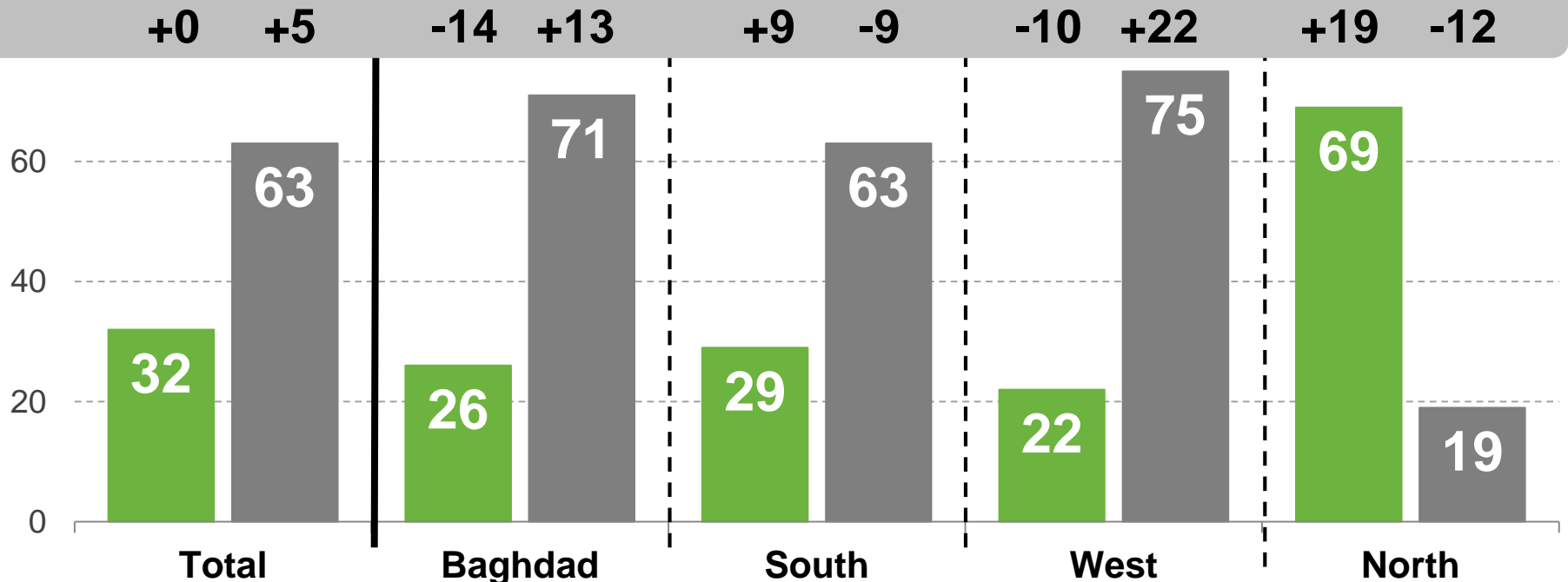
Strong majority think sectarianism will be less of a factor

Now for something different. I'm going to read you some pairs of statements and for each one, I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

Sectarianism is too deeply-rooted in Iraqi society to ever really go away.

With time, sectarianism will become less of a factor in Iraq.

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Dramatically changing views on cross-sect party support

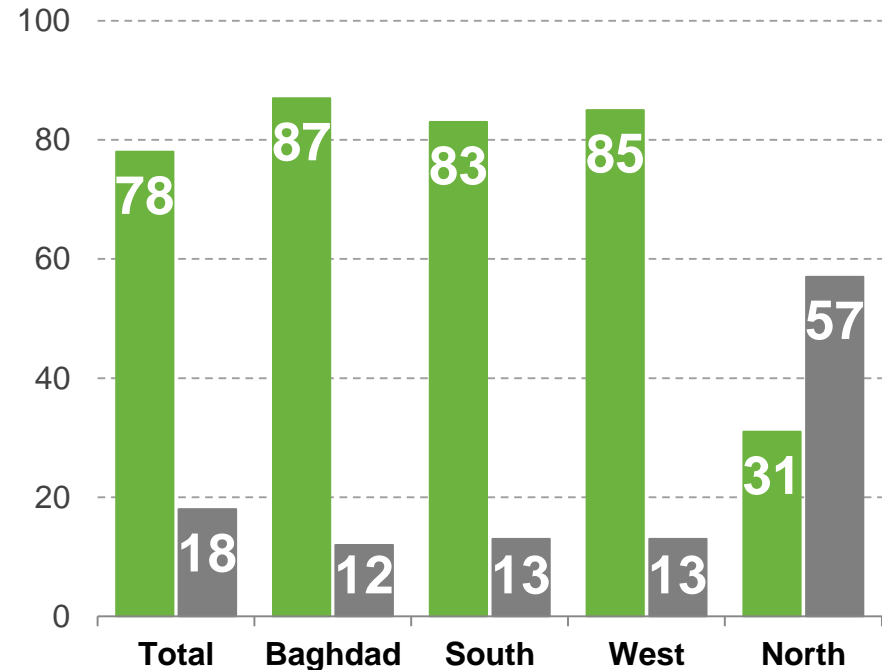
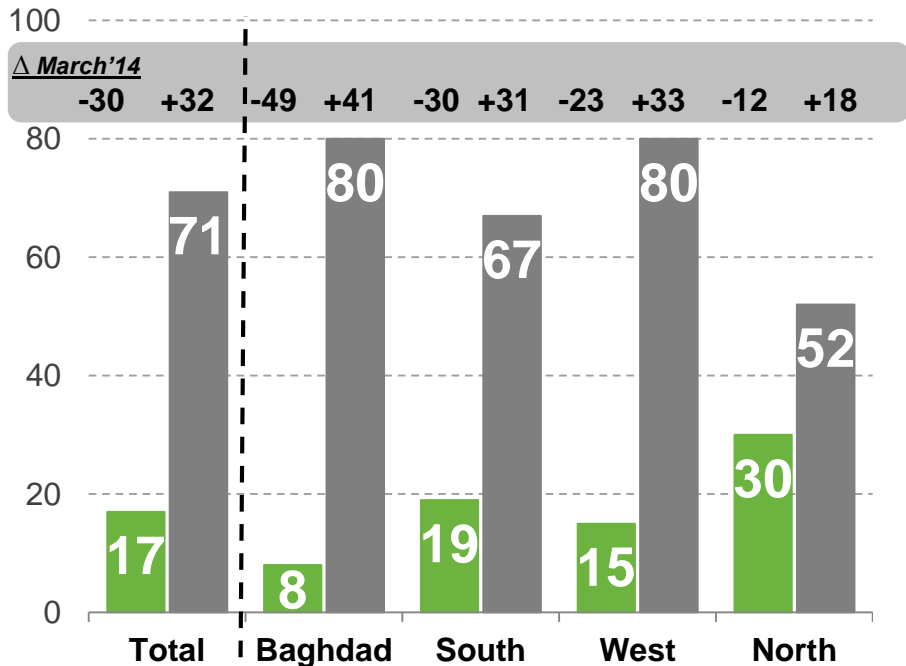
Now for something different. I'm going to read you some pairs of statements and for each one, I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

I prefer to support a party that only represents my religious sect or ethnicity.

I prefer to support a party that represents multiple religious sects and ethnicities.

I am more concerned about Iraqi unity.

I am more concerned about whether my sect gets treated fairly.



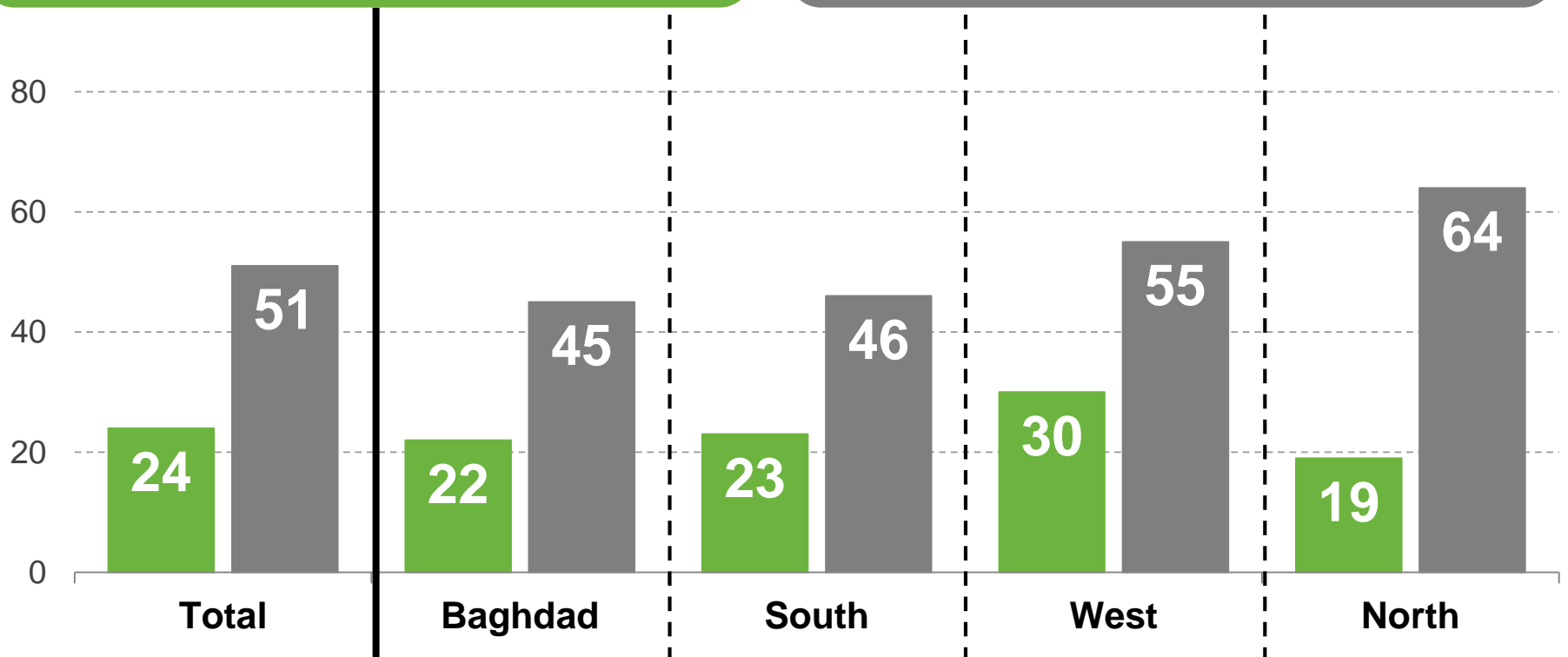
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All regions do not feel they get fair share

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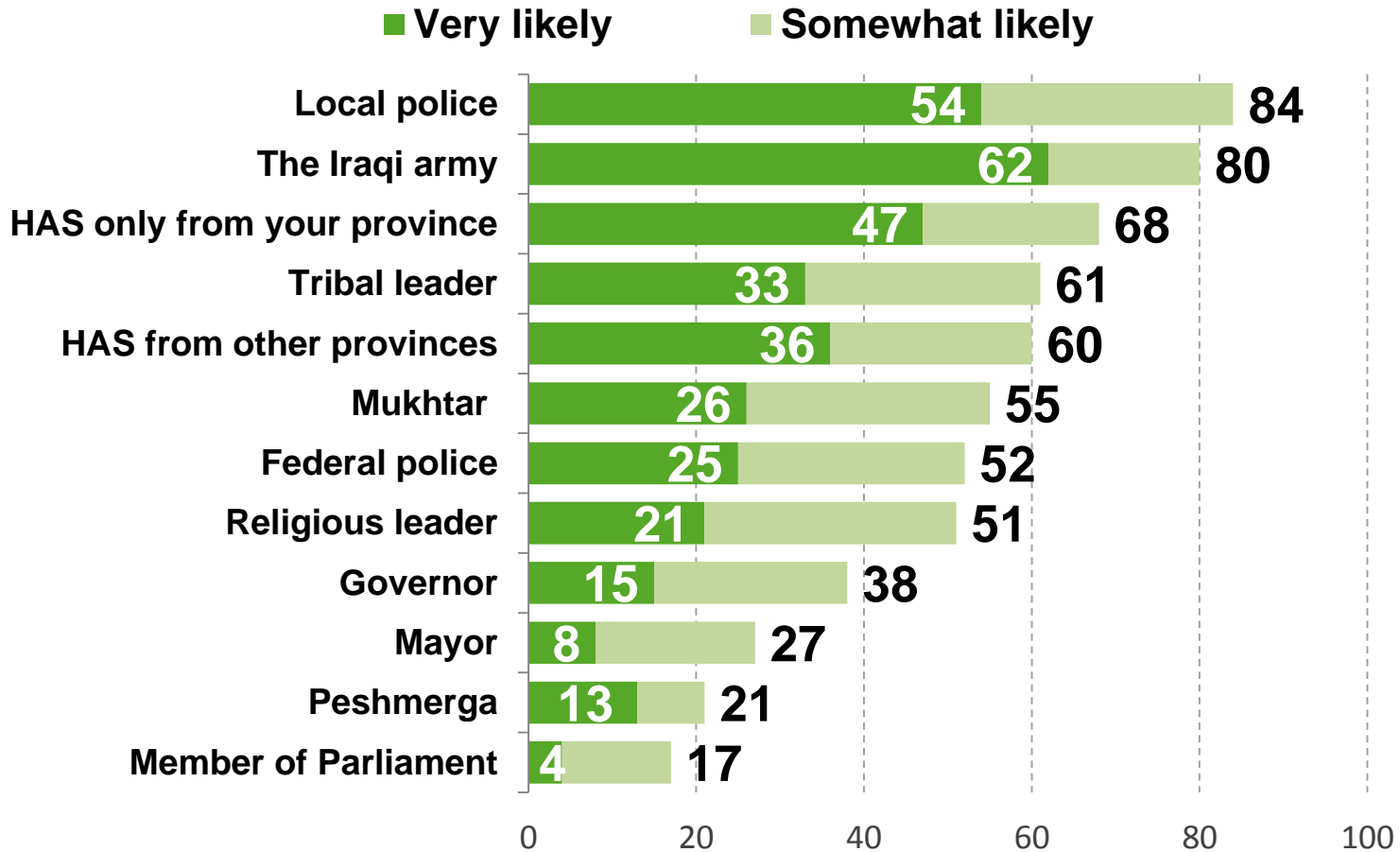
I generally feel that my component gets its fair share of services.

I feel that other components get more services than they should



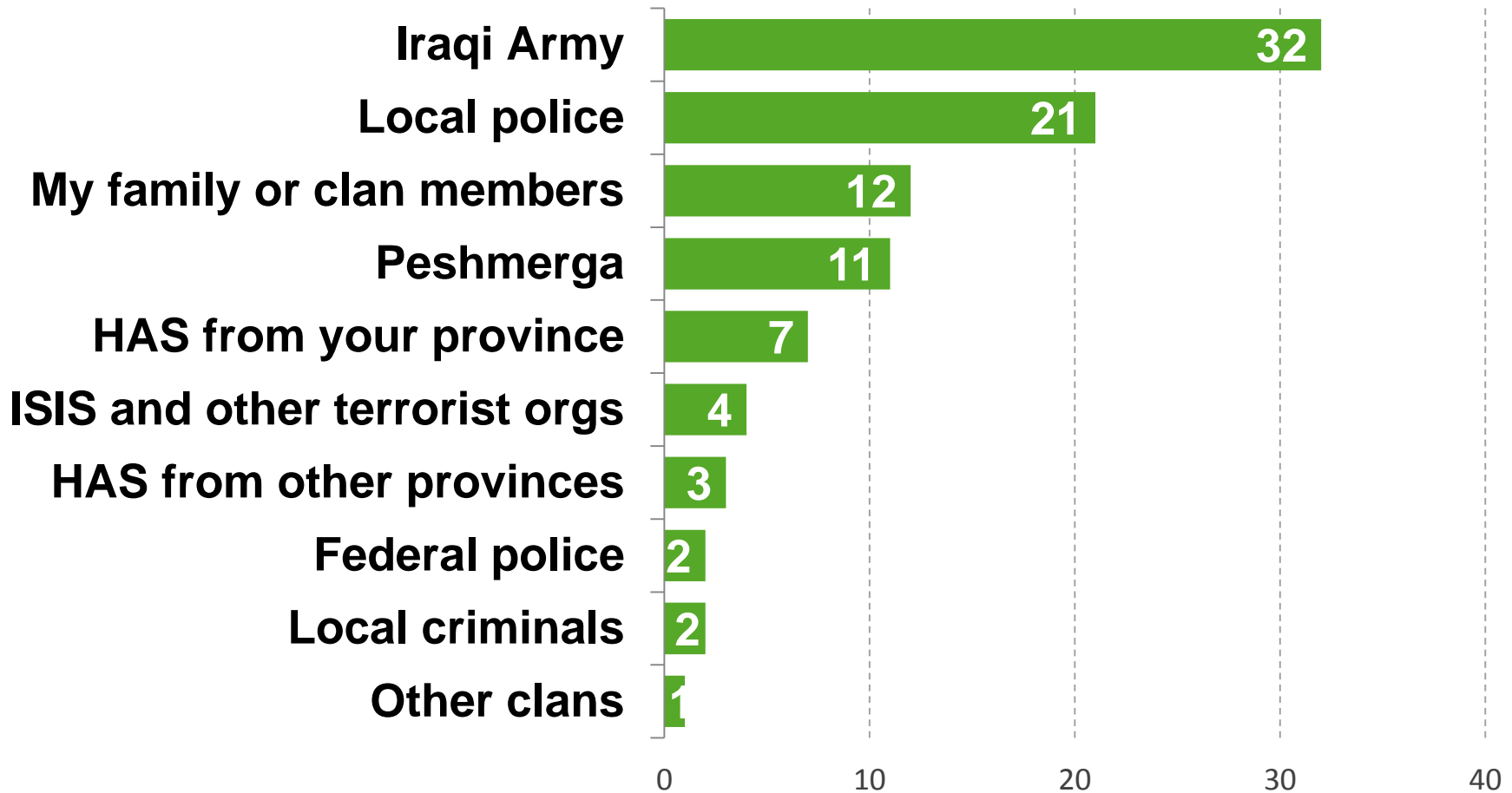
Diverse “go-to” for security concerns

Now I am going to ask about different groups in Iraq. For each one, please tell me how likely you would be to go to them if you have a security concern?



Army best source of protection

I am now going to read a list of different groups in Iraq. Based on what you know, which ONE of the following do you feel is your best source of protection from security threats?

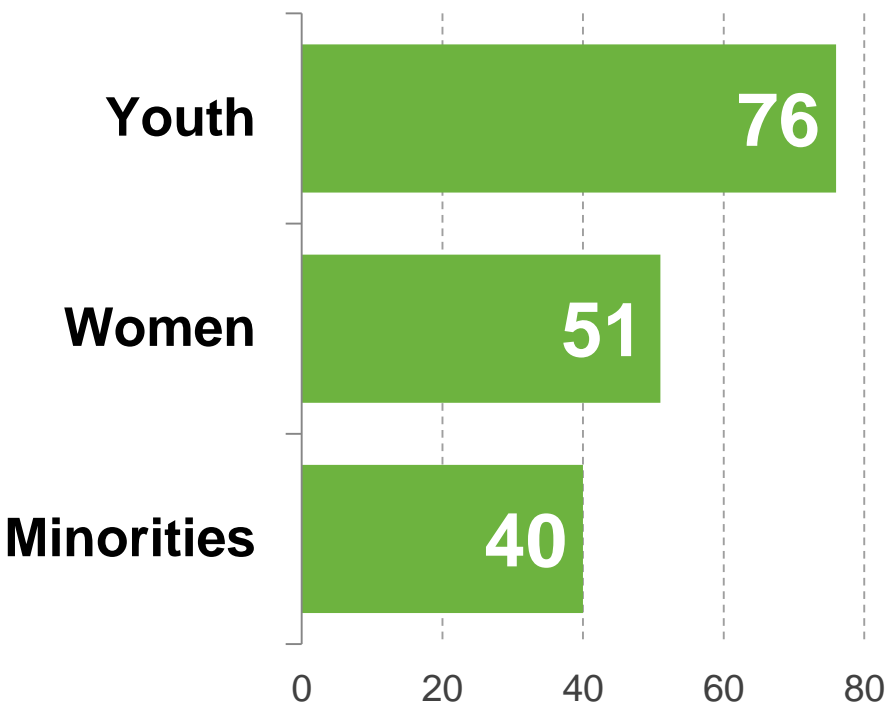


More trust with youth in government and security forces

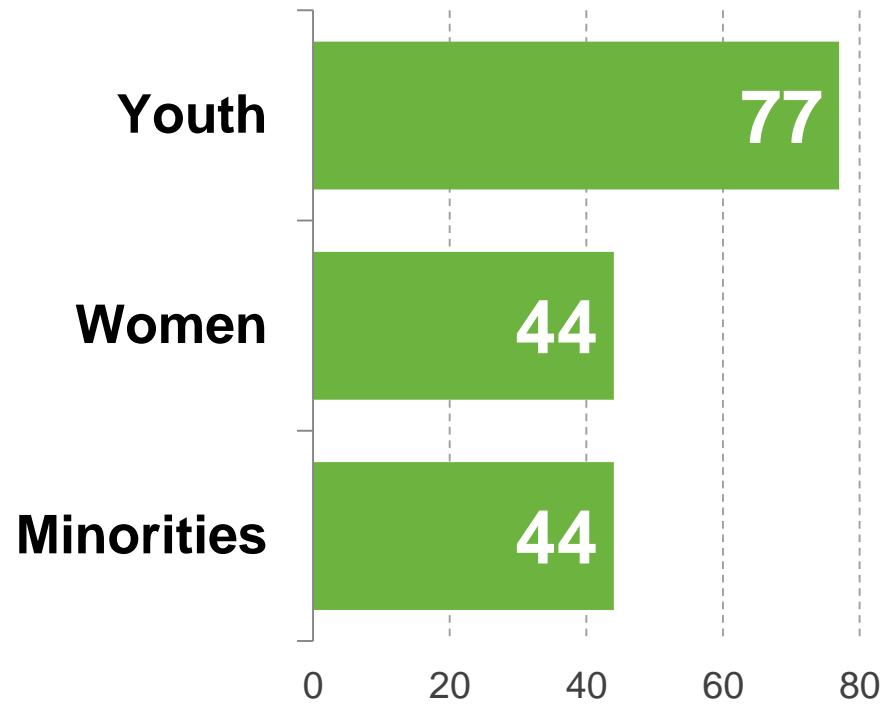
Now I want to talk about government institutions such as the national and local government. For each item I read, please tell me if having this group of people in leadership positions in government institutions would make you trust government institutions more or less?

Now I want to talk about security forces such as the Iraqi National Army and the police. For each item I read, please tell me if having this group of people in leadership positions in security forces would make you trust security forces more or less?

■ Total More



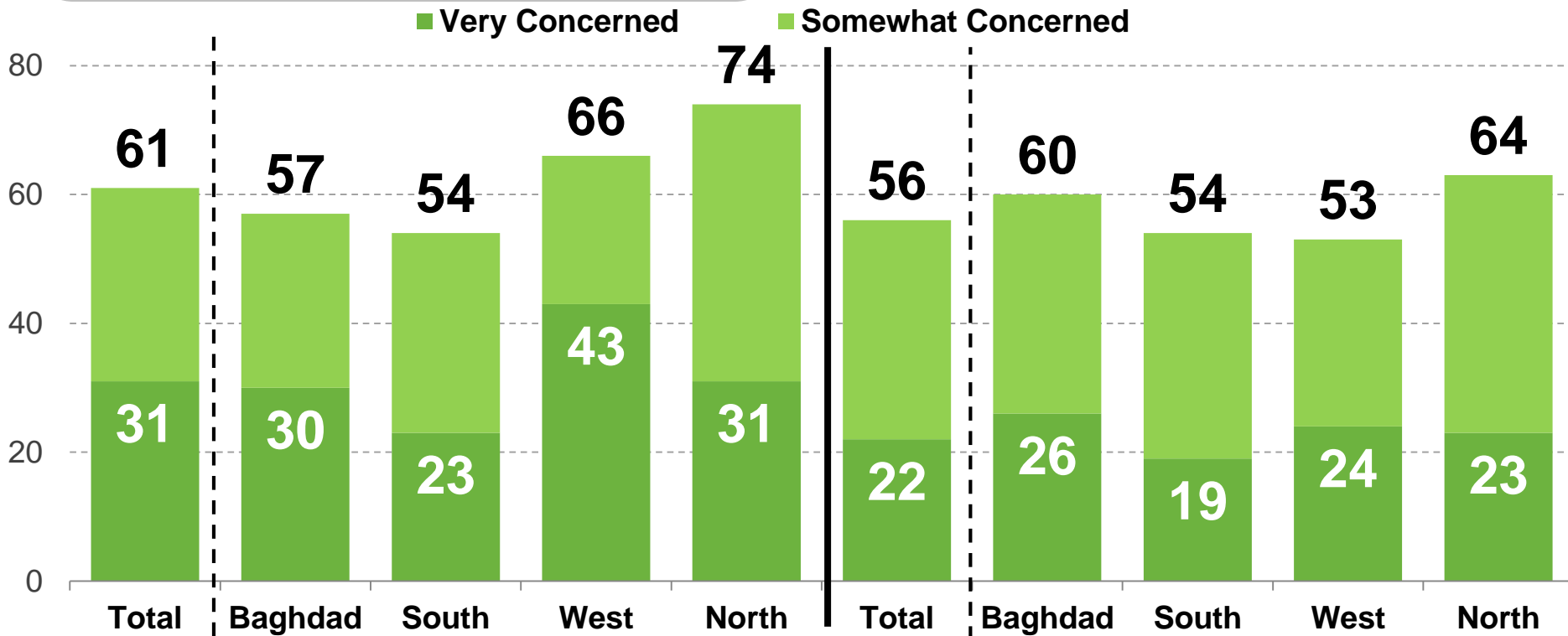
■ Total More



But concern for return of extremist groups, more violence

Would you say you are very concerned about ISIS and other extremist groups re-emerging in Iraq, somewhat concerned, just a little concerned, or not at all concerned about ISIS and other extremist groups re-emerging to Iraq?

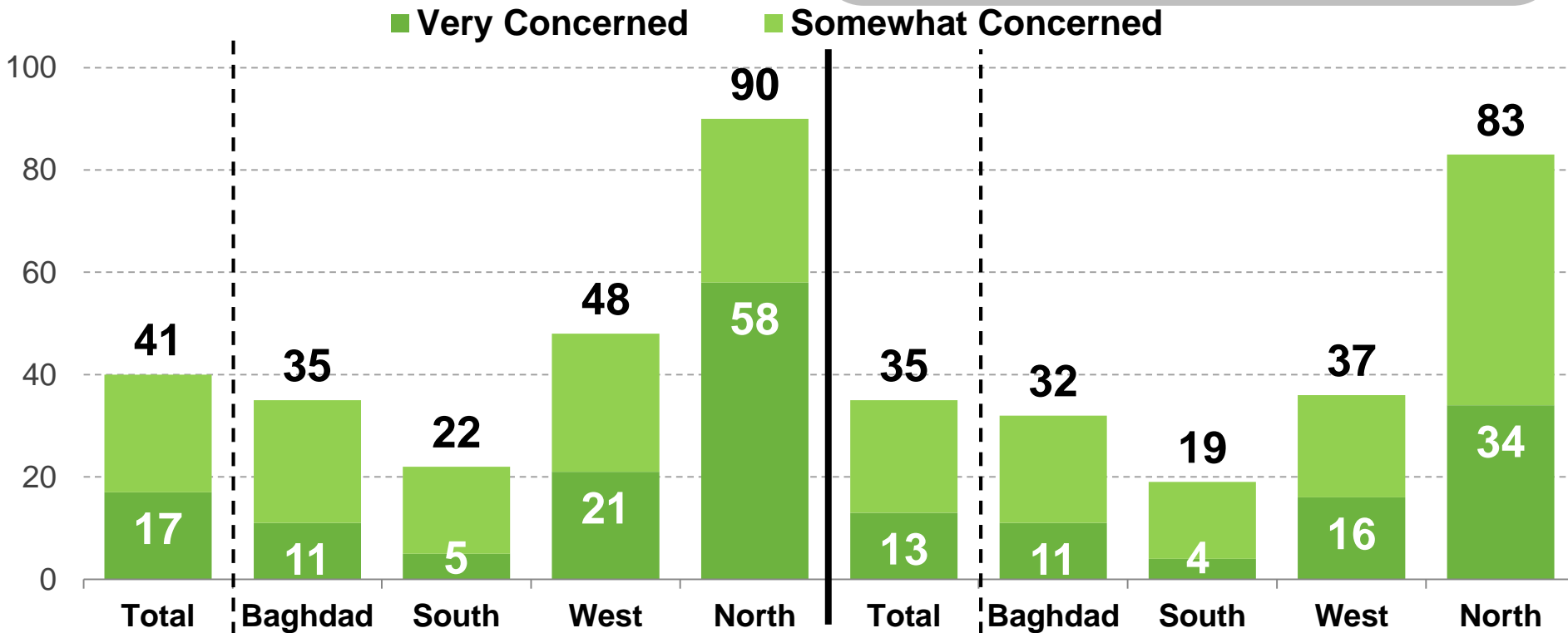
Would you say you are very concerned about violence in your community getting worse over the next 6 months, somewhat concerned, just a little concerned, or not at all concerned about violence in your community getting worse over the next 6 months?



Some concern about PMU and Army causing violence

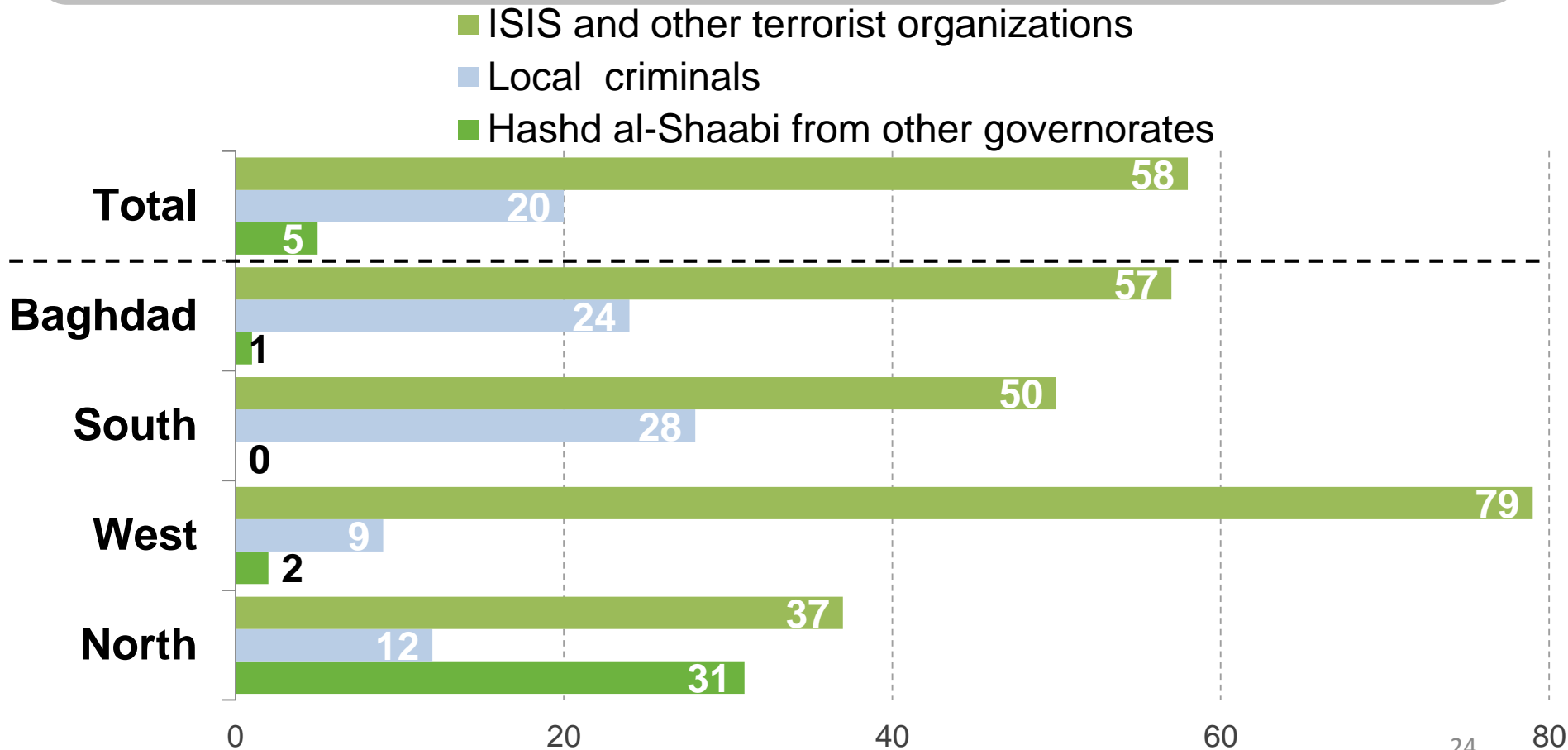
Based on what you know, how concerned are you about members of Hashd al-Shaabi committing violence? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, just a little concerned, or not at all concerned?

Based on what you know, how concerned are you about members of the Iraqi Army and Security Forces committing violence? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, just a little concerned, or not at all concerned?



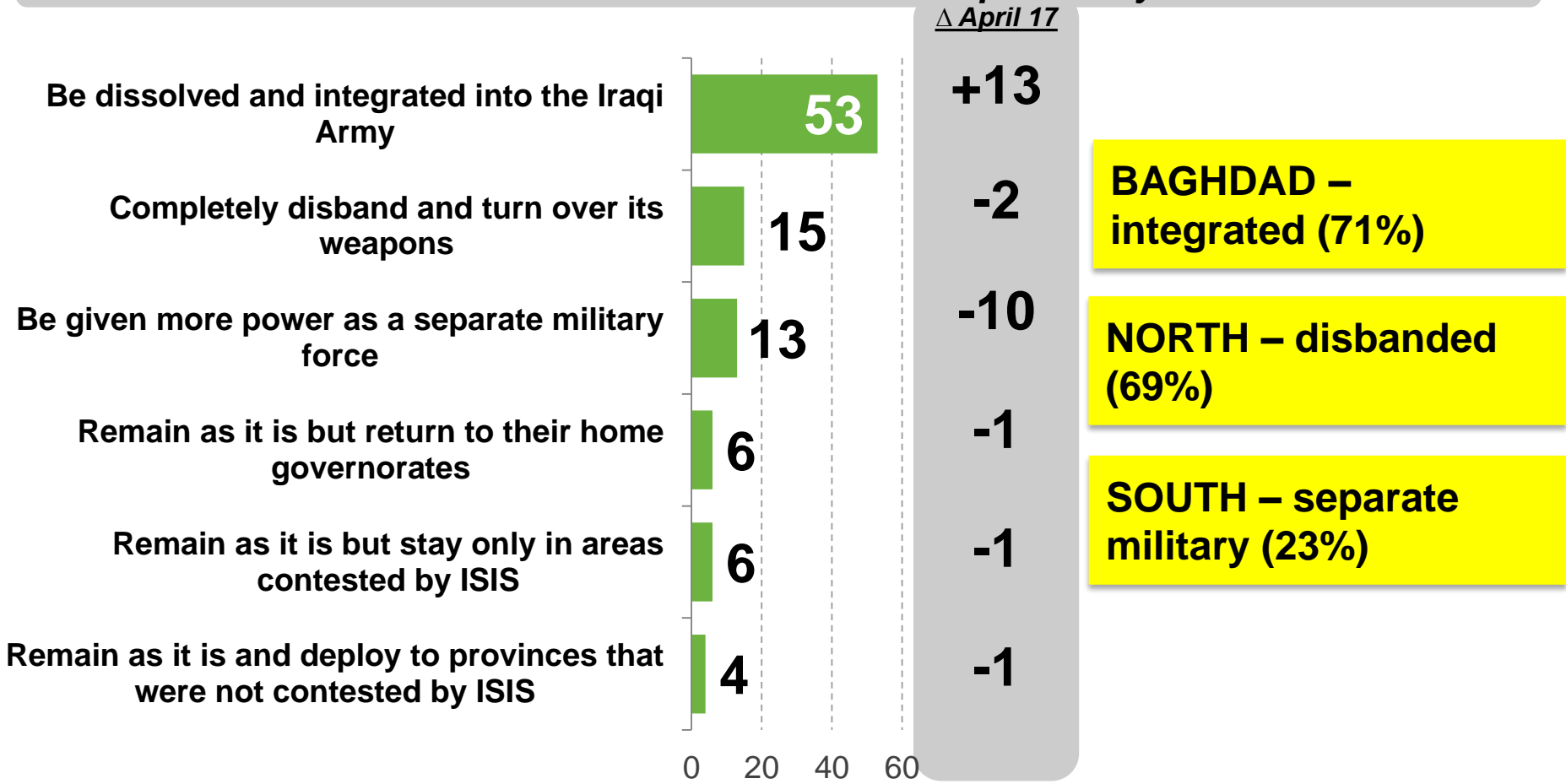
ISIS and local criminals are biggest security threat

I am now going to read a list of different groups in Iraq. Based on what you know, which ONE of the following do you feel is the biggest threat to your day to day security? (Did not include results for my family/clan members; Peshmerga; other clans; Iraqi Army; local police; or federal police which were less than 3% each.)



Majority want PMUs integrated into Iraqi Army

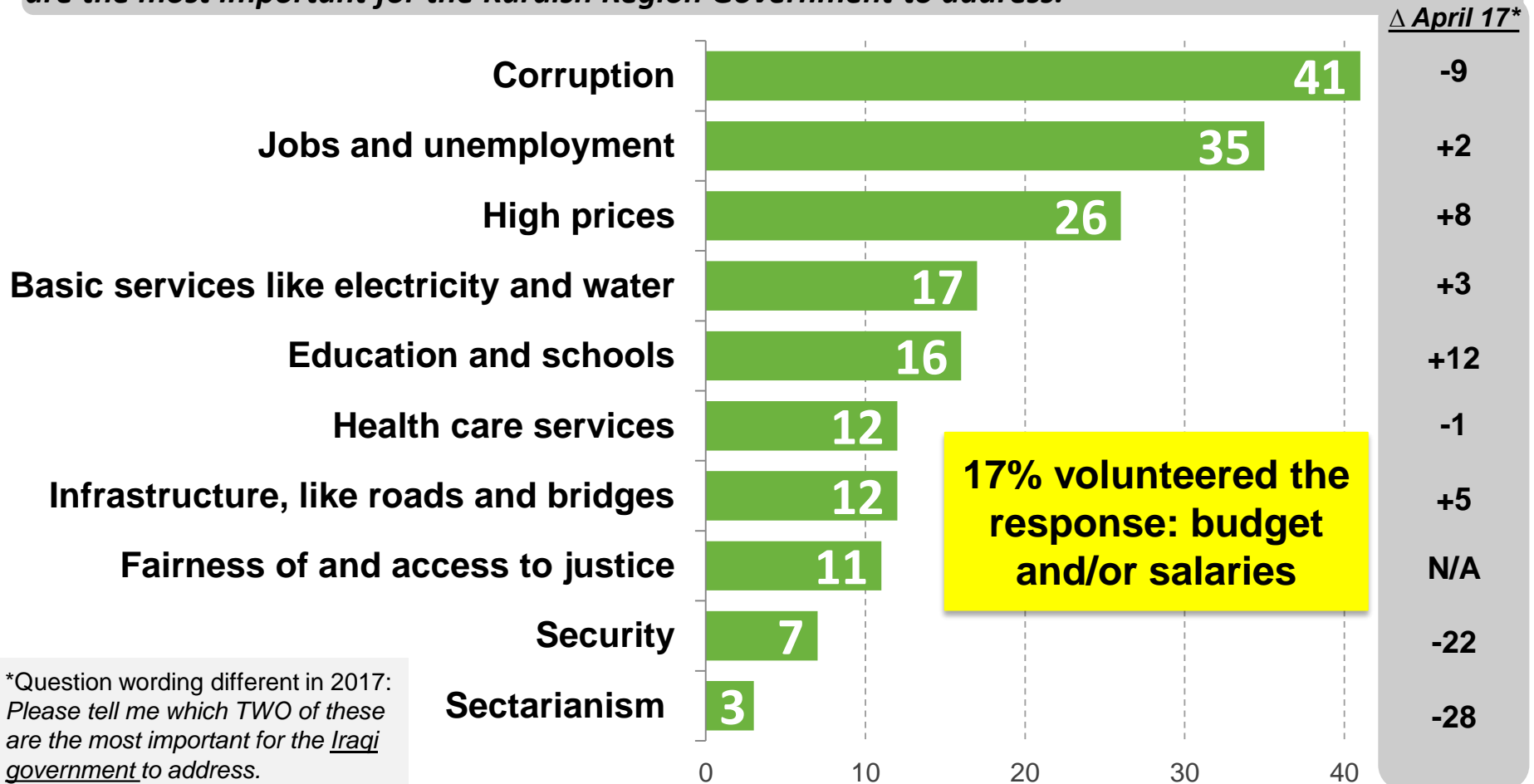
Now thinking specifically about Hashd al-Shaabi, which ONE of the following do you think should be done with Hashd al-Shaabi now that Iraq is mostly liberated from ISIS.



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Corruption and economic concerns dominate the North

Now, I am going to read you a list of that some people may have. Please tell me which TWO of these are the most important for the Kurdish Region Government to address.



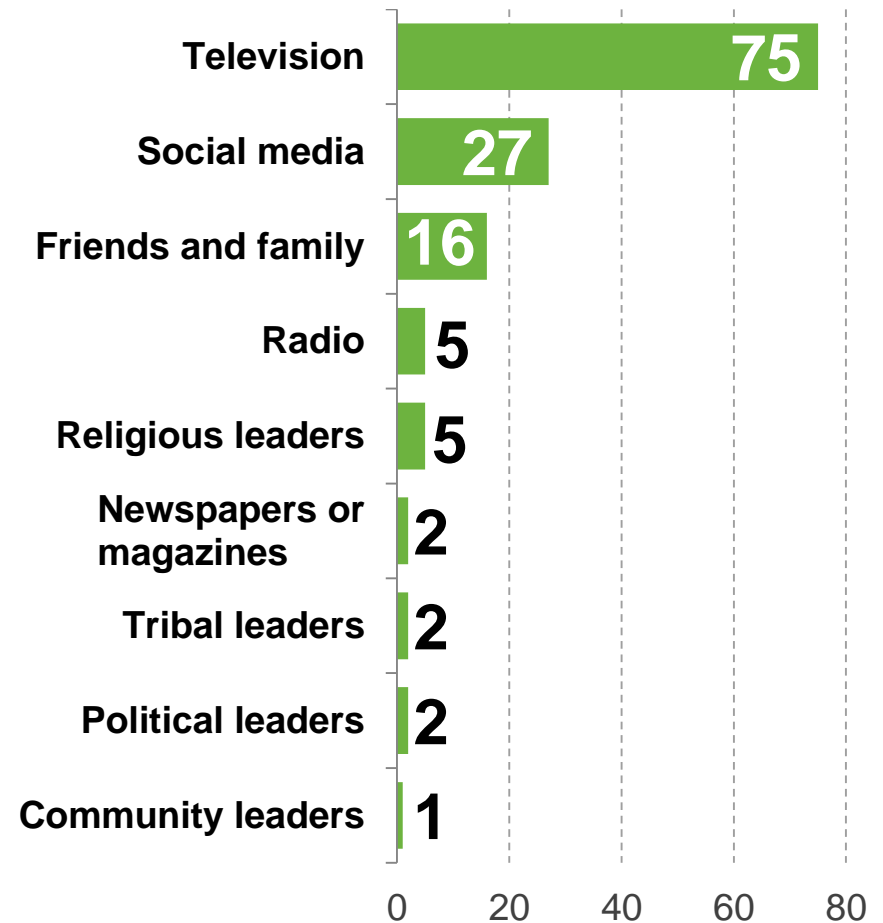
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Sources of news and trust in news

Which of the following sources do you regularly use for news and information?



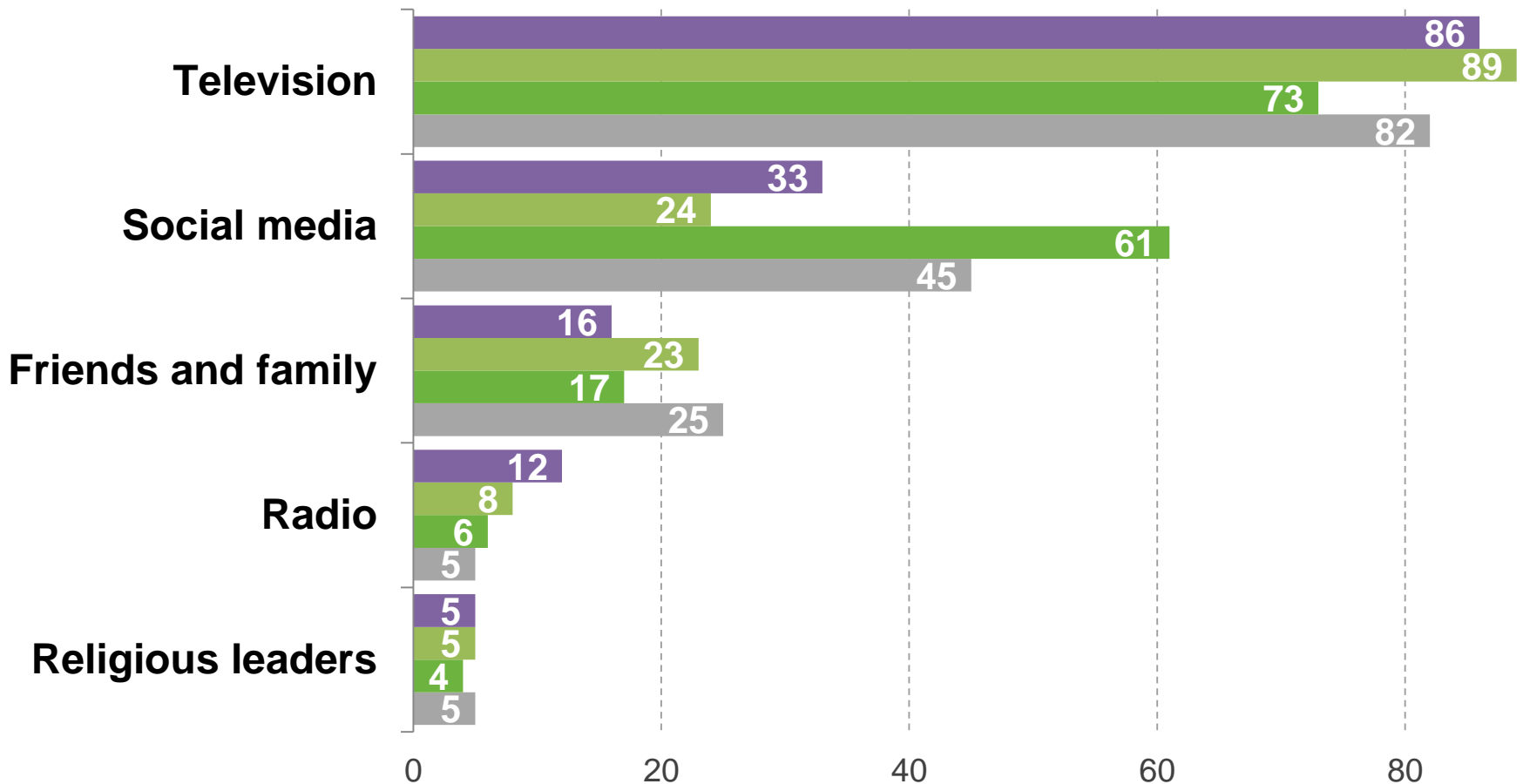
Which of the following sources do you have a significant amount of trust when it comes to news and information?



Young men and women more present on social media

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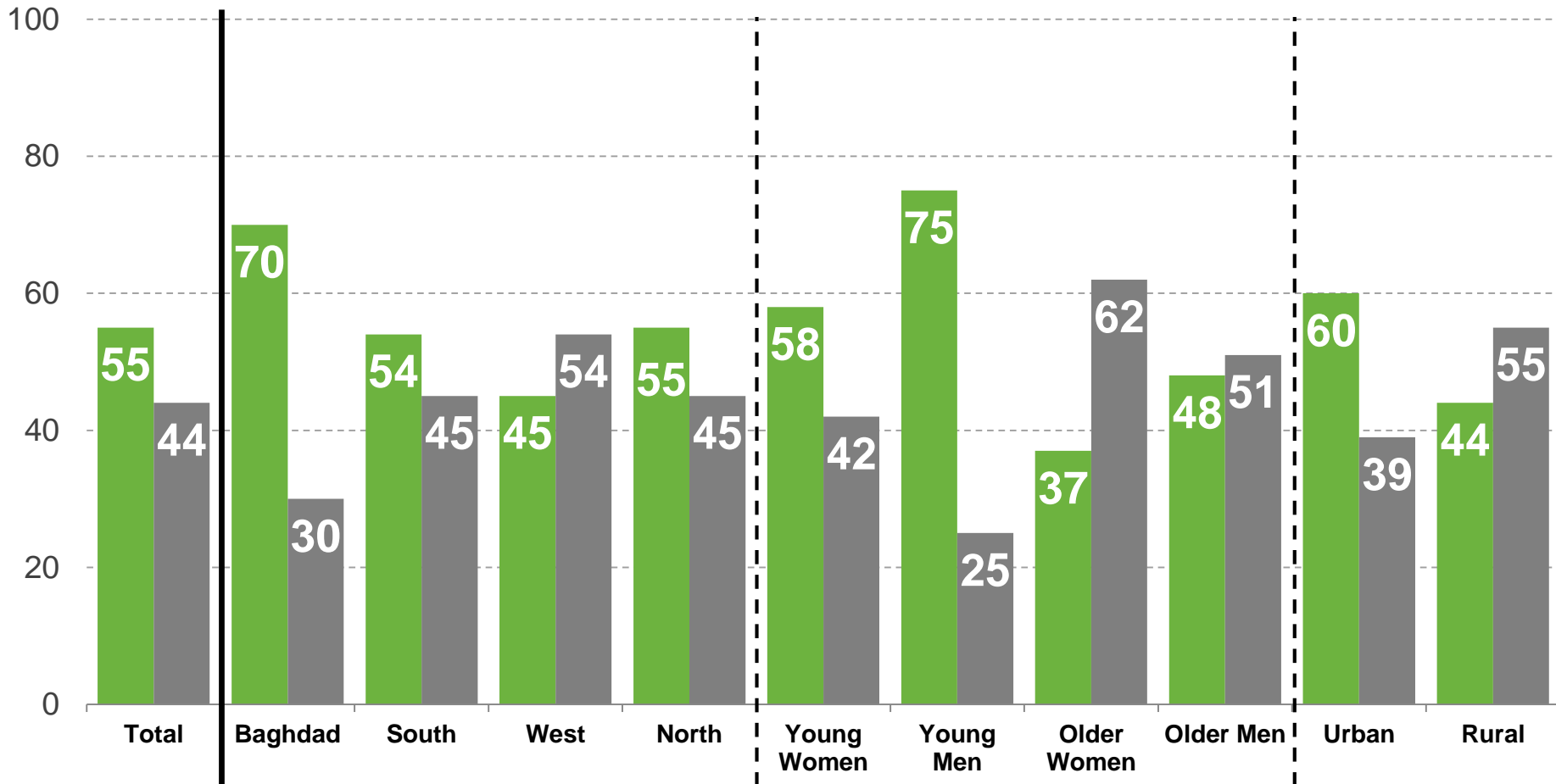
■ Older Men
 ■ Older Women
 ■ Younger Men
 ■ Younger Women



Internet access

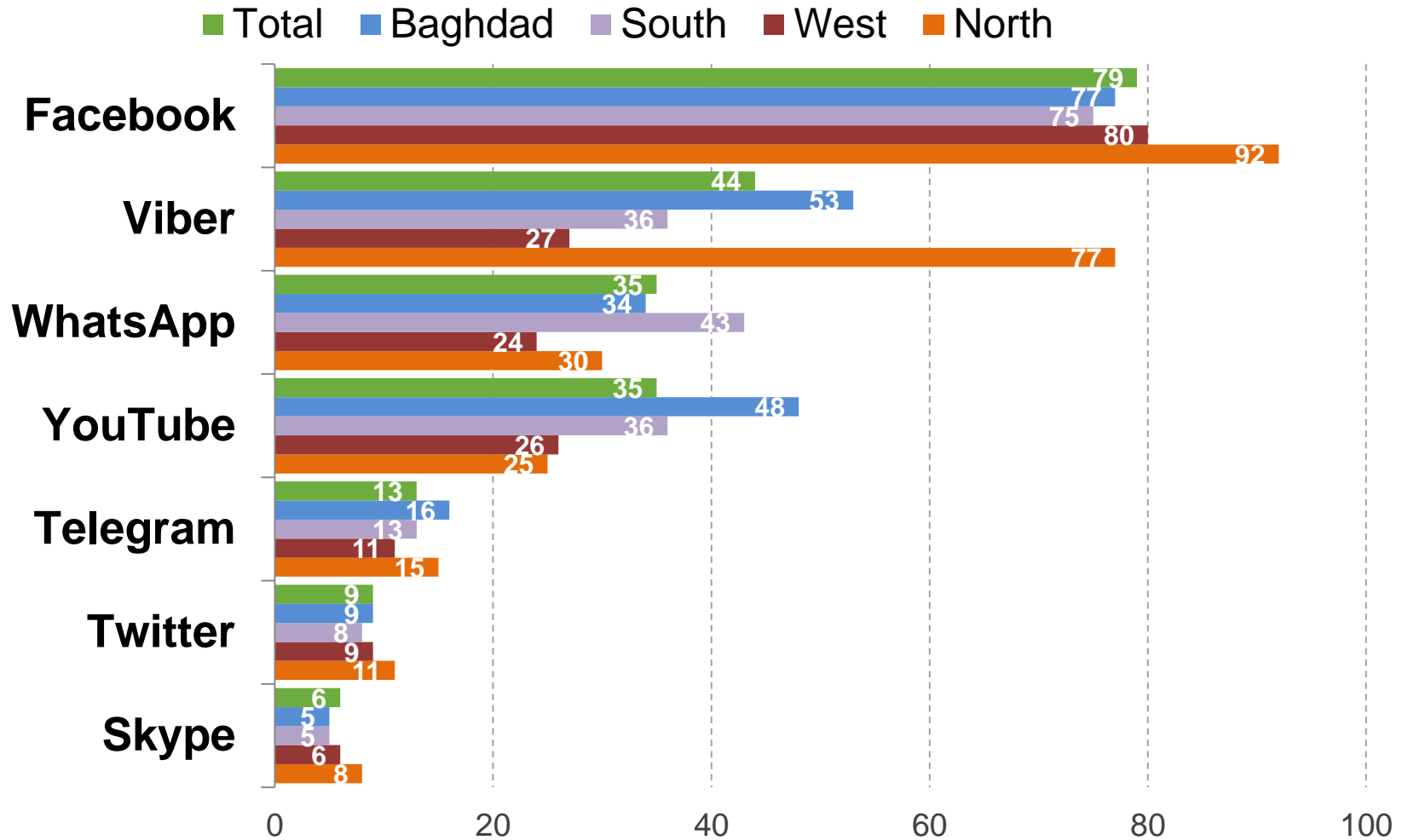
Do you have regular access to the internet?

■ Yes ■ No



Social media usage among 55% on internet

Do you use any of the following applications to inform yourself about political developments or discuss them with friends?



Women more active on Viber and Whatsapp | Internet users

Do you use any of the following applications to inform yourself about political developments or discuss them with friends?

■ Total
 ■ Younger Women
 ■ Young men
 ■ Older women
 ■ Older men

