

MONTENEGRO

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

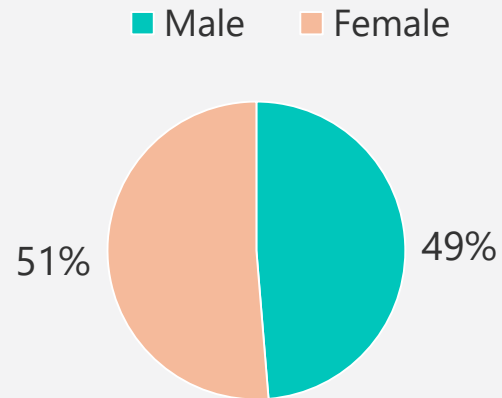
August 2020

Research Methodology

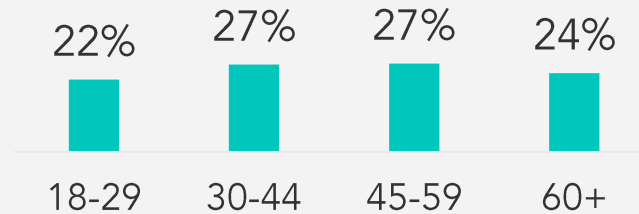
Data Collection method:	Telephone and online interviews– CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing) and CAWI (Computer Assisted Web Interviewing)
Duration of the questionnaire	2 questionnaires of 20 minutes
Period of realization	August 2020
Sample universe	Population 18+
Sample size	2 research;1200 respondents each
Sampling Frame	Data from the Telephone Directory (Electronic), the 2011 Population Census and Statistical Estimates of the Population for year 2017 (for telephone survey) and IPSOS on-line panel database (for online survey)
Strata	3 traditional regions: North, Center and South Type of settlement: Urban/ Rural
Strata allocation	Proportional to Census 2011 data and estimated population dynamics

Demographics

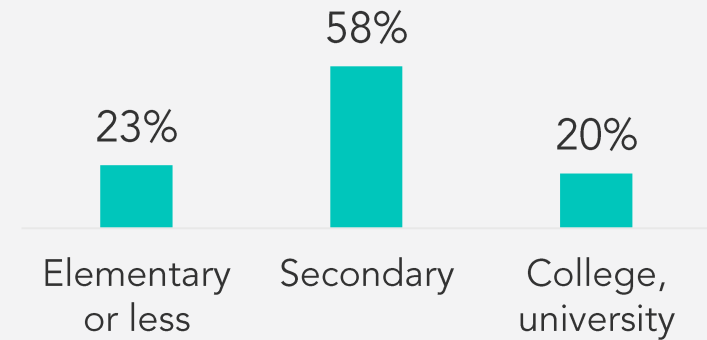
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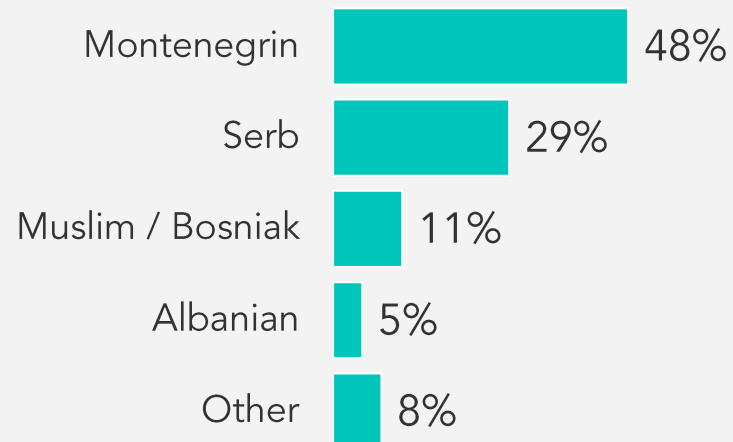
Age-group



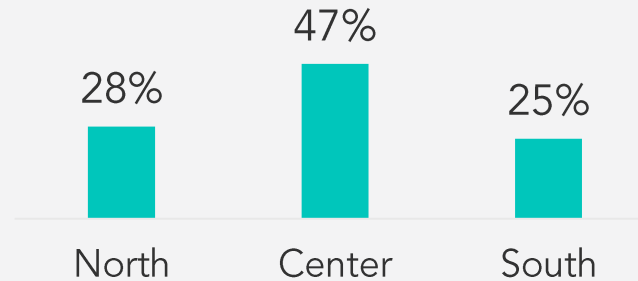
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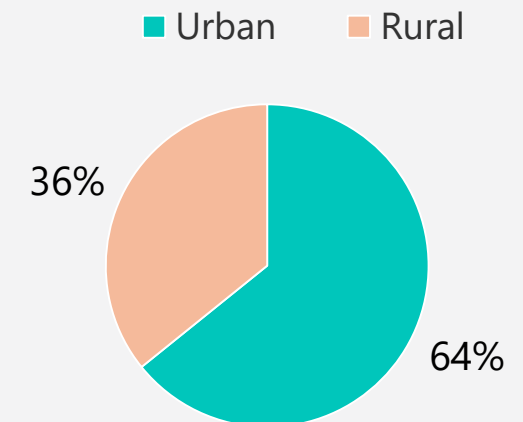
Nationality (self-identified)



Region



Type of settlement



Summary I



Montenegro's overall direction.

Citizens are split over whether Montenegro is heading in the right or wrong direction, largely among partisan and ethnic lines.



Top issues.

Poll respondents prioritize employment (39%), economic development (28%), stemming youth emigration (27%), fighting corruption and crime (20%), and combating the COVID-19 epidemic (18%).



Election Process/Campaigns.

Eighty (80) percent express intention to vote in the elections. A strong majority (87%) across the political spectrum objects to partisan hate speech in the election campaign. Approximately 45 percent fear violations and irregularities that could call into question election results.

Summary II



Media.

Public opinion is divided on whether state media reporting on politics is fair and balanced. Television is the primary source of information for voters (81%), followed by the internet, newspapers (70%), and social networks (59%). Thirty-three (33) percent of respondents confirm certain news stories within immediate family/social circles. Twenty (20) percent report engaging in online political discussions.



COVID-19 epidemic.

Nearly 80 percent say that the presence of Covid-19 will not deter them from voting. Combating Covid-19 is seen by the public as the government's highest priority, albeit at the expense of youth emigration, environmental protection, and media freedom, which the public do not see as top government priorities. Forty (40) percent believe that Covid-19 crisis will take more than a year to surmount.

Summary III



Commitment to Democracy.

Eighty-five (85) percent see Montenegro's development as a functioning democracy to be important.

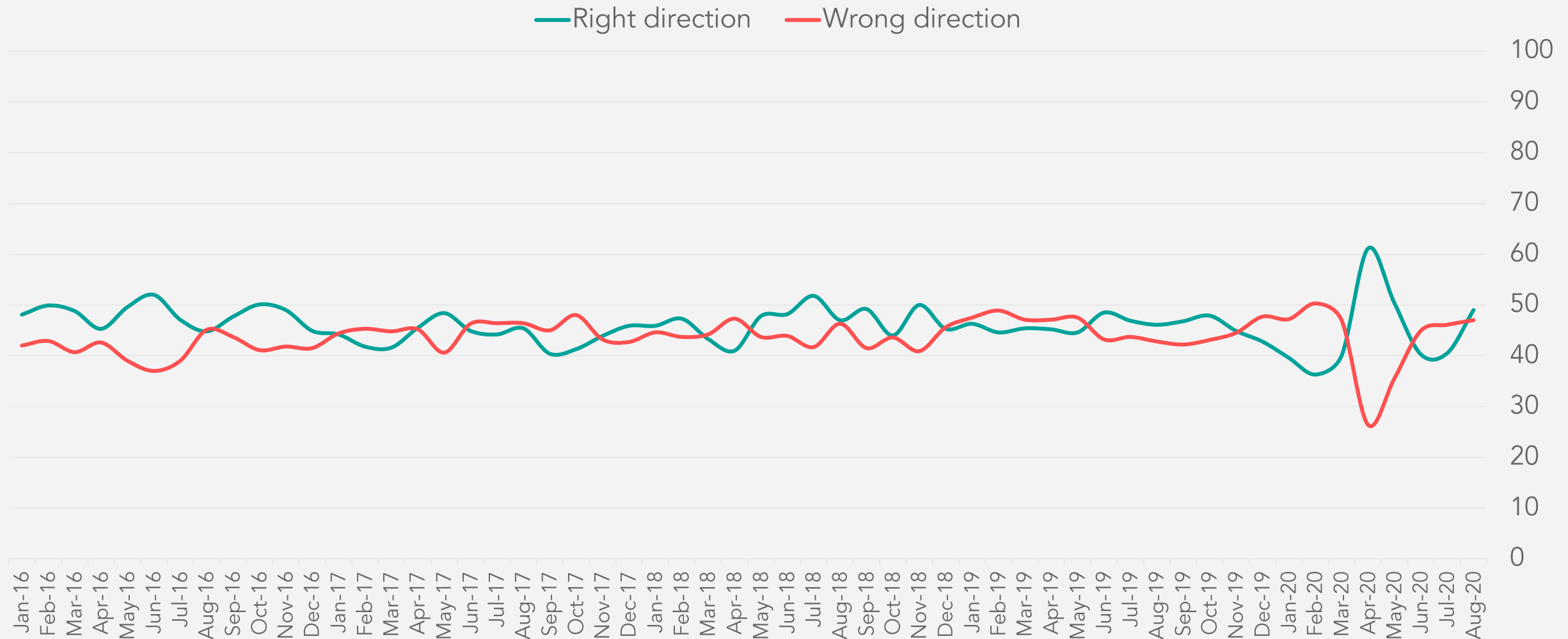


Foreign Relations.

Citizen favorability of foreign actors—the U.S., the European Union, Russia, China, and NATO--have ebbed since March 2020, with the EU at 49%, Russia (44%), China (35%), NATO (30%), and the U.S. (28%).

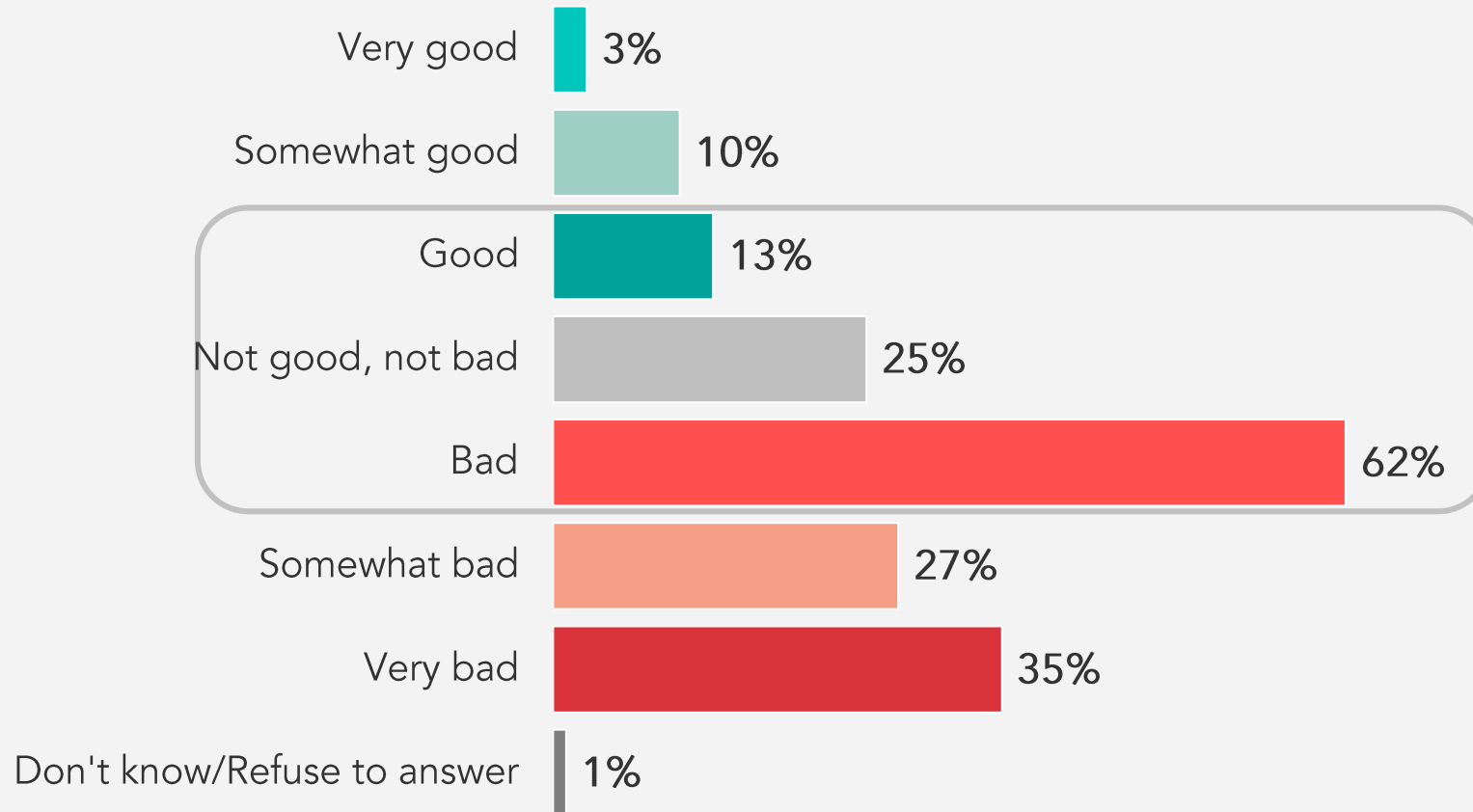
General Outlook

In your opinion do you think Montenegro is moving in a right direction or wrong direction?



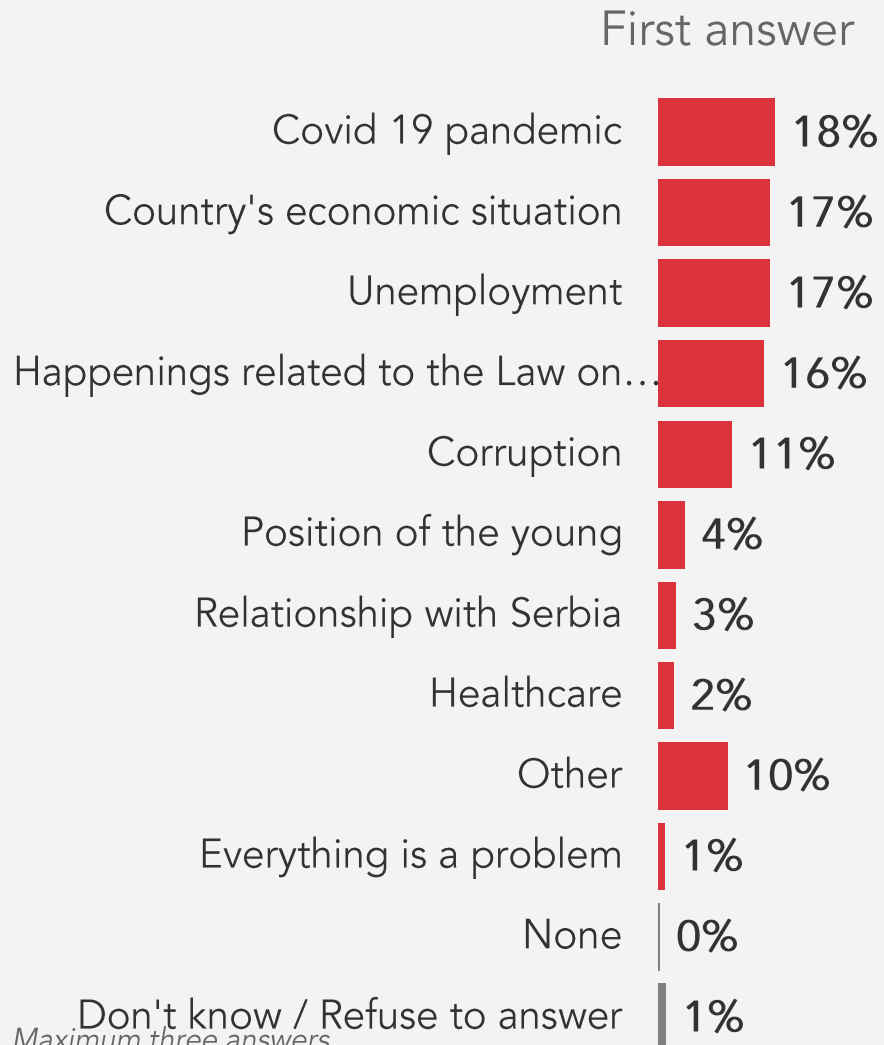
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Source: IPSOS omnibus research

How do you assess the current economic situation in Montenegro?

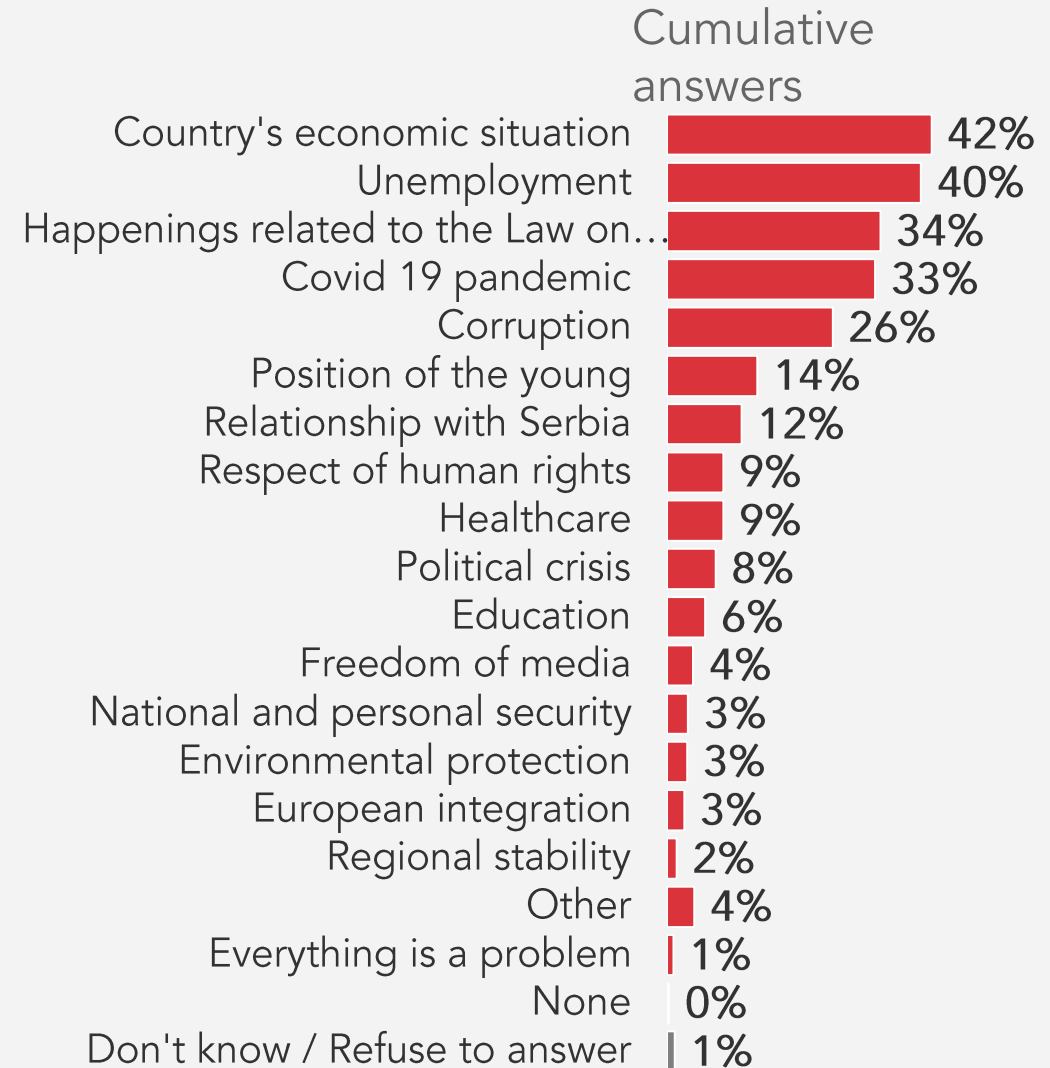


Which are the three biggest problems faced by Montenegro?

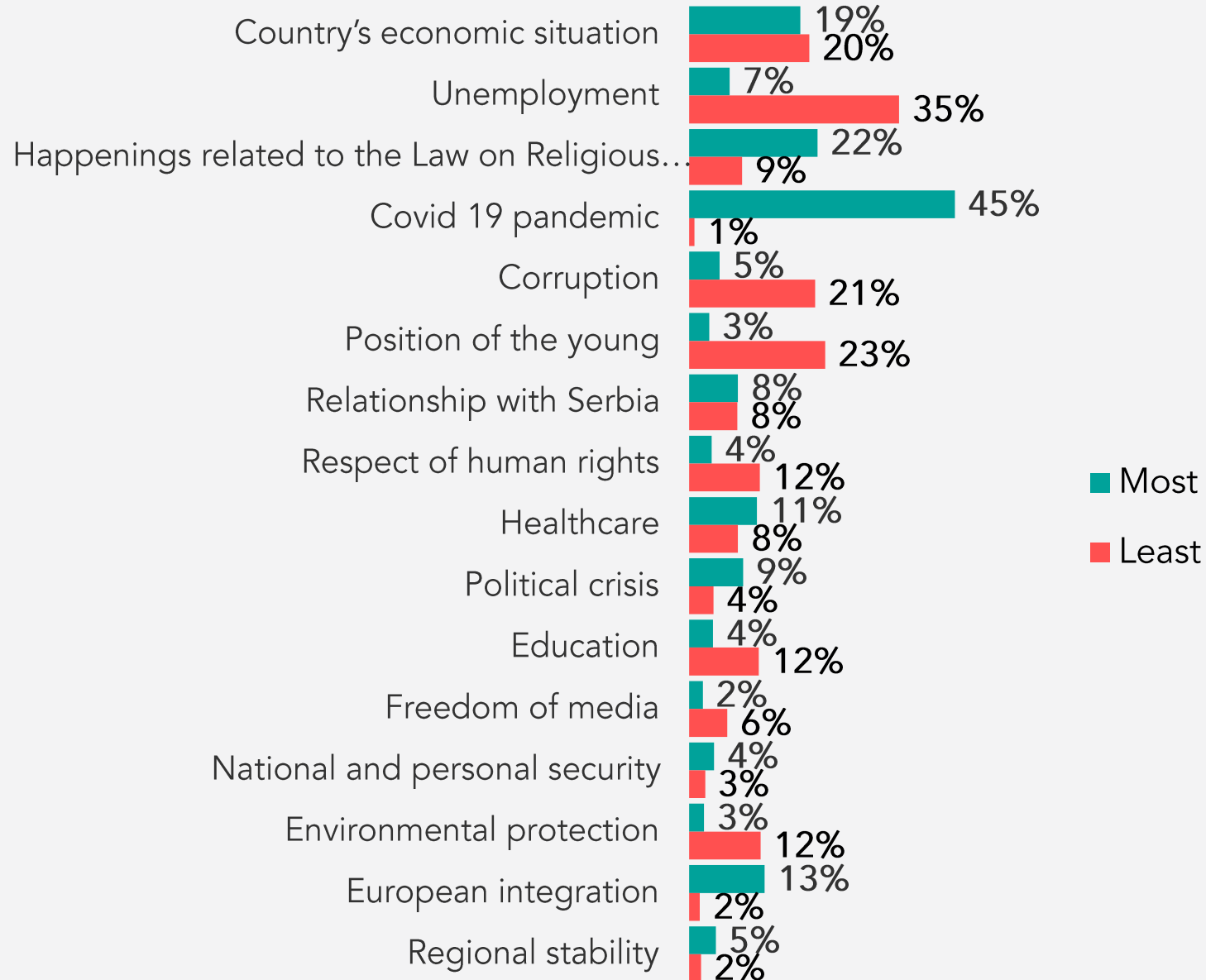
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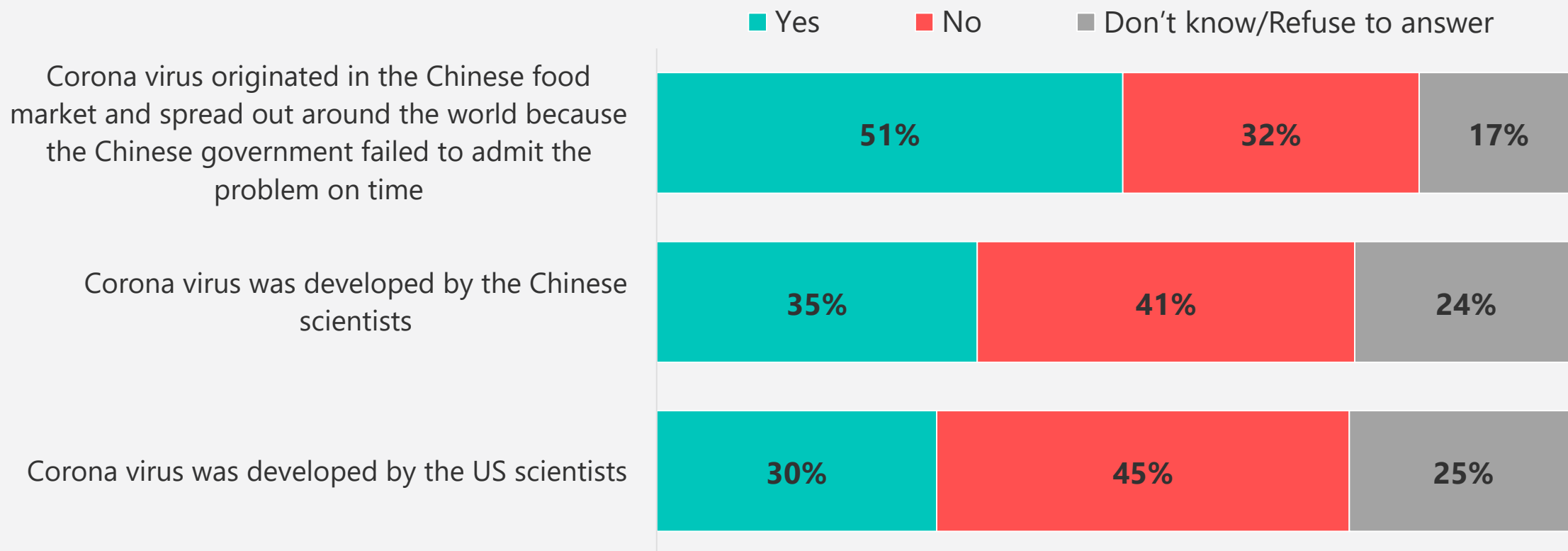
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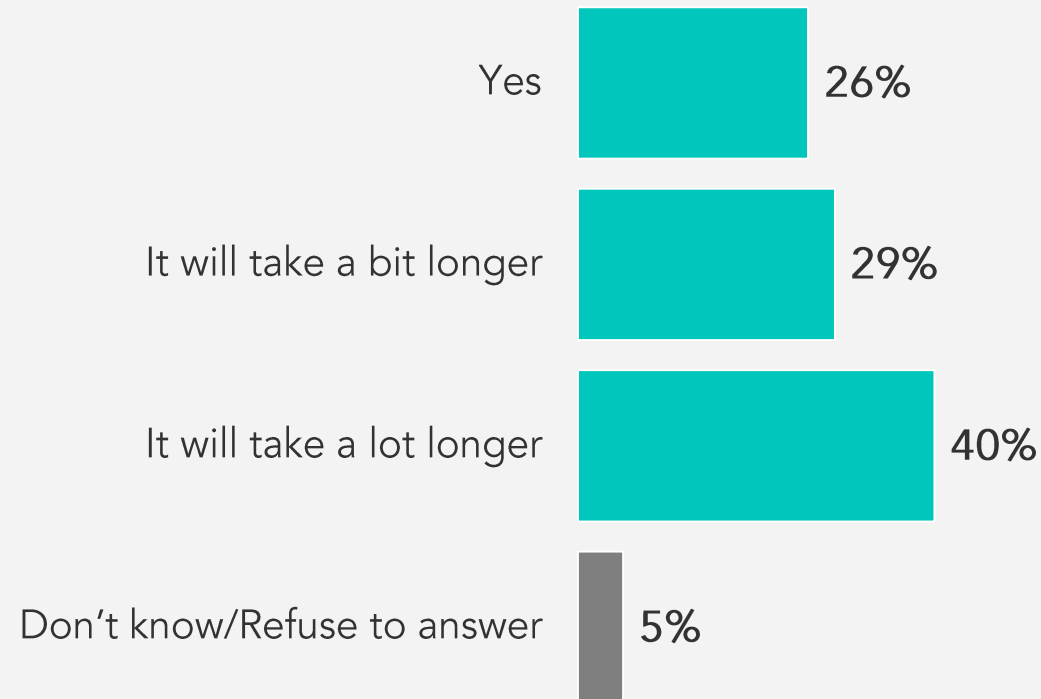
What does the government pay the MOST/ LEAST attention to? (ordered by citizens' priorities)



Do you agree/disagree with the following statements?

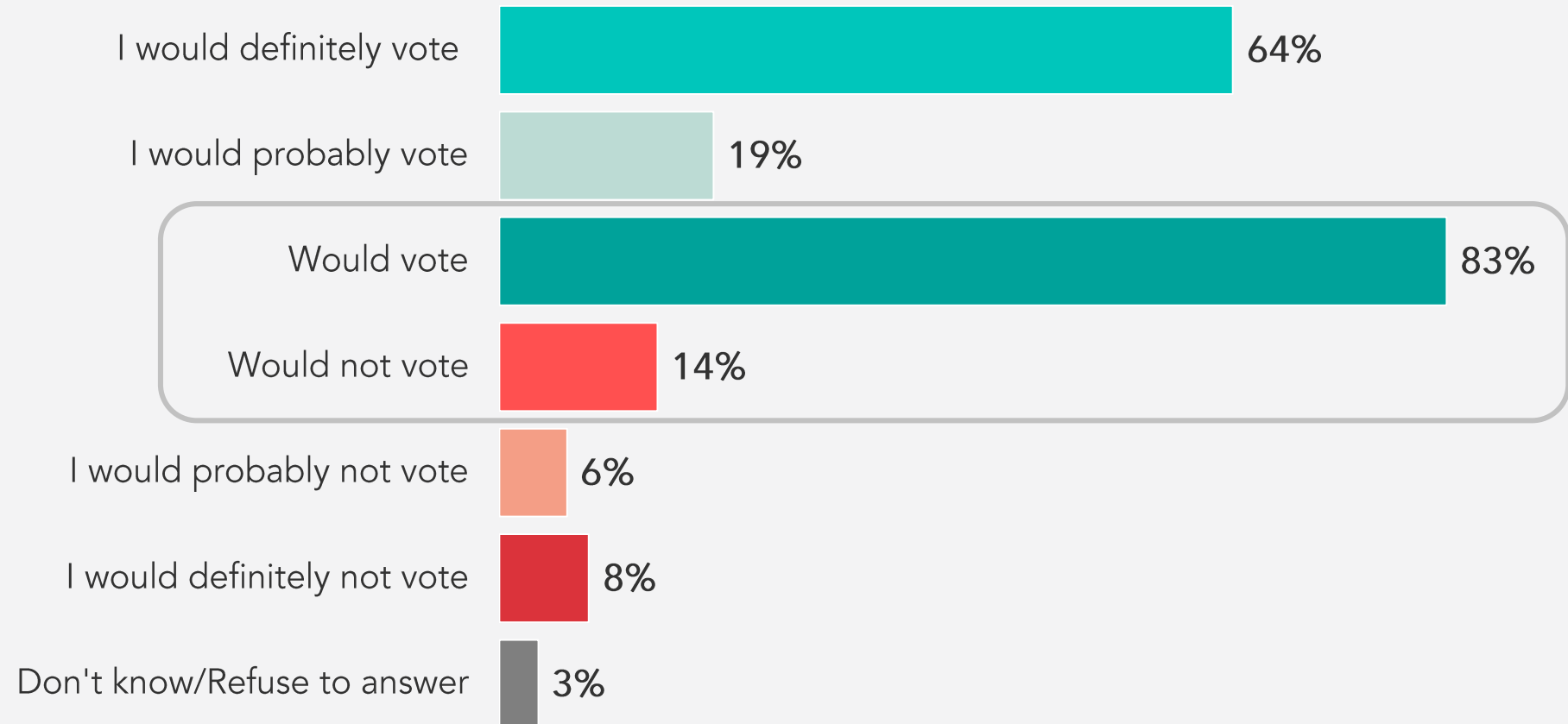


In your opinion, will Montenegro overcome all consequences of the corona-crisis in the next 6 to 12 months?



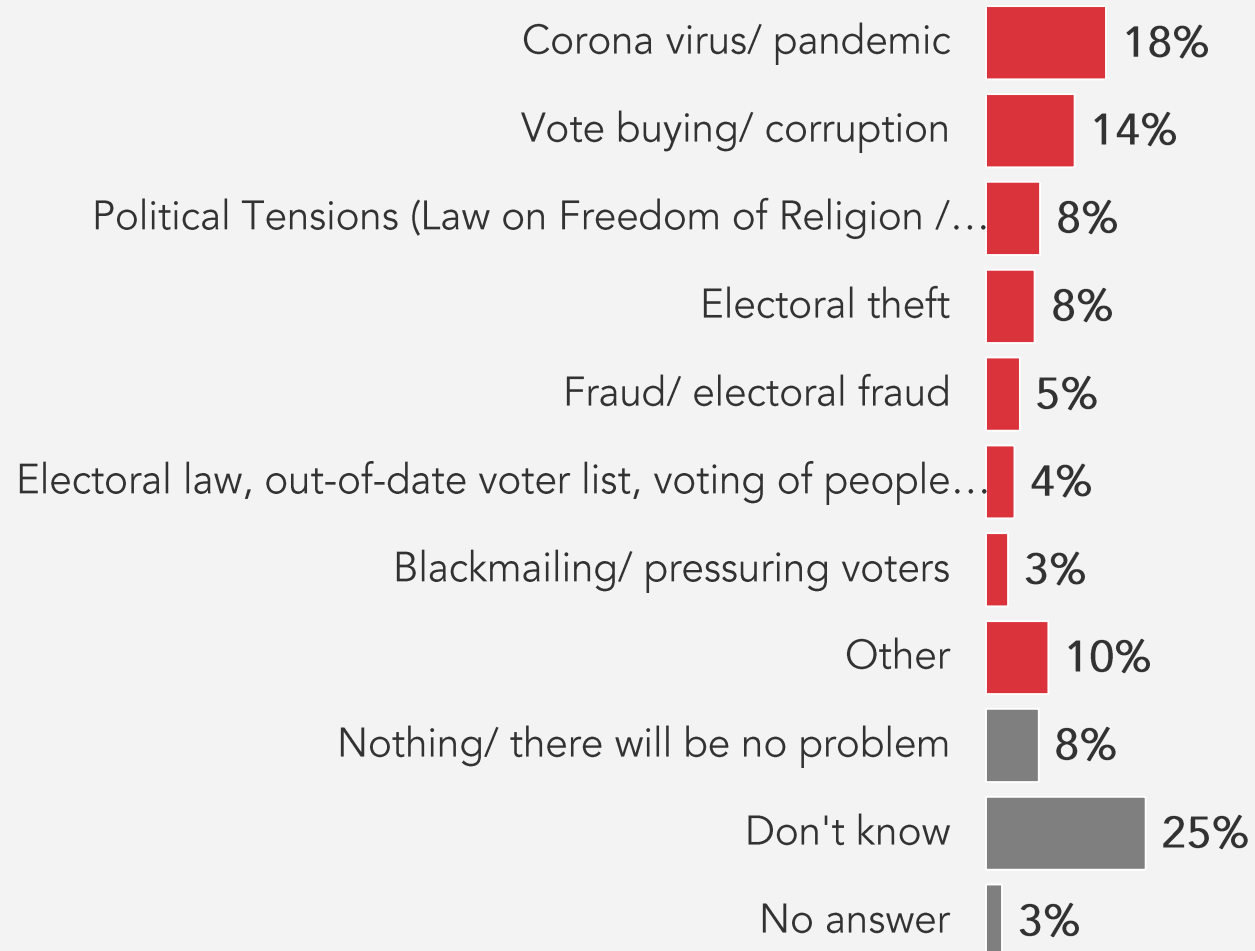
Parliamentary Elections and the Democratic Process

How likely are you to vote in the August 30 parliamentary elections?

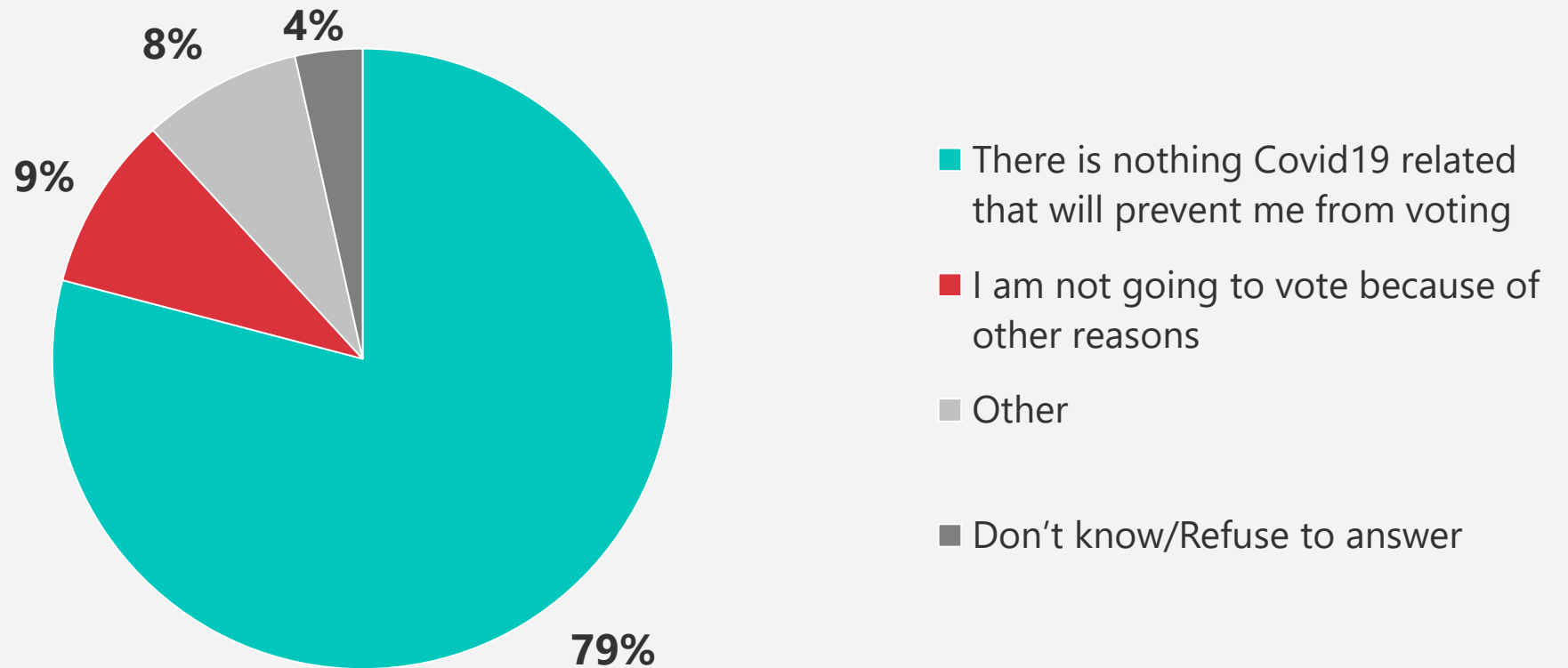


What you expect to be main issues with the 2020 parliamentary election?

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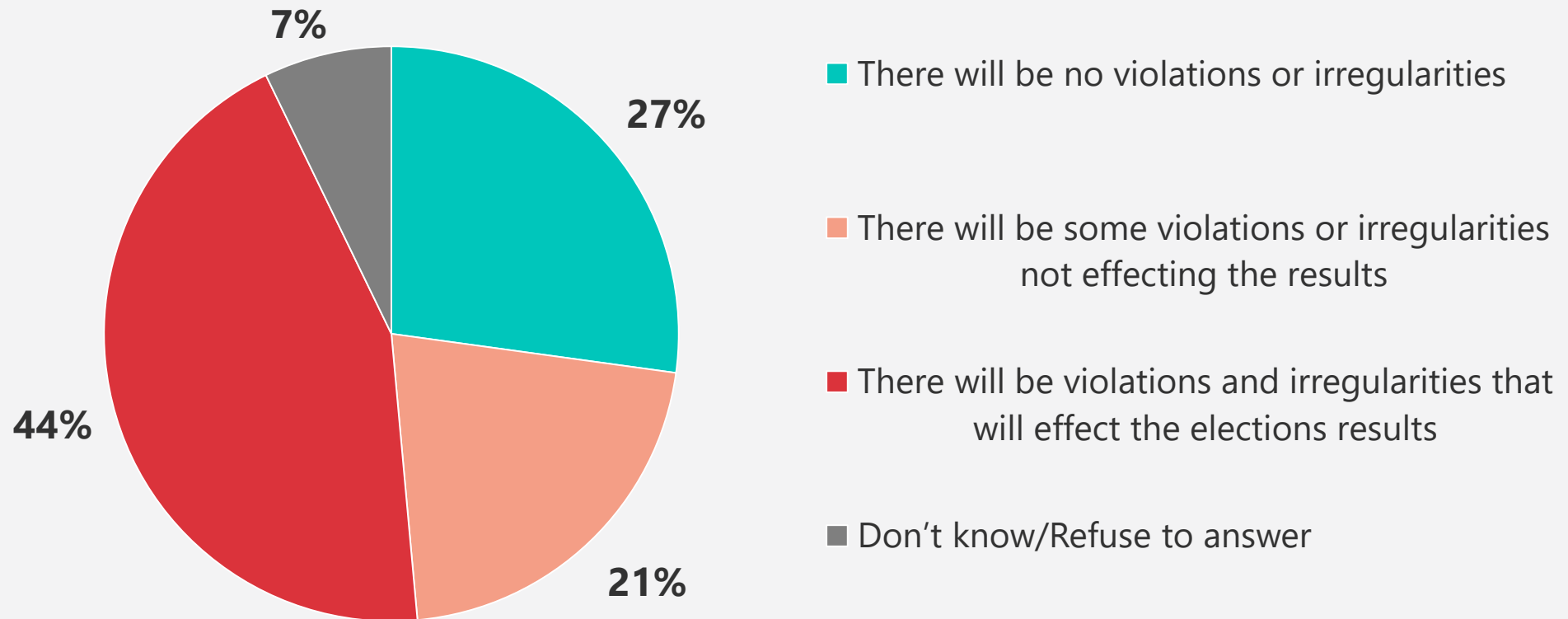


Thinking about the Covid19 pandemic, what would make you not vote in the August 30 parliamentary election?



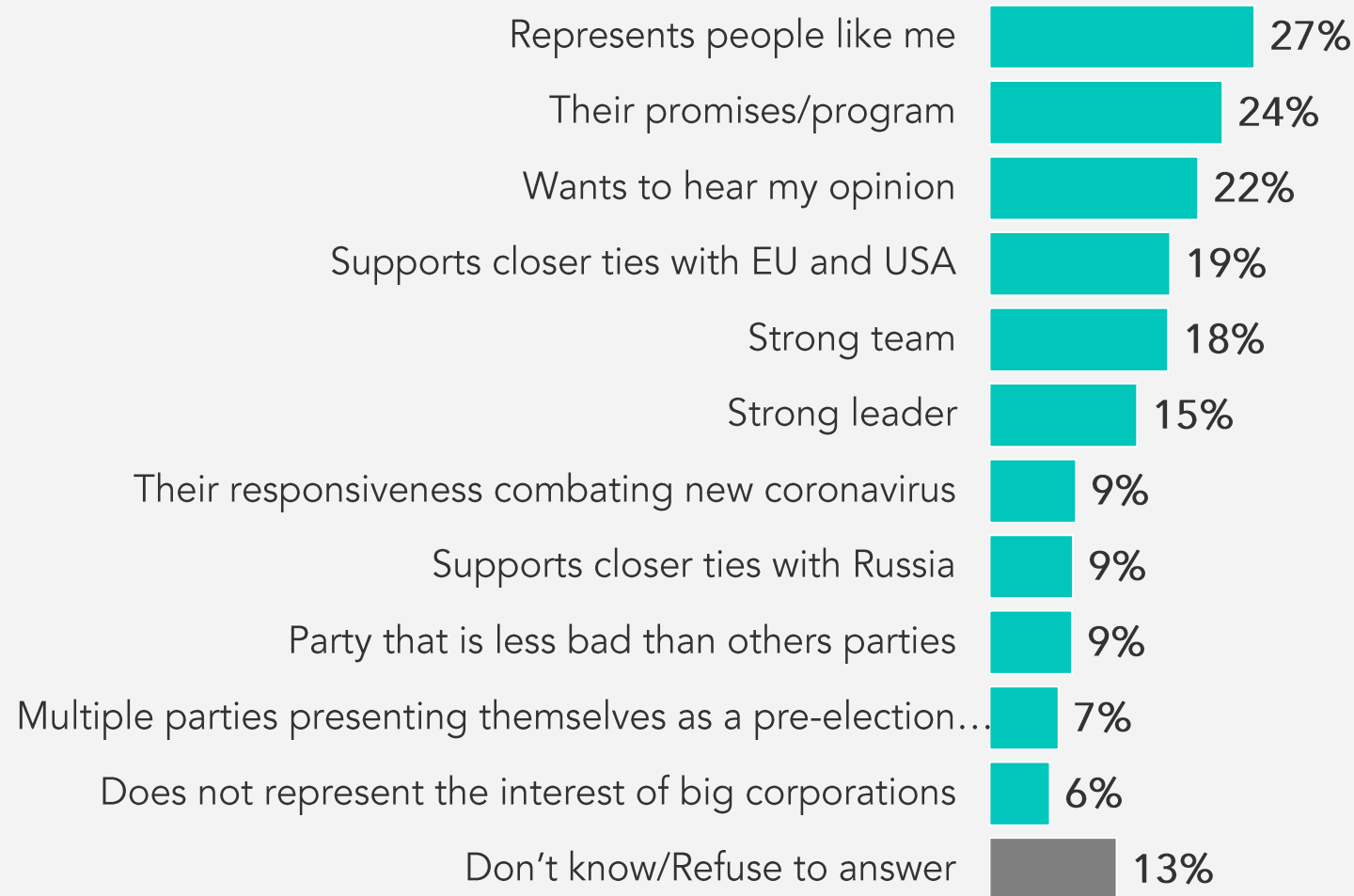
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Will the parliamentary elections in August 2020 be democratic?



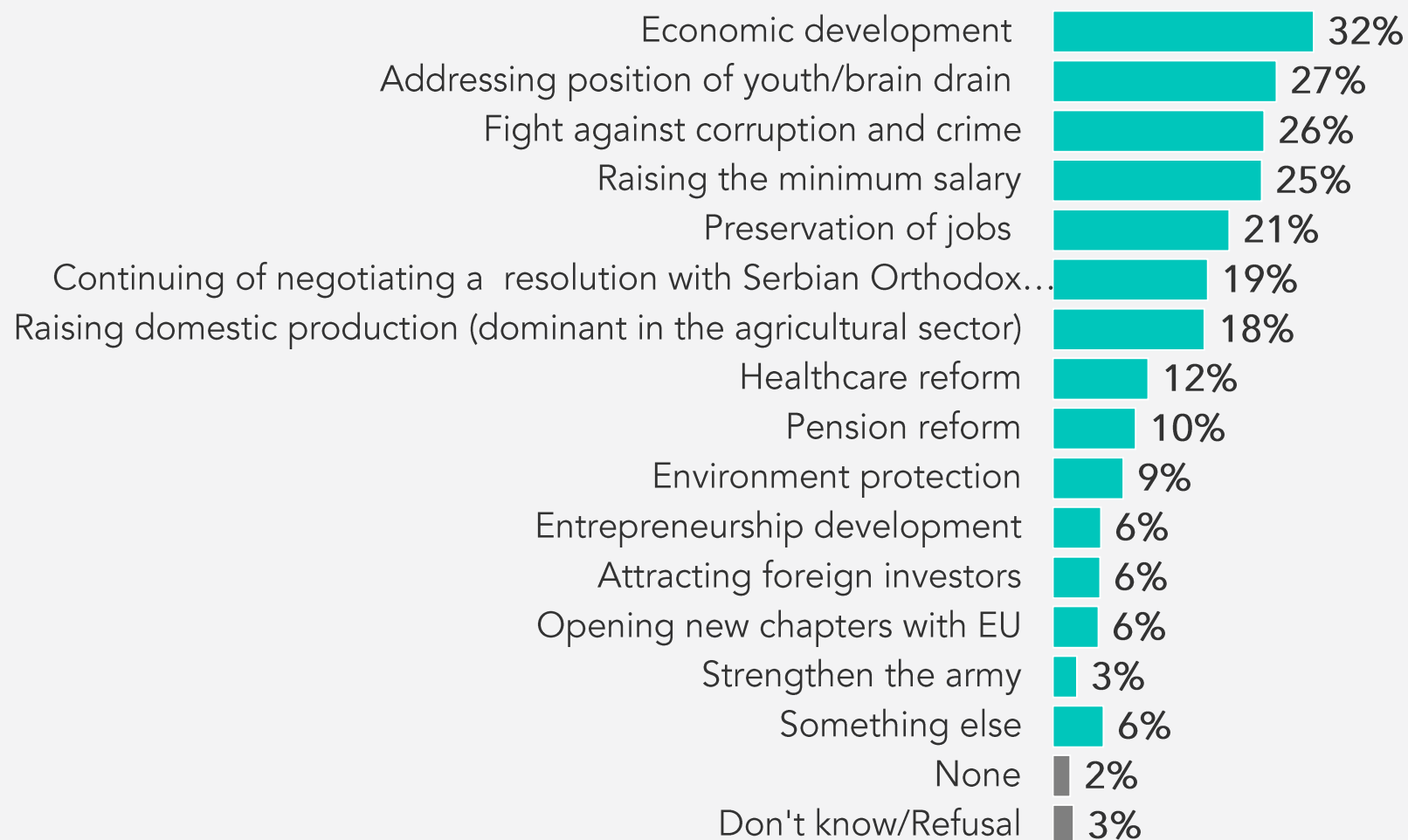
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When deciding which political party to vote for in the next parliamentary elections, what is important to you?



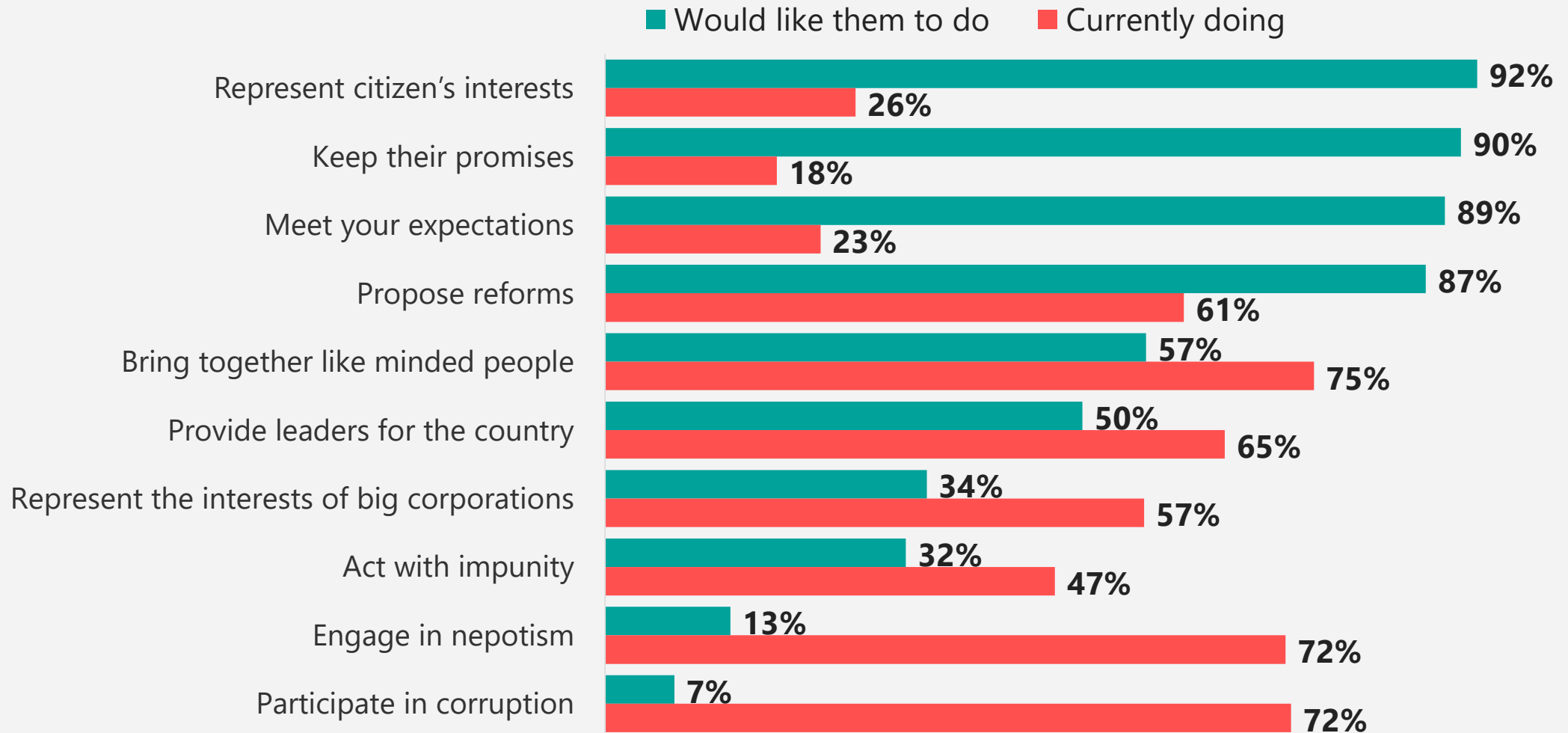
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Which political party policies do you prioritize?

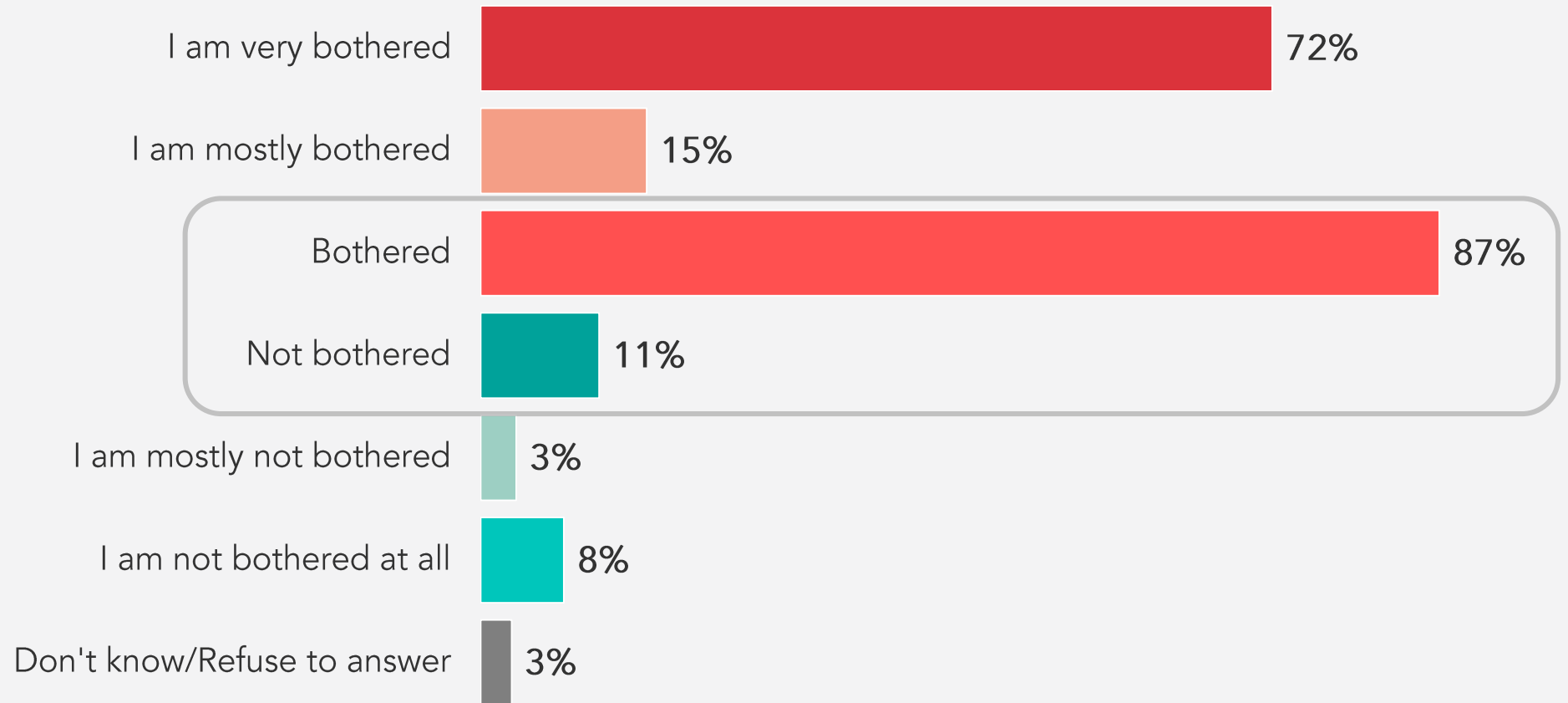


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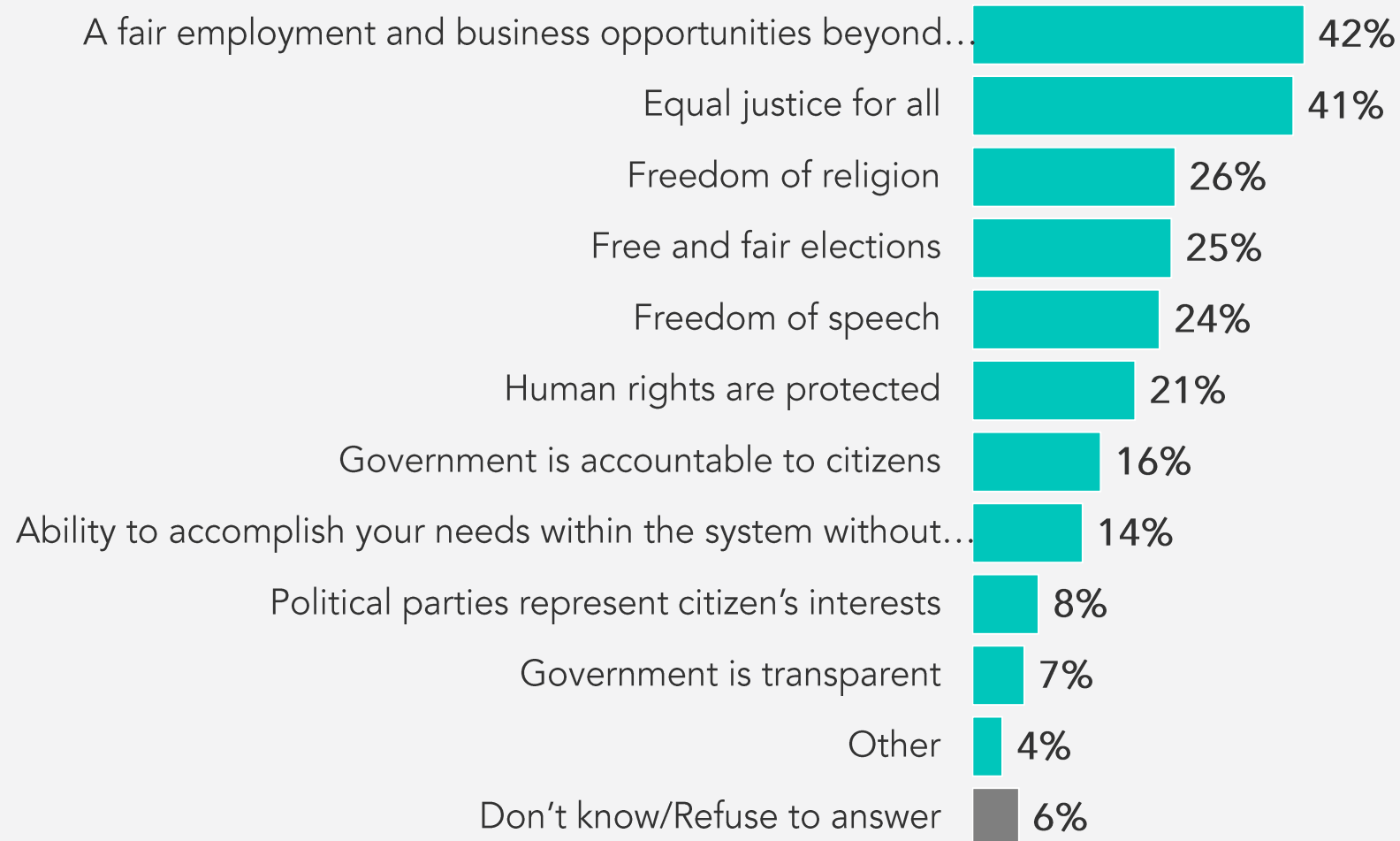
What are political parties doing at present and what would you like them to do?



To what extent are you concerned by hate speech in the election campaign?

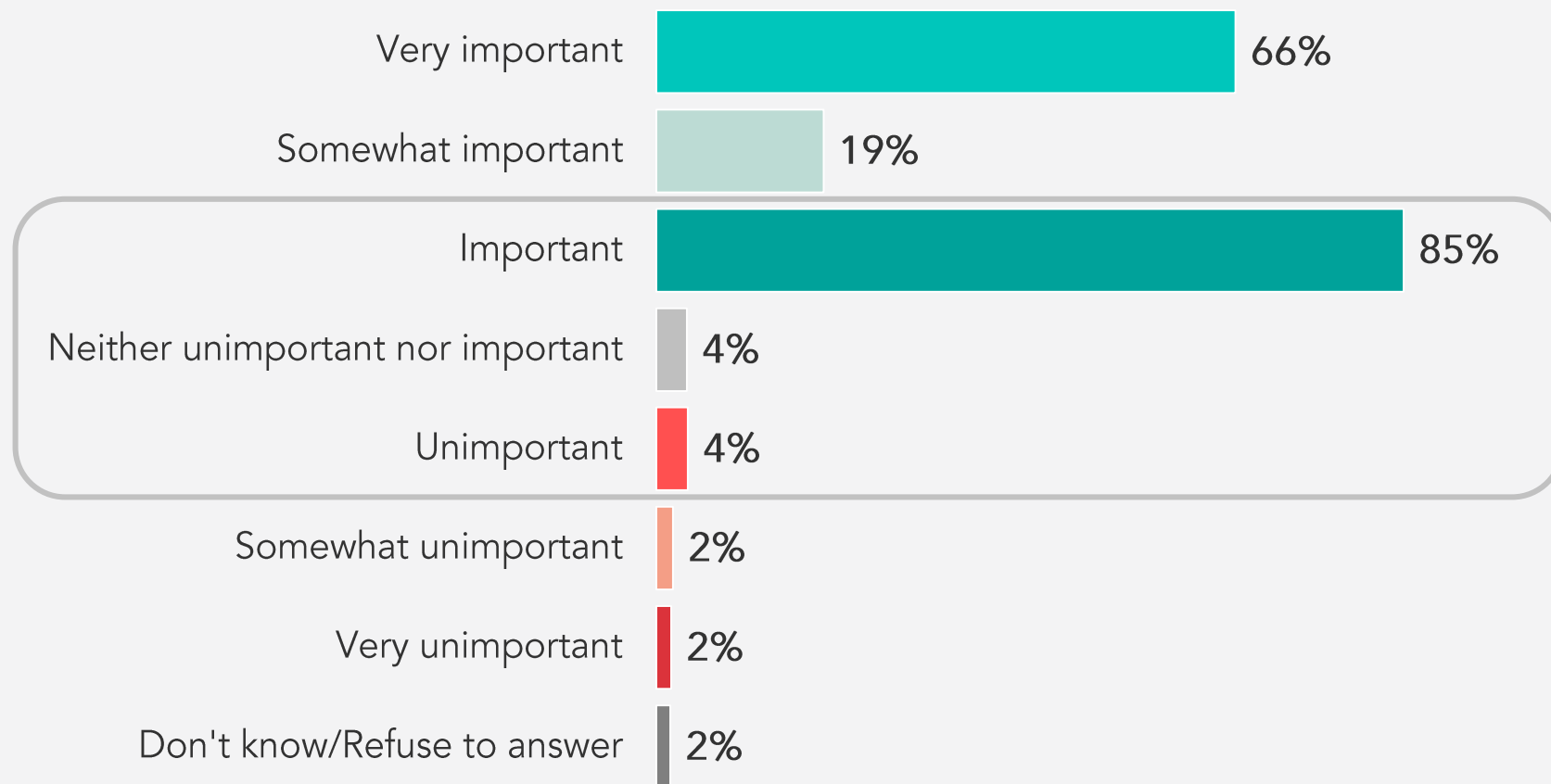


Which characteristics of a functioning democracy are most important?

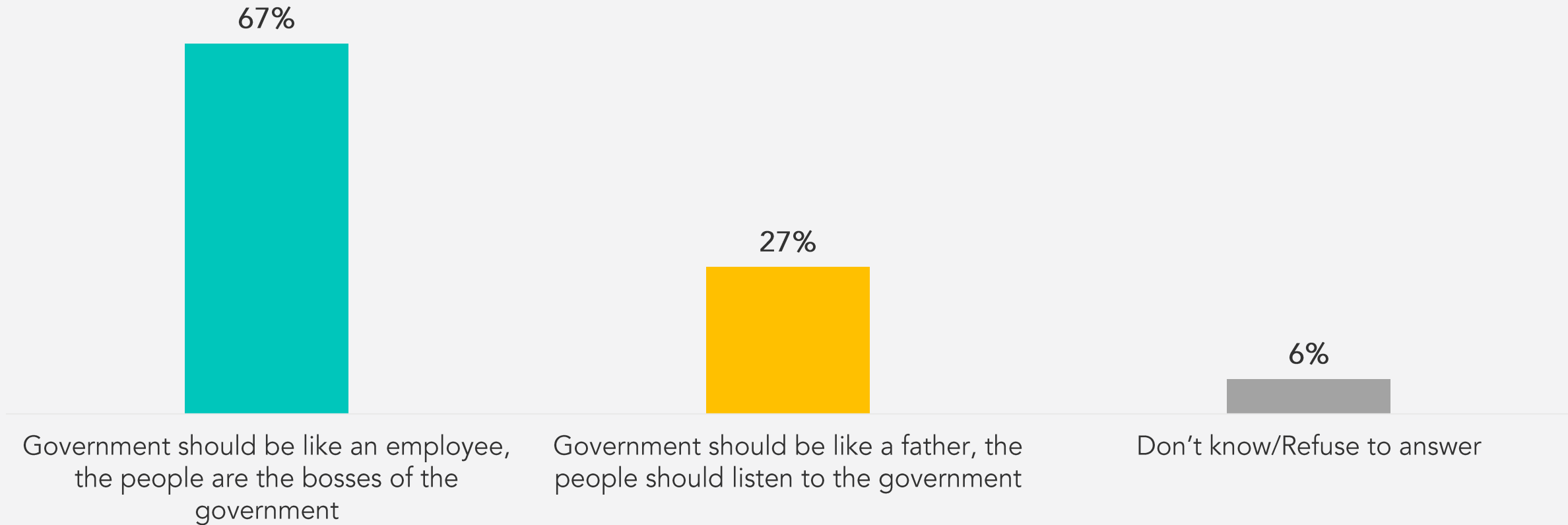


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How important is it that Montenegro become a fully functioning democracy?

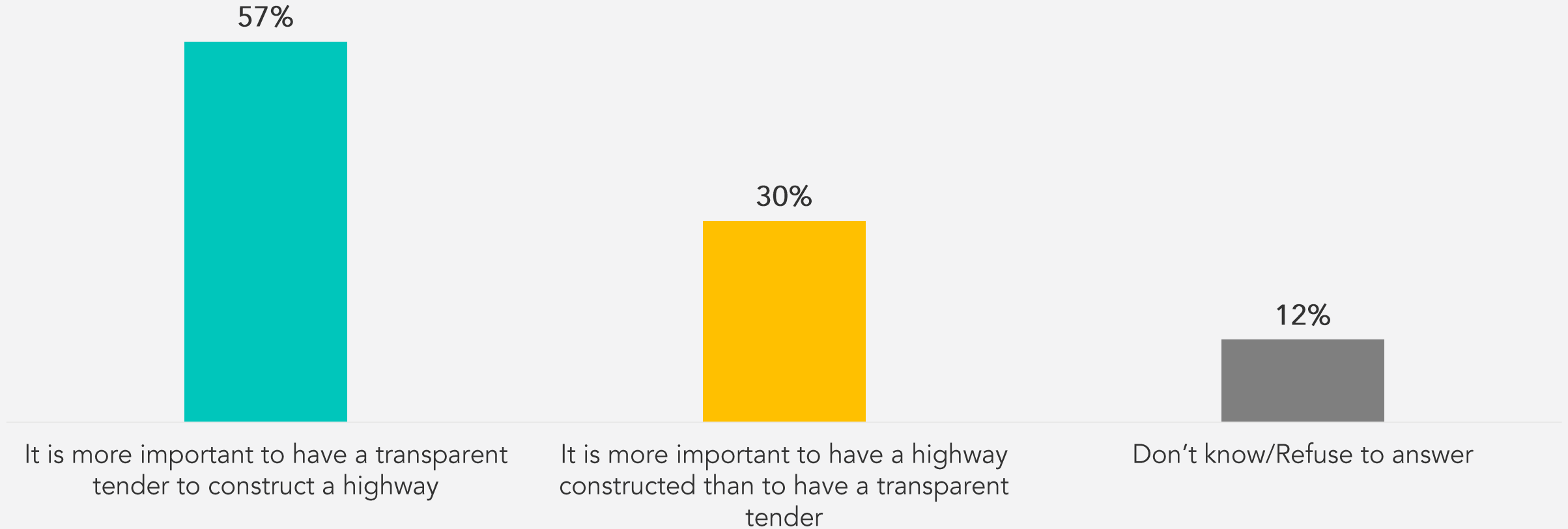


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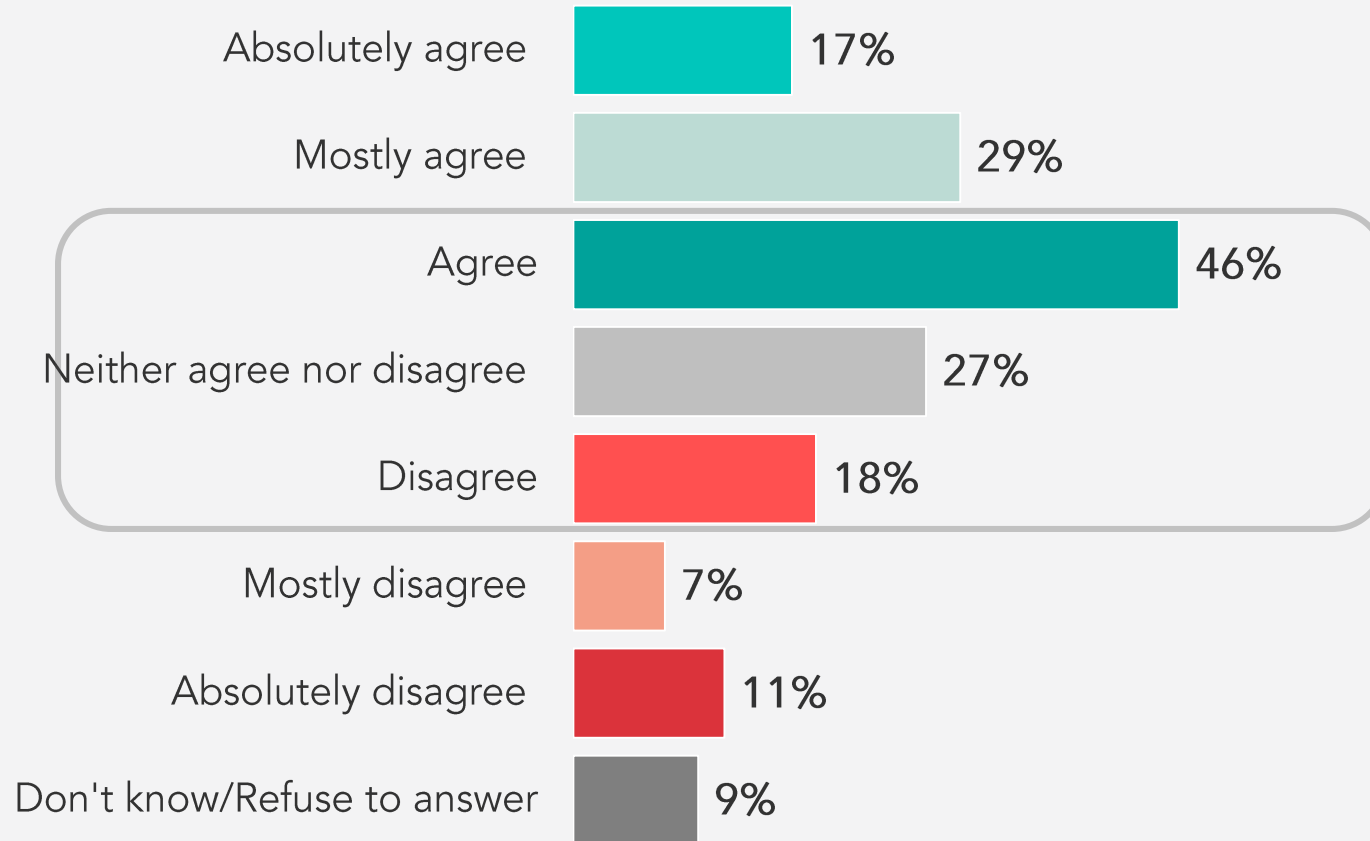
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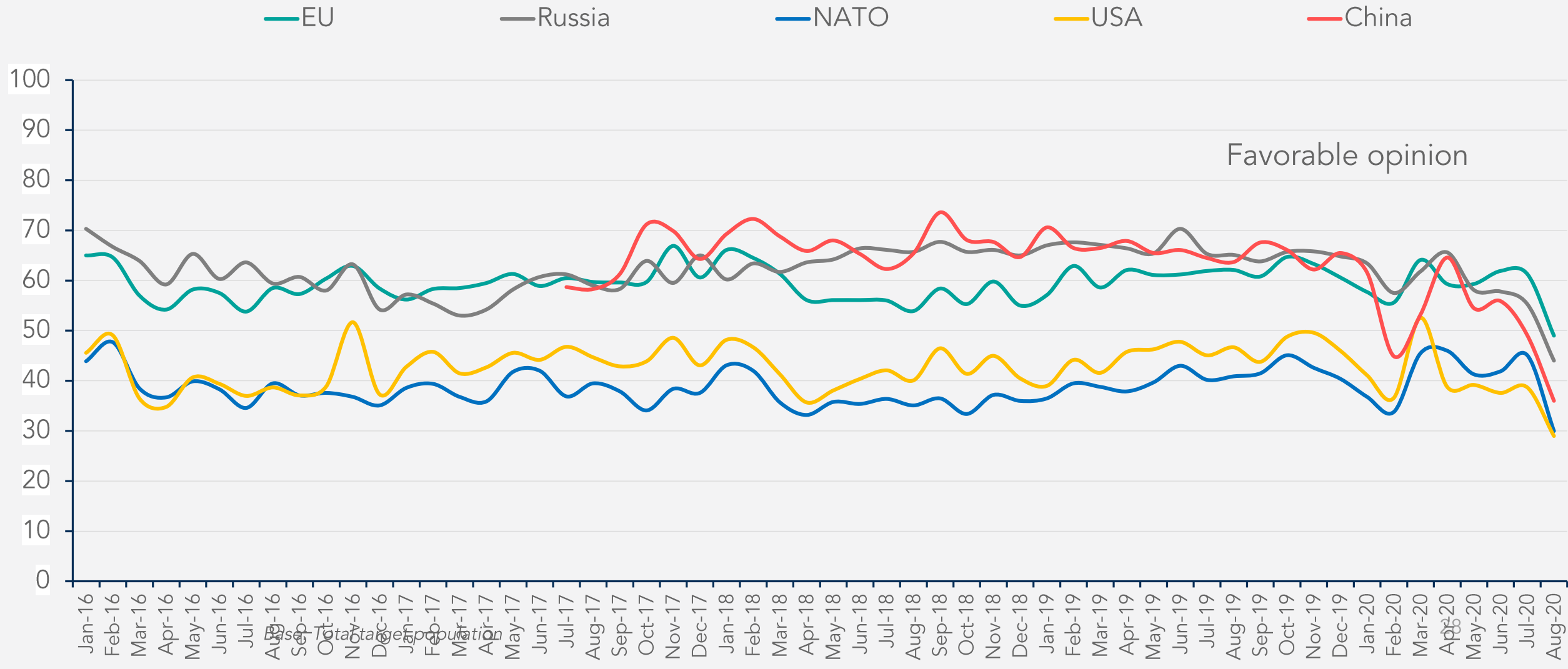


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To what extent do you agree or disagree that the results of the elections will bring changes that matter to you?

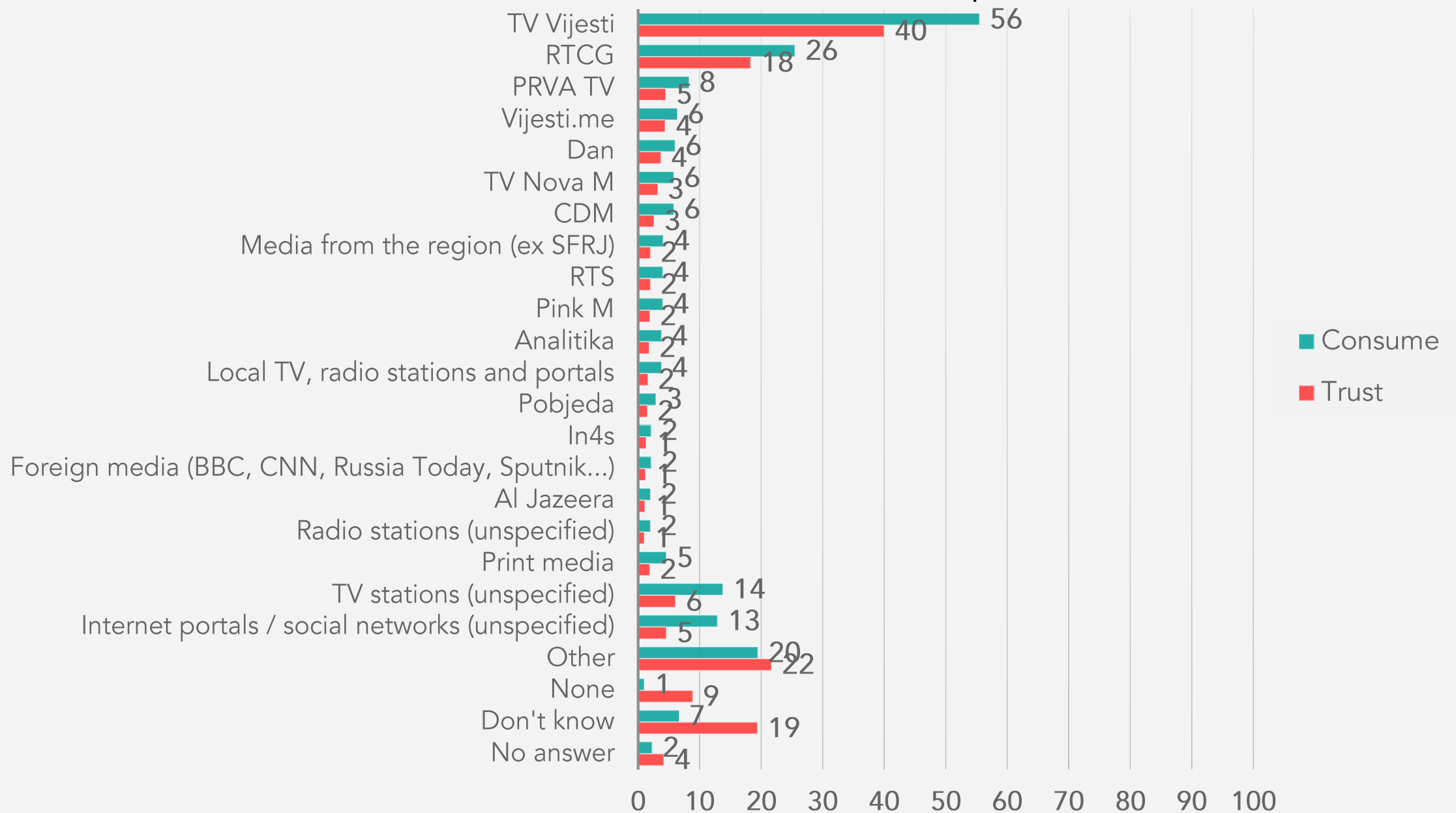


How do you view foreign actors?



Media Consumption

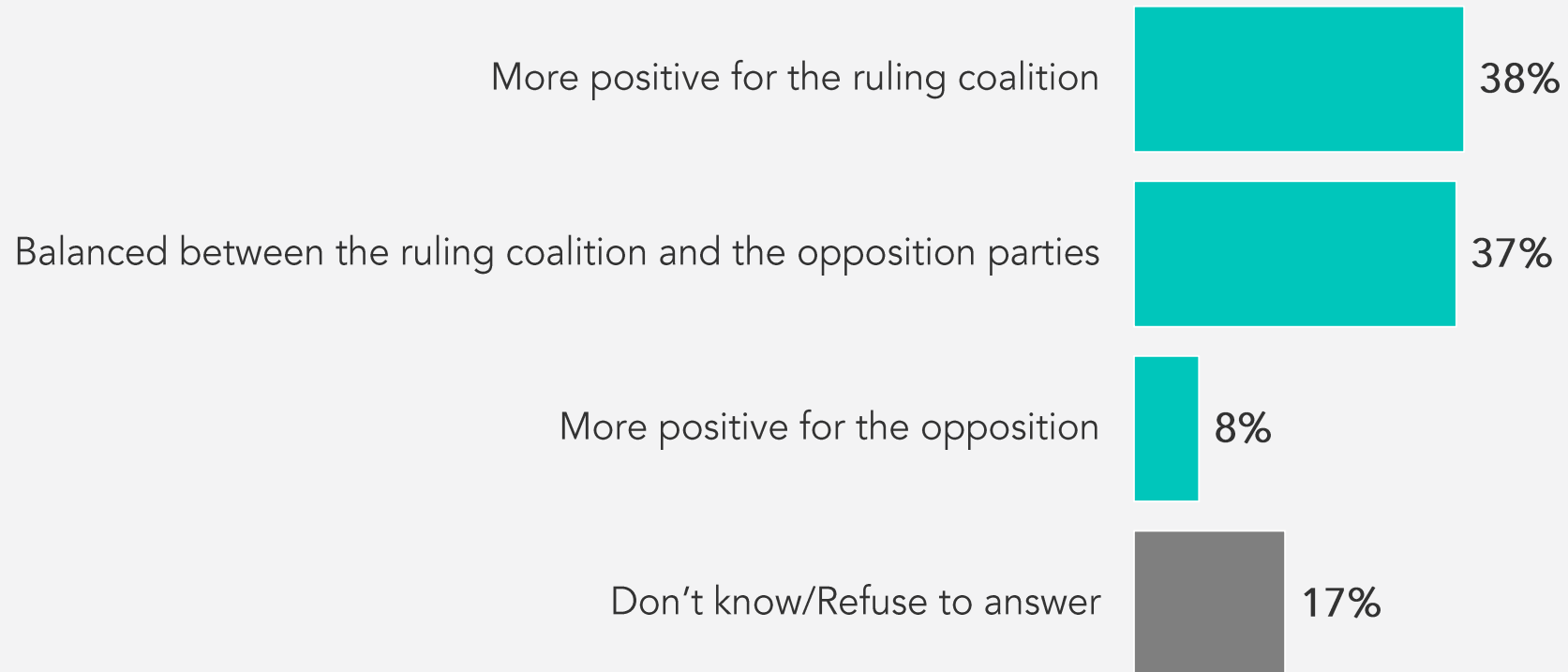
Which media do you consume/trust on public affairs?



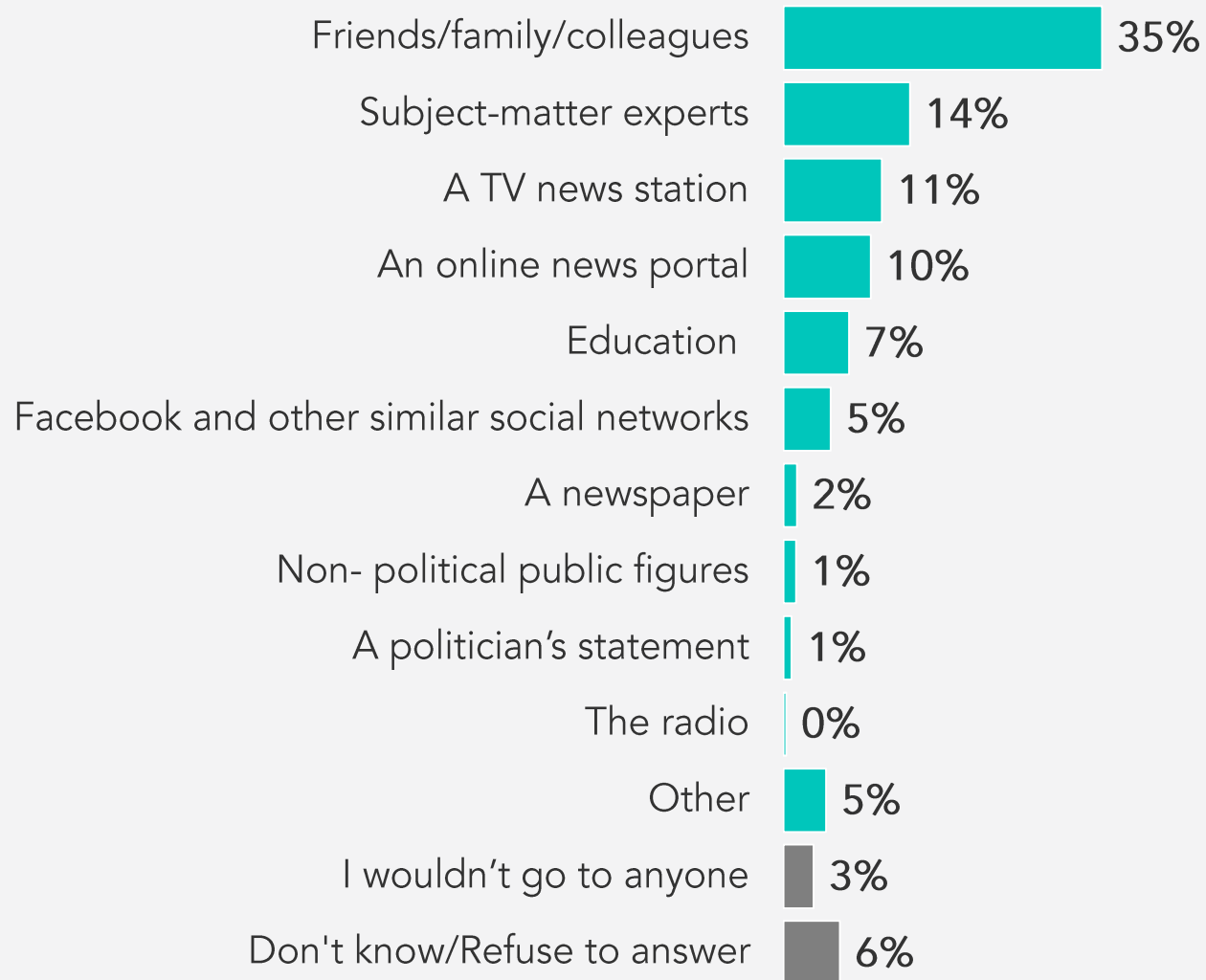
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Is the media reporting on the political landscape...



Where would you turn to verify a news item that you heard about?



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