



# Public Views on Good Governance, Jobs and Women's Rights in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI)

August – September 2018 Survey Findings

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## Methodology Overview

- 17 August – 11 September, 2018
- 2,118 face-to-face interviews (2,344 unweighted); part of a national survey of 14,440 interviews
- Kurdistan Region of Iraq only, covering Dohuk, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah; not including IDPs
- Avg MOE +/- 2.1 points total KRI; Avg MOE +/- 3.5% per province
- Representative by gender, age, education, urban/rural
- 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
- Half and quarter split samples were used on select questions for testing purposes or to reduce the survey length
- Implementation team: NDI, JPM Strategic Solutions, GQR, IIACSS
- 14<sup>th</sup> national survey in Iraq conducted by team dating back to 2010; 2<sup>nd</sup> national survey conducted by team this year

## Key Findings

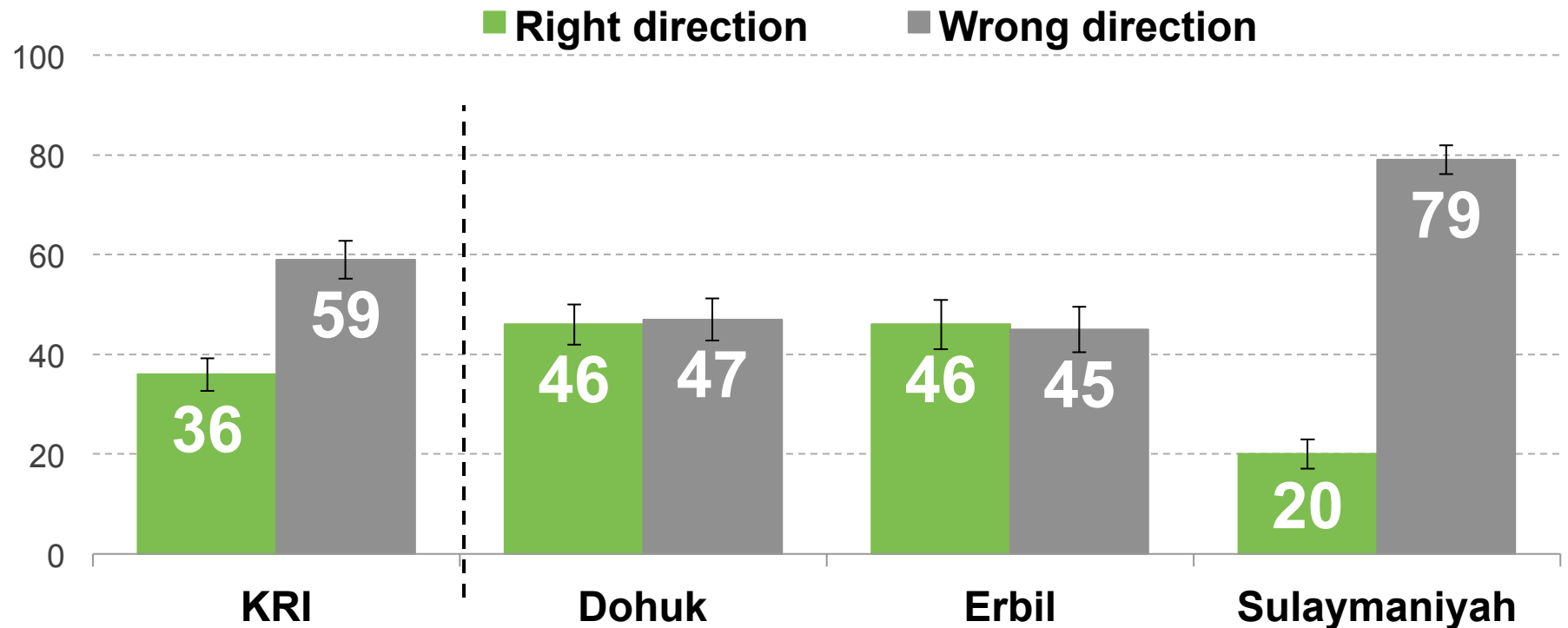
- Some optimism about the direction of the Region
- Still a disconnect and dissatisfaction with the central government, but some openness to improve relations
- The weak economy and unresolved budget and salary issues drive public concerns
- Corruption is top-of-mind issue in Sulaymaniyah
- While women's rights are broadly viewed in a positive light, they are stronger in Sulaymaniyah, and among young women
- Connections and bribes perceived as necessary to get government jobs, and support for an array of measures to encourage the private sector

# Slightly increased optimism for KRI direction

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

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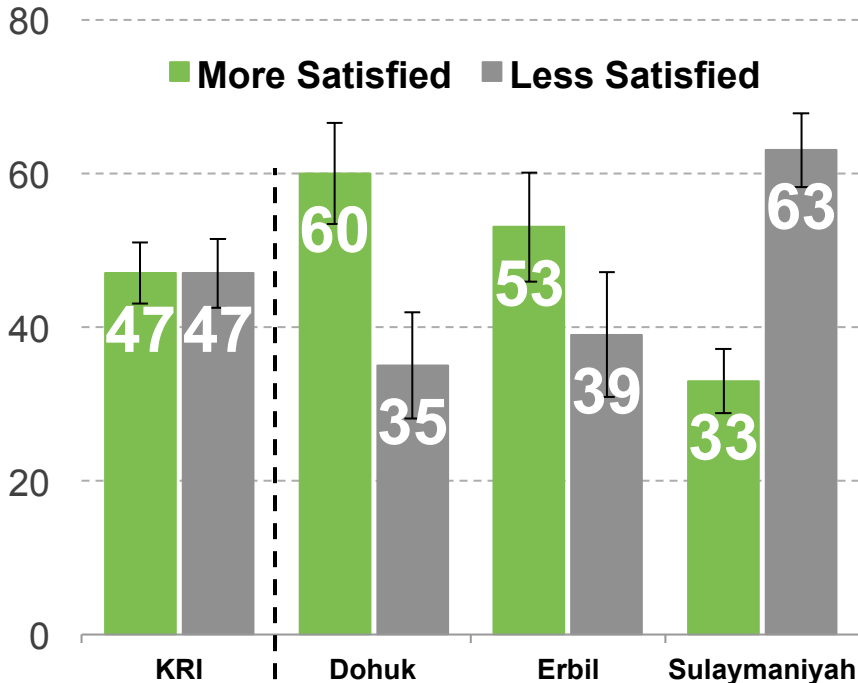


# Satisfaction with past 6 months increases, next 6 months stable

*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?*

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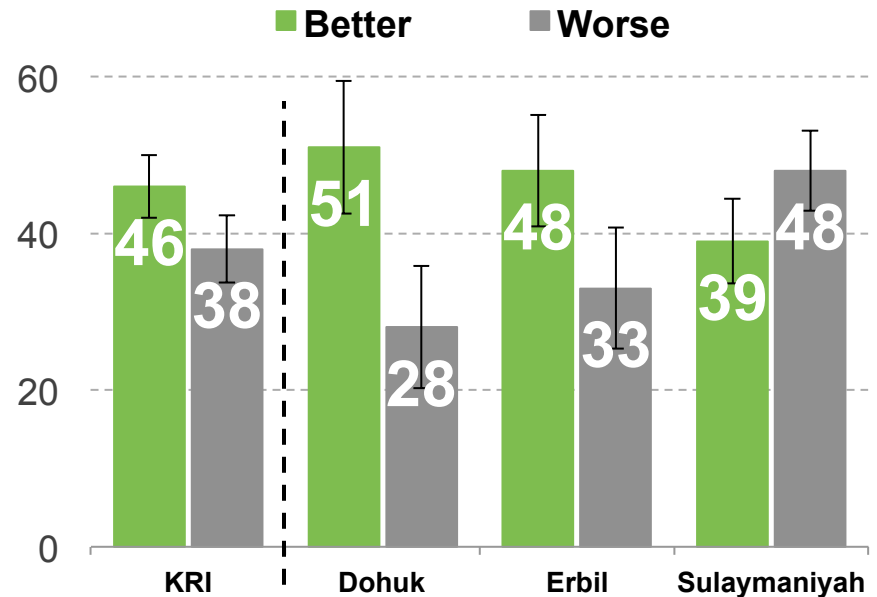
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*Thinking specifically about your life, do you expect things to get better for you or worse for you over the next 6 months.*

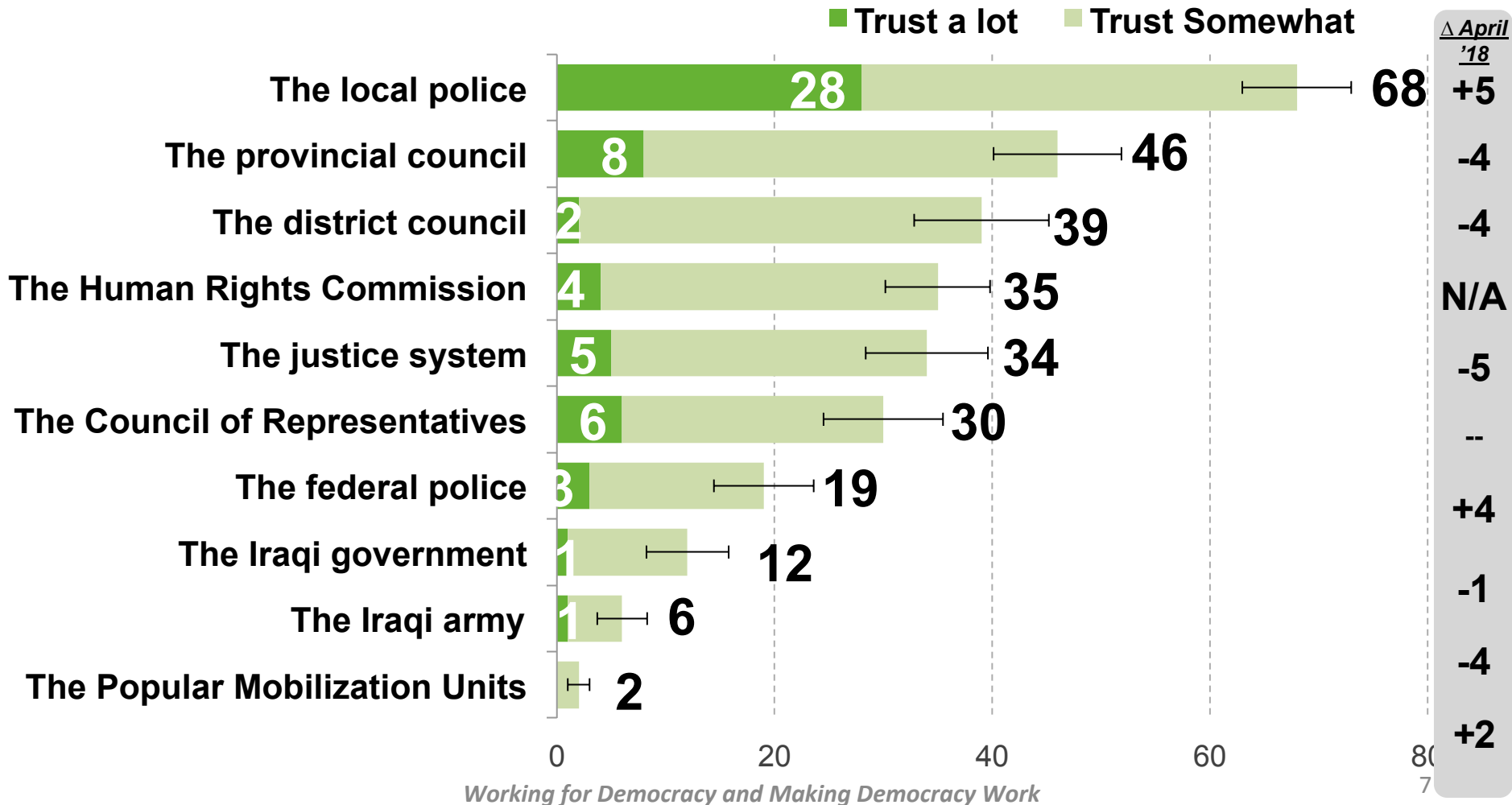
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# Trust in government institutions continues to fall

*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?*



# Majority feel their “component” not getting fair share

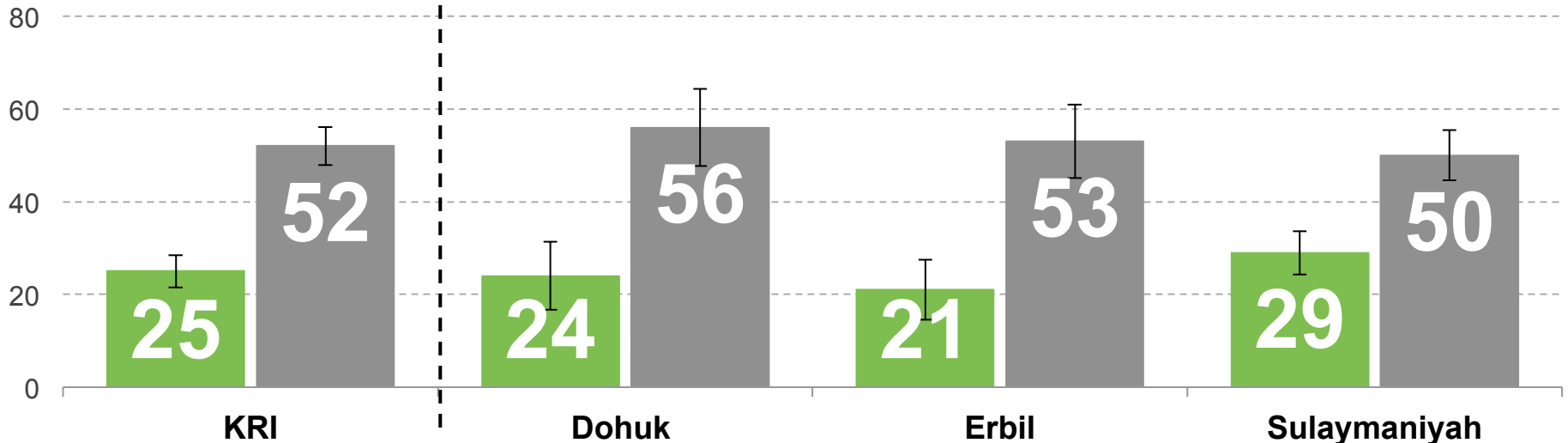
Now for something different. I'm going to read you some pairs of statements and for each one, I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

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

I feel that other components get more services than they should.

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# Still faith in democracy, despite elections not bringing stability

*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.*

Generally speaking, the parliamentary elections have brought more stability to Iraq.

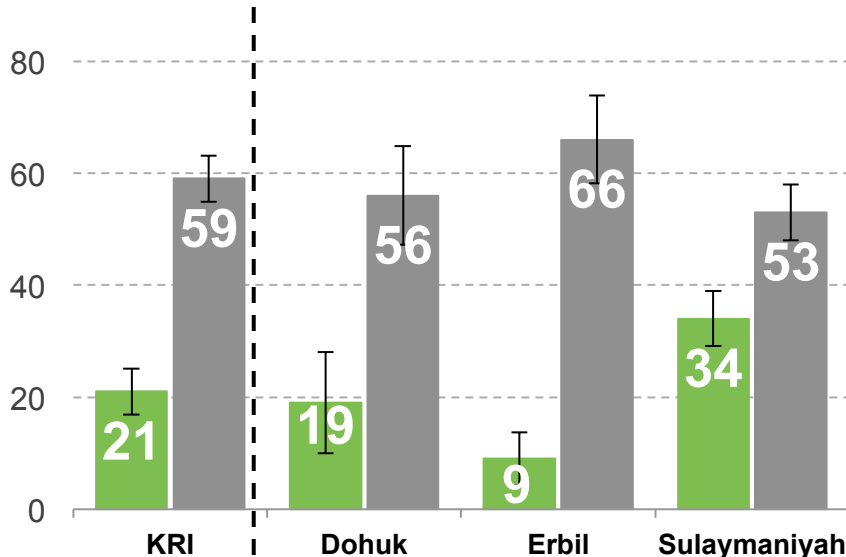
Generally speaking, the parliamentary elections have not improved the level of stability in Iraq.

Democracy is the best form of government for Iraq, even if it has flaws.

Another form of government aside from democracy is better for Iraq.

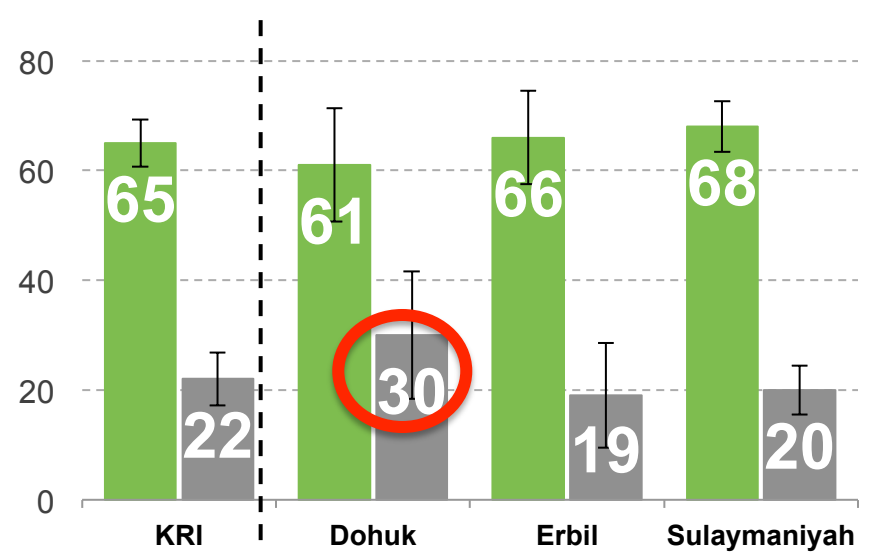
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# Low understanding of government priorities

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.

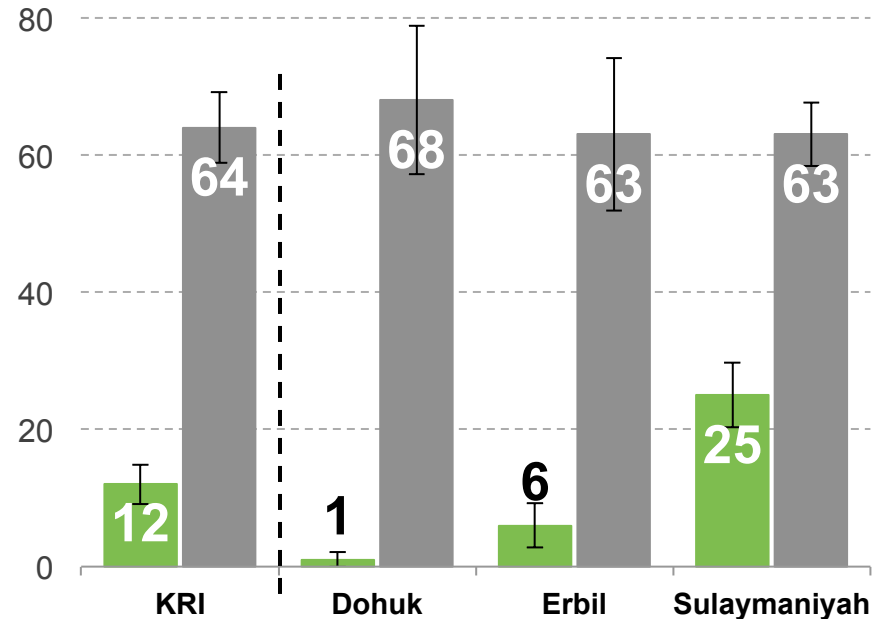
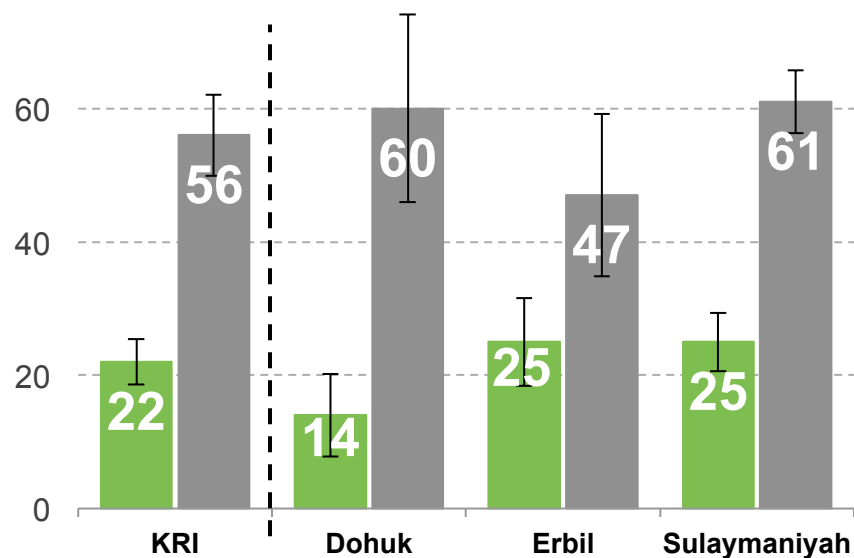
I generally have a good idea what the Iraqi government's priorities are.

I do not have a good sense of what the Iraqi government's priorities are.

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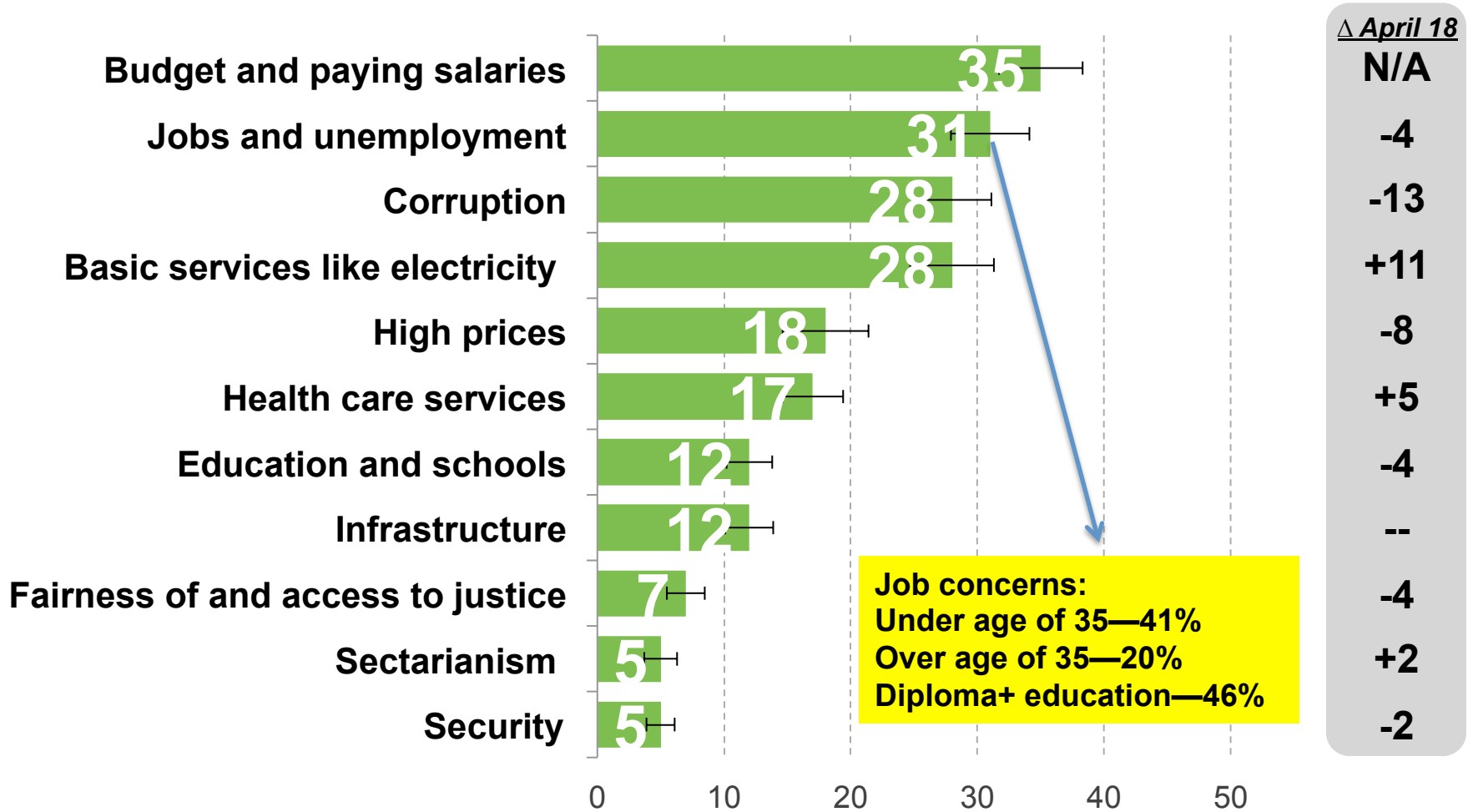
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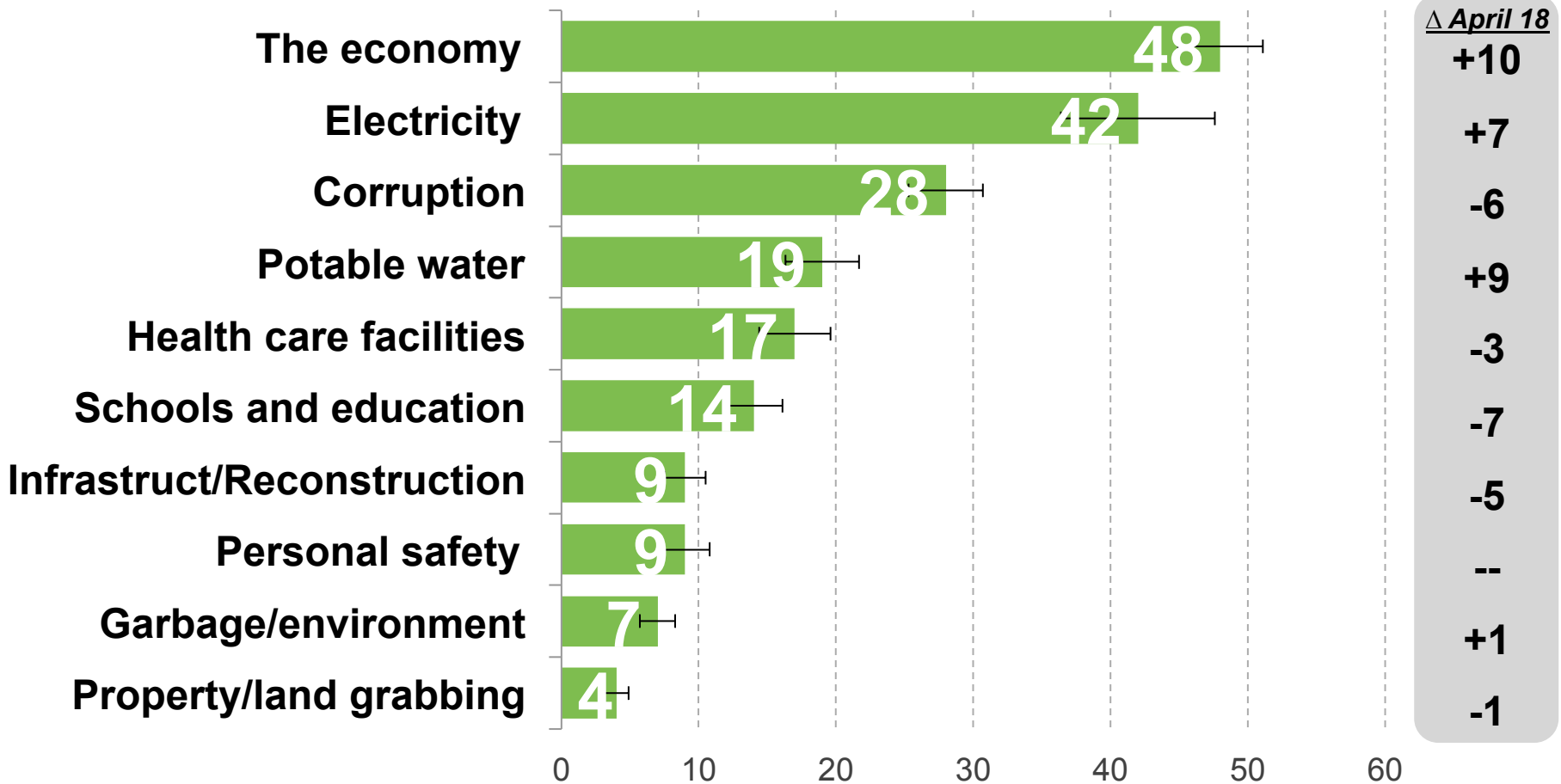
# Economic issues, corruption, and services dominate concerns

*Which TWO of these are the most important for the KRI government to address?*



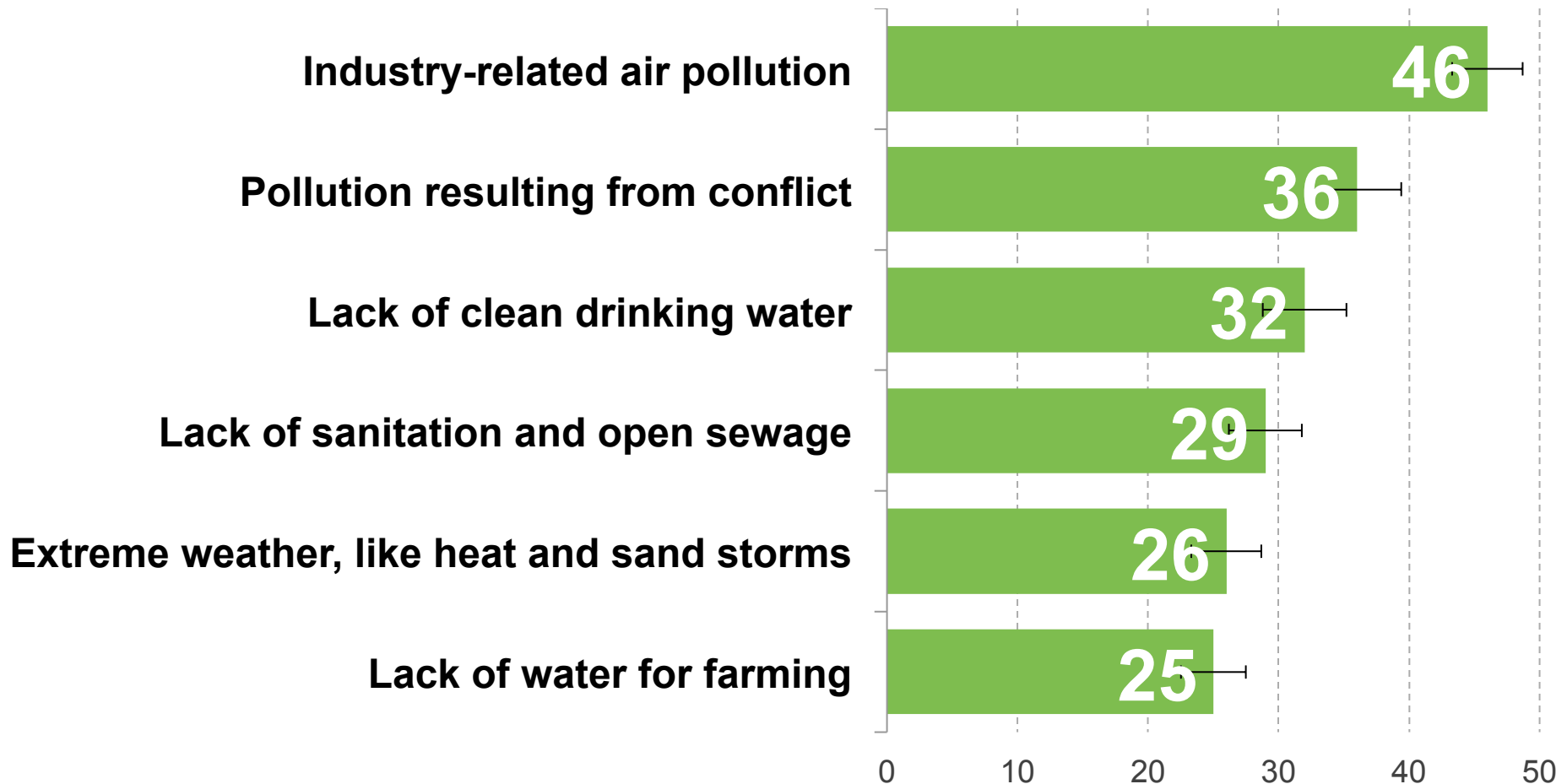
## Economy and electricity top local concerns

*Please tell me which TWO of these are the most important for your GOVERNOR/NATE'S government to address.*



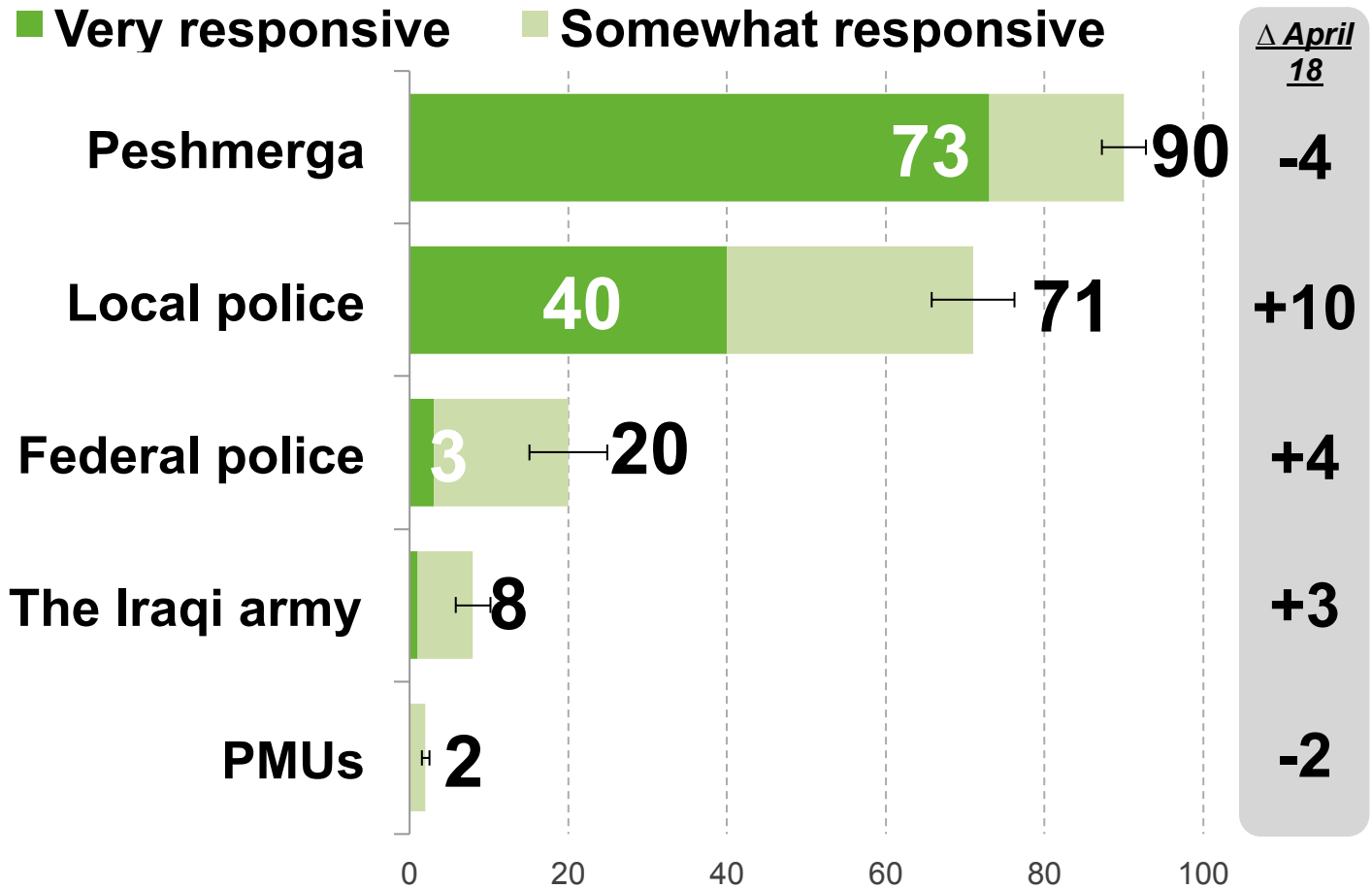
## Pollution largest environmental concern

*Now, I am going to read you a list of environmental concerns that some people may have. Please tell me which two concern you the most.*



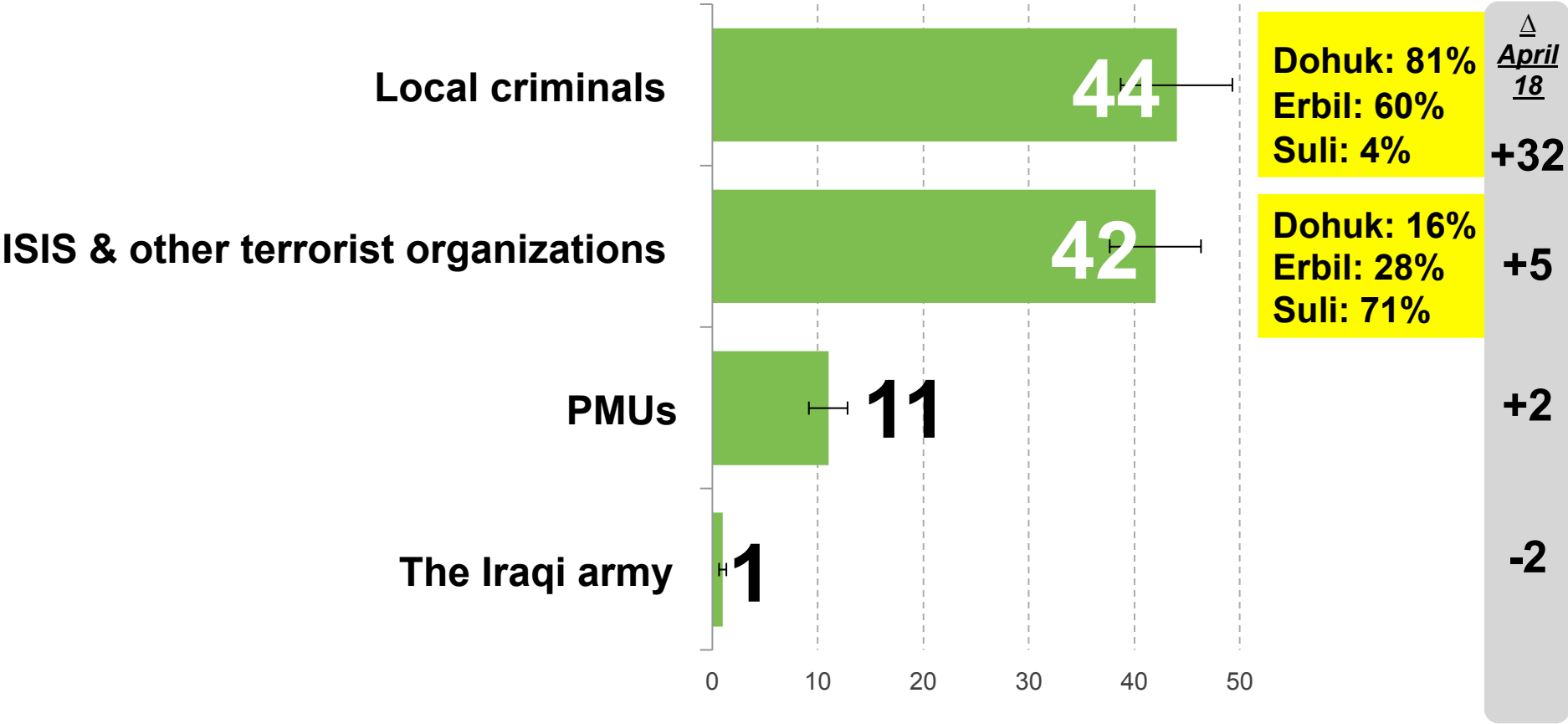
# KRI security apparatuses still perceived as responsive

Now I am going to ask about different groups in Iraq. For each one, please tell me how responsive they would be to you if you need help.



# Dohuk, Erbil most concerned about local criminals, Suli about ISIS

*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?*



*Peshmerga, local and federal police, family, clans = 0*

# Majority concerned about ISIS return and violence in community

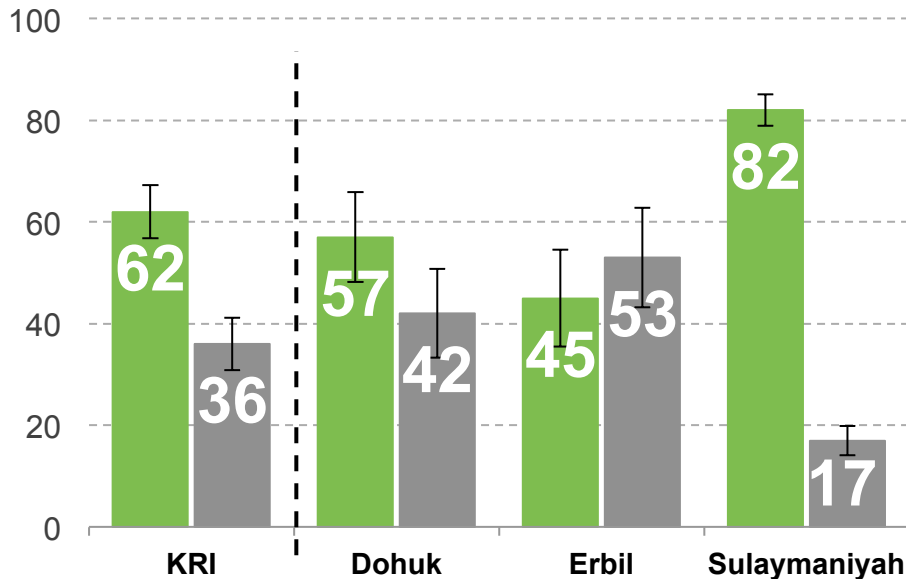
*Would you say you are very concerned about ISIS and other extremist groups re-emerging in your area, somewhat concerned, just a little concerned, or not at all concerned about ISIS and other extremist groups re-emerging in your area?*

*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?*

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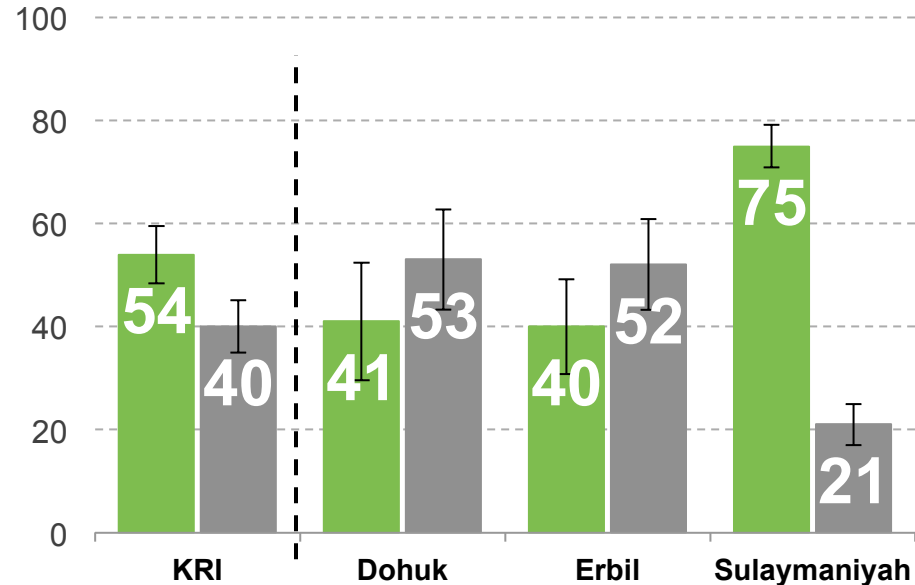
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■ Very/Somewhat Concerned ■ Little/Not Concerned



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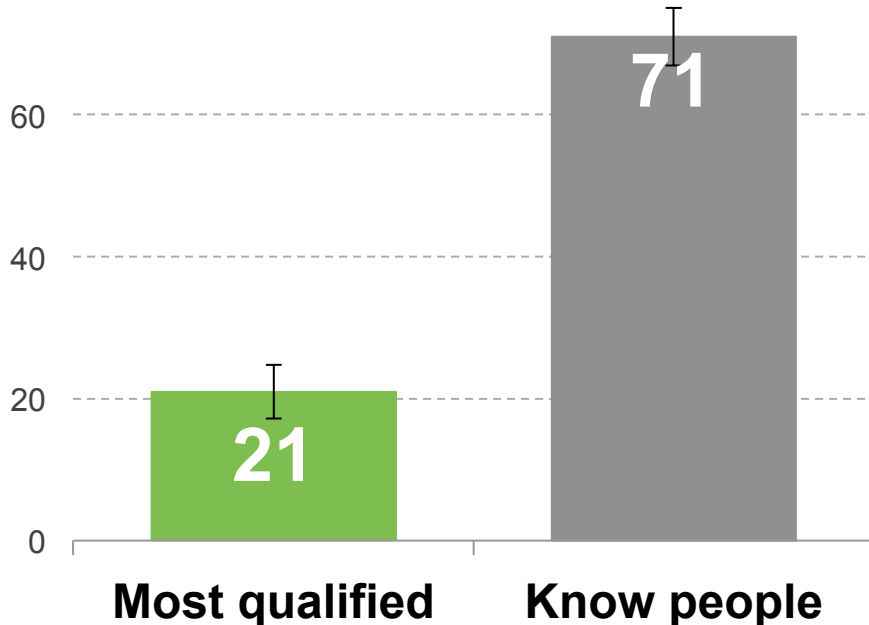


# Need to have connection to get public or private sector job

*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.*

You are likely to get a public sector job if you are the most qualified candidate.

You are most likely to get a public sector job if you know the right people.



You are likely to get a private sector job if you are the most qualified candidate.

You are most likely to get a private sector job if you know the right people.



# Need to pay bribe and connections to get a job

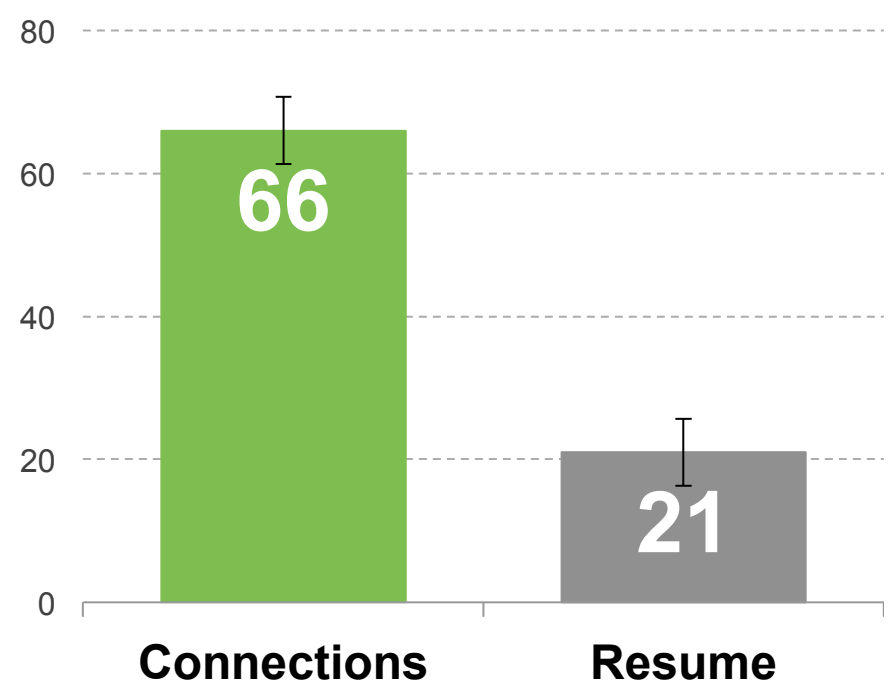
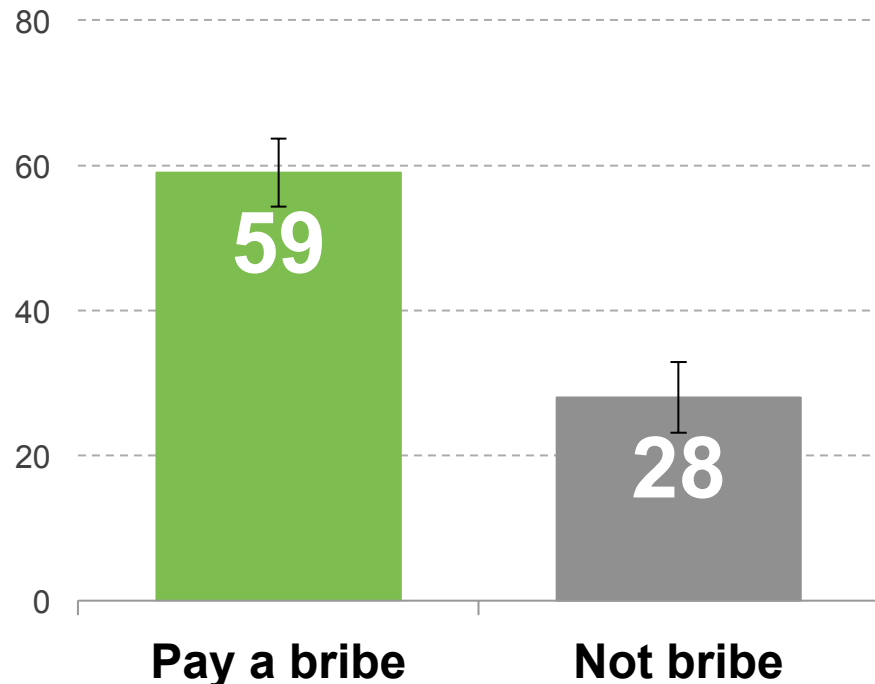
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To get a government job you need to pay a bribe.

To get a government job you usually do not need to pay a bribe.

To get a government job you need to have connections.

To get a government job you usually need to have a strong resume.



# Split between facilitating public and private sector jobs

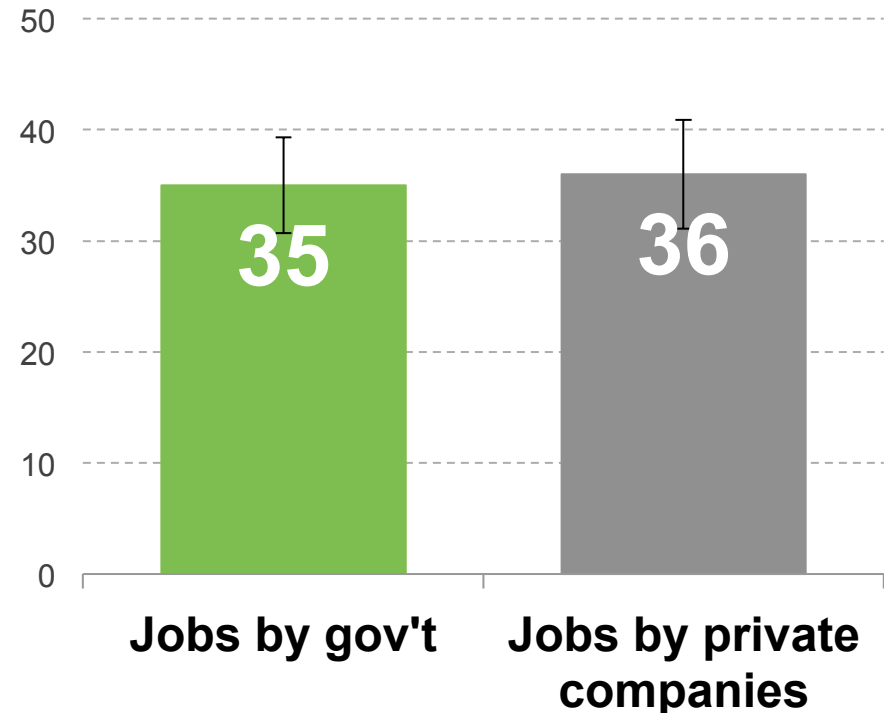
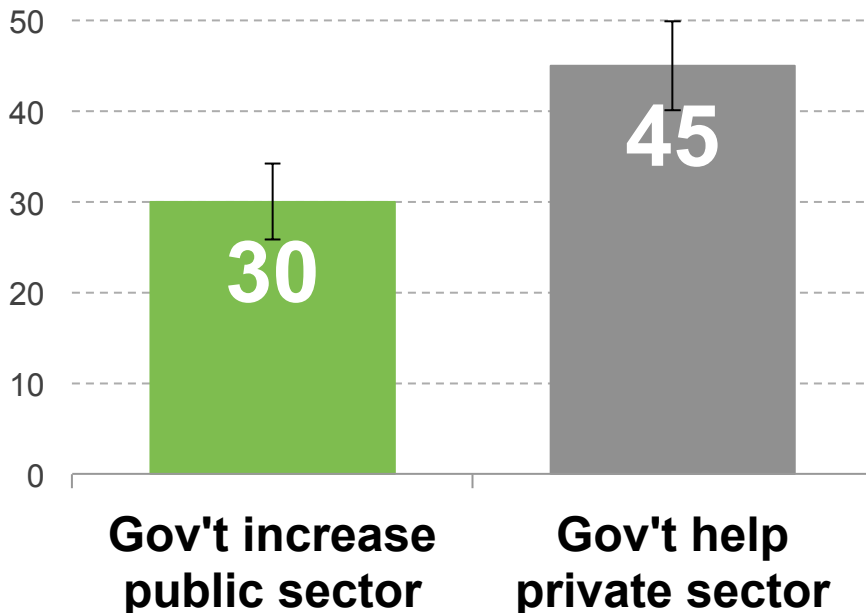
*I'm going to read you some pairs of statements and for each one, I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.*

The government should play an active role in increasing jobs in the country by increasing government jobs.

The gov't role should help private sector by creating a coherent legal framework, eliminating corruption, & boosting spending on infrastructure.

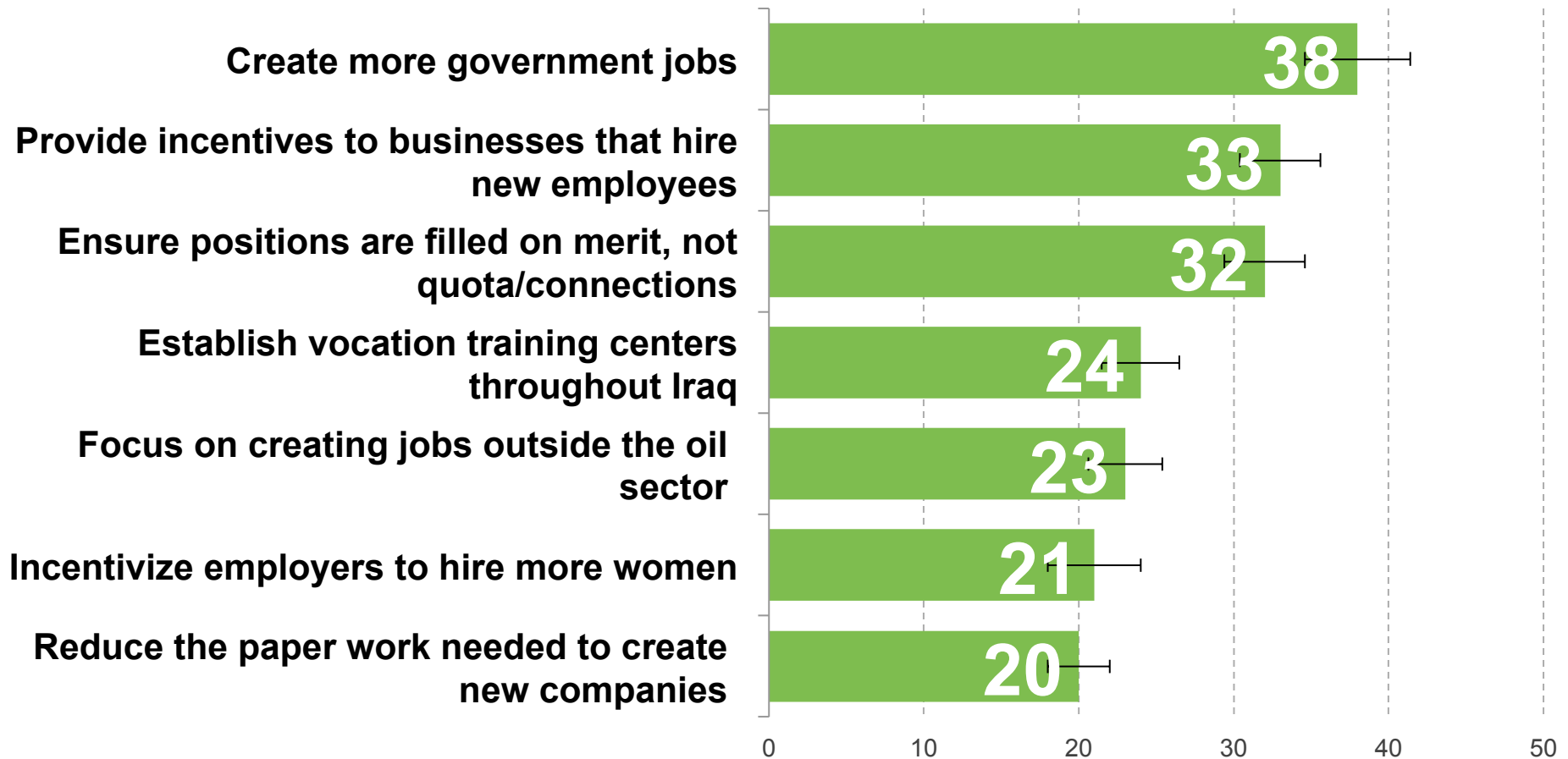
What Iraq needs most right now is more jobs created by the government.

What Iraq needs most right now is more jobs created by private companies and businesses.



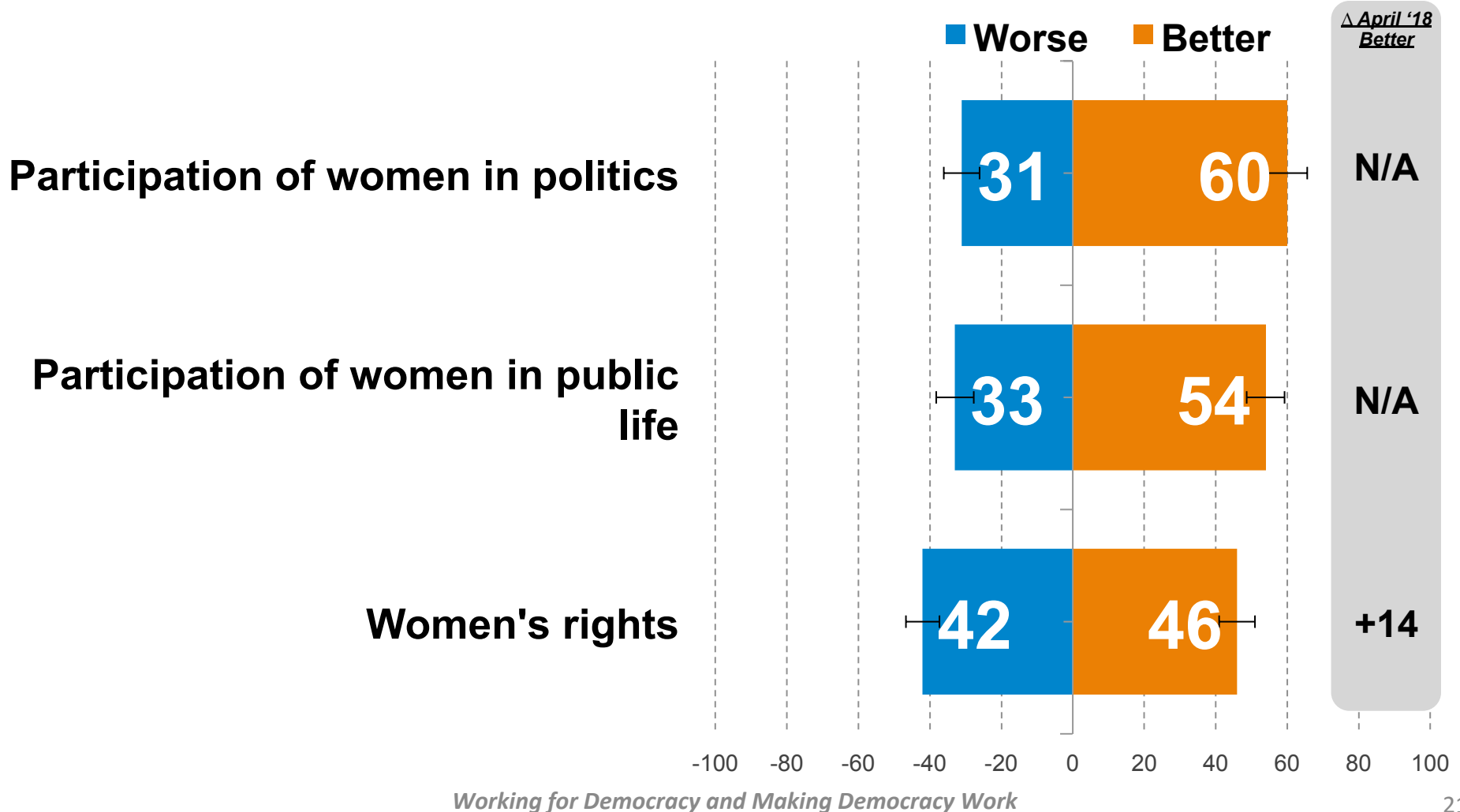
# Wide array of efforts needed to create jobs

*Now I am going to read you a list of things the next government of Iraq could do to improve the country's employment situation. Please tell me which TWO of these would be most important to improve the country's employment situation?*



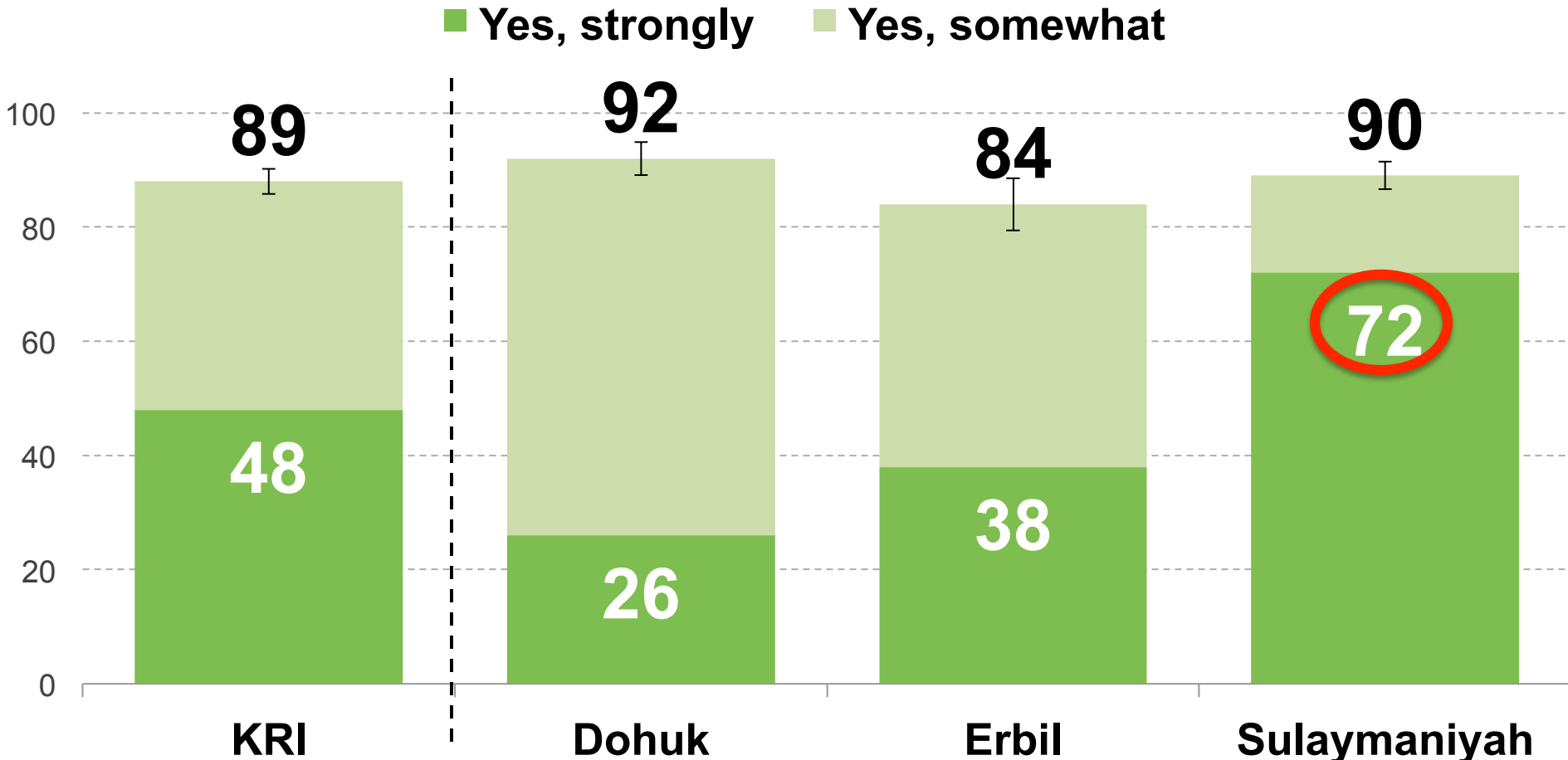
# Majority see women's participation as improving

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



# Sulaymaniyah most intense about equal rights

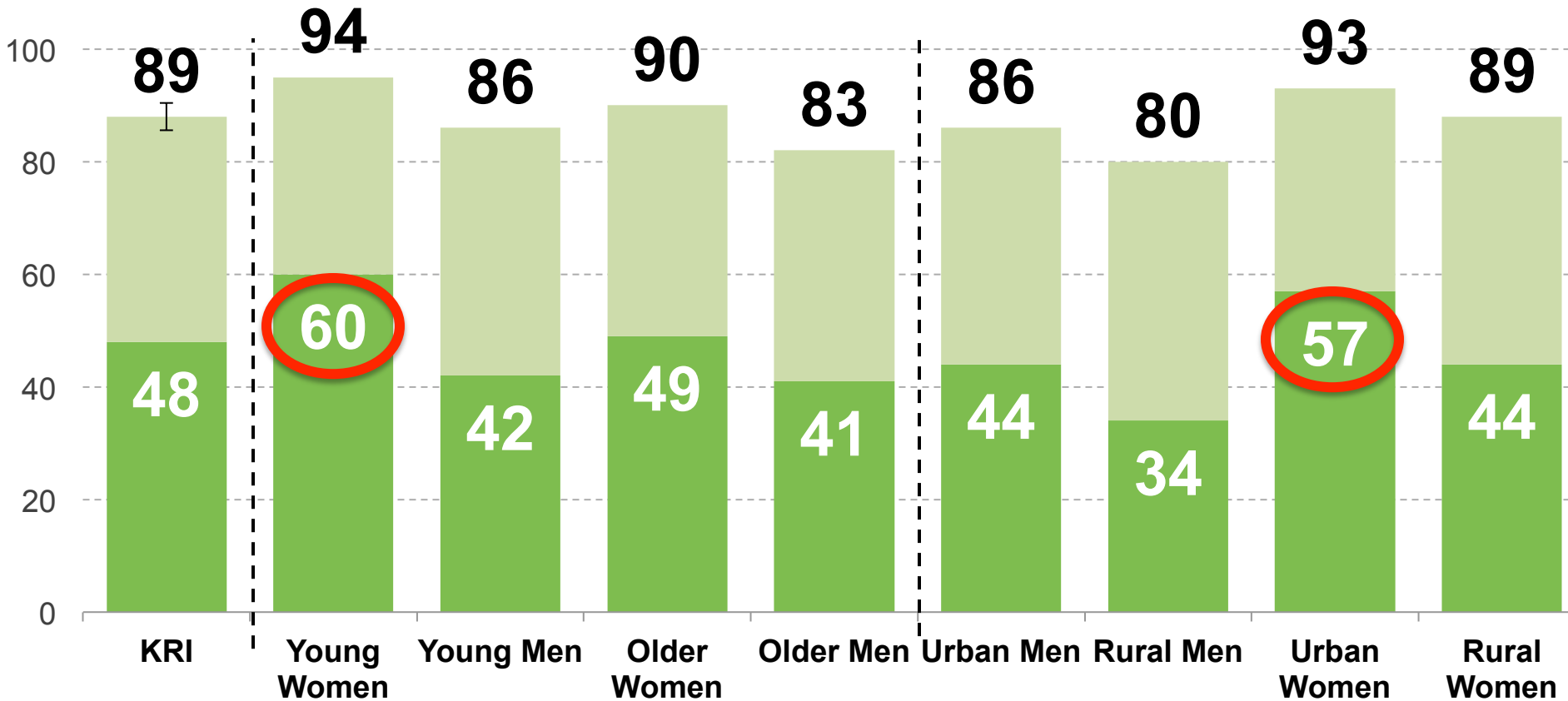
Generally speaking, do you think that men and women should have equal rights in Iraq?  
Yes or no?



# Young and urban women most intense about equality

*Generally speaking, do you think that men and women should have equal rights in Iraq? Yes or no?*

■ Yes, strongly    ■ Yes, somewhat



# Women in work force viewed positively, esp. among younger women

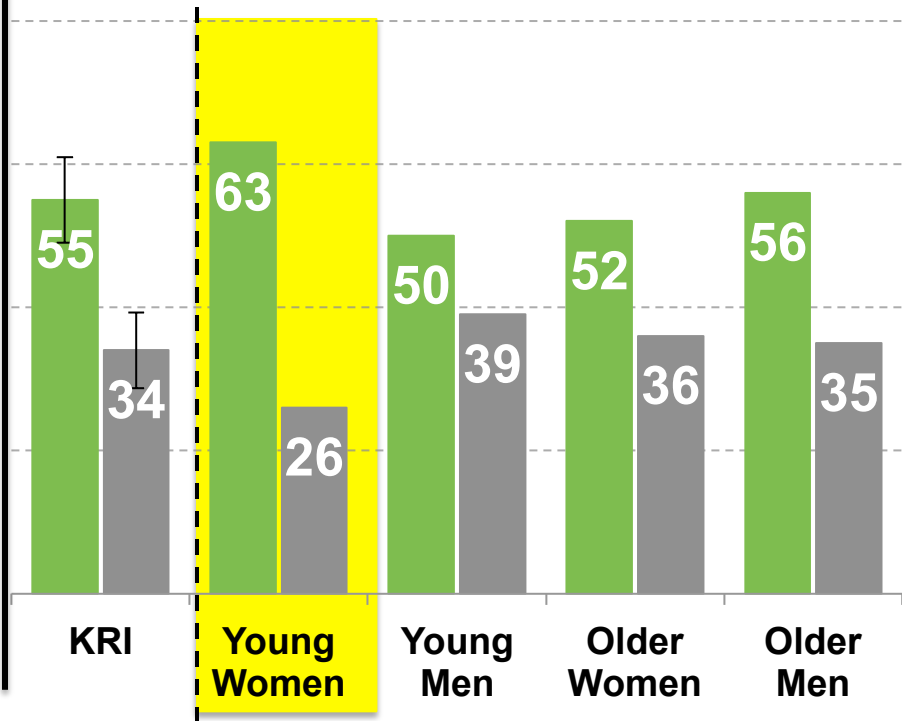
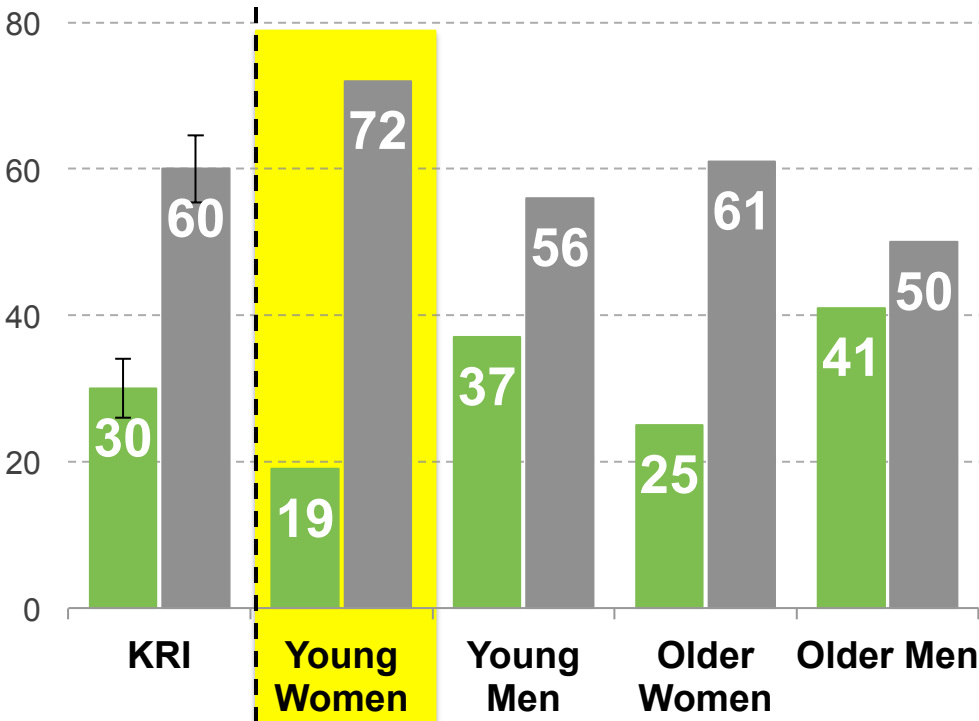
*I'm going to read you some pairs of statements and for each one, I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.*

If jobs are limited, men should have more of a right to a job.

Both men and women should have an equal opportunity to get most jobs.

Iraq would be stronger if more women entered the workforce.

It is not culturally appropriate for women to pursue jobs outside the house.





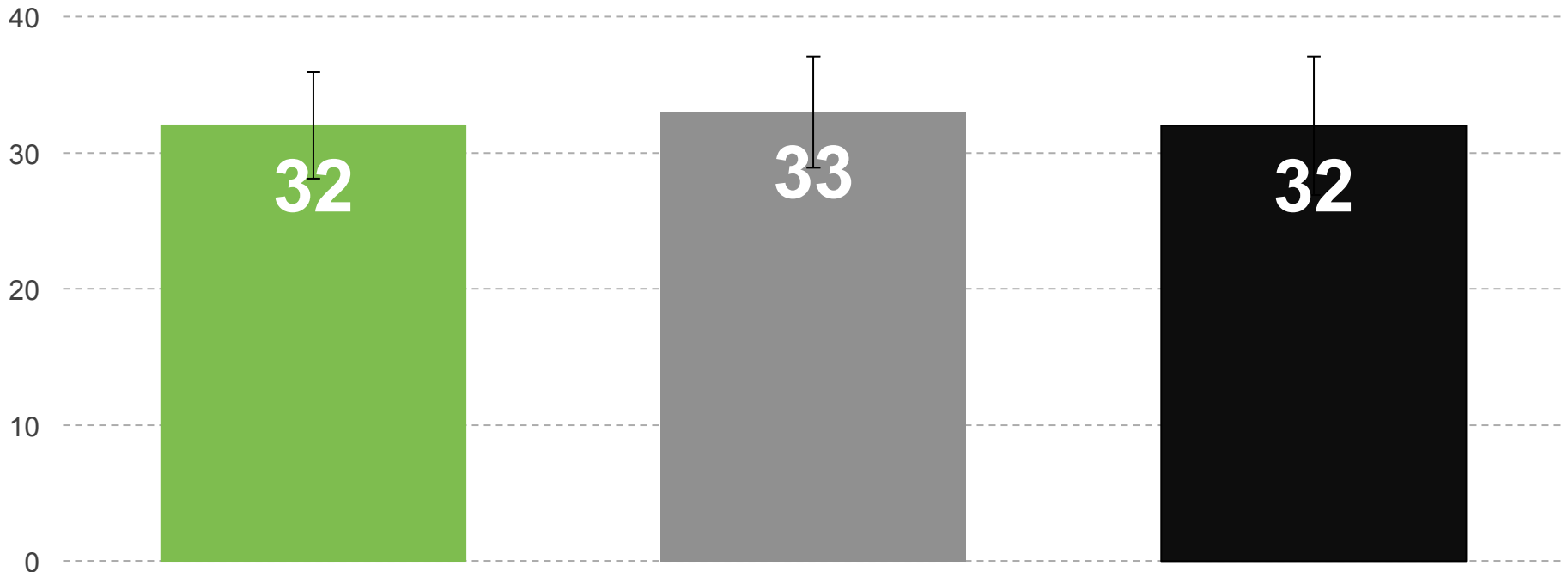
# Split on whether society or families hold women back

*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.*

Society as a whole does more to prevent women from achieving more.

Individual families do more to prevent women from achieving more.

(Both)

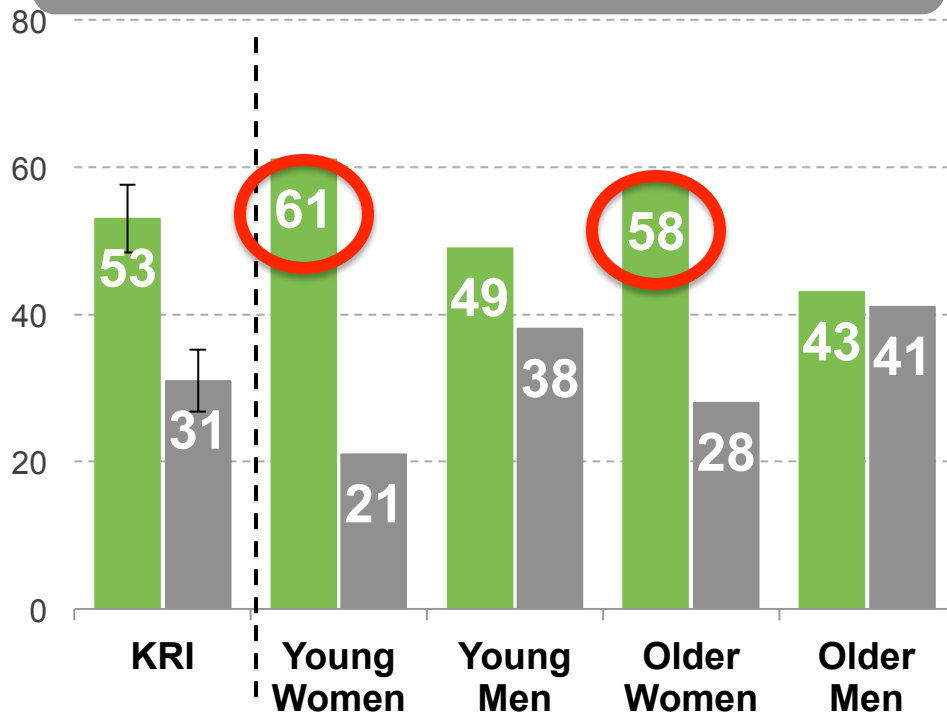


# Young women most supportive of women in business

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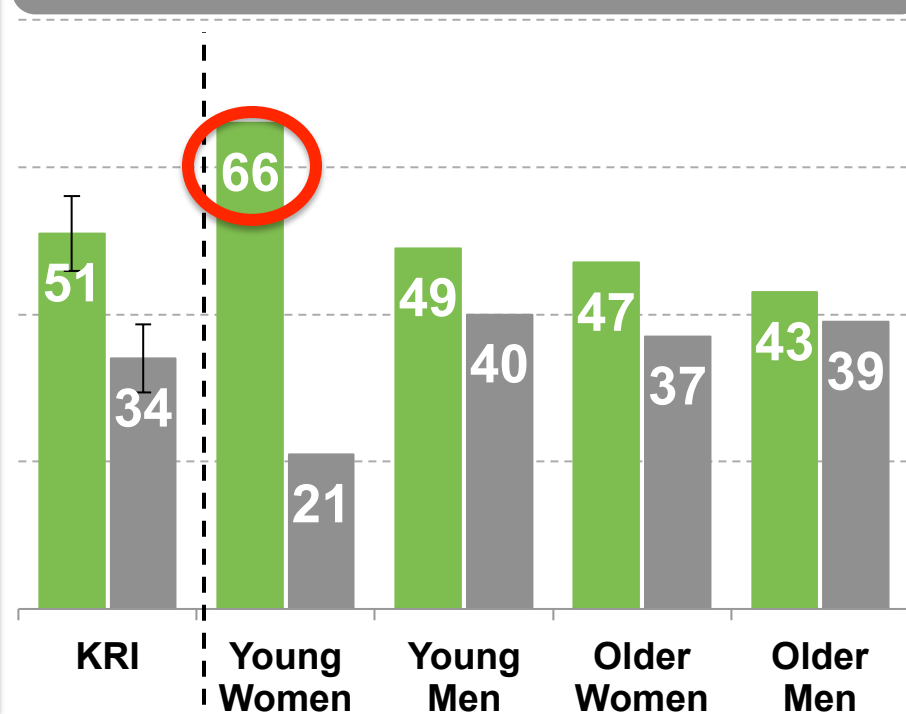
Women and men should have an equal role in running the government.

Men should have a greater role in running the government.



Women and men should have equal roles in running businesses and industry.

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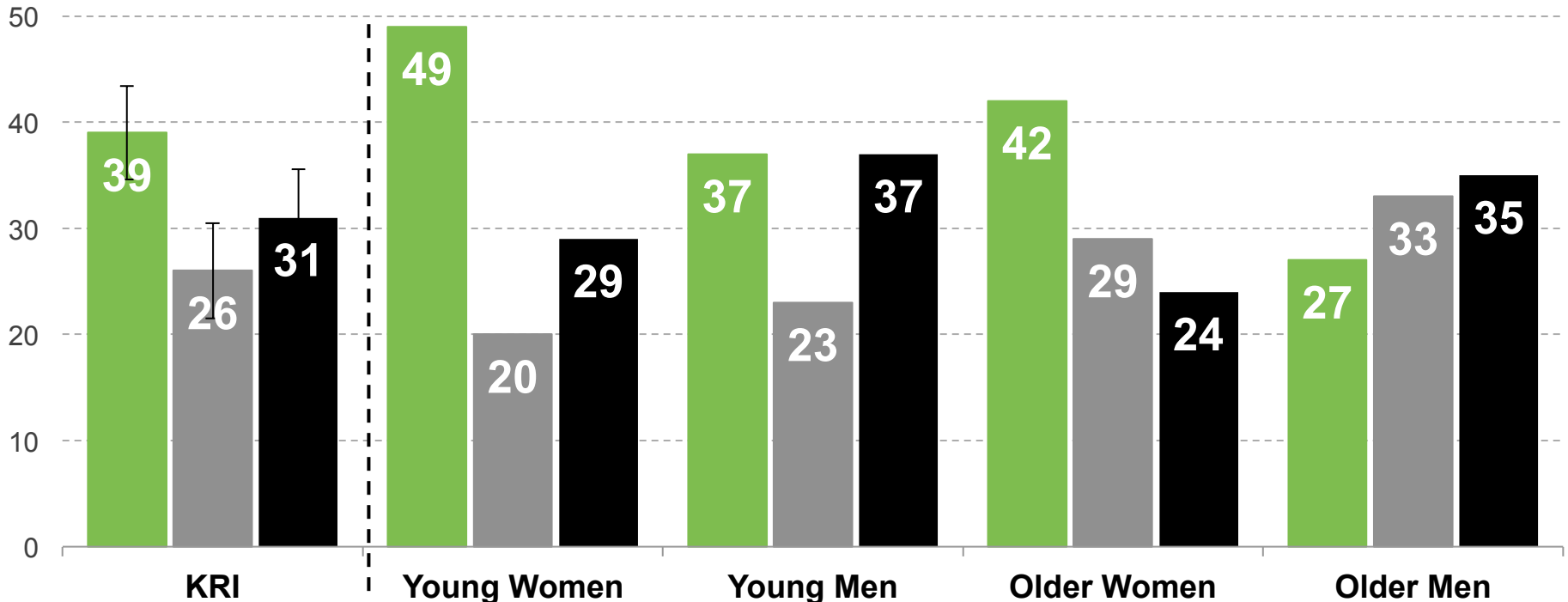
# Women most likely to think only women can represent women

*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.*

**Only women can sufficiently represent the interests of women in politics.**

**Men can sufficiently represent the interests of women in politics.**

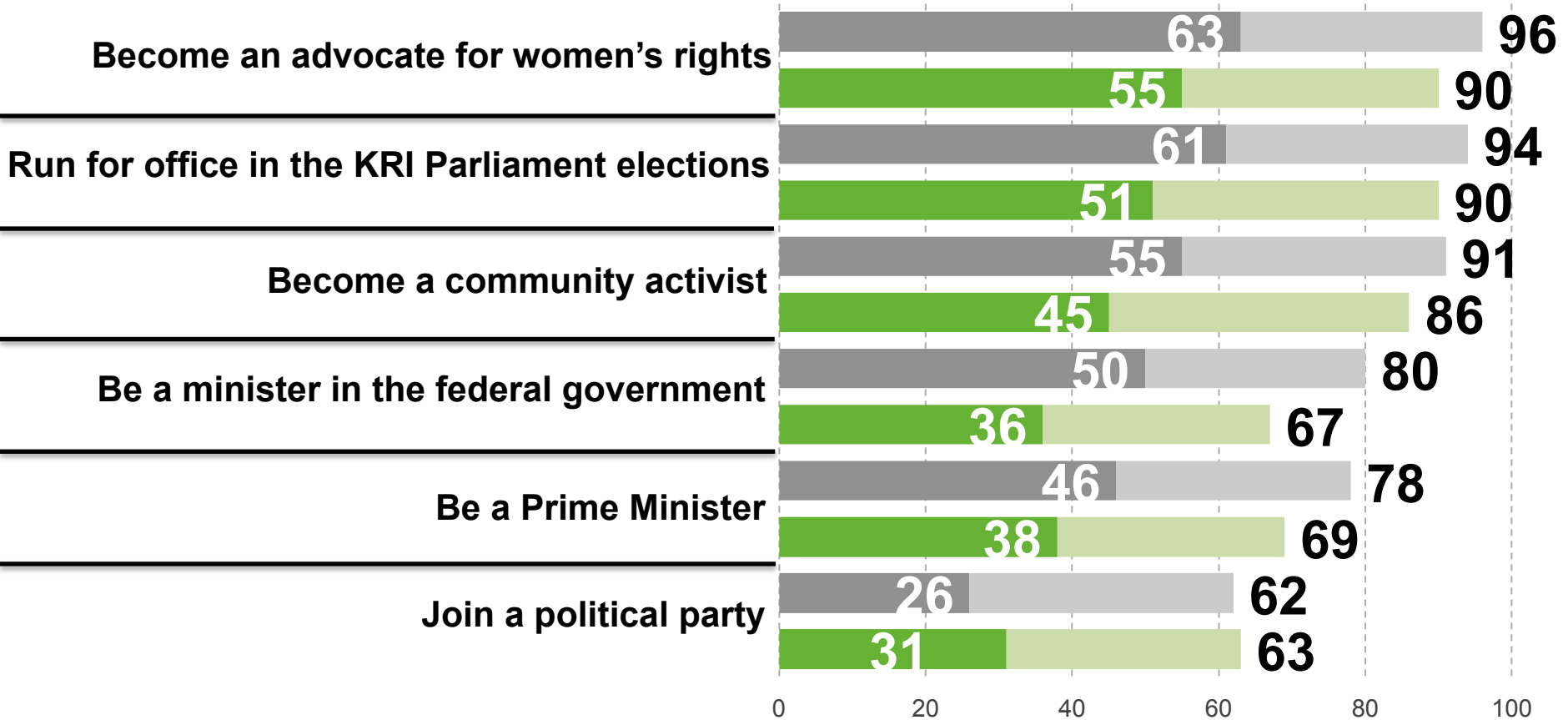
**(Both)**



## Support for women in politics; stronger among women

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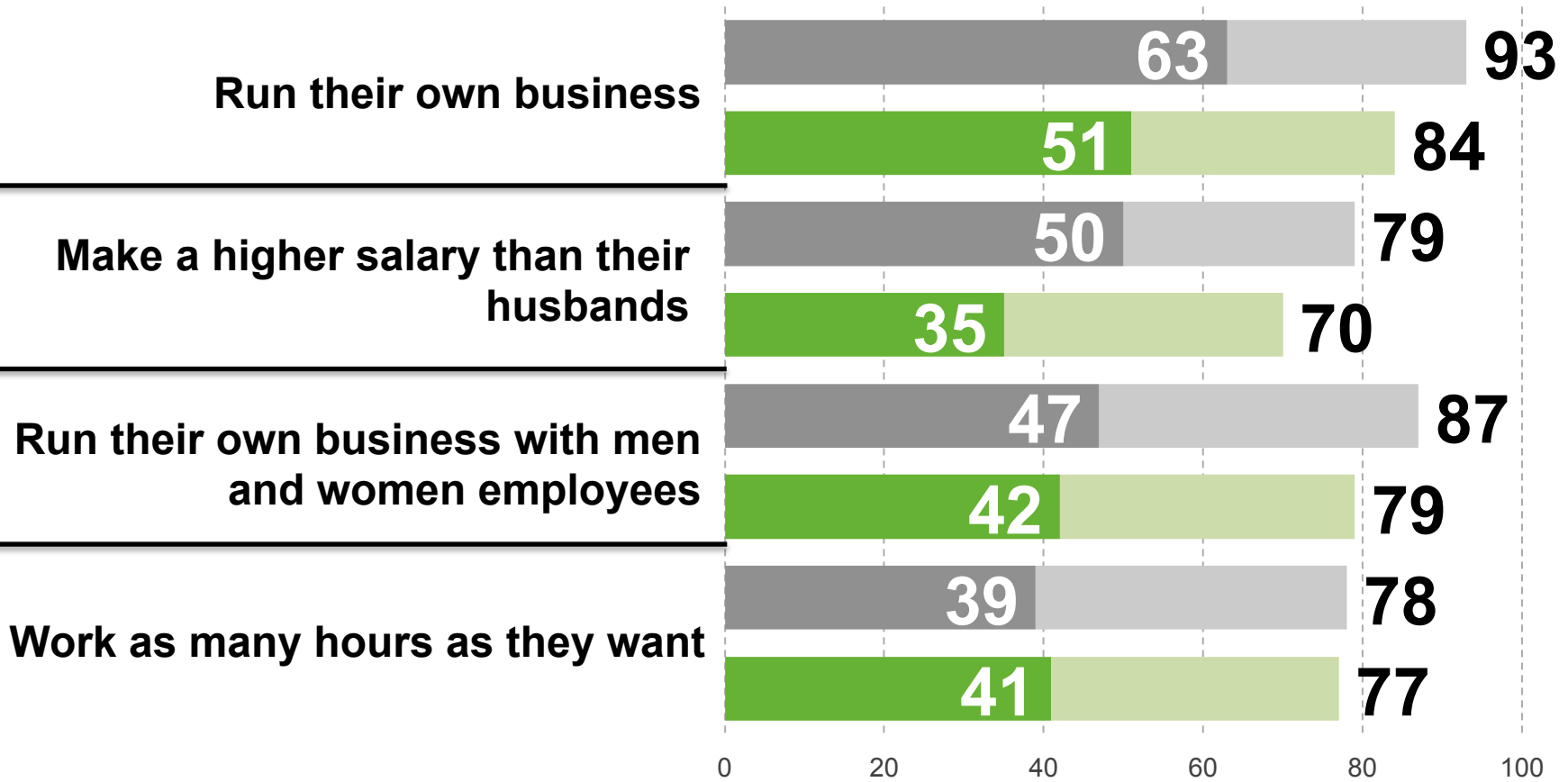
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# Openness to women in business

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 ■ Women, Strongly able  
 ■ Women, Somewhat able



## More variation on women's social roles

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