



Public attitudes in Georgia

Results of a April 2017 survey carried out for
NDI by CRRC Georgia

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Why We Conduct Polls?

- Foster the development of more responsive policies and governance;
- Help stakeholders diagnose and address issues of public concern;

- leaders from across the political spectrum have reported that the polls are important to their work and encourage continued polling;

- Inclusive process: the polling instrument was developed in consultation with parties, government, and civil society leaders;

Information about the poll

- Fieldwork dates: 7 – 28 April, 2017
- 2,493 completed interviews (67.38% response rate)
- A nationally representative sample (excluding occupied territories) including oversampled areas of the Capital, large Urban, small Urban, Rural and minority settlements
- large Urban stratum consists of the cities with 40K and more population: Batumi, Zugdidi, Rustavi, Poti, Gori, Kutaisi
- Small Urban stratum consists of the rest of the cities/dabas holding urban status
- Minority stratum consists of population of those settlements, where ethnic minorities (mostly Armenians and Azeri) make at least 40% of the voters in given settlement. Settlements within this stratum are dispersed through Kvemo Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti and kakheti regions.
- The average margin of error is +/- 2.7%

Methodology

Sample design

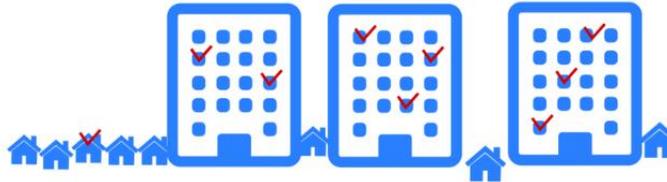
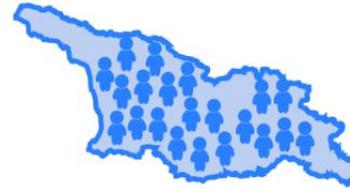
NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:

- ✓ **Stratification** – dividing population in relatively homogenous sub-groups
 - ✓ **Clustering** – randomly selecting small geographic areas for each sub-group (stratum)
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- Households are selected via random route sampling
 - Respondents are selected using a Kish table
 - Randomly selected households and individuals are not substituted
 - All interviews were conducted face-to-face, in Georgian, Armenian and Azeri.

How NDI Survey is Conducted

1

At the first stage, CRRC randomly selects voting precincts in Georgia. Interviewers are sent there with given starting point, directions for walking, step size, number of contacts.



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Interviewer randomly selects households according to the given step size, e.g. every 3rd, 5th, 8th...

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The respondent is selected randomly, with special method - so called Kish grid. Selected respondent cannot be replaced.

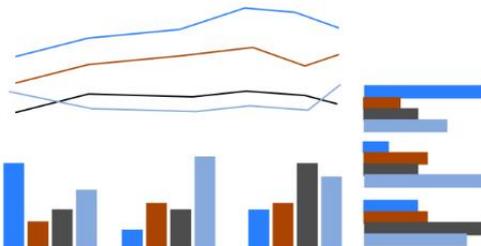


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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Interviewer submits the results via the internet to the special server.

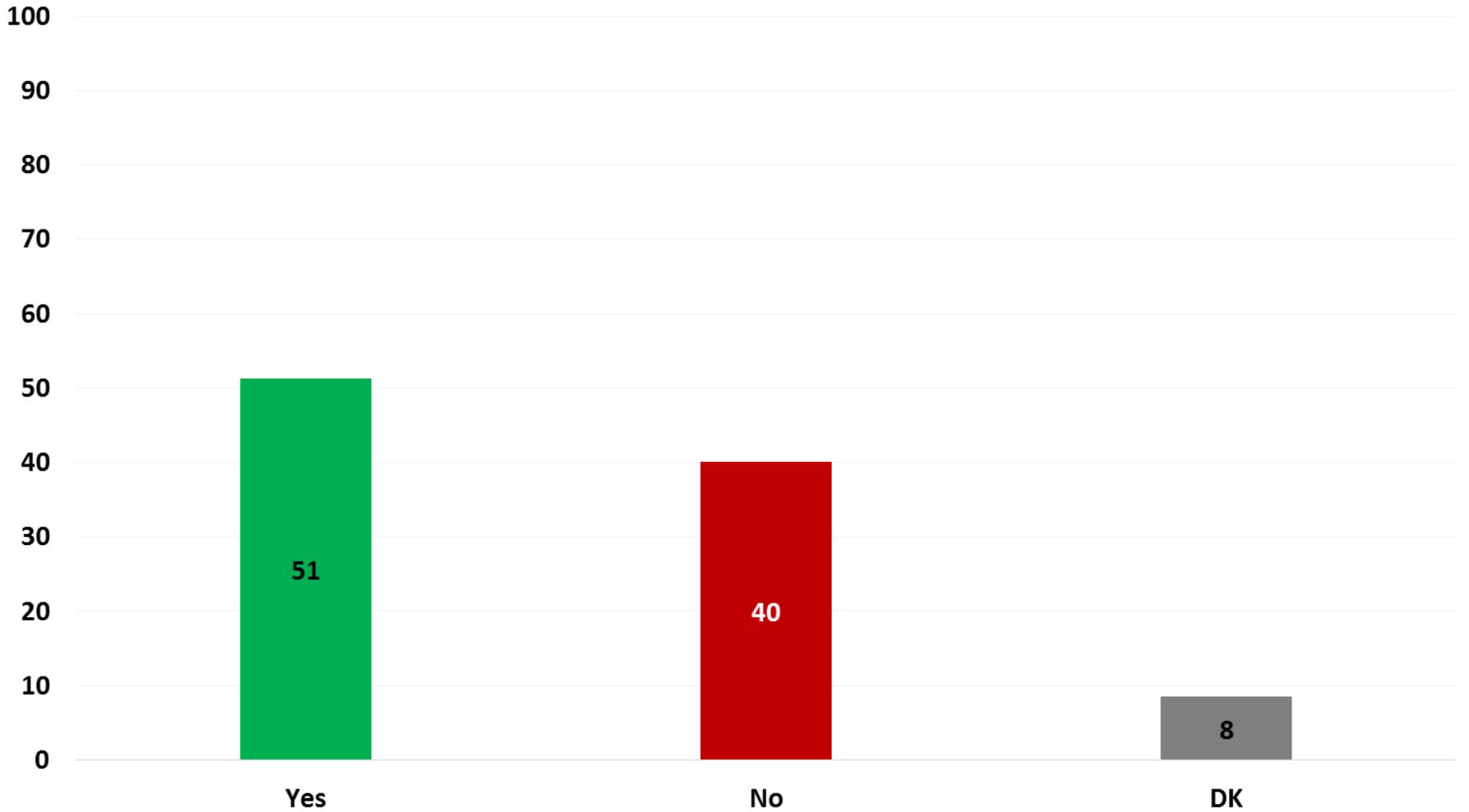


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CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

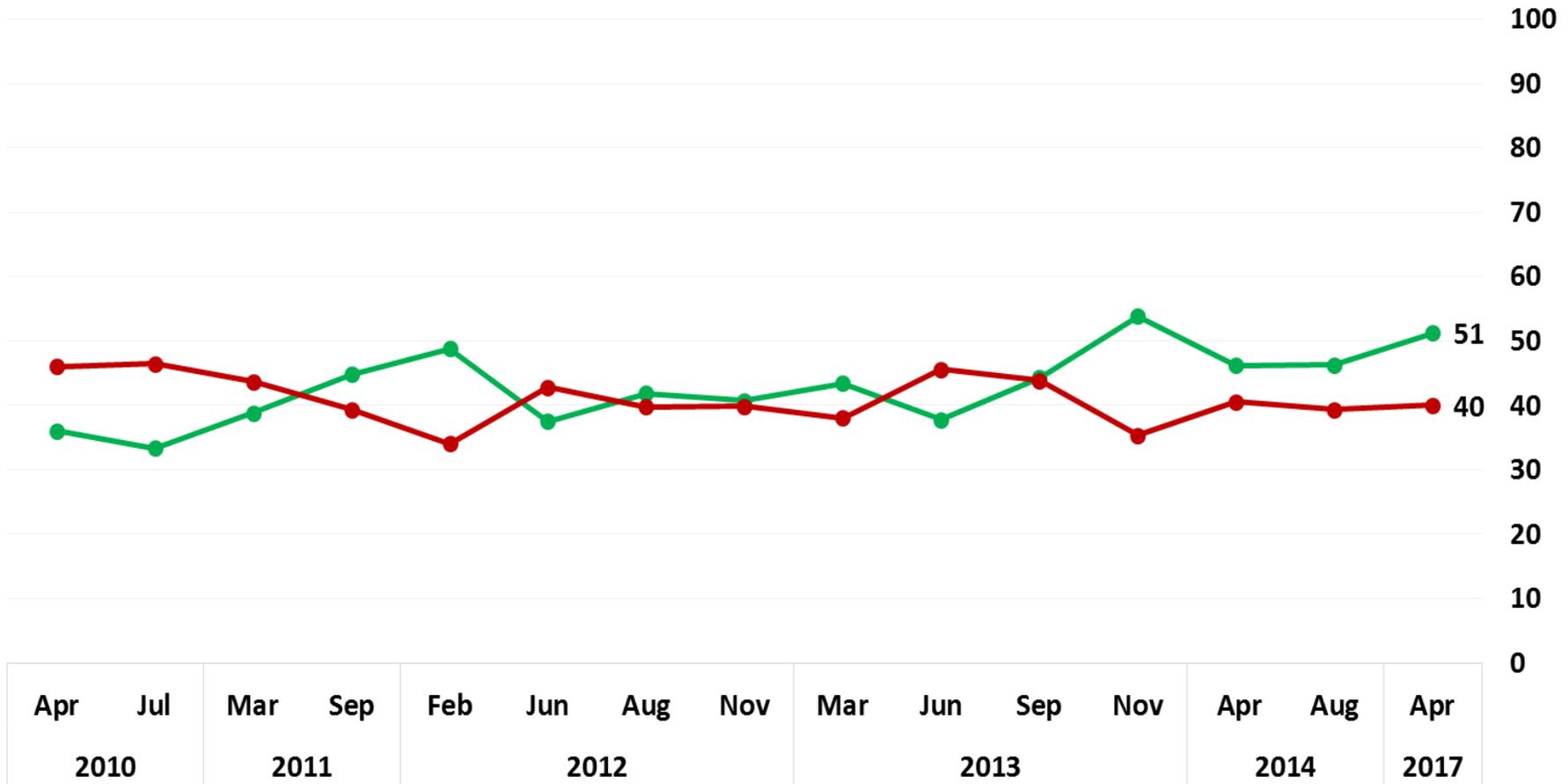
STATE OF DEMOCRACY

Is Georgia a democracy now? (q4)



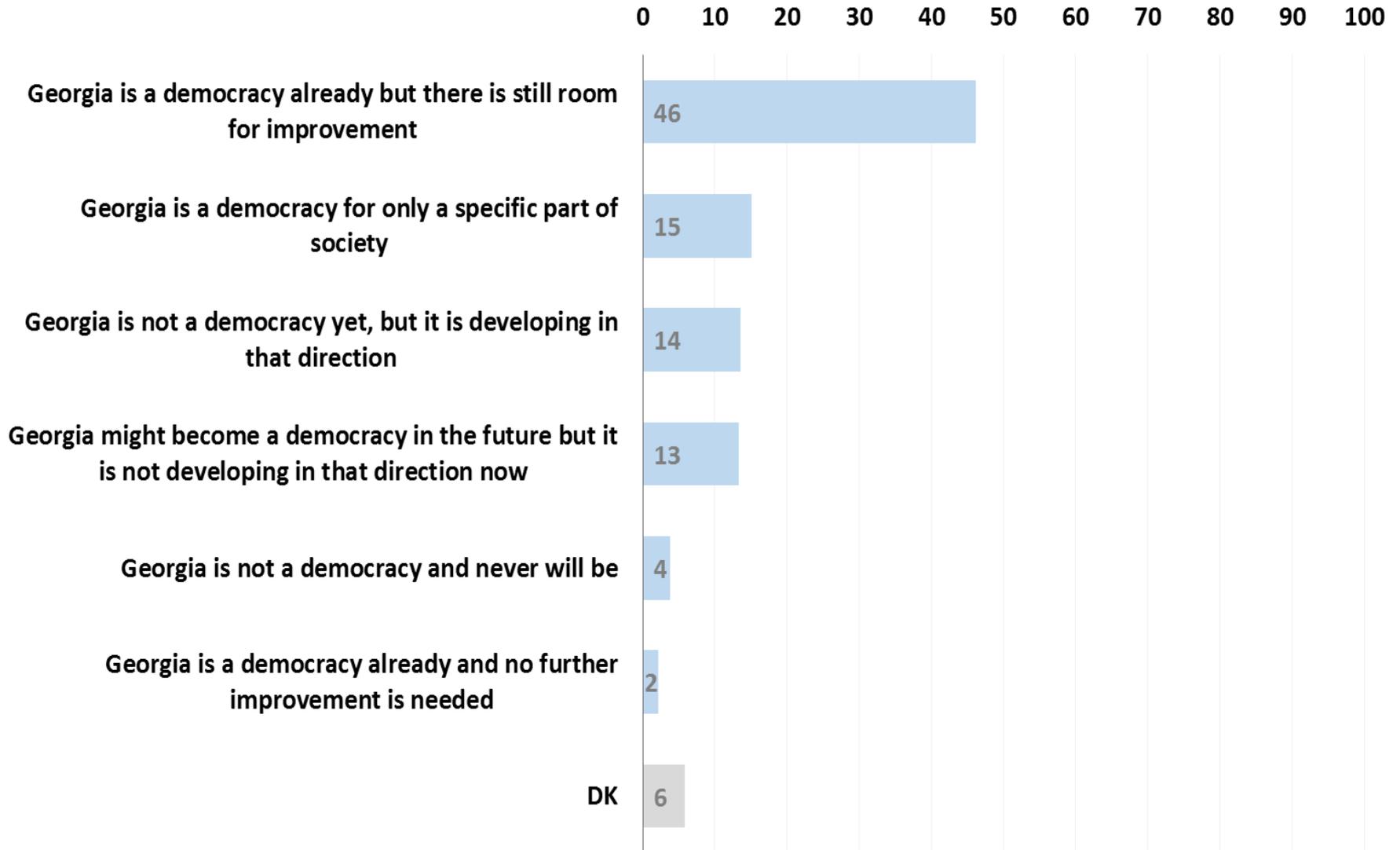
Is Georgia a democracy now? (q4)

● Yes ● No

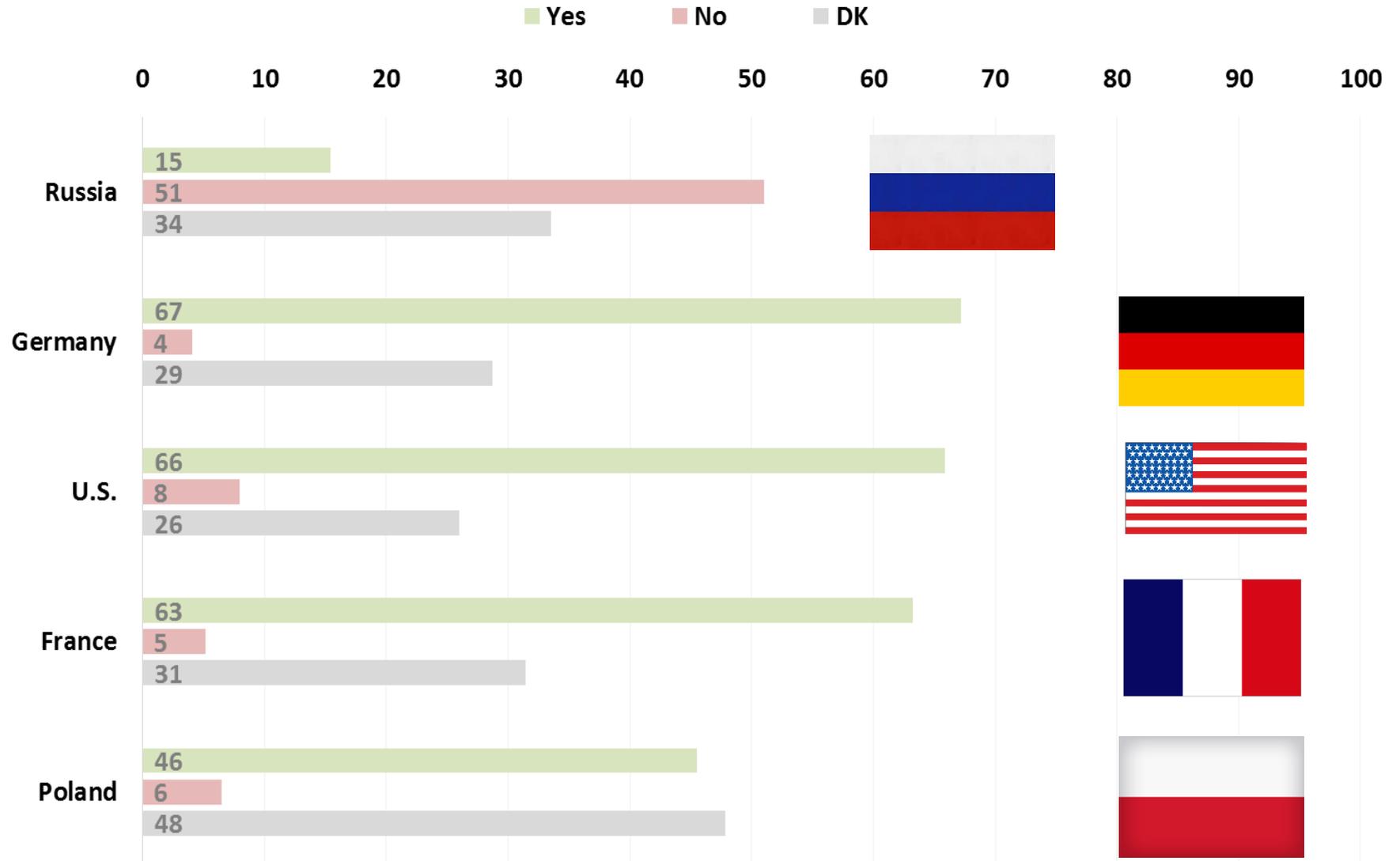


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Which statement do you agree with the most? (q5)



Is ... a democracy? (q6, q7, q8, q9, q10)

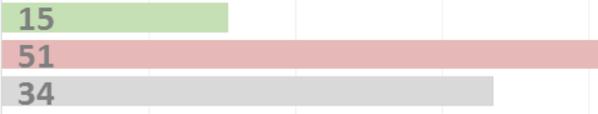


Is Russia a democracy? (q6 X Settlement)

Yes No DK

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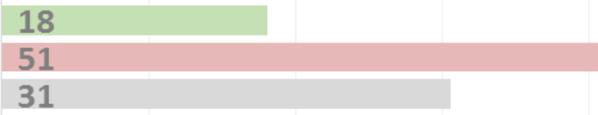
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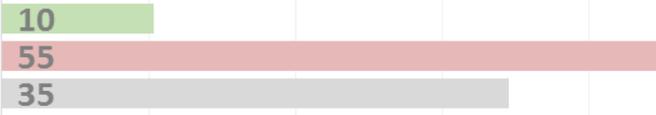
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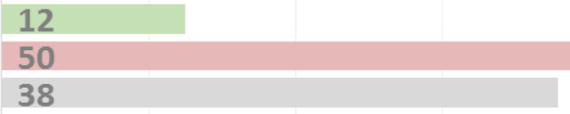
Large urban



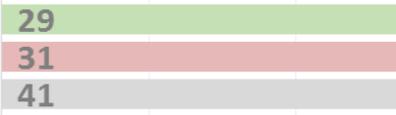
Small urban



Rural

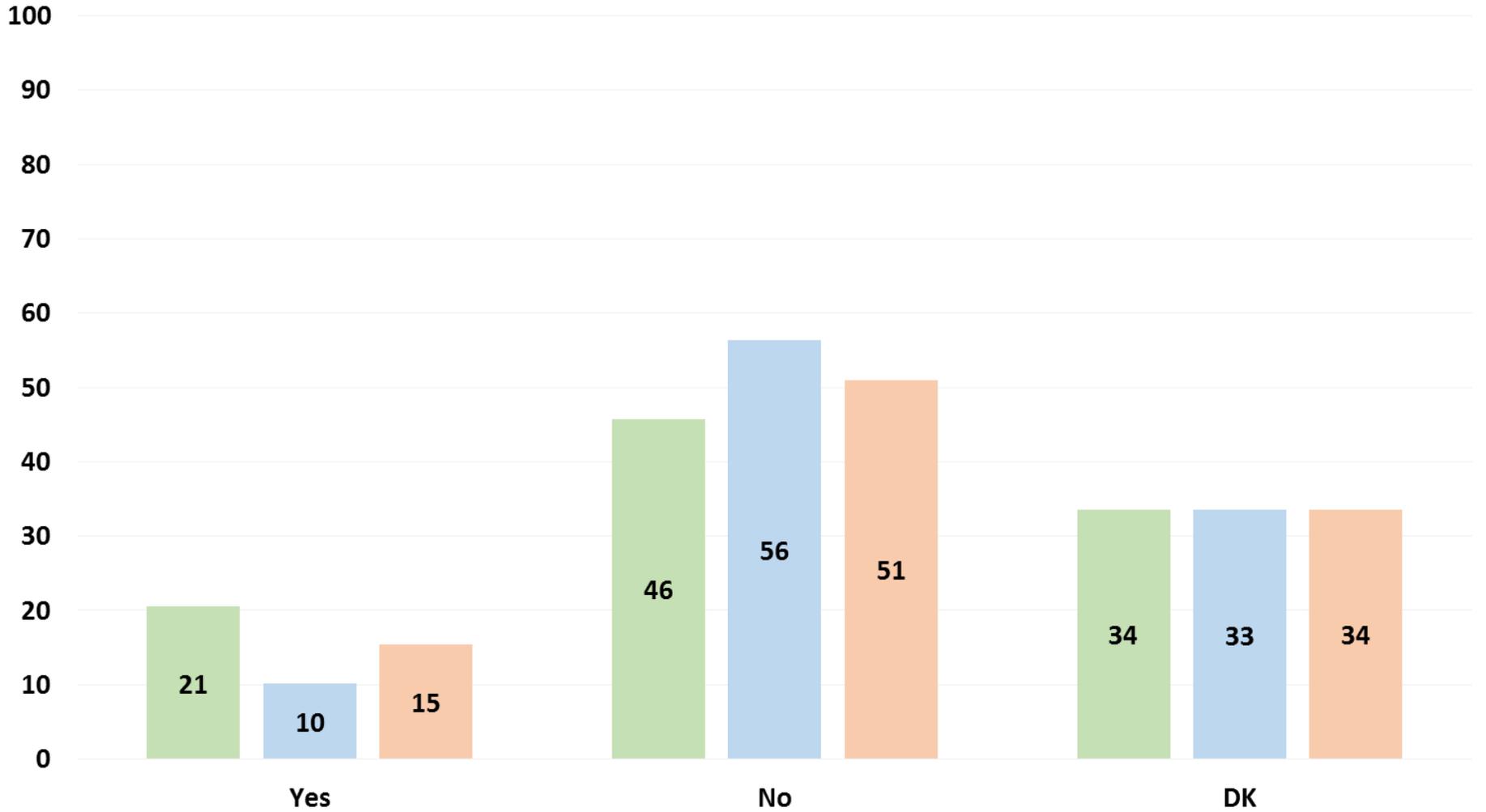


Minority settlements



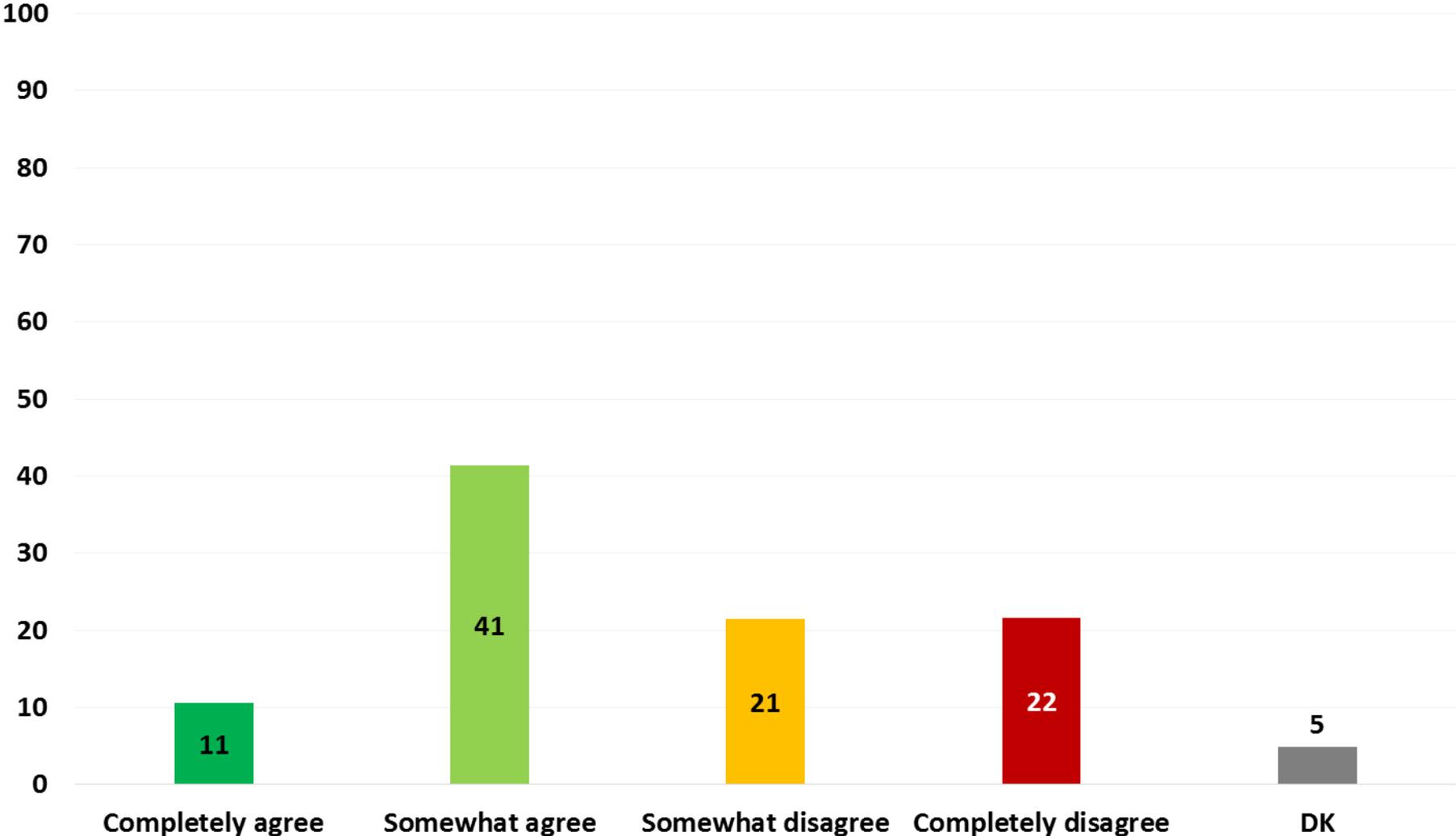
Is Russia a democracy? (q6 X Age)

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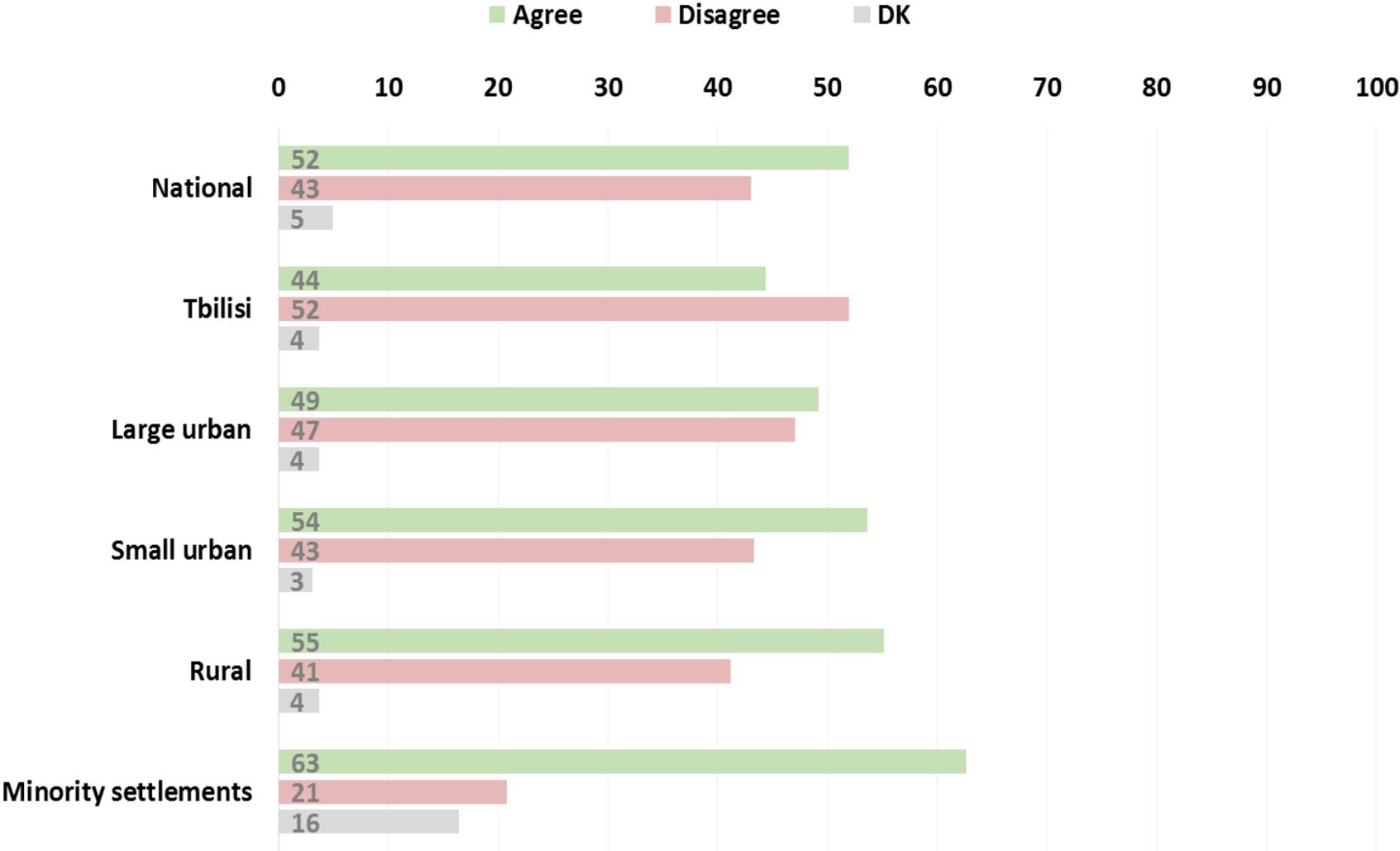


NATIONAL SECURITY

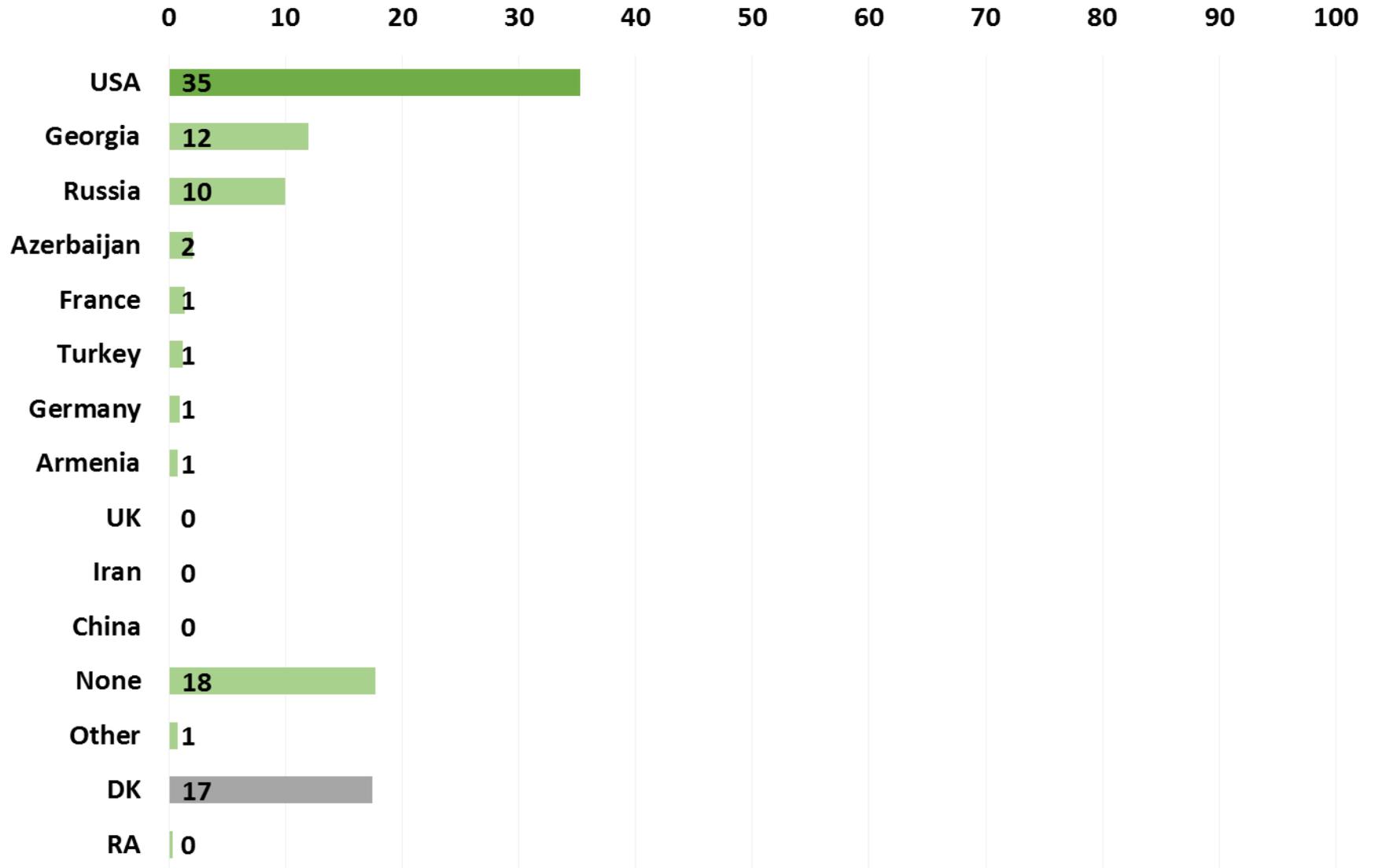
**How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
In terms of national security Georgia is a secure country? (q12)**



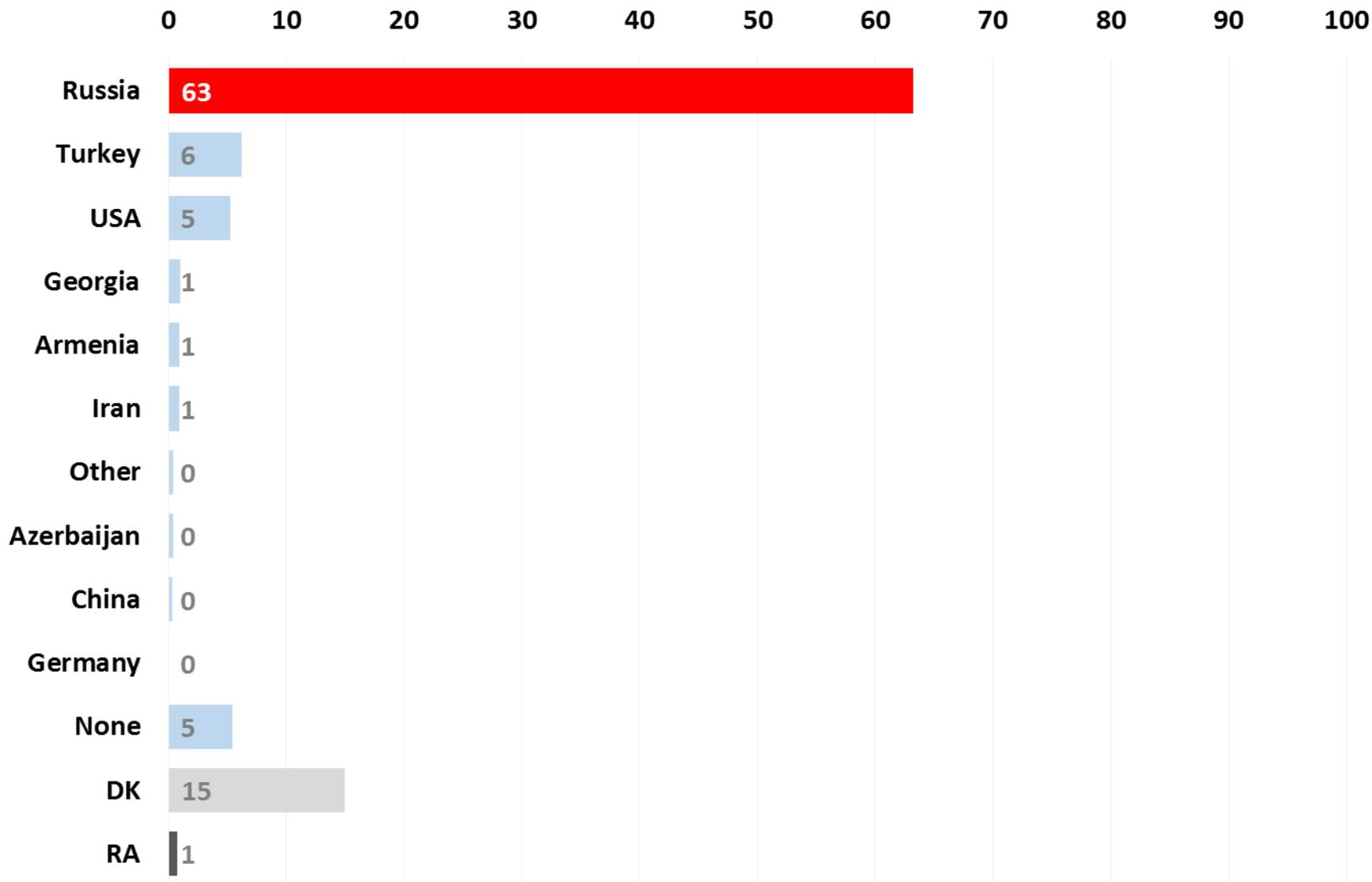
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In terms of national security Georgia is a secure country? (q12 X Settlement)



Which country would offer Georgia best security? (q37)

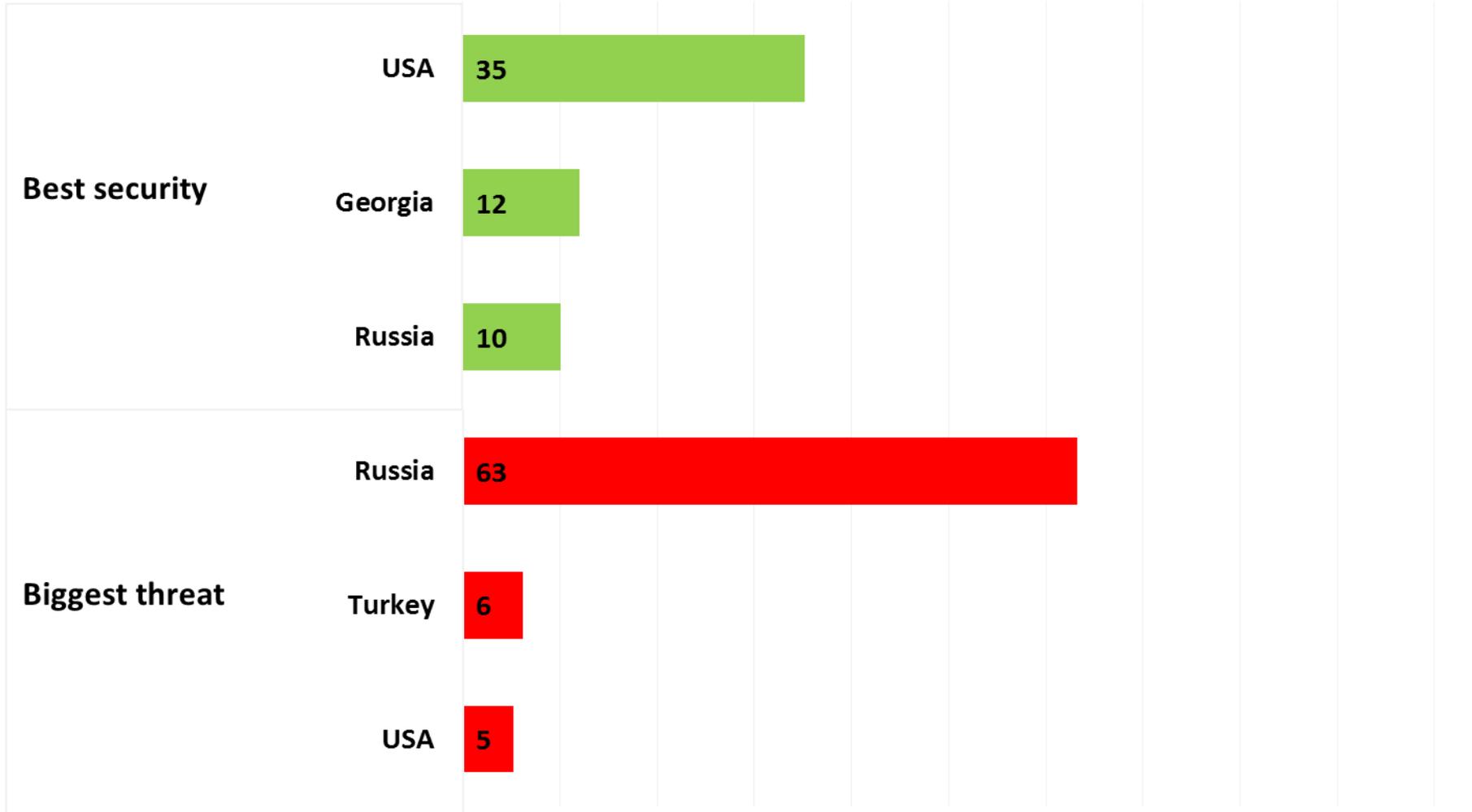


Which country poses biggest threat to Georgia? (q38)

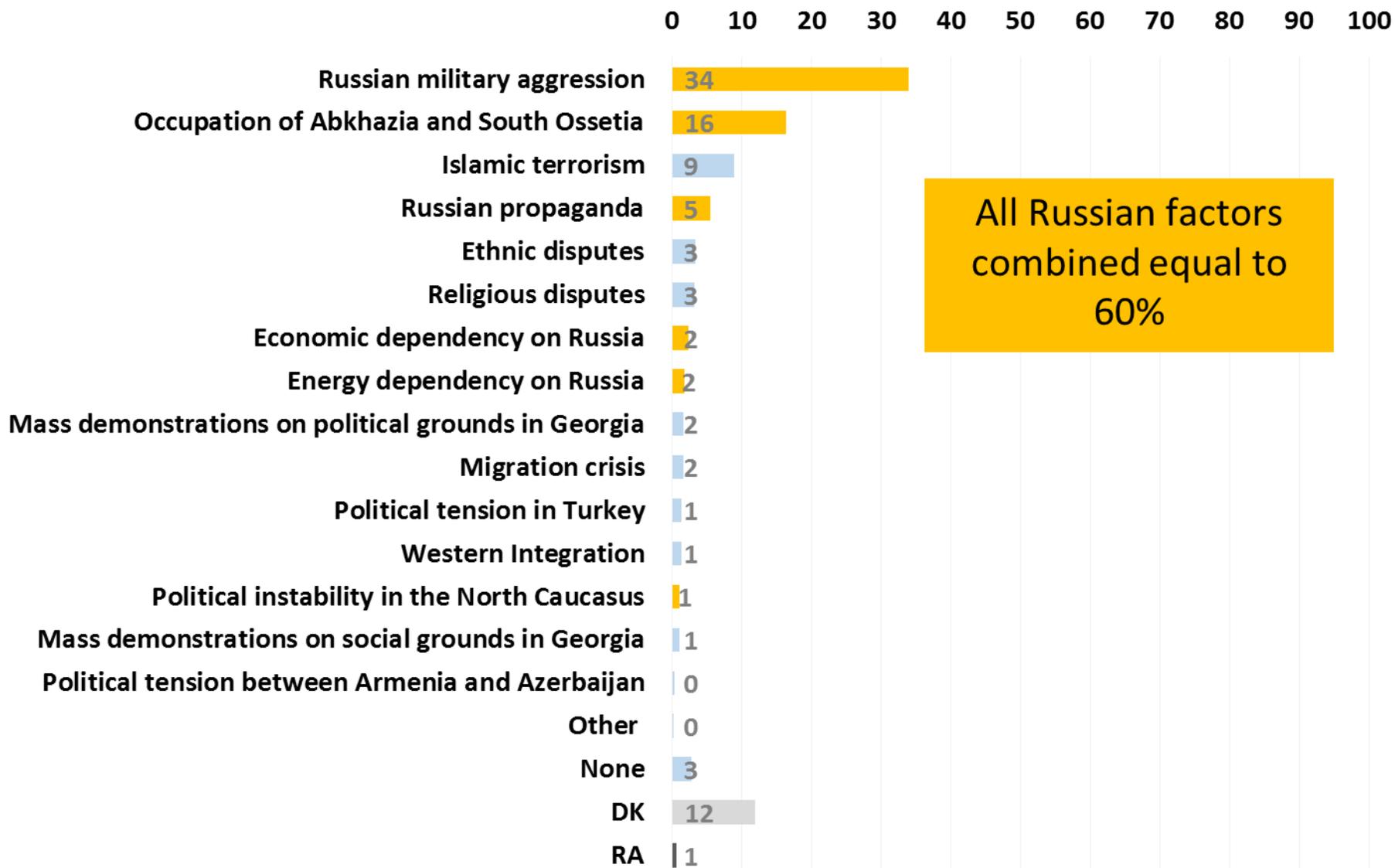


Which country would offer Georgia best security/poses biggest threat to Georgia? (q37, q38)

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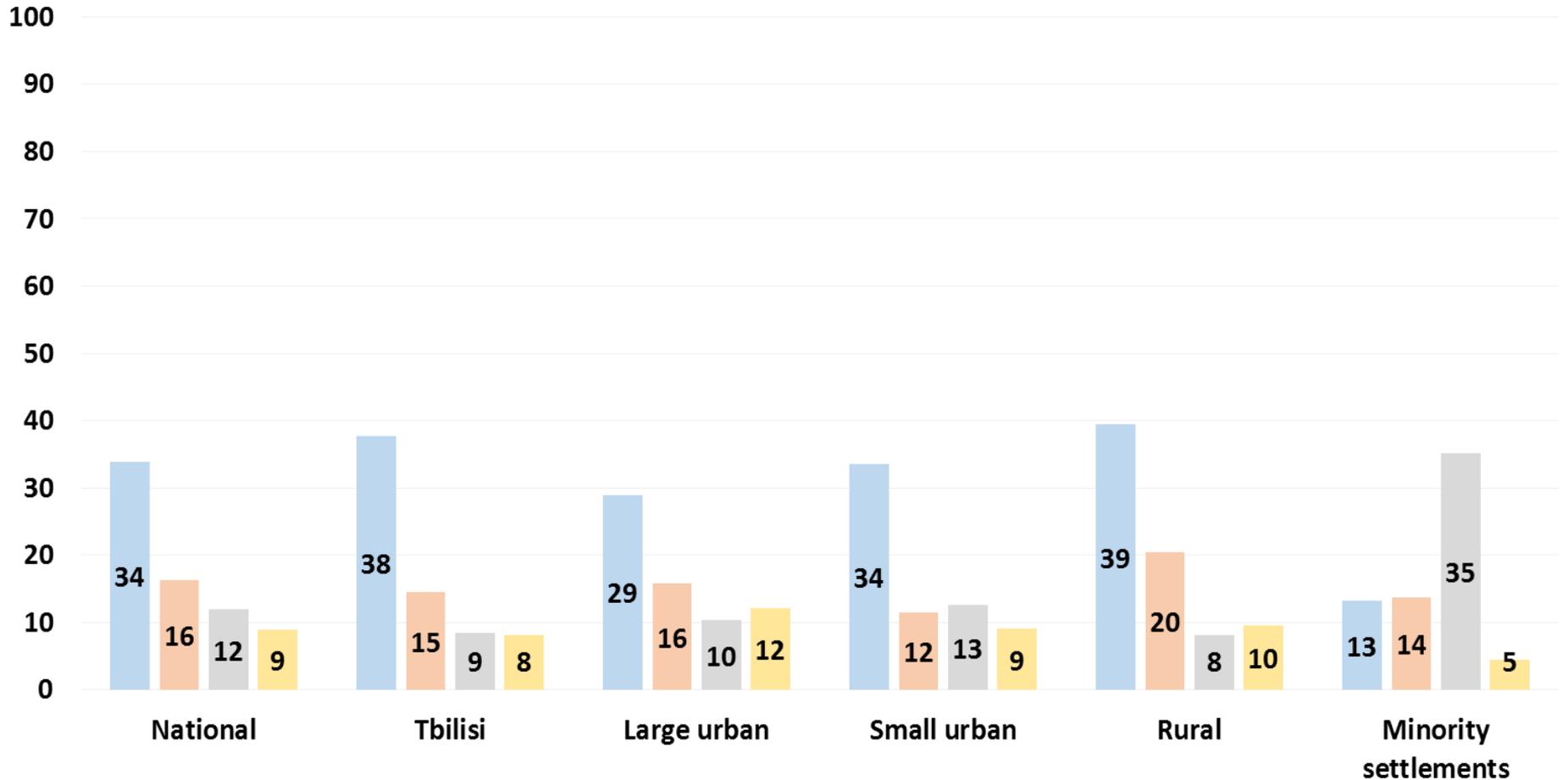


What is the top threat to Georgia's national security? (q39)

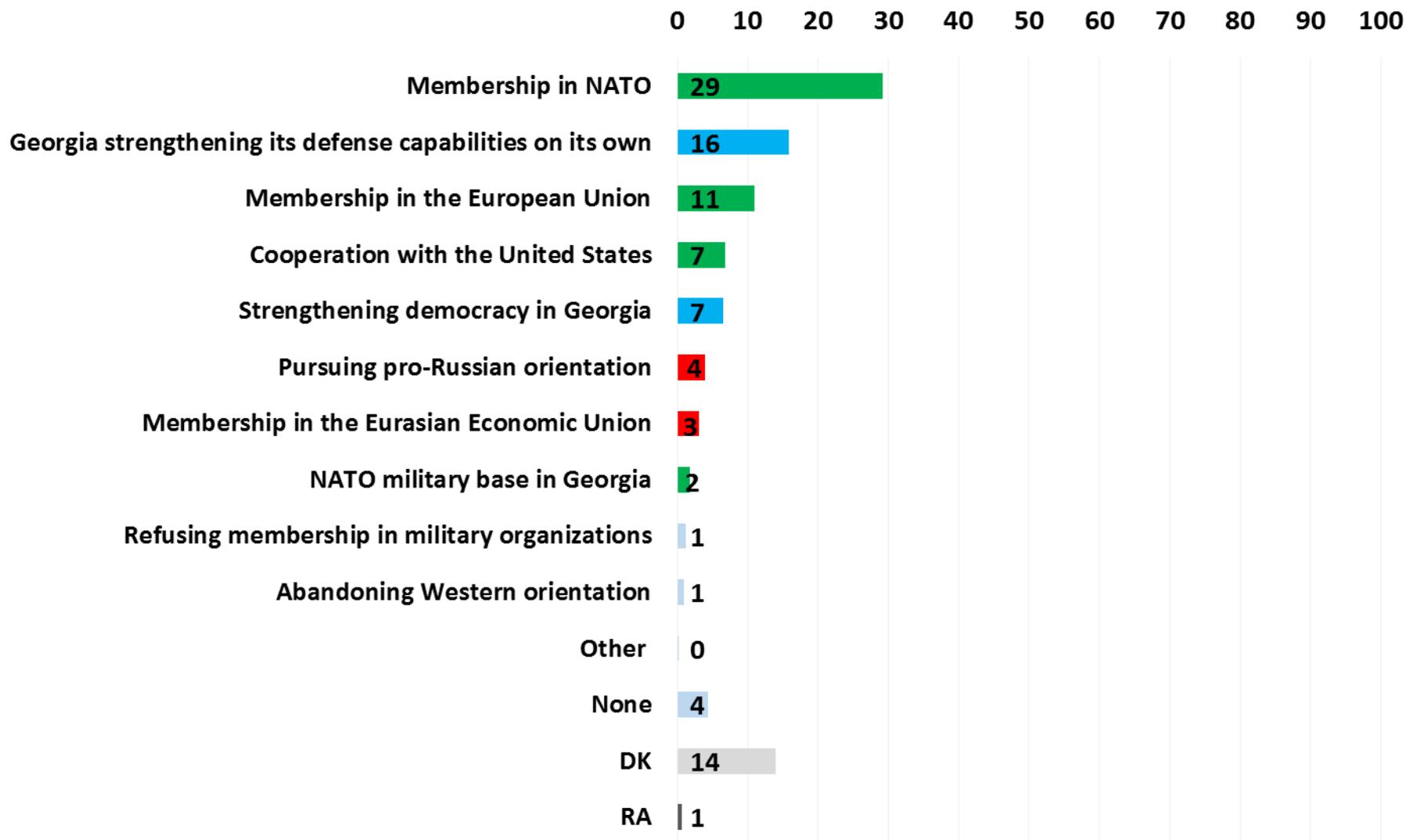


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Russian Military Aggression Occupation of Abkhazia and South Ossetia DK Islamic Terrorism

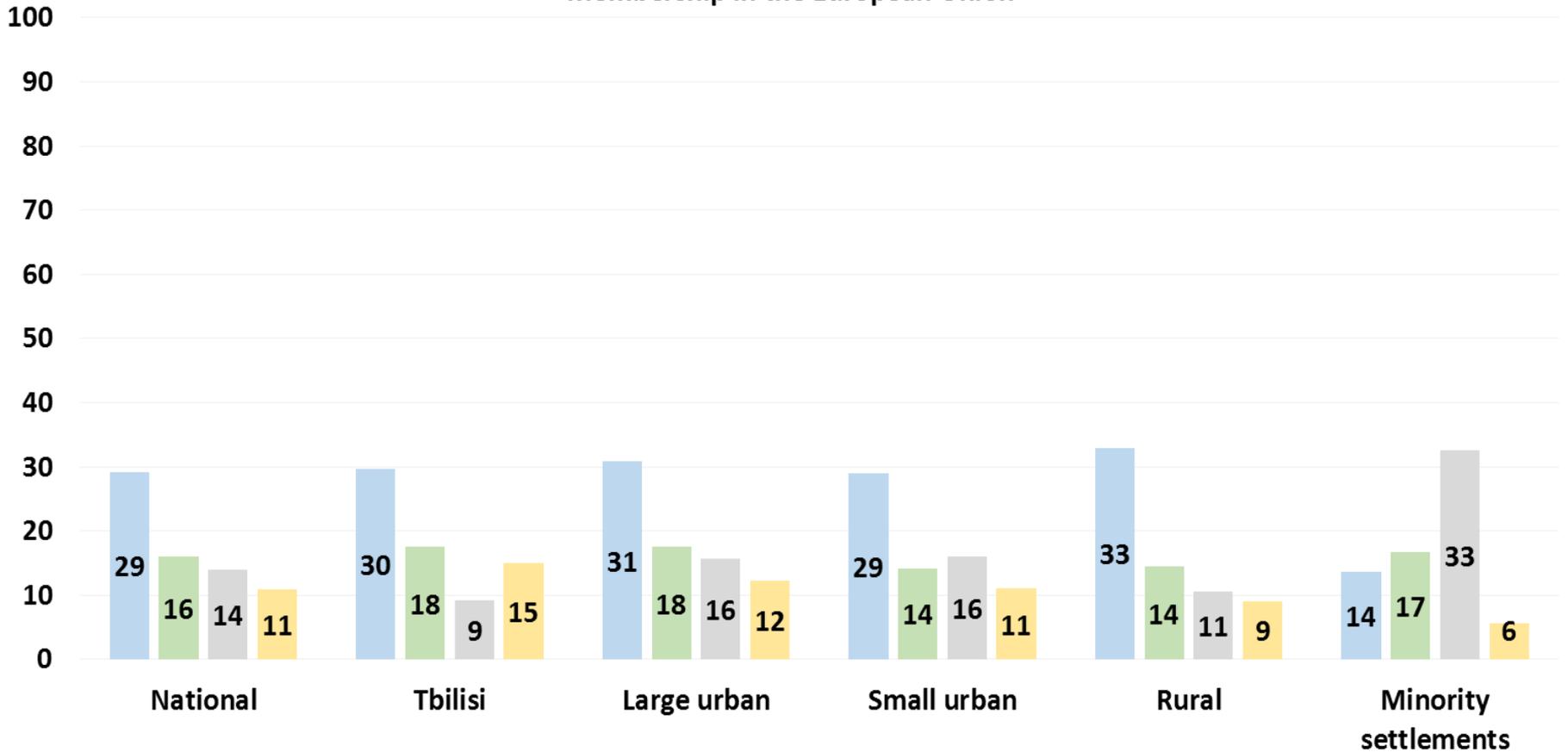


Which of the following would help the most to ensure Georgia's national security? (q40)



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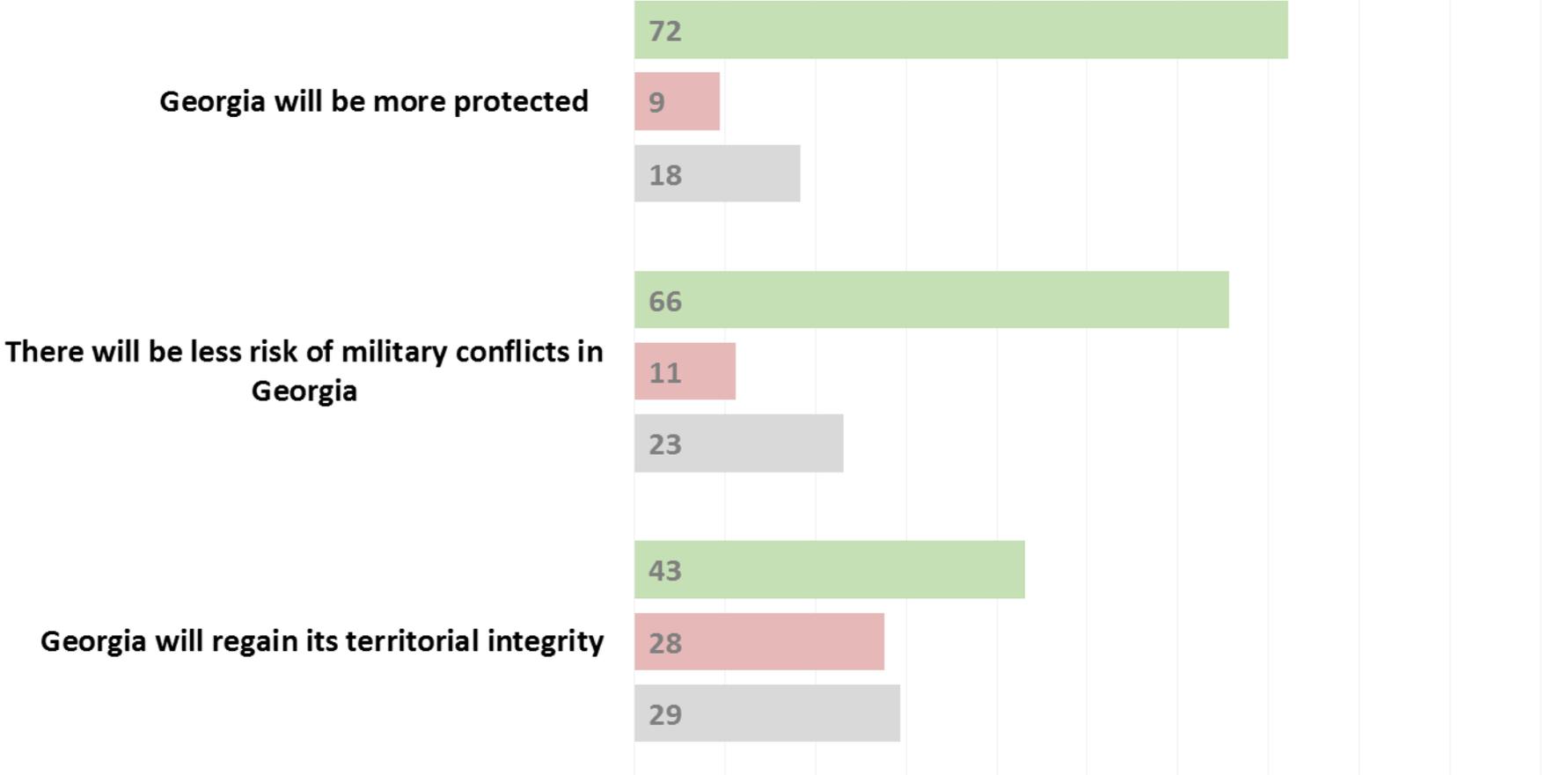
- Membership in NATO
- Georgia strengthening its defense capabilities on its own
- Don't know
- Membership in the European Union



Thinking about 15 years from now, do you agree or disagree that ...? (q41)

Agree Disagree DK

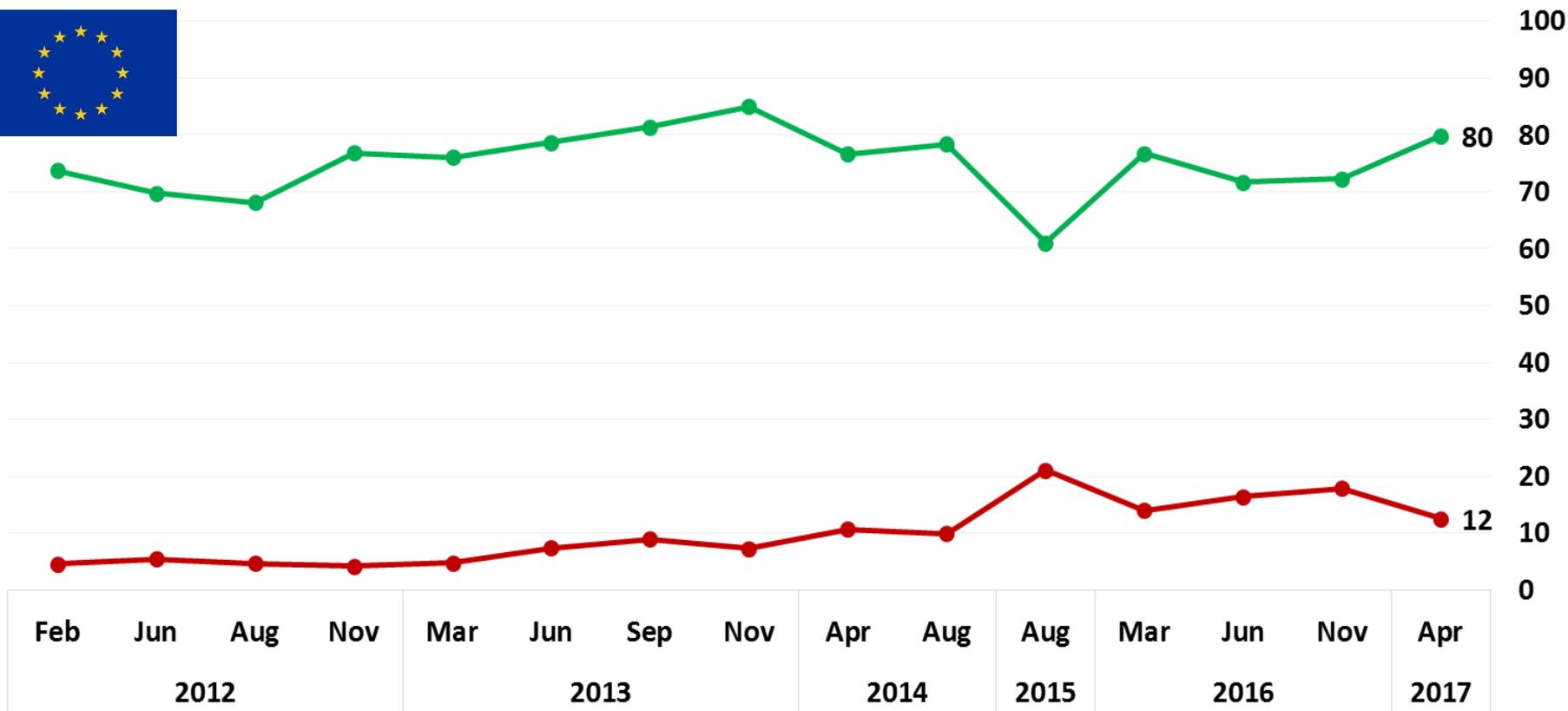
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EUROPEAN UNION

Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q15)

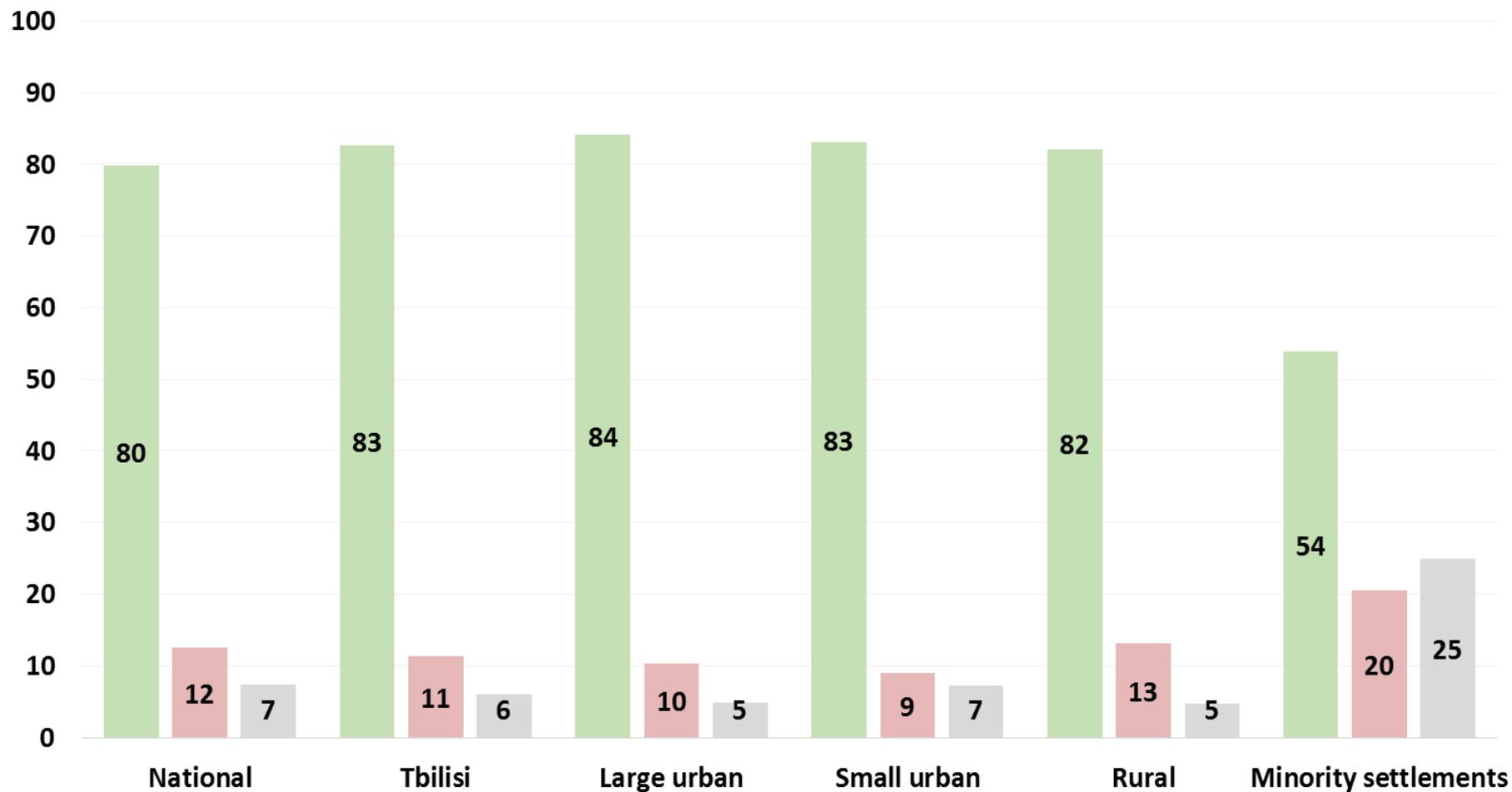
—●— Approve —●— Disapprove



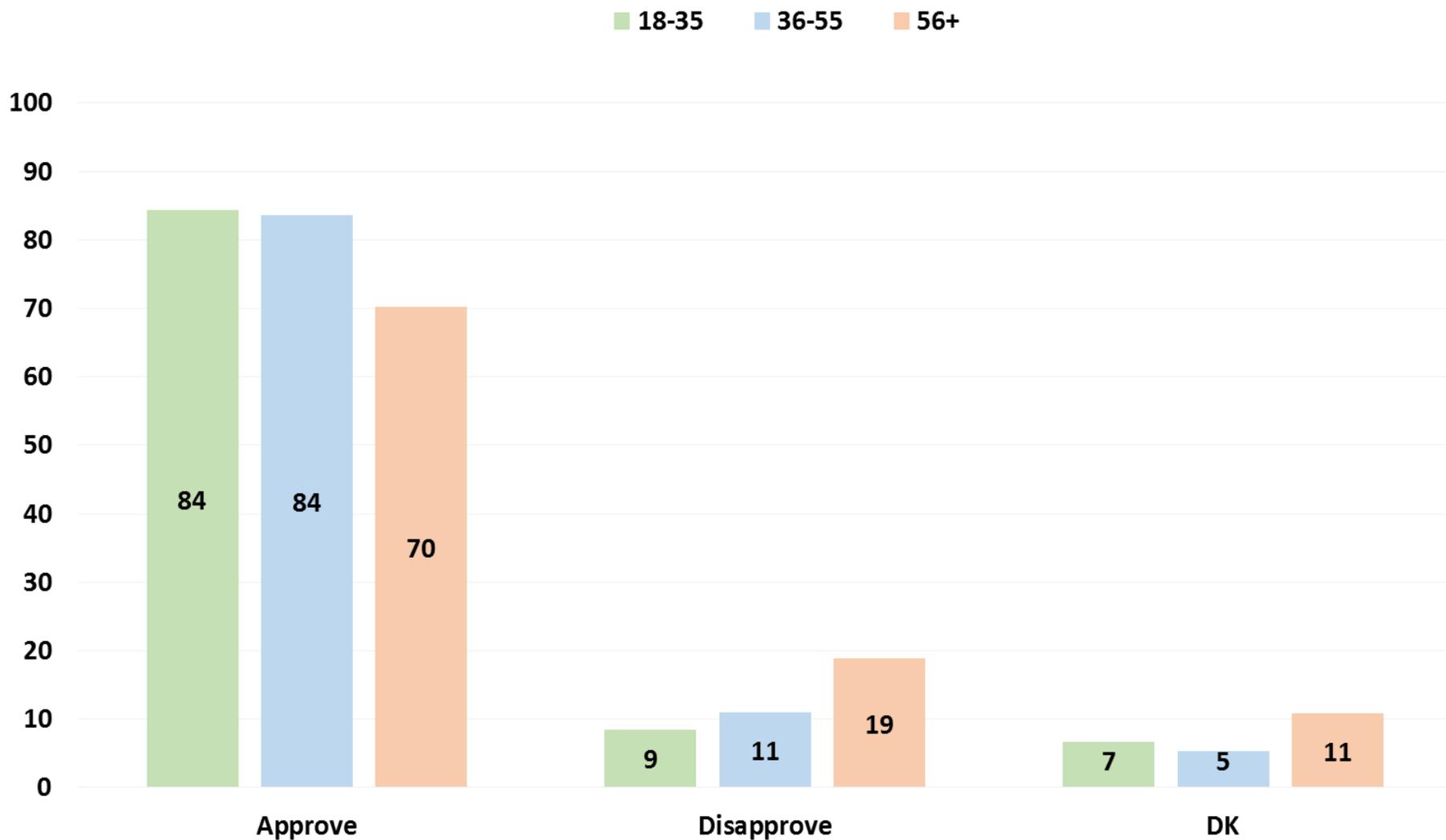
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Approve Disapprove DK

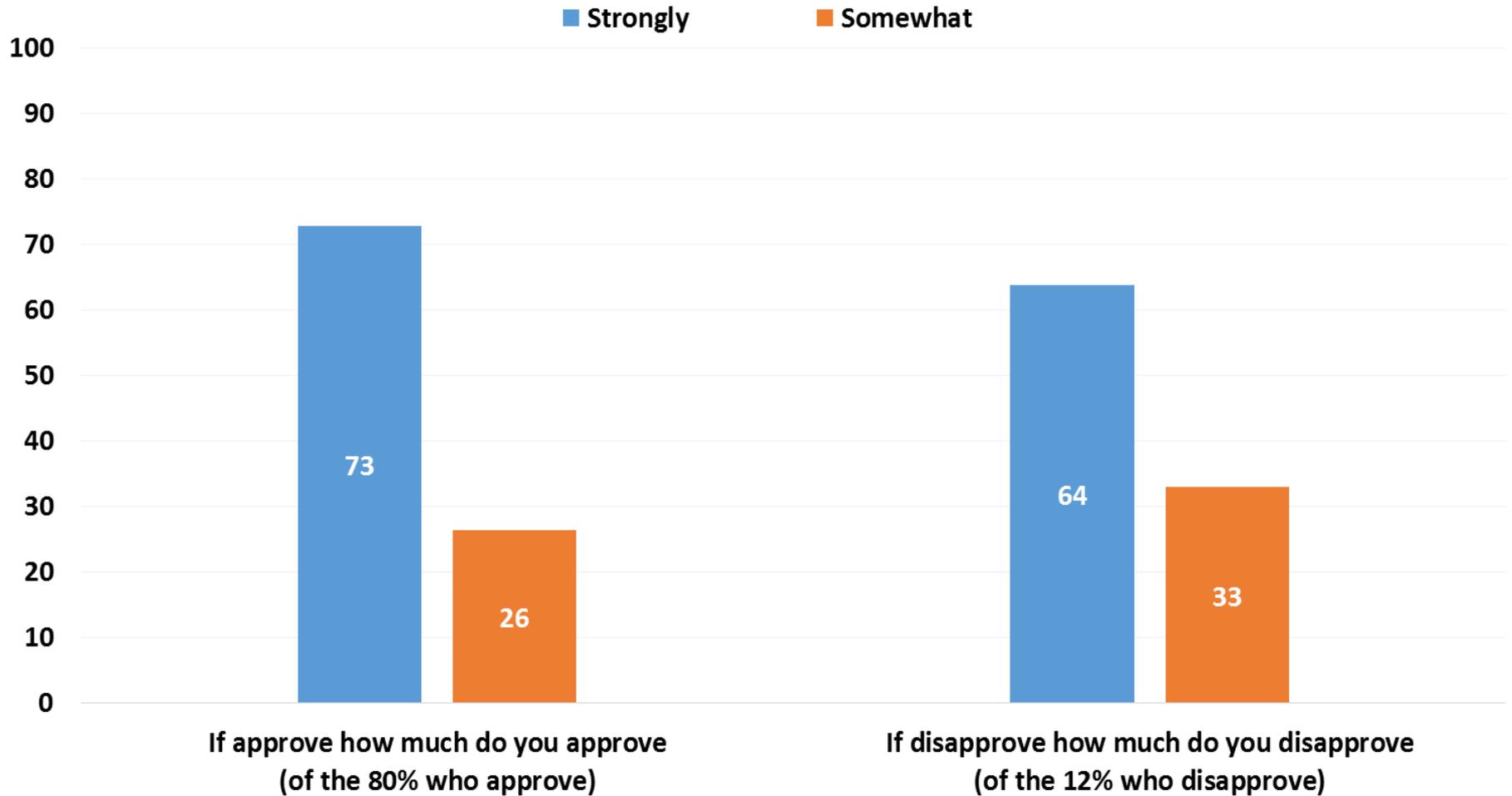


Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q15 X Age)

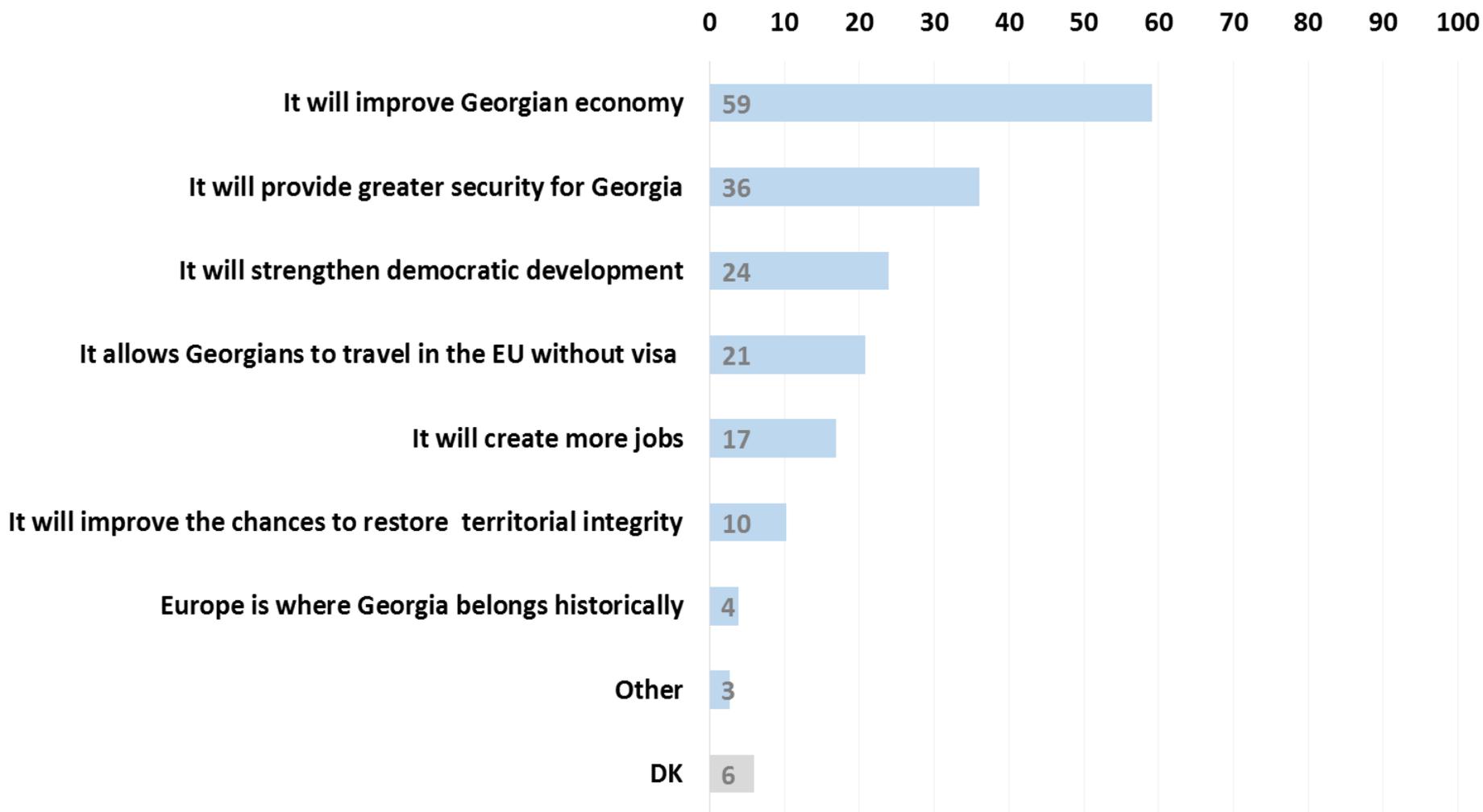


If approve how much do you approve of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q16)

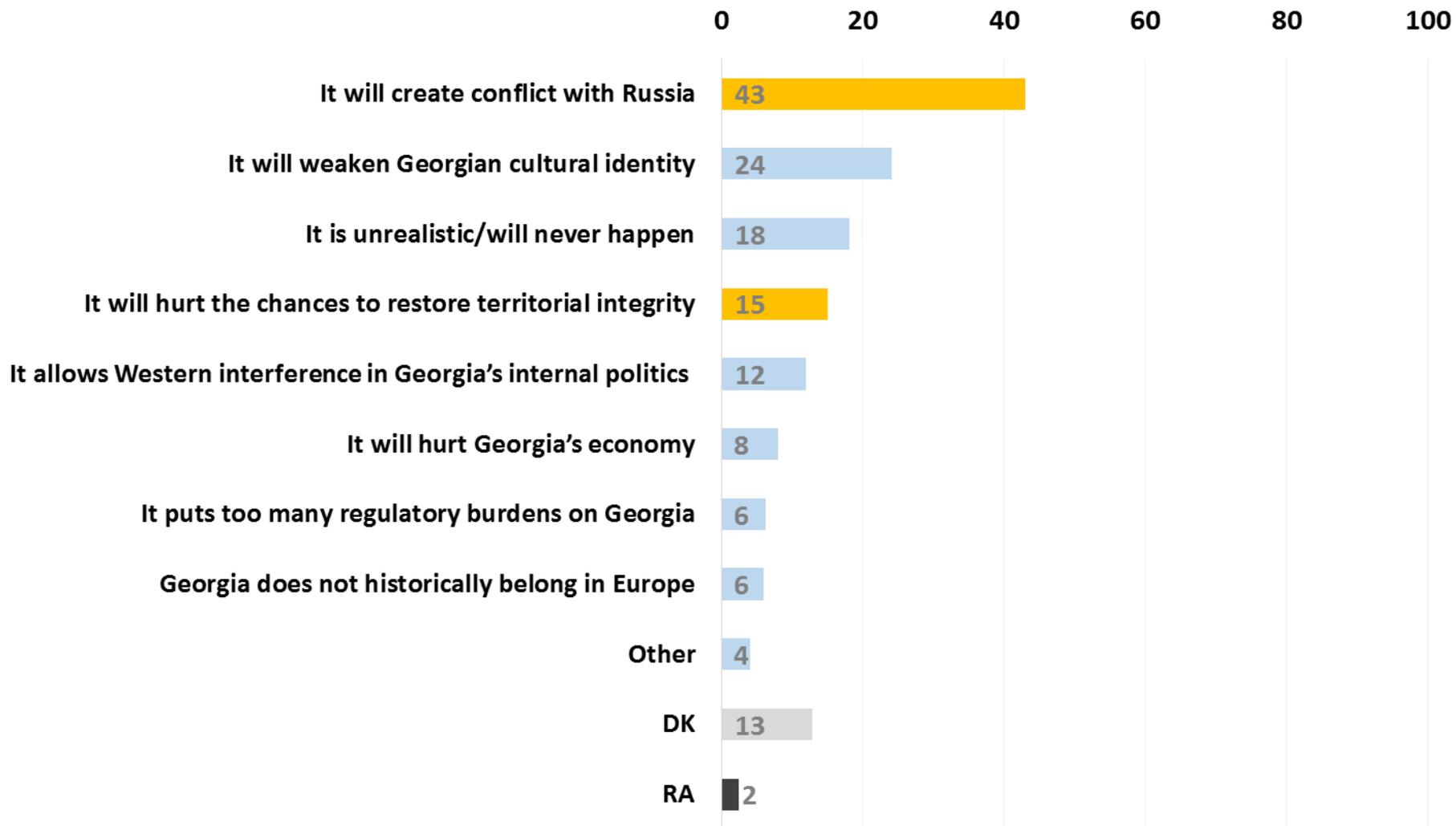
If disapprove how much do you disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q18)



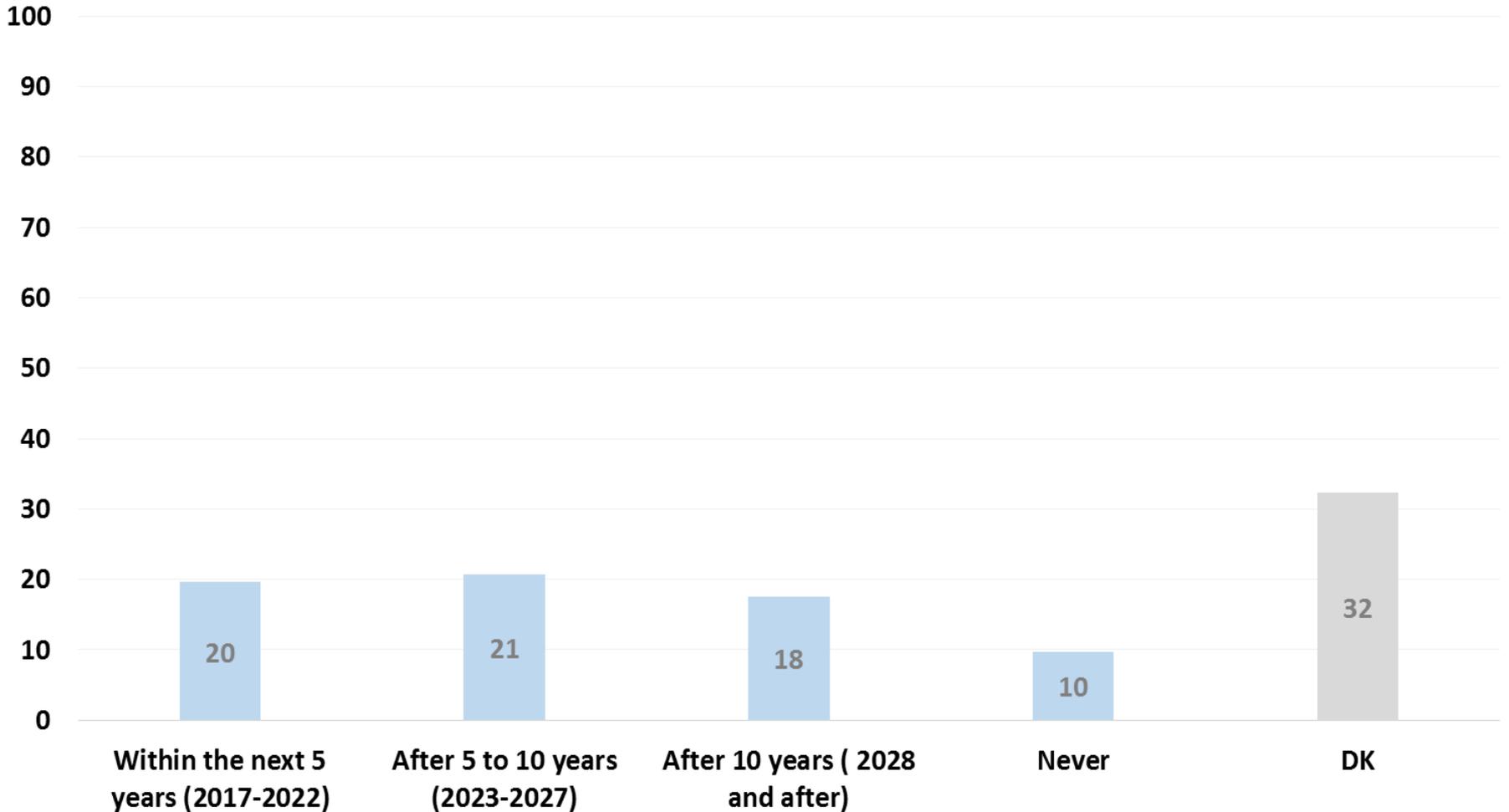
If Approve, why do you approve it? Name up to three (q17) - of the 80% who approve of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU



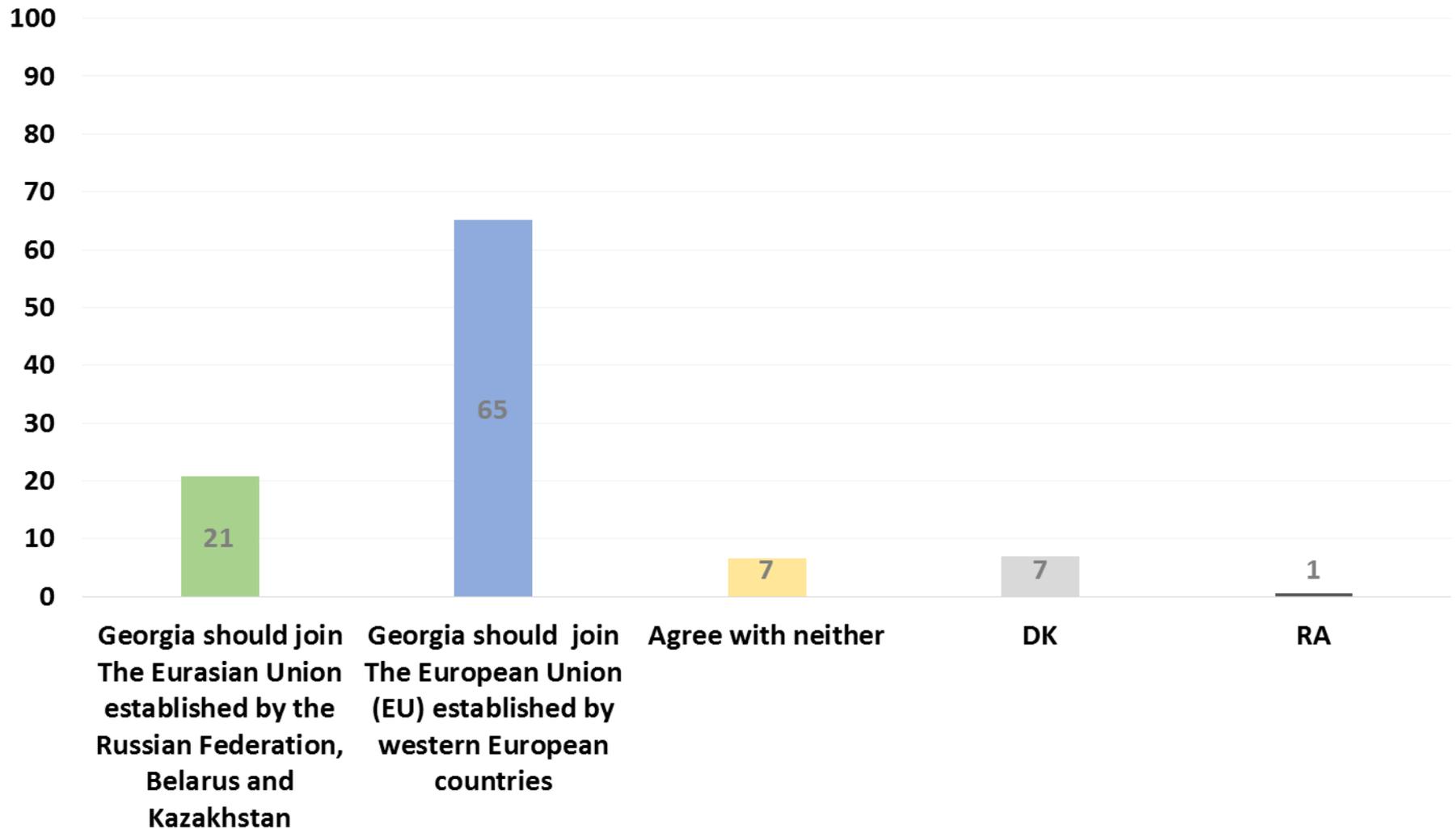
If Disapprove, Why do you disapprove it? Name up to three (q19) - of the 12% who disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU



If Georgia applies for EU membership now, when do you think Georgia will be granted EU membership? (q20)

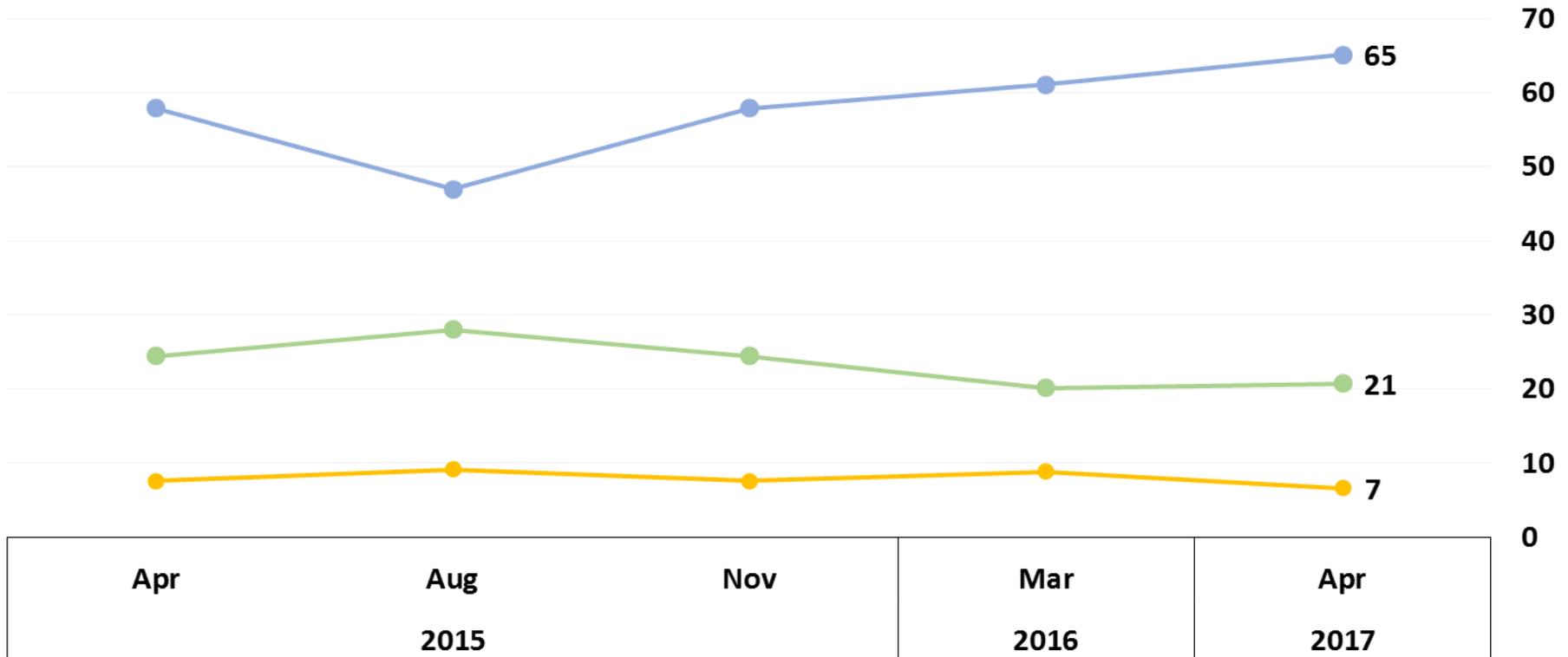


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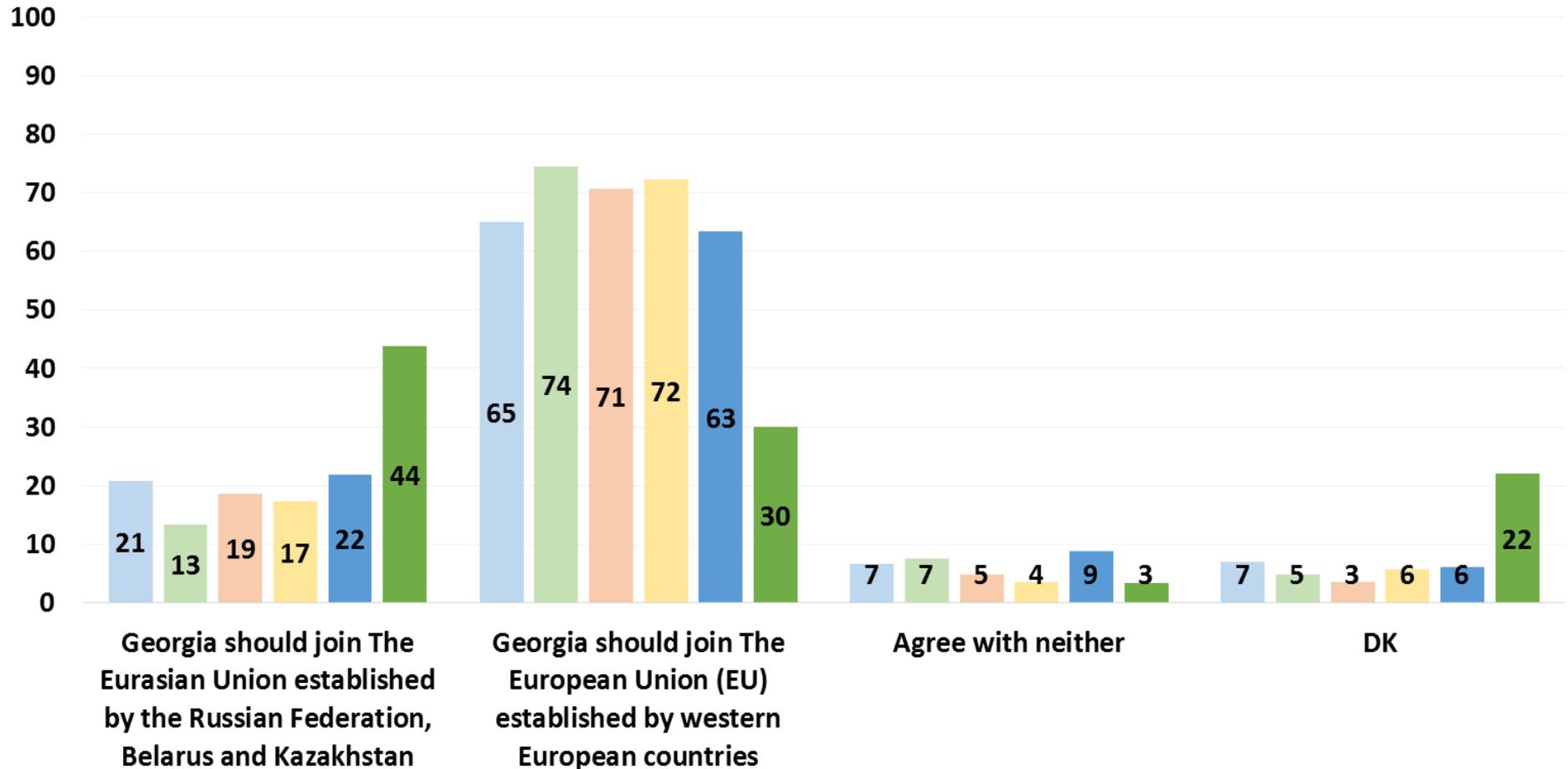
- Georgia should join the Eurasian Union established by the Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan
- Georgia should join the European Union (EU) established by western European countries
- Agree with neither



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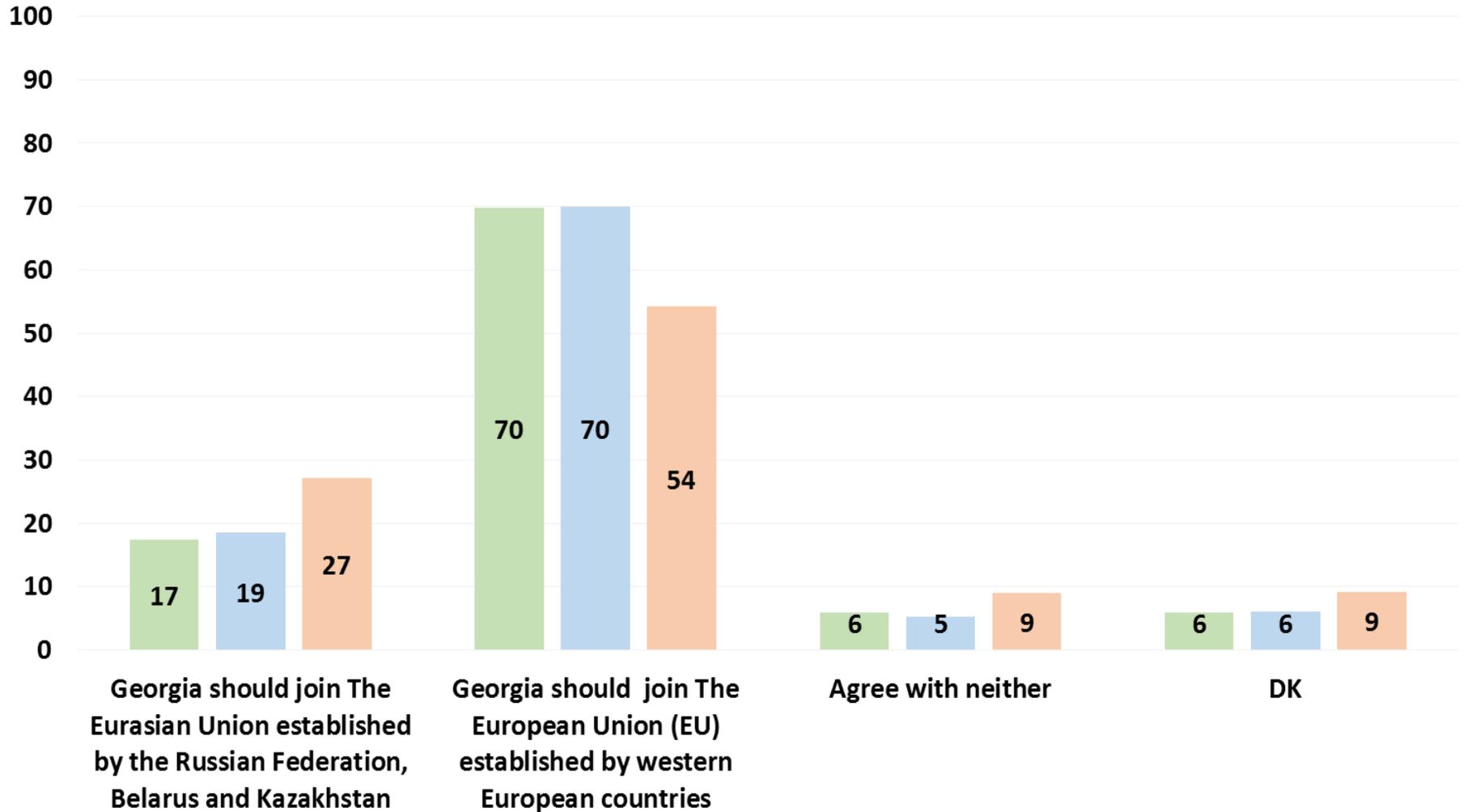
Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q21 X Settlement)

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Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q21 X Age)

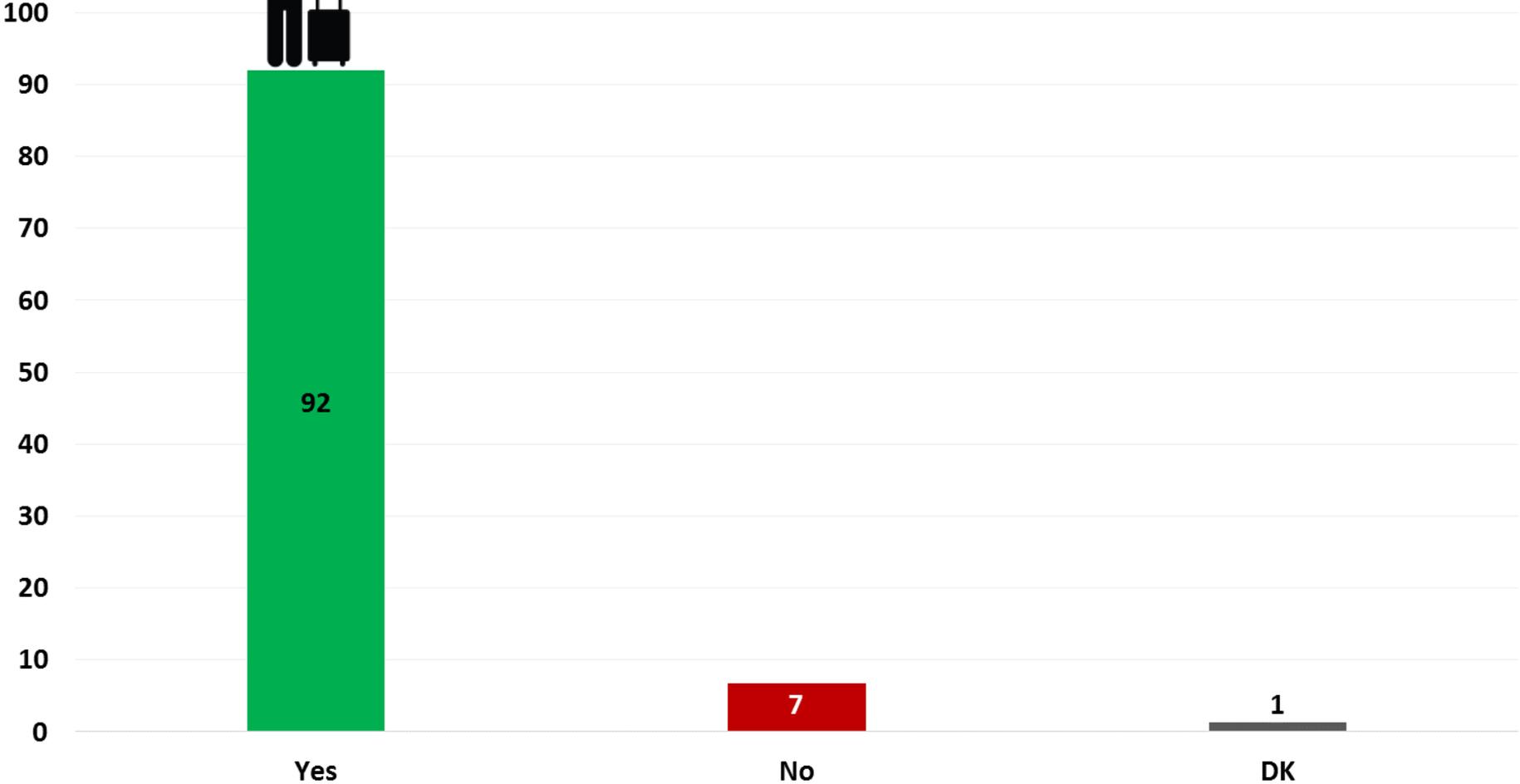
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VISA LIBERALIZATION WITH EU

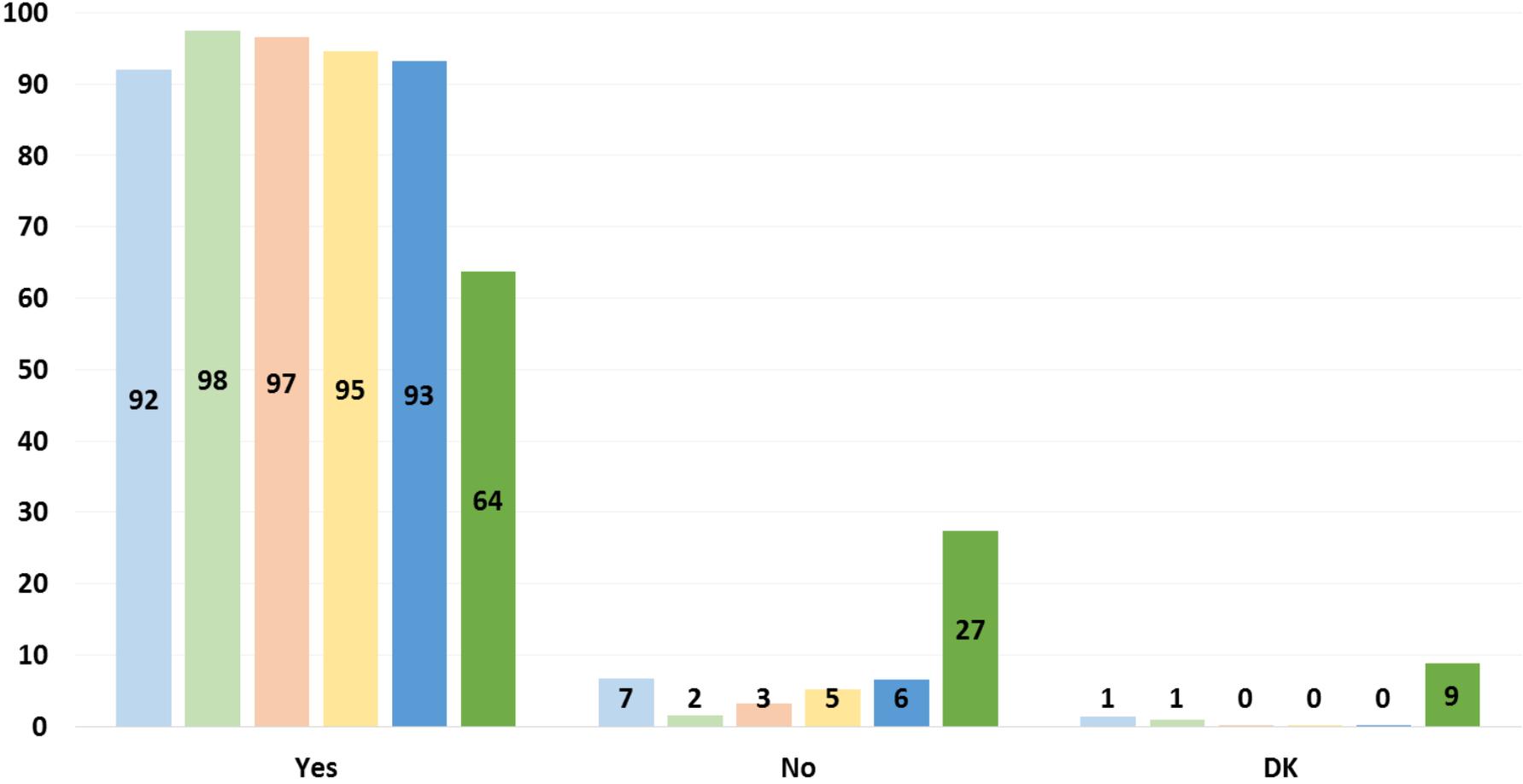


Have you heard about the visa liberalization for Georgian citizens traveling to most of EU member countries? (q22)



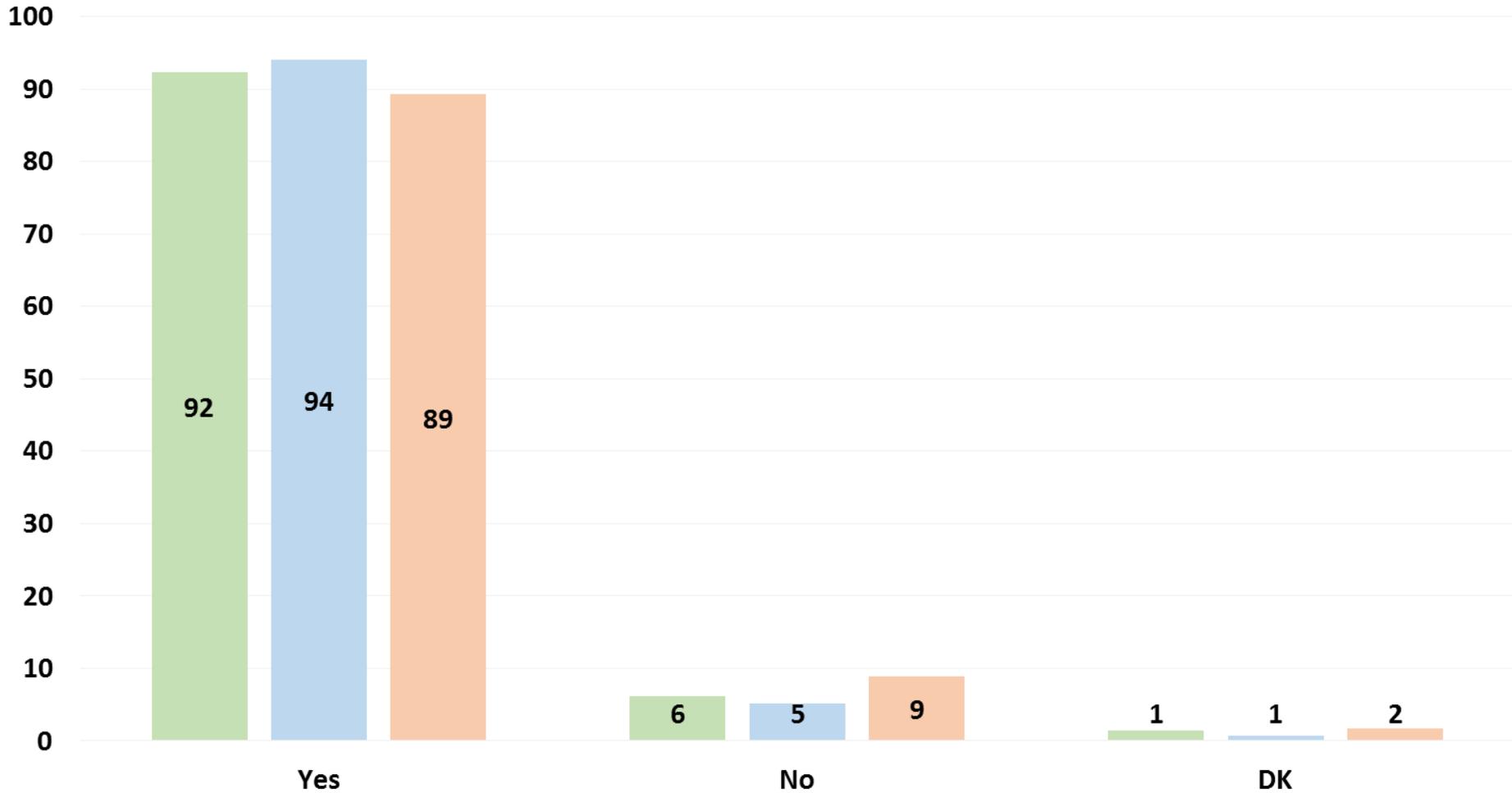
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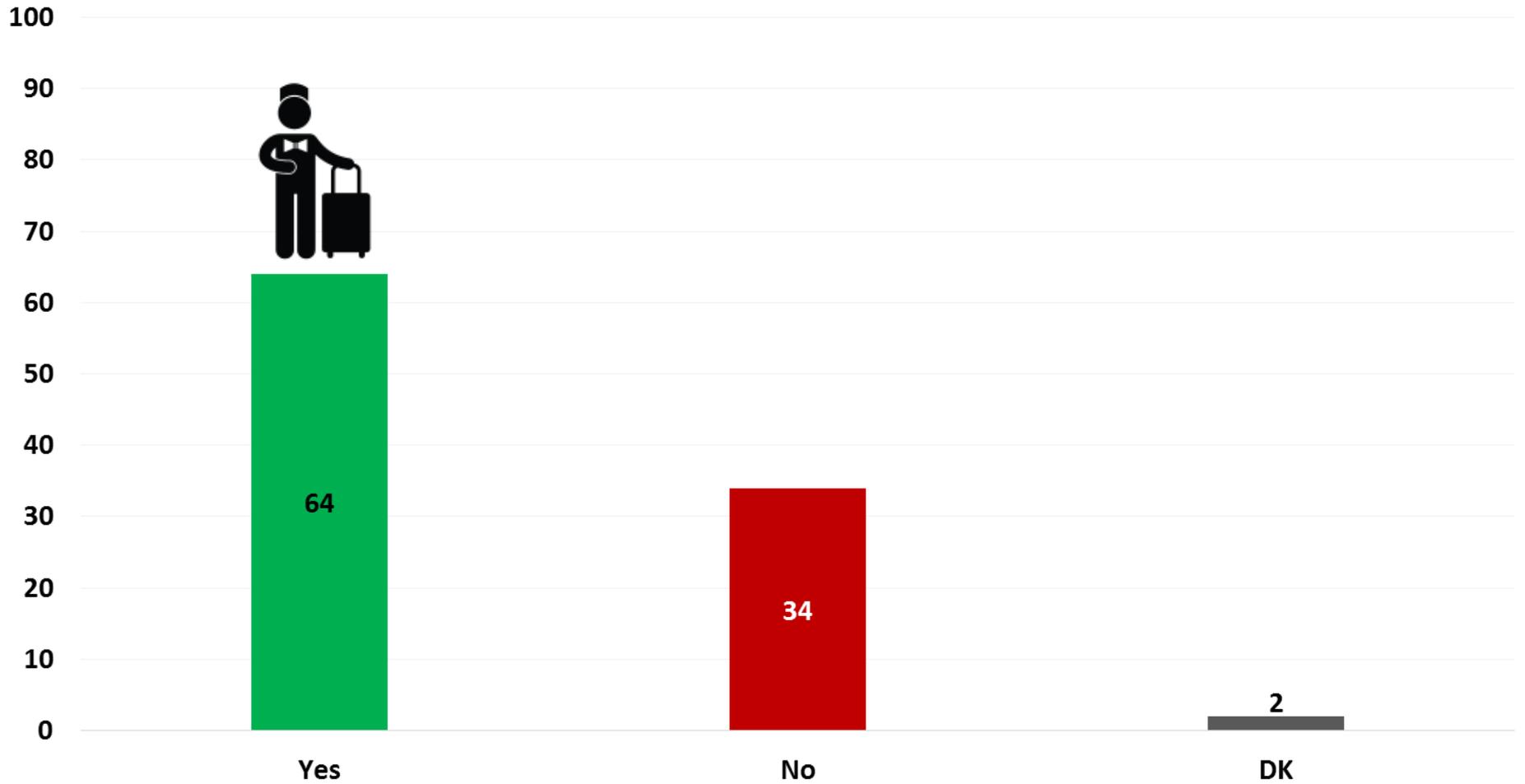


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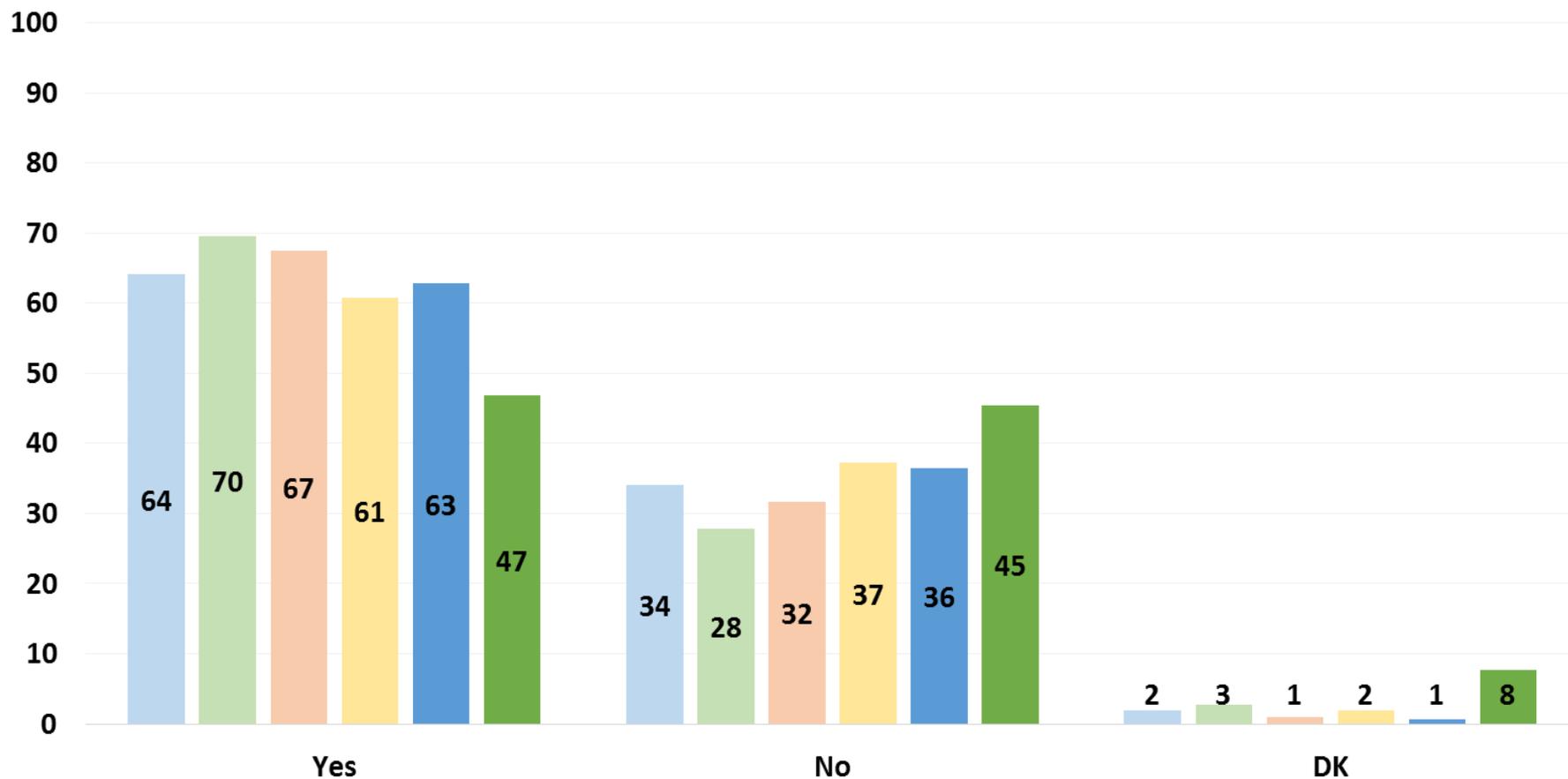


If yes, do you feel you have enough information about the procedures/rules of Visa free travel? (q23) - of the 92% who have heard about the visa liberalization for Georgian citizens



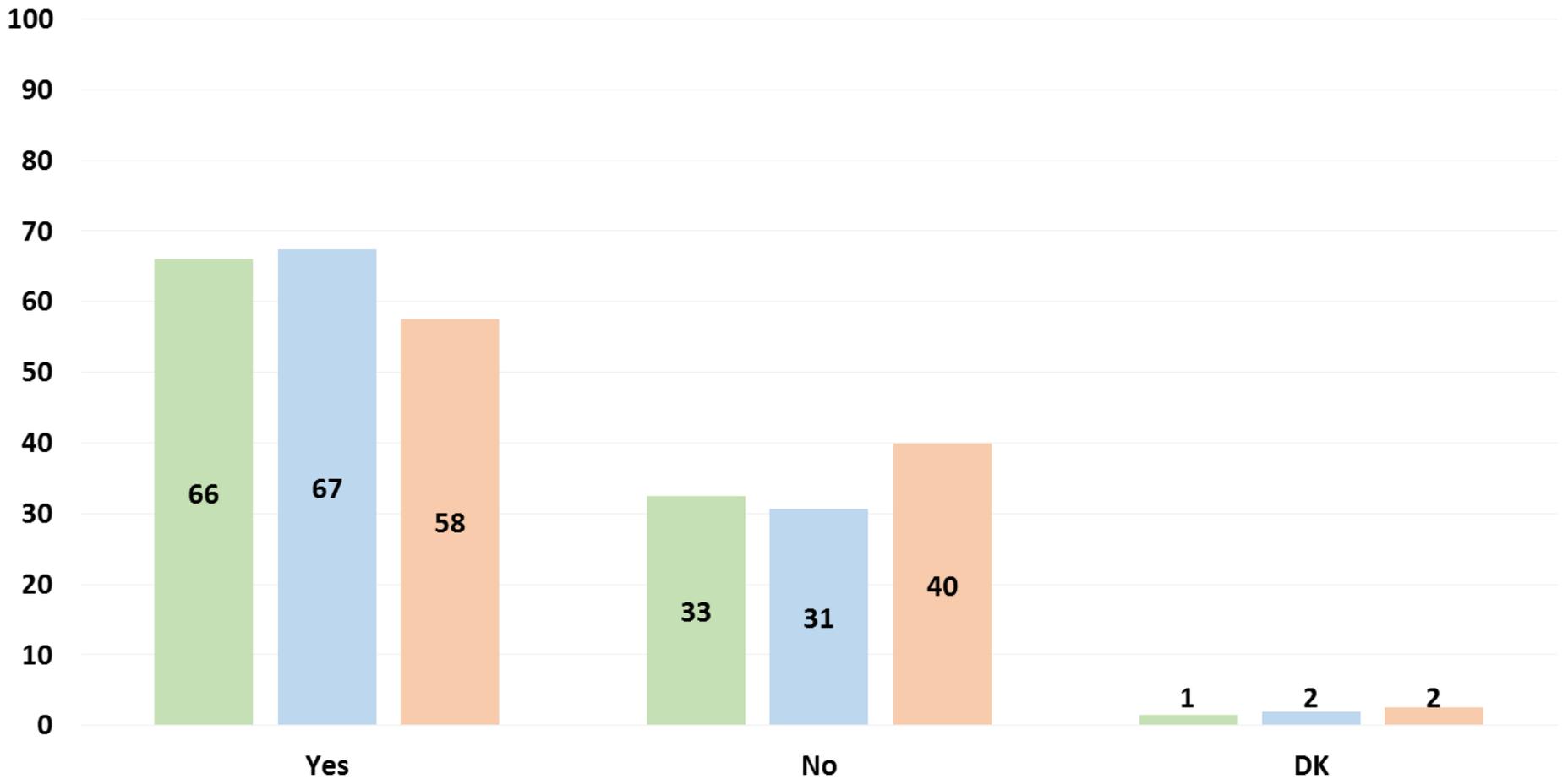
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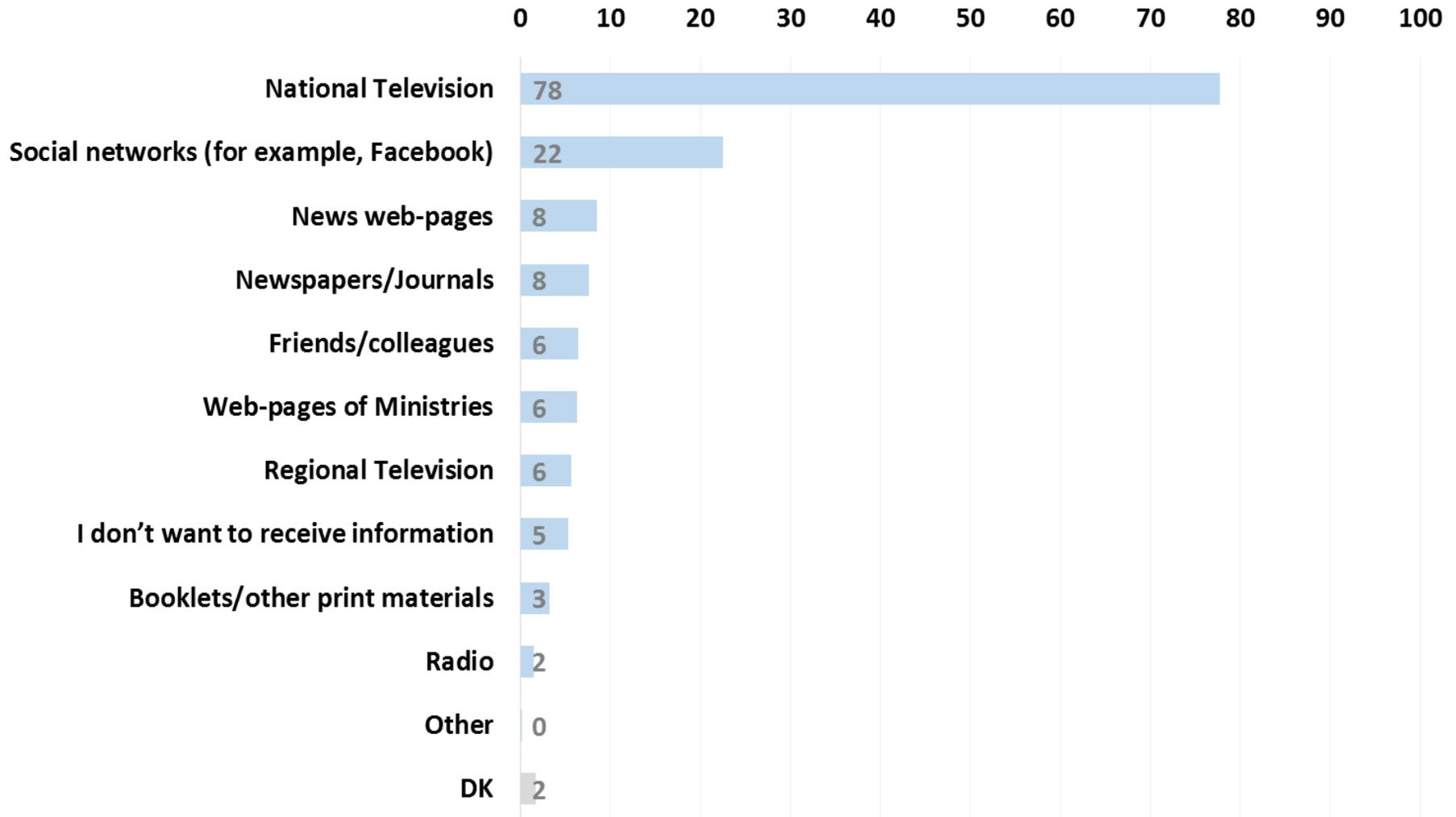


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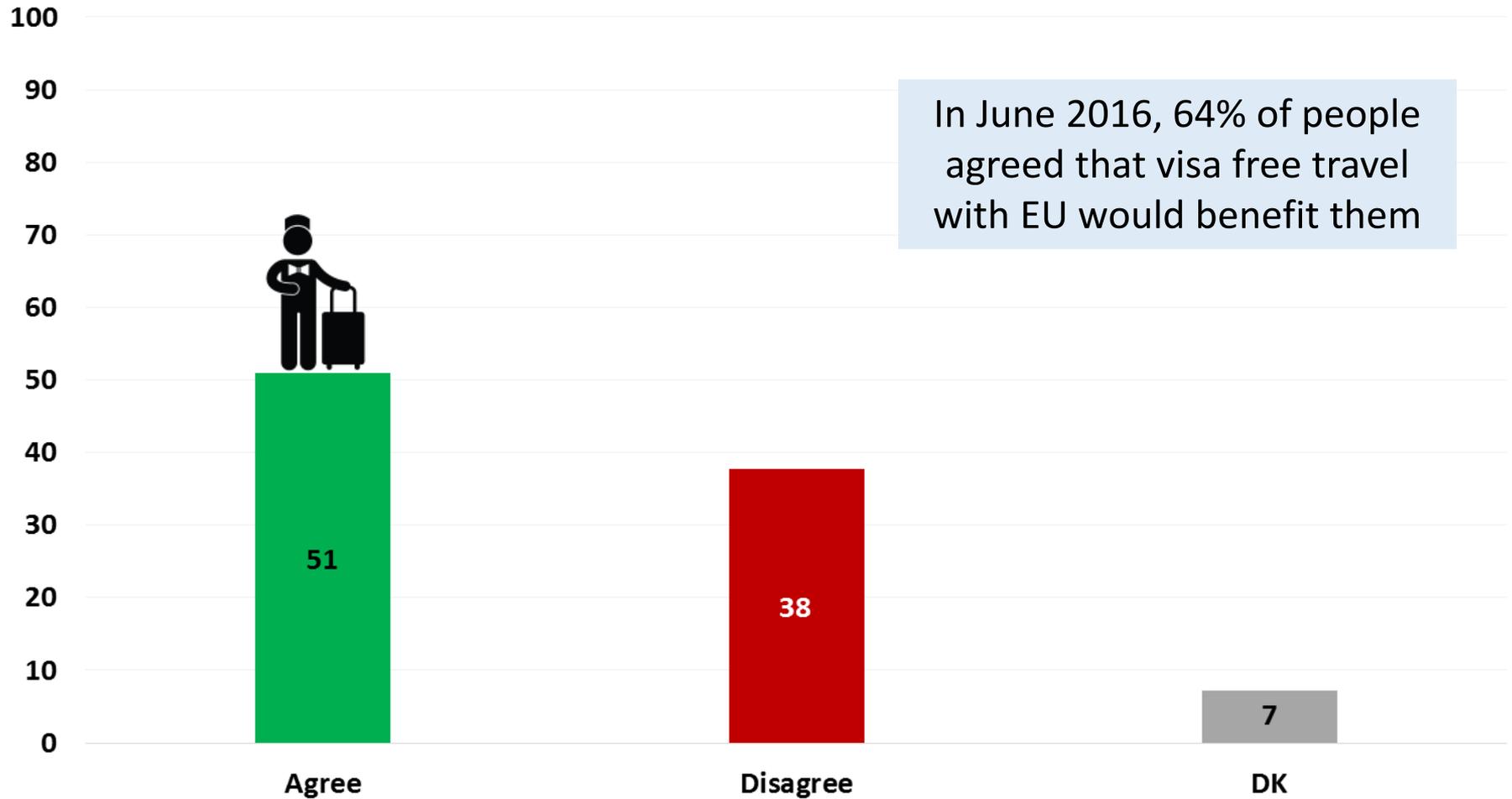
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Where would you like to receive information about Visa free travel from? Name up to three (q24)

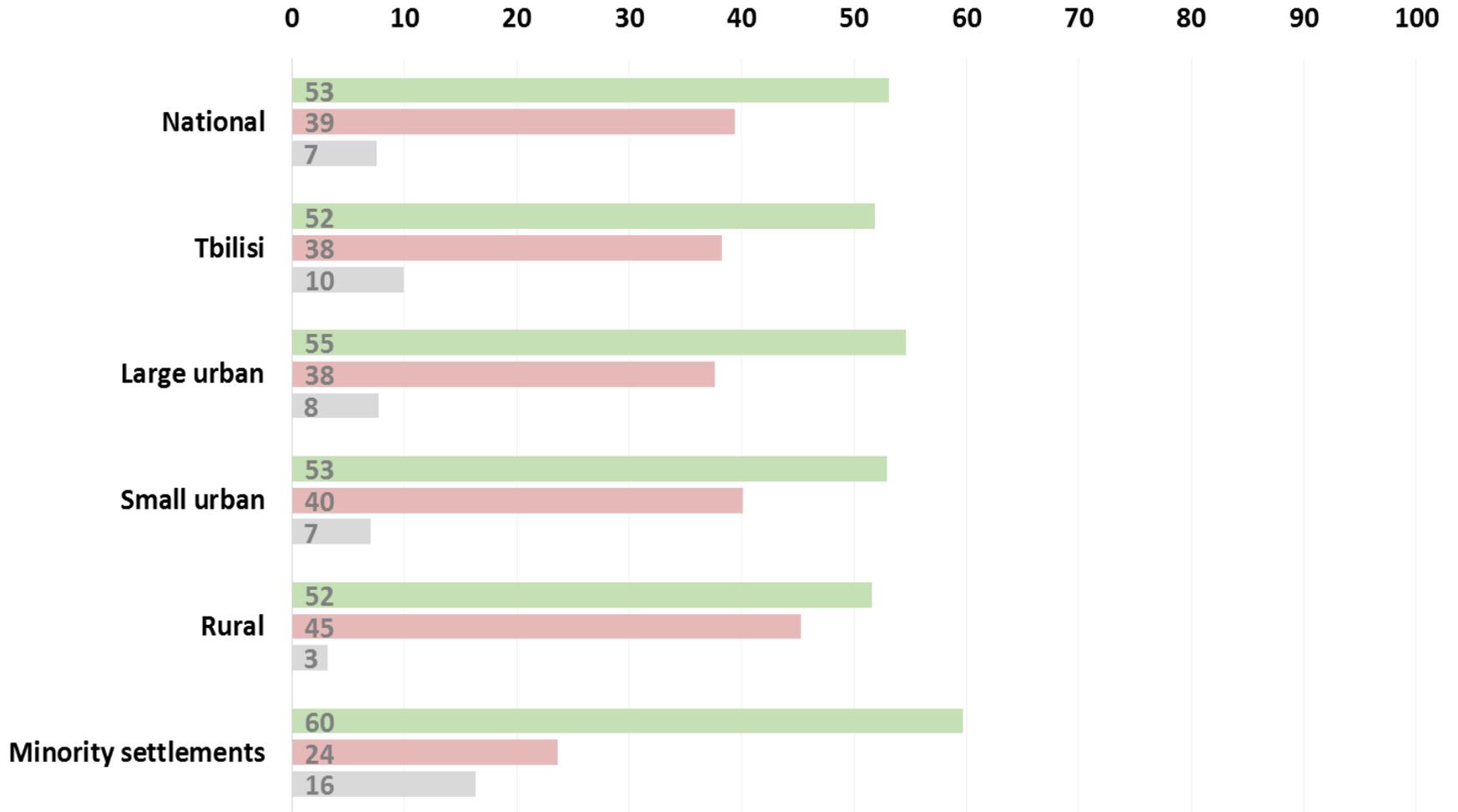


Do you agree or disagree that Visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q25)



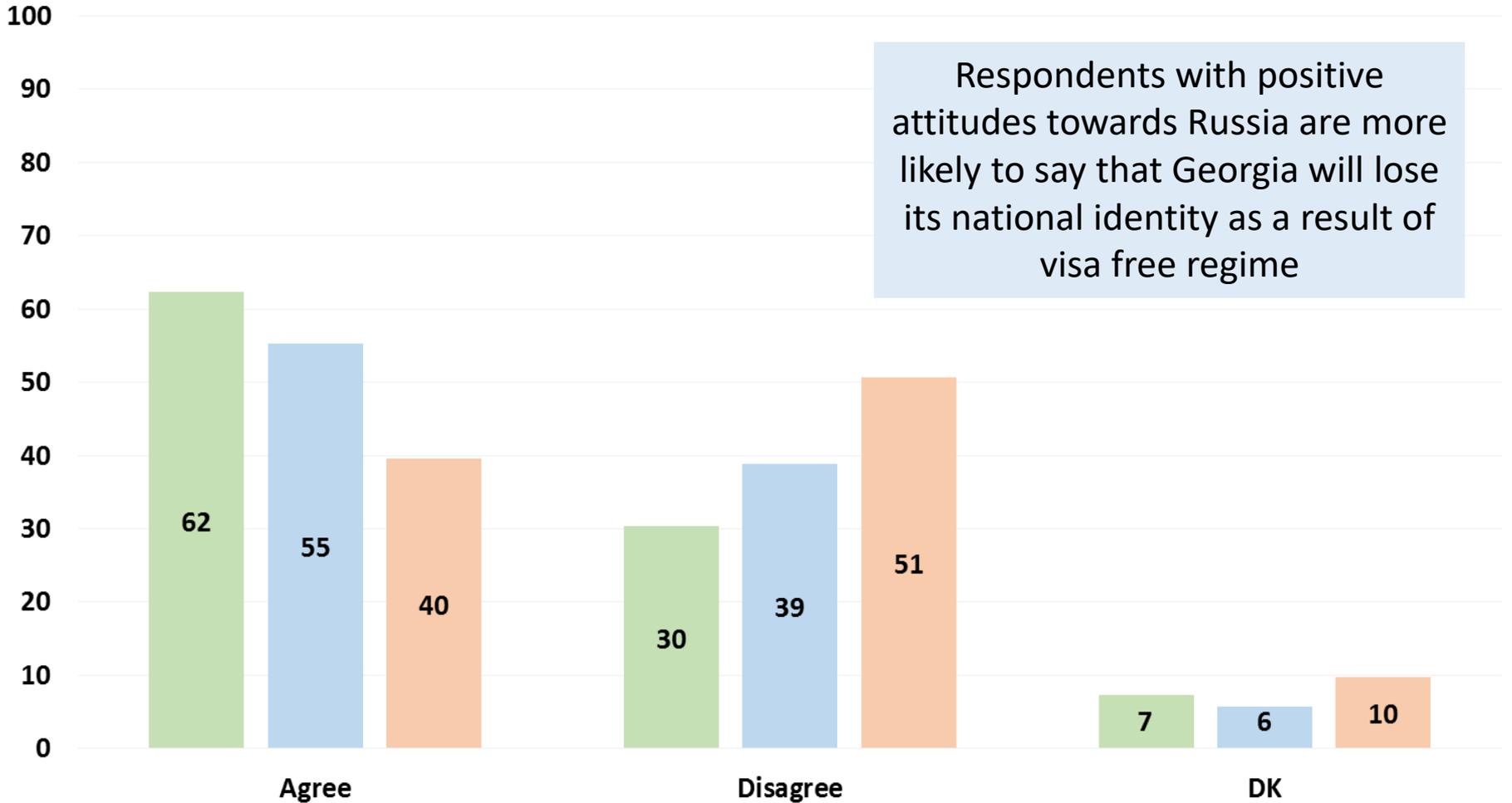
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Agree Disagree DK



Do you agree or disagree that Visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q25 X Age)

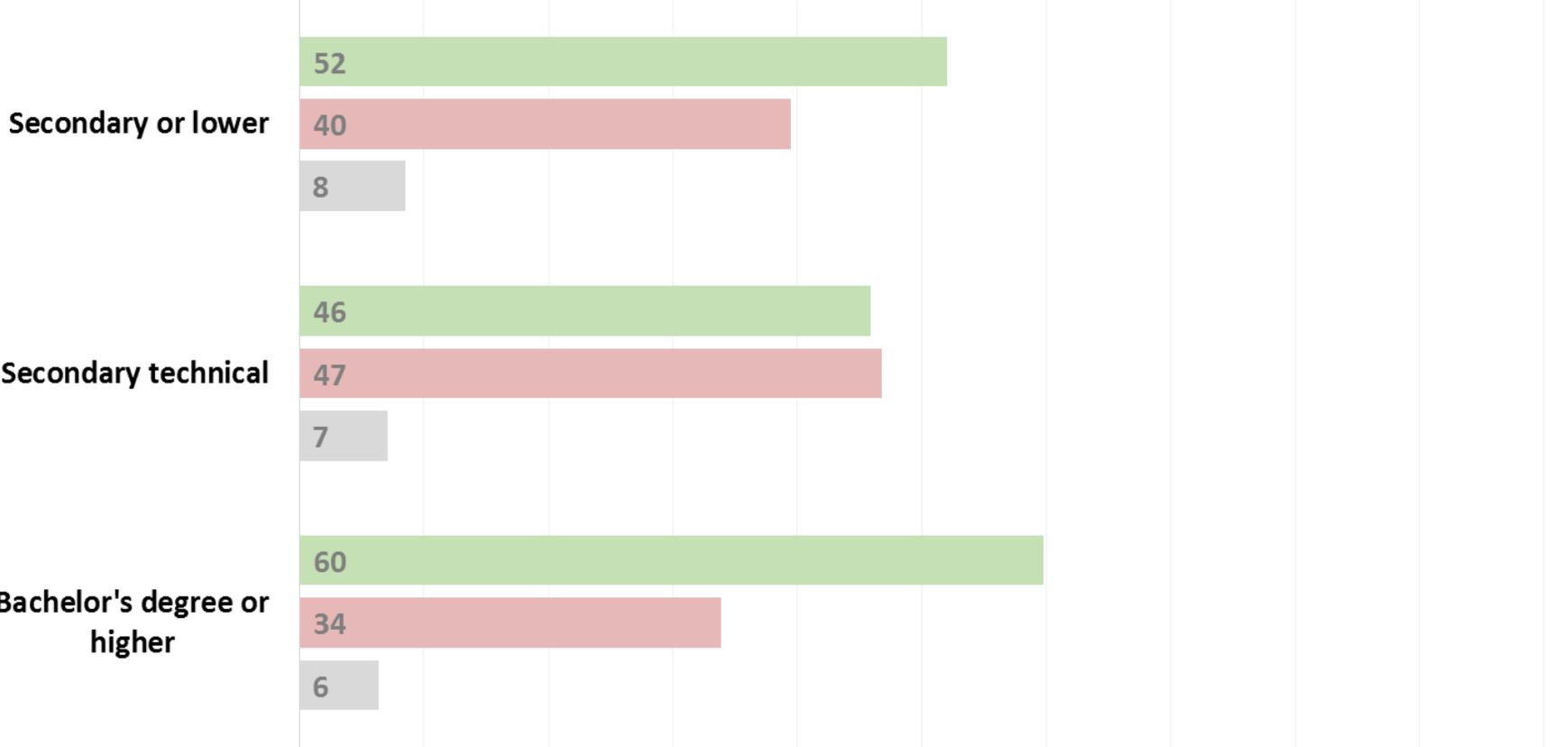
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Do you agree or disagree that Visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q25 X Education)

Agree Disagree DK

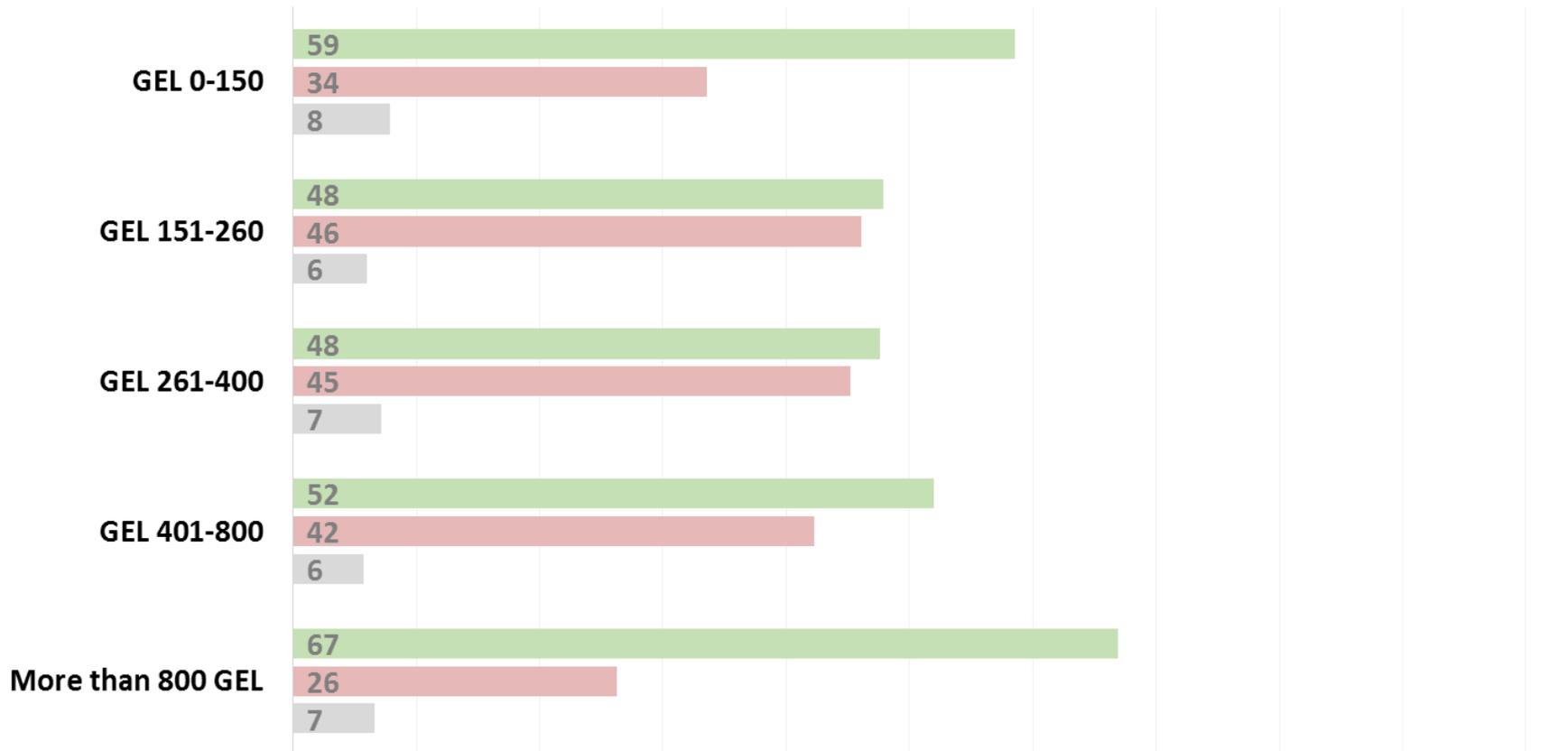
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Agree Disagree DK

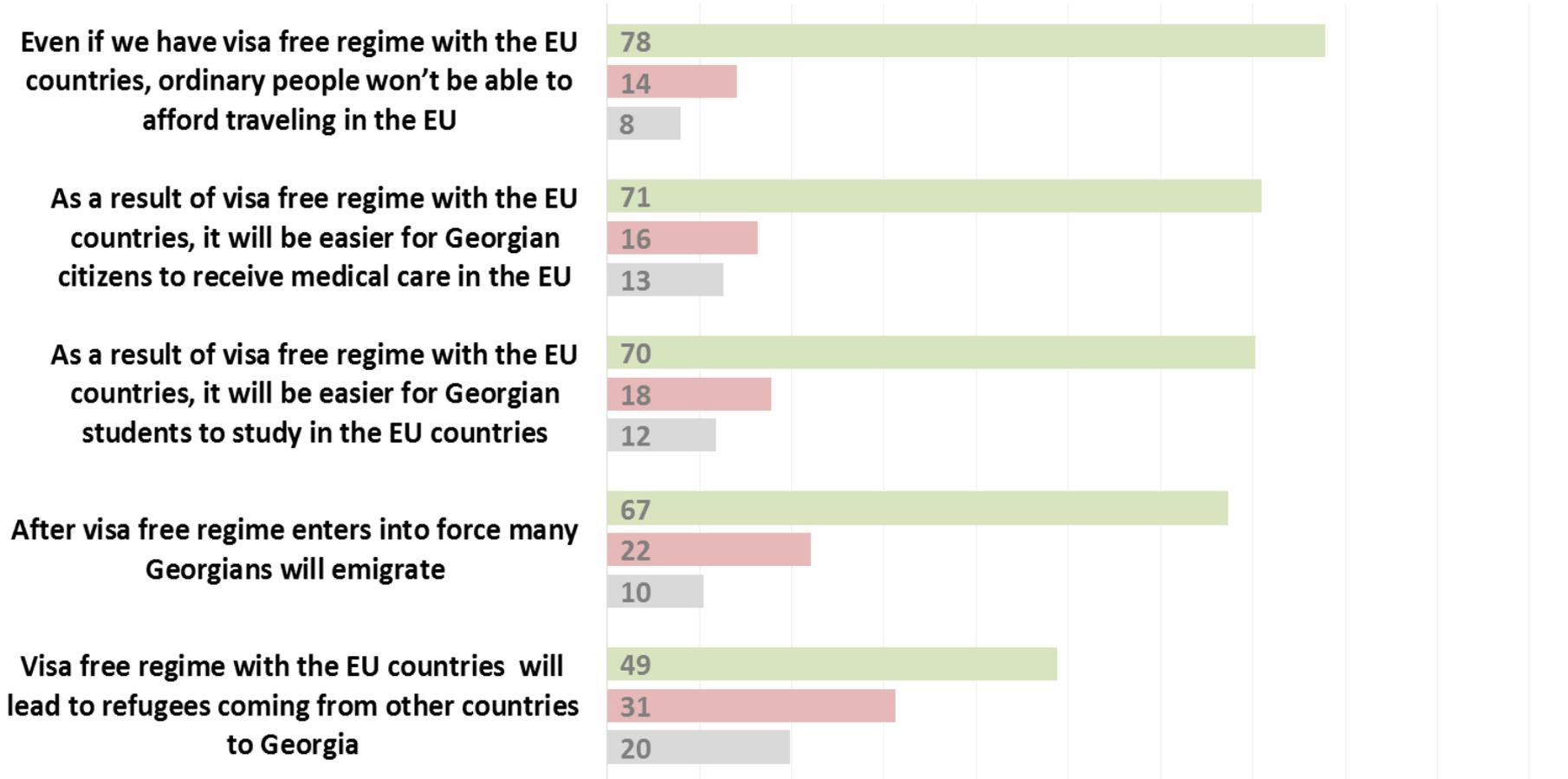
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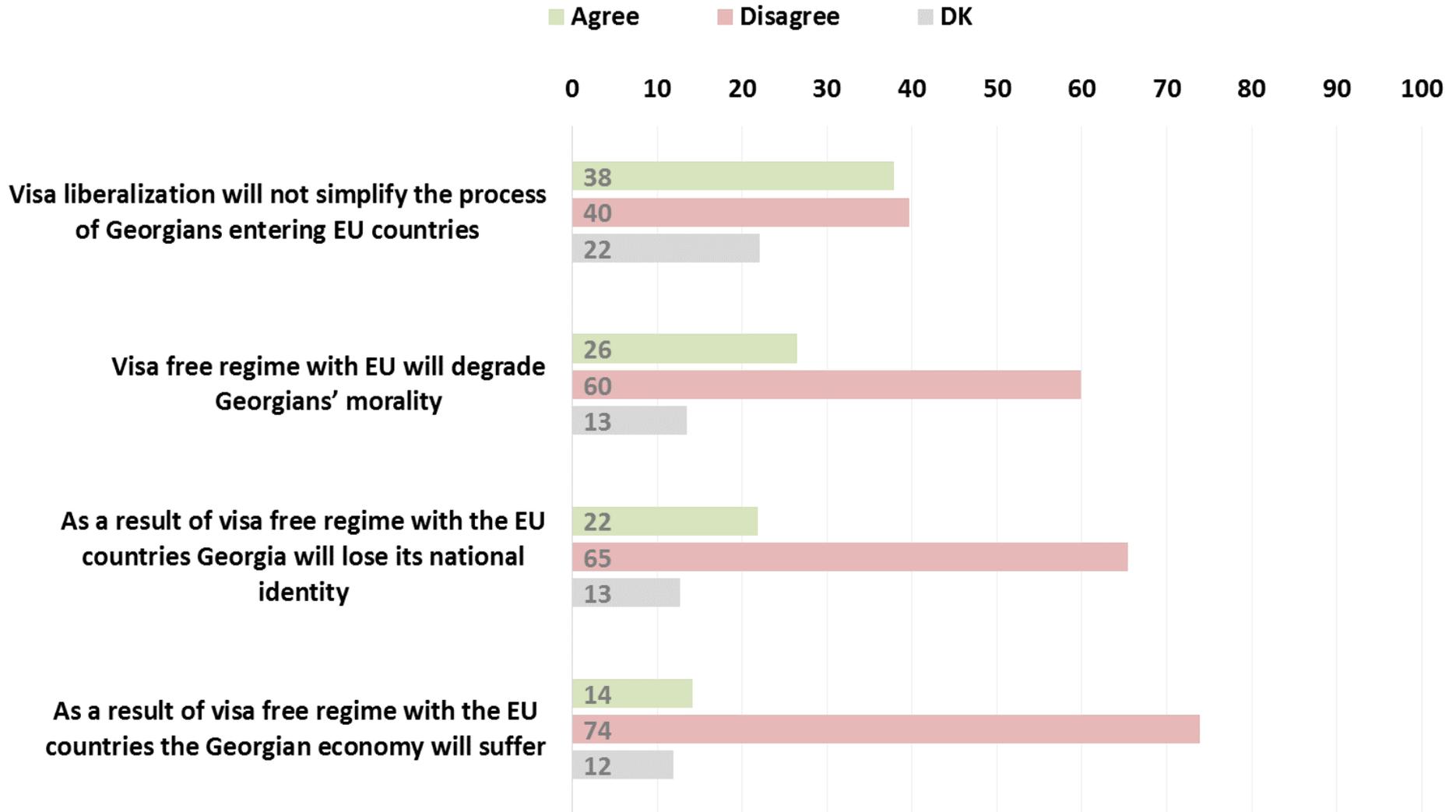
There are different opinions regarding visa free regime. Do you agree or disagree with the following? (q27) Part 1

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK

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There are different opinions regarding visa free regime. Do you agree or disagree with the following? (q27) Part 2

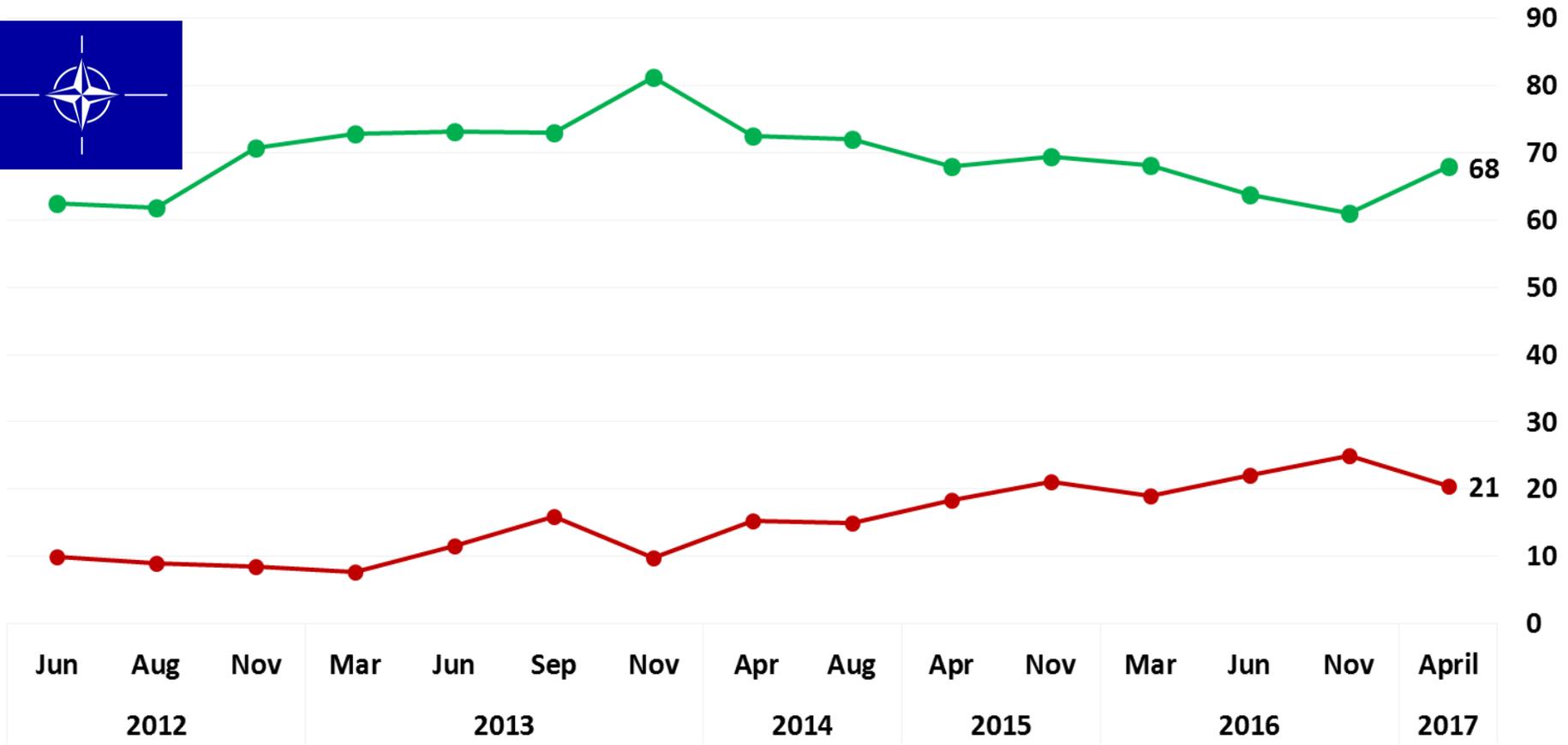


NATO

Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO? (q28)



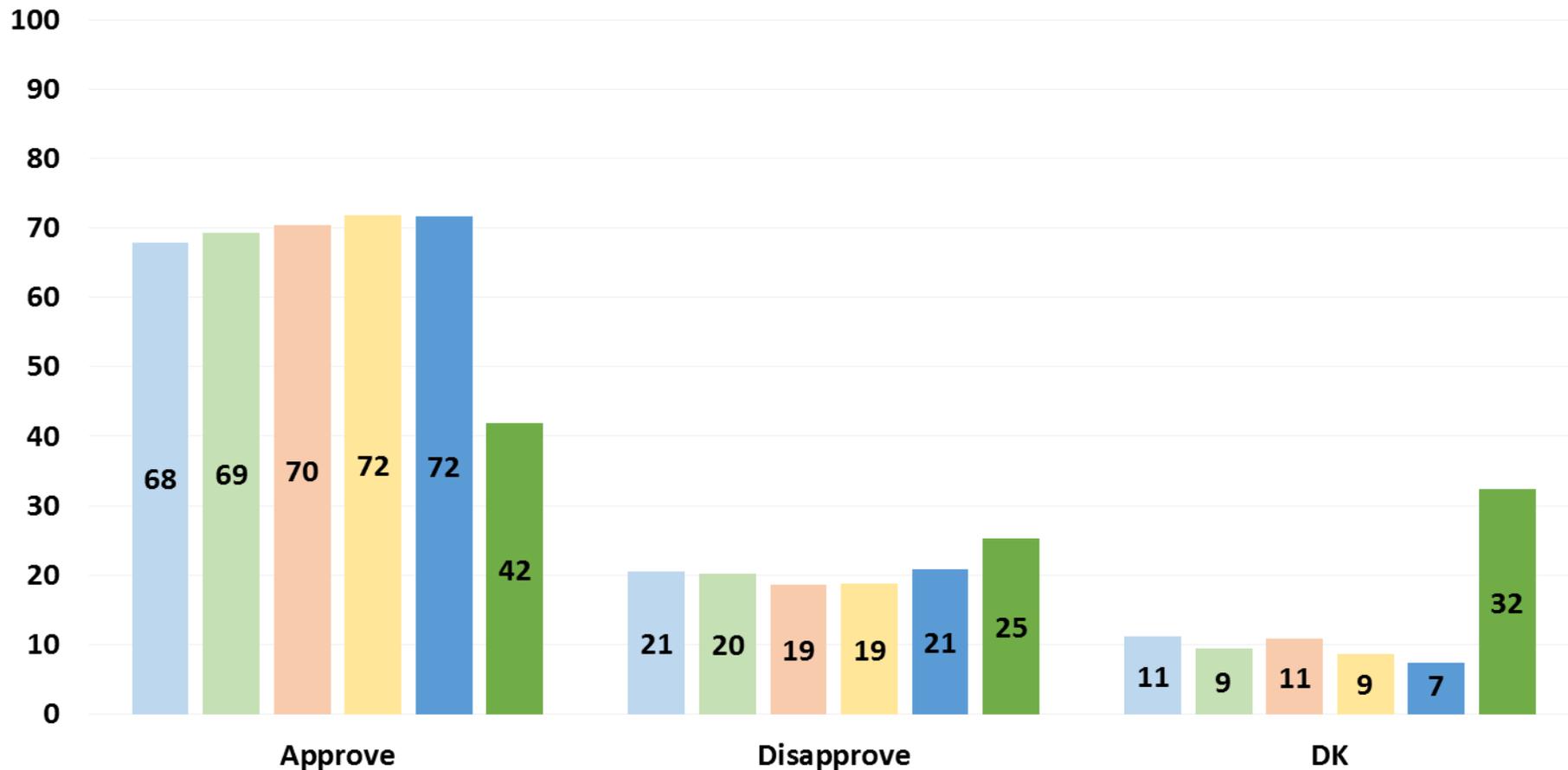
● Approve ● Disapprove



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Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO? (q28 X Settlement)

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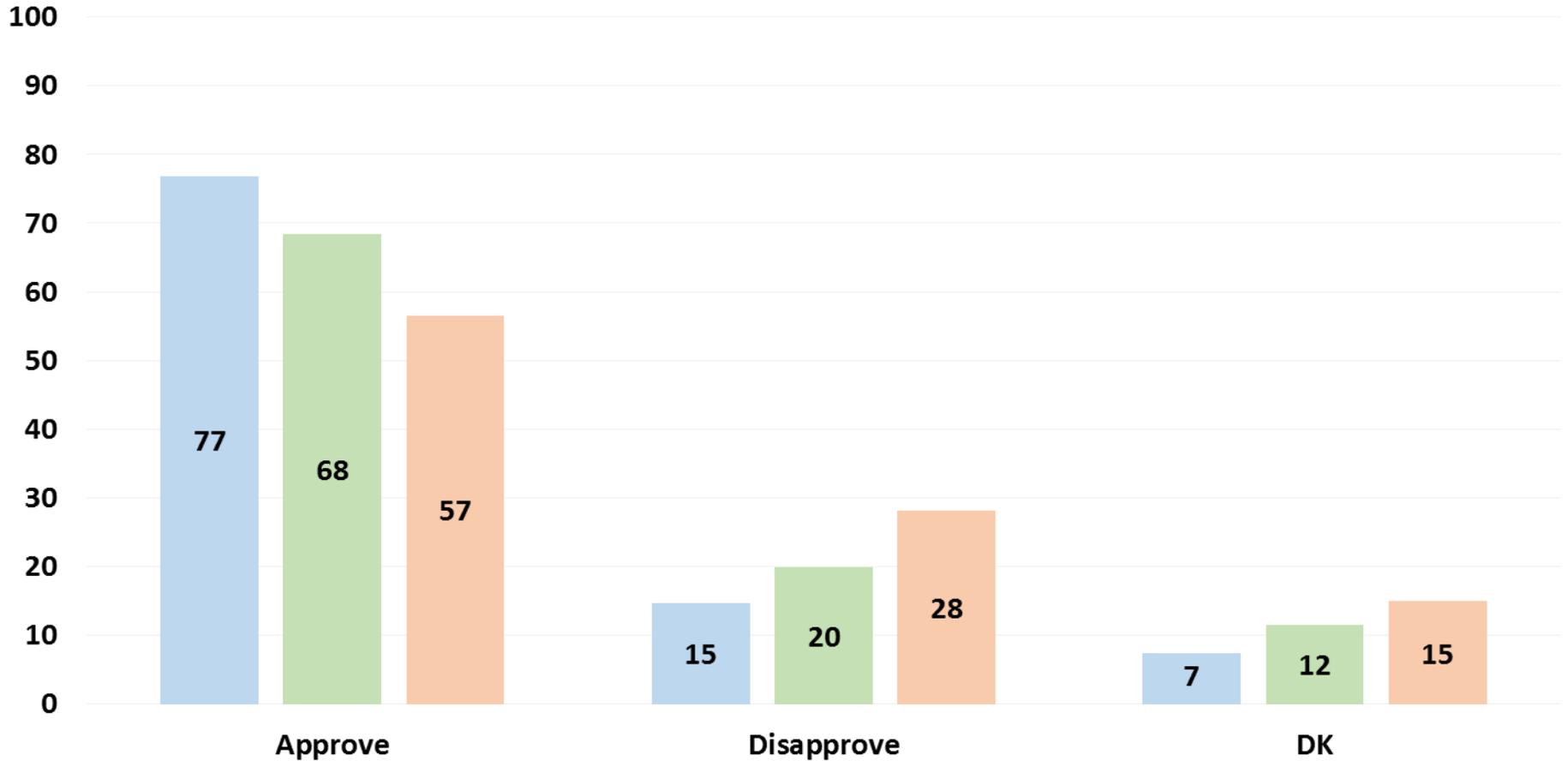


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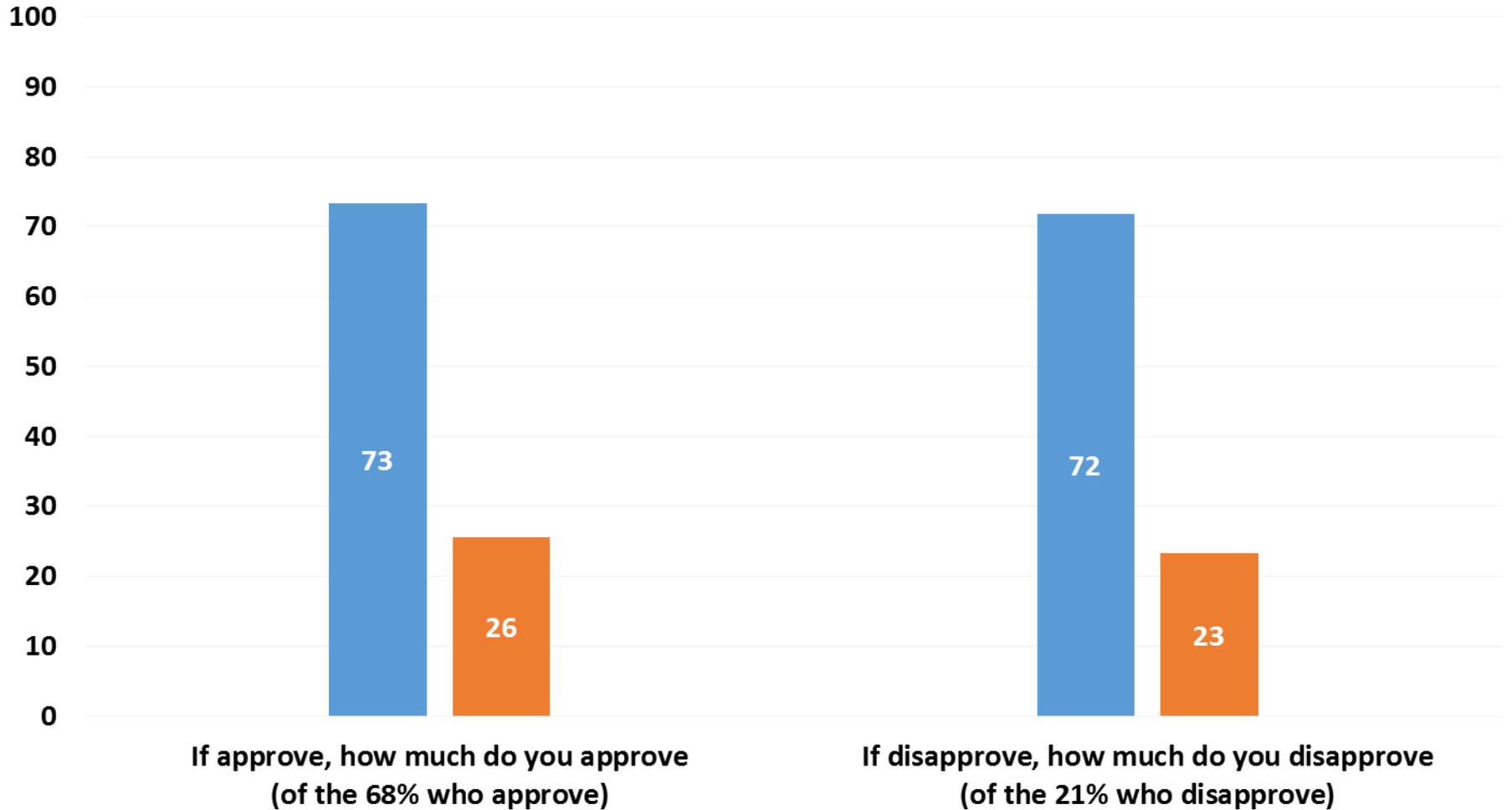
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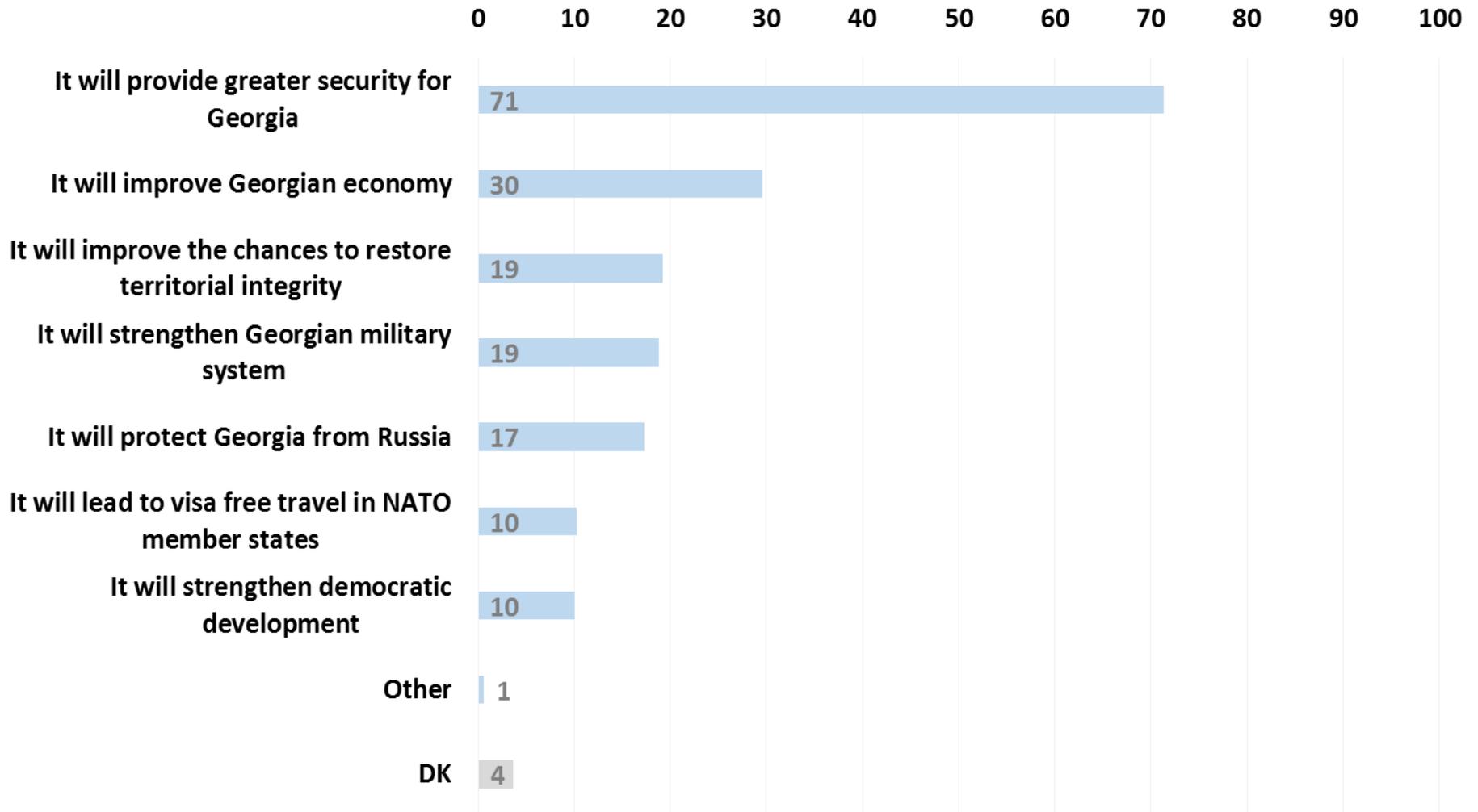


If approve, how much do you approve of joining NATO? (q29)
If disapprove, how much do you disapprove of of joining NATO? (q31)

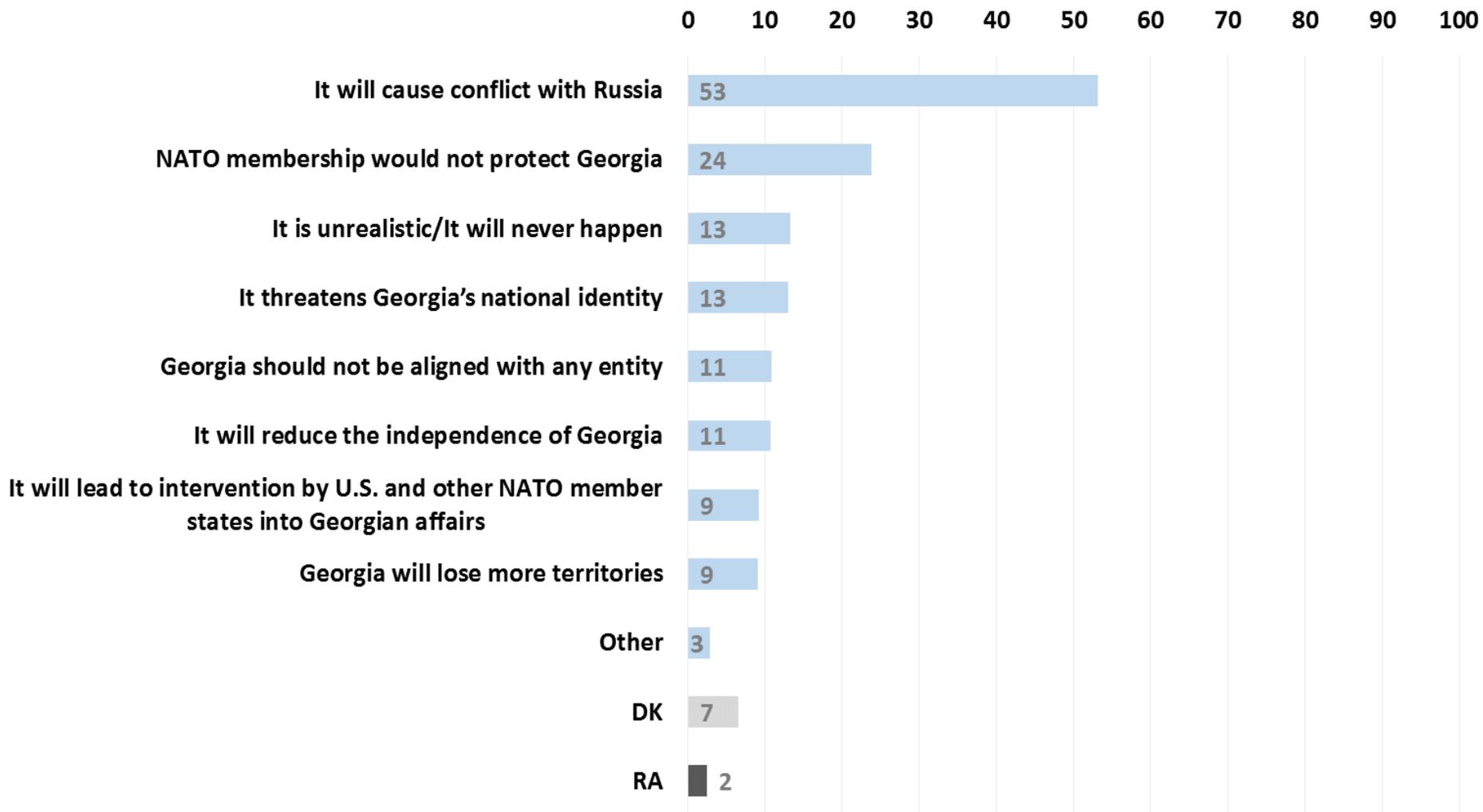
■ Strongly ■ Somewhat



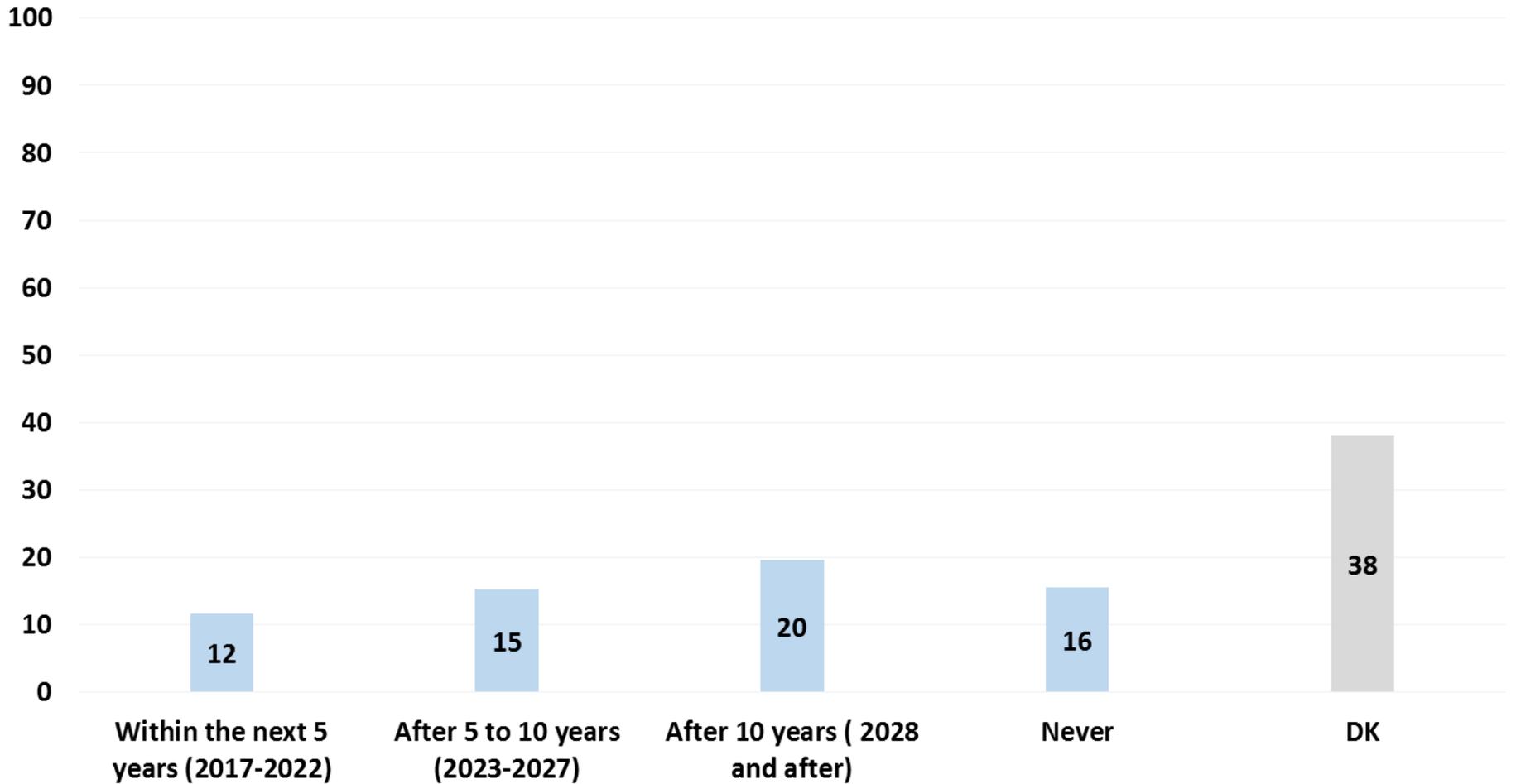
If approve of Georgia joining the NATO, why? Name up to three (q30)
- of the 68% who approve of Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO



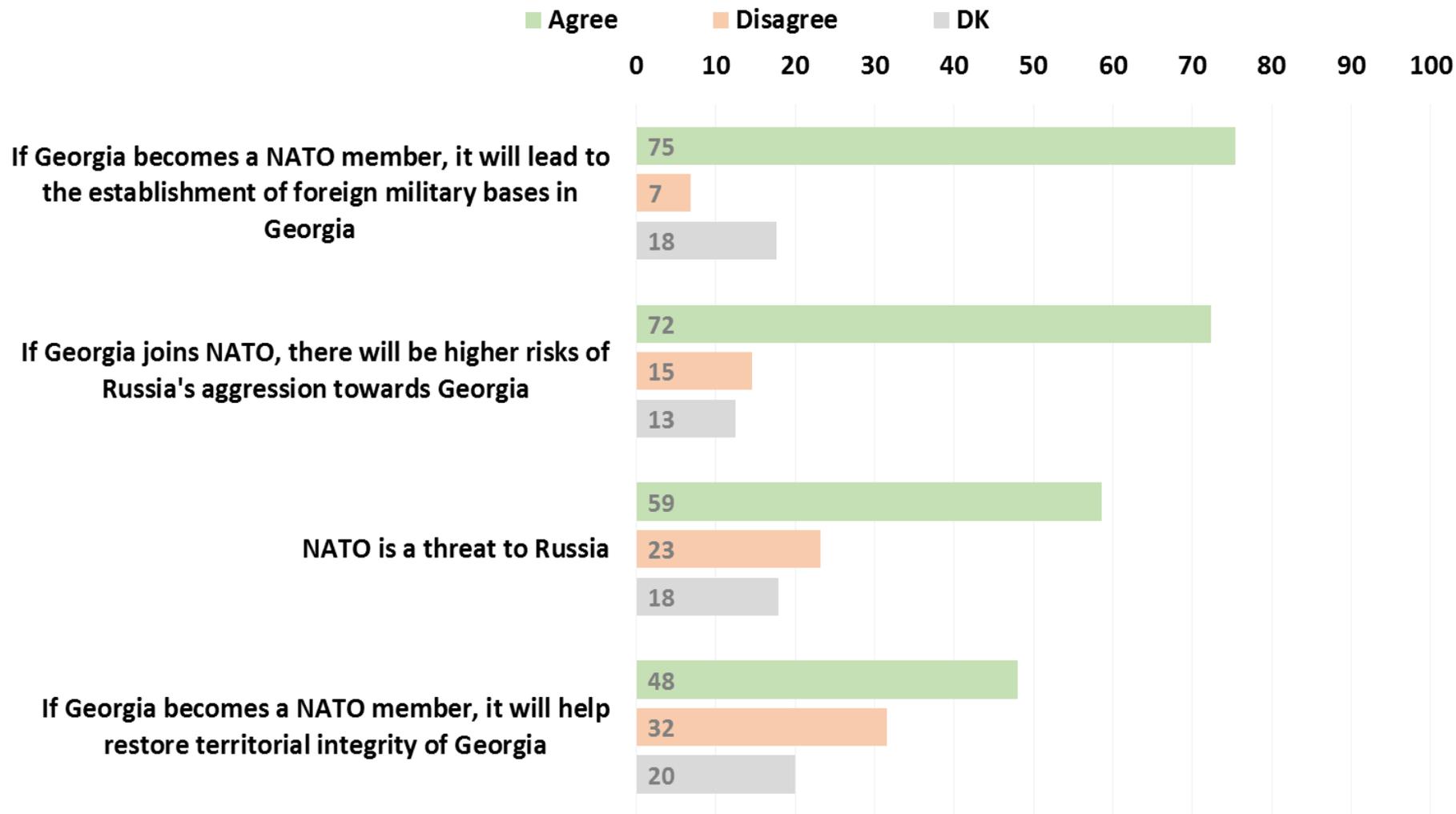
If disapprove of Georgia joining the NATO, why? Name up to three (q32) - of the 21% who disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO



When do you think Georgia will be granted full NATO membership? (q33)



**There are number of opinions regarding NATO. For the following opinions, please tell me, whether you agree or disagree with them?
(q34) Part 1**

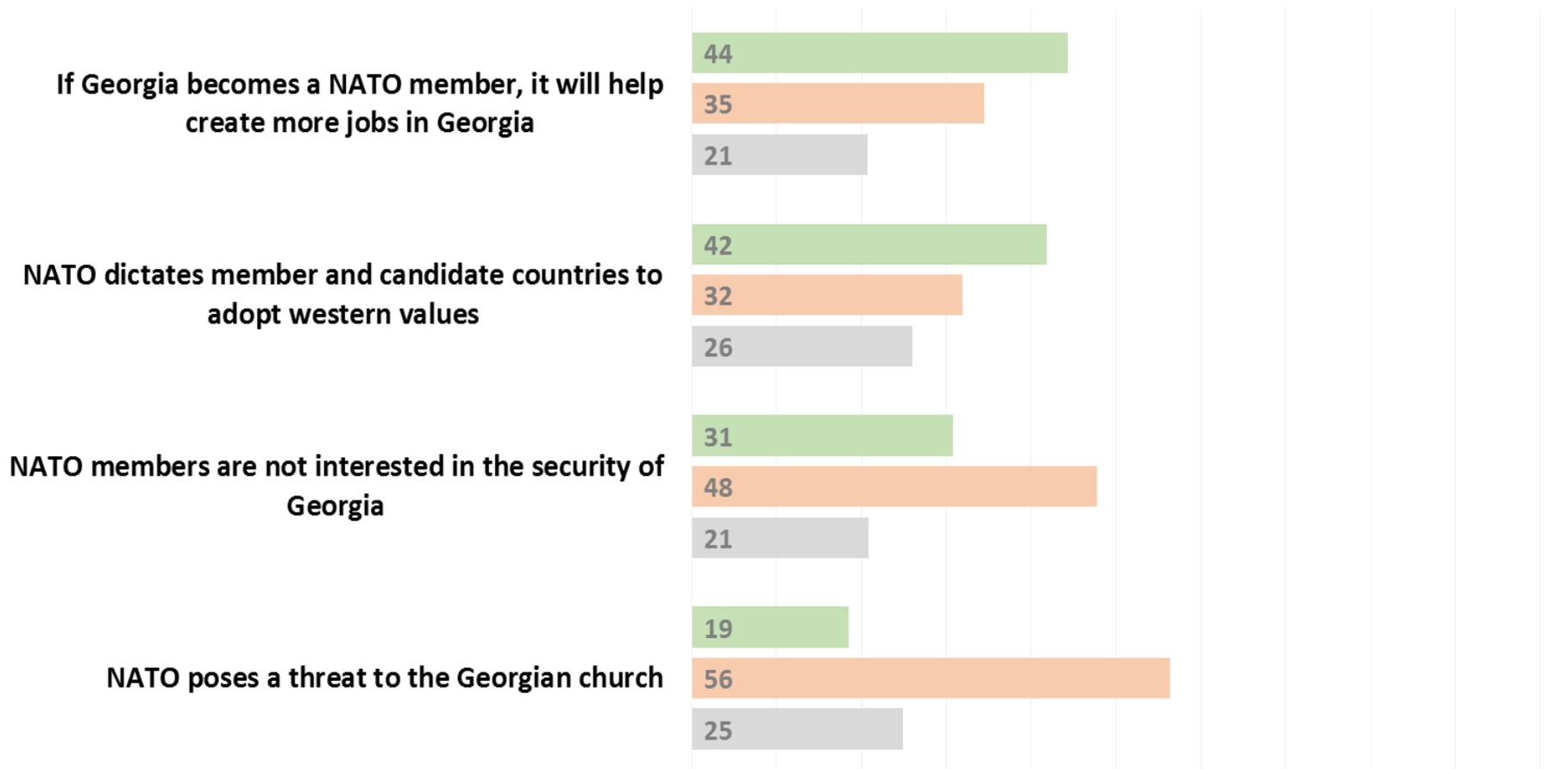


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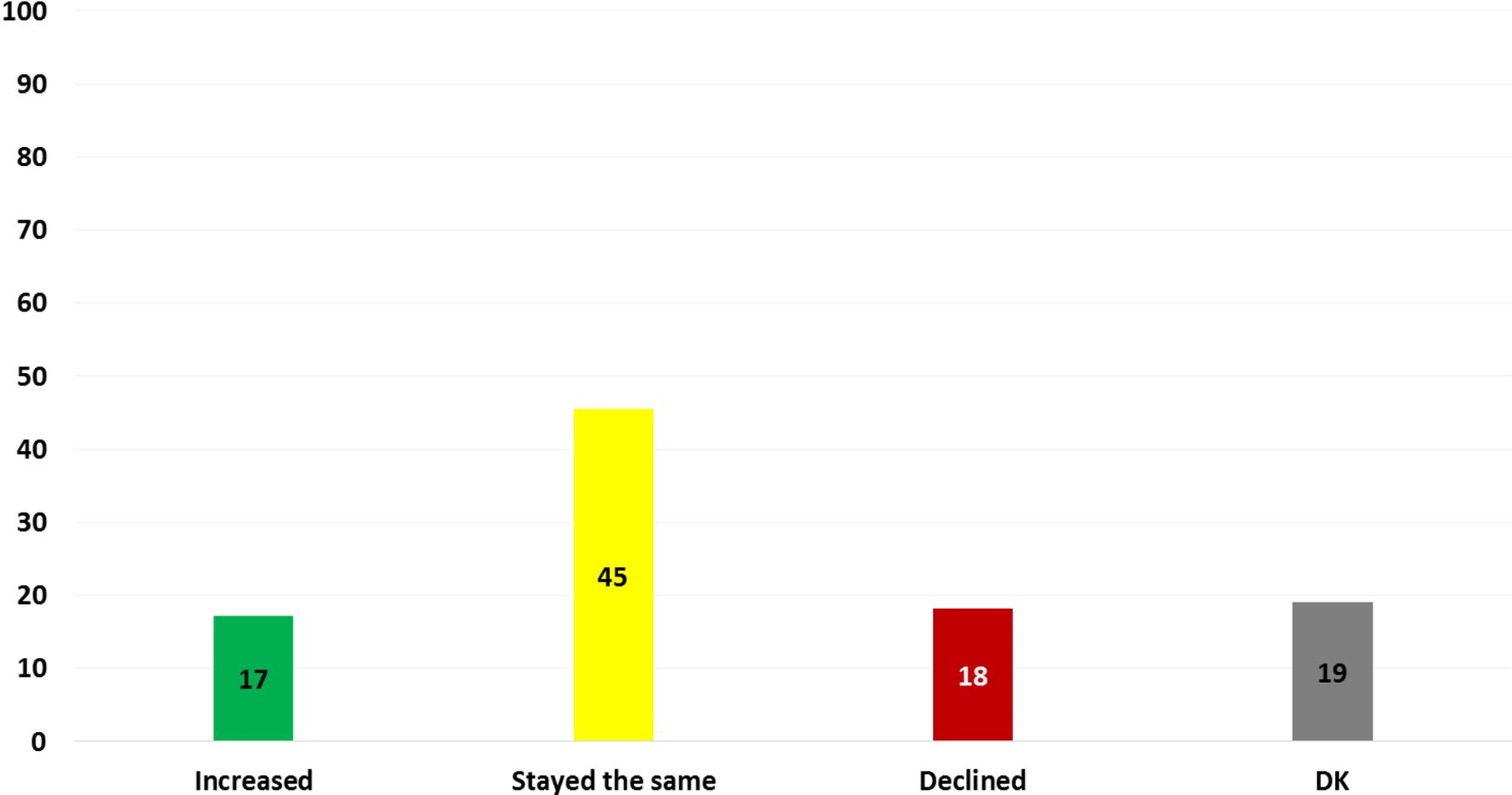
(q34) Part 2

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK

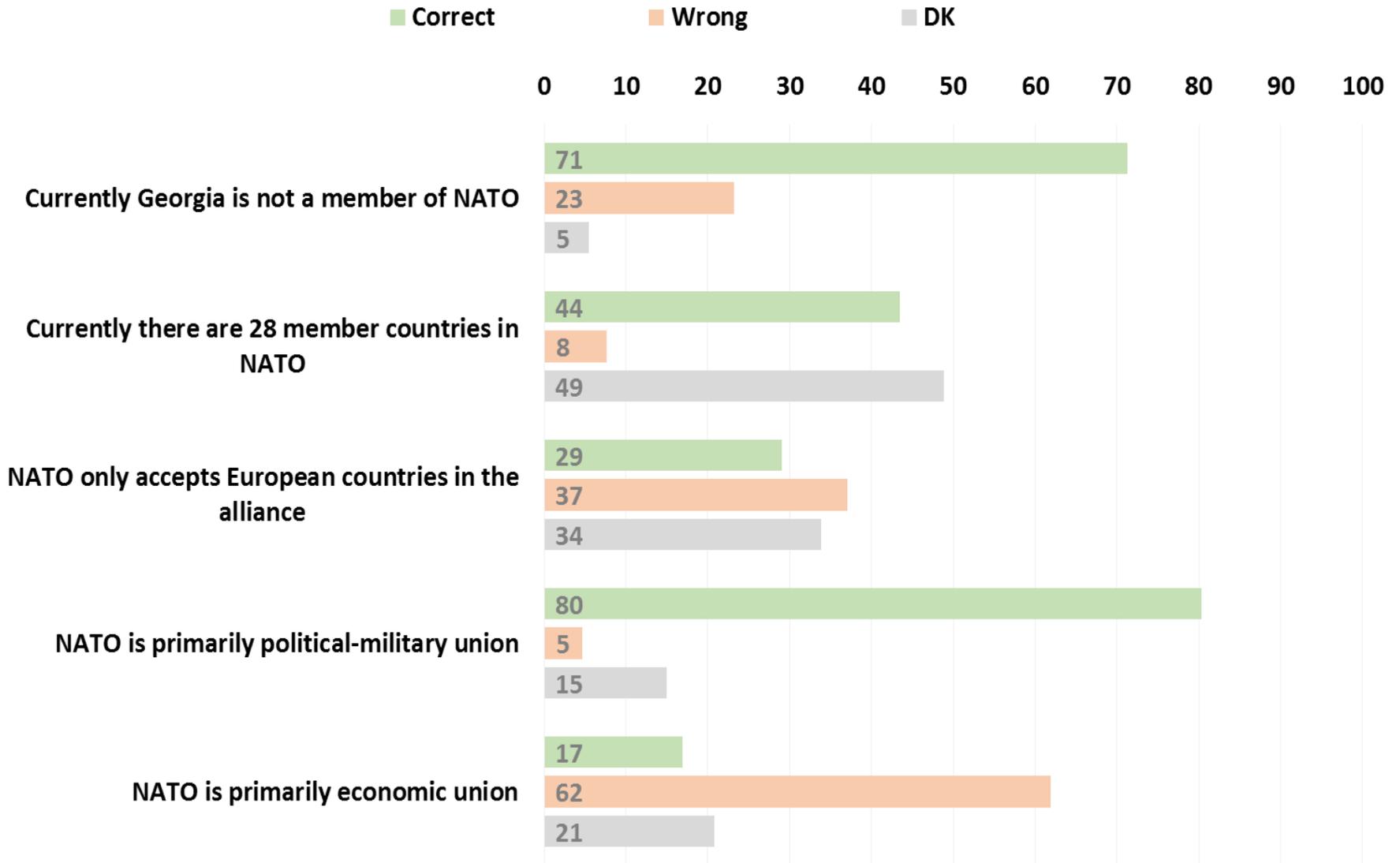
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Over the past years, support from NATO for Georgia has ...? (q35)

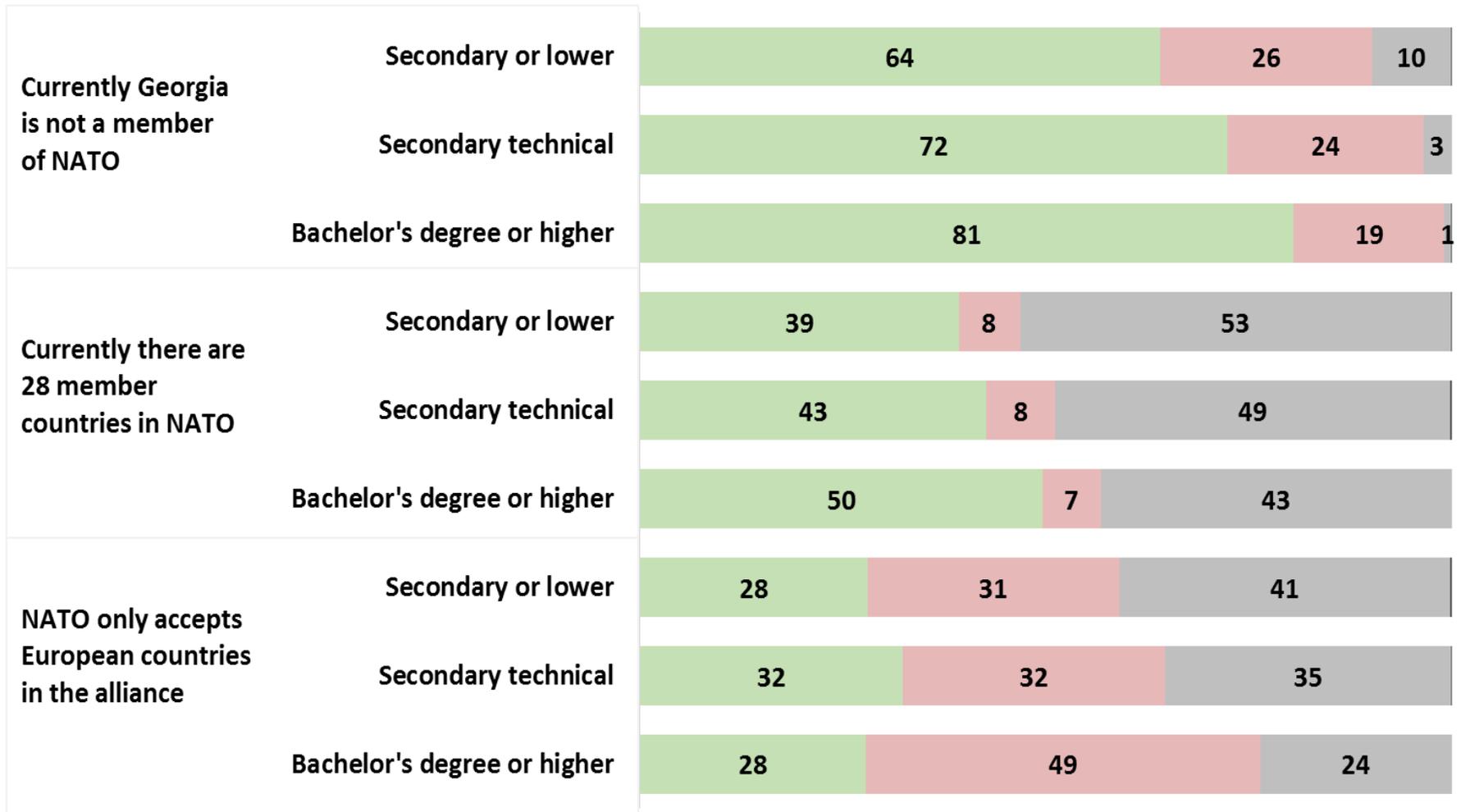


Are the following statements correct or wrong? (q36)



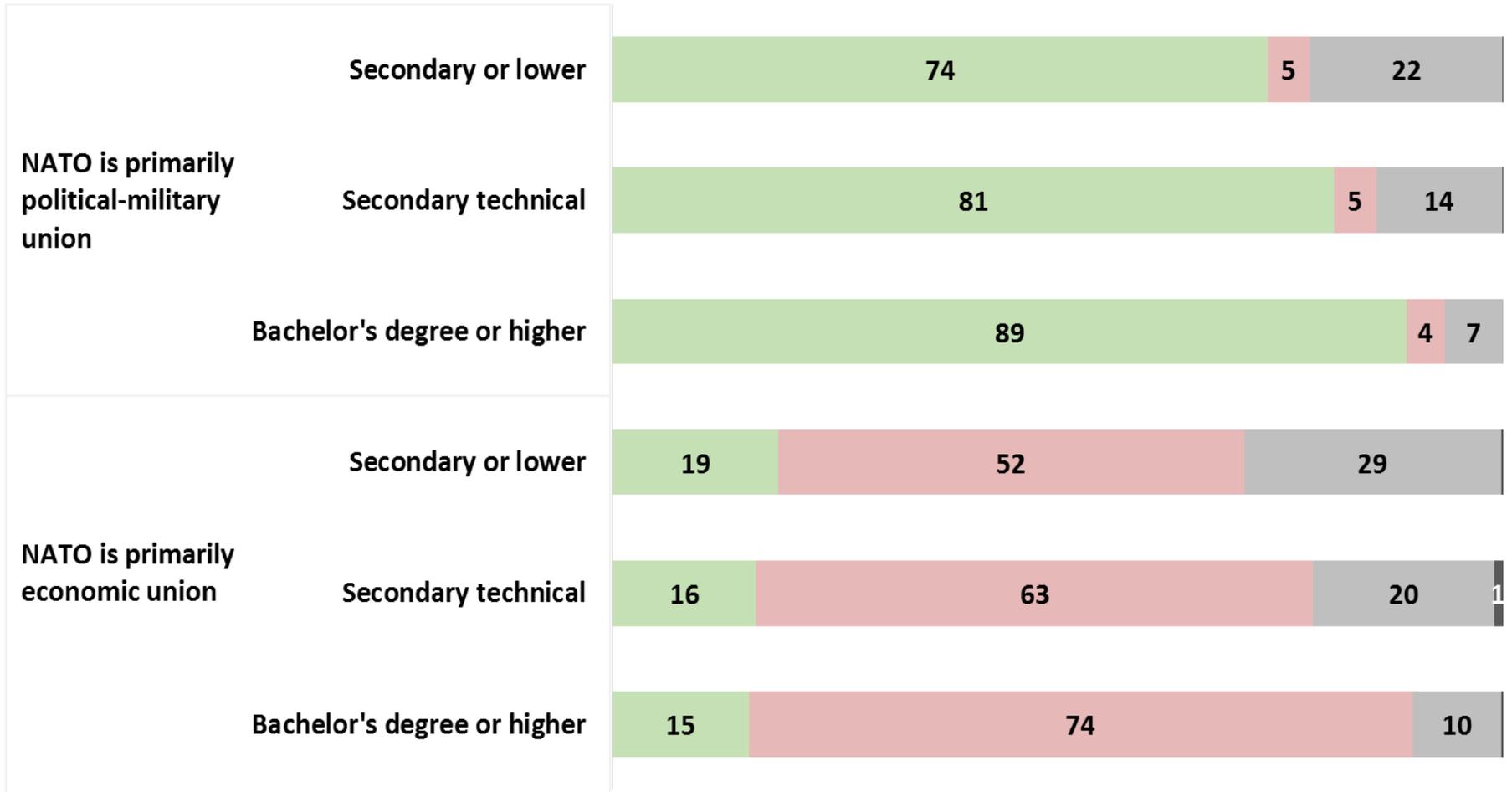
Are the following statements correct or wrong? (q36 X Education) Part 1

■ Correct
 ■ Wrong
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



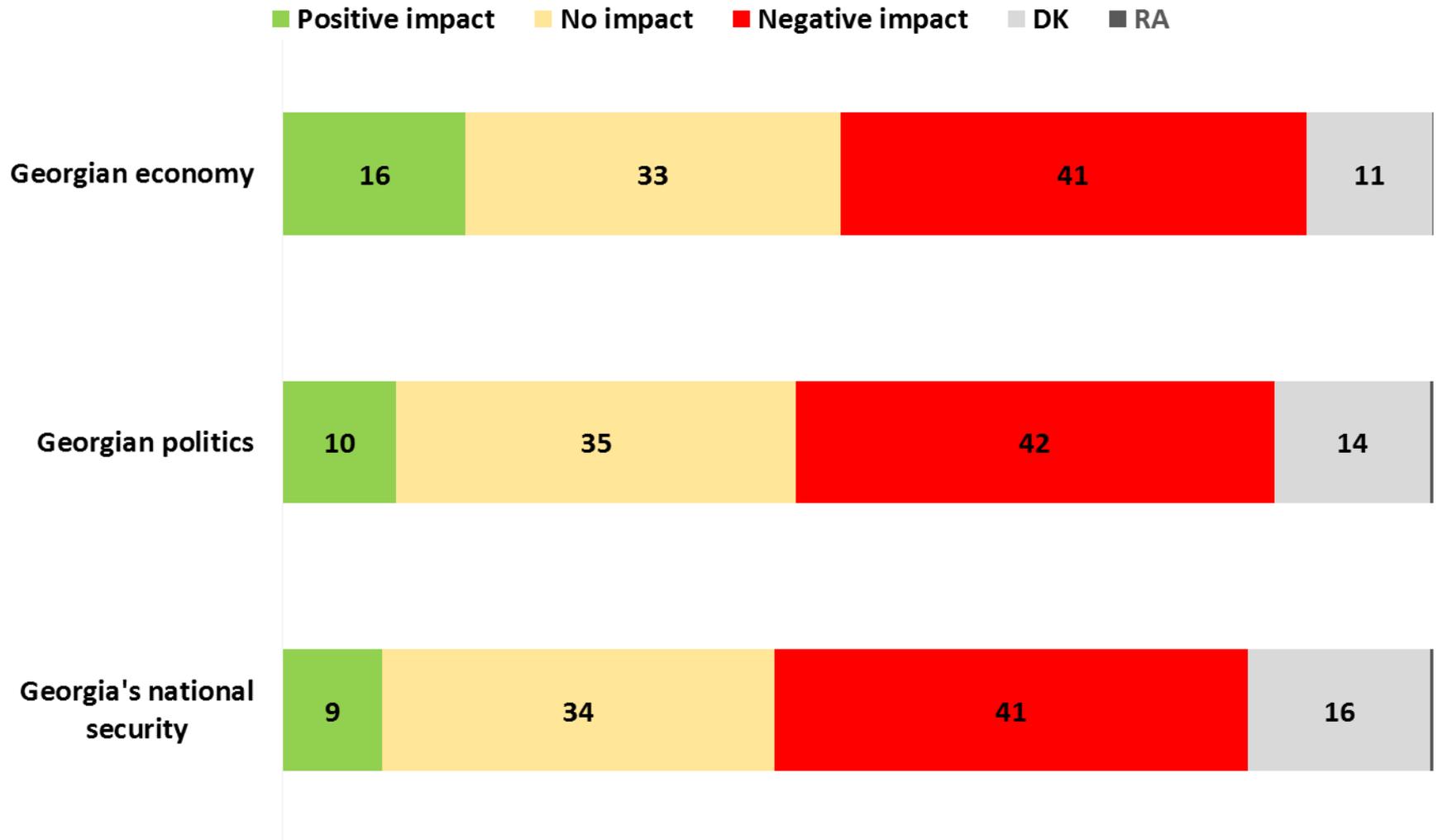
Are the following statements correct or wrong? (q36 X Education) Part 2

■ Correct
 ■ Wrong
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

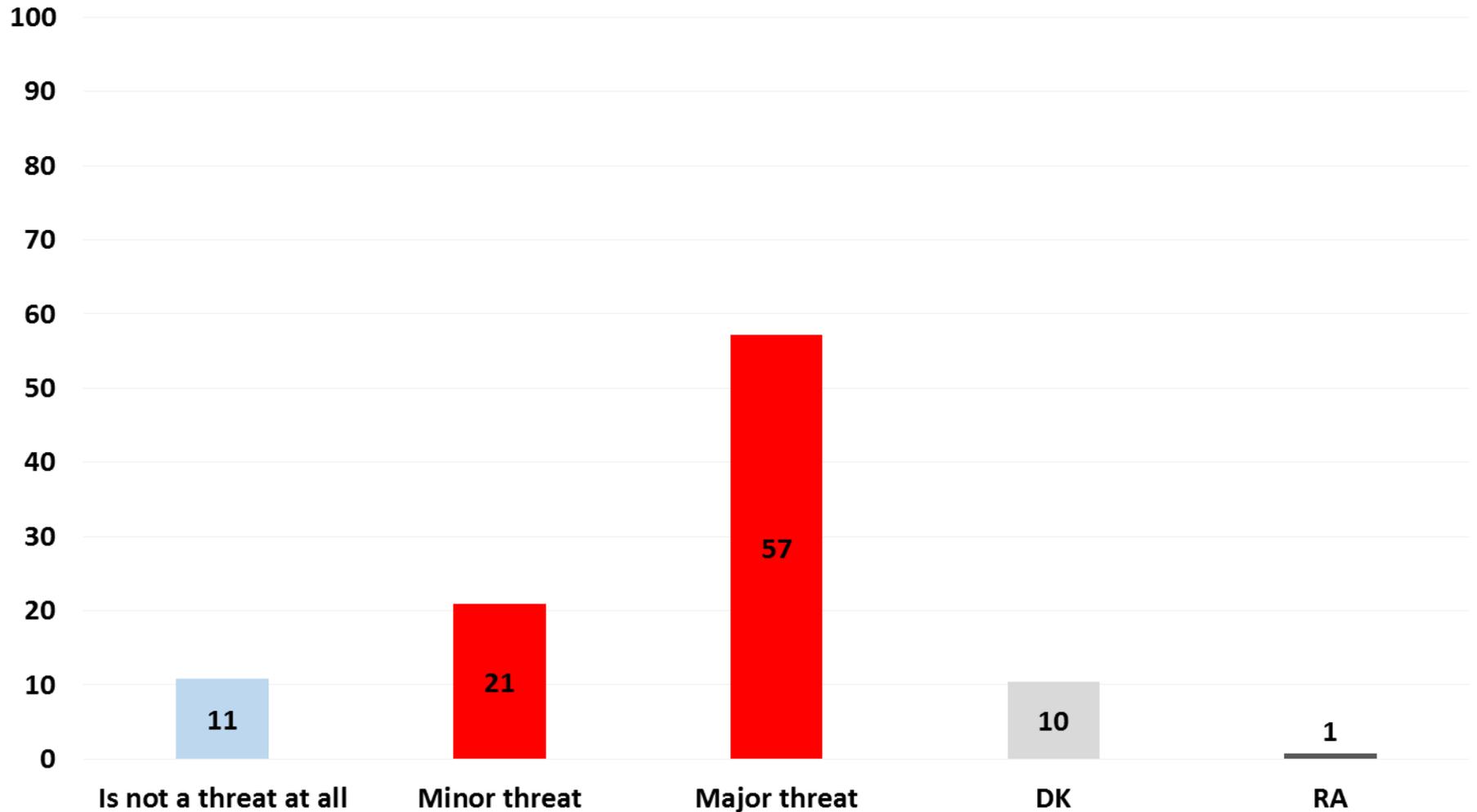


RUSSIA

Thinking about Georgia's relationship with Russia since 2012, what kind of impact did this relationship had on ...? (q42/q43/q44)

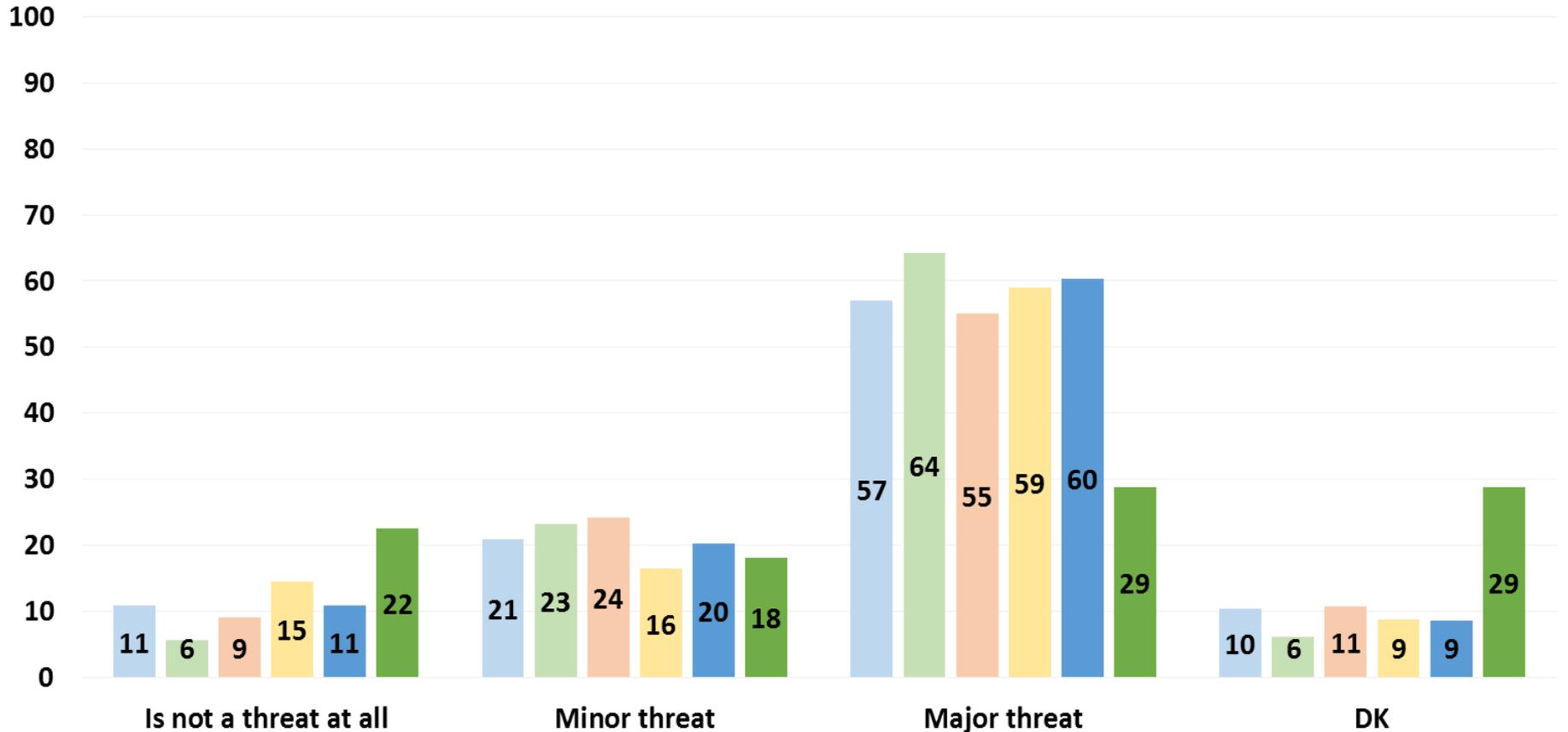


How much of a military threat, if at all, is Russia to its neighboring countries? (q45)

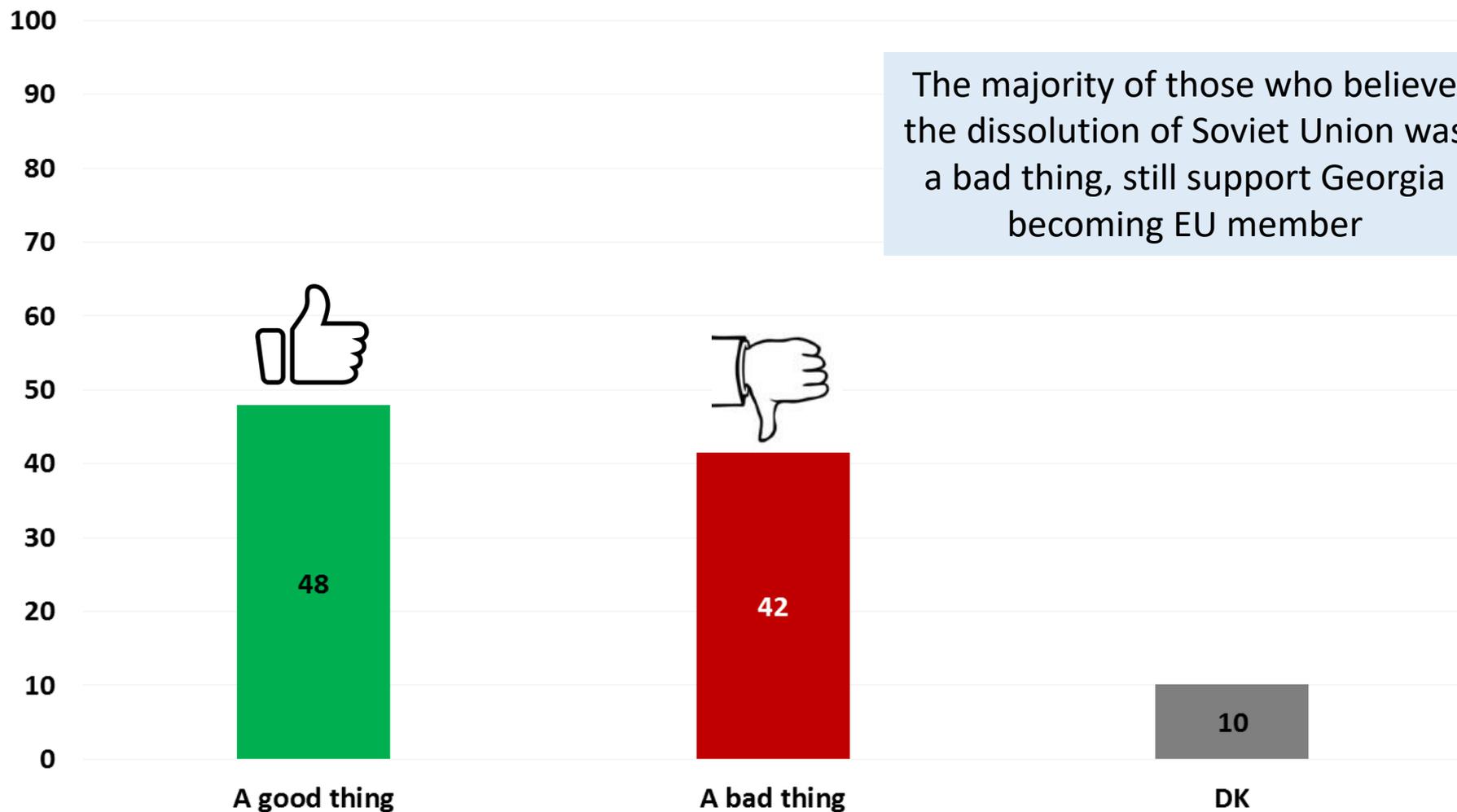


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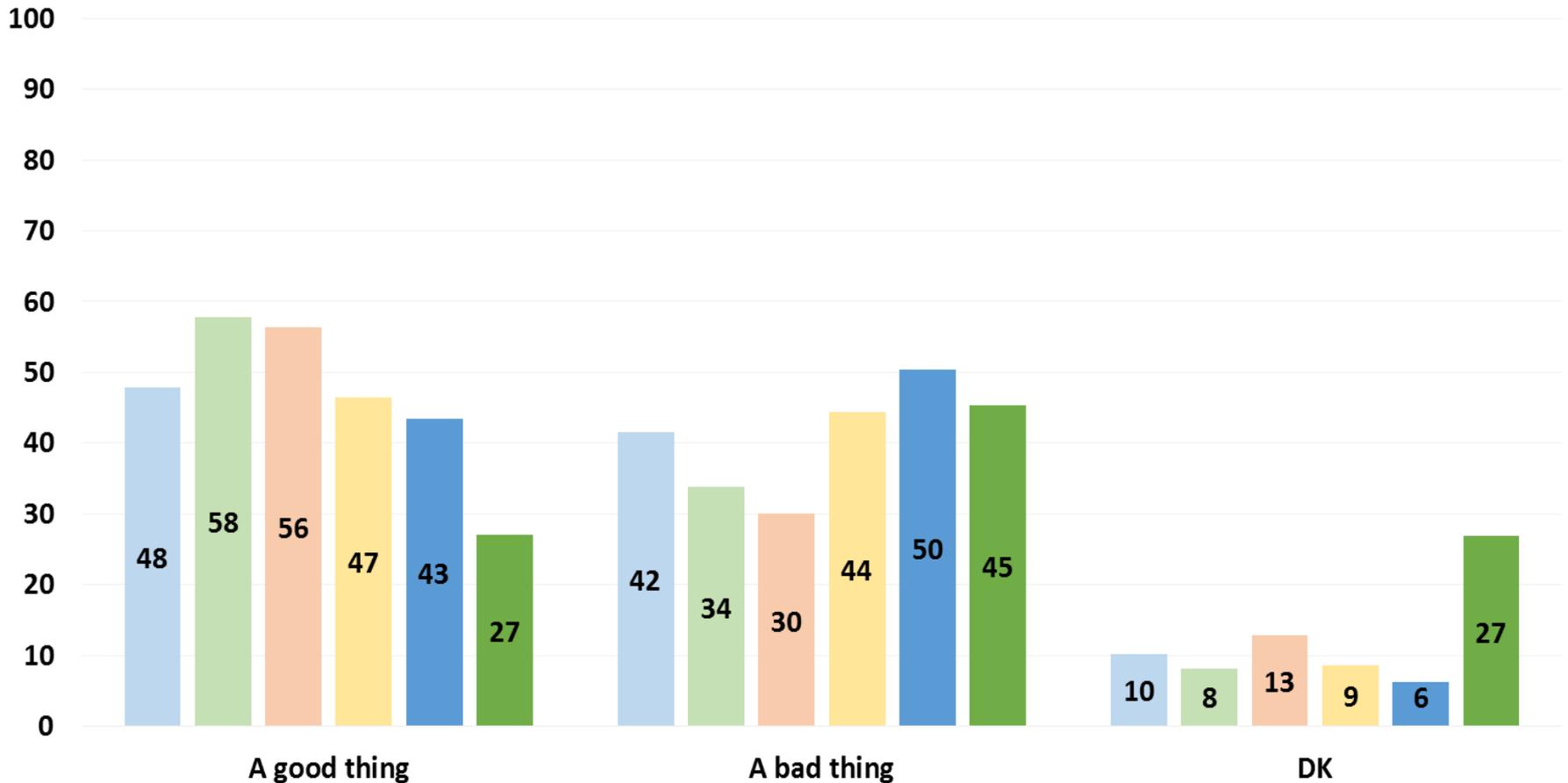


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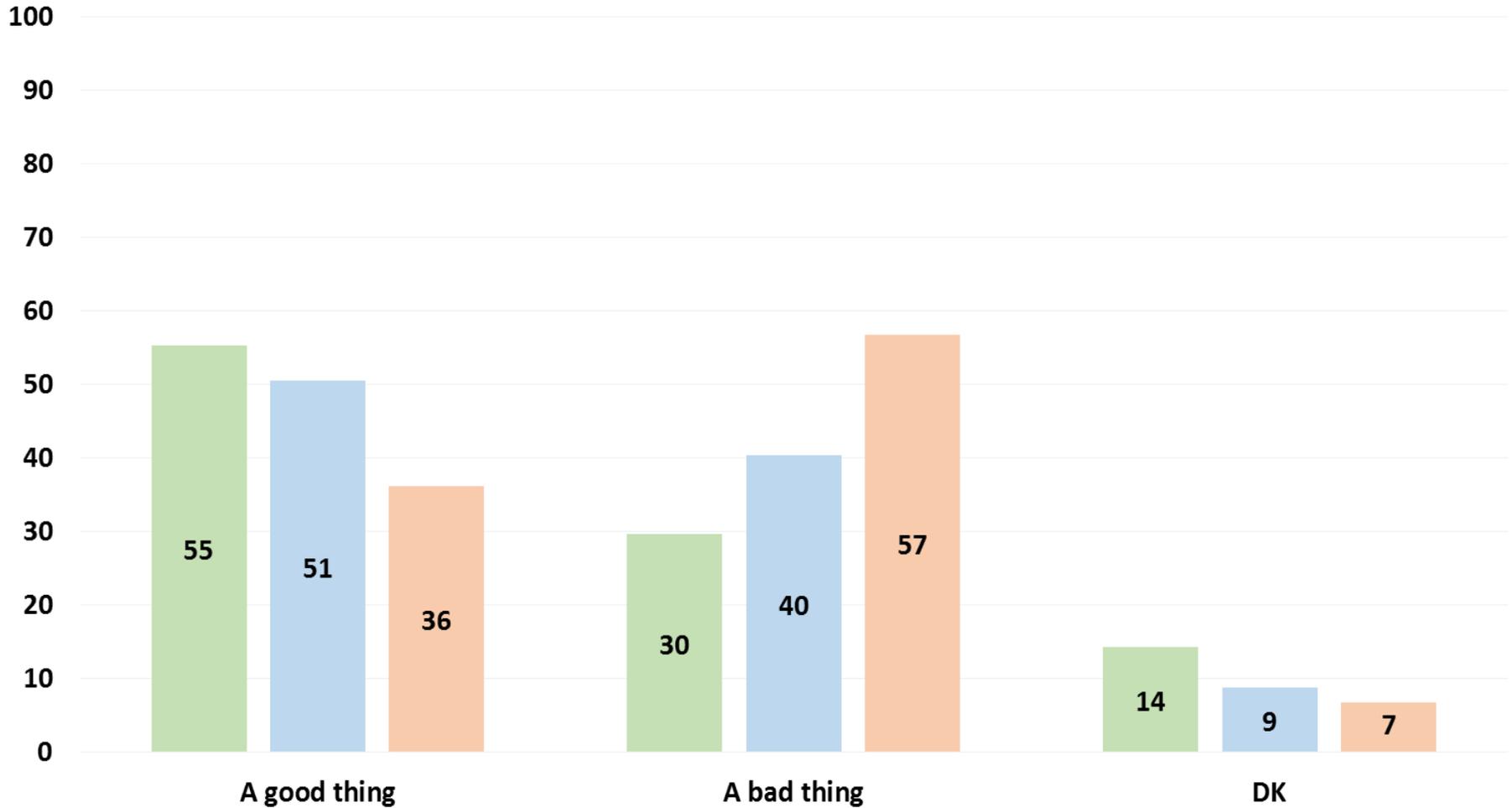
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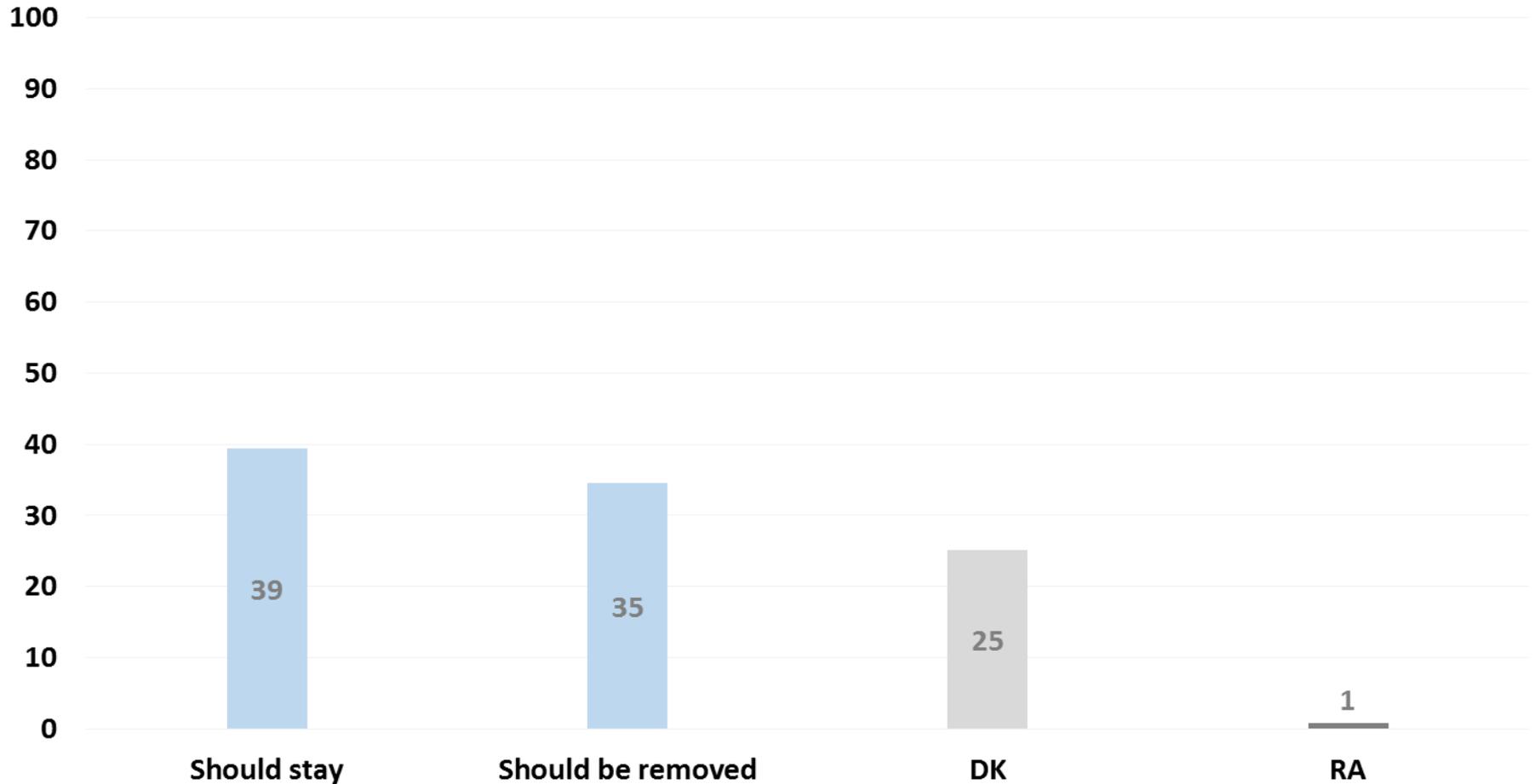


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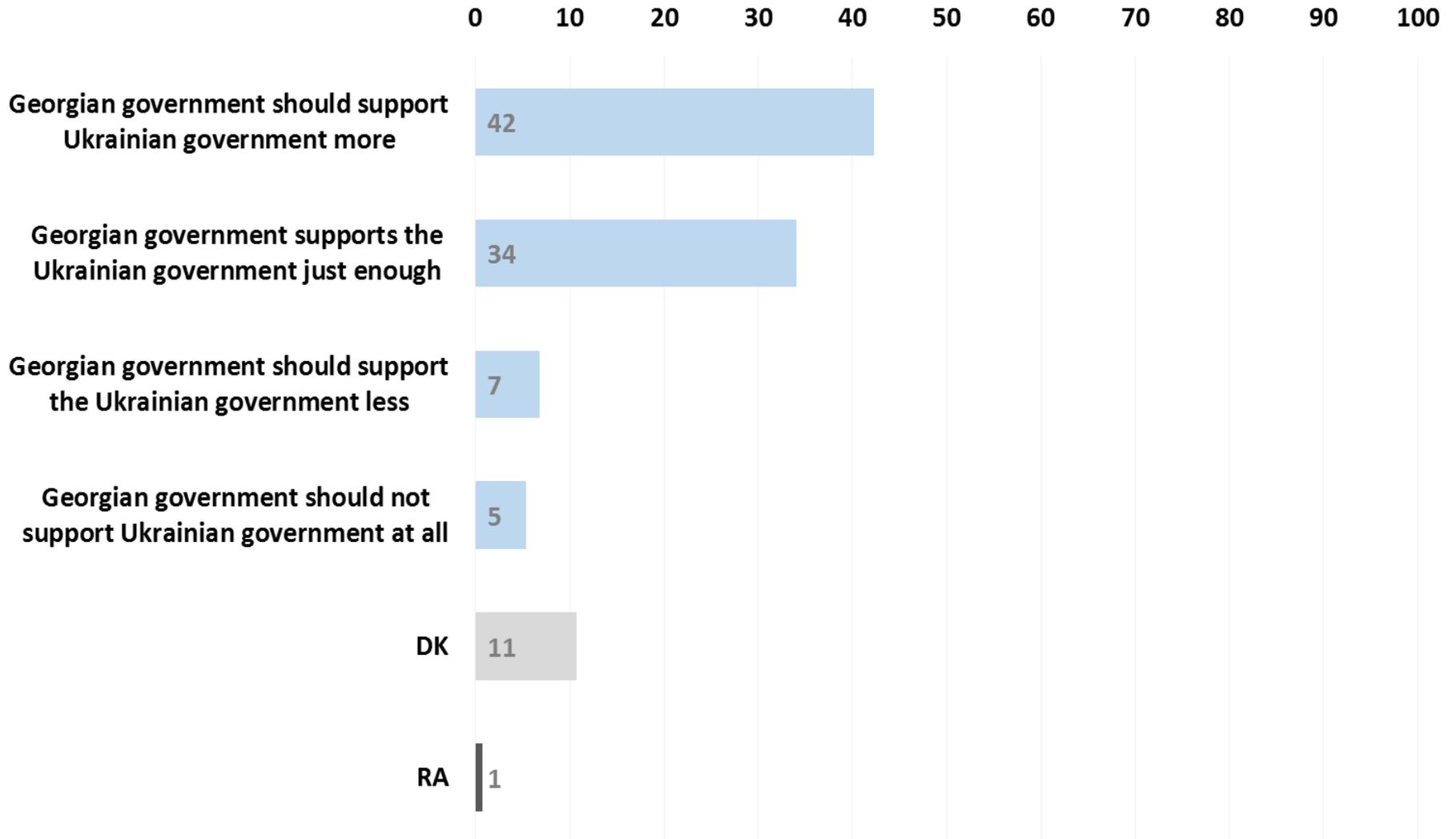
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EU and USA imposed economic sanctions over Russia, freezing assets and travel bans for certain individuals because Russia occupied the Crimea in Ukraine. In your opinion, should these sanctions stay or be removed? (q47)



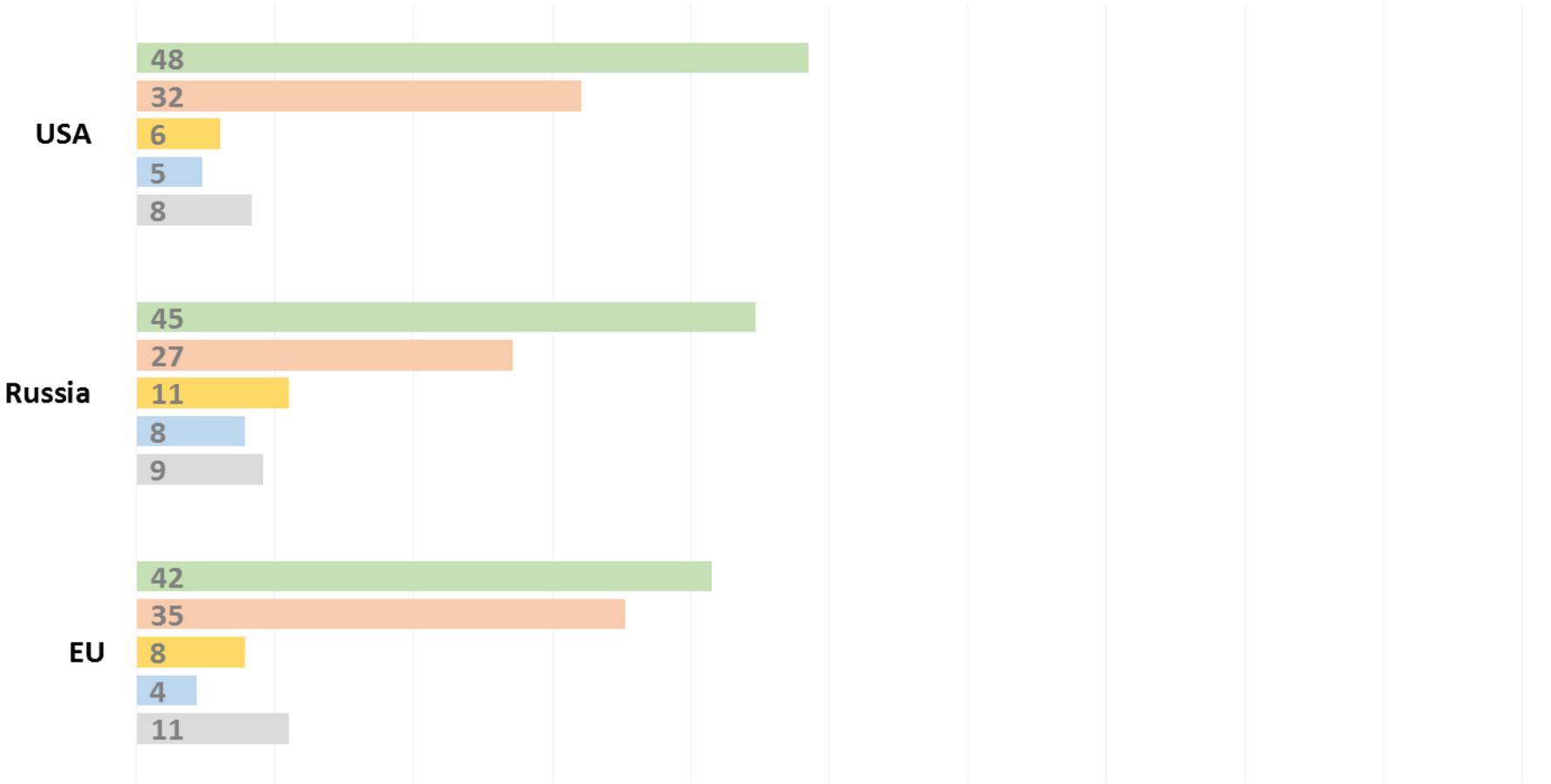
Which of the following statement do you agree with? (q48)



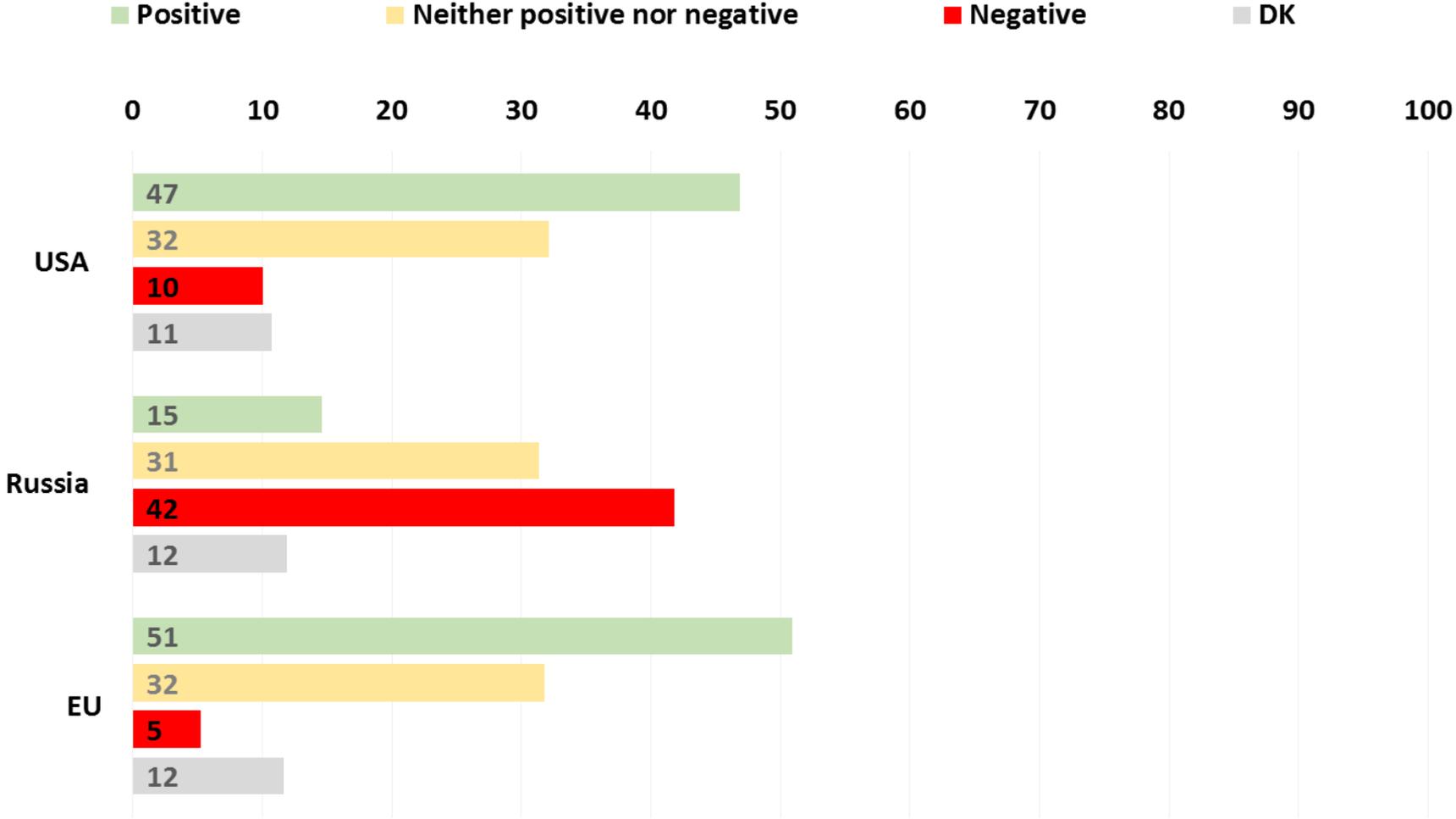
How much influence, if any, do the following have in determining Georgia's future? (q49)

A lot Some A little None DK

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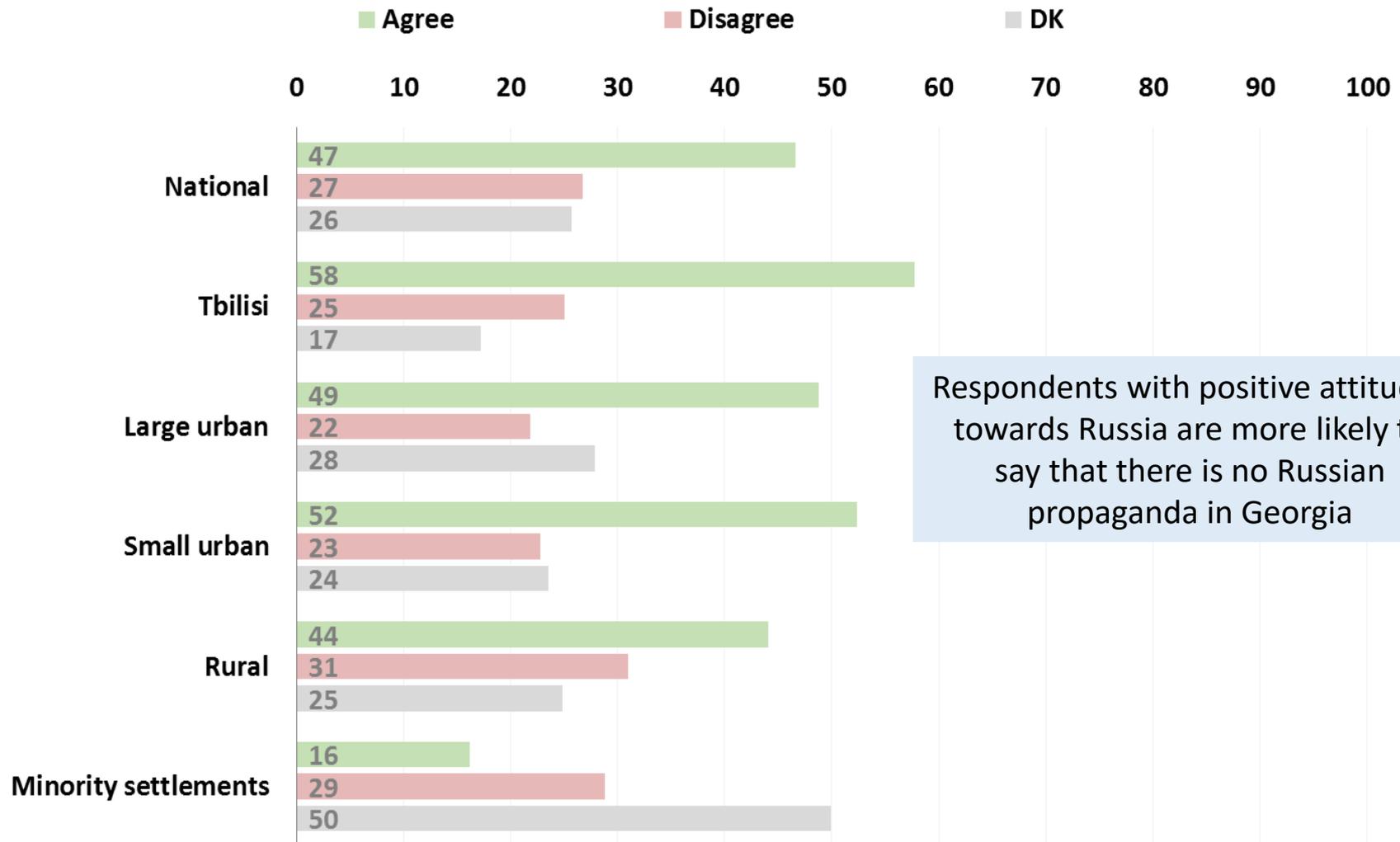
Is the influence of the following, in determining Georgia's future, very negative, negative, neither negative nor positive, positive, very positive? (q50) - of those who think USA/Russia/EU has influence in determining Georgia's future



Do you agree or disagree that there is a Russian propaganda in Georgia? (q72)

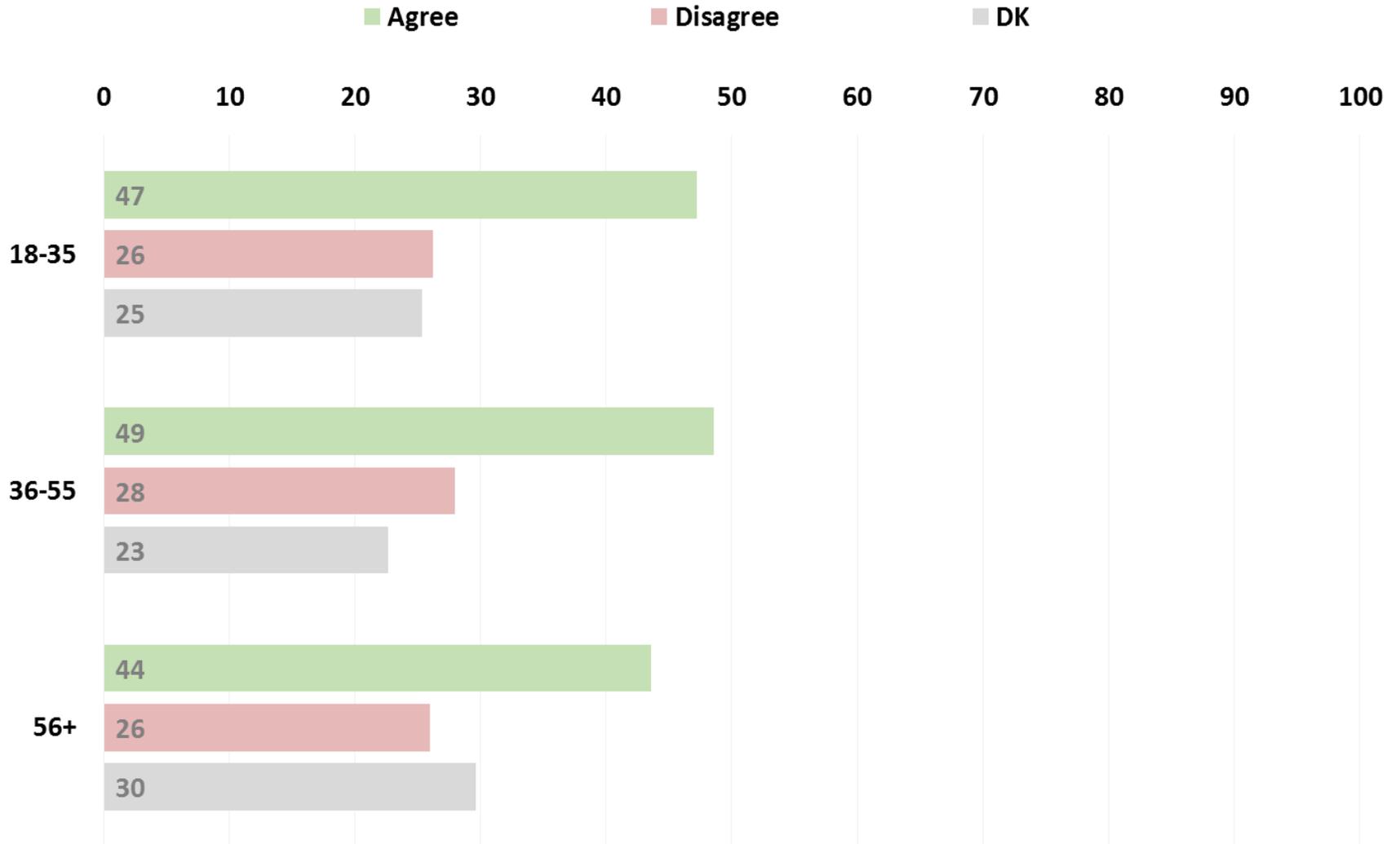


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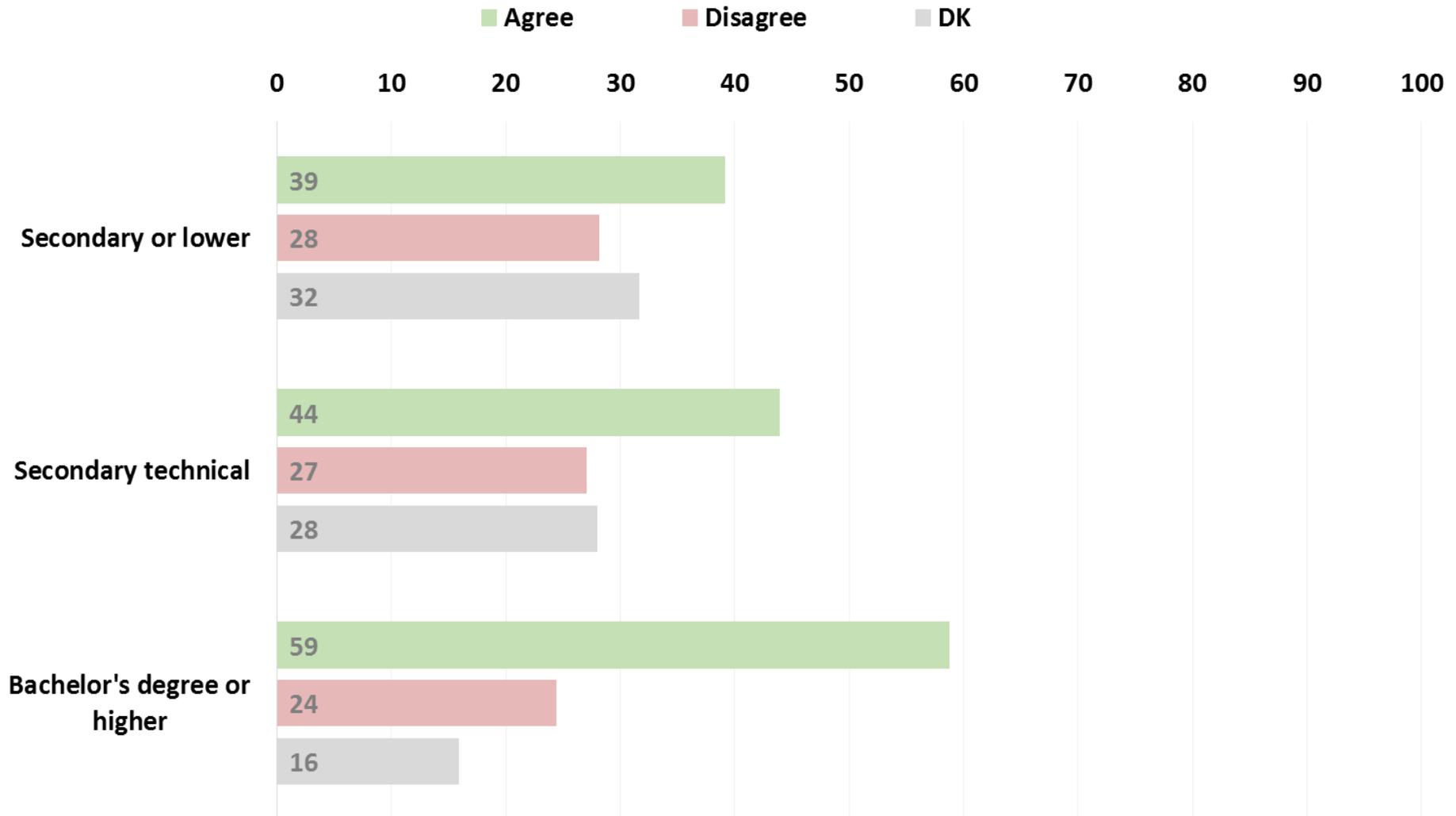


Respondents with positive attitudes towards Russia are more likely to say that there is no Russian propaganda in Georgia

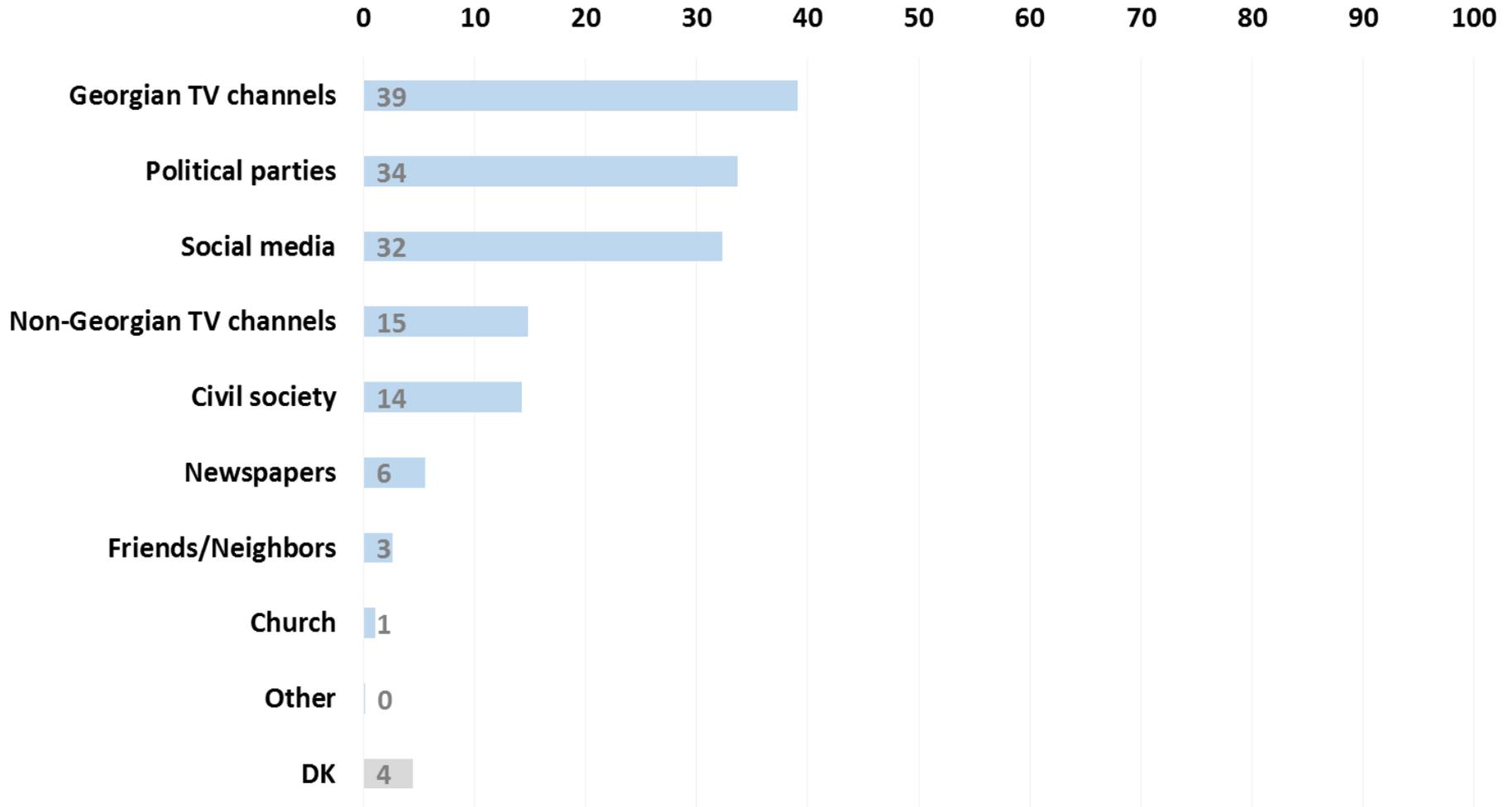
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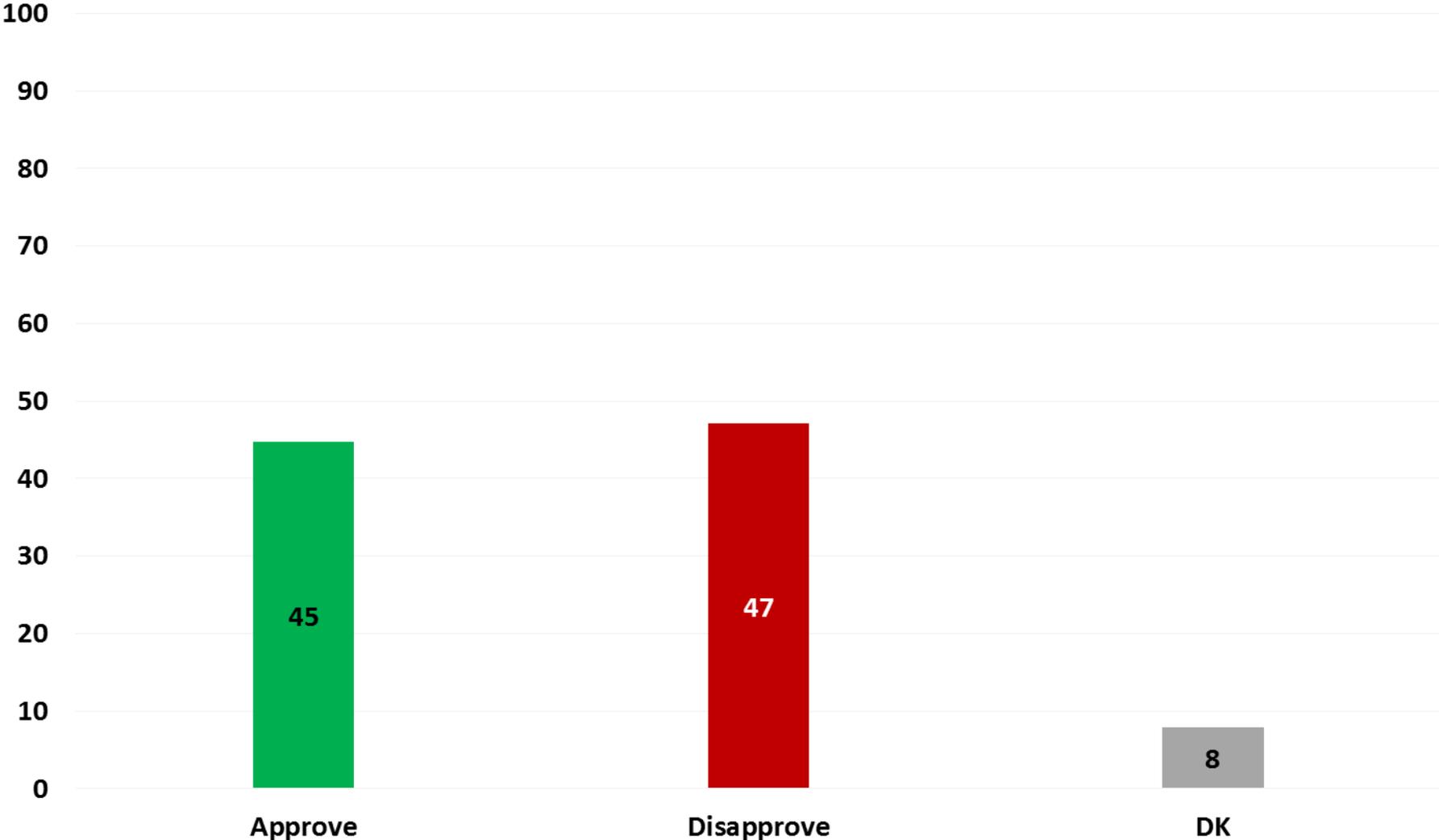
Do you agree or disagree that there is a Russian propaganda in Georgia? (q72 X Education)



What do you believe are the channels of this propaganda? Name up to two (q73) - of the 47% who agree that there is a Russian propaganda in Georgia

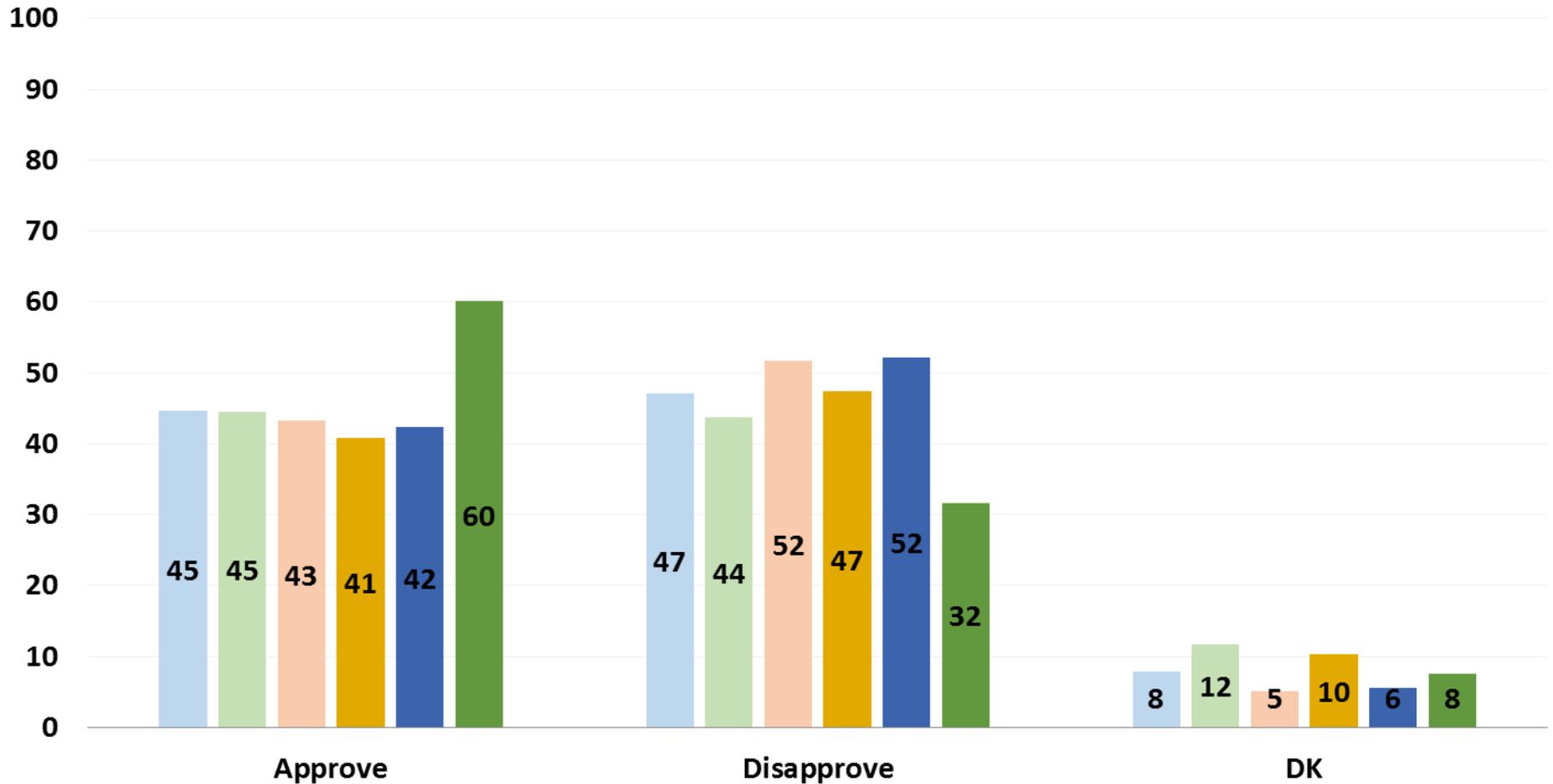


Would you approve or disapprove of your family member going to work to Russia? (q82)



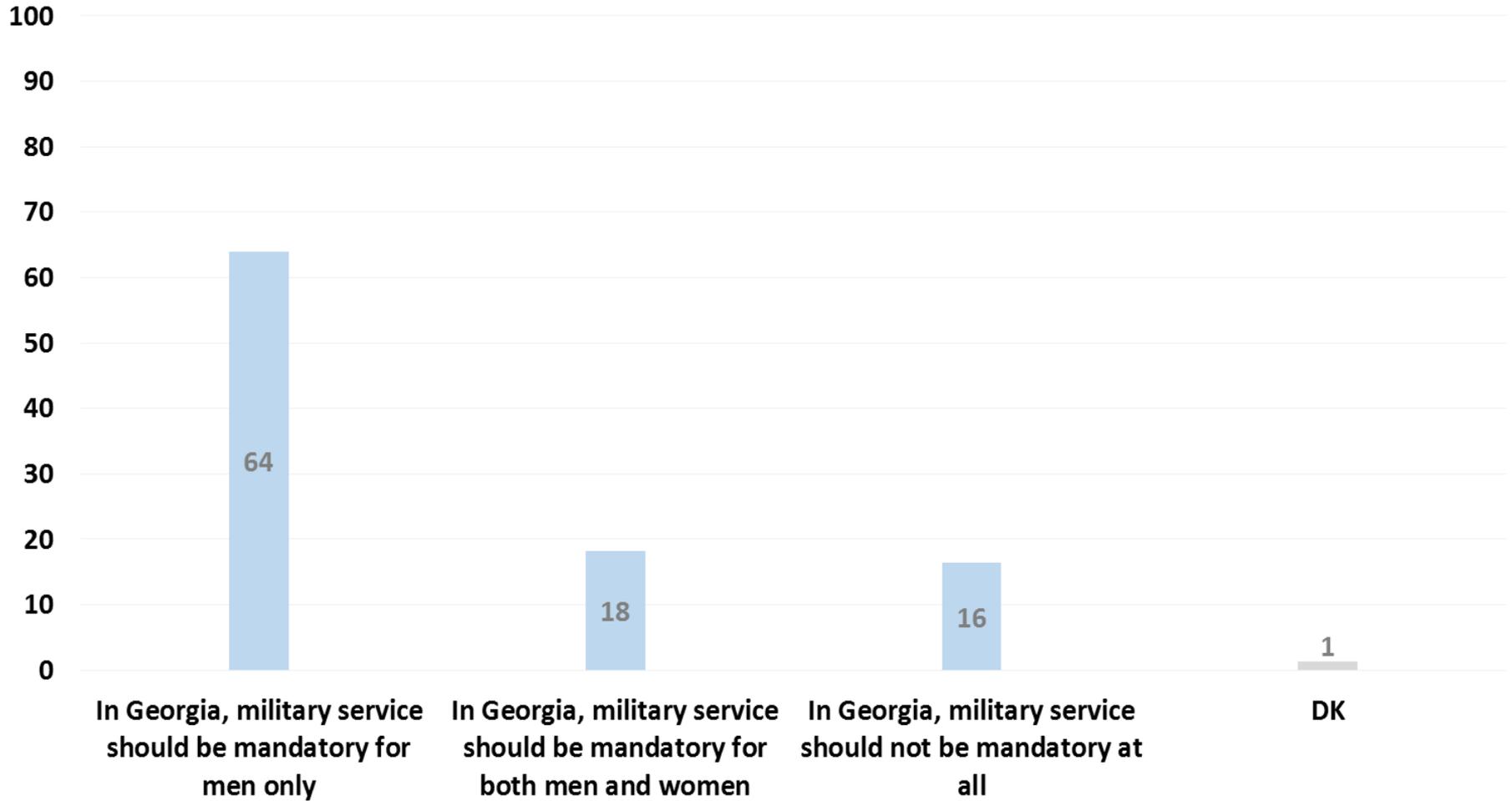
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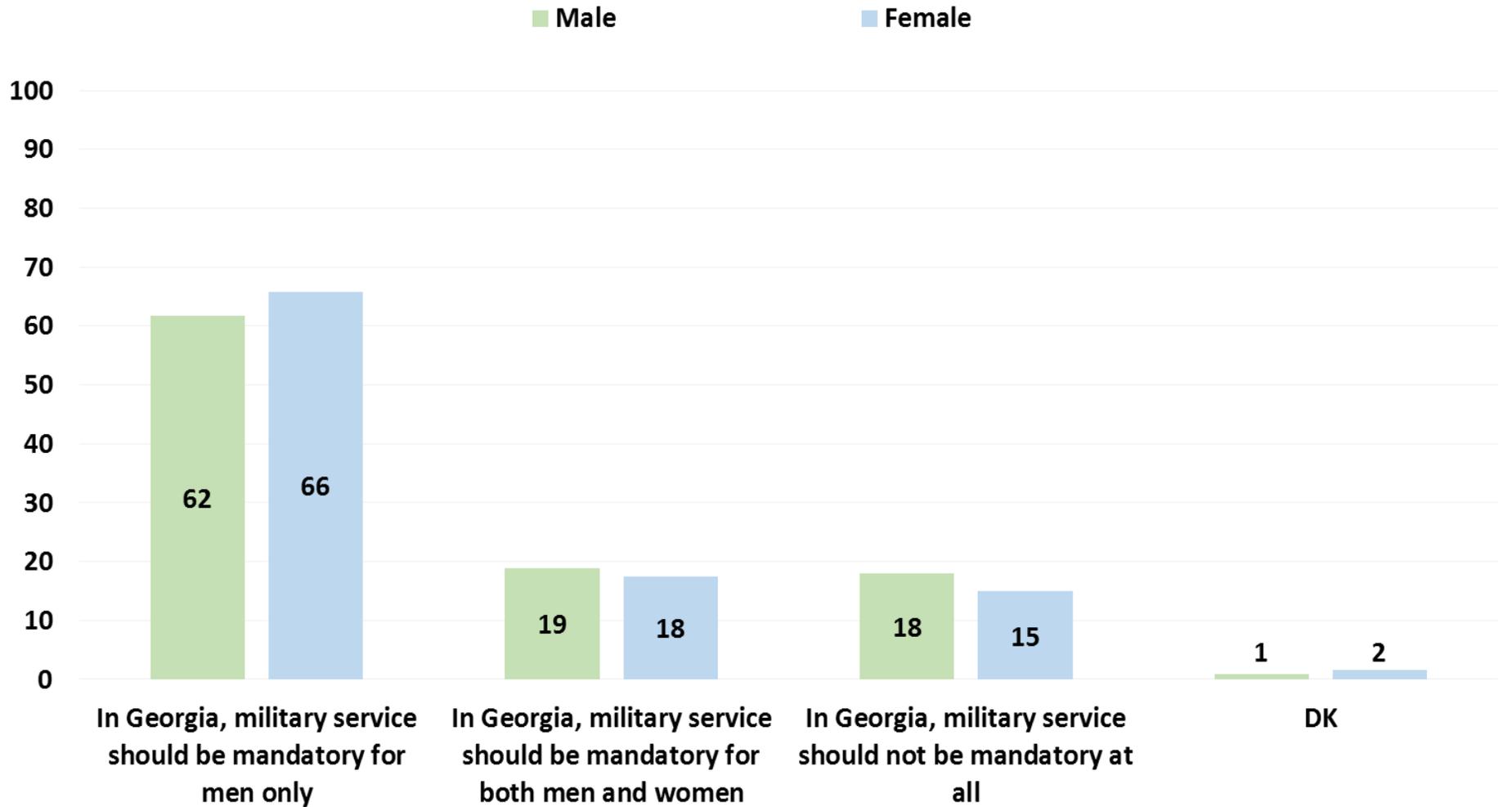


Military Service

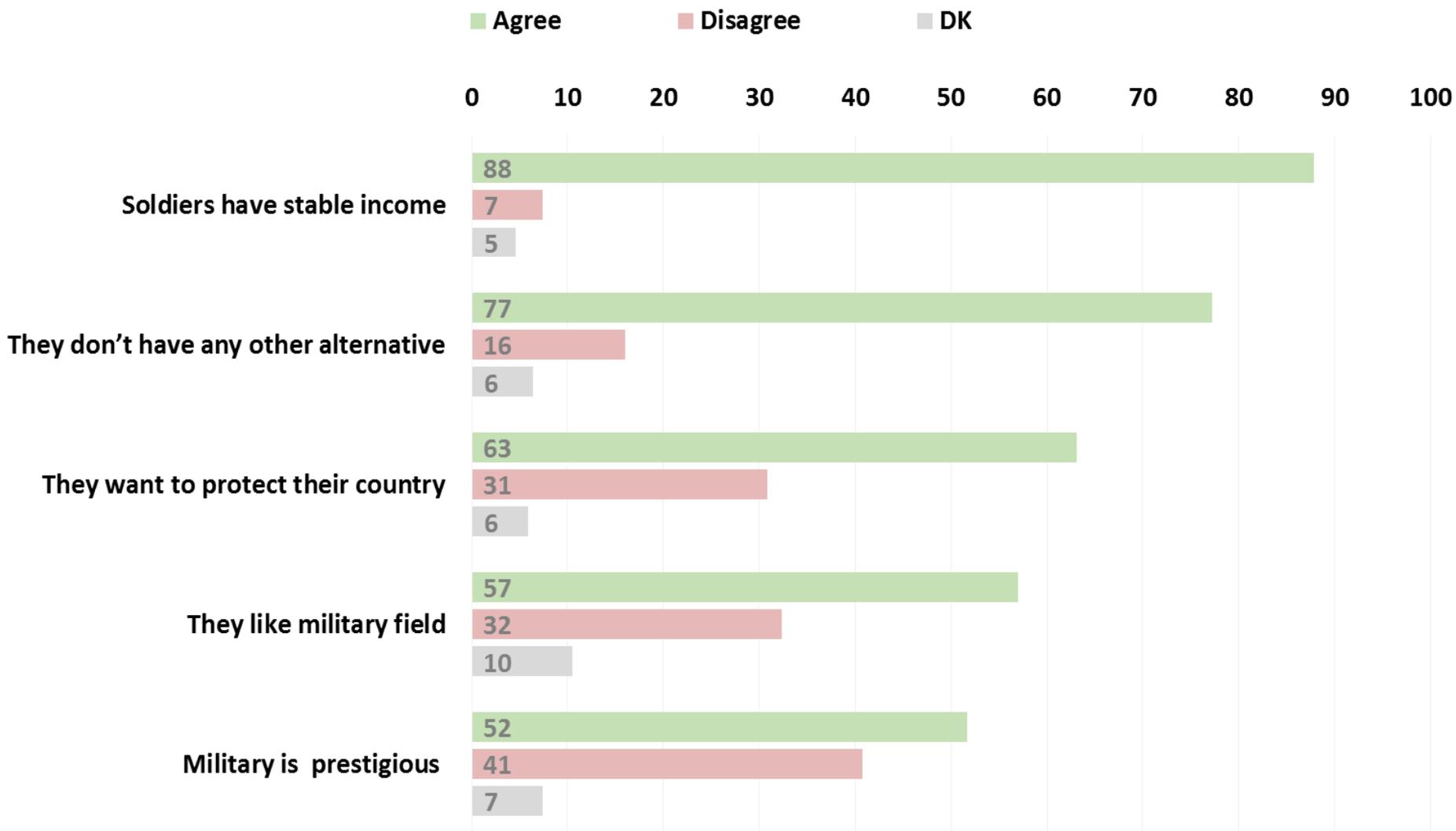
Which statement do you agree with? (q51)



Which statement do you agree with? (q51 X Gender)



Do you agree or disagree that in Georgia people choose military career because ...? (q52)

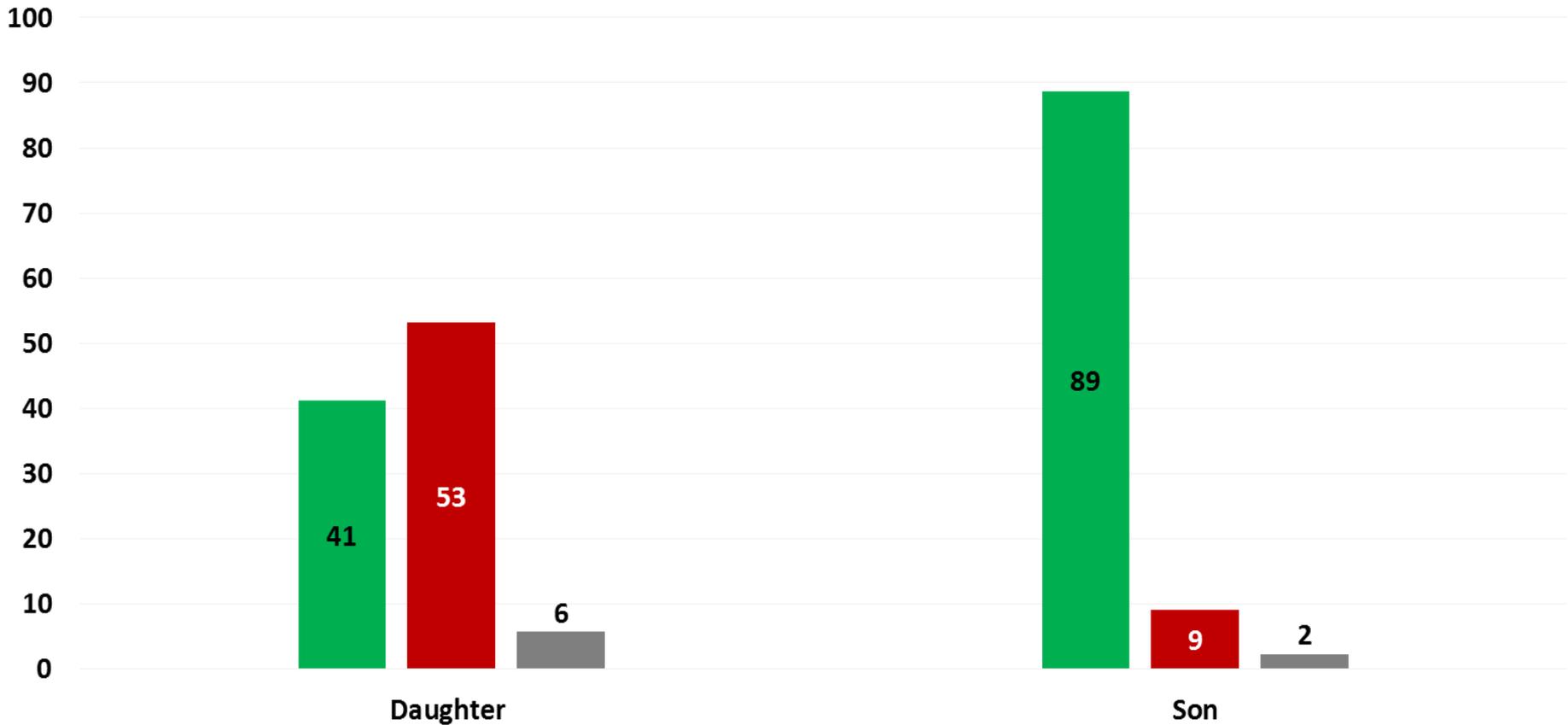


Imagine you have a son/daughter and s/he decides to serve in military. Would you support or not his/her decision? (q53/54)

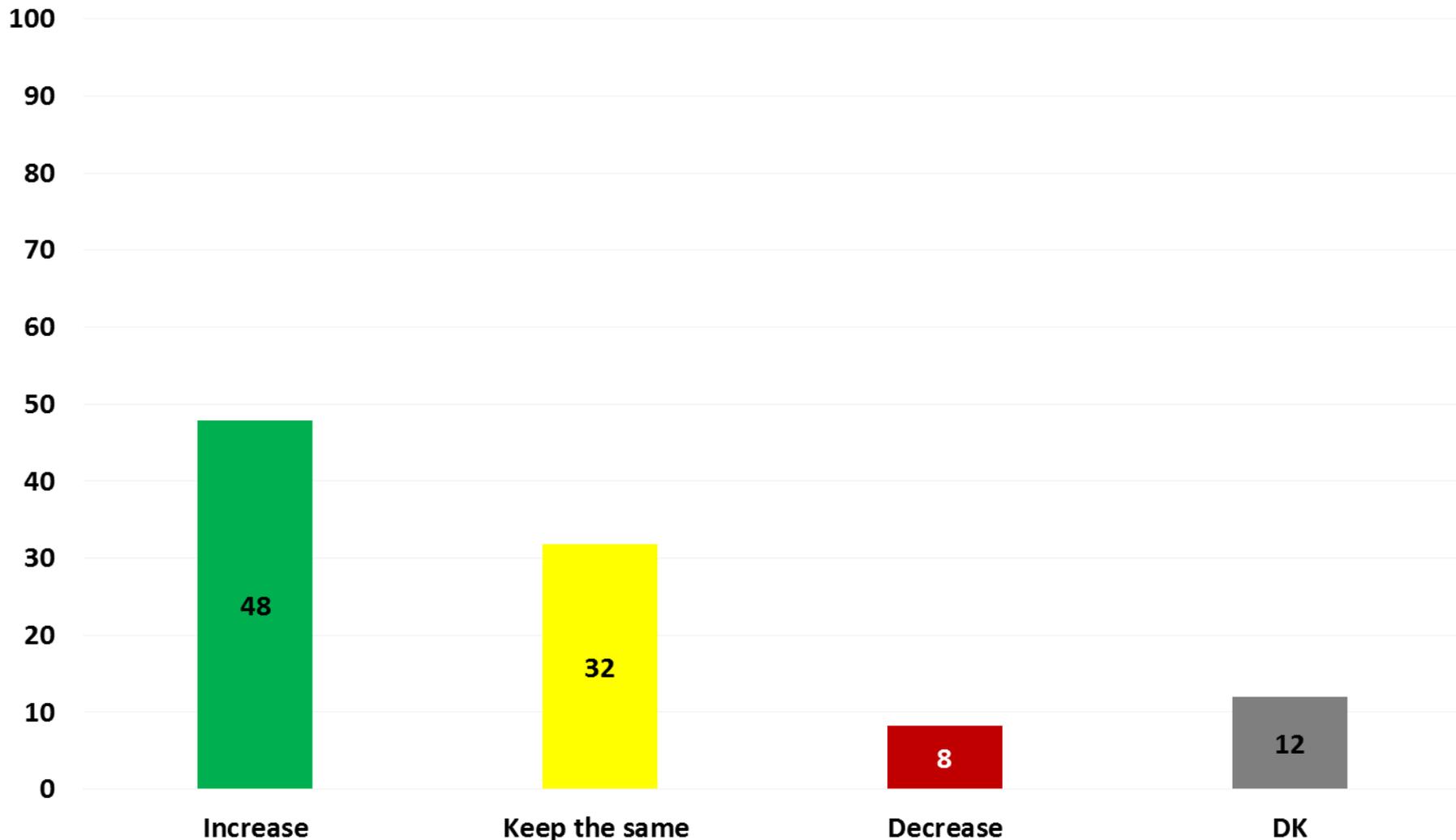
Support

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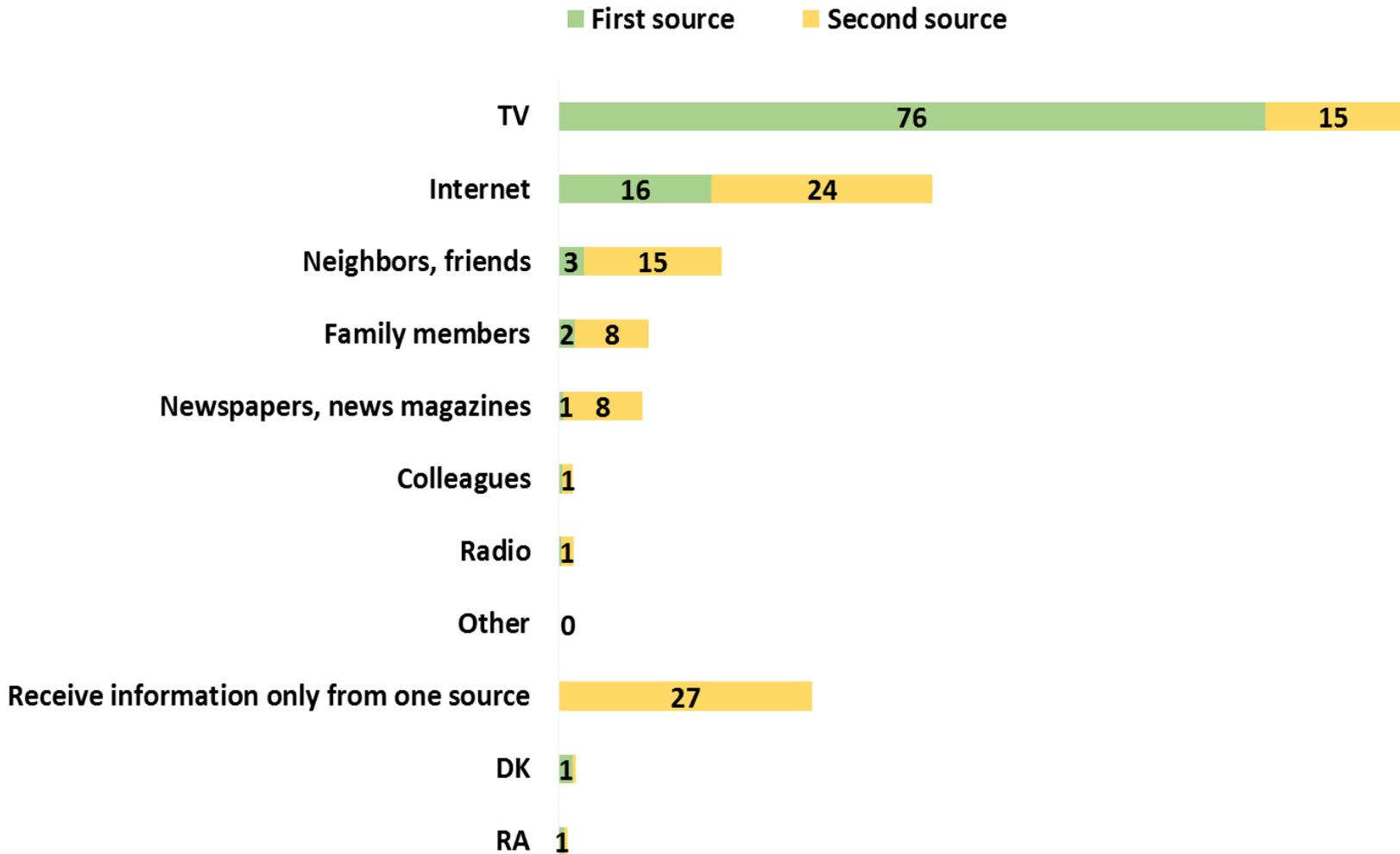


Ministry of defense of Georgia receives 670 million GEL from the state budget in 2017. It is 6% of the entire budget of the country. Do you think that Georgia should increase spending on national defense, keep it about the same or decrease it? (q55)



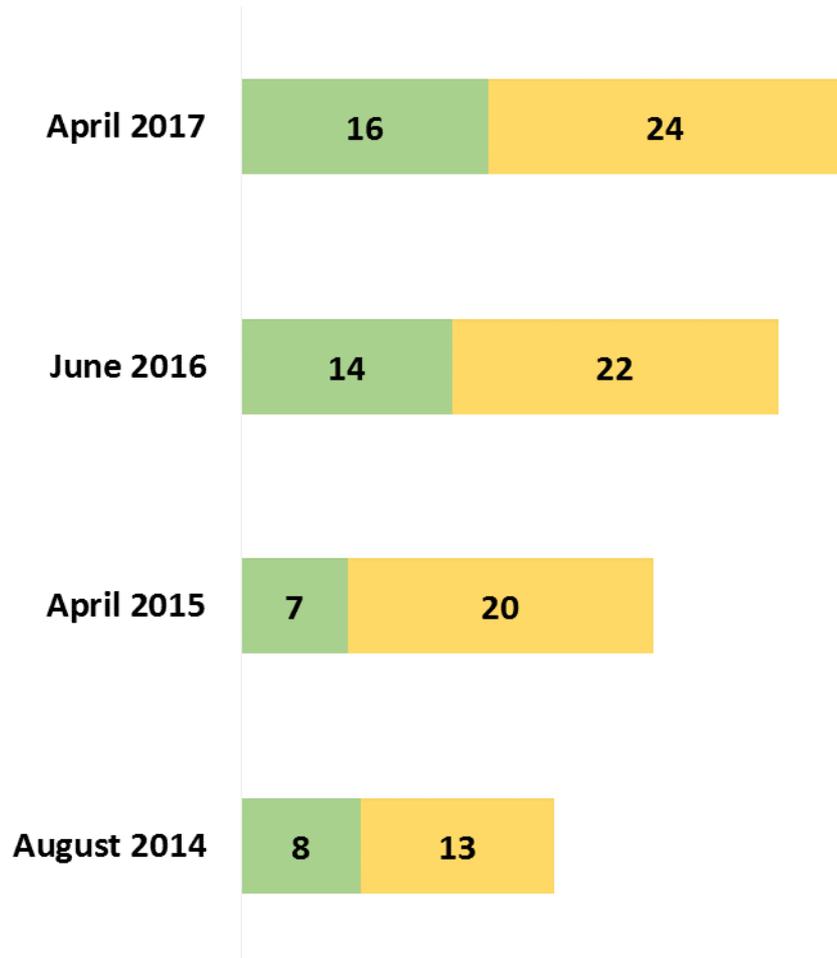
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q74/q75)



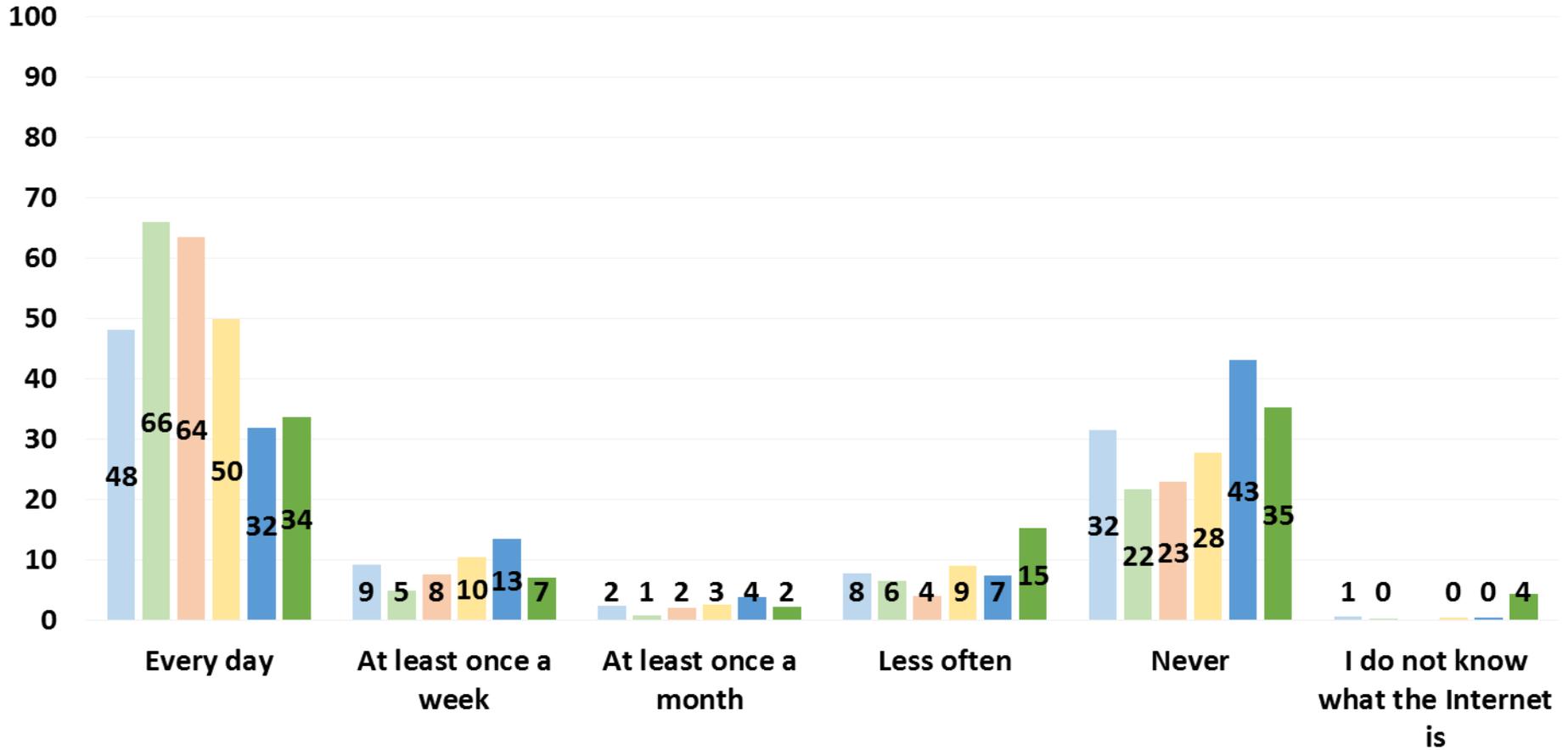
What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q74/q75) Internet

■ First source ■ Second source



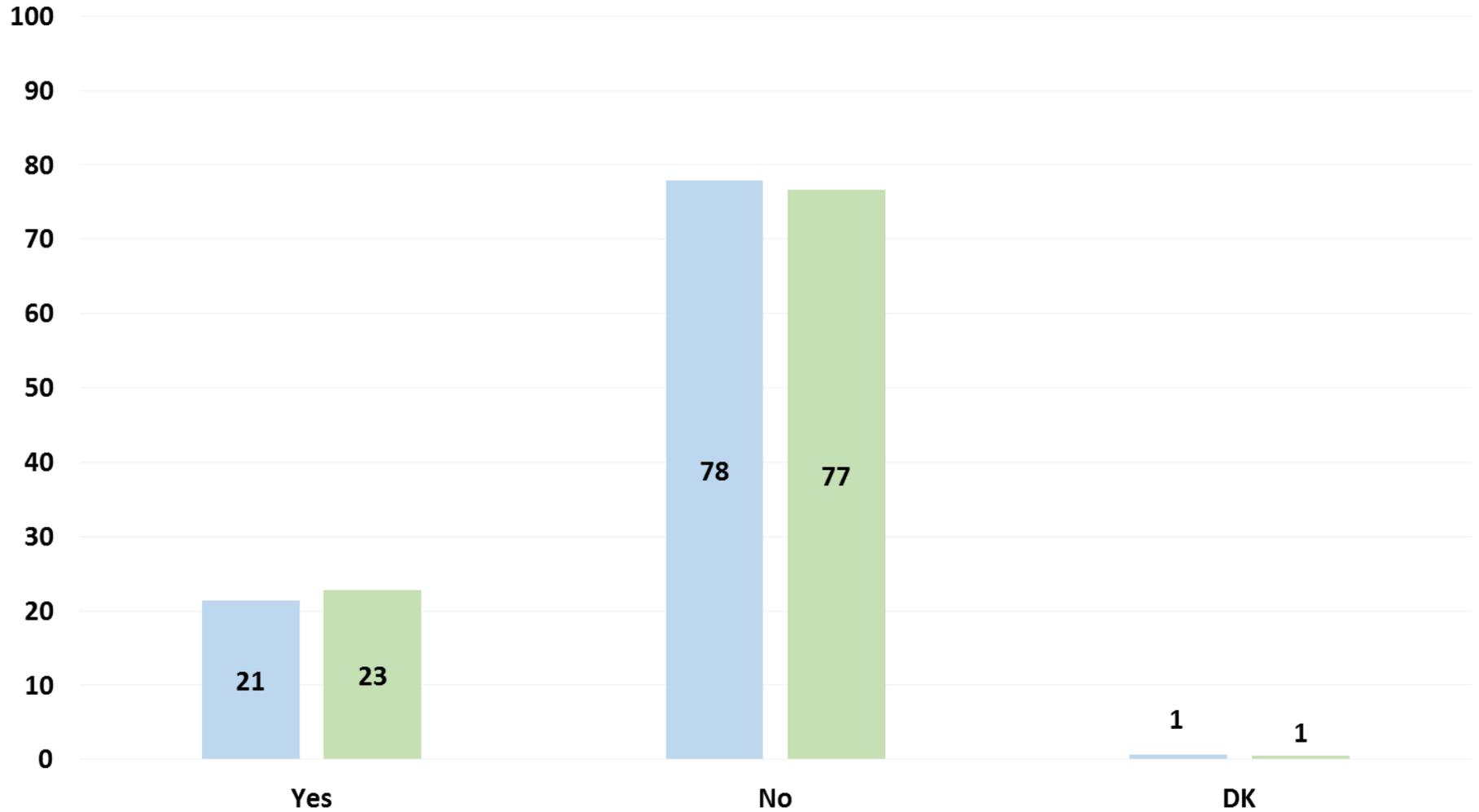
How often do you use the Internet? (q84 X Settlement)

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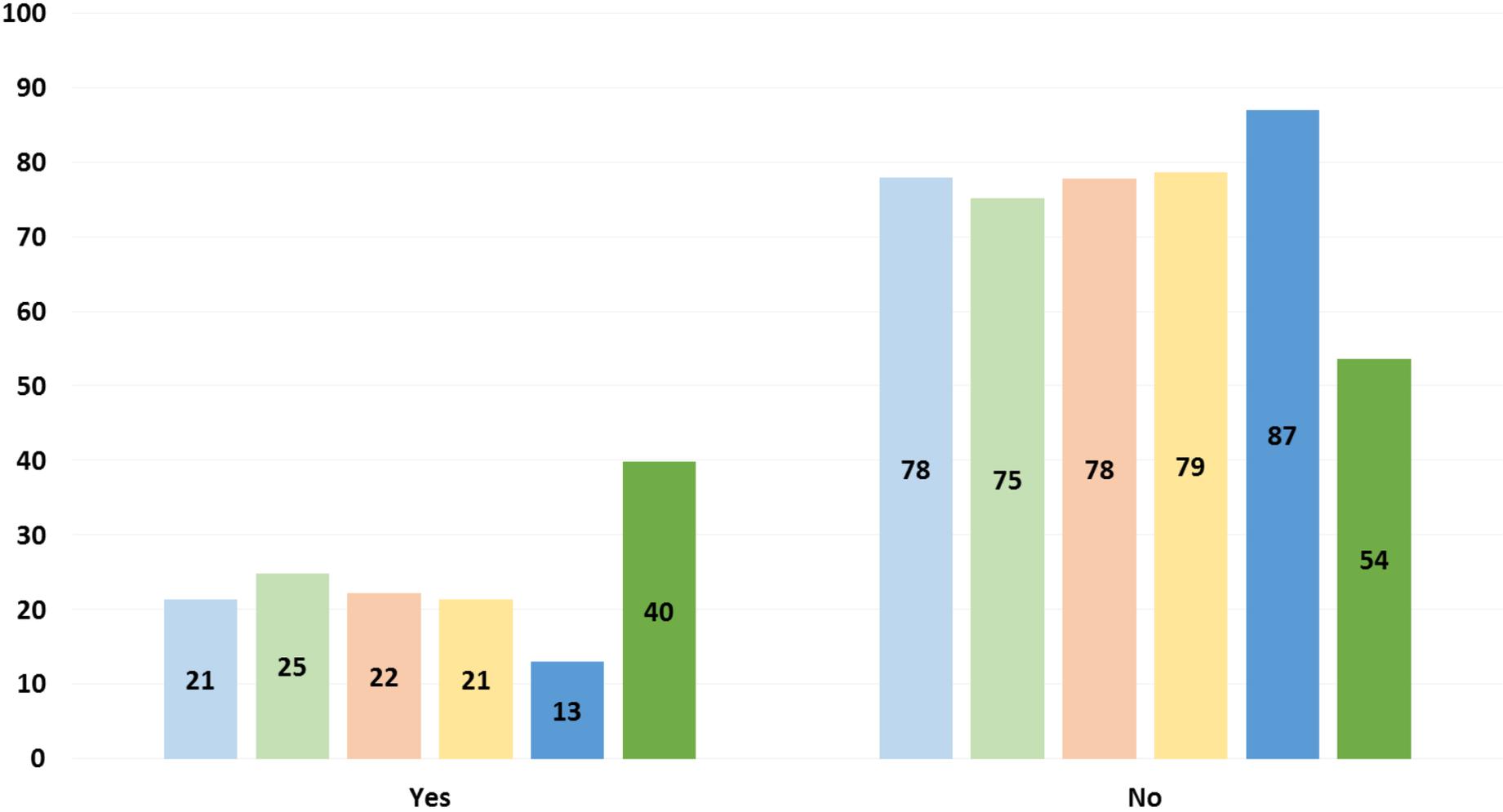
Do you watch coverage of news and current affairs on non-Georgian TV channels? (q76)

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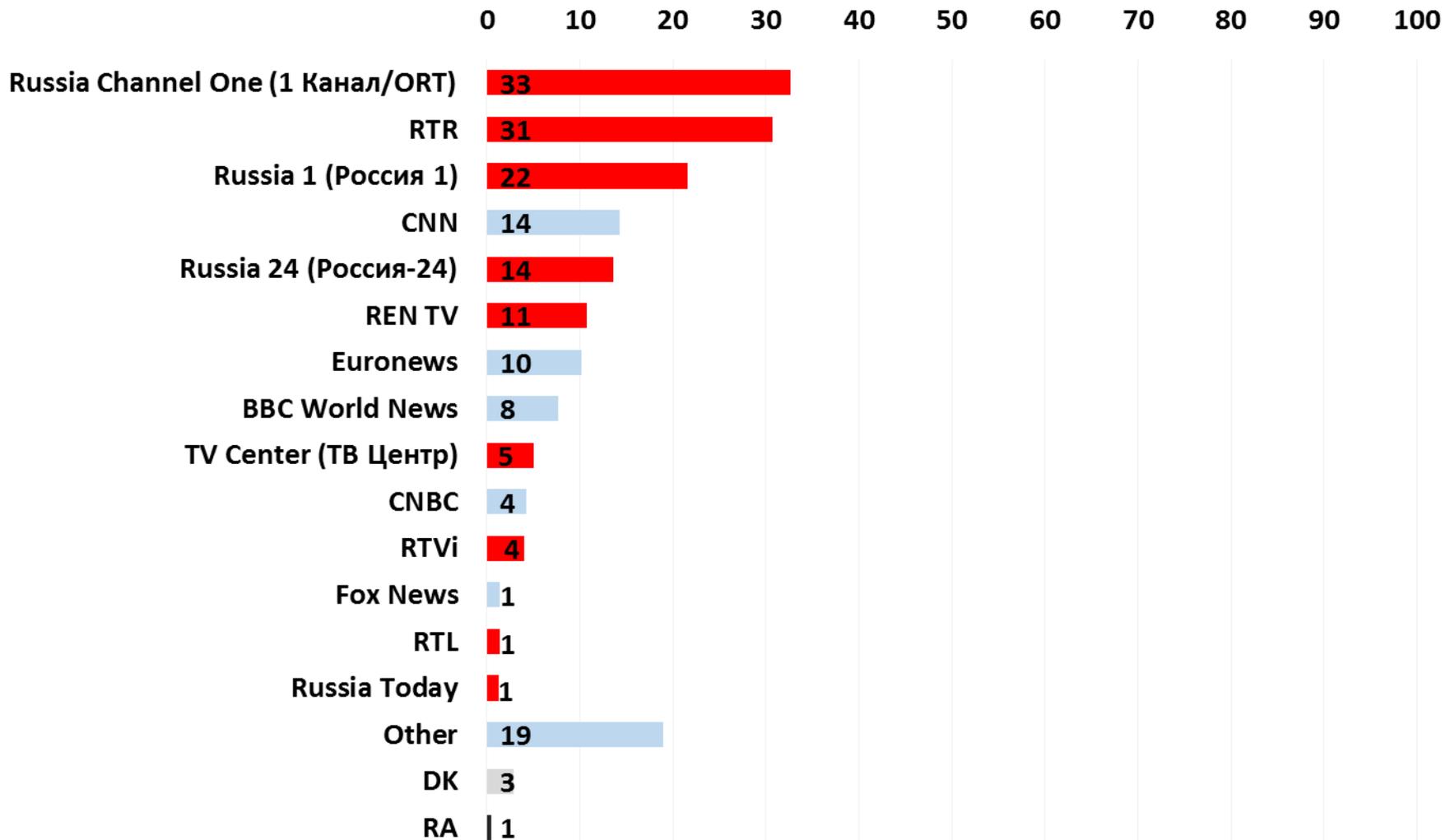


Do you watch coverage of news and current affairs on non-Georgian TV channels? (q76 X Settlement)

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If yes, which TV channels? Accept all answers (q77) - of the 21% who watch coverage of news and current affairs on non-Georgian TV channels



Which TV channel do you trust the most for accurate information on foreign policy? (q78)

