Public attitudes in Georgia
Results of a November 2016 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: November 4 – December 4, 2016

➢3,141 completed interviews

➢A nationally representative sample including oversampled areas of the Capital, Urban, Rural, minority settlements, Kutaisi, Batumi, Zugdidi and Akhaltsikhe cities

➢Minority stratum consists of population of those settlements, where ethnic minorities (mostly Armenians and Azeri) make at least 40% of the total settlement population. Settlements within this stratum are dispersed through Kvemo Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti and kakheti regions

➢The average margin of error is +/- 1,8%

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)

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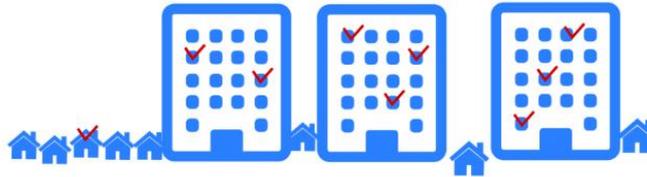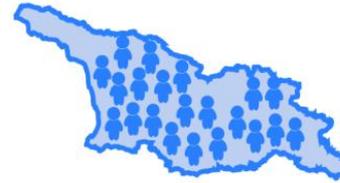
2 Interviewer randomly selectes households according to the given step size, e.g. every 3rd, 5th, 8th...

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

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

5 Interviewer submits the results via the internet to the special server.
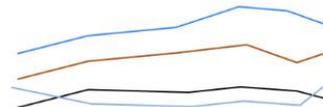
6 CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

Pre-election cycle

Speaking about the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections pre-election periods, which of the following statements do you agree with? (q14)

There was more violence during the October 2012 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2016 Parliamentary elections period	18
The level of violence during the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period was the same	11
There was more violence during the October 2016 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2012 Parliamentary elections period	12
There was no violence during October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period	46
DK	13
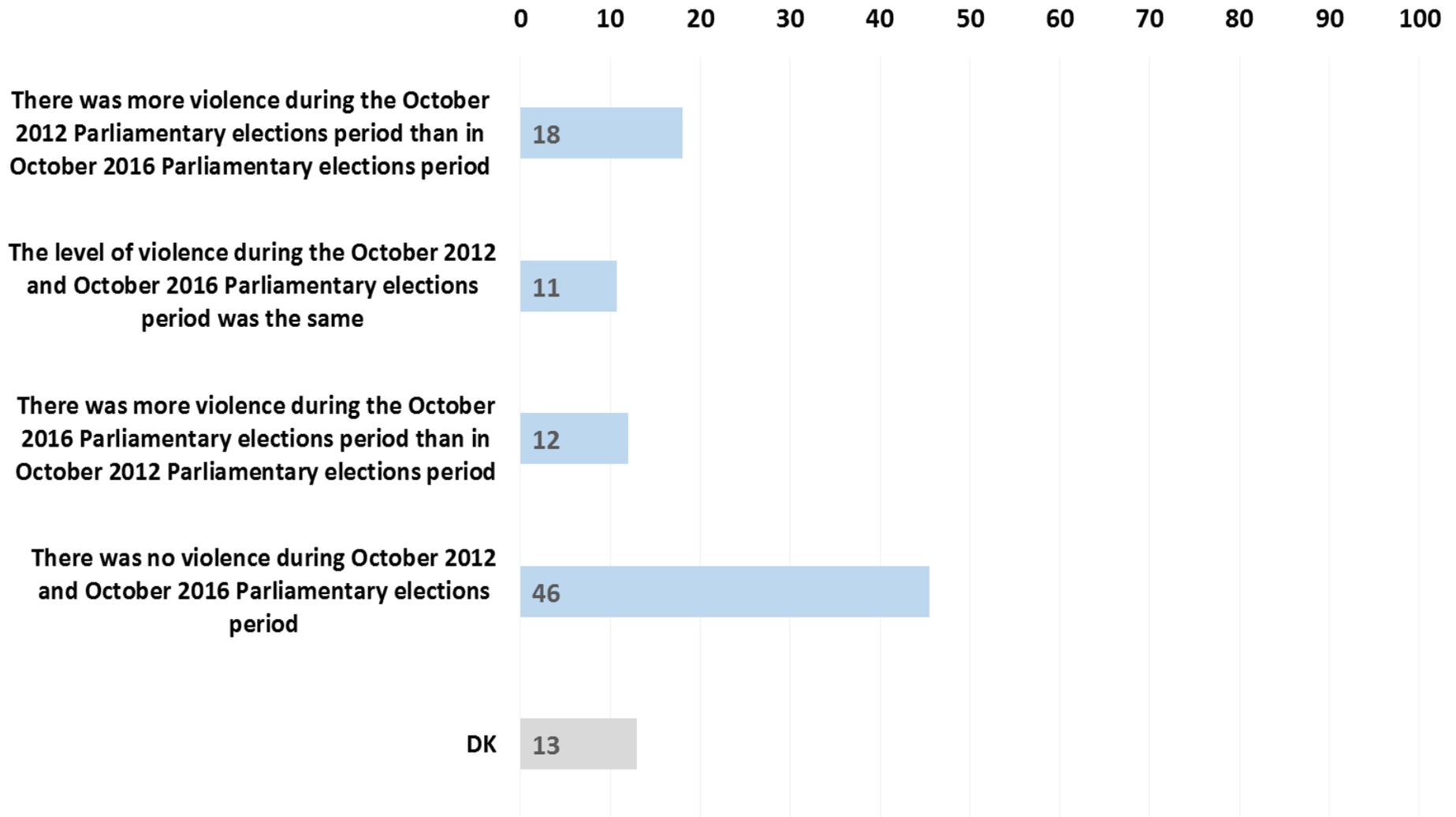
Speaking about the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections pre-election periods, which of the following statements do you agree with? (q14 X Settlement)

Legend: Tbilisi · Kutaisi · Batumi · Zugdidi · Akhaltsikhe

Statement	Tbilisi	Kutaisi	Batumi	Zugdidi	Akhaltsikhe
There was more violence during the October 2012 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2016 Parliamentary elections period	27	19	10	18	17
The level of violence during the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period was the same	13	19	3	2	12
There was more violence during the October 2016 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2012 Parliamentary elections period	12	16	7	7	13
There was no violence during October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period	39	36	63	55	43
DK	9	8	17	18	12
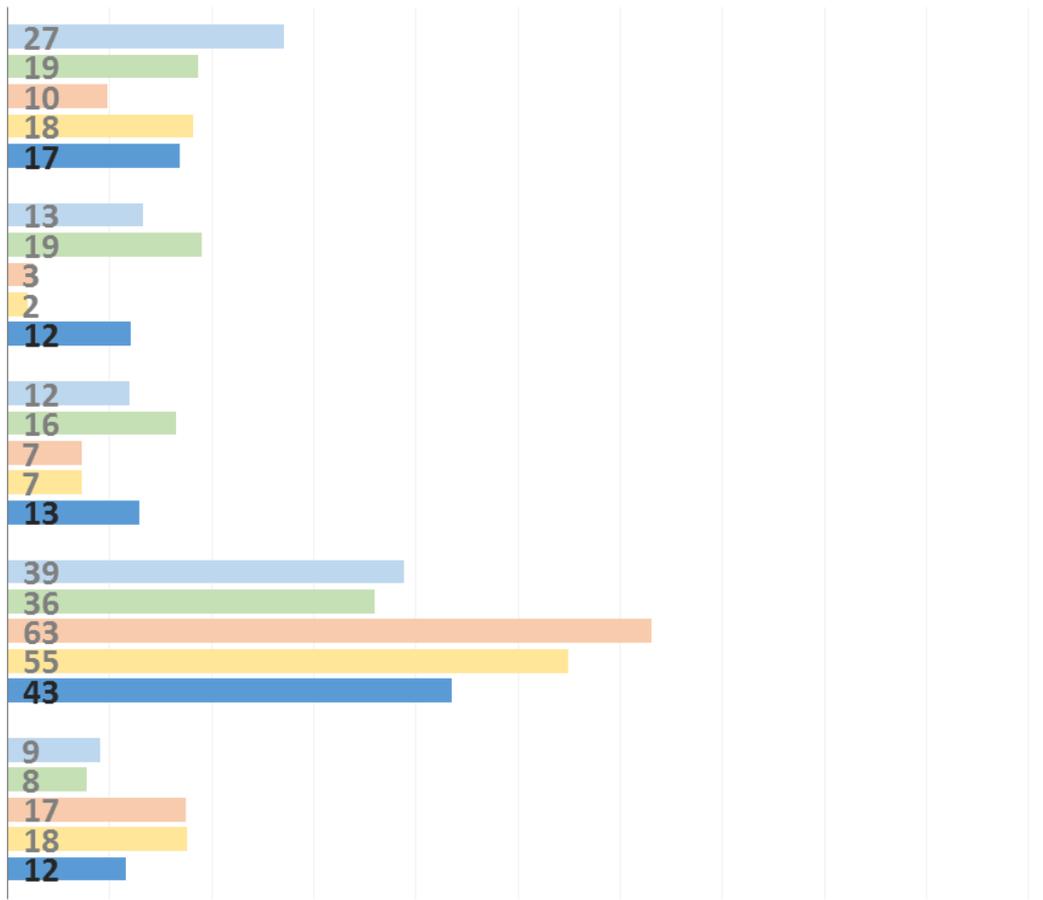
Speaking about the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections pre-election periods, which of the following statements do you agree with? (q14 X Party closest to you)

- Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia
- No party
- UNM
- Refuse to answer
- Don't know
- Other

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There was more violence during the October 2012 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2016 Parliamentary elections period
- 24
- 15
- 7
- 8
- 4
- 25

The level of violence during the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period was the same
- 5
- 16
- 15
- 6
- 16
- 17

There was more violence during the October 2016 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2012 Parliamentary elections period
- 6
- 13
- 35
- 10
- 7
- 16

There was no violence during October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period
- 56
- 37
- 36
- 53
- 42
- 31

DK
- 7
- 19
- 7
- 21
- 31
- 11

Speaking about the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections pre-election periods, which of the following statements do you agree with? (q15)

There was more intimidation during the October 2012 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2016 Parliamentary elections period — 17

The level of intimidation during the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period was the same — 10

There was more intimidation during the October 2016 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2012 Parliamentary elections period — 11

There was no intimidation during October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period — 47

DK — 14

Speaking about the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections pre-election periods, which of the following statements do you agree with? (q15 X Settlement)

■ Tbilisi ■ Kutaisi ■ Batumi ■ Zugdidi ■ Akhaltsikhe

0   10   20   30   40   50   60   70   80   90   100

There was more intimidation during the October 2012 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2016 Parliamentary elections period
- 24
- 17
- 7
- 18
- 13

The level of intimidation during the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period was the same
- 15
- 16
- 2
- 3
- 14

There was more intimidation during the October 2016 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2012 Parliamentary elections period
- 11
- 15
- 6
- 8
- 12

There was no intimidation during October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period
- 40
- 42
- 62
- 53
- 46

DK
- 10
- 8
- 24
- 18
- 12
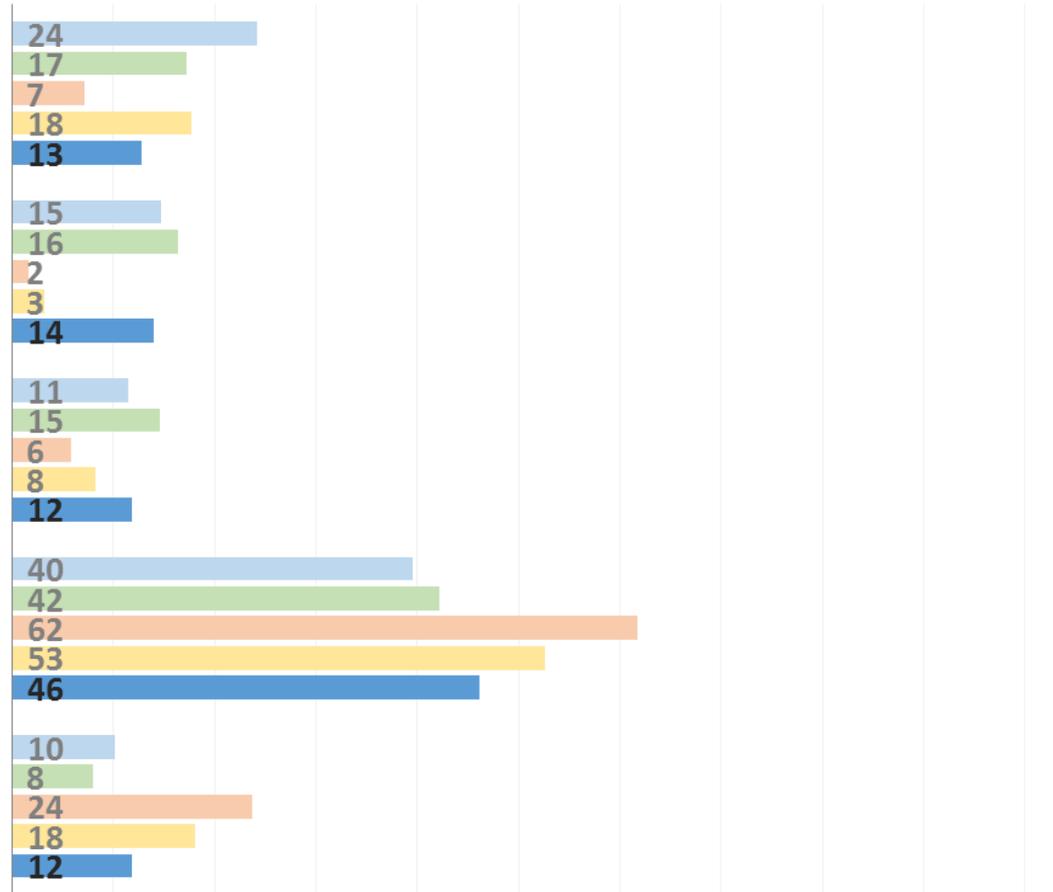
Speaking about the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections pre-election periods, which of the following statements do you agree with? (q15 X Party closest to you)

- ■ Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia
- ■ No party
- ■ UNM
- ■ Refuse to answer
- ■ Don't know
- ■ Other

There was more intimidation during the October 2012 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2016 Parliamentary elections period
- 22
- 14
- 6
- 10
- 5
- 23

The level of intimidation during the October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period was the same
- 6
- 15
- 13
- 6
- 12
- 15

There was more intimidation during the October 2016 Parliamentary elections period than in October 2012 Parliamentary elections period
- 4
- 11
- 38
- 11
- 9
- 14

There was no intimidation during October 2012 and October 2016 Parliamentary elections period
- 58
- 38
- 35
- 49
- 39
- 36

DK
- 8
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- 7
- 22
- 34
- 12
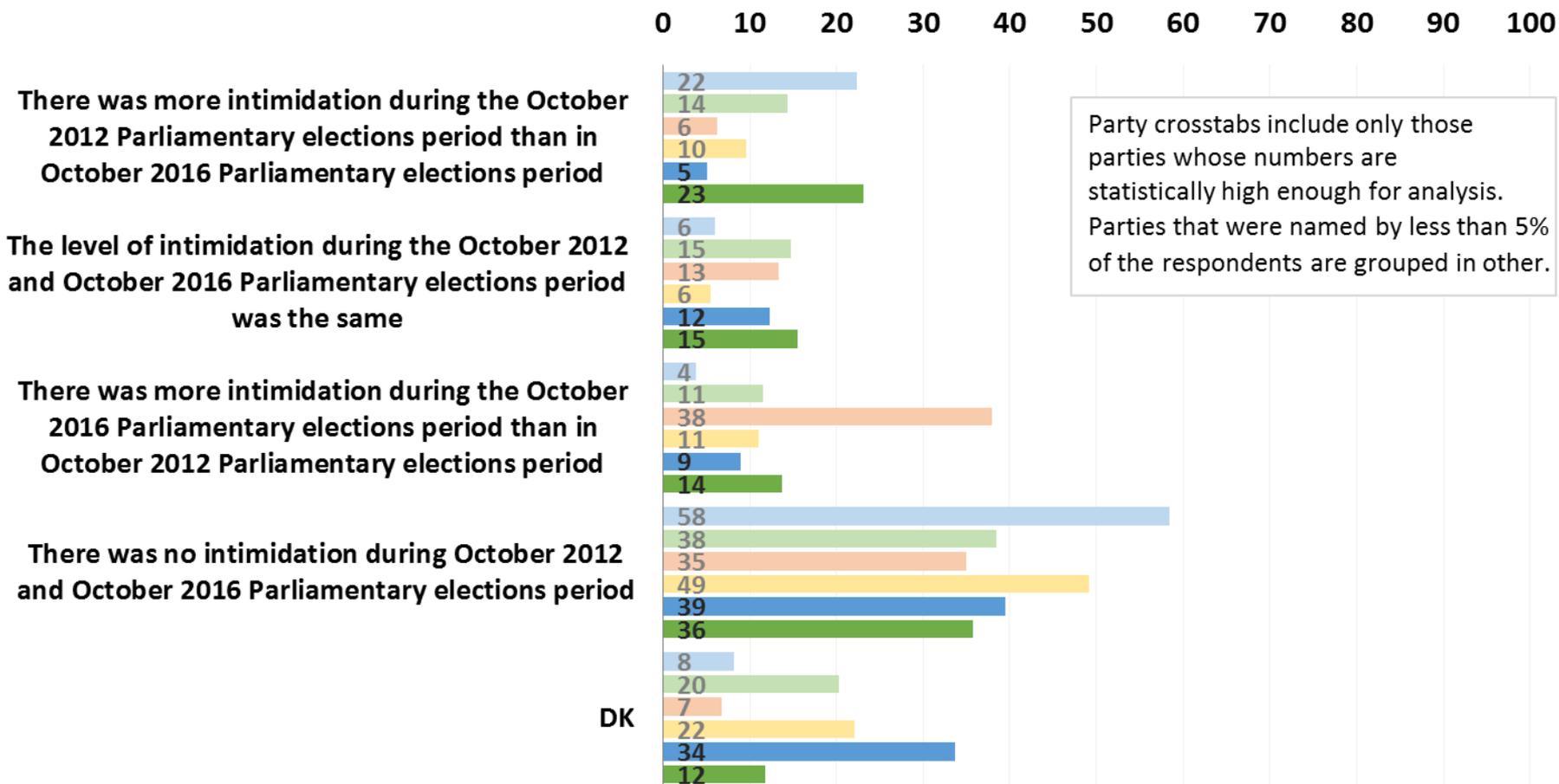
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Were you contacted in any of the following ways by the candidate or representatives of candidate/political party before the October 8 parliamentary elections or run off? Accept all answers (q17)
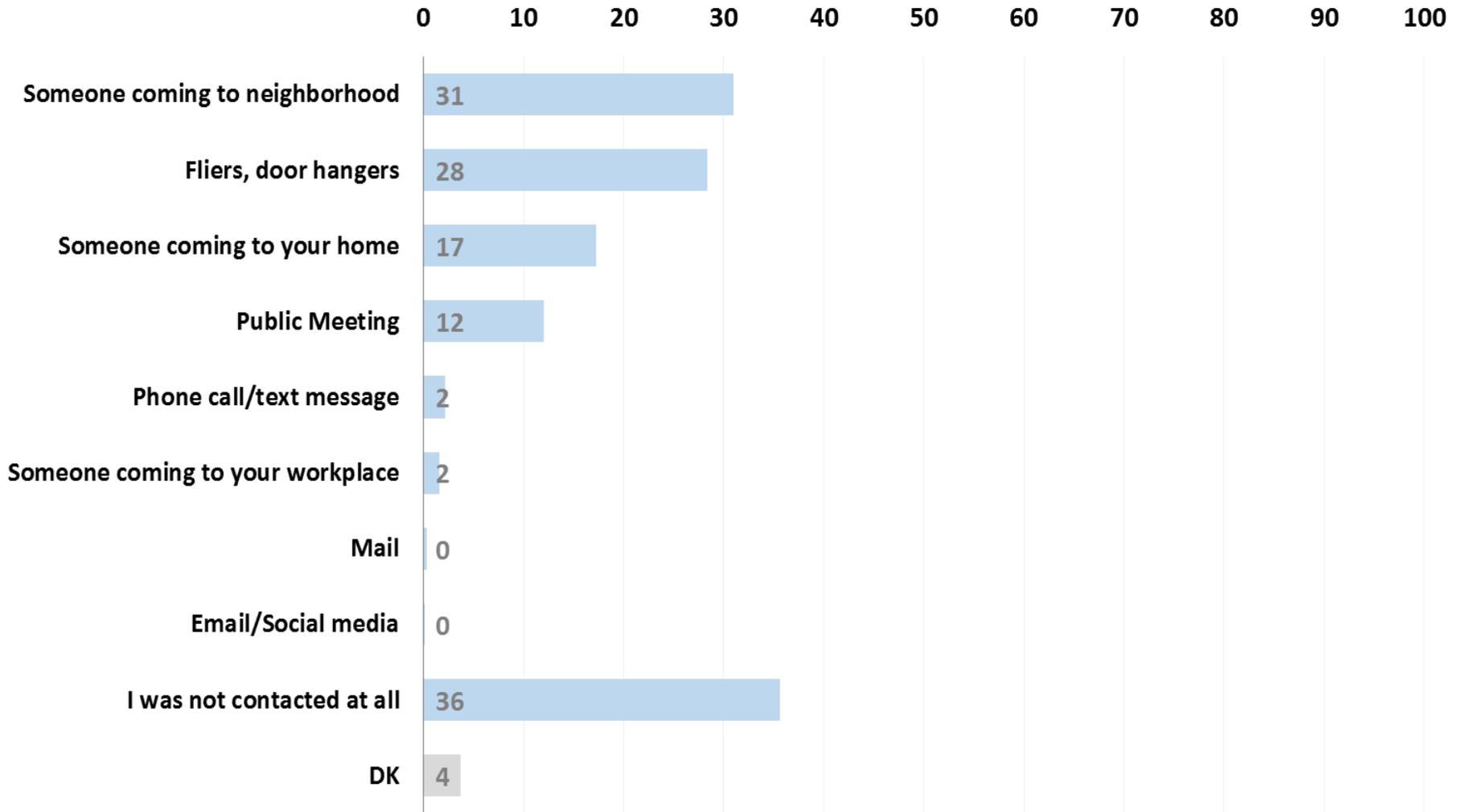
If you were contacted, was it a candidate or his/her representative? (q18) - of the 45% who were contacted **directly** by the candidate or the representative
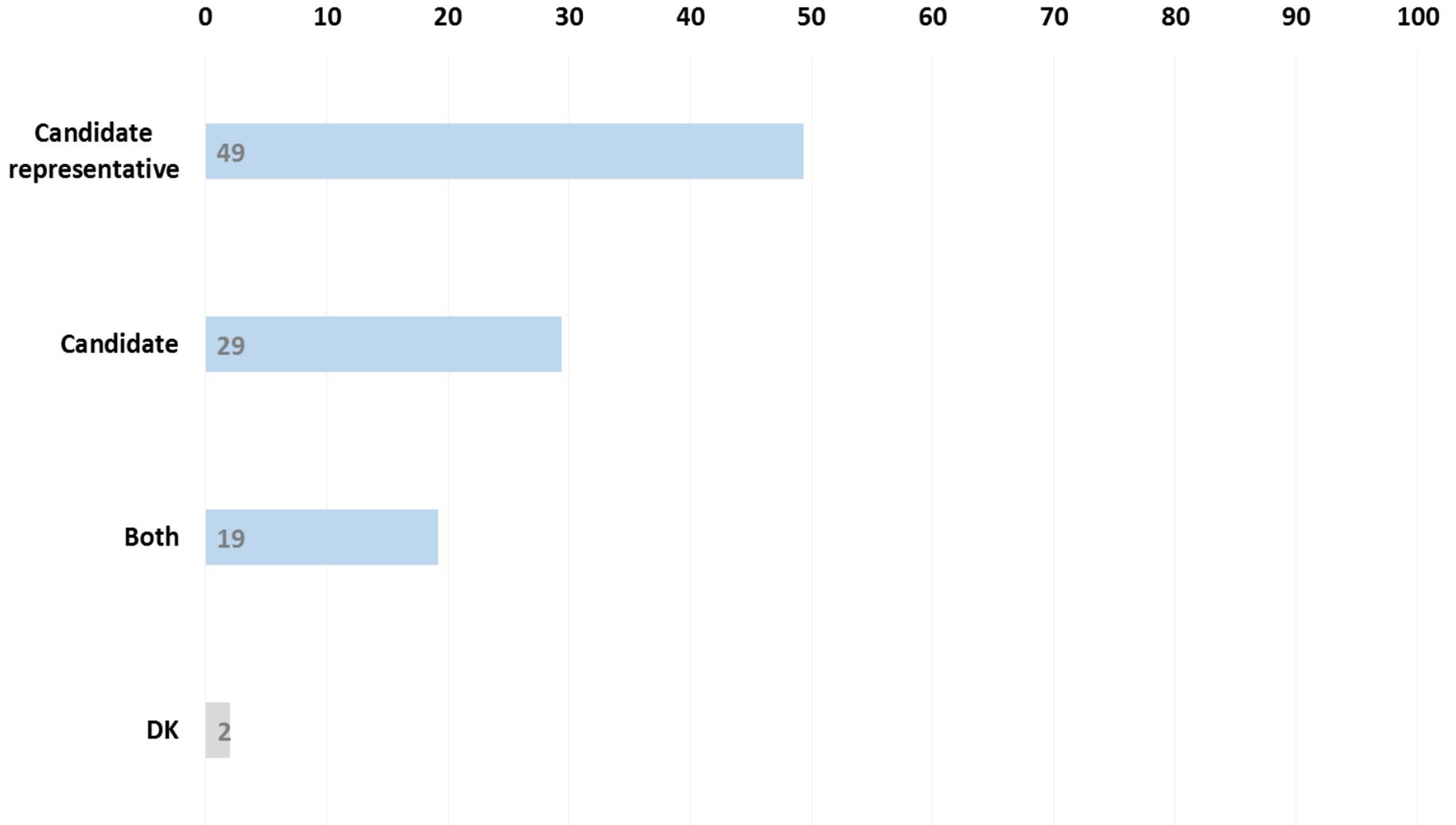
If contacted, on behalf of which party/candidate was this contact made? Accept all answers (q19) - of the 60% who were contacted by the candidate or the representative by any means

| Party/Candidate	Value
Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia	78
United National Movement	49
Paata Burchuladze - State for People	17
David Tarkhan-Mouravi, Irma Inashvili - Alliance of Patriots of Georgia, United Opposition	12
Usupashvili - Republicans	8
Irakli Alasania- Free Democrats	8
Nino Burjanadze - Democratic Movement	6
Shalva Natelashvili - Labour Party	4
Other	4
DK	7
RA	1

Making electoral choice

When did you decide which party to vote for in the parliamentary elections? (q23) - of the 77% who voted in the October 8 parliamentary elections or the run offs

|	
Before the campaign started (before July)	62
During the election campaign	27
On Election day	11
DK	1
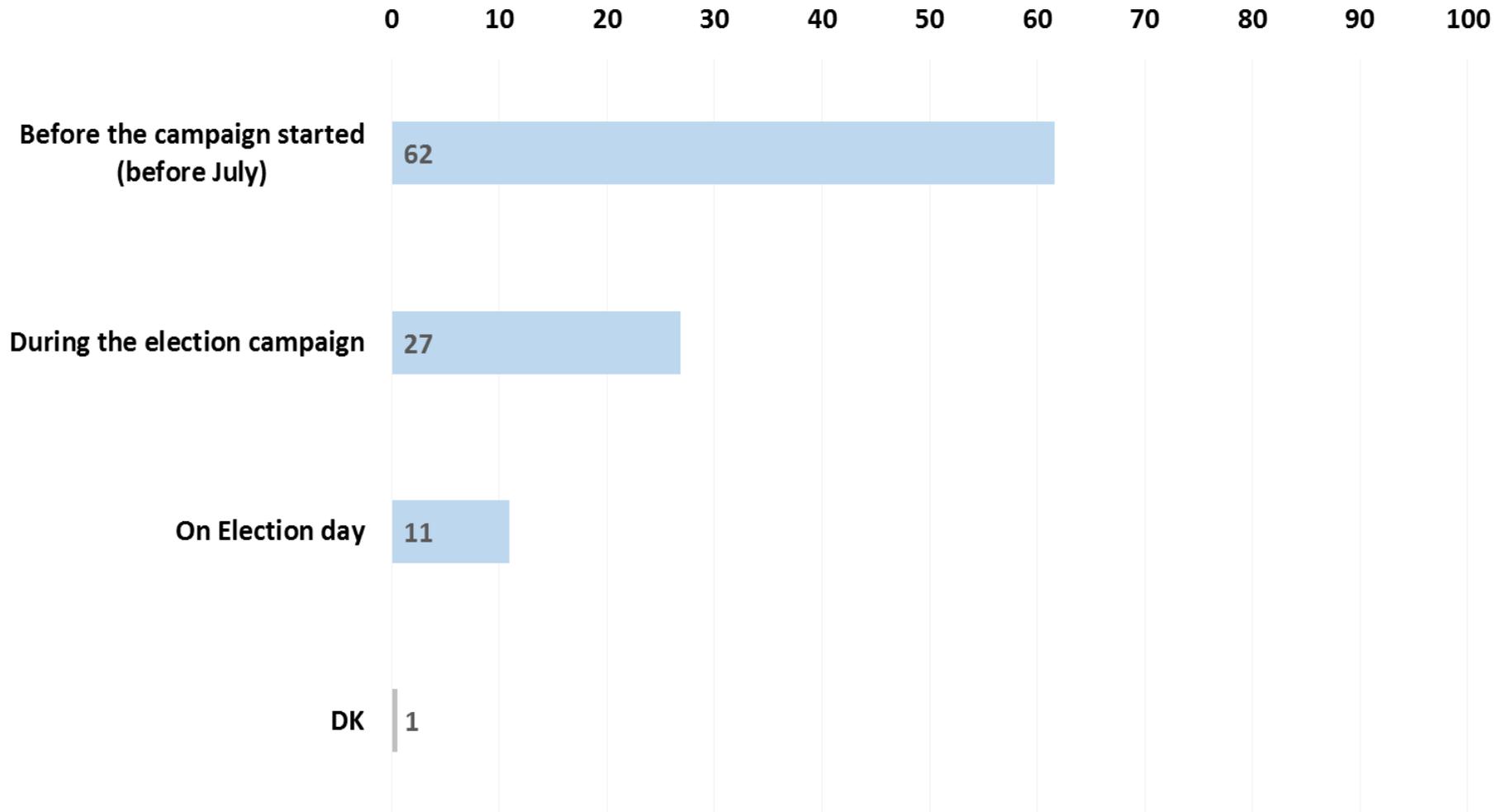
When did you decide which party to vote for in the parliamentary elections? (q23 X Party closest to you) - of the 77% who voted in the October 8 parliamentary elections and/or the run offs

Legend:
- Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia
- UNM
- Don't know
- No party
- Refuse to answer
- Other

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Before the campaign started (before July)
- Georgian Dream: 68
- No party: 46
- UNM: 75
- Refuse to answer: 58
- Don't know: 41
- Other: 55

During the election campaign
- Georgian Dream: 24
- No party: 32
- UNM: 16
- Refuse to answer: 28
- Don't know: 46
- Other: 31

On Election day
- Georgian Dream: 7
- No party: 22
- UNM: 8
- Refuse to answer: 13
- Don't know: 10
- Other: 14
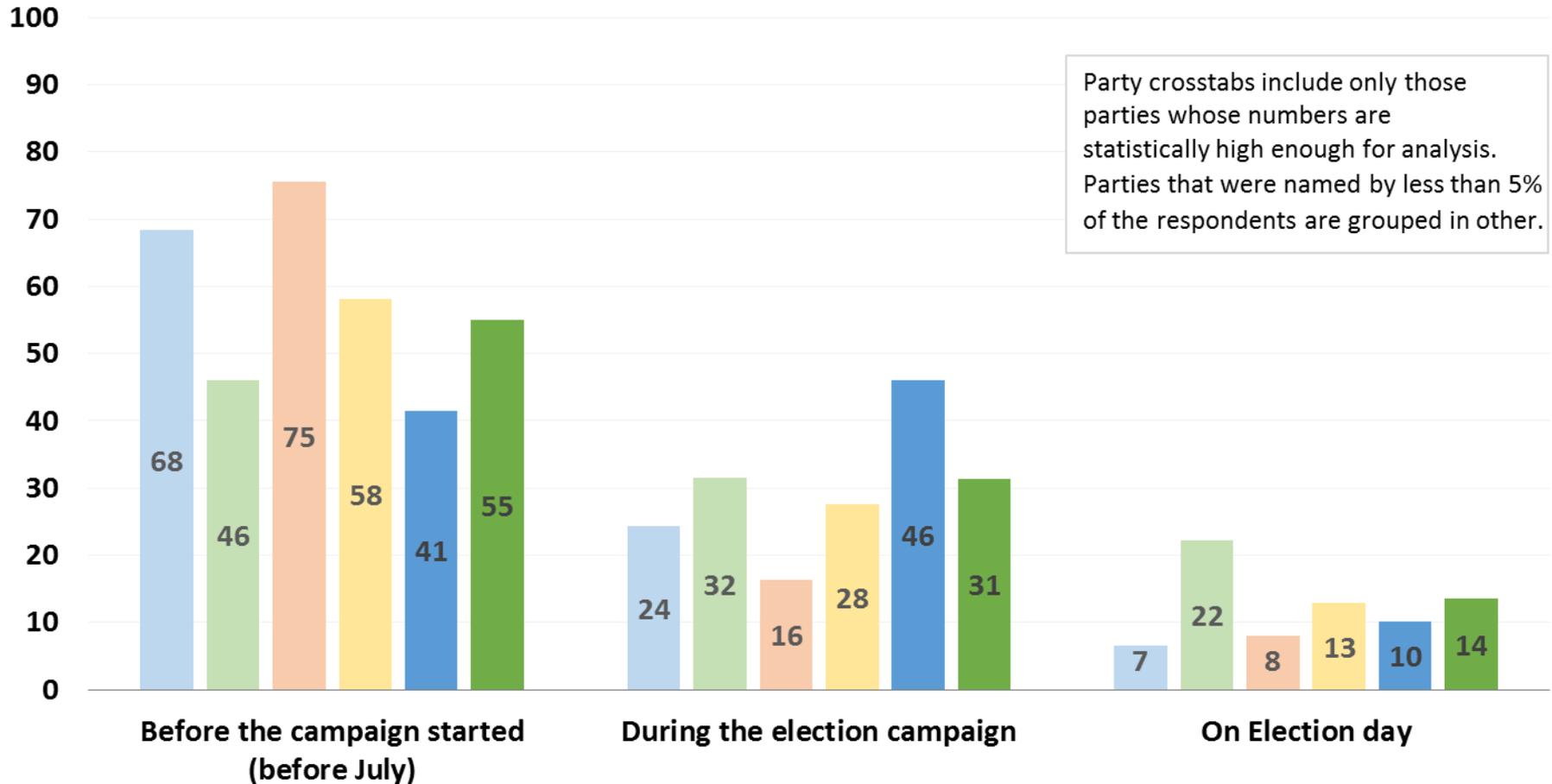
Which of the following policies was the most important when deciding which party to vote for? (q36)
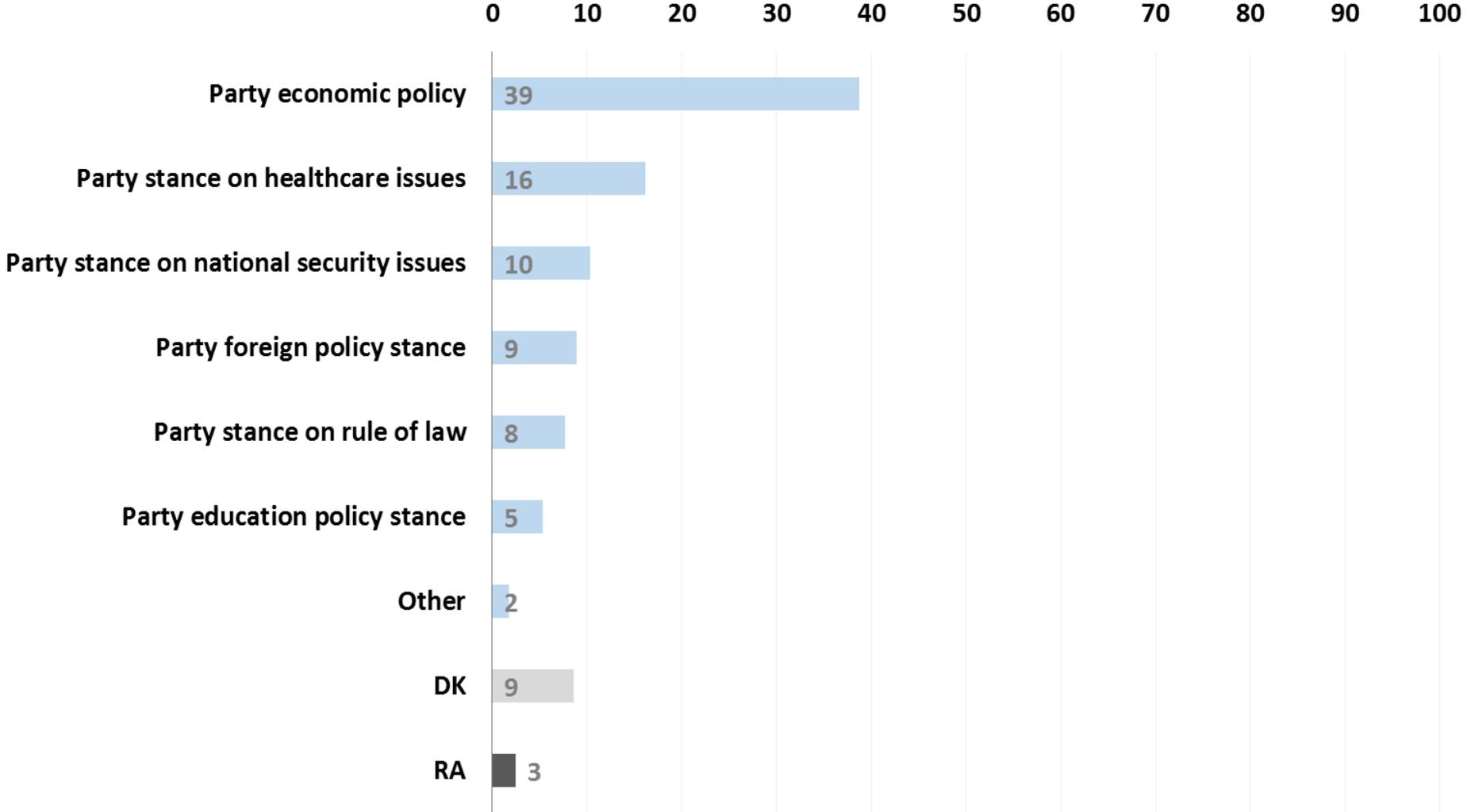
Policy	Value
Party economic policy	39
Party stance on healthcare issues	16
Party stance on national security issues	10
Party foreign policy stance	9
Party stance on rule of law	8
Party education policy stance	5
Other	2
DK	9
RA	3

Thinking about October 8 parliamentary elections, how important or unimportant were the following factors in making your decision? (q37) Voters only. Part 1

Legend: ■ Important ■ Neither important nor unimportant ■ Unimportant ■ DK

Factor	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	DK
Trust towards party leaders	77	8	12	3
Electoral platforms and promises	74	9	16	2
Parties' past performance	71	10	16	3
Political opinion of the people close to me (family, friends)	48	15	34	2
The likelihood of a party winning	43	17	35	5
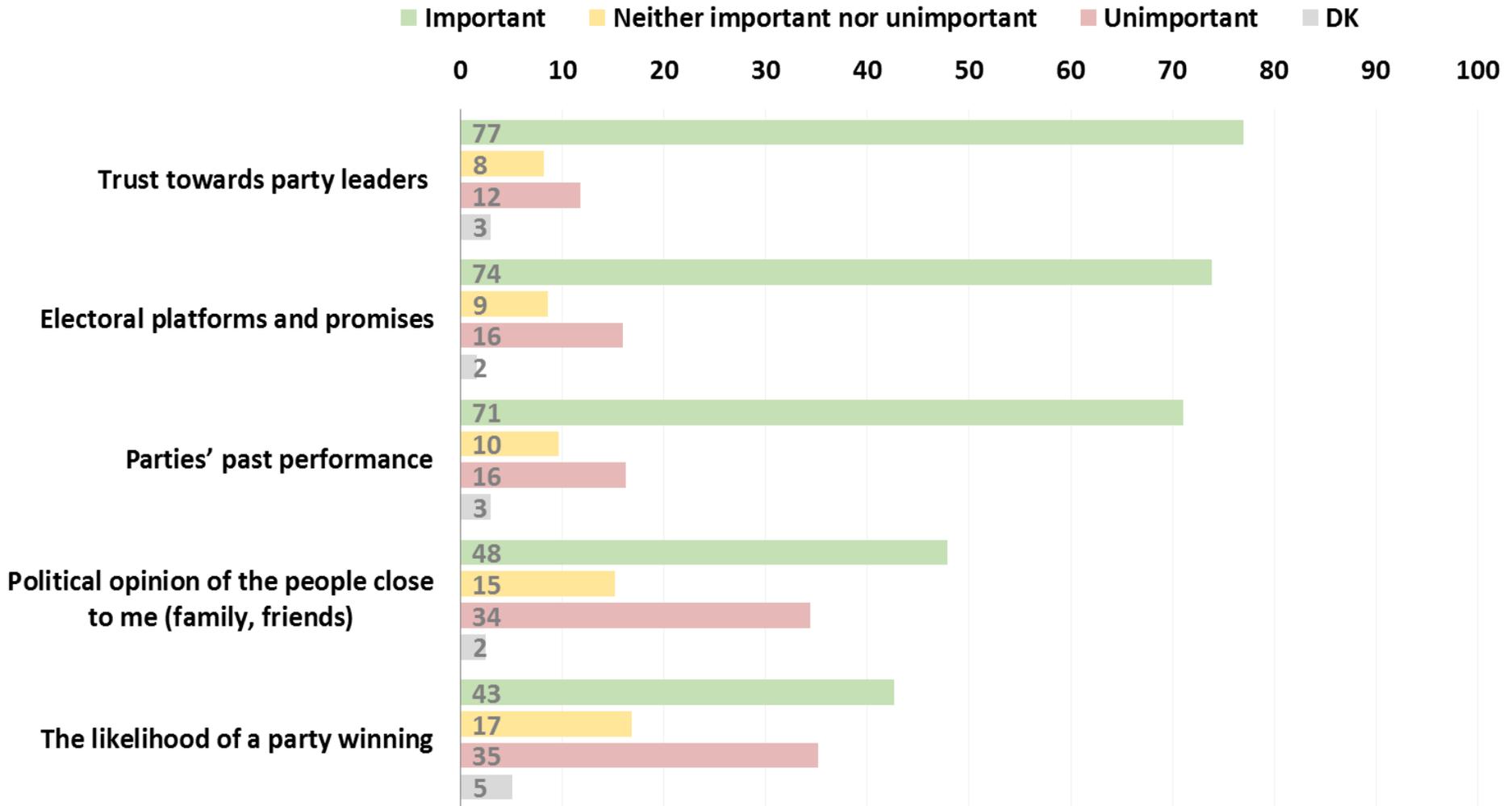
Thinking about October 8 parliamentary elections, how important or unimportant were the following factors in making your decision? (q37) Voters only. Part 2

Legend: ■ Important ■ Neither important nor unimportant ■ Unimportant ■ DK

Source of party finances
- Important: 34
- Neither important nor unimportant: 15
- Unimportant: 41
- DK: 9

Parish and priests' political opinions
- Important: 32
- Neither important nor unimportant: 15
- Unimportant: 46
- DK: 6

Political opinion of popular people
- Important: 30
- Neither important nor unimportant: 12
- Unimportant: 53
- DK: 5

Political opinion of people you work for and colleagues
- Important: 21
- Neither important nor unimportant: 14
- Unimportant: 48
- DK: 8
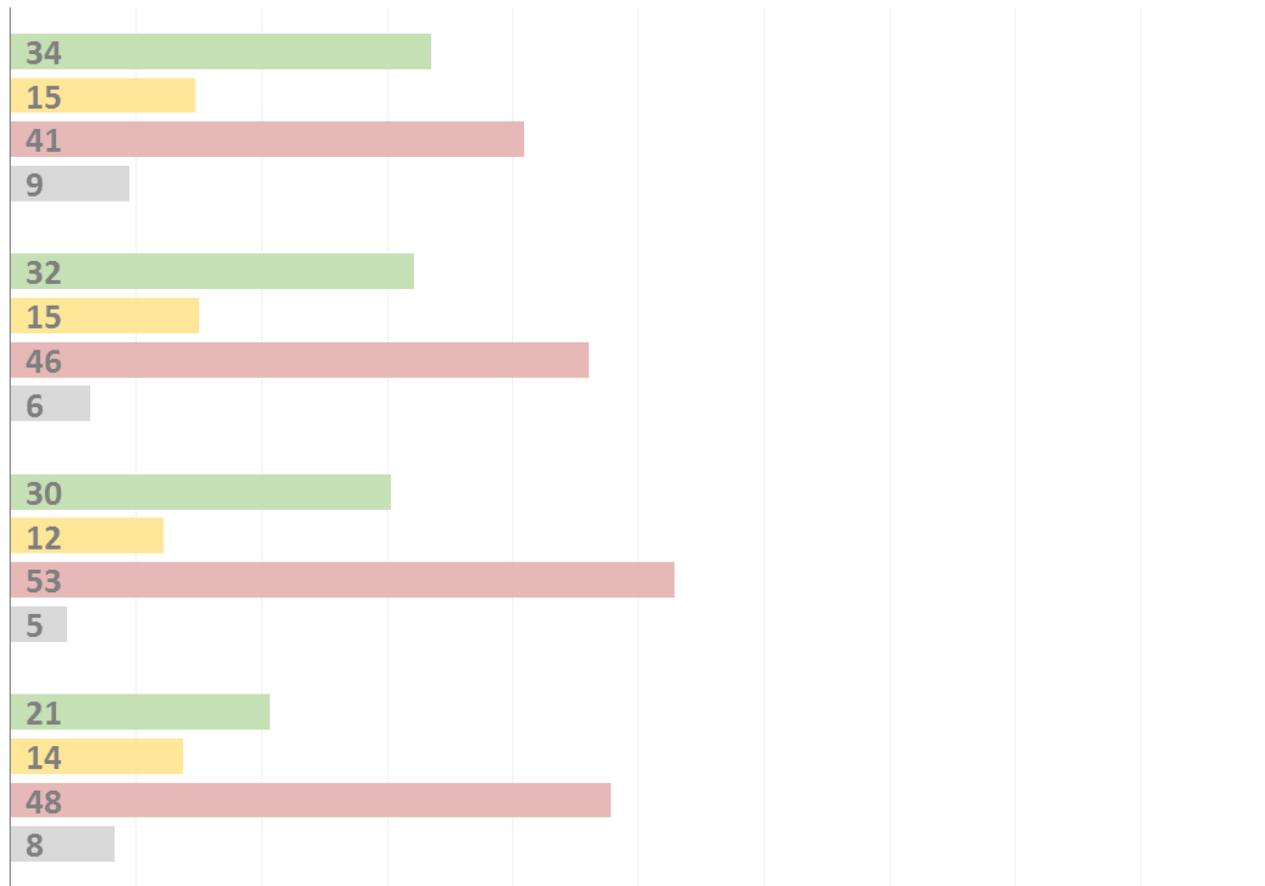
People have many reasons for voting in elections. Using this card please tell me what was the main reason you voted? (q24) - of the 77% who voted in the October 8 parliamentary elections and/or the run offs
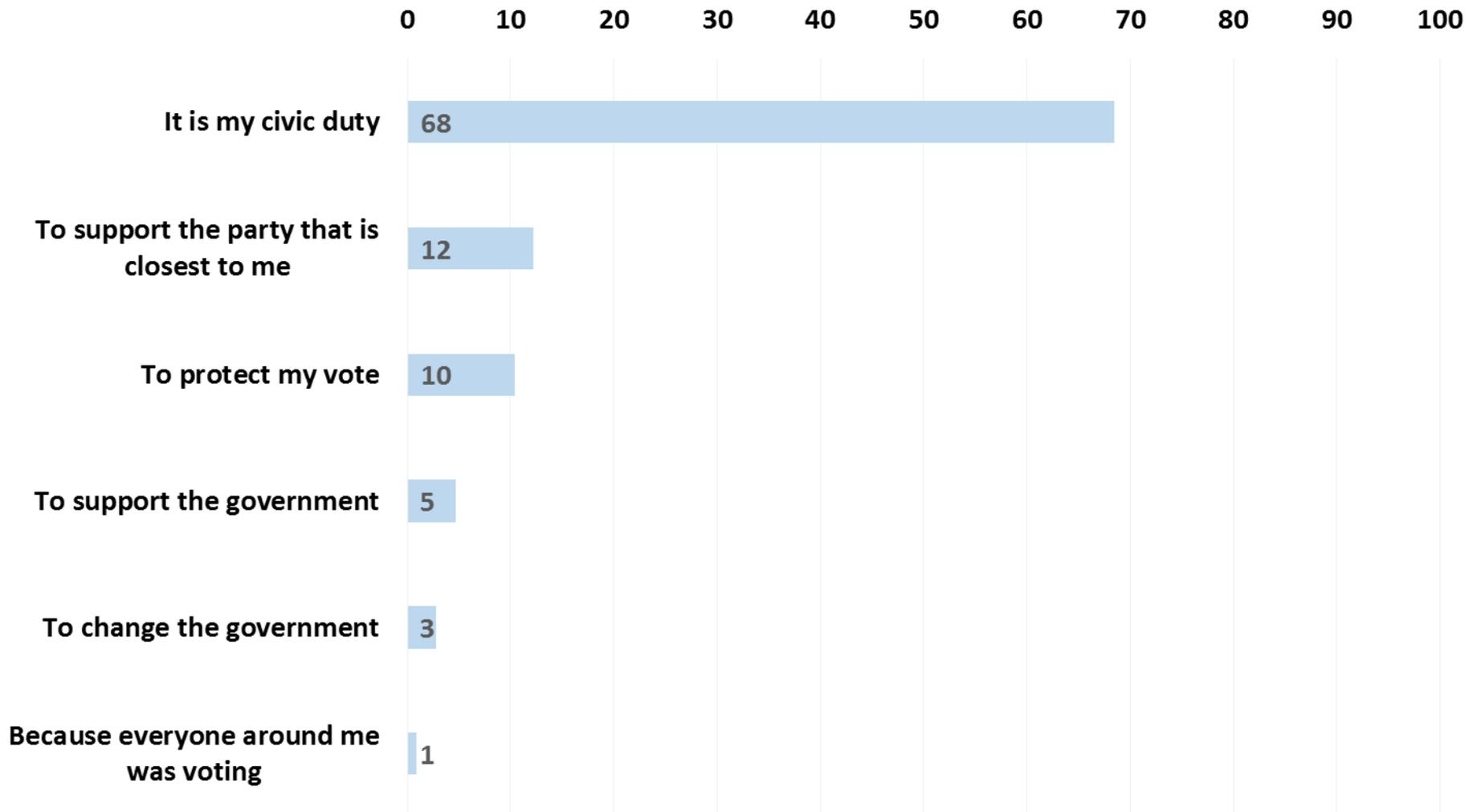
Reason	Value
It is my civic duty	68
To support the party that is closest to me	12
To protect my vote	10
To support the government	5
To change the government	3
Because everyone around me was voting	1

People have many reasons for voting in elections. Using this card please tell me what was the main reason you voted? (q24 X Age) - of the 77% who voted in the October 8 parliamentary elections and/or the run offs
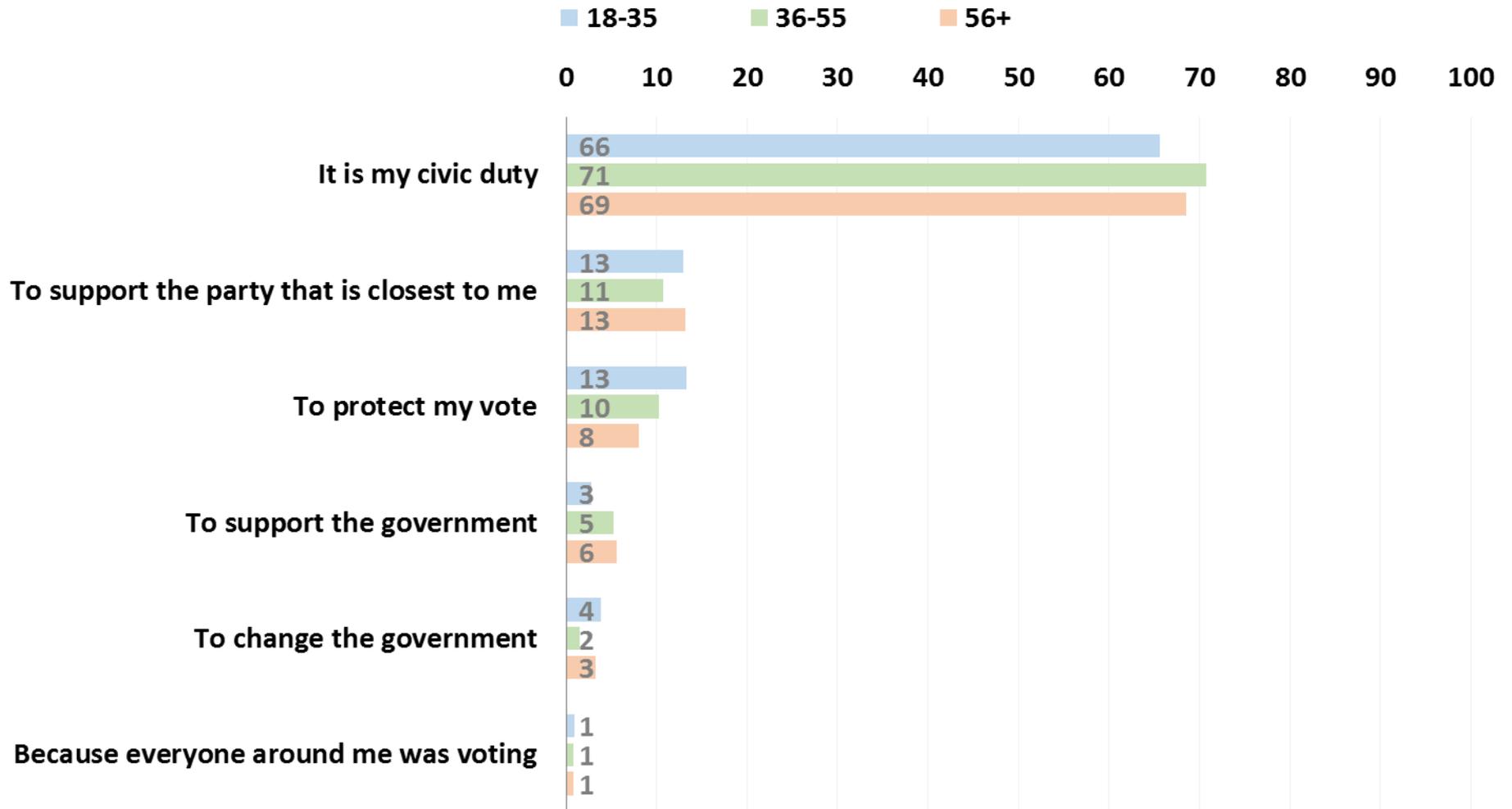
Legend: ■ 18-35   ■ 36-55   ■ 56+

It is my civic duty
- 18-35: 66
- 36-55: 71
- 56+: 69

To support the party that is closest to me
- 18-35: 13
- 36-55: 11
- 56+: 13

To protect my vote
- 18-35: 13
- 36-55: 10
- 56+: 8

To support the government
- 18-35: 3
- 36-55: 5
- 56+: 6

To change the government
- 18-35: 4
- 36-55: 2
- 56+: 3

Because everyone around me was voting
- 18-35: 1
- 36-55: 1
- 56+: 1

People have many reasons for voting in elections. Using this card please tell me what was the main reason you voted? (q24 X Party closest to you) - of the 77% who voted in the October 8 parliamentary elections and/or the run offs
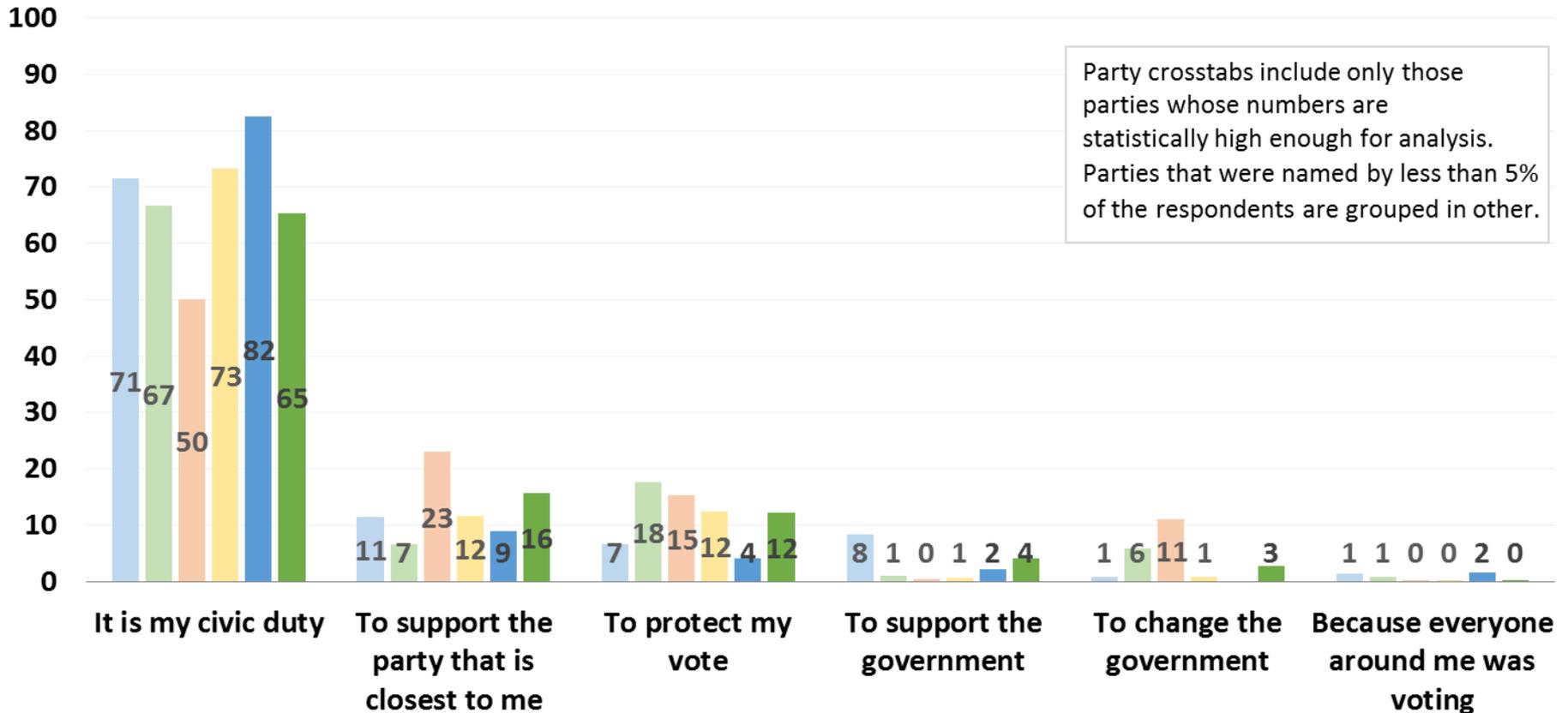
Did you have enough information about where to vote? (q25)

	Yes	No	DK
Value	92	7	1
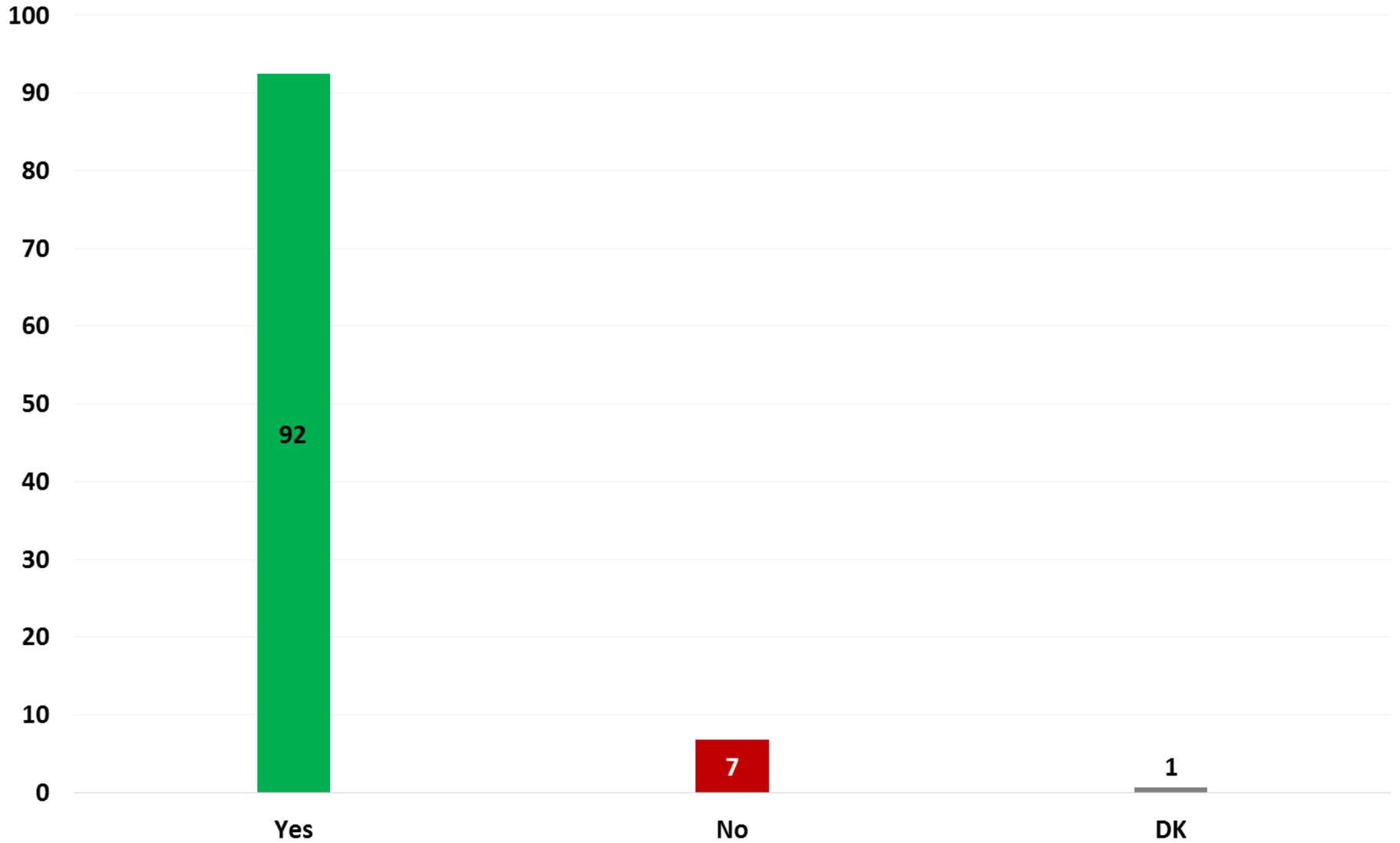
Did you have enough information about the parties and candidates? (q26)
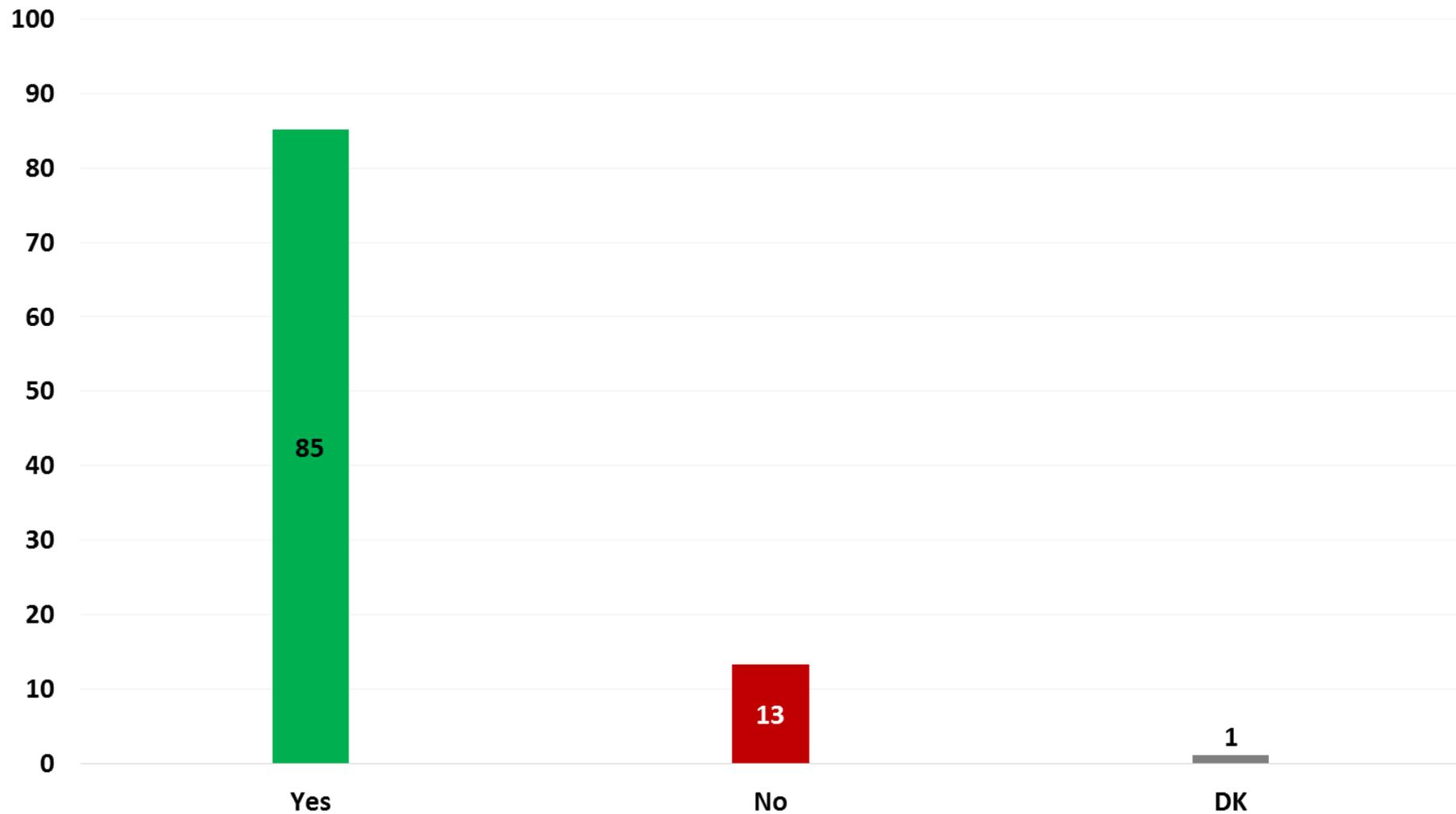
What was the main source of information about parties and candidates? (q27)

| Source	Value
TV	73
Internet	6
Neighbors, friends	6
Booklets, leaflets, banners	5
Family members	4
Colleagues	1
Newspapers, news magazines	1
Radio	0
Other	1
Did not receive information	3
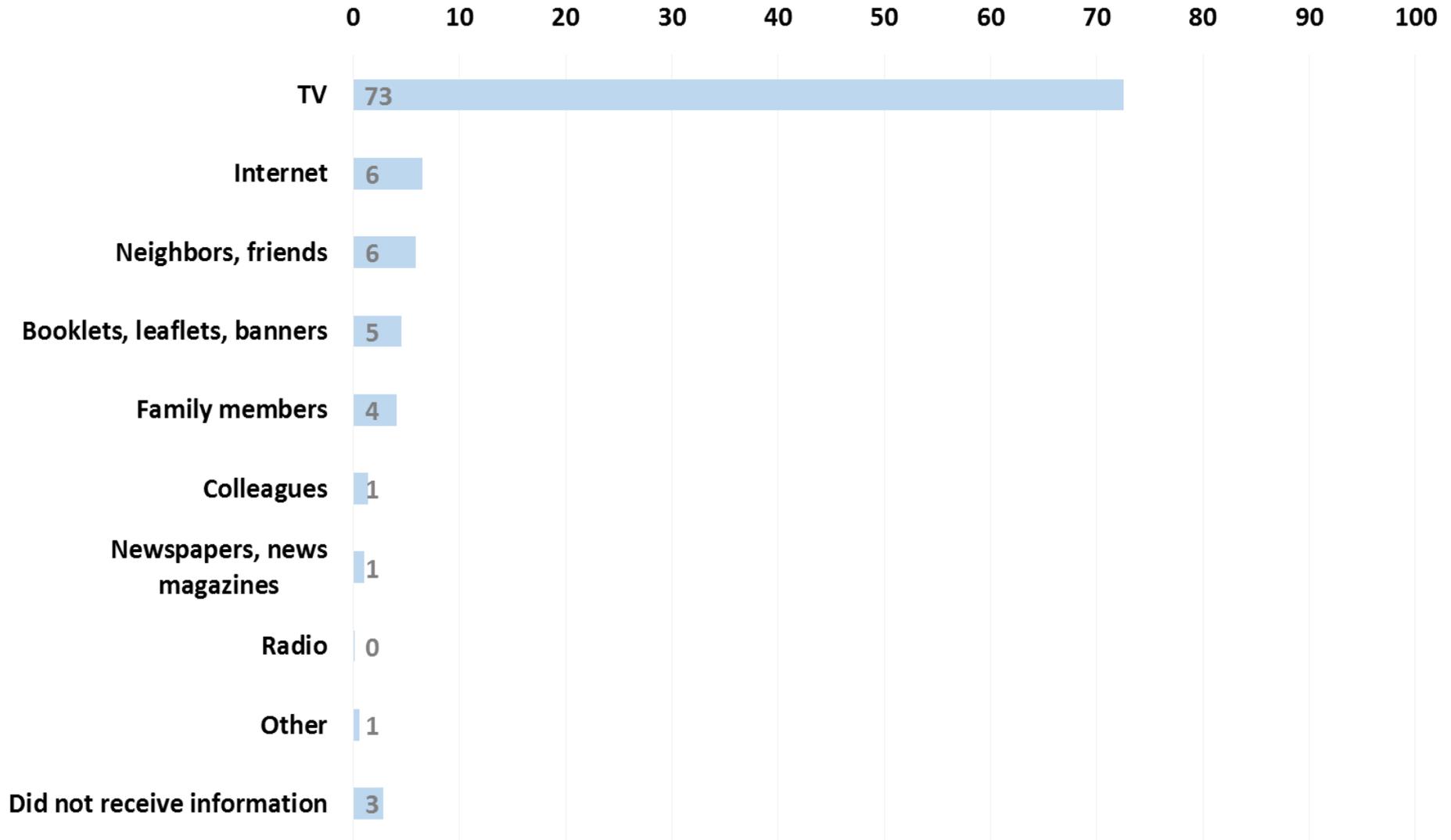
Election Day

Did you vote in October 8 Parliamentary elections? (q21)

According to official results, turnout of October 8 elections was 51,63%

74

26

Yes

No
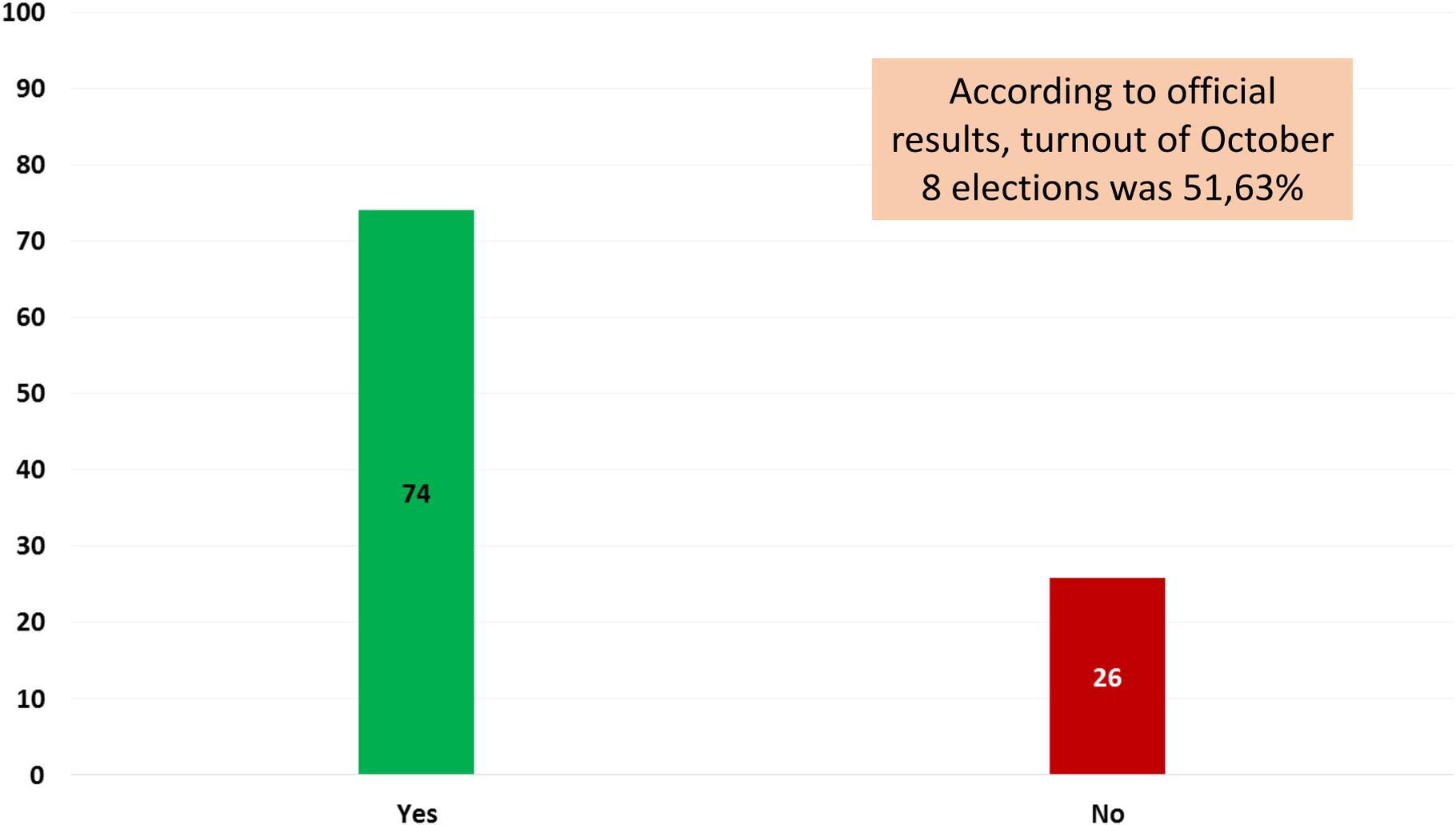
Did you vote in October 8 Parliamentary elections?
(q21 X Settlement)

■ Yes   ■ No

| Settlement	Yes	No
Tbilisi	71	29
Kutaisi	67	33
Batumi	66	34
Zugdidi	68	32
Akhaltsikhe	77	23
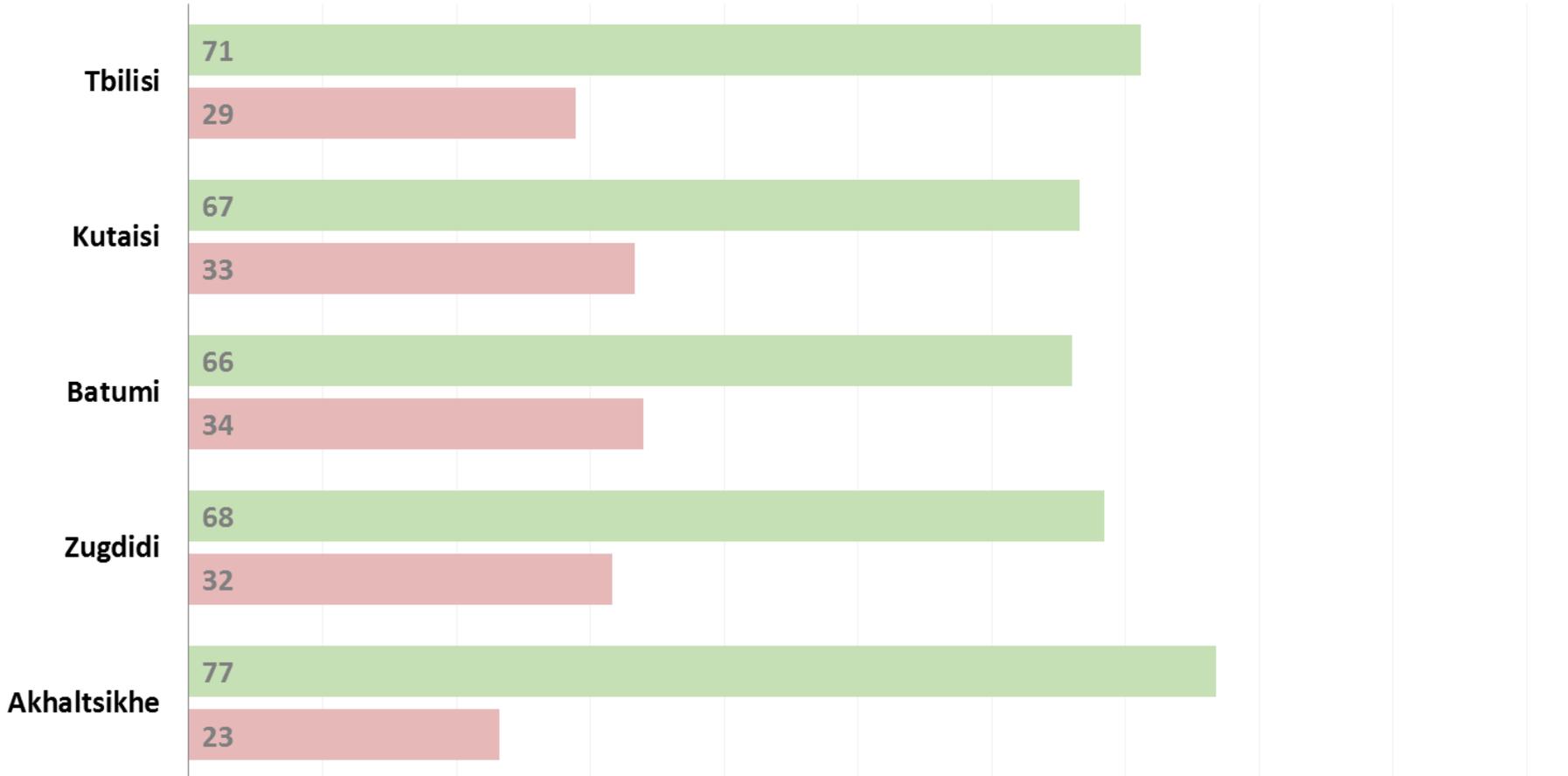
Did you vote in October 8 Parliamentary elections?
(q21 X Party closest to you)

- ■ **Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia**
- ■ **No party**
- ■ **UNM**
- ■ **Refuse to answer**
- ■ **Don't know**
- ■ **Other**

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Yes
- 86
- 53
- 75
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- 64
- 70

No
- 14
- 47
- 25
- 14
- 36
- 30
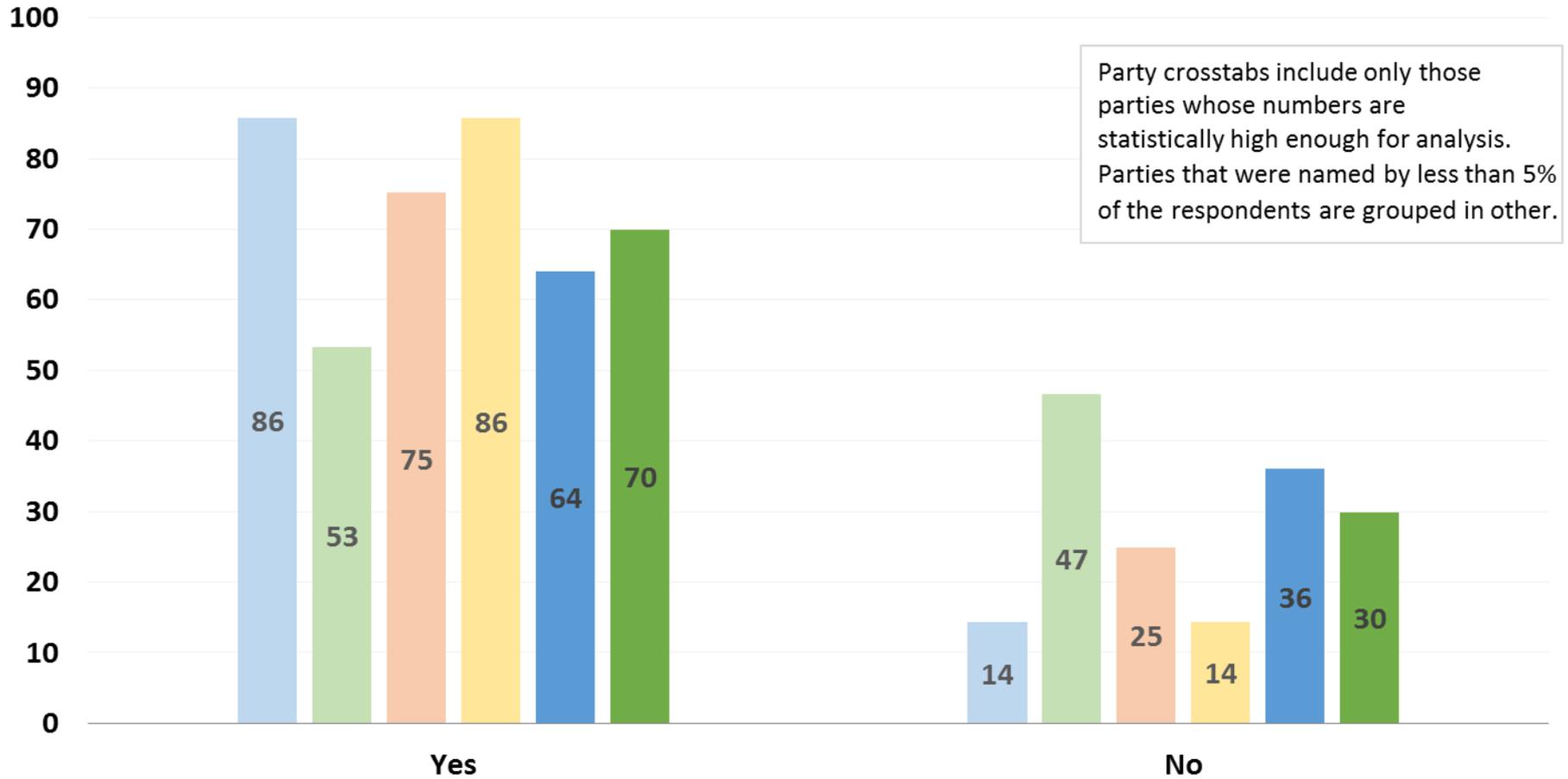
Did you vote in October 8 Parliamentary elections? (q21 X Age)

■ 18-35   ■ 36-55   ■ 56+
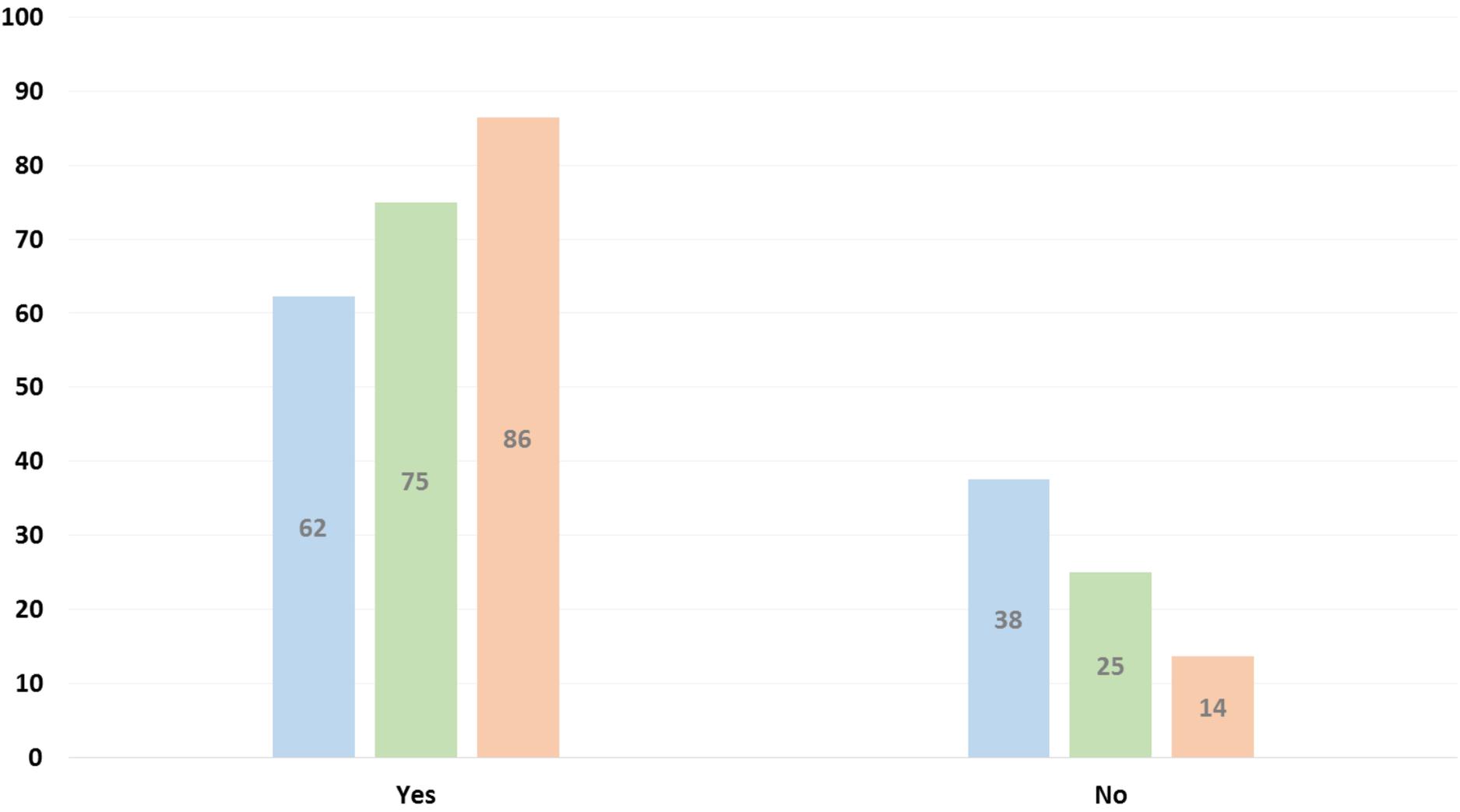
Did you vote in October 8 Parliamentary elections?
(q21 X Gender)

■ Male   ■ Female

	Yes	No
Male	78	22
Female	71	29

Did you vote in the run offs on October 30? (q22)

Answer	Value
Yes	46
No	31
There was no run off in my district	24
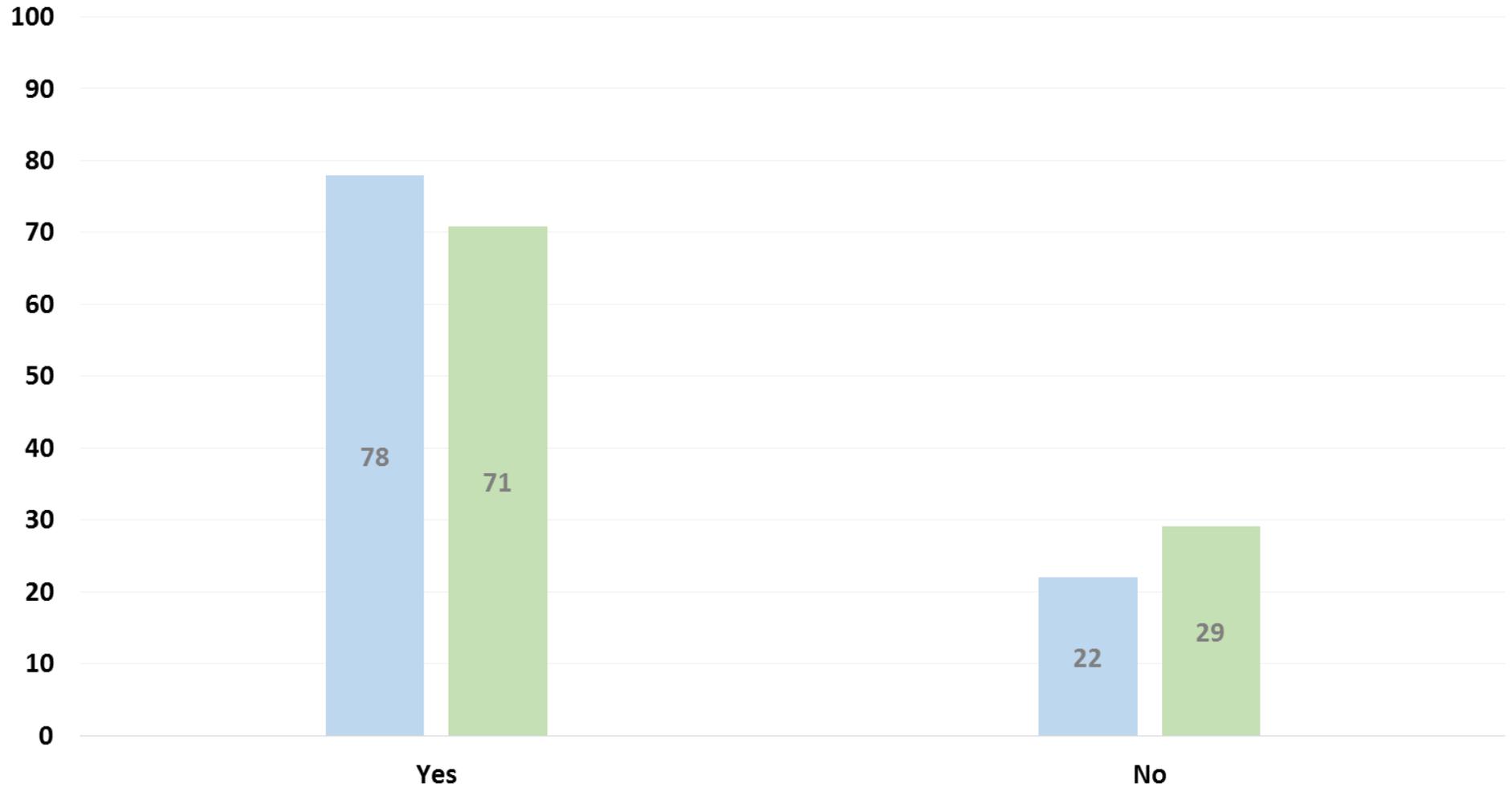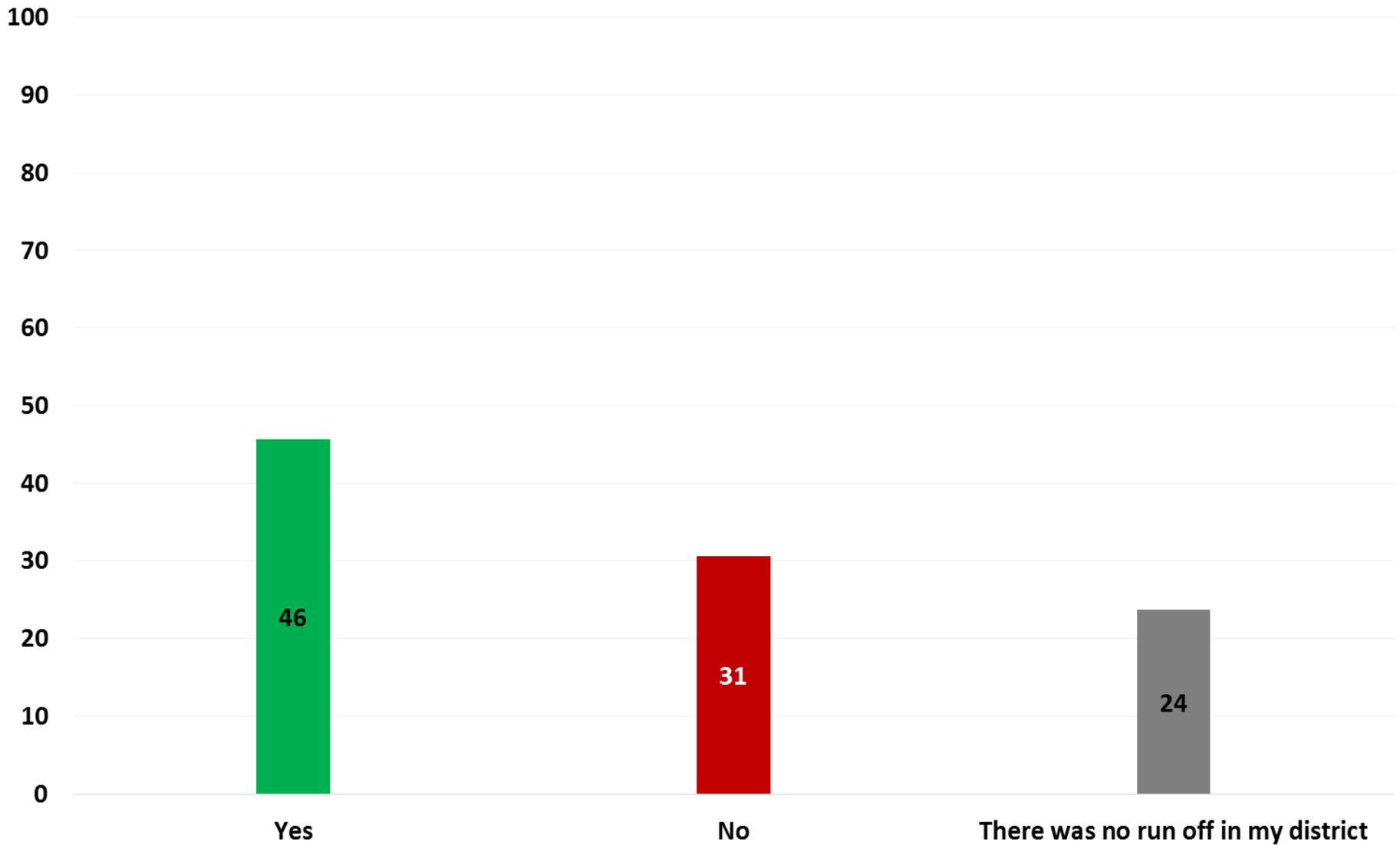
Did you vote in the run offs on October 30?
(q22 X Settlement)

■ Yes   ■ No   ■ There was no run off in my district

Settlement	Yes	No	There was no run off in my district
Tbilisi	47	39	13
Kutaisi	53	43	4
Batumi	48	51	0
Zugdidi	52	45	2
Akhaltsikhe	74	25	0
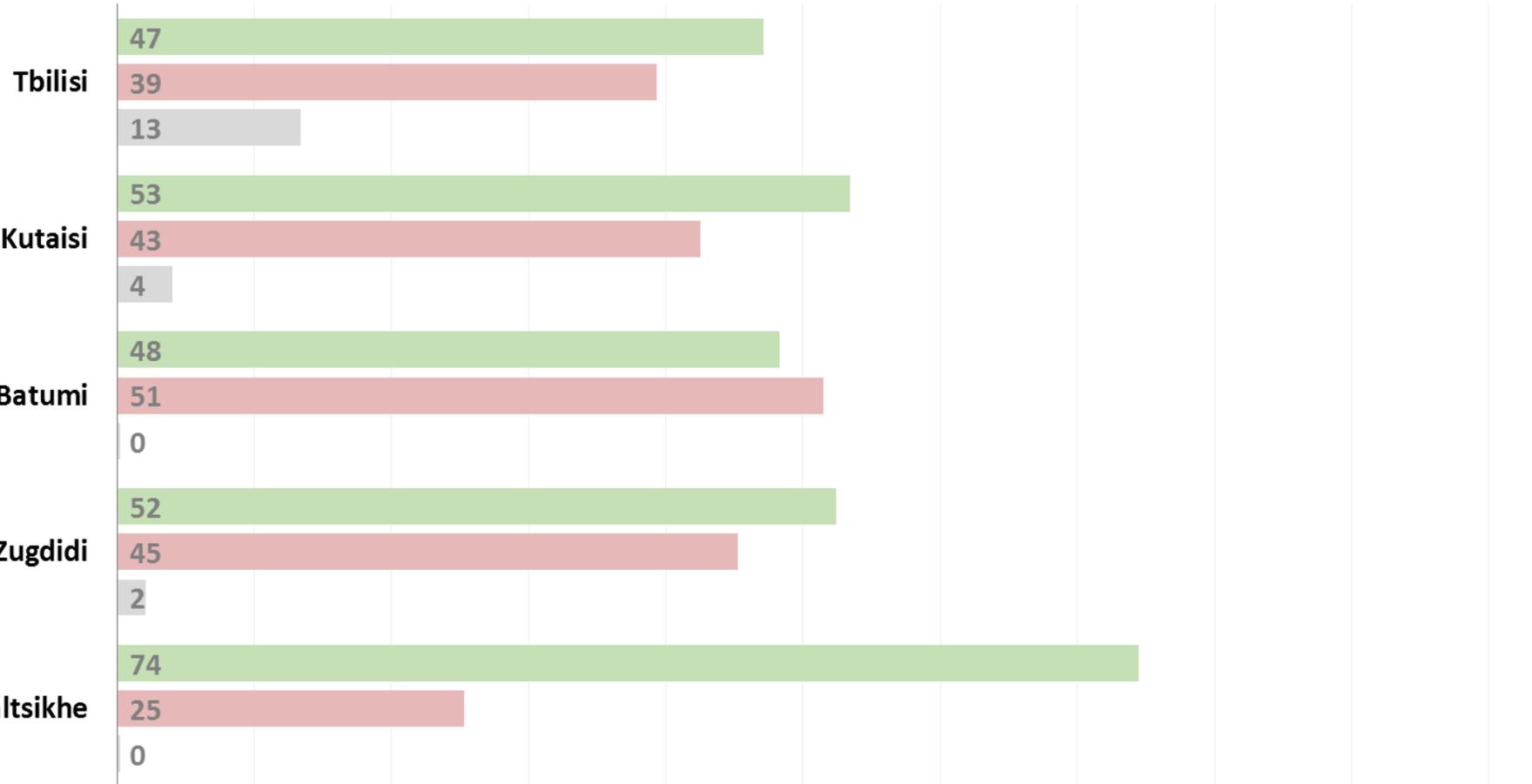
Did you vote in the run offs on October 30?
(q22 X Party closest to you)

- ▪ **Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia**
- ▪ **No party**
- ▪ **UNM**
- ▪ **Refuse to answer**
- ▪ **Don't know**
- ▪ **Other**

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	Georgian Dream	No party	UNM	Refuse to answer	Don't know	Other
Yes	54	36	37	54	41	40
No	17	47	33	19	45	44
There was no run off in my district	29	16	31	26	13	16

Did you vote in the run offs on October 30? (q22 X Age)

Legend: 18-35, 36-55, 56+

	18-35	36-55	56+
Yes	38	46	53
No	38	32	21
There was no run off in my district	24	22	26
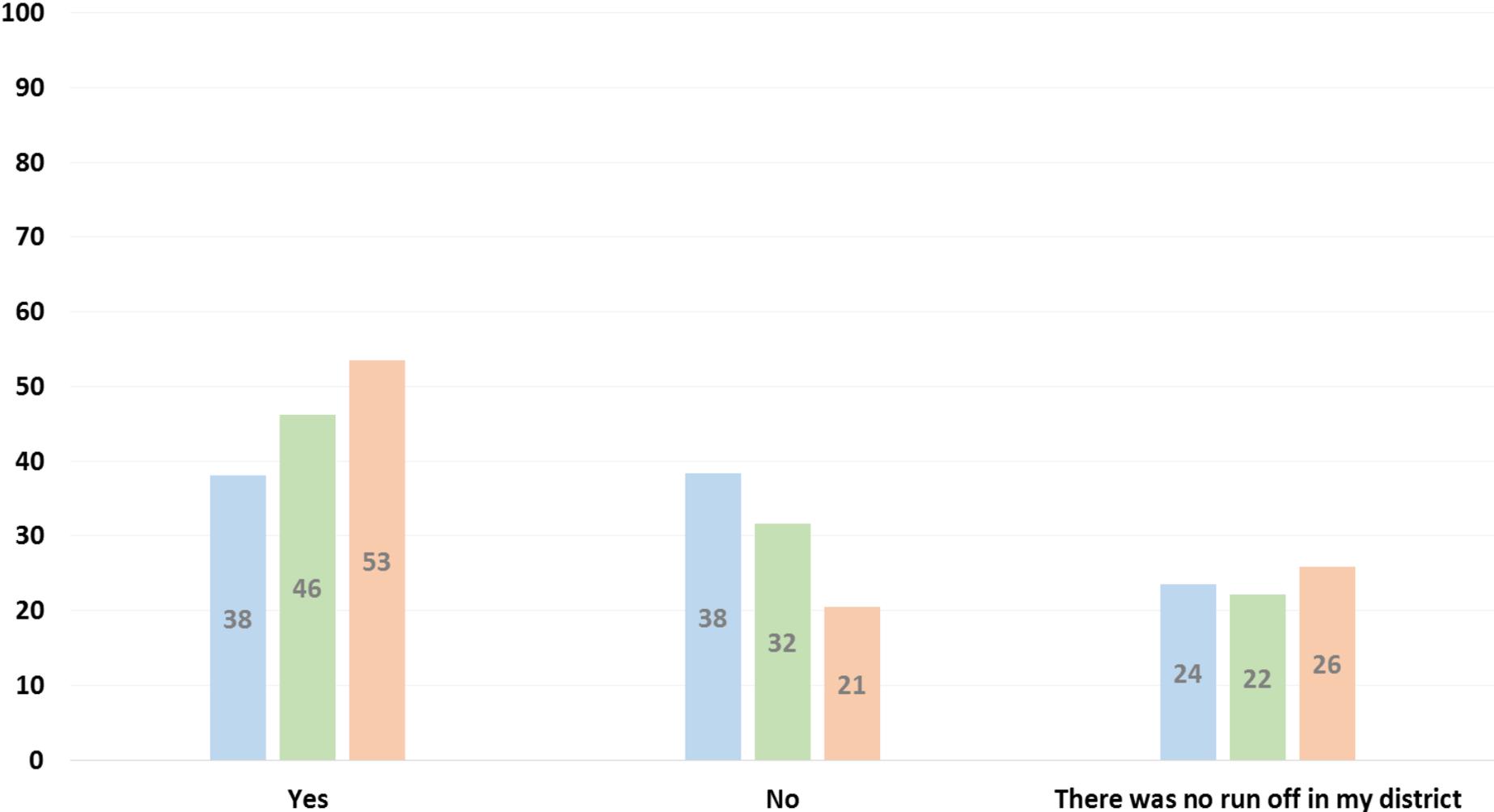
Did you vote in the run offs on October 30?
(q22 X Gender)

■ Male   ■ Female

	Yes	No	There was no run off in my district
Male	50	27	23
Female	42	34	24
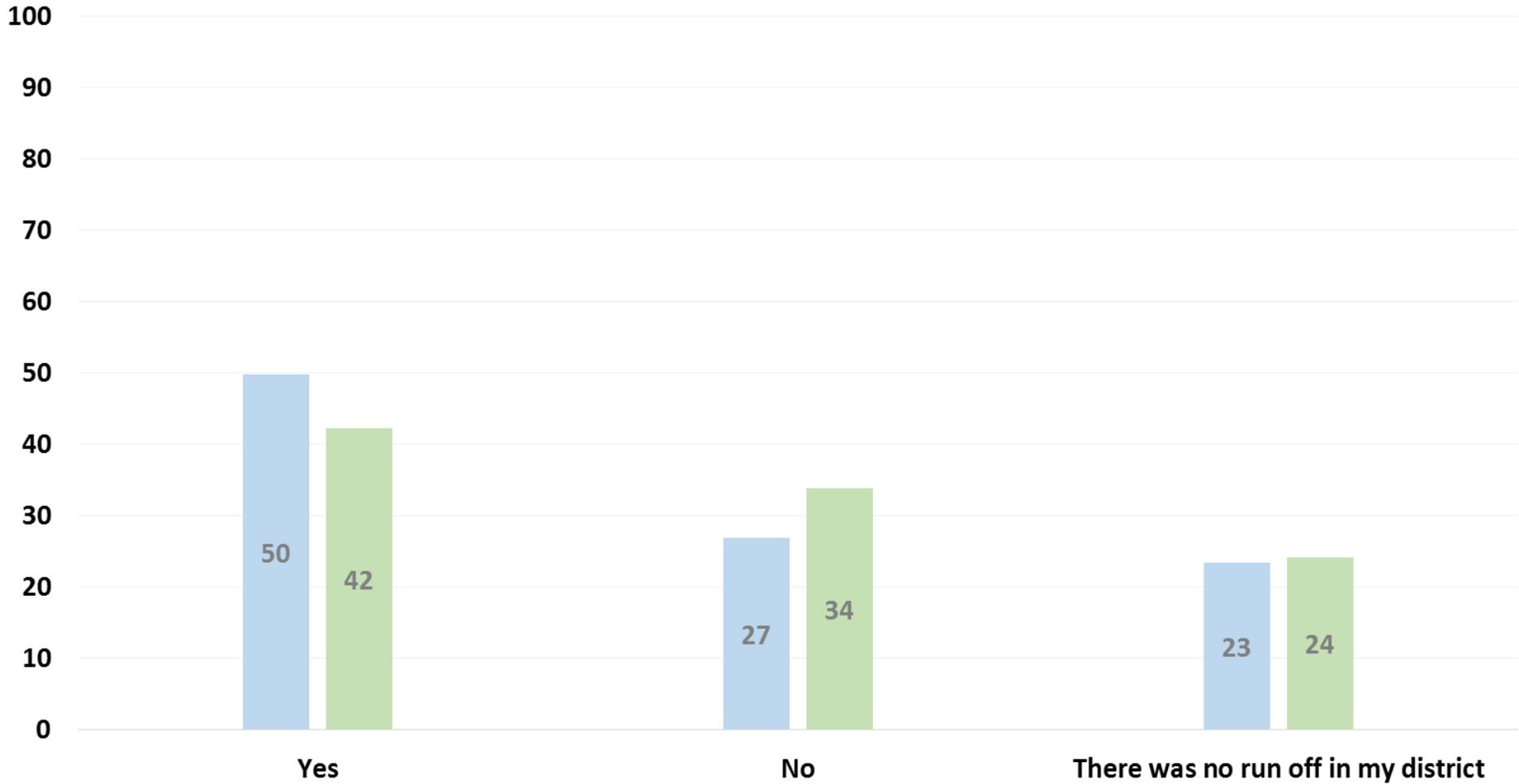
Thinking back to the situation when you voted in the polling station/place, please say whether you agree or disagree with the following? (q28) - of the 77% who voted in the October 8 parliamentary elections and/or the run offs

Legend: ■ Agree ■ Disagree

	Agree	Disagree
It was safe	96	2
It was well ordered	96	3
The election officials were well prepared	92	4
It was overcrowded	17	81
It was confusing which ballot paper to use	17	82
It was intimidating	6	93
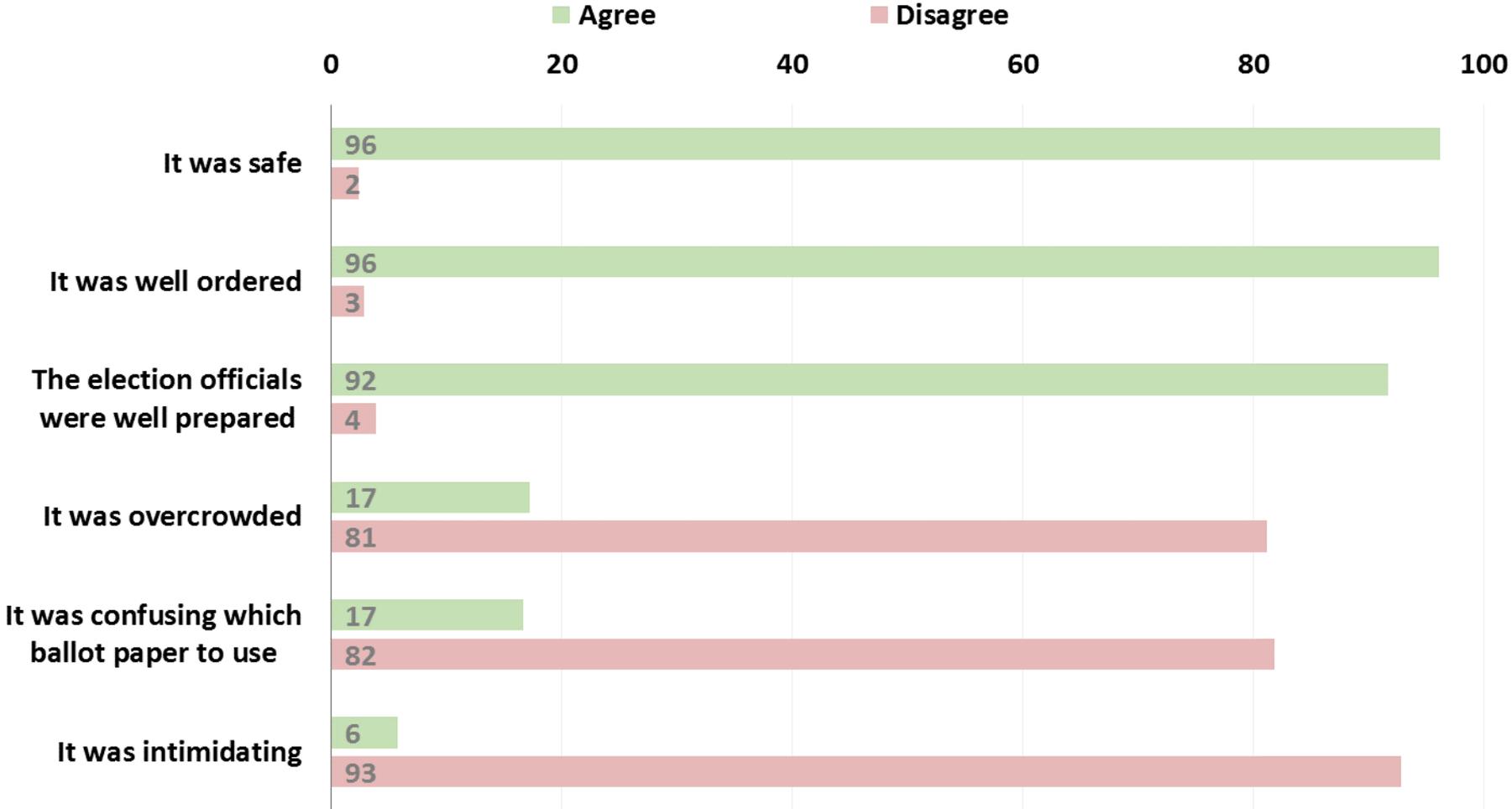
Did you not record your vote on any of the ballots? (q29) - of the 74% who voted in the October 8 parliamentary elections

| Response	Value
I voted for a specific party and candidate on both ballots	96
I didn't vote for anyone on both ballots	1
I didn't vote for anyone on the Majoritarian ballot	1
I didn't vote for anyone on the Party list ballot	0
DK	0
RA	1
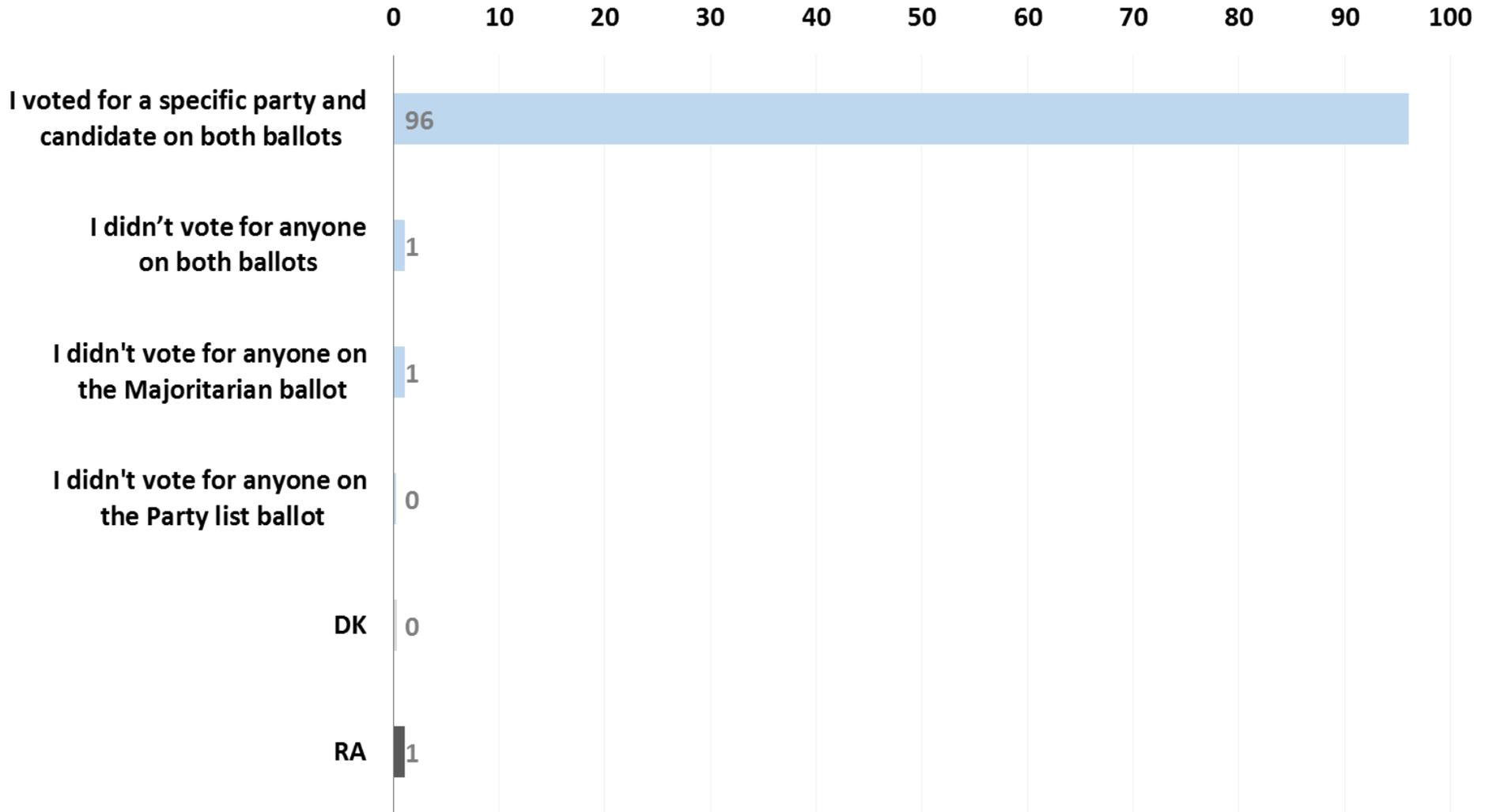
Sometimes people vote for one electoral subject on the party list and different one on the majoritarian ballot. Did you … (q30) - of the 71% who voted for a specific party and candidate on both ballots in the October 8 parliamentary election

Response	Value
Vote for the same electoral subject/party on both ballots	85
Vote for a certain party on the party list ballot and representative of another party on the majoritarian ballot	12
DK	1
RA	2
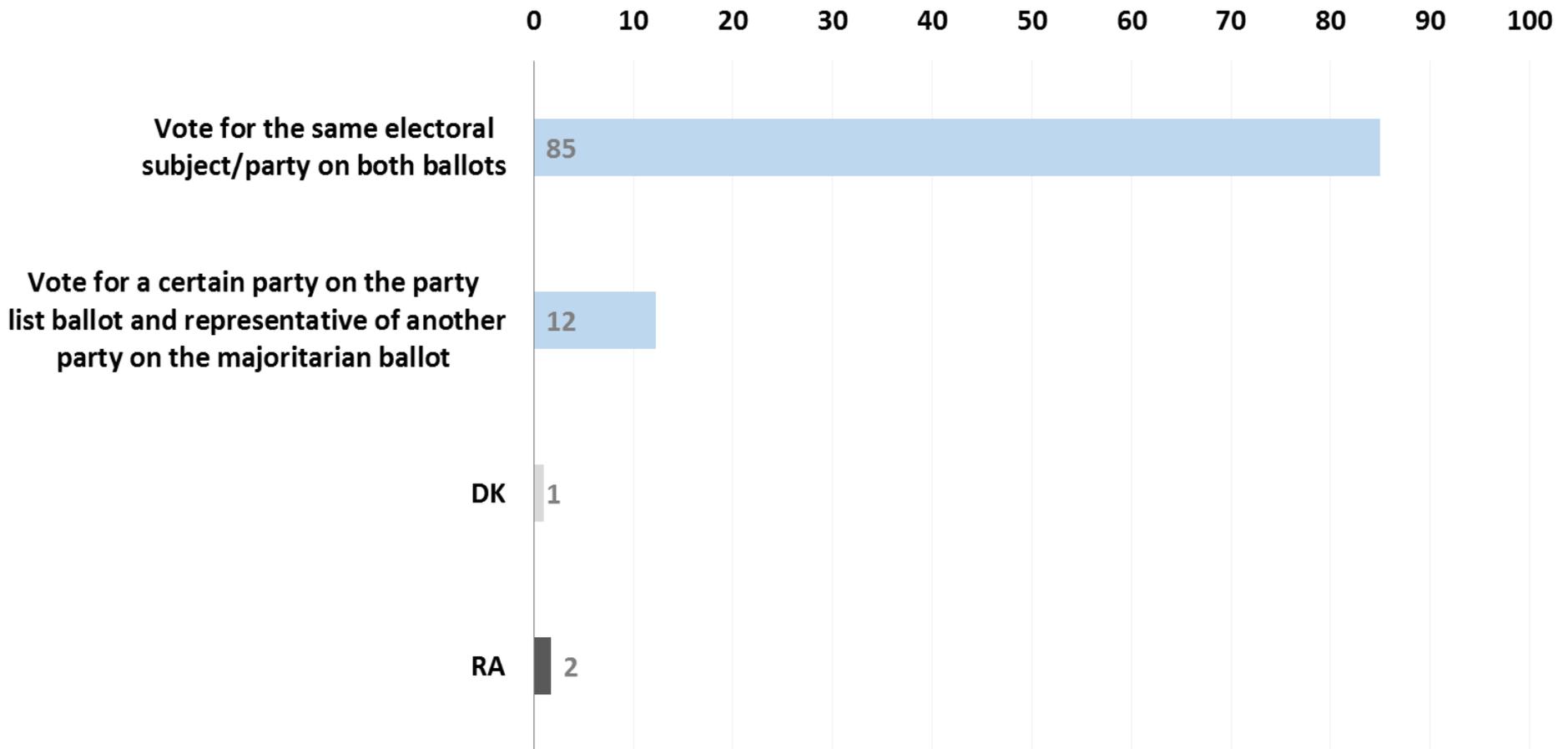
How do you think the October 8 Parliamentary election was conducted/managed by the election officials (CEC, PEC, DEC)? (q33)

Category	Value
Well	47
Average	36
Badly	6
DK	11
RA	1
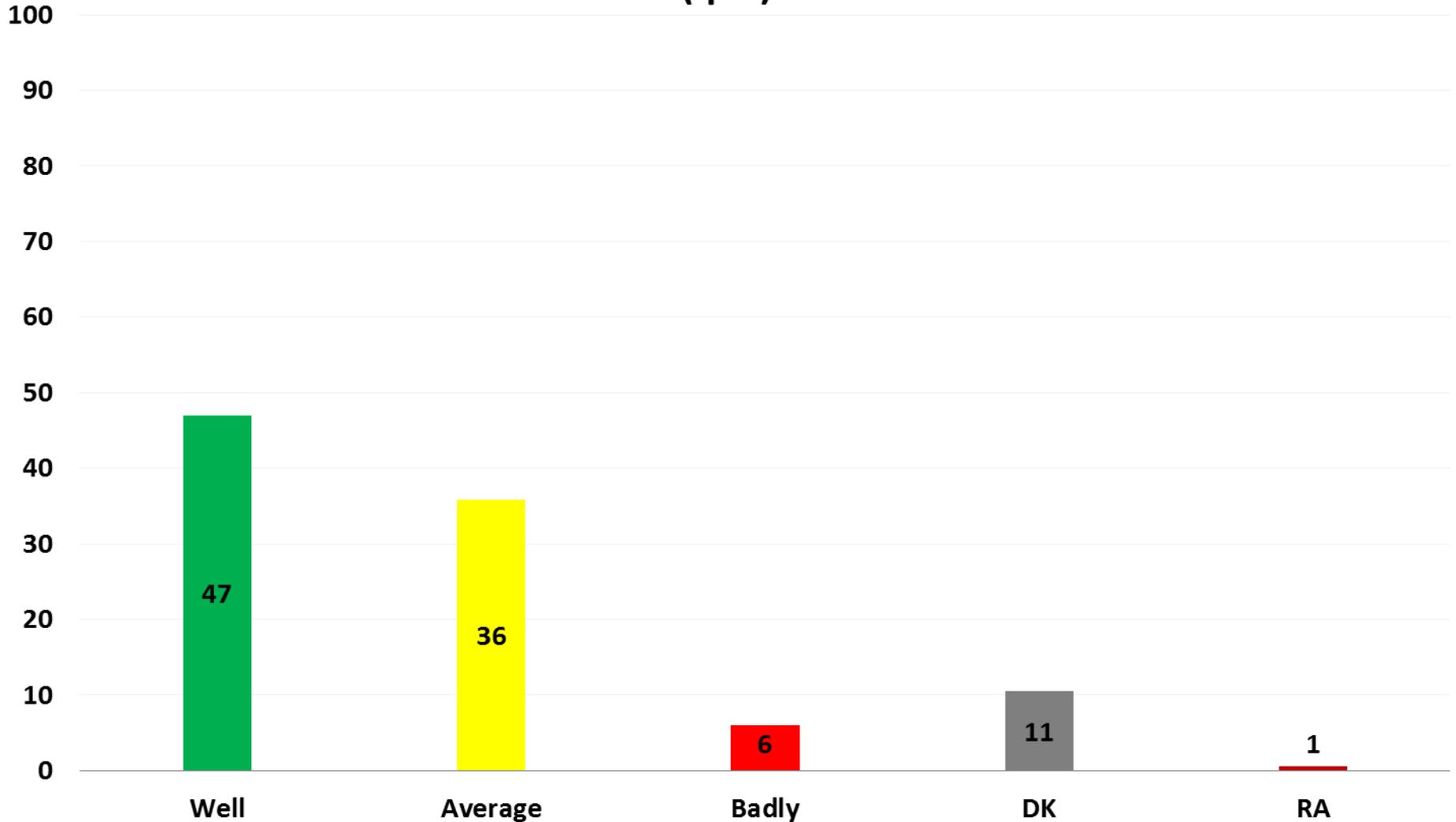
How do you think the run off was conducted/managed by the election officials (CEC, PEC, DEC)? (q34)

Category	Value
Well	39
Average	31
Badly	5
DK	20
RA	5
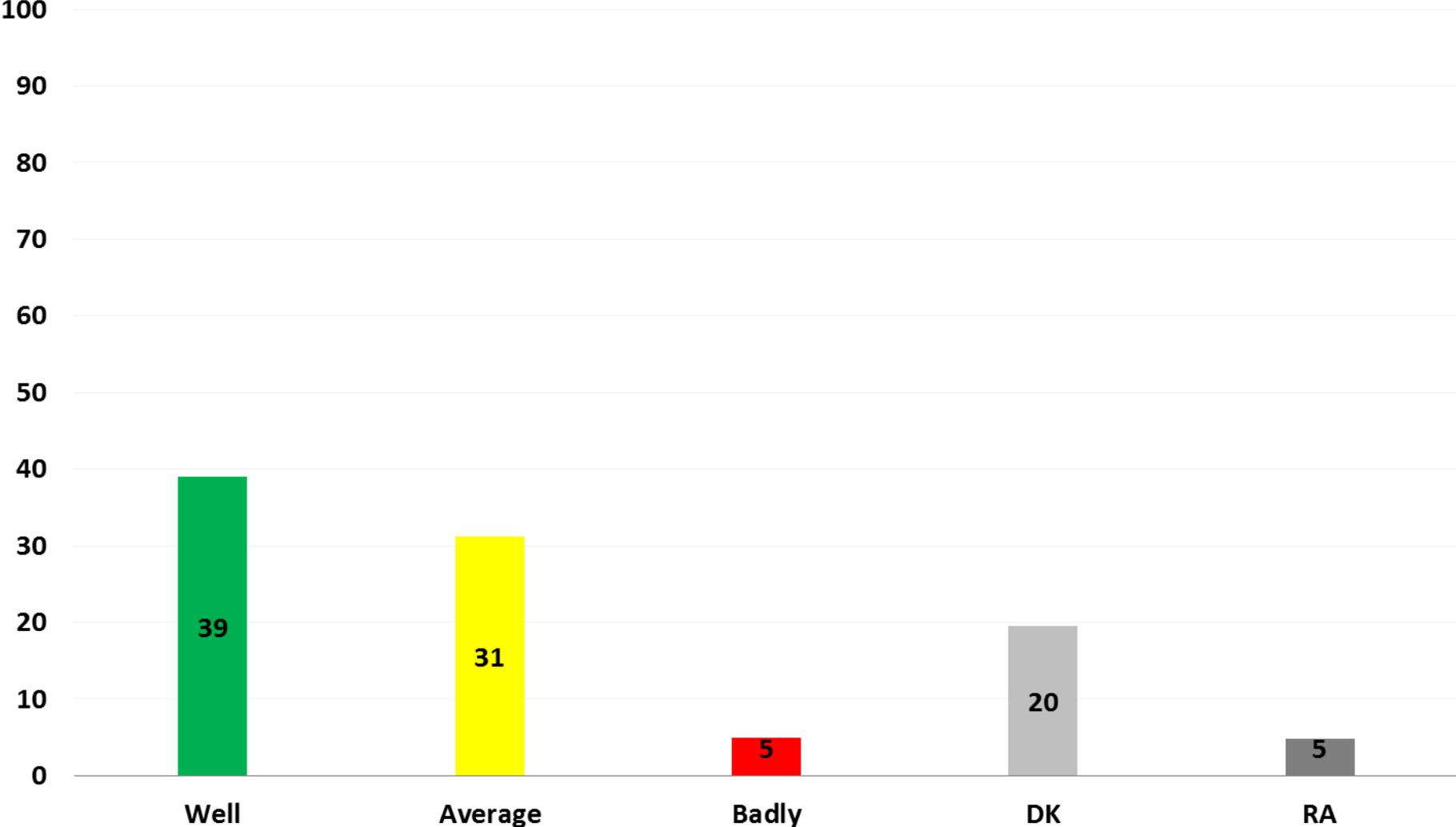
Would you support or not electronic voting, when people go to electoral precinct and vote using computer instead of paper? (q38)

	Support	Do not support	DK
Value	59	31	9
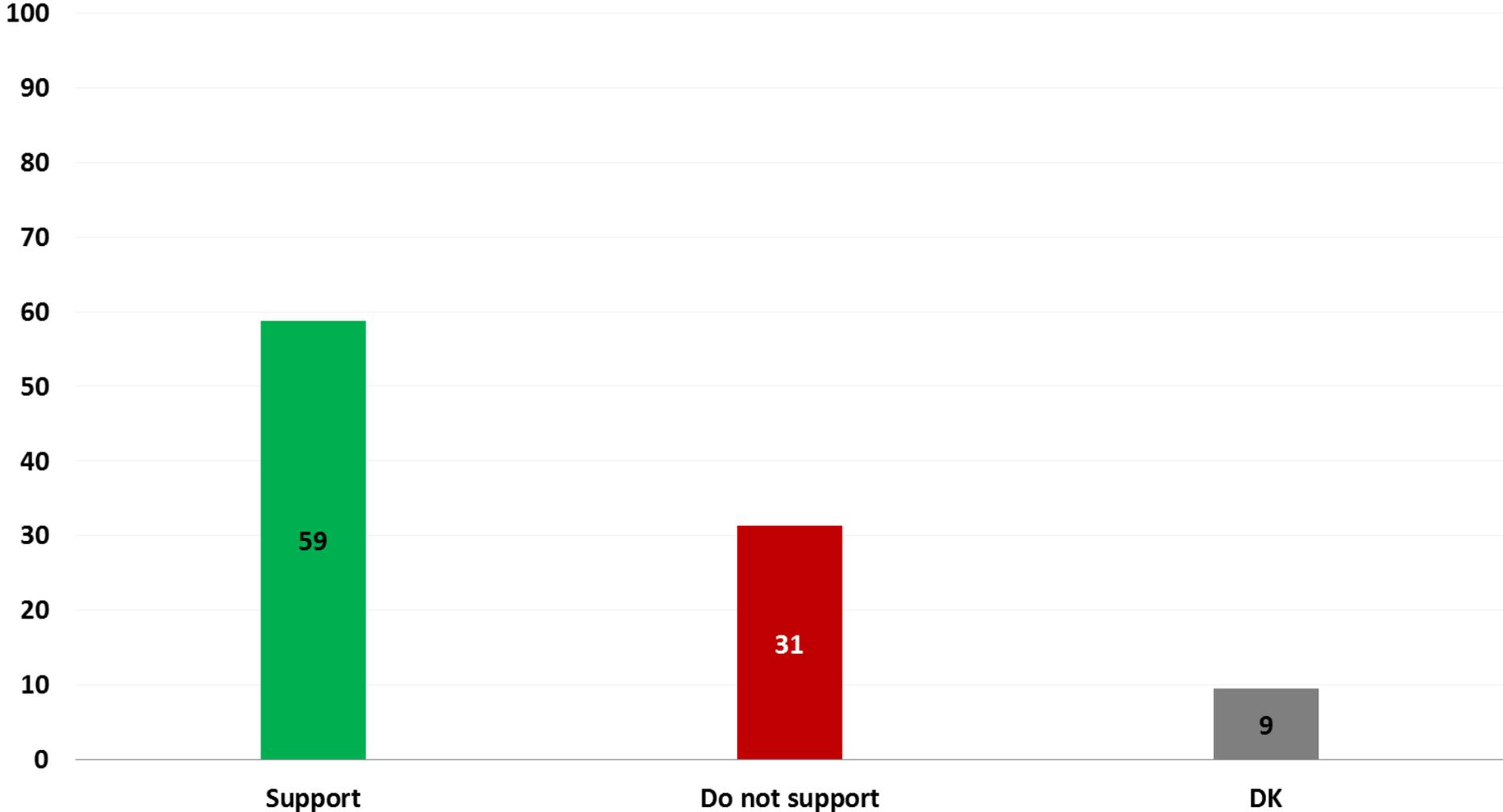
Why did not vote?

When did you decide not to vote? (q31) - of the 23% who did not vote in October 8 parliamentary elections and the run offs
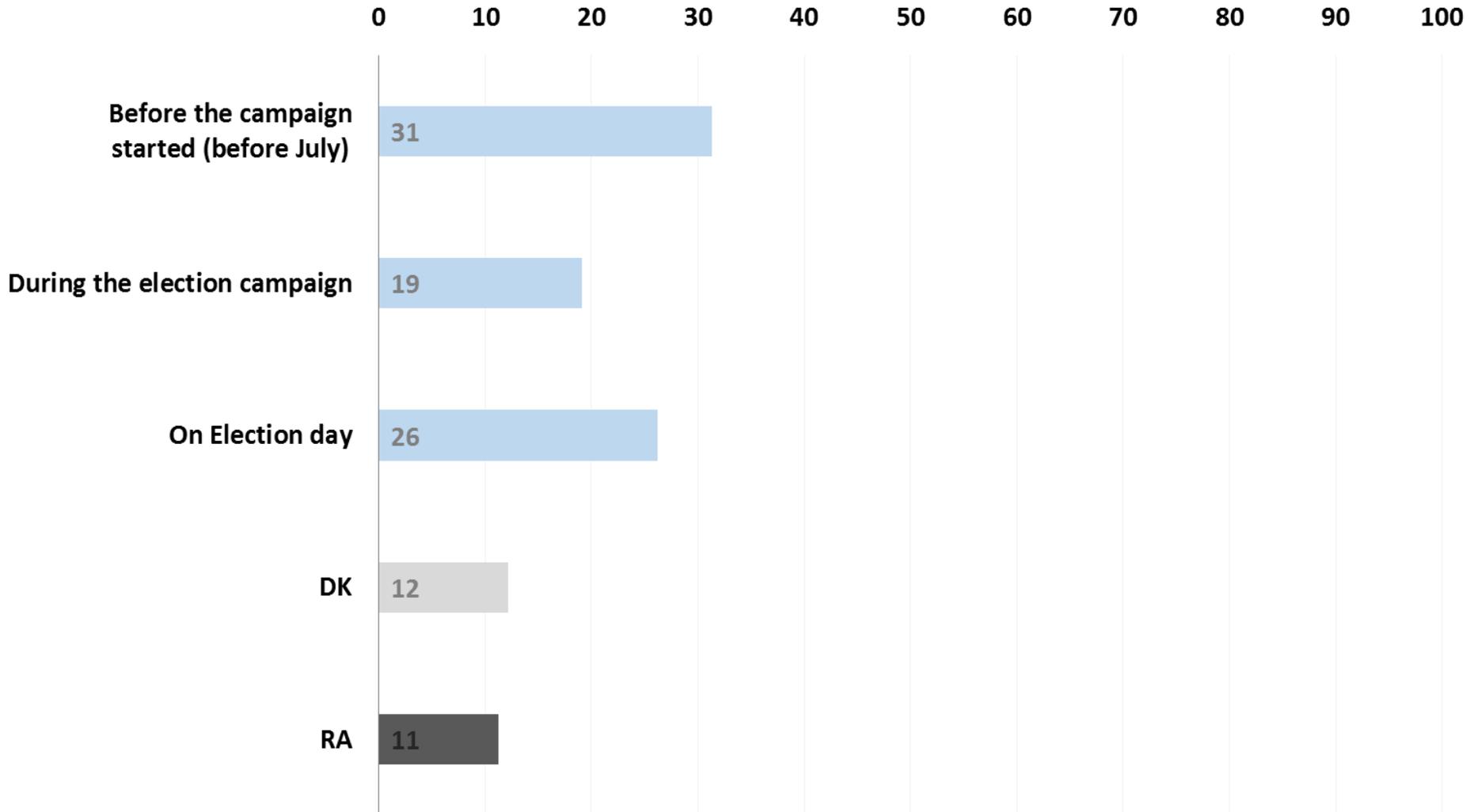
When did you decide not to vote? (q31 X Gender) - of the 23% who did not vote in October 8 parliamentary elections and the run offs

■ Male   ■ Female

	Male	Female
Before the campaign started (before July)	39	27
During the election campaign	22	18
On Election day	17	31
DK	12	12
RA	10	12
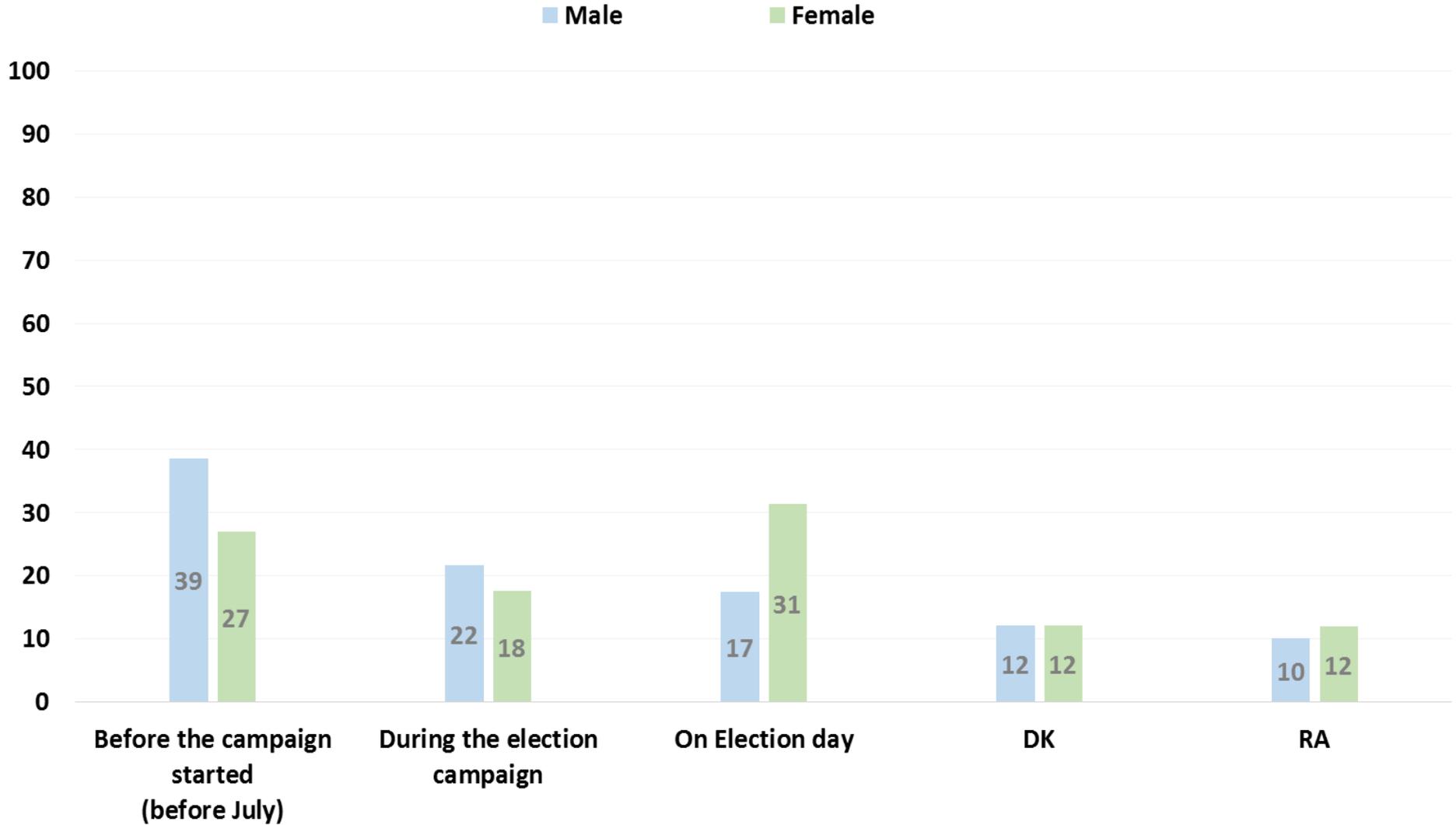
What was the main reason you did not vote in the parliamentary elections? (q32) - of the 23% who did not vote in October 8 parliamentary elections and the run offs

Reason	Value
I planned but I could not go (because of weather, health etc.)	31
I am registered in another settlement and could not go	27
I'm just not interested in politics	11
My vote would not change anything	8
I don't support any party participating in elections	8
I wasn't registered	5
I didn't know where my polling station was	1
I couldn't decide which way to vote	1
Other	5
DK	1
RA	1
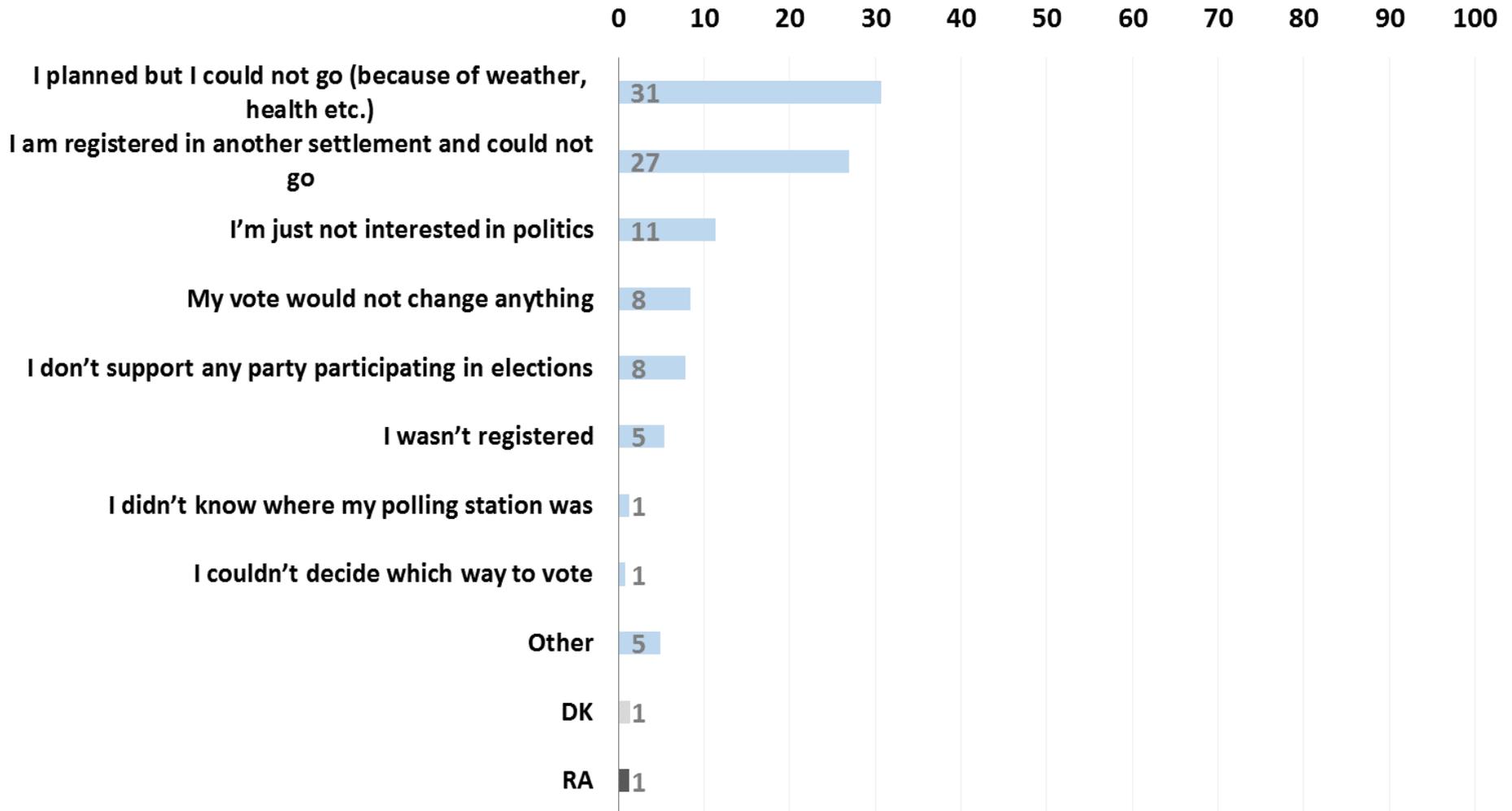
# What was the main reason you did not vote in the parliamentary elections? (q32 X Gender) - of the 23% who did not vote in October 8 parliamentary elections and the run offs
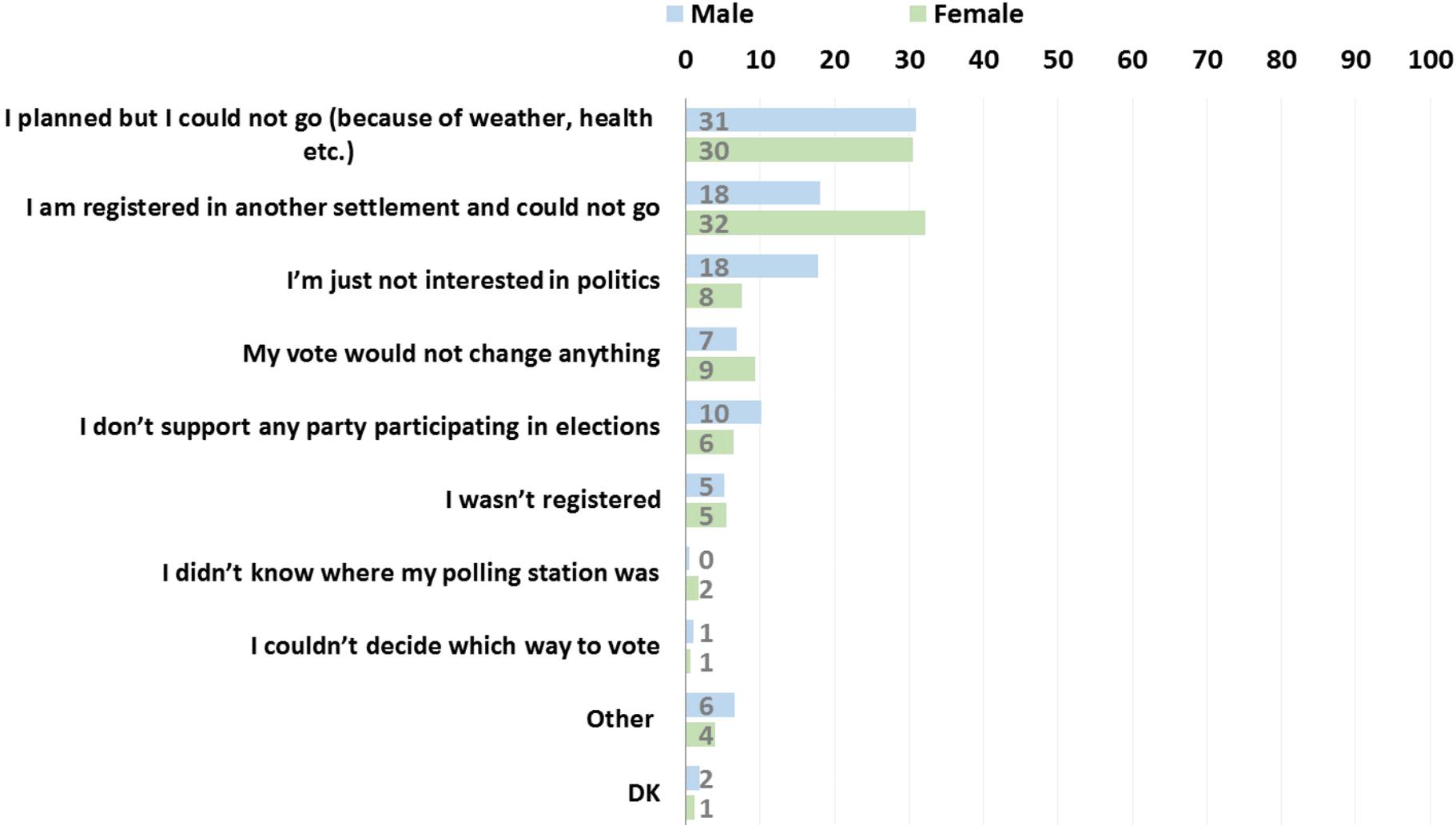
What was the main reason you did not vote in the parliamentary elections? (q32 X Age) - of the 23% who did not vote in October 8 parliamentary elections and the run offs
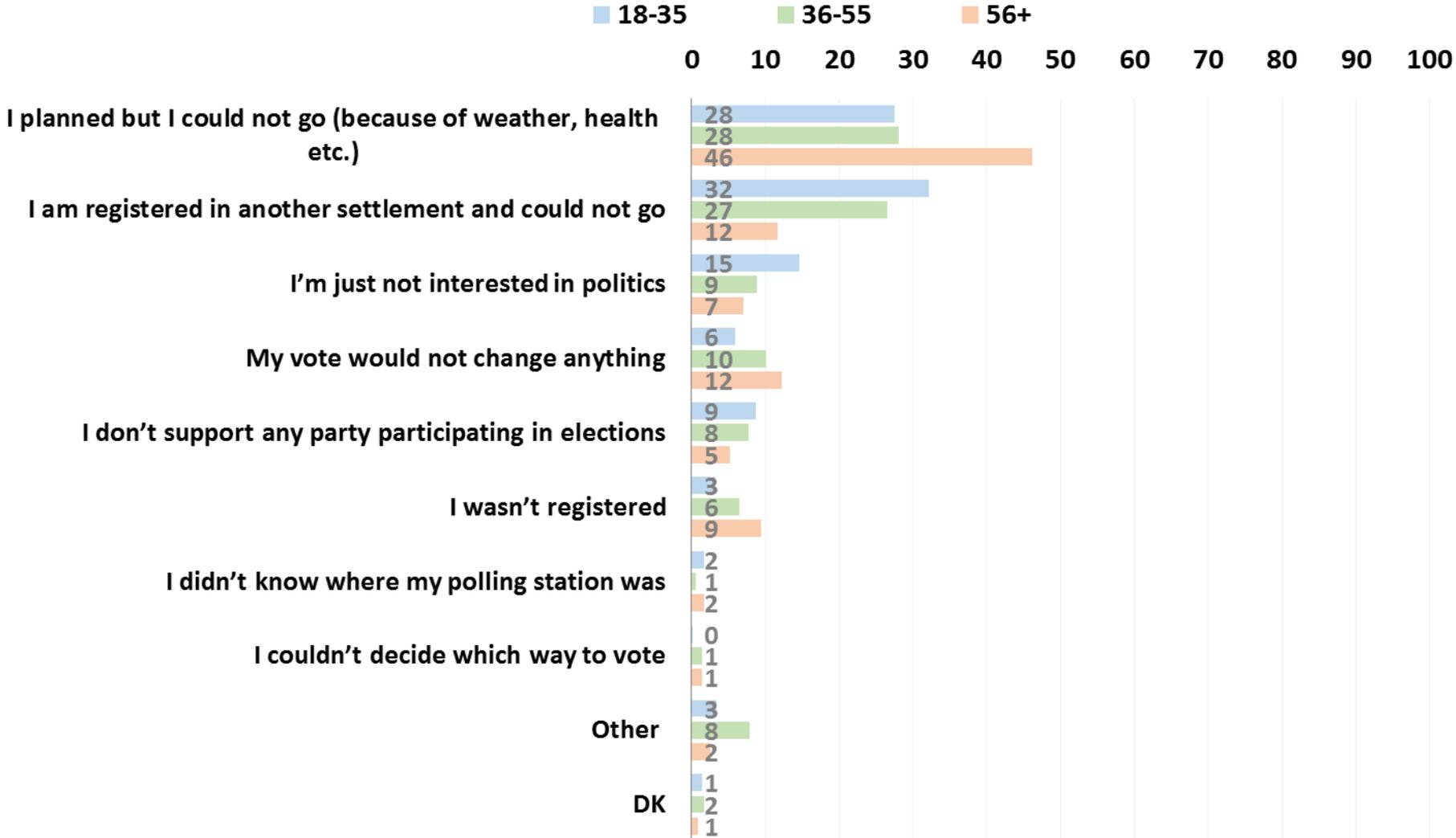
Expectations towards the new parliament

Who is your majoritarian member in the Parliament of Georgia? (q40 X Voters Only)

What do you expect from the member of the Parliament (MP)? (q39)

■ Yes   ■ No   ■ DK

Will do what the party tells him/her to do
- Yes: 65
- No: 10
- DK: 24

He/she will be active
- Yes: 56
- No: 16
- DK: 27

Will only serve his/her own interests
- Yes: 48
- No: 33
- DK: 18

He/she will represent your interests
- Yes: 48
- No: 28
- DK: 24

In the post election poll in November 2012:
- Only 15% said majoritarian MP would serve his own interests

What do you expect from the member of the Parliament (MP)?
% of Yes (q39)

- He/she will represent your interests
- Will only serve his/her own interests
- Will do what the party tells him/her to do

Parliamentary elections 2012

Parliamentary elections 2016

Feb	Jun	Aug	Nov	Mar	Sep	Nov	Apr	Aug	Apr	Mar	Nov
2012				2013			2014		2015	2016	

All waves are nationally representative of Georgian speakers. April 2015, March 2016 and November 2016 are also representative for minority regions.

What do you expect from the member of the Parliament (MP)?
% of Yes (q39 X Party closest to you)

Legend:
- Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia
- No party
- UNM
- Refuse to answer
- Don't know
- Other

Party crosstabs include only those parties whose numbers are statistically high enough for analysis. Parties that were named by less than 5% of the respondents are grouped in other.

He/she will represent your interests
- Georgian Dream: 72
- No party: 28
- UNM: 28
- Refuse to answer: 39
- Don't know: 23
- Other: 39

Will only serve his/her own interests
- Georgian Dream: 31
- No party: 59
- UNM: 72
- Refuse to answer: 51
- Don't know: 59
- Other: 57

He/she will be active
- Georgian Dream: 74
- No party: 44
- UNM: 41
- Refuse to answer: 42
- Don't know: 42
- Other: 51

Will do what the party tells him/her to do
- Georgian Dream: 65
- No party: 67
- UNM: 73
- Refuse to answer: 58
- Don't know: 57
- Other: 68
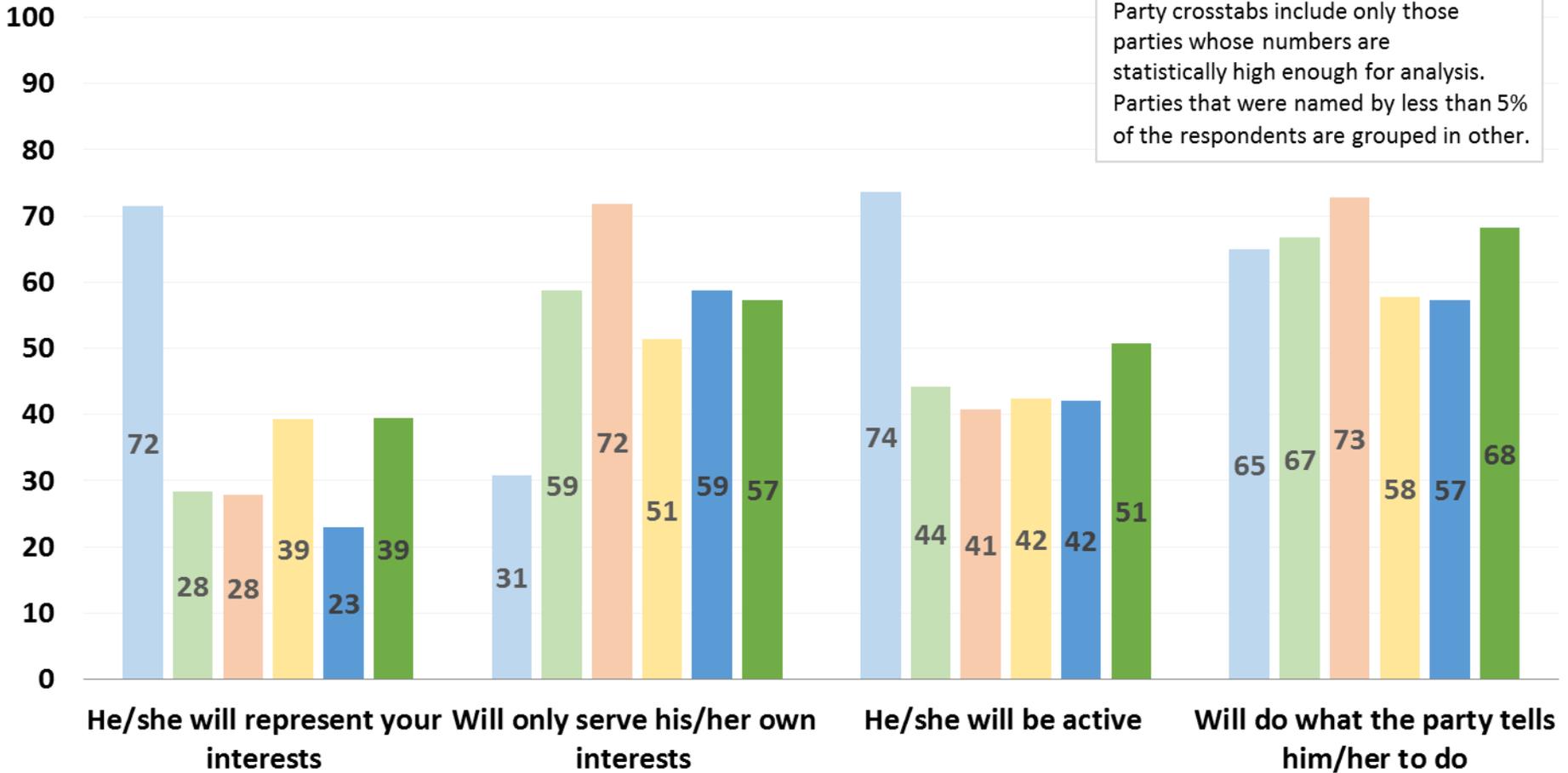
Overall, do you think the New Parliament (elected in October 2016) will work better, the same or worse than the previous parliament (elected in October 2012)? (q41)

Overall, do you think the New Parliament (elected in October 2016) will work better, the same or worse than the previous parliament (elected in October 2012)? (q41 X Party closest to you)

Legend: ■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK

Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia
- Better: 69
- The same: 20
- Worse: 2
- DK: 10

No party
- Better: 19
- The same: 41
- Worse: 12
- DK: 27

UNM
- Better: 15
- The same: 37
- Worse: 29
- DK: 20

Refuse to answer
- Better: 31
- The same: 32
- Worse: 2
- DK: 33

Don't know
- Better: 26
- The same: 34
- Worse: 4
- DK: 36

Other
- Better: 35
- The same: 39
- Worse: 11
- DK: 15

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How much do you agree or disagree that members of the new parliament will take into account opinions of people like you? (q43)
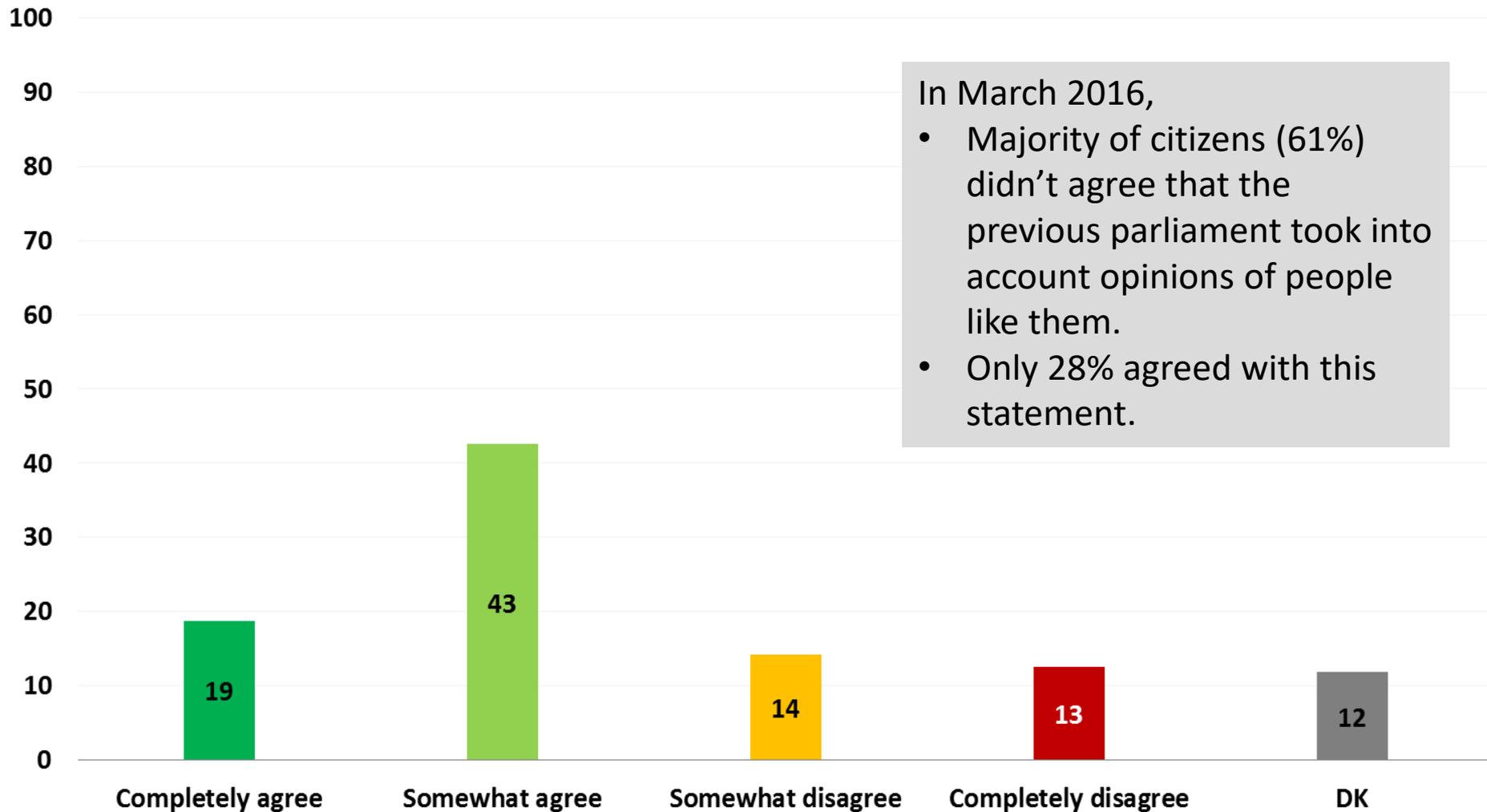
In March 2016,
- Majority of citizens (61%) didn't agree that the previous parliament took into account opinions of people like them.
- Only 28% agreed with this statement.

Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree	DK
19	43	14	13	12

Do you agree or disagree that members of the new parliament will take into account opinions of people like you?
(q43 X Party closest to you)
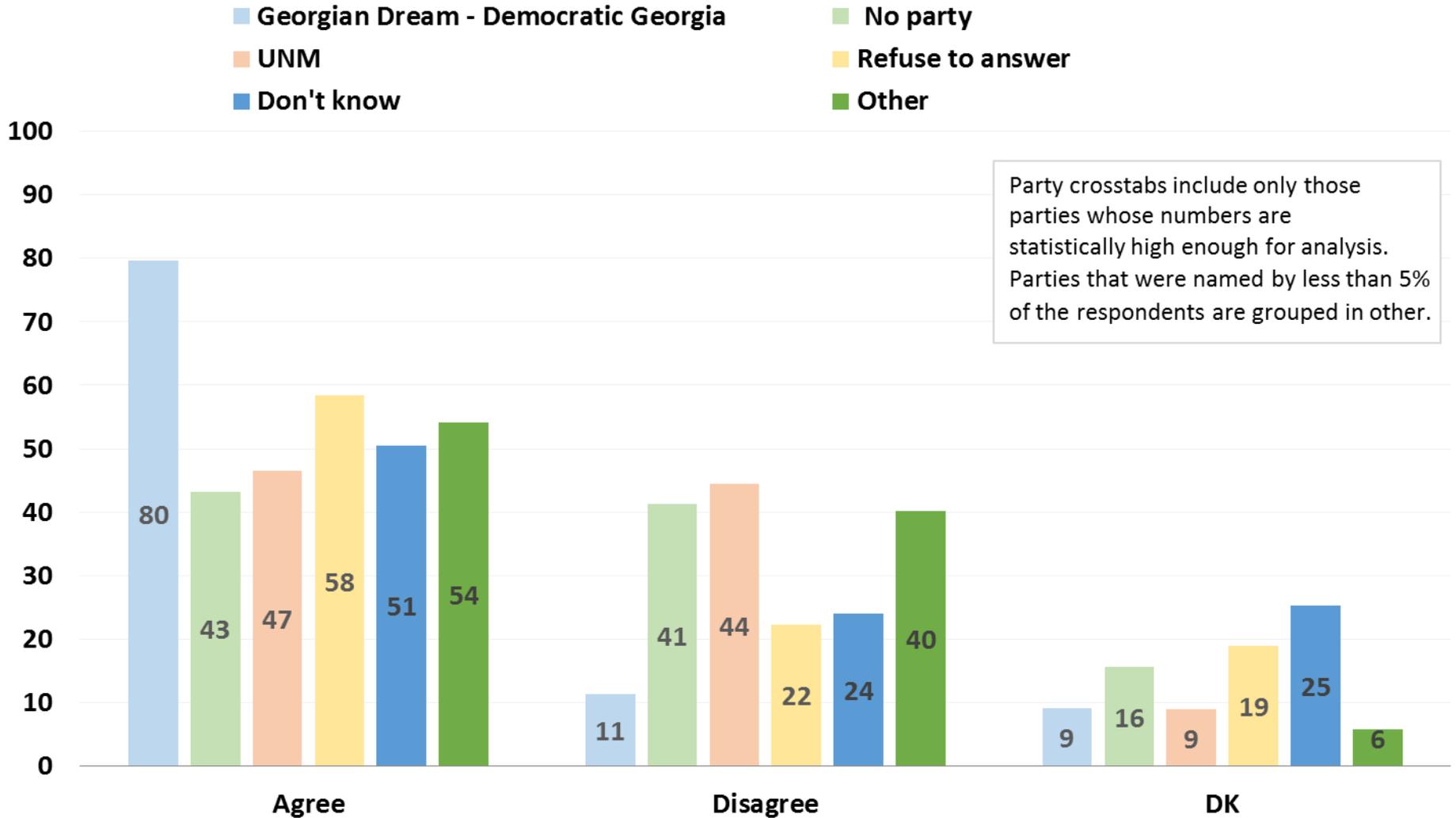
■ Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia   ■ No party
■ UNM   ■ Refuse to answer
■ Don't know   ■ Other

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Agree: 80, 43, 47, 58, 51, 54
Disagree: 11, 41, 44, 22, 24, 40
DK: 9, 16, 9, 19, 25, 6

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: If you wanted to you would be able to easily arrange a meeting with the Member of Parliament. (q44)

	Agree	Disagree	DK
Value	36	45	19
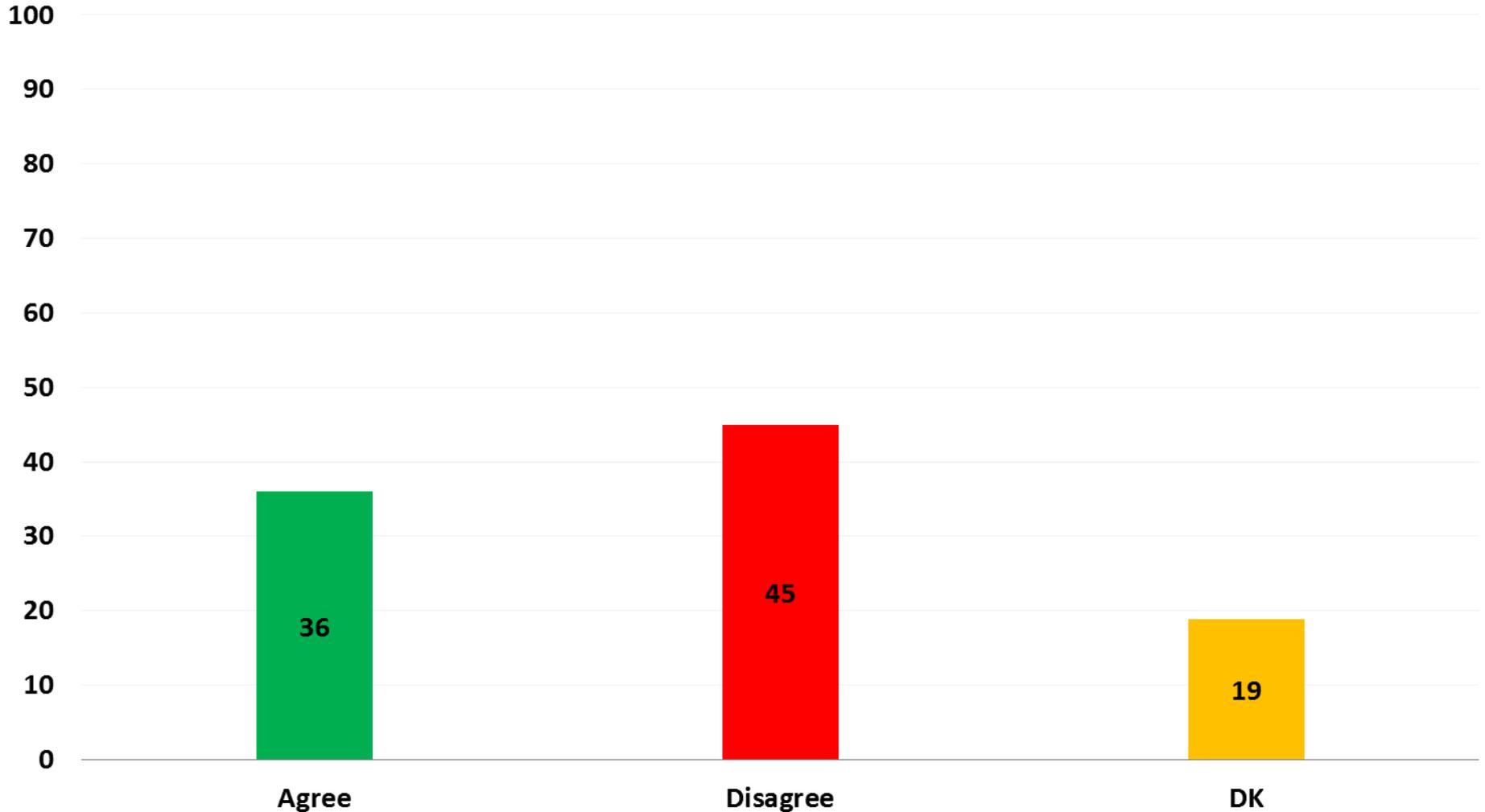
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: If you wanted to you would be able to easily arrange a meeting with the Member of Parliament. (q44 X Party closest to you)

- ■ Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia
- ■ UNM
- ■ Don't know
- ■ No party
- ■ Refuse to answer
- ■ Other

Party crosstabs include only those parties whose numbers are statistically high enough for analysis. Parties that were named by less than 5% of the respondents are grouped in other.

	Agree	Disagree	DK
Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia	48	34	18
No party	28	49	22
UNM	27	58	15
Refuse to answer	33	46	20
Don't know	32	41	27
Other	24	61	15
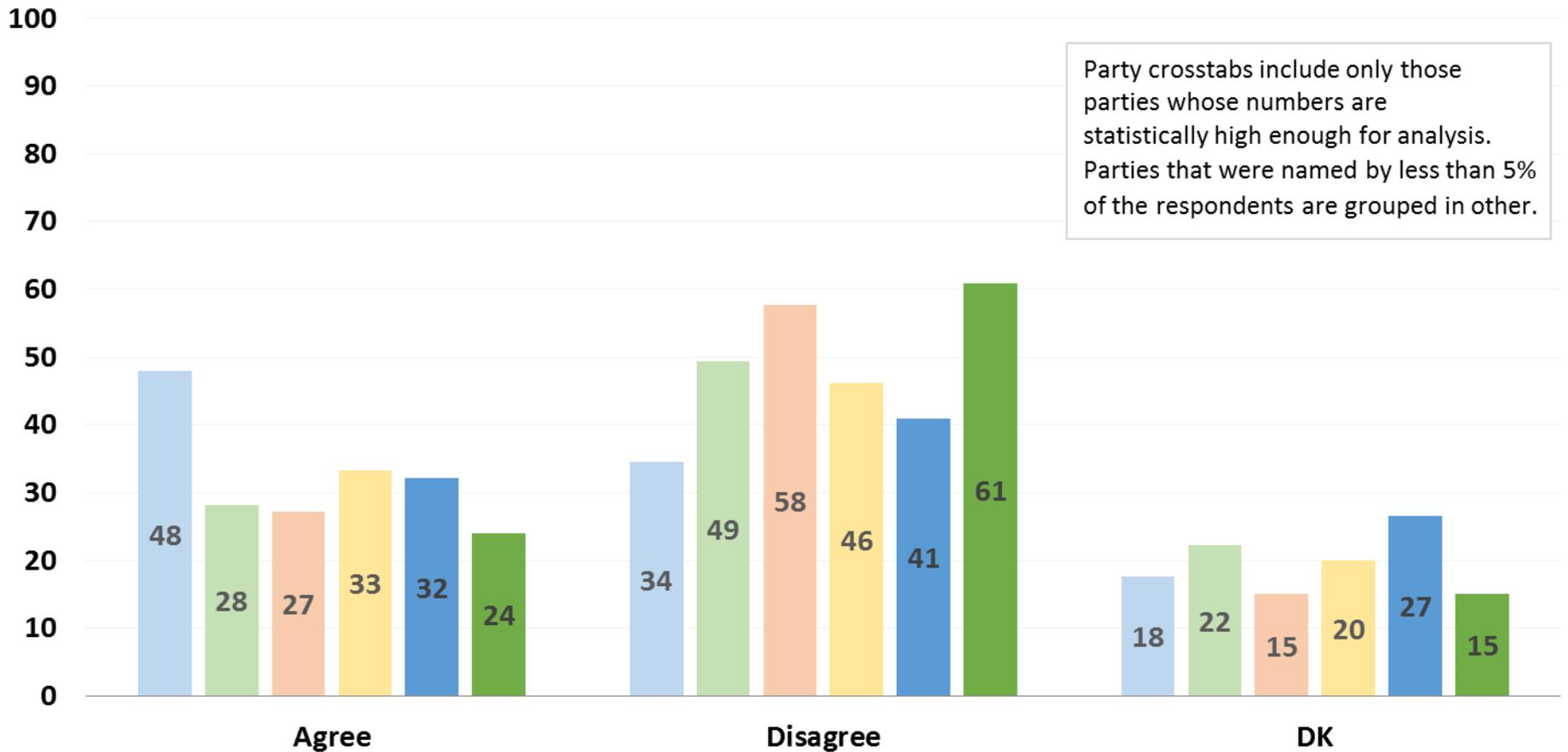
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: It is easy for citizens to access parliament building. (q45)

	Agree	Disagree	DK
Value	20	53	28
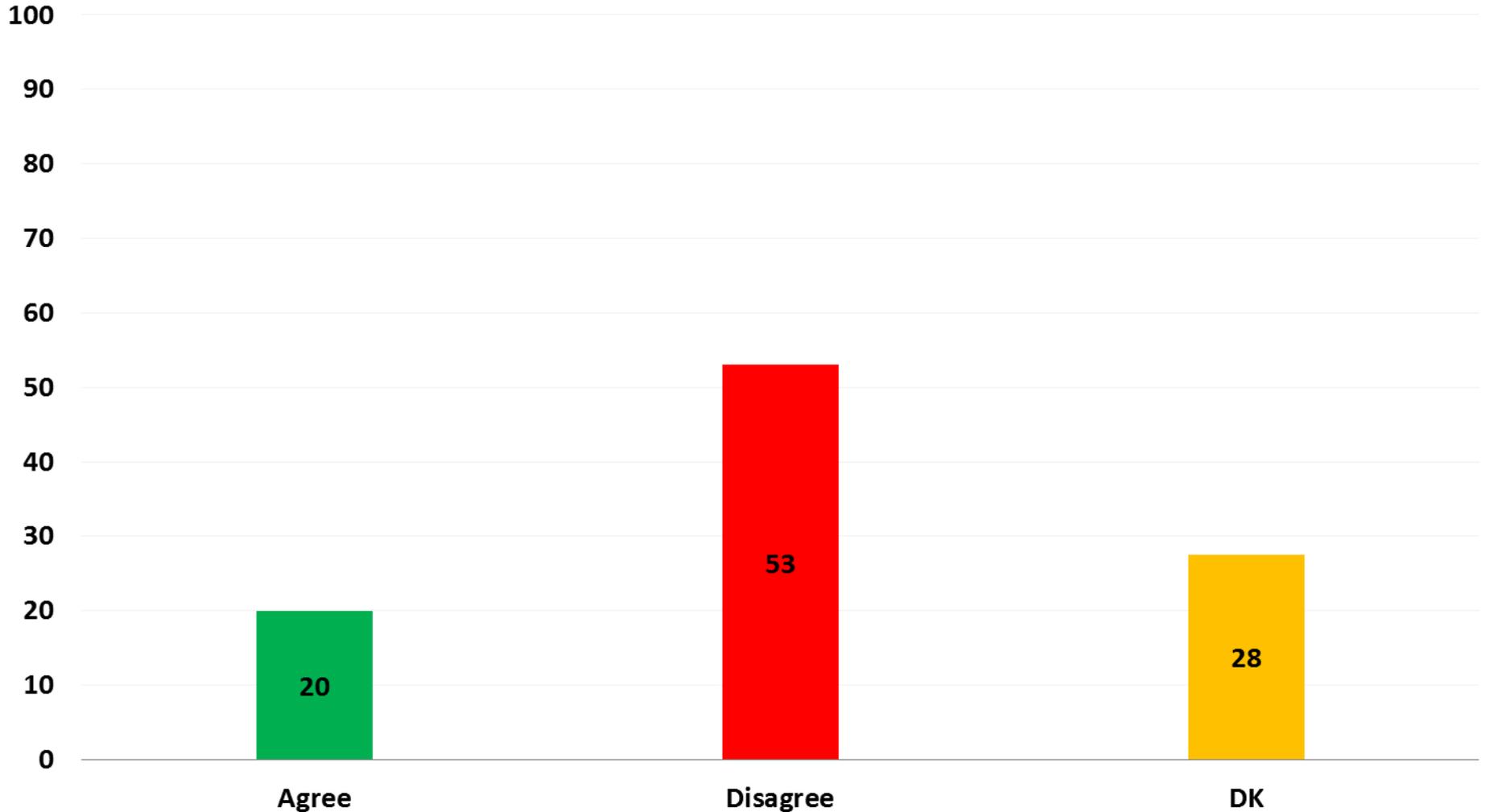
Party support following elections

Which party is closest to you? (q53) (entire sample) / Election results among eligible voting population

■ November Poll ■ Election result among eligible voting population

Other: Parties that were named by less than 3% of the respondents.
These parties are: Georgian Labour Party, United Democratic Movement, Movement State for People, Republican Party, National Forum, Industrialists, New Political Center-Girchi, Free Georgia, Left Alliance, Georgian Group, Georgian Conservative Party, Georgian Party, Civic Platform-New Georgia, New Rights, Traditionalists and New Christian Democrats.

	November Poll	Election result
Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia	40	24
No party	22	
UNM	10	14
Refuse to answer	9	
Don't know	5	
Alliance of Patriots of Georgia	3	3
Free Democrats	3	2
Other	7	

Which party is closest to you? (Voters only) / Proportional election results

■ November Poll **■ Proportional election result**

Other: Parties that were named by less than 3% of the respondents.
These parties are: Georgian Labour Party, United Democratic Movement, Movement State for People, Republican Party, National Forum, Industrialists, New Political Center-Girchi, Free Georgia, Left Alliance, Georgian Group, Georgian Conservative Party, Georgian Party, Civic Platform-New Georgia, New Rights, Traditionalists and New Christian Democrats.

Party	November Poll	Proportional election result
Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia	46	48.68
No party	16	
UNM	10	27.11
Refuse to answer	11	
Don't know	5	
Alliance of Patriots of Georgia	3	5.01
Free Democrats	3	4.63
Other	6	