

Pessimism Brings Shift in Political Dynamics

Results from the August-September 2013 National
Survey

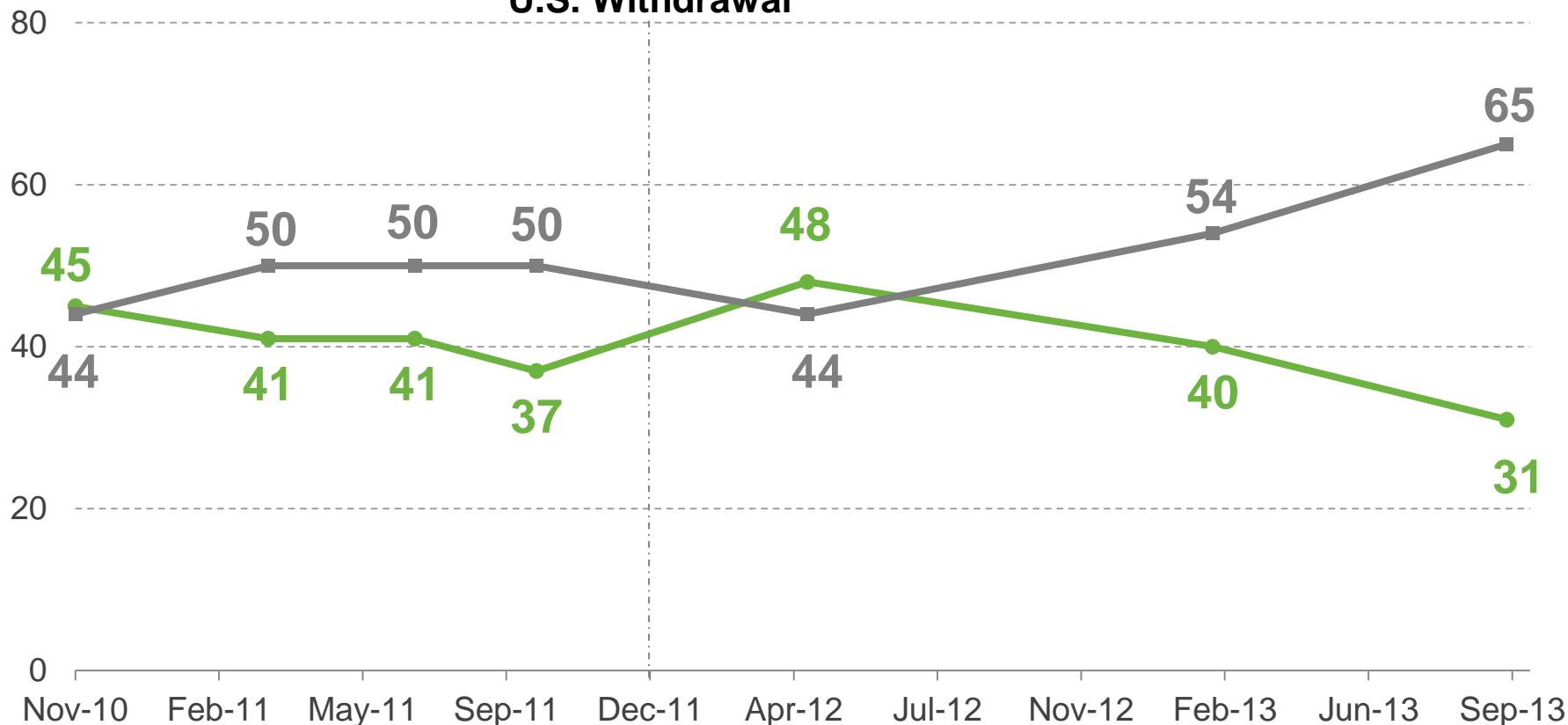
Country mood worsens

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

—●— Right direction

—■— Wrong direction

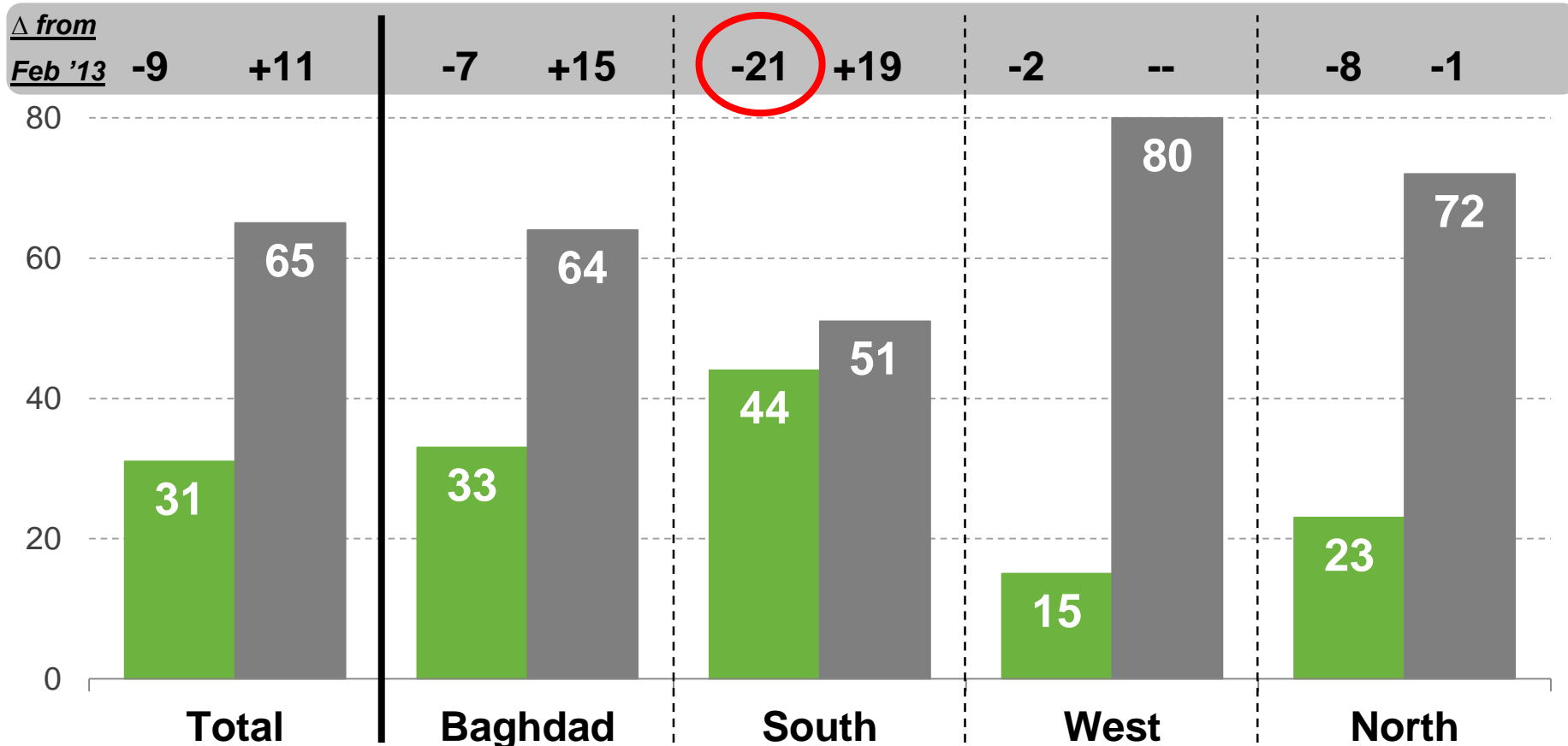
U.S. Withdrawal



Country direction worsens in all regions, esp. the South

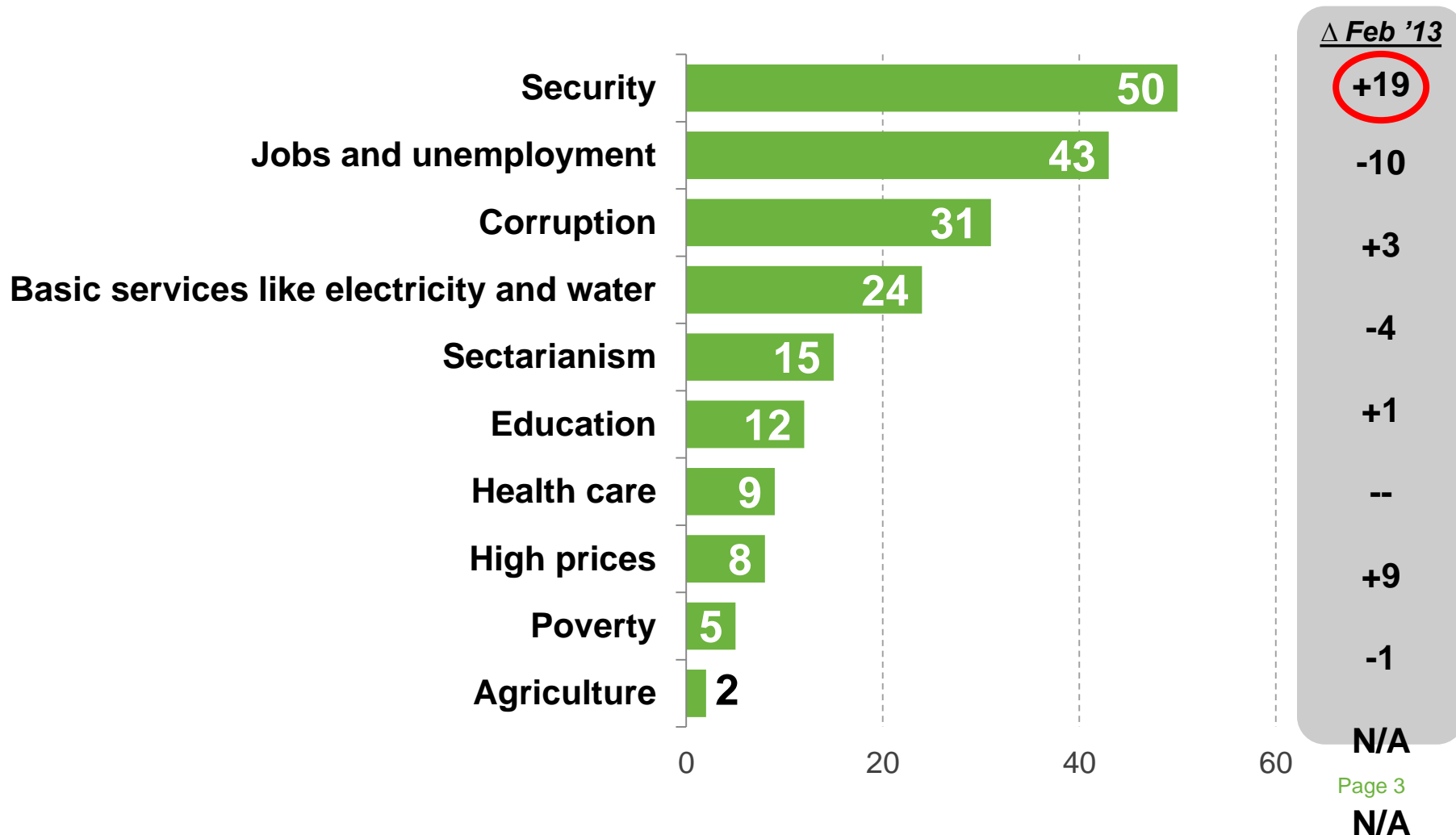
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■ Right ■ Wrong



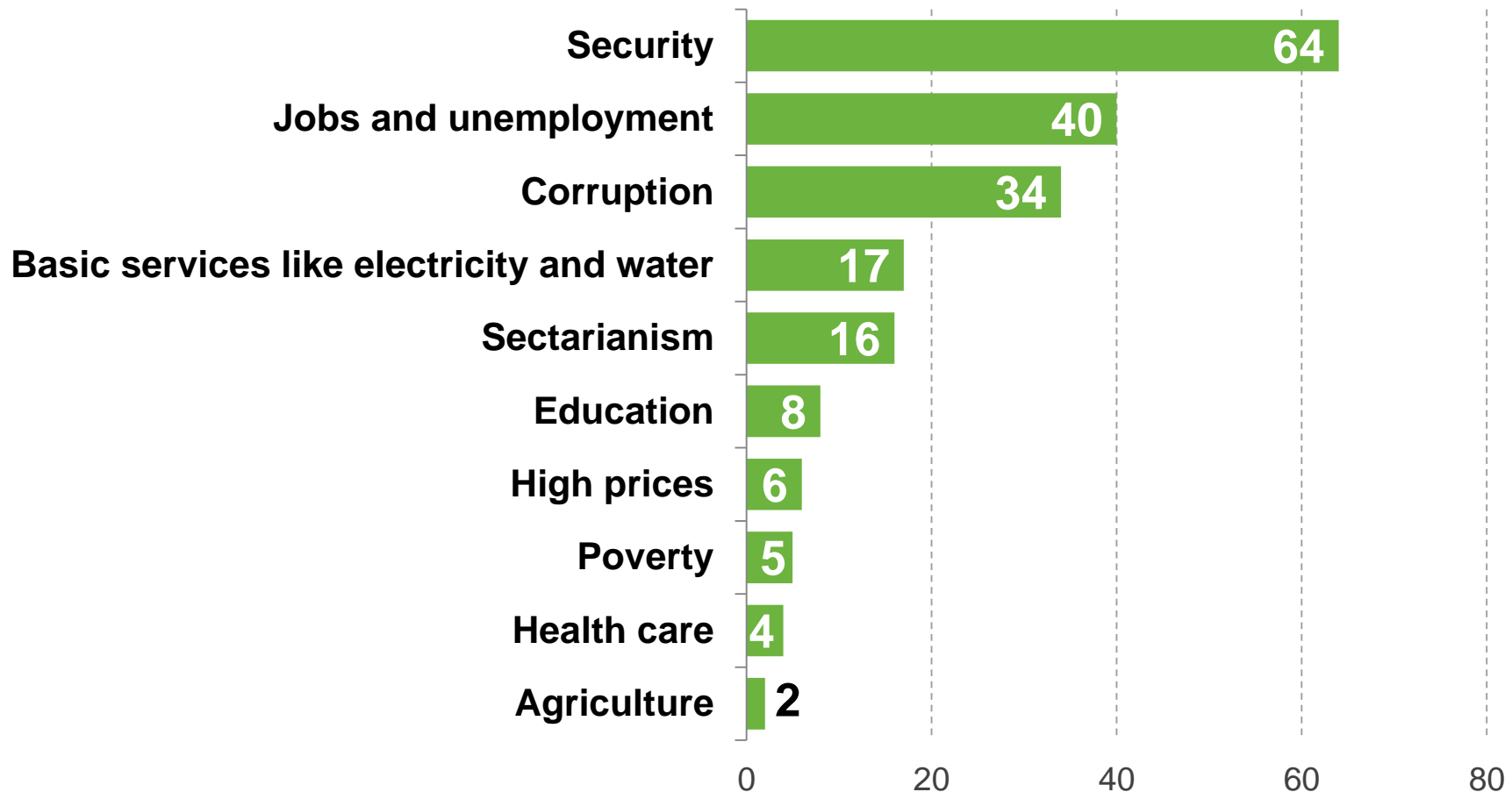
Security concerns skyrocket

Please tell me which TWO of these are the most important for the Iraqi government to address.



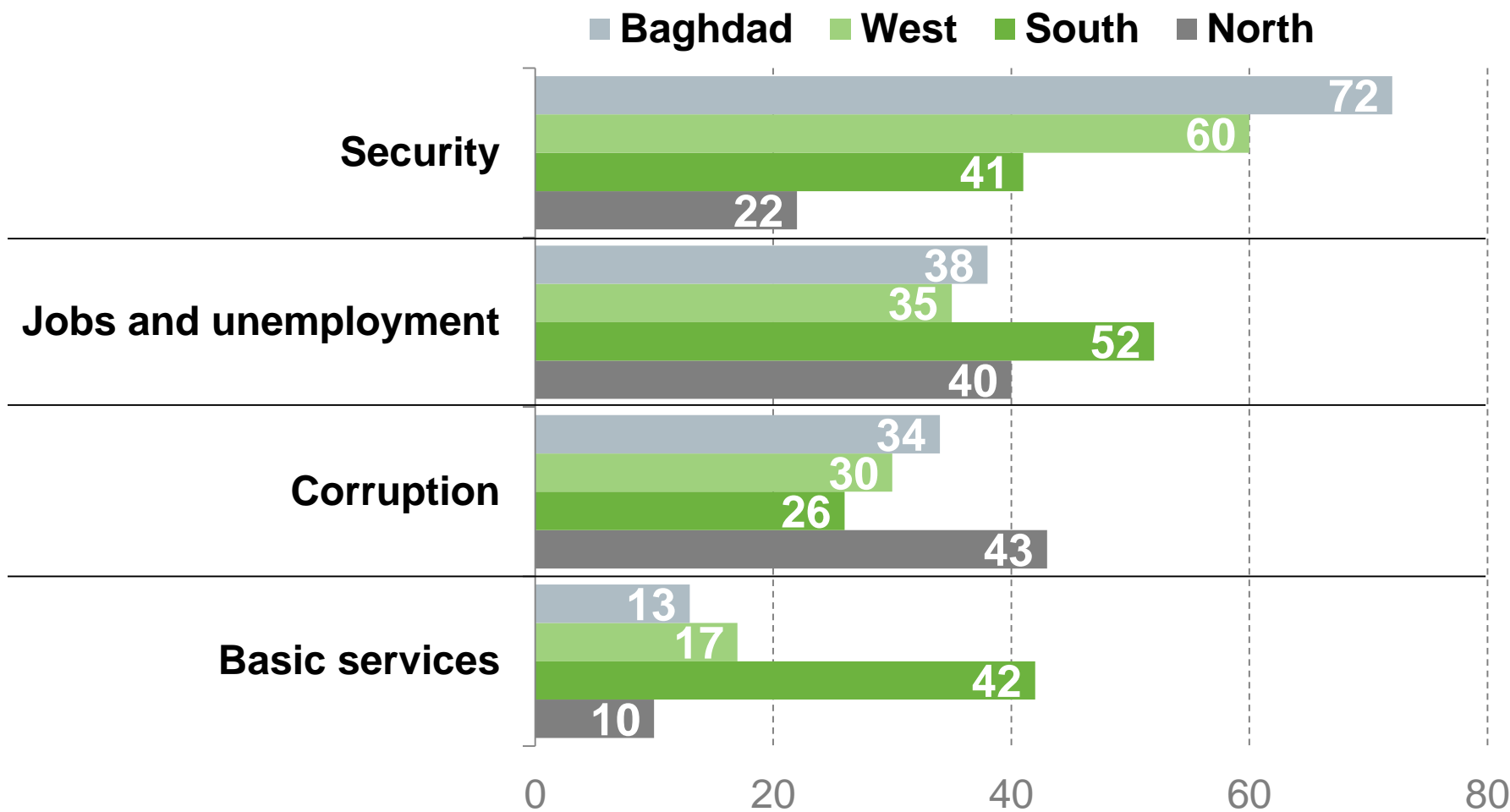
Security concerns dominate among “wrong direction” Iraqis

Please tell me which TWO of these are the most important for the Iraqi government to address. (Among those saying wrong direction, strongly)



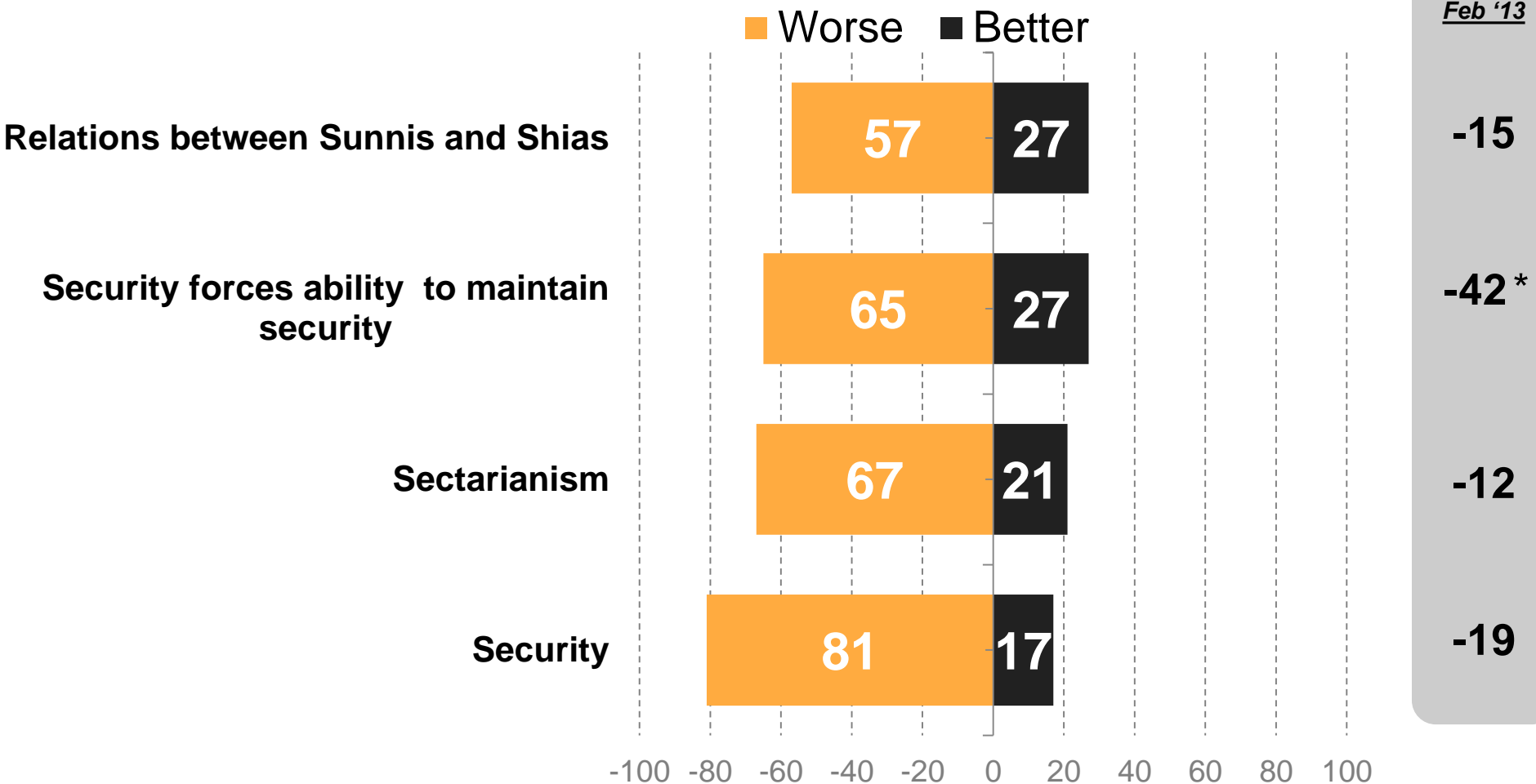
Security concerns dominate in Baghdad and West

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Security and sectarian issues viewed as worsening

Please tell me if you think this issue is getting better or worse in Iraq.

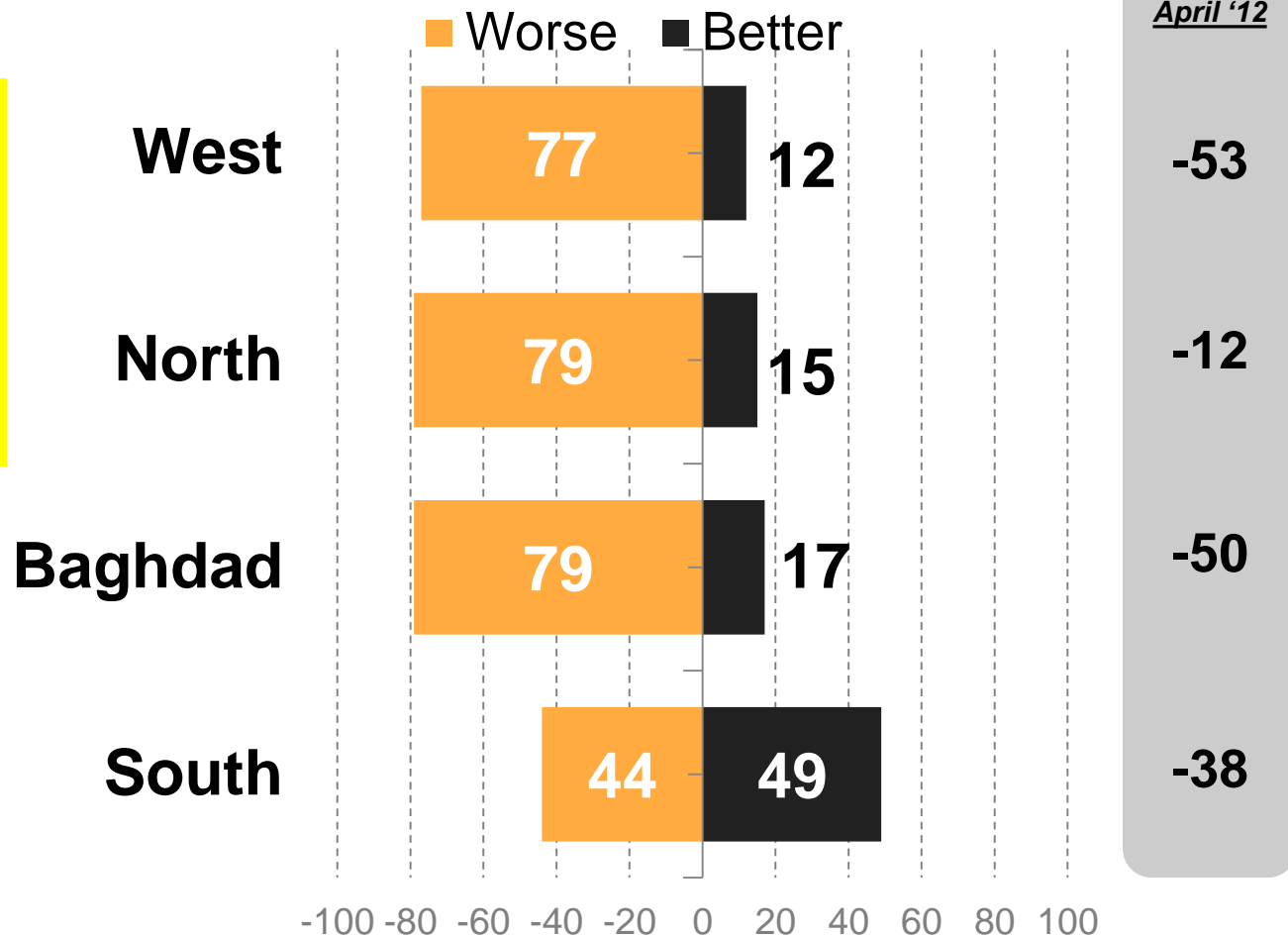


**Change since April '12*

Perceptions of security forces ability worsens

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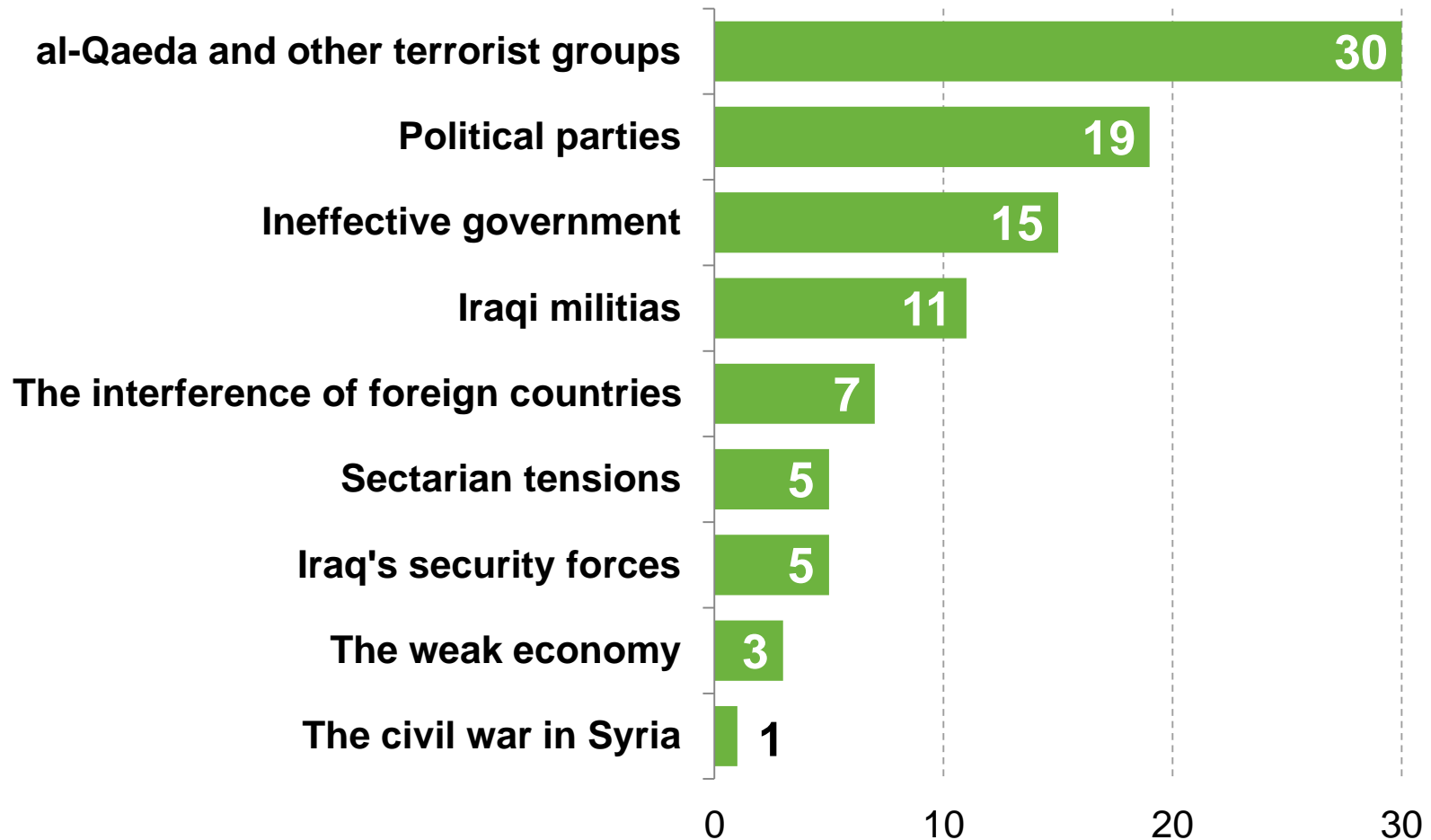
**Ability of
security
forces to
maintain
security**



**Change since April '12*

Terrorist groups largely blamed for violence

When thinking about the level of violence in Iraq, who or what do you mostly blame for the increase in violent acts?



Sectarianism concerns jump in Baghdad

Please tell me if you think this issue is getting better or worse in Iraq.

Sectarianism

Worse Better

△ better
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Baghdad

58

25

-32

West

67

11

-3

South

68

29

-8

North

81

15

-6

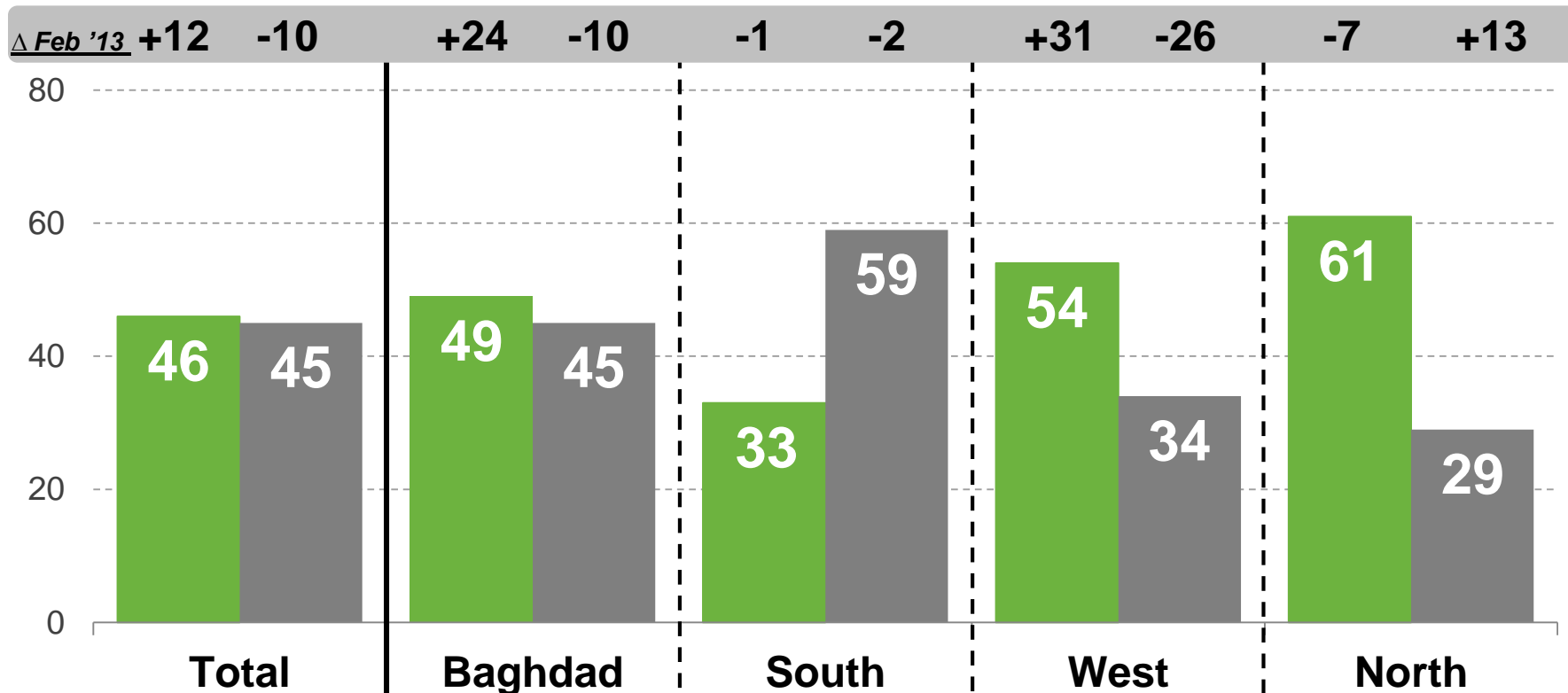
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Country increasingly viewed as “divided”

I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

Iraq is mostly a **divided country**.

Iraq is mostly a **unified country**.

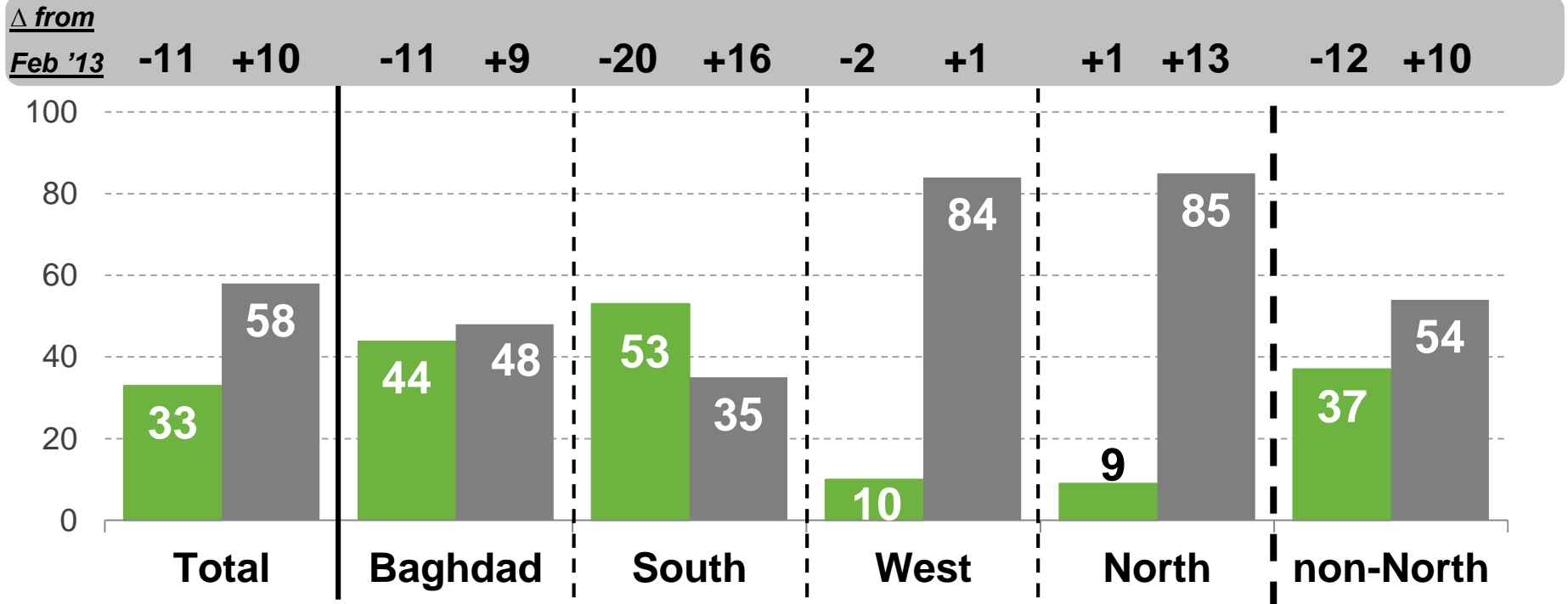


More Iraqis want to go in a different direction than Maliki's

I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

I want to **continue in the direction Nouri al-Maliki** is taking Iraq.

I want to go in a **very different direction than Nouri al-Maliki** is taking Iraq.

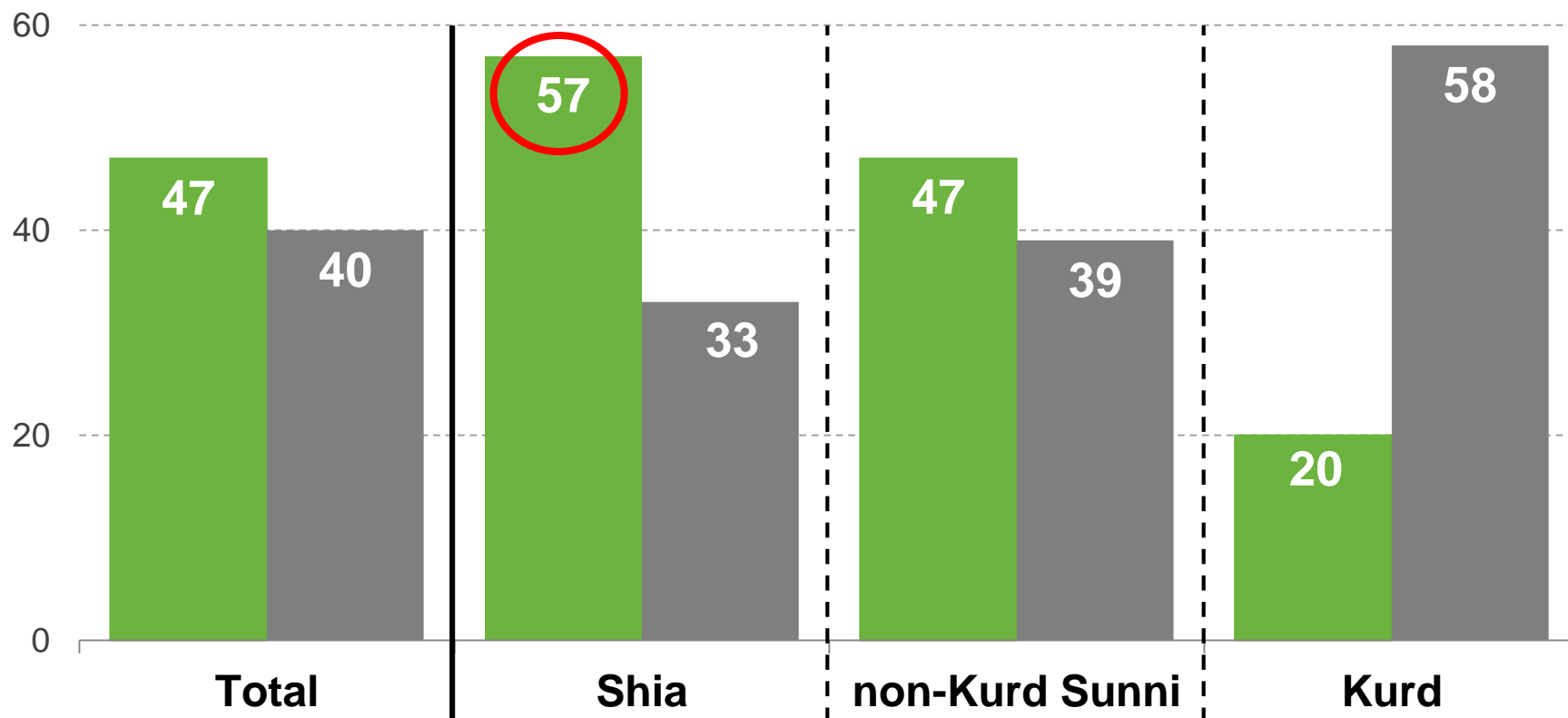


Shia more likely to want religious leaders in politics

I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

Religious leaders should have **more influence** in Iraqi politics.

Religious leaders should have **less influence** in Iraqi politics.

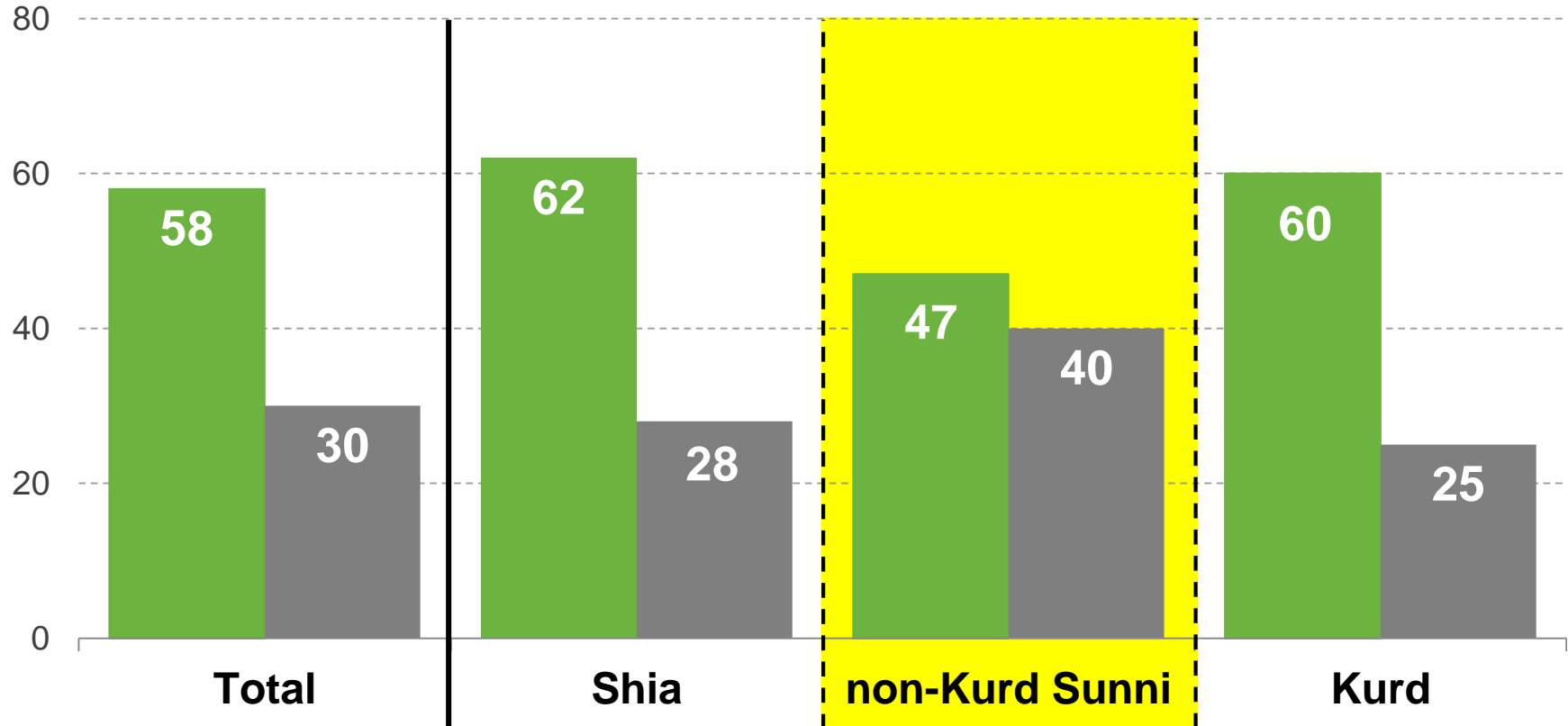


Sunnis least convinced democracy is best for Iraq

I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

Democracy is the **best form** of government for Iraq.

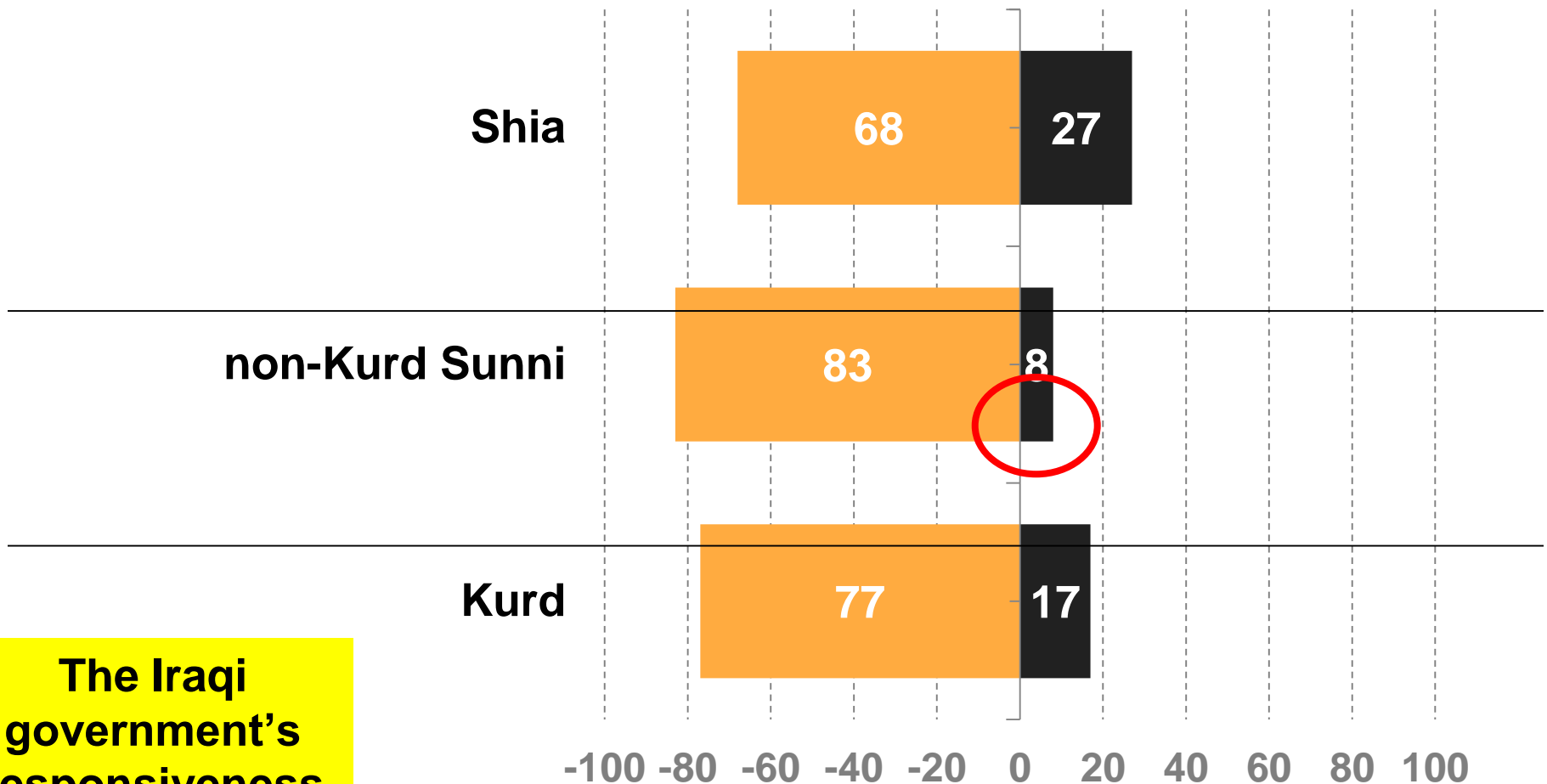
Another form of government aside from democracy is better for Iraq.



Sunnis say government responsiveness getting worse

Please tell me if you think this issue is getting better or worse in Iraq.

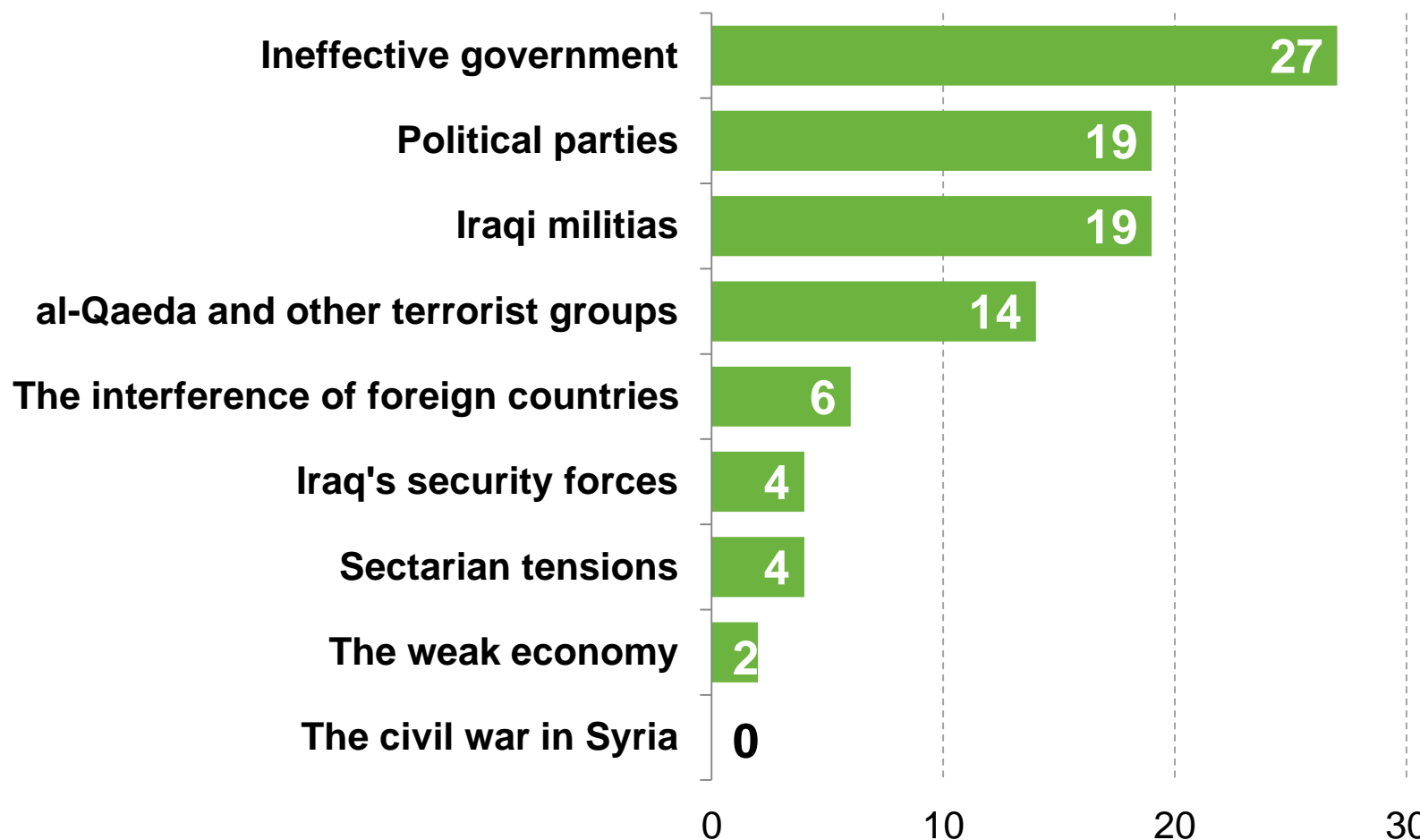
Worse Better



The Iraqi government's responsiveness to people's needs

Sunnis blame government and parties for violence

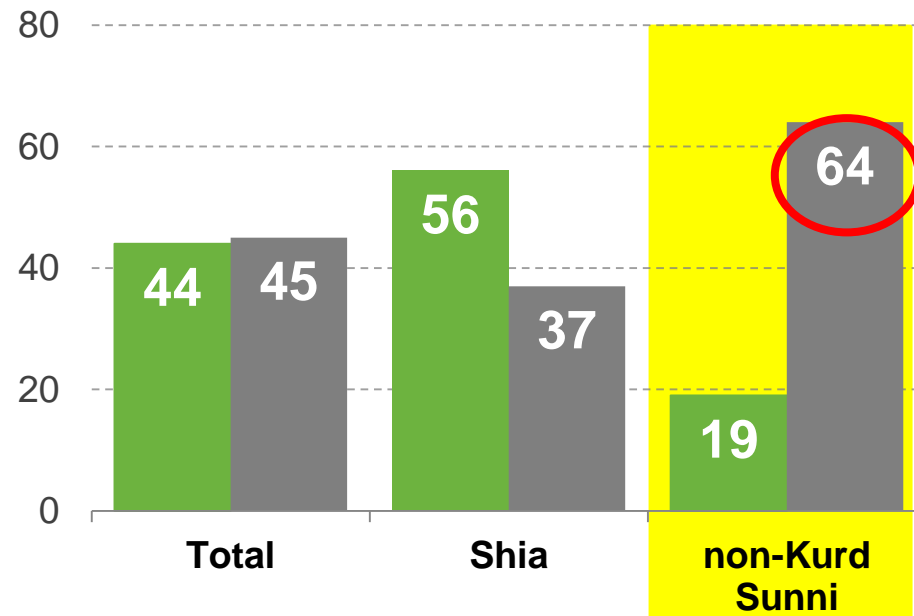
When thinking about the level of violence in Iraq, who or what do you mostly blame for the increase in violent acts? (AMONG NON-KURD SUNNIS ONLY)



Sunnis dissatisfied with last provincial elections | non-North

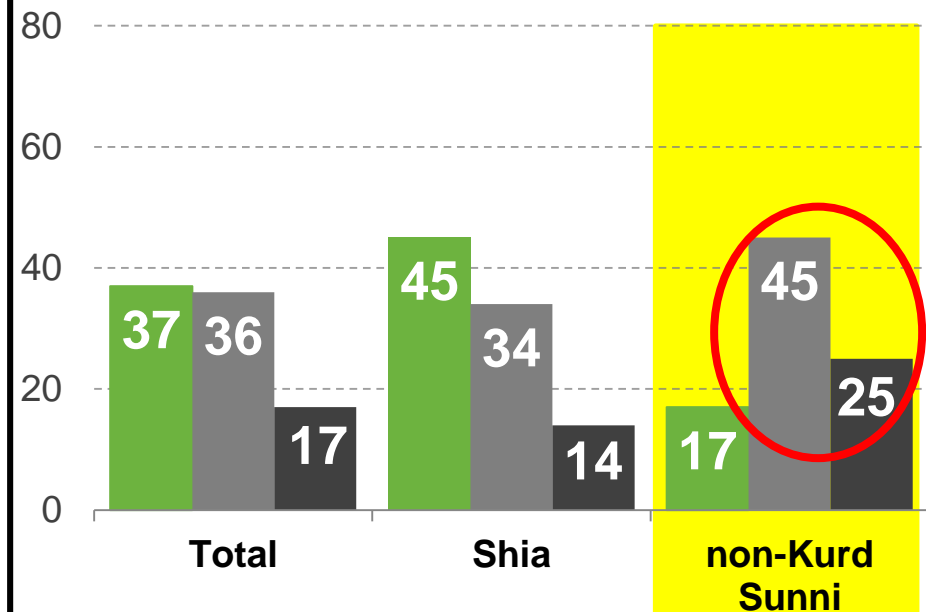
Based on what you know of the results and the post-election coalitions, would you say you are generally satisfied or dissatisfied with the outcome of the recent elections? (NON-NORTH ONLY)

■ Satisfied ■ Dissatisfied



Based on what you know of the results and the post-election coalitions, do you think your new provincial government will bring positive change to your province, negative change, or things will be about the same? (NON-NORTH ONLY)

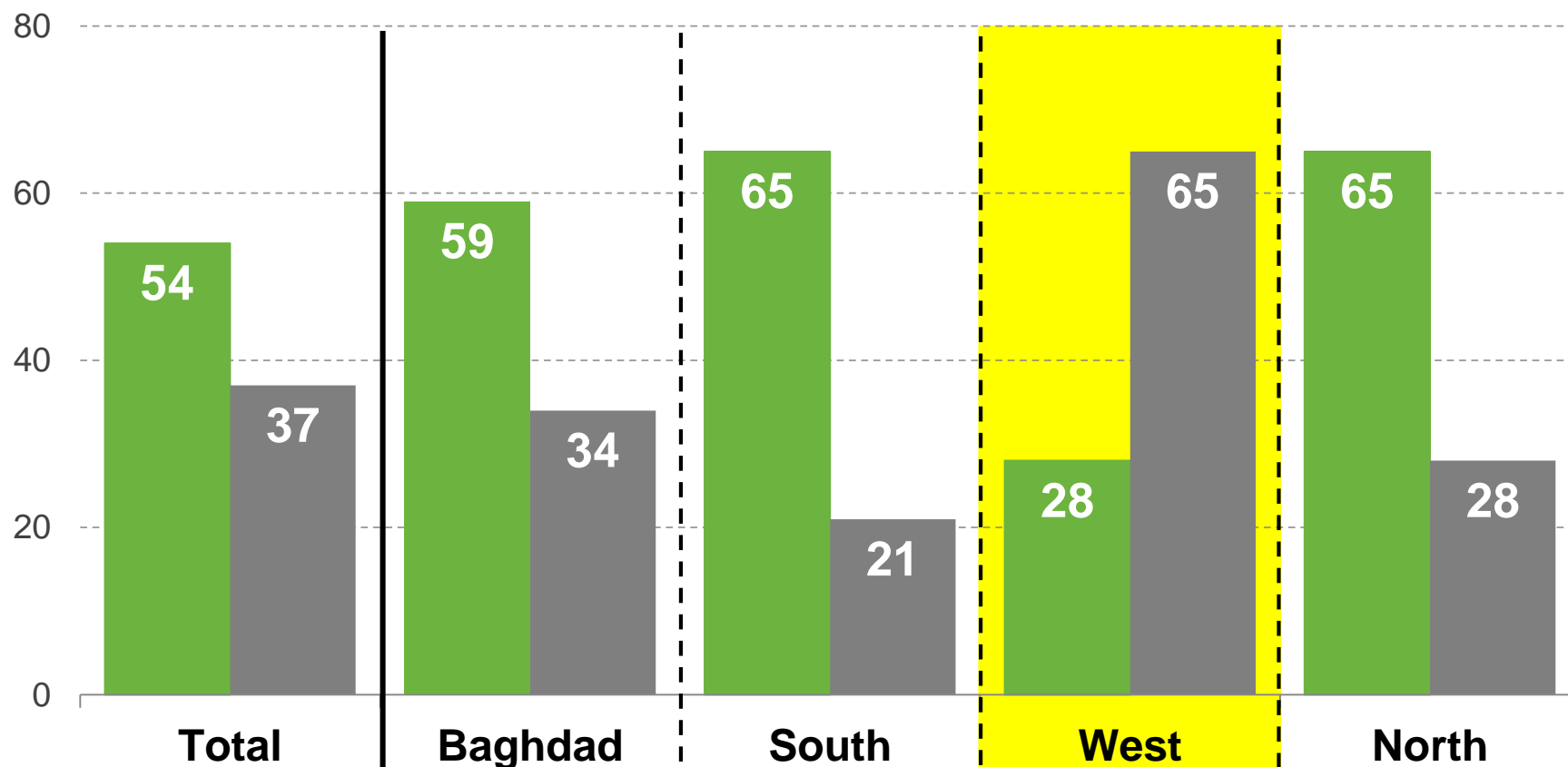
■ Positive ■ Same ■ Negative



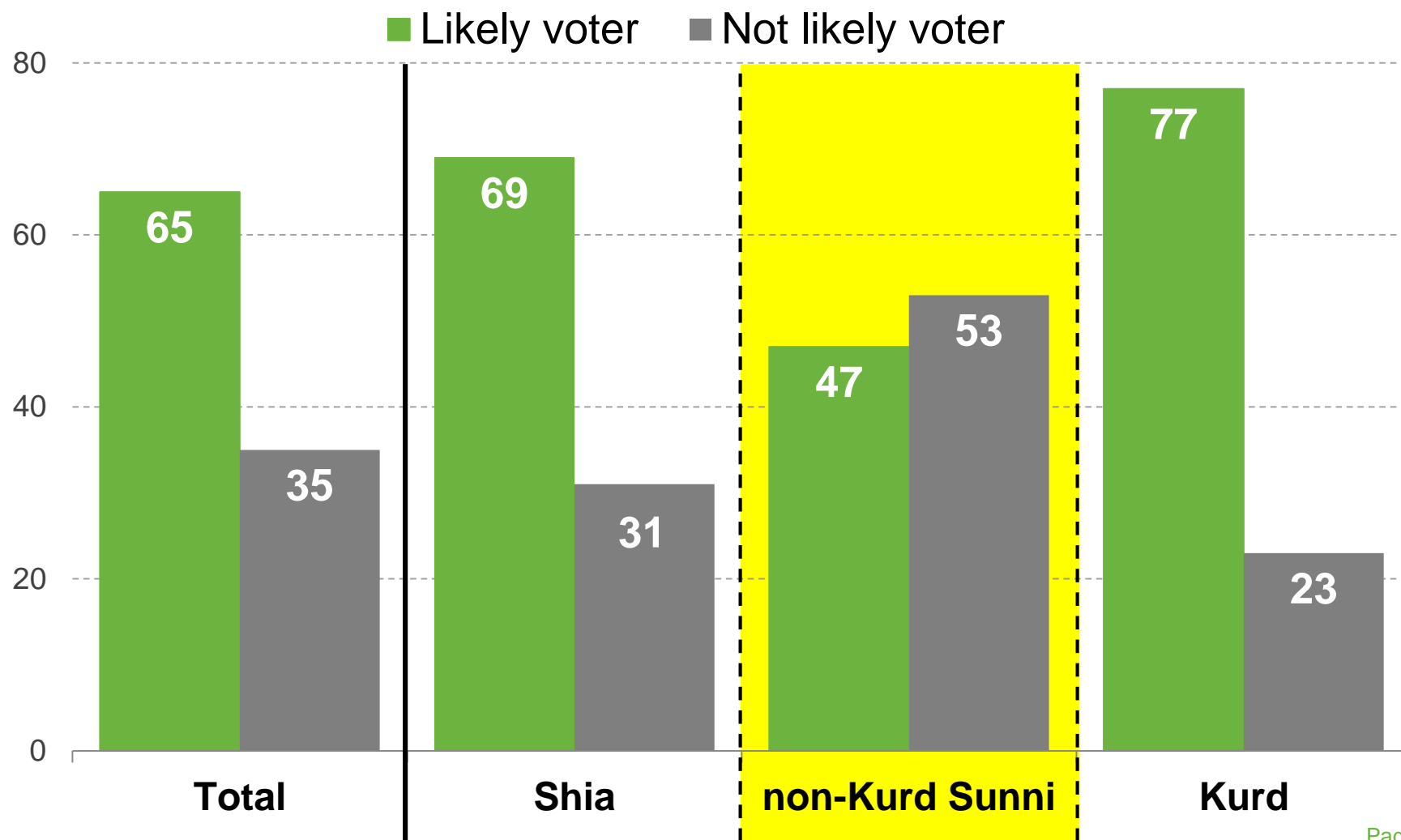
Sunnis doubt fairness of elections

Based on what you know, do you think that the next parliamentary elections, currently expected next year, will be free and fair?

■ Free and fair ■ NOT free and fair

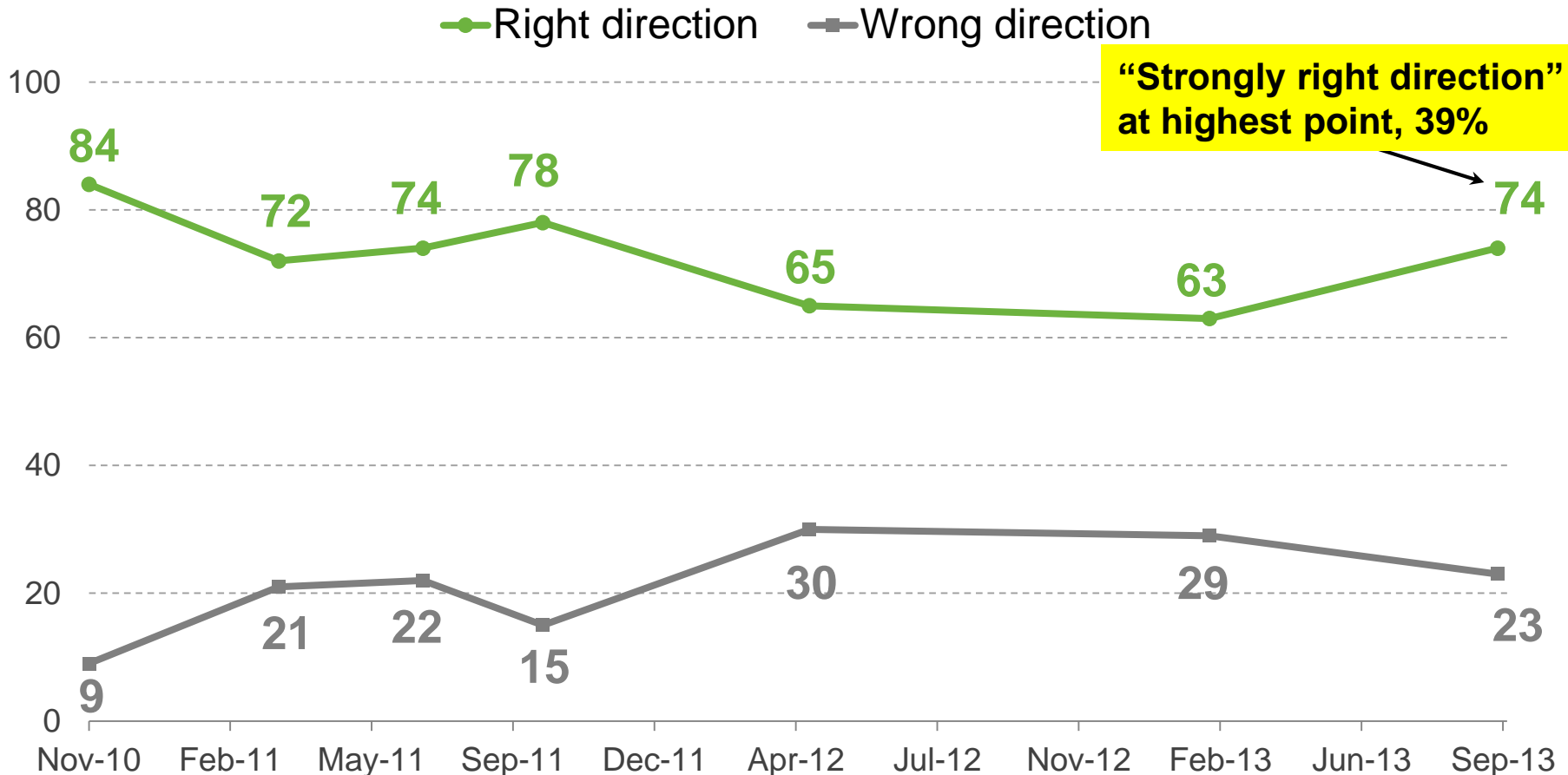


Sunnis least likely to participate in parliamentary elections



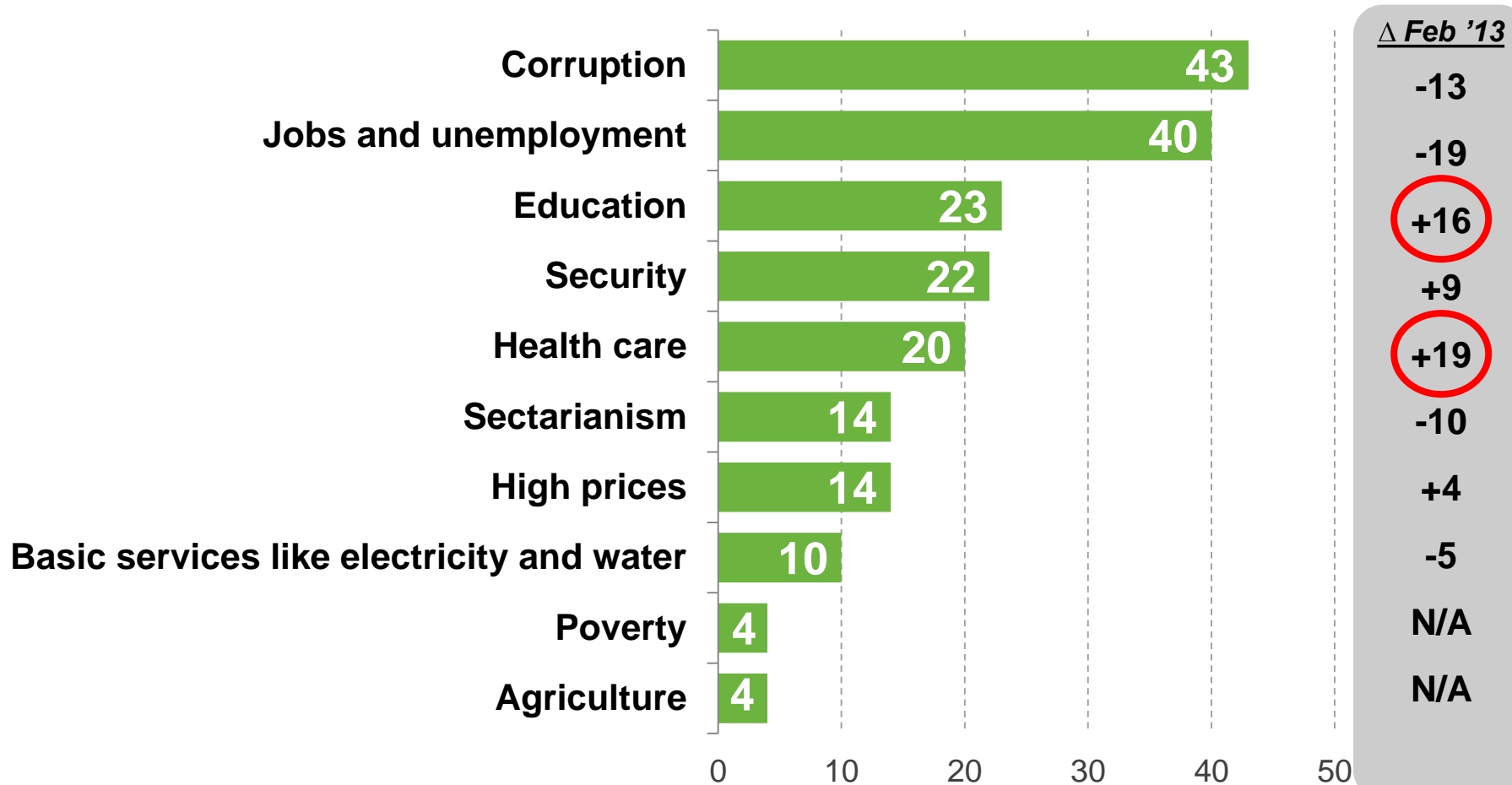
Strong majority in North see *Kurdistan* in right direction

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



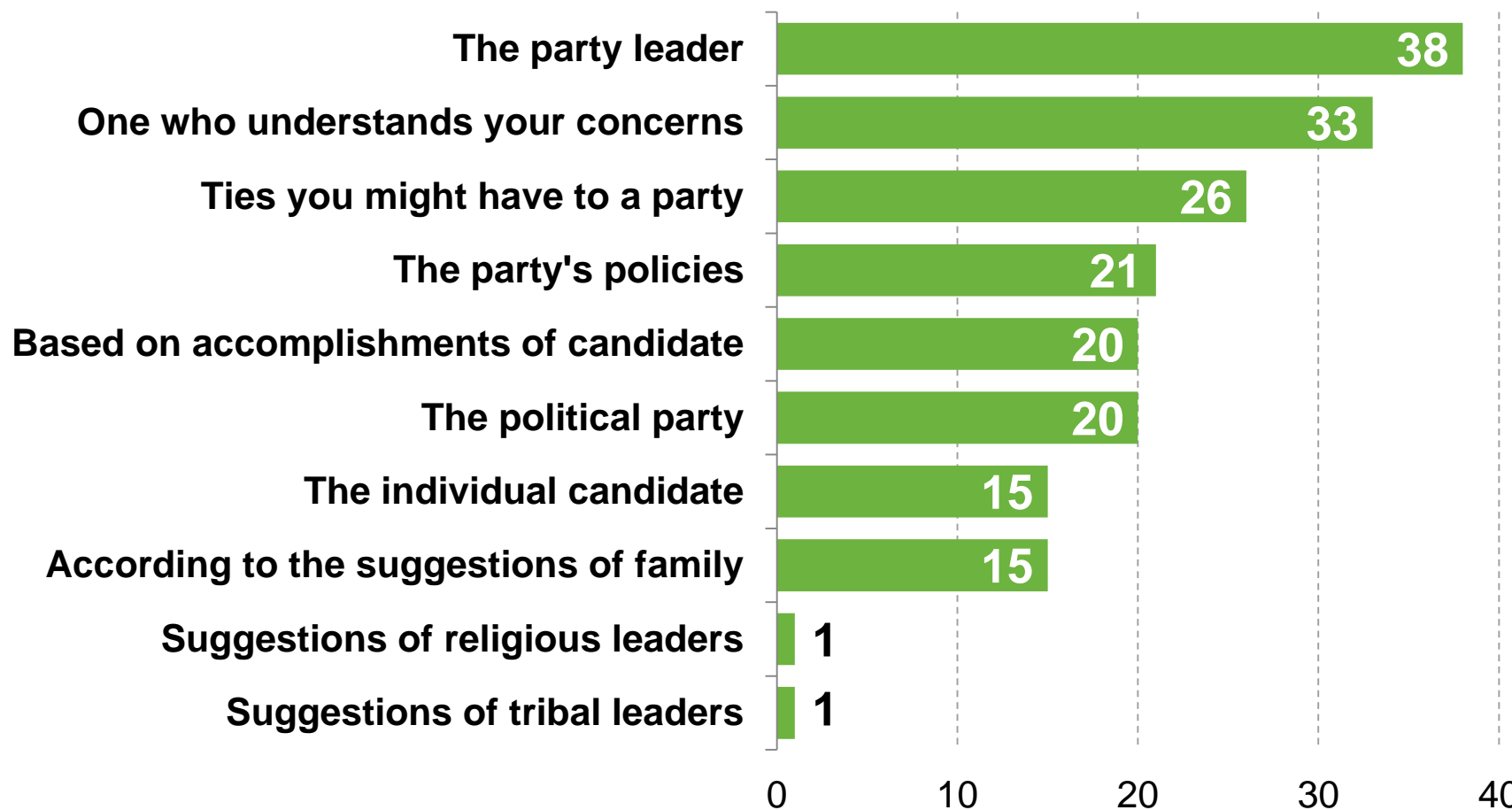
Jump in education, health concerns, jobs/corruption high

Please tell me which TWO of these are the most important for the Iraqi government to address. (NORTH ONLY)



Party leader and understanding concerns drive vote | North

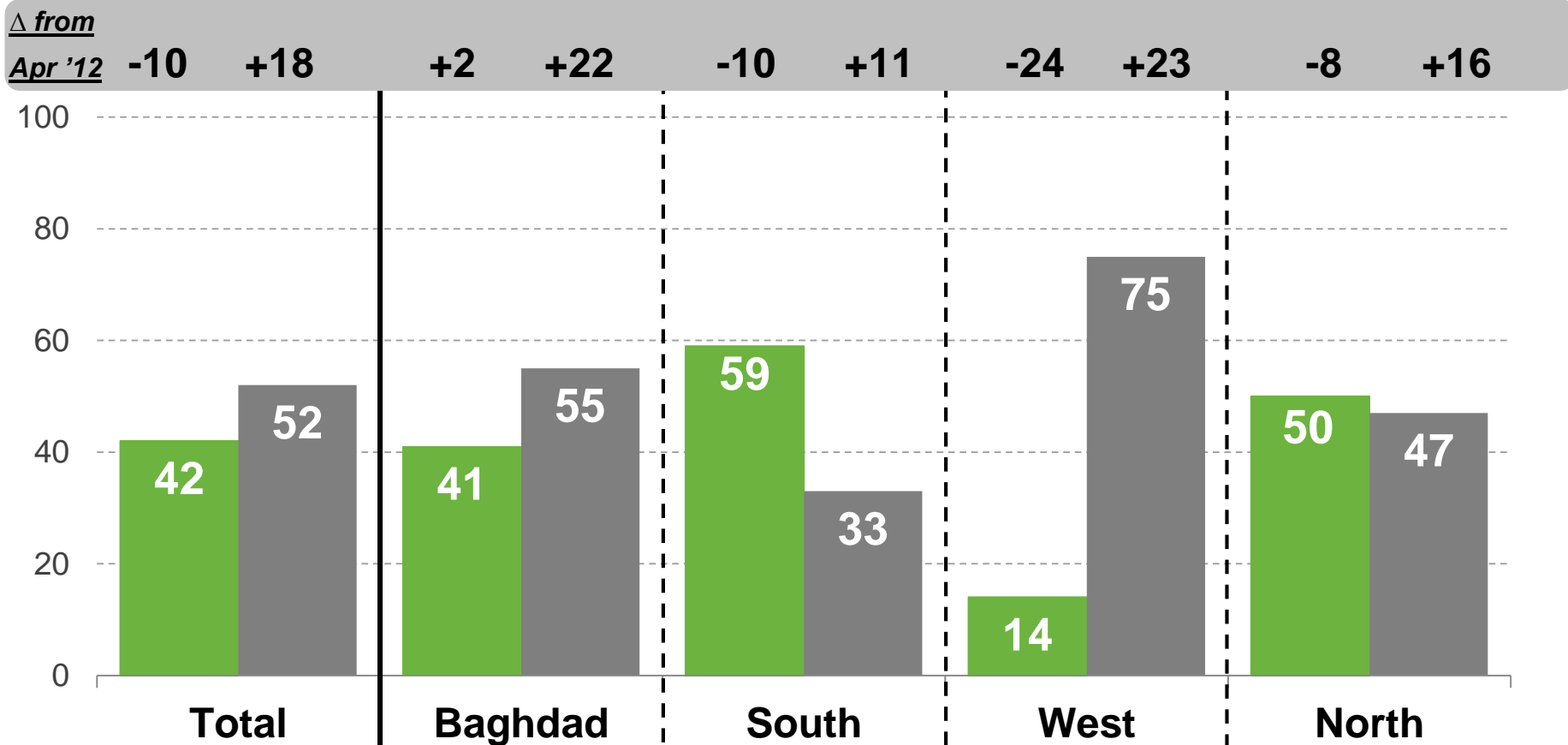
When it comes time to vote, which of the following are the TWO main factors that determine how you will vote? (NORTH ONLY)



Majority view economy as weak

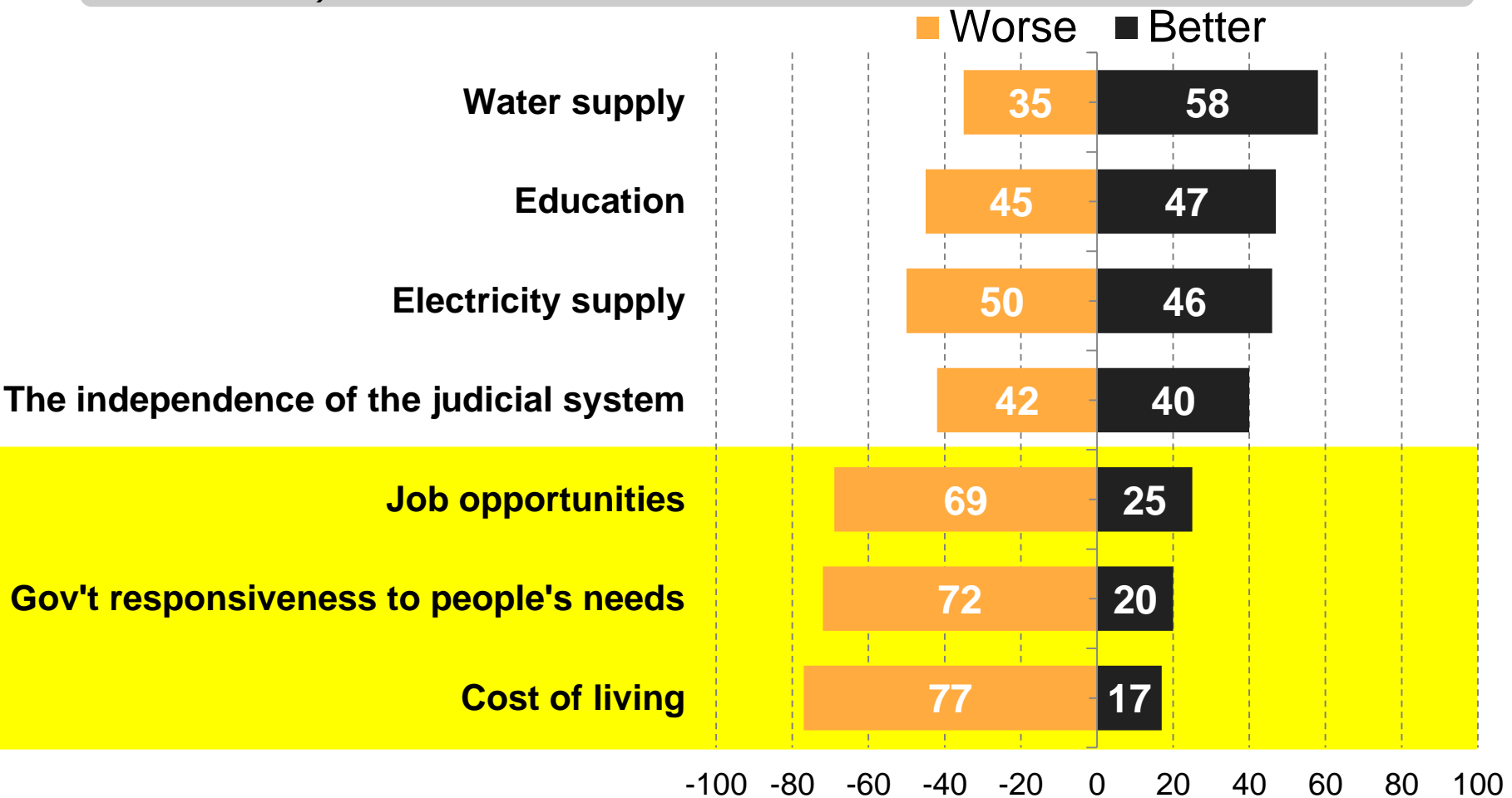
Now I want to ask you about the economy. Would you say Iraq's economy right now is strong or weak?

■ Strong ■ Weak



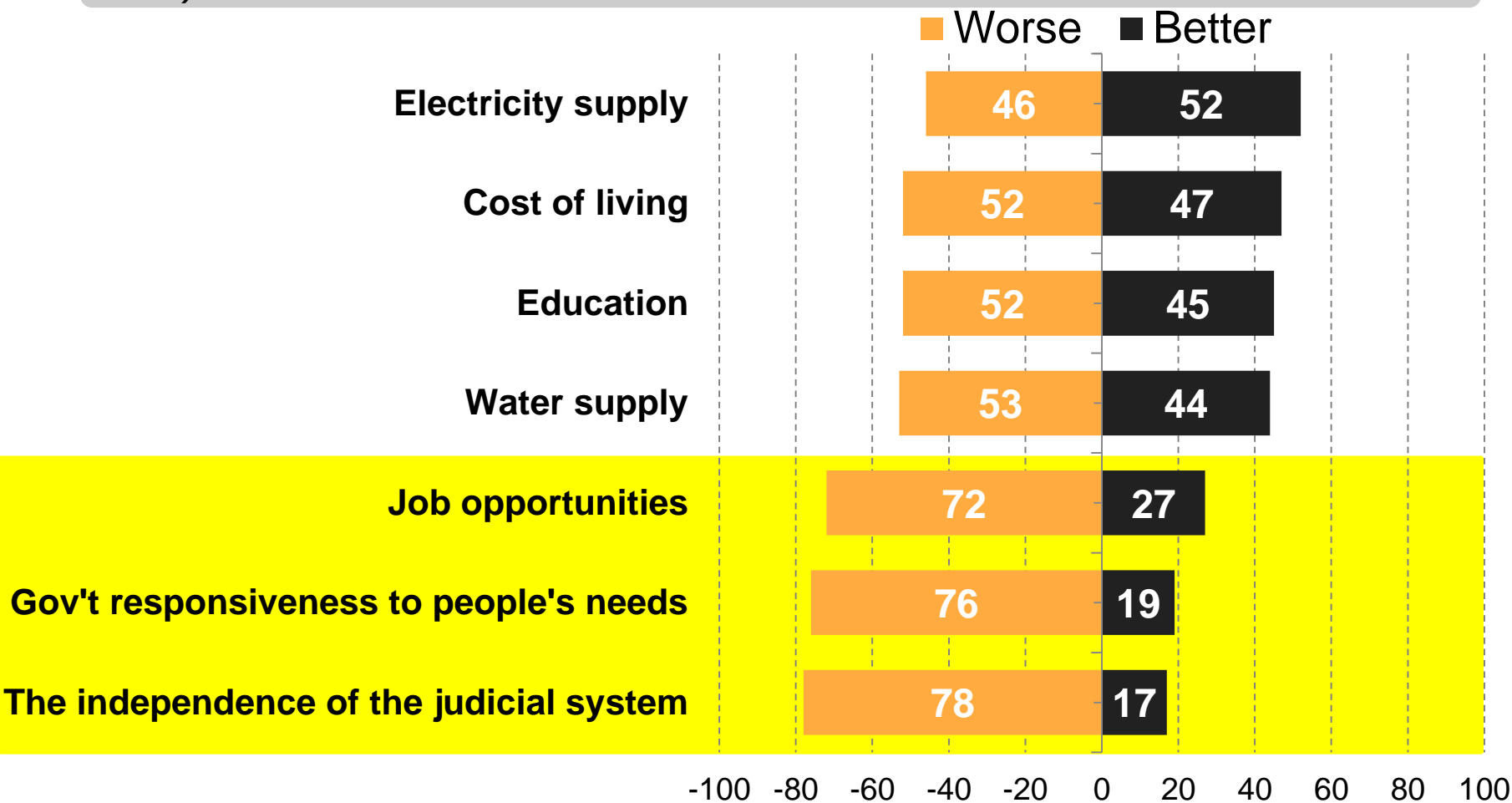
Responsiveness & econ issues worsening outside of North

Please tell me if you think this issue is getting better or worse in Iraq. (NON-NORTH ONLY)



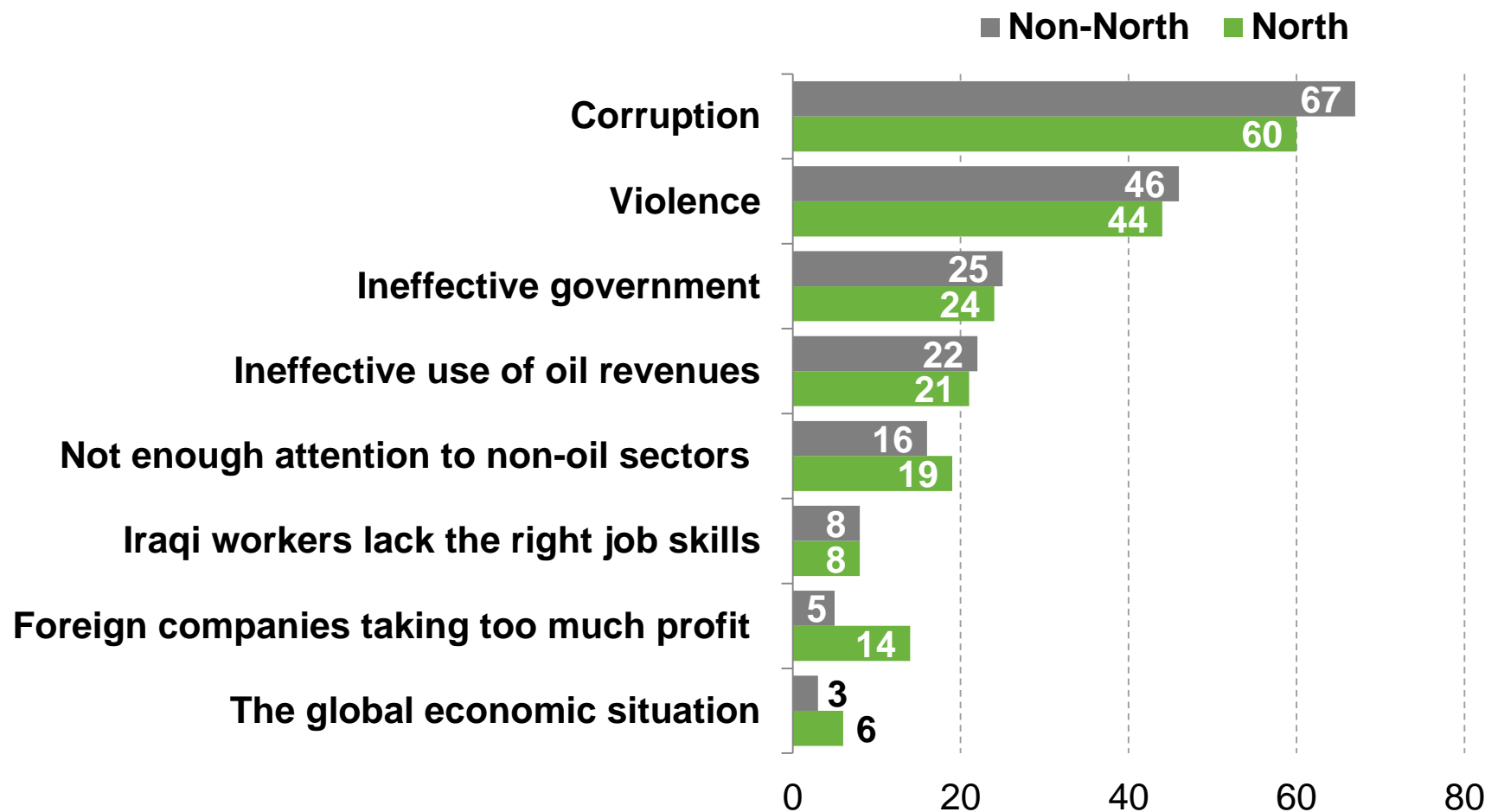
Jobs, responsiveness & judiciary worsening in North

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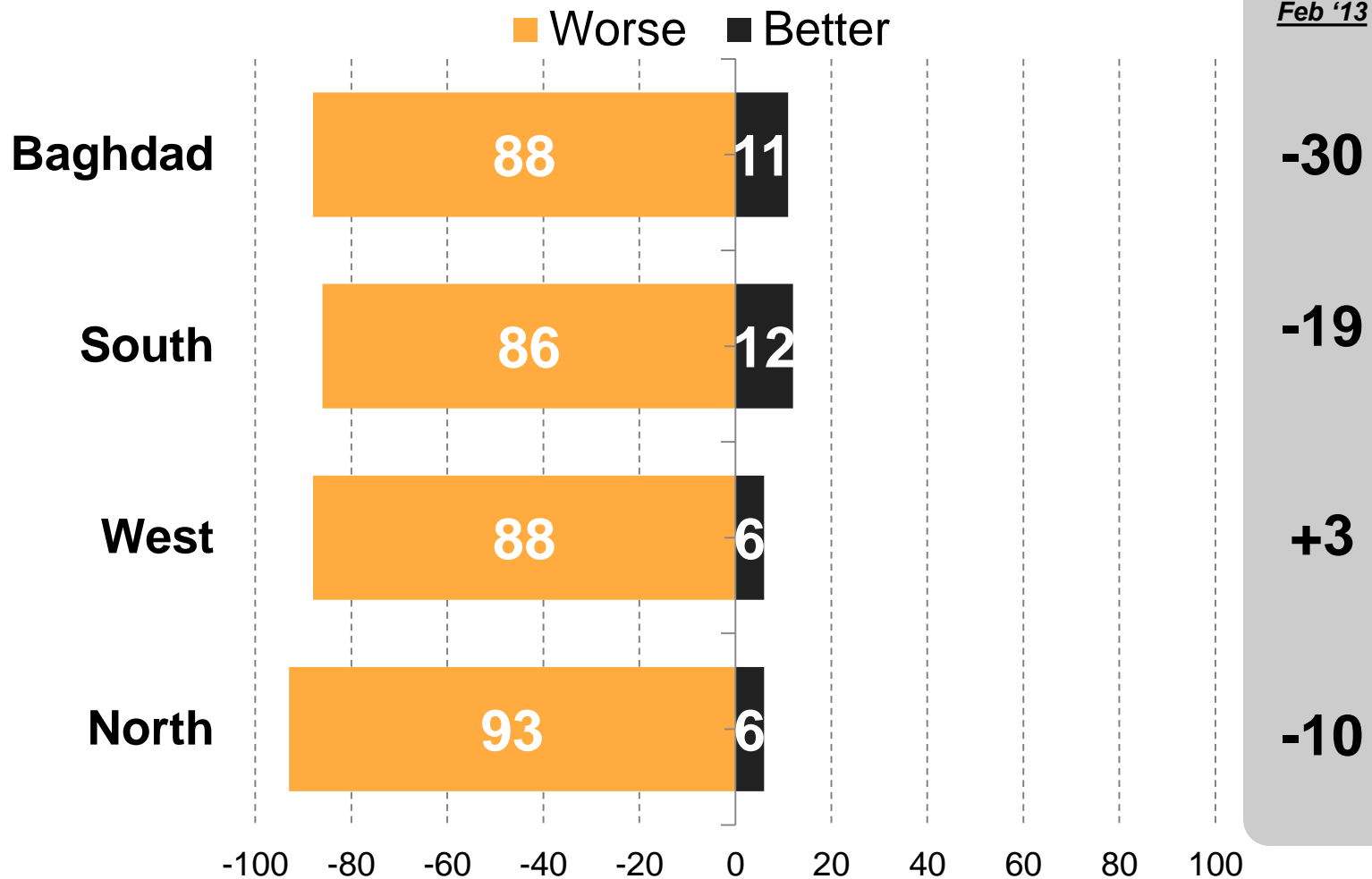
Strong majority blame corruption for economic problems

Now to something different. When thinking about problems with Iraq's economy, what TWO of the following do you think has the most negative impact?



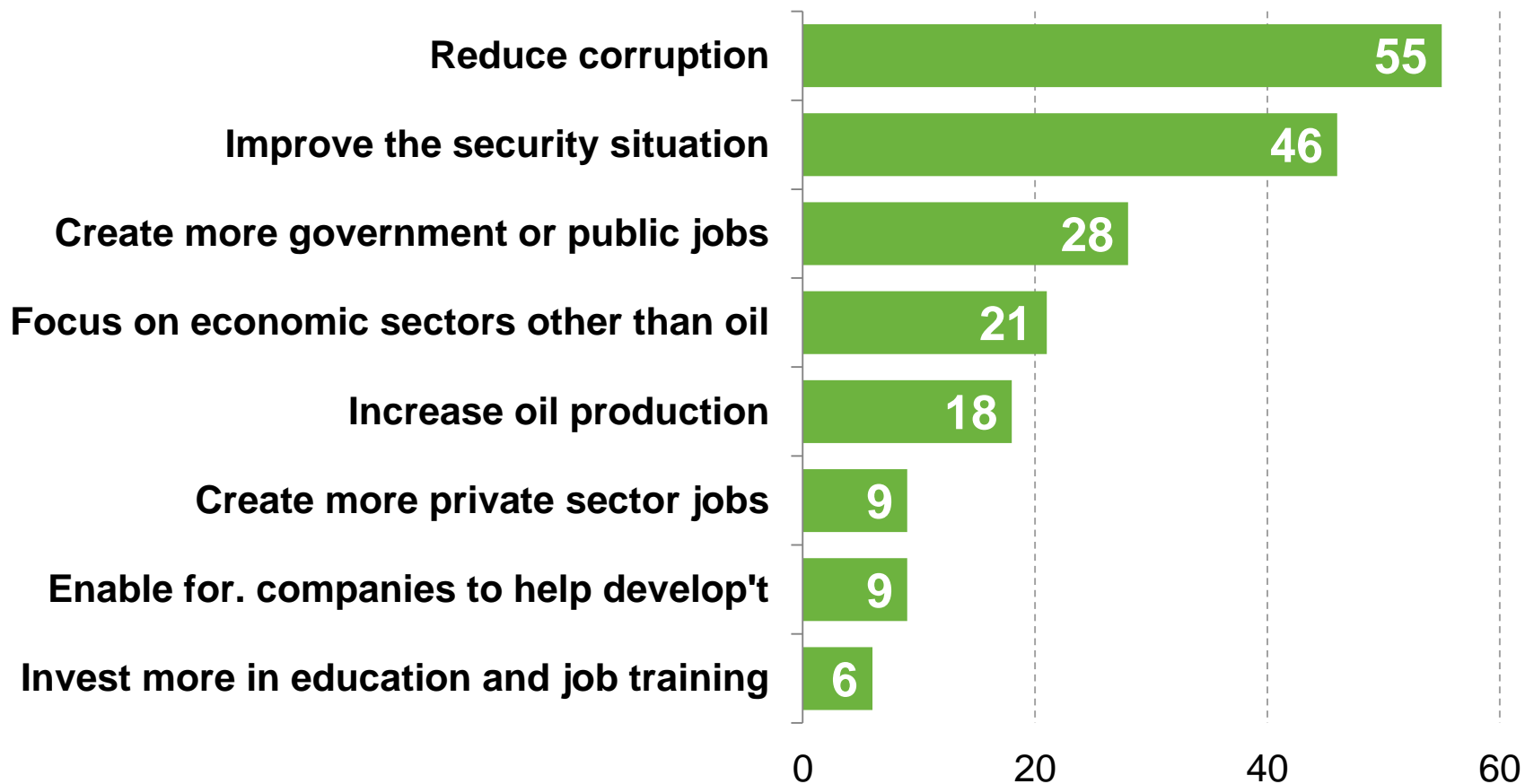
Corruption viewed as worsening

Please tell me if you think this issue is getting better or worse in Iraq.



Iraqis see reducing corruption as top way to help economy

Now I am going to read you a list of things some might say will improve the economic situation in Iraq. Please tell me which TWO things you think would do the best job of improving Iraq's economic situation.

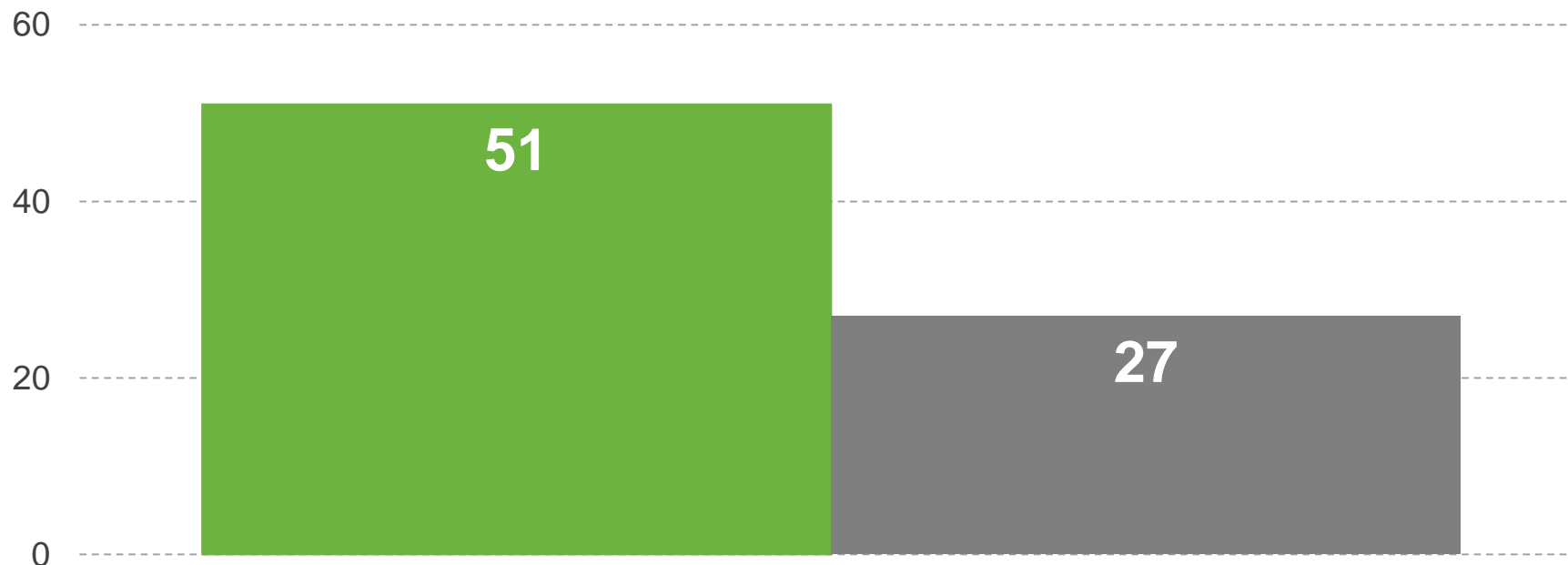


Where is corruption

I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

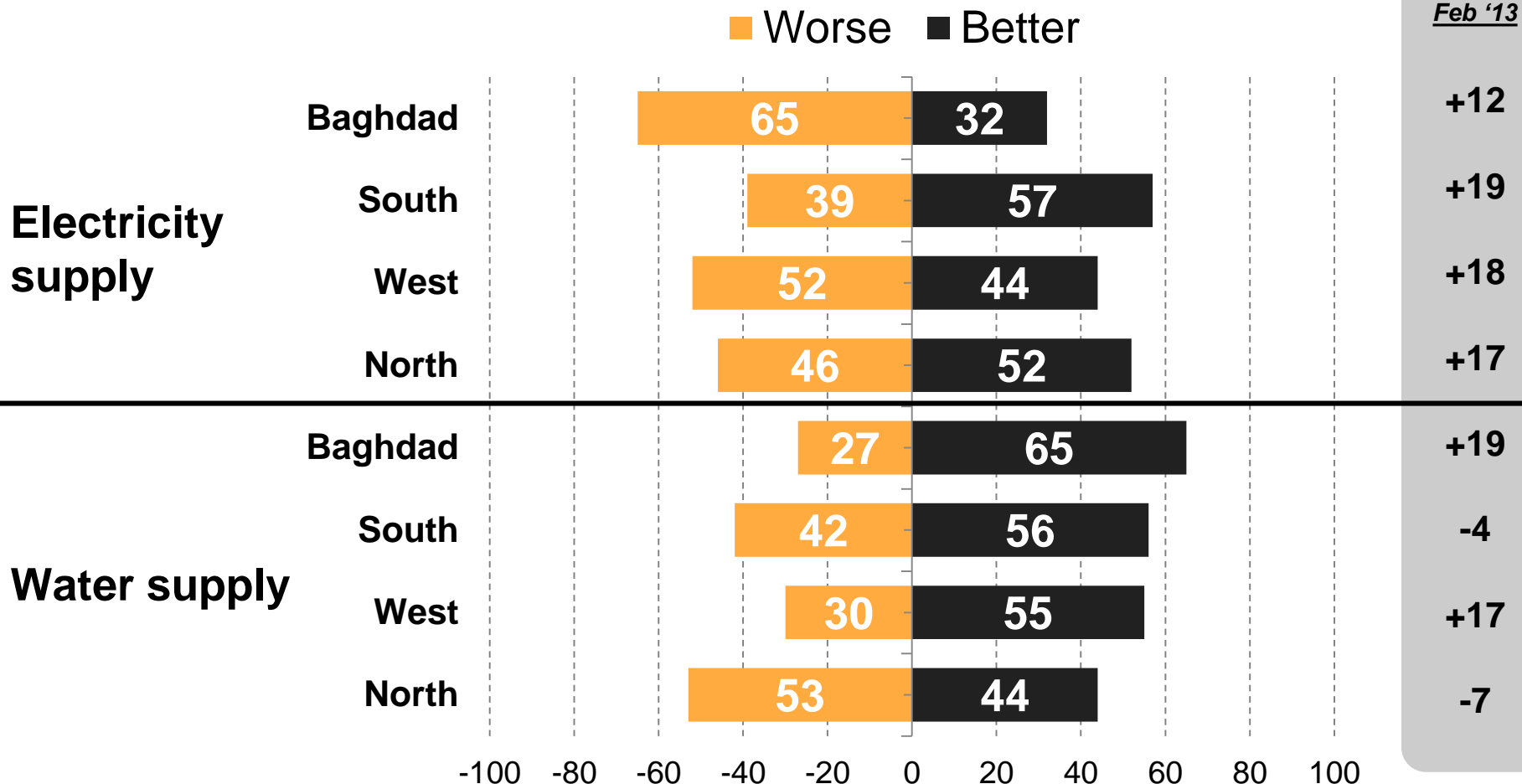
I am more concerned about corruption involving politicians and elites at the **national level**.

I am more concerned about petty corruption at the **local level** that involves bribes my family and I need to pay.



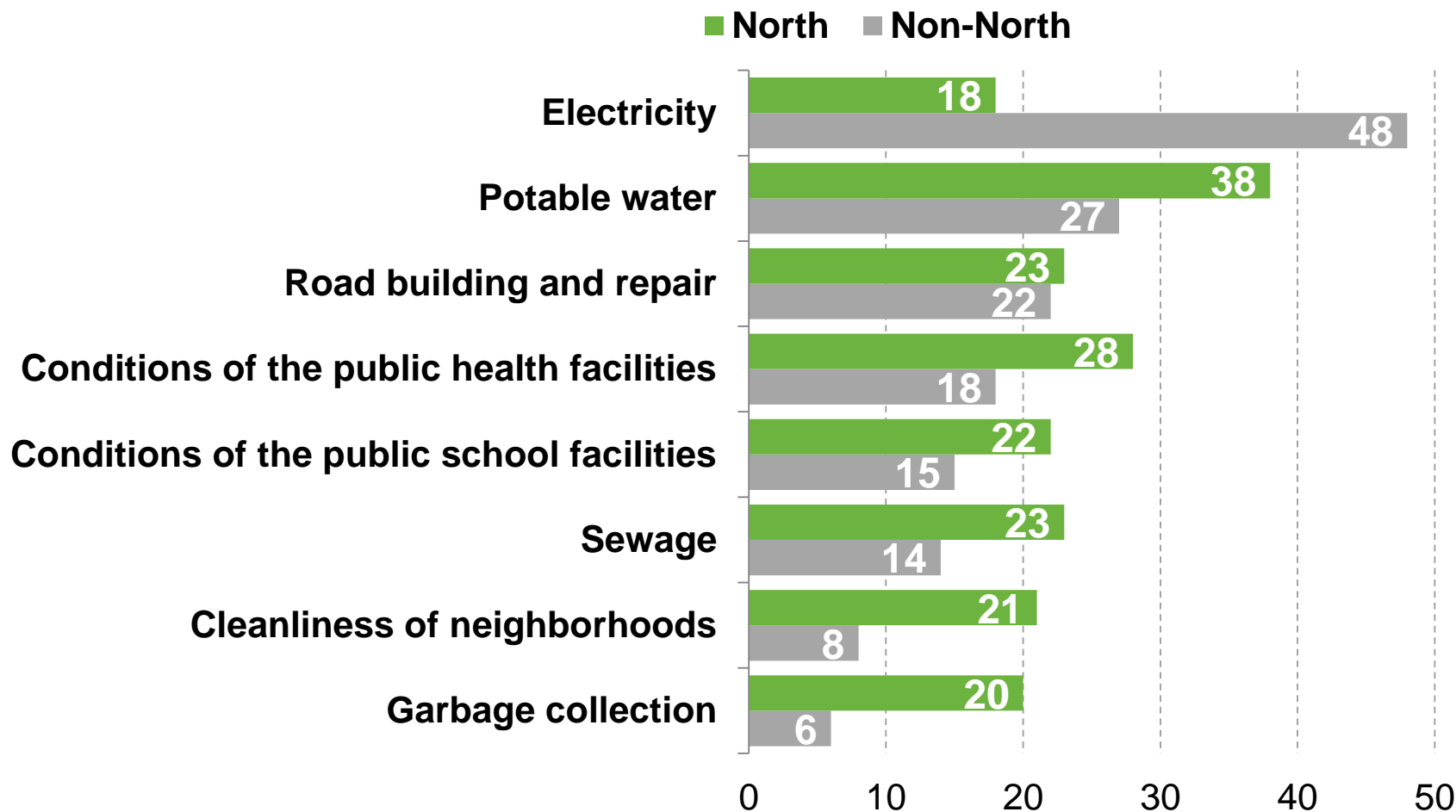
Services viewed as improving

Please tell me if you think this issue is getting better or worse in Iraq.



Government's services and infrastructure should be focus

Now thinking specifically about basic services and infrastructure, which TWO of the following areas do you think is most important for the government to focus on?



Fewer want to keep power with central government

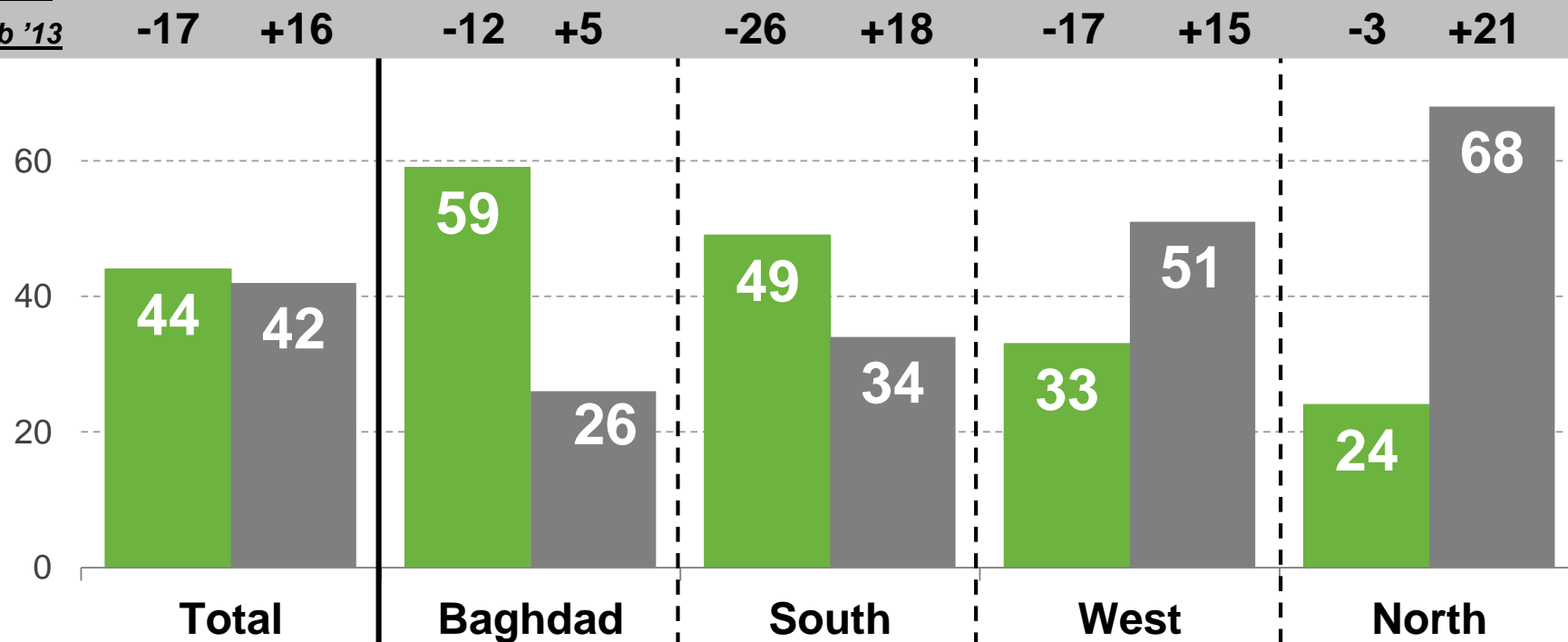
I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

The Iraqi **central government** should have greater decision-making power than provincial governments.

Iraq's **provincial governments** should have greater decision-making power than the Iraqi central government.

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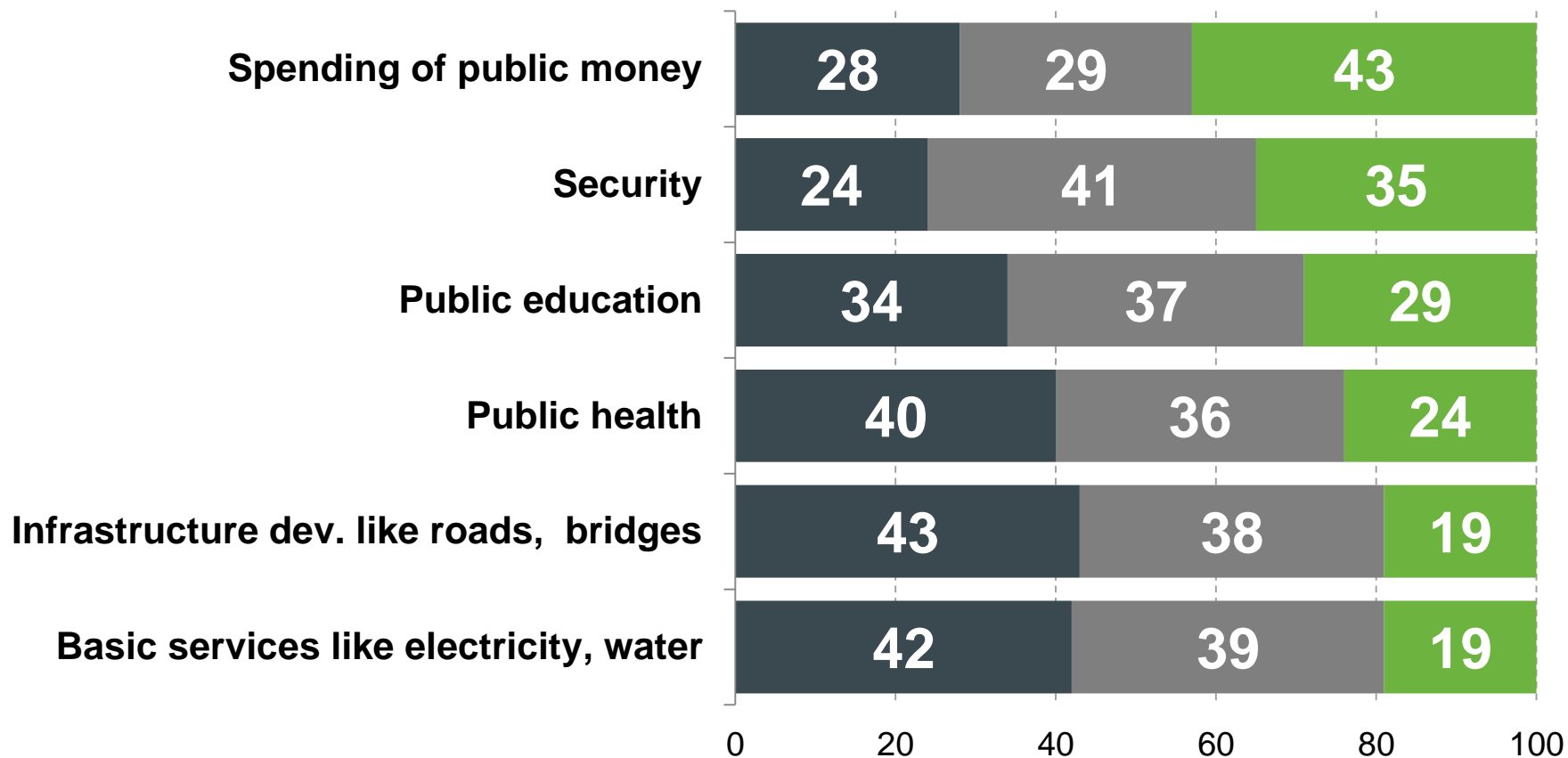
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Keep spending and security control at national level

Now I want to read you another list of issues. For each one, please tell me if you think the national Iraqi government or your provincial government should have more control over that particular issues in your province.

■ Provincial government ■ Both/None/Don't know/refused ■ Central government

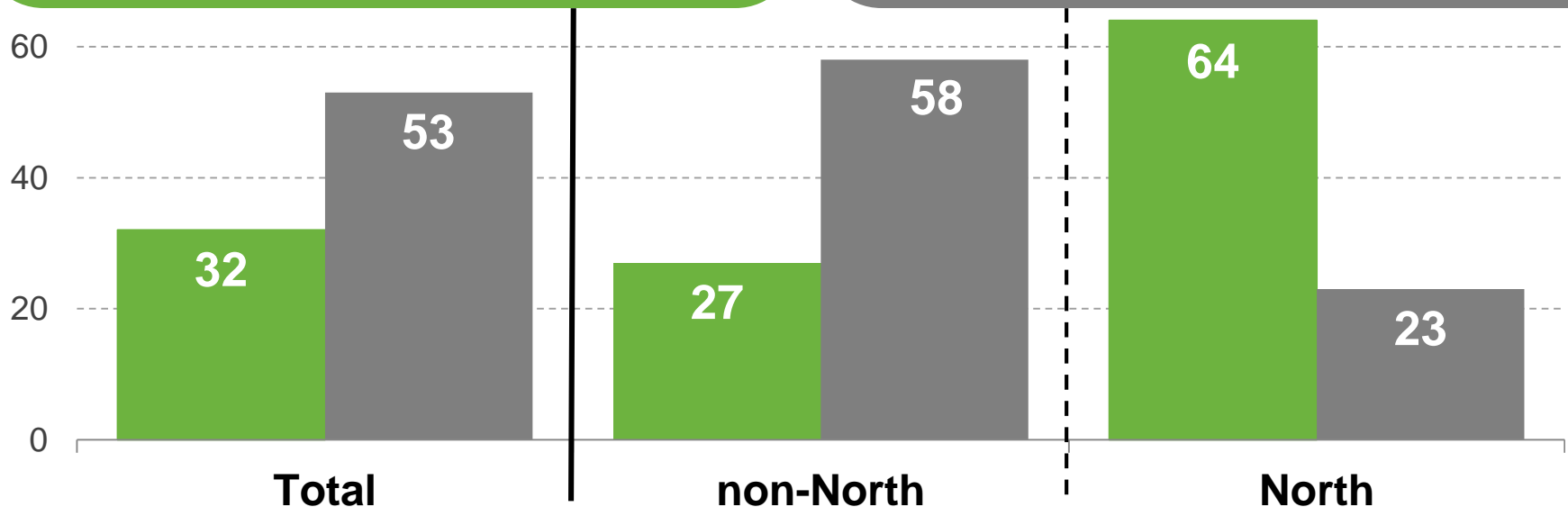


Big vision vs. immediate help

I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

(VISION) We need a government that has a long-term vision for Iraq's future. This is why I am proposing a "2020 Plan" that aims to modernize our economy, infrastructure, and services by the year 2020.

(HELP NOW) We need a government that produces results immediately, even if it means the future is more uncertain. Iraqis are struggling now, and we need to create jobs and raise the standard of living now.



National cooperation vs. local power

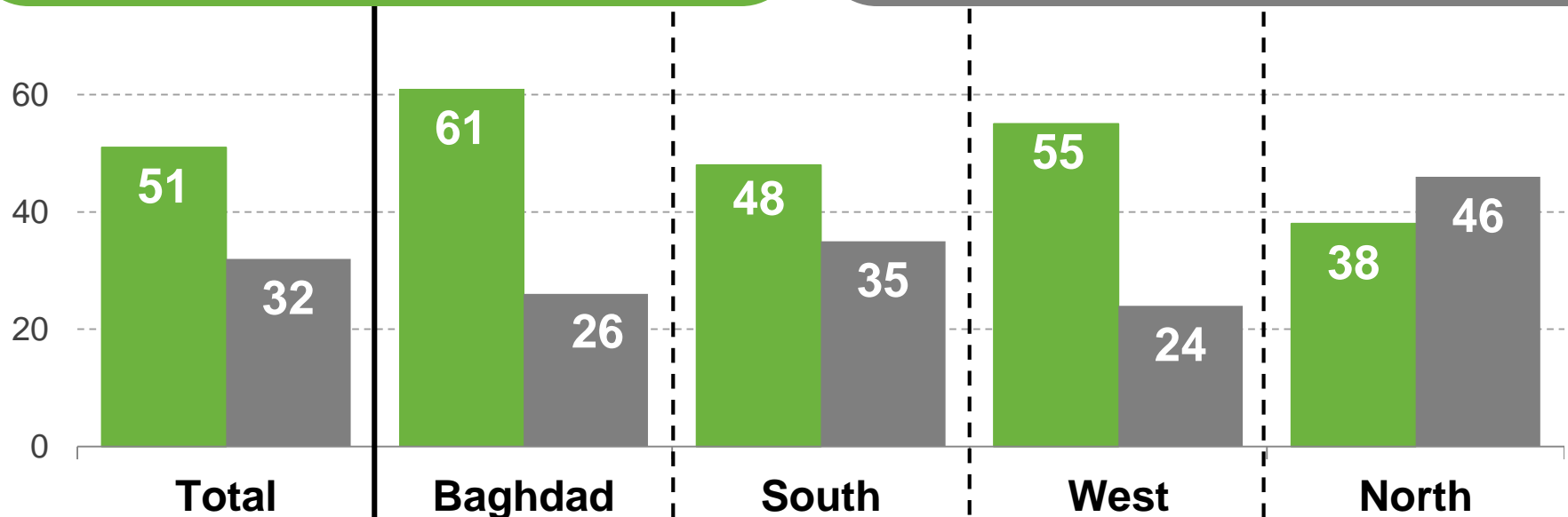
I want you to tell me which statement comes closer to your point of view.

(NATIONAL COOPERATION)

Sectarianism is dividing our streets, our government, and our country. It is time to elect leaders in our parliament who will unite Iraq for a better future for all Iraqis.

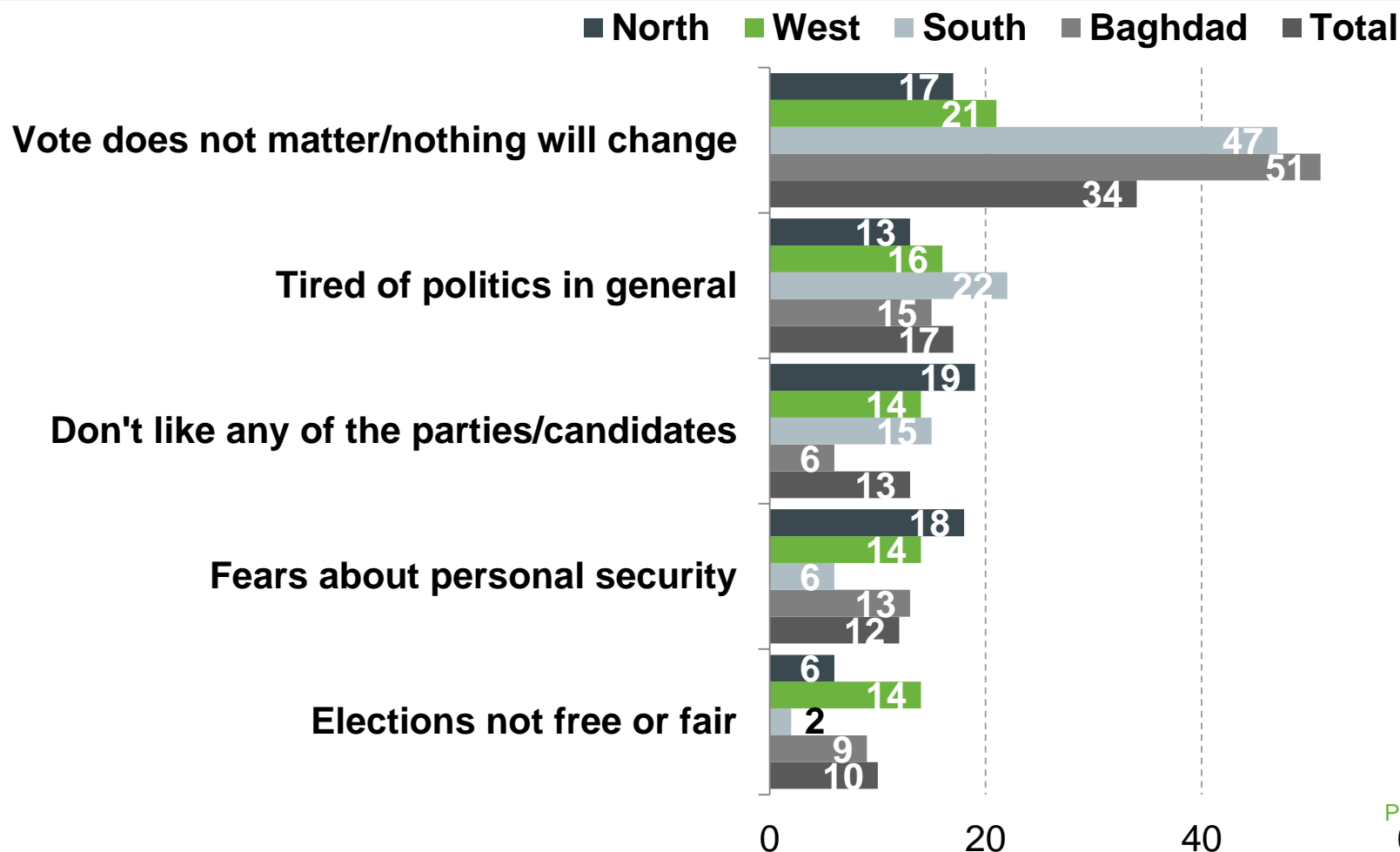
(LOCAL POWER)

To reduce sectarian violence we need a system of government that allows decisions to be made at the local level, not by politicians in Baghdad, even if that means Iraq is less united.



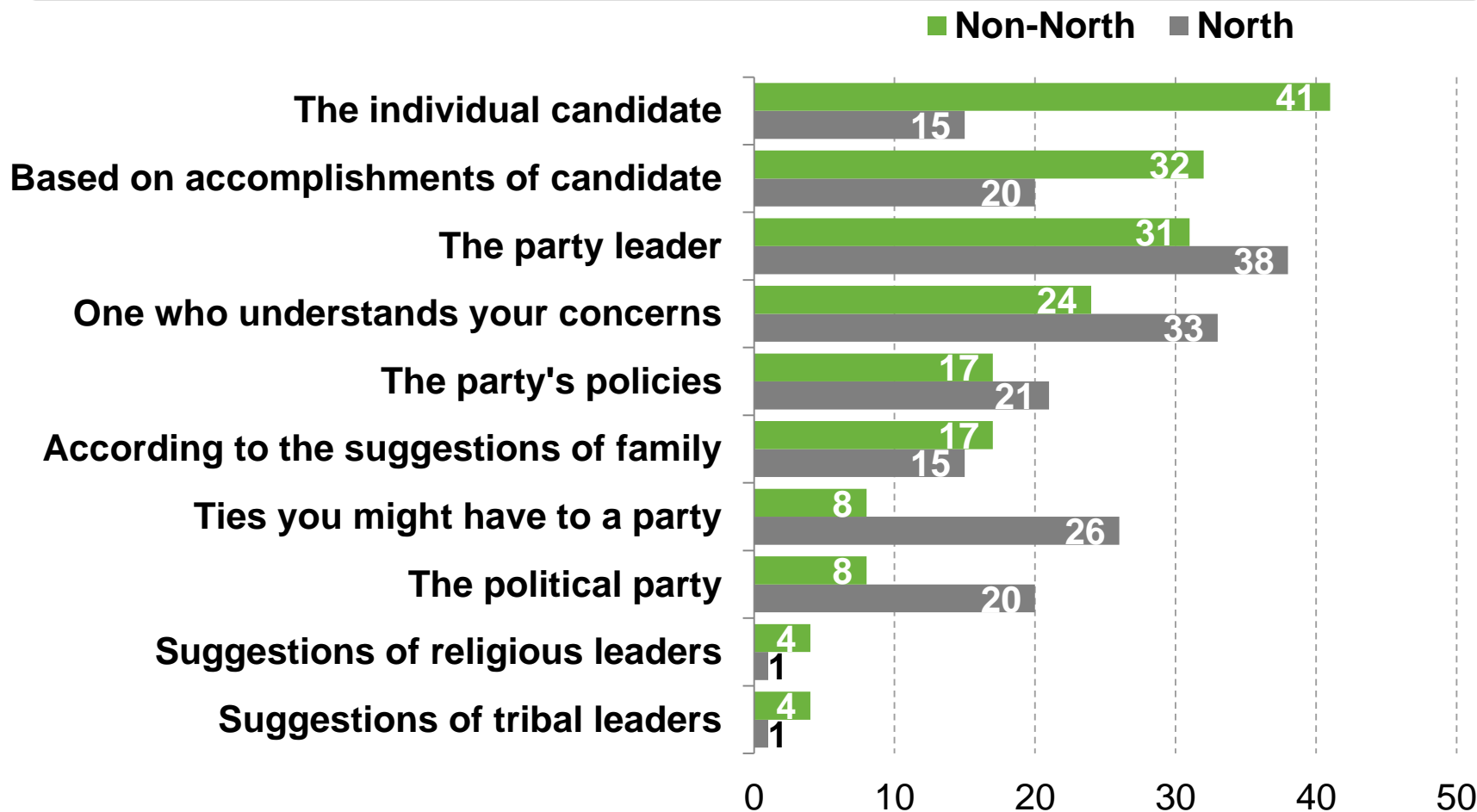
Apathy hinders election turnout

People choose not to vote in elections for many reasons. Please tell me why you lean toward not voting in the upcoming Parliamentary elections in 2014. (OPEN-ENDED)



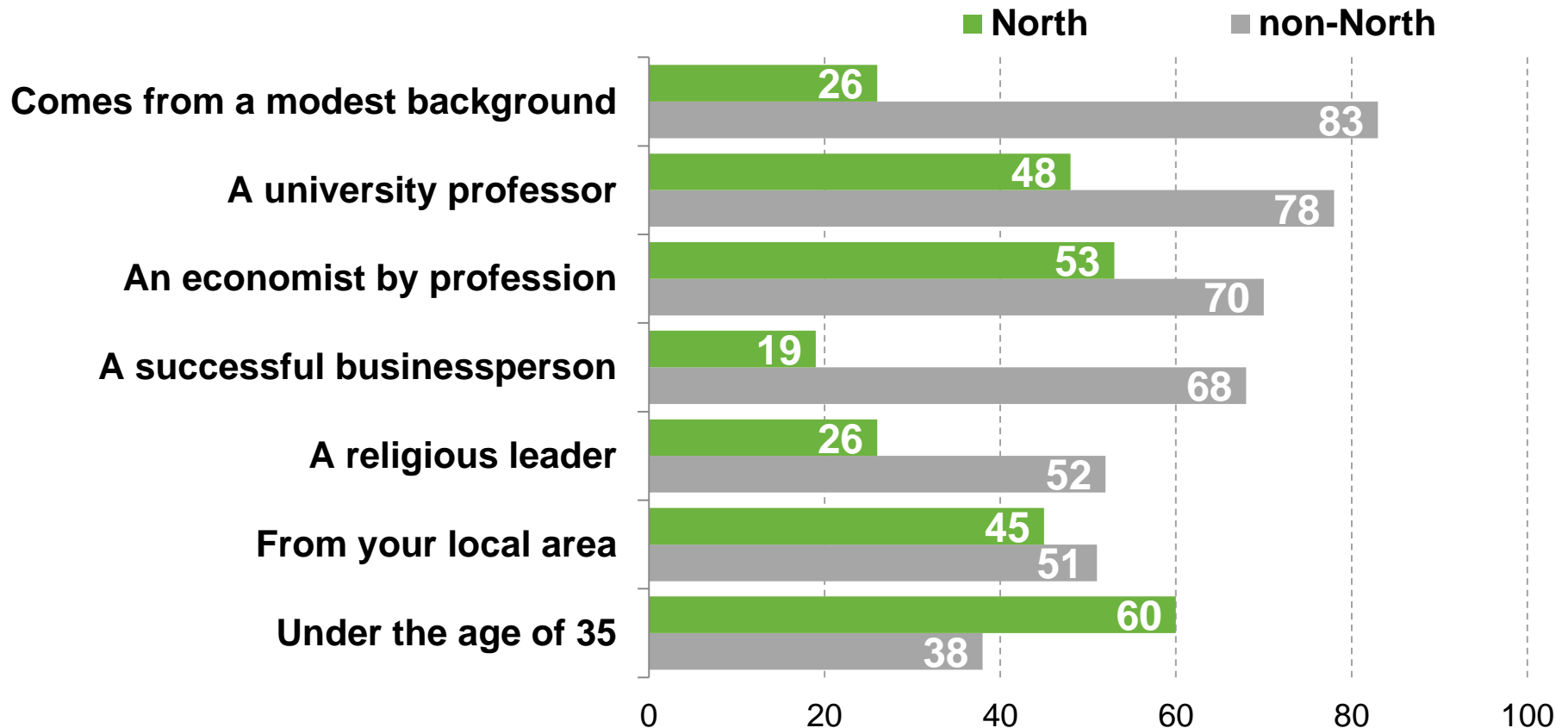
Candidates most important in vote decision

When it comes time to vote, which of the following are the TWO main factors that determine how you will vote?



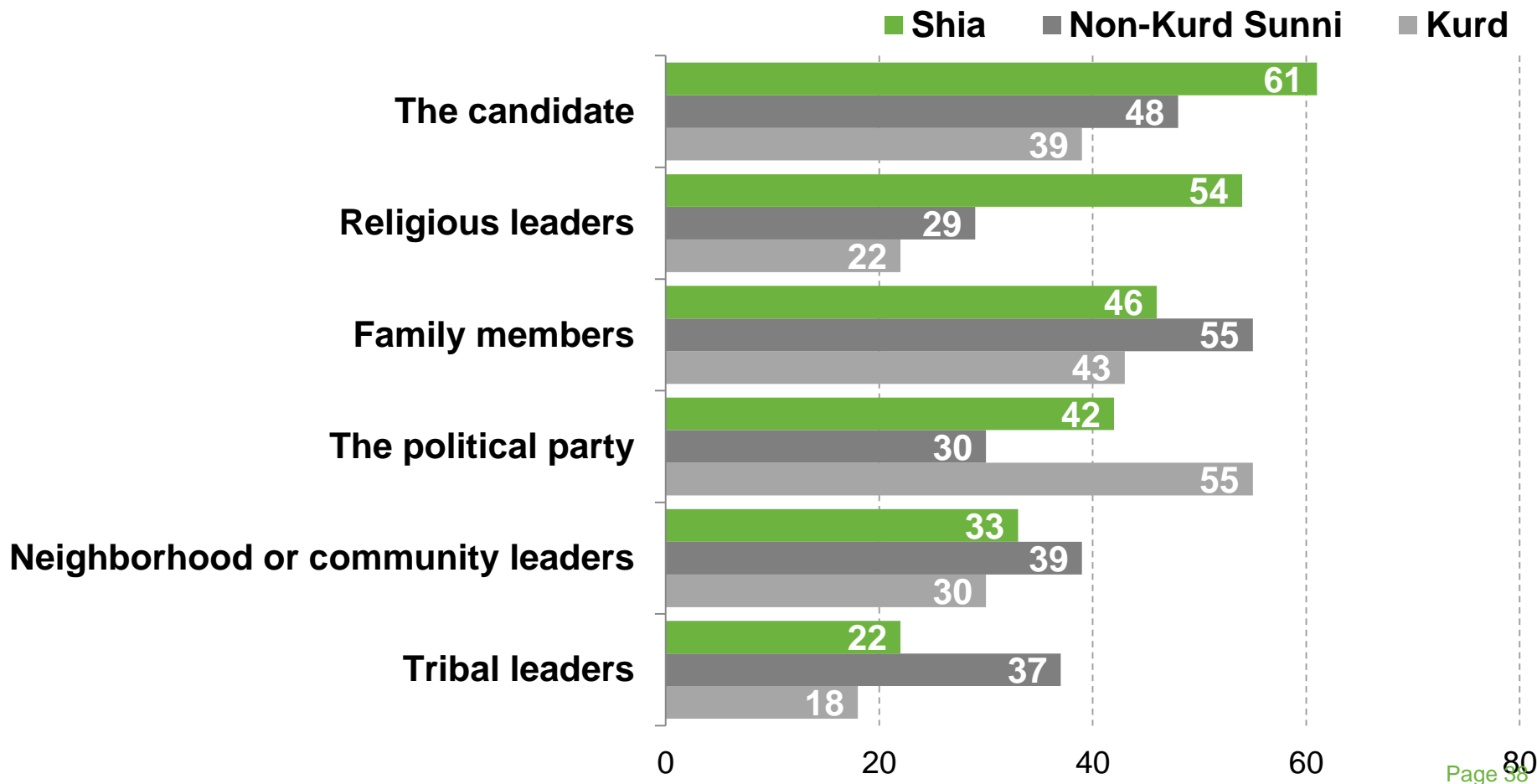
Candidate characteristics

*Now I want to ask you about something different. I am going to read a list of characteristics that a candidate for parliament might have. For each one, please tell me if this characteristic makes you more or less likely to support that kind of candidate.
(Those saying “More likely” to support that kind of candidate)*



Who has influence in voting preferences

Now I am going to read you a list of various people and organizations. Please tell me how much influence each of these might have when deciding on whom to support in the next parliamentary elections. (Those saying “extremely” or “very” influential)



Television has greatest impact, followed by

Now think about the recent provincial and parliamentary election campaigns in Iraq. As you know, political parties take different approaches to try to attract supporters. Which of the following TWO things helped you most when trying to understand what a political party stands for?

