



# Opportunities and Challenges Facing Ukraine's Democratic Transition

*Nationwide Survey with eight local oversamples  
November – December 2016*

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# Survey Methodology

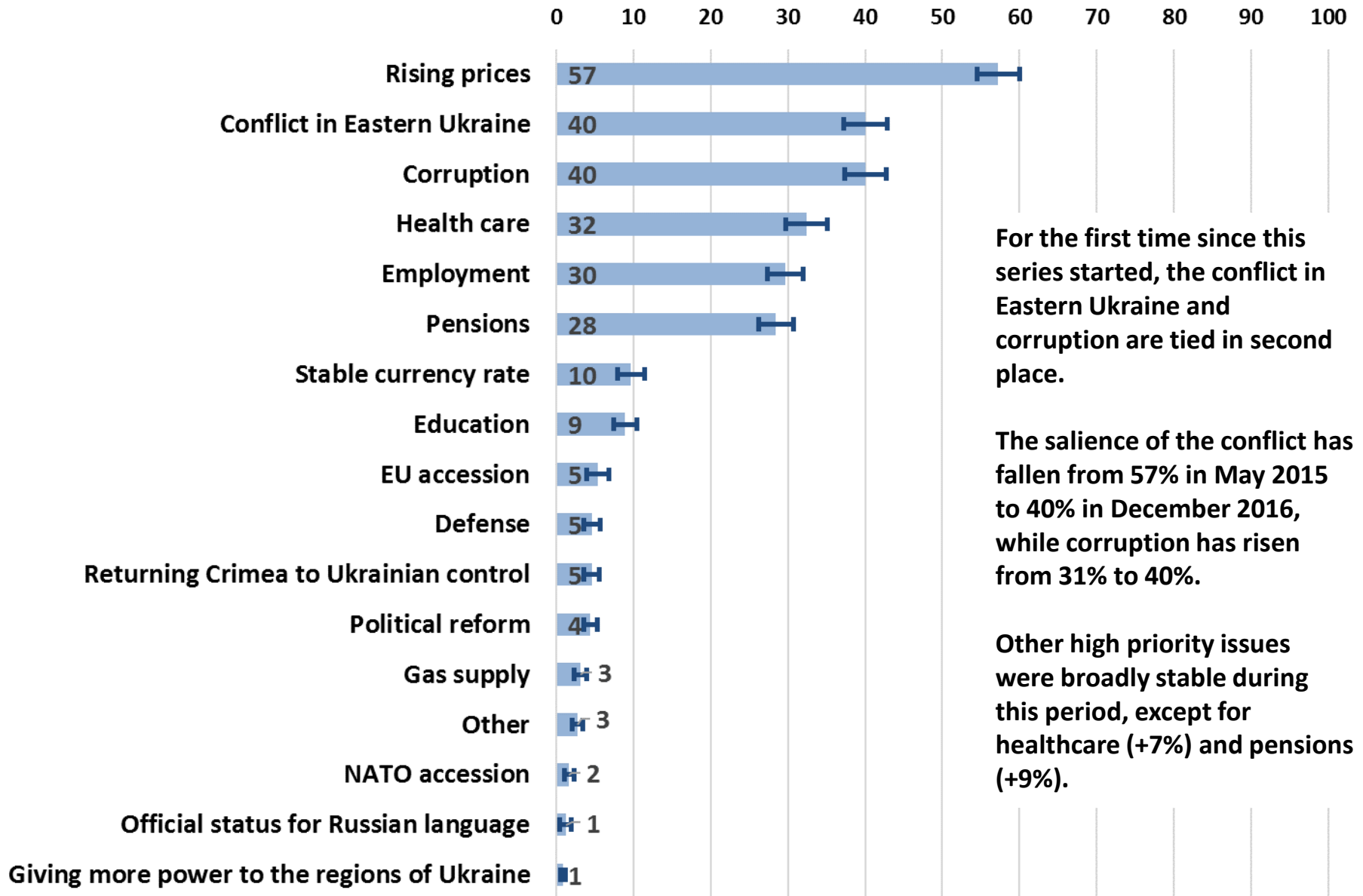
- Fieldwork dates: November 9 - December 16, 2016
- 6,342 completed interviews
  - The nationally representative sample was random at all stages:
    - Random selection of election precincts
    - Random selection of households via random route sampling
    - Random selection of respondents within the households using modified Kish grid
  - Areas outside the control of the Ukrainian government were excluded
- Average margin of error +/-3%
  - The margin of error is visualized for every option in every question
- Eight oversamples
  - Kyiv city [596]
  - Raions of the North East Border in Sumi and Kharkiv Oblasts [602], rural only
  - Kharkiv city [600]
  - Kherson Oblast [603]
  - Odesa city [602]
  - The Izmail region of Southern Odesa Oblast [600], Atypical balance of ethnic groups - 43% neither Ukrainian nor Russian, 37% Ukrainian, 14% Russian
  - Lviv city [600]
  - Khmelnytska oblast [600]
- Quality control:
  - All interviewers received a four level training system which includes 16 hours of training
  - An independent network of controllers conducted quality control interviews
  - 27% of all interviews were checked by controllers
- 4,409 interviews were conducted using tablets

# Survey Oversample Locations and Regions



# Wellbeing, Reforms and Optimism

# Most important national issues (q1) - (select up to three)



For the first time since this series started, the conflict in Eastern Ukraine and corruption are tied in second place.

The salience of the conflict has fallen from 57% in May 2015 to 40% in December 2016, while corruption has risen from 31% to 40%.

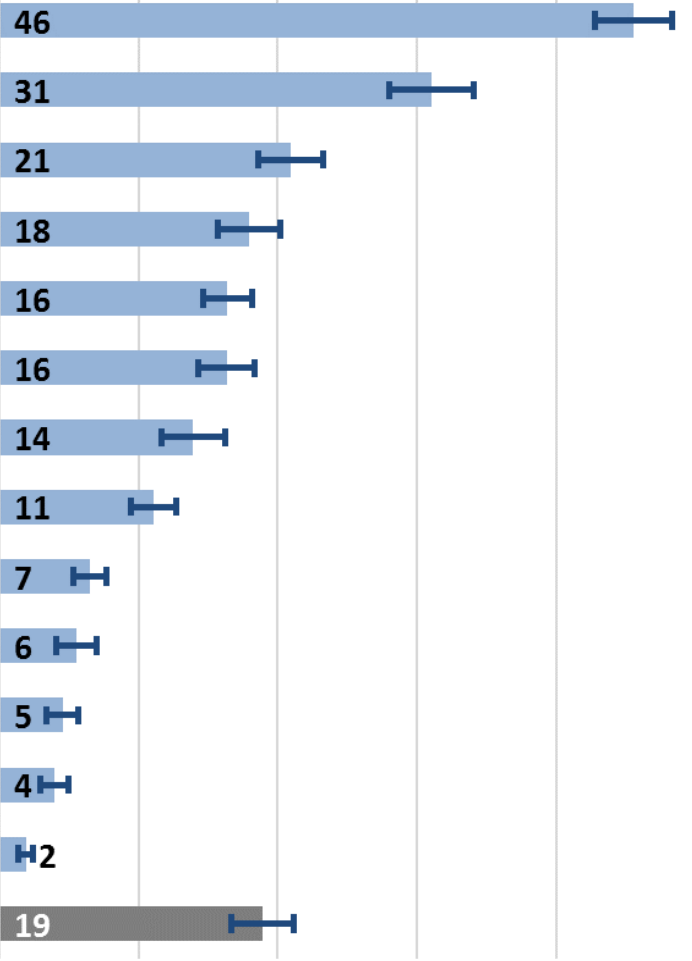
Other high priority issues were broadly stable during this period, except for healthcare (+7%) and pensions (+9%).

# Can you name any reforms that the government has promised it will achieve during its term in the office? (q3)

(select up to three)

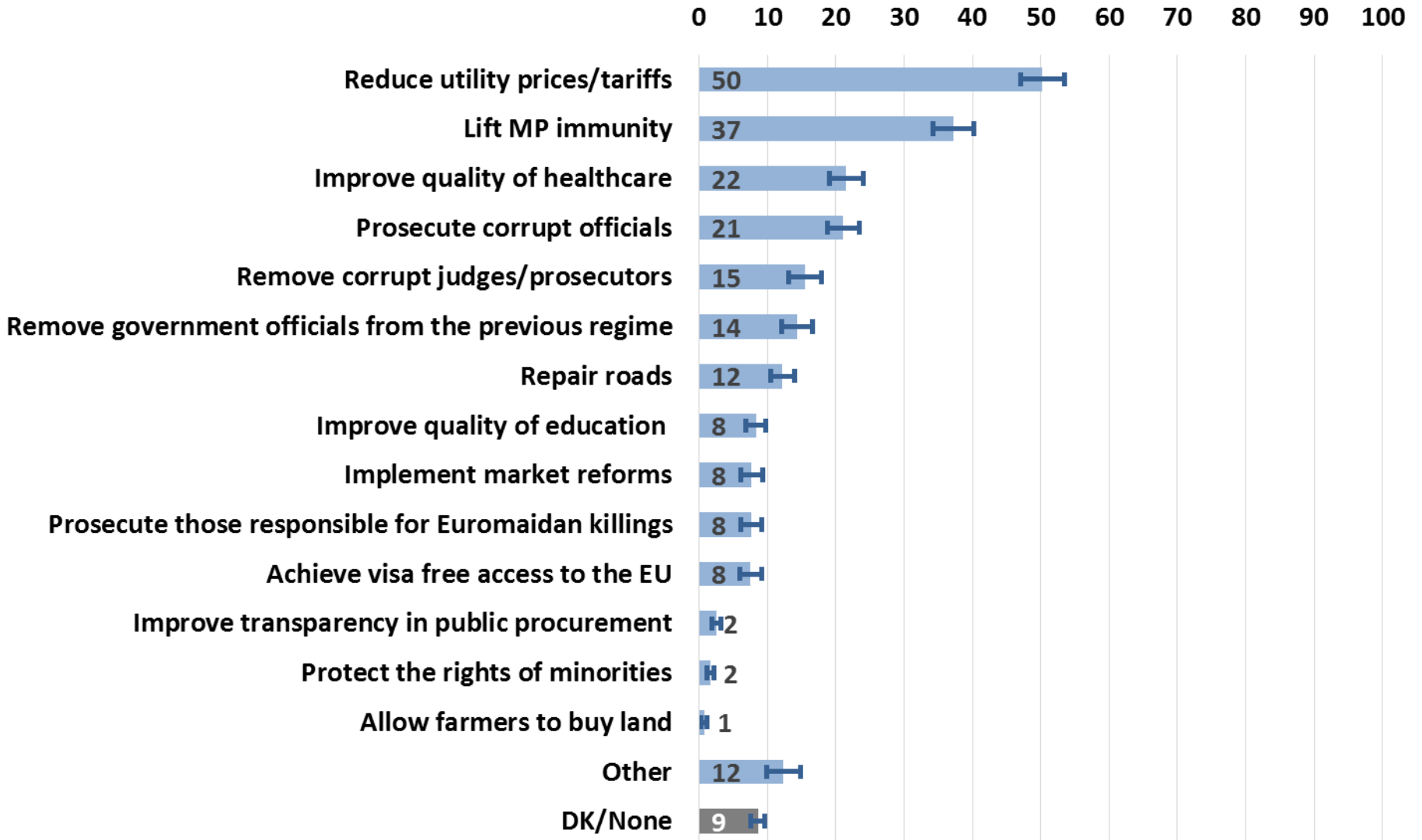
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- Anti-corruption
- Remove MP immunity
- Police reform
- Lustration
- Healthcare reform
- Judicial reform
- Strengthen the army
- Decentralization
- Tax reform
- Other
- Business development
- Education reform
- Energy security
- I can not name any/DK

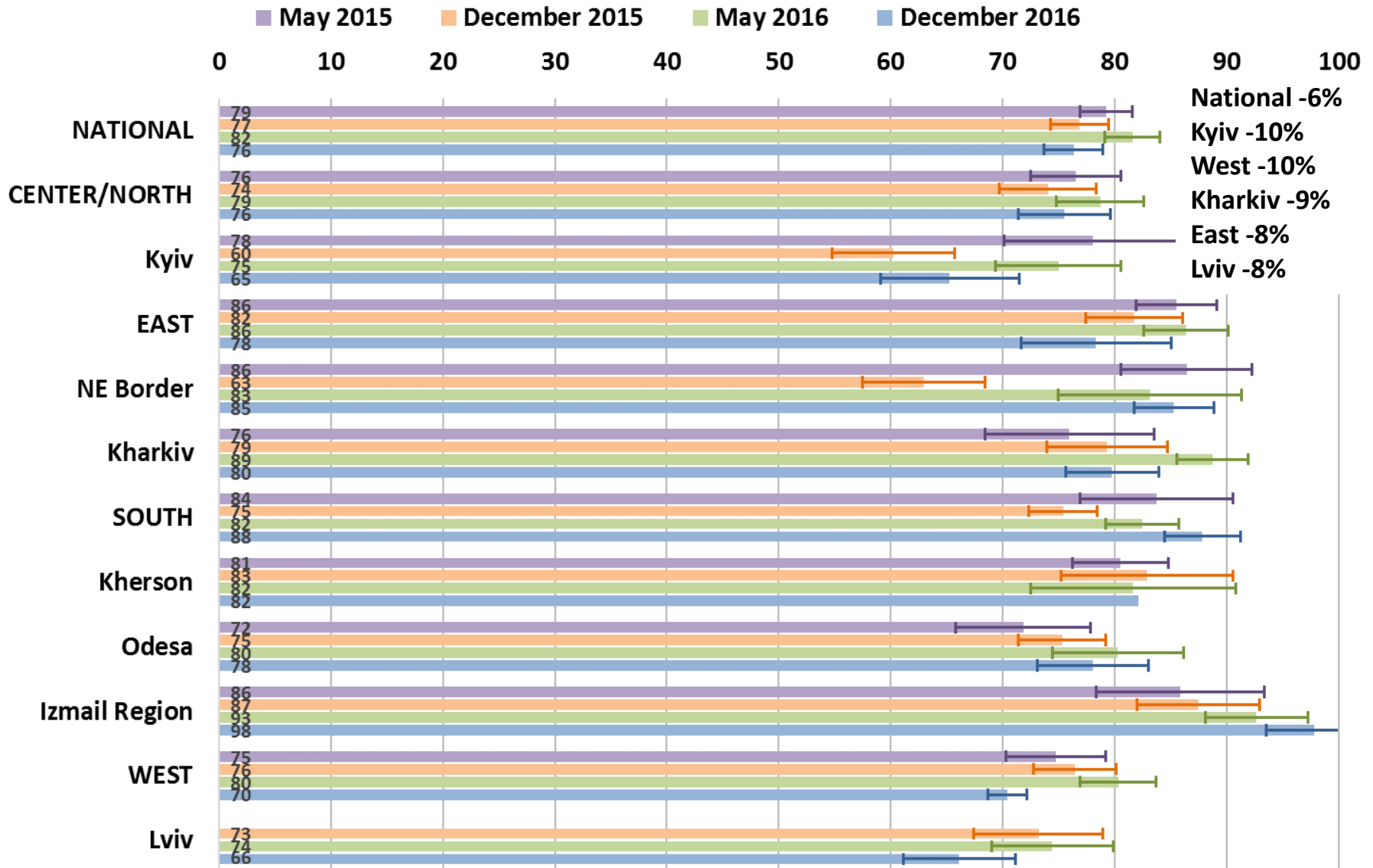


Police reform went up 8% between May and December 2016.

# Which of the following steps would convince you that the government is committed to reform? (select up to three) (q9)



# Since the parliamentary elections in October 2014, would you say that in economic terms you and your family are...? "Worse off" only (q26)

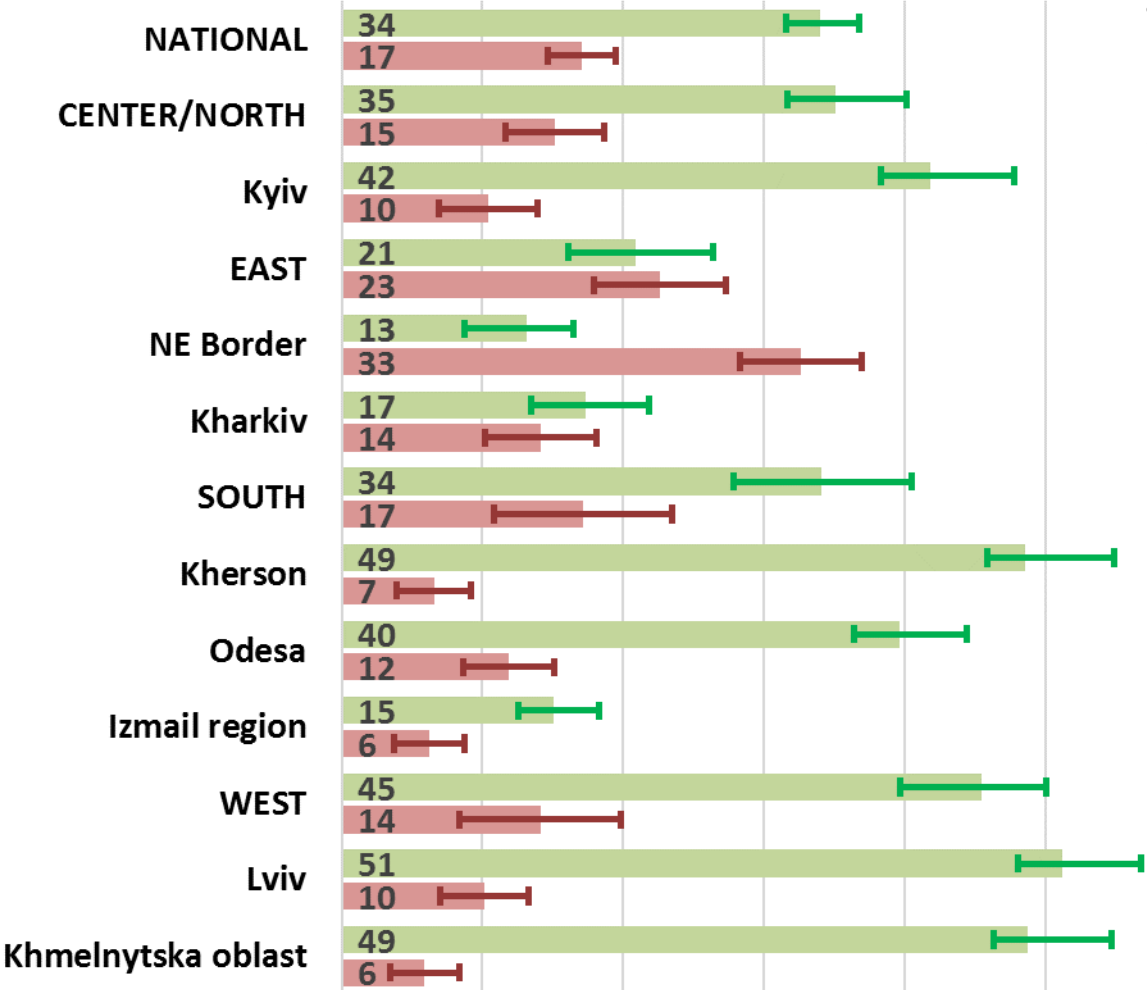




# Overall, do you expect the next generation to be...? (q5 X Settlement)

■ Better off than yours   ■ Worse off than yours

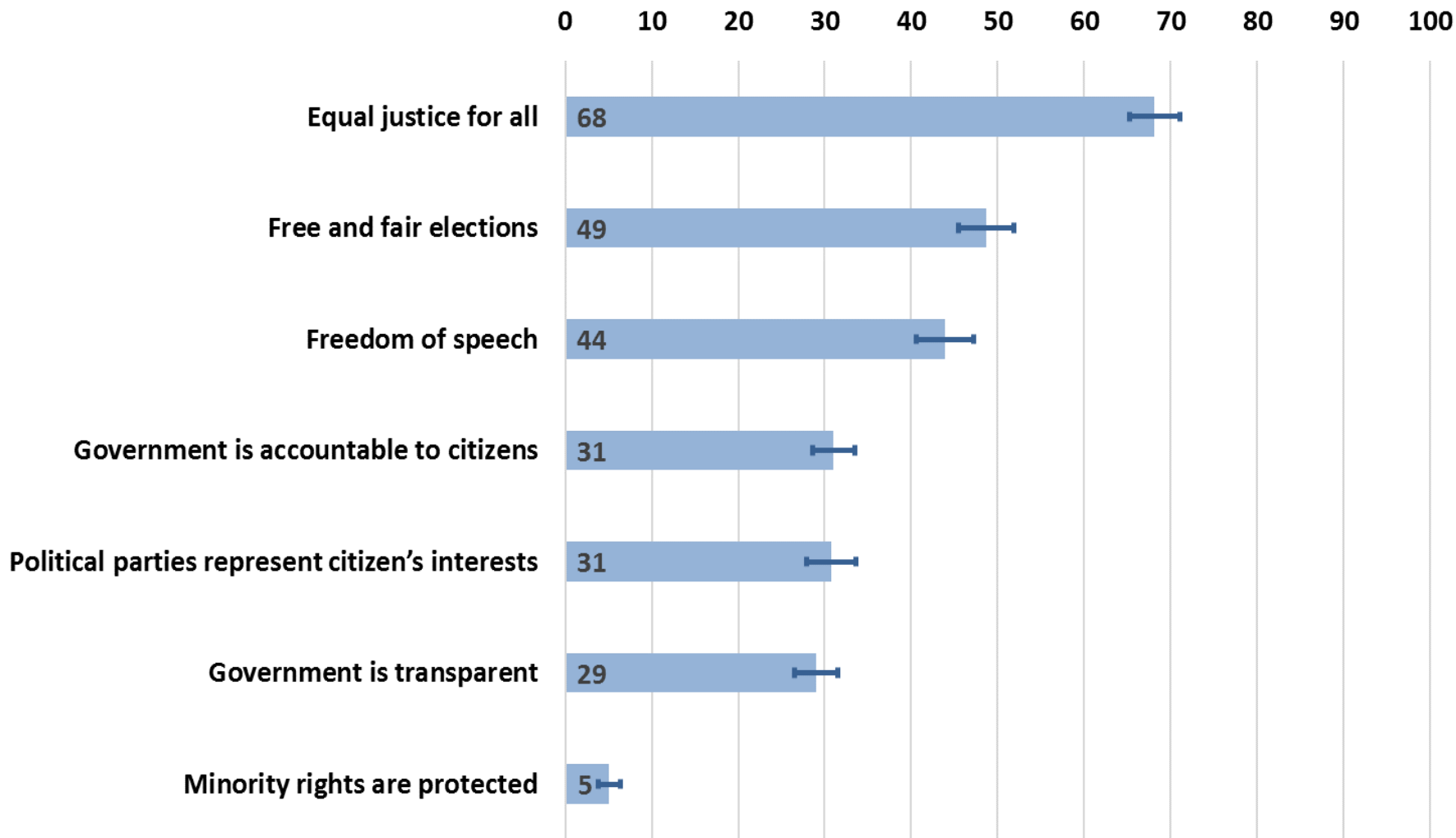
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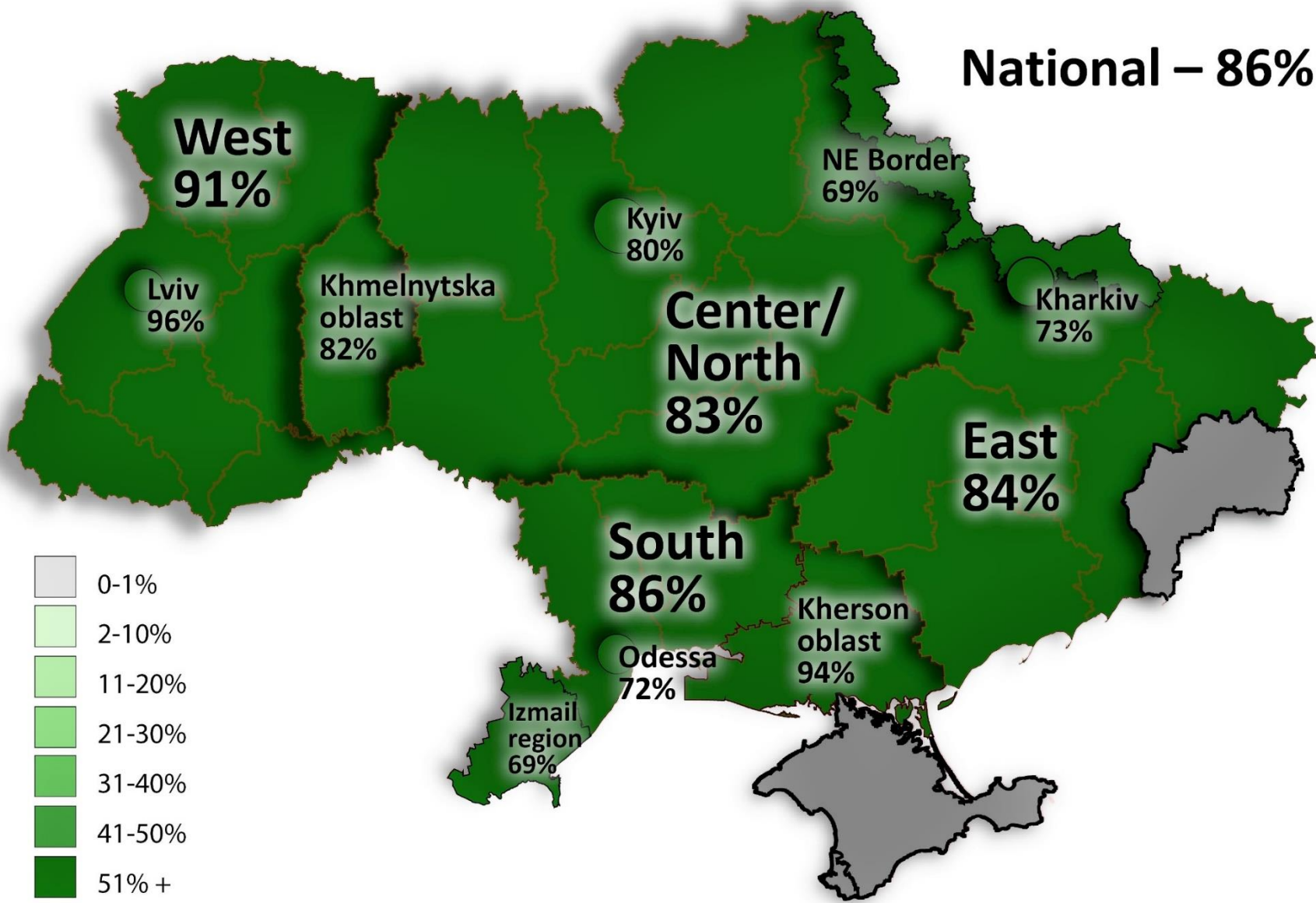
The ratio of better off to worse off remains 2:1 nationally but is higher in Kyiv (4:1), Kherson (5:1), Odesa (4:1), West (3:1), Lviv (5:1) and Khmelnytska (6:1).

# Democratic Institutions

## Which three characteristics of a fully functioning democracy you think are most important? (q21) (Select up to three)



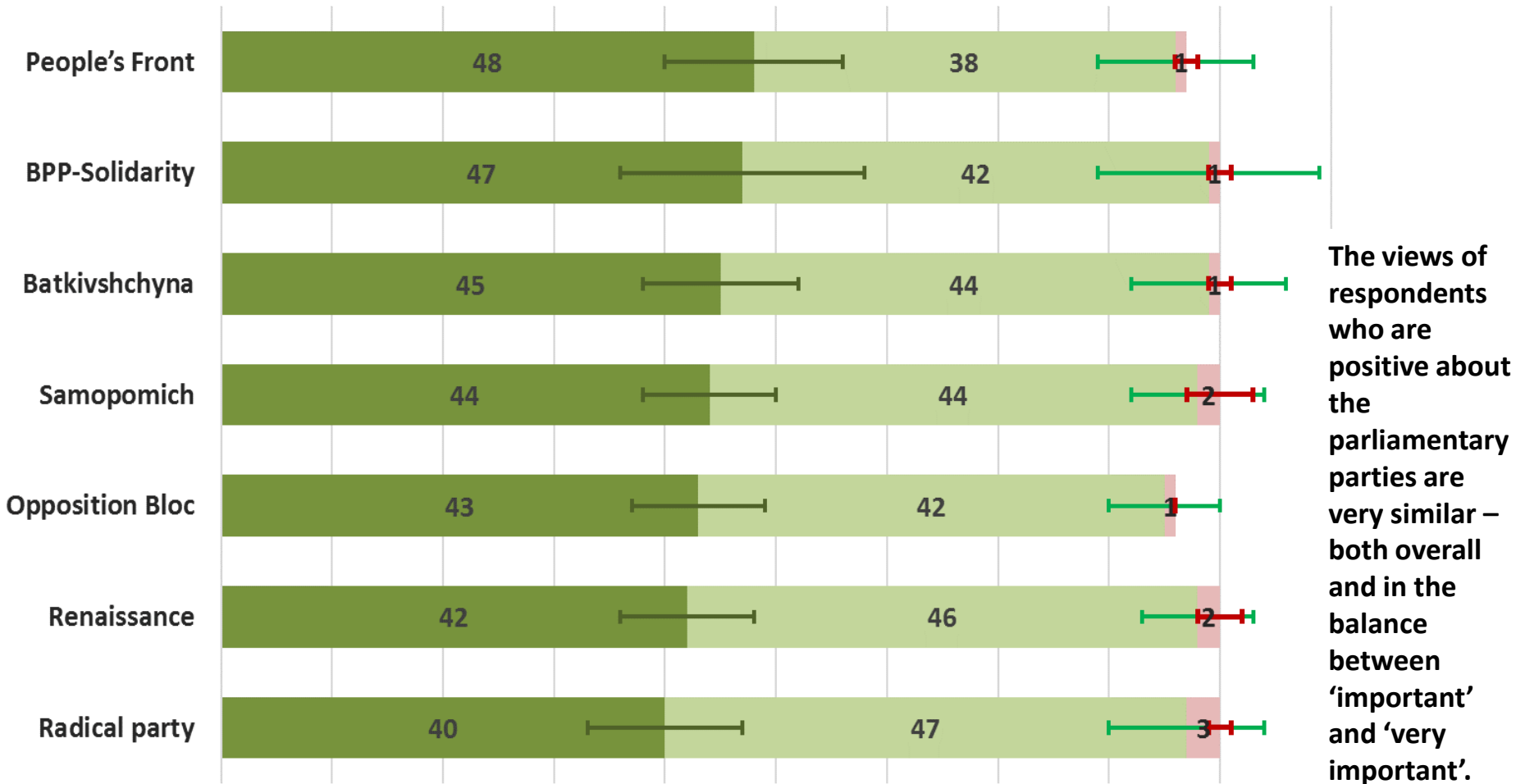
# How important is it to you that Ukraine becomes a fully functioning democracy? 'Very important' and 'Important' (q22 X Settlement)



## How important is it to you that Ukraine becomes a fully functioning democracy? X Attitude towards parties (q22 X q35)

Very important    Important    Unimportant    Very unimportant

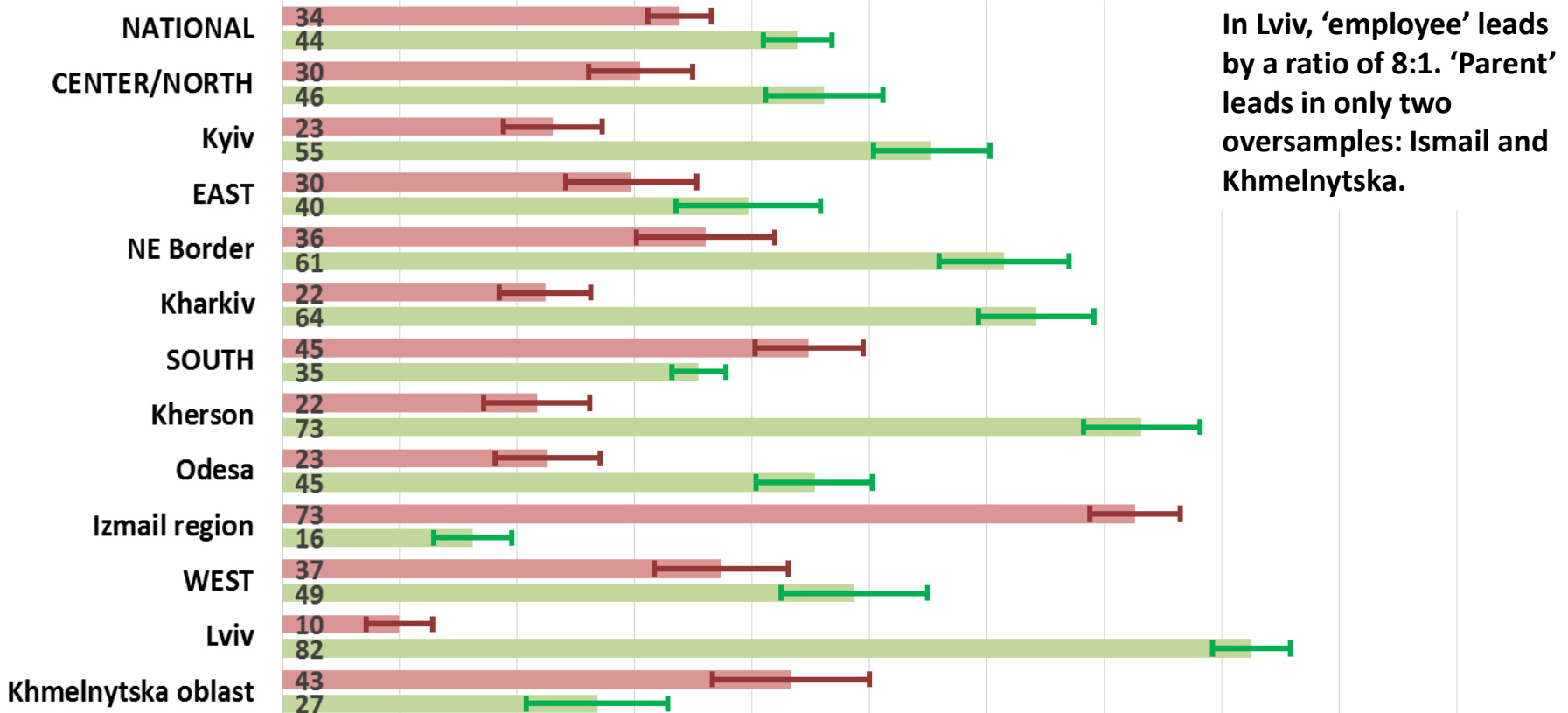
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# Which of the following statements you agree with? (q62 X Settlement)

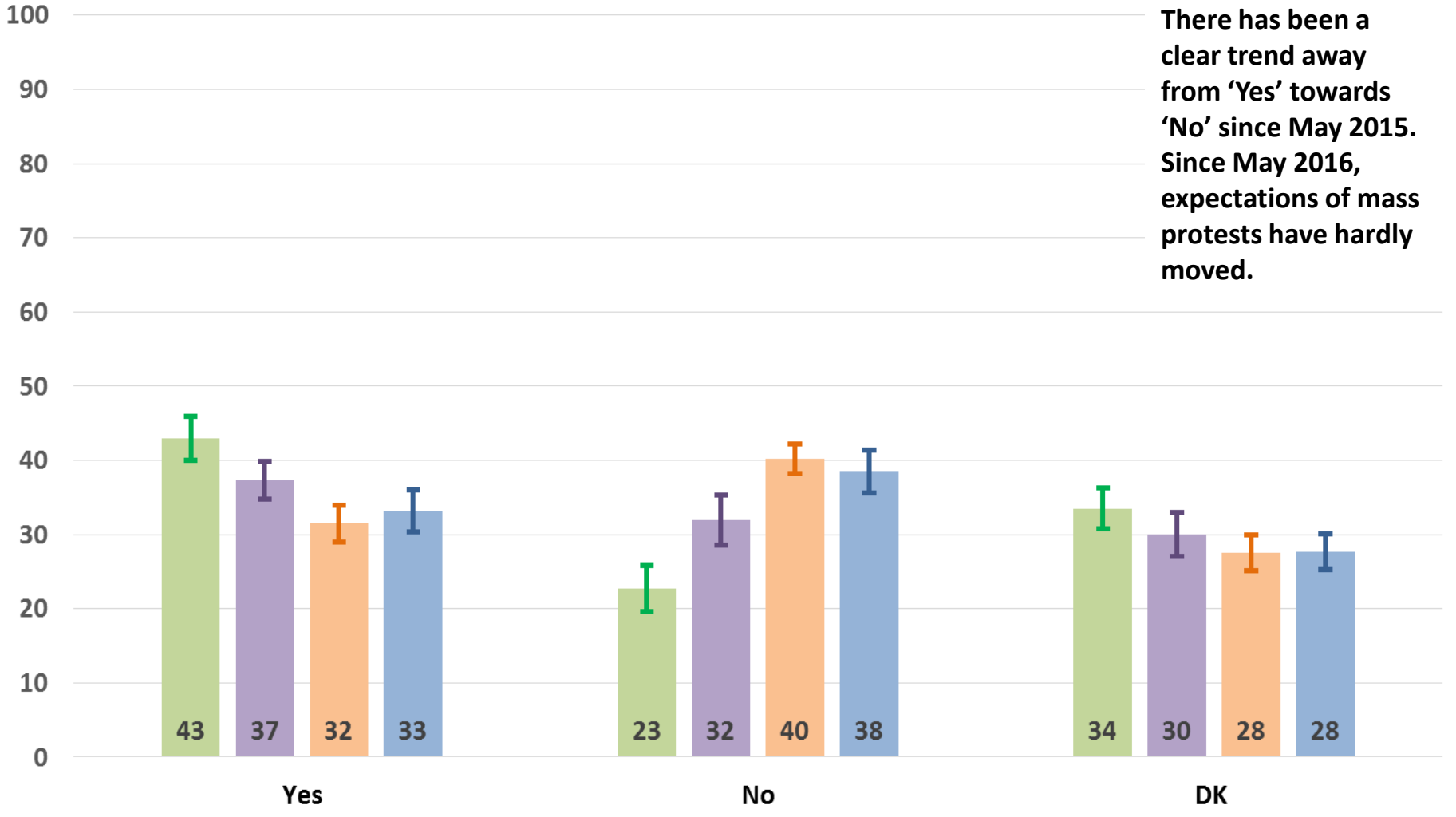
■ Government is like a parent; the people should be taken care of like children
 ■ Government is like an employee; the people should be the bosses who control the government

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# Some people expect that 'Third Maidan' will occur, others believe it will not. Do you expect more protests on that scale in the next year? (q61)

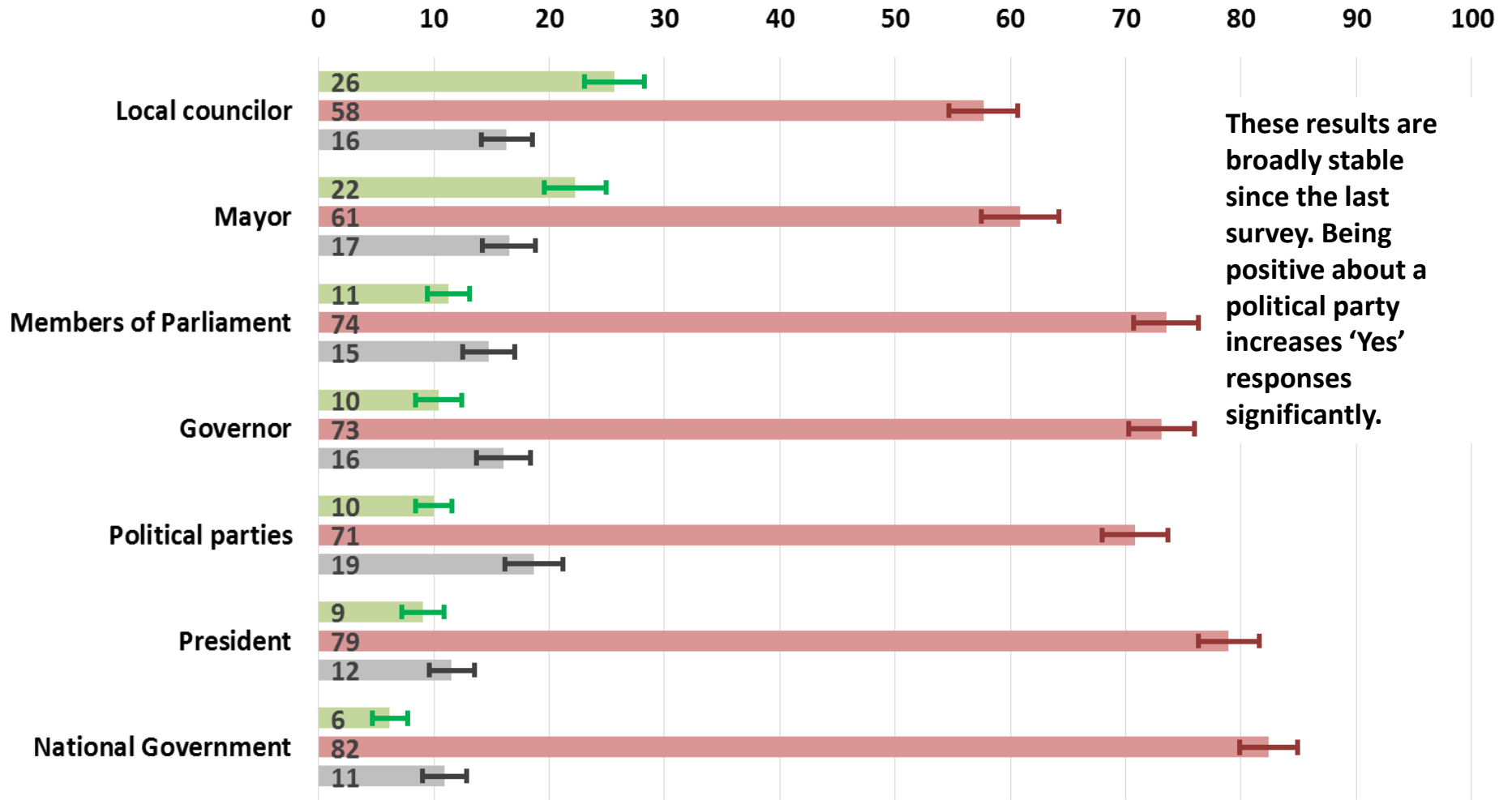
■ May 2015   ■ December 2015   ■ May 2016   ■ December 2016



There has been a clear trend away from 'Yes' towards 'No' since May 2015. Since May 2016, expectations of mass protests have hardly moved.

# In your opinion are any of the following interested in hearing your opinions? (q65)

Yes No DK



These results are broadly stable since the last survey. Being positive about a political party increases 'Yes' responses significantly.

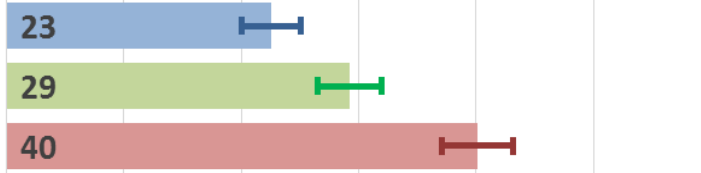


# Have you done any of these since November 2013? (q60) Part 1

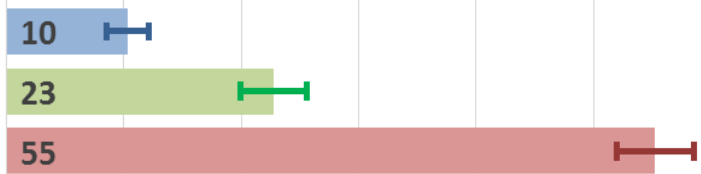
■ Yes, at least once   ■ I would if I had the chance   ■ I would never do this

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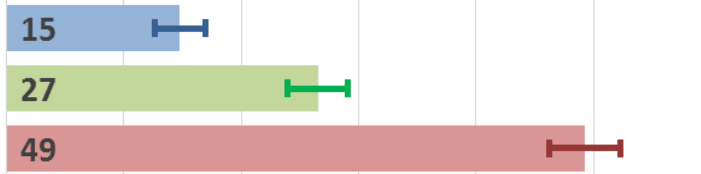
Attend a community meeting



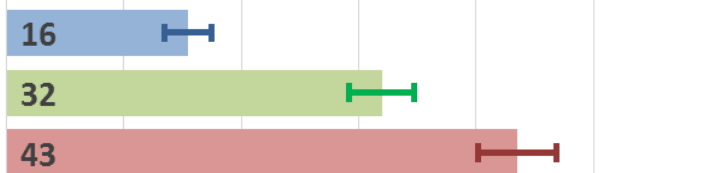
Attend a demonstration or march about a specific issue



Collect money from your acquaintances to support a cause



Get together with others to raise an issue with local officials

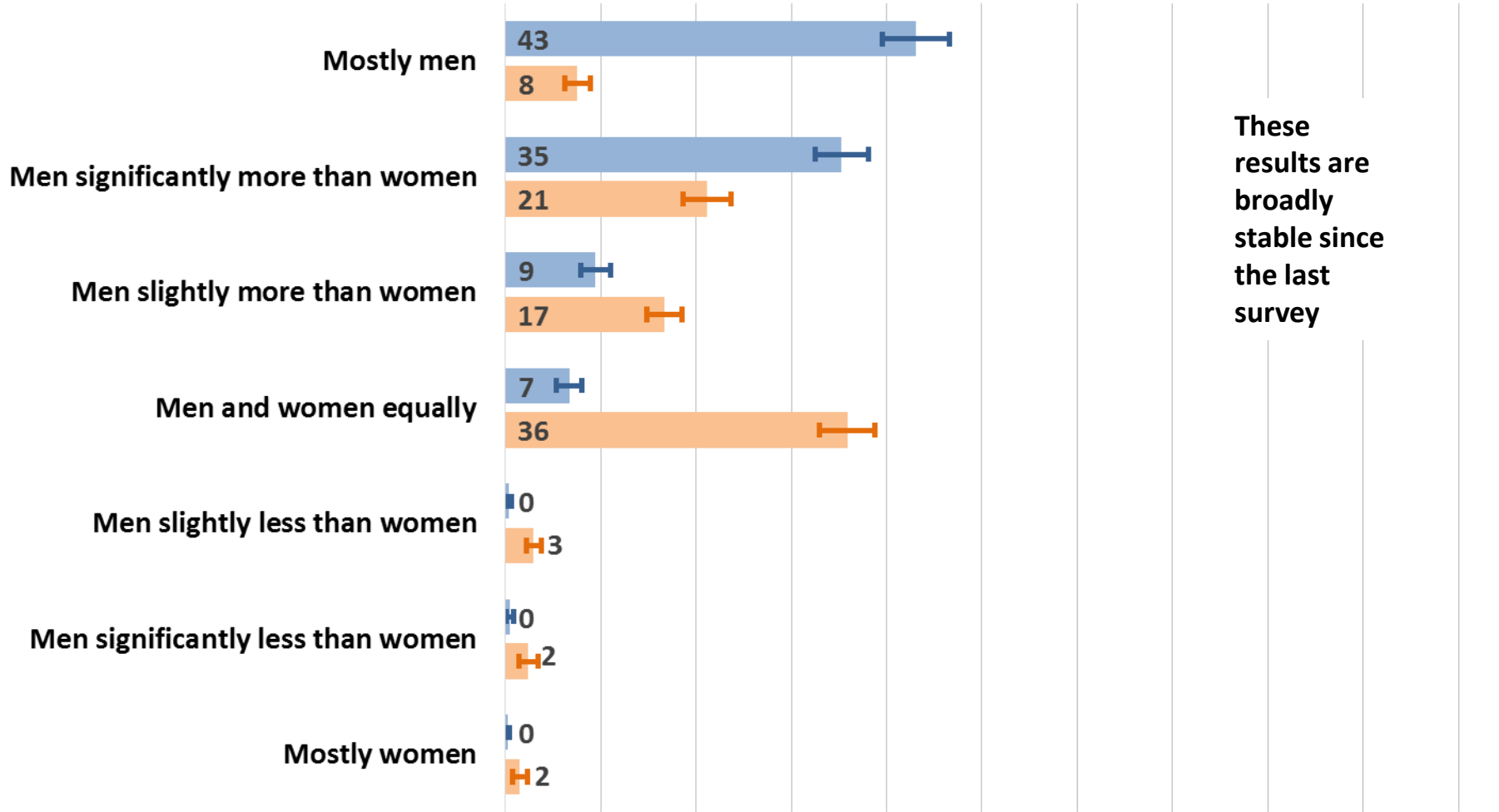


Since May 2016, “I would if I had the chance” has increased 5, 5, 3 and 4 percent respectively since May 2016.

# In your opinion, who is/should be more involved in political life, men or women? (q32/q33)

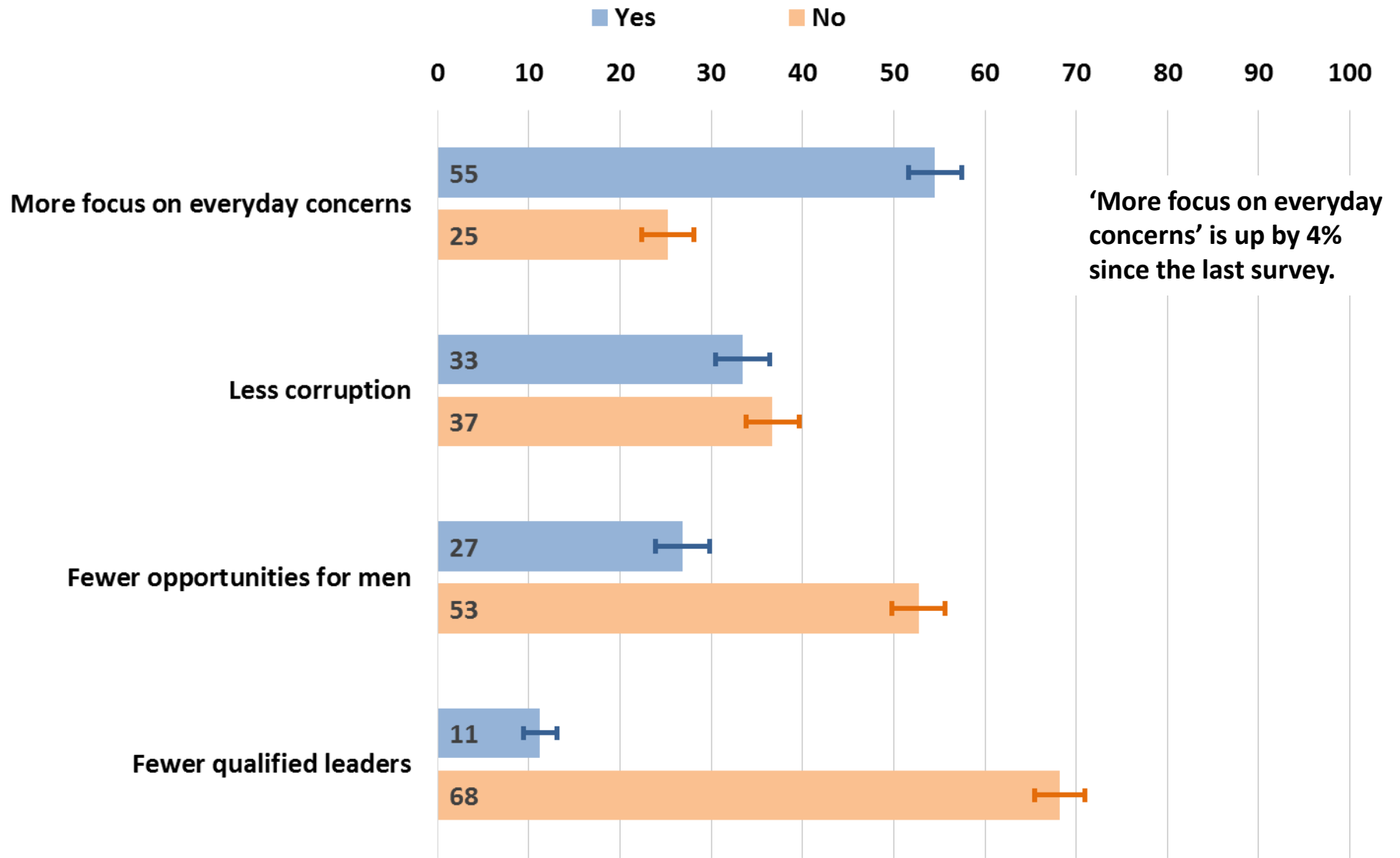
■ Current situation      ■ Actual preferences

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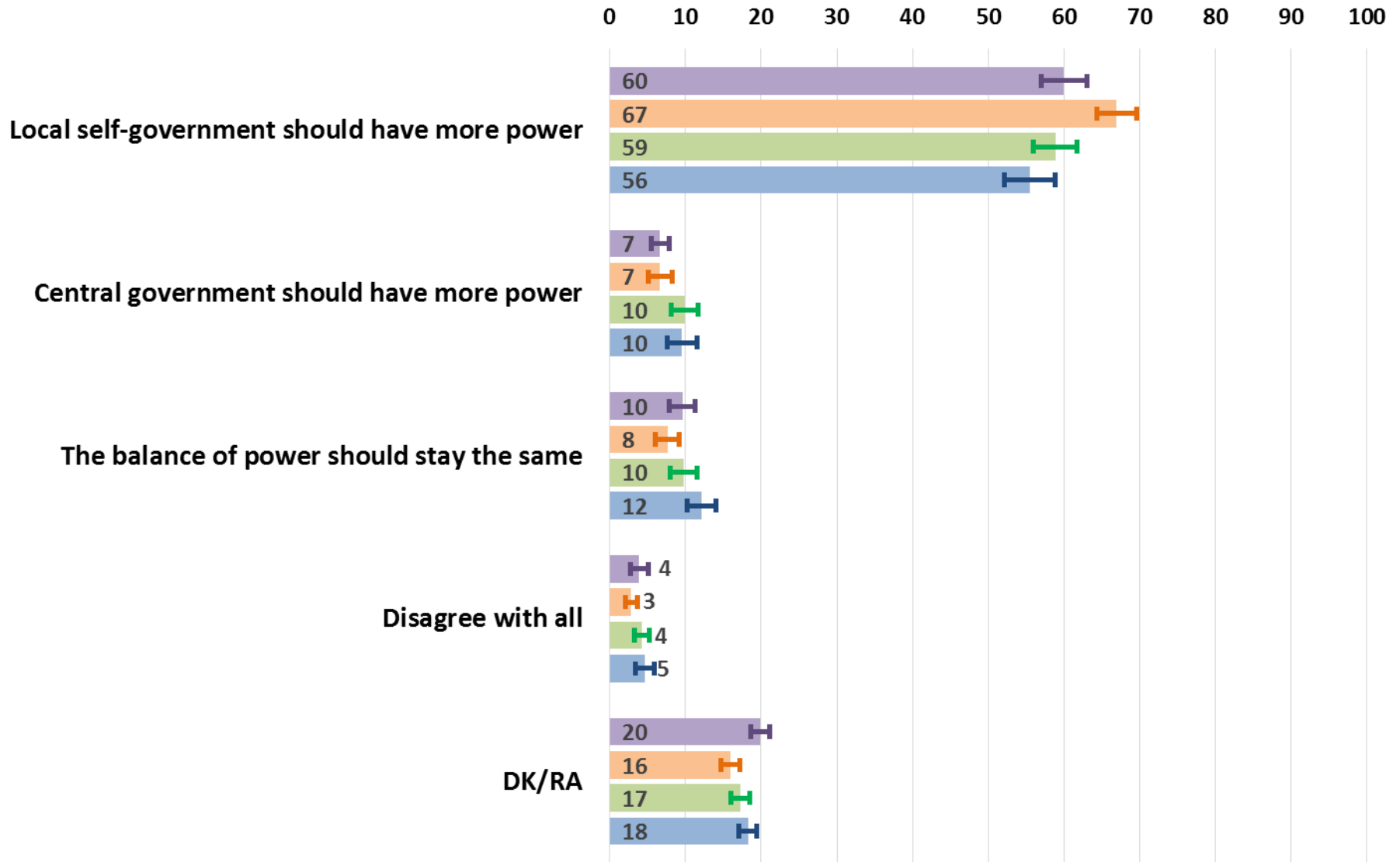
# If there was an equal balance of men and women in elected office, in your opinion, would there be.... ? (q25)



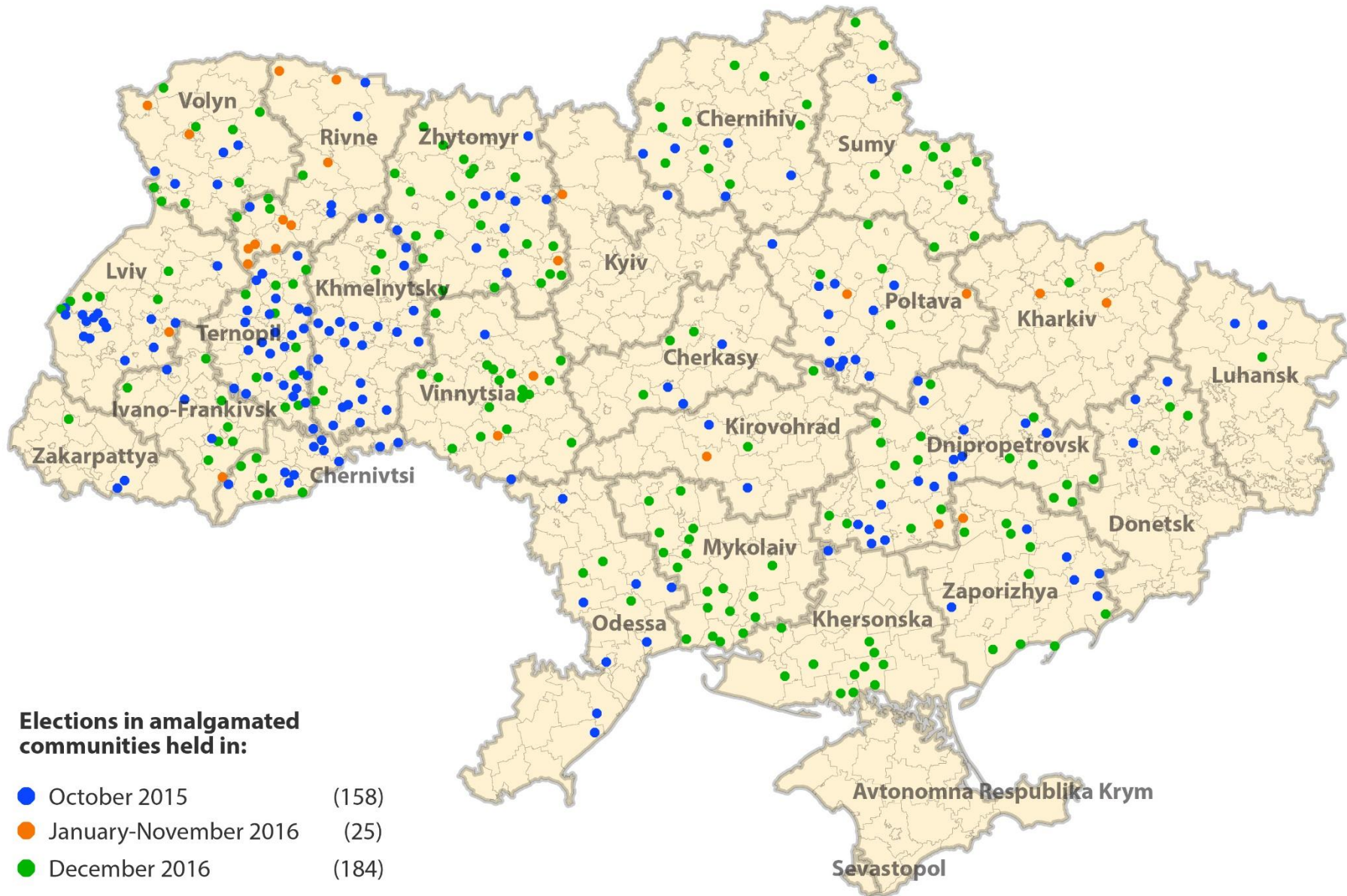
# Decentralisation

# Which of the following do you agree with most? (q14)

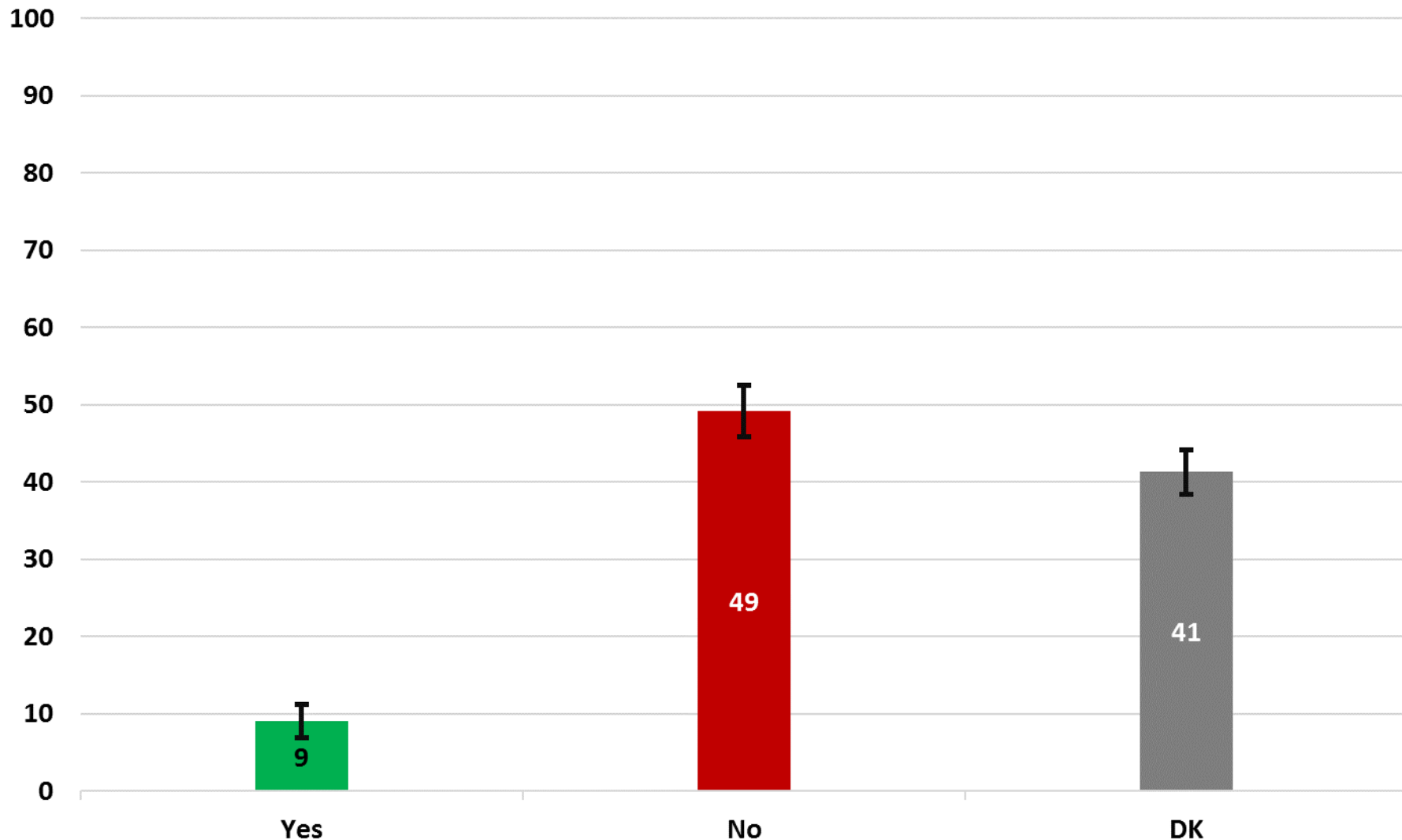
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# Elections held for amalgamated communities

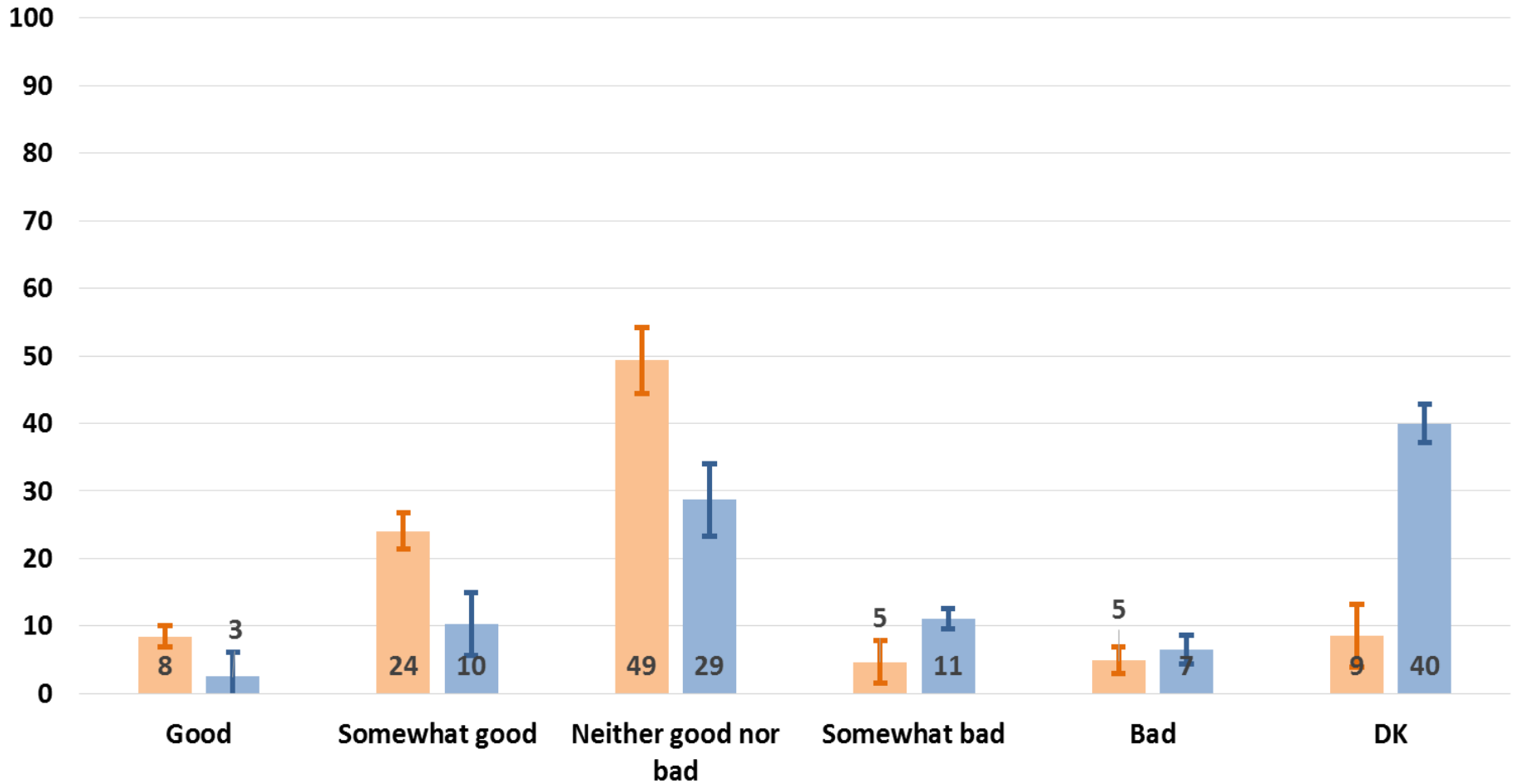


**Since July of 2015, many communities in Ukraine have gone through the amalgamation process. Has your community gone through this process? (q15)**



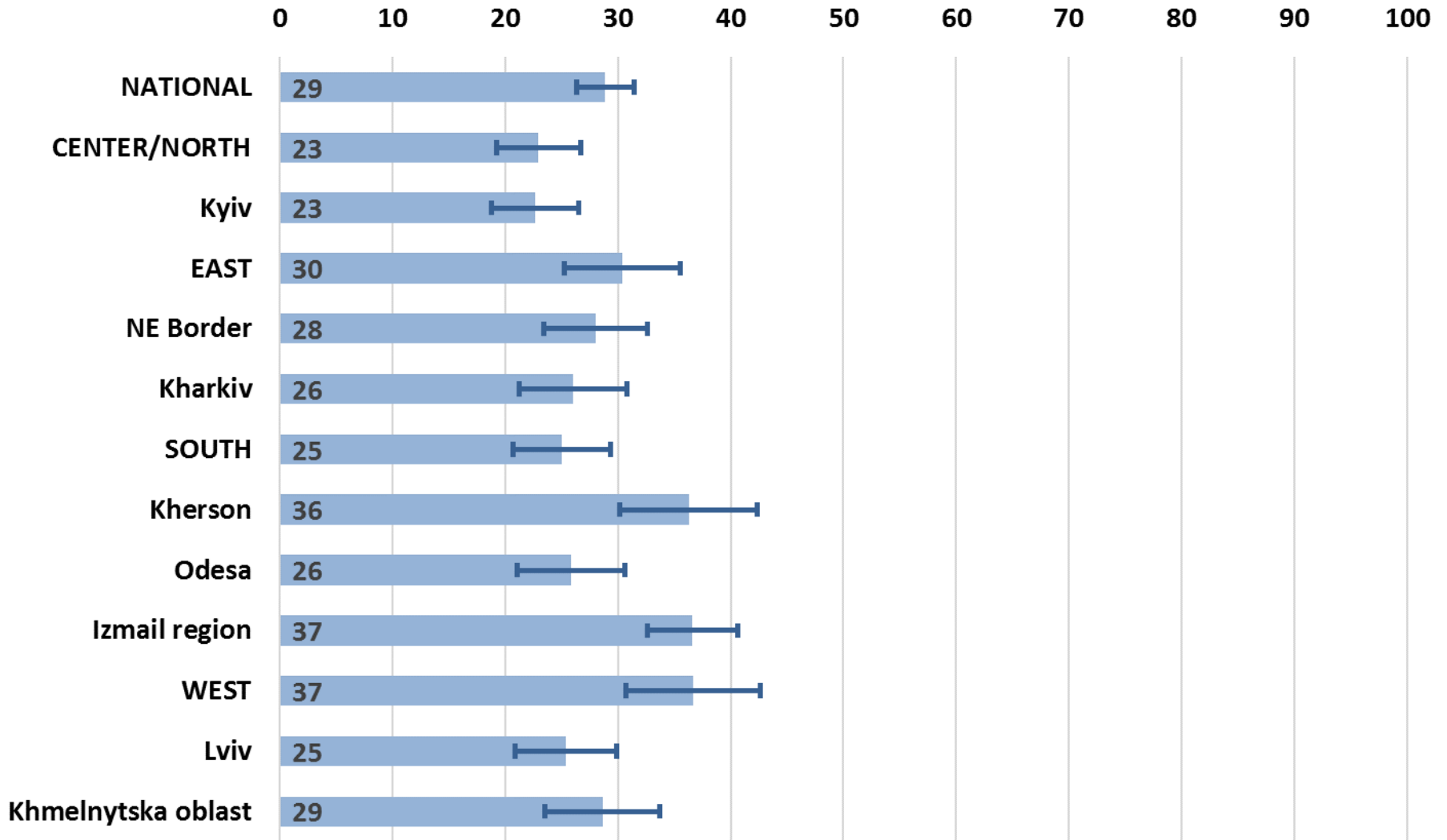
# Since July of 2015, many communities in Ukraine have gone through the amalgamation process. How would you evaluate the impact? (q16/q17)

Has gone through amalgamation      Has not gone through amalgamation





**If you were given an opportunity to participate in the budget setting process, in your community would you take part?  
"Yes" only (q12 X Settlement)**

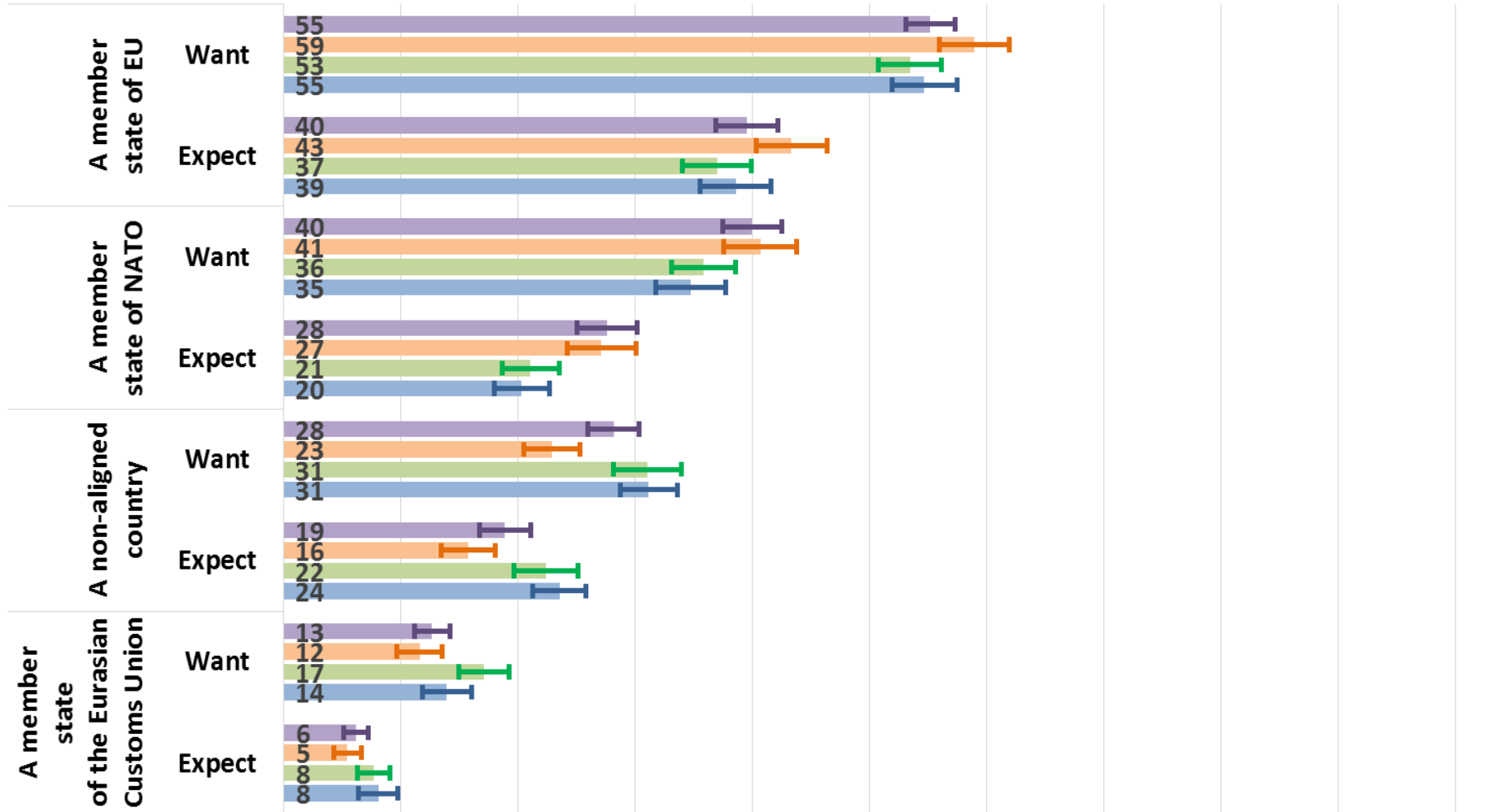


# International Relations and the Conflict

# By 2020, do you want/expect Ukraine to be... (q43/q44)

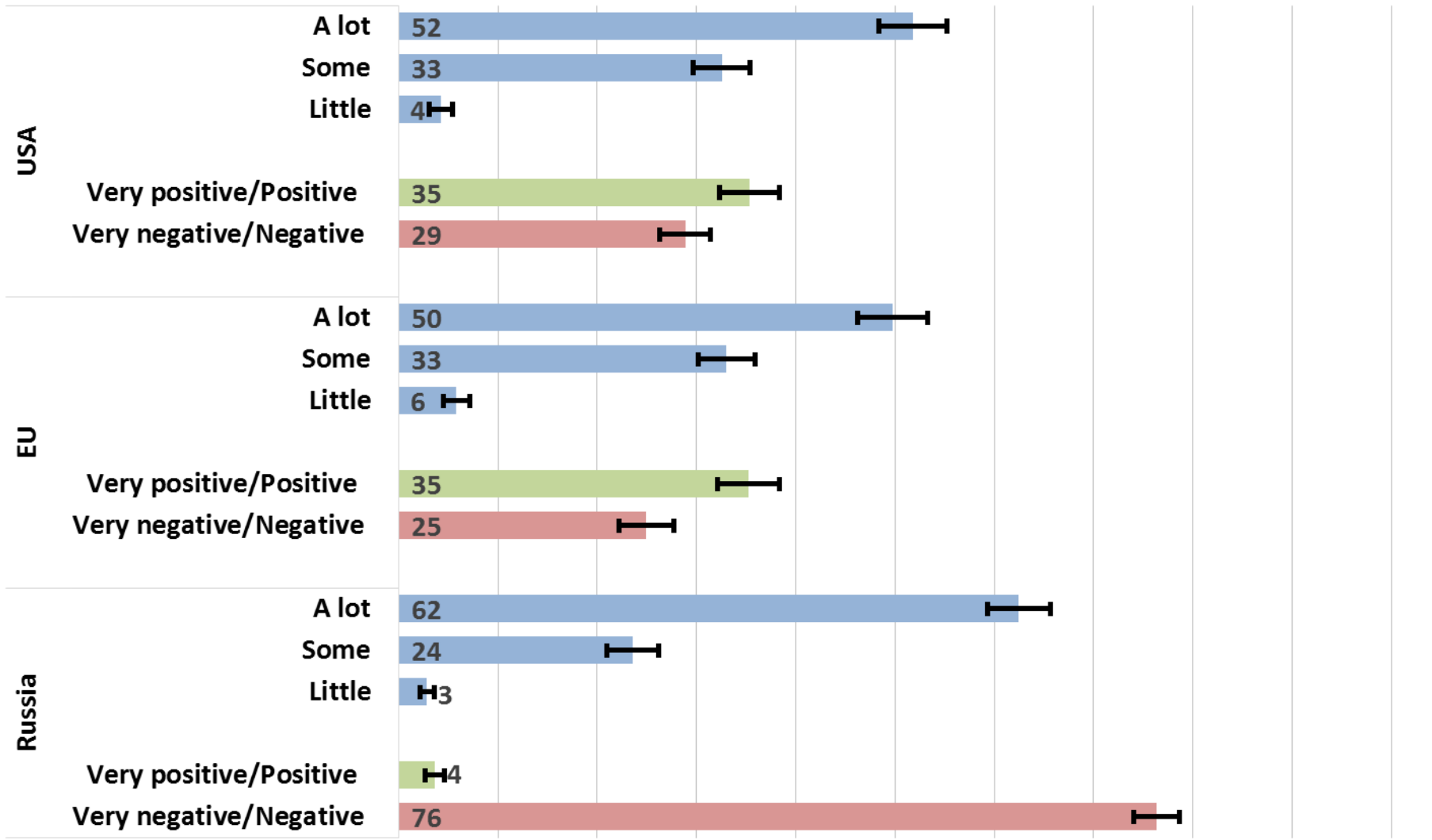
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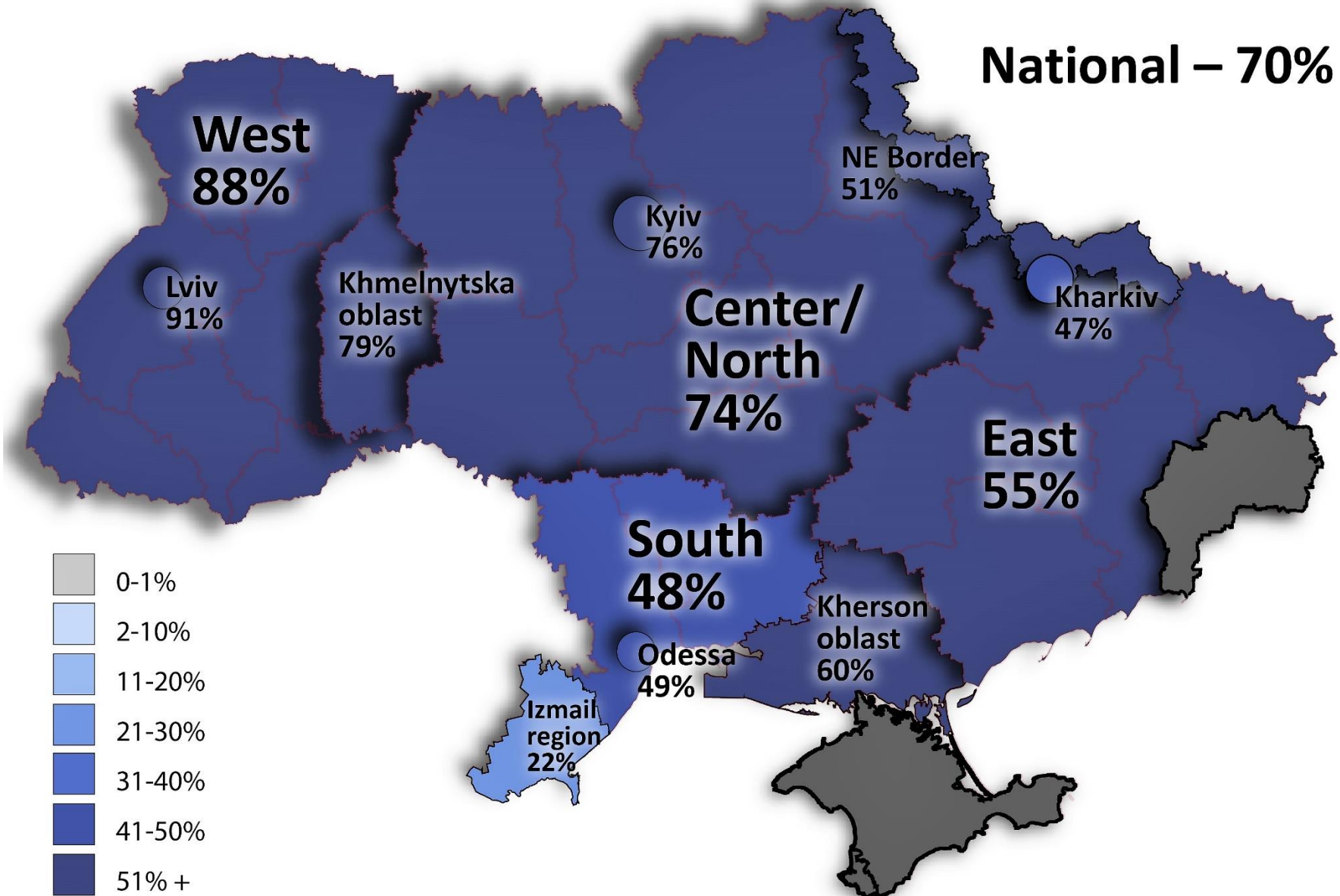


## How much influence, if any, do the following have in determining Ukraine's future? (q45) Is this influence...? (q46)

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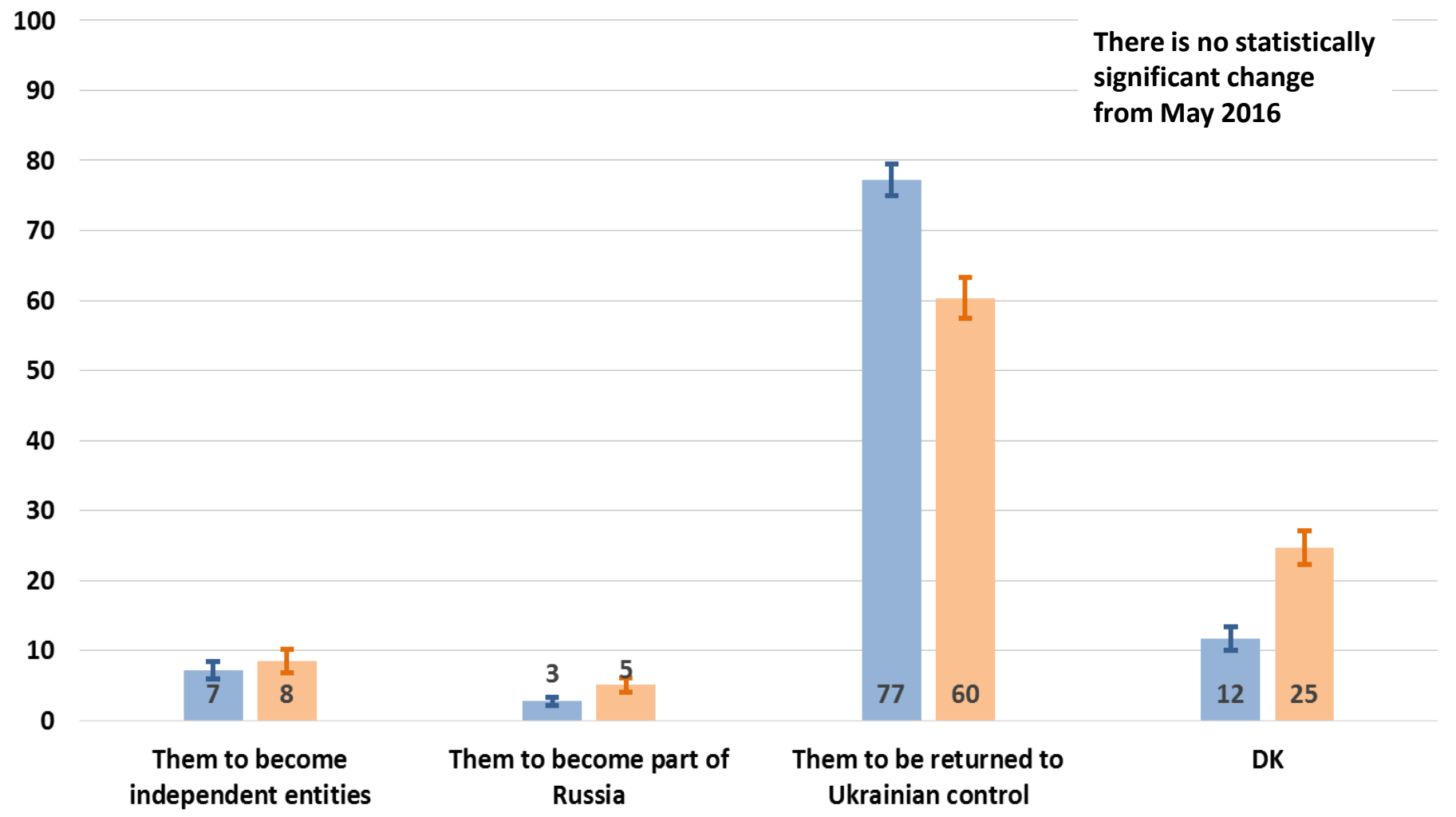


# Should economic sanctions be maintained against Russia for its role in the conflict? "Yes" only (q52 X Settlement)

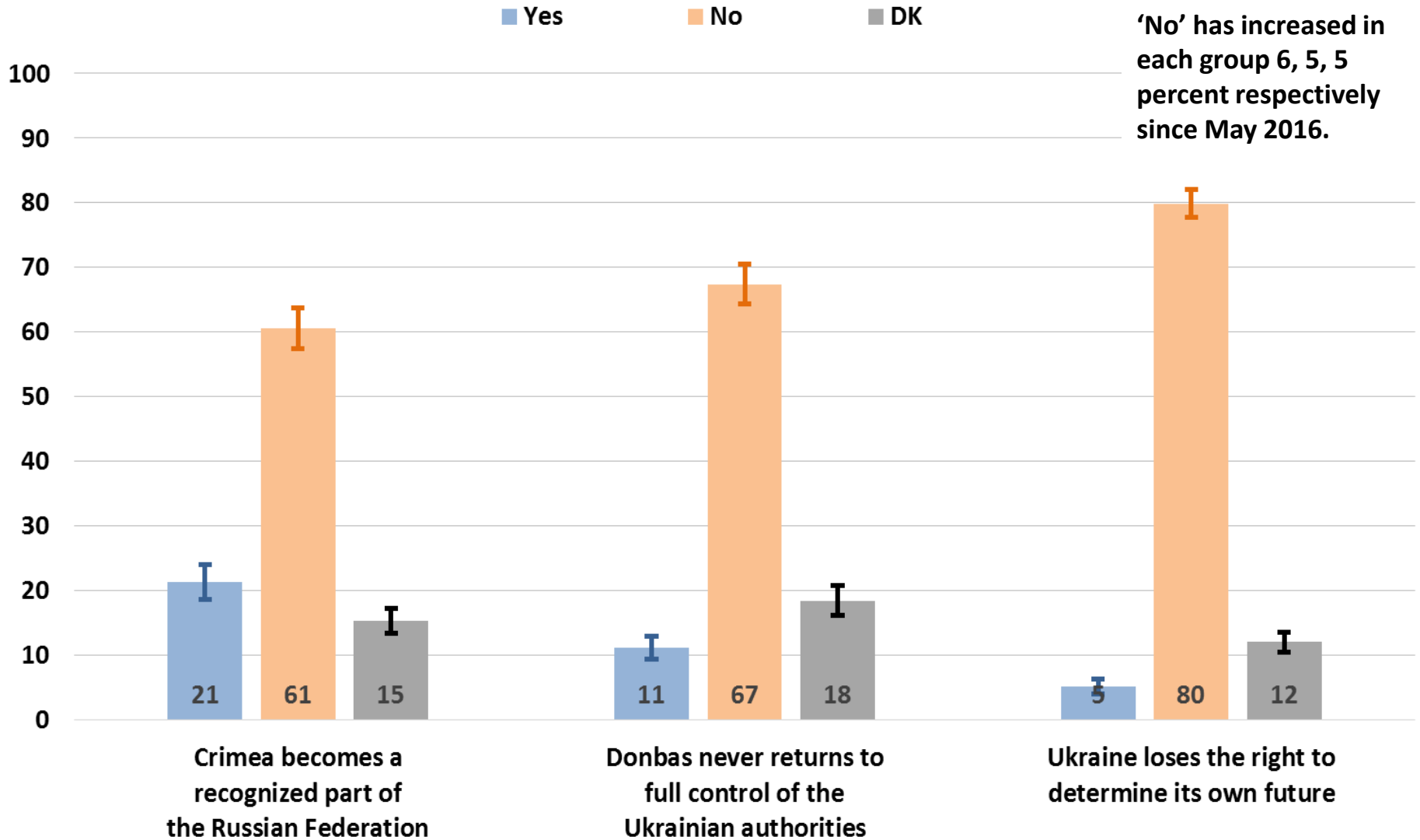


# What would you like/expect for the future of those parts of Donbas that are not under Ukrainian control? (q48/q49)

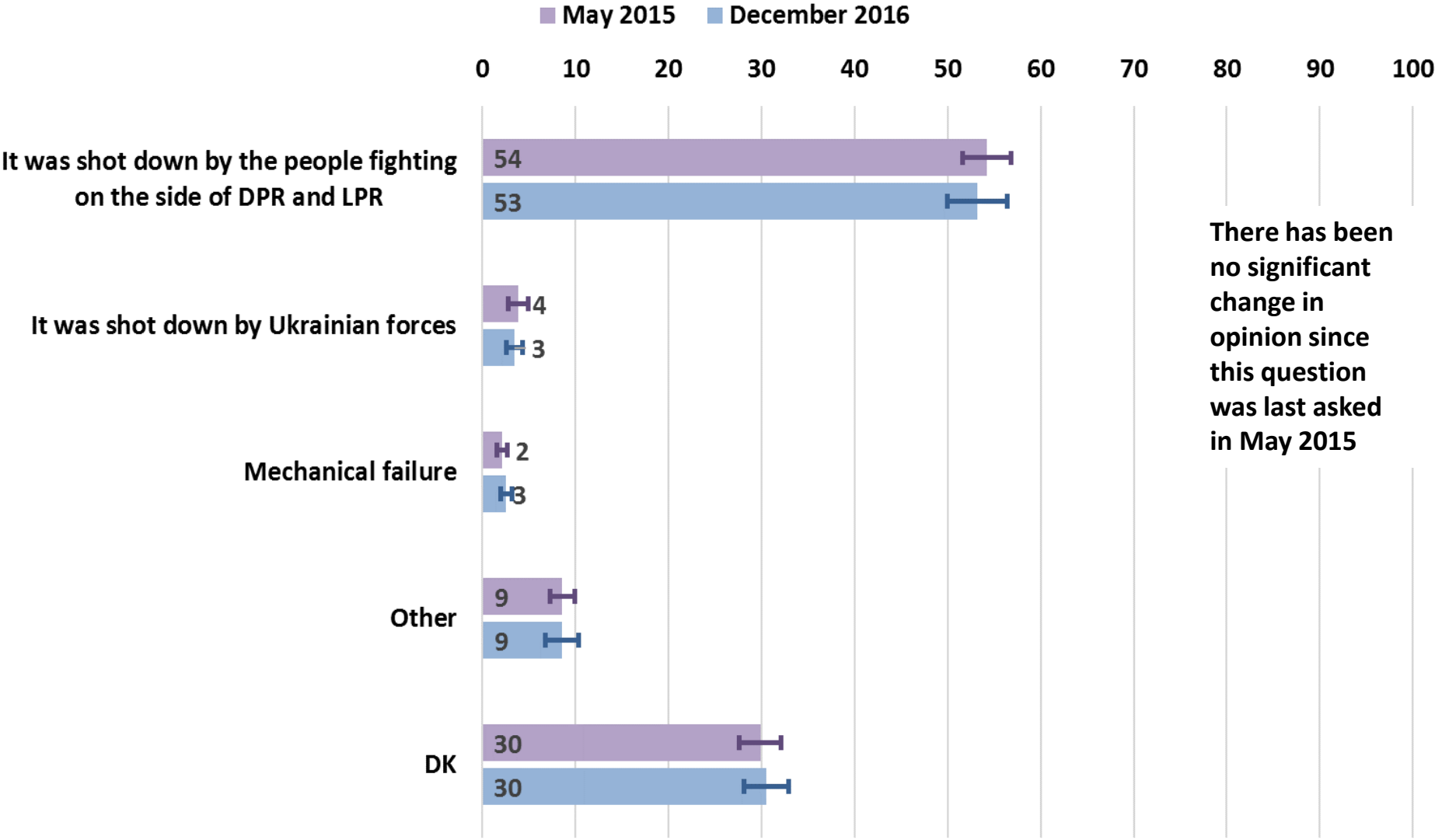
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# Which, if any, of the following would you accept as the price for peace? (q50)



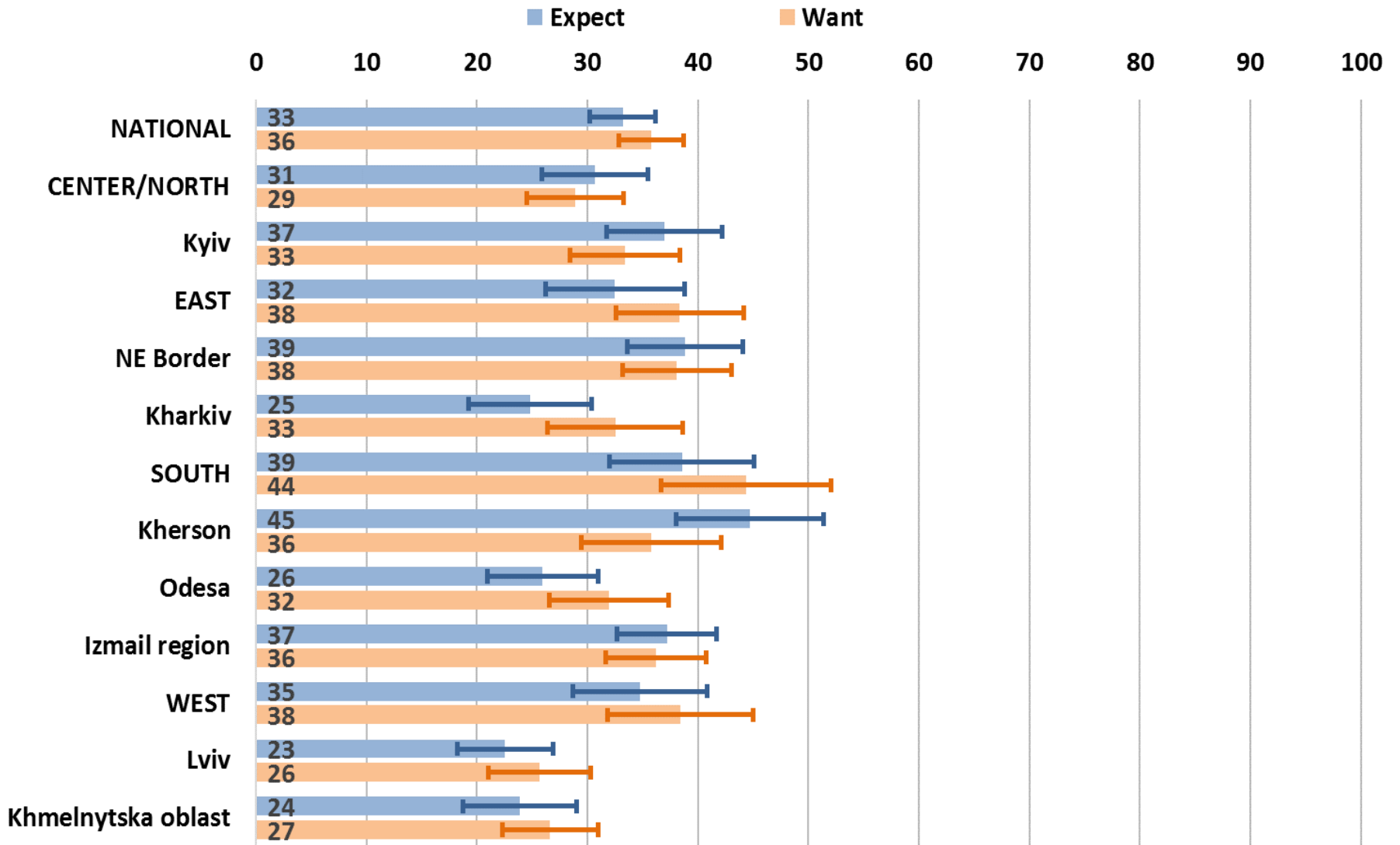
# In July 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 crashed over Donetsk. In your opinion, what is the most likely reason for this? (q54)



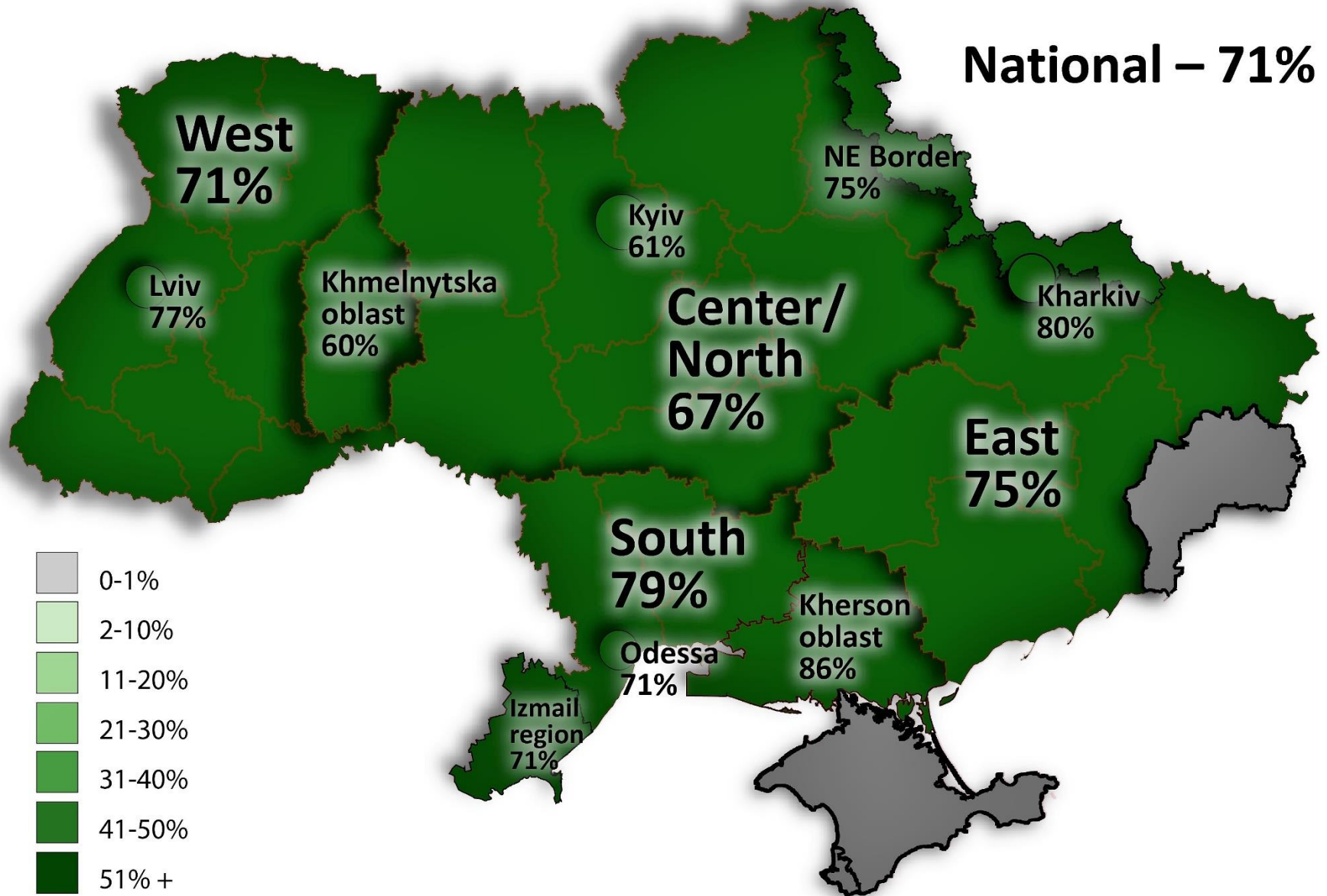


# Elections & Parties

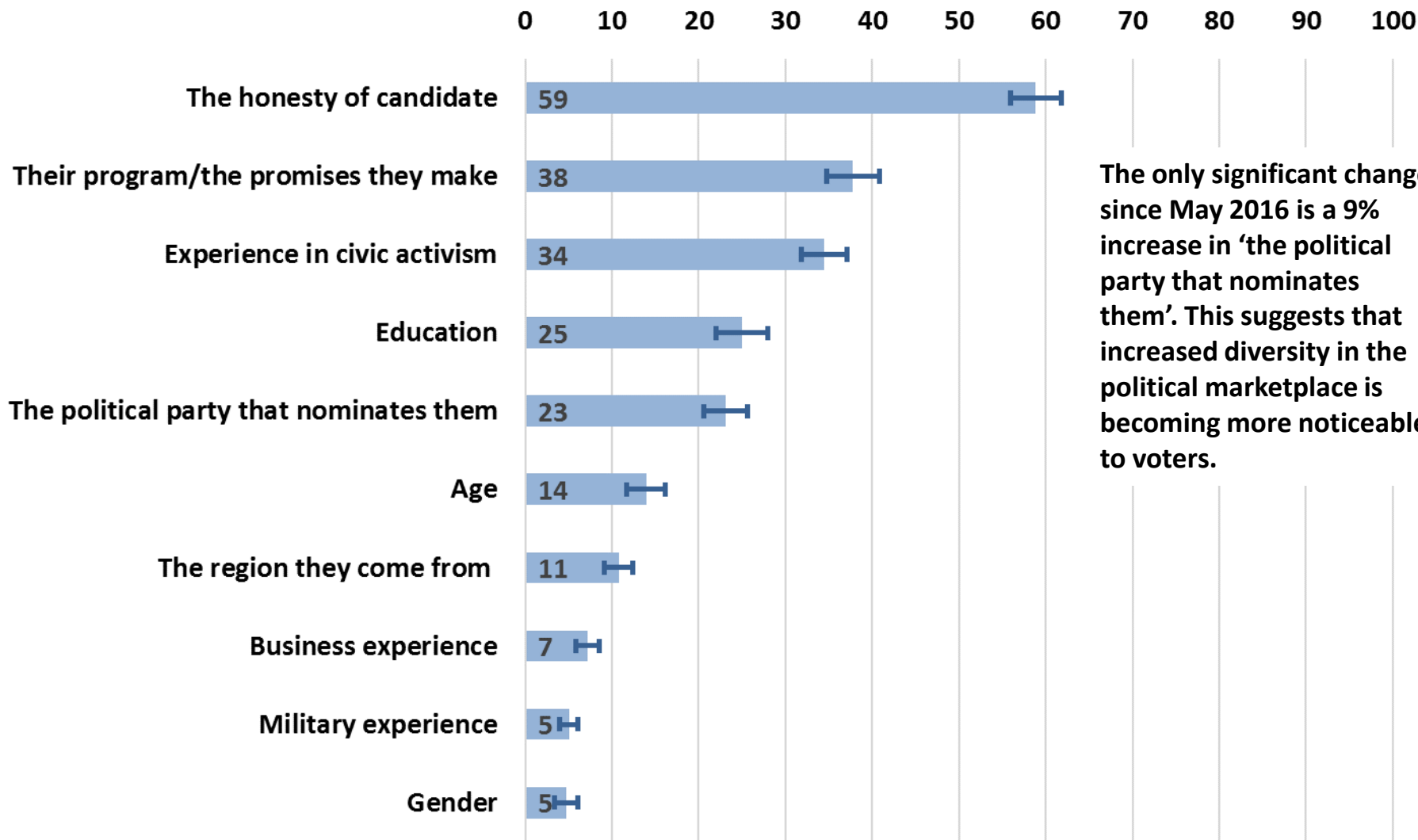
# Do you expect/want early Parliamentary elections to be held? (q37/q38 X Settlement)



# Do you think IDPs should be able to vote where they currently reside in all types of elections? "Yes" only (q55 X Settlement)



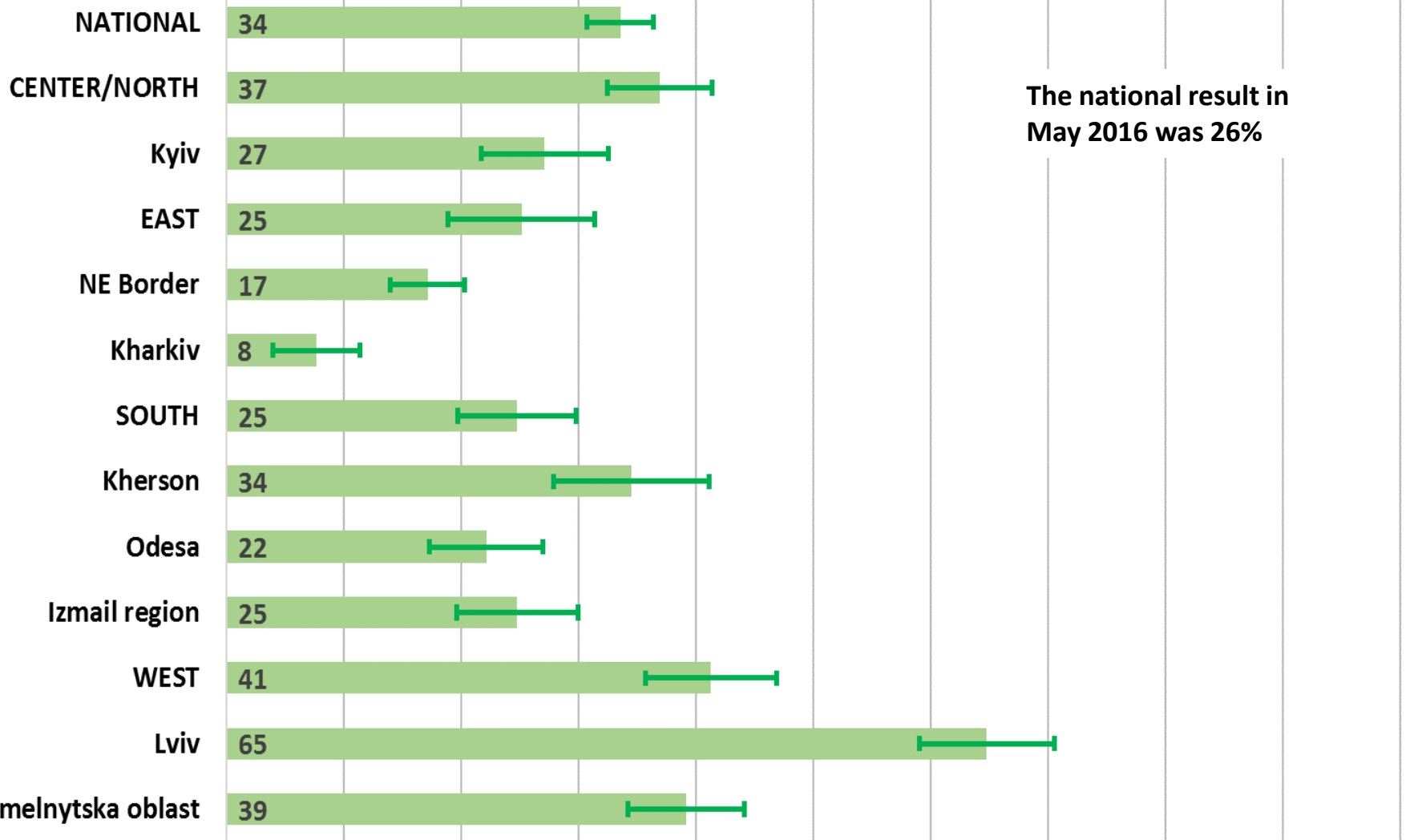
# When deciding which candidate to vote for in the next parliamentary elections, what is important to you? (q13) (select up to three)



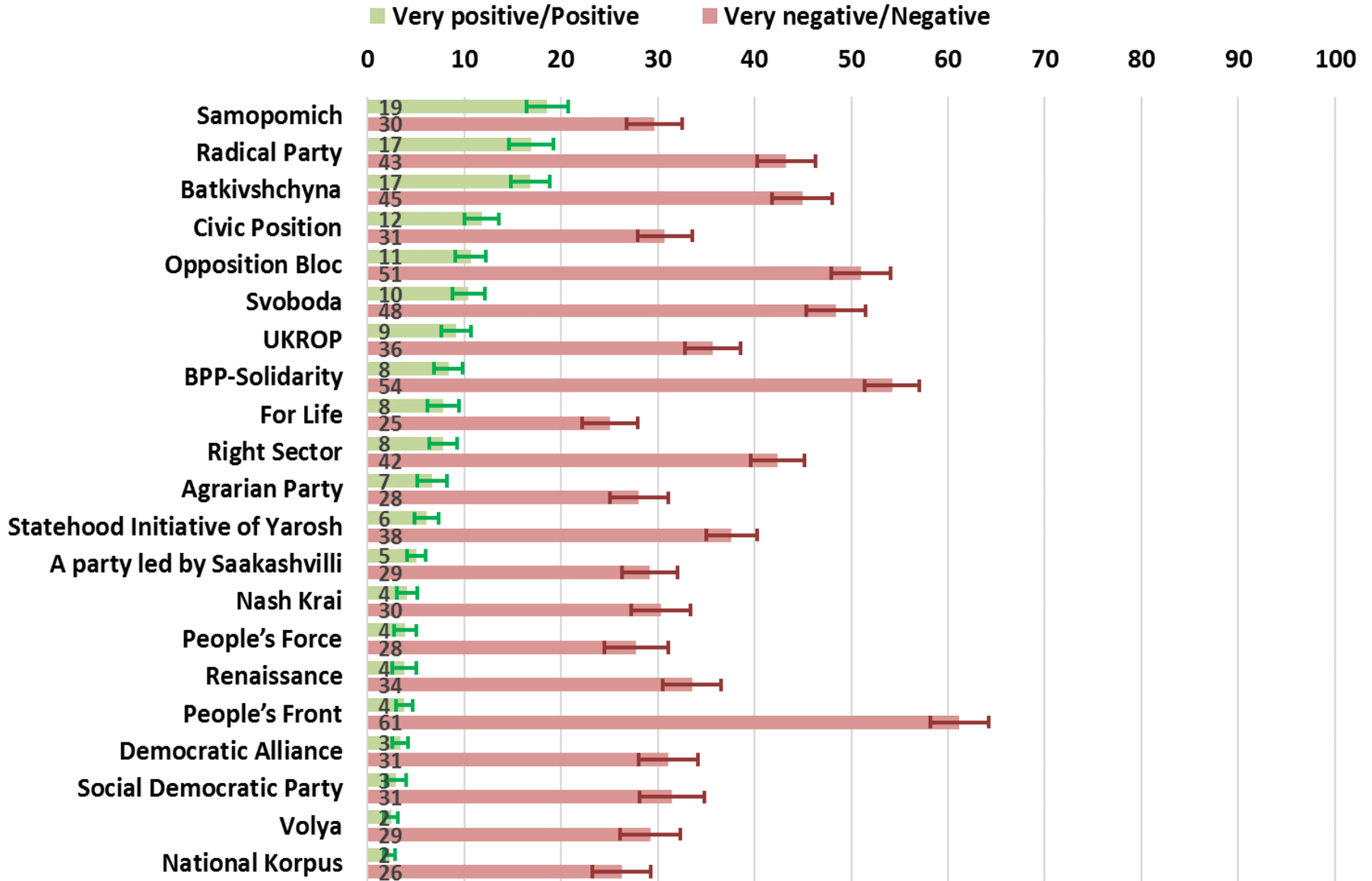
The only significant change since May 2016 is a 9% increase in 'the political party that nominates them'. This suggests that increased diversity in the political marketplace is becoming more noticeable to voters.

# If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? I absolutely will vote (q39 X Settlement)

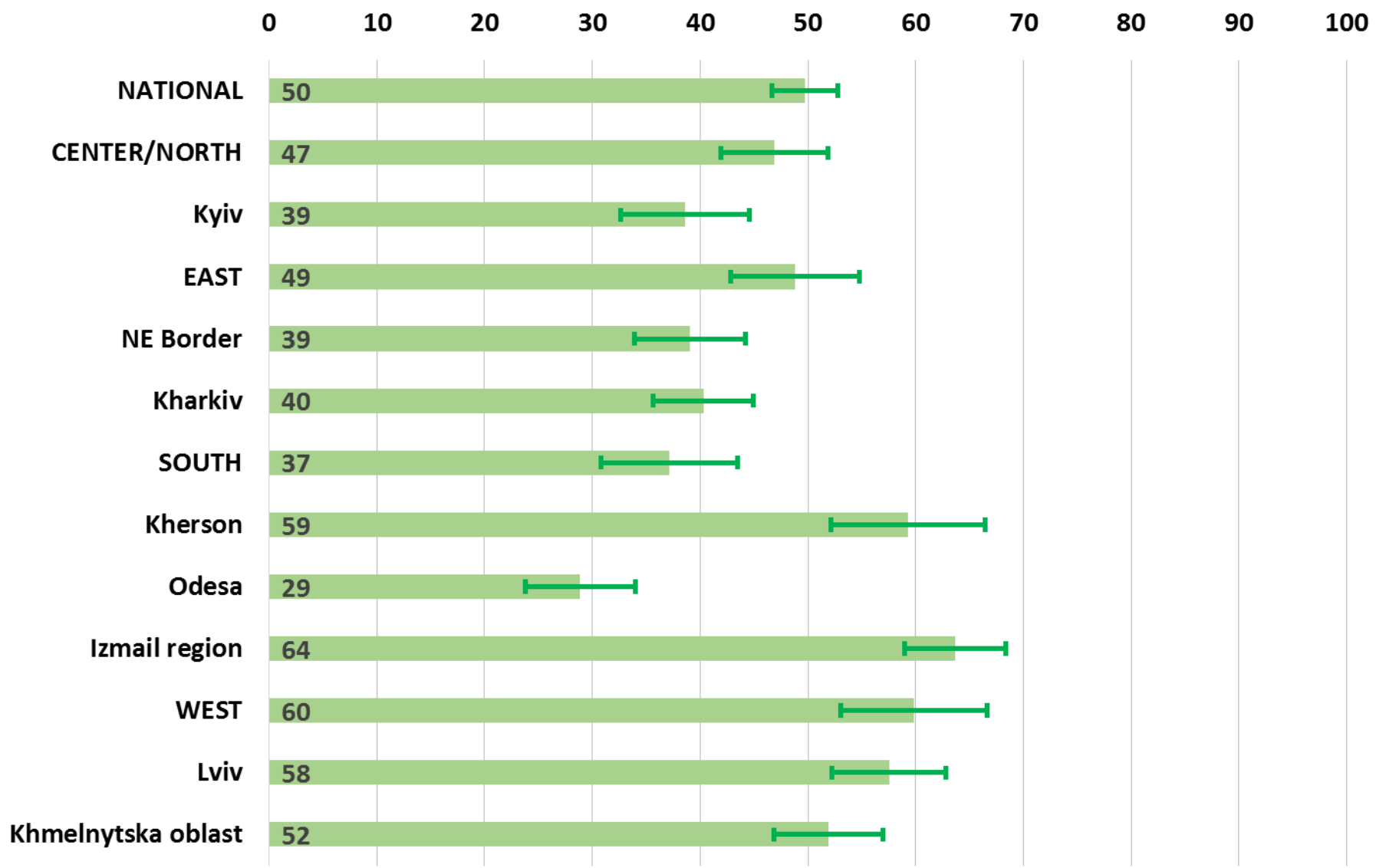
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# What is your attitude toward the following parties today? (q35)



# Would you like regular reports from political parties in your area about their activities? "Yes" only (q30 X Settlement)



# Which party would you say is closest to you now? (q36)

