



*Public attitudes in Georgia:*

Results of a February 2012 survey carried out for  
NDI by CRRC

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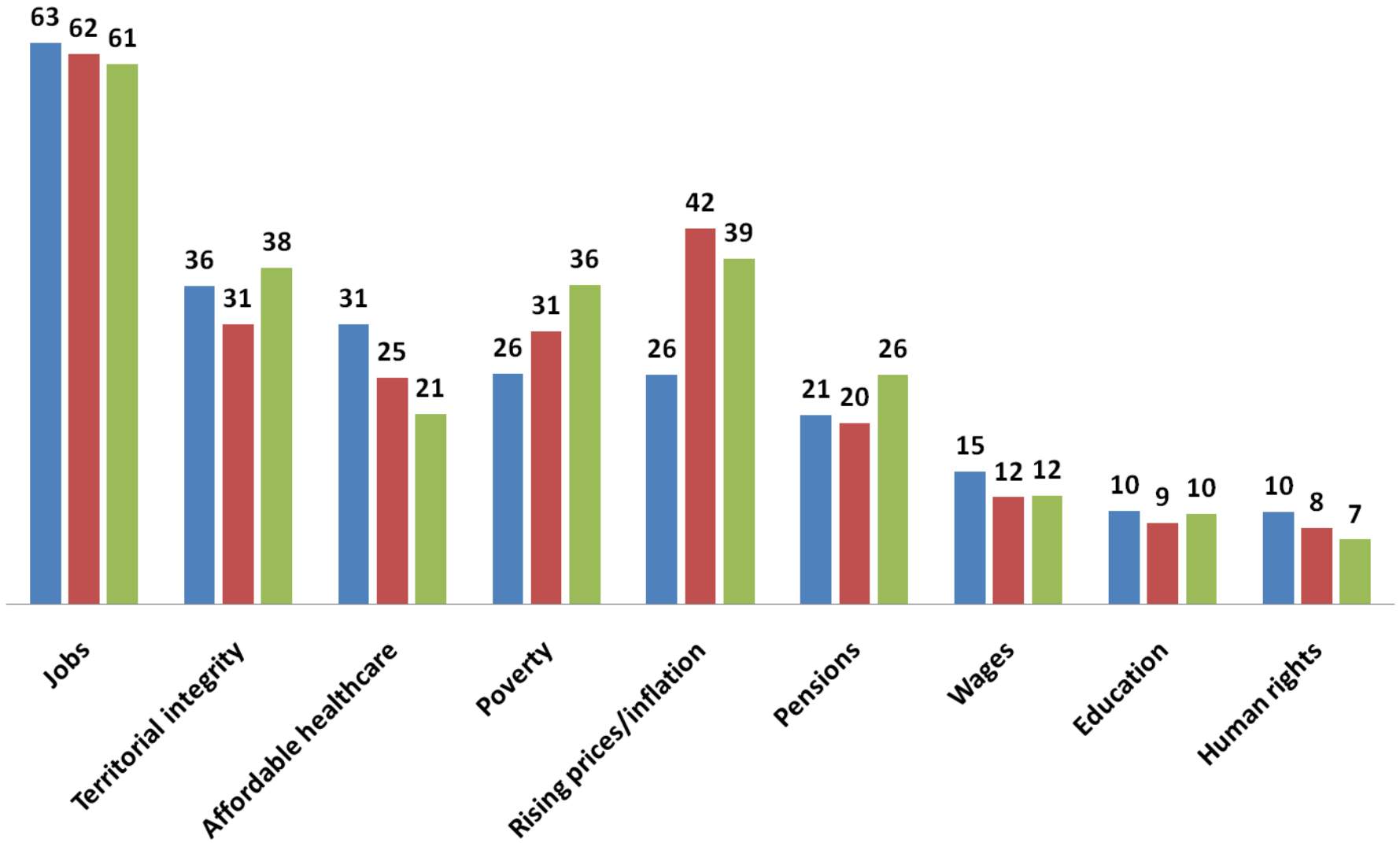
# Methodology

- This research has been conducted over multiple waves, four of which contribute data to this presentation. The funding in each wave was provided by Sida.
- **Current survey wave:**
  - **Fieldwork dates: February 22 – March 5, 2012**
  - **3,161 completed interviews**
  - **A nationally representative sample including representative samples of Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti, Rustavi, Telavi District, other urban and rural areas**
- **Historical waves:**
  - **September 2011**
    - Fieldwork dates: September 9-21, 2011
    - 2,425 completed interviews
    - A nationally representative sample with additional representative samples in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti, Rustavi, Telavi District, other urban and rural areas
  - **March 2011**
    - Fieldwork dates: March 4-17, 2011
    - 2,893 completed interviews
    - A nationally representative sample, including representative samples in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Rustavi, other urban and rural areas
  - **April 2010**
    - Fieldwork dates: April 11-26, 2010
    - 2,053 completed interviews
    - A nationally representative sample, including an oversample of Tbilisi and representative samples in urban and rural areas
- **Sample design**
  - NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design with both stratification and clustering. There are eight macro-strata: Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Rustavi, Poti, Other urban, Telavi District 17 and Rural. This included 254 clusters of electoral precincts
  - Households are selected via random route sampling
  - Respondents are selected using a Kish table
  - Randomly selected households and individuals are not substituted
  - All interviews are conducted face-to-face
- The average margin of error is +/- 3%

# National and Local Issues

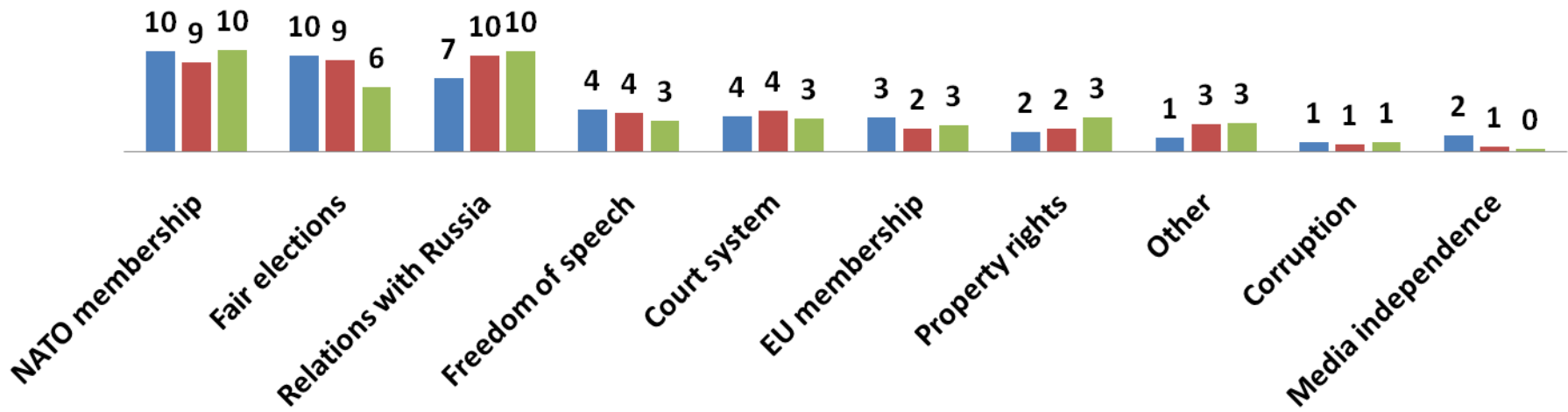
# Most important national issues (q1) Part 1

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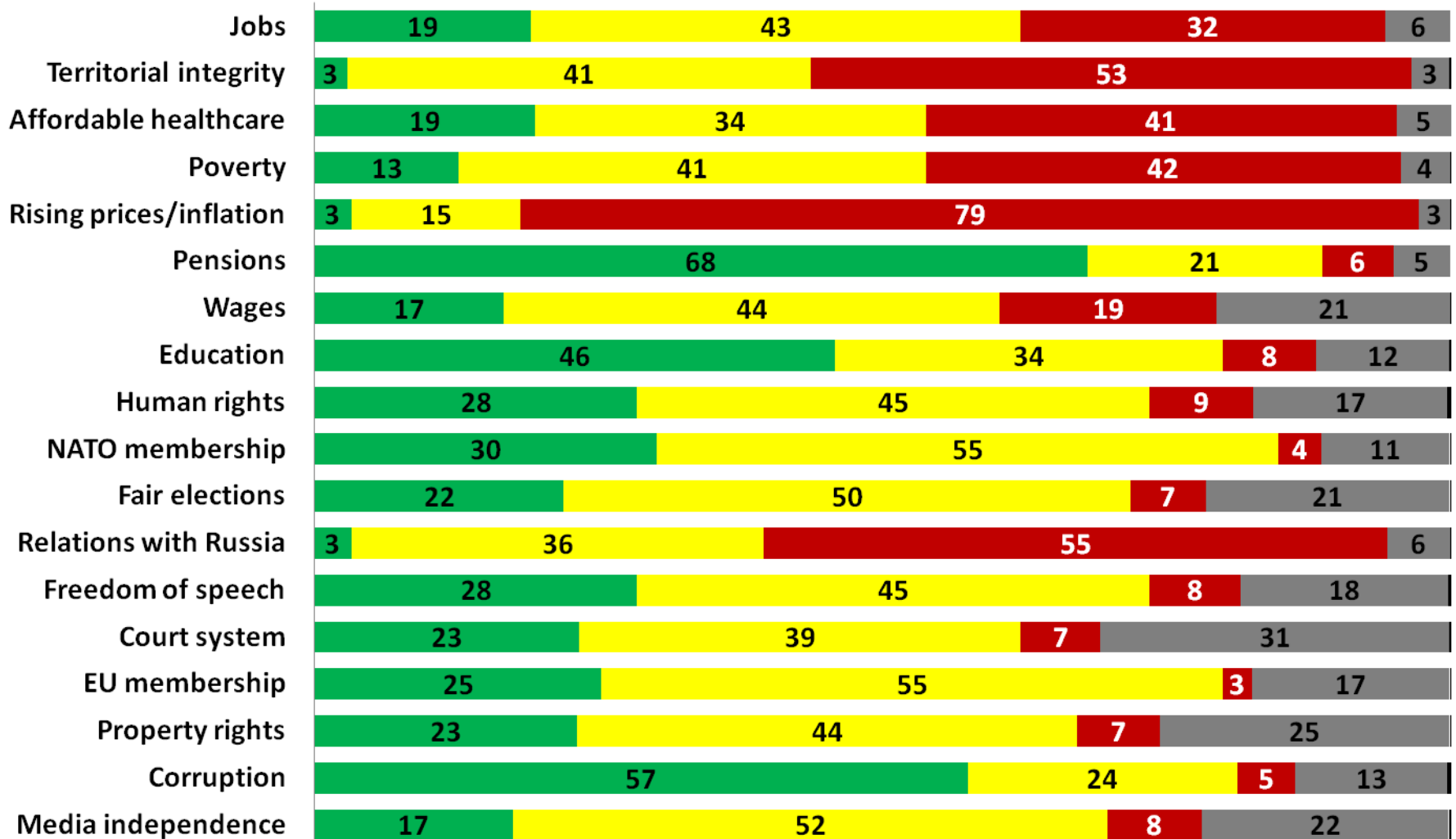
# Most important national issues (q1) Part 2

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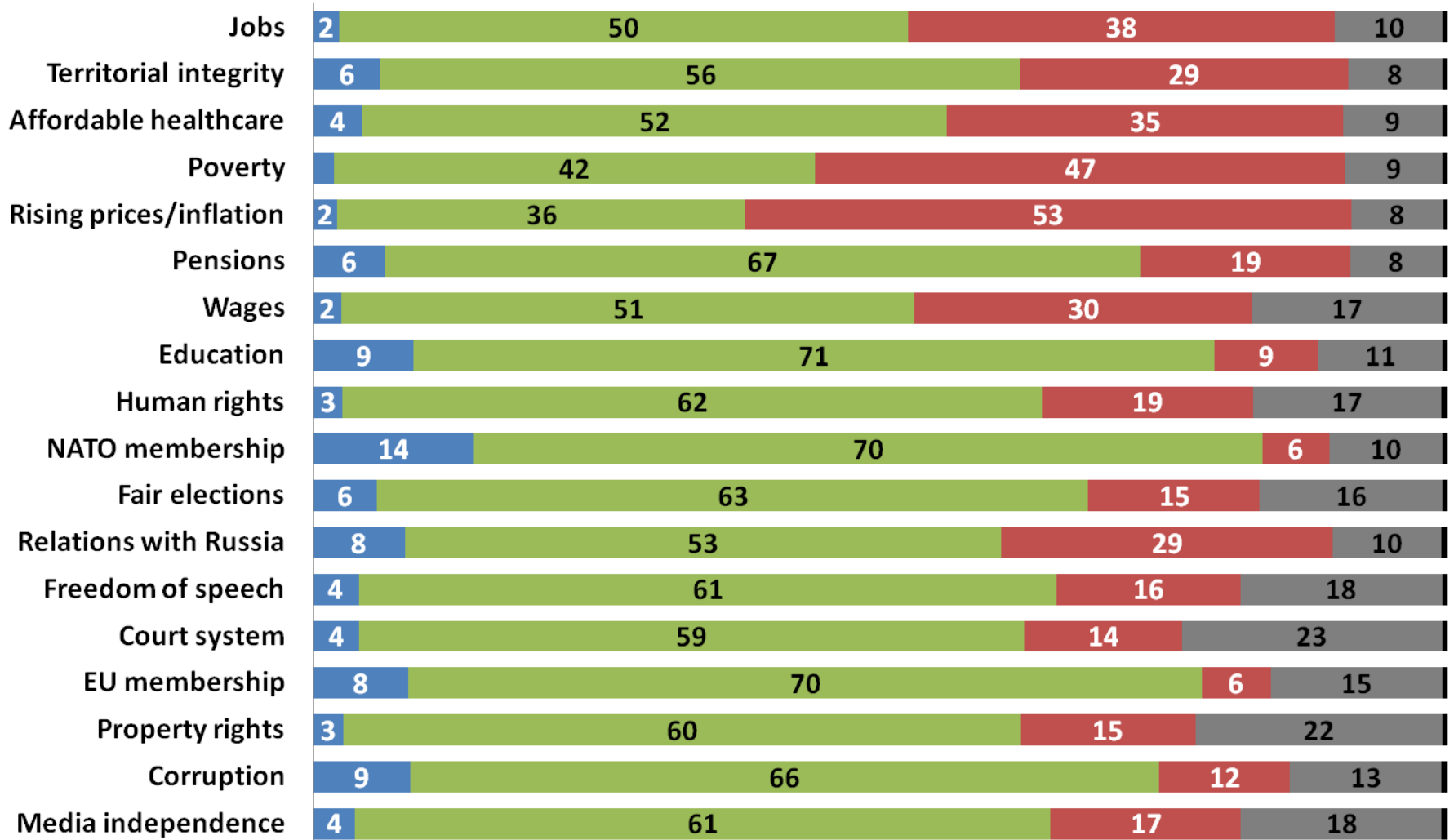
## How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to January 2008? (q2)

■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

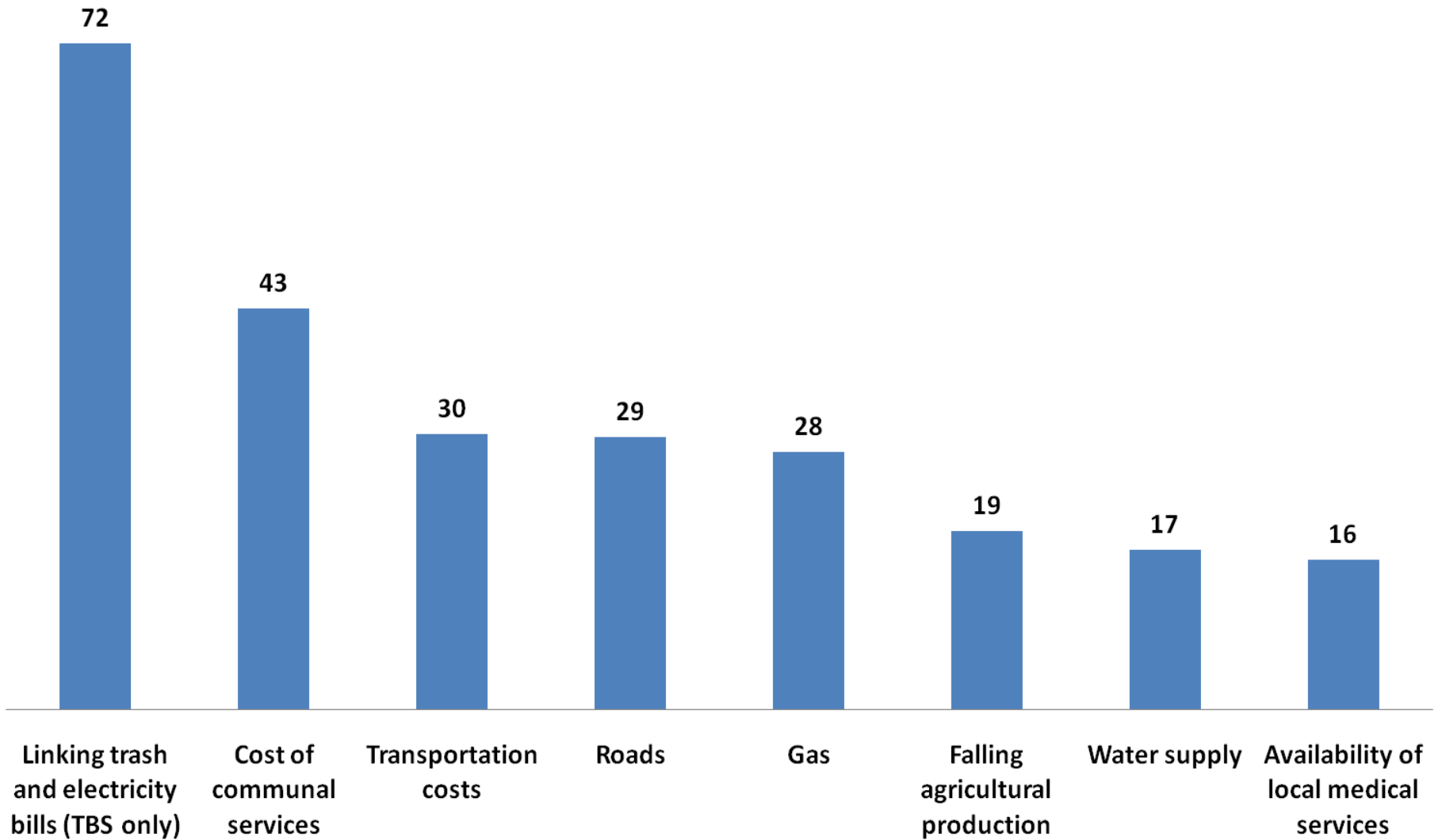


# Politicians in Georgia talk about... too much, the right amount or too little? (q3)

■ Too much 
 ■ Right 
 ■ Too little 
 ■ DK 
 ■ RA

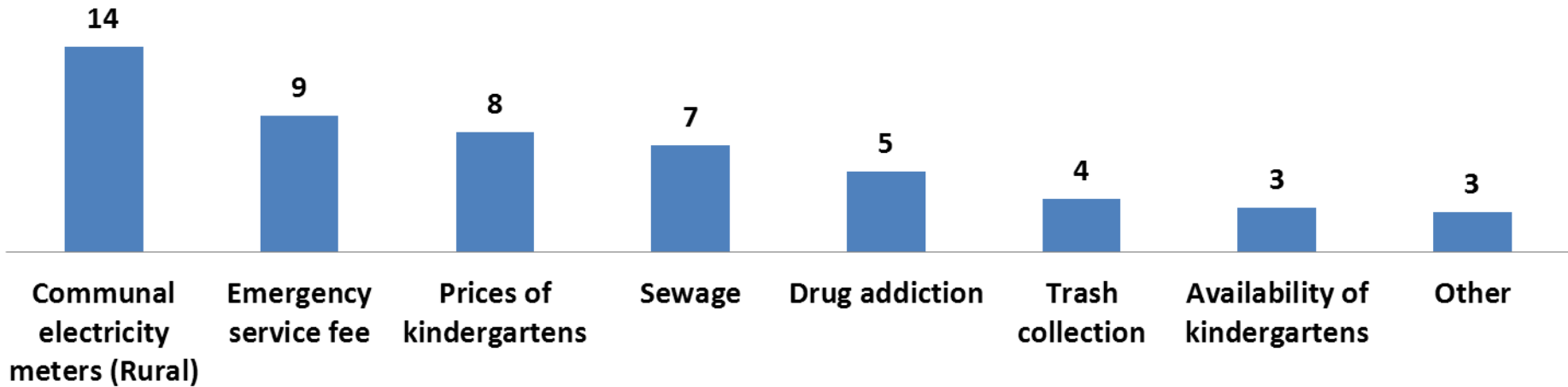


## Most important local issues (q4) Part 1





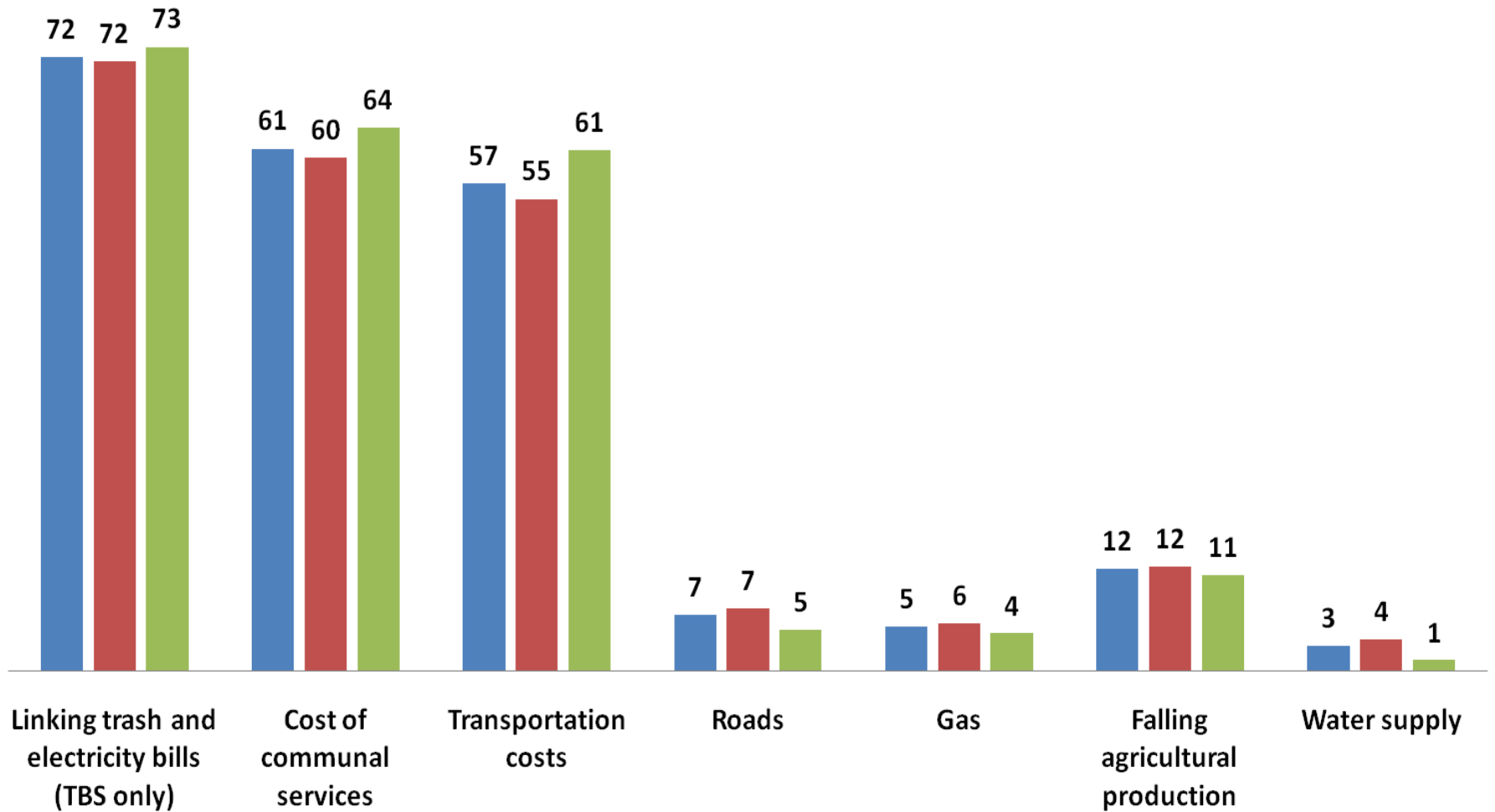
## Most important local issues (q4) Part 2



# Most important local issues (q4)

## Tbilisi Part 1

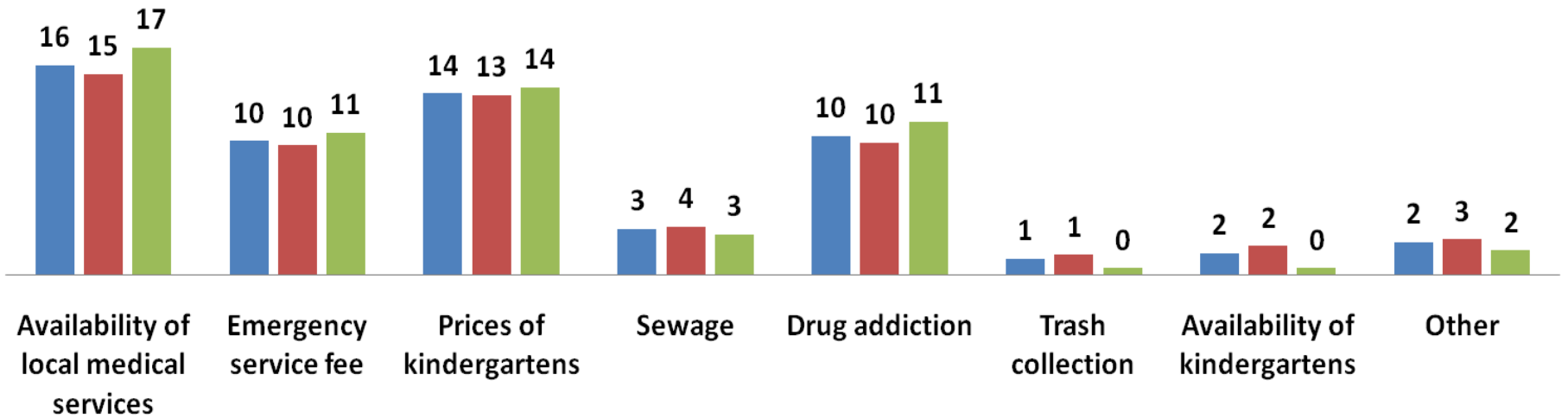
Tbilisi Left Bank Right Bank



# Most important local issues (q4)

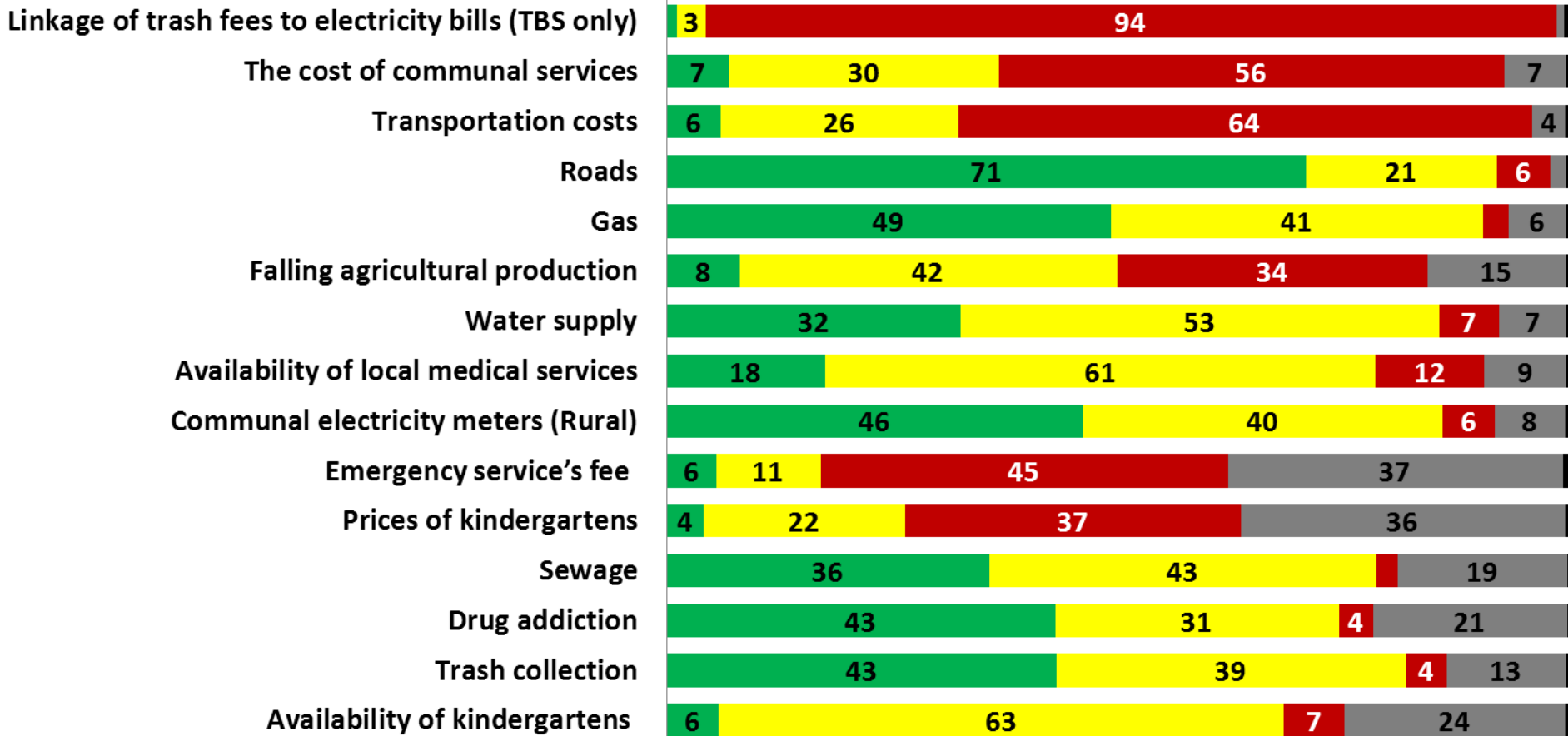
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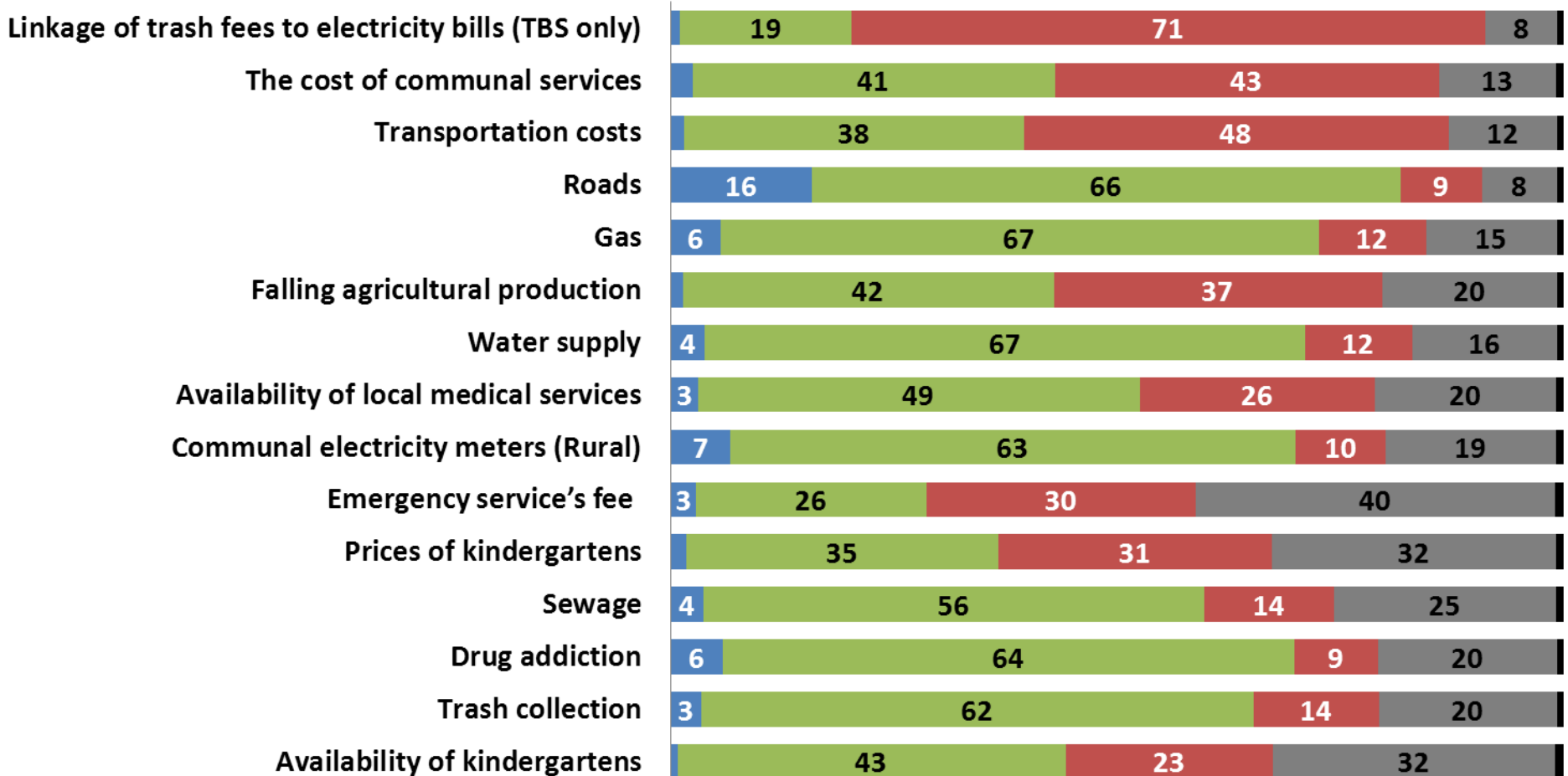
# How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia? Compared to January 2008, is . . . better, the same or worse? (q5) National

■ Better 
 ■ The same 
 ■ Worse 
 ■ DK 
 ■ RA

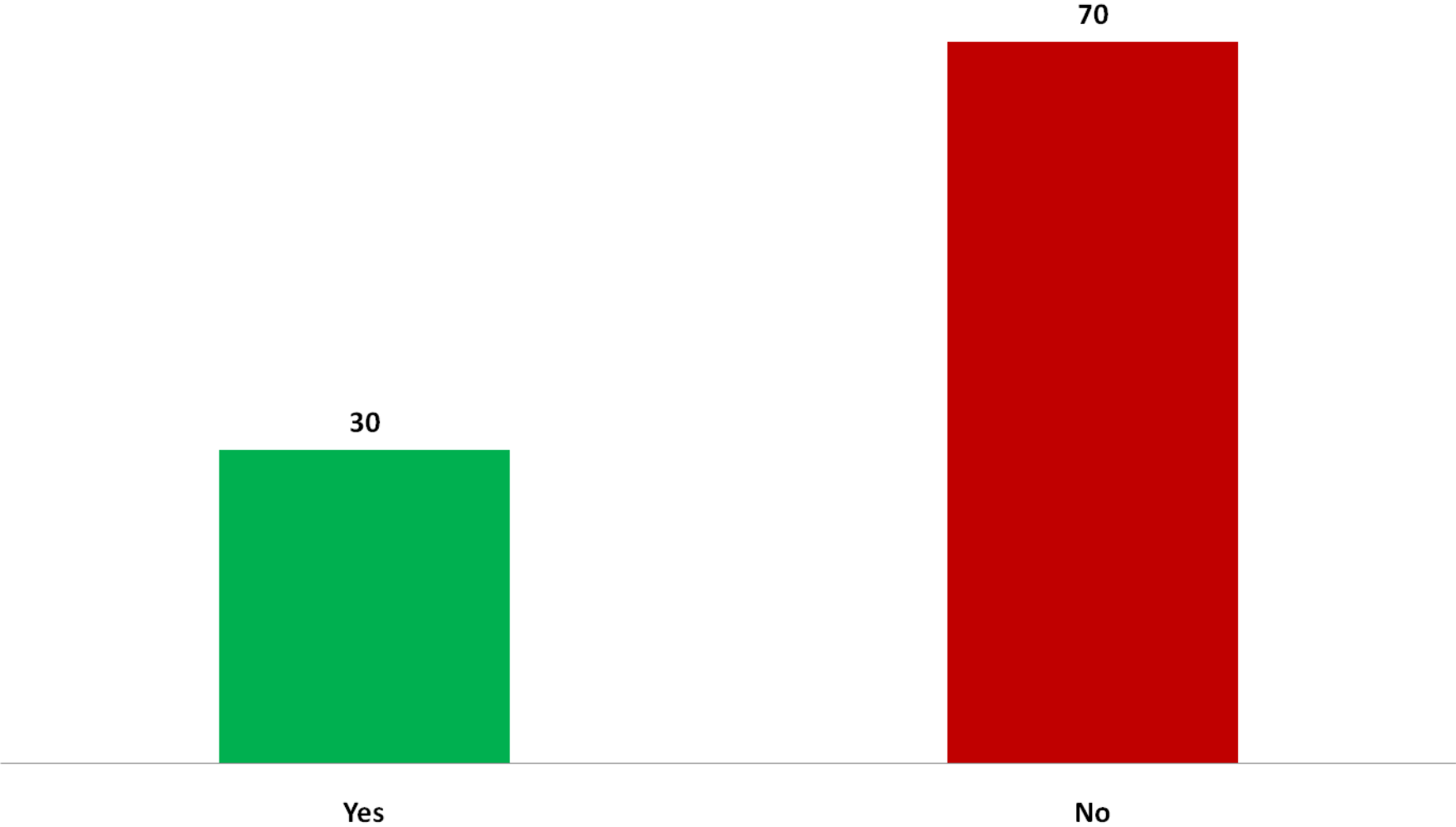


# Politicians in Georgia talk about... too much, the right amount or too little? (q6) National

■ Too much  
 ■ The right amount  
 ■ Too little  
 ■ DK  
 ■ RA

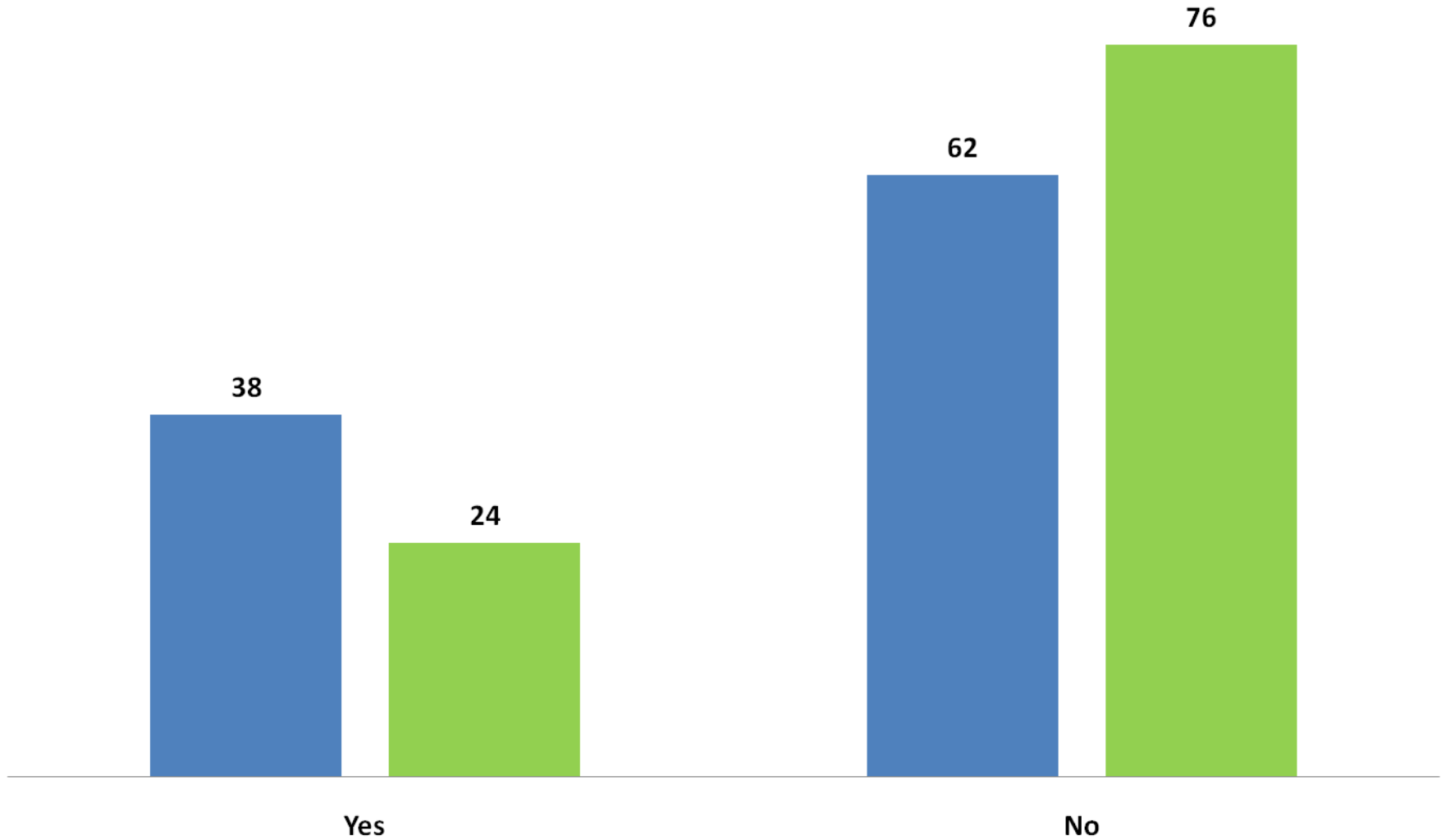


**Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q101)**



# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q101 X Gender)

■ Men ■ Women

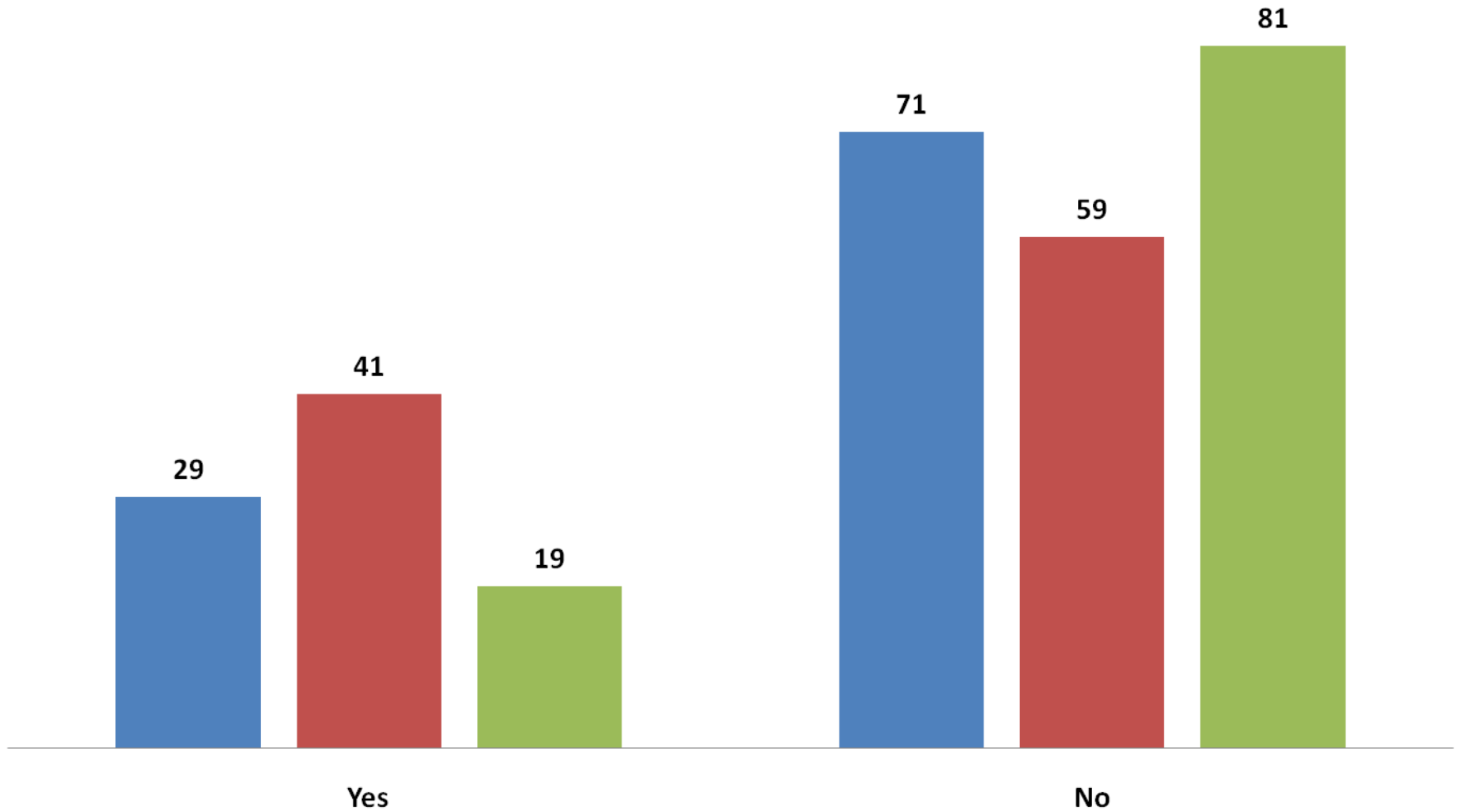


# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q101 X Age)

■ 18-35

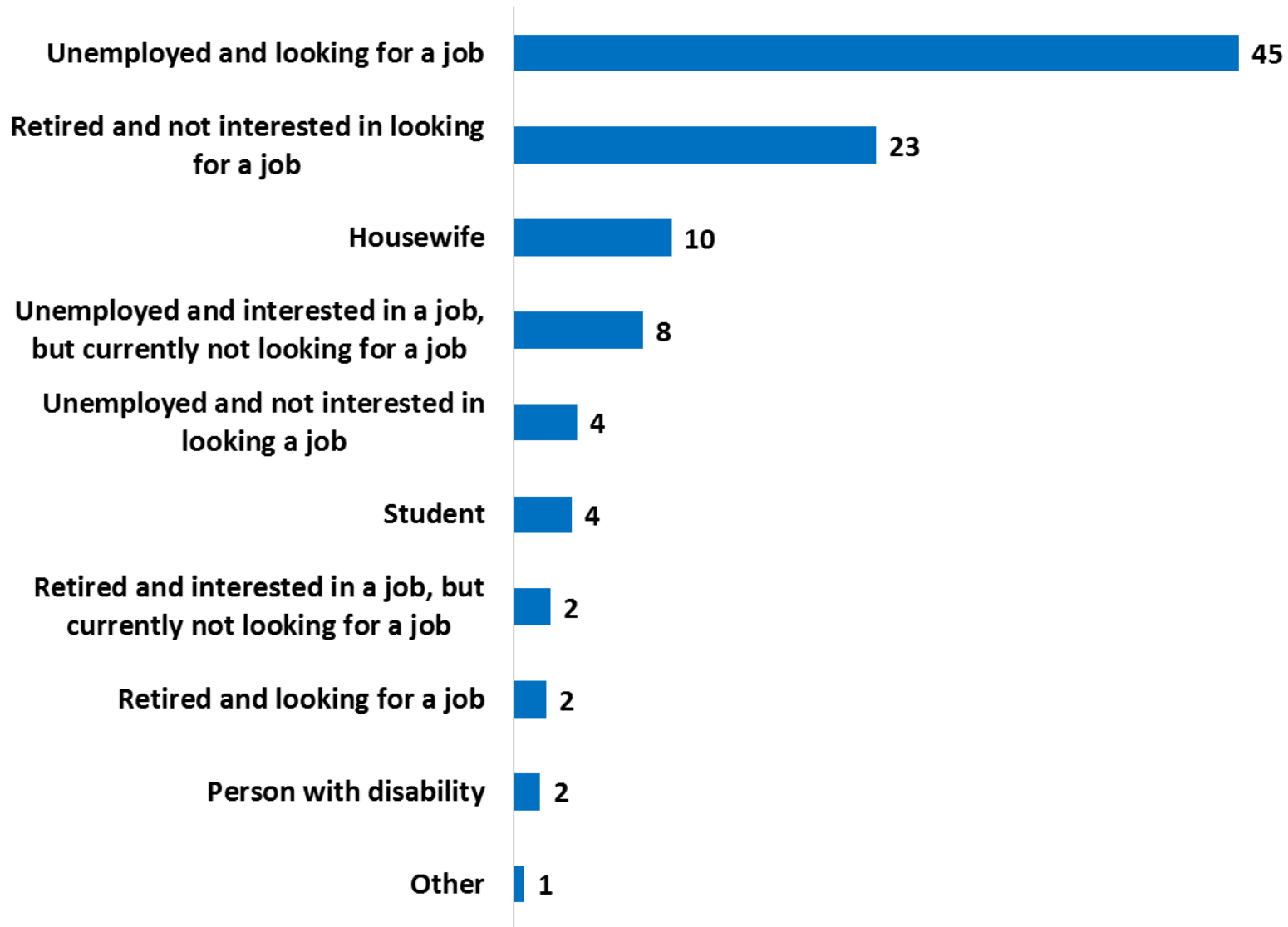
■ 36-55

■ 56+





## Which of the following best describes your situation? (q103)



# Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:



30%--Employed (full or part time)



33%--Unemployed and looking for work (This includes both unemployed and retired persons who are looking for work.)



7%--Unemployed and not looking for work (This includes unemployed and retired persons who are interested in a job, but who are not looking.)

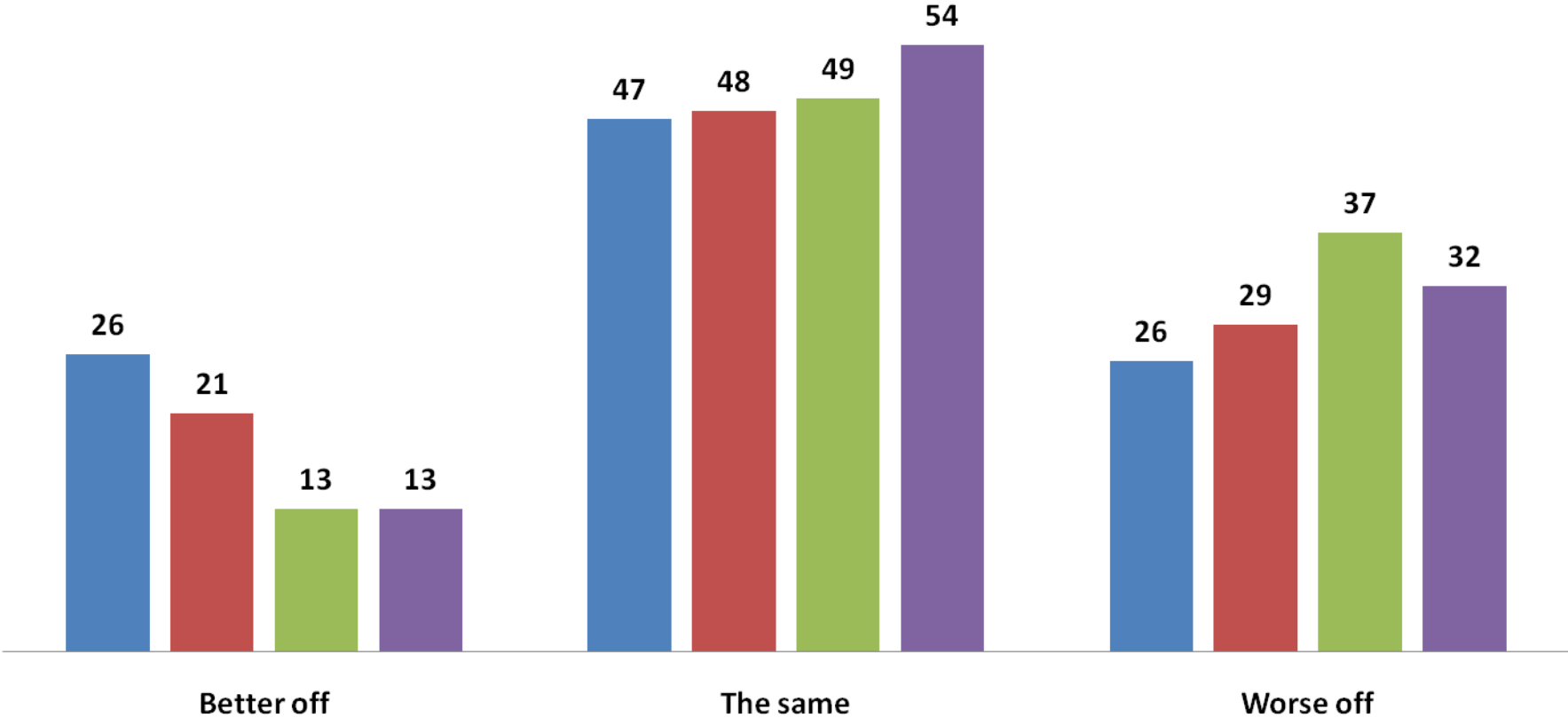


29%--Non-active labour force (This includes students, homemakers, retired persons who are not interested in looking for a job, unemployed persons who are not interested in looking for a job, etc.)

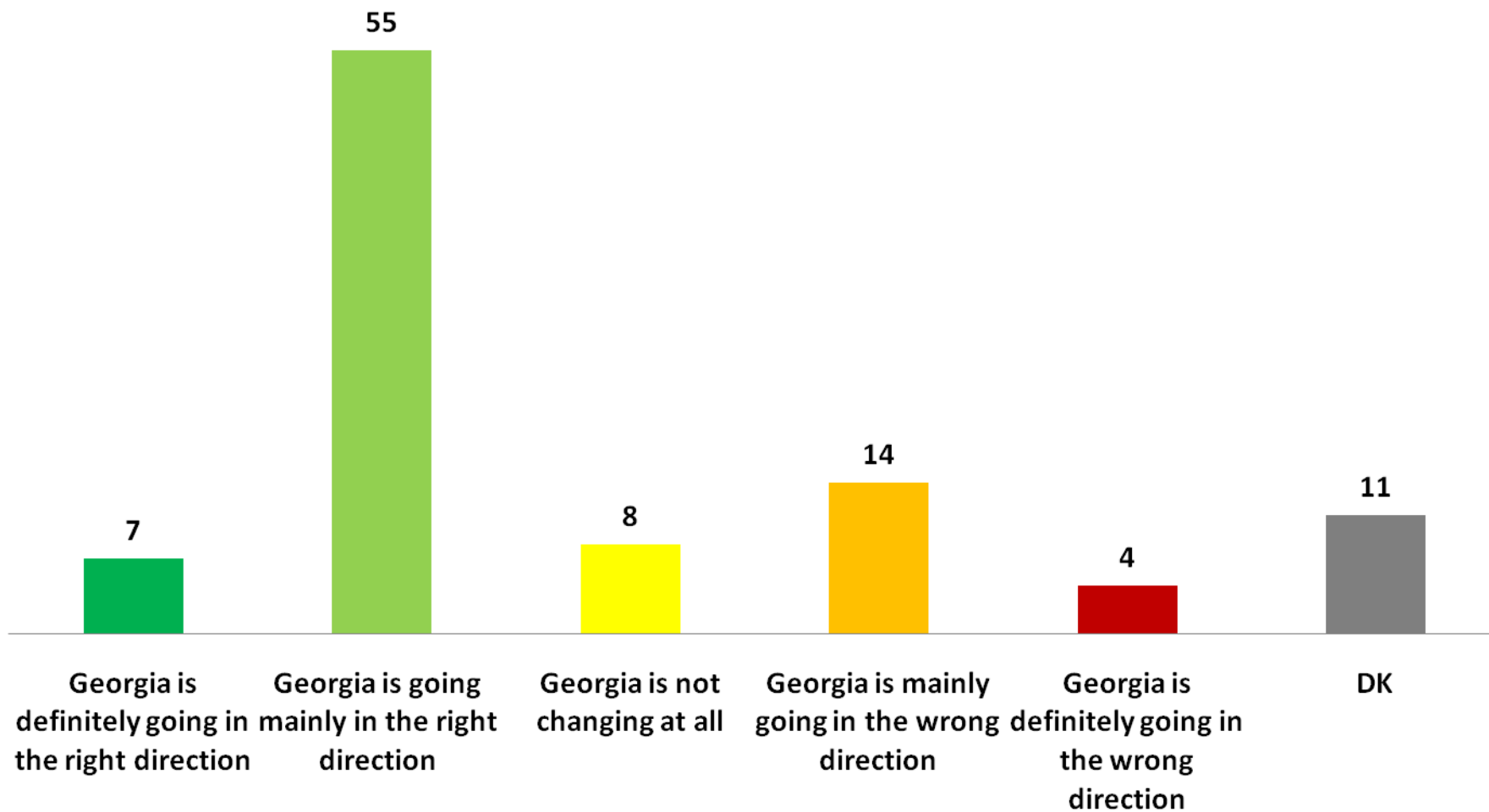


# Since January 2008 you and your household are . . . (q9)

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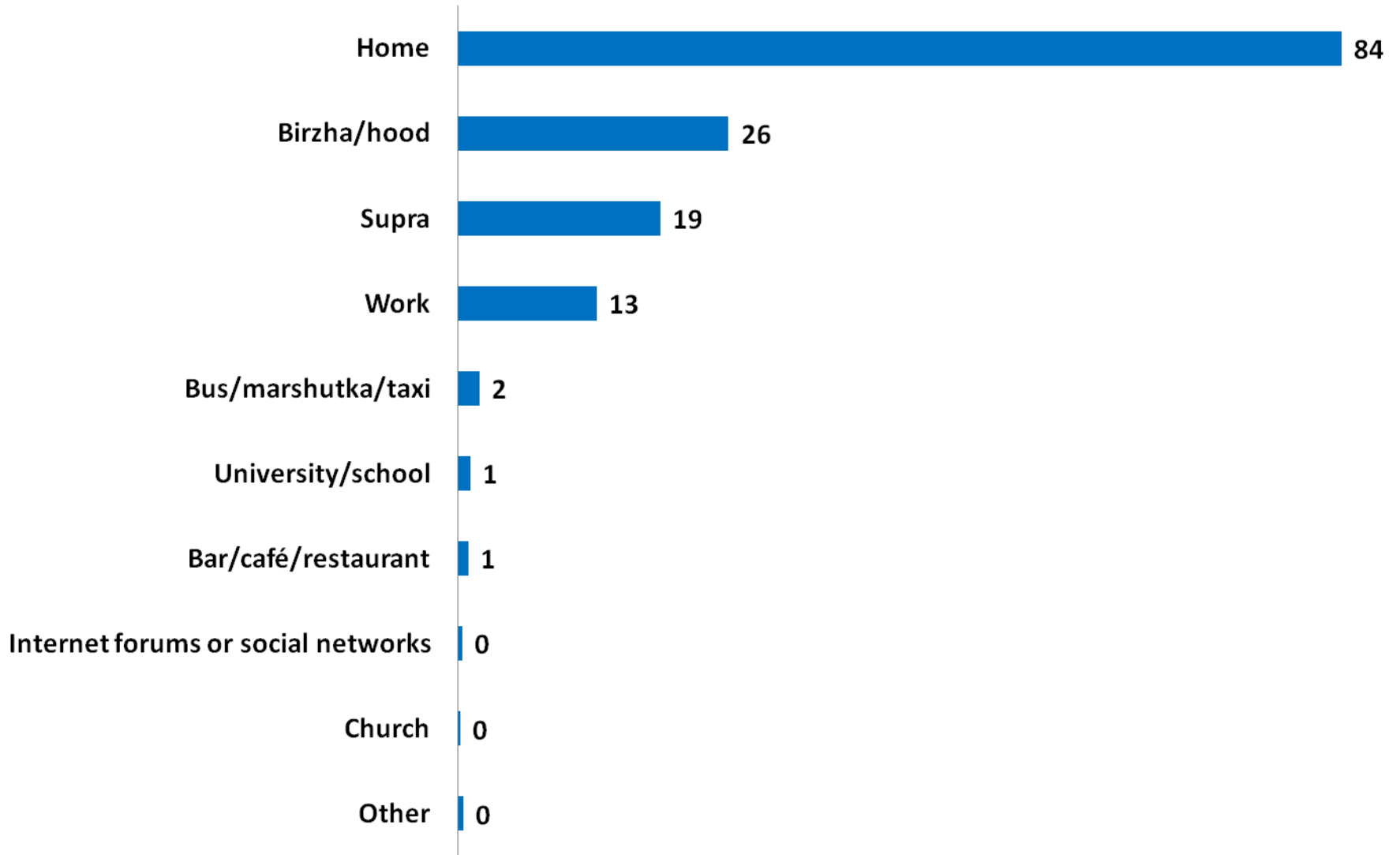


## In which direction is Georgia going? (q10)



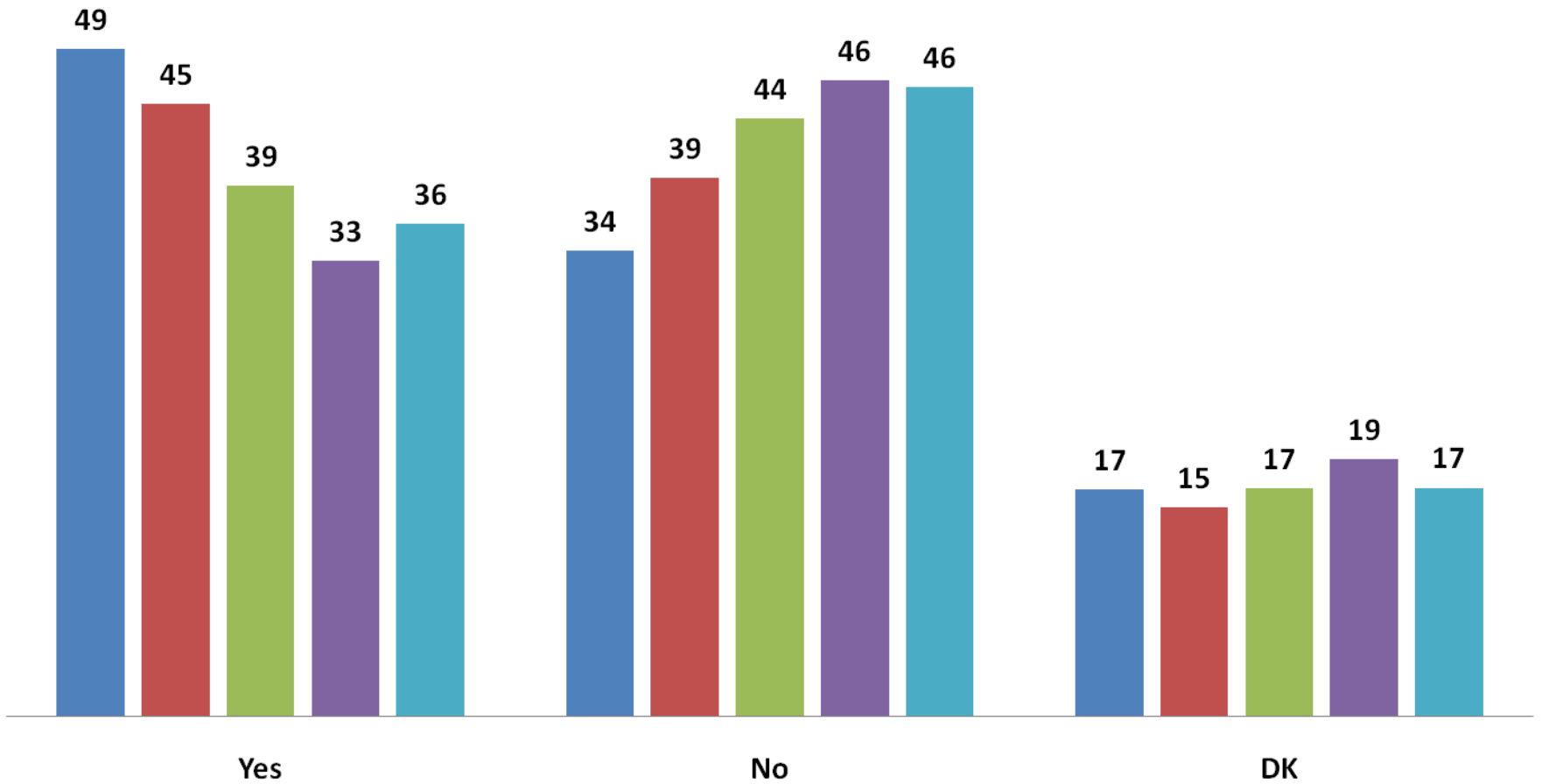
# Democracy and Reforms

## Where do you talk about politics? - of the 55% who talk about politics (q99)

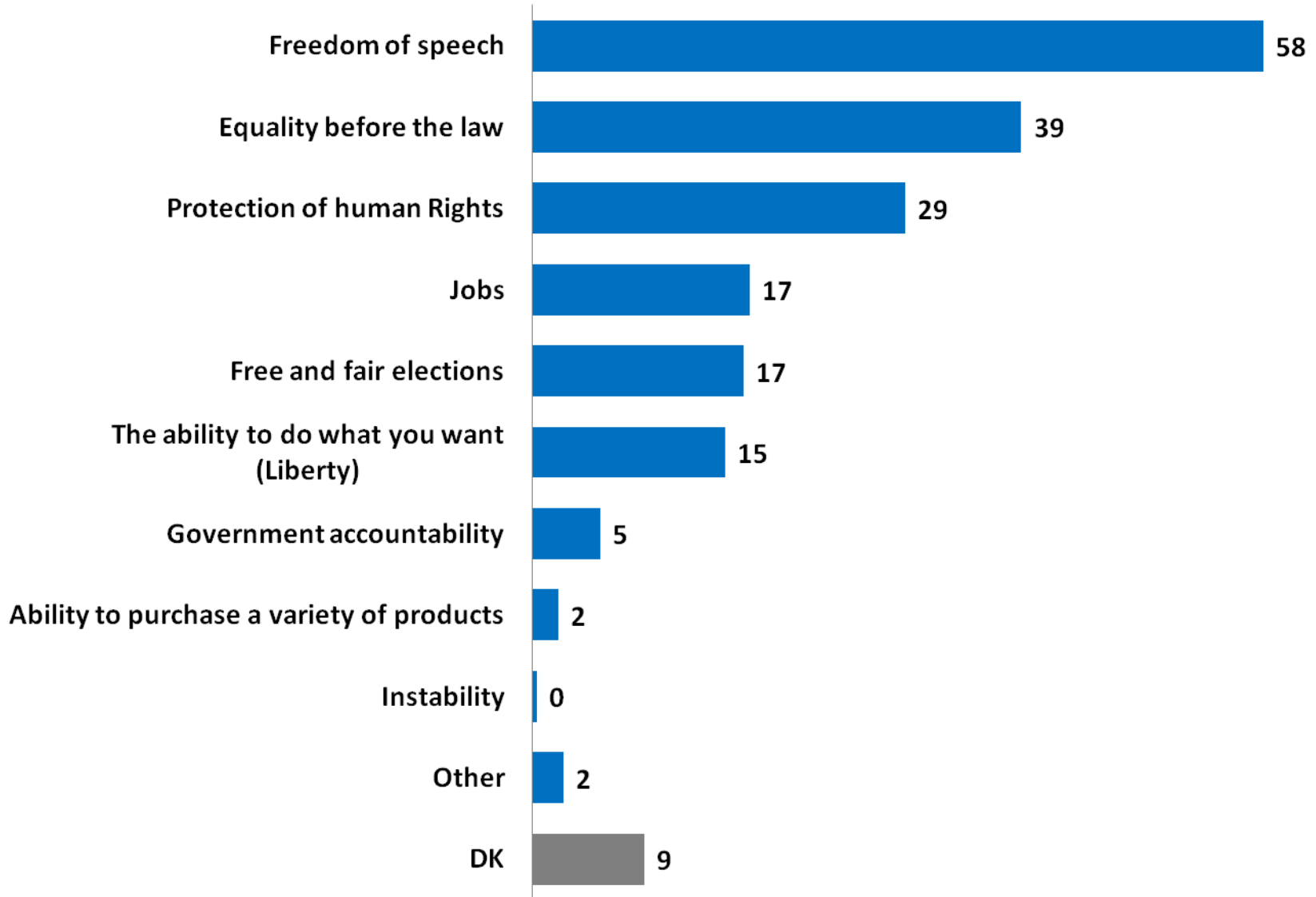


# Is Georgia a democracy now? (q21)

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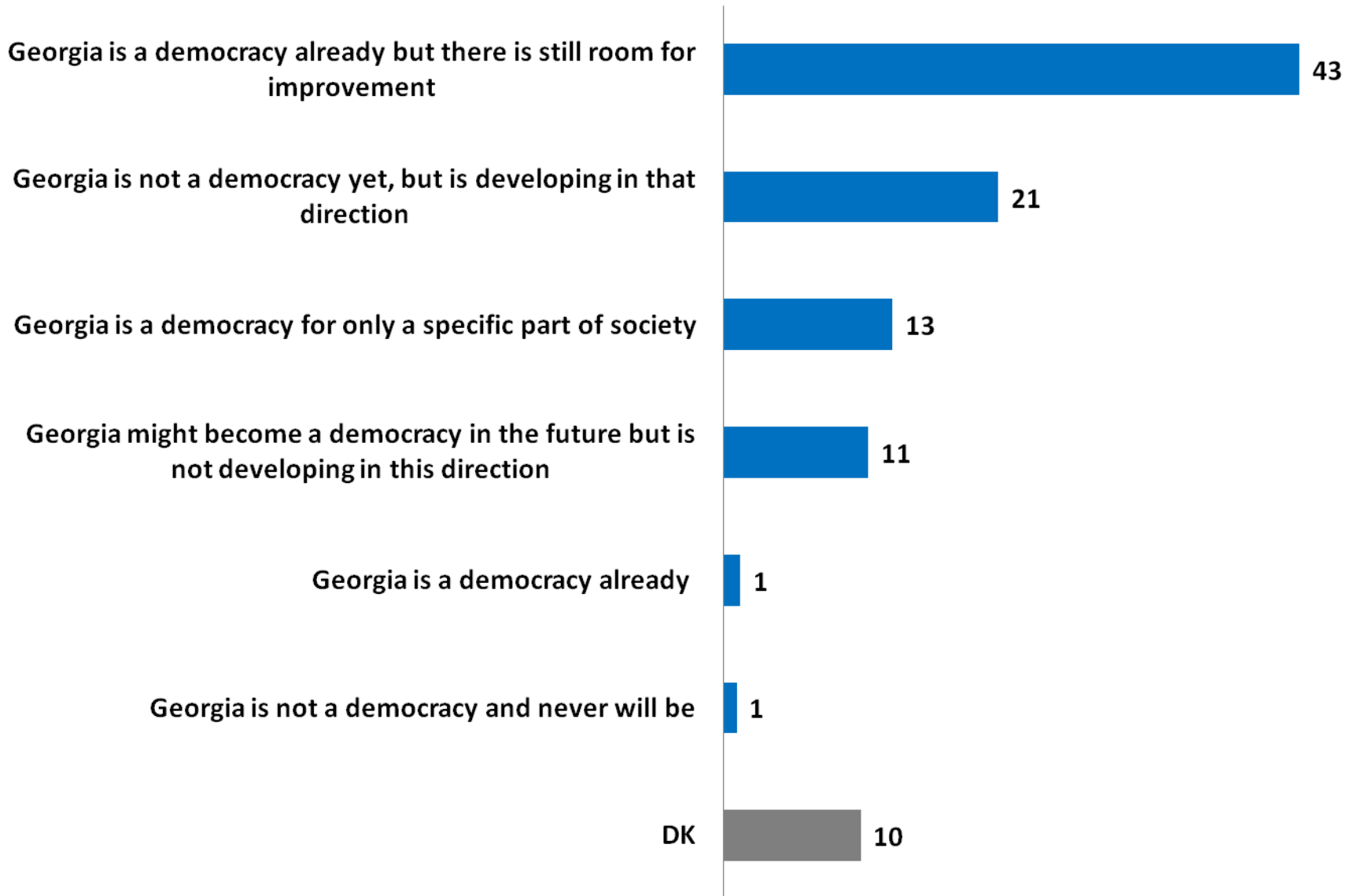


# What does democracy mean to you? (q20)

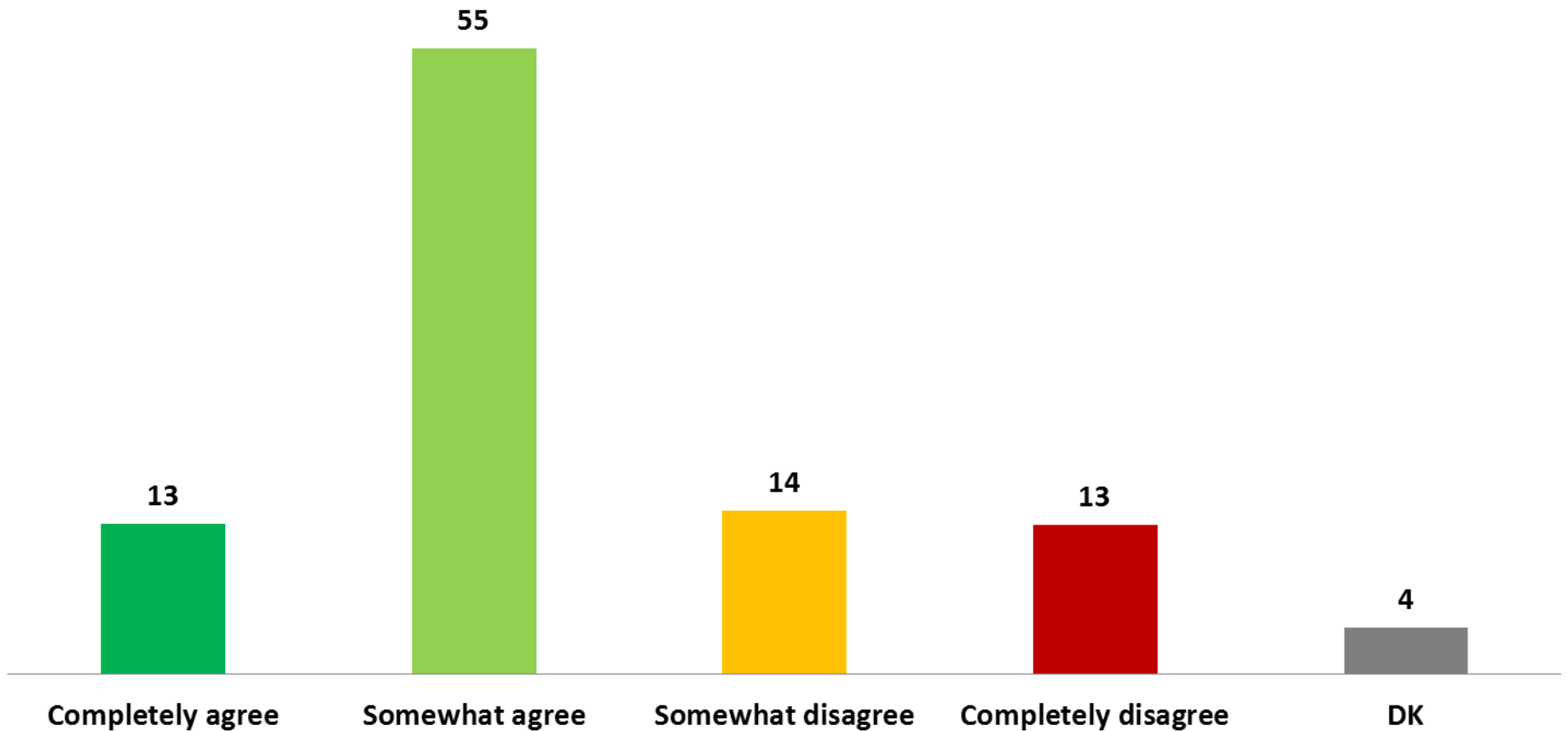




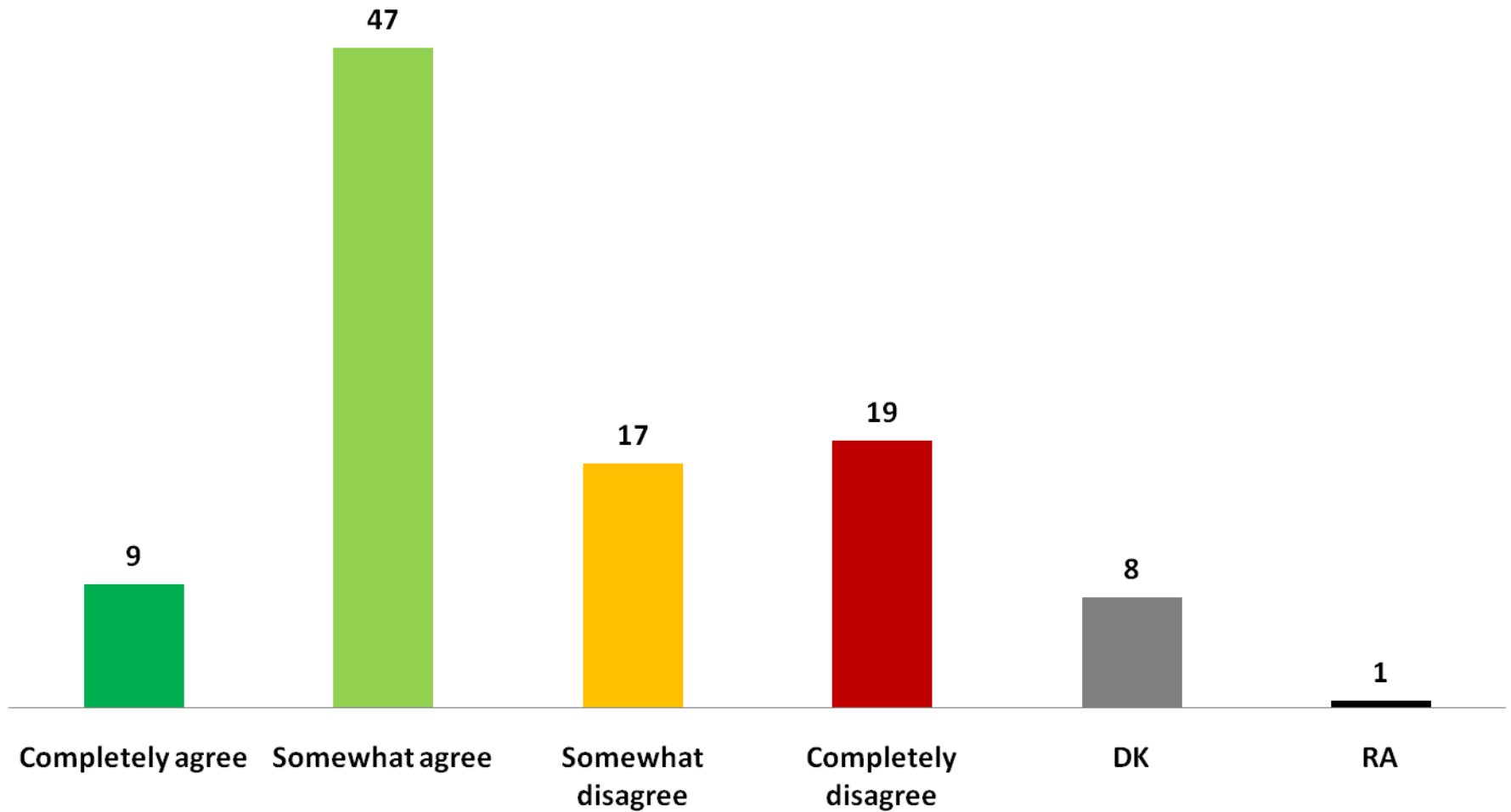
## Please tell me, which statement do you agree with the most?(q22)



**To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q17)**

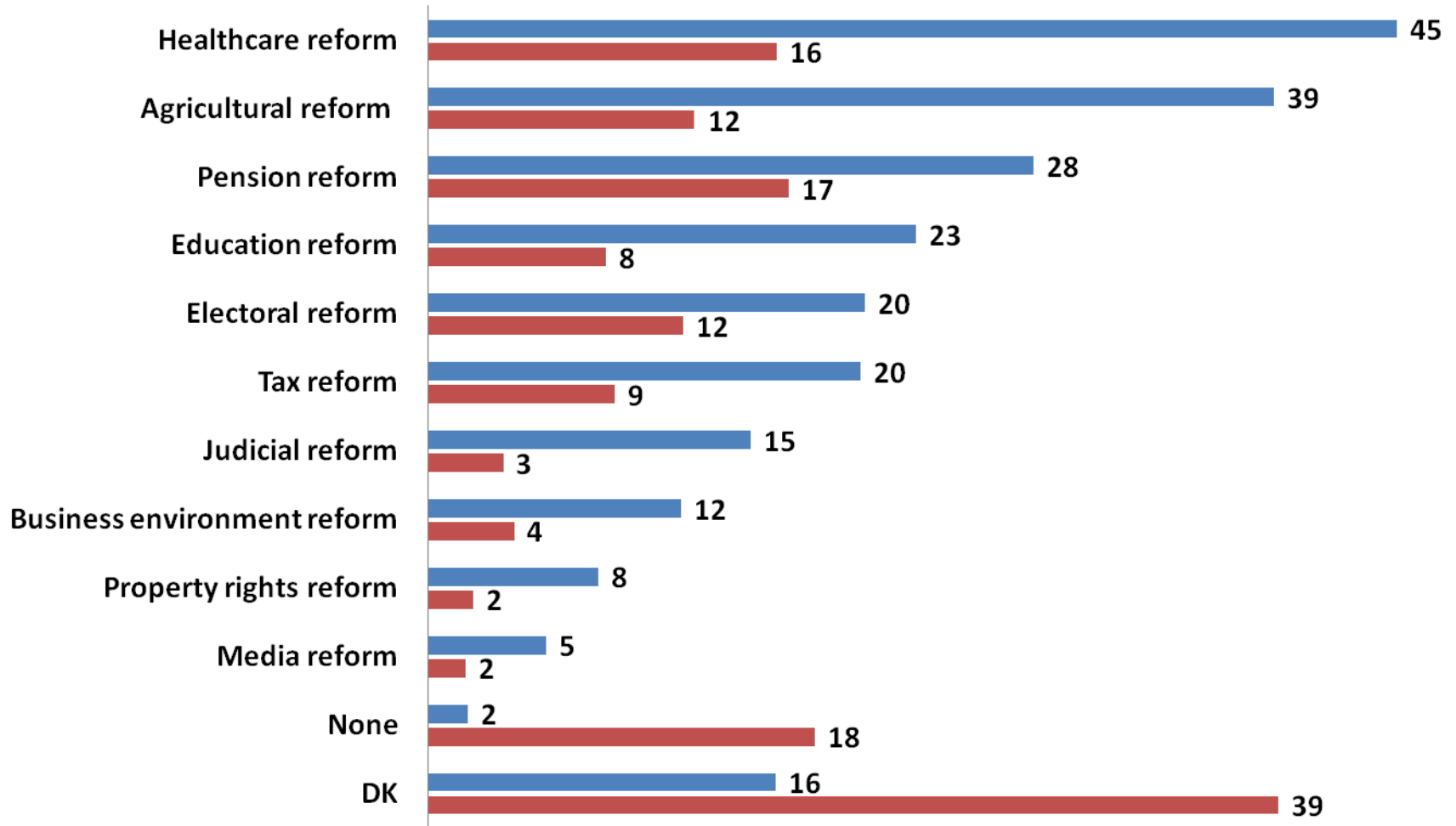


**To what extent do you agree or disagree that your current local government is making the changes that matter to you? (q18)**

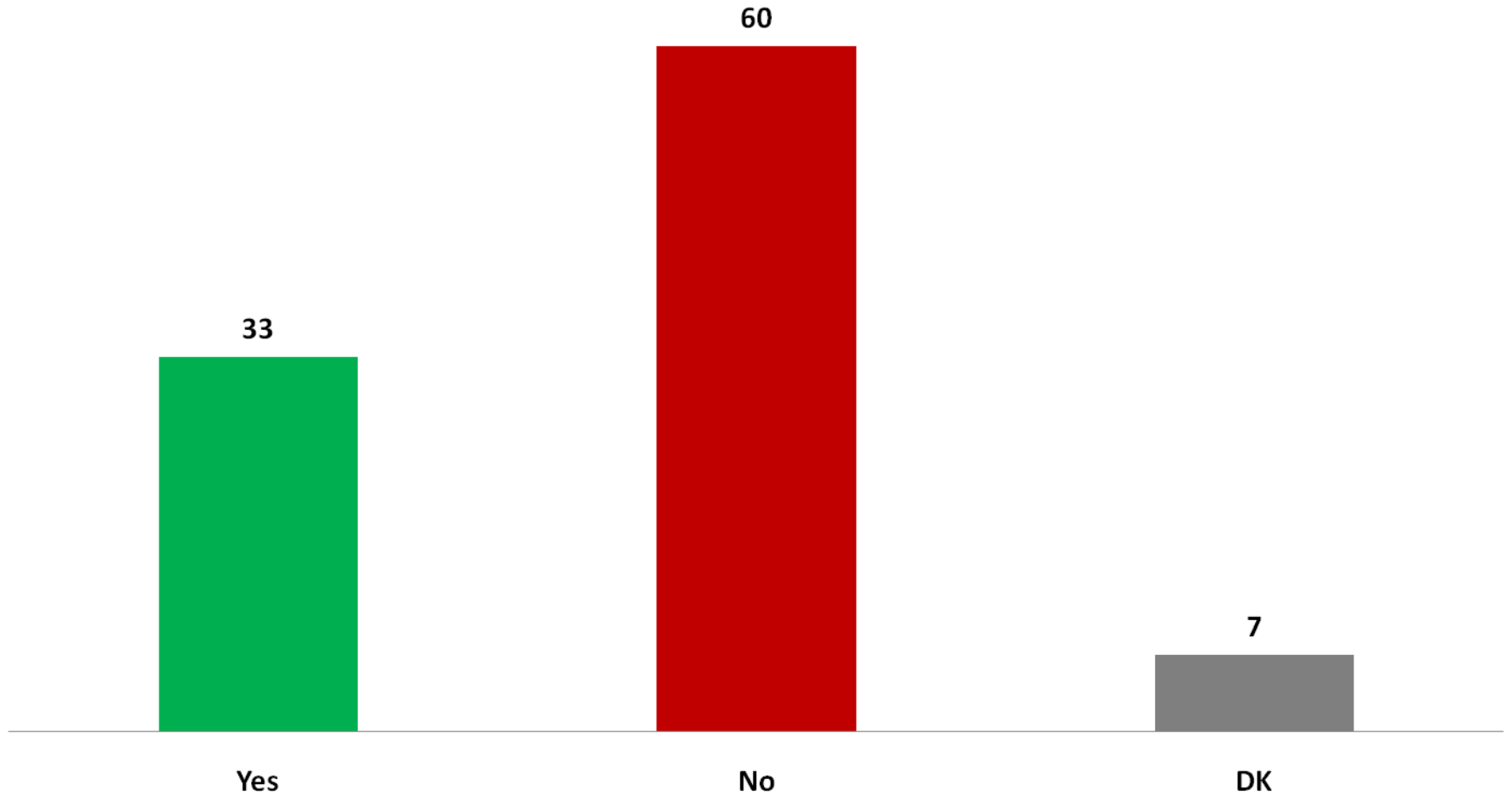


# Which three reforms do you think would be most important for Georgia/expect to see achieved during the next 6 months? (q12/13)

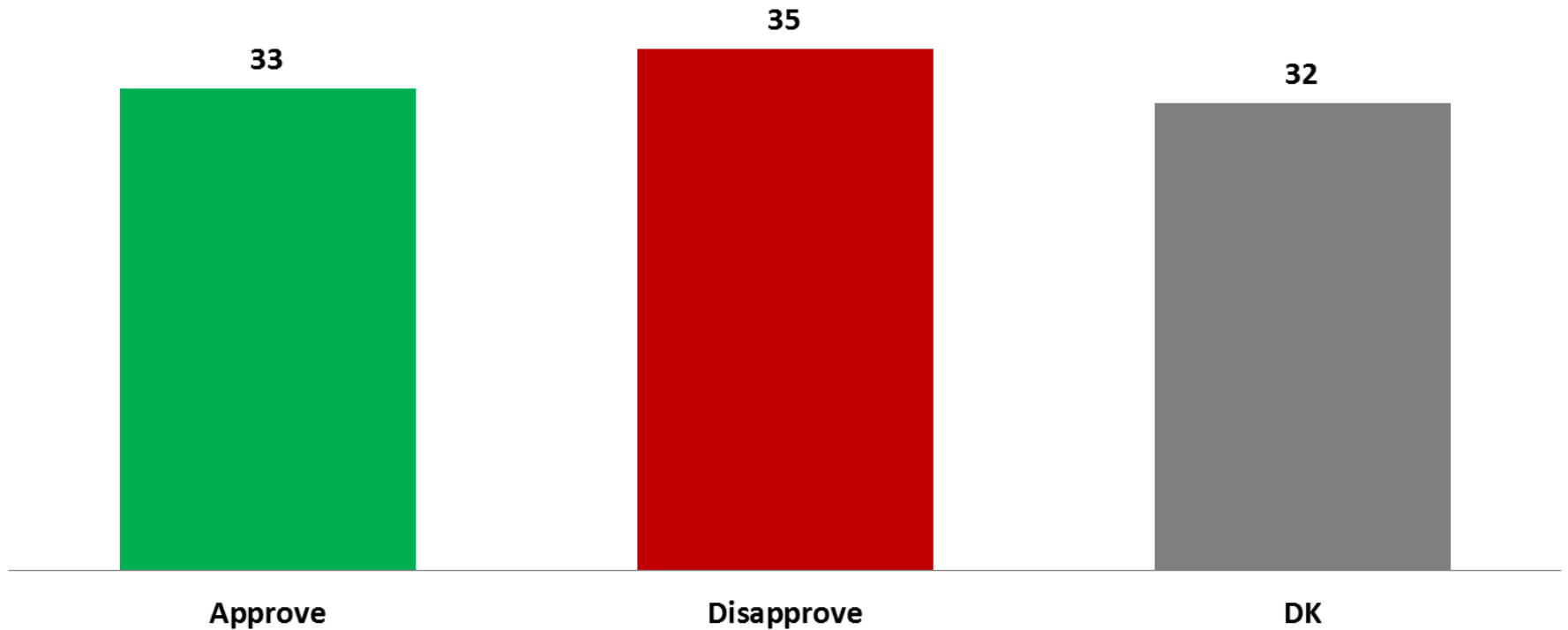
■ Most important      ■ Most likely to be achieved during the next 6 months



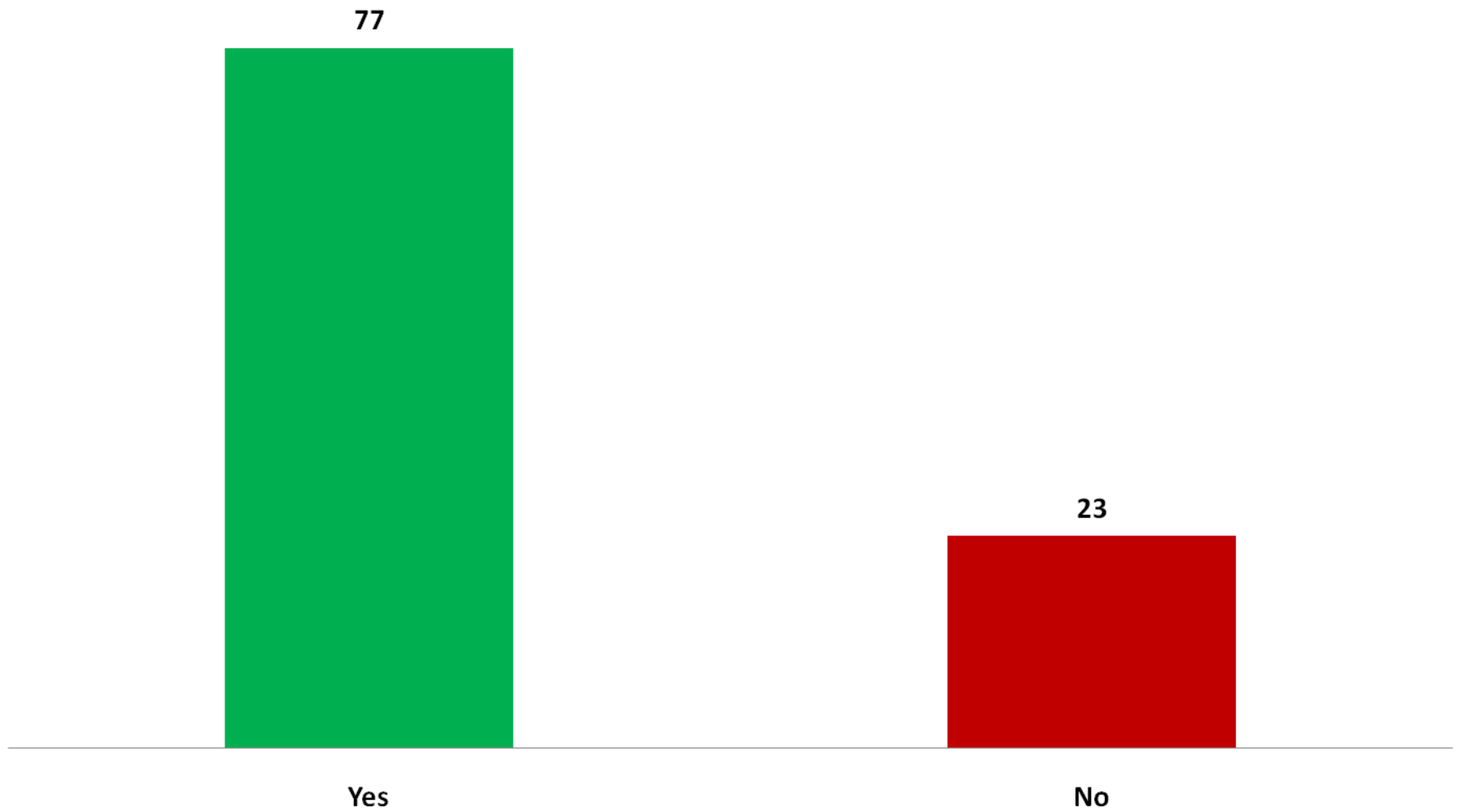
**A special commission was established to verify the accuracy of voters' list relying mostly on door to door outreach of households. Were you aware of this commission? (q35)**



**Some officials have said it will cost approximately 5 million GEL to carry out the voters' list verification. Would you approve or disapprove of this spending? (q37)**



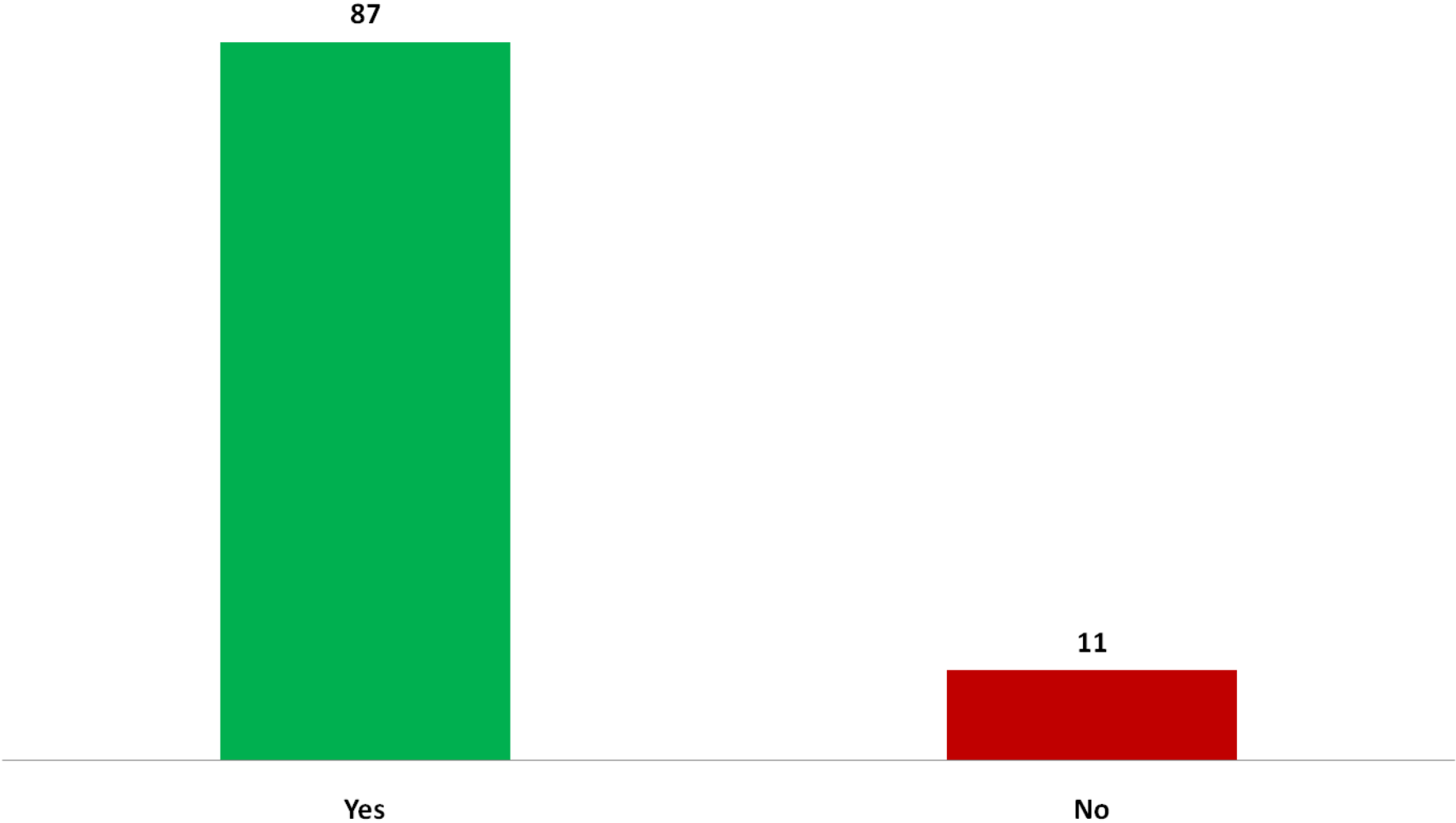
Do you currently live where you are legally registered? (q106)



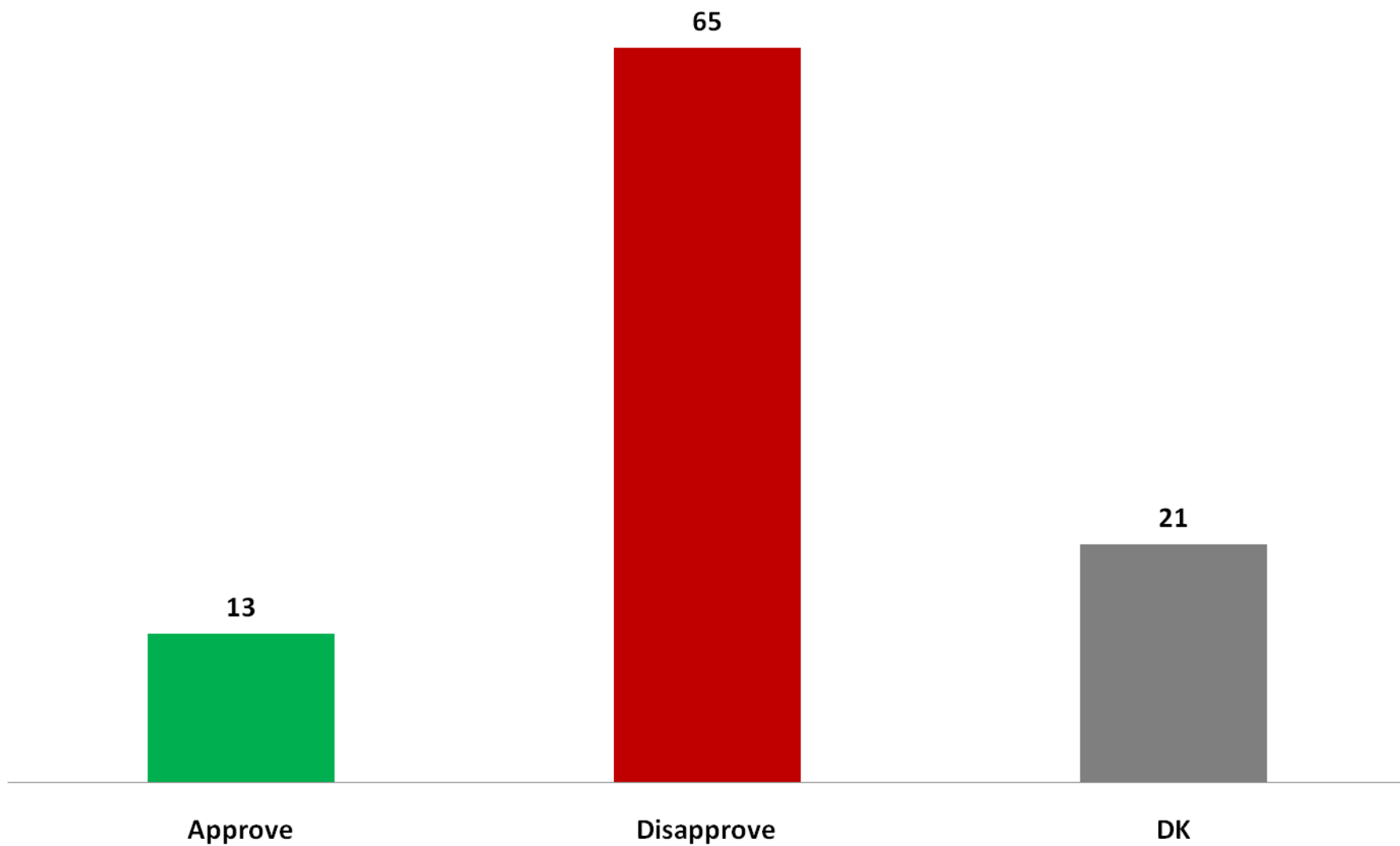
# Current Events



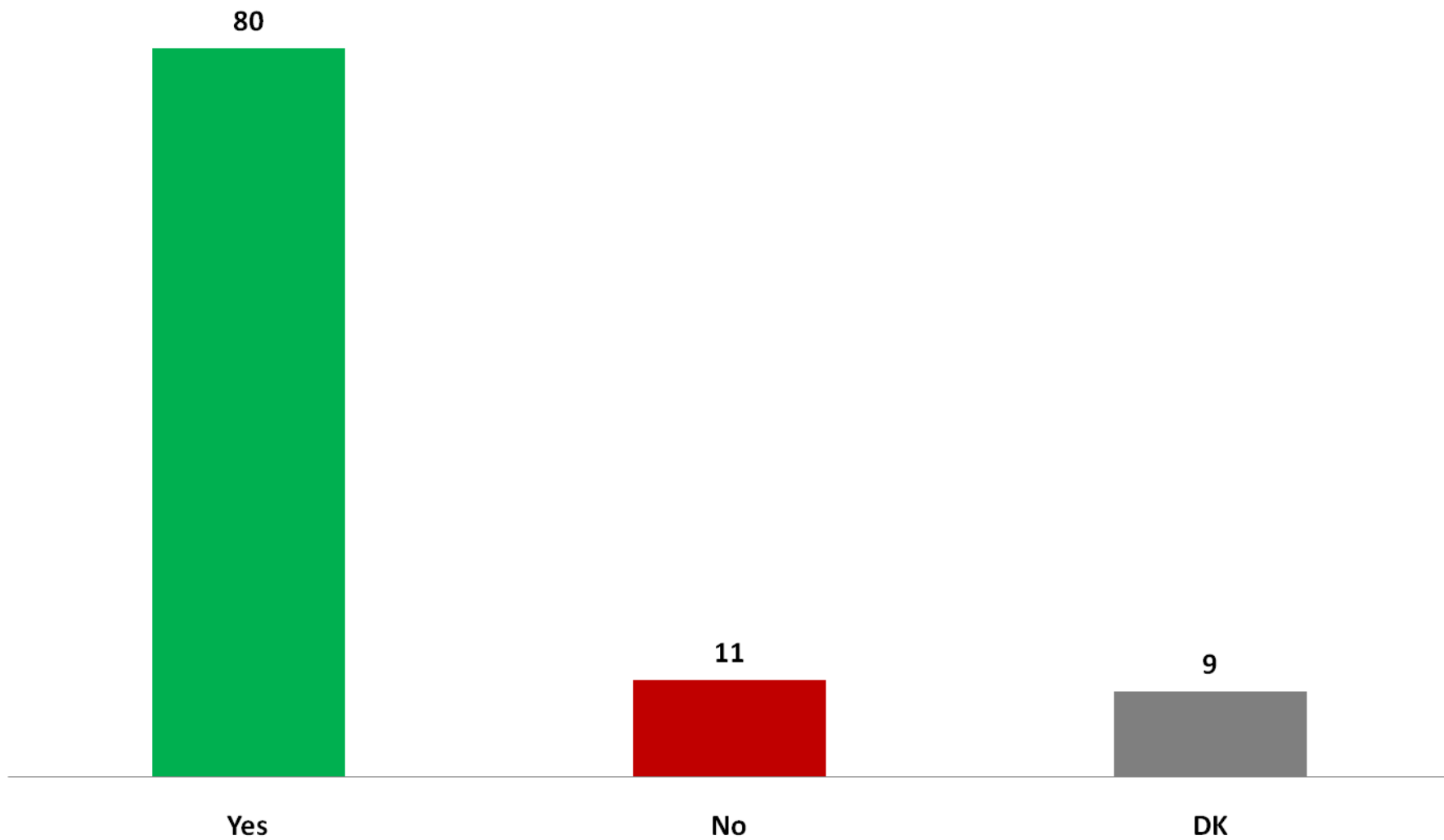
**Are you aware that Bidzina Ivanishvili was stripped of his Georgian citizenship by Presidential decree? (q89)**



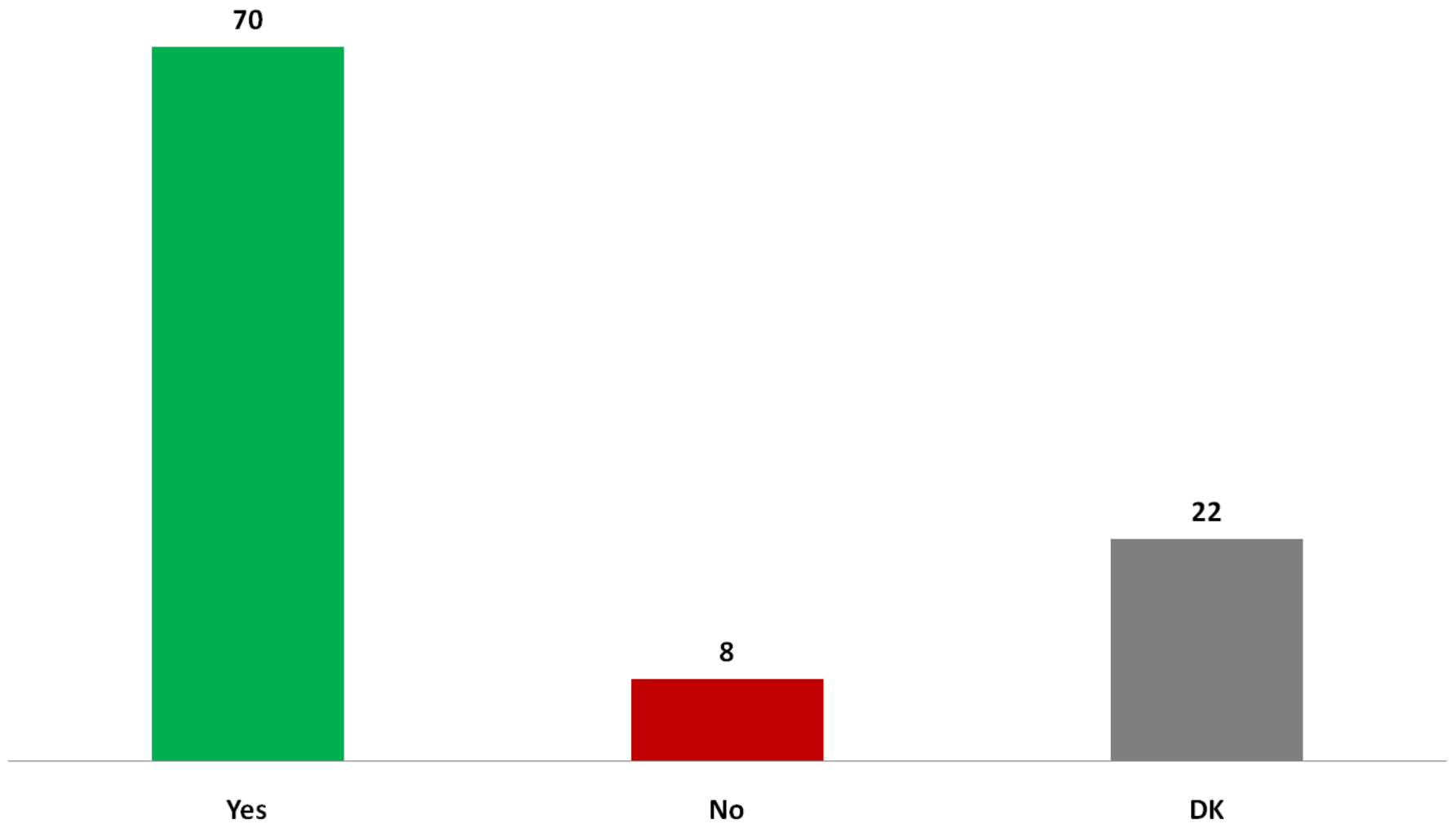
**Do you approve or disapprove of the revocation of Bidzina Ivanishili's citizenship? (q90)**



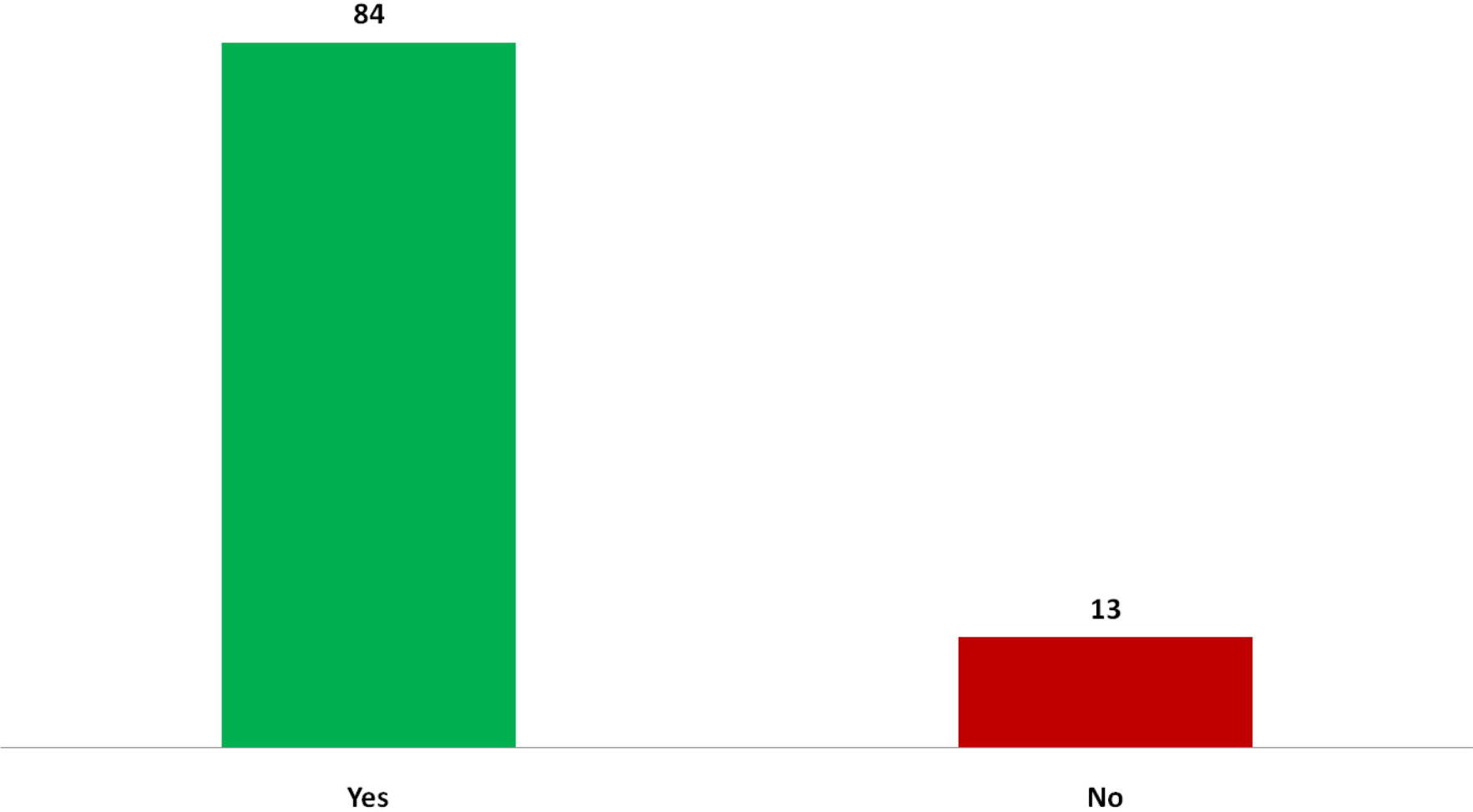
**Are you aware that Bidzina Ivanishvili is pursuing the reinstatement of his citizenship (q91)**



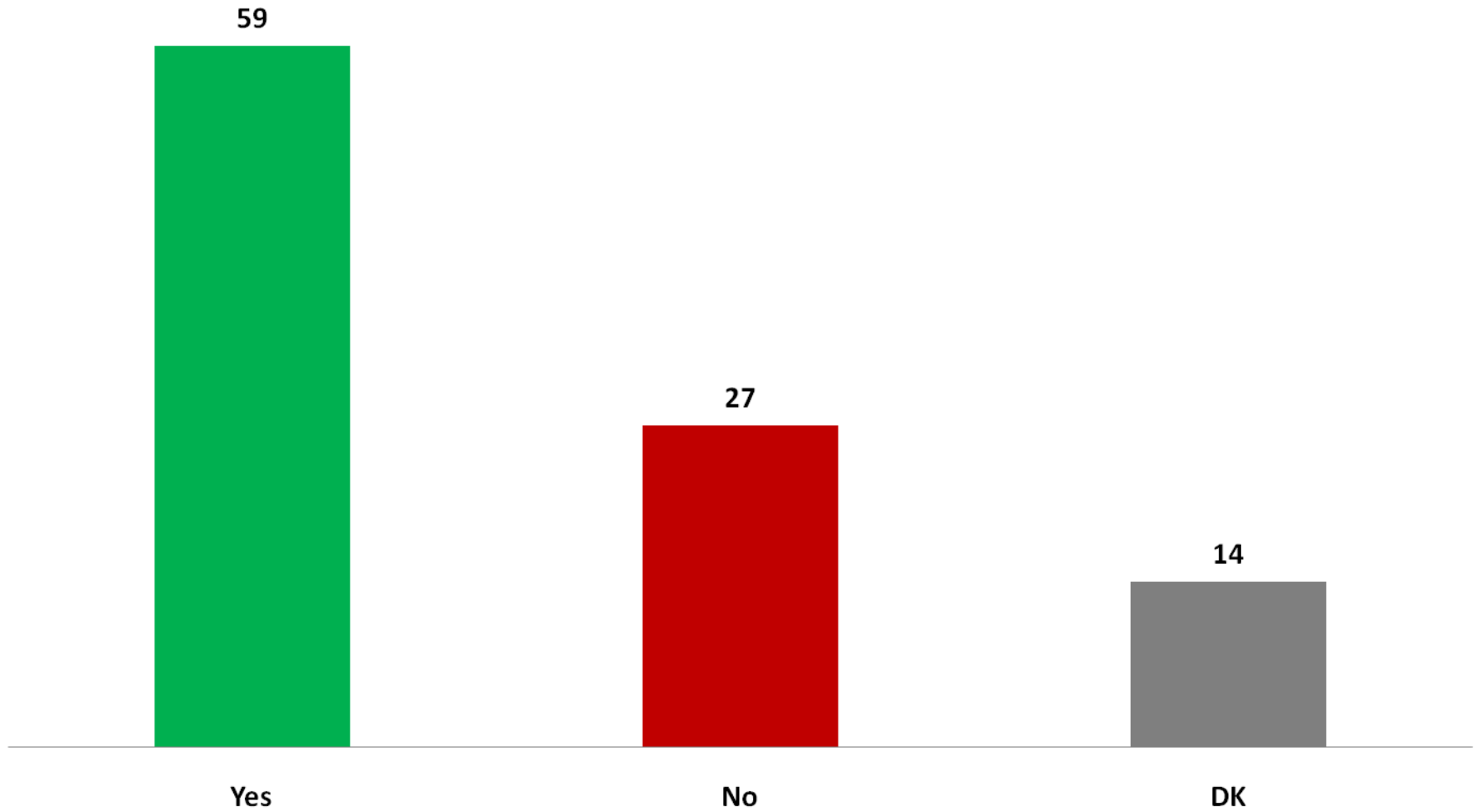
Do you think that Bidzina Ivanishvili's citizenship should be reinstated? (q92)



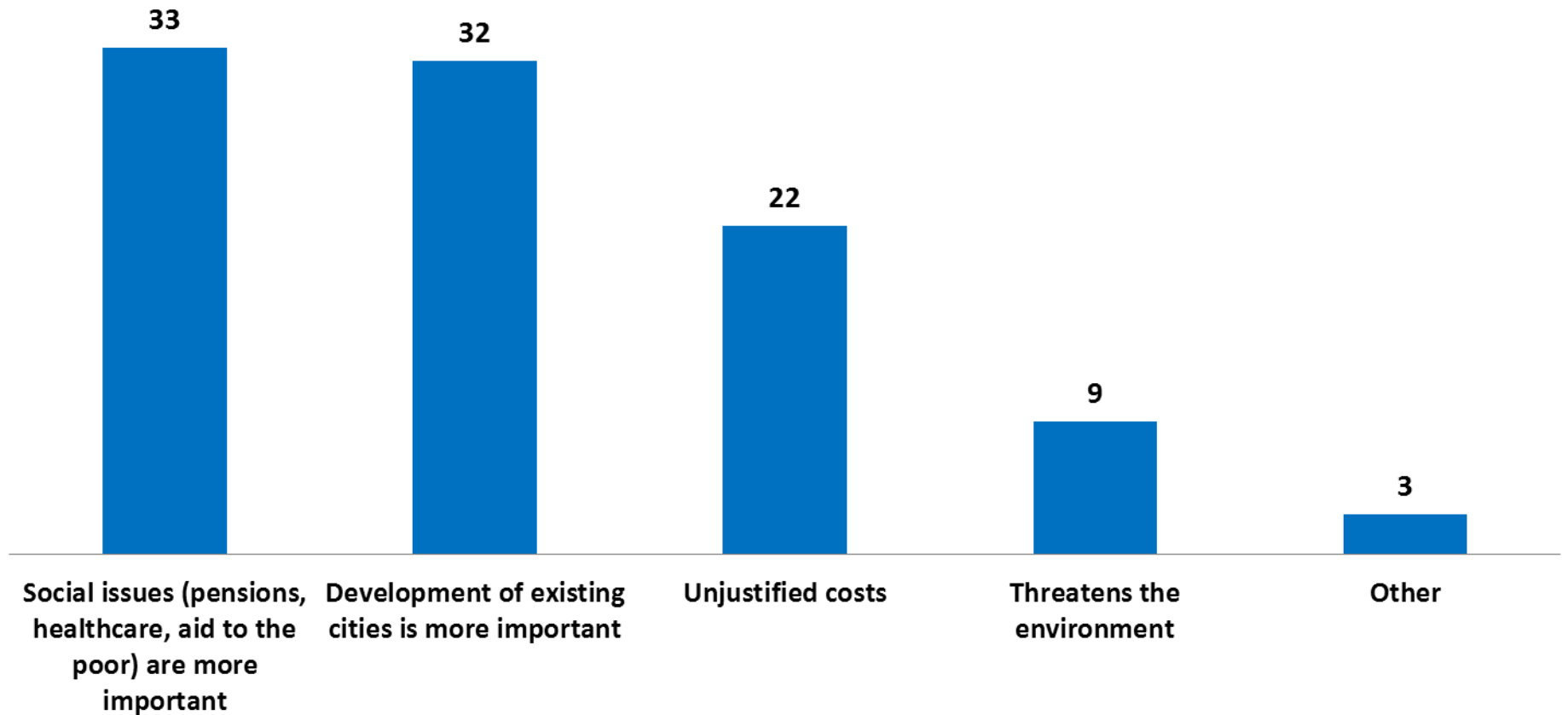
**President Saakashvili has announced that he will build a new city Lazika, which will become Georgia's second largest city and the third port on the Black Sea. Are you aware of this announcement? (q94)**



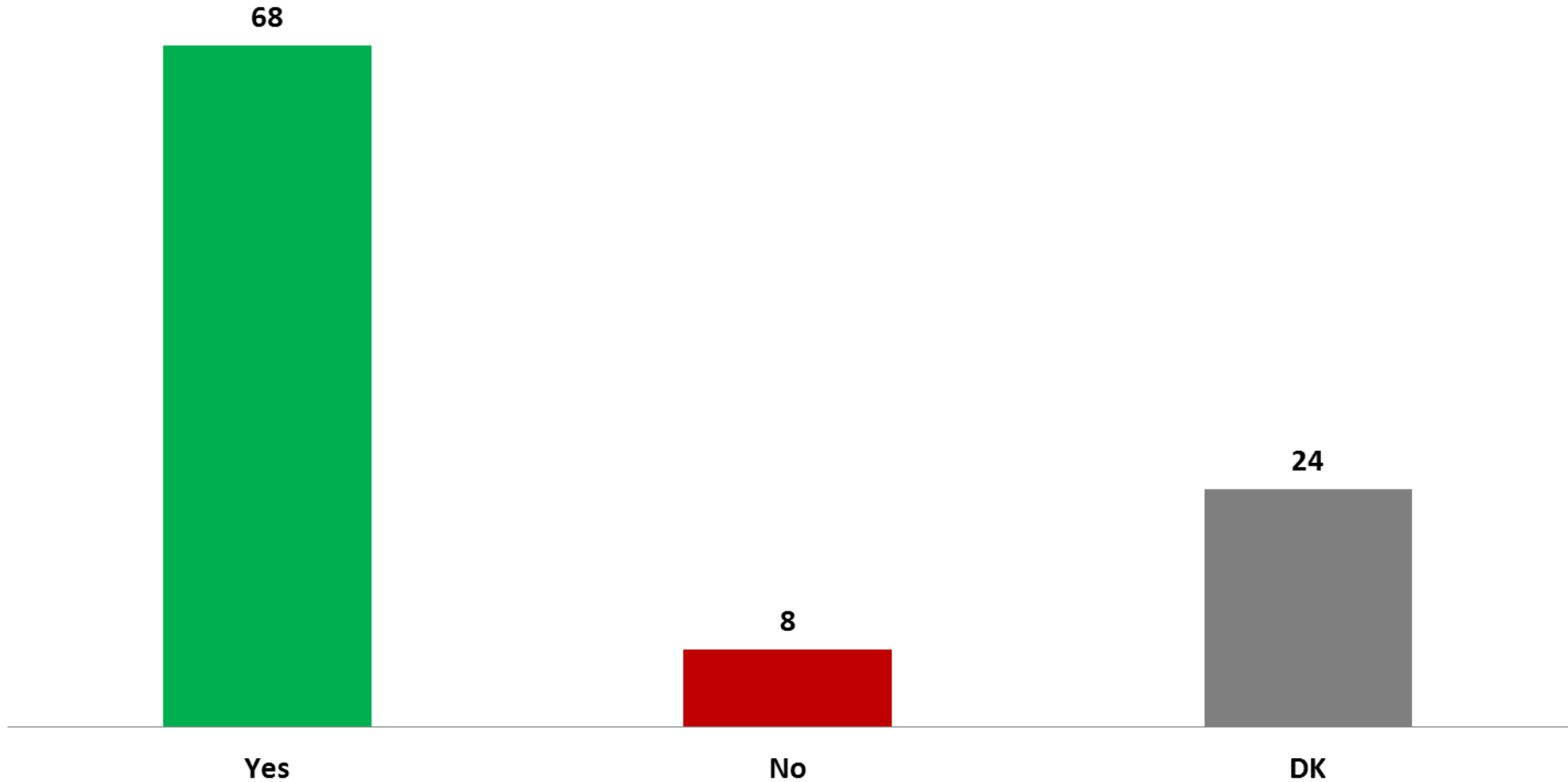
# Do you support this initiative? - of 84% (q95)



## If no, why not? - of 27% (q96)



**Should there have been public consultations and/or discussions of this initiative in Parliament prior to this declaration?- of the 84% who were aware of the initiative (q97)**





**If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q23)**

64



Likely voters

36



Likely abstainers

# If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q23)

■ Likely voters ■ Likely abstainers

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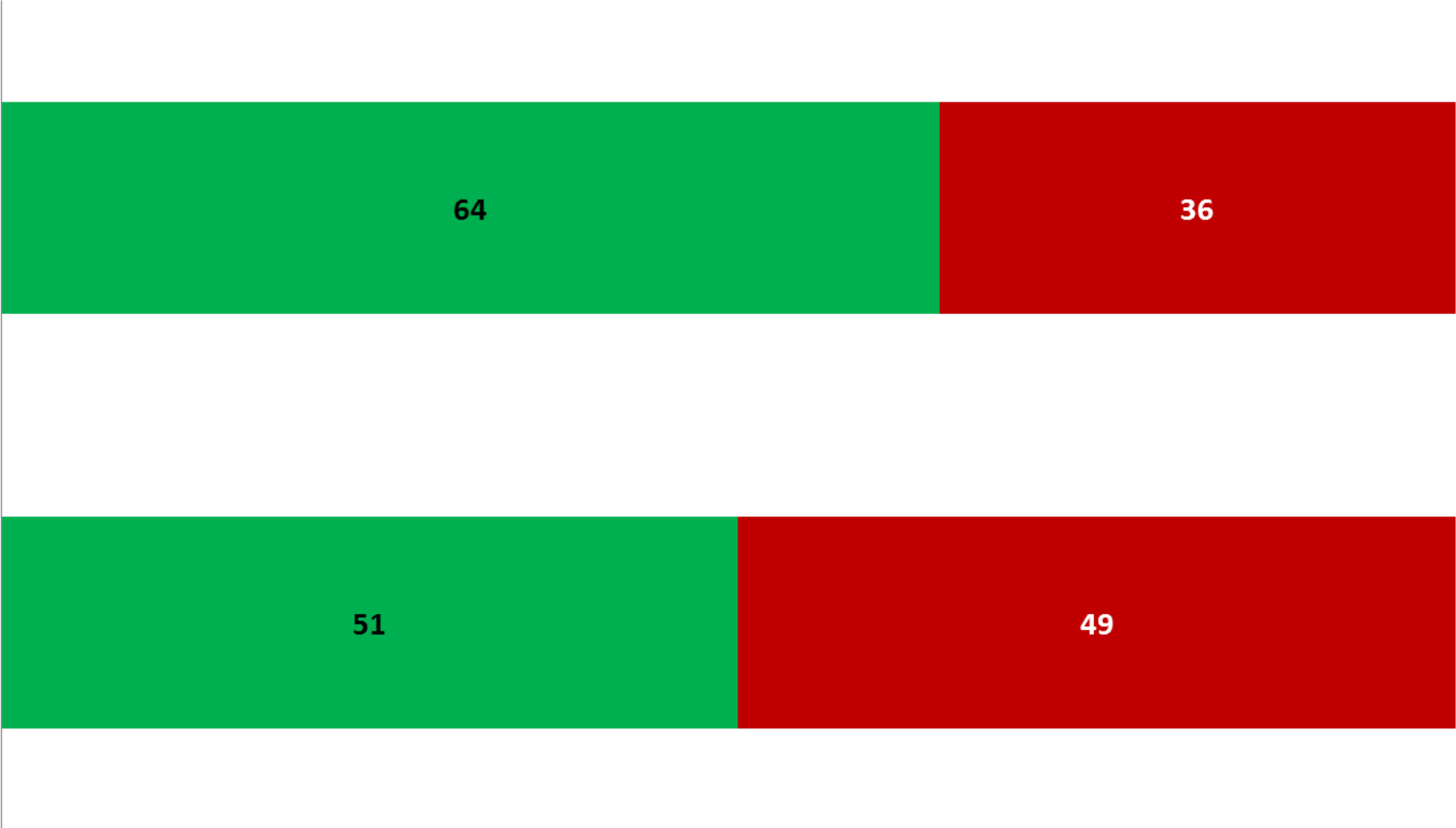
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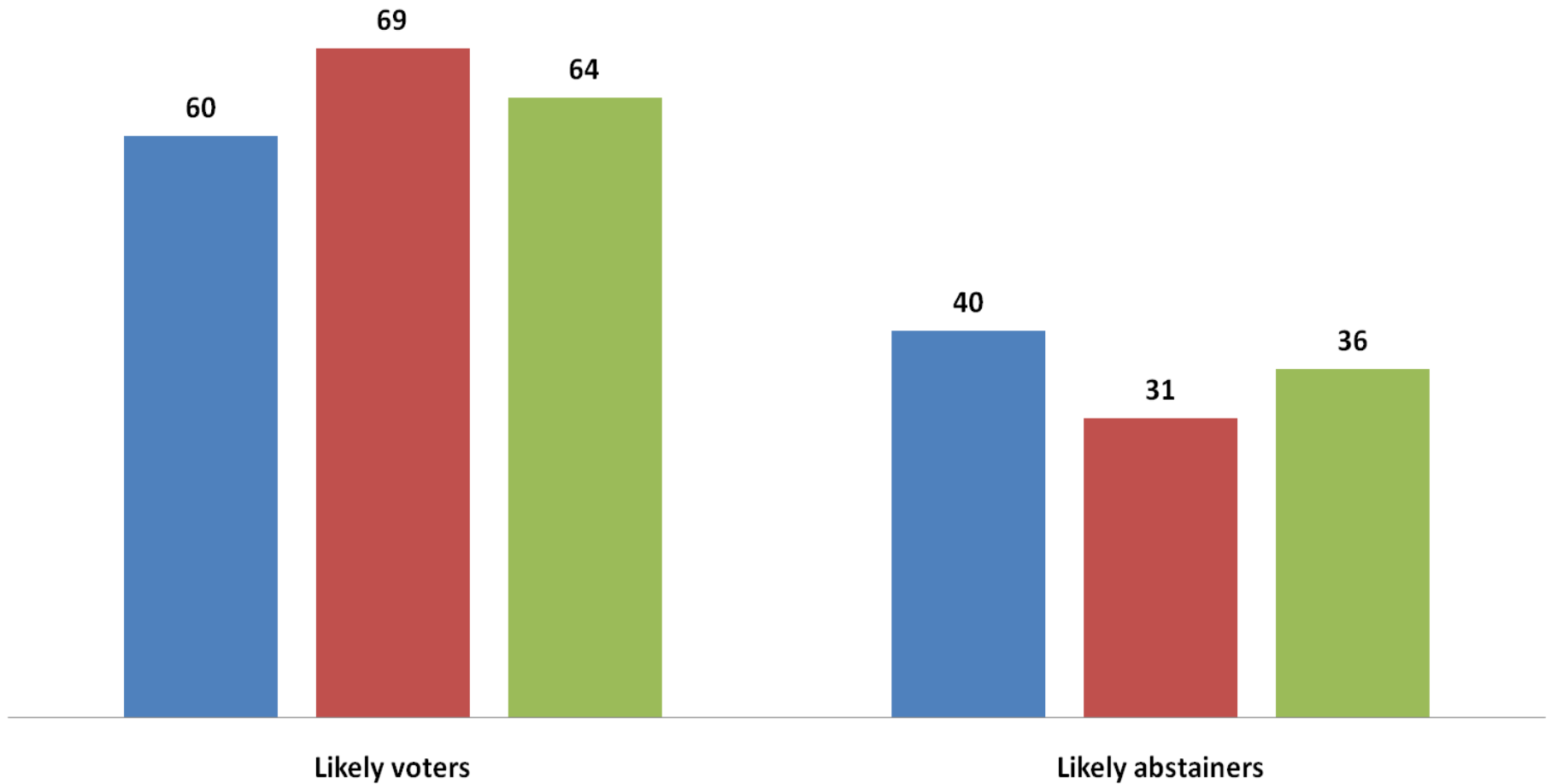


# If 2012 parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q23 X Age)

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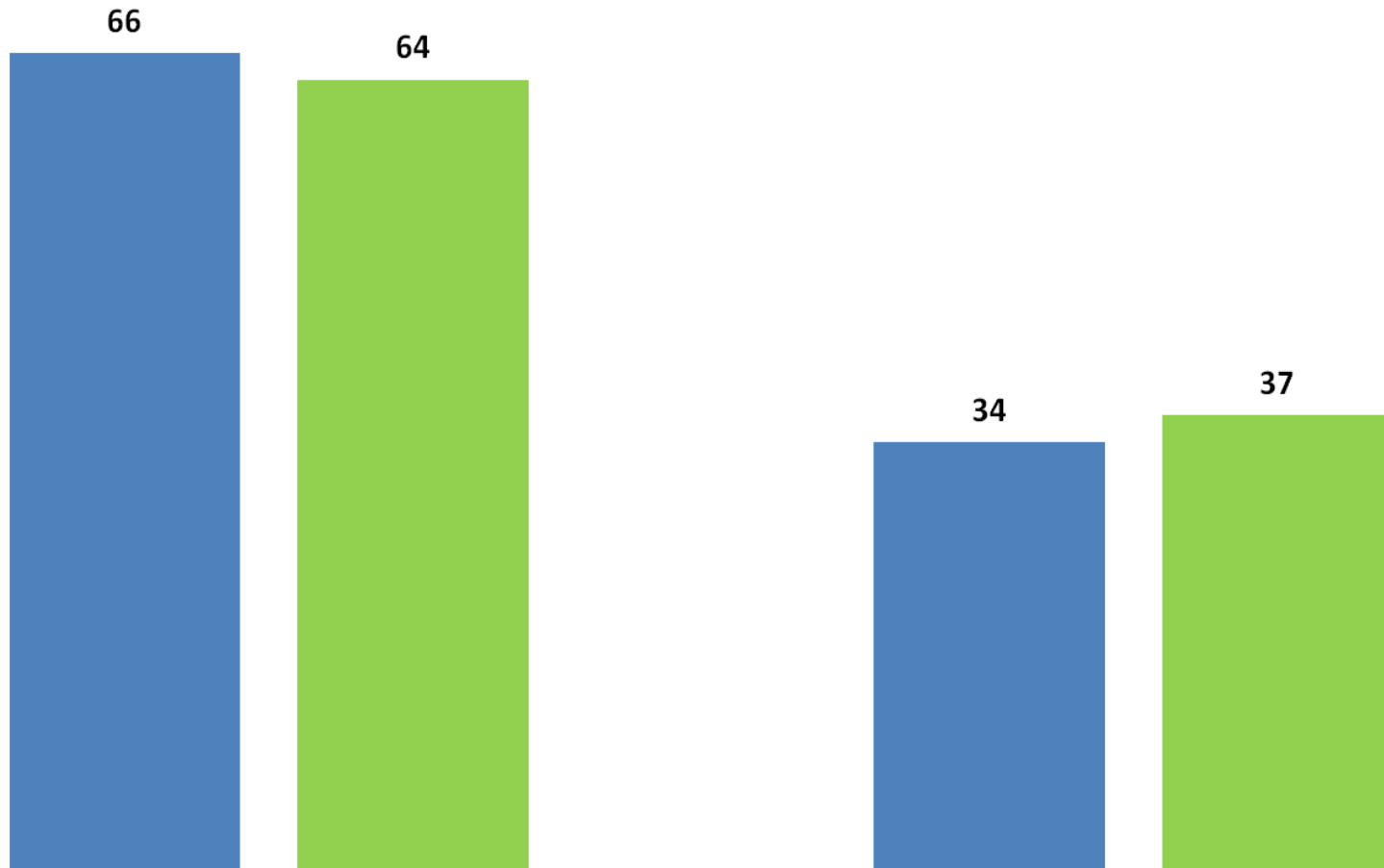
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# If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q23 X Gender)

■ Men ■ Women

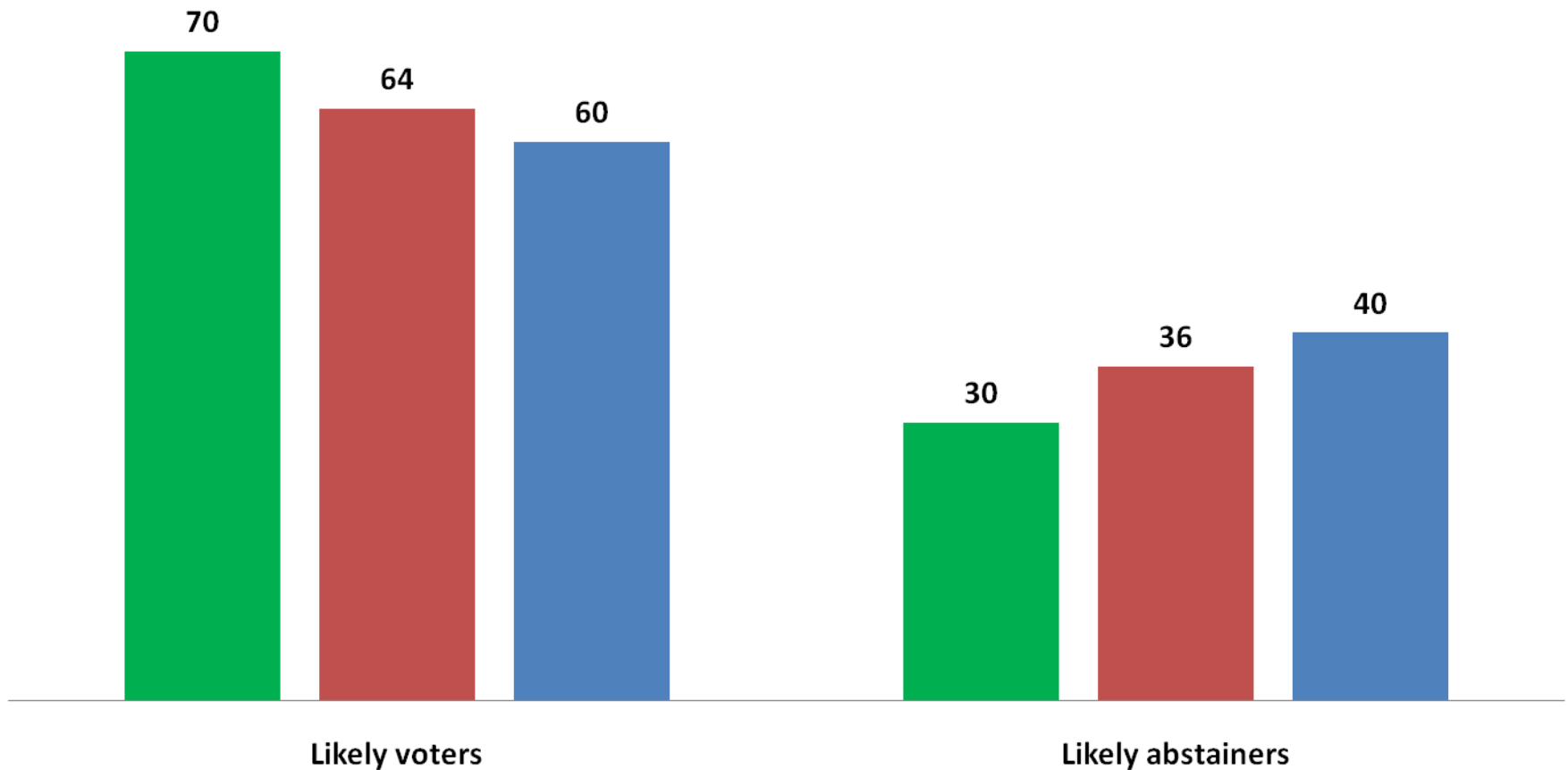


Likely voters

Likely abstainers

# If 2012 parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q23 X Employment)

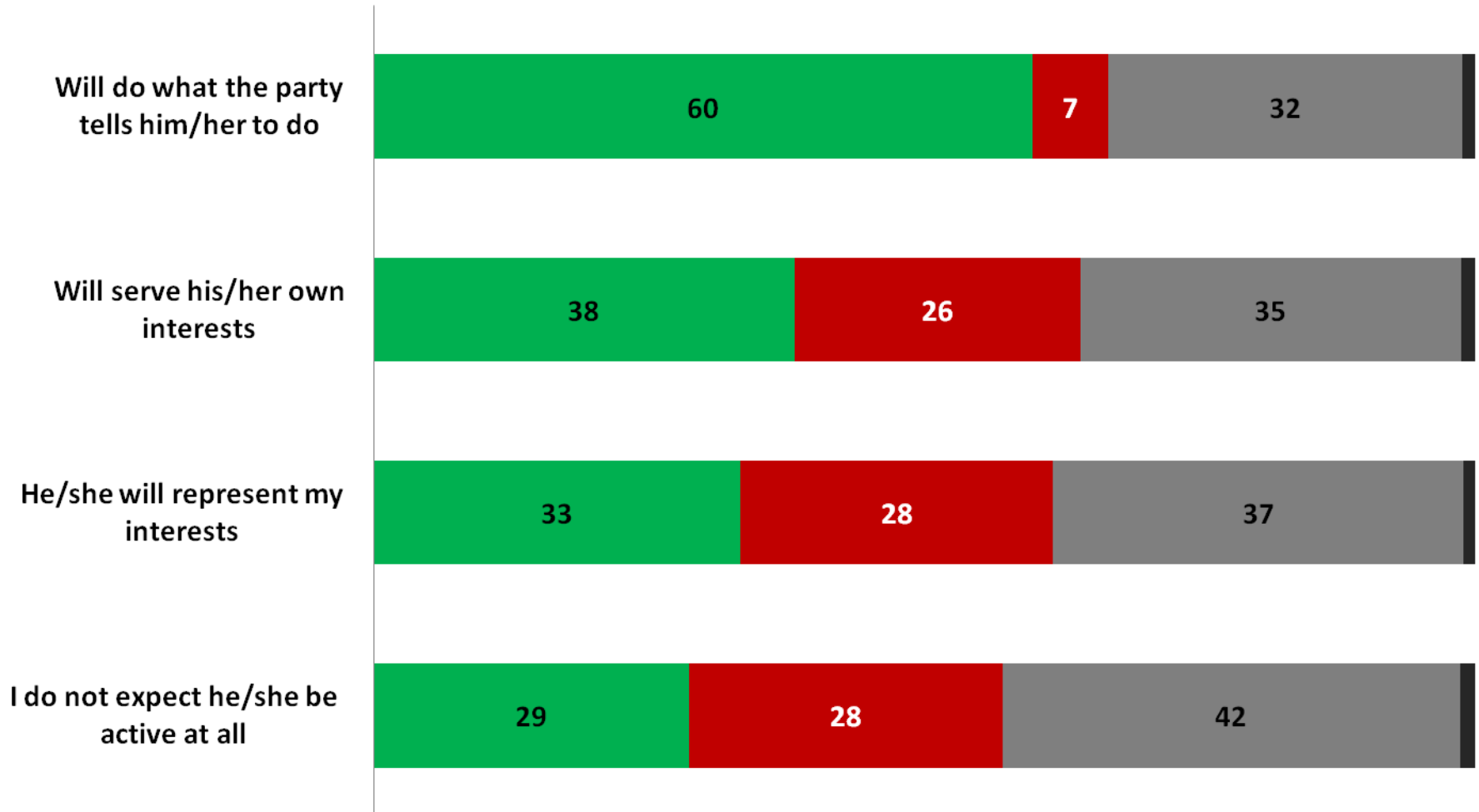
■ Employed ■ Unemployed and looking for a job ■ Other



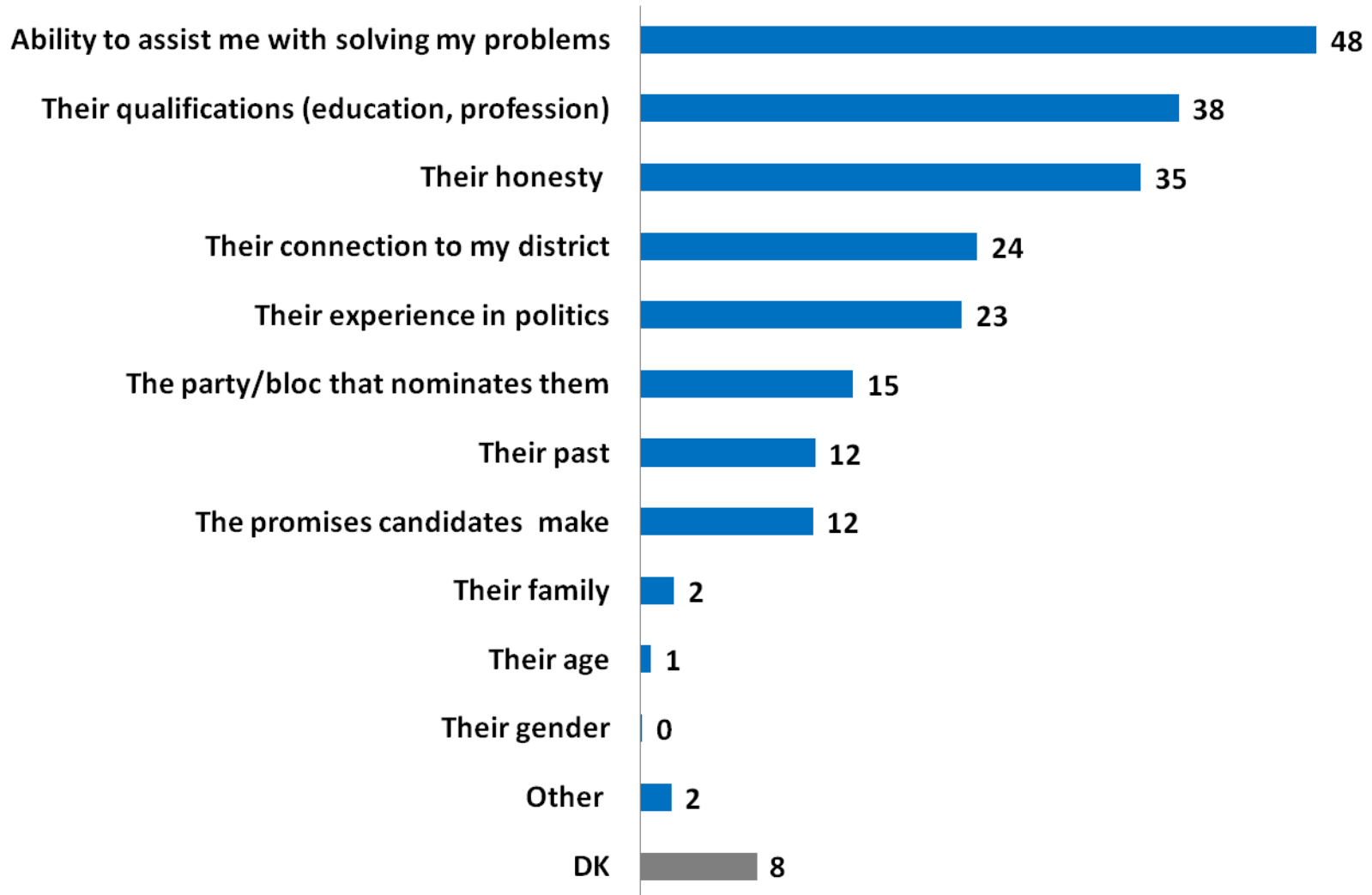
# Parliament and Women's Participation

## What do you expect from your majoritarian member of the Parliament (MP)? (q56)

Yes No DK RA

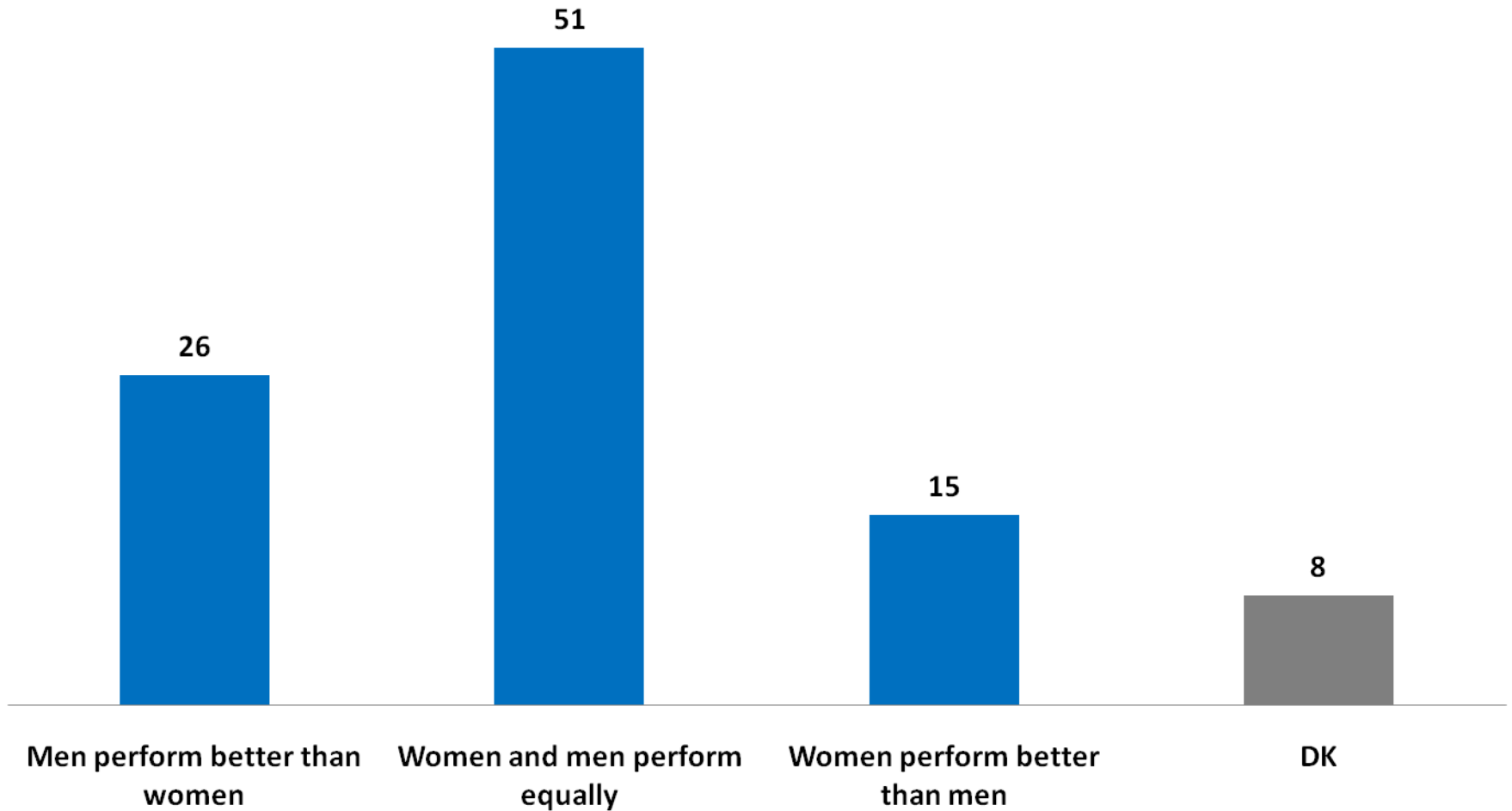


## When deciding who you want as your Majoritarian MP, what is important for you? - Name up to three (q57)



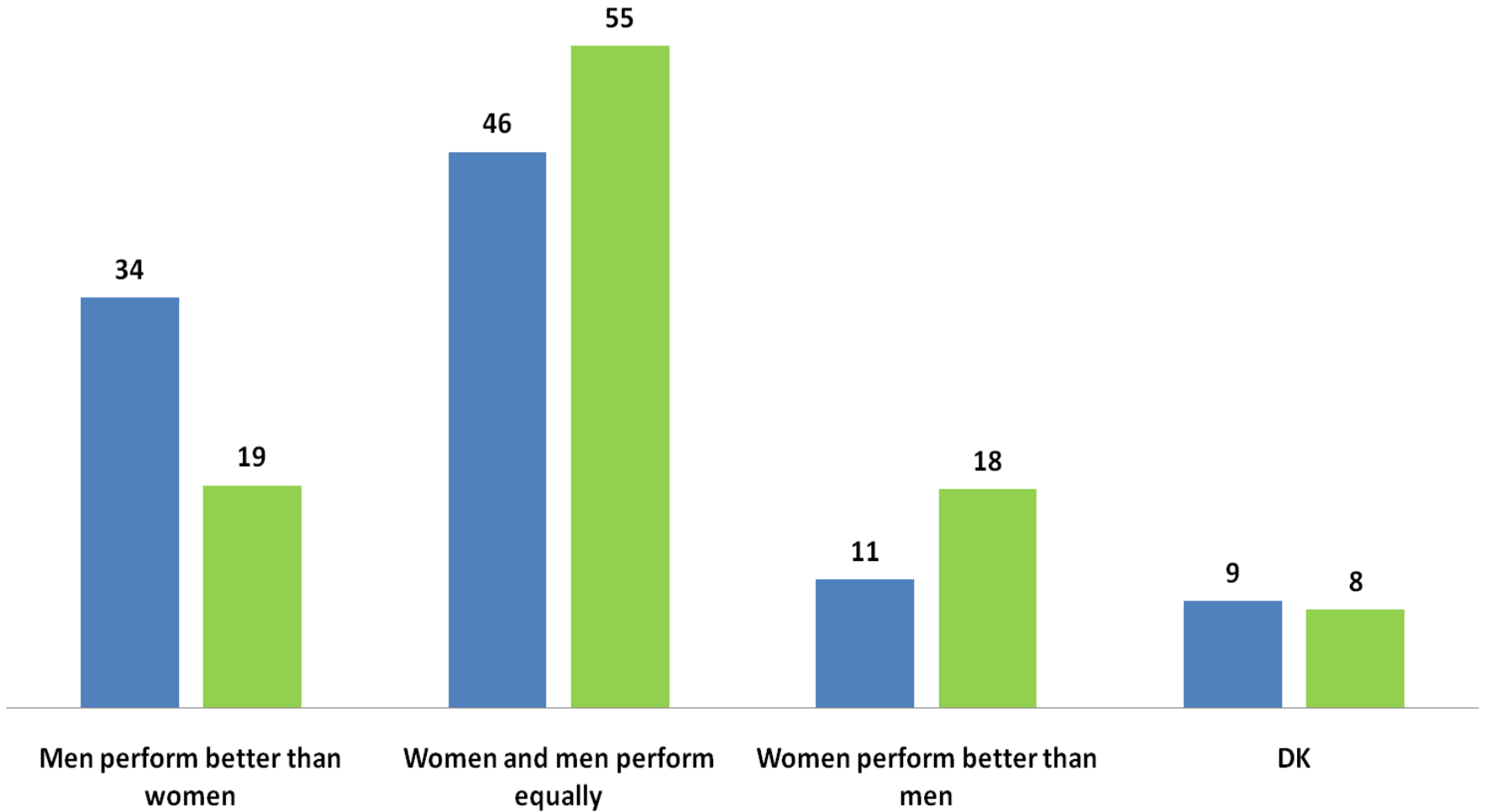


Generally, comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, do you think ... (q58)

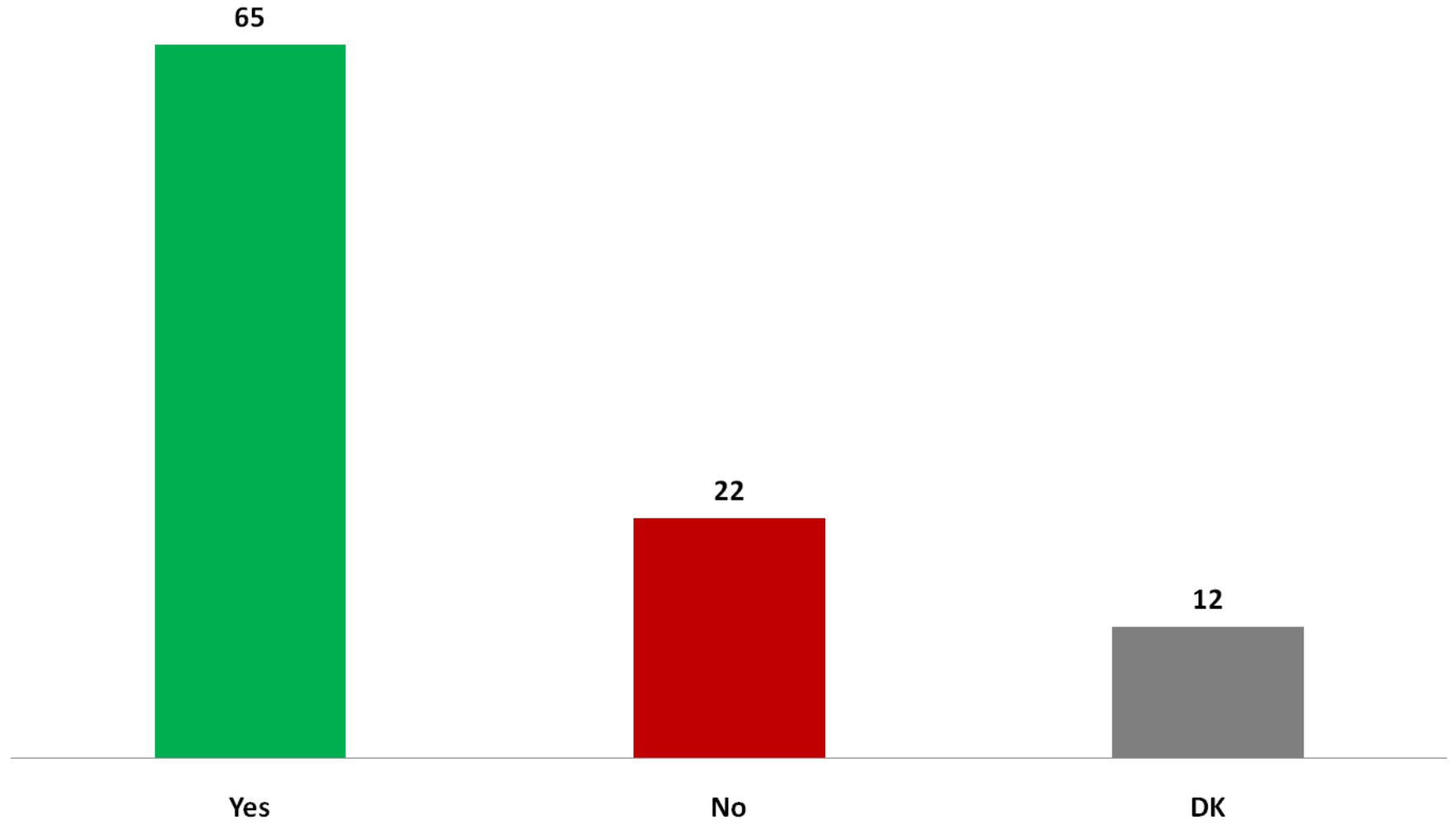


# Generally, comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, do you think ... (q58 X Gender)

■ Men ■ Women

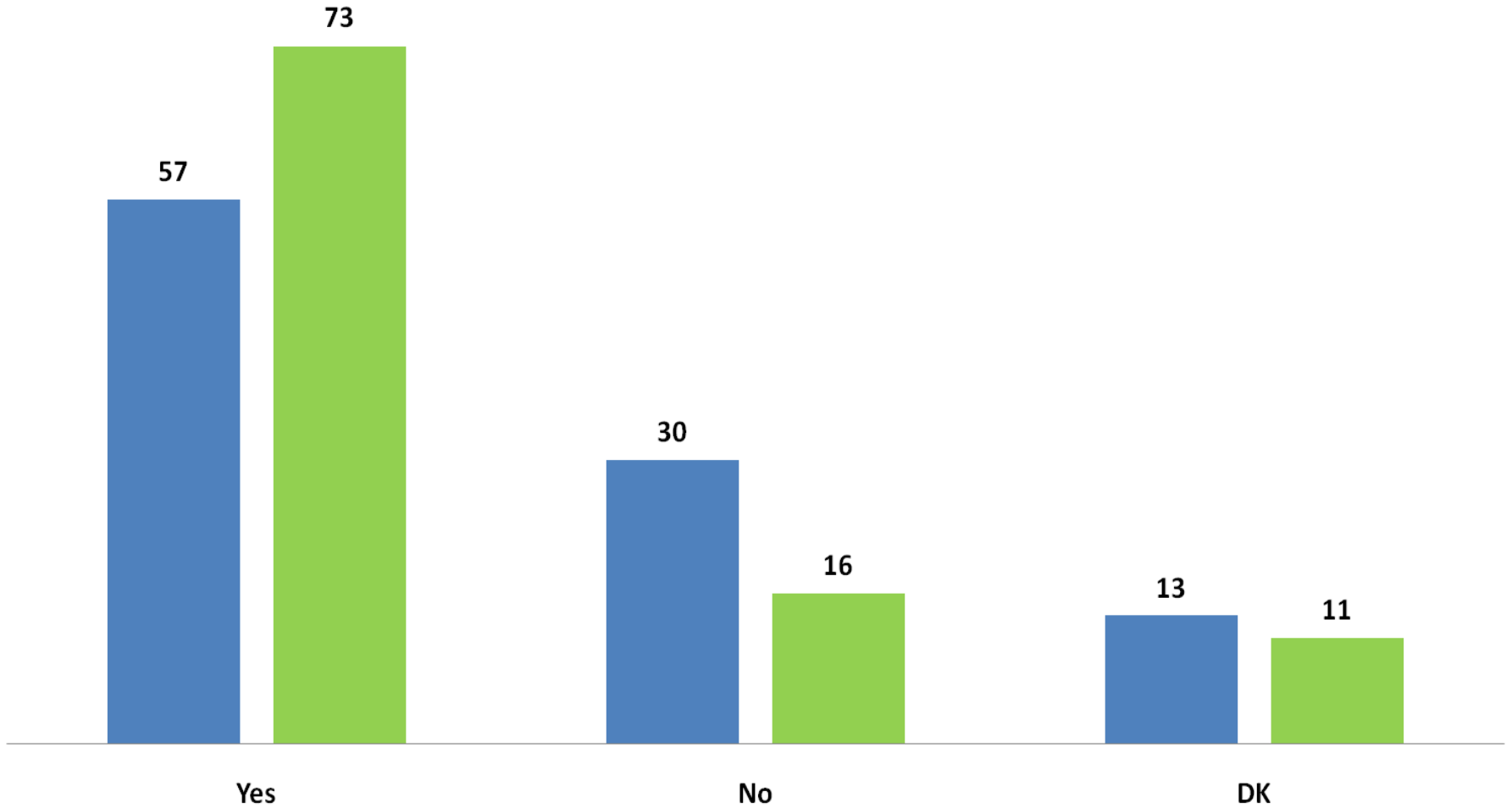


**All things being equal, would you vote for a woman candidate in the next parliamentary elections? (q59)**

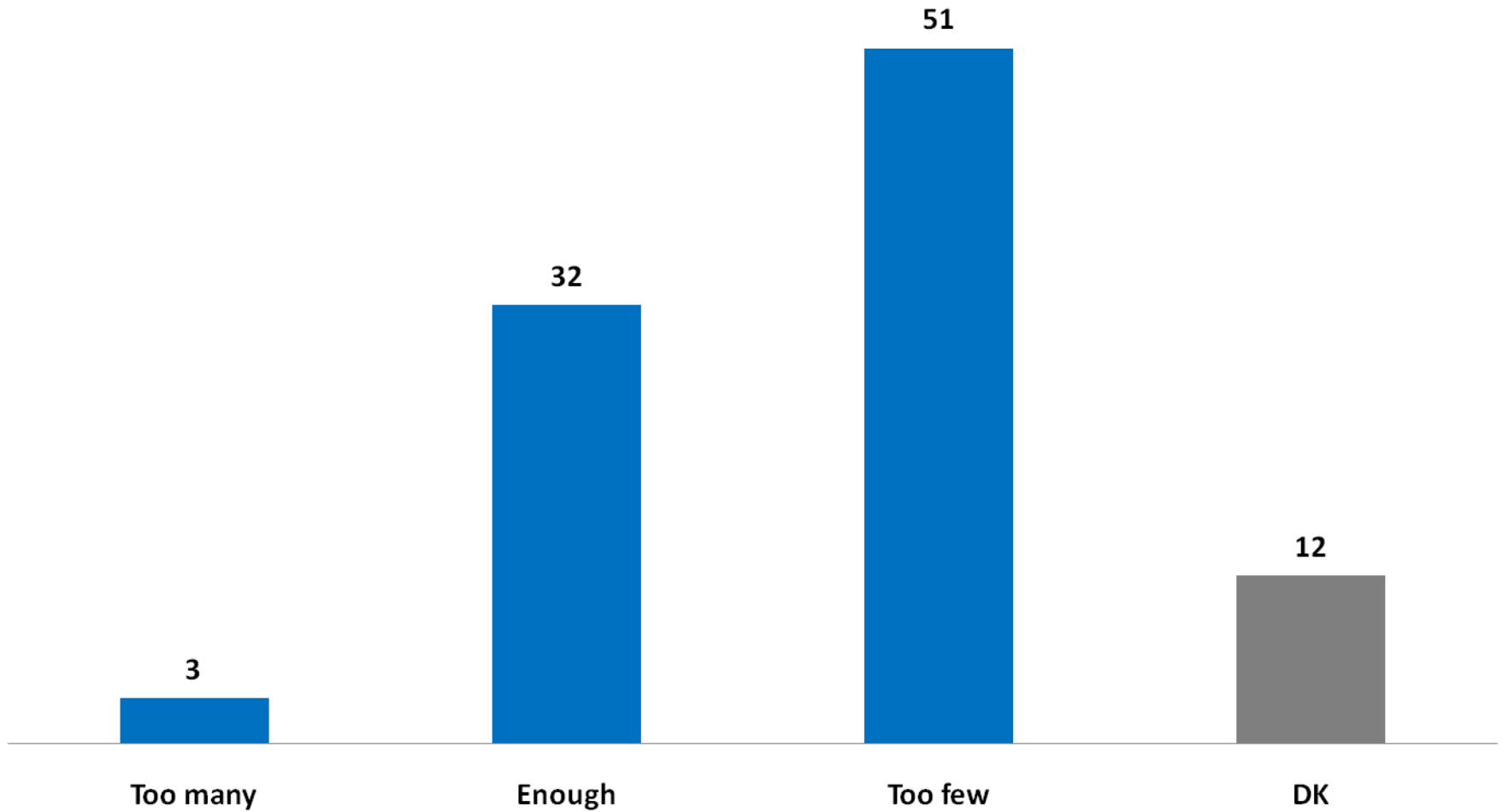


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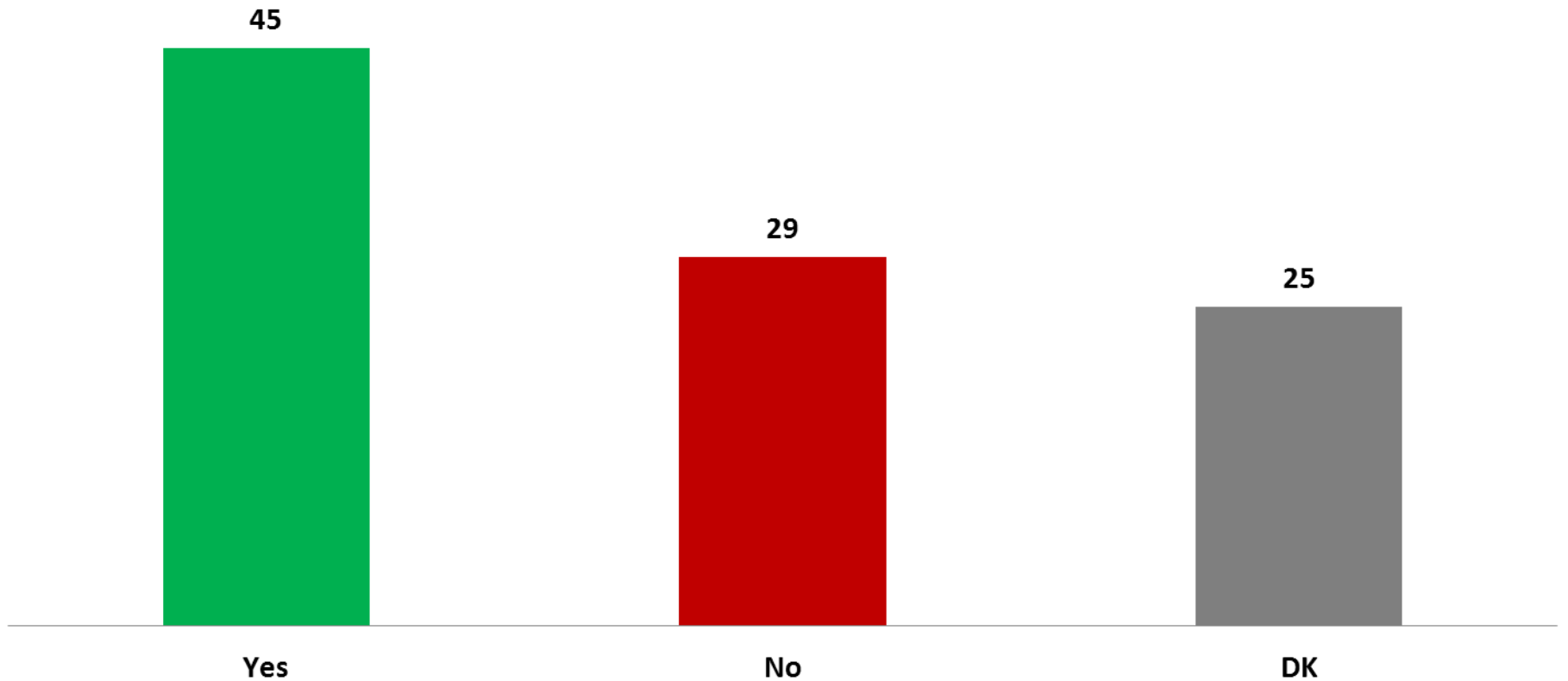
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Currently there are 9 women members of parliament out of 150 (6%). Do you think this is... (q60)

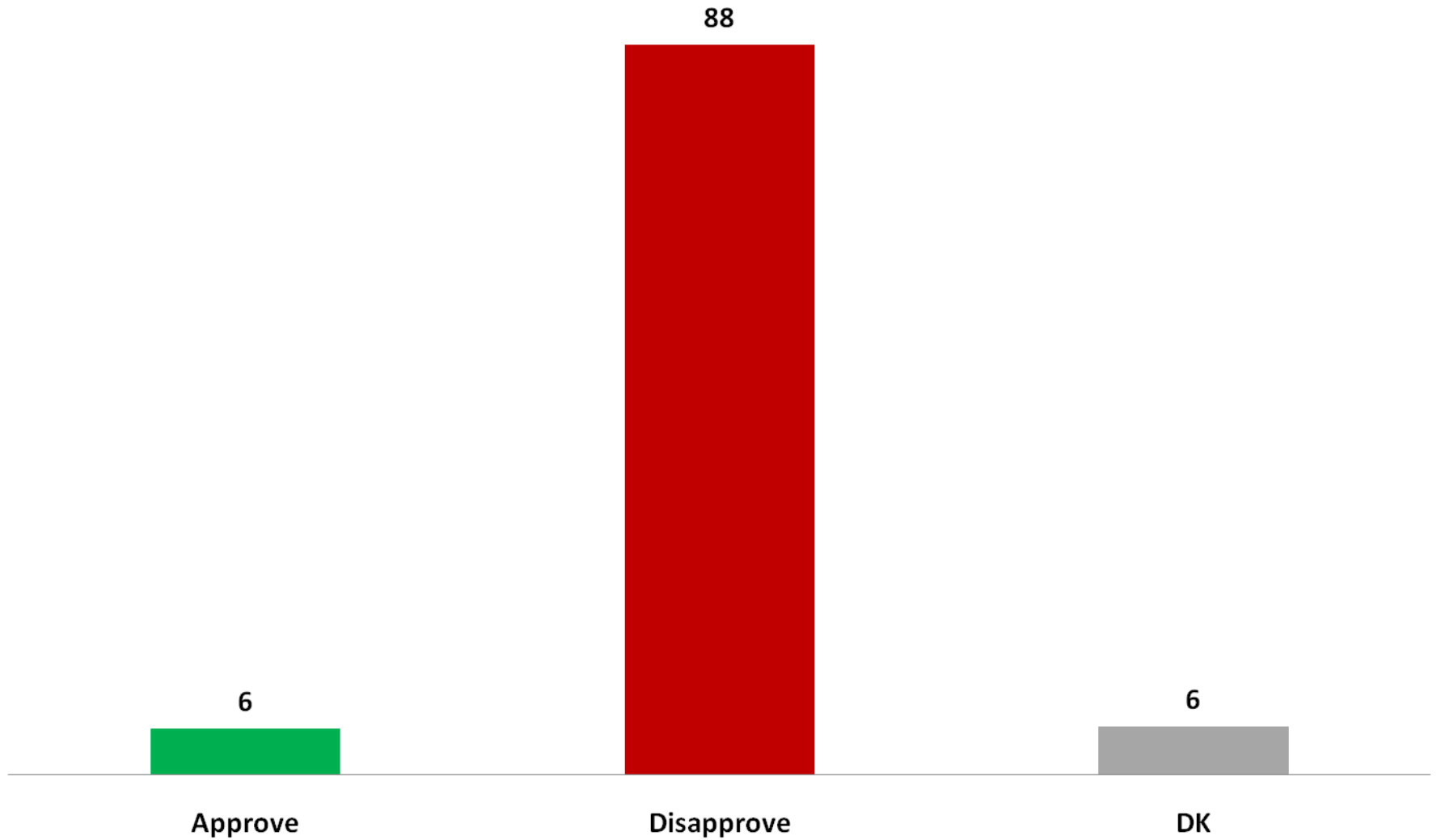


**An amendment to law has been passed by Parliament establishing financial incentives for parties to increase the number of women on their party lists. Do you support this amendment? (q61)**



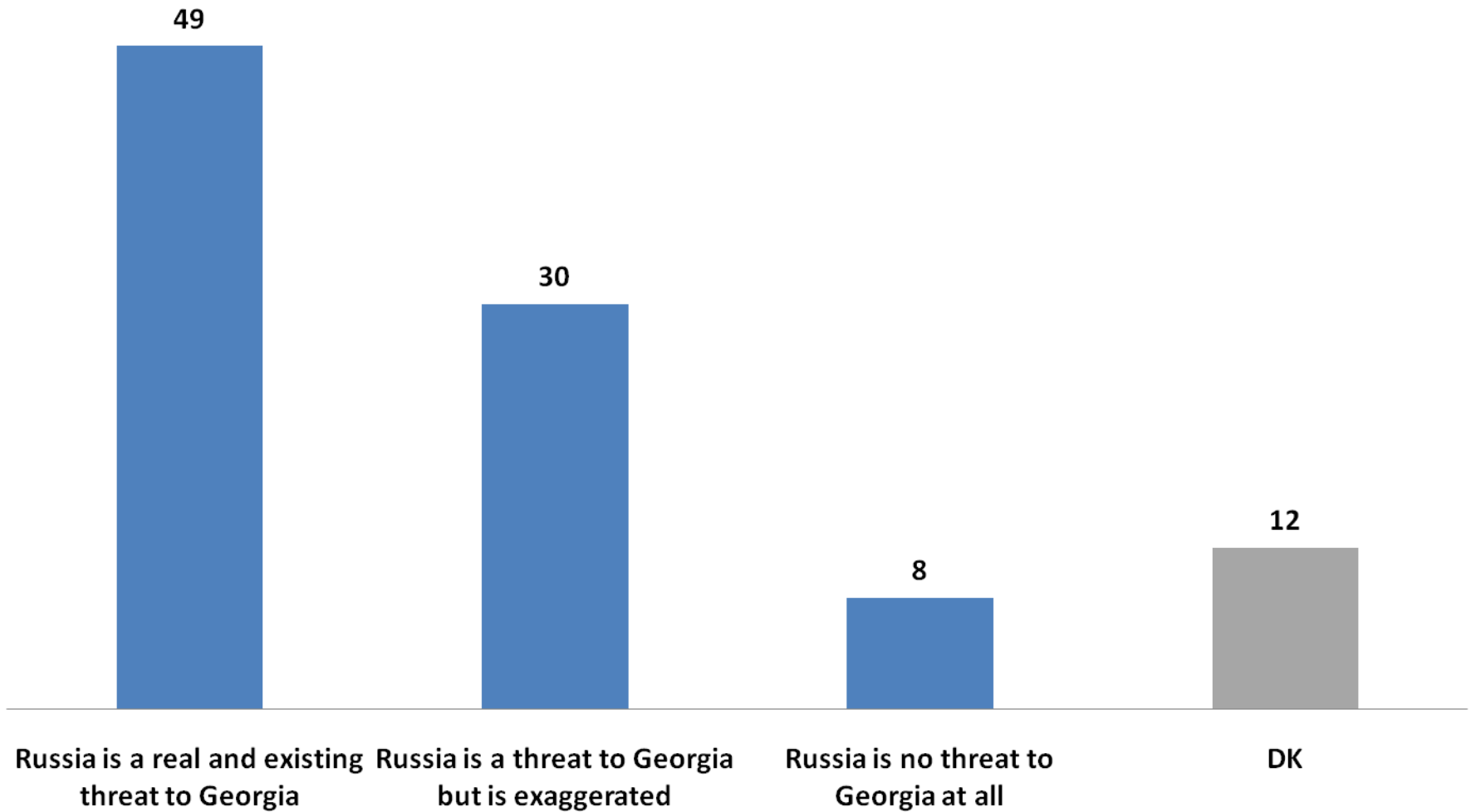
# Foreign Relations

## Do you approve or disapprove of Georgia's current relationship with Russia? (q68)



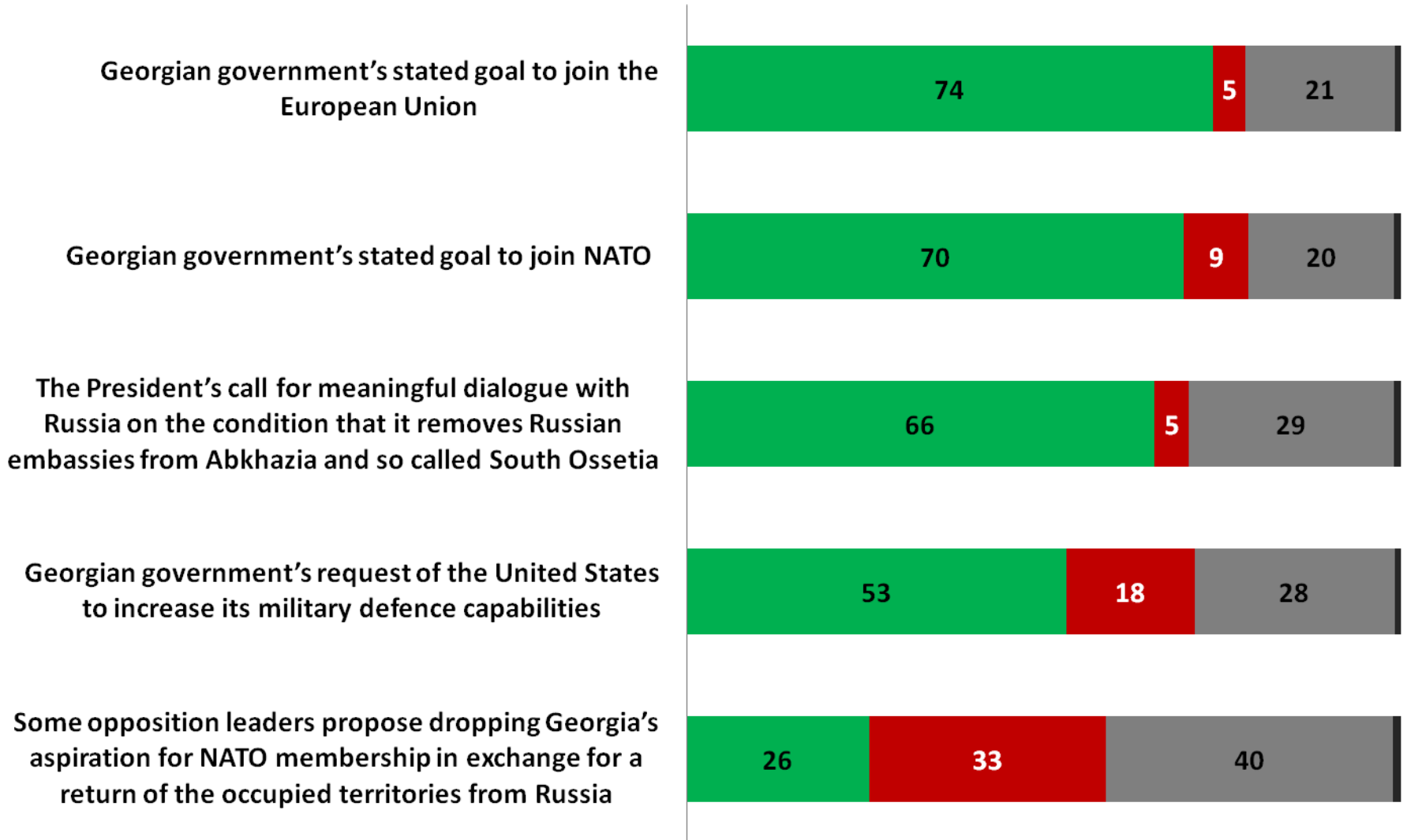


**Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?  
(q67)**

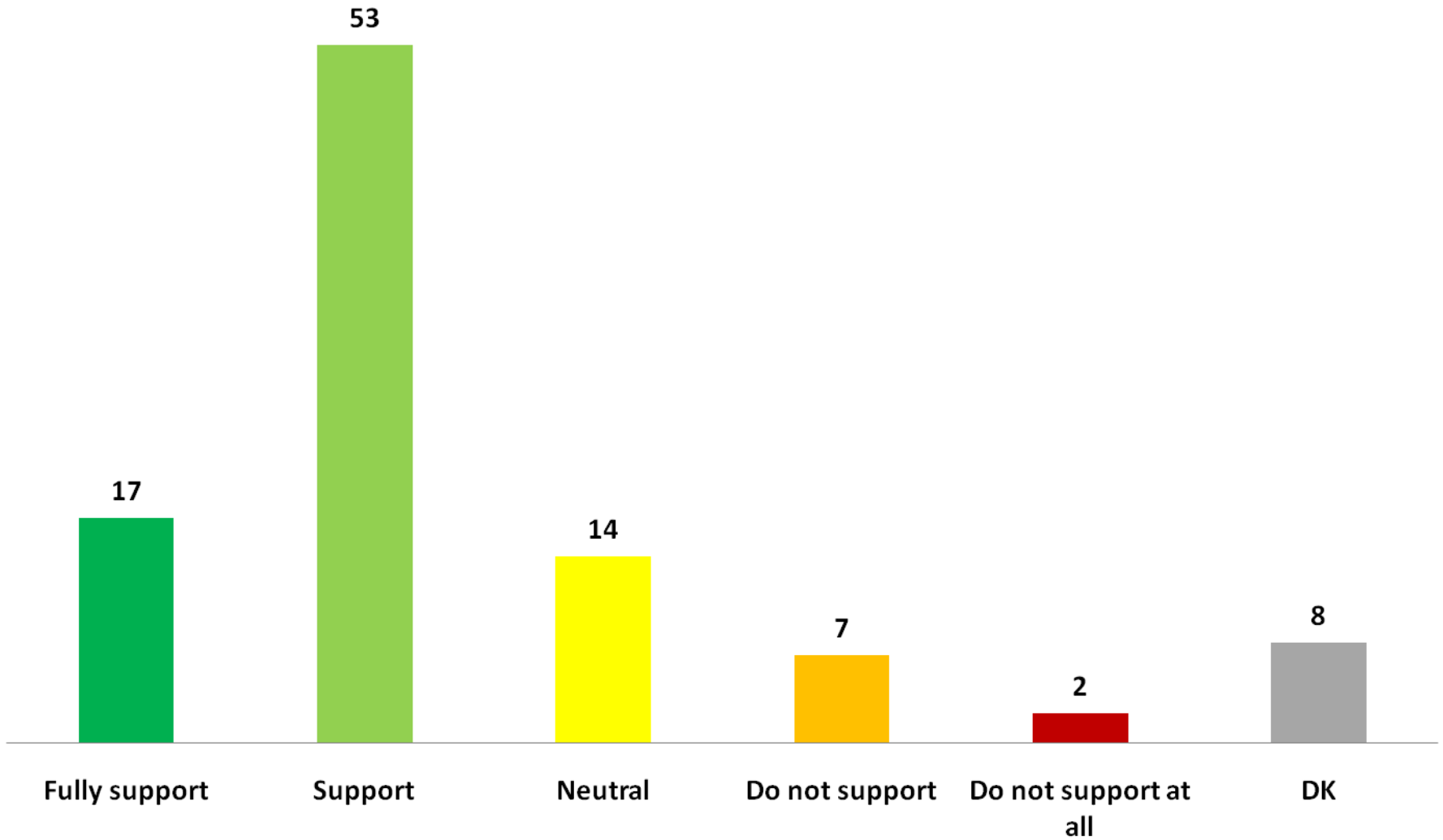


## Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q72)

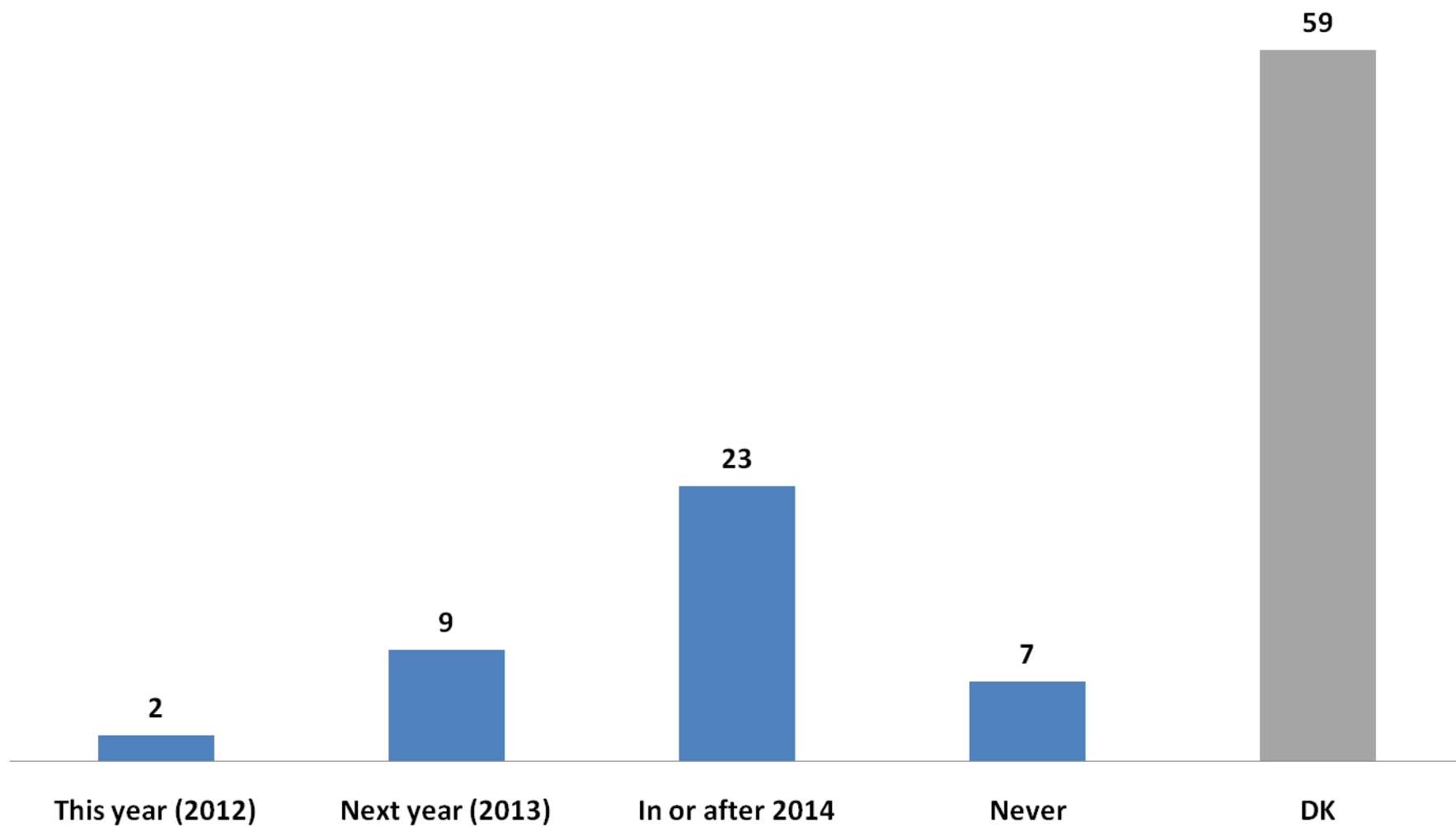
■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



# To what extent do you support Georgia's membership in NATO? (q70)



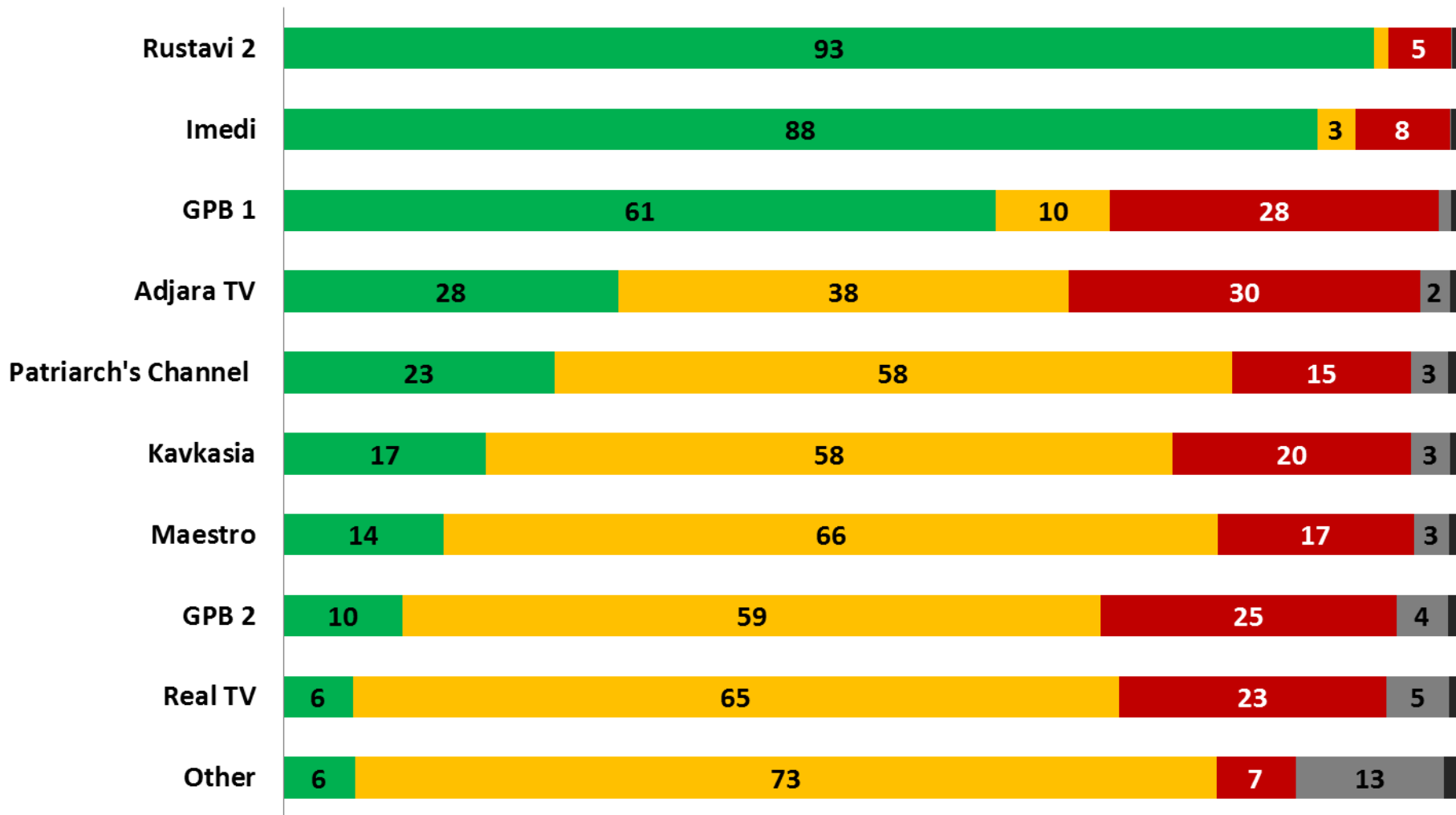
# When do you think Georgia will be granted NATO membership? (q71)



# Media

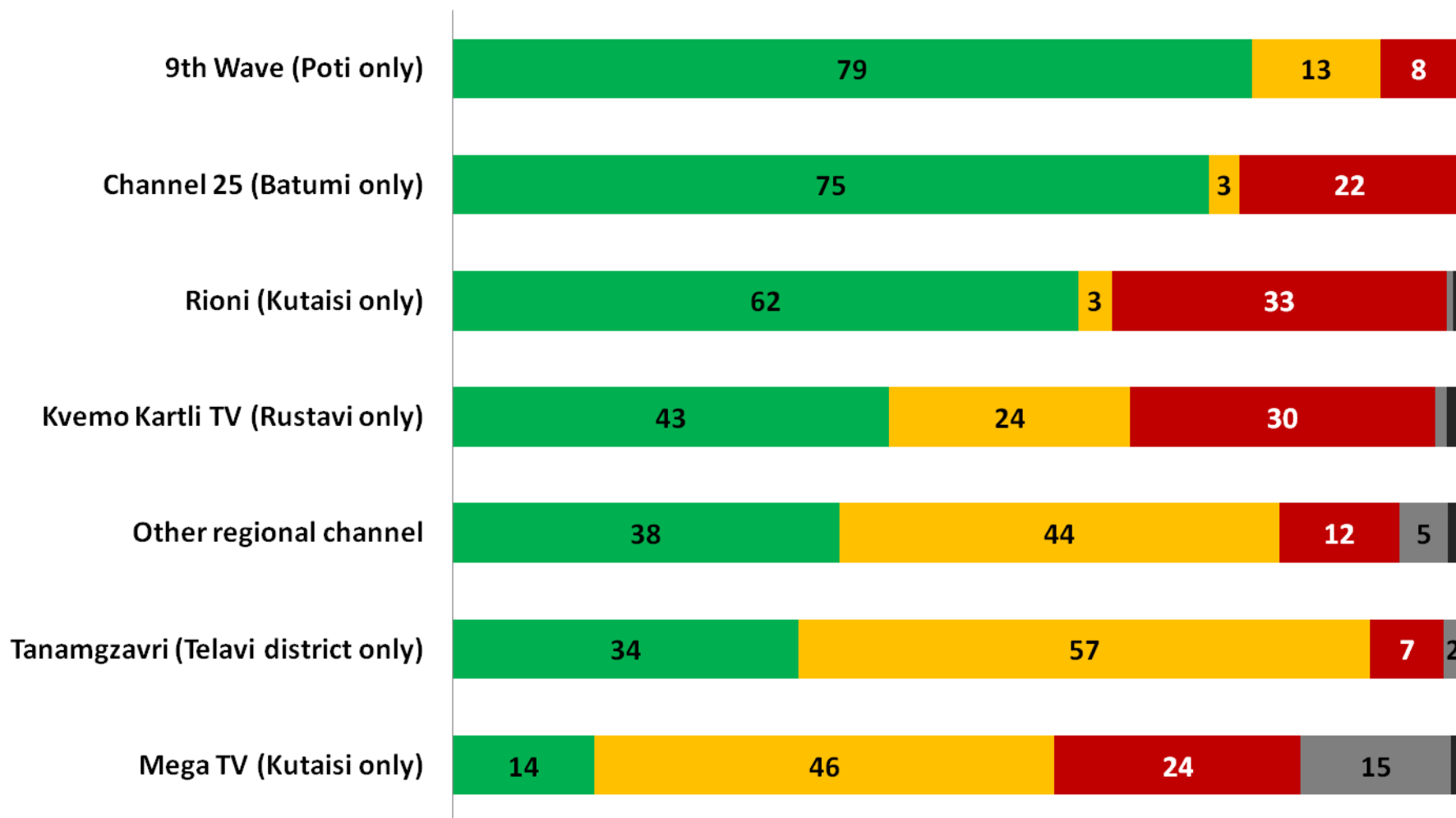
# Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? (q77) National

■ Yes    
 ■ No – I have no reception    
 ■ No – I have reception but I don't watch    
 ■ DK    
 ■ RA



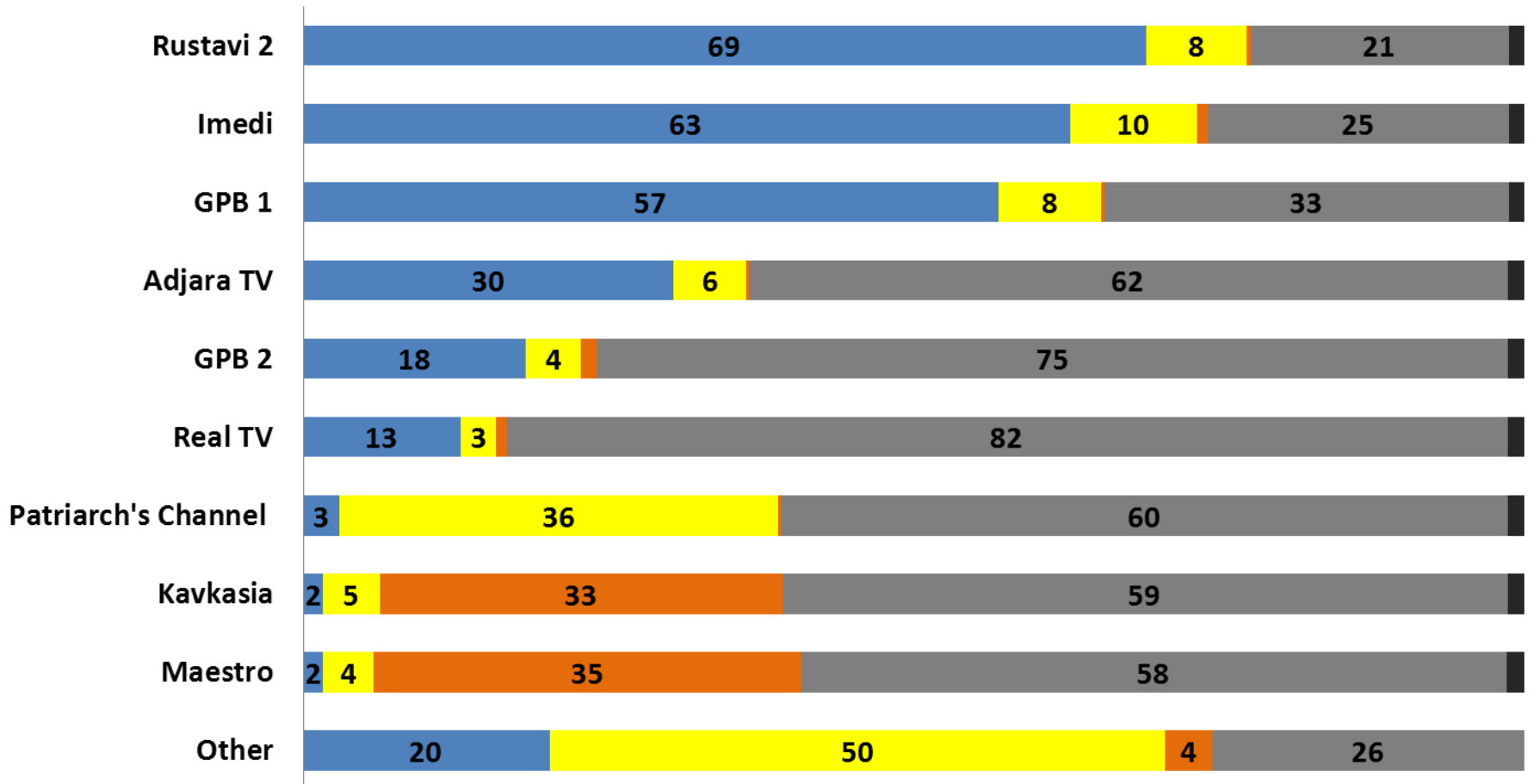
## Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? (q77) Regional

■ Yes   
 ■ No – I have no reception   
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**Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels ... mostly reflect the interests of government, opposition or neither? (q78) National**

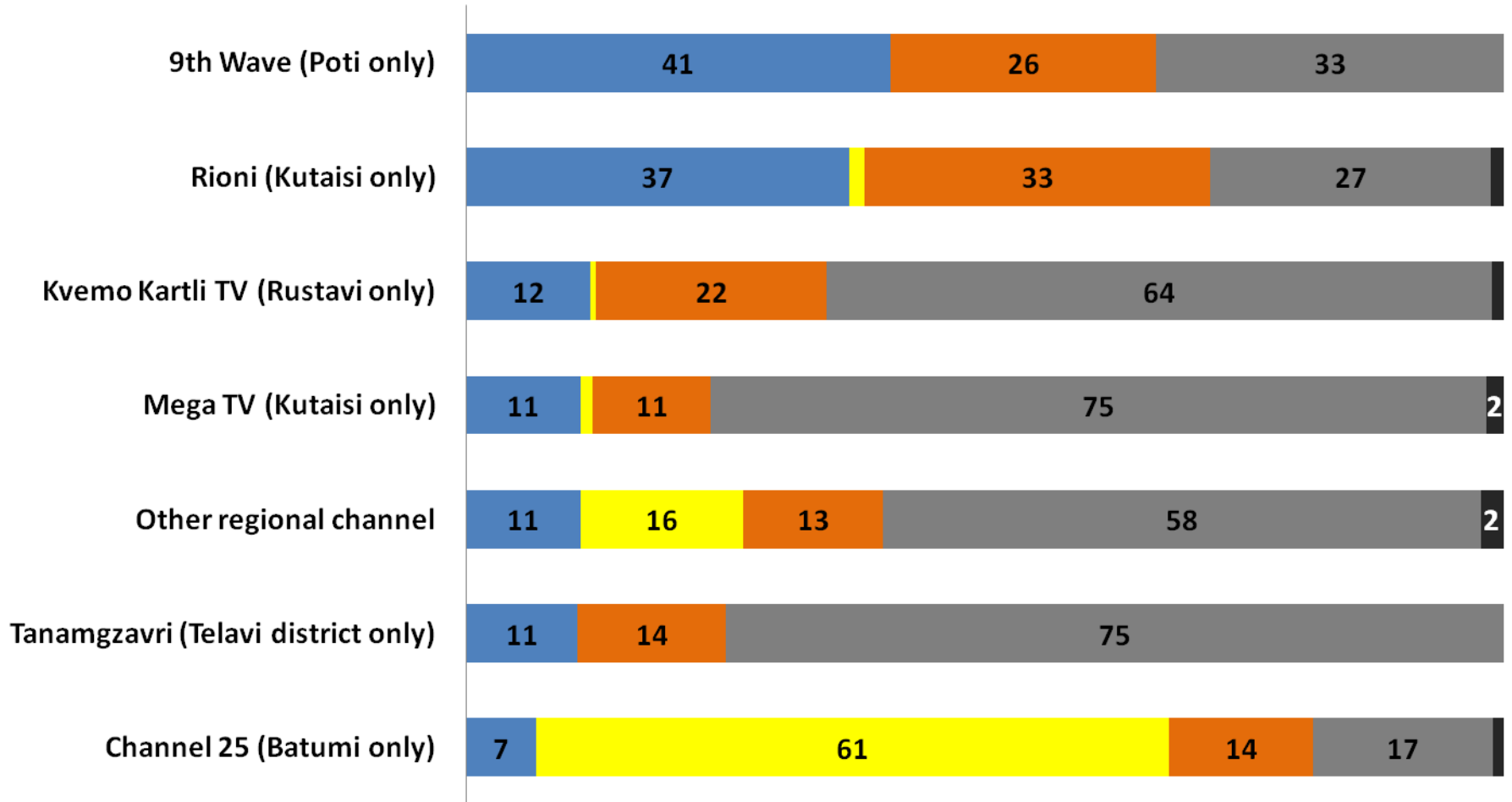
■ Government    ■ Neither    ■ Opposition    ■ DK    ■ RA





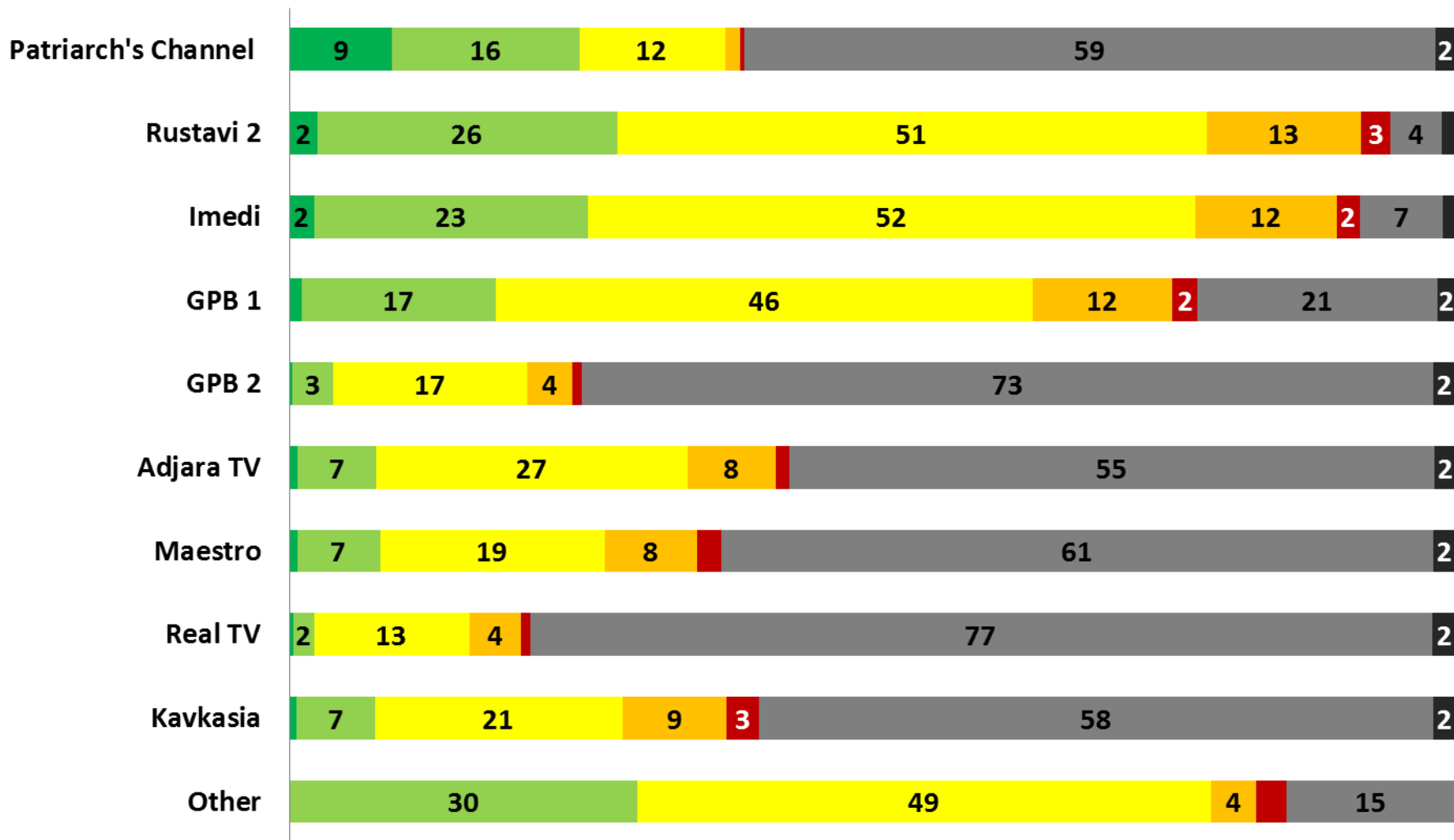
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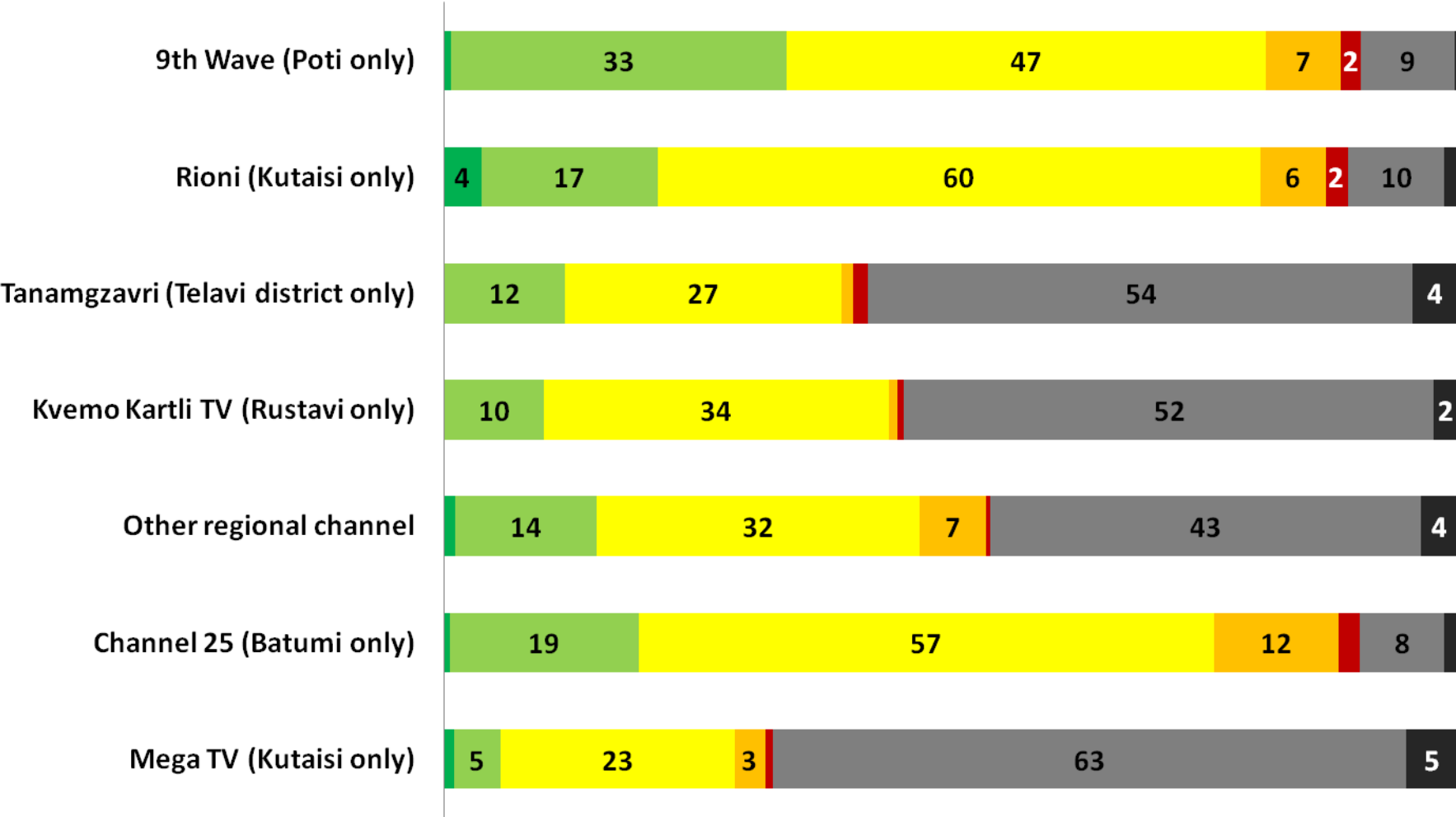
# In general, how much do you trust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? (q79) National

■ Fully trust 
 ■ Trust 
 ■ Neutral 
 ■ Do not trust 
 ■ Do not trust at all 
 ■ DK 
 ■ RA



# In general, how much do you trust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? (q79) Regional

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**Would you like to see your Majoritarian Member of Parliament on TV talking about local issues that matter to you? (q82)**

