



Public attitudes in Georgia:

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

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Methodology - Current Wave

- This research has been conducted over multiple waves. The funding for this wave was provided by the Swedish International Development and Cooperation Agency (Sida)
- **Current survey wave:**
 - Fieldwork dates: July 31 – August 12, 2012
 - 2,038 completed interviews
 - A nationally representative sample including Capital, urban and rural areas.
- **Sample design**
 - NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design with both stratification and clustering
 - 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 does not exceed +/- 3%

Methodology – Historical Waves

- This research has been conducted over multiple waves. The funding for most waves was provided by Sida, however one wave was funded by the Eurasia Foundation and one by the British Embassy
- Historical waves:
 - **June 2012**
 - Fieldwork dates: June 4 – June 22, 2012
 - 6,299 completed interviews
 - A nationally representative sample including urban and rural areas as well as additional representative samples of the self governing cities of Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti and Rustavi as well as the Majoritarian districts of Saburtalo, Isani, Samgori, Nadzaladvi, Gldani, Telavi, Kobuleti, Zugdidi and Gori
 - The average margin of error does not exceed +/- 2%
 - **February 2012**
 - 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 17, other urban and rural areas
 - **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 17, other urban and rural areas

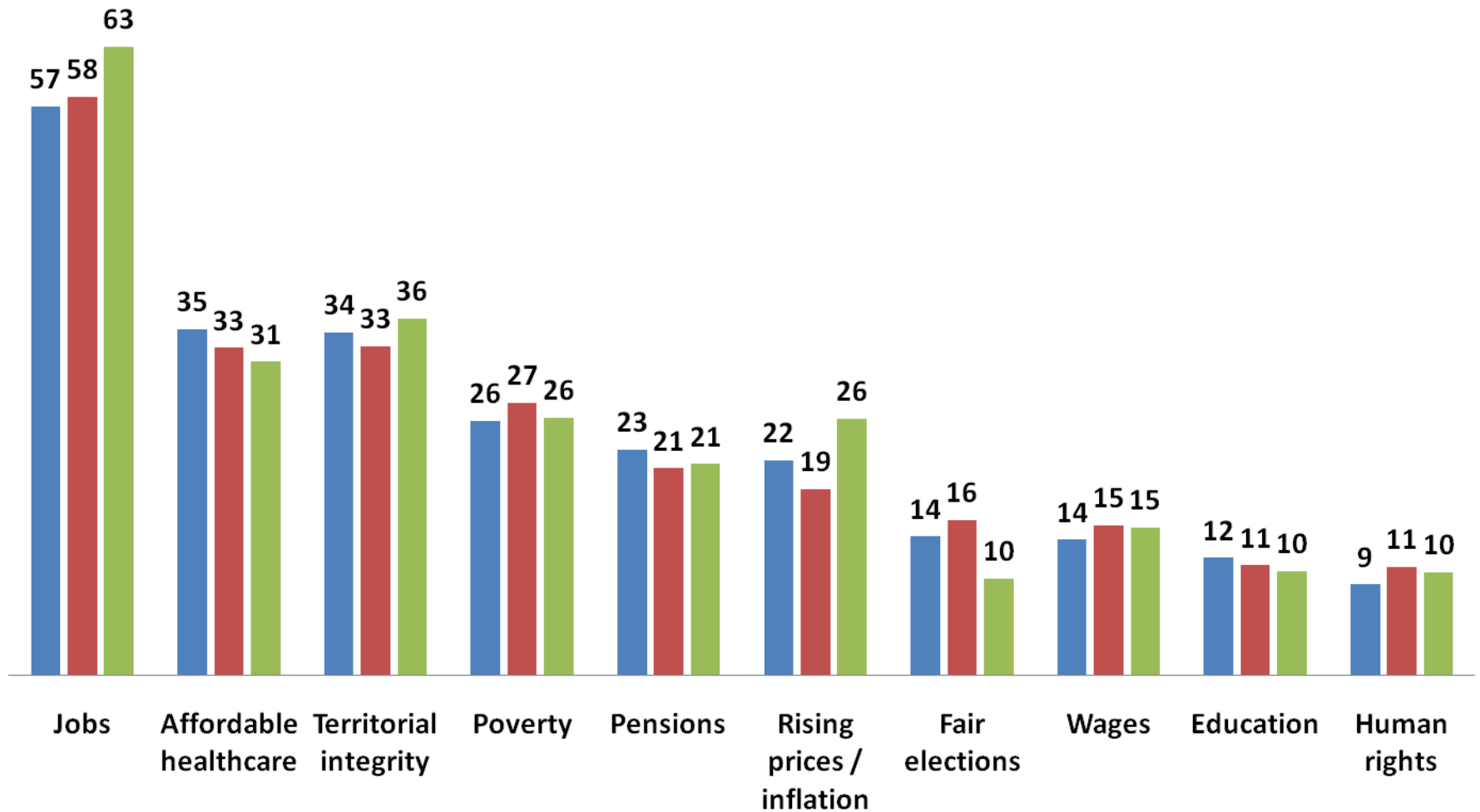
Methodology – Historical Waves

- **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
- **July 2010**
 - Fieldwork dates: June 24 – July 5, 2012
 - 2,053 completed interviews
 - A nationally representative sample including Including an oversample of Tbilisi
- **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
- The average margin of error for these waves is +/- 3%

National and Local Issues

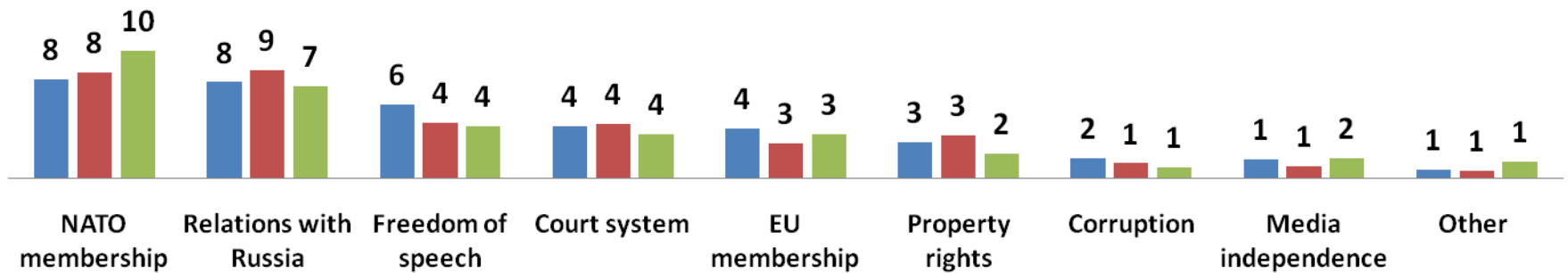
Most important national issues (q1) Part 1

■ August 2012 ■ June 2012 ■ February 2012



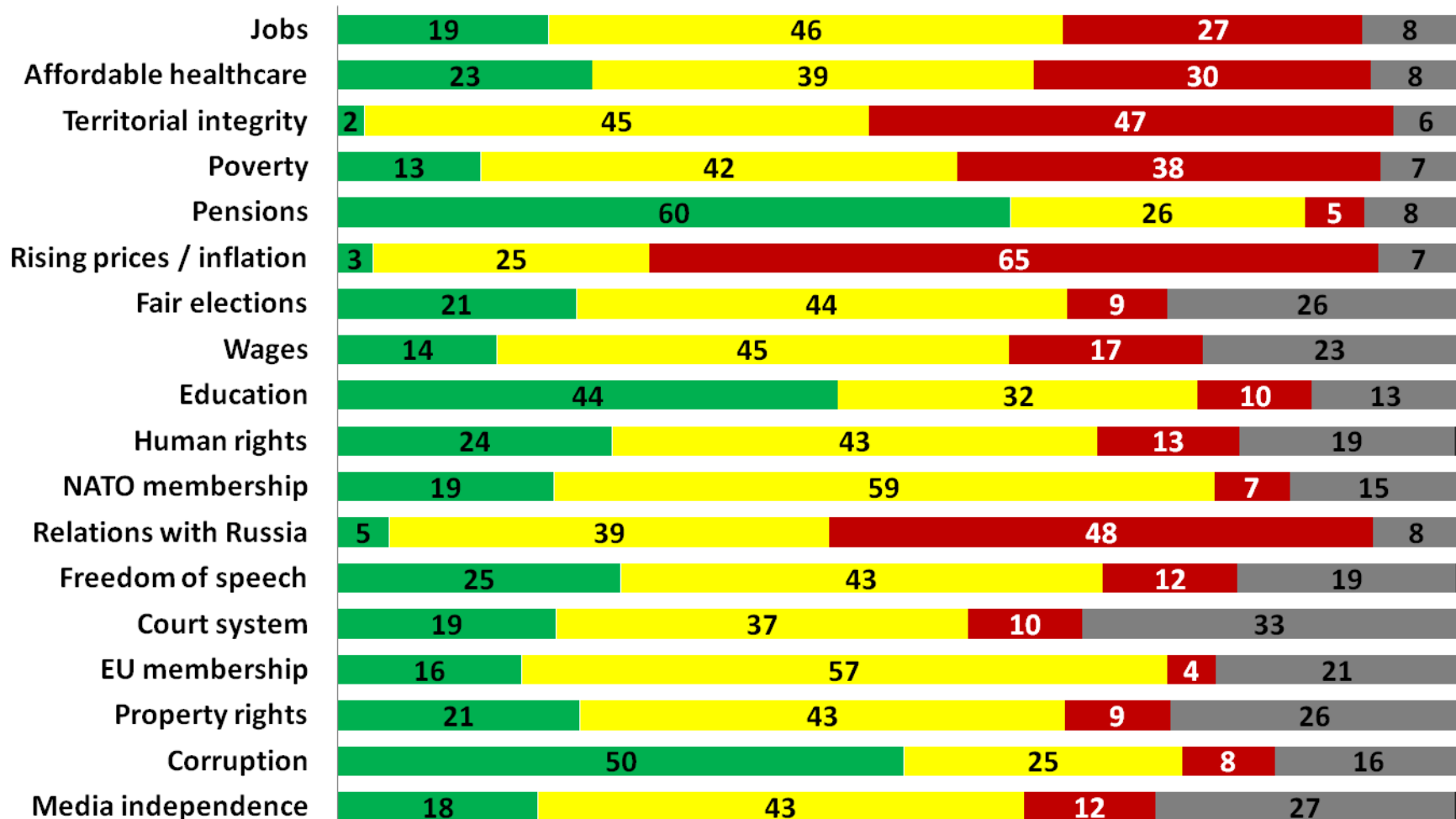
Most important national issues (q1) Part 2

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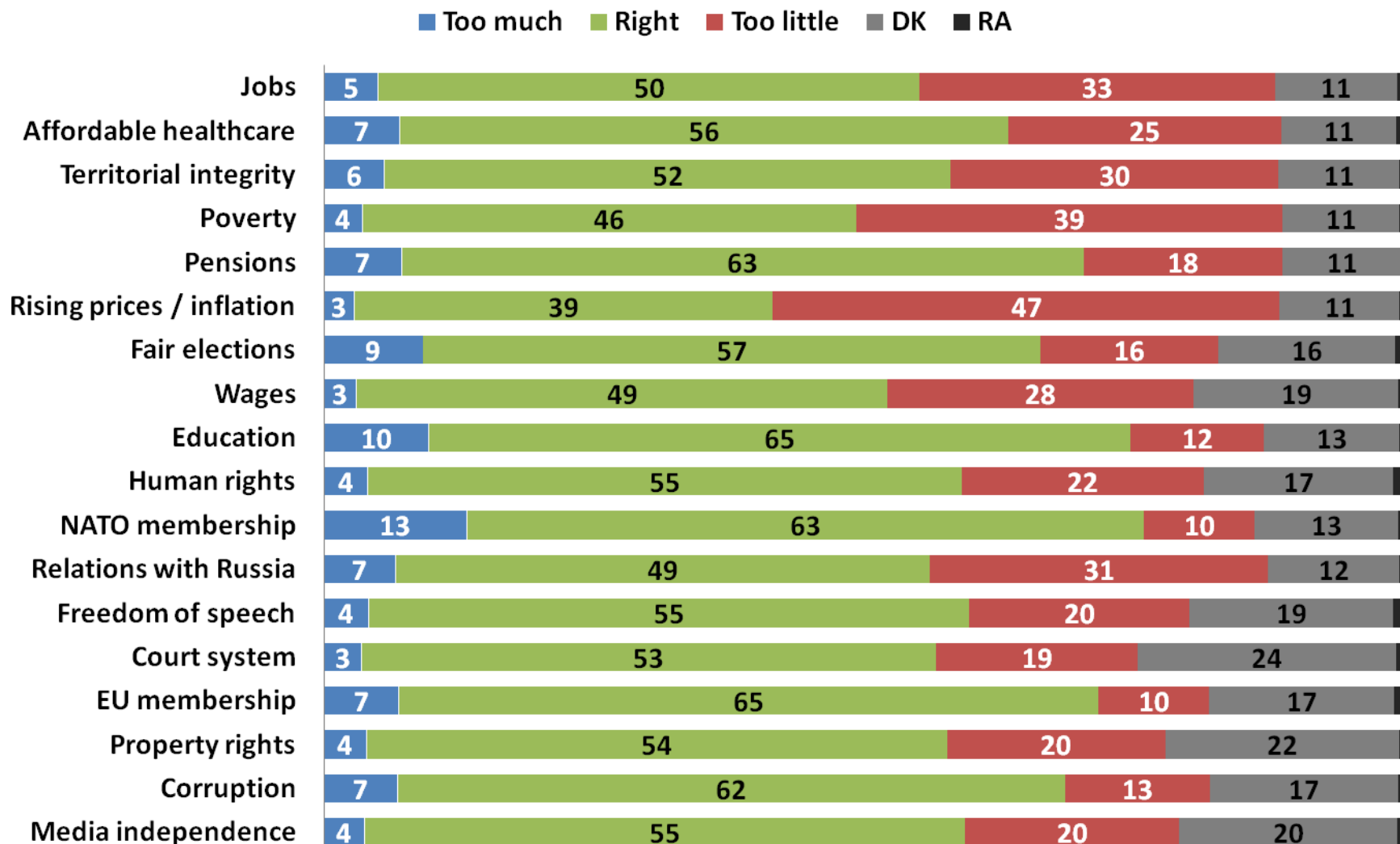


How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to January 2008? (q2)

■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

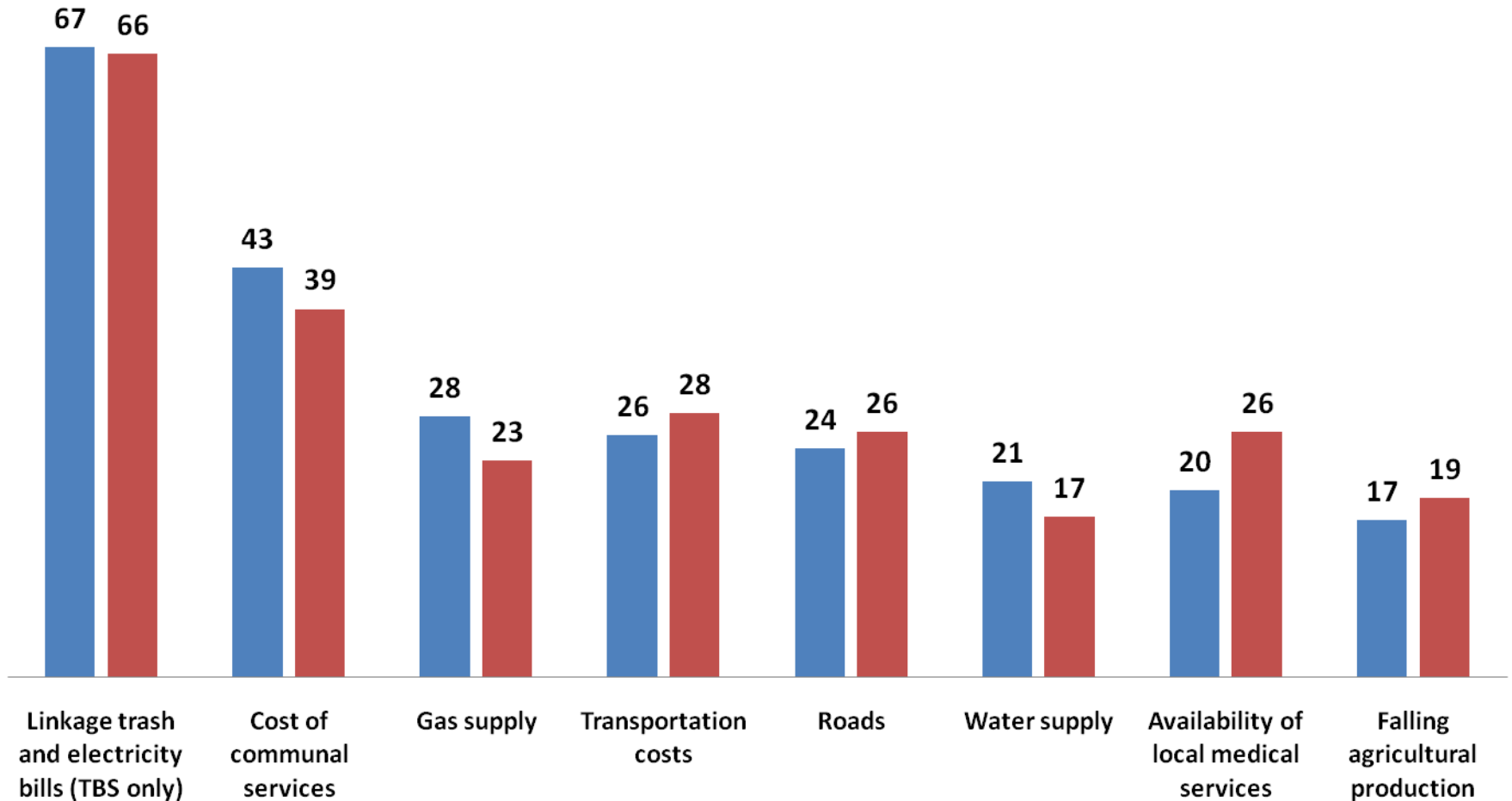


Politicians in Georgia talk about... too much, the right amount or too little? (q3)



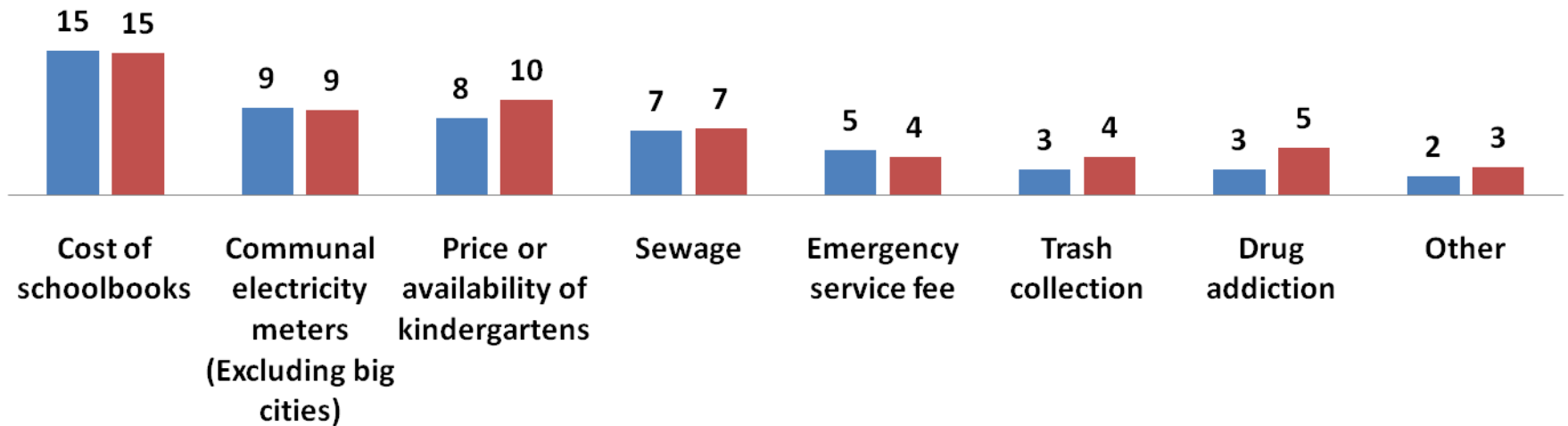
Most important local issues (q4) Part 1

■ August 2012 ■ June 2012



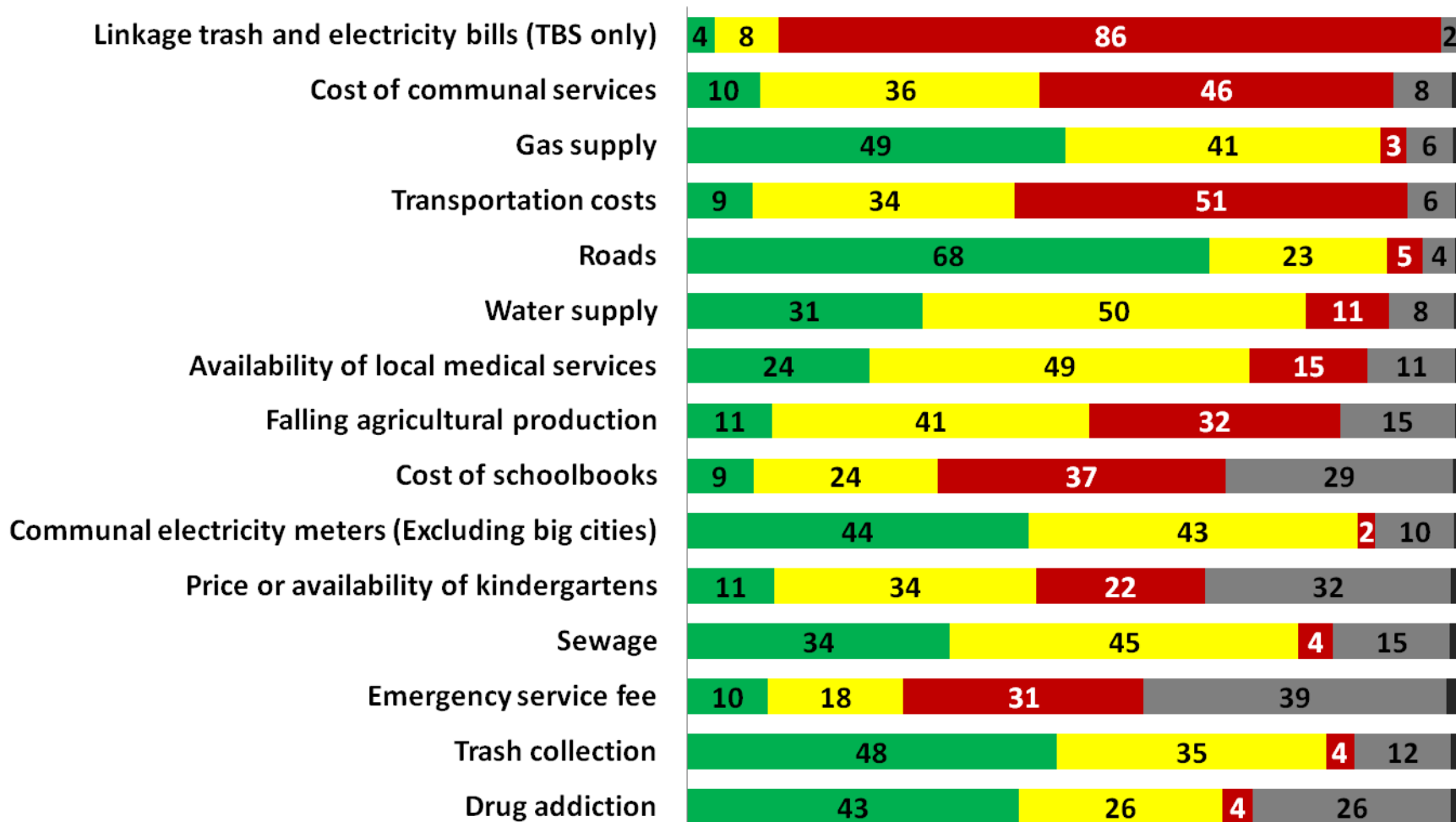
Most important local issues (q4) Part 2

■ August 2012 ■ June 2012



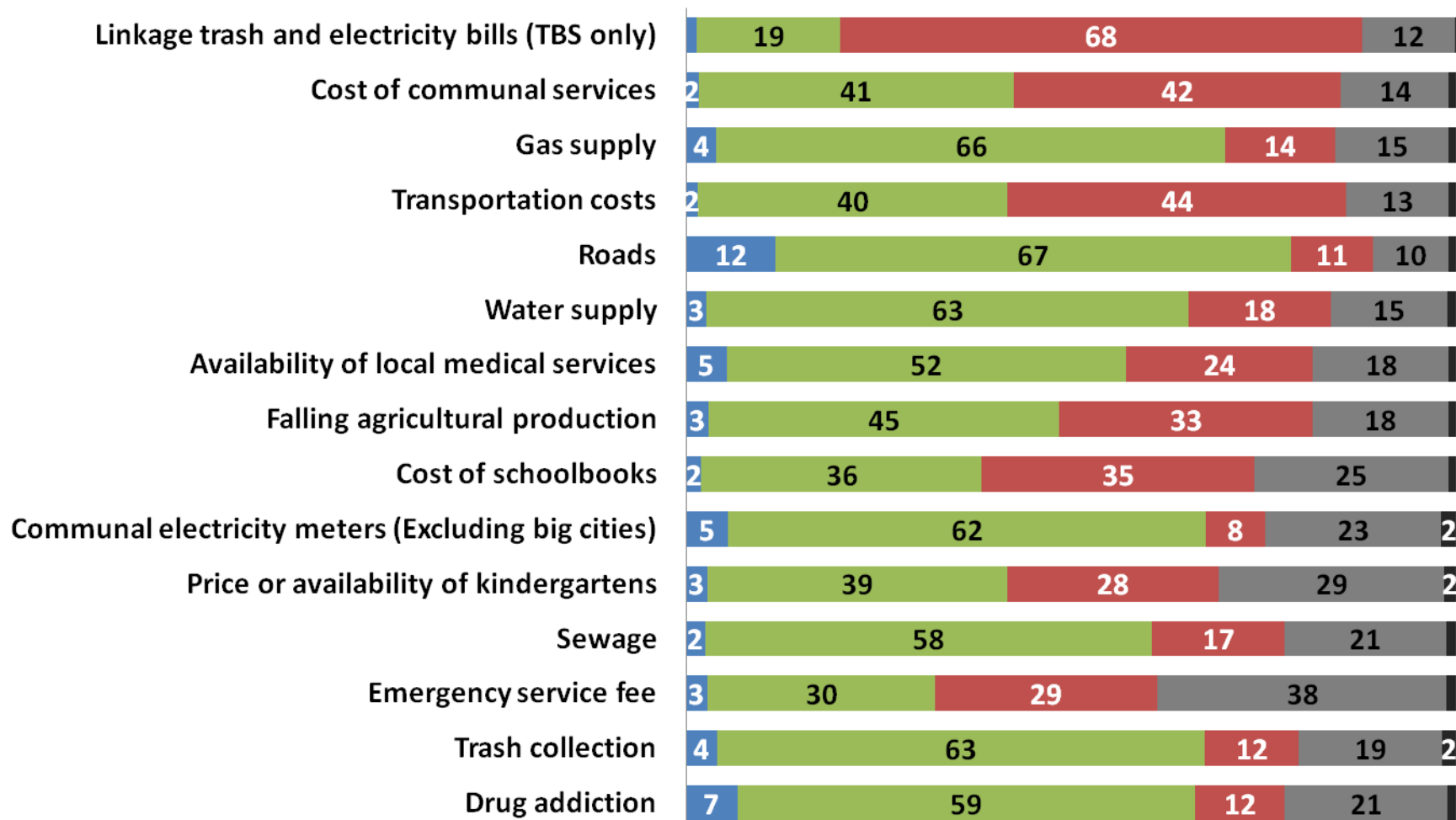
How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to January 2008? (q5)

■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

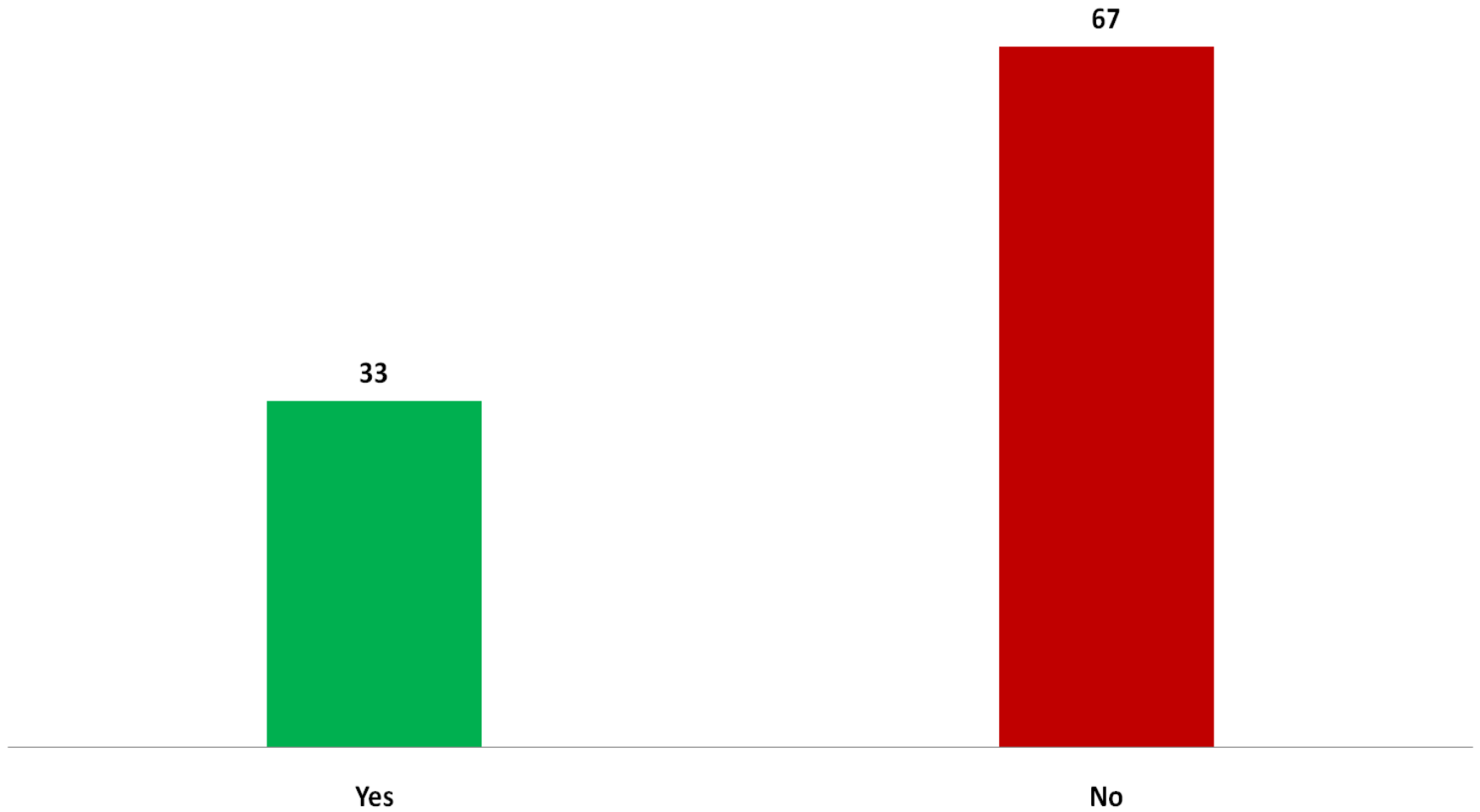


Politicians in Georgia talk about... too much, the right amount or too little? (q6)

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

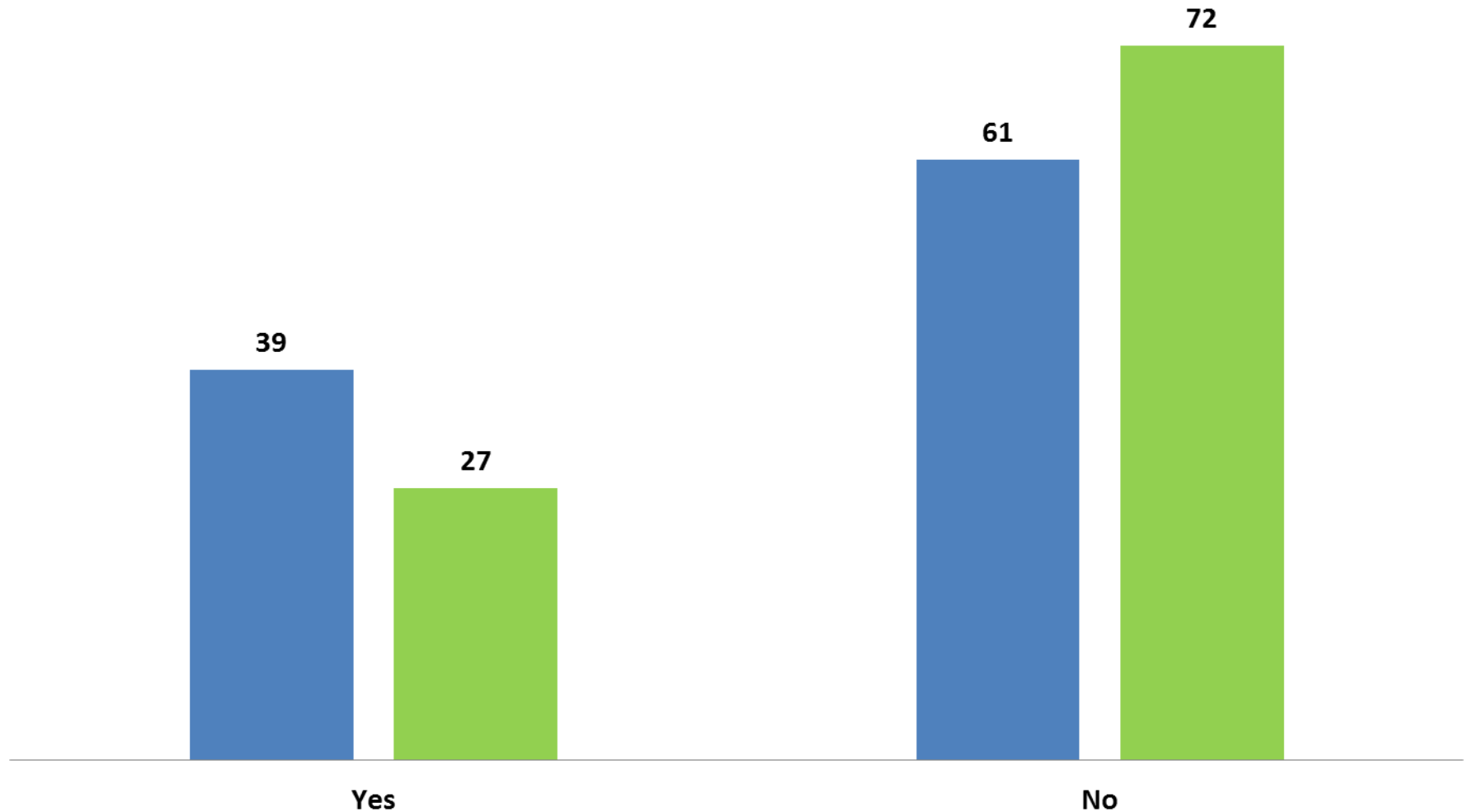


Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q94)



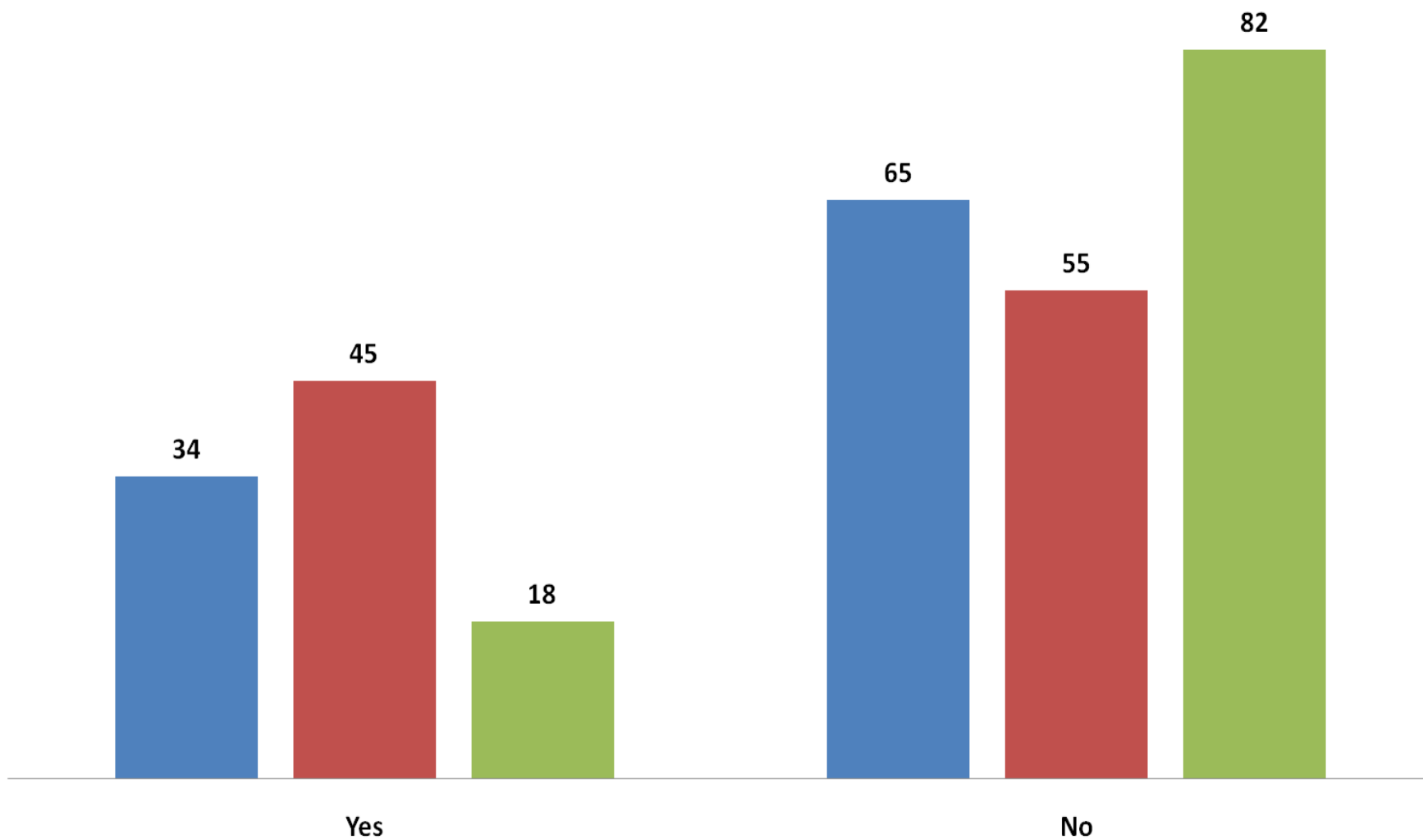
Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q94 X Gender)

■ Male ■ Female

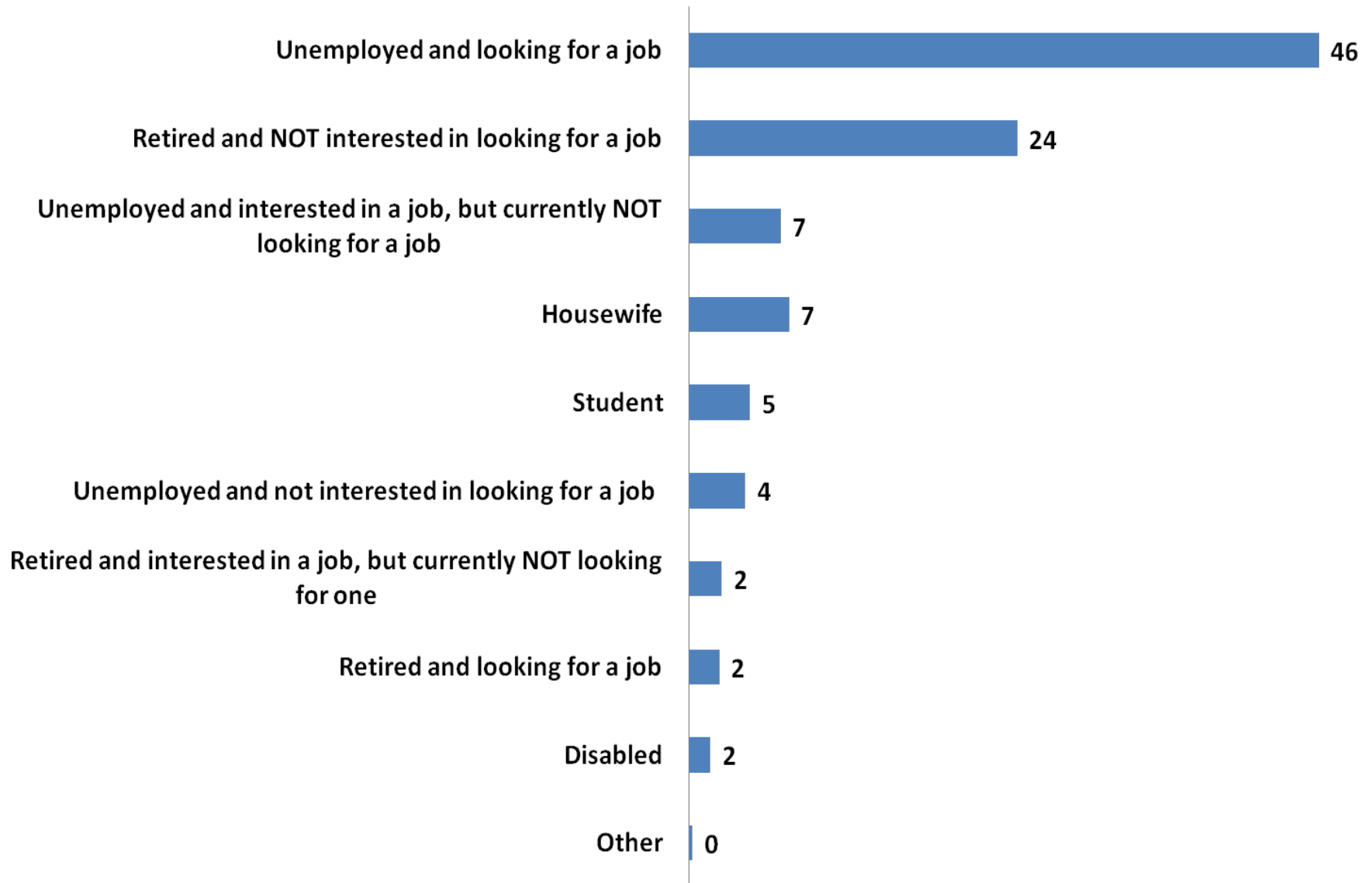


Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q94 X Age)

■ 18-35 ■ 36-55 ■ 56+



Which of the following best describes your situation? - of 67% (q96)



Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:



33%--Employed (full or part time)



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



6%--Unemployed and not looking for work (This includes unemployed and retired persons who are interested in a job, but who are not looking.)

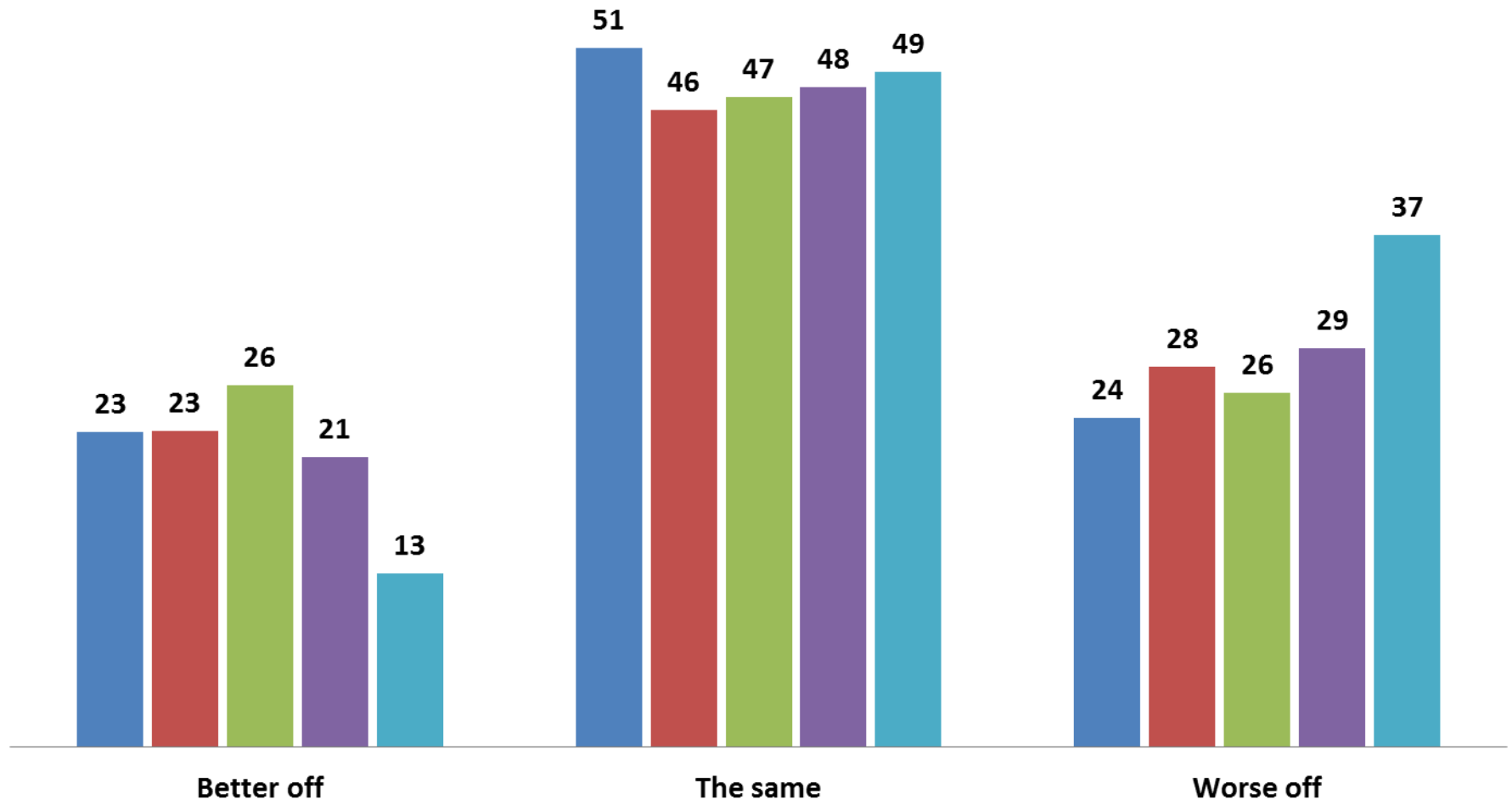


28%--Non-active labour force (This includes students, homemakers, retired persons who are not interested in looking for a job, unemployed persons who are not interested in looking for a job, etc.)

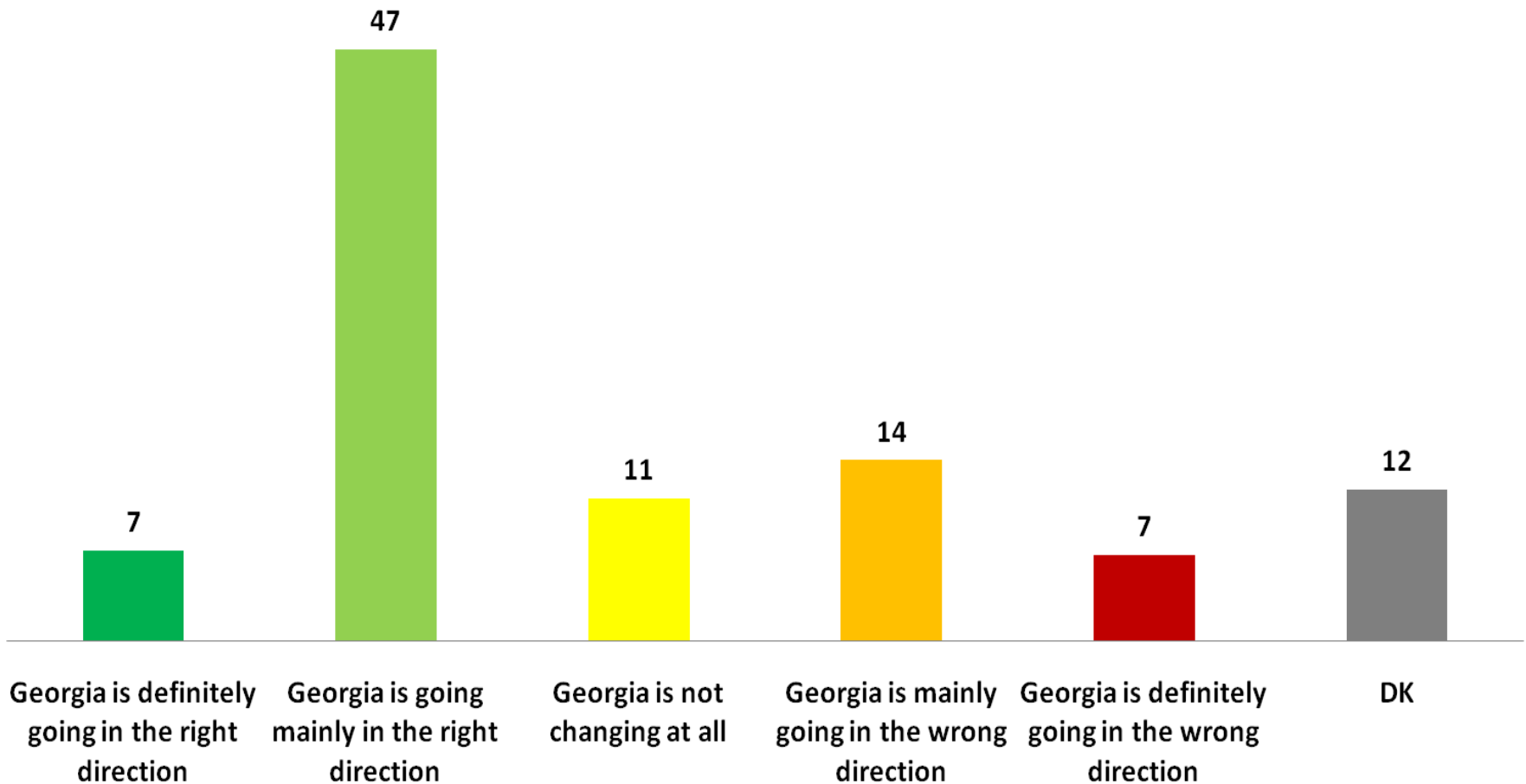


Generally, taking everything into account, since January 2008 you and your household are... (q10)

■ August 2012 ■ June 12 ■ February 12 ■ September 11 ■ March 11



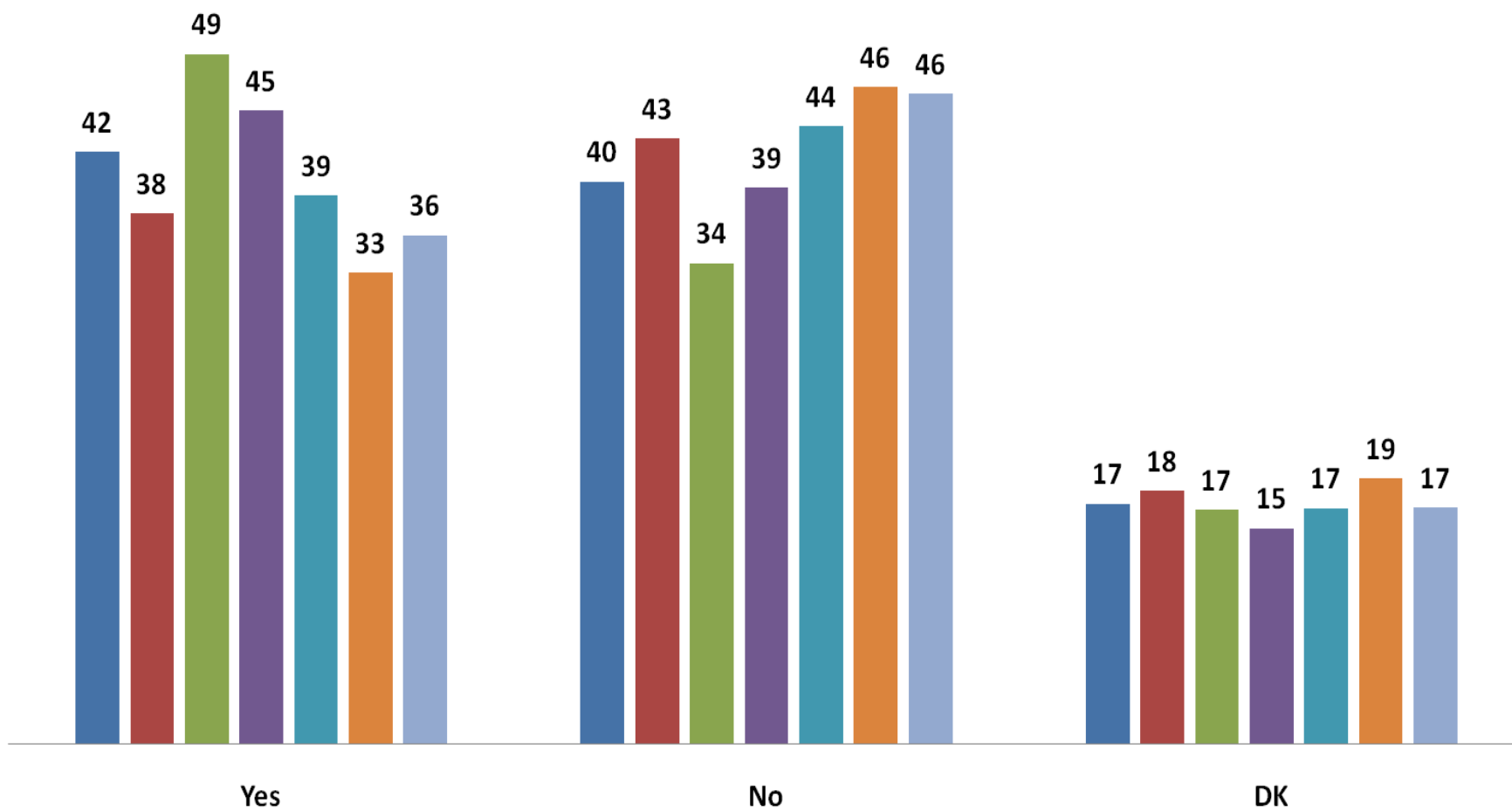
In which direction is Georgia going? (q11)



Democracy, Reforms and Elections

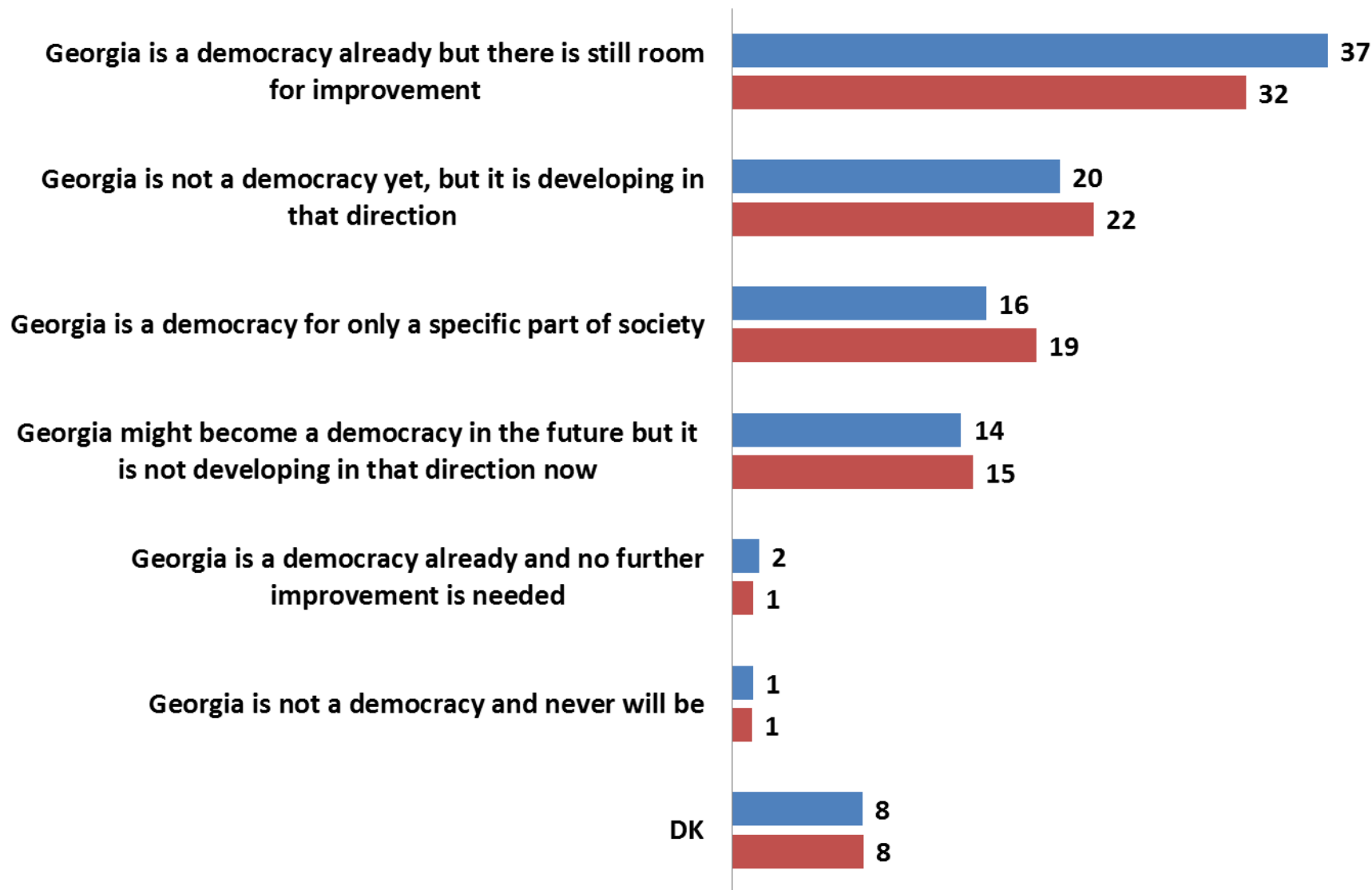
Is Georgia a democracy now? (q18)

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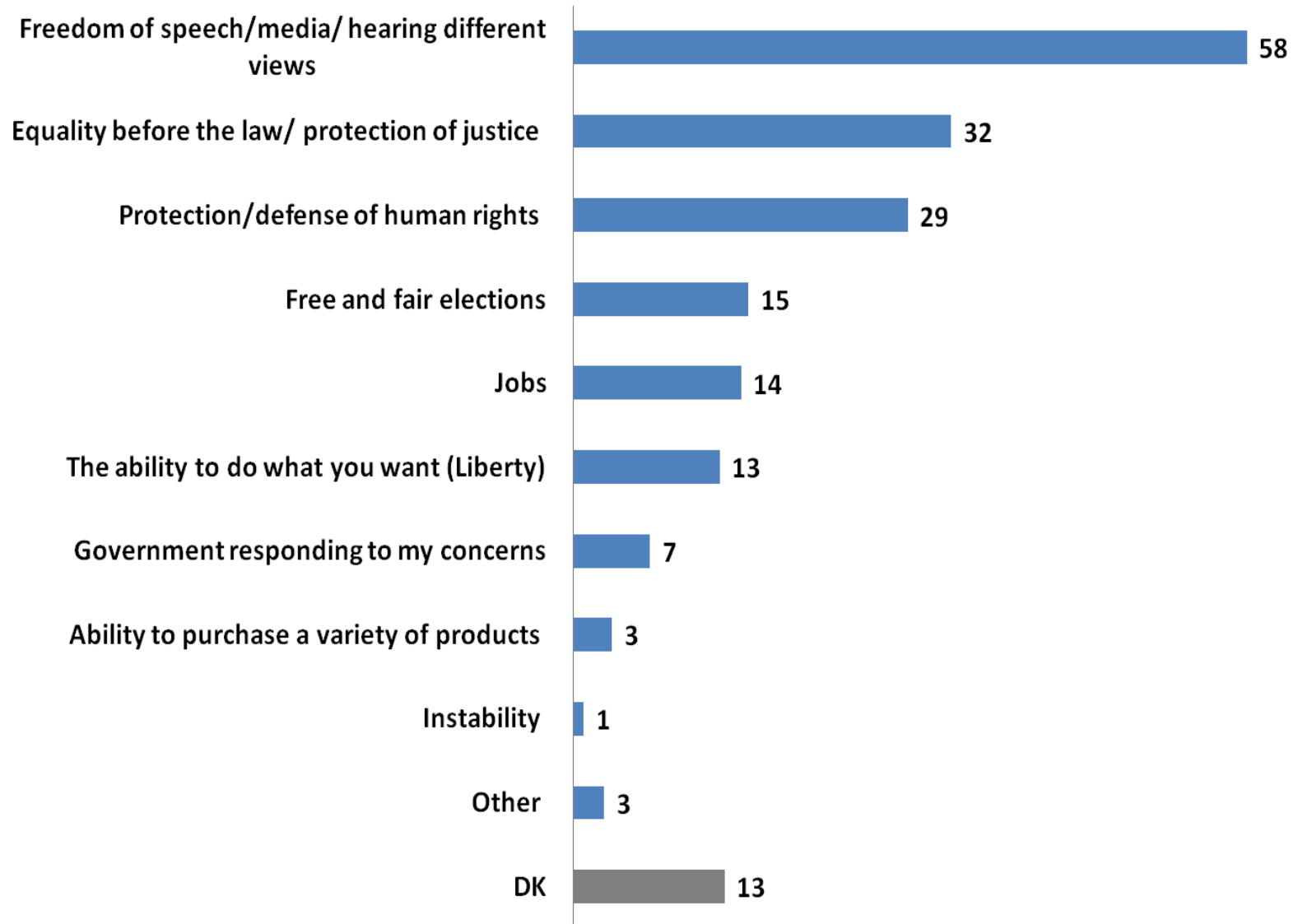


Which statement do you agree with the most? (q19)

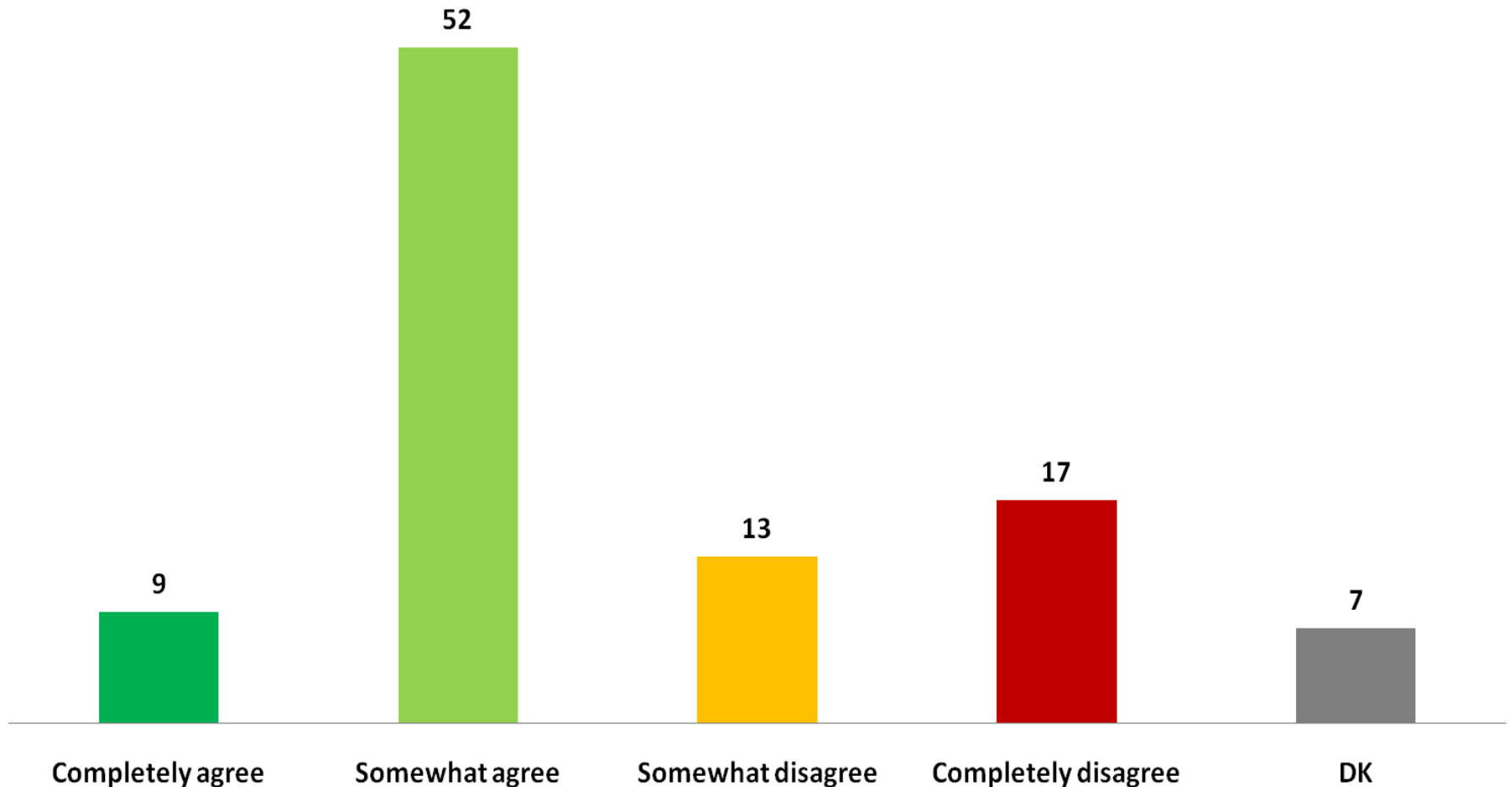
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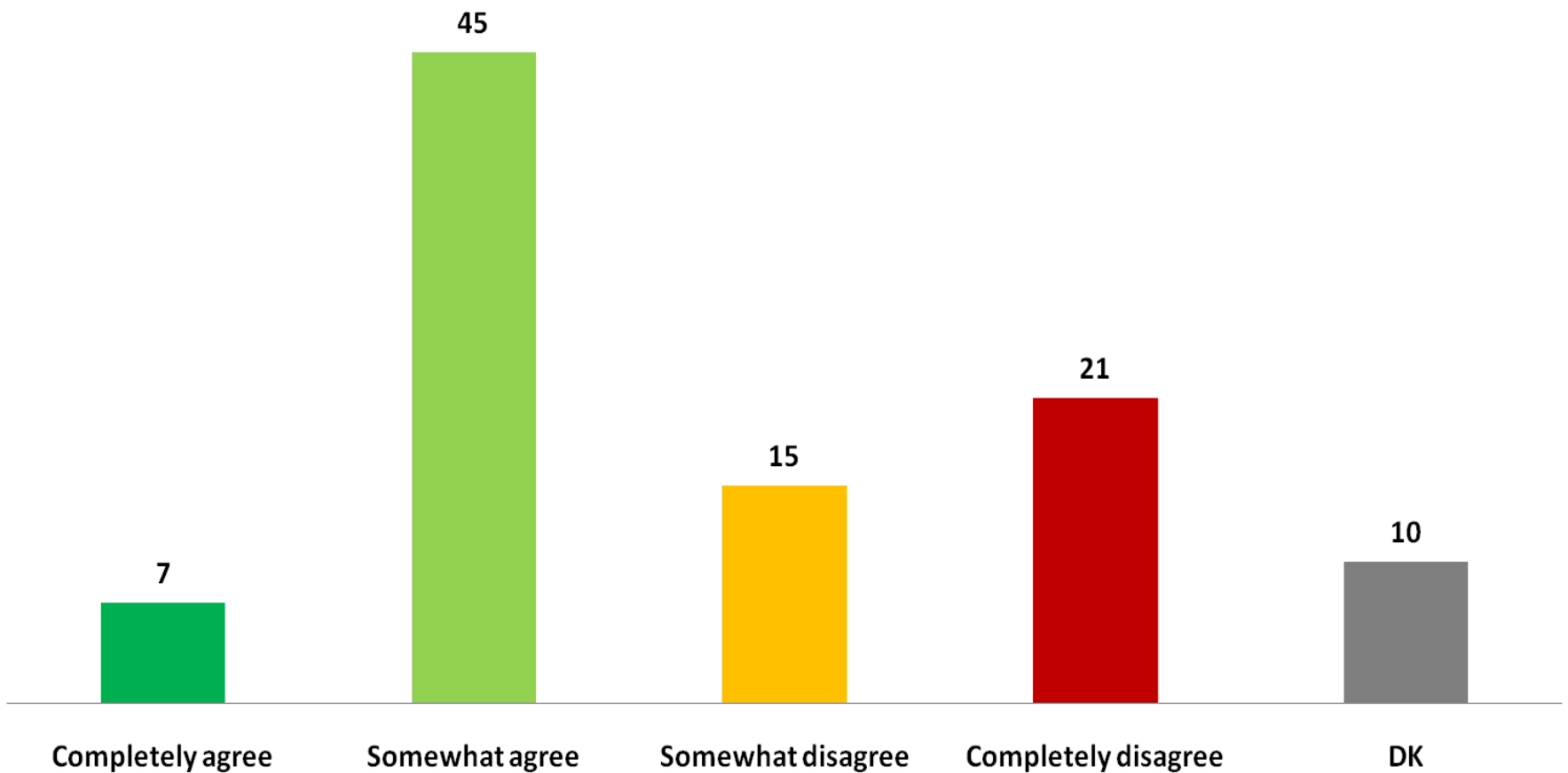
What does democracy mean to you? (q17)



**To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government
is making the changes that matter to you? (q13)**

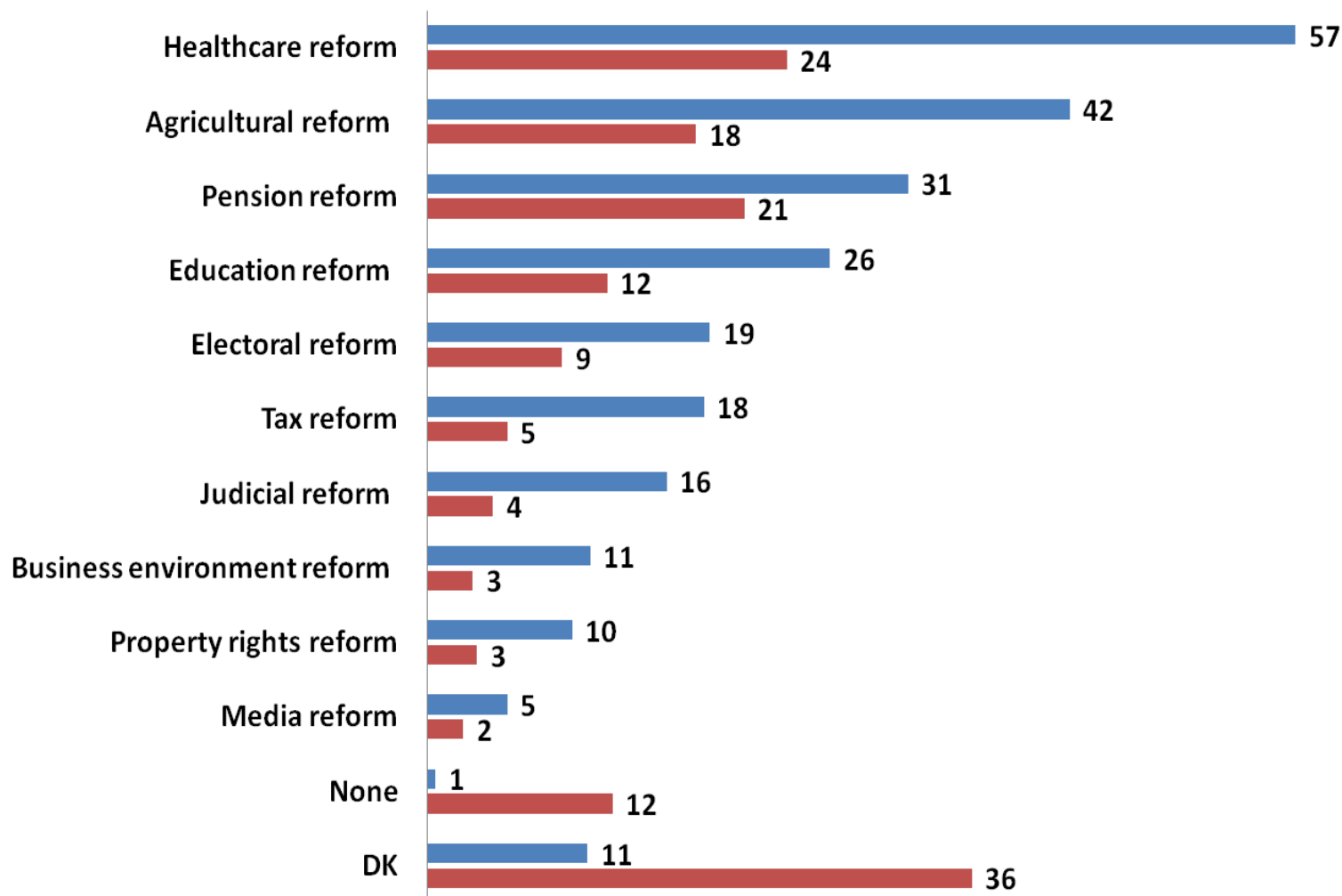


To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current local government is making the changes that matter to you? (q14)



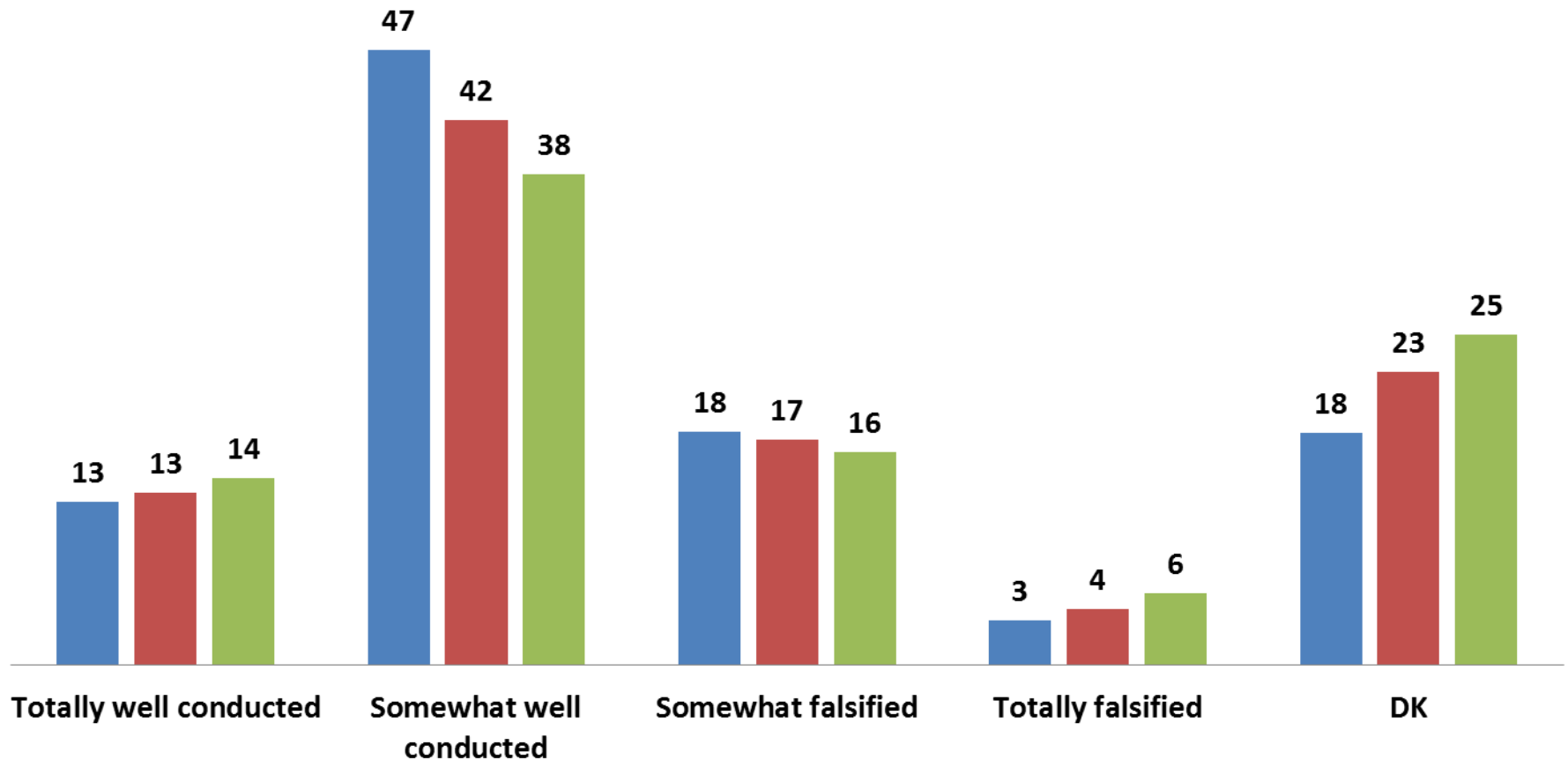
Which three reforms would be most important for Georgia/ which do you expect to see achieved in the next 6 months? (q7/q8)

■ Would be most important for Georgia ■ Expect to see achieved in the next 6 months



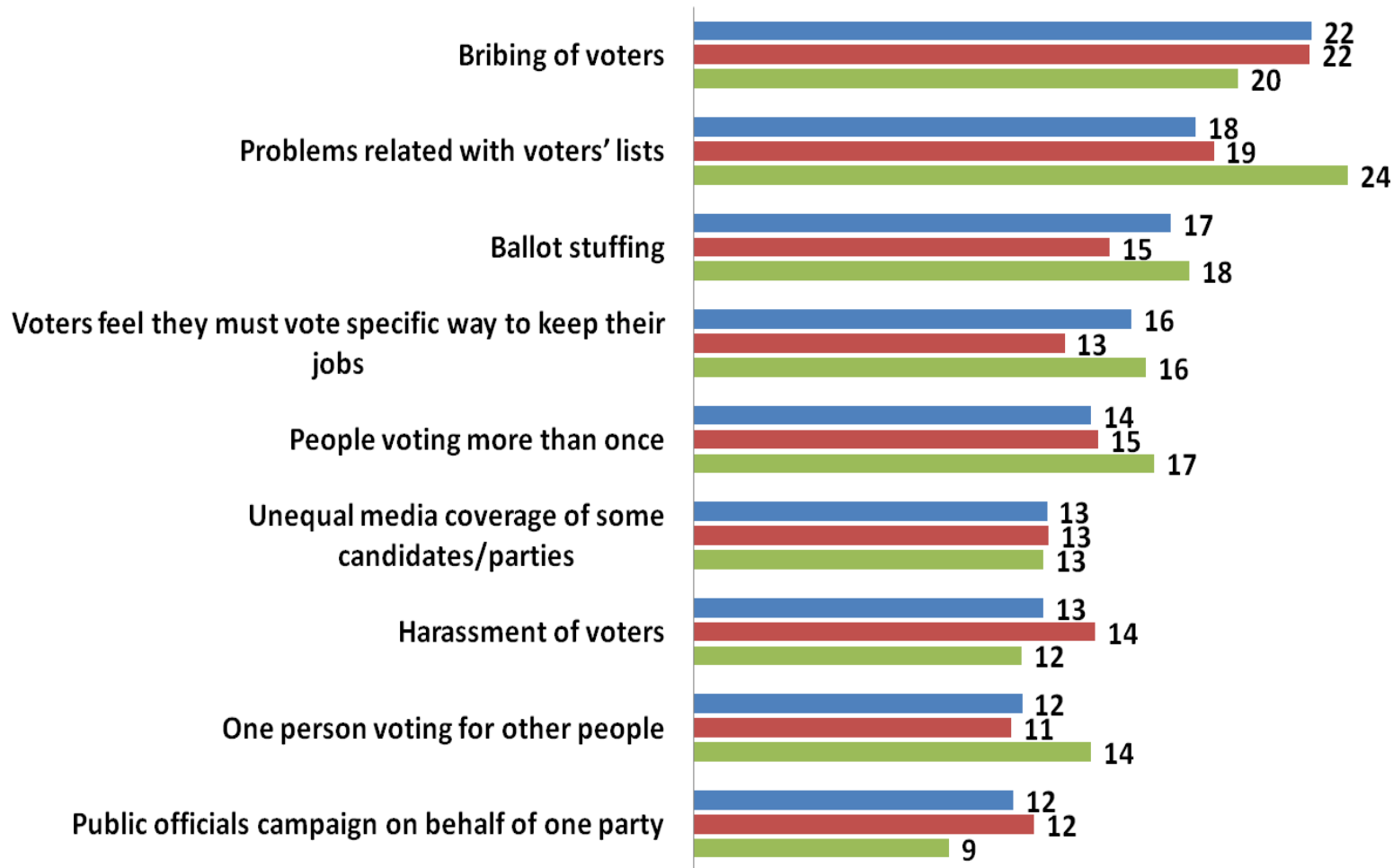
How do you think the coming parliamentary elections will be conducted? (q27)

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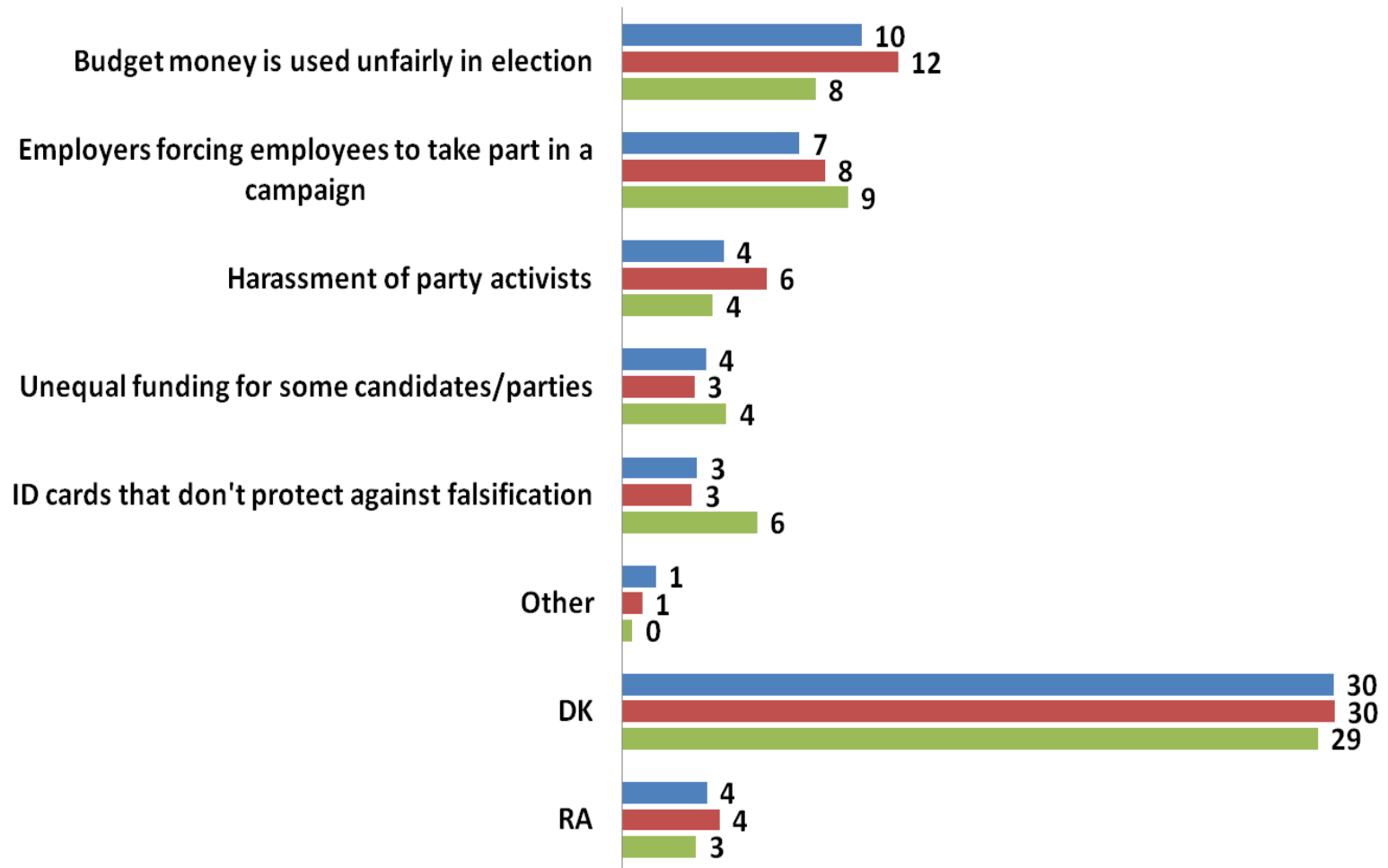
What are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? (q28) Part 1

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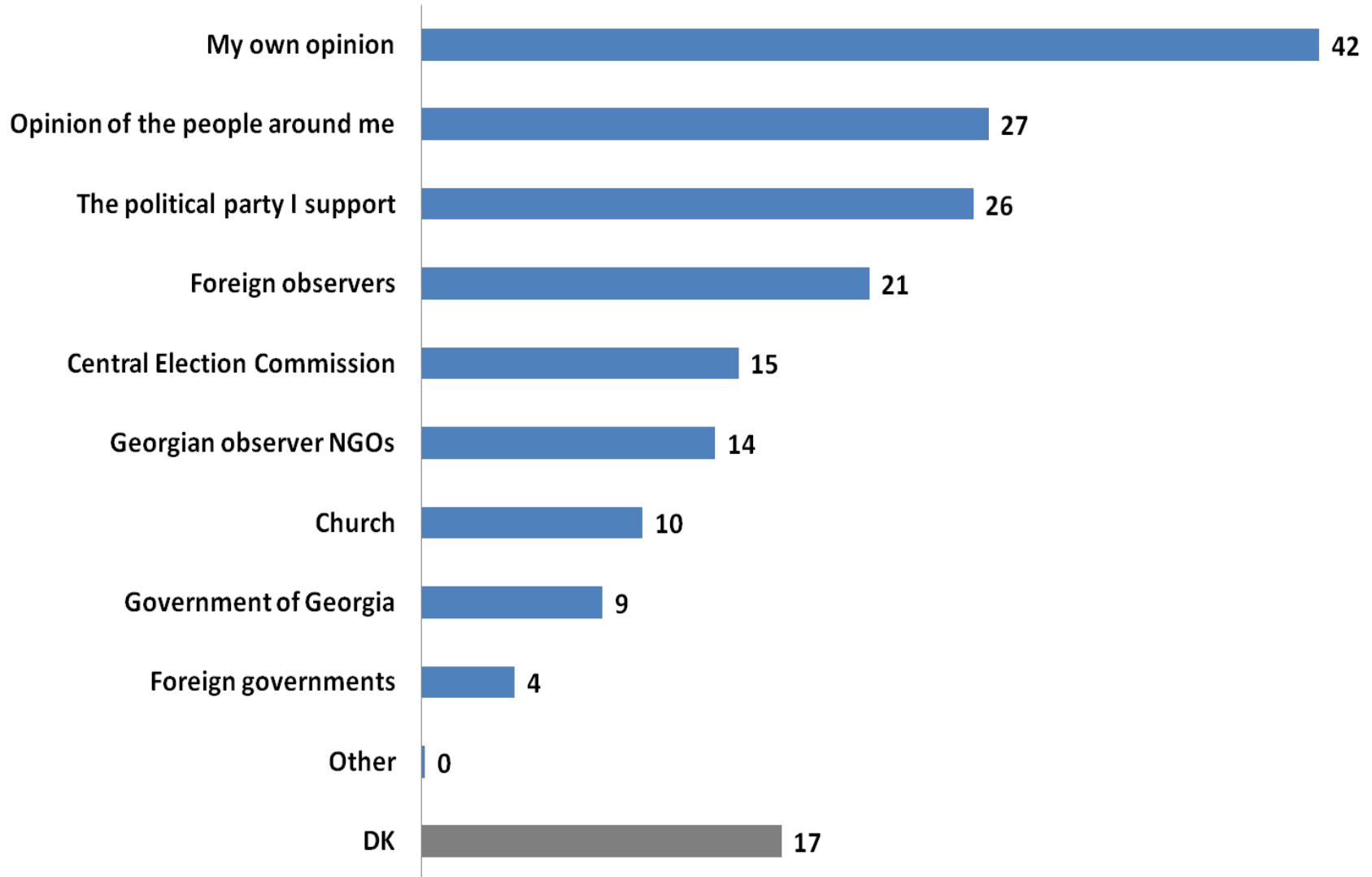


What are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? (q28) Part 2

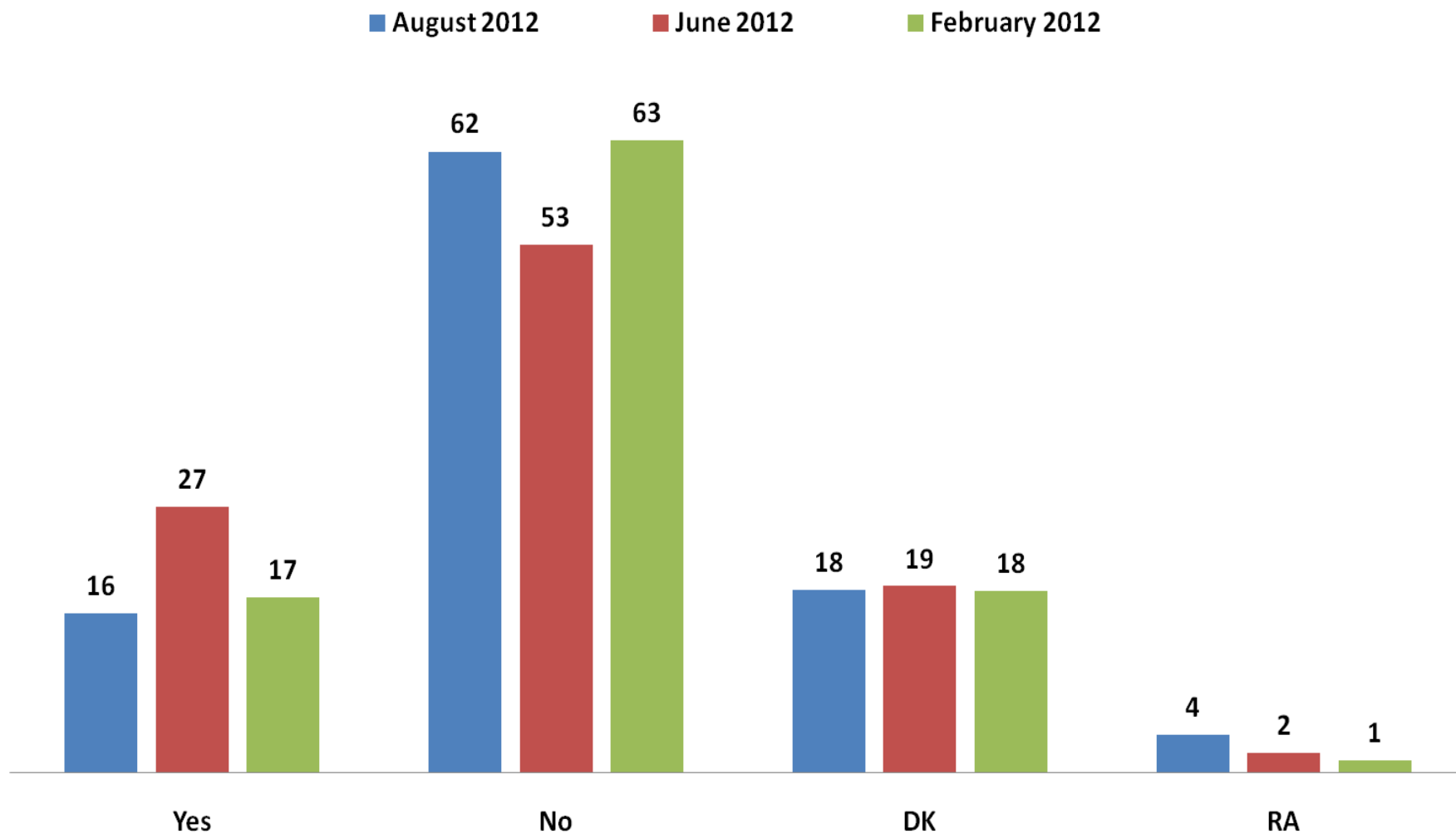
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Whose opinion do you think matters most, when it comes to deciding whether elections have been run well? (q29)

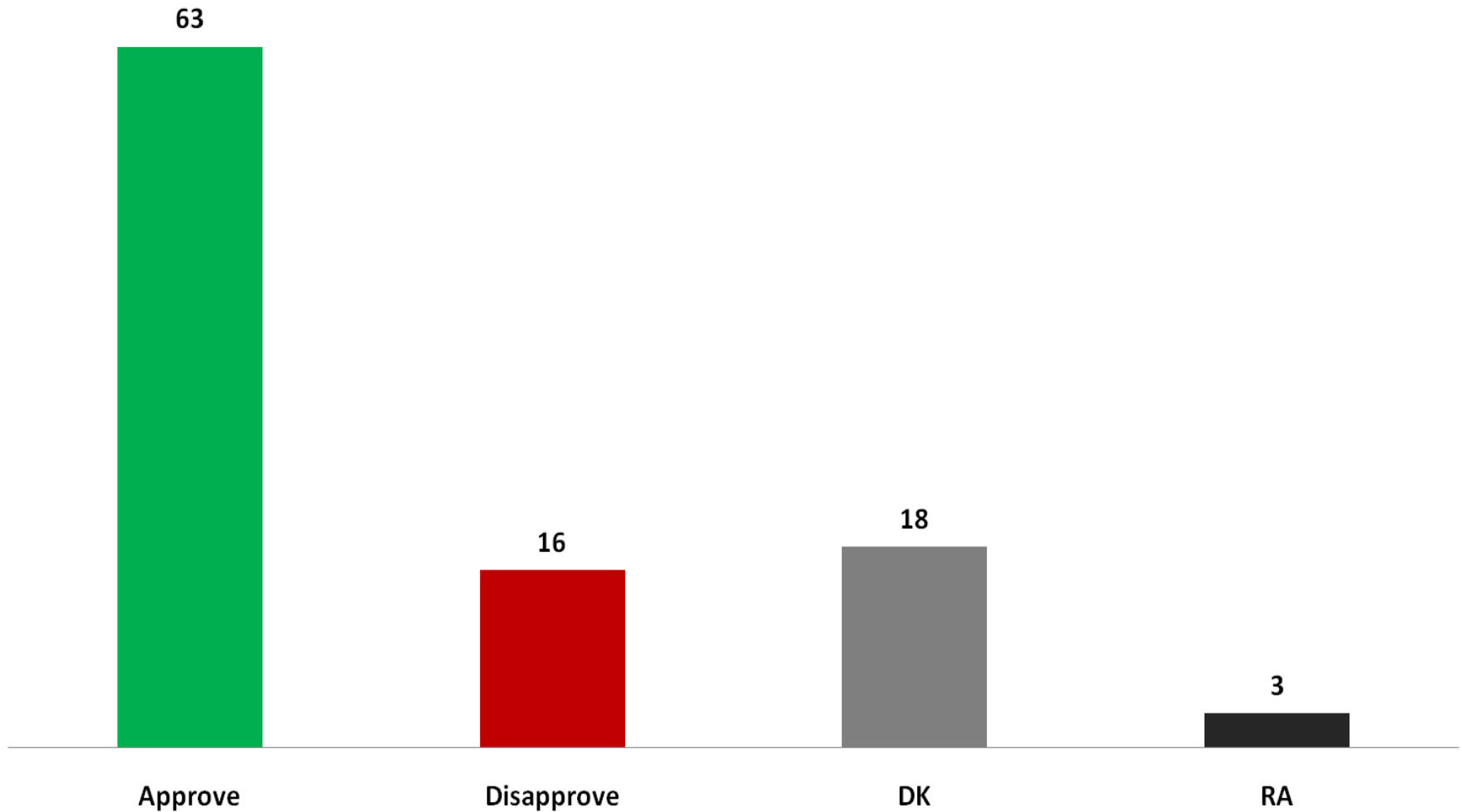


**Bidzina Ivanishvili has said that he will call for street protests if elections are falsified. Would you support his call for such protests?
(q33)**



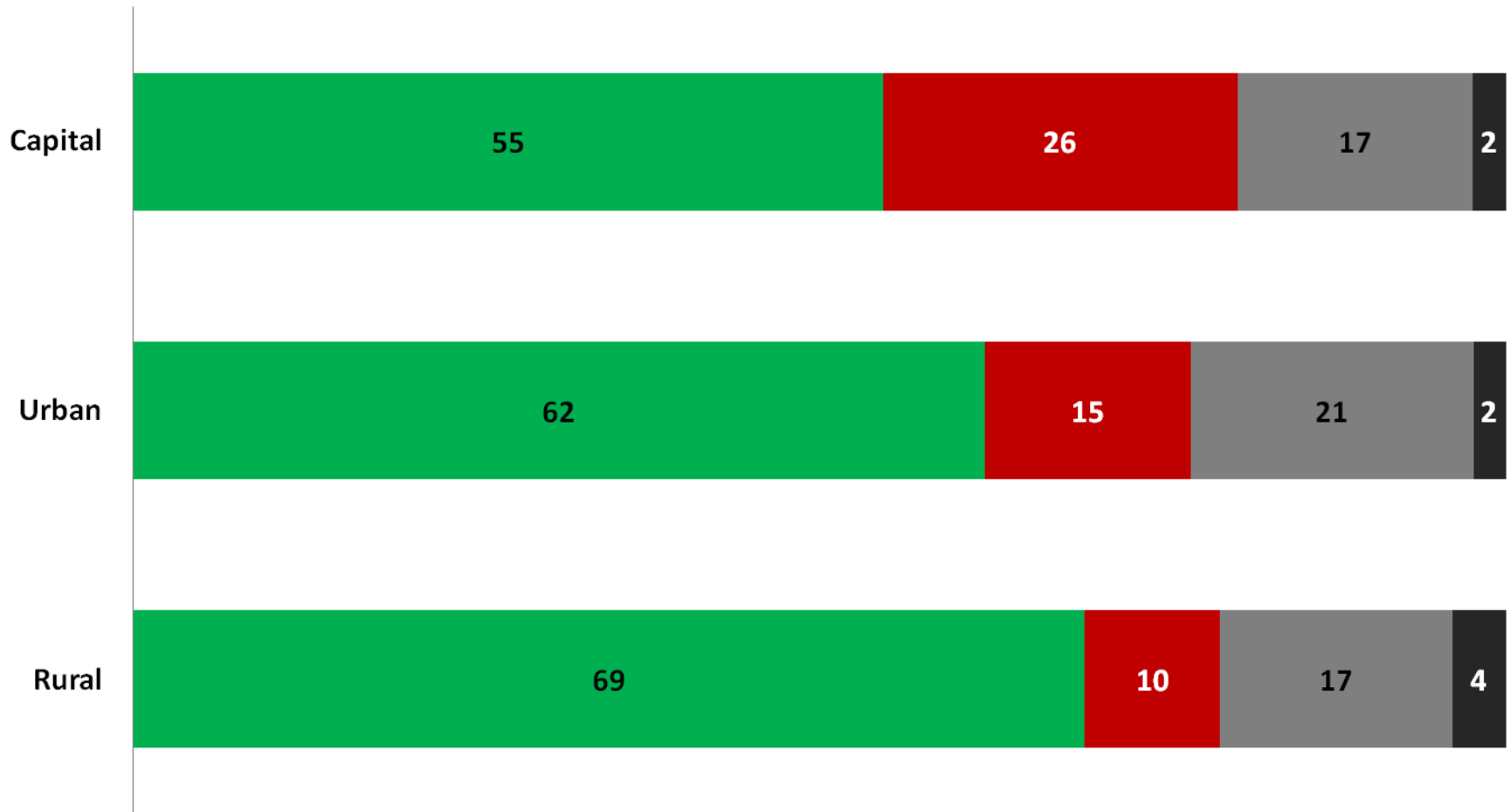
Current Events

Vano Merabishvili has been appointed Prime Minister. Do you approve or disapprove of his appointment? (q65)

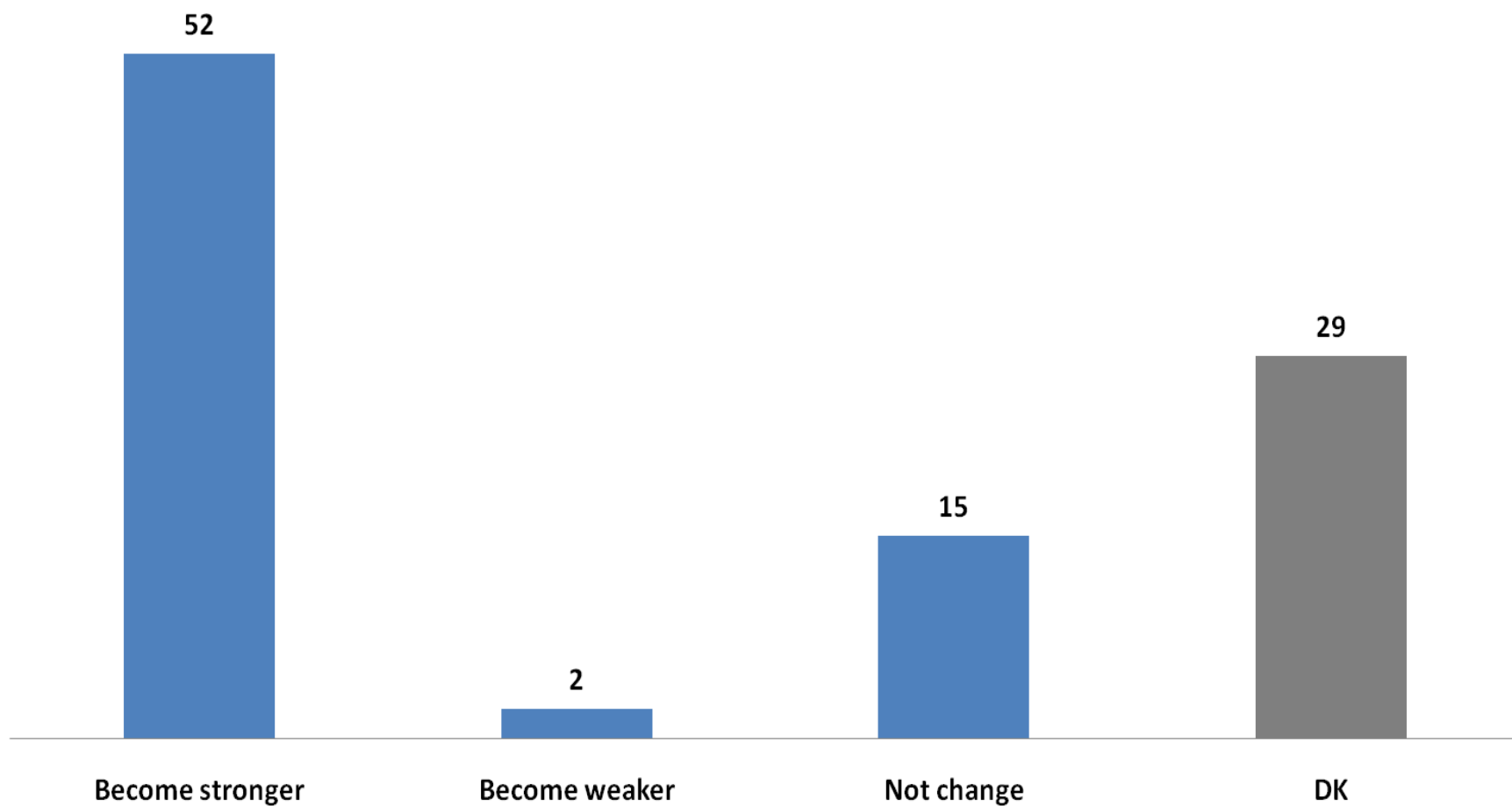


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(q65 X Settlement)**

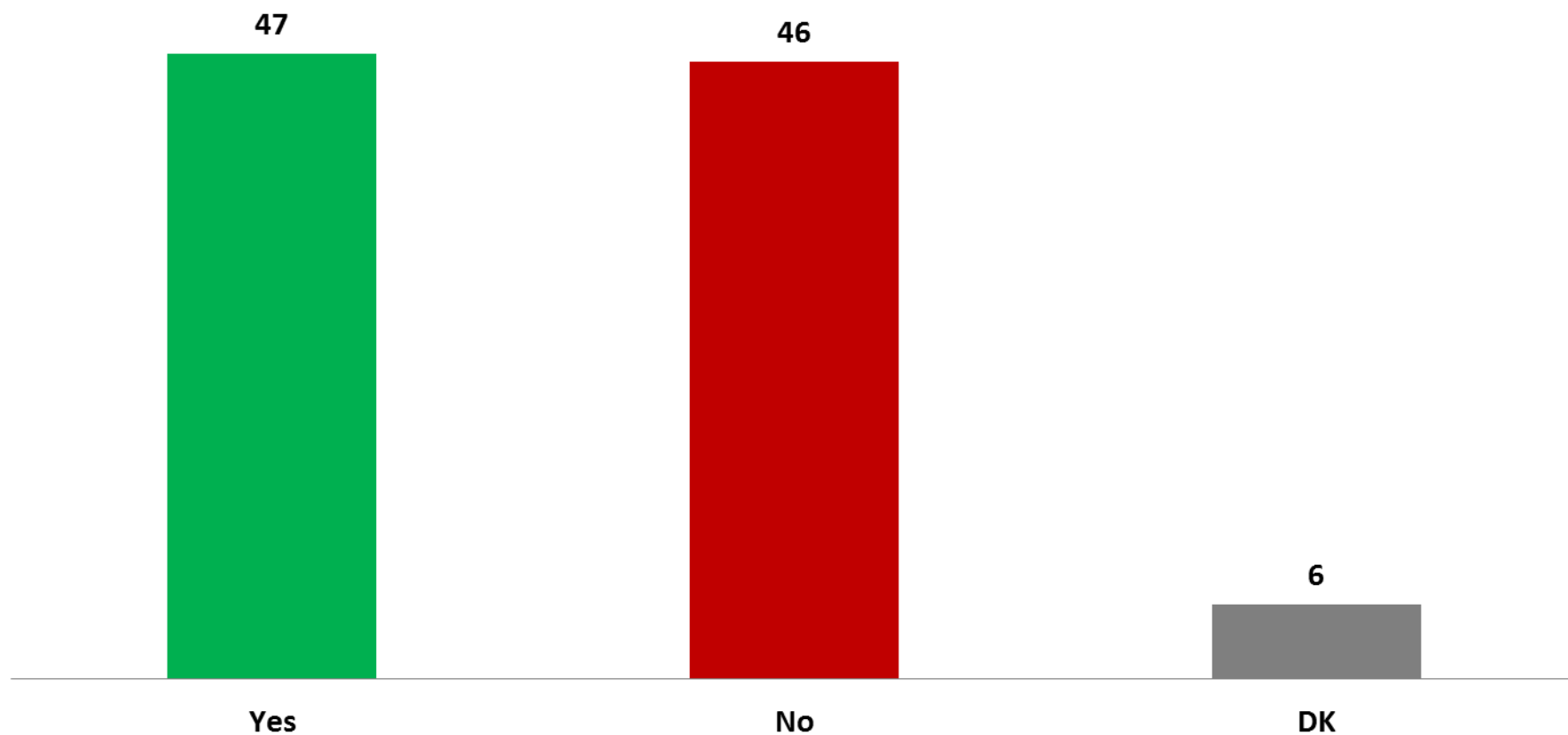
■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



**As a result of Merabishvili's appointment, the role of Prime Minister
in the government will....? (q66)**



On July 4 Merabashvili announced the government's plan of the next four years. Are you aware of this plan? (q67)

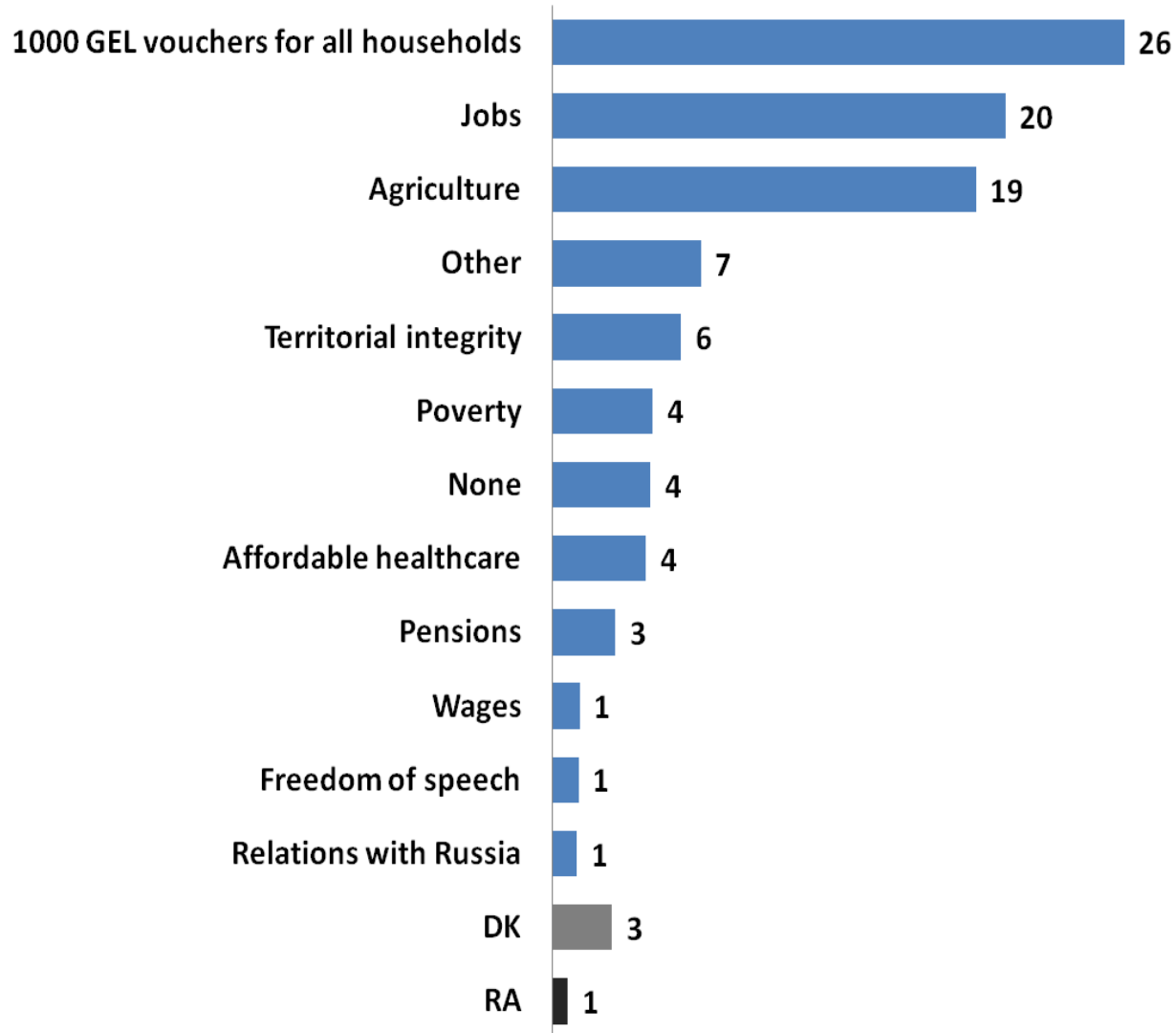


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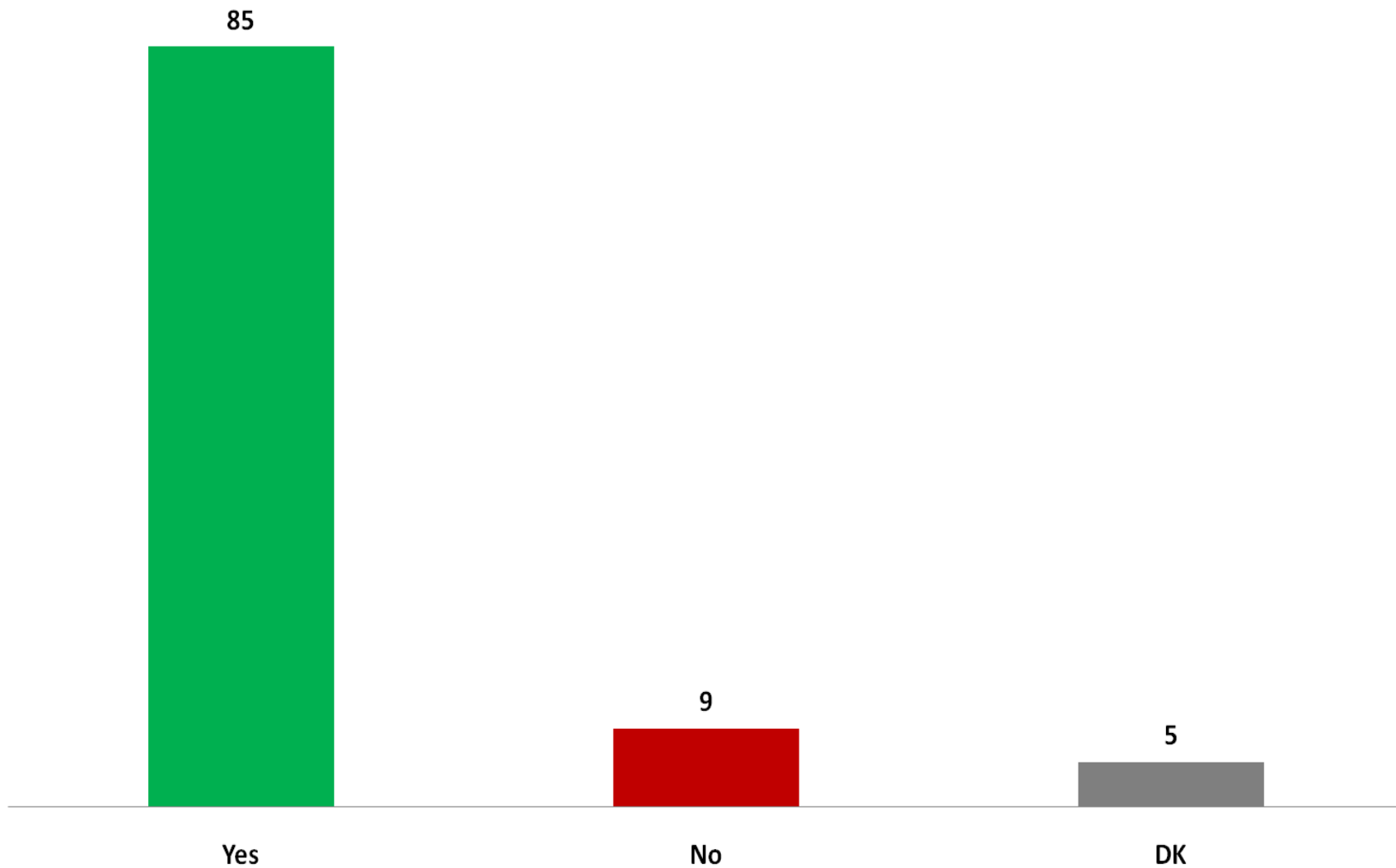
Yes No DK RA



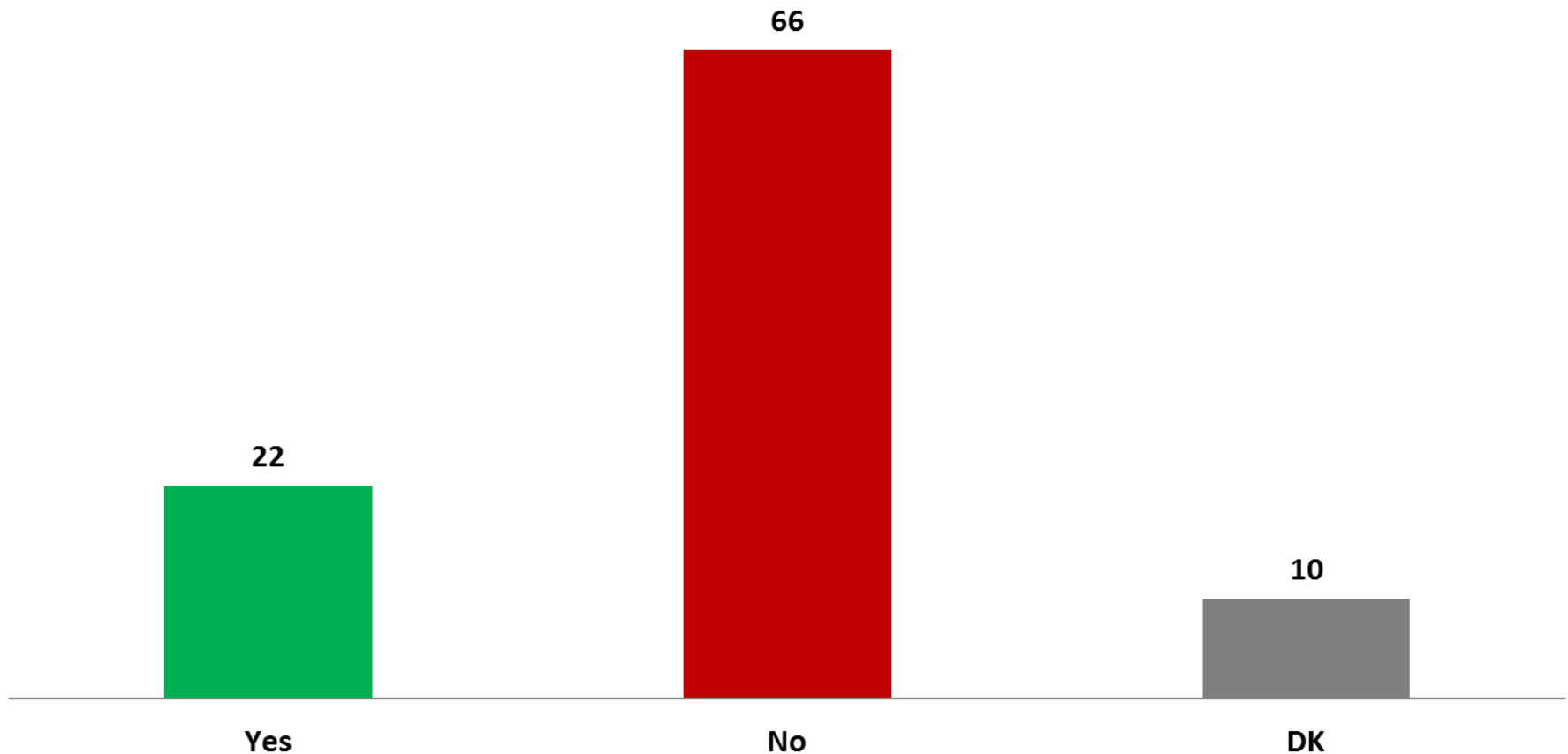
What is the most important issue to you that Merabishvili's plan addresses? - of the 47 % who was aware of the plan (q68)



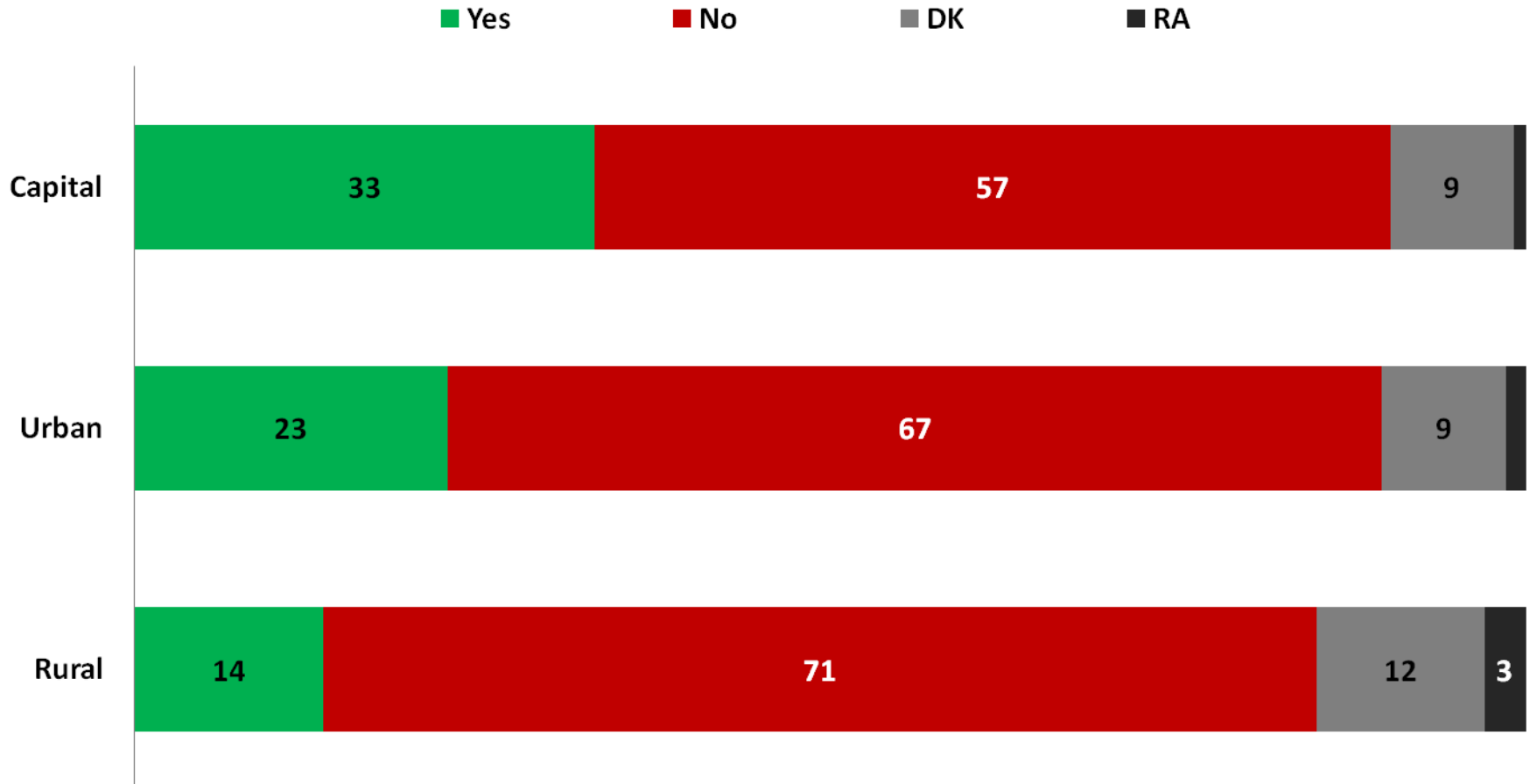
**Do you support this plan? - of the 47 % who was aware of the plan
(q69)**



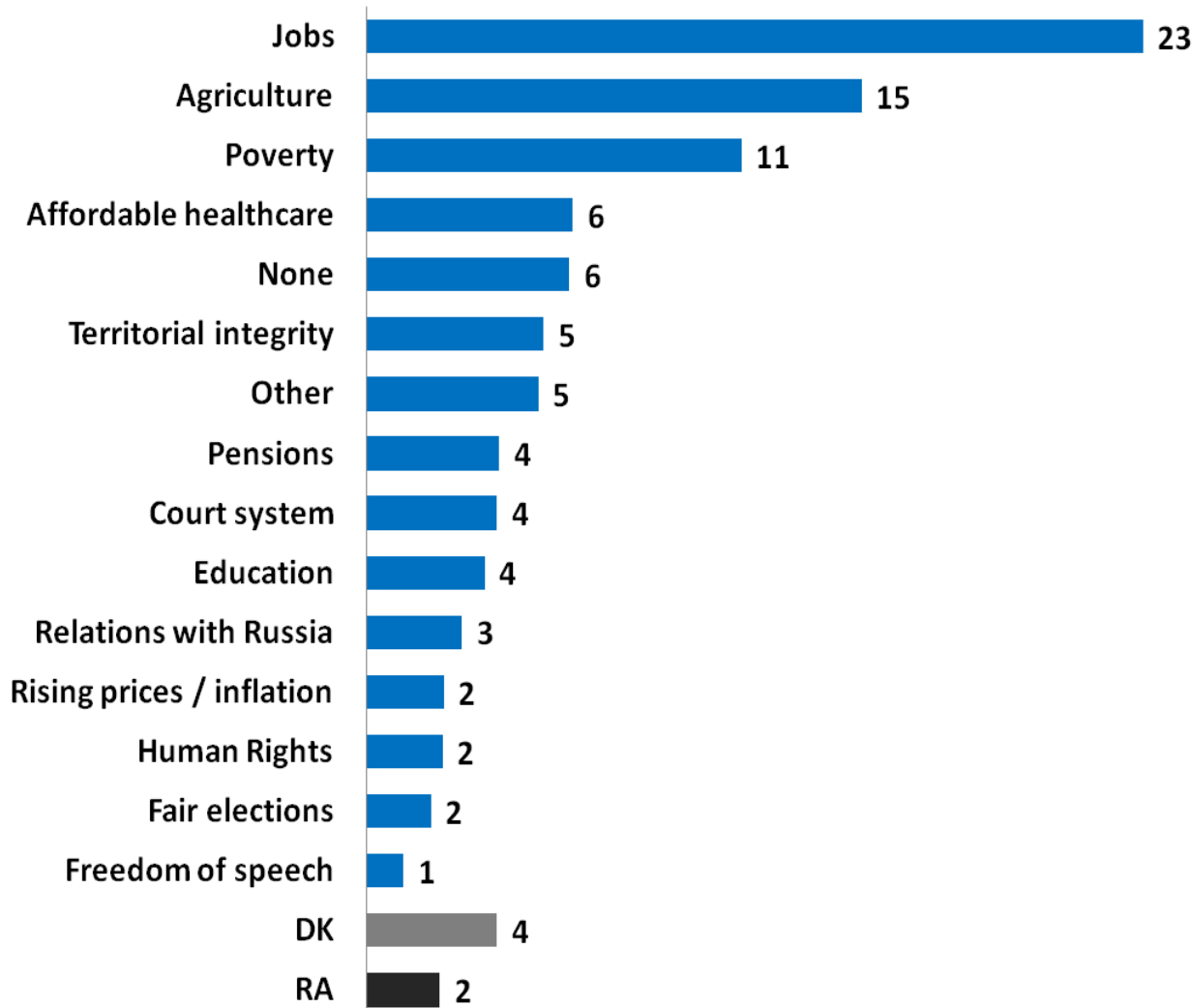
During his speech on May 27th Bidzina Ivanishvili said "seven months have passed since making my first statement and I assure you that everything is developing the way I planned and the way I thought it would." Are you aware of Ivanishvili's plan? (q81)



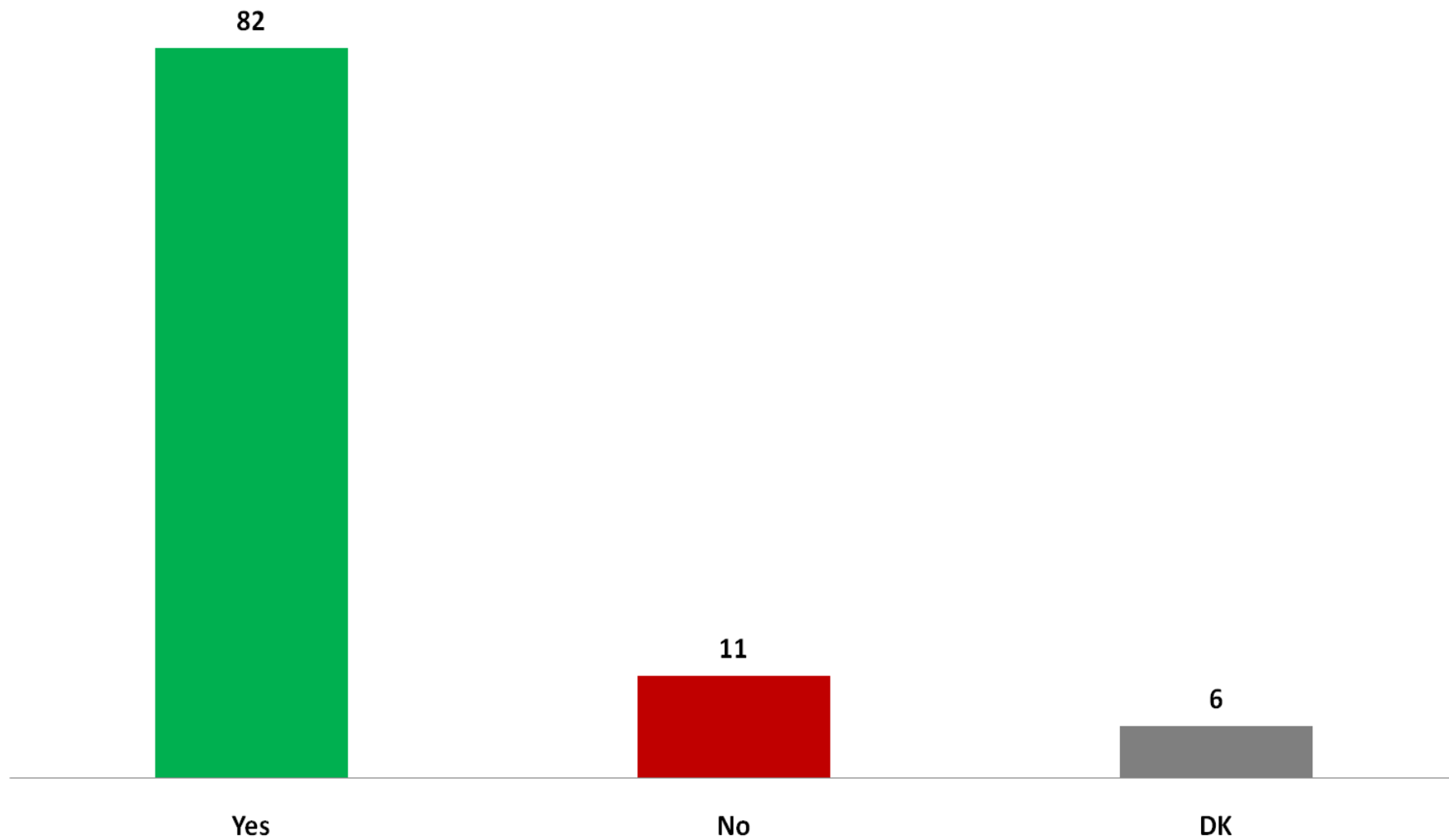
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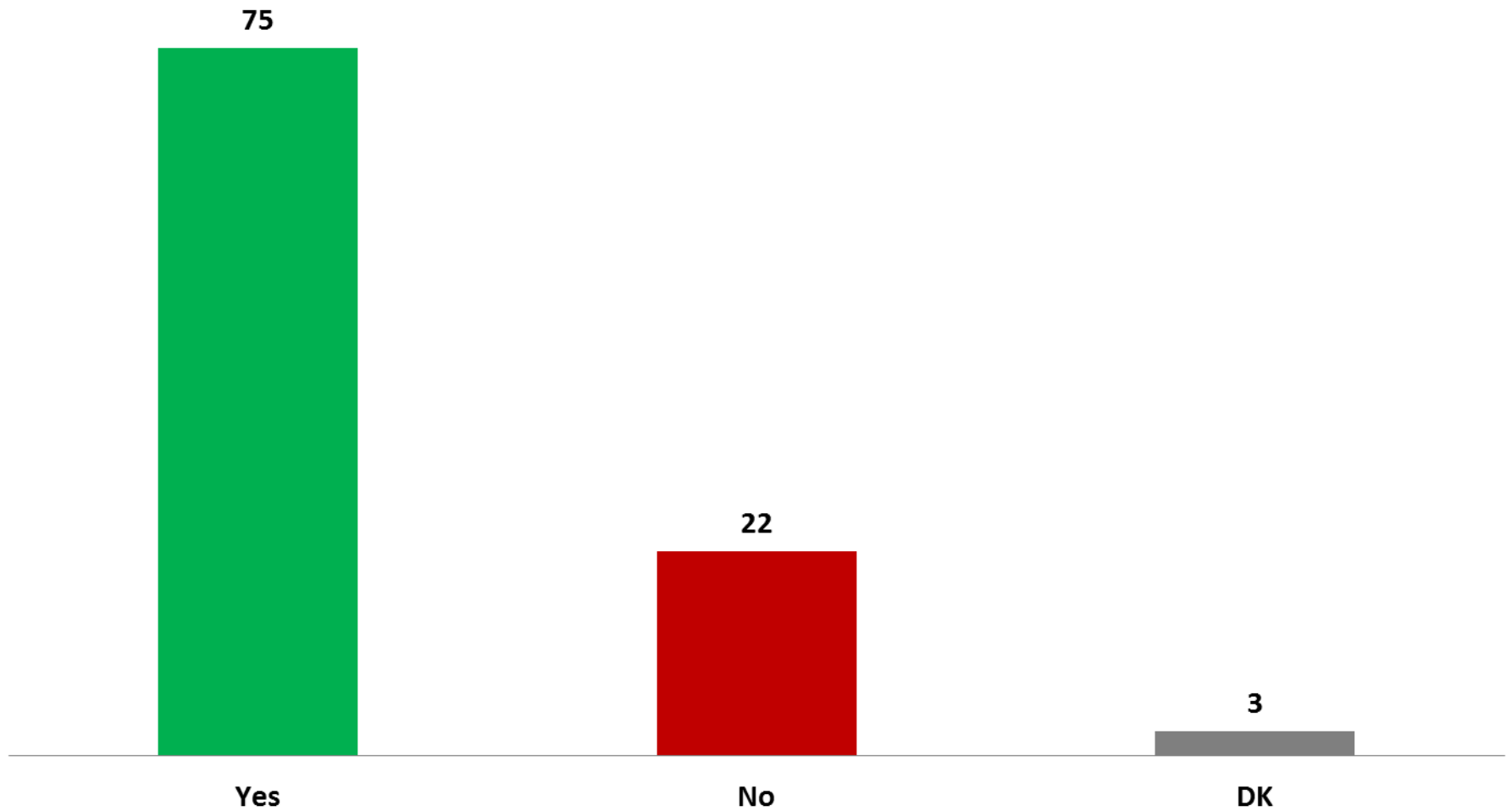
What is the most important issue to you that Ivanishvili's plan addresses? - of the 22 % who was aware of the plan (q82)



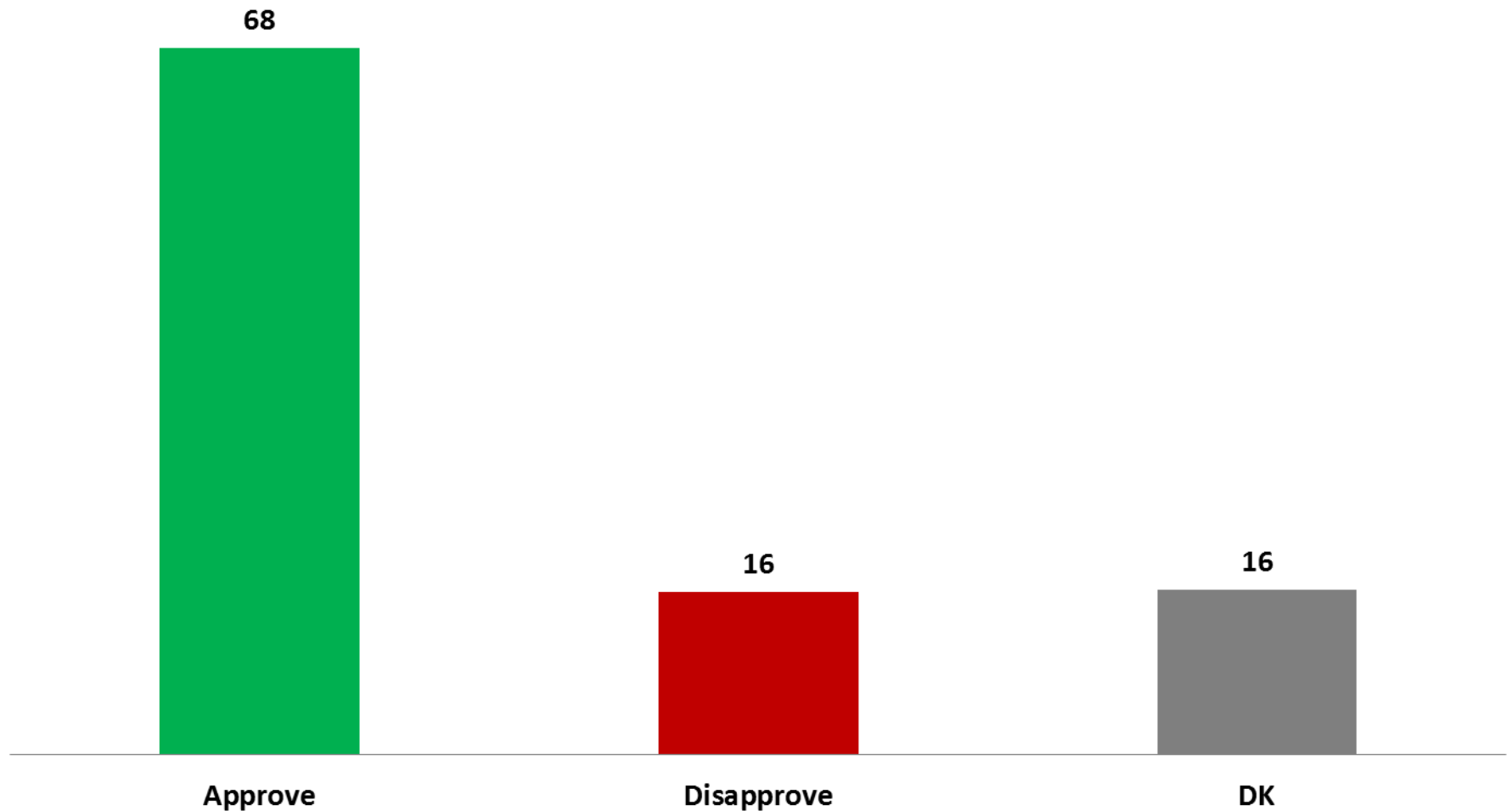
Do you support Ivanishvili's plan?
- of the 22 % who was aware of the plan (q83)



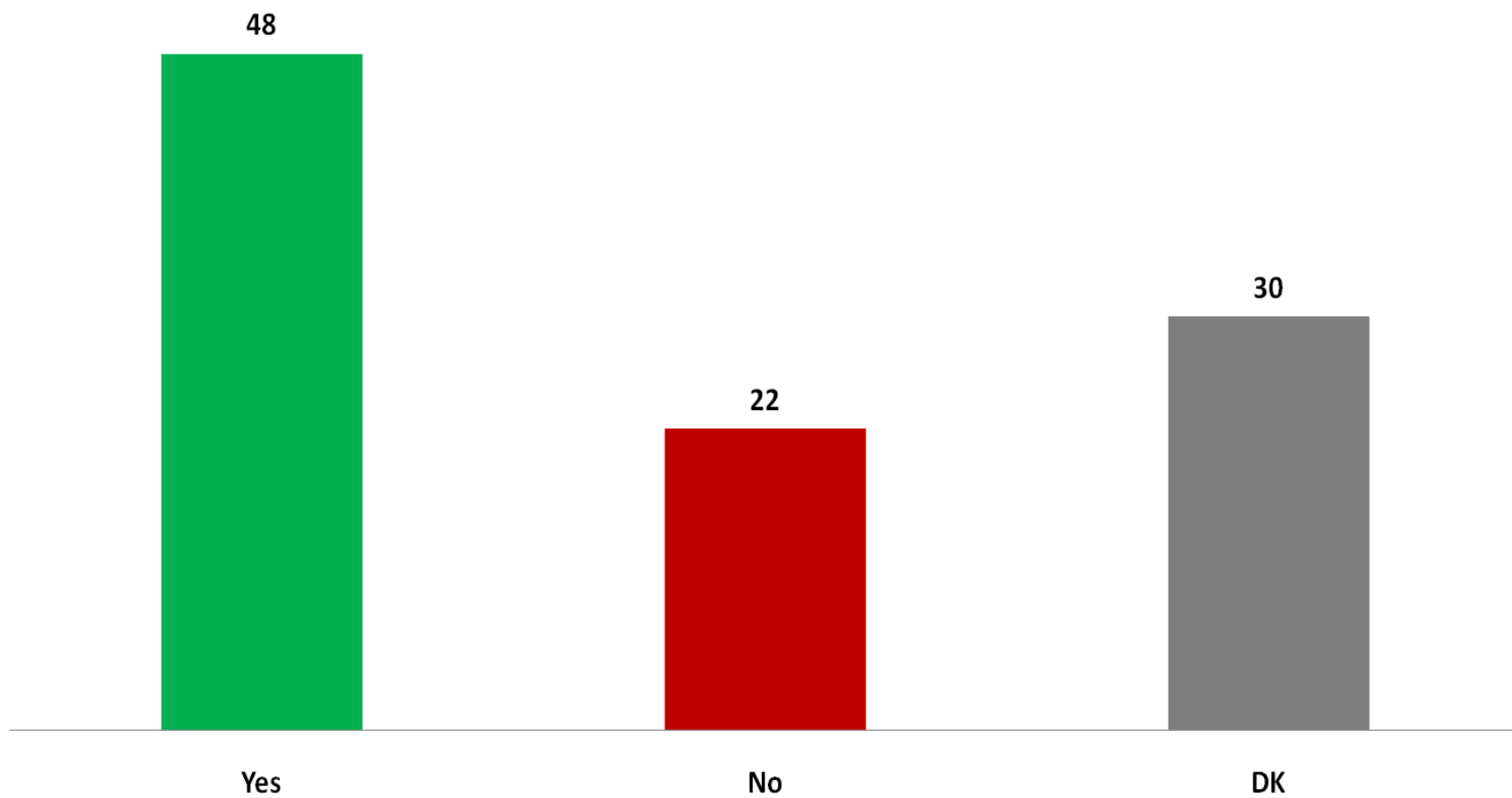
Are you aware of the establishment of the Ministry of Employment? (q71)



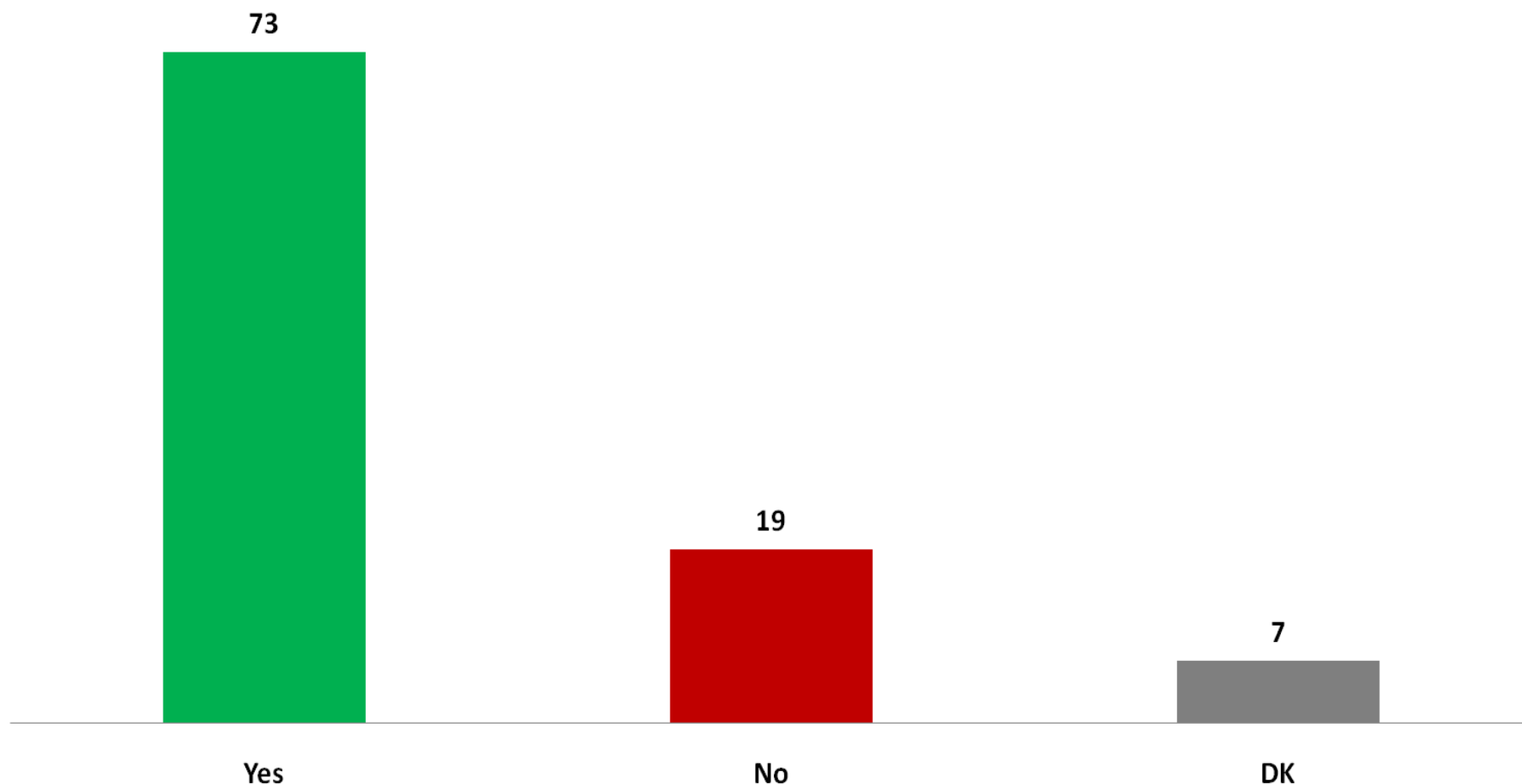
**Do you approve or disapprove of the establishment
of the Ministry of Employment? (q72)**



Do you expect the work of the Ministry to improve the employment situation in Georgia? (q73)



Were you aware that as a result of the State Audit Agency/Chamber of Control monitoring, Bidzina Ivanishvili has been fined 74 million lari in the case related to Global TV for making illegal contributions to the Georgian Dream Coalition? (q74)

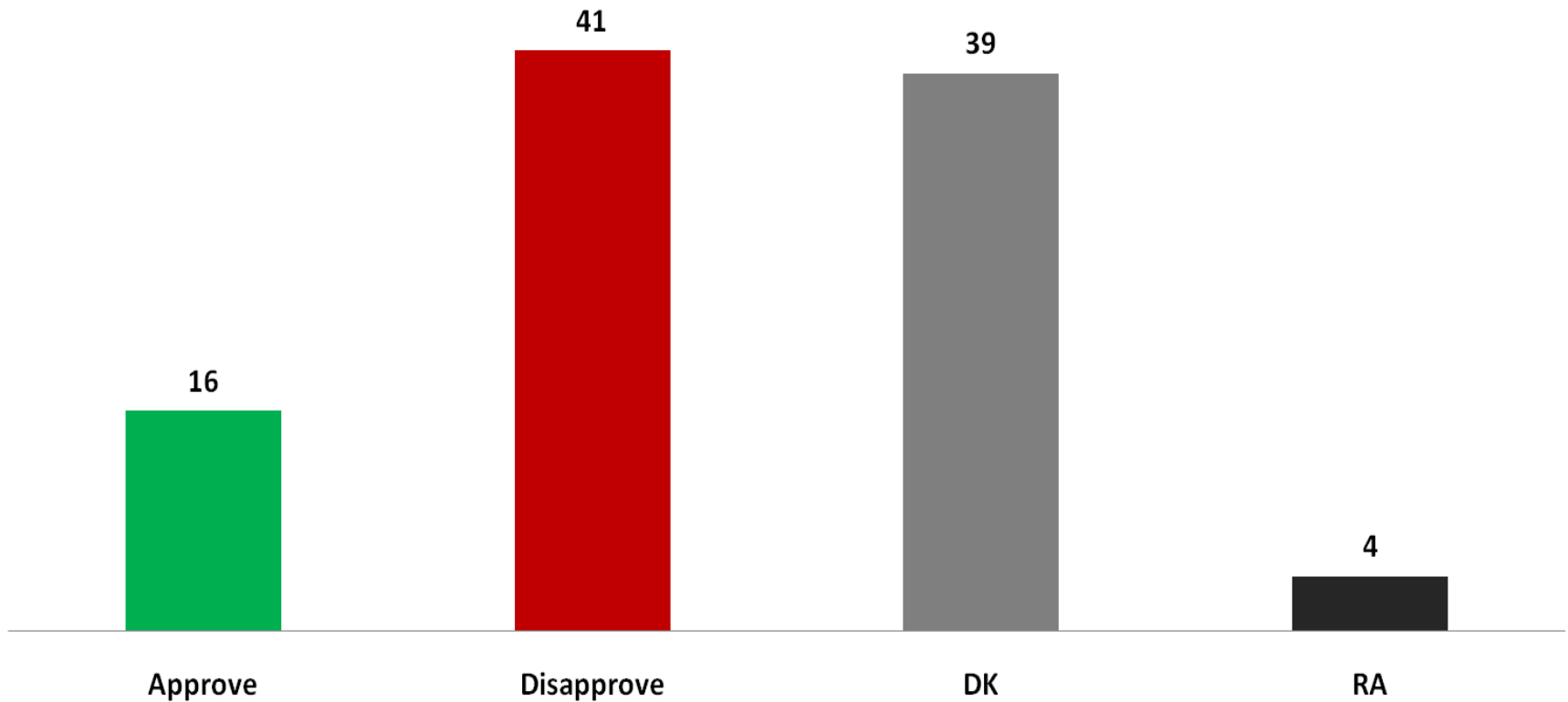


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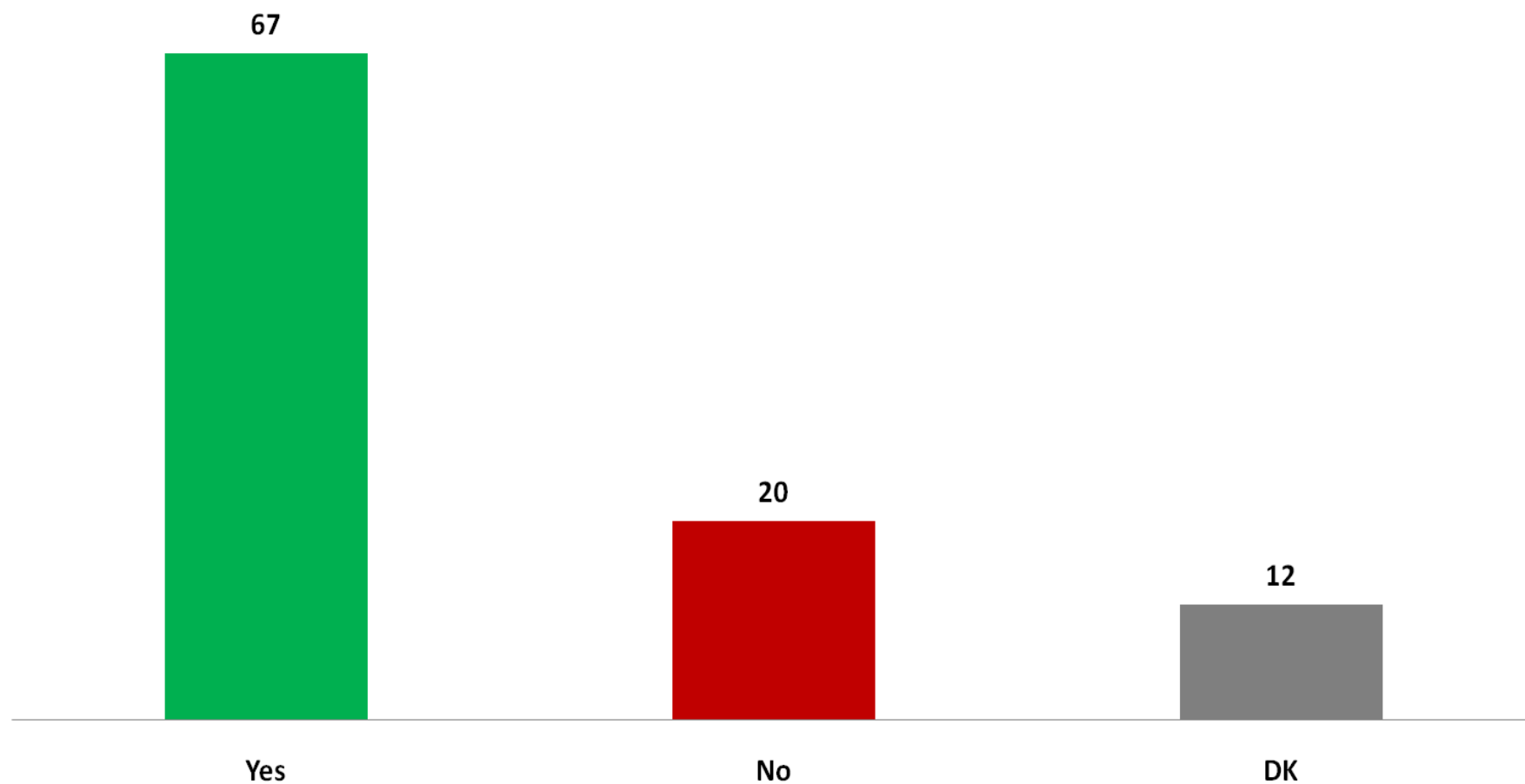
■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



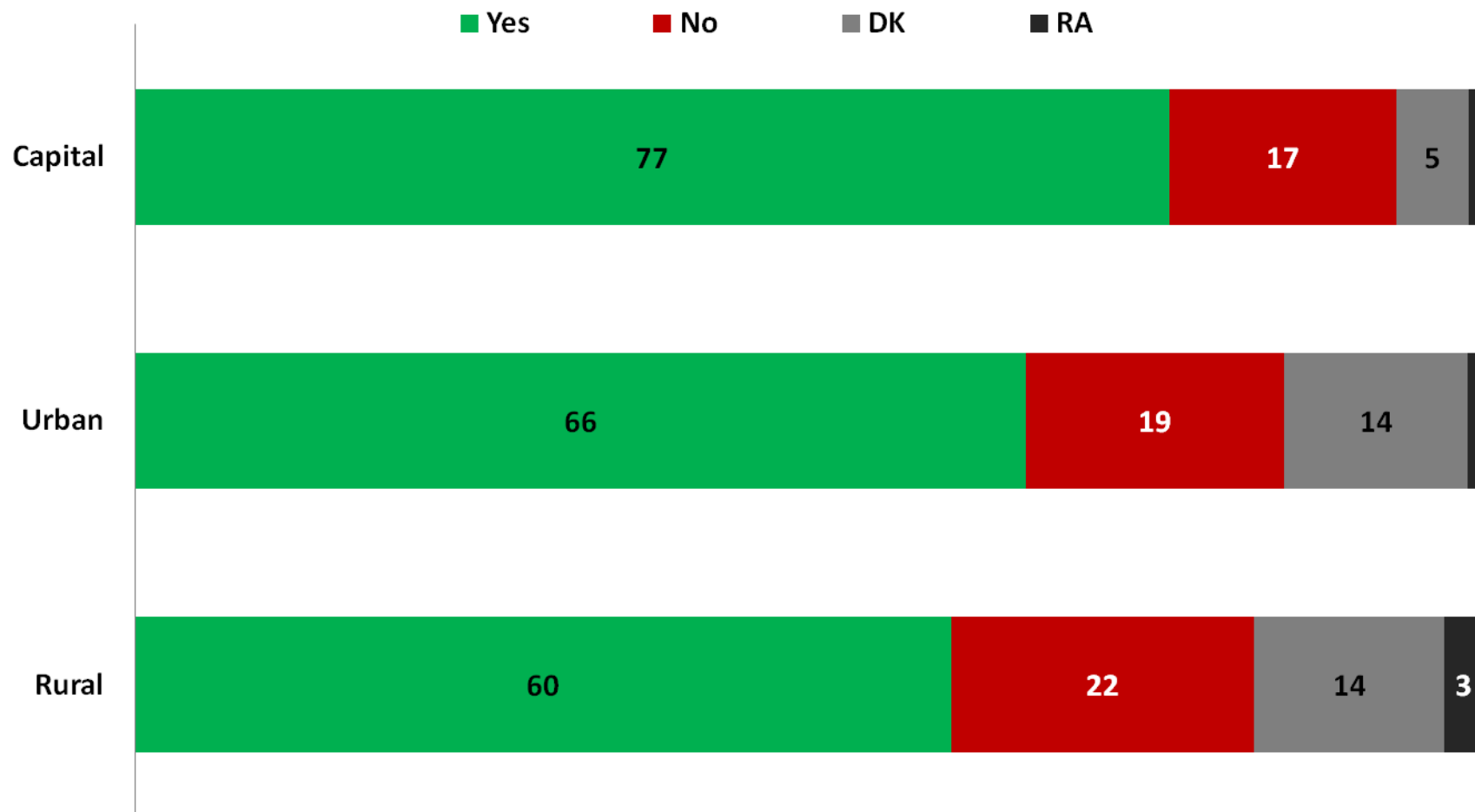
**Do you approve or disapprove of this action by the State Audit
Agency/Chamber of Control? (q75)**



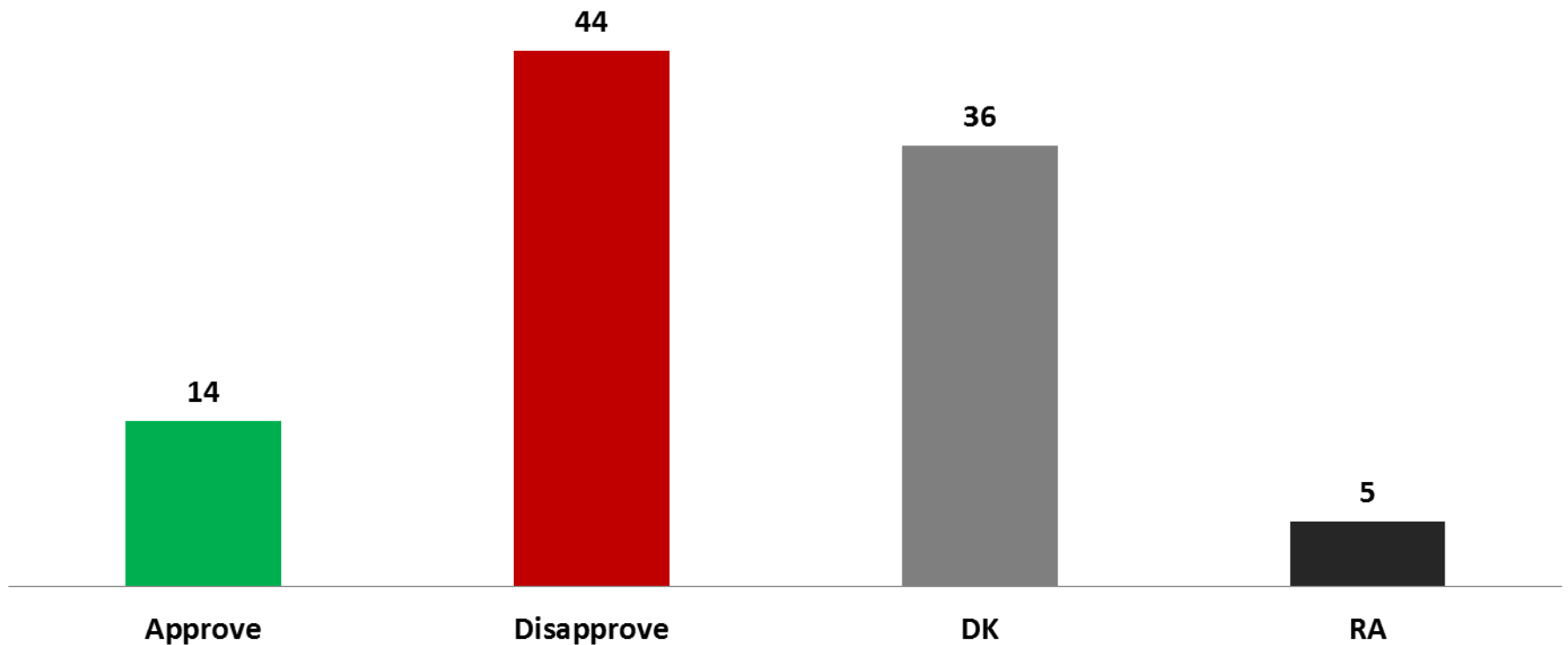
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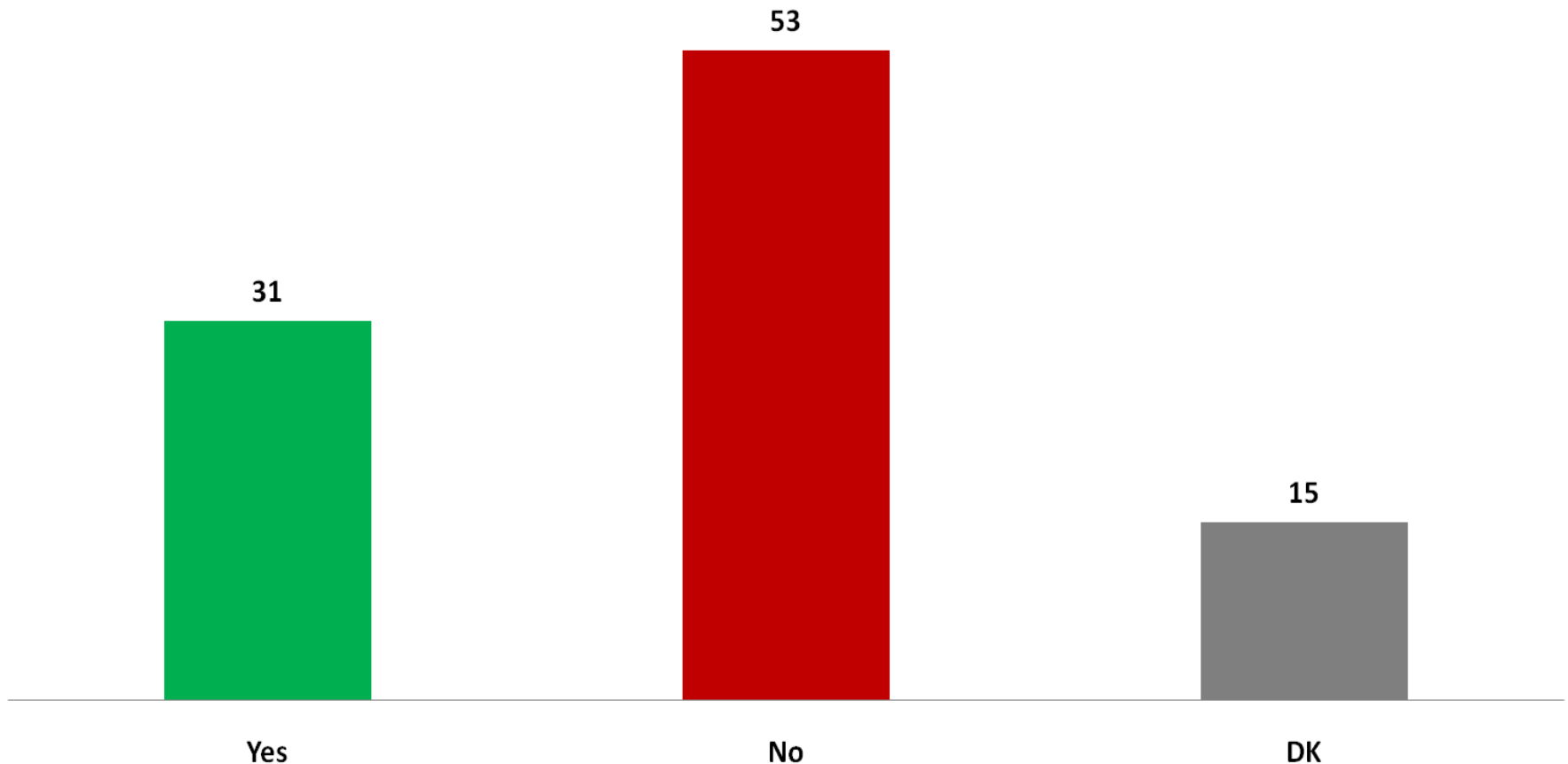
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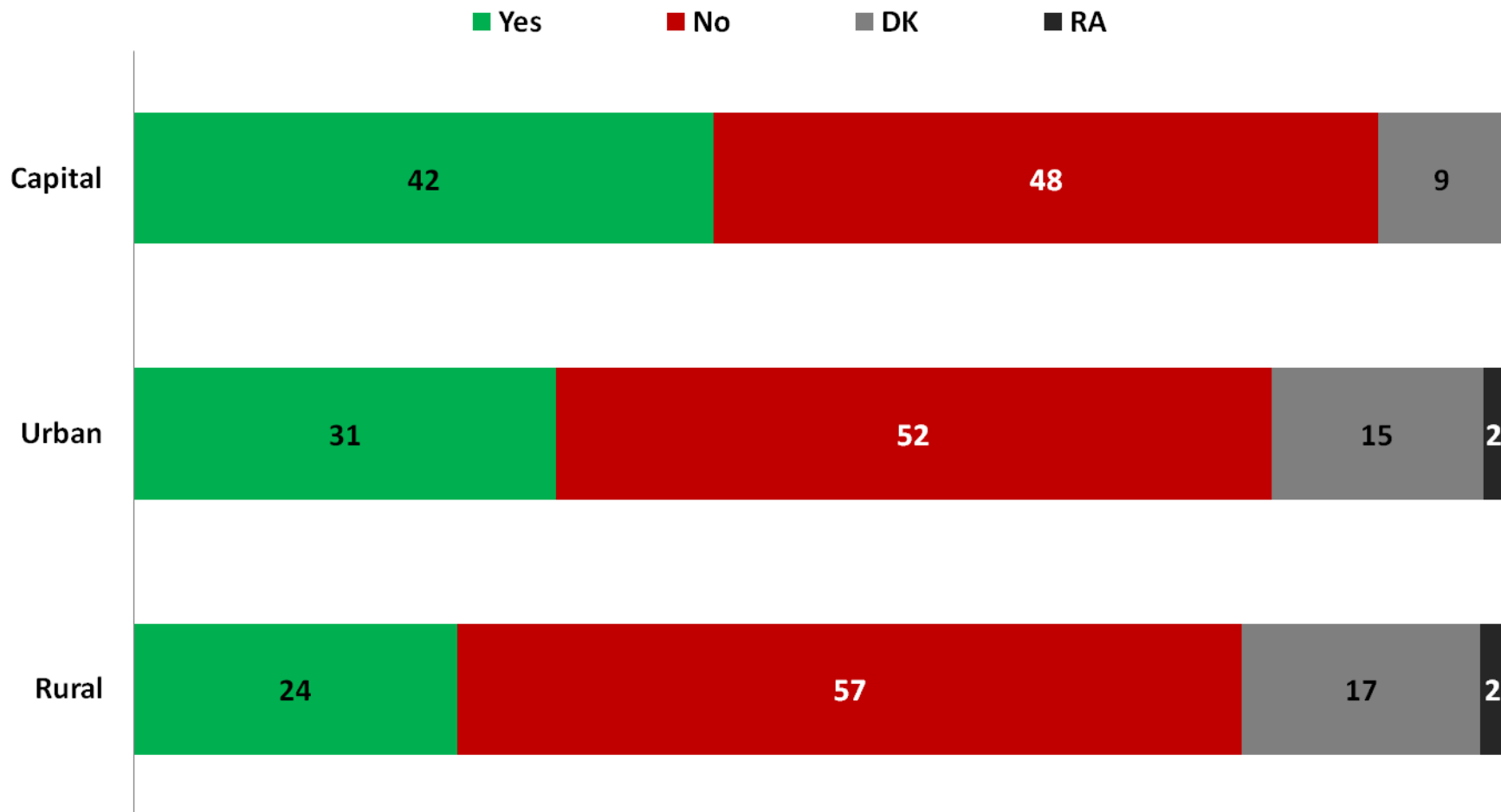
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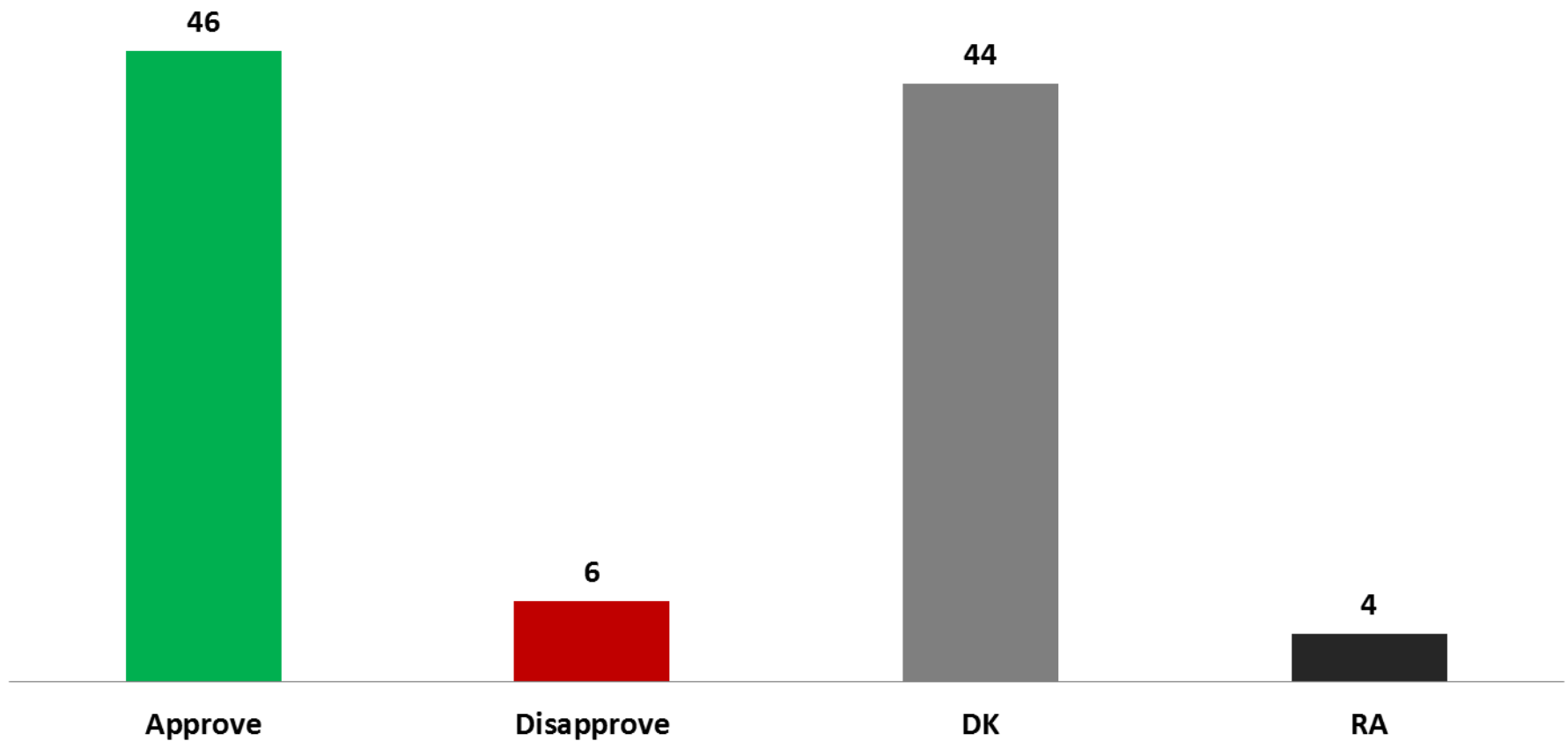
Were you aware that the parliament of Georgia has passed legislation, called “Must Carry,” obligating all cable providers to transmit all television channels with news programs for the official sixty days pre-election period? (q78)



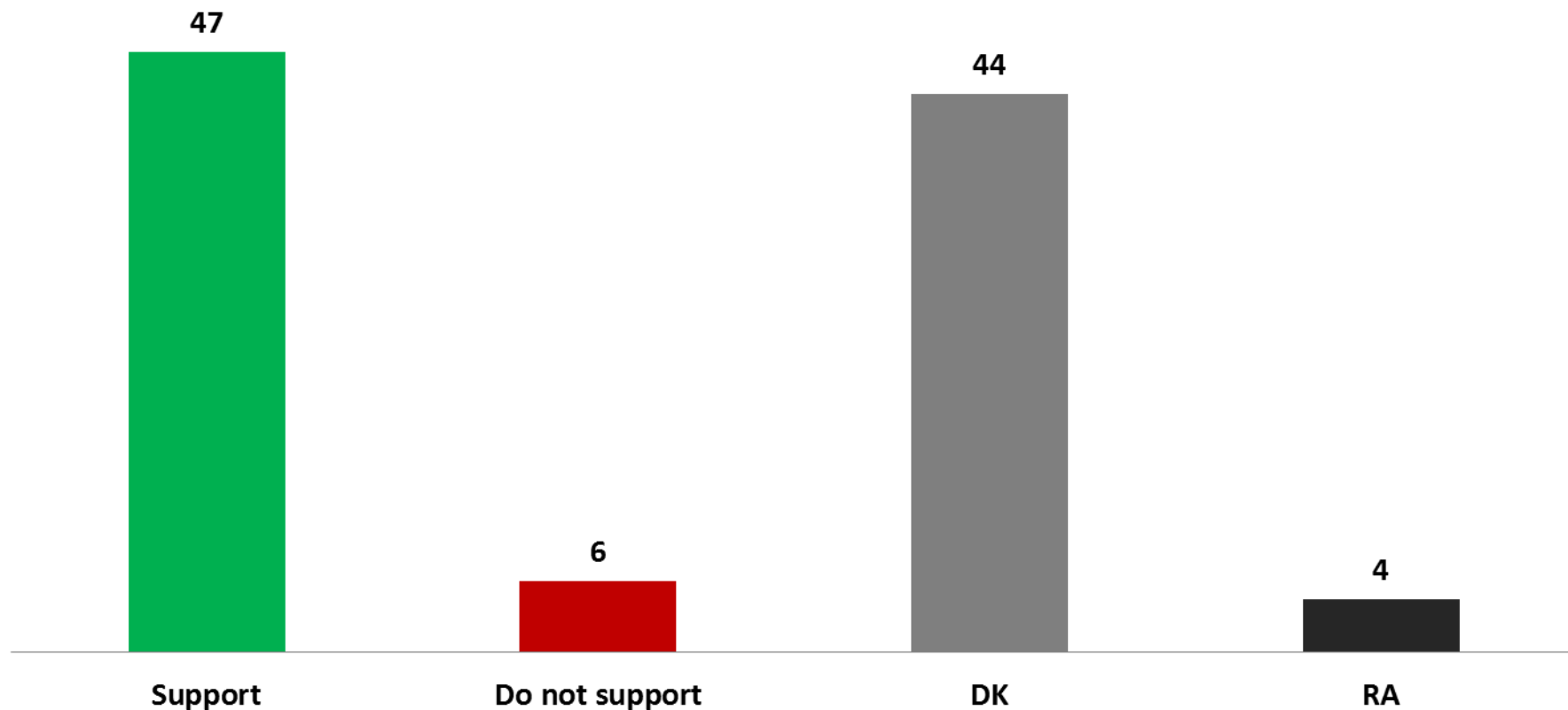
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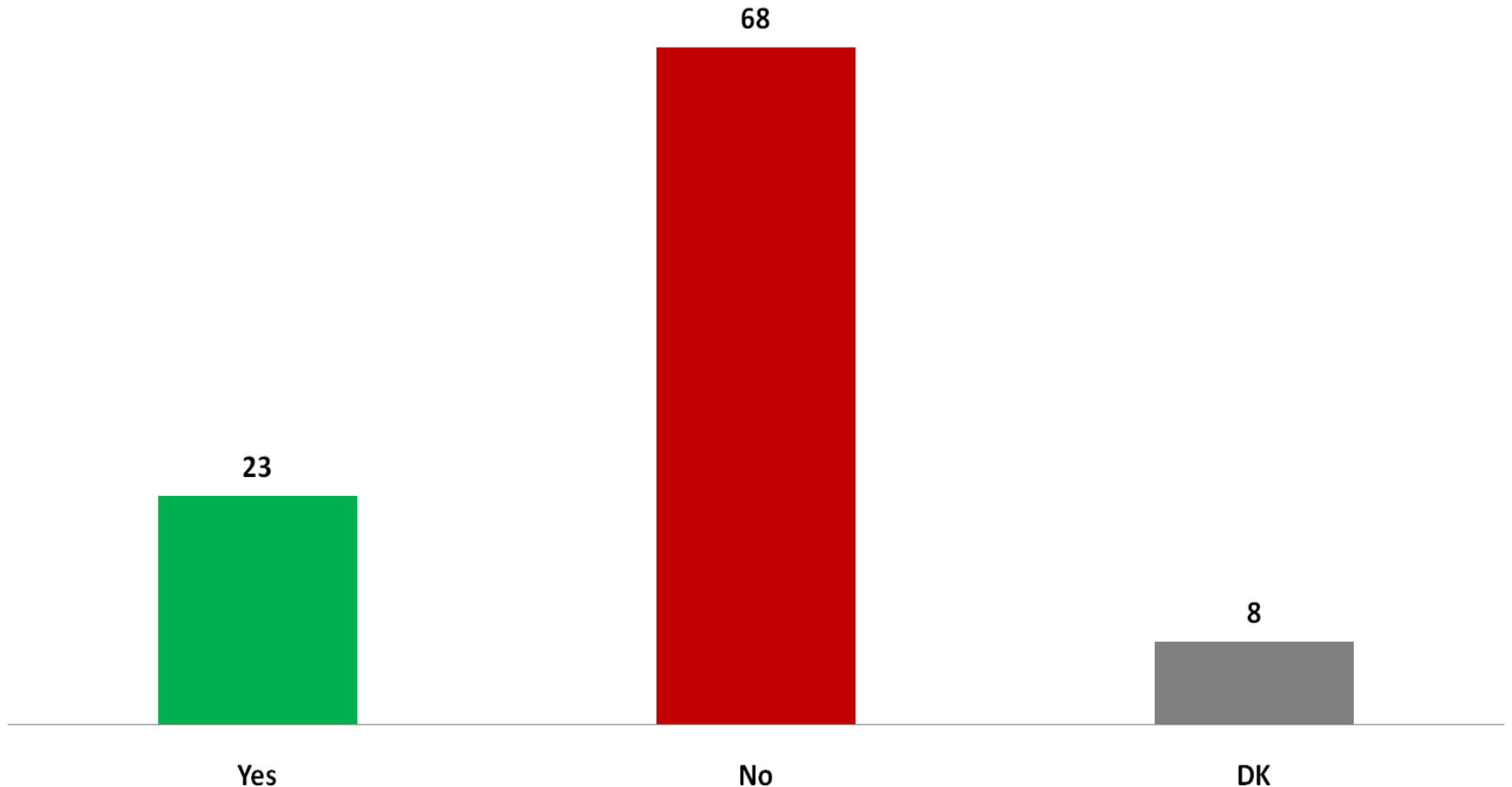
Do you approve or disapprove of this legislation by the Parliament? (q79)



Some have proposed amending the law further to extend the “Must Carry” obligations through election day and beyond. Do you support this (proposal on extending “Must carry” obligations through election day and beyond)? (q80)

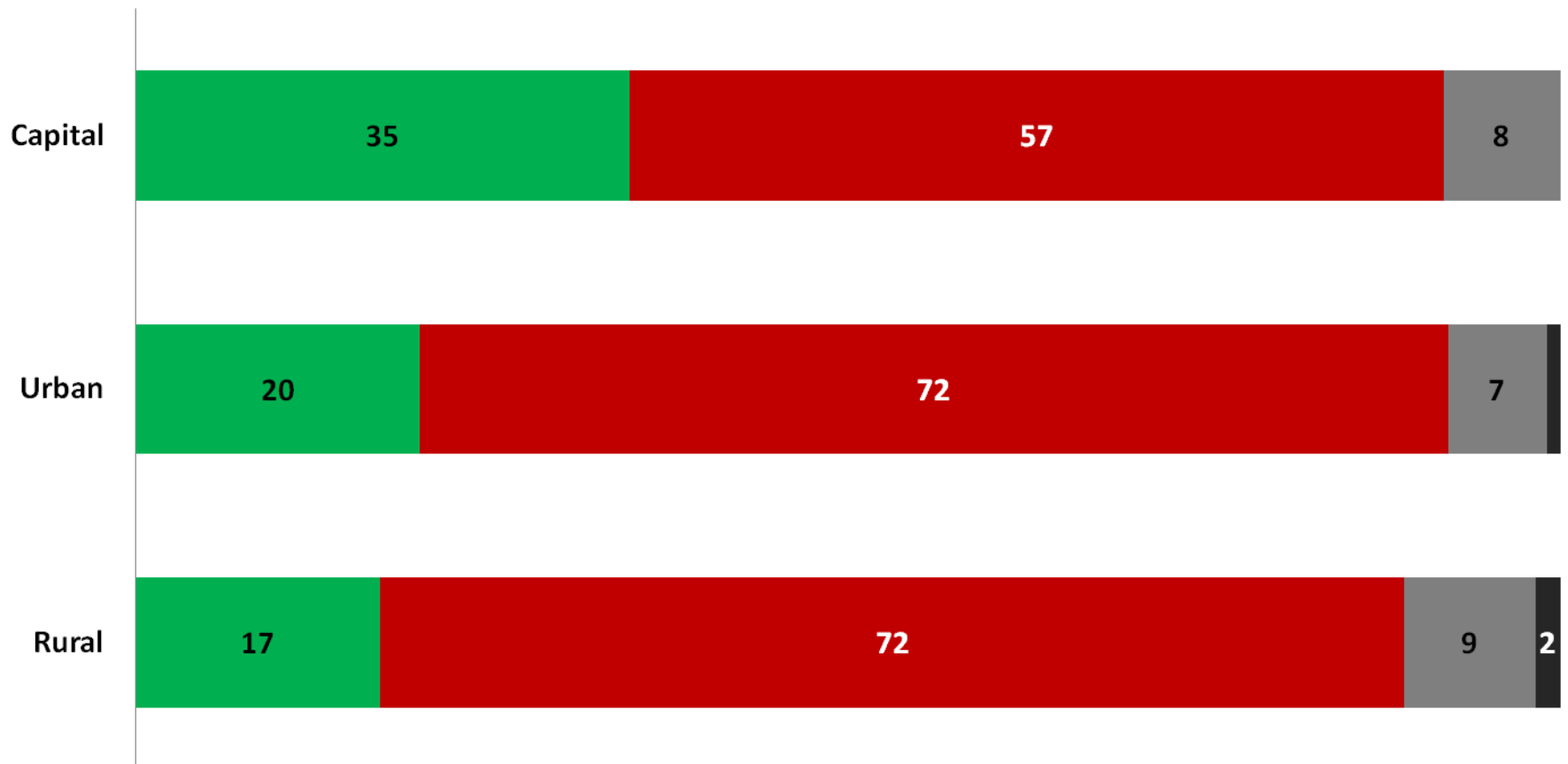


A code of conduct has been proposed that would govern the way in which political parties conduct their activities through the October parliamentary elections. Are you aware of this proposal? (q84)

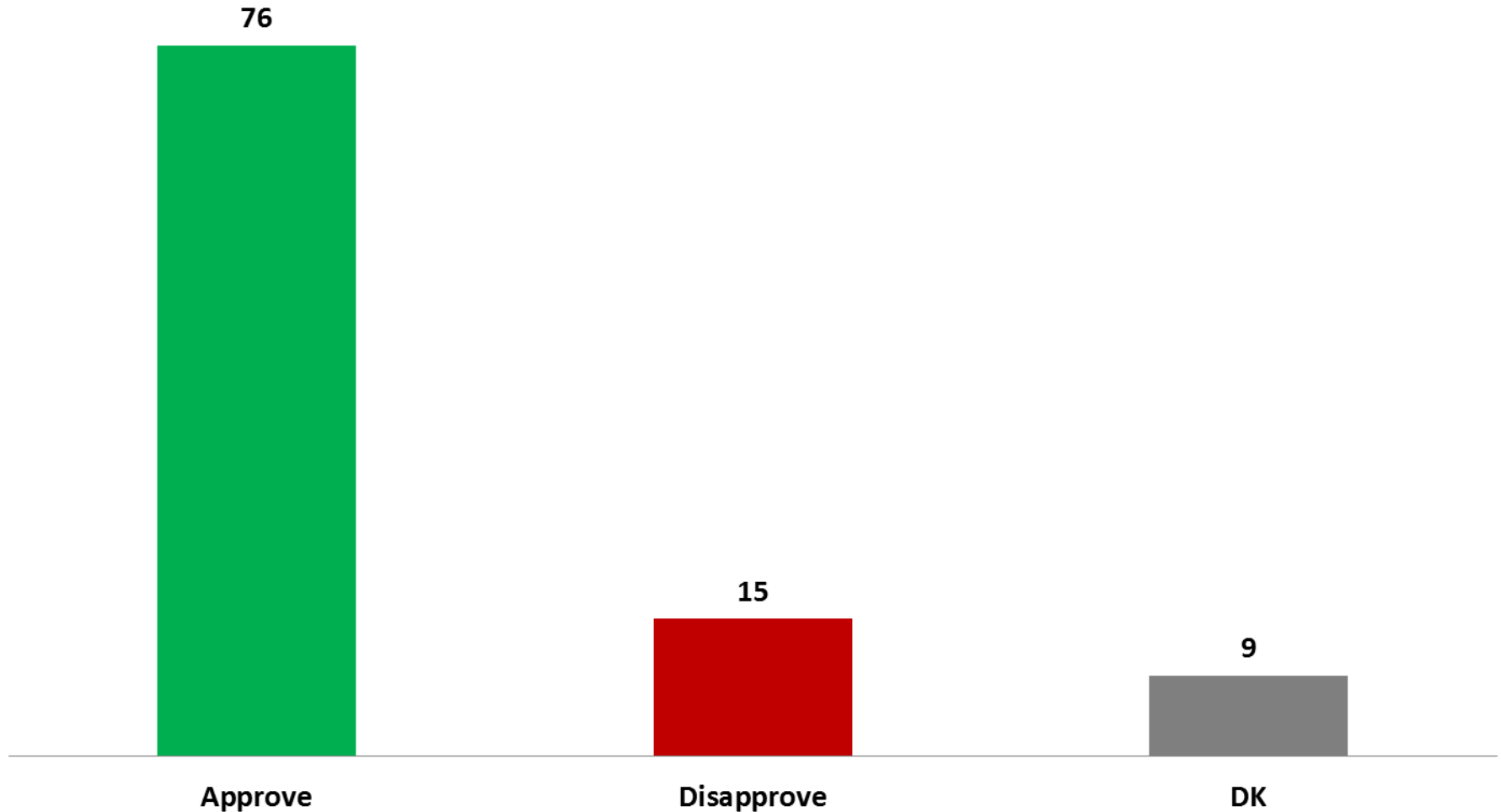


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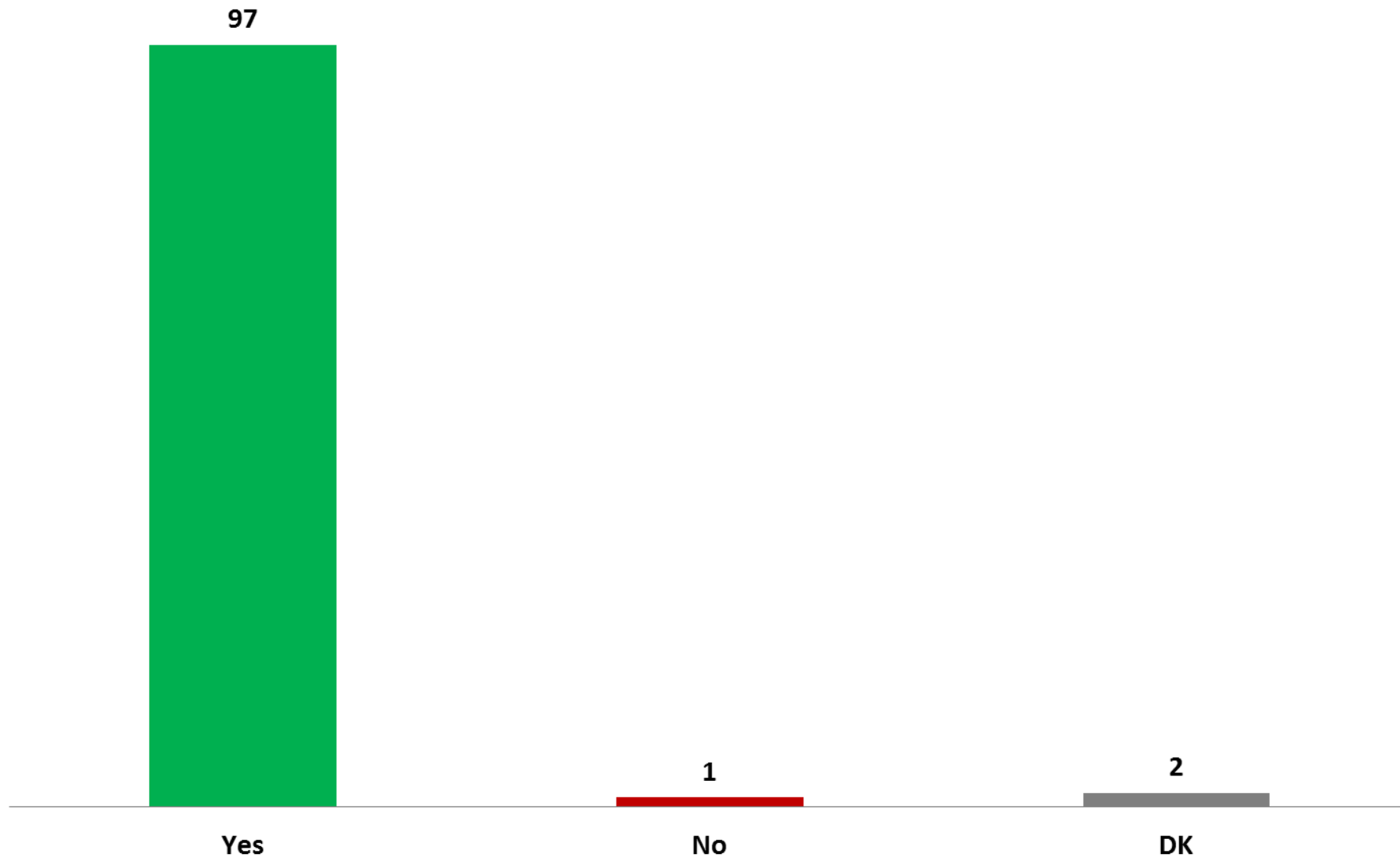
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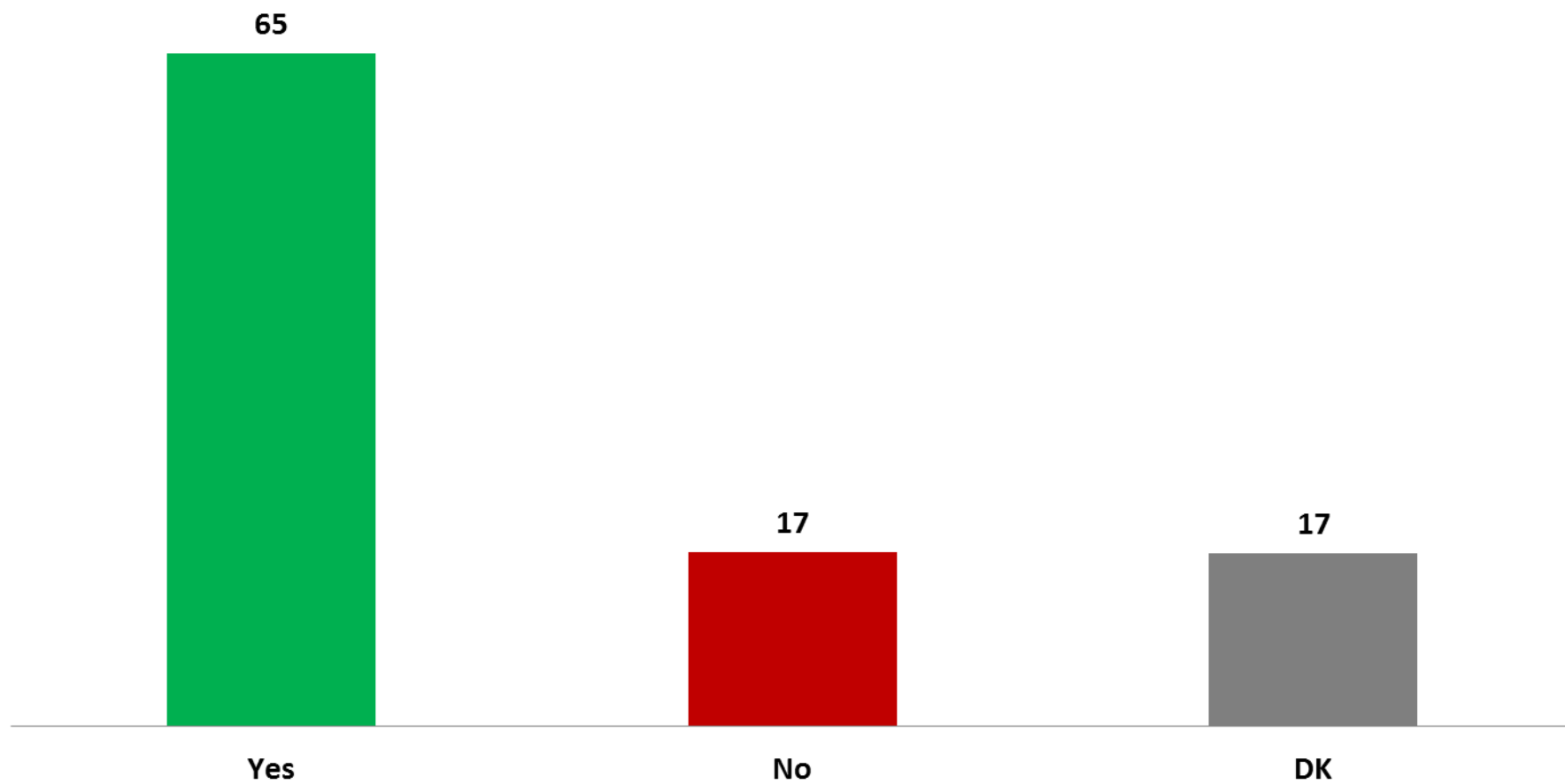
**If yes, do you approve or disapprove of the proposition of
the code of conduct? - of the 23 % who was aware of the
proposal (q85)**



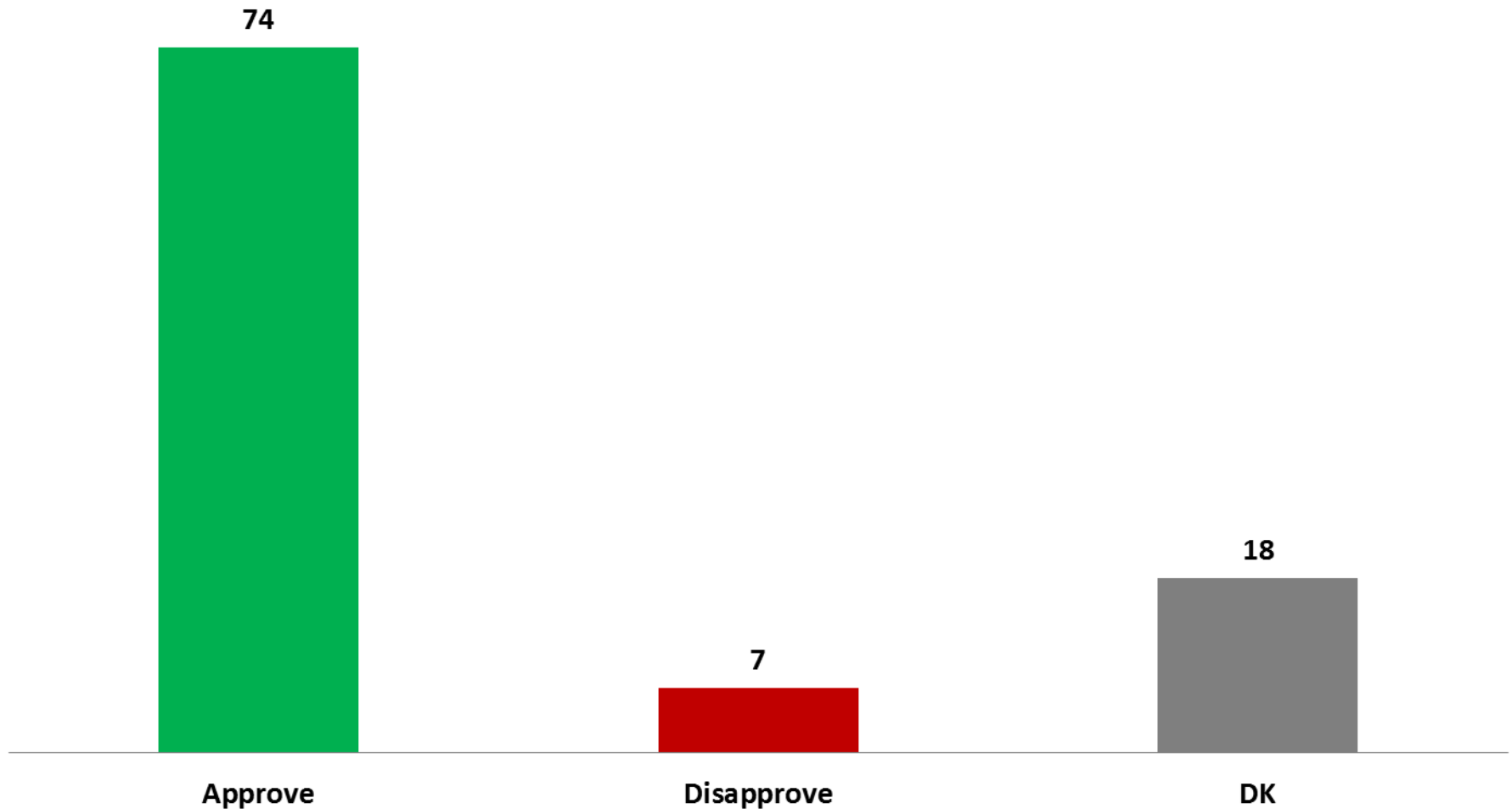
Are you aware of the flood that affected some regions of Georgia, including Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti and Mtskheta-Mtianeti in July? (q87)



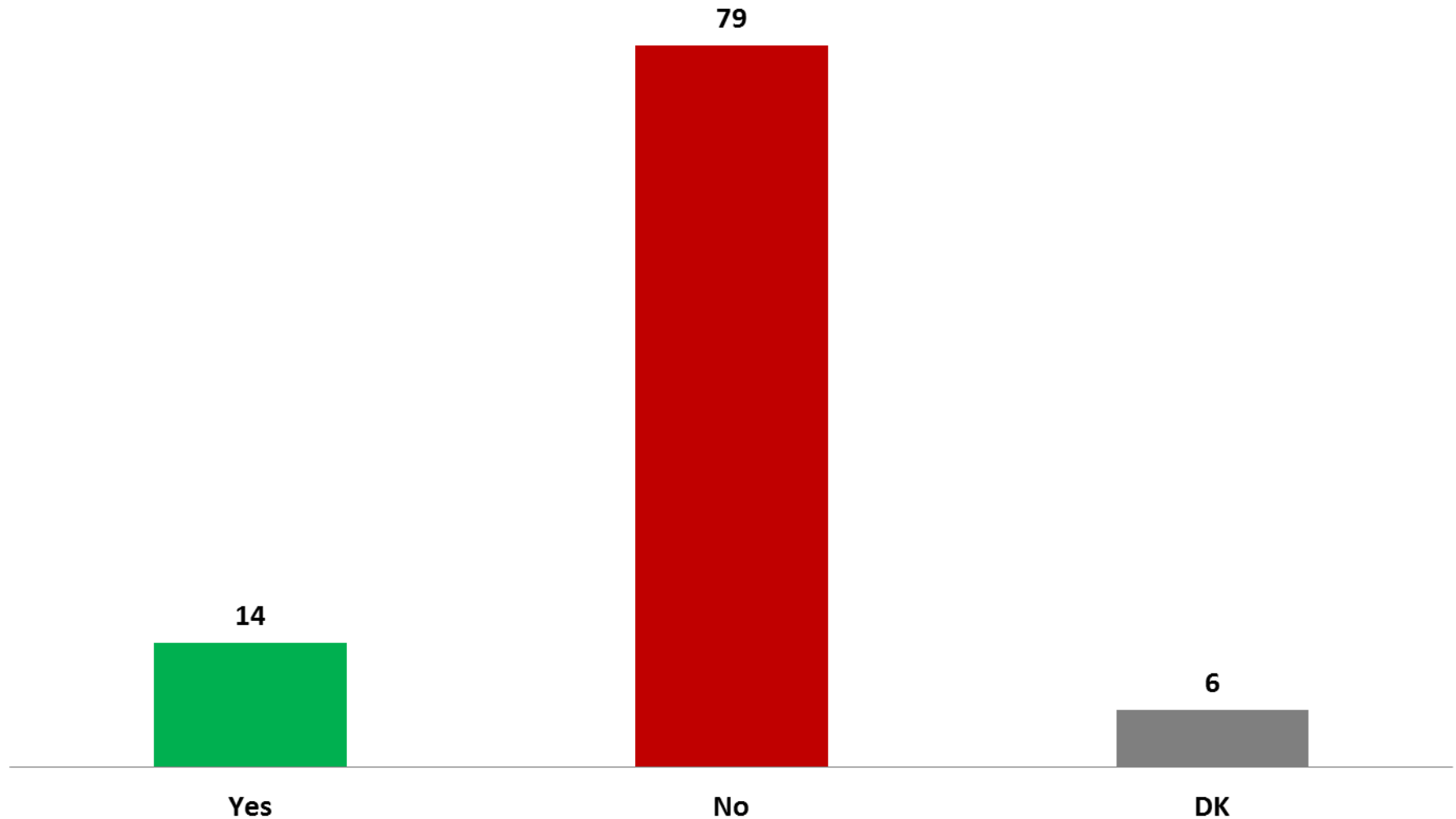
**Do you think the response taken by the government
has been adequate? (q88)**



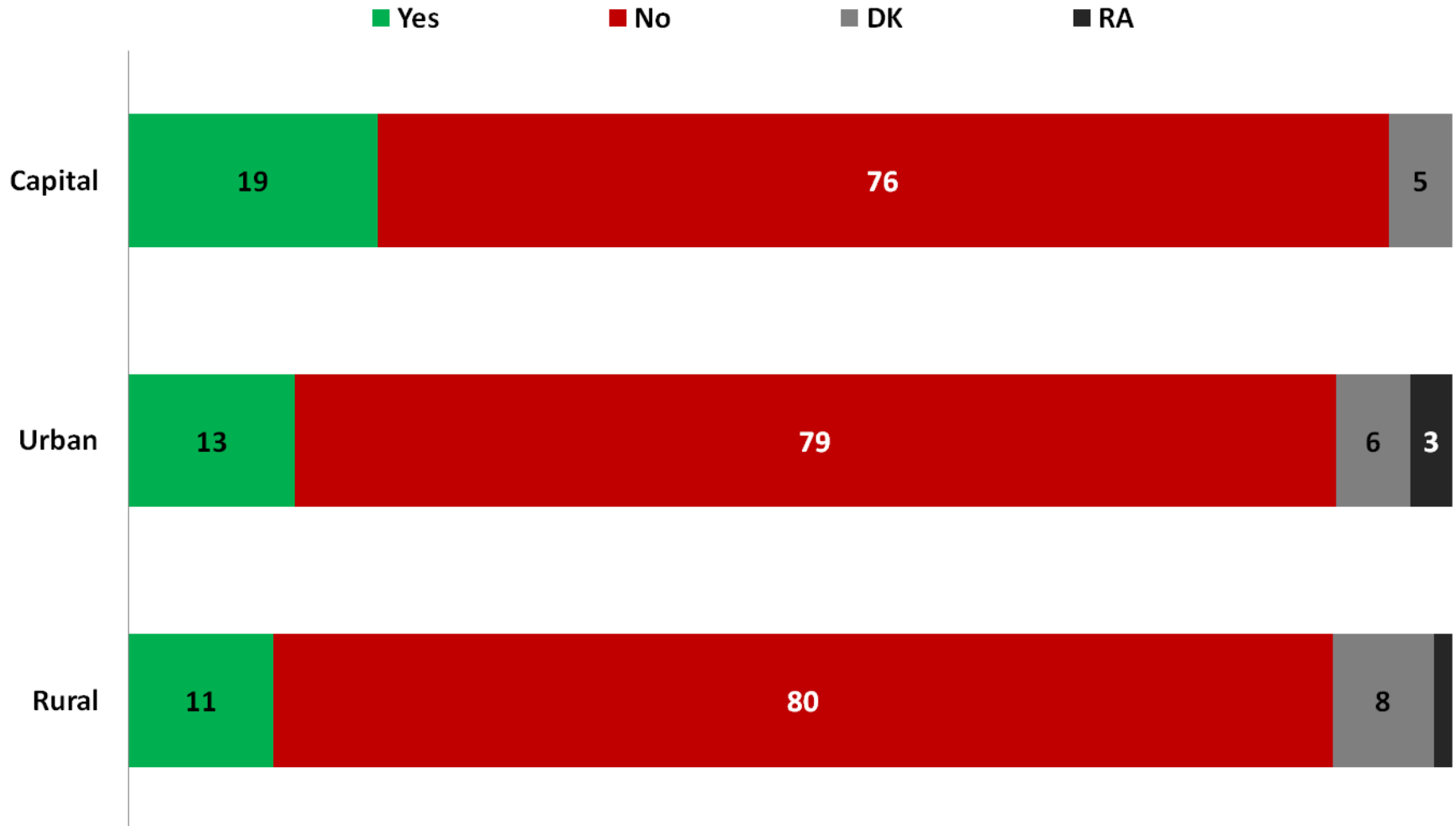
162 million Gel has been allocated to the relief effort. Do you approve or disapprove this expenditure? (q89)



Do you personally know someone who you believe was fired from a state/public job because of their political beliefs? (q90)



**Do you personally know someone who you believe was fired
from a state/public job because of their political beliefs?
(q90 X Settlement)**



Parliament and Women's Participation

What do you expect from your majoritarian member of parliament? (q42)

Yes No DK RA

Will do what the party tells him/her to do

54

8

36

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He/she will be active

39

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He/she will represent your interests

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Will only serve his/her own interests

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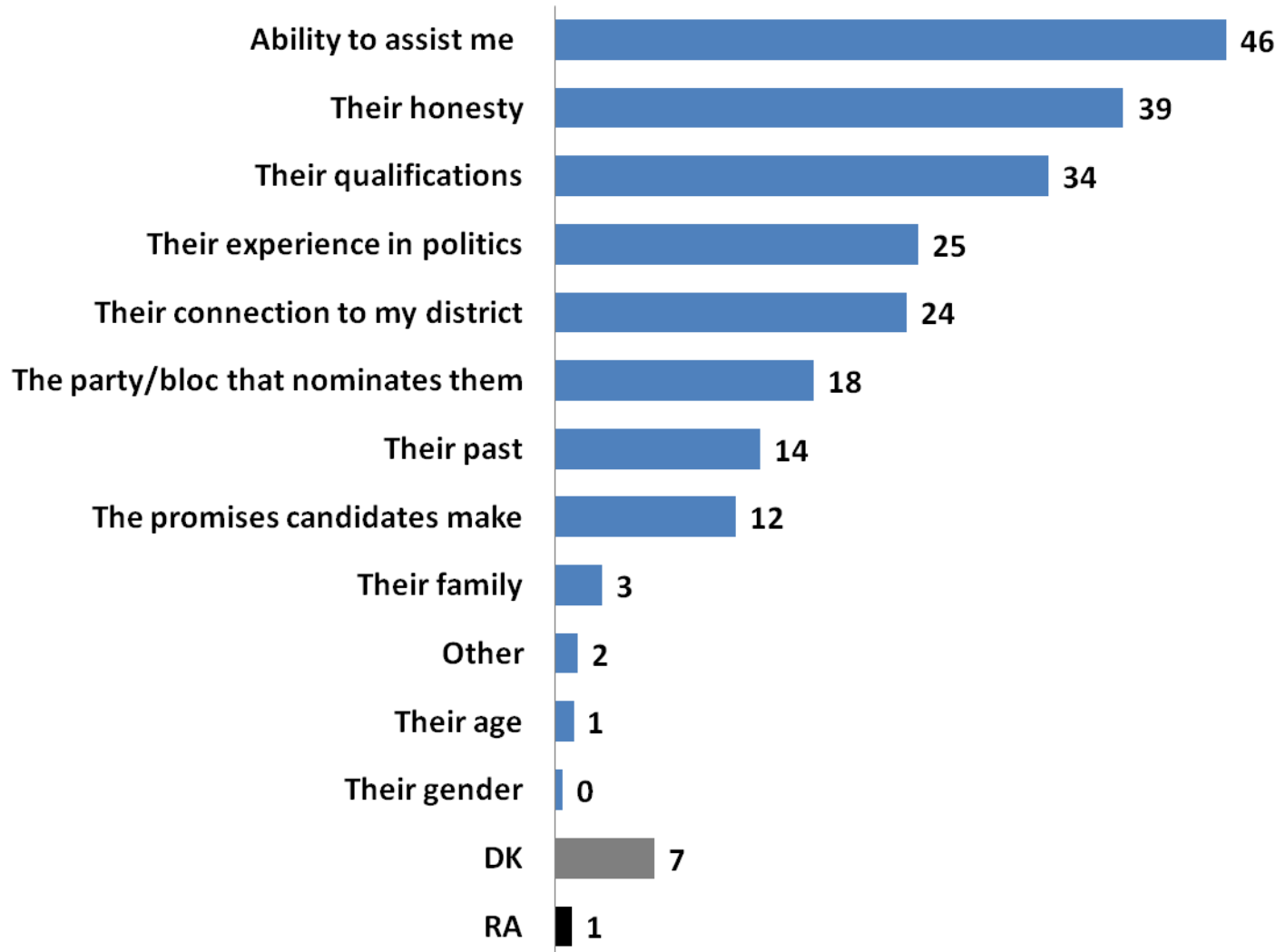
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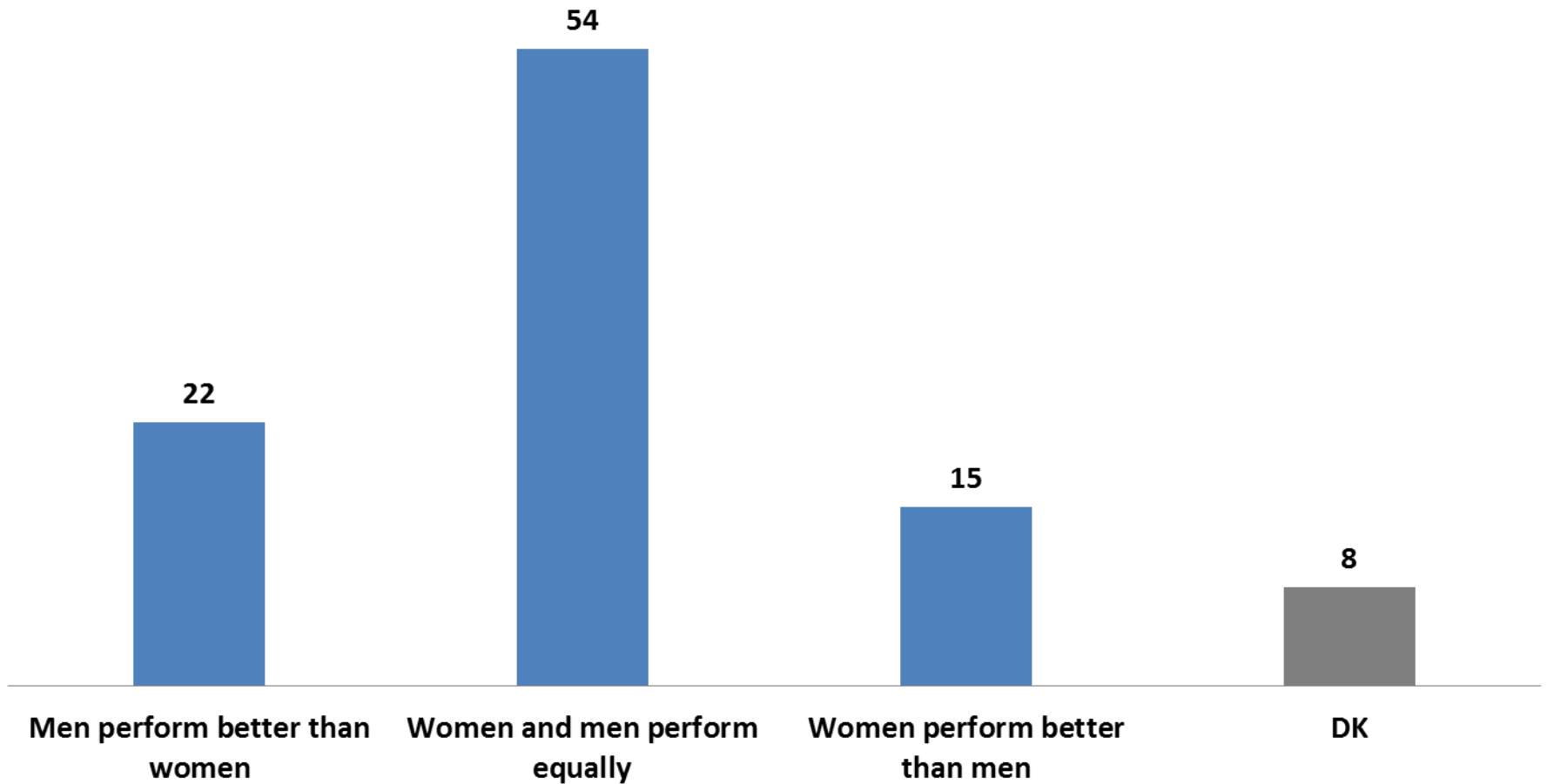
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When deciding who you want as your Majoritarian MP, what is important for you? (name up to three) (q43)

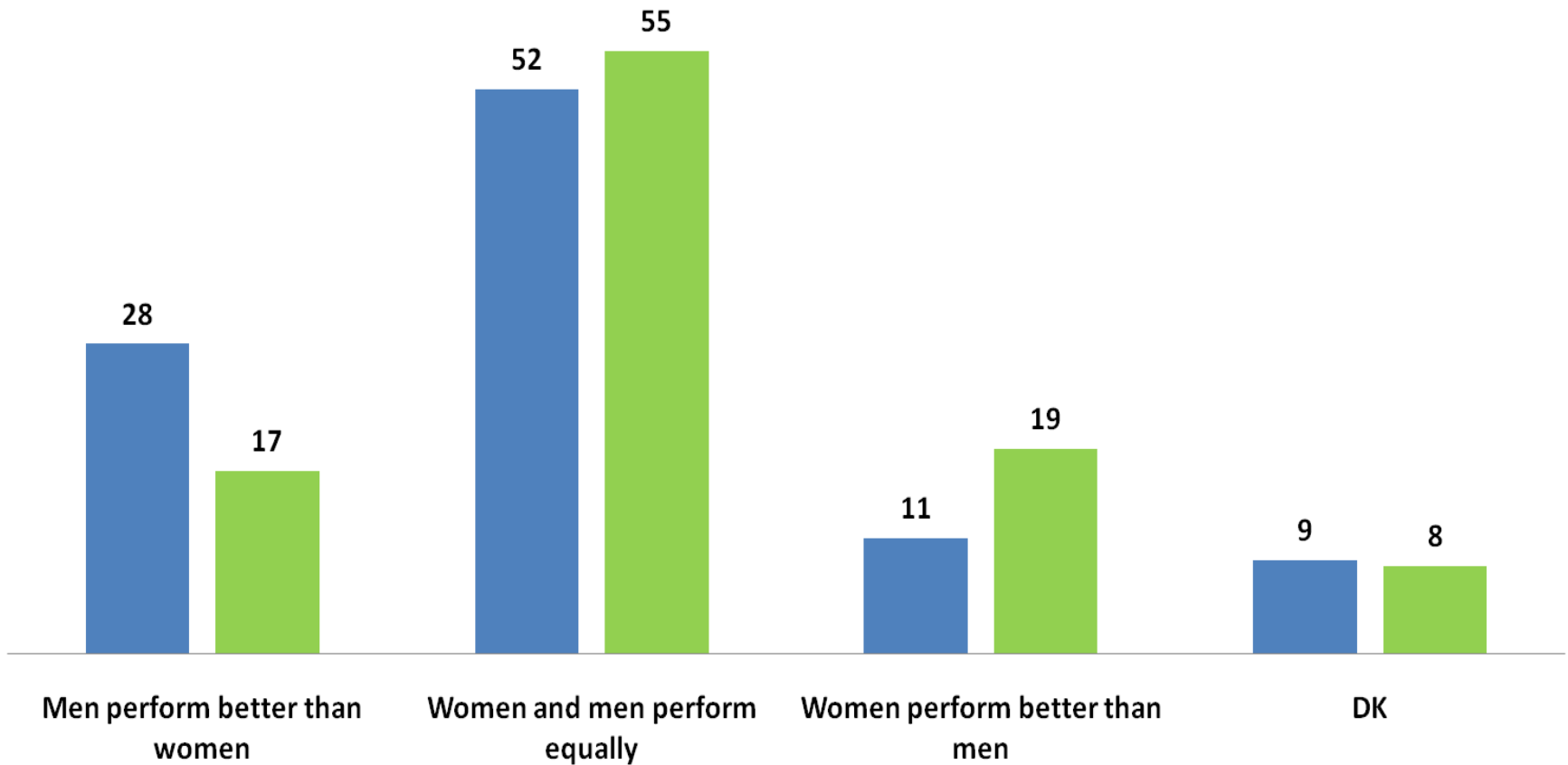


Comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, what do you think? (q44)

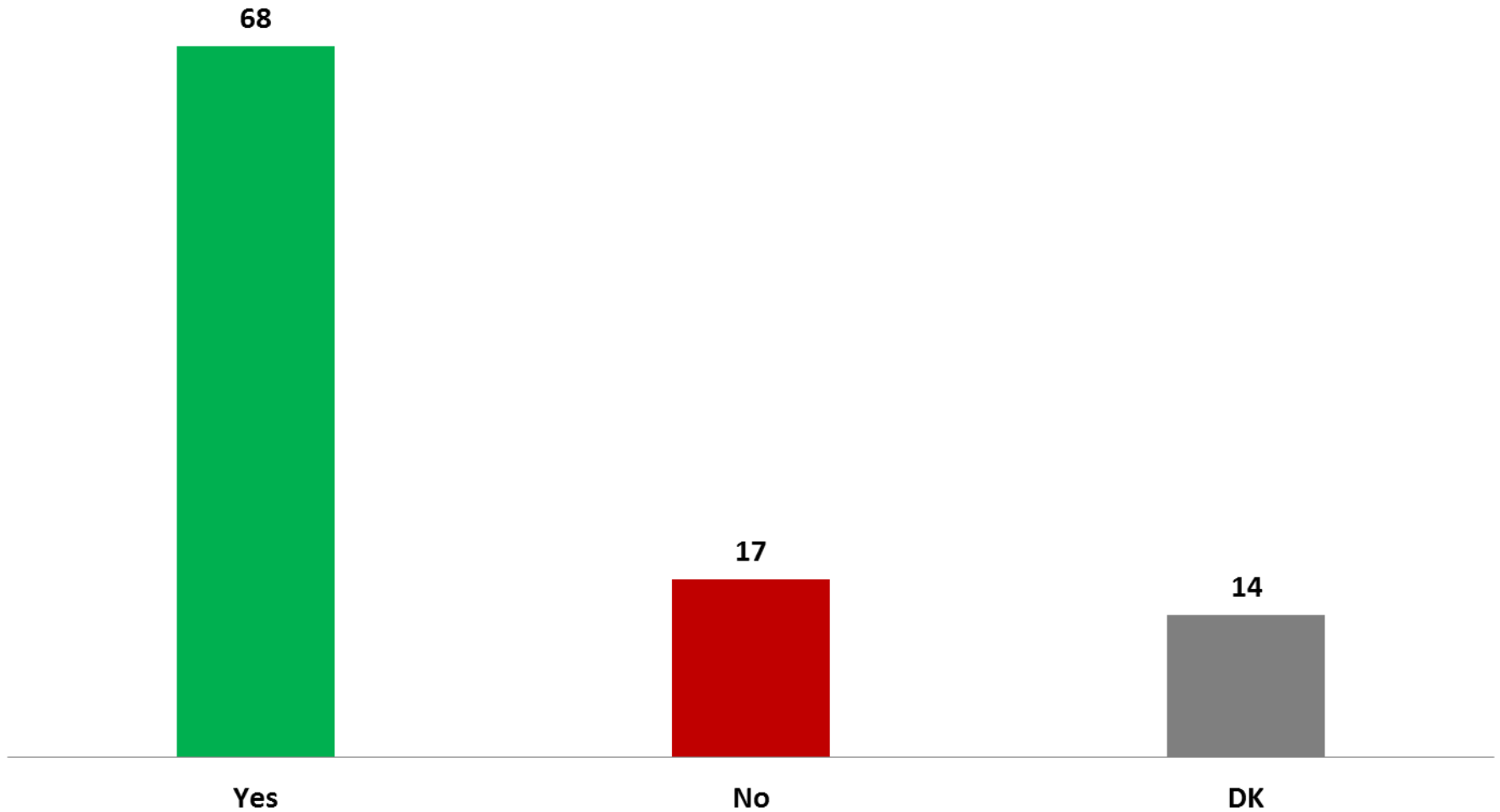


Comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, what do you think? (q44 X Gender)

Male Female

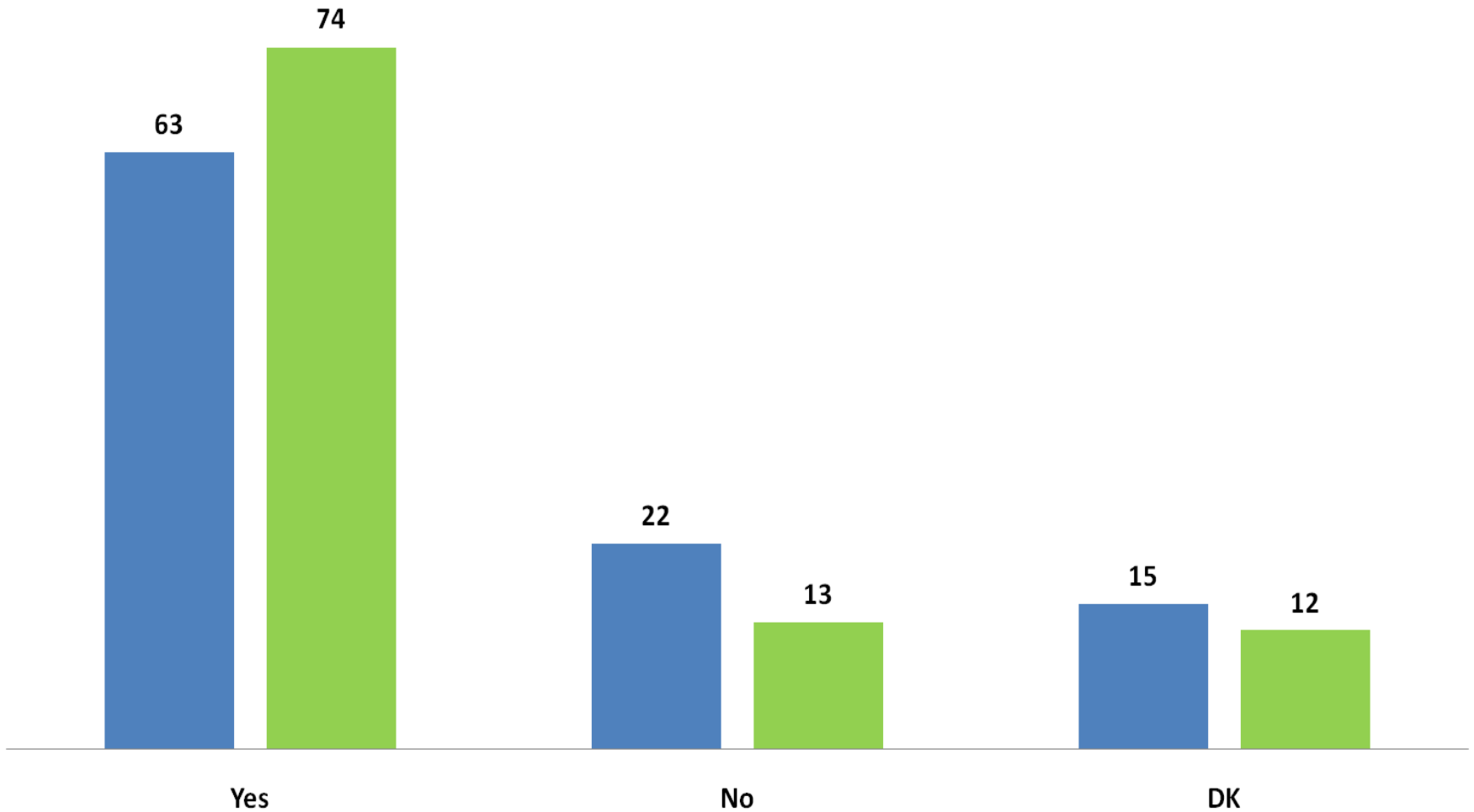


**Would you vote for a woman candidate in the next
parliamentary elections? (q45)**

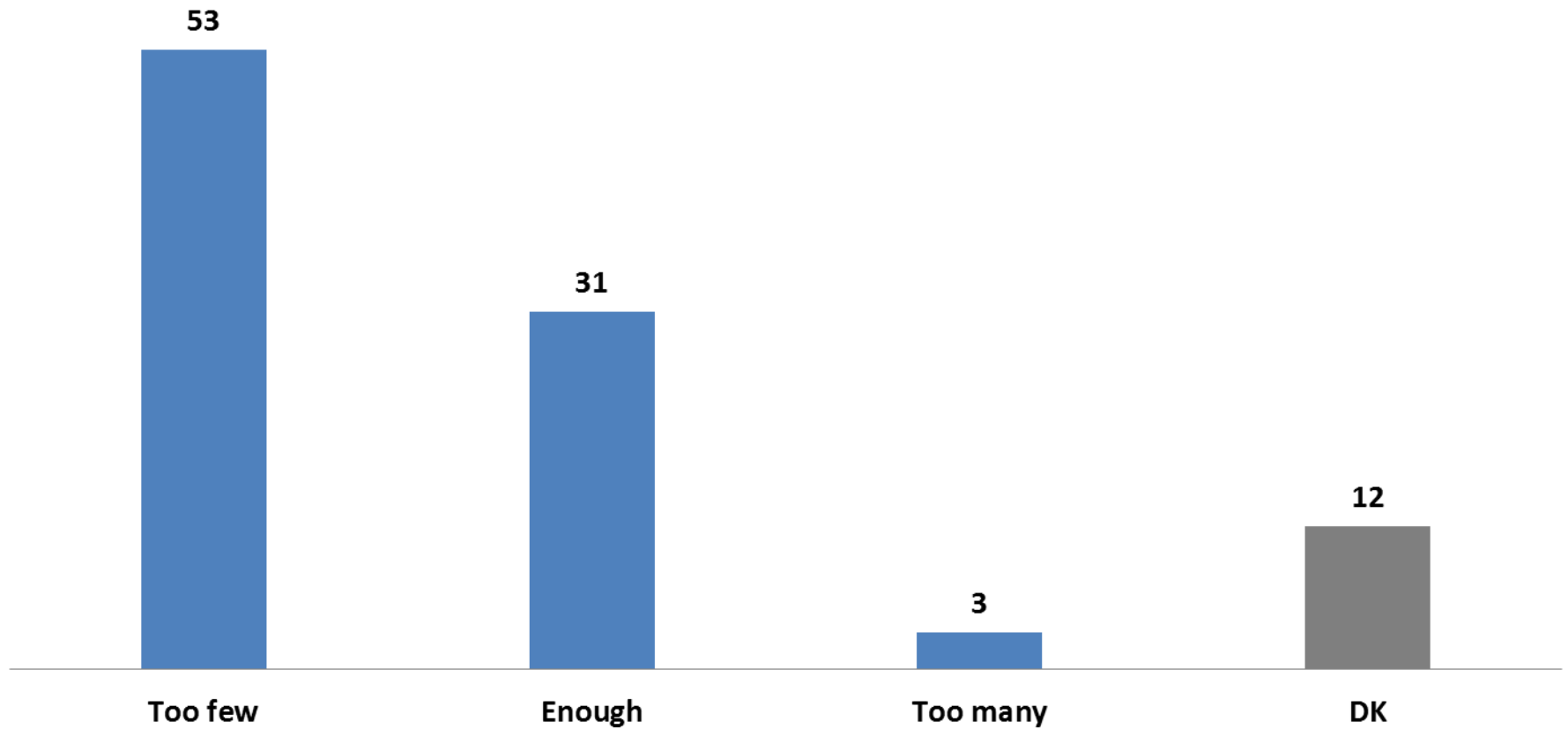


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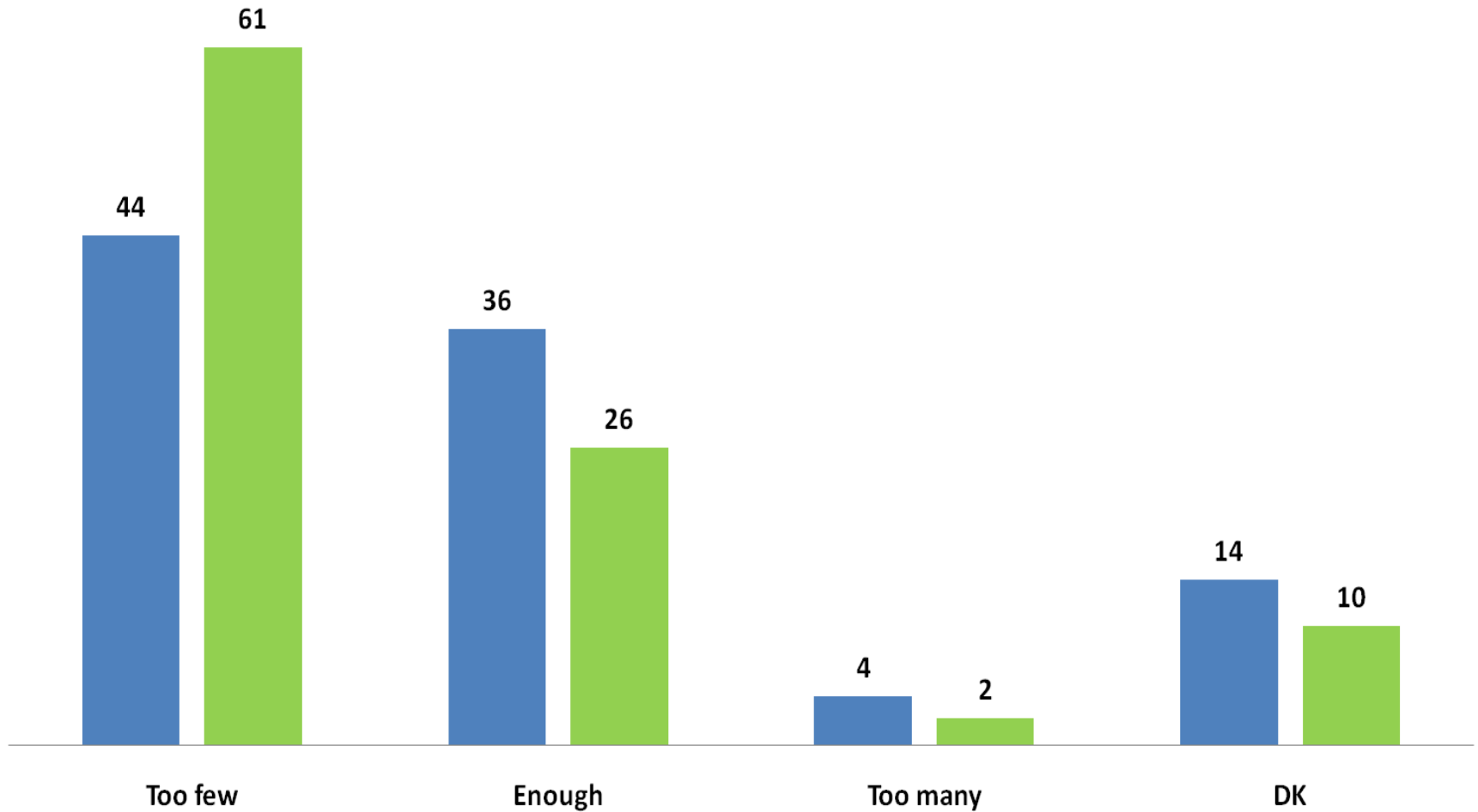


Do you think 9 women members in parliament is...? (q46)

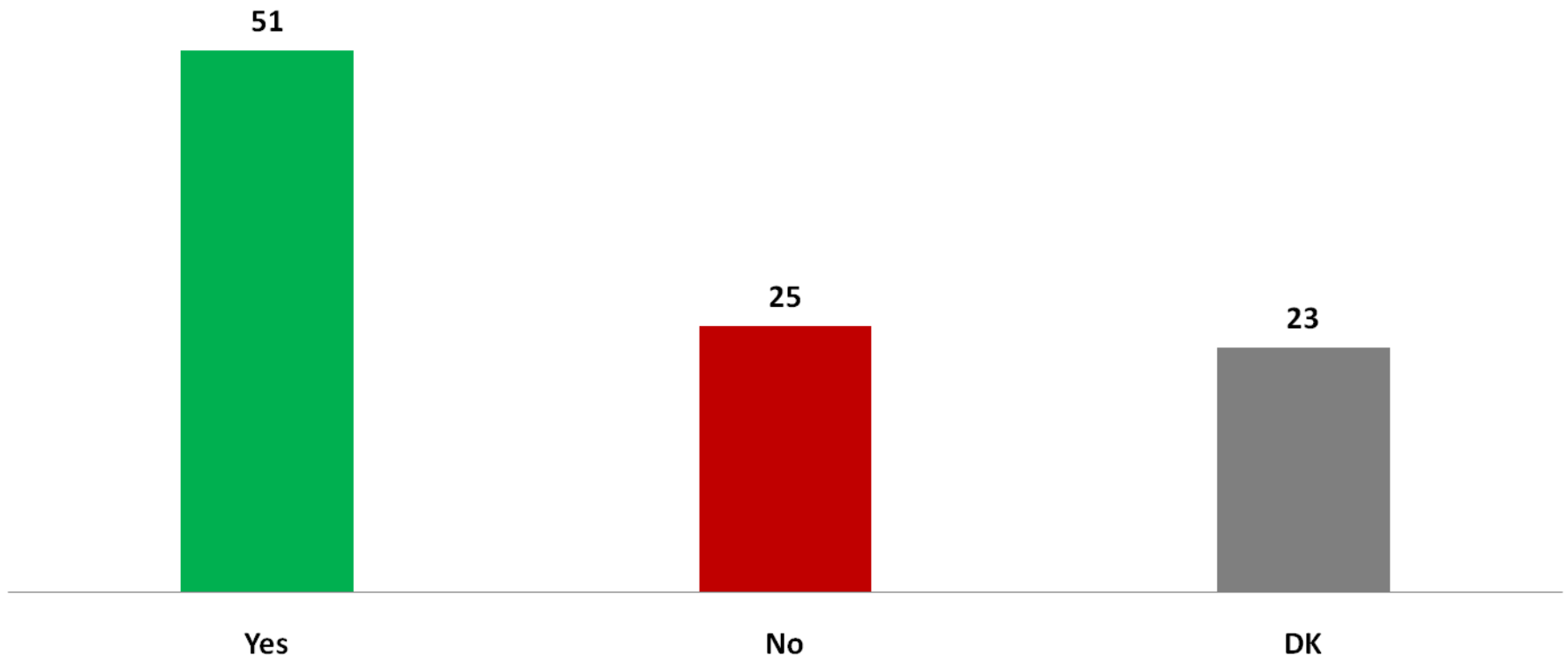


Do you think 9 women members in parliament is...? (q46 X Gender)

■ Male ■ Female

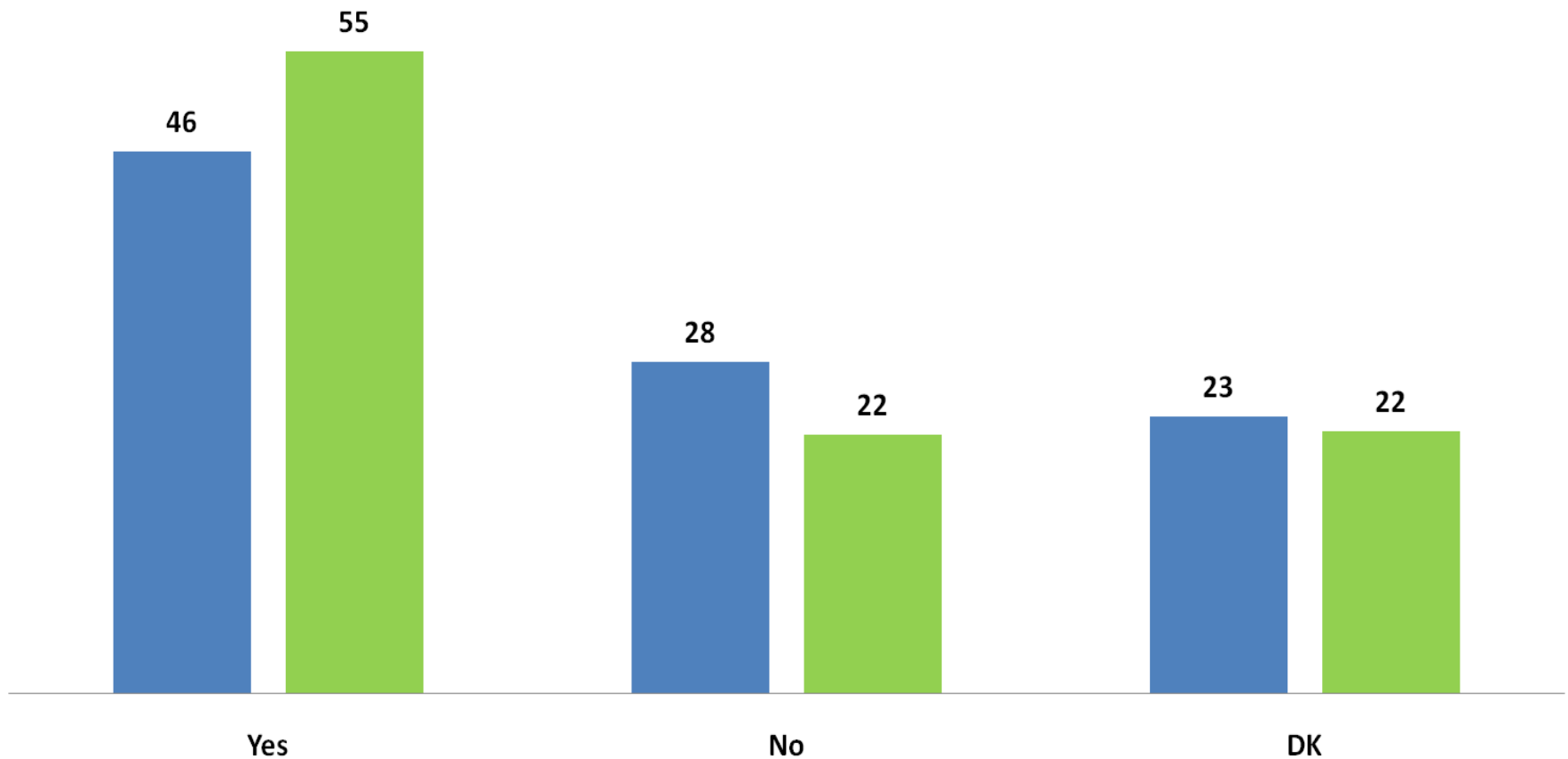


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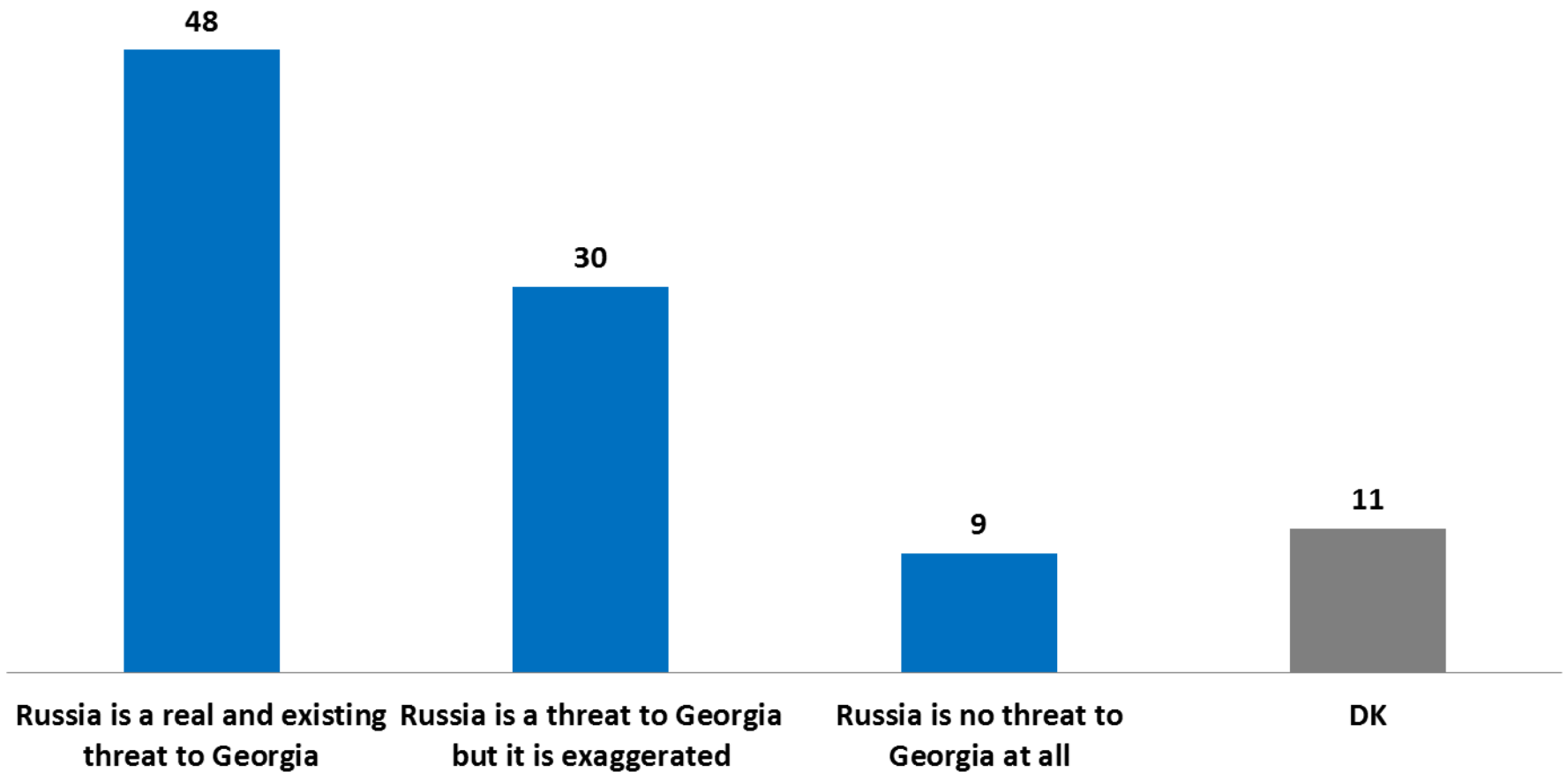
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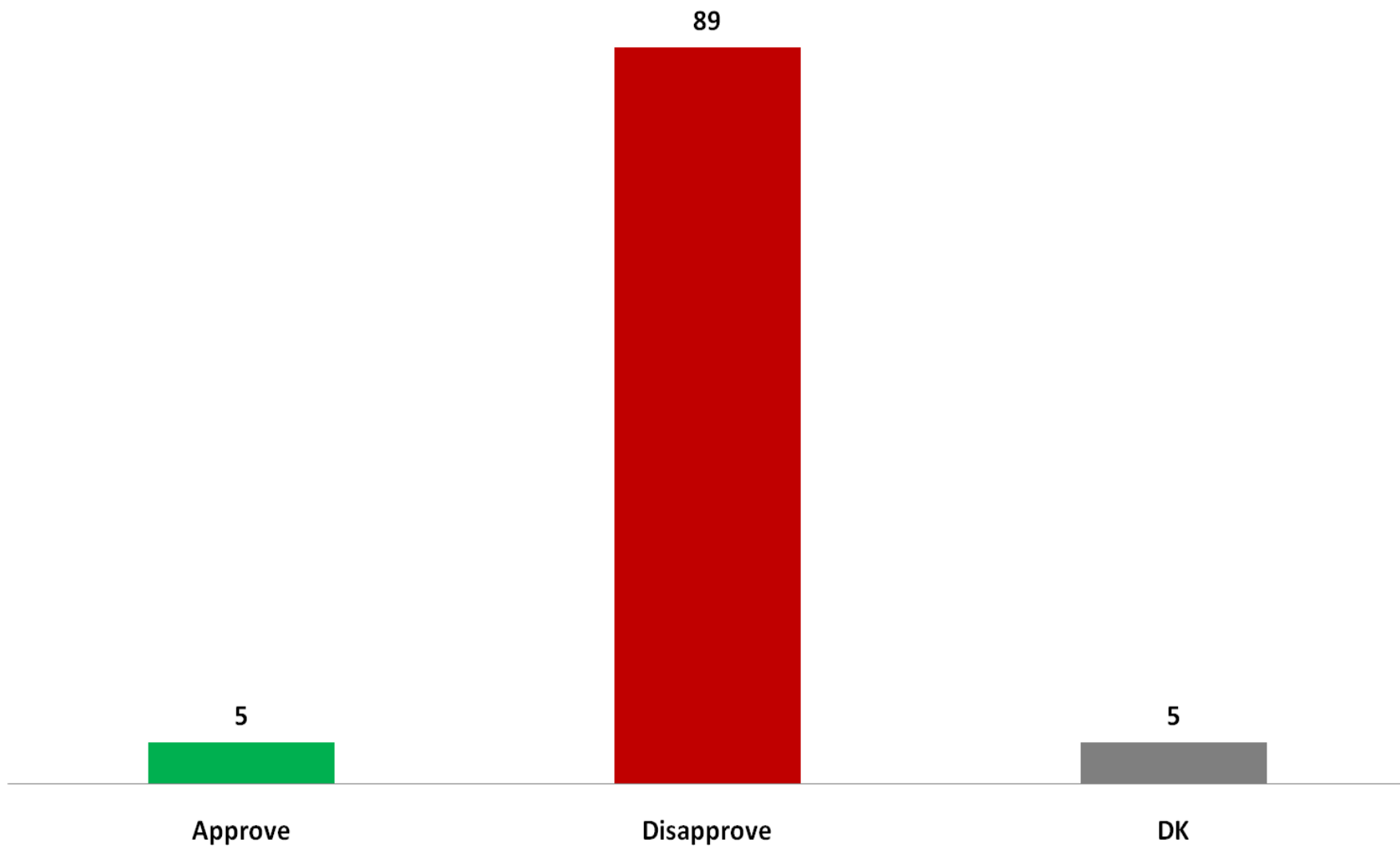


Foreign Relations

**Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?
(q52)**

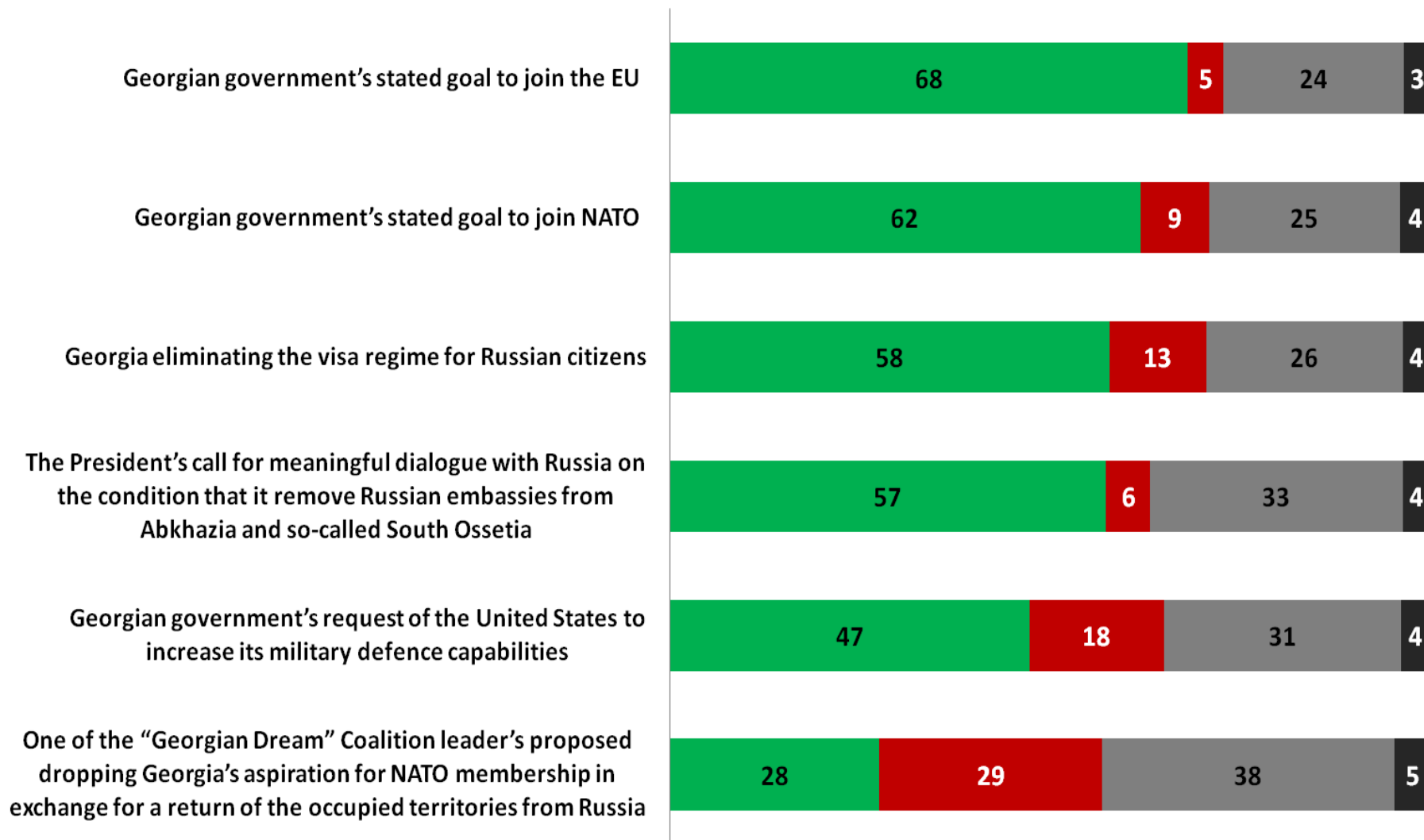


Do you approve or disapprove of Georgia's current relationship with Russia? (q53)

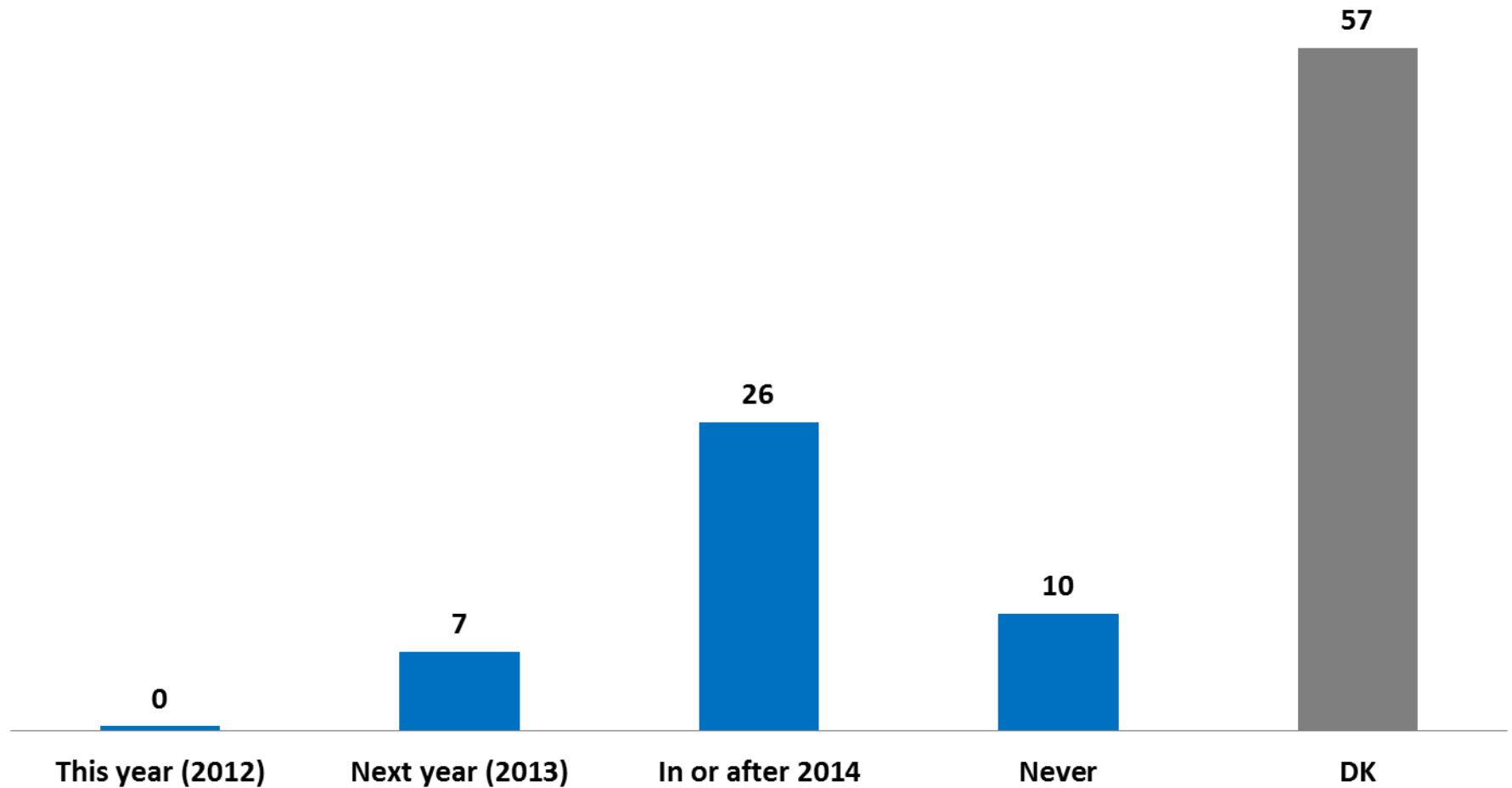


Do you approve of disapprove of the following? (q54)

■ Approve ■ Dissaprove ■ DK ■ RA



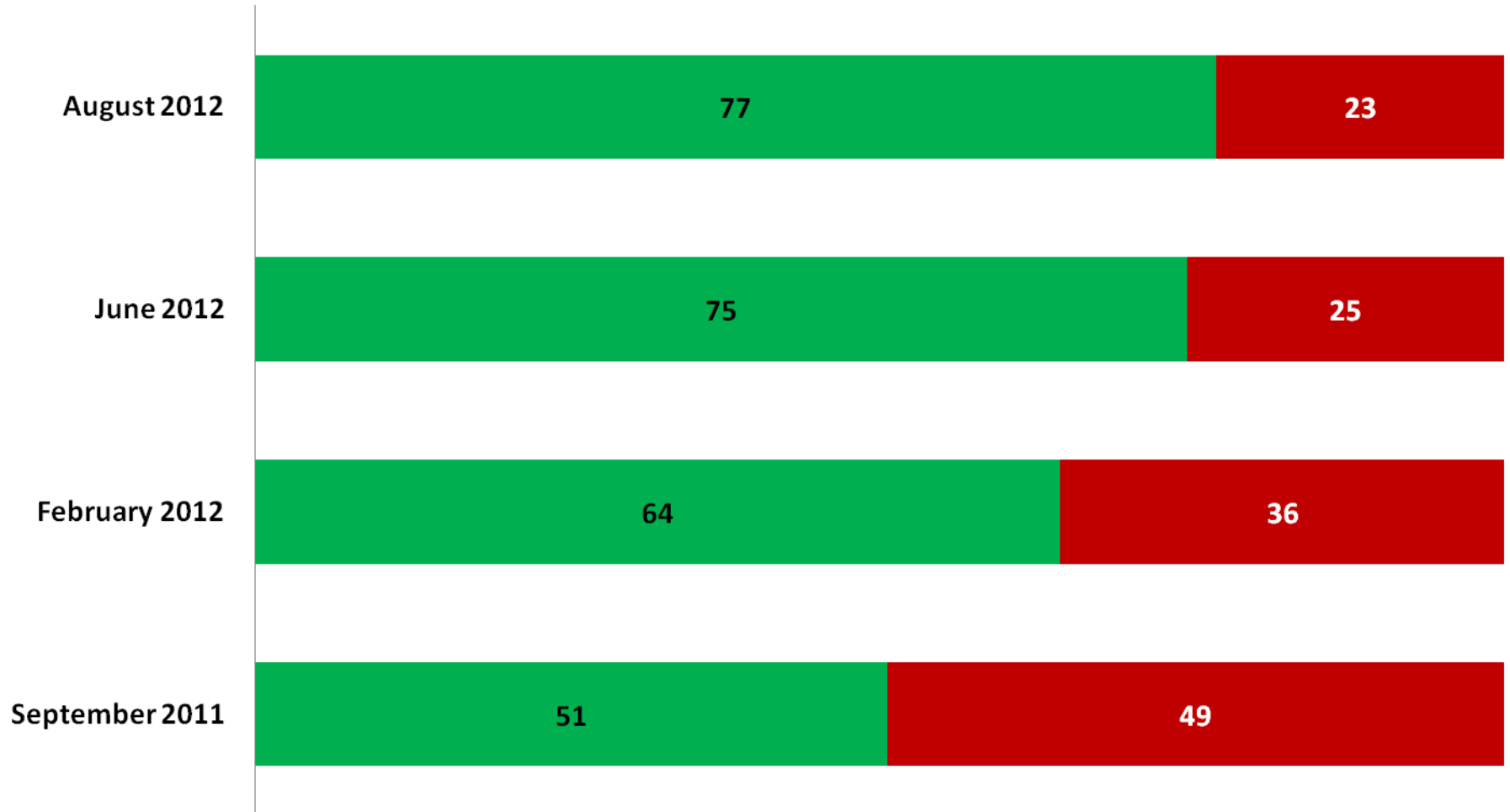
When do you think Georgia will be granted NATO membership? (q55)



Future Elections

If 2012 parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q20)

■ Likely voters ■ Likely abstainers



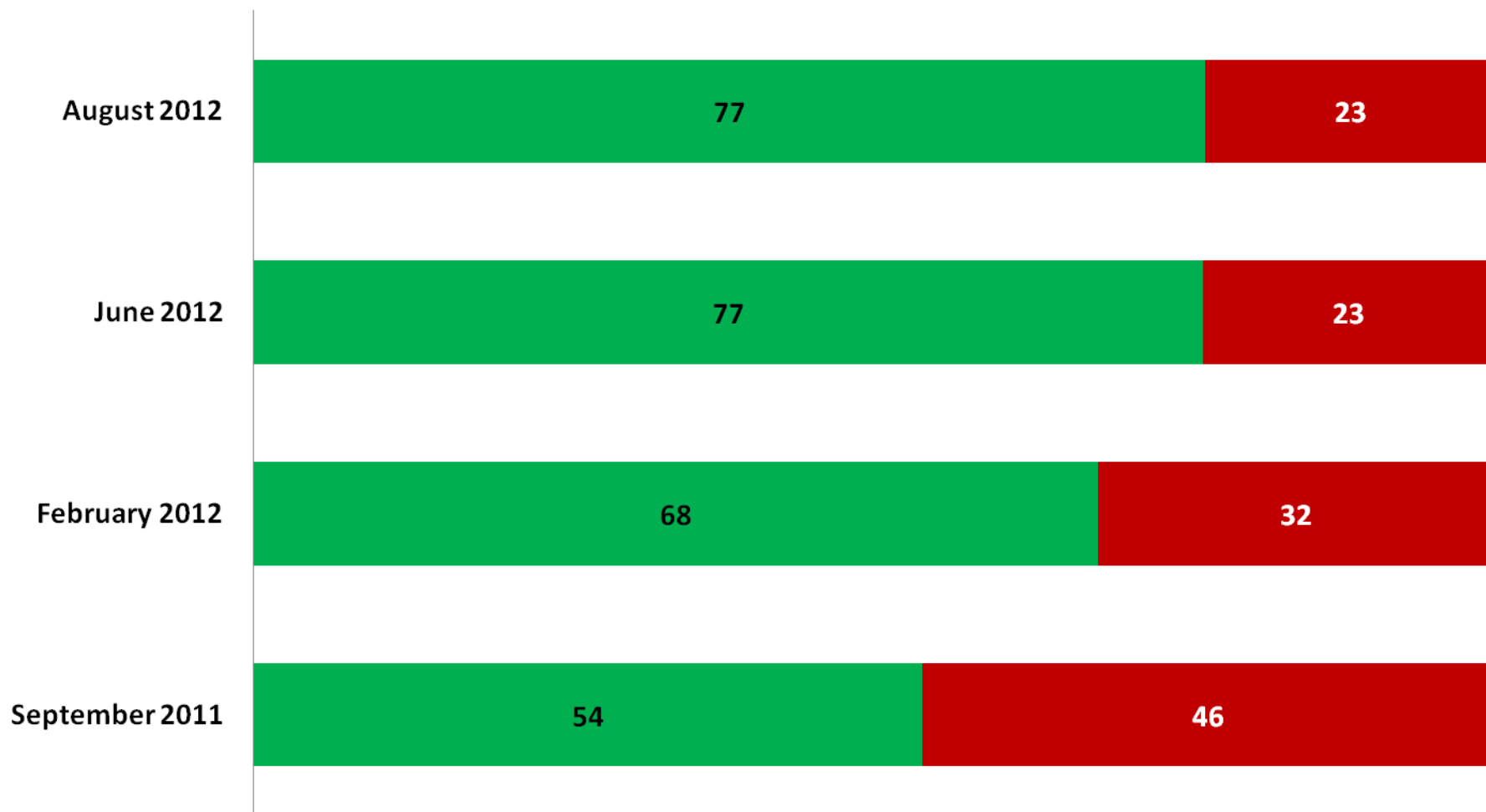
If 2012 parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q20 X Gender)

■ Likely voters ■ Likely abstainers



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

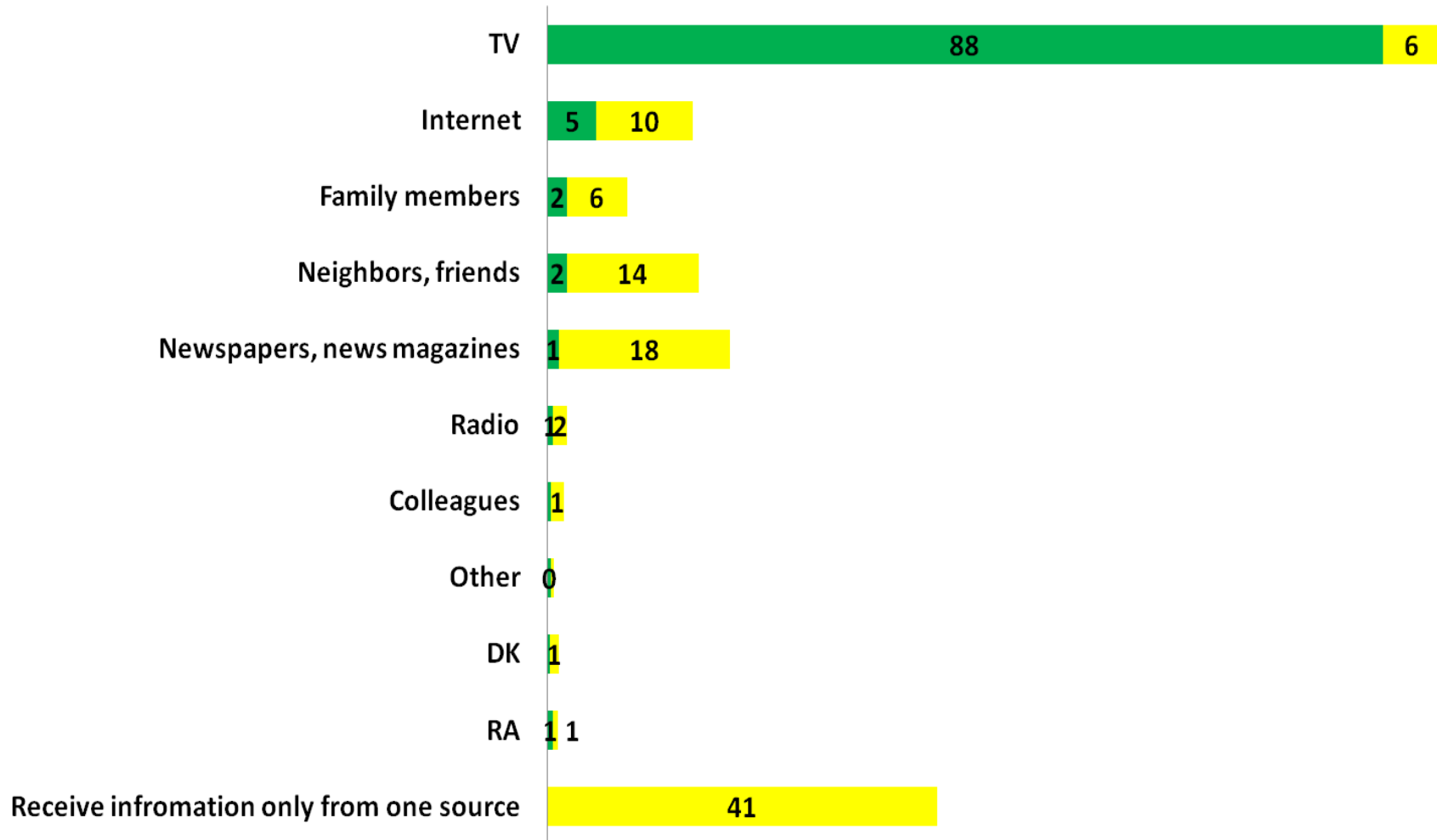
■ Likely voters ■ Likely abstainers



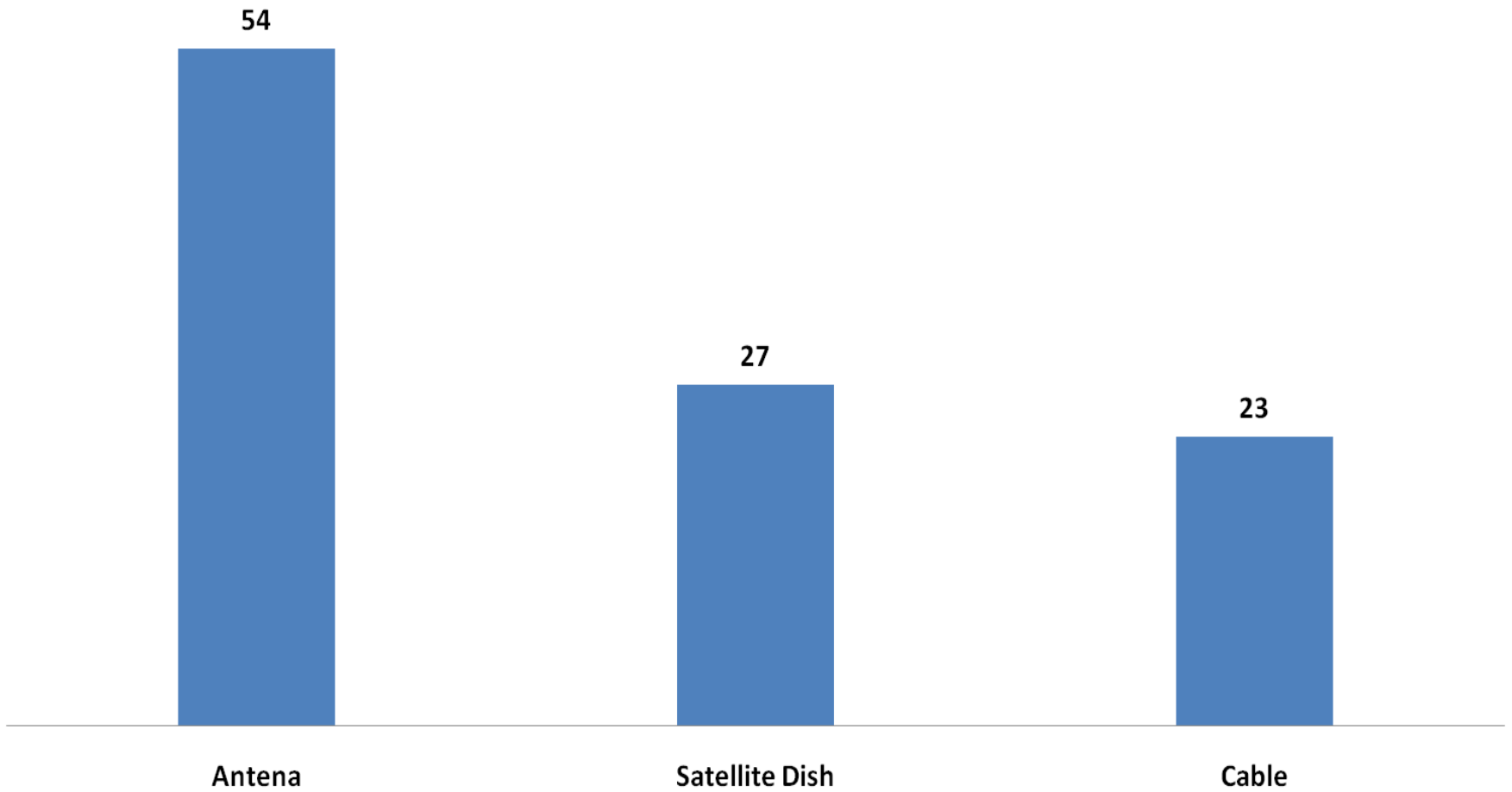
Media

What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q56 - q57)

■ First source ■ Second source

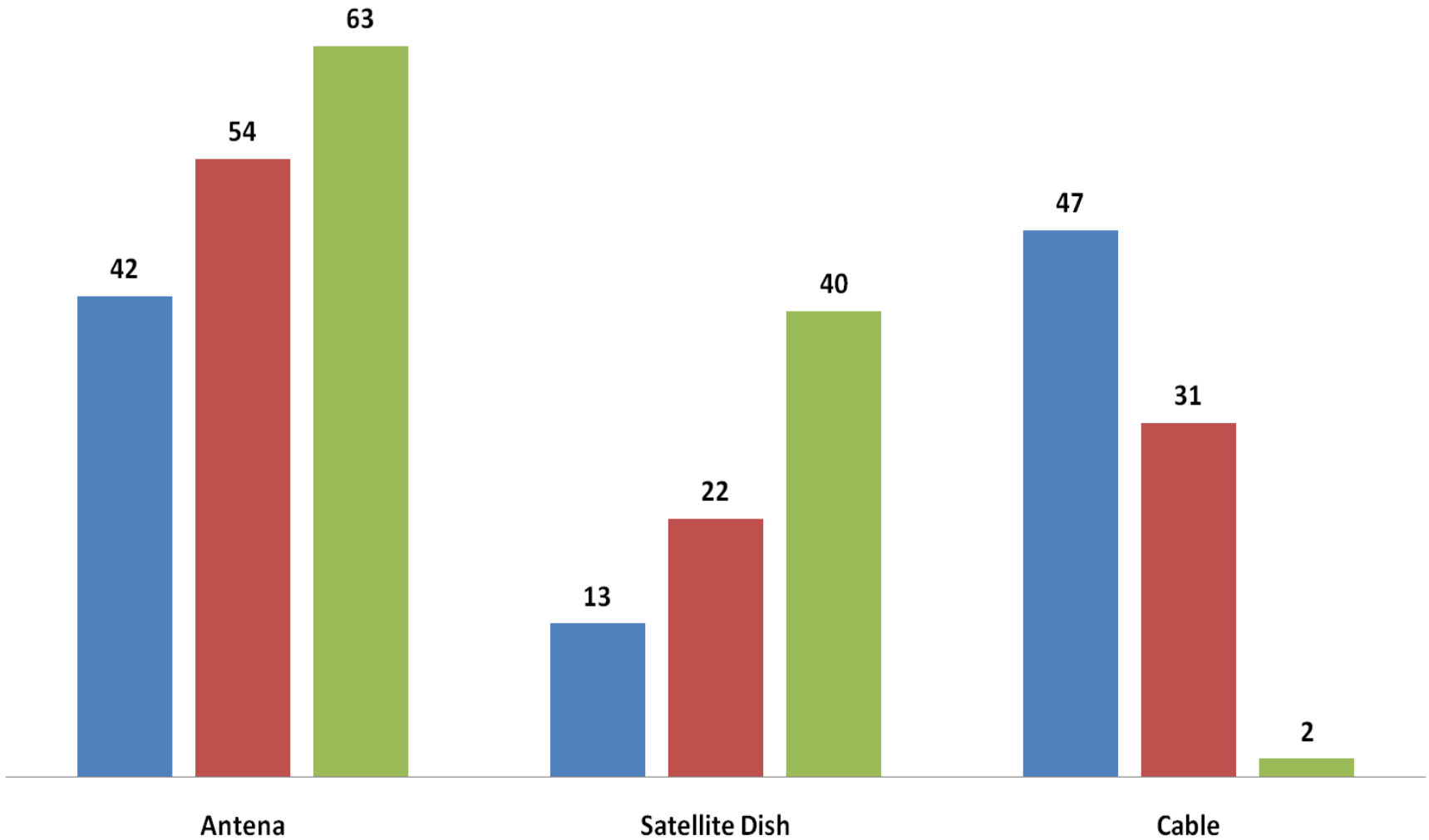


How do you receive TV signal? (q58)

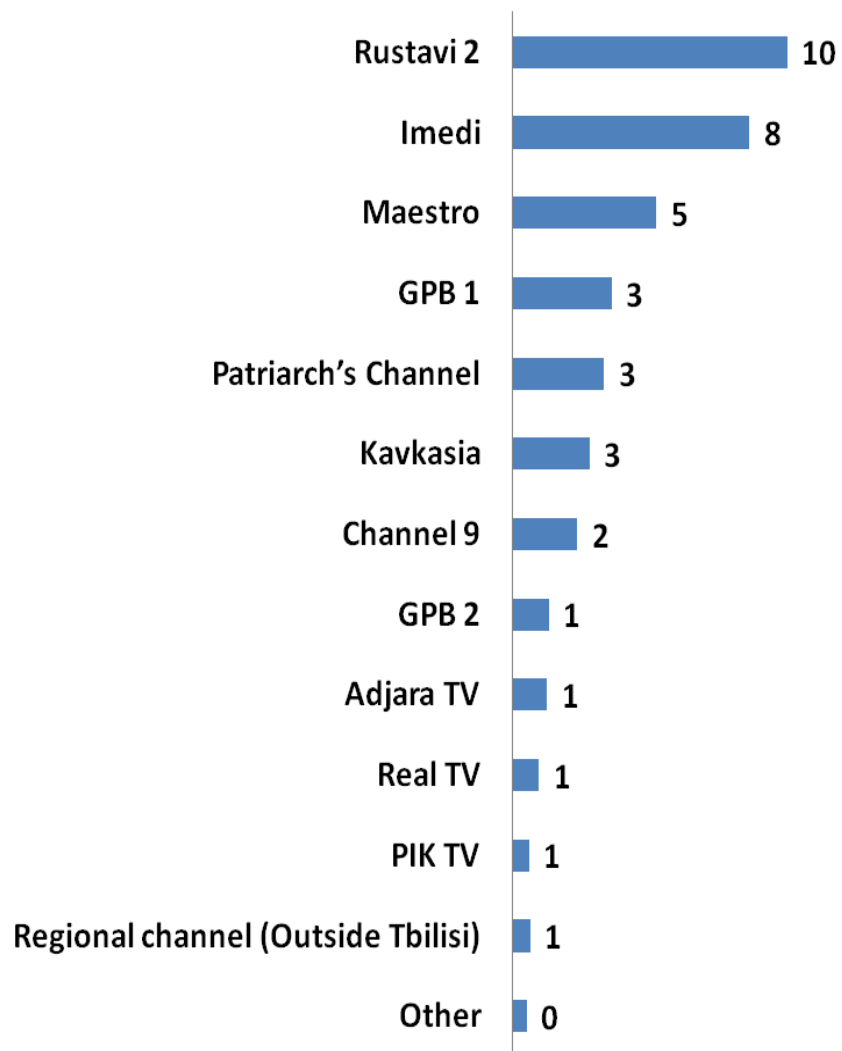


How do you receive TV signal? (q58 X Settlement)

■ Capital ■ Urban ■ Rural

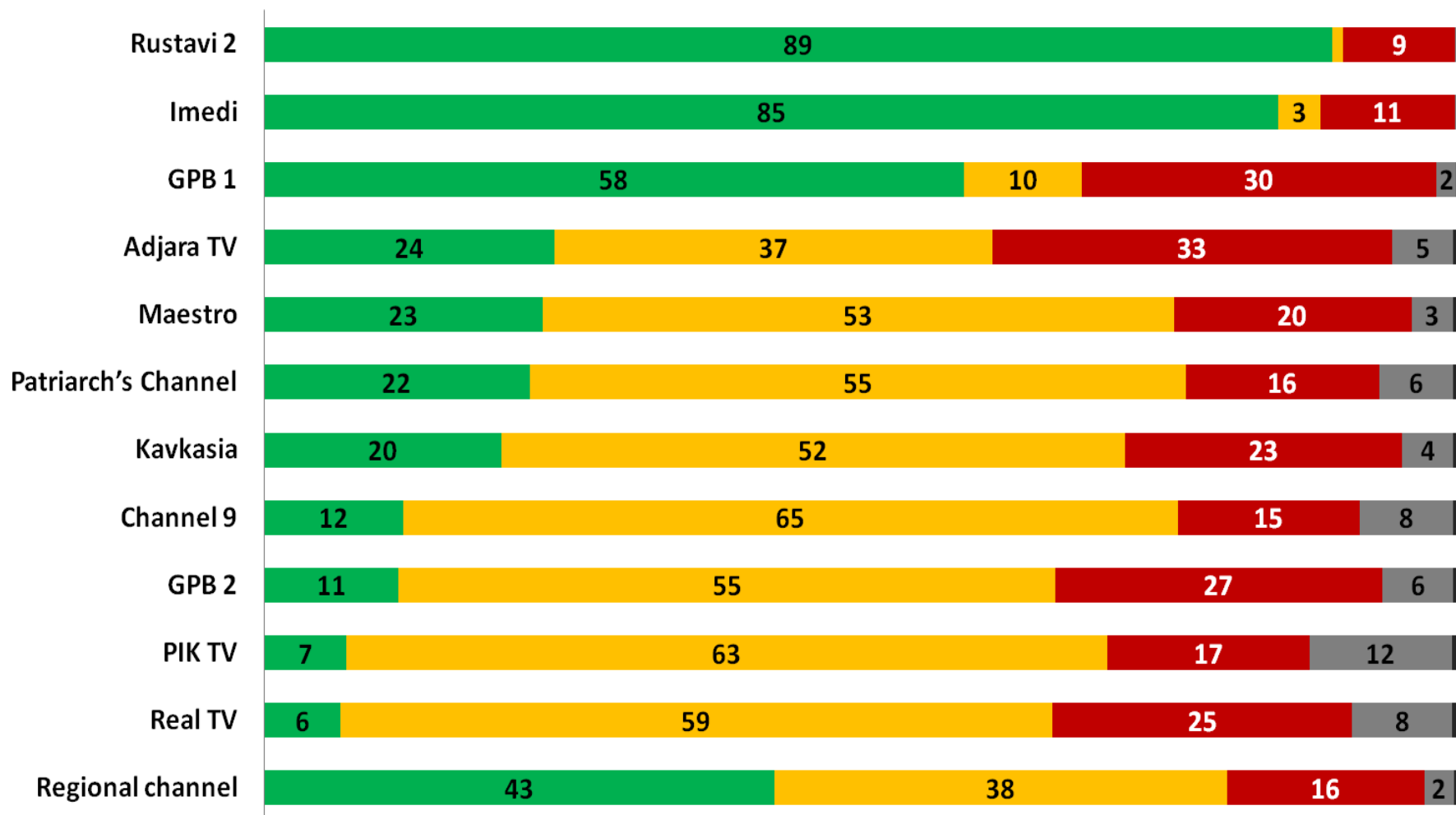


Do you watch the following TV channels on the Internet? (q59)



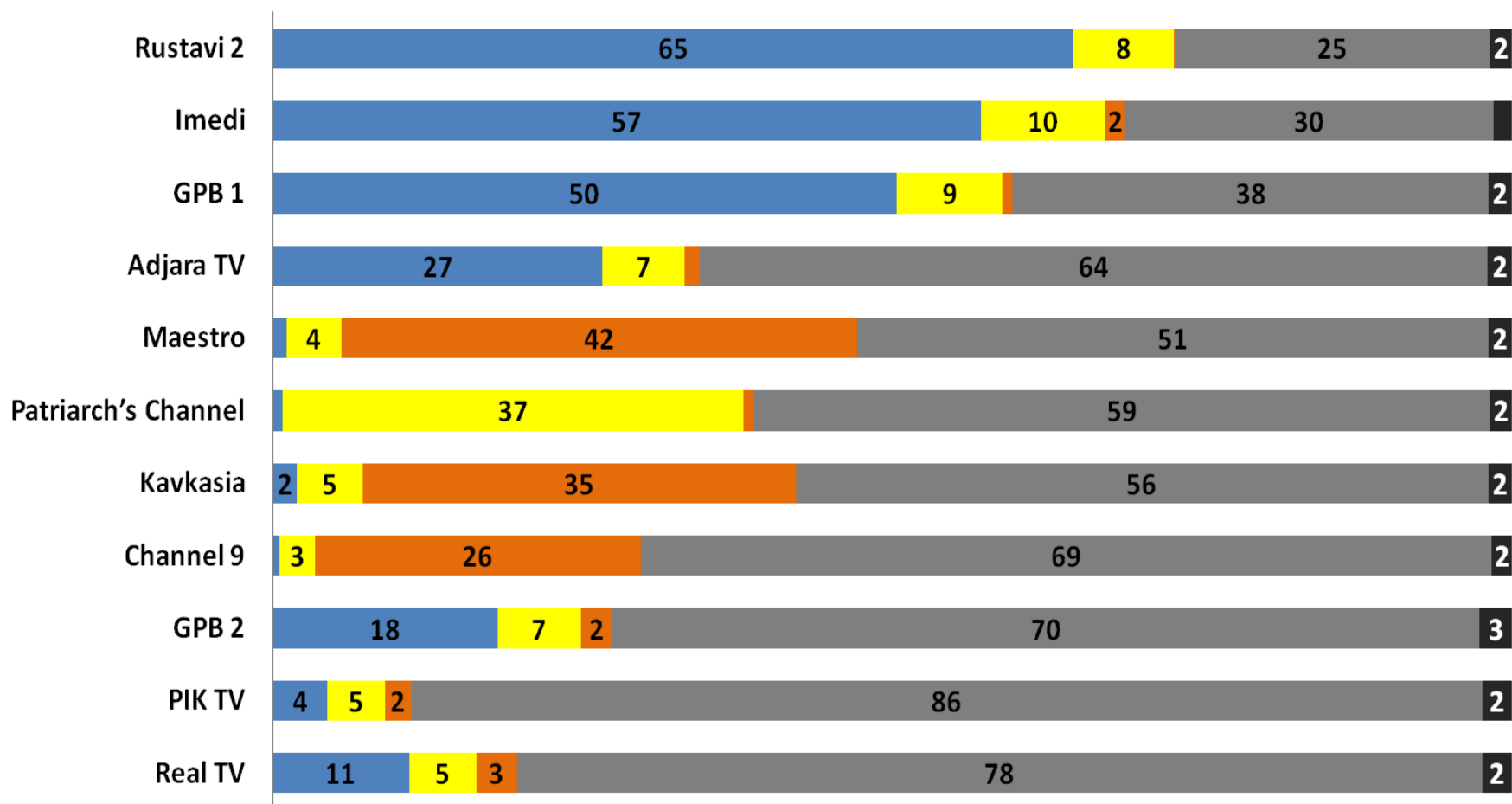
Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? (q60)

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



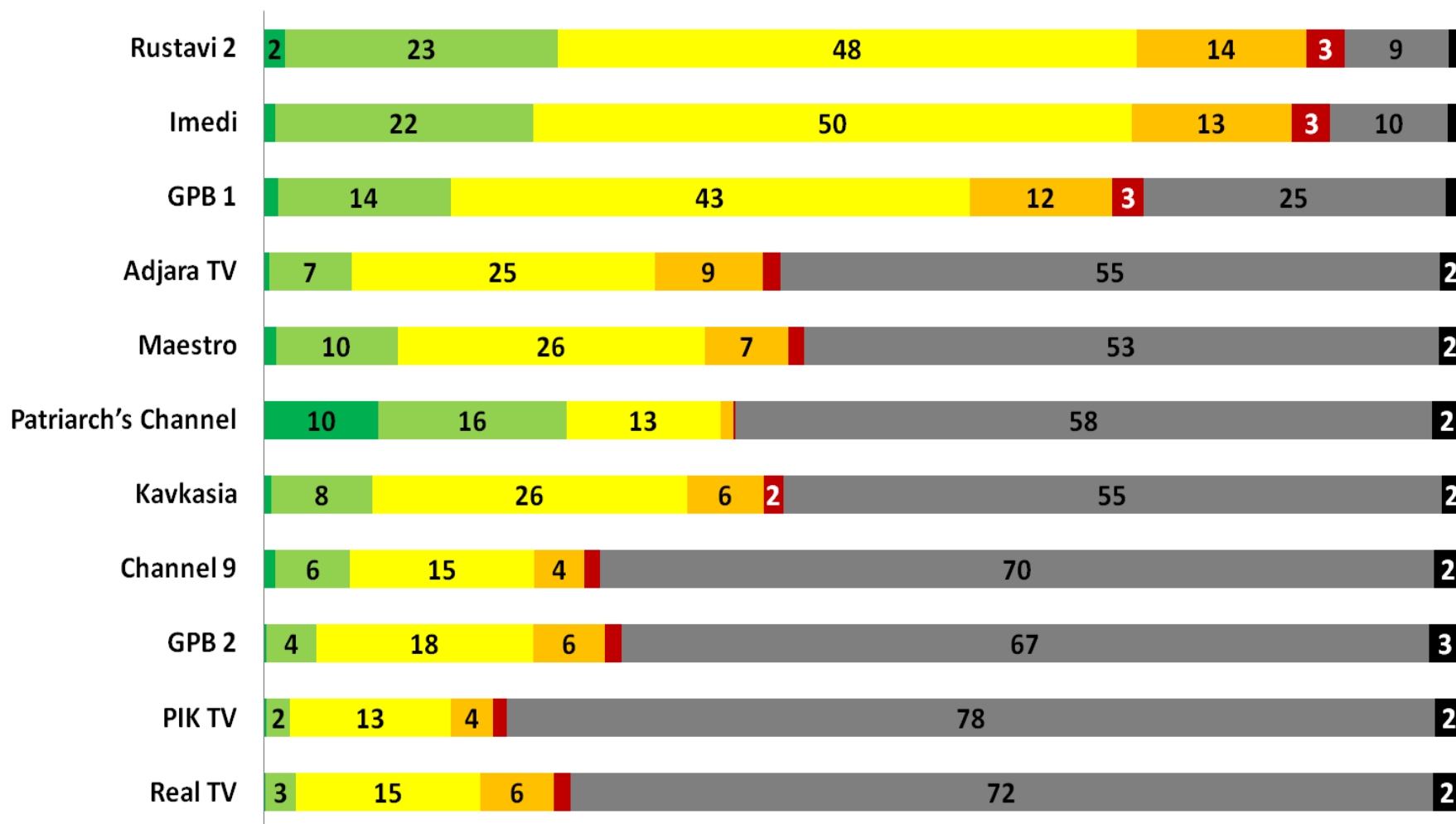
Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels mostly reflect the interests of government, opposition or neither? (q61)

■ Government ■ Neither ■ Opposition ■ DK ■ RA

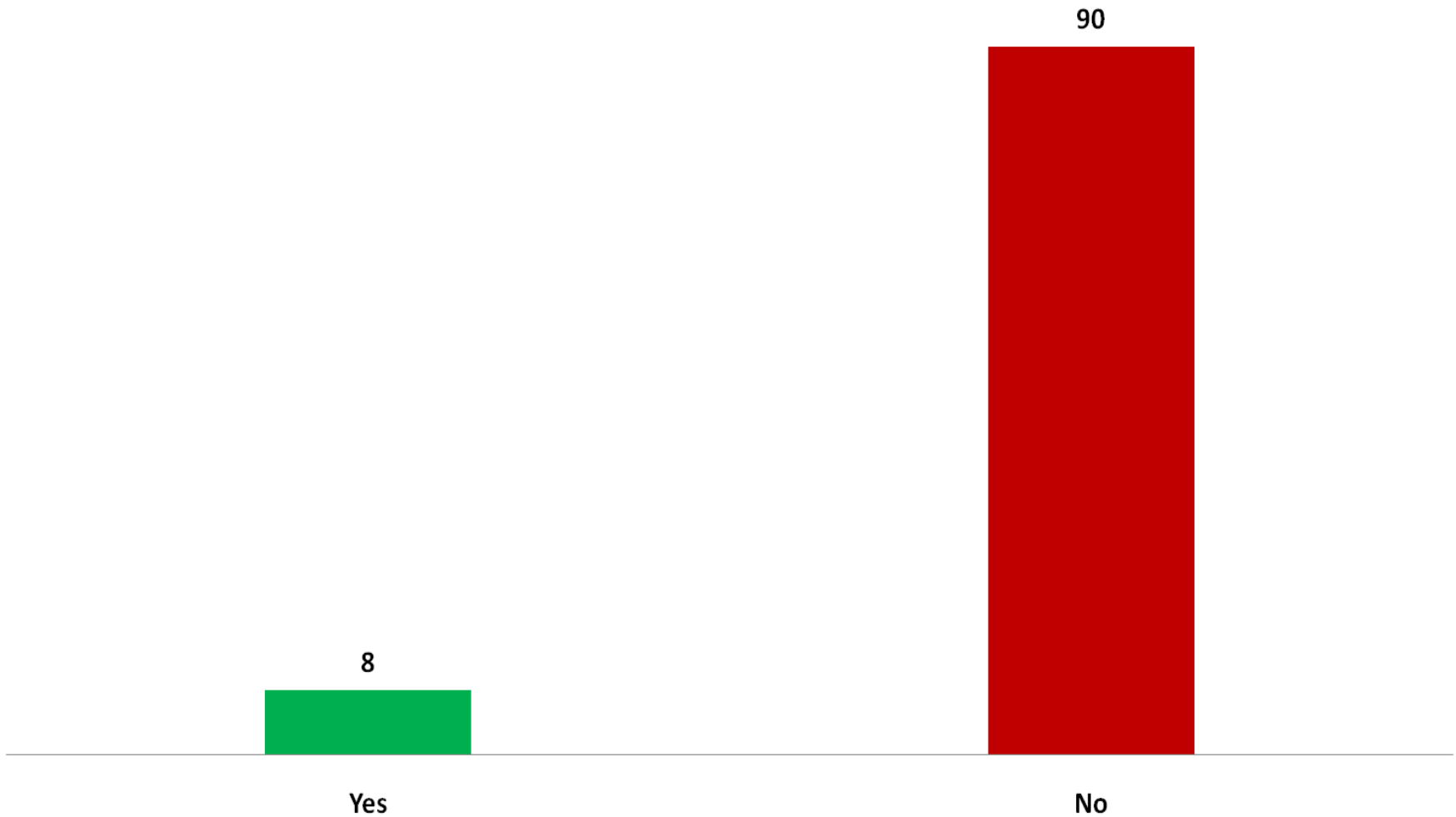


How much do you trust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? (q62)

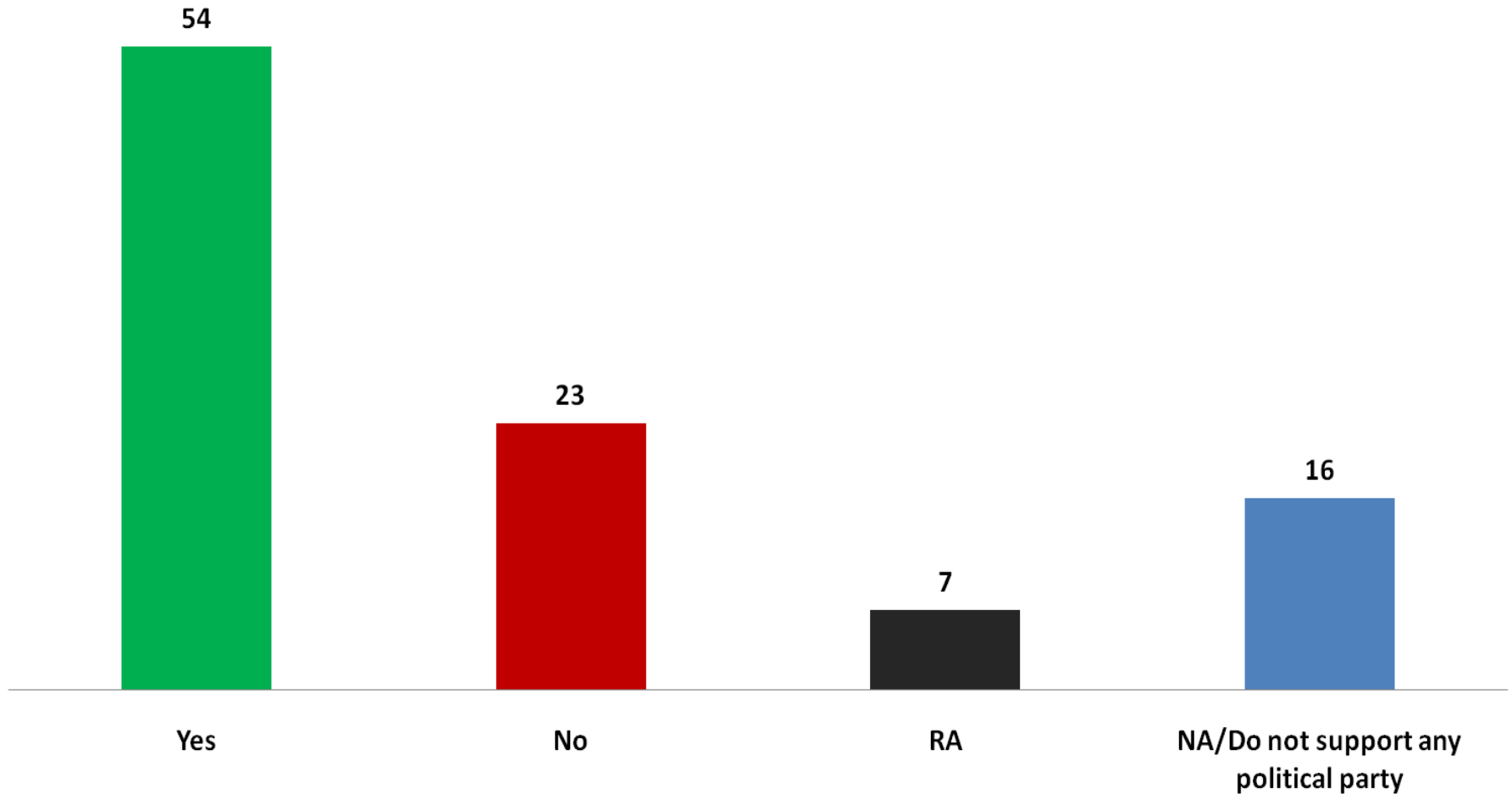
Fully trust Trust Neutral Do not trust Do not trust at all DK RA



Do you watch GPB Channel 2 which provides live coverage of Parliament and gives Free Tribune to political parties? (q63)

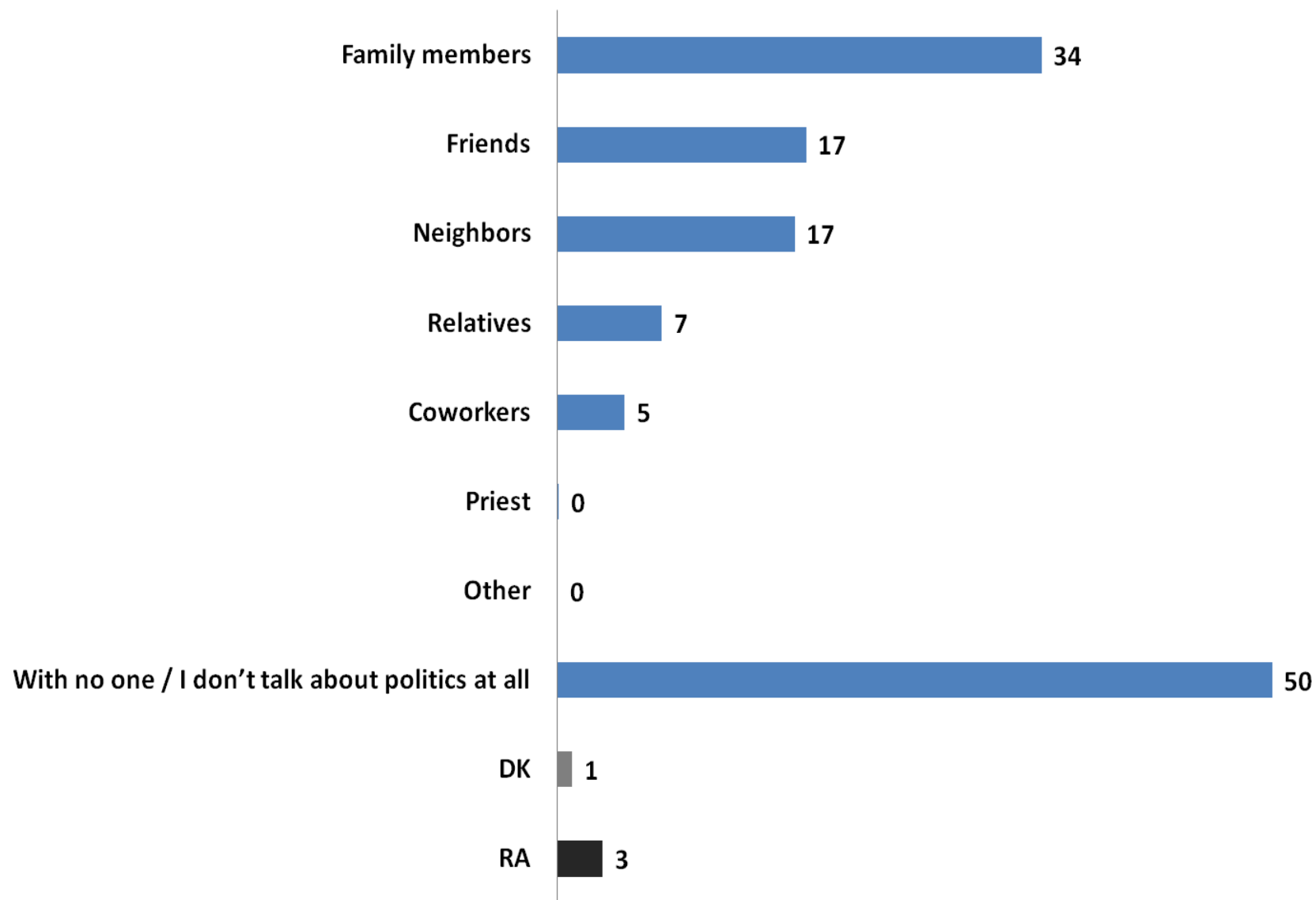


In the past three months have you been receiving enough information from the media about the party you support? (q64)

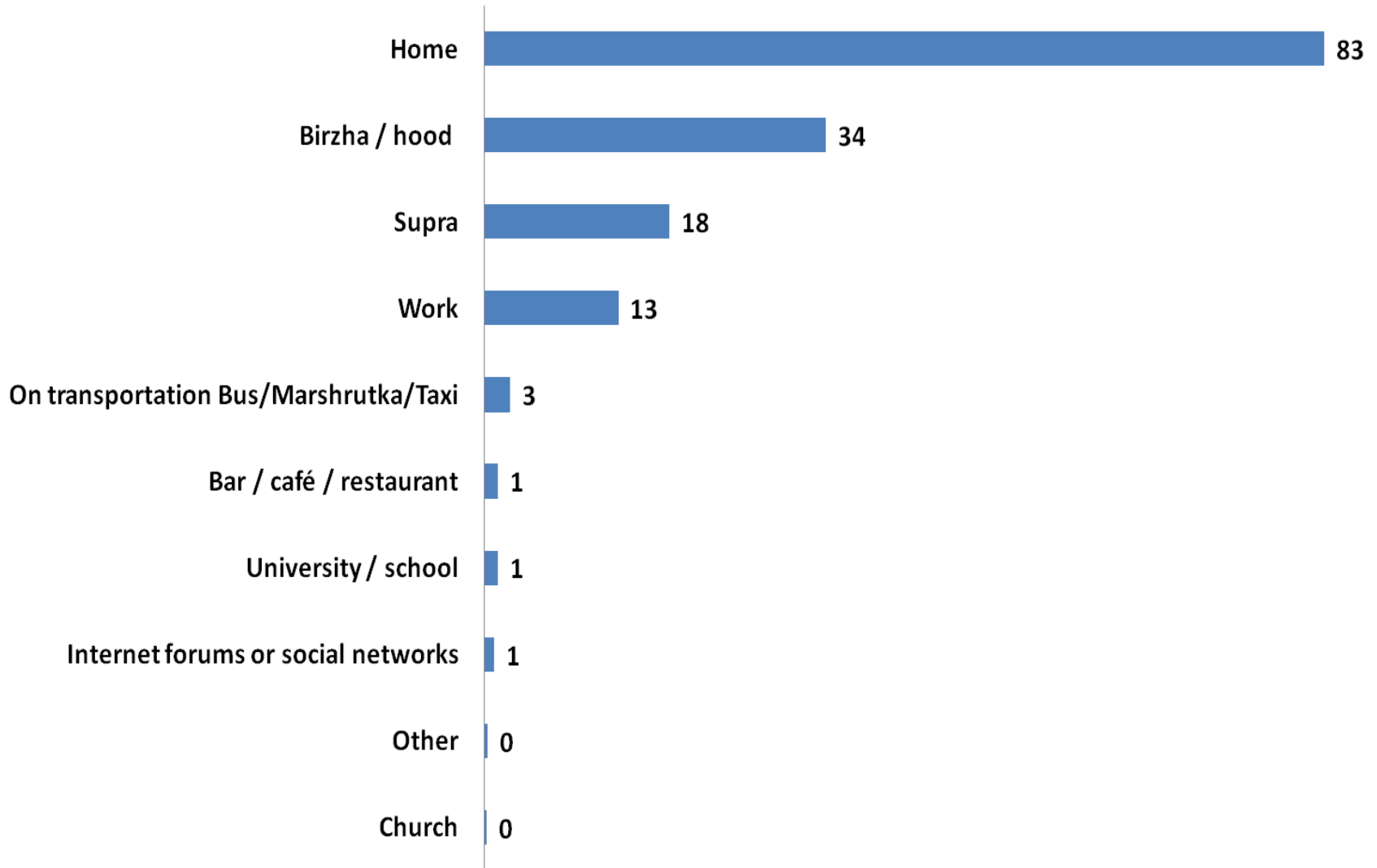


Demographics

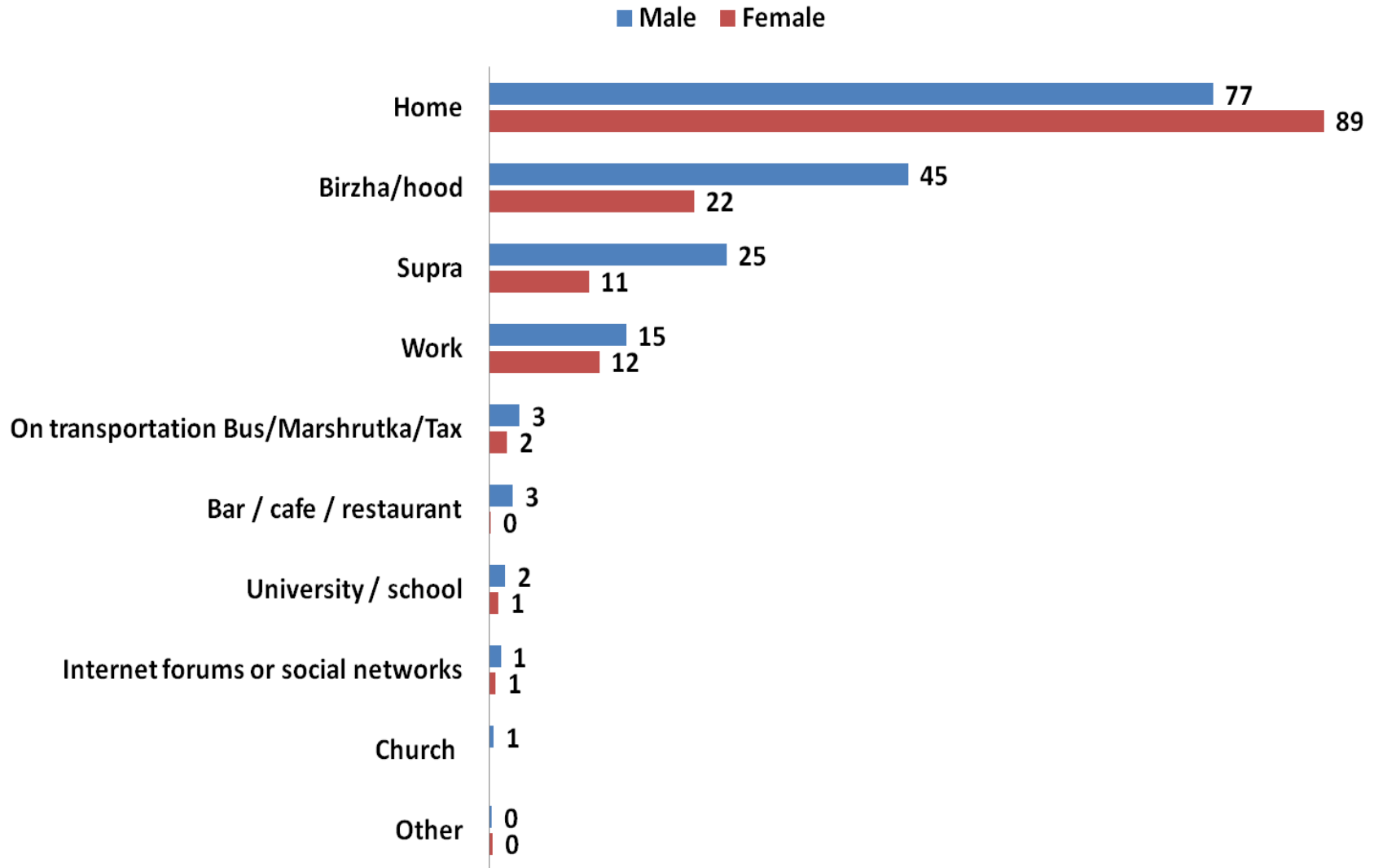
With whom do you talk about politics? (q91)



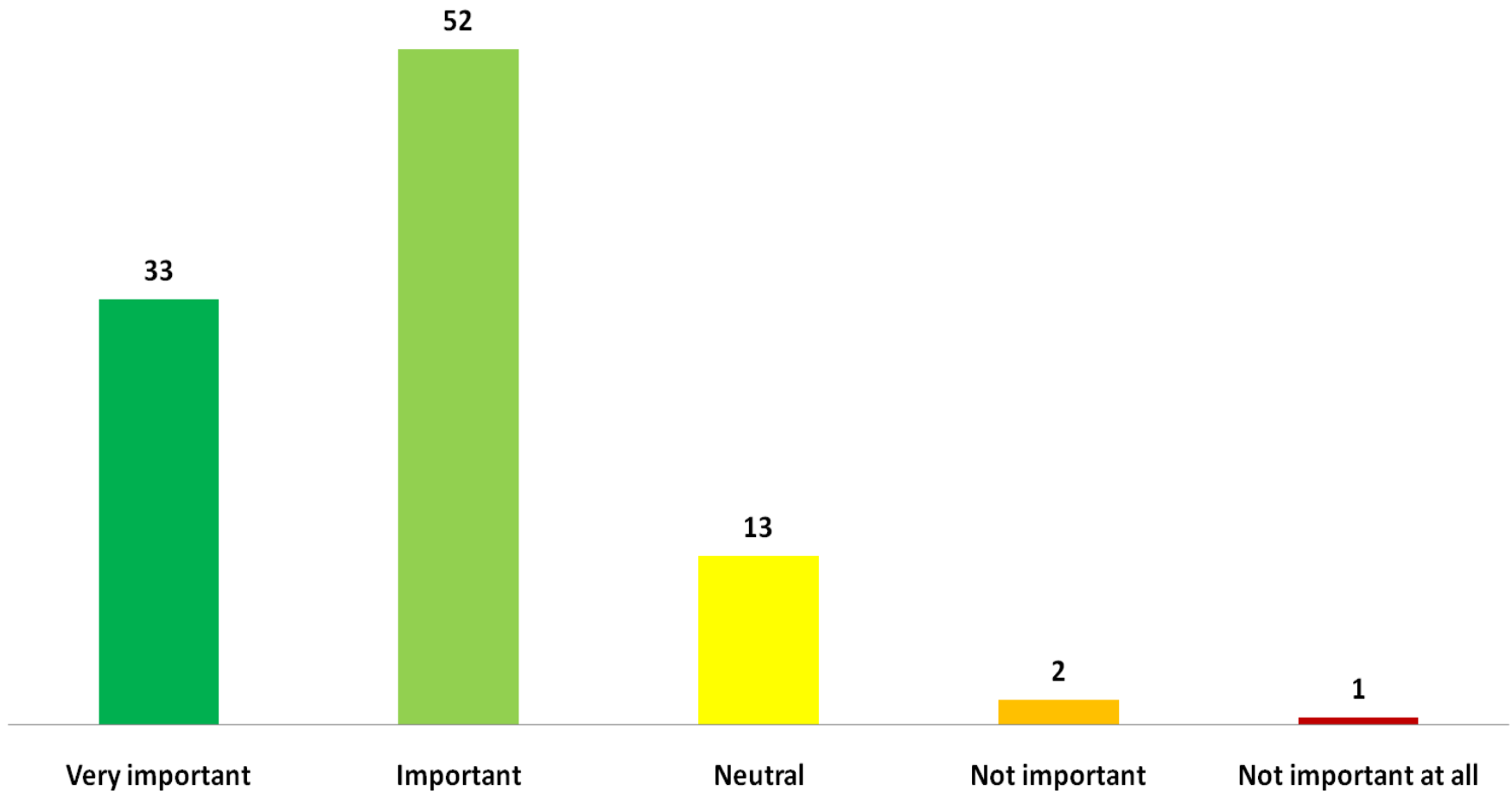
Where do you talk about politics? - of the 46% who talk about politics (q92)



Where do you talk about politics? - of the 46% who talk about politics (q92 X Gender)



**How important are your own religious beliefs in making
decisions in daily life? (101)**



Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals, about how often do you attend religious services? (q102)

