



Public attitudes in Georgia:

Results of a June 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: 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
- **Sample design**
 - NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design with both stratification and clustering. There are sixteen macro-strata: Saburtalo, Isani, Samgori, Nadzaladevi, Gldani, Other Capital, Rustavi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti, Gori district, Telavi district, Zugdidi district, Kobuleti district, Other Urban, Other Rural. This included 609 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 does not exceed +/- 2%

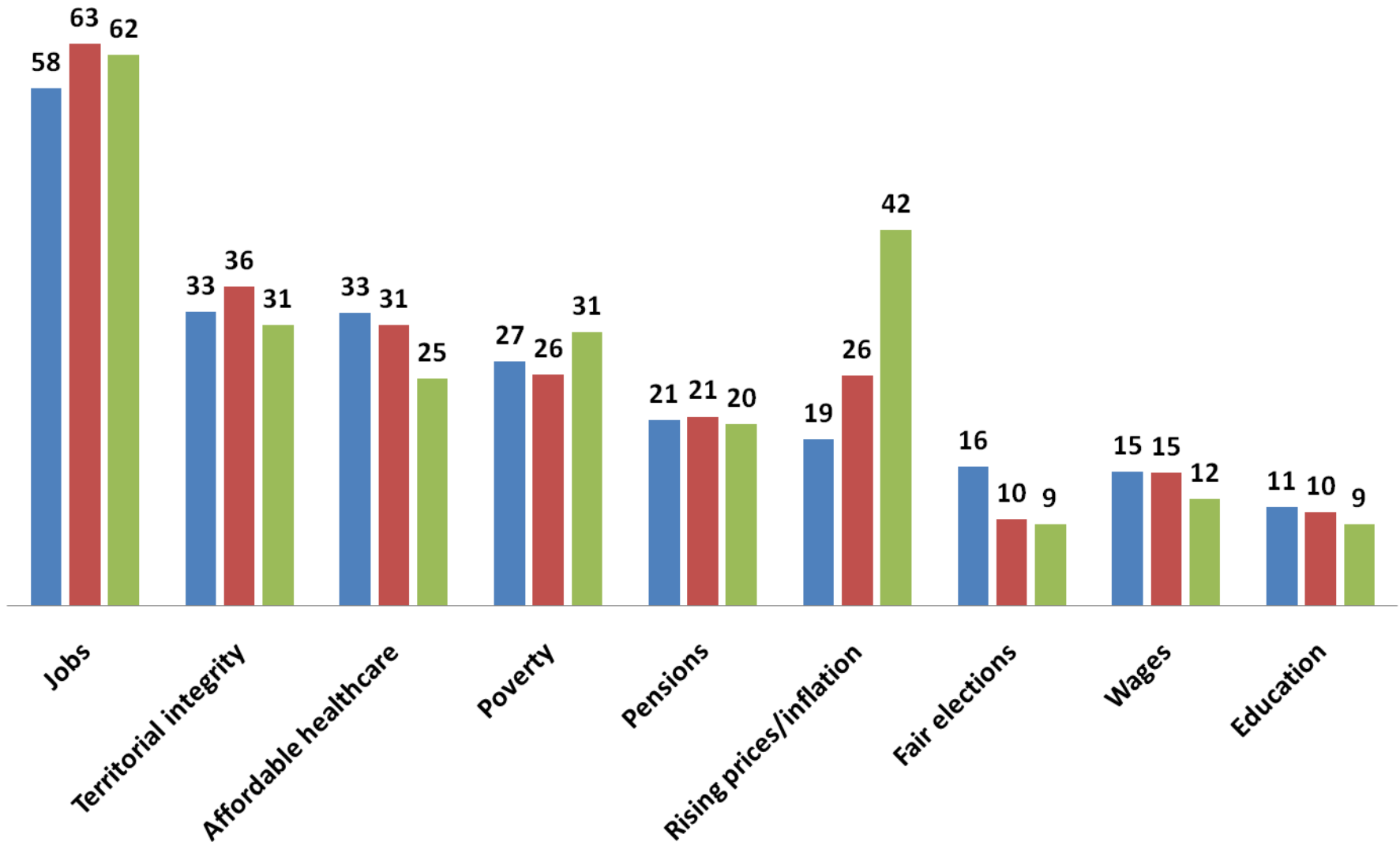
Methodology – Historical Waves

- 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:
 - **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
 - **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
- The average margin of error for these waves is +/- 3%

National and Local Issues

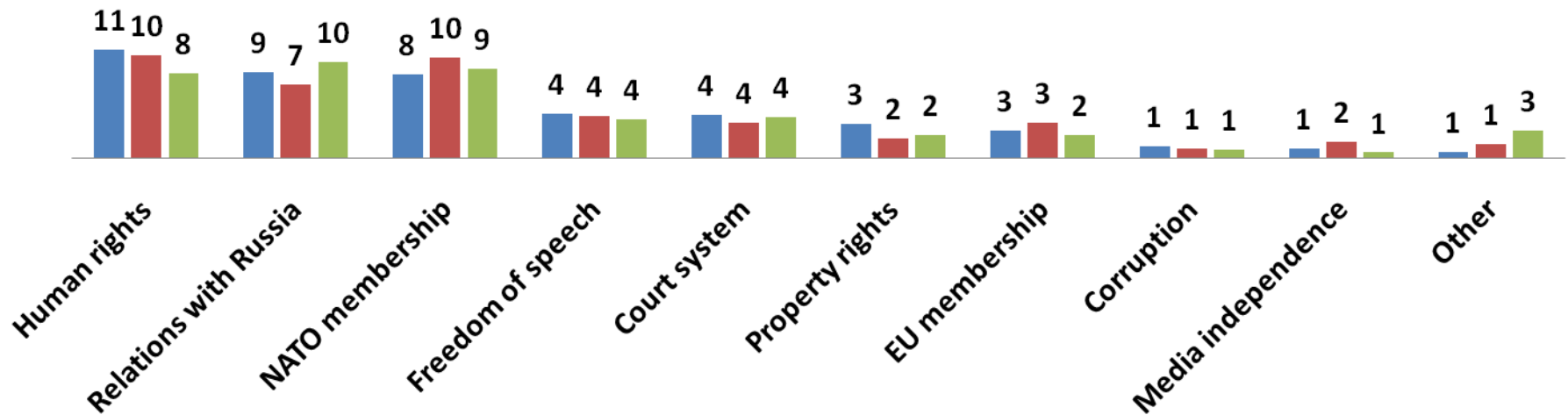
Most important national issues (q1) Part 1

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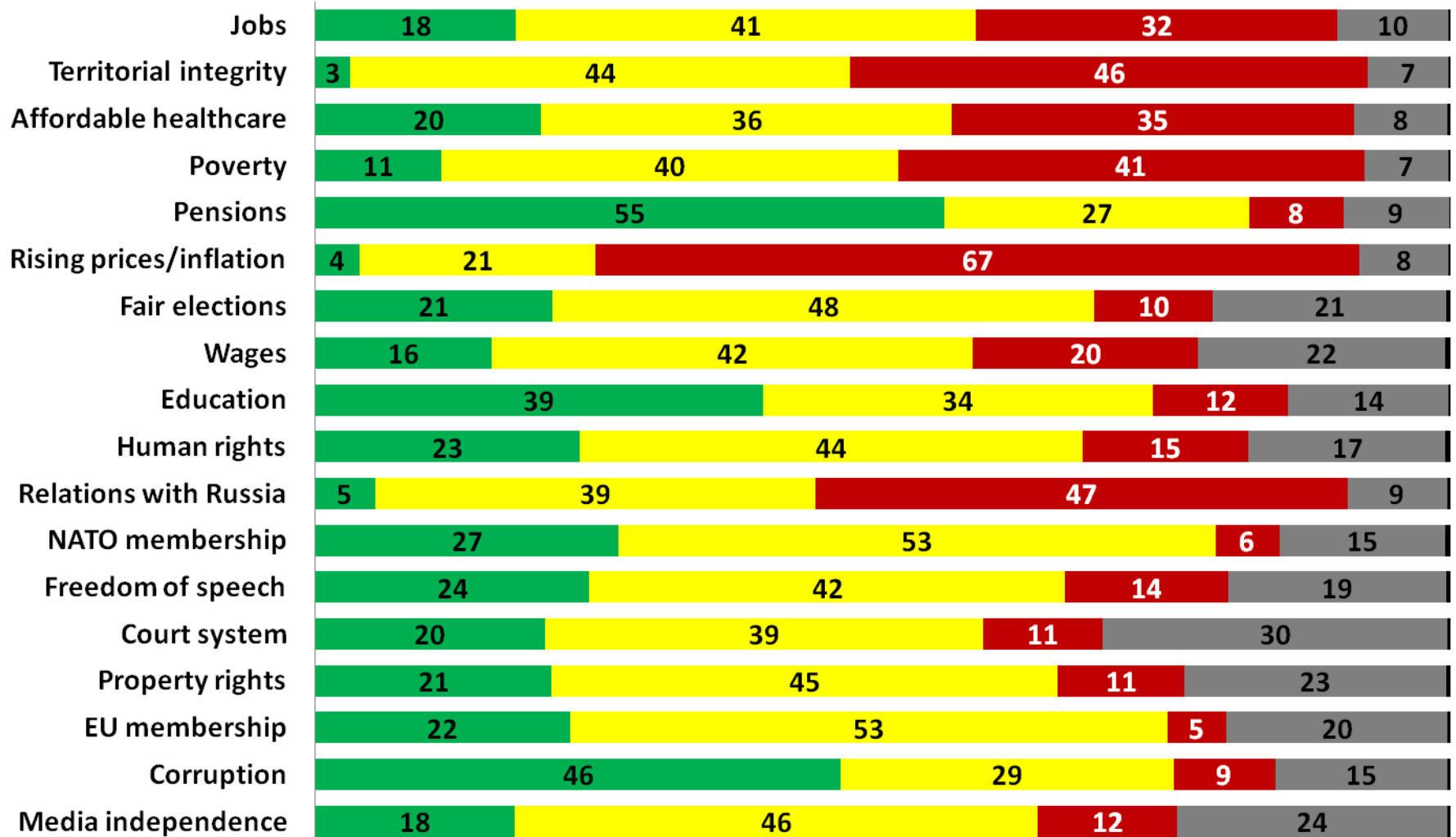
Most important national issues (q1) Part 2

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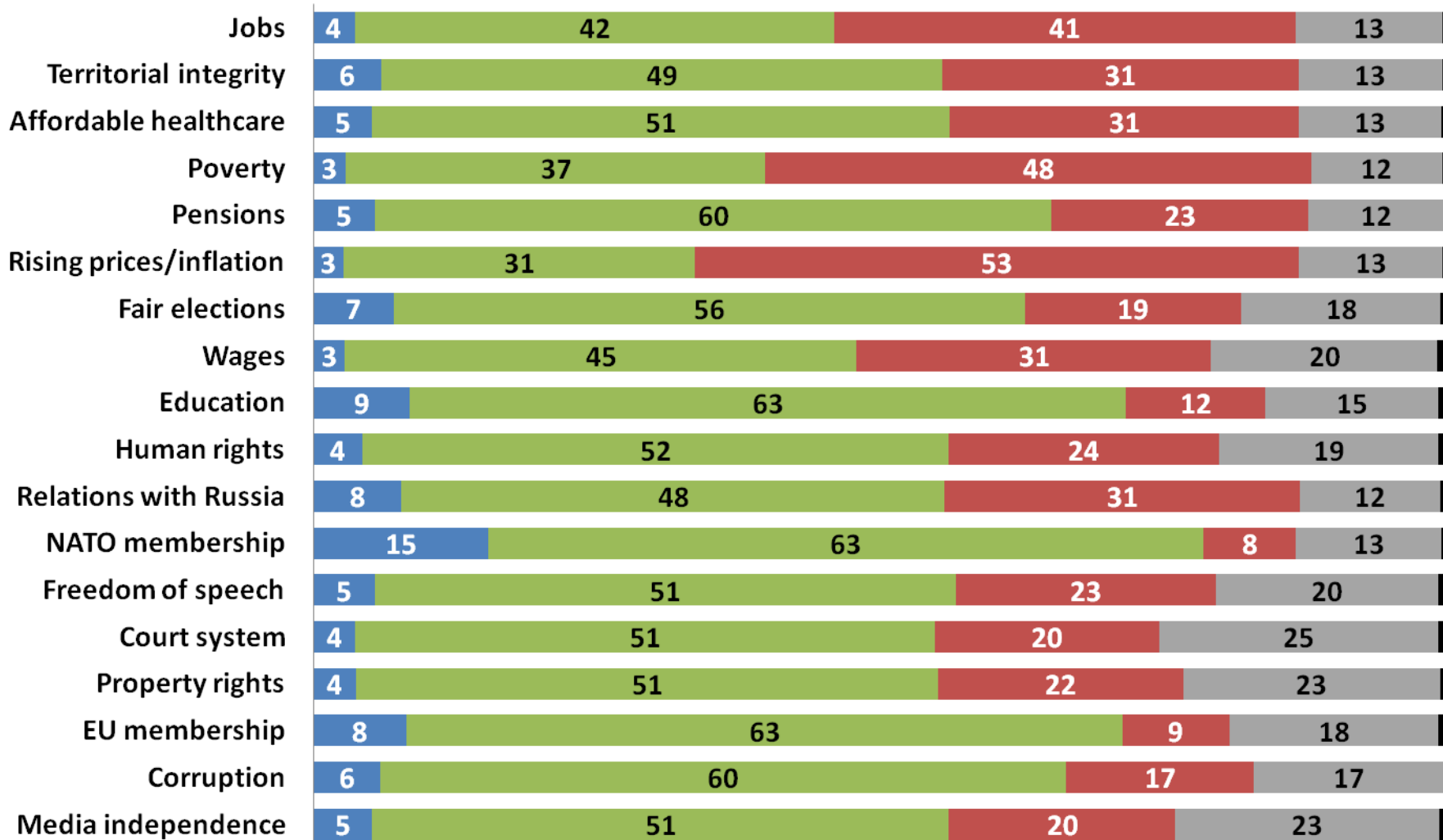
How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to January 2008? (q2)

■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA



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

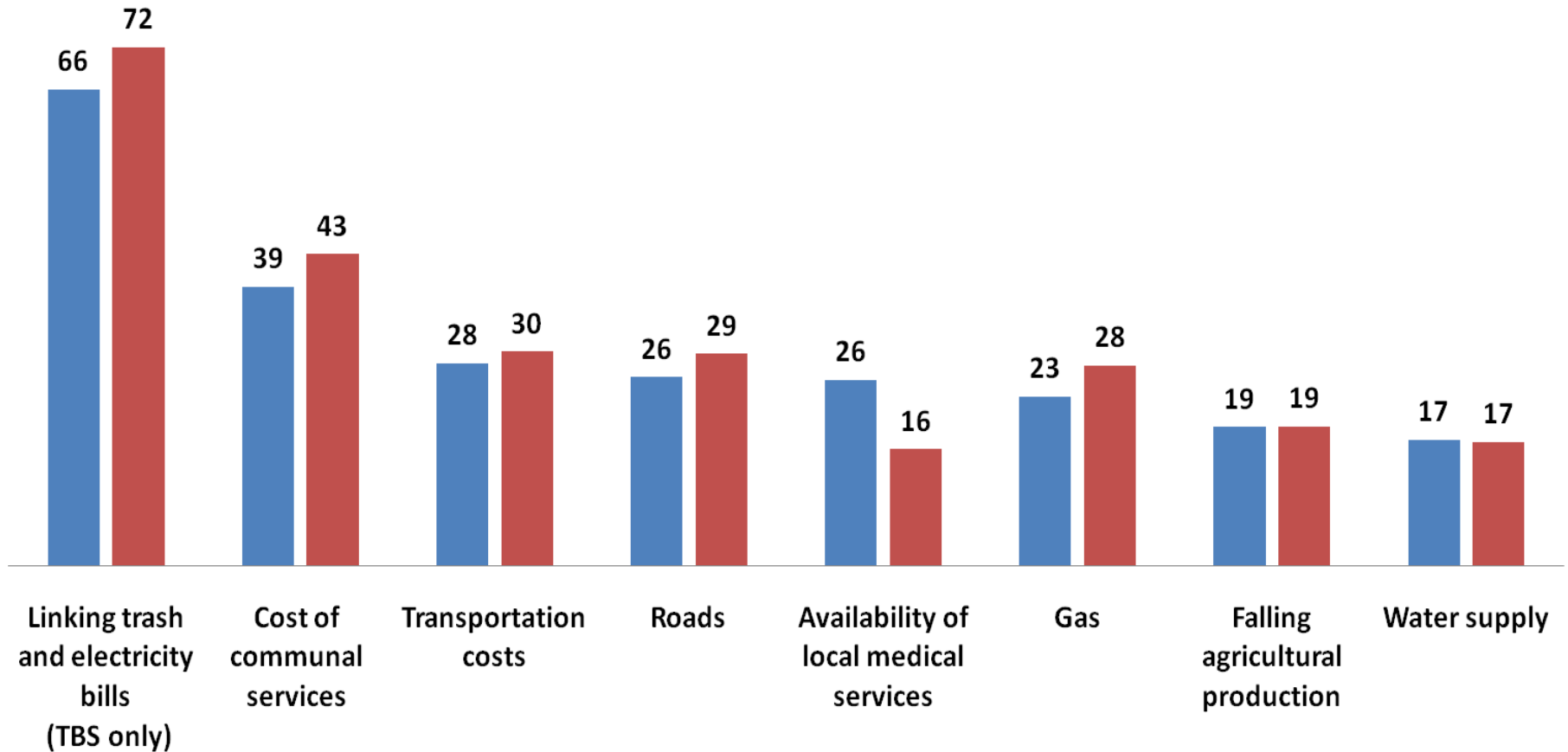
Too much Right Too little DK RA



Most important local issues (q4)

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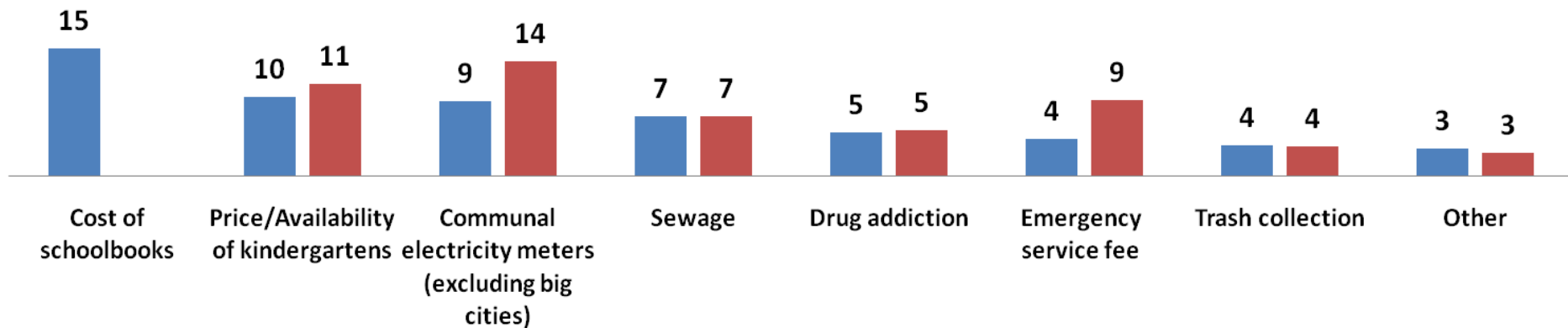
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Most important local issues (q4)

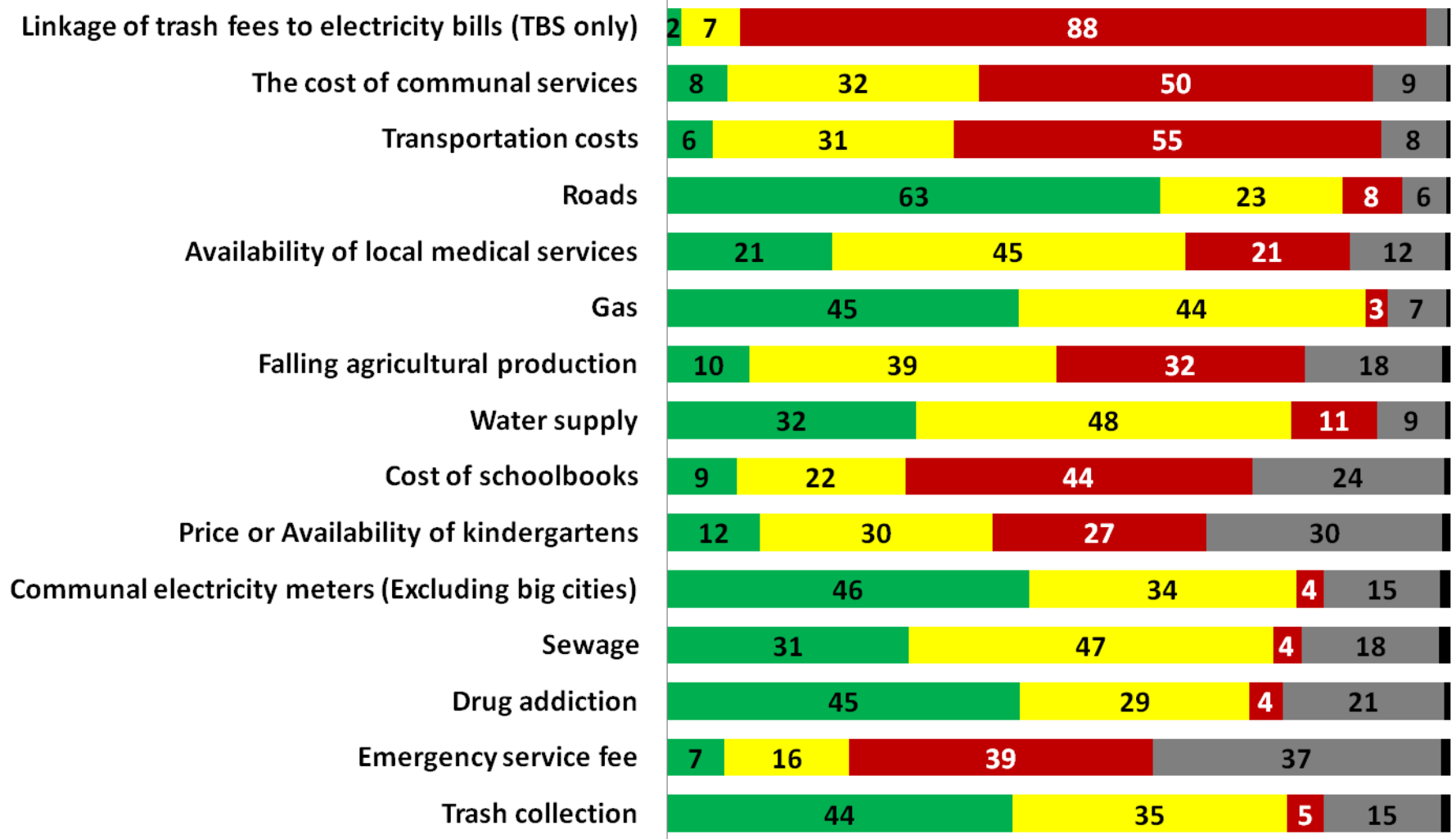
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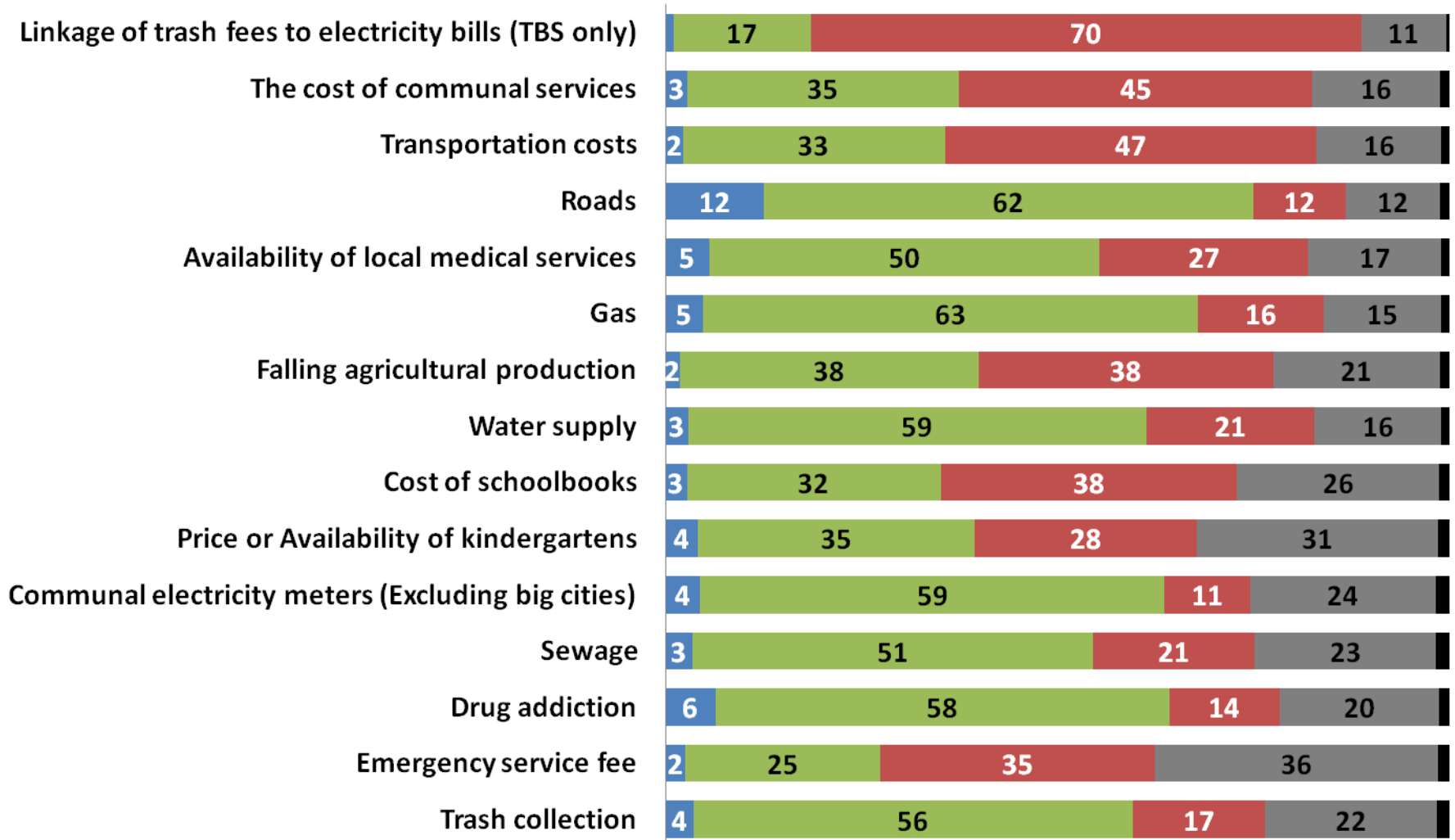
How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to January 2008? (q5, National)

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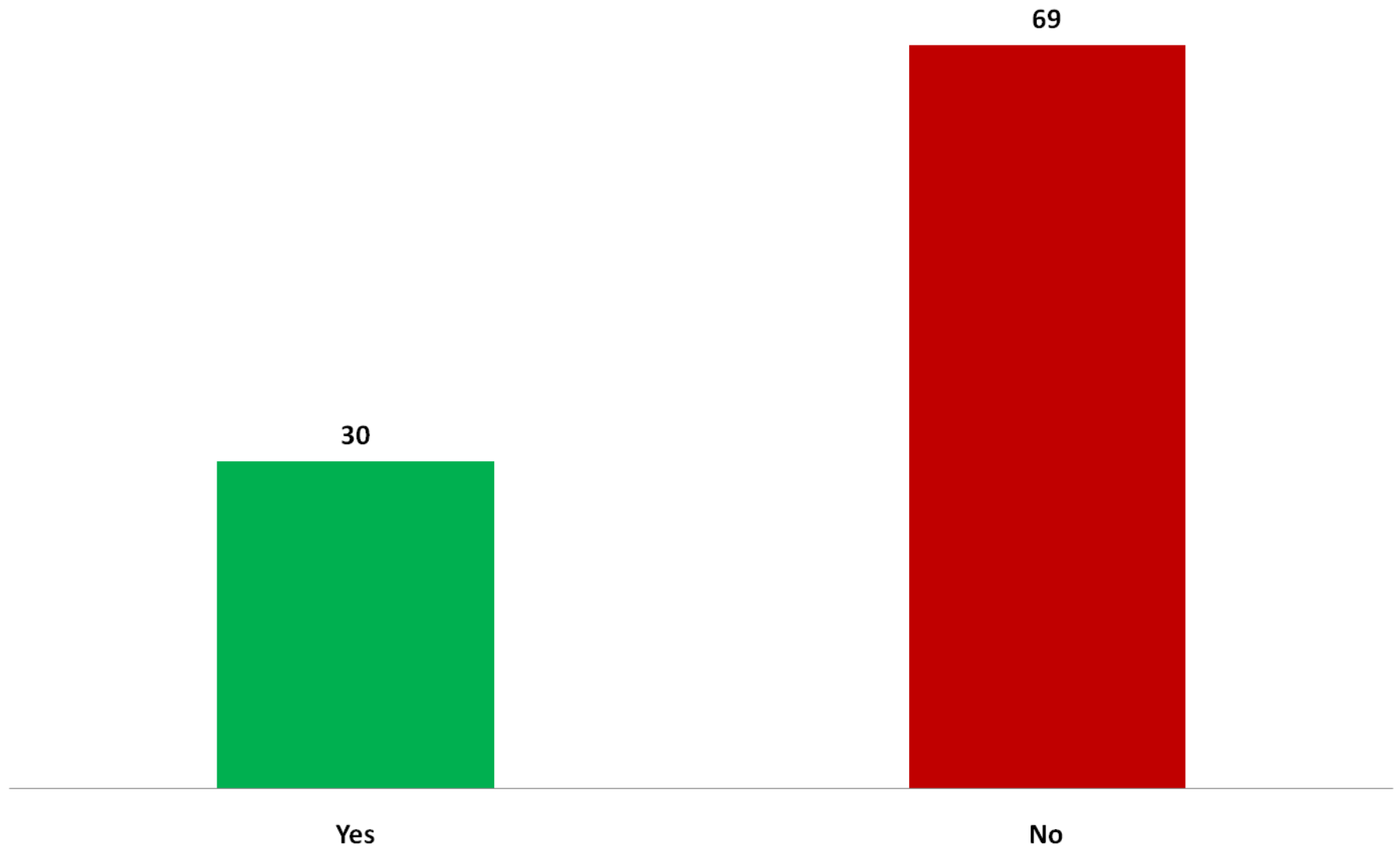


Politicians in Georgia talk about... too much, the right amount or too little? (q6, National)

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

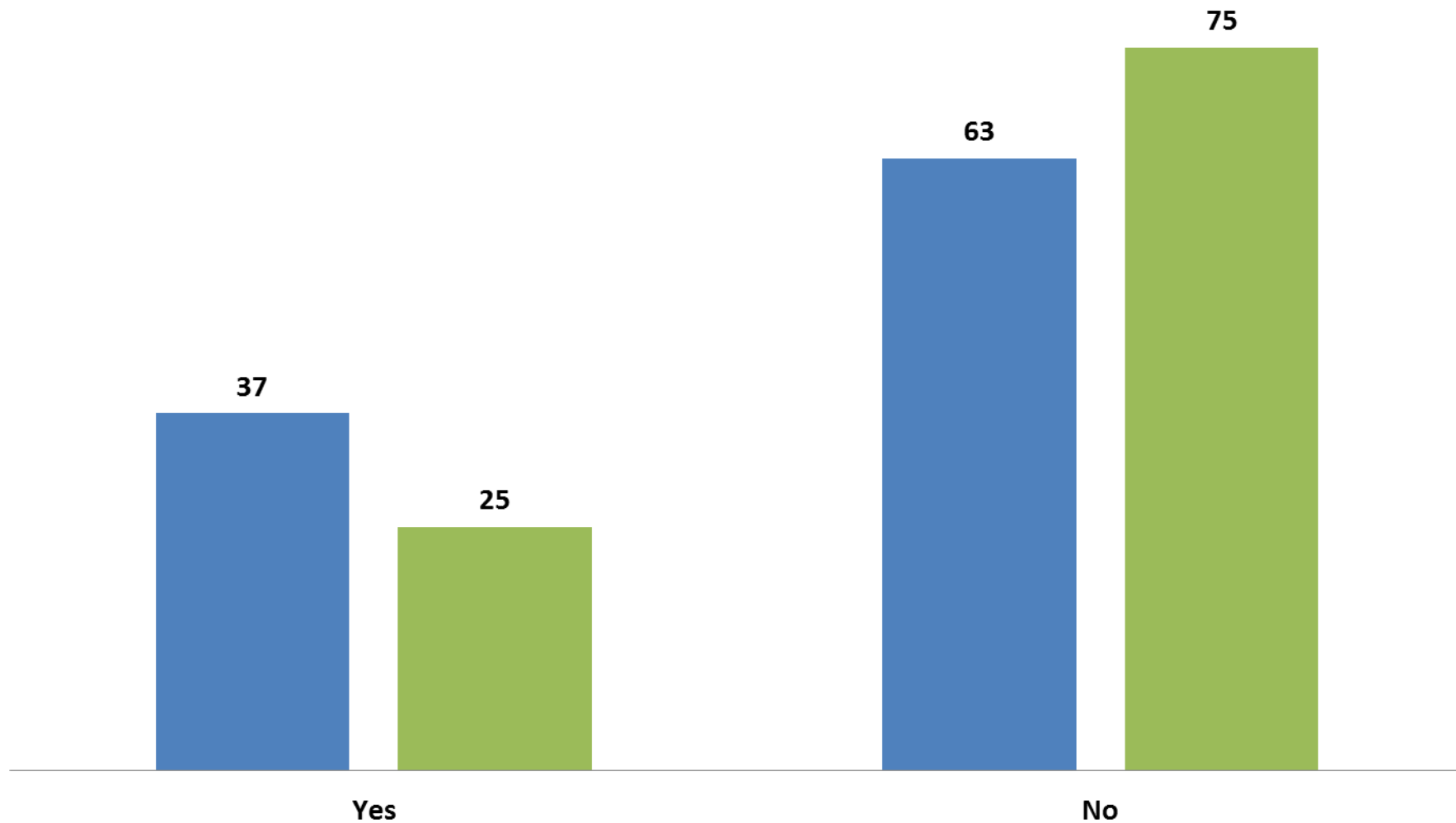


Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q106)



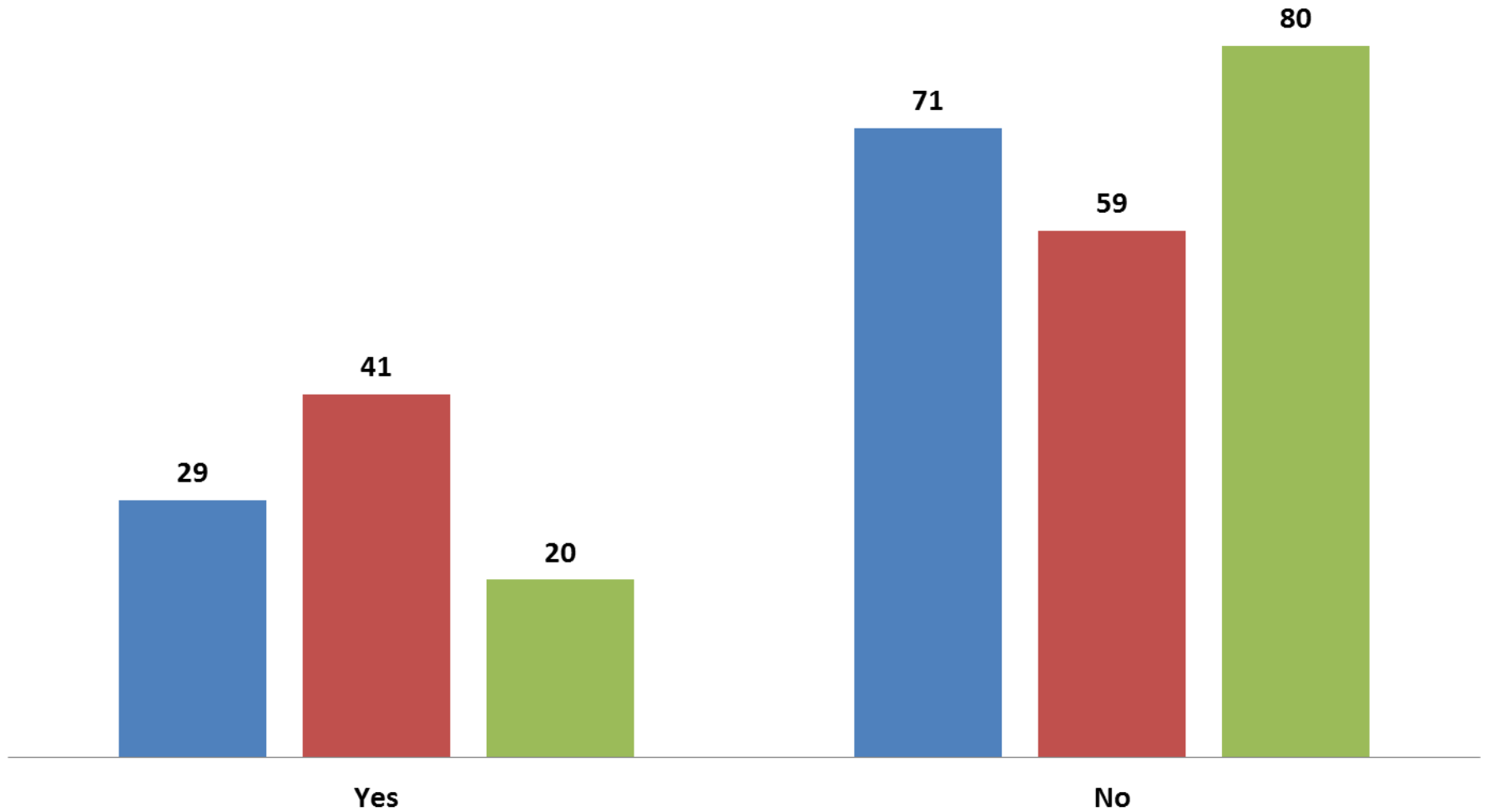
Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q106 X Gender)

■ Male ■ Female

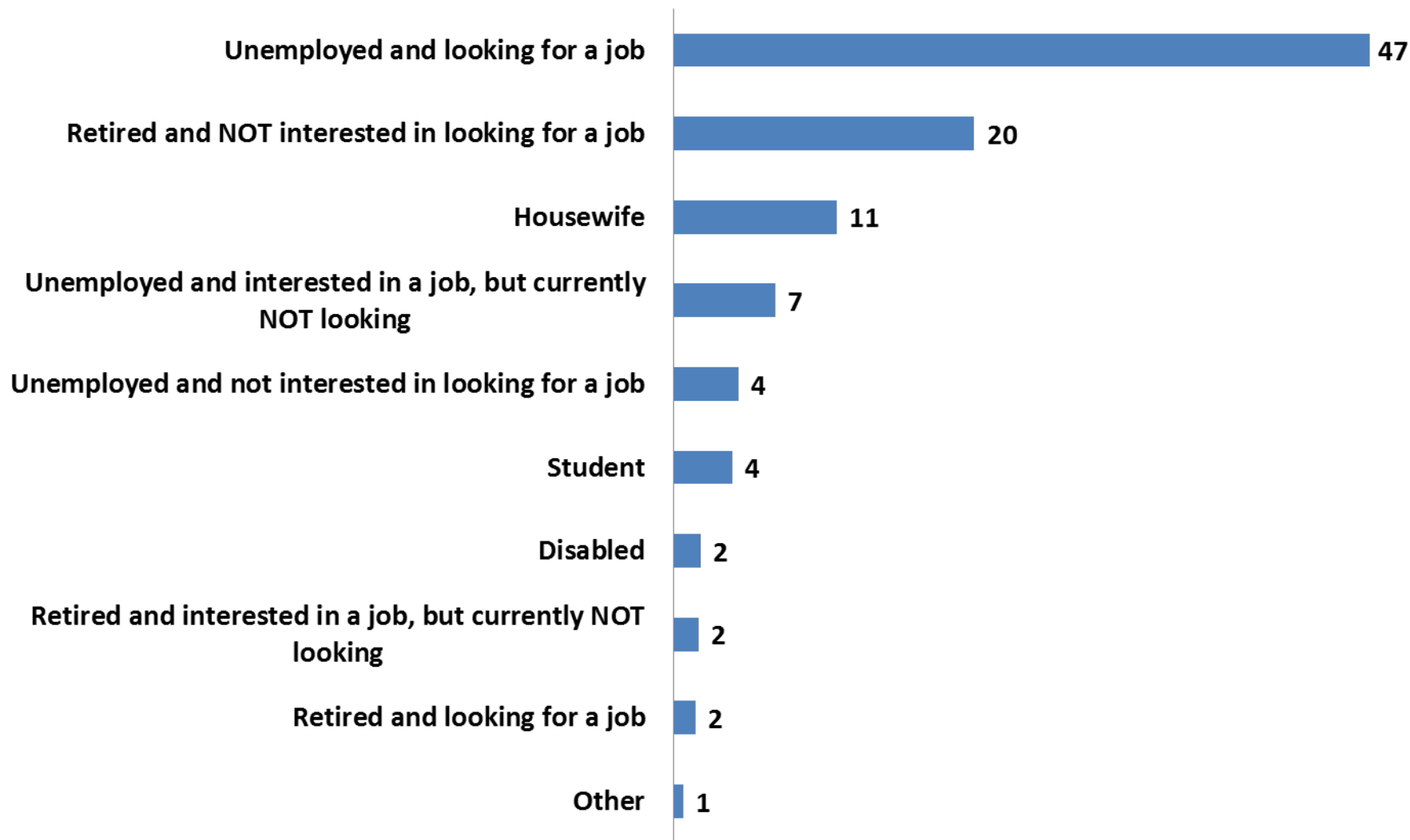


Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q106 X Age)

■ 18 - 35 ■ 36 - 55 ■ 56 +



Which of the following best describes your situation?
- of 69% who consider themselves unemployed (q108)



Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:



30%--Employed (full or part time)



34%--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.)

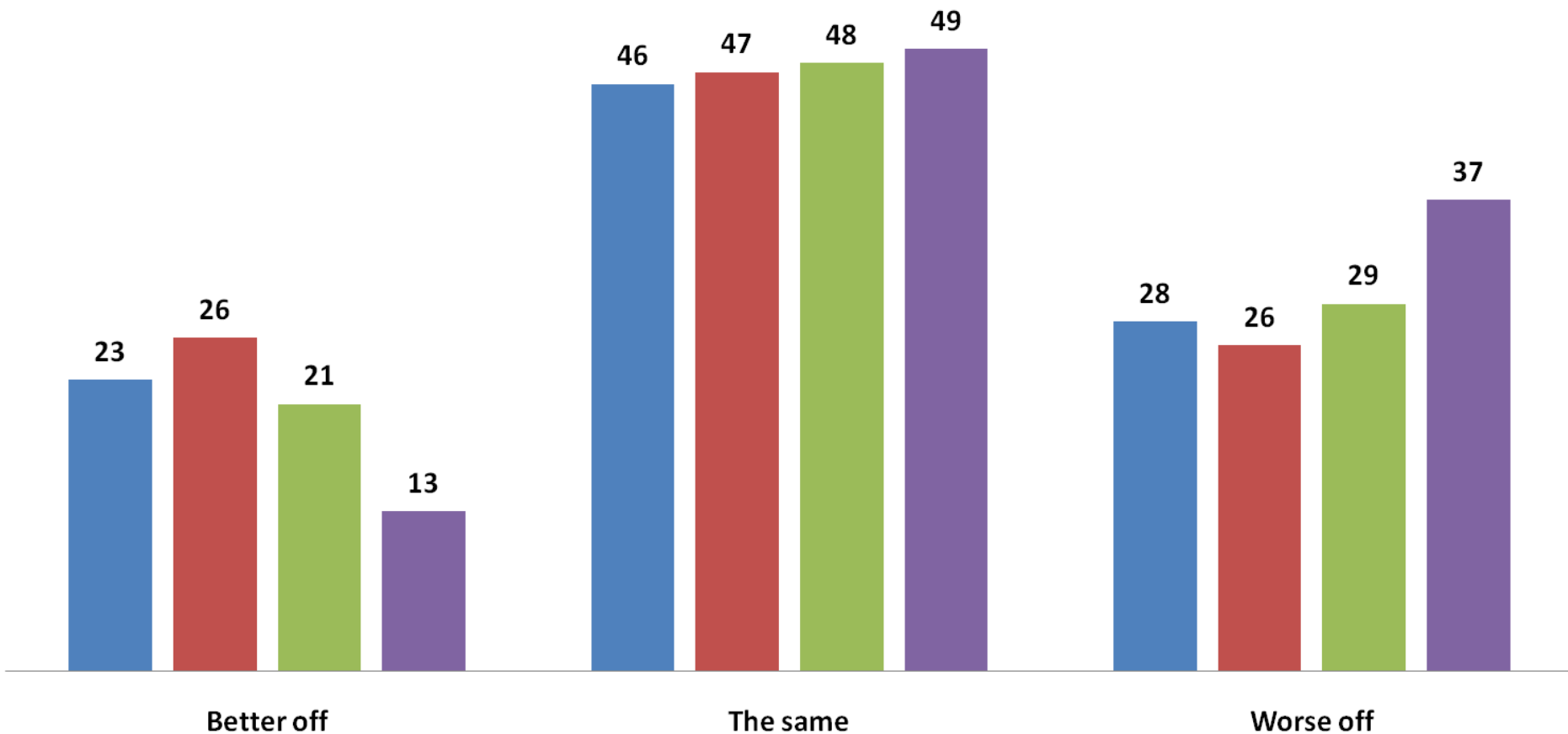


29%--Non-active labour force (This includes students, homemakers, retired persons who are not interested in looking for a job, etc.)

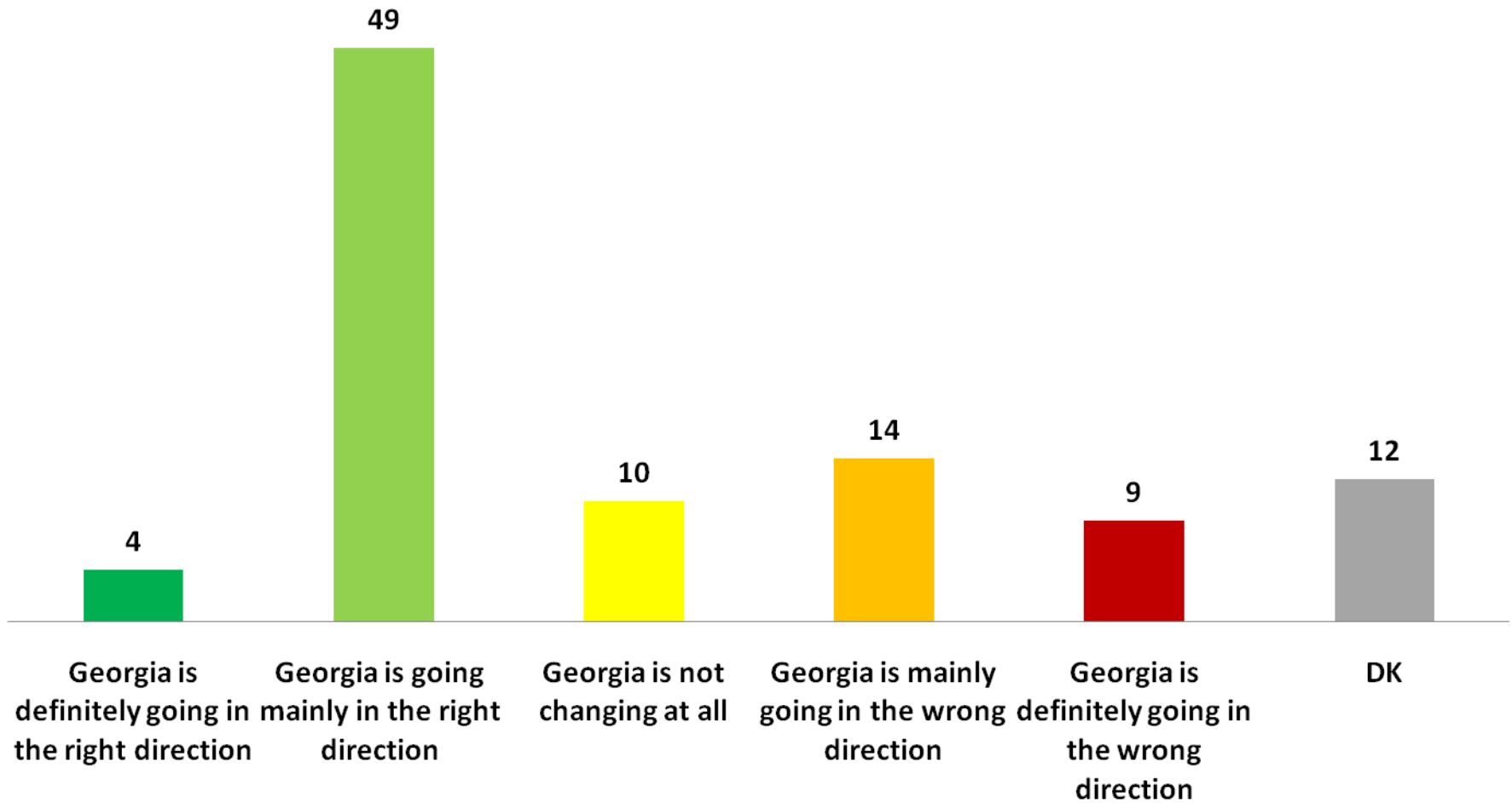


Generally, taking everything into account, since January 2008 are you and your household comparative condition . . . (q10)

■ June 12 ■ February 12 ■ September 11 ■ March 11



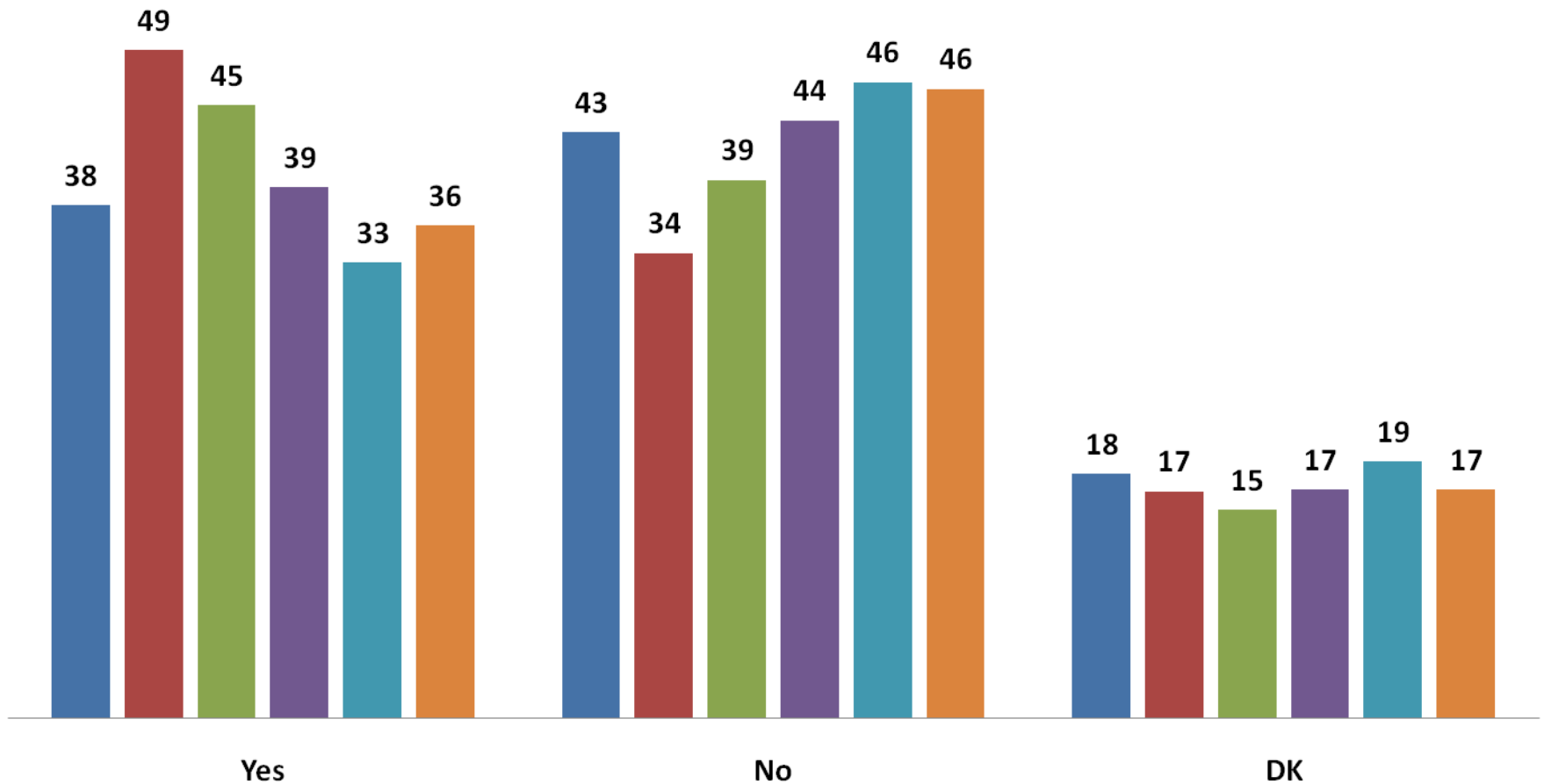
In which direction is Georgia going? (q11)



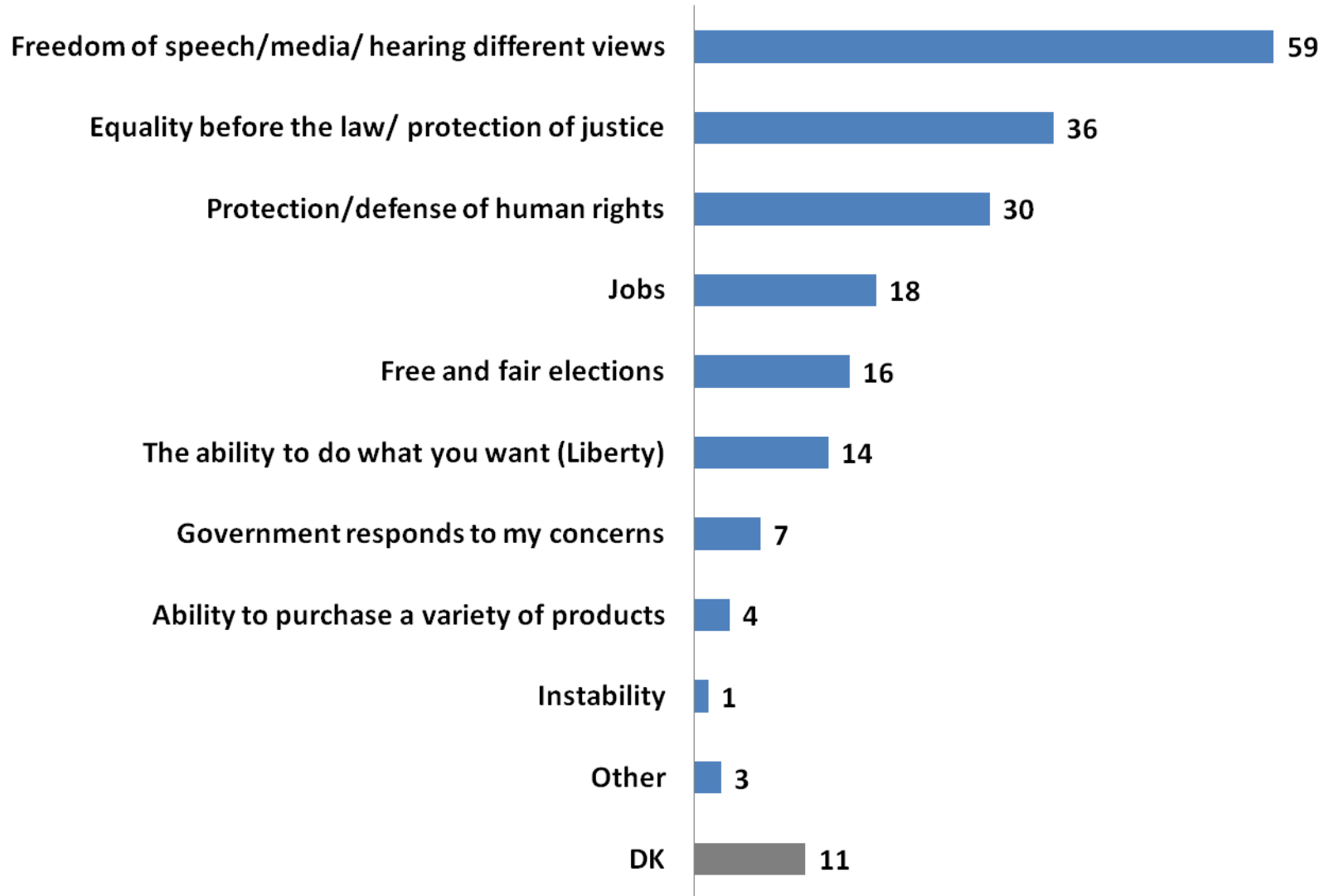
Democracy, Reforms and Elections

Is Georgia a democracy now? (q18)

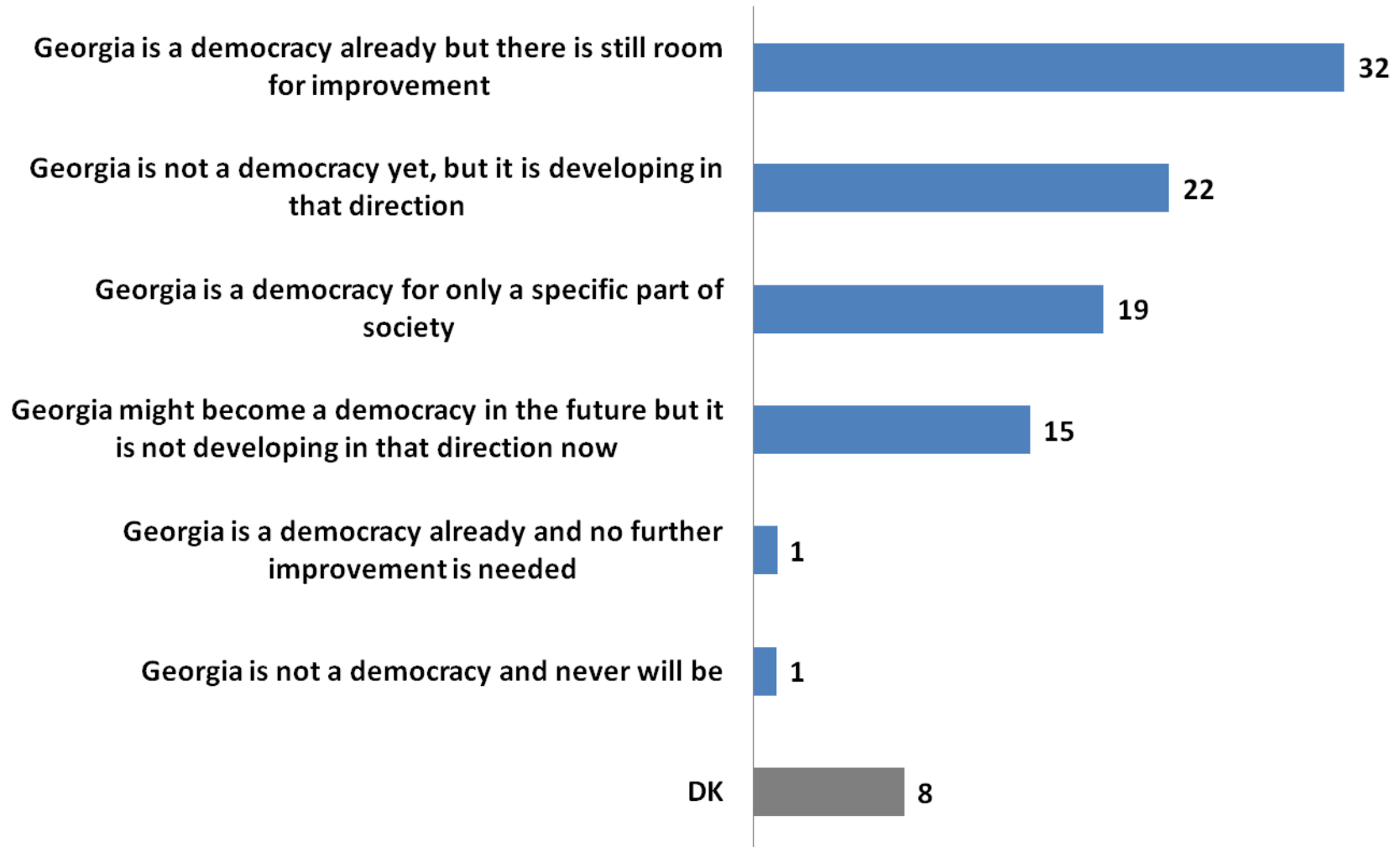
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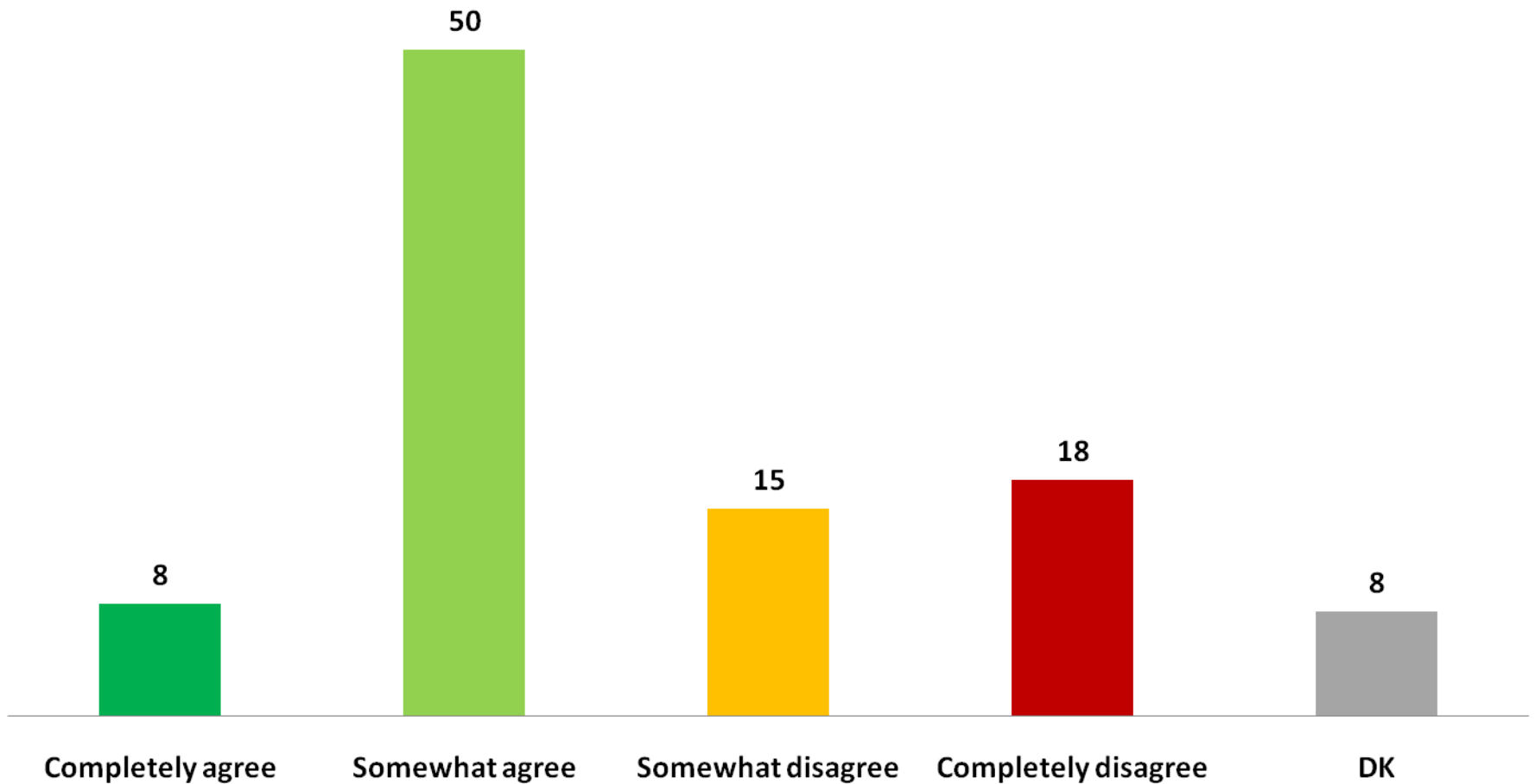
What does democracy mean to you? (q17)



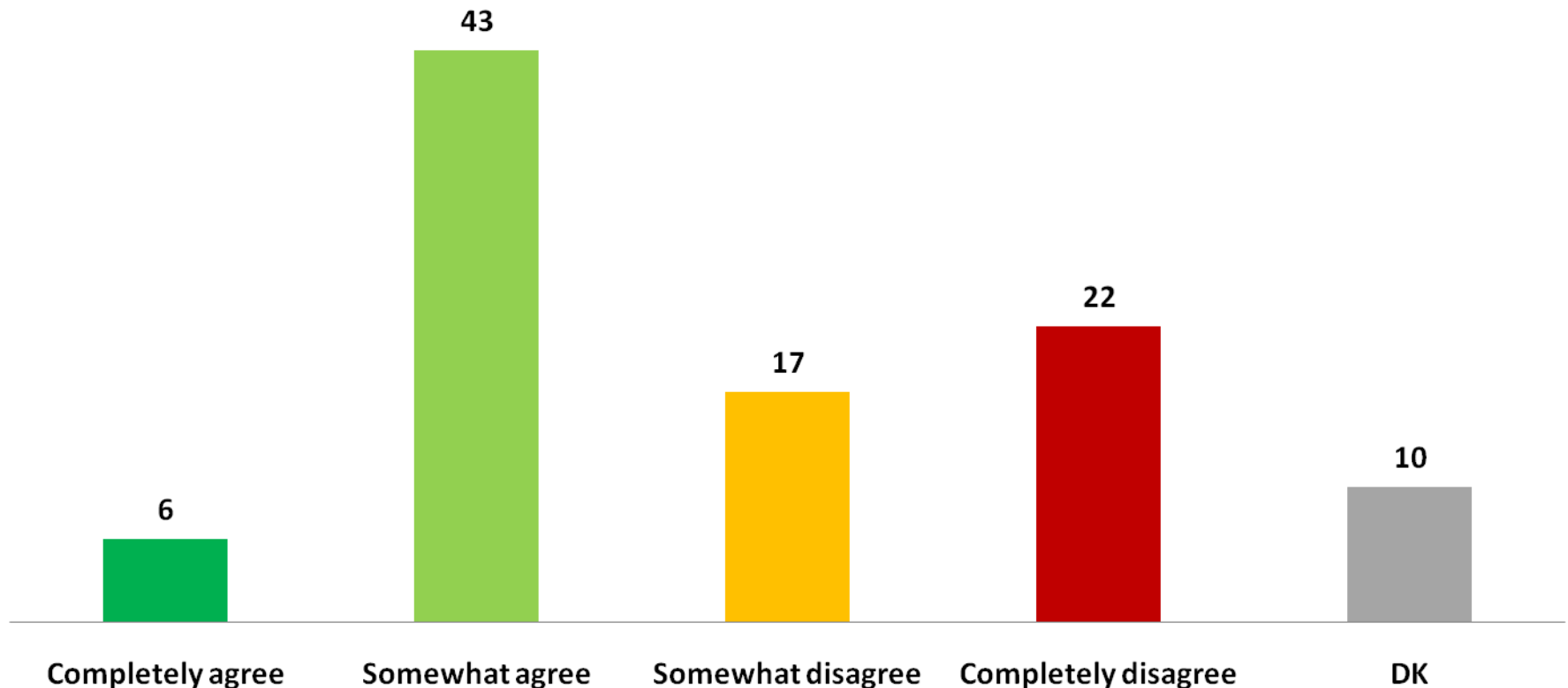
**Please tell me, which statement do you agree with the most?
(q19)**



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



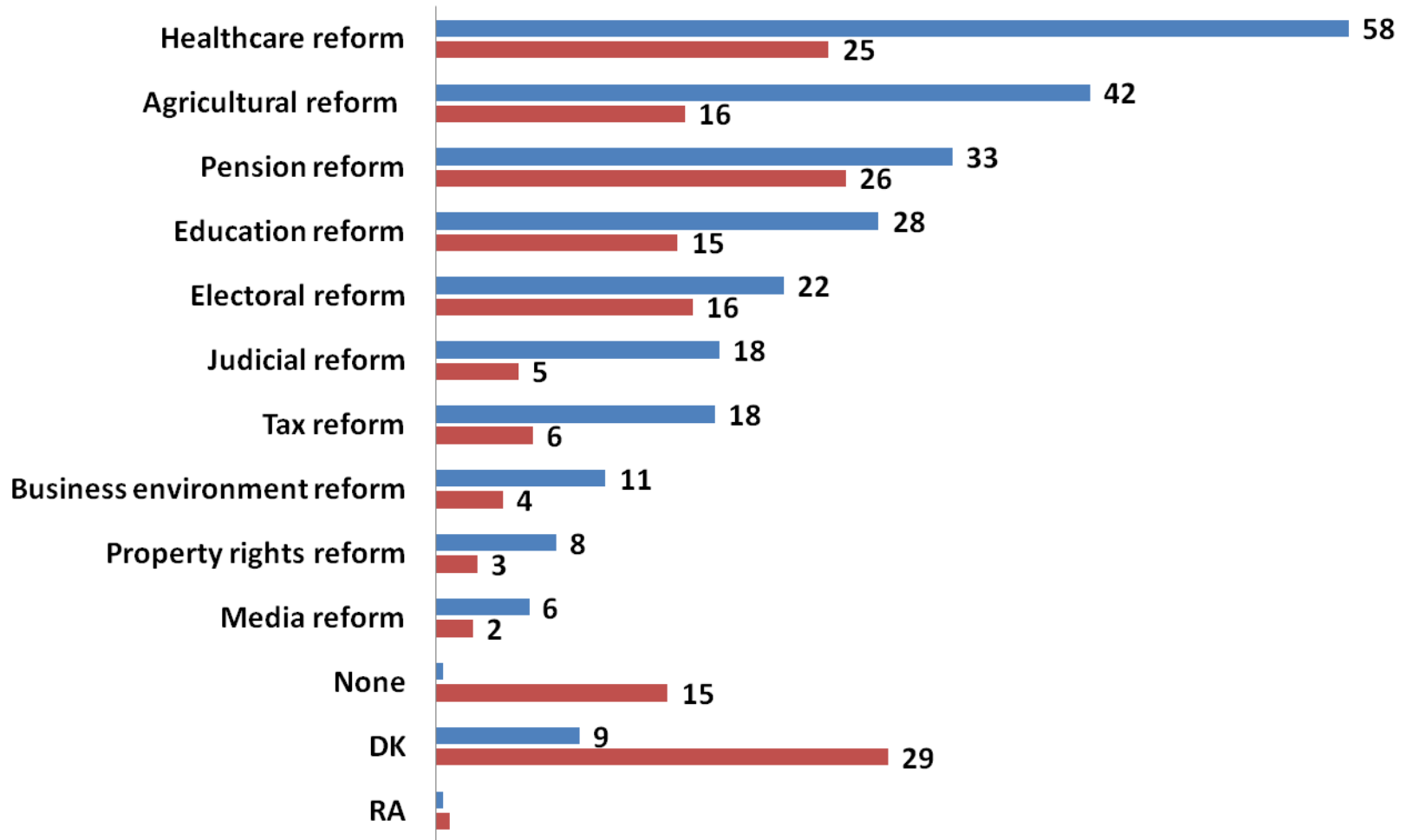
To what extent do you agree or disagree that your current local government is making the changes that matter to you? (q14)



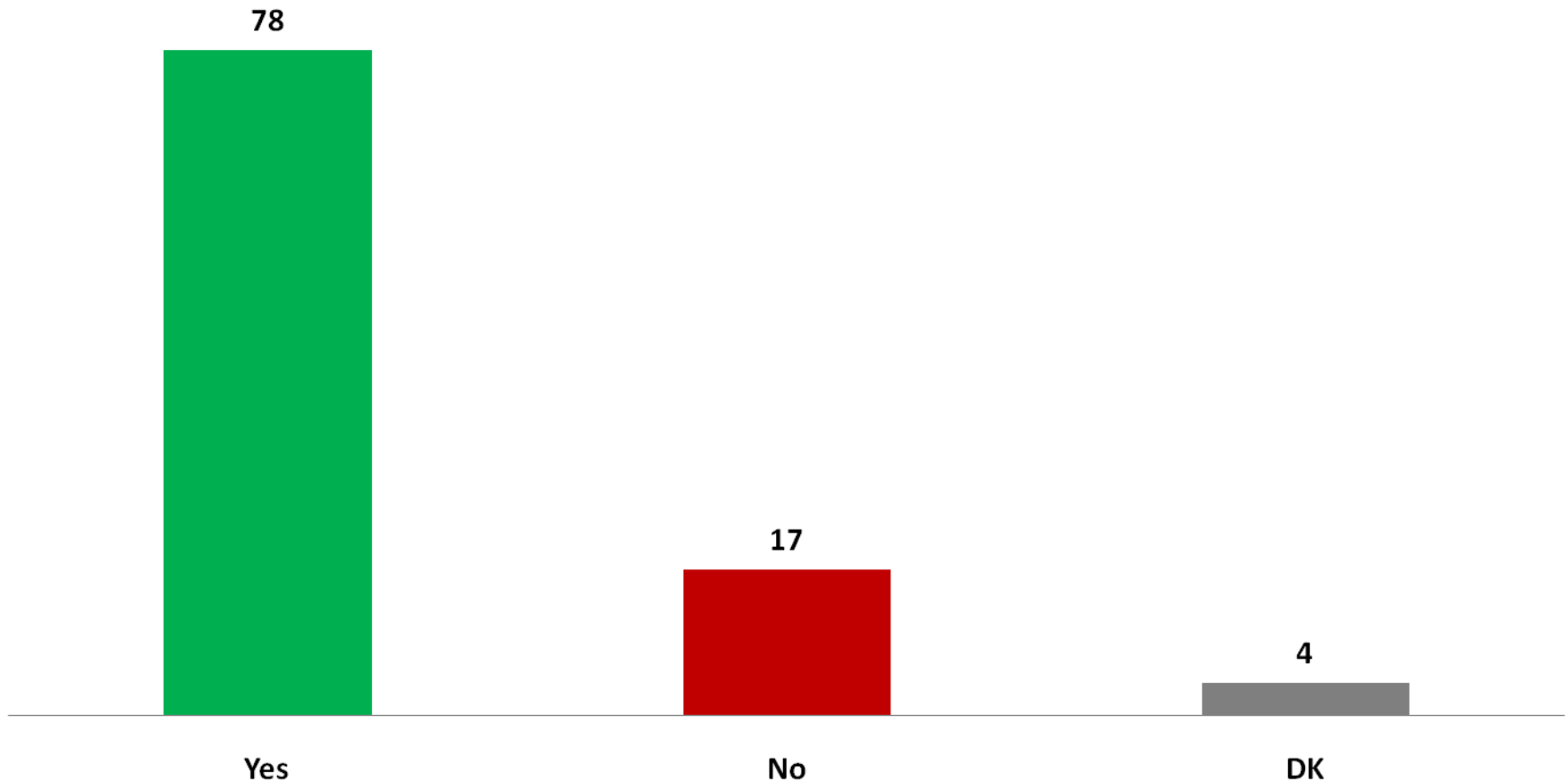
Which three reforms do you think would be most important for Georgia/which do you expect to see achieved during the next 6 months? (q7/8)

■ Most important

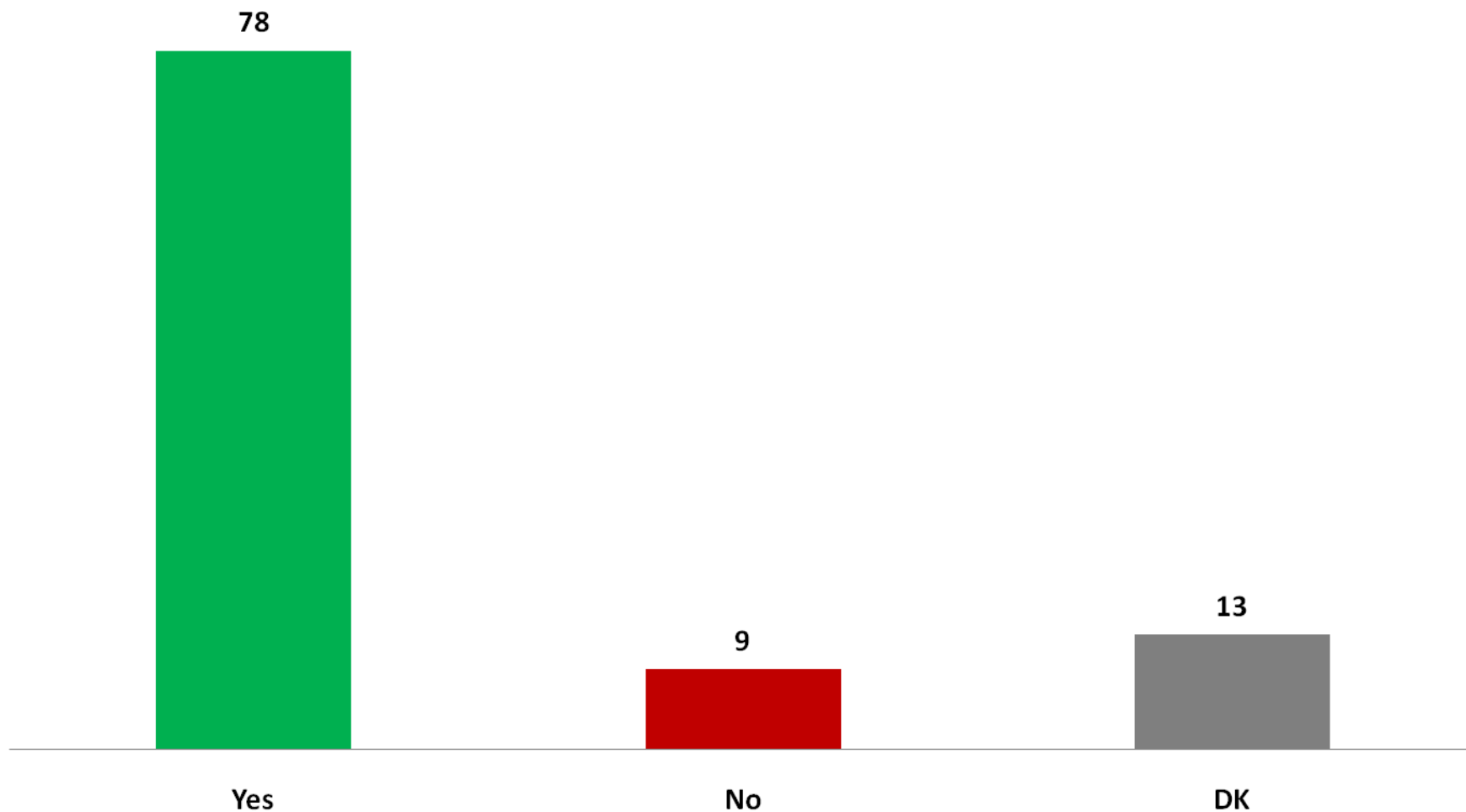
■ Most likely to be achieved during the next 6 months



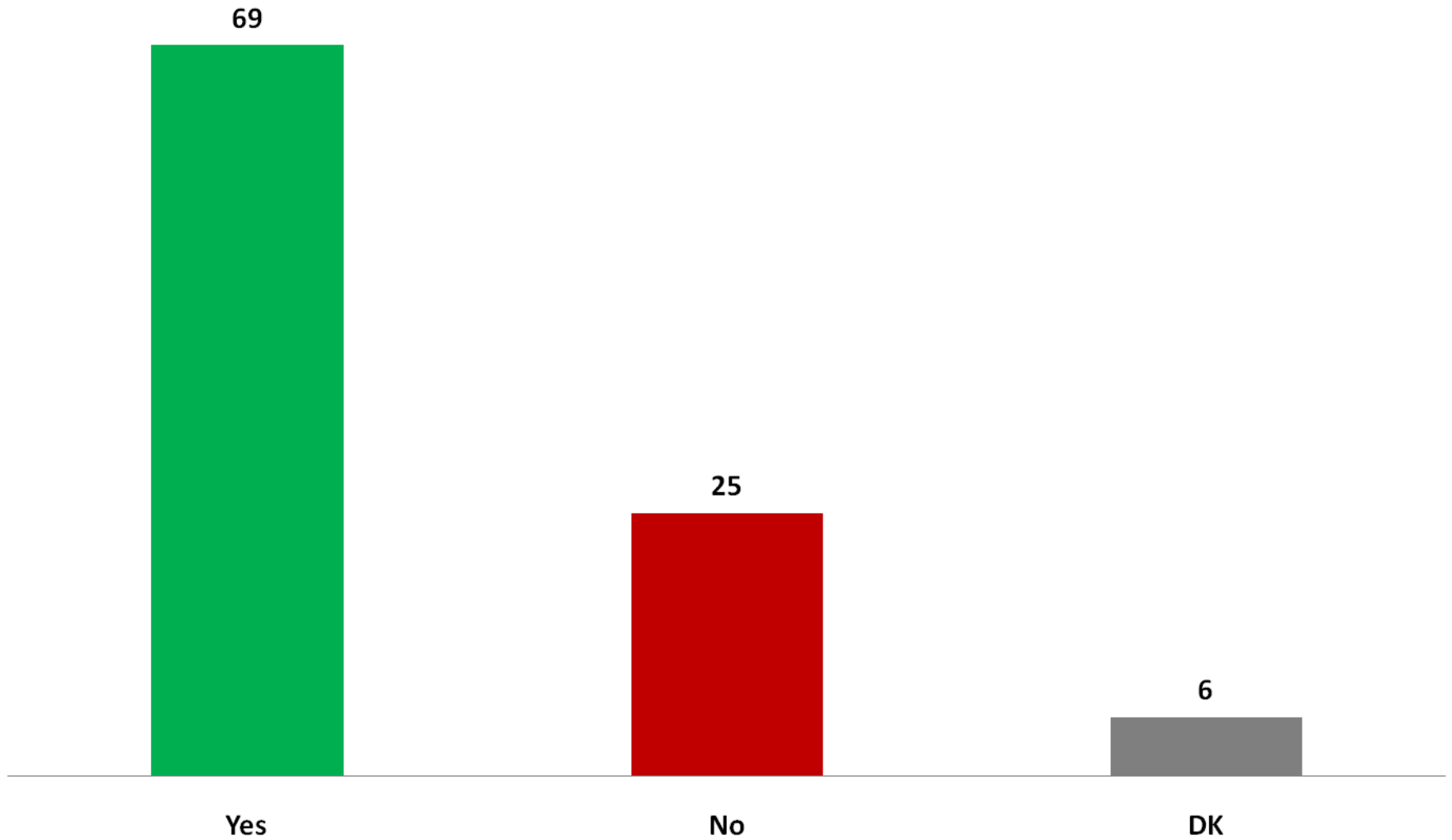
**A special commission called the Voters List Verification Commission was established to verify the accuracy of voters' list relying mostly on door to door outreach of households. Were you aware of this commission?
(q34)**



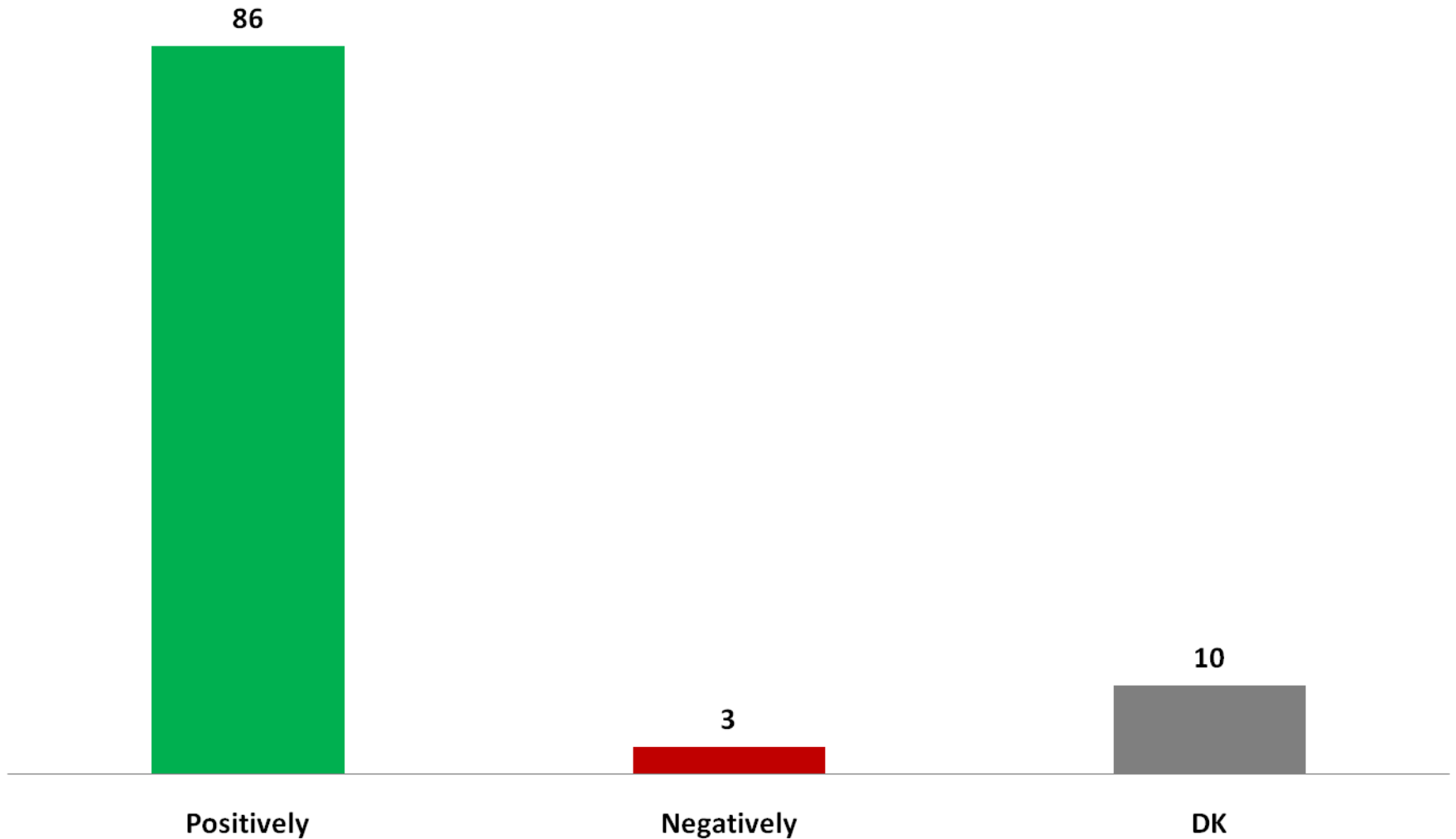
**Do you expect the work of the VLC to improve the
voter's list? - of 78% (q35)**



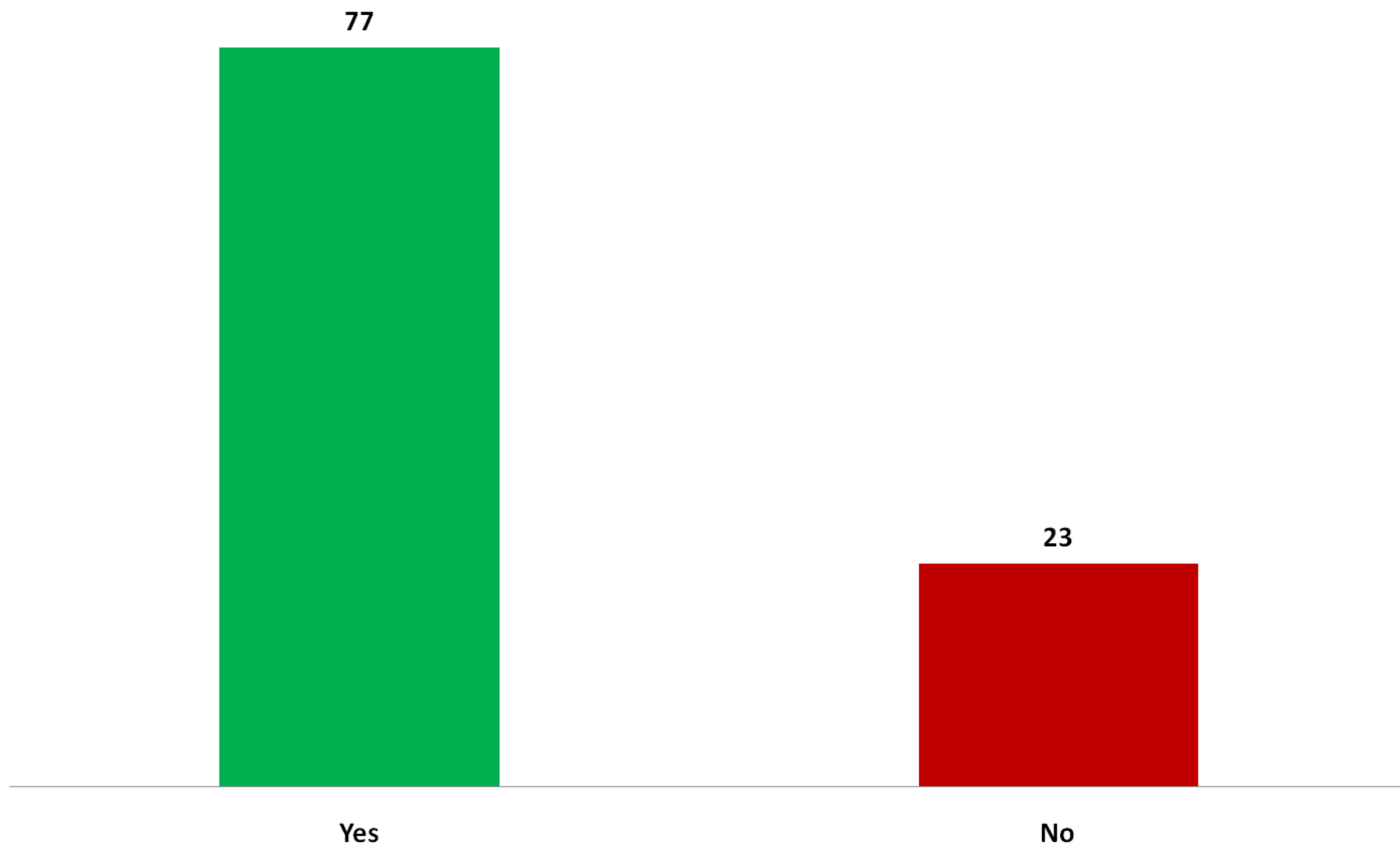
Have you been visited by VLC at home? - of 78 % (q36)



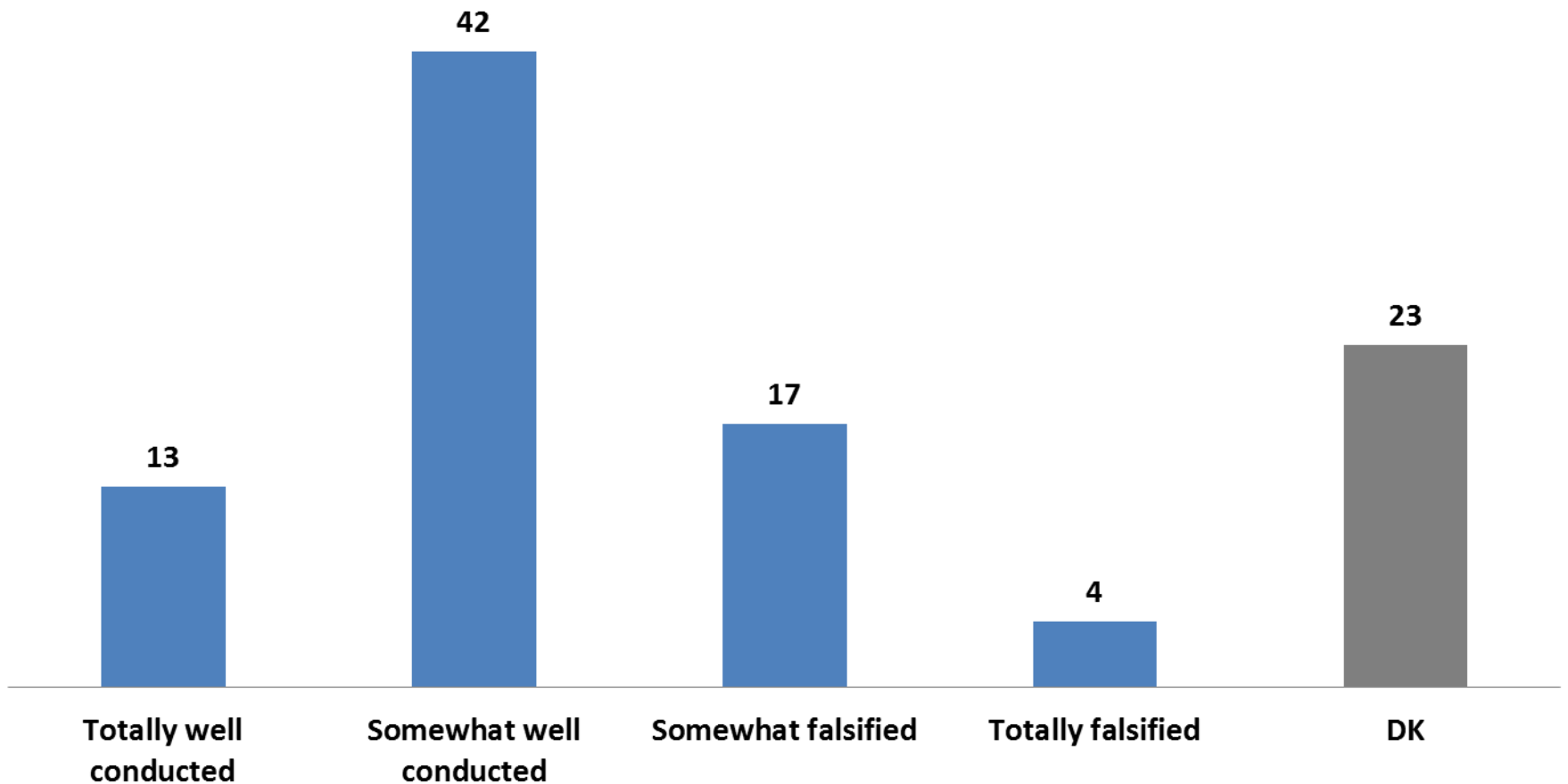
How would you assess their work?
- out of those who have been visited (q37)



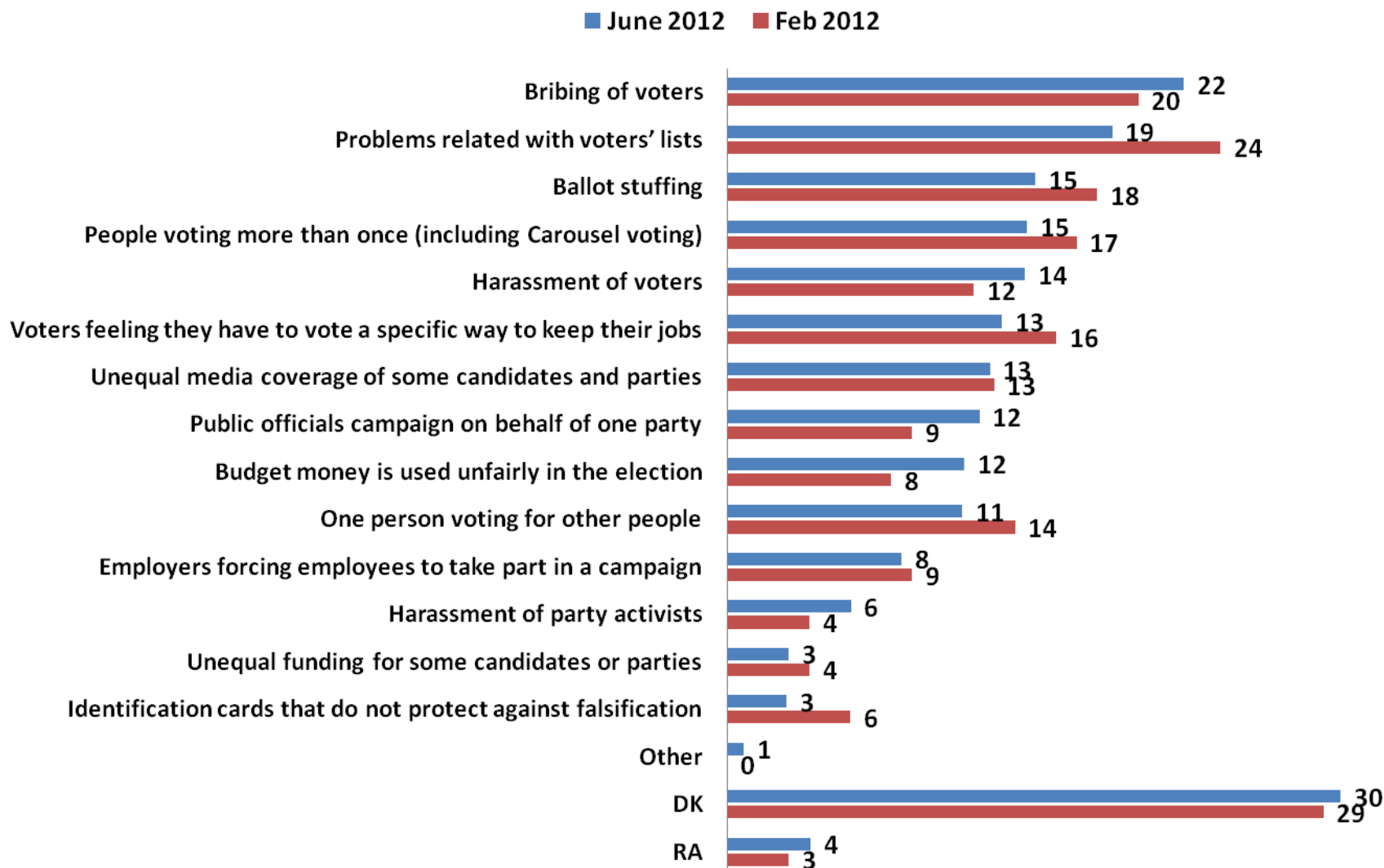
Do you currently live where you are legally registered? (q111)



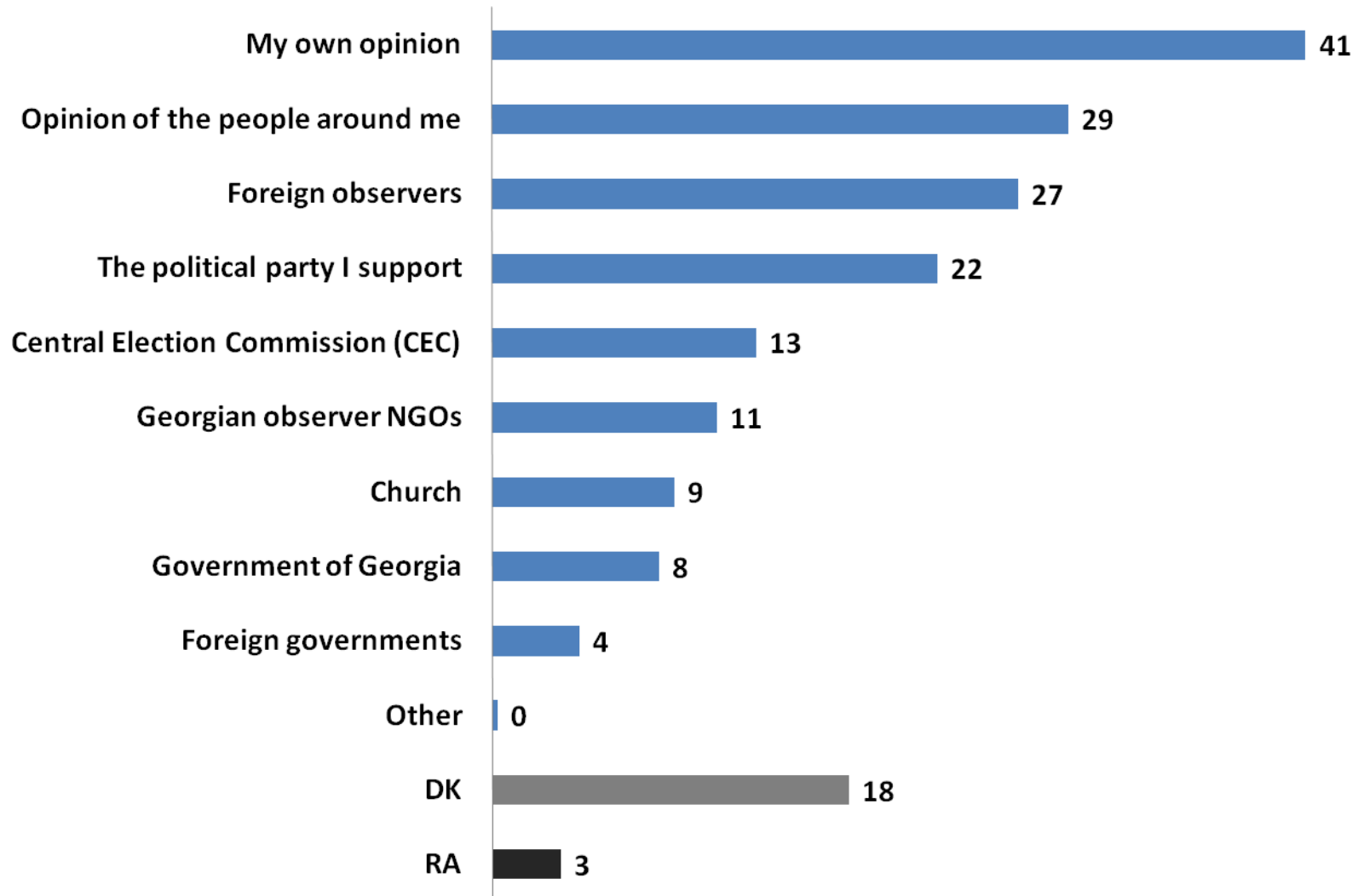
How do you think the coming parliamentary elections will be conducted? (q27)



What do you think are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? (q28)

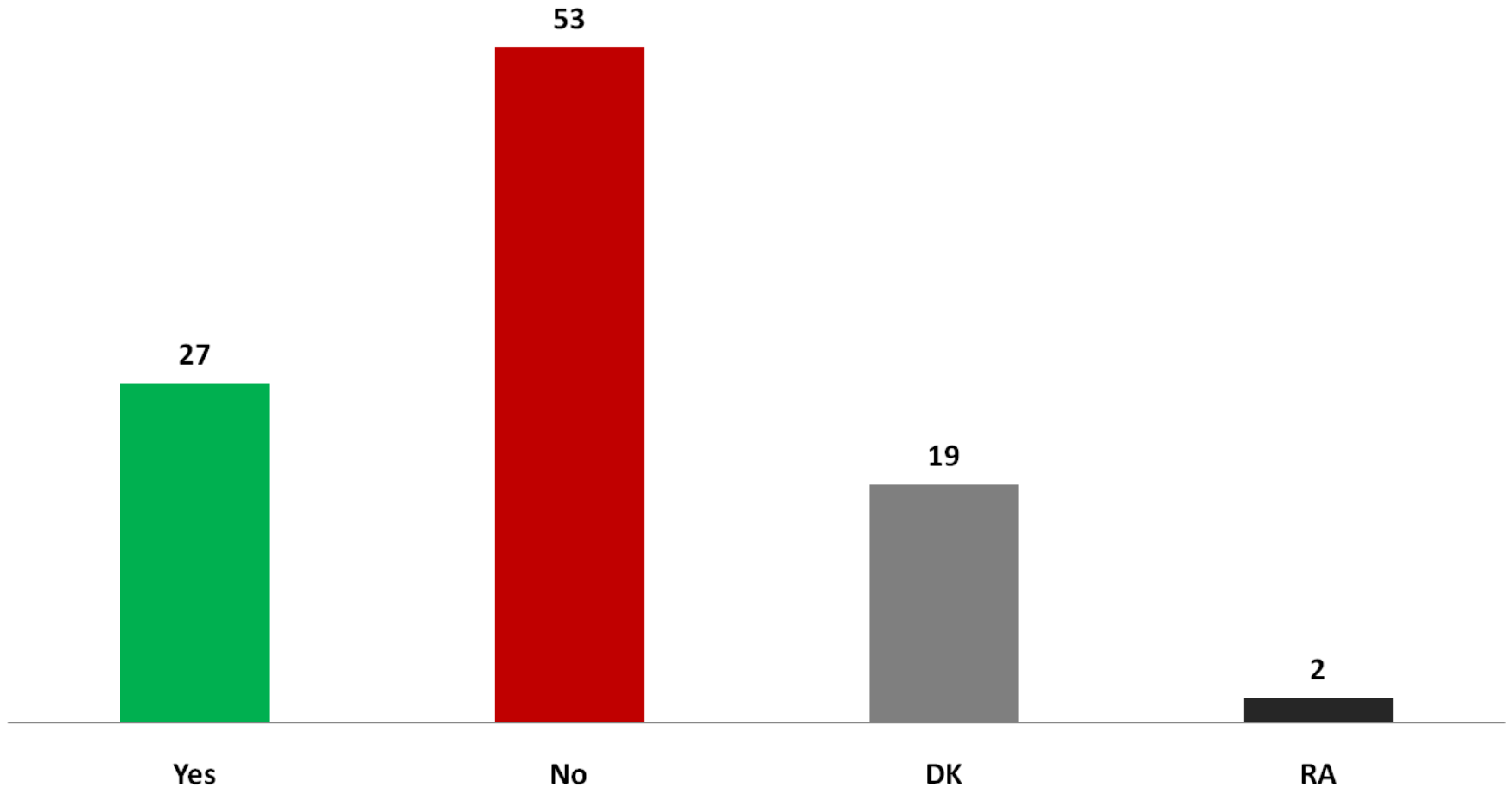


Whose opinion do you think matters most, when it comes to deciding whether elections have been run well? (q29)



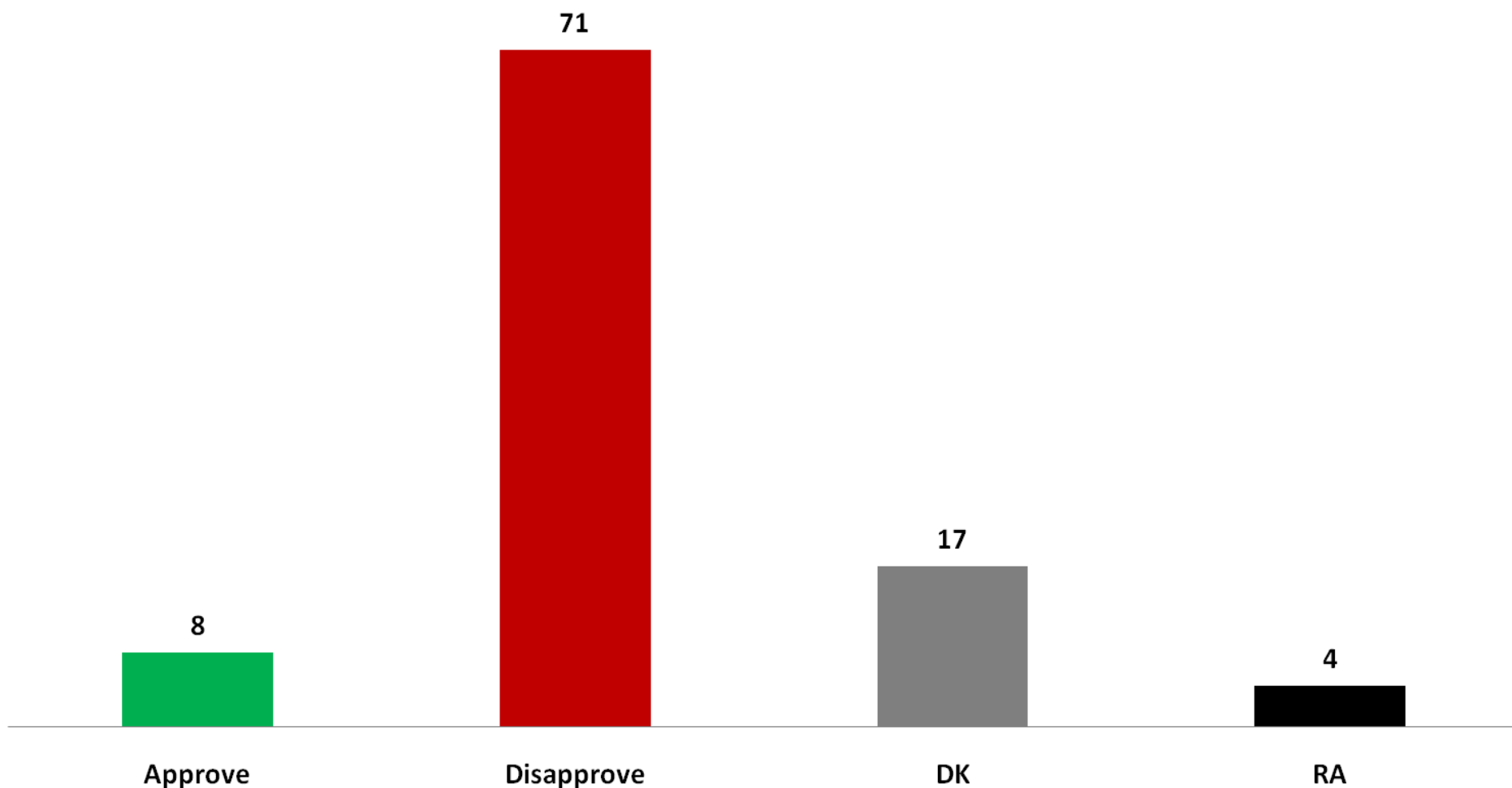
Bidzina Ivanishvili has said that he will call for street protests if elections are falsified.

Would you support his call for such protests? (q33)

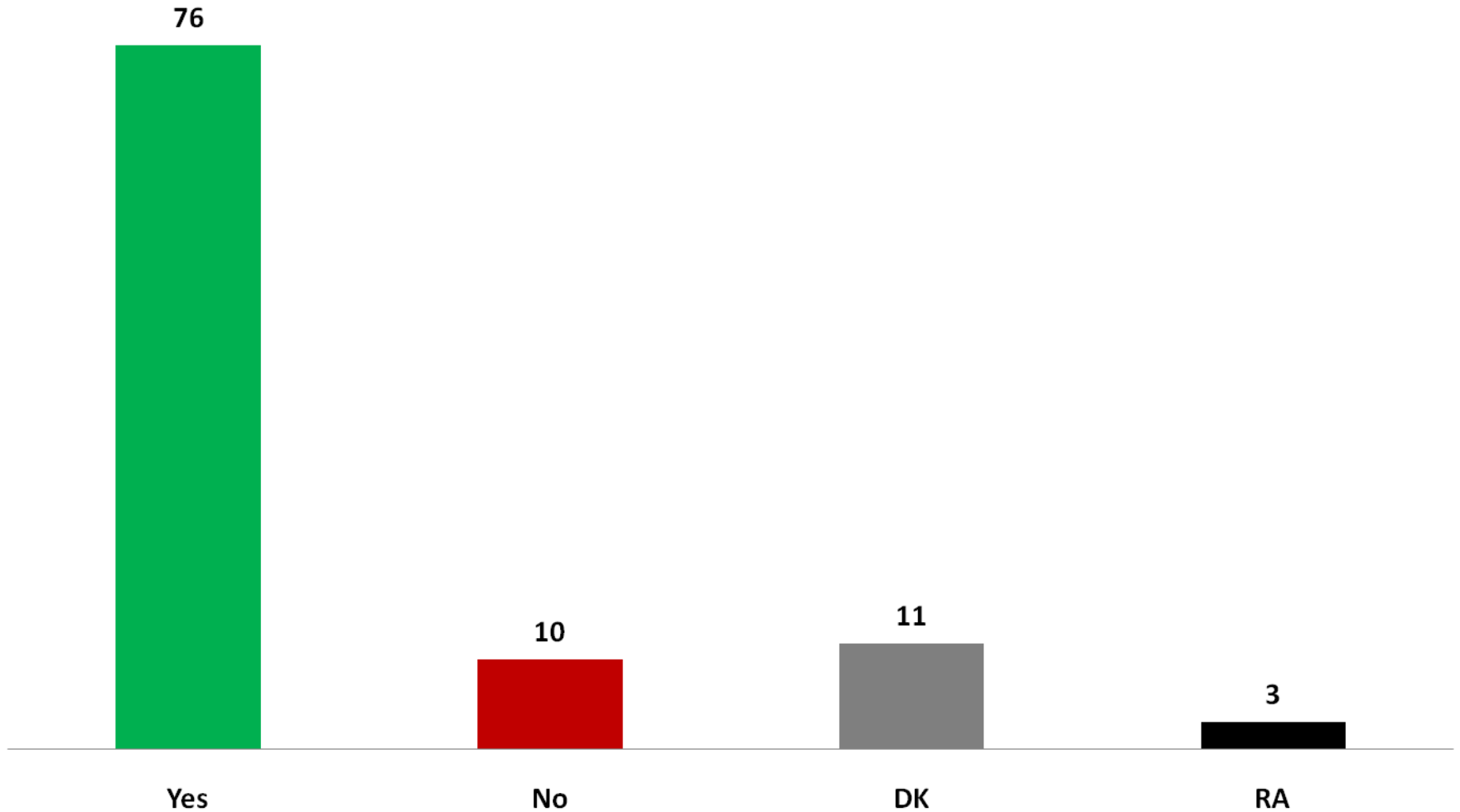


Current Events

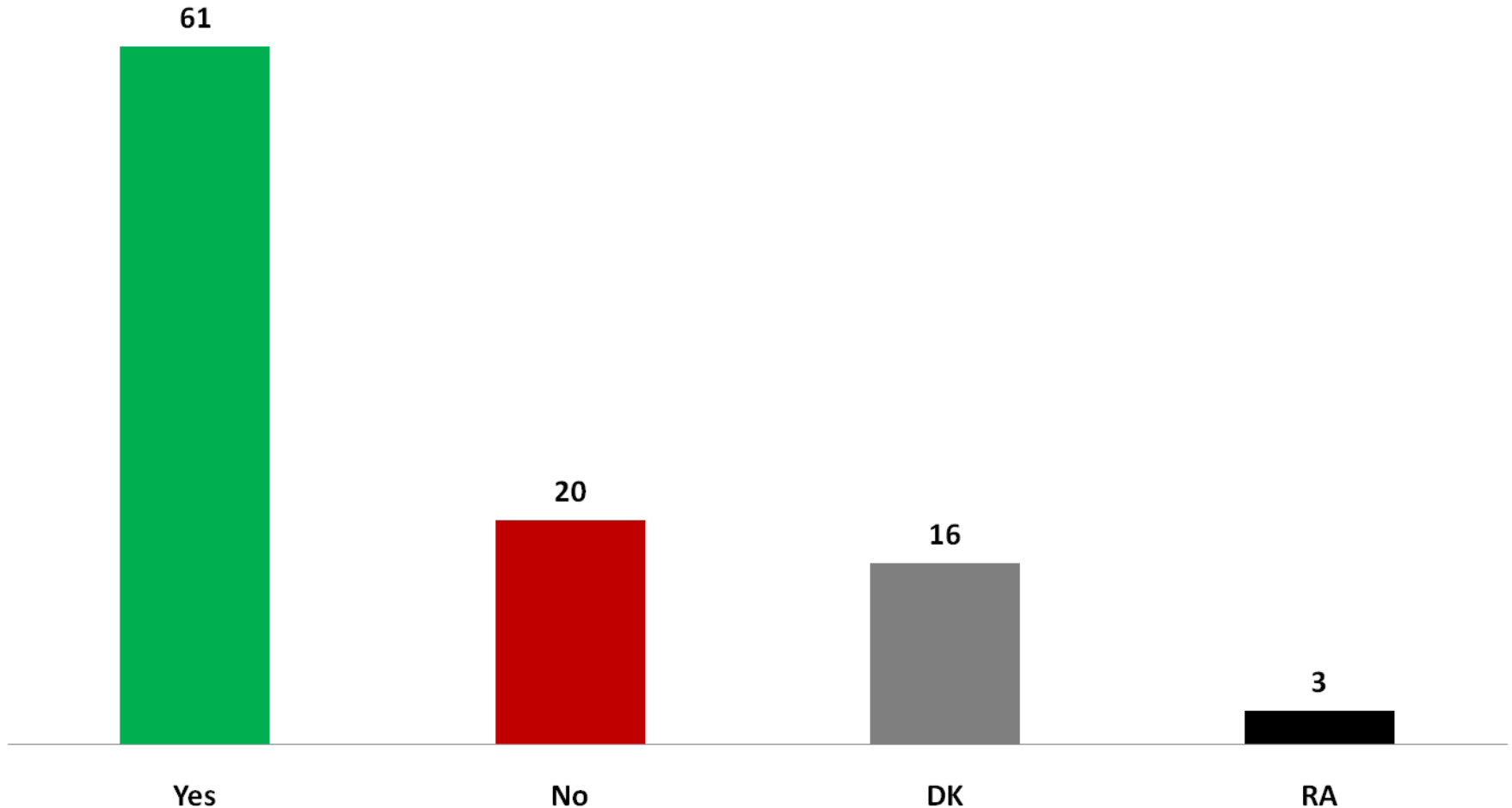
**Bidzina Ivanishvili was stripped of his Georgian citizenship.
Do you approve or disapprove of this? (q78)**



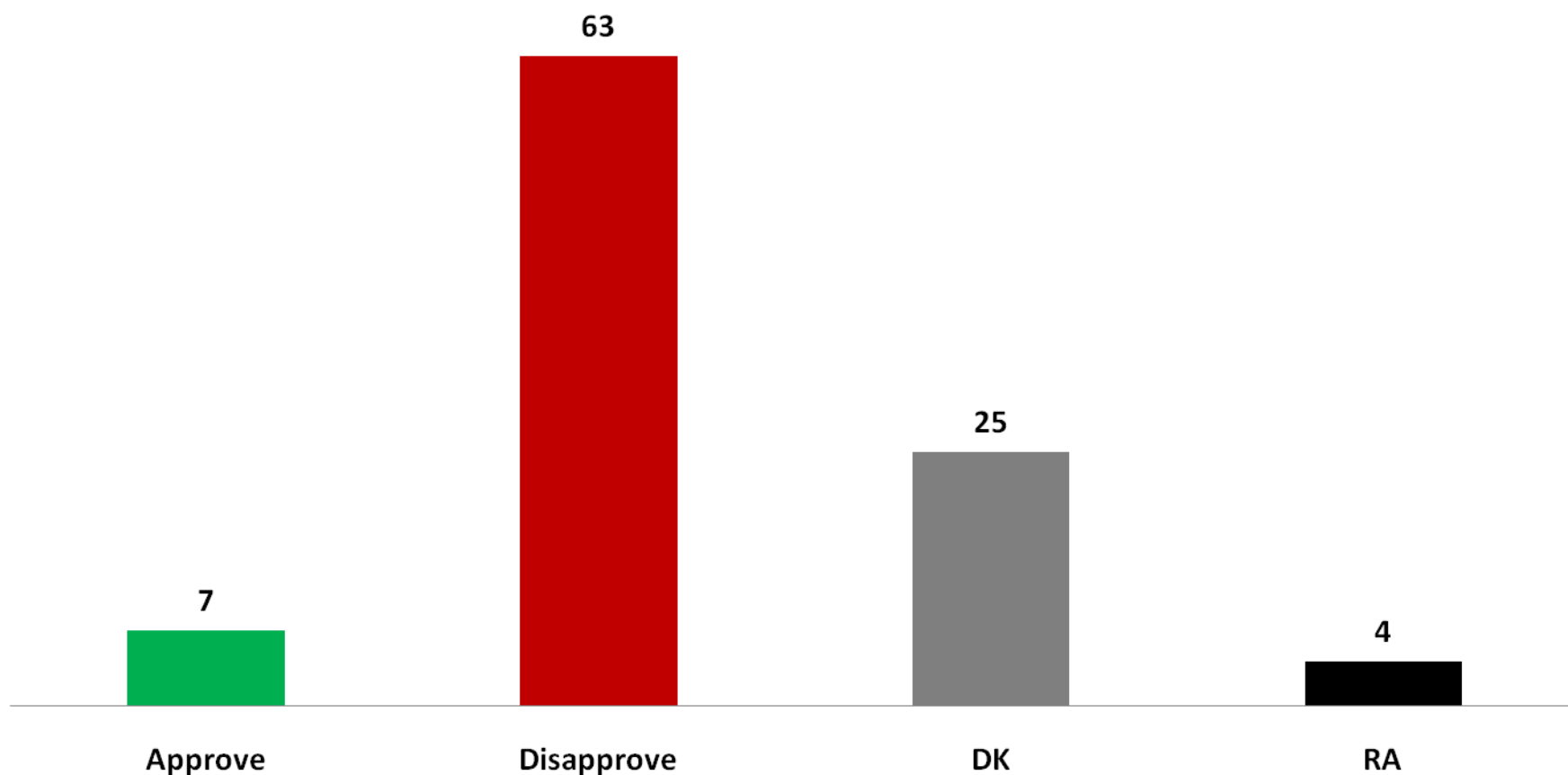
**Are you aware that Bidzina Ivanishvili attempted to have his
Georgian citizenship reinstated? (q79)**



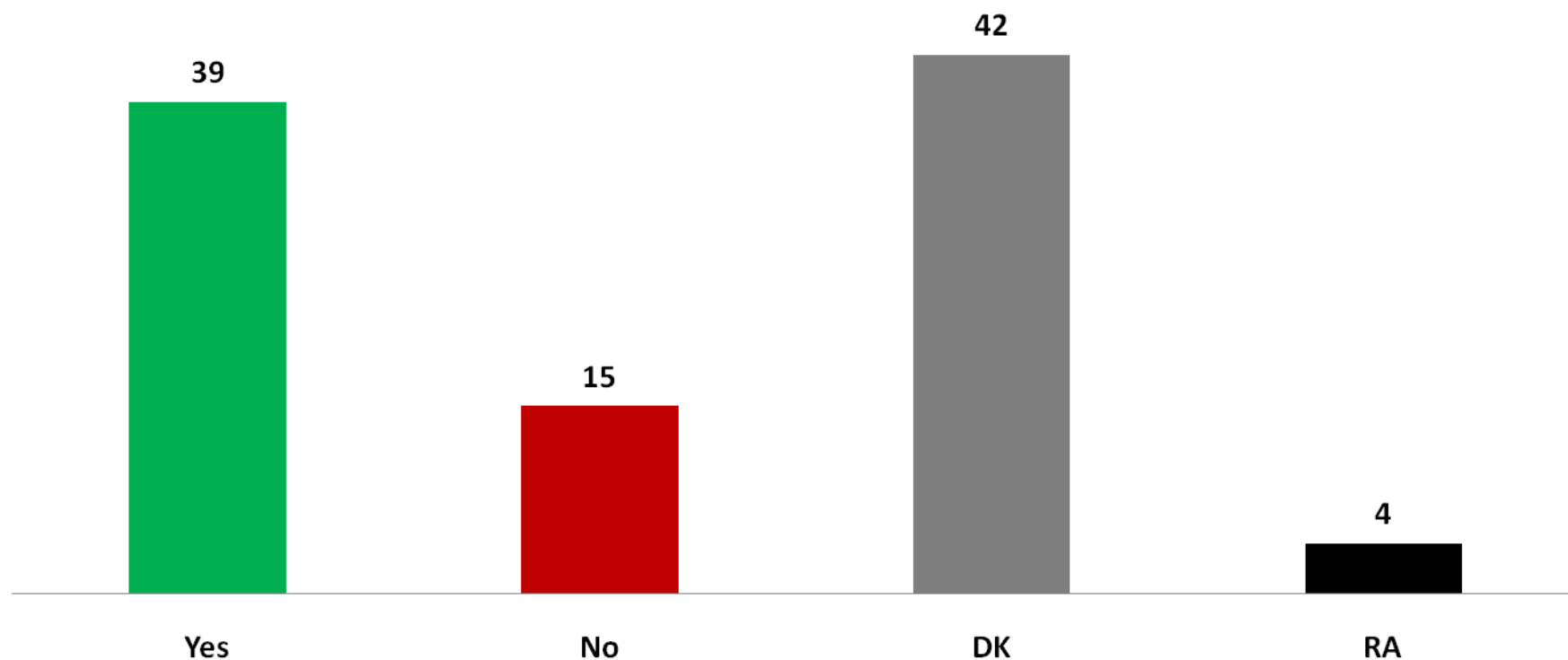
Are you aware that Ivanishvili's application for Georgian citizenship was denied by the Civil Registry Agency? (q80)



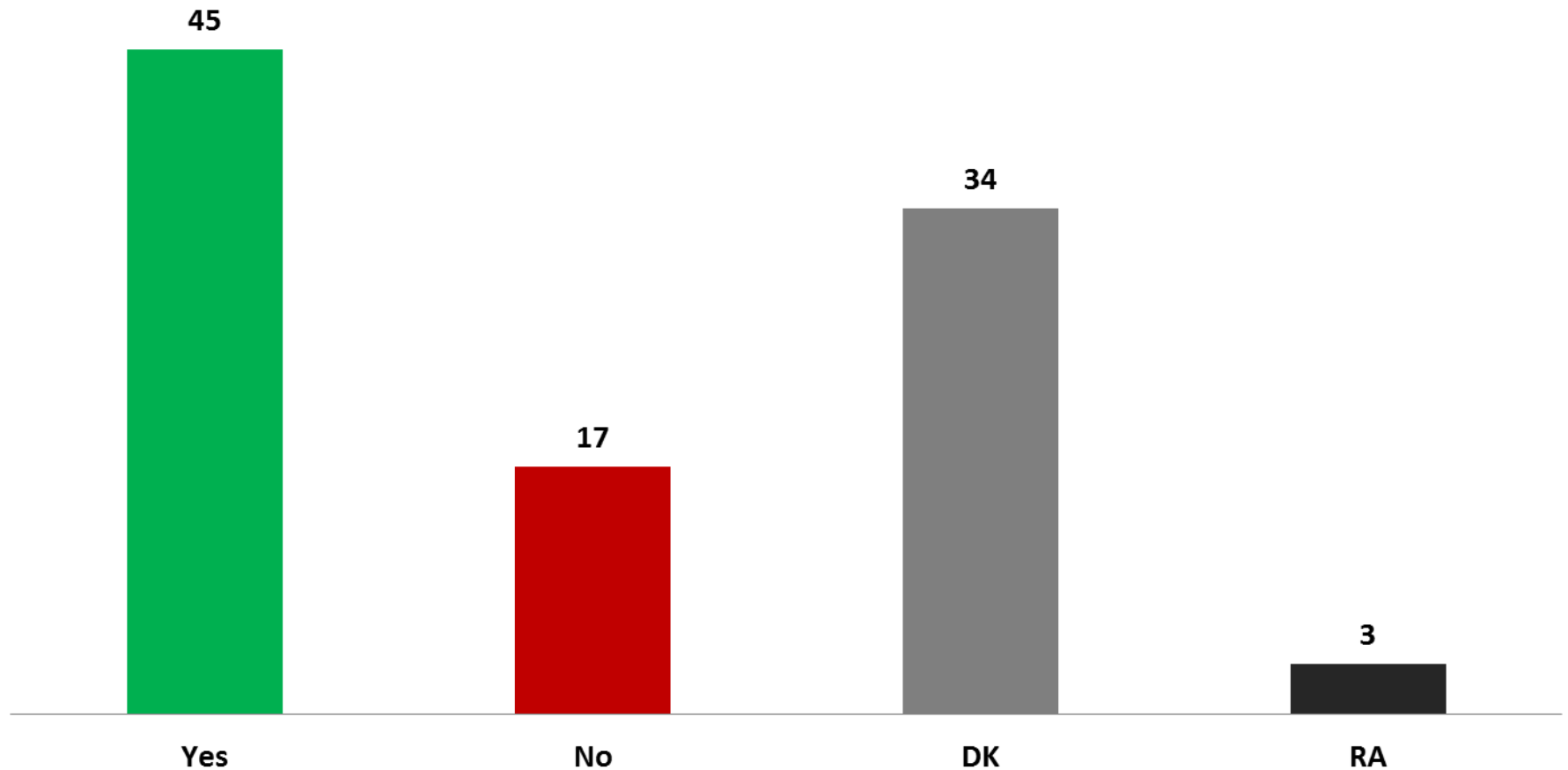
**Do you approve or disapprove of the decision of the
Civil Registry Agency? (q81)**



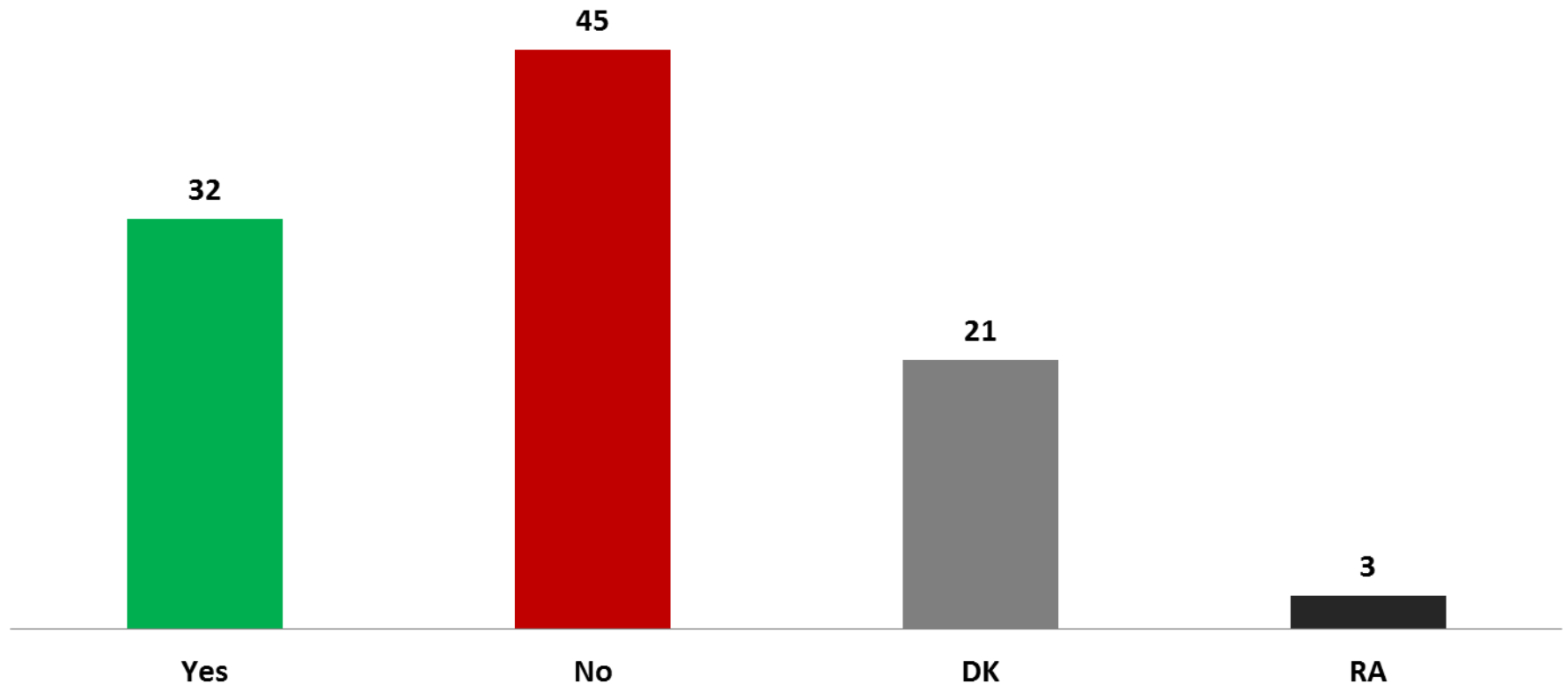
Should Ivanishvili apply for dual French-Georgian citizenship, which could take up to three months, as recommended by the Civil Registry Agency? (q82)



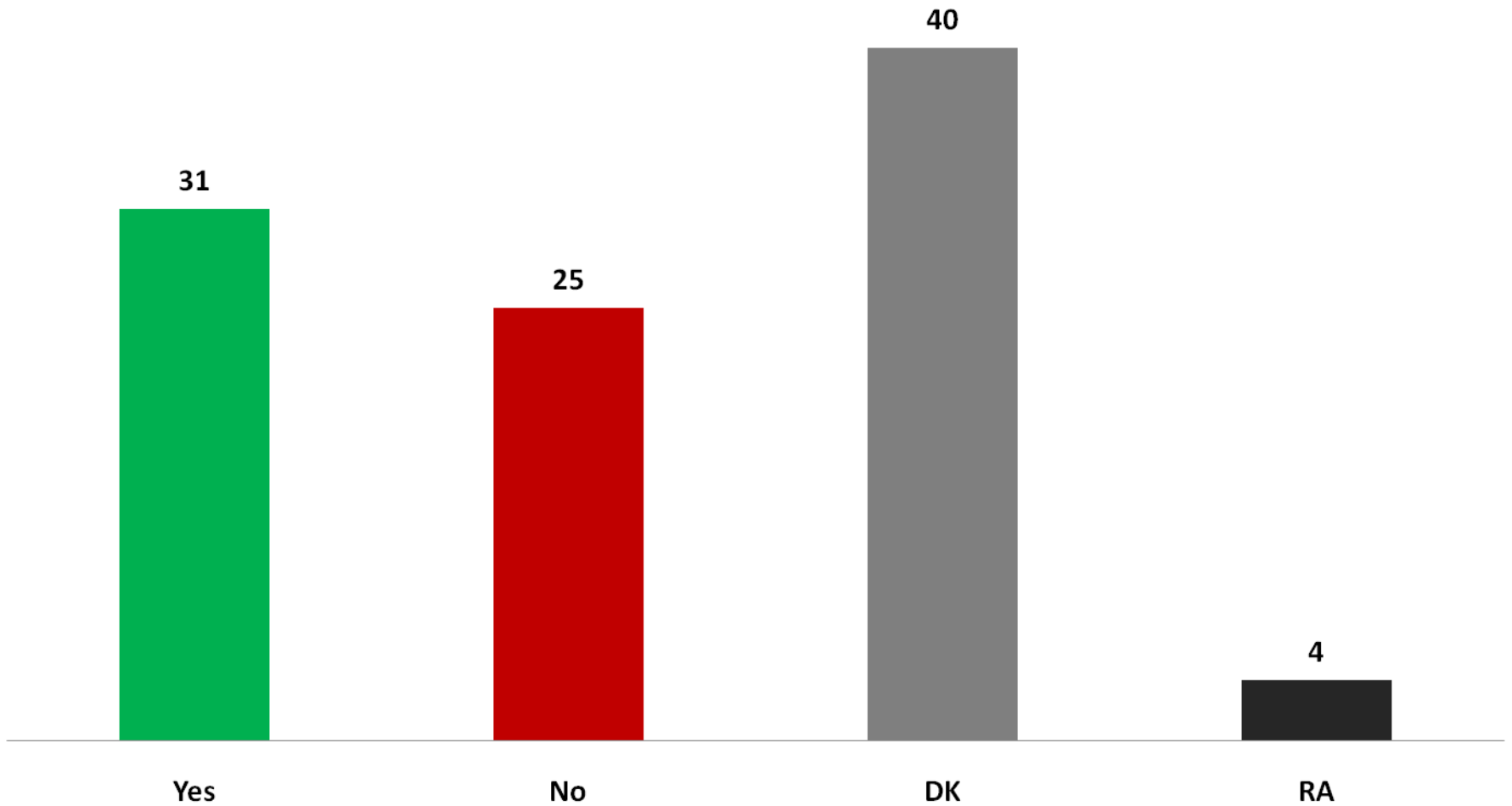
If Bidzina Ivanishvili is not a citizen should there be an exception allowing him to run for Parliament? (q83)



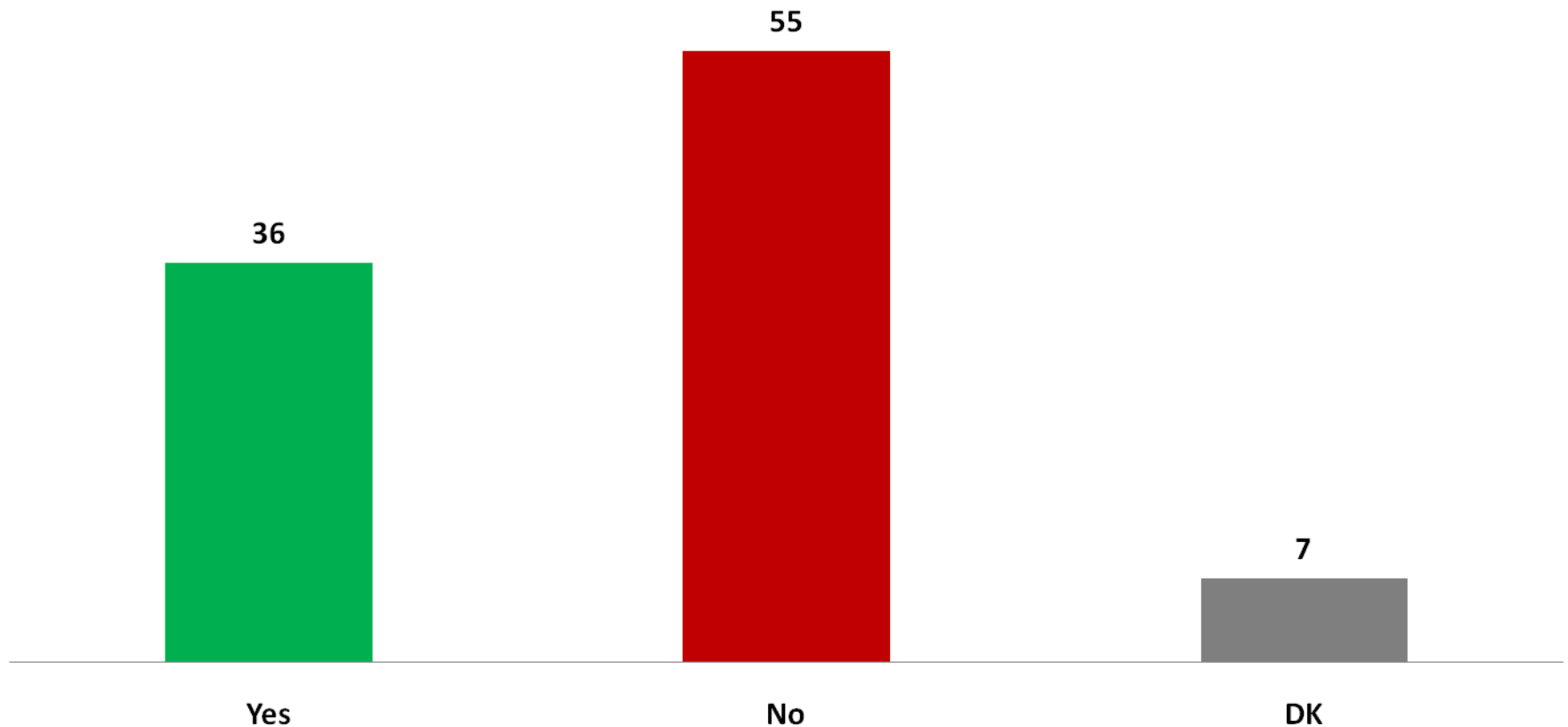
A constitutional amendment, initiated by the Christian Democratic Movement and passed by Parliament, will allow a Georgian born EU citizen who has lived in Georgia for the last 5 years to be elected as an MP. Were you aware of this? (q84)



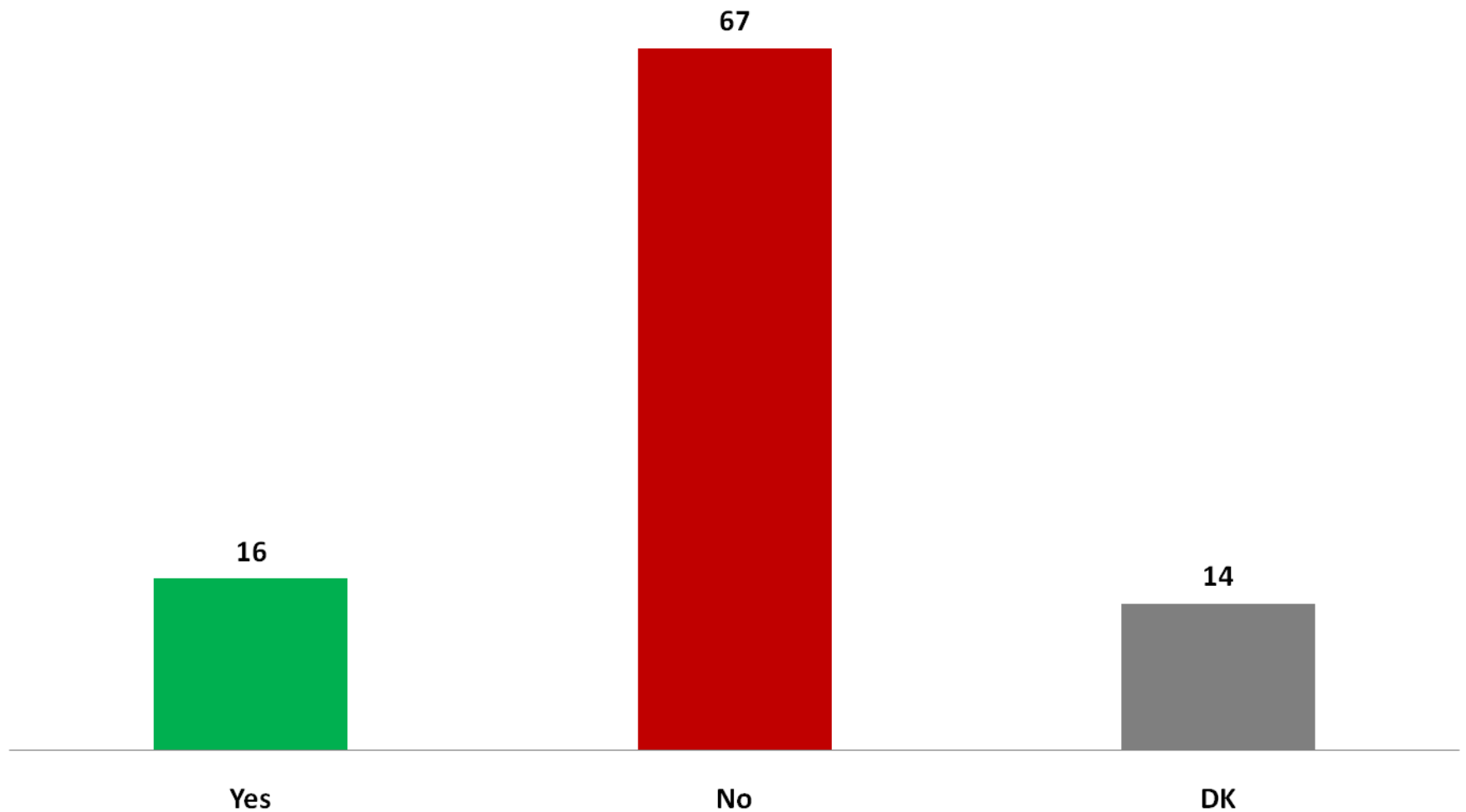
Do you approve of this amendment? (q85)



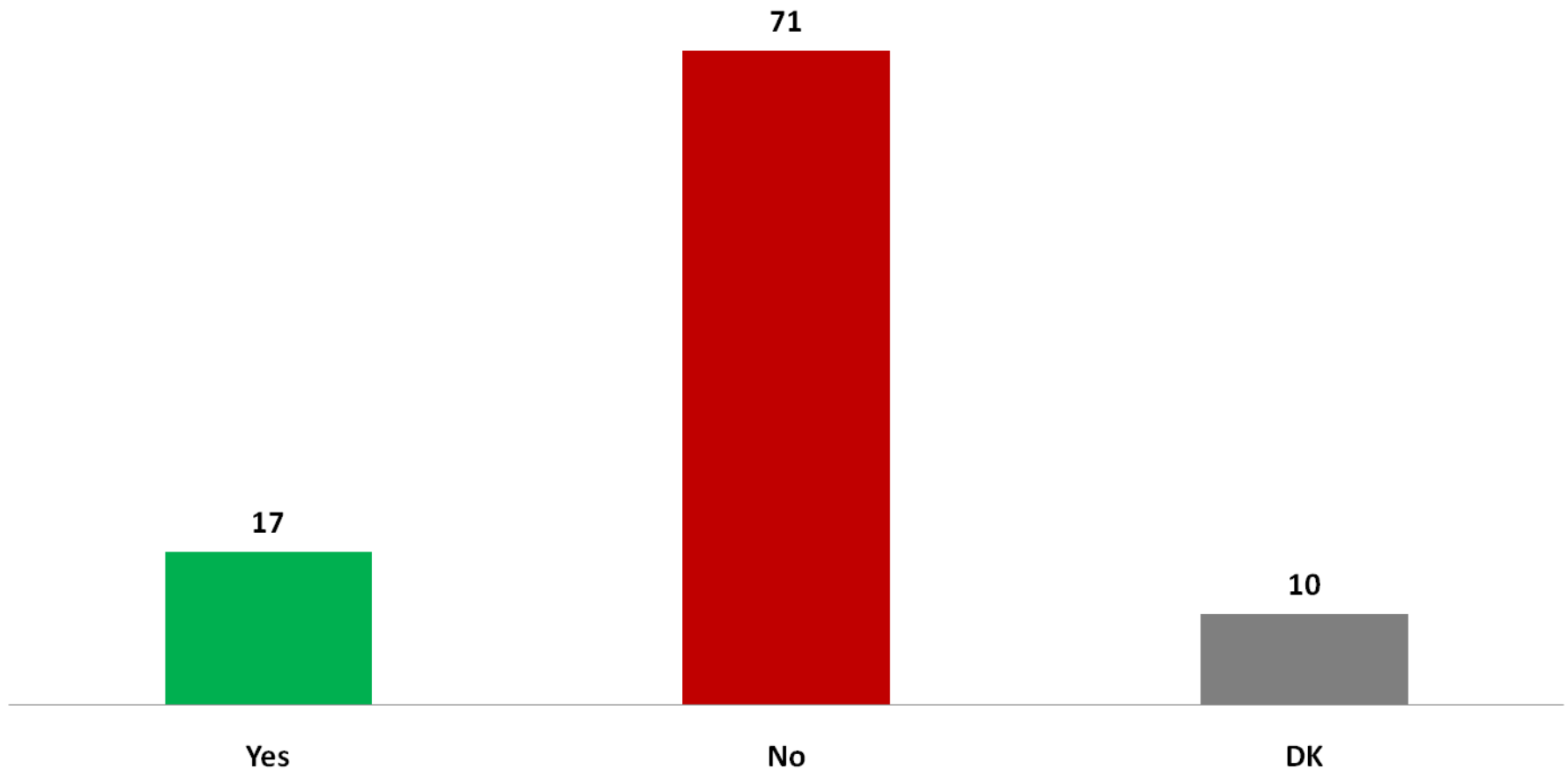
**Another constitutional amendment has been passed lowering
the minimum age for a member of Parliament from 25 to 21.
Were you aware of this? (q88)**



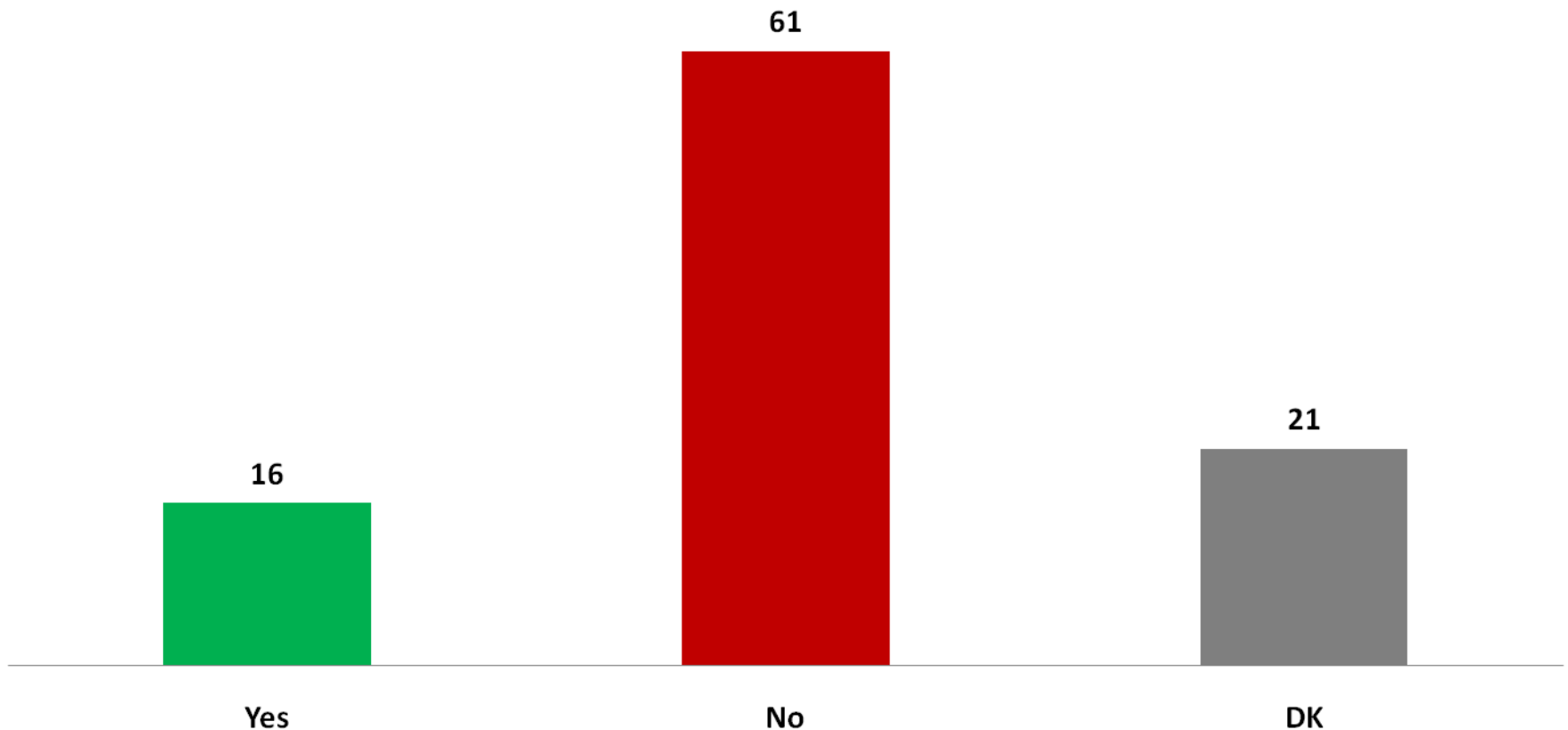
Do you approve of this amendment? (q89)



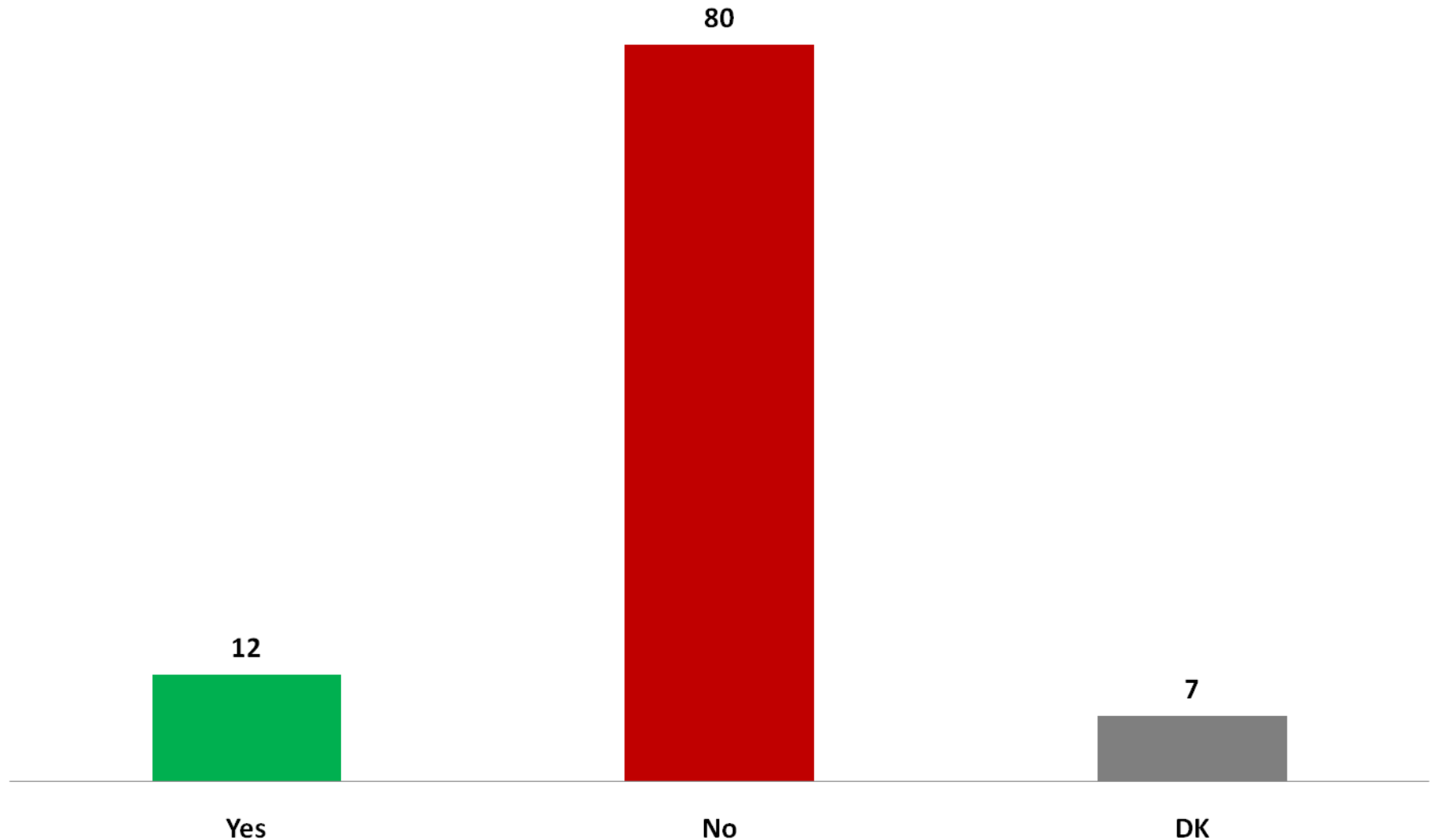
During his speech on May 27th Bidzina Ivanishvili said "seven months have passed since making my first statement and I assure you that everything is developing the way I planned and the way I thought it would." Are you aware of Ivanishvili's plan?
(q90)



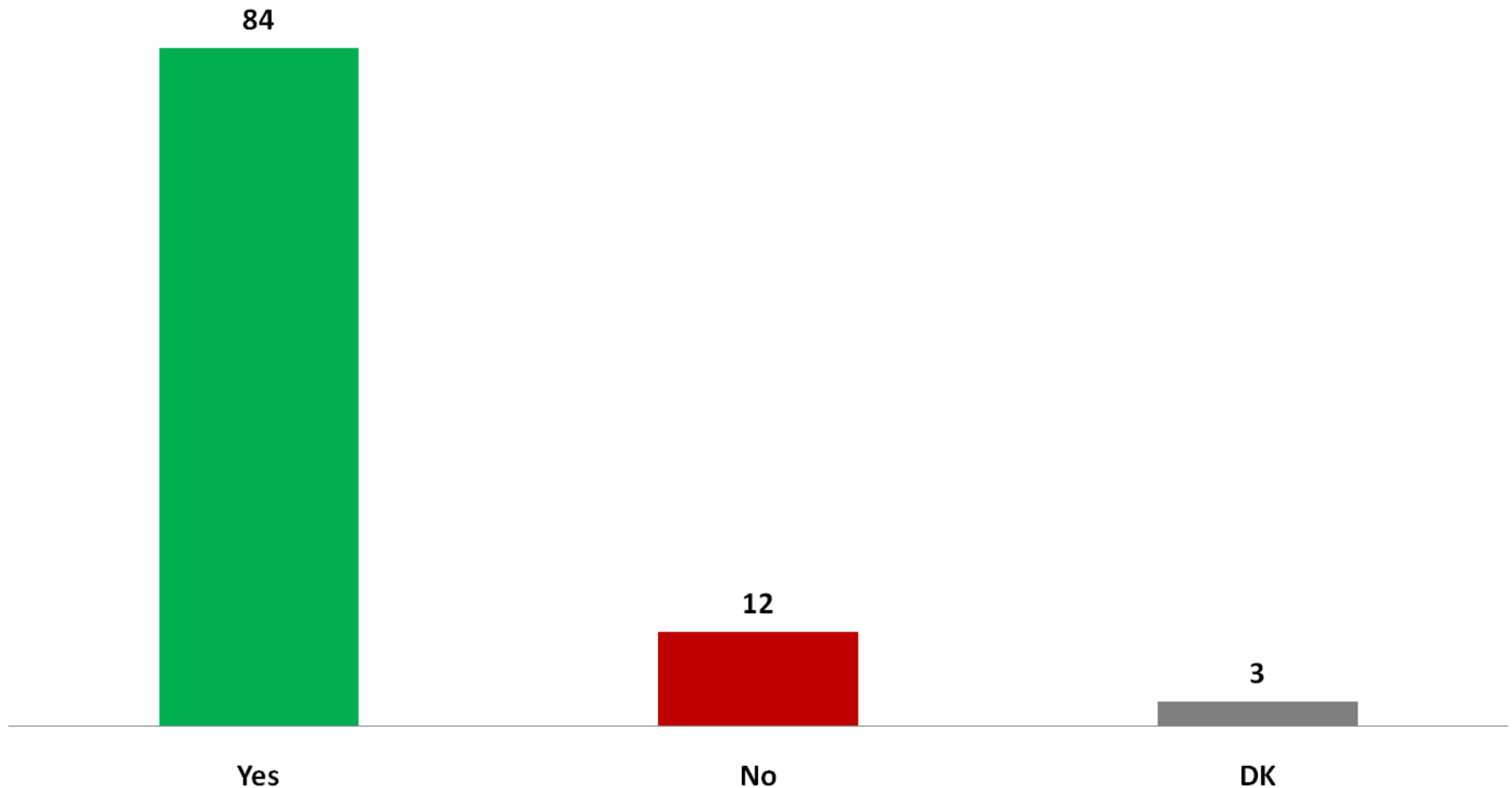
One of the leaders of the Parliamentary majority said "If people who are employed in state structures go to opposition rallies and fight against the government, it is natural to fire them. A state employee doesn't participate in opposition rallies." Do you agree with this statement? (q93)



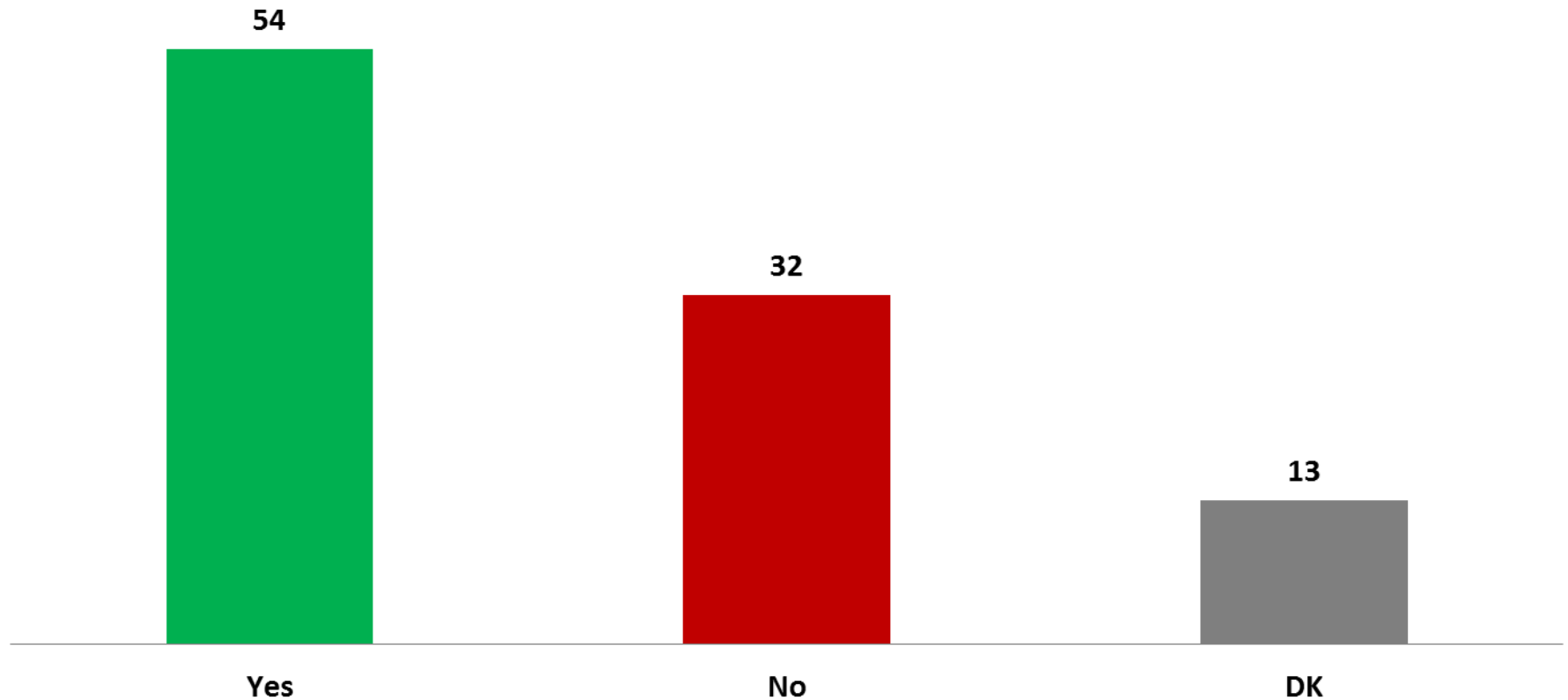
Do you personally know someone who you believe was fired from a state/public job because of their political beliefs? (q94)



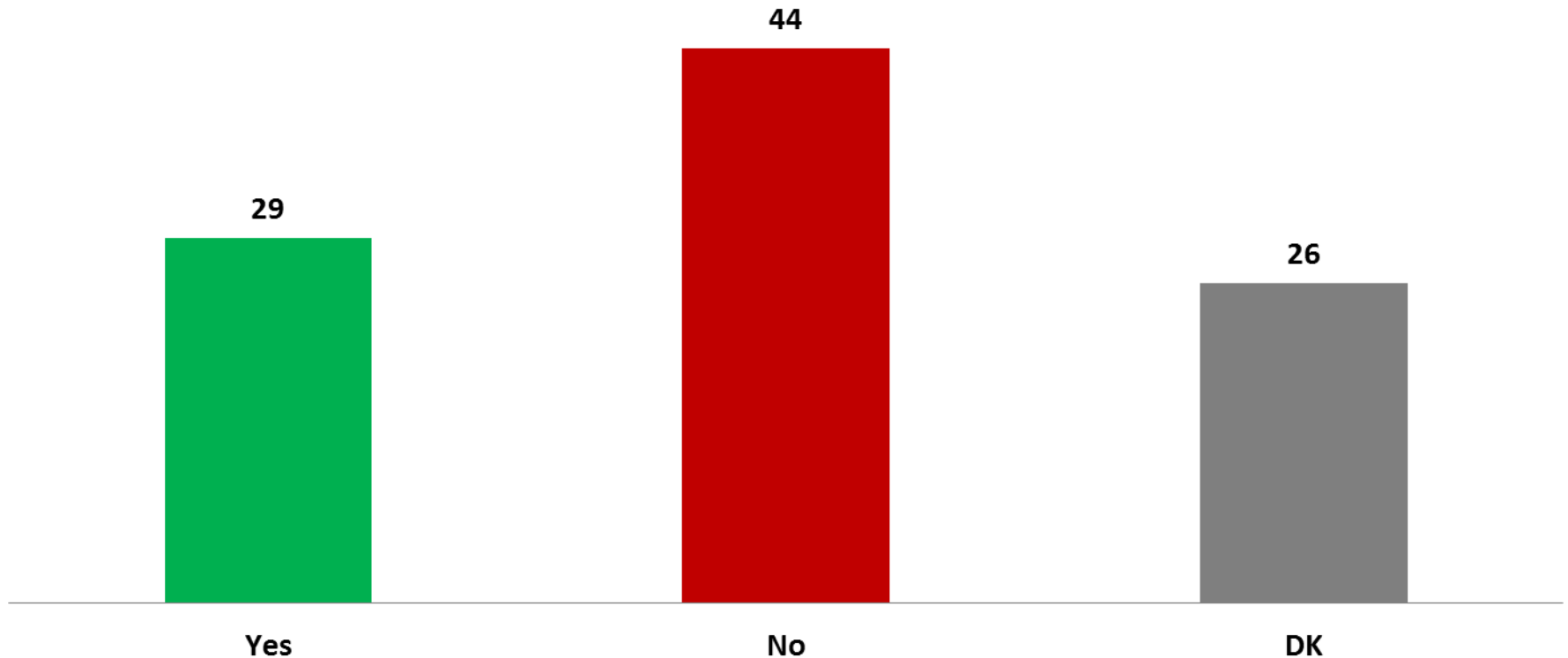
President Saakashvili has announced that he will build a new city Lazika, which will become Georgia's second largest city and the third port on the Black Sea. Are you aware of this announcement? (q95)



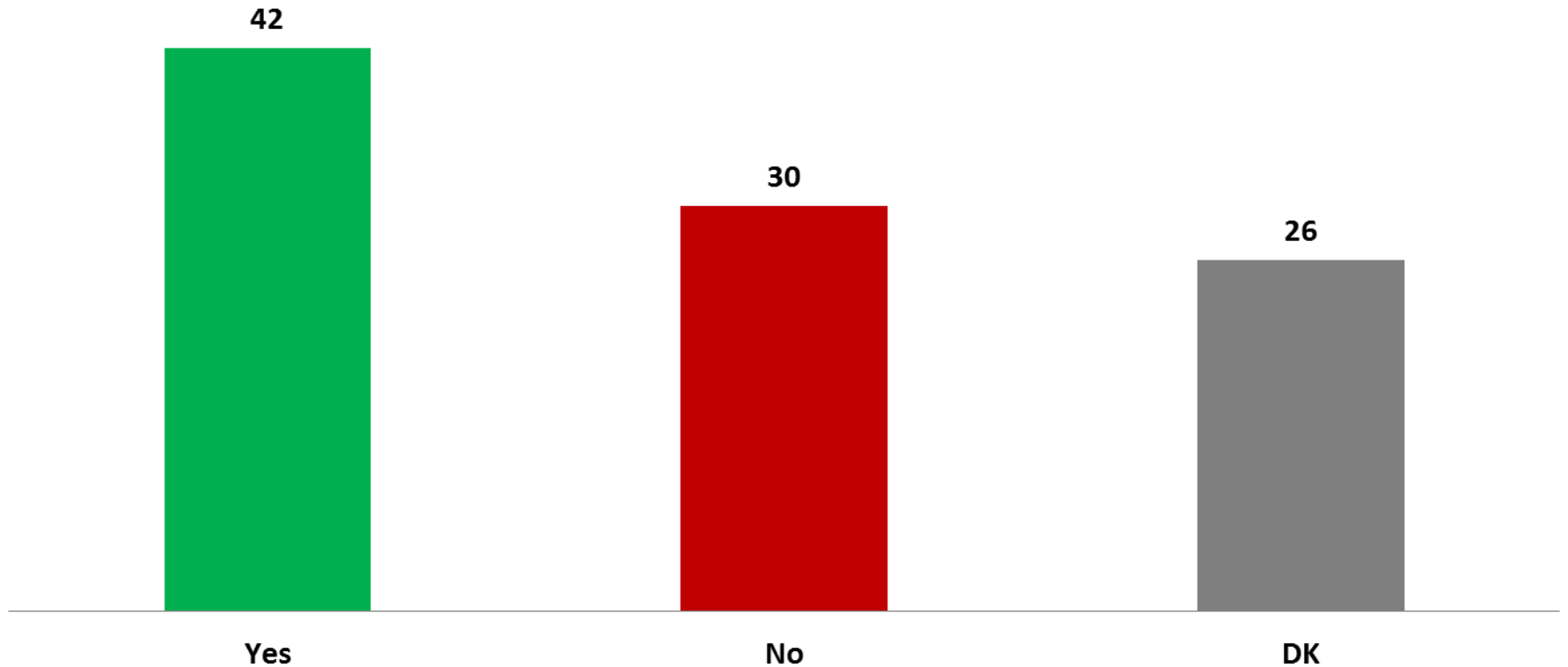
**Do you support this initiative? - of 84% who are aware of the
Lazika initiative (q96)**



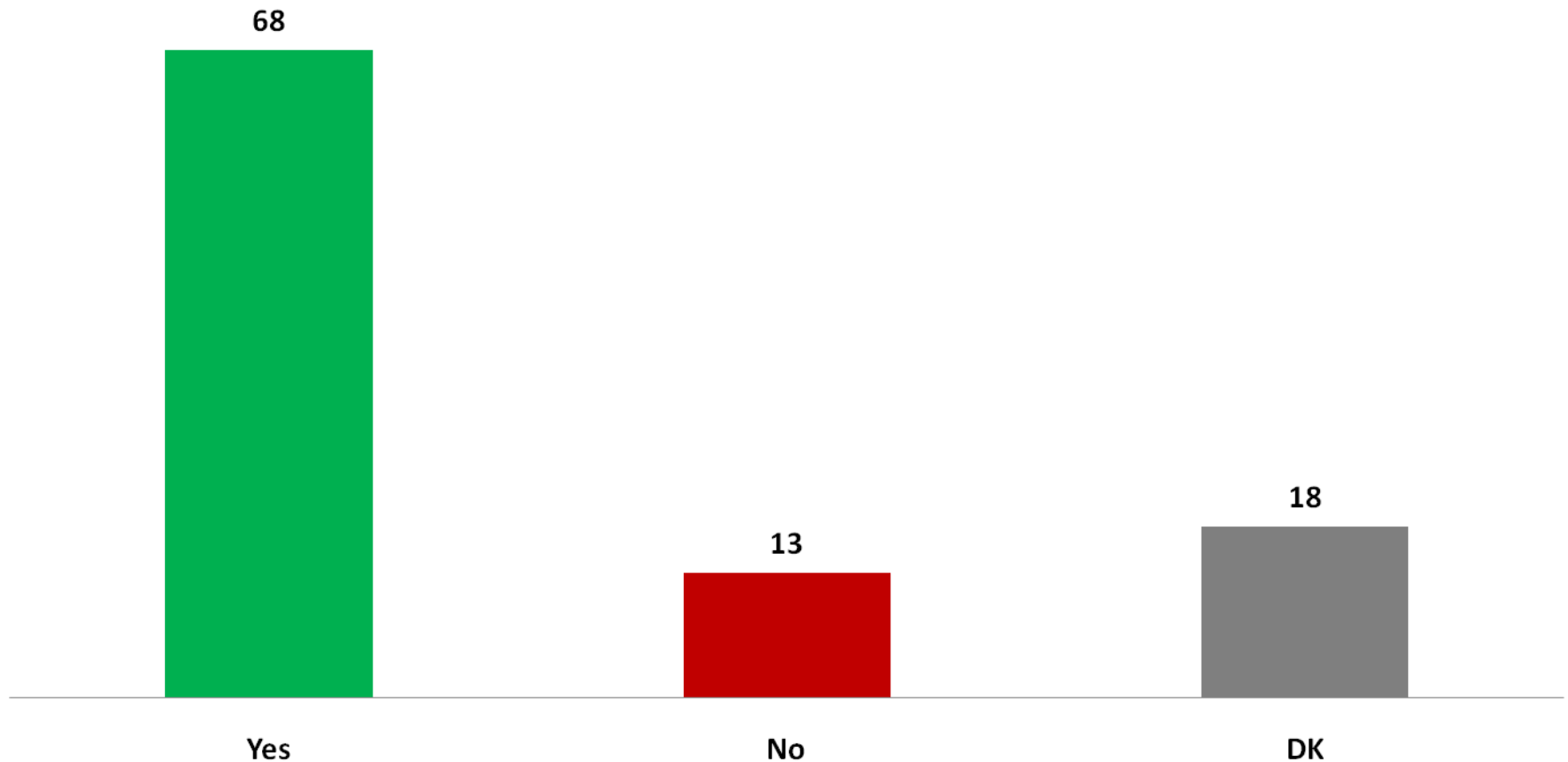
According to media sources the cost for the first phase of construction for Lazika is estimated at approximately 1.5 billion GEL. Do you approve of this expenditure? (q98)



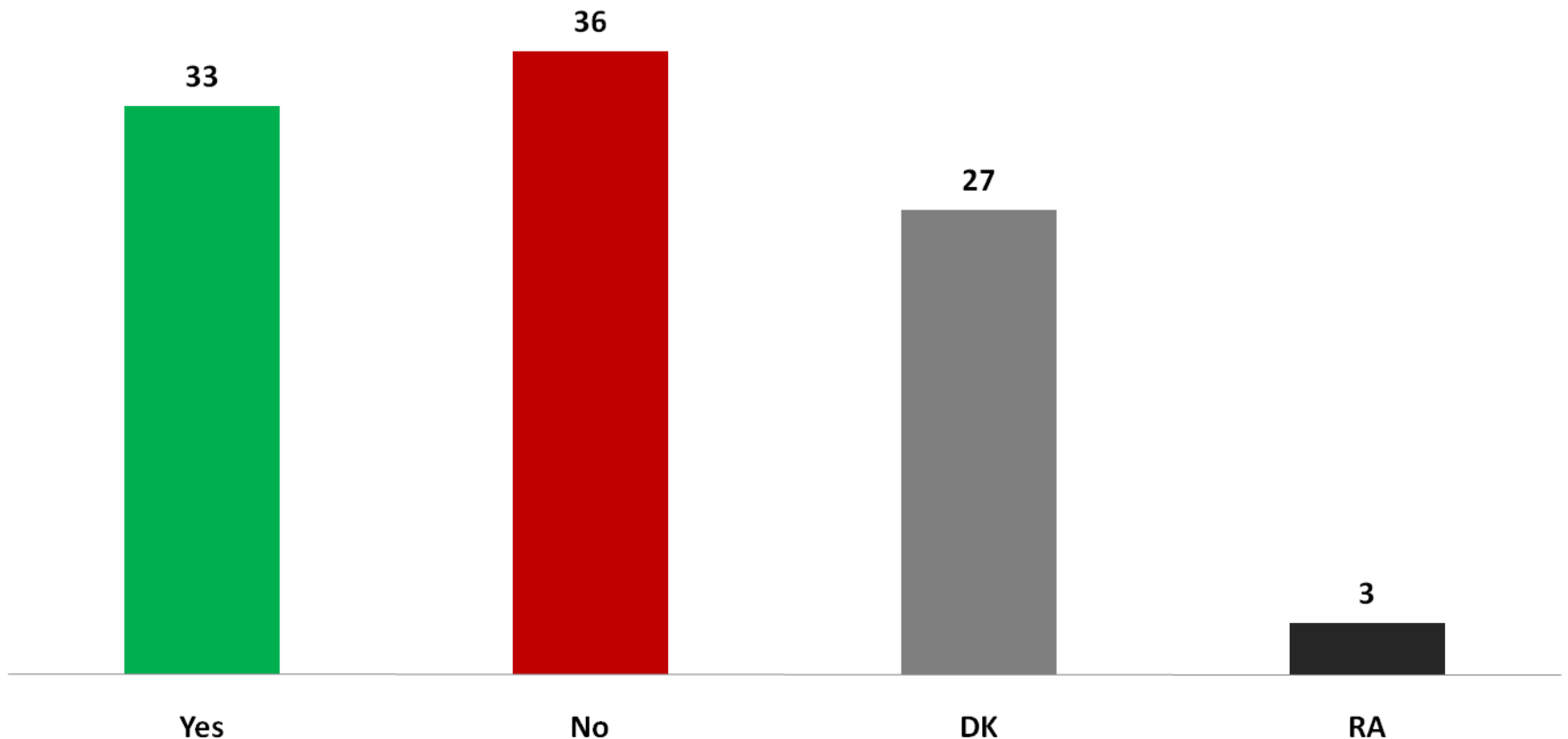
The government says most of the money to build Lazika will come from foreign investors. Do you approve of this? (q99)



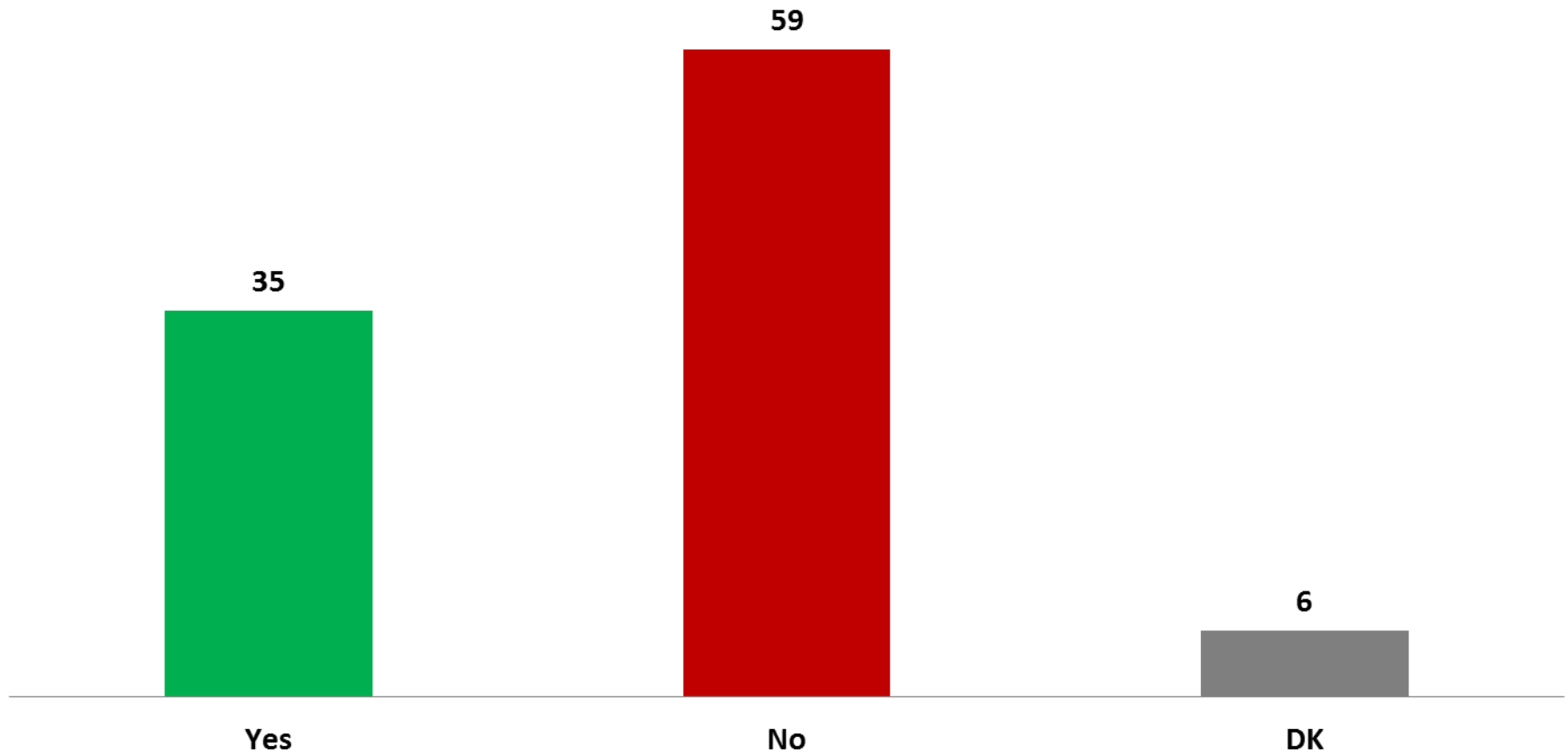
Should there be ongoing public meetings, parliamentary hearings and other public discussions as the Lazika initiative moves forward? (q100)



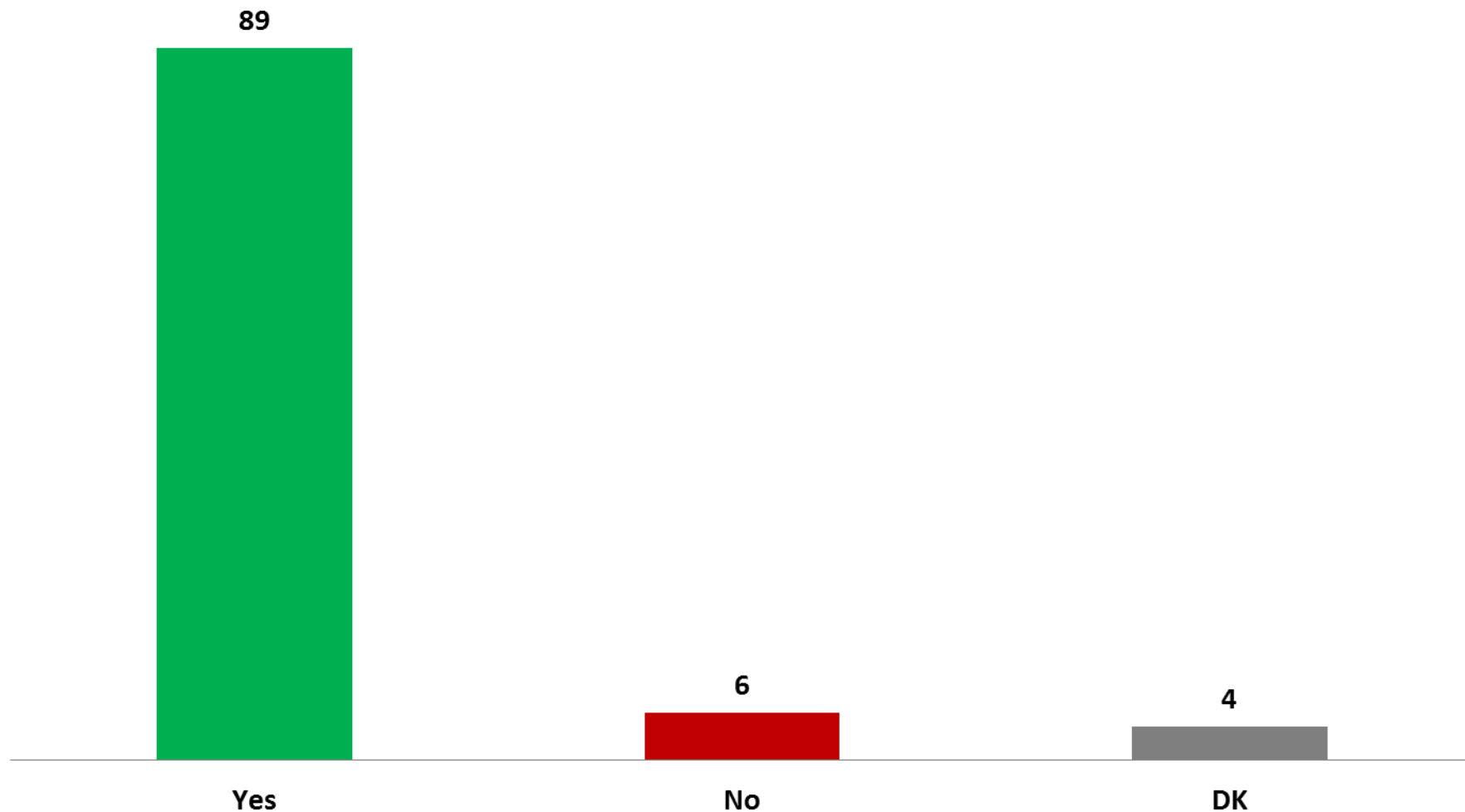
Recently there has been speculation in the media about President Saakashvili becoming Prime Minister following the conclusion of his term in 2013. Do you approve of him becoming Prime Minister? (q26)



A group of constitutional amendments is being proposed by the Christian Democratic Movement (CDM) one of which would ban same-sex marriage. Were you aware of this? (q103)



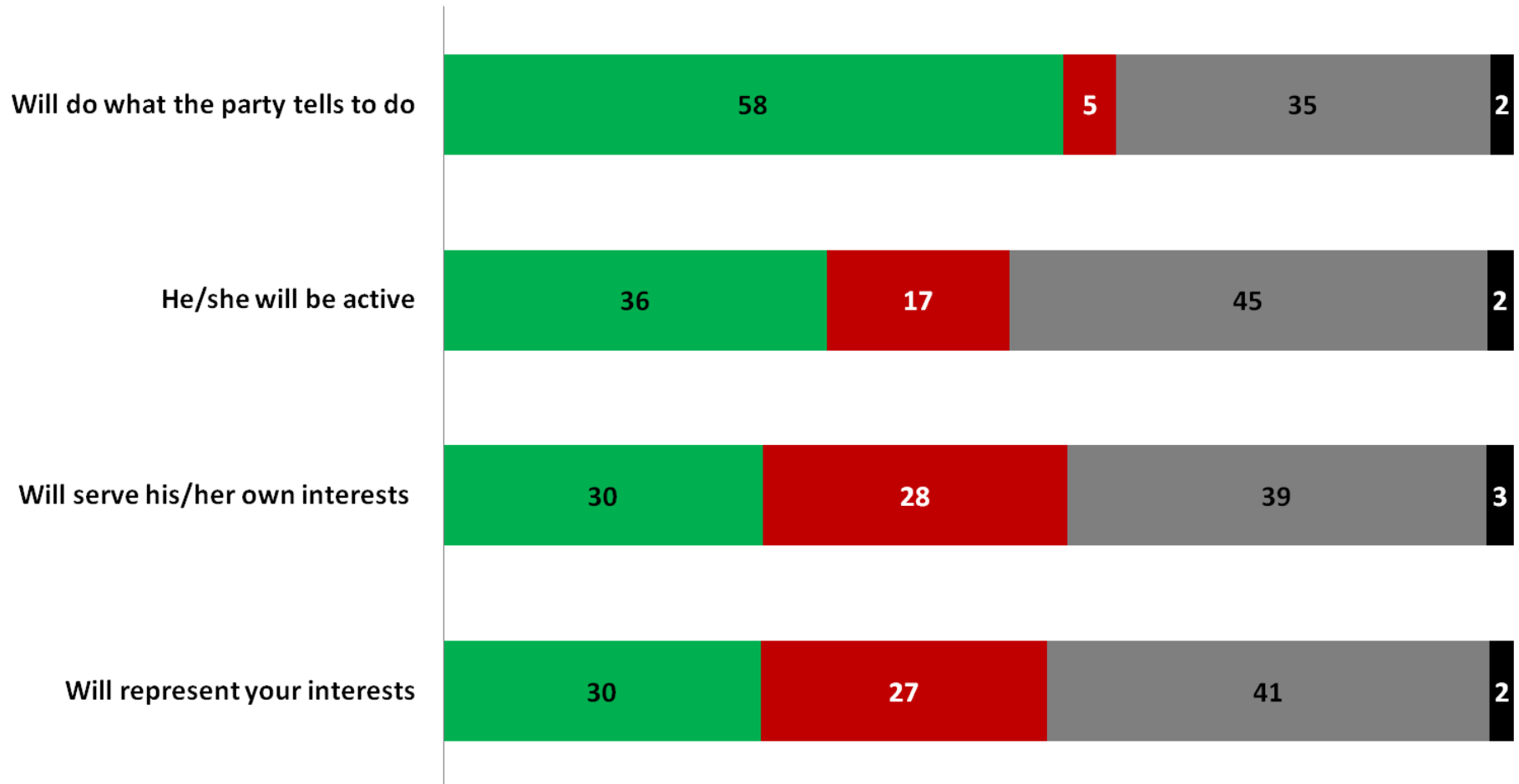
Do you approve of a constitutional ban on same sex marriage?
(q104)



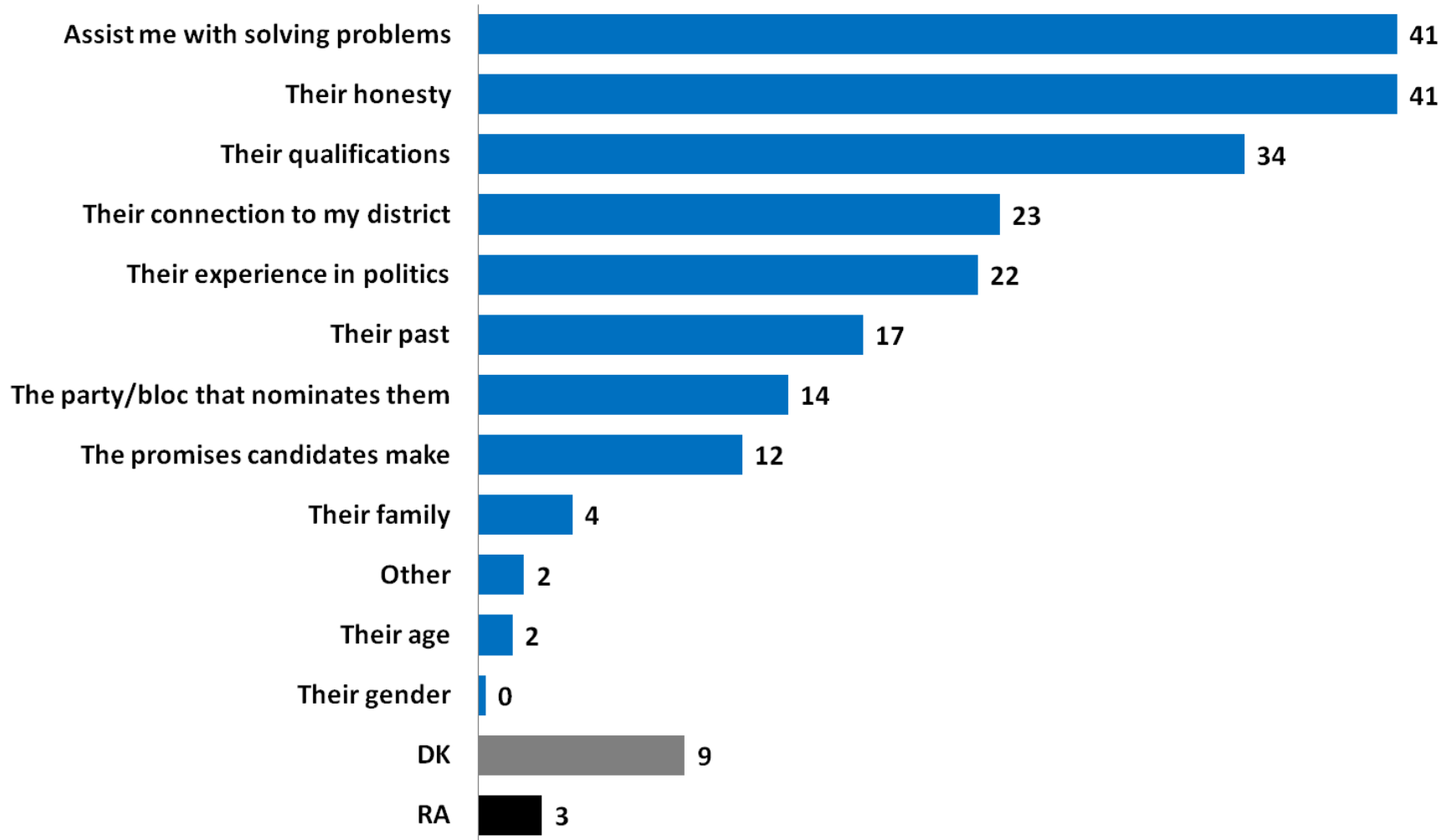
Parliament and Women's Participation

What do you expect from your majoritarian member of the Parliament? (q48)

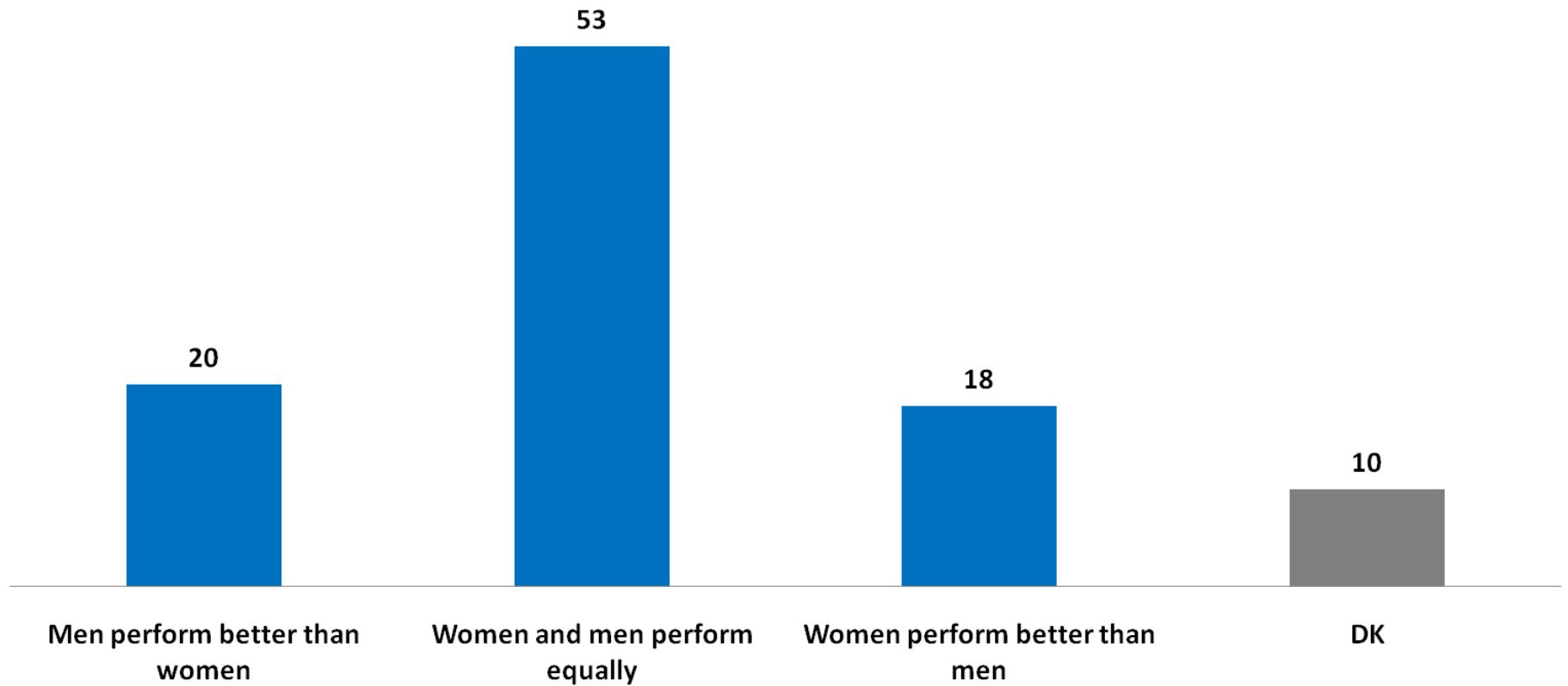
■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



**When deciding who you want as your
Majoritarian MP, what is important for you? (name up to three) (q49)**

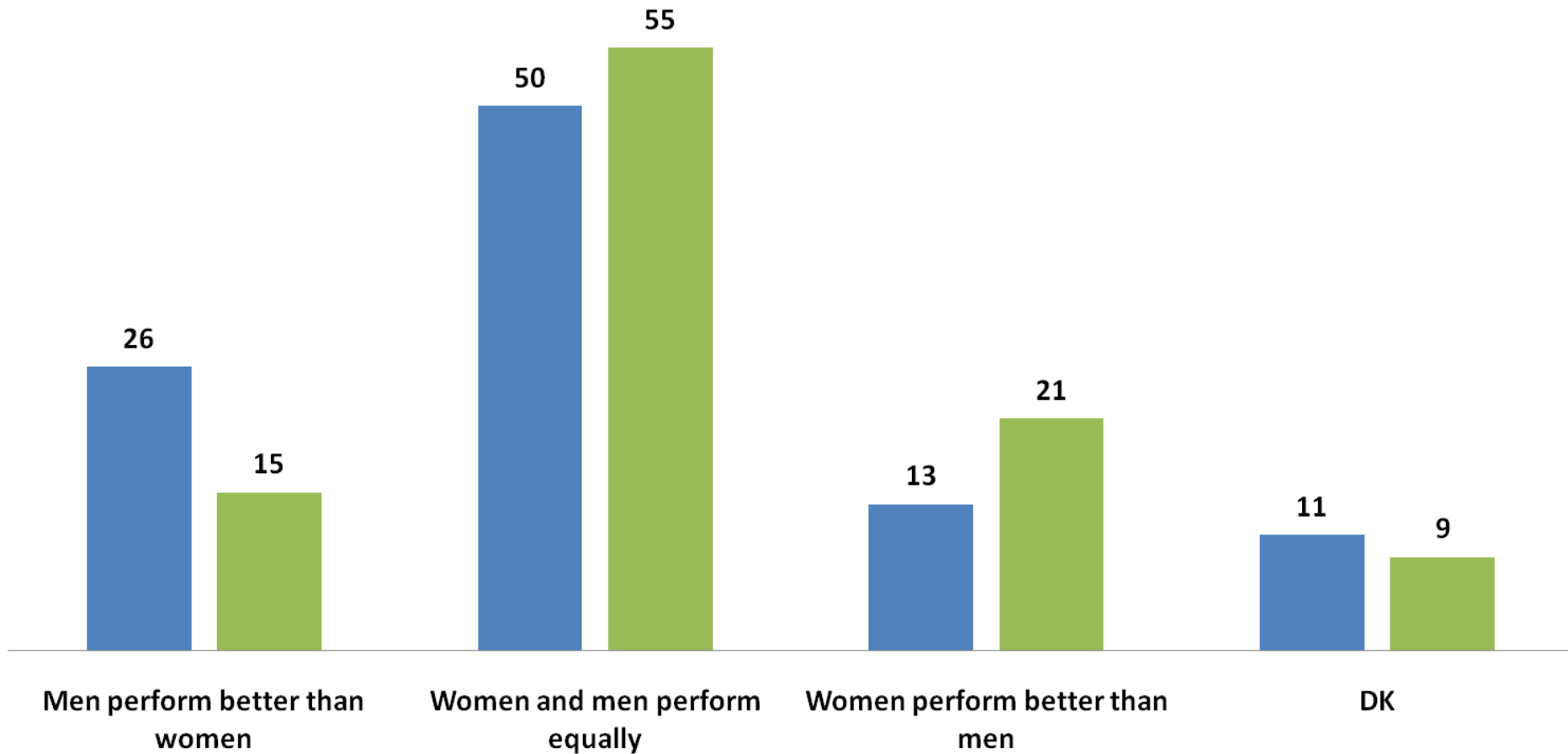


Comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, what do you think? (q50)

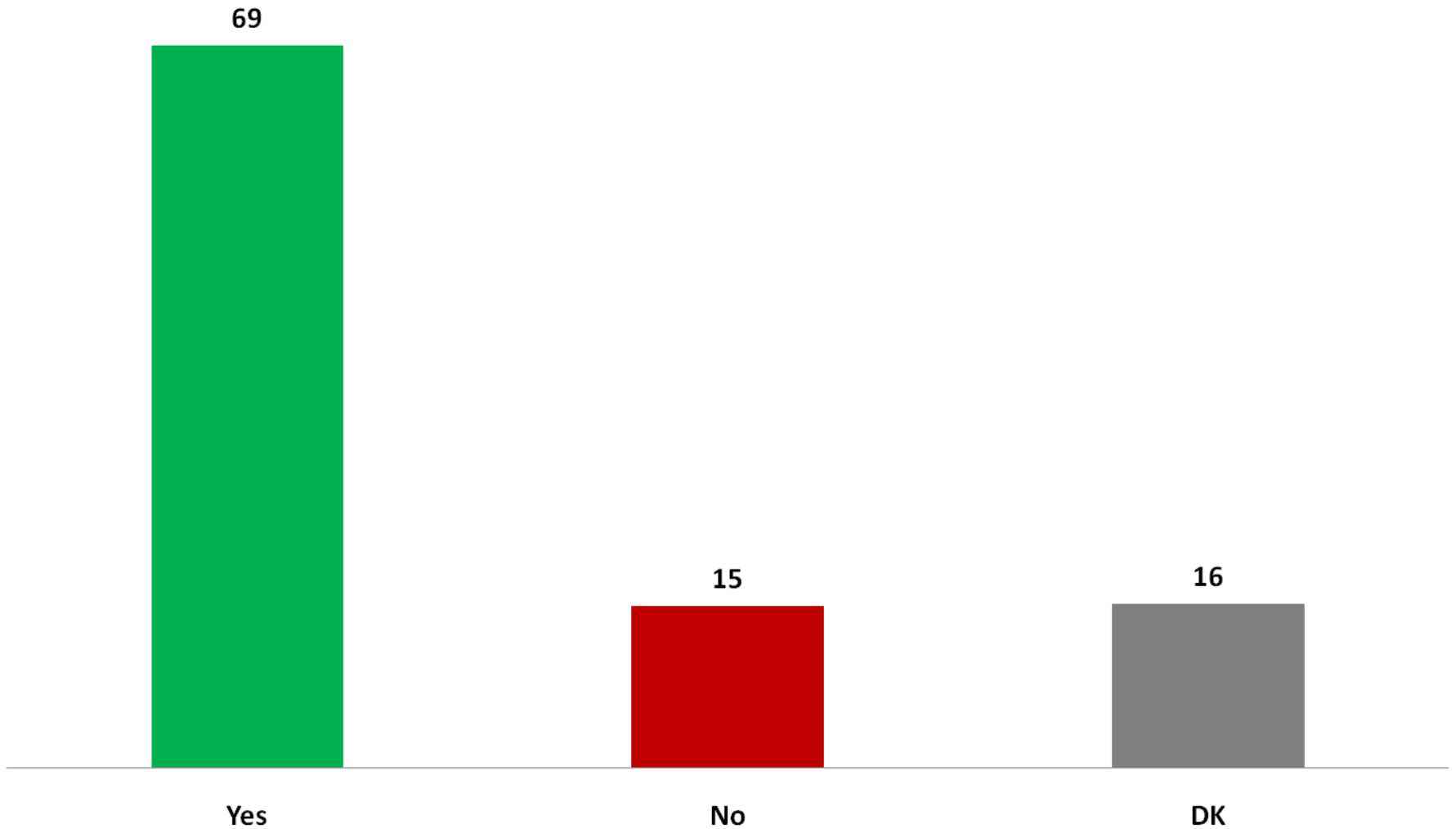


Comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, what do you think? (q50 X Gender)

■ Male ■ Female

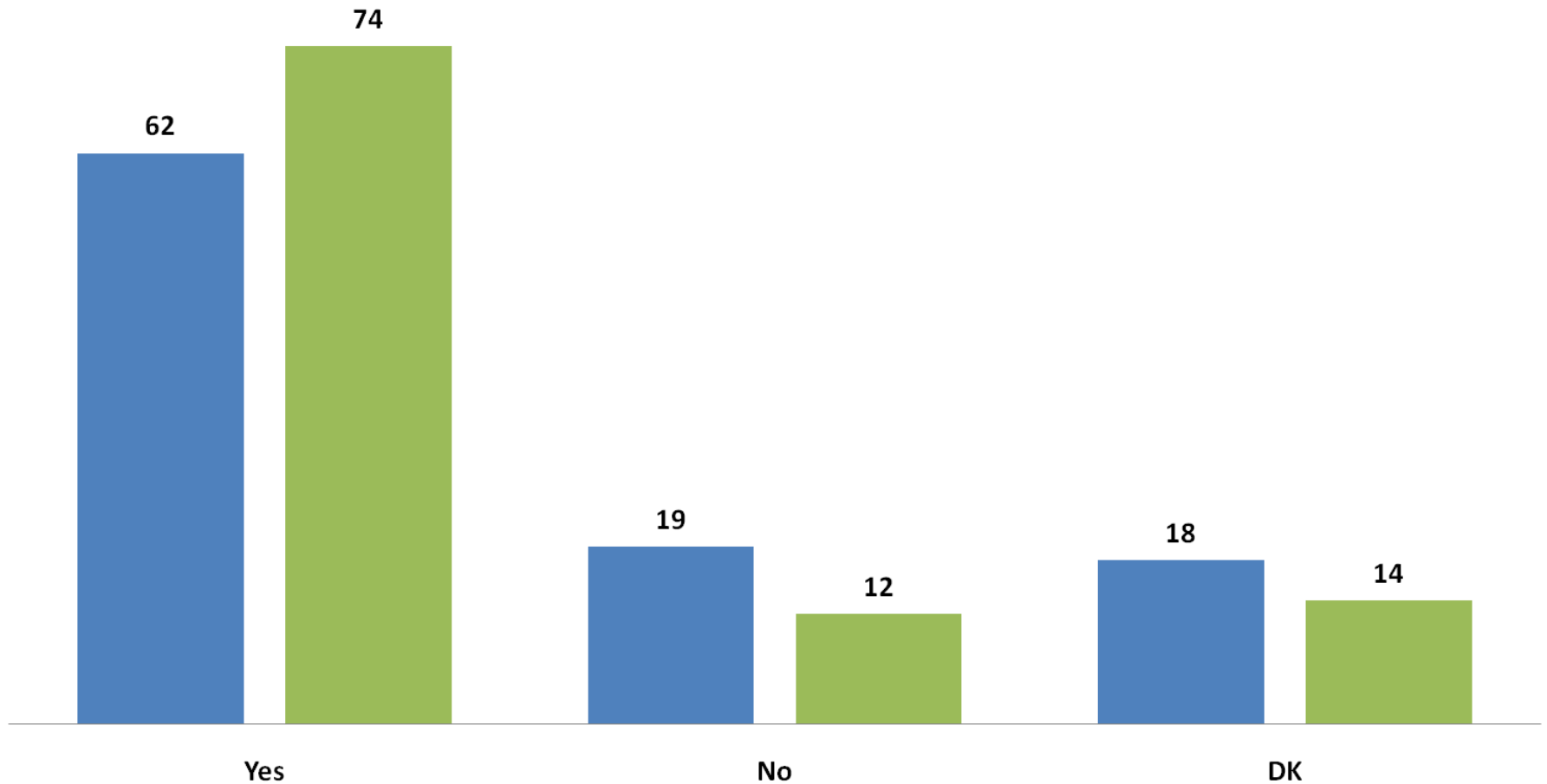


**Would you vote for a woman candidate in the next
parliamentary elections? (q51)**

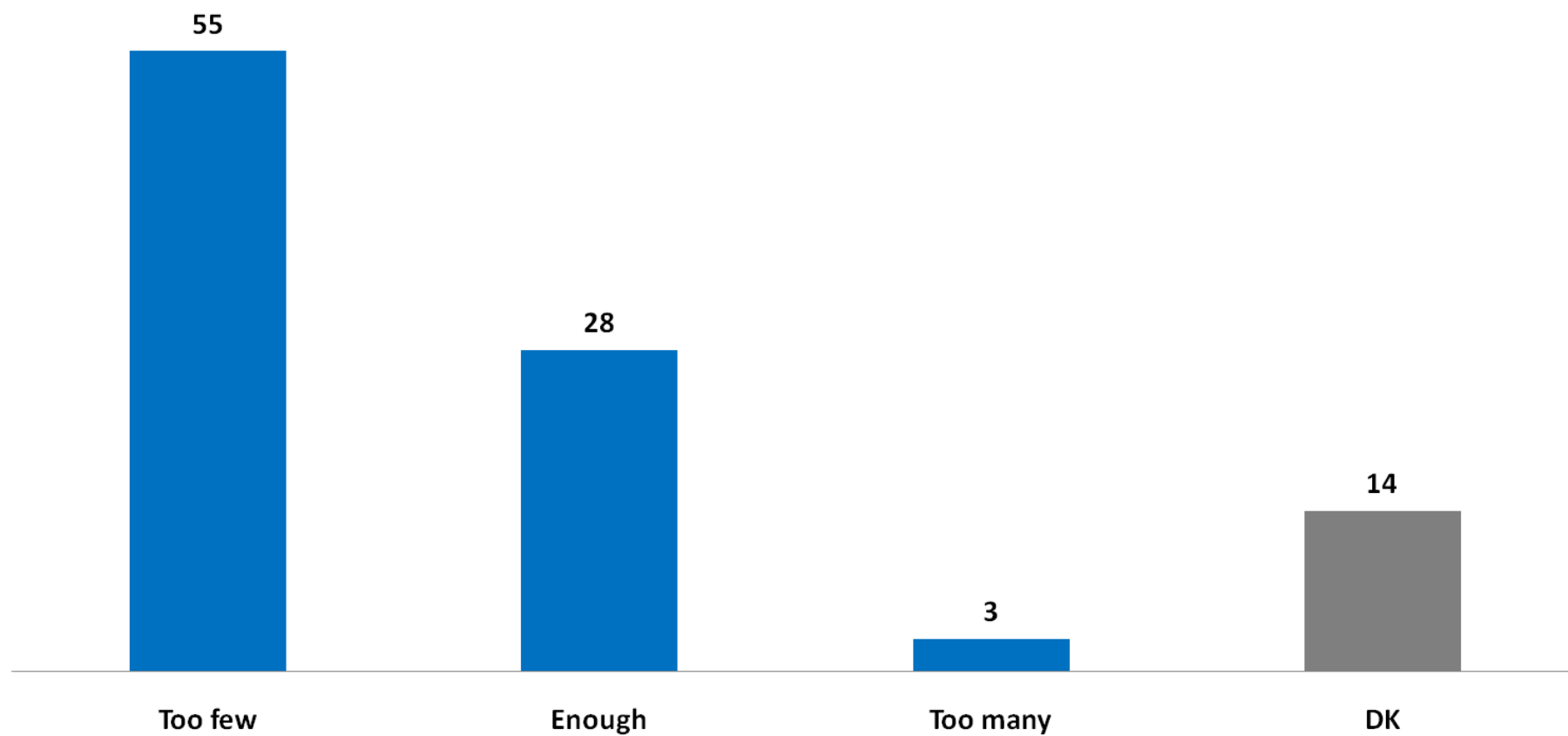


Would you vote for a woman candidate in the next parliamentary elections? (q51 X Gender)

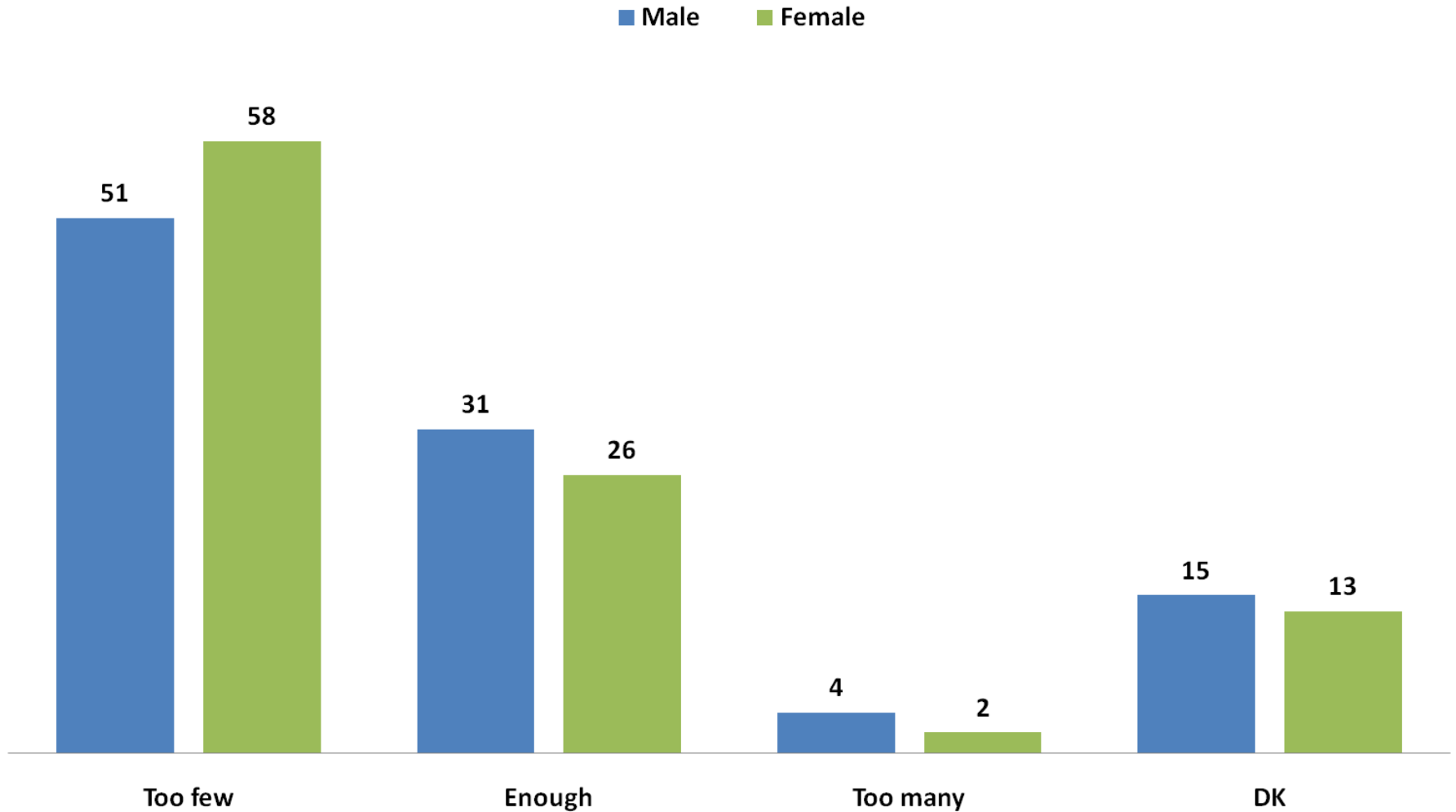
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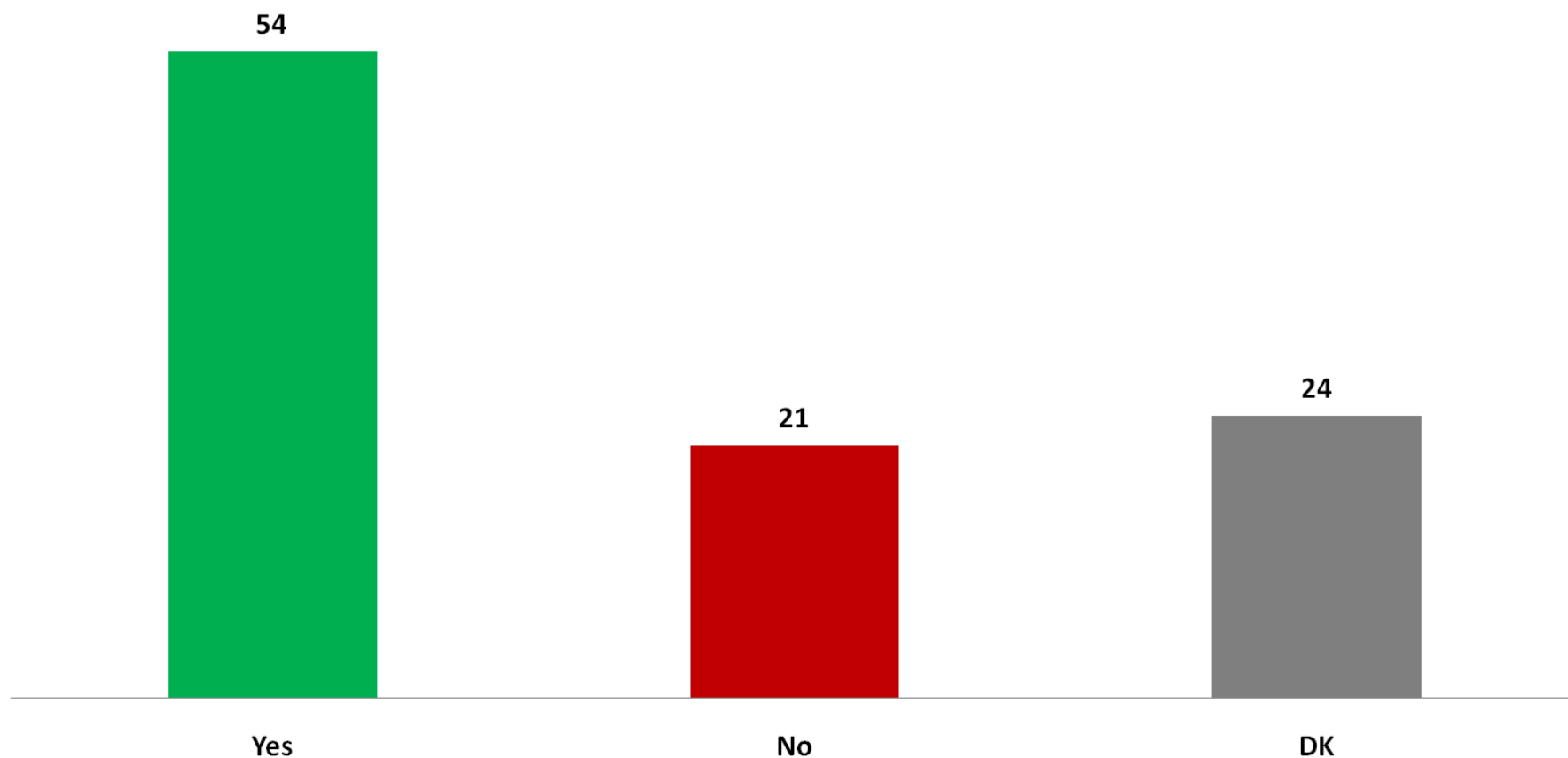
Do you think 9 women members in parliament is...? (q52)



Do you think 9 women members in parliament is...? (q52 X Gender)



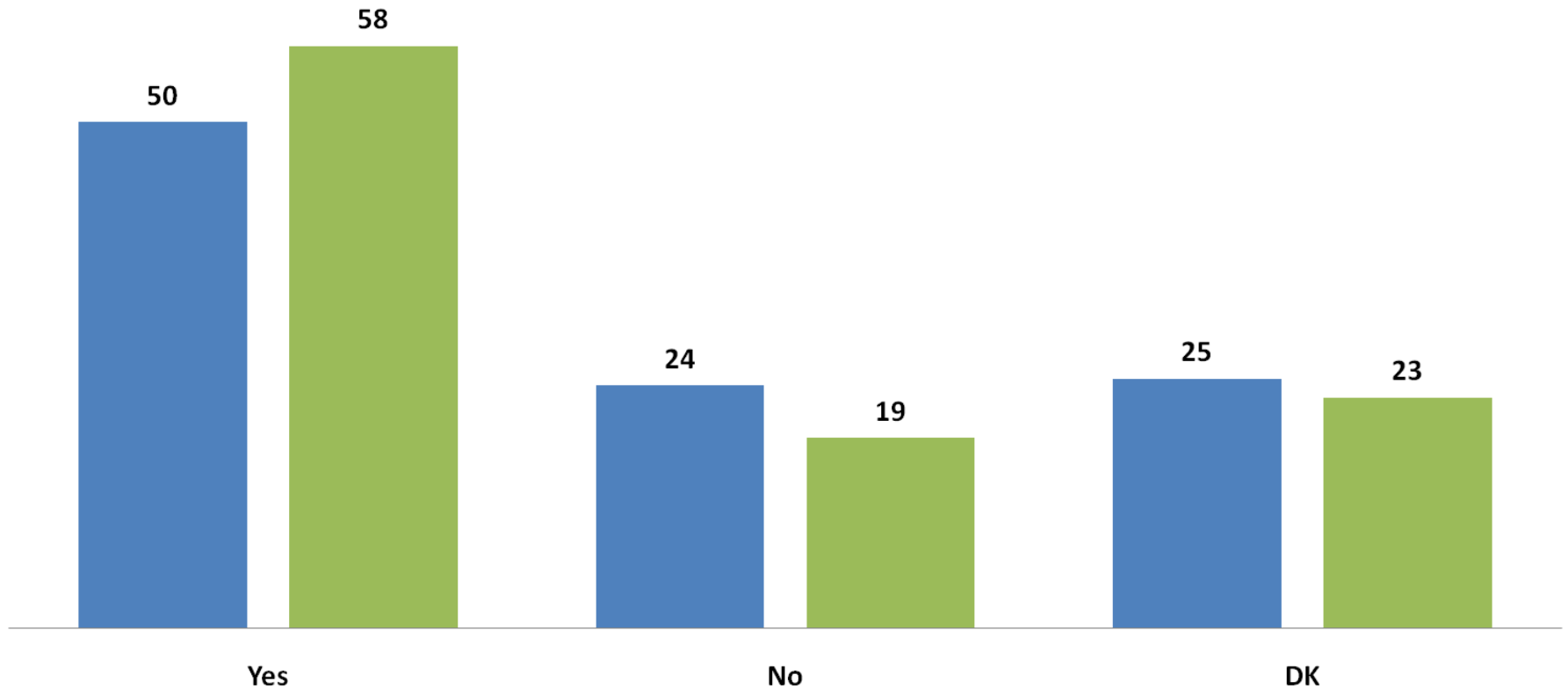
An amendment to law has been passed by Parliament establishing financial incentives for parties to increase the number of women on their party lists. Do you support this amendment? (q53)



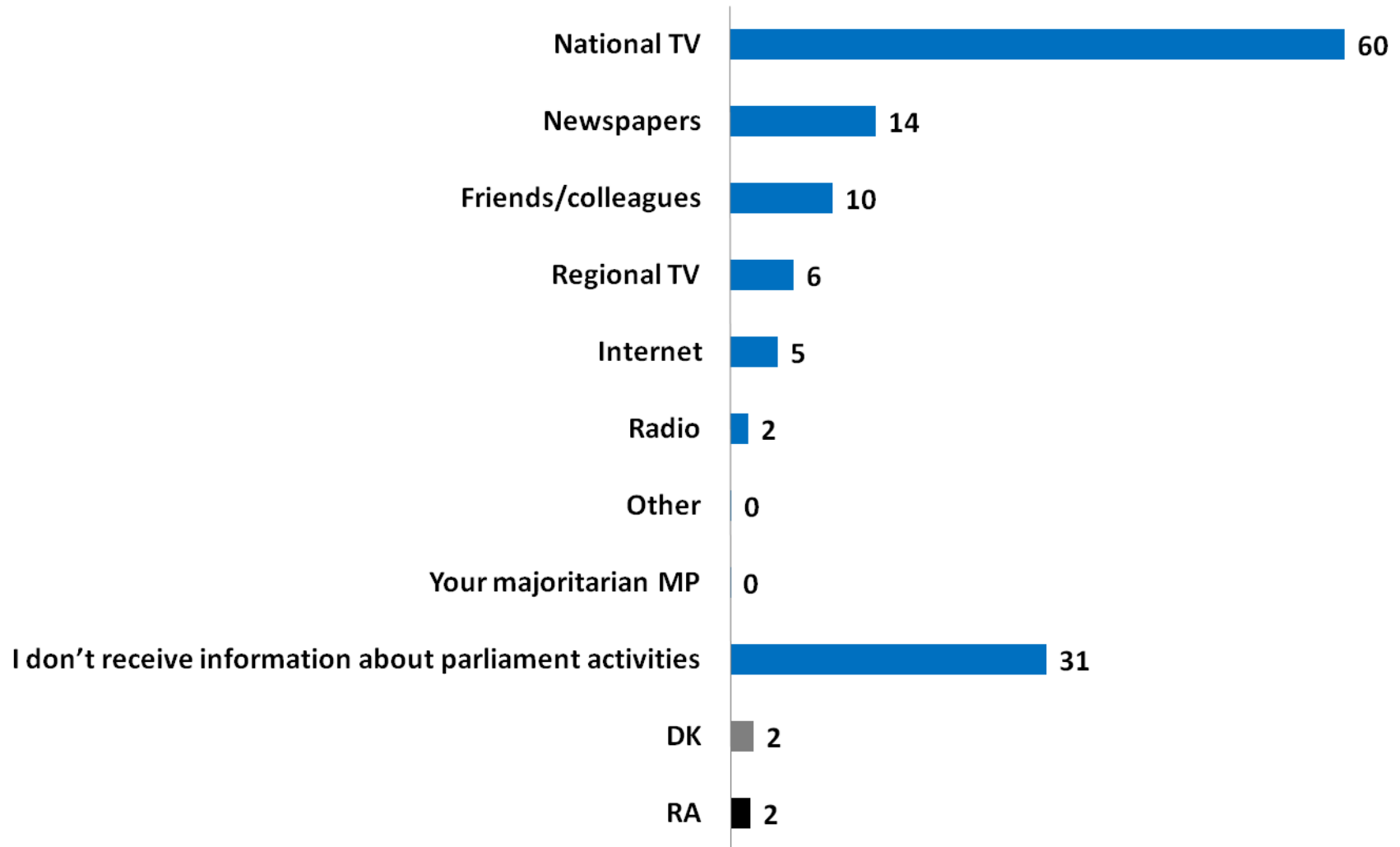
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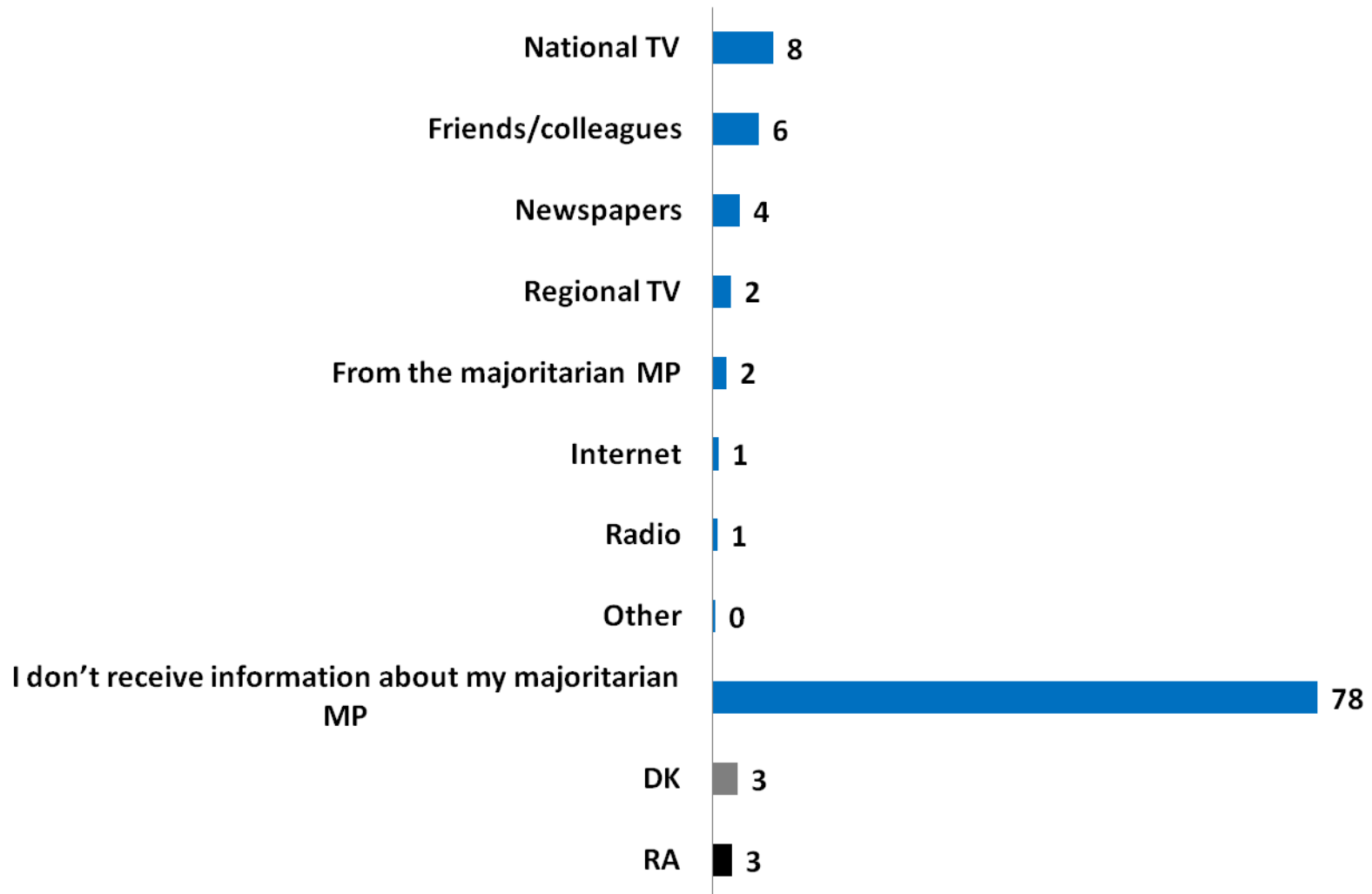
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Where do you get information about the workings/activities of parliament? (up to three) (q76)

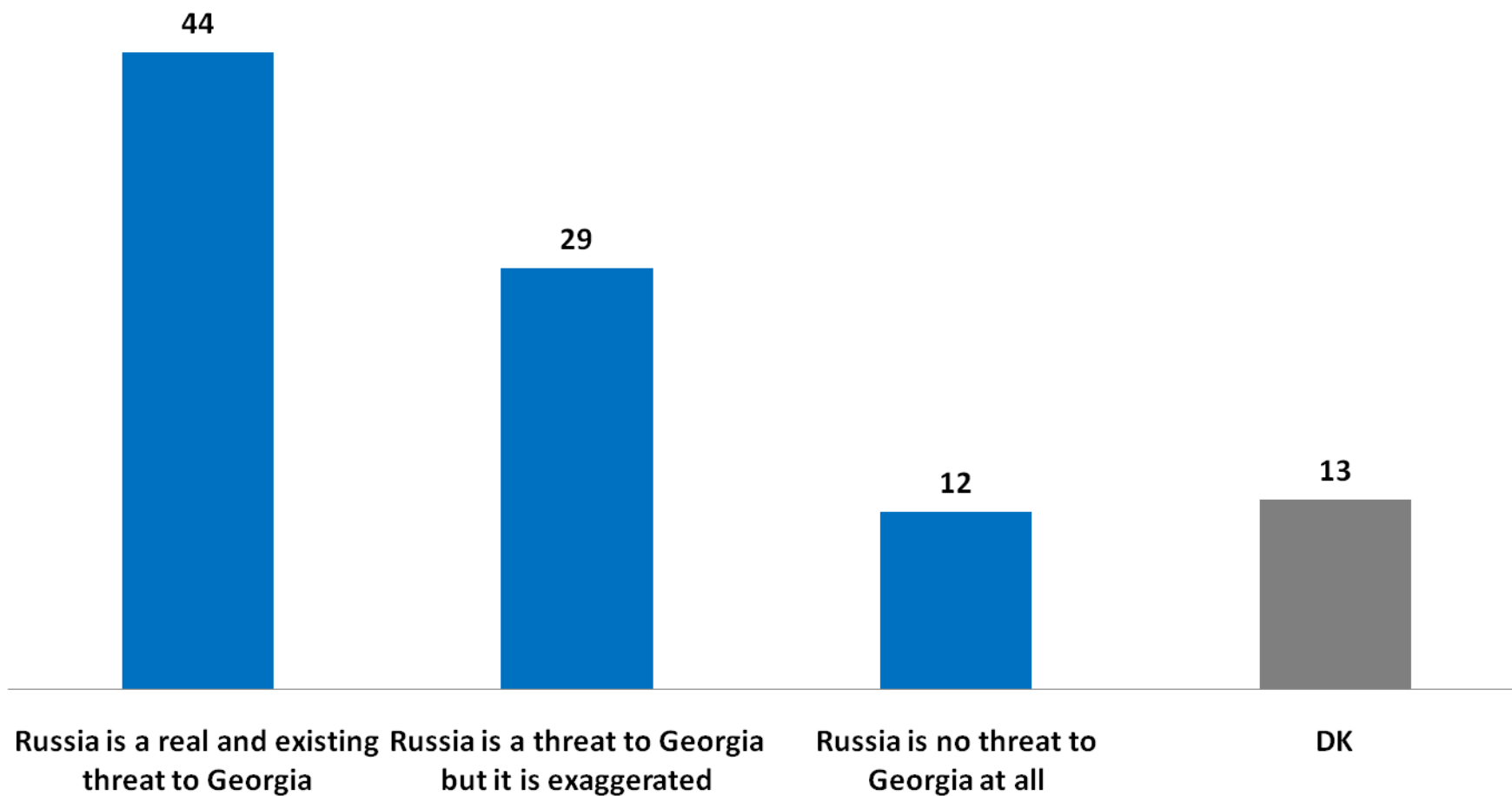


Where do you get information about the activities of your Majoritarian MP? (up to three) (q77)

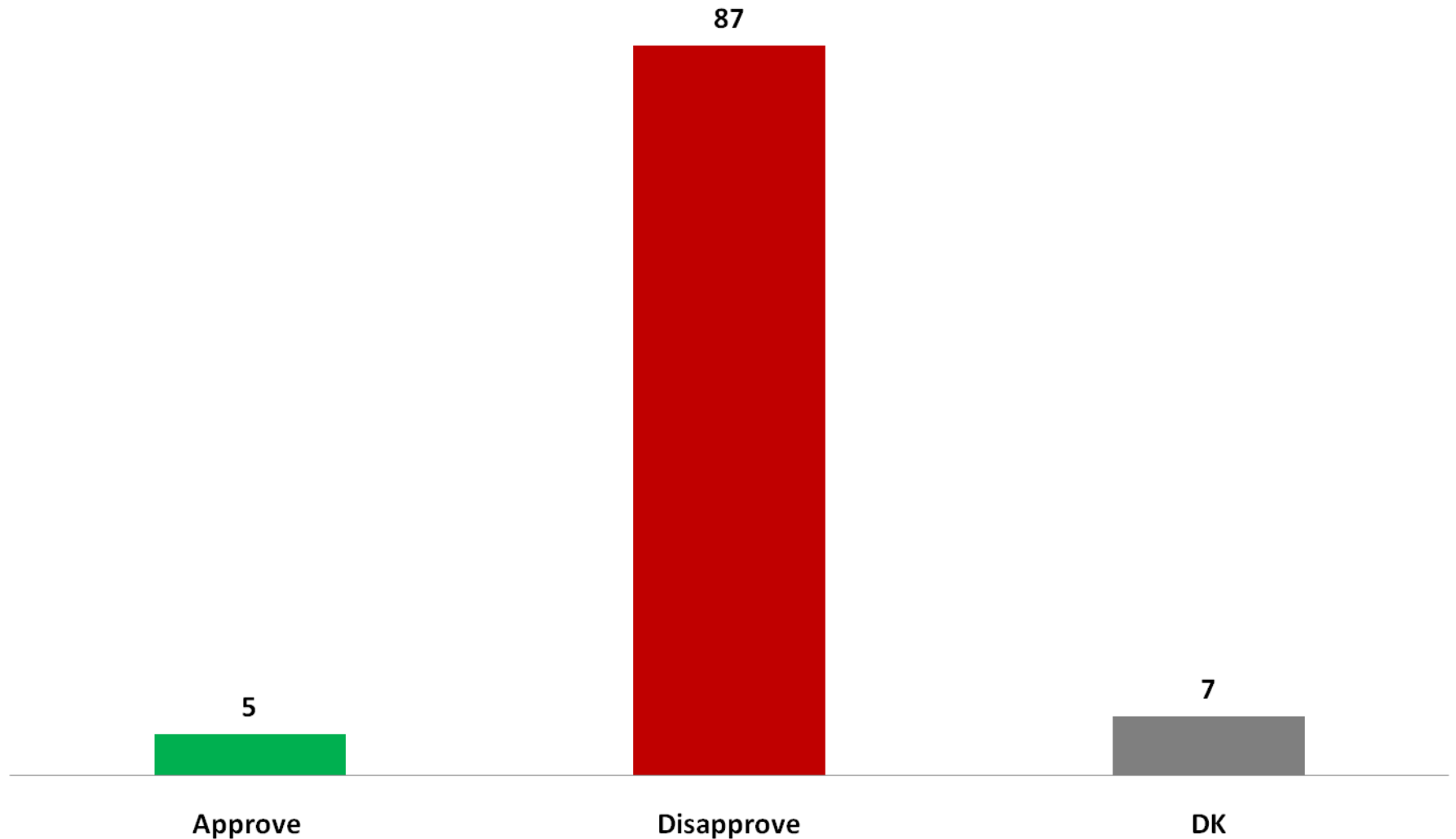


Foreign Relations

Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?
(q59)

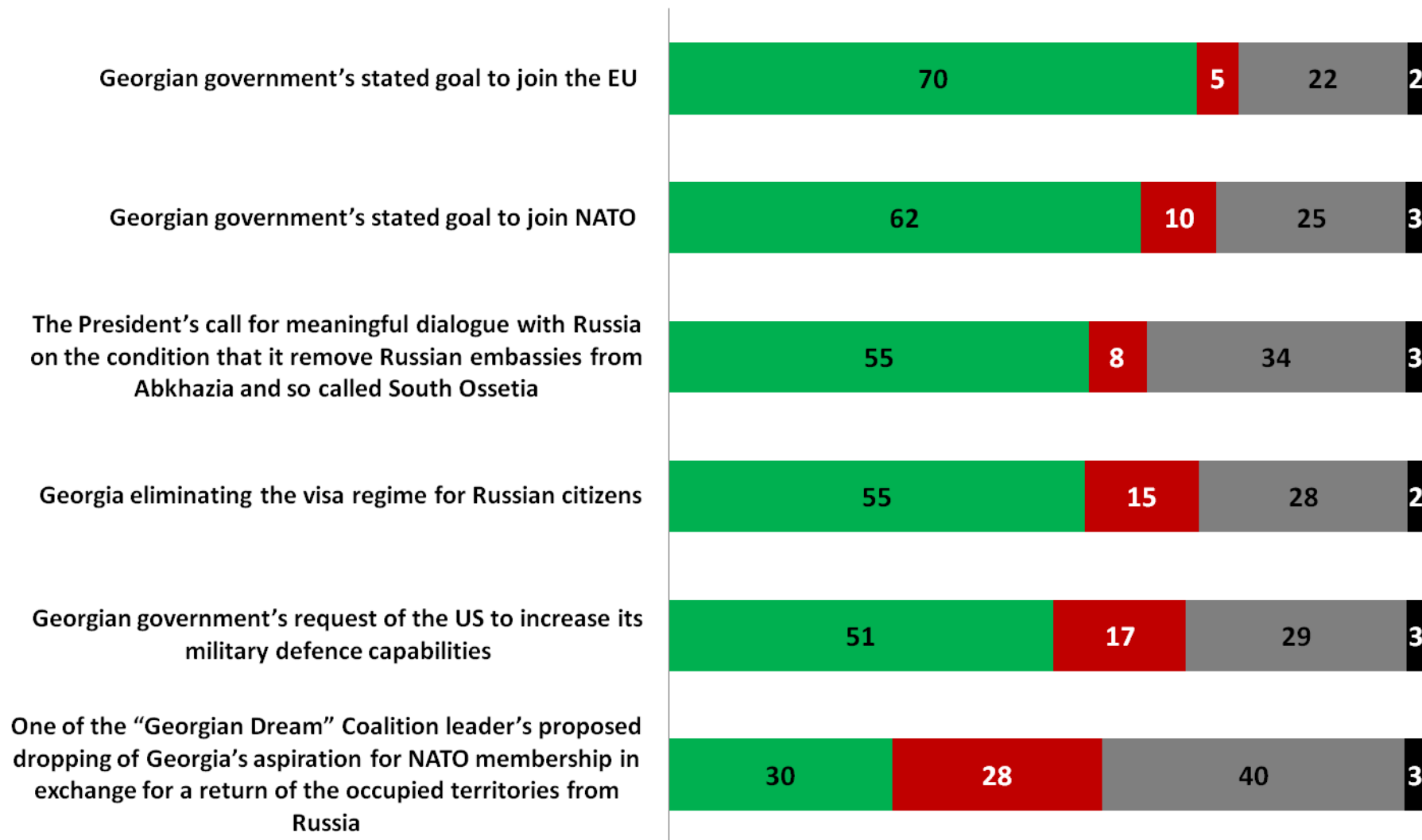


**Do you approve or disapprove of Georgia's current relationship
with Russia? (q60)**

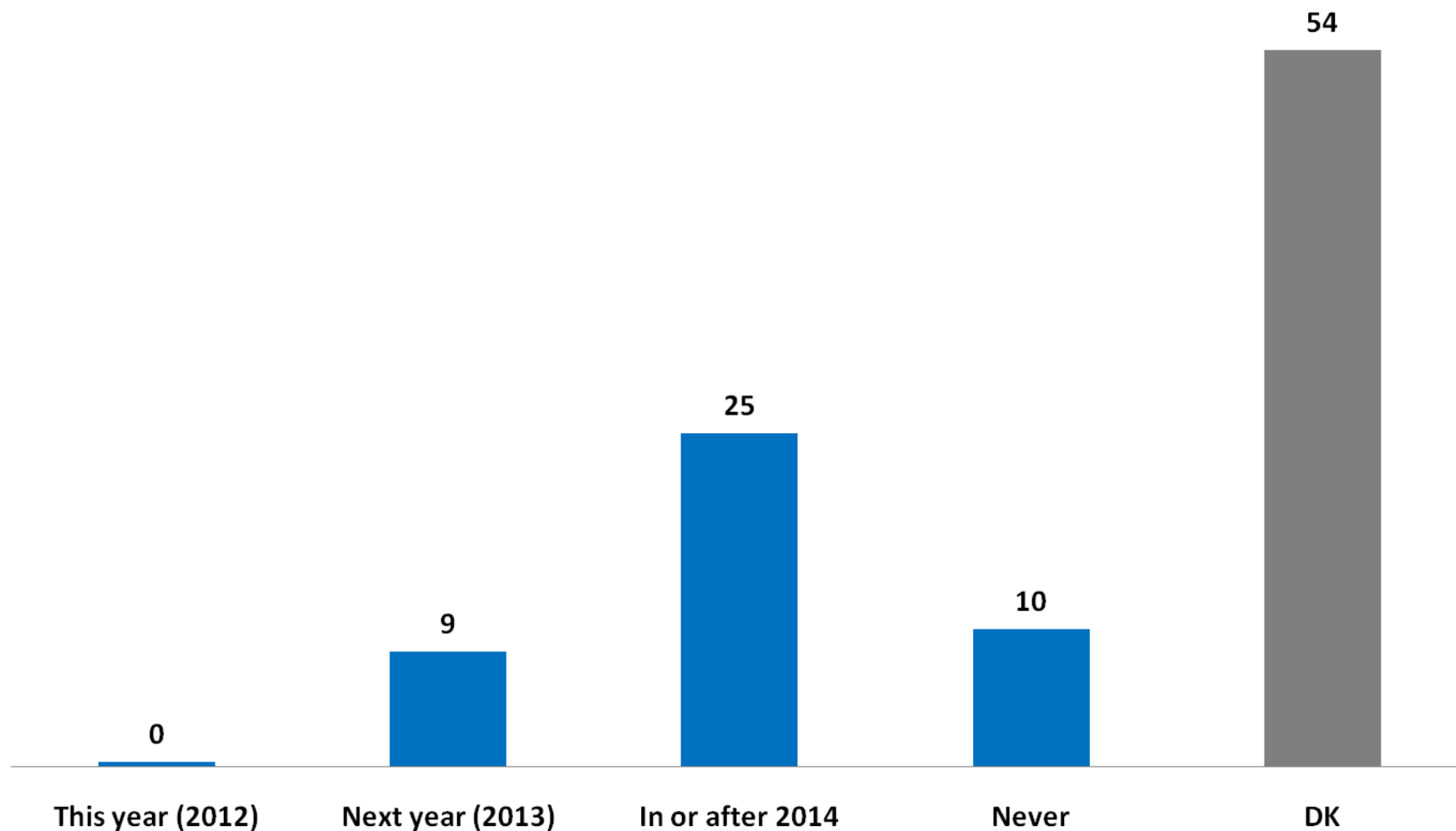


Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q61)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



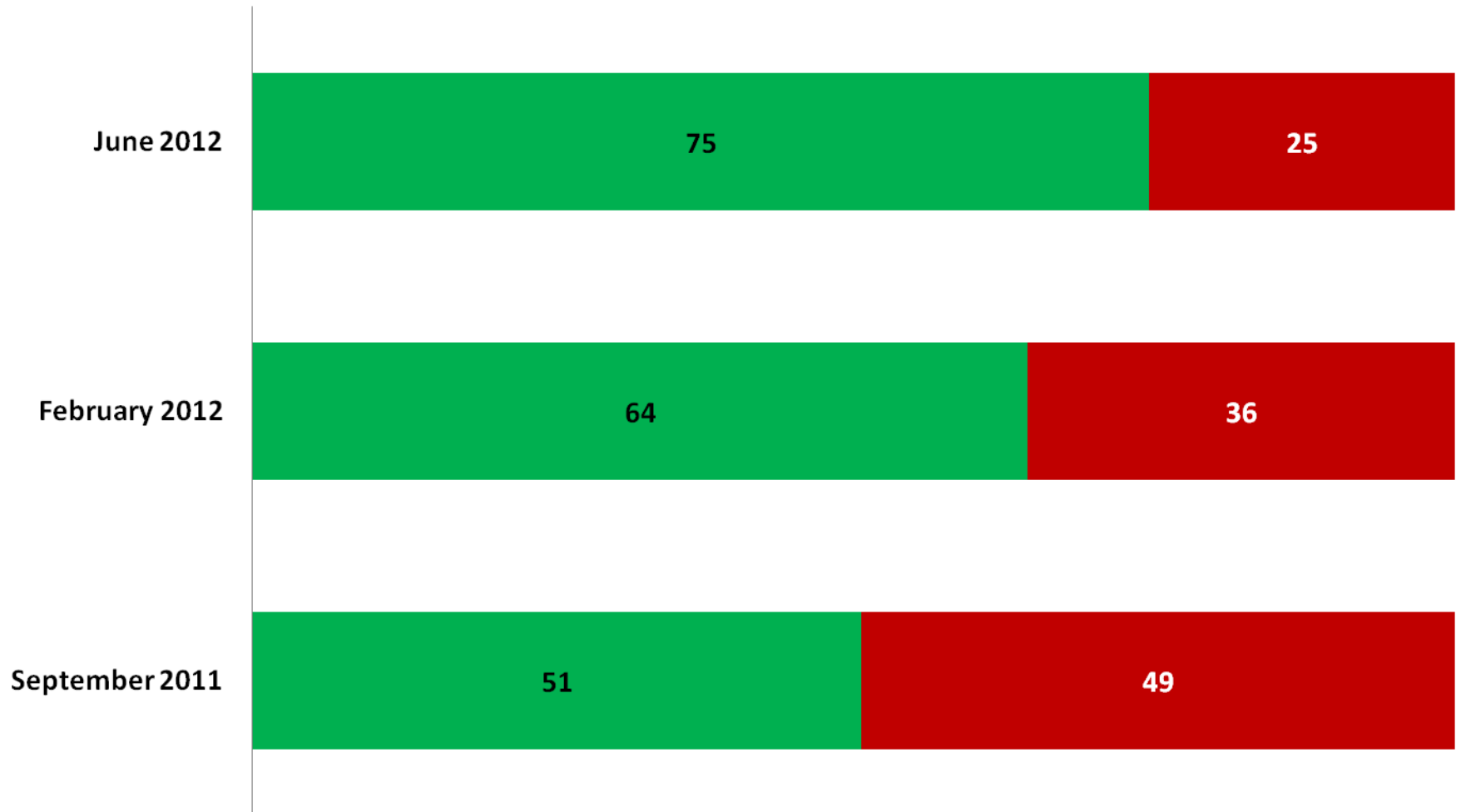
When do you think Georgia will be granted NATO membership? (q62)



Future Elections

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

■ Likely voters ■ Likely abstainers



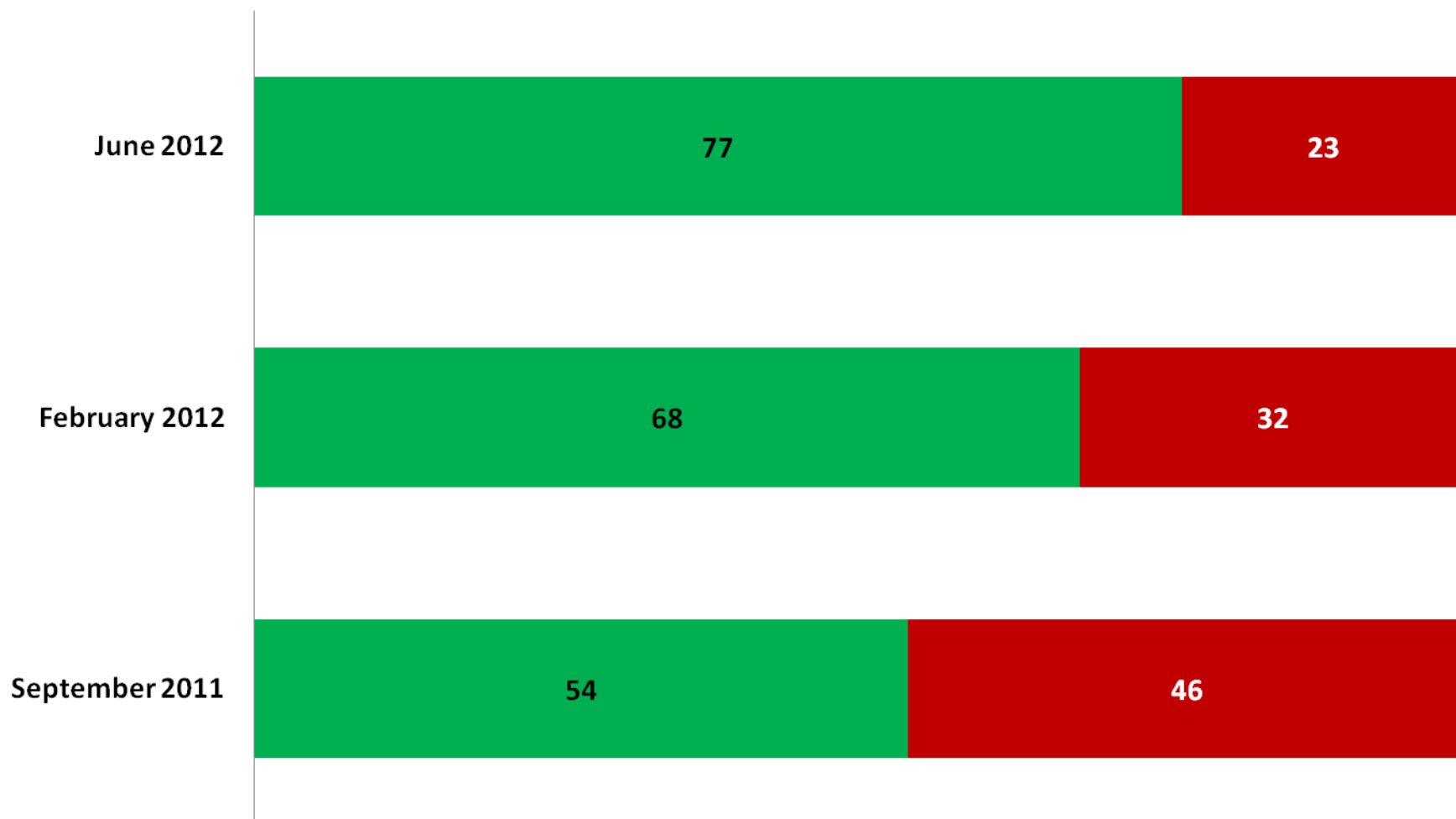
If 2012 parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q20 X Gender)

■ Likely voters ■ Likely abstainers



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

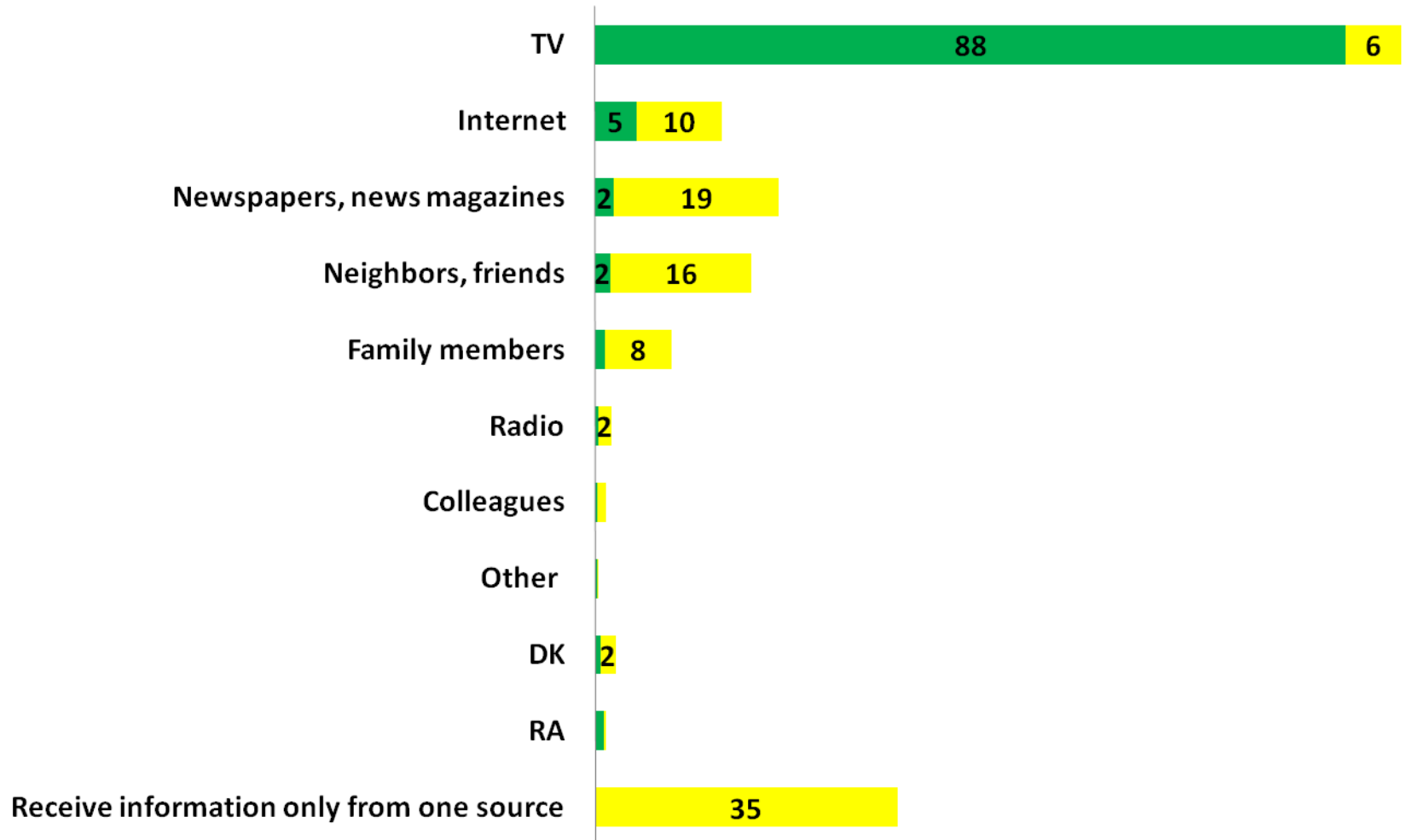
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Media

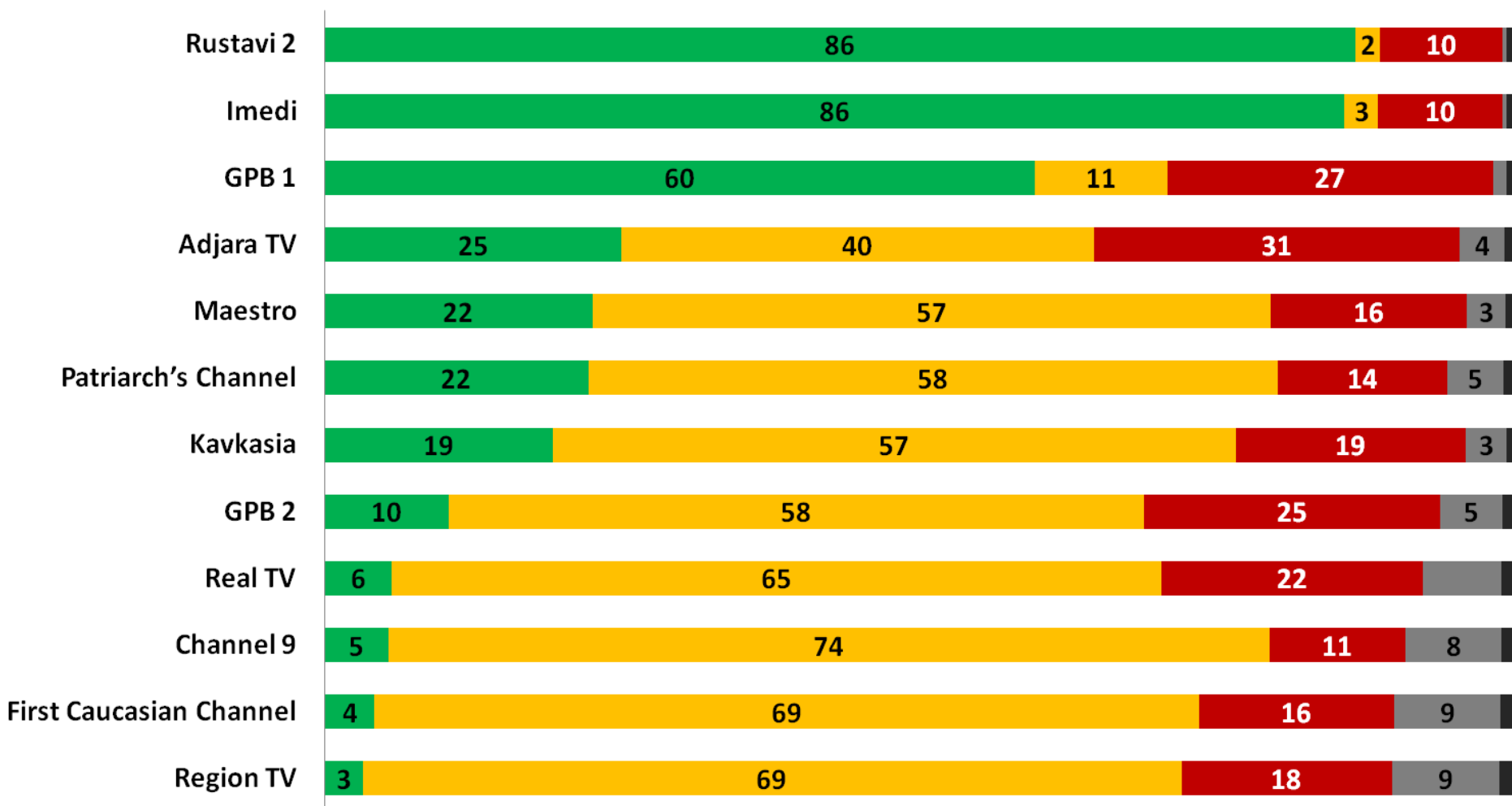
What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q63 - q64)

■ First source ■ Second source



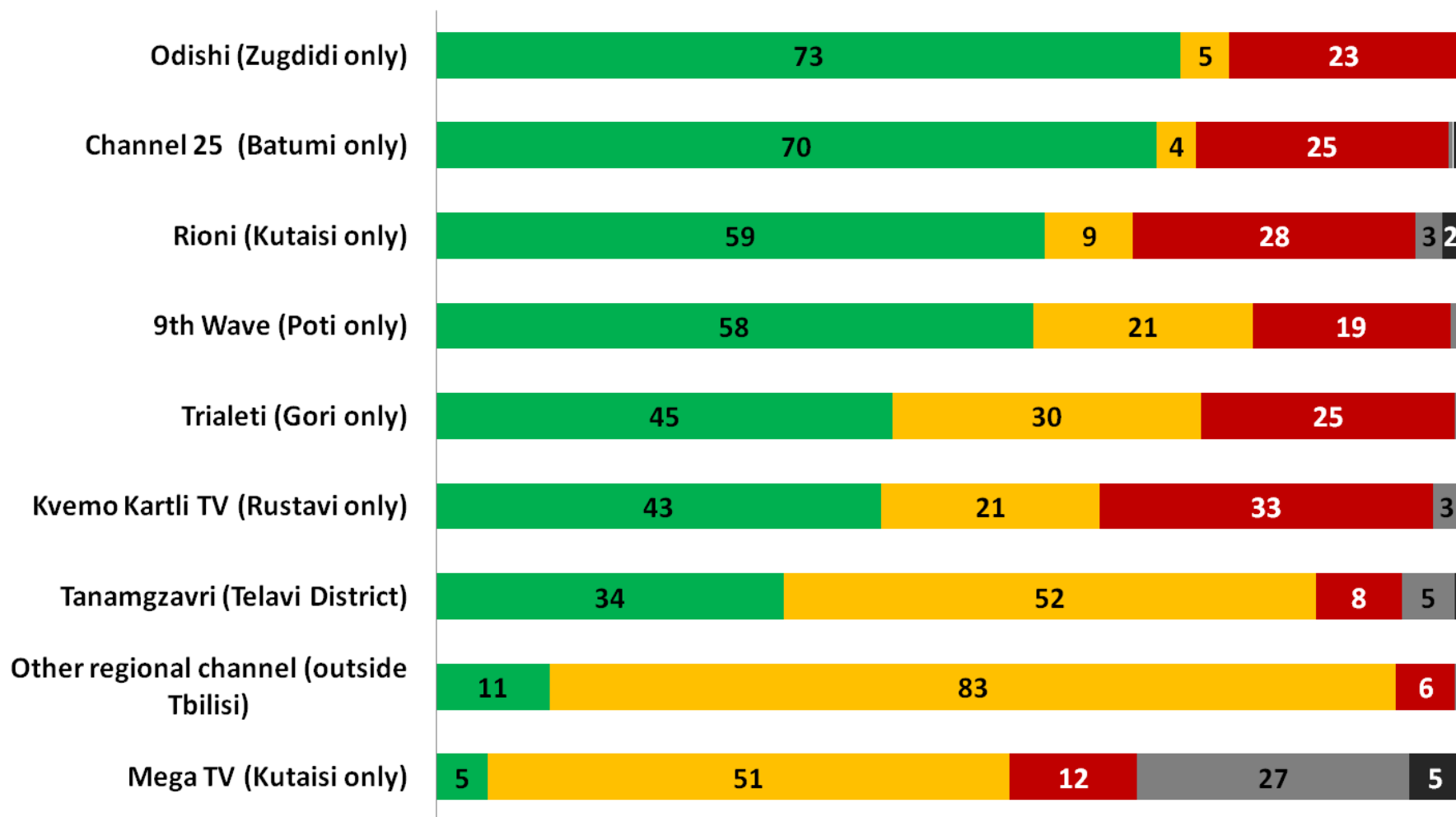
Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? (q66) National

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

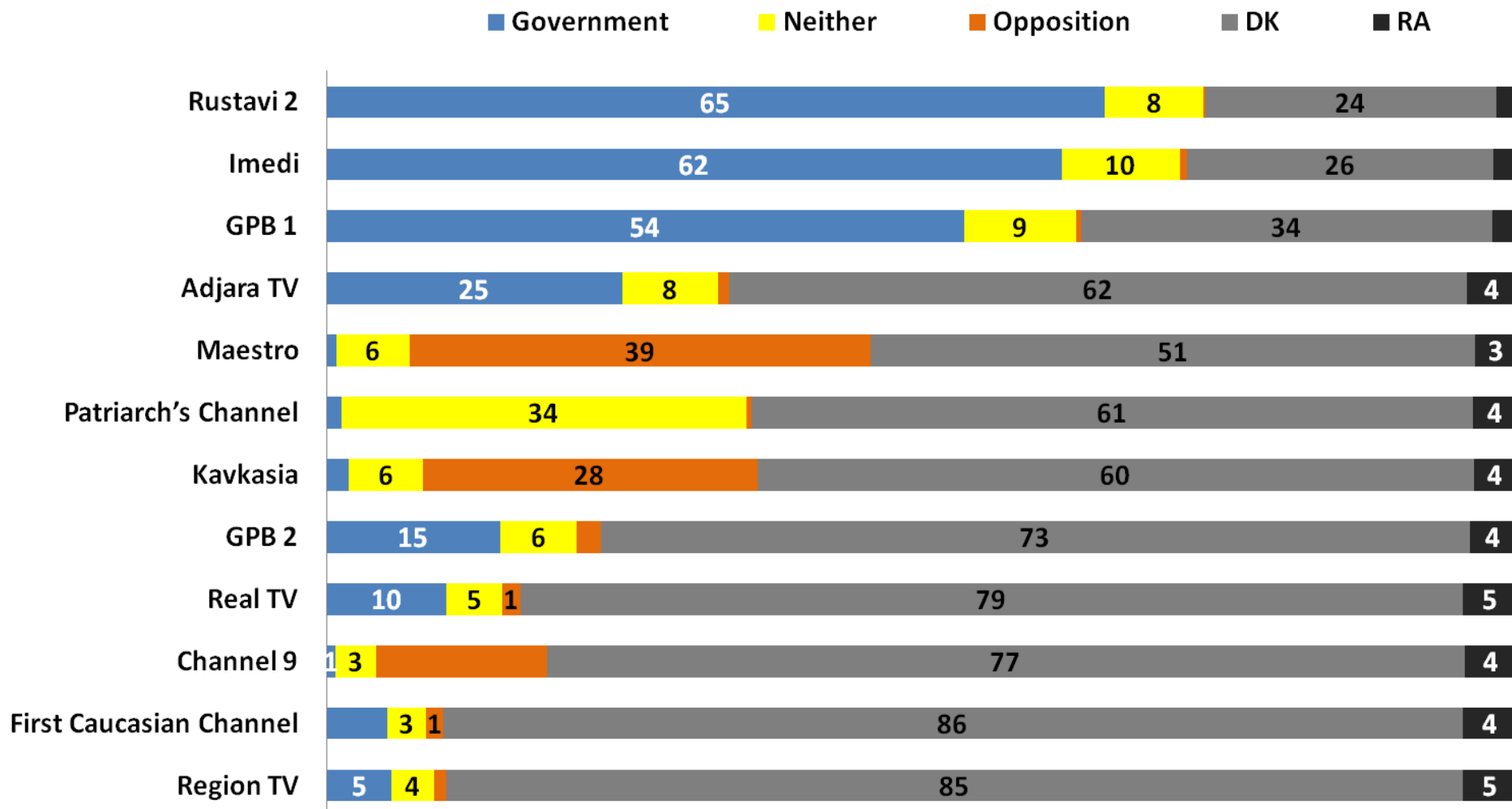


Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? (q66) Regional

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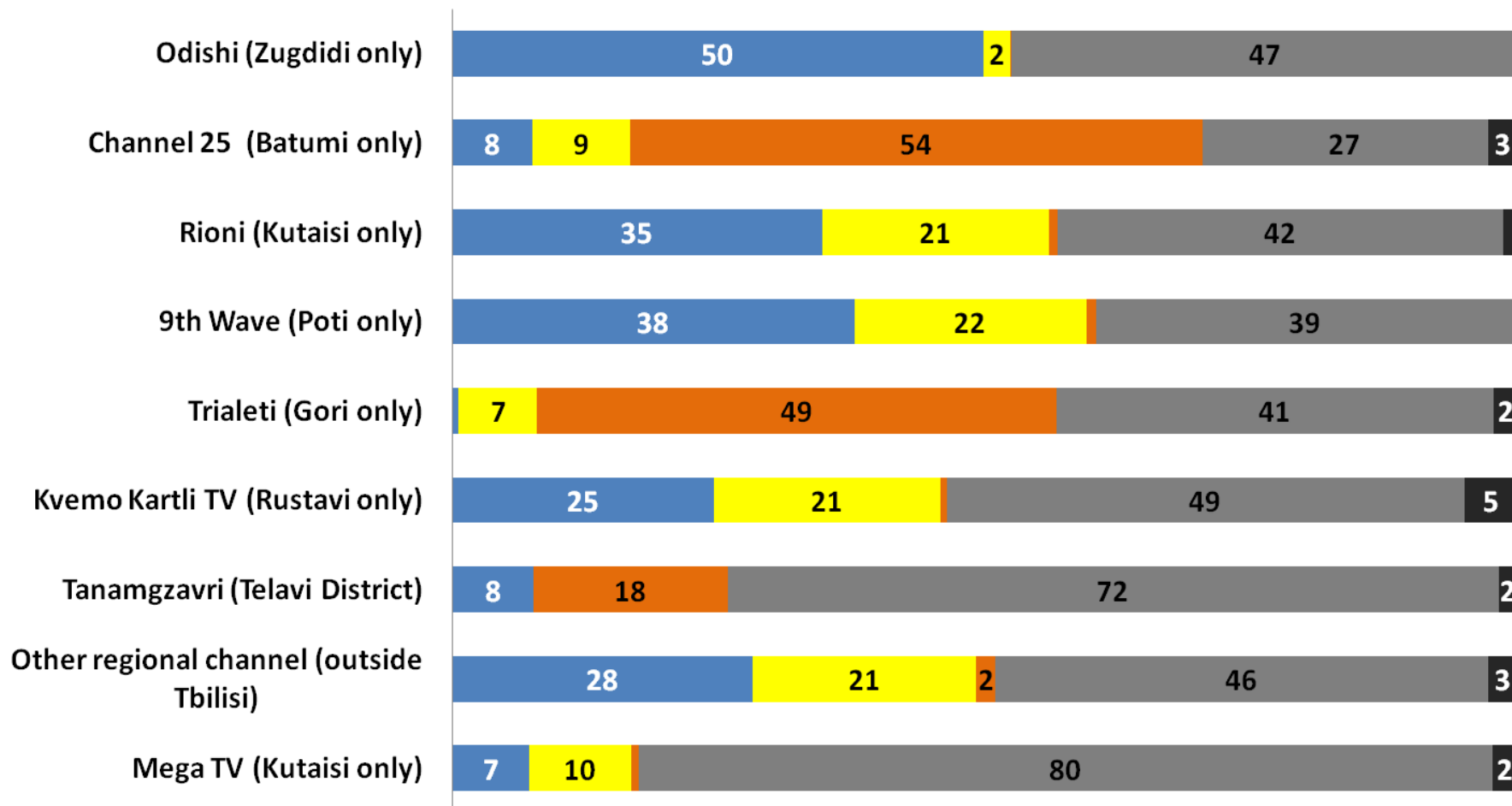


Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels mostly reflect the interests of government, opposition or neither? (q67) National



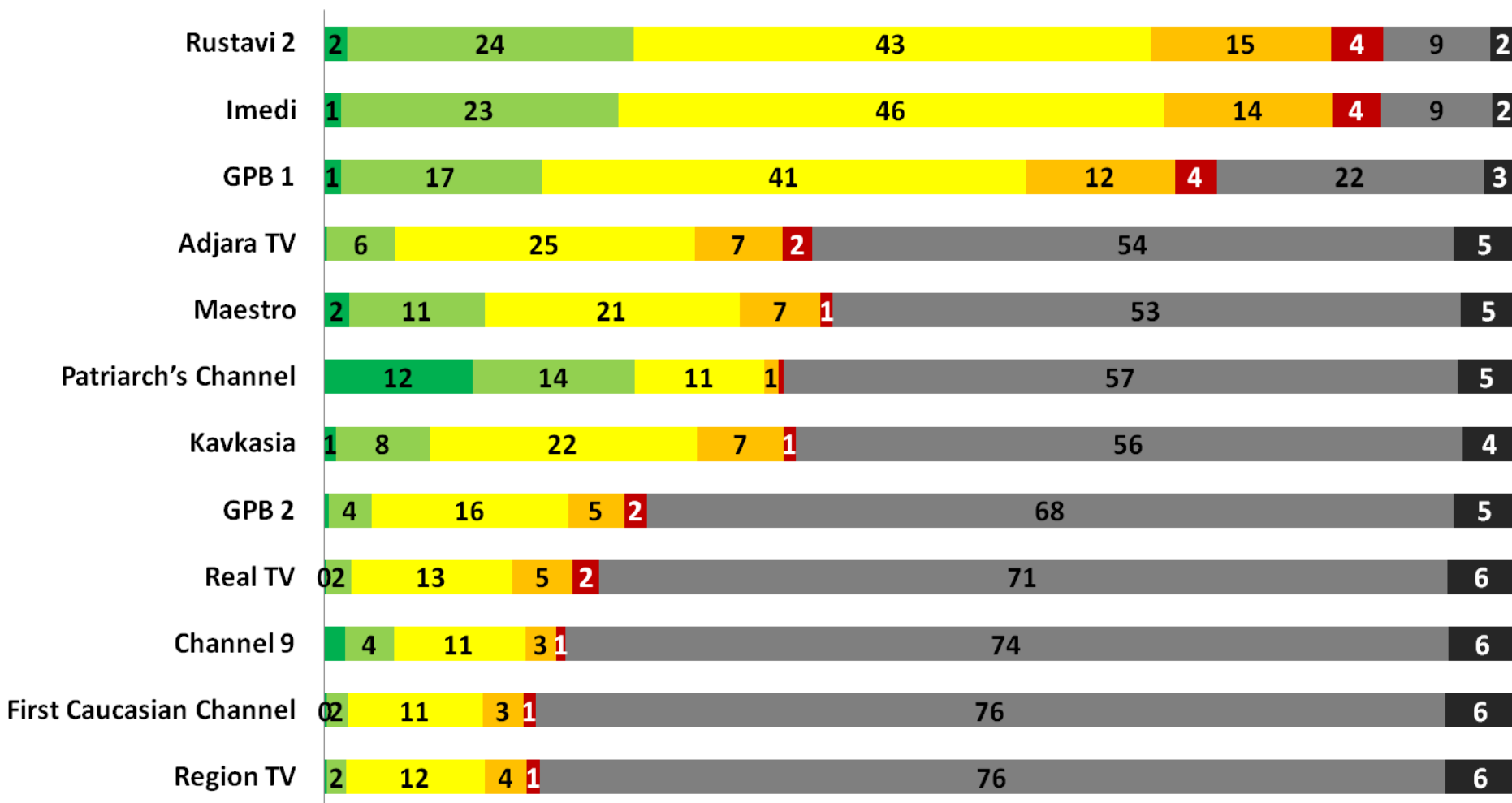
Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels mostly reflect the interests of government, opposition or neither? (q67) Regional

■ Government ■ Neither ■ Opposition ■ DK ■ RA



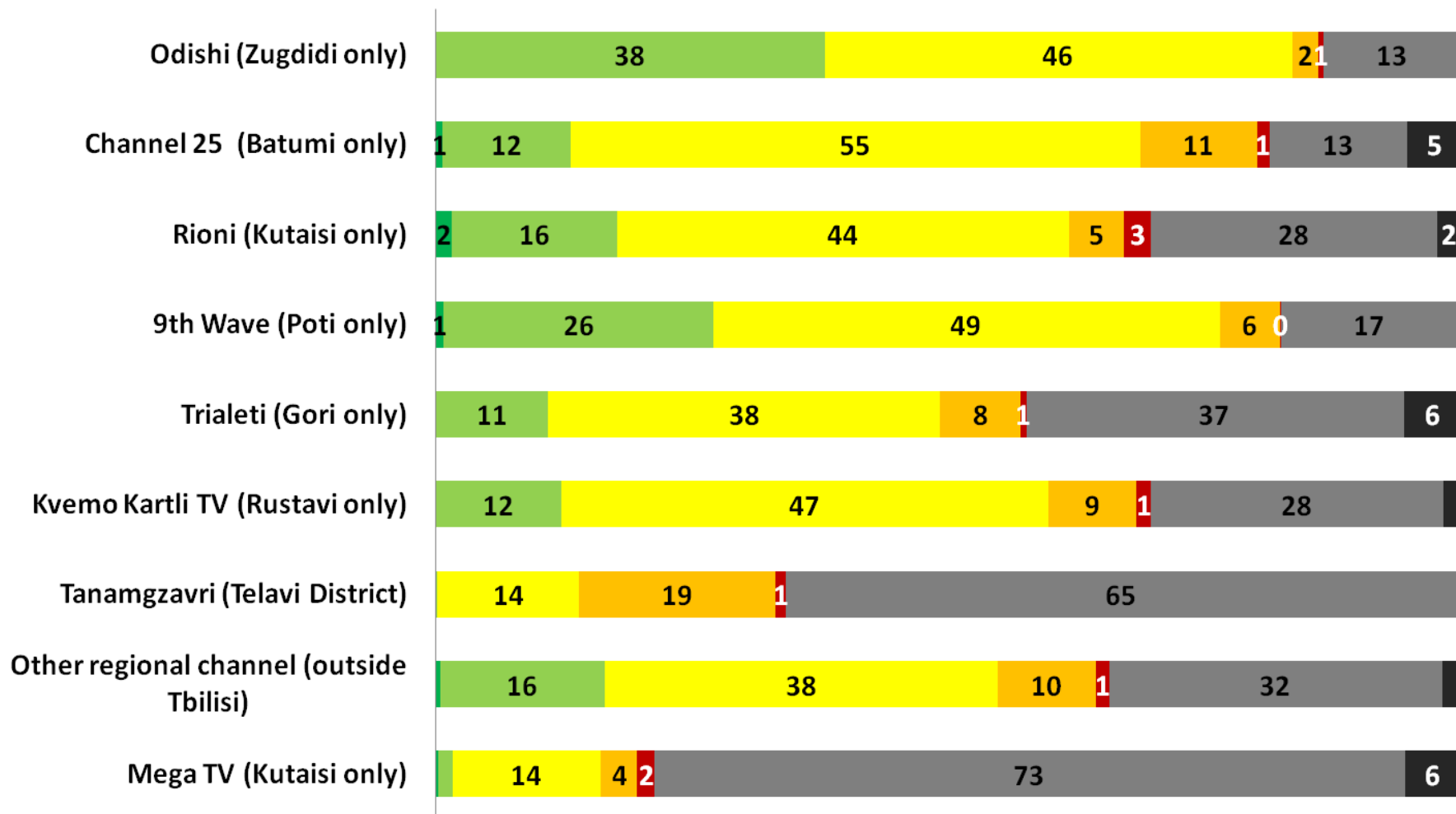
In general, how much do you trust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? (q68) National

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



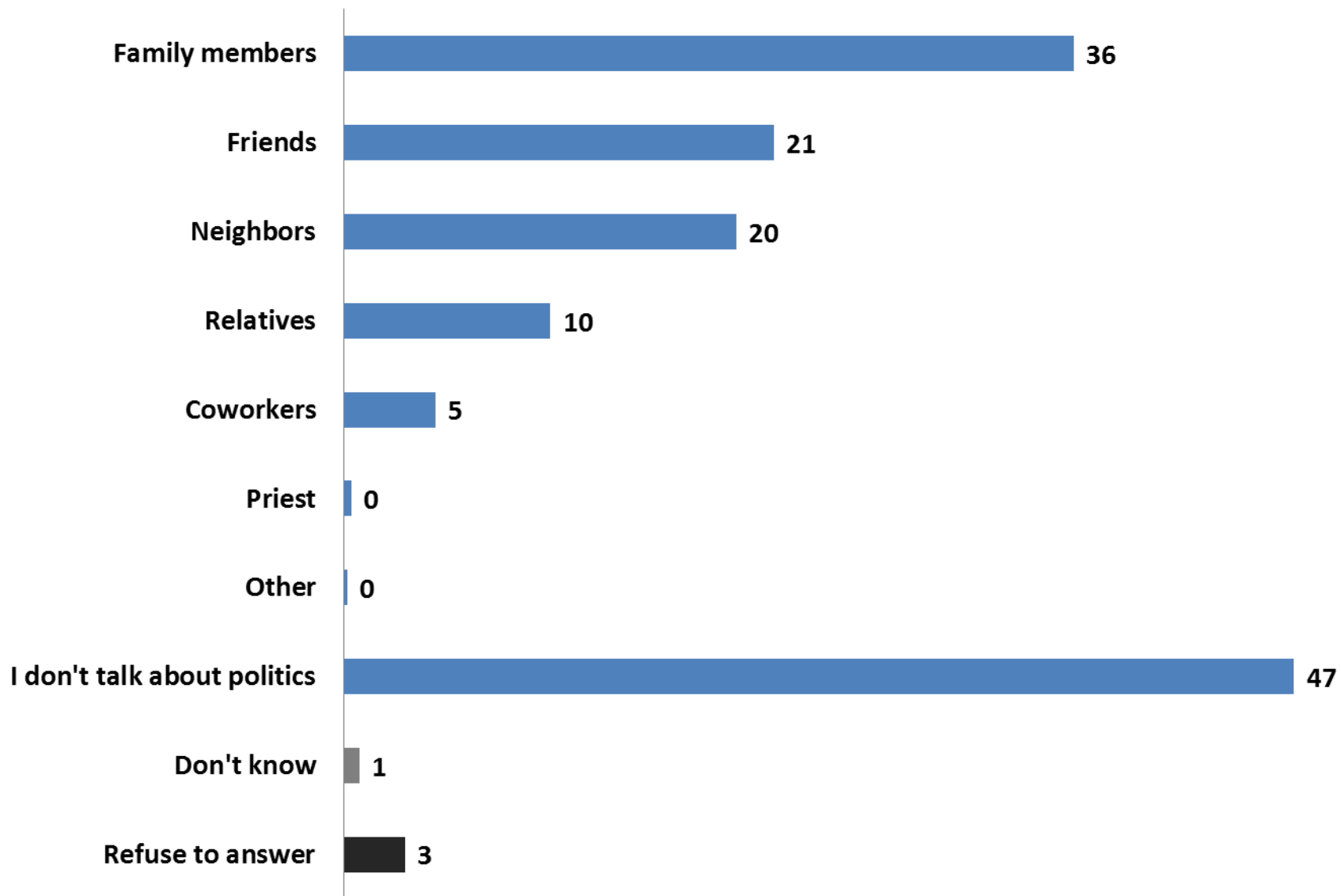
In general, how much do you trust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? (q68) Regional

■ Fully trust
 ■ Trust
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Do not trust
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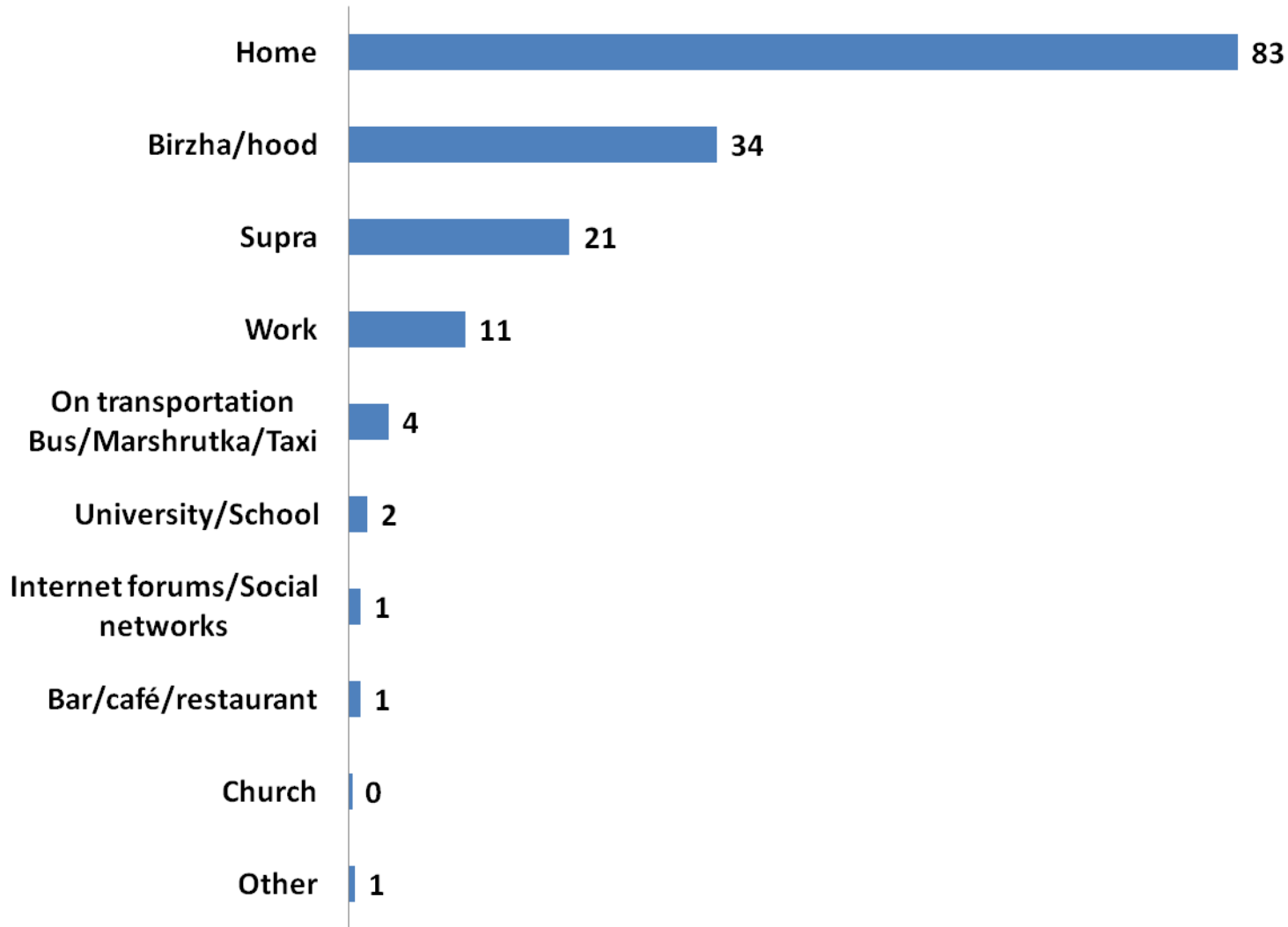


Demographics

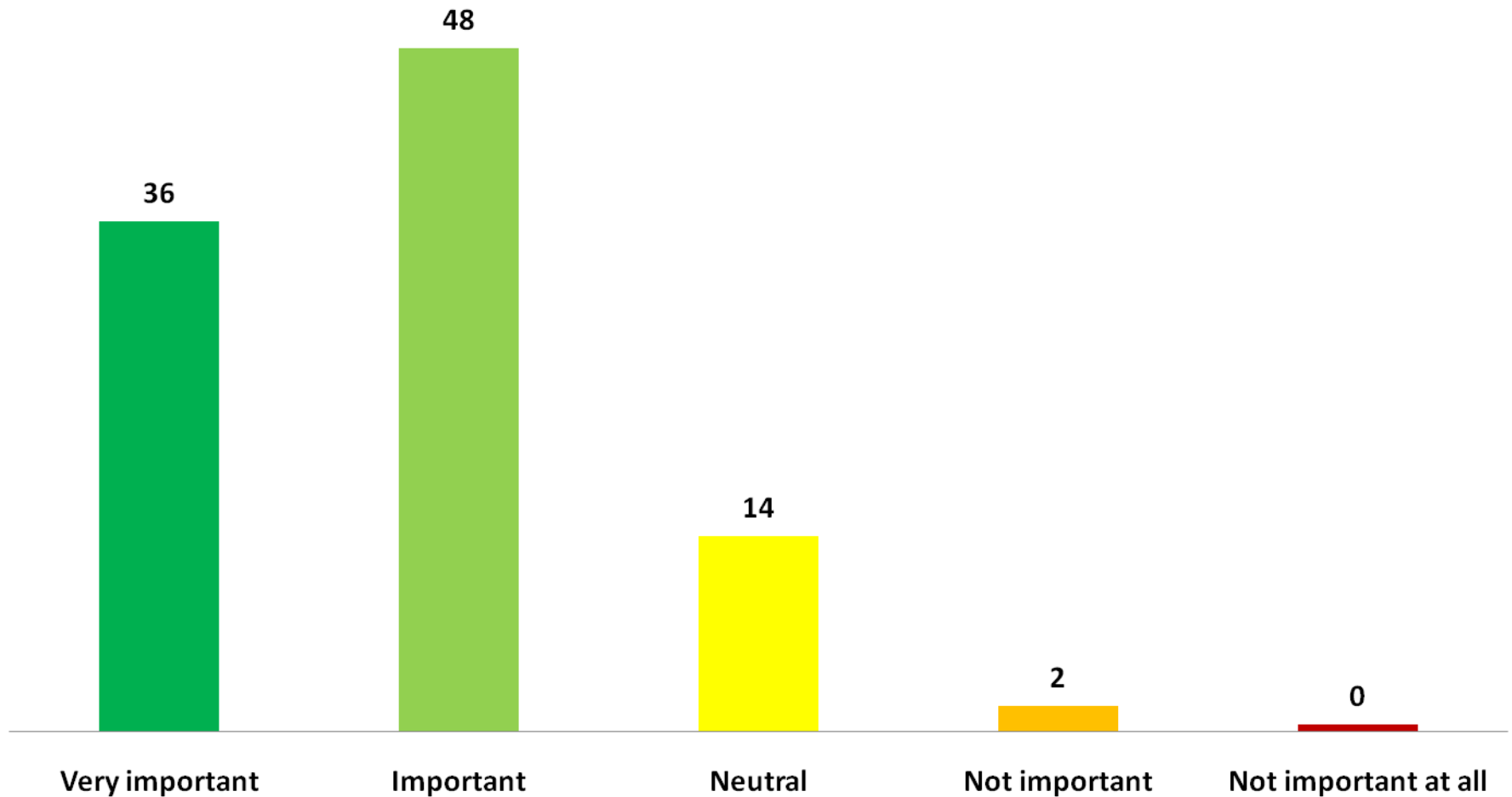
With whom do you talk about politics? - Select all that apply (q101)



**Where do you talk about politics?
(q102 - of 49% who talk about politics)**



How important are your own religious beliefs in making decisions in daily life? (q113)



**Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals,
about how often do you attend religious services? (q114)**

