



Public attitudes in Georgia:

Results of a September 2013 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: August 18 - September 3, 2013
 - 3,838 completed interviews
 - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Capital, Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas. Also additional representative samples of the self governing cities of Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti and Rustavi, as well as the districts of Telavi, Gori, Akhaltsikhe, Zugdidi and Ambrolauri.
- **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 is +/- 2%

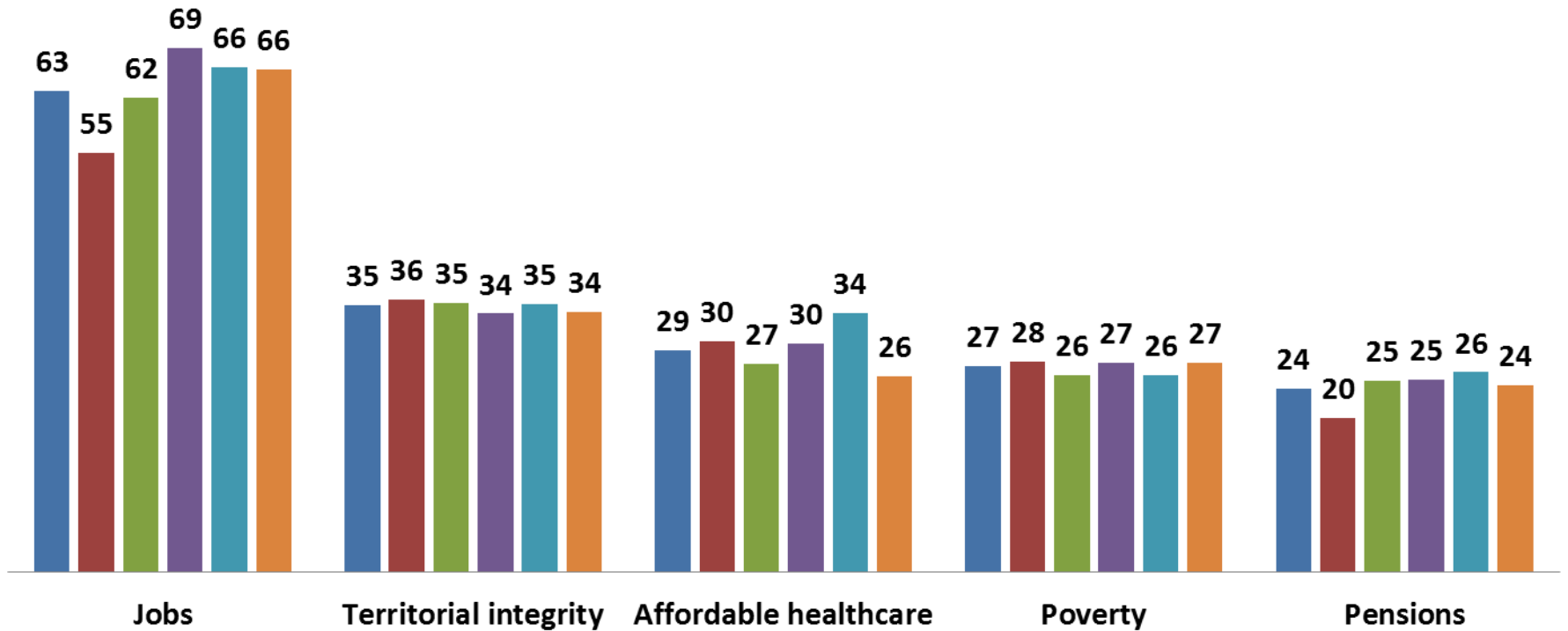
Methodology – Historical Waves

- 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:
 - **June 2013:**
 - Fieldwork dates: June 12 – 26, 2013
 - 2,338 completed interviews
 - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Capital, Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas.
 - The average margin of error does not exceed +/-2.9%
 - **March 2013:**
 - Fieldwork dates: March 13 – 27, 2013
 - 3,103 completed interviews
 - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Capital, Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas.
 - The average margin of error does not exceed +/- 2.5%
 - **November 2012**
 - Fieldwork dates: November 14 – 25, 2012
 - 1,947 completed interviews
 - A nationally representative sample including capital, urban, rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas
 - The average margin of error does not exceed +/- 3%

National and Local Issues

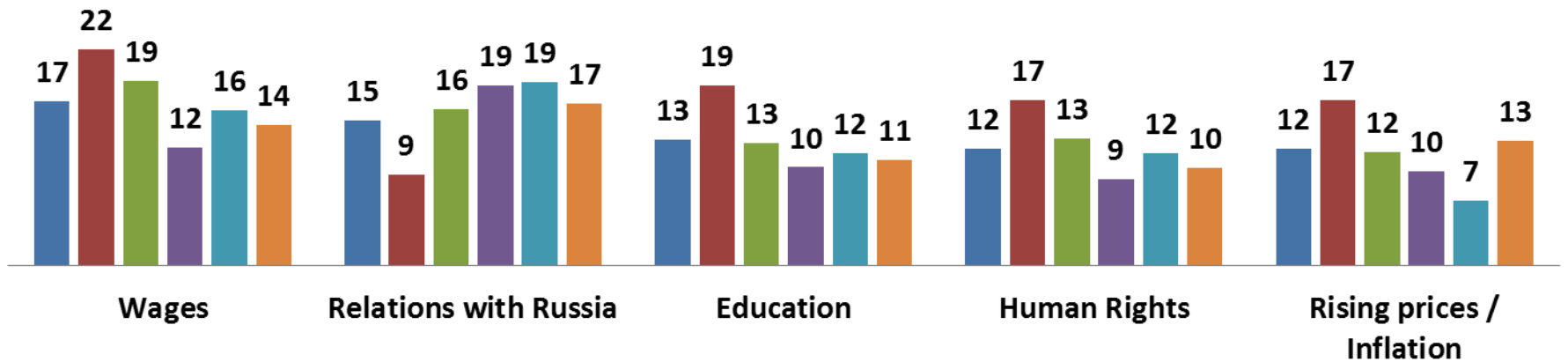
Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 1

■ National ■ Capital ■ Urban ■ Rural ■ East Georgia ■ West Georgia



Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 2

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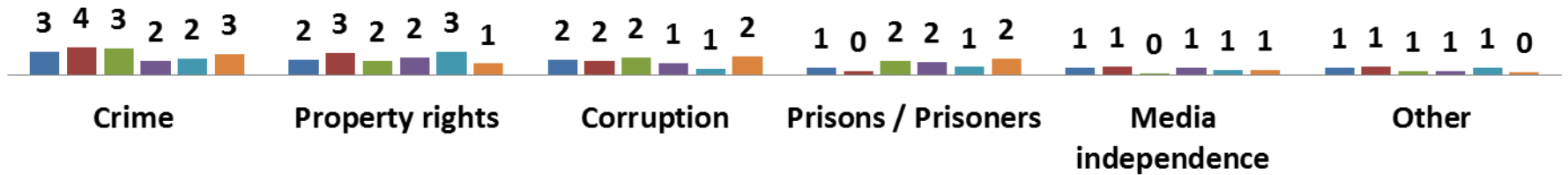
Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 3

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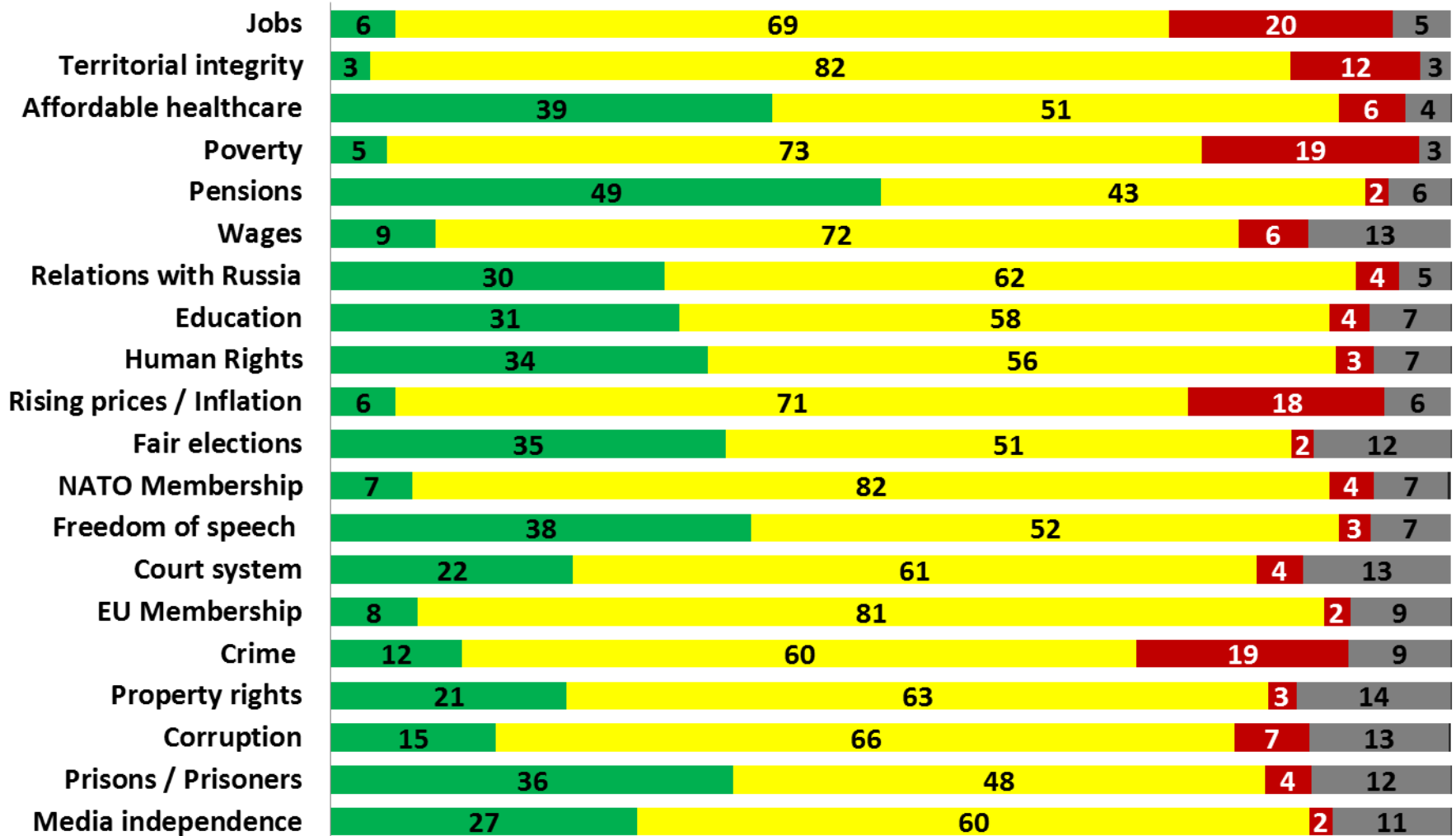
Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 4

■ National
 ■ Capital
 ■ Urban
 ■ Rural
 ■ East Georgia
 ■ West Georgia

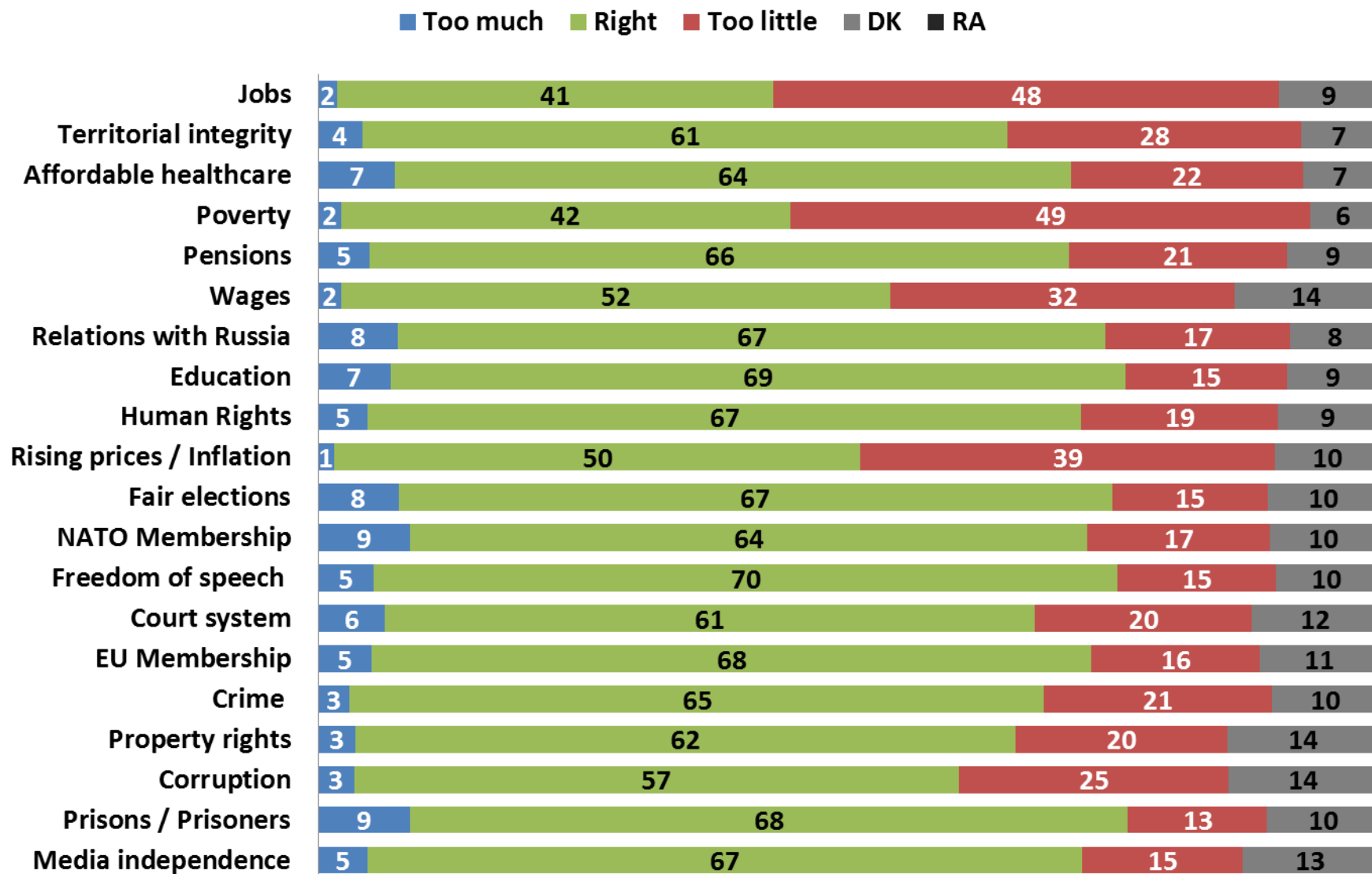


How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q2)

■ Better ■ Same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

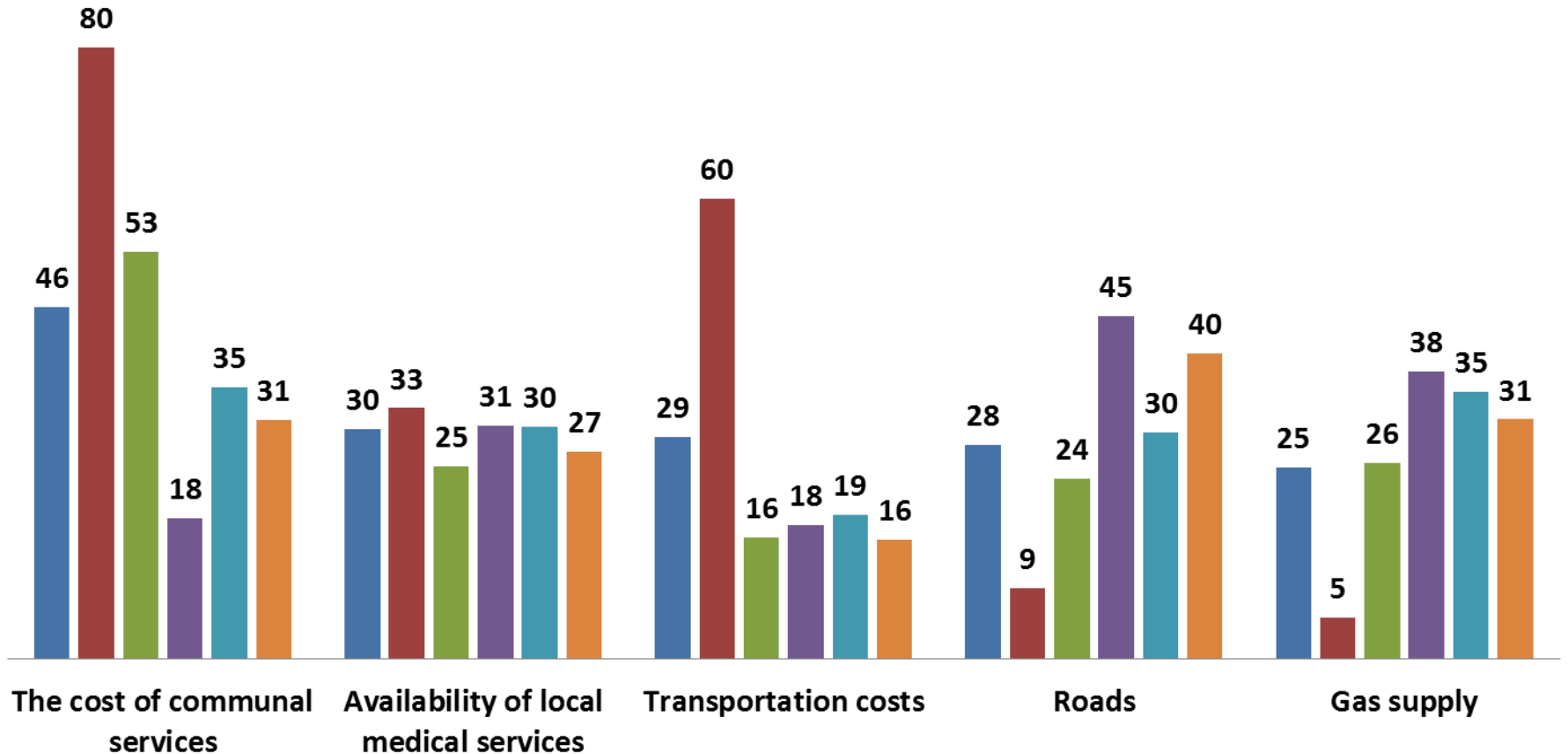


Politicians in Georgia talk about ... too much, the right amount or too little? (q3)



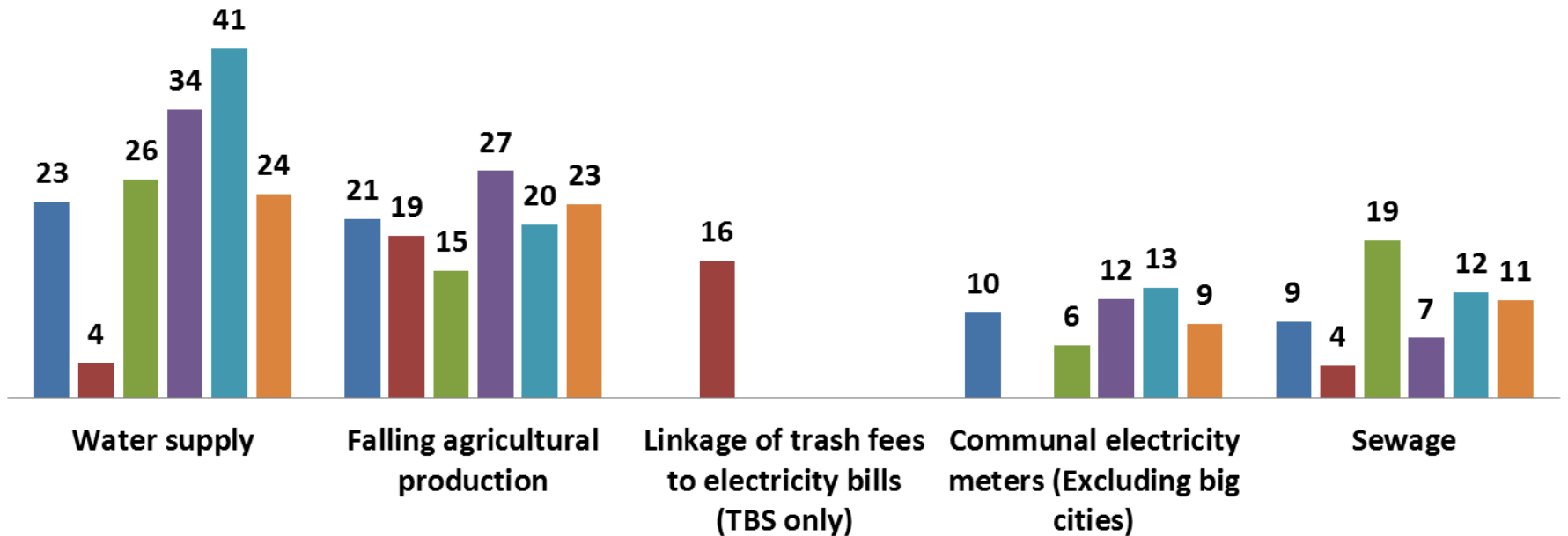
Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 1

■ National ■ Capital ■ Urban ■ Rural ■ East Georgia ■ West Georgia



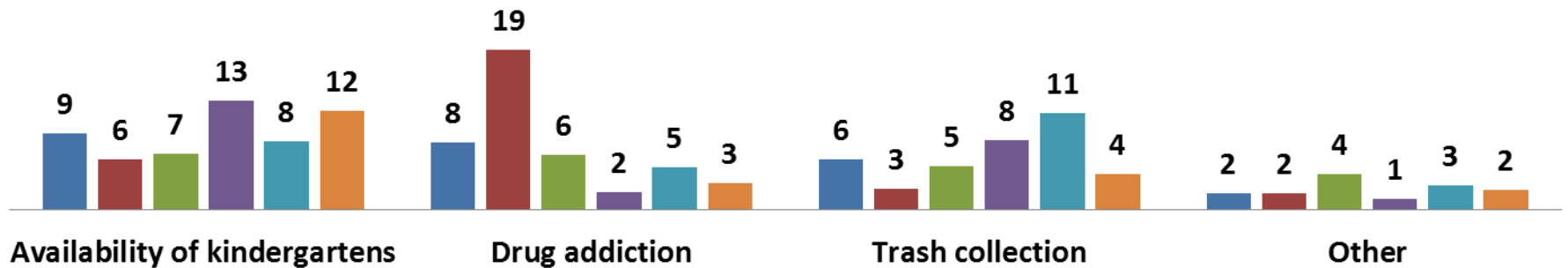
Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 2

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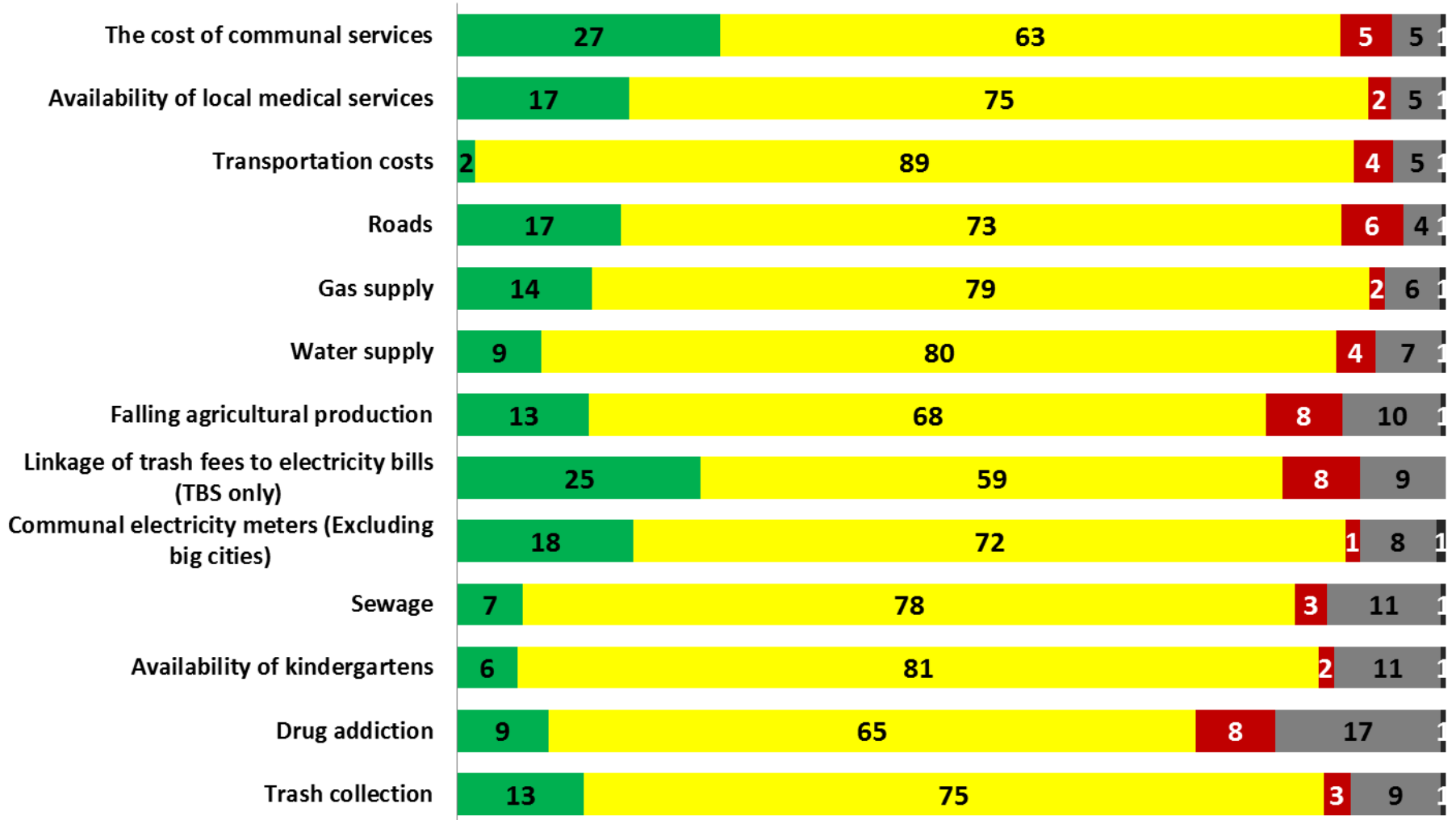
Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 3

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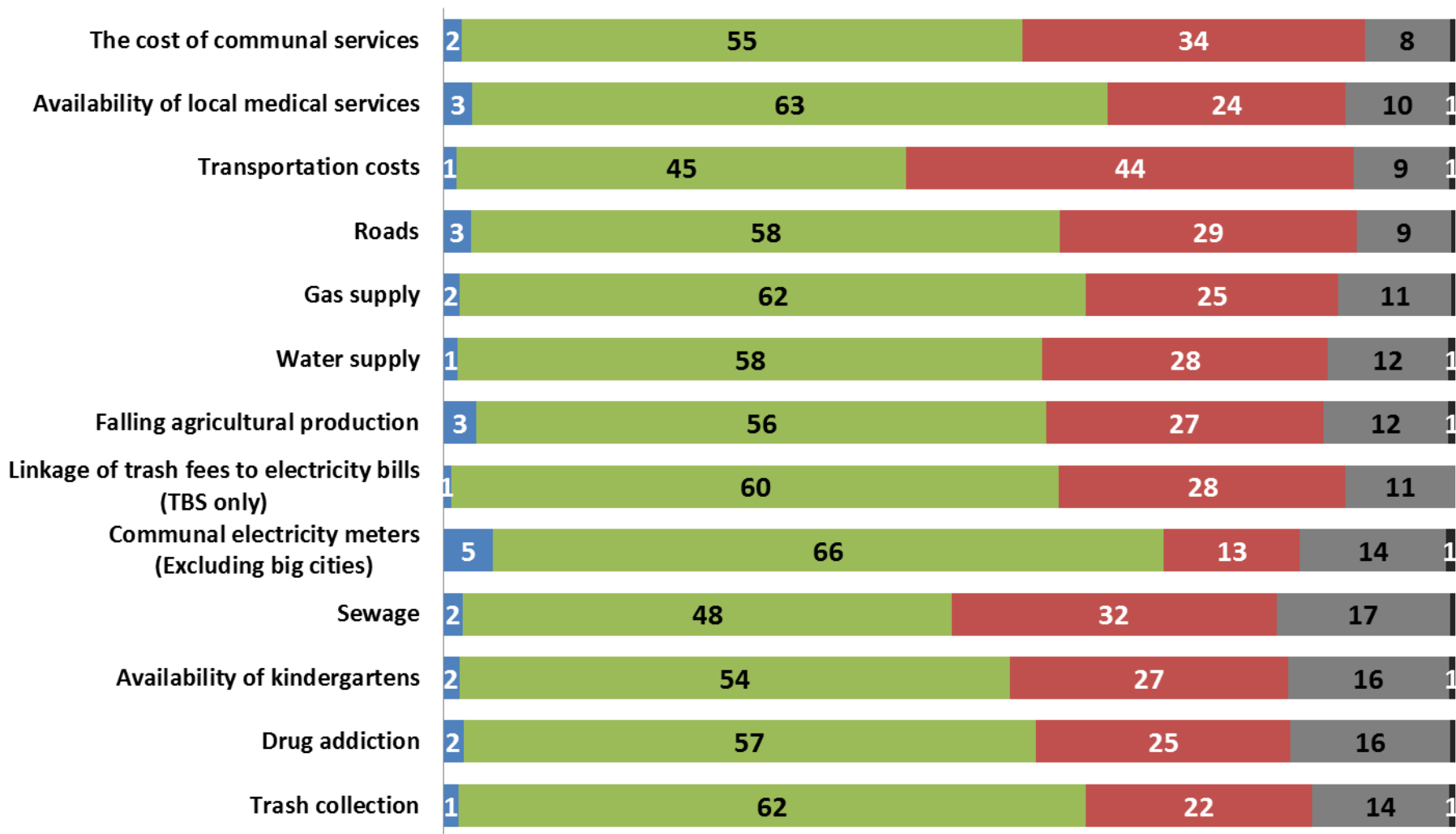
How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q5)

■ Better ■ Same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA

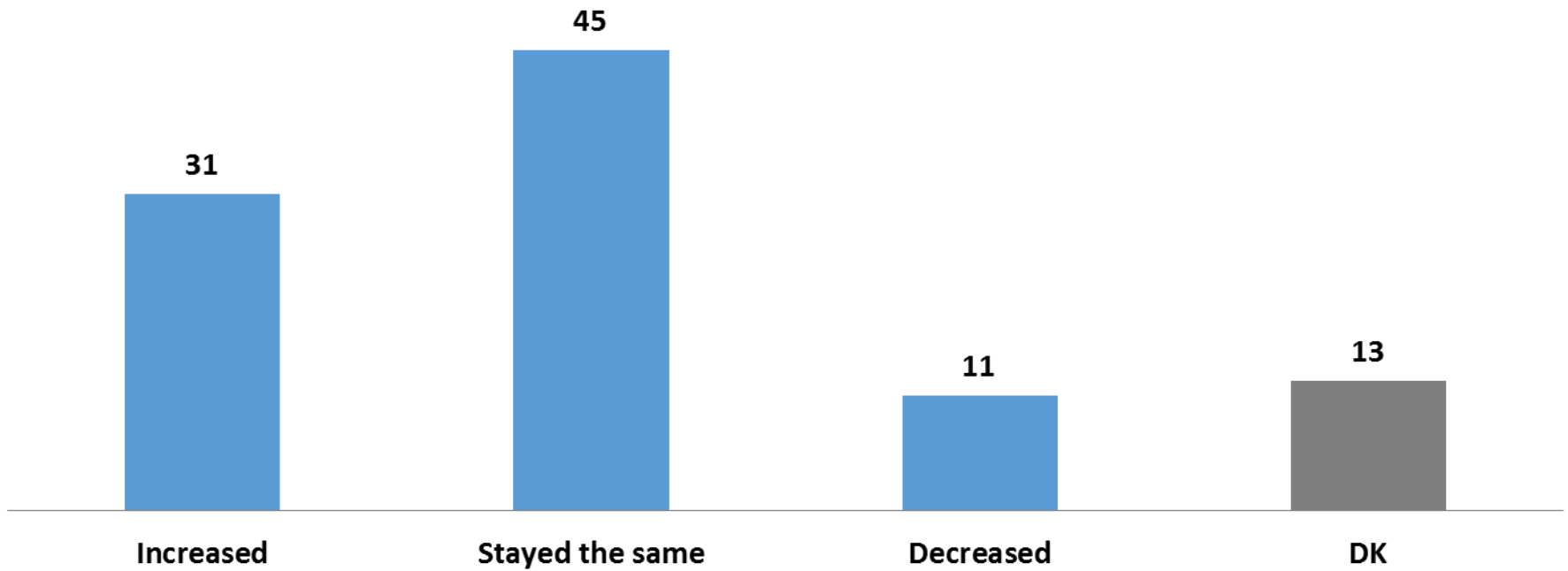


Politicians in Georgia talk about ... too much, the right amount or too little? (q6)

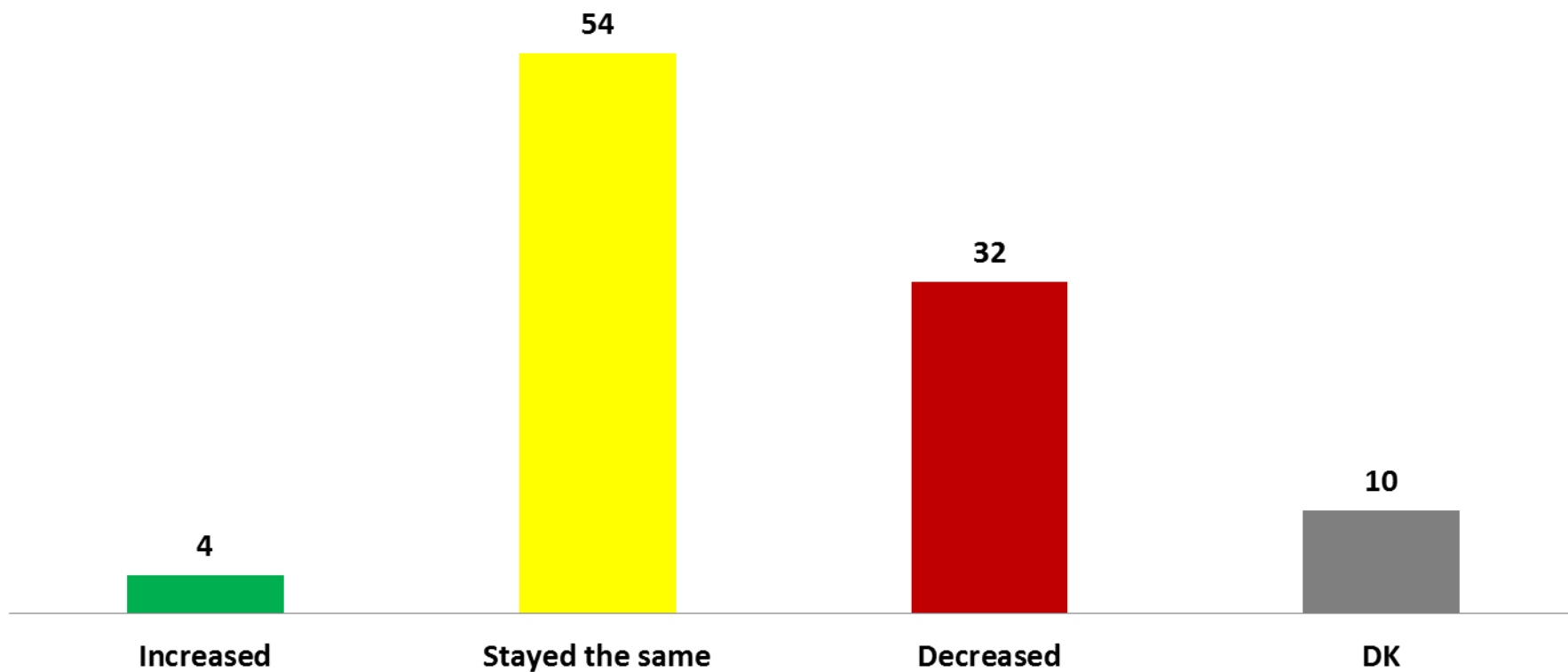
■ Too much
 ■ Right
 ■ Too little
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



After the parliamentary elections of October 2012 has the level of crime in Georgia ... (q12)

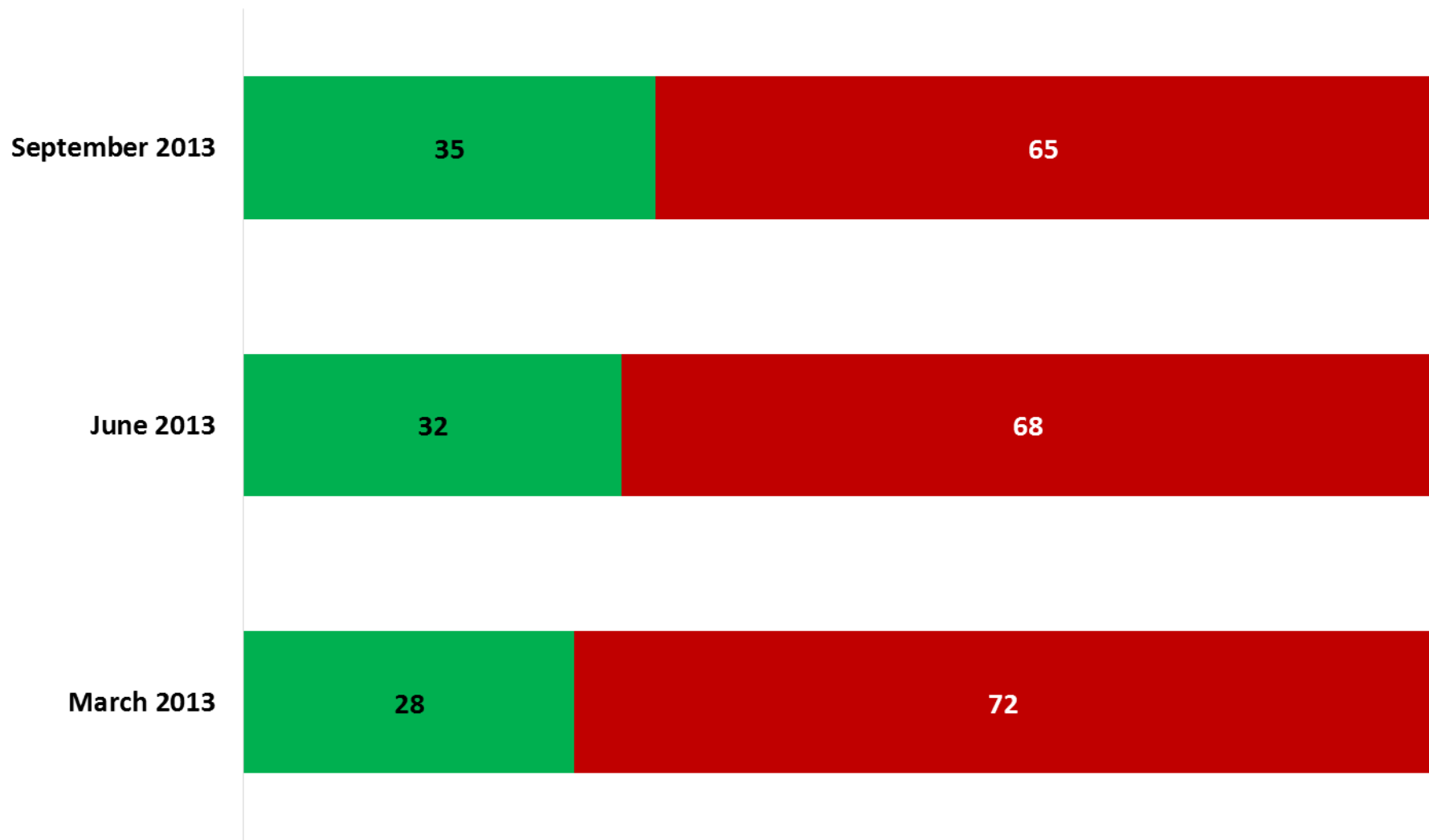


After the parliamentary elections of October 2012 has the number of jobs available in Georgia ... (q11)



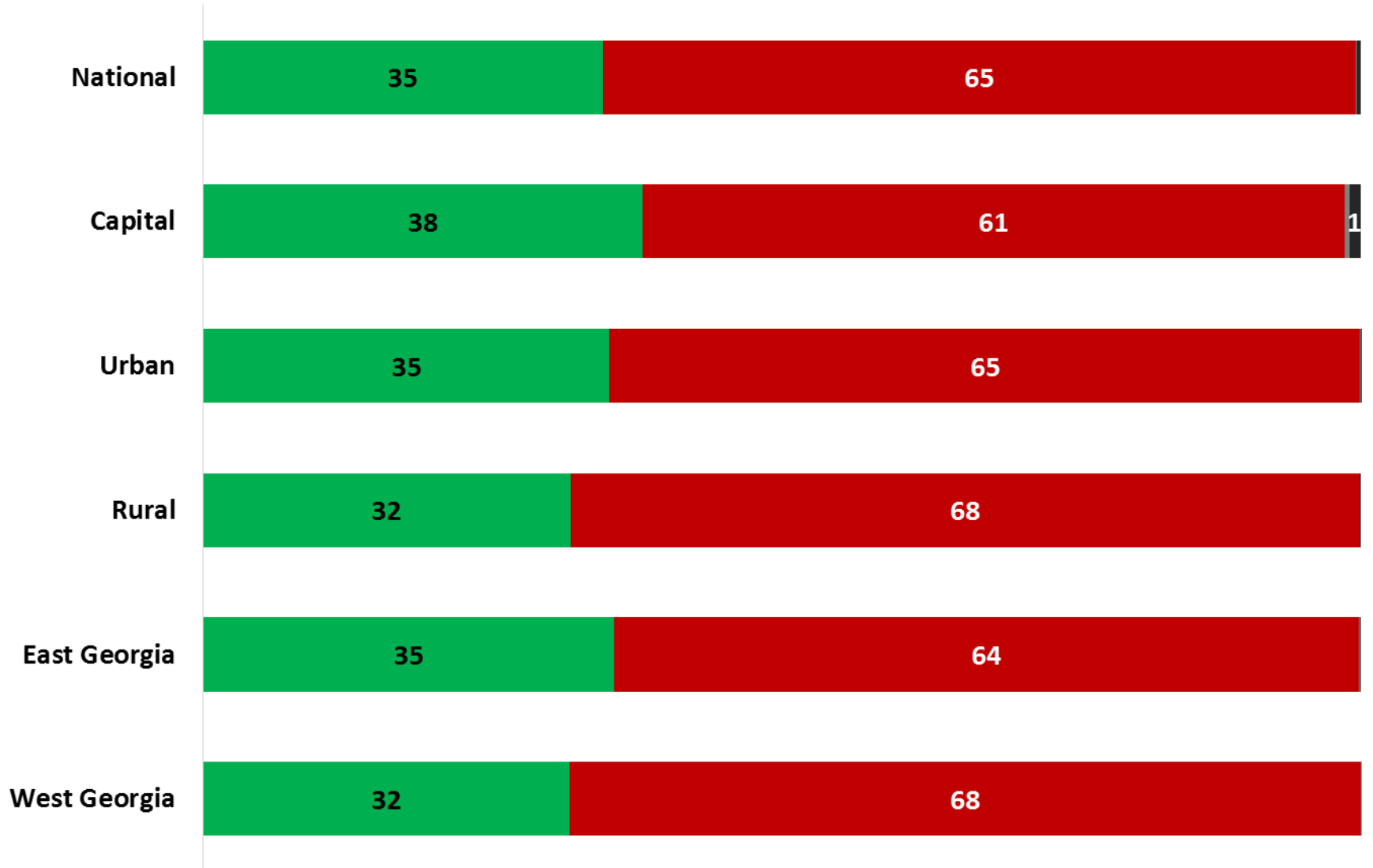
Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q89)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q89 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA



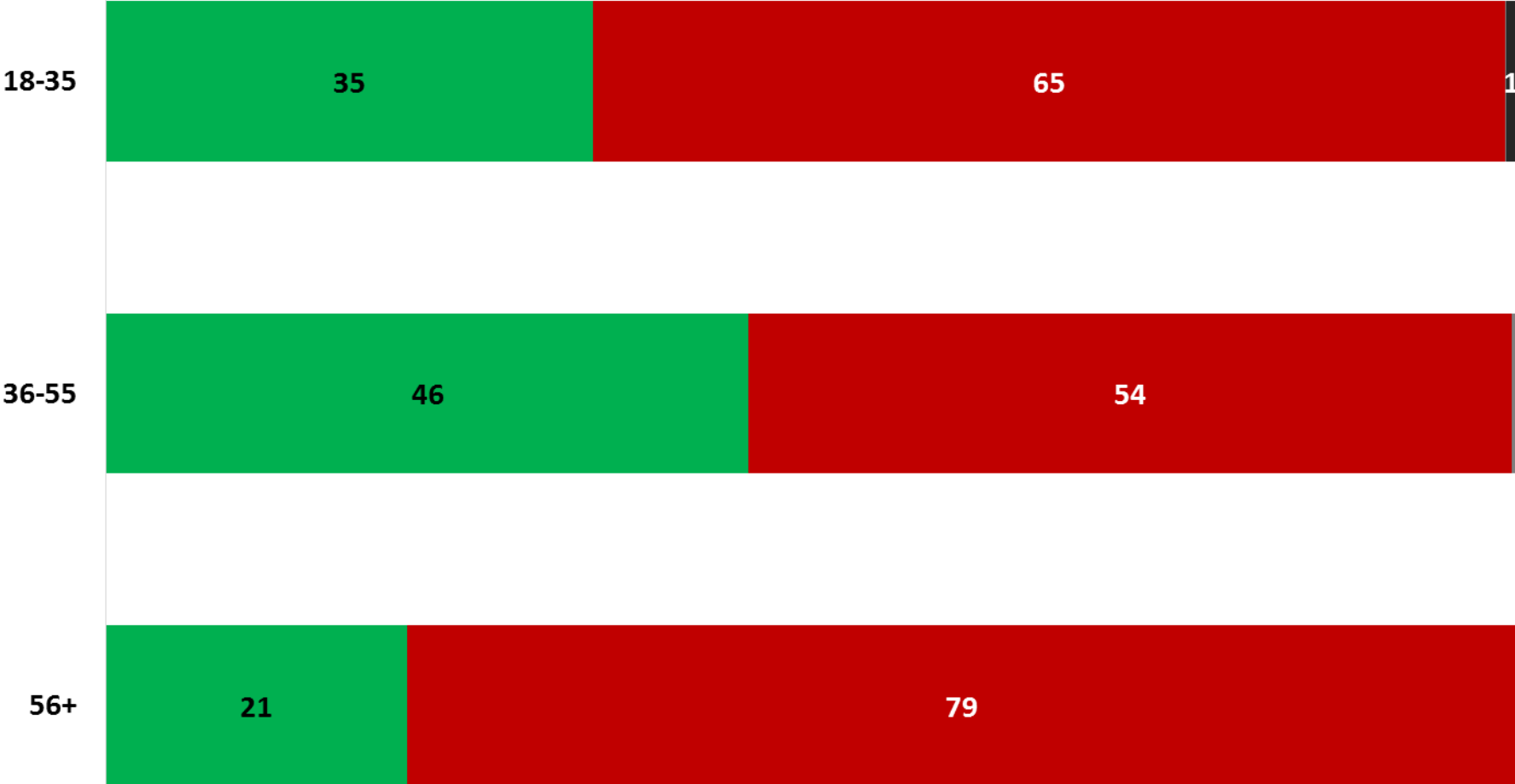
Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q89 X Gender)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA

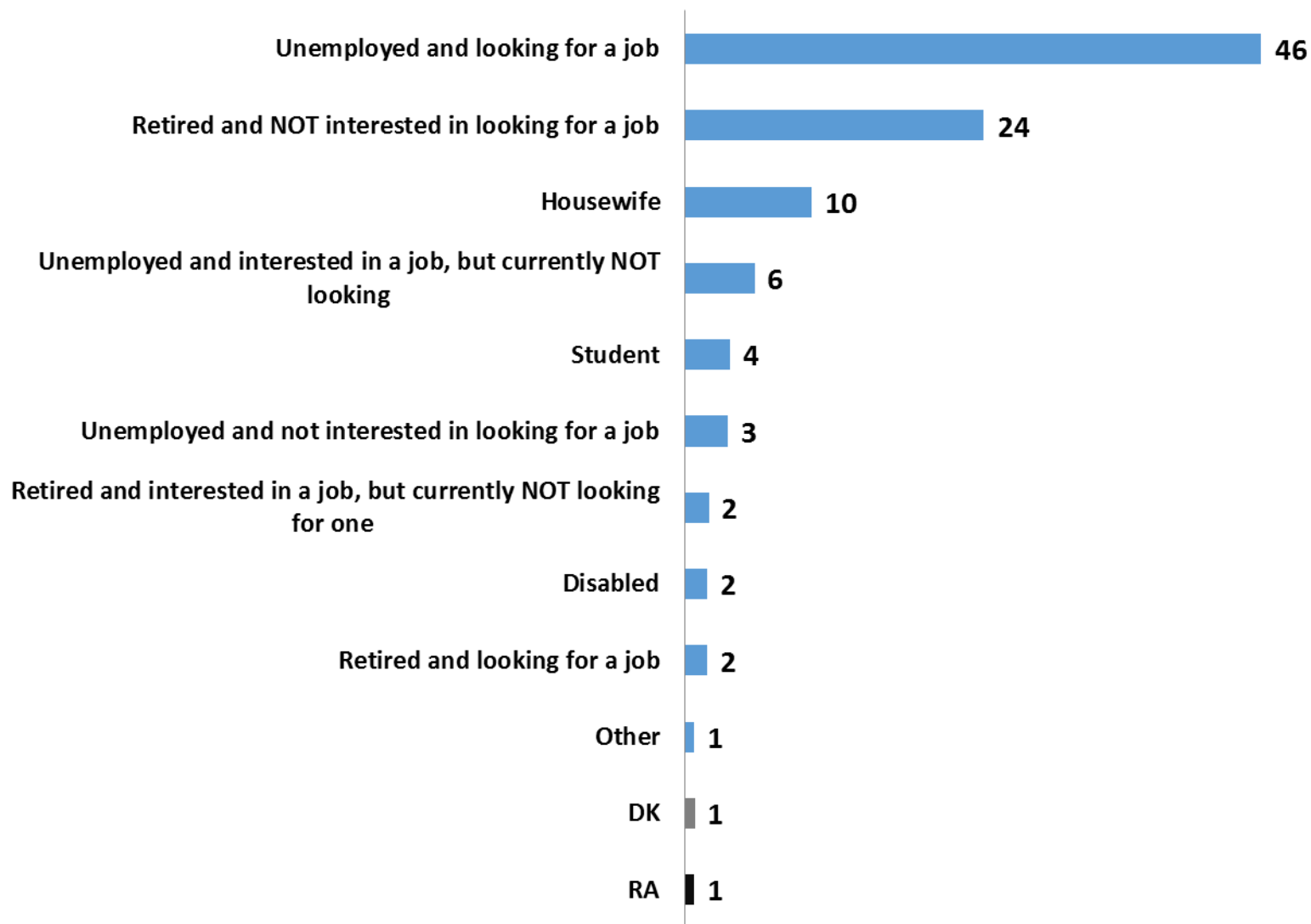


Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q89 X Age)

Yes No DK RA





Which of the following best describes your situation? (q91) - of the 65% who are unemployed





Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:

 35%--Employed (full or part time)

 31%--Unemployed and looking for work (This includes both unemployed and retired persons who are looking for work.)

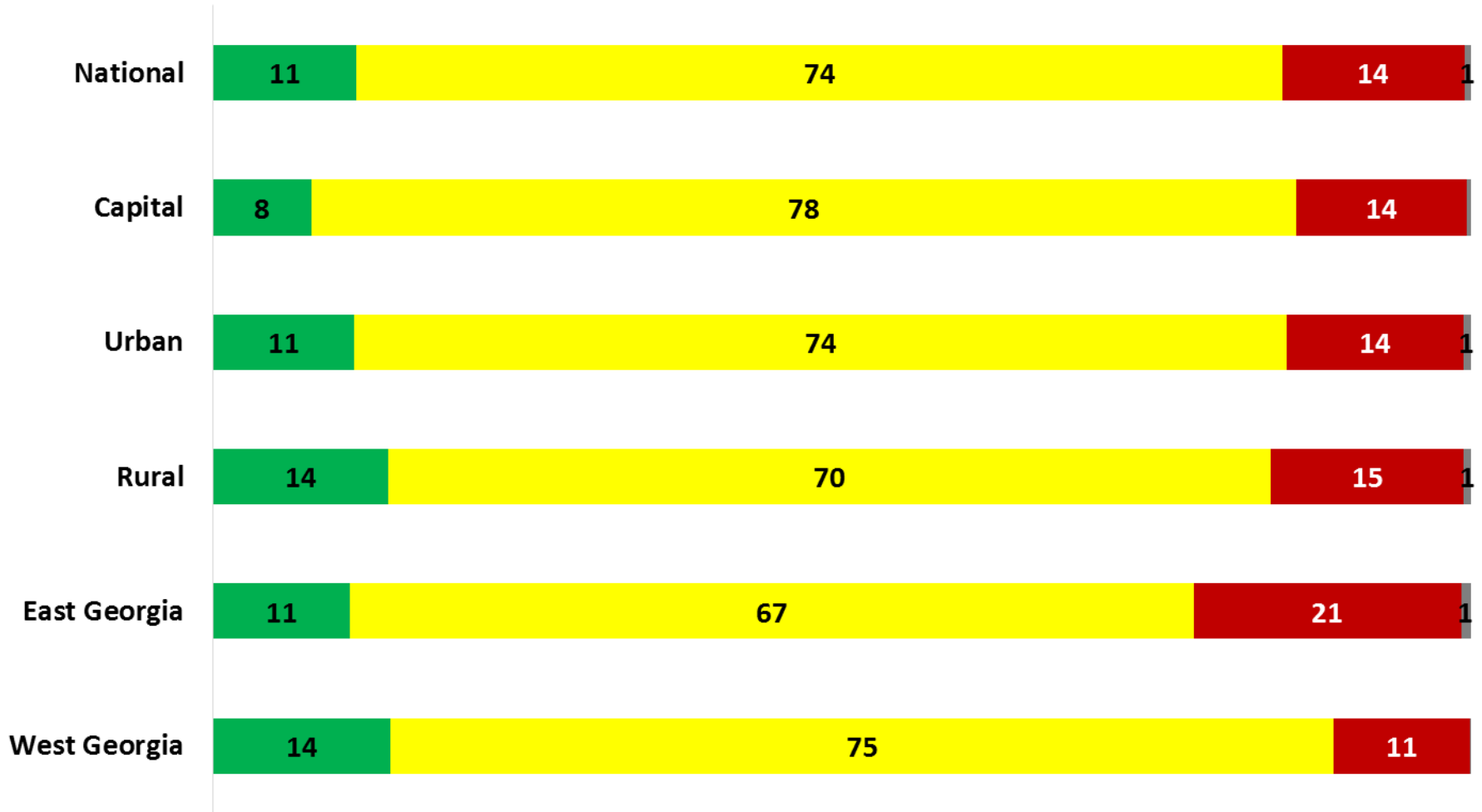
 5%--Unemployed and not looking for work (This includes unemployed and retired persons who are interested in a job, but who are not looking.)

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



Generally, taking everything into account, since October 2012 you and your household are... (q9 X Settlement)

■ Better off ■ The same ■ Worse off ■ DK



In which direction is Georgia going? (q10)

- Georgia is definitely going in the right direction
- Georgia is going mainly in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- Georgia is mainly going in the wrong direction
- Georgia is definitely going in the wrong direction
- DK
- RA



In which direction Georgia is going? (q10 X Settlement)

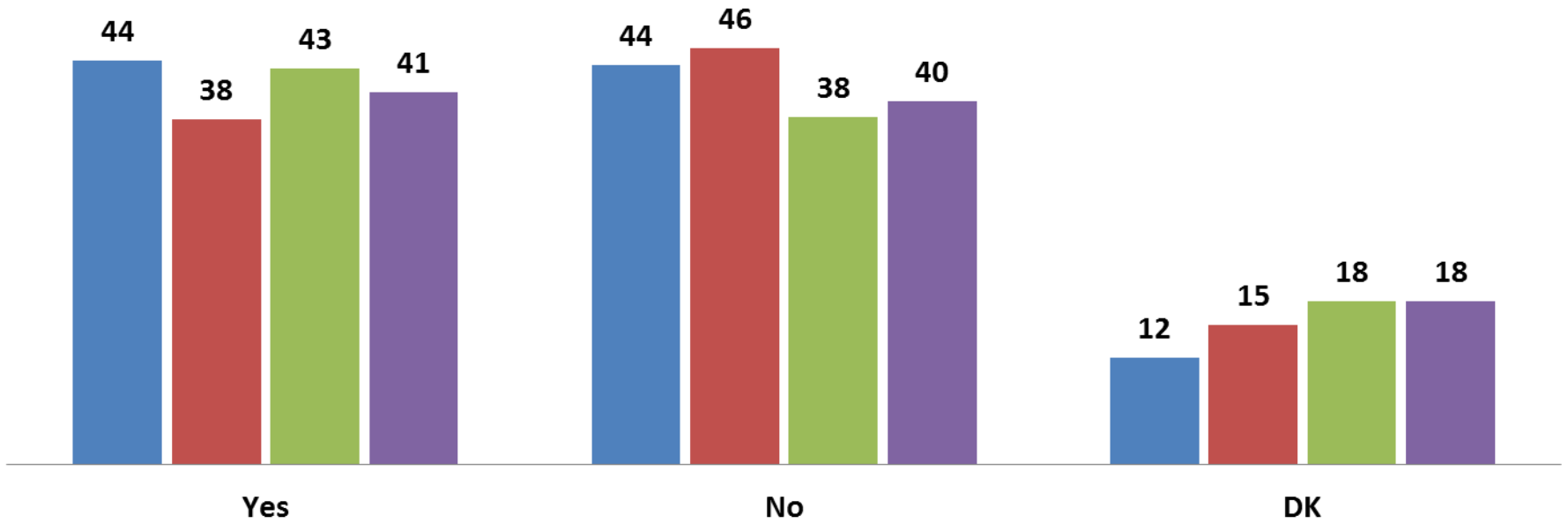
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Democracy, Reforms and Elections

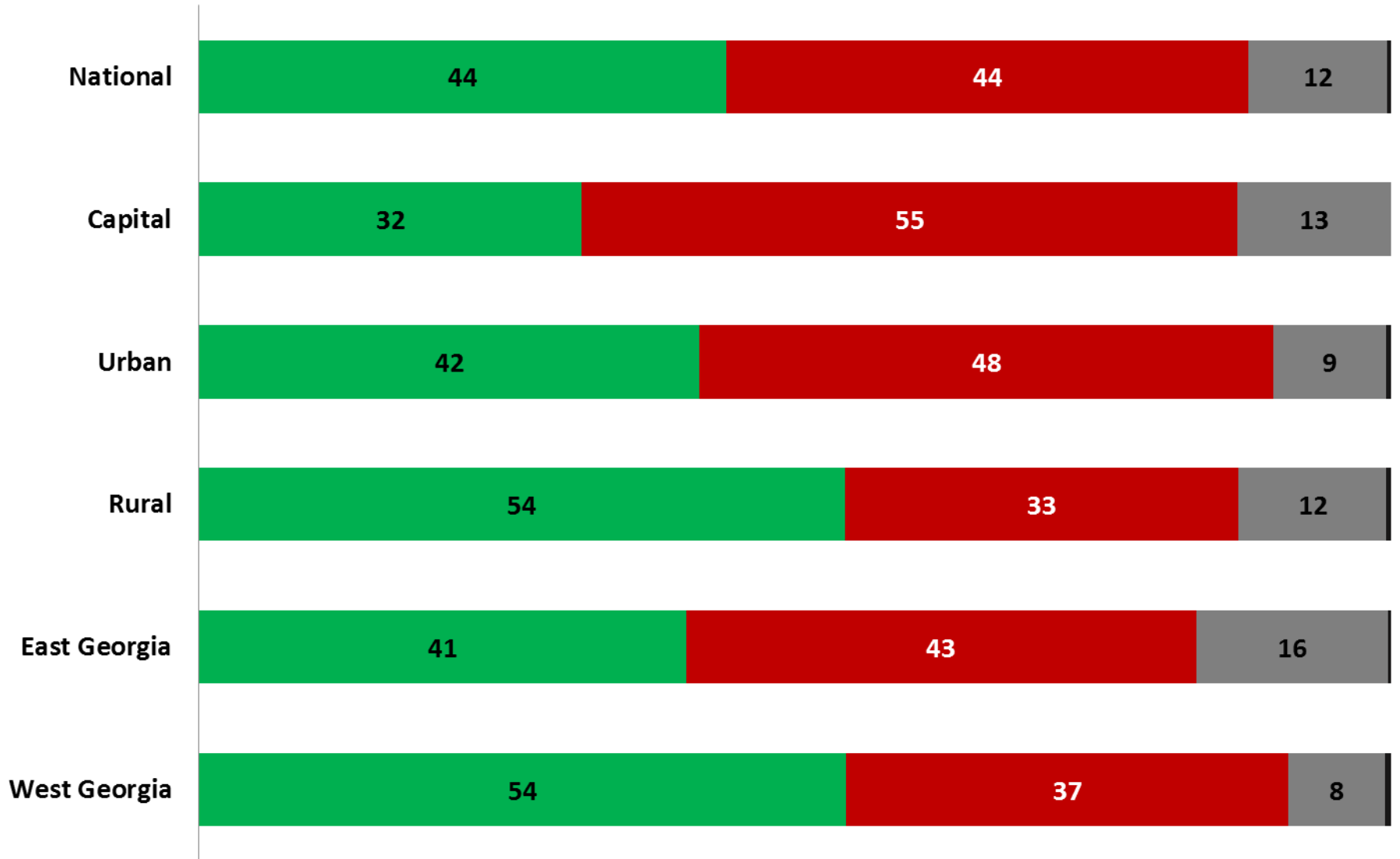
Is Georgia a democracy now? (q16)

■ September 2013 ■ June 2013 ■ March 2013 ■ November 2012



Is Georgia a democracy now? (q16 X Settlement)

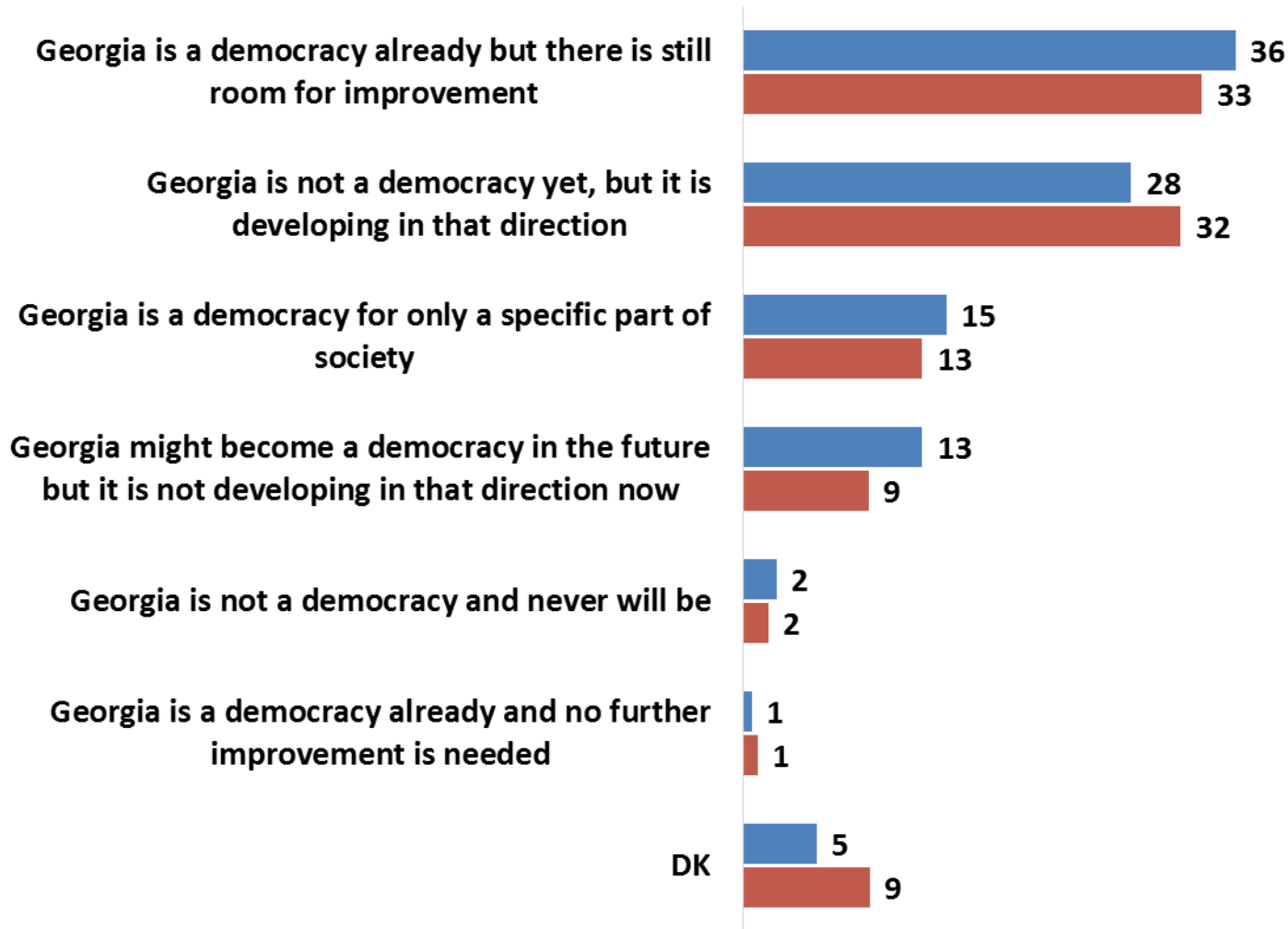
Yes No DK RA



Which statement do you agree with the most? (q17)

■ September 2013

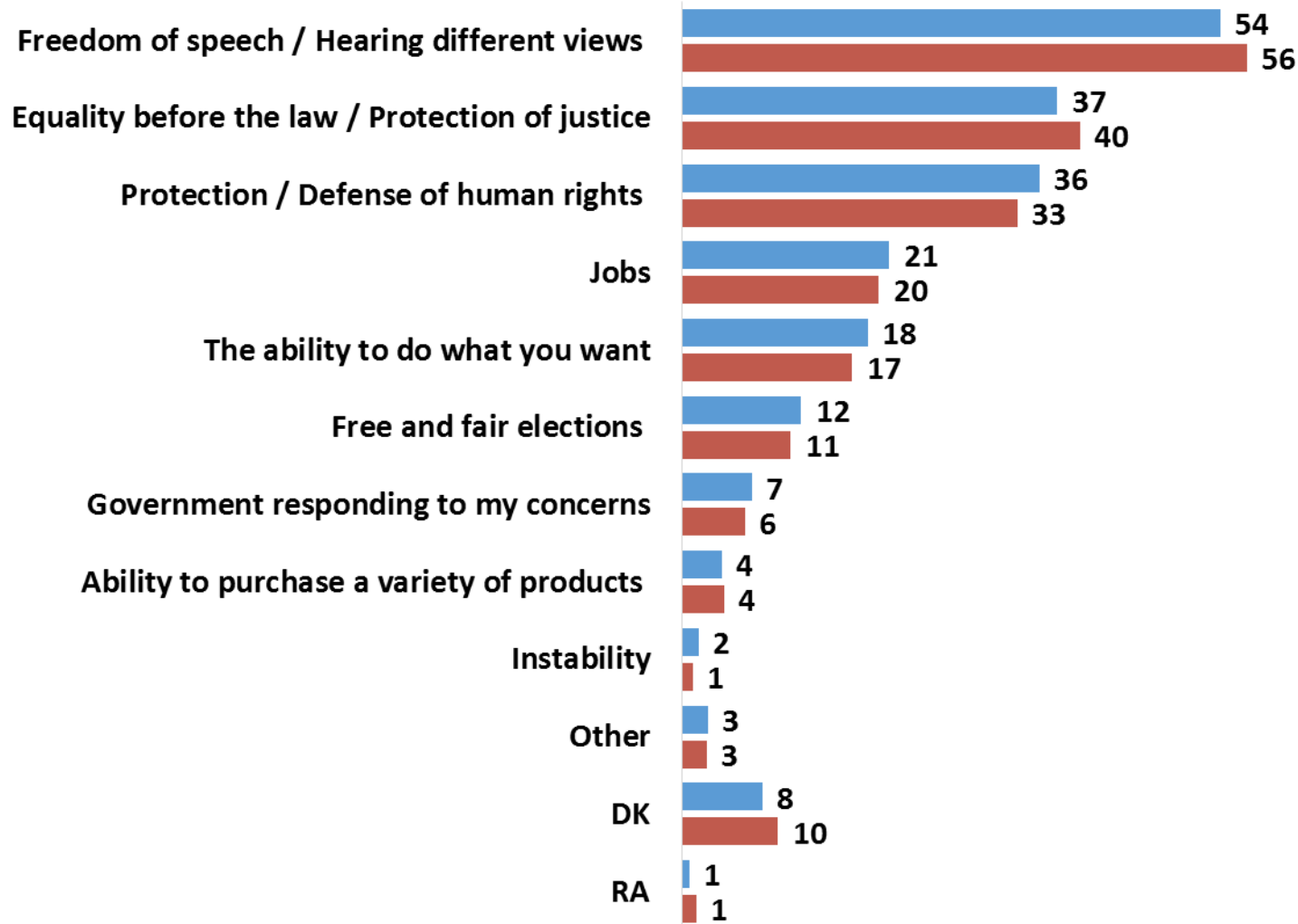
■ June 2013



What does democracy mean to you? Name up to three (q15)

■ September 2013

■ June 2013



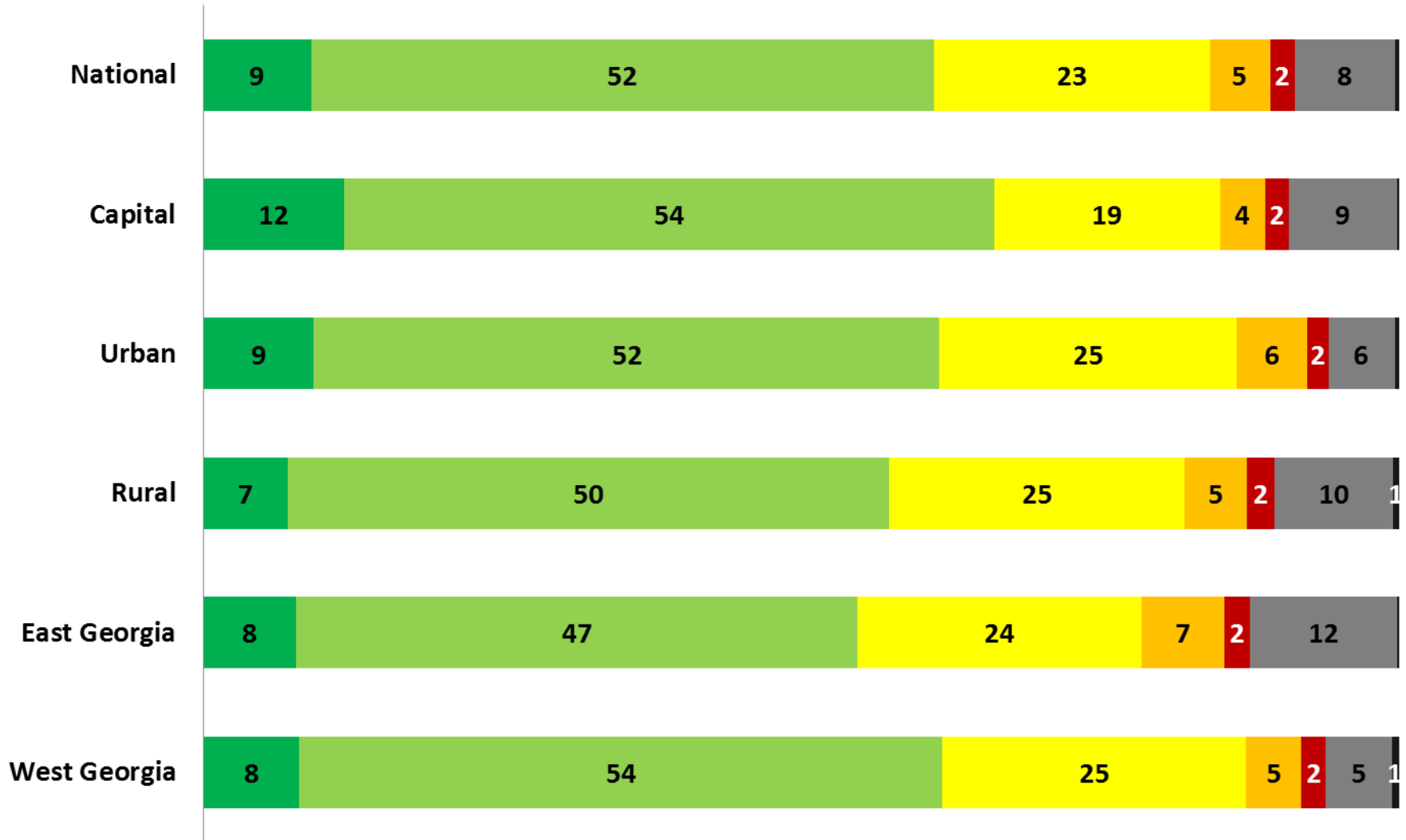
In your opinion, how important or unimportant is the protection of minority rights to Georgia's democratic development? (q23)

Very important Important Neutral Not important Not important at all DK RA



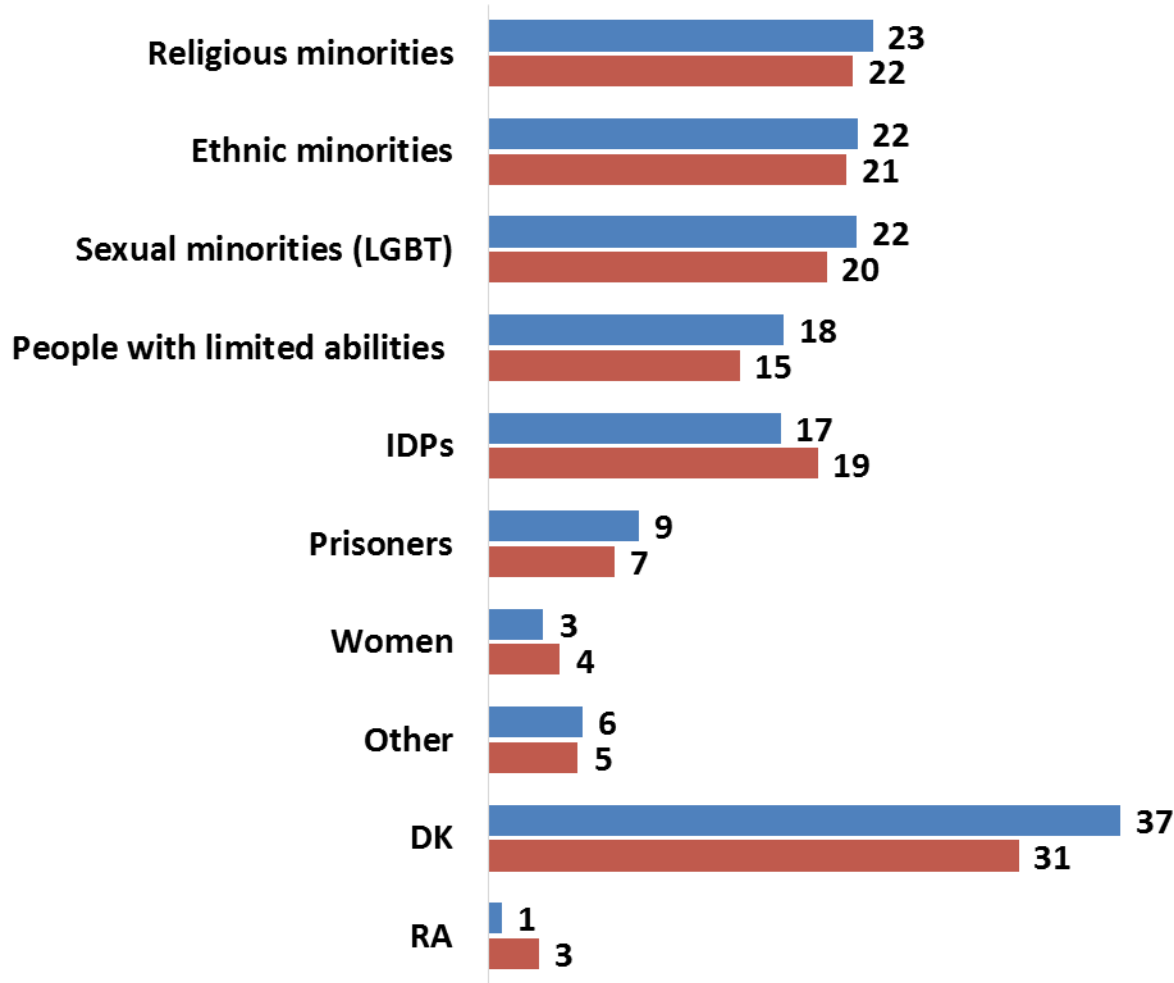
How important or unimportant is the protection of minority rights to Georgia's democratic development? (q23 X Settlement)

■ Very important
 ■ Important
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Not important
 ■ Not important at all
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



When you think of minority groups, which groups come to mind first? Name up to three (q24)

■ September 2013 ■ June 2013



How important or unimportant is the protection of the following minorities? (q25)

Very important Important Neutral Not important Not important at all DK RA



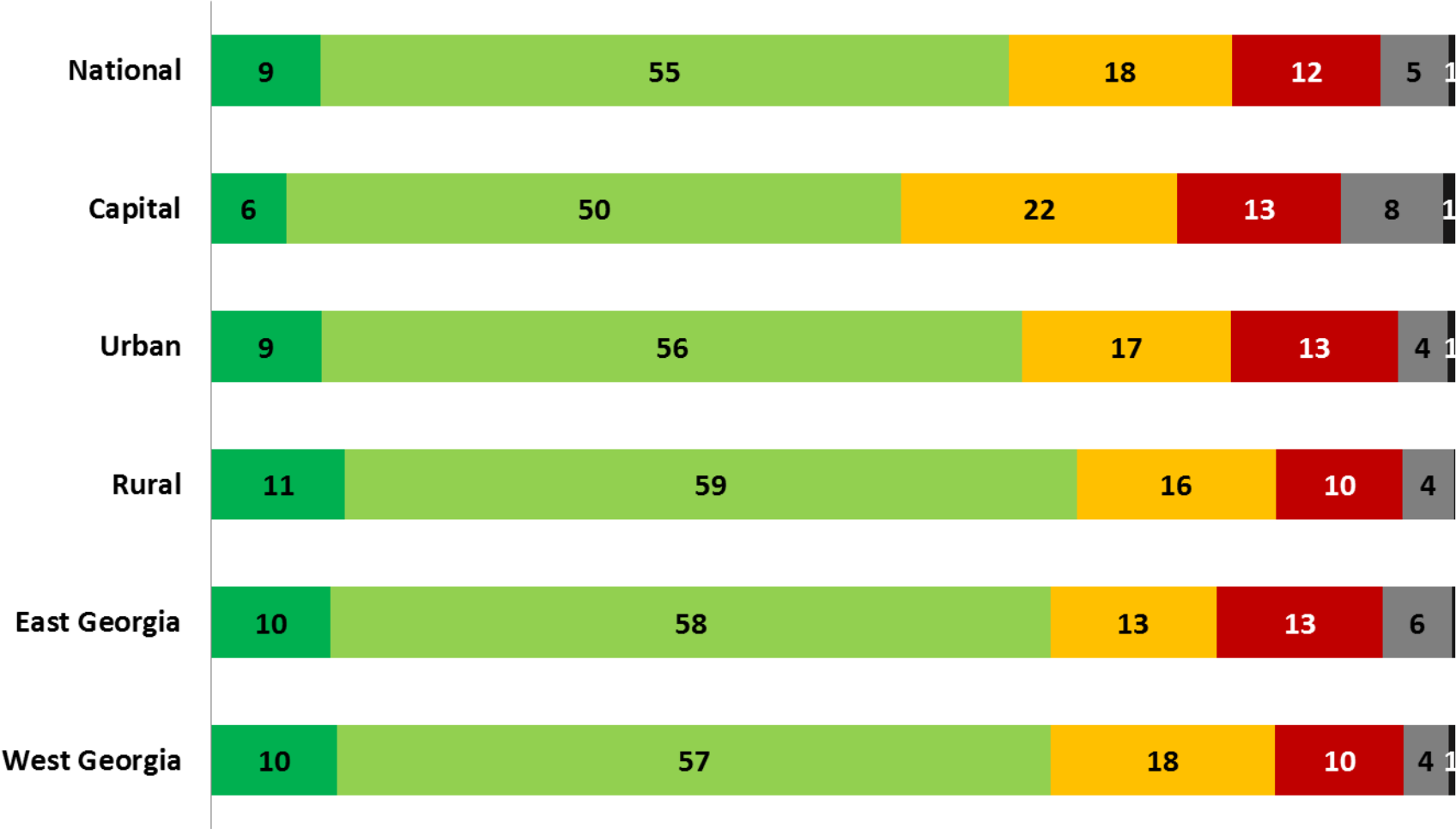
To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q13)

■ Completely agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Completely disagree ■ DK ■ RA



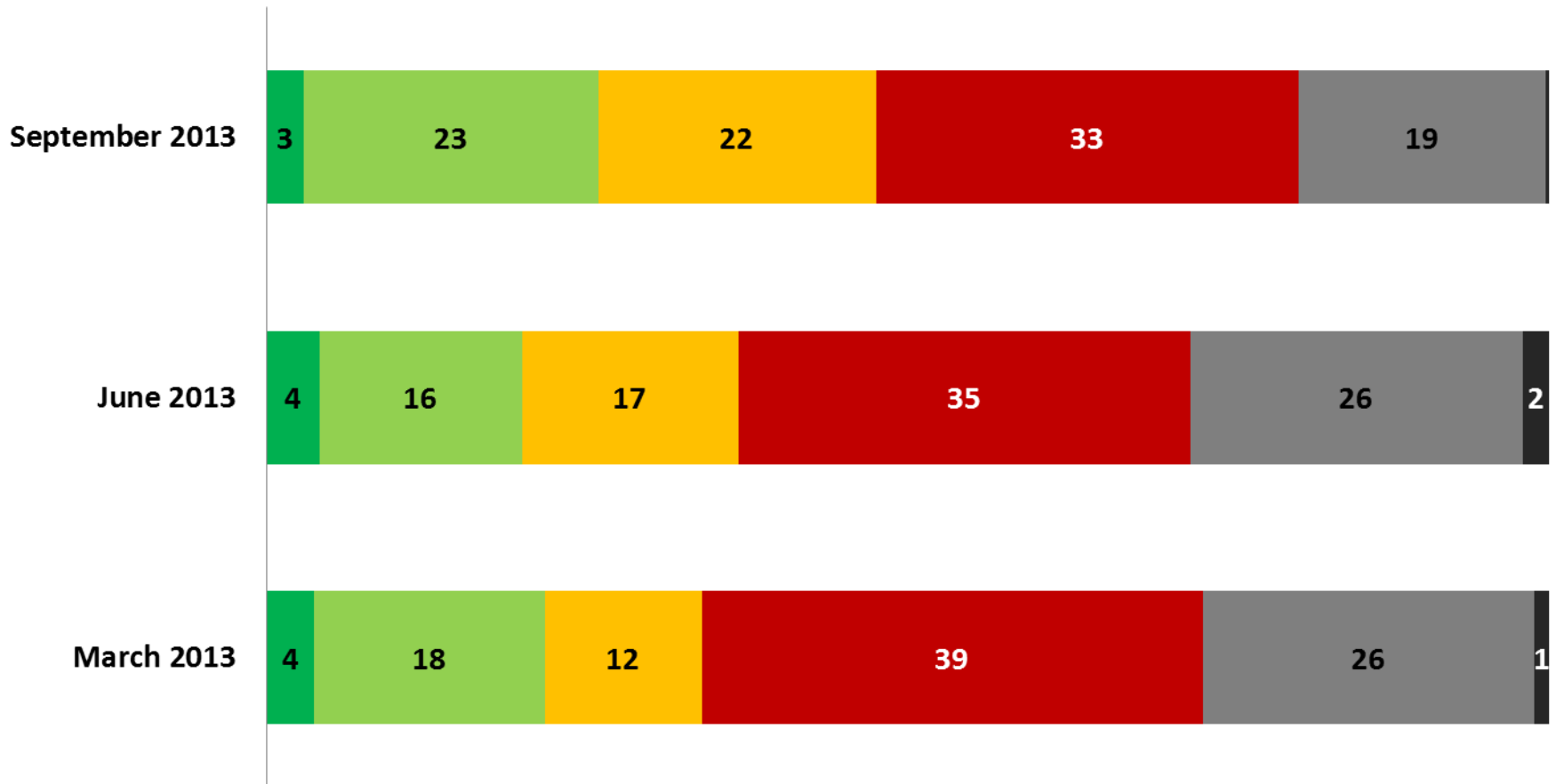
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 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Completely disagree
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



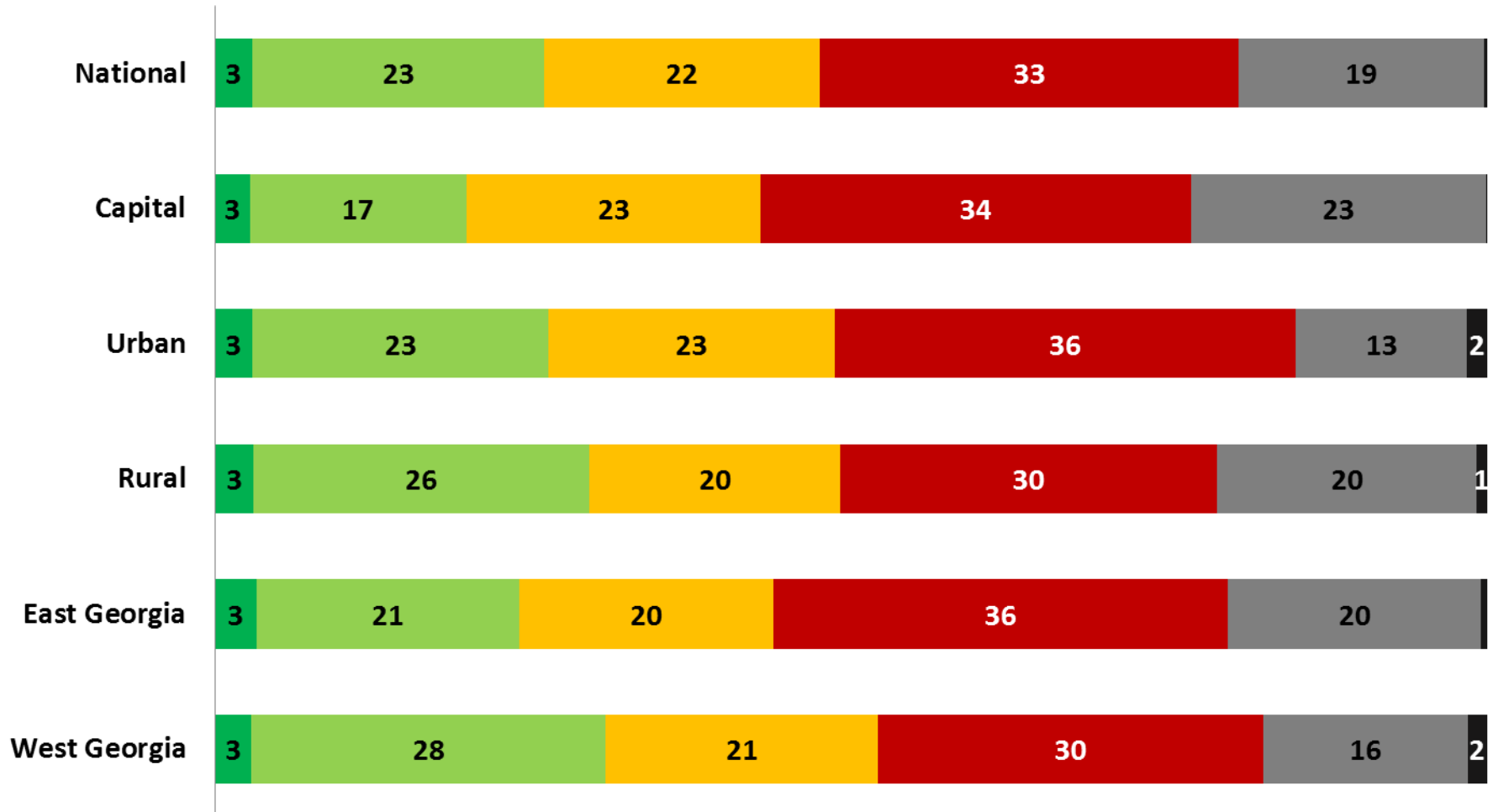
To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q14)

■ Completely agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Completely disagree ■ DK ■ RA



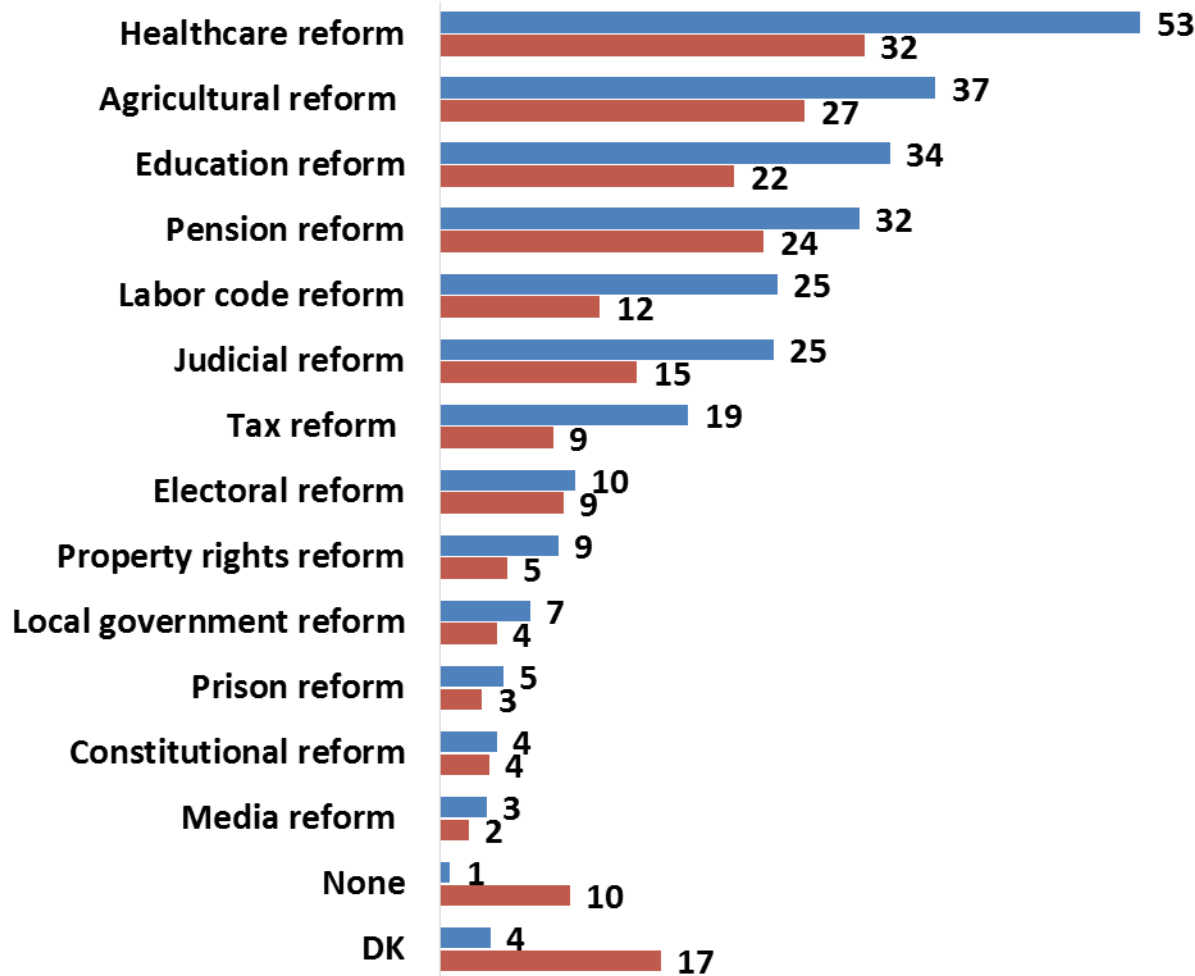
To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q14 X Settlement)

■ Completely agree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Completely disagree
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



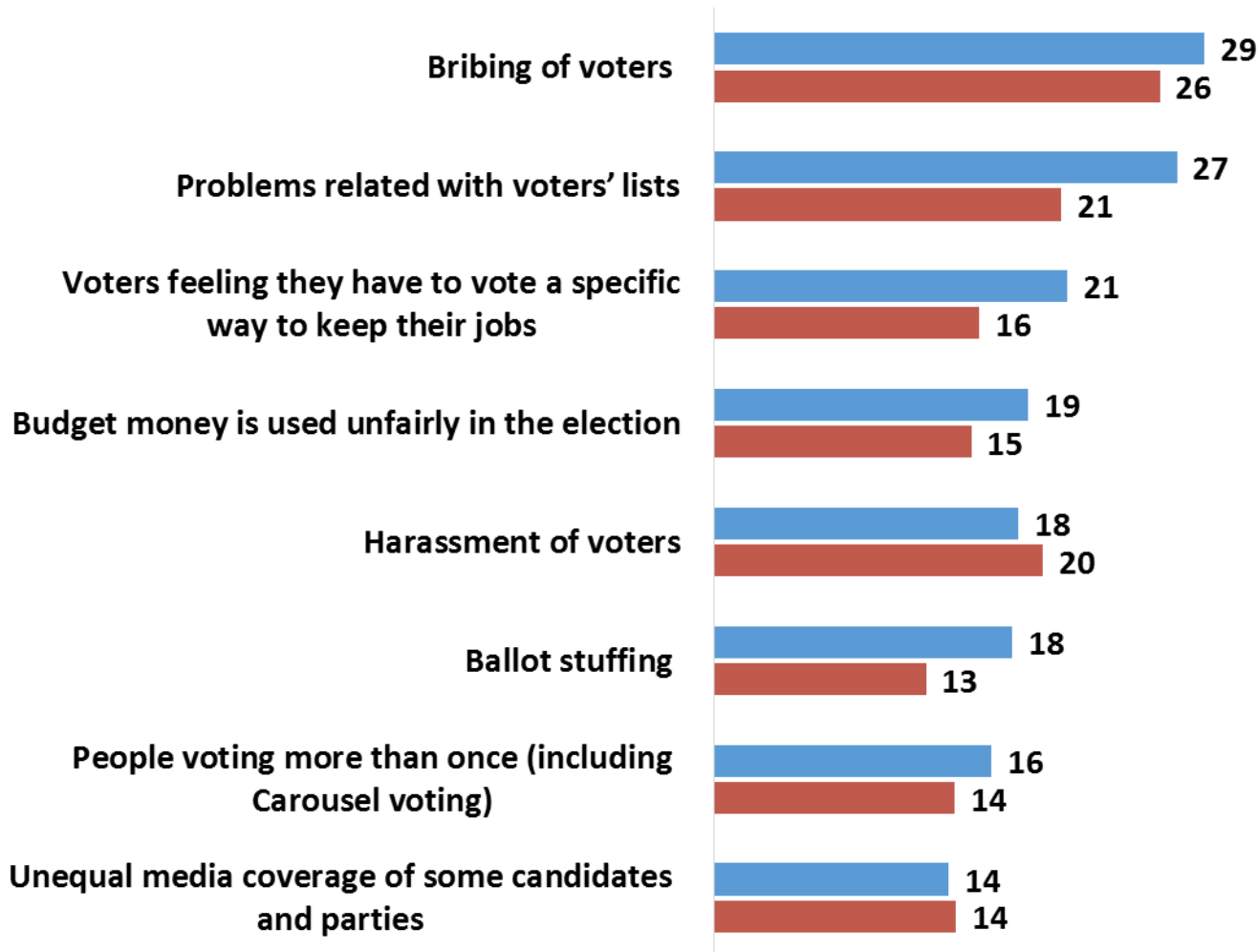
Which three reforms do you think would be most important for Georgia / Which do you expect to see achieved in the next six months? Name up to three (q7/8)

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



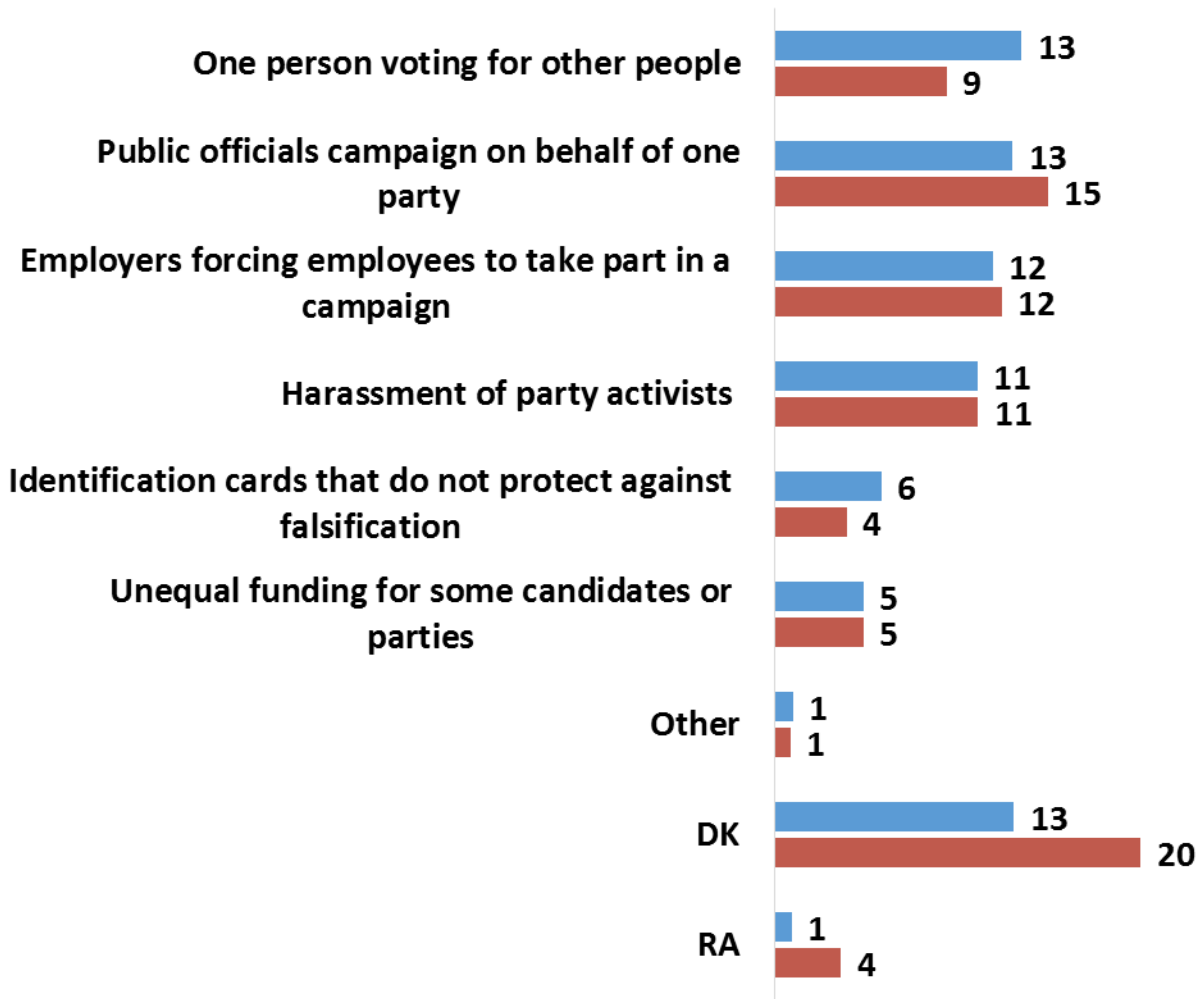
What do you think are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? Name up to three (q20) Part 1

■ September 2013 ■ June 2013



What do you think are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? Name up to three (q20) Part 2

■ September 2013 ■ June 2013



How do you think the coming elections (presidential/parliamentary) will be conducted? (q21)

■ Totally well conducted ■ Somewhat well conducted ■ Somewhat falsified ■ Totally falsified ■ DK ■ RA



Current Events

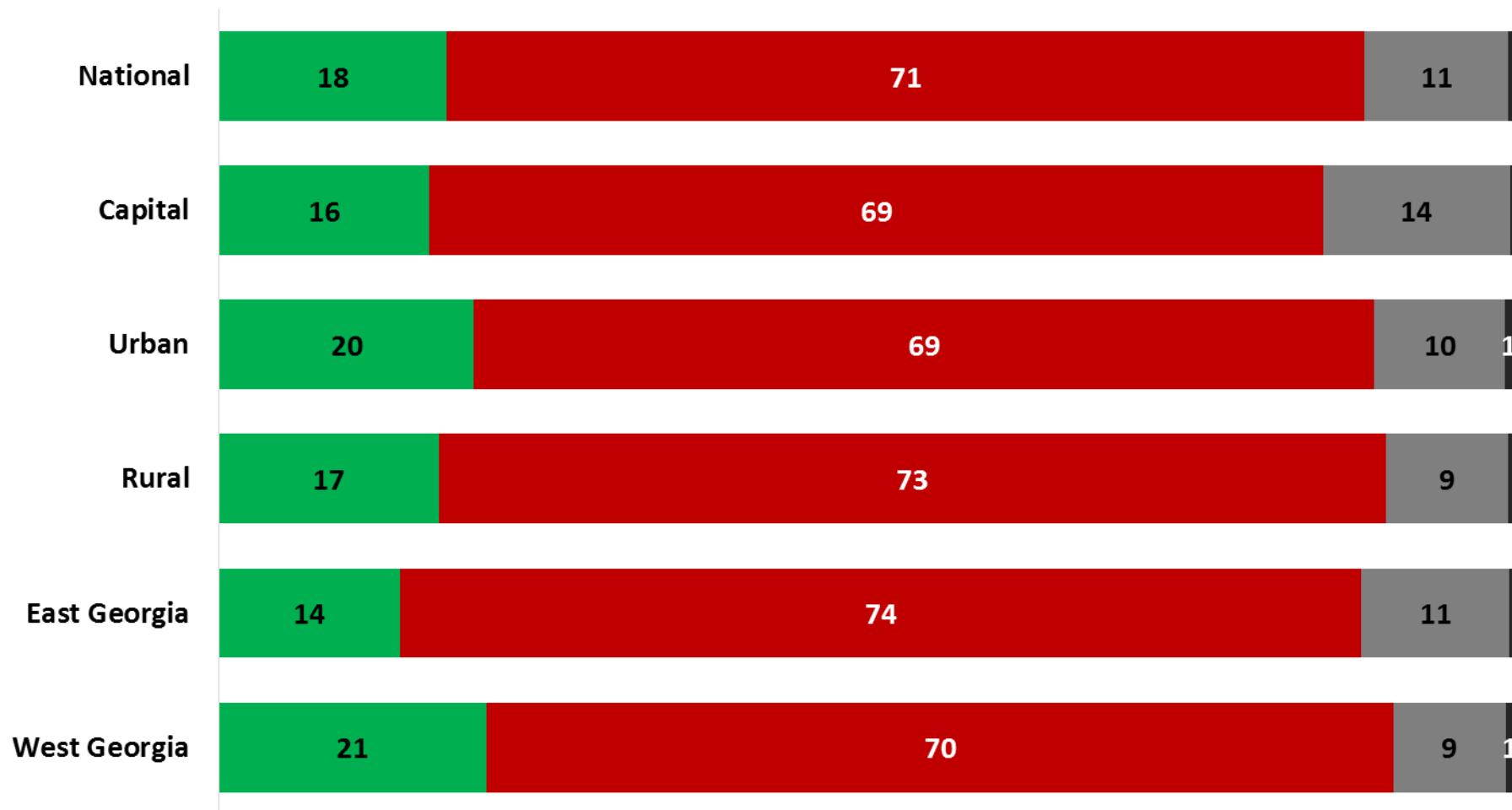
Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili has said he will step down soon after the 2013 presidential election. Were you aware of this? (q78 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA



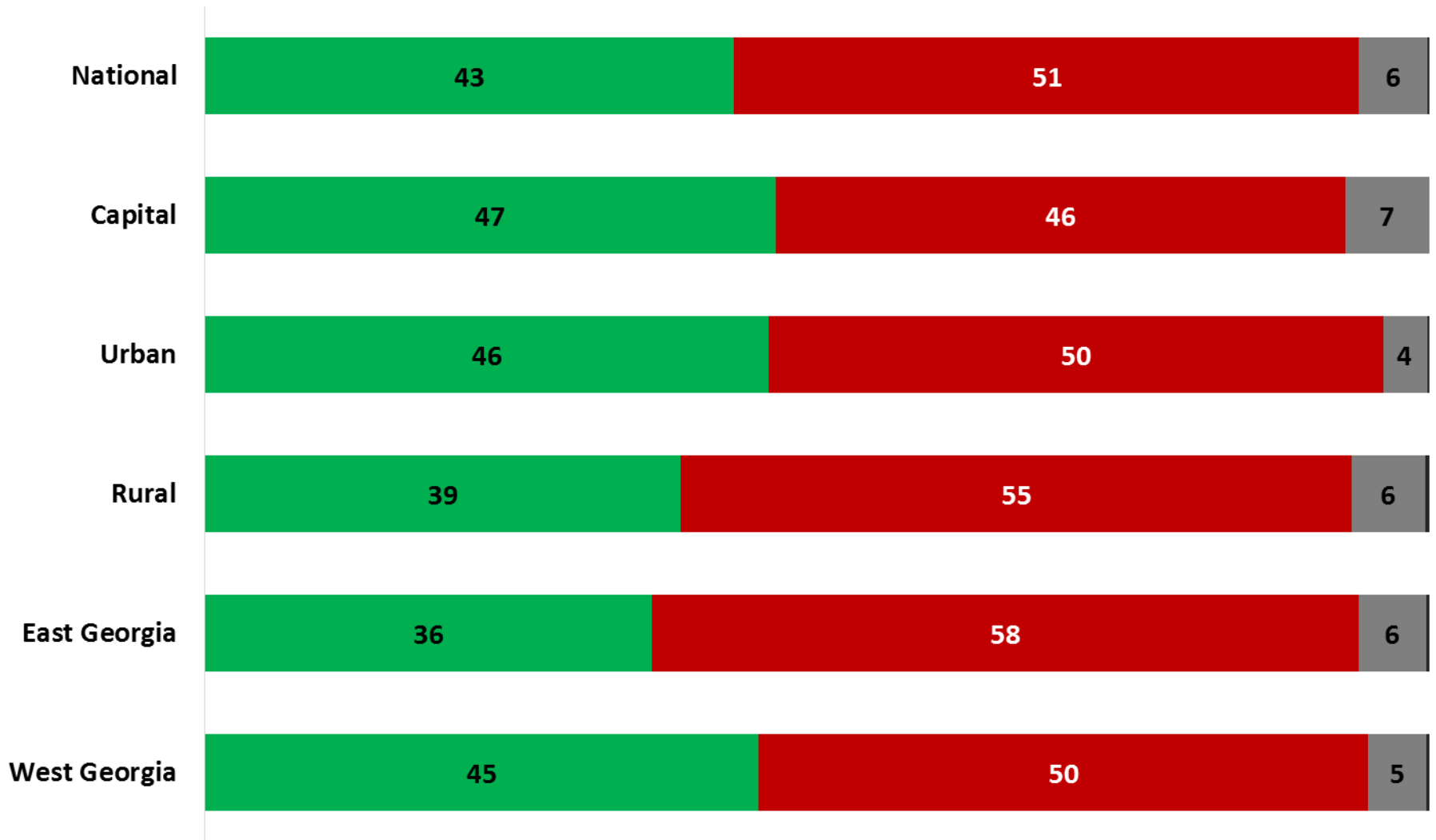
Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili has said he will step down soon after the 2013 presidential election. Do you approve or disapprove? (q79 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



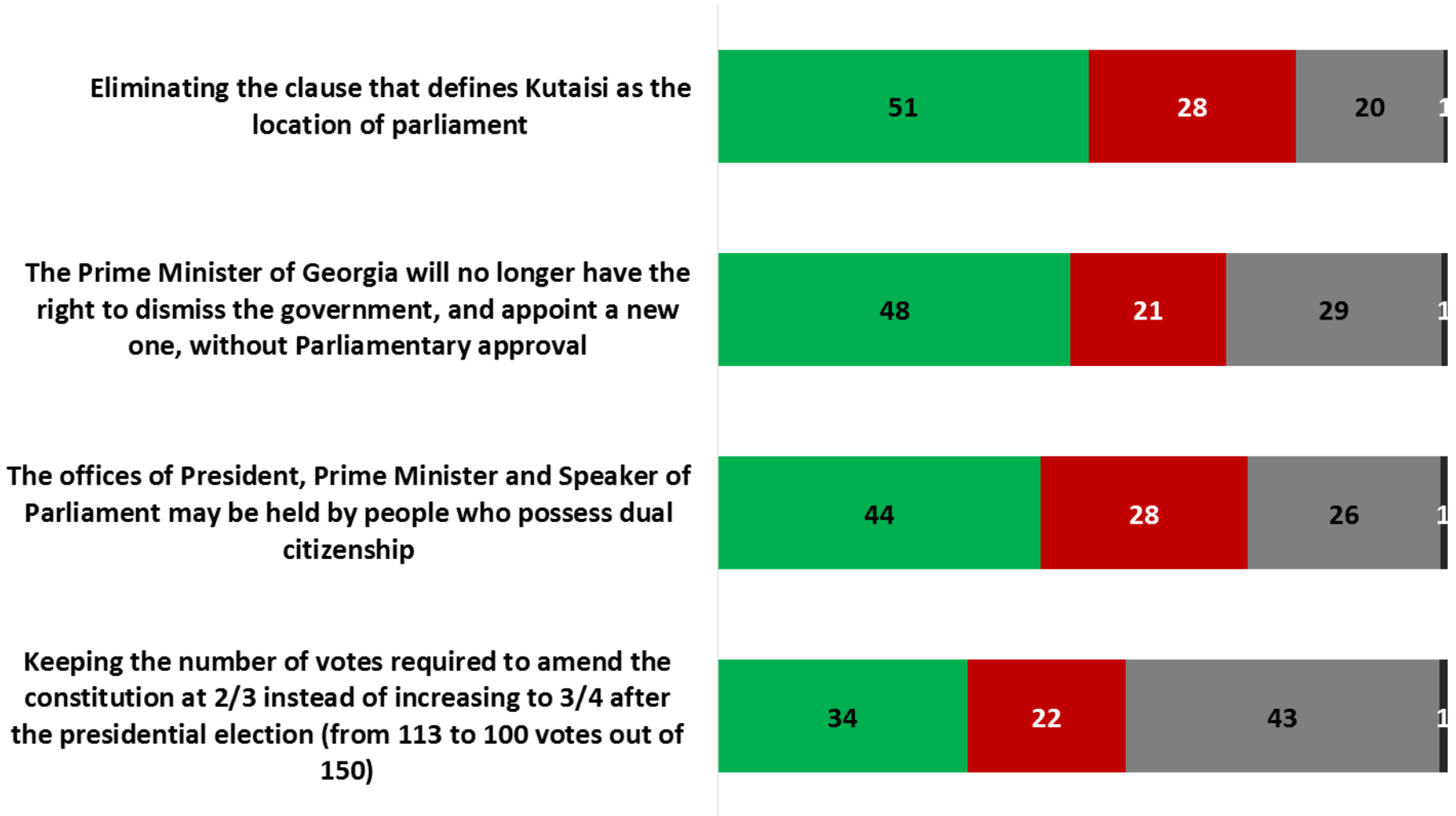
There is an ongoing discussion around constitutional amendments. Are you aware? (q76 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA



Do you approve or disapprove? (q77)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



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? (q81)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA

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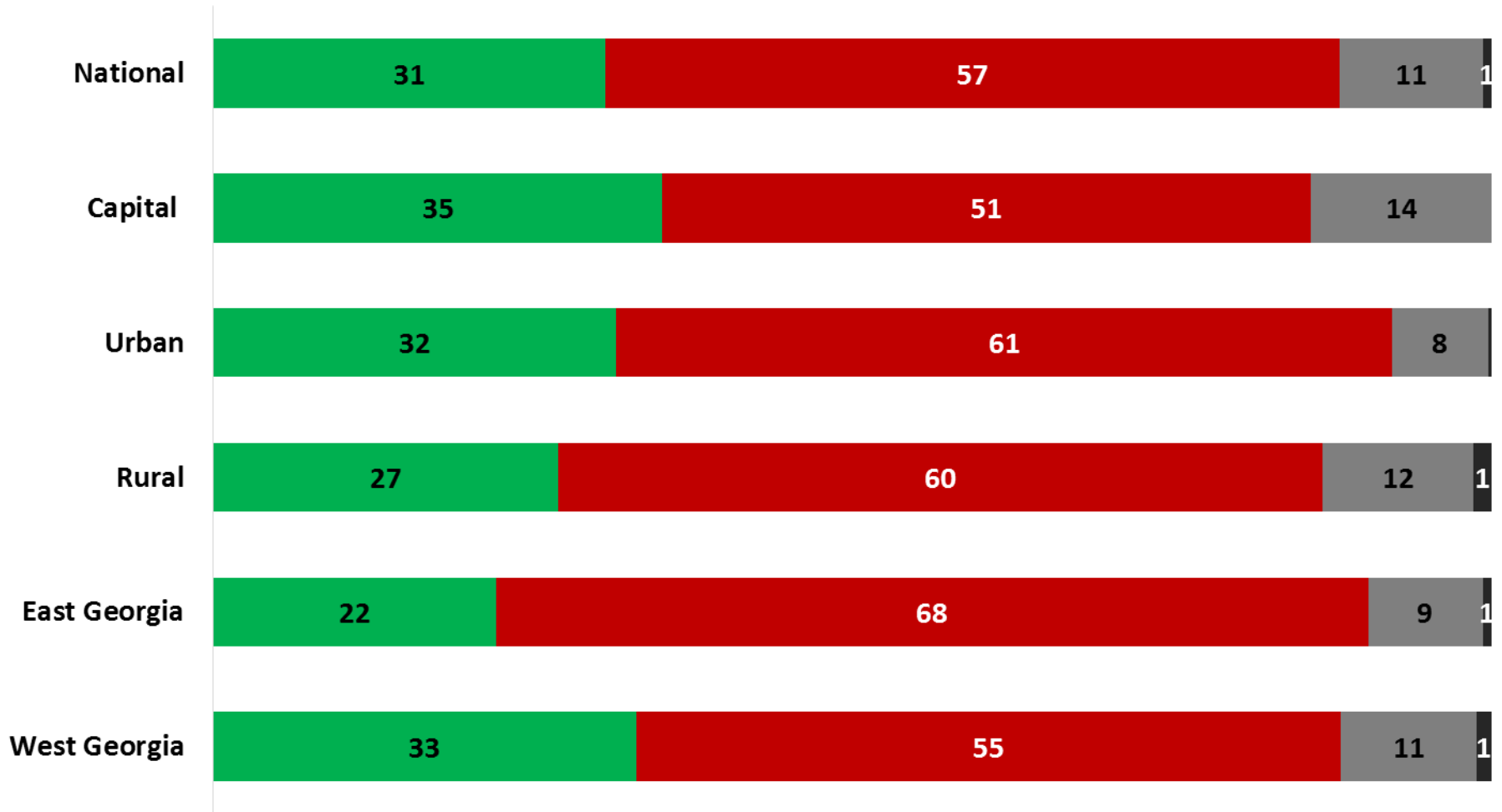


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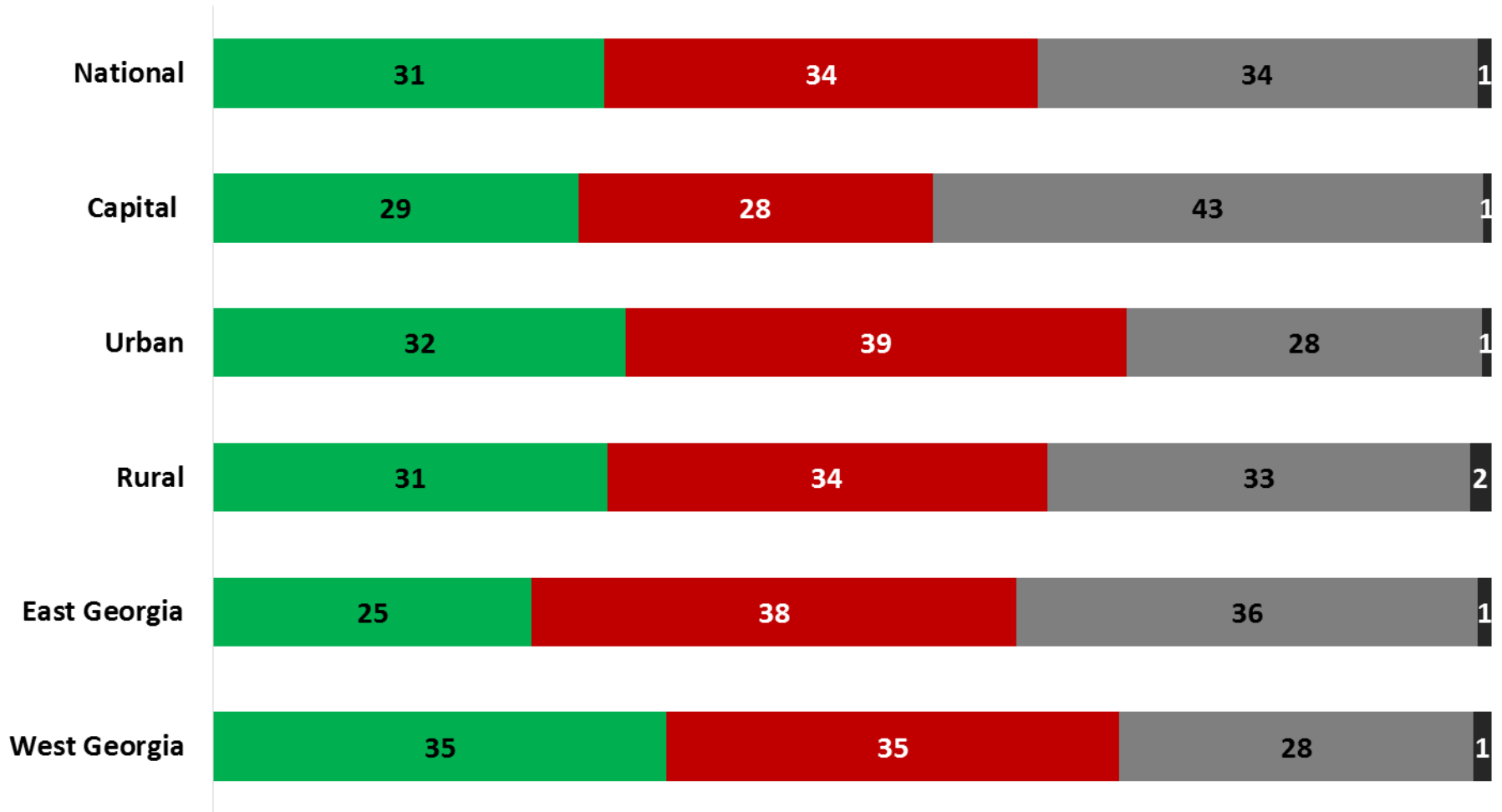
**Currently 14 political parties receive state funding as a result of receiving 3% or more in the previous elections.
Where you aware of this? (q82 X Settlement)**

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



Do you approve or disapprove of 14 political parties to receive state funding as a result of receiving 3% or more in the previous elections? (q83 X Settlement)

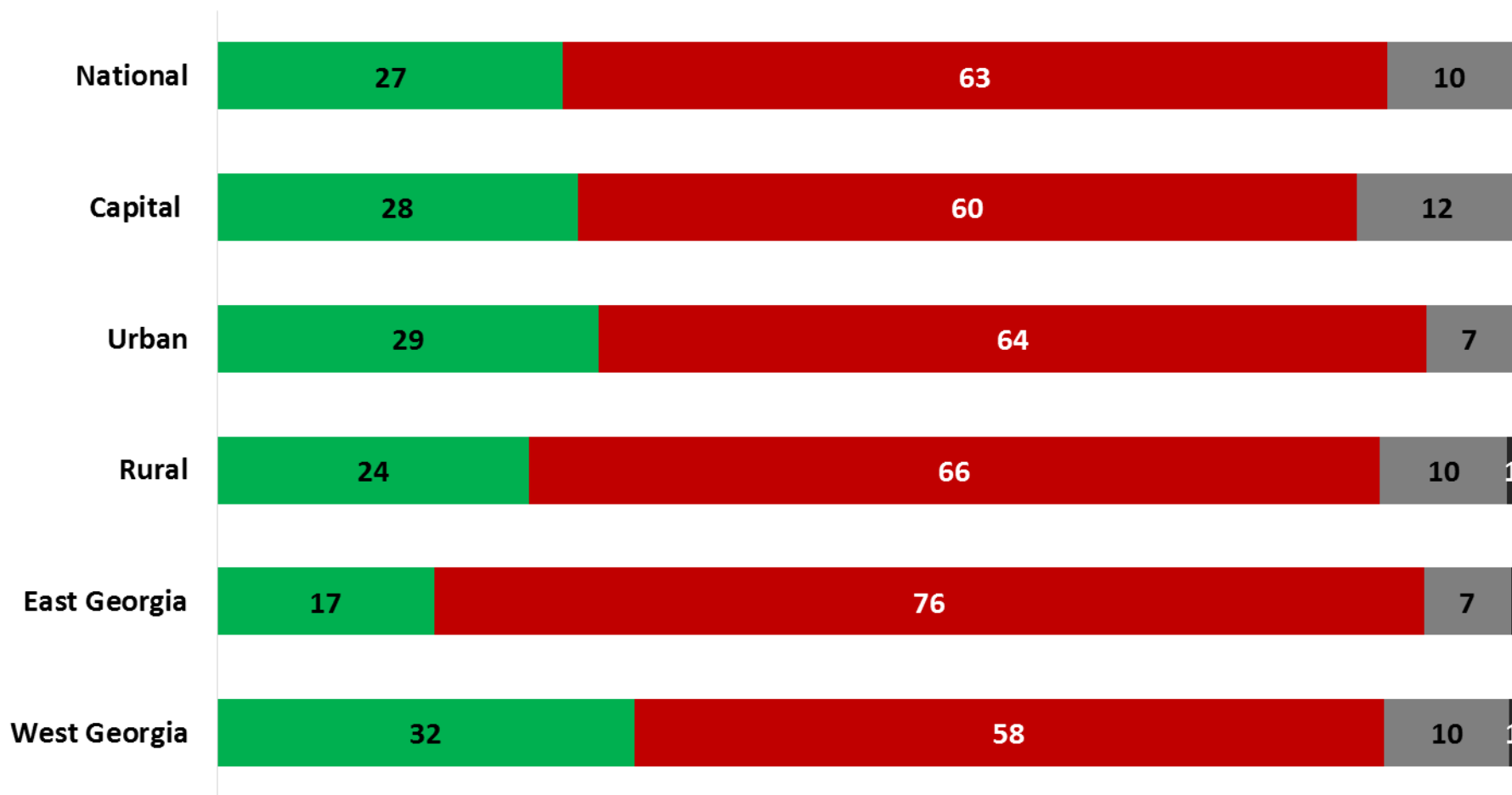
■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



According to the latest amendment, 7 more parties which received a combined total of less than 5% in the 2012 parliamentary elections will receive 150 000 GEL each in a onetime only state contribution this year.

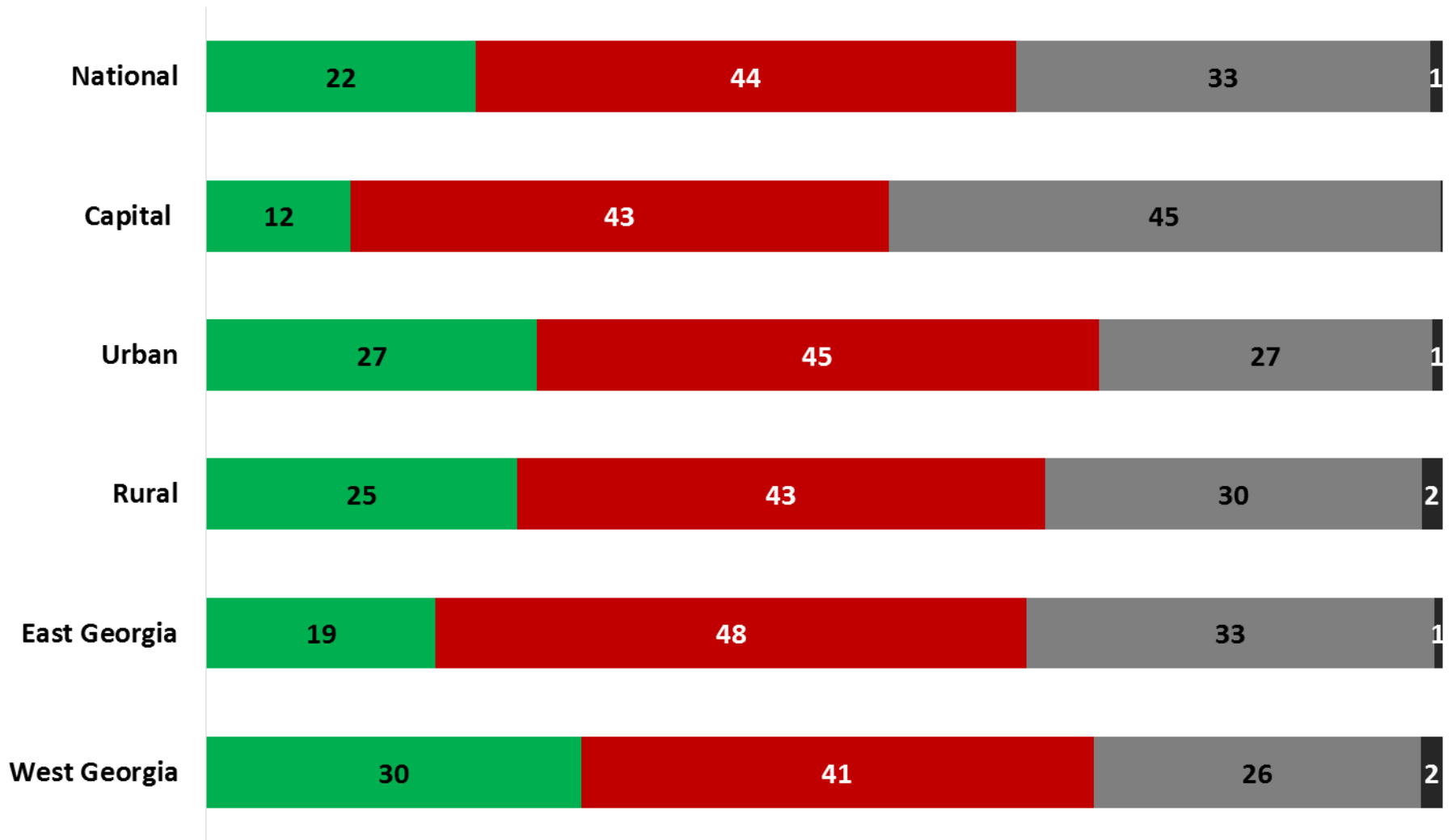
Where you aware of this? (q84 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA



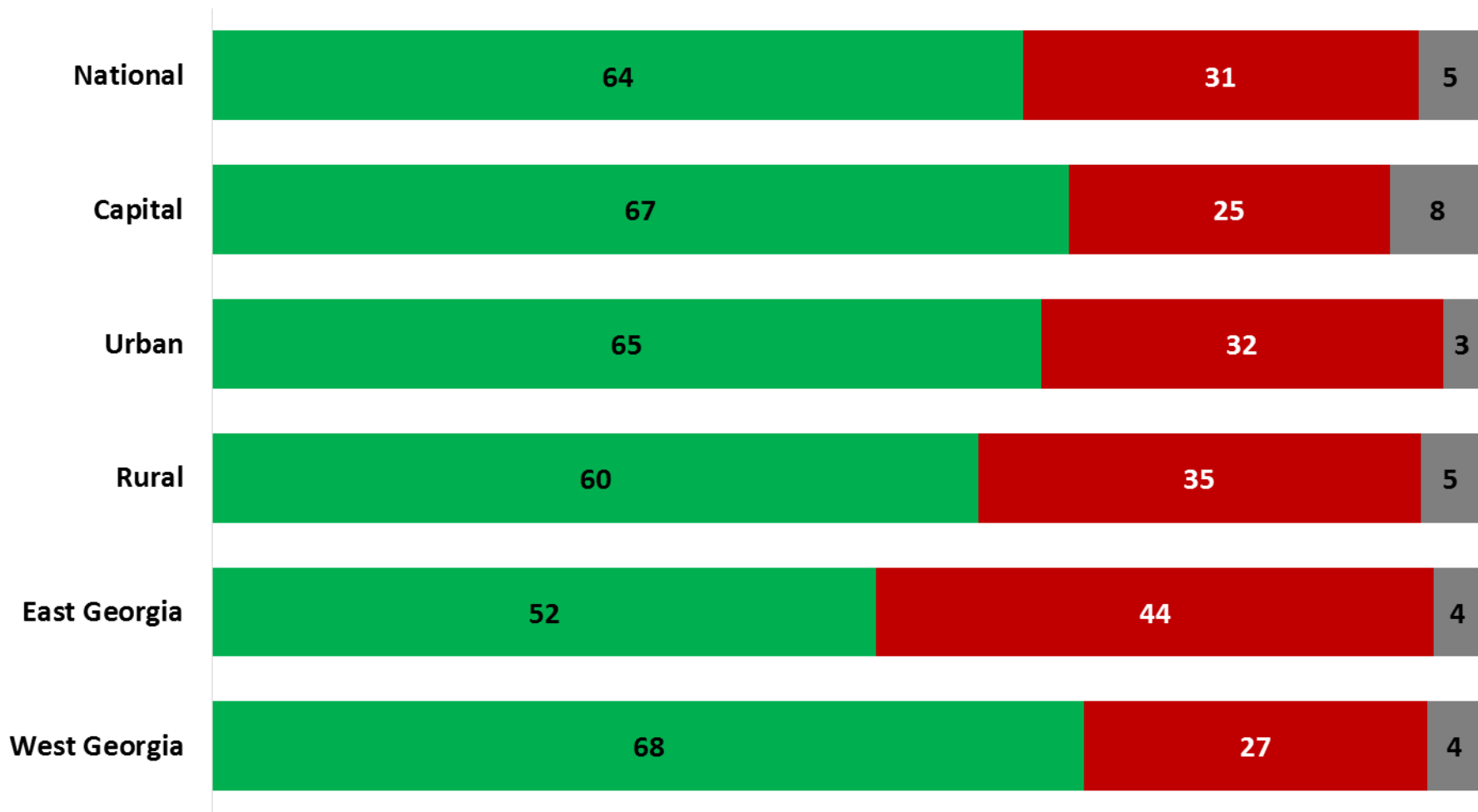
Do you approve or disapprove of this latest amendment? (q85 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



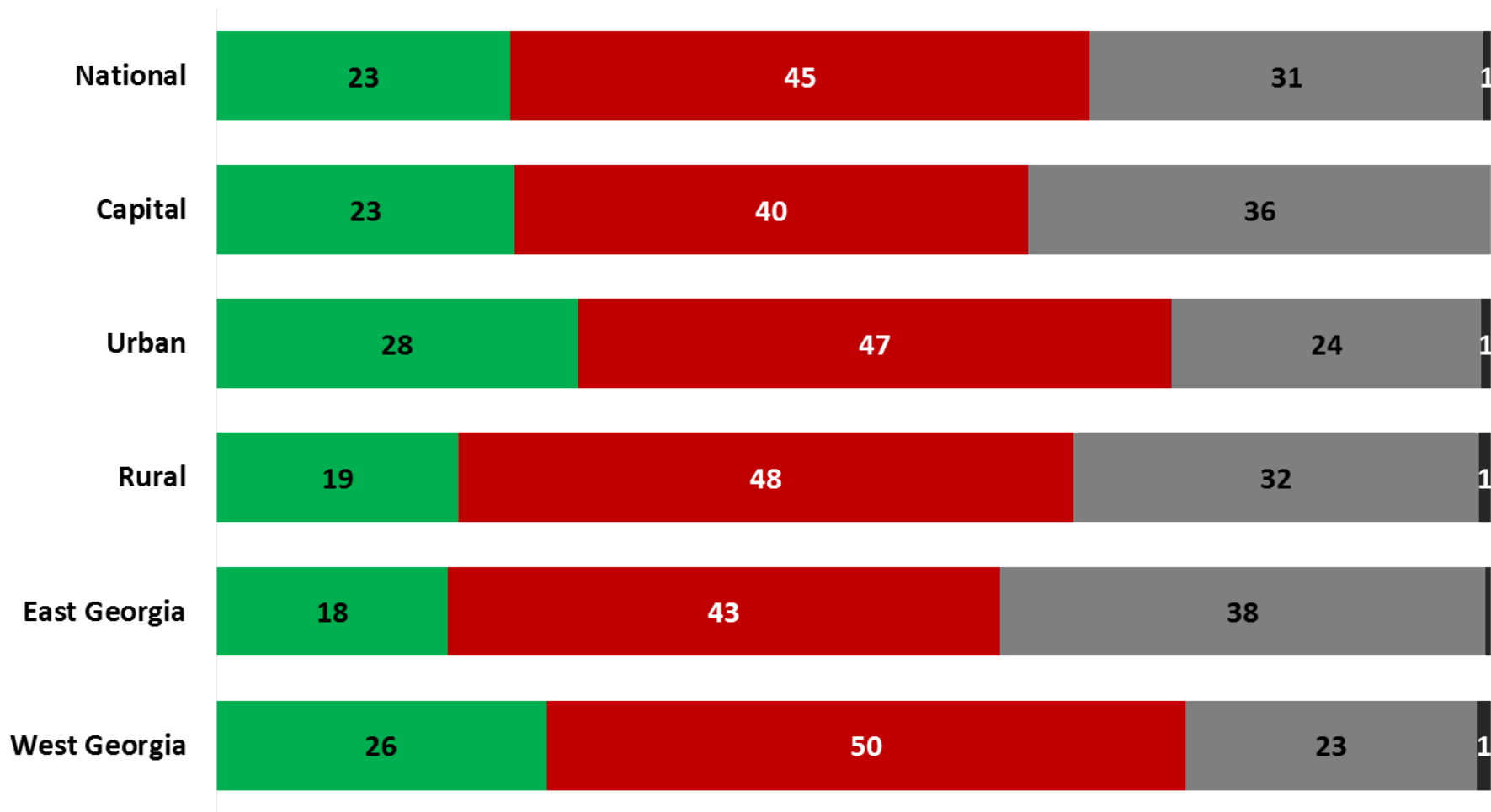
CEC Chairman Zurab Kharatishvili chose to resign after the pre-election period of the presidential campaign had been announced. Where you aware? (q86 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA



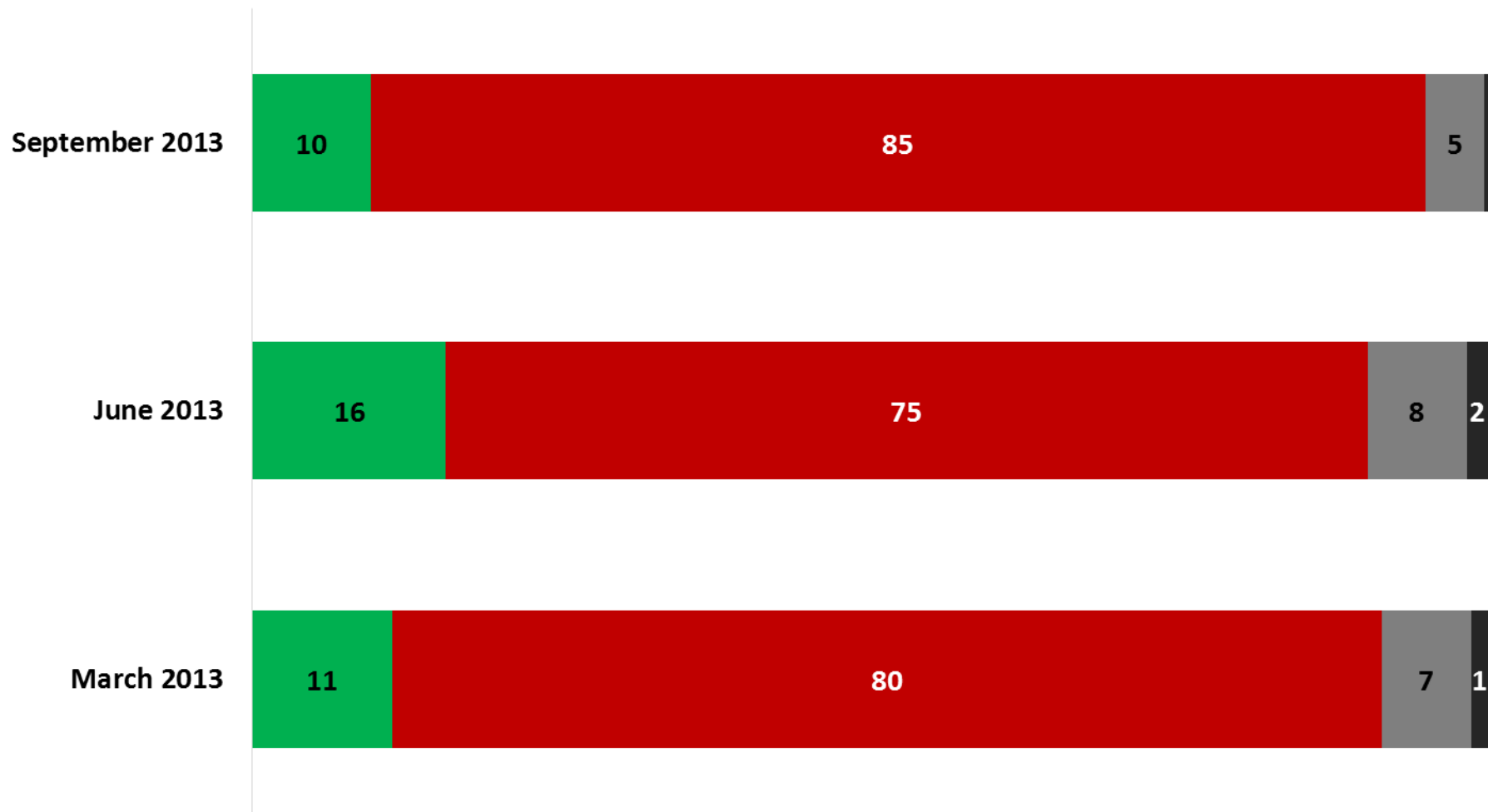
CEC Chairman Zurab Kharatishvili chose to resign after the pre-election period of the presidential campaign had been announced. Do you approve or disapprove? (q87 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



Do you personally know someone who you believe was fired from a state/public job because of their political beliefs since October 2012? (q71)

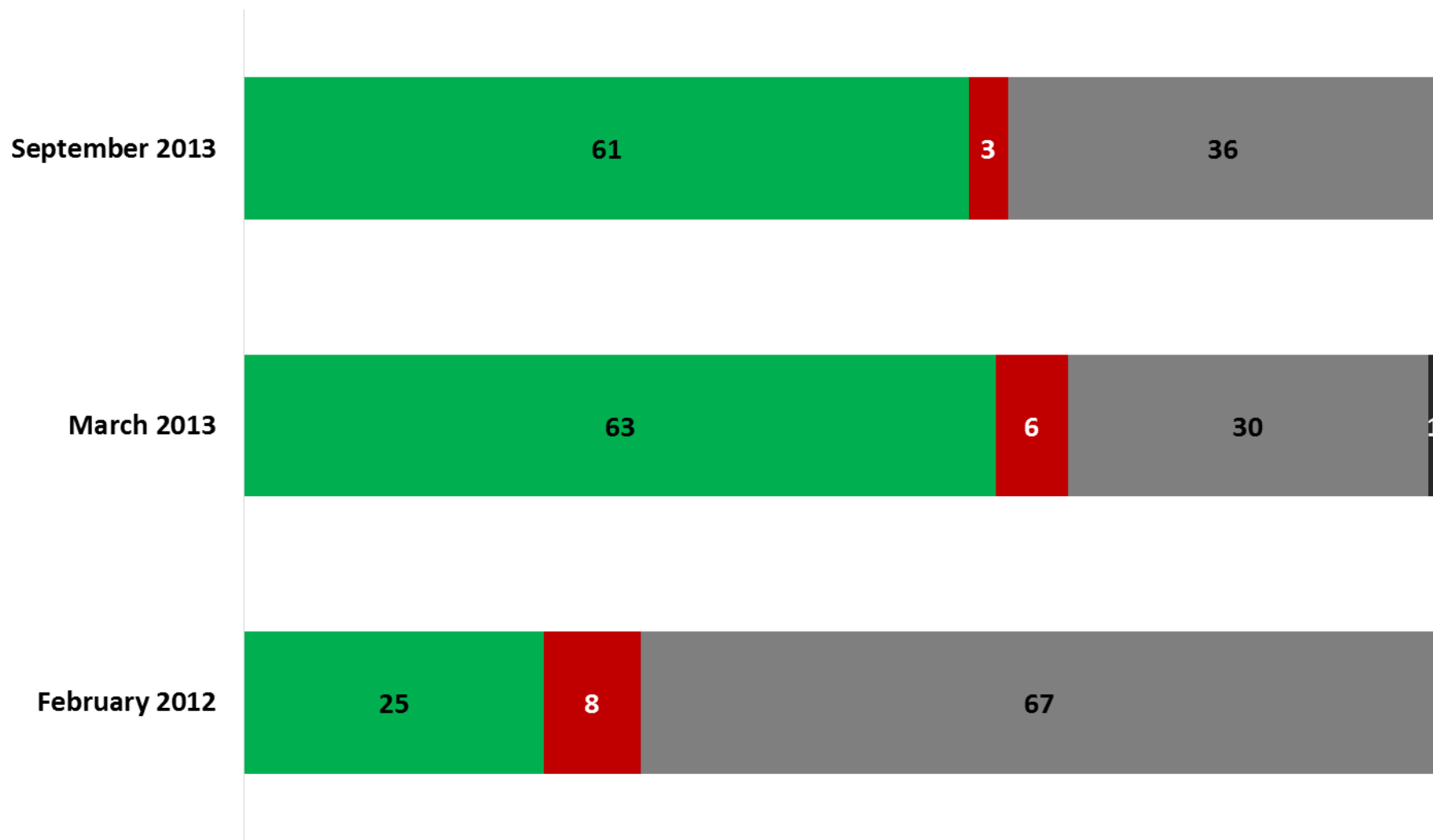
■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



Parliament and Women's Participation

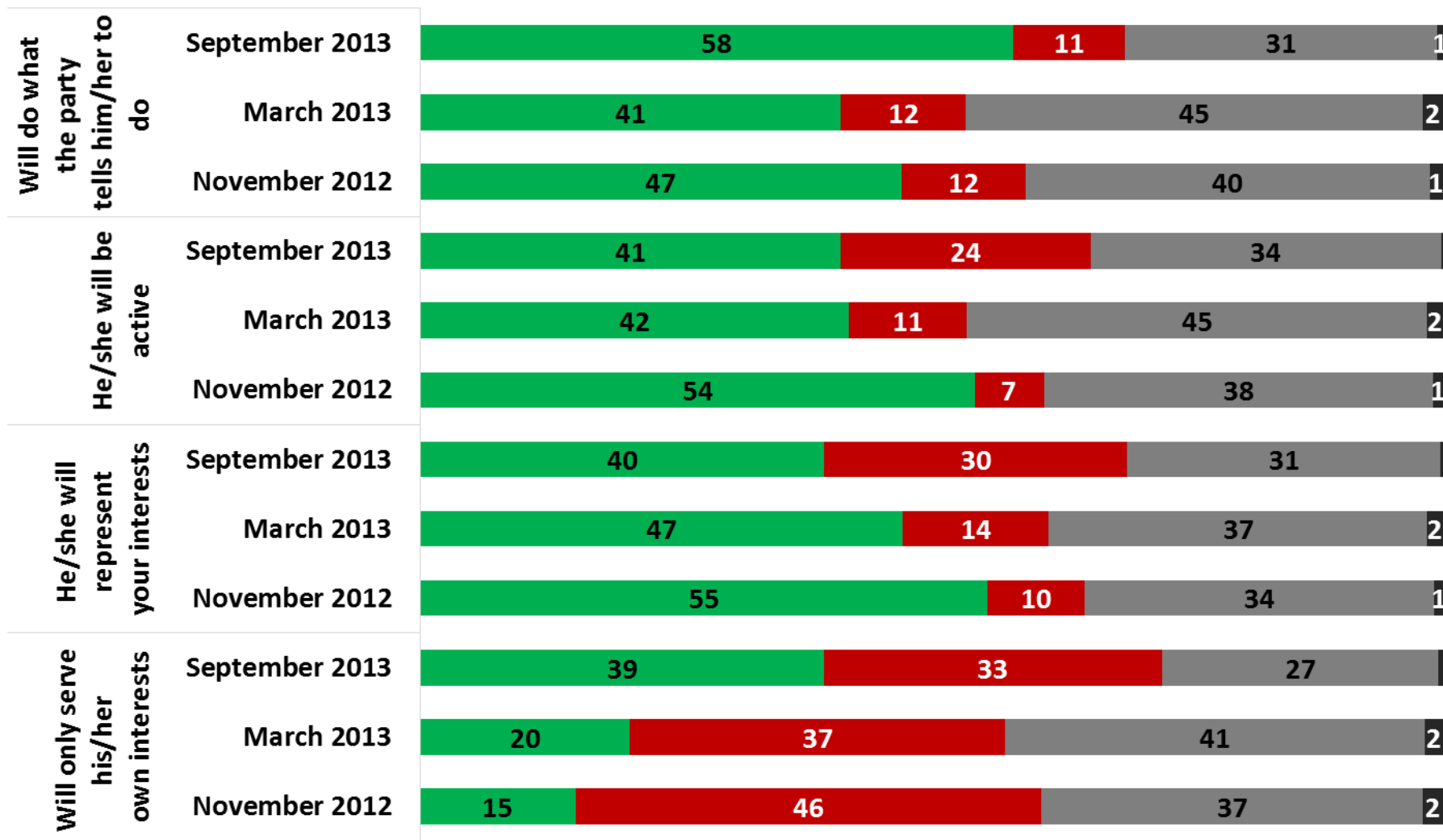
Who is your majoritarian member in the Parliament of Georgia? (q38)

■ Correct answer ■ Incorrect answer ■ DK ■ RA

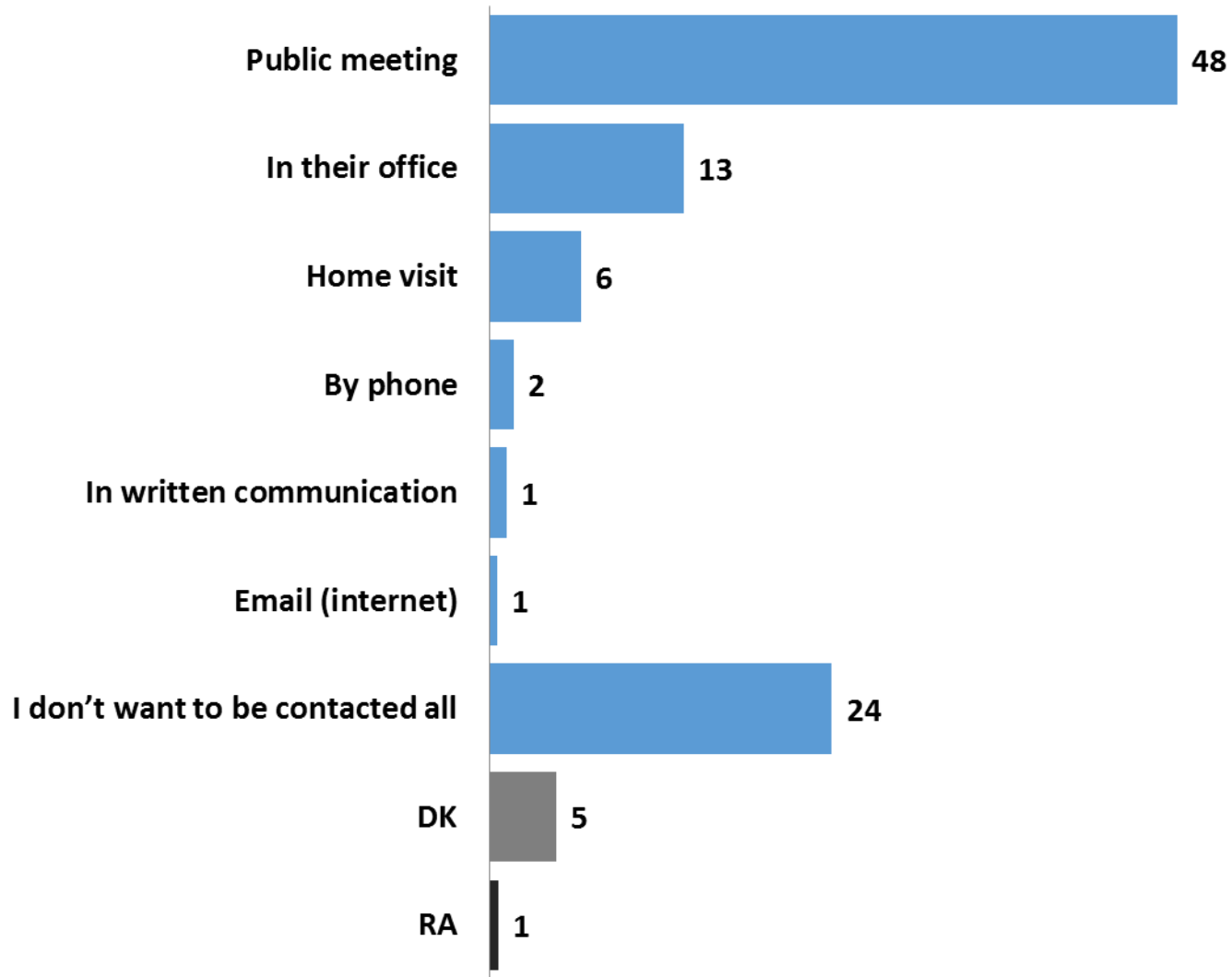


What do you expect from your majoritarian Member of the Parliament? (q37)

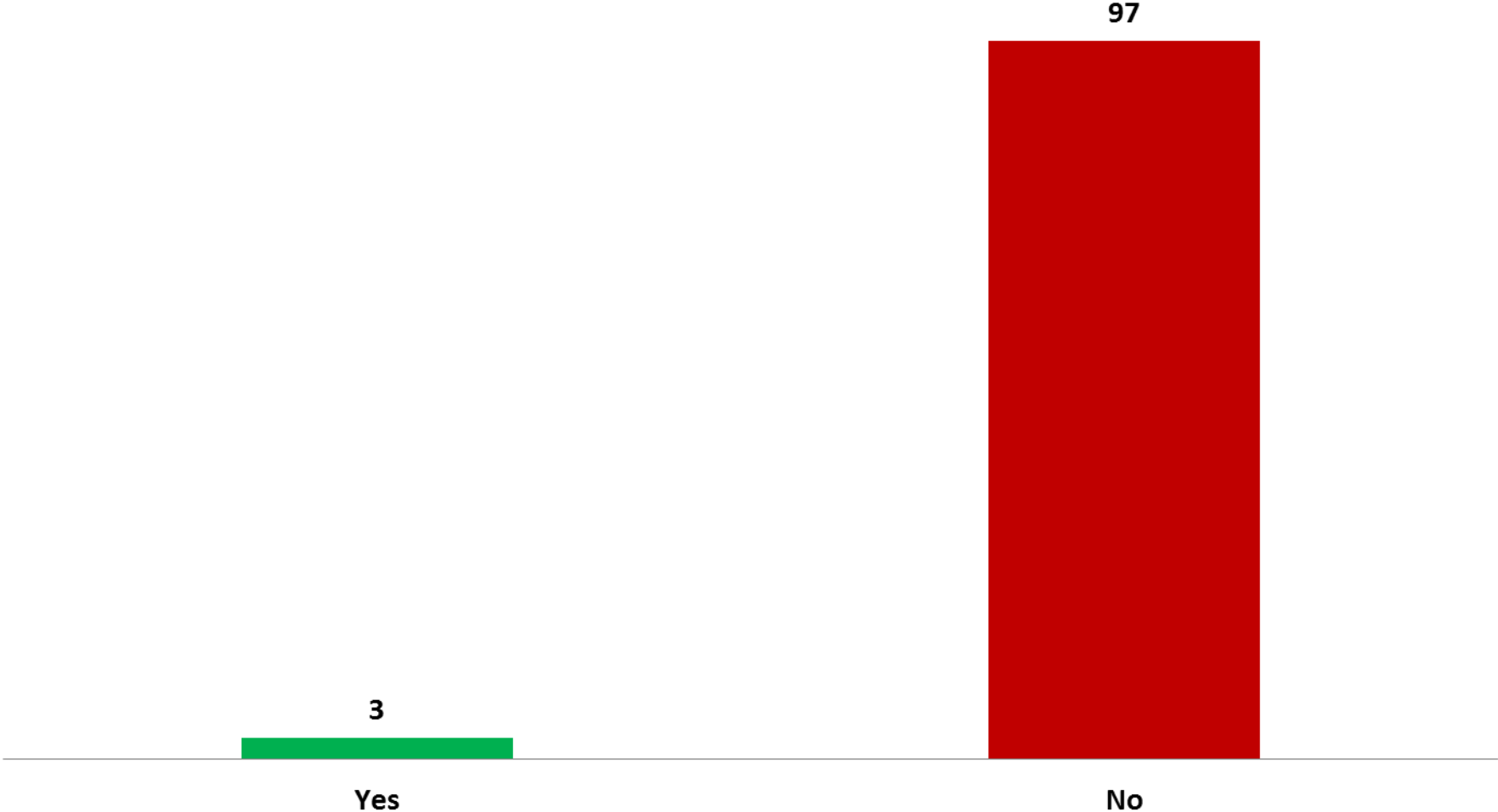
■ Yes
 ■ No
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



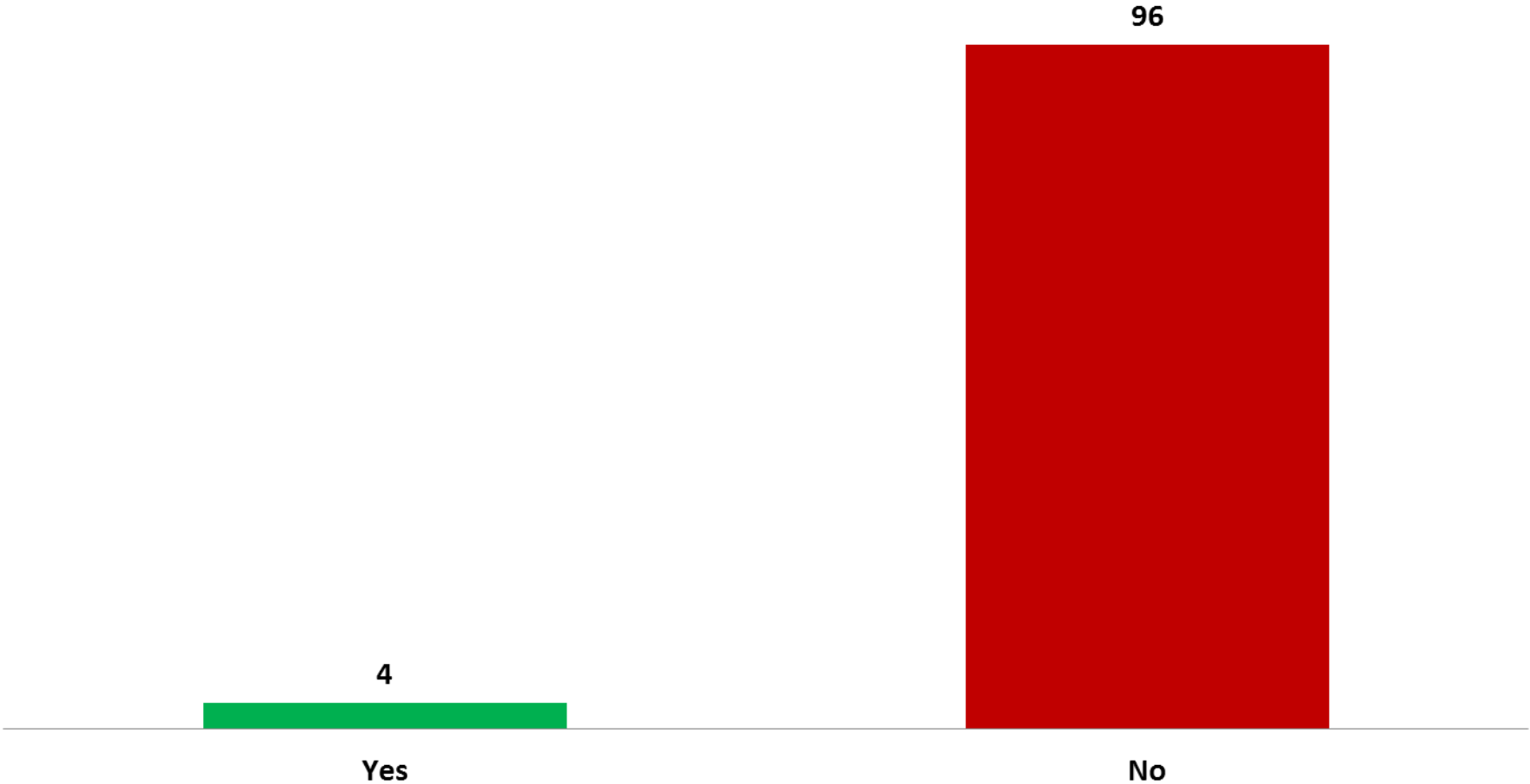
If your elected representative were to contact you, what would be the best form? (q39)



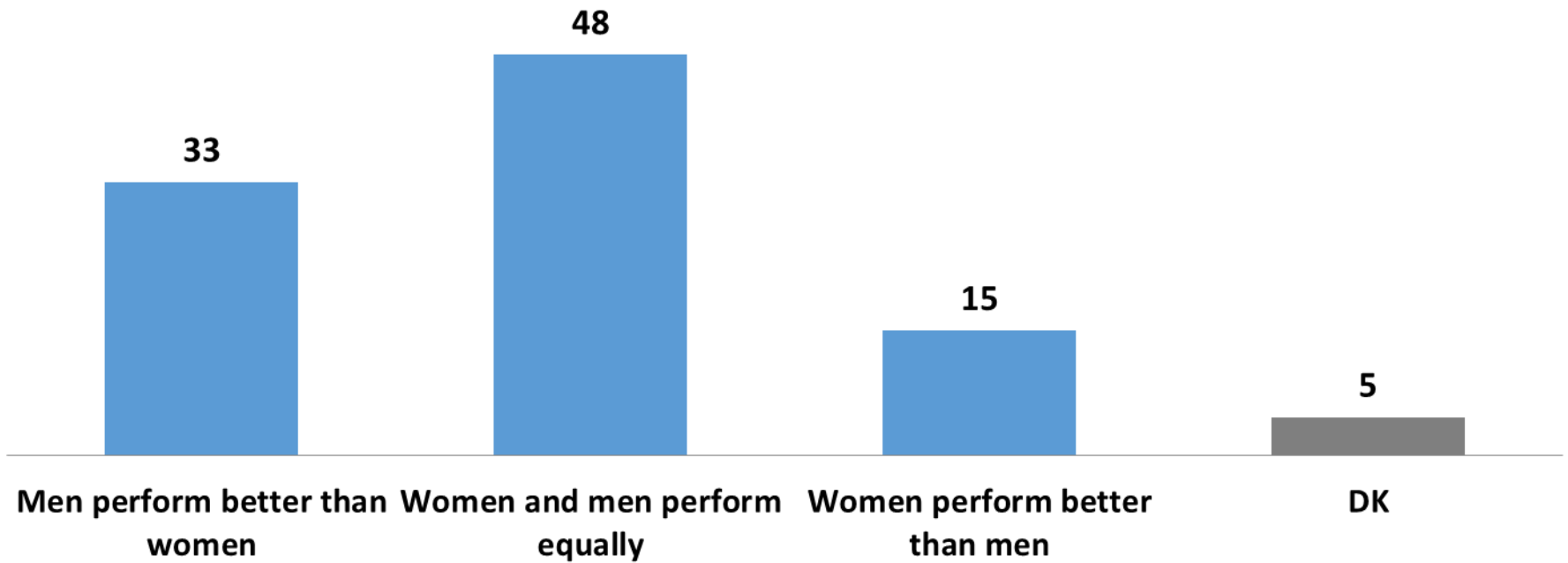
Have you personally been contacted by any politician or party activist since the October 2012 parliamentary elections? (q40)



**Have you addressed your majoritarian member in the Parliament
or their office with any request or concern since the October
2012 parliamentary election? (q43)**

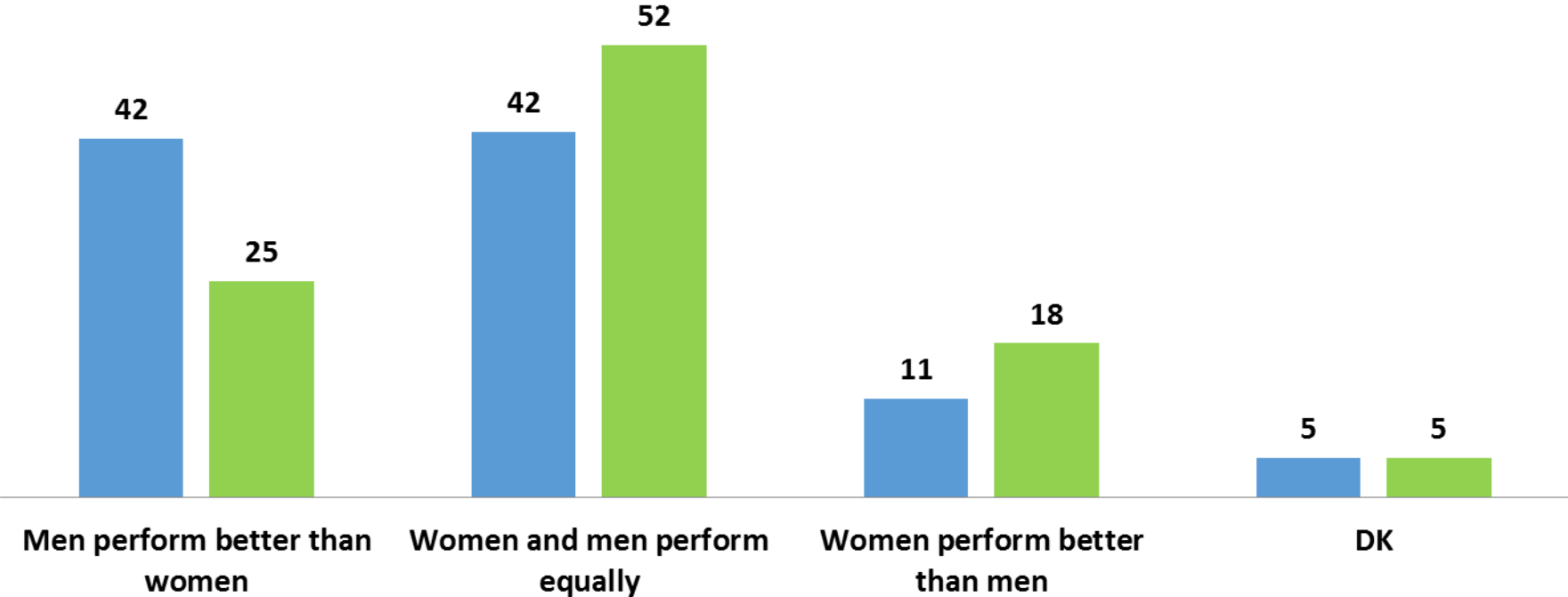


Generally, comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, do you think ... (q29)

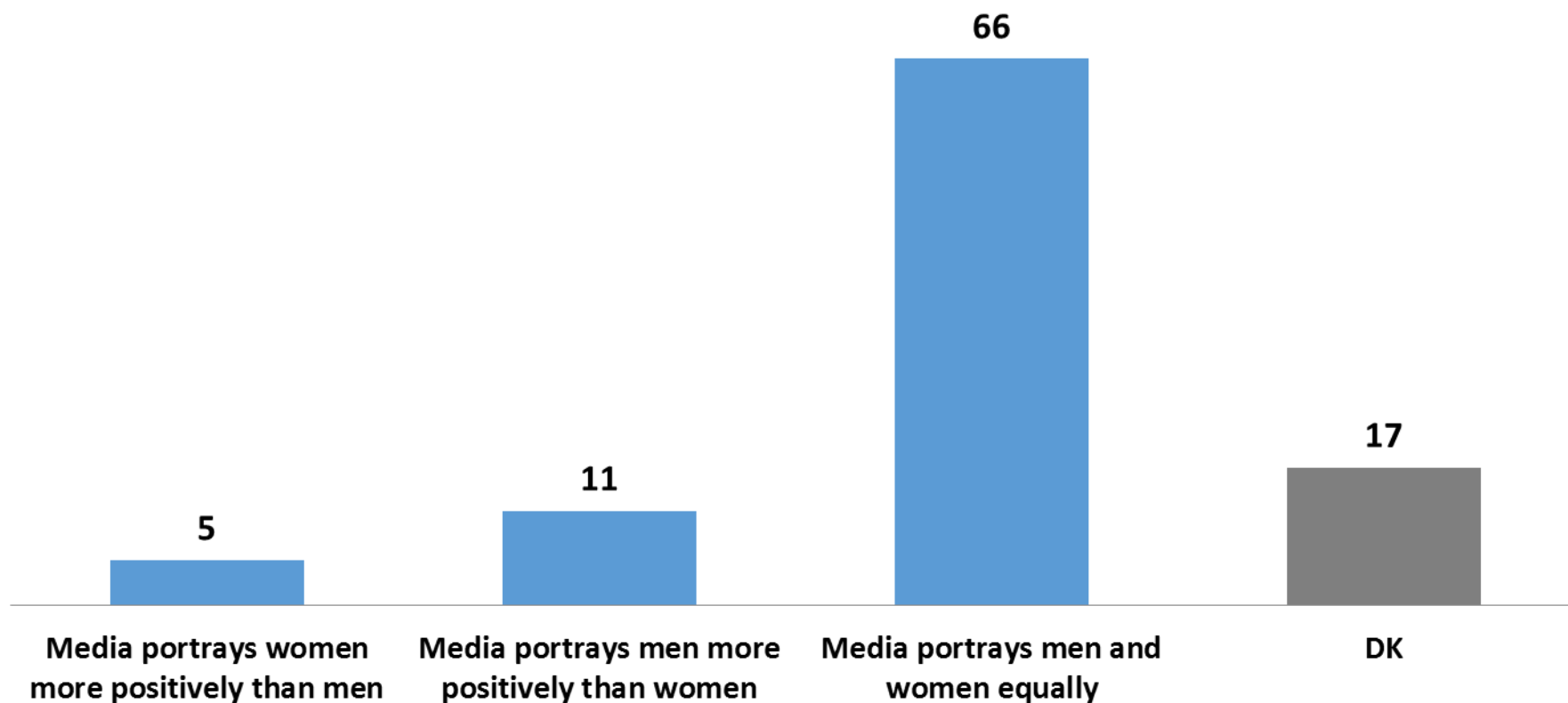


Generally, comparing the performance of men and women in elected office, do you think ... (q29 X Gender)

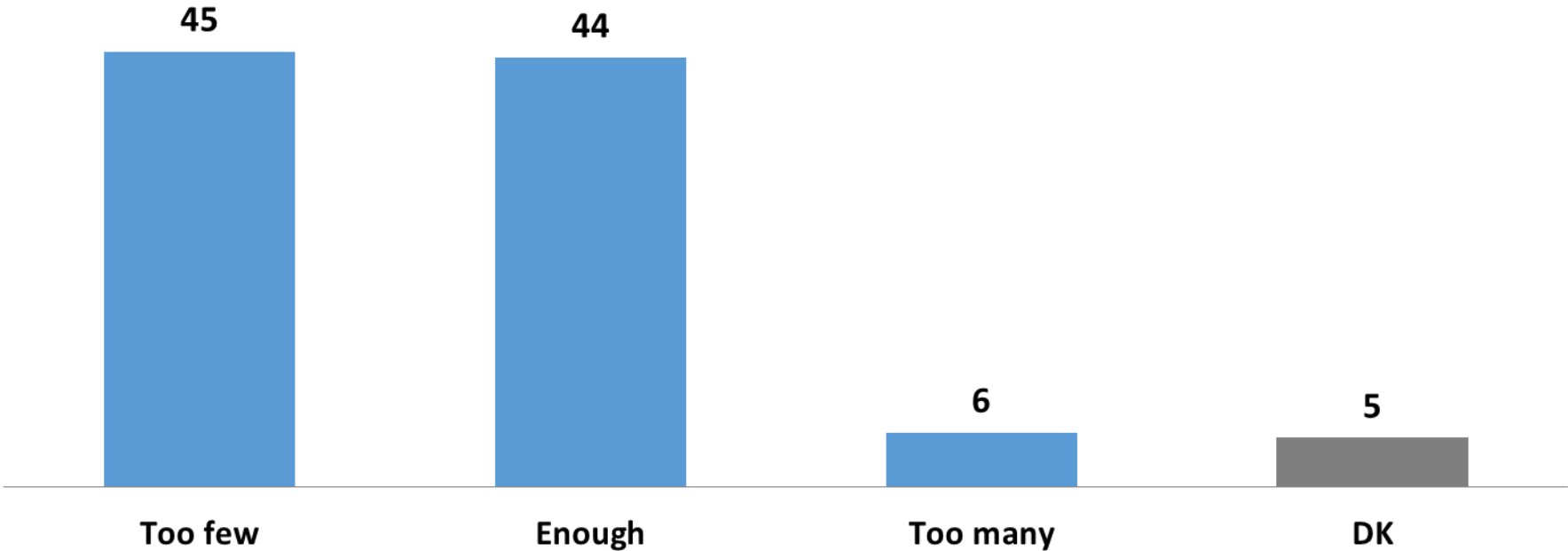
Male Female



Generally speaking, how do you think the media portrays men and women in politics? (q30)

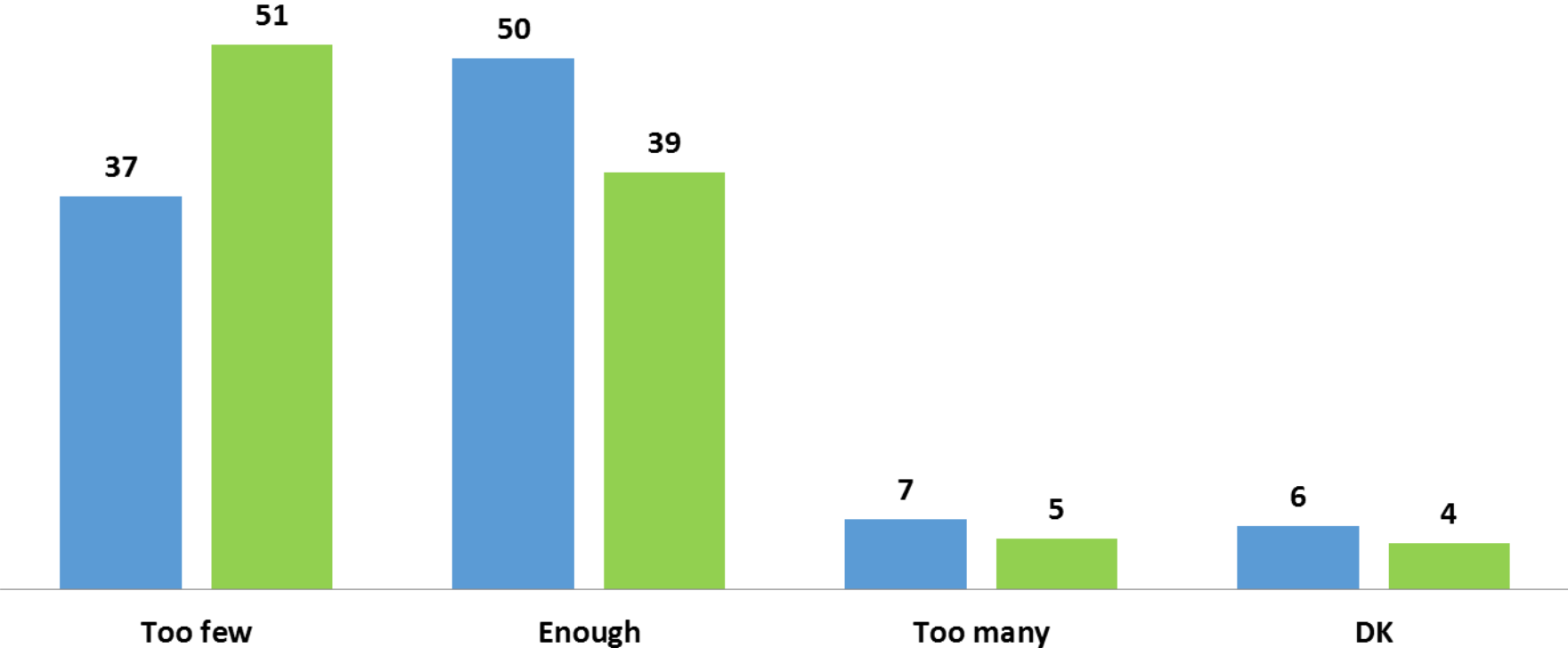


Currently there are 17 women members of parliament out of 150 (11%). Do you think this is . . .? (q26)

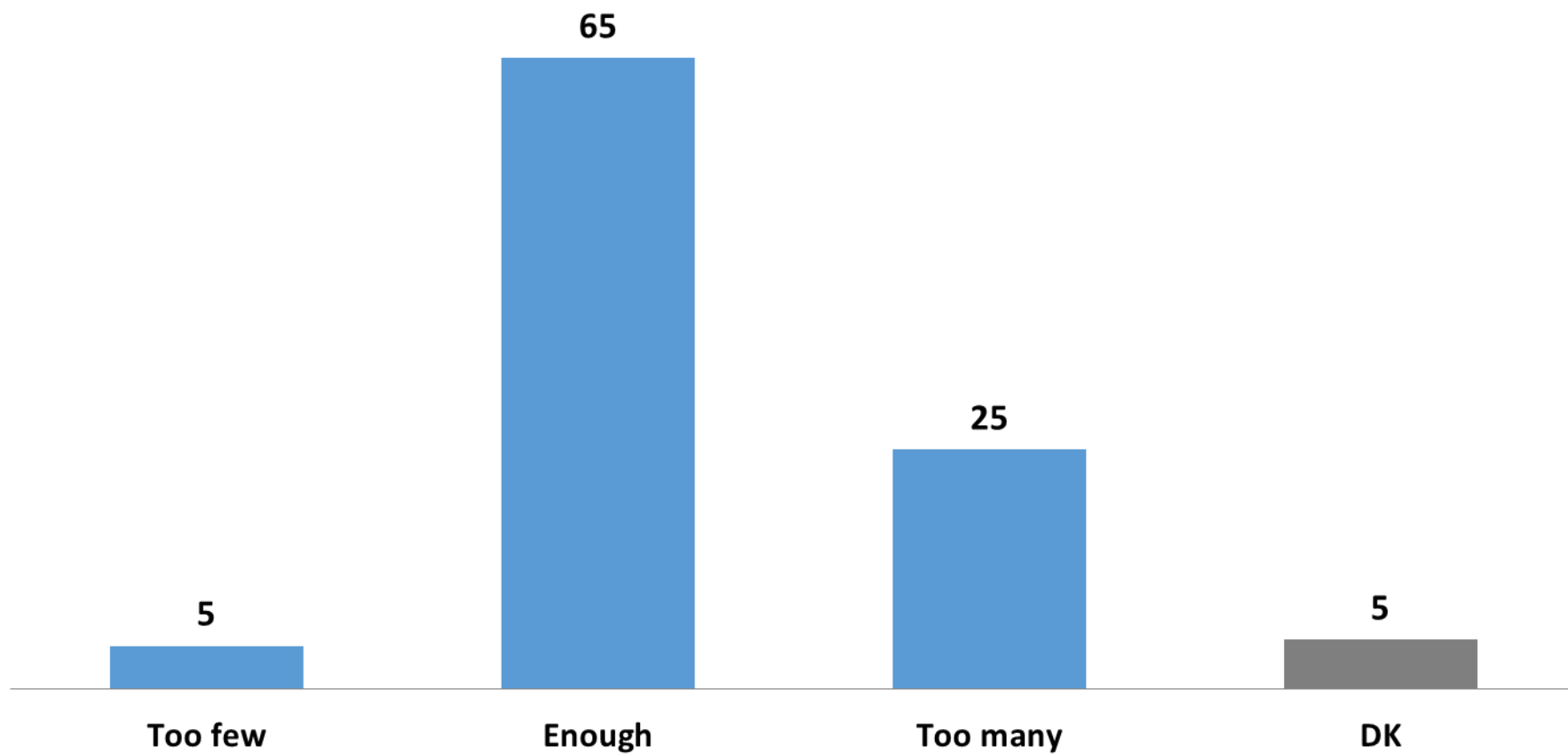


Currently there are 17 women members of parliament out of 150 (11%). Do you think this is . . .? (q26 X Gender)

■ Male ■ Female

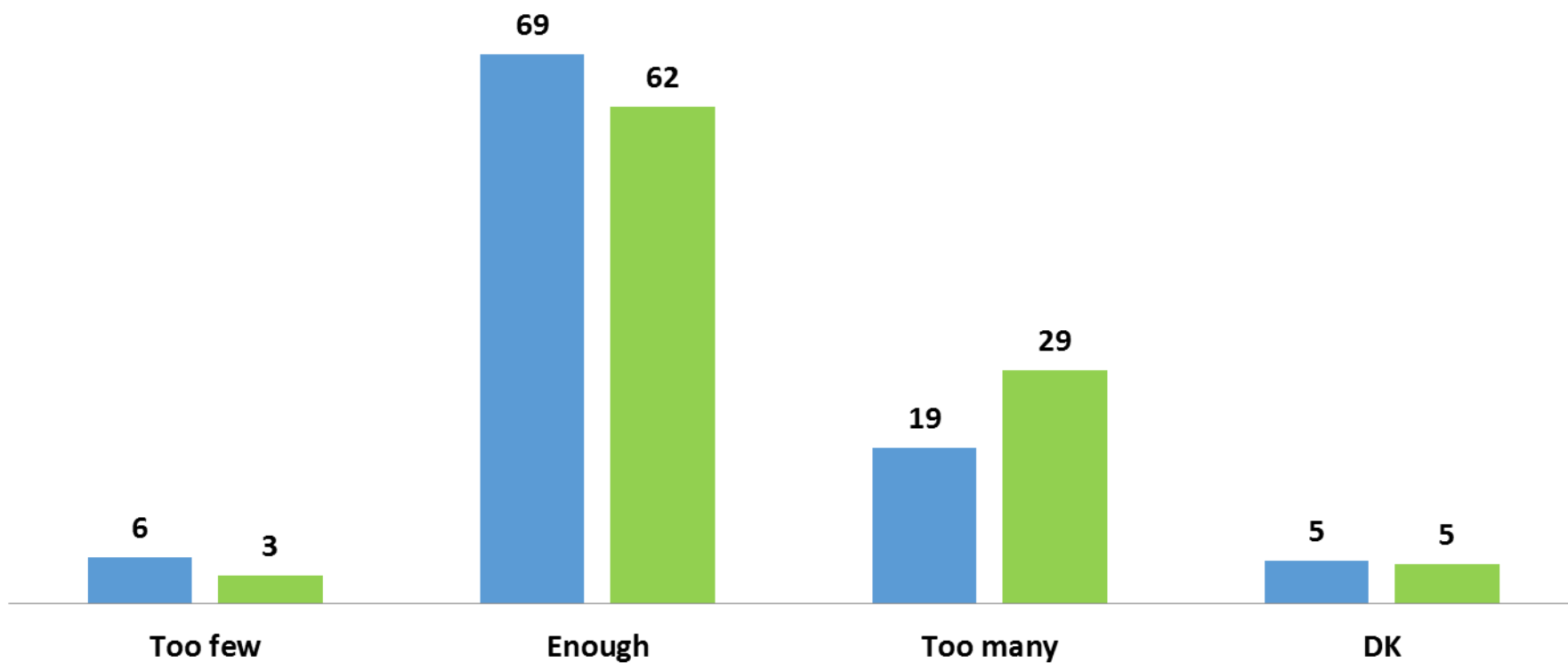


Currently there are 133 men members of parliament out of 150 (89%). Do you think this is . . .? (q32)



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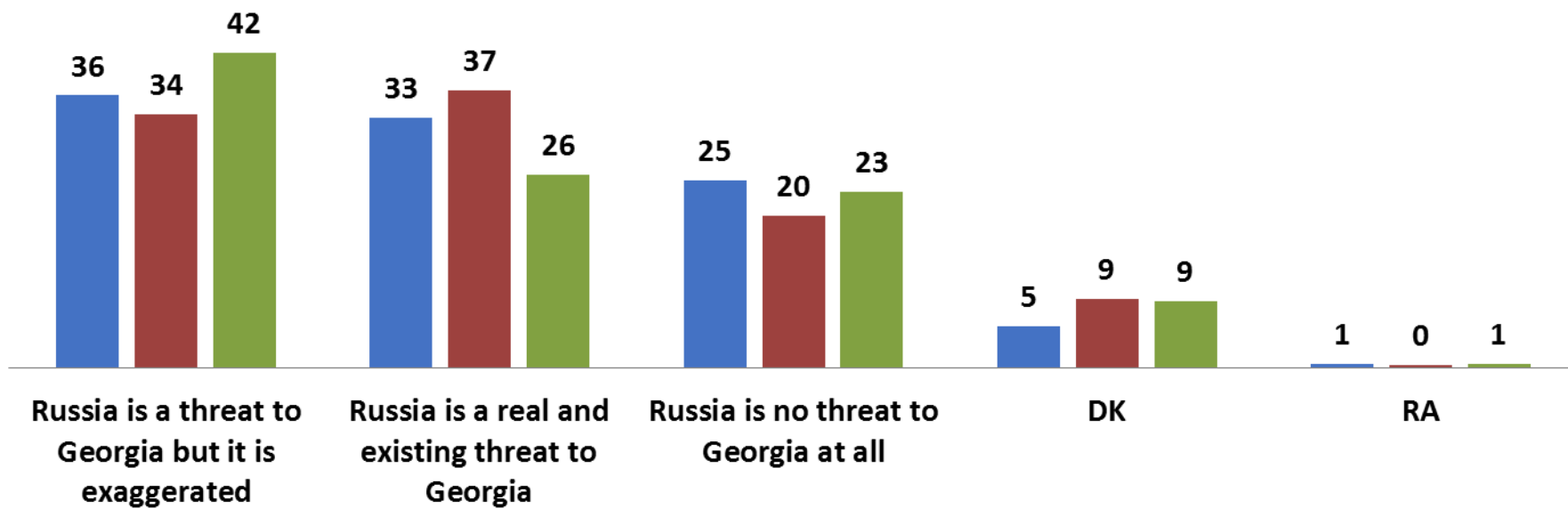
■ Male ■ Female



Foreign Relations

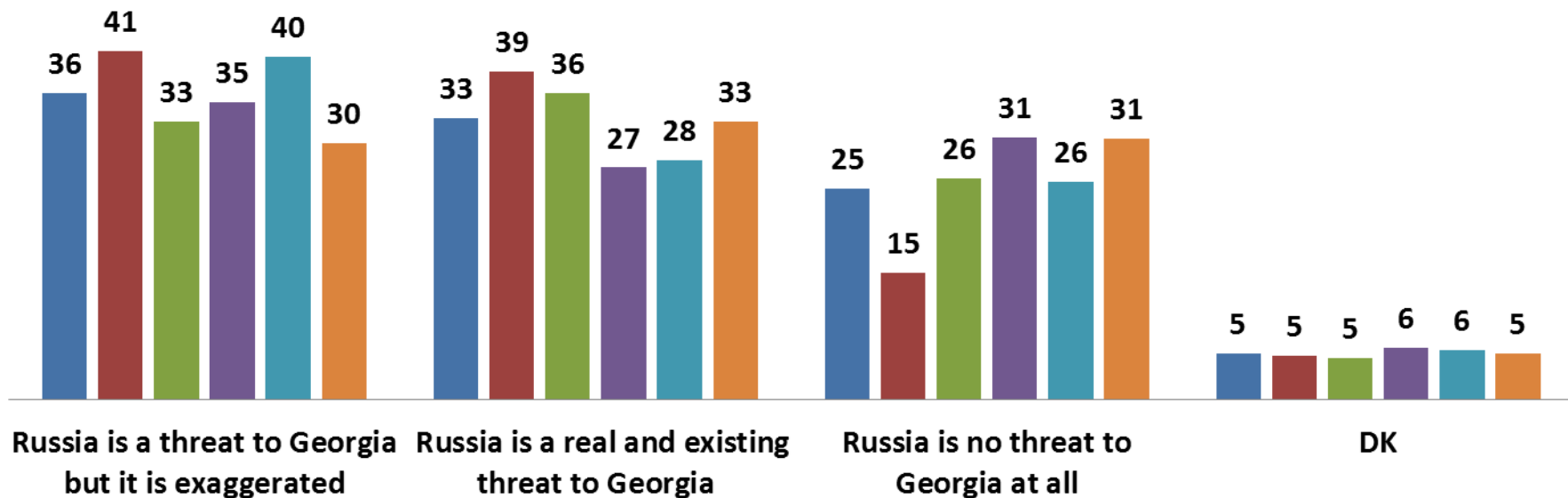
Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (q46)

■ September 2013 ■ June 2013 ■ March 2013



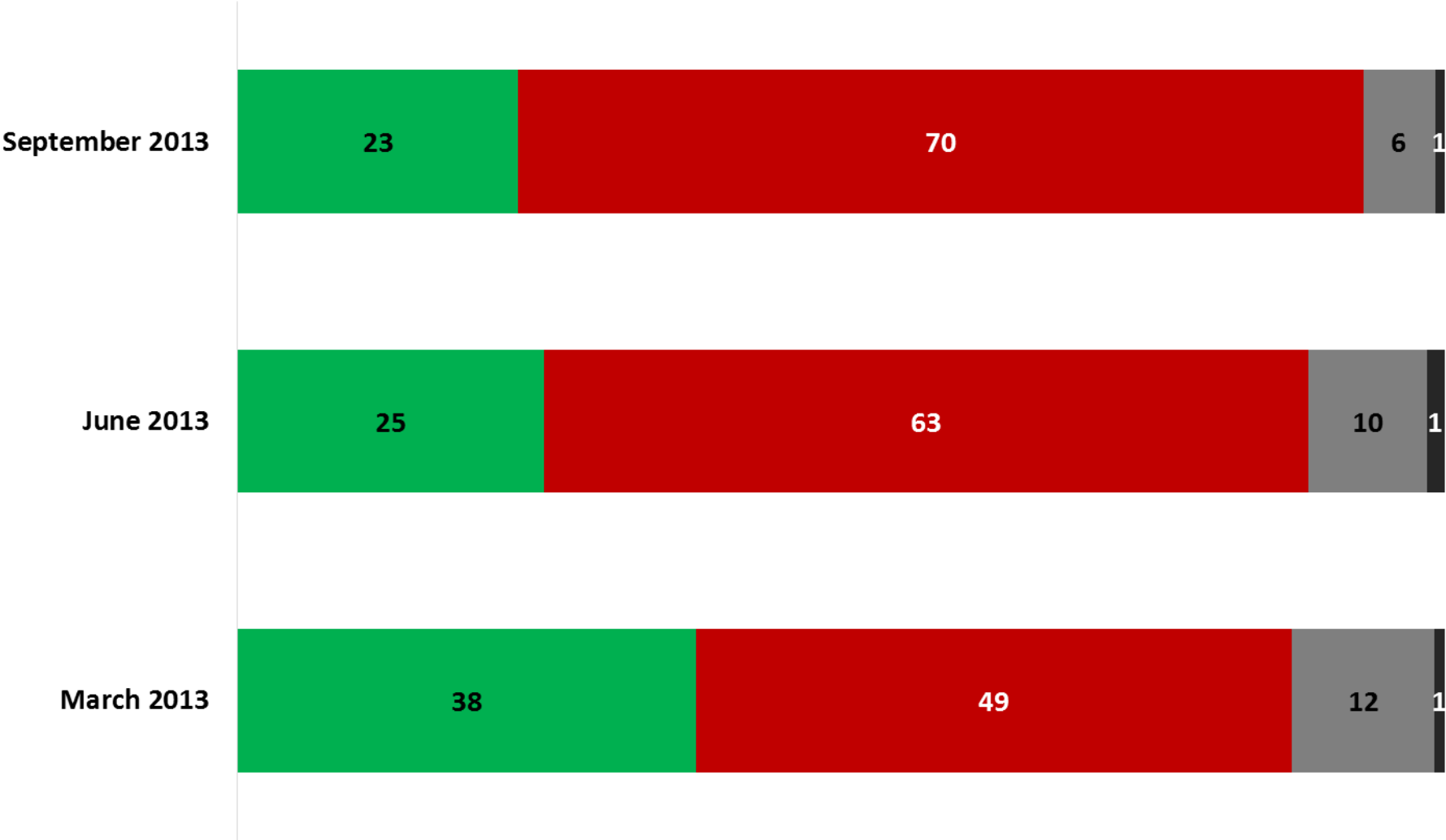
Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (q46 X Settlement)

■ National ■ Capital ■ Urban ■ Rural ■ East Georgia ■ West Georgia



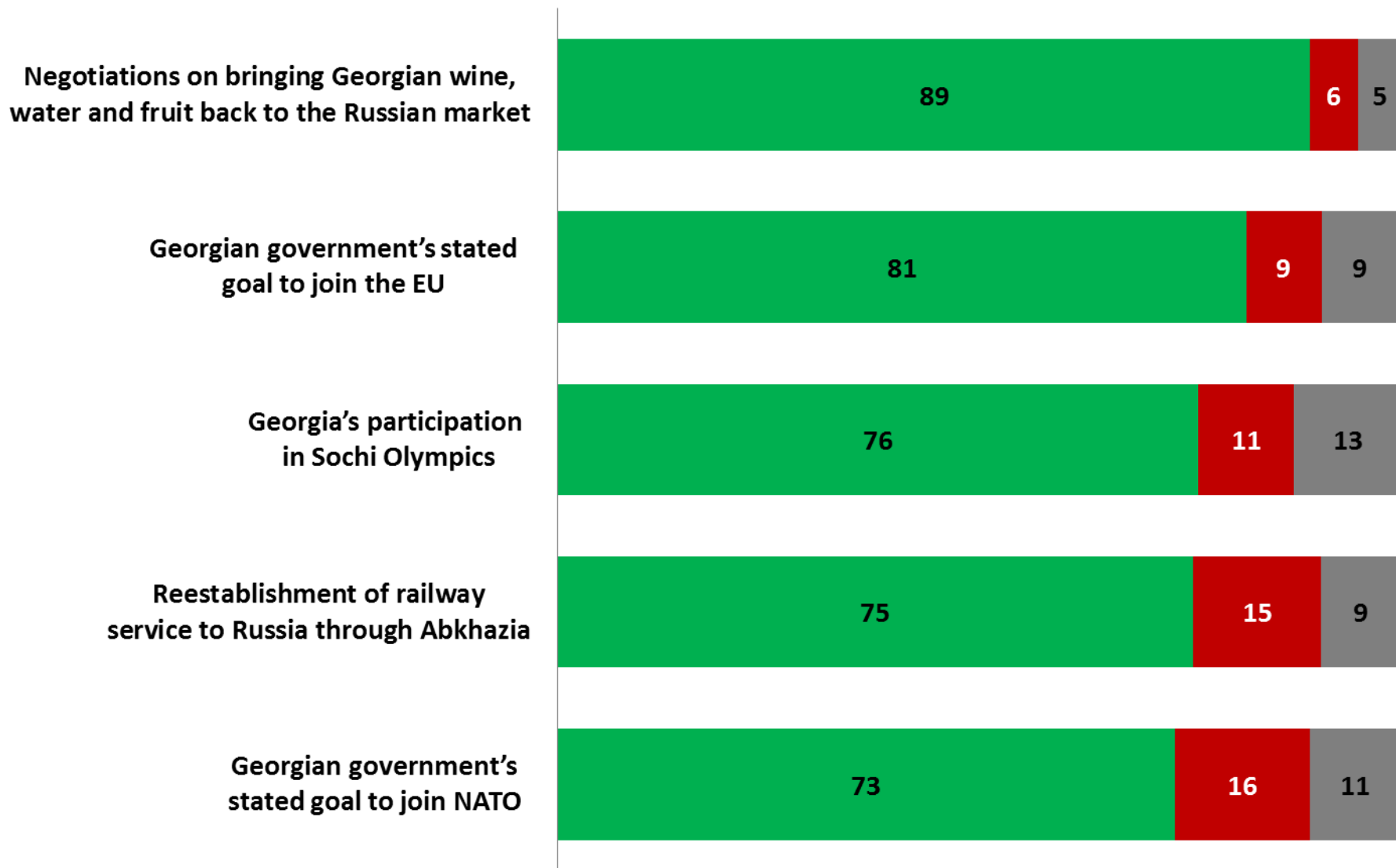
Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Georgia's current relationship with Russia? (q47)

■ Satisfied ■ Dissatisfied ■ DK ■ RA



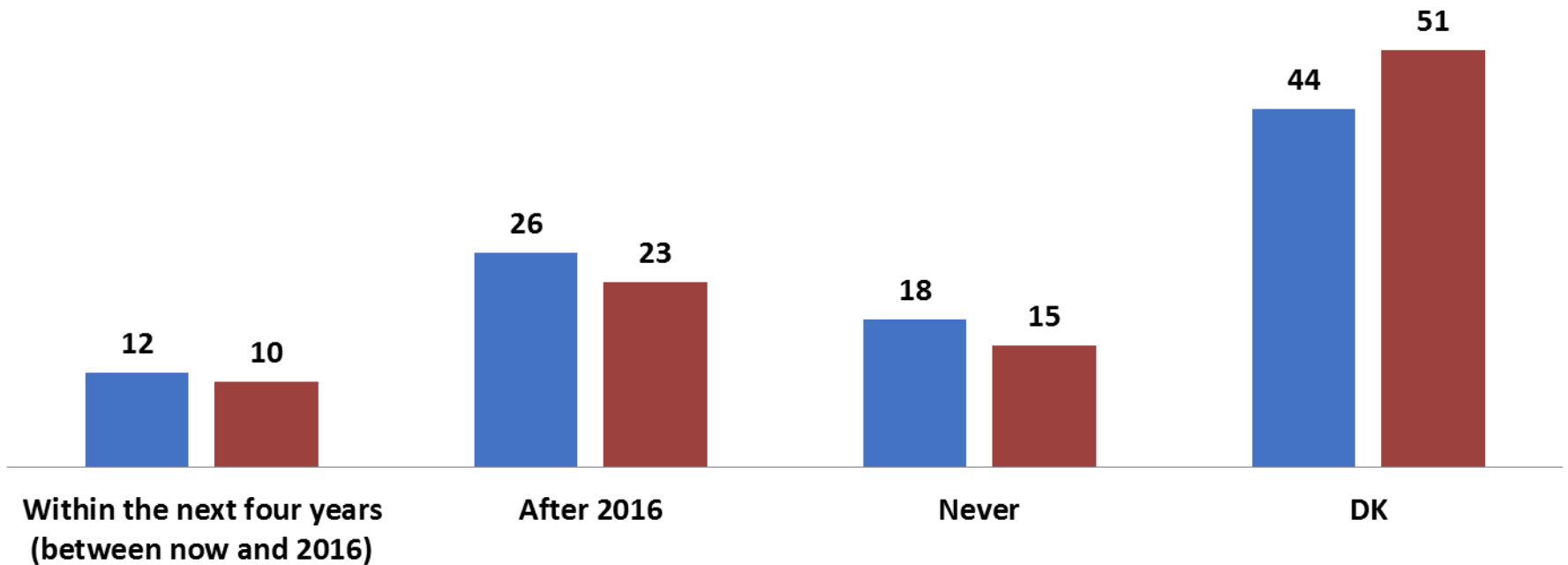
Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q48)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA



When do you think Georgia will be granted NATO membership? (q49)

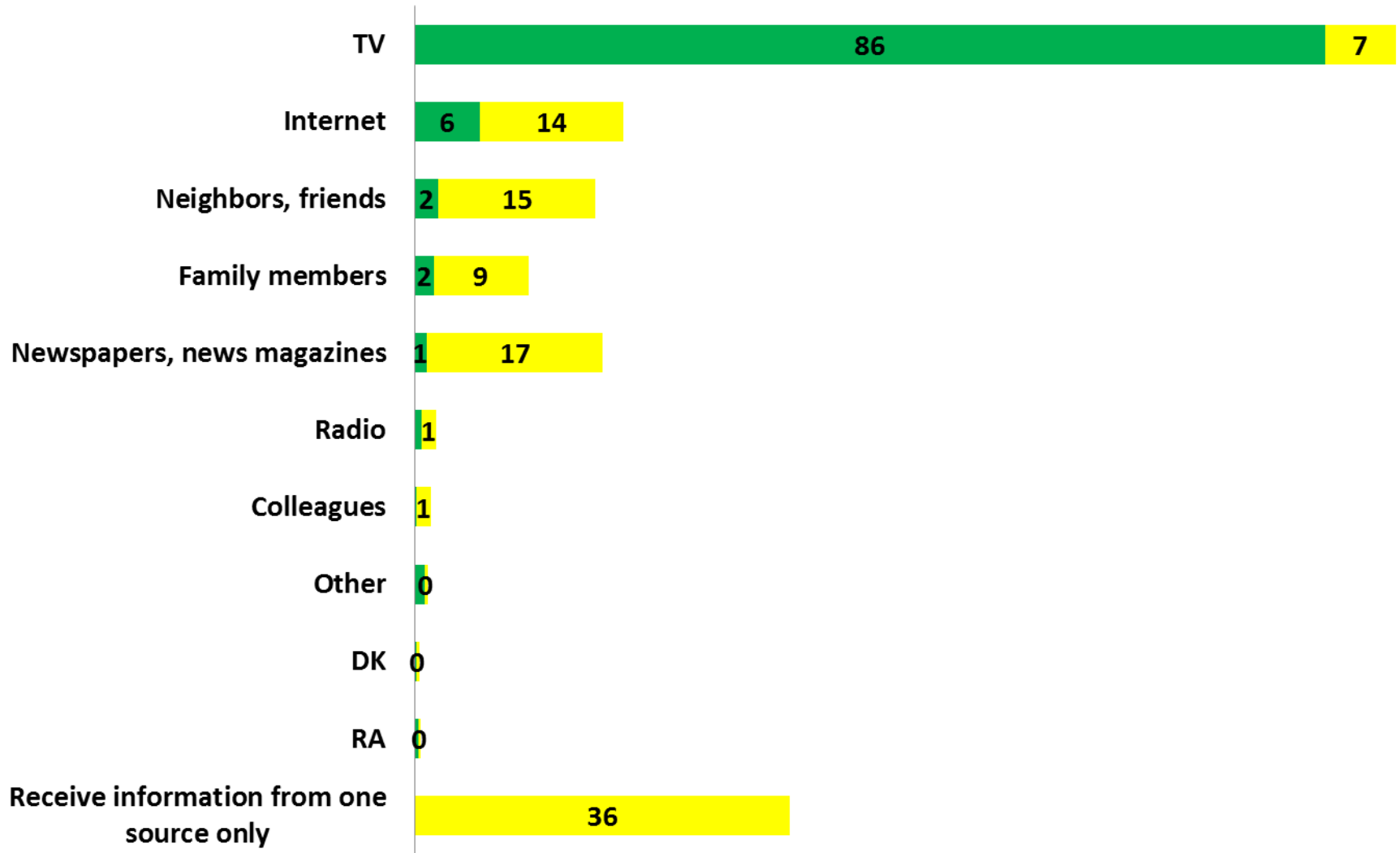
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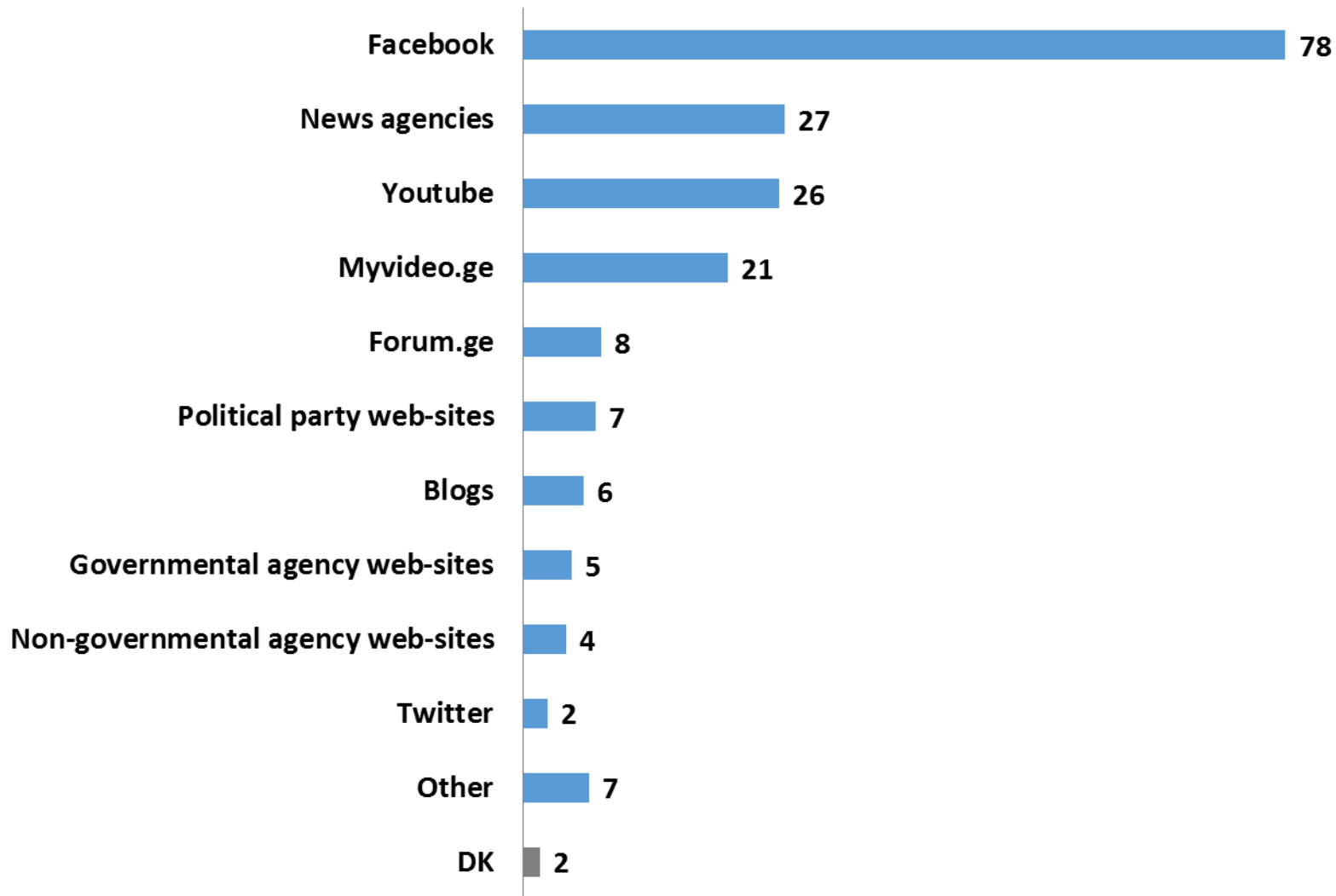
Media

What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q50-q51)

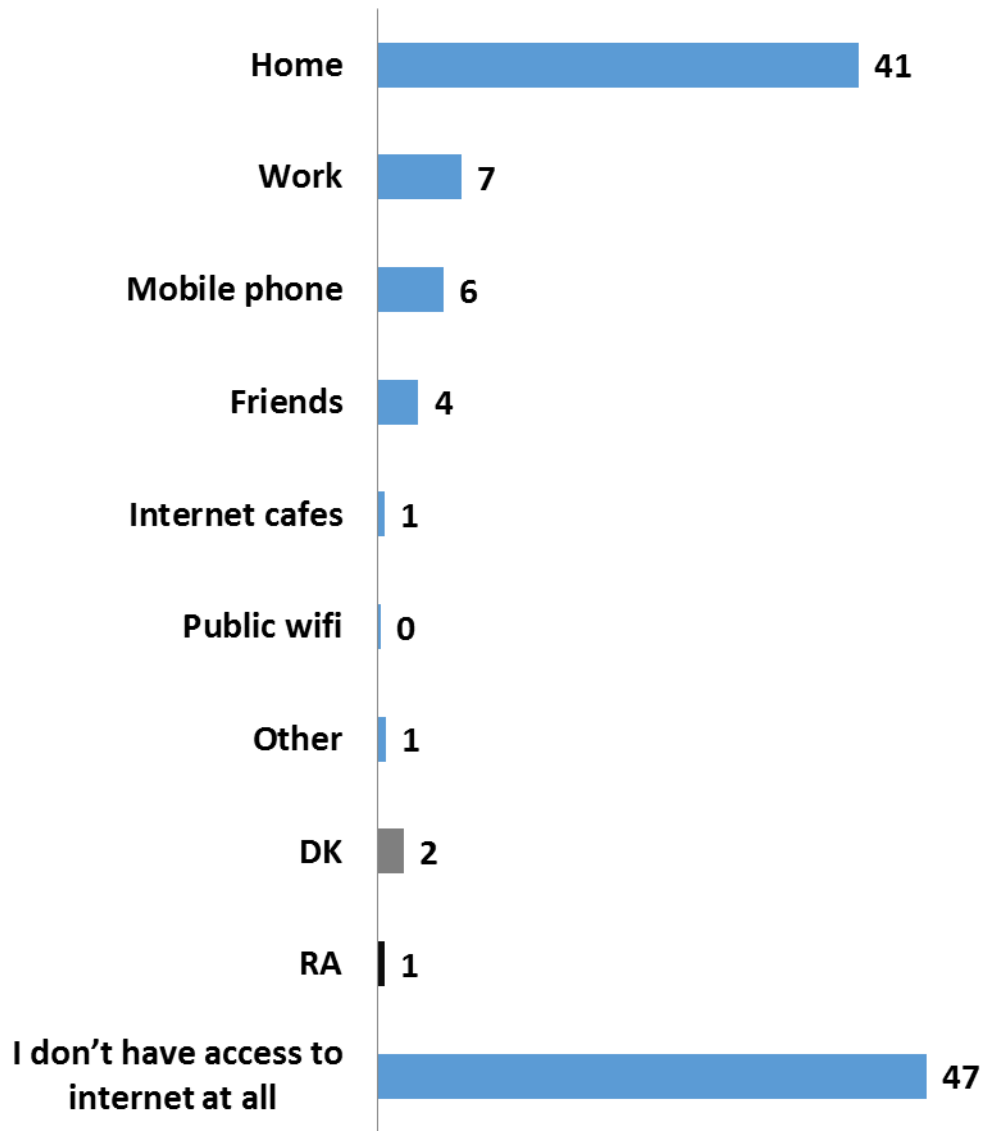
■ First source ■ Second source



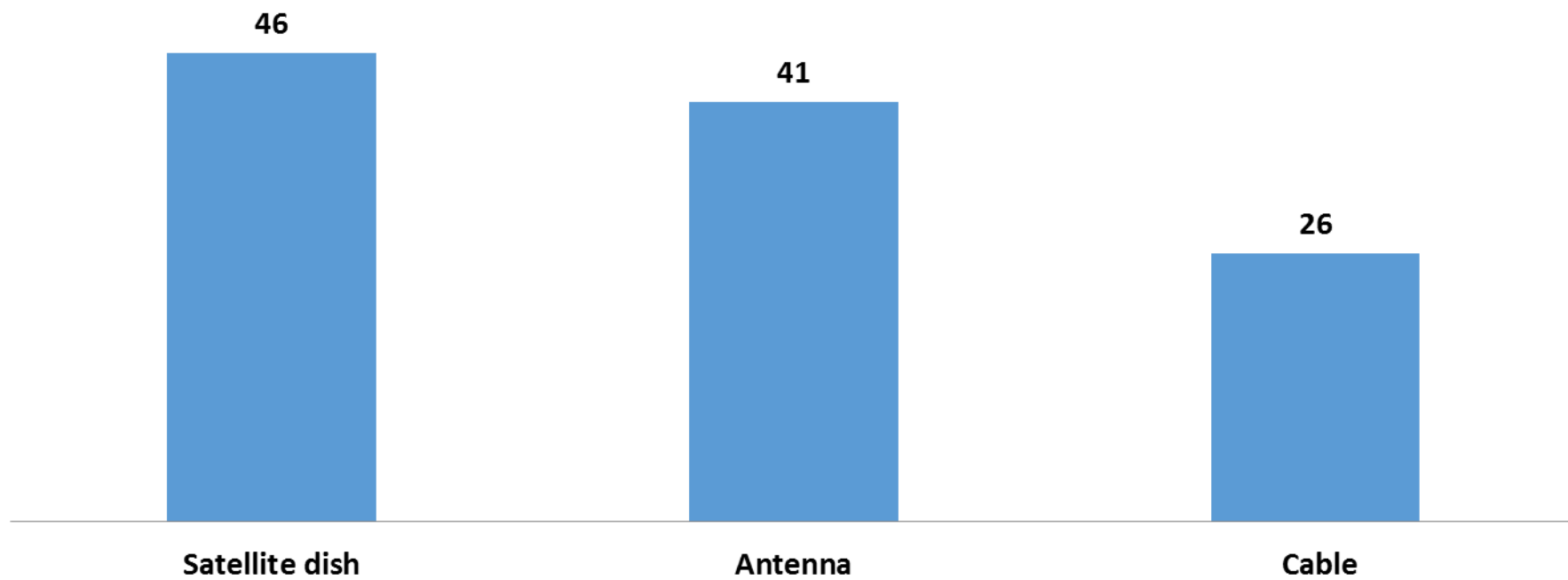
**What are the top three internet sites you visit for politics?
Name up to three (q52) - of the 20% who named internet as
their first or second source of information**



How do you access the internet? Accept all answers (q54)

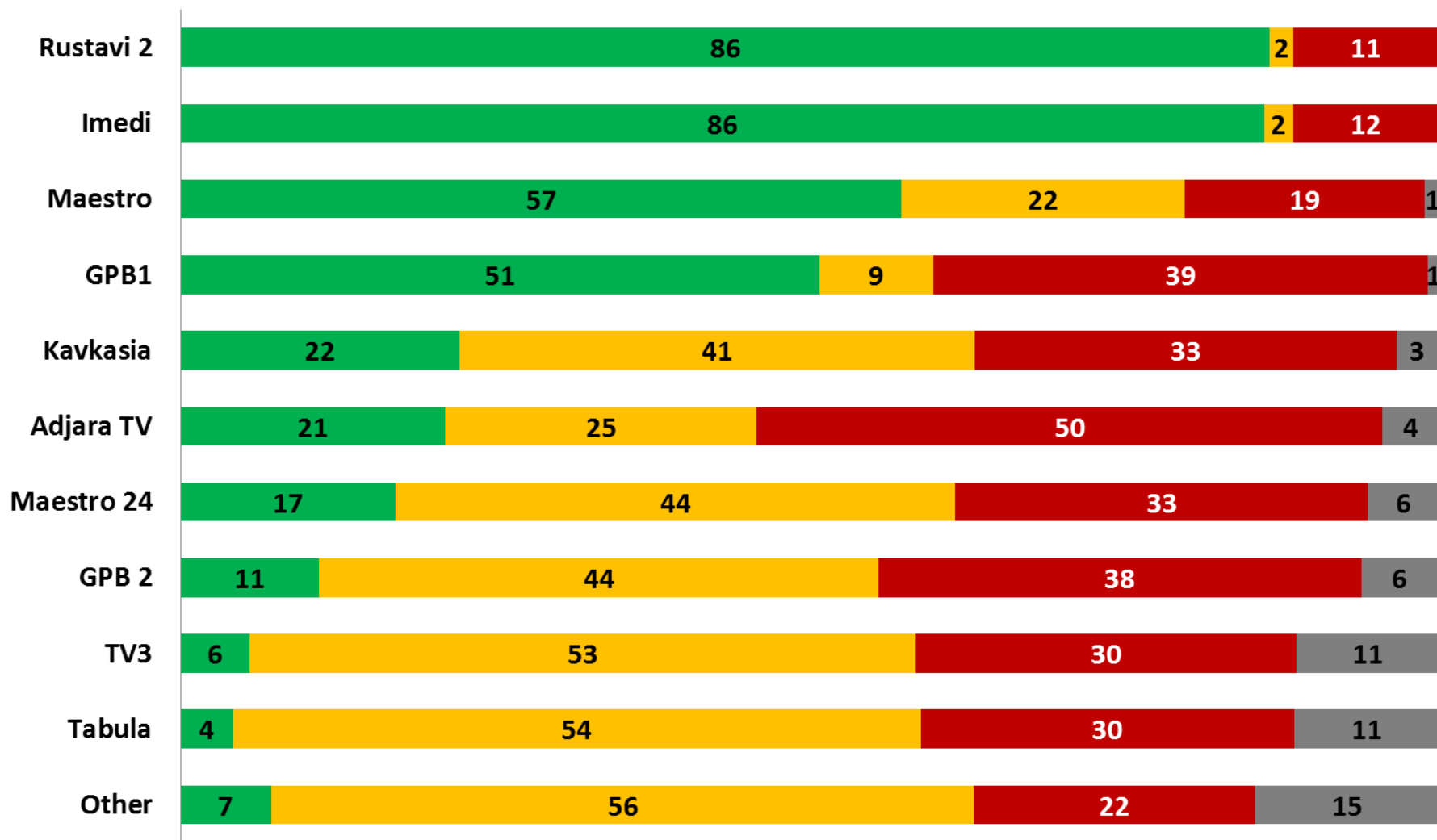


How do you receive TV signal? Accept all answers (q53)



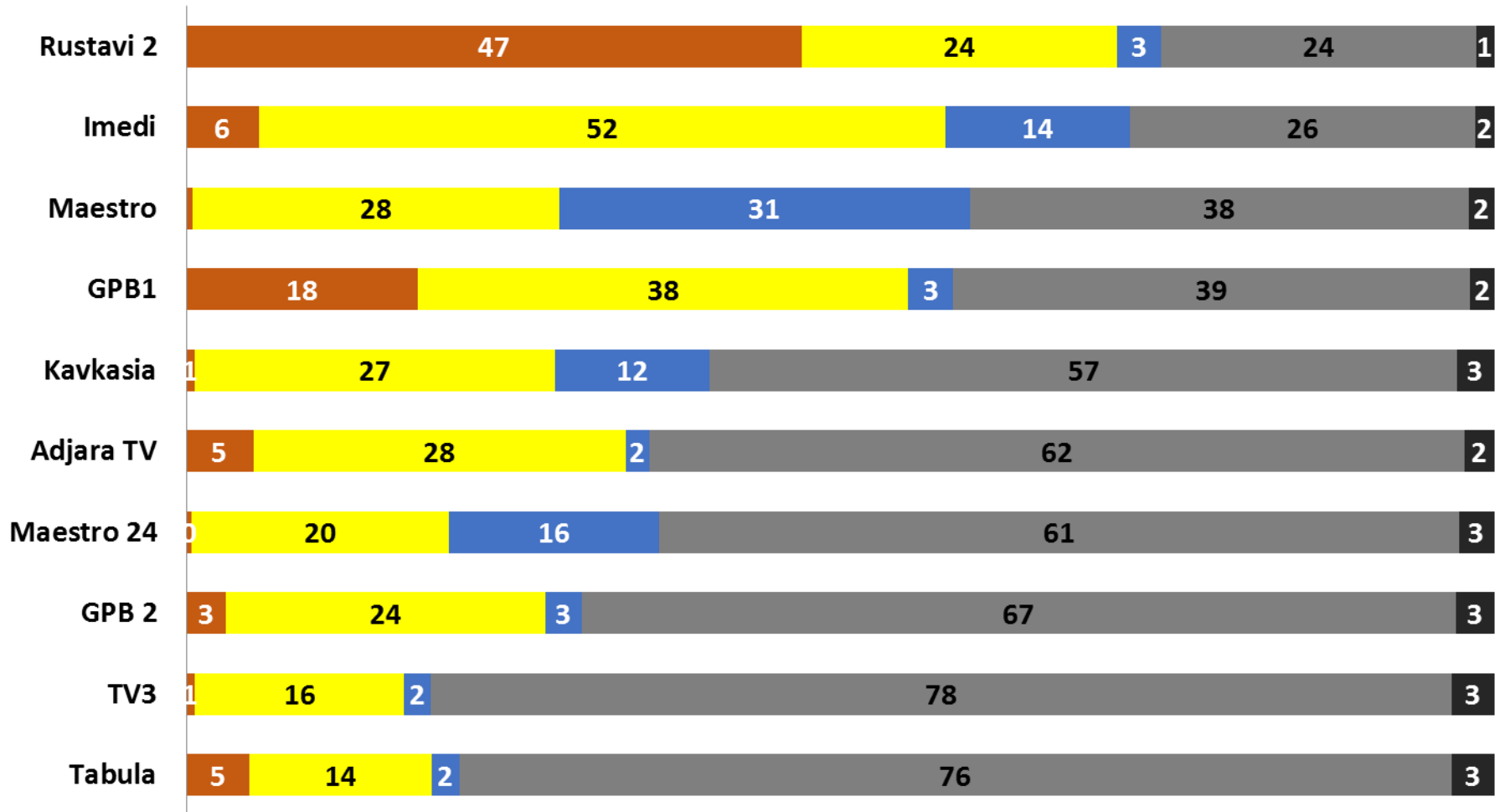
Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? National (q55)

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



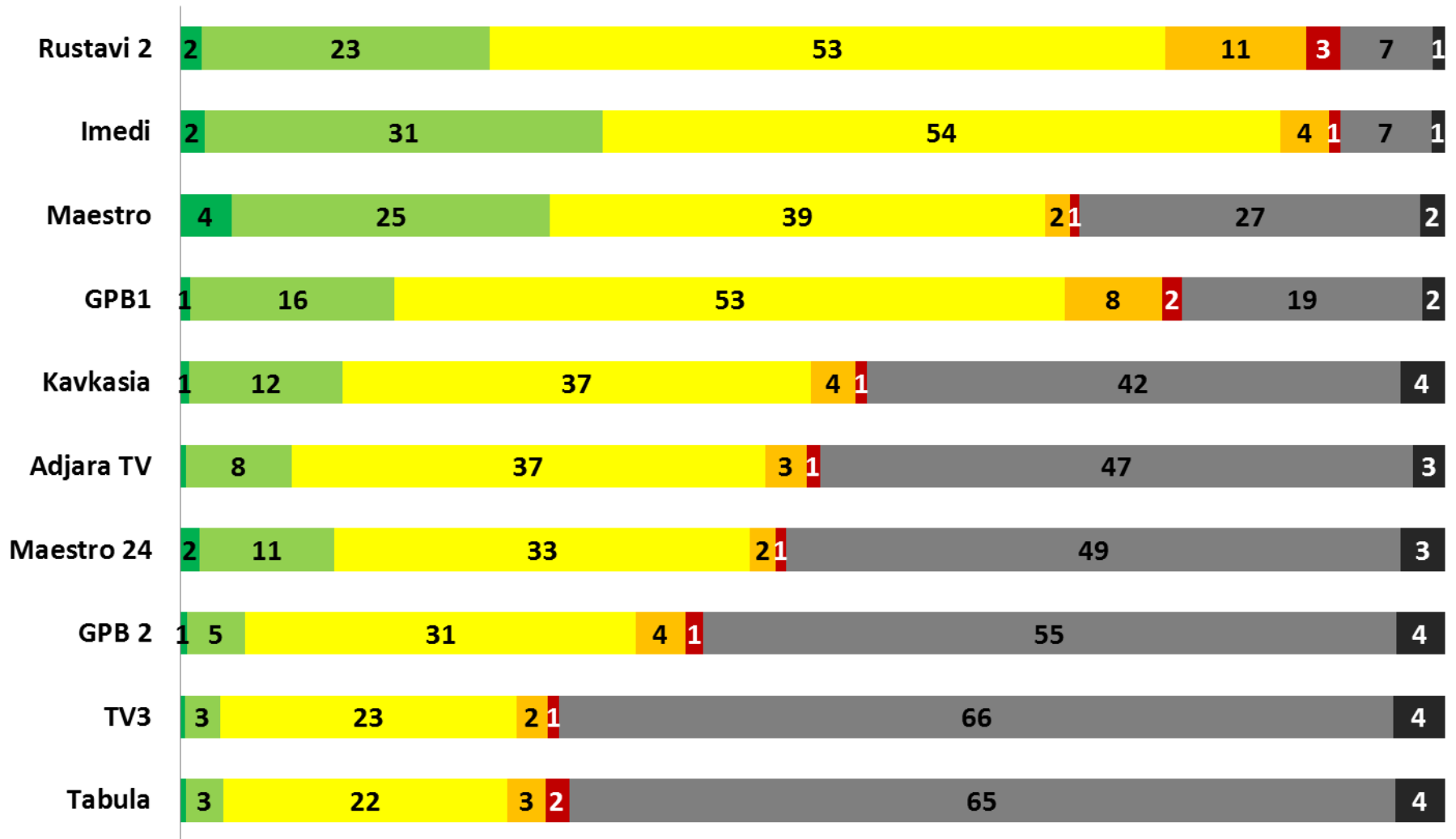
Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels mostly reflect the interests of UNM, Georgian Dream or neither? National (q56)

UNM Neither Georgian Dream DK RA



How much do you trust or distrust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? National (q57)

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



In the past four months have you been receiving enough information from the media about the party you support? (q59)

■ Yes ■ No ■ RA ■ Not applicable/Do not support any party

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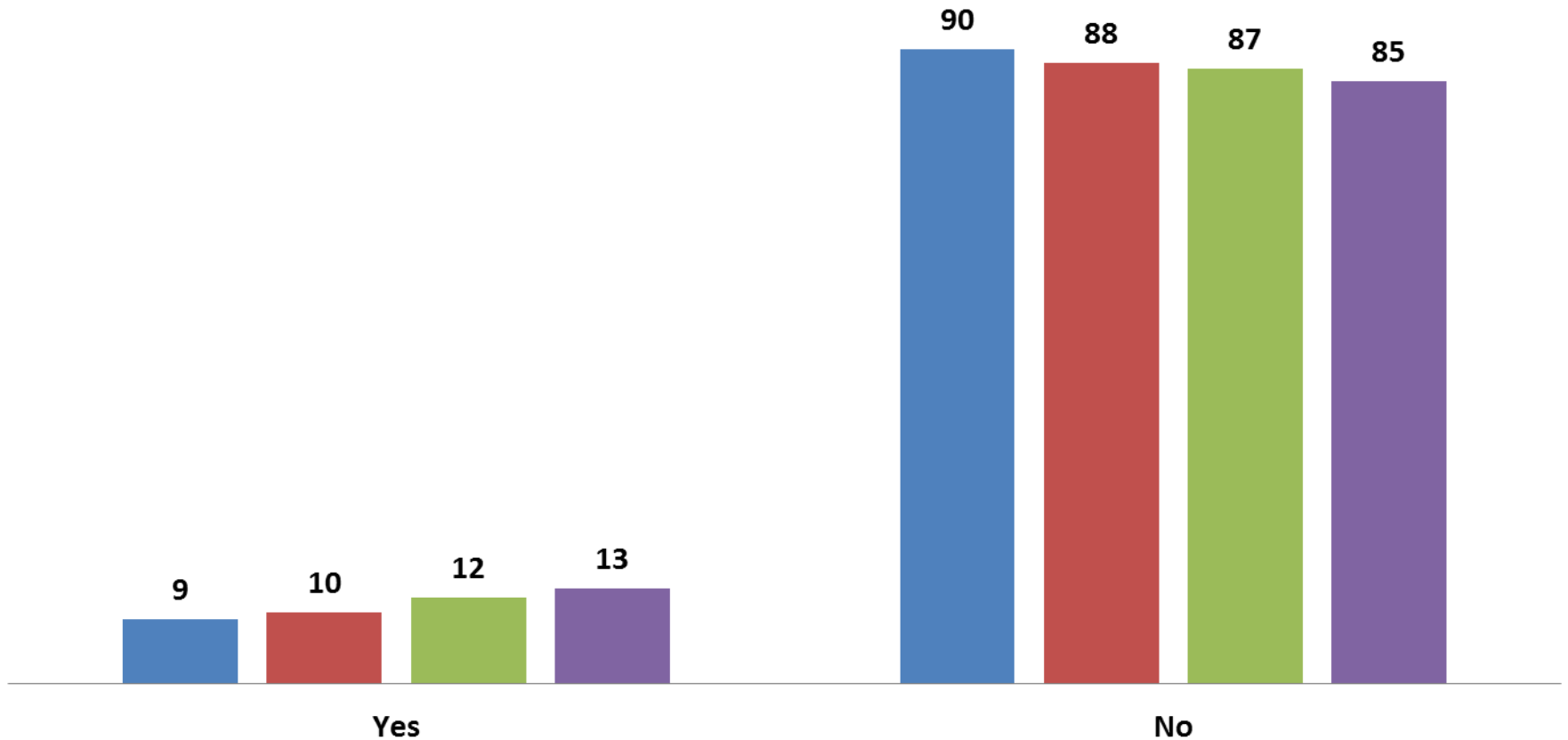


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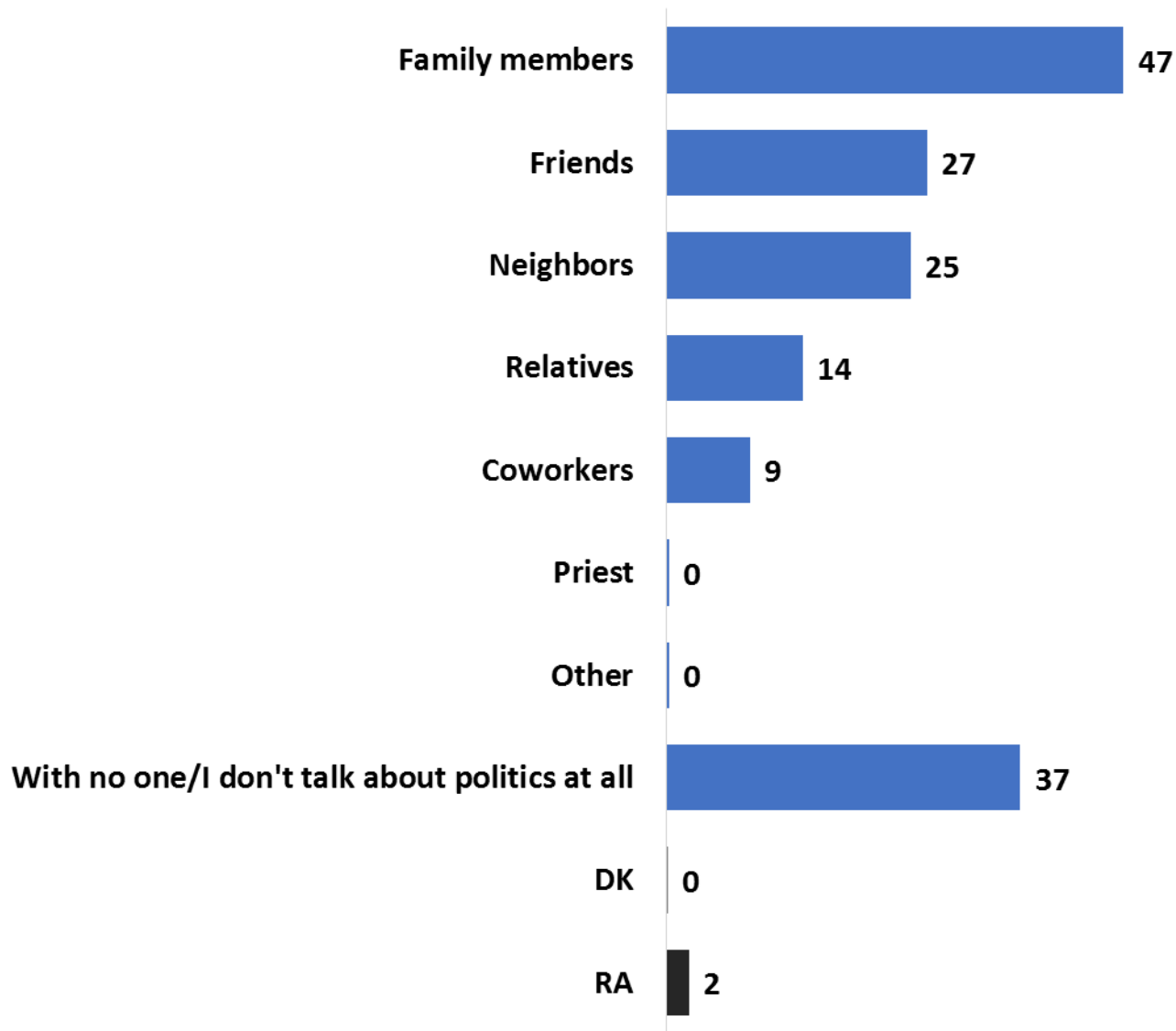
Do you watch GPB Channel 2 which provides live coverage of Parliament and gives Free Tribune to political parties? (q58)

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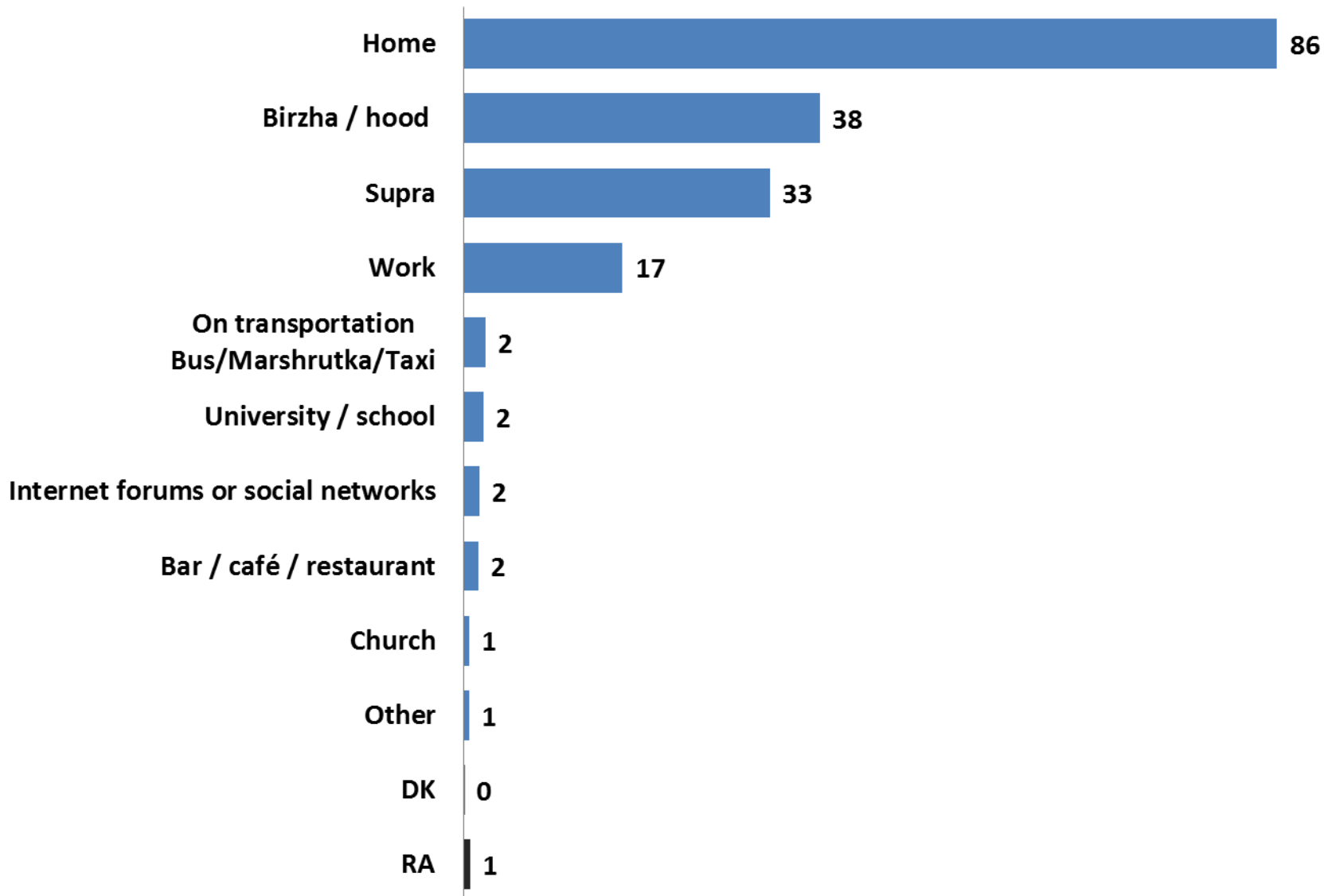


Demographics

With whom do you talk about politics? Name up to three (q74)

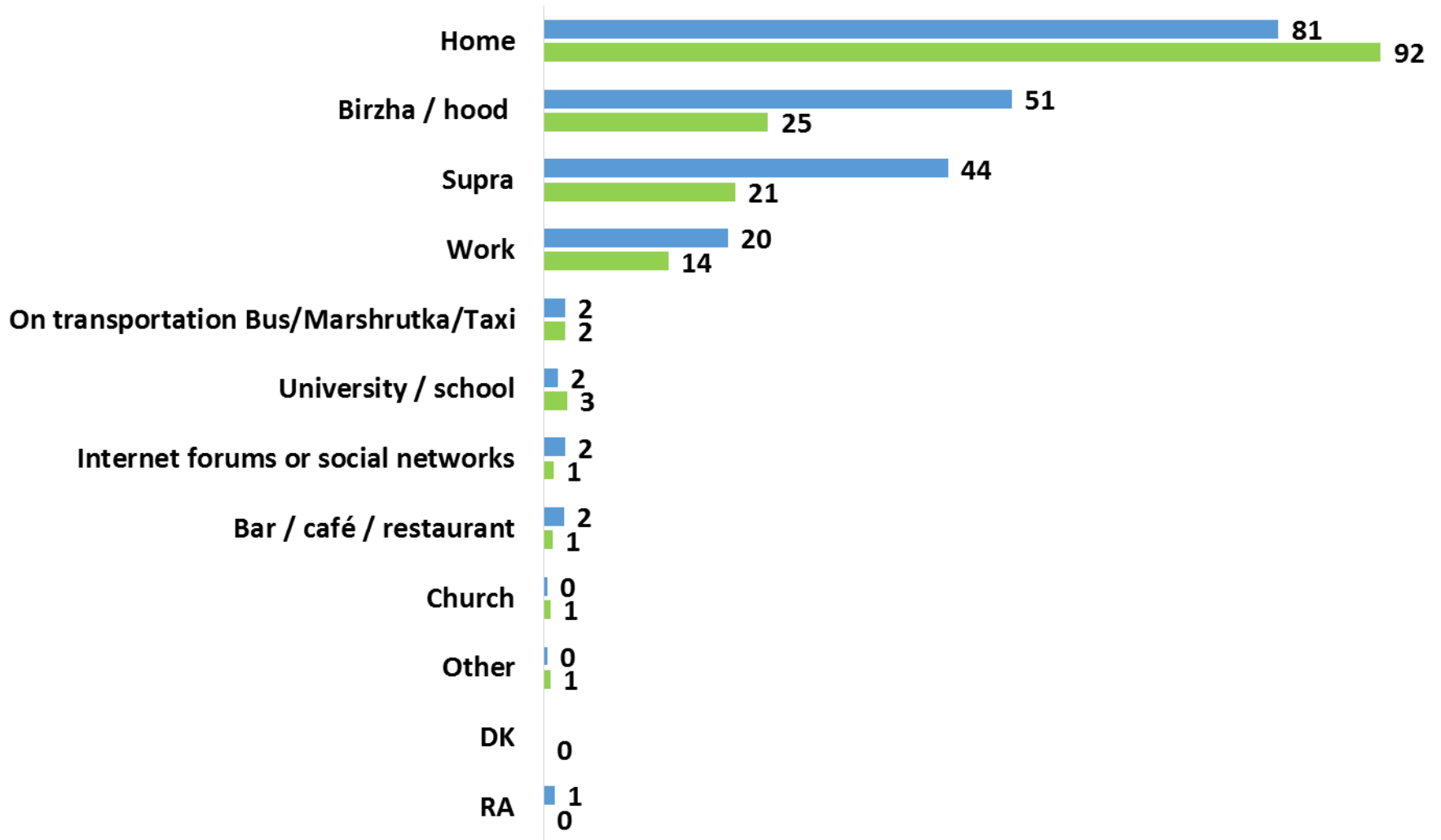


Where do you talk about politics? Name up to three (q75)

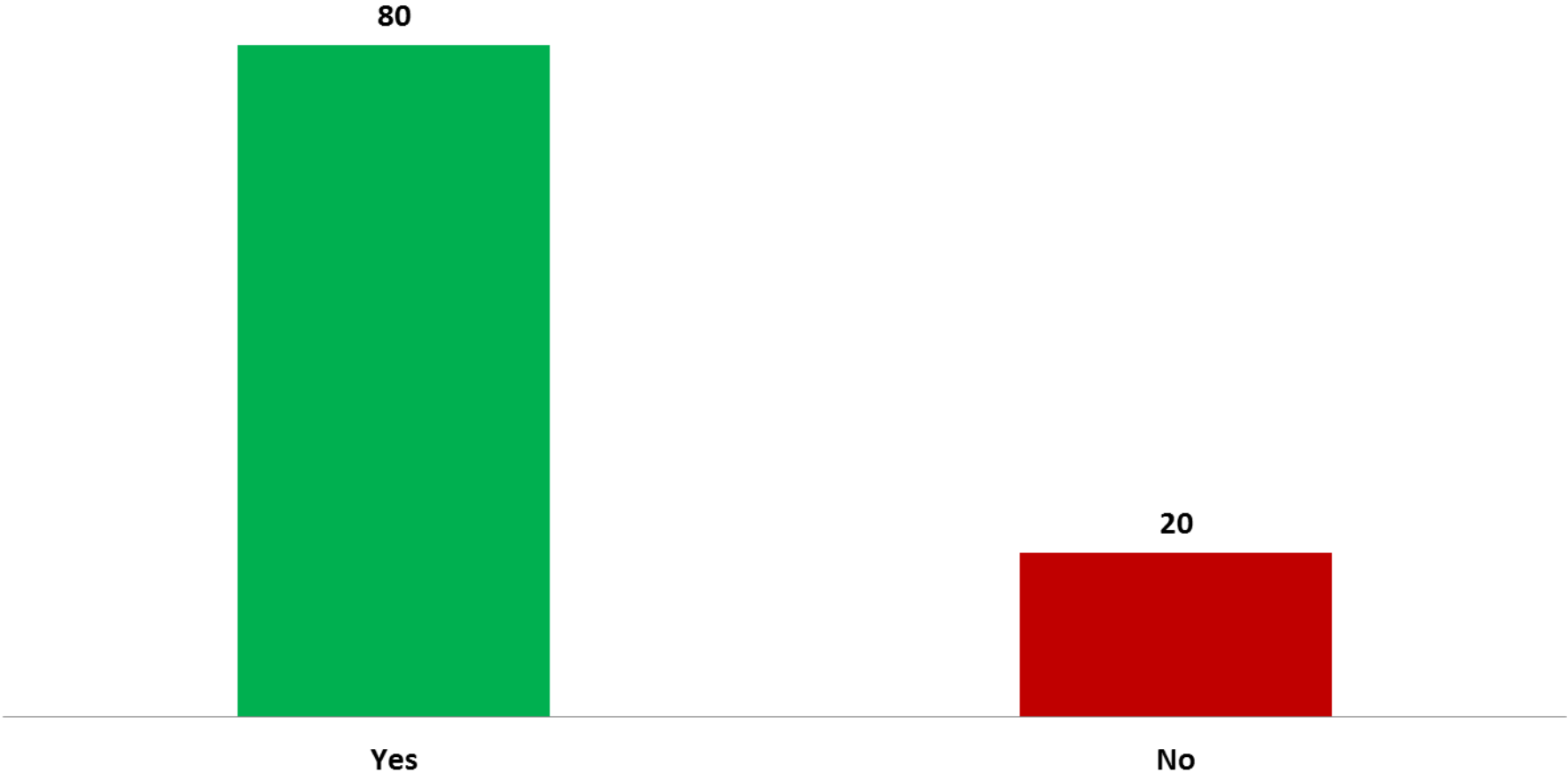


Where do you talk about politics? Name up to three (q75 X Gender)

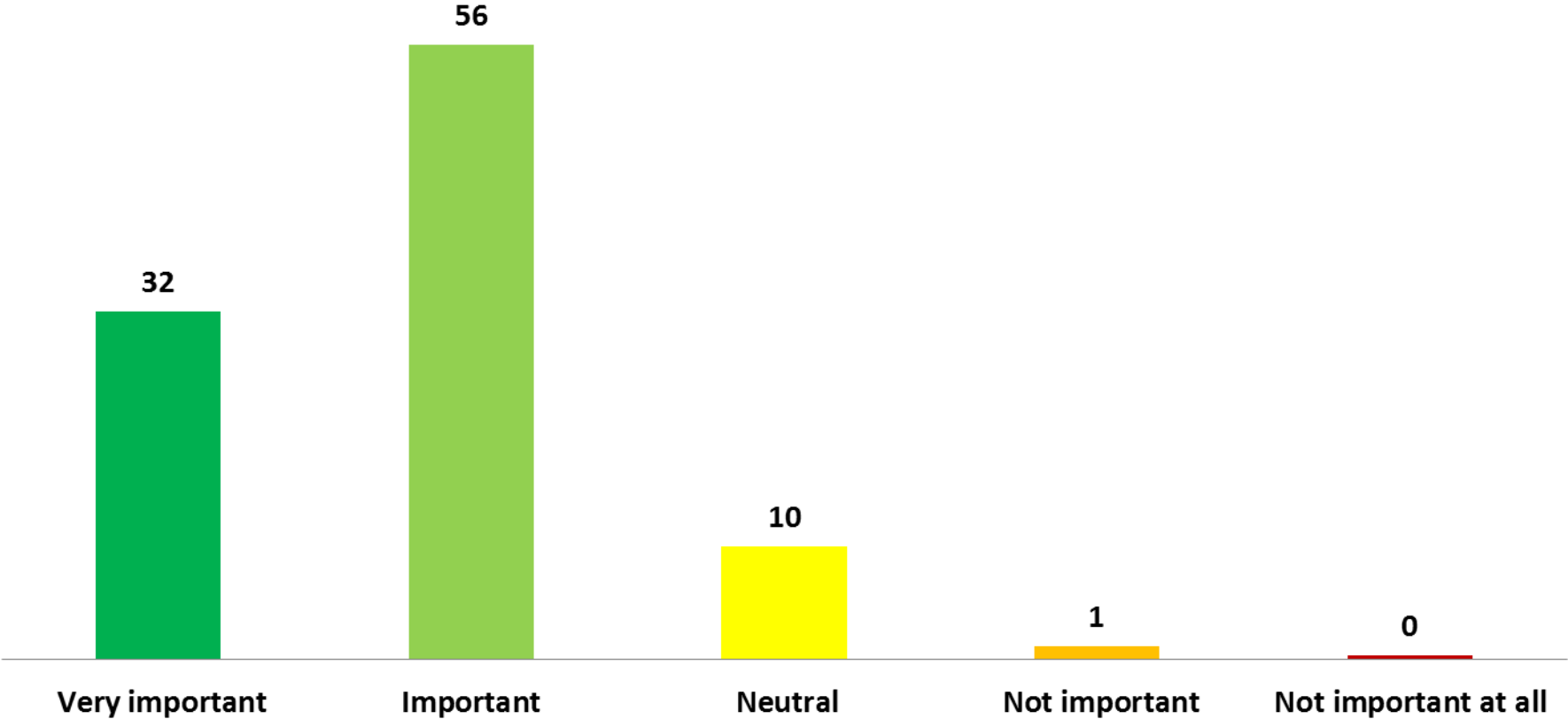
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Do you currently live where you are legally registered? (q94)



How important are your own religious beliefs in making decisions in daily life? (q98)



**Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals,
about how often do you attend religious services? (q99)**

