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*Public attitudes in Georgia:*

Results of a August 2014 survey carried out for  
NDI by CRRC-Georgia

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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 23 – August 7, 2014
  - 3,338 completed interviews
  - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas. Also additional representative samples of the self governing cities of Tbilisi, Batumi, Poti, Gori, Telavi and Mtskheta.
- **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 +/- 2.9%

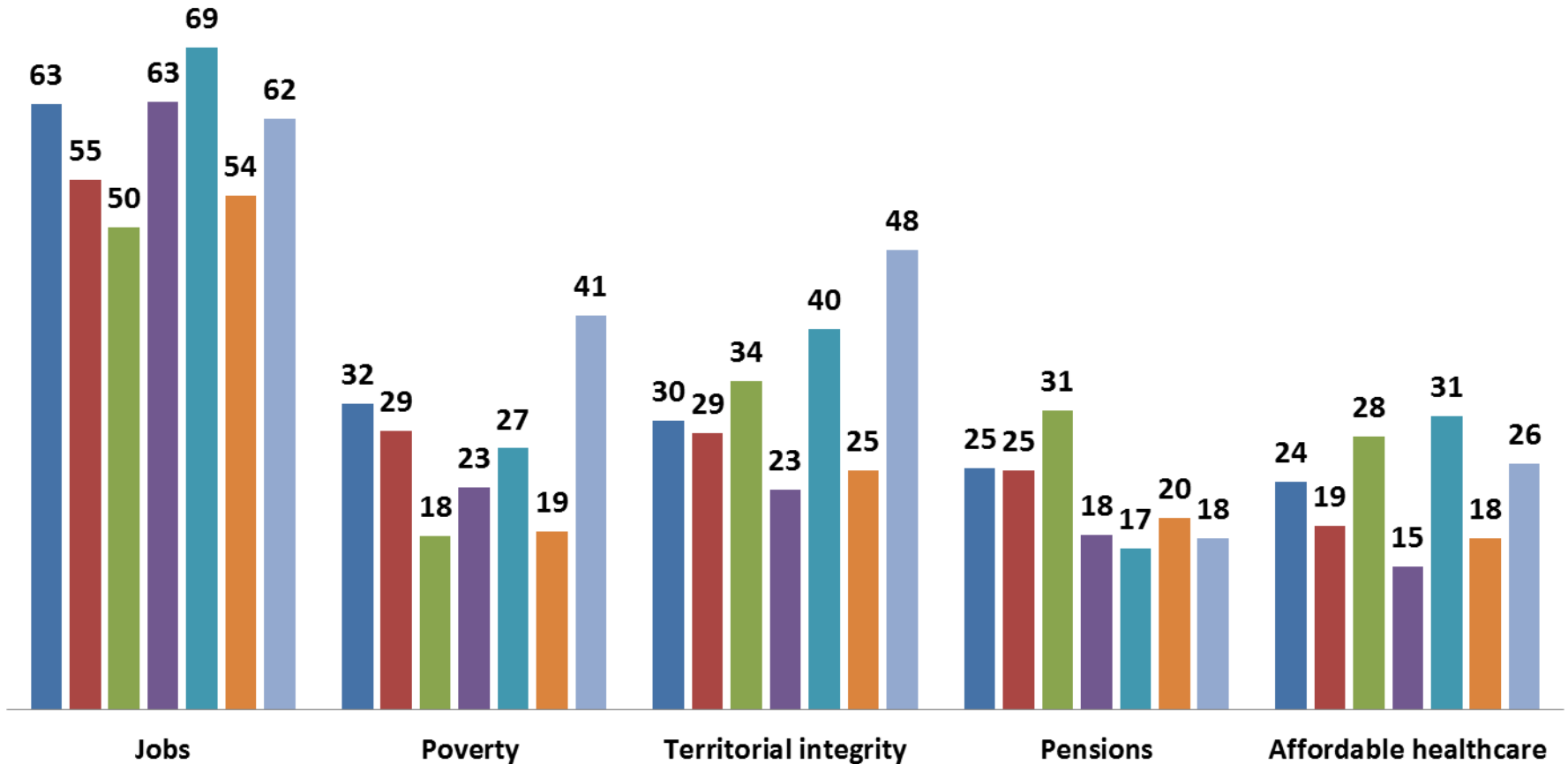
# Methodology – Historical Waves

- This research has been conducted over multiple waves. The funding was provided by Sida.
- Historical waves:
  - **April 2014**
    - Fieldwork dates: March 26 – April 18, 2014
    - 3,942 completed interviews
    - A nationally representative sample of Georgian speakers including Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas. Also additional representative samples of 12 self governing cities of Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti, Rustavi, Gori, Akhaltsikhe, Ozurgeti, Ambrolauri, Zugdidi, Telavi and Mtskheta.
    - The average margin of error +/- 2.1%
  - **November 2013:**
    - Fieldwork dates: November 13 - 27, 2013
    - 3,915 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.
    - The average margin of error is +/- 2%
  - **September 2013**
    - 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.
    - The average margin of error does not exceed +/-2%

# National and Local Issues

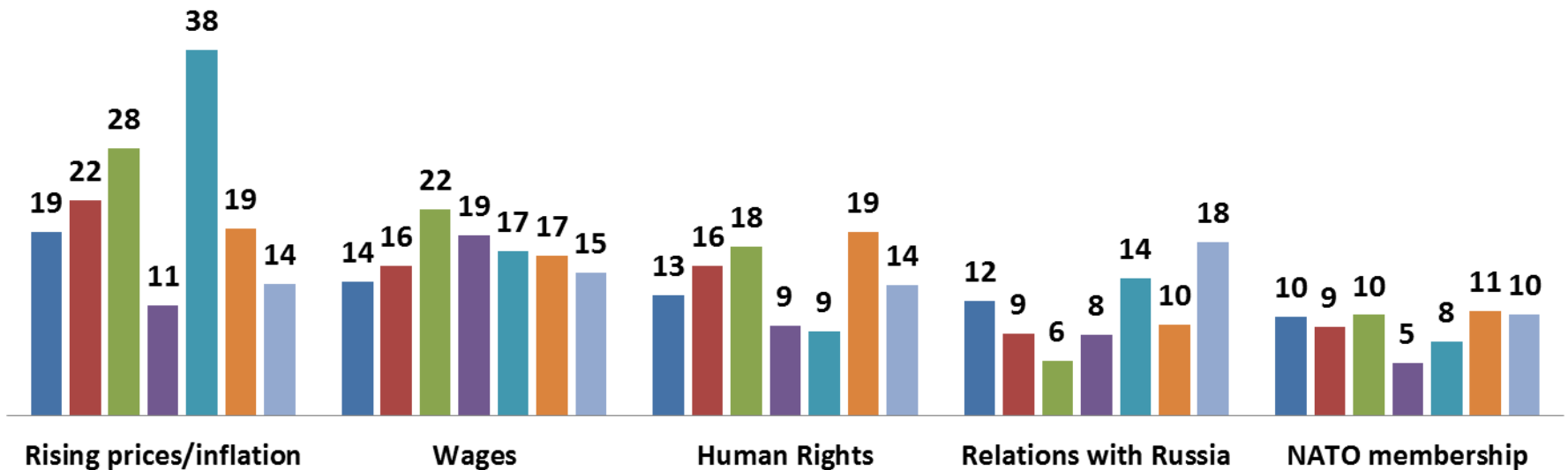
# Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 1

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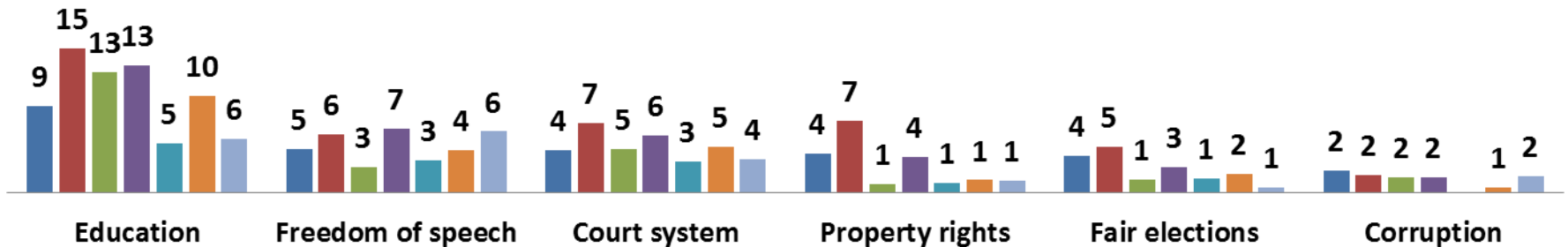
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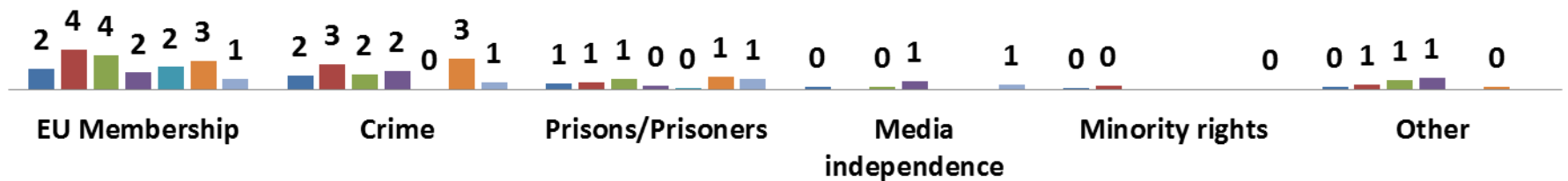
# Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1 X Settlement) Part 3

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

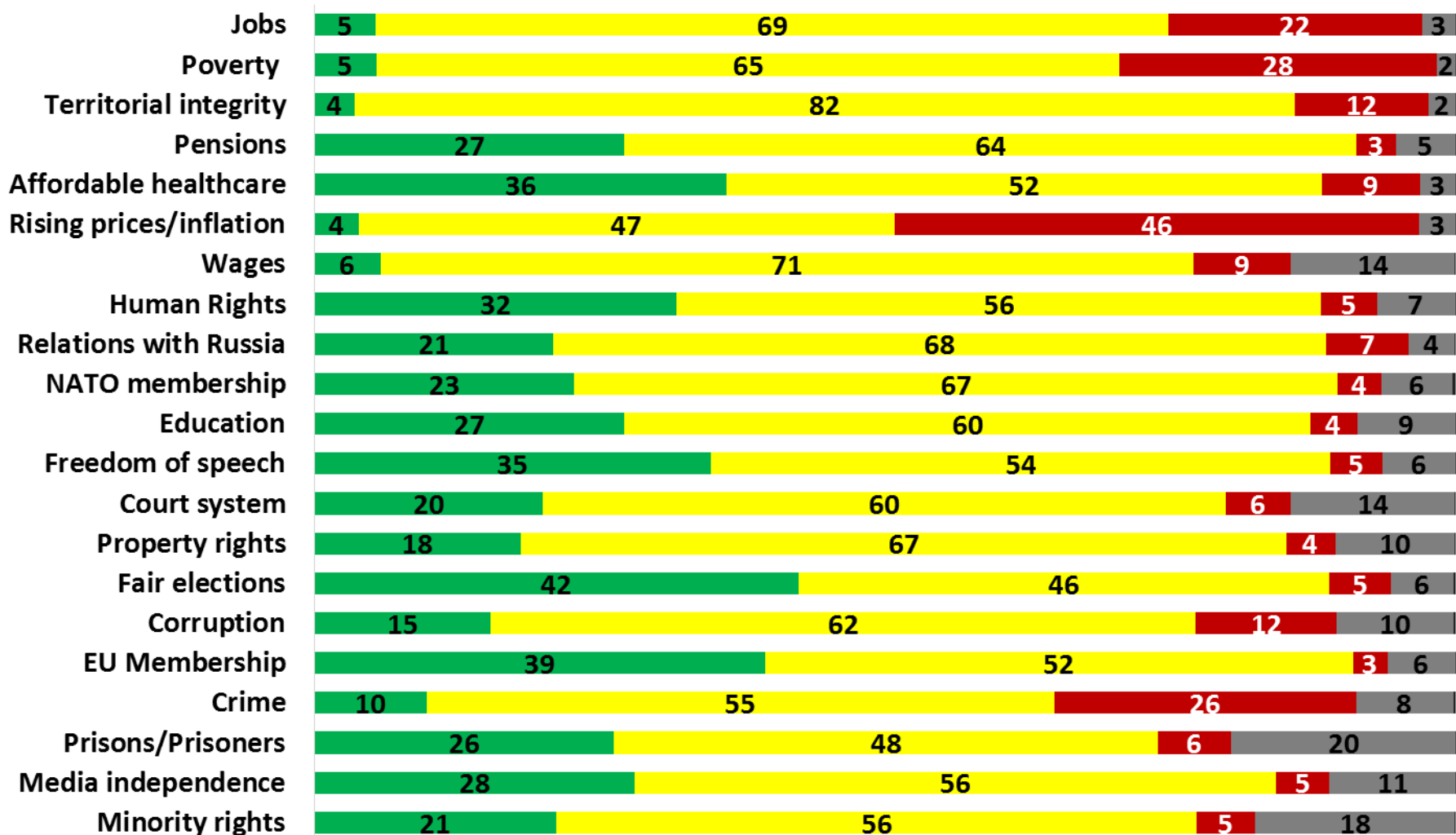
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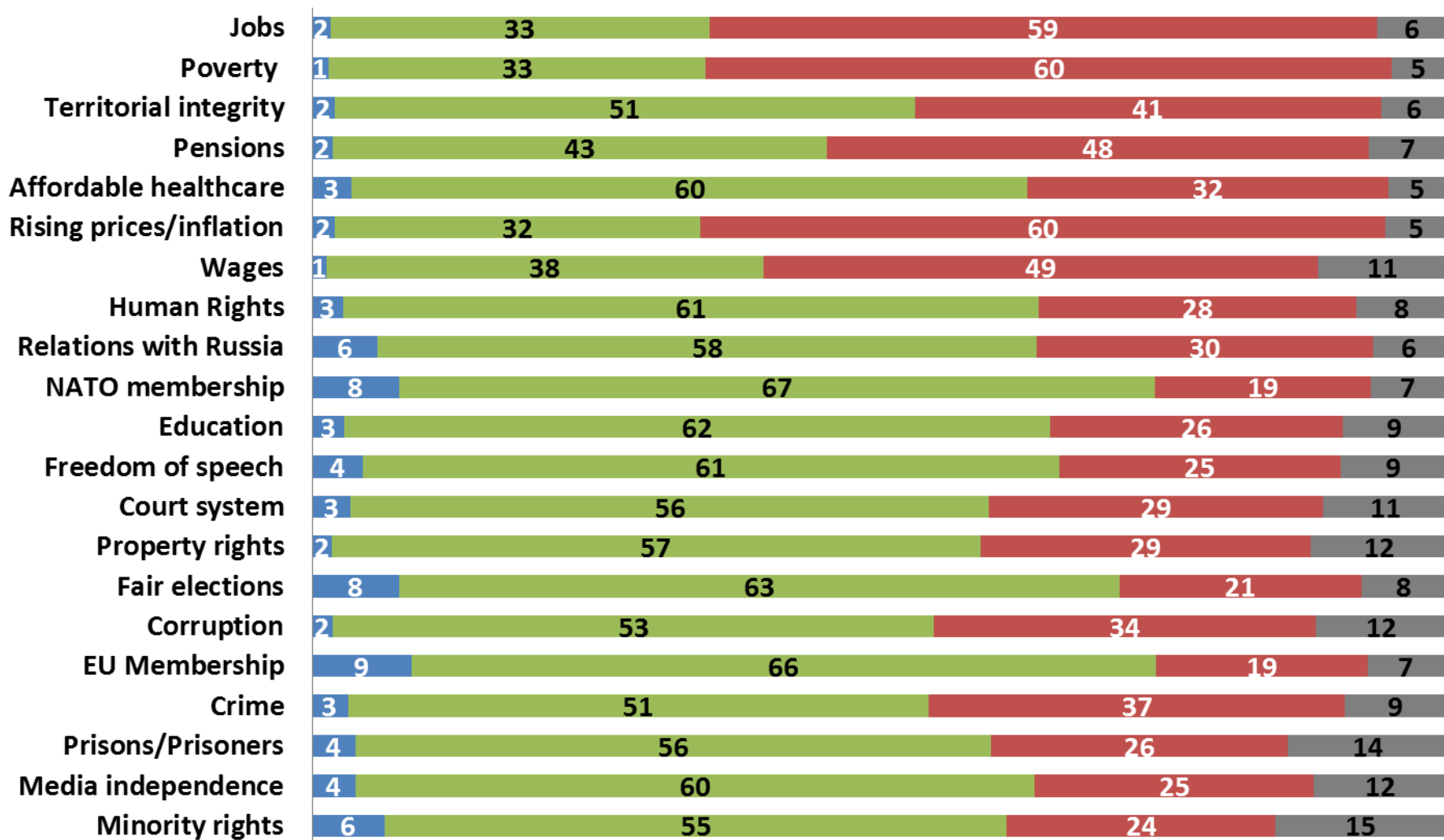
# How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q2)

■ Better
 ■ The same
 ■ Worse
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



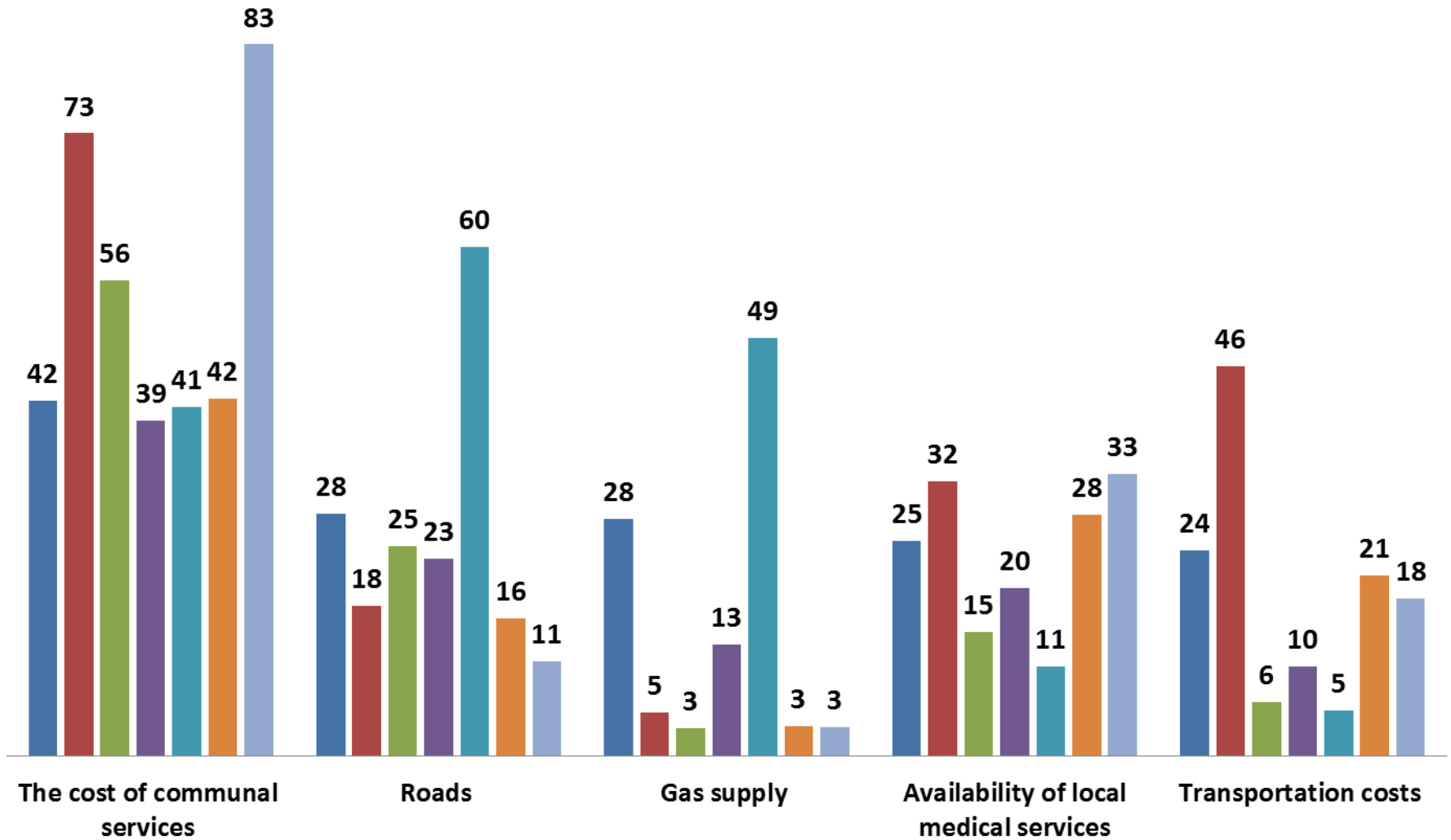
# Politicians in Georgia talk about ... too much, the right amount or too little? (q3)

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



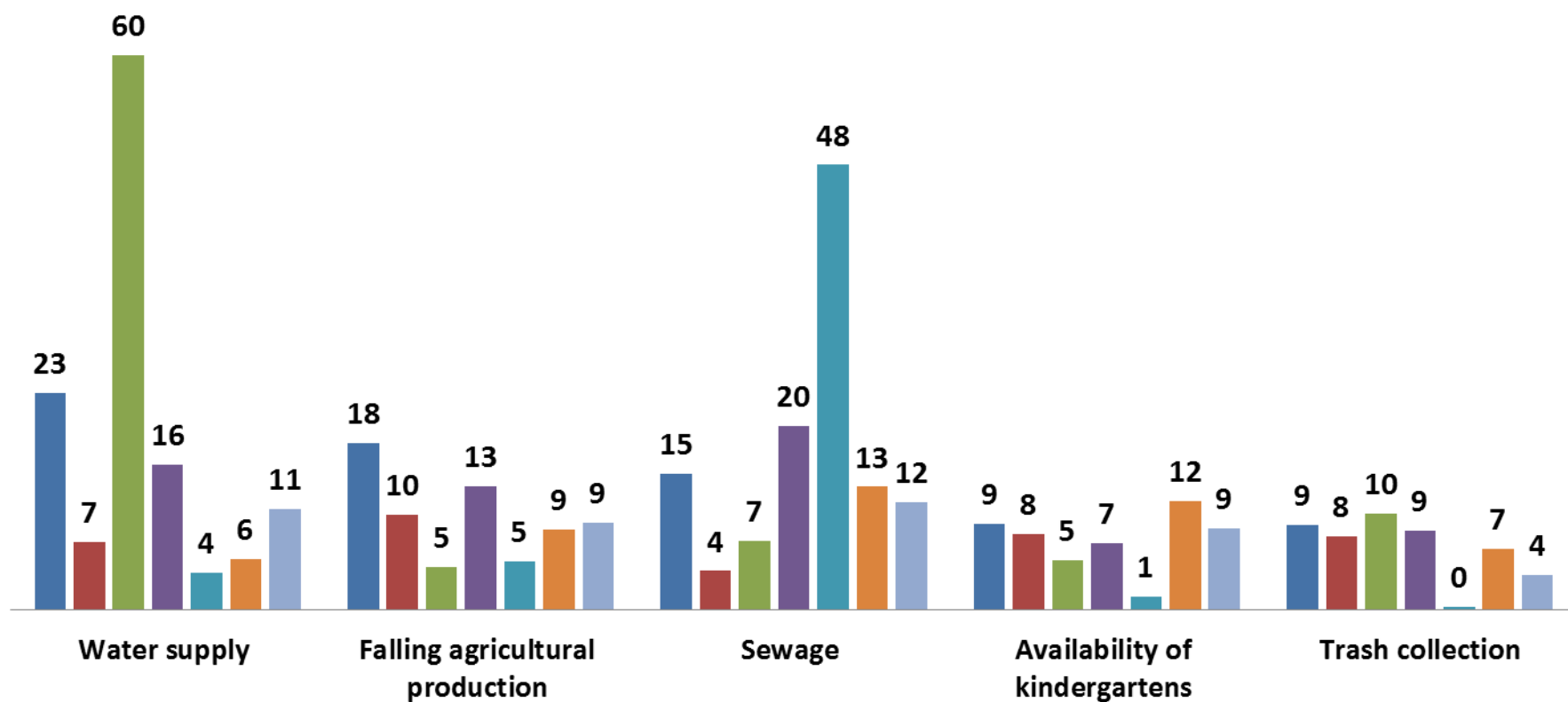
# Most important local issues. Name up to three (q4) Part 1

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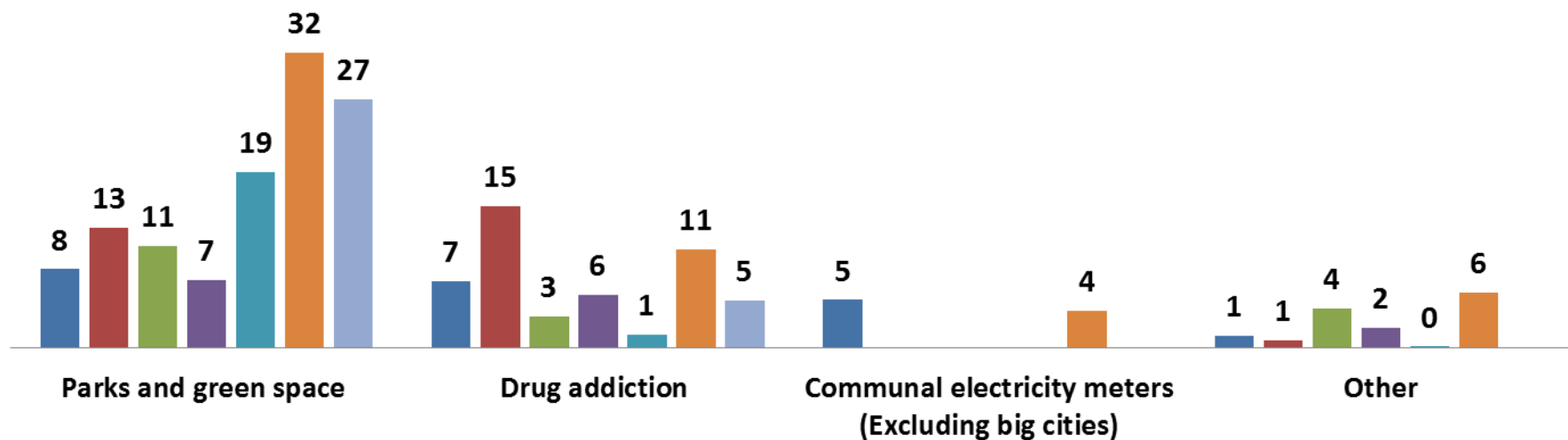
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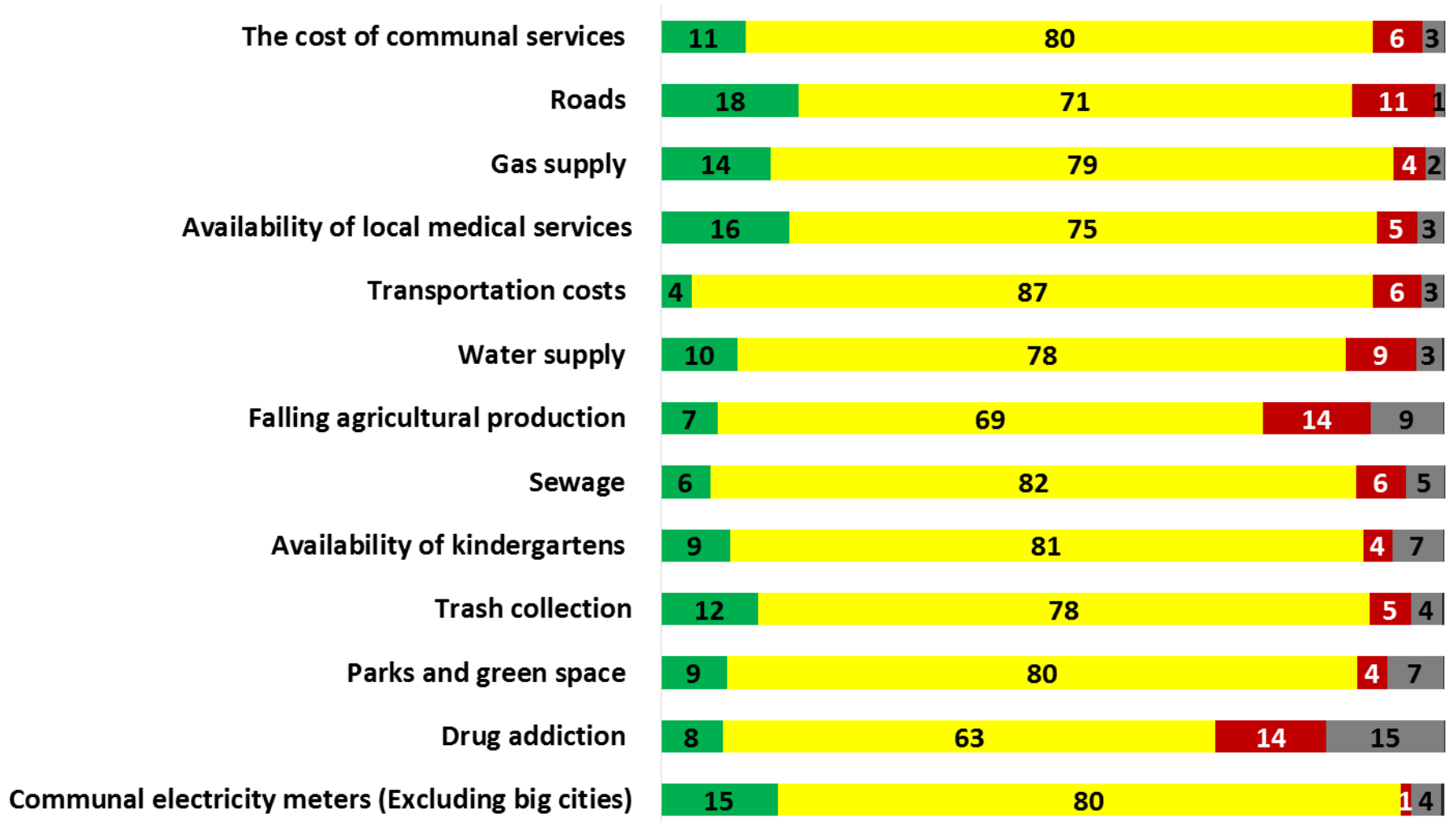
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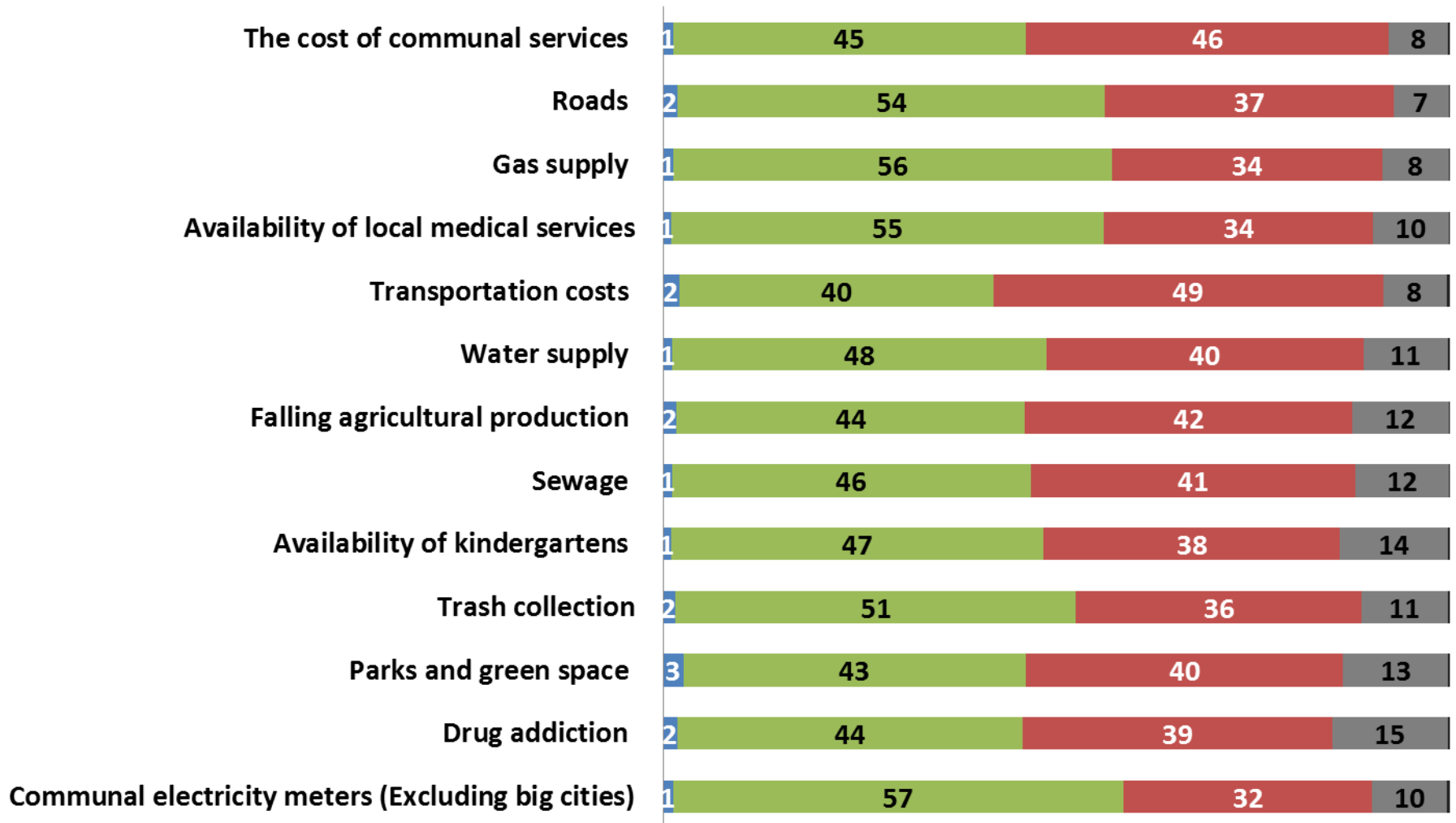
# How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q5)

■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA



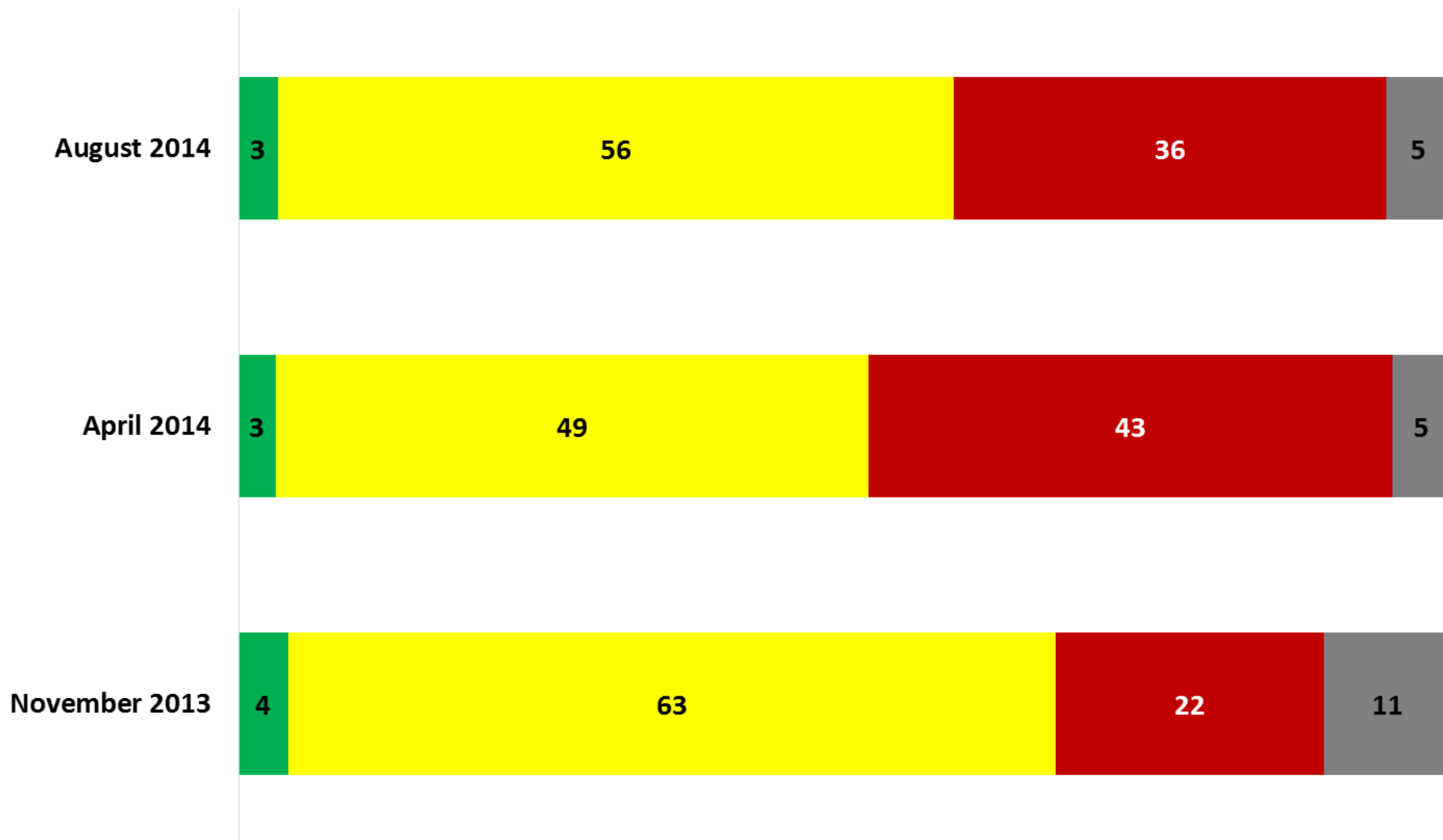
# Politicians in Georgia talk about ... too much, the right amount or too little? (q6)

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



## After the parliamentary elections of October 2012 has the number of jobs available in Georgia... (q12)

■ Increased   ■ Stayed the same   ■ Decreased   ■ DK   ■ RA





# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q107)

■ Yes

■ No

August 2014

32

68

April 2014

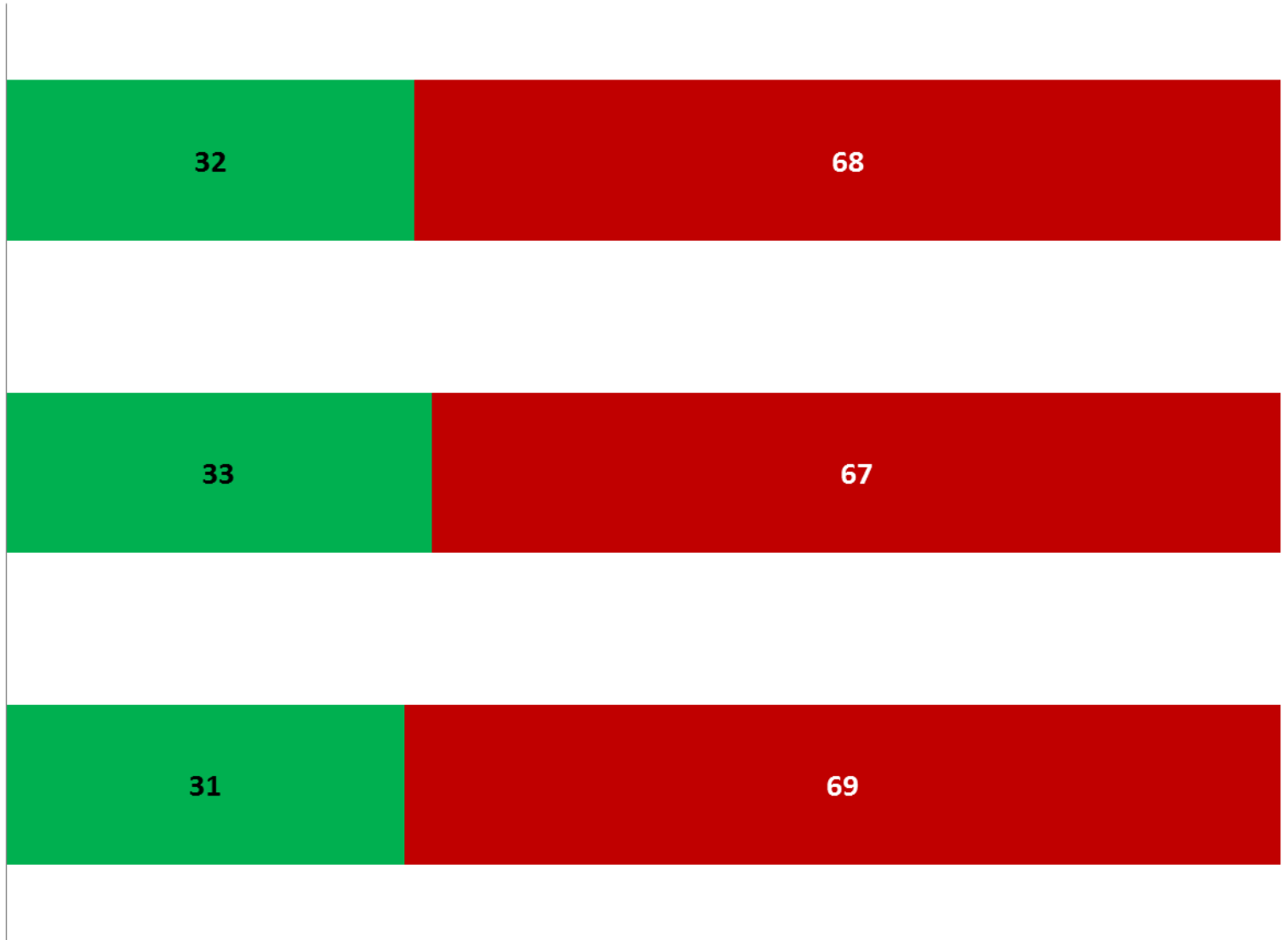
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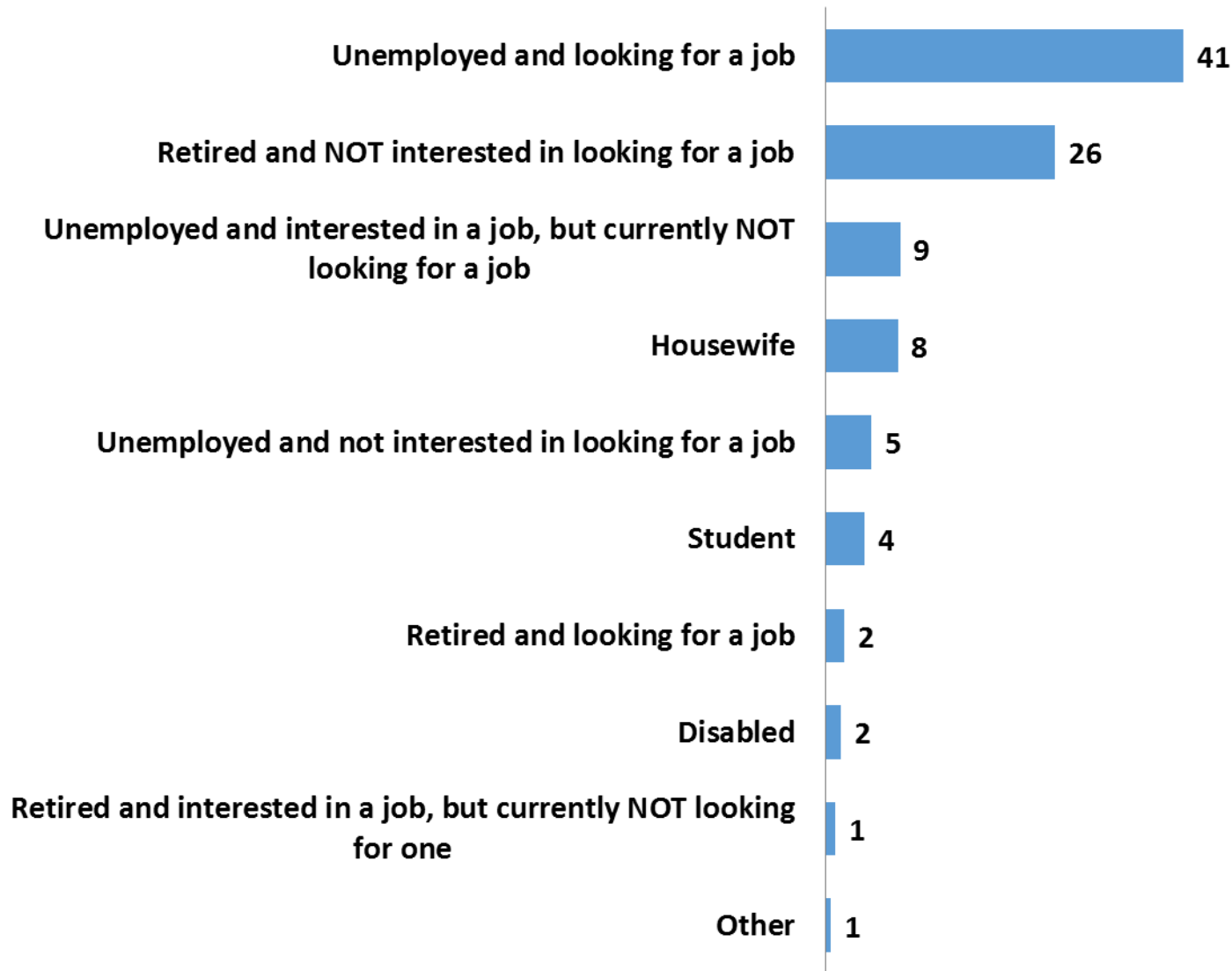
November 2013

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# Which of the following best describes your situation? (q109) - of the 68% who are unemployed



# Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:



32%--Employed (full or part time)



29%--Unemployed and looking for work (This includes both unemployed and retired persons who are looking for work.)



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

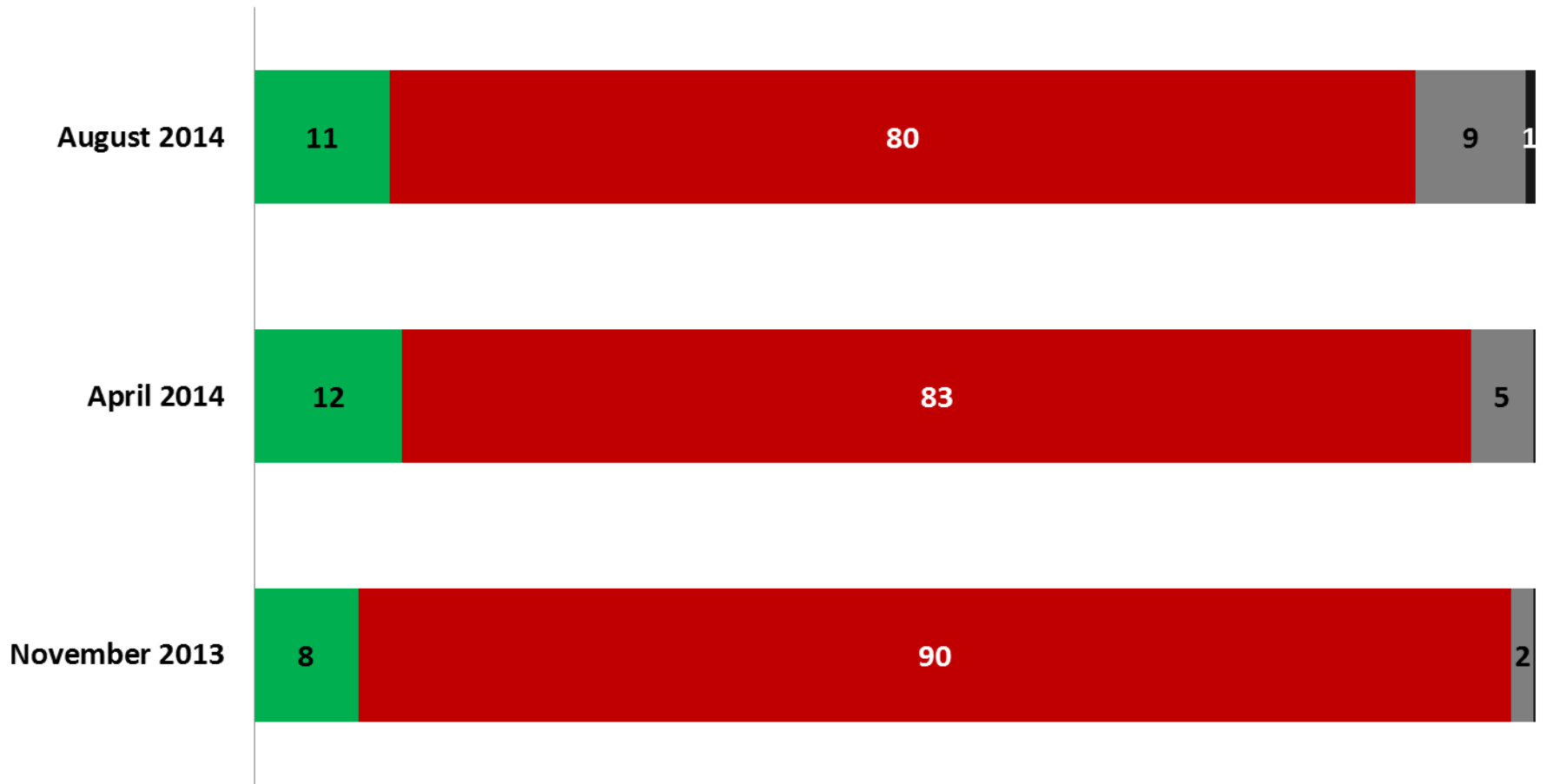


32%--Non-active labour force (This includes students, homemakers, retired persons who are not interested in looking for a job.)



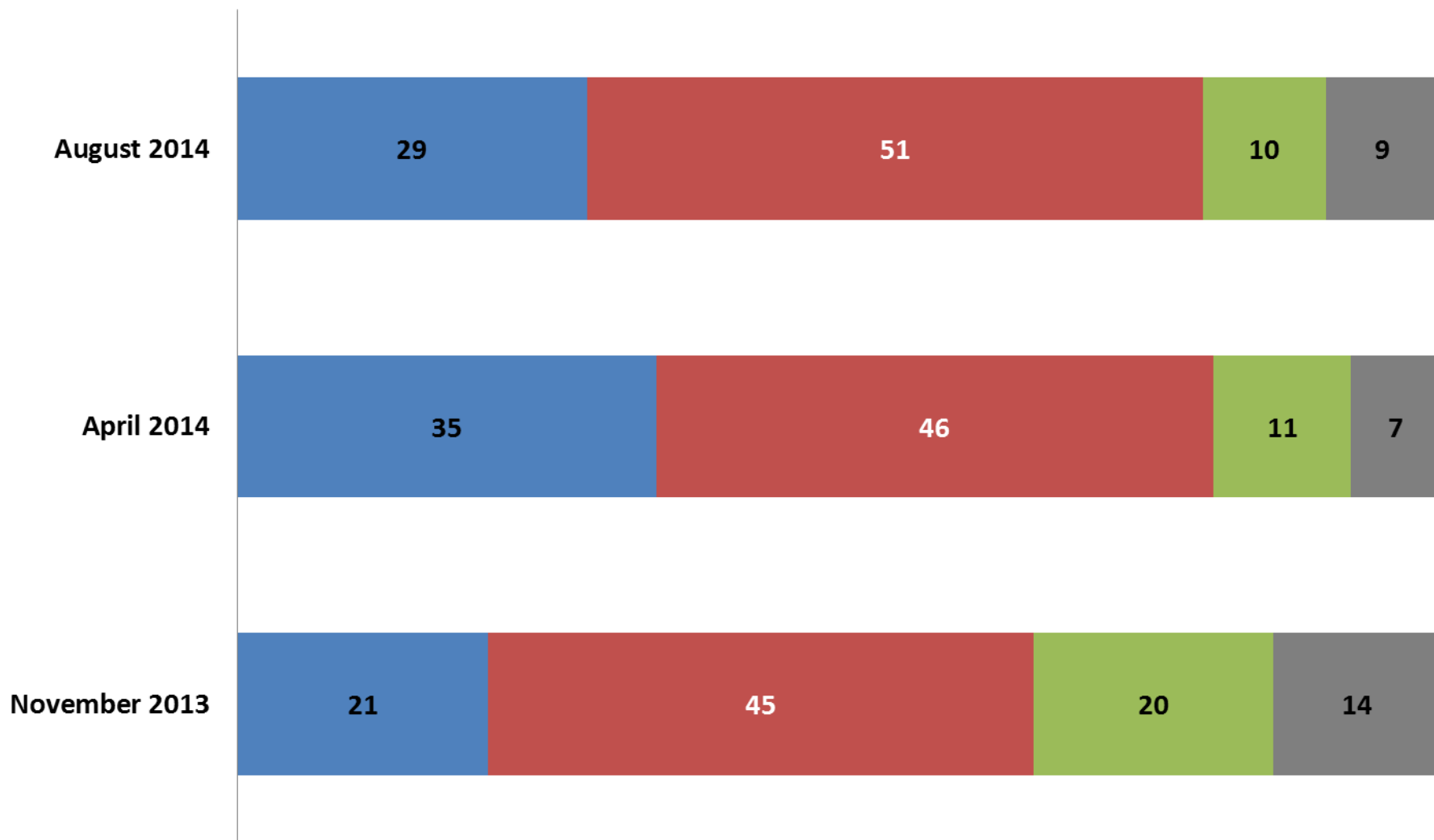
# Do you personally know someone who you believe was fired from a state/public job because of their political beliefs since October 2012? (q83)

Yes No DK RA



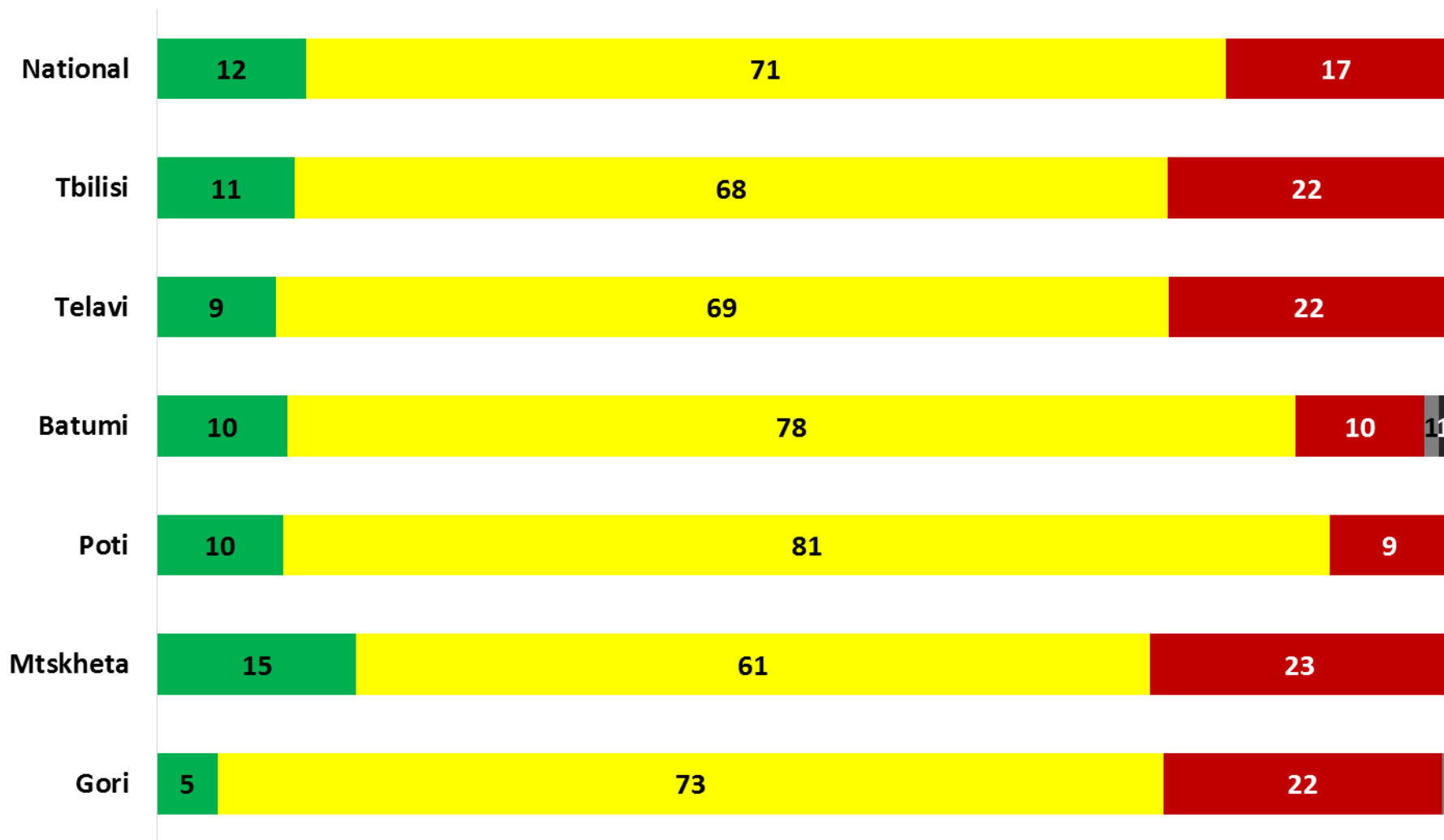
## After the parliamentary elections of October 2012 has the level of crime in Georgia... (q13)

■ Increased ■ Stayed the same ■ Decreased ■ DK ■ RA



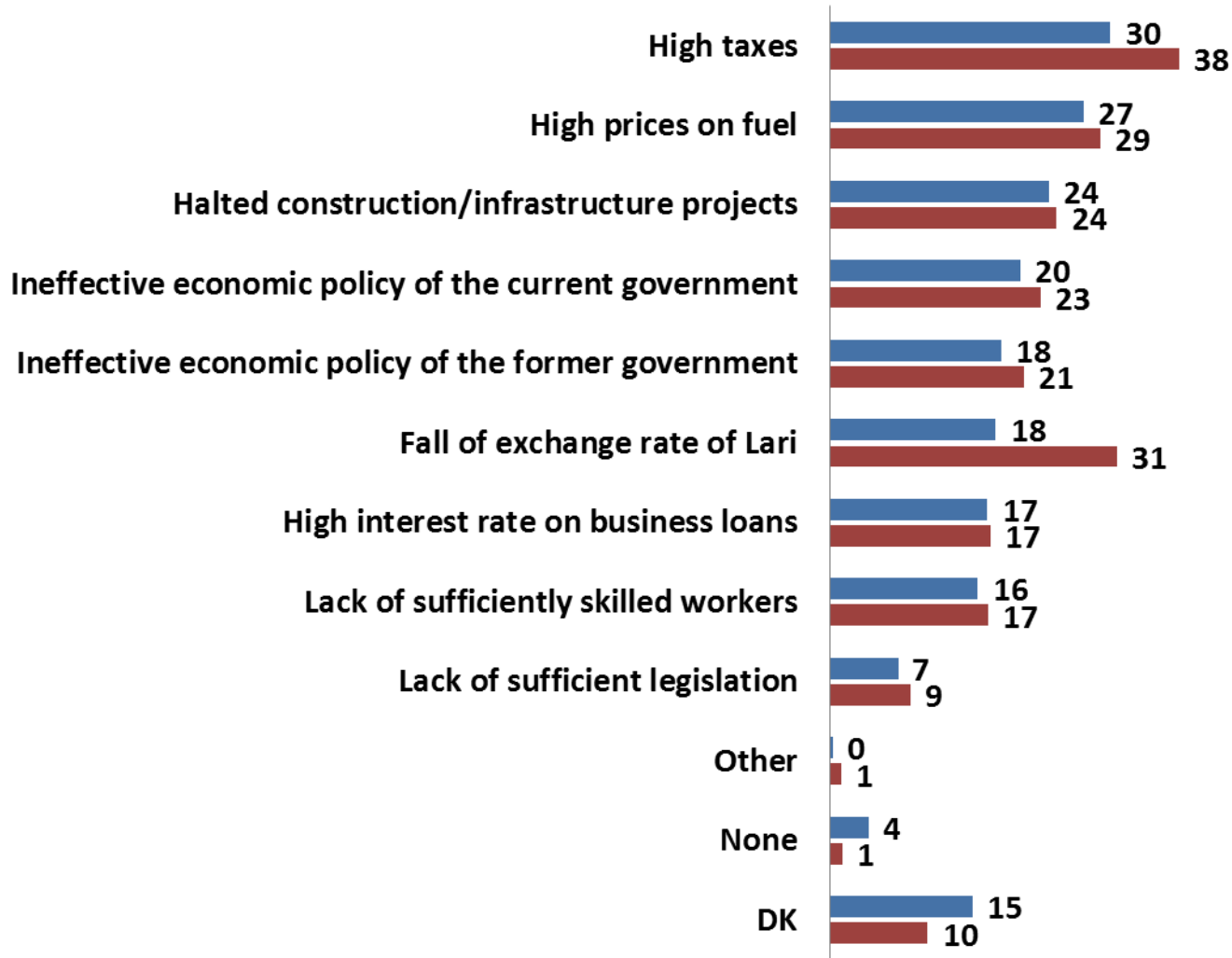
## Generally, taking everything into account, since October 2012 you and your household are... (q9 X Settlement)

■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK ■ RA



# What are the main challenges Georgian economy faces? Name up to three (q10)

■ August 2014 ■ April 2014



## In which direction is Georgia going? (q11)

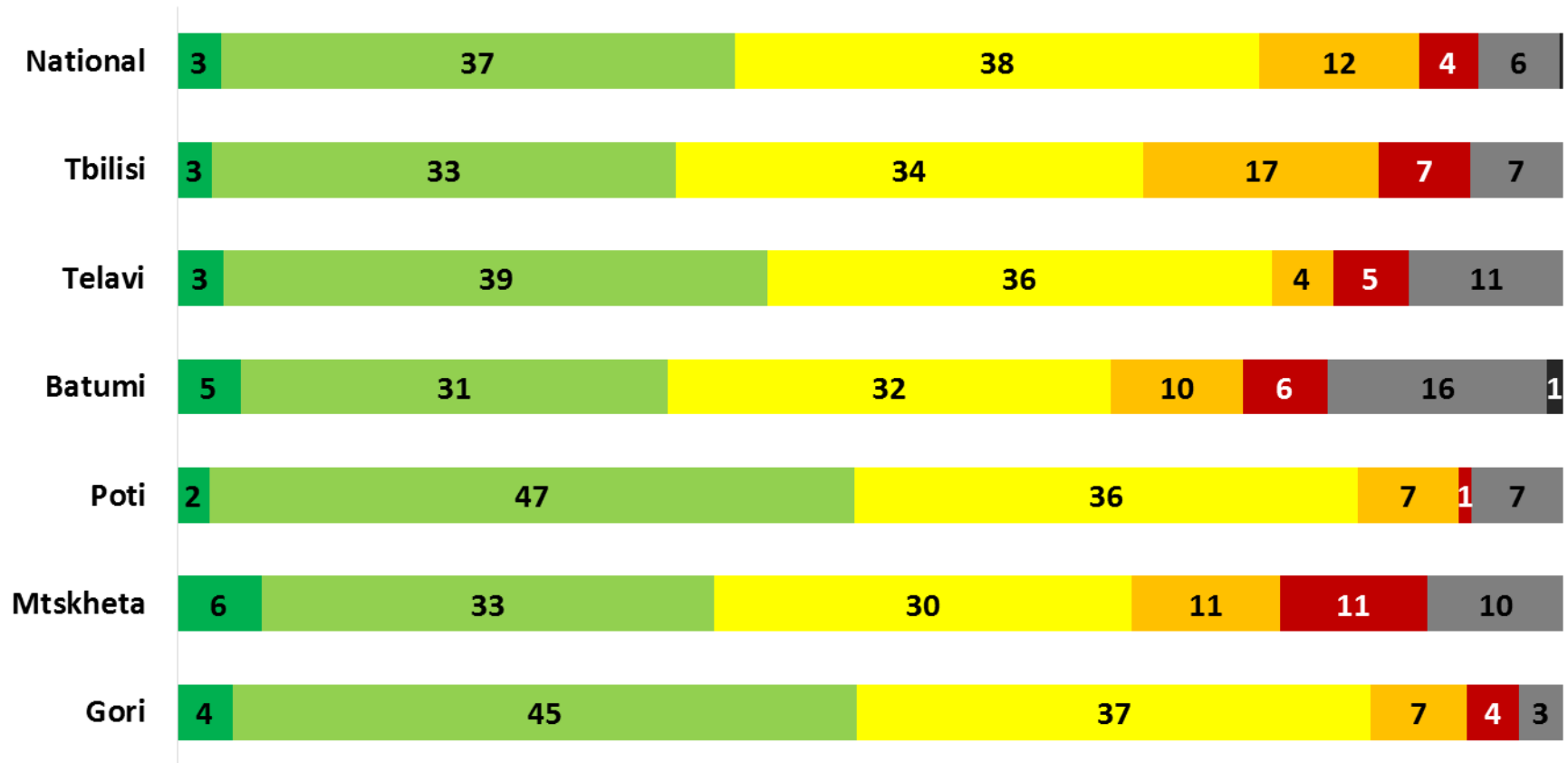
- Georgia is definitely going in the right direction
- Georgia is going mainly in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- Georgia is mainly going in the wrong direction
- Georgia is definitely going in the wrong direction
- DK
- RA





## In which direction is Georgia going? (q11 X Settlement)

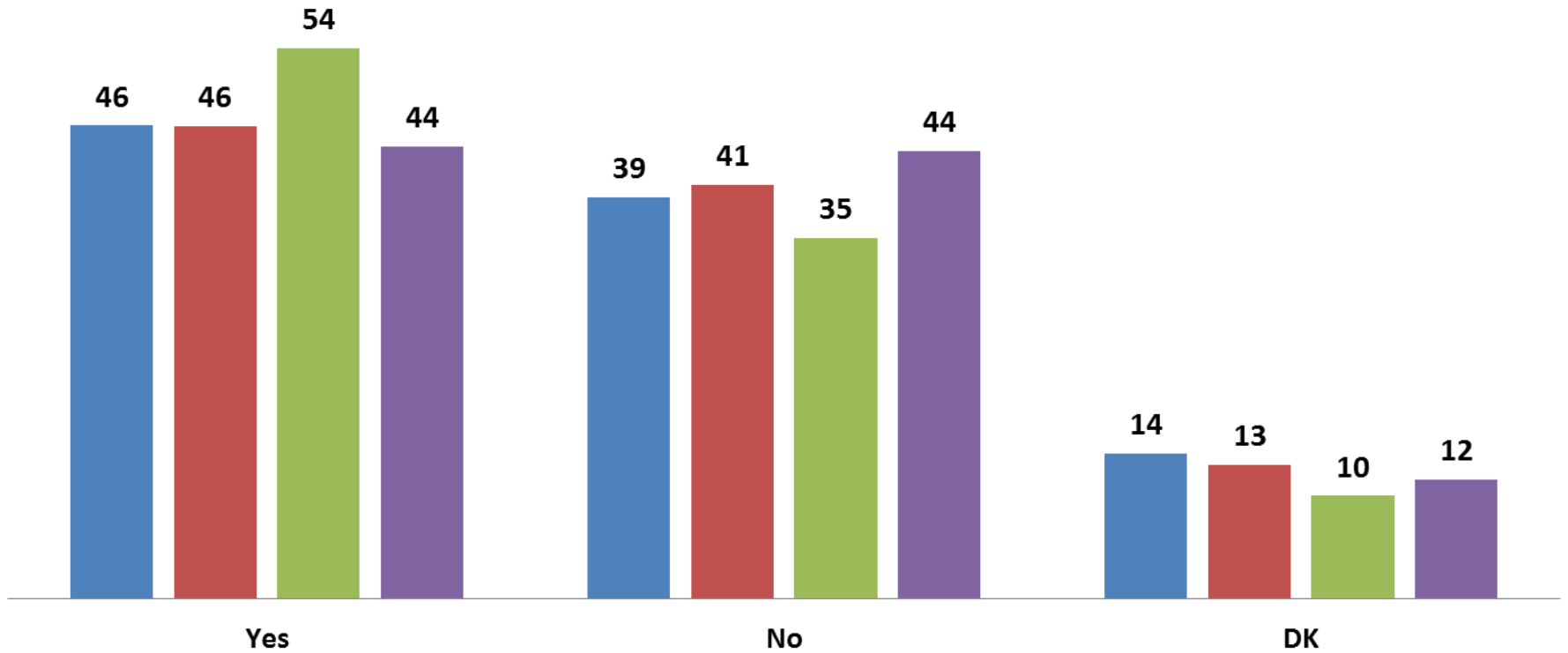
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# Democracy and Reforms

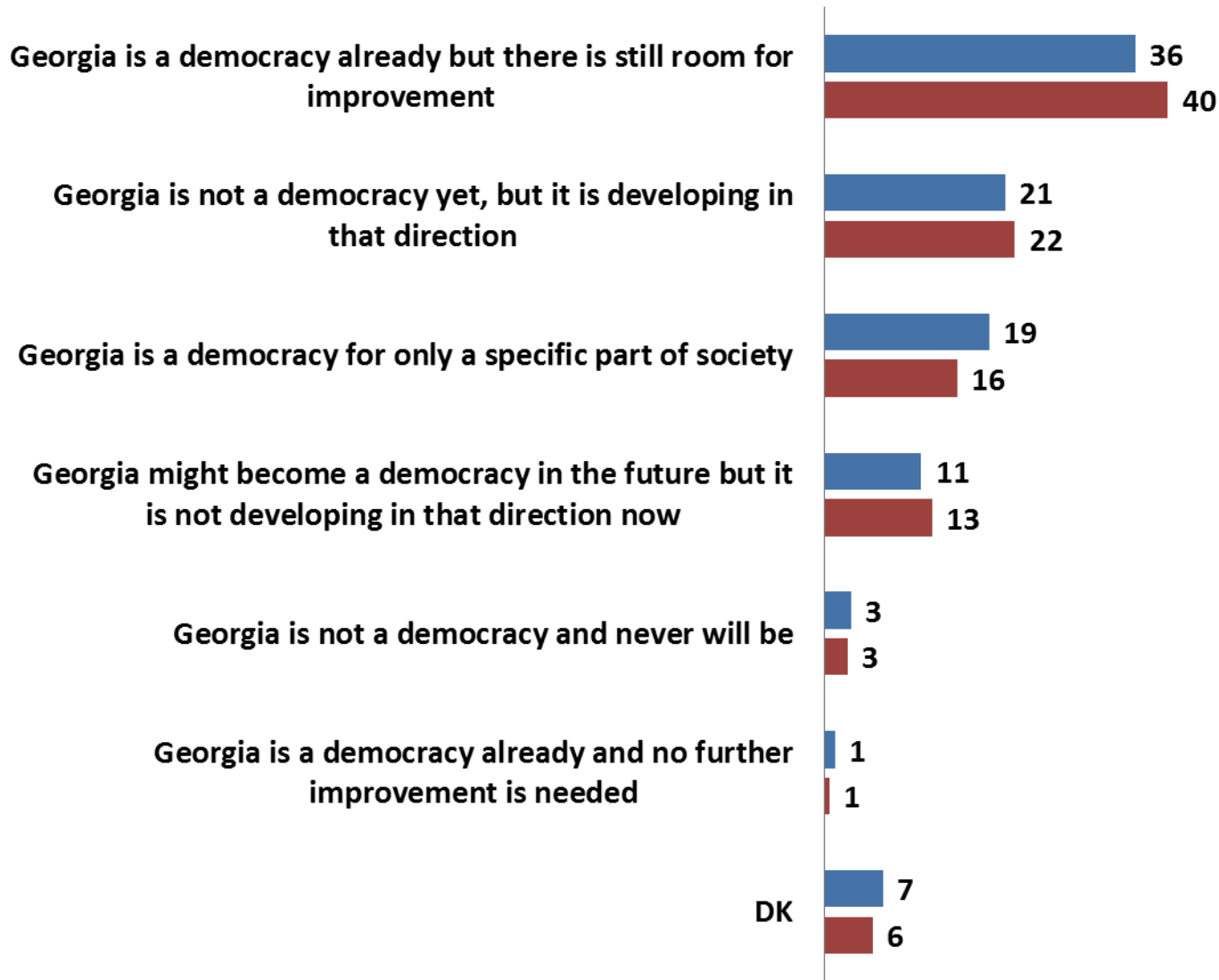
# Is Georgia a democracy now? (q18)

■ August 2014   ■ April 2014   ■ November 2013   ■ September 2013



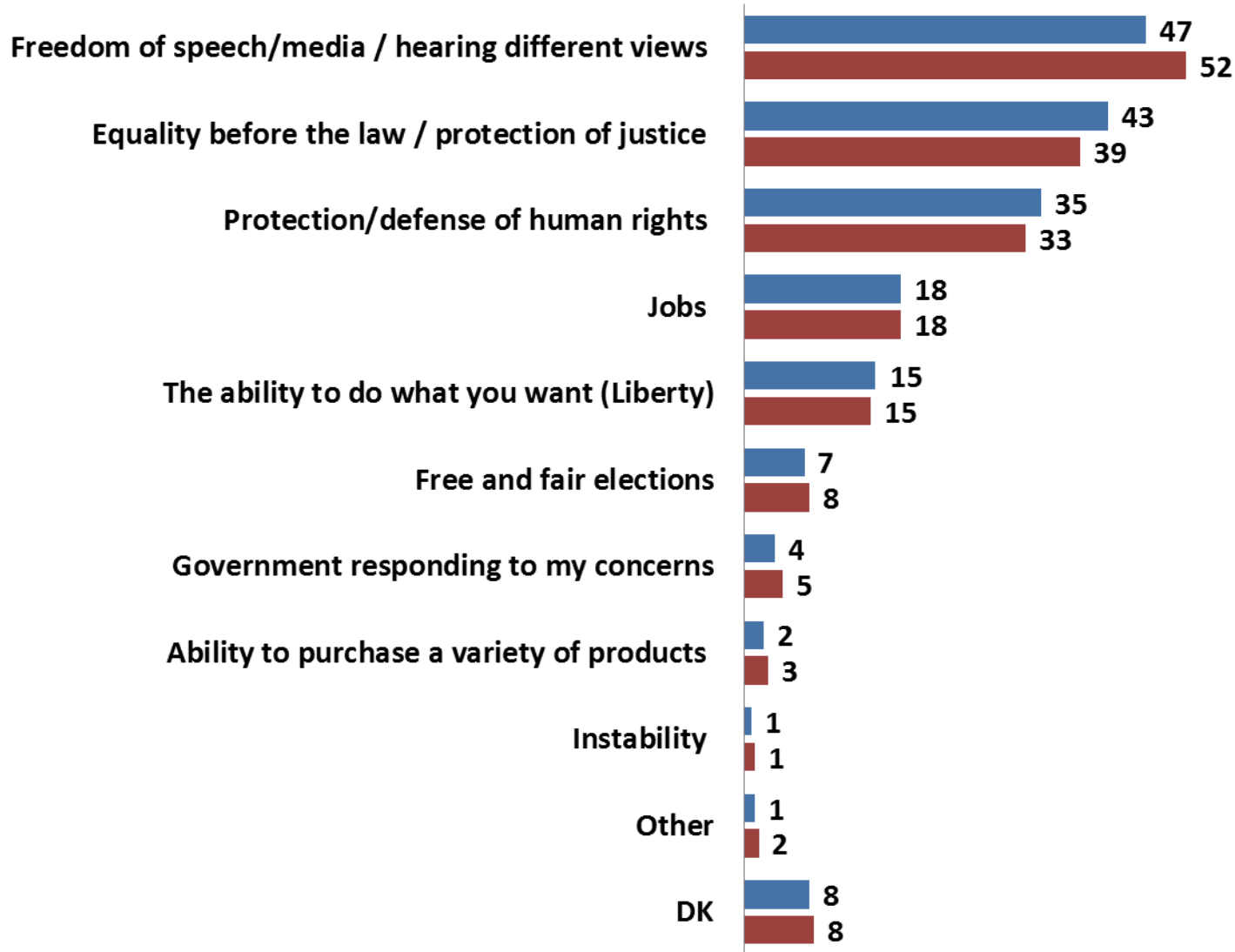
# Which statement do you agree with the most? (q19)

■ August 2014 ■ April 2014



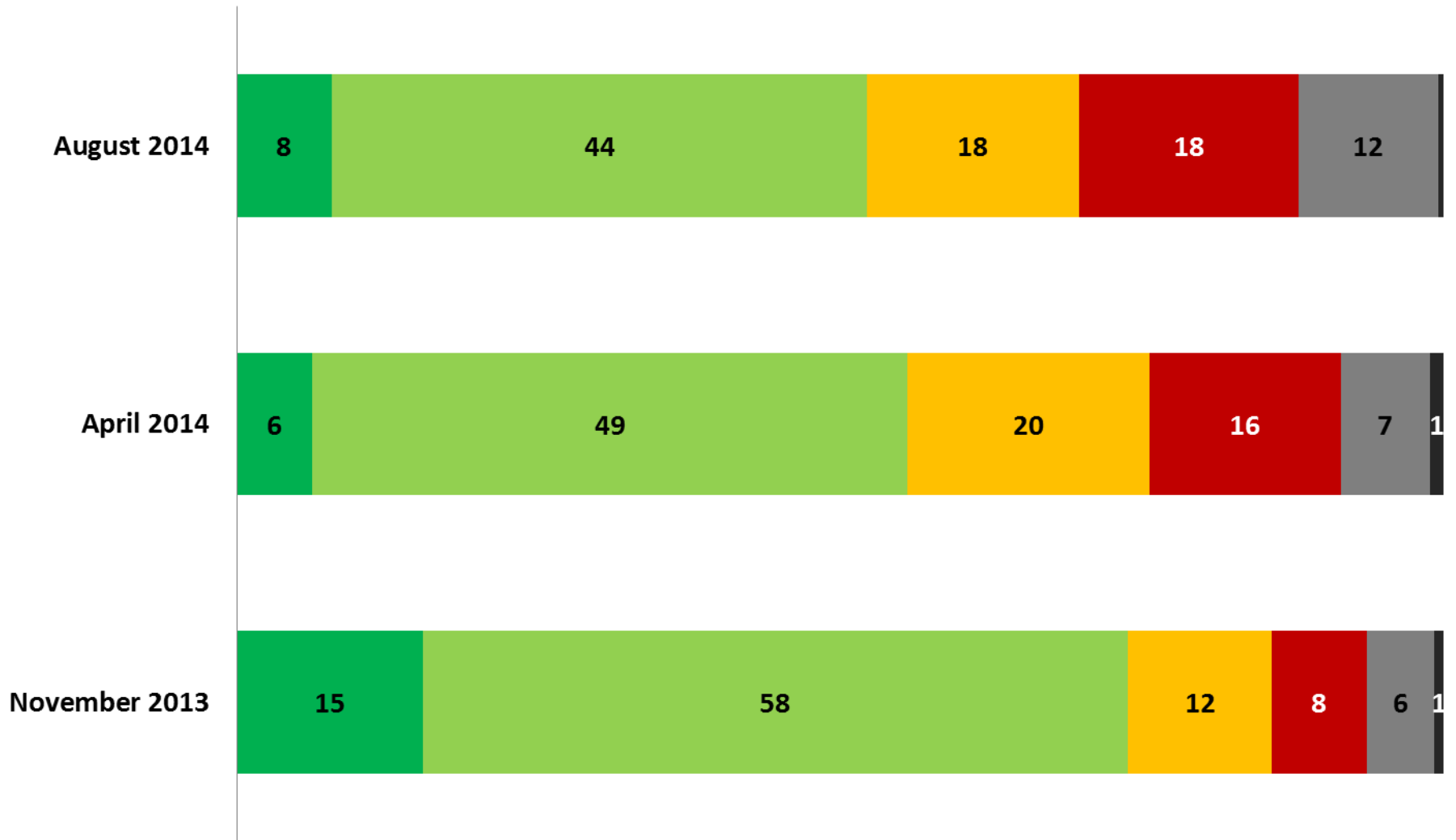
# What does democracy mean to you? Name up to three (q17)

■ August 2014 ■ April 2014



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

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



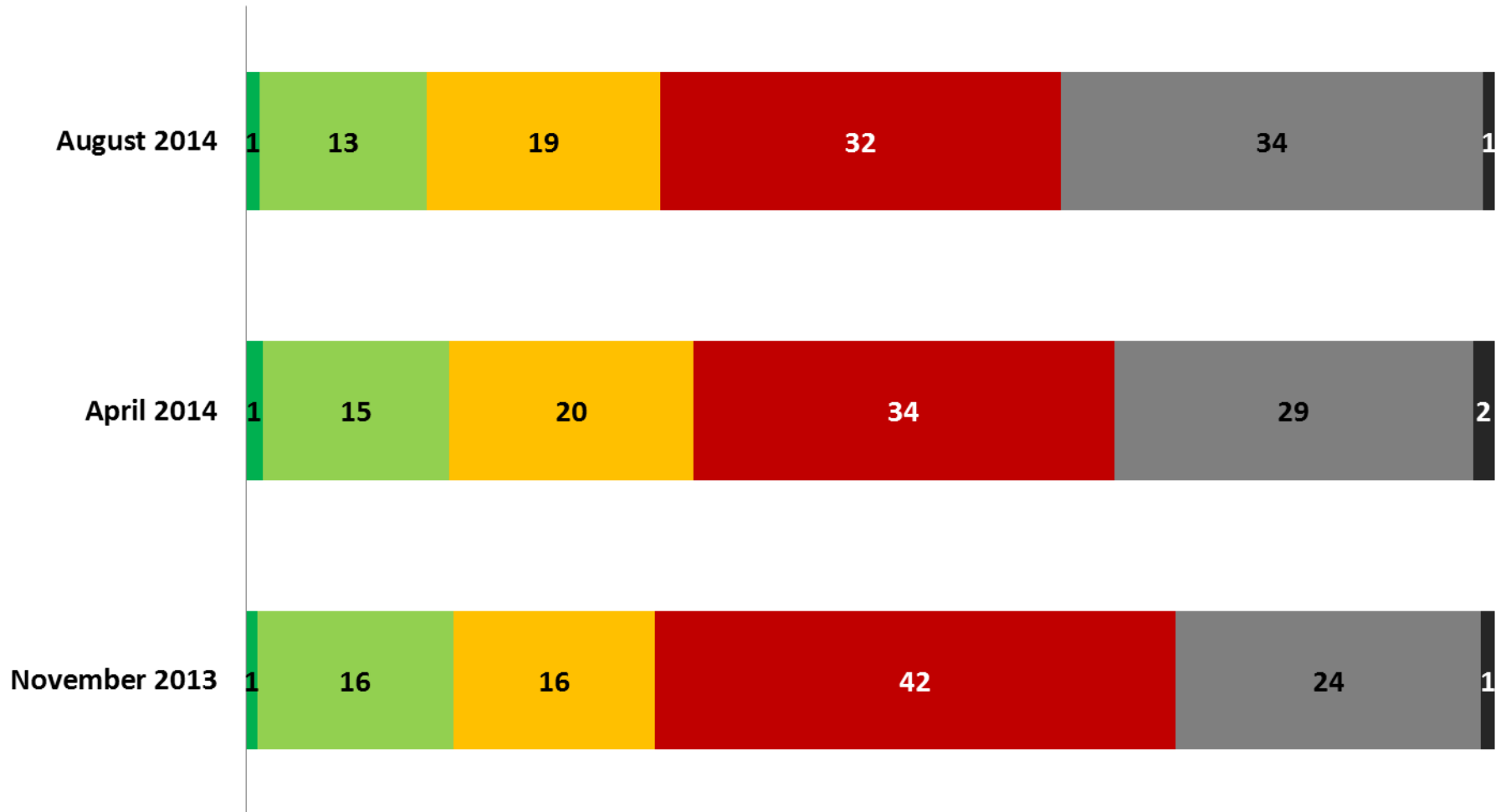
# To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q15)

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



# To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the non-Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q16)

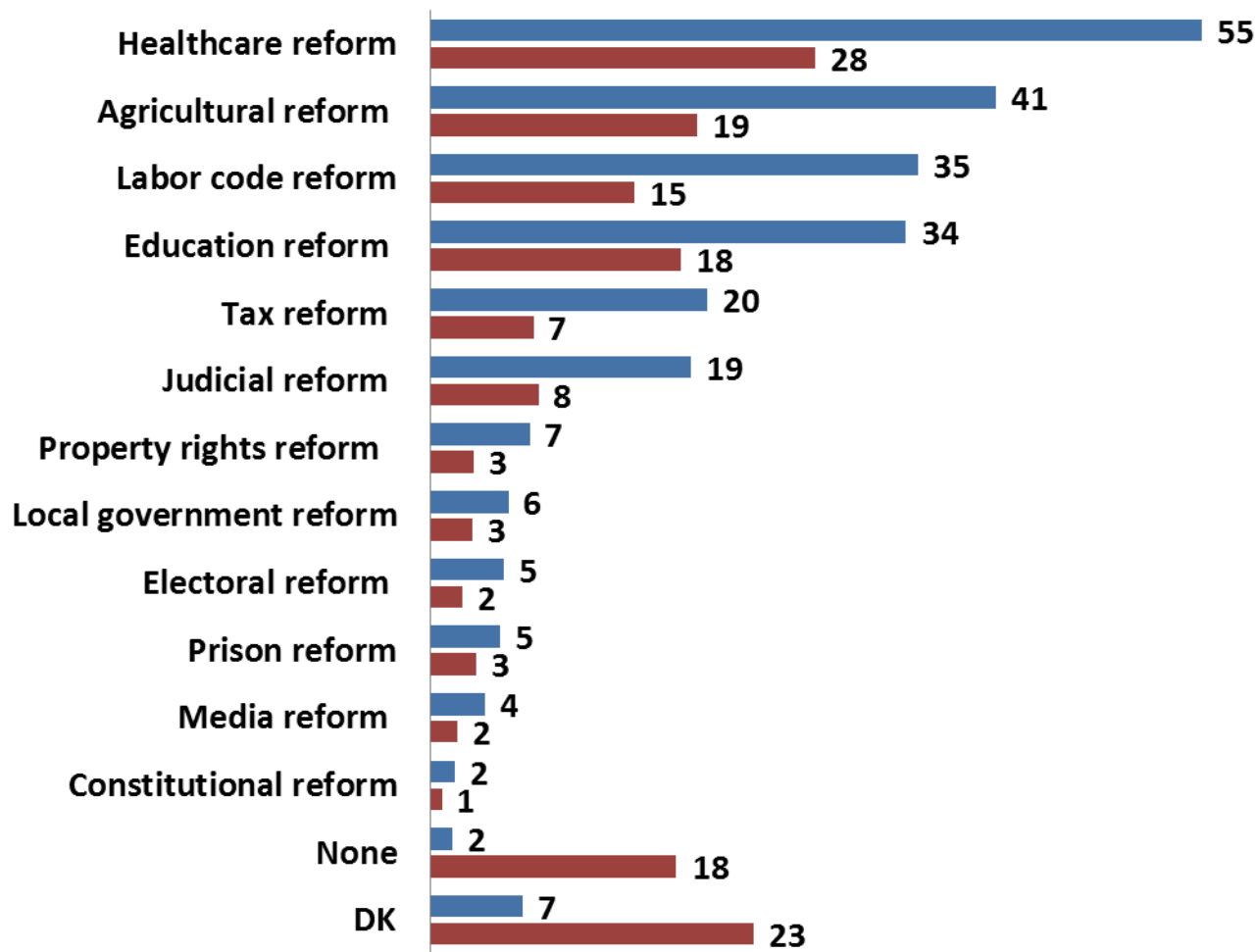
■ Completely agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Completely disagree ■ DK ■ RA





# 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



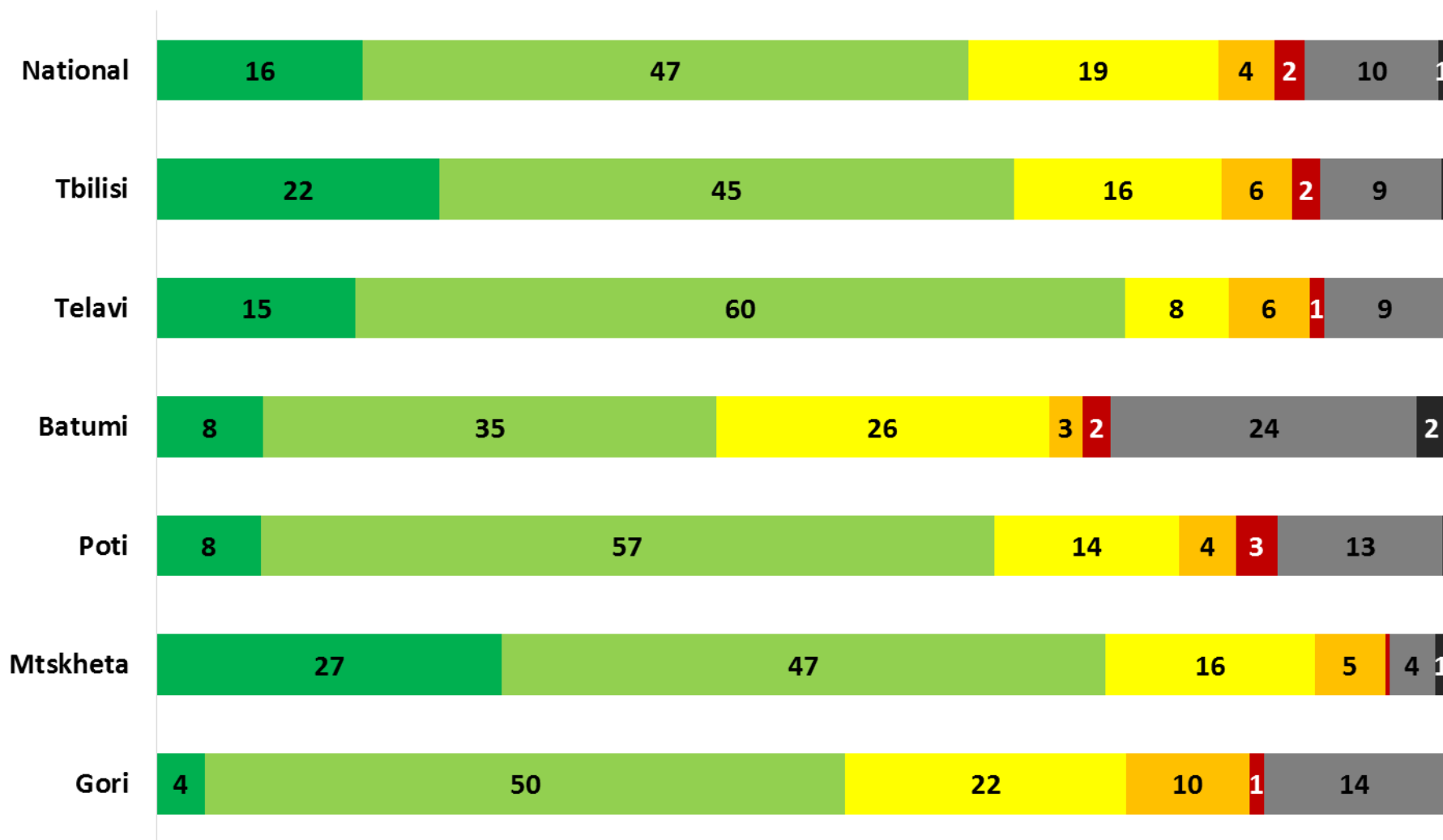
# How important is the protection of minority rights to Georgia's democratic development? (q23)

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



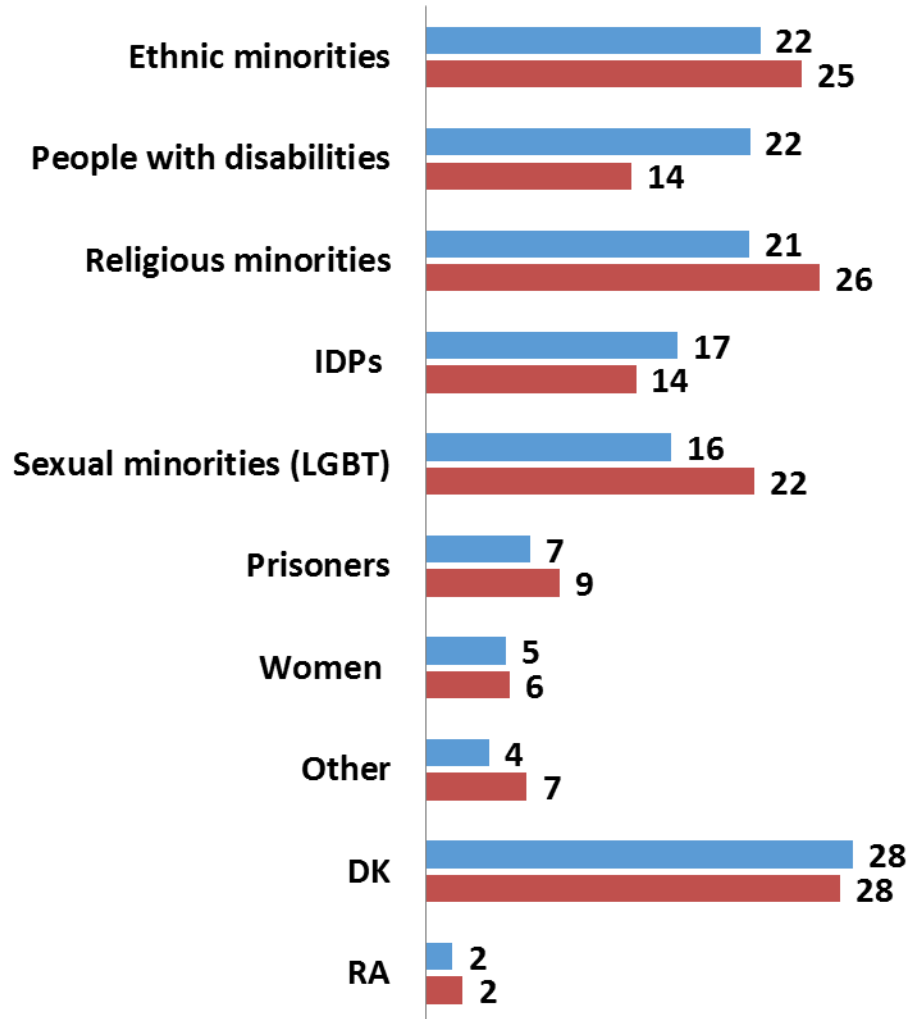
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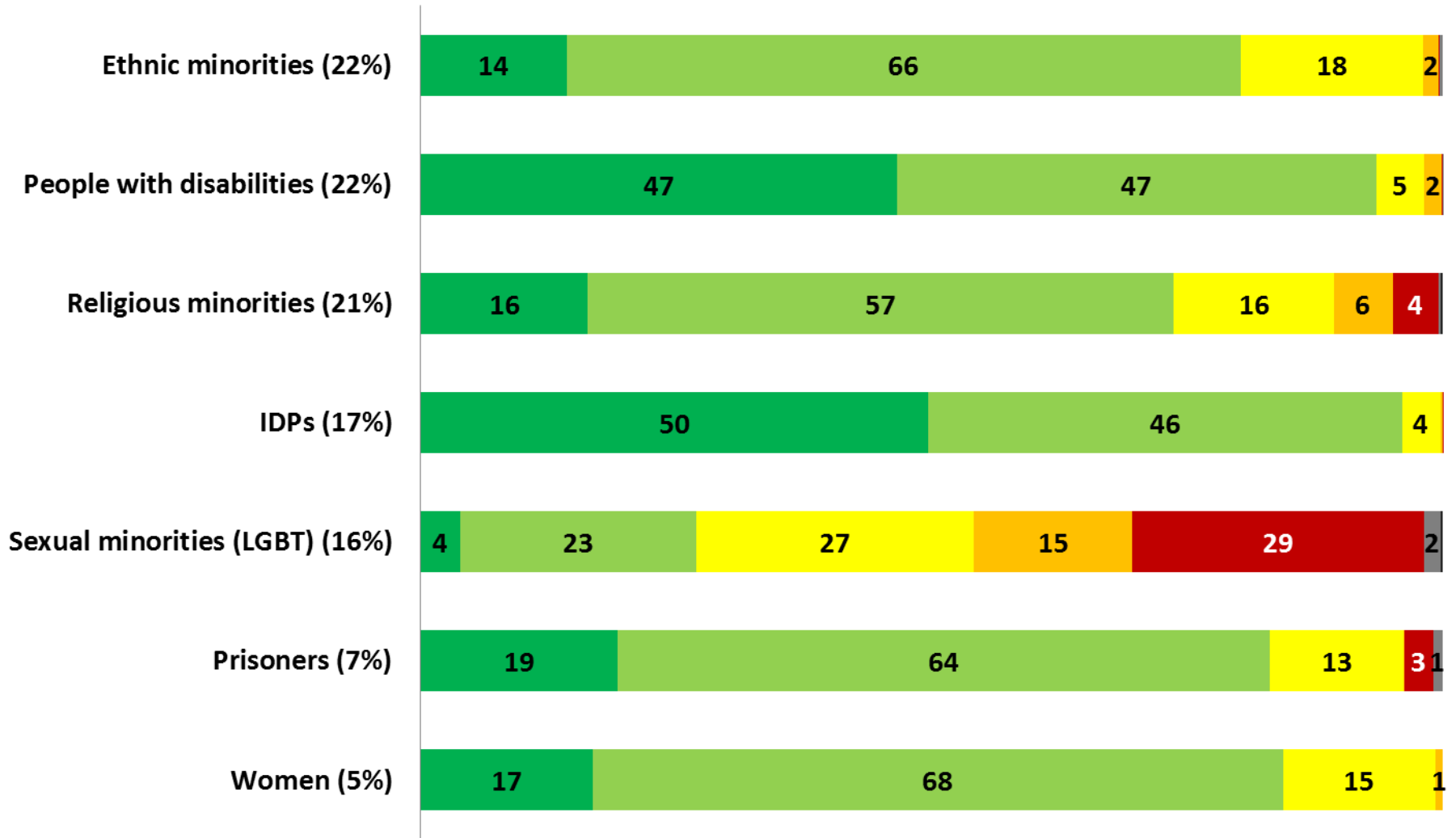
# When you think of minority groups, which groups come to mind first? Name up to three (q24)

■ August 2014 ■ April 2014



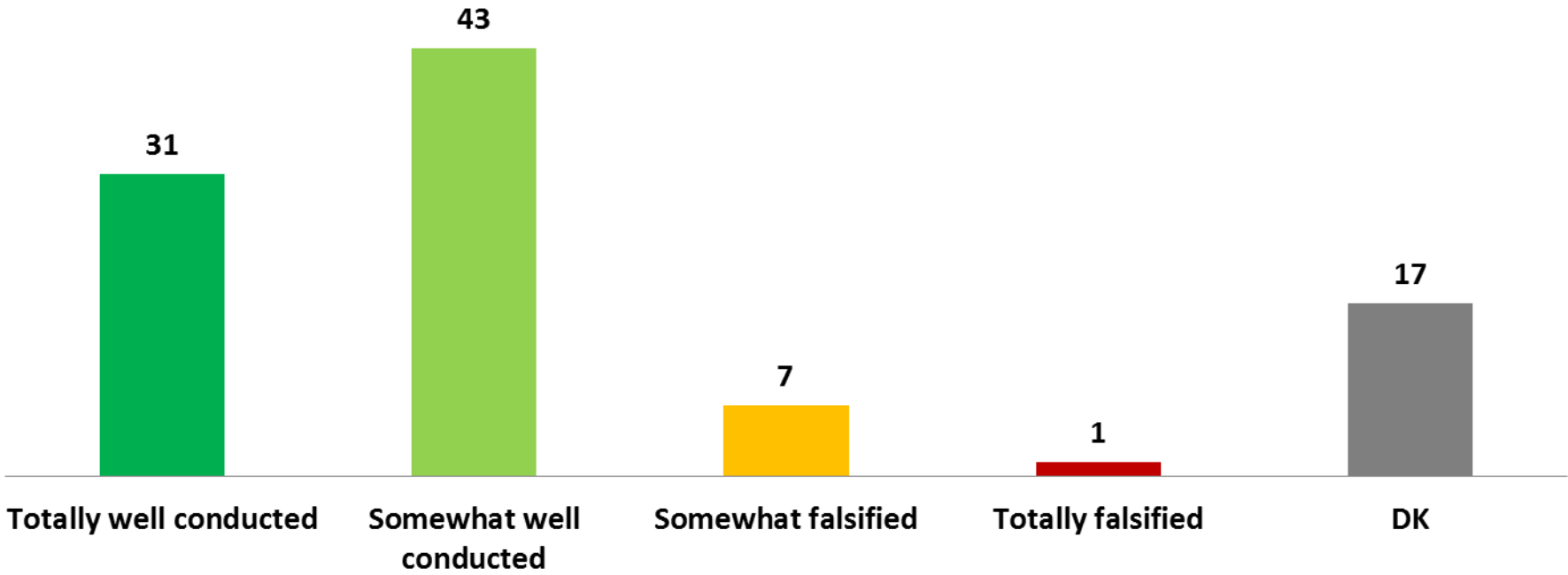
## How important is the protection of rights of the following minorities? (q25)

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

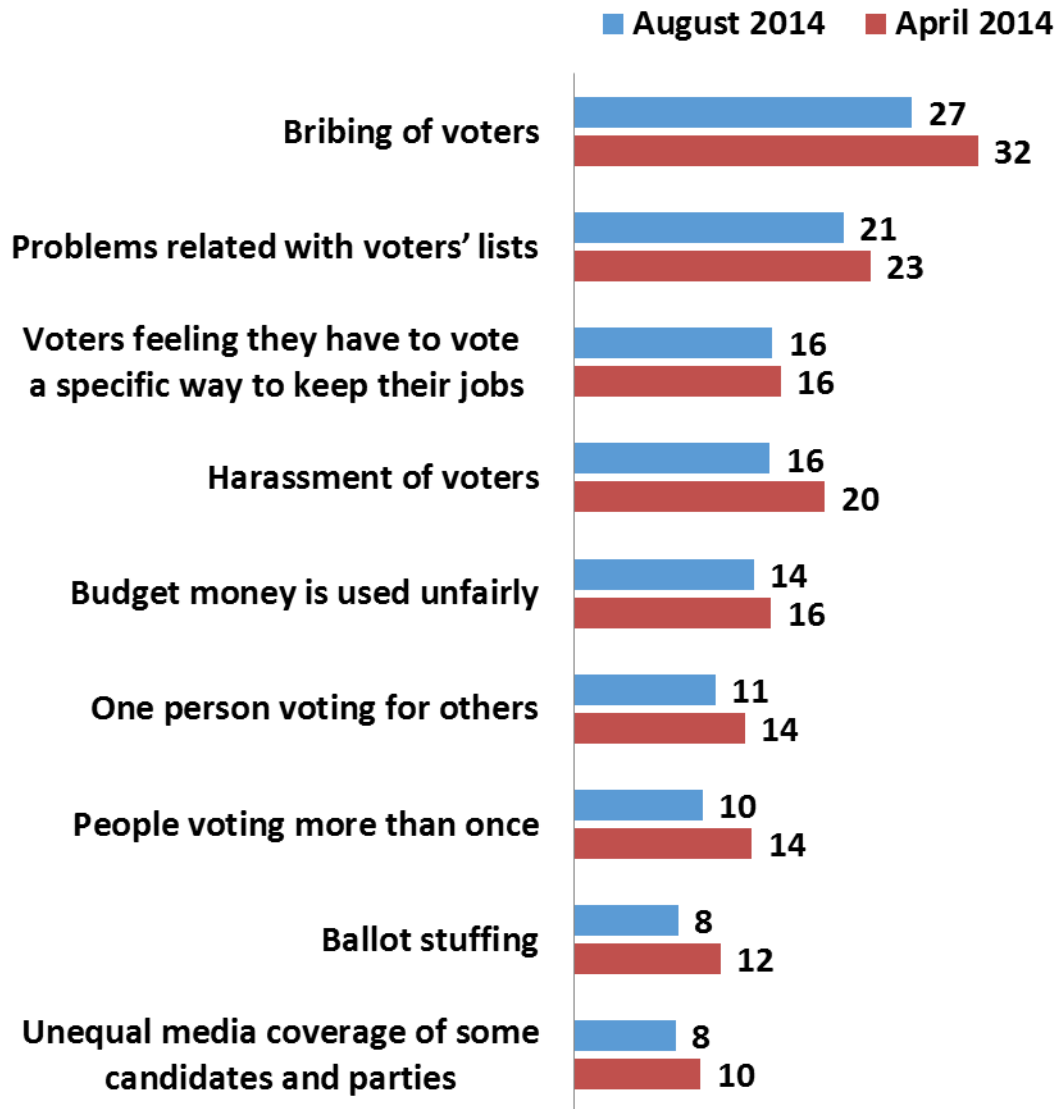


# Elections

# How do you think the local government elections were conducted? (q74)



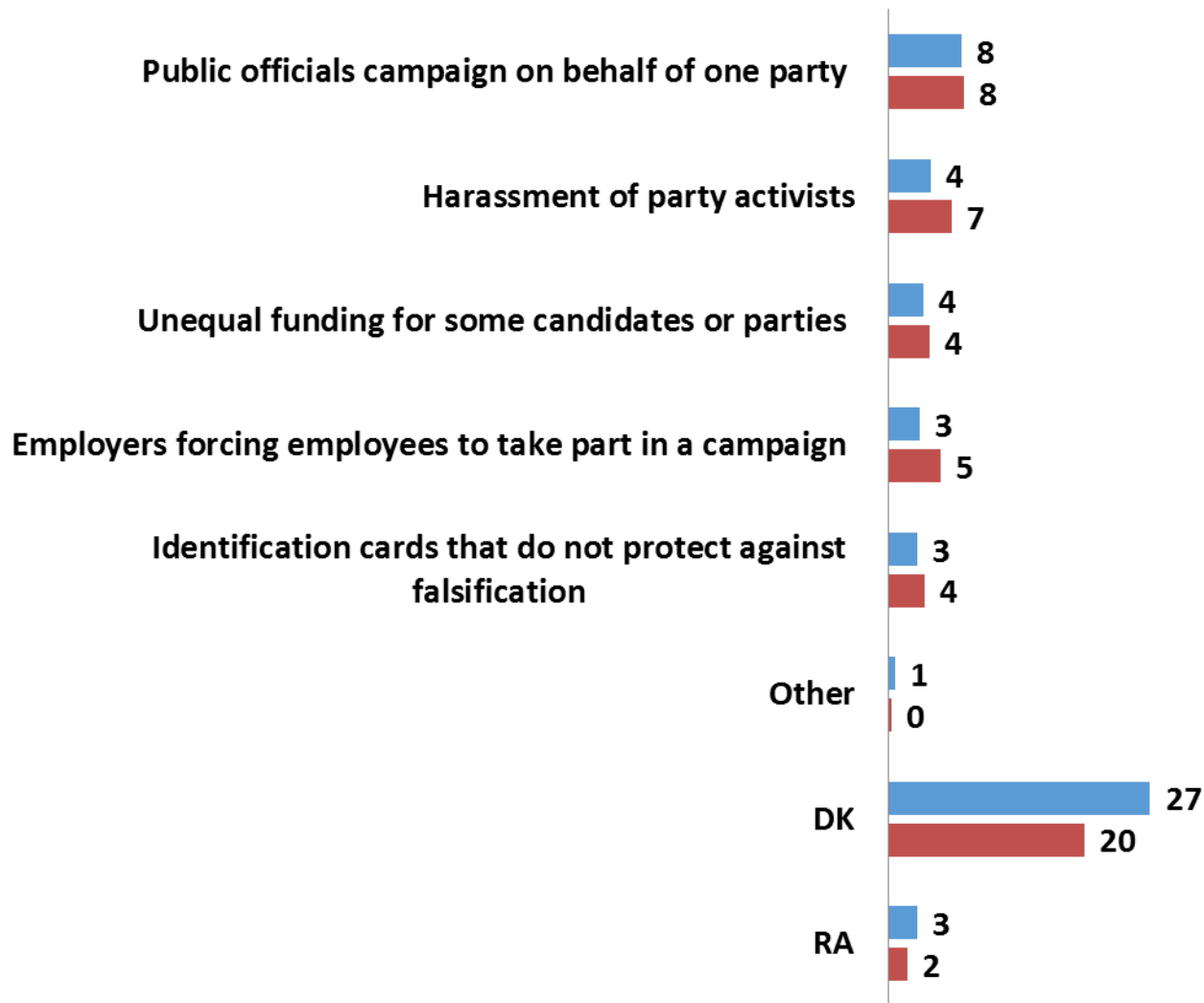
# What do you think are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? (61) Part 1



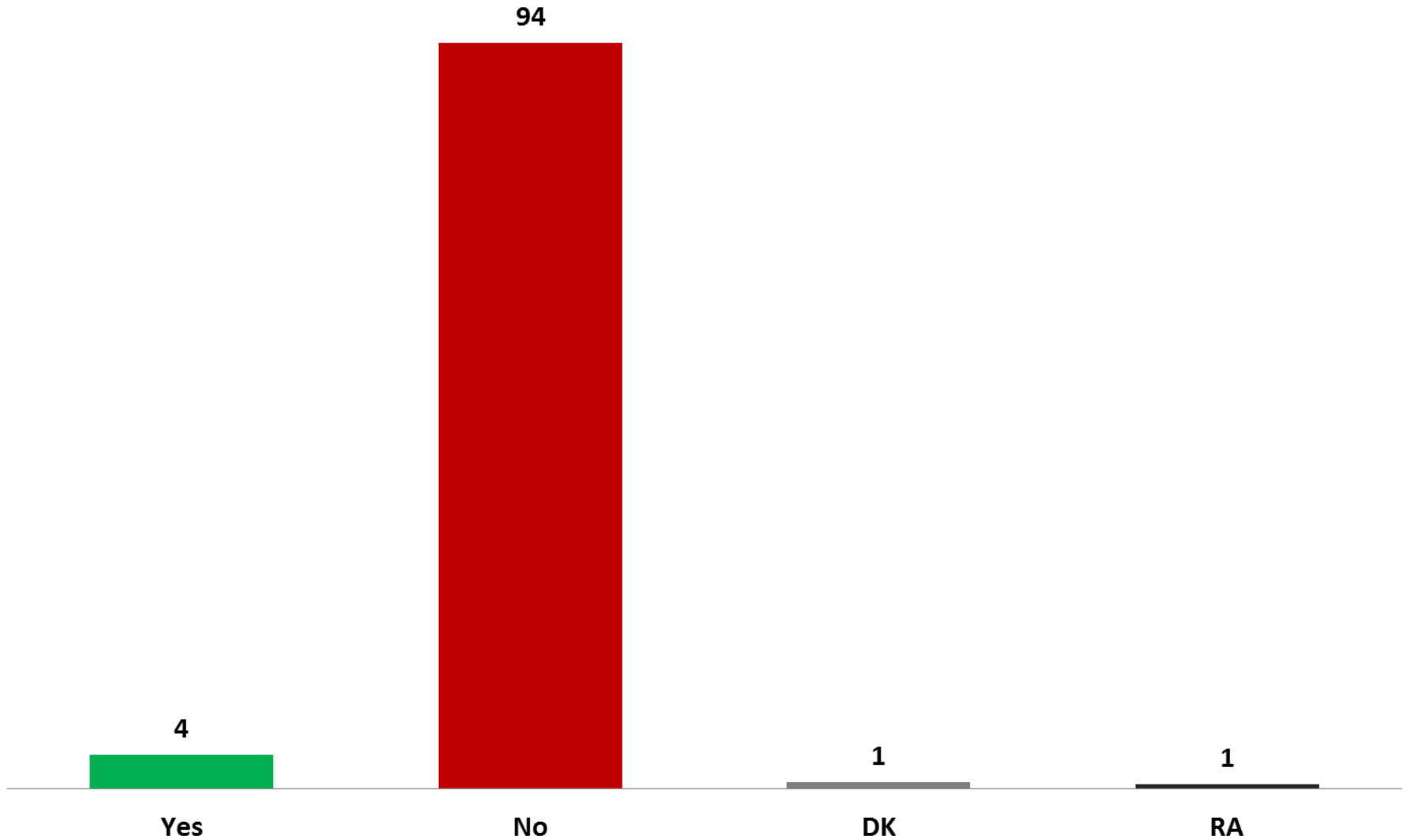


# What do you think are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? (61) Part 2

■ August 2014 ■ April 2014

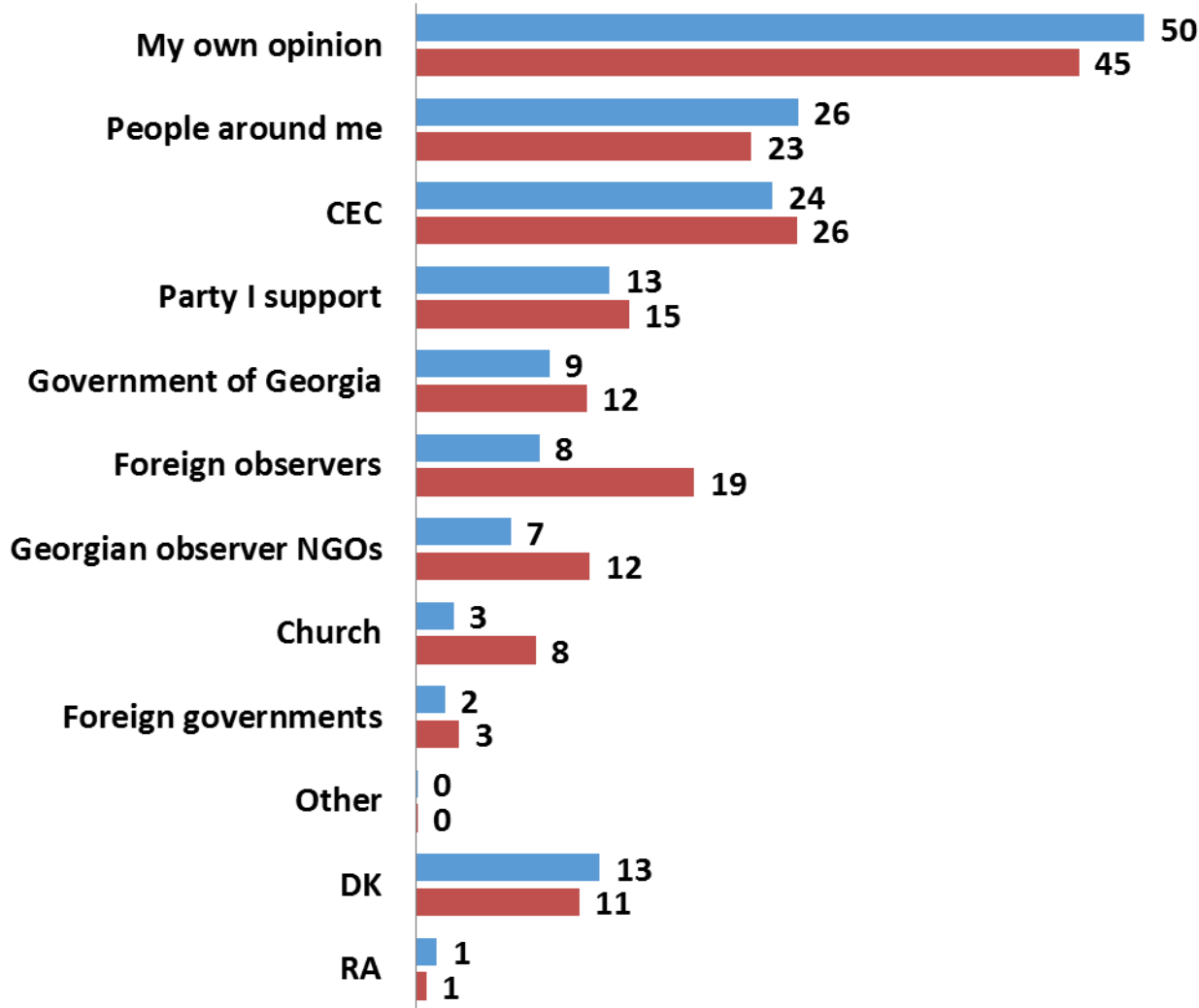


**Did you encounter any problems with the voters' list during the Election Day? (q71) - of those who participated in local elections**

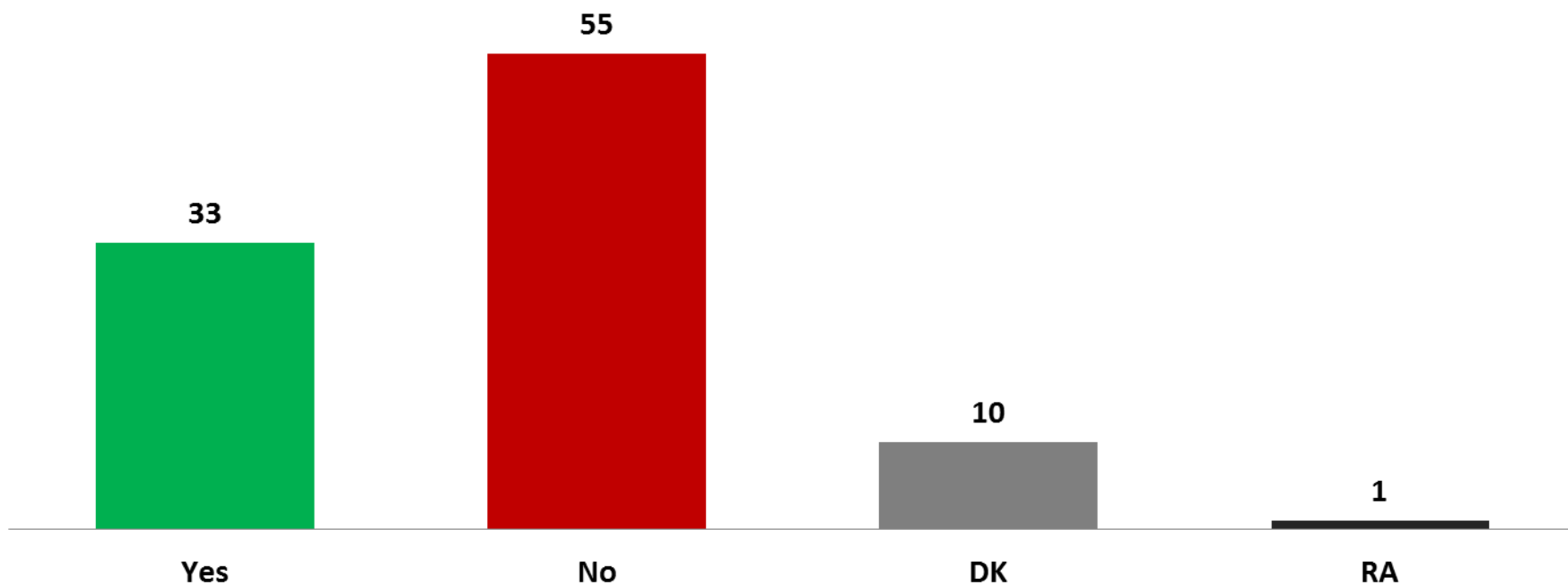


# Whose opinion do you think matters most, when it comes to deciding whether elections have been run well? (q75)

■ August 2014 ■ April 2014

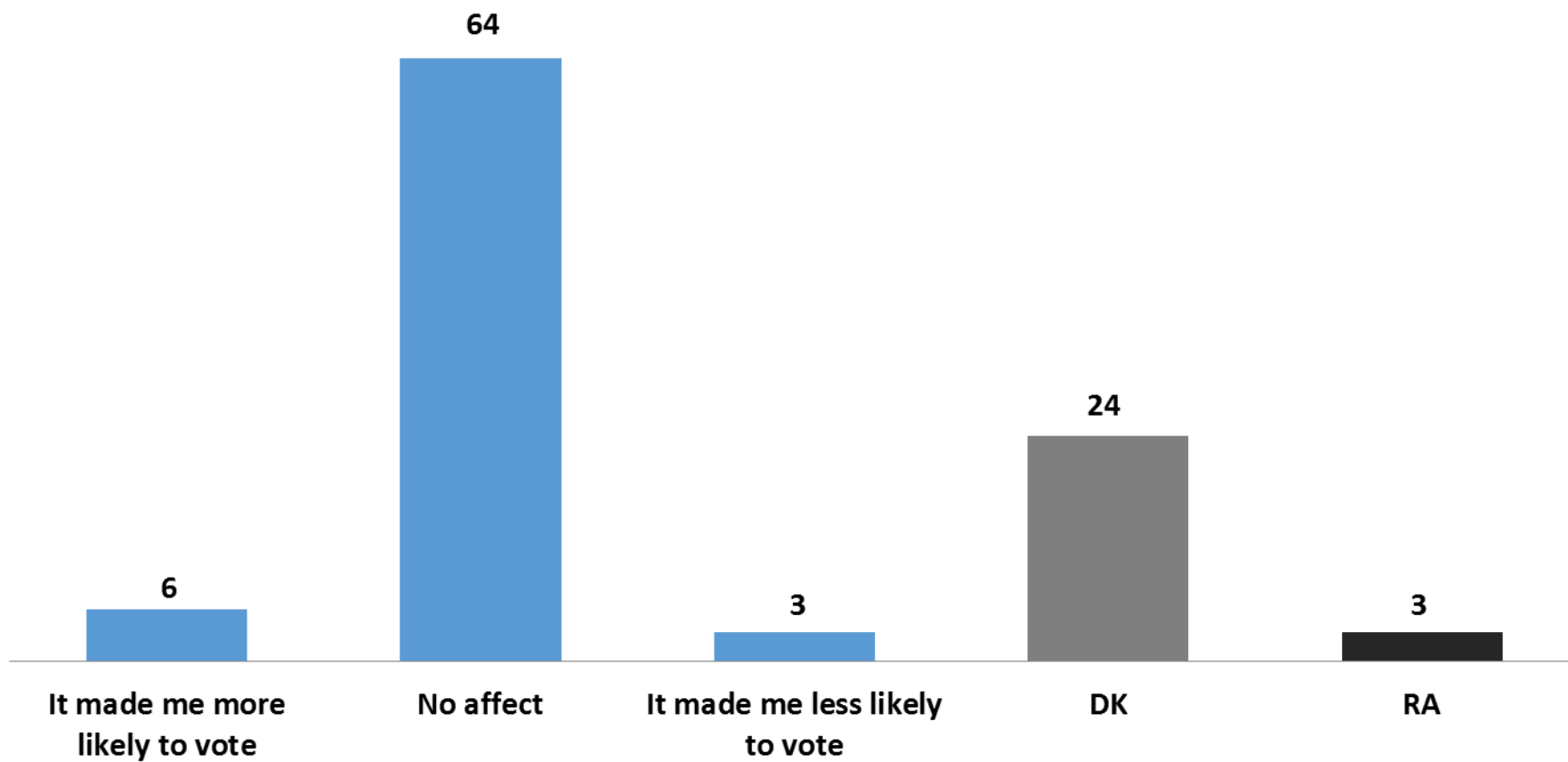


## Several big businesses offered discounts to voters on July 12 second round local elections. Were you aware? (q76)



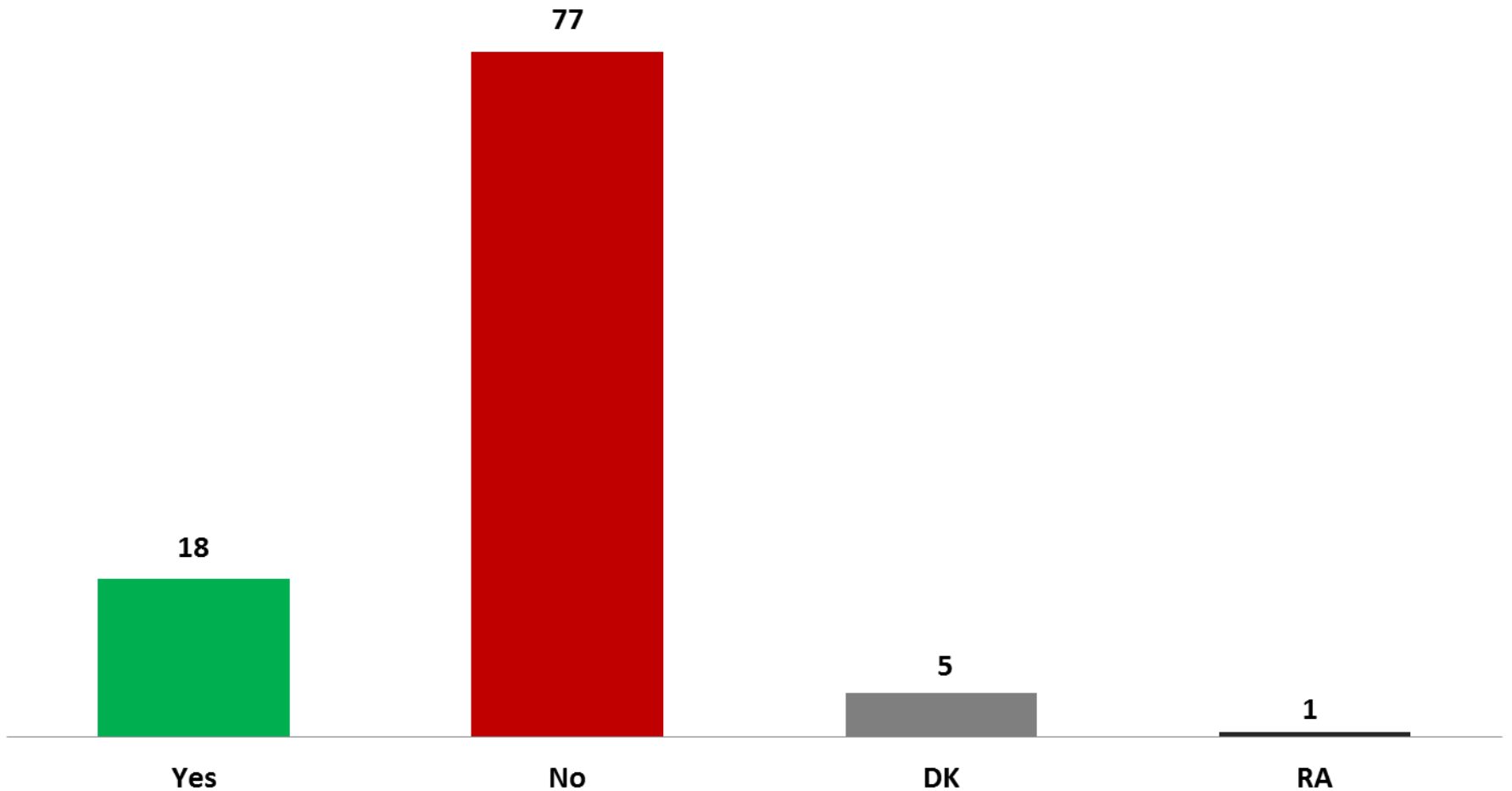
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## What affect, if any, did these discounts have on your choice to vote? (q77)

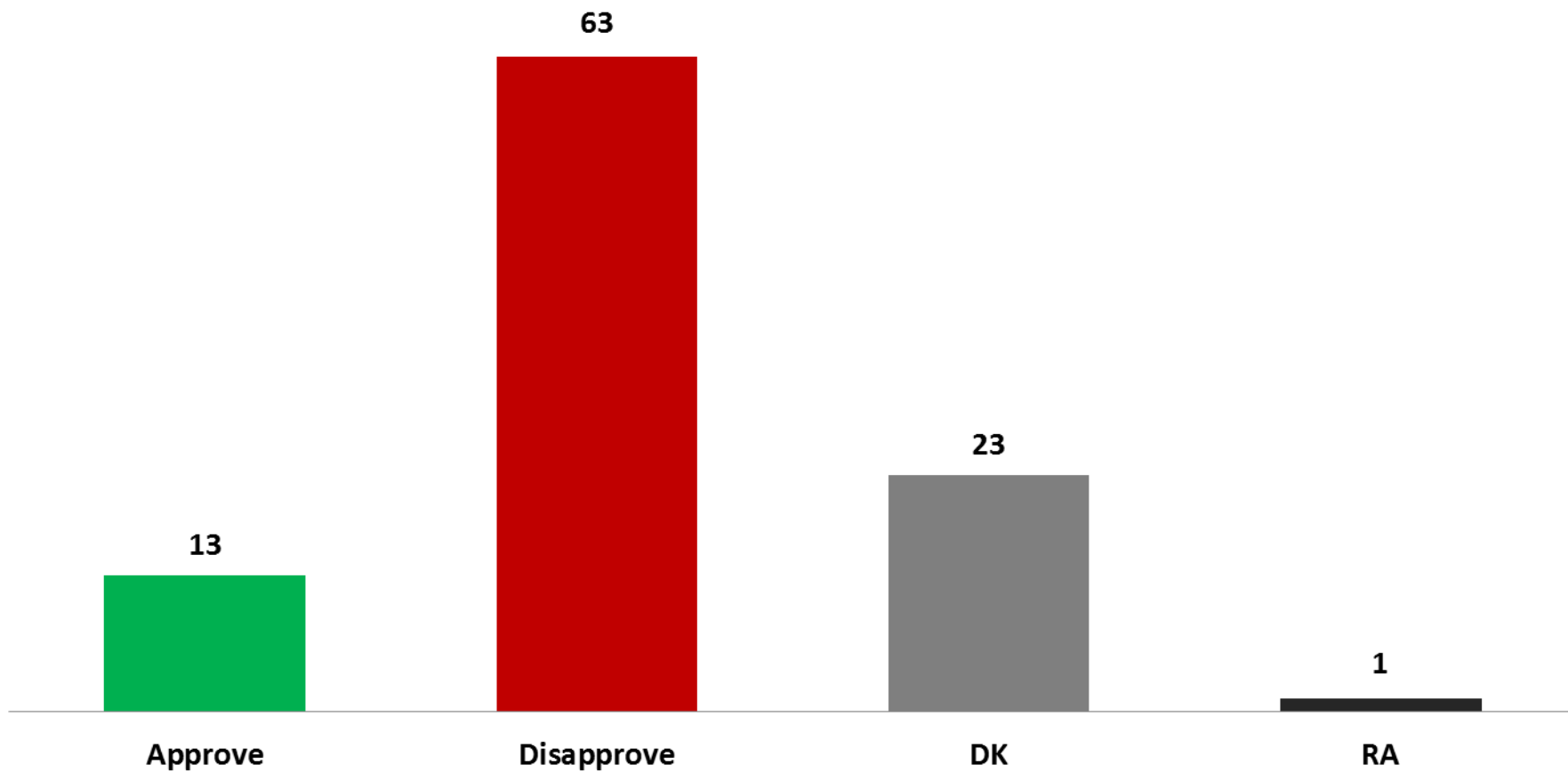


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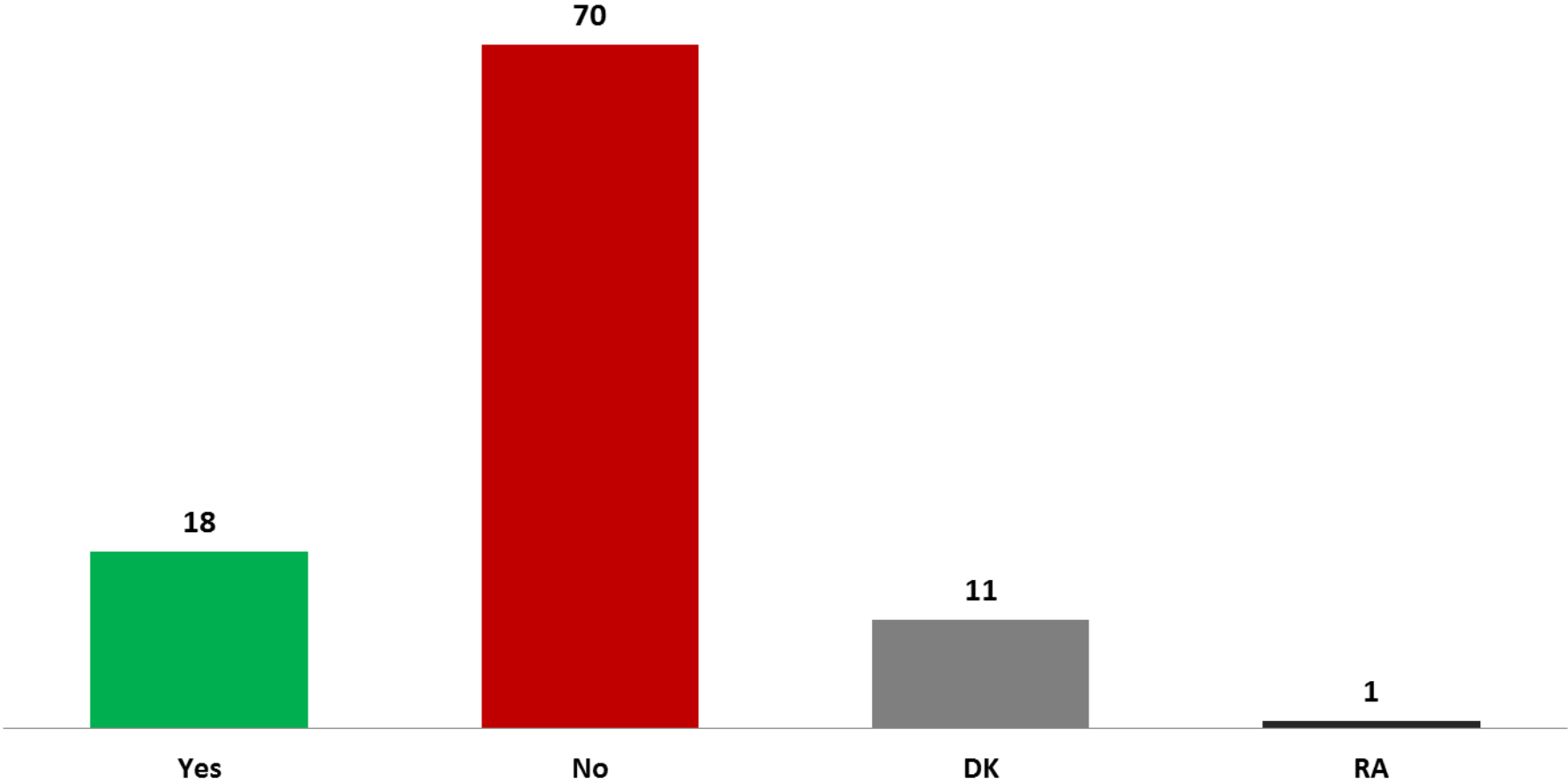
**On July 6, Bishop Jacob called upon voters to vote against UNM.  
Were you aware? (q78)**



**Do you approve or disapprove of Bishop Jacob calling upon voters to vote against UNM? (q79)**

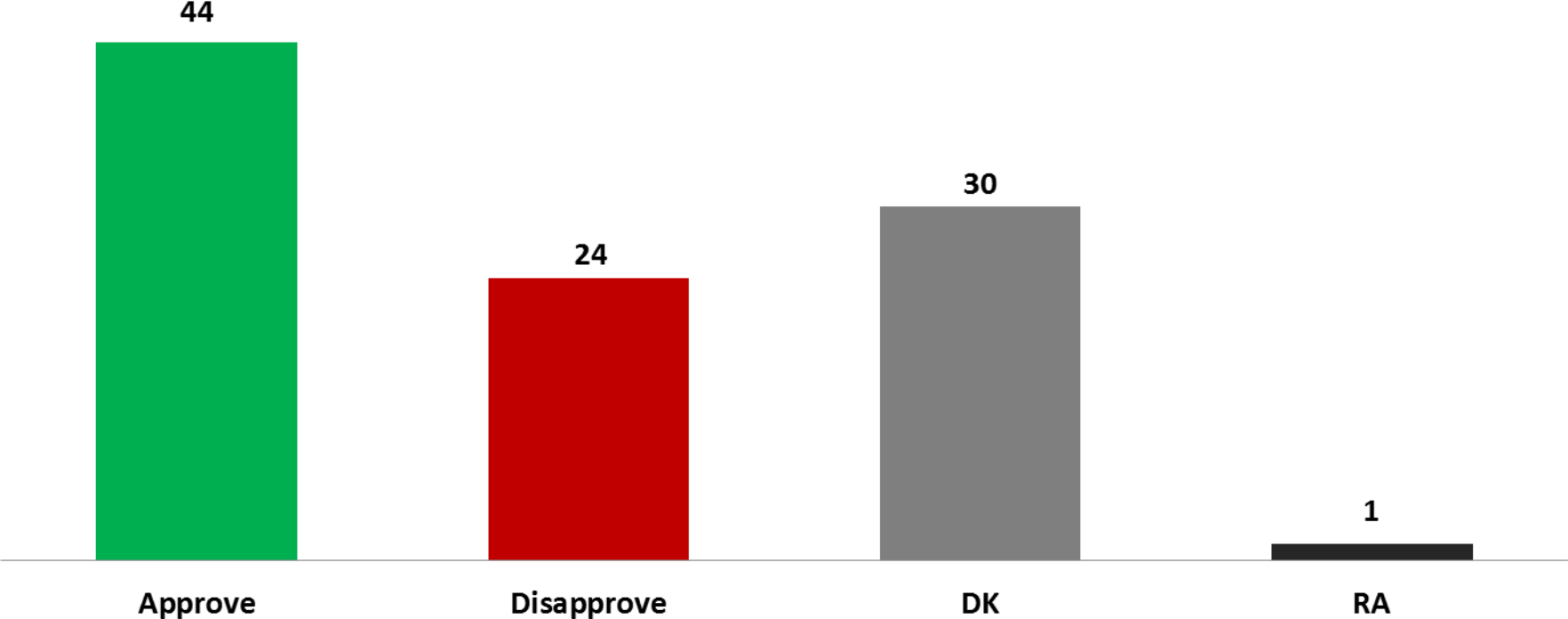


**The CEC has requested clarification from Bishop Jacob, because election code precludes the religious organizations from campaigning. Were you aware? (q80)**

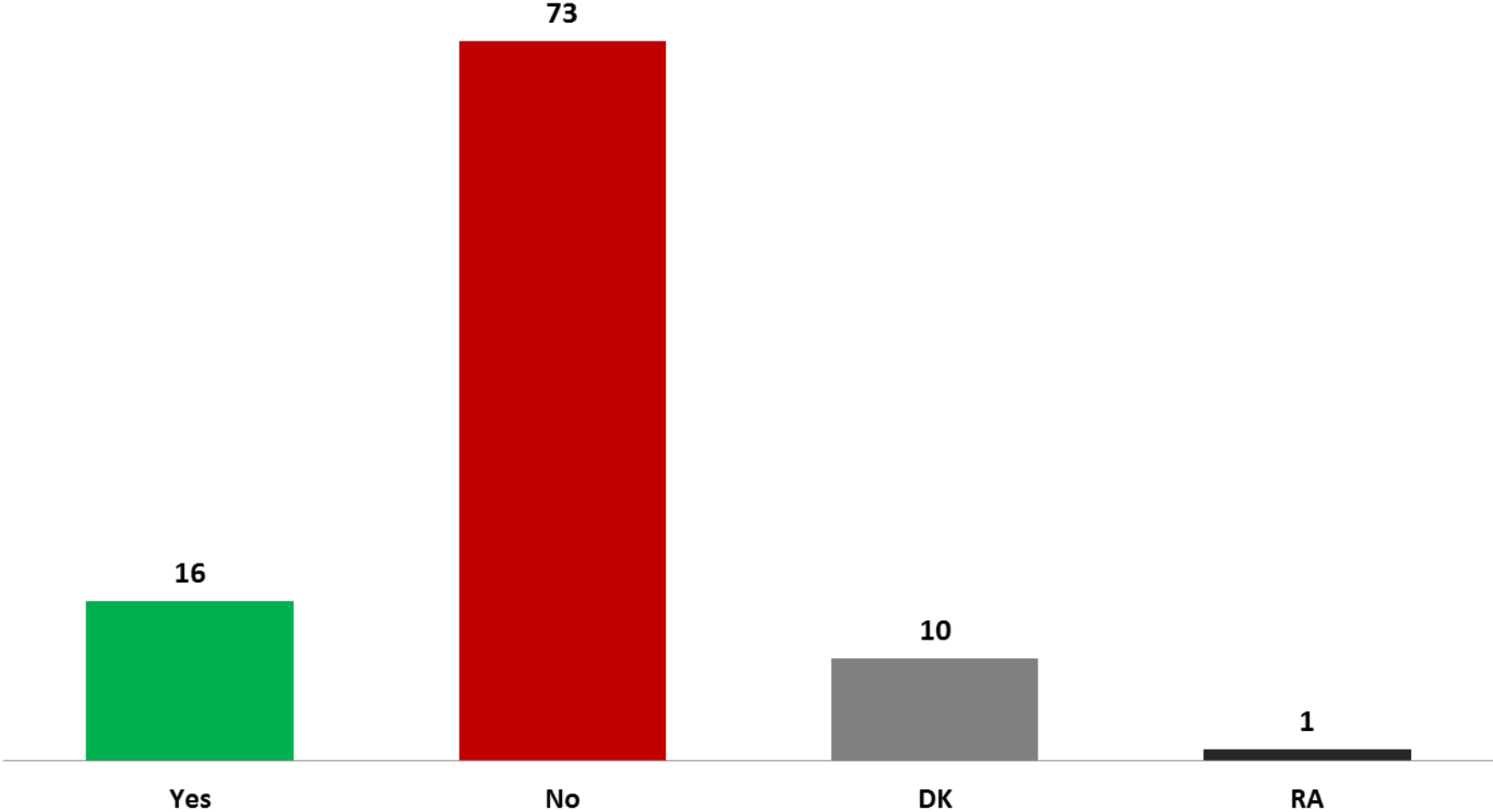




**Do you approve or disapprove of CEC asking clarification from Bishop Jacob? (q81)**

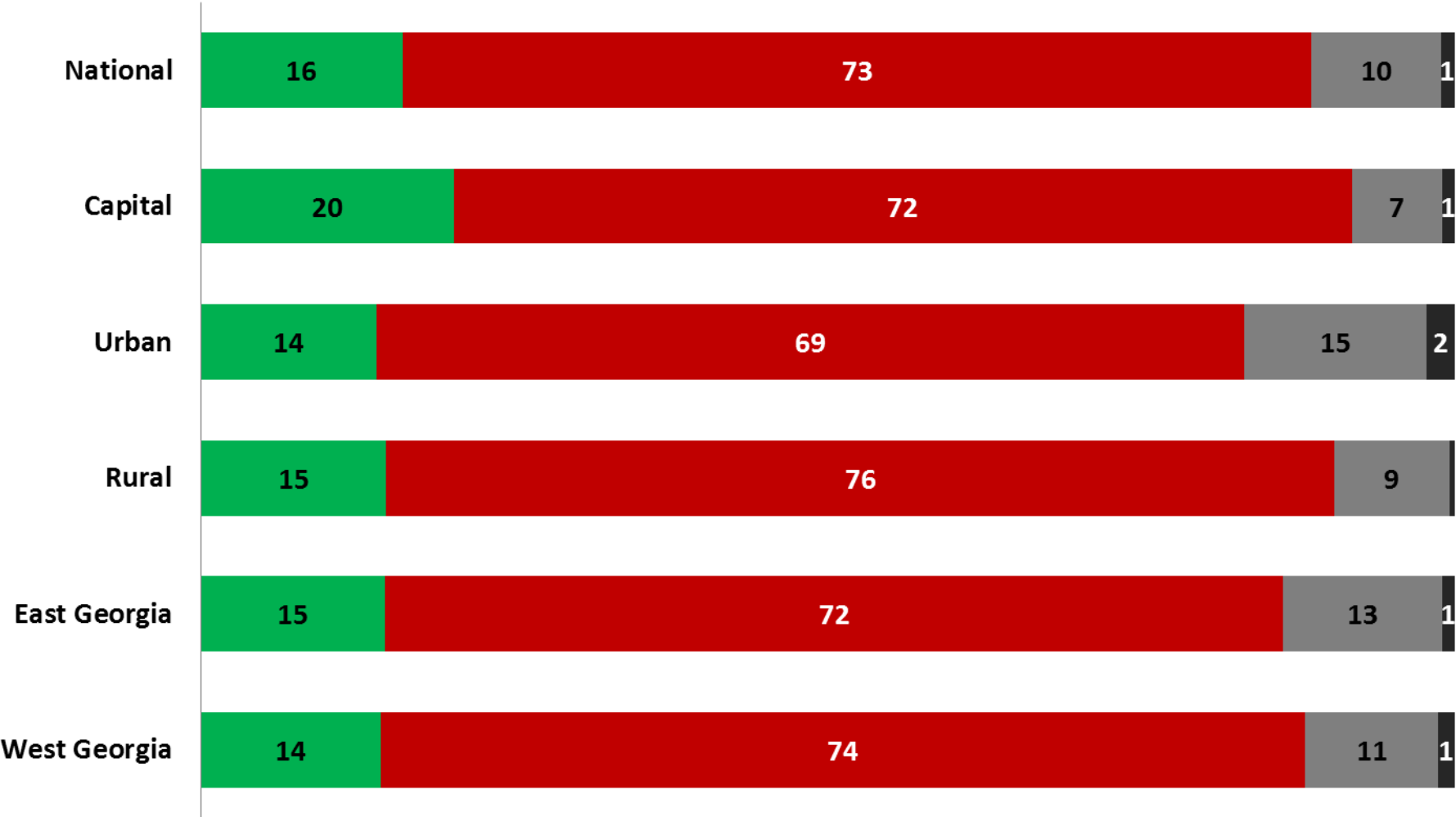


**Do you think the church should be engaging in election campaign? (q82)**



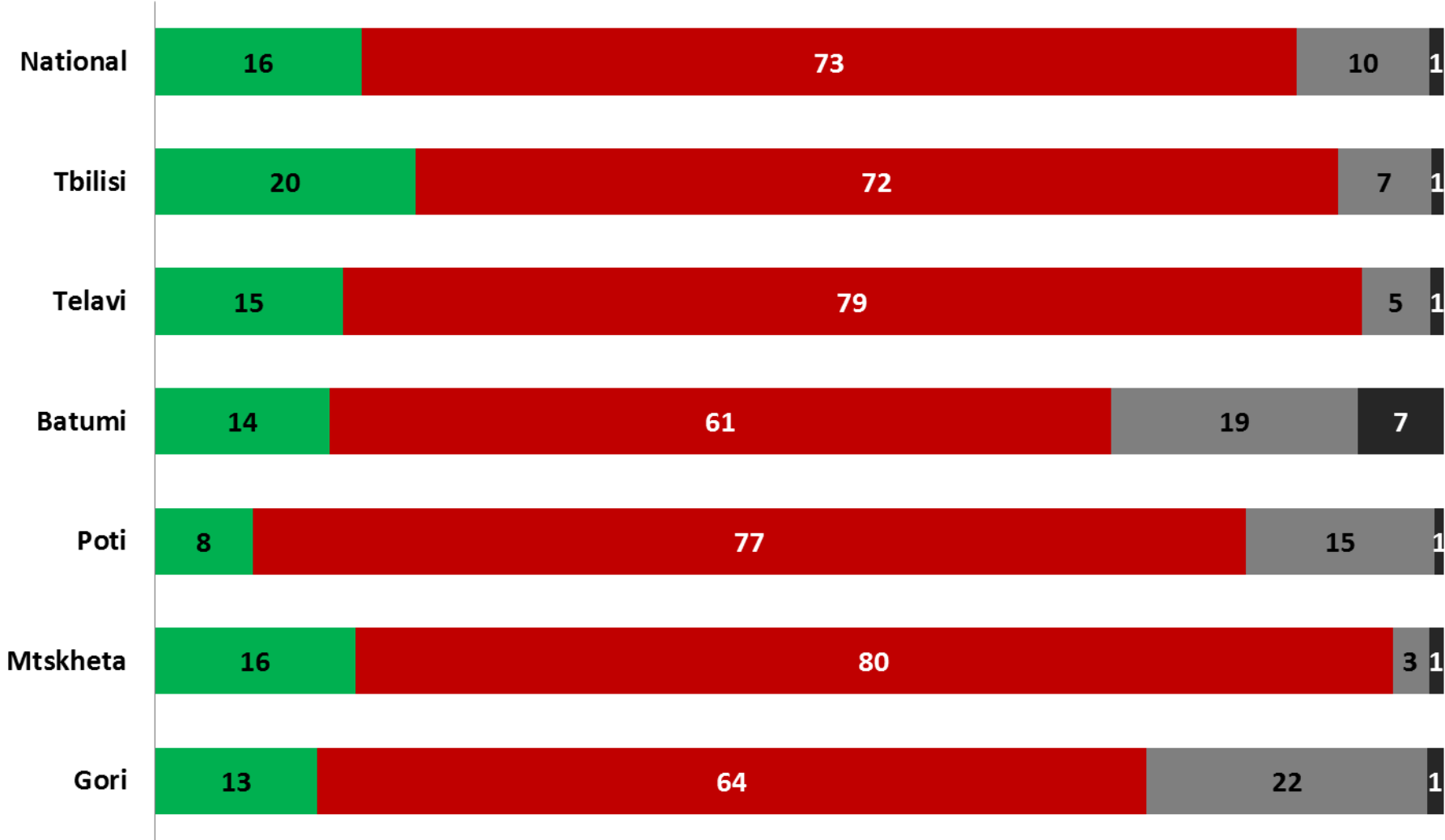
# Do you think the church should be engaging in election campaign? (q82 X Settlement)

■ Yes     ■ No     ■ DK     ■ RA



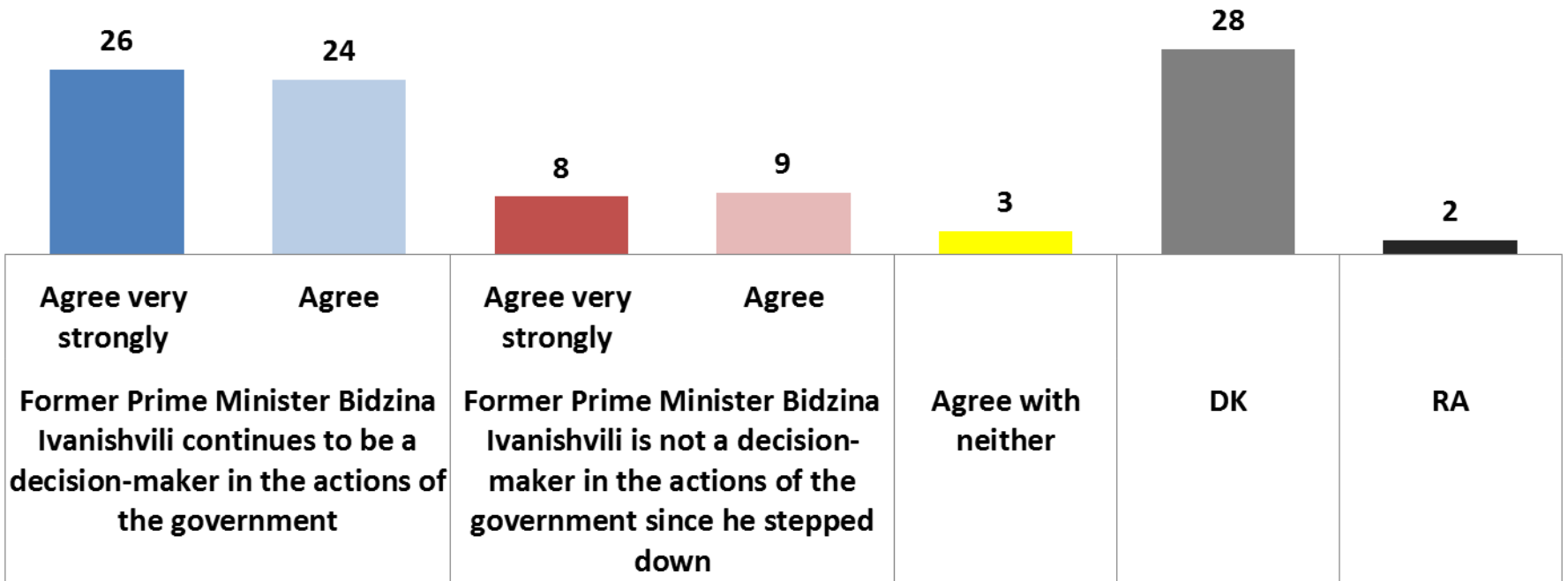
# Do you think the church should be engaging in election campaign? (q82 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA

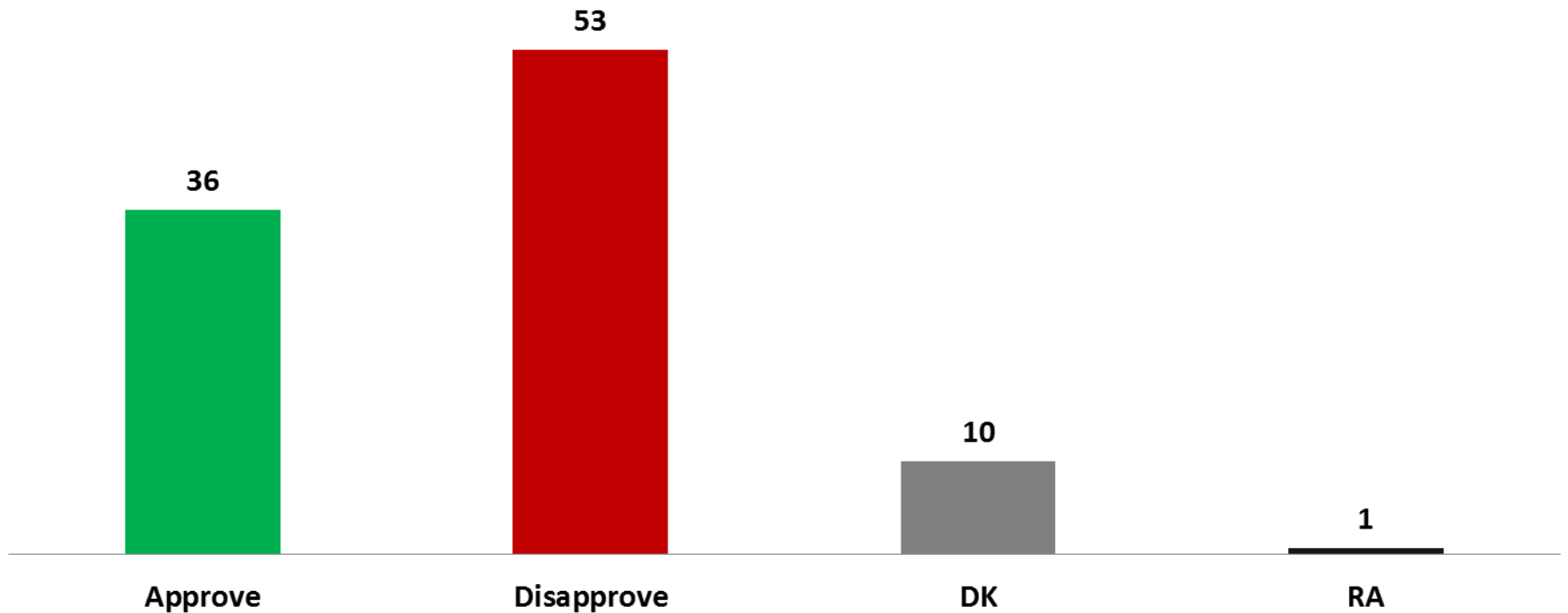


# Current Events

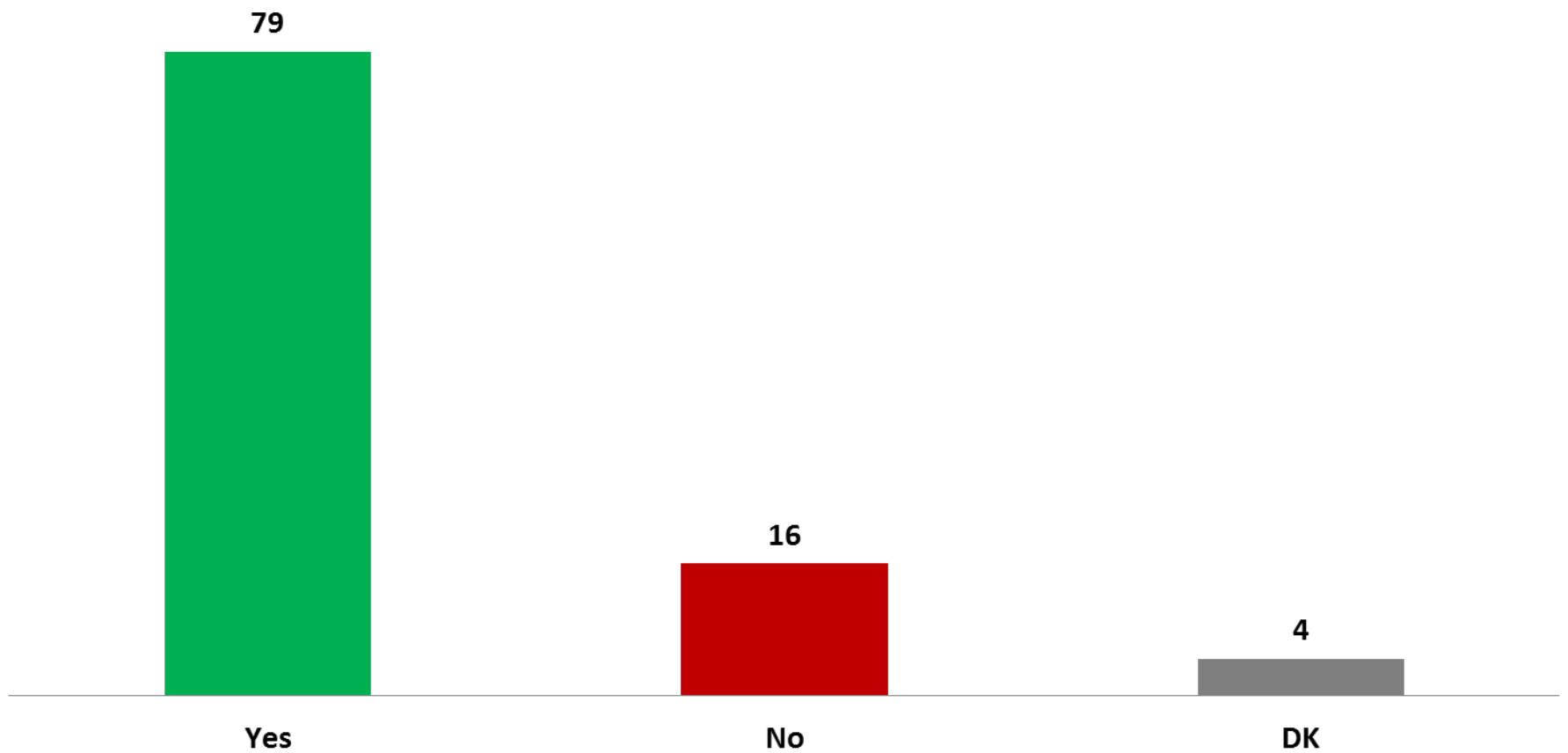
# Which of the following two statements do you agree with? (q86)



**Do you approve or disapprove that Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili continues to be a decision-maker in the actions of the government? (q87) - of the 50%**

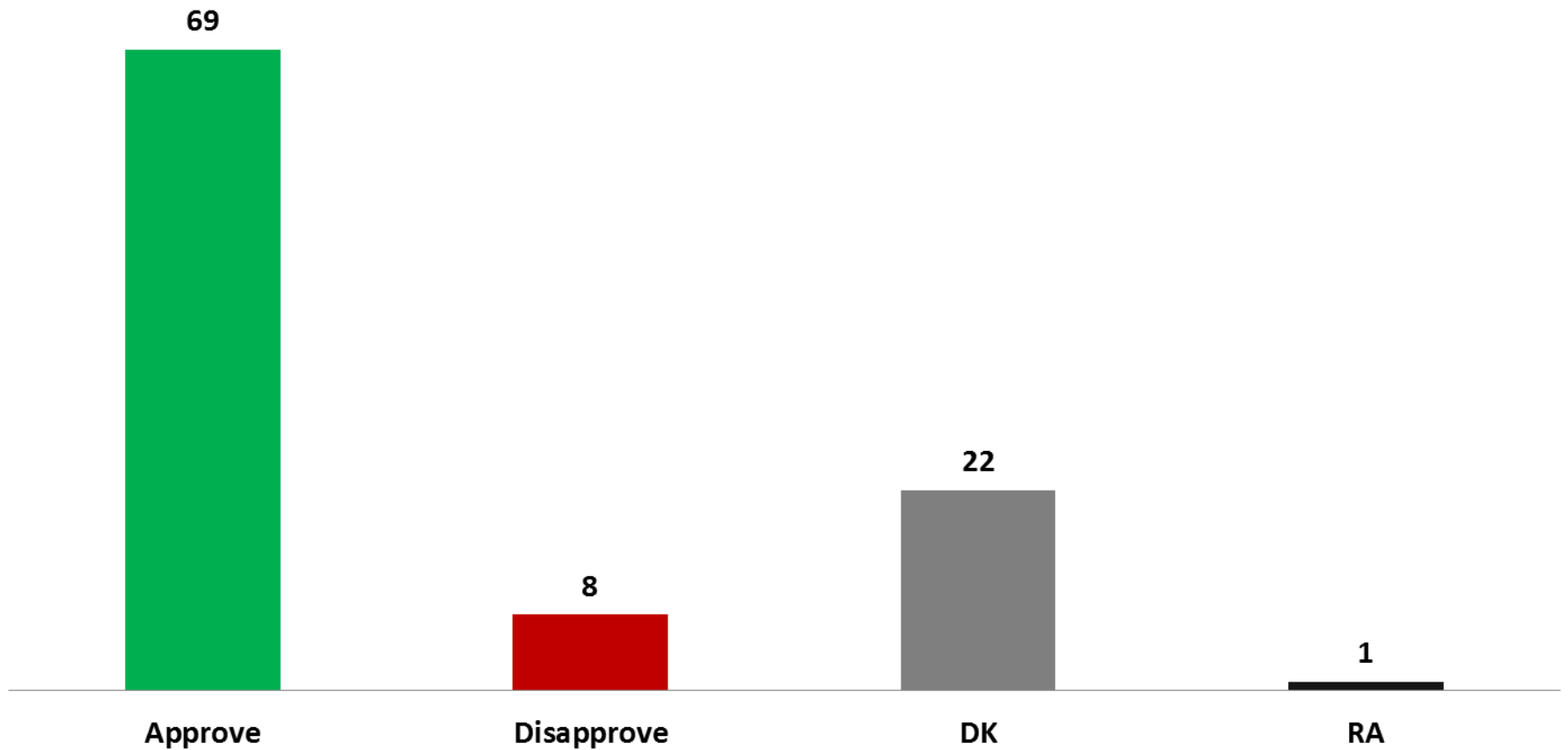


**On June 27 Georgia signed an Association agreement with EU.  
Were you aware? (q89)**





# Do you approve or disapprove of Georgia signing an Association agreement with EU? (q90)

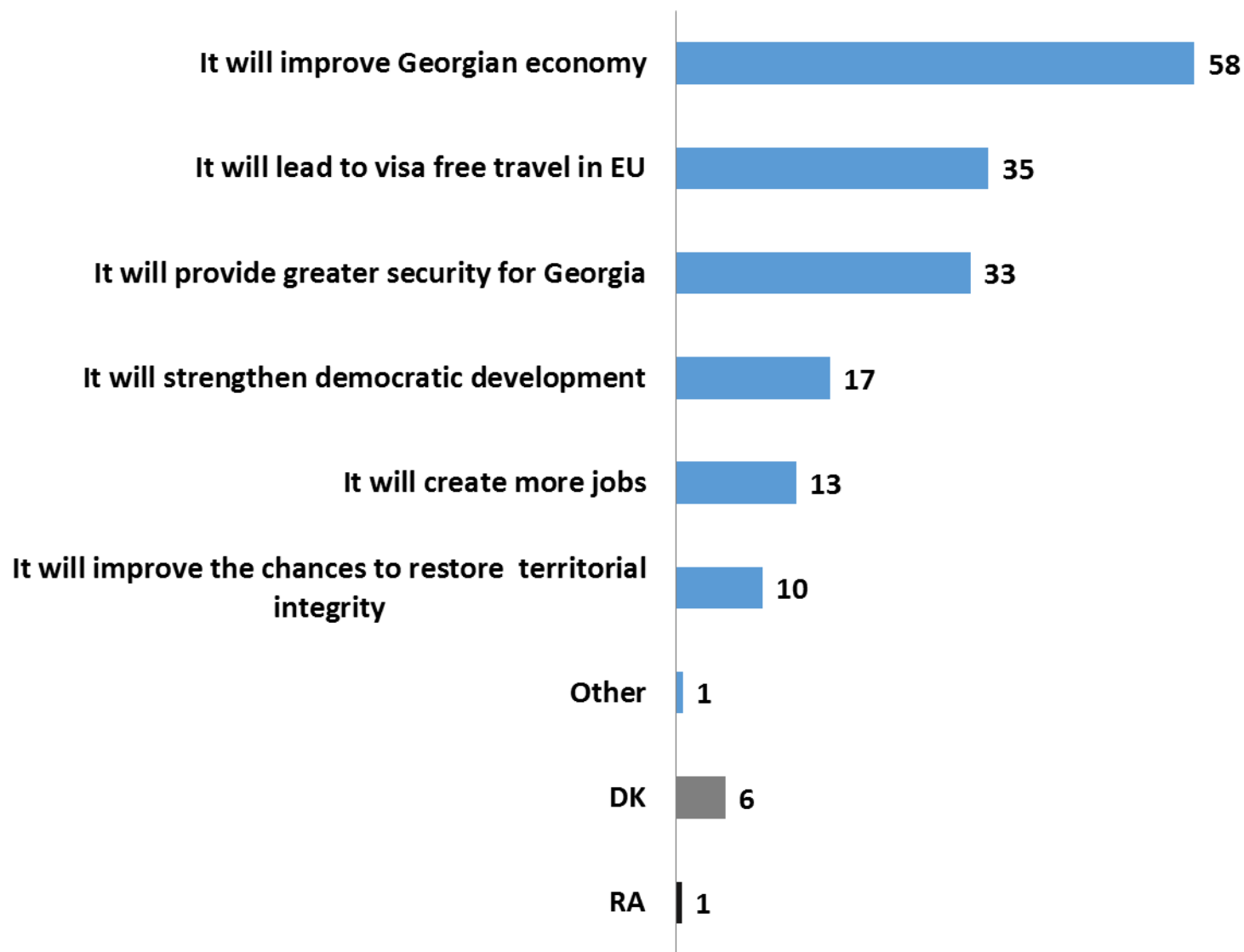


# Do you approve or disapprove of Georgia signing an Association agreement with EU? (q90 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Dissapprove ■ DK ■ RA



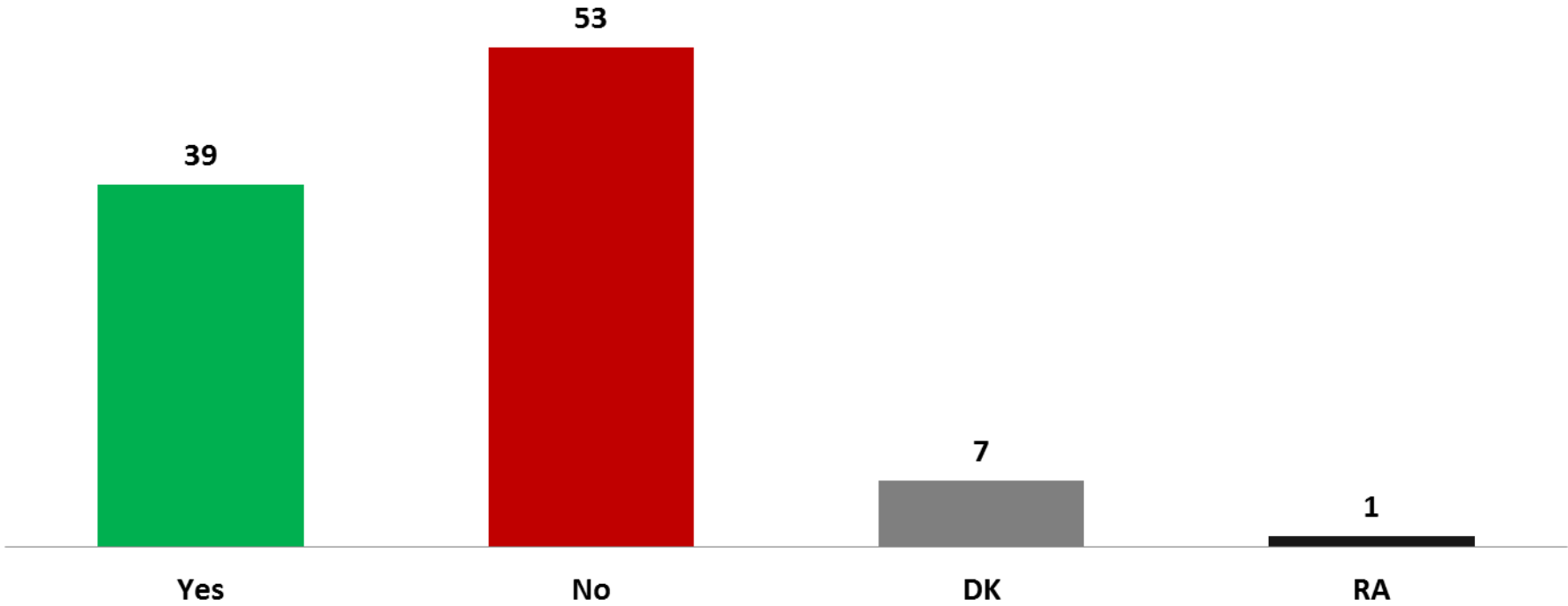
## If you approve of Georgia signing an Association agreement with EU, why? (q91) - of the 69%



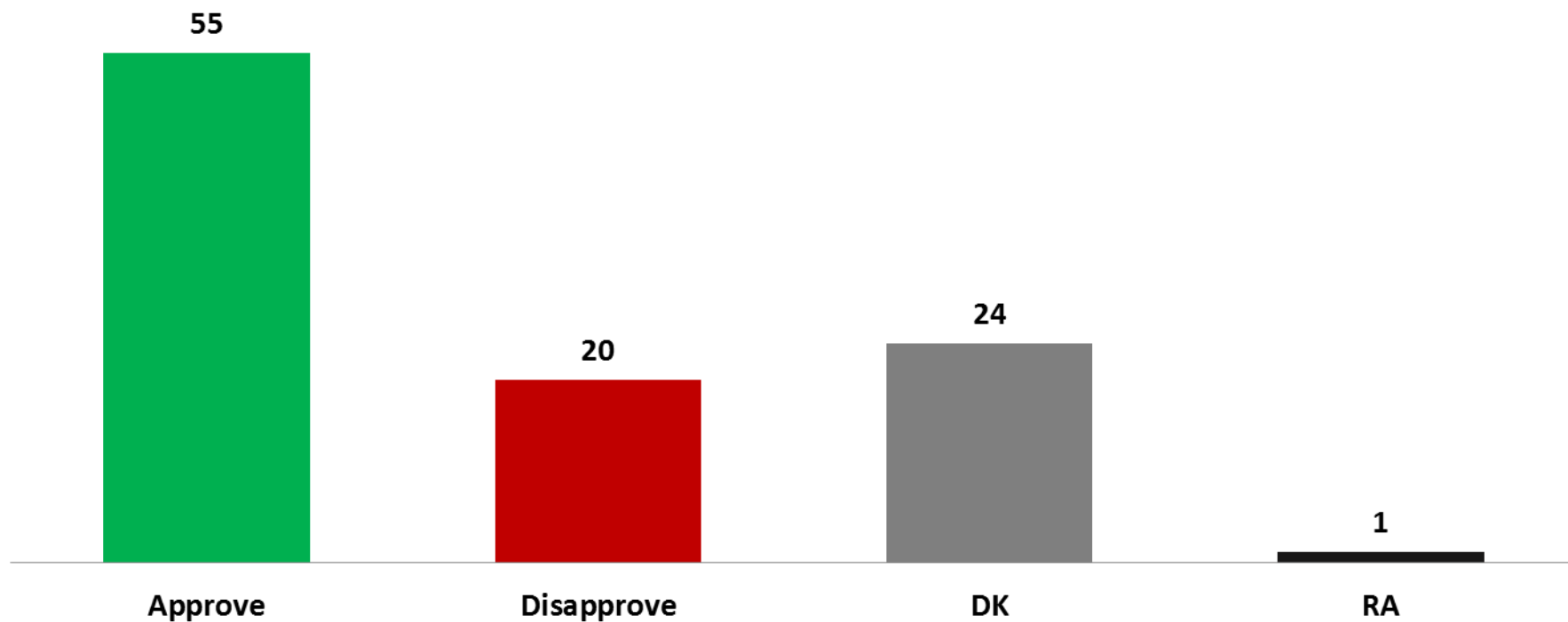
# Which of the following two statements do you agree with? (q93)



**On June 14 Constitutional Court repealed the suspension of sales of agricultural land to foreigners. Were you aware of this?  
(q100)**

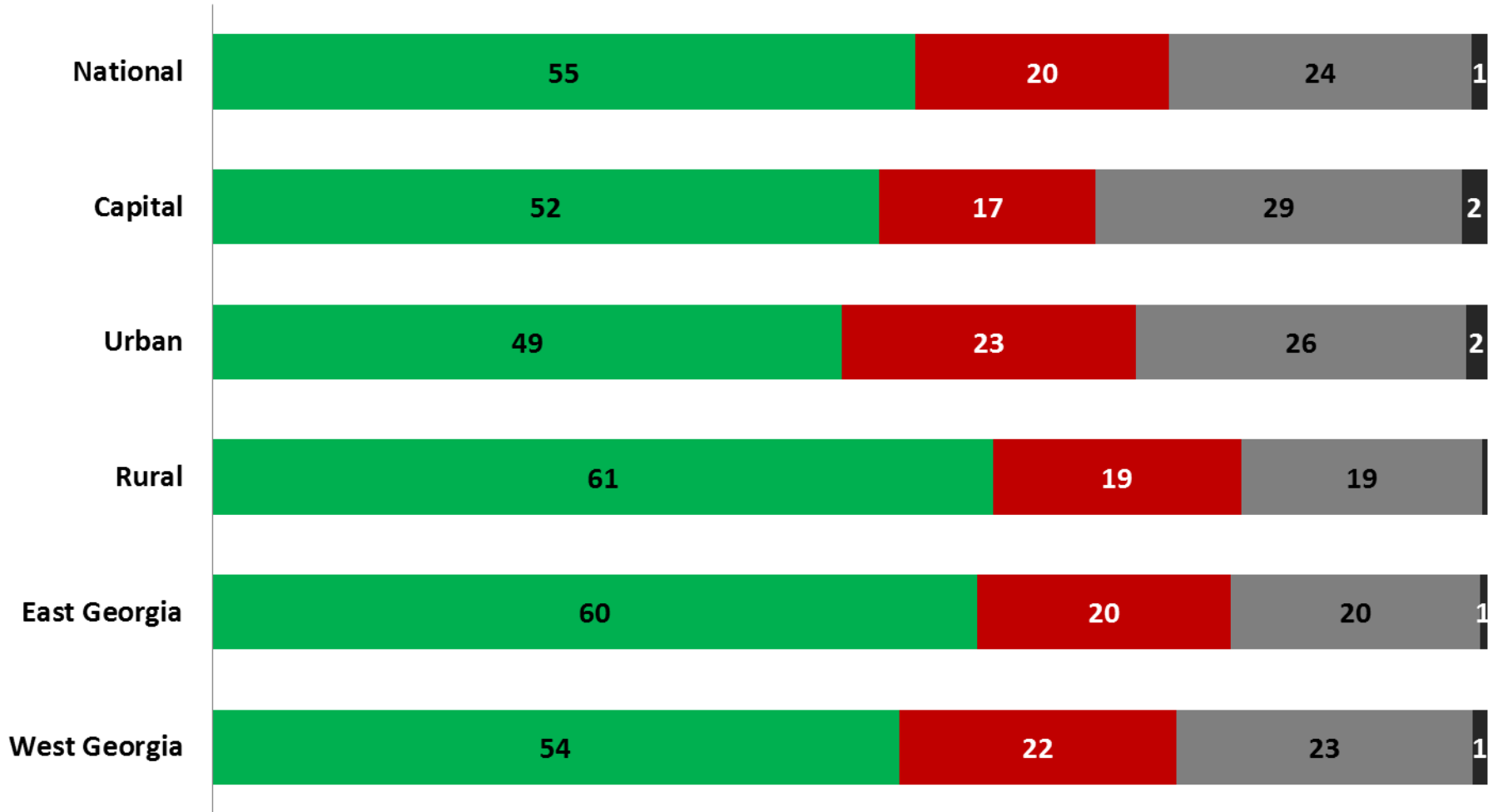


**Do you approve or disapprove of Court's decision to repeal the suspension of sales of agricultural land to foreigners?  
(q101)**

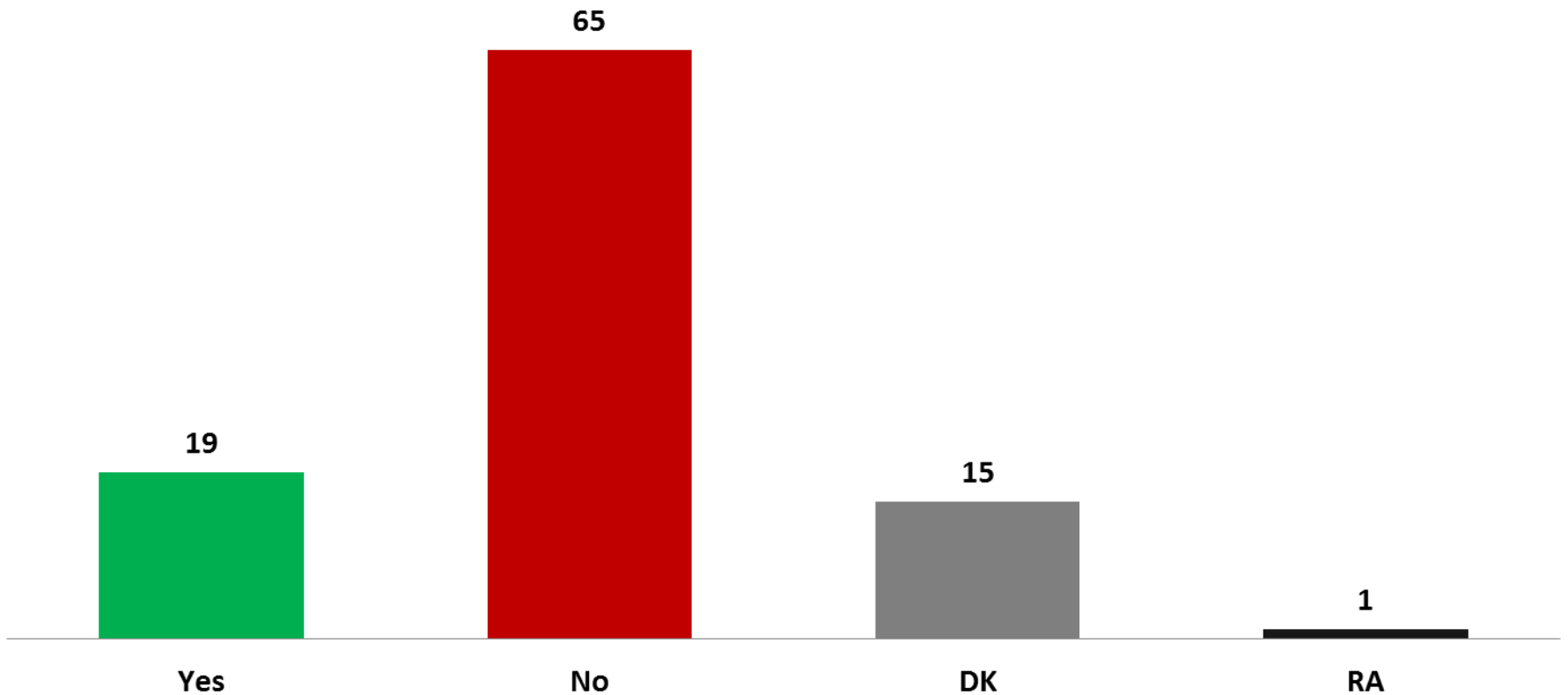


# Do you approve or disapprove of Court's decision to repeal the suspension of sales of agricultural land to foreigners? (q101 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Dissapprove ■ DK ■ RA

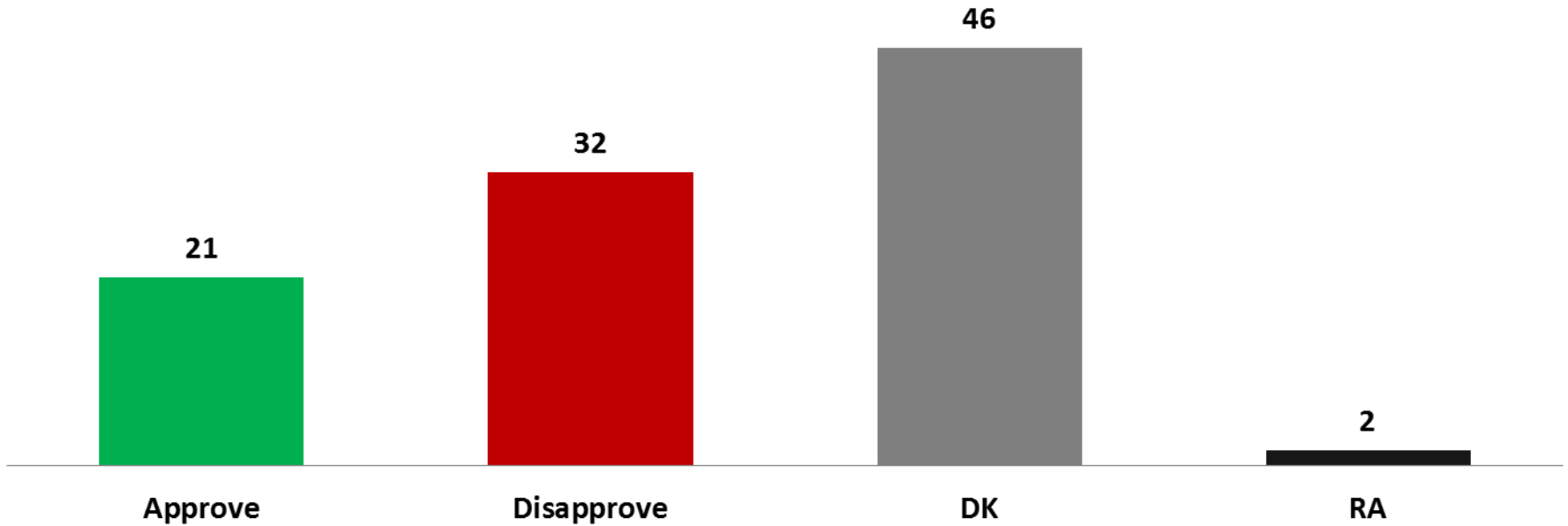


**Currently your Sakrebulo has right to remove directly elected Gangebeli or Mayor by a 2/3 vote without Gangebeli or Mayor having committed any legal violation. Were you aware?  
(q102)**





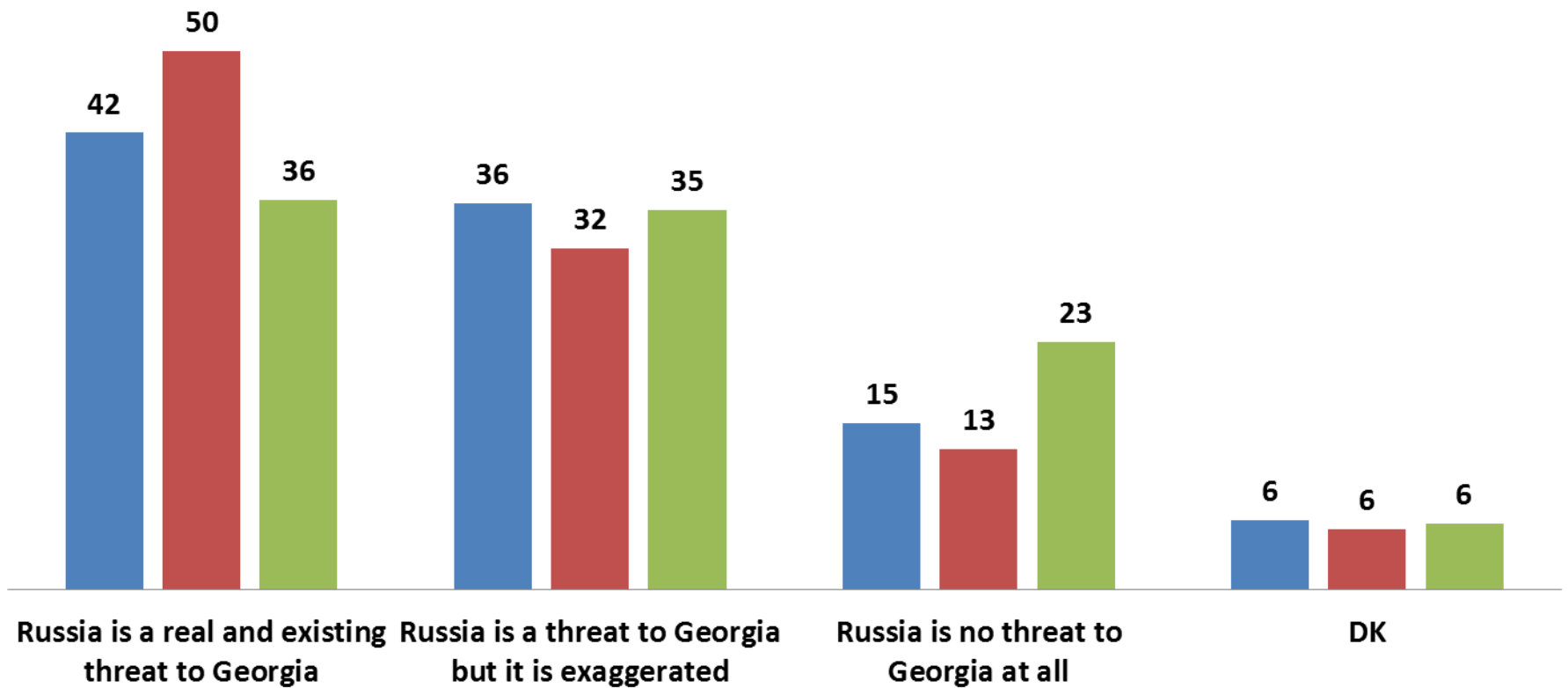
**Do you approve or disapprove of Sakrebulo power to remove  
directly elected Gamgebeli or Mayor by a 2/3 vote ?  
(q103)**



# Foreign Relations

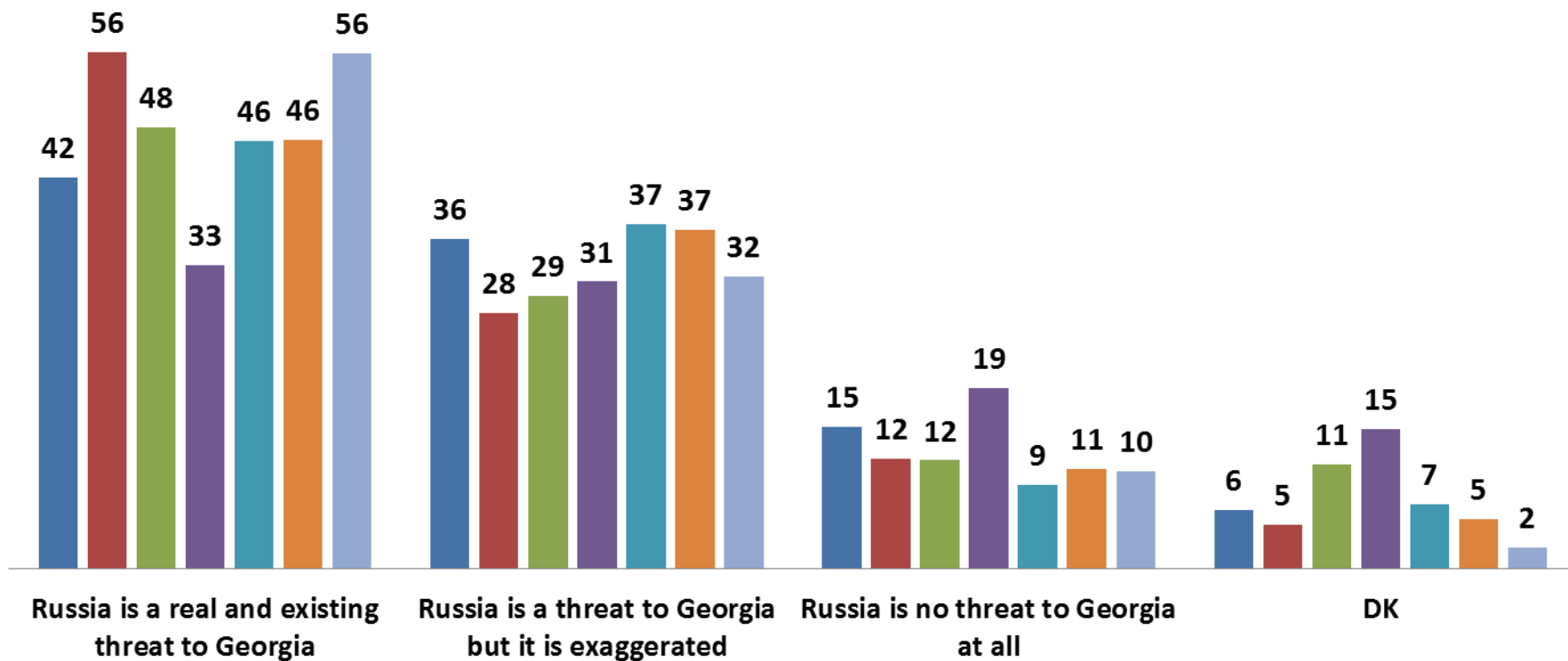
# Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (q36)

■ August 2014 ■ April 2014 ■ November 2013



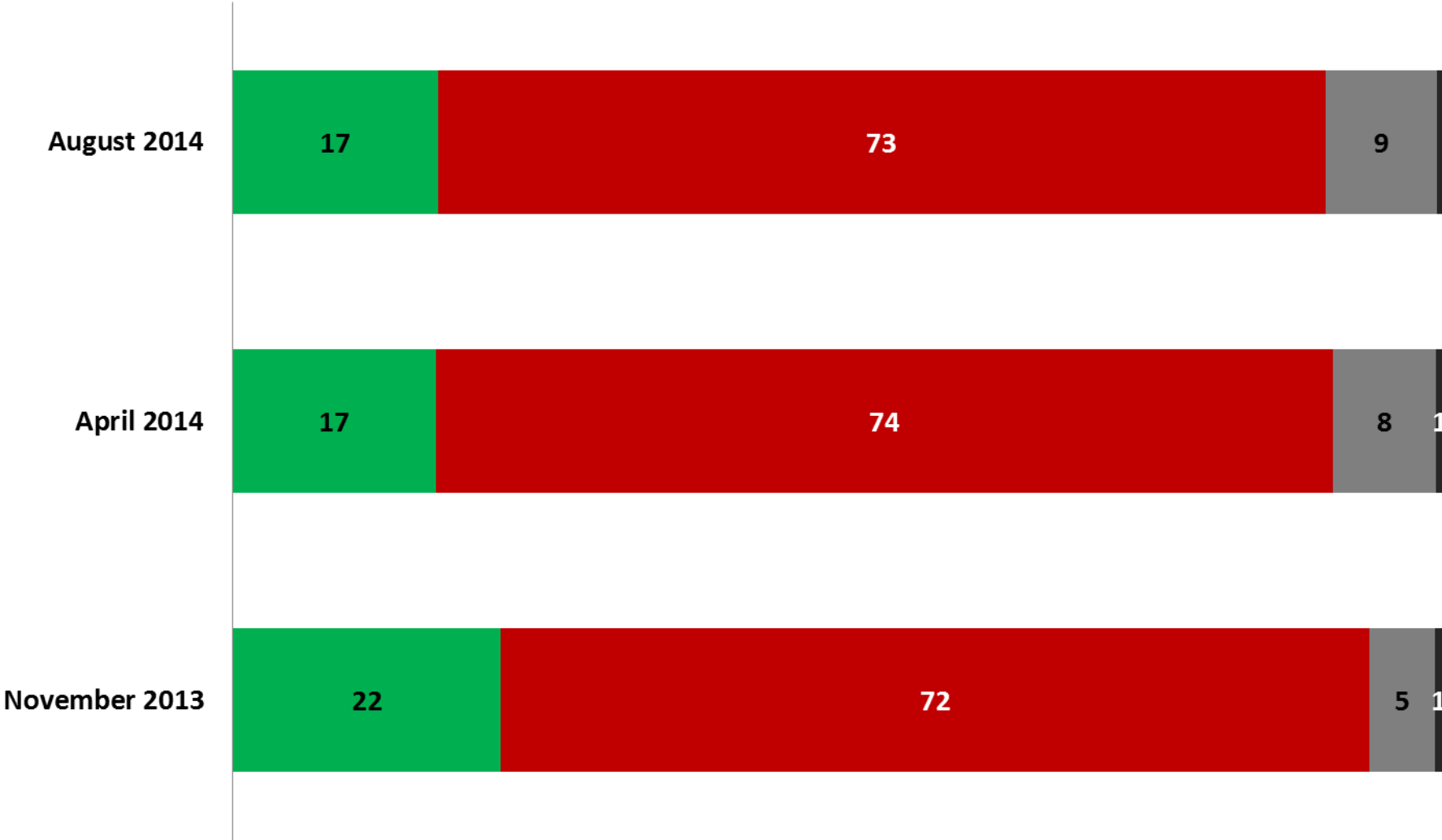
# Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (q36 X Settlement)

■ National ■ Tbilisi ■ Telavi ■ Batumi ■ Poti ■ Mtskheta ■ Gori

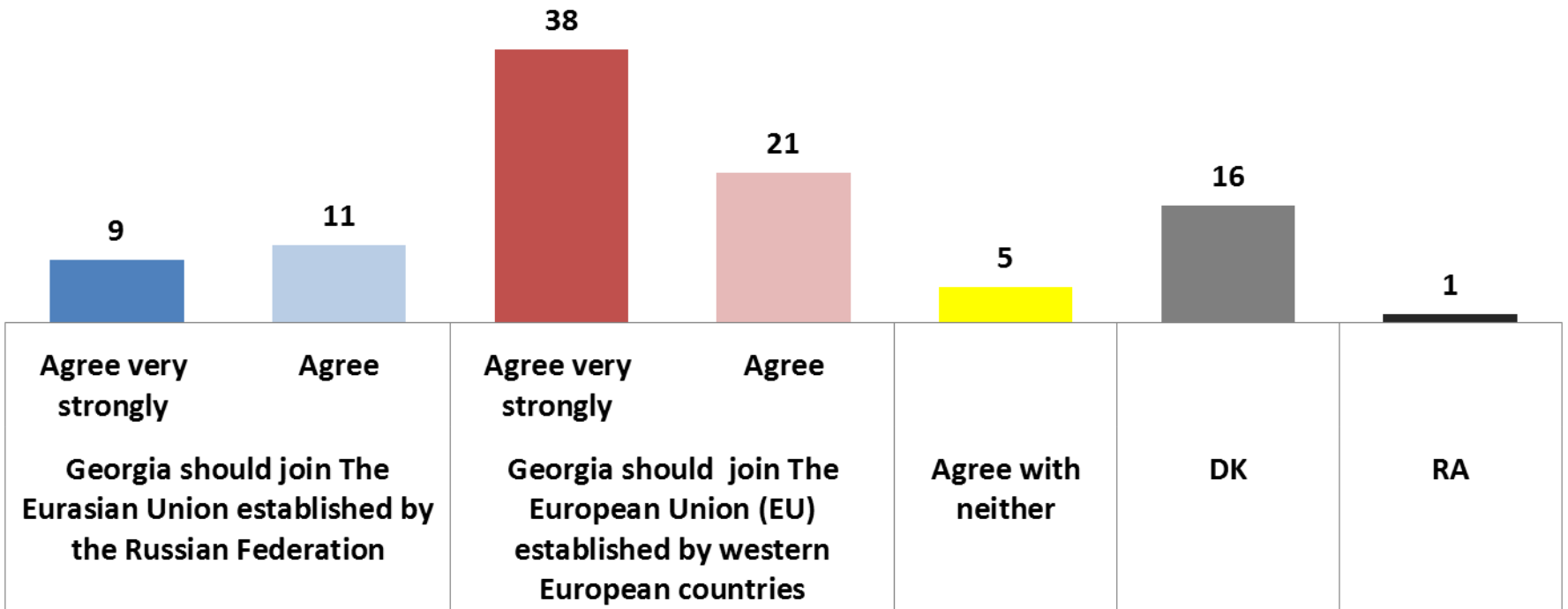


# Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with Georgia's current relationship with Russia? (q37)

■ Satisfied    ■ Dissatisfied    ■ DK    ■ RA

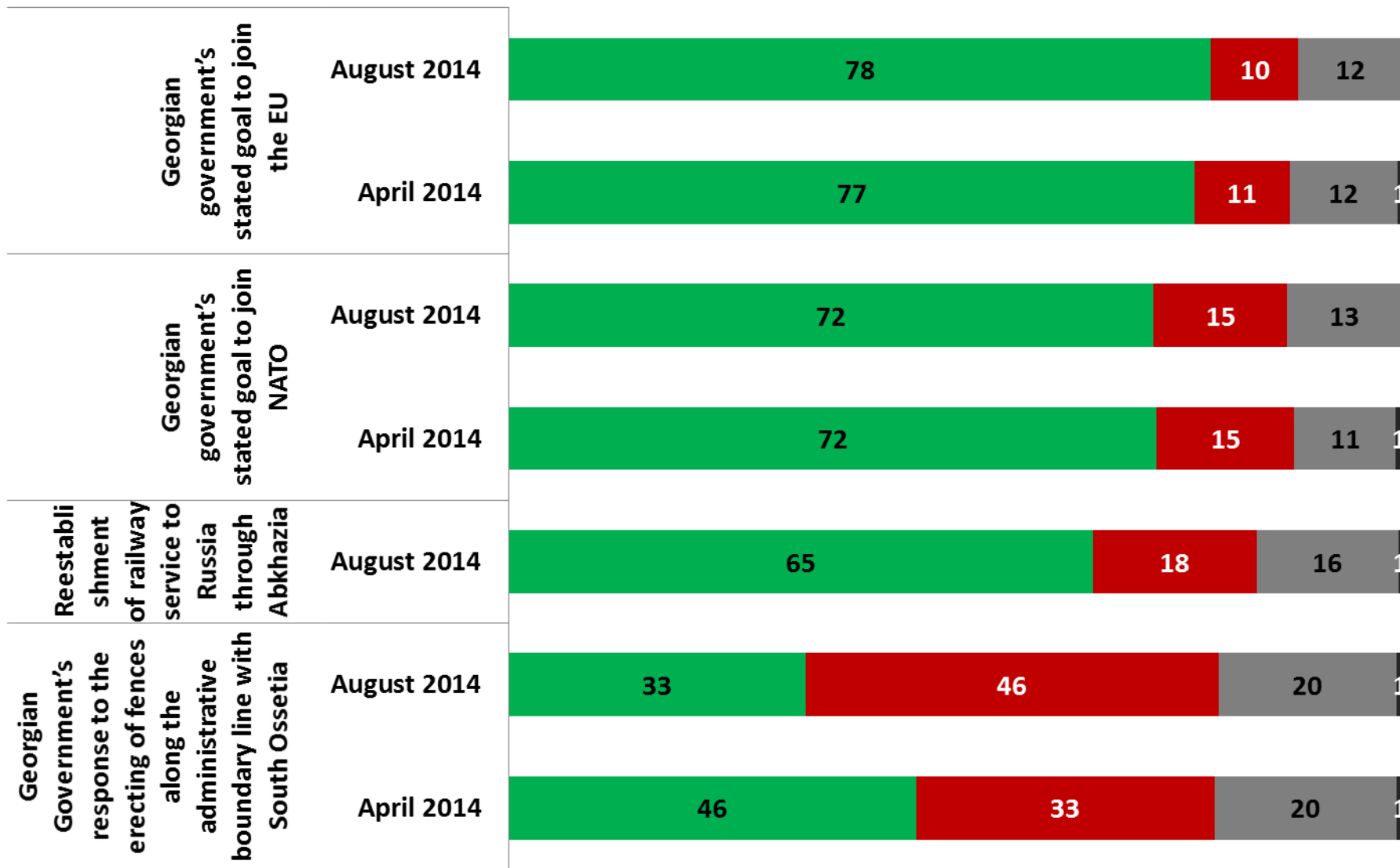


# Which of the following two statements do you agree with? (q40)

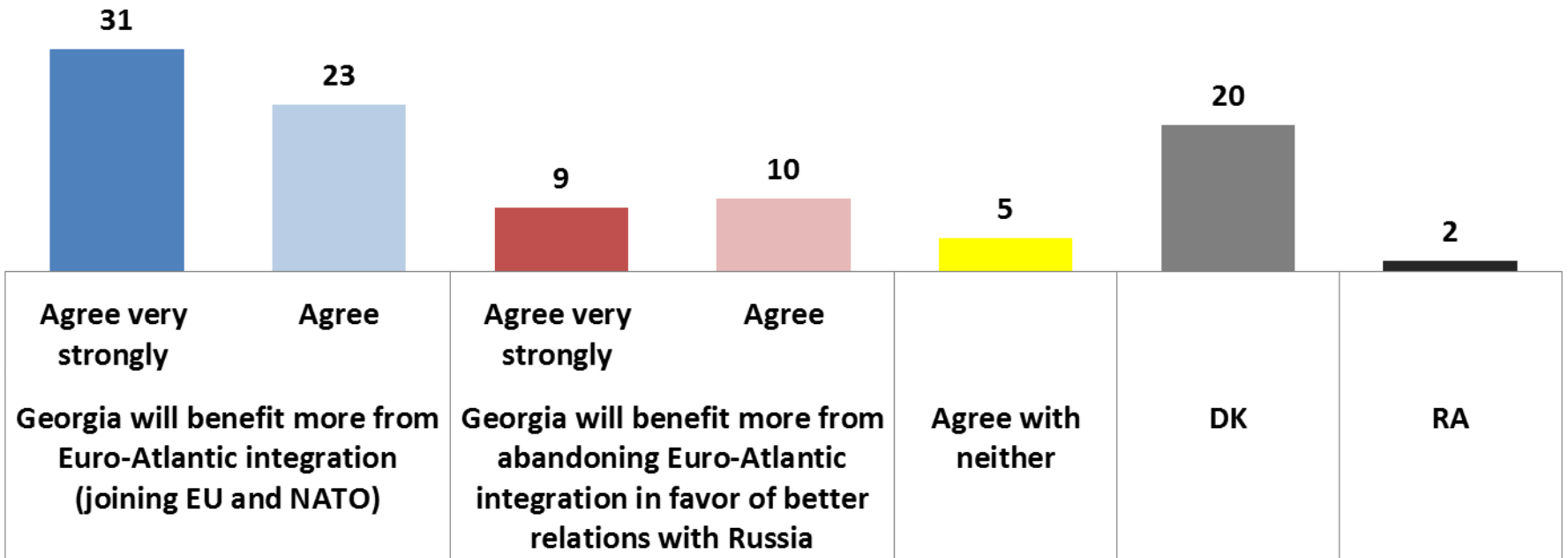


# Whether you approve or disapprove of the following (q38)

■ Approve
 ■ Disapprove
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



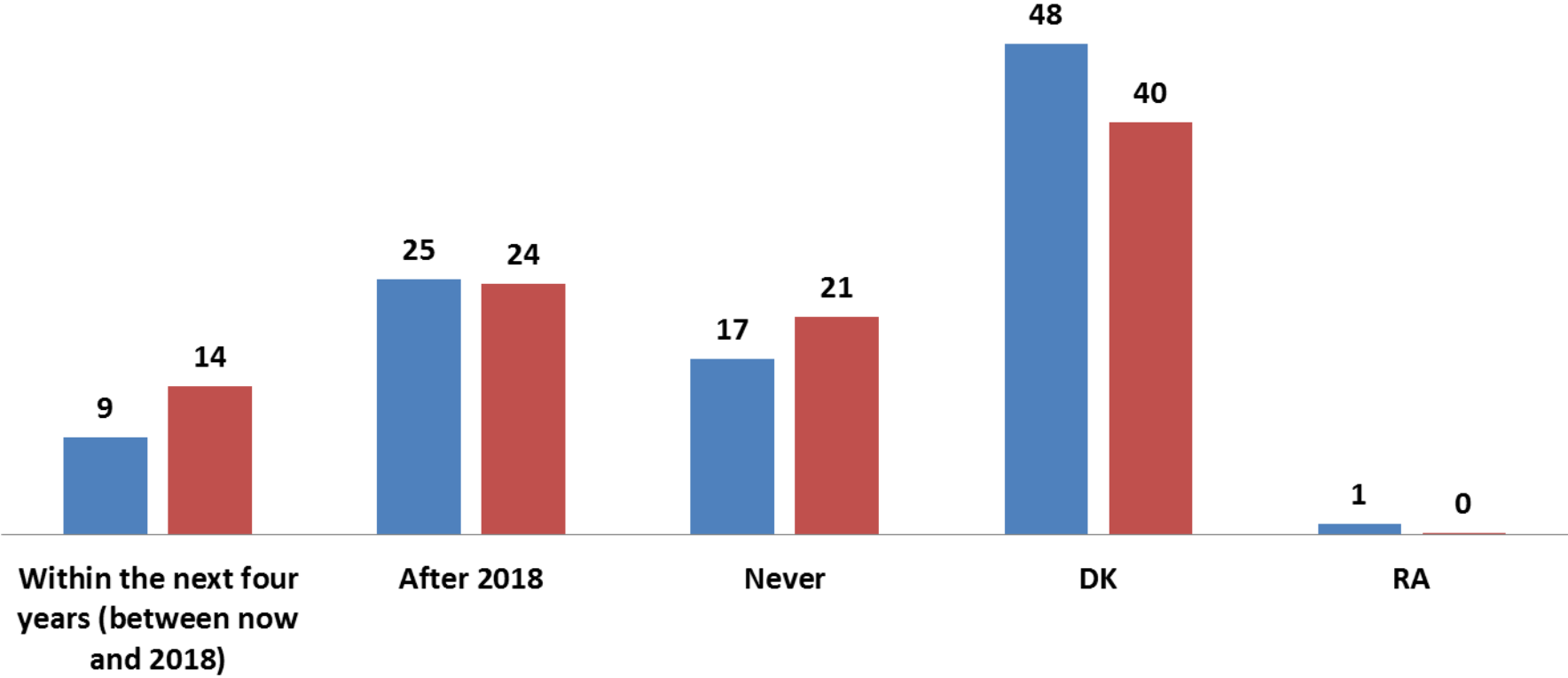
# Which of the following two statements do you agree with? (q41)





# When do you think Georgia will be granted NATO membership? (q39)

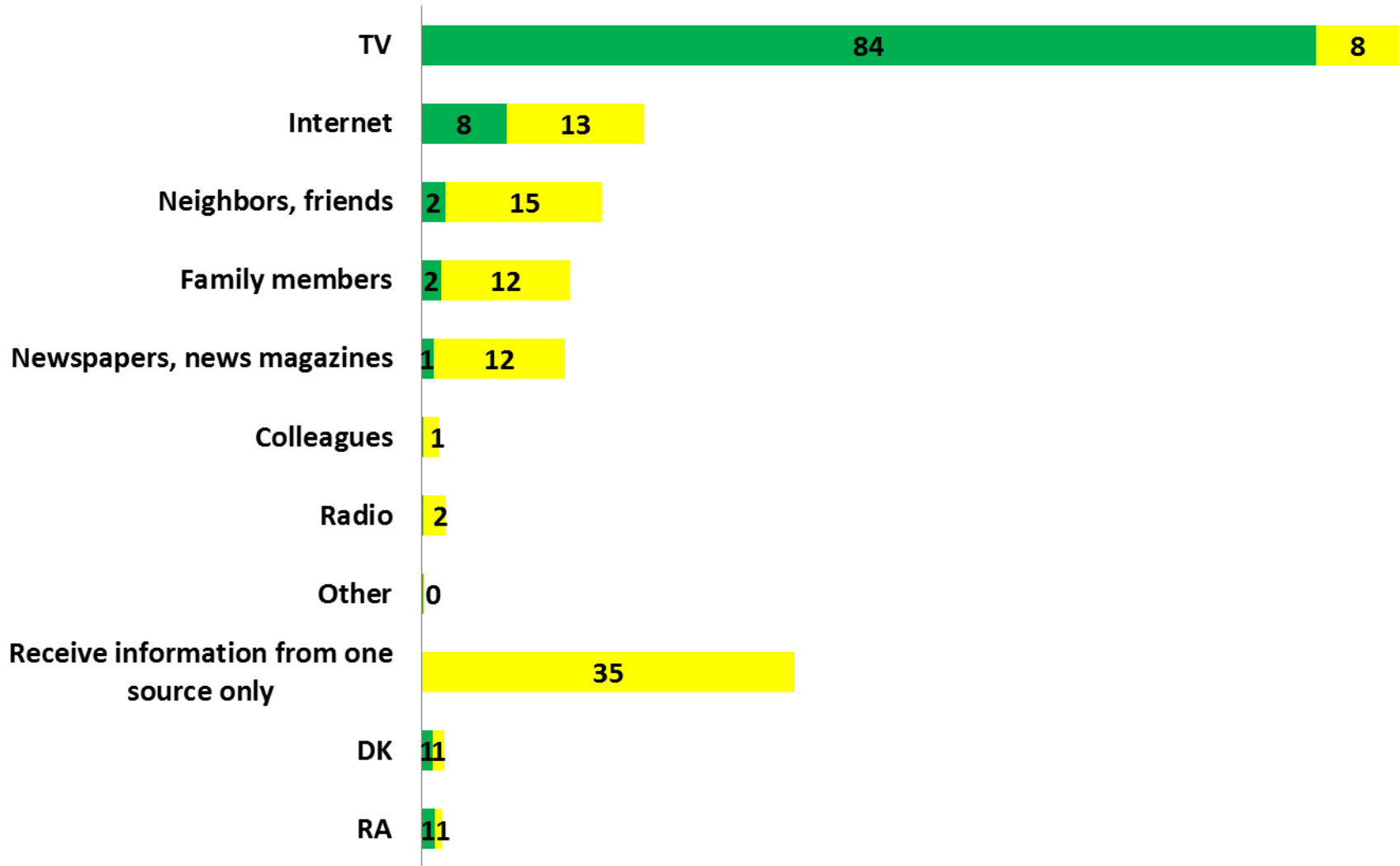
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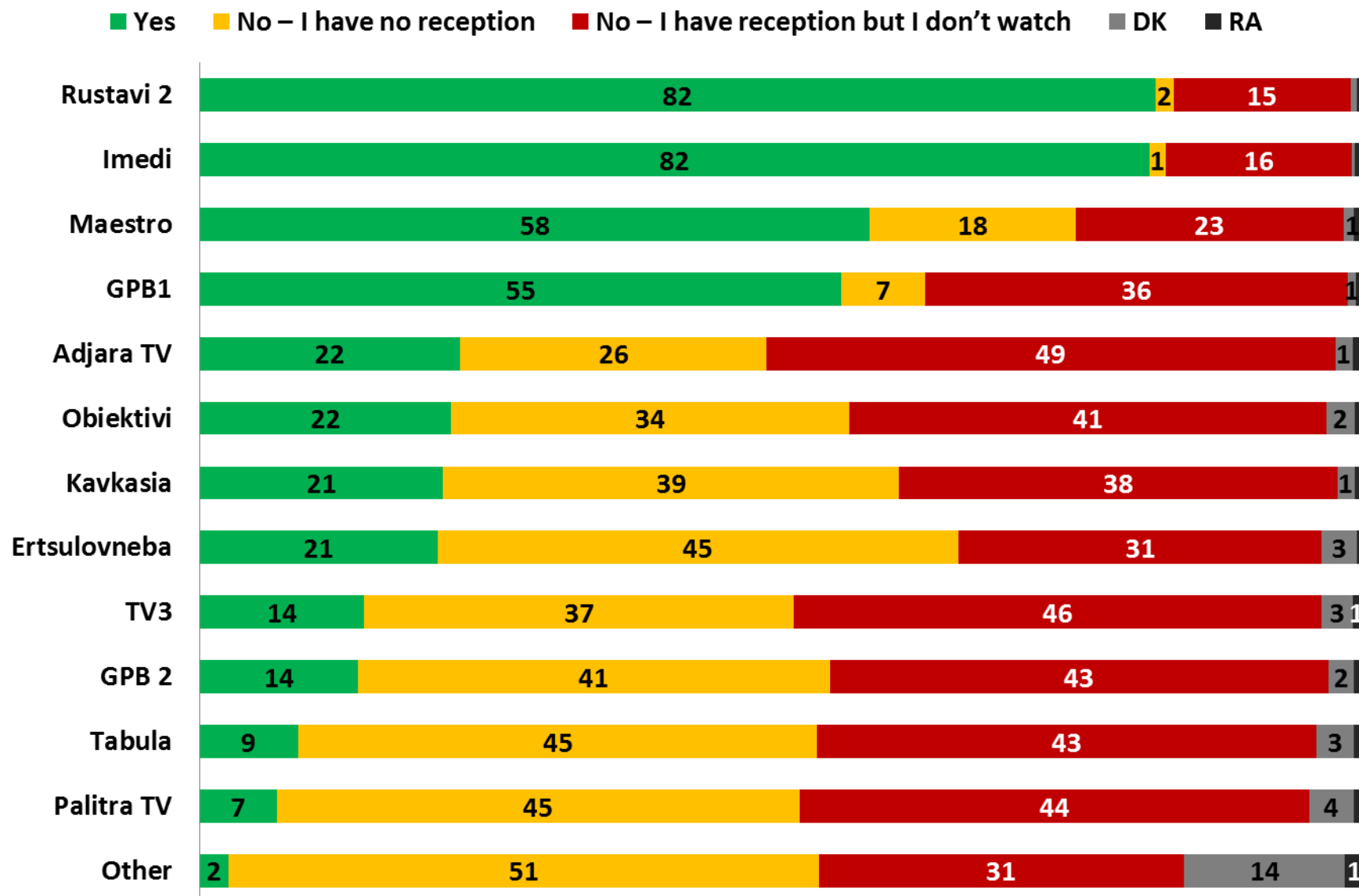
# Media

# What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q42/q43)

■ First source ■ Second source

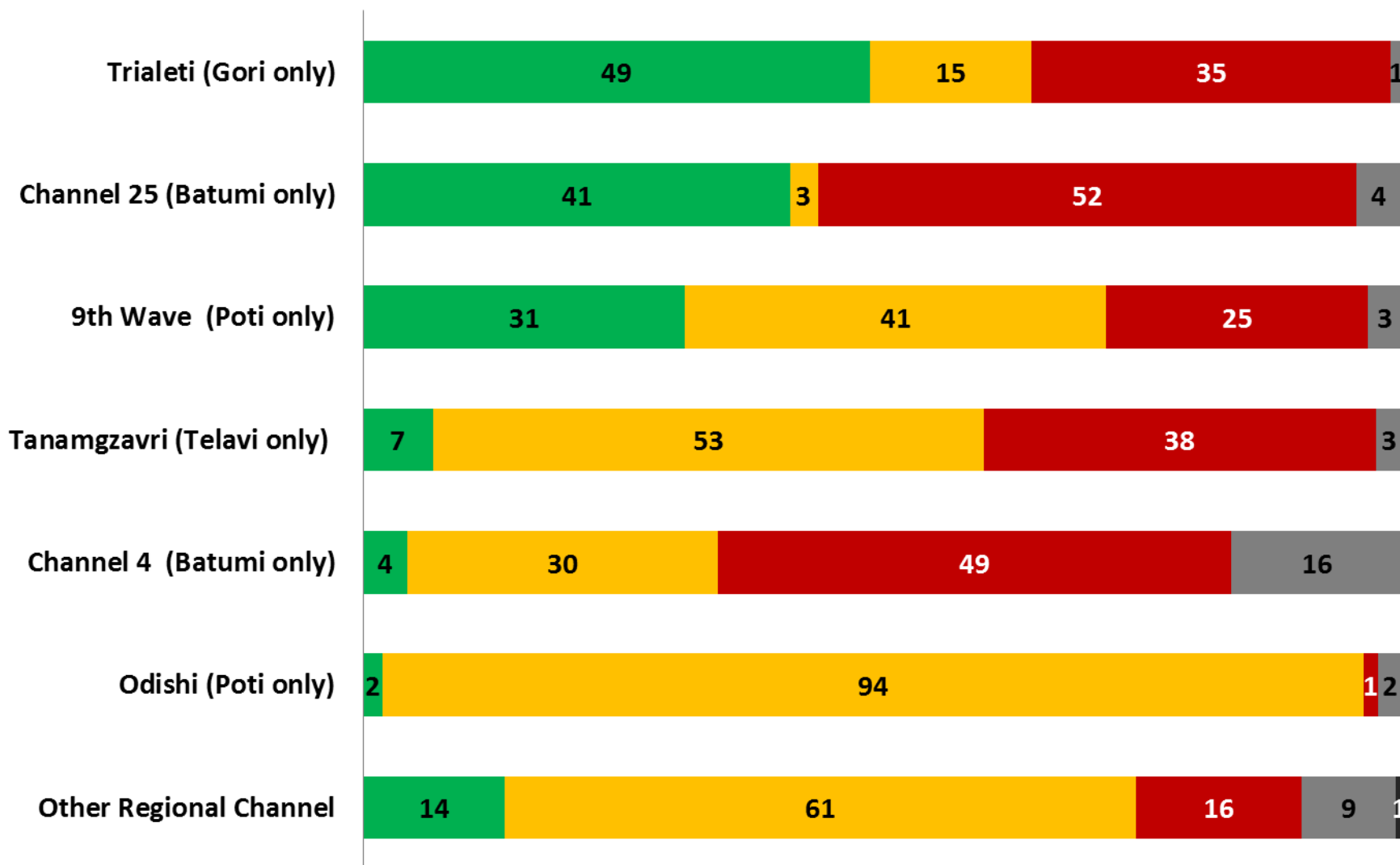


## Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? National (q45)



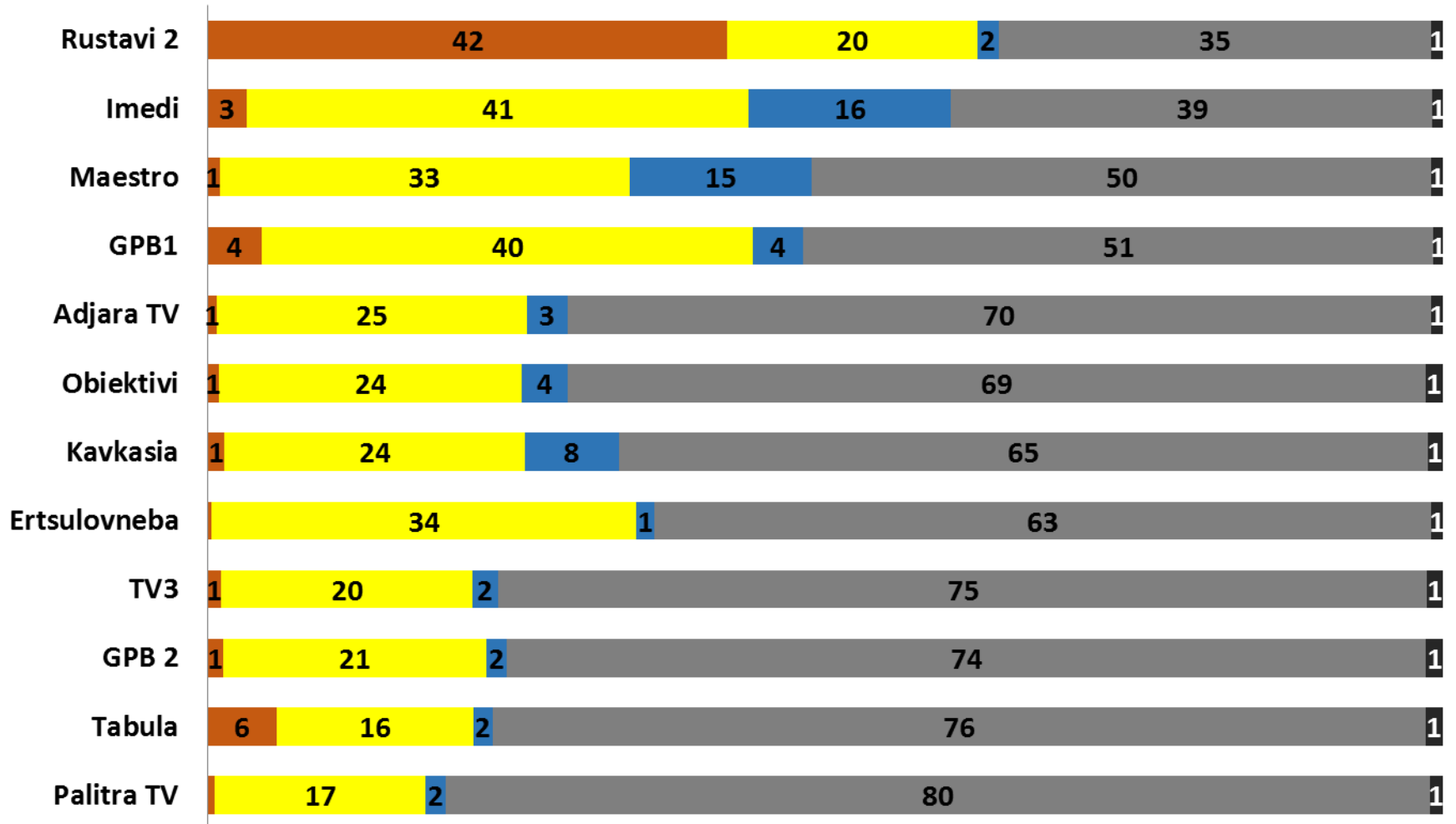
## Do you watch coverage of Georgian politics and current events on the following channels? Regional (q45)

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



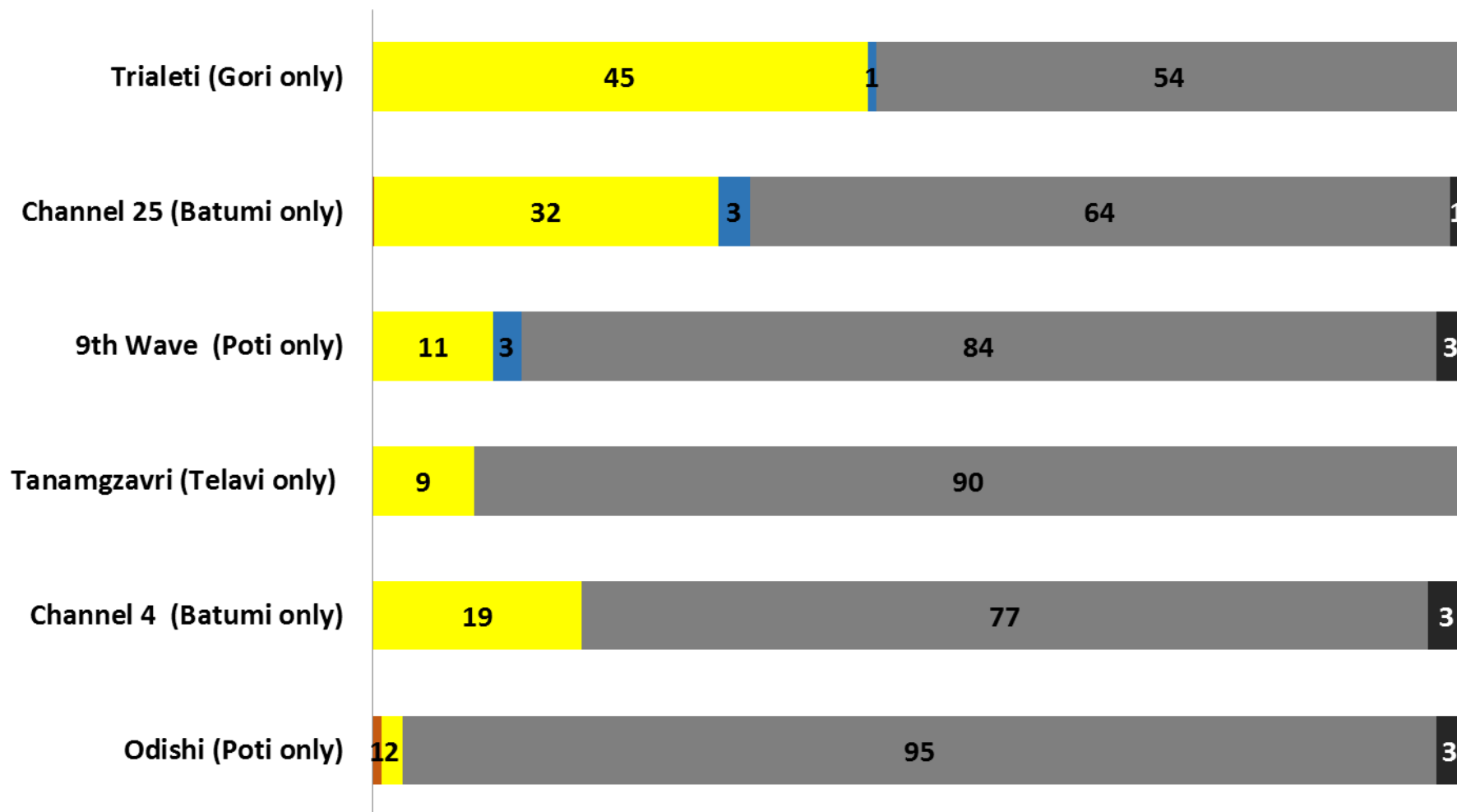
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UNM Neither Georgian Dream DK RA



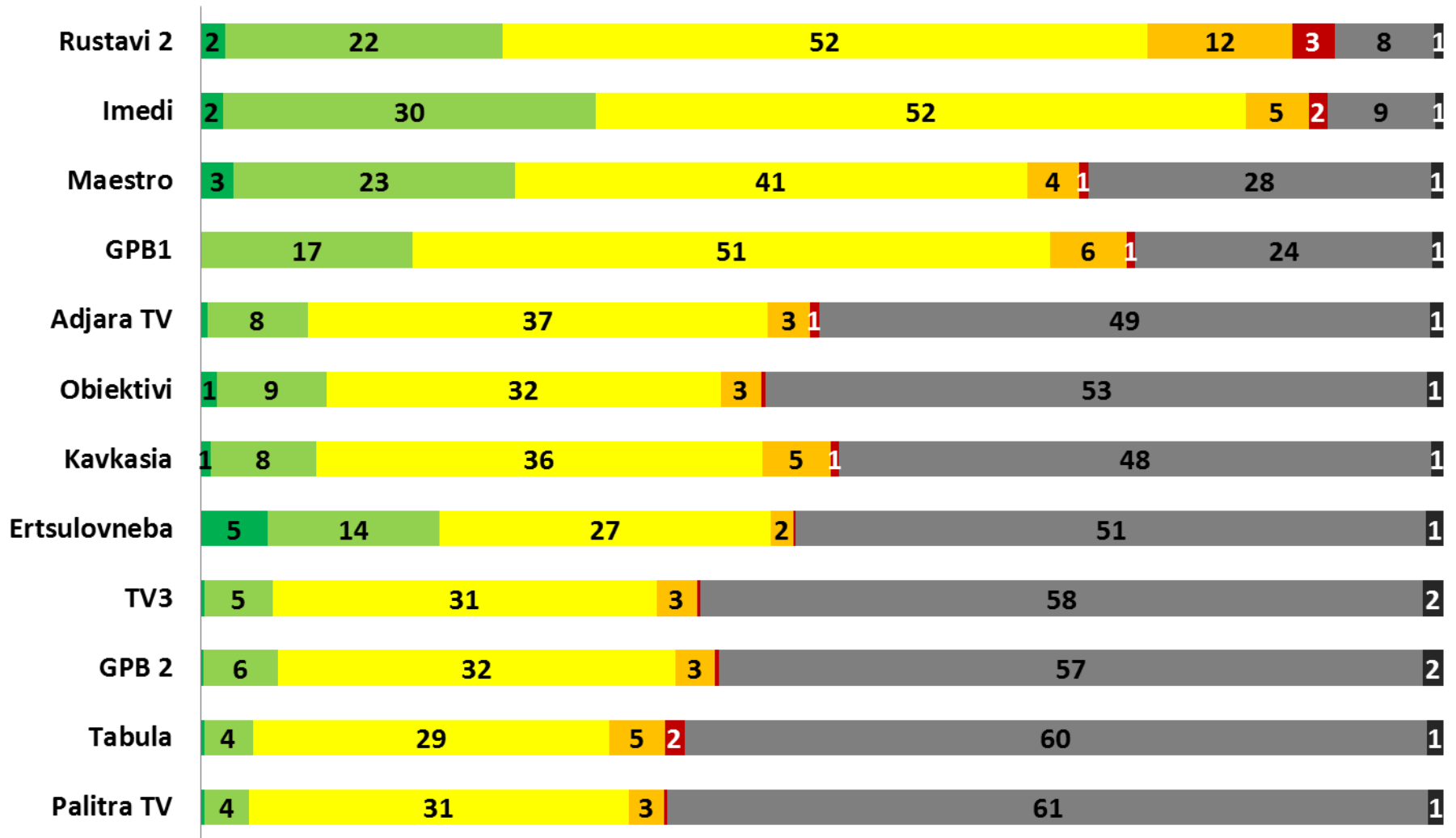
## Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels mostly reflect the interests of UNM, Georgian Dream or neither? Regional (q46)

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# How much do you trust or distrust coverage of news and current affairs on the following TV channels? National (q47)

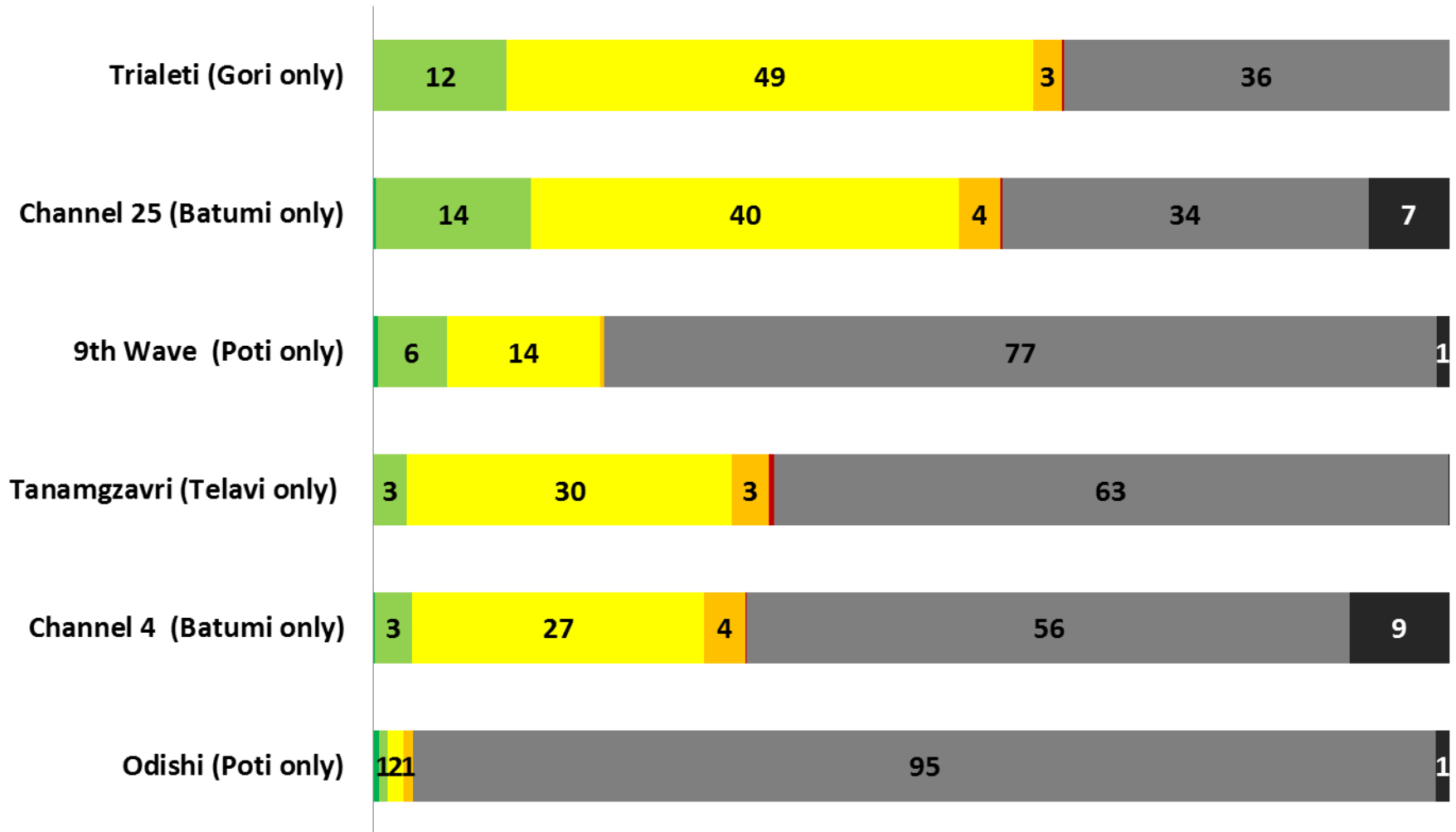
■ Fully trust  
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 ■ Neutral  
 ■ Do not trust  
 ■ Do not trust at all  
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 ■ RA





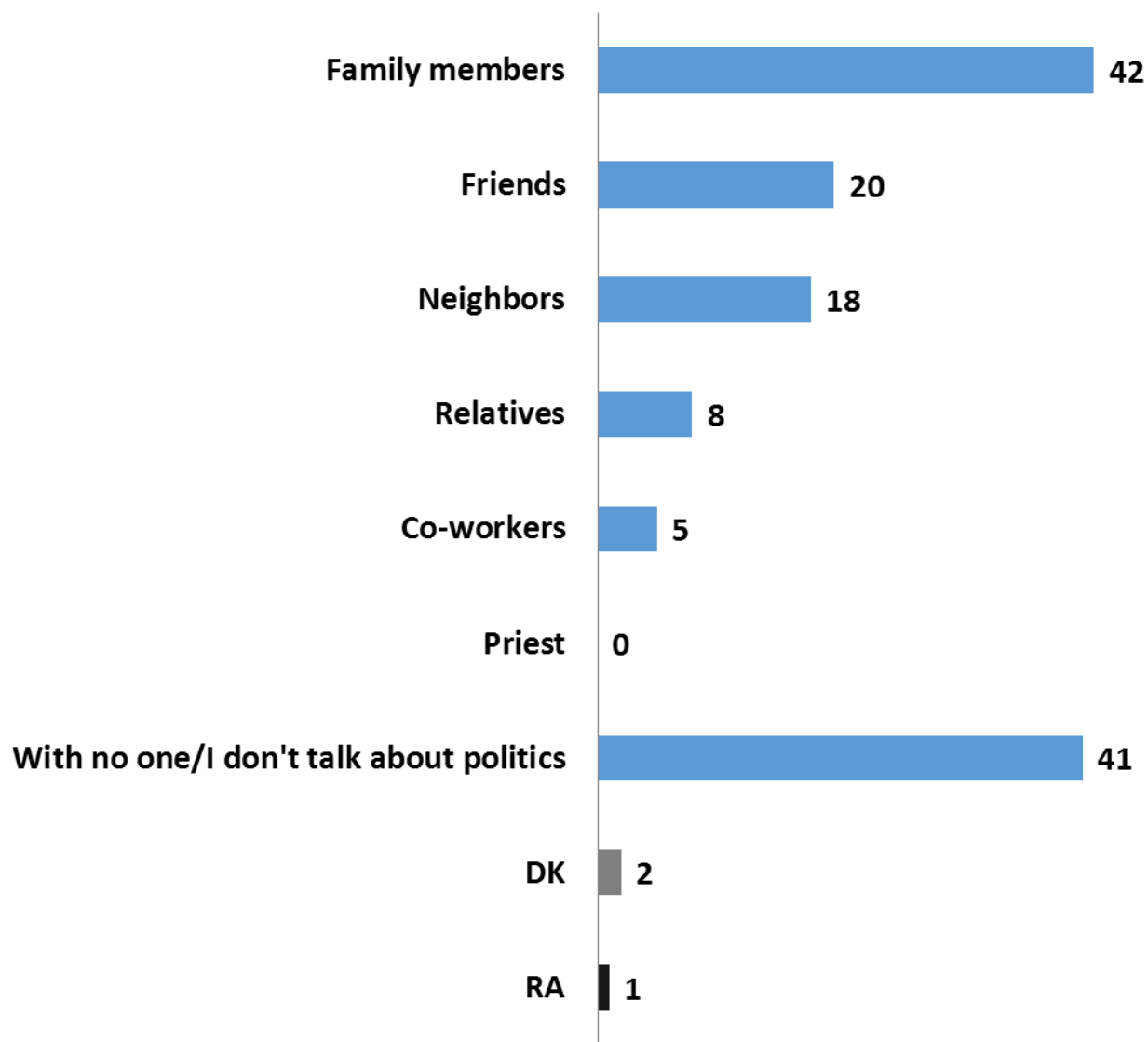
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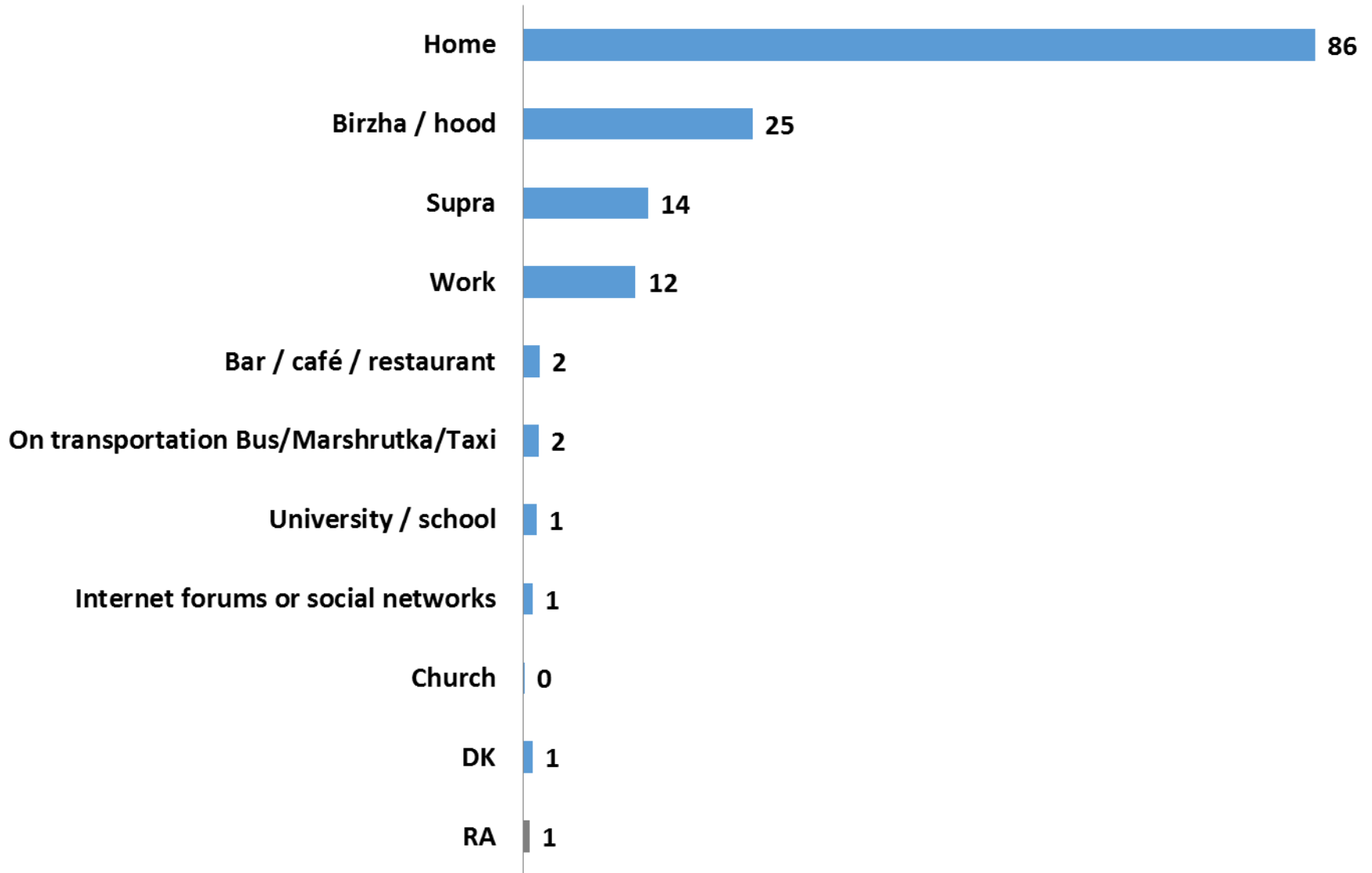


# Demographics

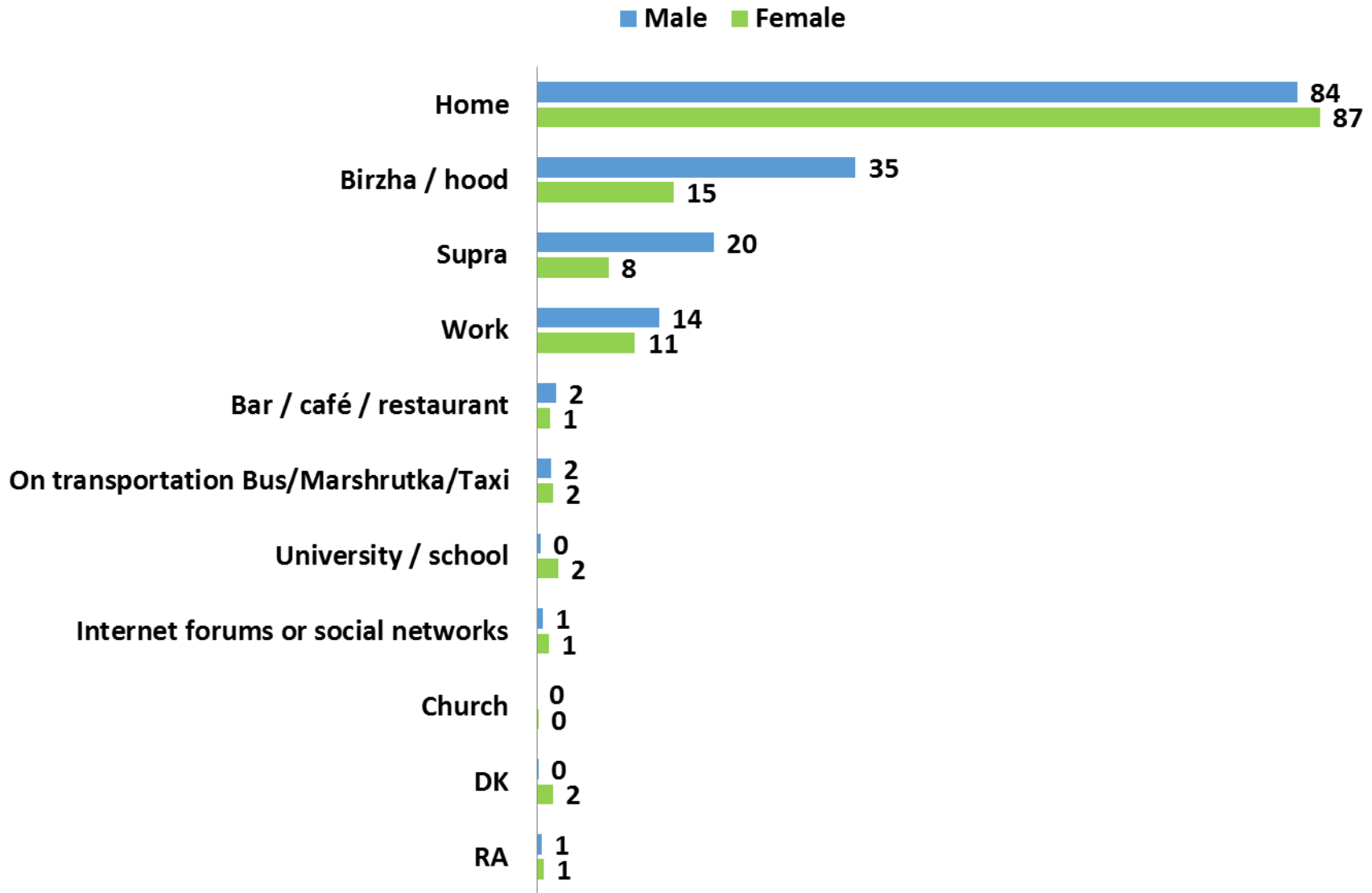
## With whom do you talk about politics? (q84)



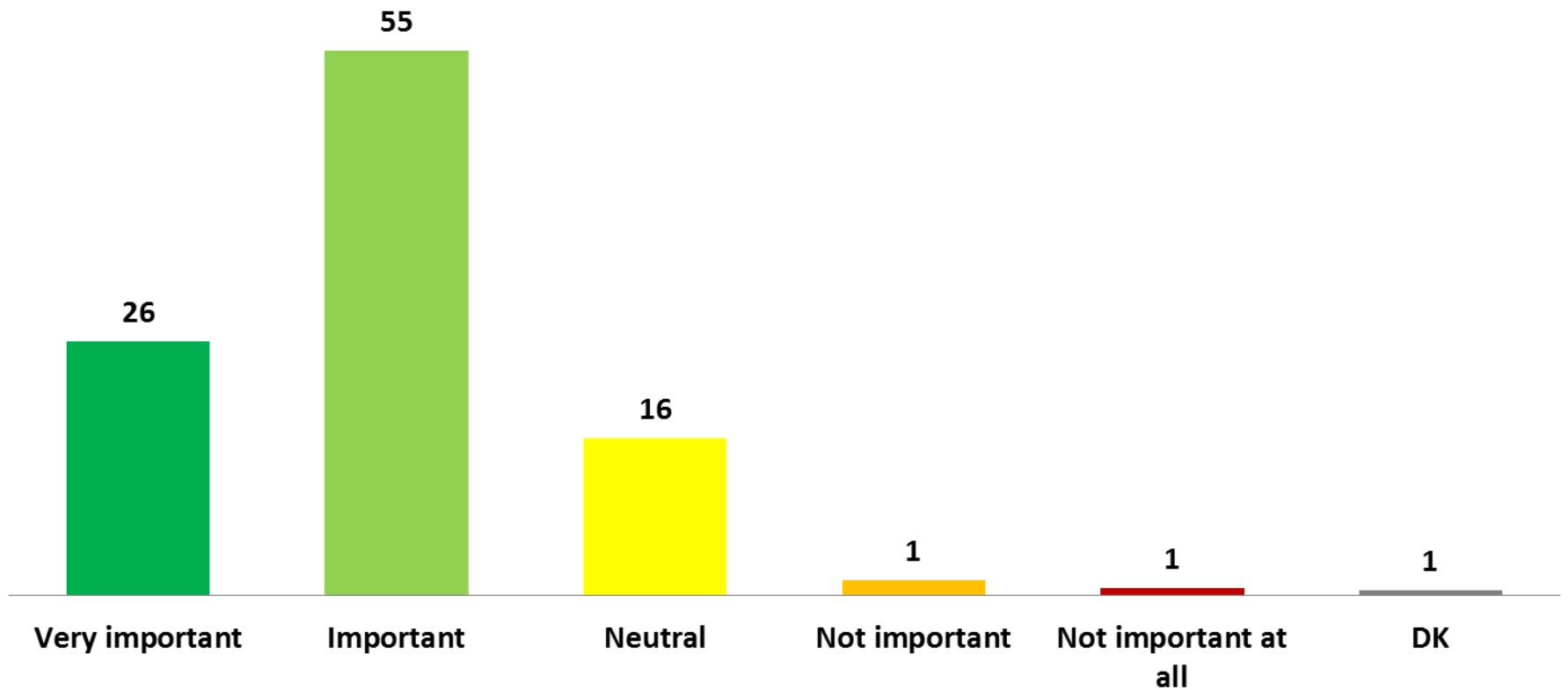
## Where do you talk about politics? (q85) - of the 56% who talk about politics



# Where do you talk about politics? (q85 X Gender) - of the 56% who talk about politics



## How important are your own religious beliefs in making decisions in daily life? (q115)



**Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals,  
about how often do you attend religious services? (q116)**

