



Public attitudes in Georgia

Results of December 2017 survey carried out
for NDI by CRRC Georgia

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Why We Conduct Polls?

- Foster the development of more responsive policies and governance;
- Help stakeholders diagnose and address issues of public concern;

- leaders from across the political spectrum have reported that the polls are important to their work and encourage continued polling;

- Inclusive process: the polling instrument was developed in consultation with parties, government, and civil society leaders;

Information about the poll

- Fieldwork dates: November 29 – December 19, 2017
- 2, 298 completed interviews (48% response rate)
- A nationally representative sample (excluding occupied territories) including oversampled areas of the Capital, large Urban, small Urban, Rural and minority settlements
- large Urban stratum consists of the cities with 40K and more population: Batumi, Zugdidi, Rustavi, Poti, Gori, Kutaisi
- Small Urban stratum consists of the rest of the cities/dabas holding urban status
- Minority stratum consists of population of those settlements, where ethnic minorities (mostly Armenians and Azeri) make at least 40% of the voters in given settlement. Settlements within this stratum are dispersed through Kvemo Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti and kakheti regions.
- The average margin of error is +/- 1,9%

Methodology

Sample design

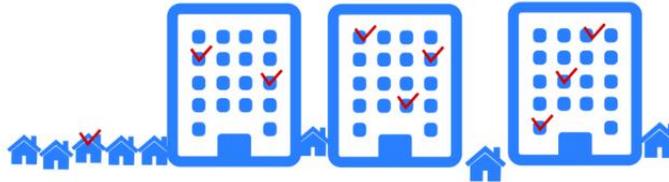
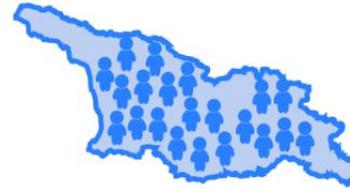
NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:

- ✓ **Stratification** – dividing population in relatively homogenous sub-groups
 - ✓ **Clustering** – randomly selecting small geographic areas for each sub-group (stratum)
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- Households are selected via random route sampling
 - Respondents are selected using a Kish table
 - Randomly selected households and individuals are not substituted
 - All interviews were conducted face-to-face, in Georgian, Armenian and Azeri.

How NDI Survey is Conducted

1

At the first stage, CRRC randomly selects voting precincts in Georgia. Interviewers are sent there with given starting point, directions for walking, step size, number of contacts.



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Interviewer randomly selects households according to the given step size, e.g. every 3rd, 5th, 8th...

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The respondent is selected randomly, with special method - so called Kish grid. Selected respondent cannot be replaced.

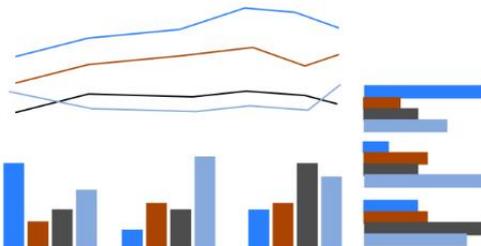


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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Interviewer submits the results via the internet to the special server.

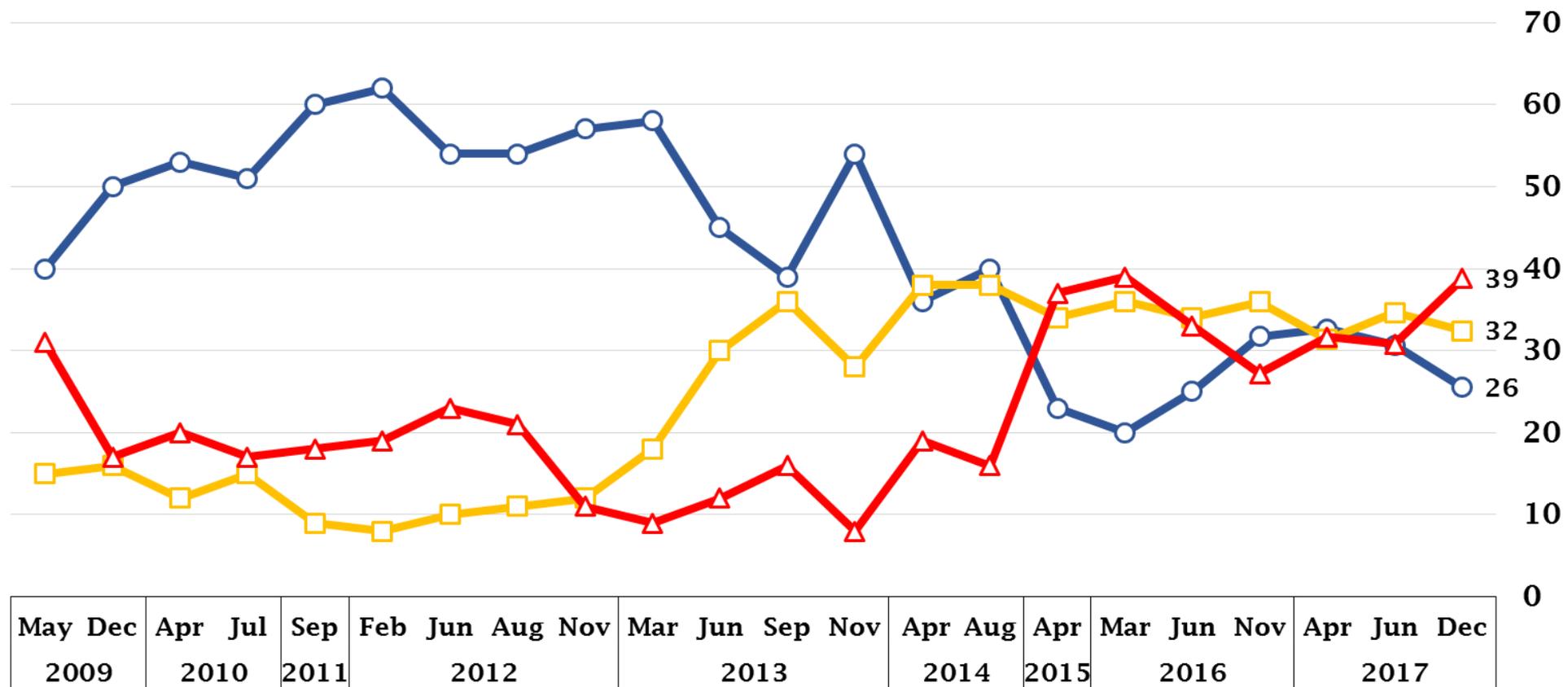


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CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

National Issues

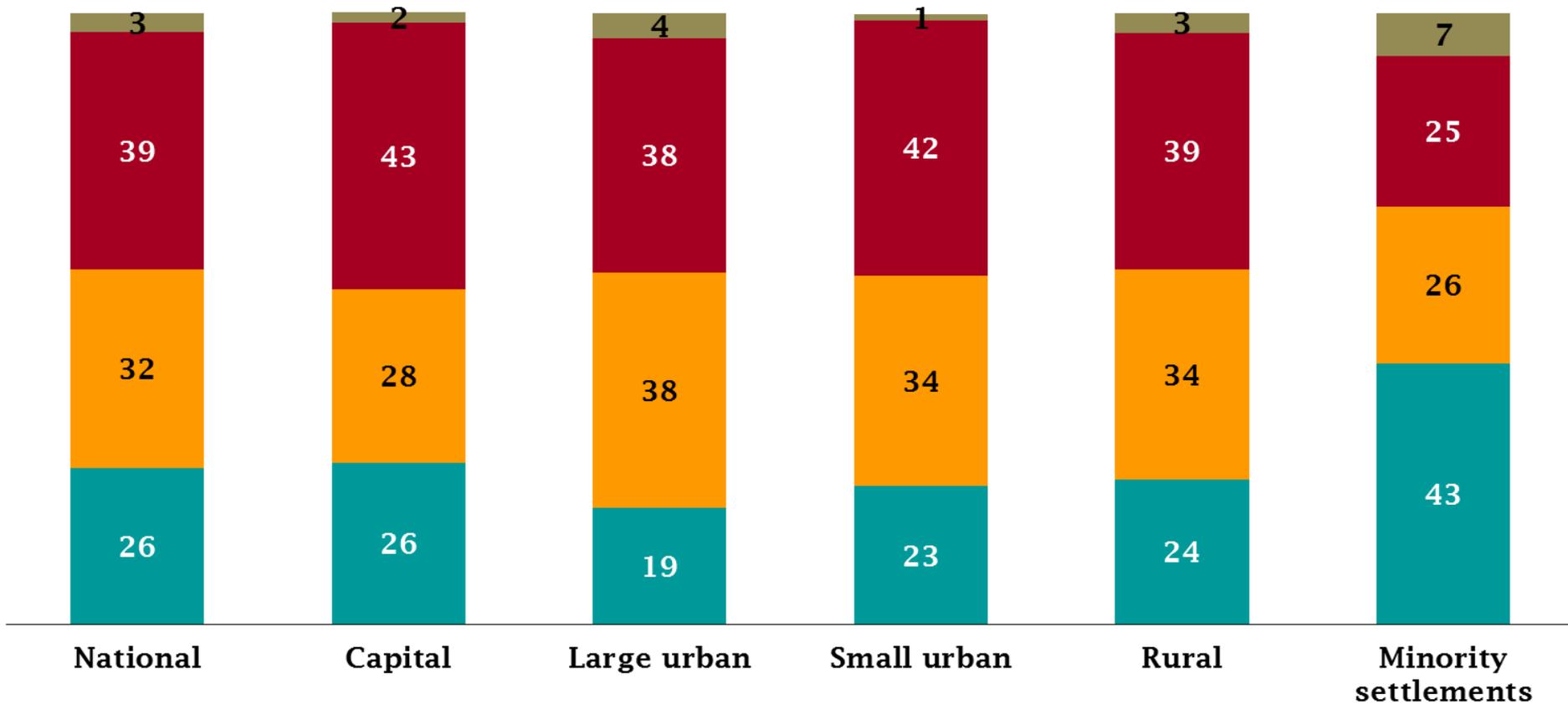
In which direction is Georgia going? (q2)



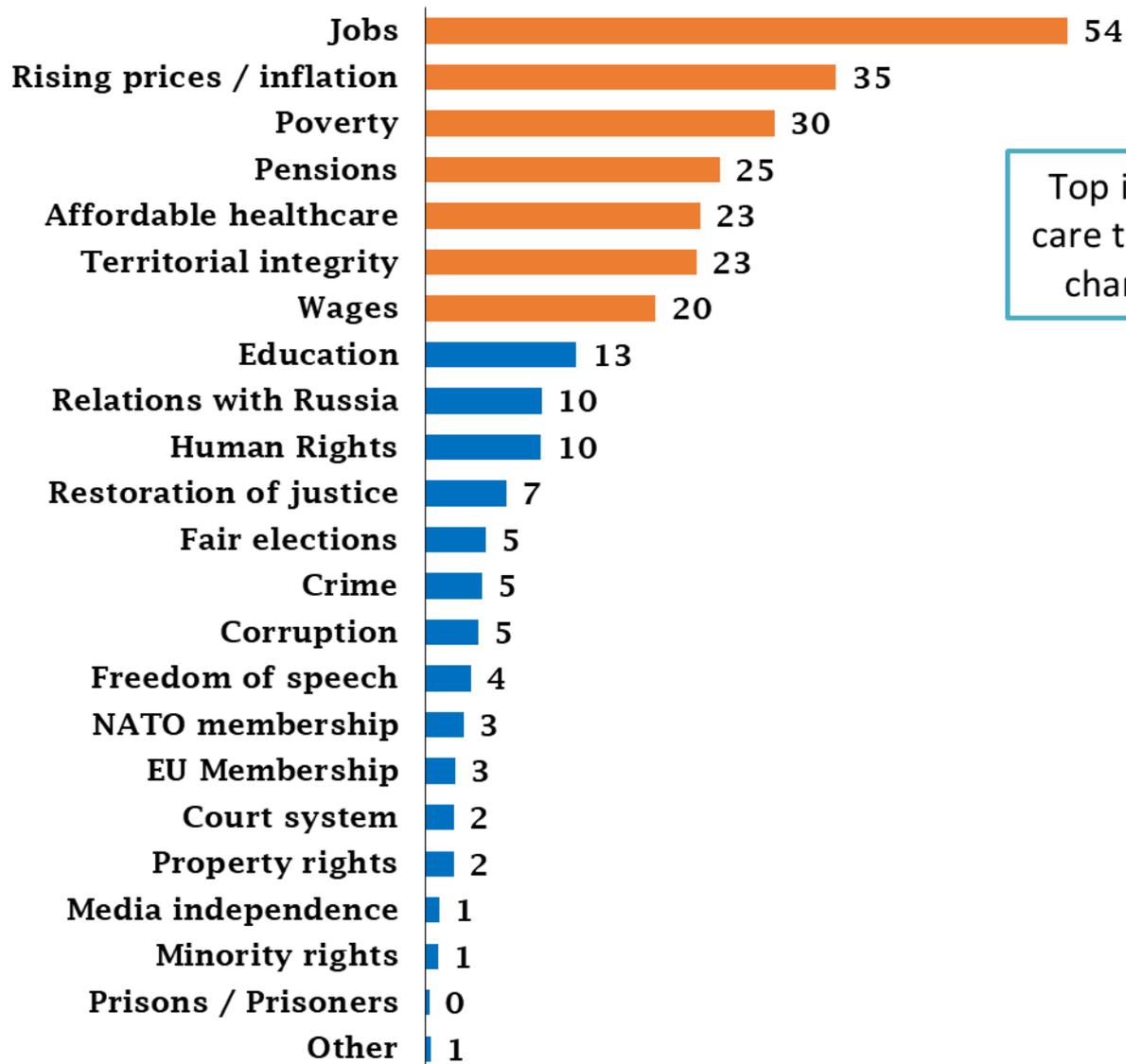
- Georgia is going in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- △ Georgia is going in the wrong direction

In which direction is Georgia going? (q2 X Settlement)

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

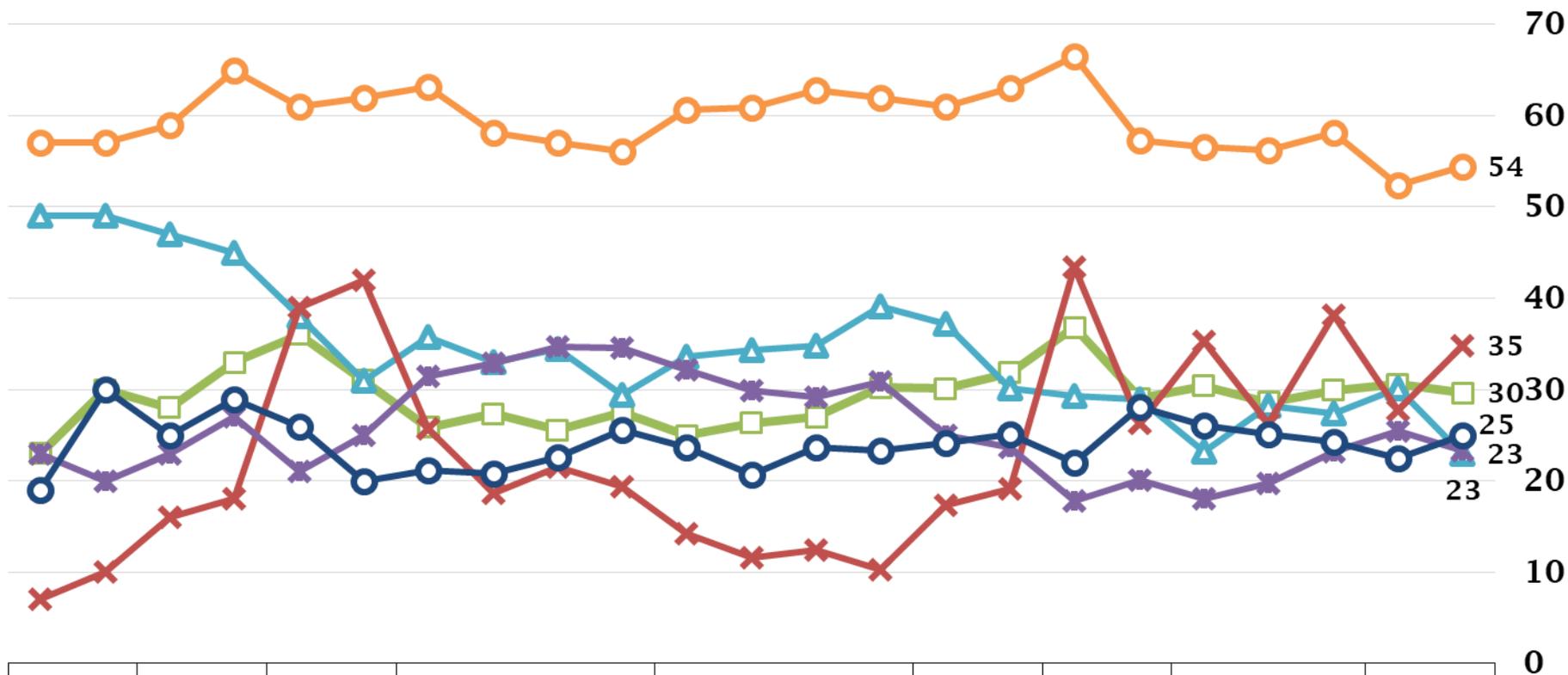


Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1)



Top issues, Georgians care the most, have not changed since 2009

Most important national issues (q1)



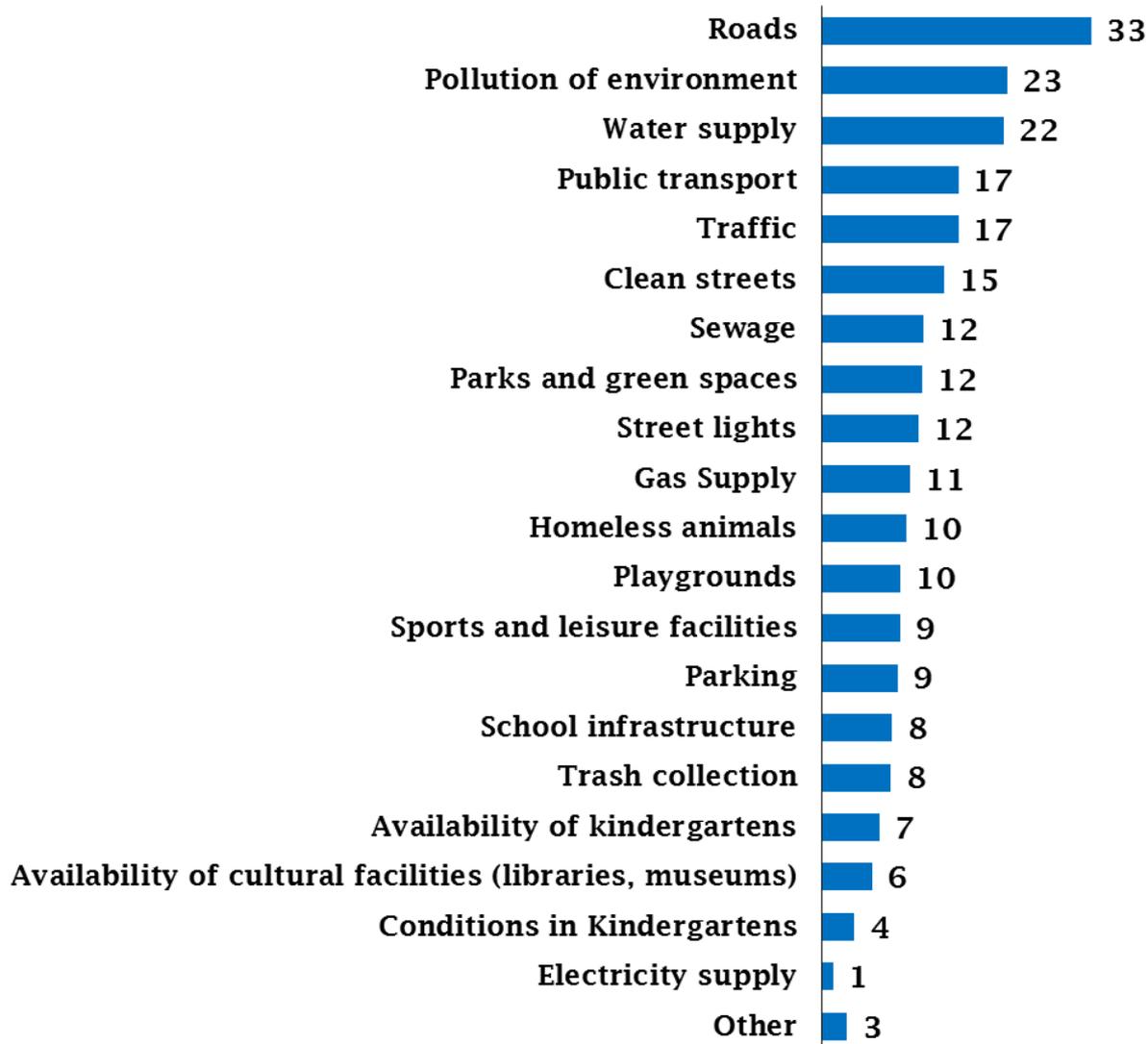
May	Dec	Apr	Jul	Mar	Sep	Feb	Jun	Aug	Nov	Mar	Jun	Sep	Nov	Apr	Aug	Apr	Nov	Mar	Jun	Nov	June	Dec	
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017															

- Jobs
- Poverty
- △ Territorial integrity
- × Rising prices/inflation
- × Affordable healthcare
- Pensions

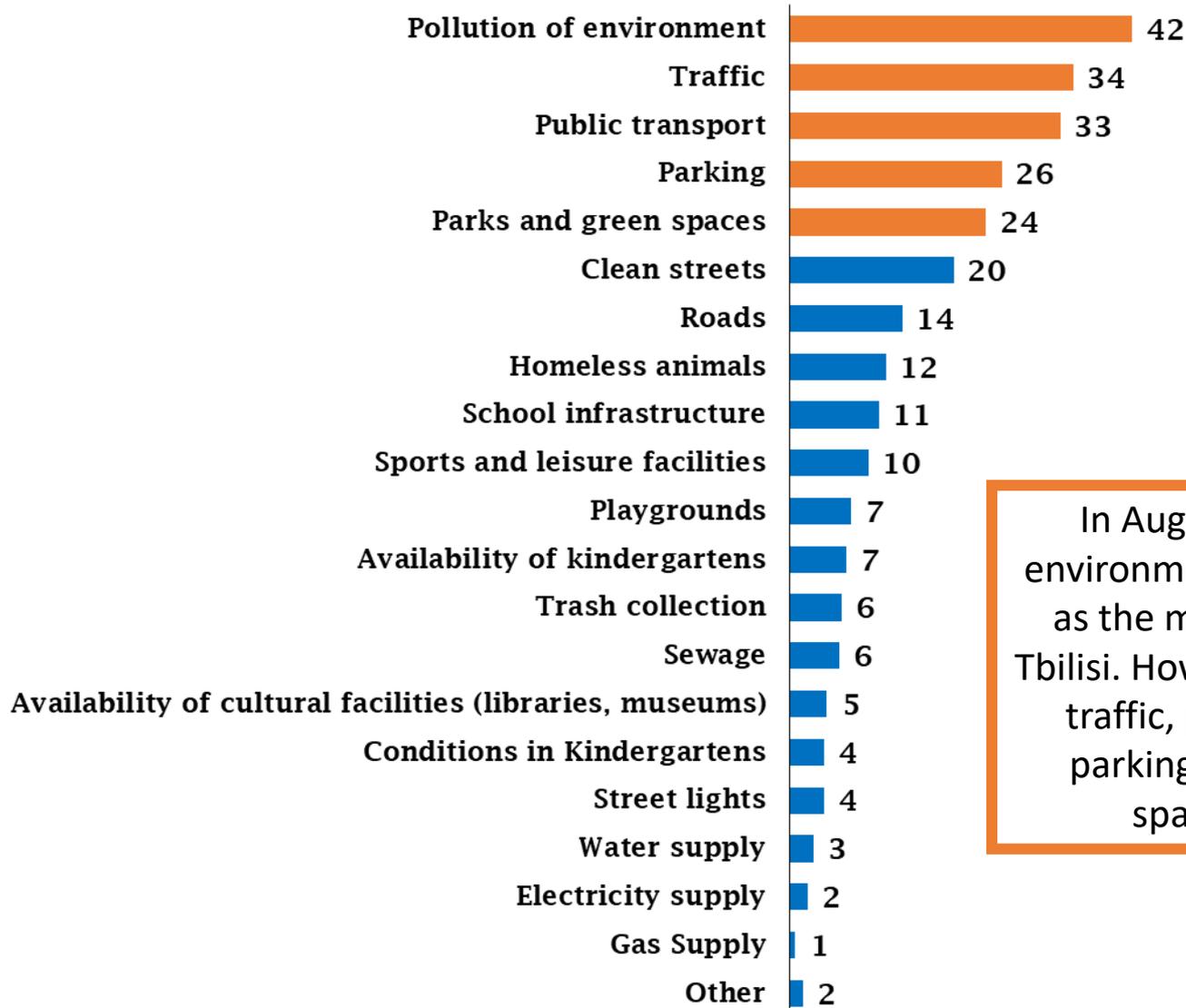
Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1) Tbilisi



What are the most important infrastructural issues in your city/village? Name up to three (q5)



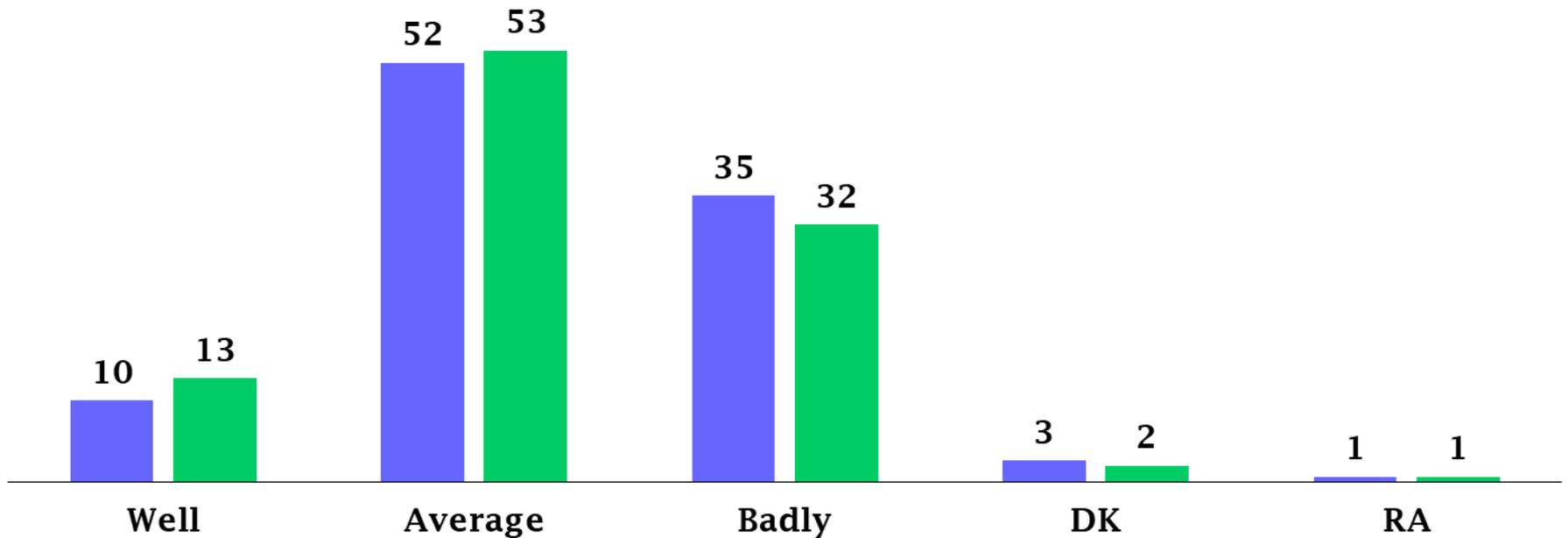
What are the most important infrastructural issues in your city/village? Name up to three (q5) Tbilisi



In August 2015 pollution of environment was similarly named as the most important issue in Tbilisi. However, the importance of traffic, public transportation, parking and parks and green spaces has increased

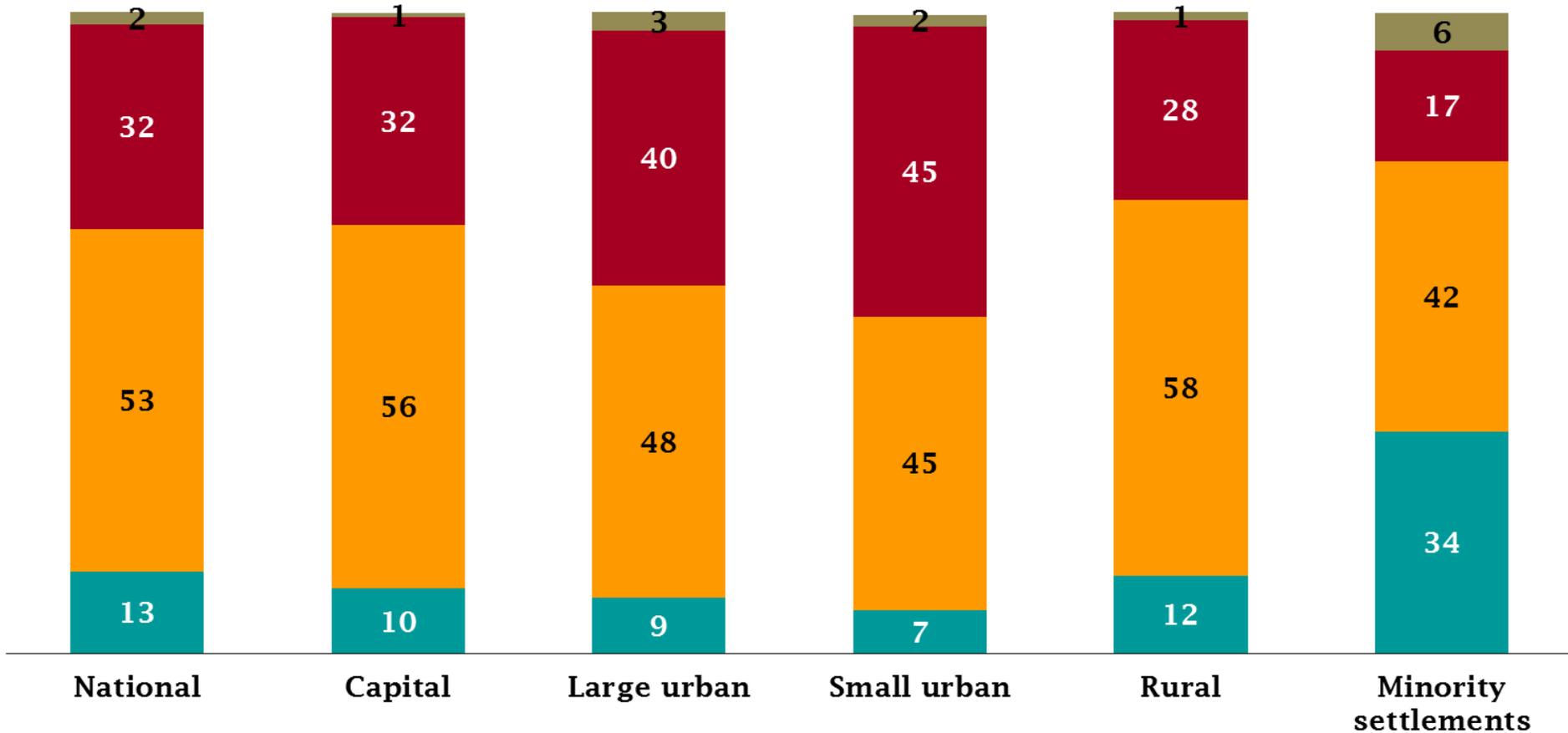
How would you rate the performance of the current government? (q3)

■ June 2017 ■ December 2017

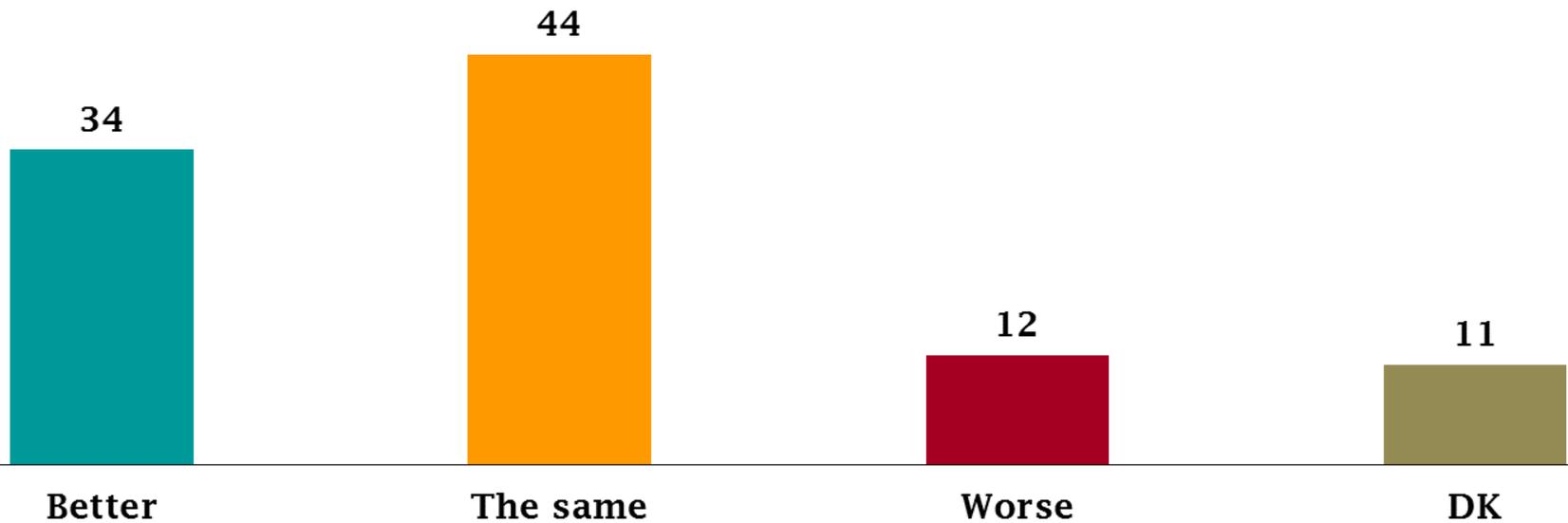


How would you rate the performance of the current government? (q3 X Settlement)

Well Average Badly DK

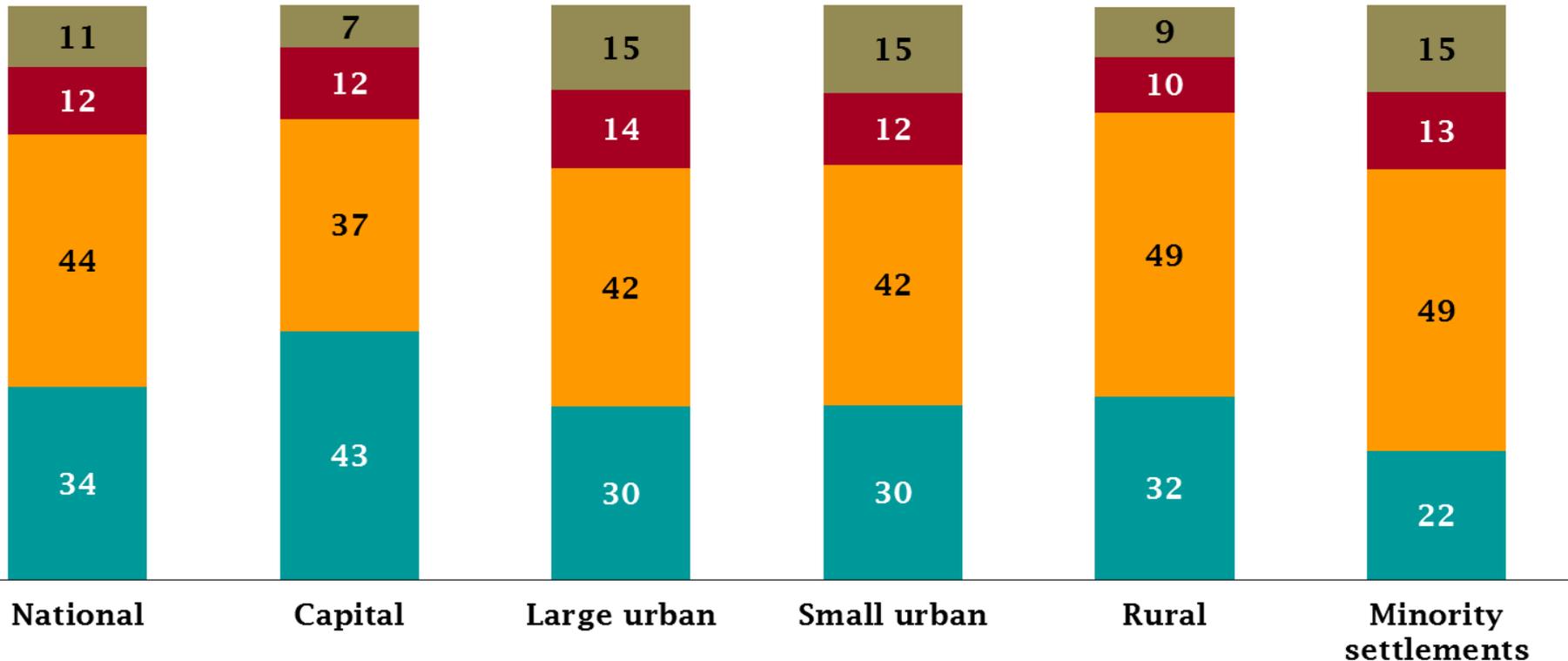


Overall, do you think the current local government, Sakrebulo and Mayor's office, (elected in October 2017) will work better, the same or worse than the previous local government (elected in June 2014)? (q4)



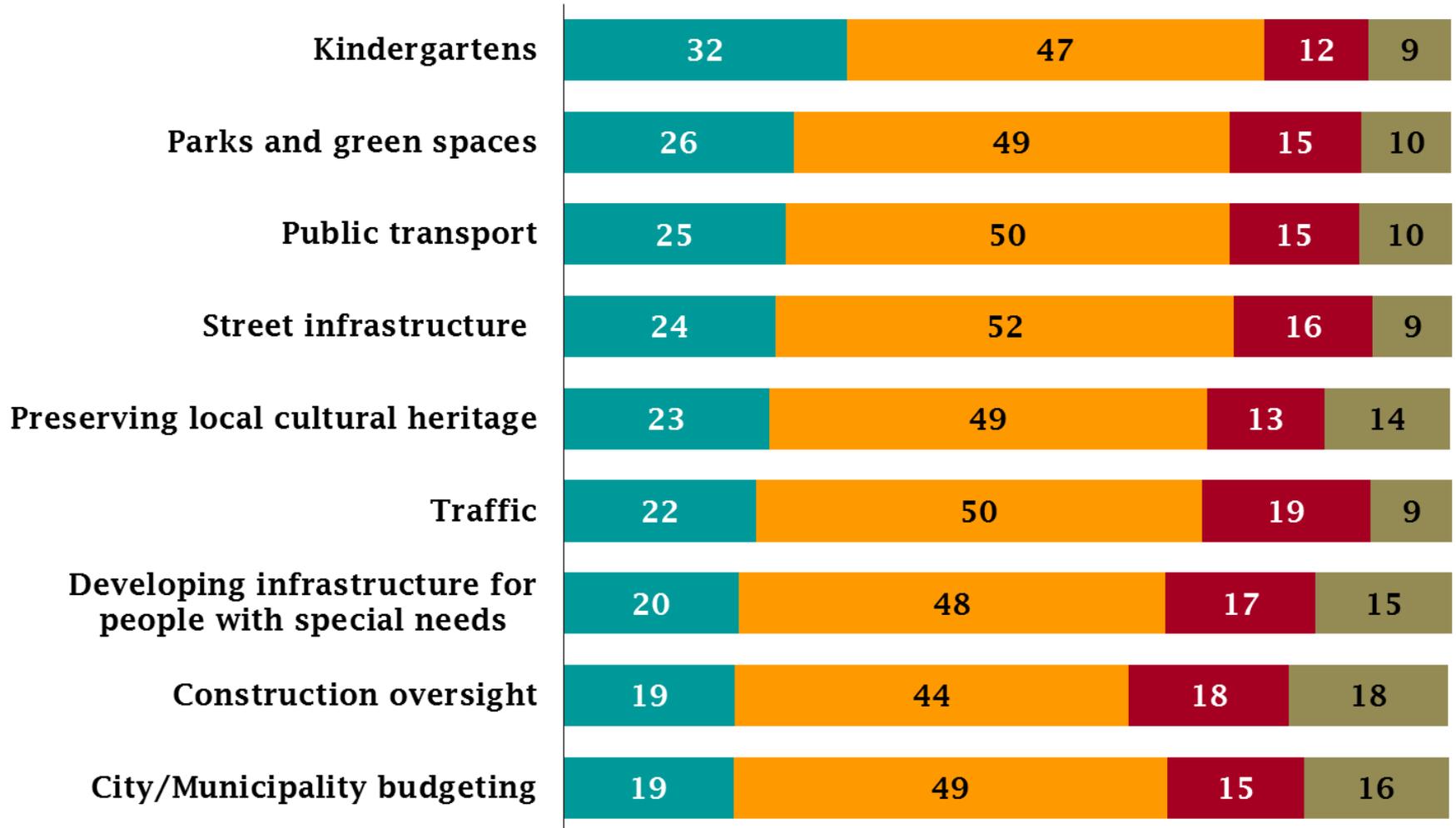
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■ Better ■ The same ■ Worse ■ DK

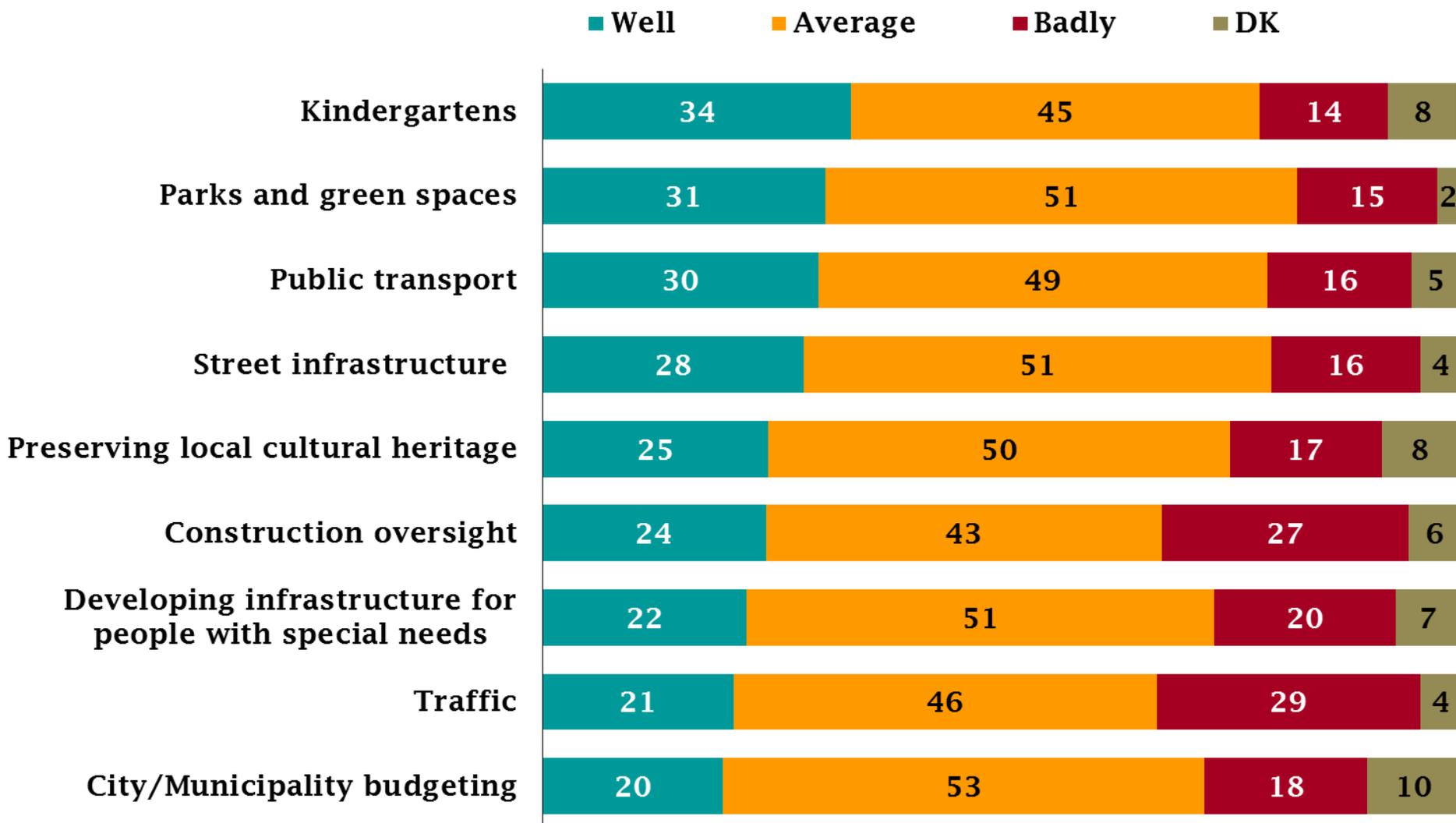


How do you expect the new local government to perform in the following areas? (q6)

Well Average Badly DK



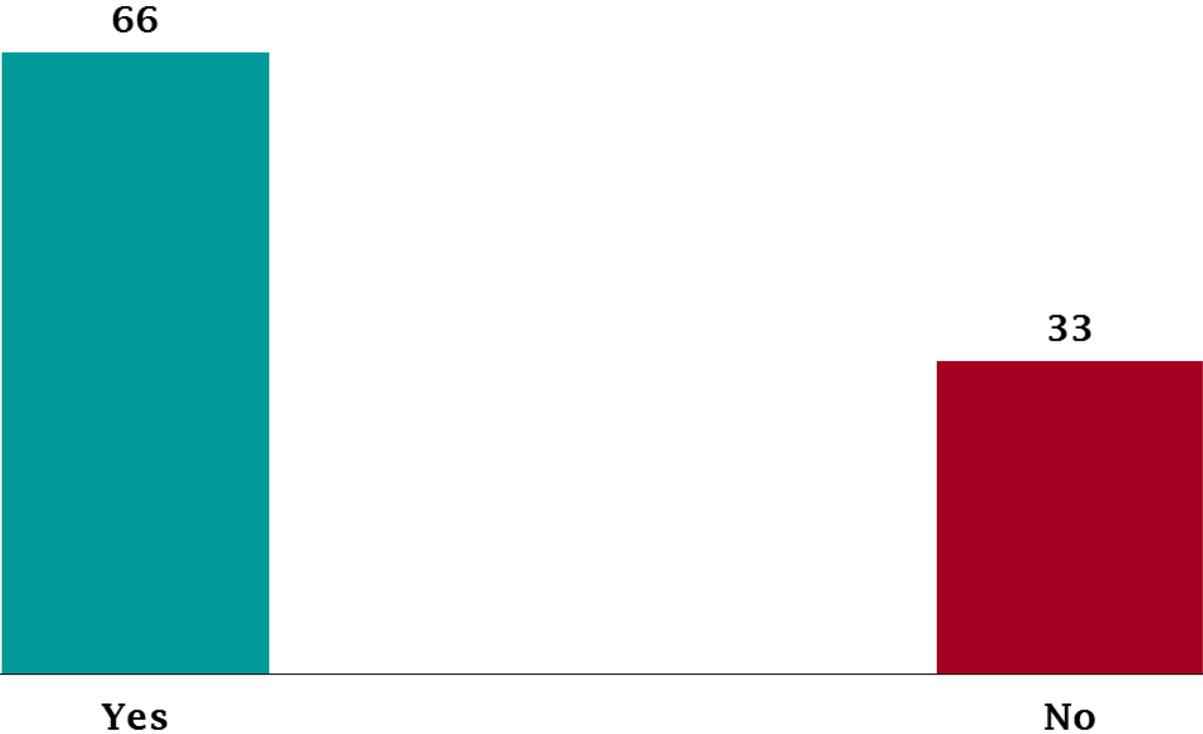
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Assessment of local elections

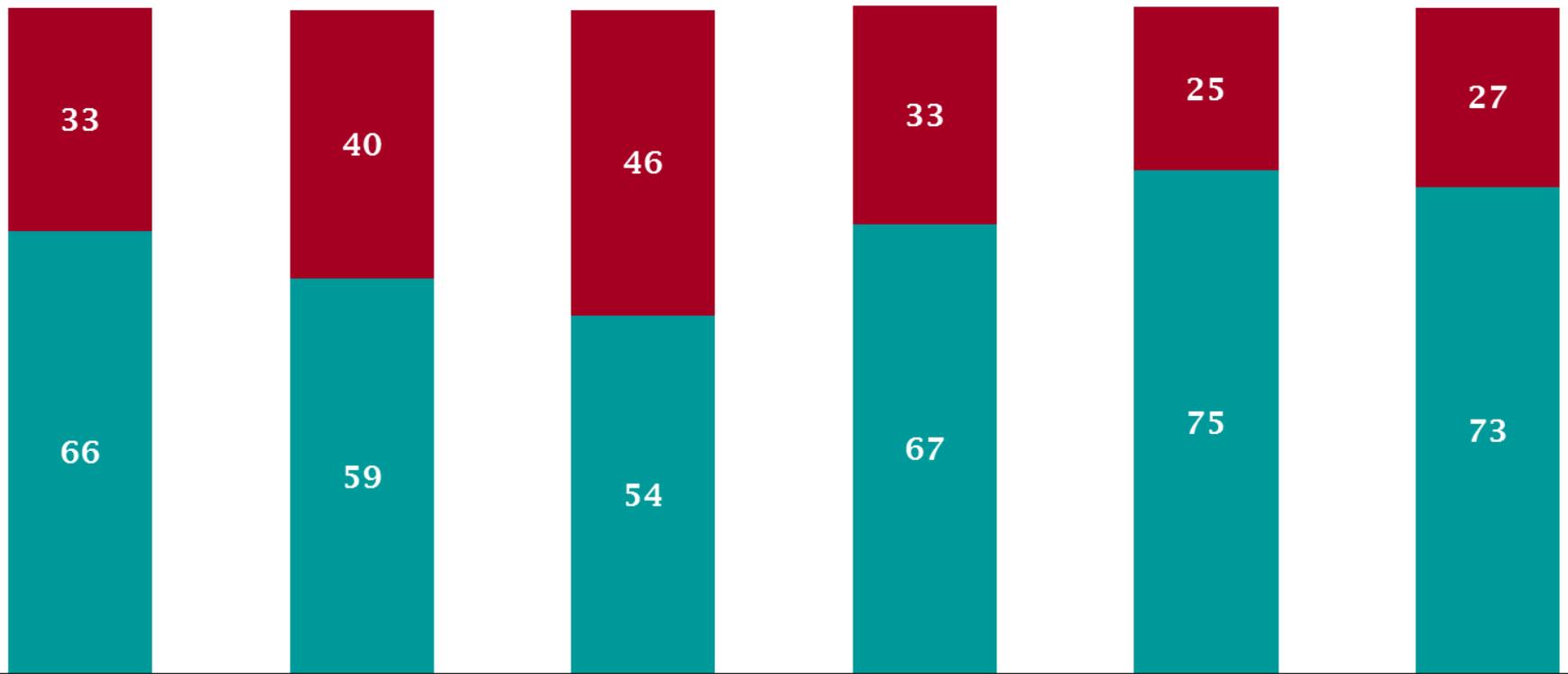
Did you vote in October 21 local government elections? (q22)

According to the Central Election Commission (CEC), official turnout in the 1st round was 45.86%



Did you vote in October 21 local government elections? (q22 X Settlement)

■ Yes ■ No



National

Capital

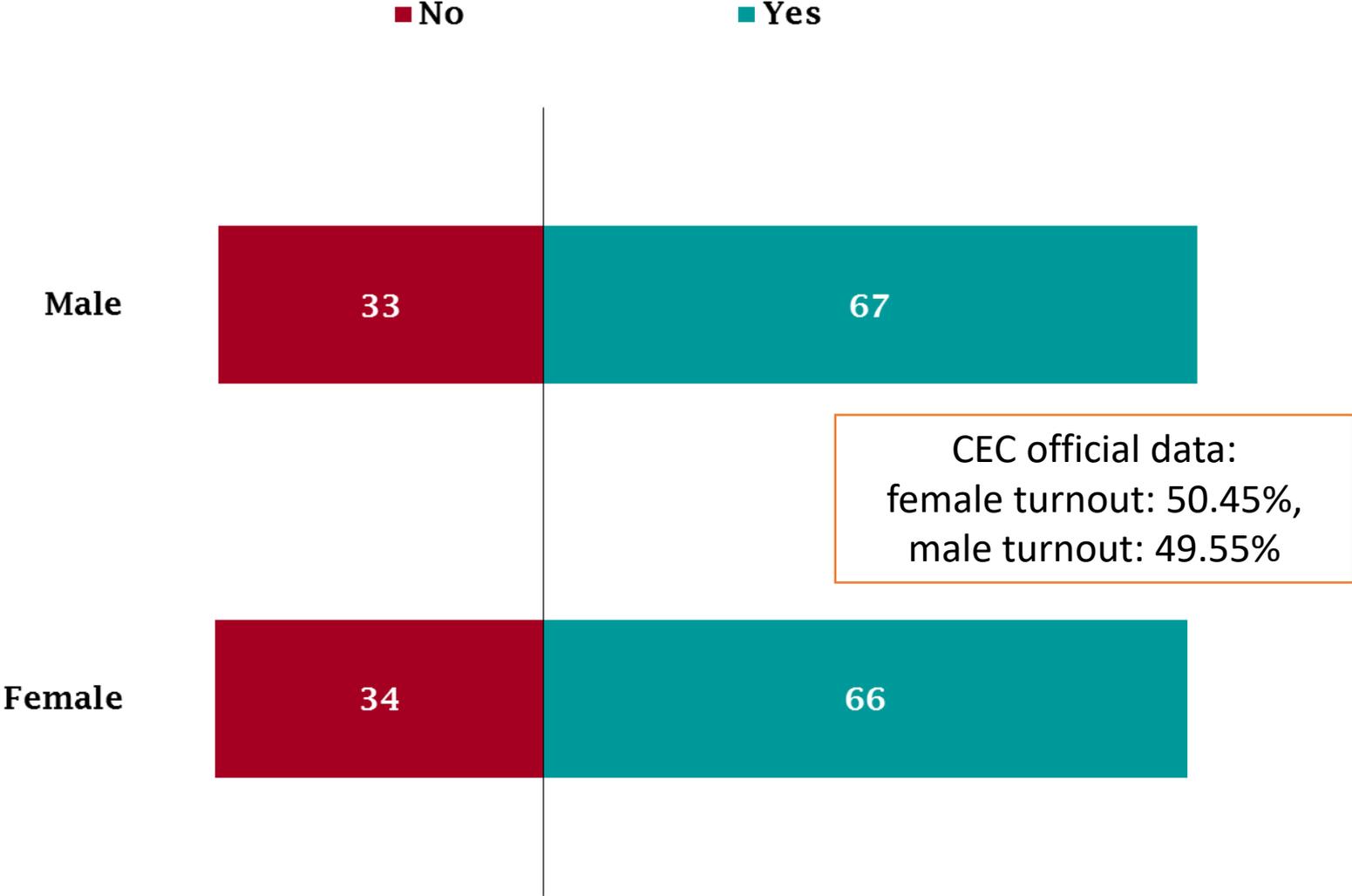
Large urban

Small urban

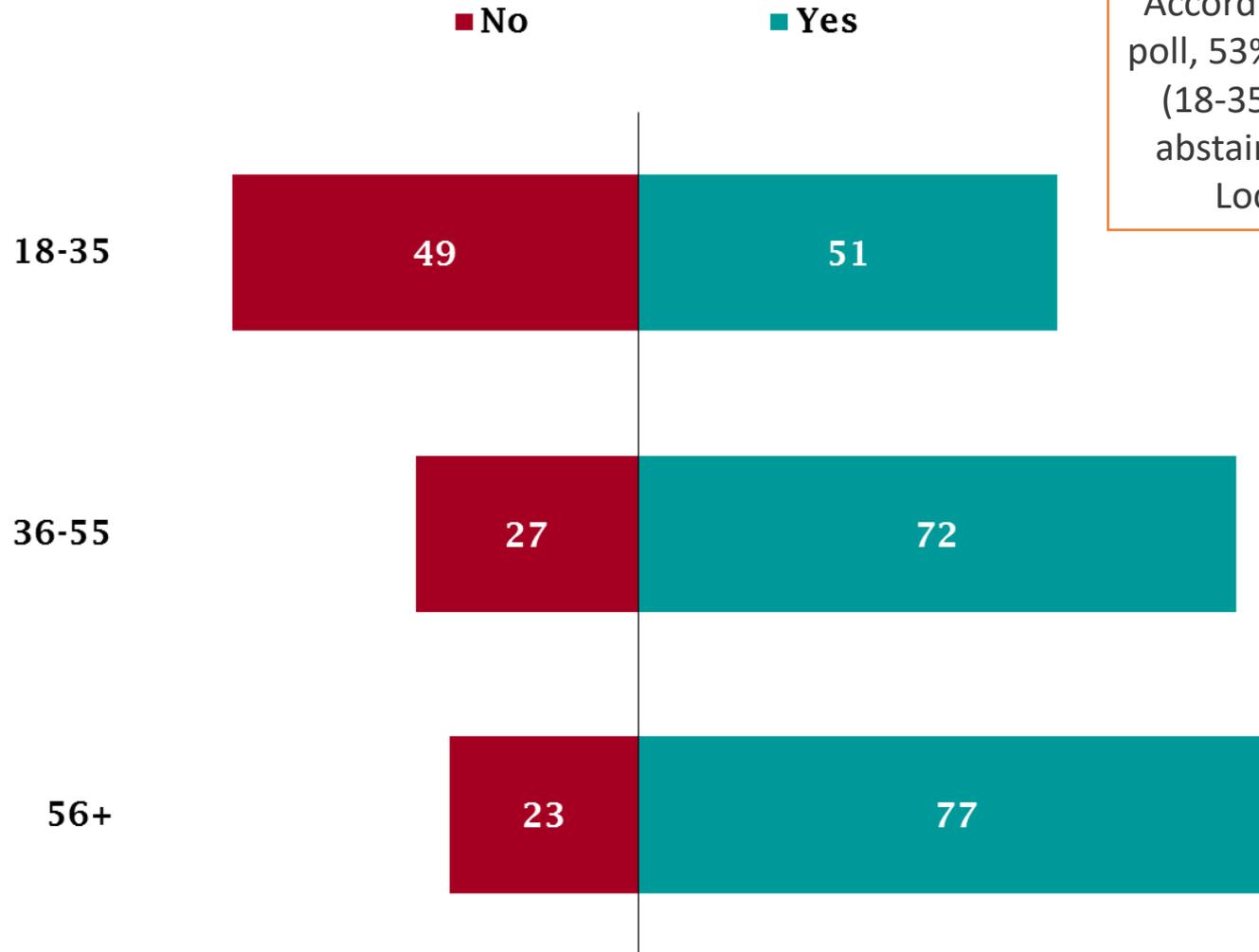
Rural

Minority settlements

Did you vote in October 21 local government elections? (q22 X Gender)

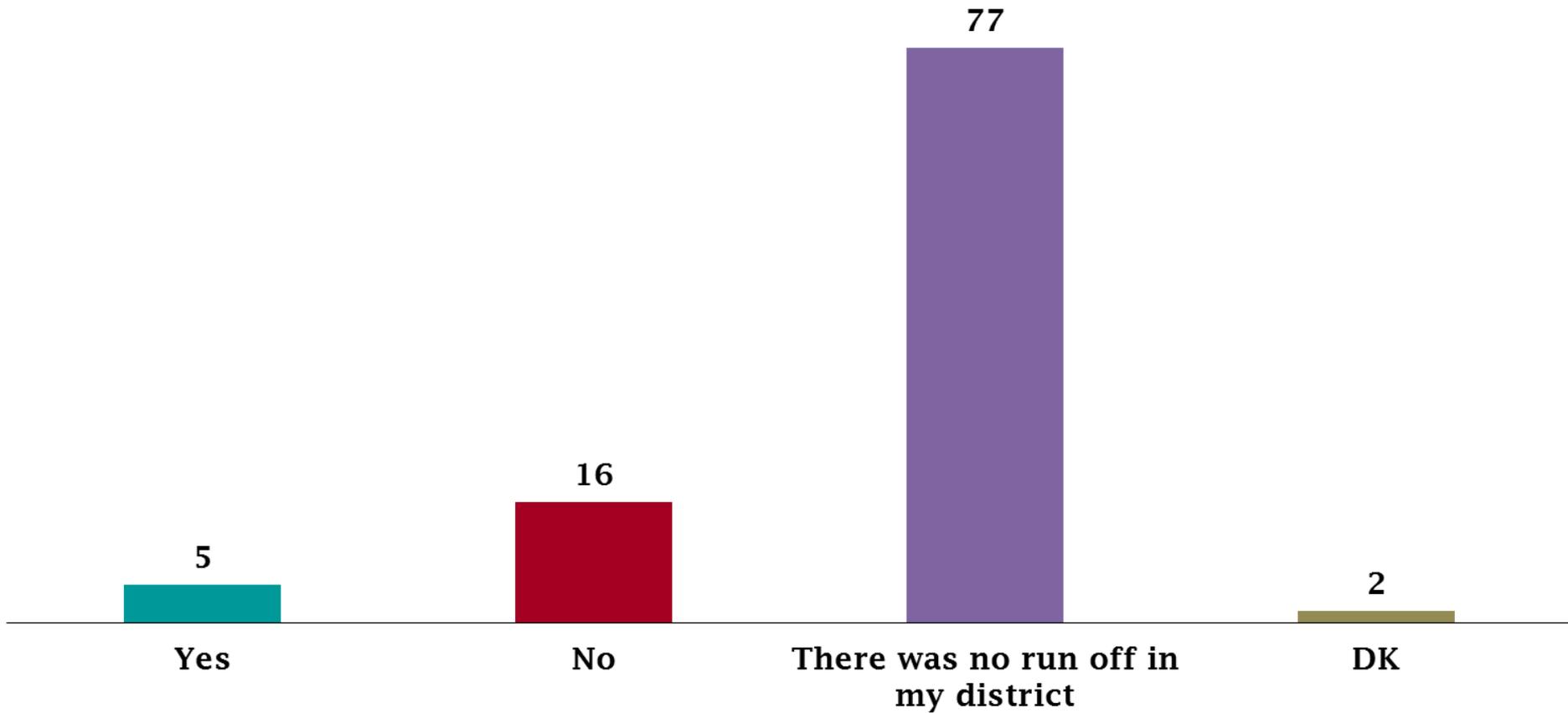


Did you vote in October 21 local government elections? (q22 X Age)



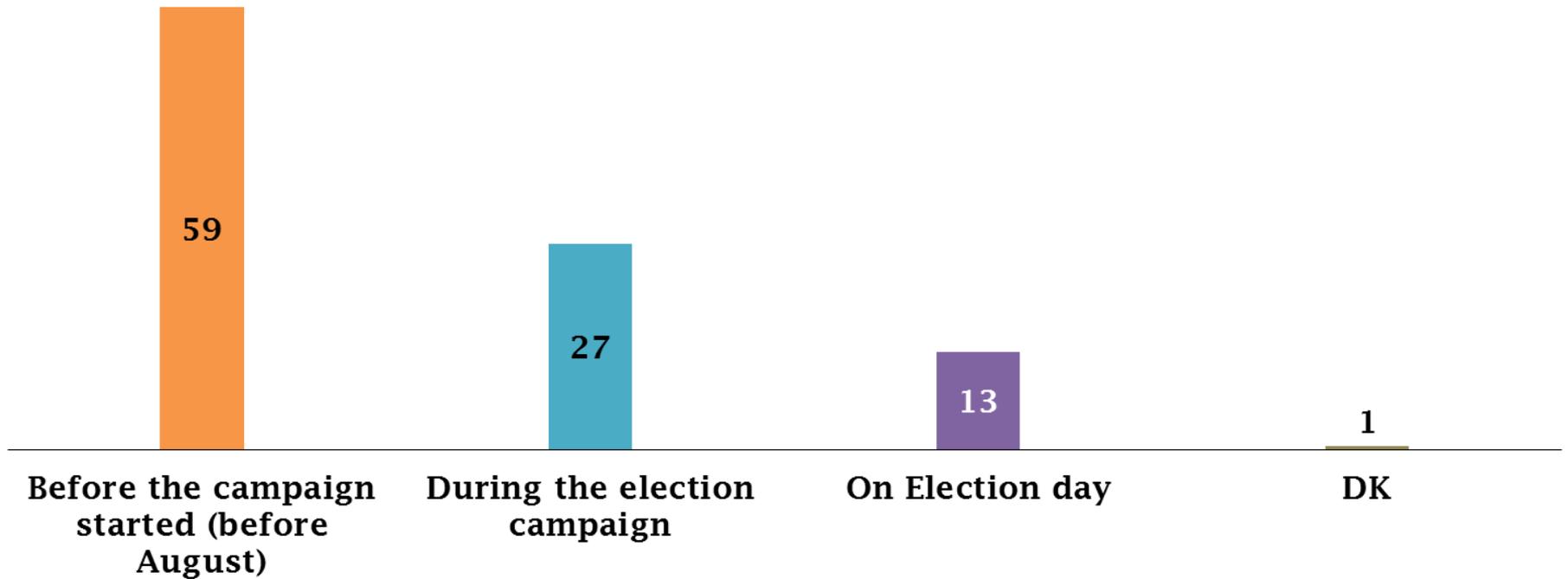
According to June 2017 poll, 53% of young voters (18-35) were likely to abstain from voting in Local Elections

Did you vote in the run offs on November 12? (q23)

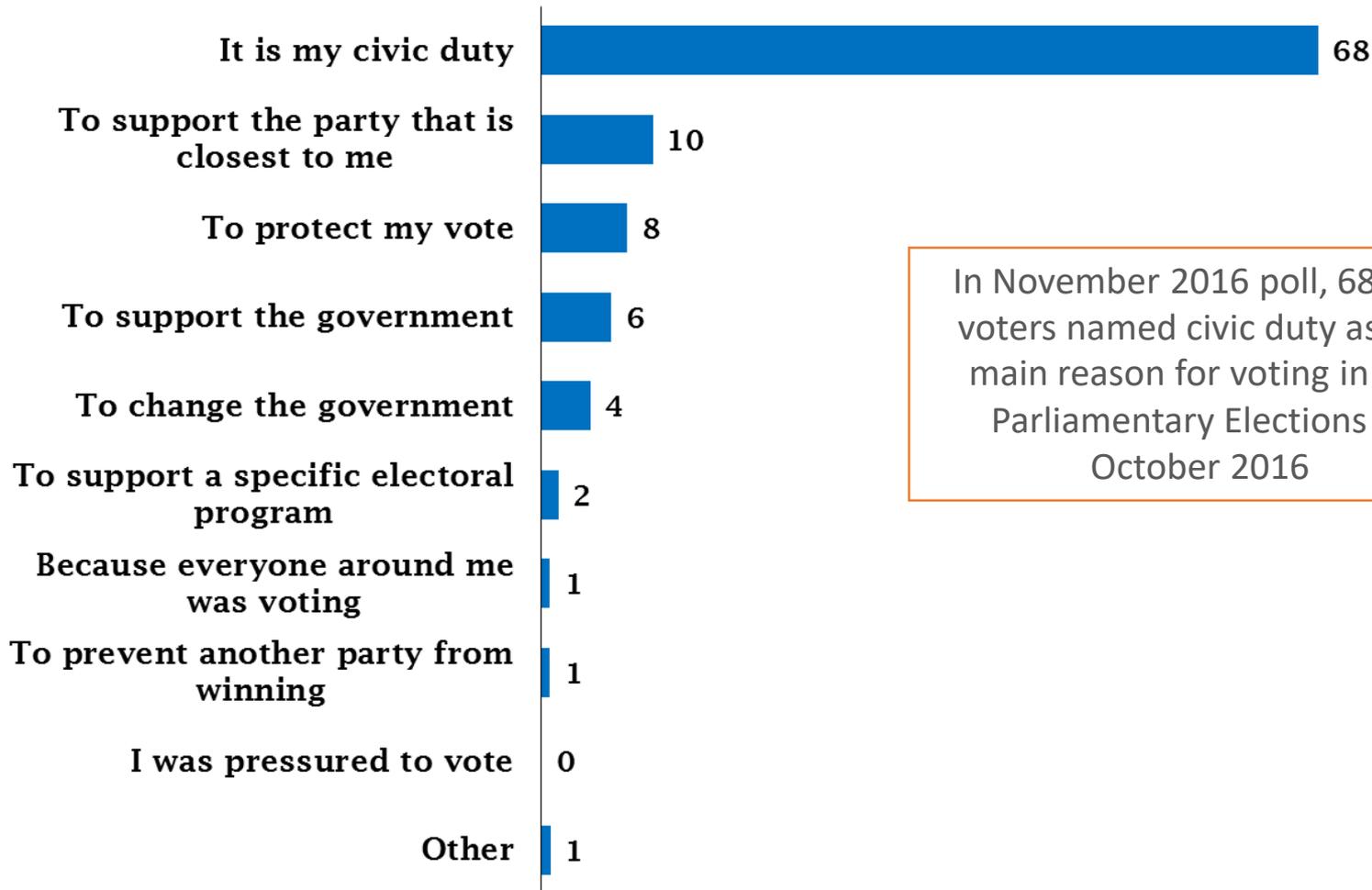


When did you decide which party/candidate to vote for in the local government elections? (q24) - of the 67% who voted in the October 21 local government election or the run offs

According to this data, approximately 38% of eligible voters decided who to vote for before the campaign started

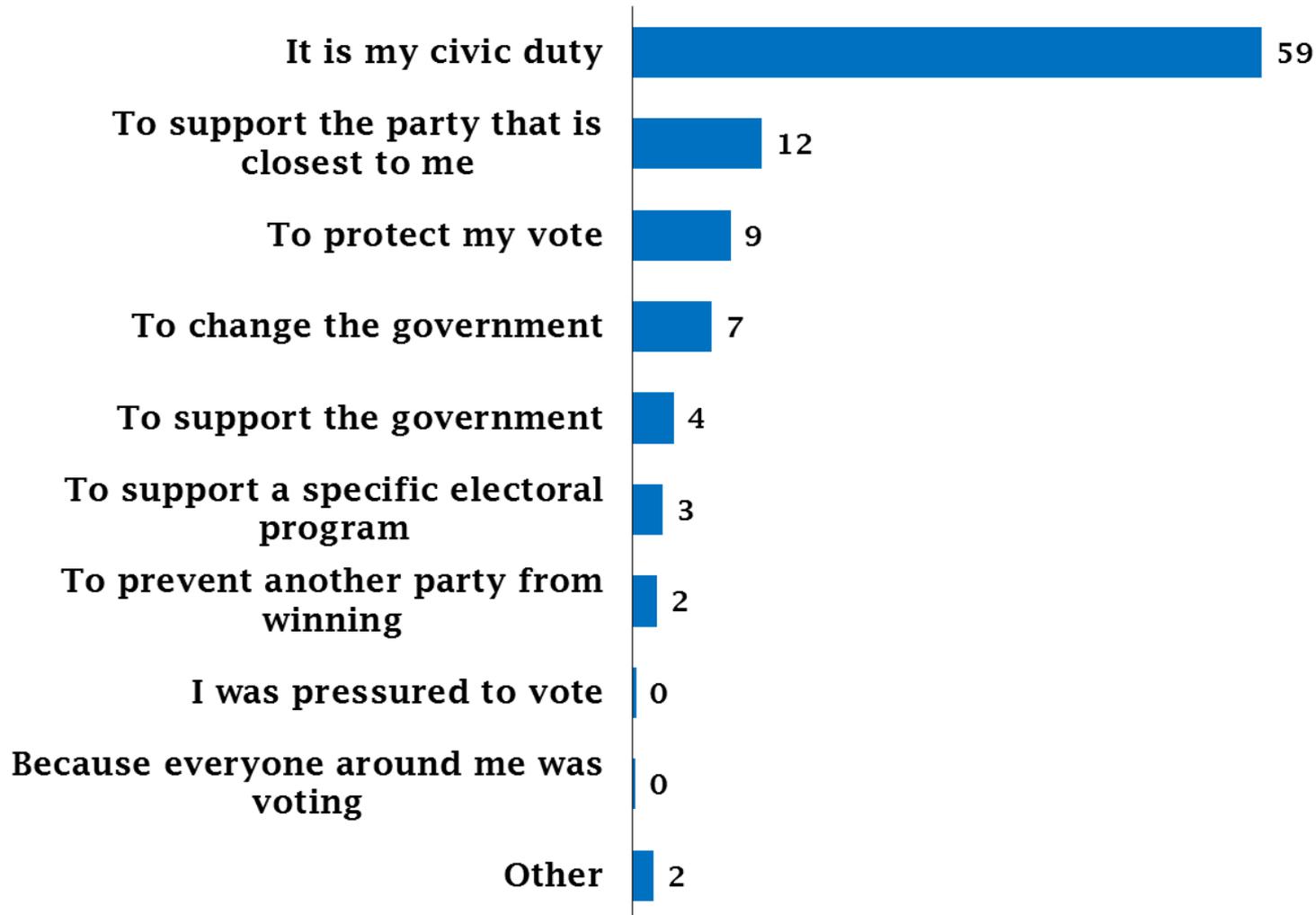


What was the main reason you voted? (q25) - of the 67% who voted in the October 21 local government election or the run offs

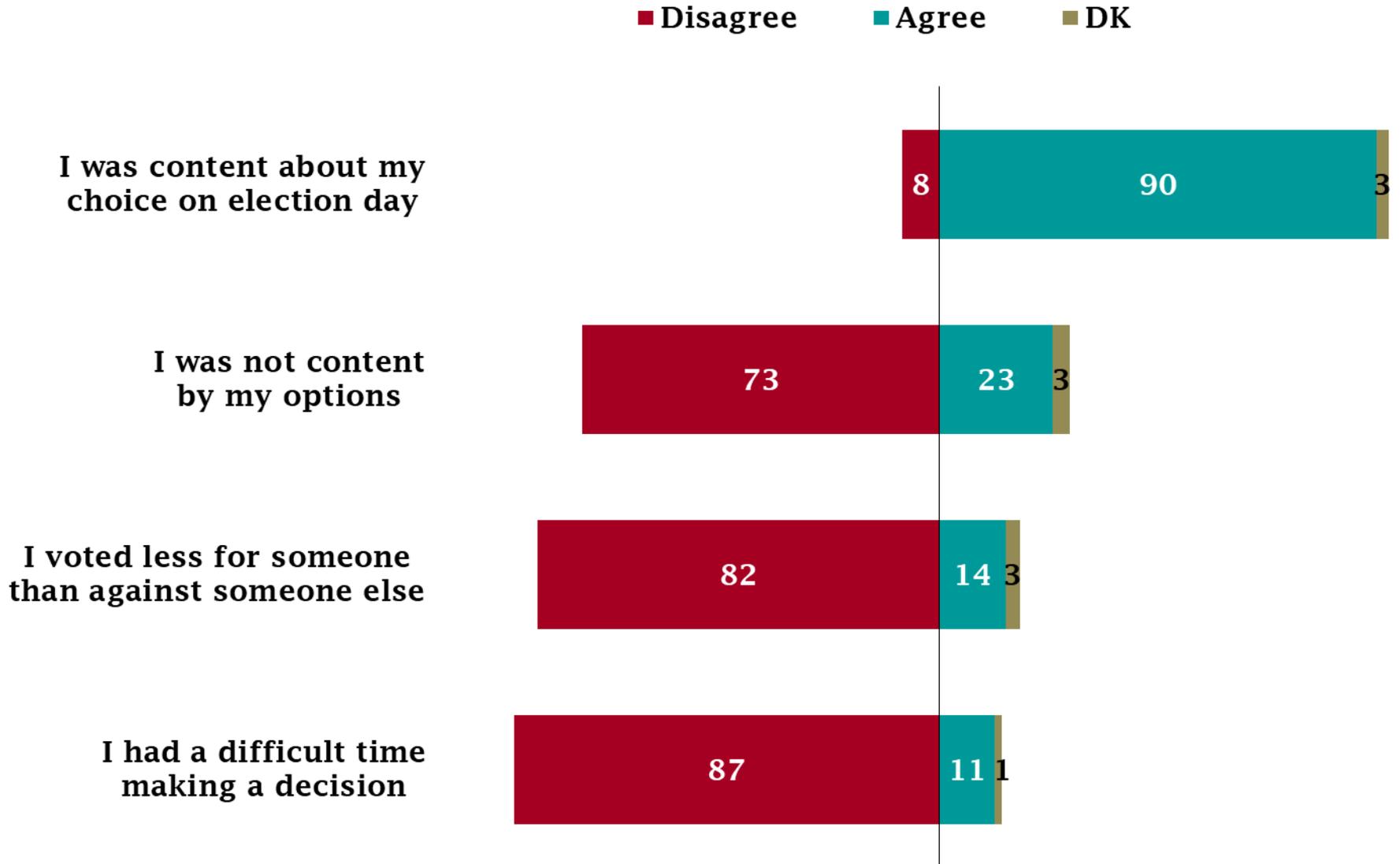


In November 2016 poll, 68% of voters named civic duty as the main reason for voting in the Parliamentary Elections of October 2016

What was the main reason you voted? (q25) Tbilisi
- of the 60% who voted in October 21 local government election or the run offs



Do you agree or disagree? (q26) - of the 67% who voted in the October 21 local government election or the run offs



Did you have enough information about the parties and candidates? (q27)



Yes



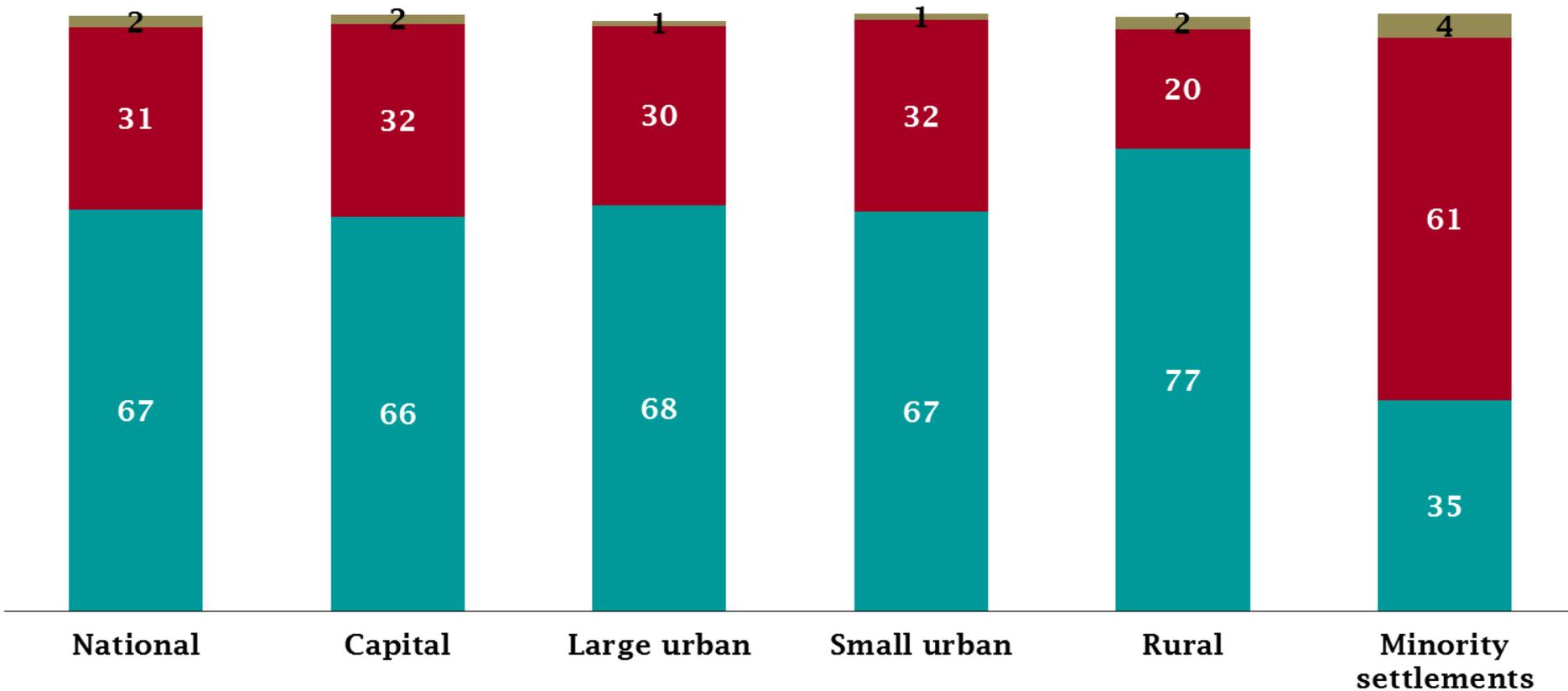
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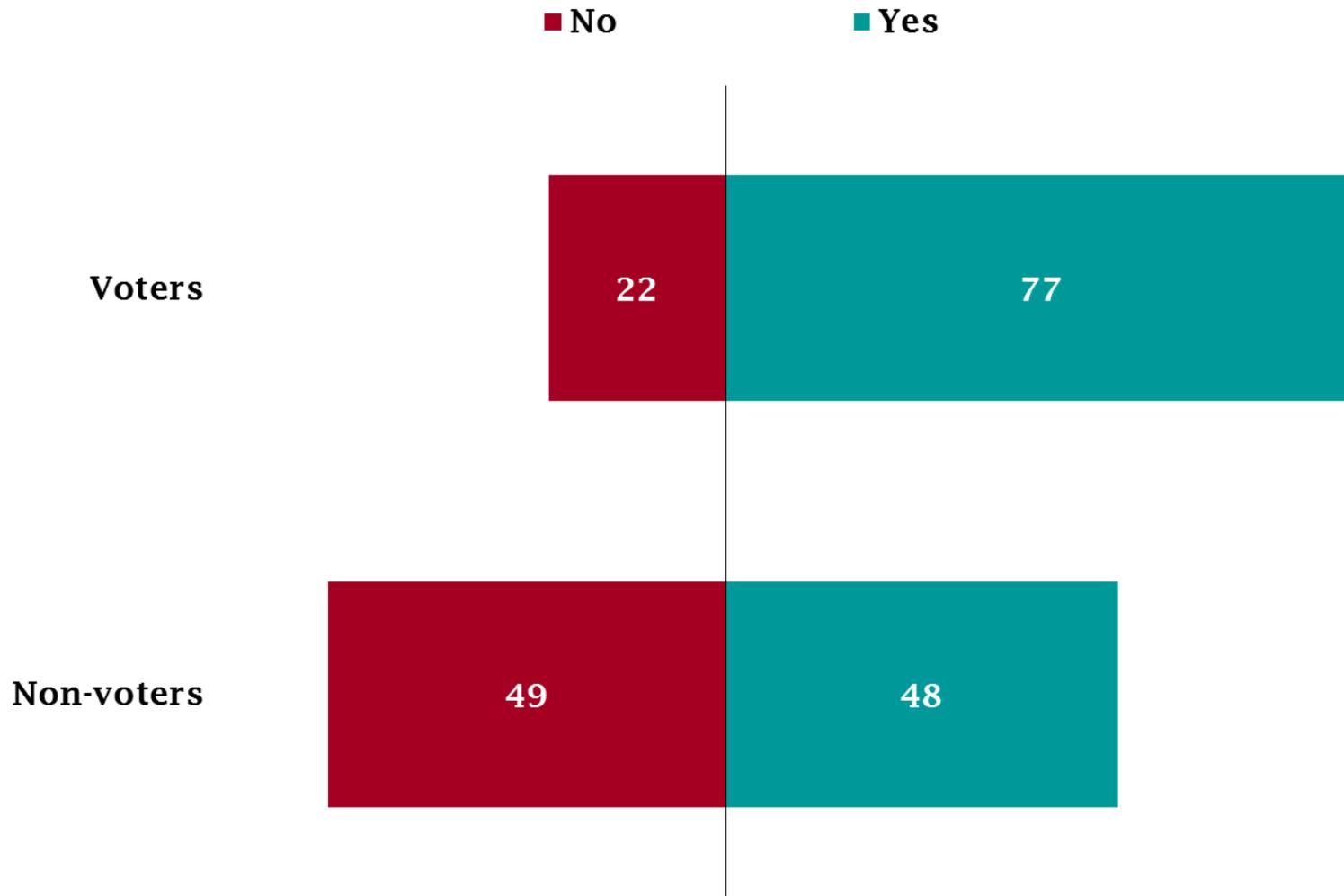
DK

Did you have enough information about the parties and candidates? (q27 X Settlement)

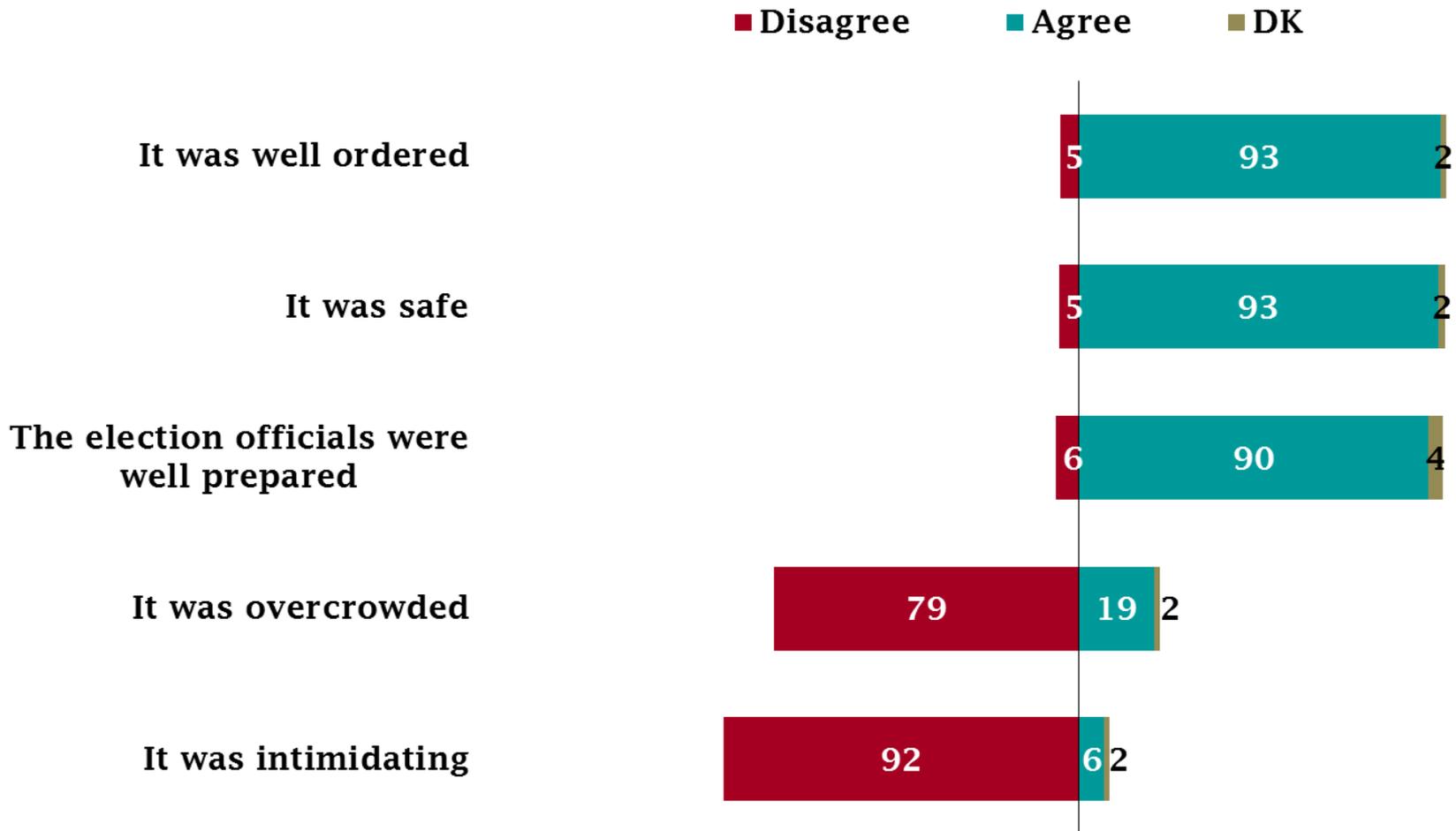
■ Yes ■ No ■ DK



Did you have enough information about the parties and candidates? (q27 X Did you vote in October 21 local government election and/or run offs on November 12?)

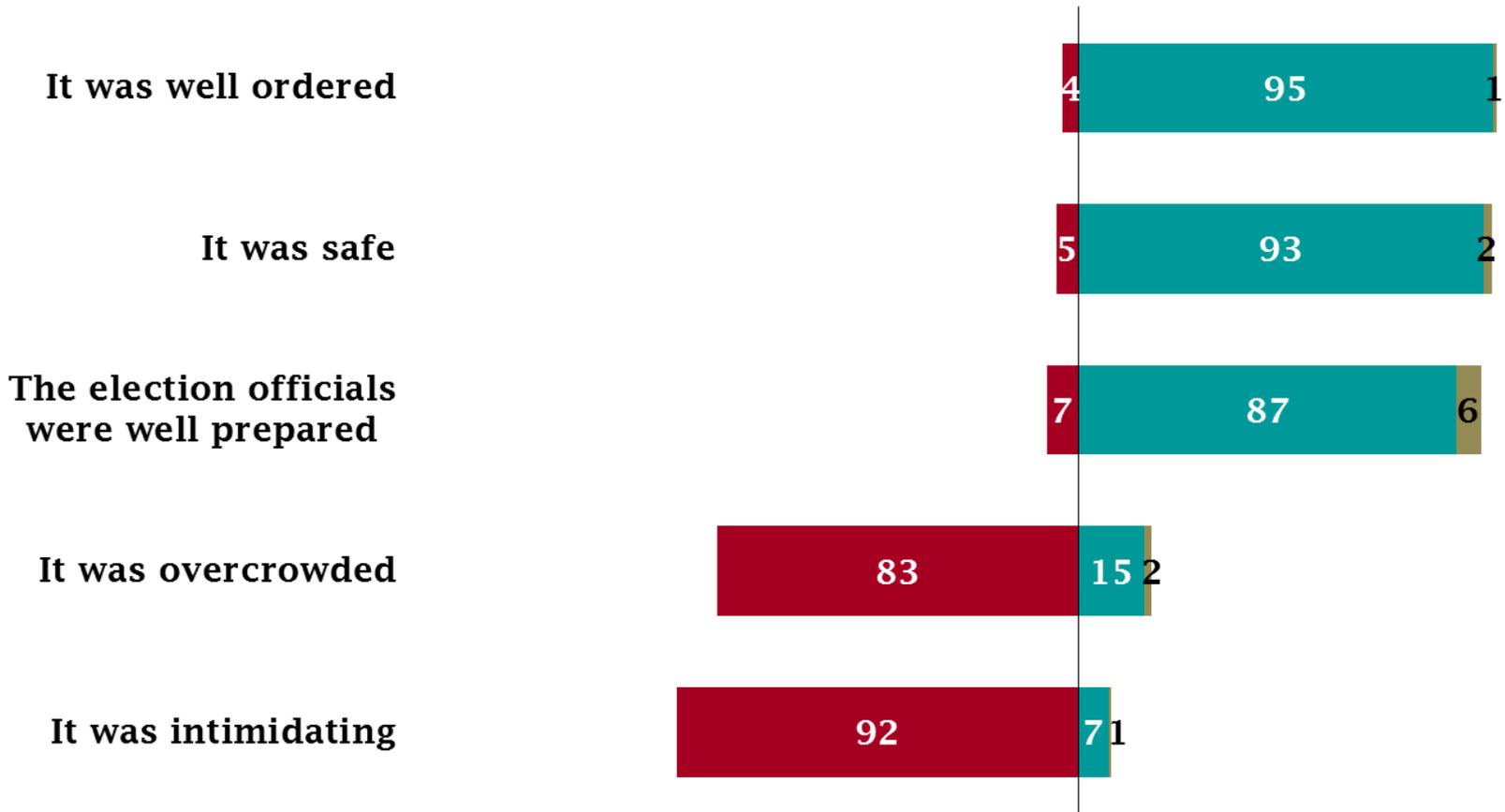


Thinking back to the situation when you voted in the polling station/place, do you agree or disagree with the following? (q28) - of the 67% who voted in the October 21 local government election or the run offs

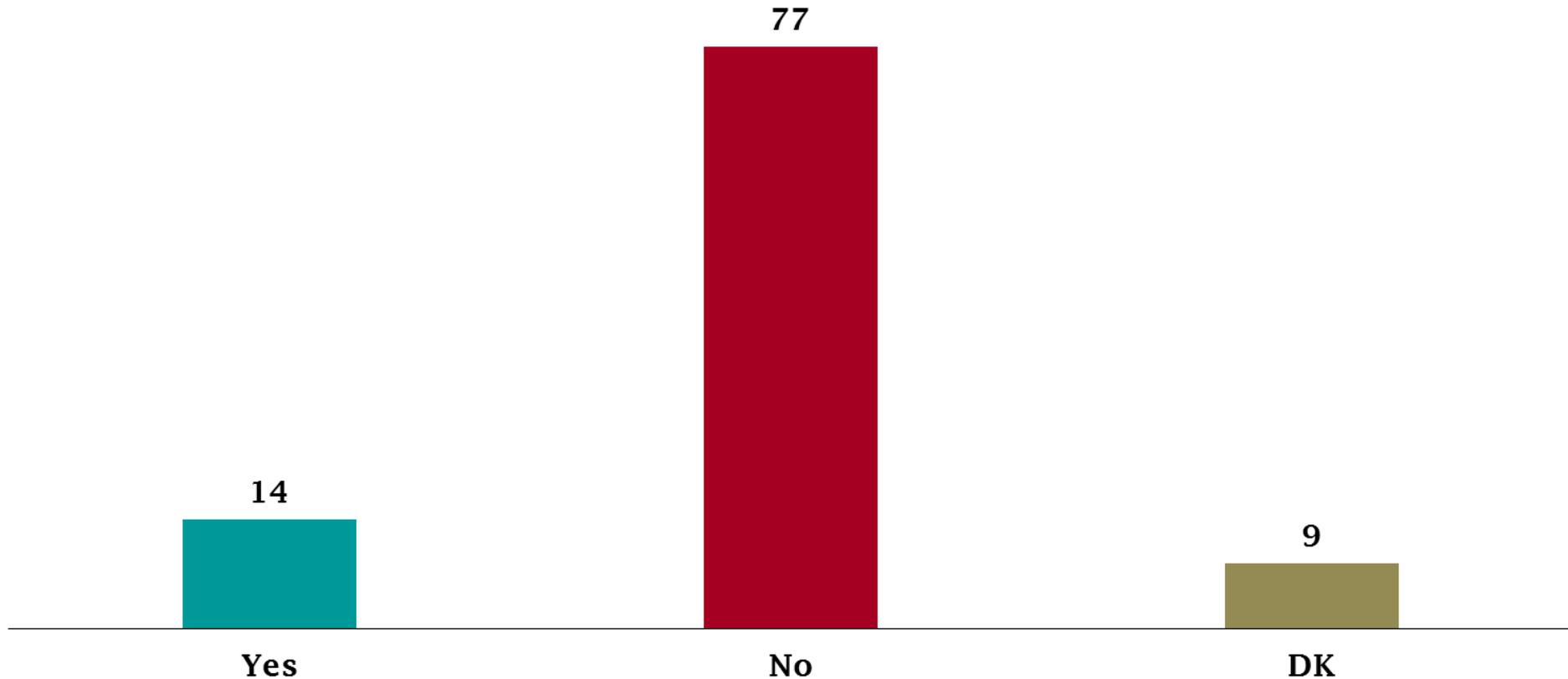


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■ Disagree ■ Agree ■ DK

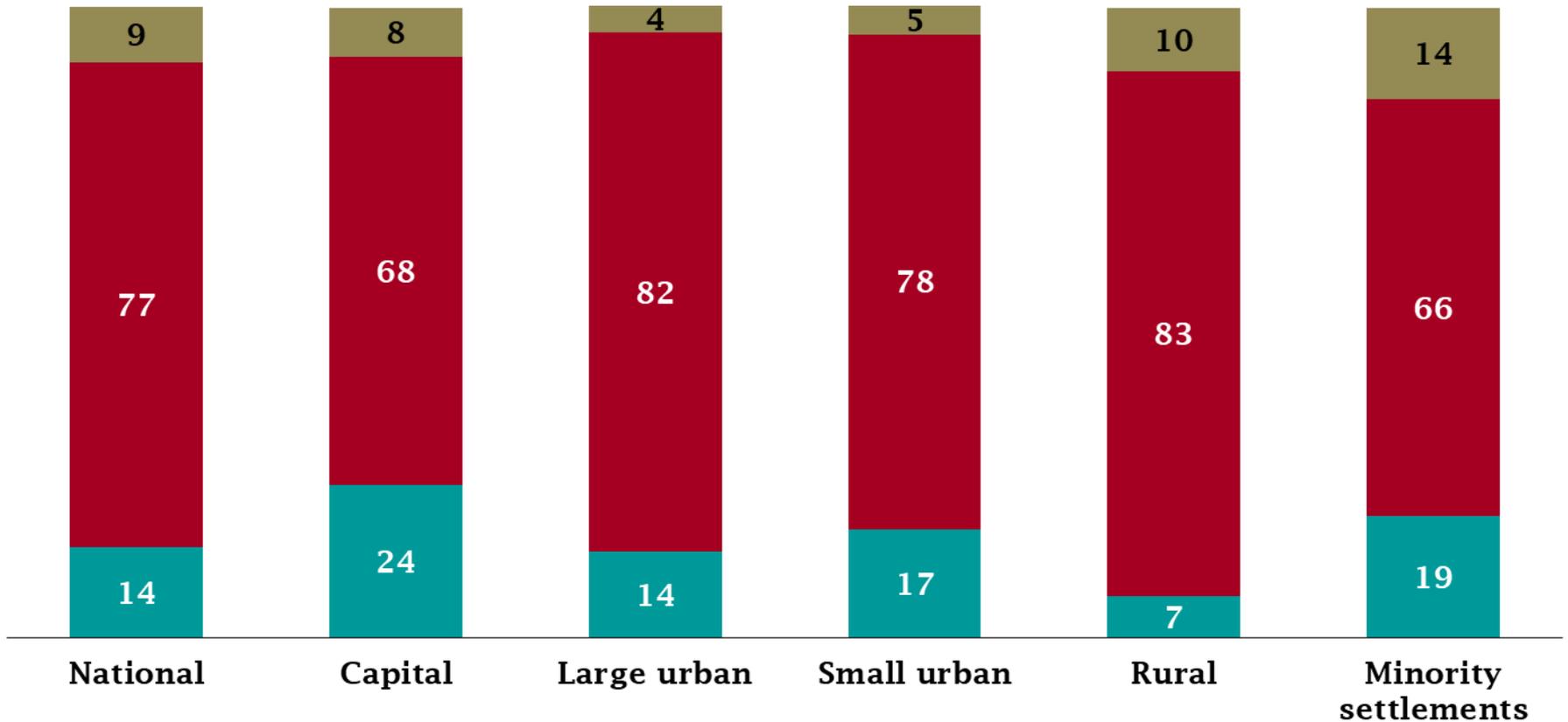


Did you notice anyone (not election officials) putting down personal data of voters in your PEC? (q29) - of the 67% who voted in the October 21 local government election or the run offs

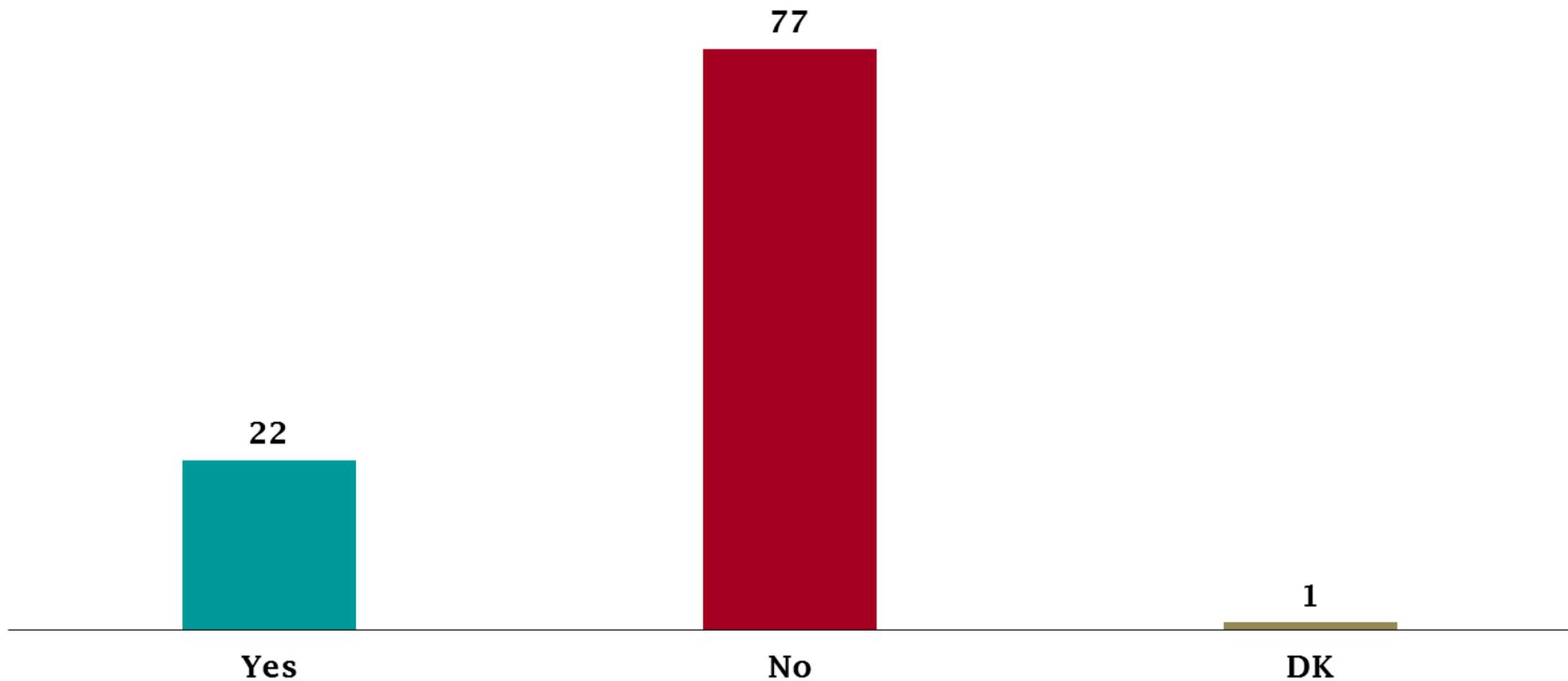


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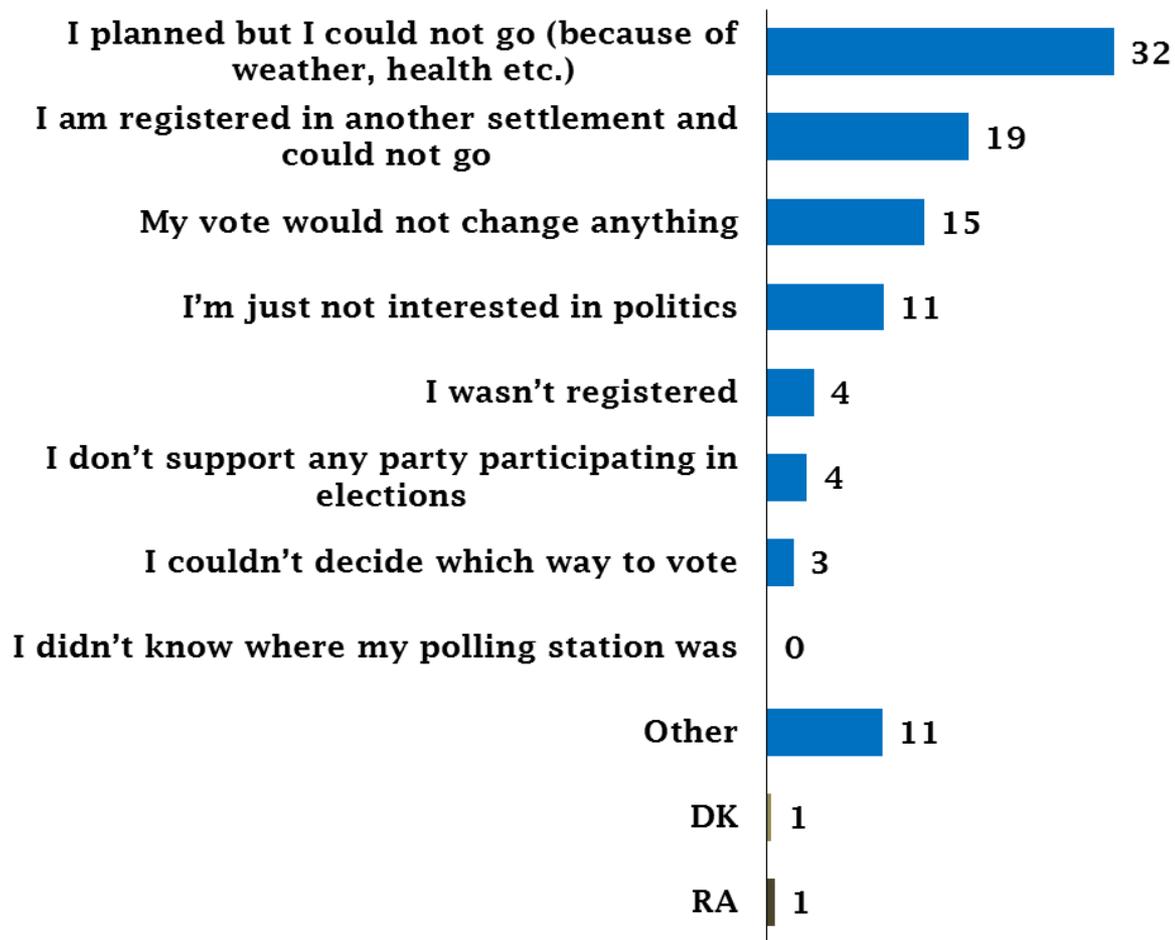
■ Yes ■ No ■ DK



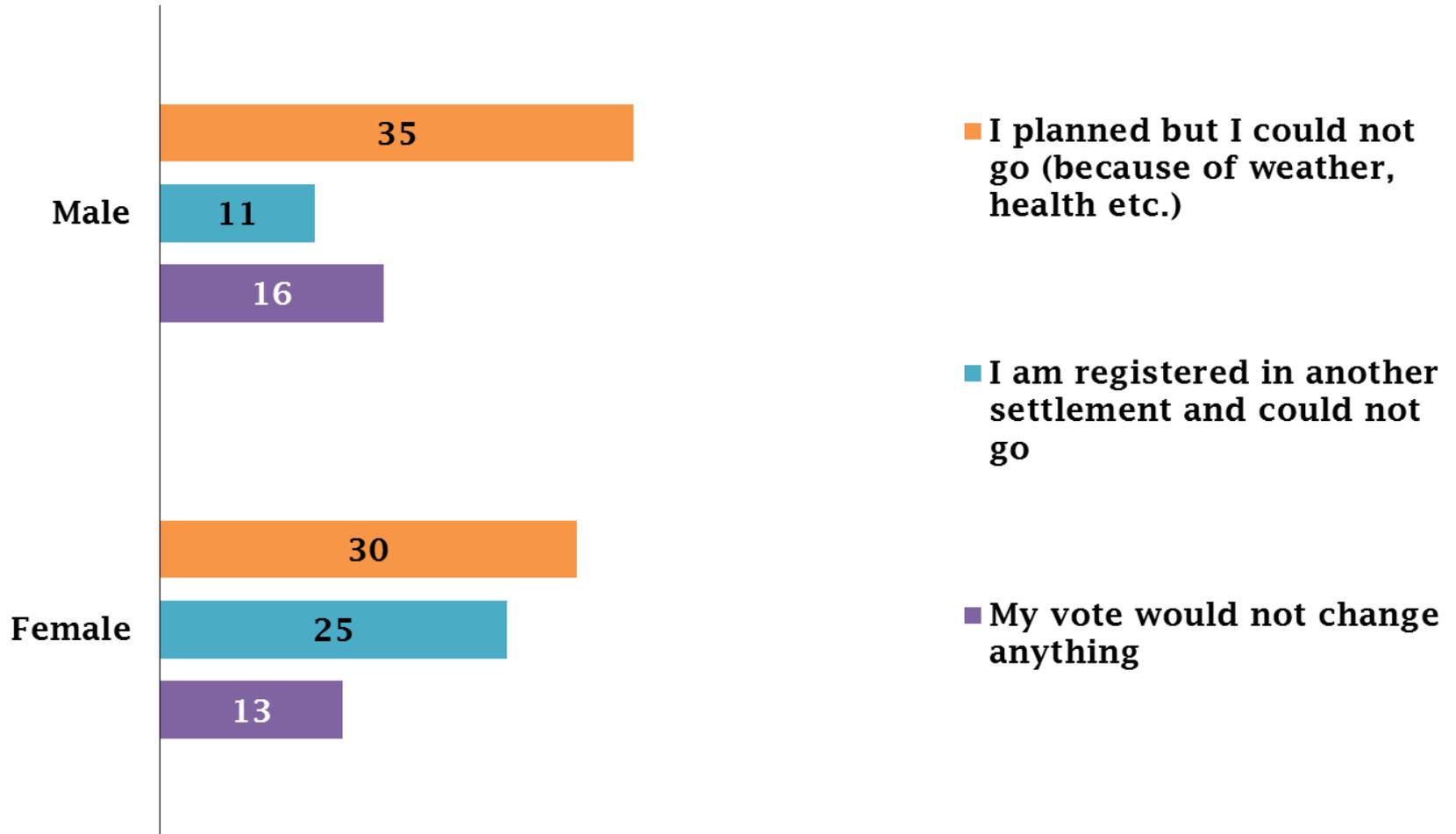
If yes, did it bother you? (q30) - of the 10% who voted and noticed people putting down personal data of voters



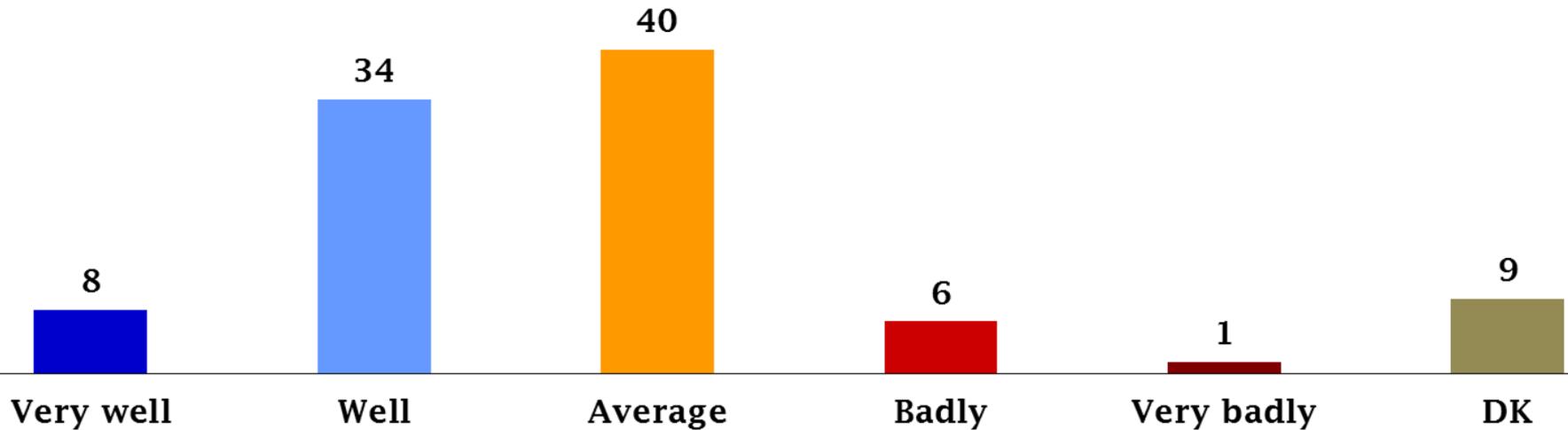
What was the main reason you did not vote in the local elections? (q31) - of the 31% who did not vote in 21 local government election and the run offs



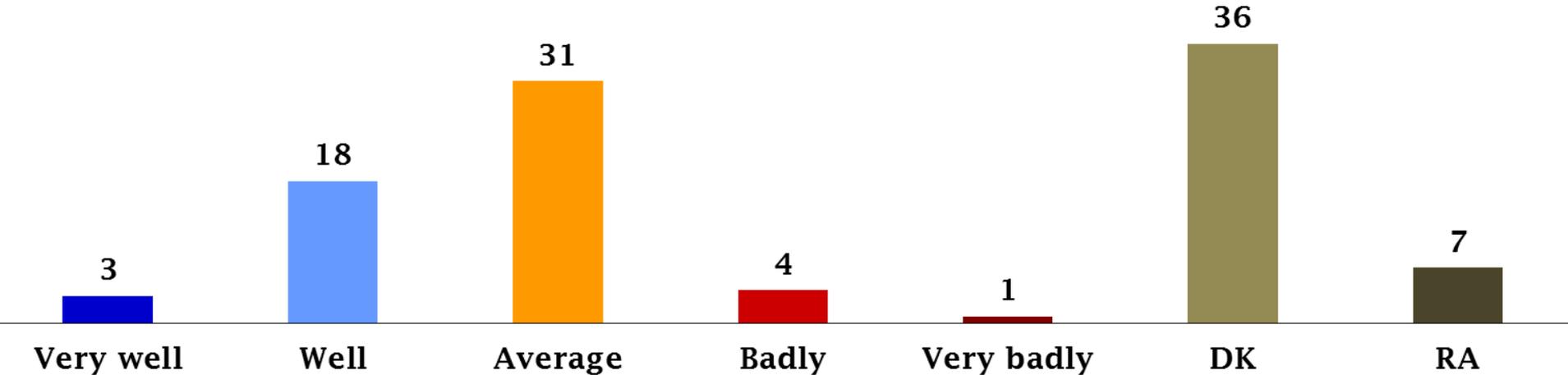
What was the main reason you did not vote in the local elections? (q31 X Gender) - of the 31% who did not vote in 21 local government election and the run offs



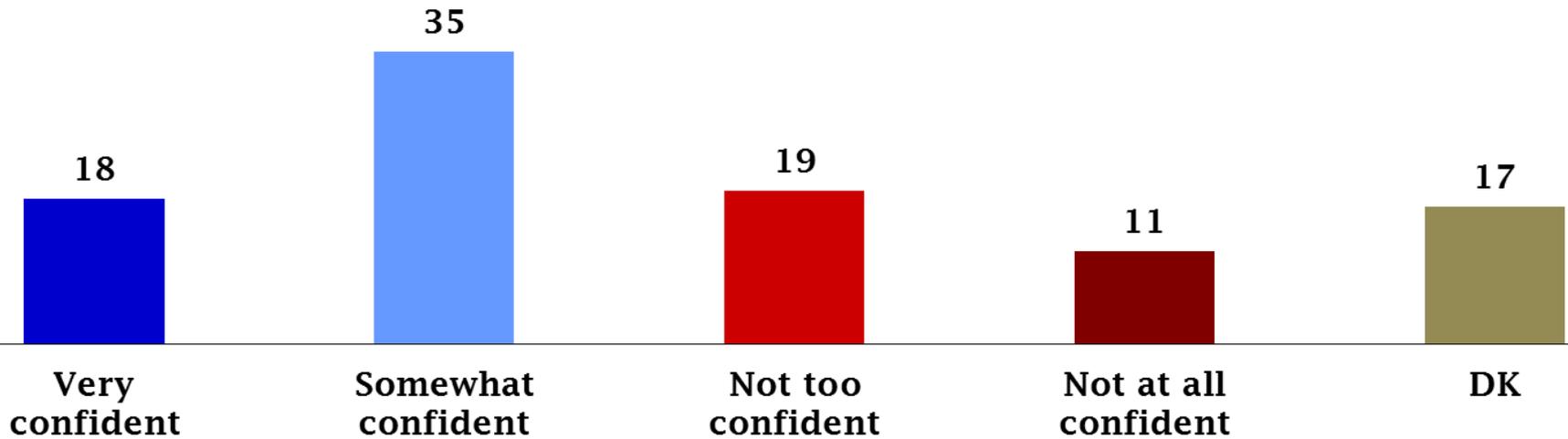
How do you think the October 21 local government election was conducted/managed by the election officials (CEC, PEC, DEC)? (q32)



How do you think the run off was conducted/managed by the election officials (CEC, PEC, DEC)? (q33)

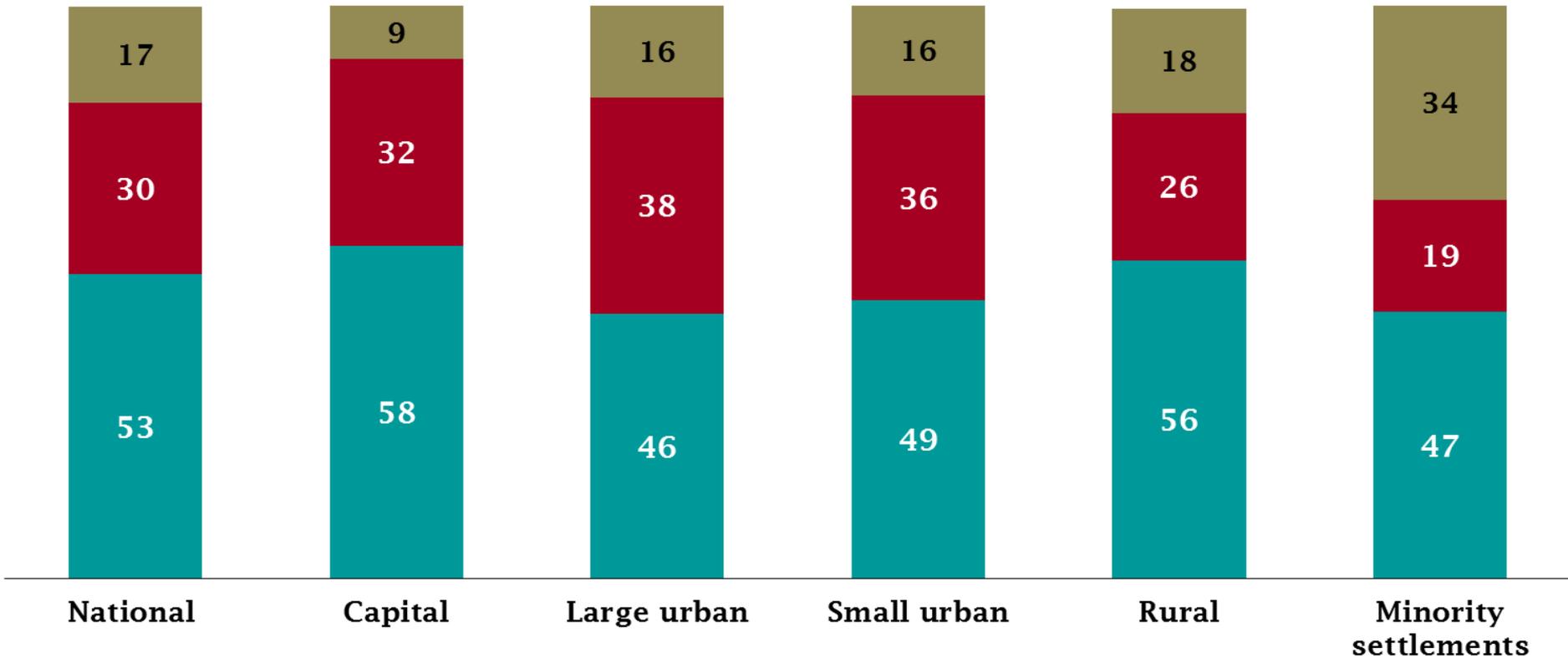


How confident are you that the votes across the country were accurately counted? (q34)



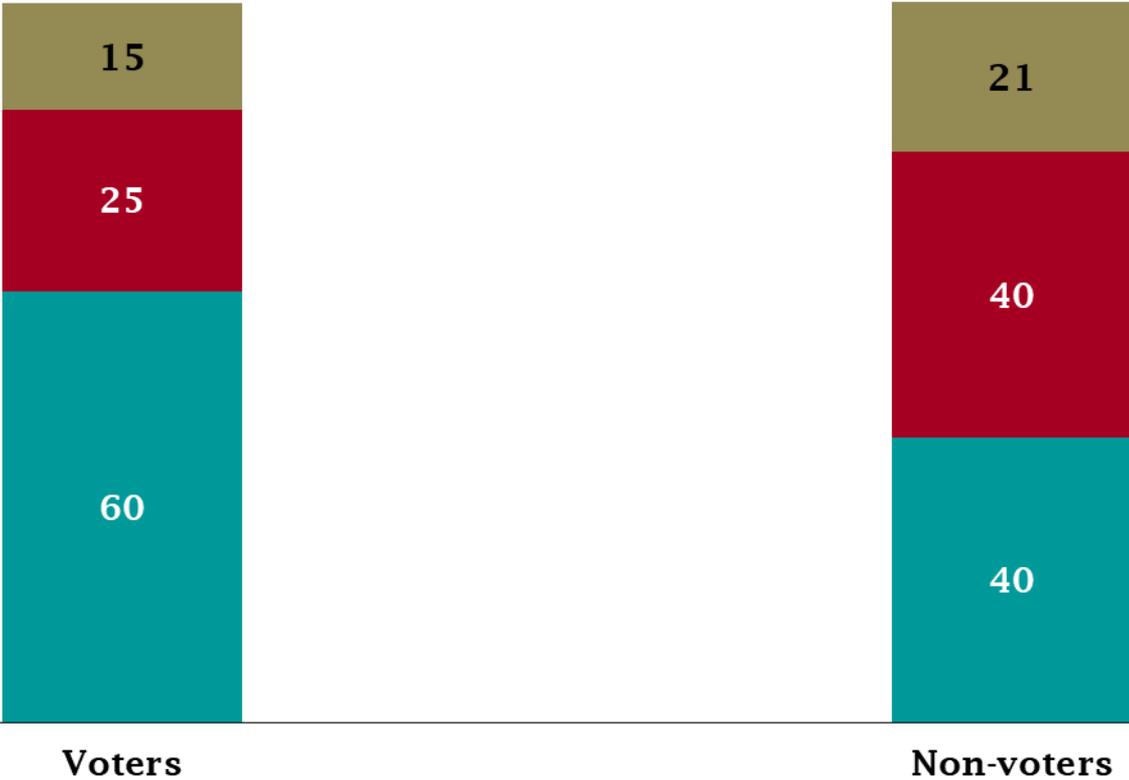
How confident are you that the votes across the country were accurately counted? (q34 X Settlement)

■ Confident ■ Not confident ■ DK

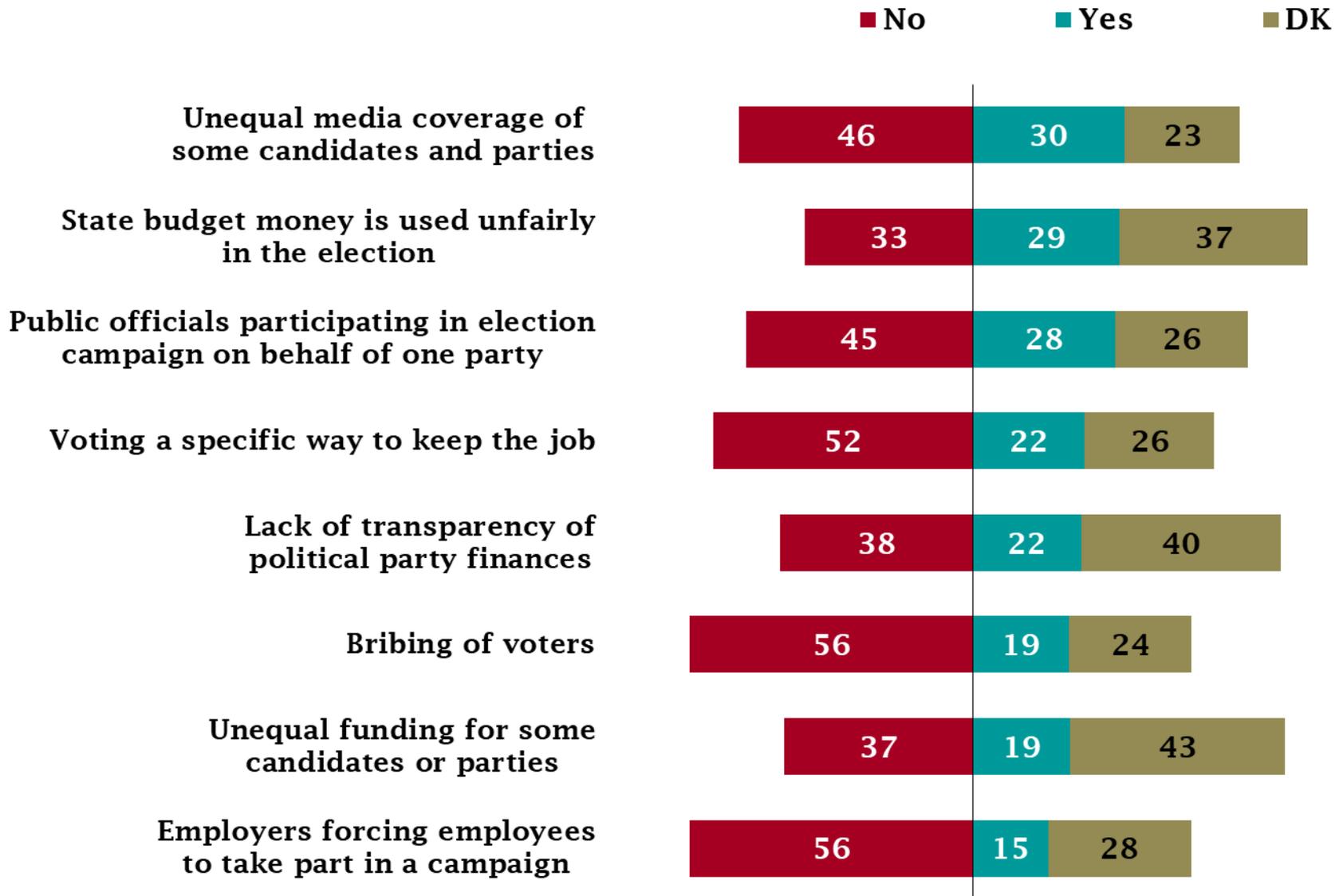


How confident are you that the votes across the country were accurately counted? (q34 X Did you vote in October 21 local government election and/or run offs on November 12?)

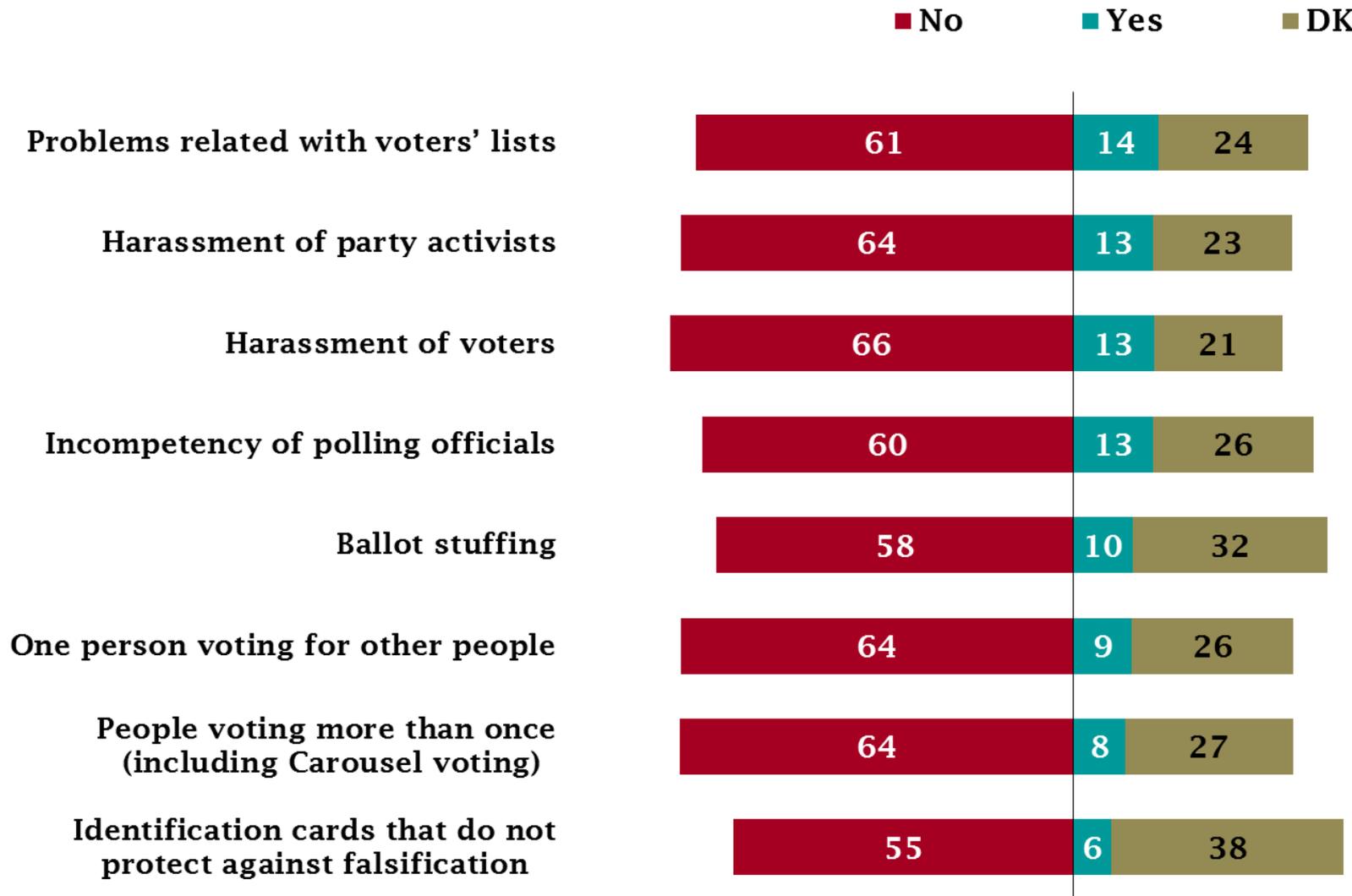
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For each please tell us whether it occurred or not during the election process? (q35) Part 1

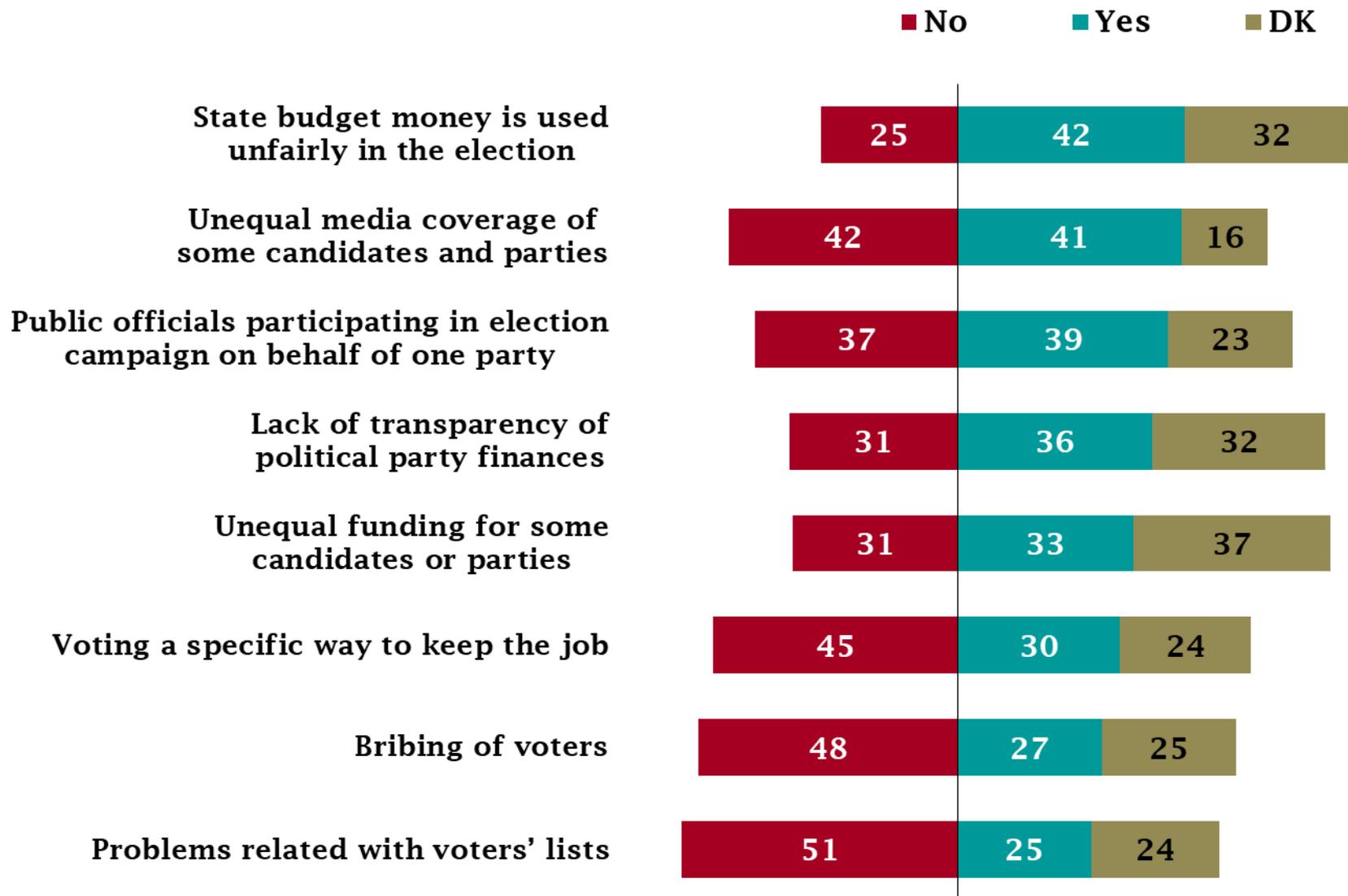


For each please tell us whether it occurred or not during the election process? (q35) Part 2

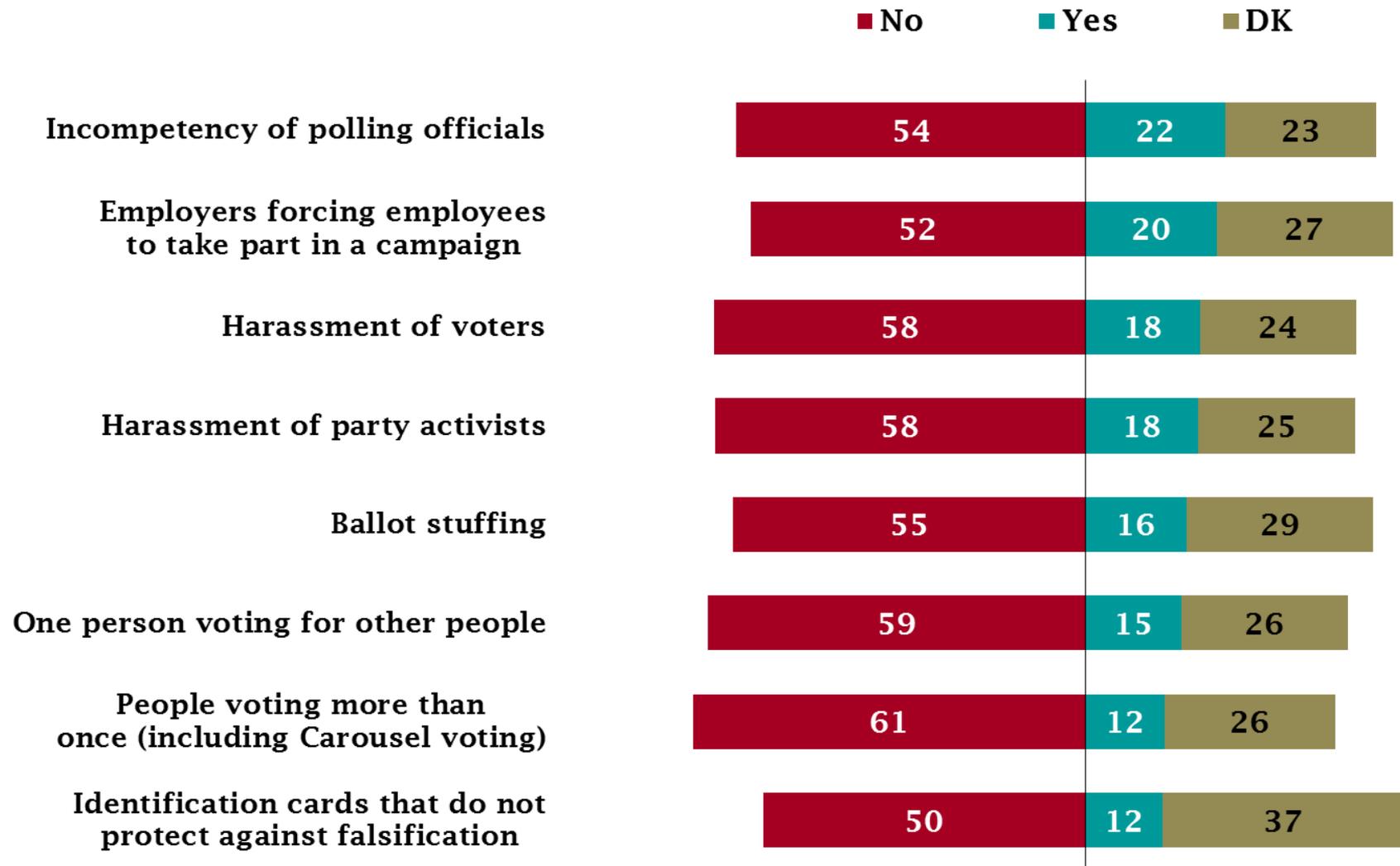


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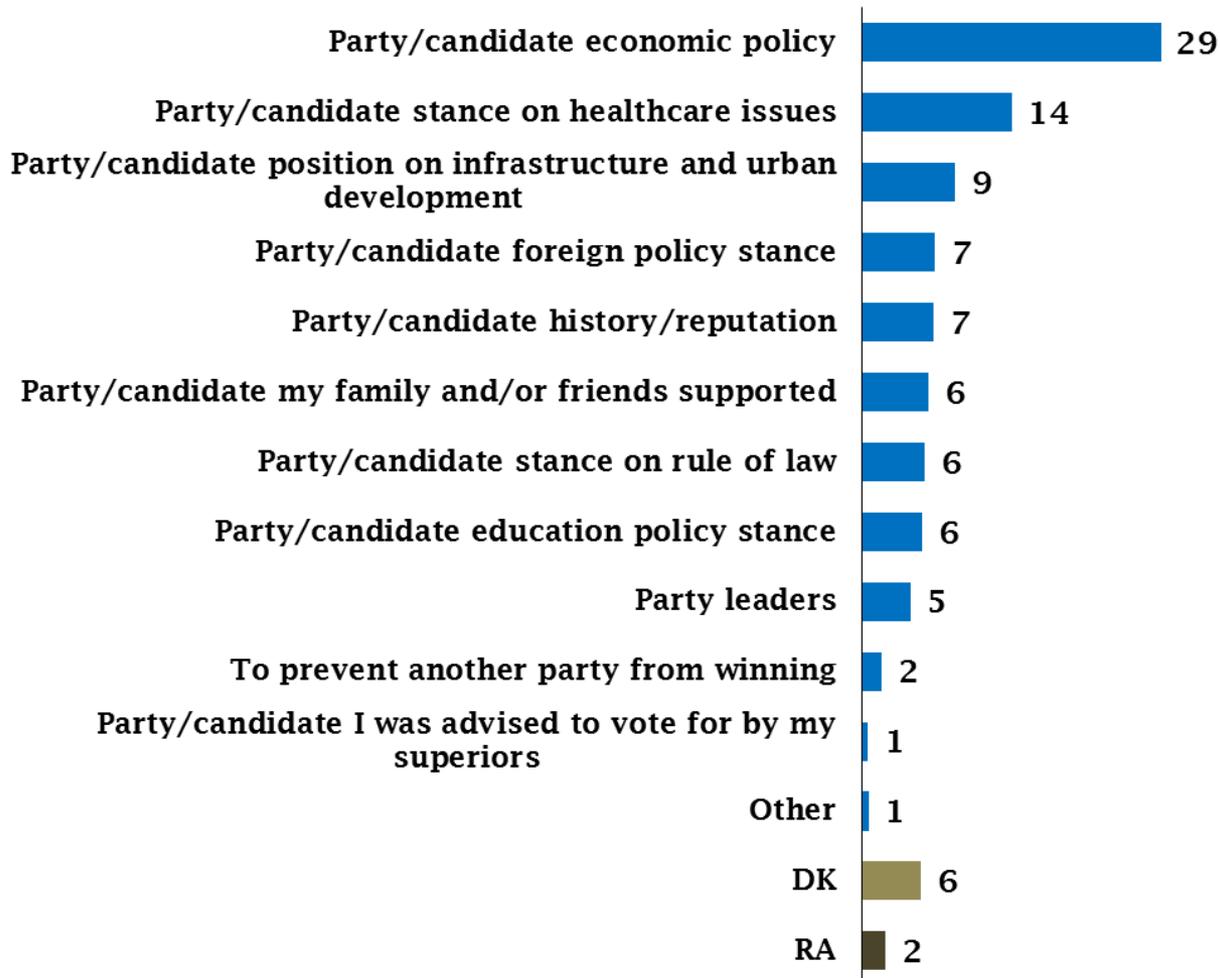
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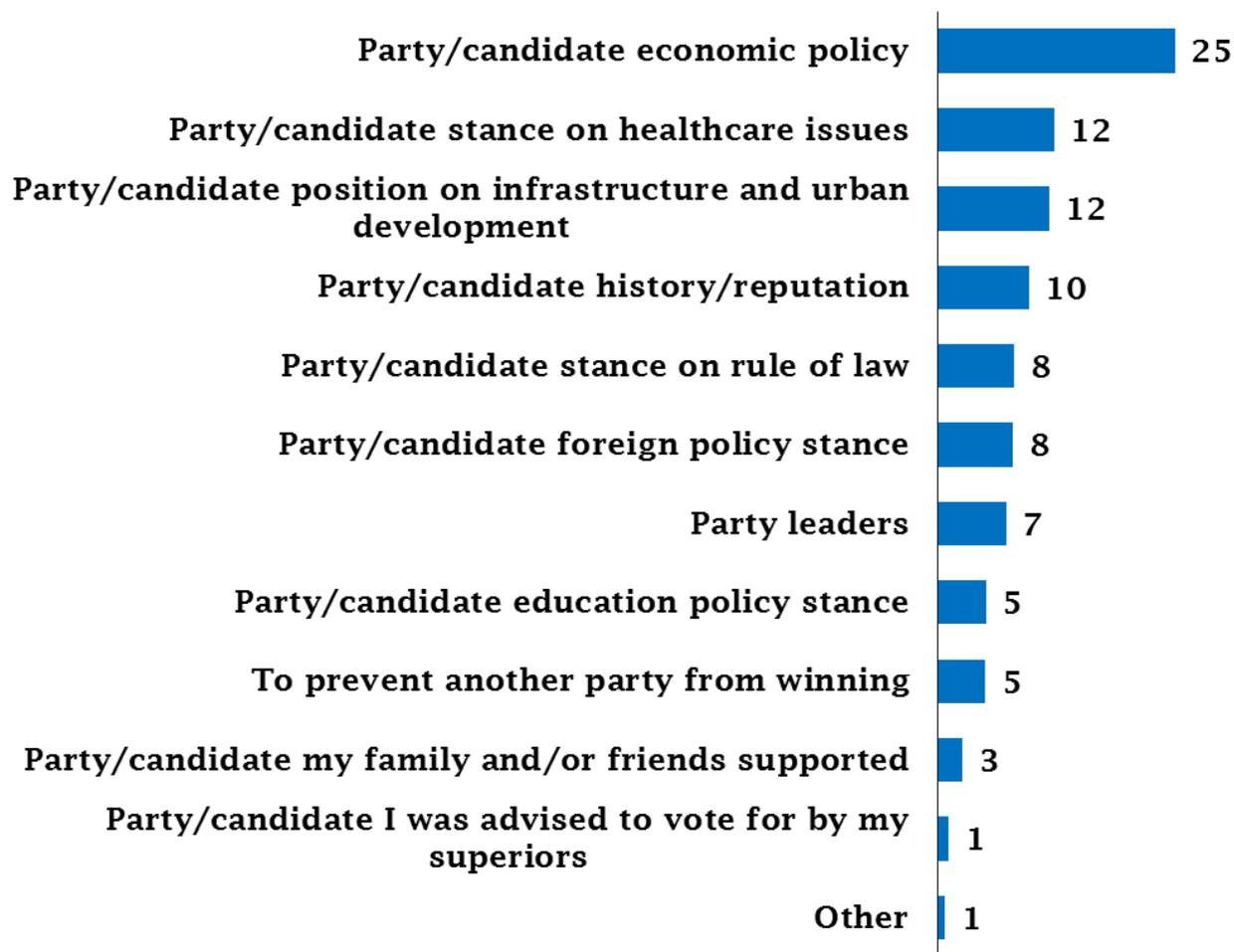
**For each please tell us whether it occurred or not during
the election process? (q35) Tbilisi
Part 2**



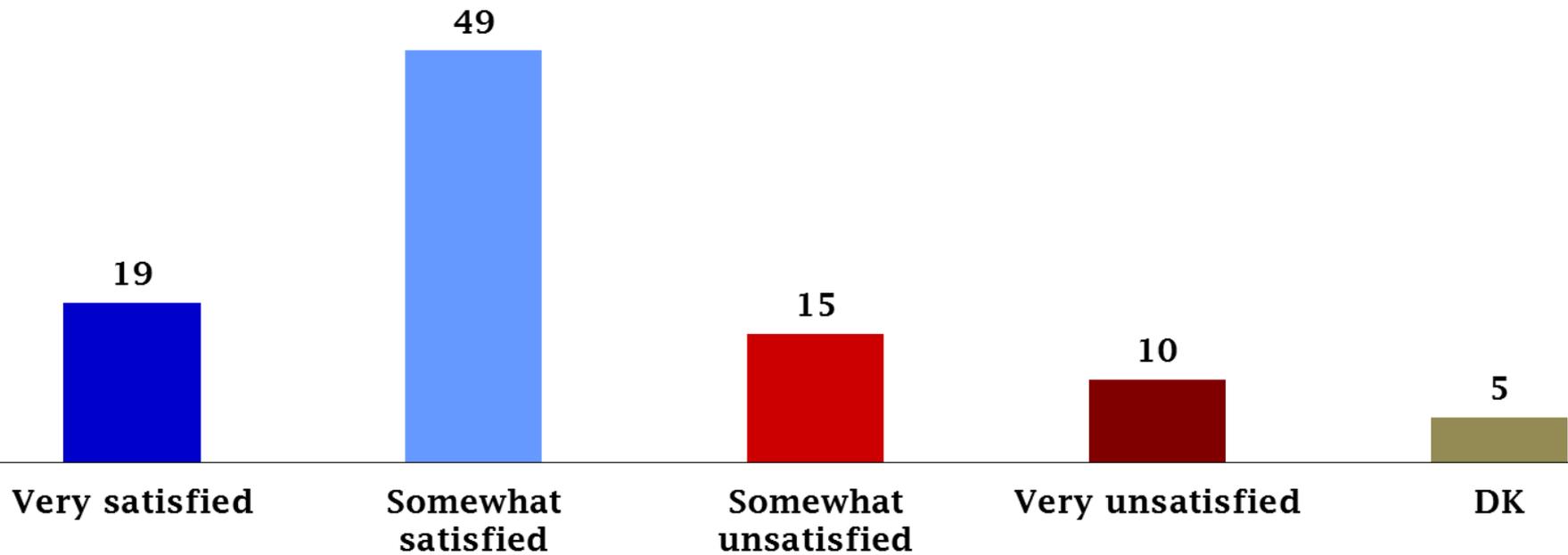
Which of the following was the most important when deciding which party to vote for in local elections? (q36) - of the 67% who voted in the October 21 local government election or the run offs



**Which of the following was the most important when deciding which party to vote for in local elections?
(q36) Tbilisi - of the 60% who voted in October 21 local government election or the run offs**

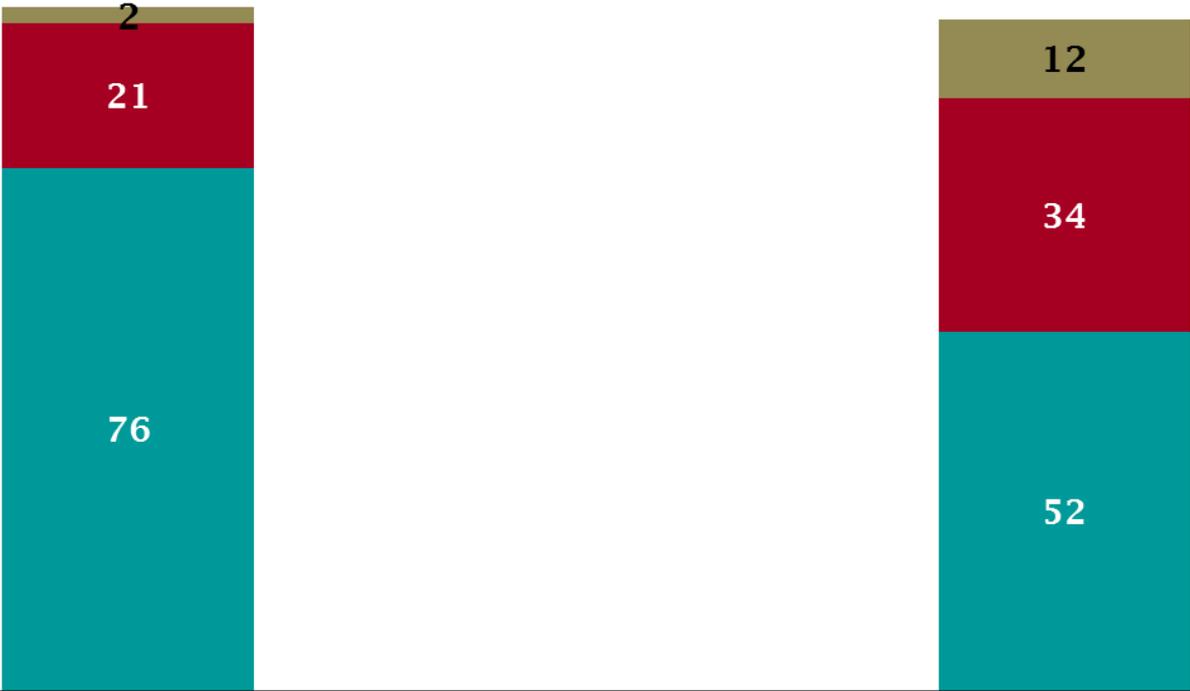


Overall, how satisfied or unsatisfied are you with the results of local elections? (q37)



Overall, are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the results of local elections? (q37 X Did you vote in October 21 local government election and/or run offs on November 12?)

■ Satisfied ■ Unsatisfied ■ DK

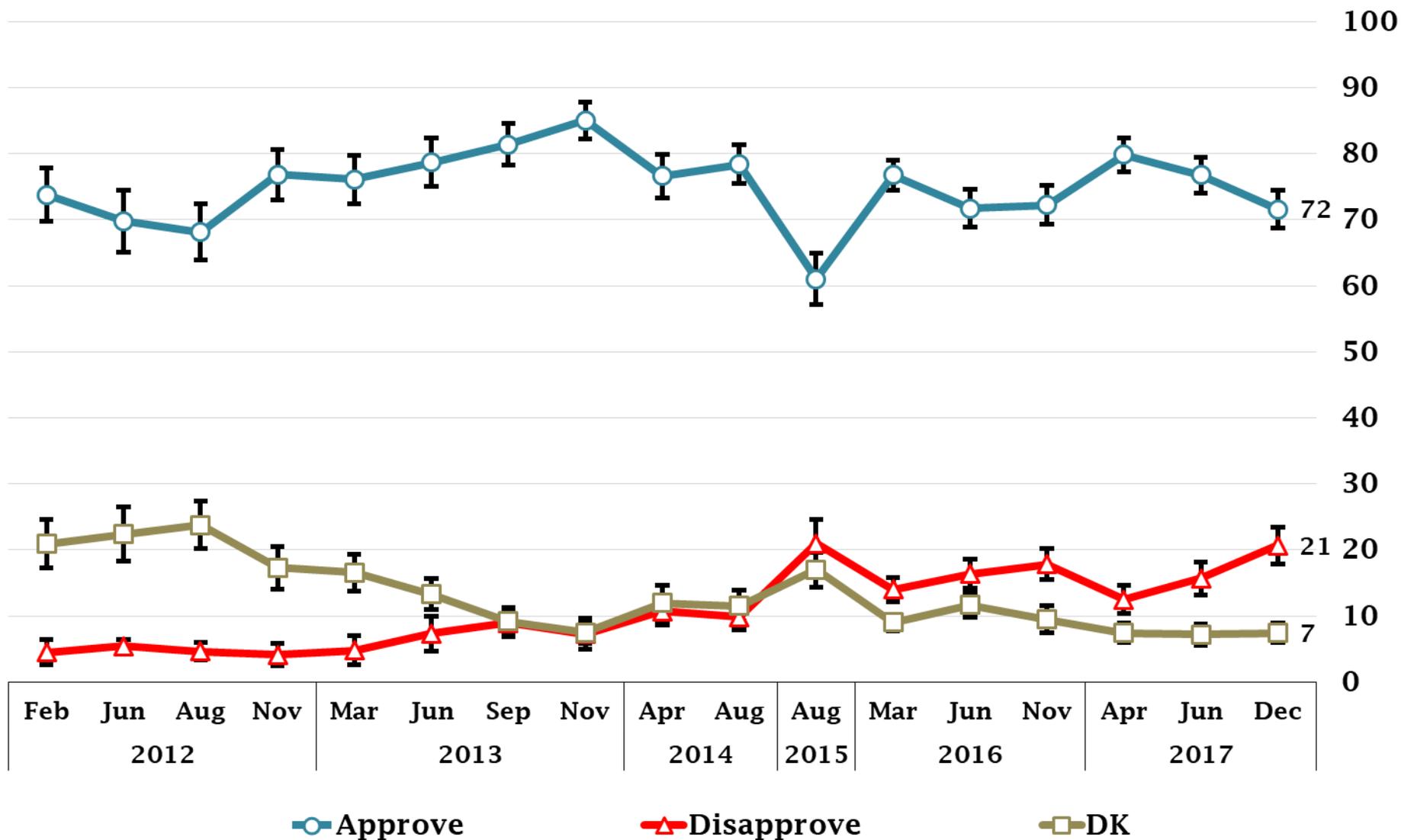


Voters

Non-voters

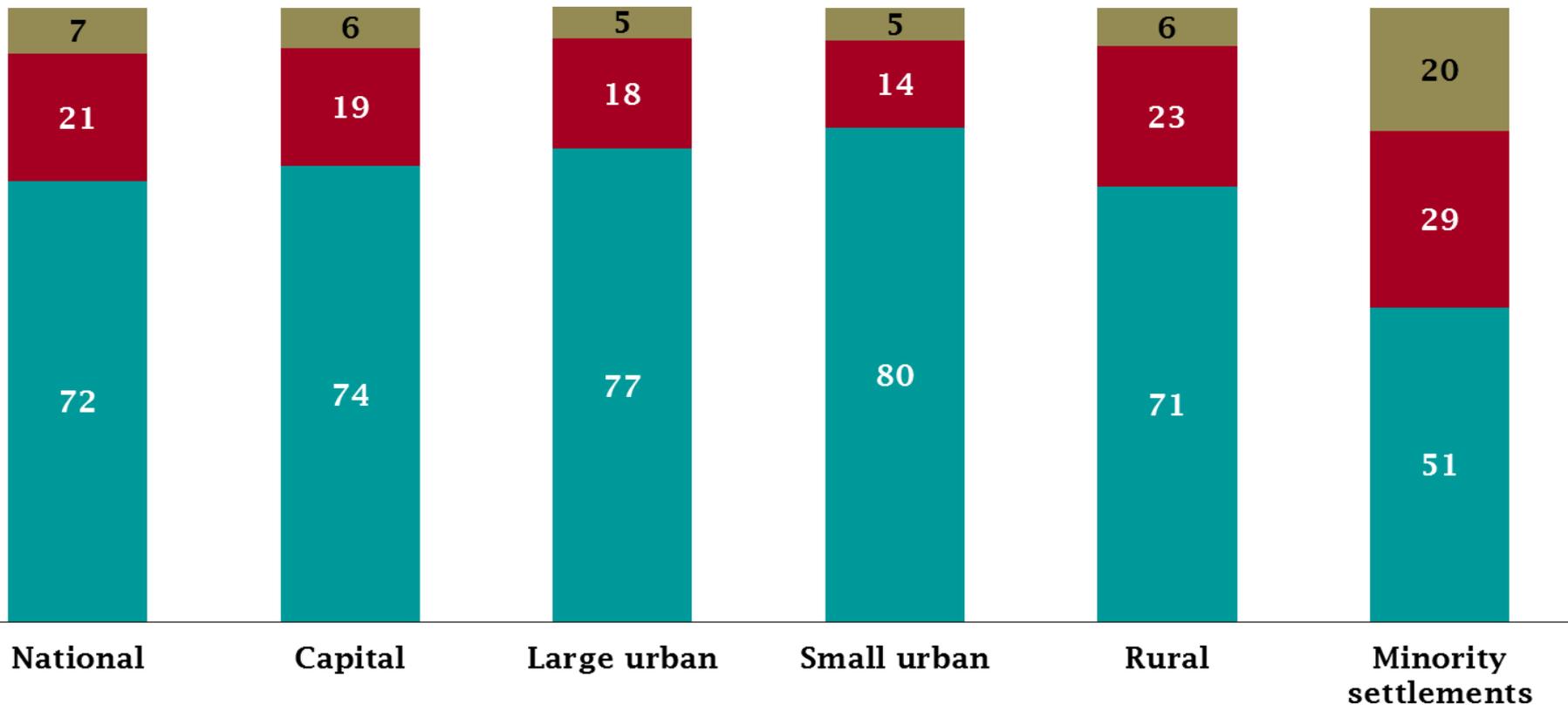
Foreign Policy

Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q7)



Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q7 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK

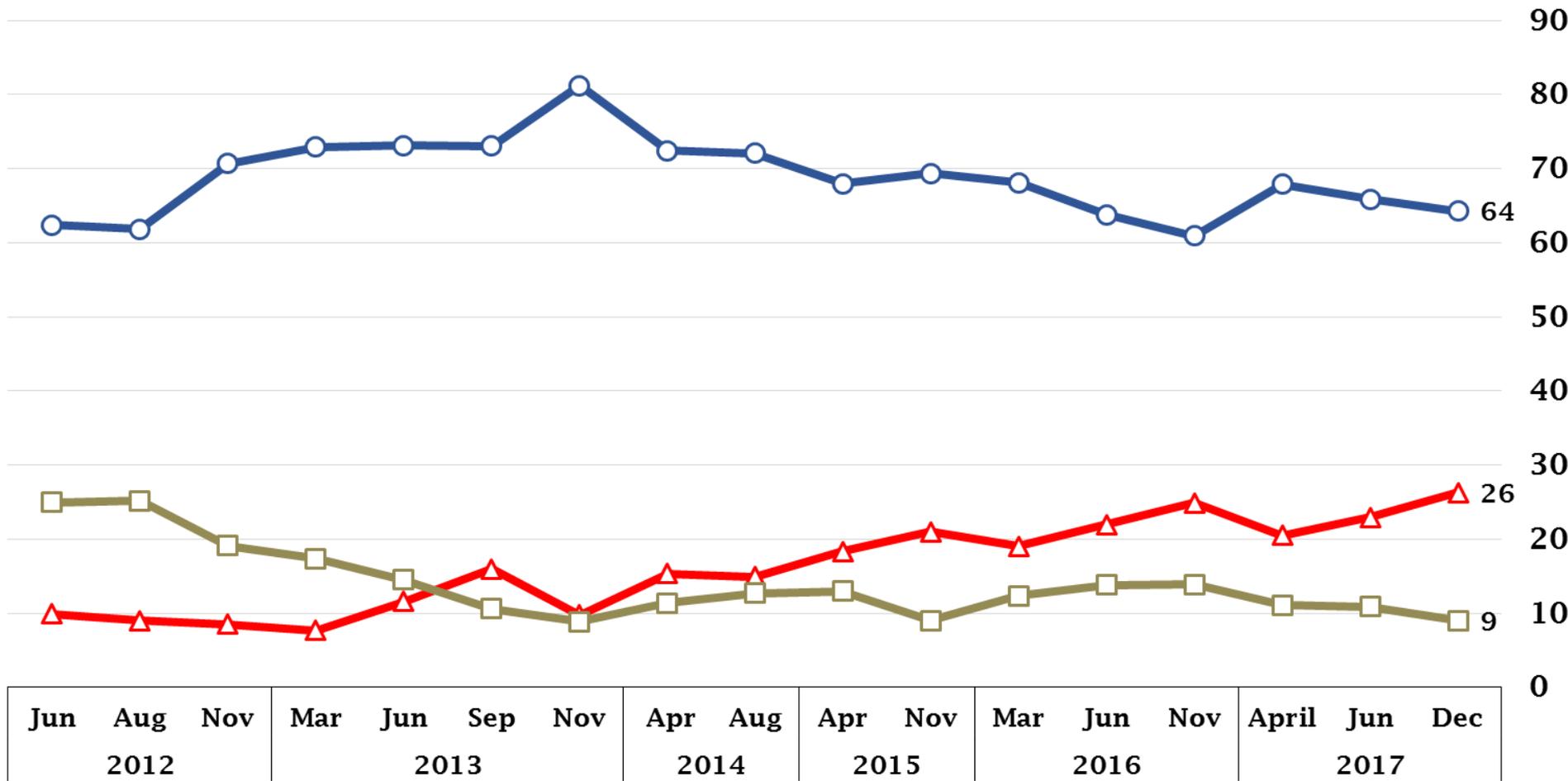


Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q7 X Age)

■ Disapprove ■ Approve ■ DK



Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join NATO? (q8)



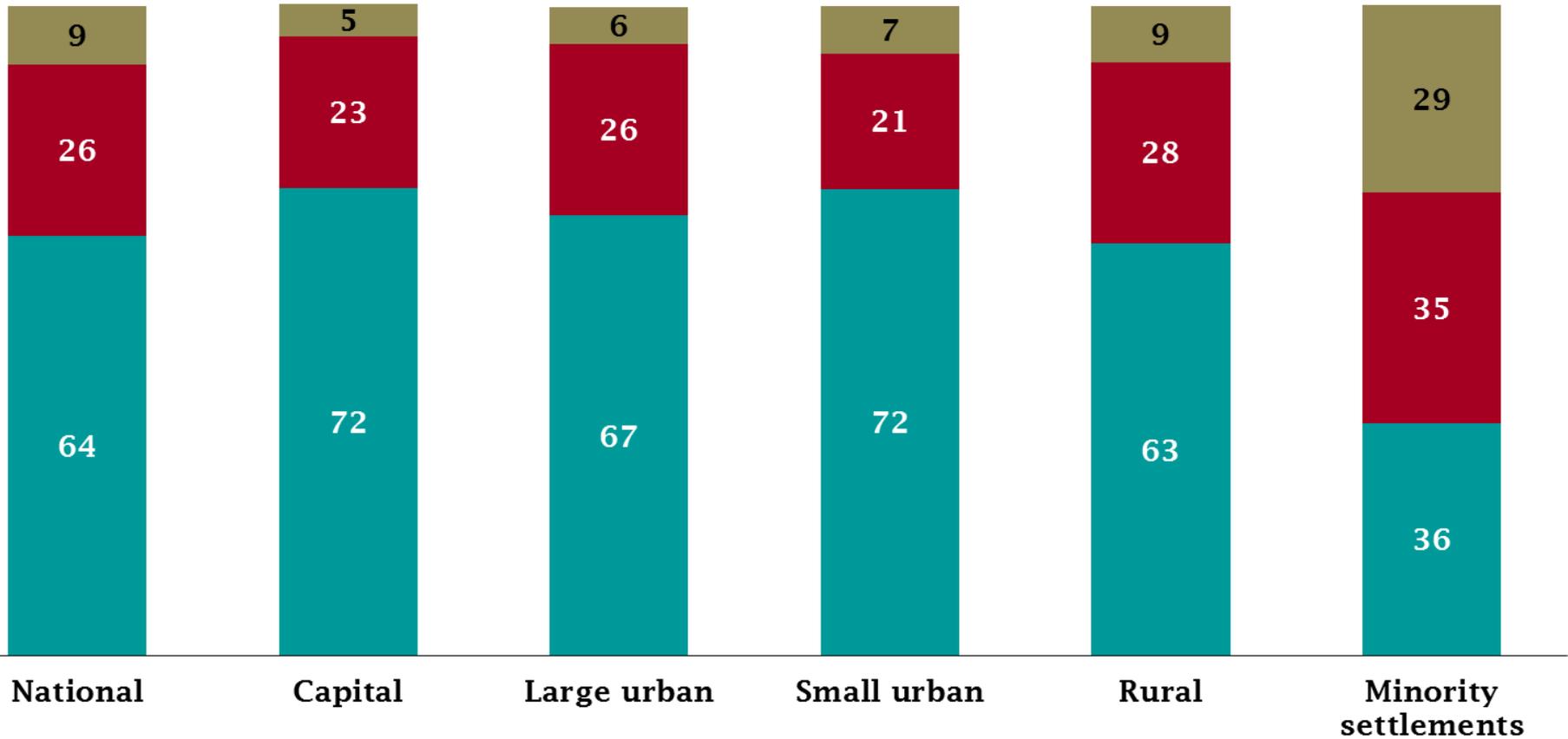
○ Approve

△ Disapprove

□ DK

Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join NATO? (q8 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK

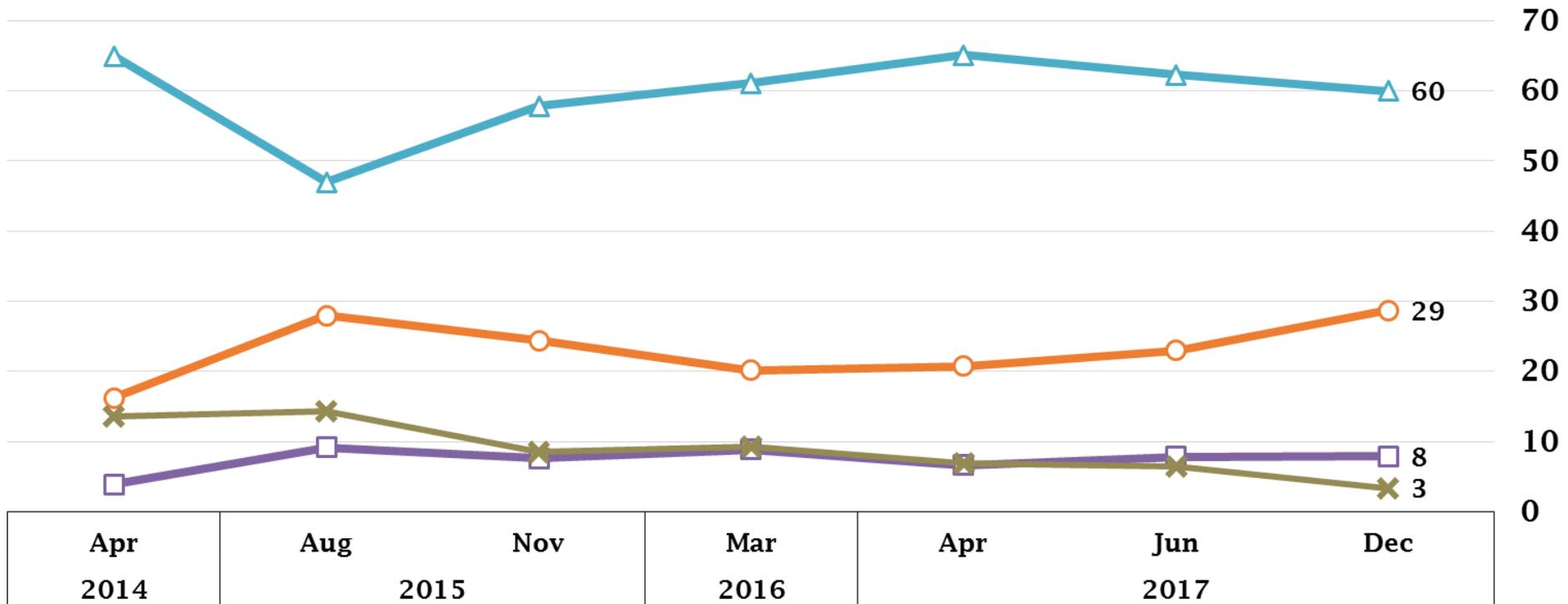


Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join NATO? (q8 X Age)

■ Disapprove ■ Approve ■ DK



Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q9)



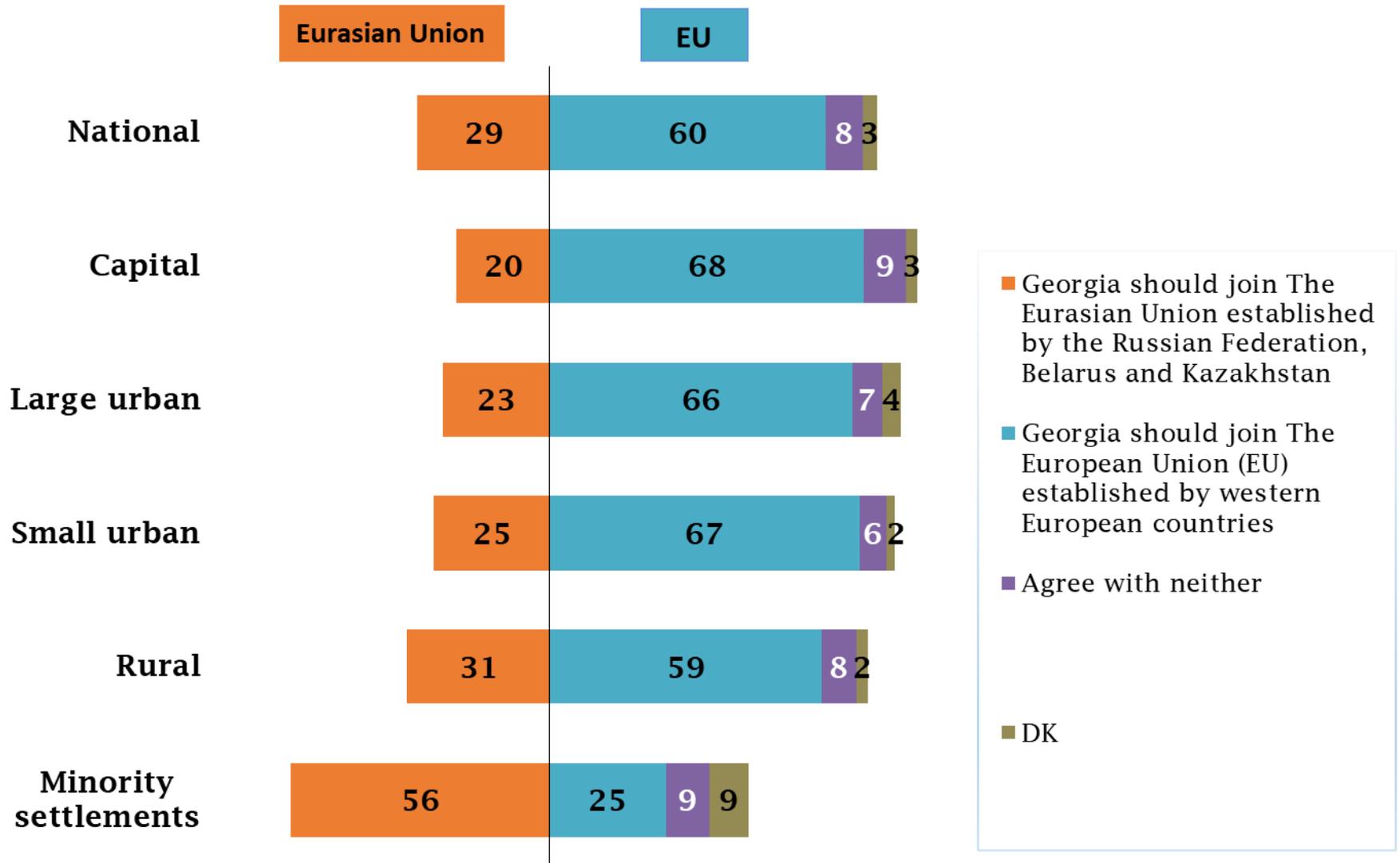
—○— Georgia should join The Eurasian Union established by the Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan

—△— Georgia should join The European Union (EU) established by western European countries

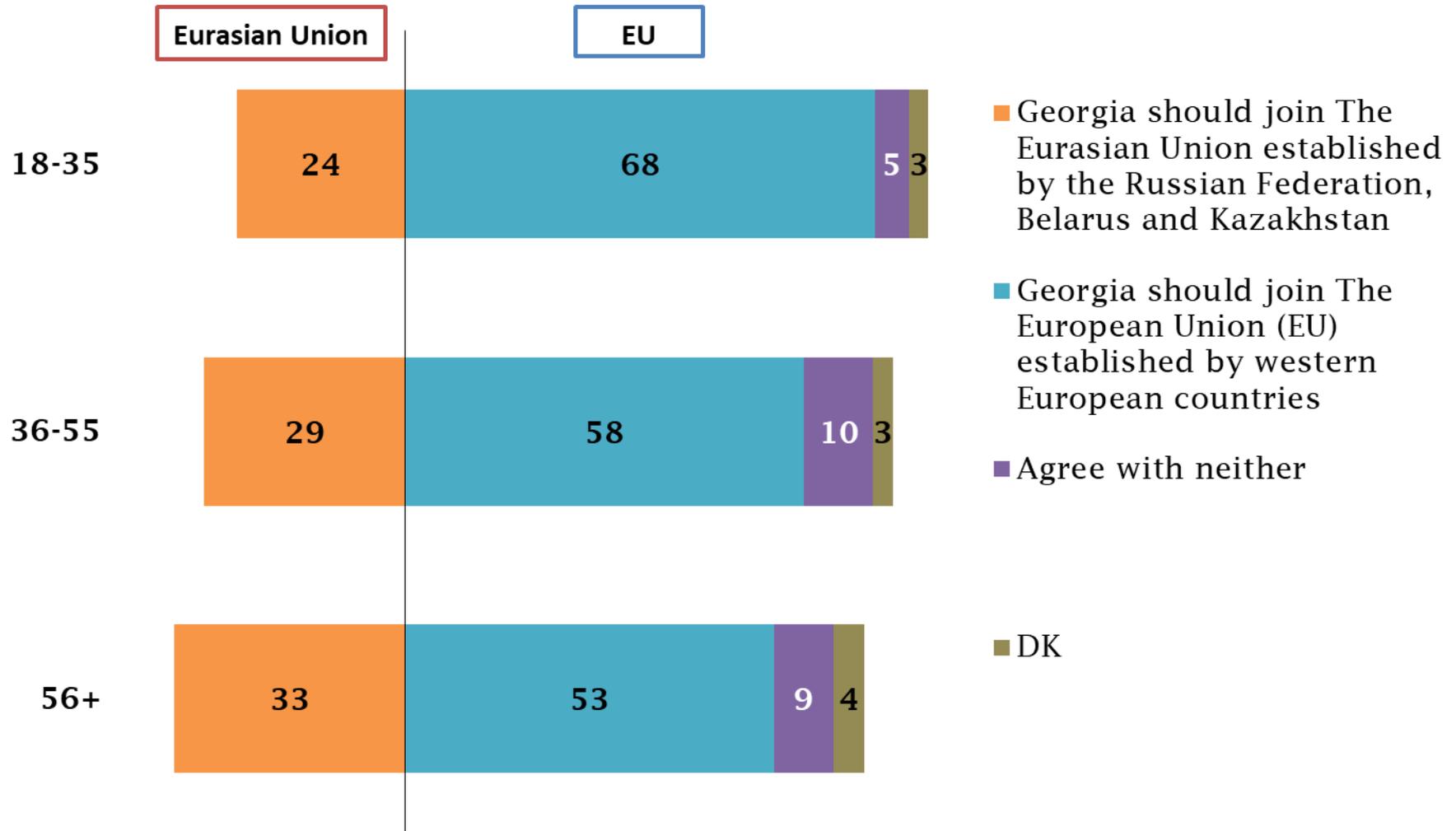
—□— Agree with neither

—×— DK

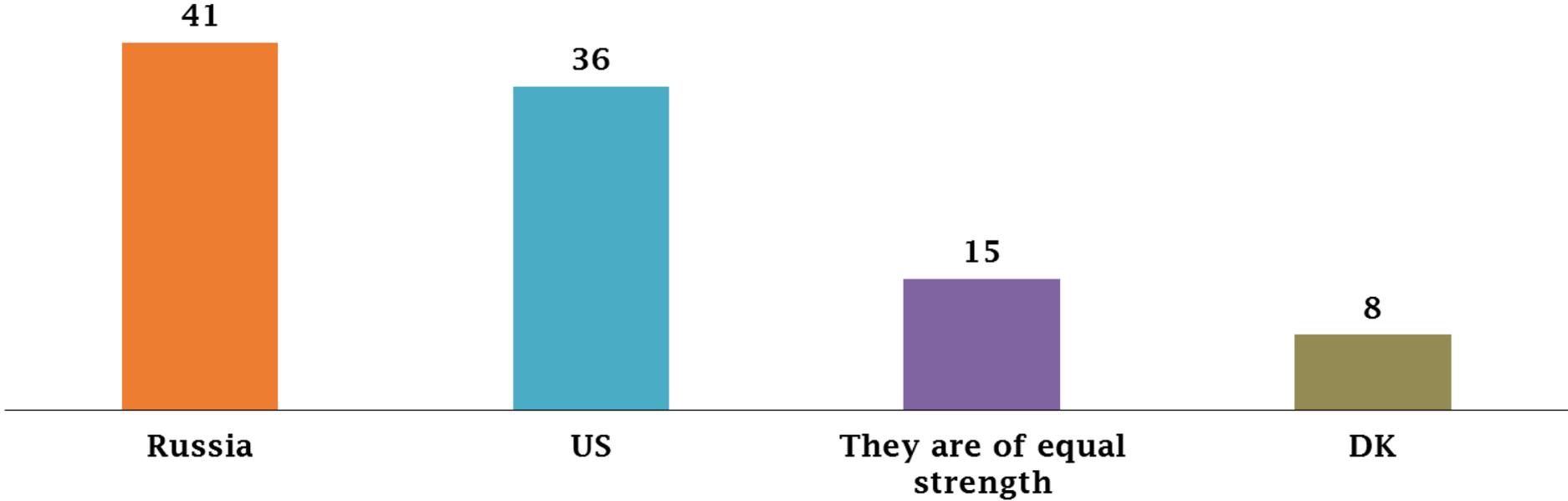
Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q9 X Settlement)



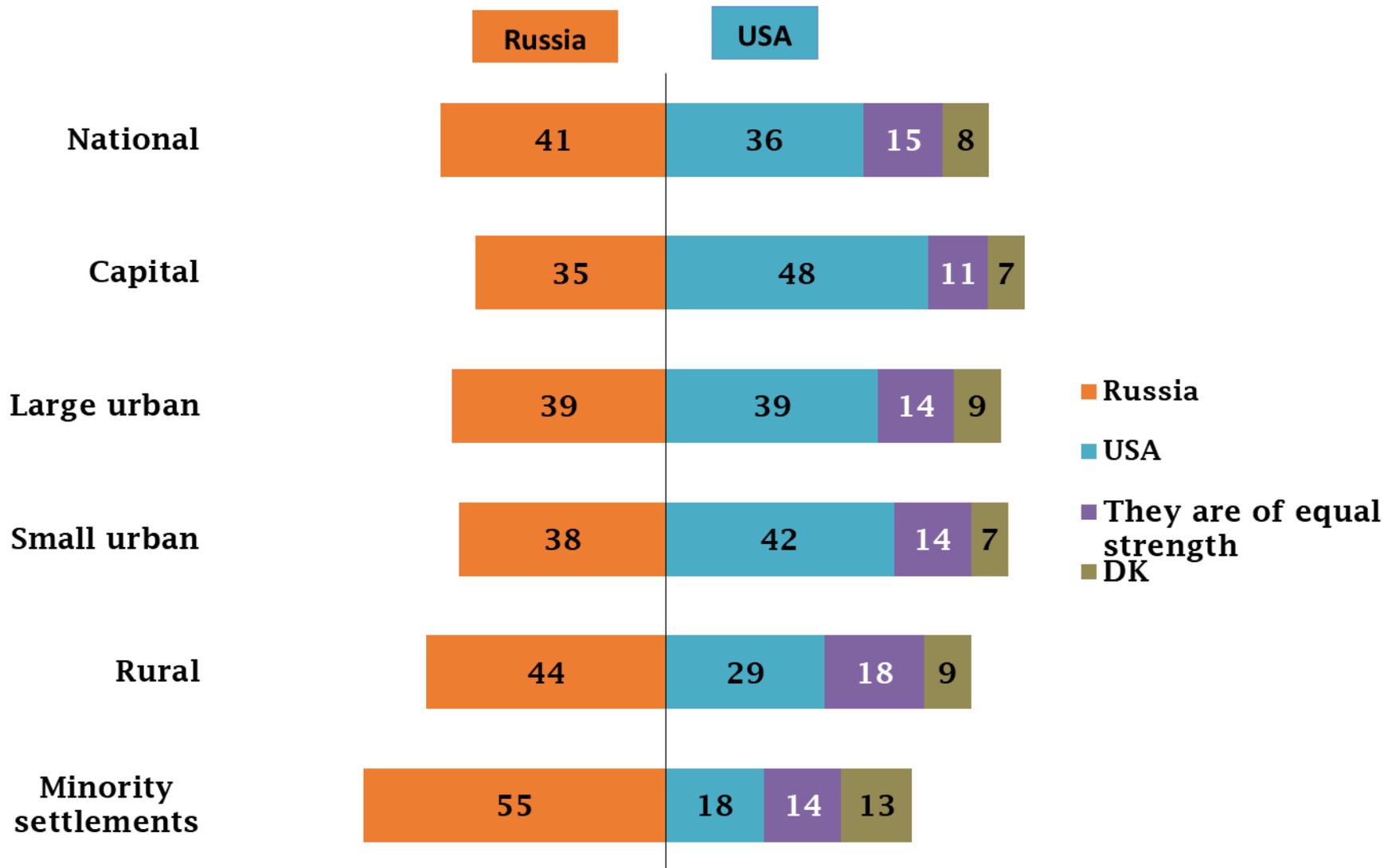
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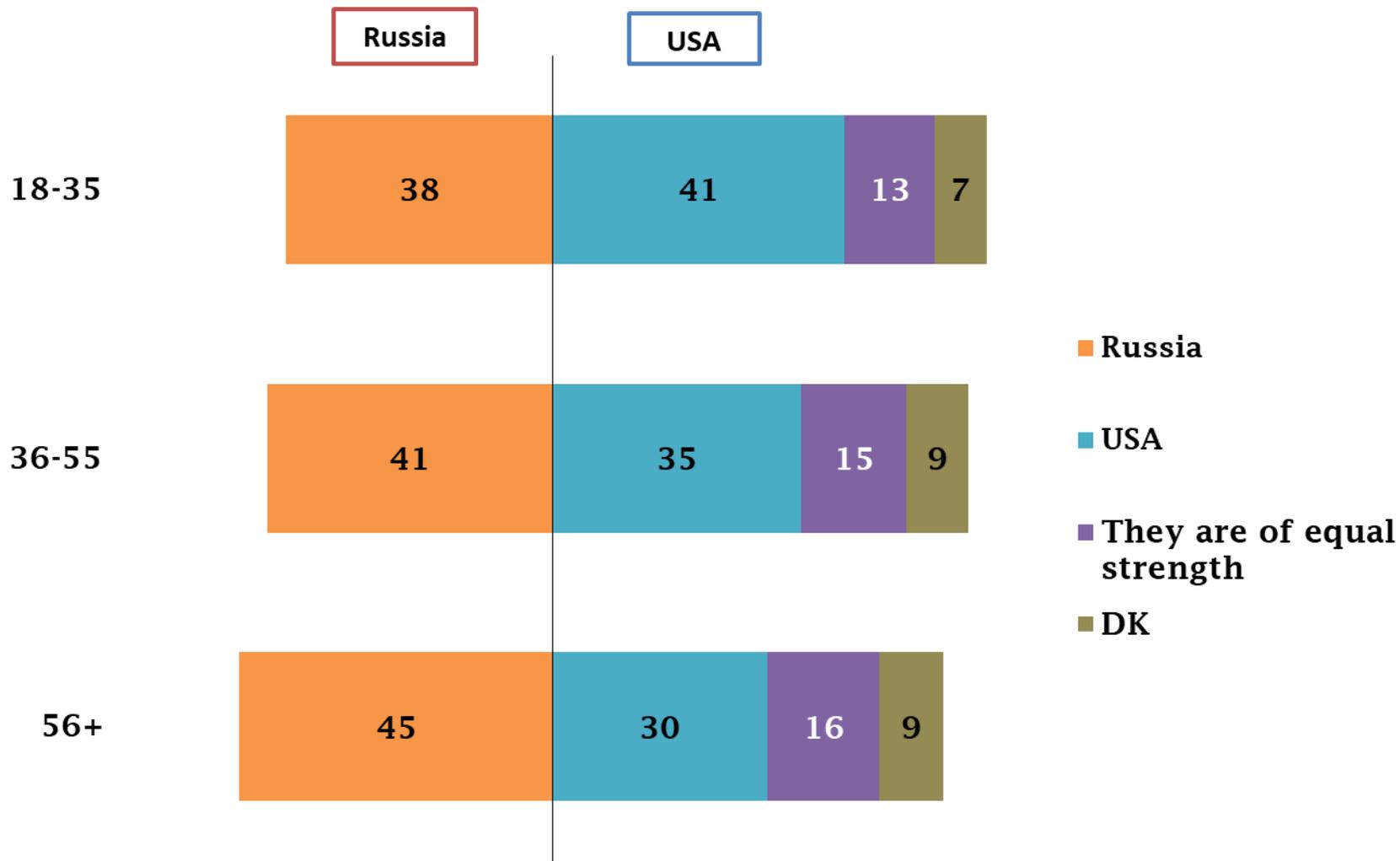
Which country do you think is superior in terms of military strength, Russia or US? (q10)



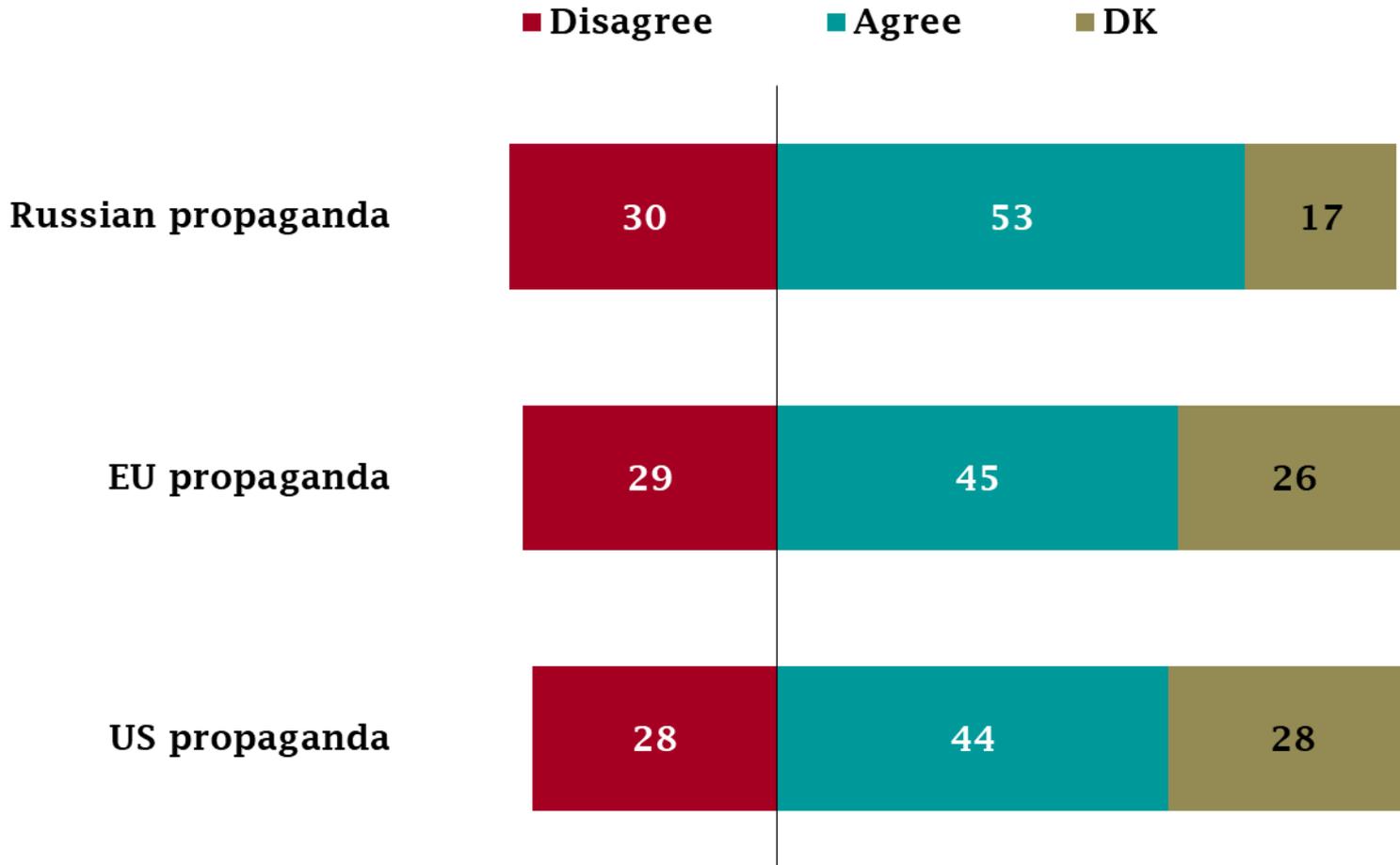
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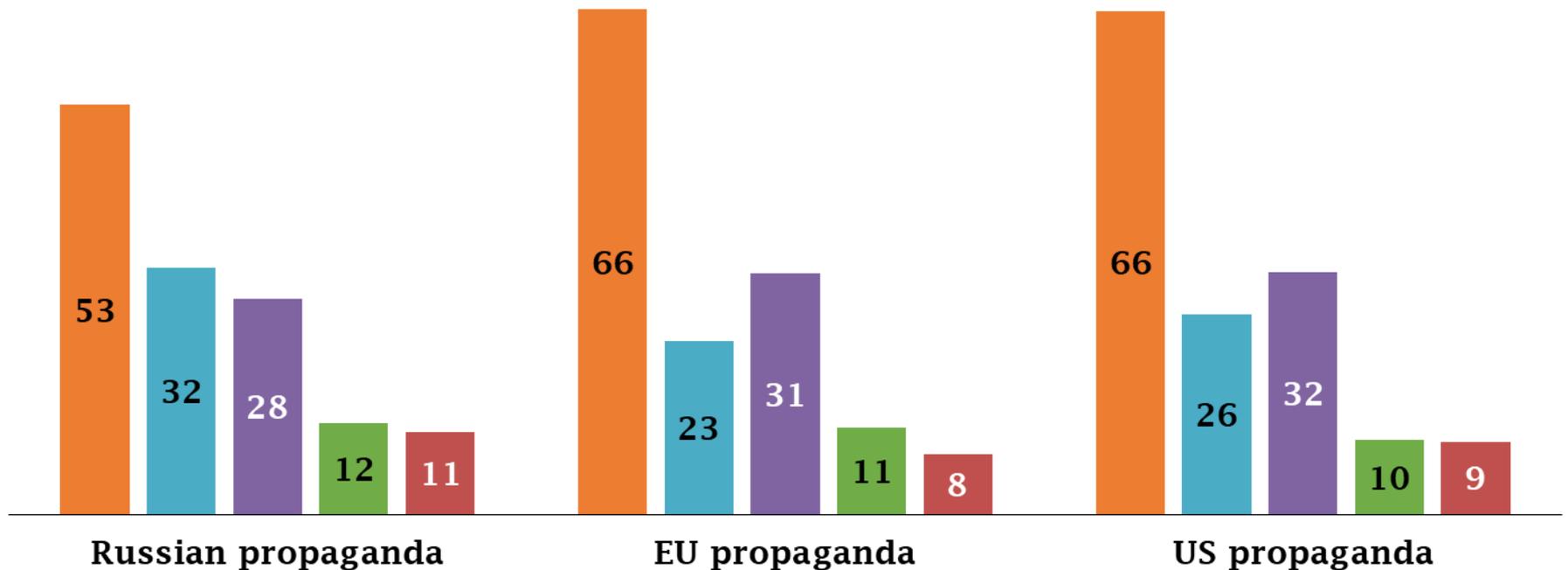
Do you agree or disagree that there is a Russian/EU/US propaganda in Georgia? (q11, q13, q15)



Respondents were given a definition: Propaganda is an attempt to spread information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, to promote a positive image of a specific country, justify its actions and create a negative image of the opposing countries.

If agree, what do you believe are the channels of this propaganda? (q12, q14, q16) - of those who agree that there is a Russian/EU/US propaganda in Georgia

- Georgian TV channels
- Internet/Social media
- Non-Georgian TV channels
- Political parties
- Civil society



Do you agree or disagree that ...? (q20a, q20b, q20c)

■ Disagree ■ Agree ■ DK

Media sources are spreading disinformation in Georgia



Russian media sources are spreading disinformation in Georgia



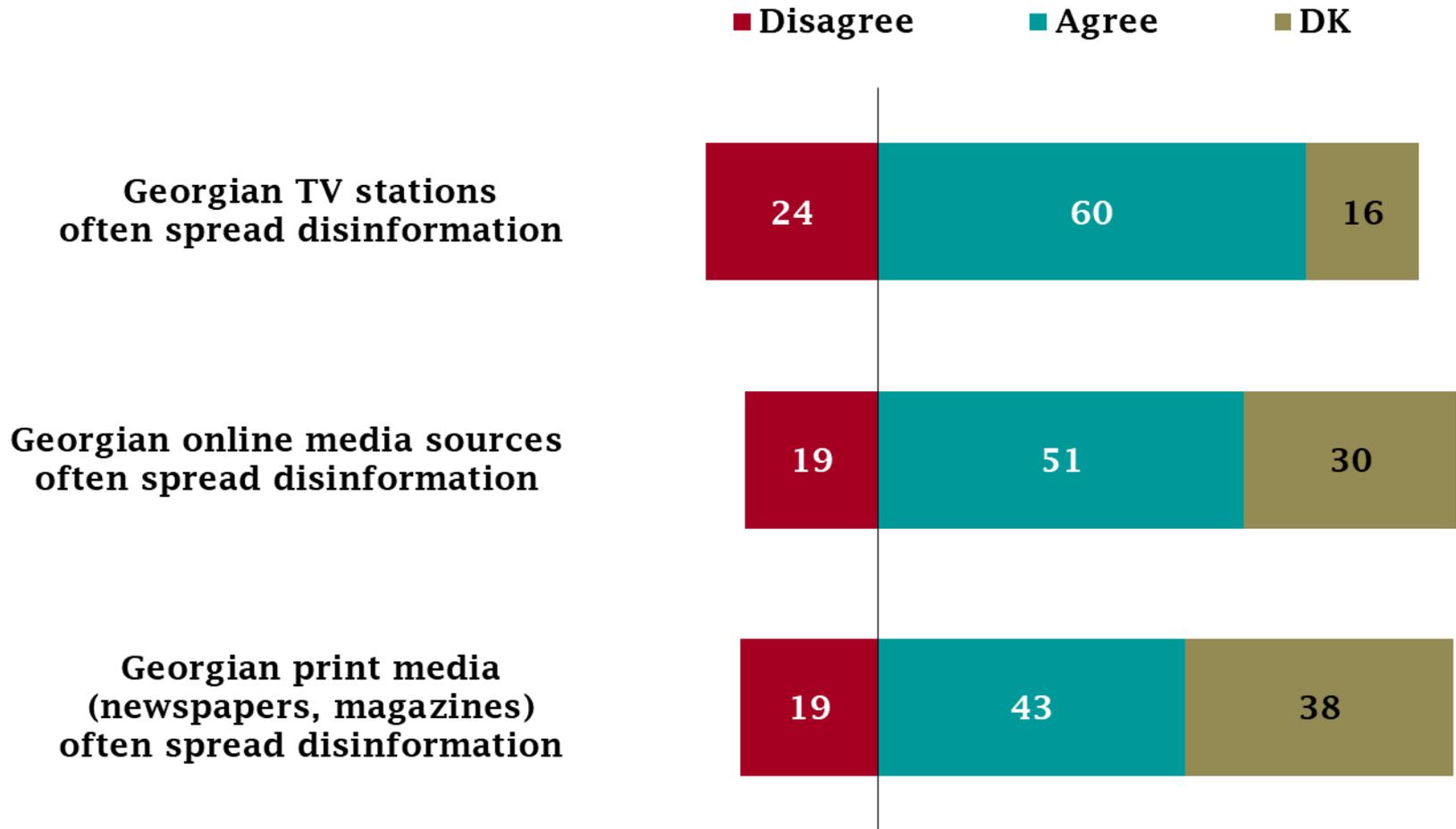
Western media sources are spreading disinformation in Georgia



To understand people's attitudes towards the issue, total sample was split into three groups. One group was asked about media sources in general, another group was asked about Russian media sources and the third one - about Western media sources. This allows us to compare results without the bias of other questions.

Desinformation was defined as: false news, which is spread deliberately with the purpose to mislead and deceive people.

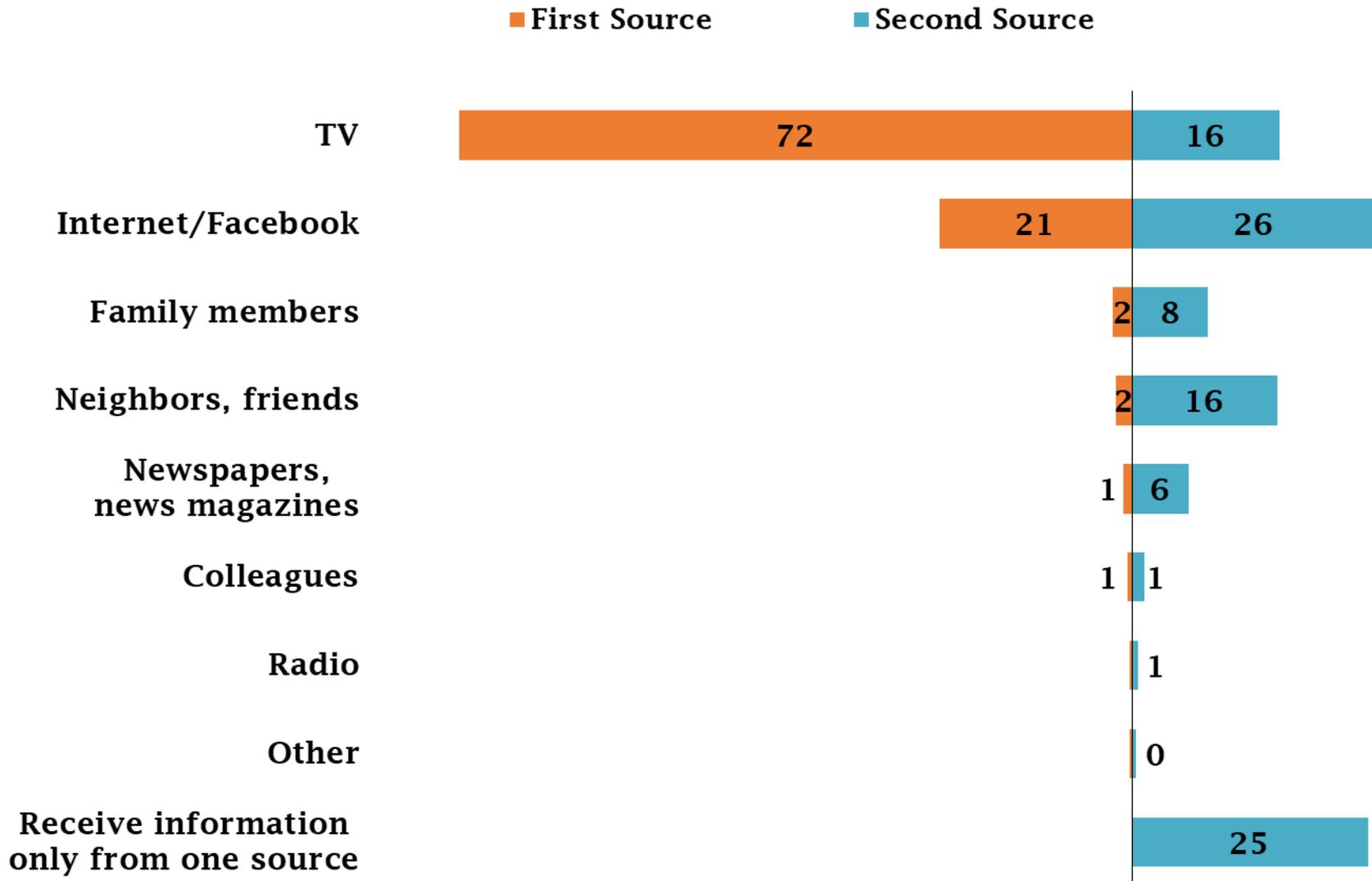
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (q21)



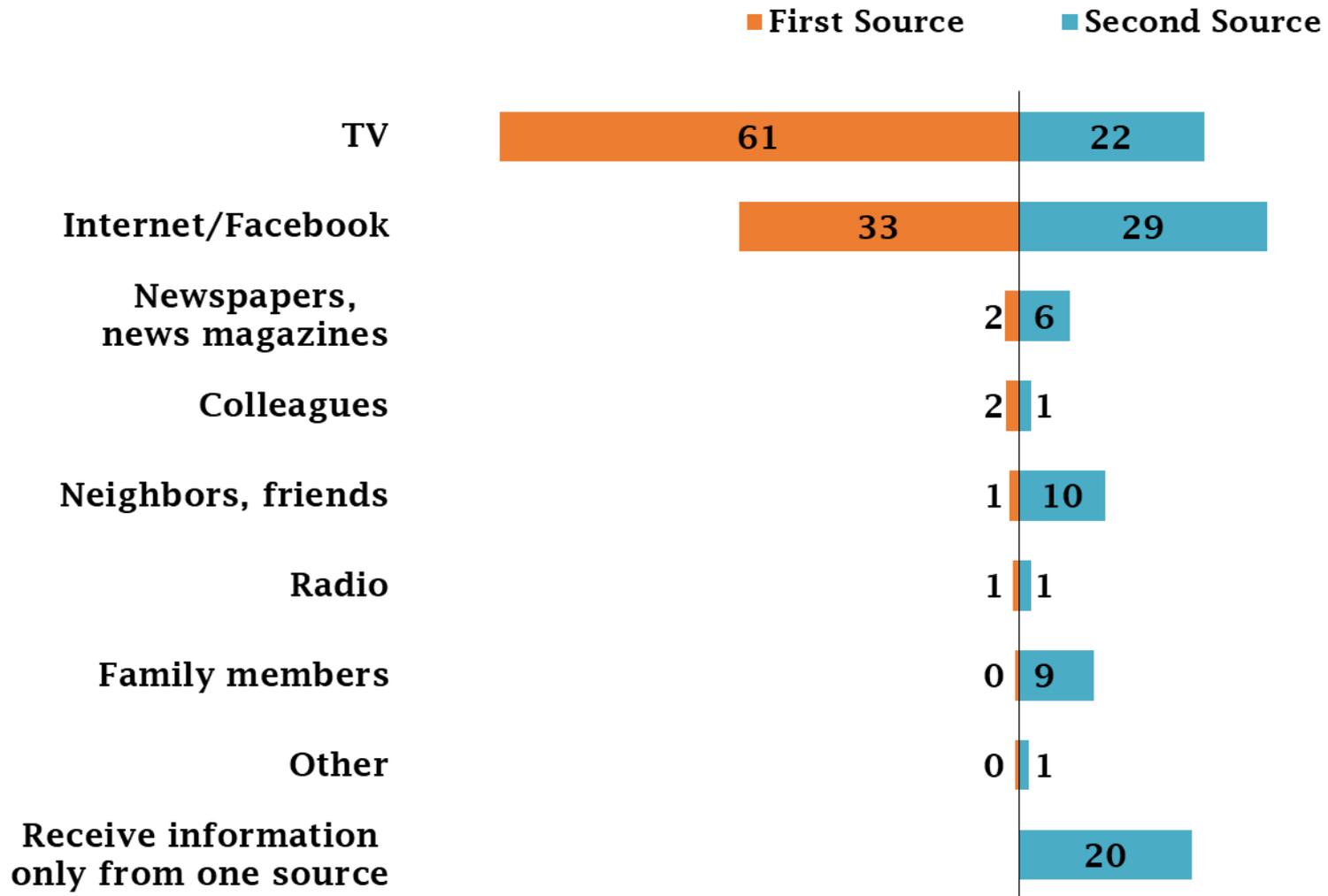
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Sources of information

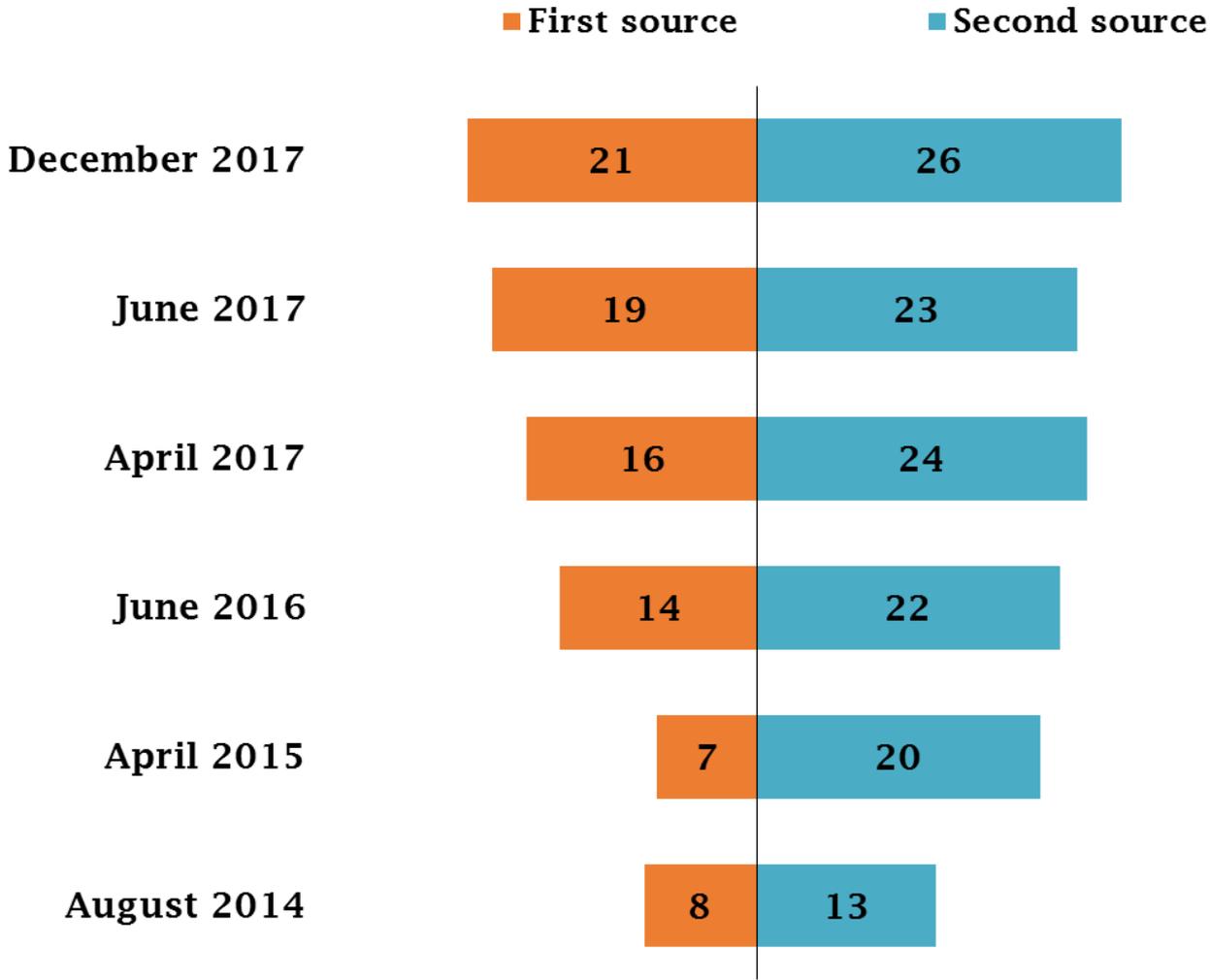
What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q17, q18)



What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q17, q18) Tbilisi



What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q17, q18) Internet/Facebook

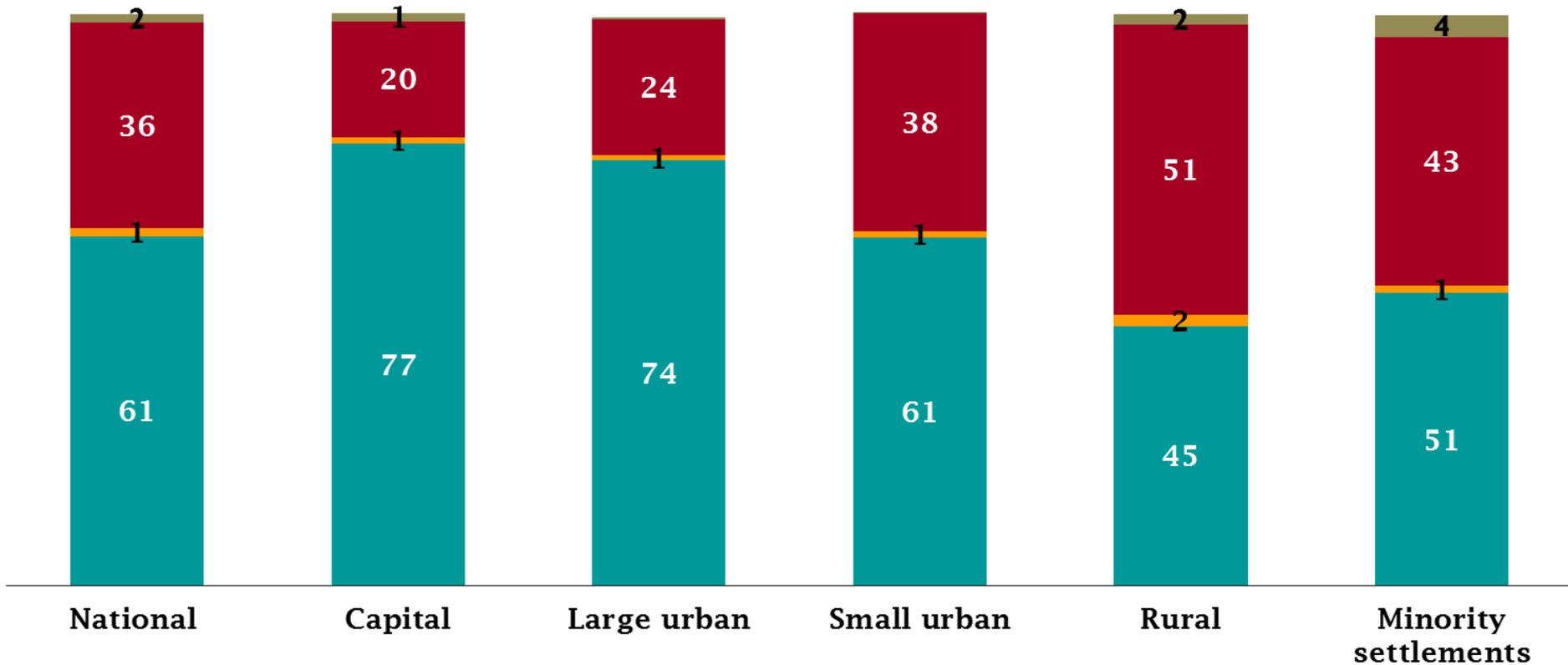


Before December 2017 the answer option was 'Internet'. In December 'Facebook' was added to the answer options together with internet.

How often do you use the Internet? (q64 X Settlement)

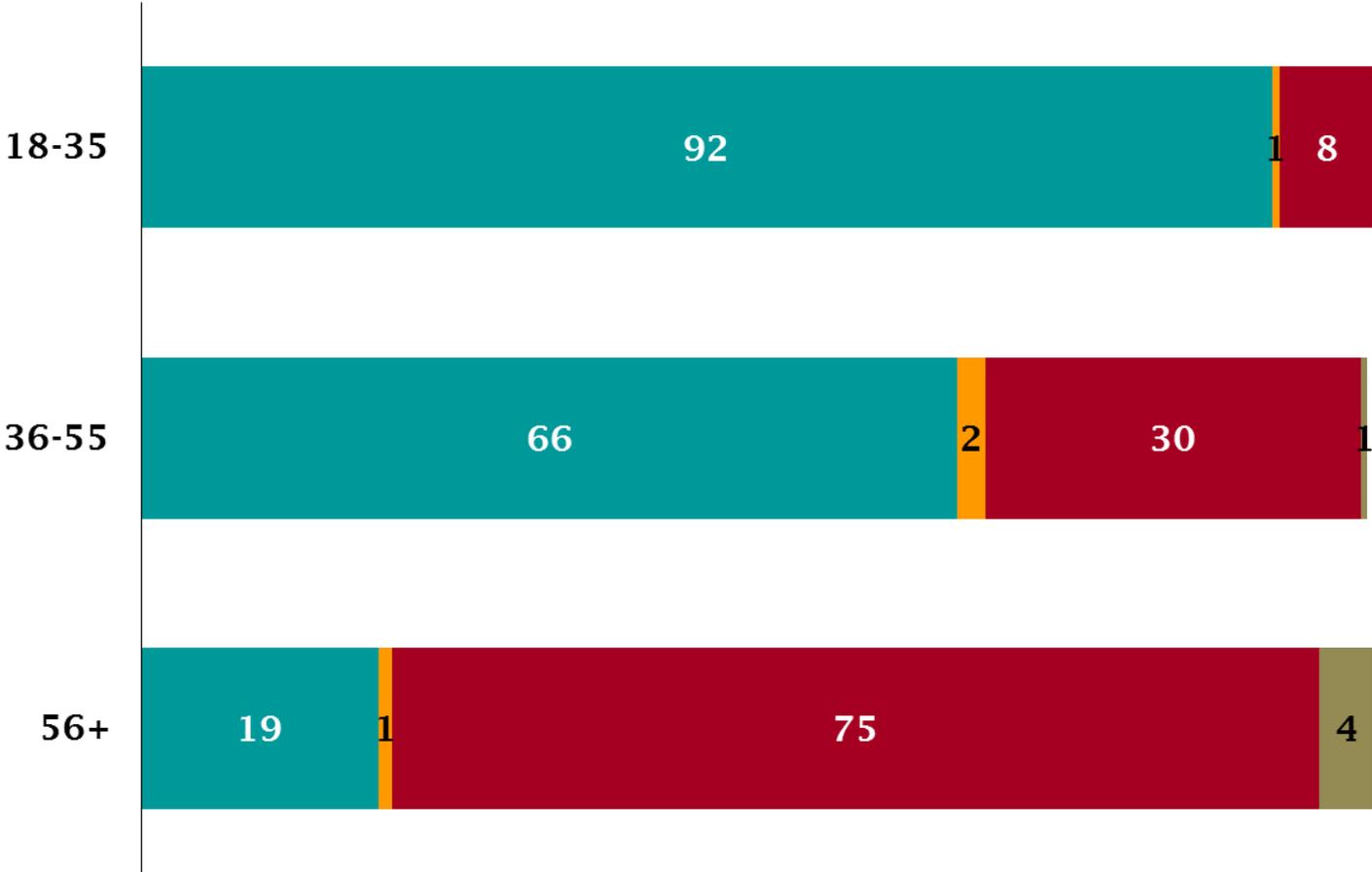
■ At least once a week or more often
■ Less often or never

■ At least once a month
■ I do not know what internet is

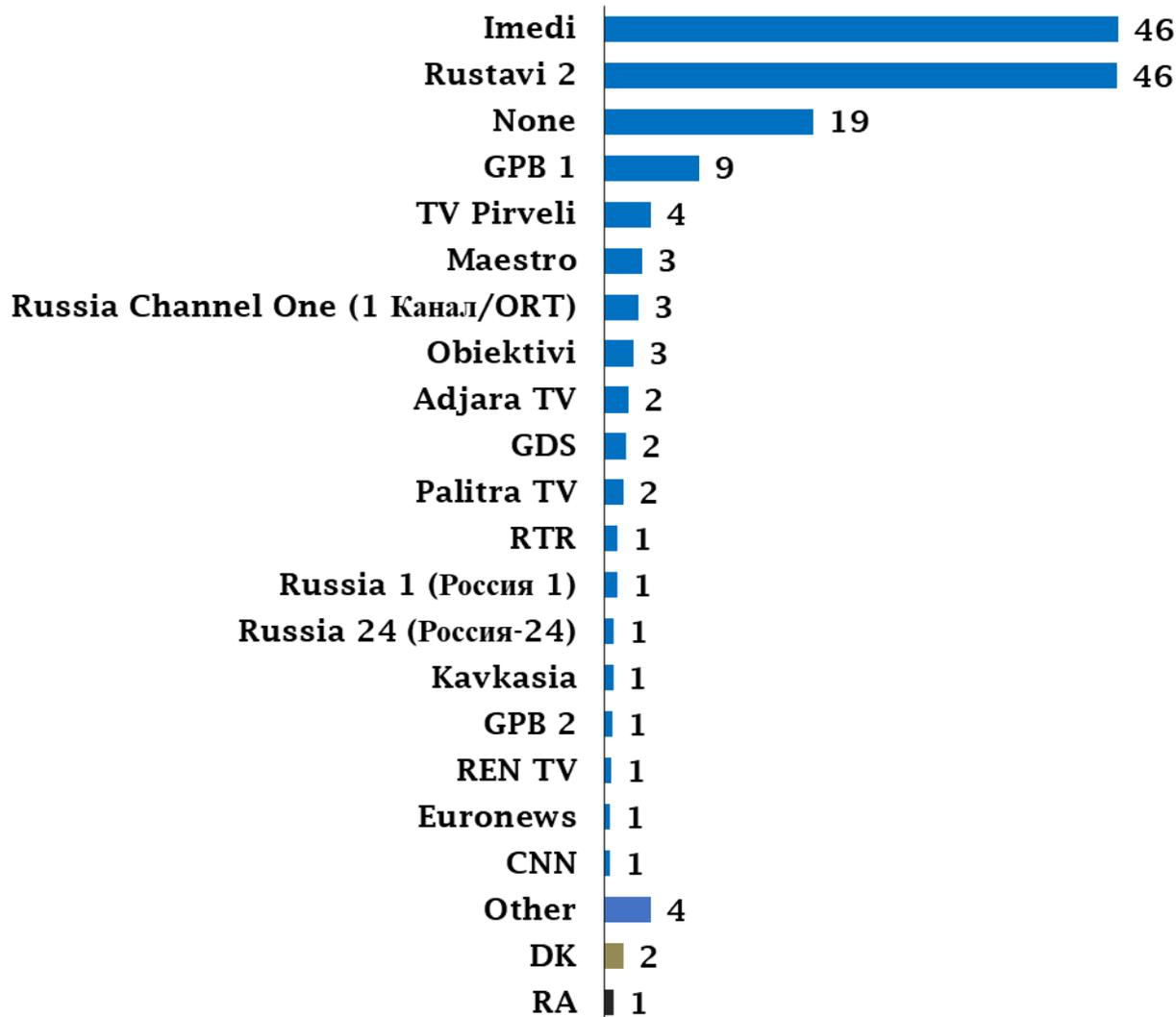


How often do you use the Internet? (q64 X Age)

- At least once a week or more often
- At least once a month
- Less often or never
- I do not know what the Internet is

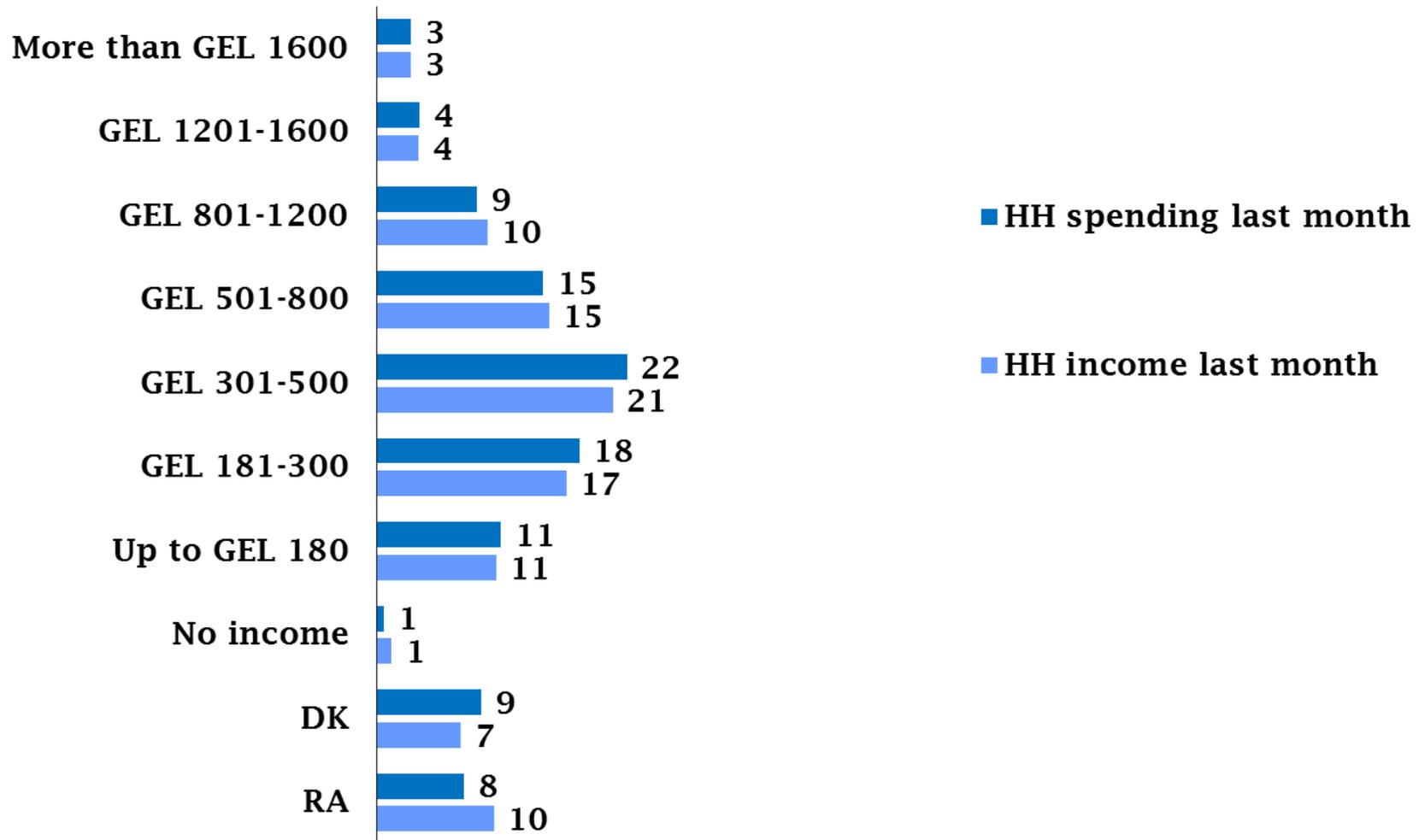


Which TV channels do you trust the most for accurate information on politics and current affairs? Name up to three (q19)



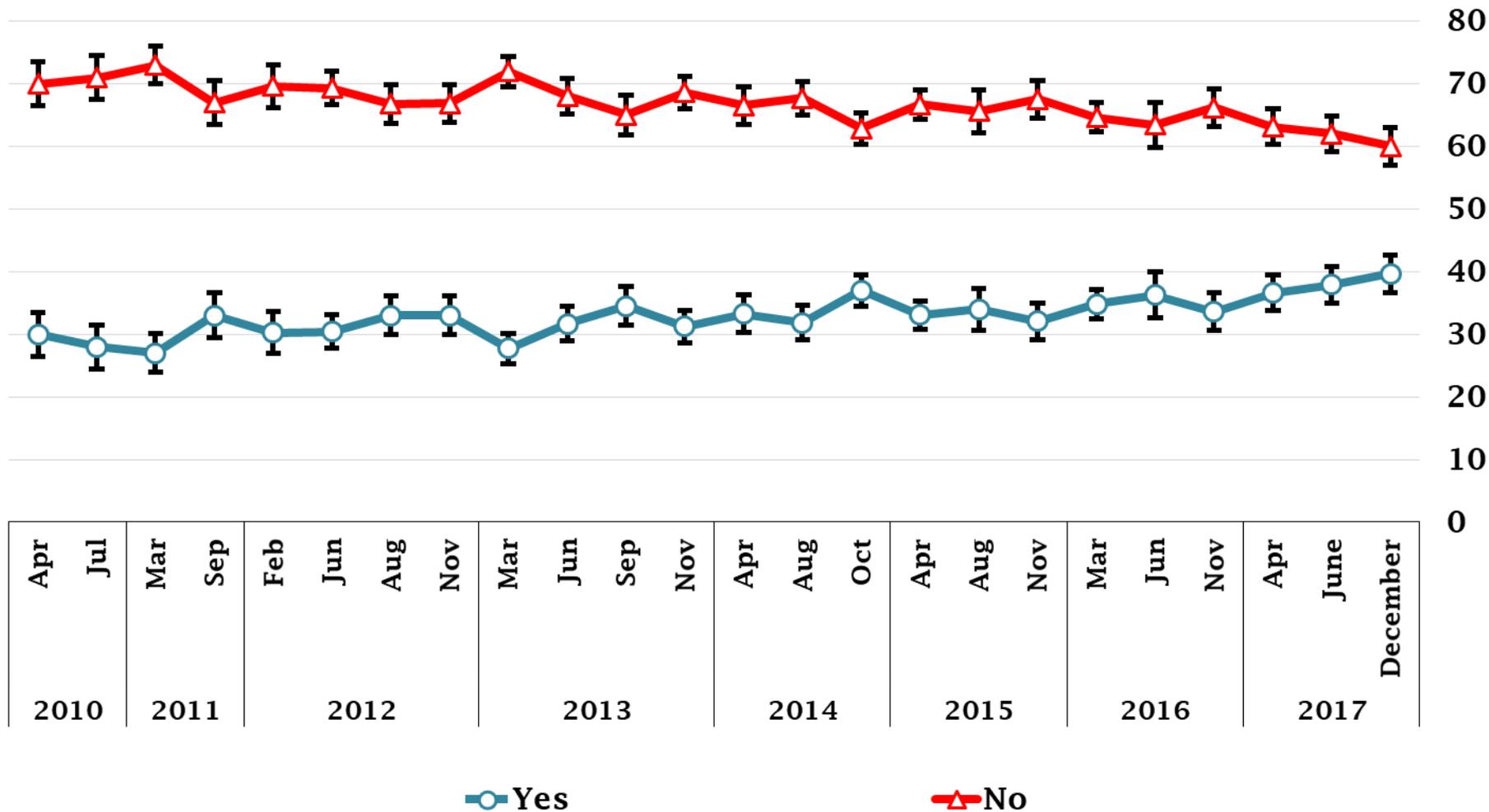
Employment and Income

Speaking about a monetary spending/income last month, to which of the following groups does your household belong? (q65/q69)



Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q66)

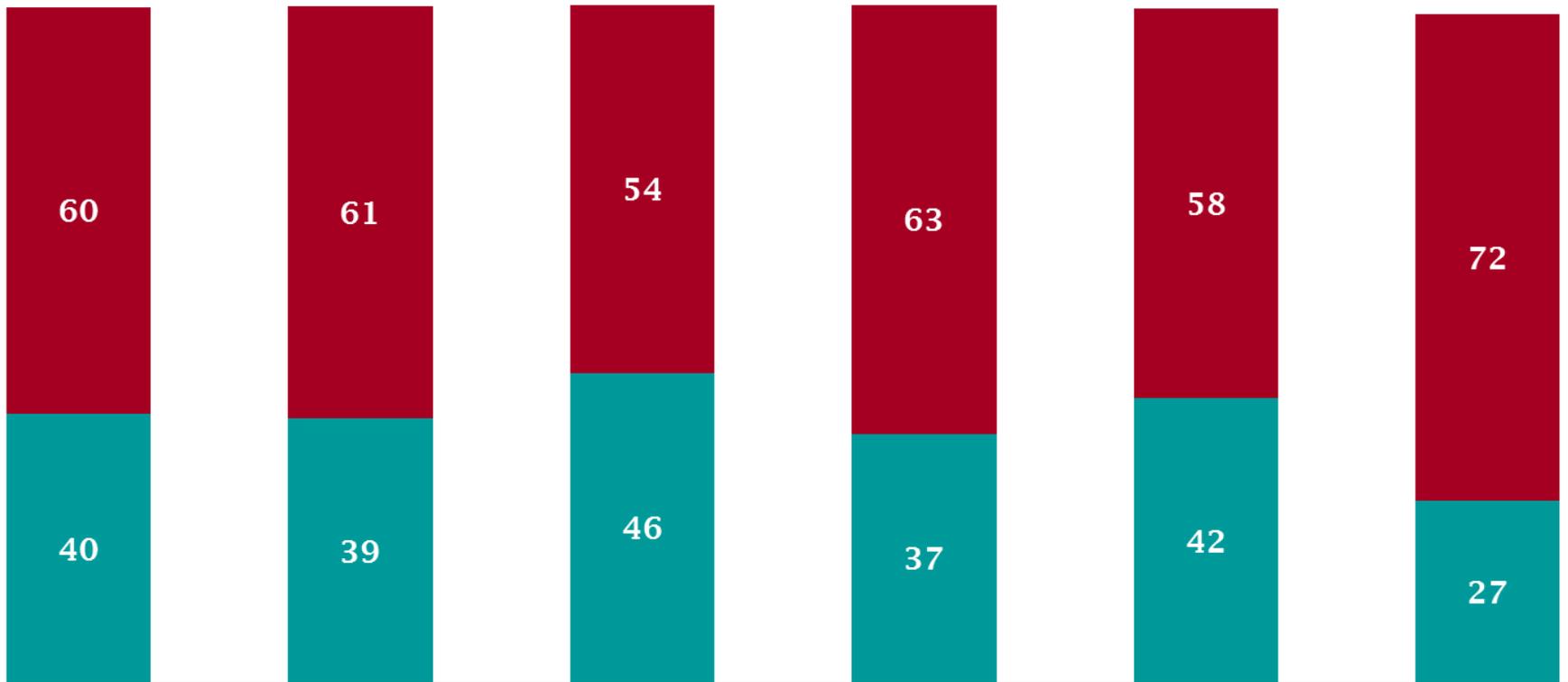
This employment may be part-time or full-time, you may be officially employed, informally employed, or self-employed, as long as it brings you monetary income.



Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q66 X Settlement)

■ Yes

■ No



National

Capital

Large urban

Small urban

Rural

Minority settlements

Which of the following best describes your situation? (q67) - of the 60% who consider themselves unemployed

