



## Public attitudes in Georgia

Results of a April 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: 7 – 28 April, 2017
- 2,493 completed interviews (67.38% 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 +/- 2.7%

# Methodology

## Sample design

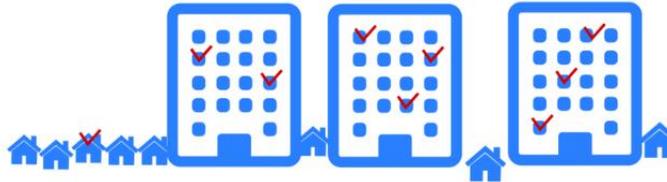
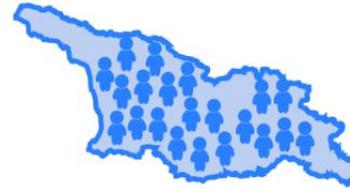
NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:

- ✓ **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.

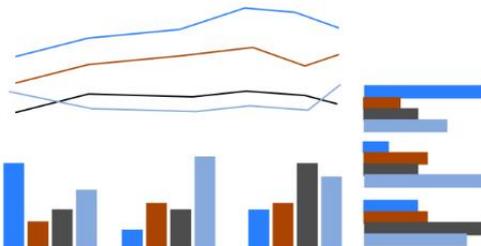


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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

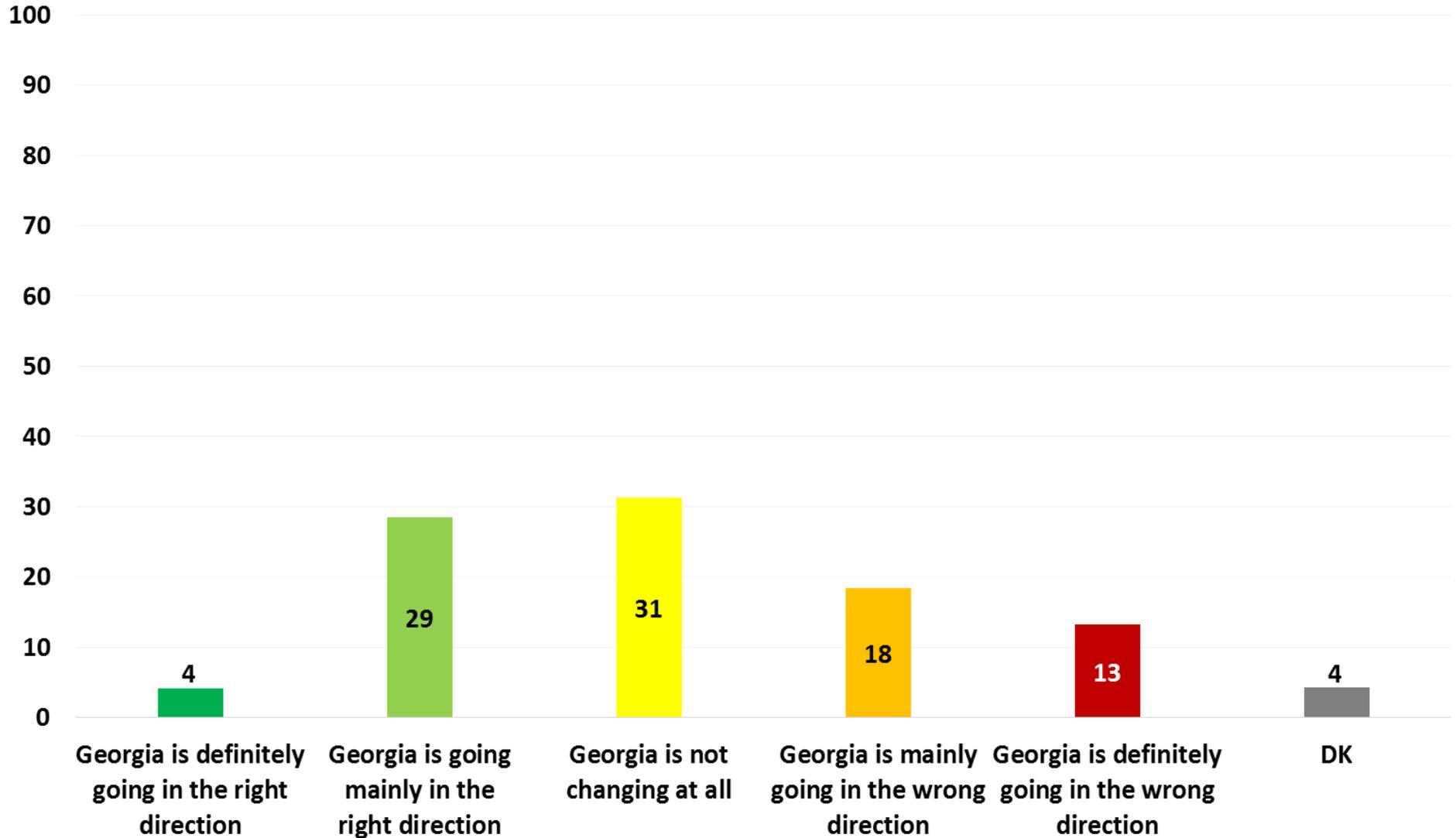


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CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

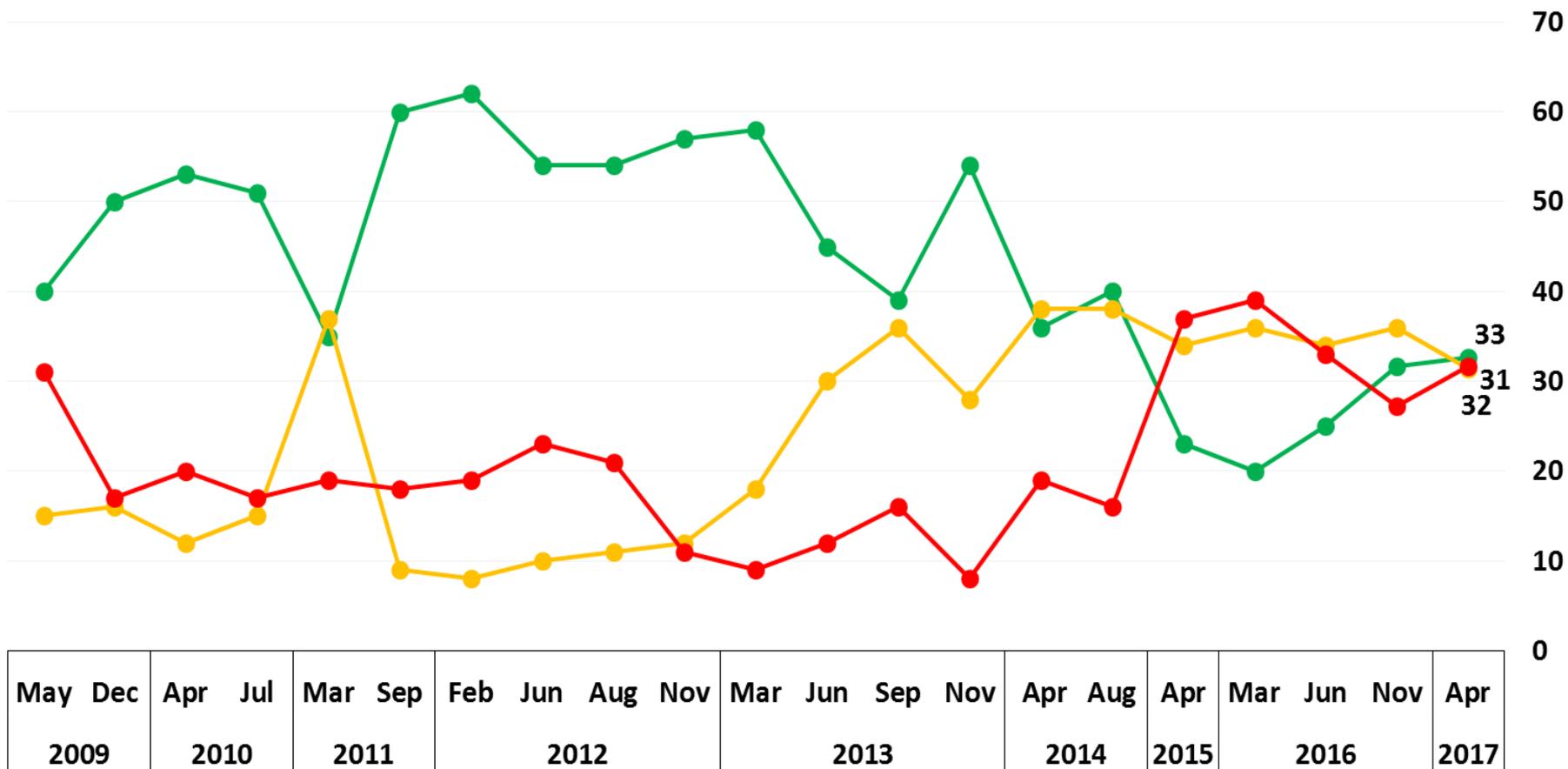
# Country's direction and expectations

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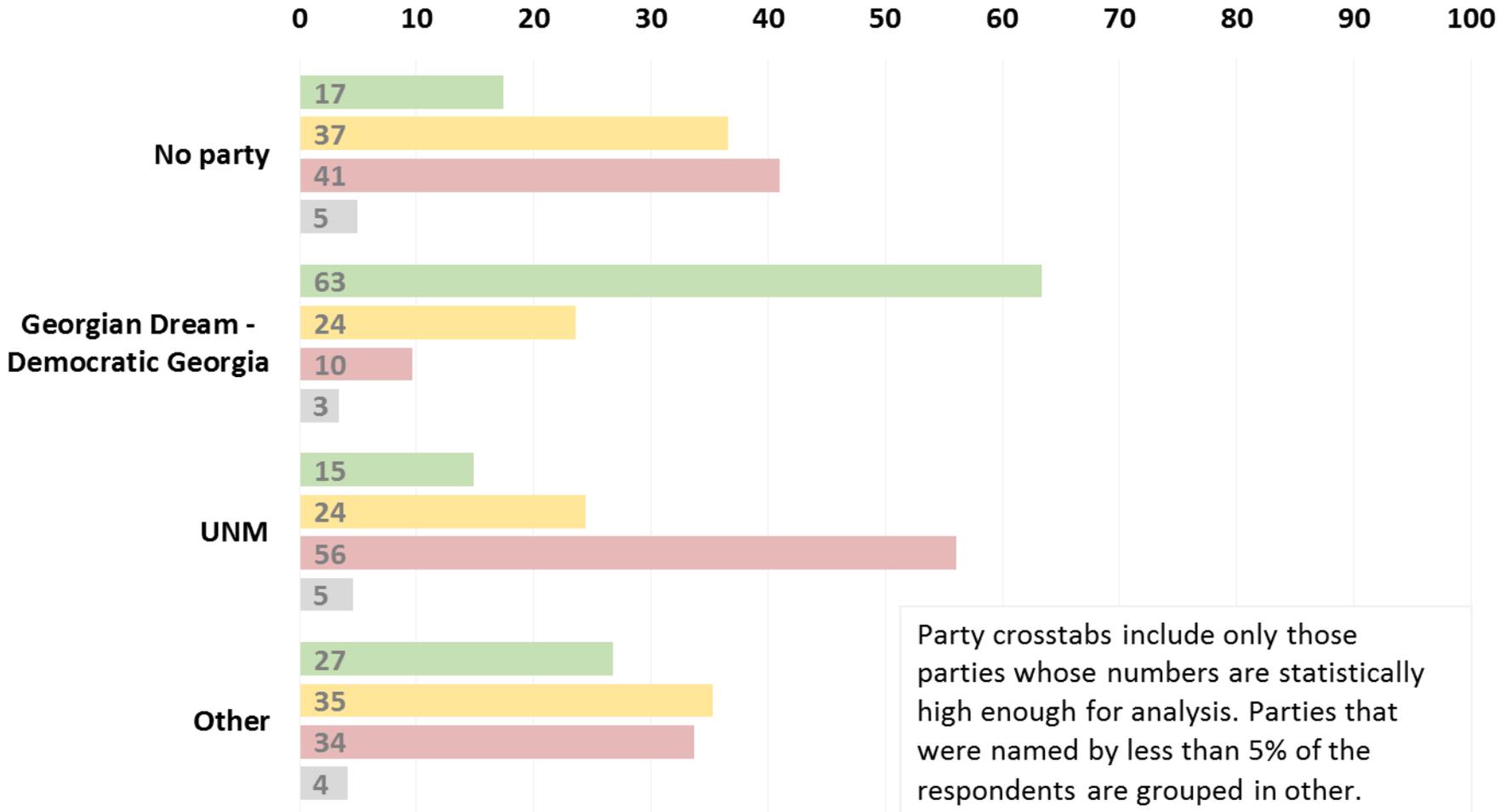
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- Georgia is going in the wrong direction
- Georgia is not changing at all



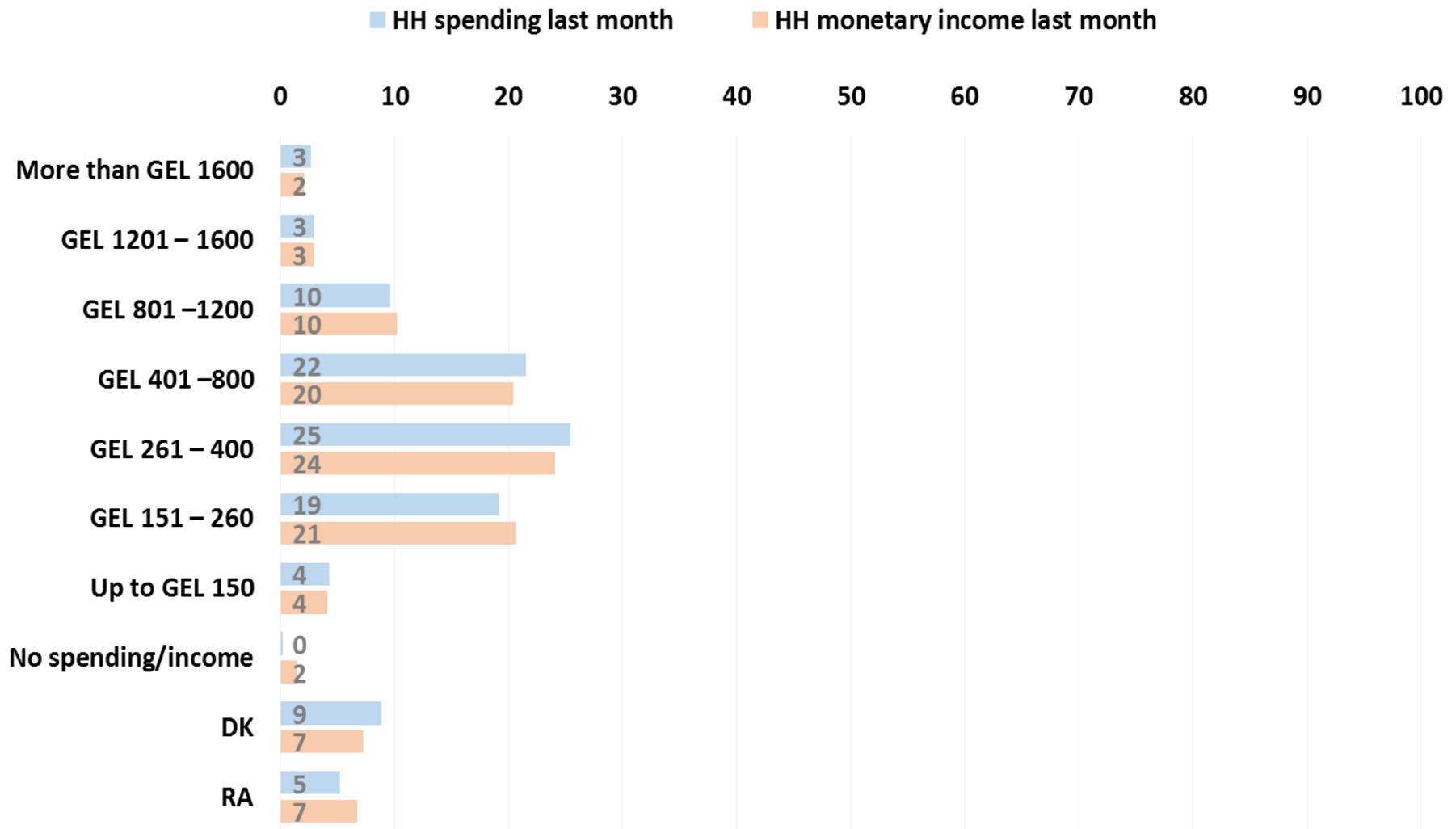
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# In which direction is Georgia going? (q1 X Party closest to you)

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

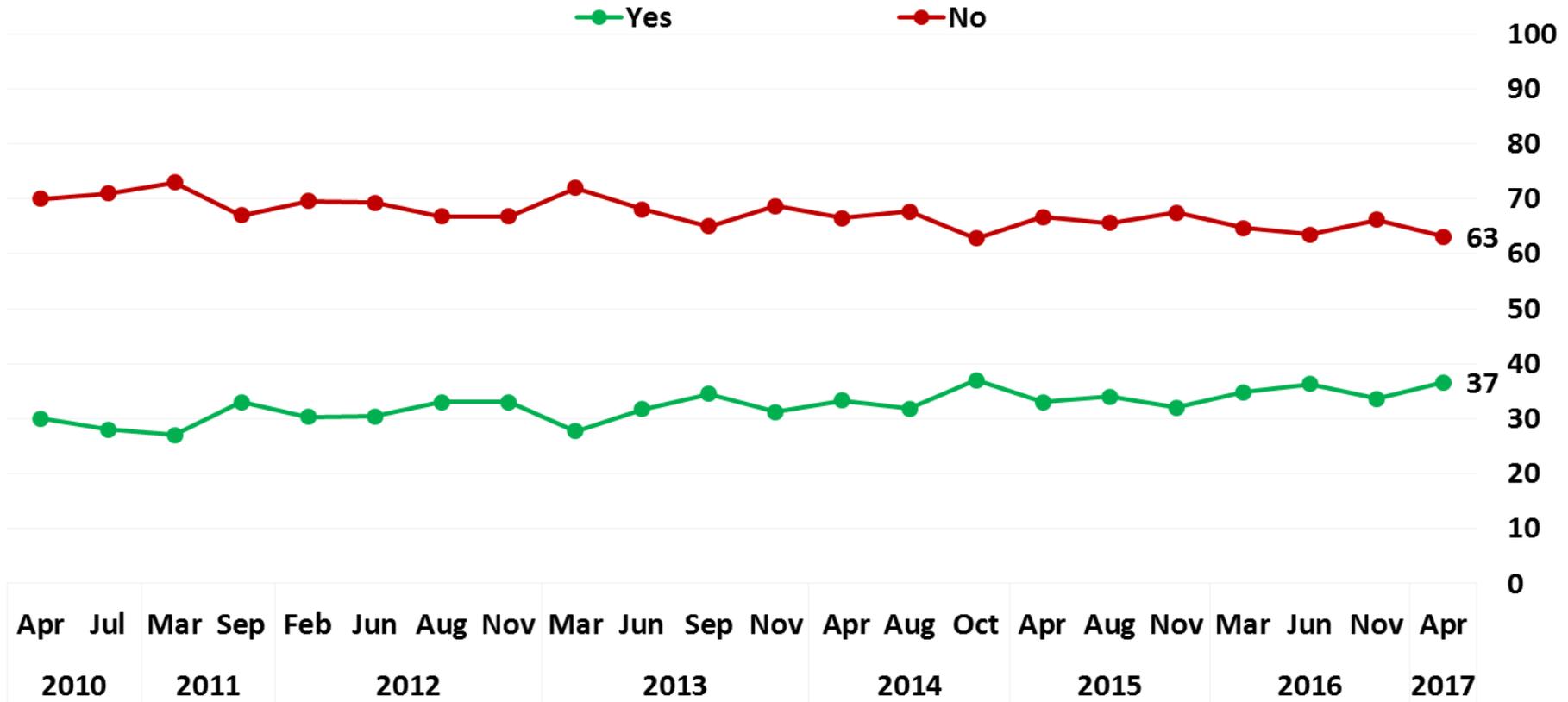


# Speaking about a monetary spending/income last month, to which of the following groups does your household belong? (q85, q90)



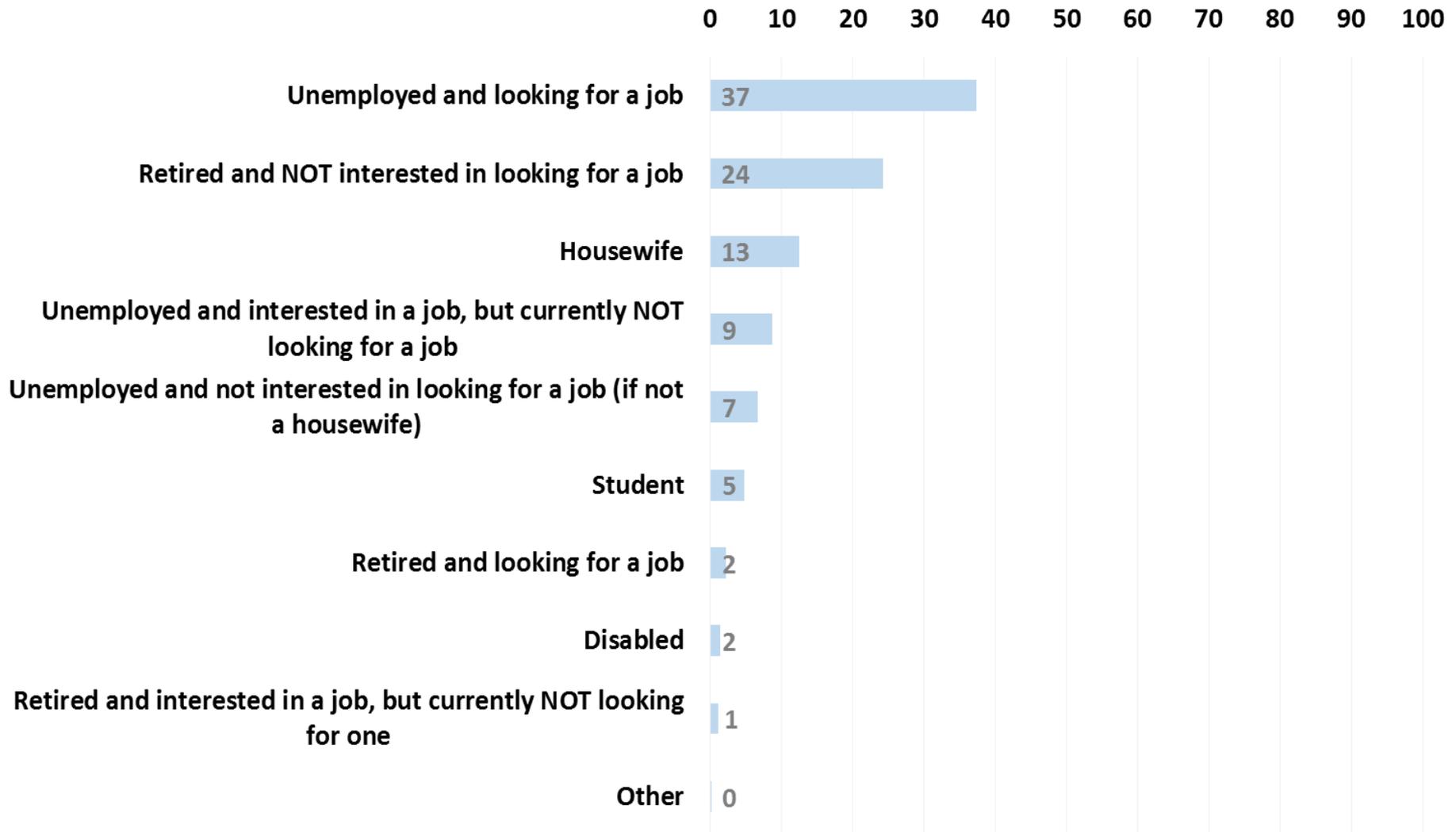
## Do you consider yourself to be employed?

This employment may be part-time or full-time, you may be officially employed, informally employed, or self-employed, but it brings you monetary income (q86)

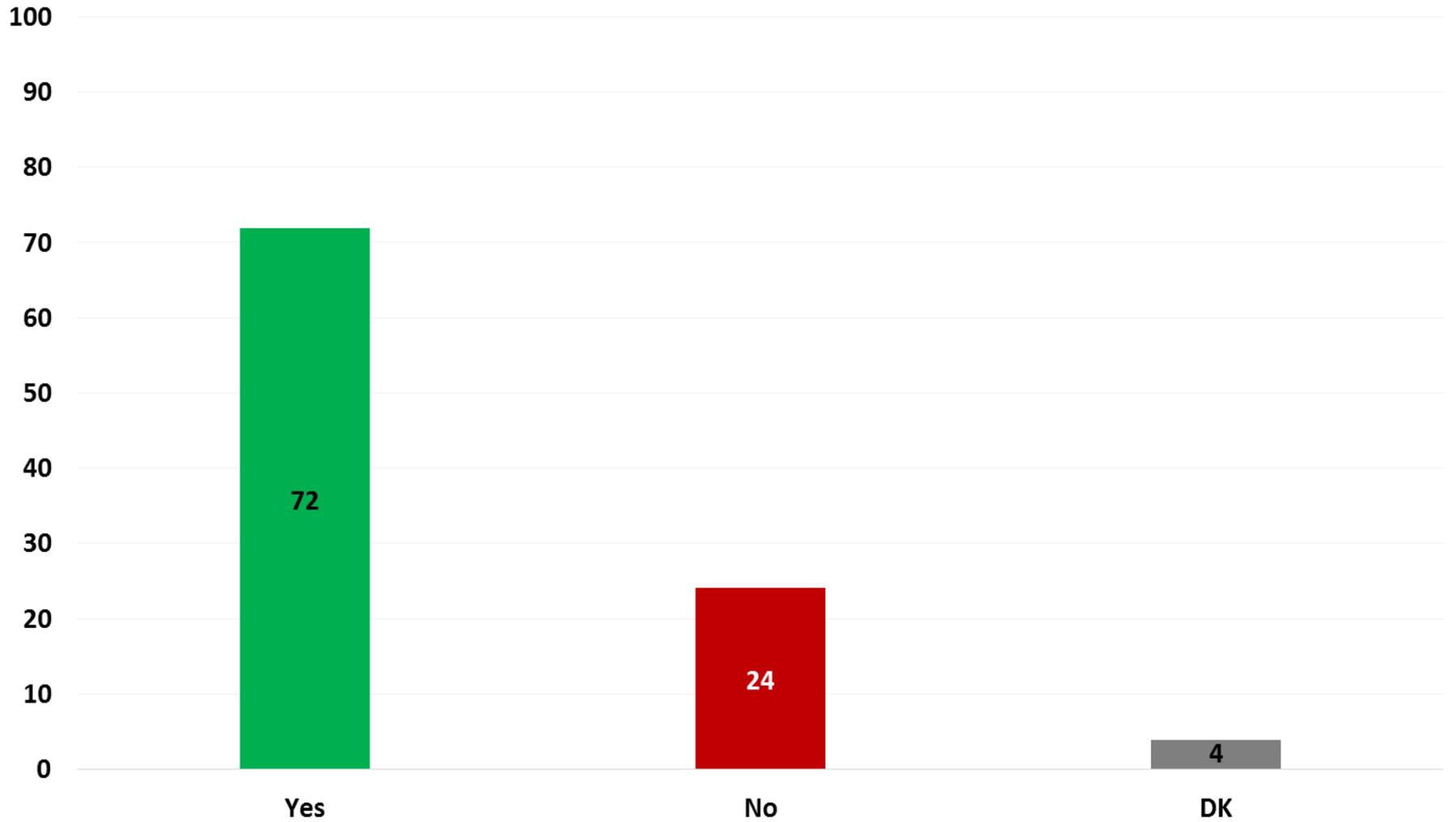


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# Which of the following best describes your situation? (q87) - of the 63% who consider themselves unemployed

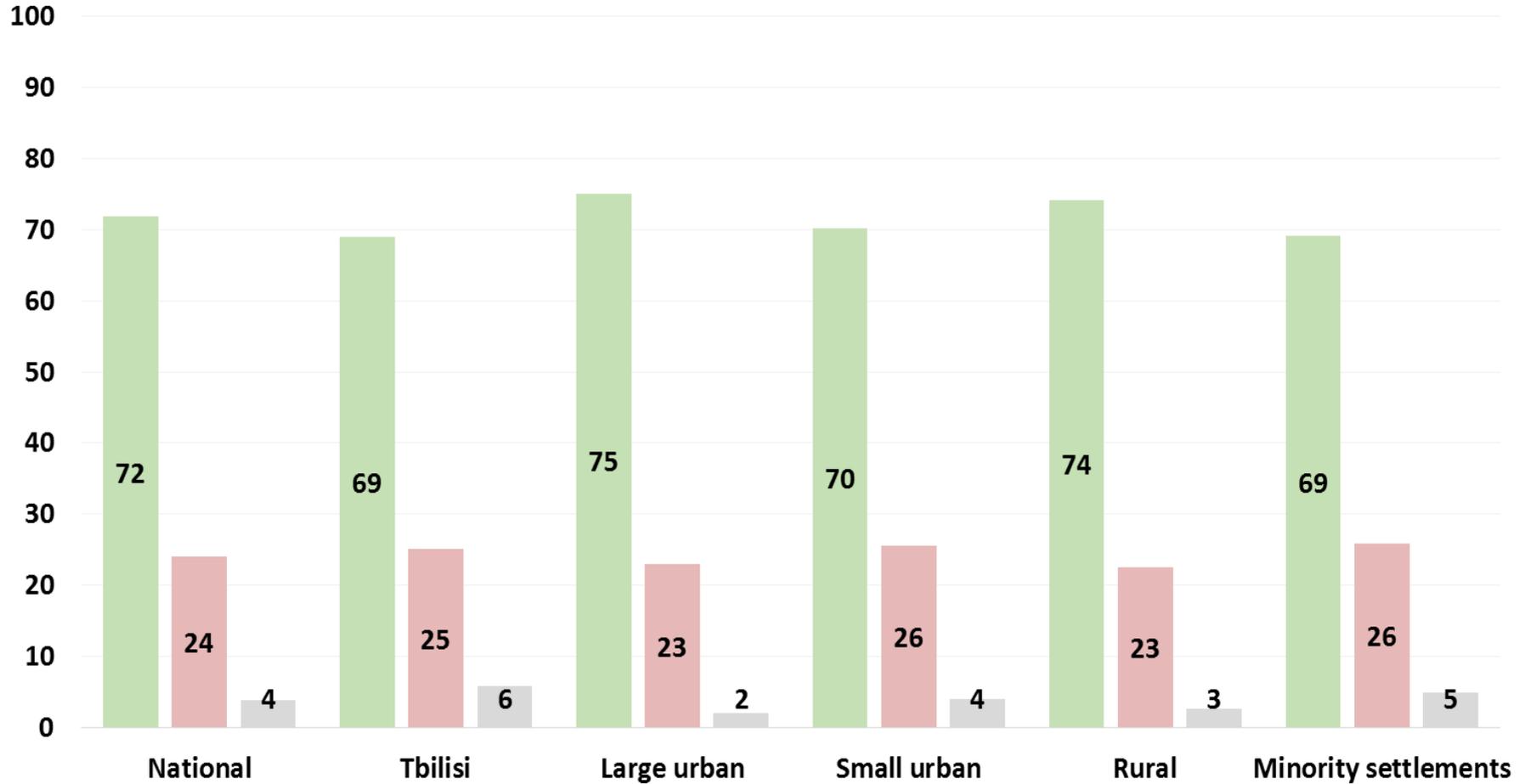


## Is Georgia a better place than 15 years ago? (q2)



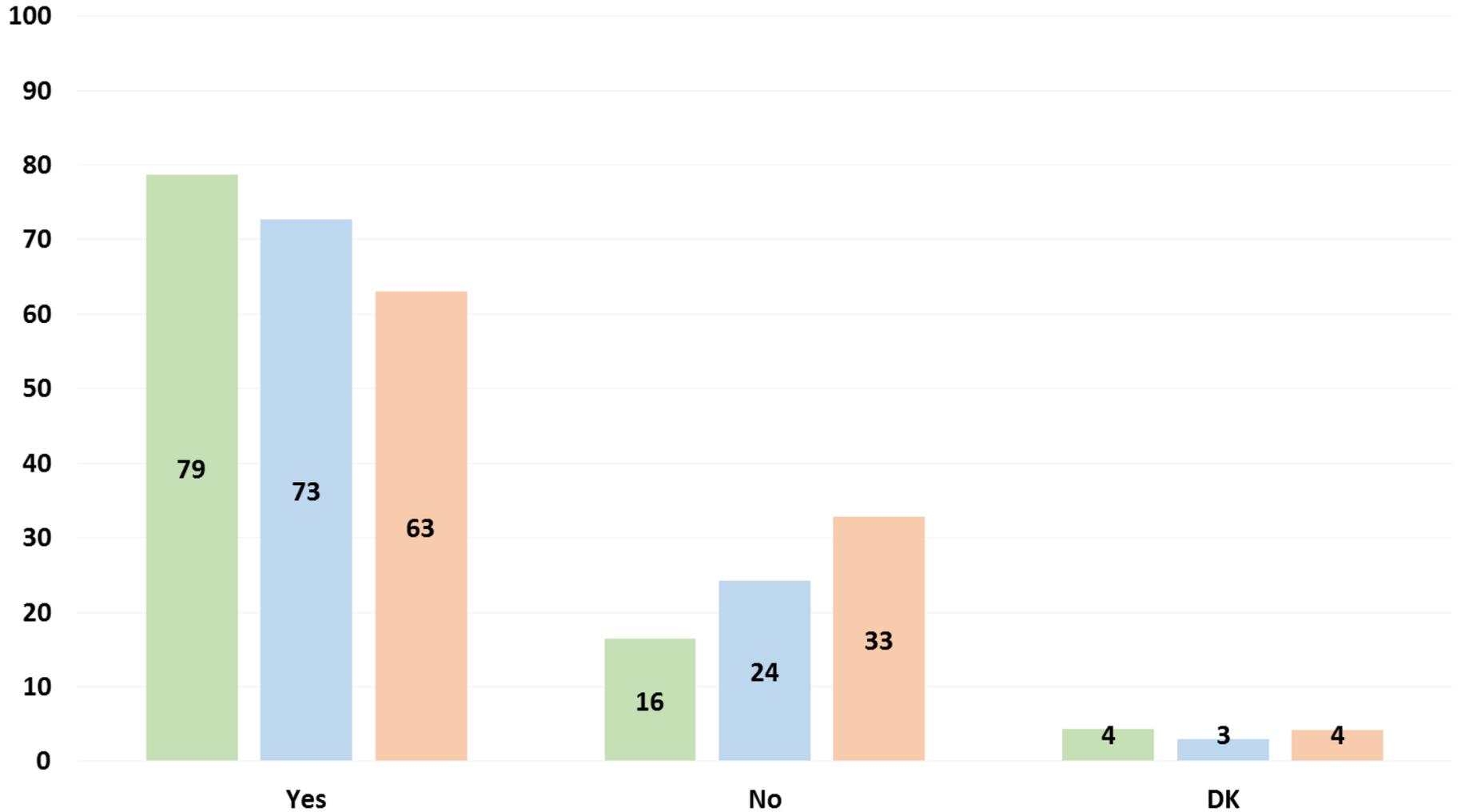
# Is Georgia a better place than 15 years ago? (q2 X Settlement)

Yes No DK

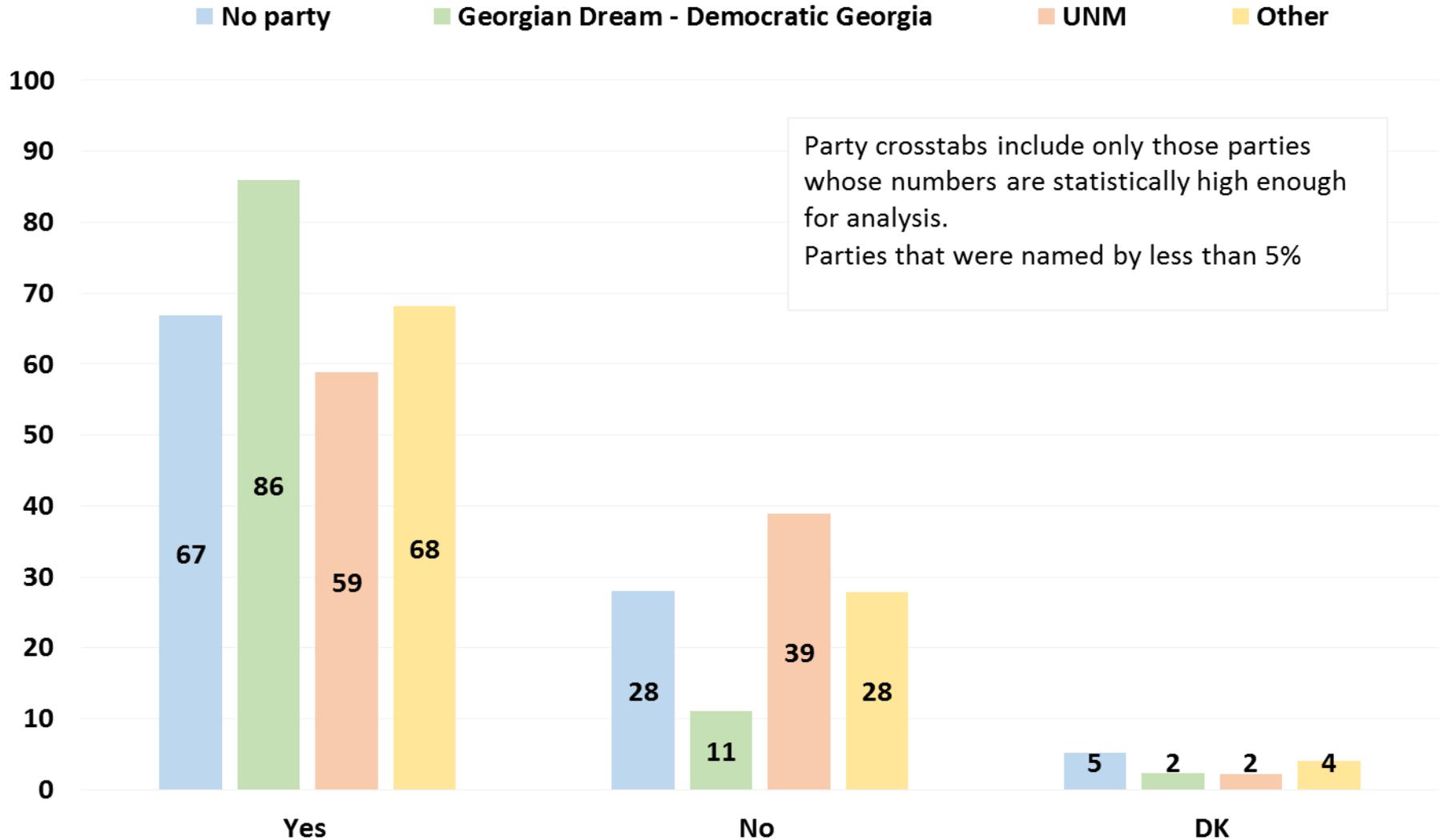


# Is Georgia a better place than 15 years ago? (q2 X Age)

18-35 36-55 56+



# Is Georgia a better place than 15 years ago? (q2 X Party closest to you)

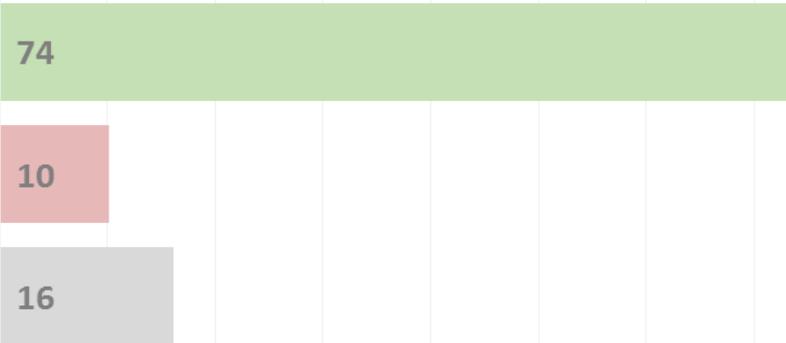


# Thinking about 15 years from now, do you agree or disagree that ...? (q41)

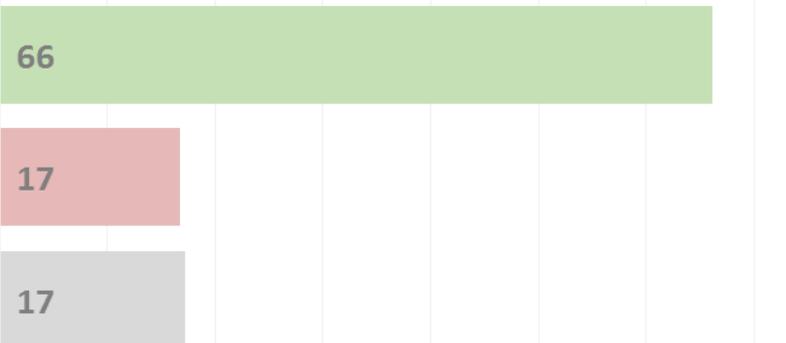
Agree Disagree DK

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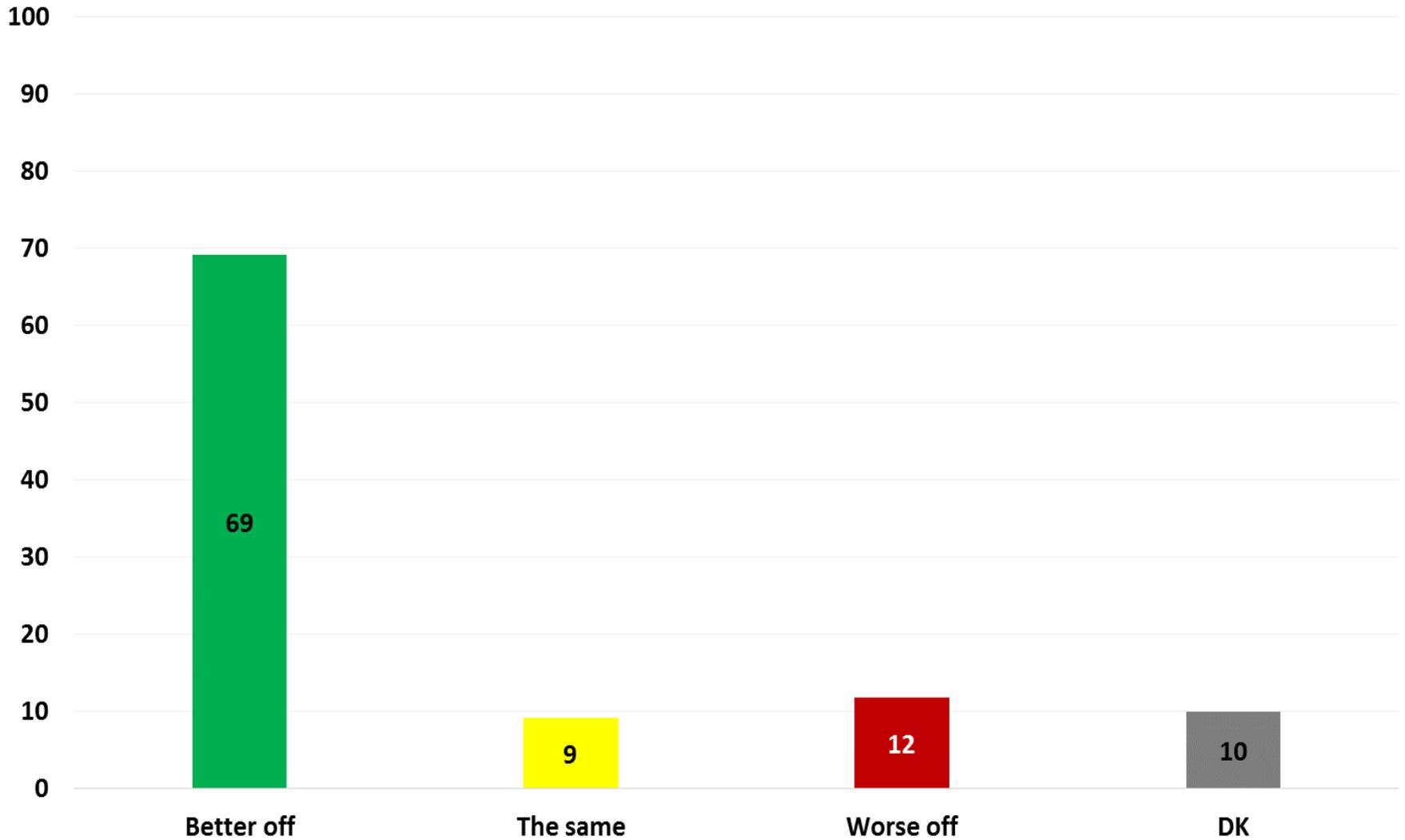
Georgia will be more economically stable



Poverty in Georgia will be reduced

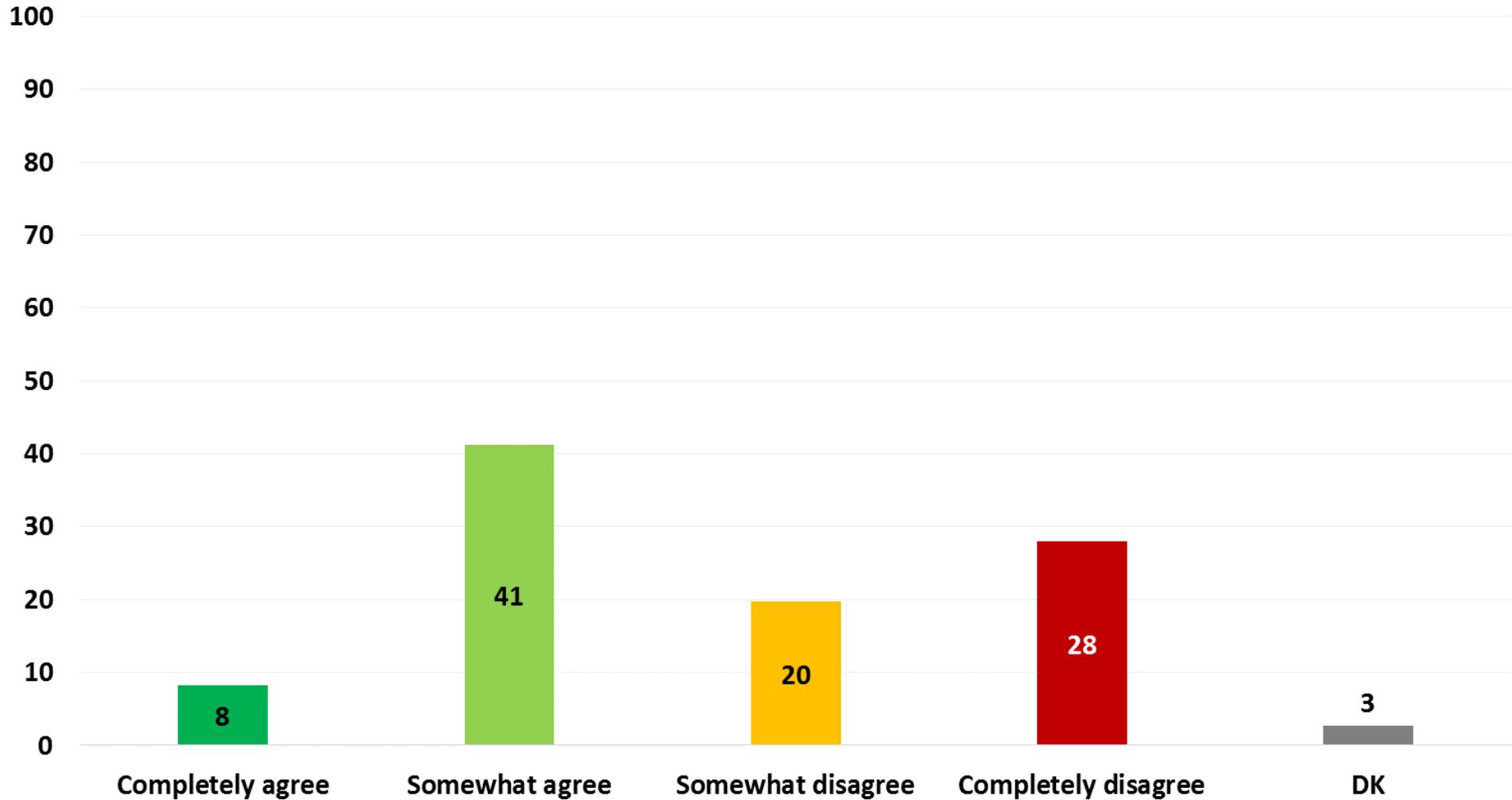


**Overall, do you expect the next generation to be better off than yours, the same or worse off than yours? (q11)**



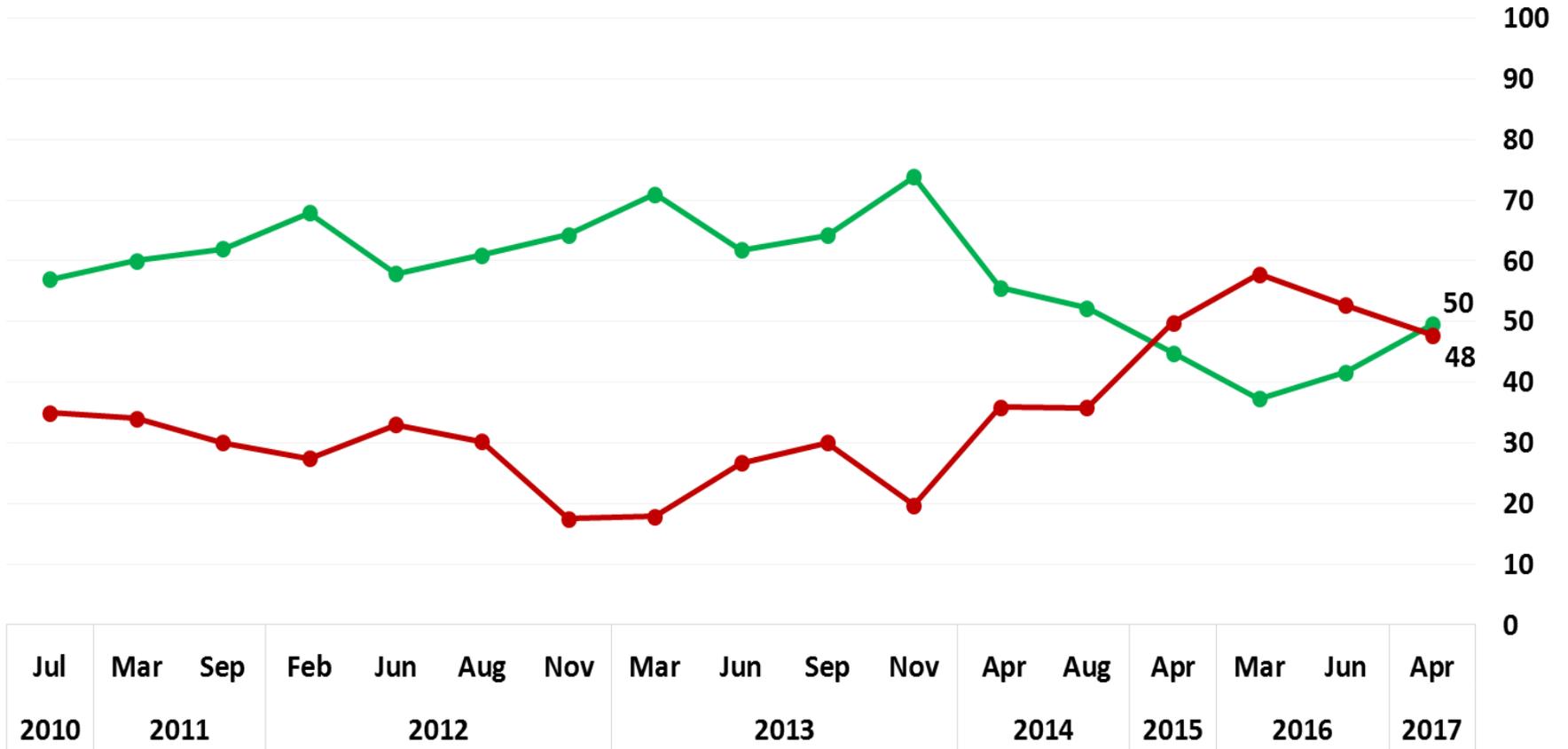
# Performance of Institutions

## To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q3)



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—●— Agree      —●— Disagree

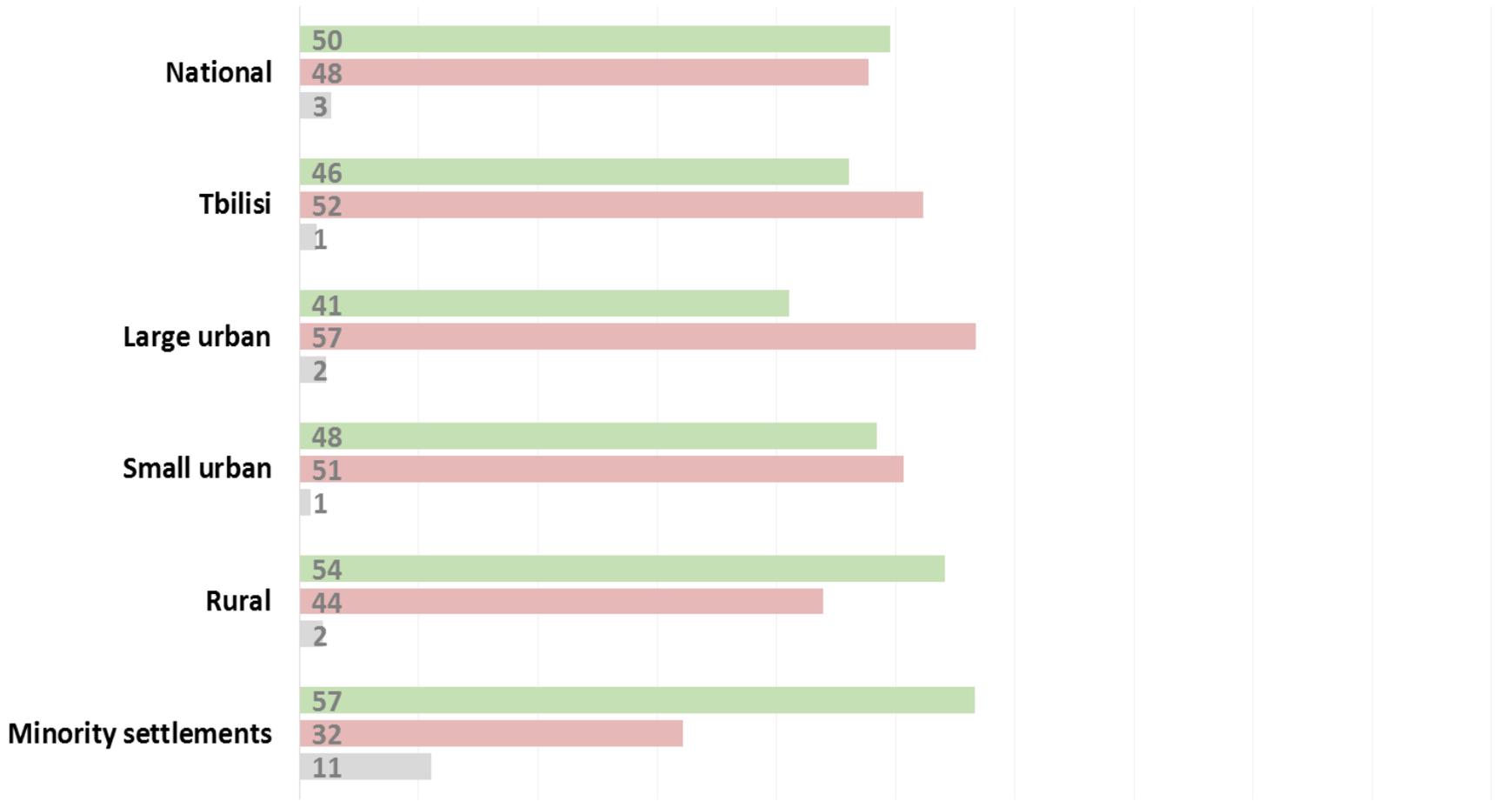


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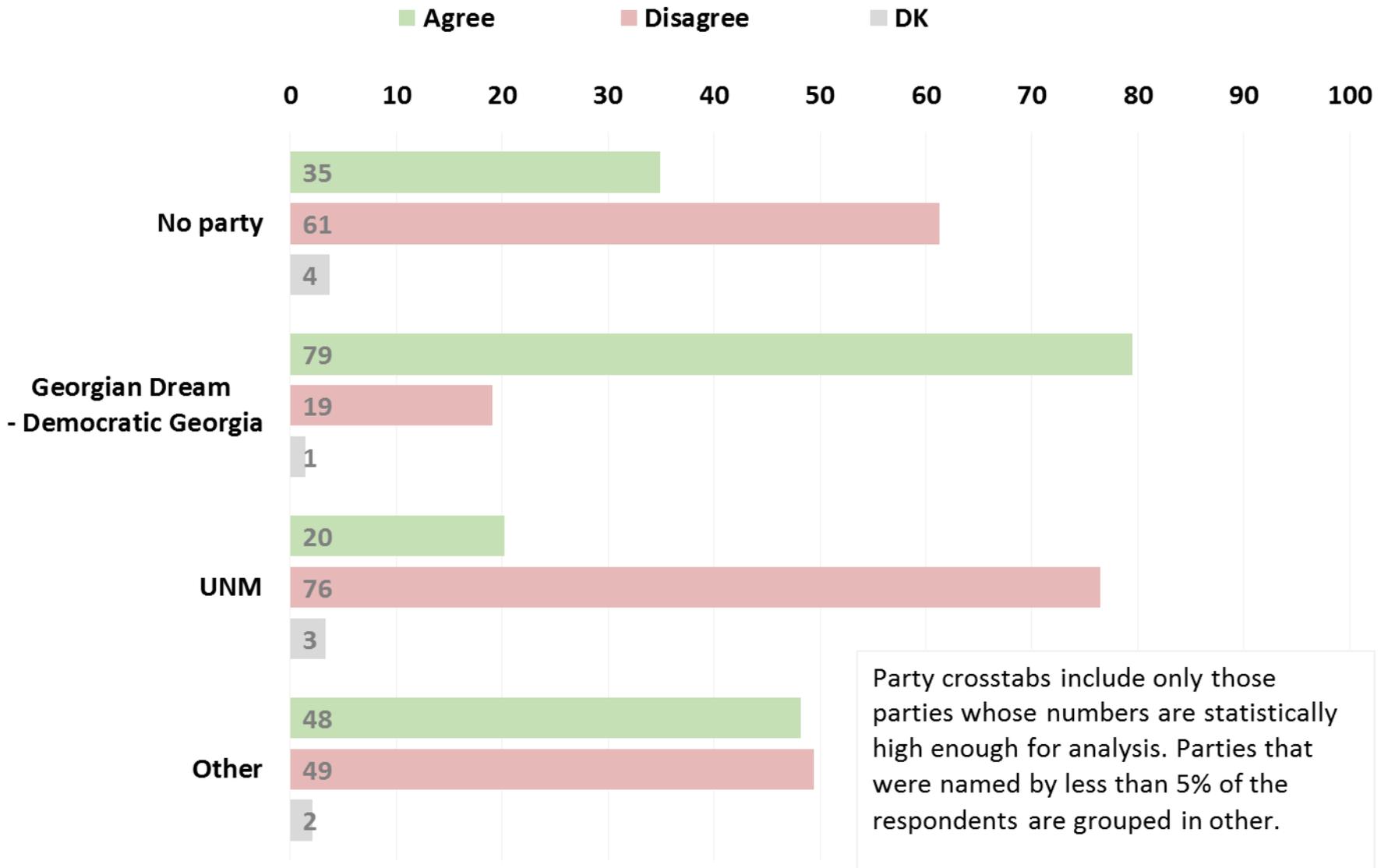
# Do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q3 X Settlement)

Agree Disagree DK

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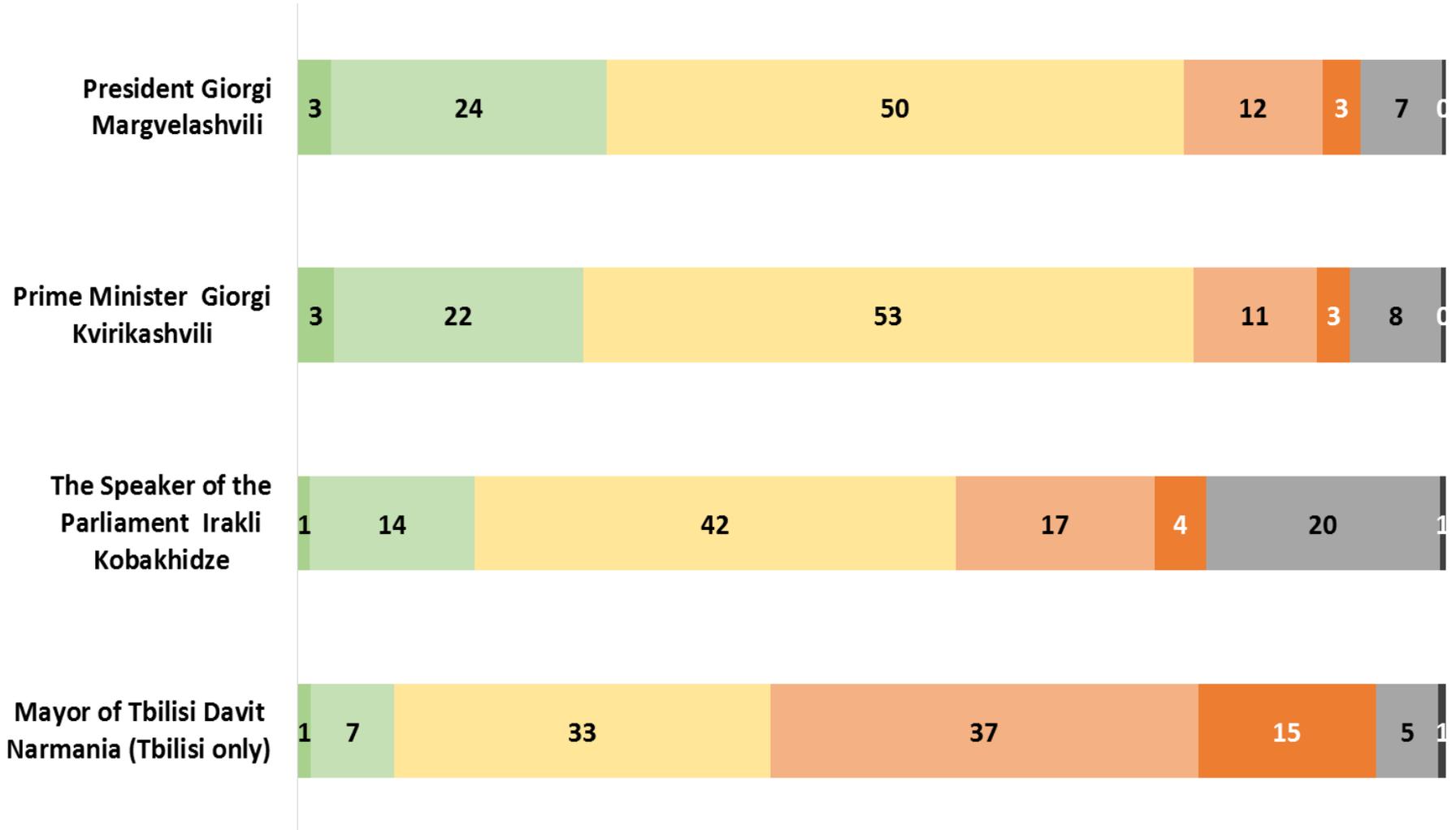


# Do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q3 X Party closest to you)



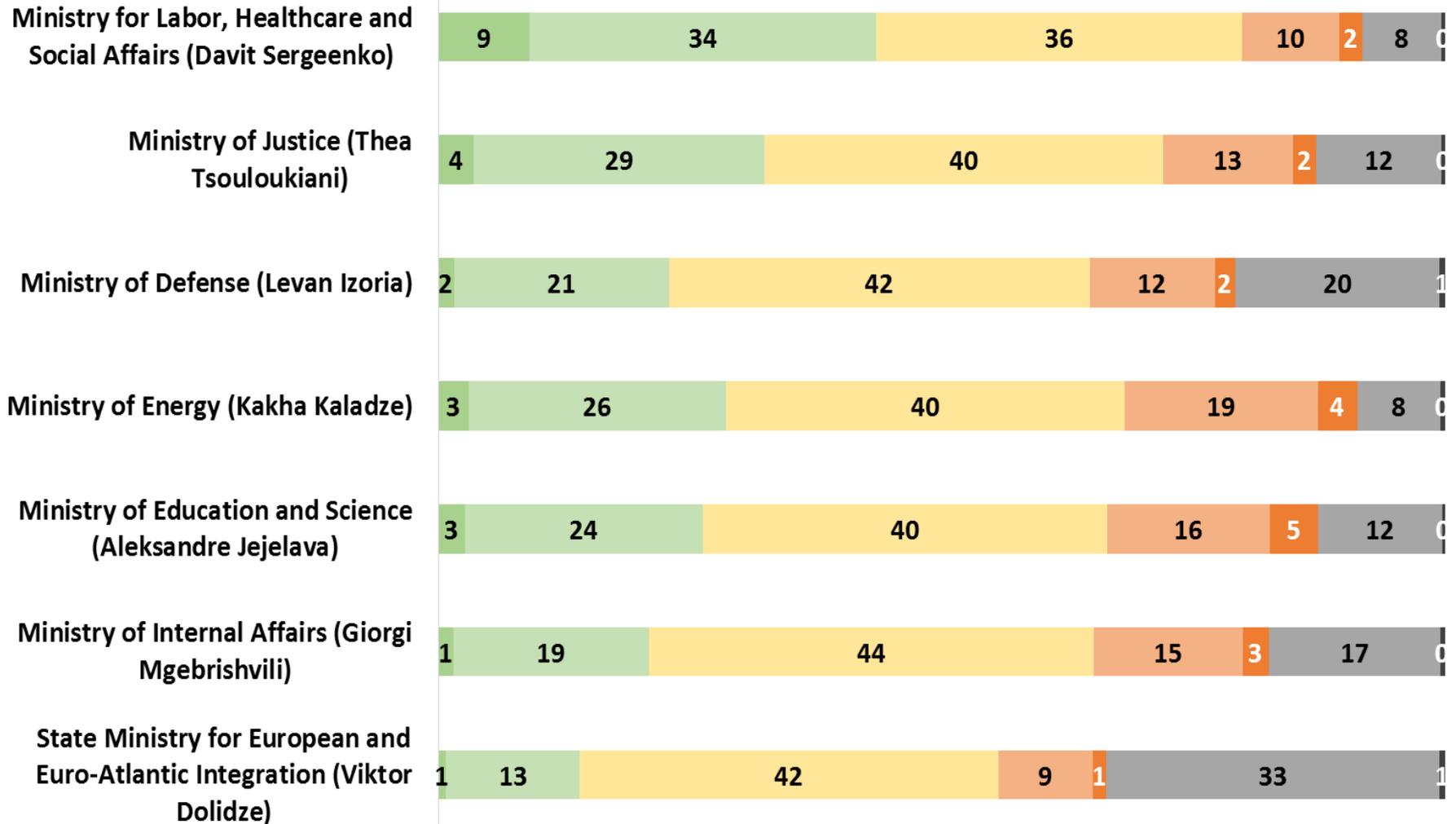
## How would you rate the performance of ...? (q13)

Very well Well Average Badly Very badly DK RA



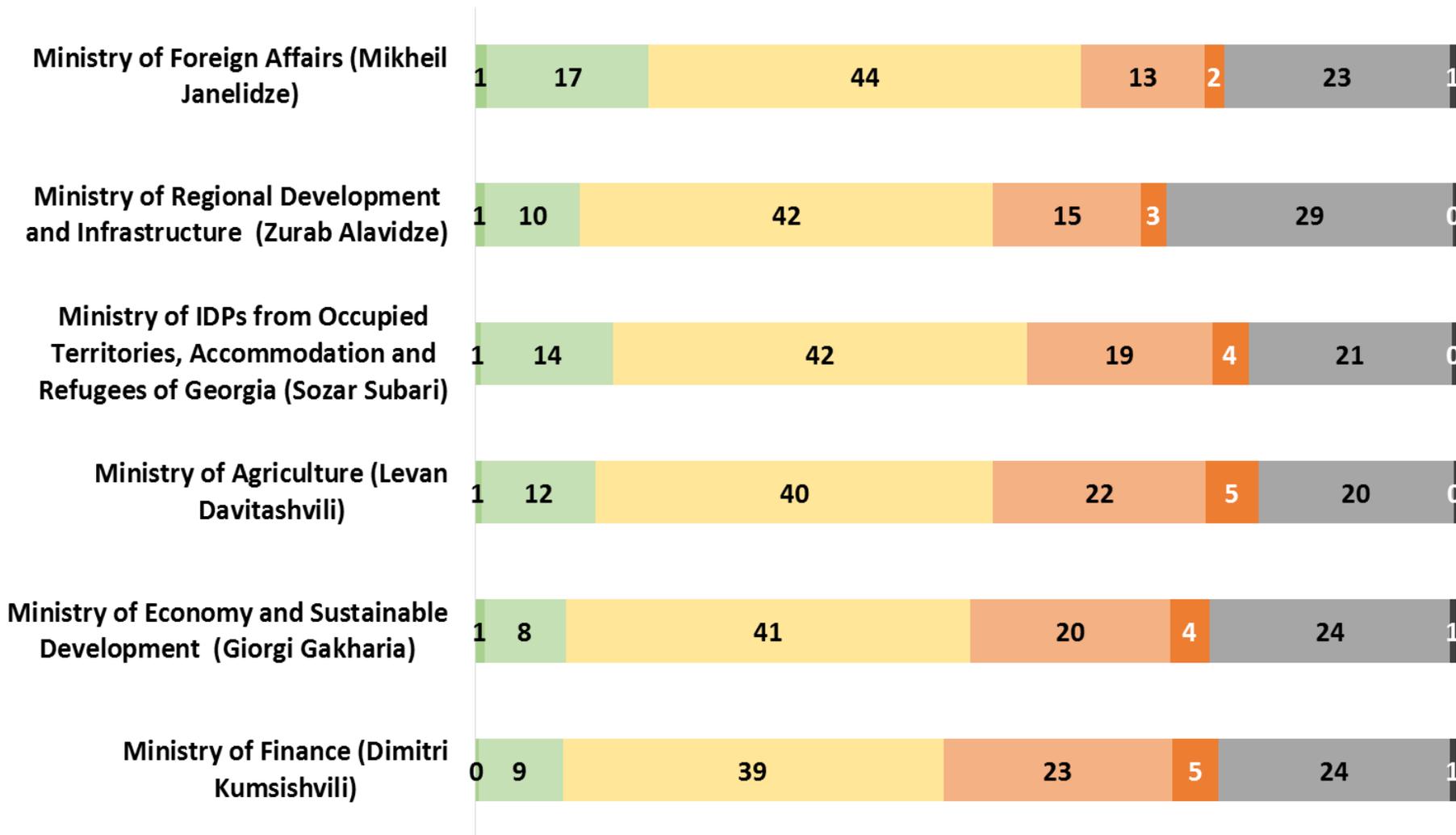
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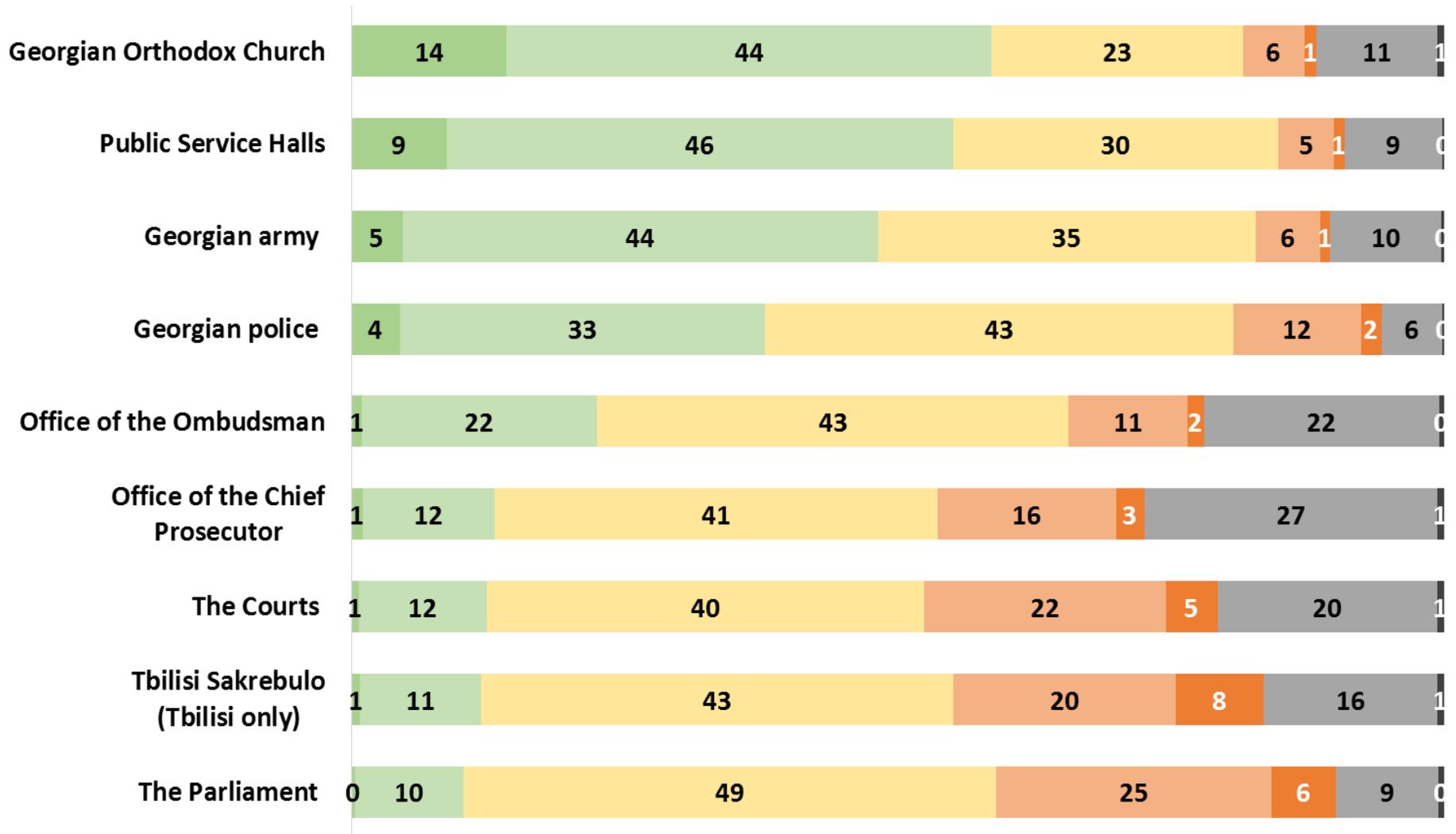
## How would you rate the performance of ...? (q13) Part 2

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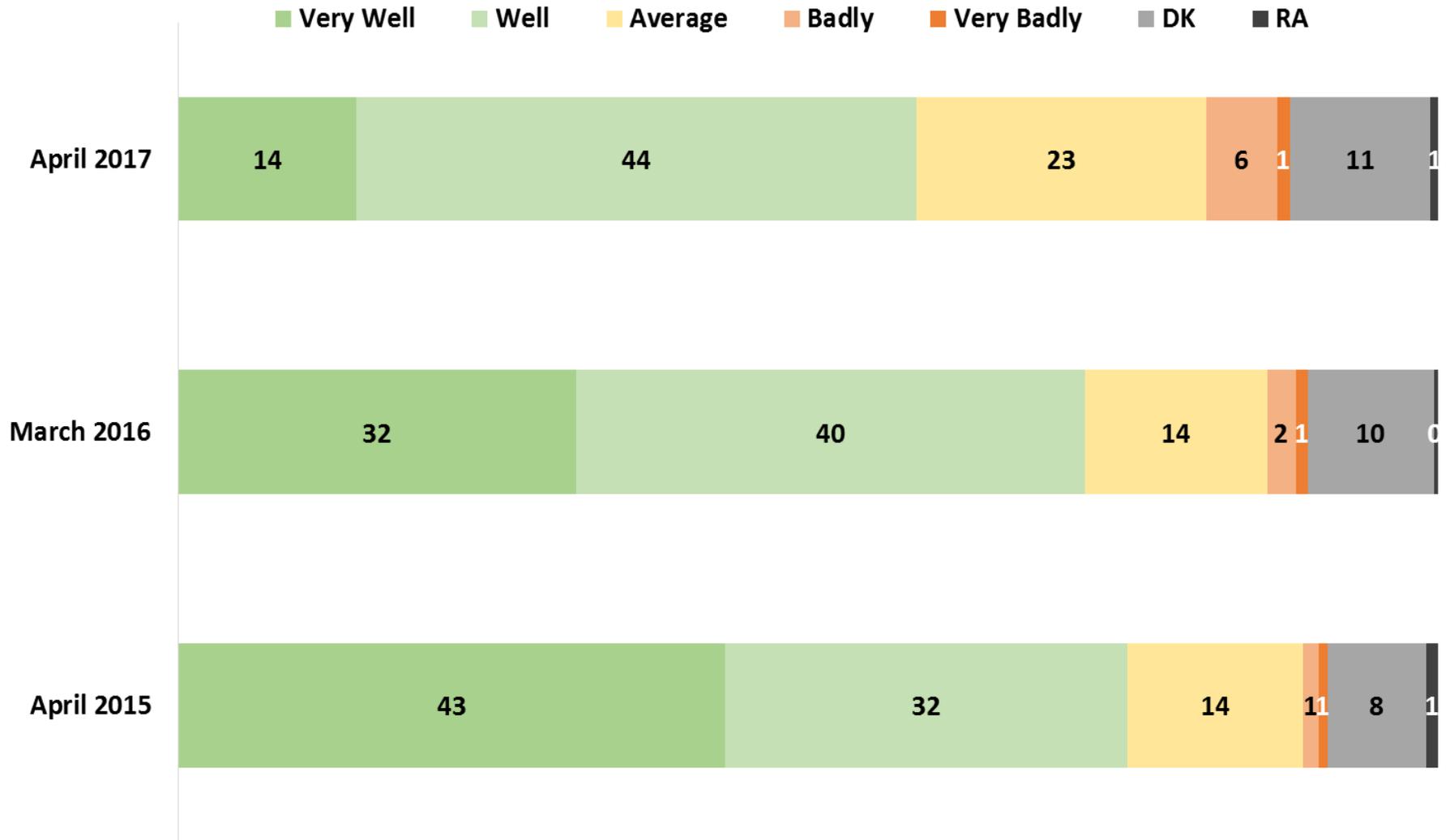


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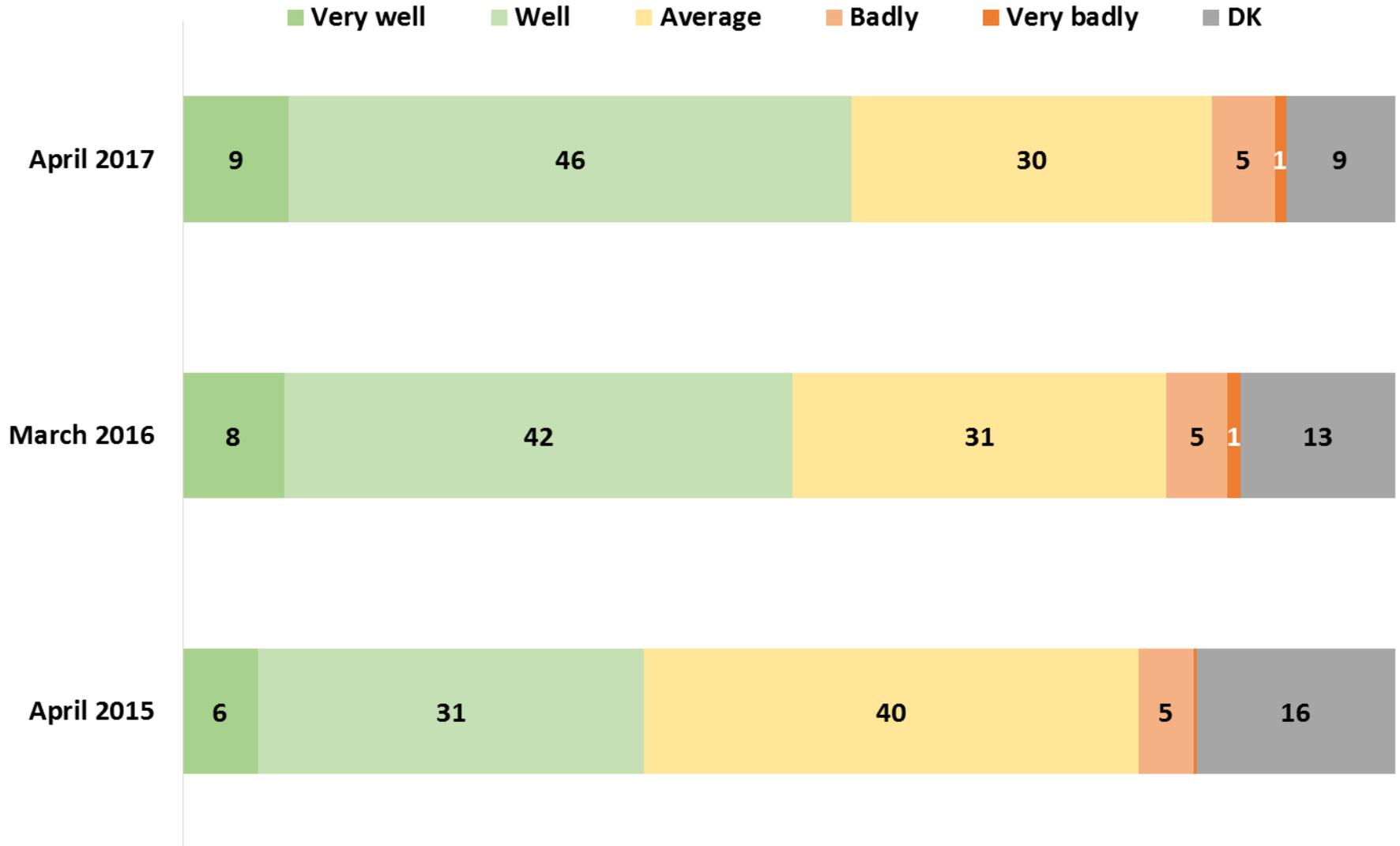
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# How would you rate the performance of Georgian Orthodox Church? (q13)

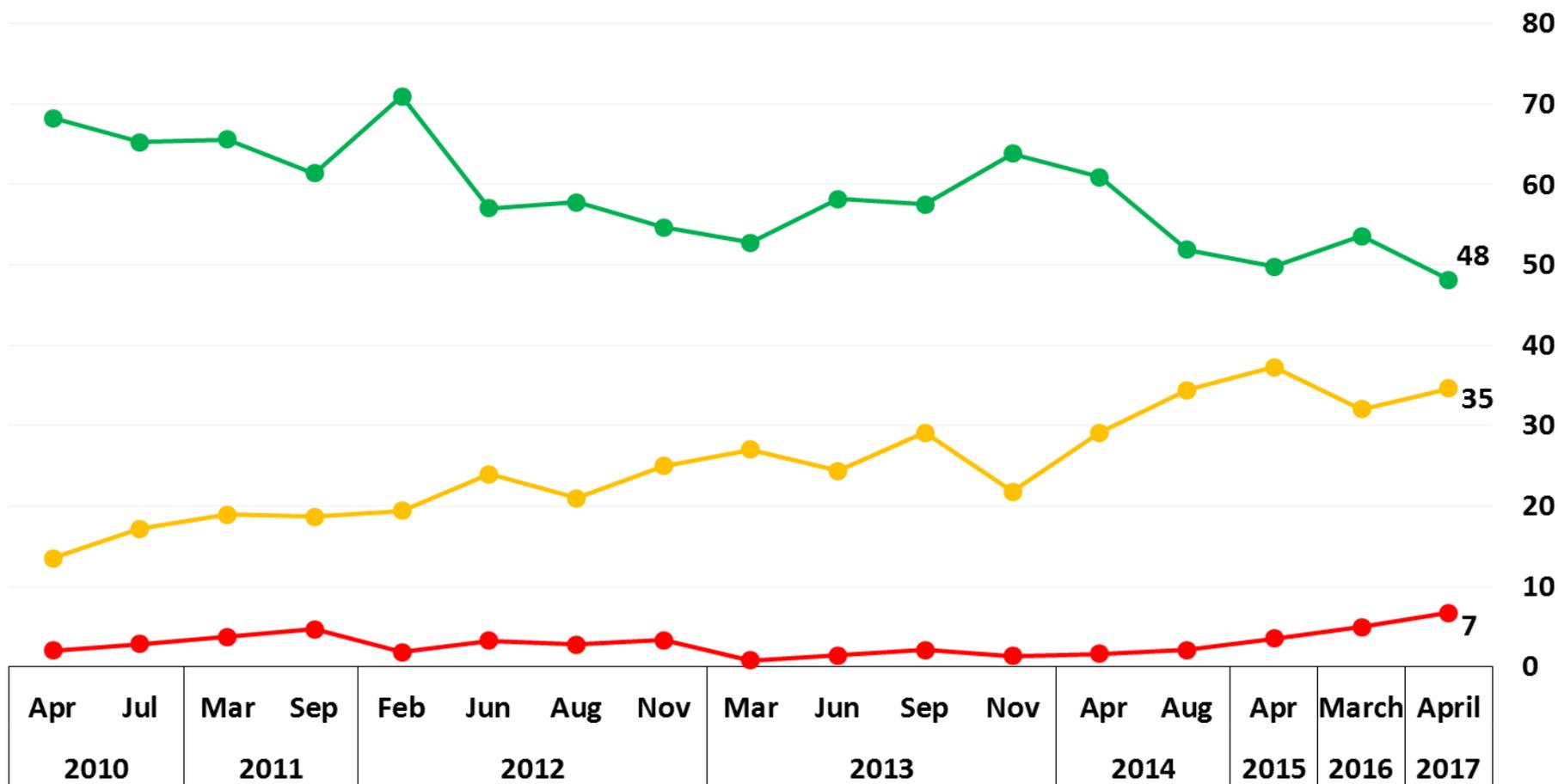


# How would you rate the performance of Public Service Halls? (q13)



# How would you rate the performance of Georgian Army? (q13)

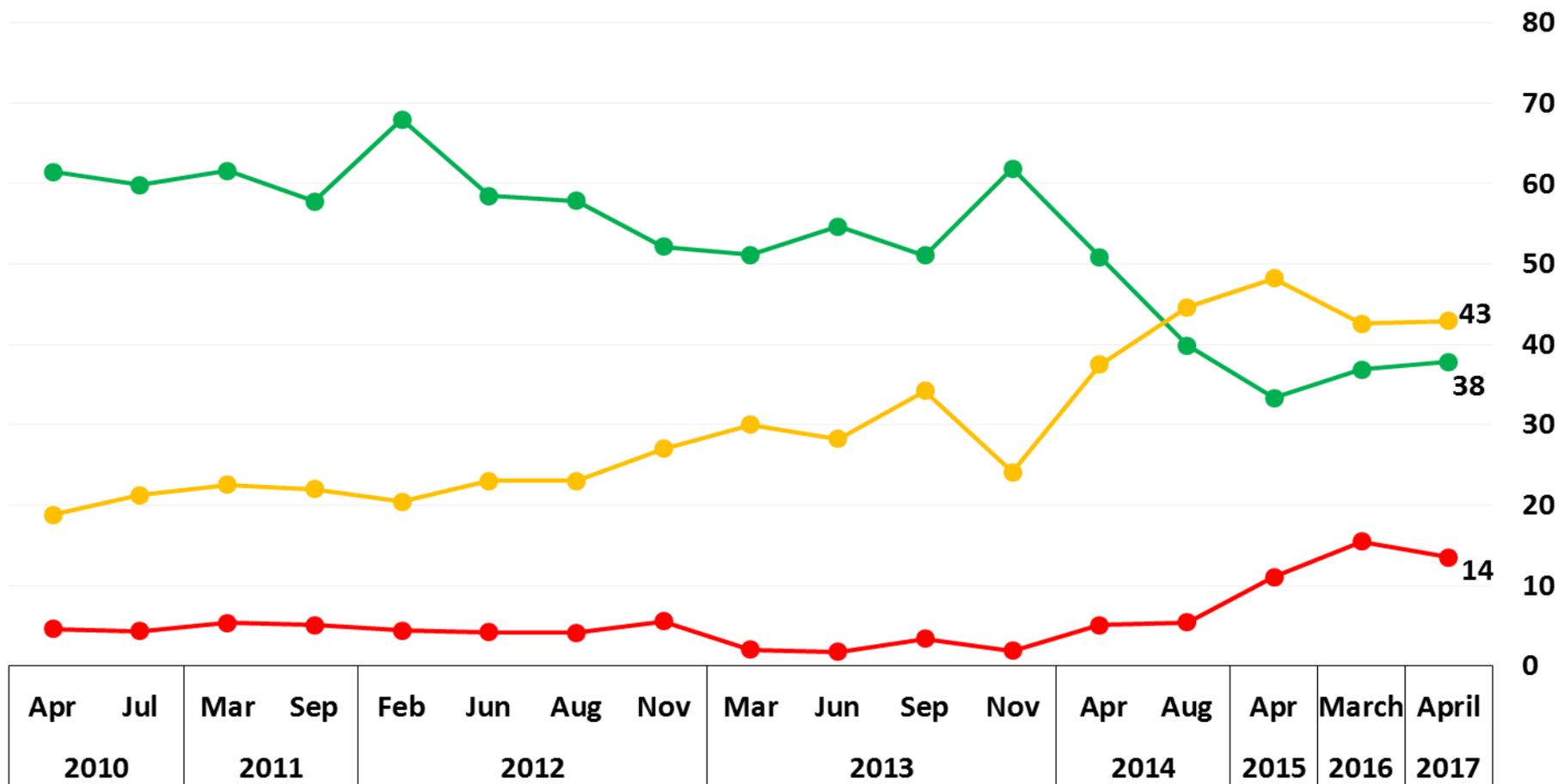
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# How would you rate the performance of Georgian Police? (q13)

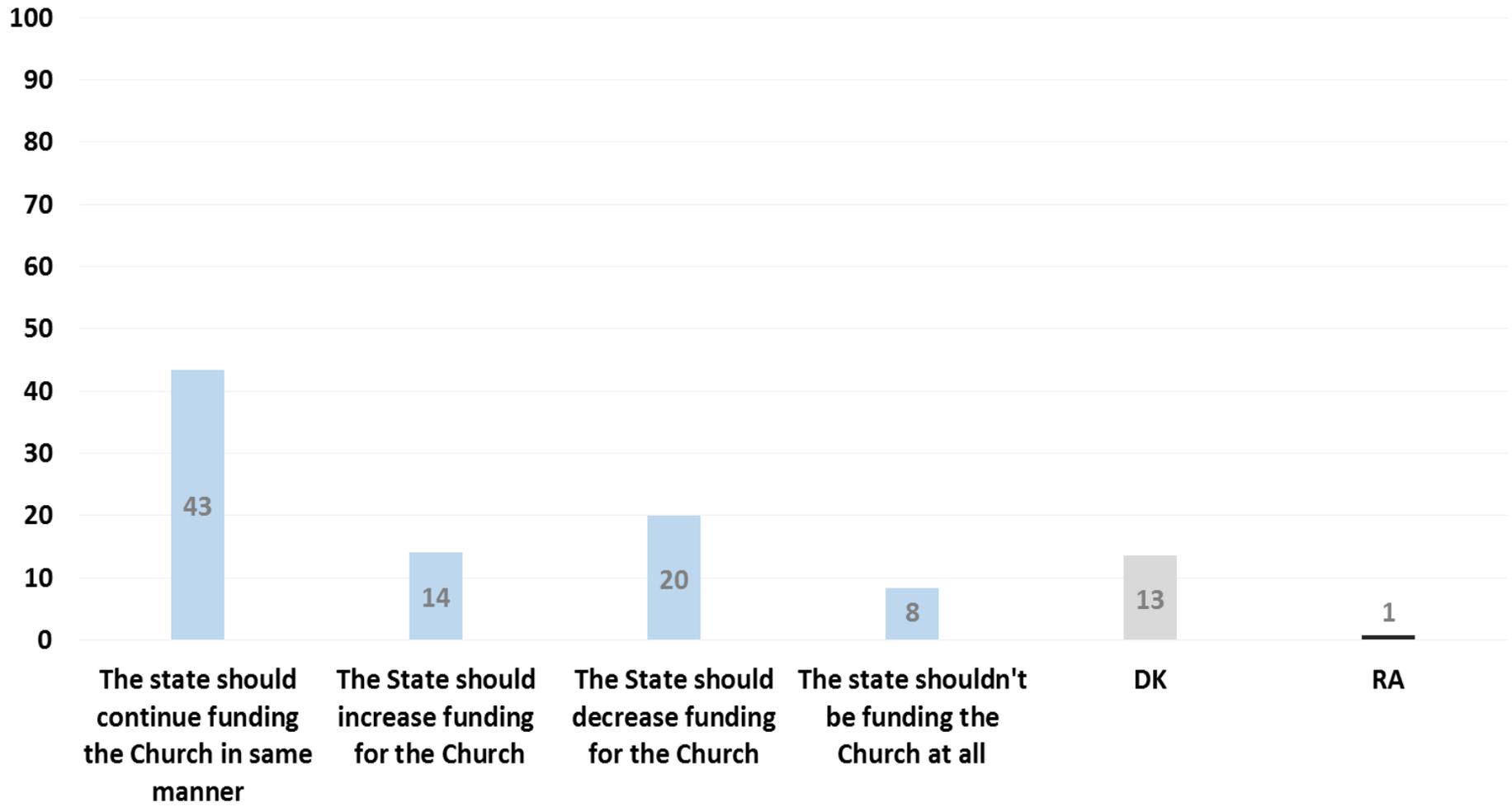
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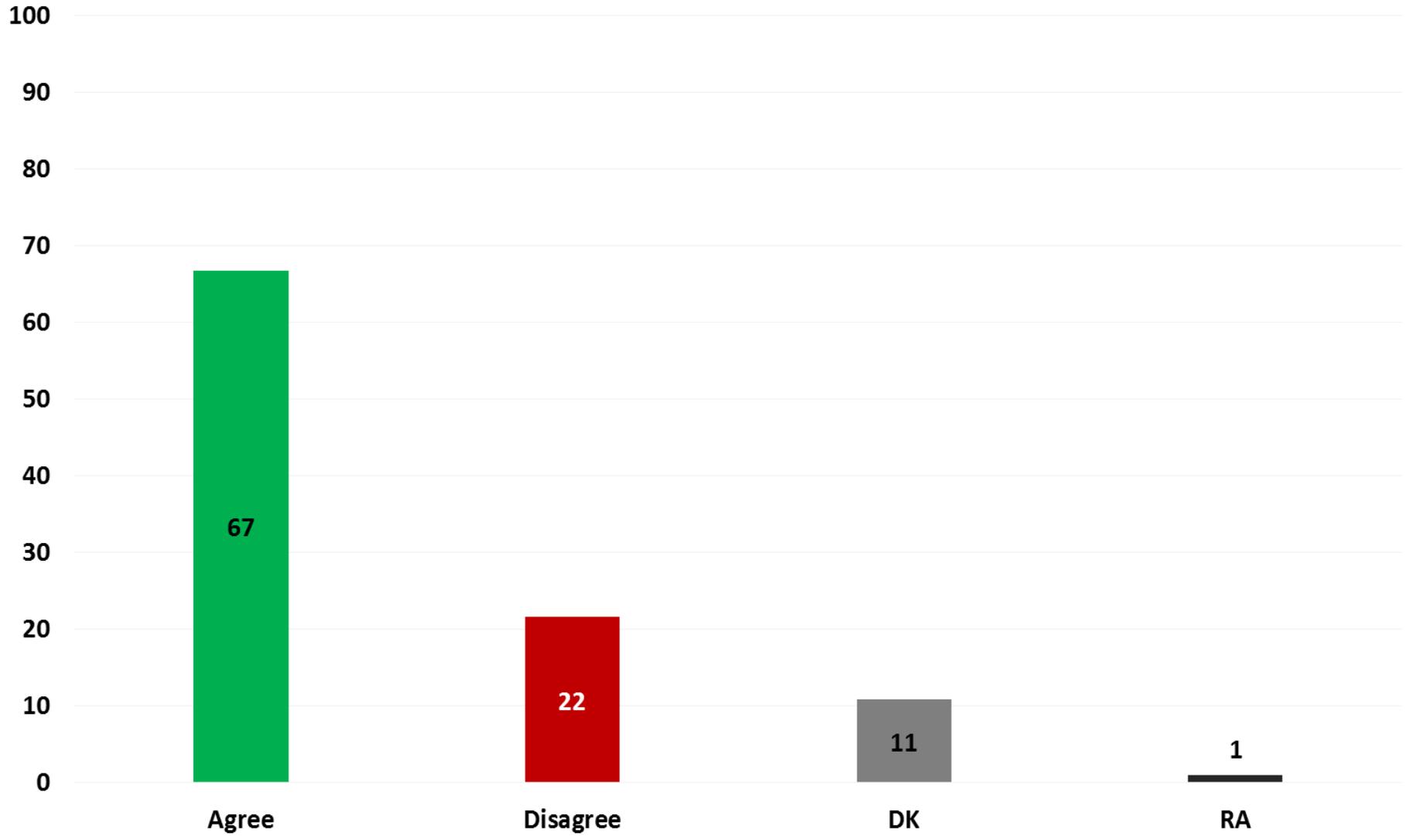
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# Current Events

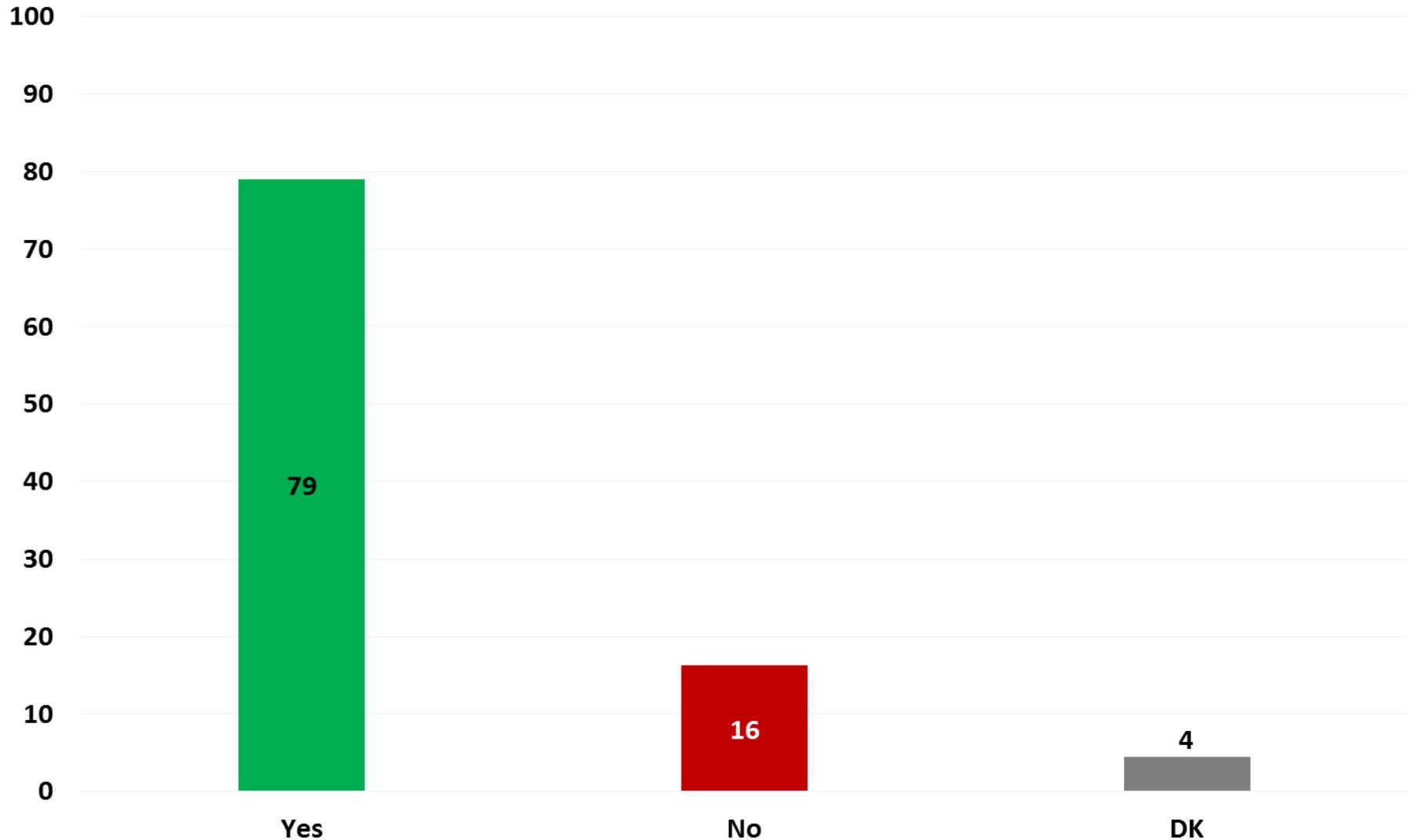
**Georgian Orthodox Church receives 25 million Gel annually from the central budget. Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q61)**



# Do you agree or disagree that the state should audit the spending of these state funds by the Georgian Orthodox Church? (q62)



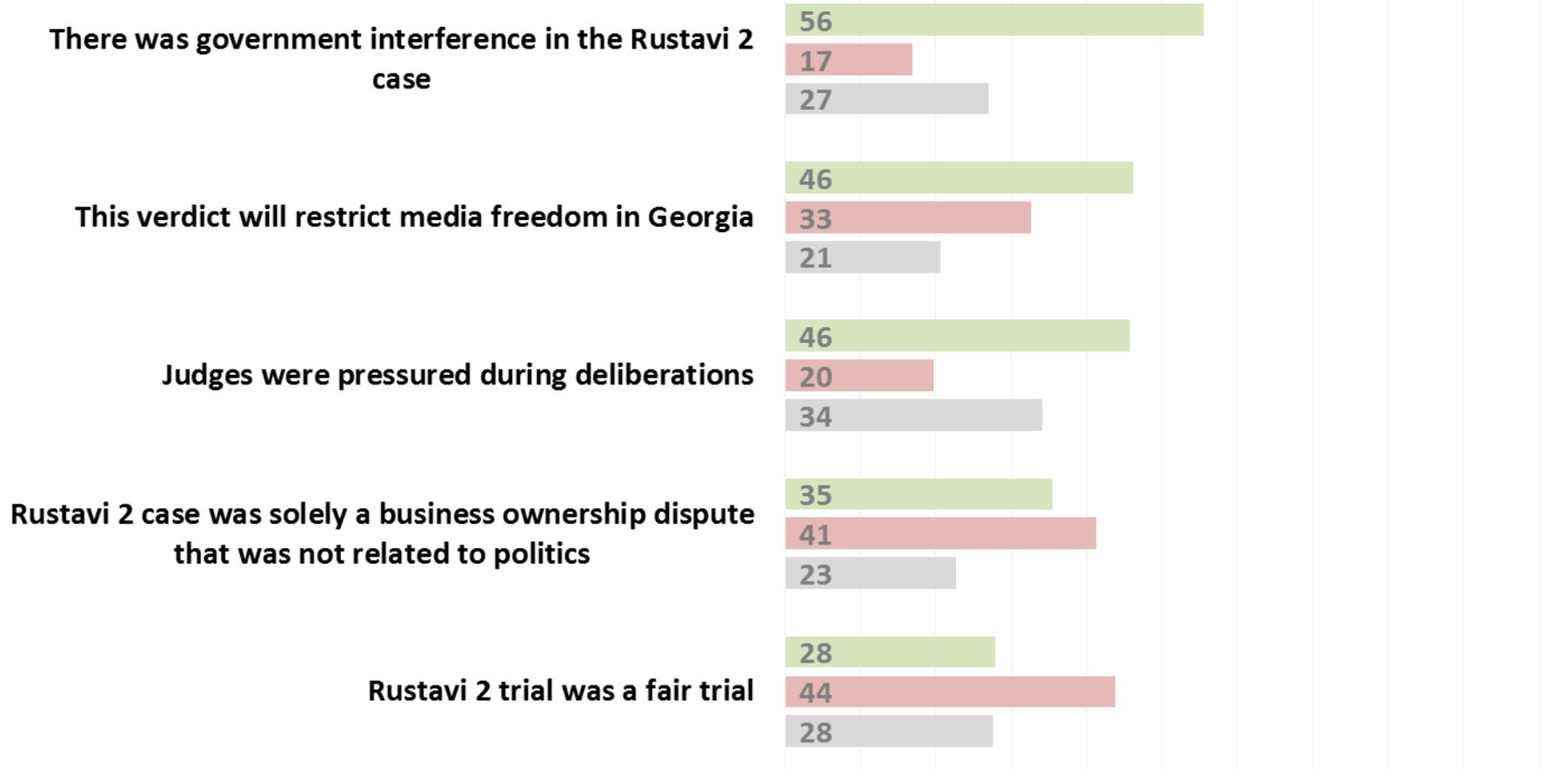
**Are you aware or not of the verdict by the Supreme Court of Georgia giving ownership of "Rustavi 2" to Kibar Khalvashi?  
(q59)**



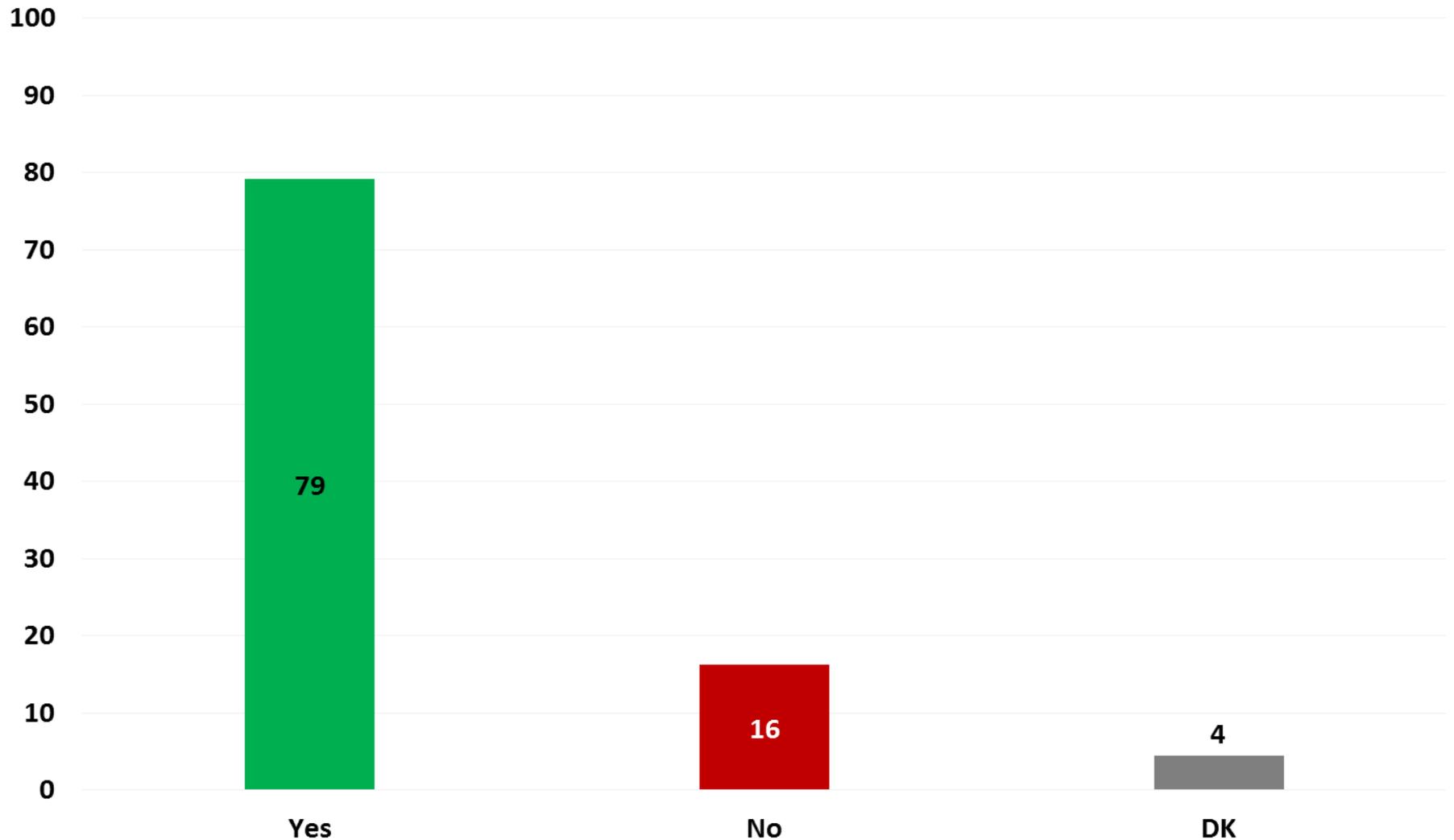
## Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (q60) - of the 79% who are aware of the verdict

Agree Disagree DK

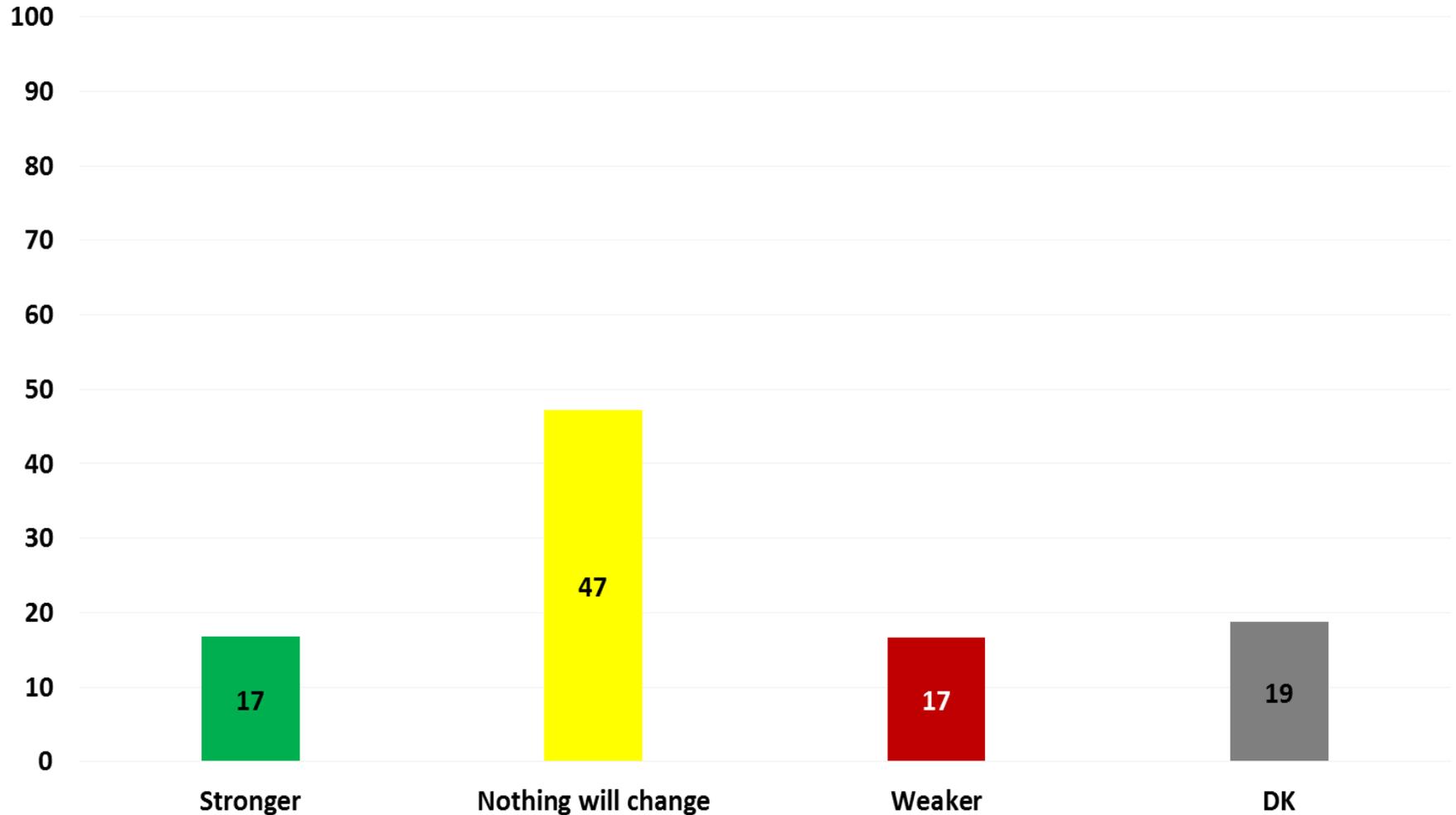
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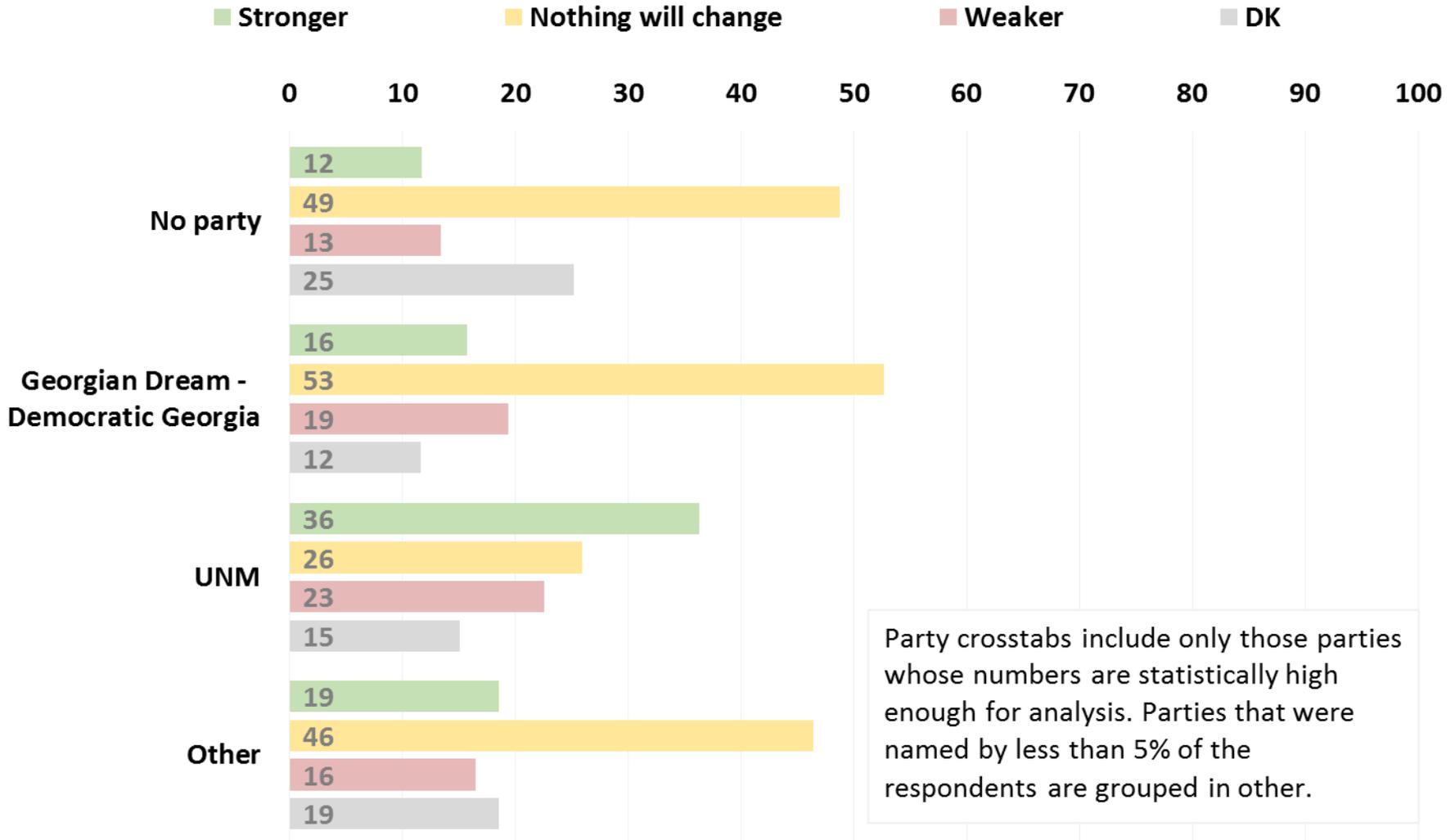
# Are you aware that part of the UNM leadership left the party and formed a new party European Georgia - Movement for Freedom? (q63)



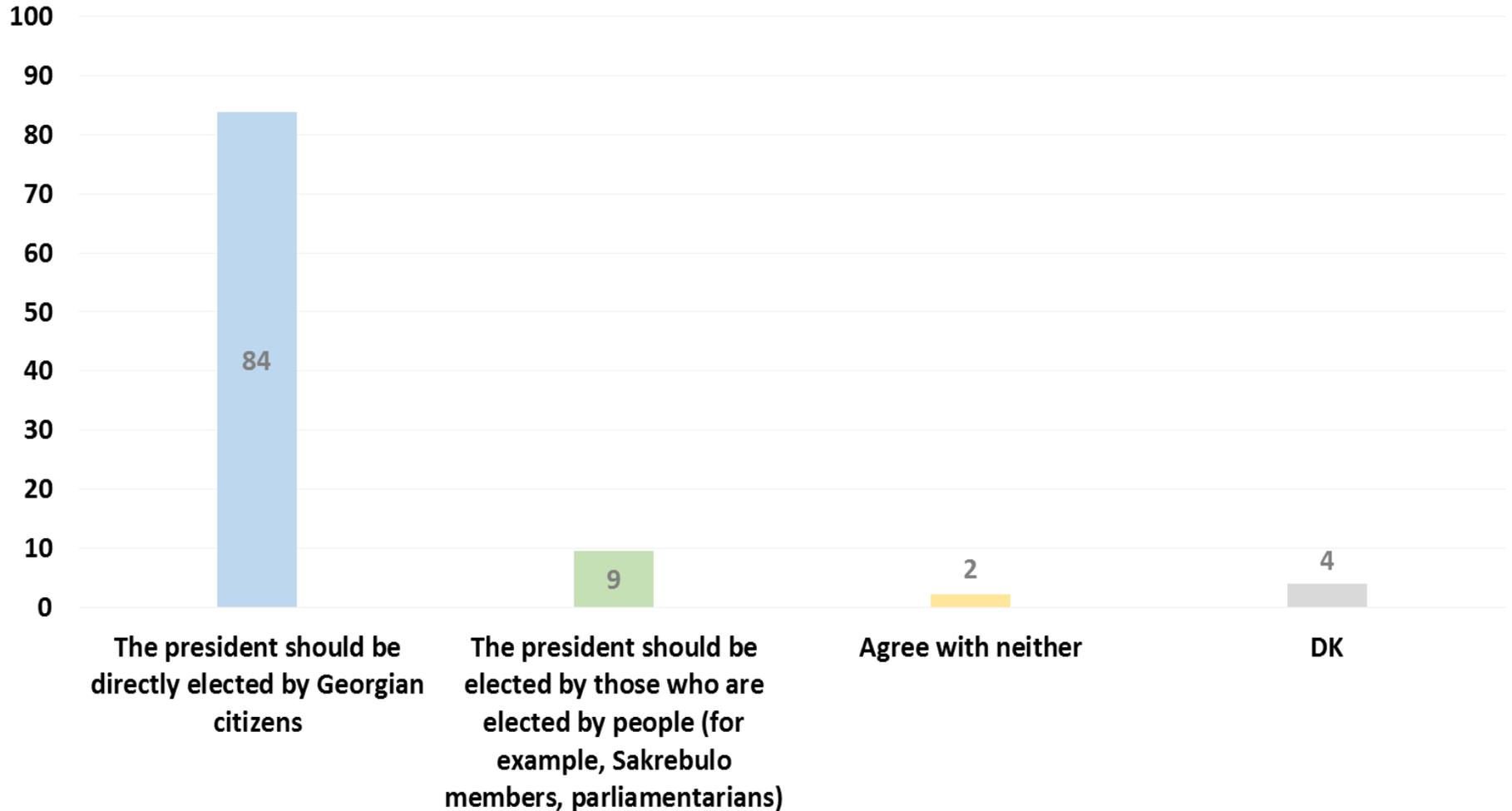
**Do you think that establishment of the new party by the former  
leaders of the United National Movement will make  
opposition in Georgia ...? (q64)**



# Do you think that establishment of the new party by the former leaders of the United National Movement will make opposition in Georgia ...? (q64 X Party closest to you)

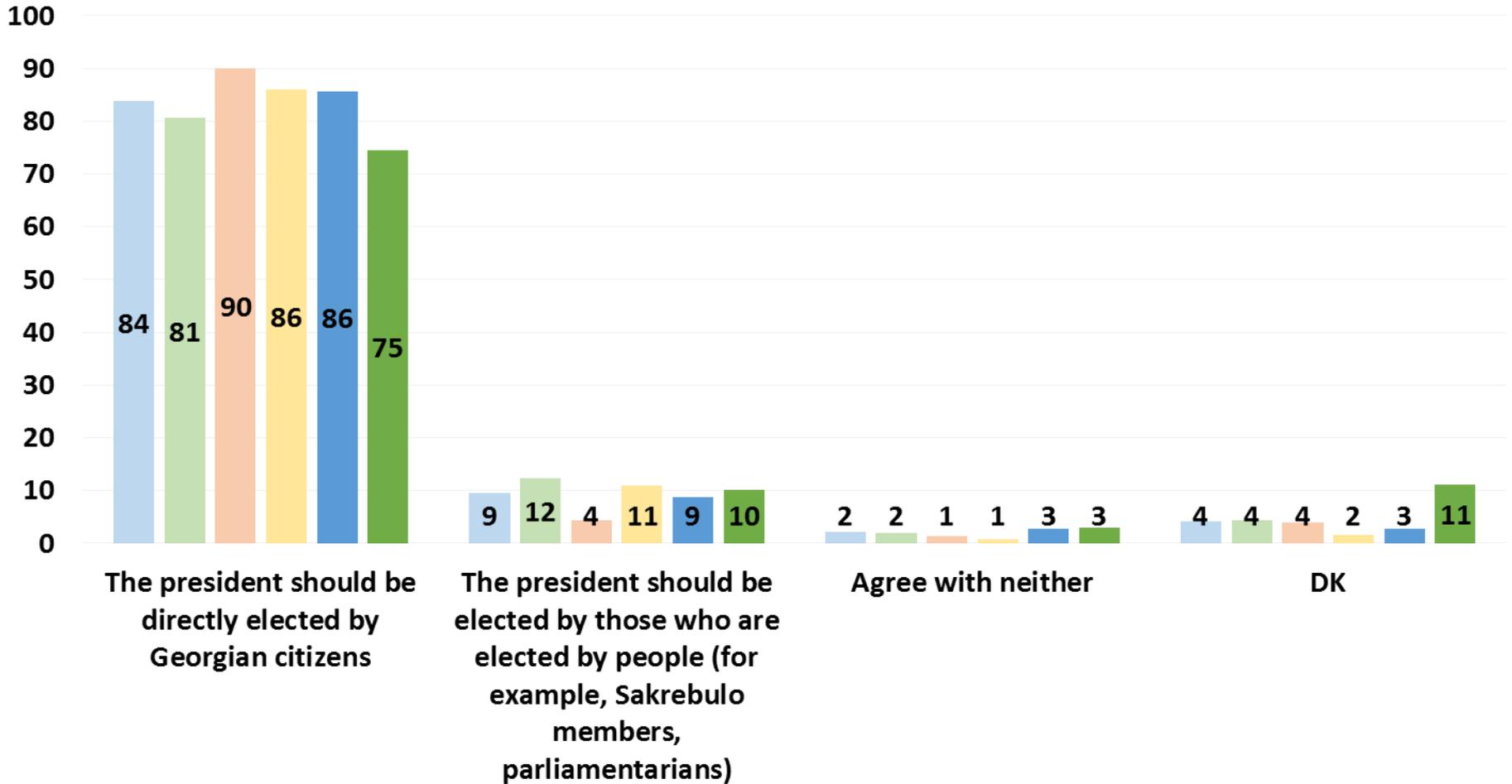


**The subject for how Georgia should elect its president has been a topic of recent political discussions. Which statement do you agree with the most? (q65)**

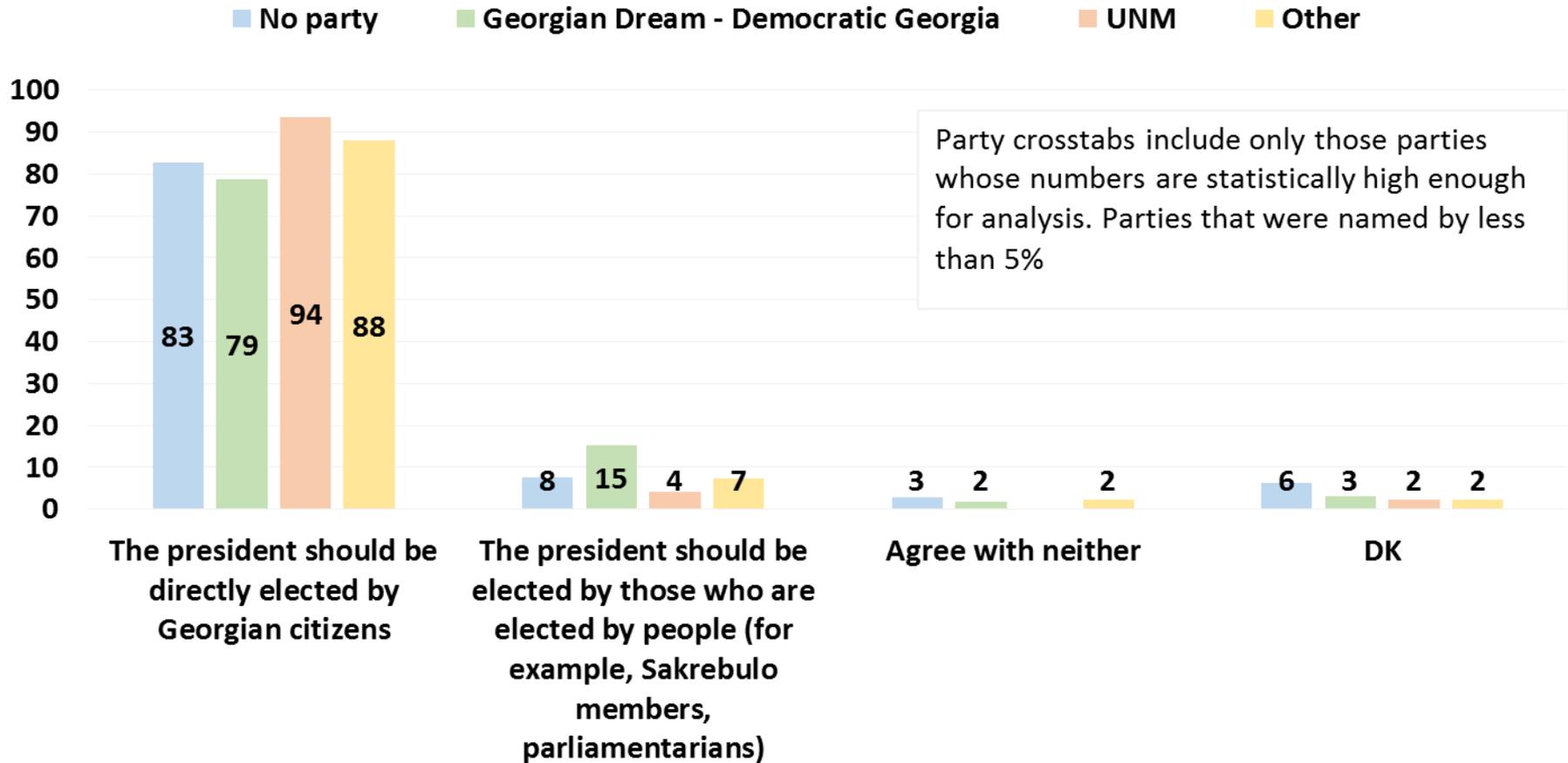


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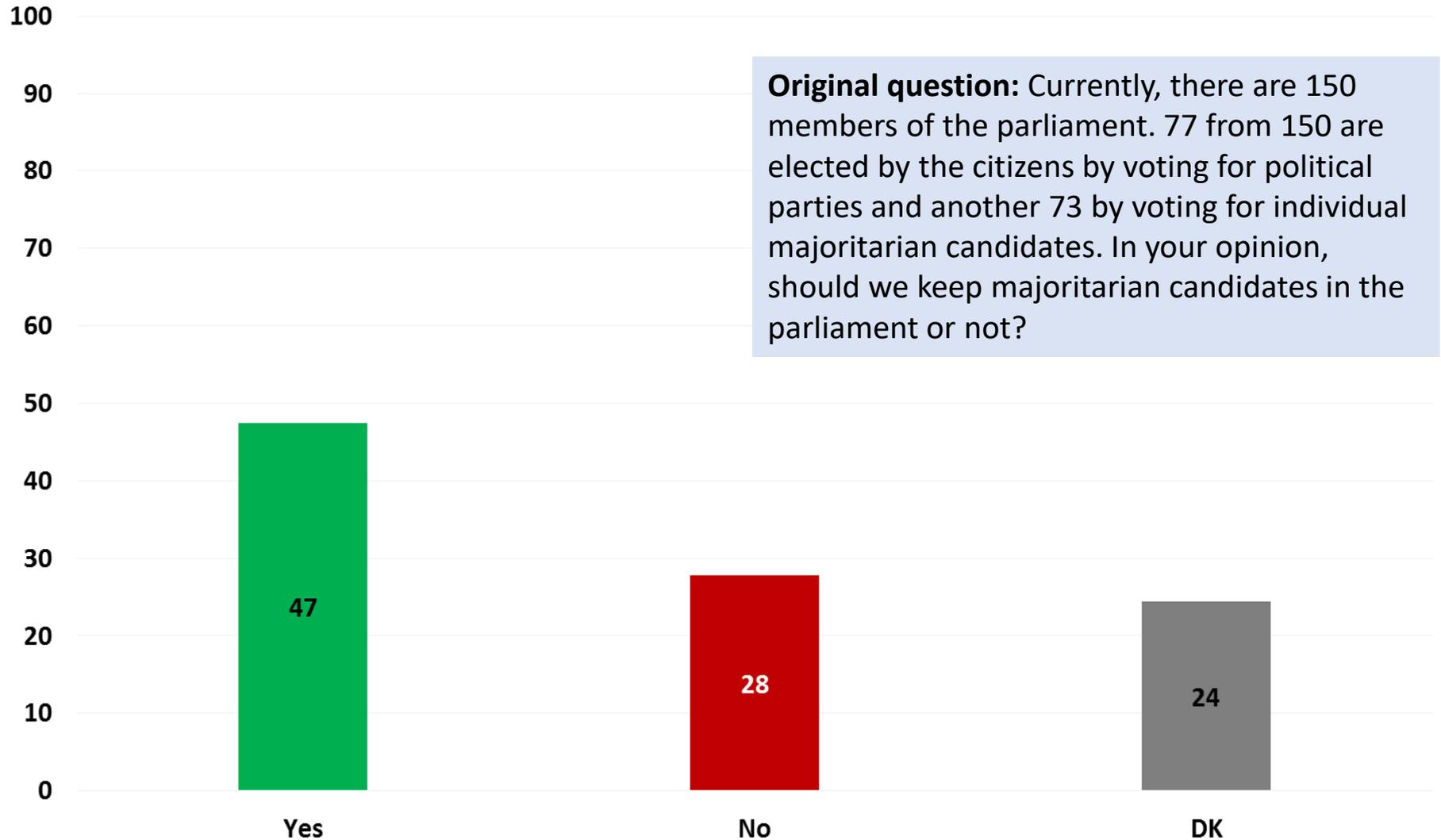
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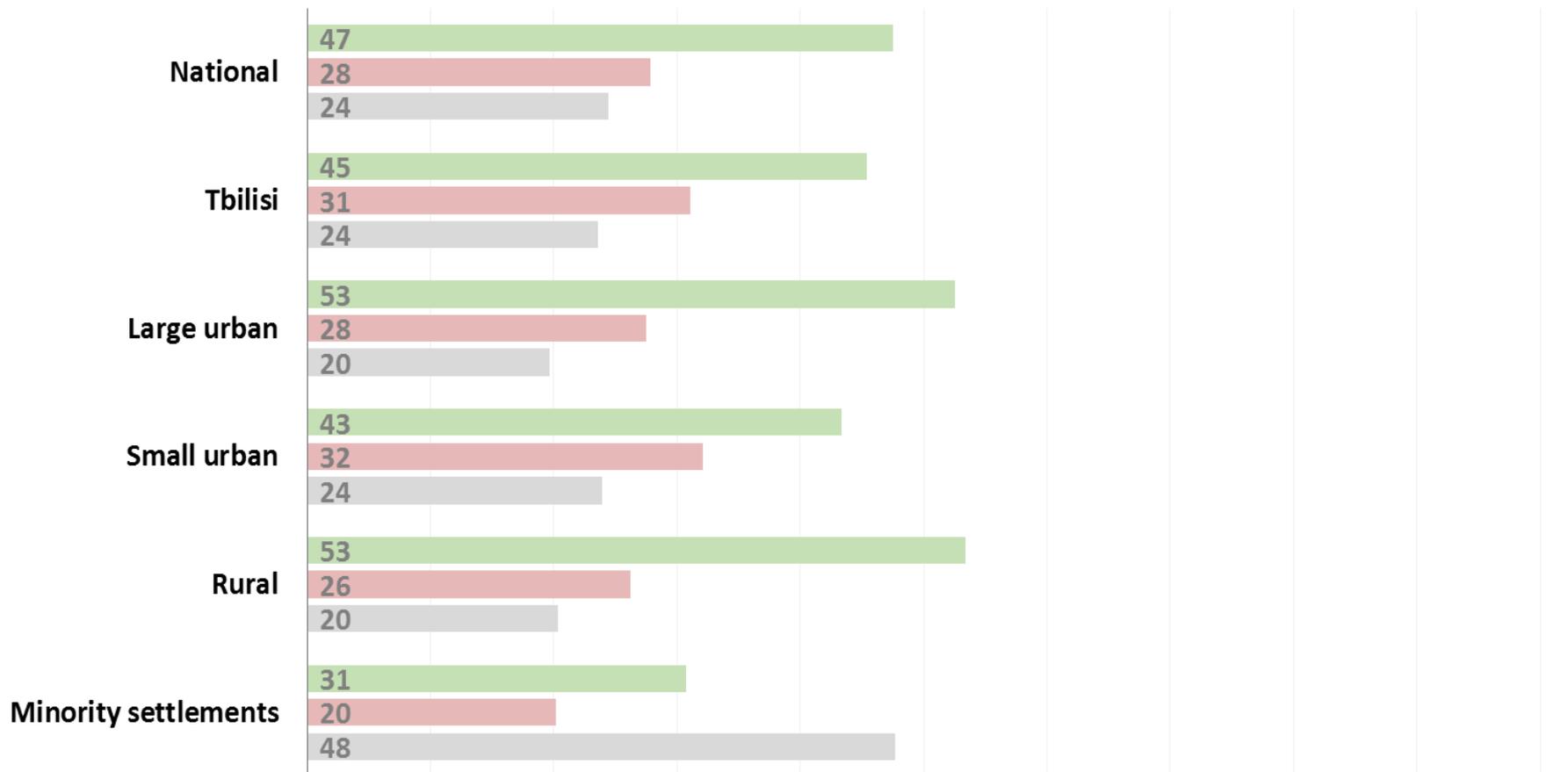
## Should we keep majoritarian MPs in the parliament or not? (q66)



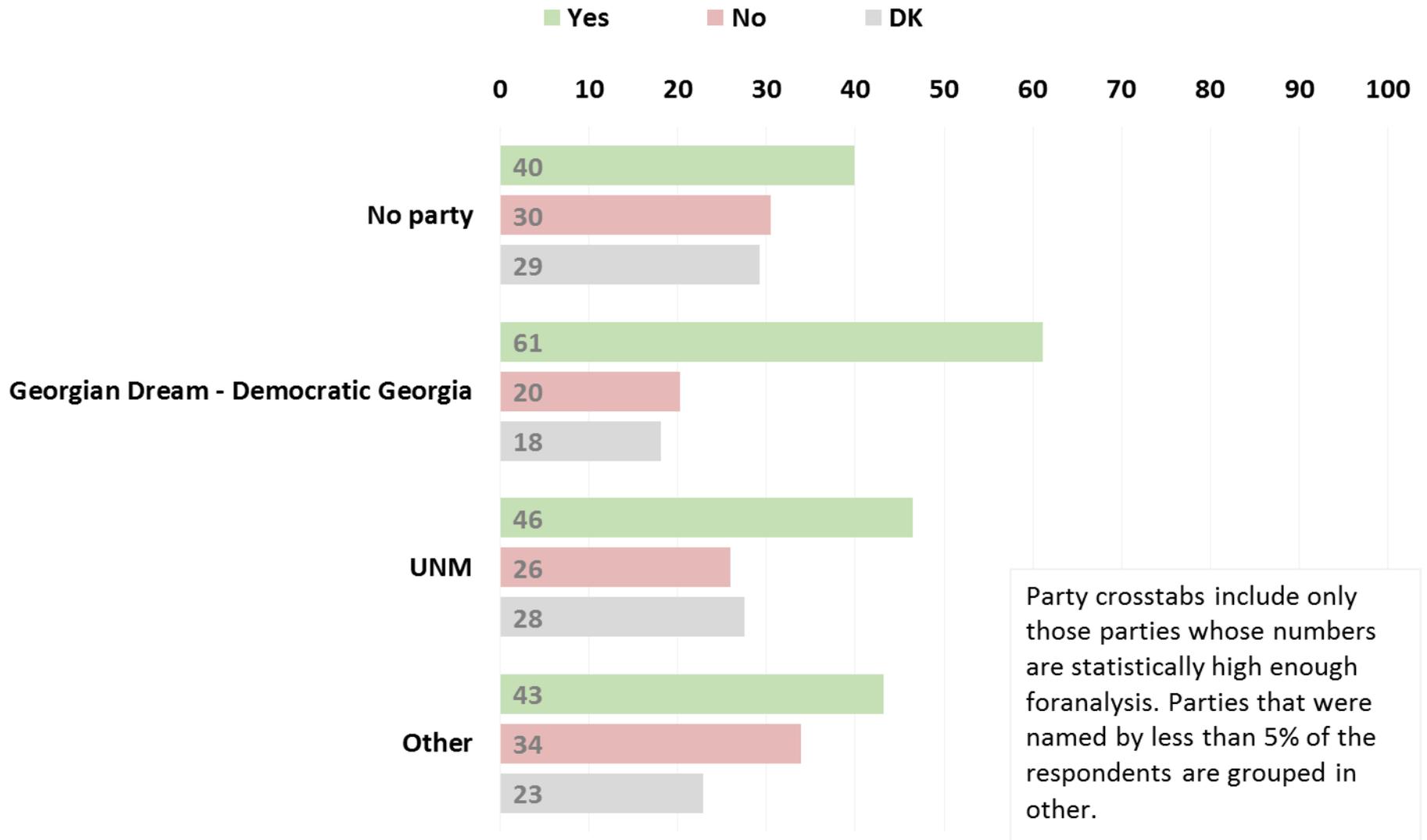
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Yes No DK

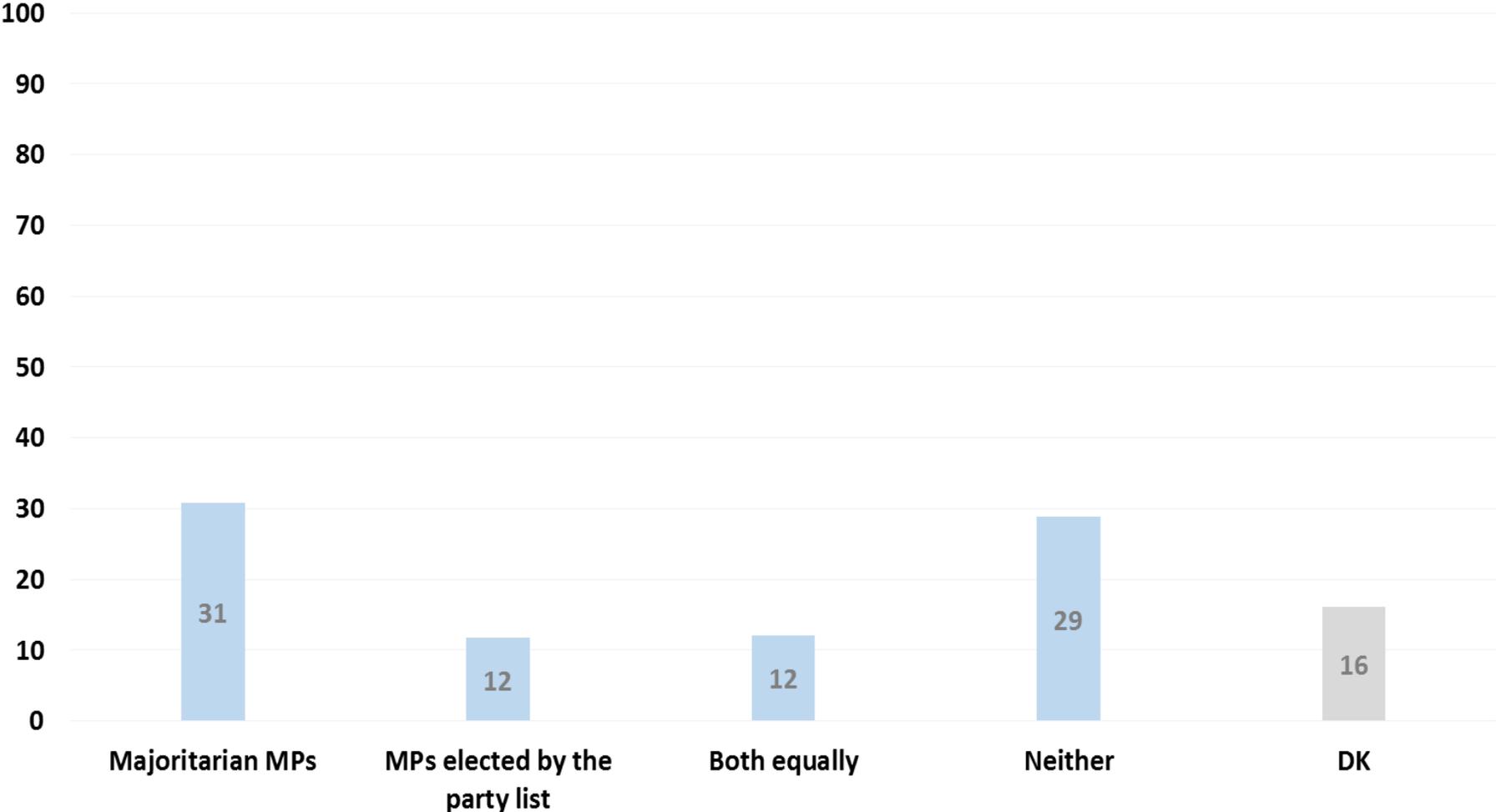
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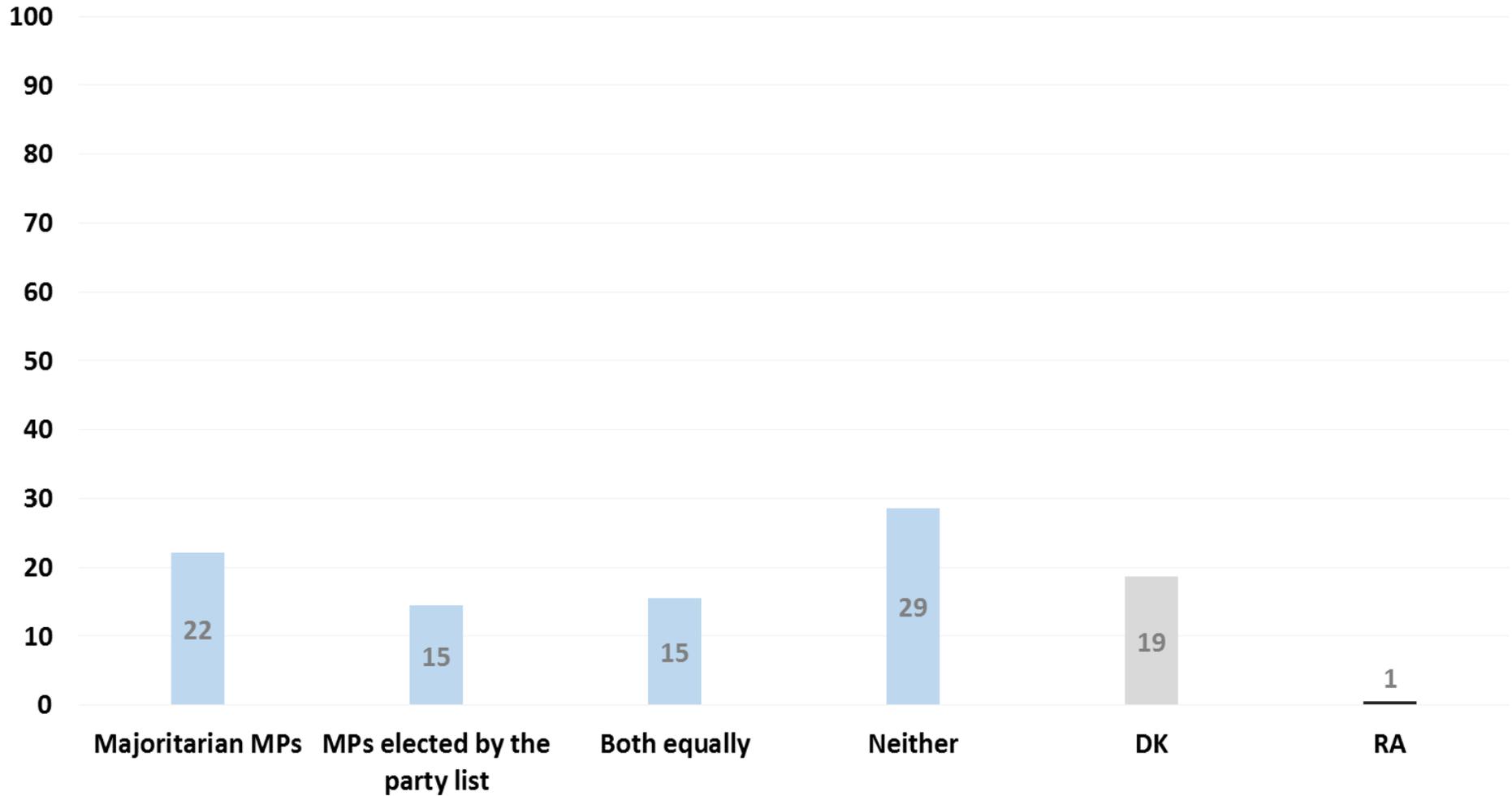
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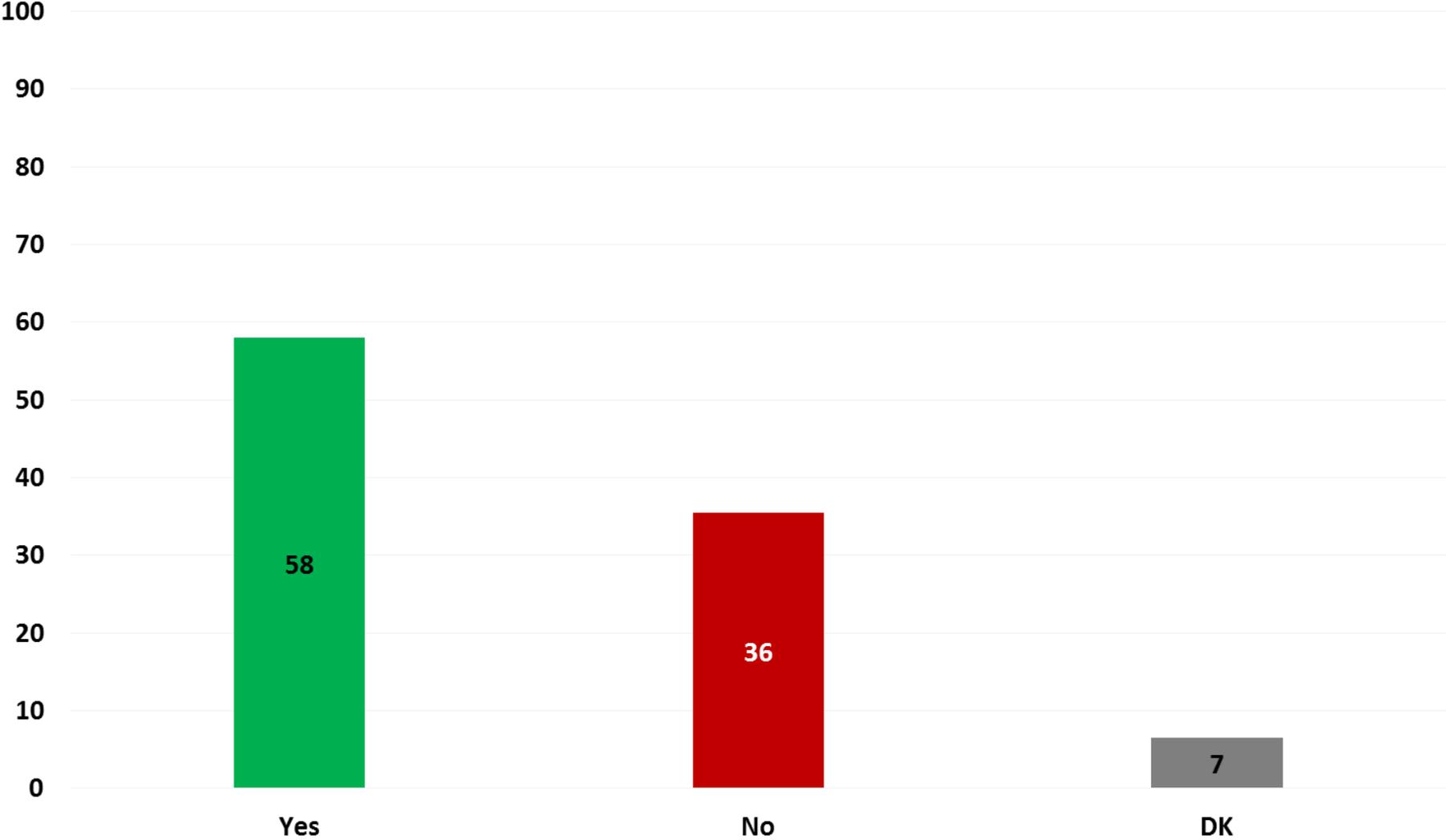
# Who understands the needs of people better, majoritarian MPs or MPs elected by the party list? (q67)



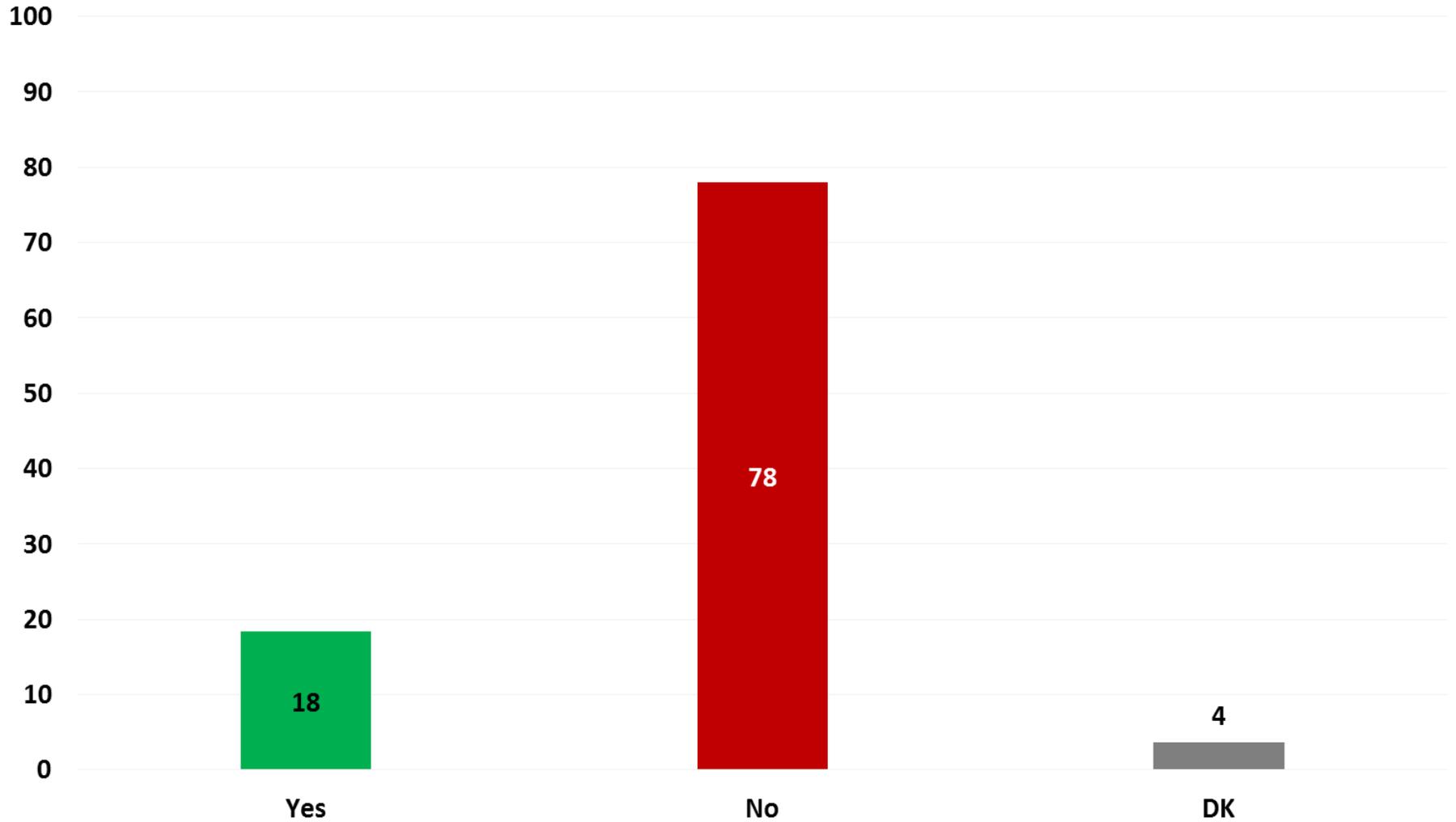
## Who contributes more to the work of the parliament, majoritarian MPs or MPs elected by the party list? (q68)



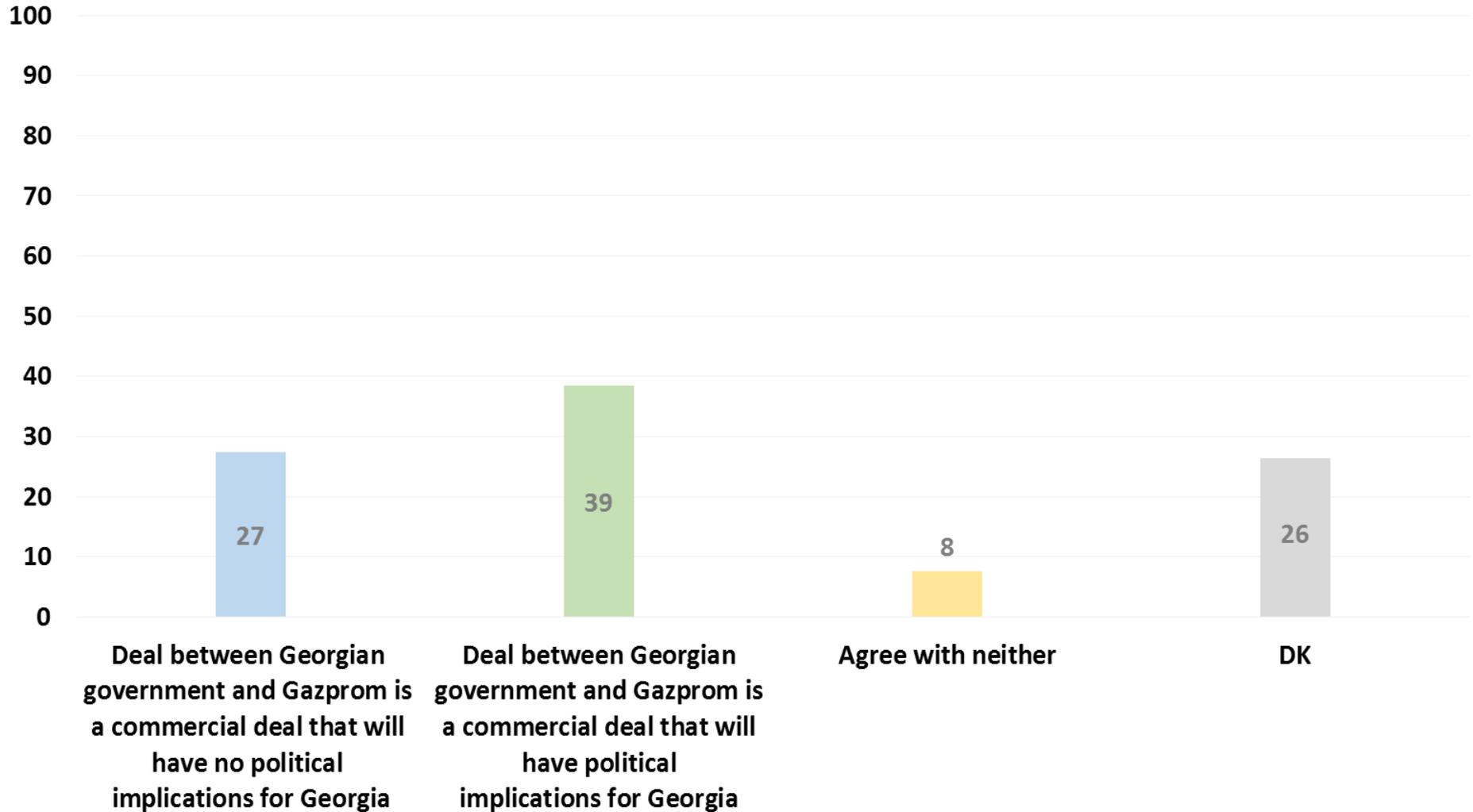
# Are you aware that recently Georgian government signed a new deal with Gazprom? (q69)



**Do you think that you have enough information about this deal between Gazprom and Government of Georgia? (q70) - of the 58% who are aware of the new deal**



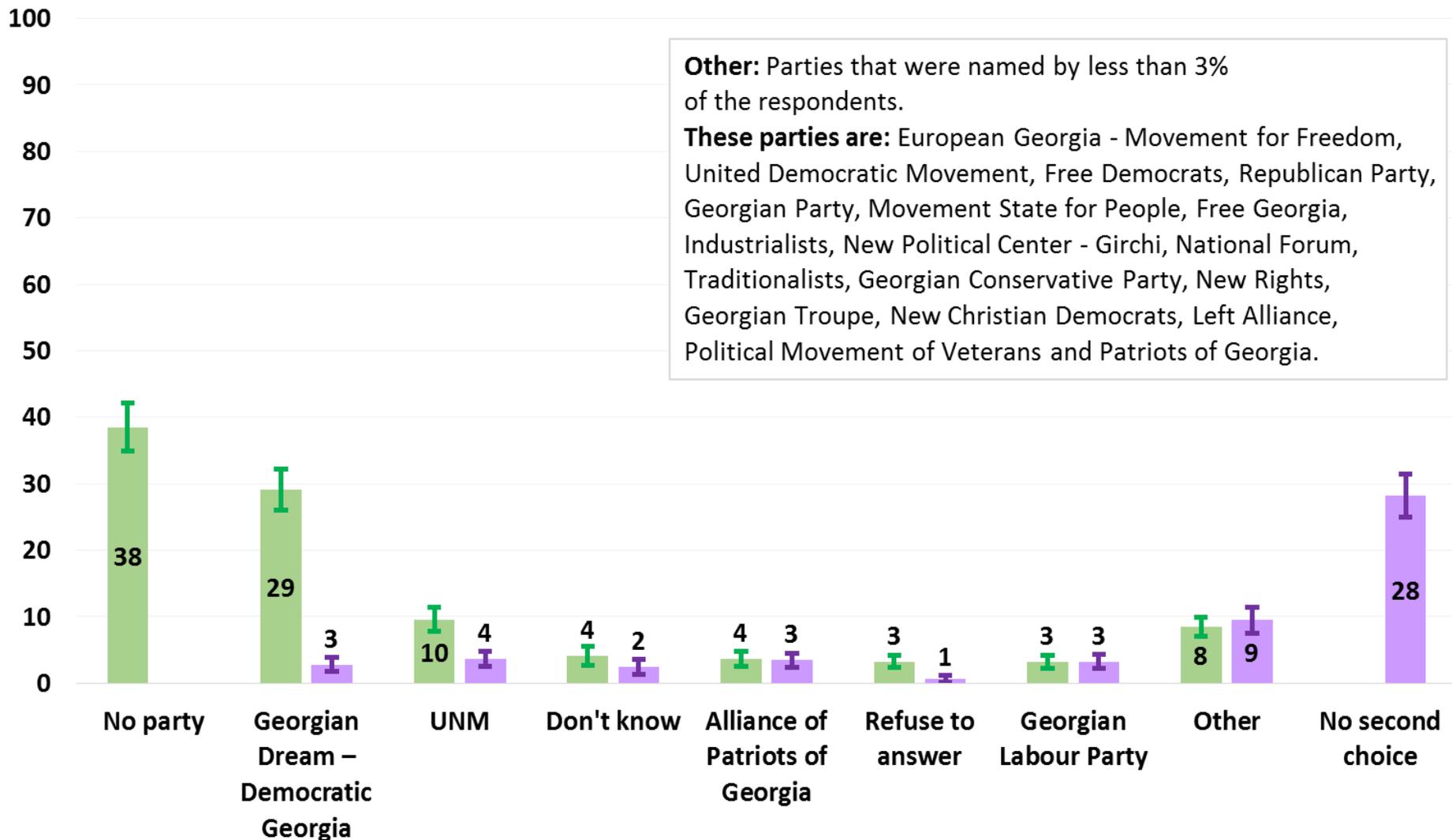
**Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q71) - of the 58% who are aware of the new deal**



# Party Support

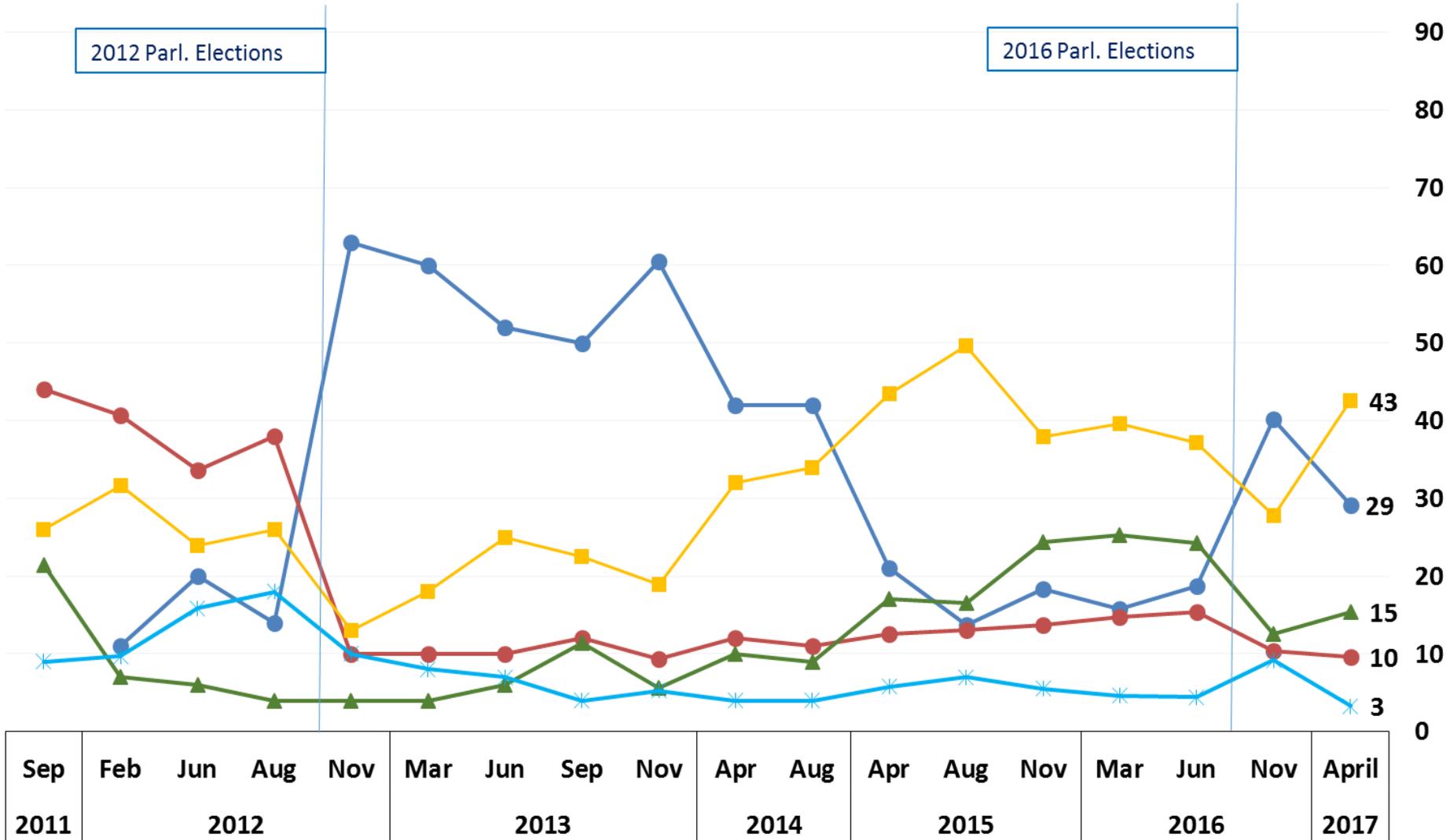
# Which party is closest to you? (q14)

■ First choice    ■ Second choice



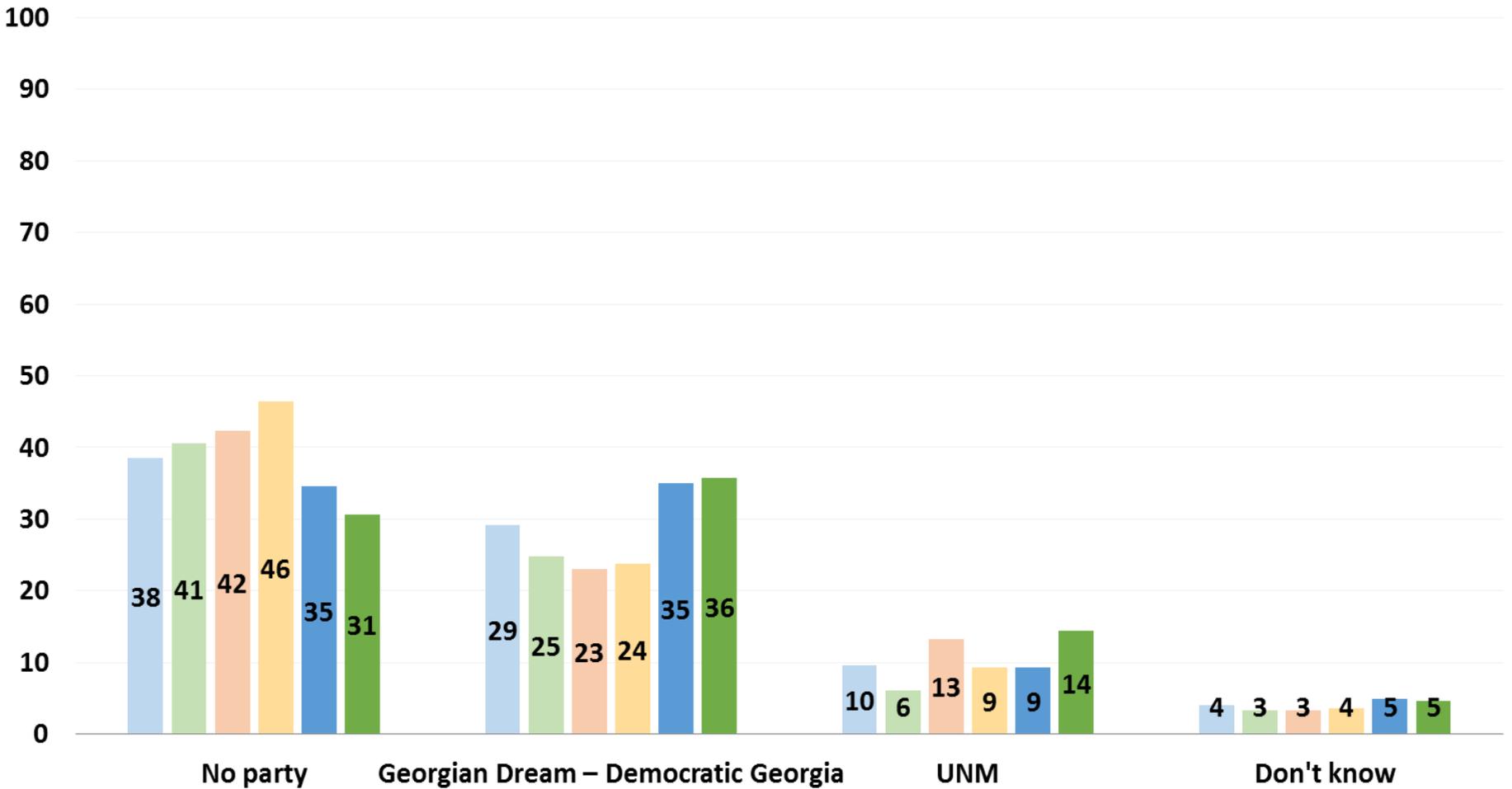
# Which party is closest to you? (q14)

● Georgian Dream
 ● UNM
 ▲ Other
 ■ No Party+DK
 ✱ RA



# Which party is closest to you? (q14 X Settlement) Part 1

National    Capital    Large urban    Small urban    Rural    Minority settlements



# Which party is closest to you? (q14 X Settlement) Part 2

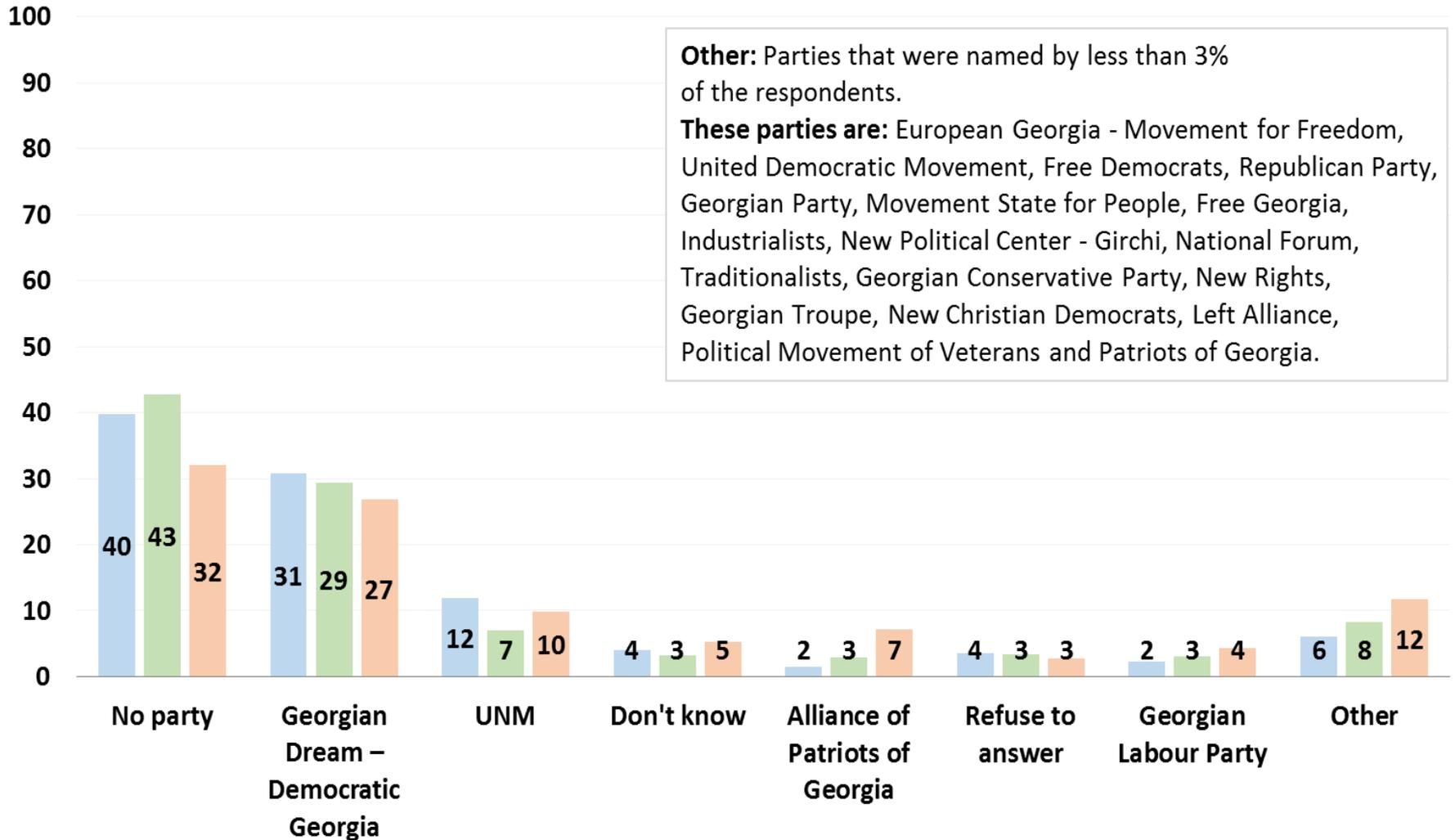
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**Other:** Parties that were named by less than 3% of the respondents.  
**These parties are:** European Georgia - Movement for Freedom, United Democratic Movement, Free Democrats, Republican Party, Georgian Party, Movement State for People, Free Georgia, Industrialists, New Political Center - Girchi, National Forum, Traditionalists, Georgian Conservative Party, New Rights, Georgian Troupe, New Christian Democrats, Left Alliance, Political Movement of Veterans and Patriots of Georgia.

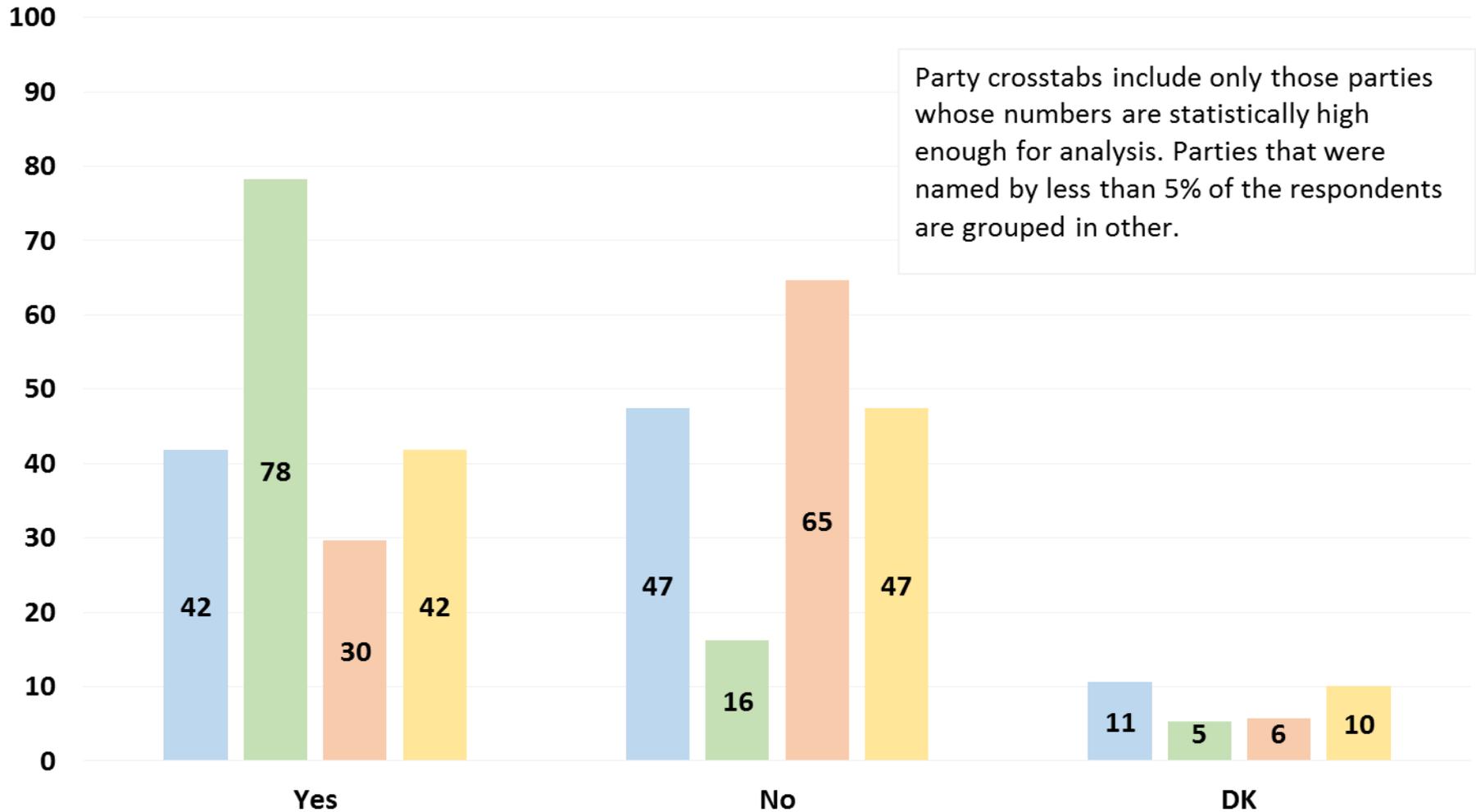
## Which party is closest to you? (q14 X Age)

■ 18-35    ■ 36-55    ■ 56+



# Is Georgia a democracy now? (q4 X Party closest to you)

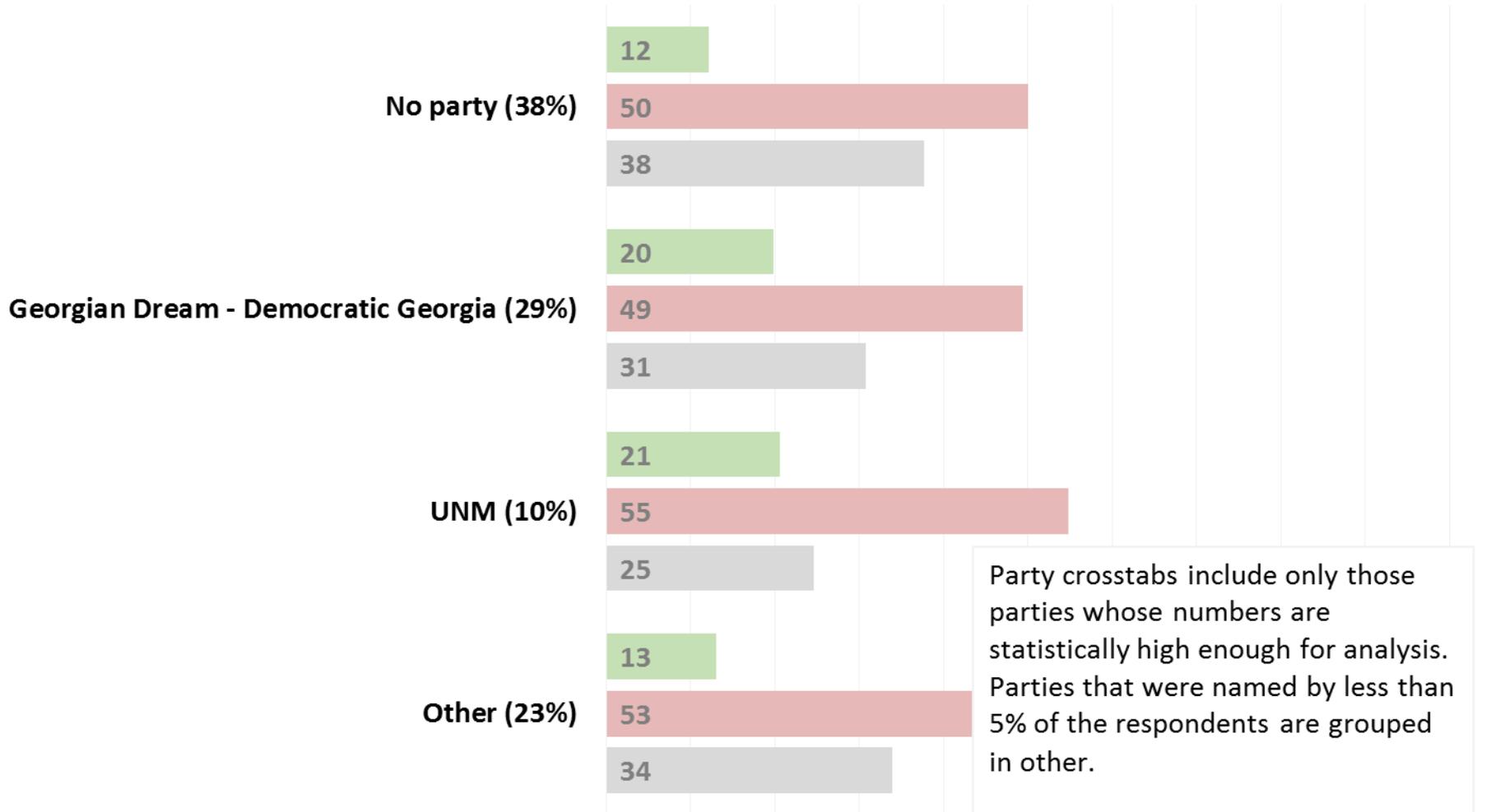
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# Is Russia a democracy? (q6 X Party closest to you)

Yes No DK

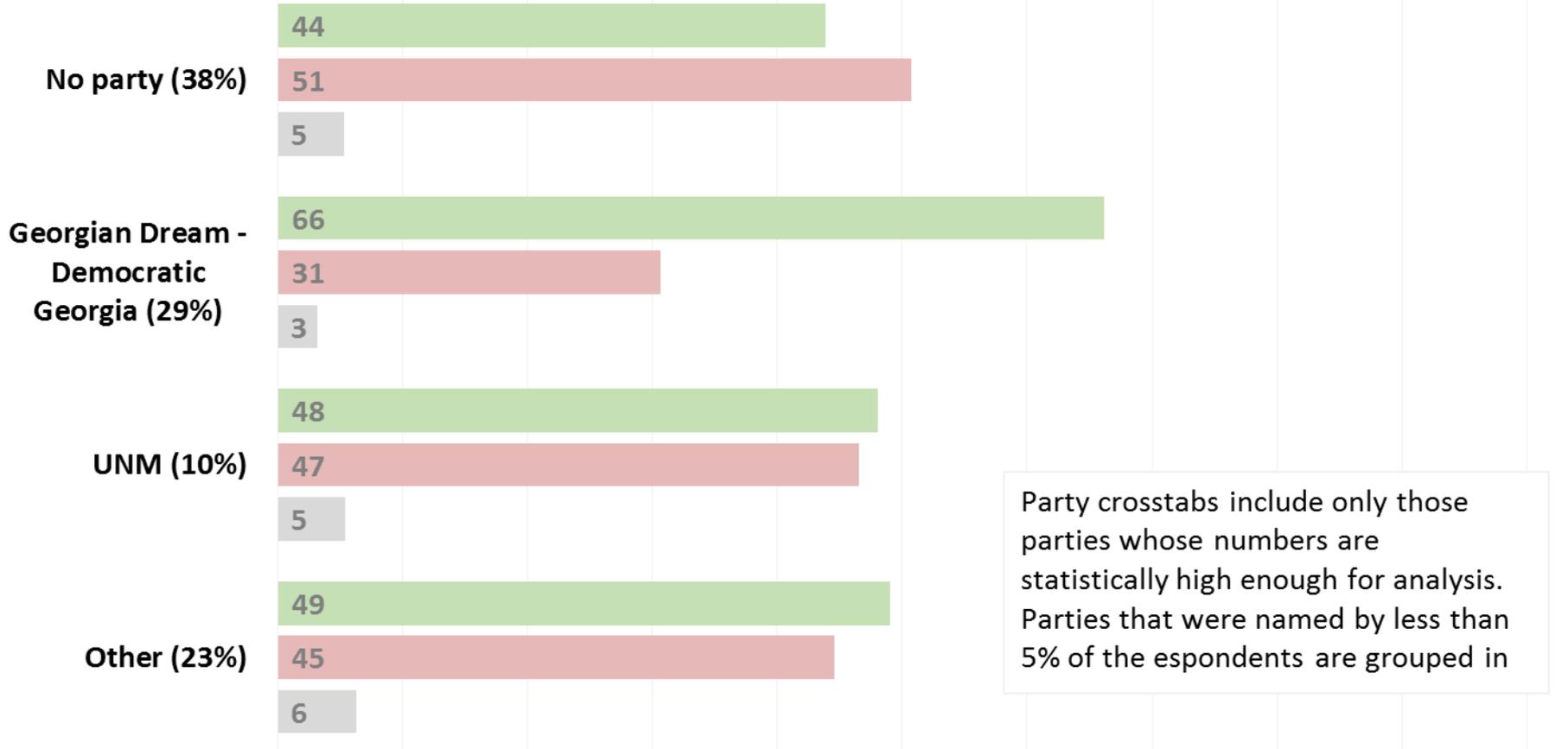
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# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In terms of national security Georgia is a secure country? (q12 X Party closest to you)

Yes No DK

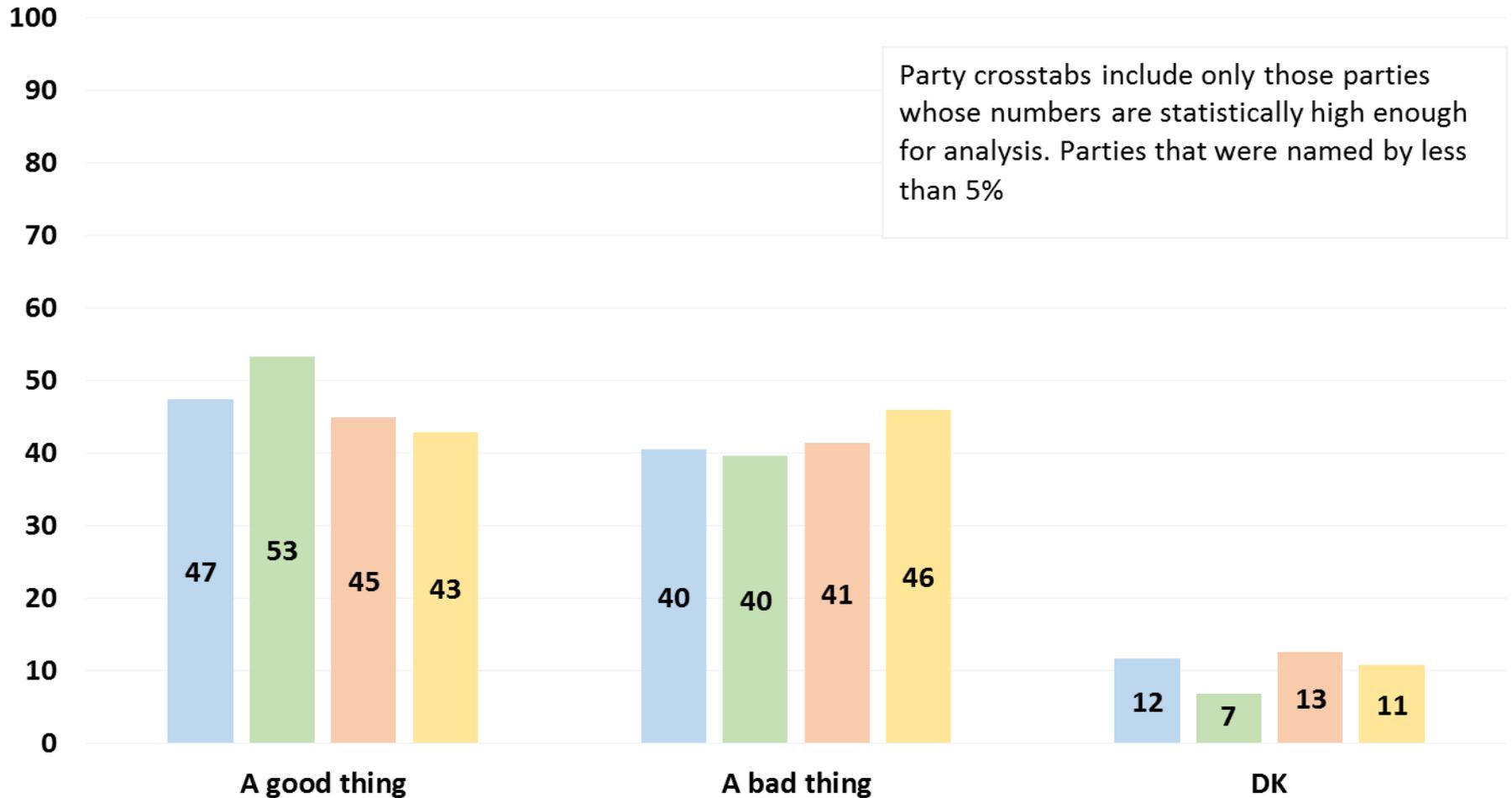
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# In general, do you think the dissolution of the Soviet Union has been a good thing or a bad thing for Georgia? (q46 X Party closest to you)

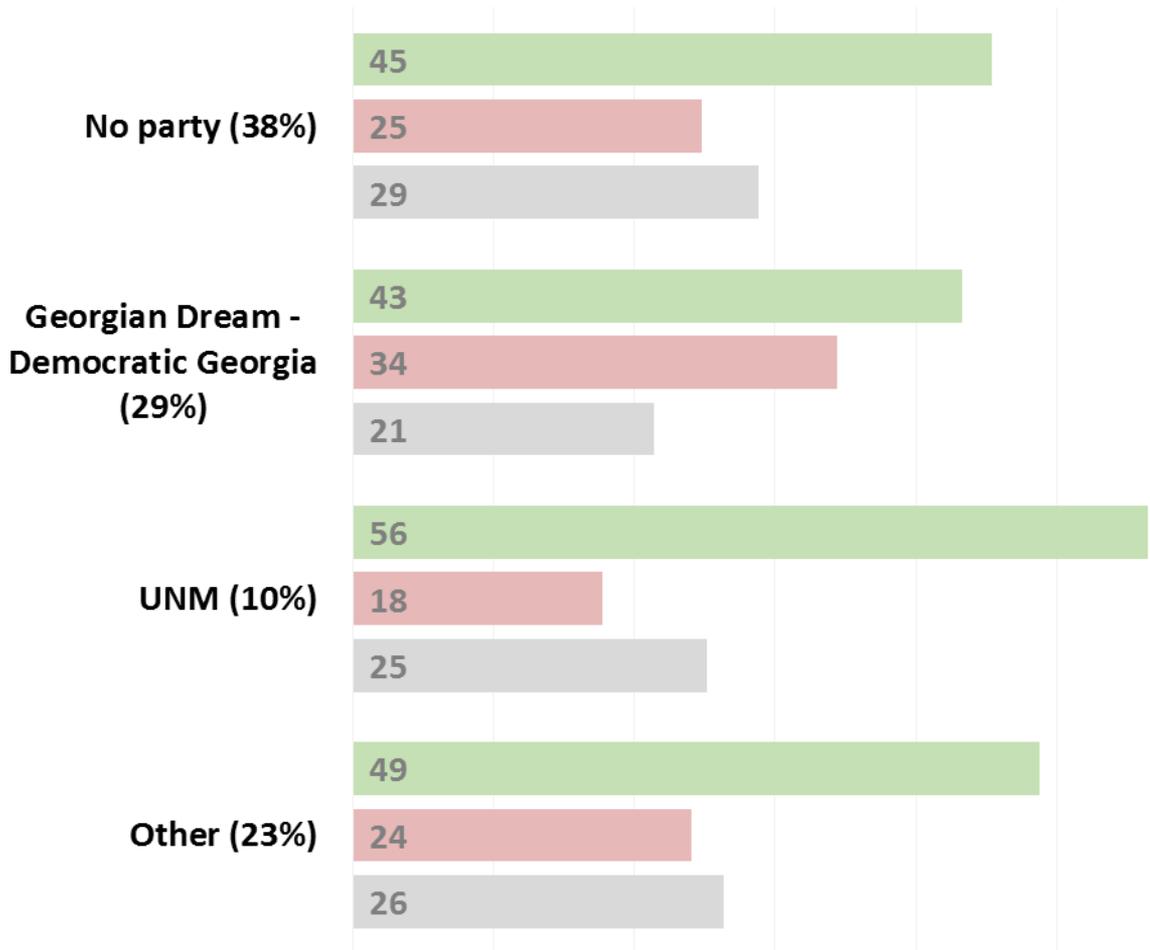
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# Do you agree or disagree that there is a Russian propaganda in Georgia? (q72 X Party closest to you)

Agree Disagree DK

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**Original question:** 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. Do you agree or disagree that there is a Russian propaganda in Georgia?

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