



## Public attitudes in Georgia

Results of March 2018 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: March 20 – April 4
- 2194 completed interviews (46% 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 +/- 2,2%

# Methodology

## Sample design

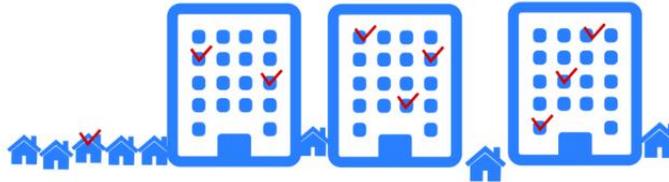
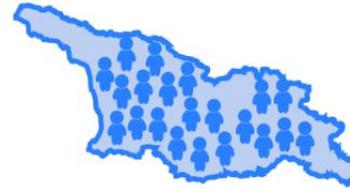
NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:

- ✓ **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.



2

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.

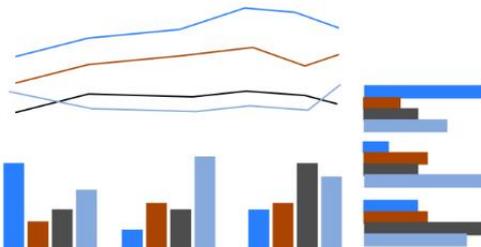


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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



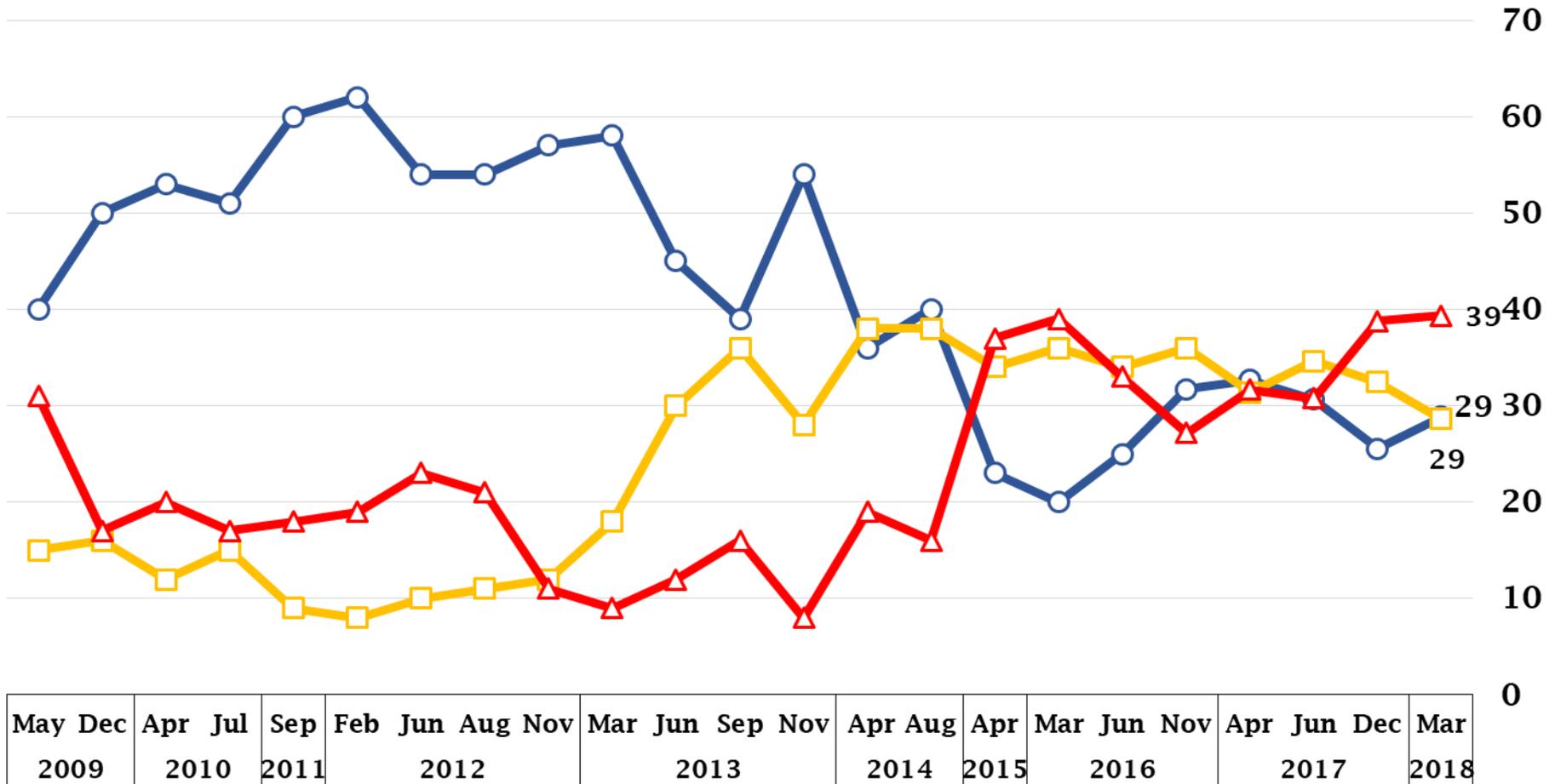
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CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

# Country's Direction

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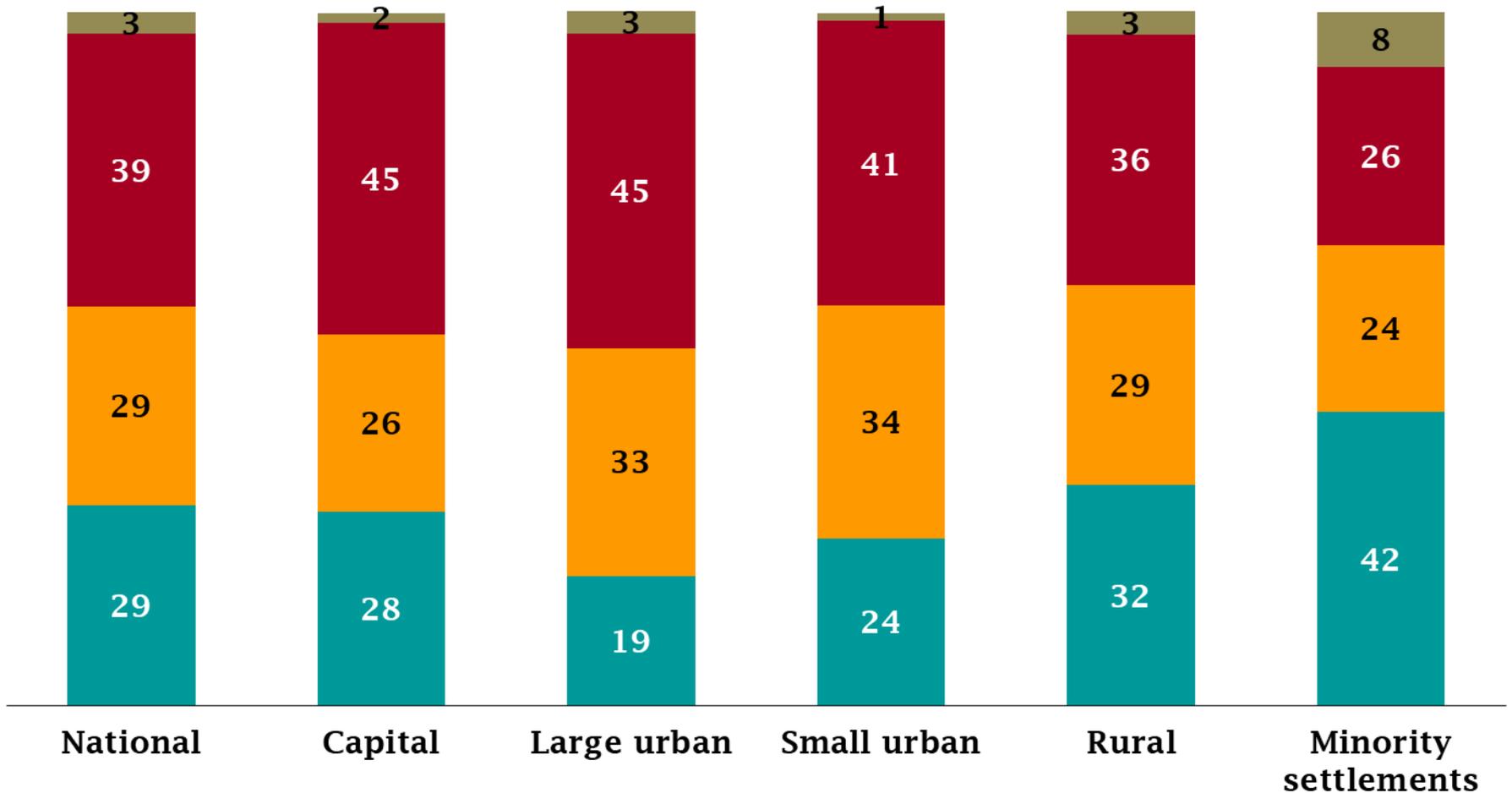
# In which direction is Georgia going? (q1)



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

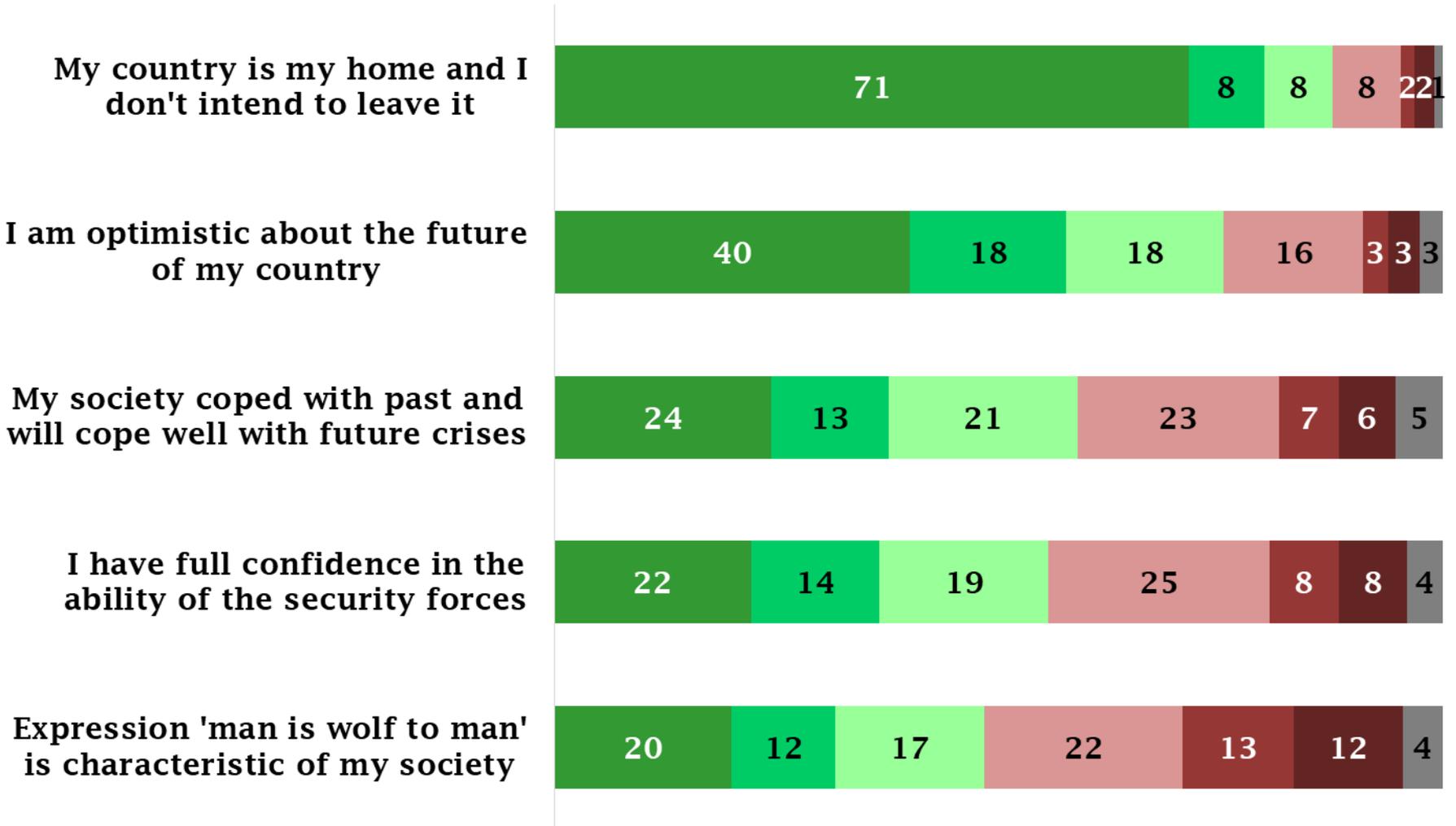
# In which direction is Georgia going? (q1 X Settlement)

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



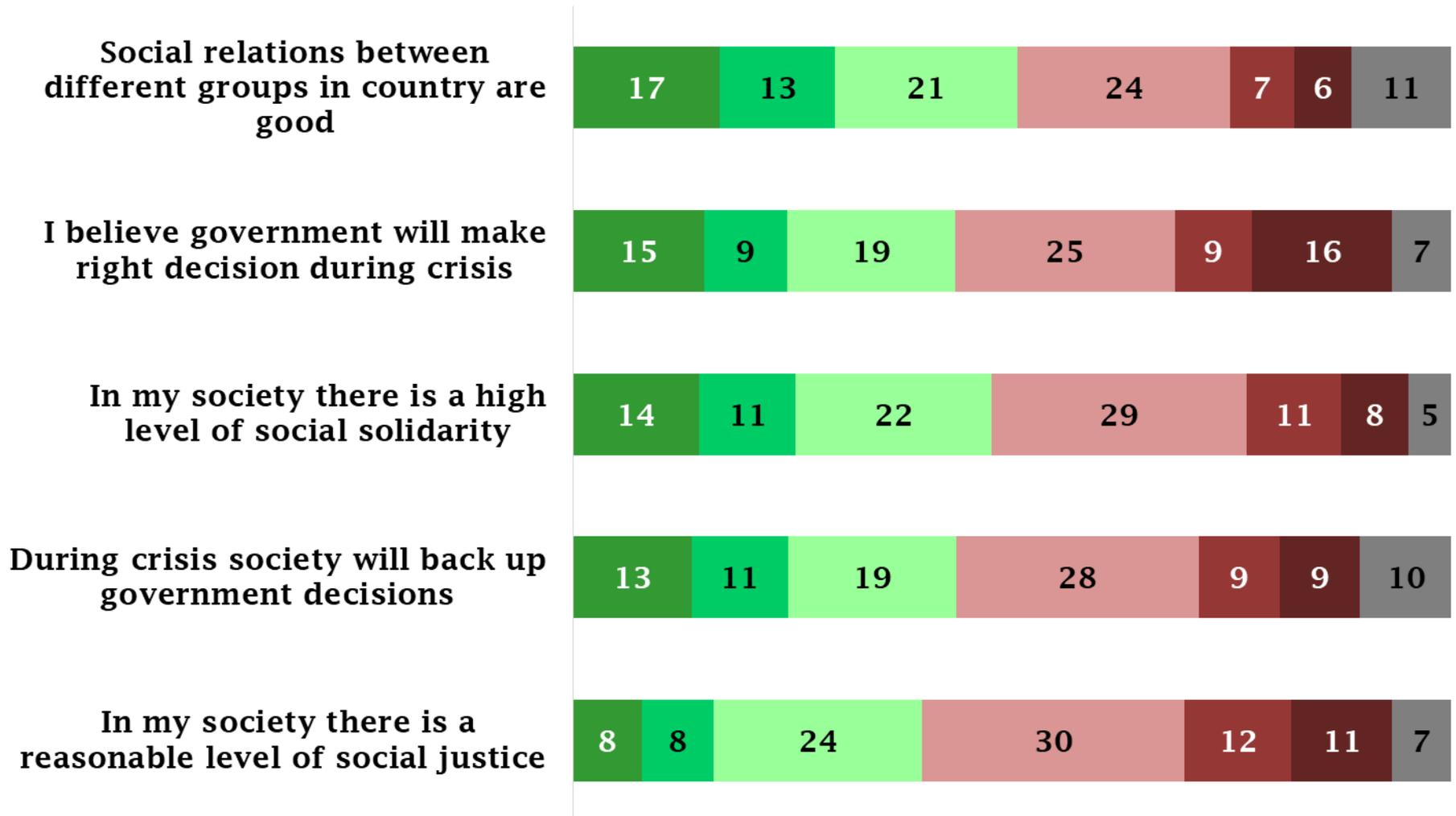
# How much do agree or disagree with following statements (q32) Part 1

■ 6 Completely agree  
 ■ 5  
 ■ 4  
 ■ 3  
 ■ 2  
 ■ 1 Do not agree at all  
 ■ Don't know

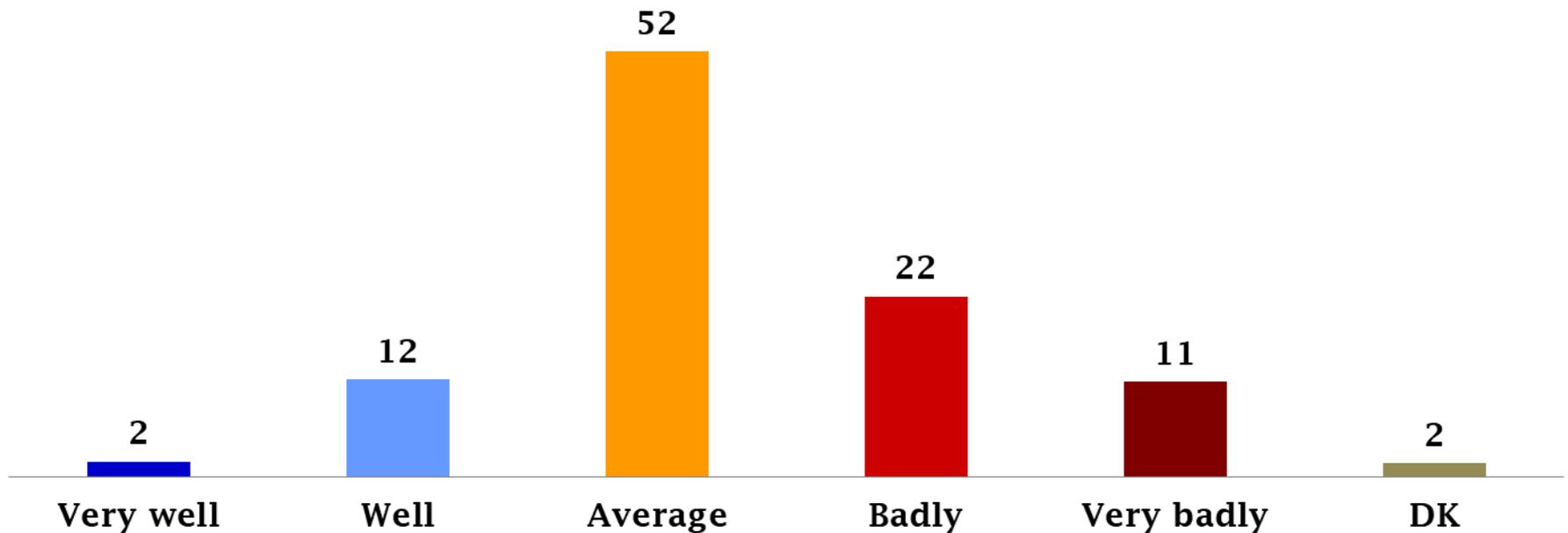


## How much do agree or disagree with following statements (q32) Part 2

6 Completely agree 5 4 3 2 1 Do not agree at all Don't know

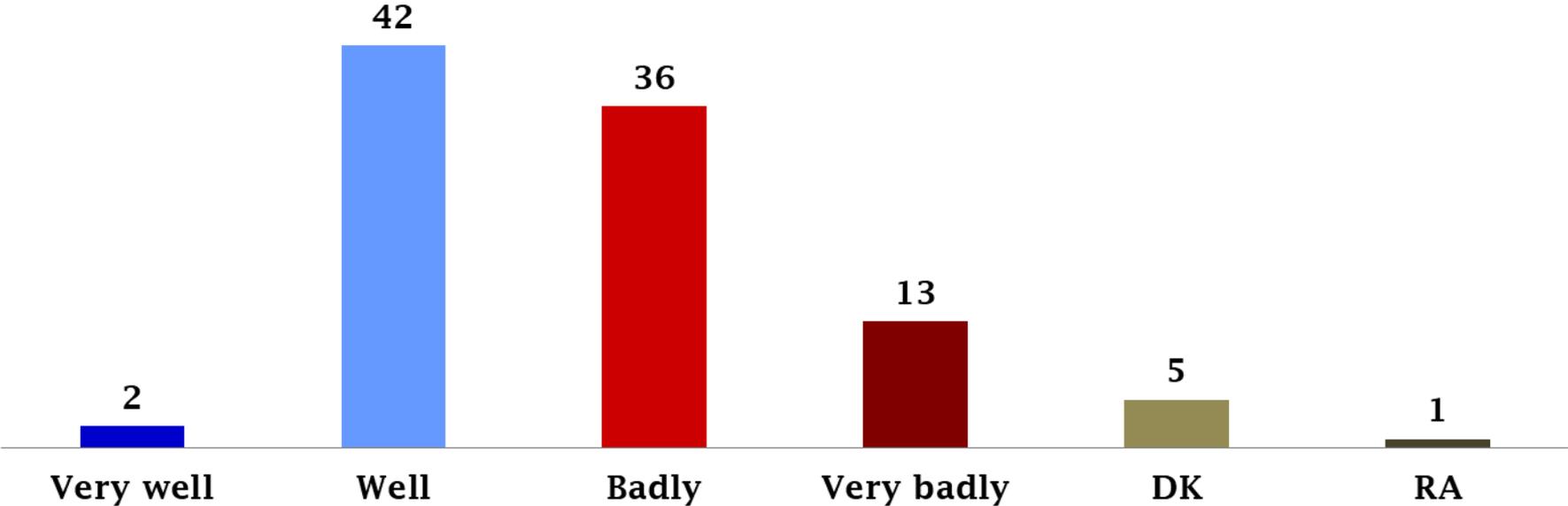


## How would you rate the performance of the current government? (q2a)



Question was asked only to the half of the repondents

# How would you rate the performance of the current government? (q2b)



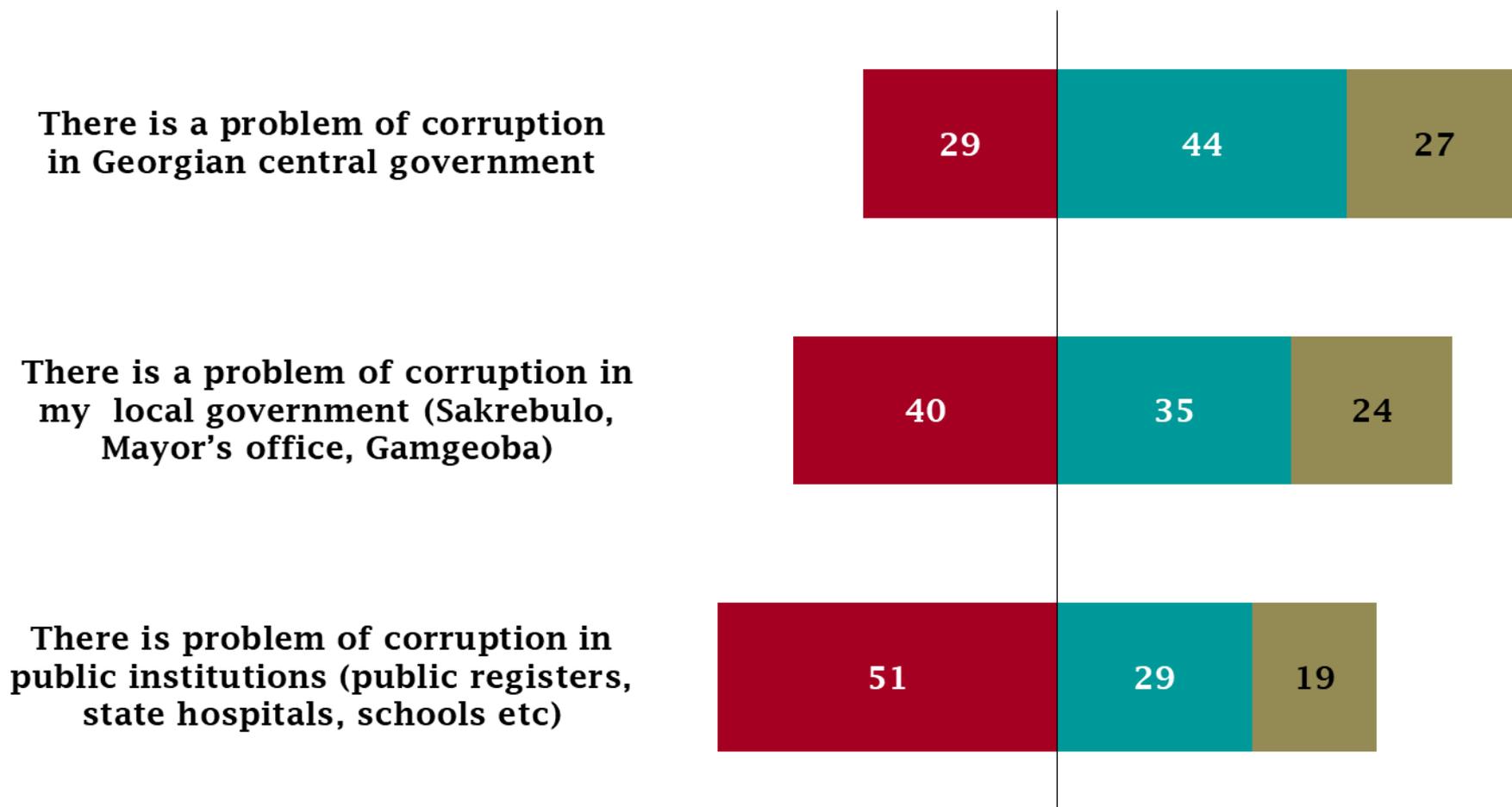
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## Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (q3)

■ Disagree

■ Agree

■ DK



## Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (q3) Tbilisi

■ Disagree    ■ Agree    ■ DK

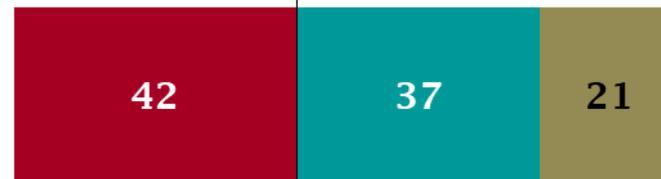
There is a problem of corruption in Georgian central government



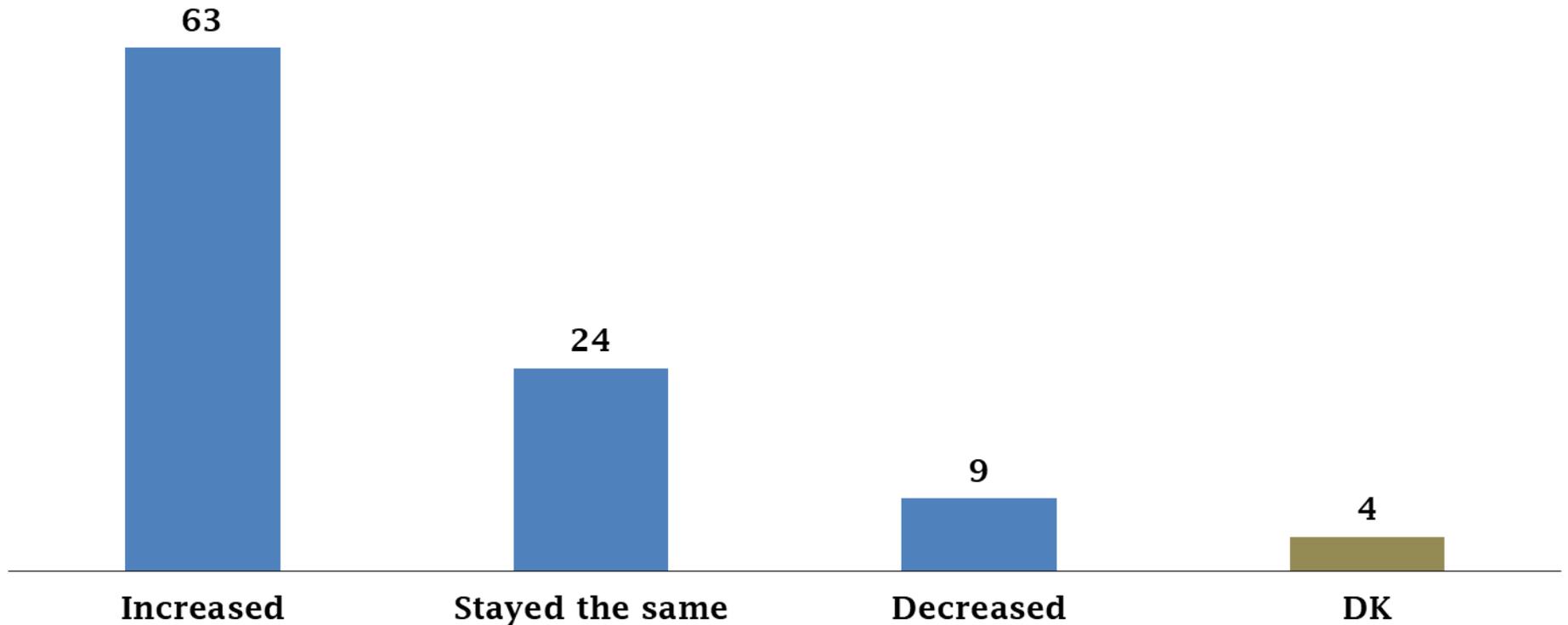
There is a problem of corruption in my local government (Sakrebulo, Mayor's office, Gangeoba)



There is problem of corruption in public institutions (public registers, state hospitals, schools etc)



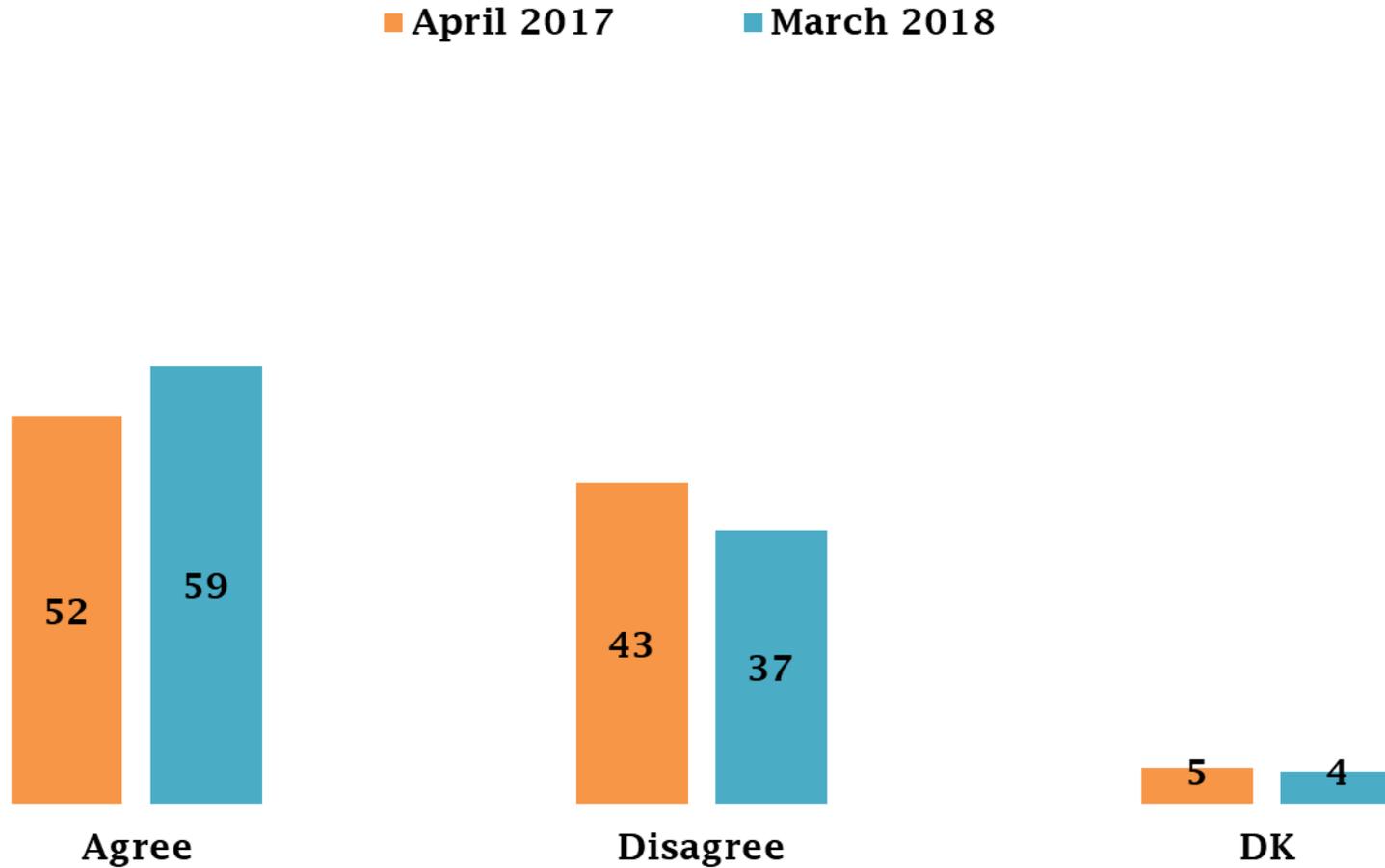
**After the parliamentary elections of October 2016 has the level of crime in Georgia ...? (q4)**



# National Security

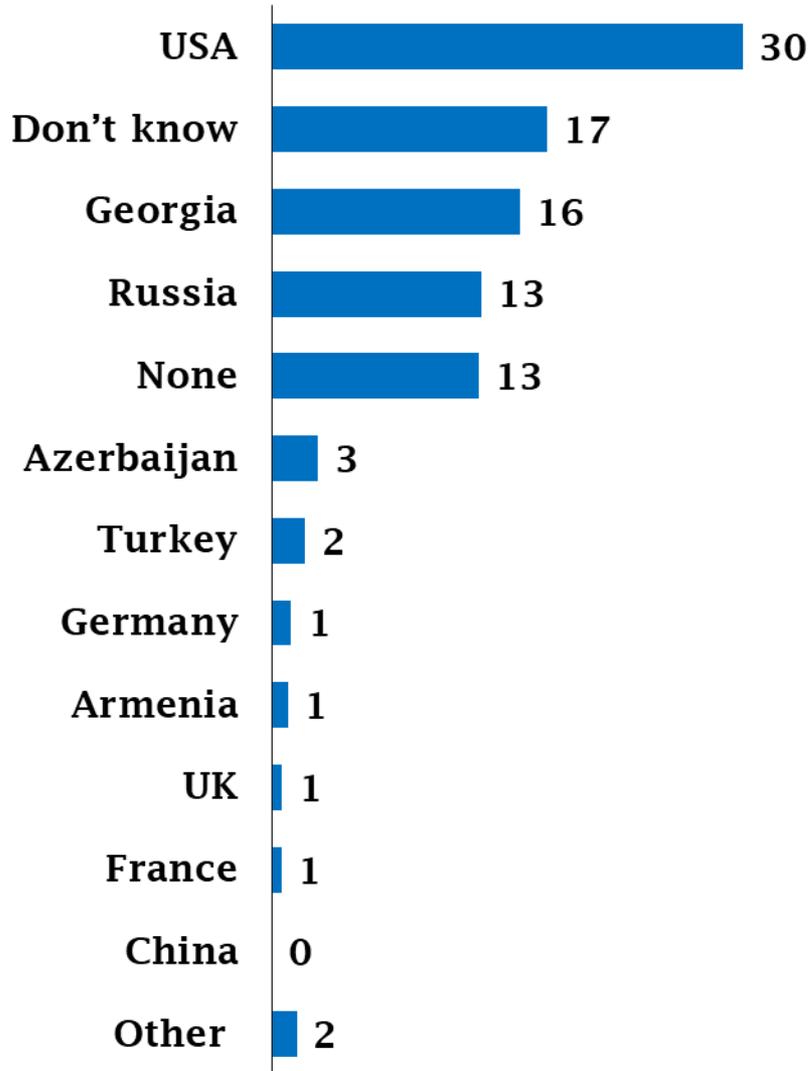
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**How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In terms of national security Georgia is a safe country? (q26)**

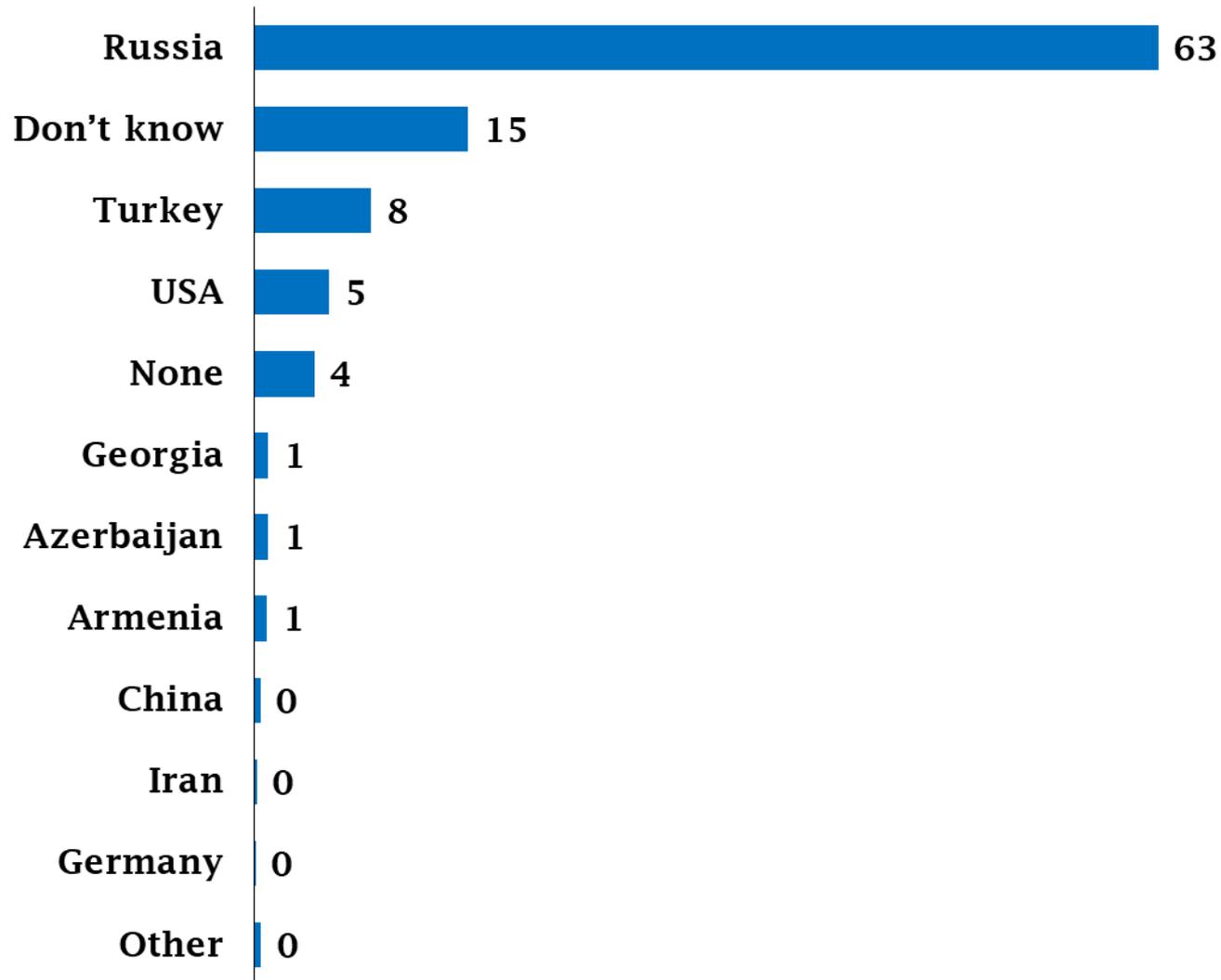


In April 2017 the wording of the question was slightly different. It said, Georgia is a 'secure' country instead of Georgia is a 'safe' country.

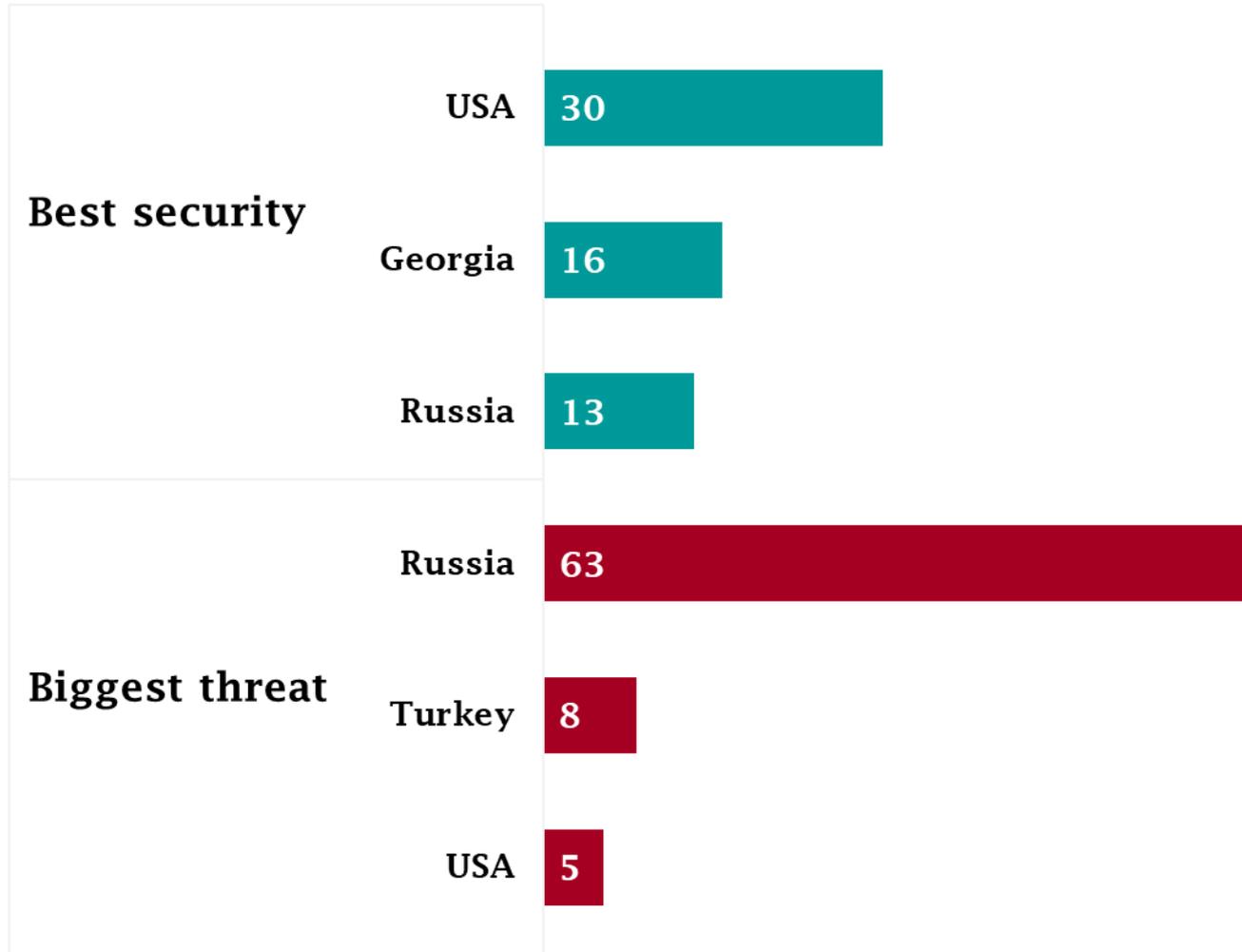
## Which country would offer Georgia best security? (q28)



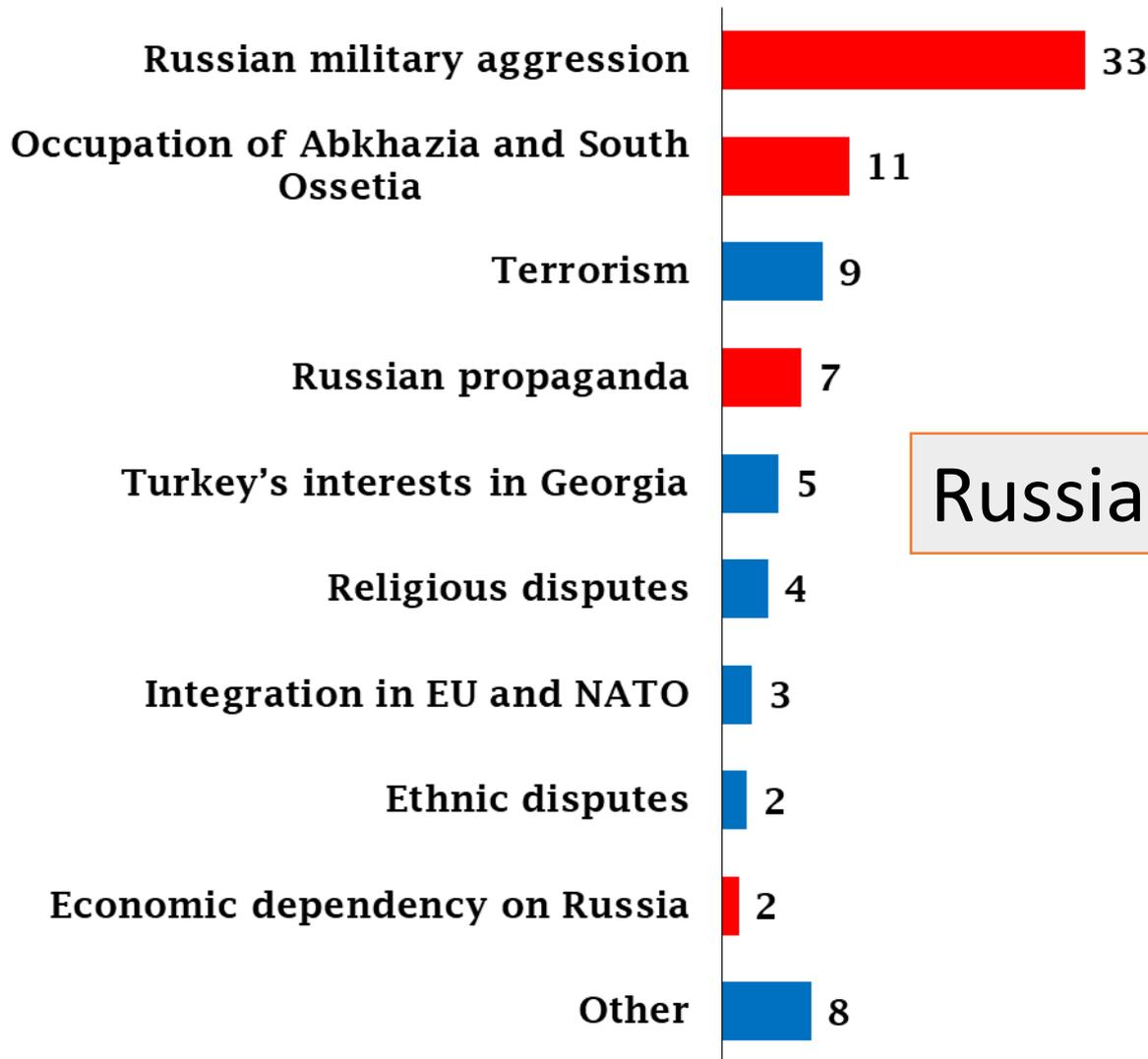
## Which country poses biggest threat to Georgia? (q29)



# Which country would offer Georgia best security/poses biggest threat to Georgia? (q28, q29)

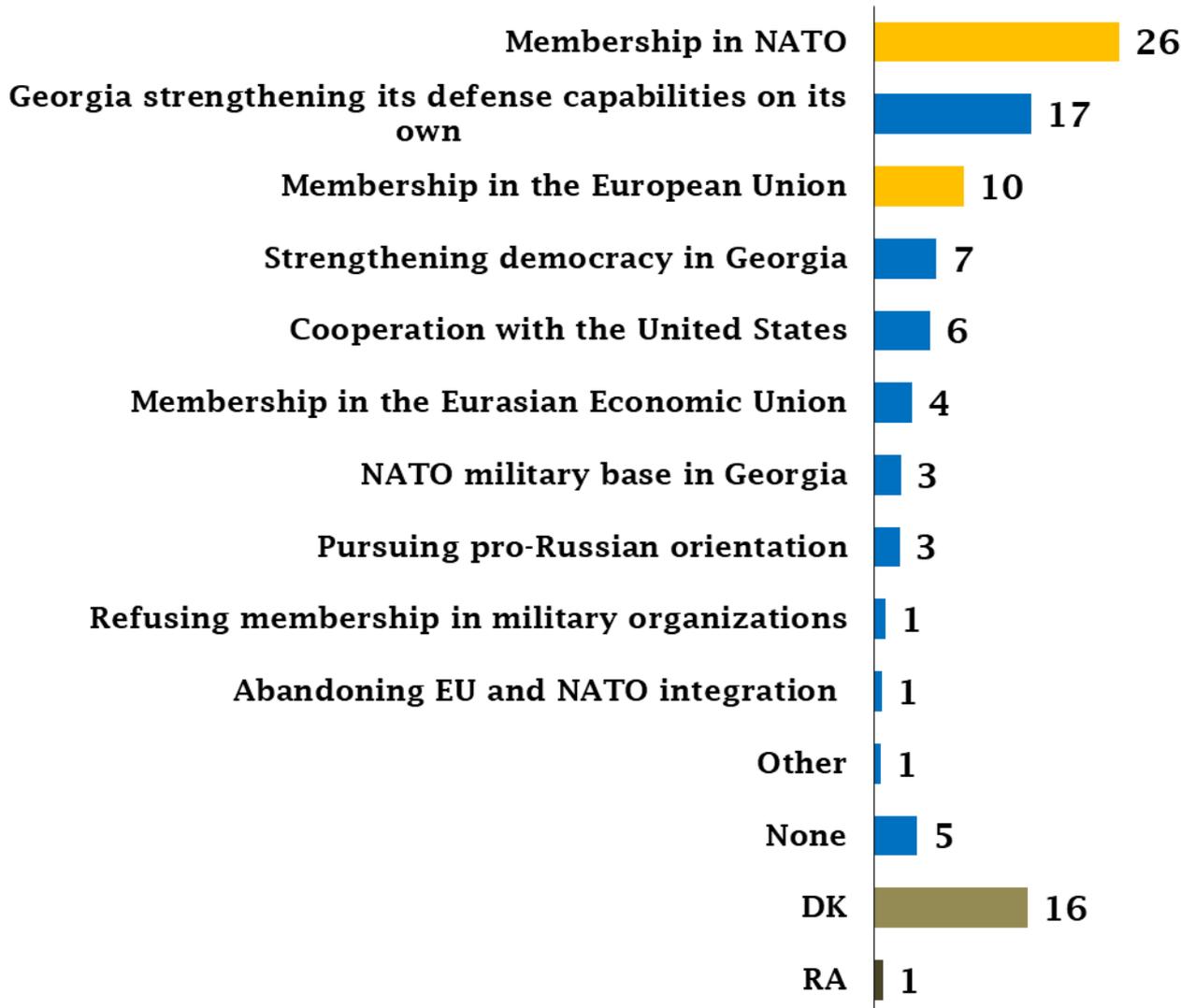


# What is the top threat to Georgia's national security? (q30)

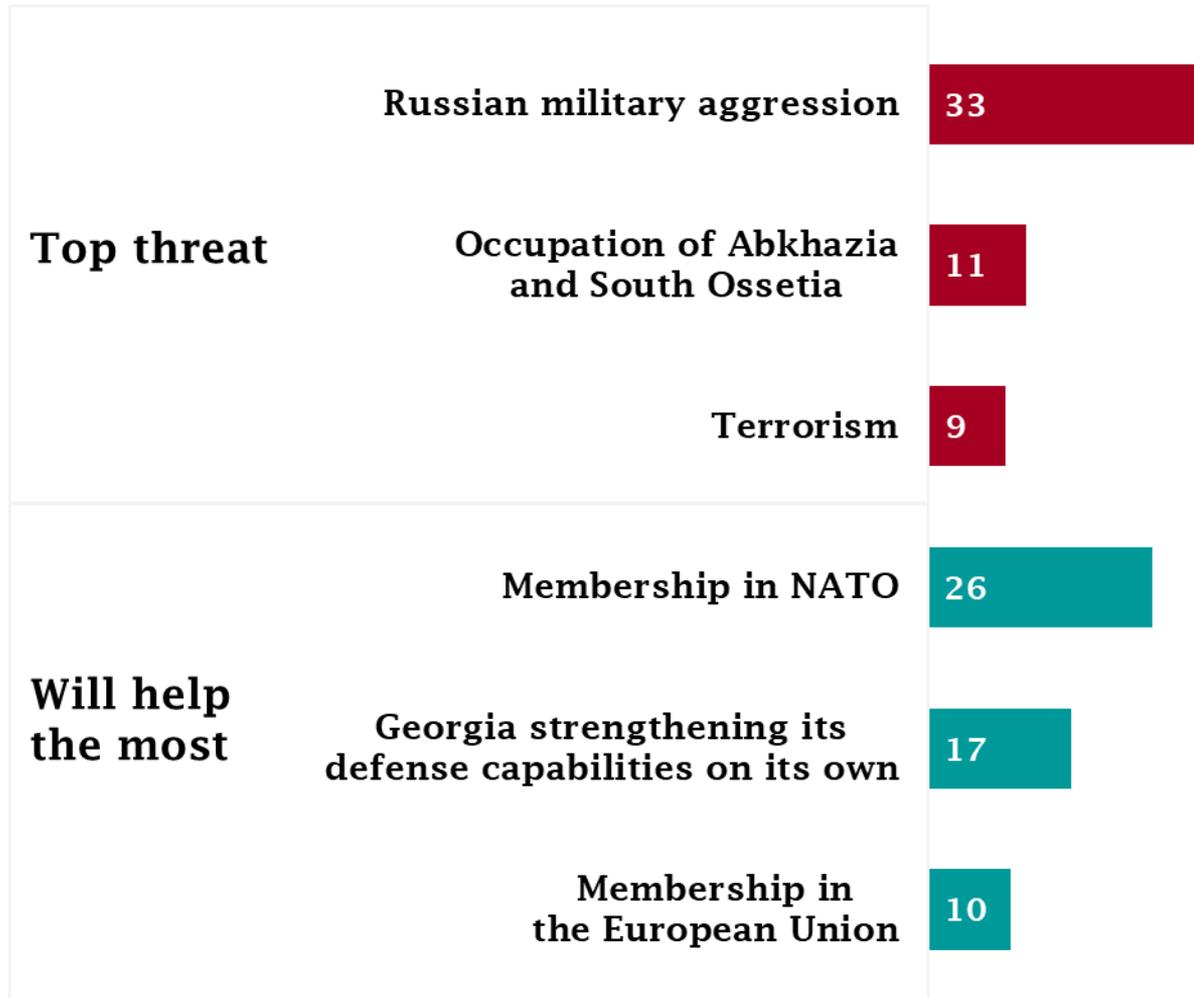


Russian factors = 53%

## Which of the following would help the most to ensure Georgia's national security? (q31)

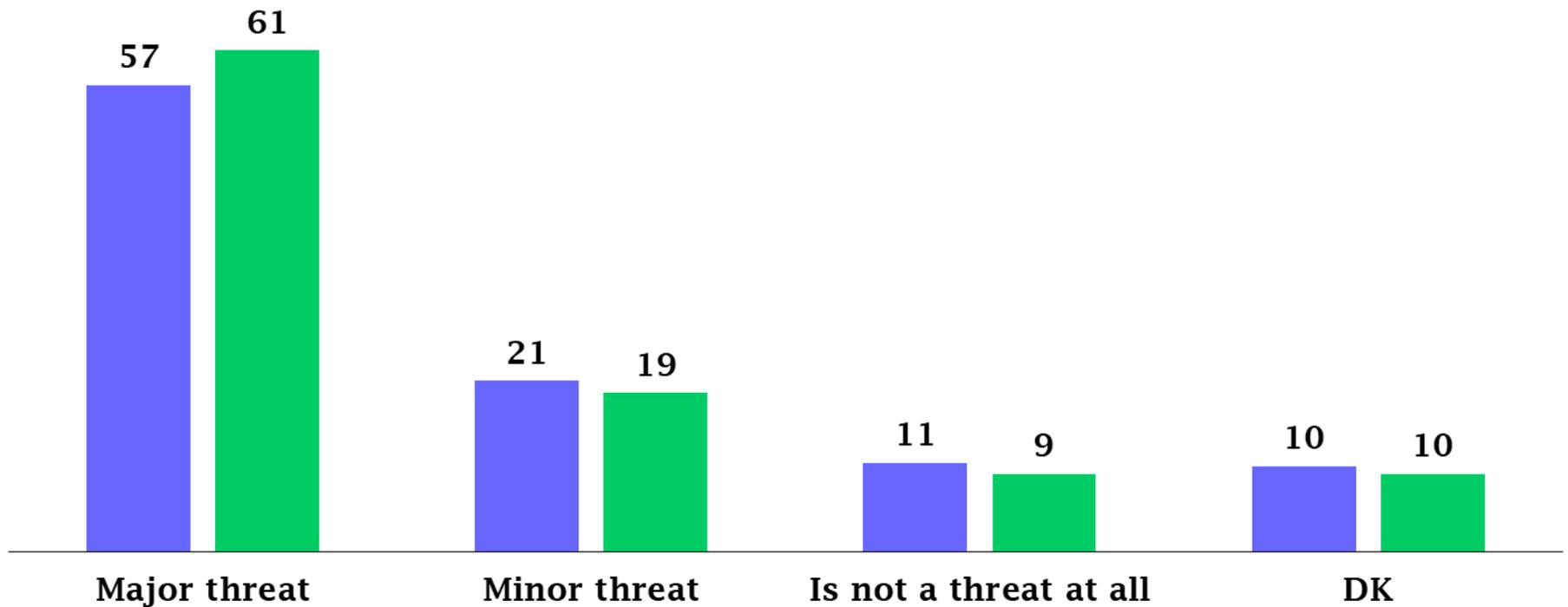


# What is the top threat to Georgia's national security/will help the most to ensure Georgia's national security? (q30, q31)



# How much of a military threat, if at all, is Russia to its neighboring countries? (q39)

■ April 2017 ■ March 2018

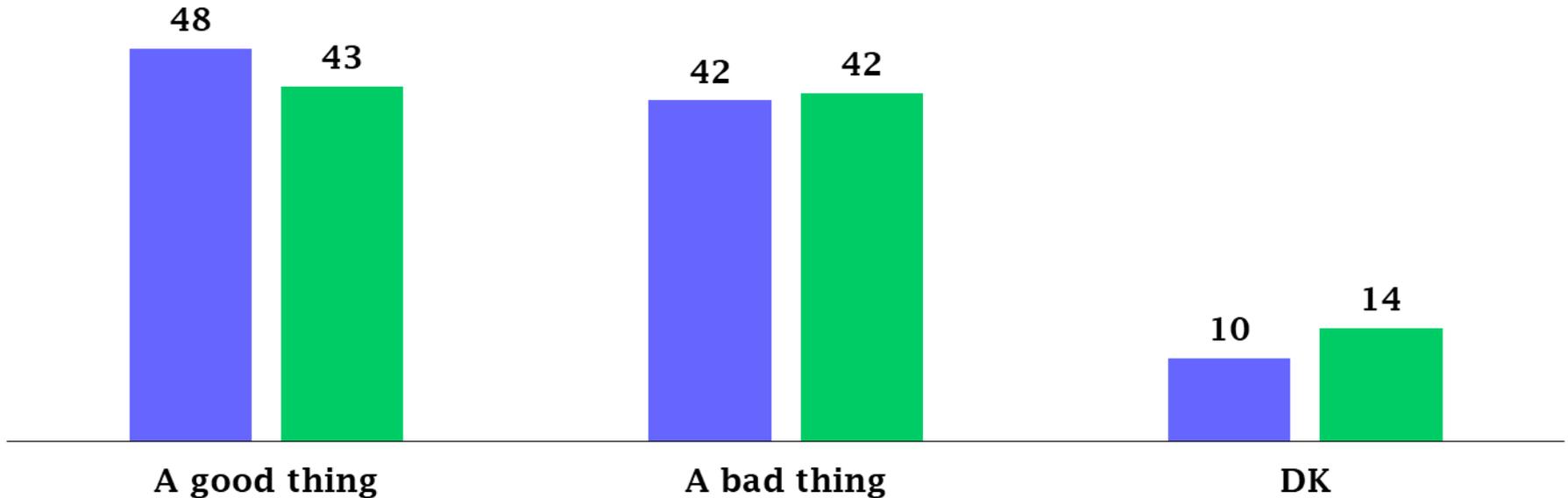


# Do you think the dissolution of the Soviet Union has been a good thing or a bad thing for Georgia? (q40)

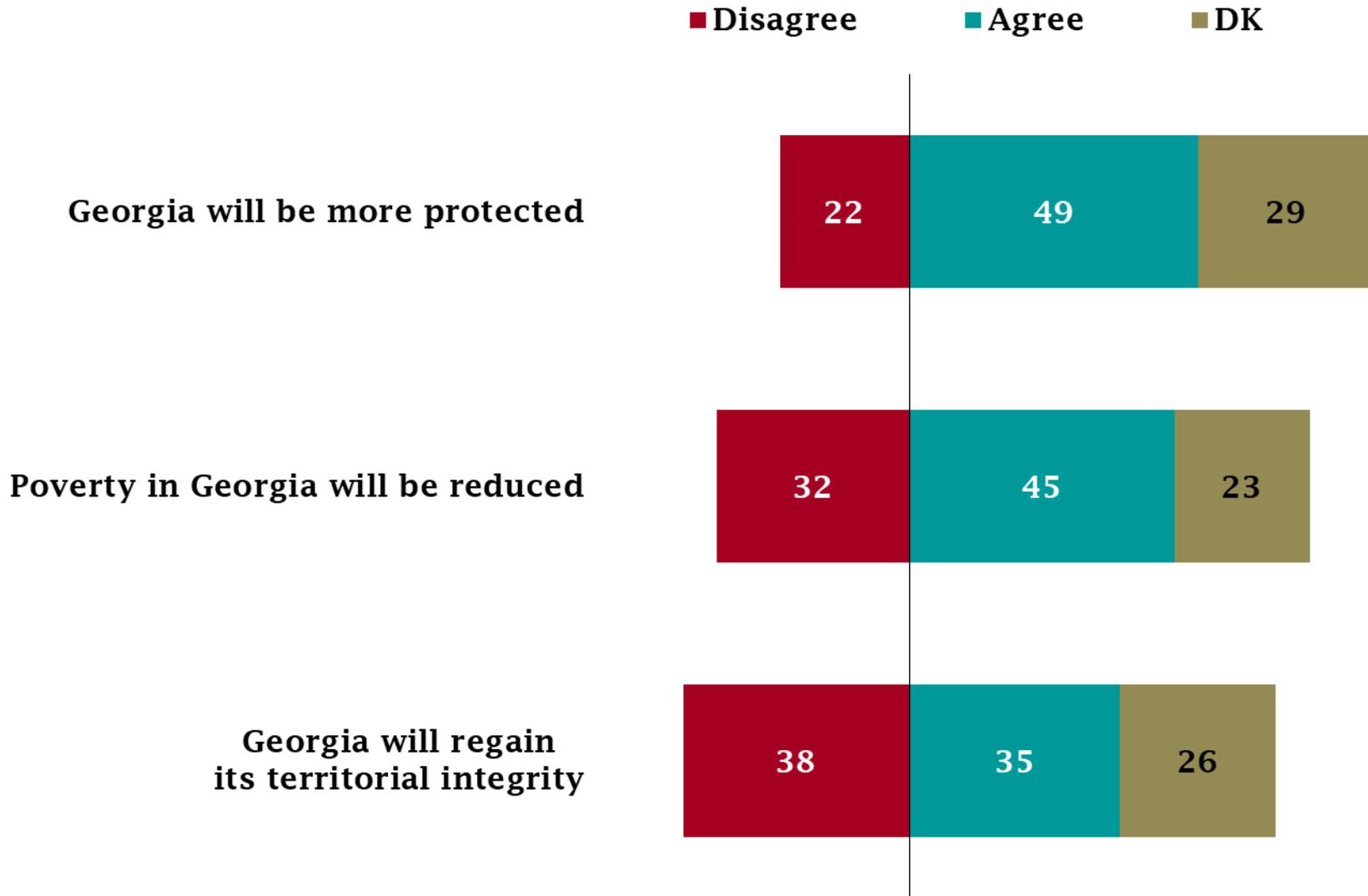
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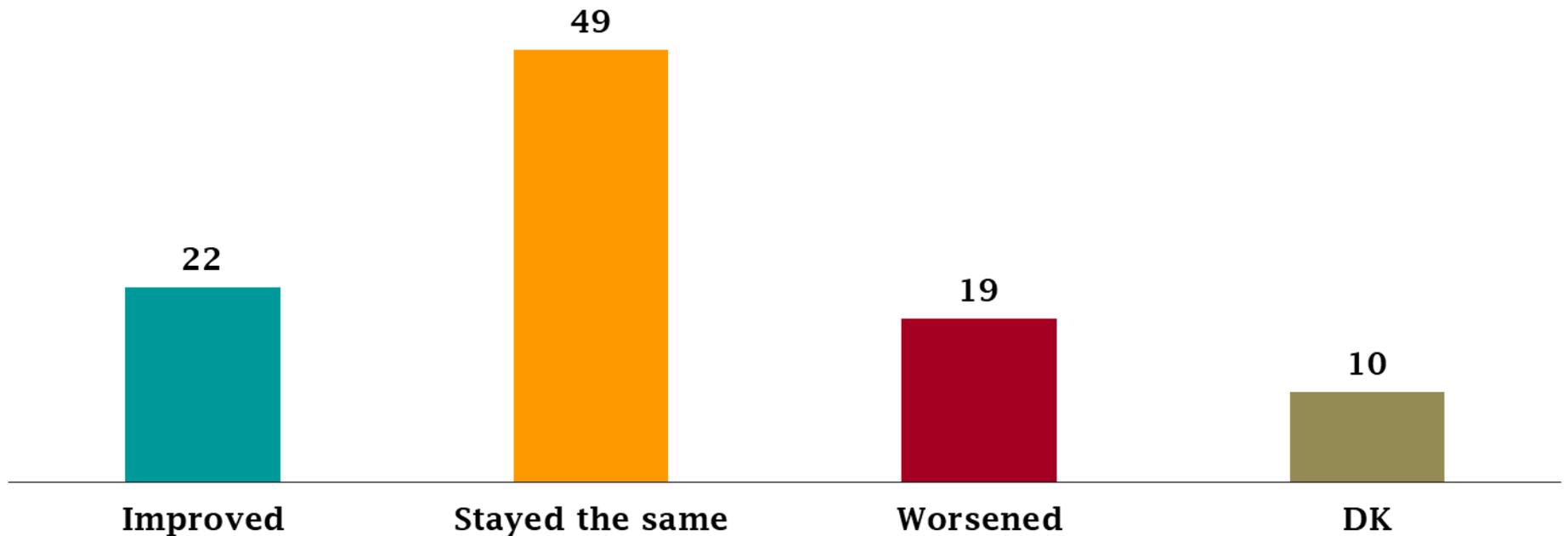
Advanced analyses: if a person thinks that dissolution of the Soviet Union was a good thing, there is extremely high probability - about 75% - that she/he will support Georgia joining EU



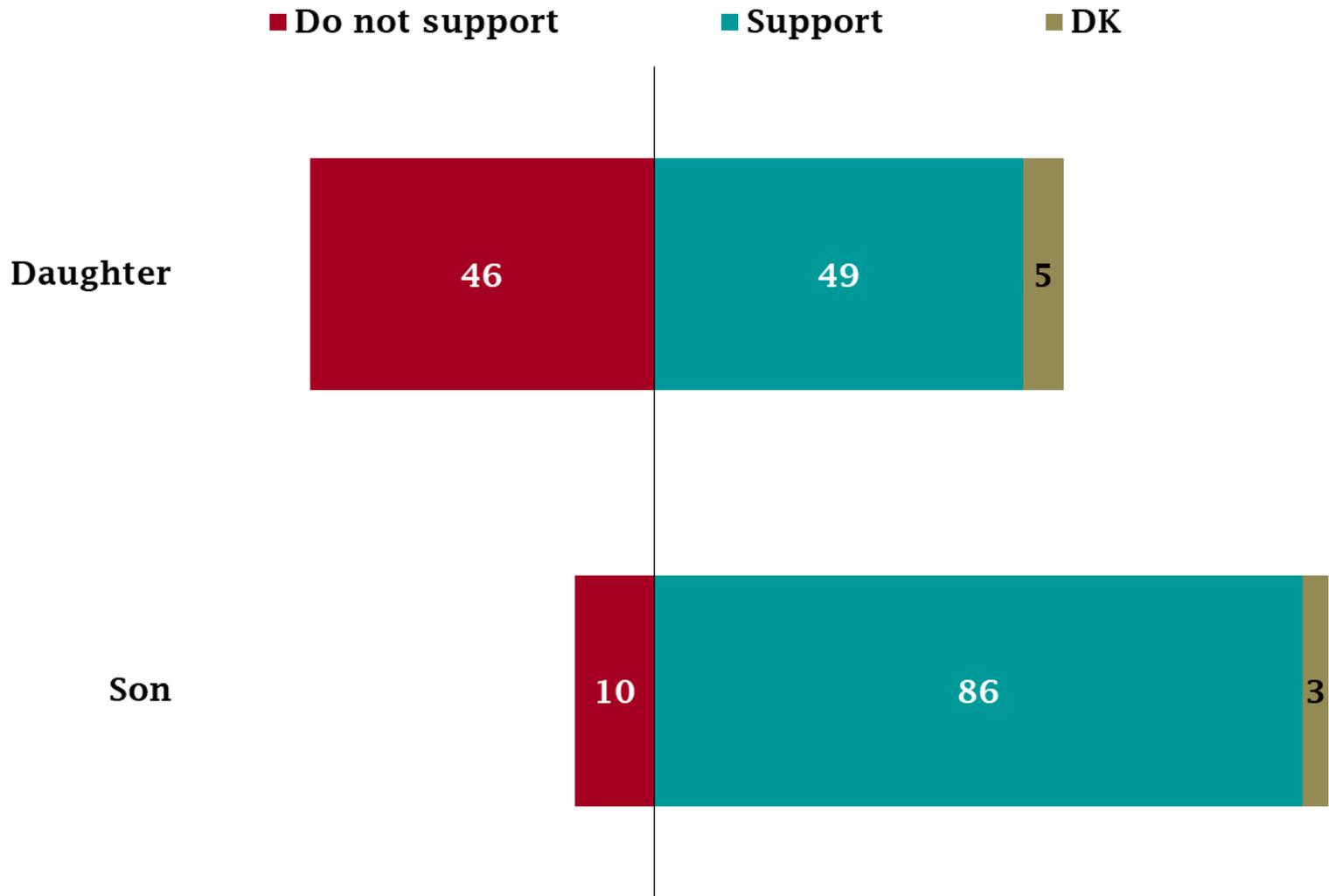
# Thinking about 15 years from now, do you agree or disagree? (q27)



**Has Georgian defense capabilities, in last 3 years, improved, worsened or stayed the same? (q34)**

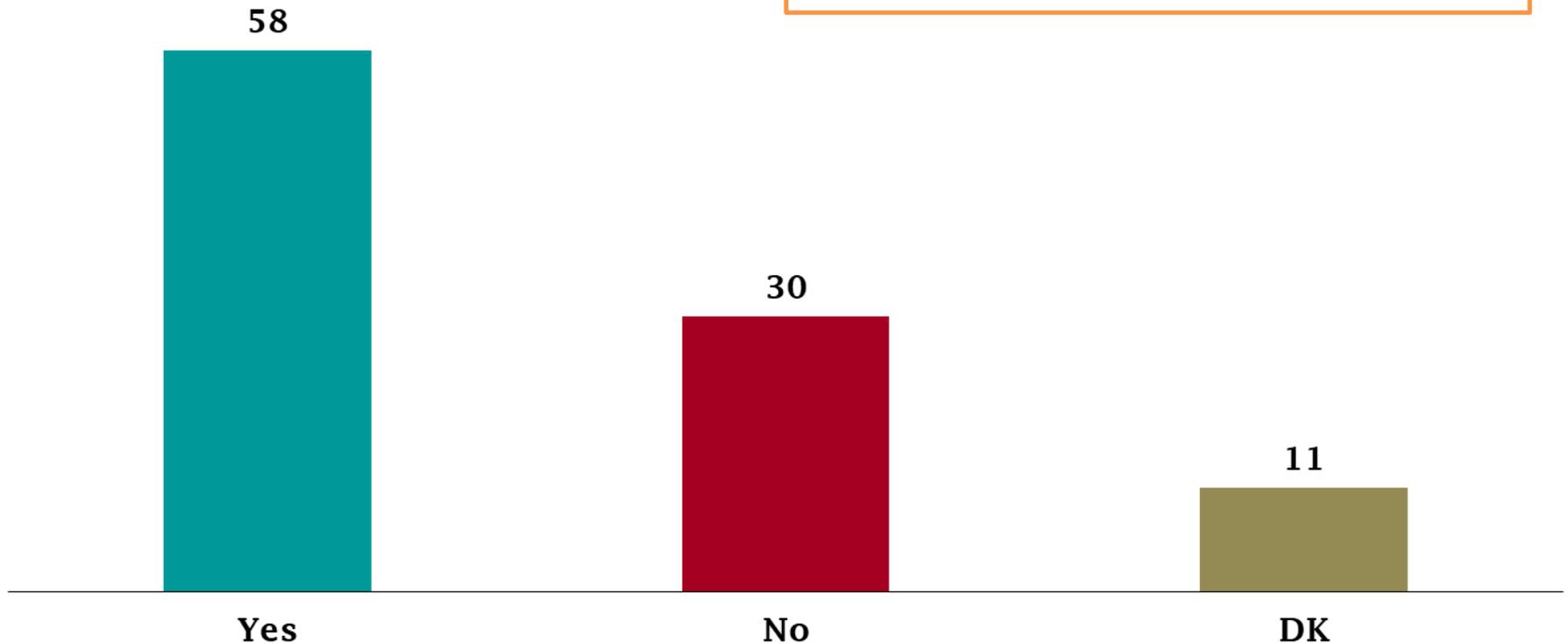


**Imagine you have a son/daughter and s/he decides to serve in military. Would you support or not his/her decision? (q35, q36)**

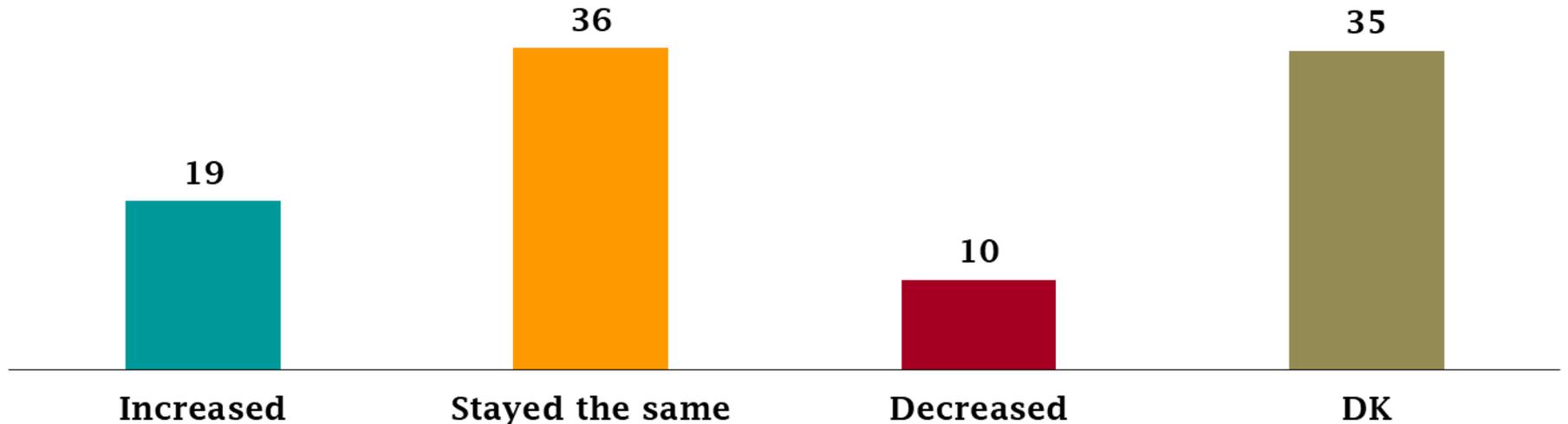


# If the armed forces has a need for someone with your profession, would you be willing to voluntarily get enrolled in the reserve? (q37)

**Full question:** Parliament adopted a new military reserve law, according to which citizens will be able to get enrolled in paid voluntary military reserve with their non-military profession. If the armed forces has a need for someone with your profession, would you be willing to voluntarily get enrolled in the reserve?



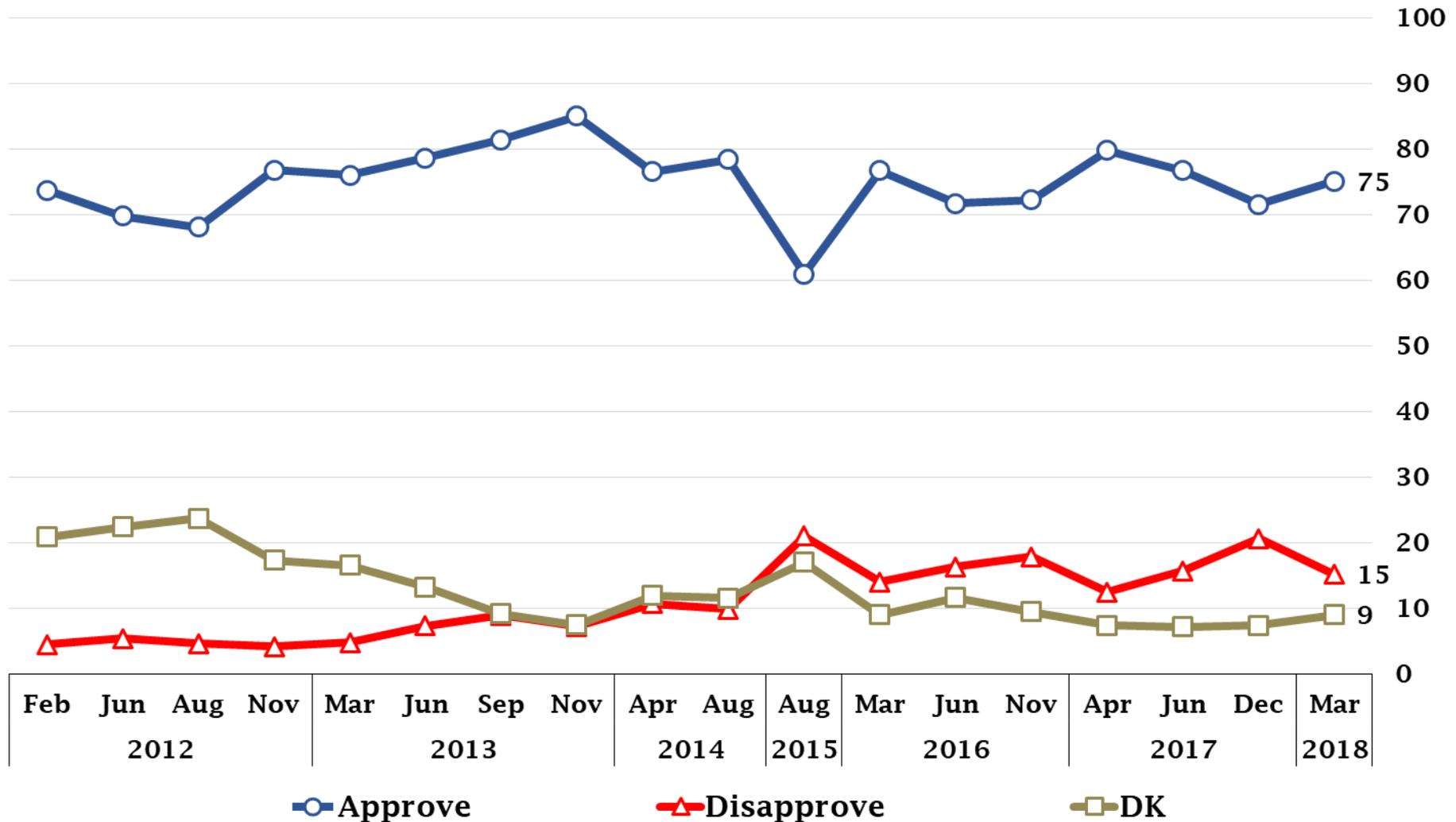
**Do you believe US military assistance to Georgia increased, stayed the same or decreased in the last 3 years? (q38)**



# European Union

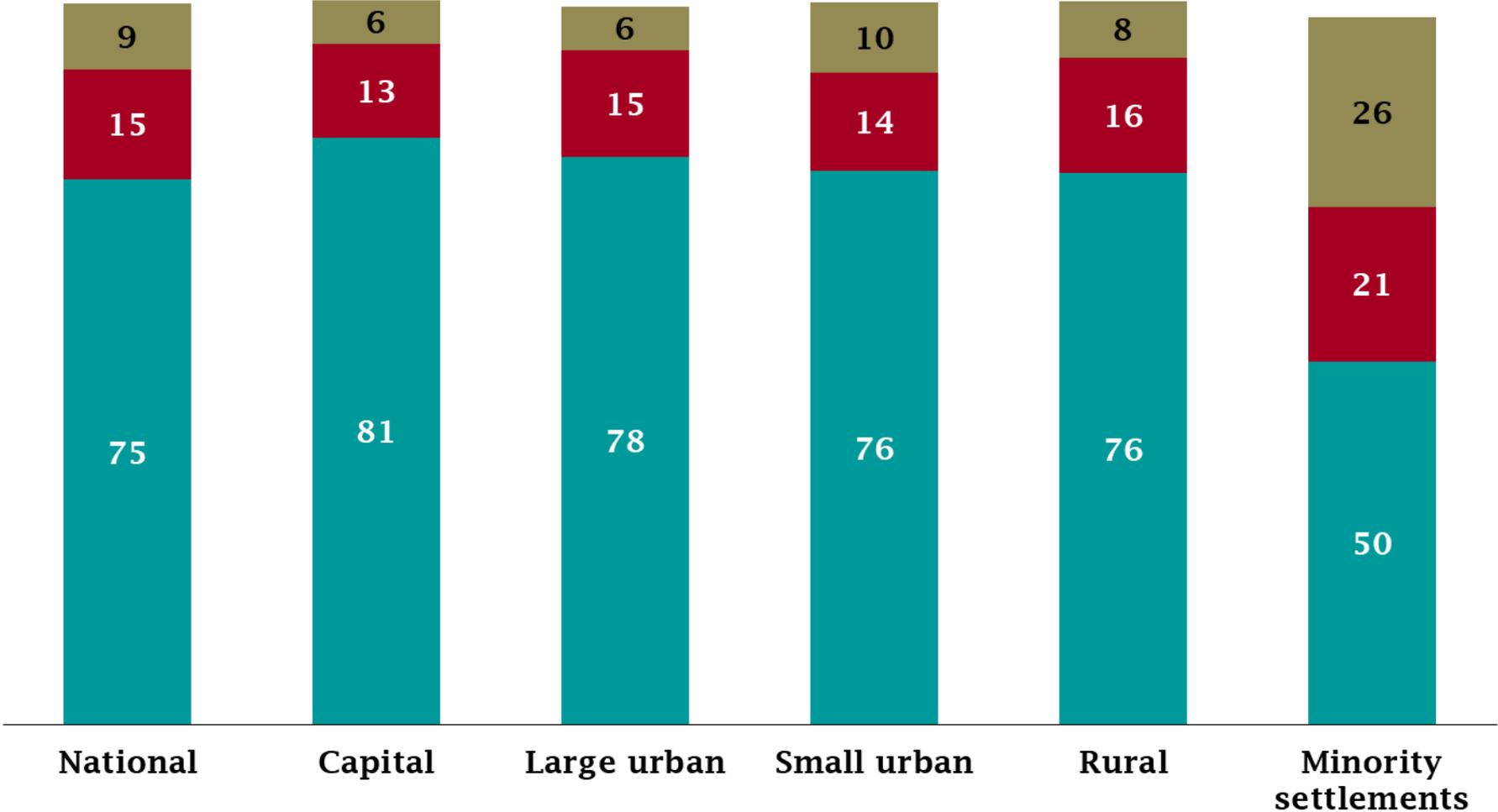
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## Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q10)



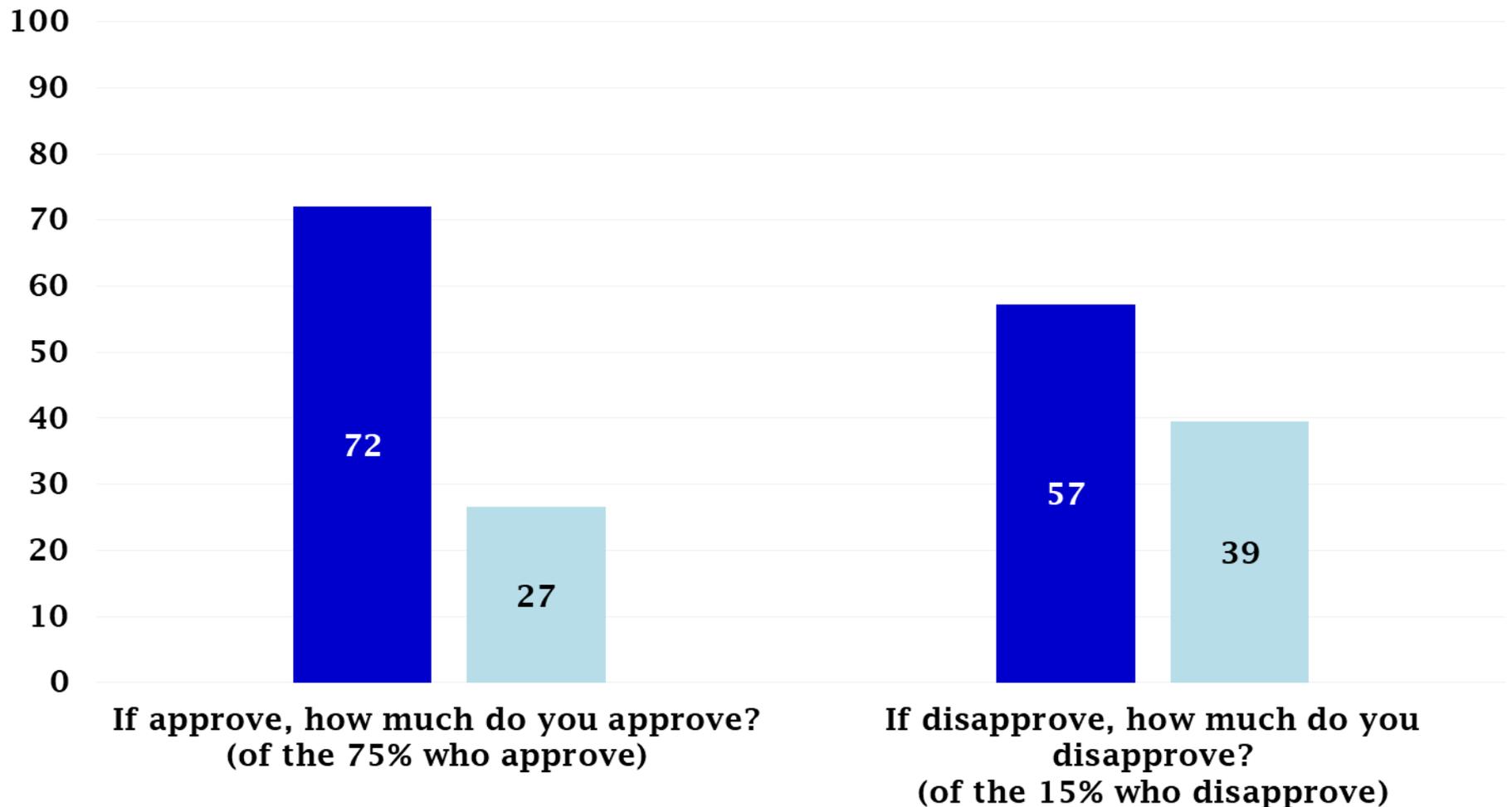
# Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q10 X Settlement)

■ Approve    ■ Disapprove    ■ DK

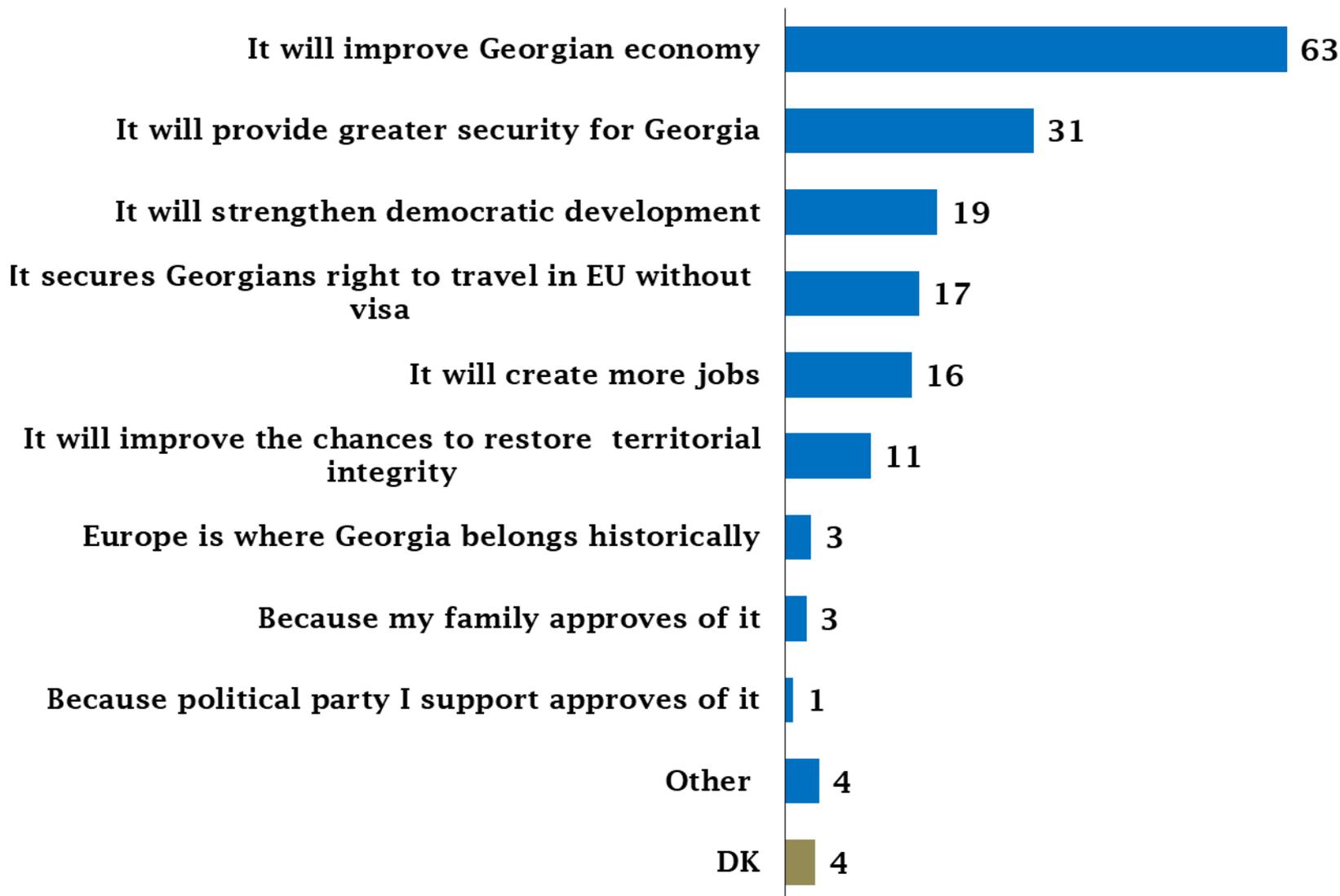


**If approve, how much do you approve Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q11)**  
**If disapprove, how much do you disapprove Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q13)**

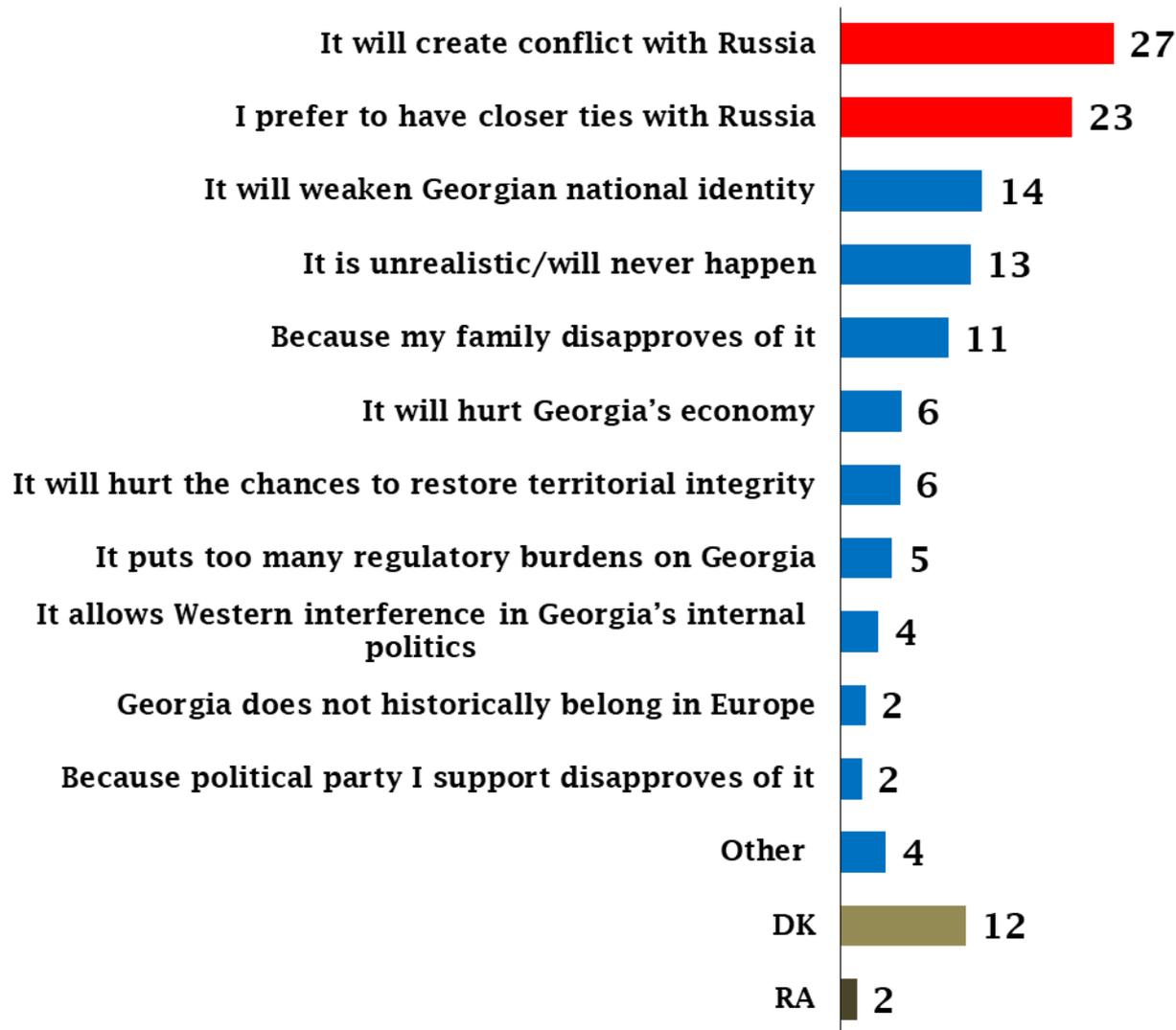
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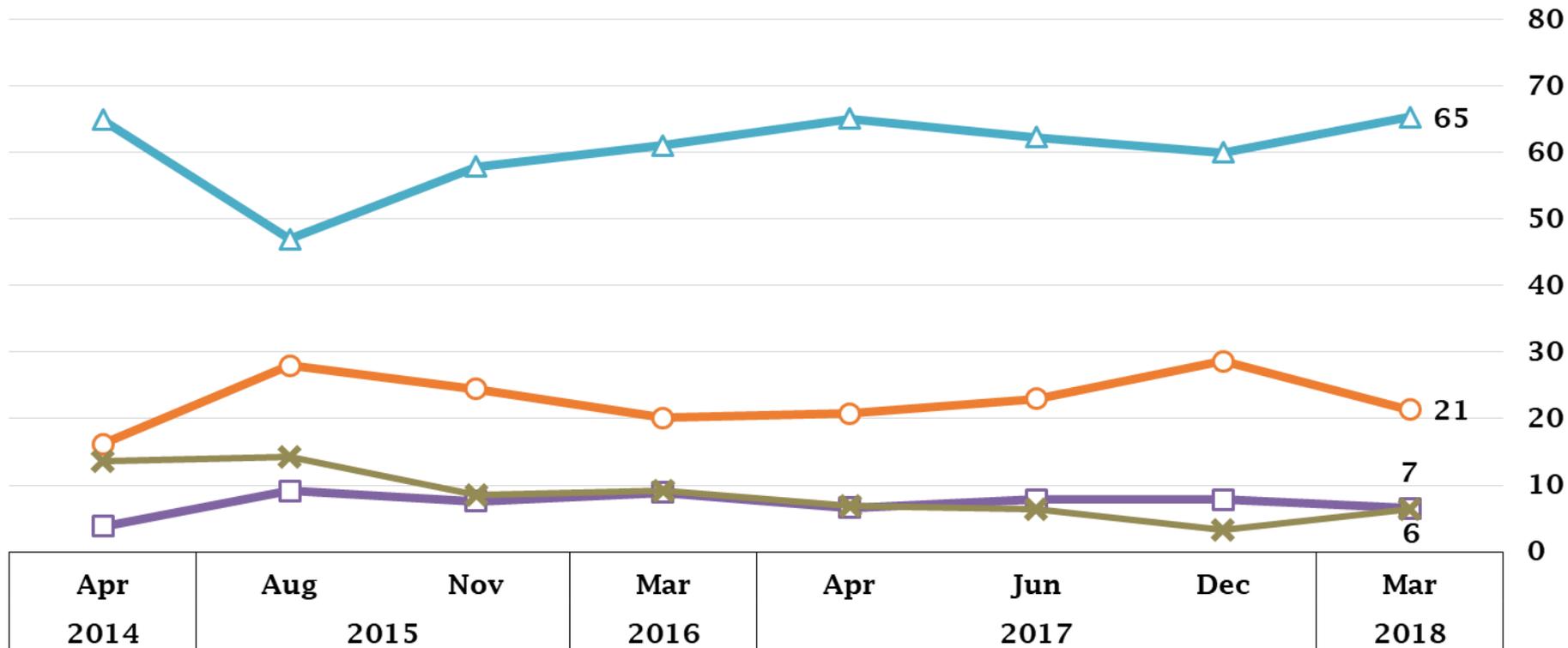
## If approve, why do you approve it? (q12) - of the 75% who approve Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU



## If disapprove, why do you disapprove it? (q14) - of the 15% who disapprove Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU

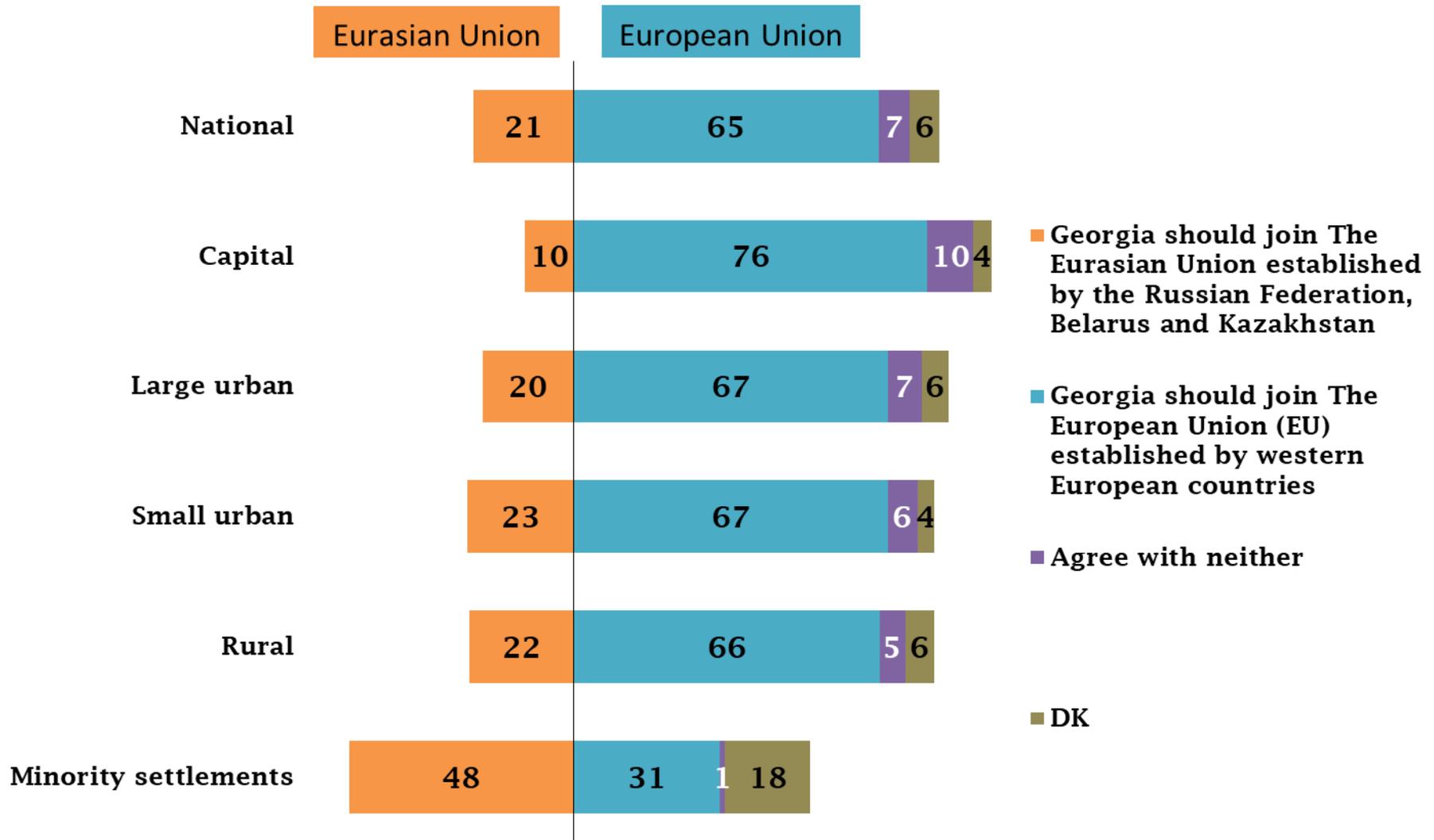


## Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q15)



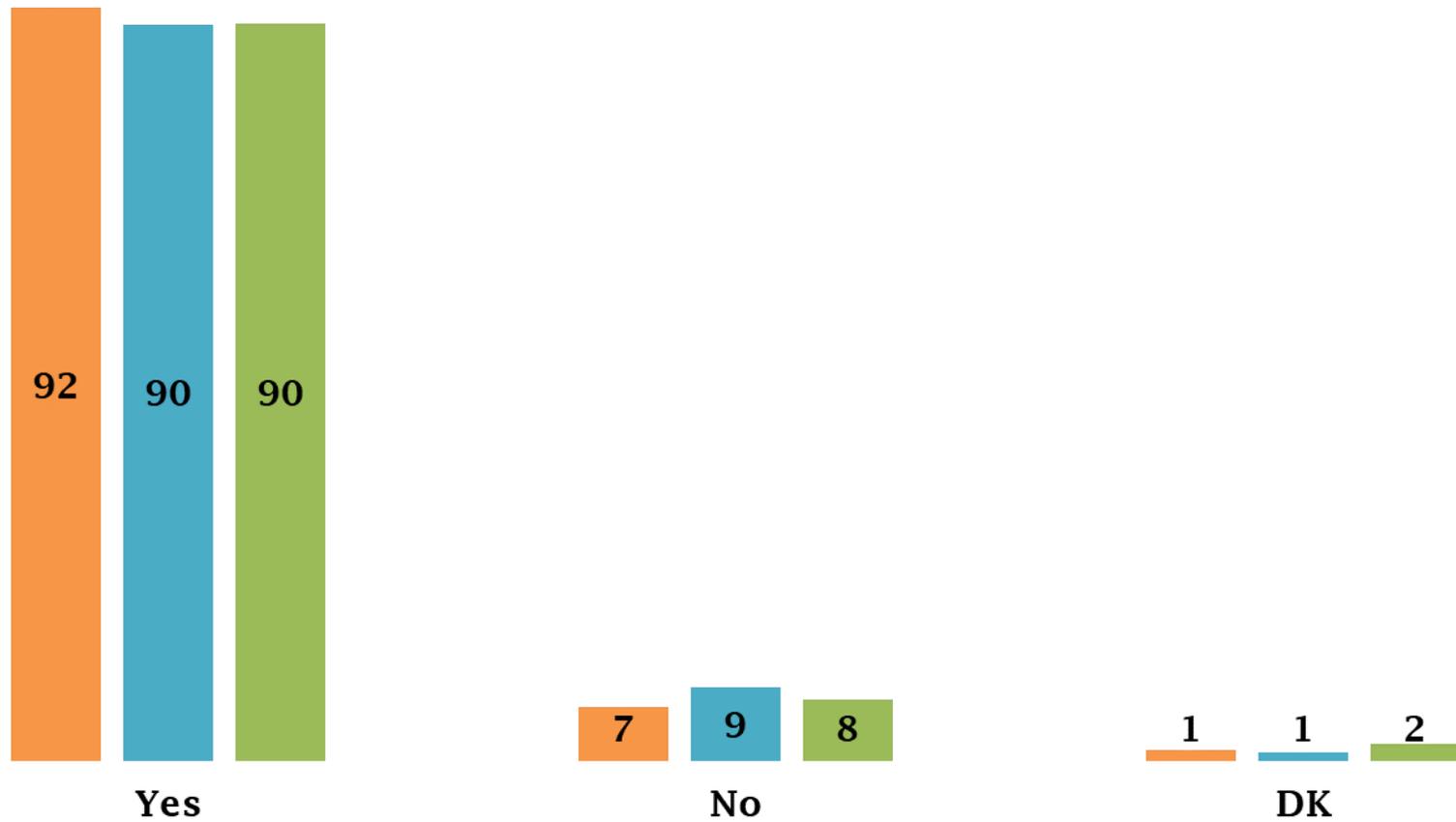
- Georgia should join The Eurasian Union established by the Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan
- △ Georgia should join The European Union (EU) established by western European countries
- Agree with neither
- × DK

# Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q15 X Settlement)



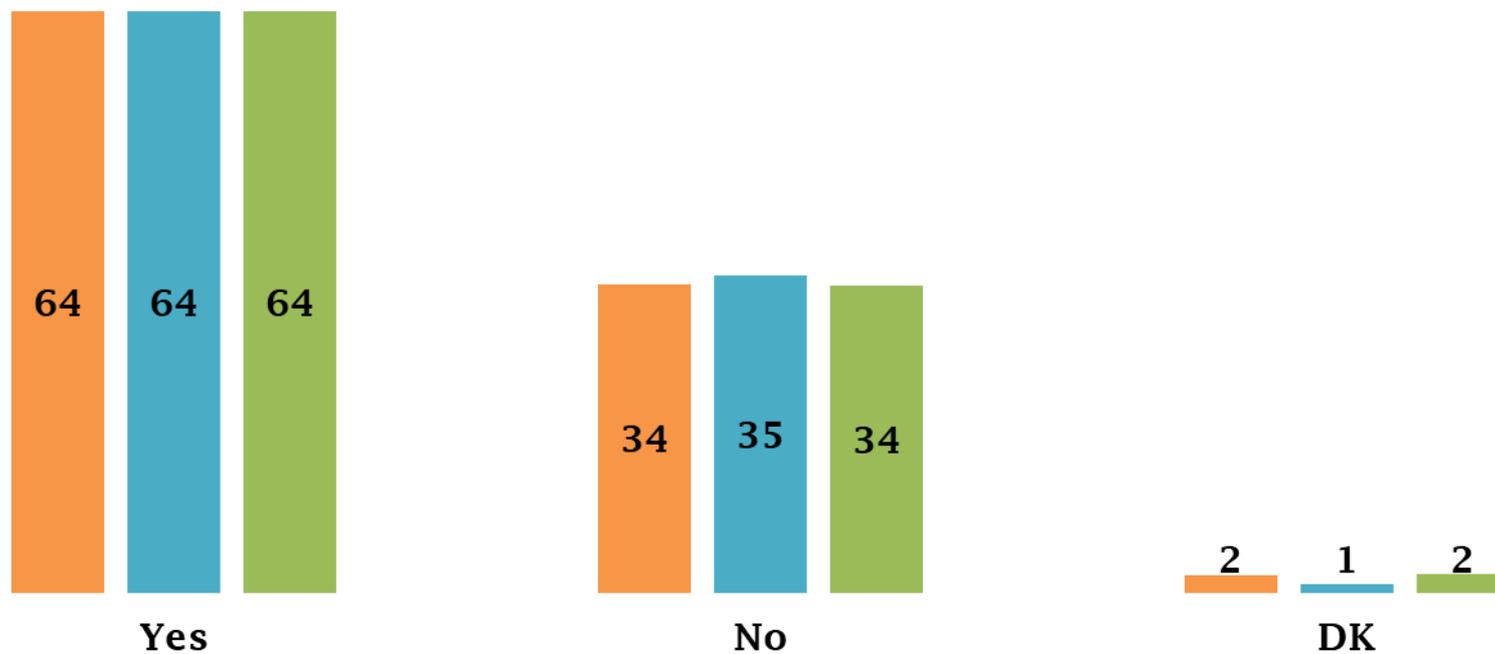
# Have you heard about the visa liberalization for Georgian citizens traveling to most of EU member countries? (q16)

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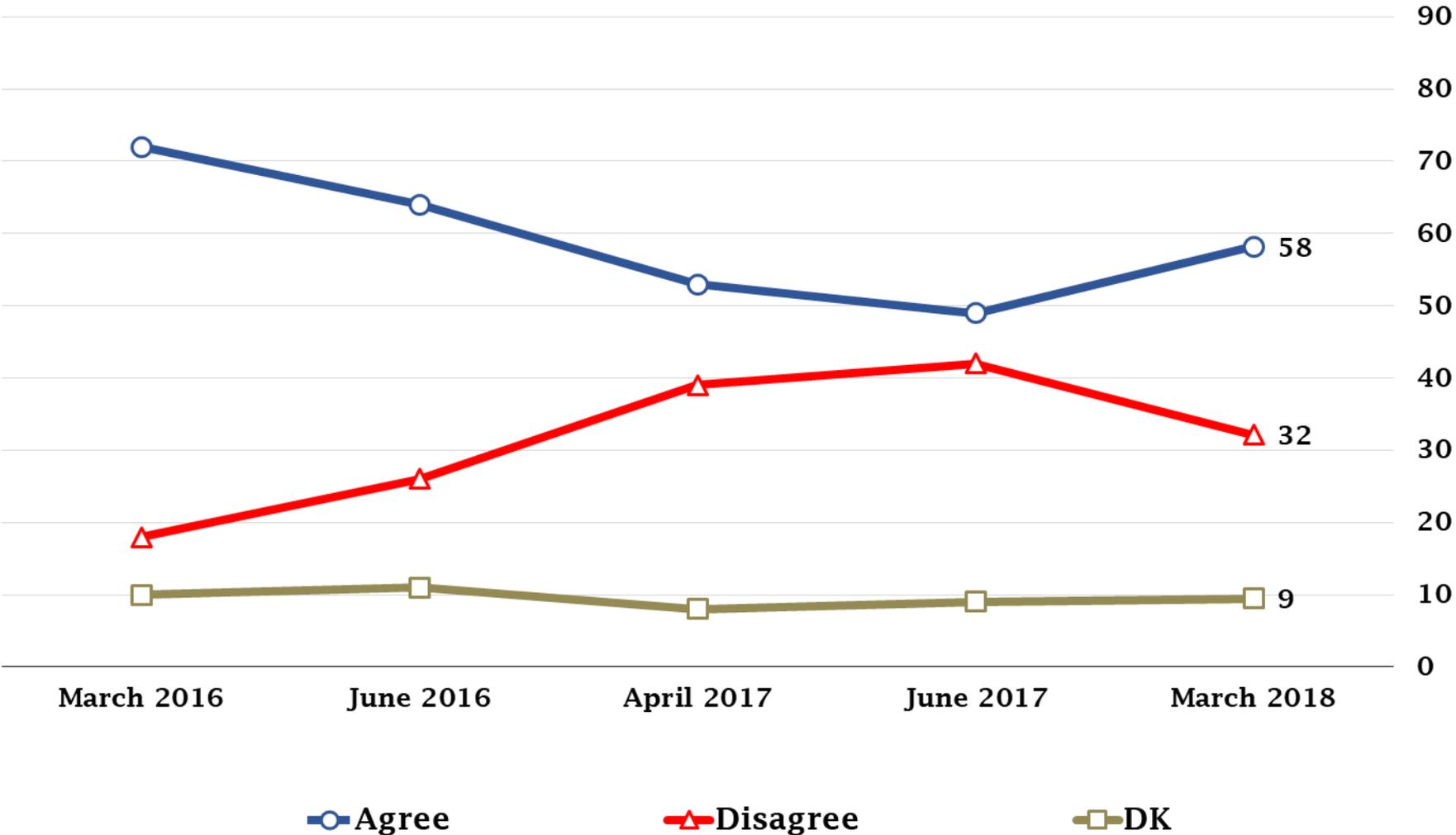


# Do you feel you have enough information about the procedures/rules of Visa free travel? (q17) - of those who have heard about visa liberalization

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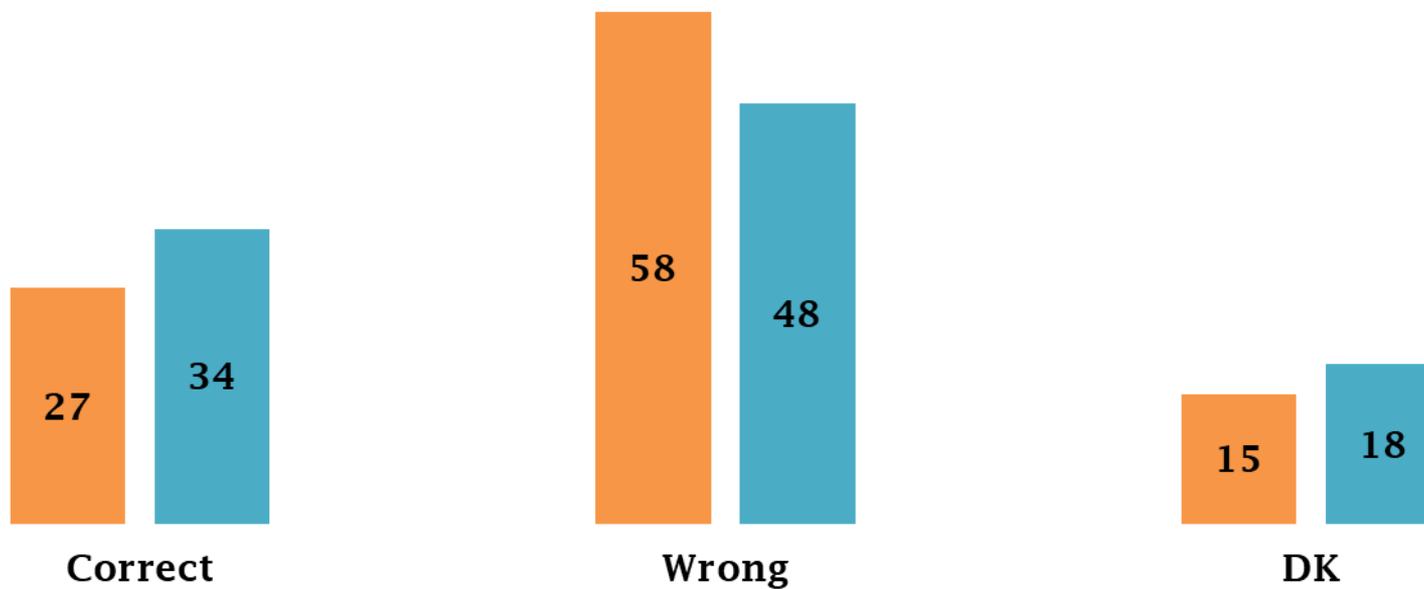


# Do you agree or disagree that Visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q18)

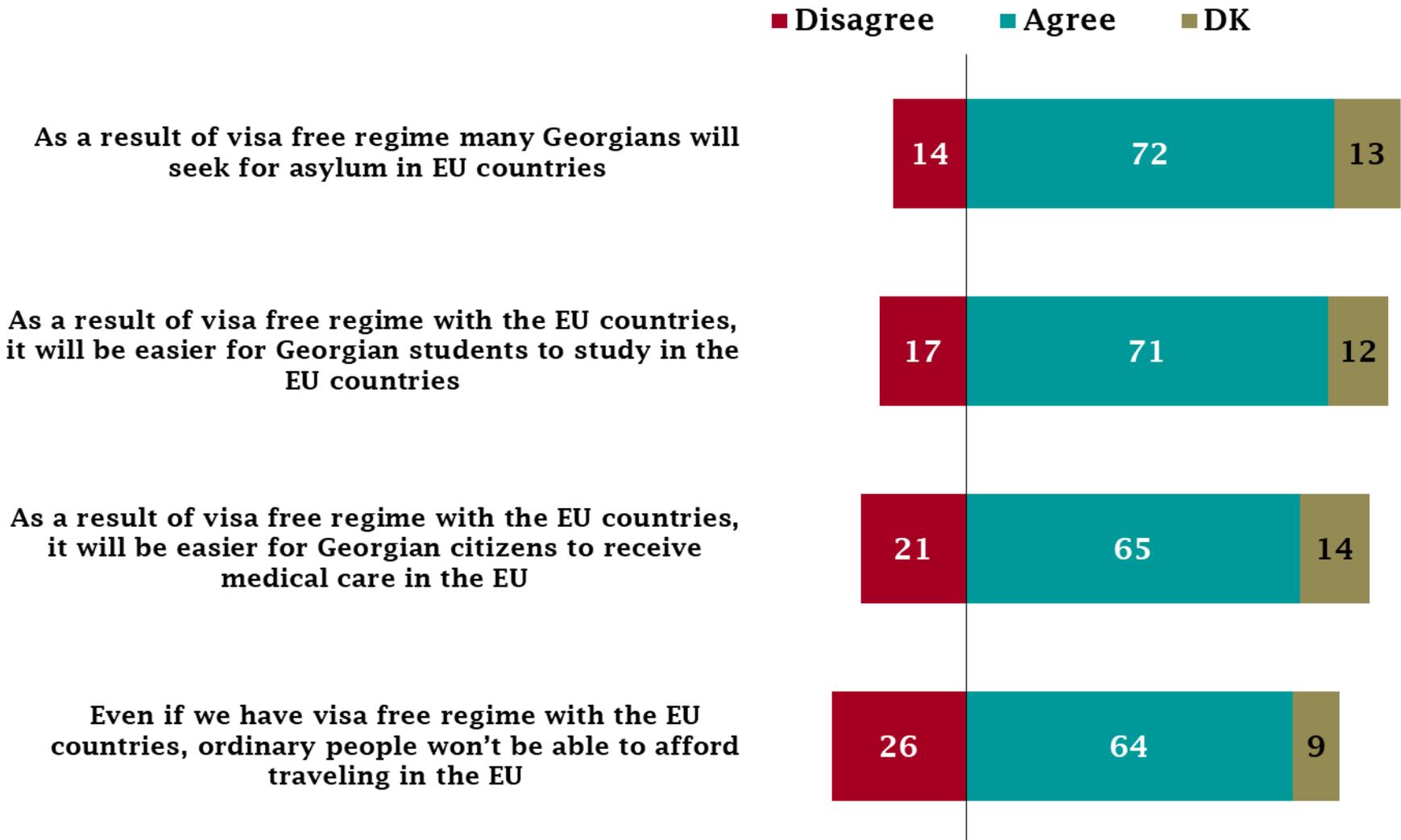


# Is it correct or wrong that visa free regime with the EU countries will allow Georgian citizens to legally work in the EU? (q19)

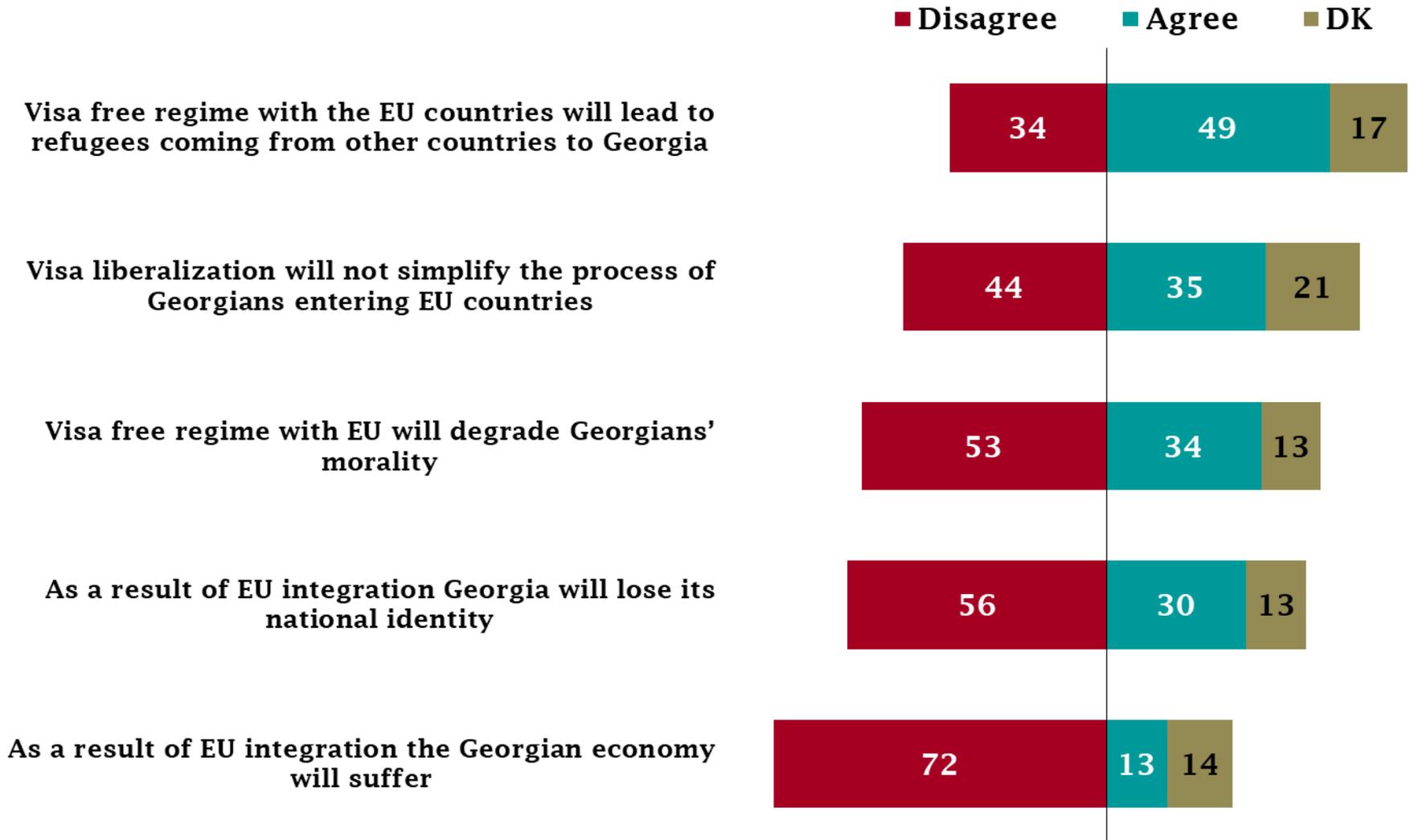
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# There are different opinions regarding Georgia's integration in EU. Do you agree or disagree with the following? (q25) Part 1



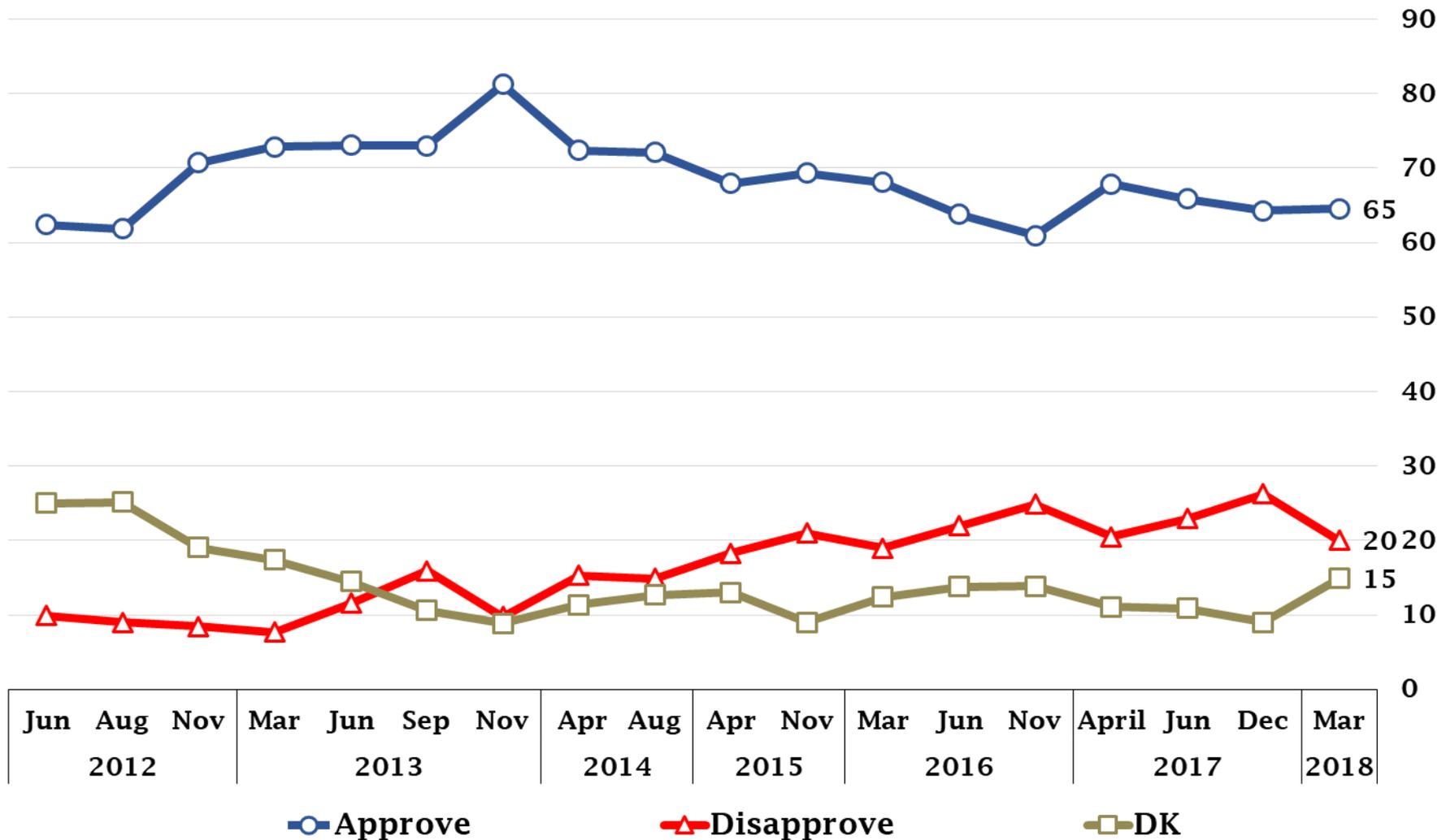
# There are different opinions regarding Georgia's integration in EU. Do you agree or disagree with the following? (q25) Part 2



# NATO

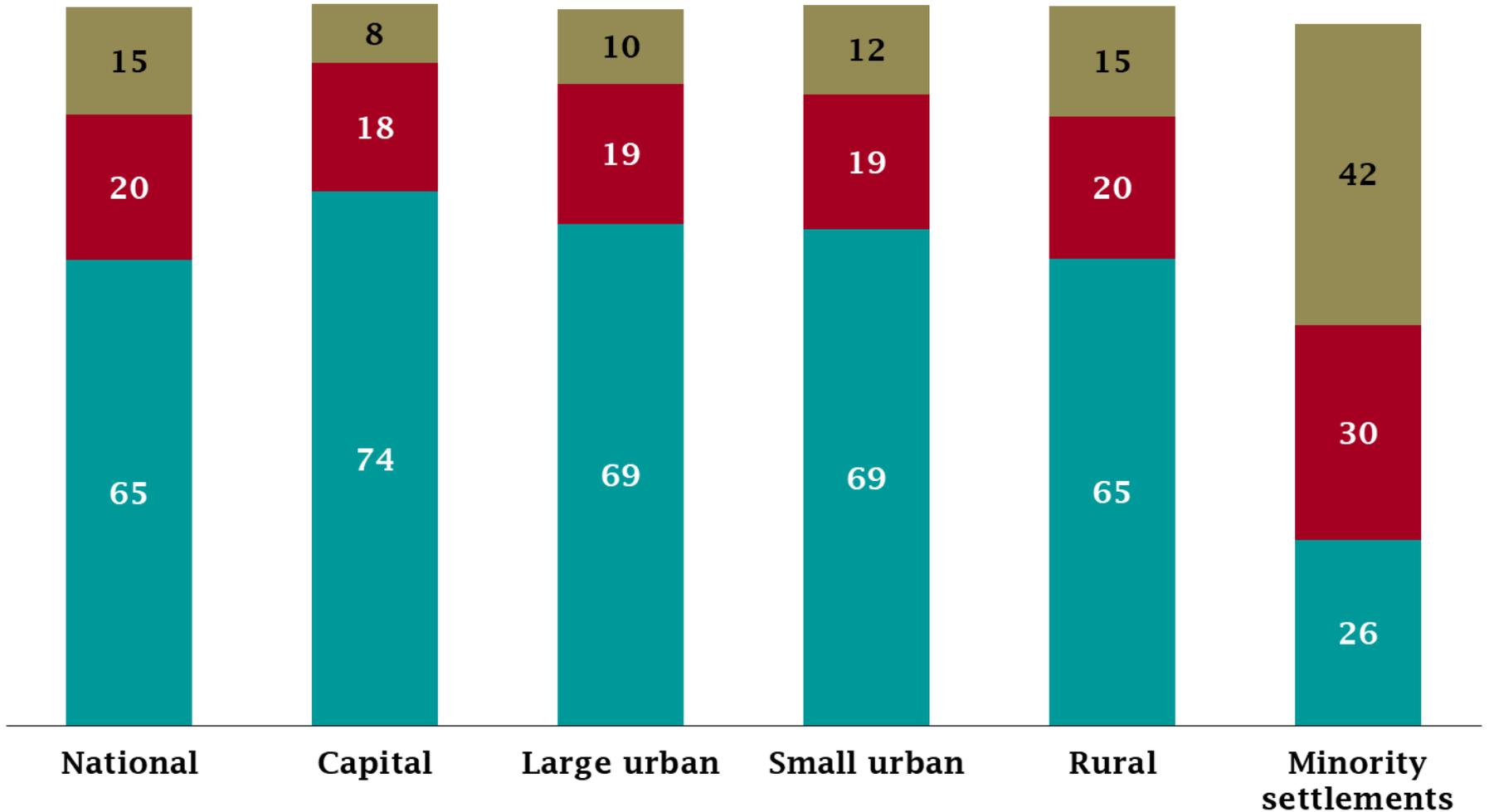
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## Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO? (q20)



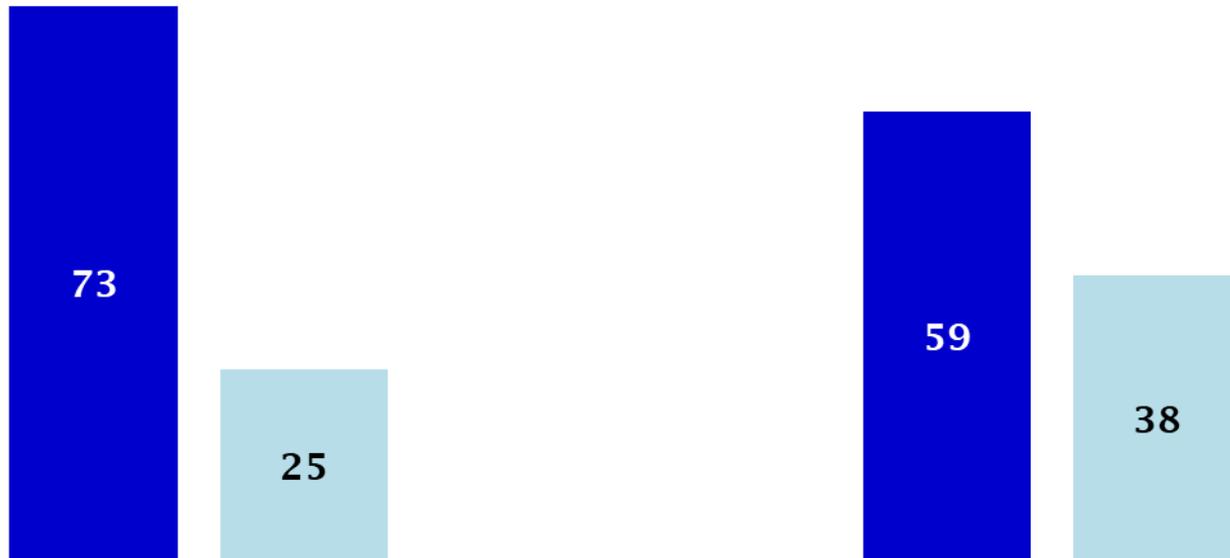
# Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO? (q20 X Settlement)

■ Approve    ■ Disapprove    ■ DK



**If approve, how much do you approve Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO? (q21)**  
**If disapprove, how much do you disapprove Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO? (q23)**

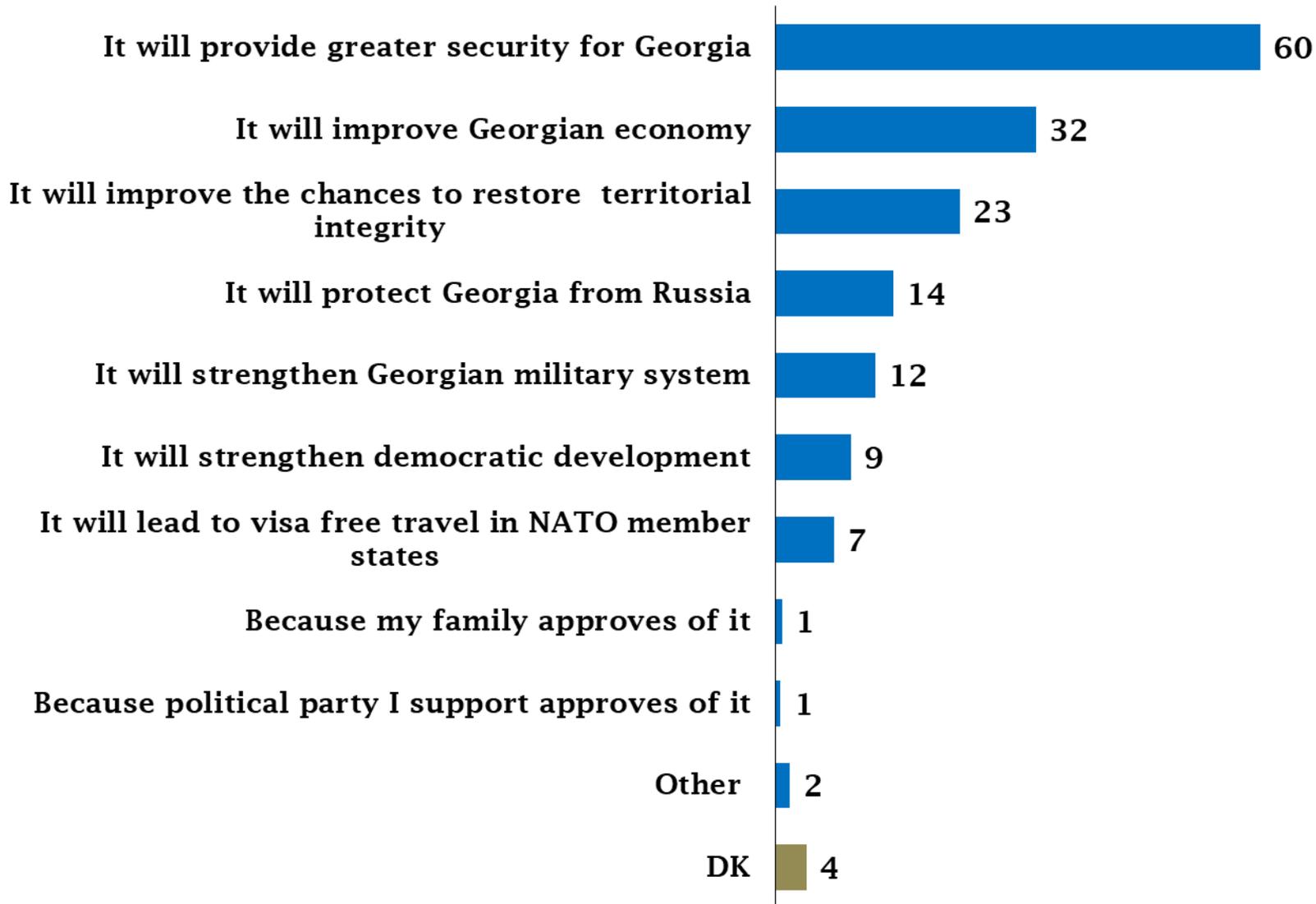
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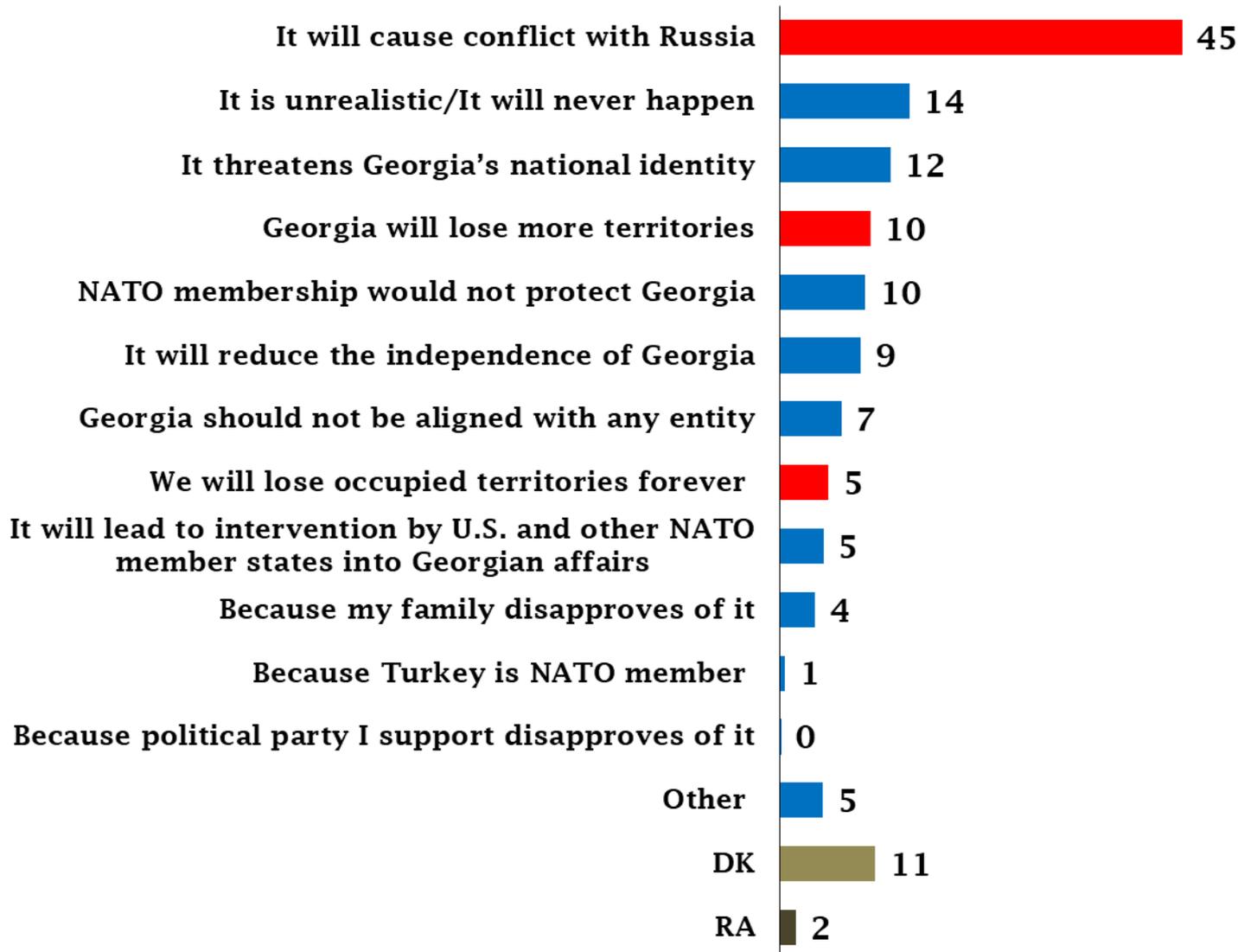
**If approve, how much do you approve?  
(of the 65% who approve)**

**If disapprove, how much do you  
disapprove?  
(of the 20% who disapprove)**

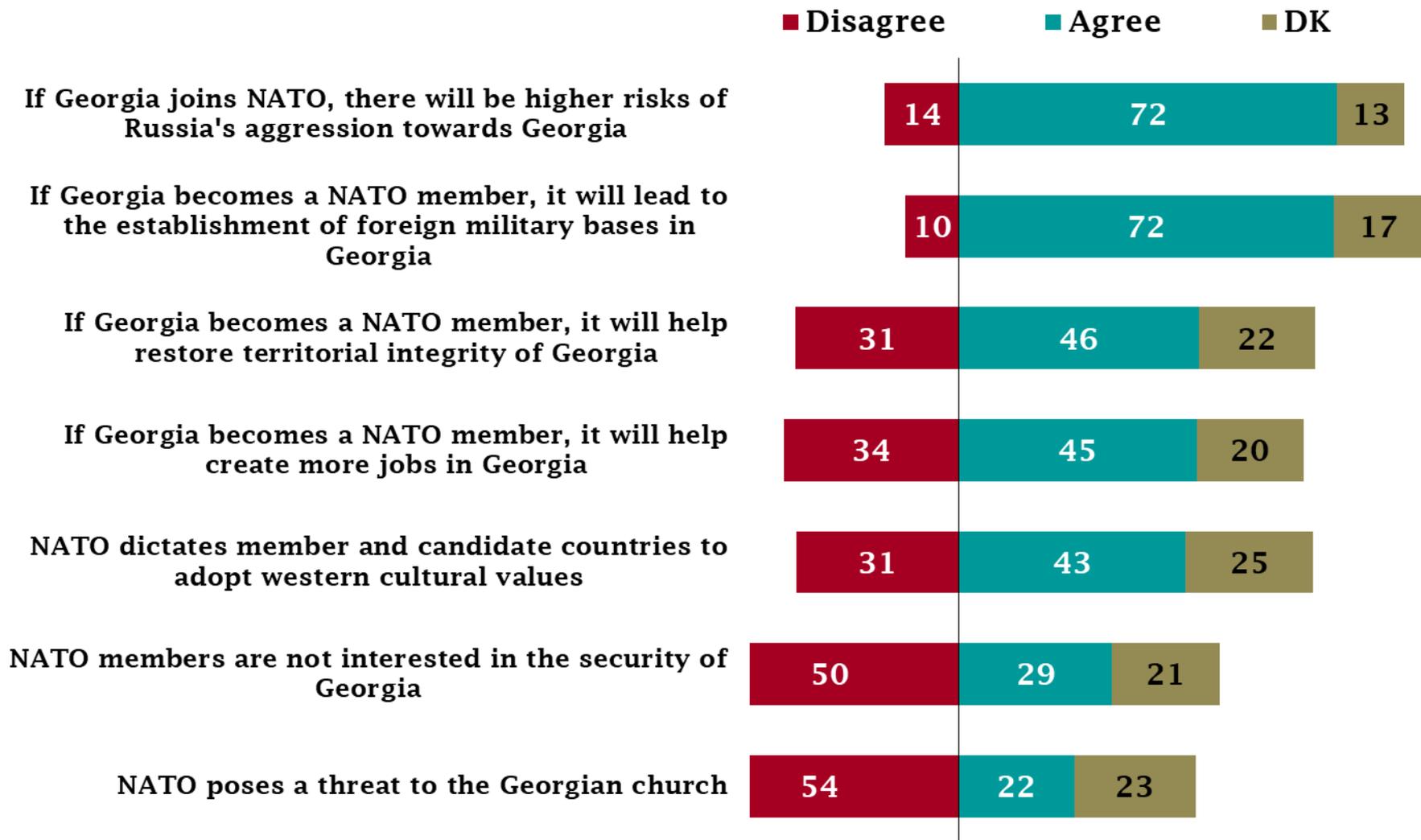
## If approve, why? (q22) - of the 65% who approve Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO



## If disapprove, why? (q24) - of the 20% who disapprove Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO



# There are different opinions regarding Georgia's integration in NATO. Do you agree or disagree with the following? (q25)



# **Assessment of Institutions and Leaders**

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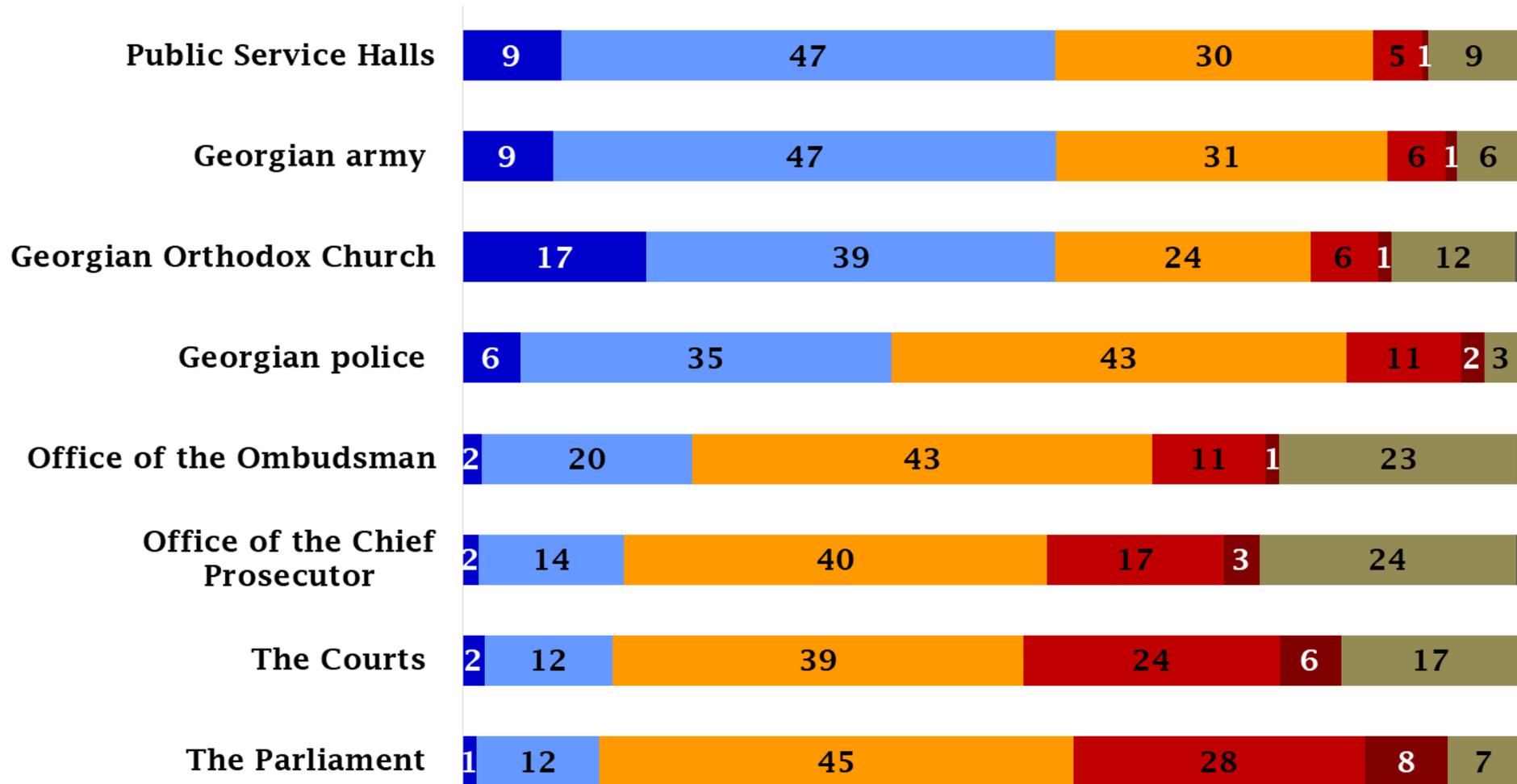
# How much do you trust or mistrust the following institutions? (q33)

6 Completely trust 5 4 3 2 1 Do not trust at all Don't know

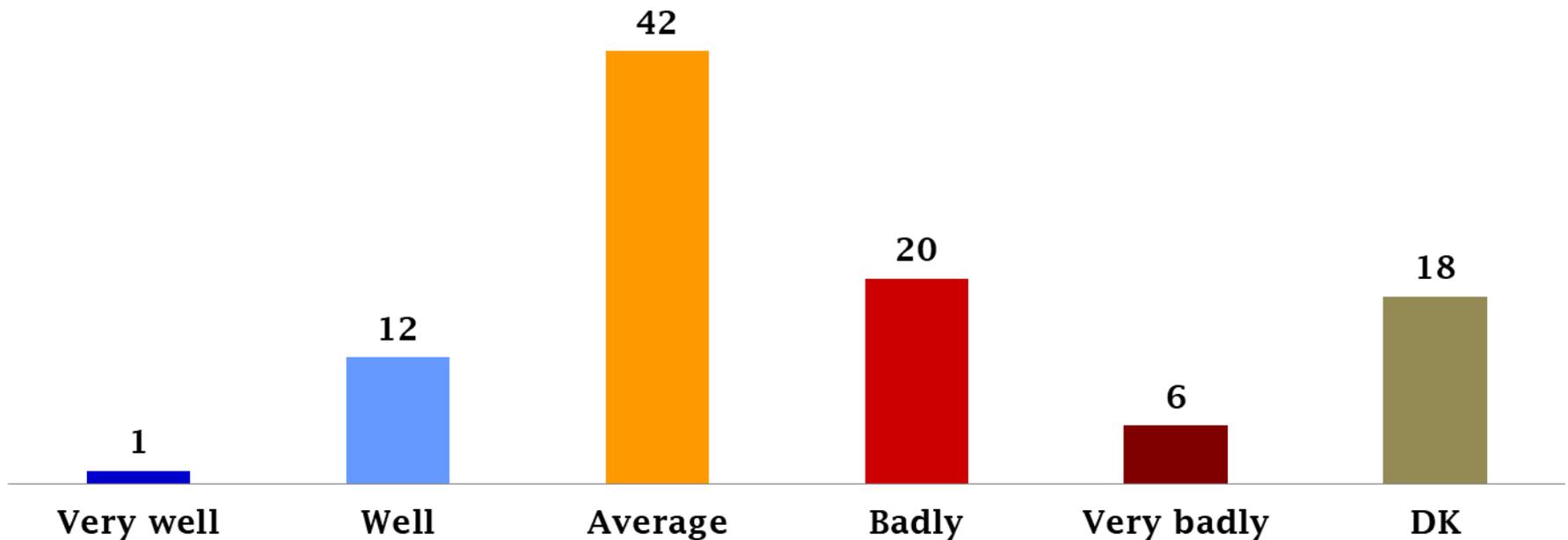


## How would you rate the performance of ...? (q5)

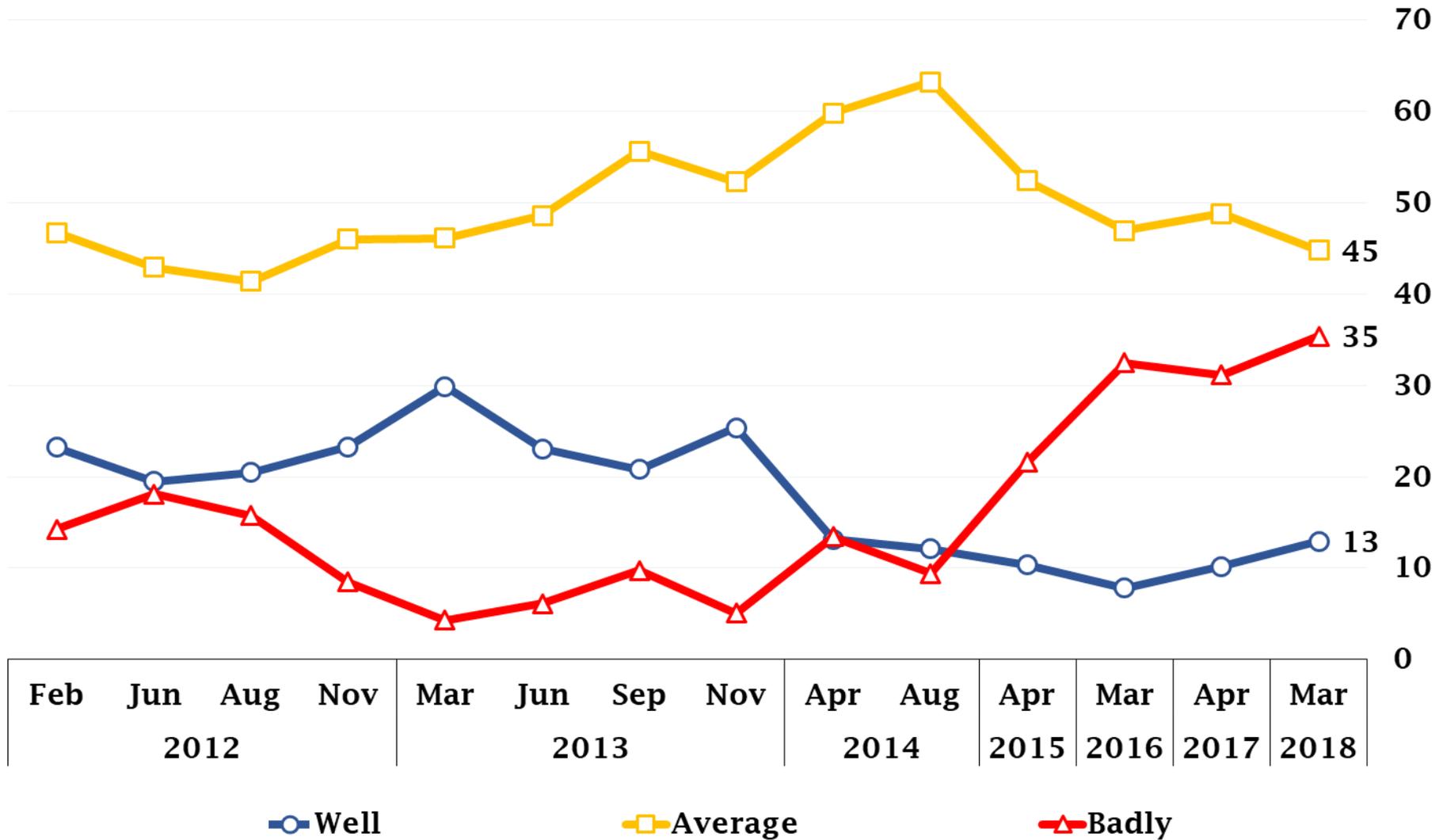
■ Very well 
 ■ Well 
 ■ Average 
 ■ Badly 
 ■ Very badly 
 ■ DK 
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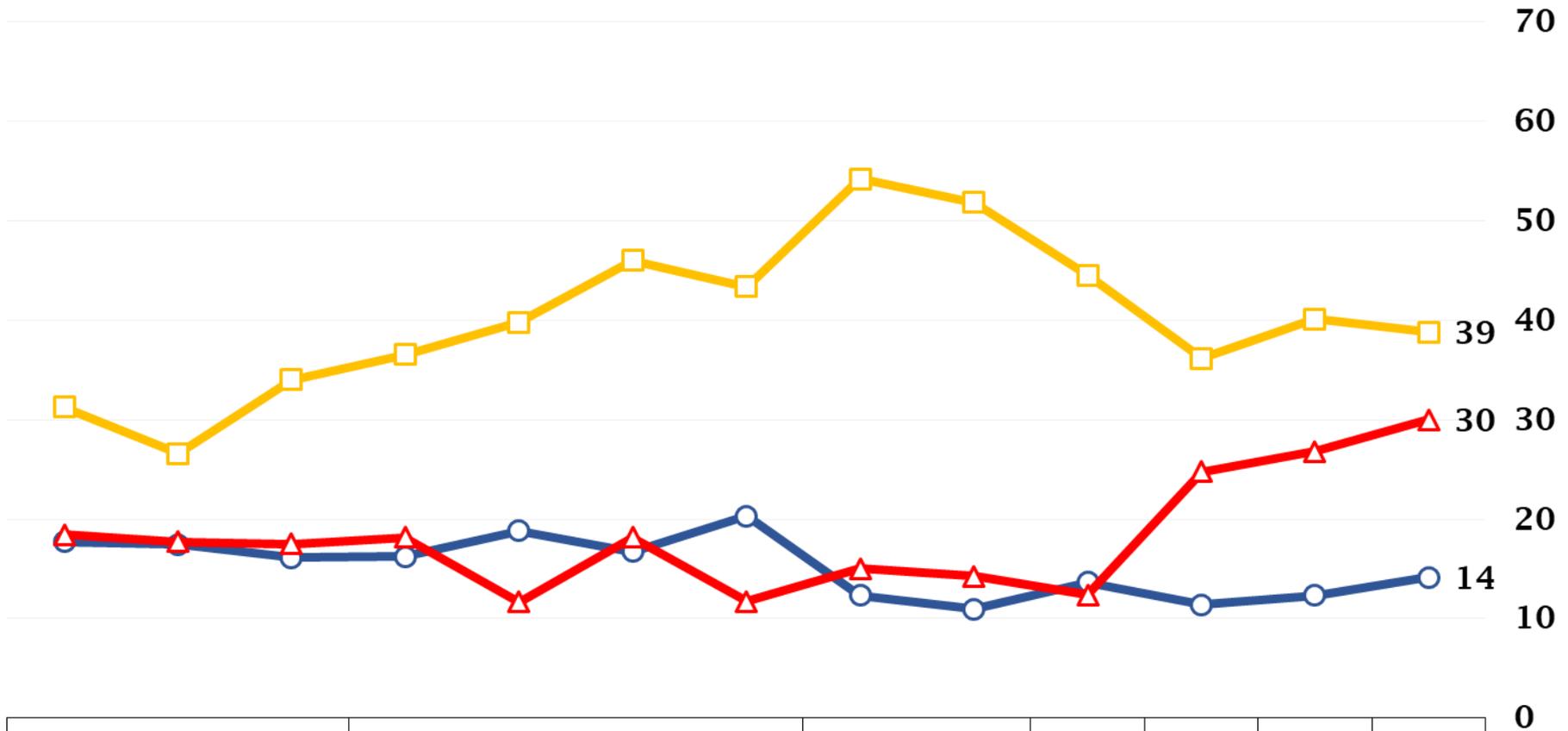
## How would you rate the performance of Tbilisi Sakrebulo? (q5) Asked in Tbilisi



# How would you rate the performance of the Parliament? (q5)



# How would you rate the performance of the Courts? (q5)



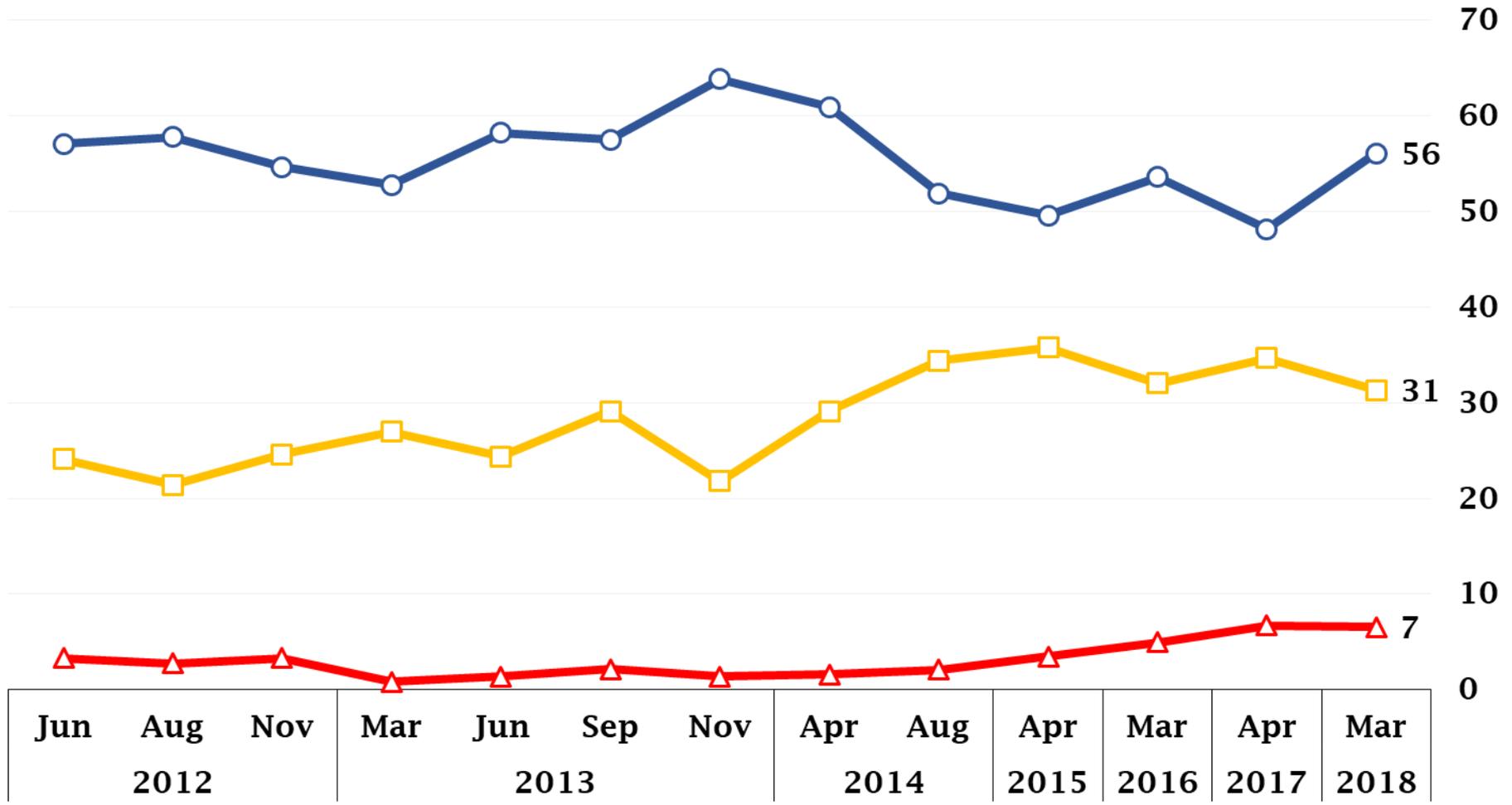
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Well

Average

Badly

# How would you rate the performance of Georgian army? (q5)

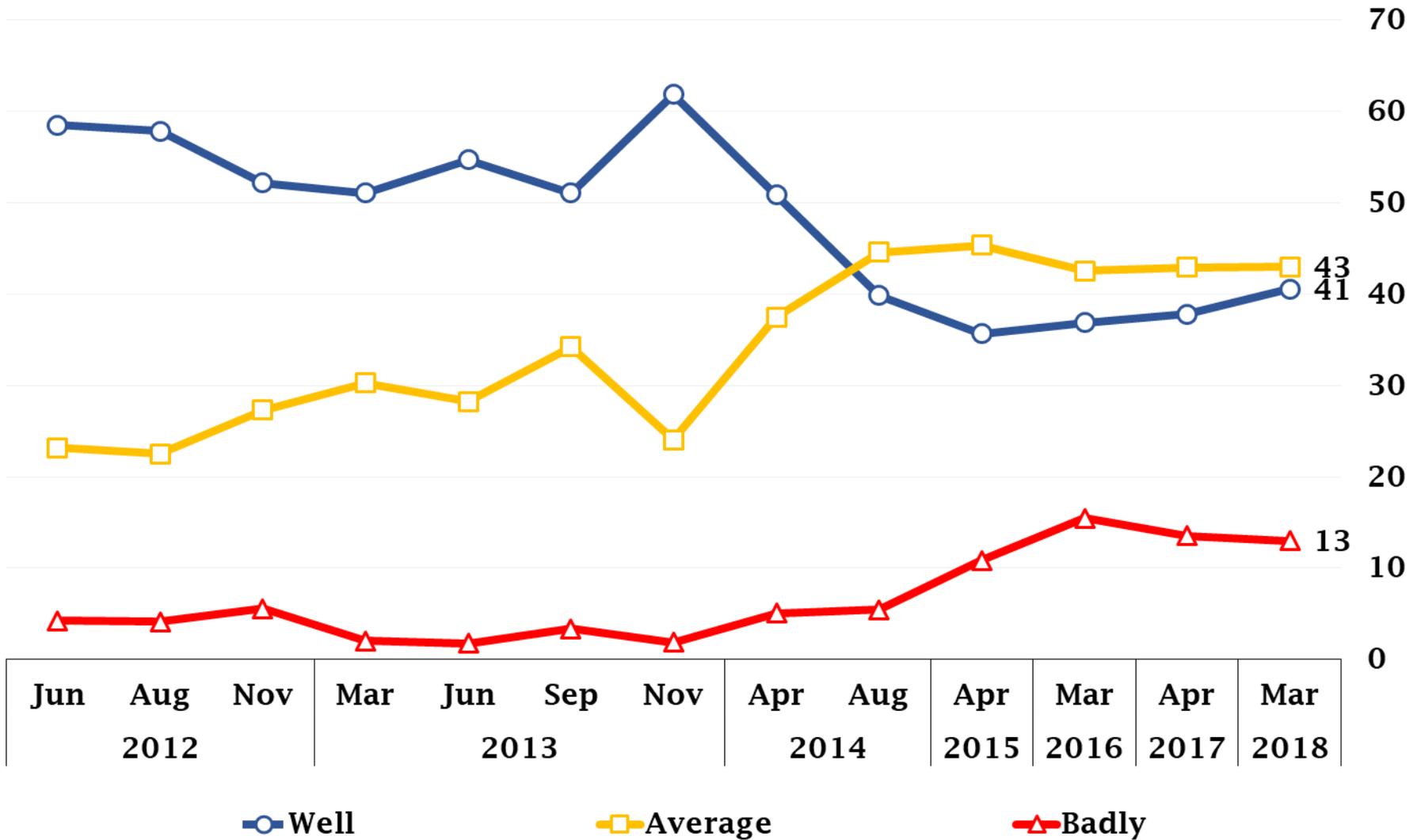


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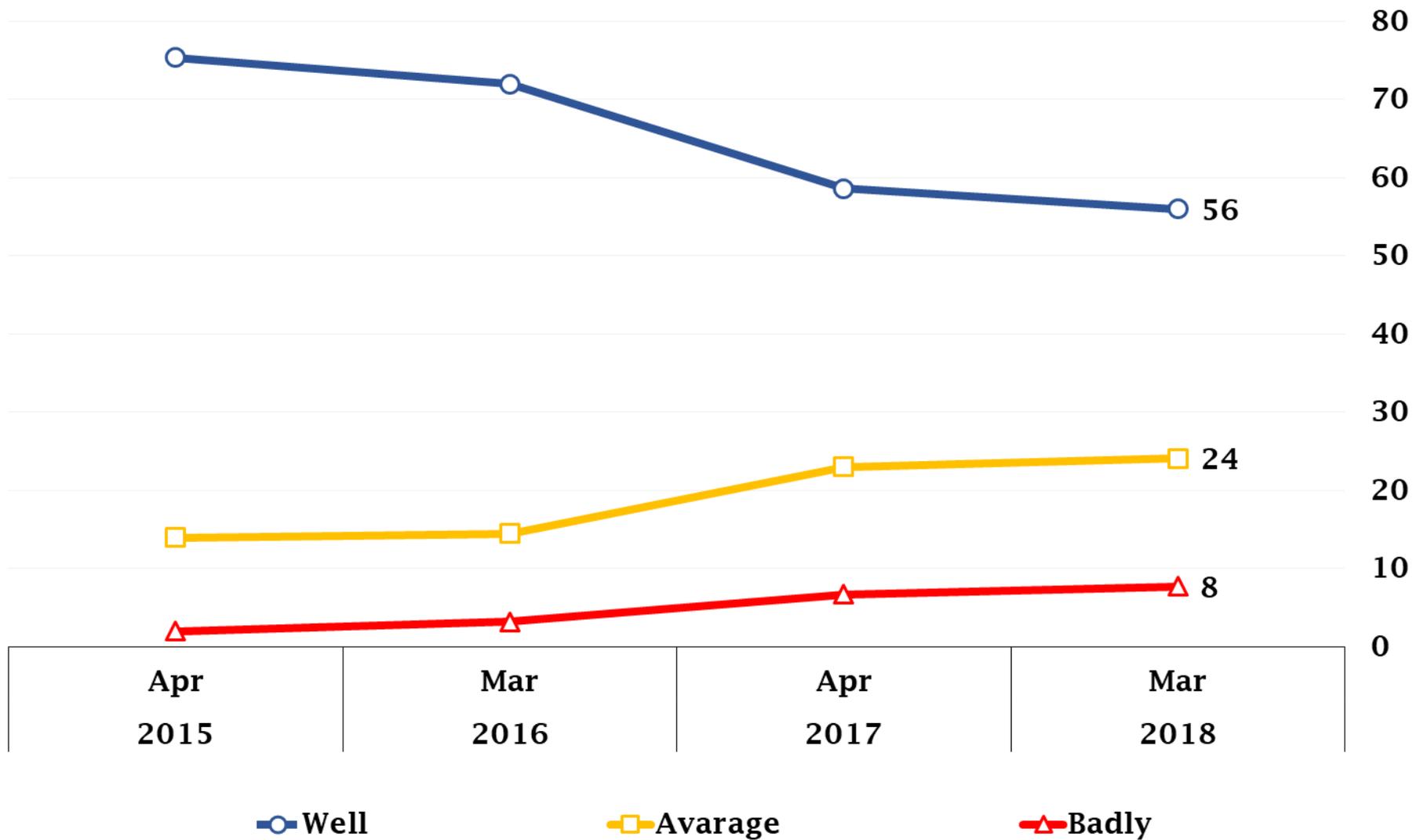
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# How would you rate the performance of Georgian police? (q5)

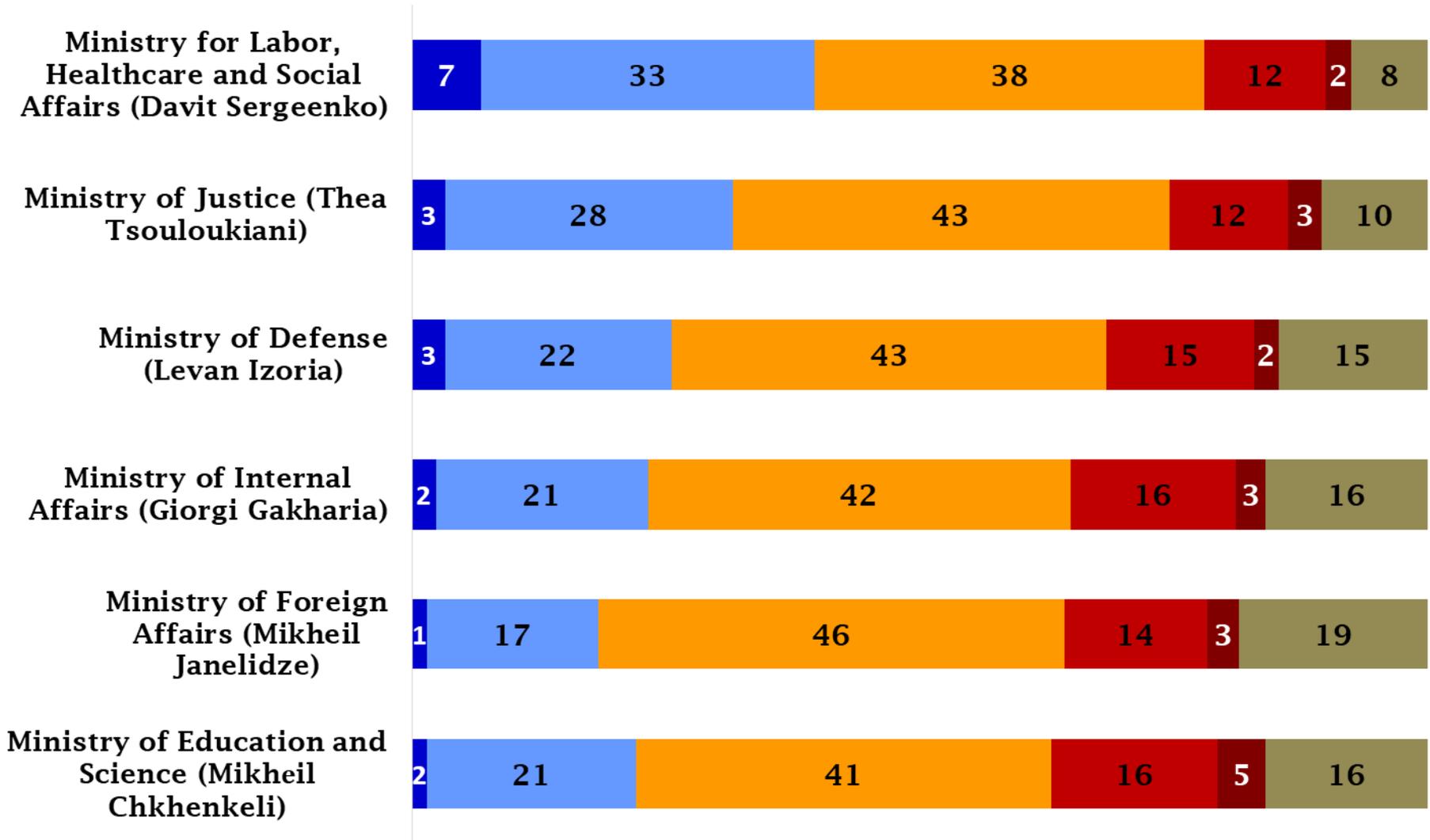


## How would you rate the performance of Georgian Orthodox Church? (q5)



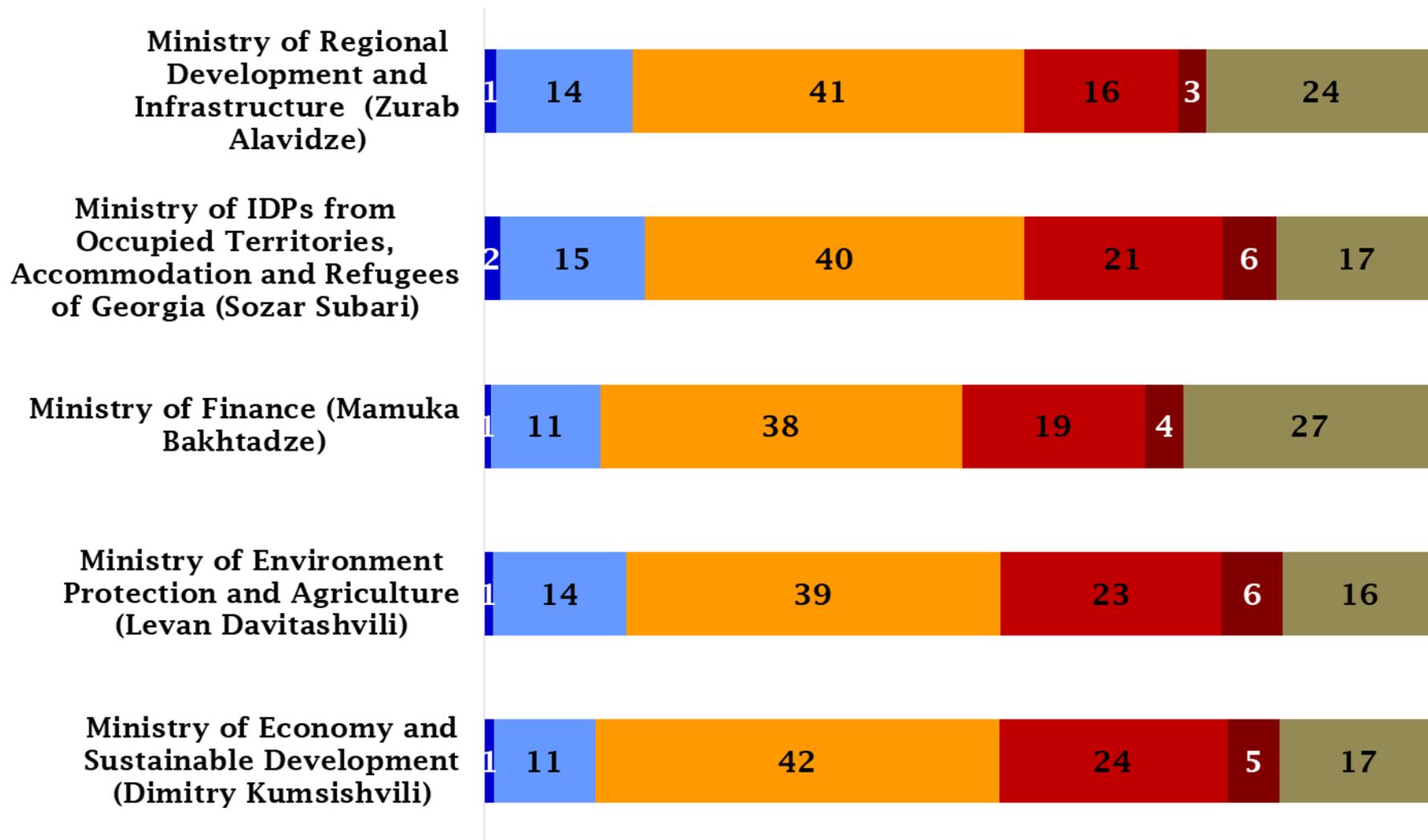
# How would you rate the performance of ...? (q5) Part 1

Very well Well Average Badly Very badly DK



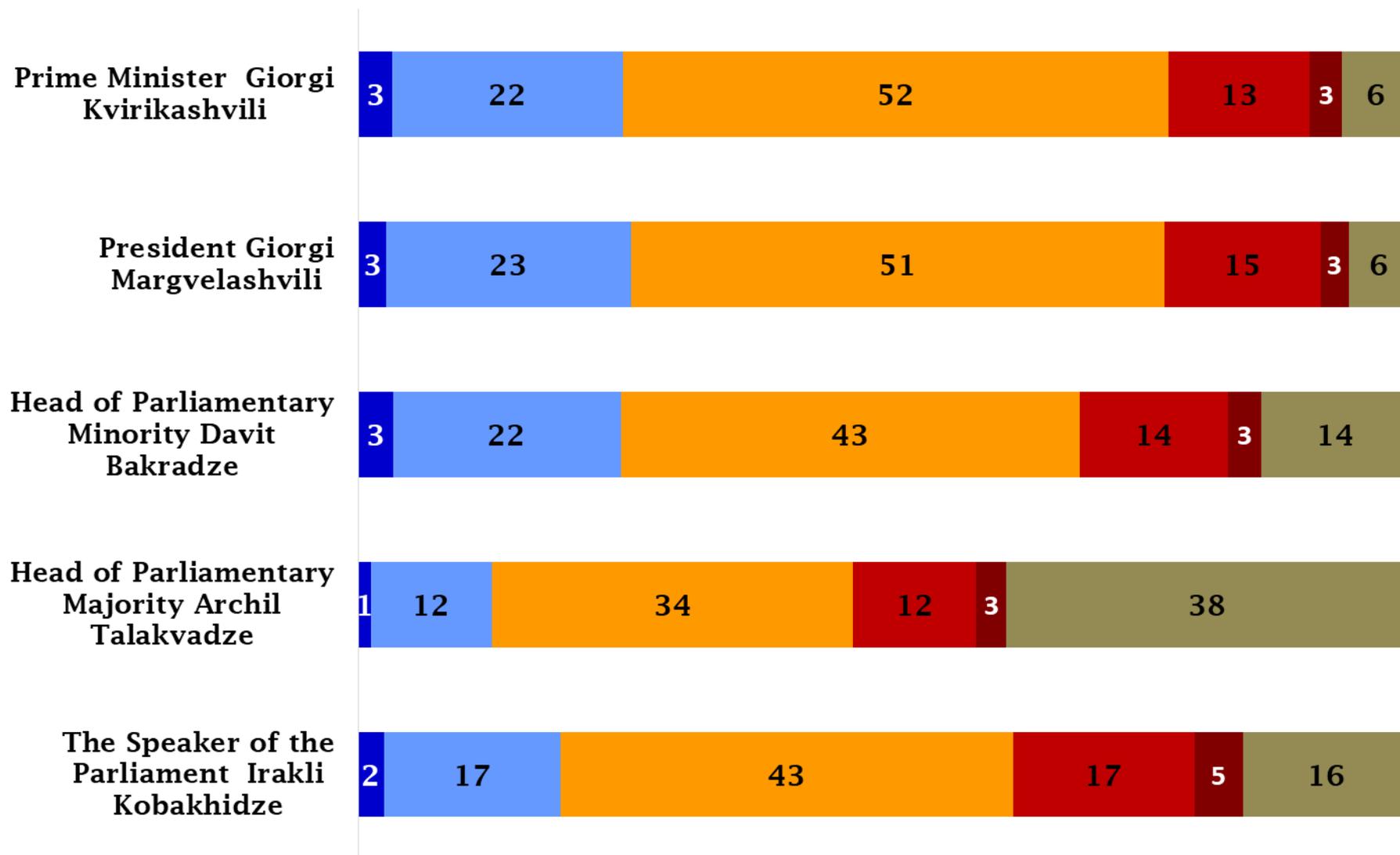
## How would you rate the performance of ...? (q5) Part 2

■ Very well  
 ■ Well  
 ■ Average  
 ■ Badly  
 ■ Very badly  
 ■ DK

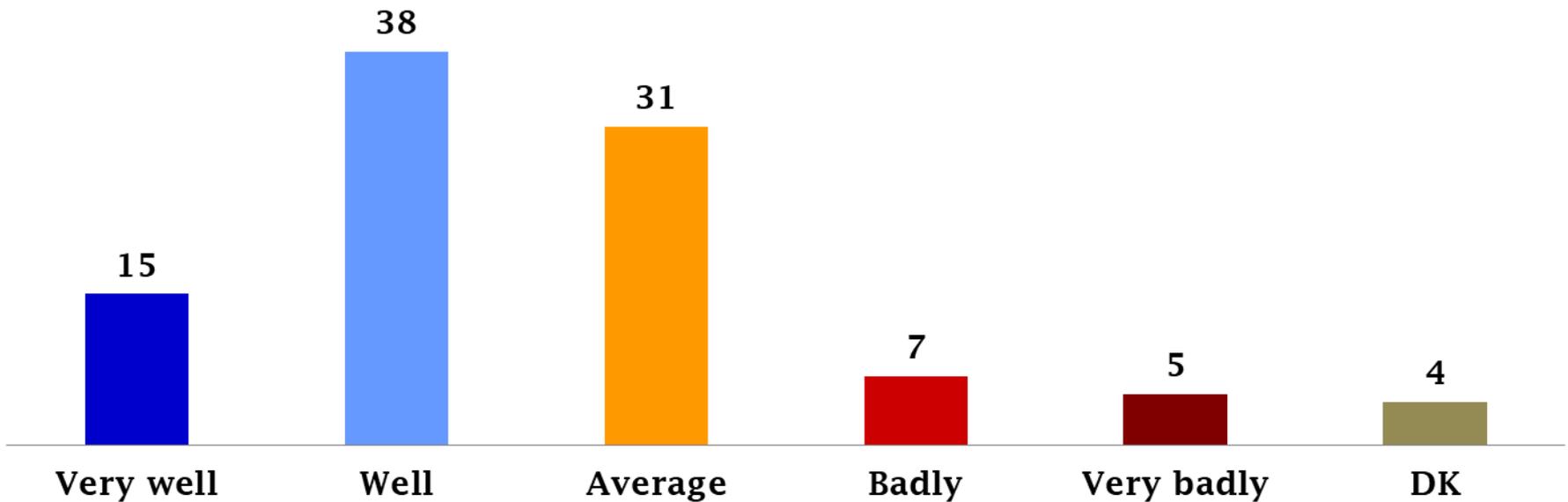


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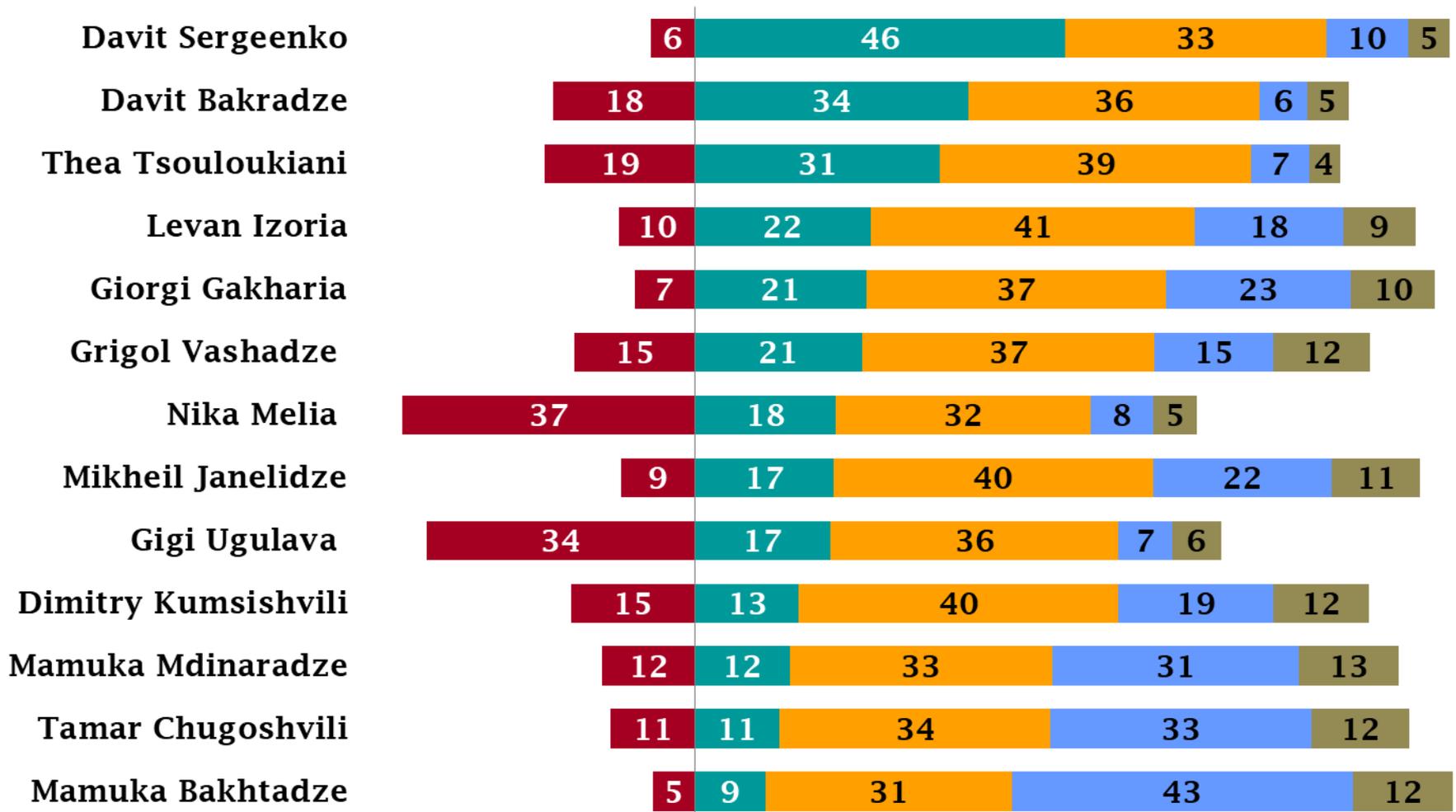


**How would you rate the performance of ...? (q5)  
Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze (asked only in Tbilisi)**



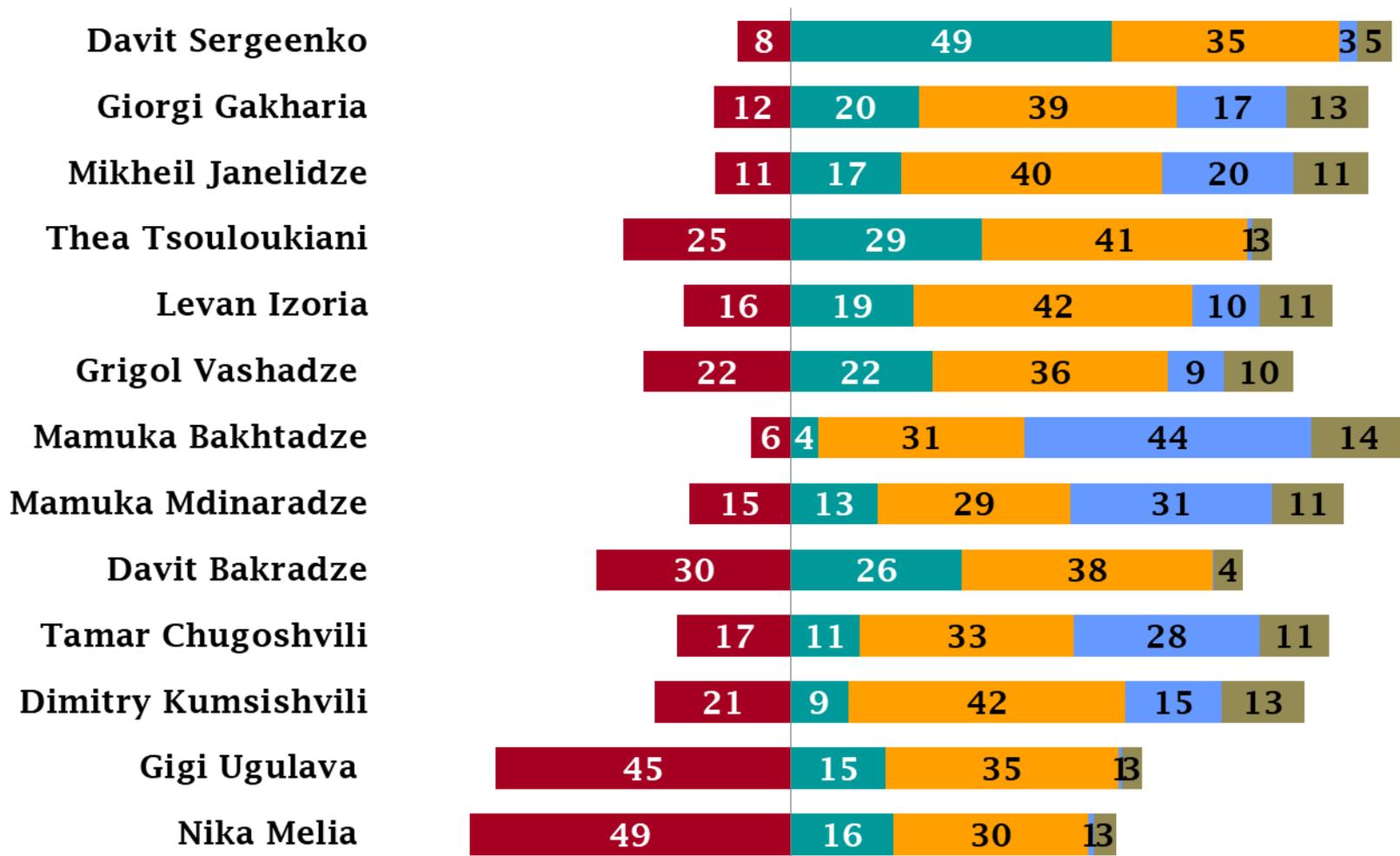
## Do you have a positive or negative attitude about the following leaders and political figures? (q9)

■ Negative 
 ■ Positive 
 ■ Neither positive nor negative 
 ■ Never heard 
 ■ DK



## Do you have a positive or negative attitude about the following leaders and political figures? (q9) Tbilisi

■ Negative 
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 ■ Never heard 
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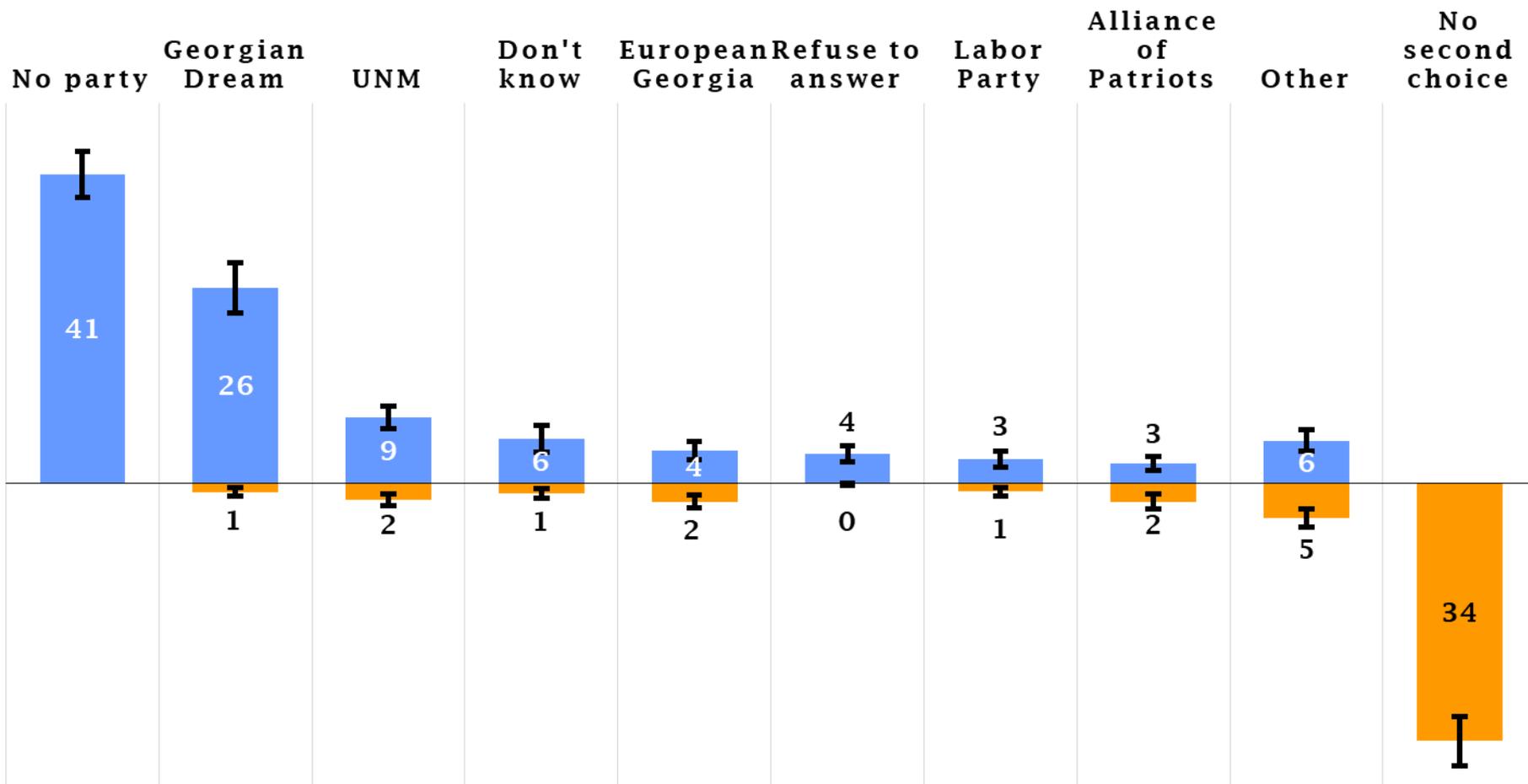


# Party Support and Future Elections

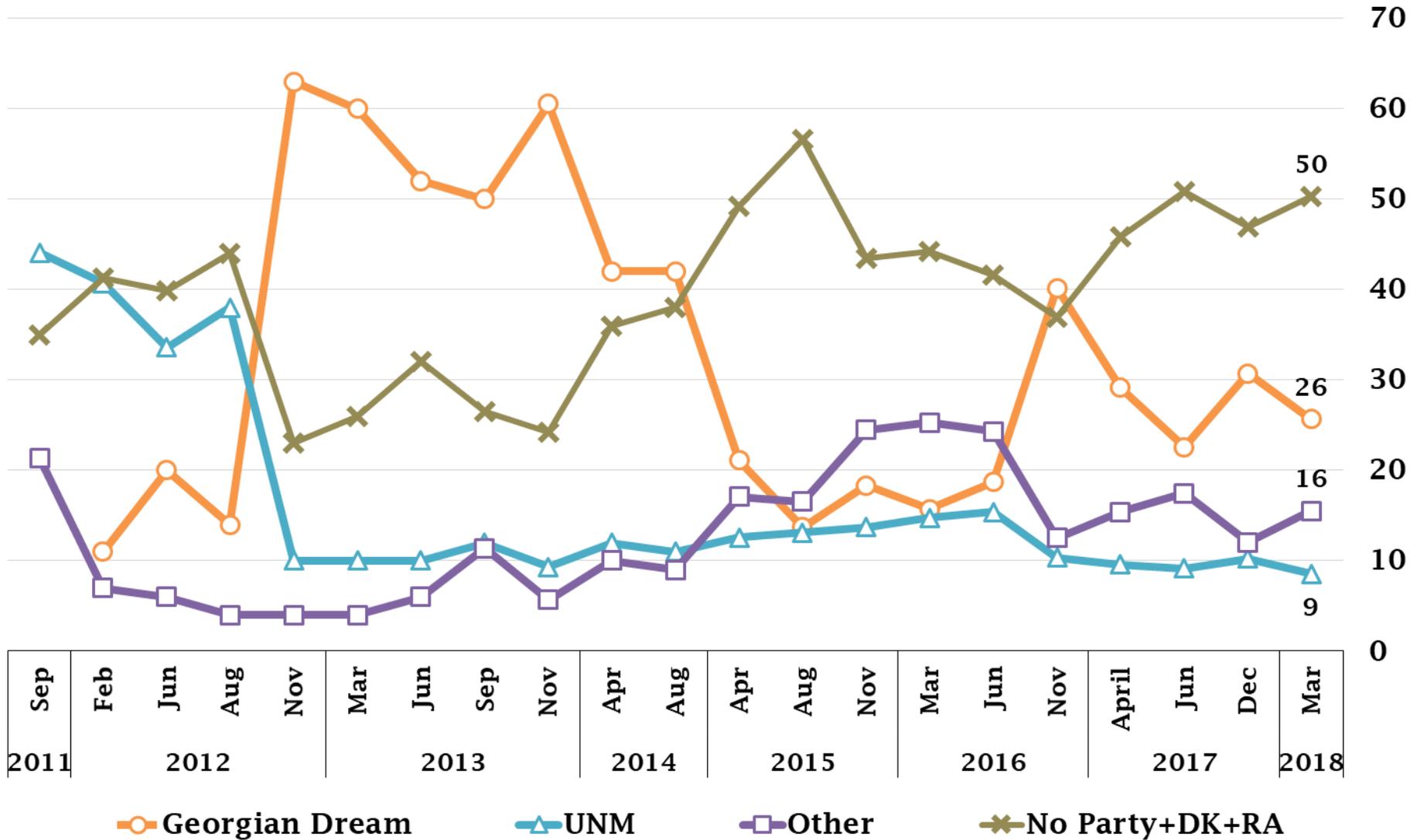
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# Which party is closest to you? (q6)

■ First choice ■ Second choice



# Which party is closest to you? (q6)



# If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q7)

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Likely voters

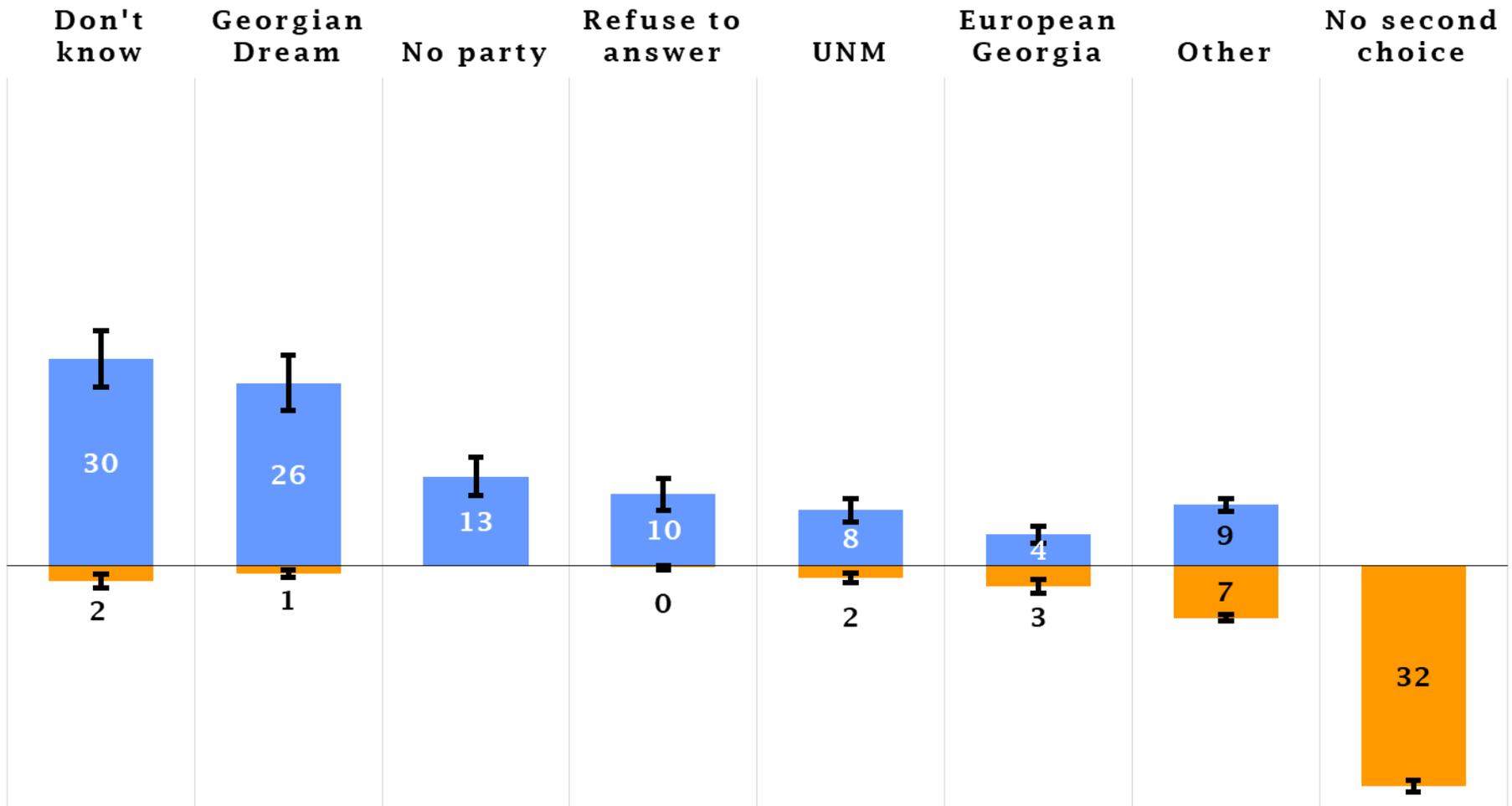
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Likely abstainers

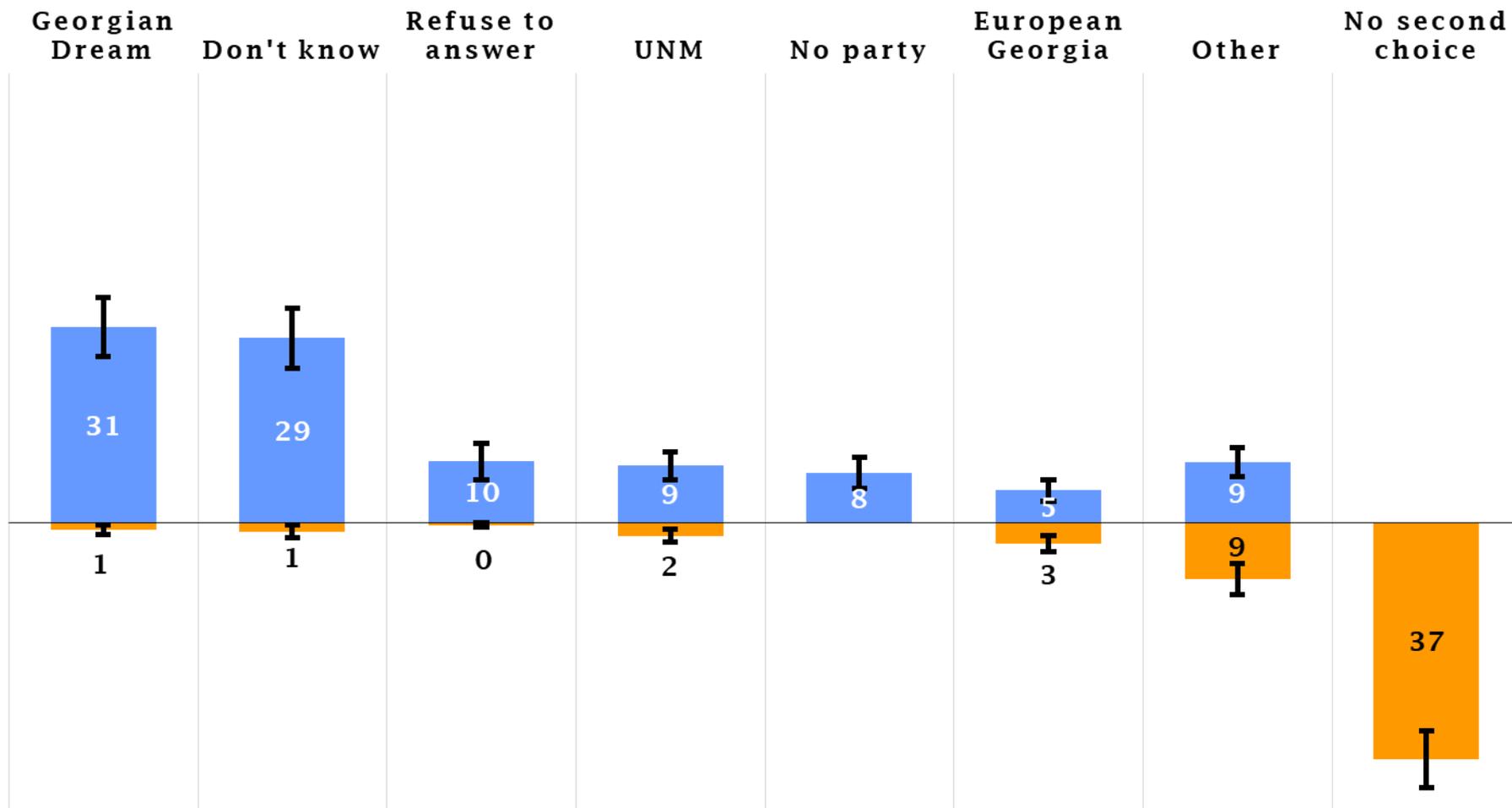
# If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for? (q8) Whole sample

■ First choice ■ Second choice



# If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for? (q8) - 57% likely voters only

■ First choice ■ Second choice



# Information Space

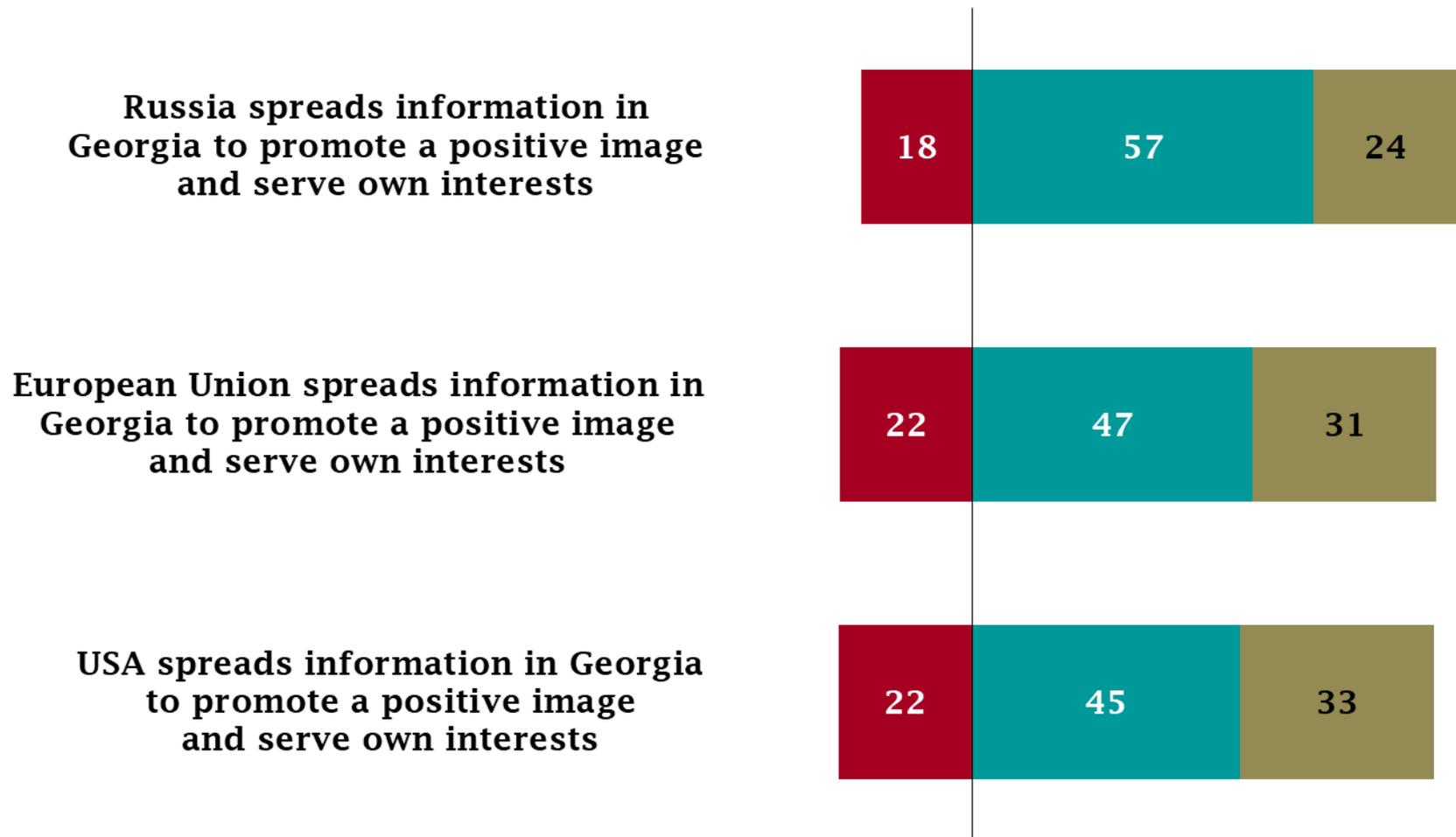
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# Do you agree or disagree that ...? (q41, q43, q45)

■ Disagree

■ Agree

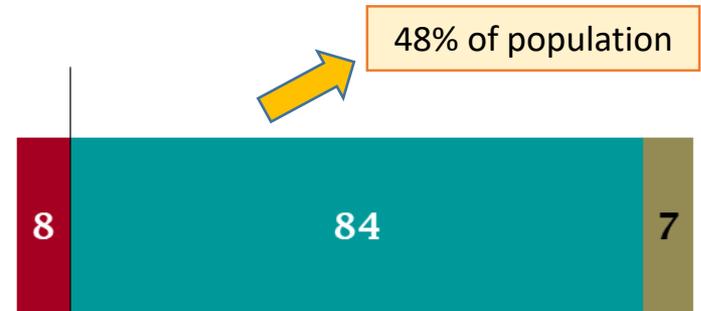
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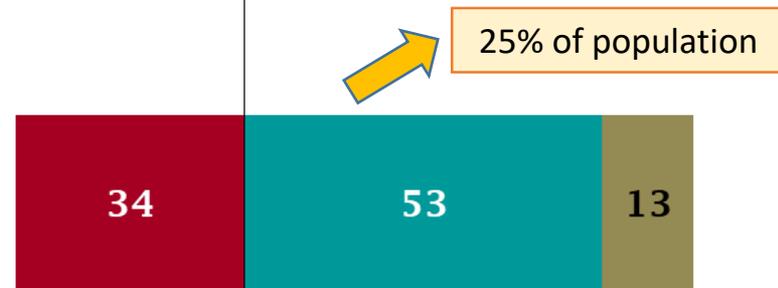
# Do you agree or disagree that ...? (q42, q44, q46) - of those who think Russia/EU/USA spreads information

■ Disagree    ■ Agree    ■ DK

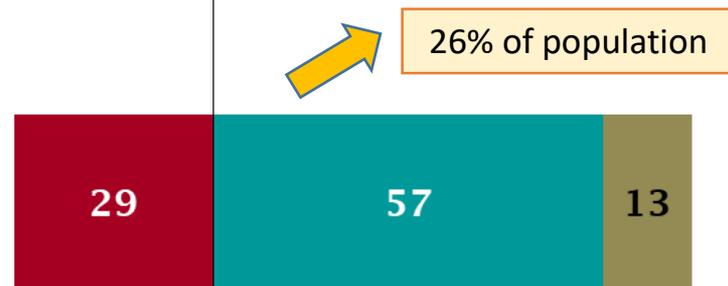
Russia spreads lies/false information in Georgia when promoting its image and interests



European Union spreads lies/false information in Georgia when promoting its image and interests

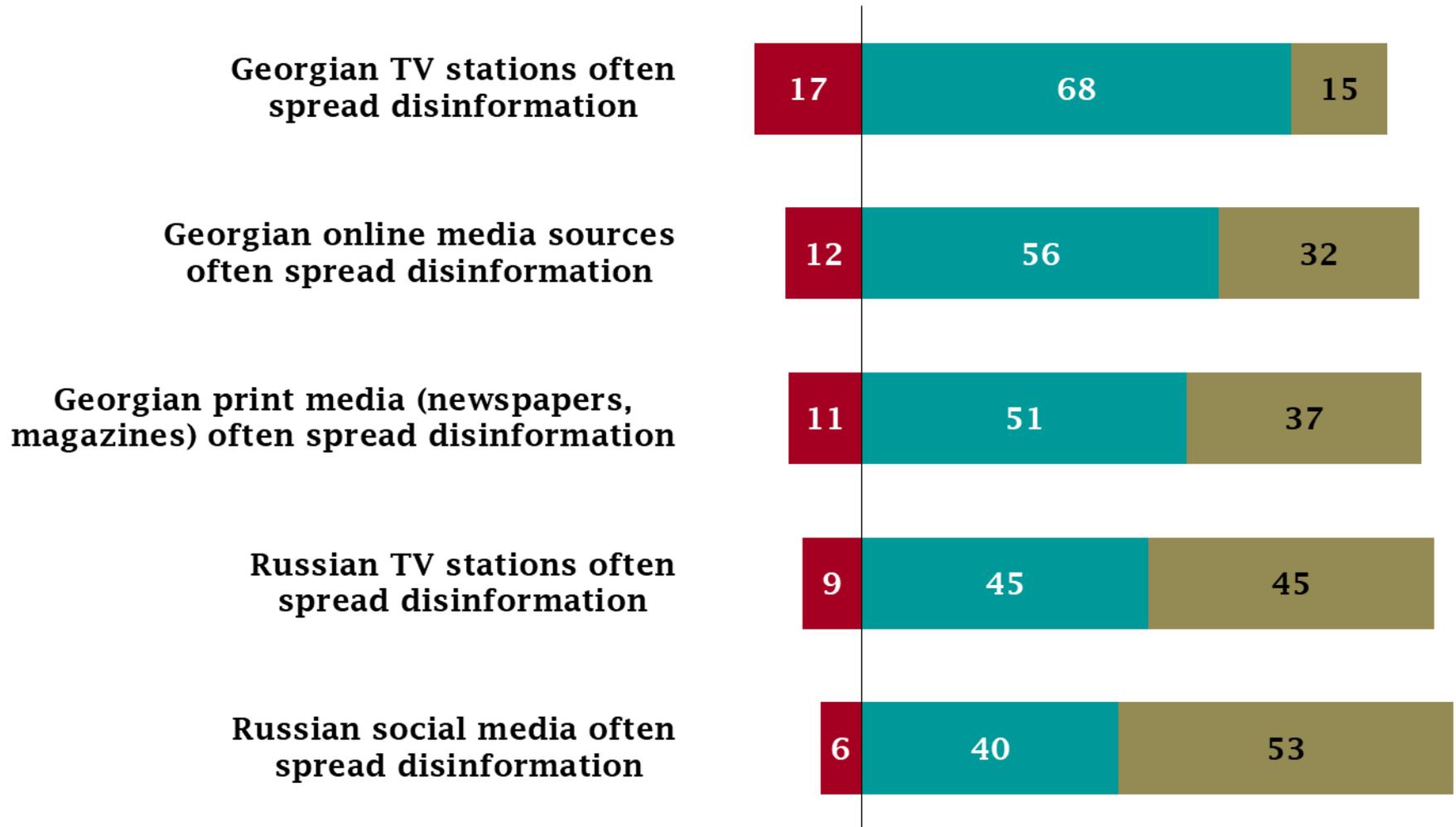


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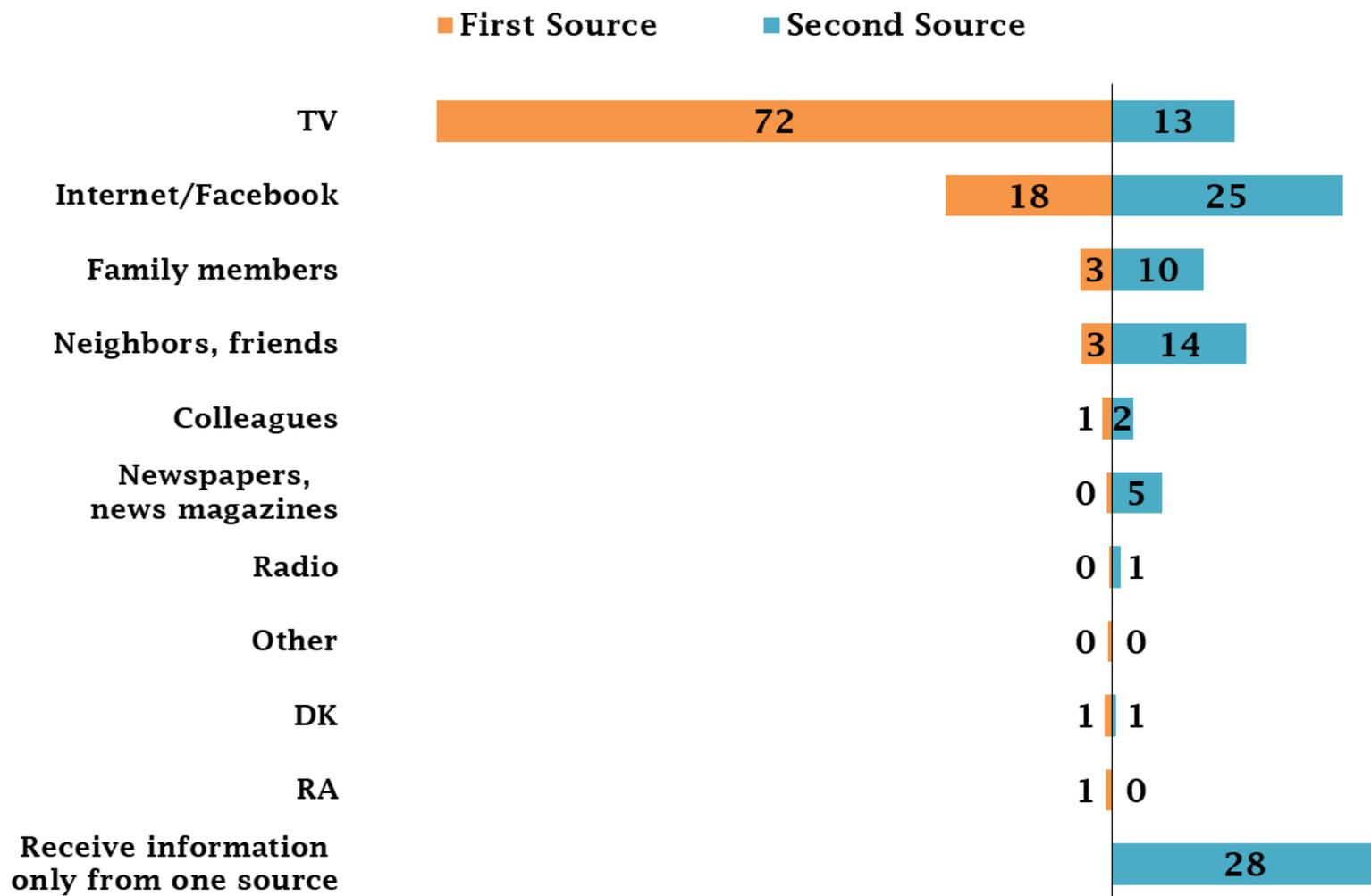


## Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (q47)

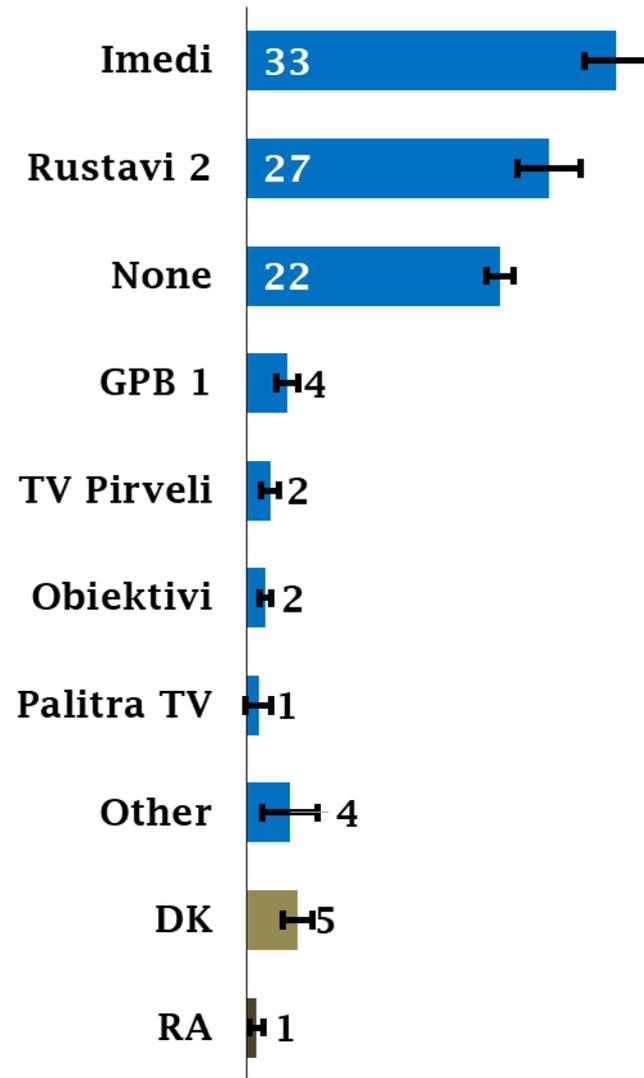
■ Disagree    ■ Agree    ■ DK



## What are main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q49, q50)

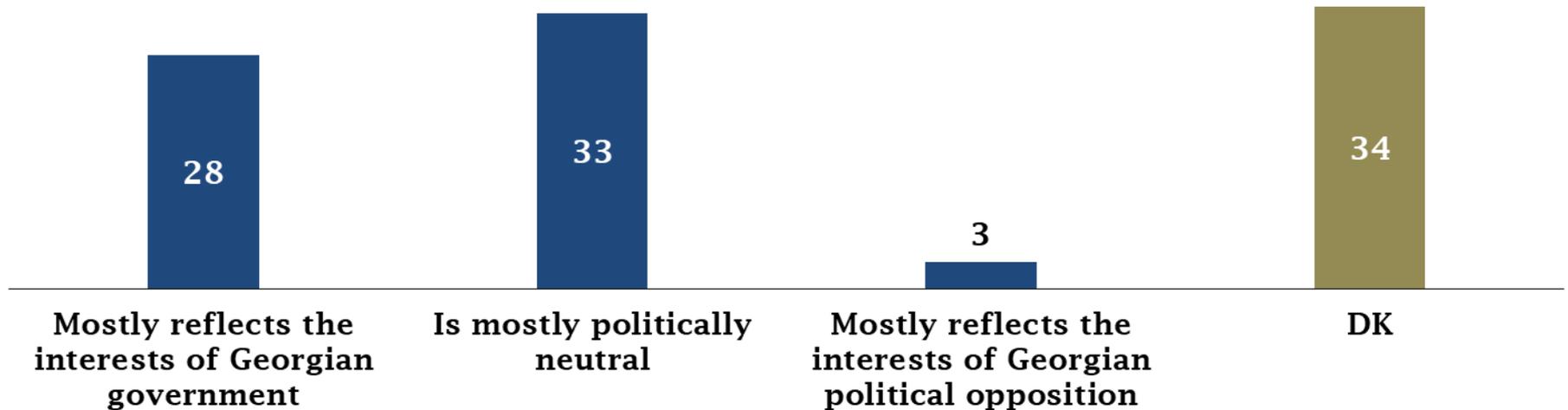


## Which TV channel do you trust the most for accurate information on politics and current events? (q53)



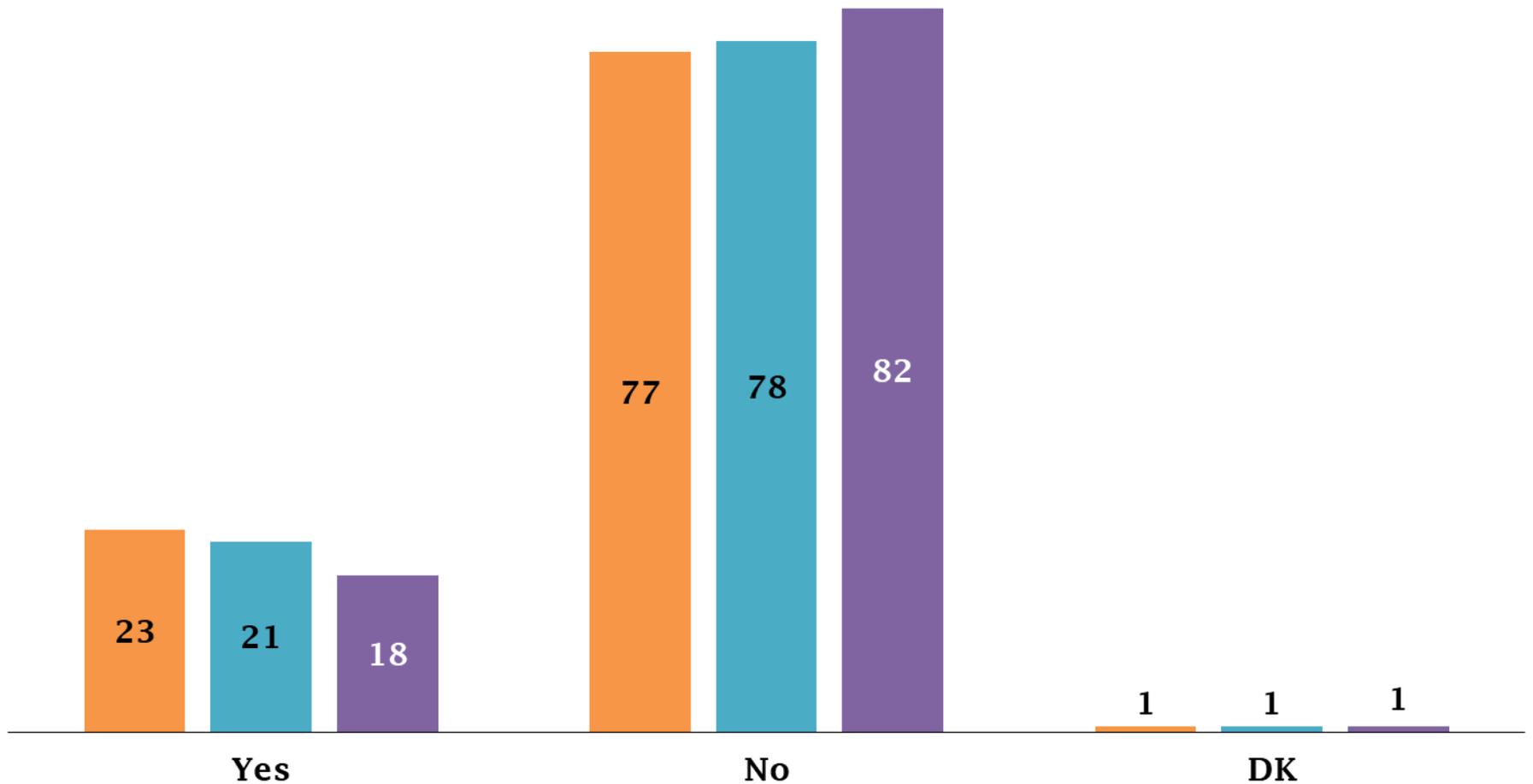
# Do you think that coverage of news about Georgian politics and current affairs on Public Broadcaster (Channel One) ...? (q48)

Only 4% of population says they trust GPB for accurate information on politics and current events

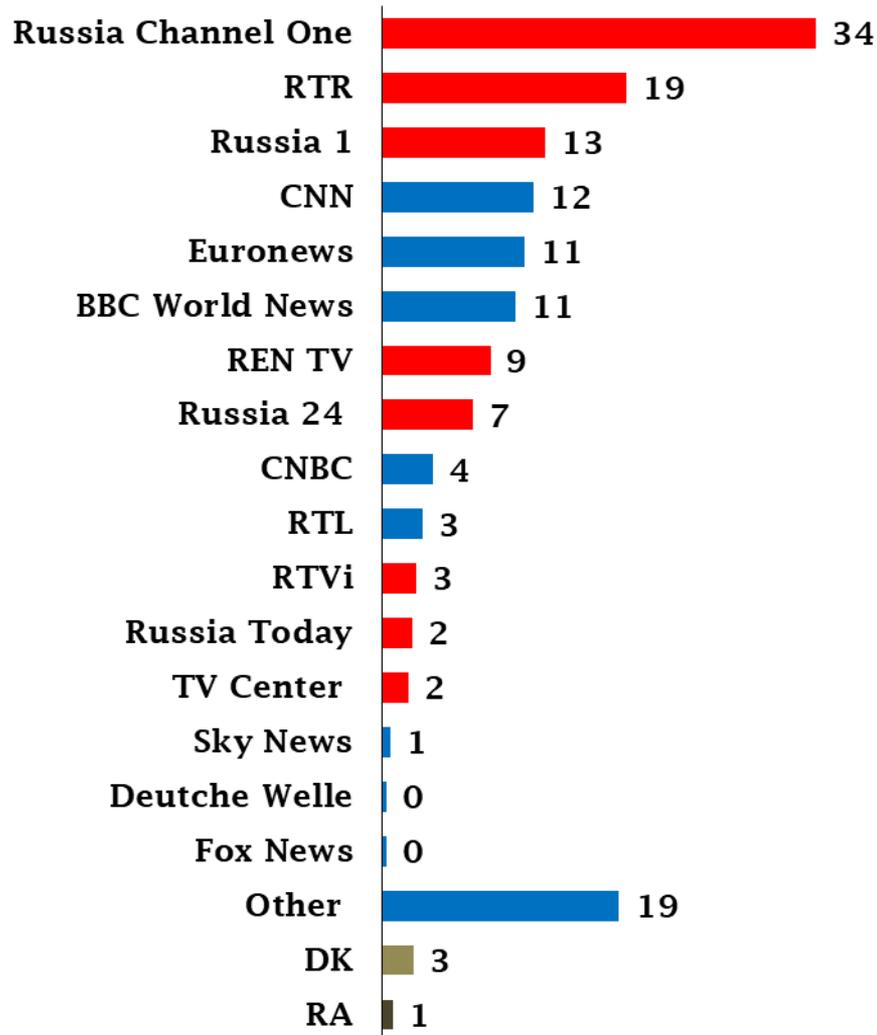


# Do you watch coverage of news and current affairs on non-Georgian TV channels? (q51)

■ June 2016 ■ April 2017 ■ March 2018

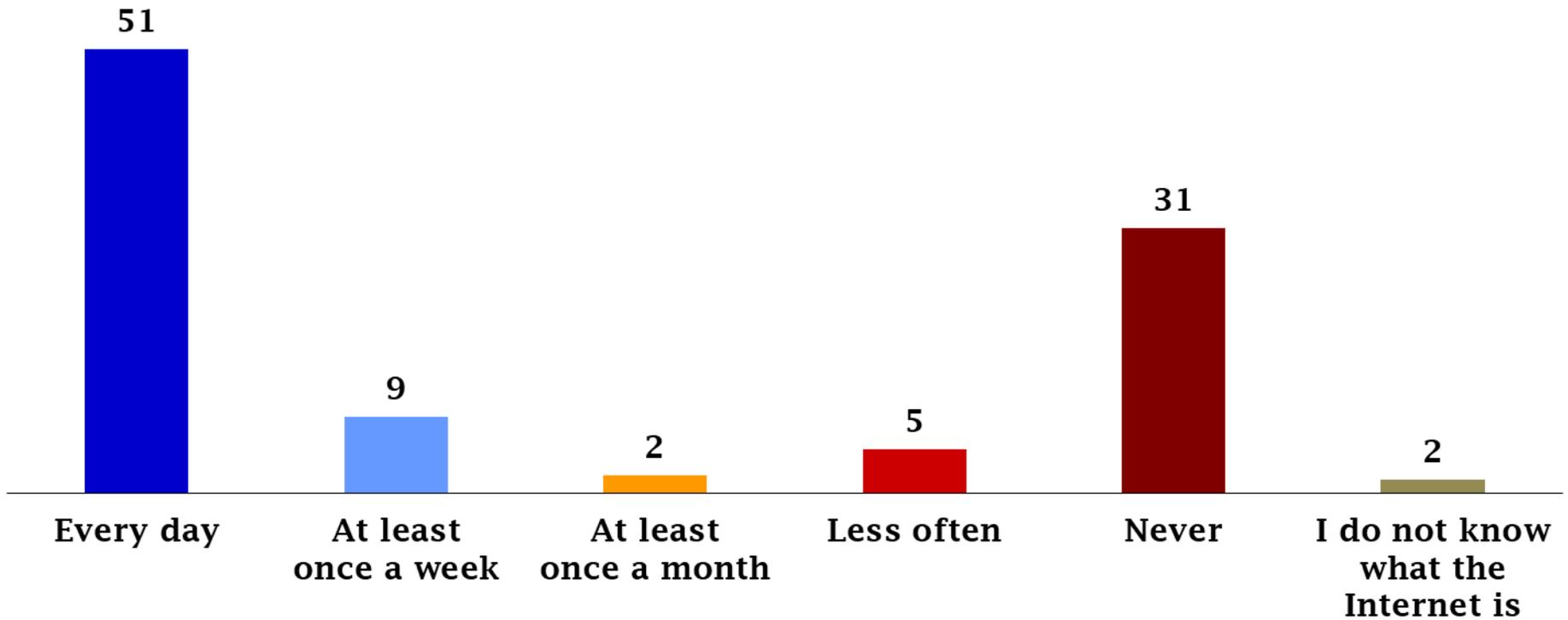


## Which non-Georgian TV channels do you watch? (q52) - of the 18% who said they watch non-Georgian TV Channels



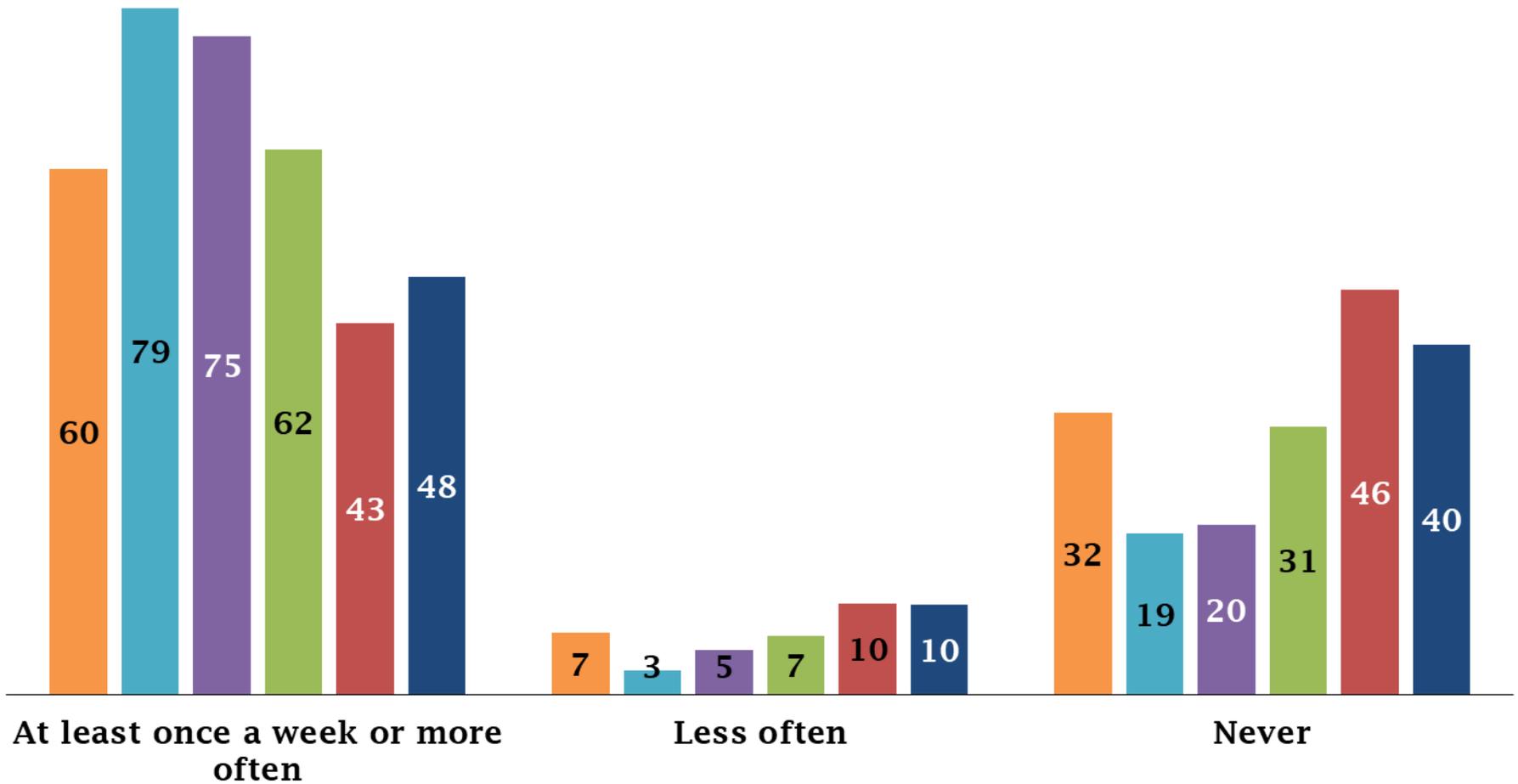
Other includes specific Armenian, Azerbaijani and Russian TV channels named by the respondents.

## How often do you use the Internet? (q56)



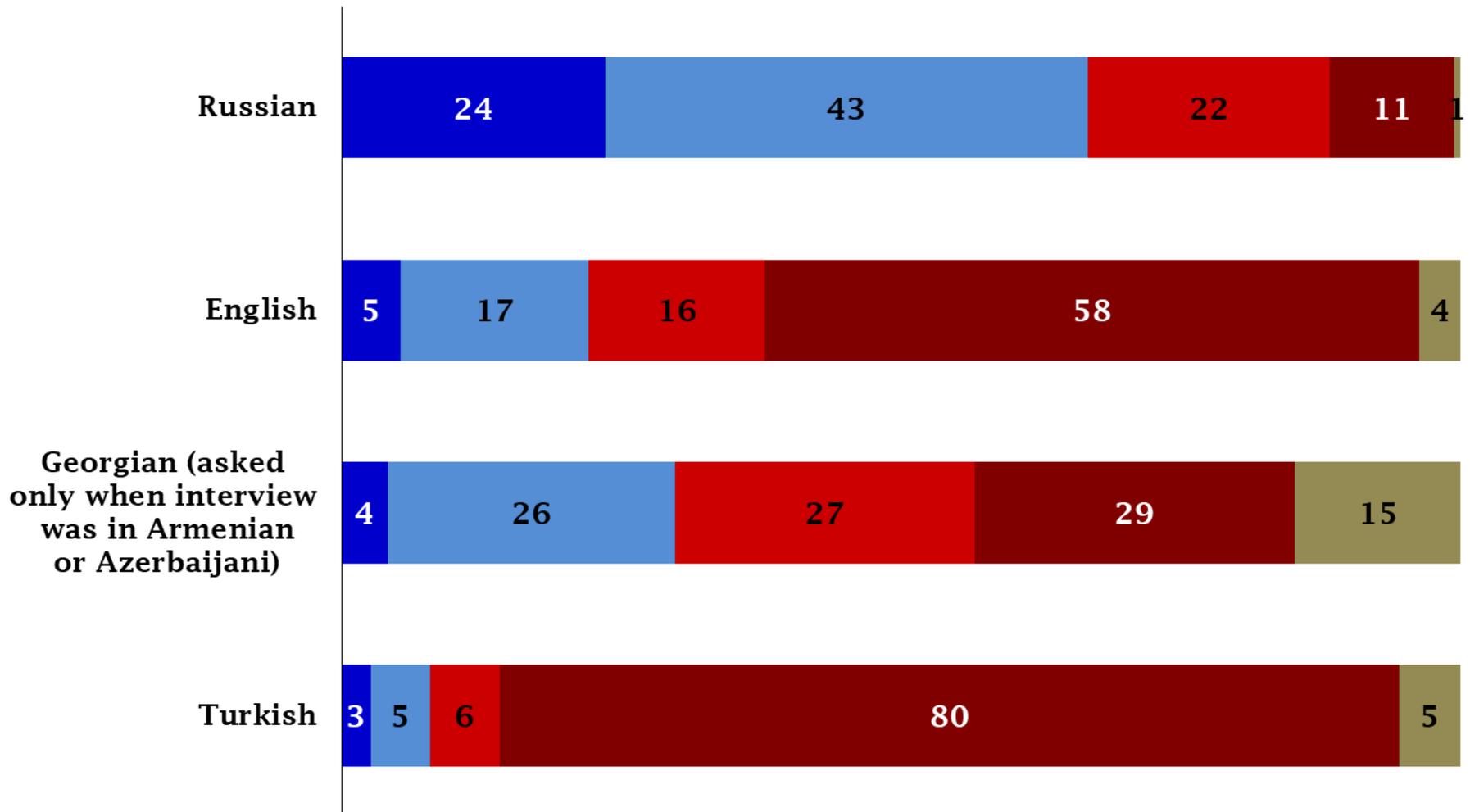
# How often do you use the Internet? (q56 X Settlement)

■ National ■ Capital ■ Large urban ■ Small urban ■ Rural ■ Minority settlements



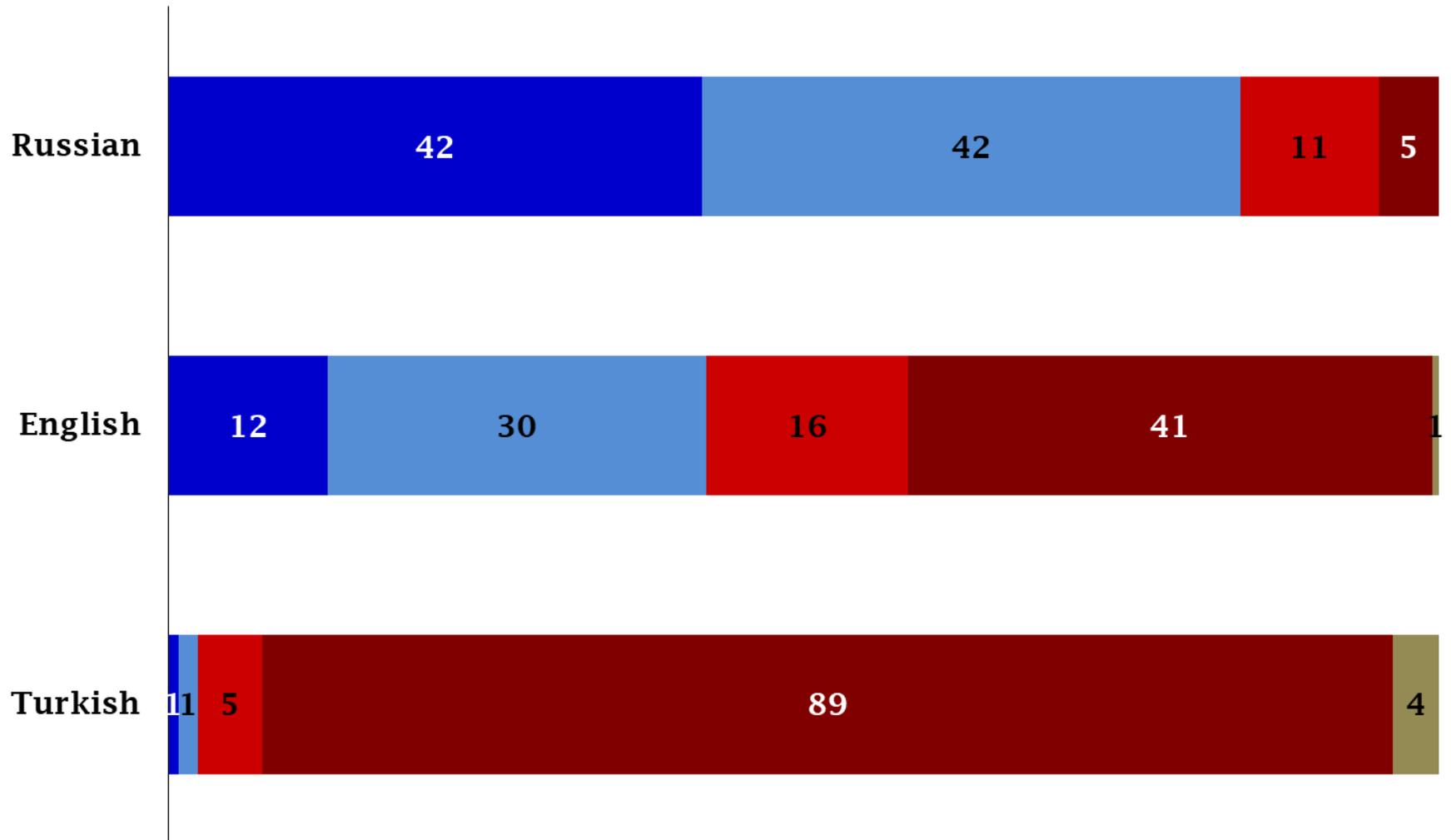
# Which one of these levels best describes your ability in the following? (q60)

■ Advanced   ■ Intermediate   ■ Beginner   ■ No basic knowledge   ■ DK



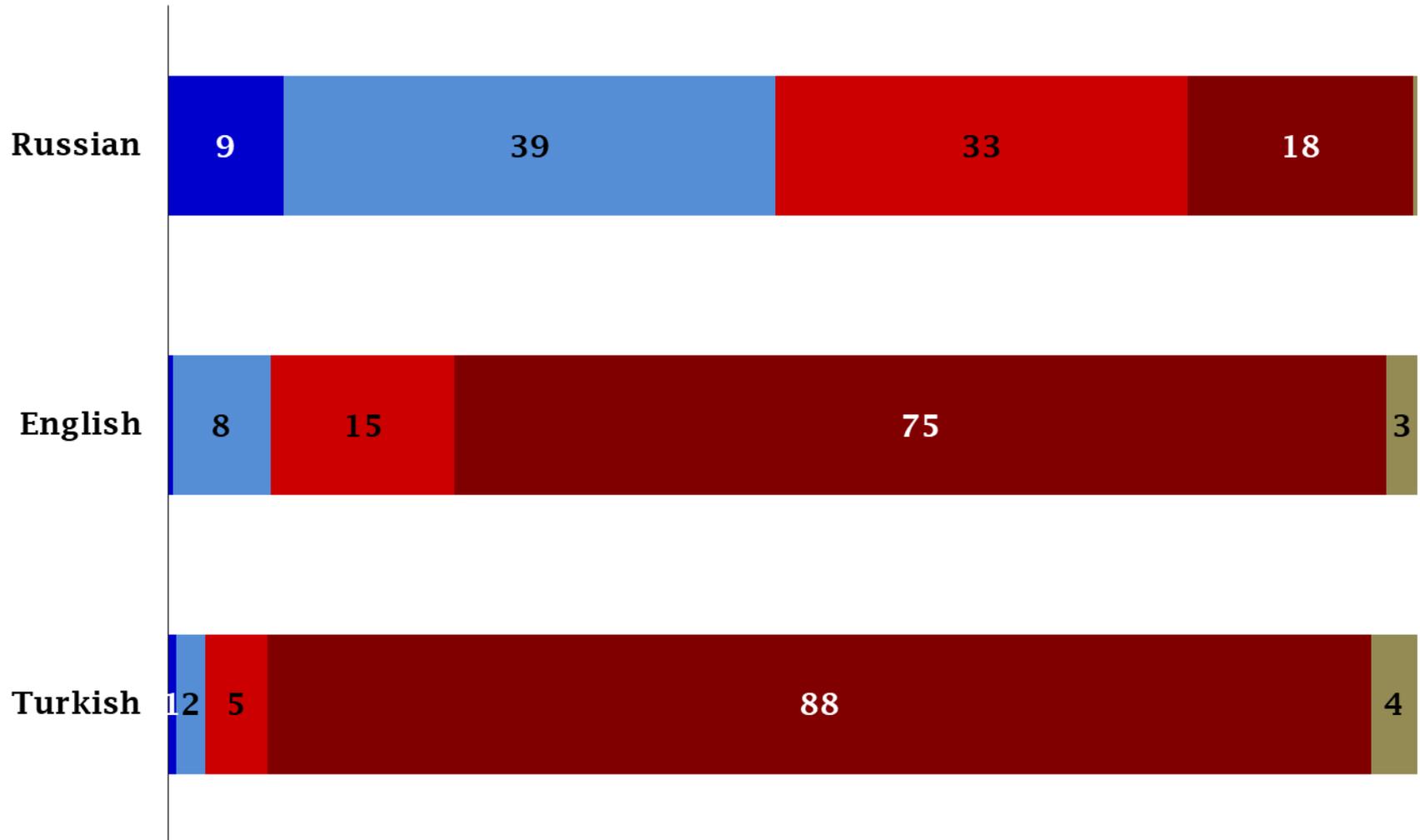
# Which one of these levels best describes your ability in the following? (q60) Tbilisi

■ Advanced ■ Intermediate ■ Beginner ■ No basic knowledge ■ DK



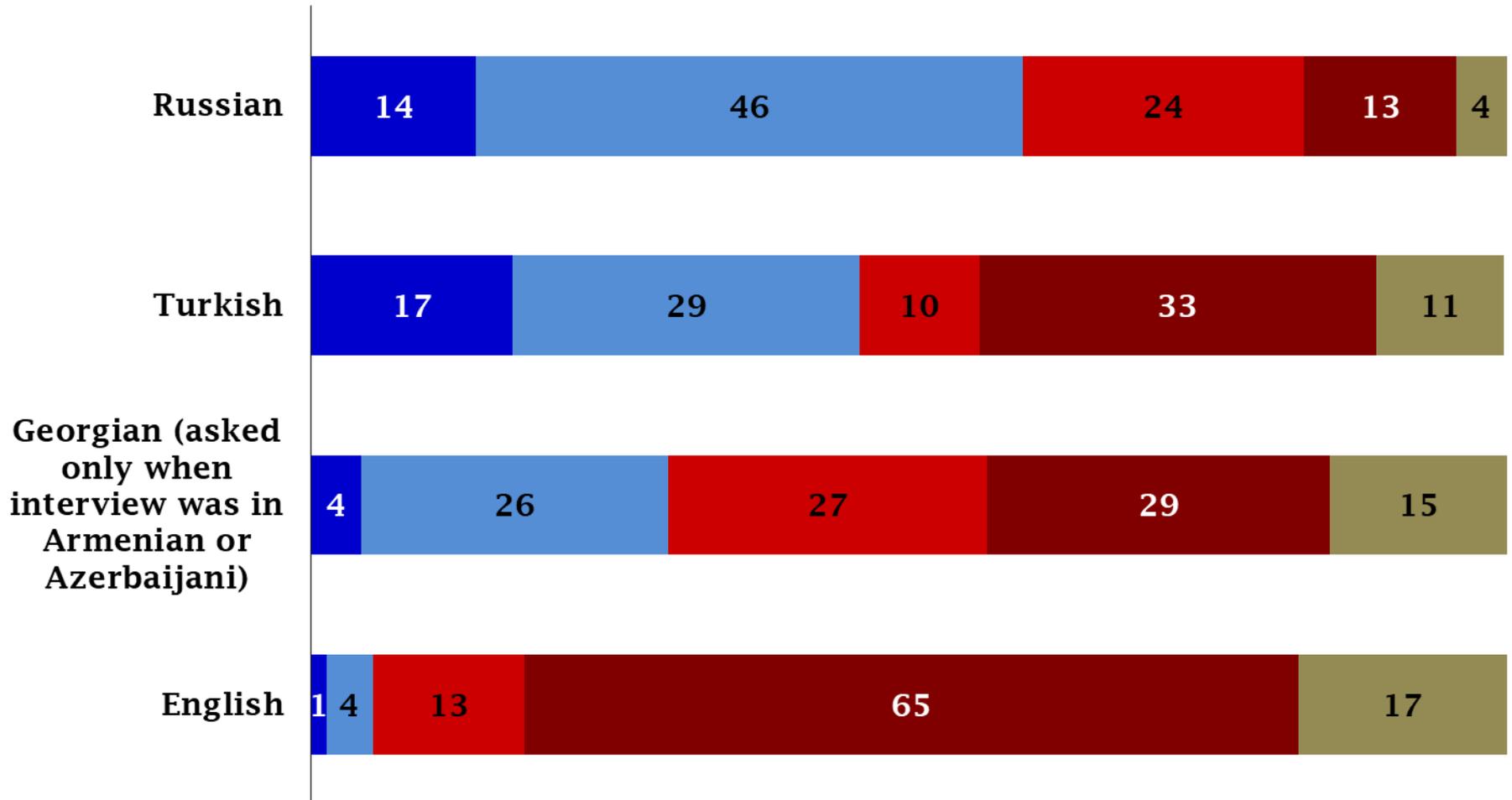
# Which one of these levels best describes your ability in following? (q60) Rural

■ Advanced ■ Intermediate ■ Beginner ■ No basic knowledge ■ DK



# Which one of these levels best describes your ability in following? (q60) Minority settlements

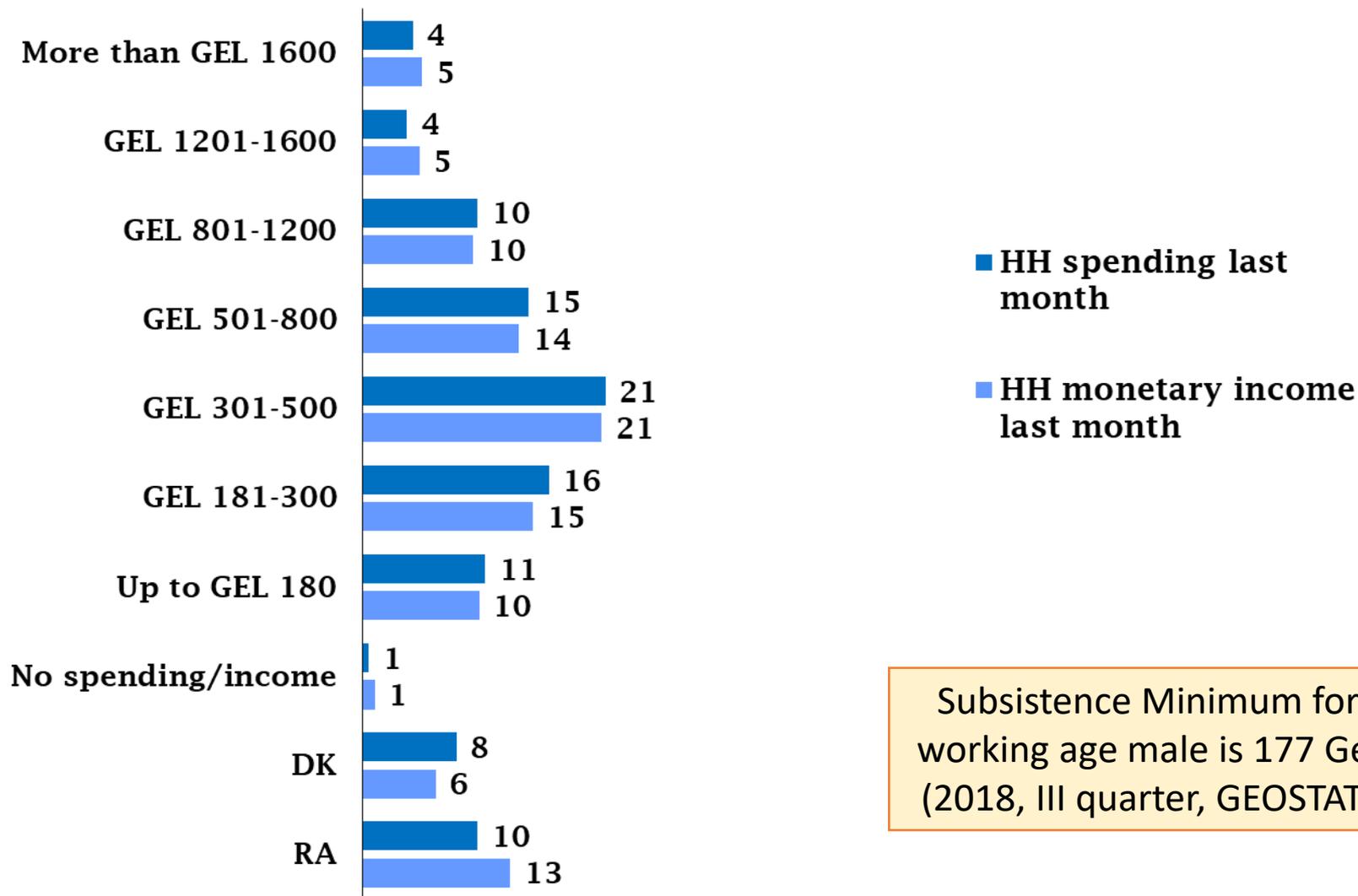
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# Income and Employment

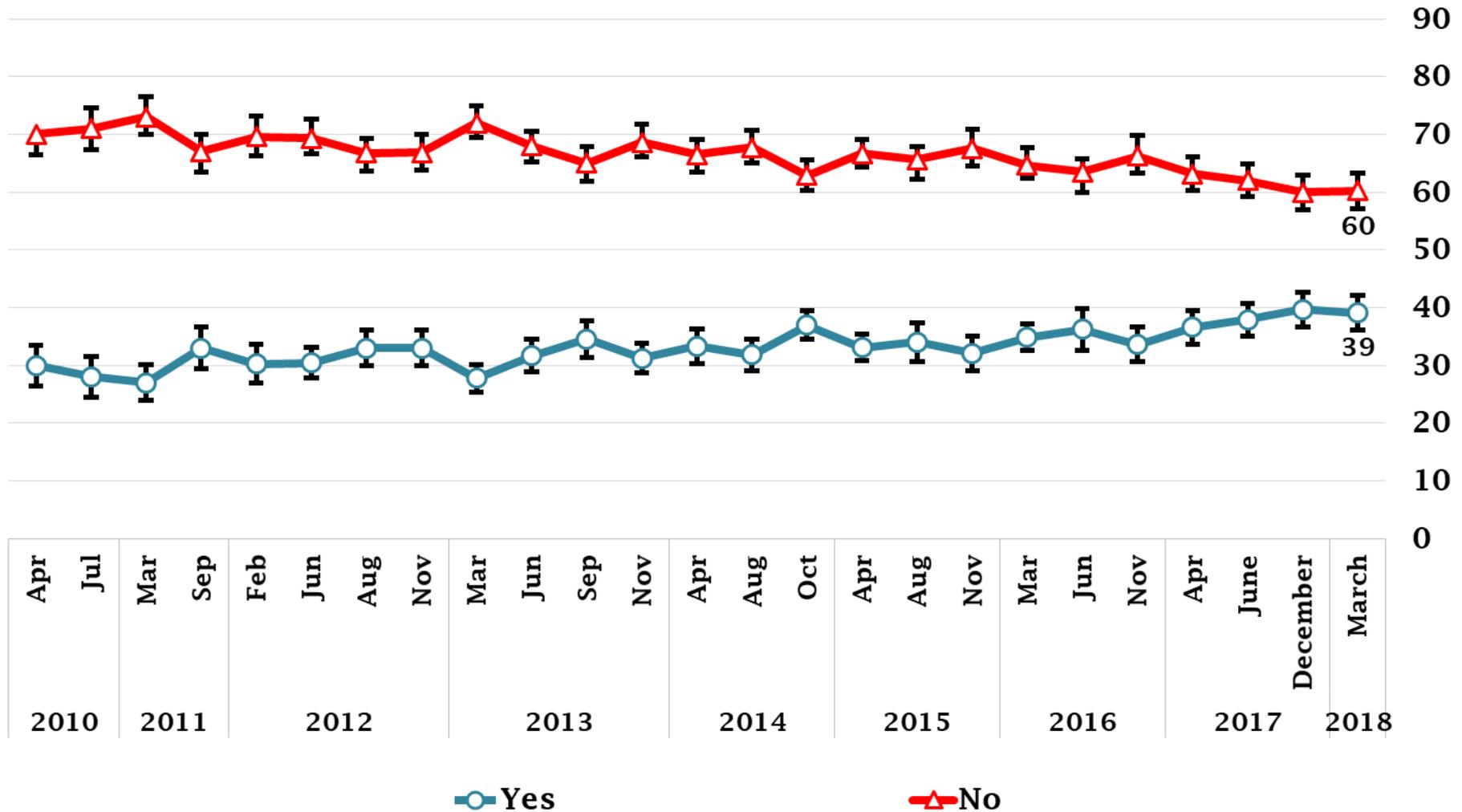
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## Speaking about a monetary spending/income last month, to which of the following groups does your household belong? (q57, q62)

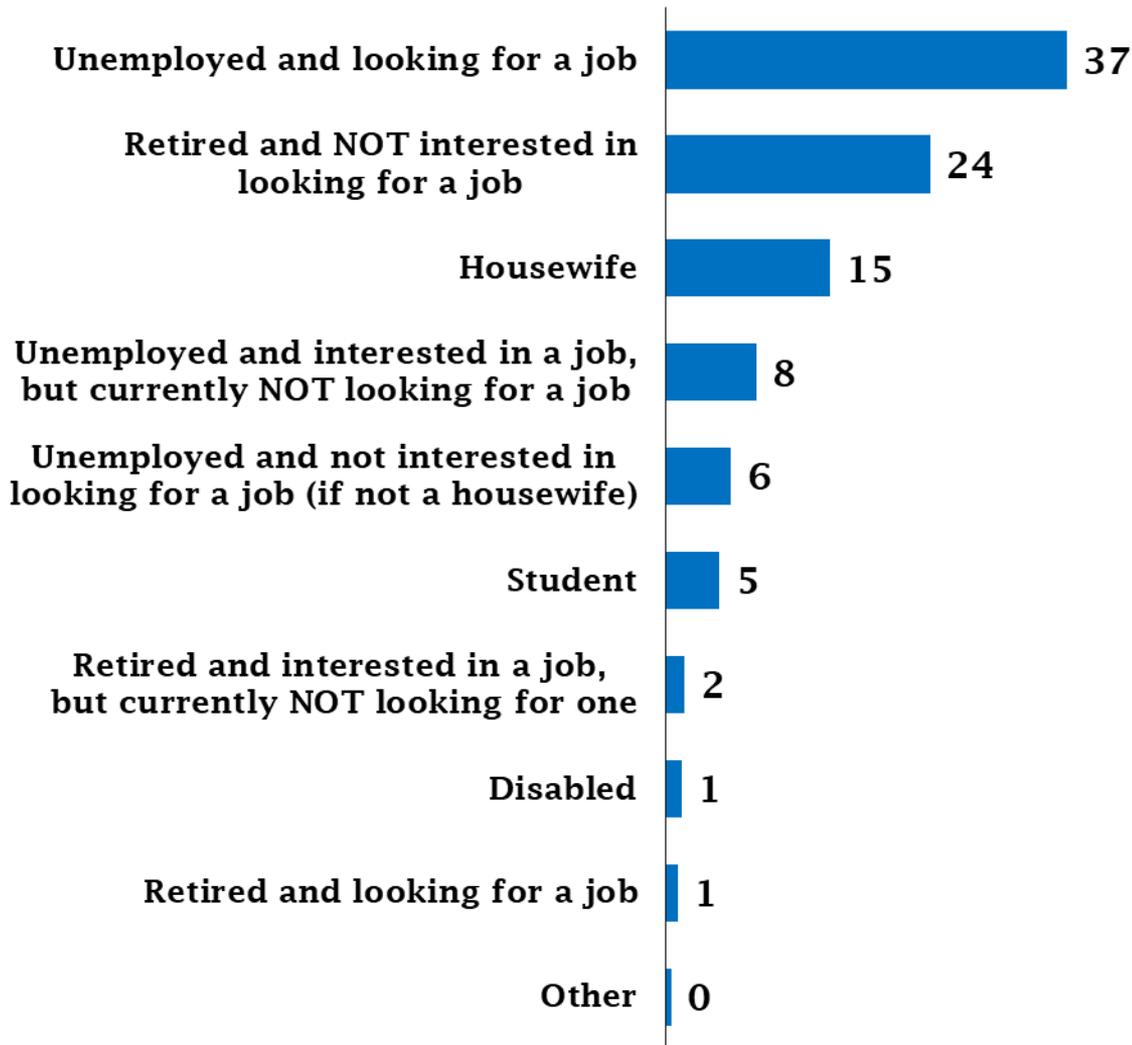


Subsistence Minimum for working age male is 177 Gel (2018, III quarter, GEOSTAT)

**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. (q58)**



**Which of the following best describes your situation?  
(q59) - of the 60% who consider themselves to be unemployed**



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