



Public attitudes in Georgia

Results of a March 2016 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: February 23 – March 14, 2016
- 3,900 completed interviews
- A nationally representative sample including oversampled areas of the Capital, Urban, Rural and minority settlements
- The average margin of error is +/- 1,6%

Methodology

Sample design

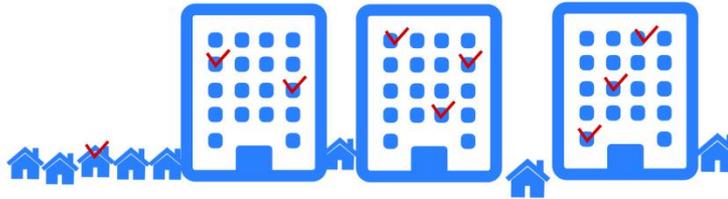
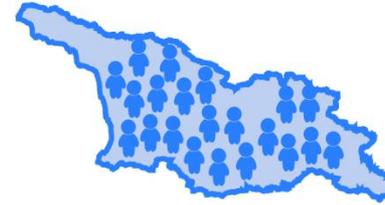
NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:

- ✓ **Stratification** – dividing population in relatively homogenous sub-groups
 - ✓ **Clustering** – randomly selecting small geographic areas for each subgroup (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, CRRG 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.

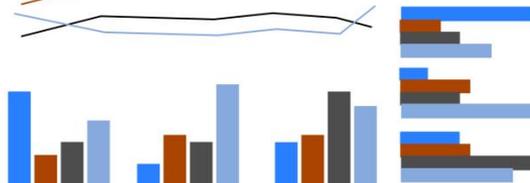
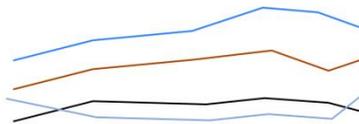


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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



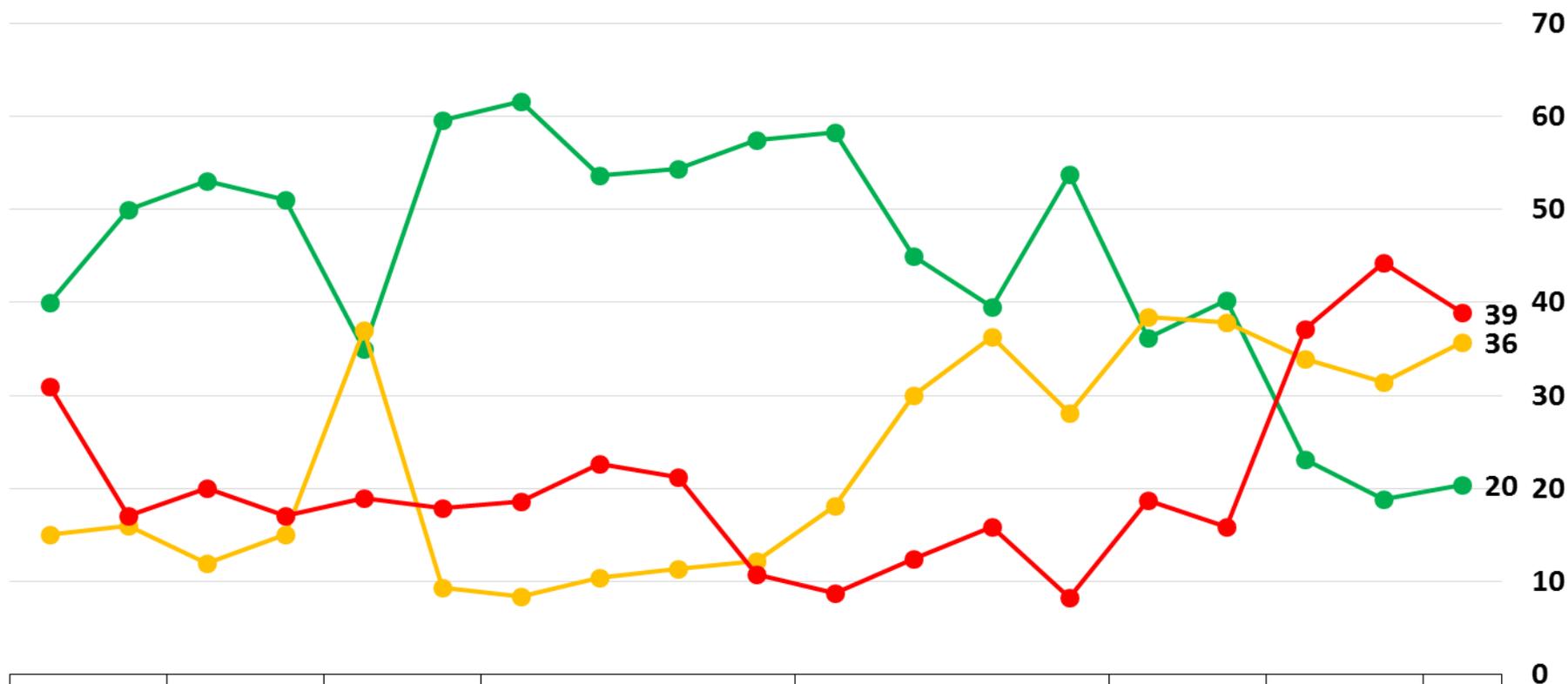
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CRRG cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

COUNTRY'S DIRECTION AND NATIONAL ISSUES

In which direction is Georgia going? (q3)

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

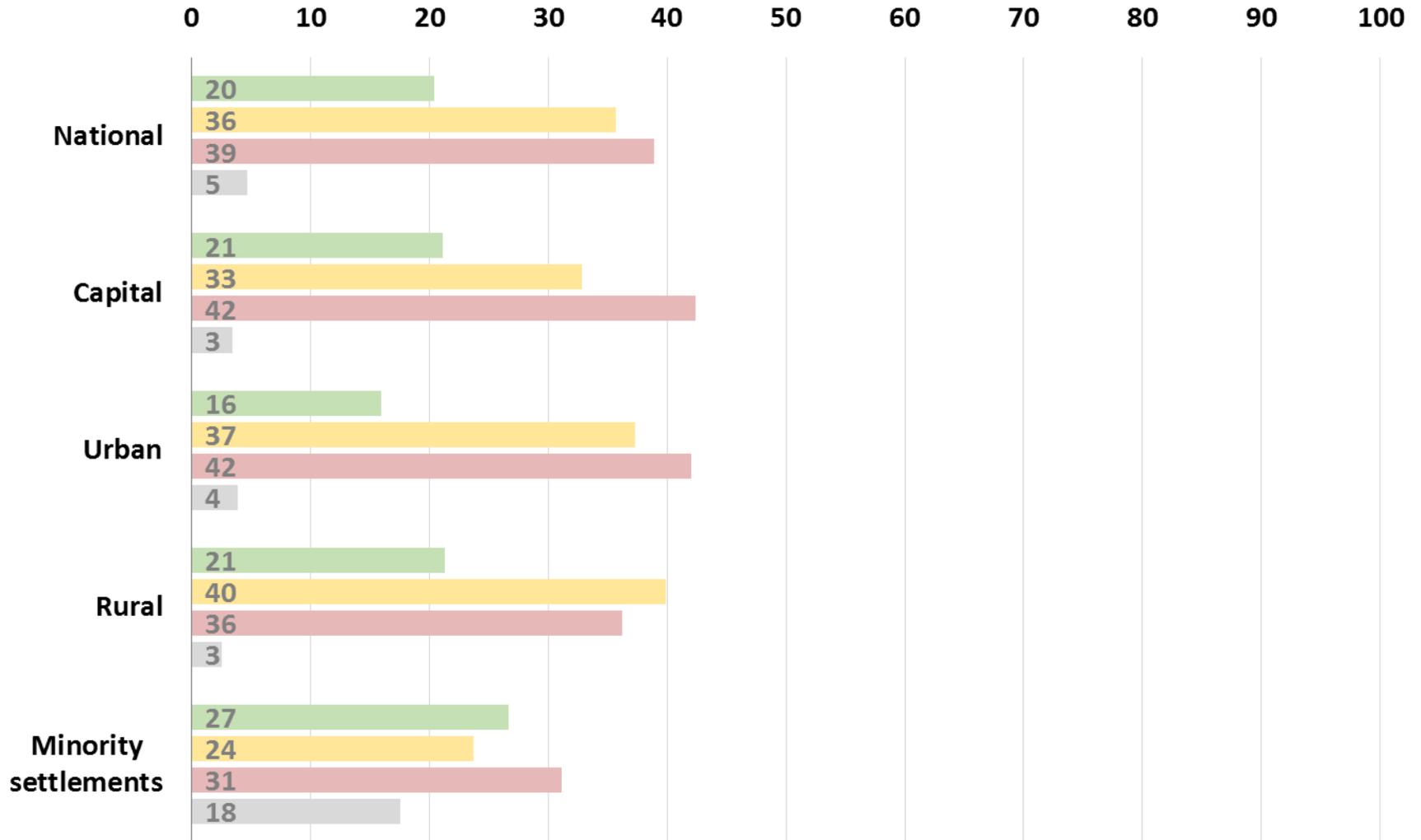


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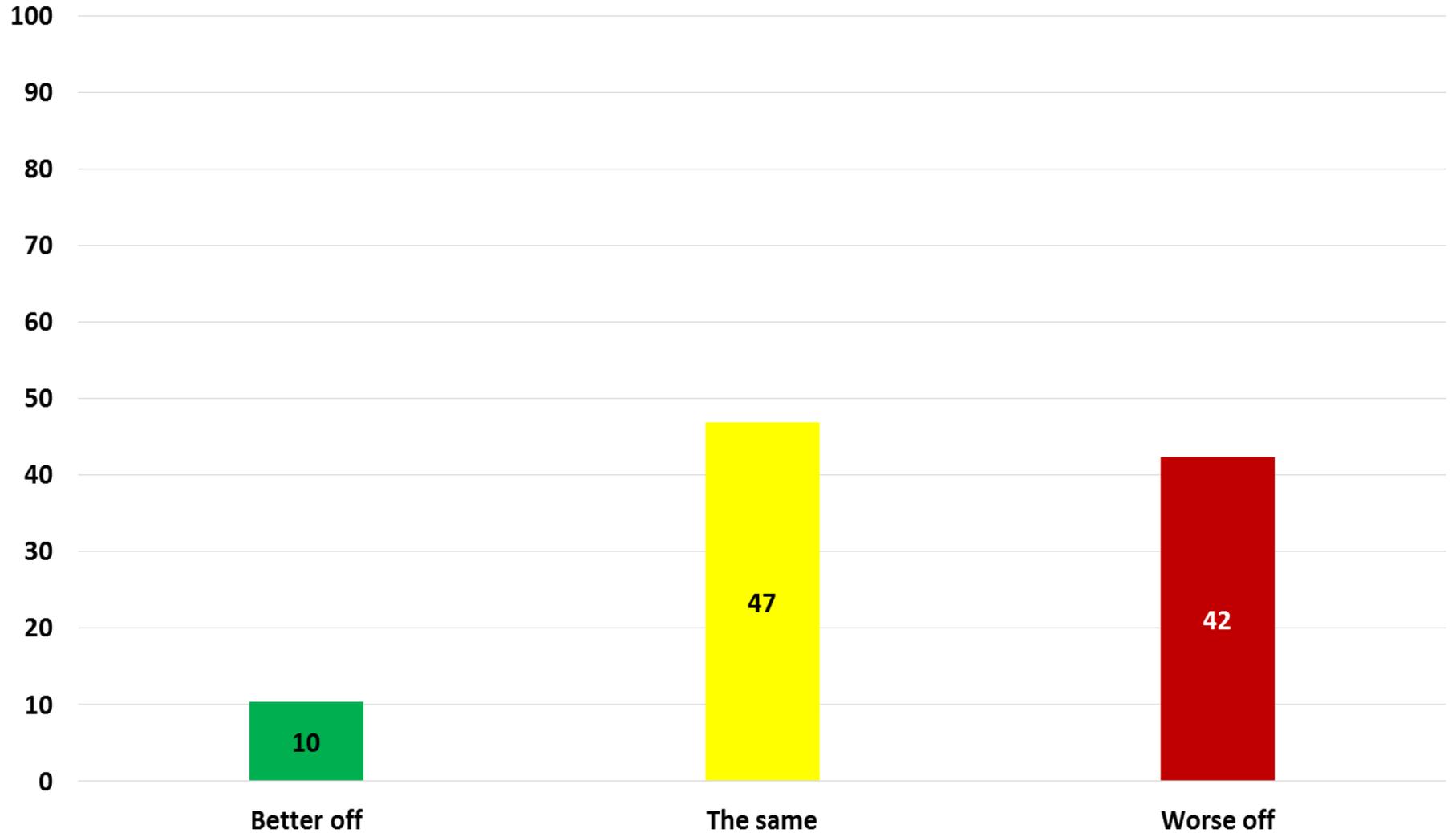
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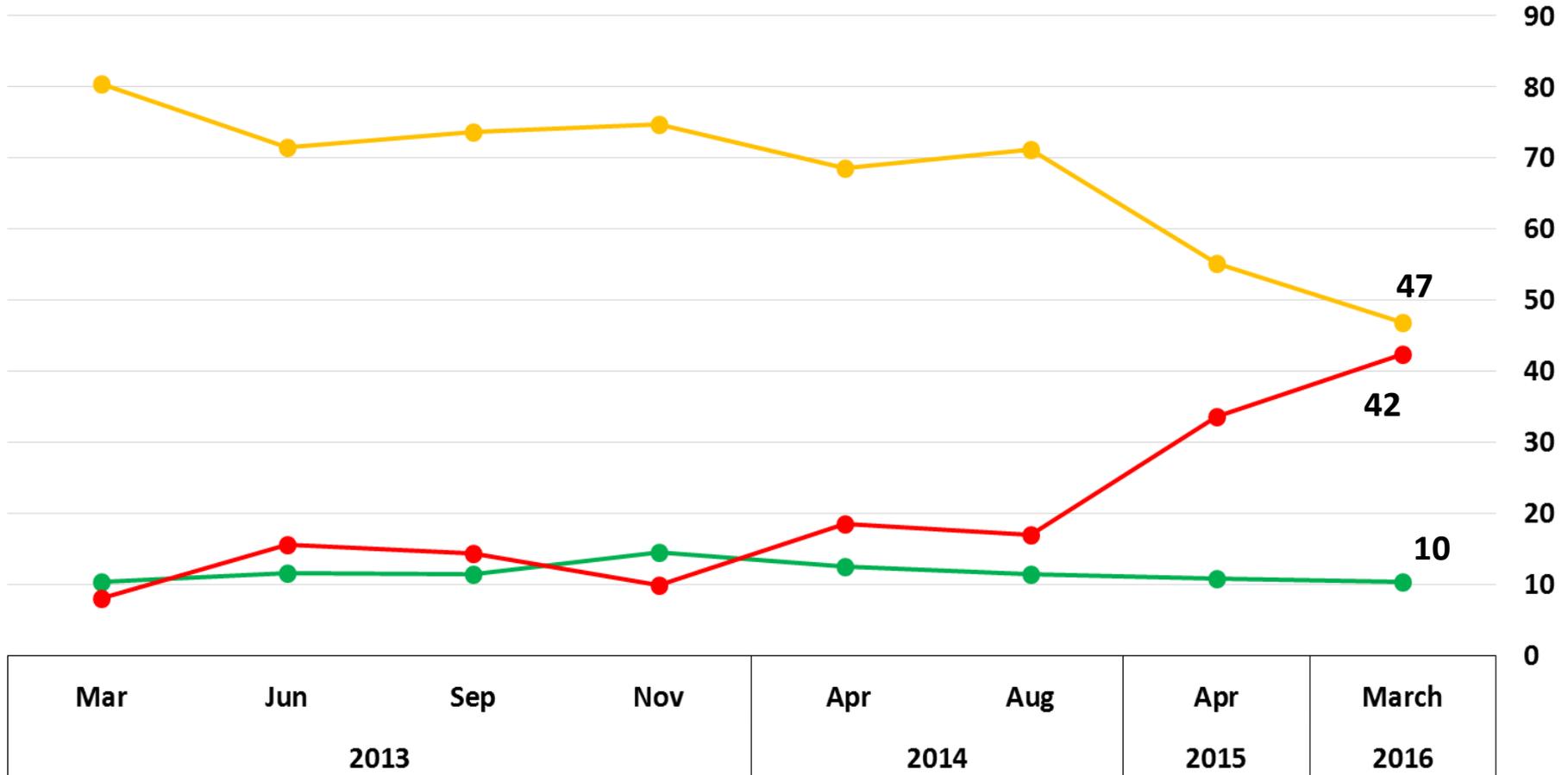


Since October 2012 you and your household are ...? (q2)



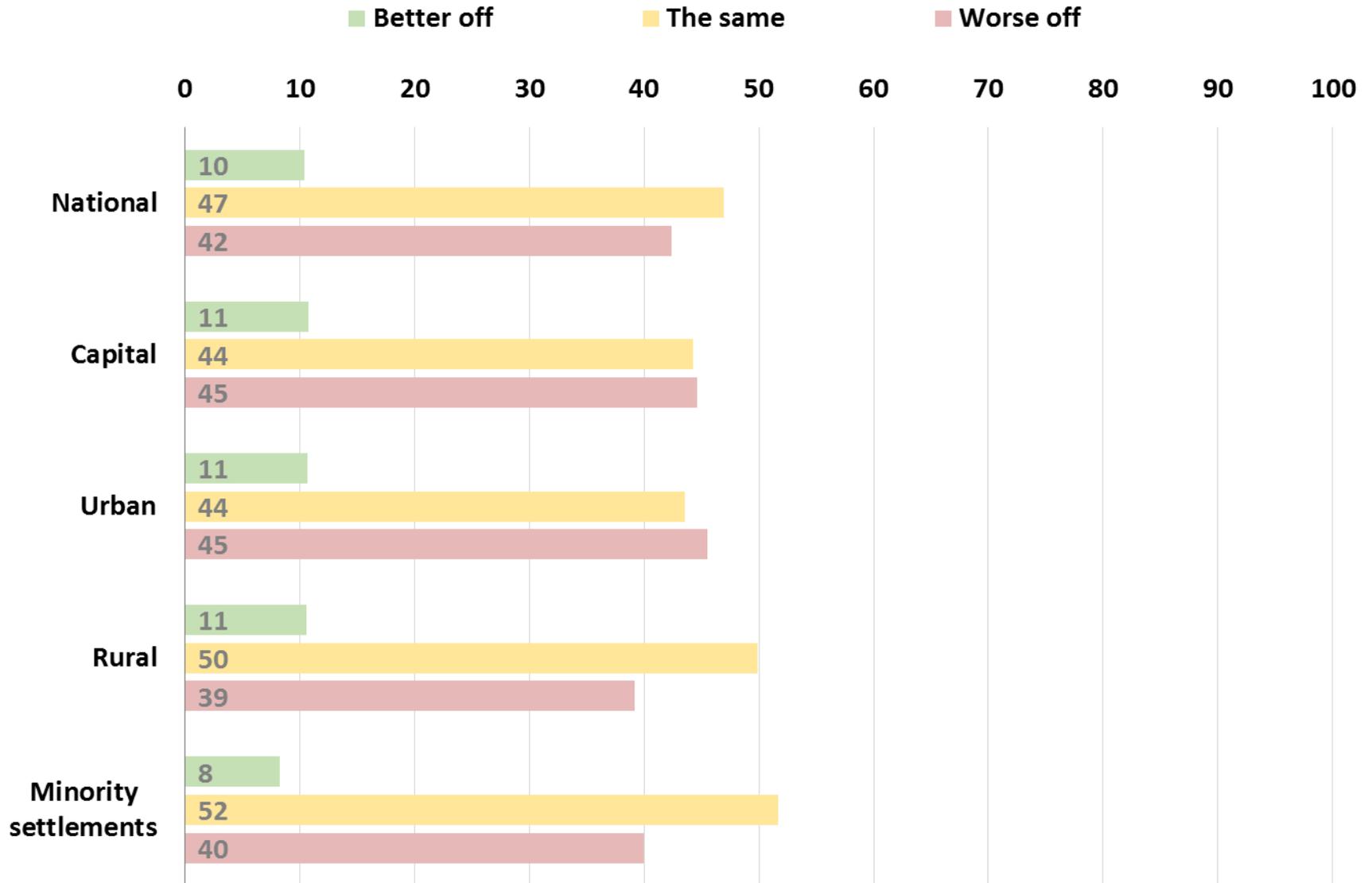
Since October 2012 you and your household are...? (q2)

● Better off ● The same ● Worse off



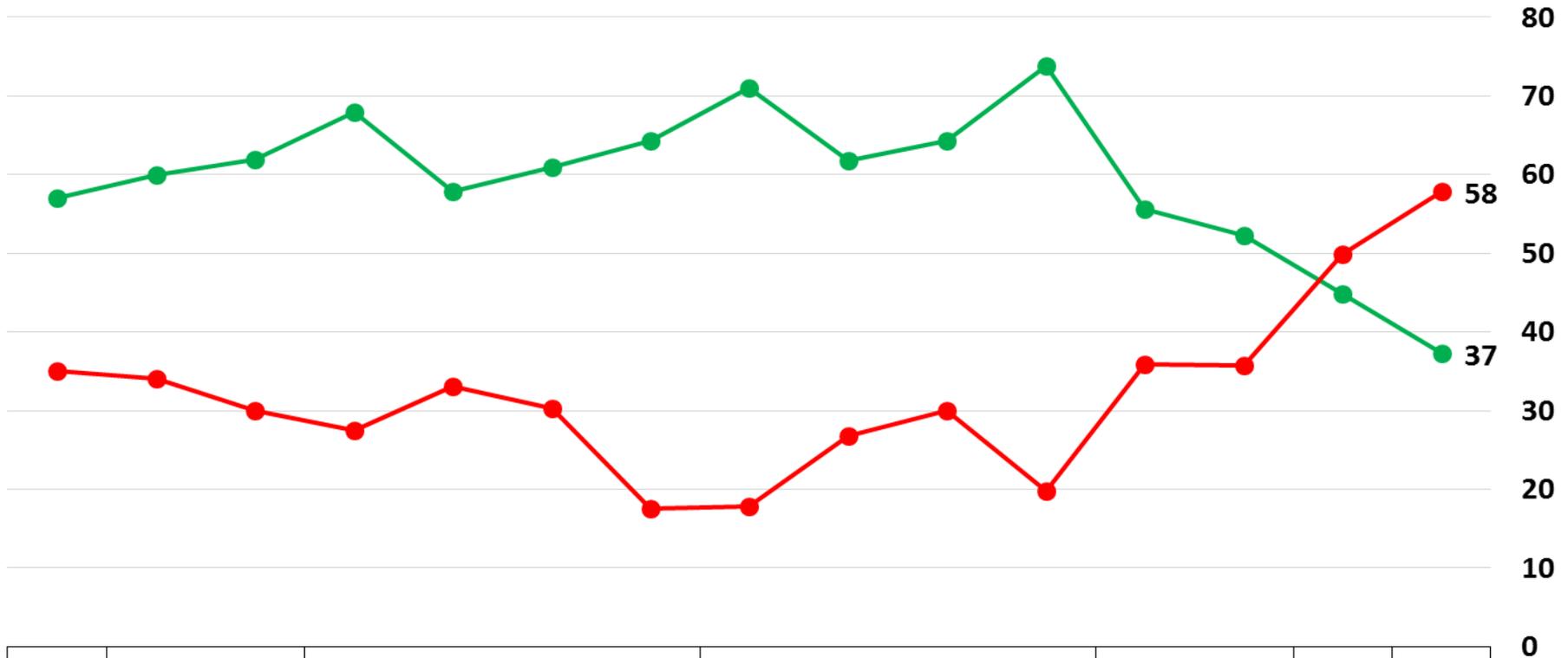
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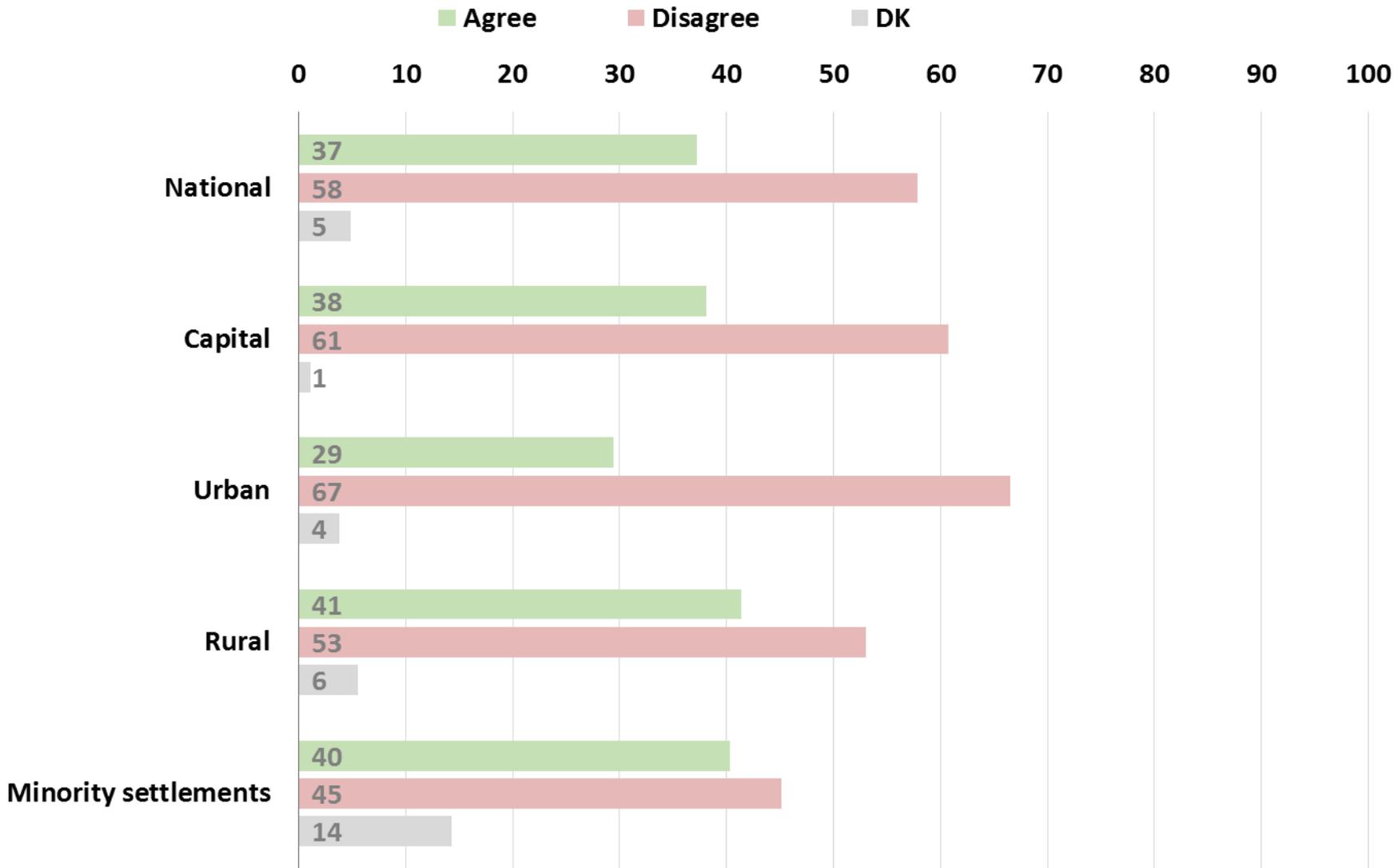
—●— Agree —●— Disagree



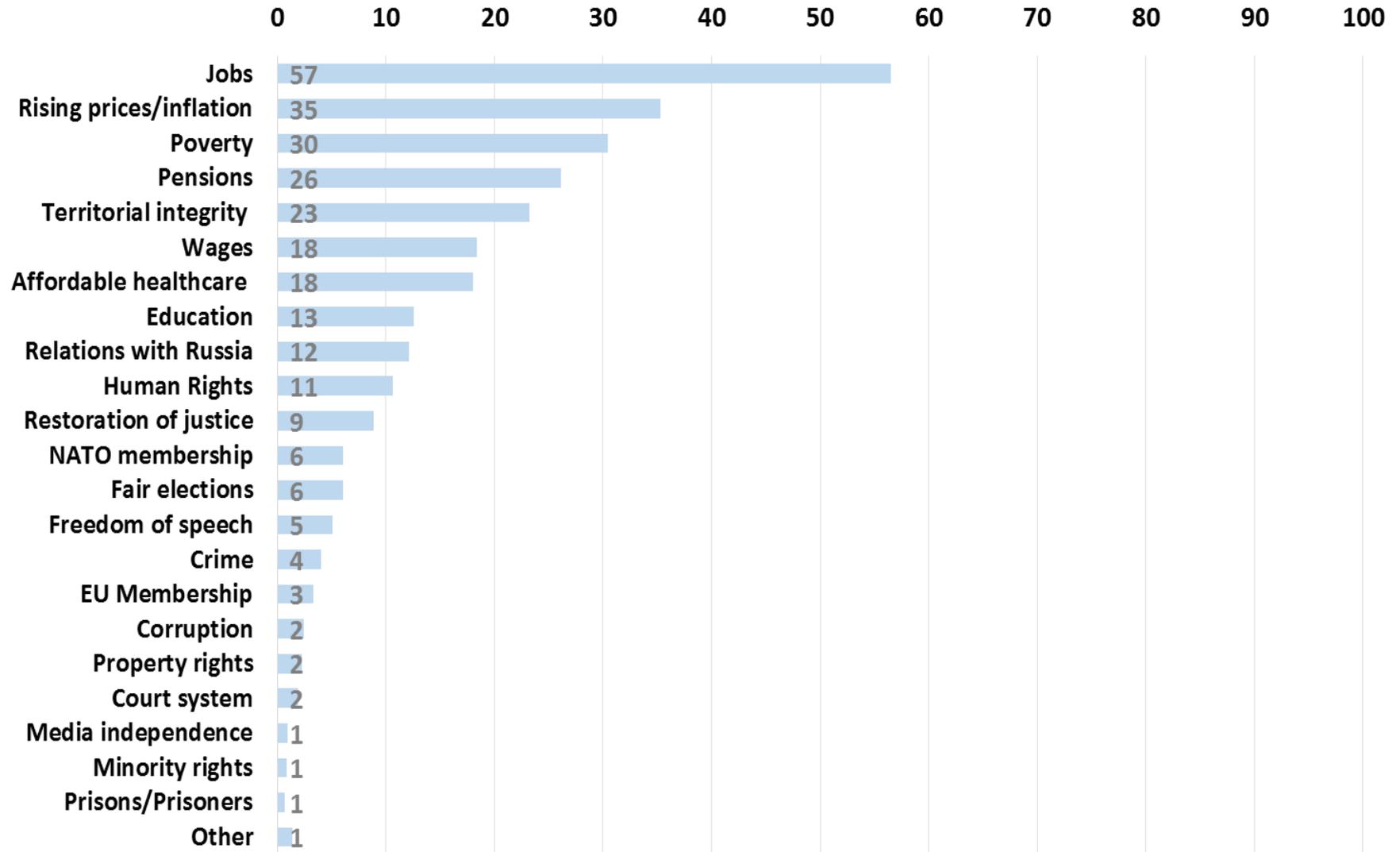
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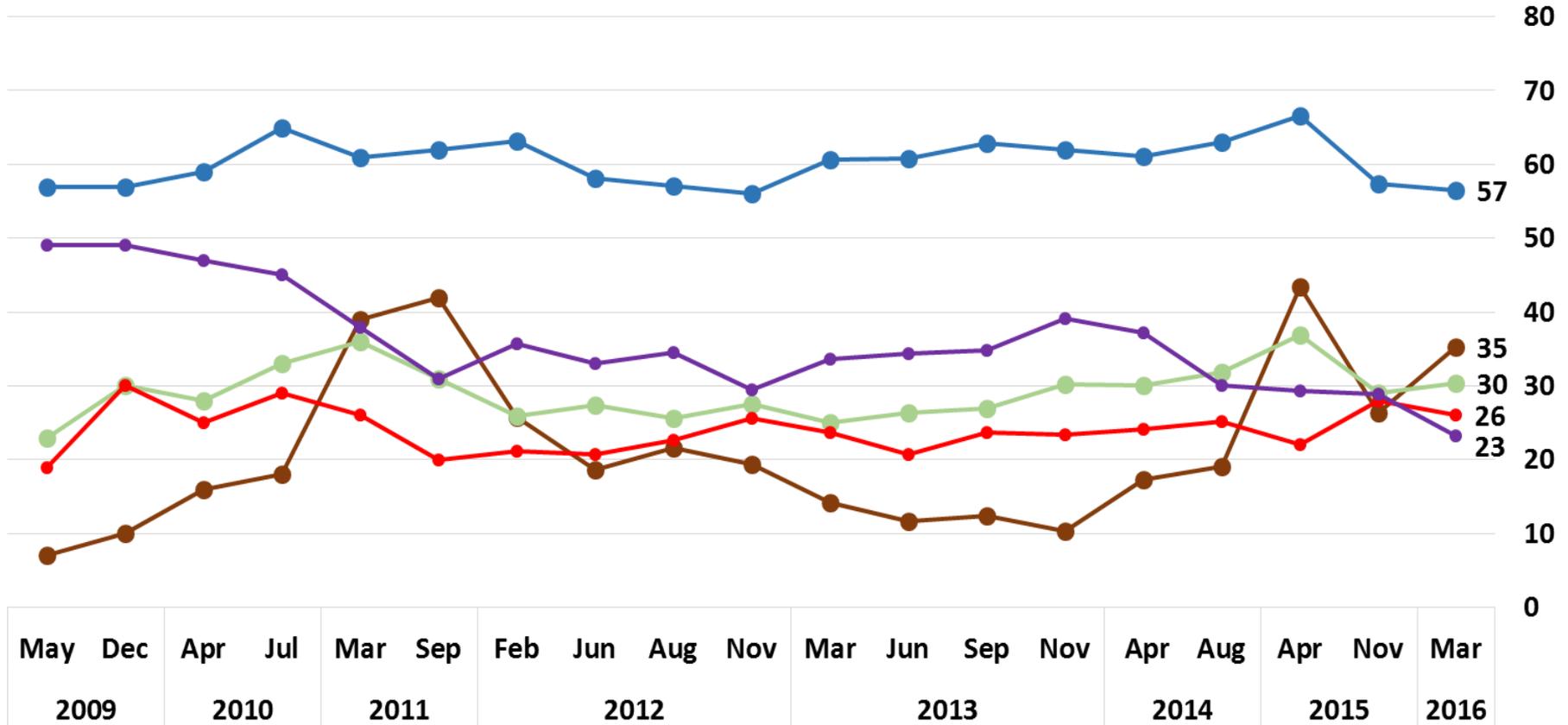


Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1)



Most important national issue (q1) Part 1

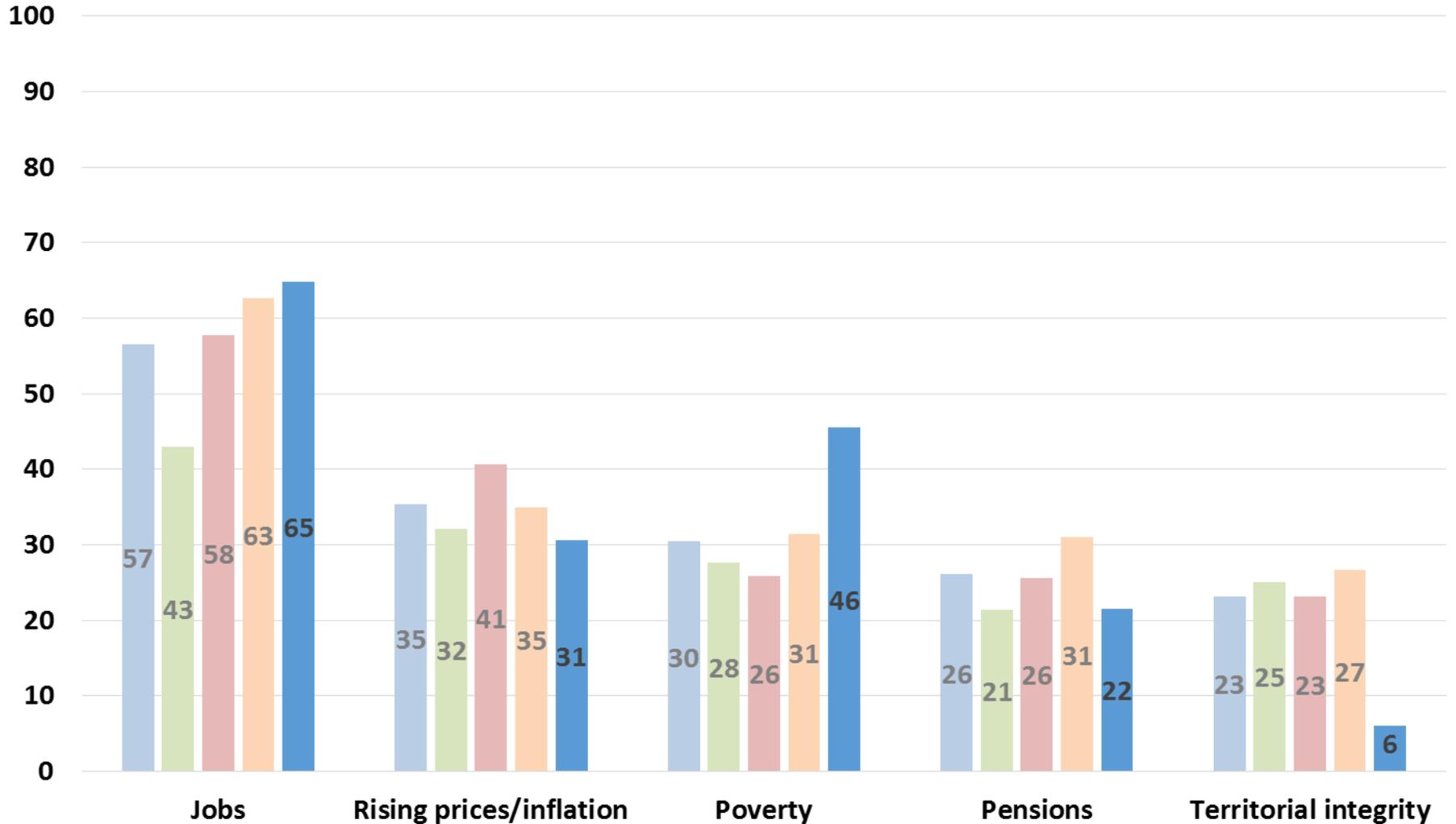
● Jobs
 ● Rising prices/inflation
 ● Poverty
 ● Pensions
 ● Territorial integrity



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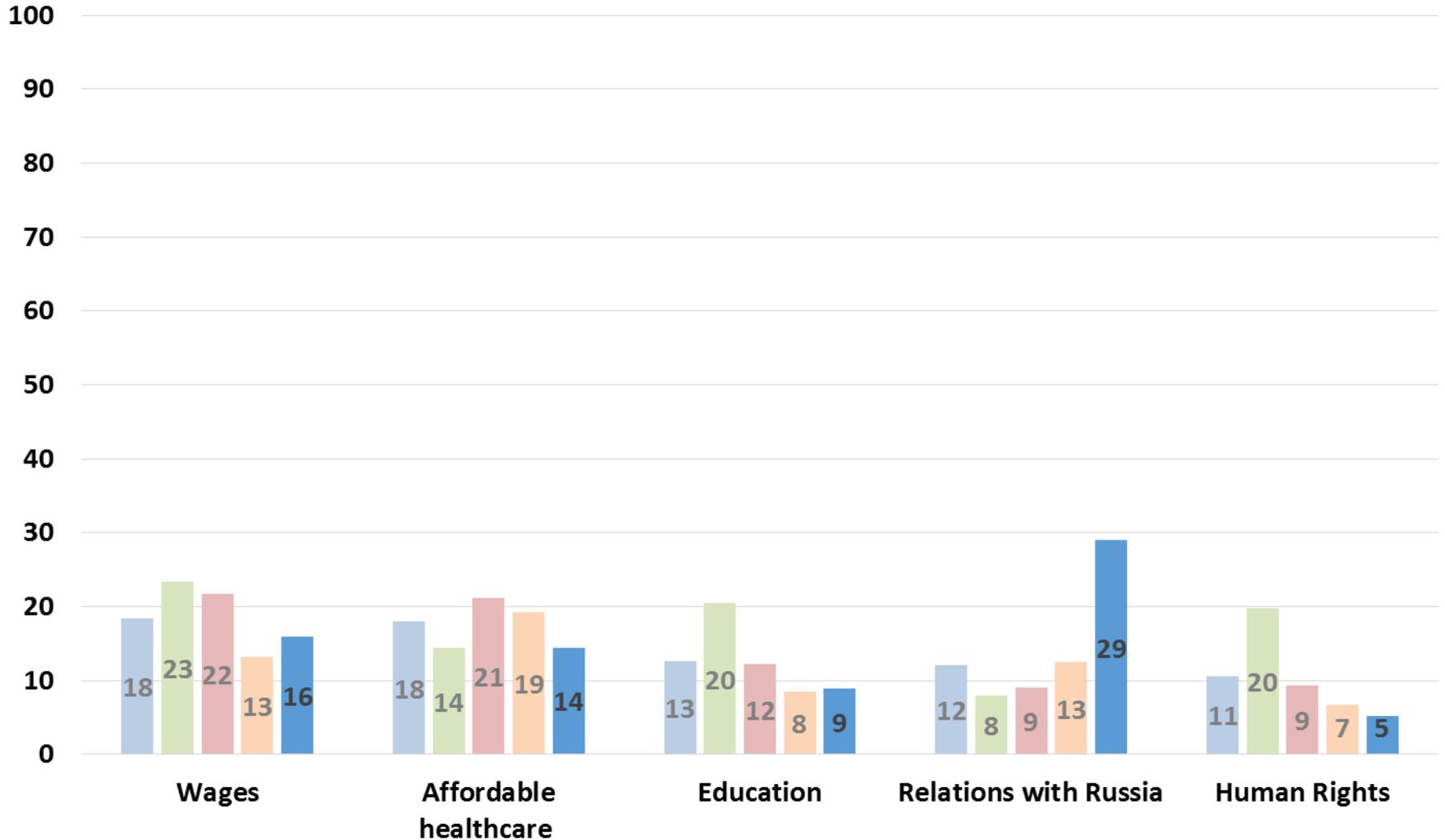
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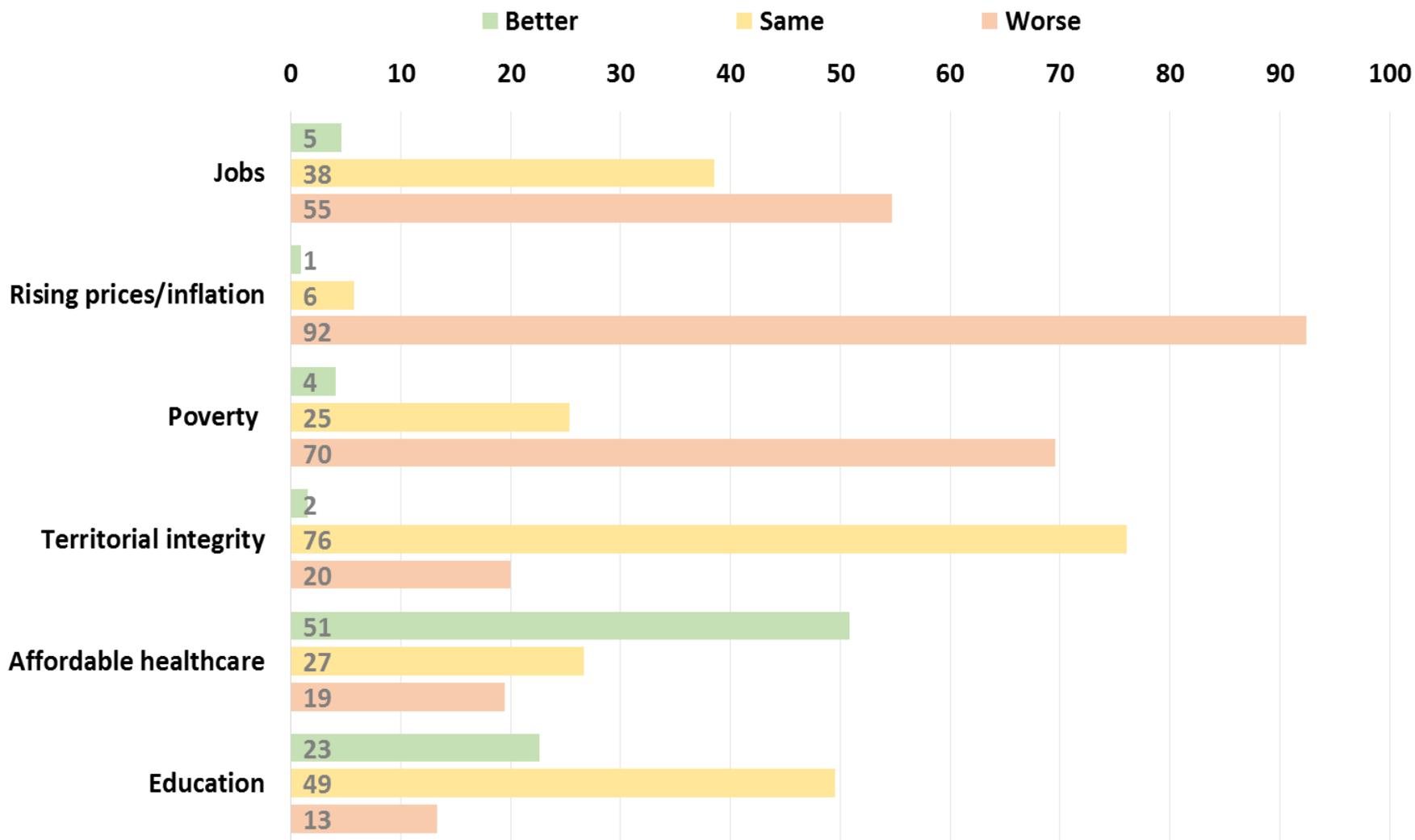


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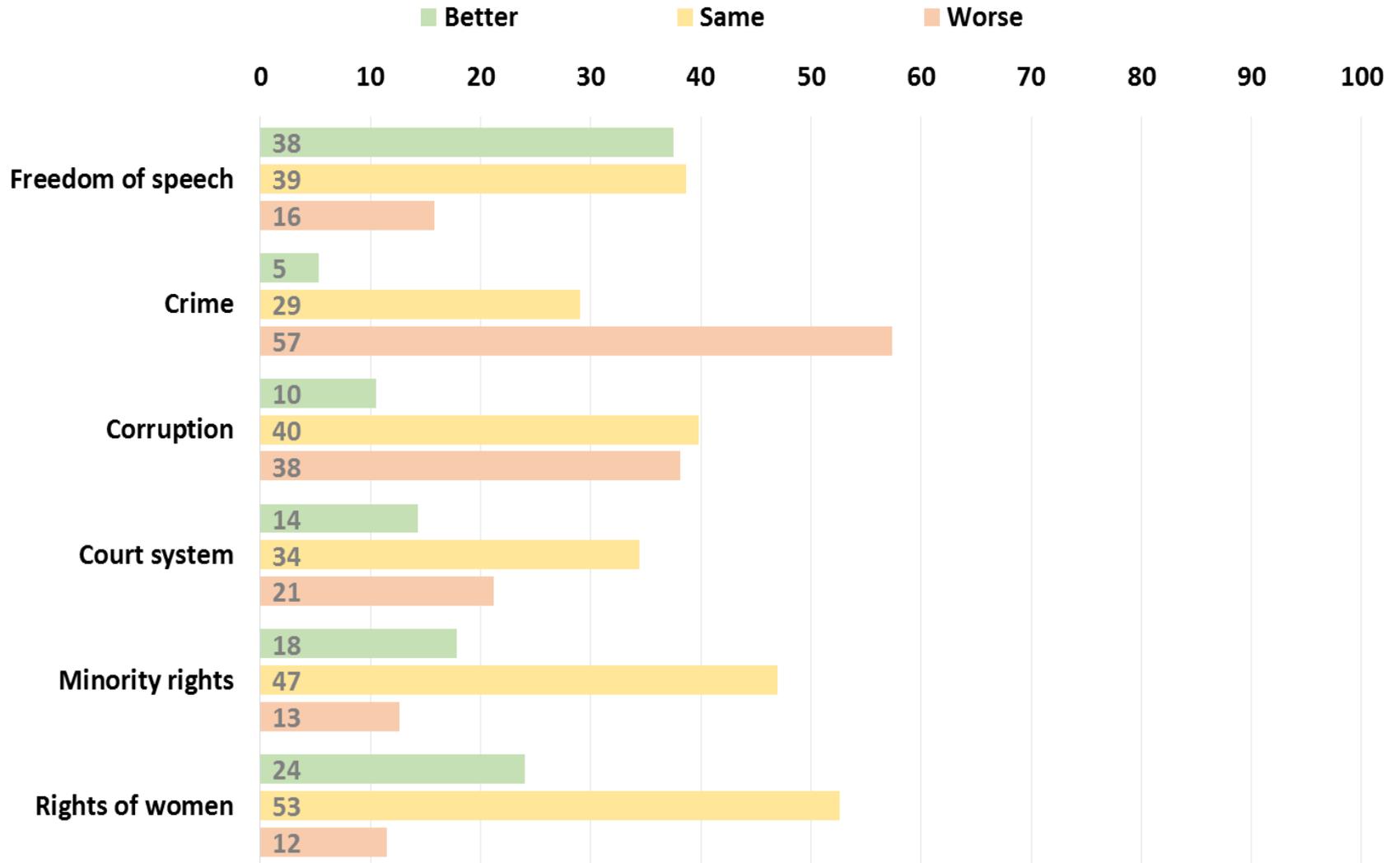
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Compared to October 2012, how do you think the situation has changed in Georgia? (q4) Part 1

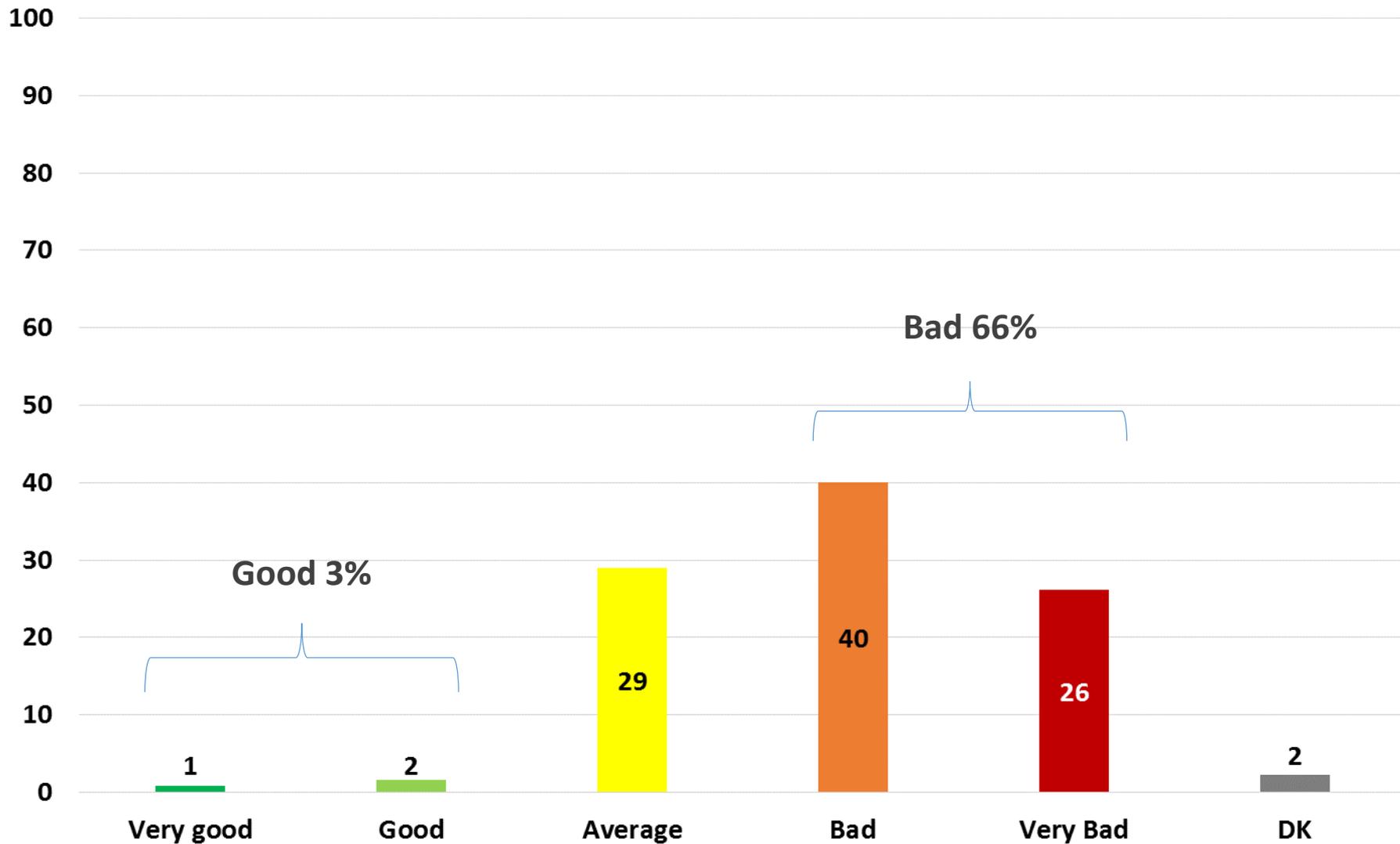


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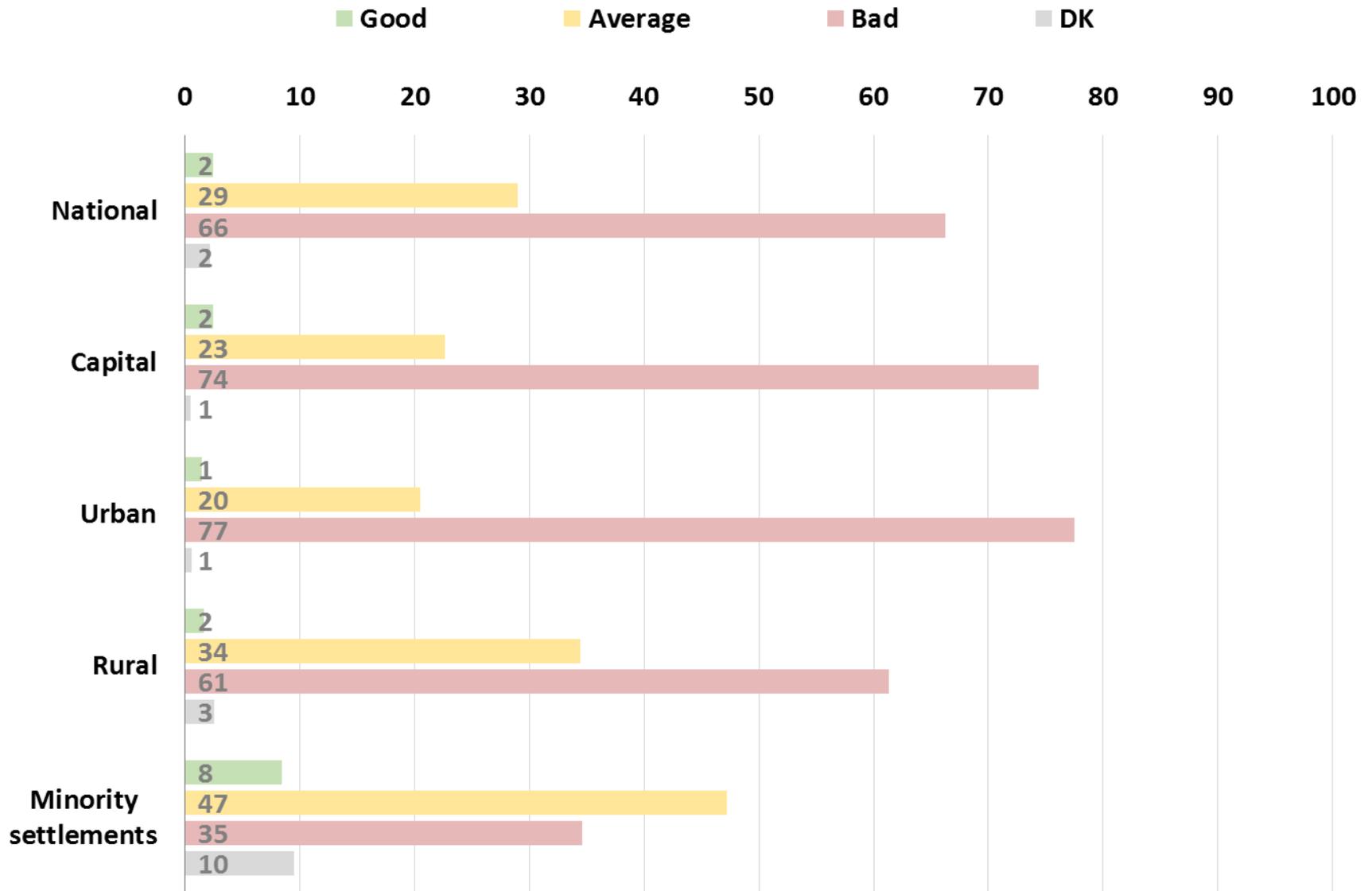


STATE OF ECONOMY

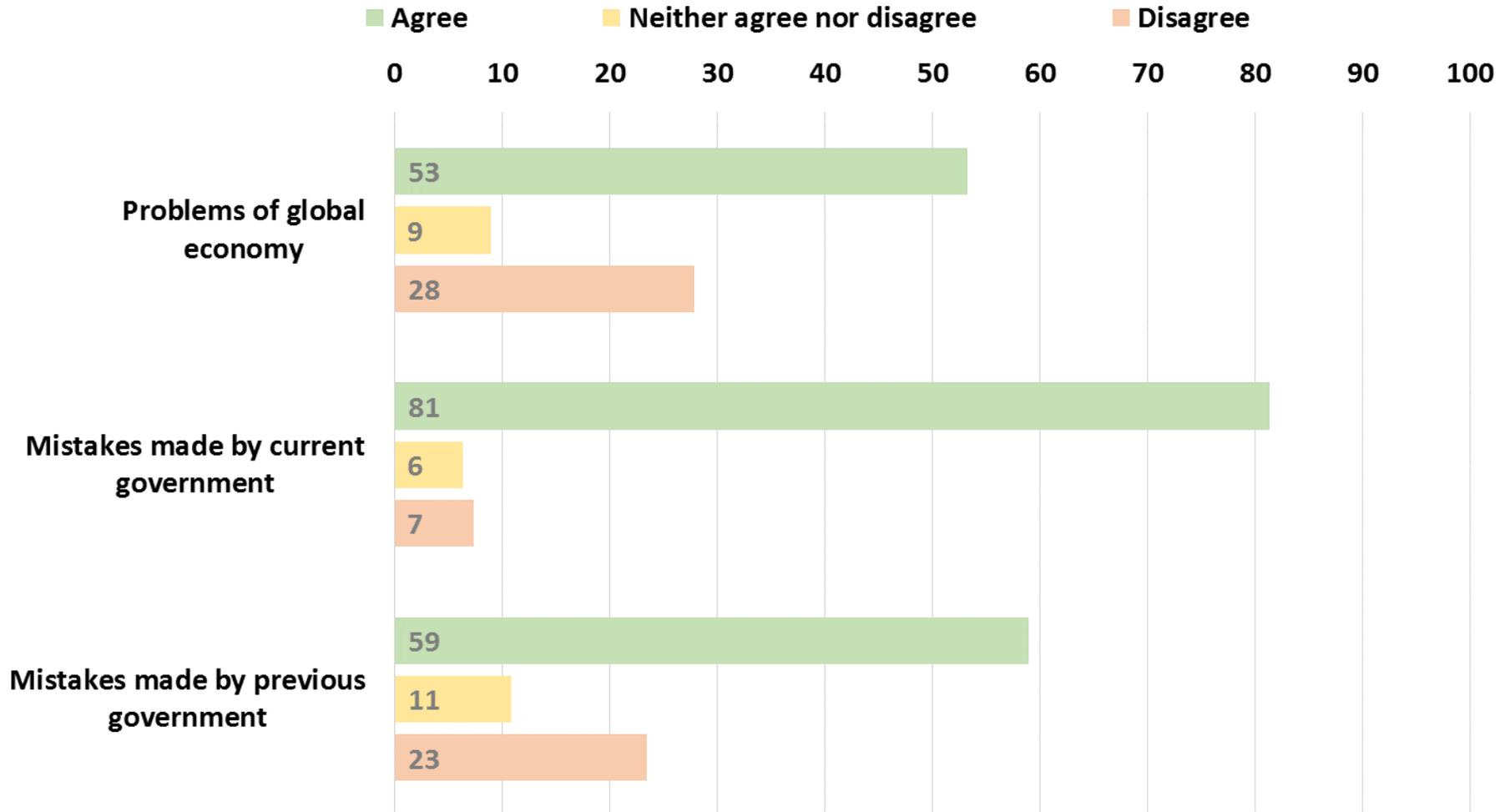
Please, evaluate the current situation of Georgia's economy (q9)



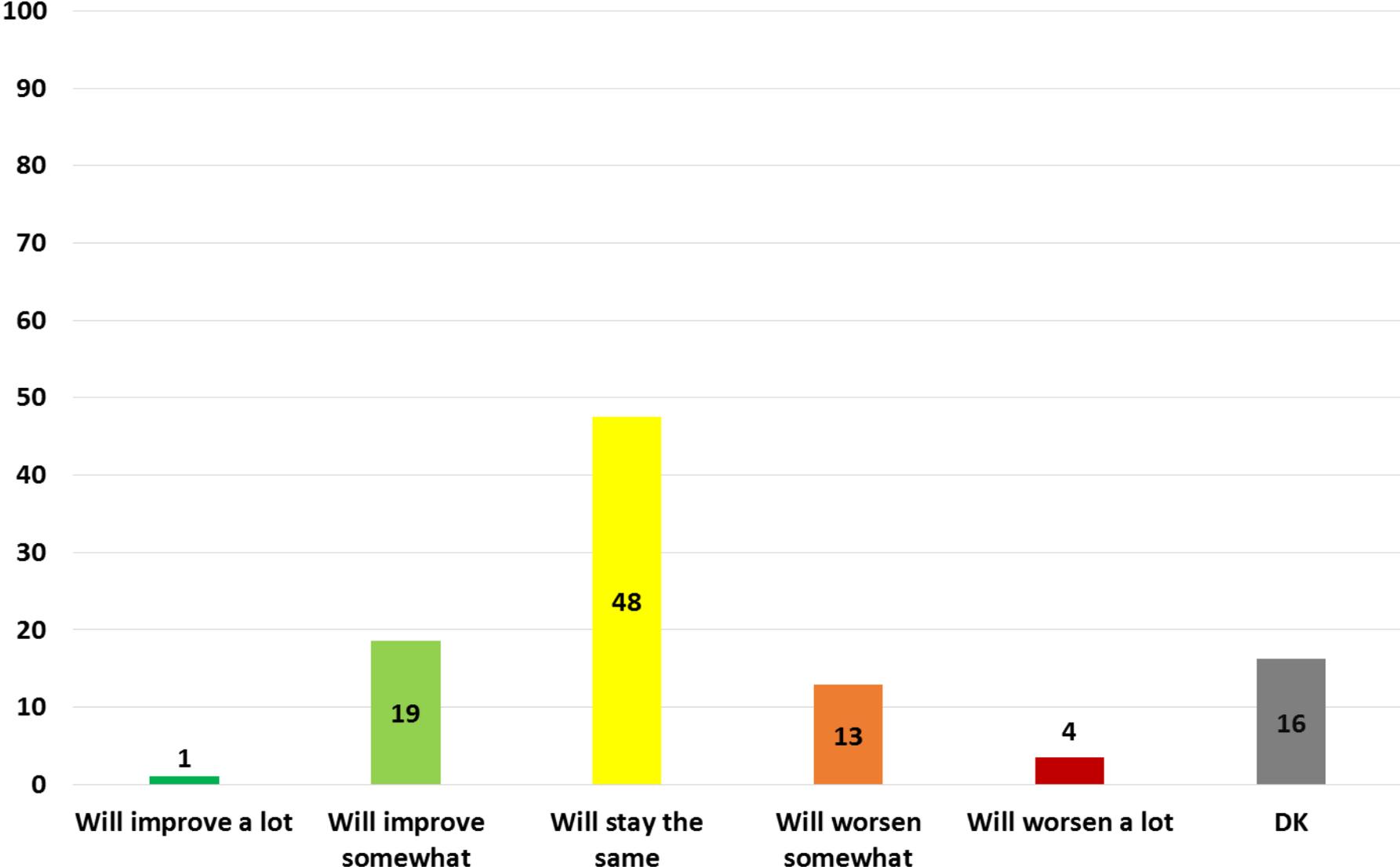
Please, evaluate the current situation of Georgia's economy (q9 X Settlement)



To what extent do you agree or disagree that the main cause of economic problems in Georgia are ...? (q10, q11, q12) - of the 66% who evaluates Georgia's current economic situation as bad or very bad



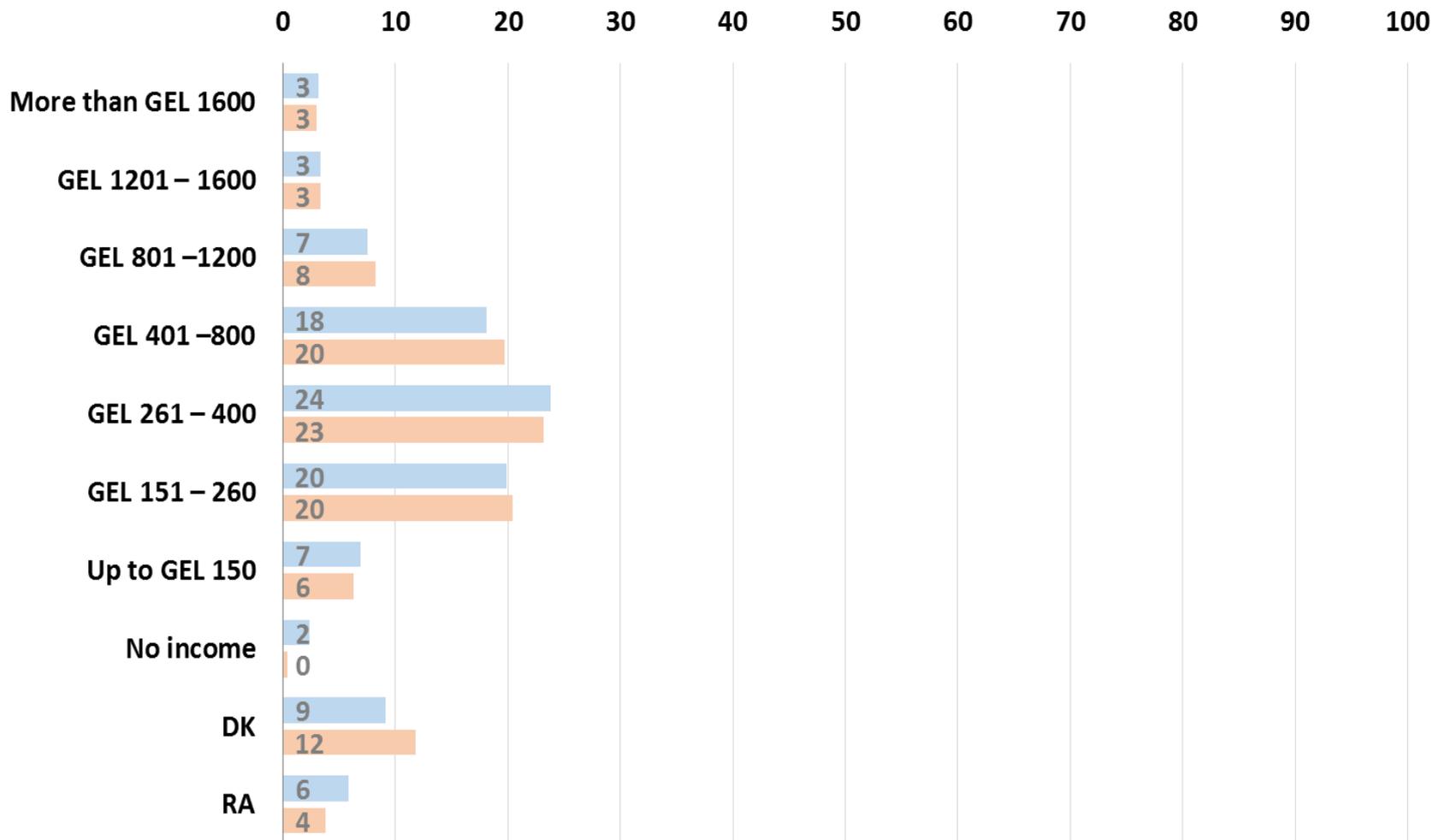
What are your expectations regarding economic situation of your household for the next twelve months? (q13)



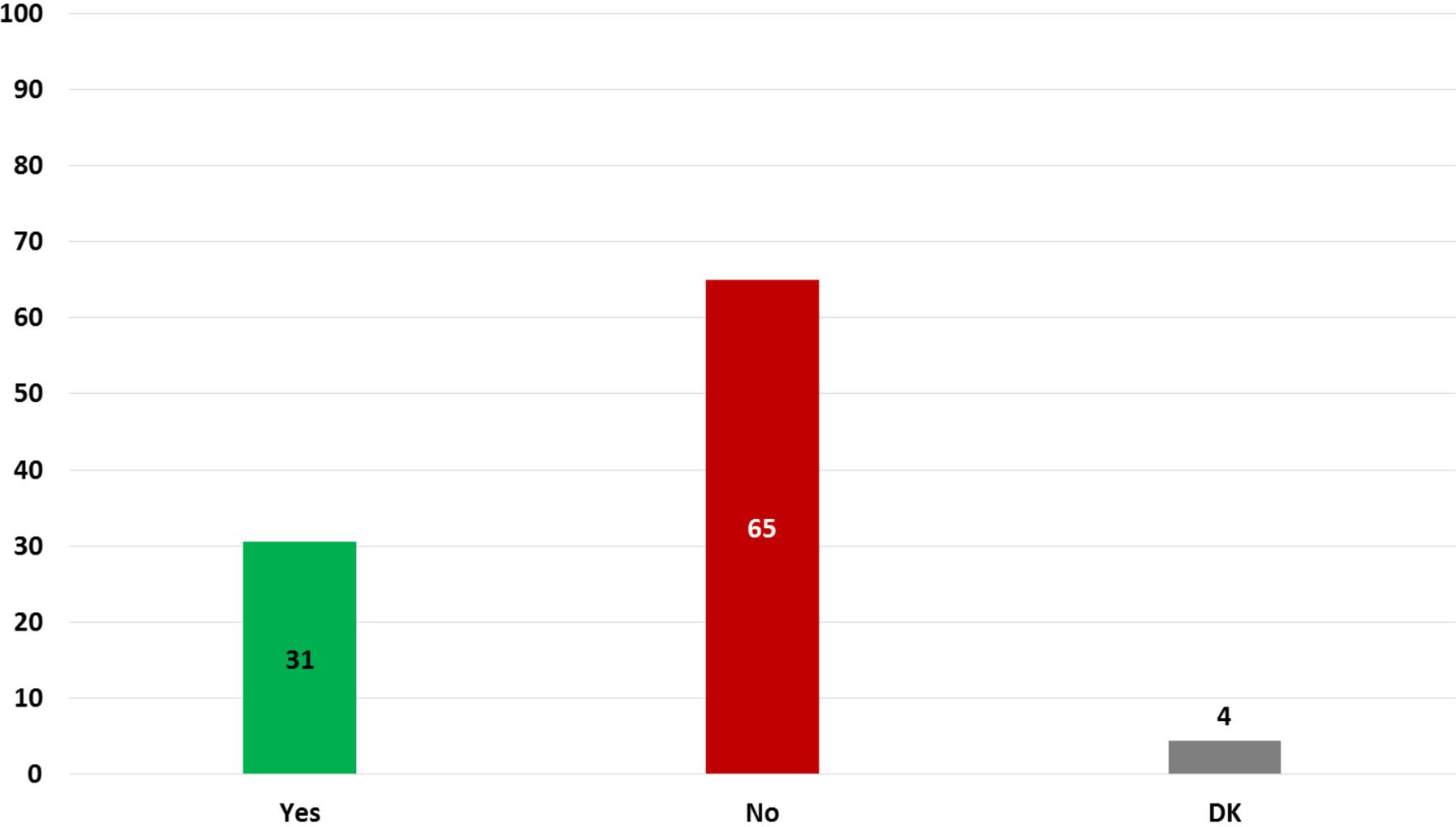
Speaking about a monetary income/spending last month, to which of the following groups does your household belong? (q61, q64)

HH income last month

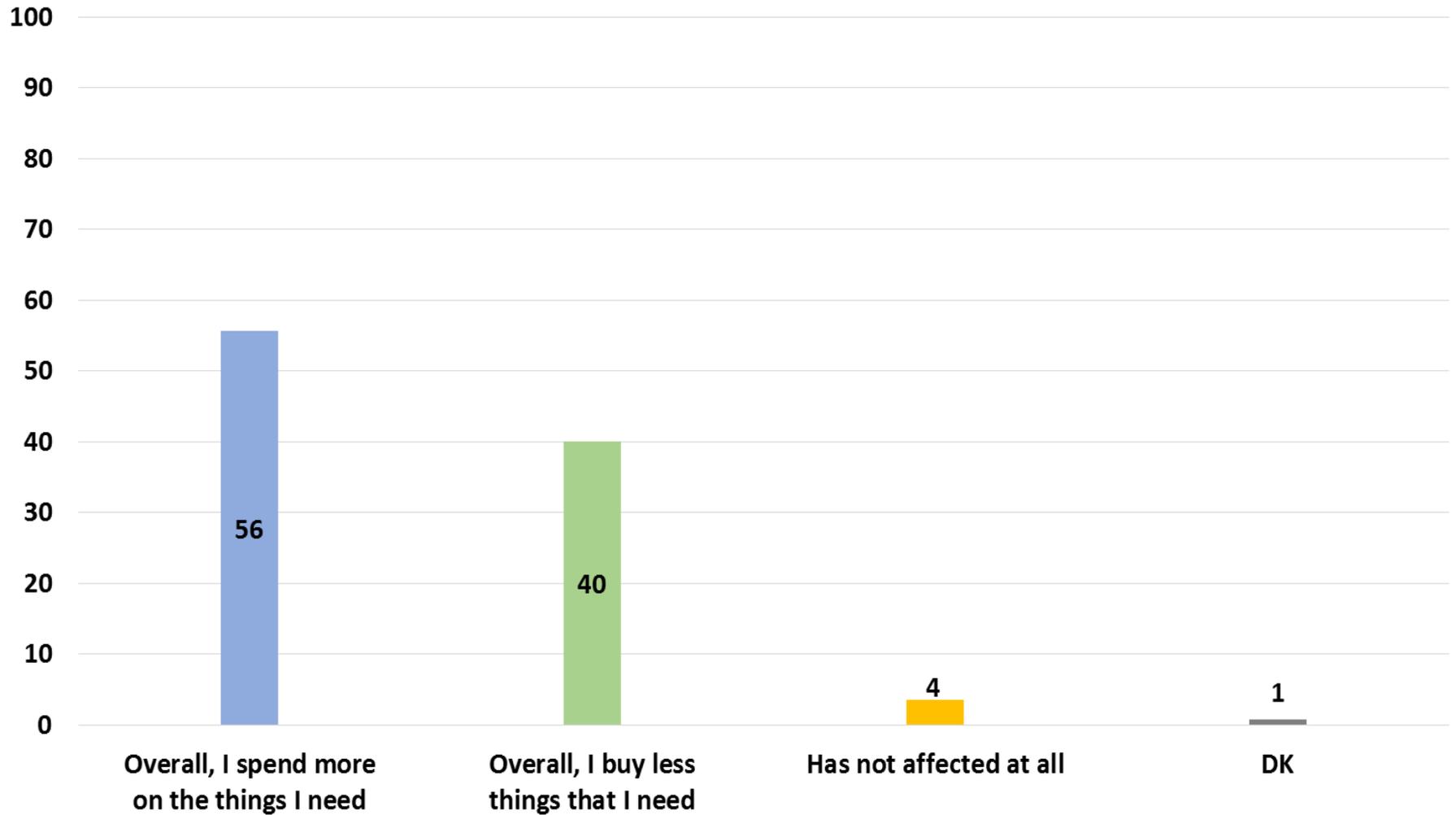
HH spending last month



If your household had a sudden need for 300 GEL which you do not have at that moment, would you be able to borrow money without interest rate? (q16)

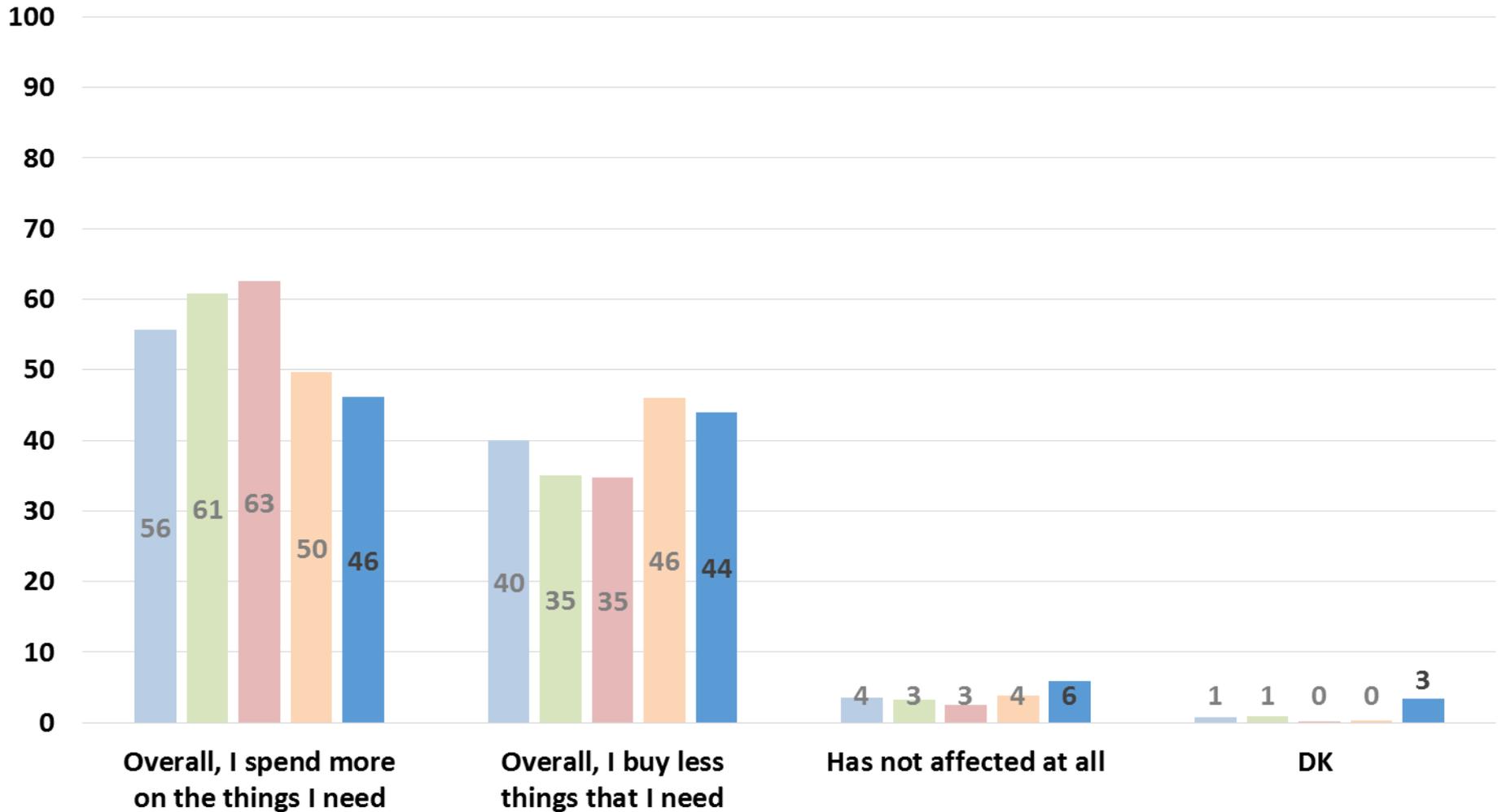


How has (if at all) the devaluation of Georgian Lari affected your household? (q23)

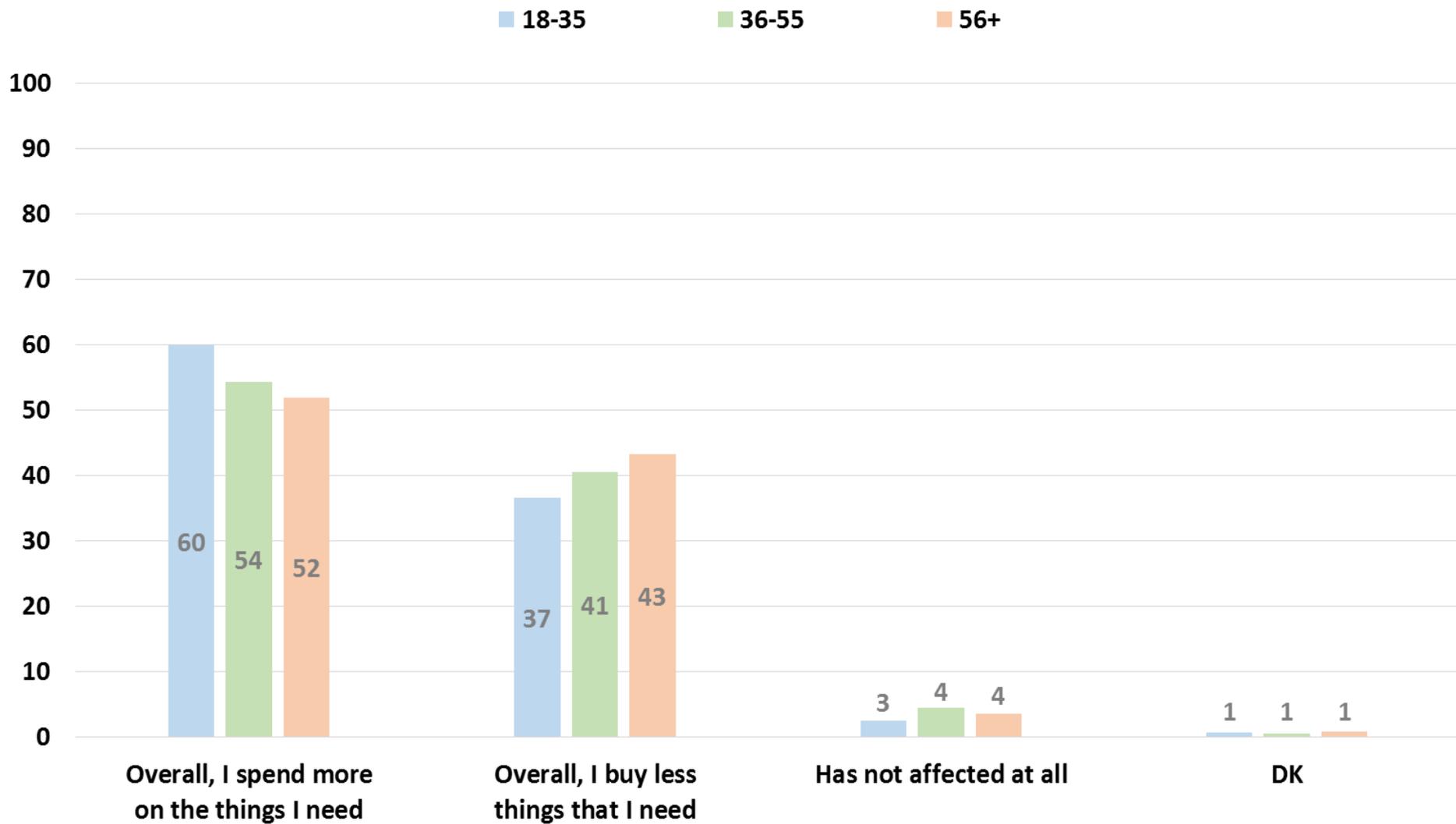


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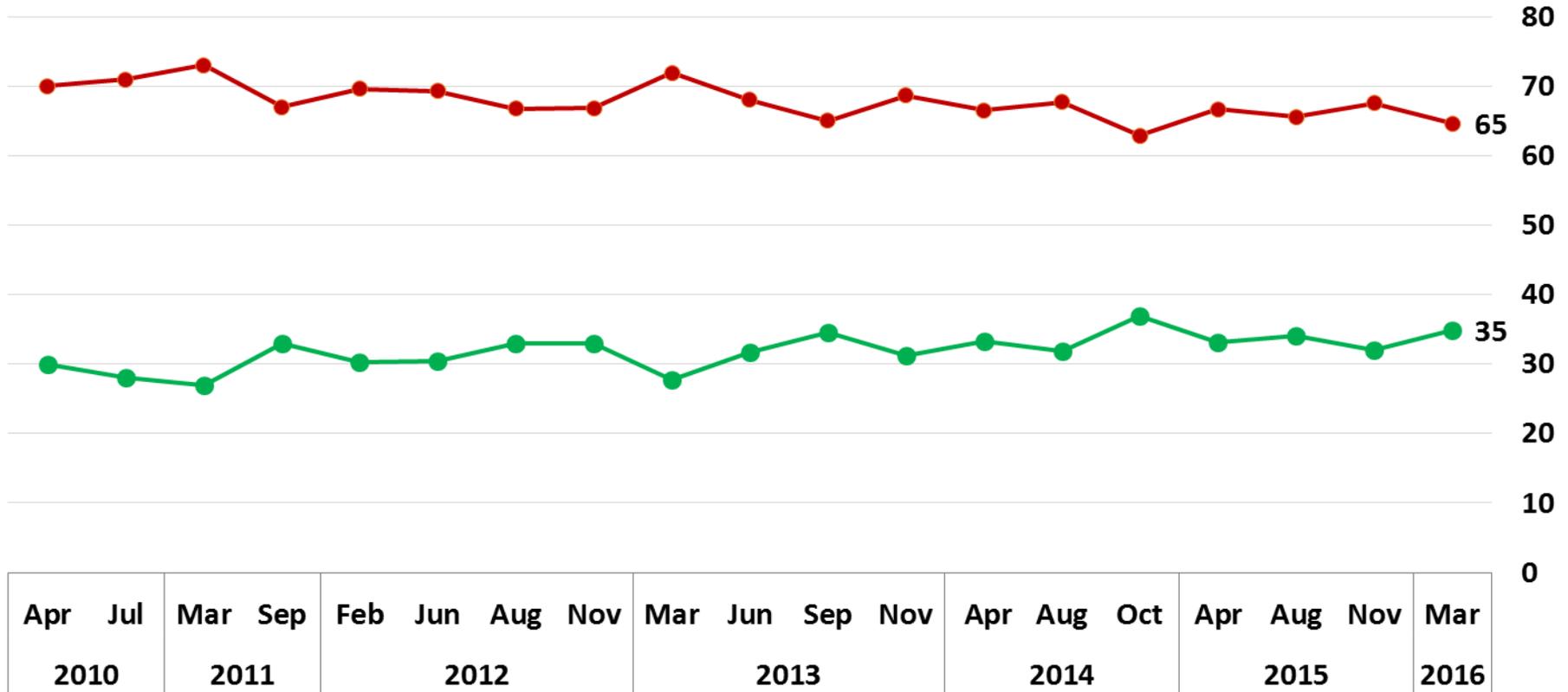
How has (if at all) the devaluation of Georgian Lari affected your household? (q23 X Age)



Do you consider yourself to be employed?

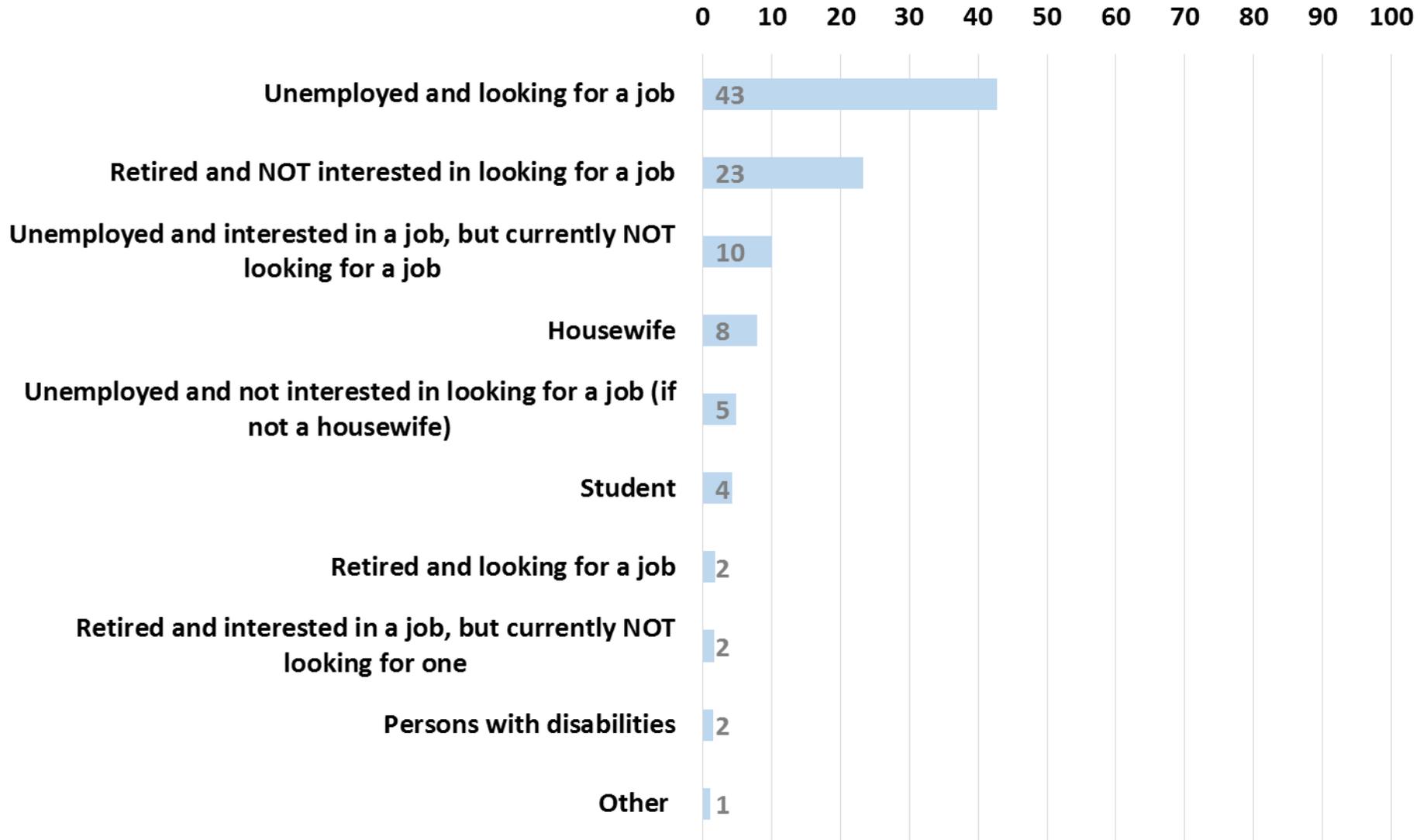
This employment may be part-time or full-time, you may be officially employed, informally employed, or self-employed, but it brings you monetary income (q62)

—●— Yes —●— No

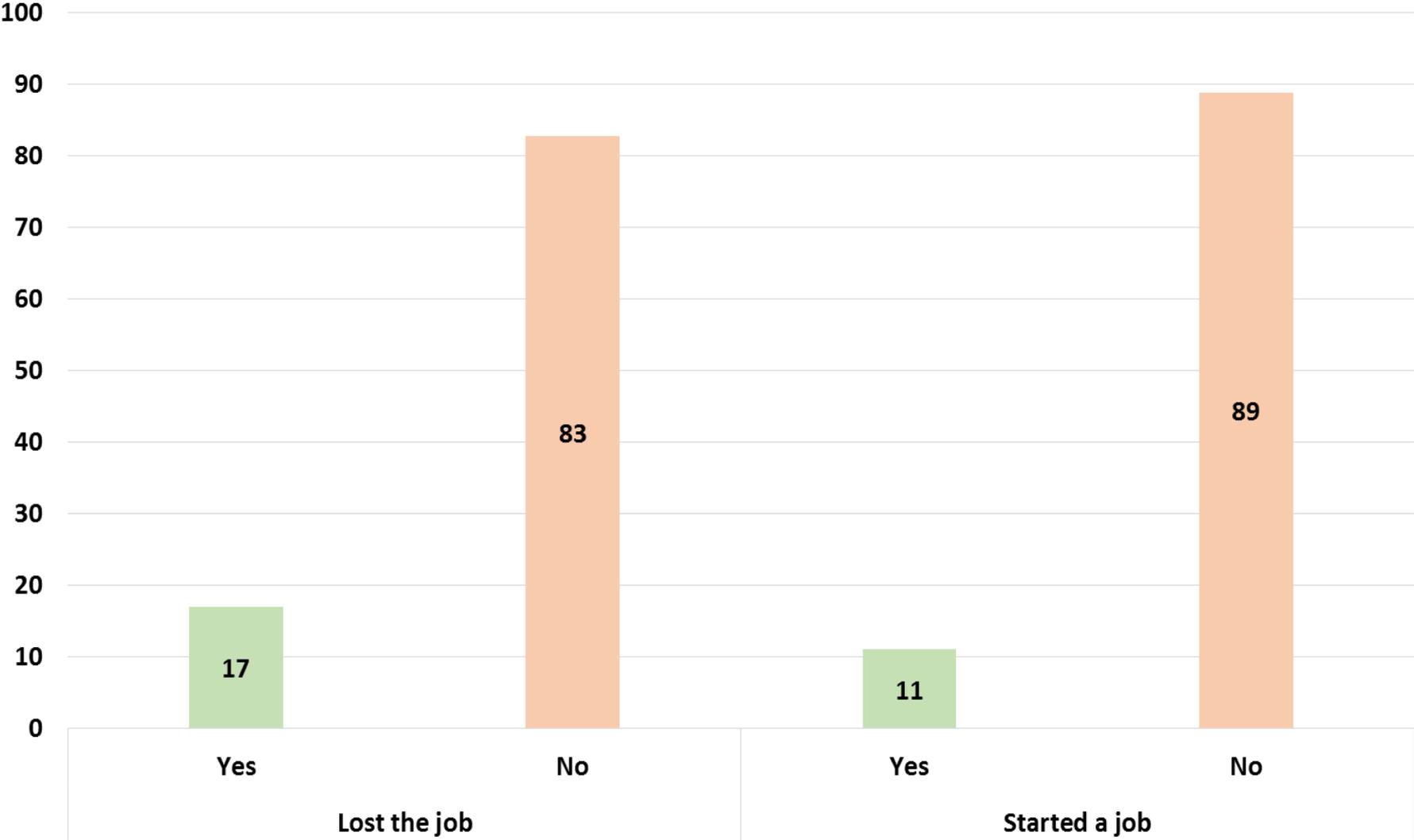


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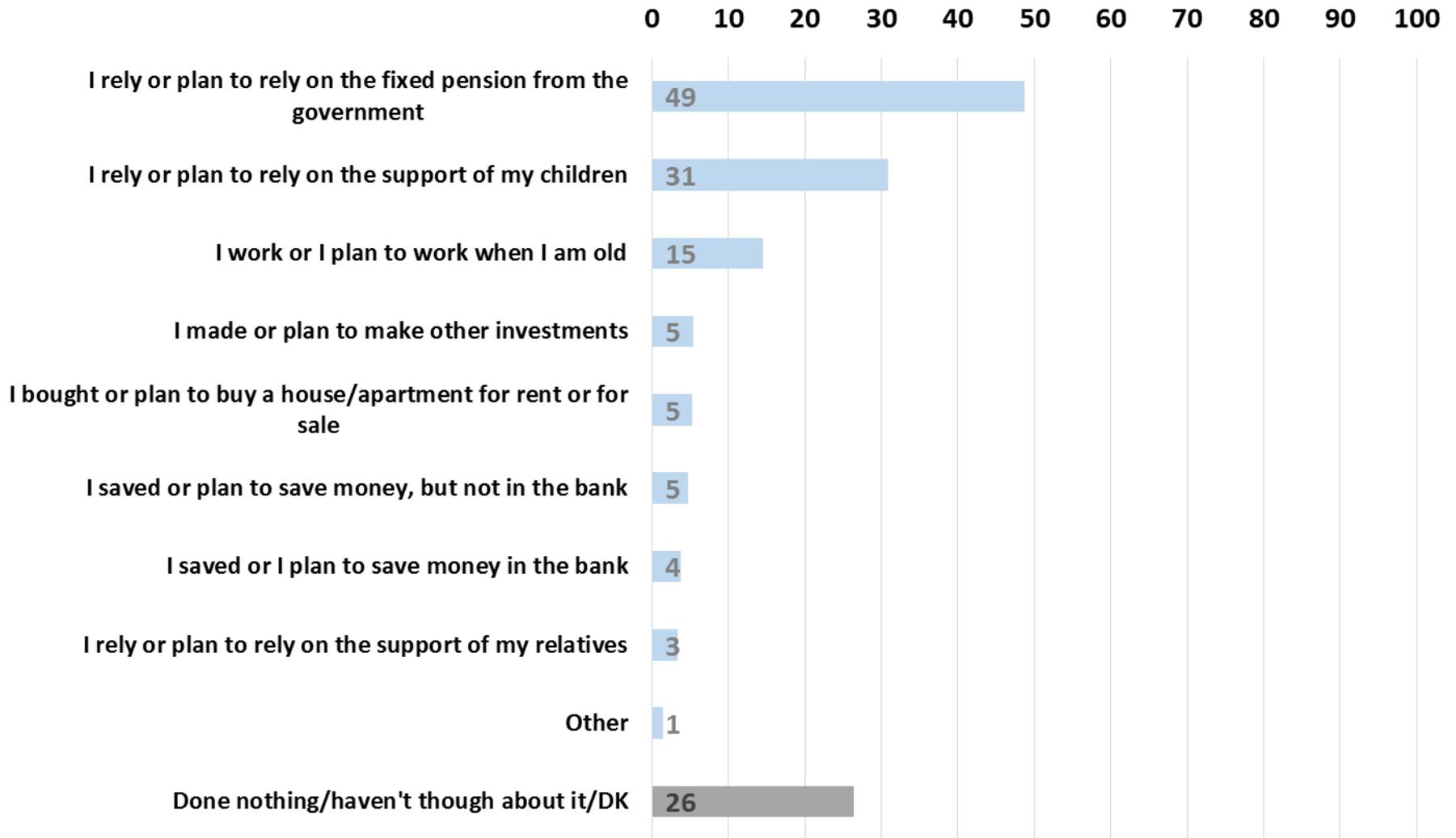
Which of the following best describes your situation? (q63) - of the 65% who consider themselves to be unemployed



In the past 12 months, have you or any household member ...? (q14, q15)



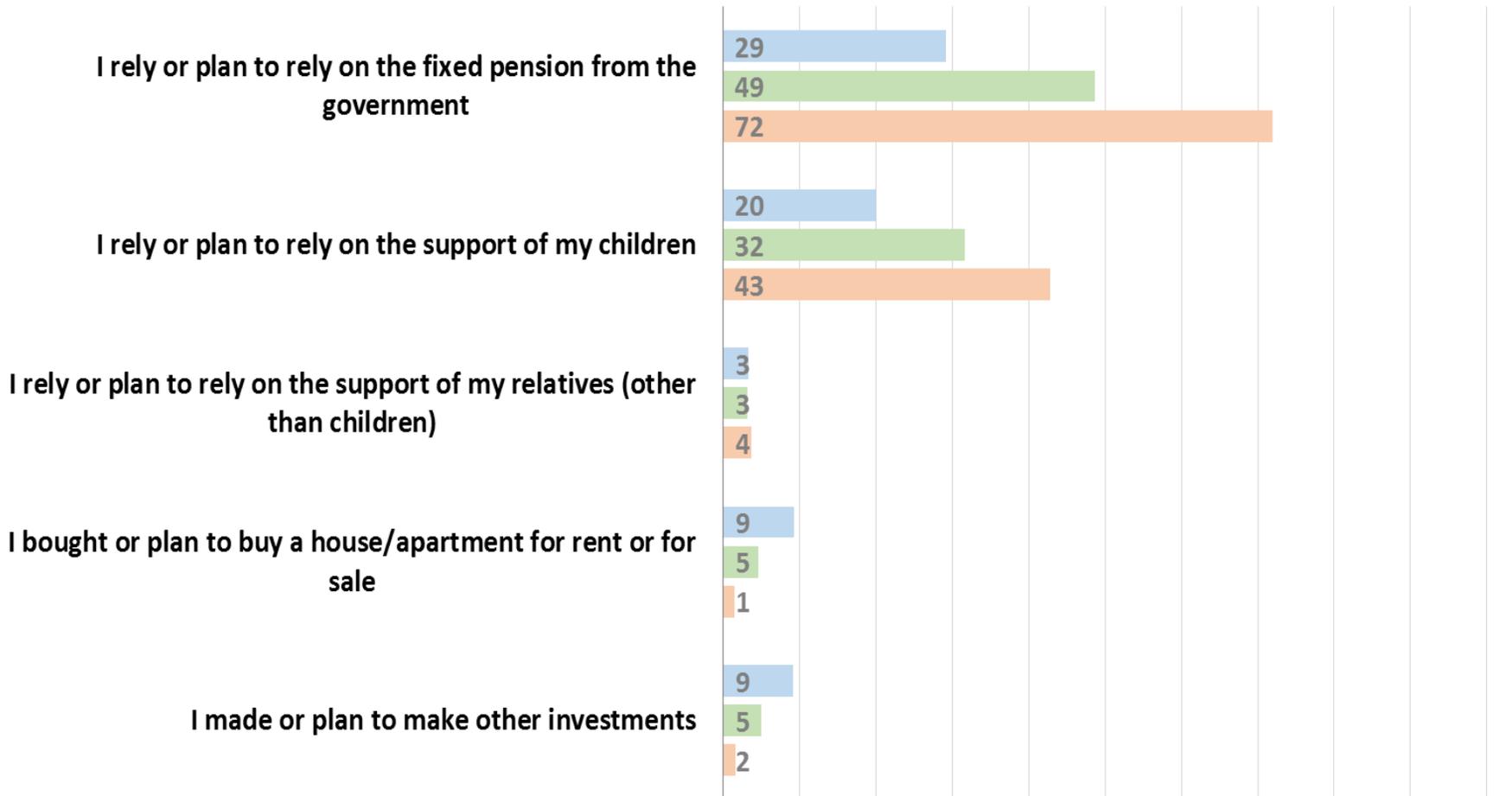
Currently, how do you provide or plan to provide for yourself in the old age? Name up to three (q17)



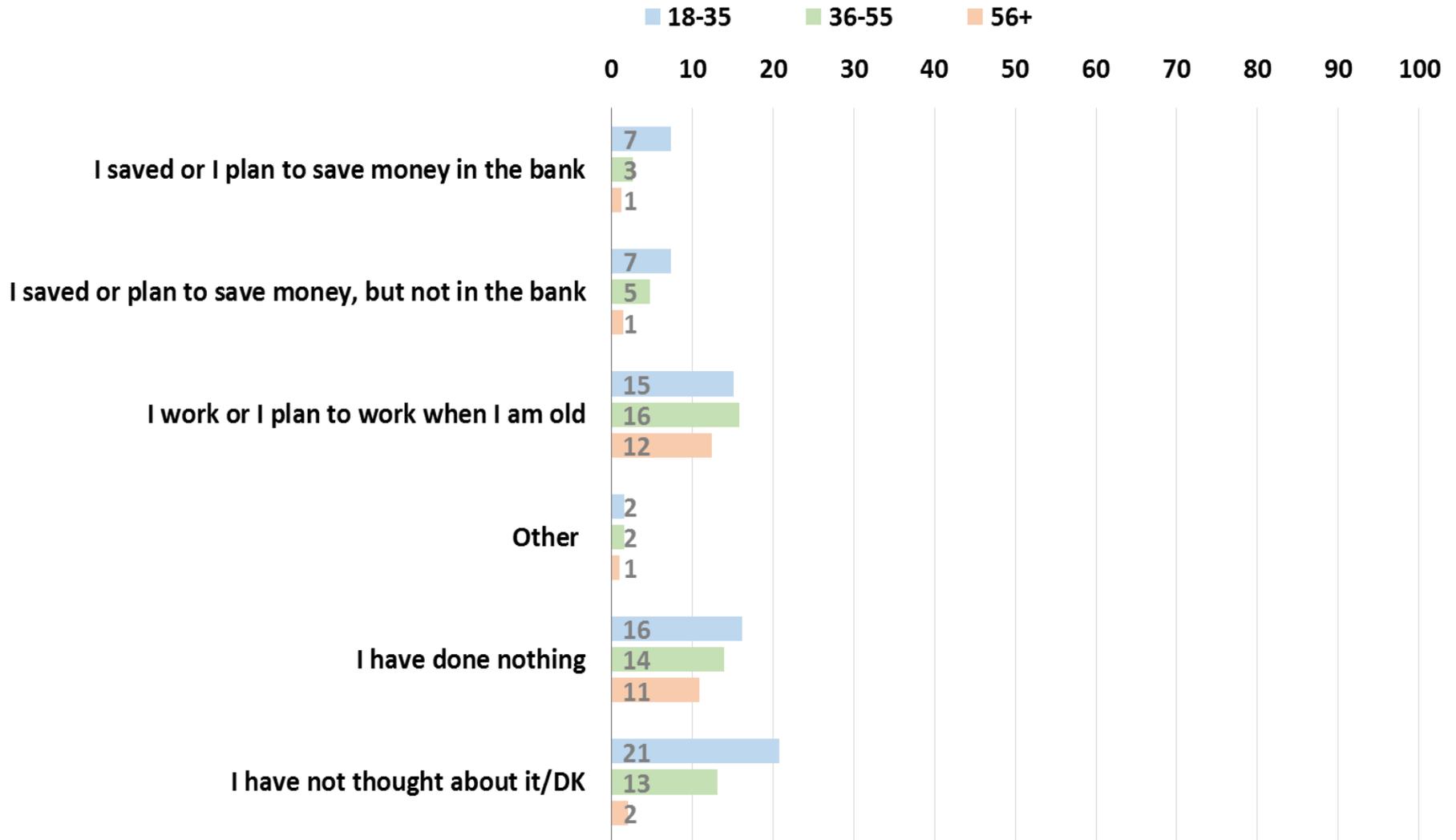
How do you provide or plan to provide for yourself in the old age? Name up to three (q17 X Age) Part 1

■ 18-35 ■ 36-55 ■ 56+

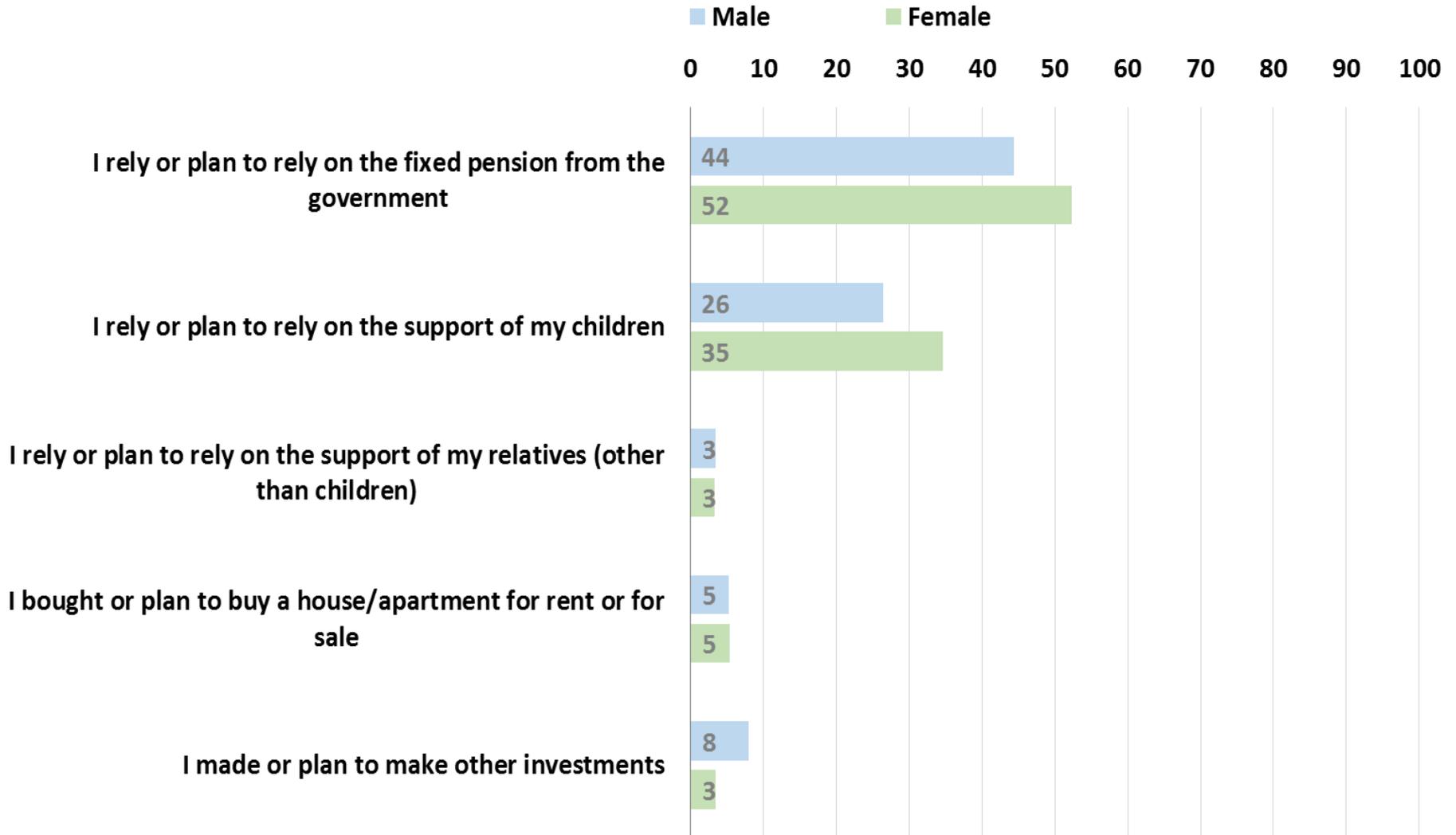
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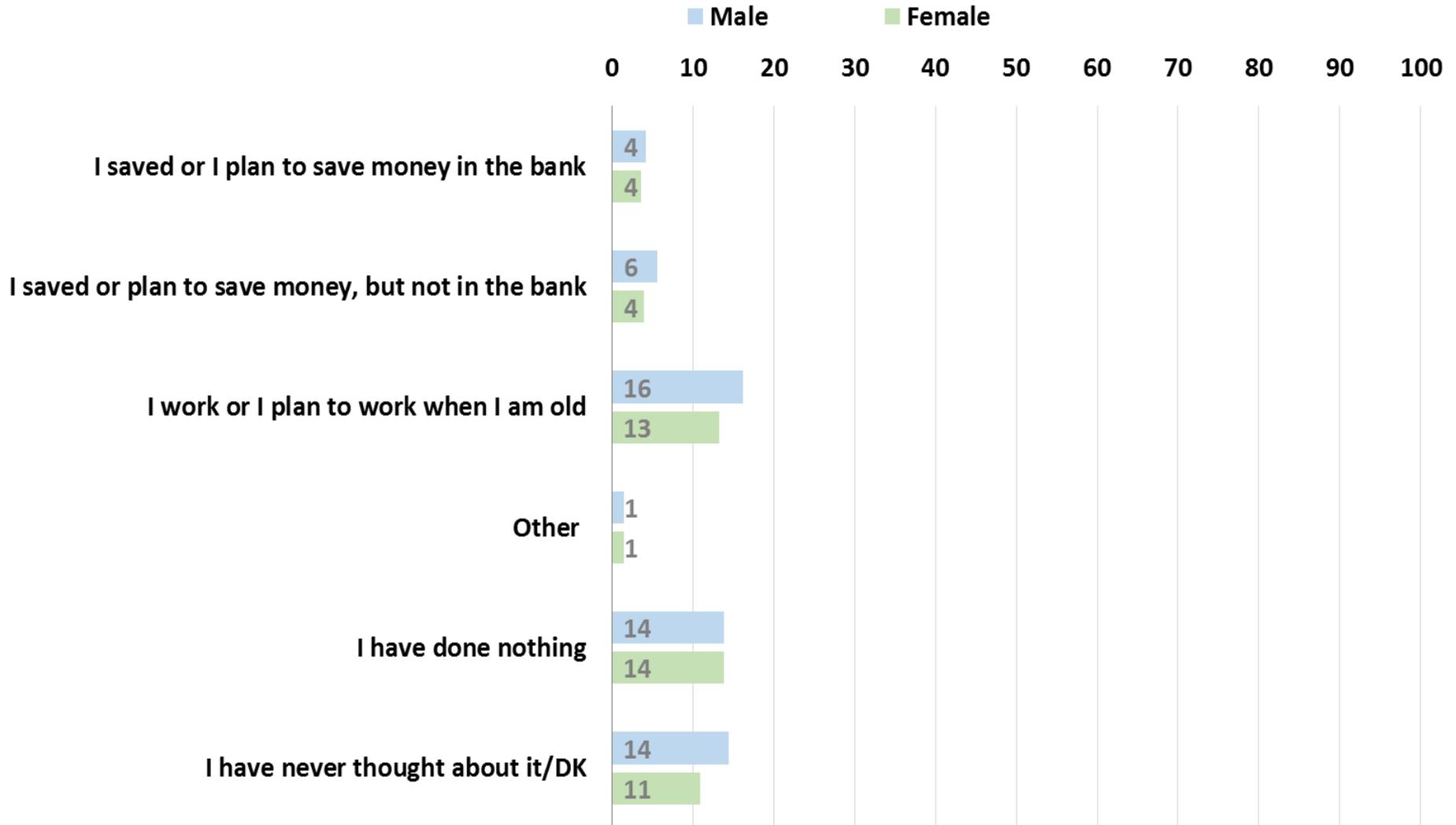
How do you provide or plan to provide for yourself in the old age? Name up to three (q17 X Age) Part 2



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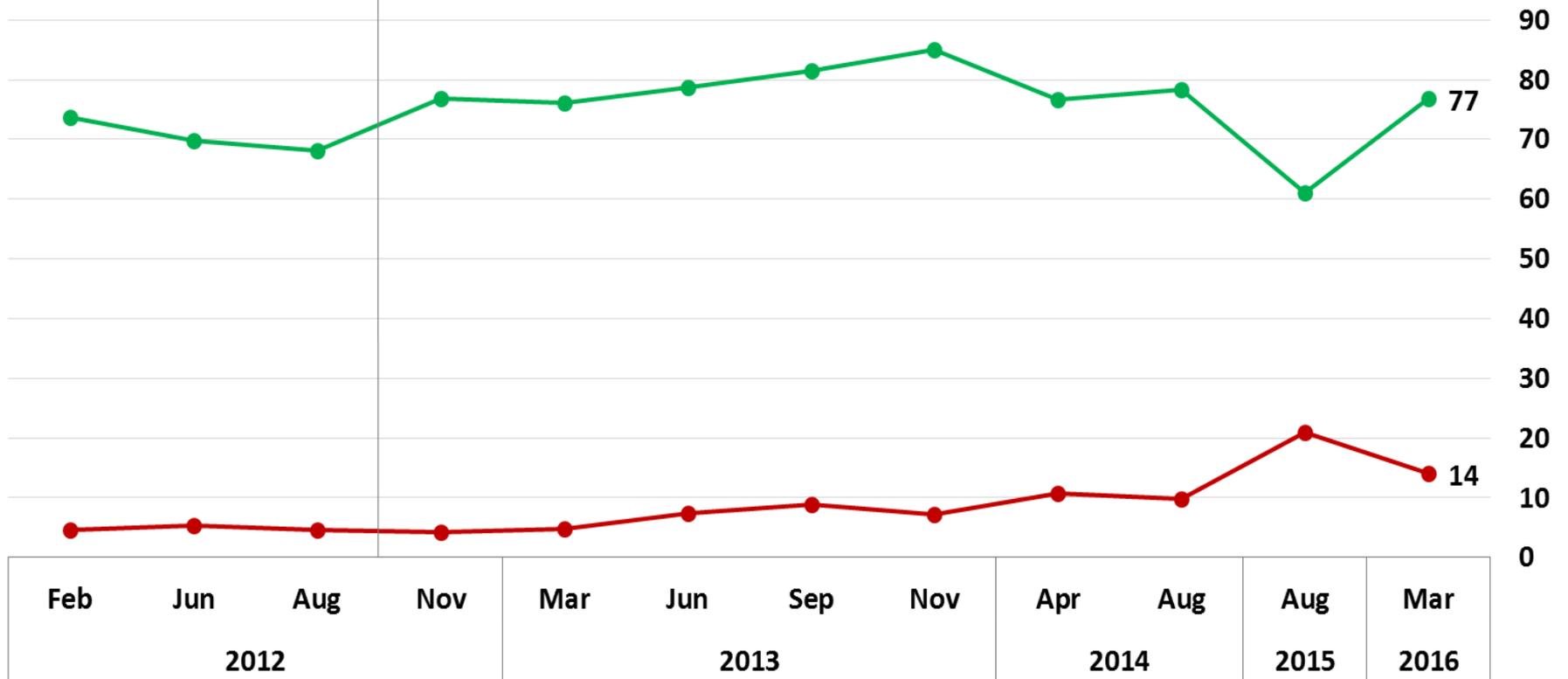


FOREIGN POLICY

Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q42)

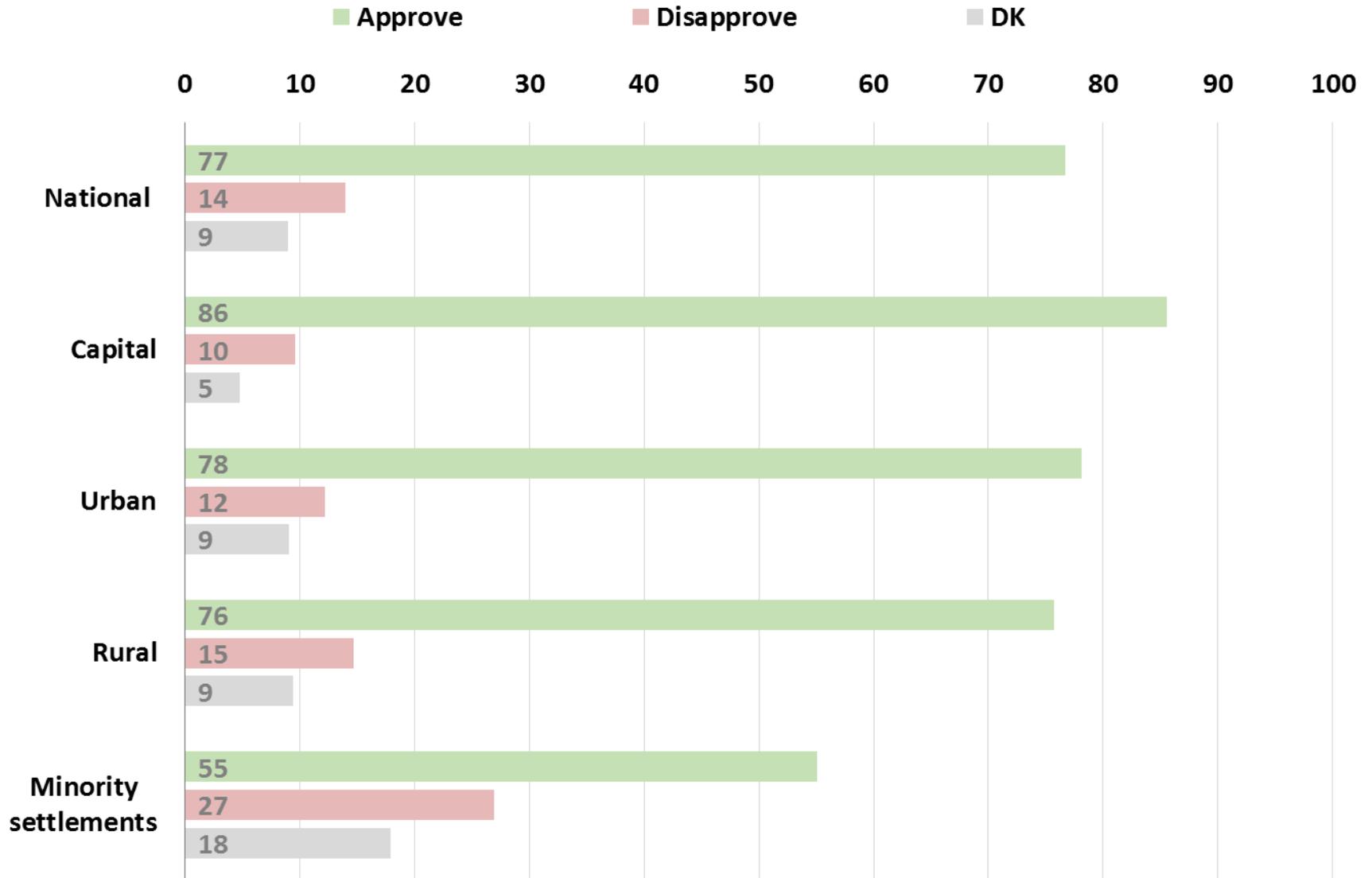
—●— Approve —●— Disapprove

Parliamentary elections



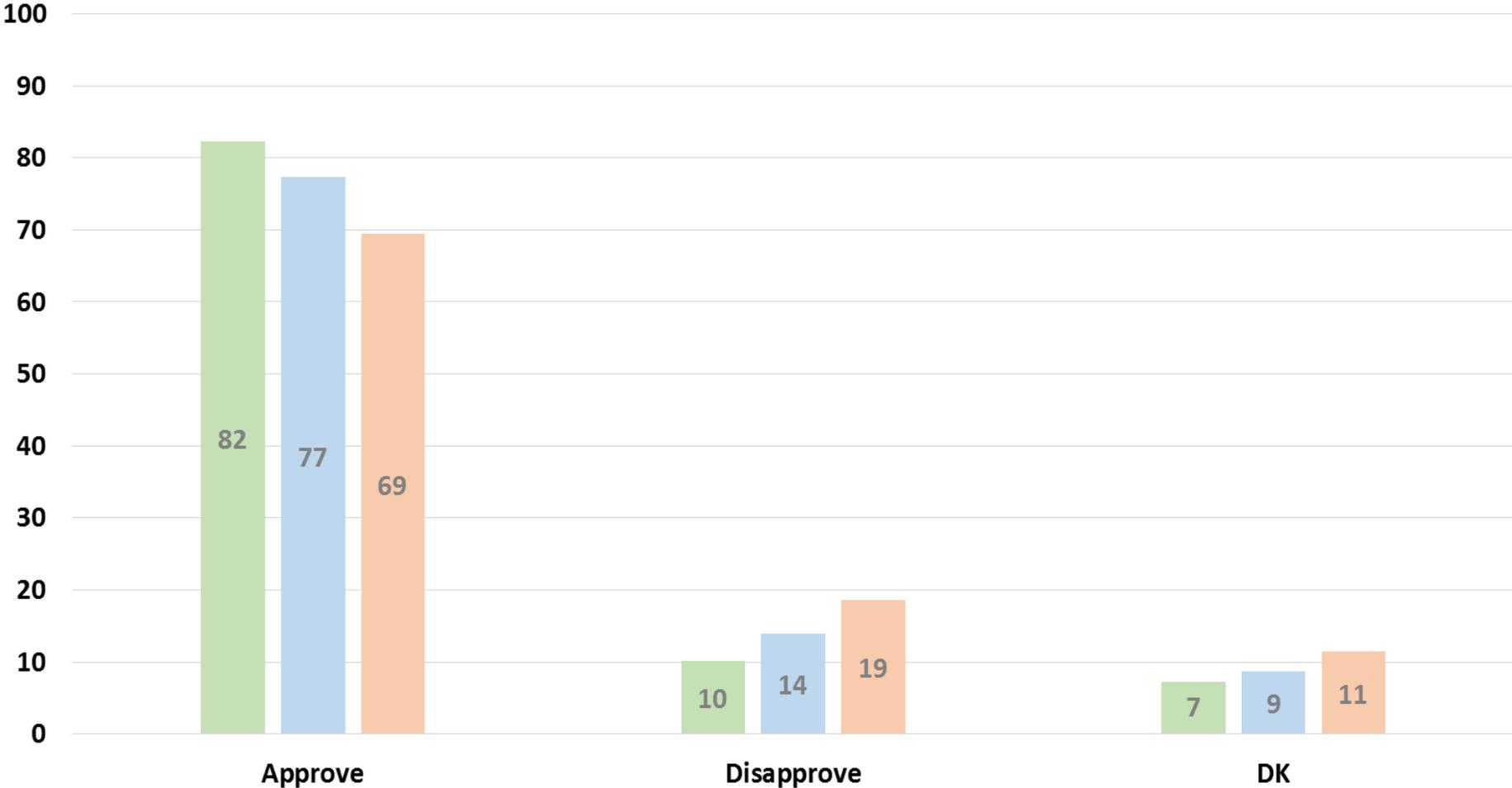
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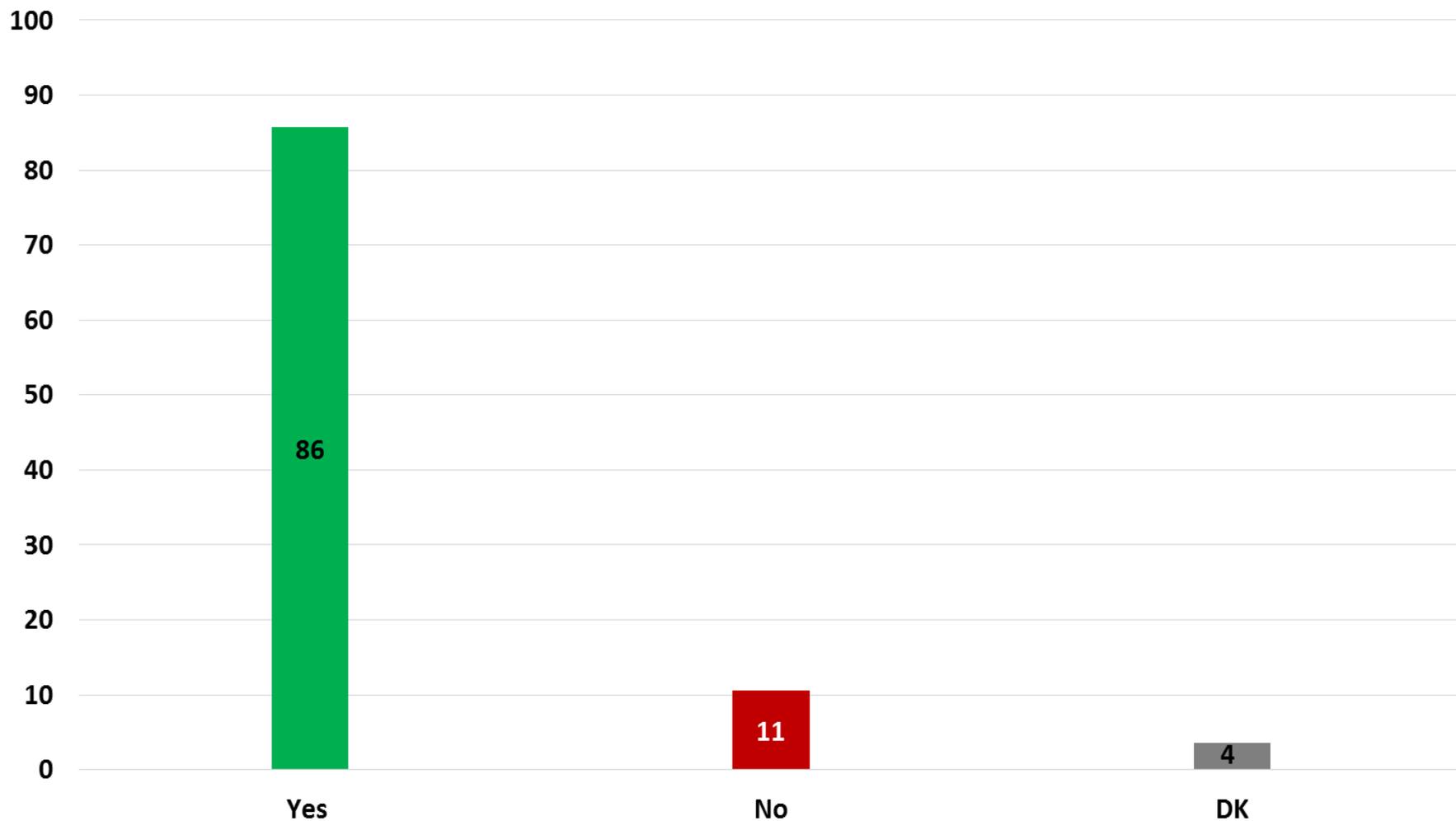
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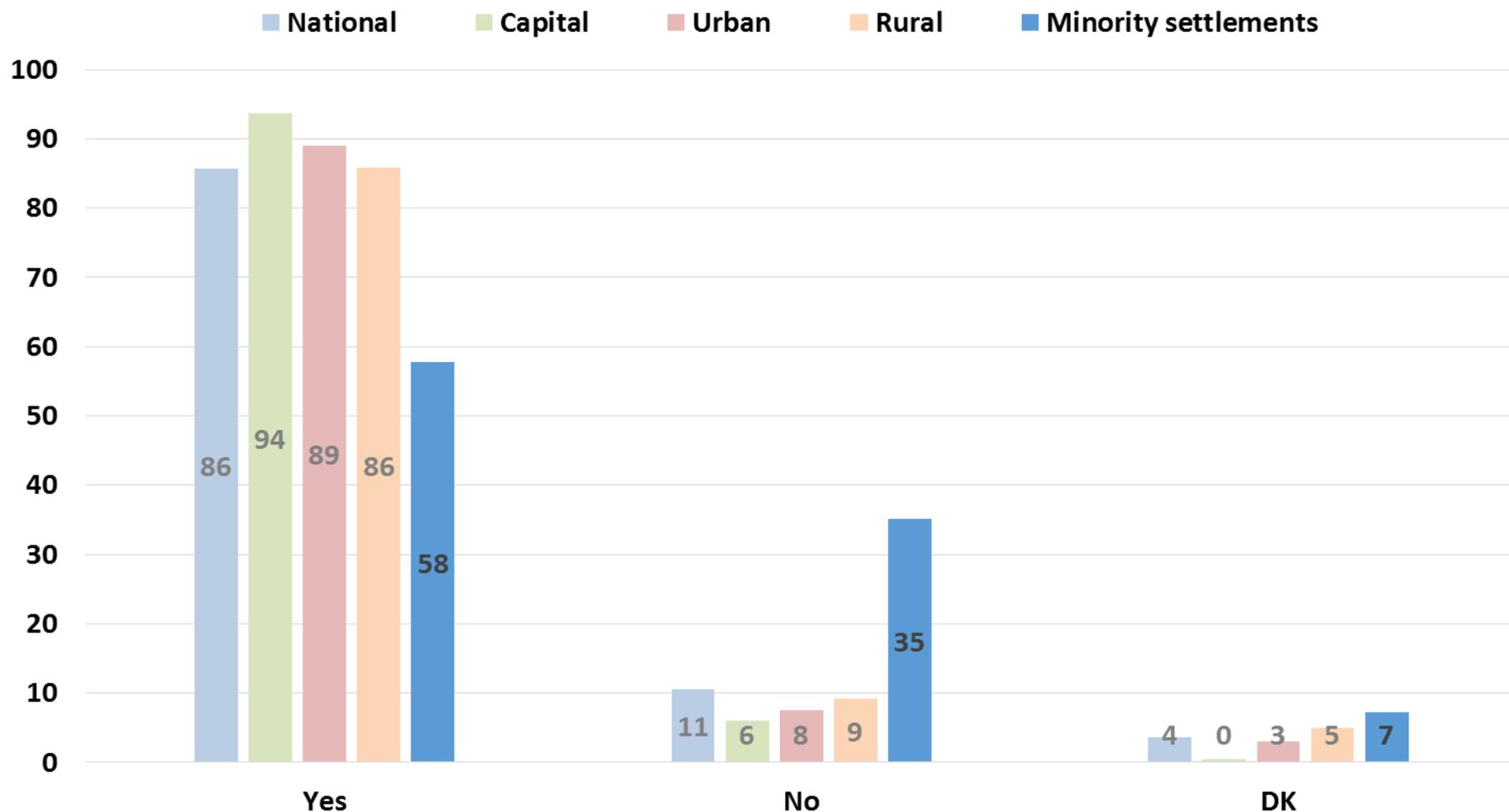


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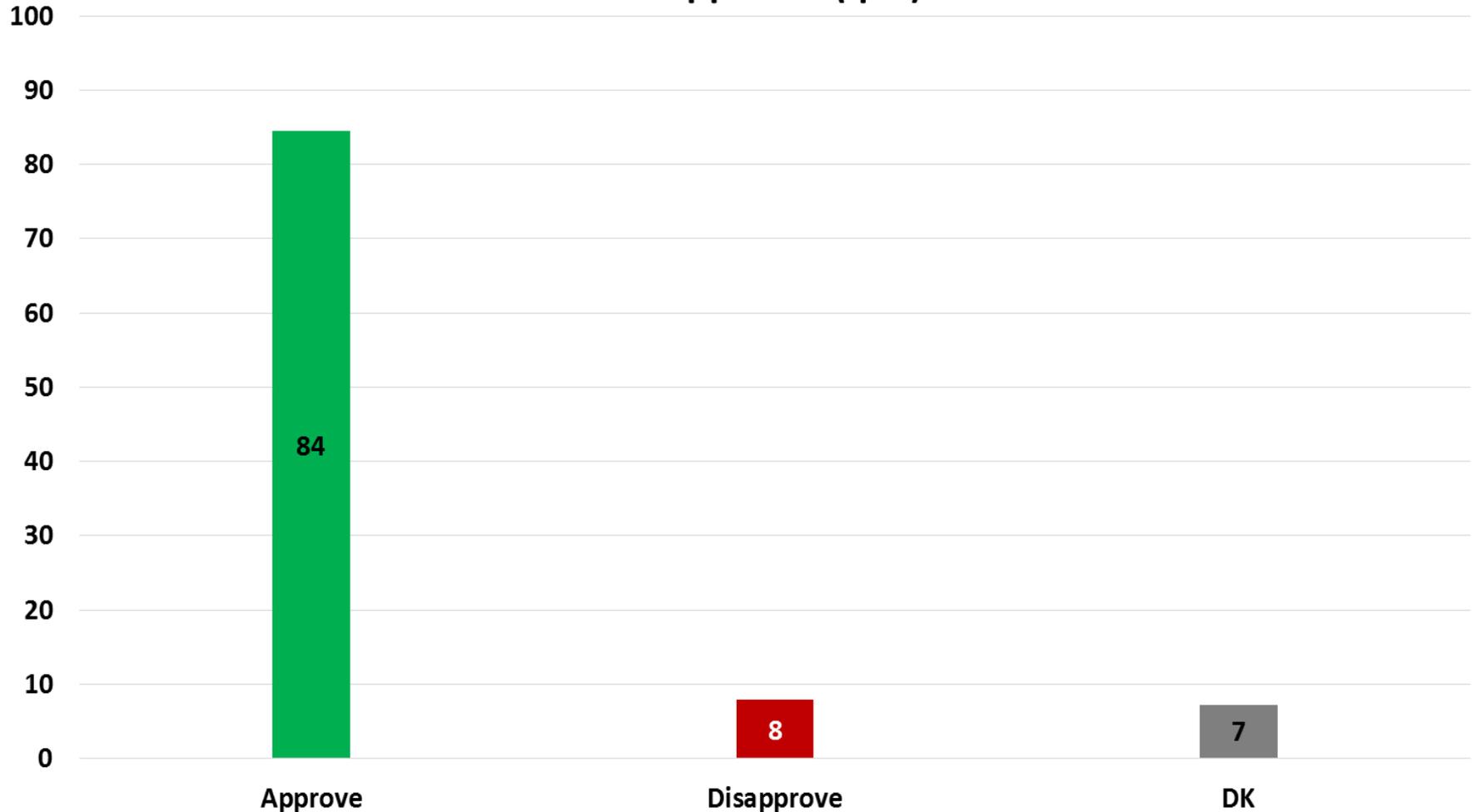
Were you aware? (q20)



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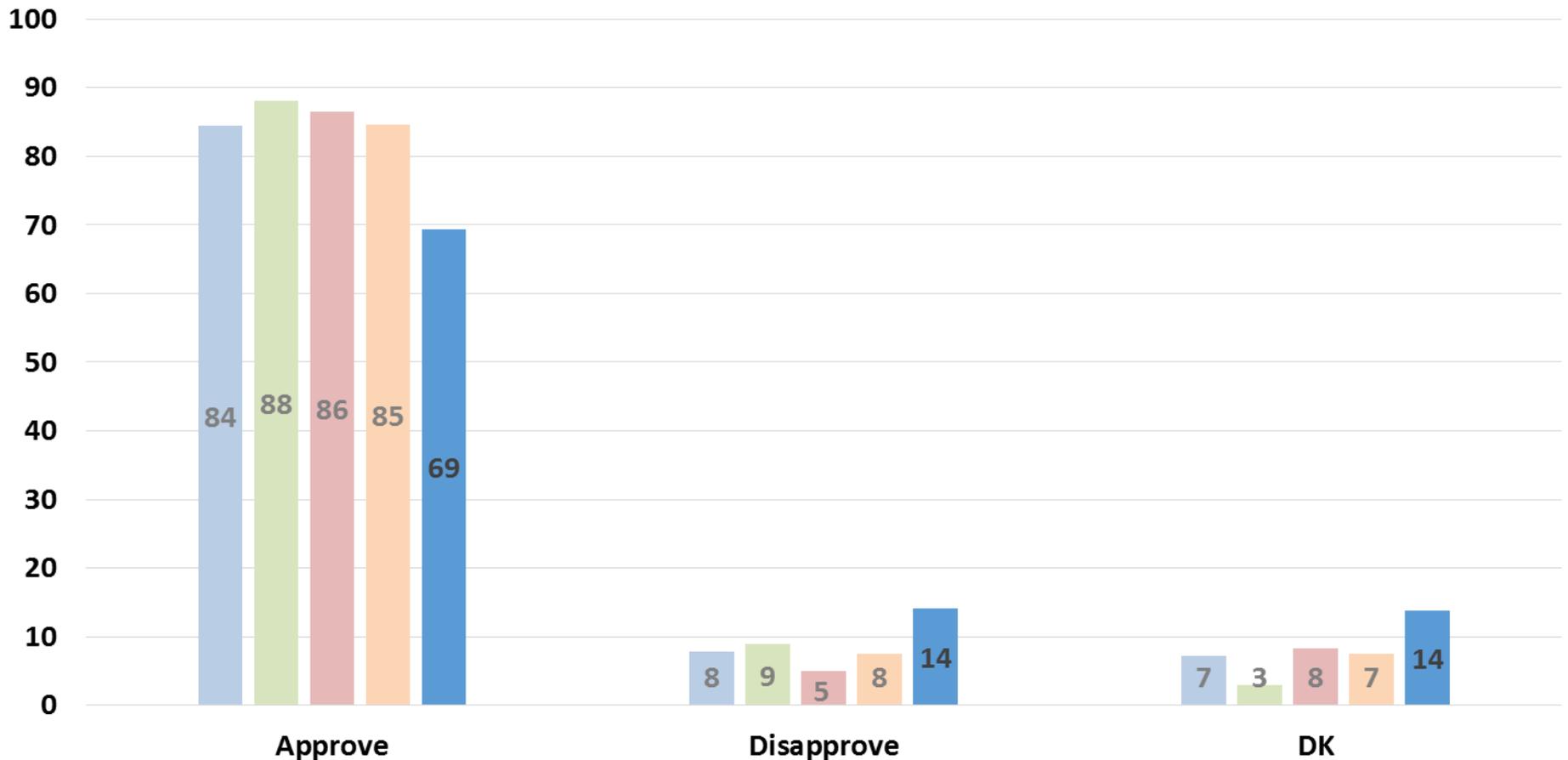


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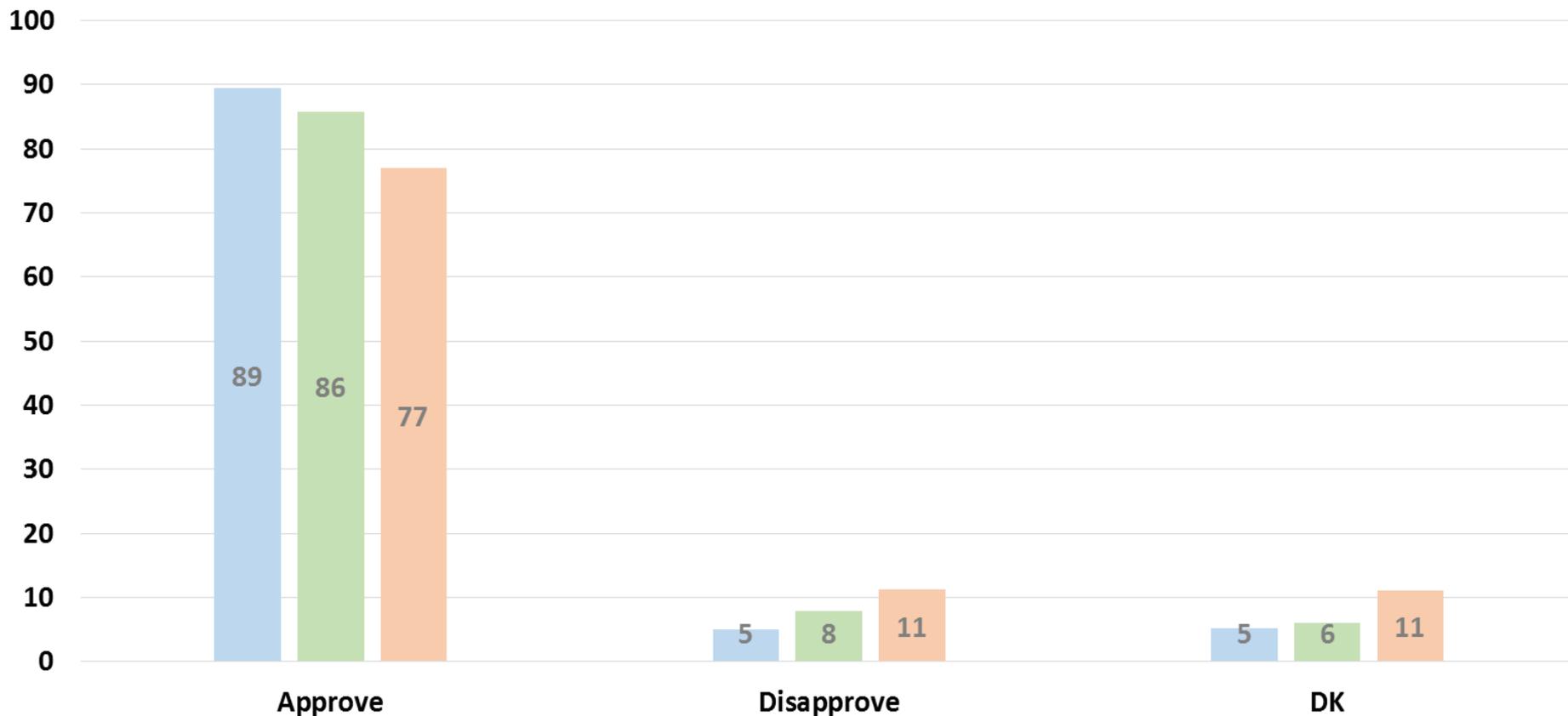
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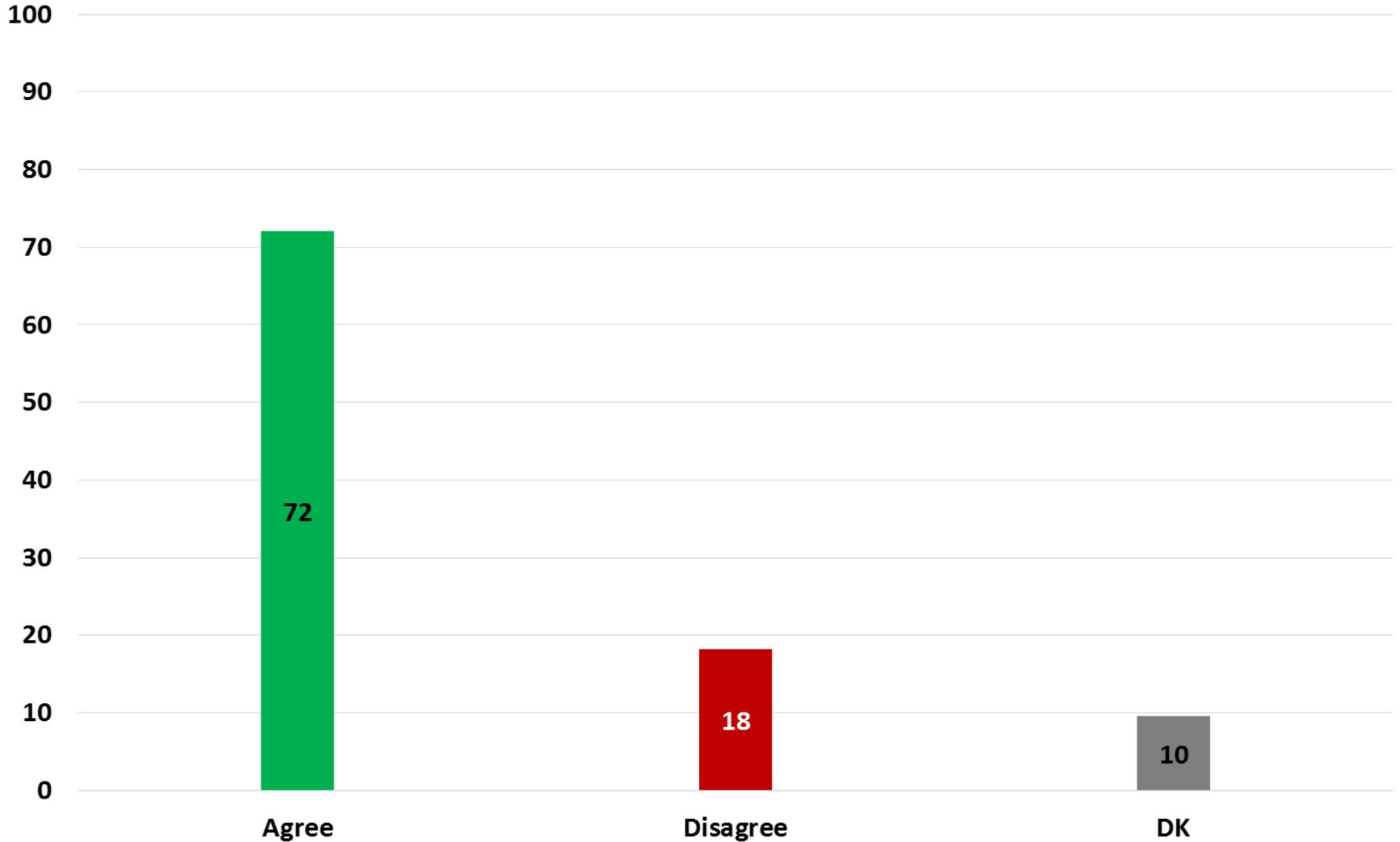


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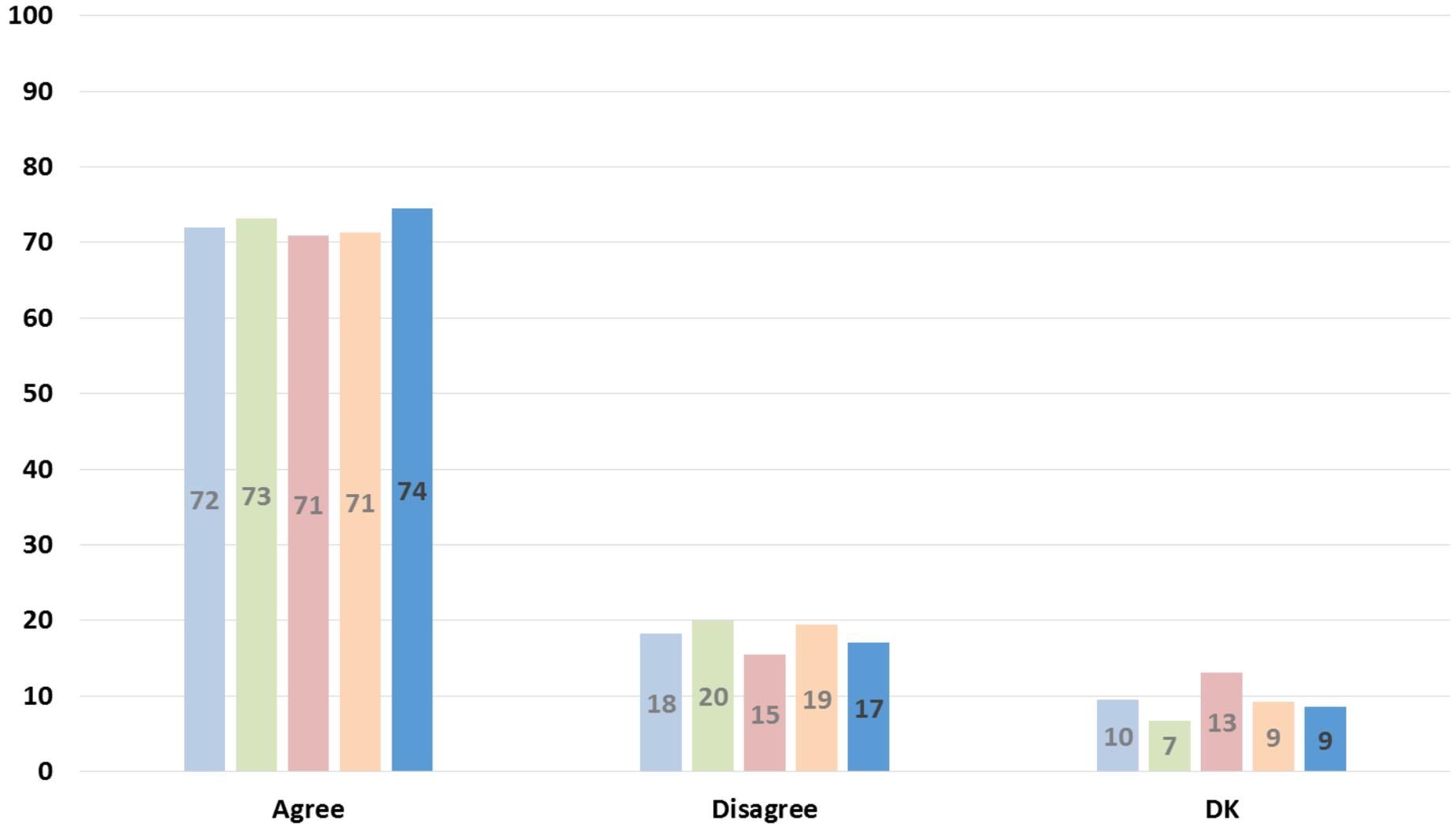


Do you agree or disagree that visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q22)



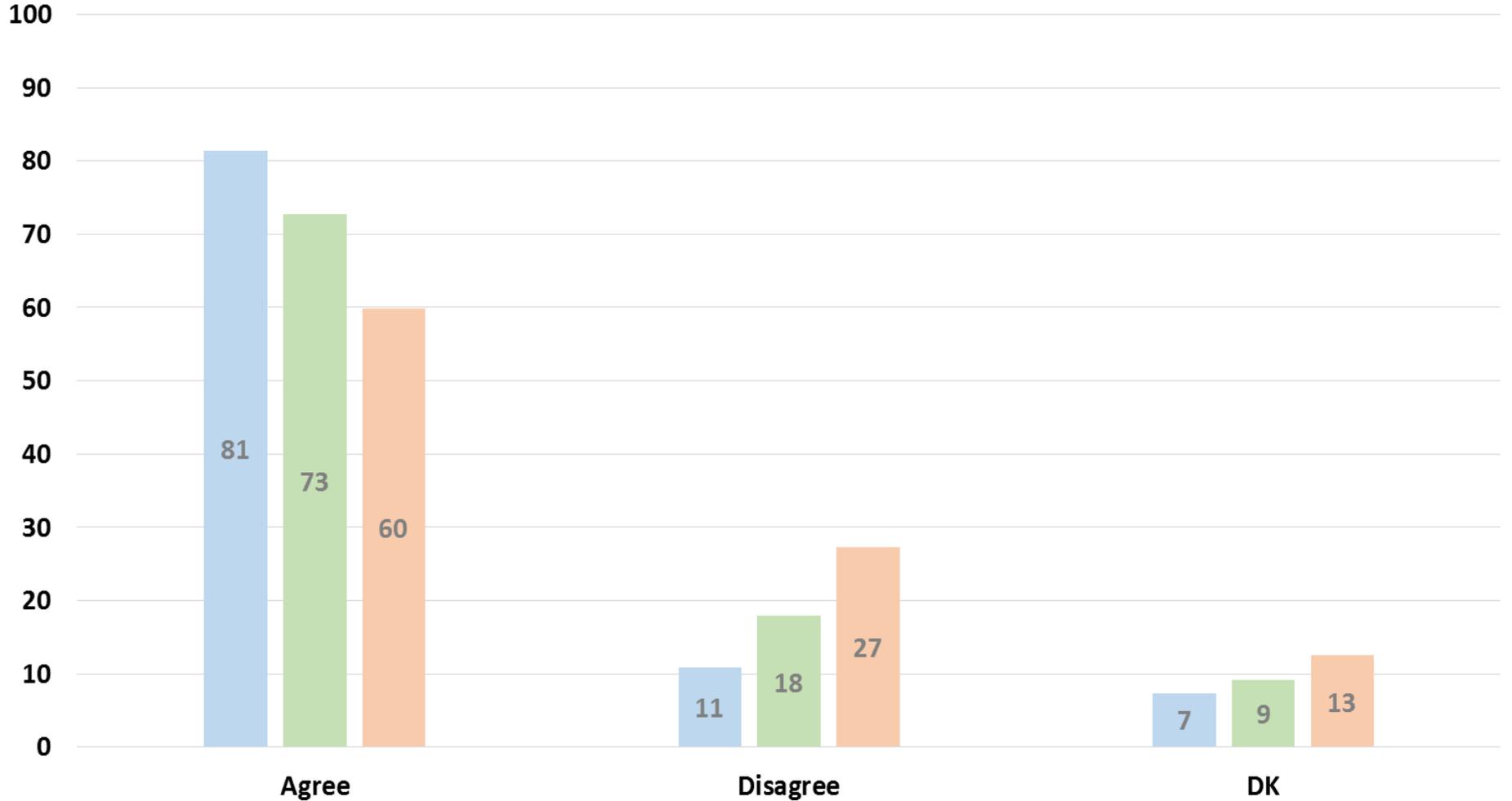
Do you agree or disagree that Visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q22 X Settlement)

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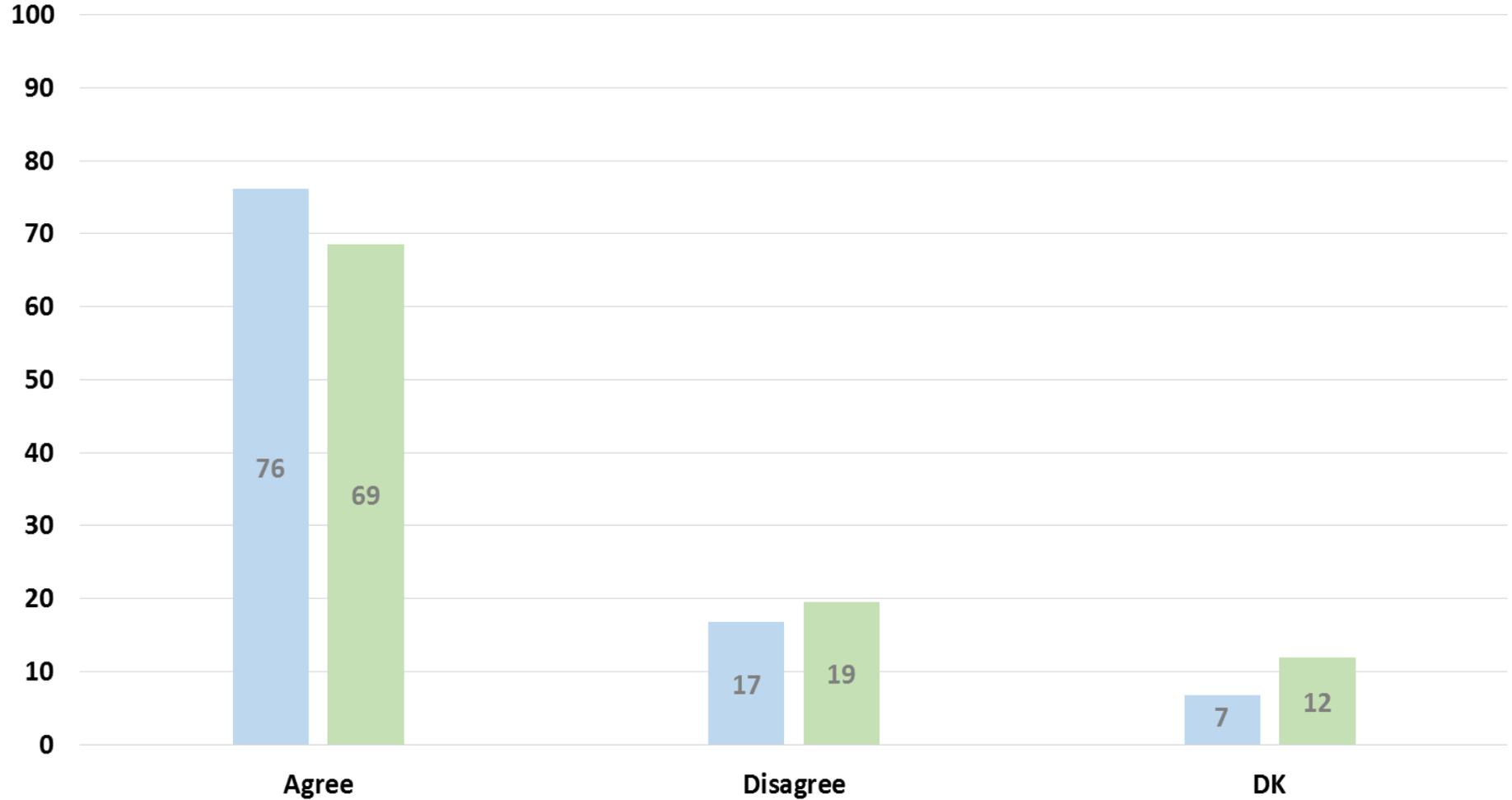
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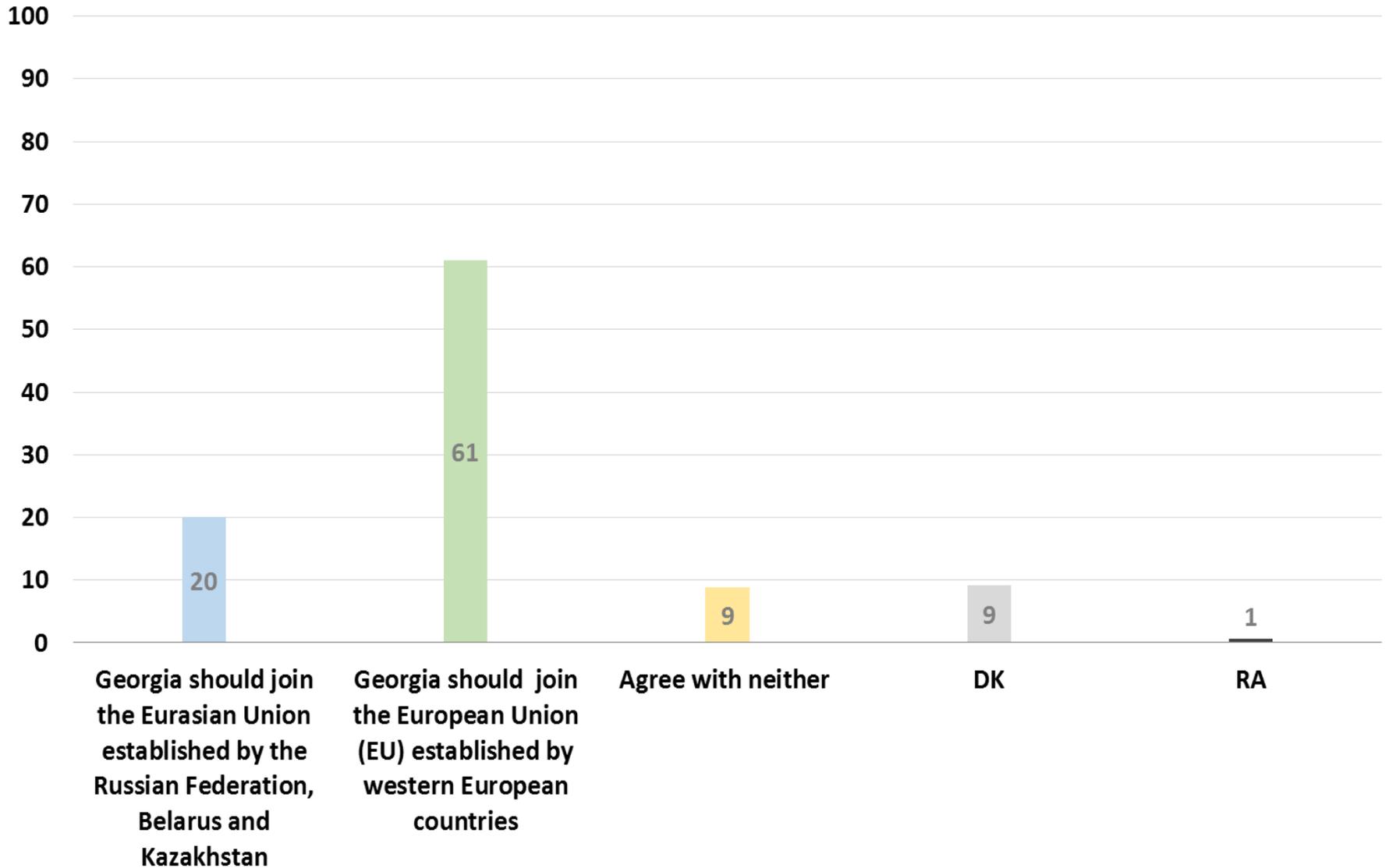


Do you agree or disagree that Visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q22 X Gender)

Male Female

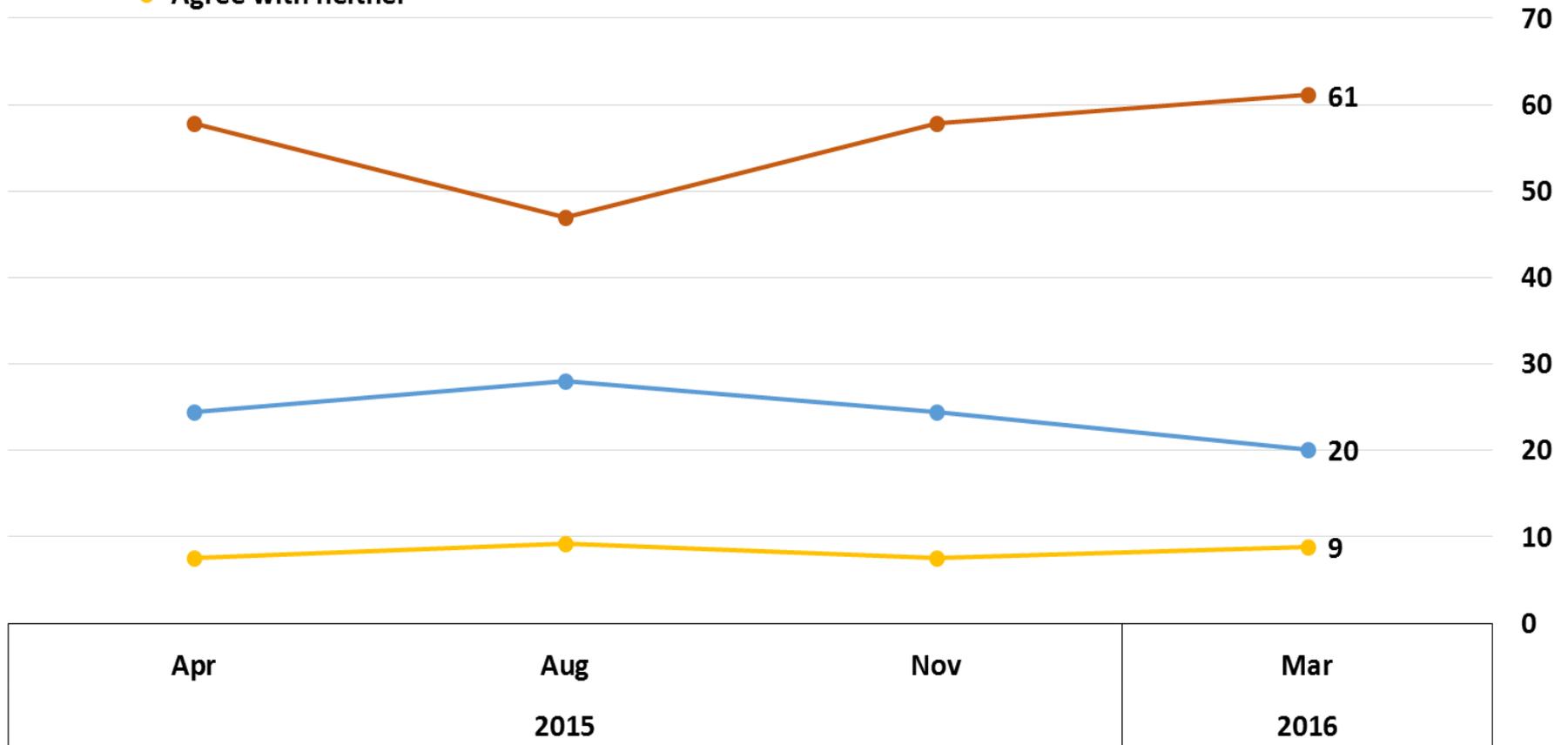


Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q46)



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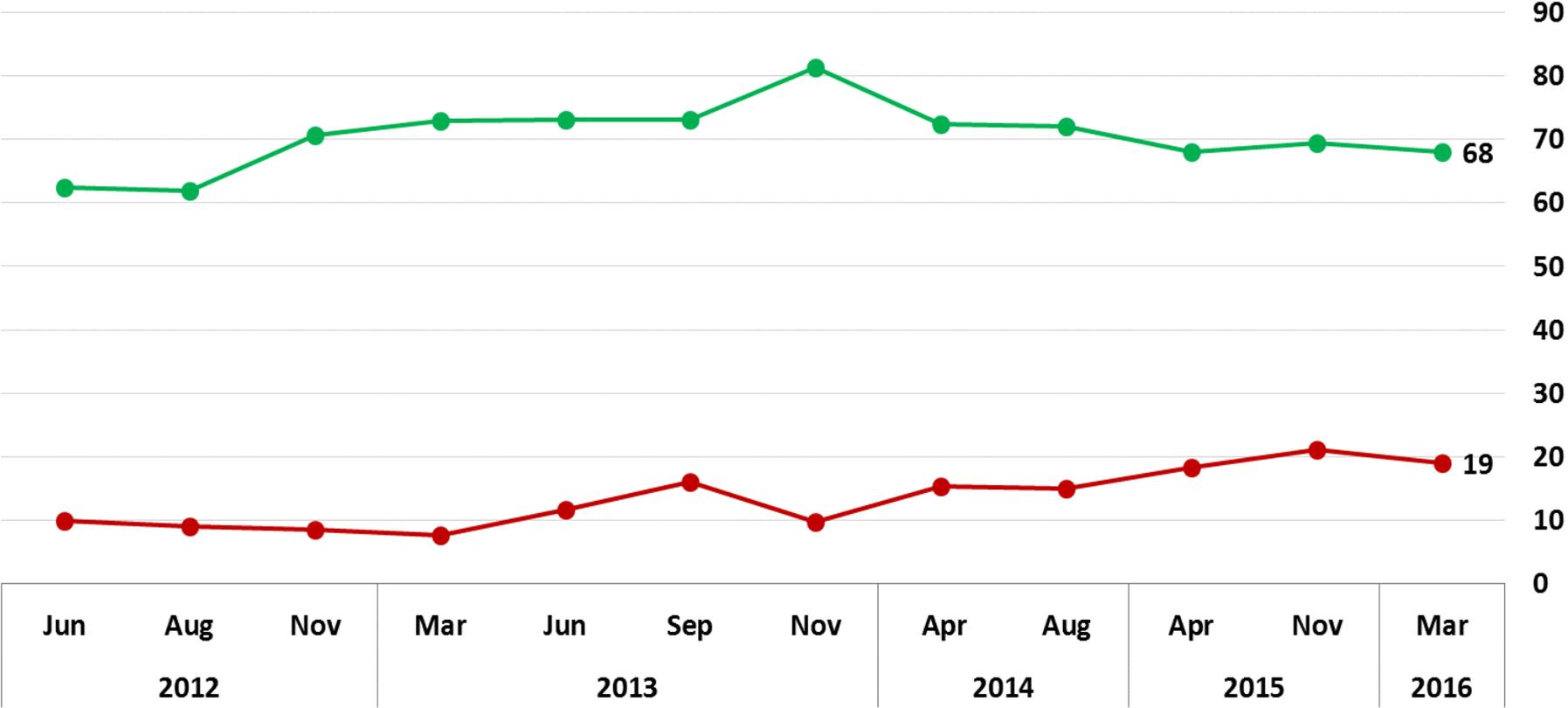
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- Georgia should join the European Union (EU) established by western European countries
- Agree with neither



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Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join NATO? (q49)

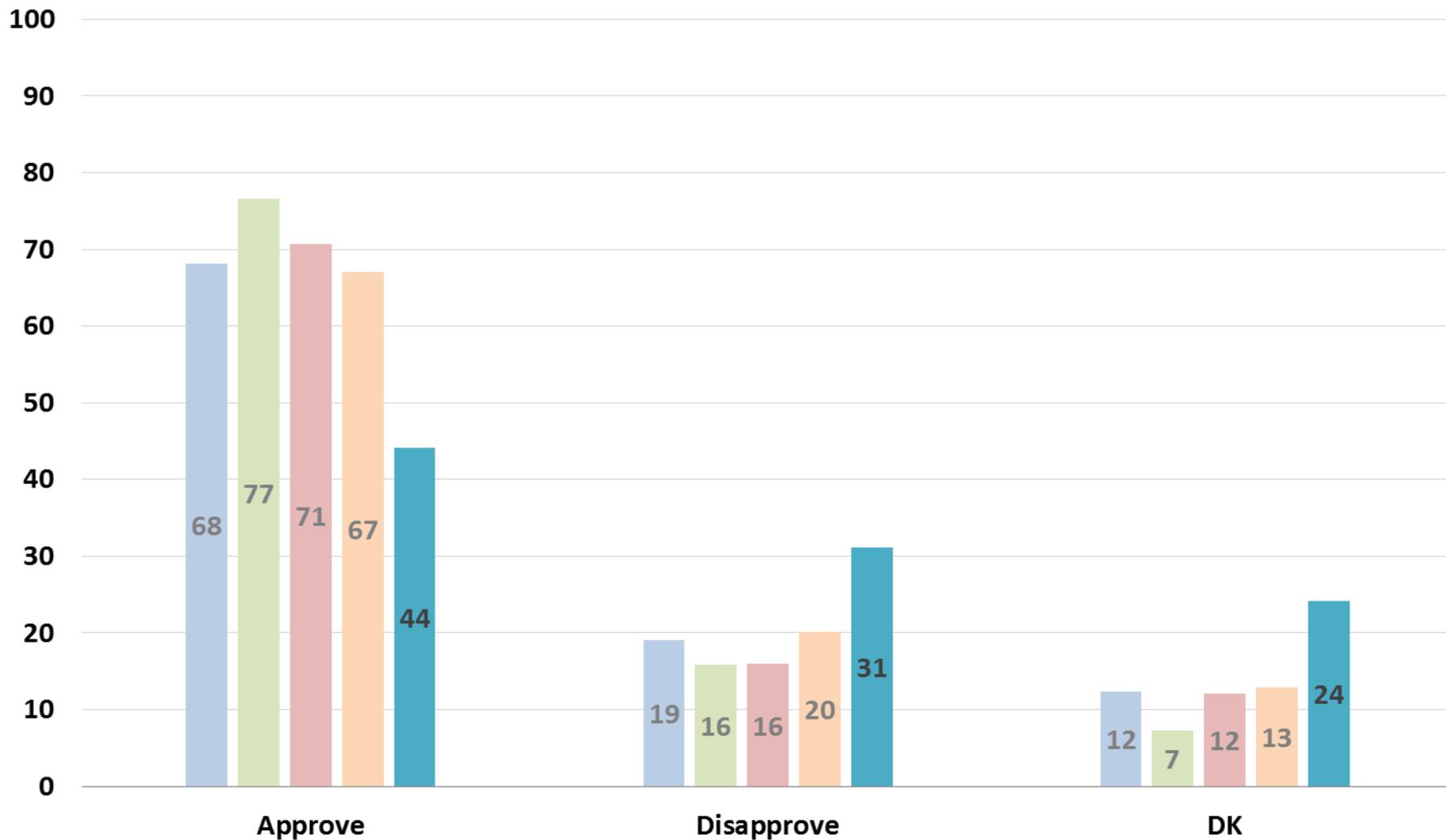
● Approve ● Disapprove



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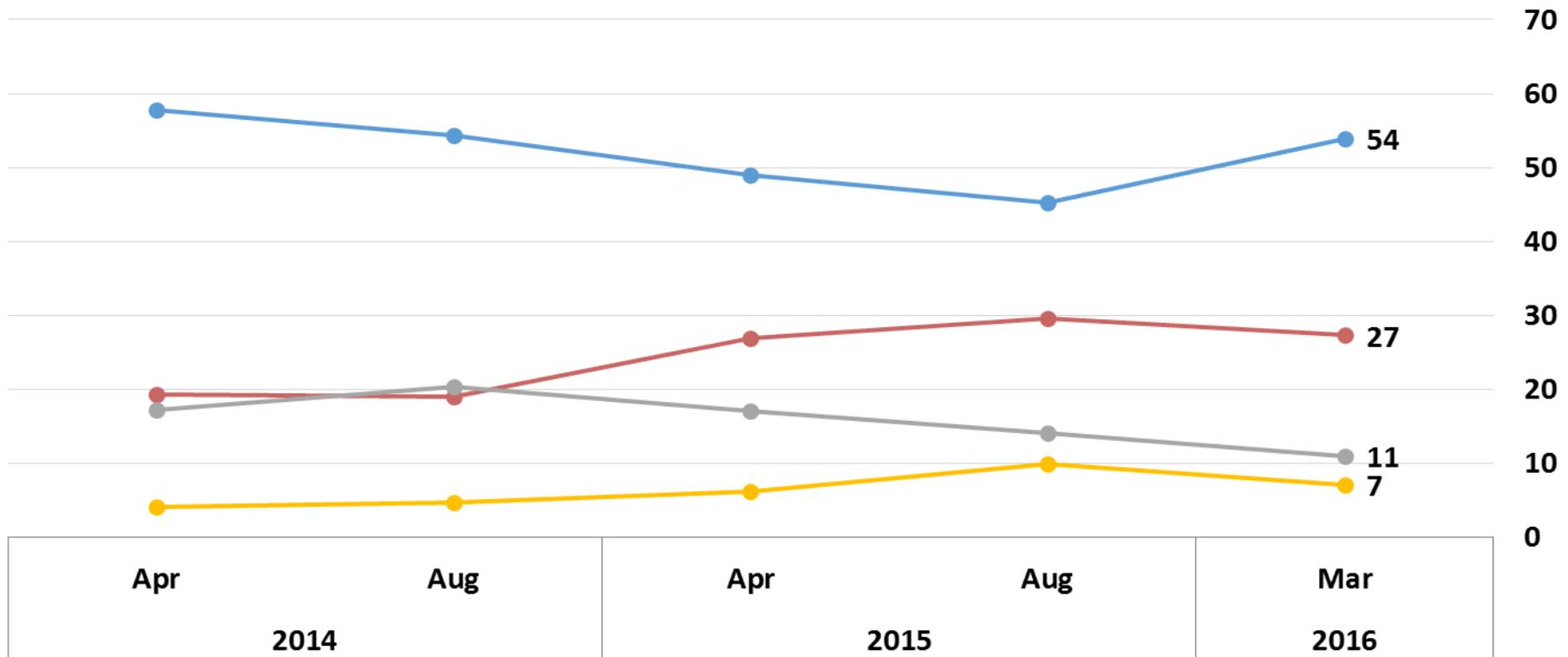
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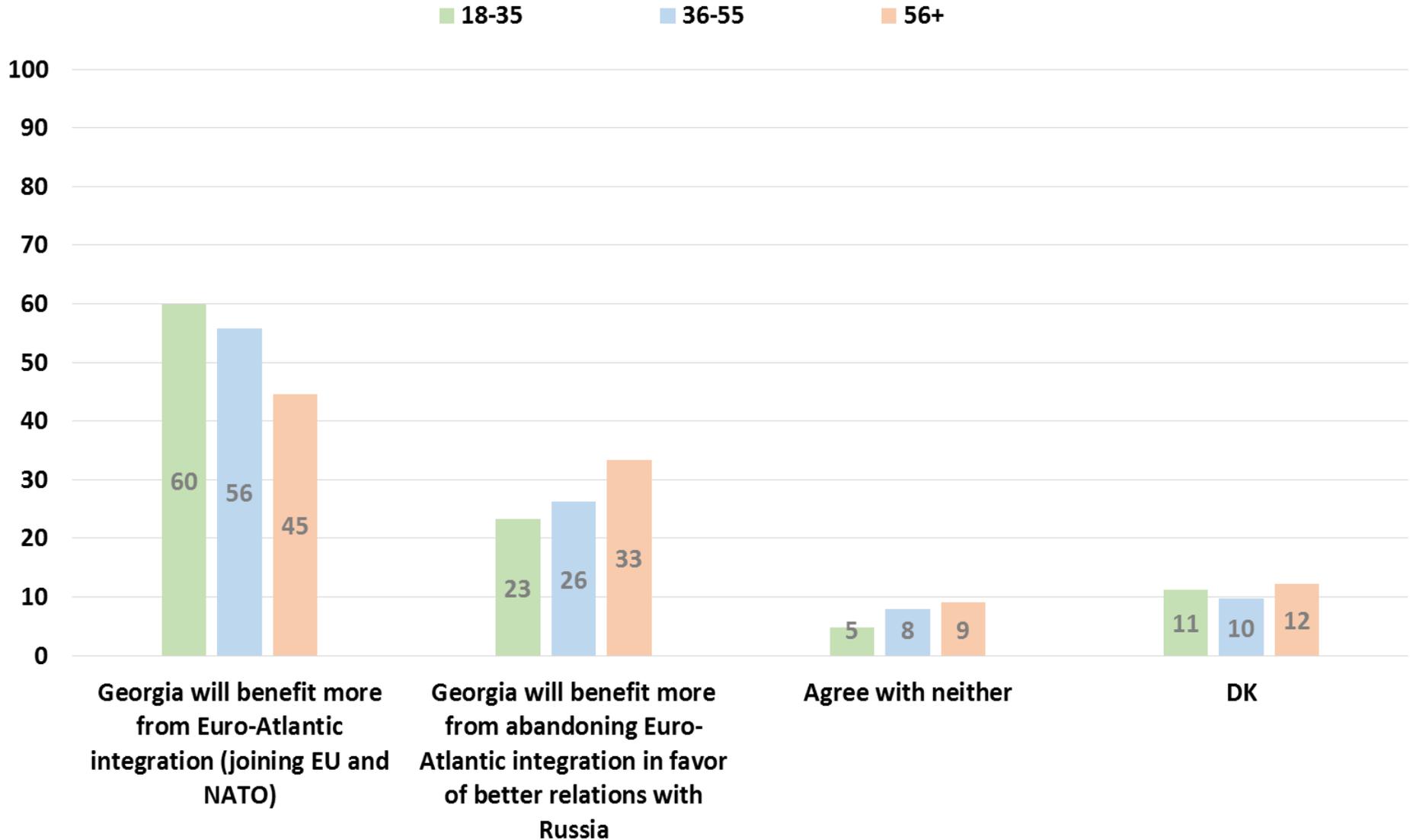
Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q43)

- Georgia will benefit more from Euro-Atlantic integration (joining EU and NATO)
- Georgia will benefit more from abandoning Euro-Atlantic integration in favor of better relations with Russia
- Agree with neither
- DK

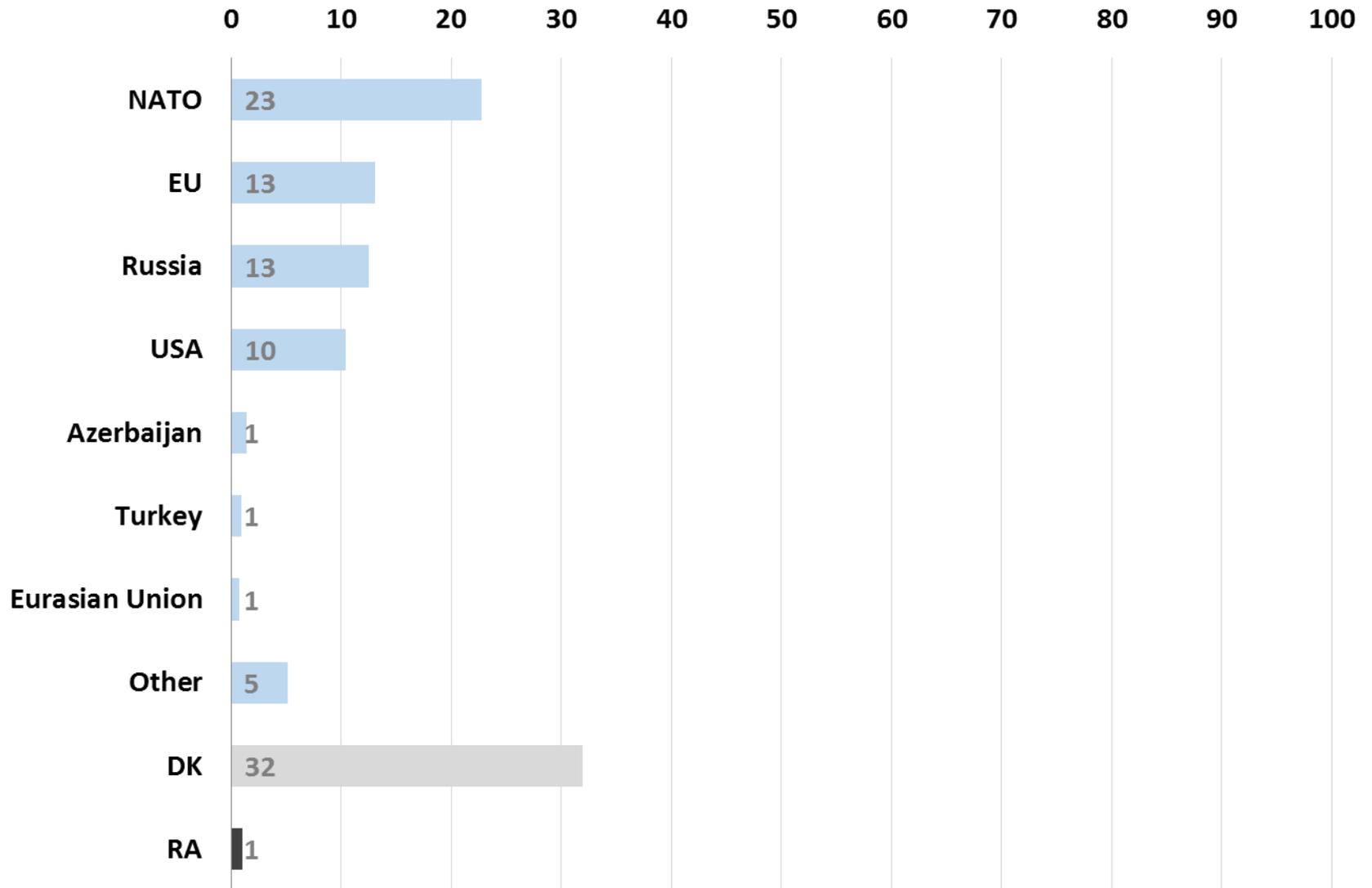


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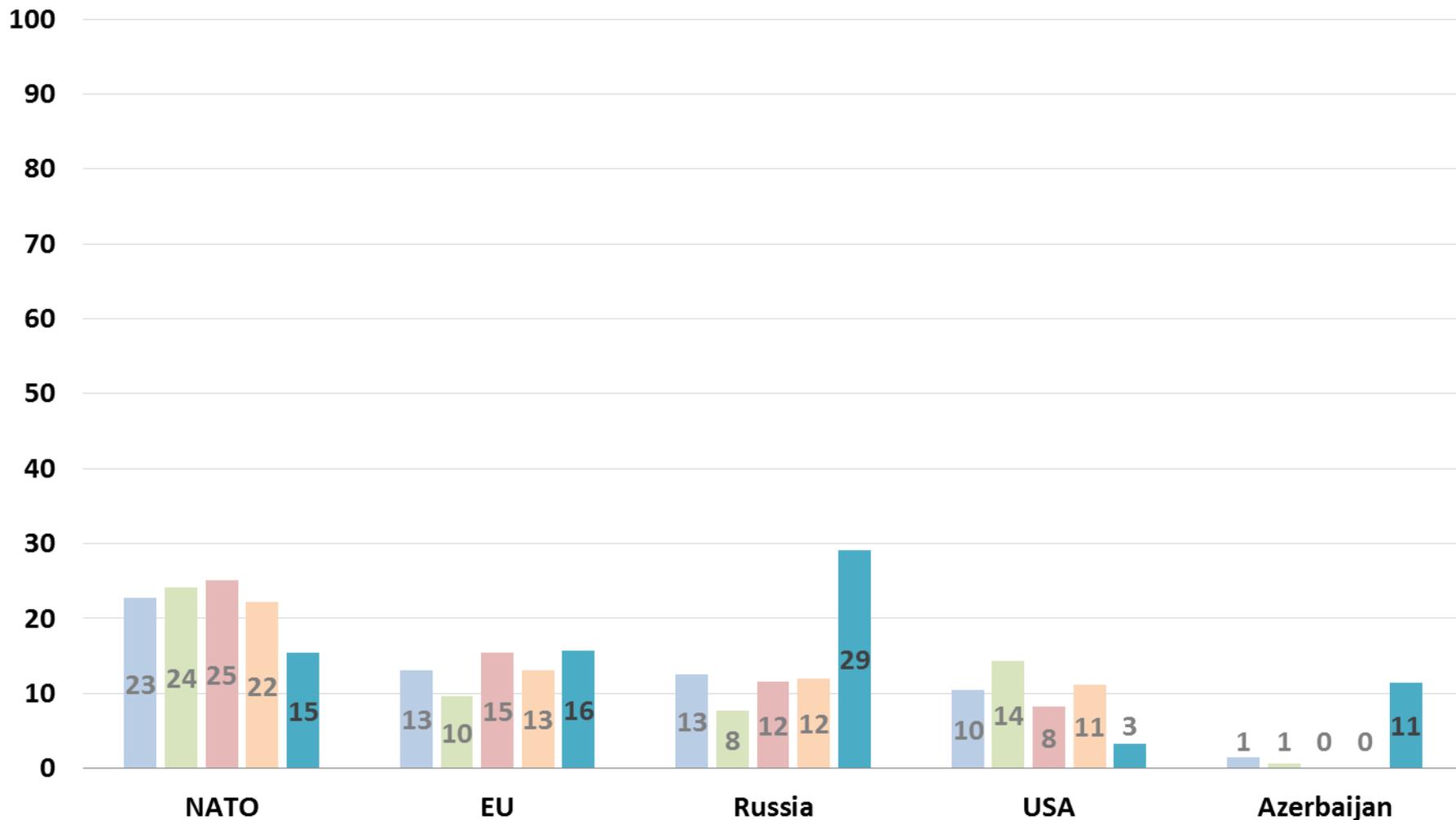


Which country or entity/organization would offer Georgia best security? (q44)

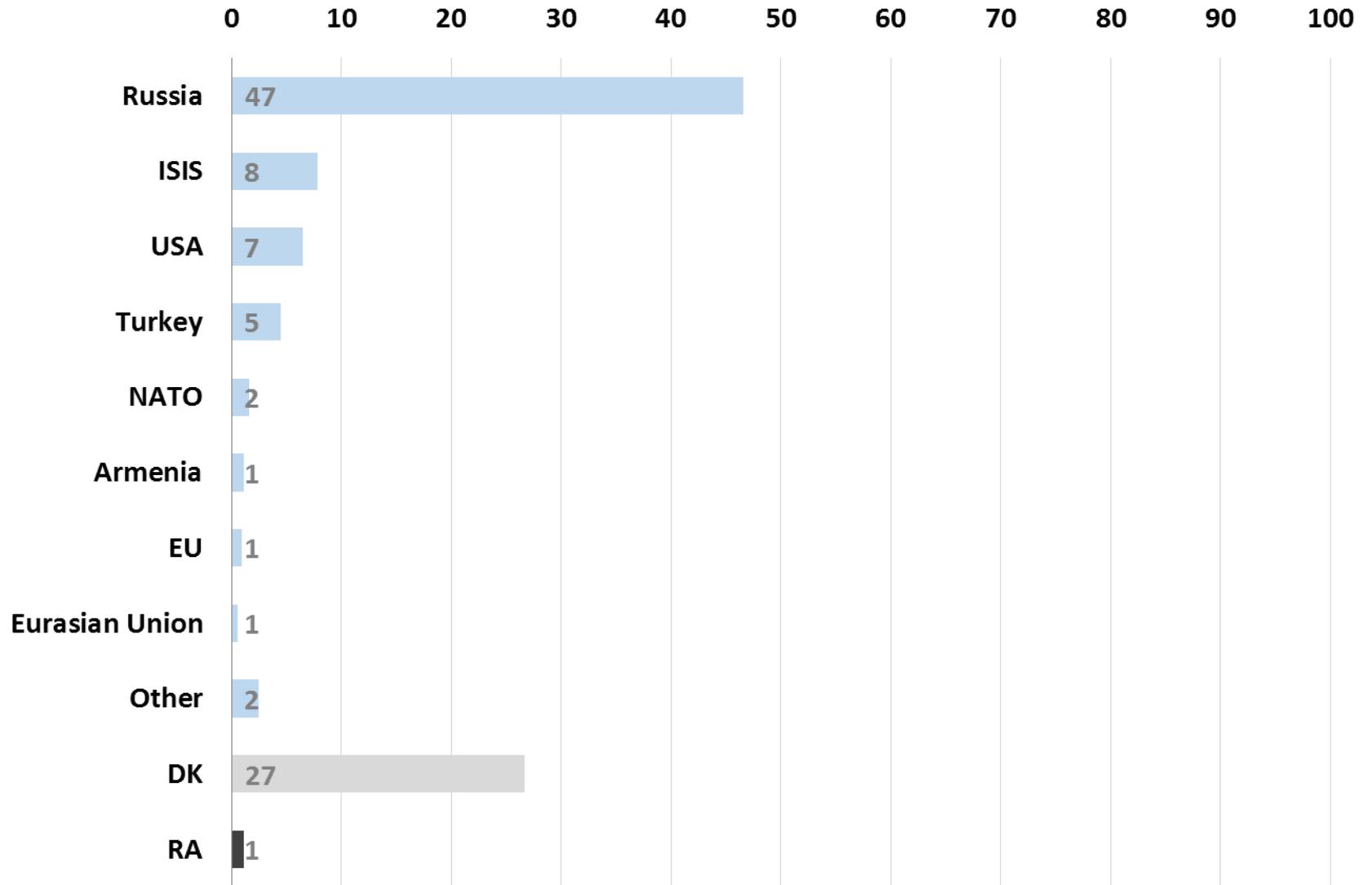


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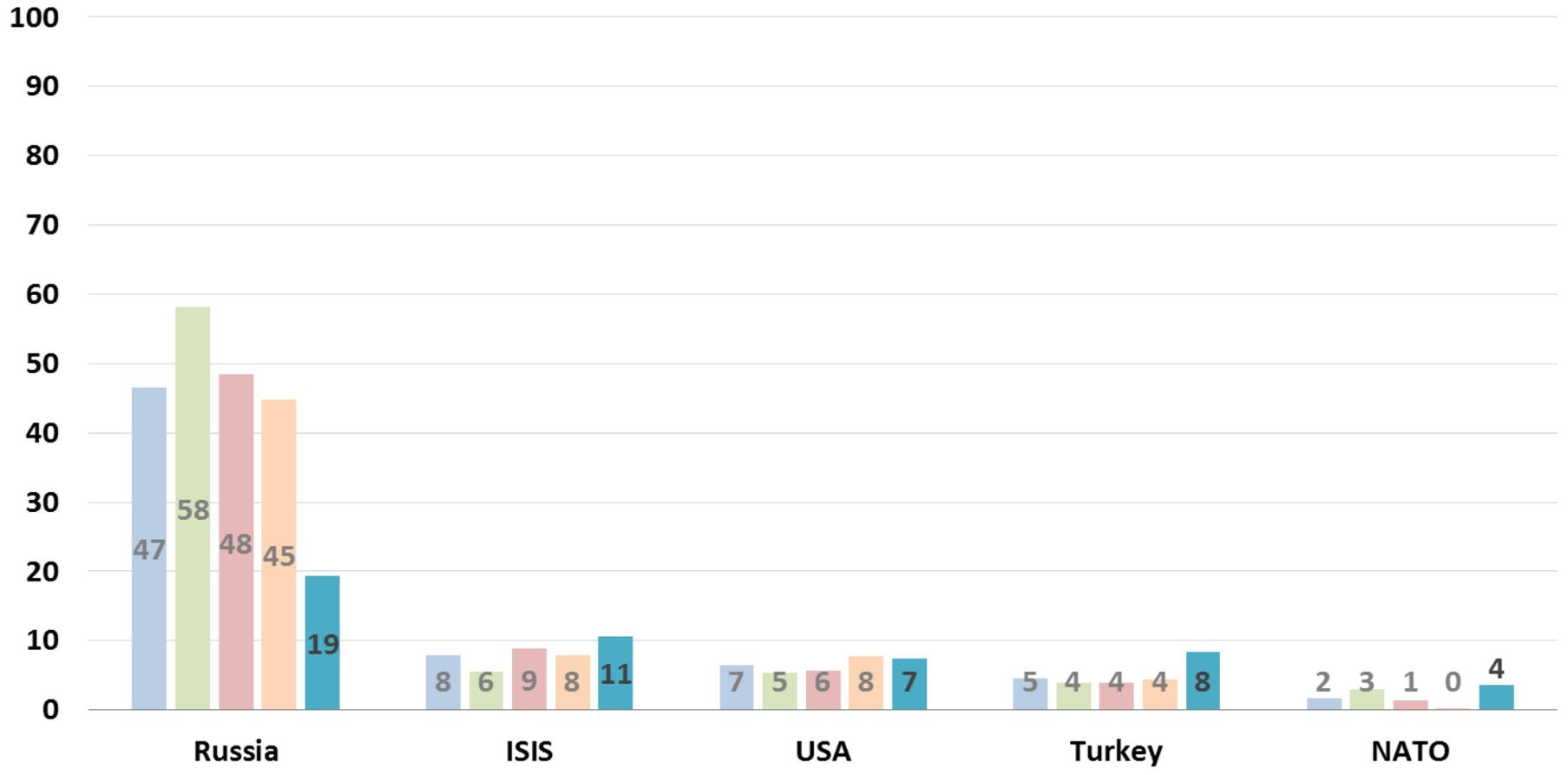


Which country or organization poses biggest threat to Georgia? (q45)

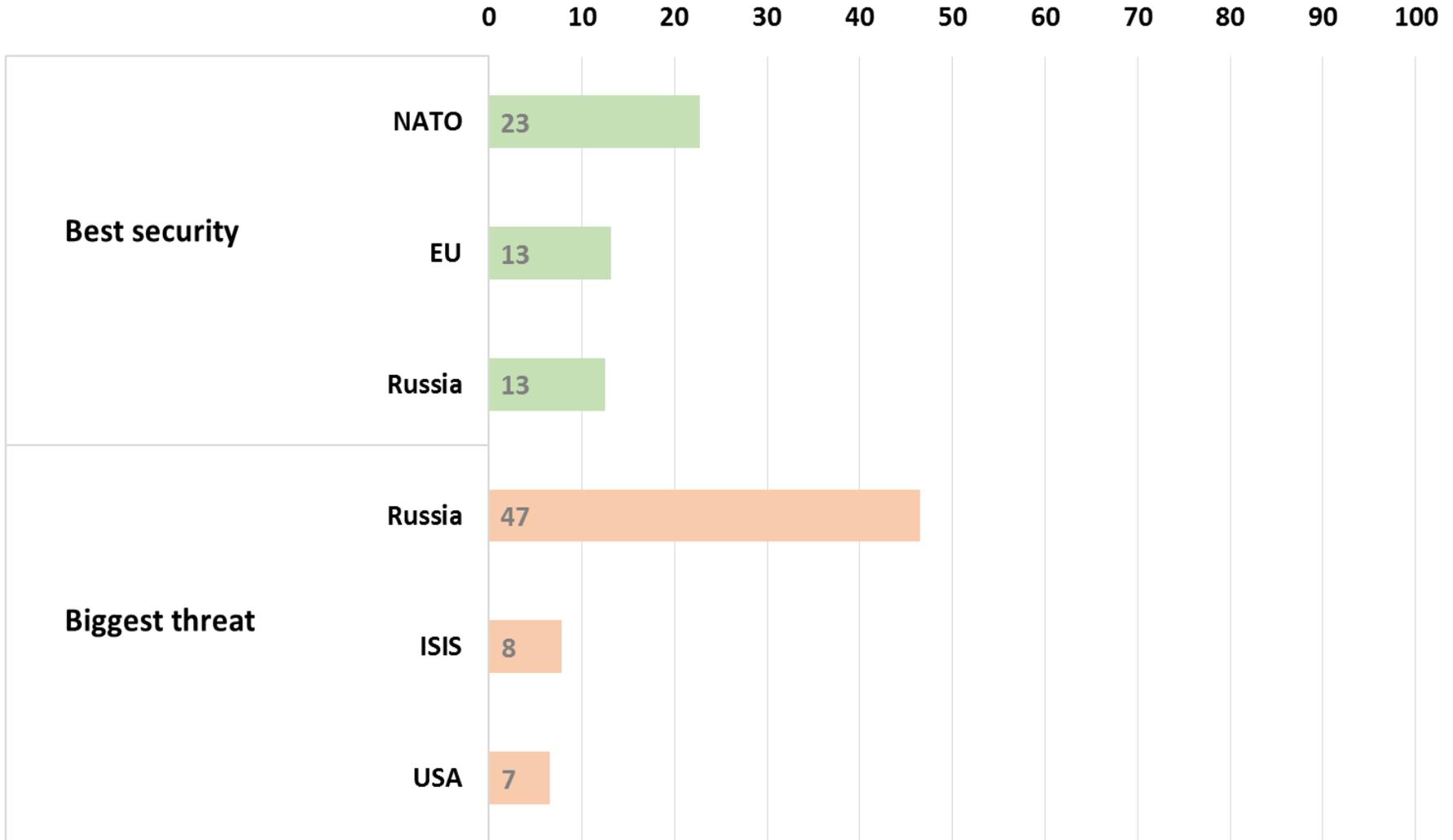


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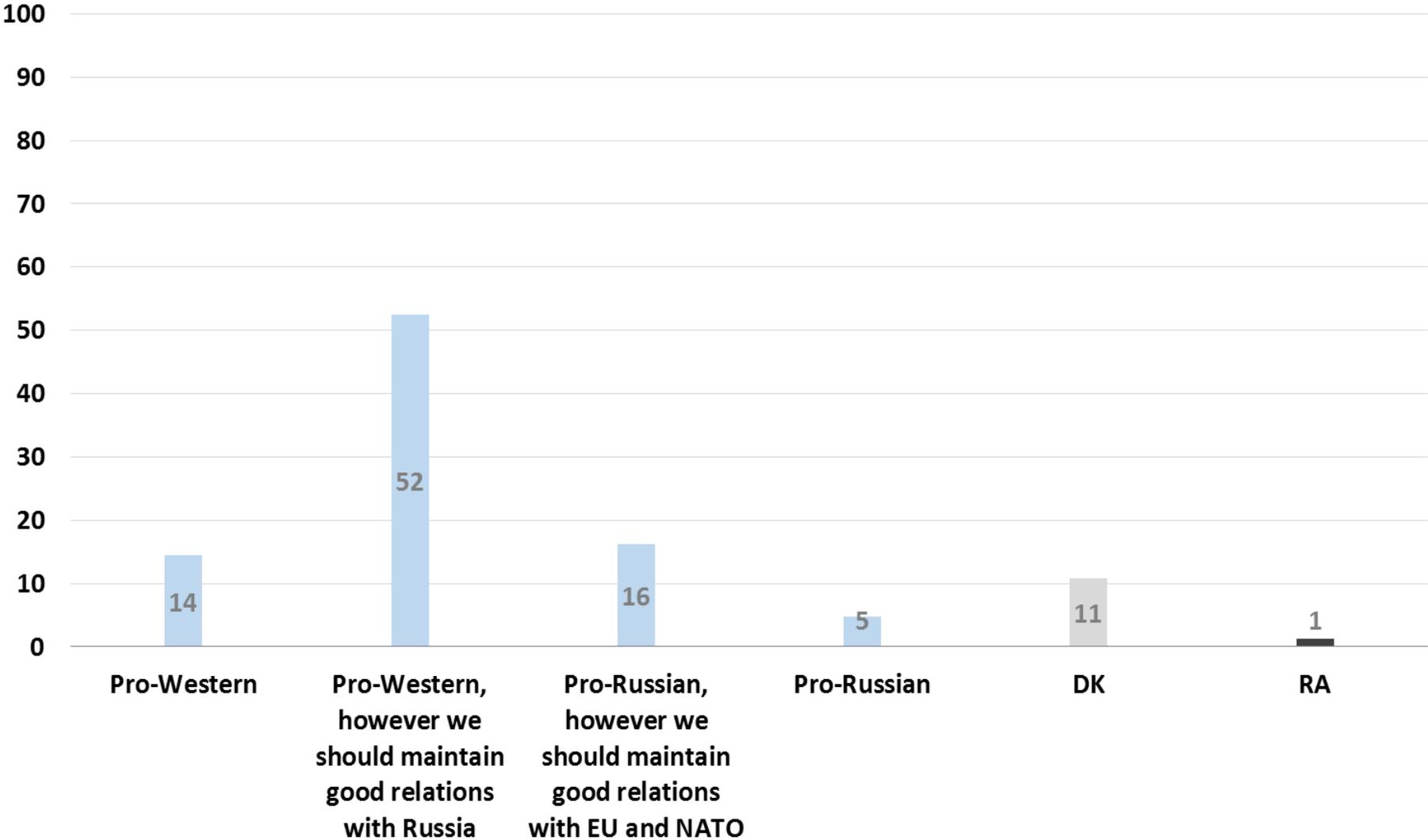
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Which country or entity/organization would offer Georgia best security/poses biggest threat to Georgia? (q44, q45)

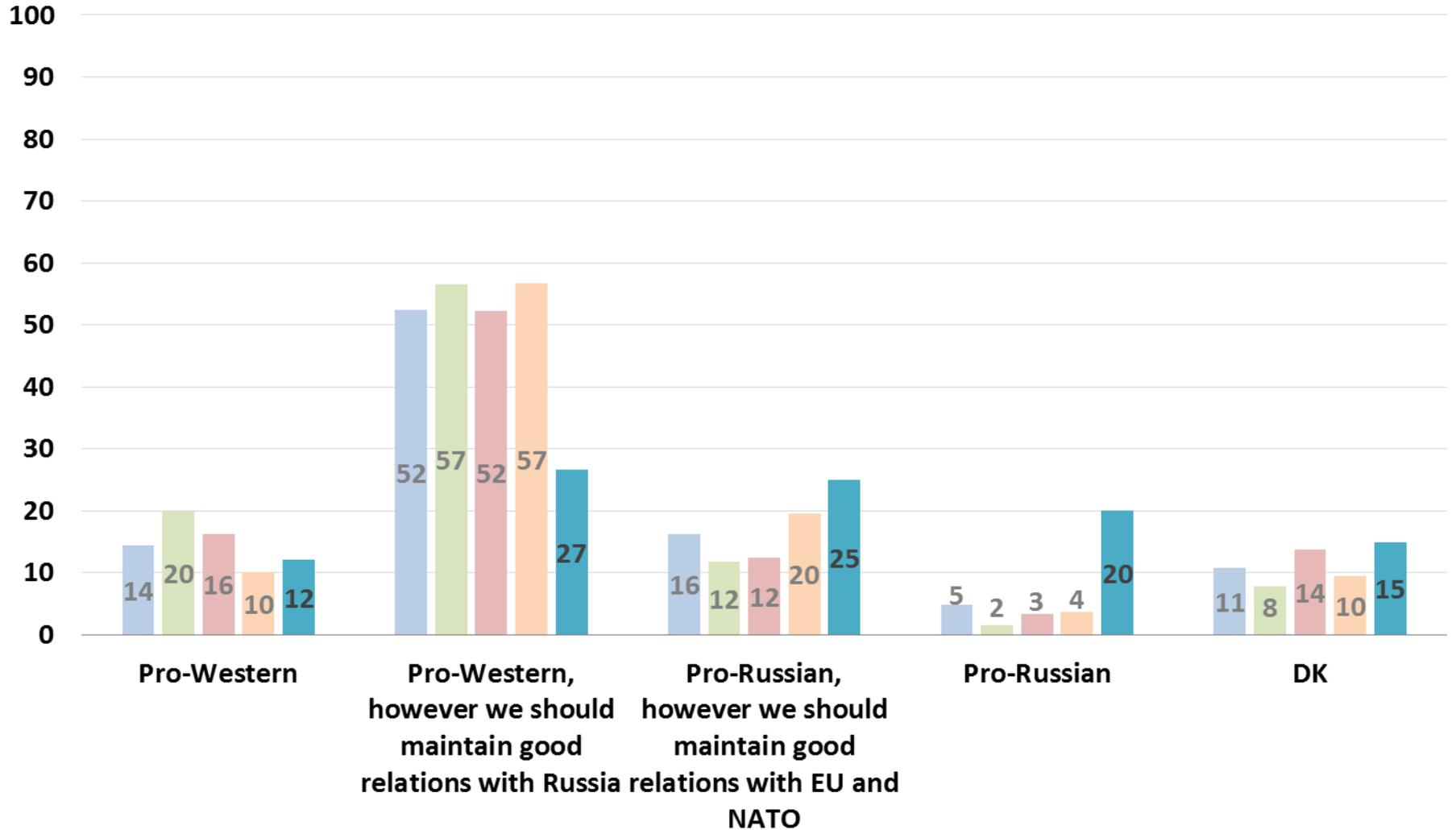


In your opinion, Georgia's foreign policy should be... (q48)



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