



Public attitudes in Georgia

Results of June 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;

About the poll

- Fieldwork dates: June 23 - Jul 8, 2018
- 2409 completed interviews (49% response rate)
- The average margin of error is +/- 1,9%
 - Note: the margin of error is different for every response

Sample

- 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.

About the poll

Methodology

We use random sampling at all stages. 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 with 18+ population, using tablets, in Georgian, Armenian and Azeri.

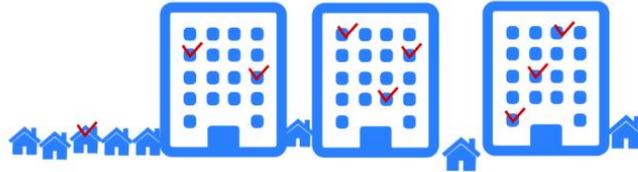
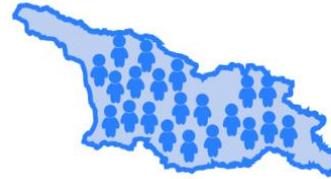
Quality control

- All interviewers received special training
- CRRC central office coordinators conducted quality control interviews

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...

3

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

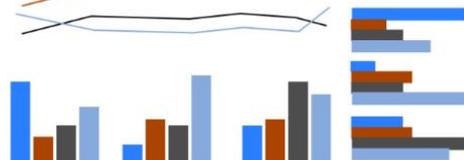
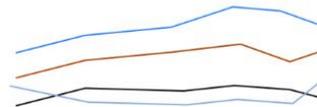


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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



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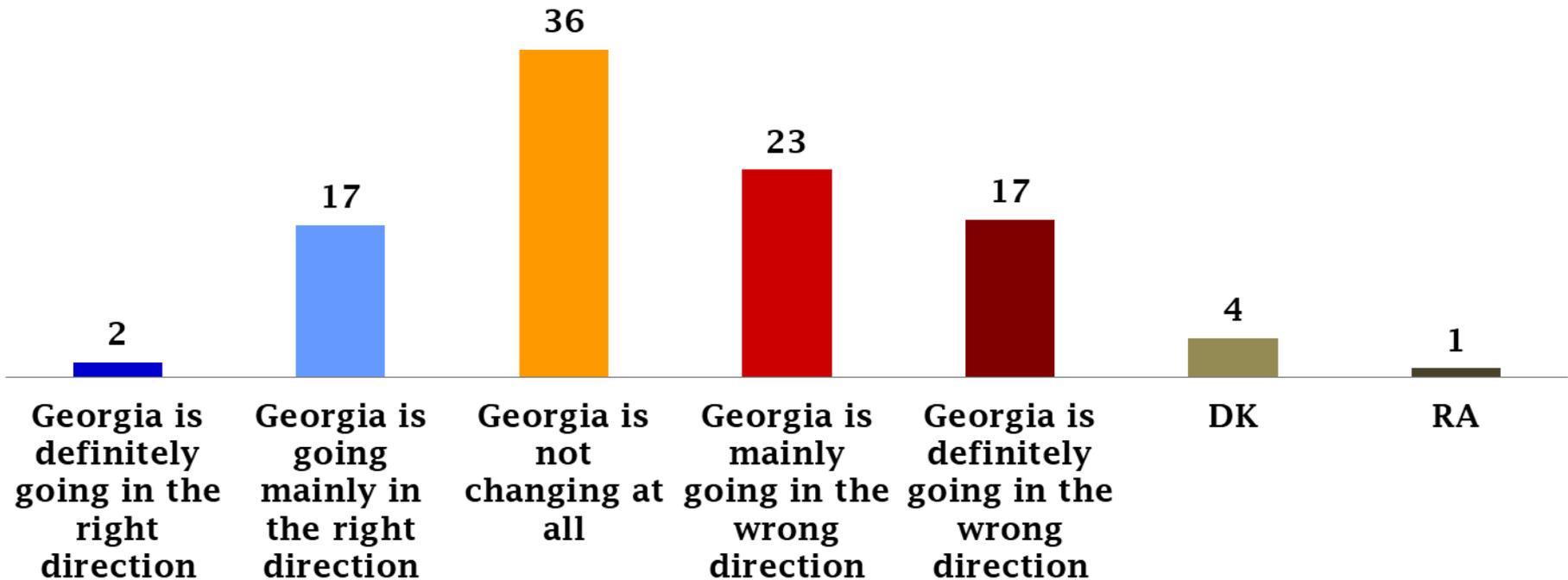
CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

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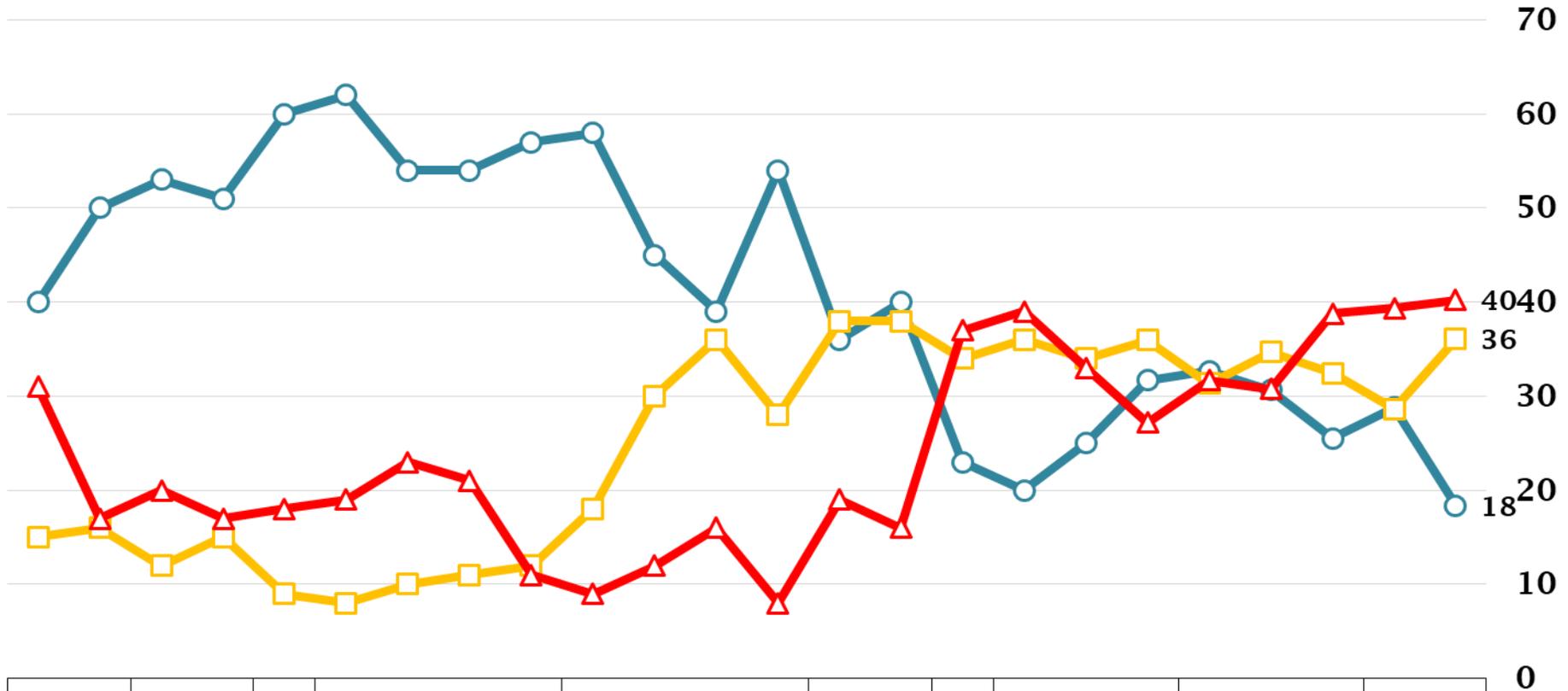
Country's Direction and National Issues

In which direction is Georgia going? (q2a)

Question was asked only to the half of the repondents



In which direction is Georgia going? (q2a)



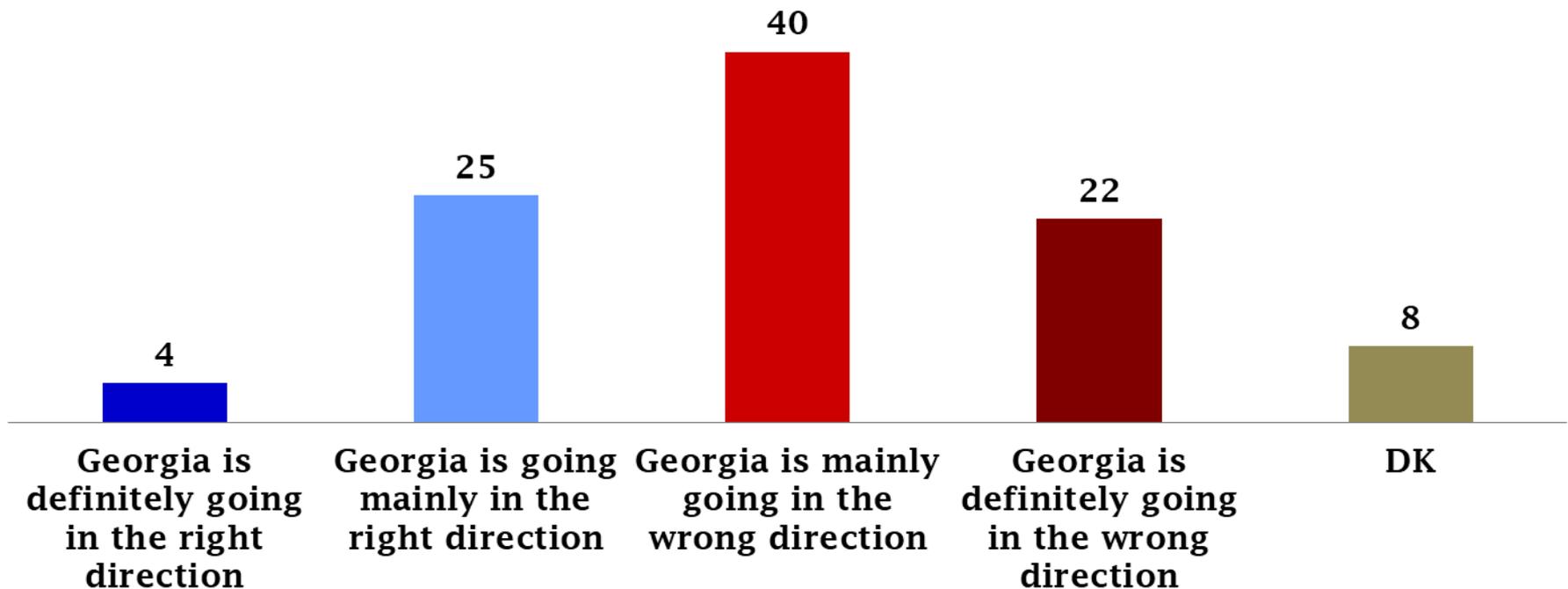
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- Georgia is going in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- ▲ Georgia is going in the wrong direction

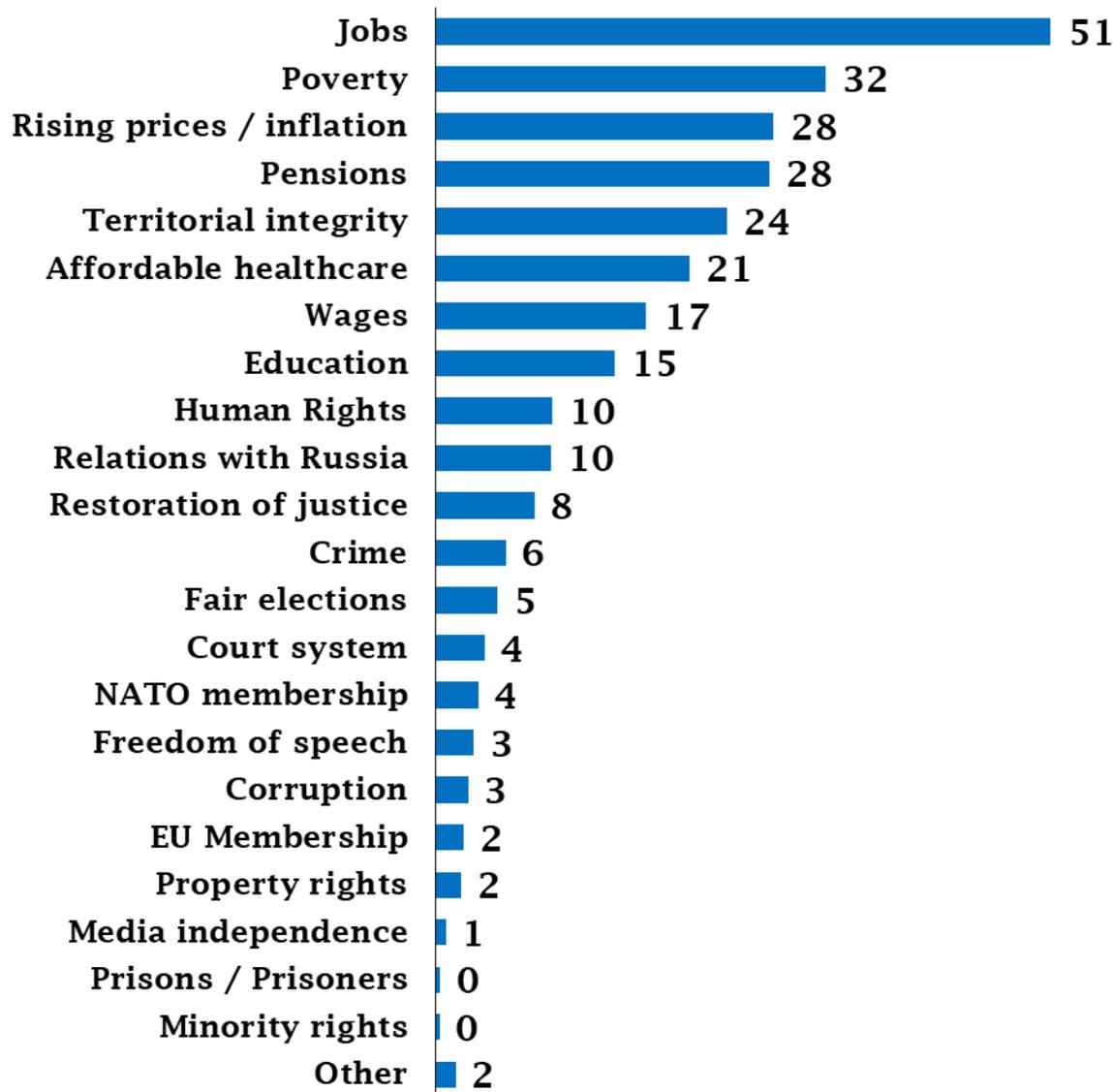
In which direction is Georgia going? (q2b)

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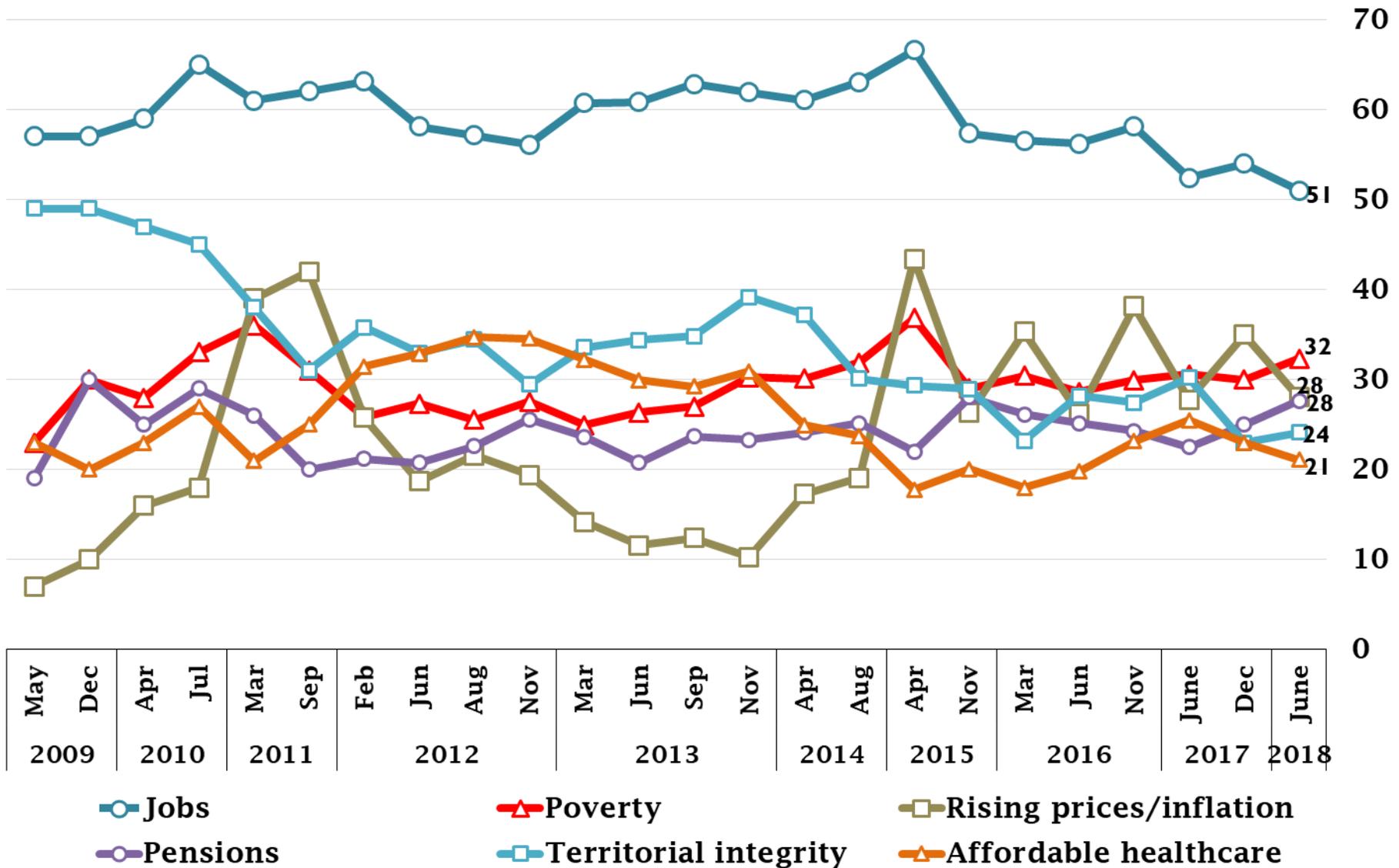
In this version of the question we did not offer middle option ("Georgia not changing at all")



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



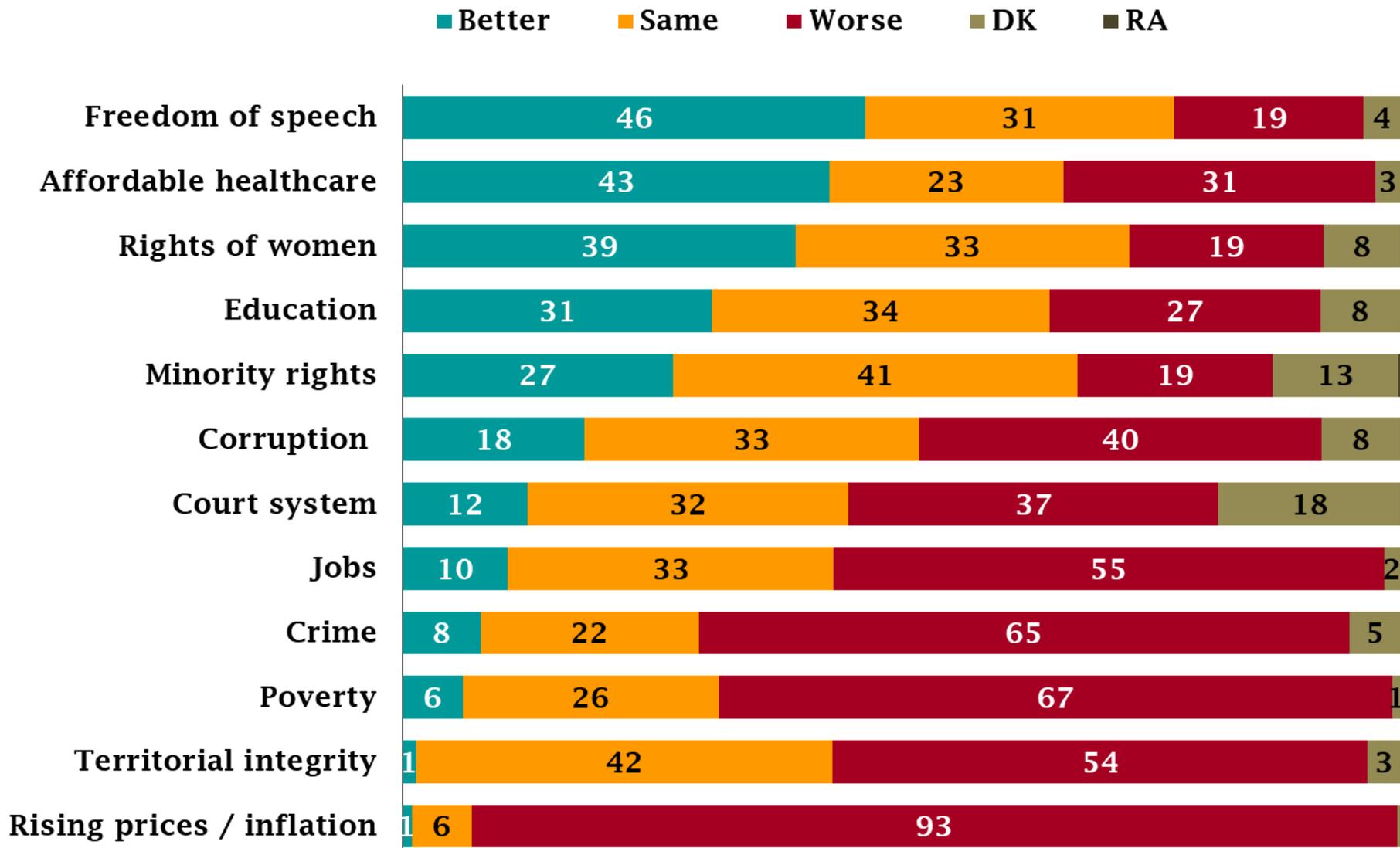
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Most important national issues. Name up to three (q1) Tbilisi

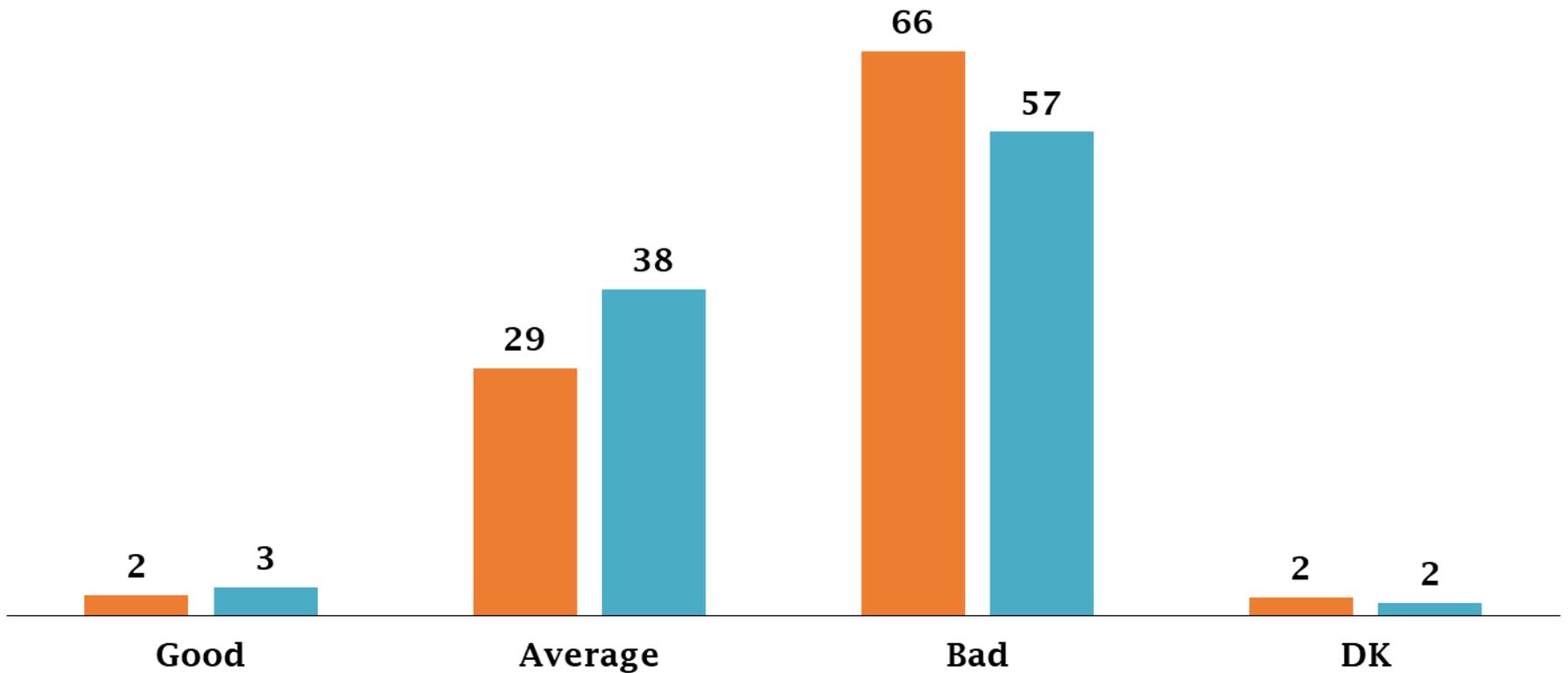


For each issue how do you think the situation has changed in Georgia in the last 10 years? (q3)

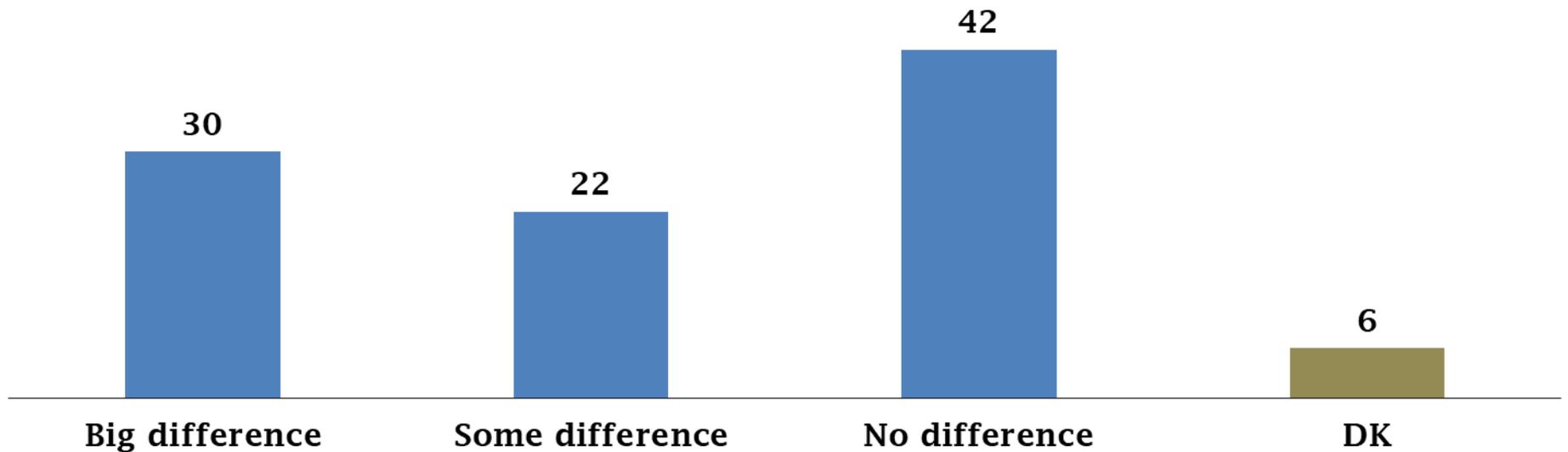


How would you evaluate current situation of Georgia's economy? (q6)

■ March 2016 ■ June 2018



Do you think which party is in government makes a big difference, some difference or no difference for the health of the economy? (q16)



In the last month, have you worked at least one paid day? (q64)

Original wording of the question:
"In the last month, how many paid days have you worked?"

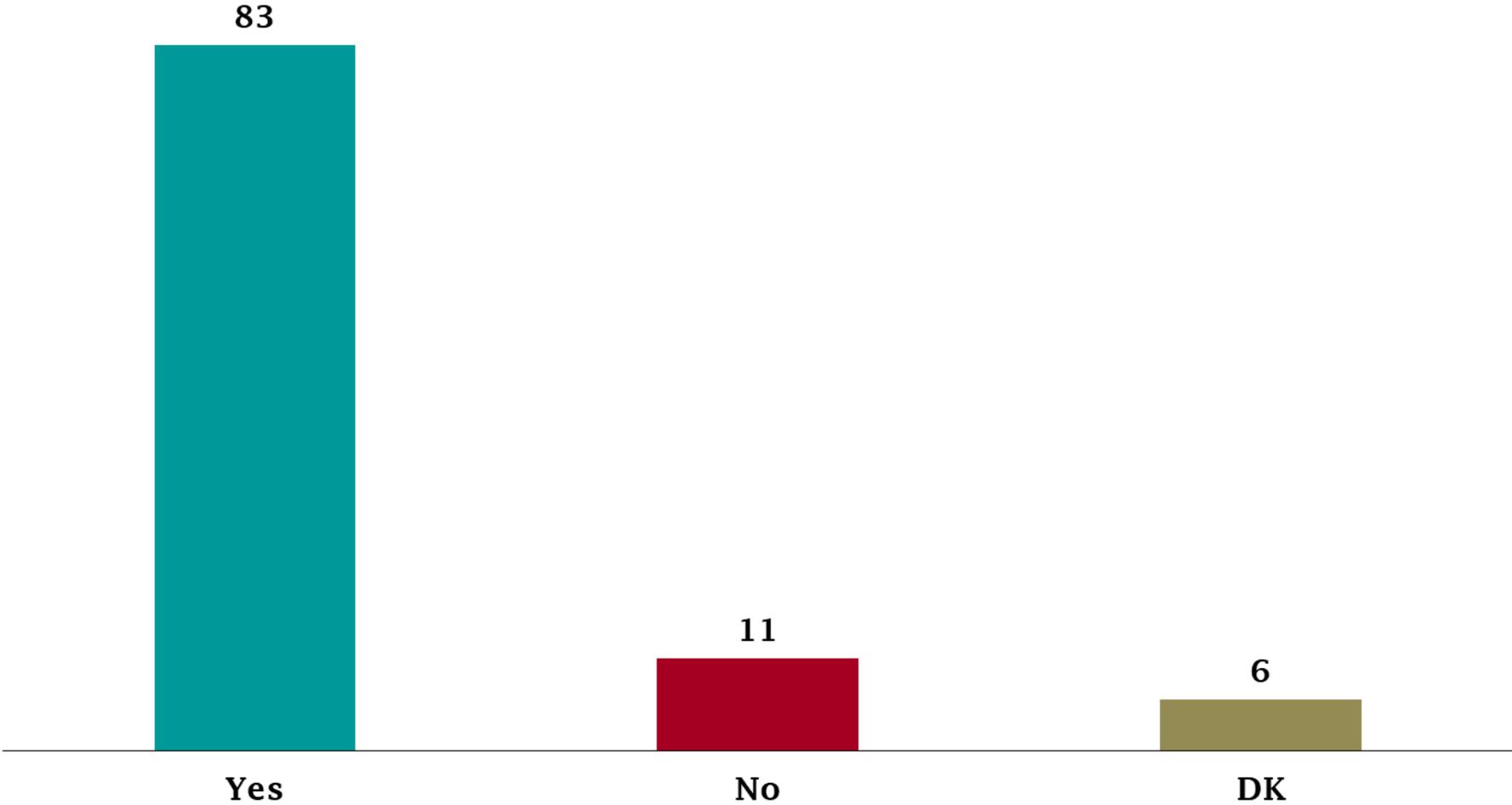


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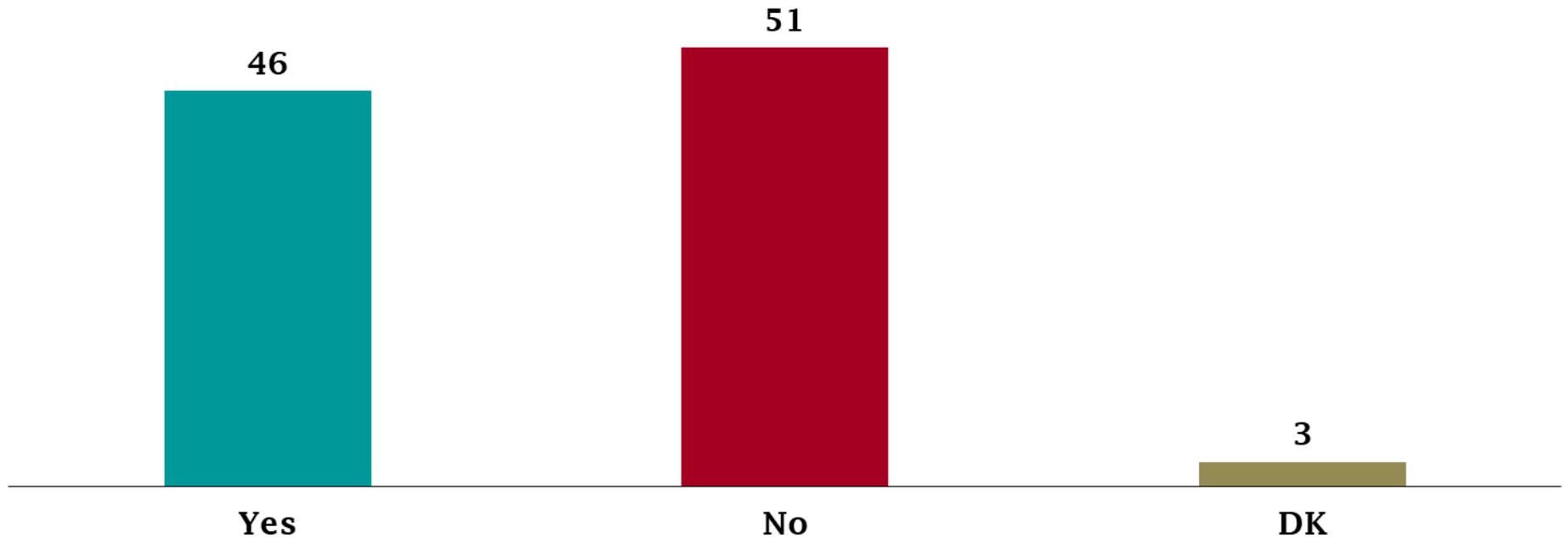


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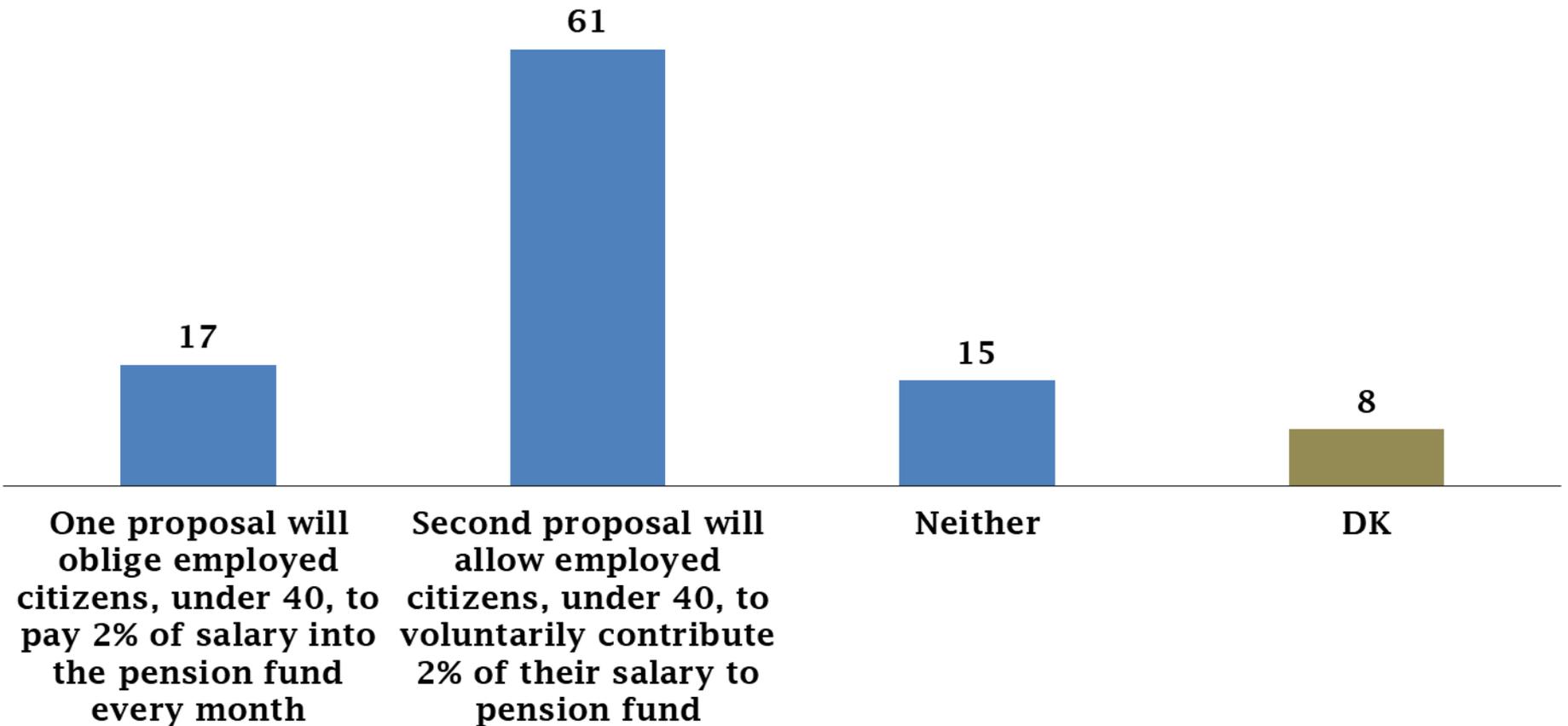
Do you expect to have the same amount of working days next month? (q65) - of the 39% who have worked at least a day in the last month



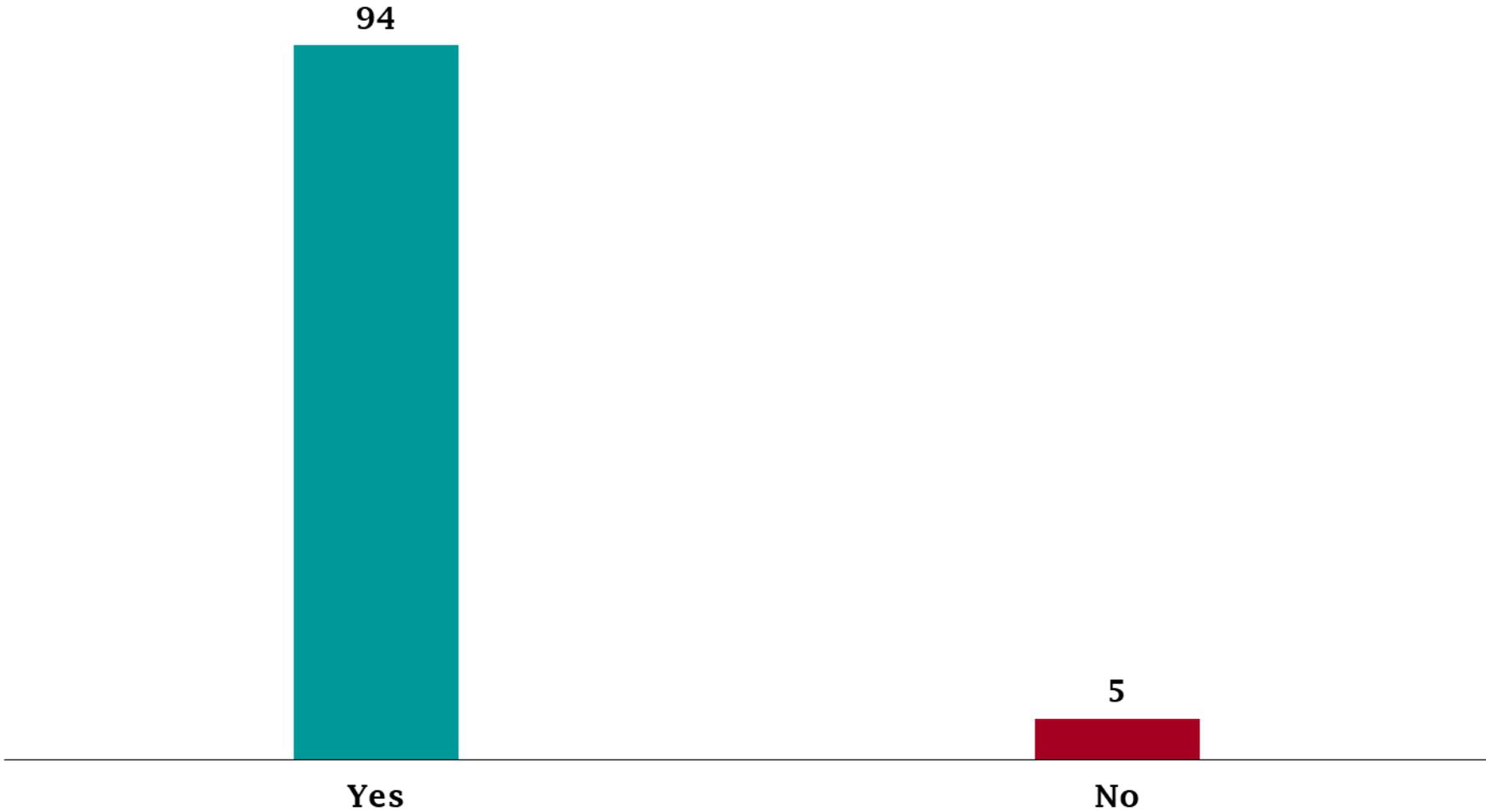
**The parliament is currently discussing a bill about pension reform. Have you heard about this reform?
(q18)**



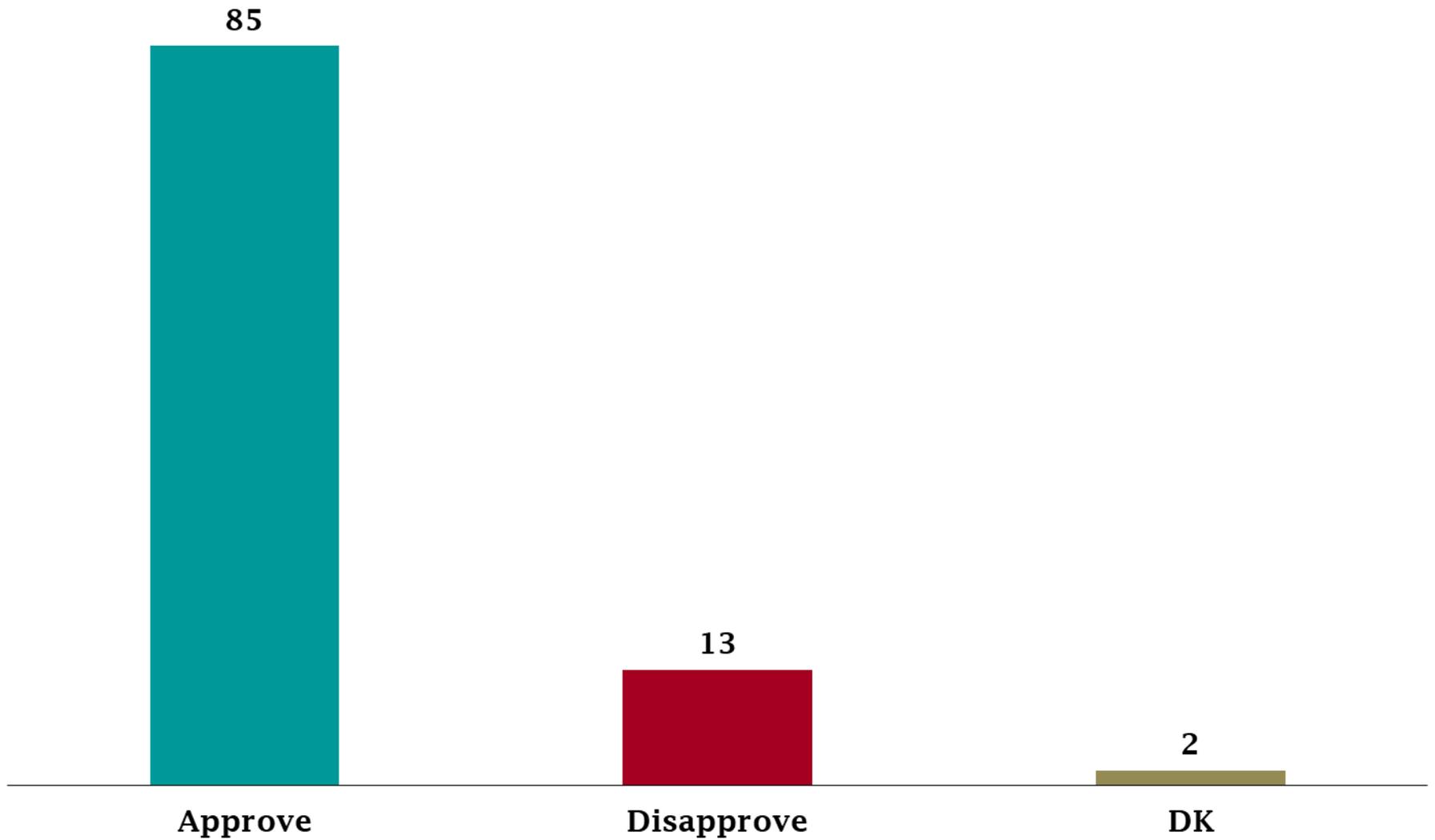
**Which of the following two proposals do you approve?
(q19)**



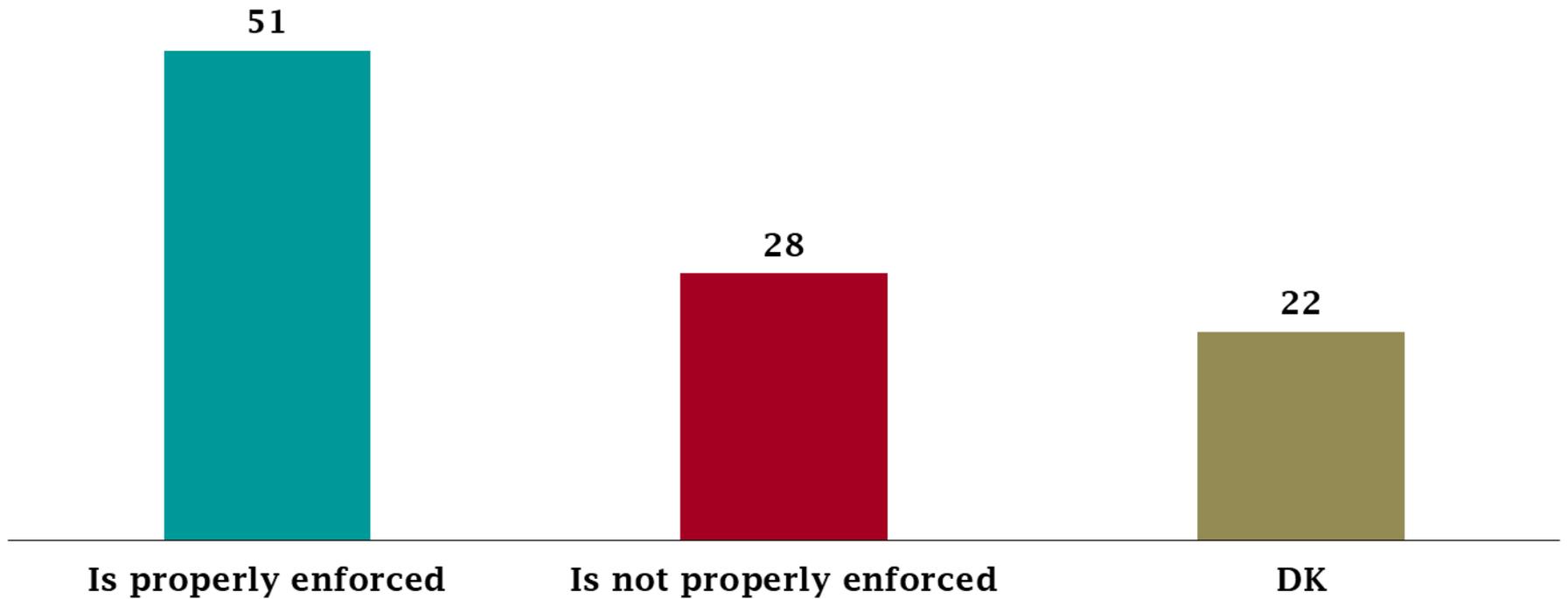
**Parliament of Georgia adopted a law to ban smoking in all bars, restaurants and other public spaces in Georgia, which took effect on May 1, 2018. Were you aware?
(q31)**



Do you approve or disapprove of this ban? (q32)



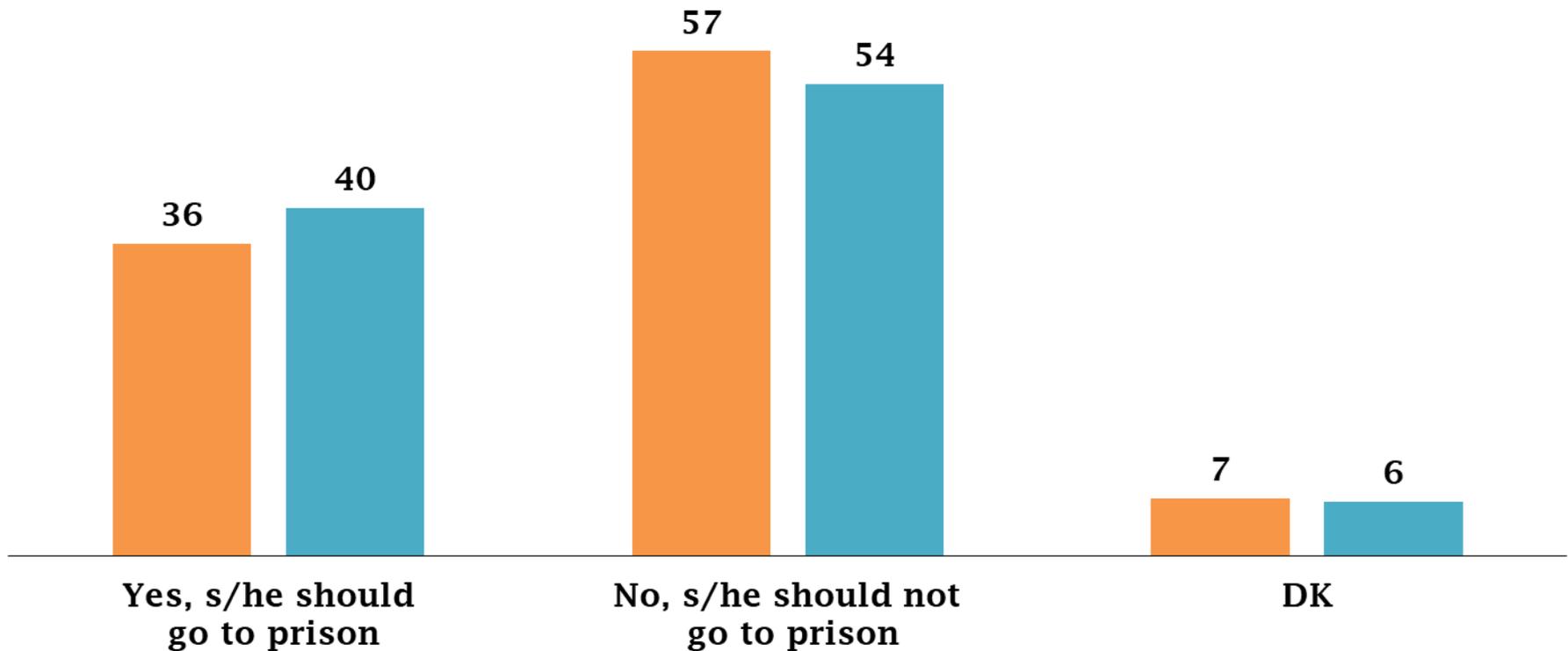
Looking around you, do you think this law is properly enforced? (q33)



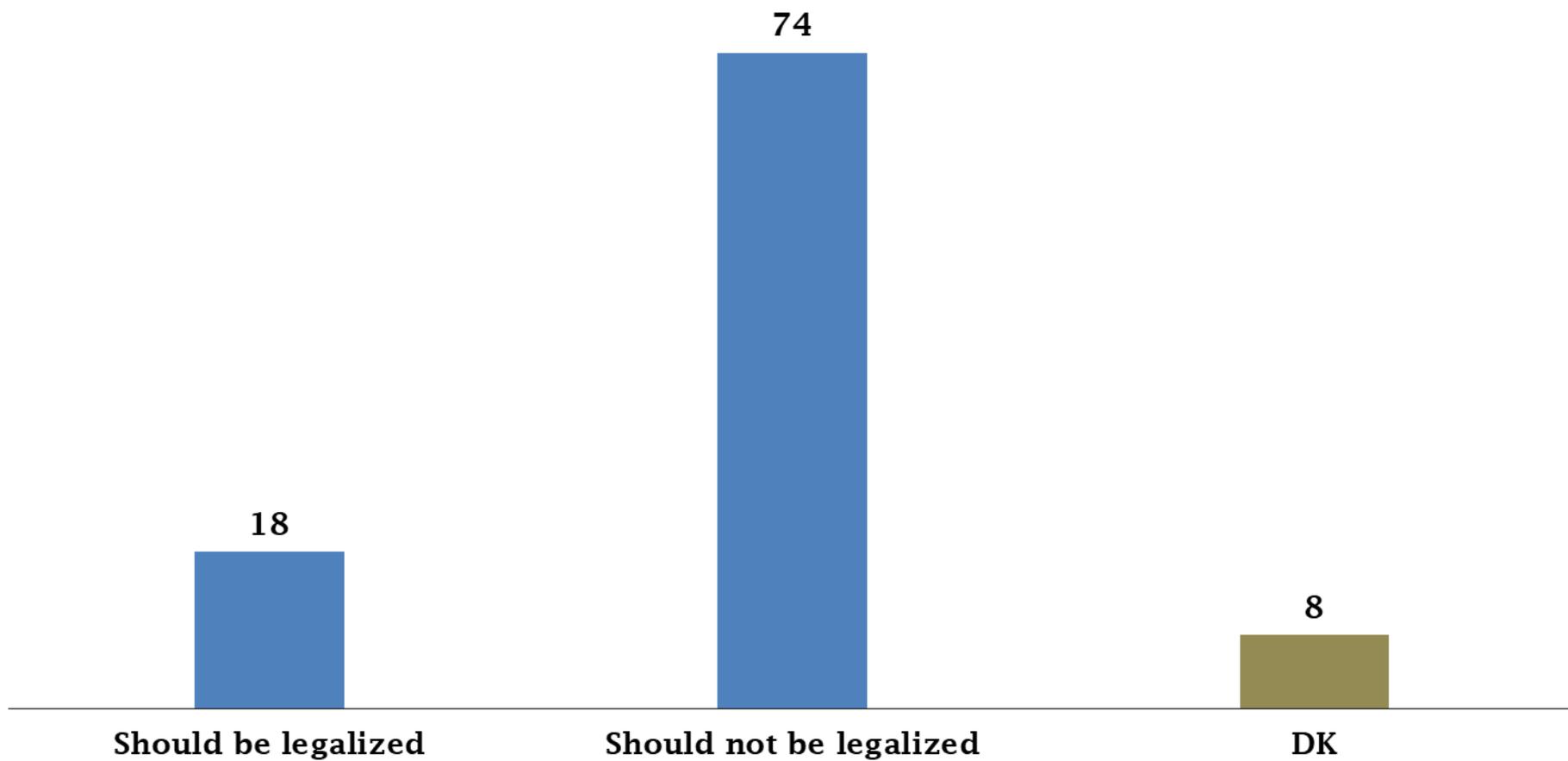
Should a person go to prison for personal use of any kind of drug (marijuana, intravenous, pills etc.)? (q34a)

■ June 2017 ■ June 2018

Question was asked only to the half of the respondents in June 2018



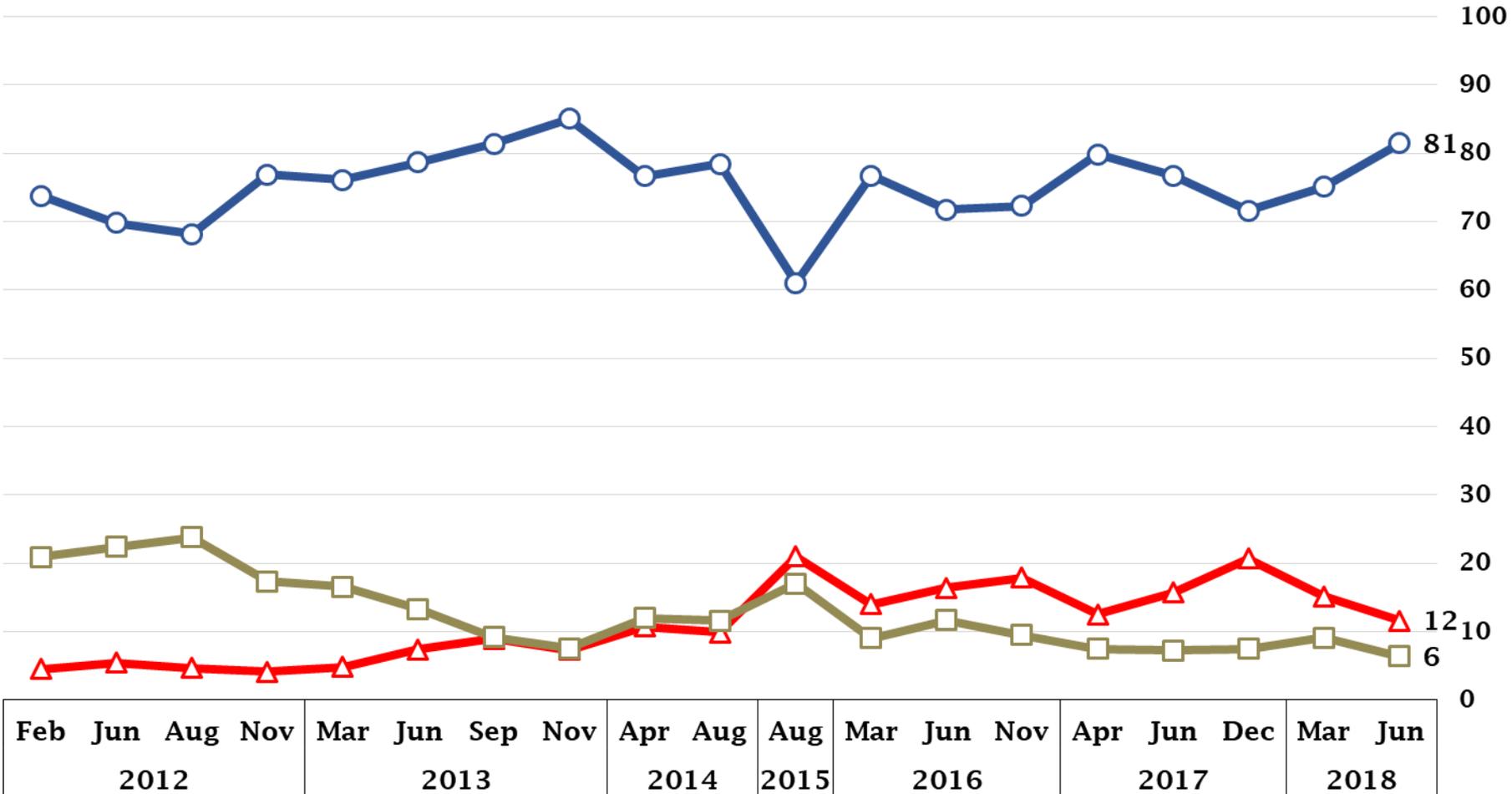
Do you believe Marijuana should or should not be legalized in Georgia? (q35)



Foreign policy

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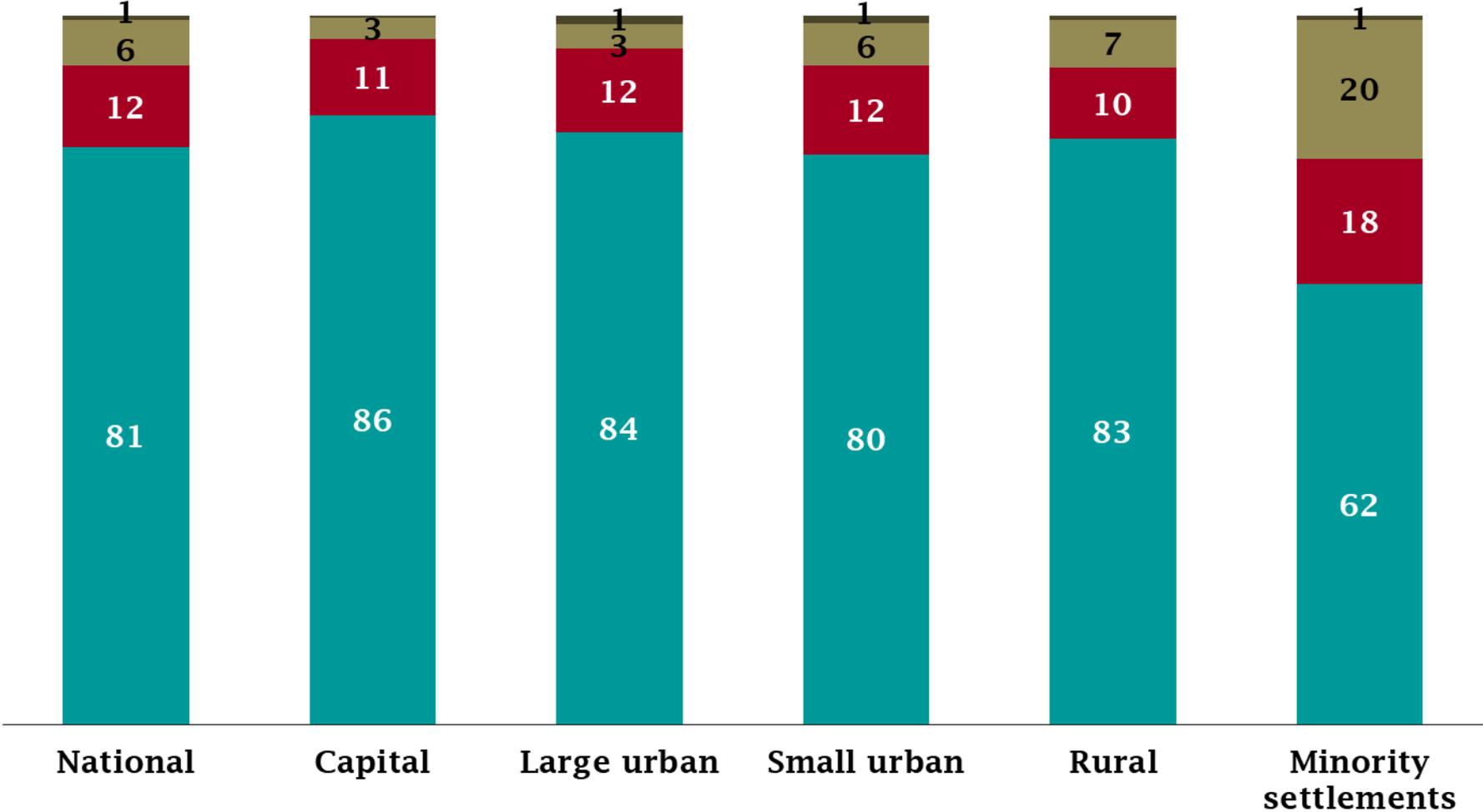
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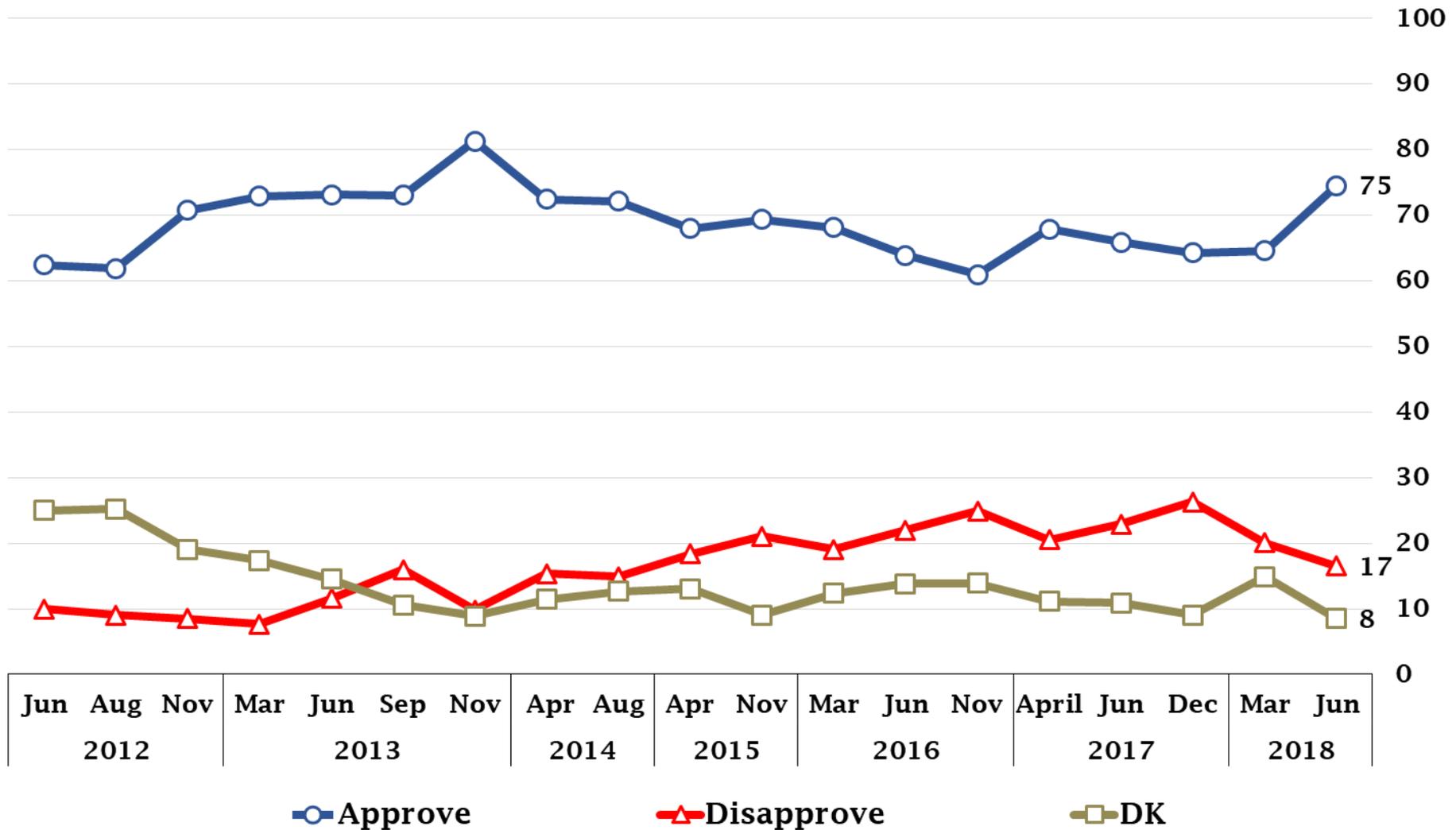
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Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q44 X Settlement)

■ Approve ■ Disapprove ■ DK ■ RA

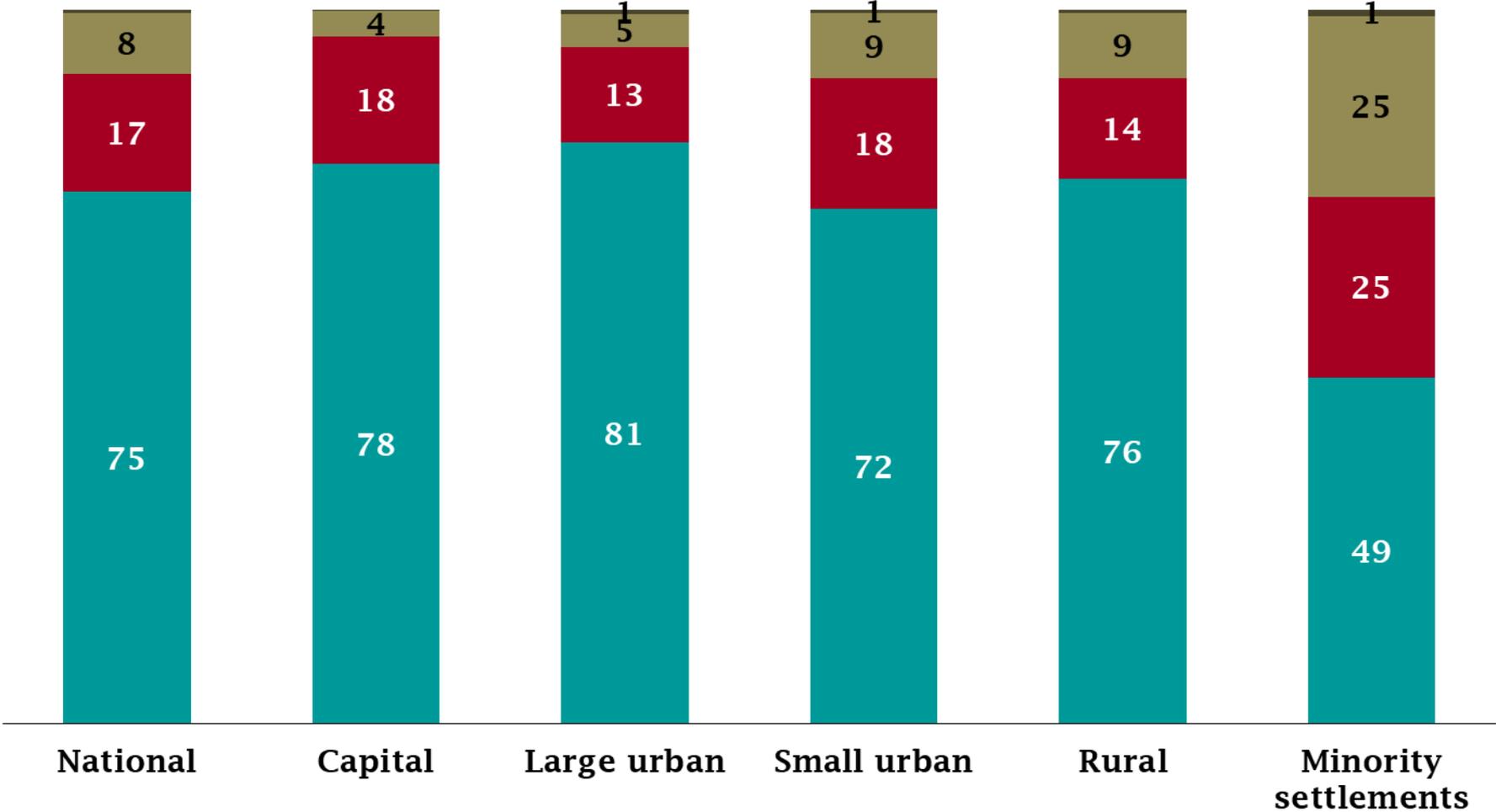


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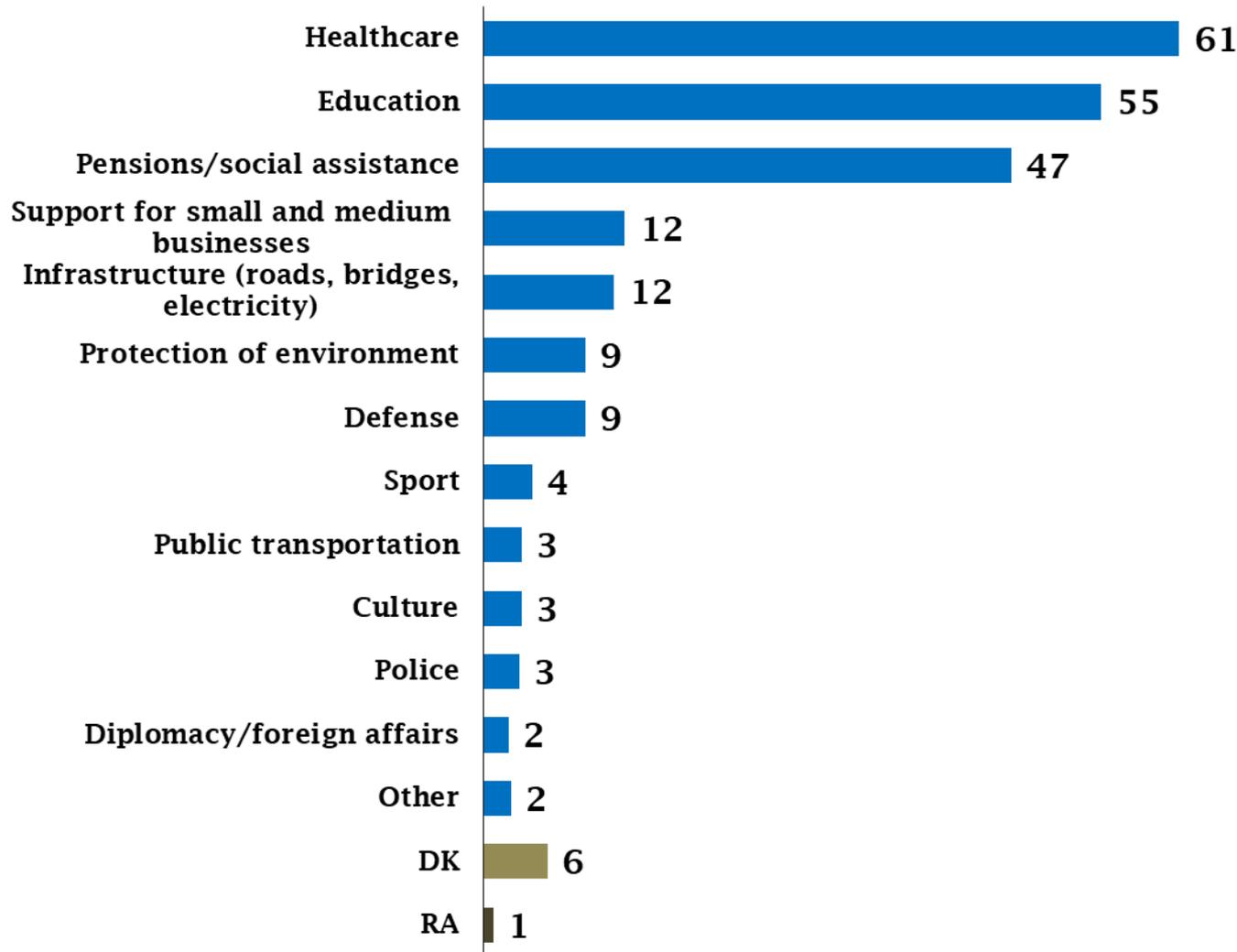
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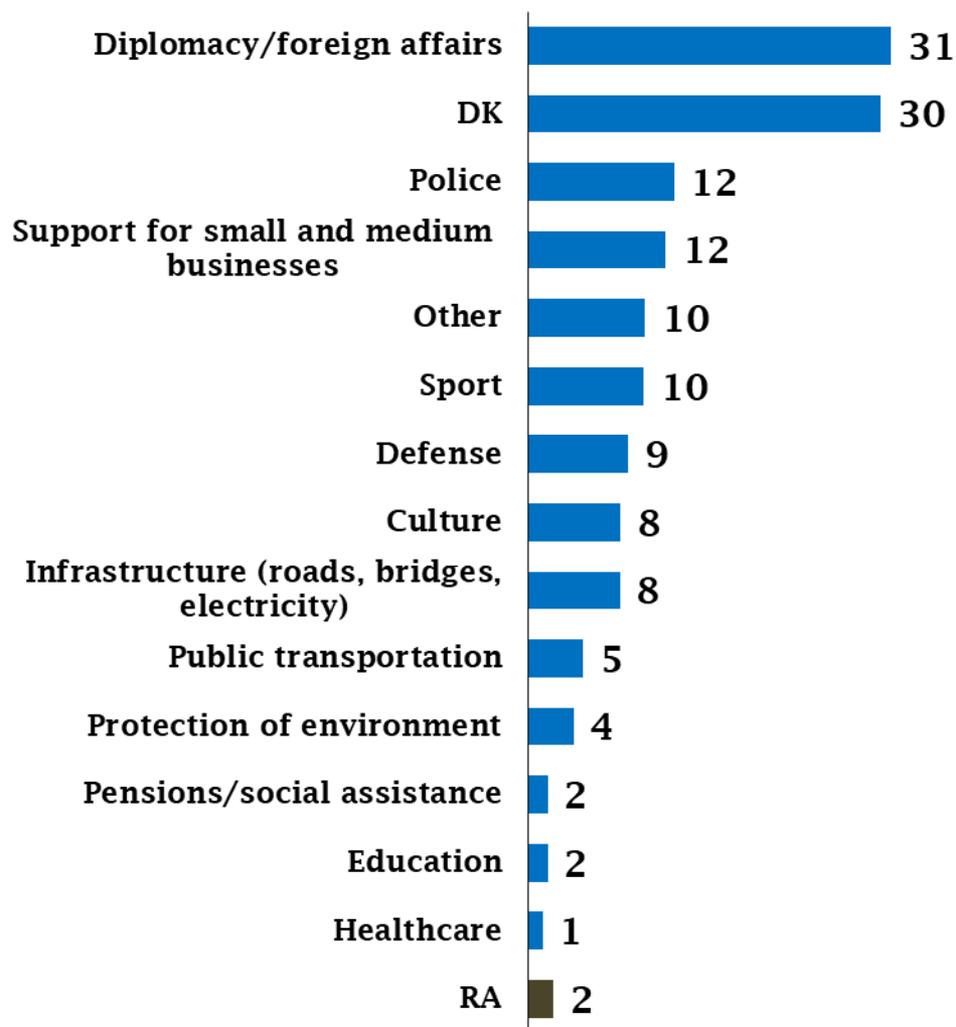
Budget priorities

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Government budget is limited. What are your top three priorities for spending, understanding it means cutting elsewhere? Name up to three (q14)

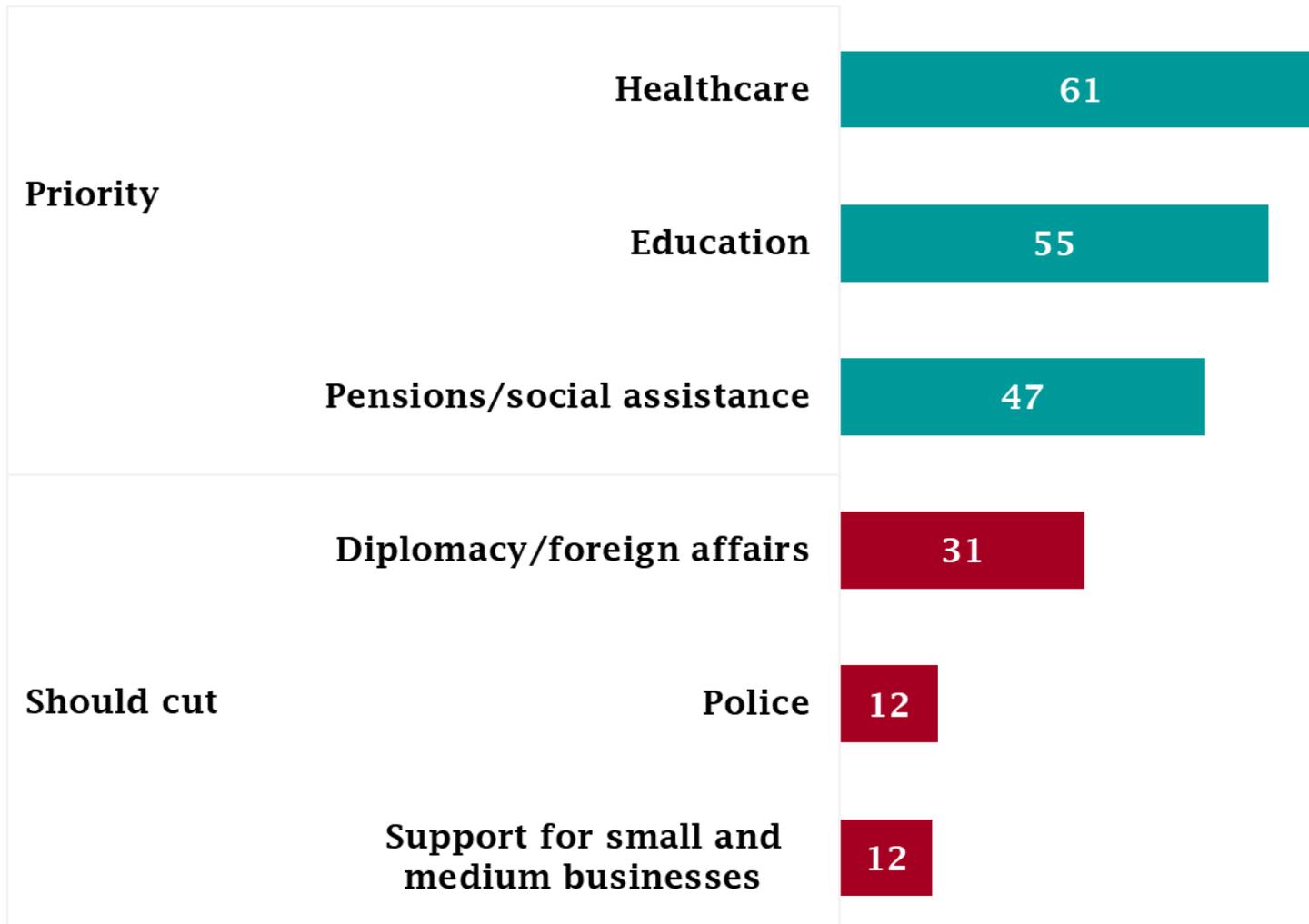


Where would you cut money to get money for the things you chose in the previous question? Name up to three (q15)

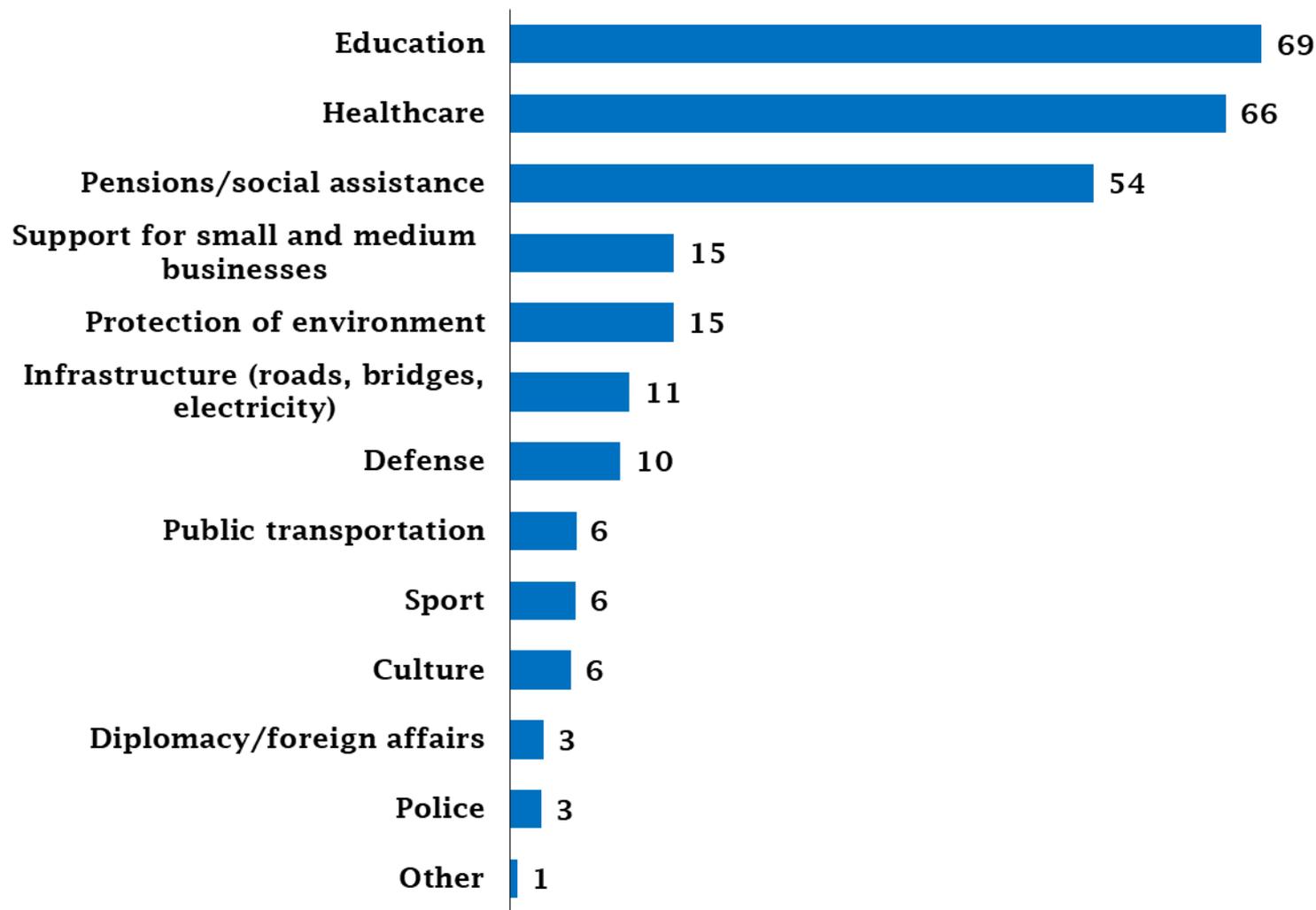


Spending on salaries of public officials, parliamentarians and bureaucracy were named in other.

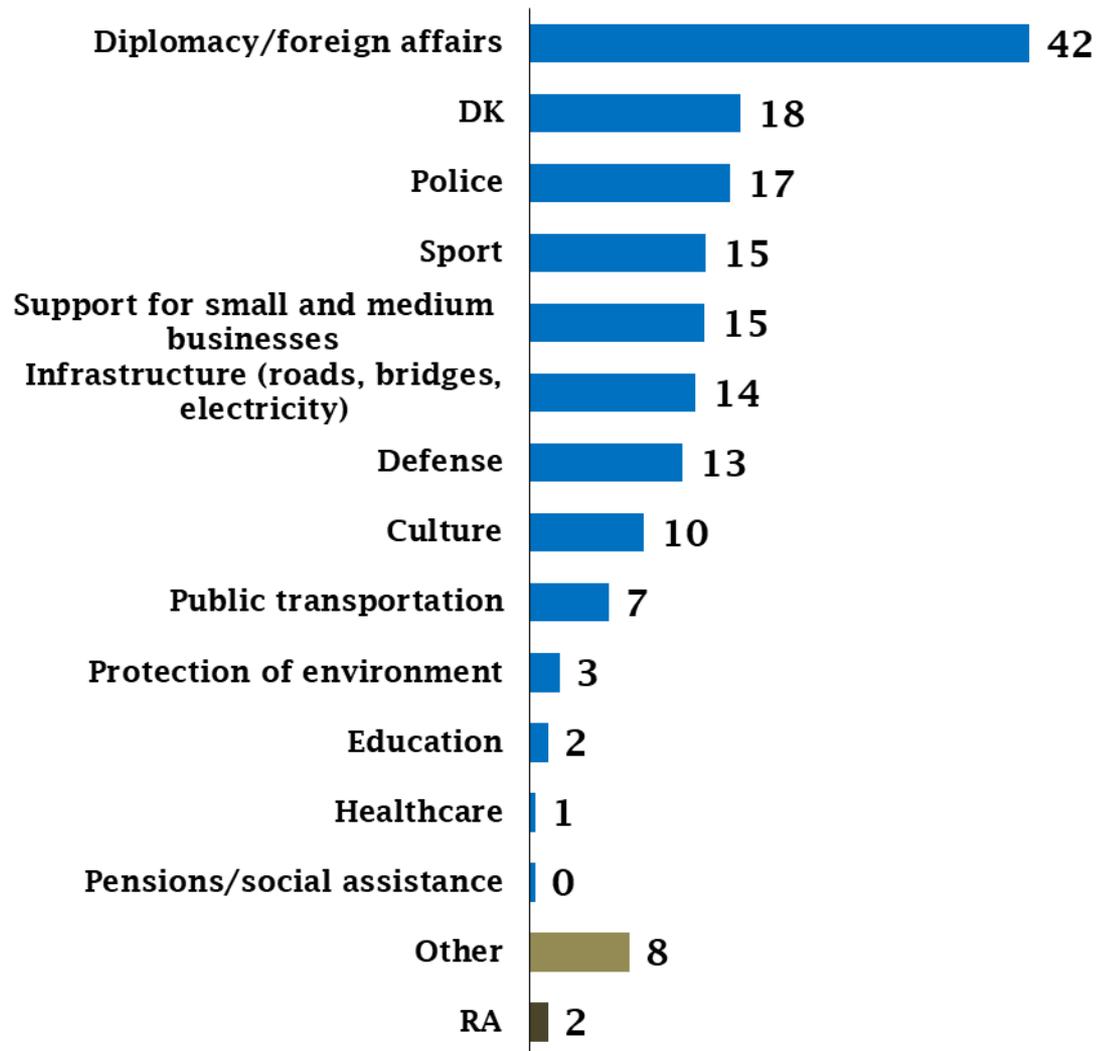
What are your top three priorities for spending? Where would you cut money to get money for the things you chose in the previous question? (q14, q15)



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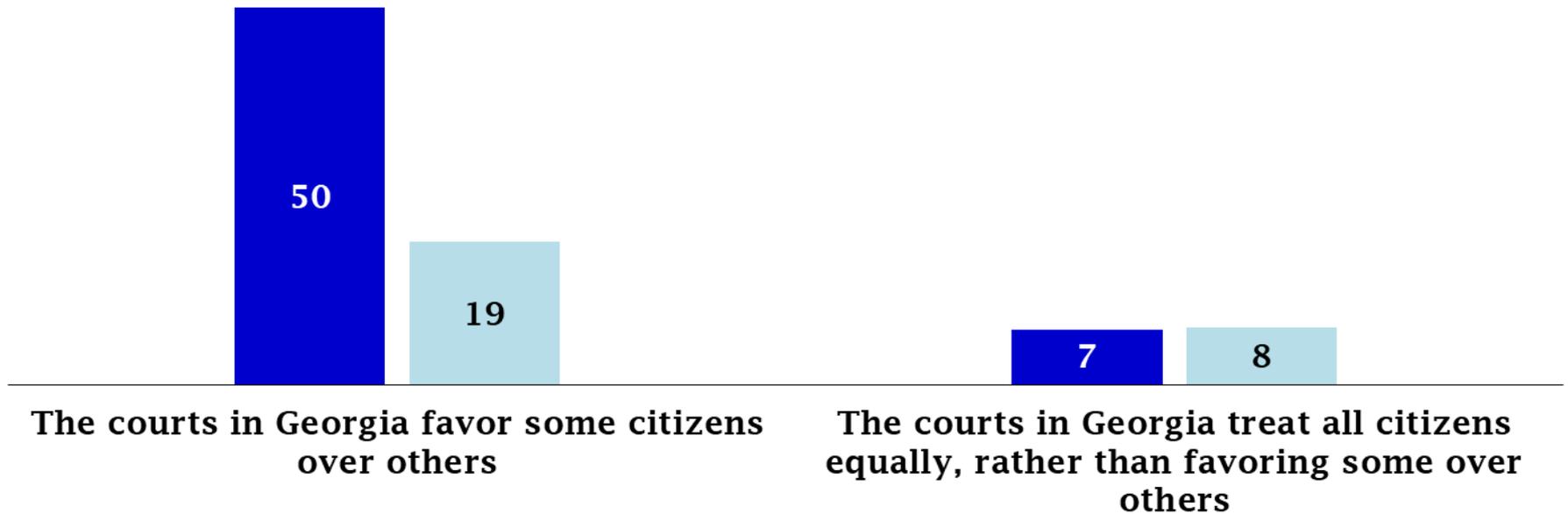


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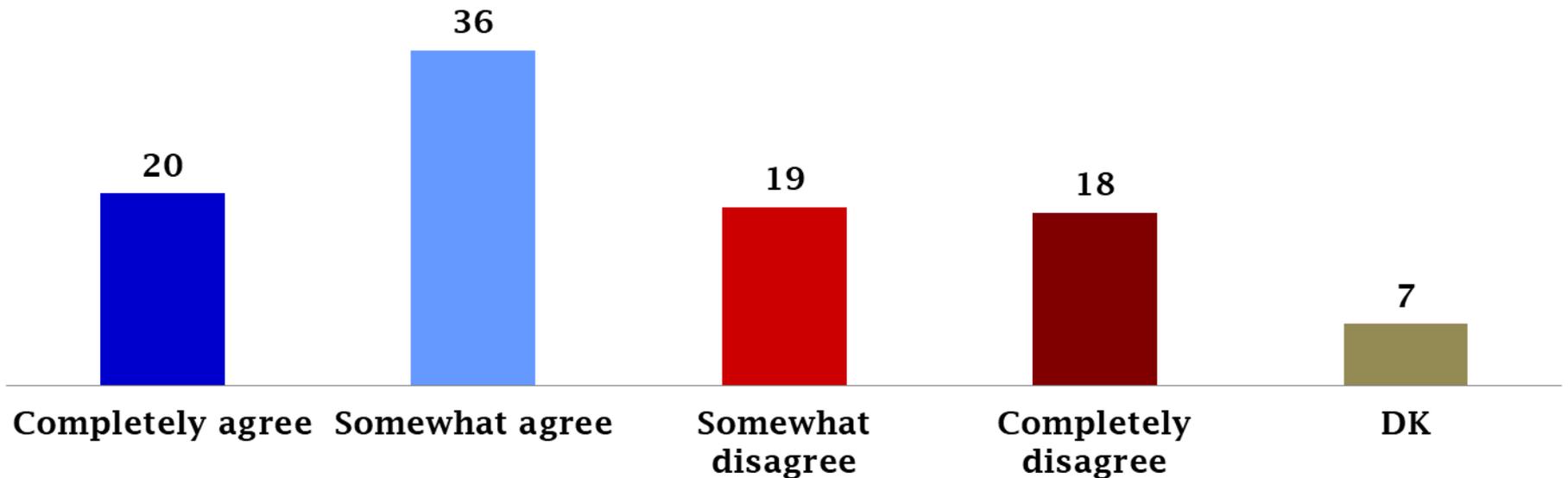
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Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q41)

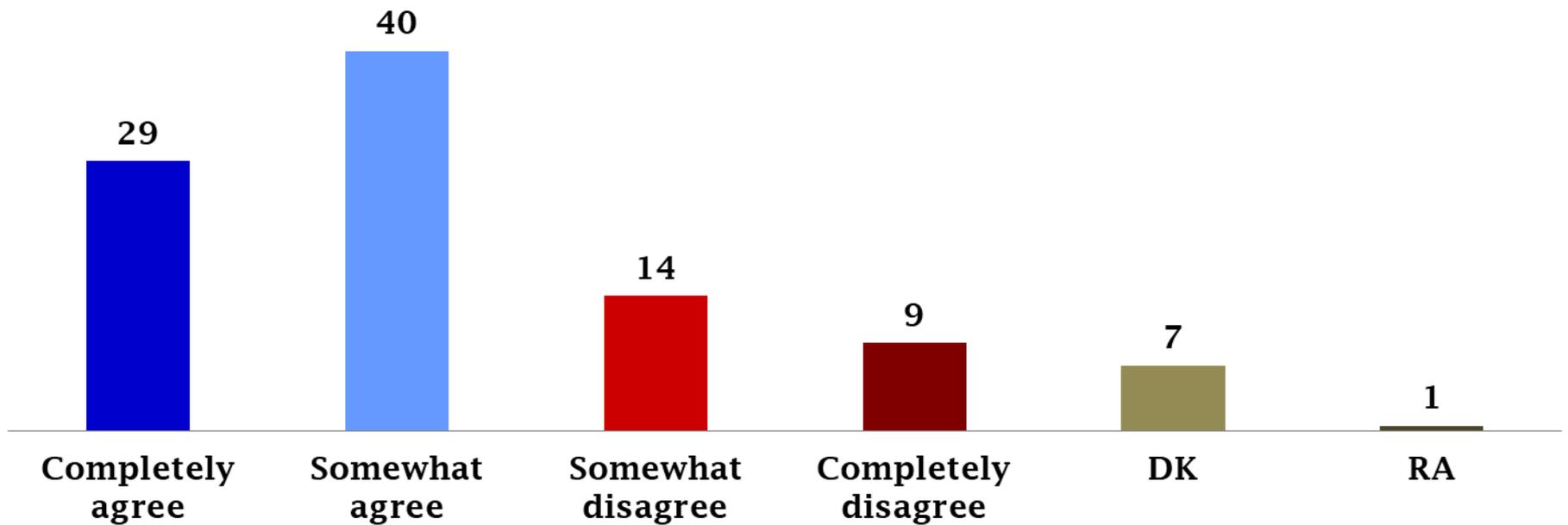
■ Agree strongly ■ Agree



How much do you agree or disagree that people should have a right to say and write whatever they want, as long it is not calling for violence, regardless of how hateful and offensive it may be to certain groups? (q4)



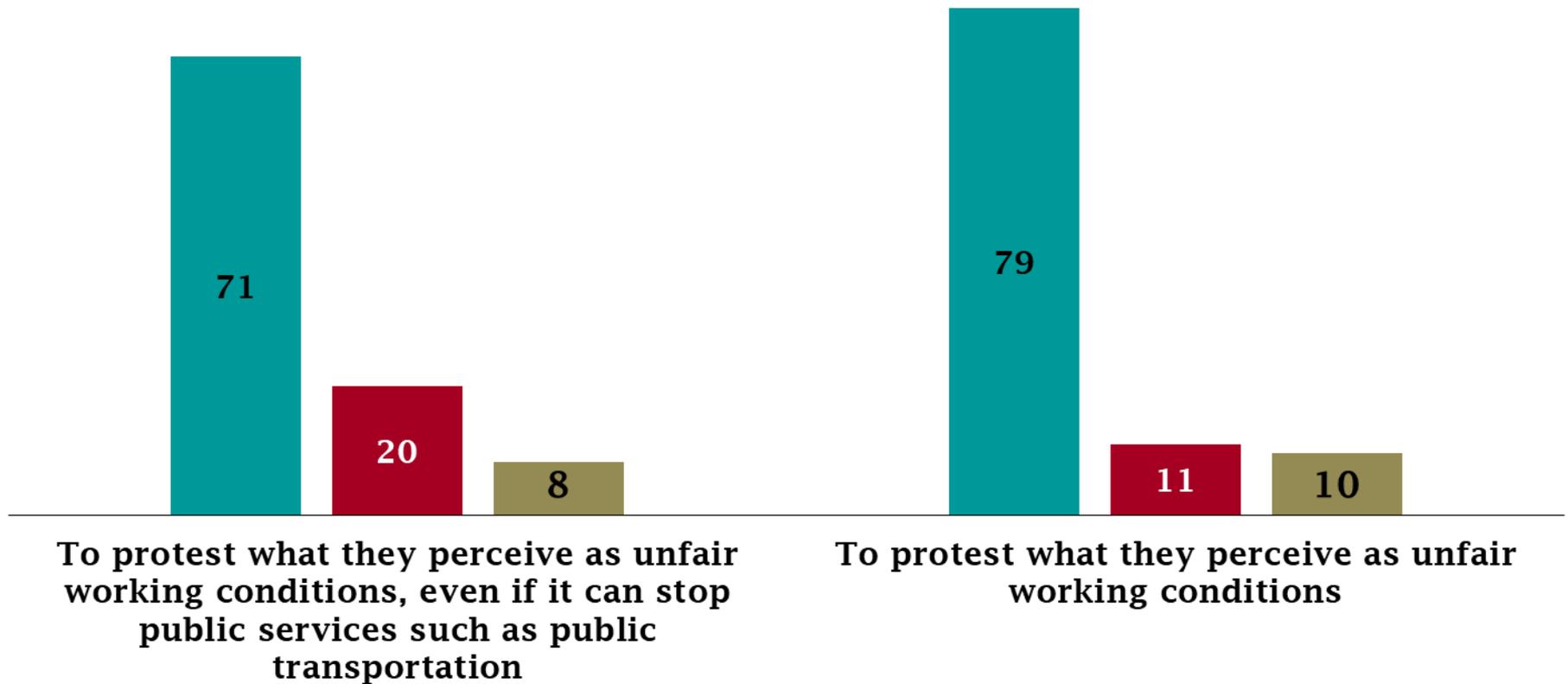
How much do you agree or disagree that government should restrict certain types of speech that is offensive to certain groups? (q5)



Would you support or oppose workers striking ...? (q17a, q17b)

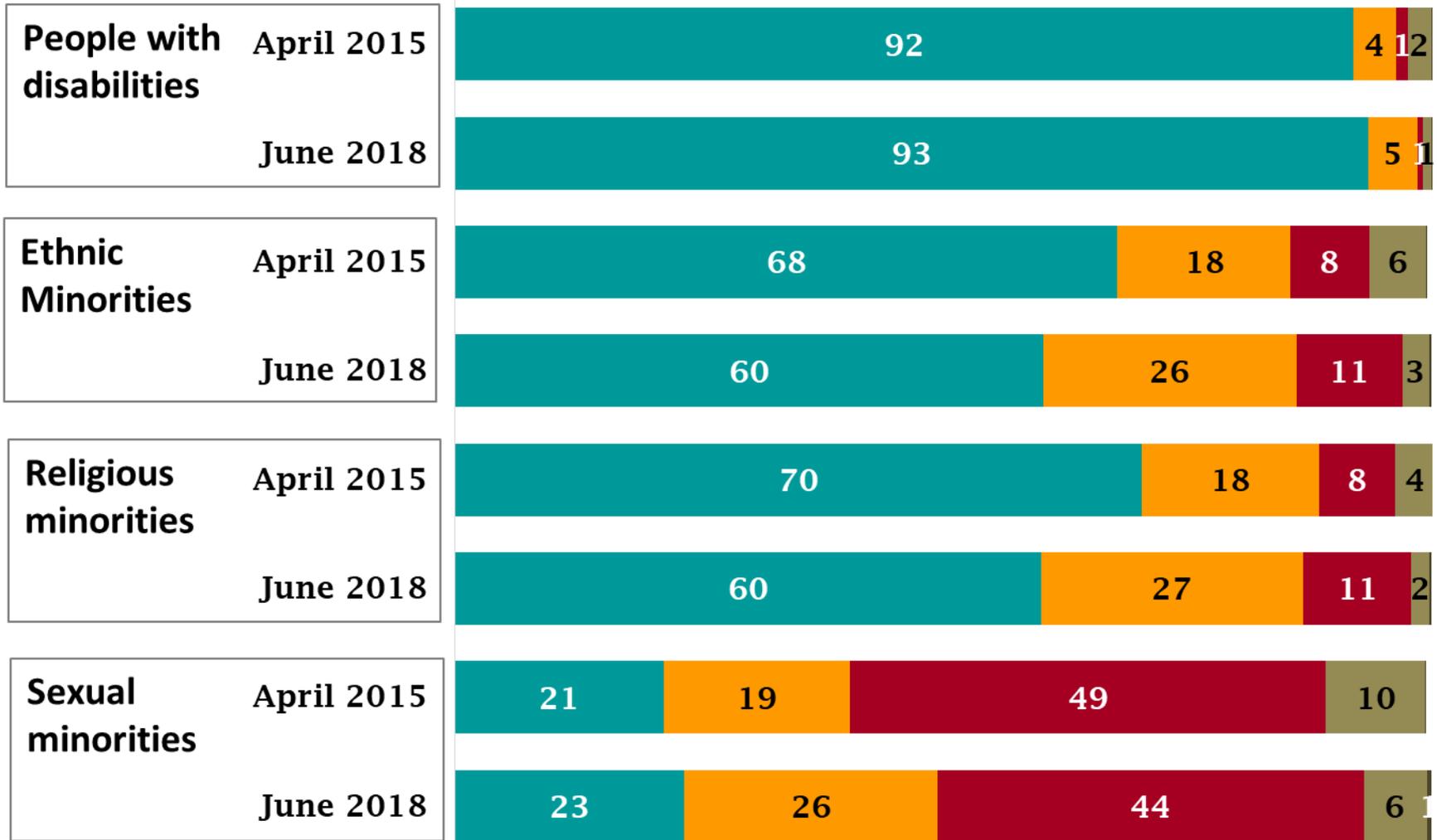
■ Support ■ Oppose ■ DK

Split sample



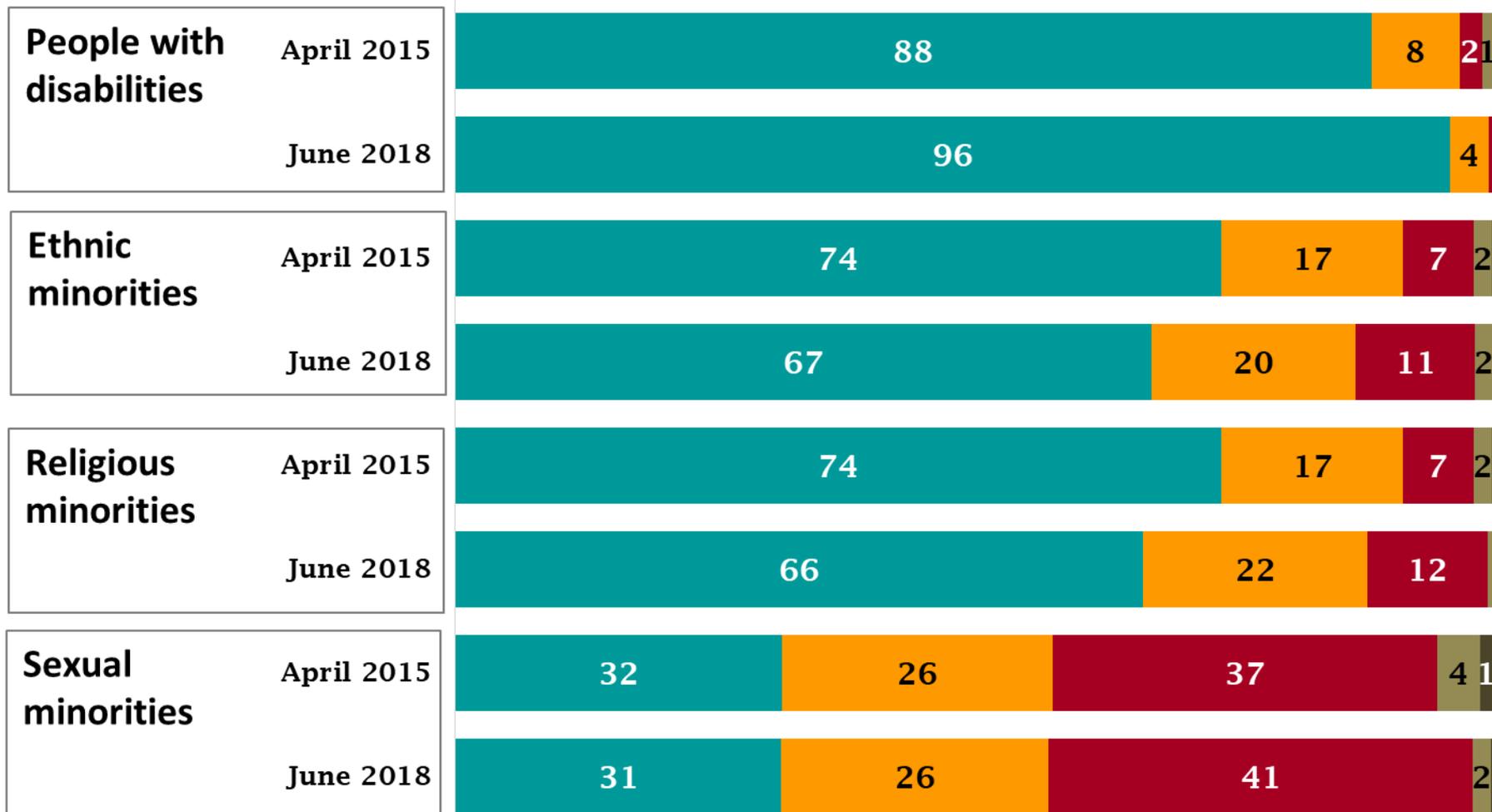
Is the protection of rights of the following minorities important or unimportant? (q36)

■ Important ■ Neutral ■ Not important ■ DK ■ RA



Is the protection of rights of the following minorities important or unimportant? (q36) Tbilisi

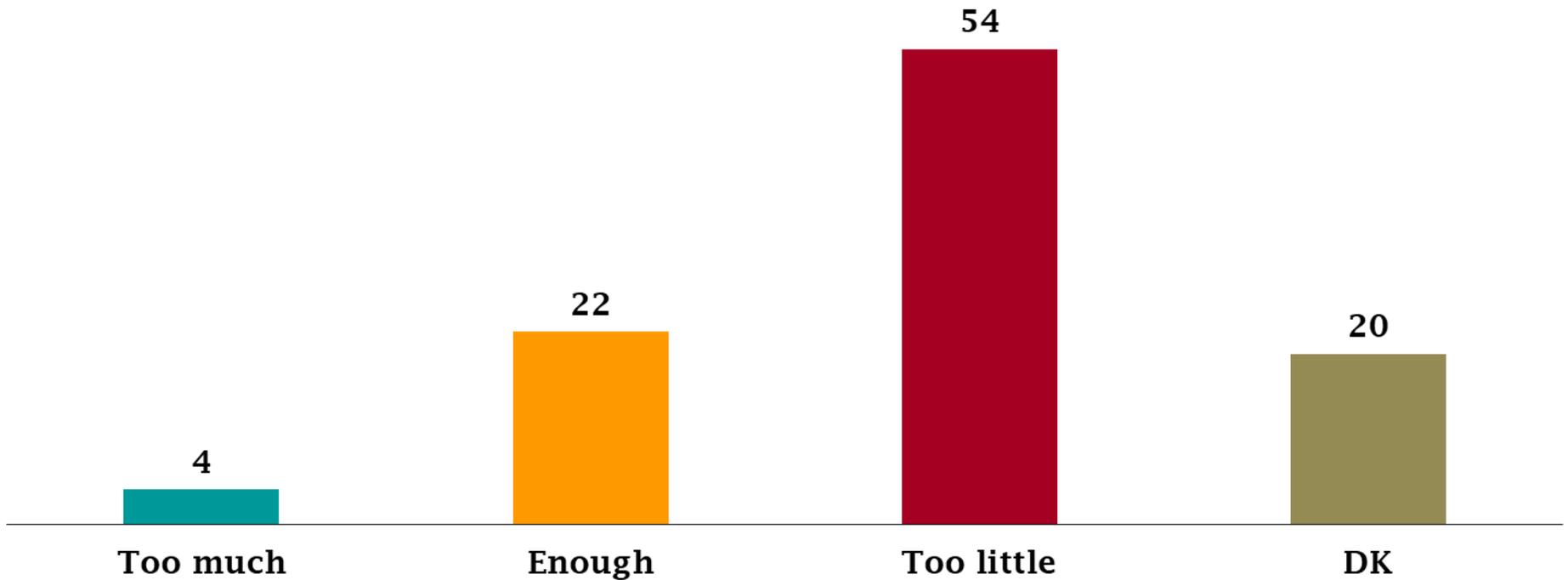
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Environment and urban planning

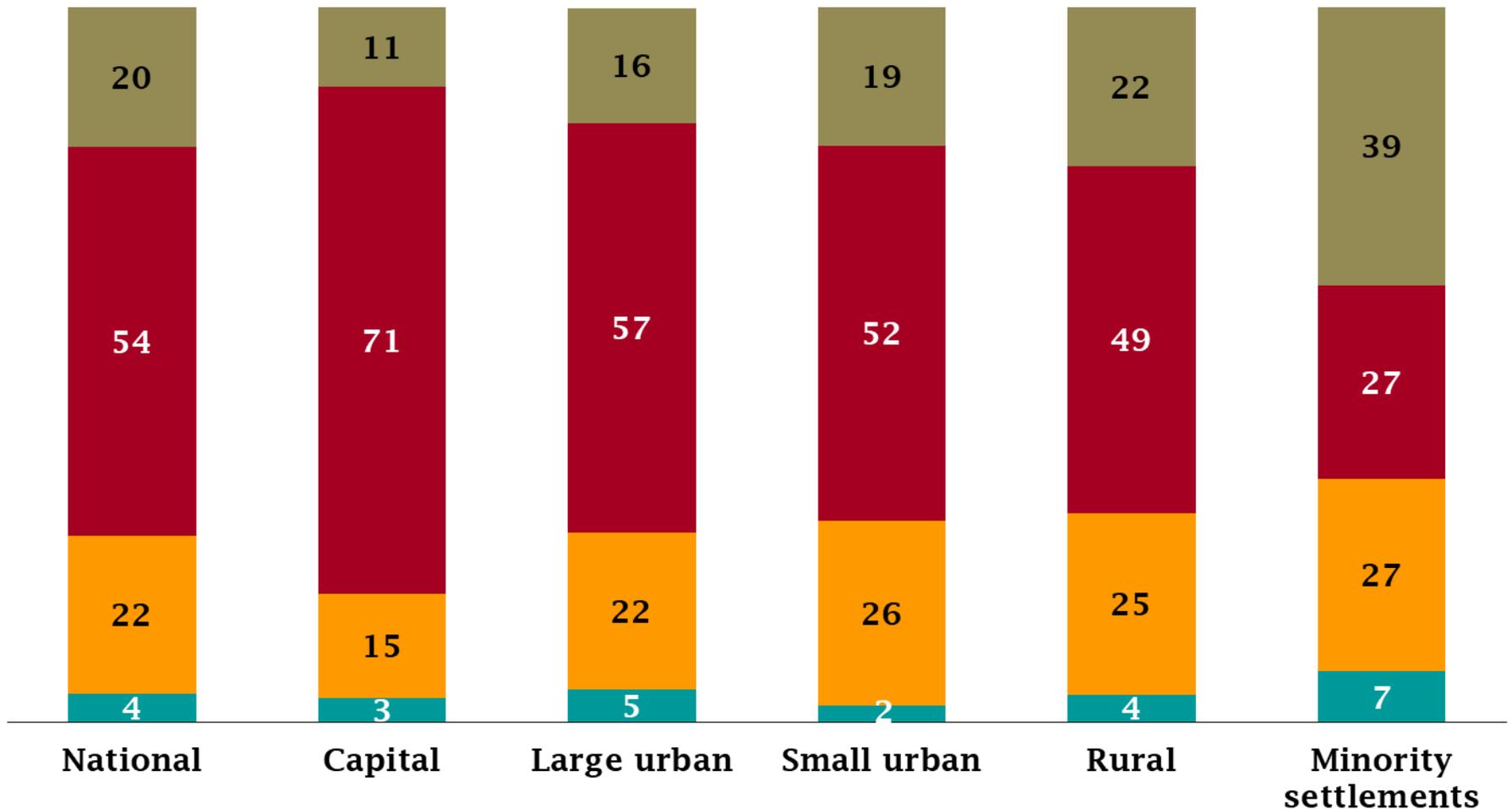
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**Do you think the government is spending too much,
enough or too little resources on protecting the
environment? (q26)**



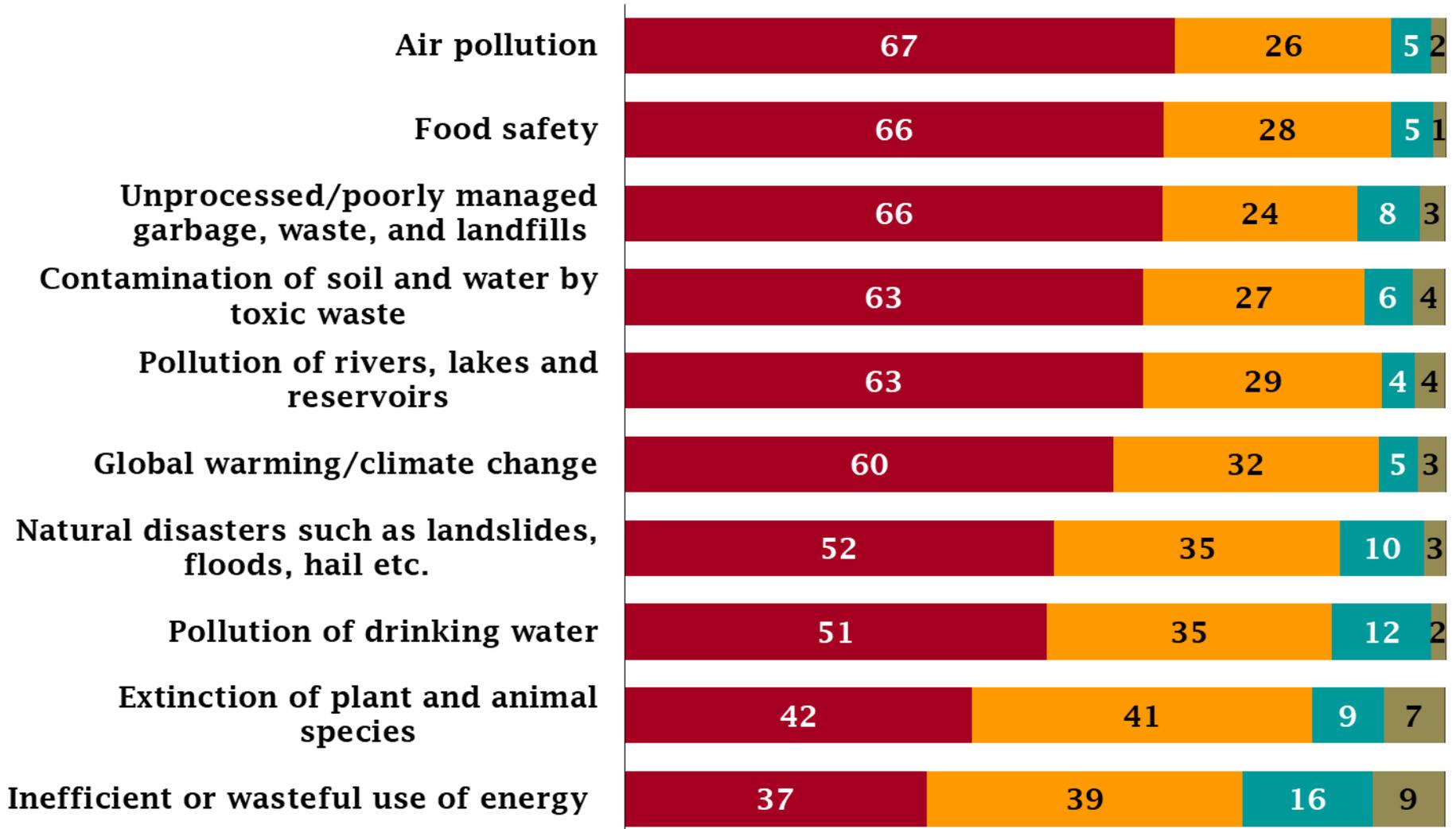
Do you think the government is spending too much, enough or too little resources on protecting the environment? (q26 X Settlement)

■ Too much ■ Enough ■ Too little ■ DK



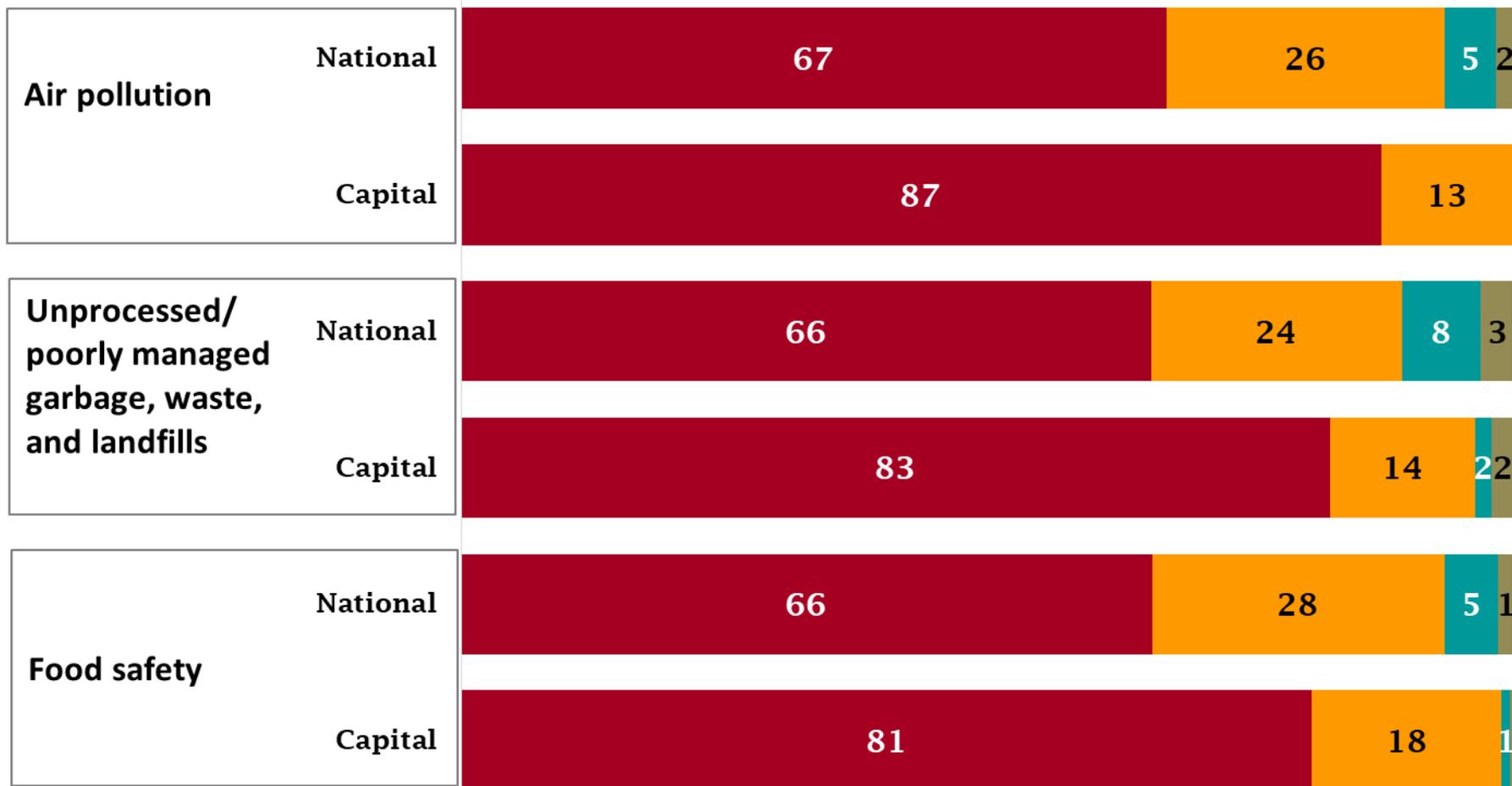
How much of a problem is it in Georgia ...? (q27)

■ Very problematic
 ■ More or less problematic
 ■ Not problematic
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



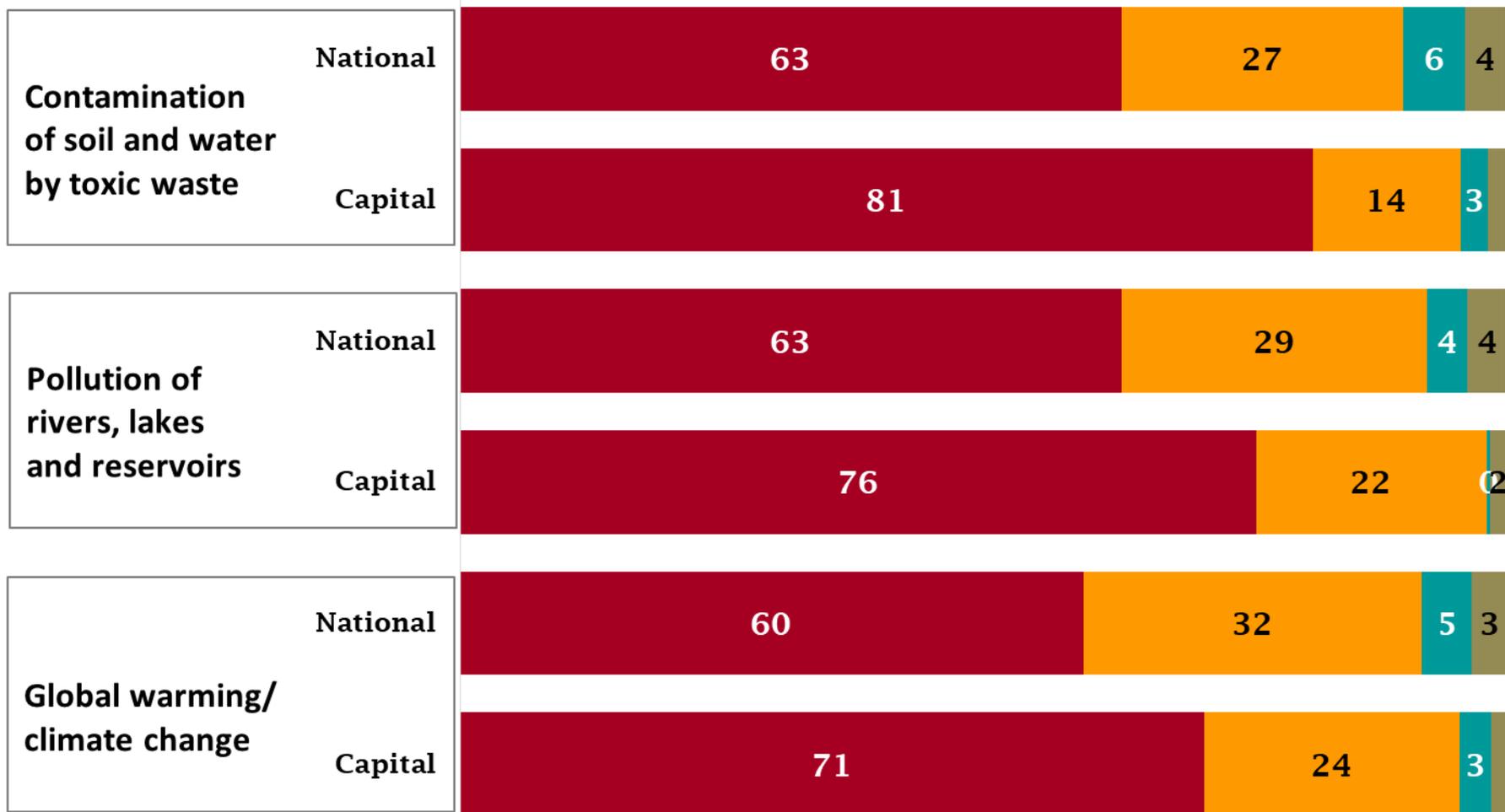
How much of a problem is it in Georgia ...? (q27) Tbilisi Part 1

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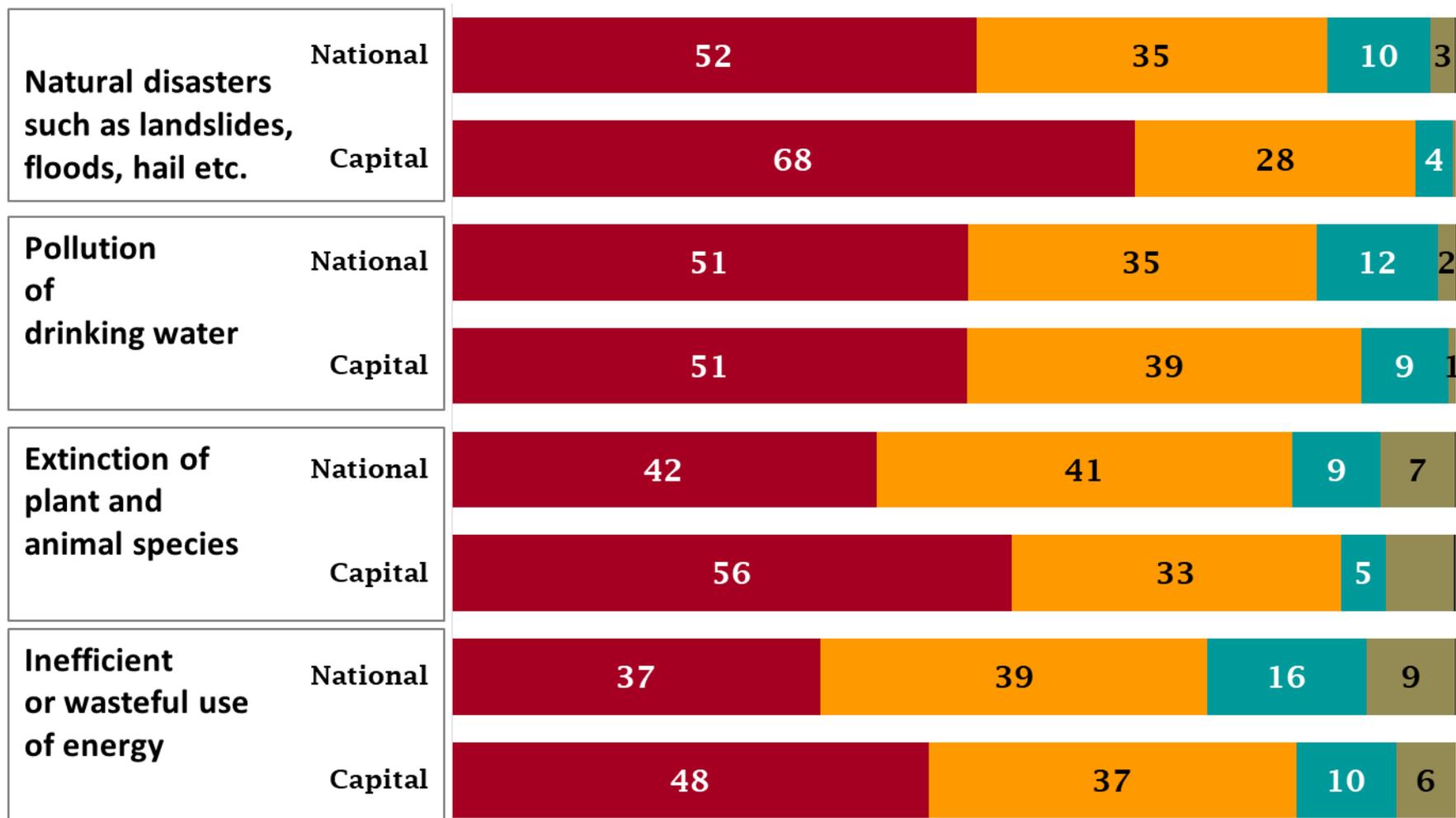
How much of a problem is it in Georgia ...? (q27) Tbilisi Part 2

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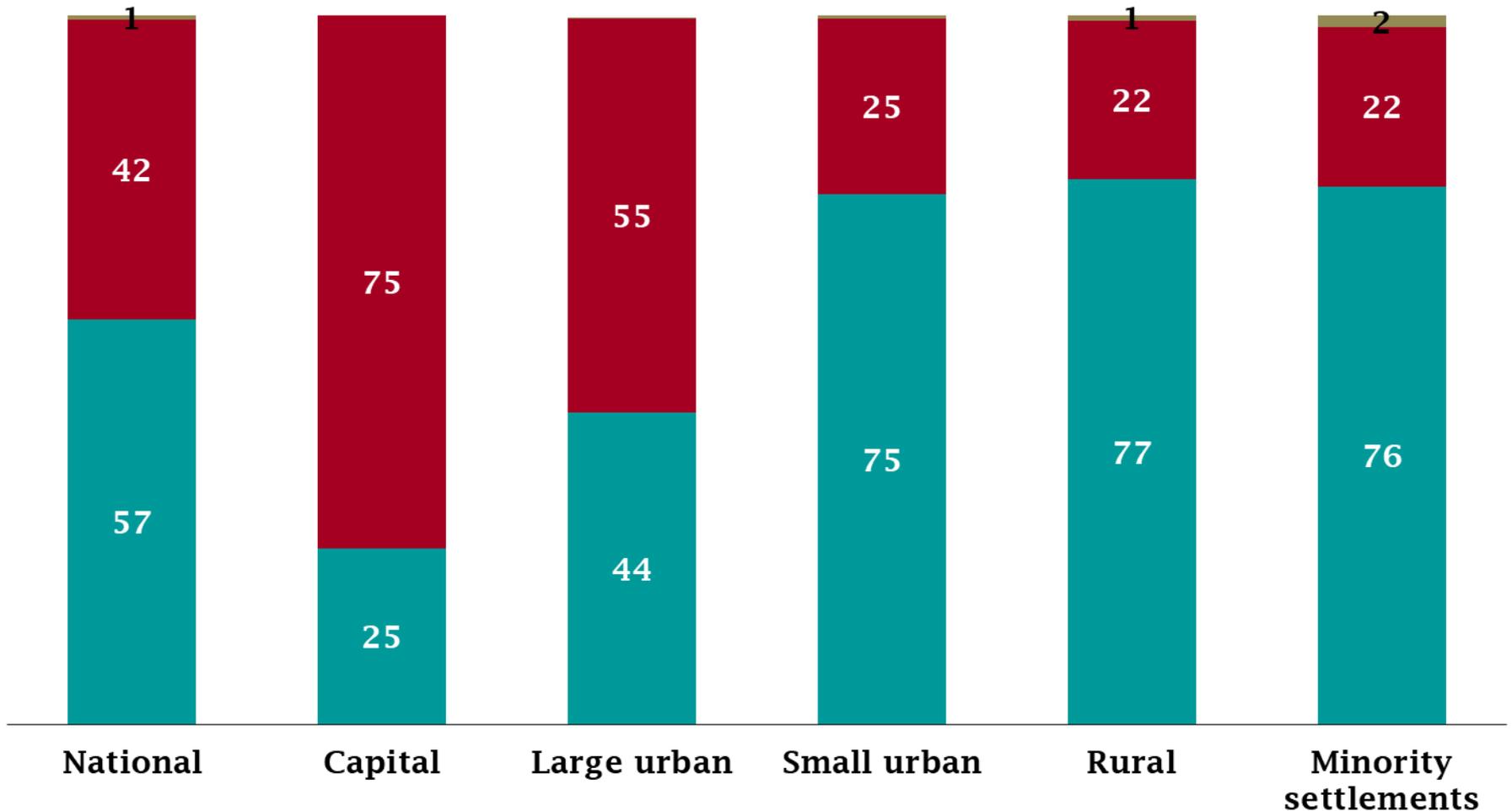
How much of a problem is it in Georgia ...? (q27) Tbilisi Part 3

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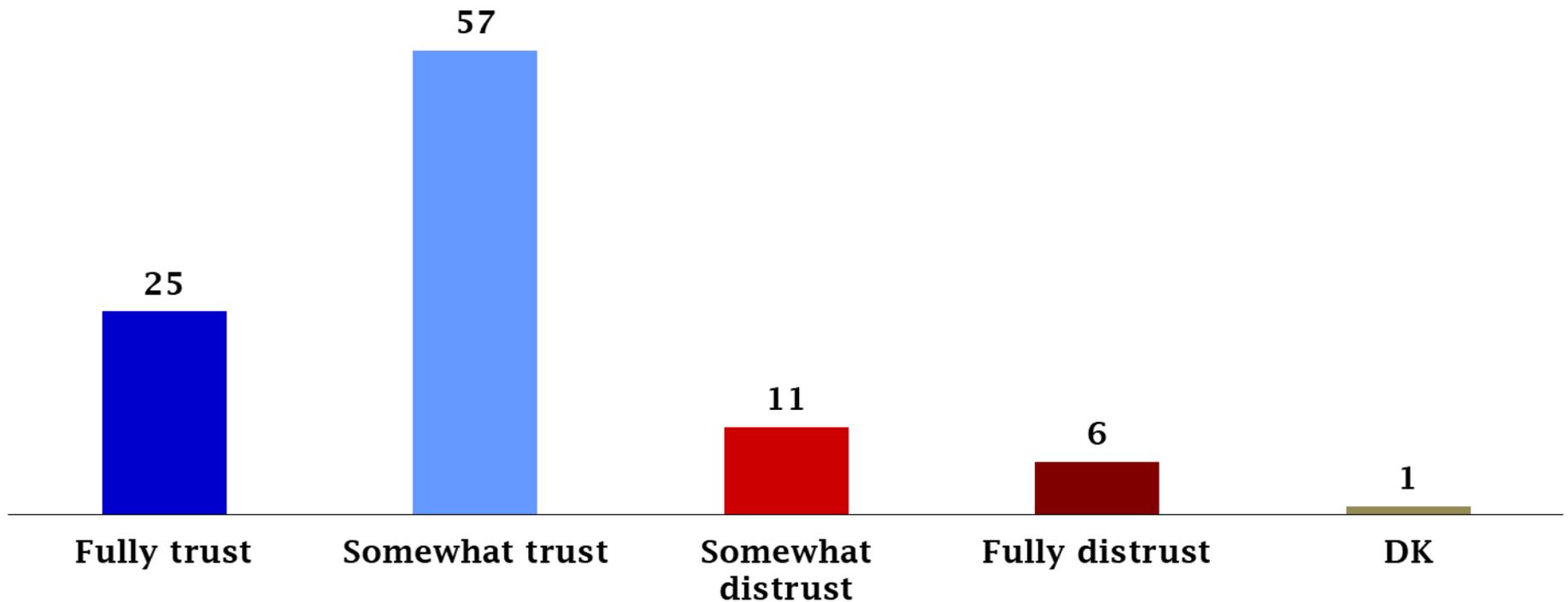


In the city or area where you live, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of air? (q22 X Settlement)

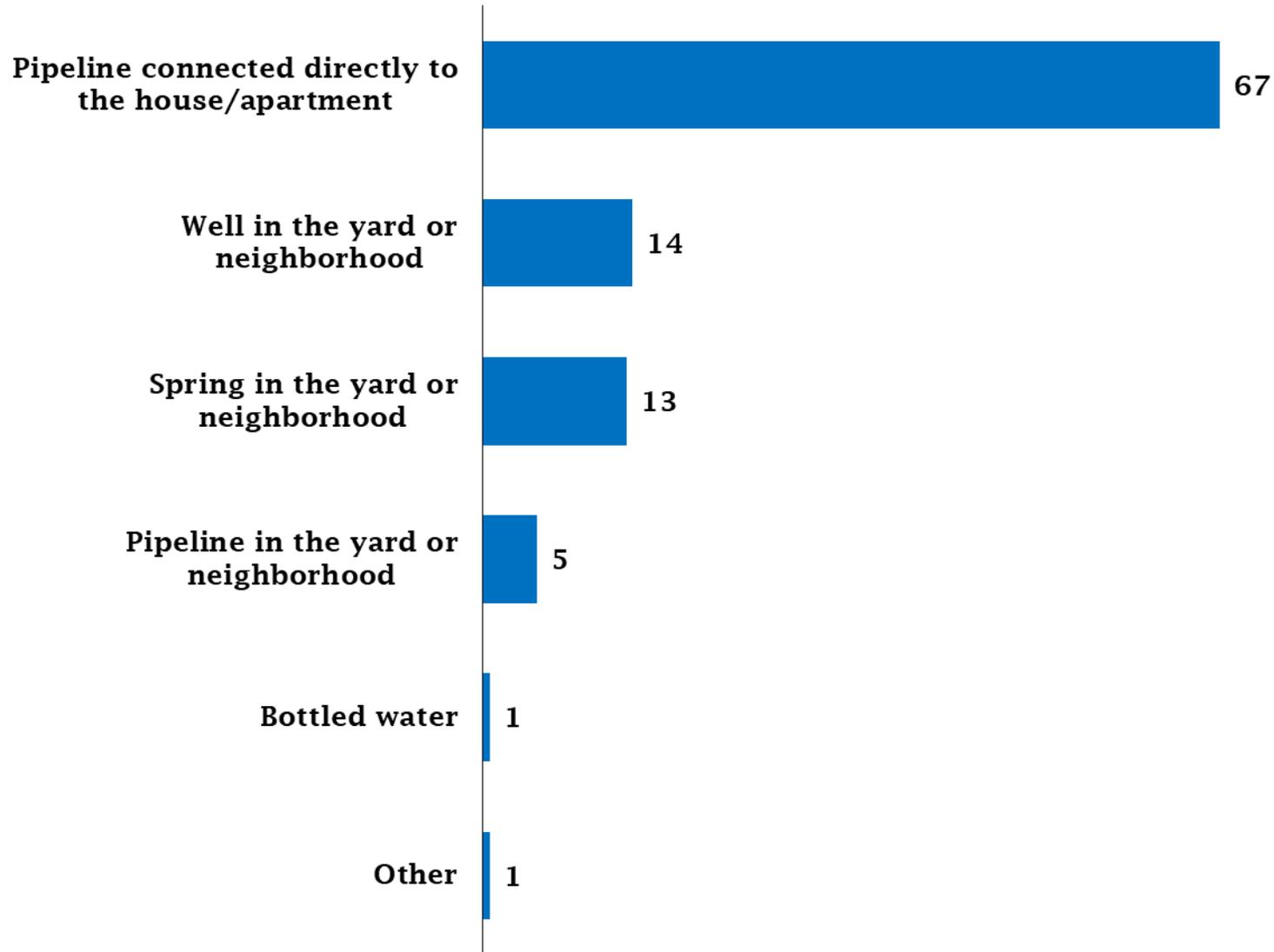
■ Satisfied ■ Dissatisfied ■ DK



How much would you say you trust or distrust safety of agricultural products cultivated in Georgia? (q23)

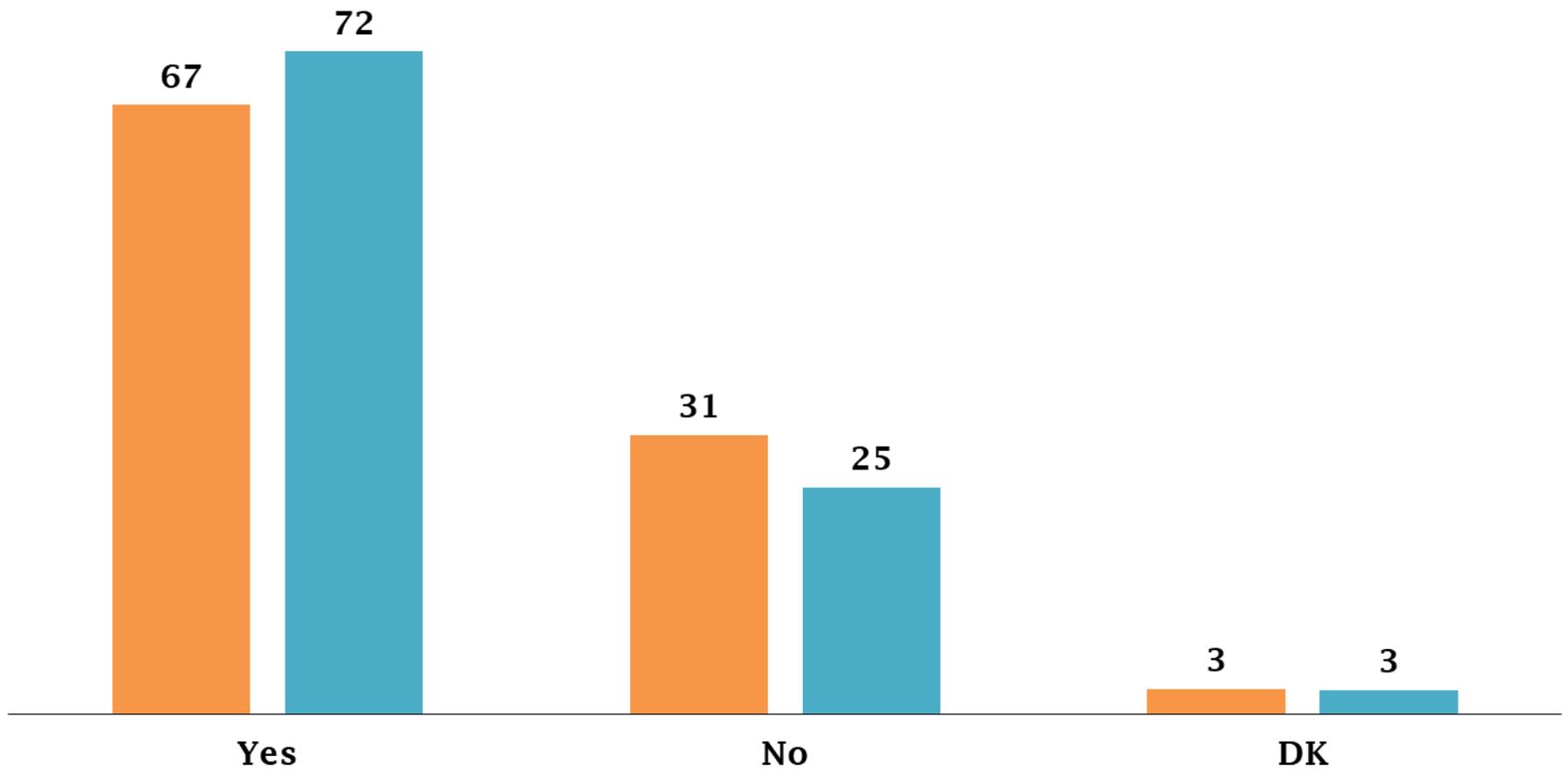


What is the main source of drinking water supply for your family? (q24)



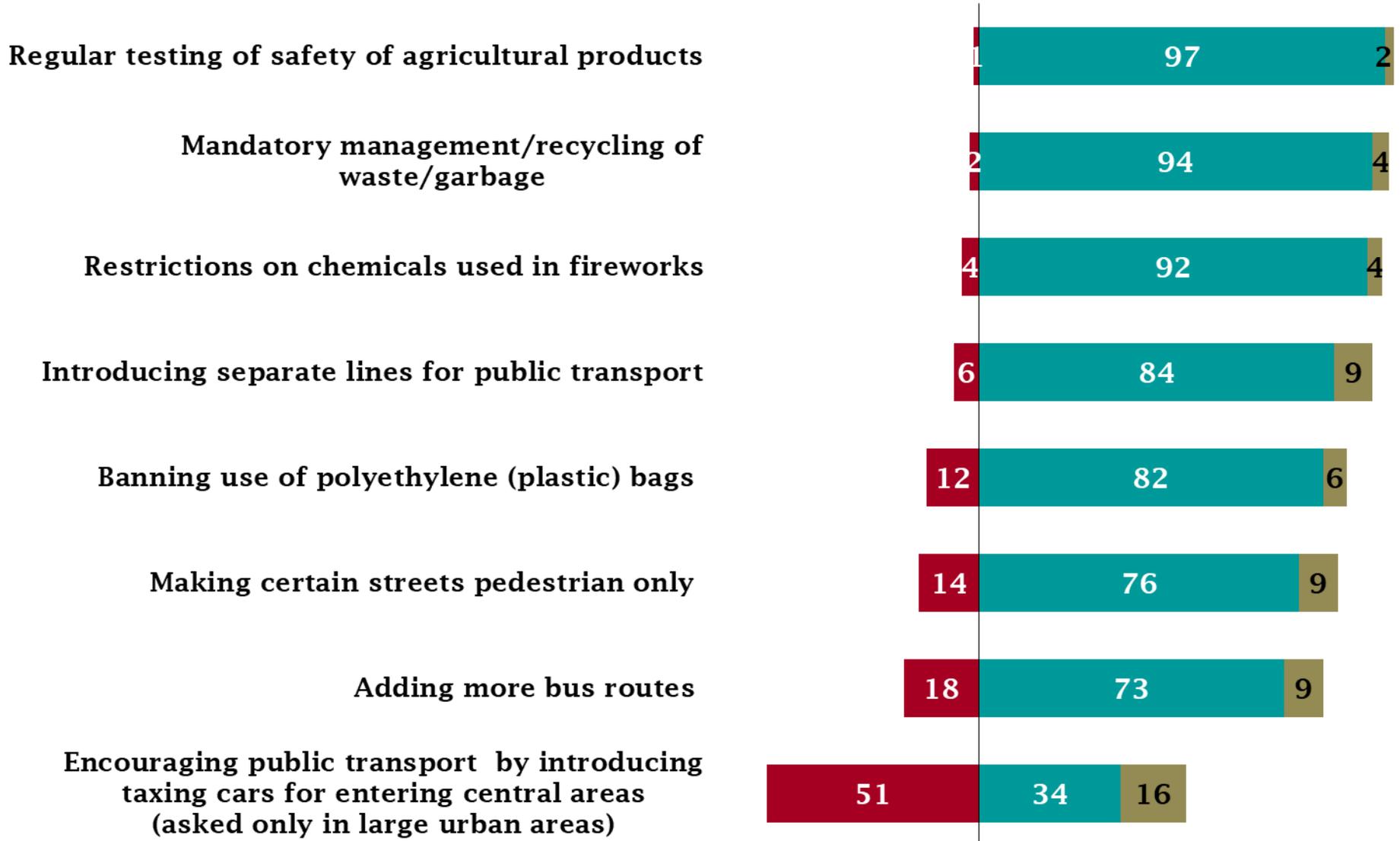
Do you trust the cleanliness of this water? (q25)

■ August 2015 ■ June 2018

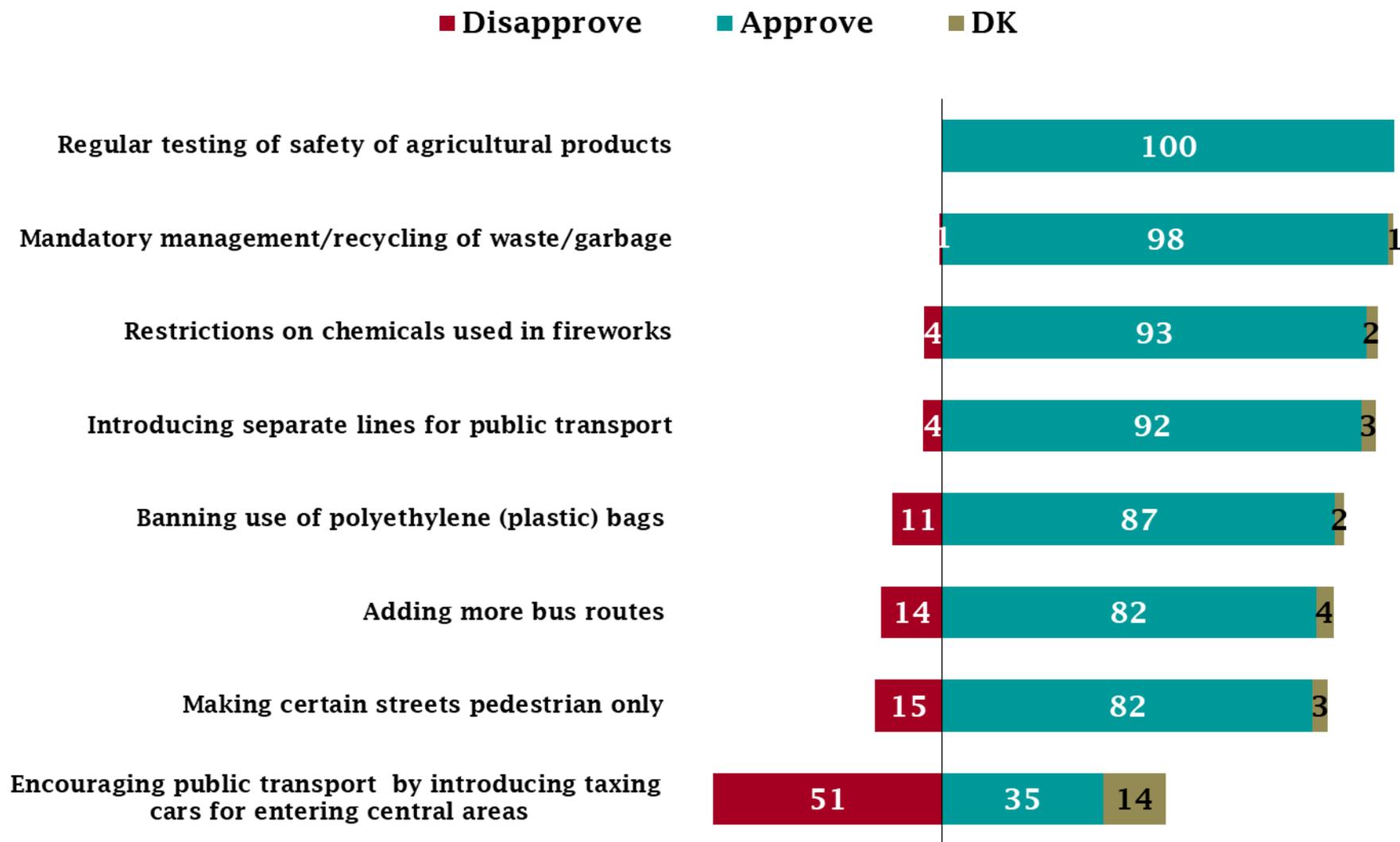


Do you approve or disapprove ...? (q28)

■ Disapprove ■ Approve ■ DK

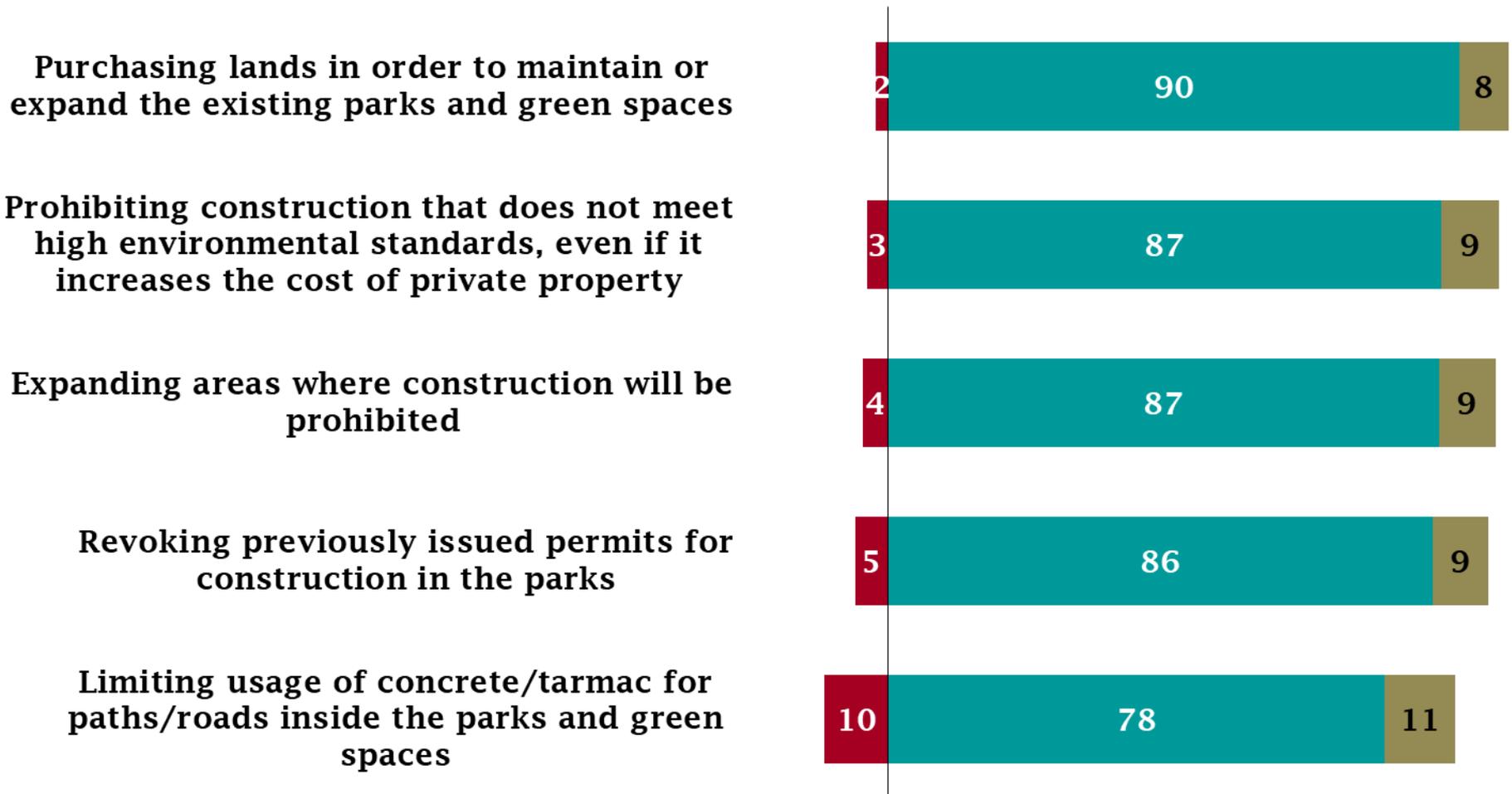


Do you approve or disapprove ...? (q28) Tbilisi



In order to protect parks and green spaces in urban areas, would you approve or disapprove the government ...? (q29)

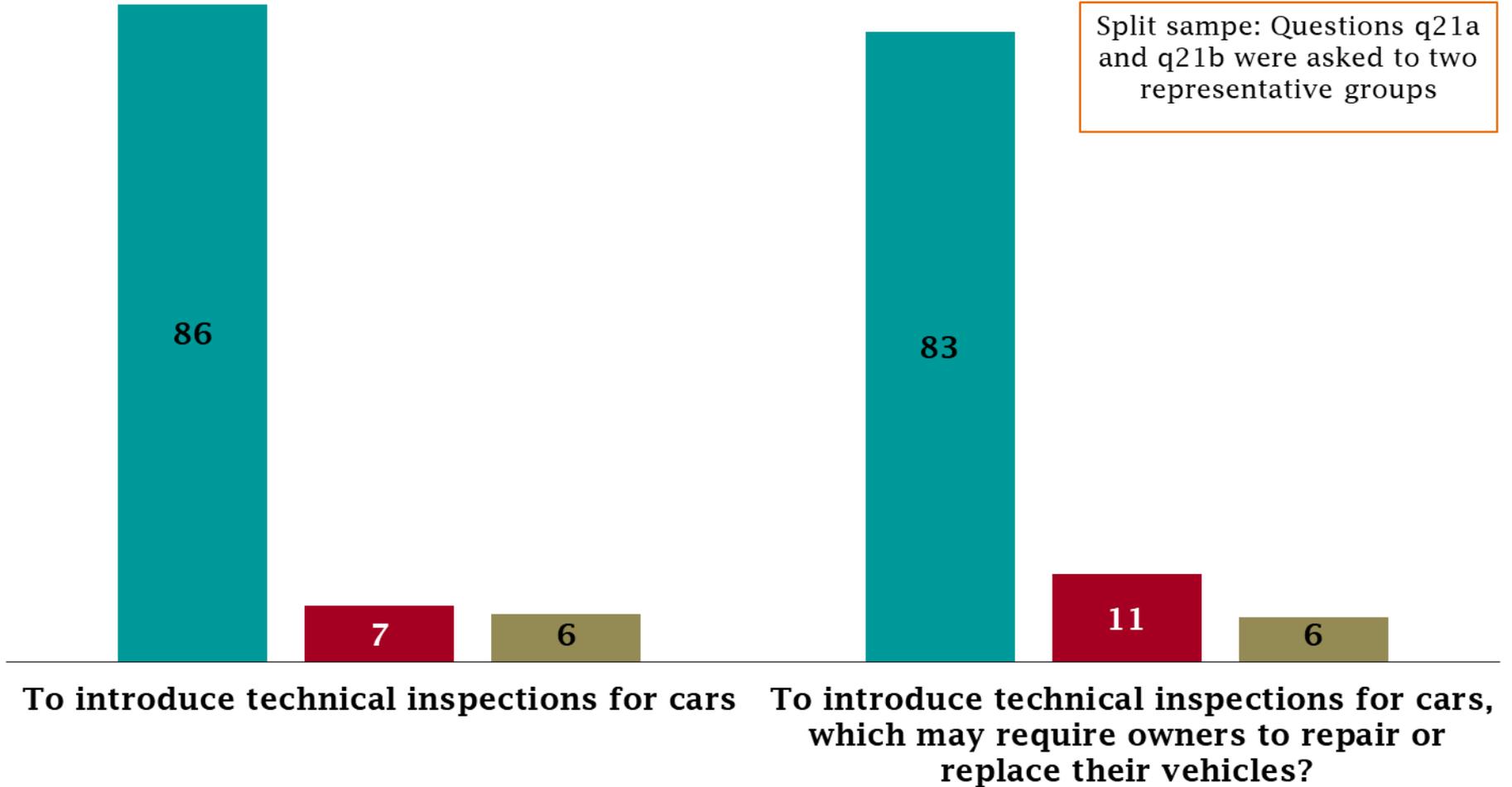
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Do you think it is necessary or unnecessary ...? (q21a, q21b)

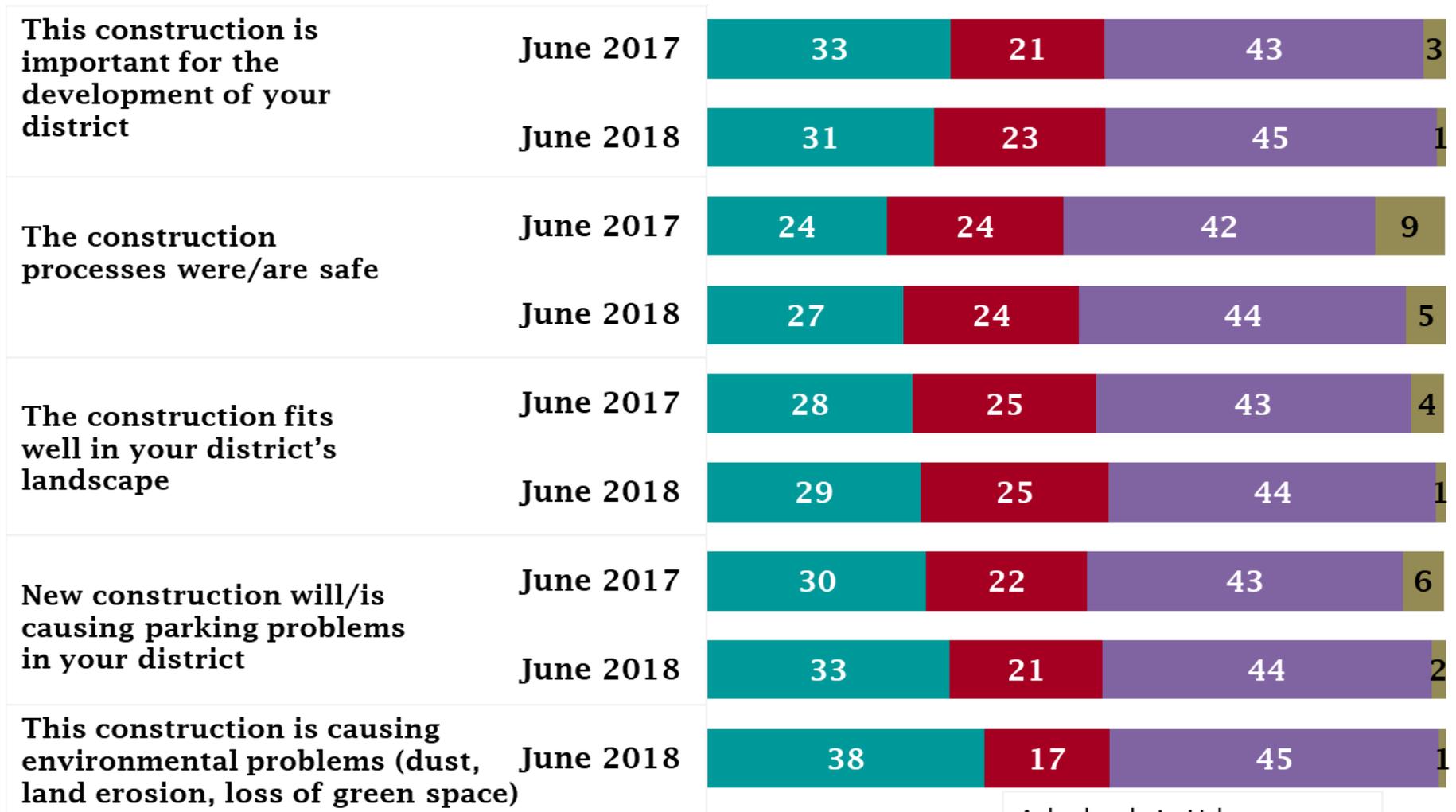
■ Necessary ■ Unnecessary ■ DK

Split sampe: Questions q21a and q21b were asked to two representative groups



Thinking about recent constructions in your neighborhood, do you agree or disagree that ...? (q20)

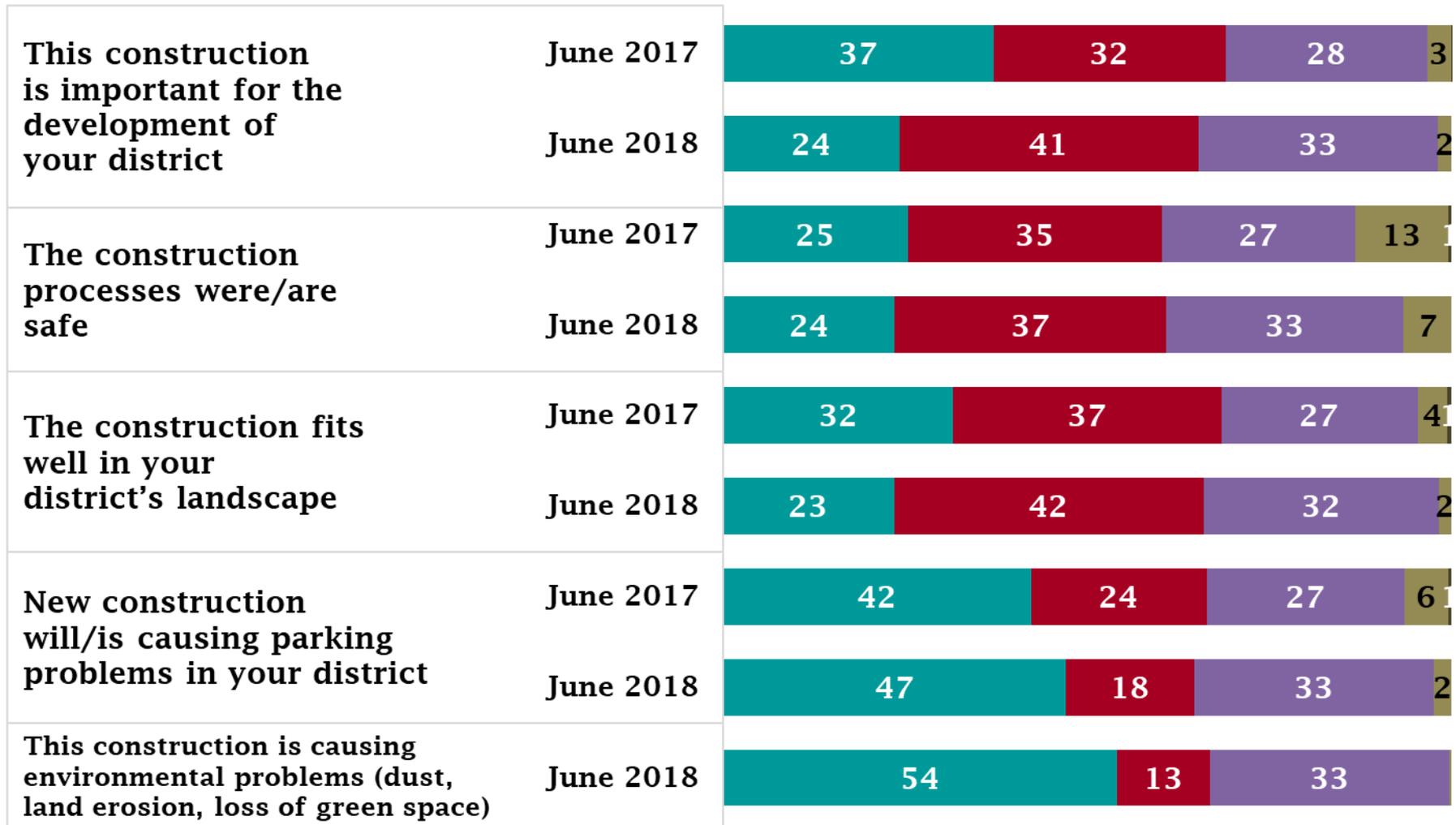
■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Not applicable/No constructions ■ DK



Asked only in Urban areas

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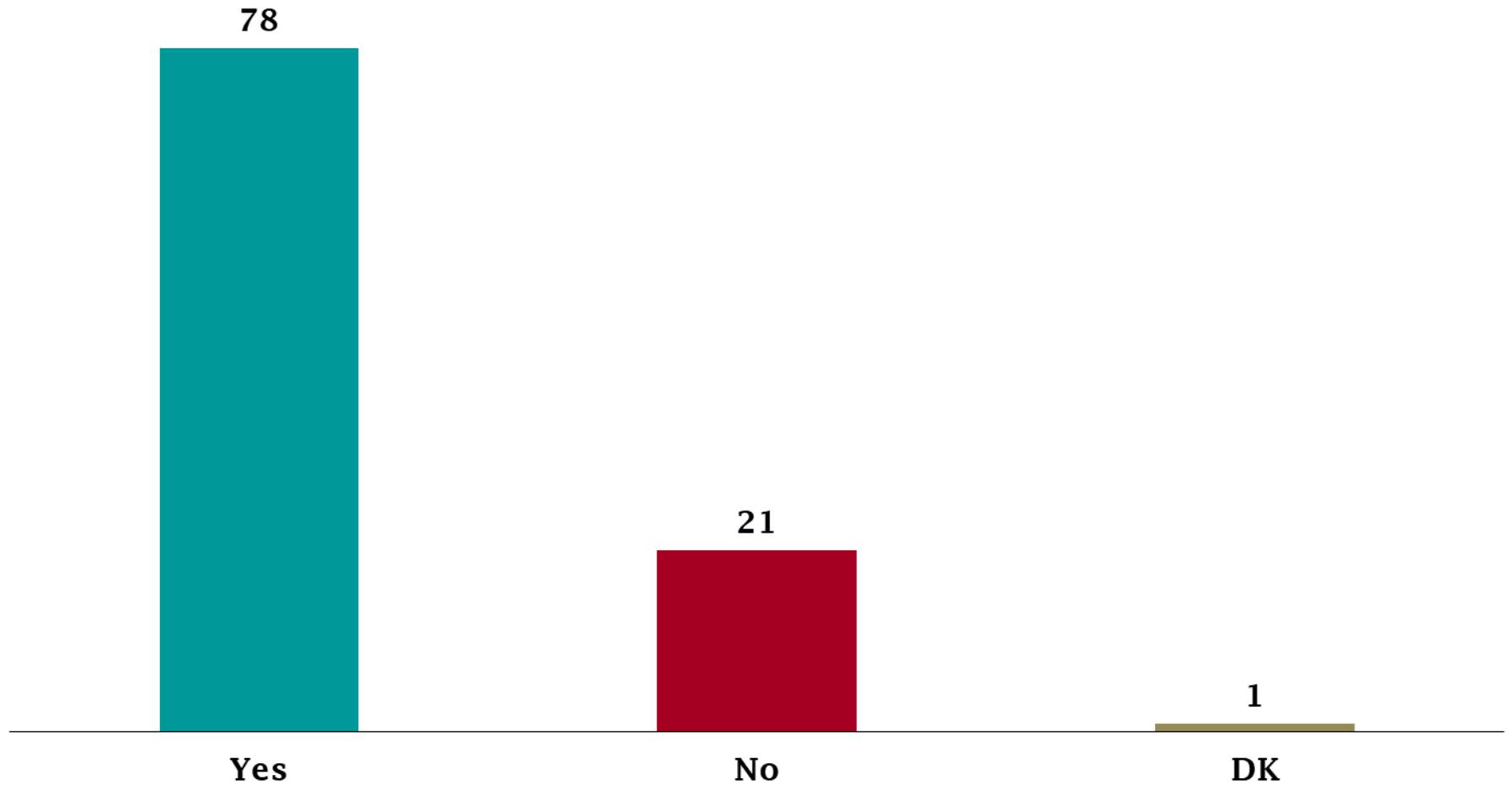
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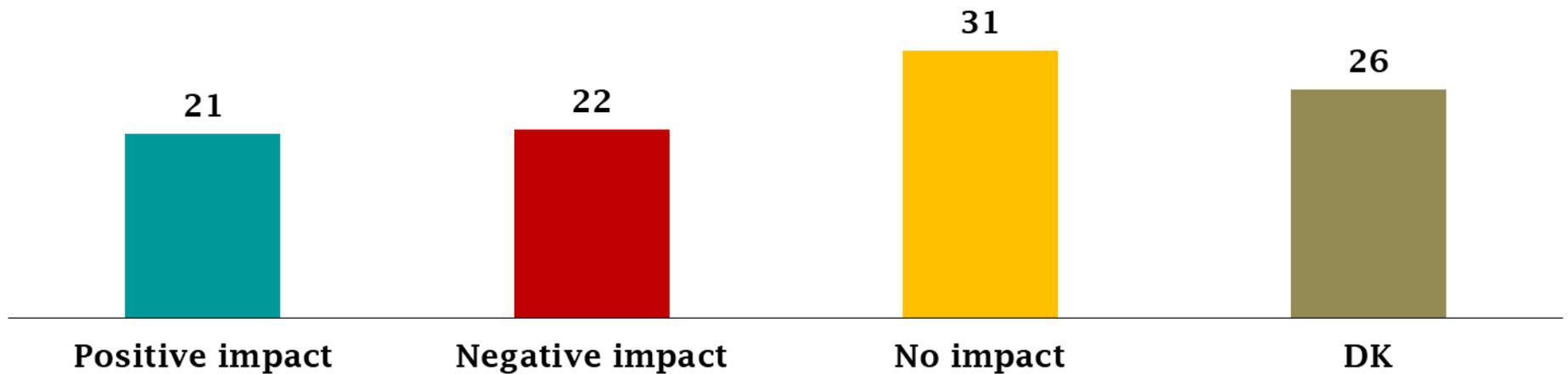
Current events

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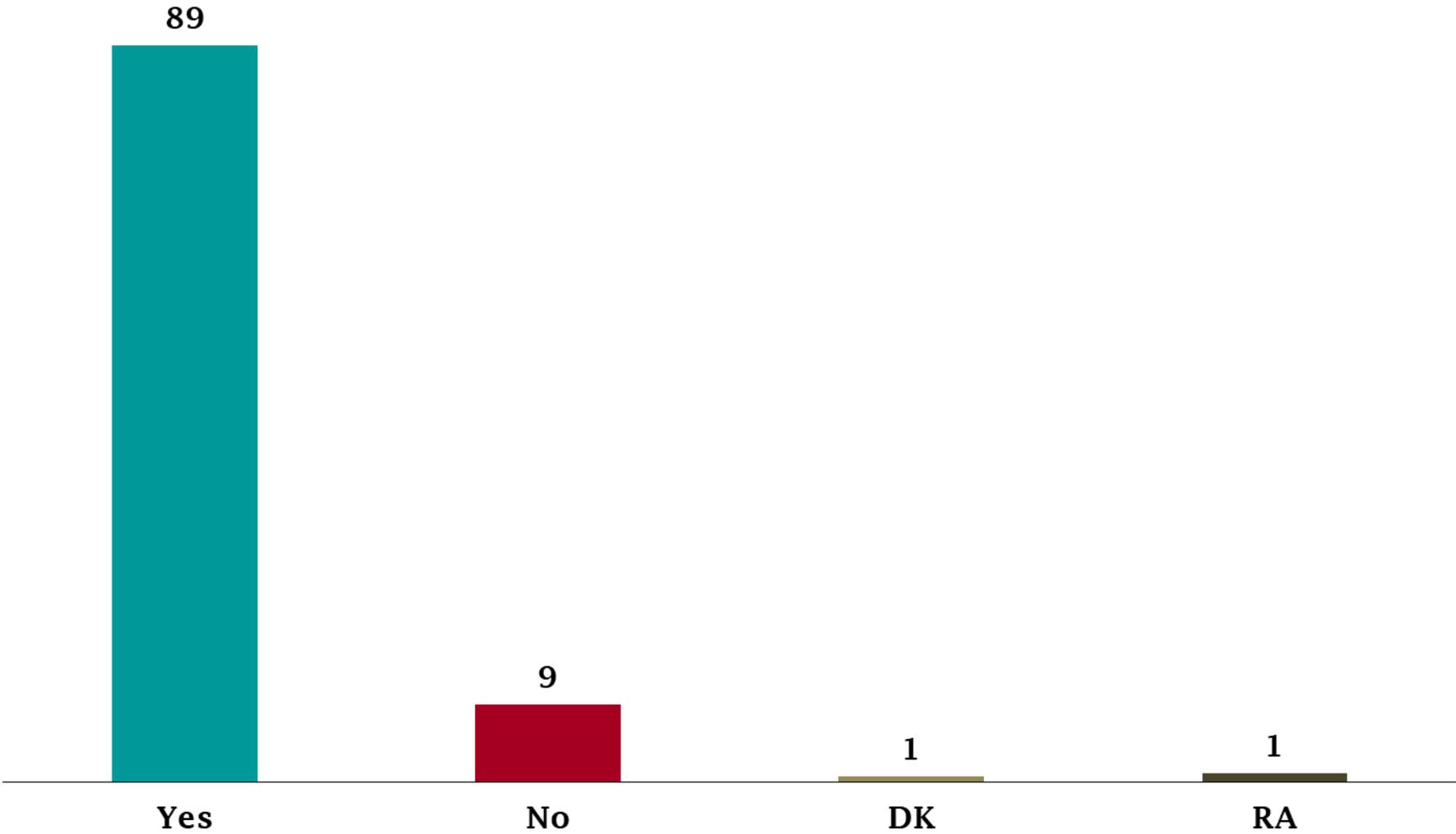
In May, Bidzina Ivanishvili became the chairman of the Georgian Dream party. Were you aware? (q37)



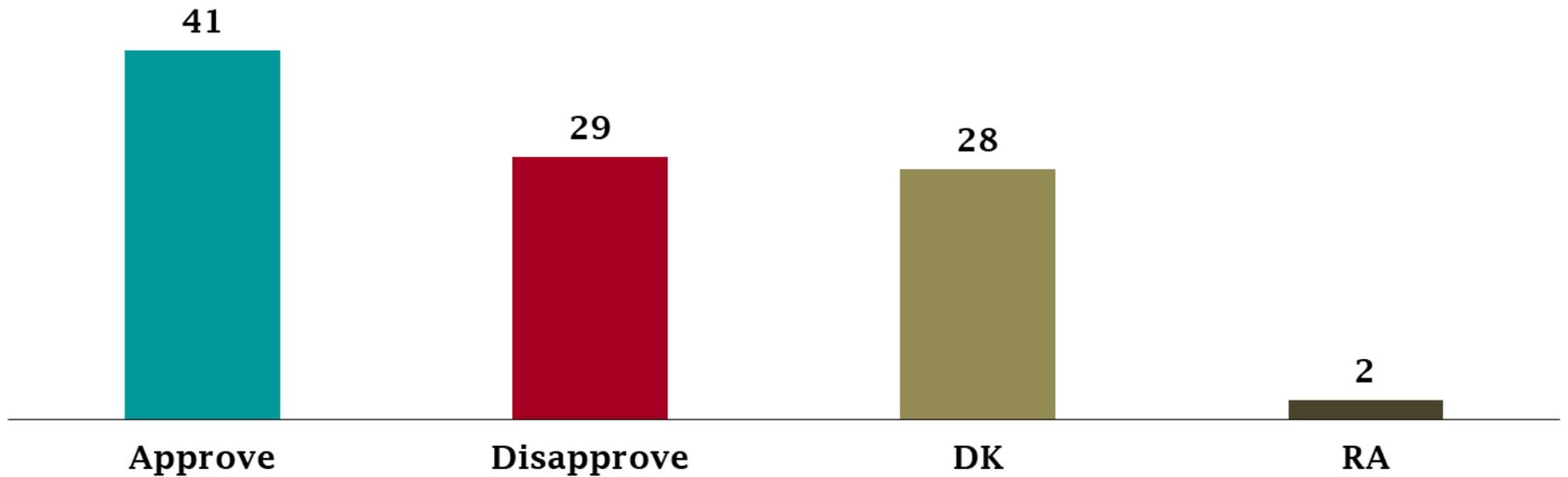
Will this event have a positive, negative impact, or no impact on Georgian politics? (q38)



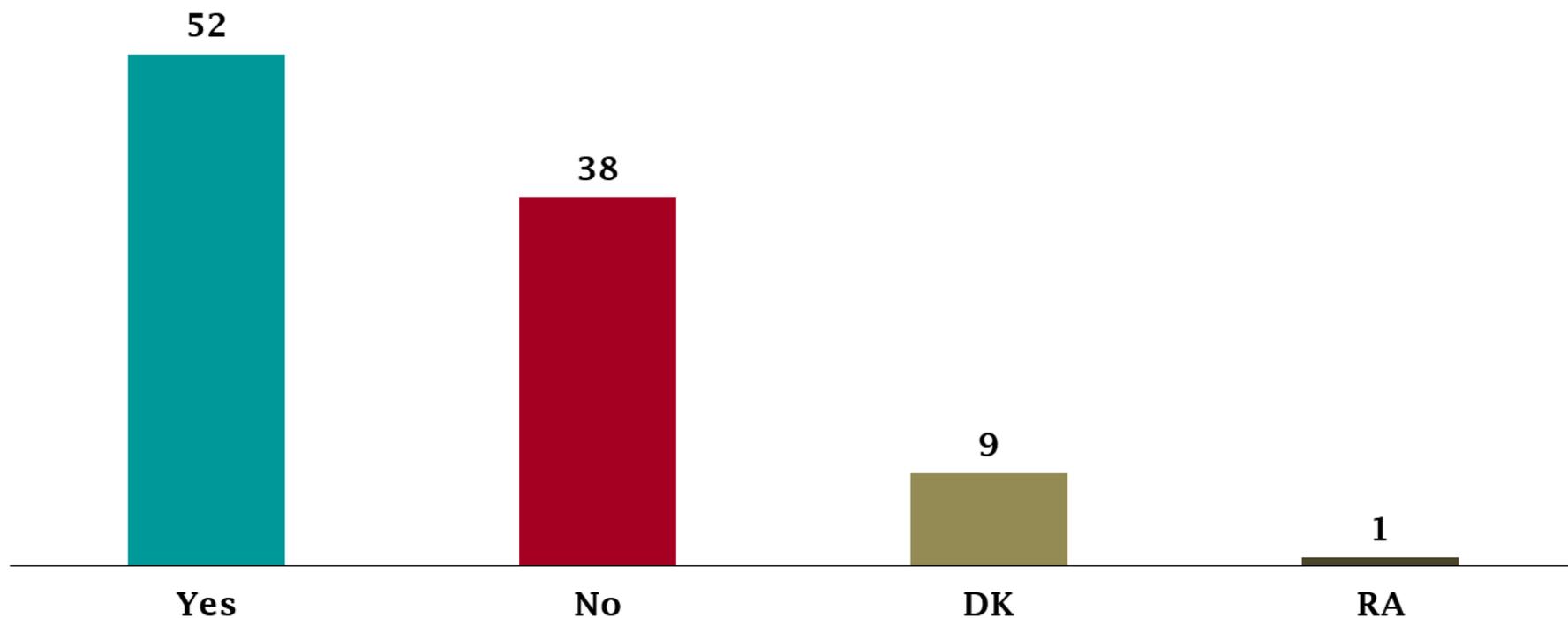
**On June 13 Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili resigned.
Were you aware of this? (q39)**



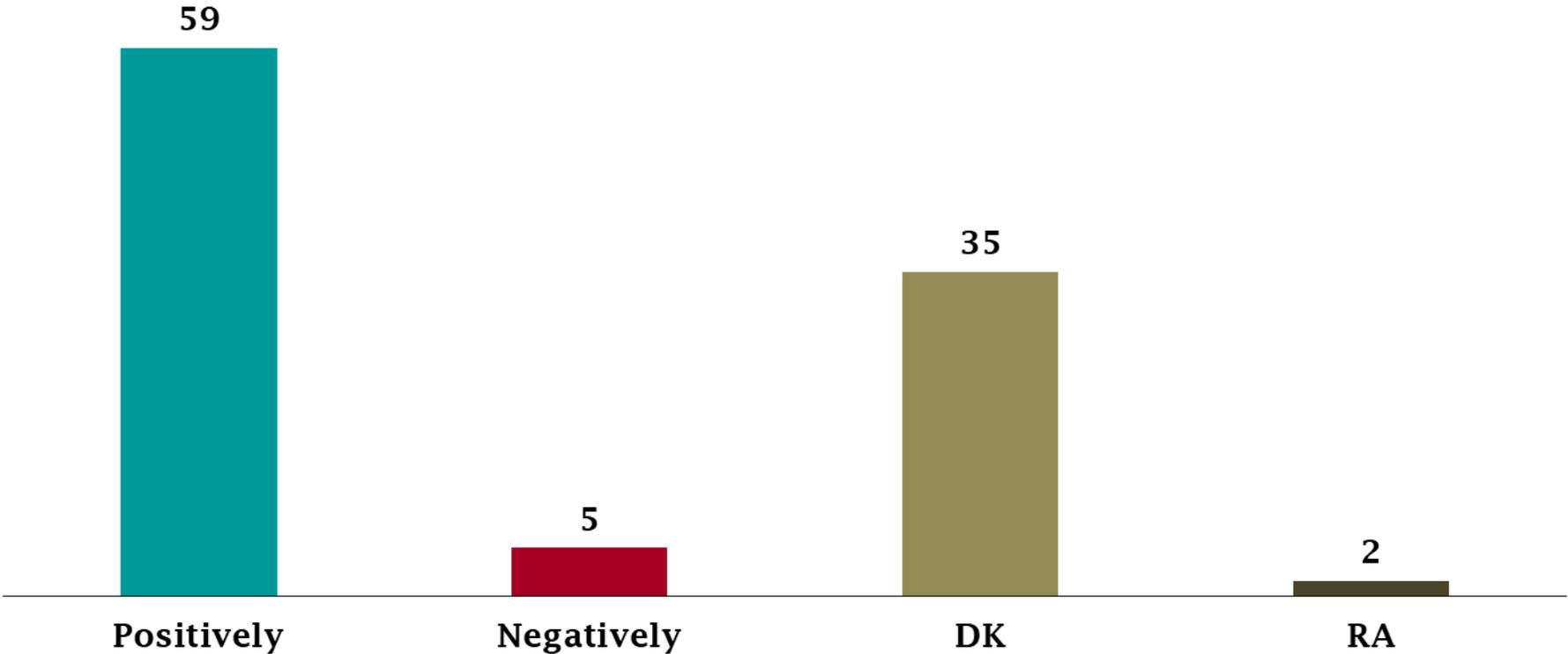
Do you approve or disapprove of Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili resigning? (q40)



Are you aware of parliament adopting resolution that aims to list people who killed & covered up killers of Otkhozoria & Tatumashvili, and calls on international society to use all possible restrictions & sanctions against these people? (q42)



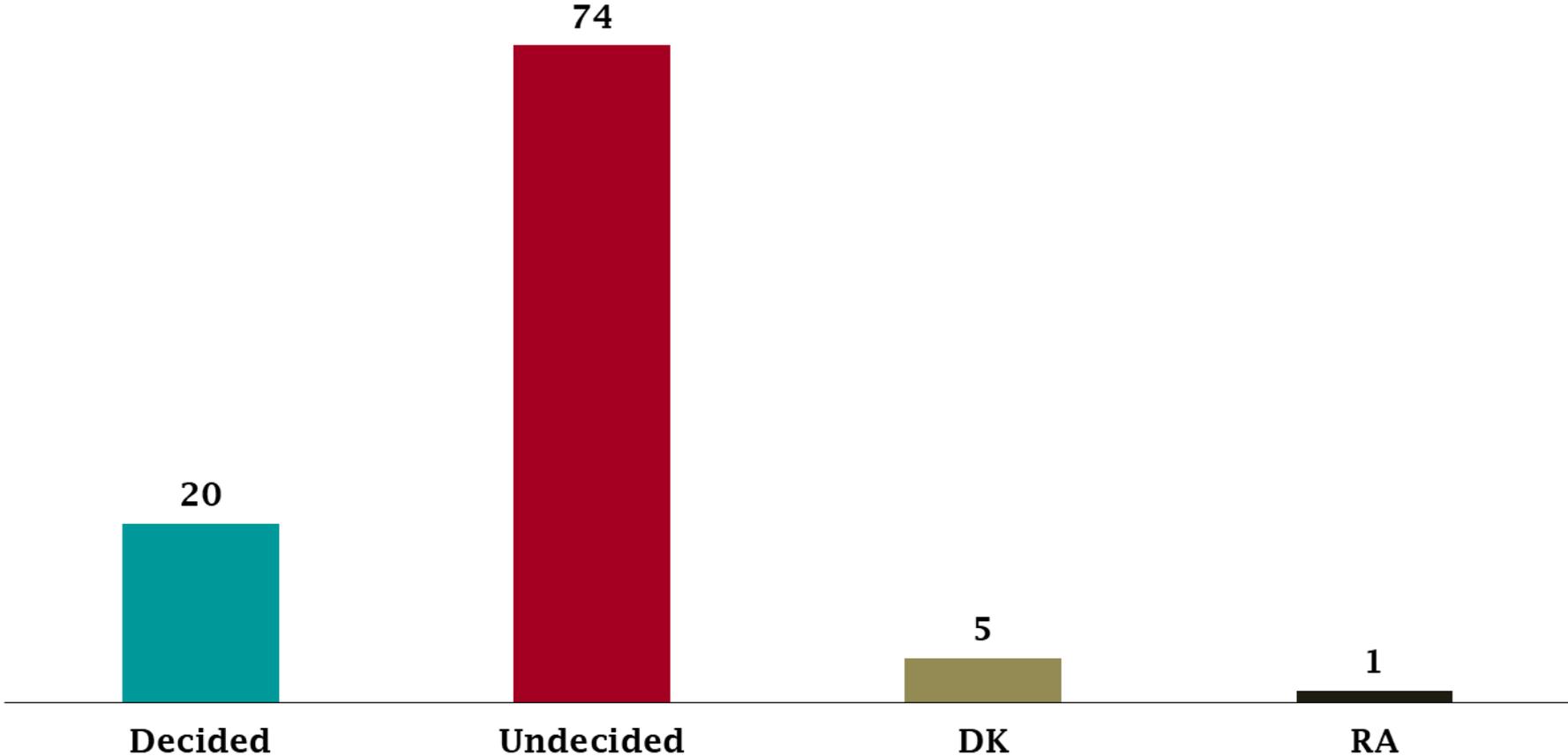
Would you rate this particular initiative positively or negatively? (q43)



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Presidential Elections and Party support

If Presidential elections were held tomorrow, would you say you are decided or undecided about how you would vote? (q47)



If Presidential elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q48)



Likely voters



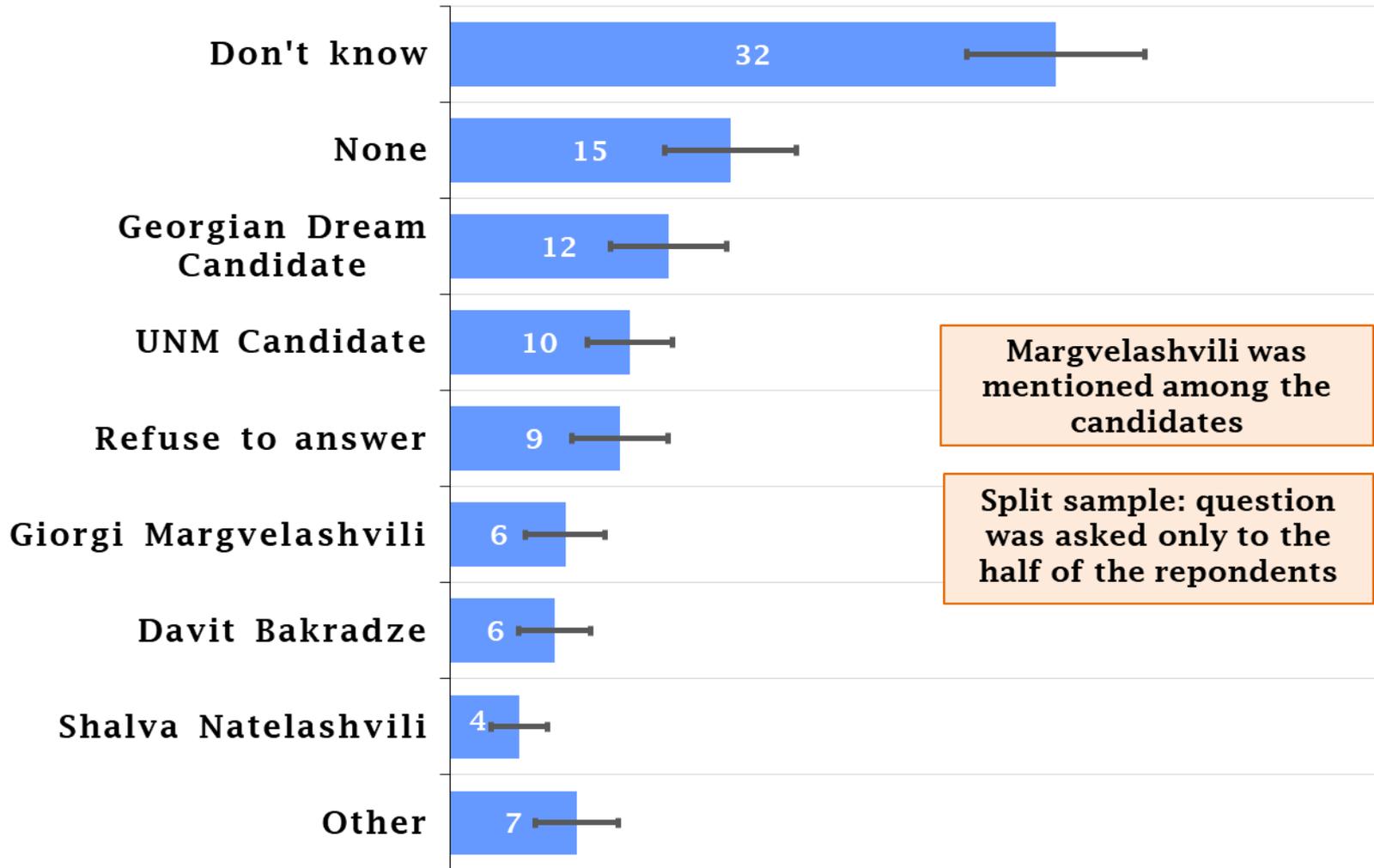
Likely abstainers

If Presidential elections were held tomorrow, would you say you are decided or undecided about how you would vote? (q47 X If Presidential elections were held tomorrow, would you vote?)

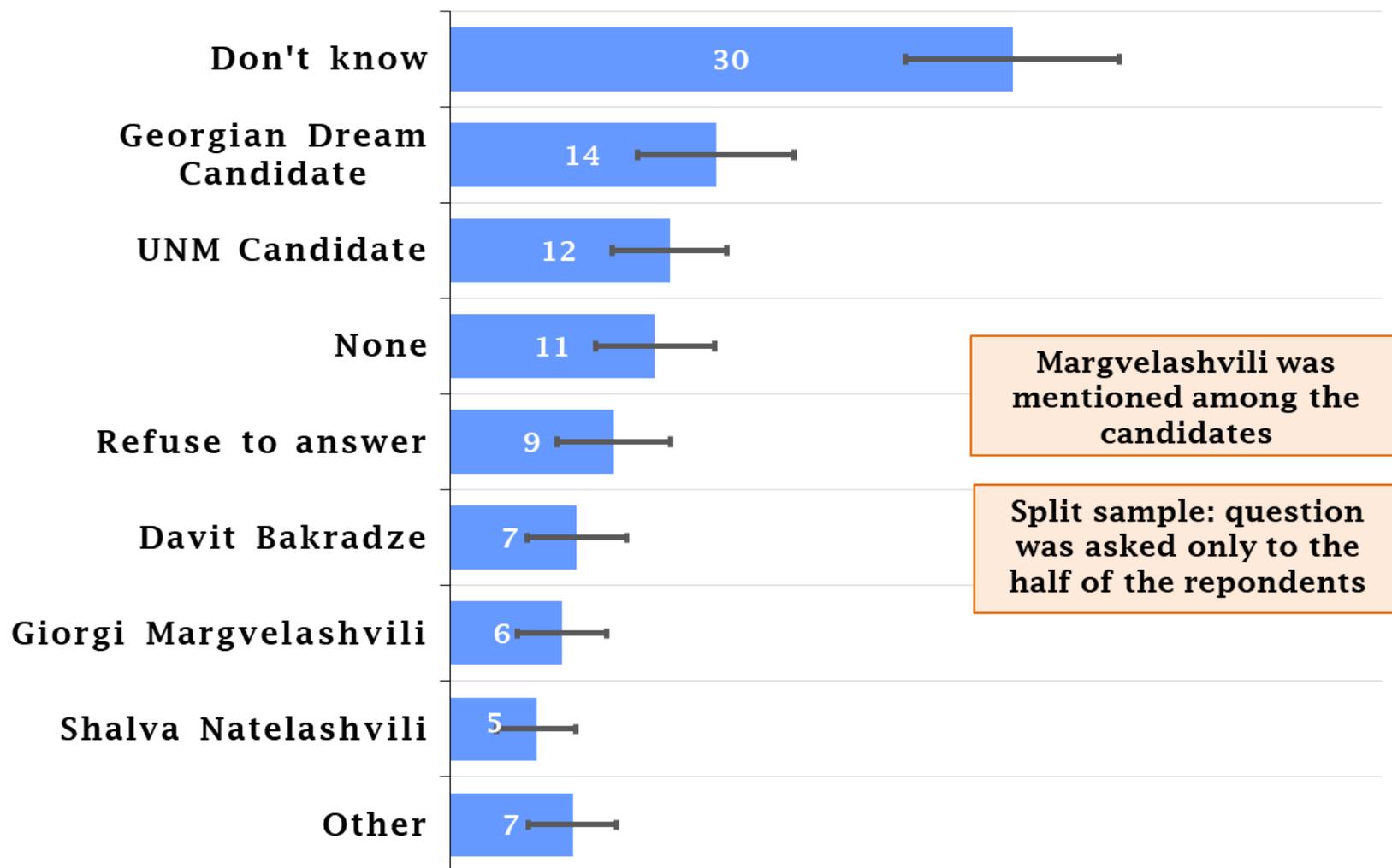
■ Decided ■ Undecided ■ DK ■ RA



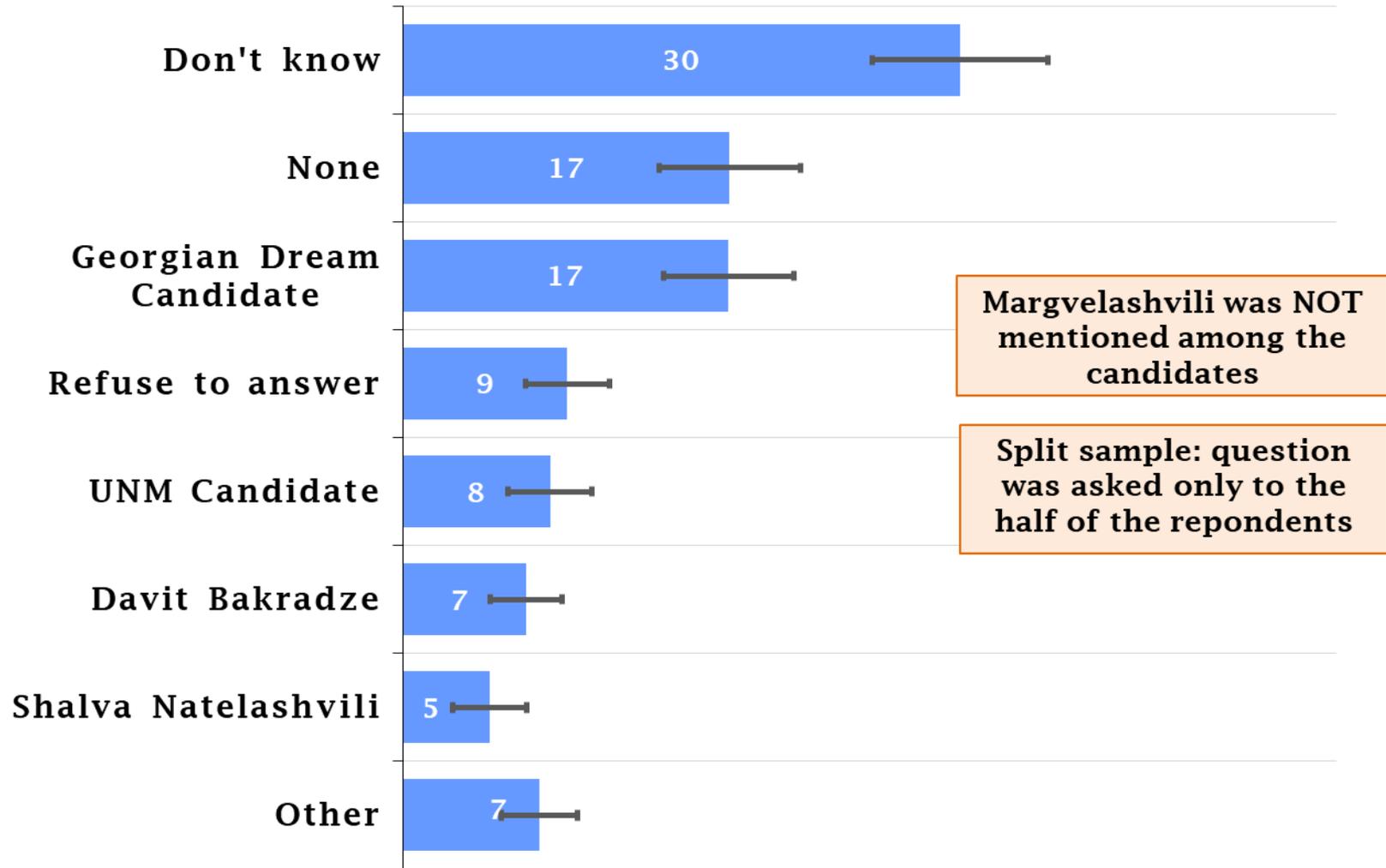
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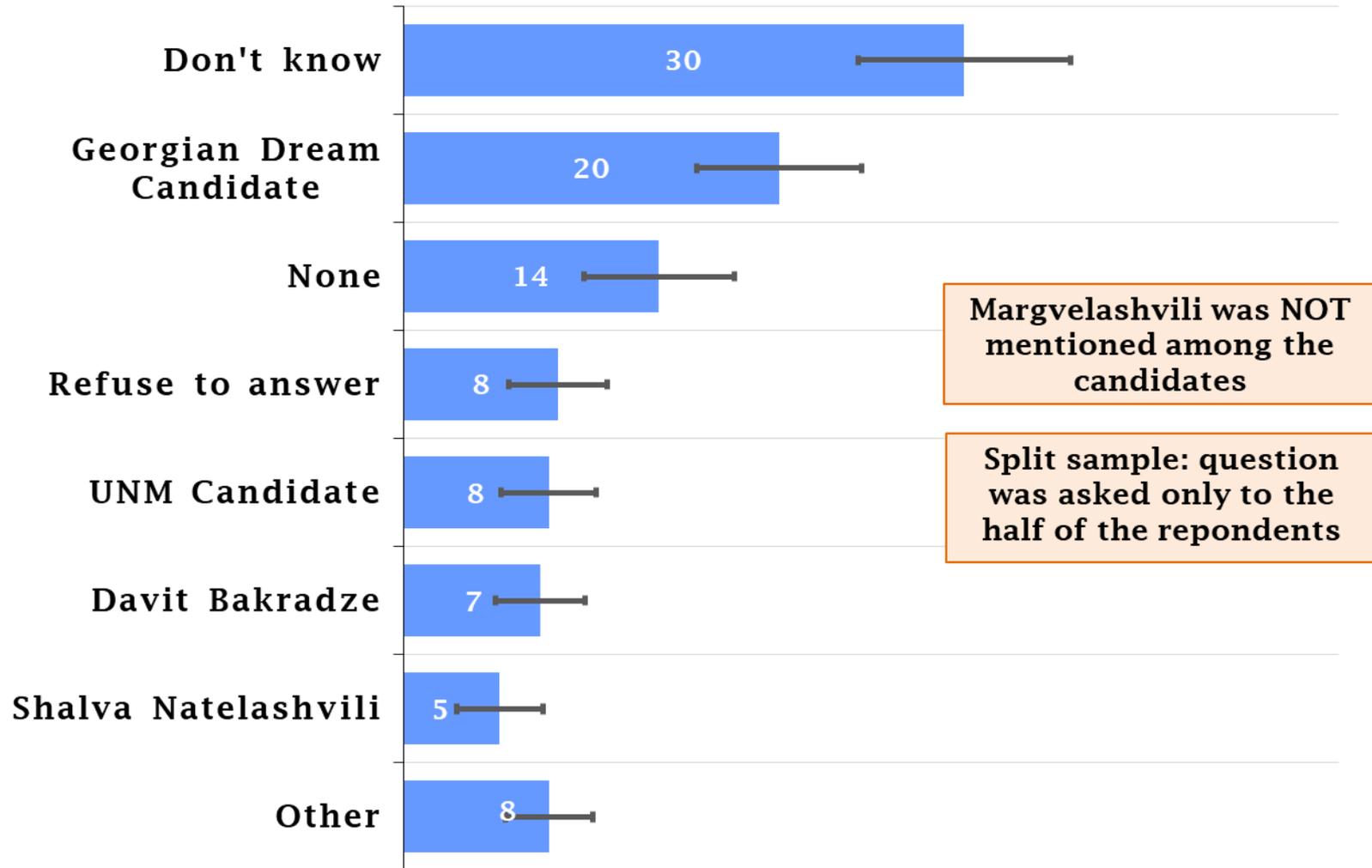
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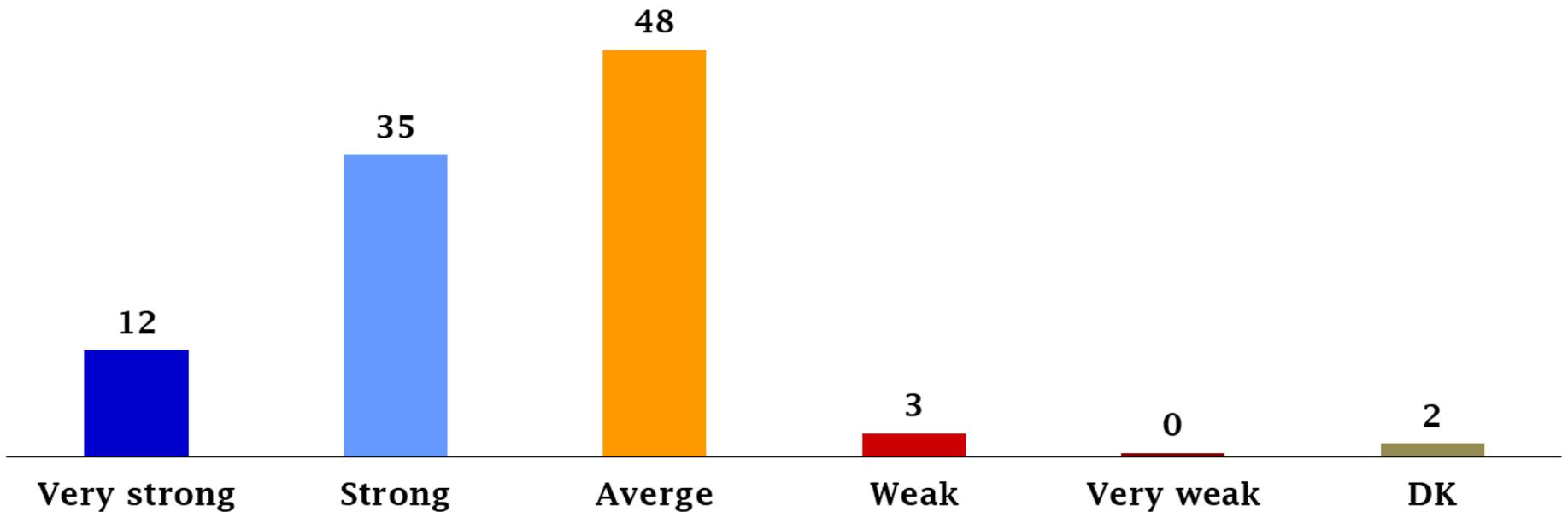
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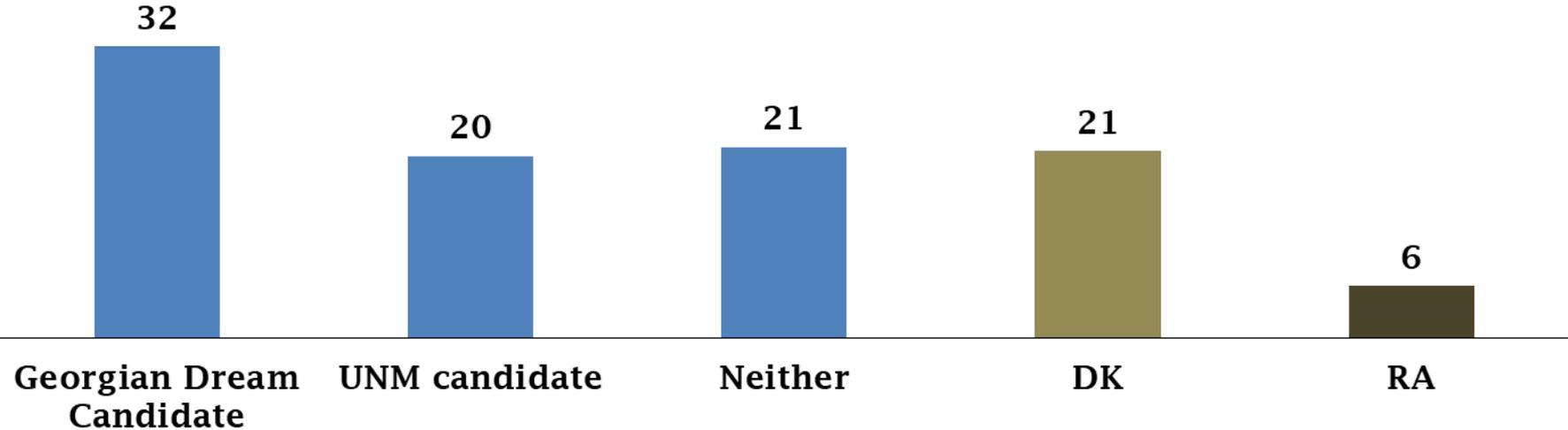
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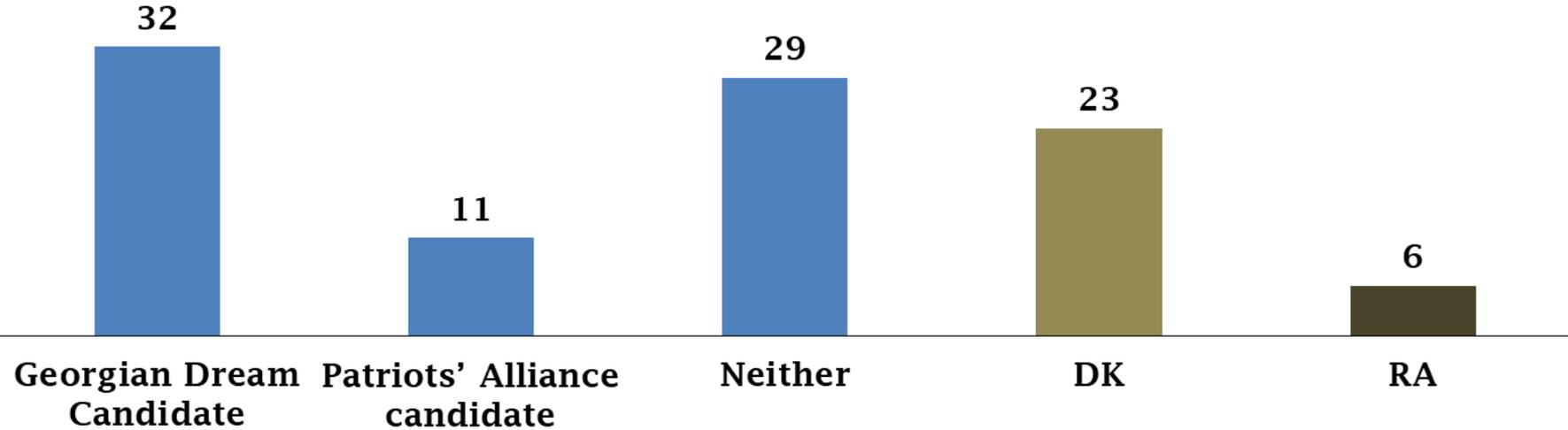
How would you describe your support for your first choice? (q50) - of the 37% who name a specific candidate they would vote for



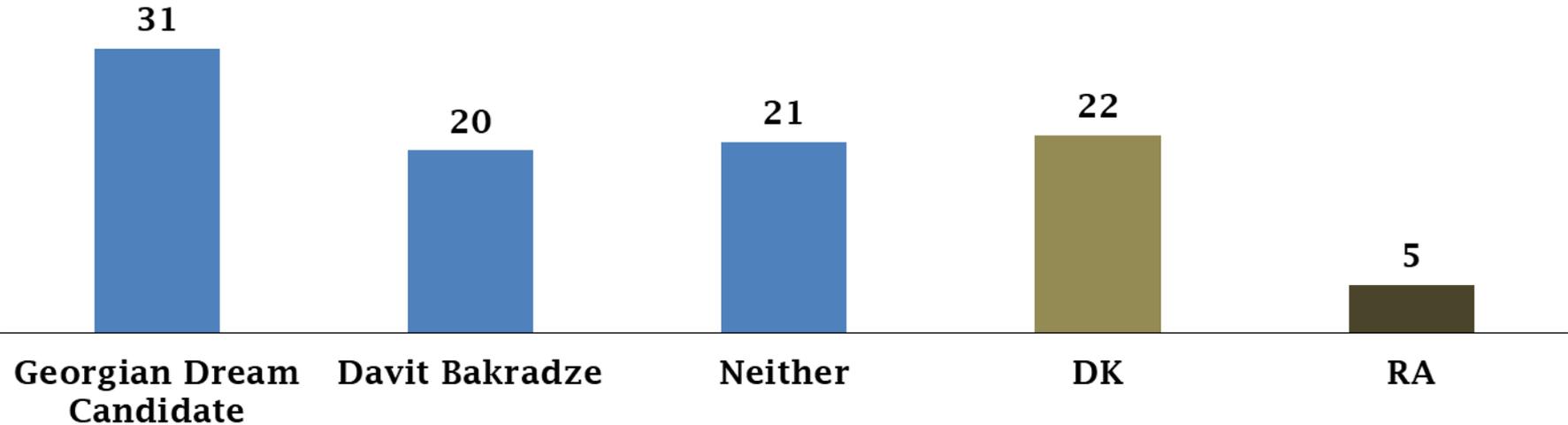
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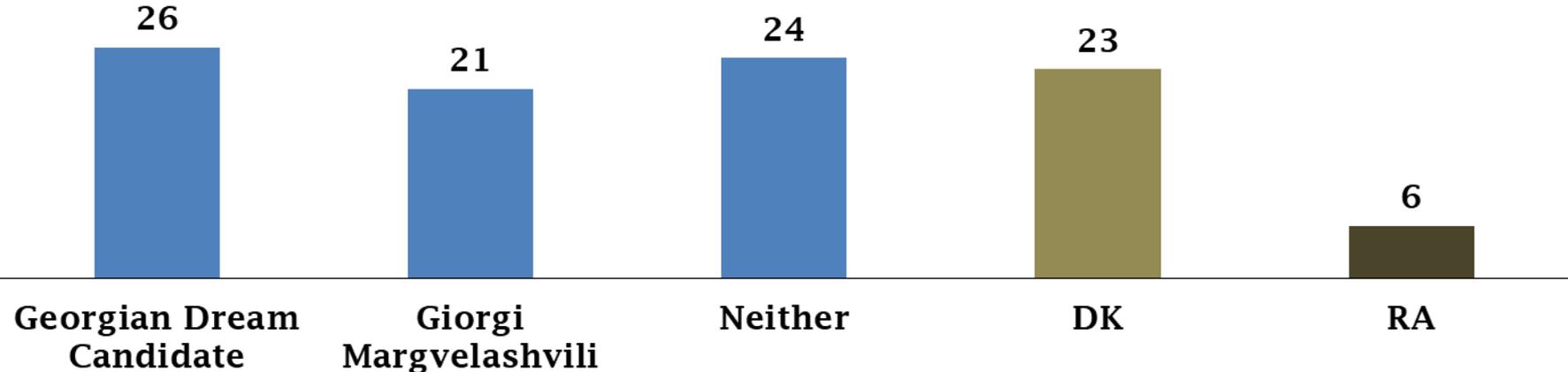
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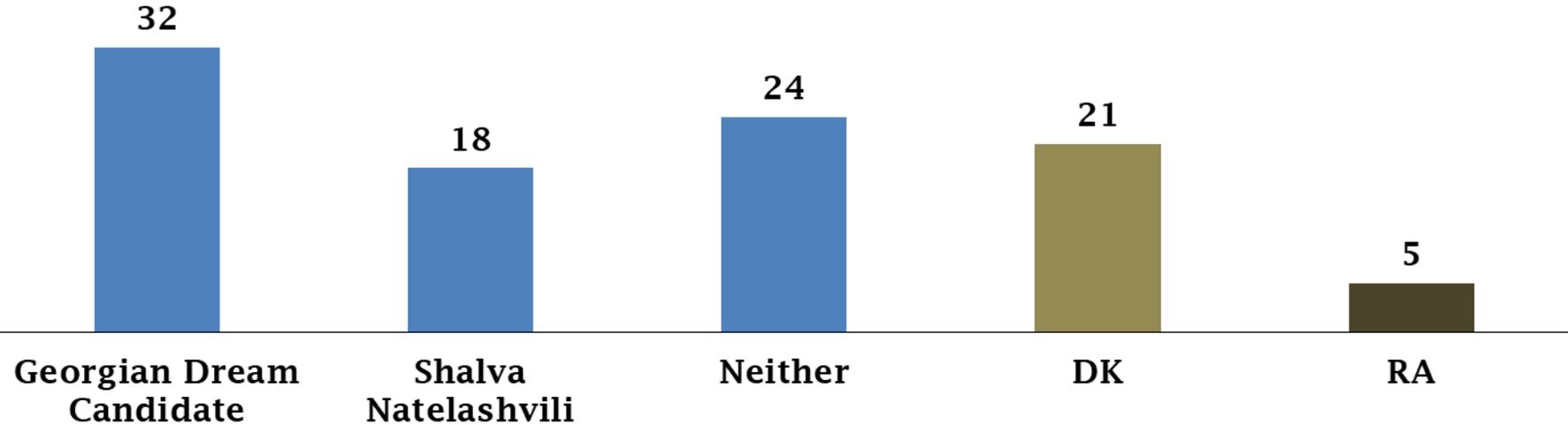
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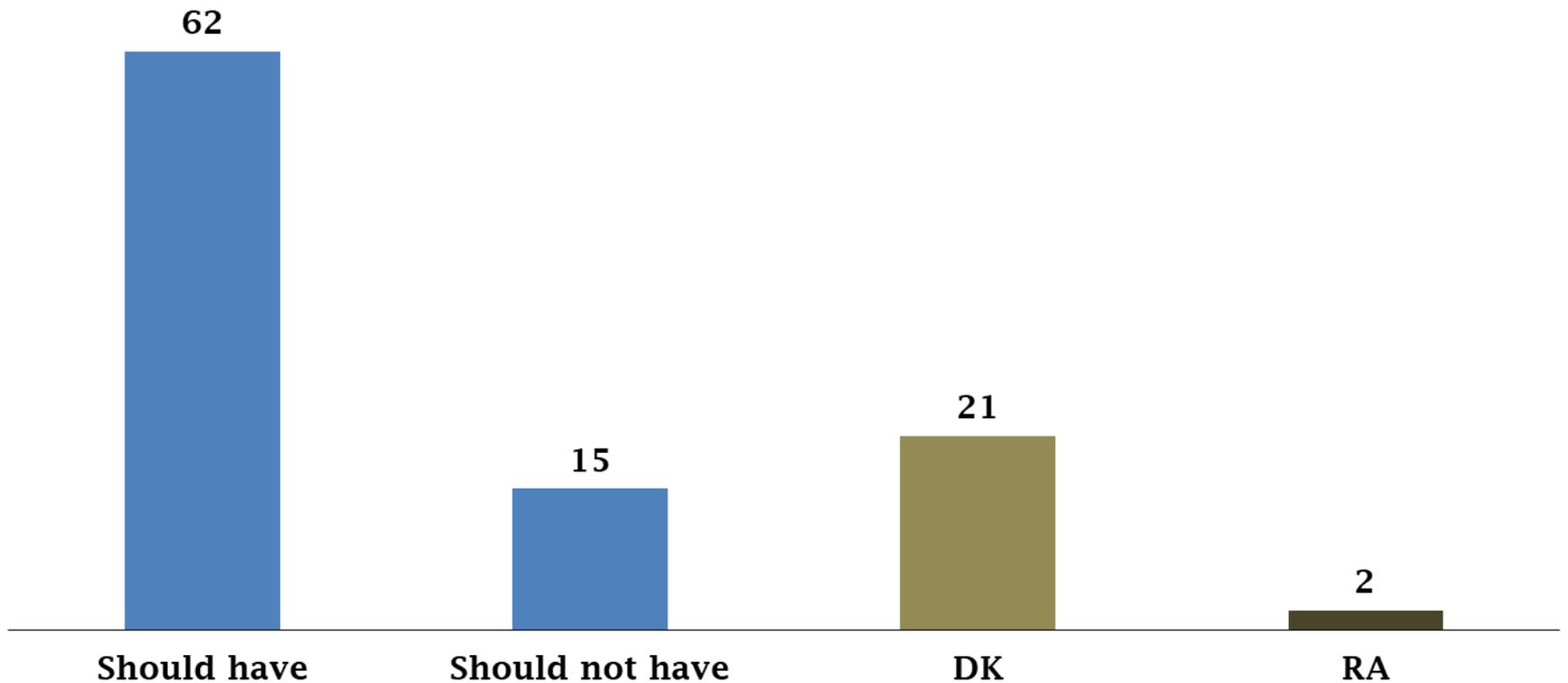
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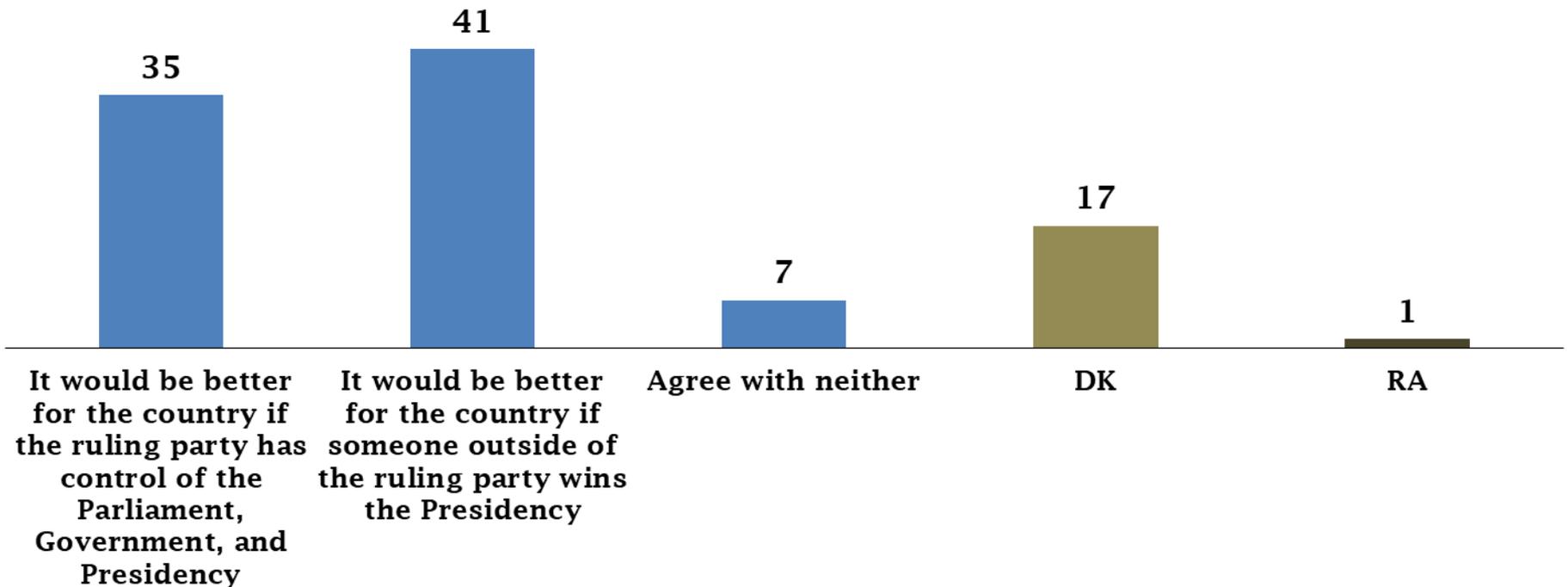
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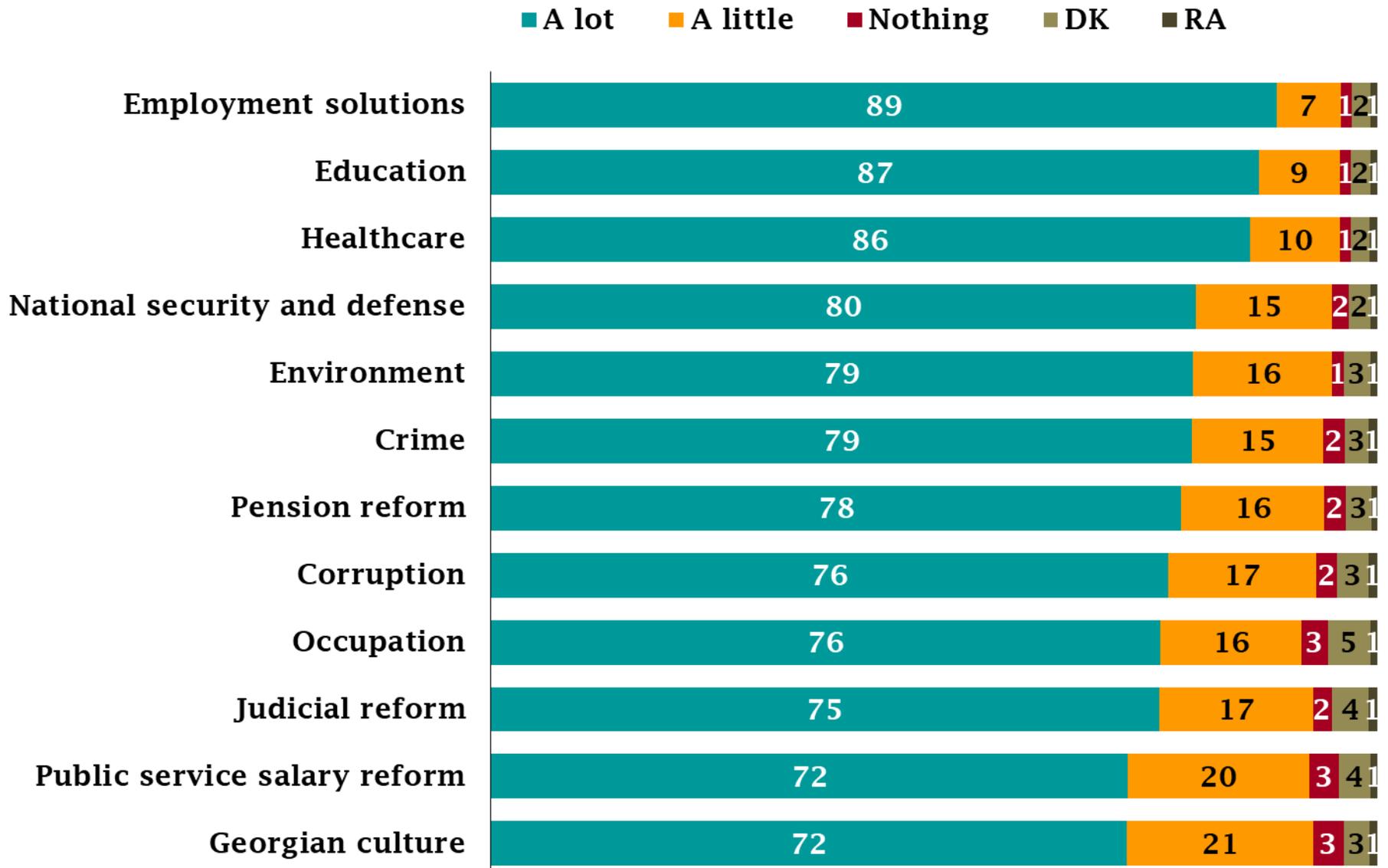
Do you believe or not that opposition should have a common presidential candidate? (q56)



Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q59)

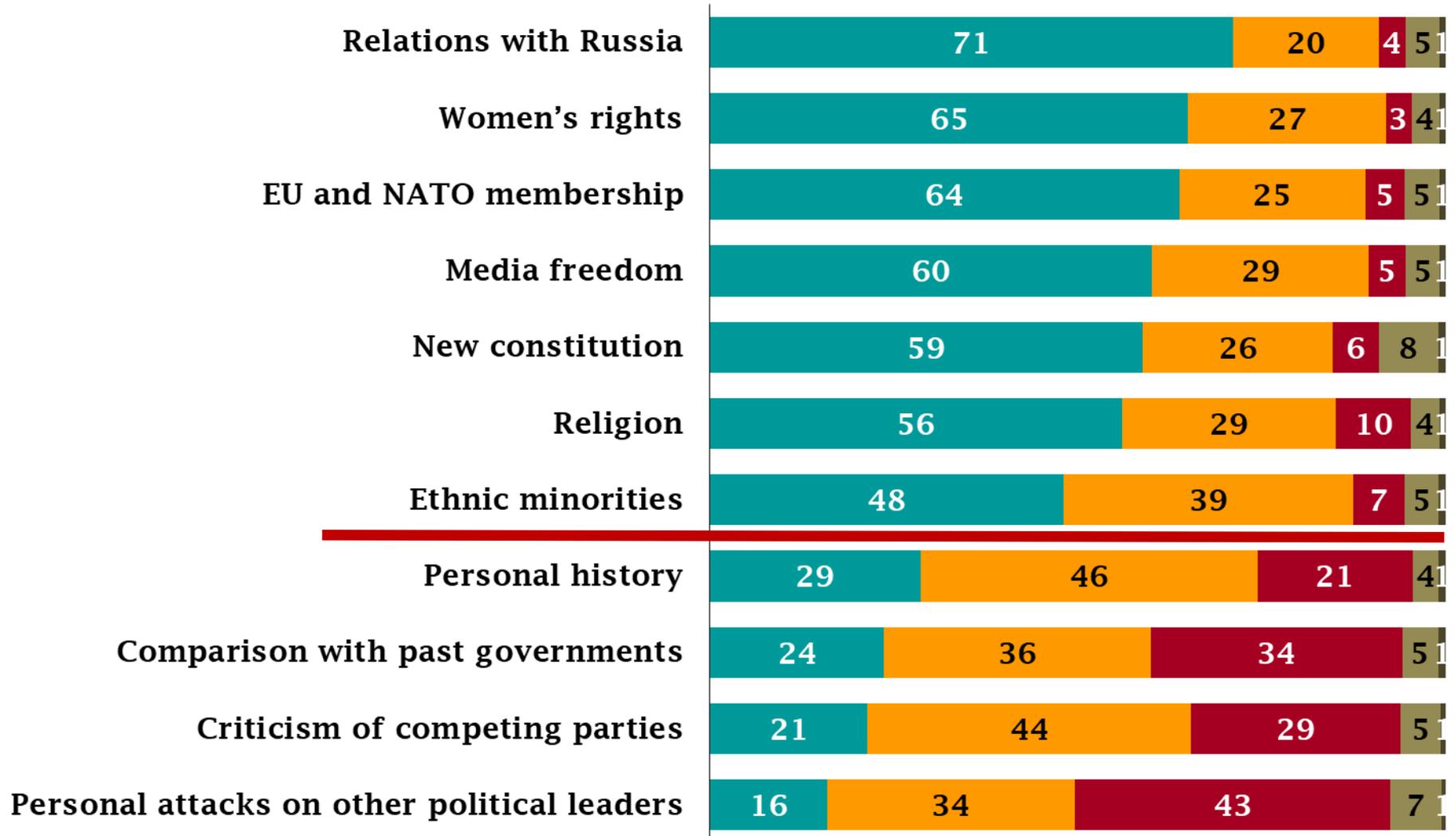


Would you like presidential candidates to talk a lot, a little, or nothing about ...? (q57) Part 1

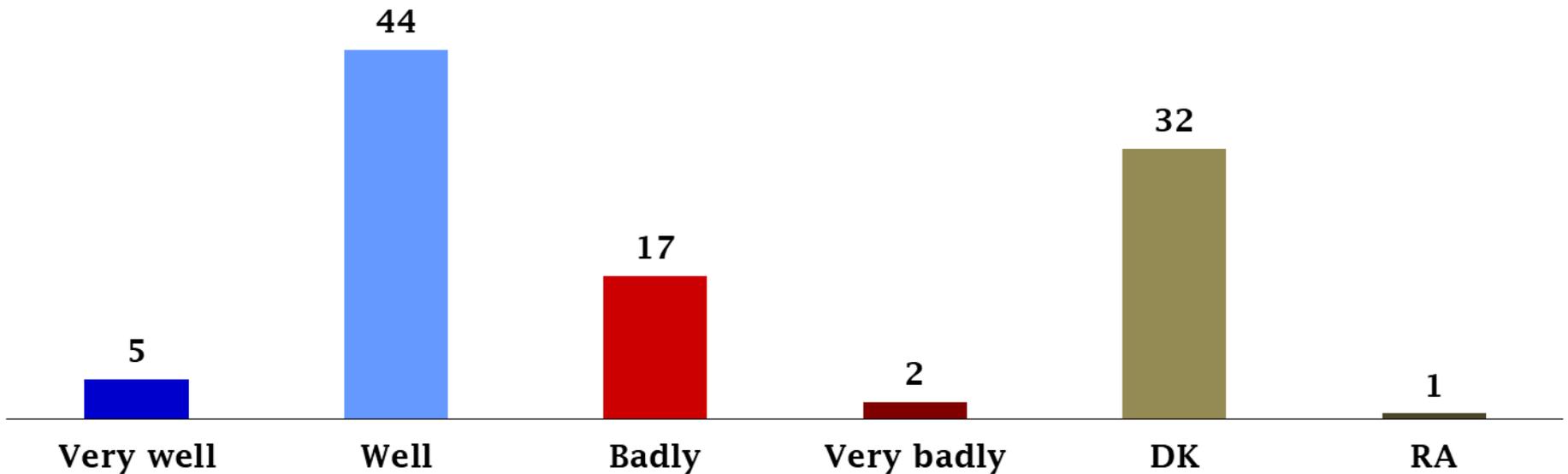


Would you like presidential candidates to talk a lot, a little, or nothing about ...? (q57) Part 2

■ A lot ■ A little ■ Nothing ■ DK ■ RA

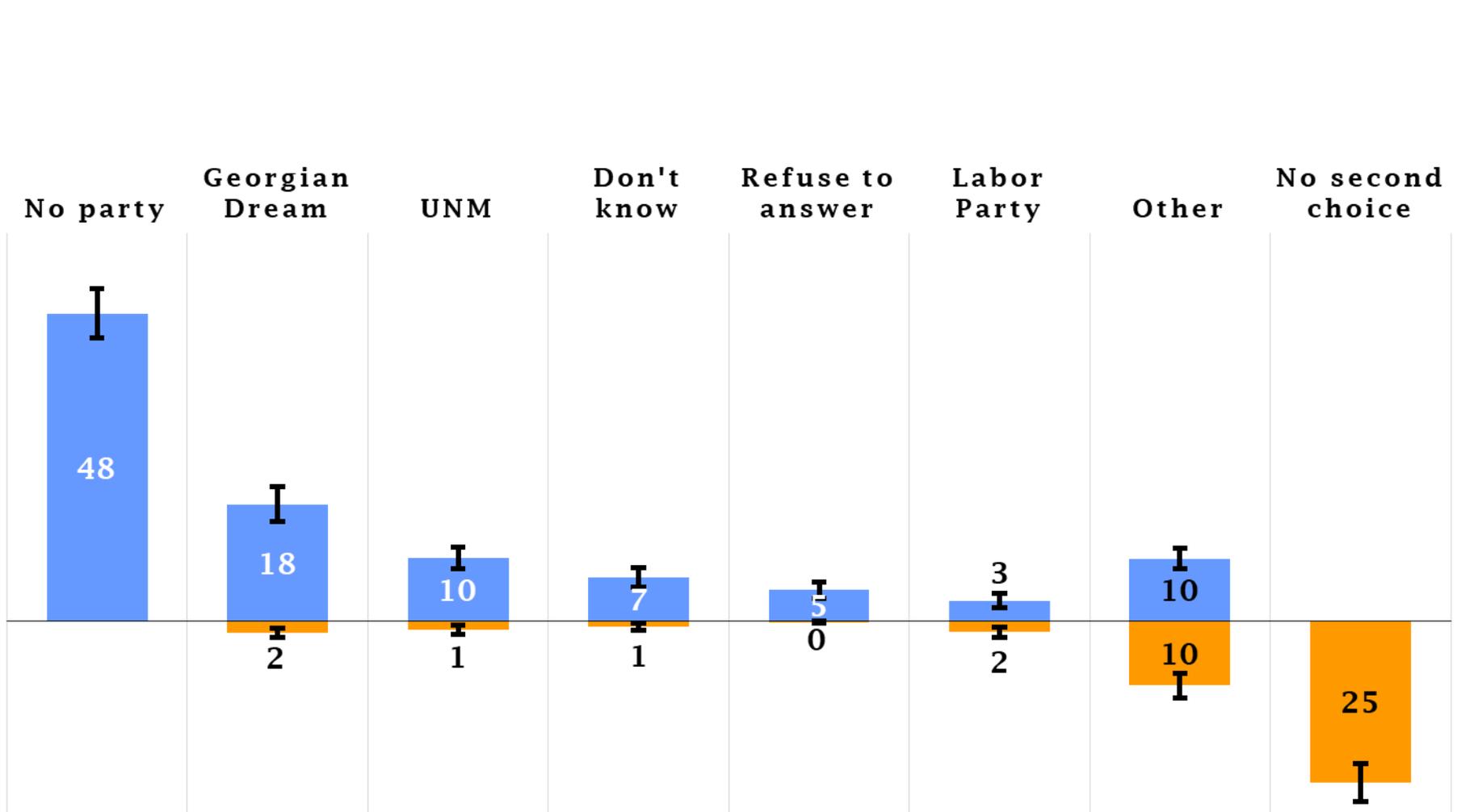


How do you think the coming Presidential election will be conducted/managed by Central Election Commission (CEC)? (q58)

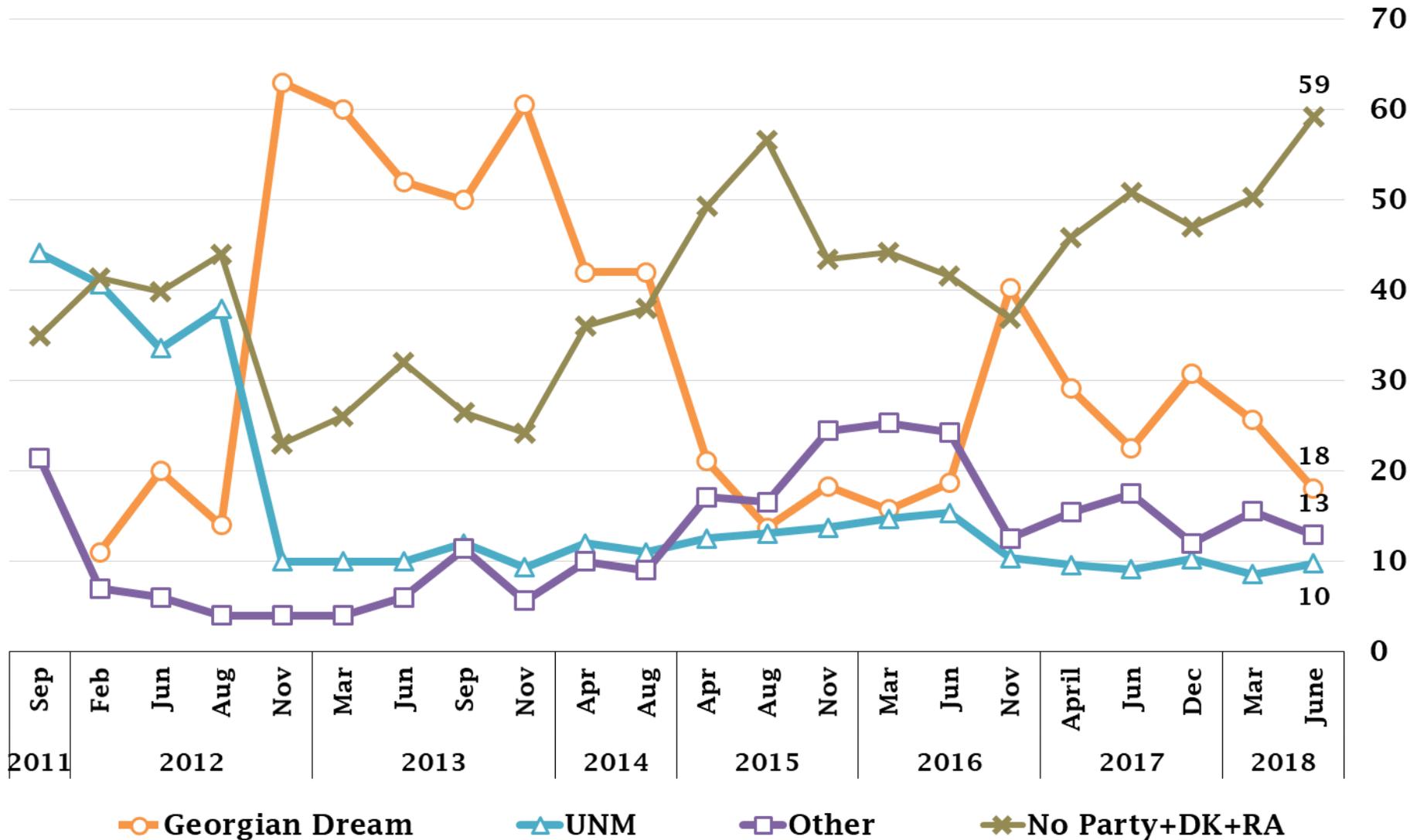


Which party is closest to you? (q46)

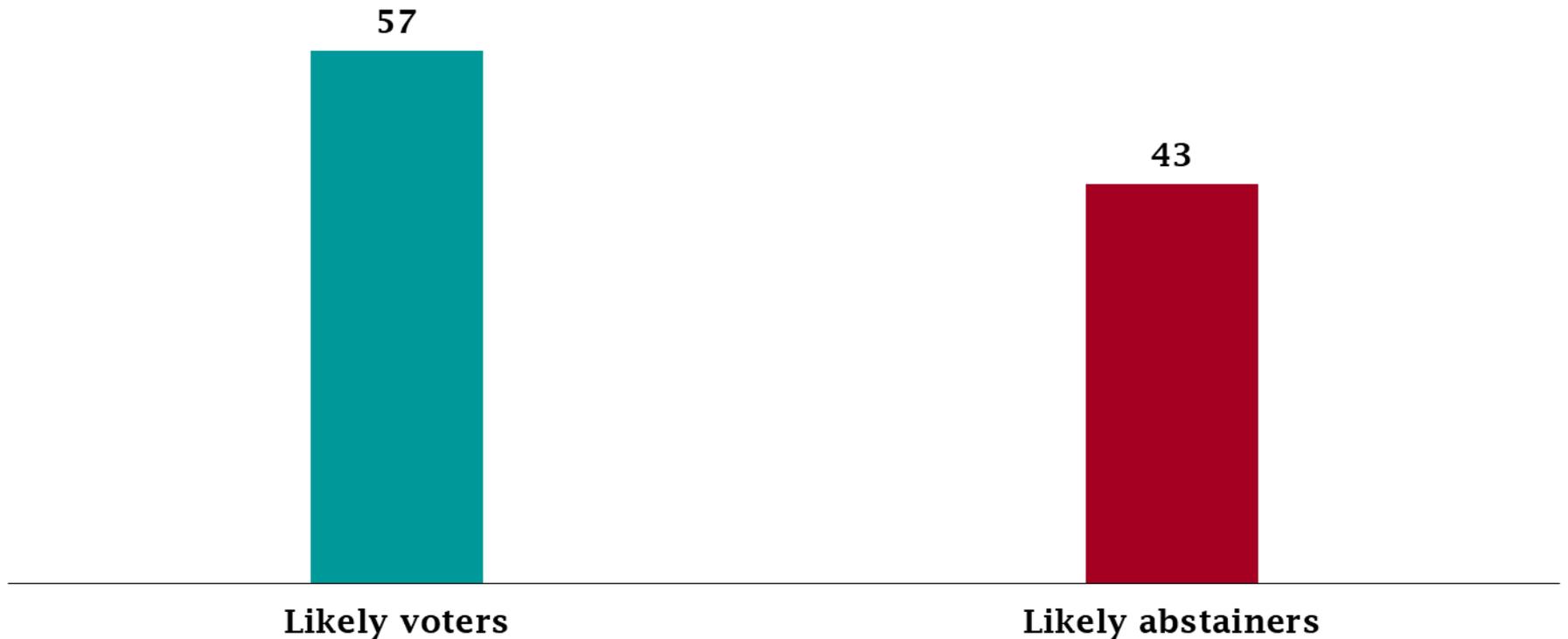
■ First choice ■ Second choice



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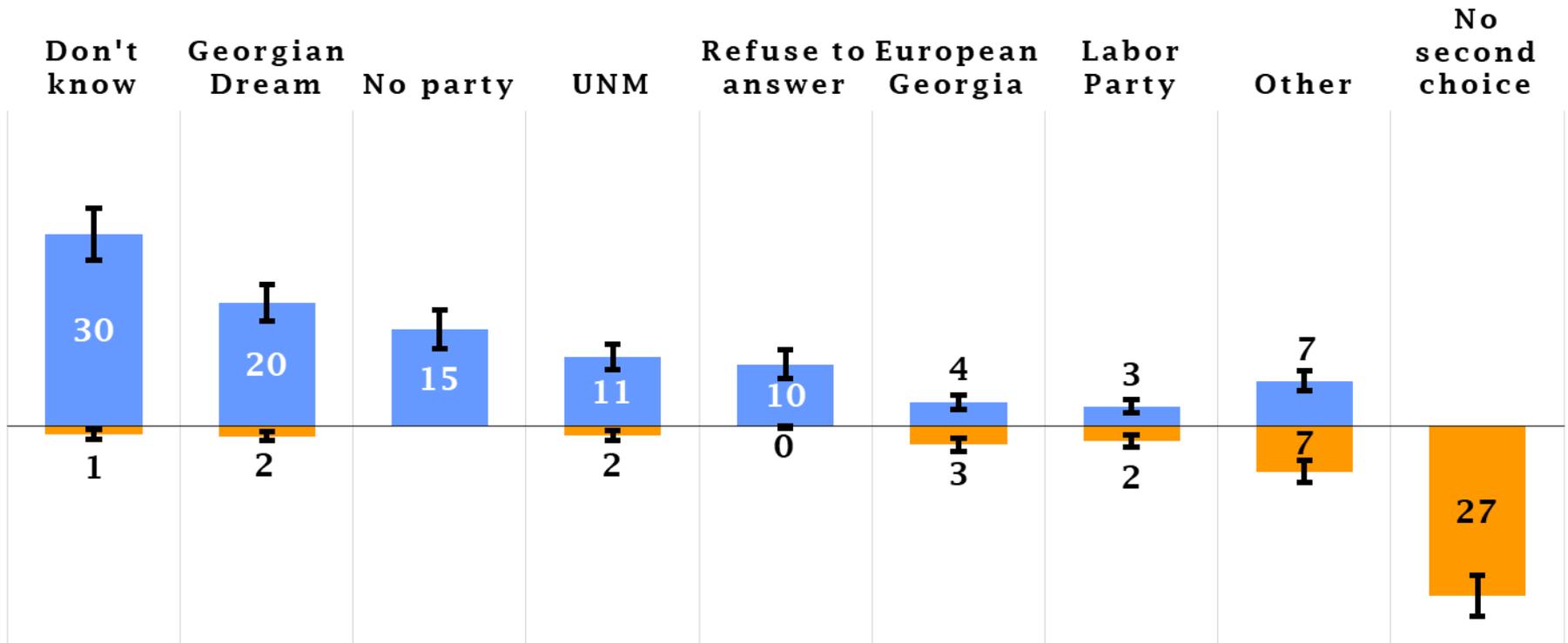


If Parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q60)

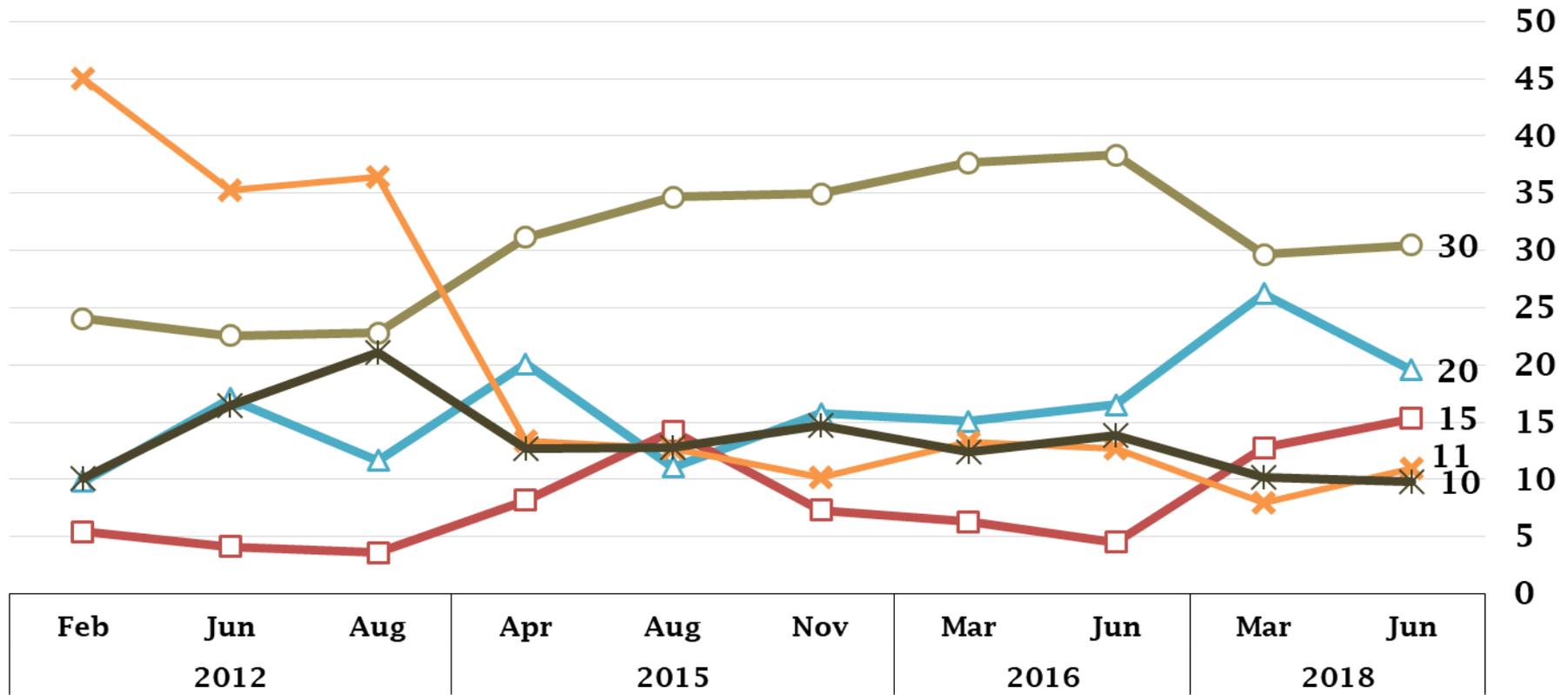


If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for? (q61) Whole sample

■ First choice ■ Second choice



If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for? (q61) Whole sample



○ Don't know

□ No party

✱ Refuse to answer

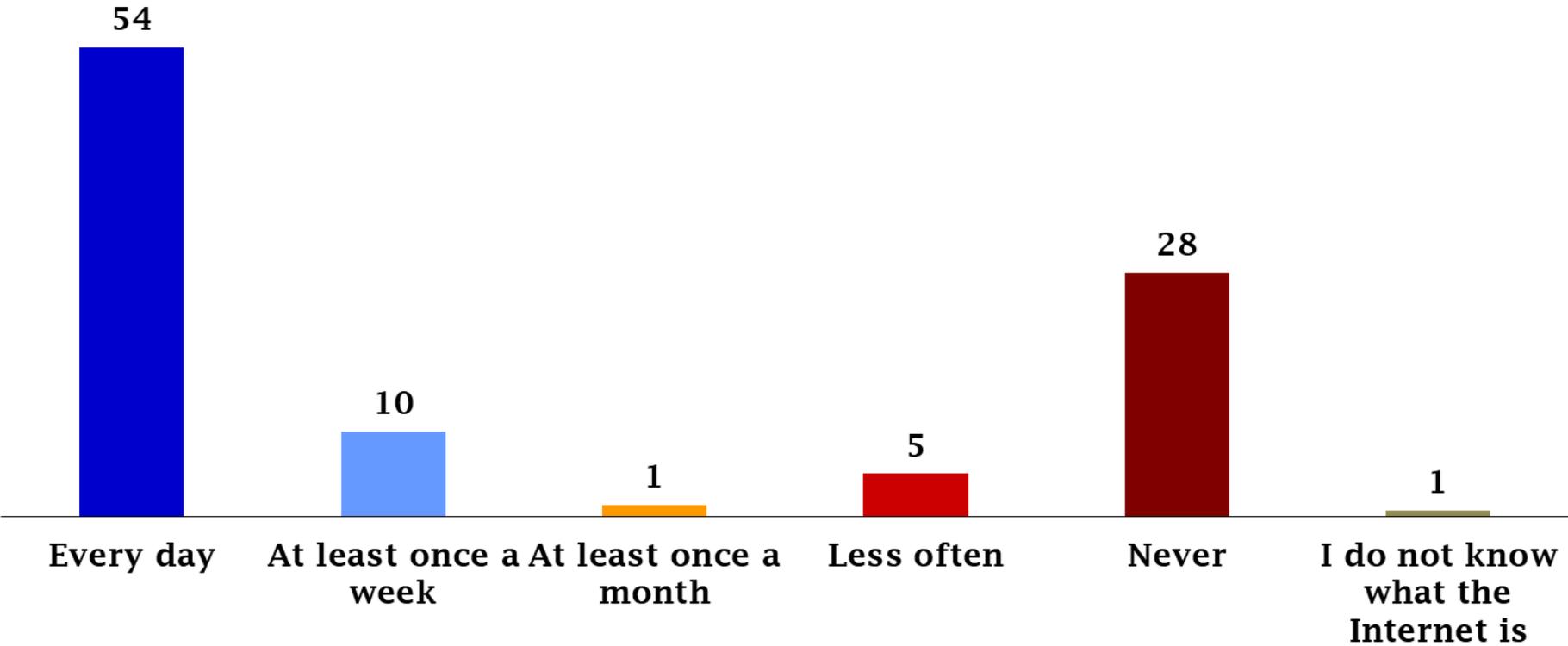
△ Georgian Dream

✱ United National Movement

Internet use

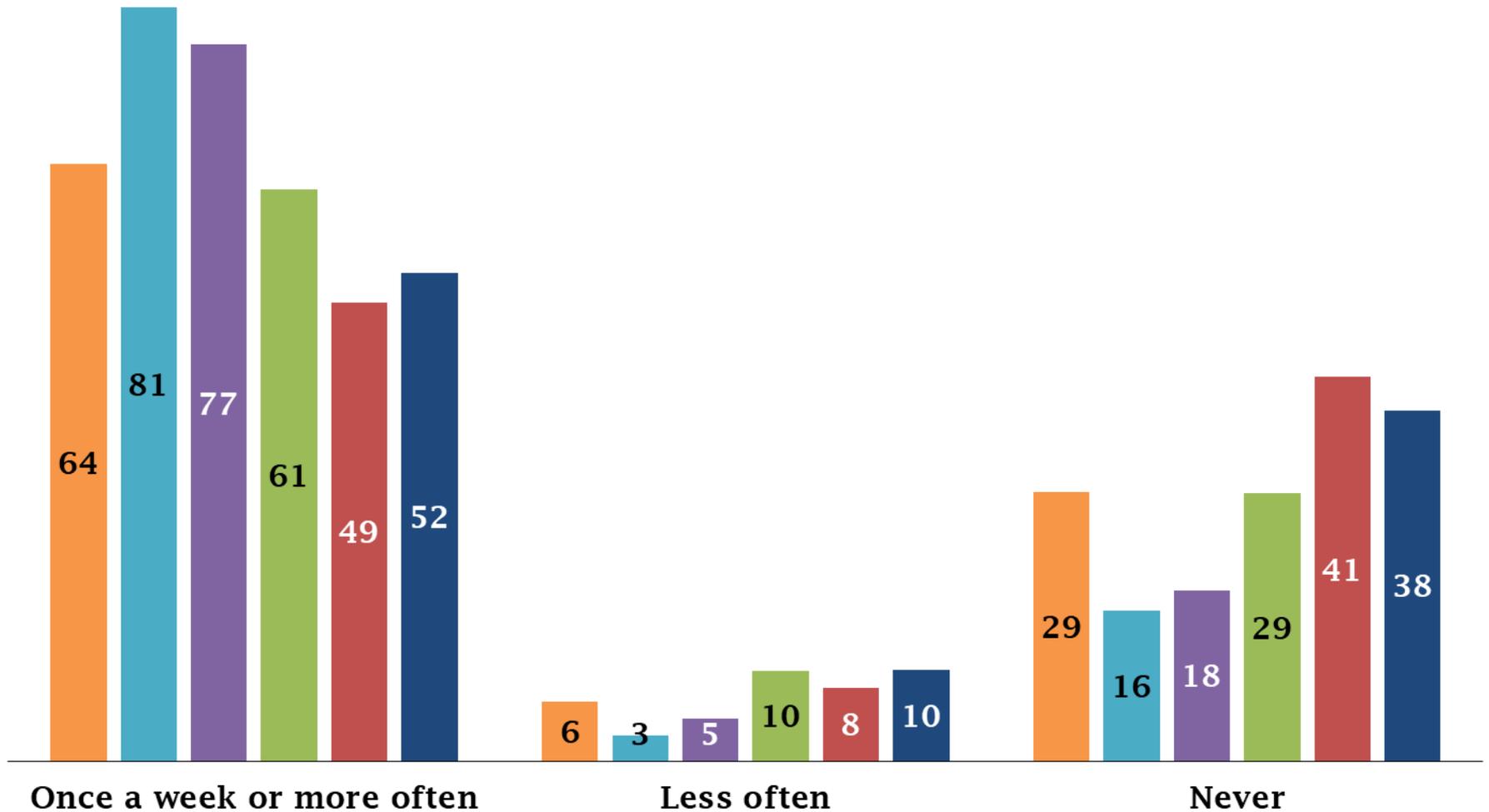
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How often do you use the Internet? (q63)



How often do you use the Internet? (q63 X Settlement)

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



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