



Public Attitudes in Georgia

Results of a April 2015 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 27 – April 19, 2015
- 4,360 completed interviews
- A nationally representative sample of citizens of Georgia including Urban, Rural, East Georgia and West Georgia areas and settlements densely populated by ethnic minorities. Also additional representative samples of the self governing cities of Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Zugdidi, Batumi, Akhaltsikhe and the Municipality of Gurjaani
- The average margin of error is +/- 2.3%

Methodology

Sample design

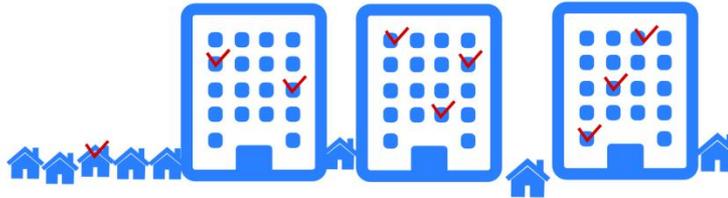
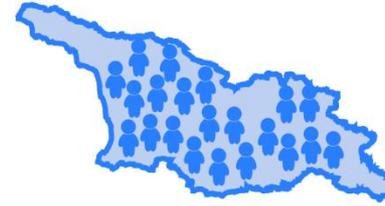
NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:

- ✓ **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 are conducted face-to-face, in one of the three languages – 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.

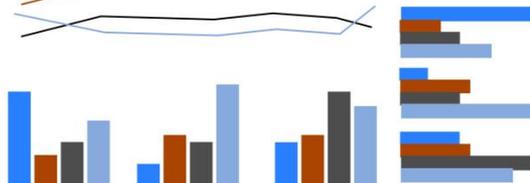
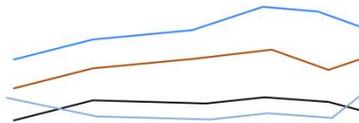


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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



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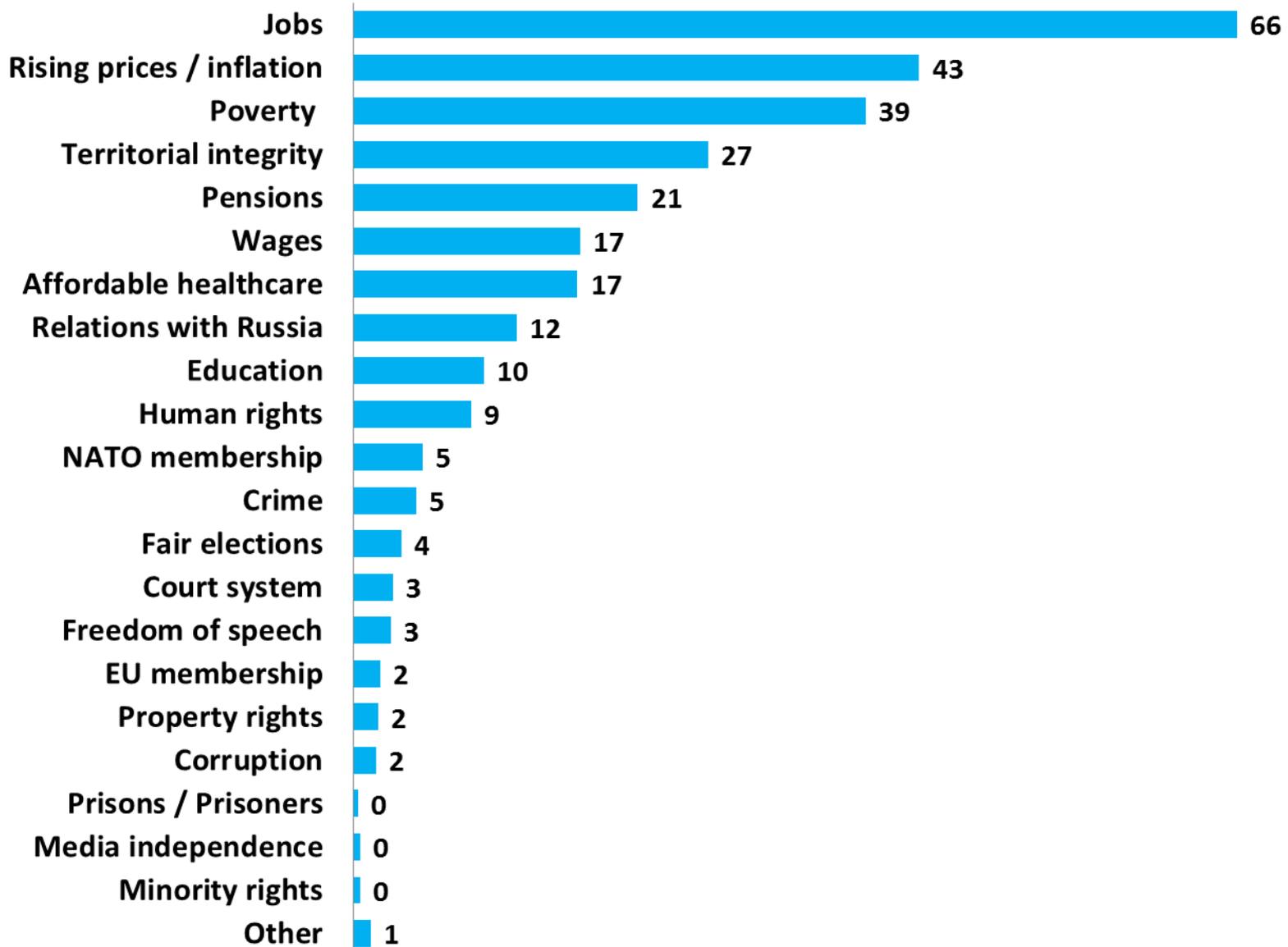
CRRG cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

Issues covered in the presentation

- National Issues
- Economy
- Direction of the country
- Democracy and Governance
- The Parliament
- Foreign Affairs
- Media

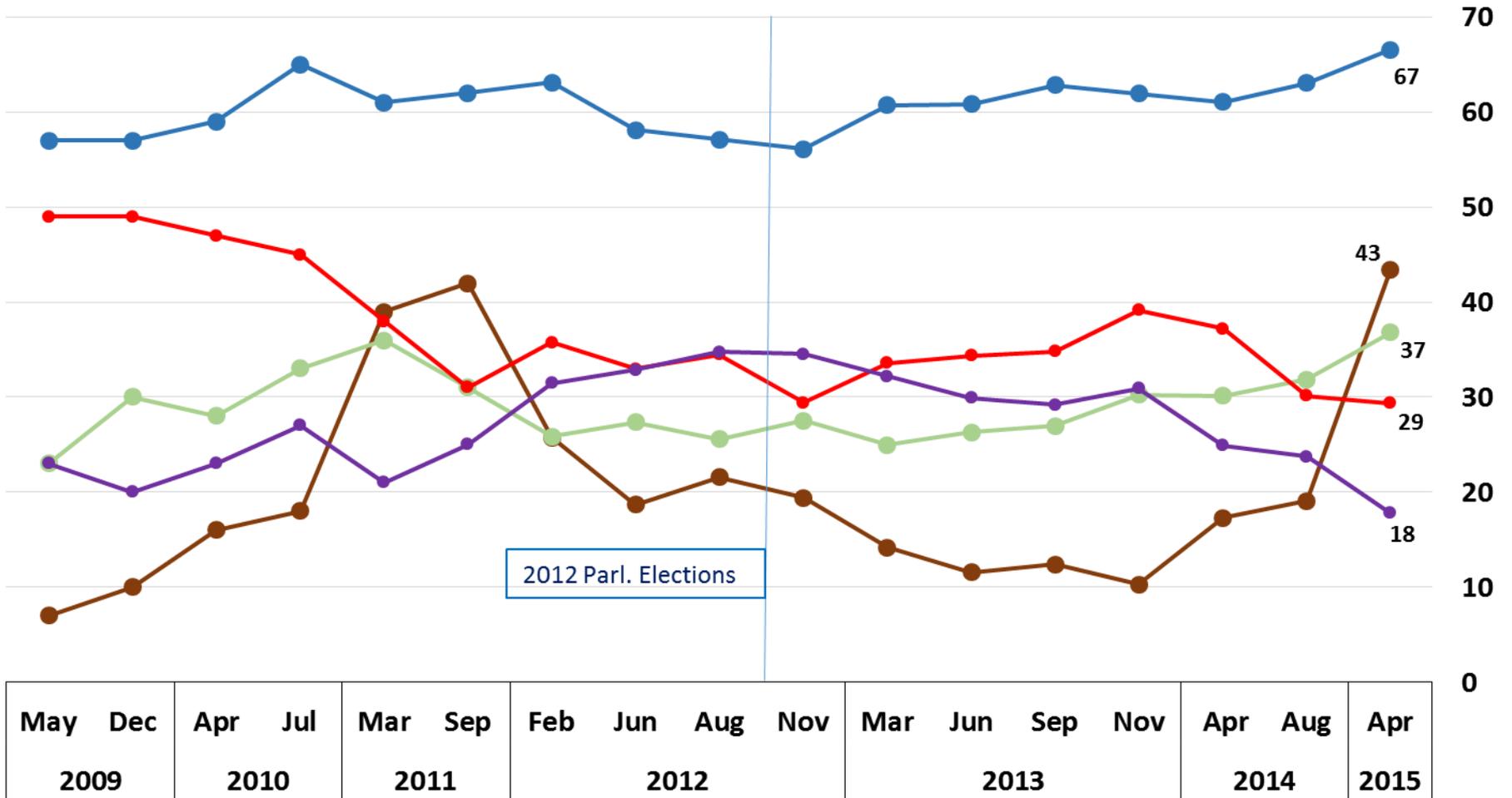
National Issues

Most important national issues. Name up to three (q4)



Most important national issue (q4)

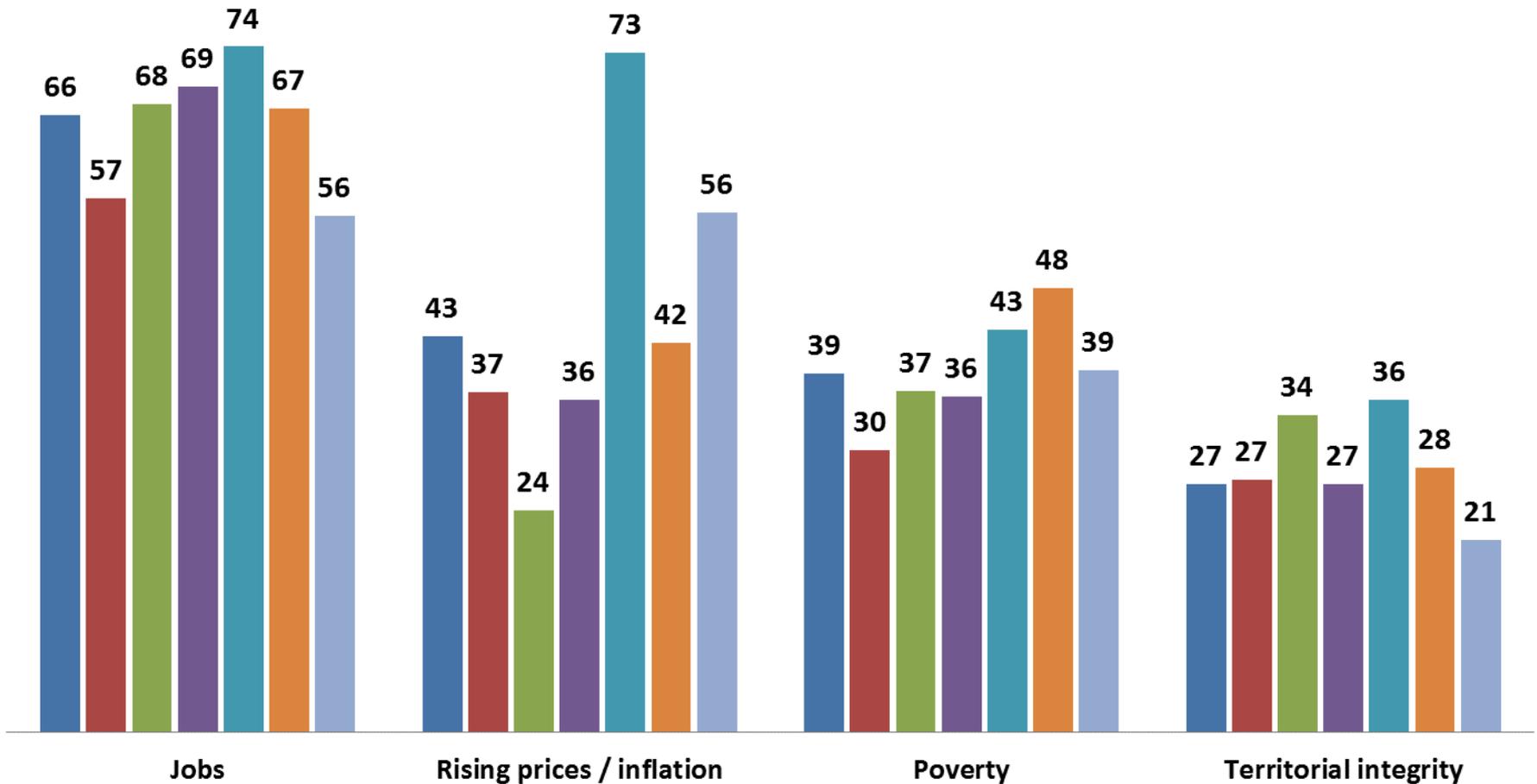
● Jobs
 ● Rising prices / inflation
 ● Poverty
 ● Territorial integrity
 ● Affordable healthcare



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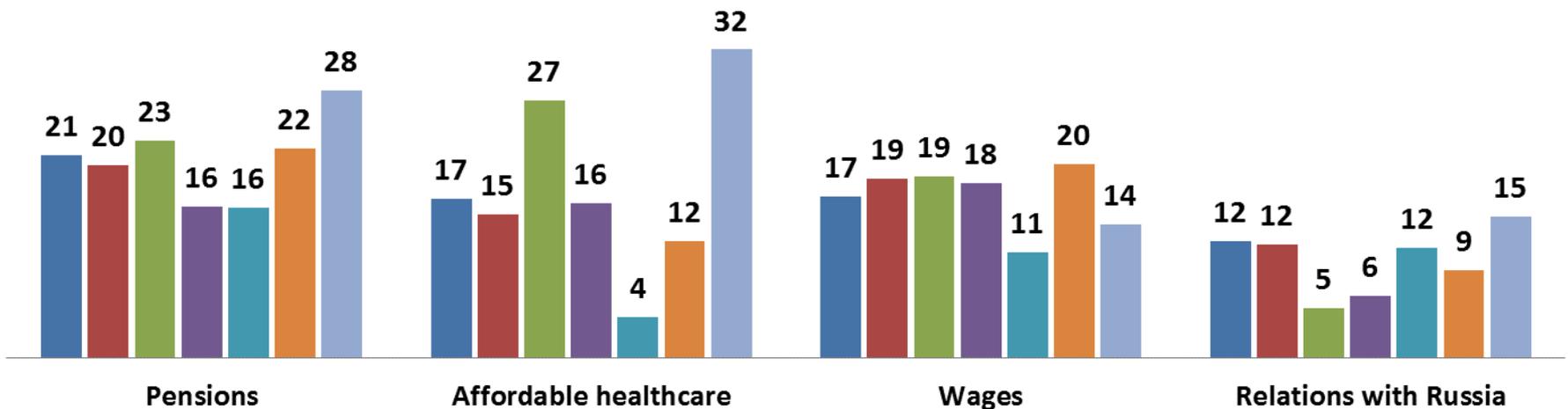
Most important national issues. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 1

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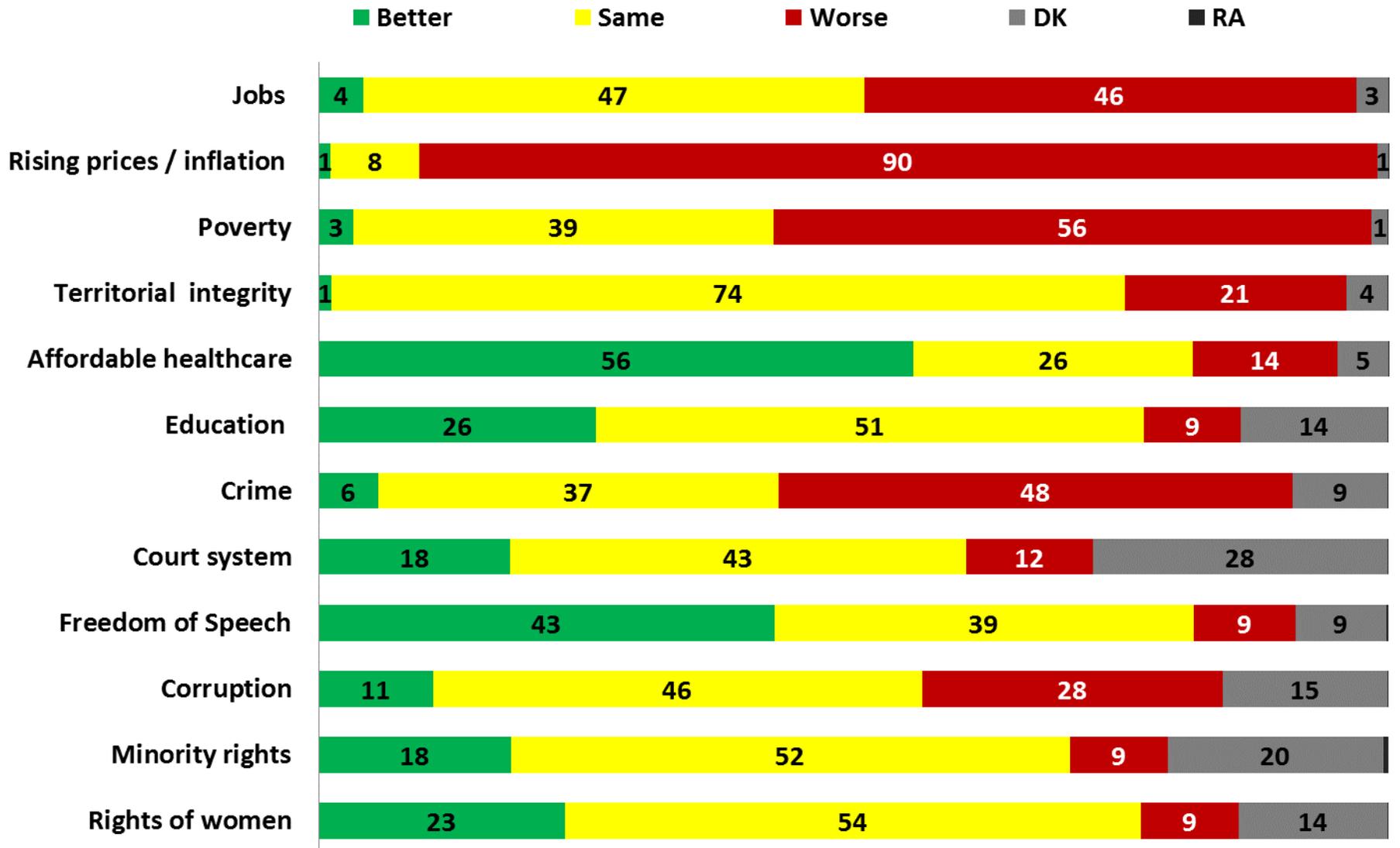


Most important national issues. Name up to three (q4 X Settlement) Part 2

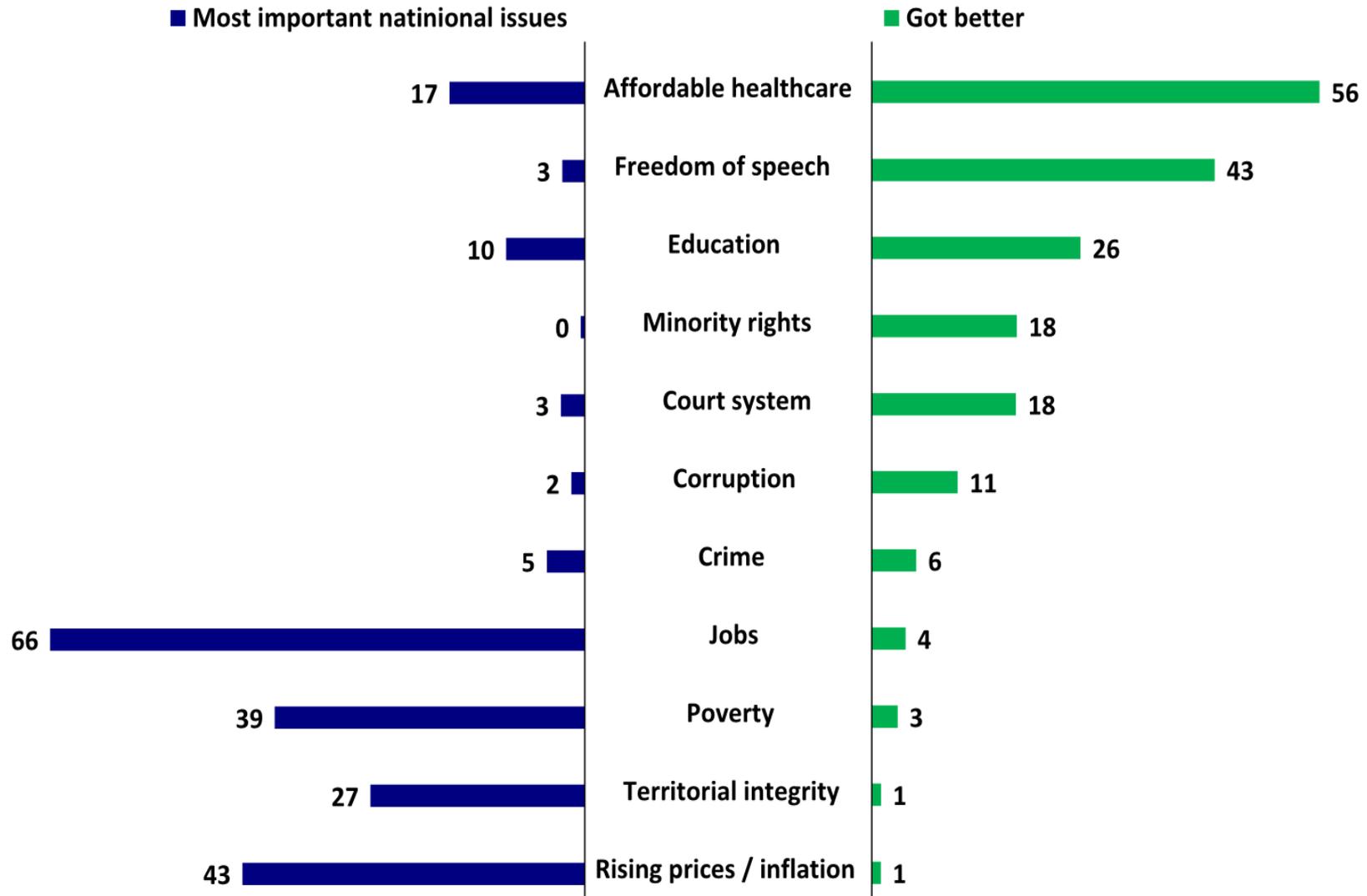
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How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia compared to October 2012? (q5)



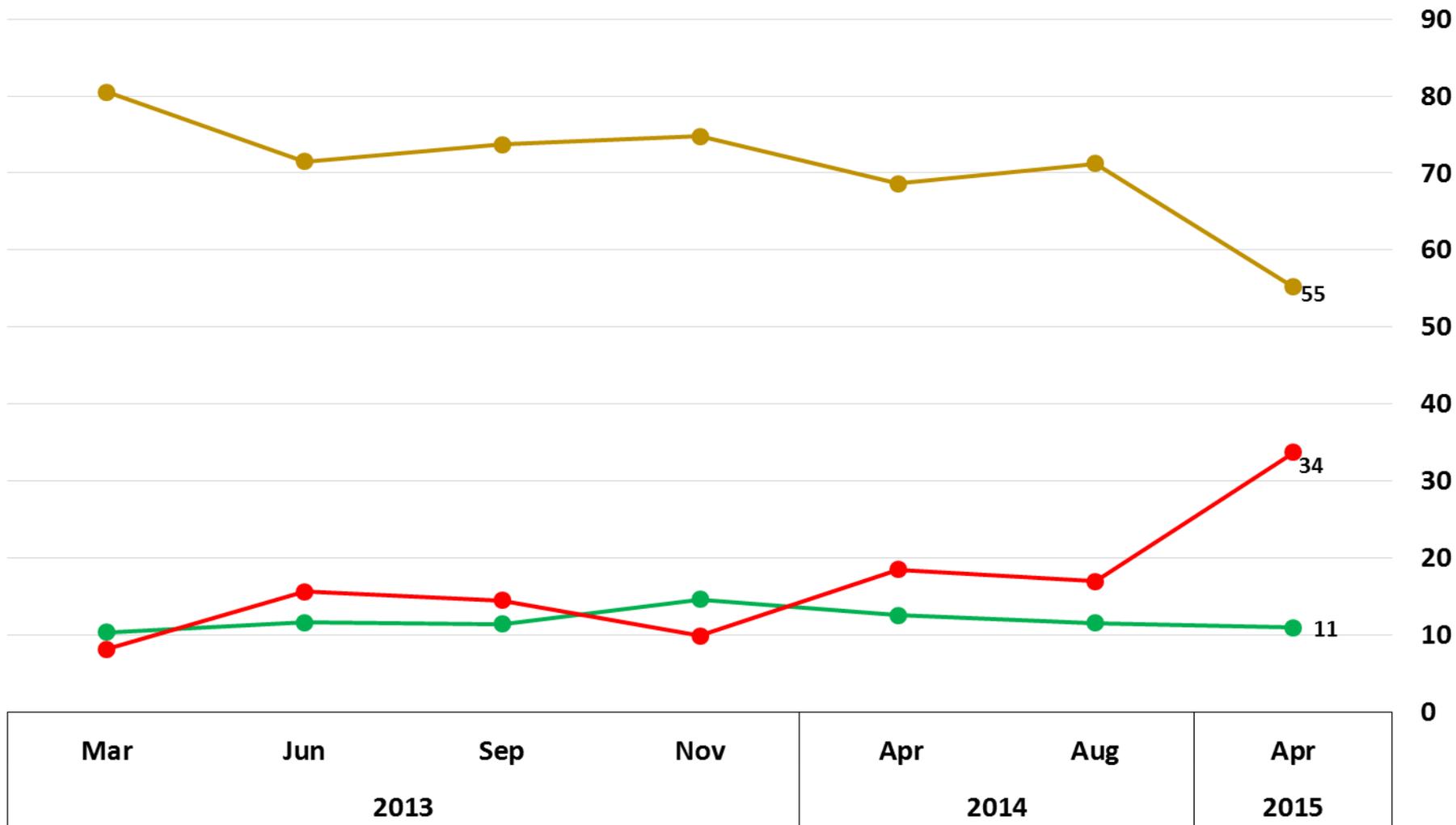
Most important national issues (q4) vs. Situation related to the issue has improved in Georgia (q5)



Economy

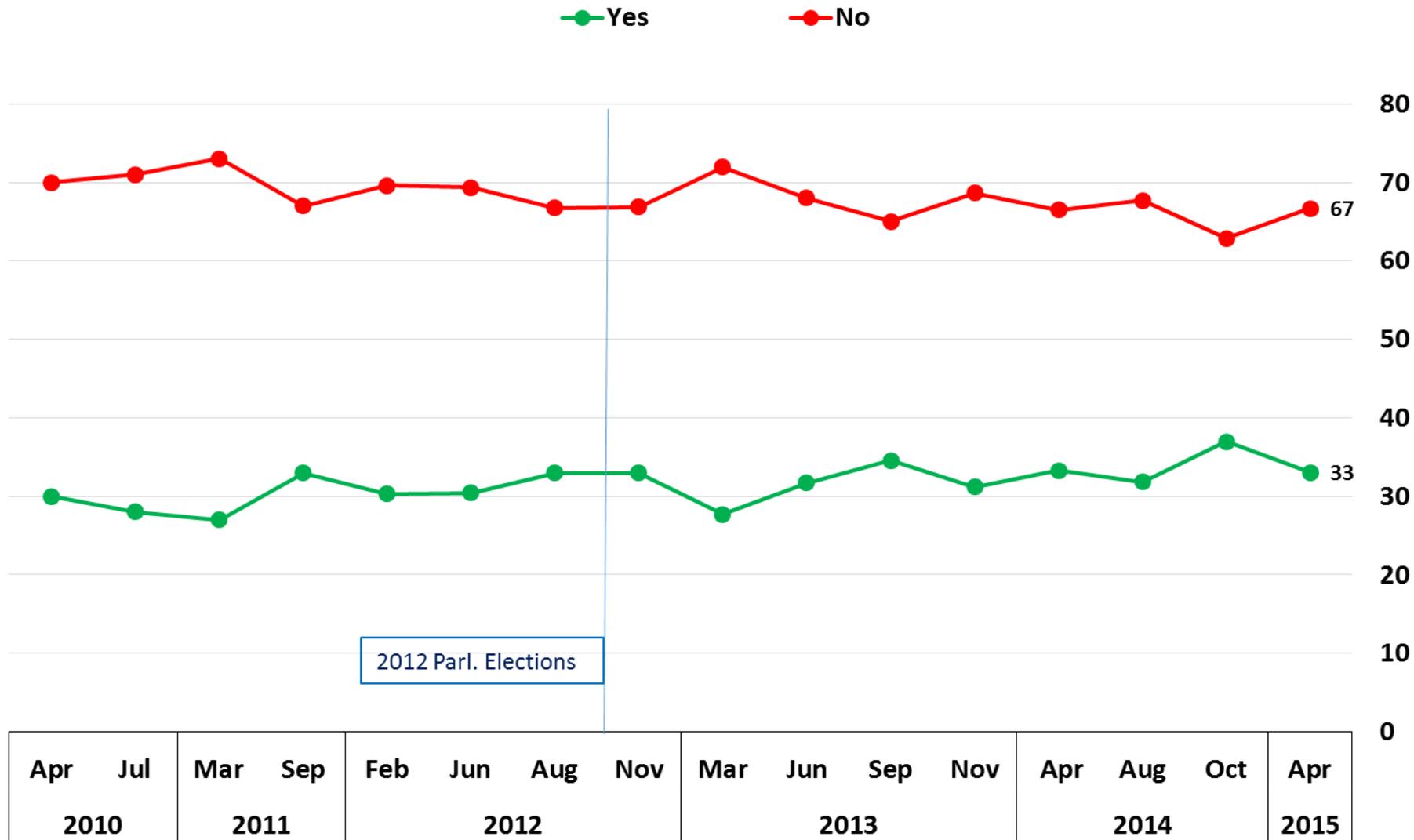
Since October 2012 you and your household are. . . (q3)

● Better ● The same ● Worse



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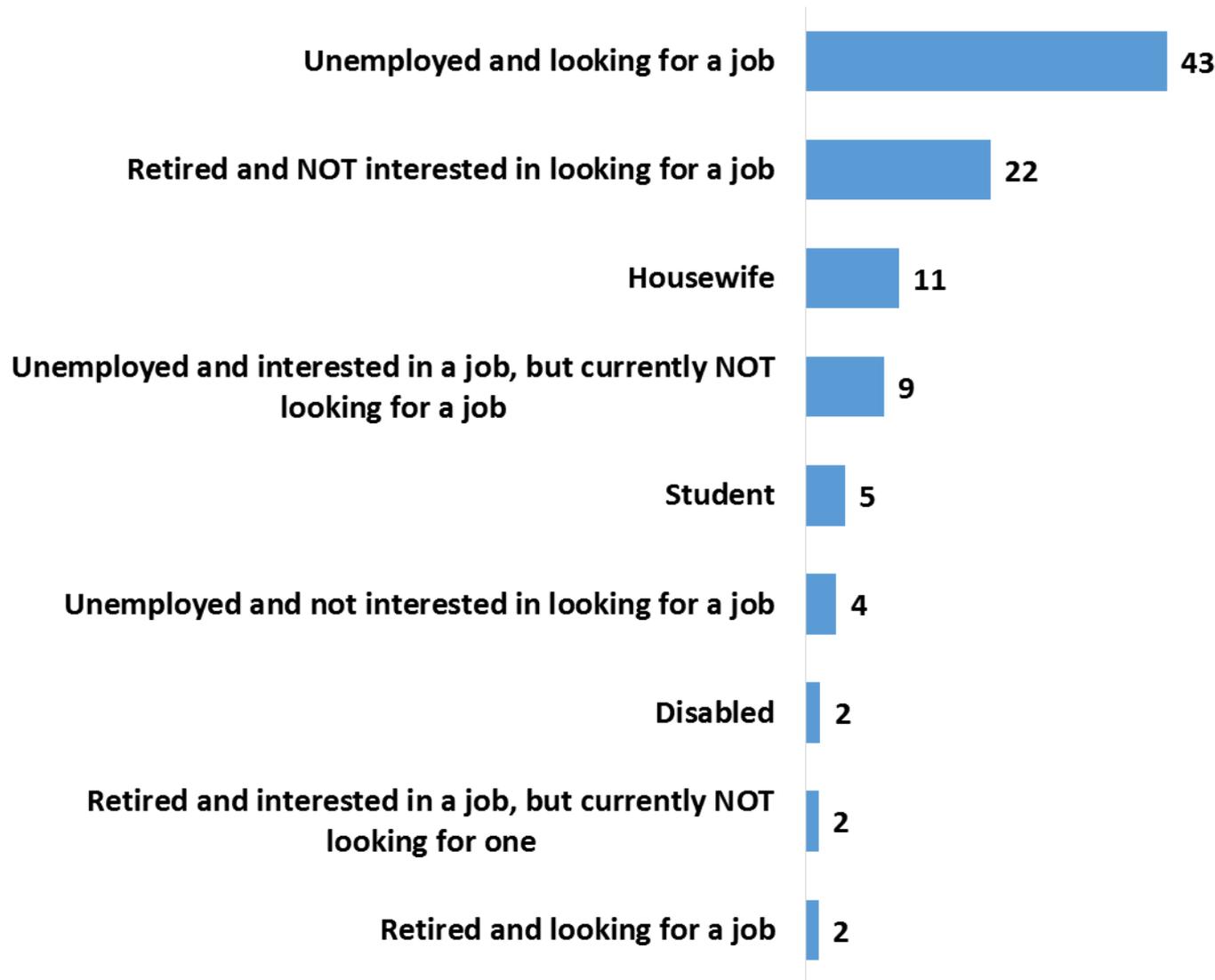
Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q53)



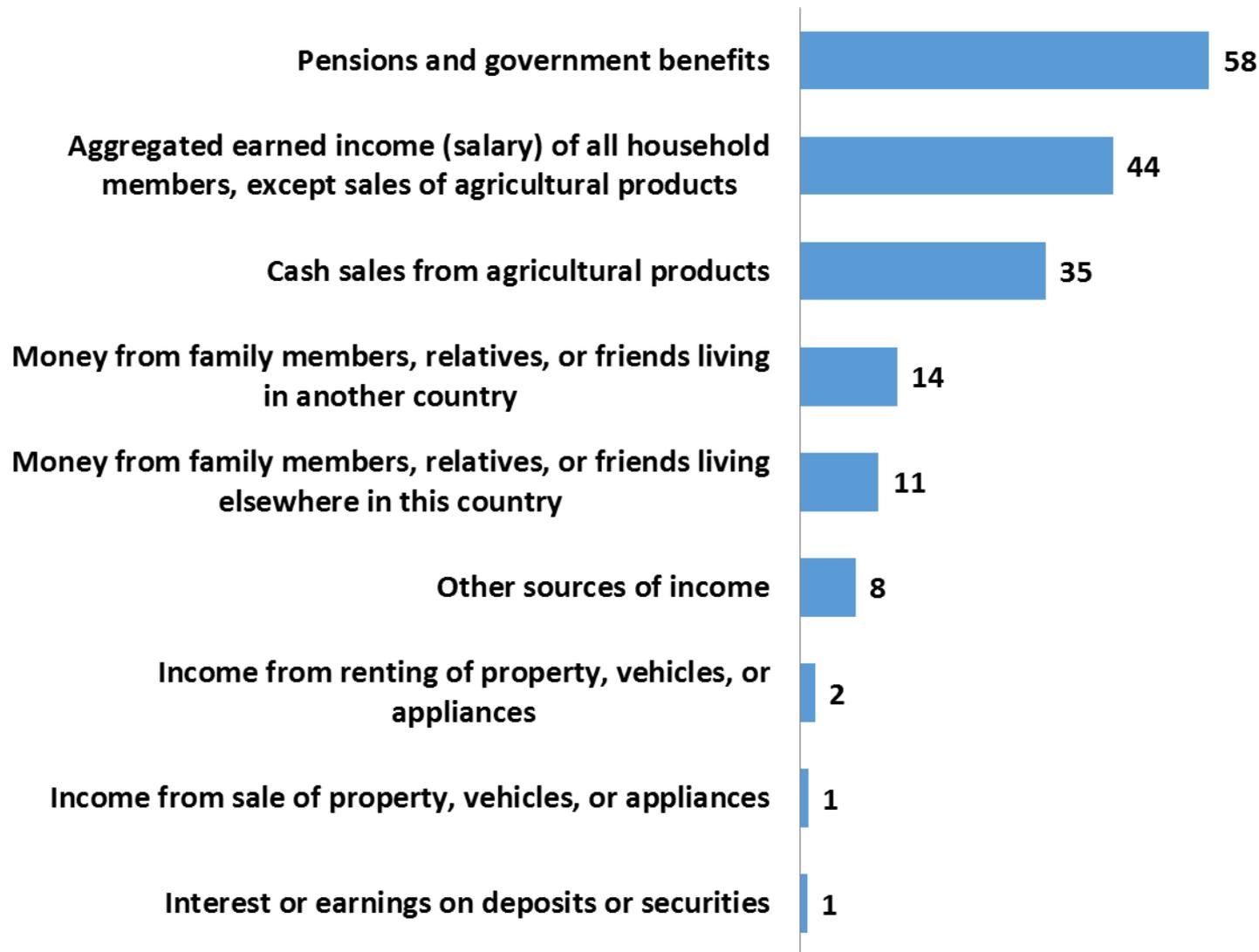
2012 Parl. Elections

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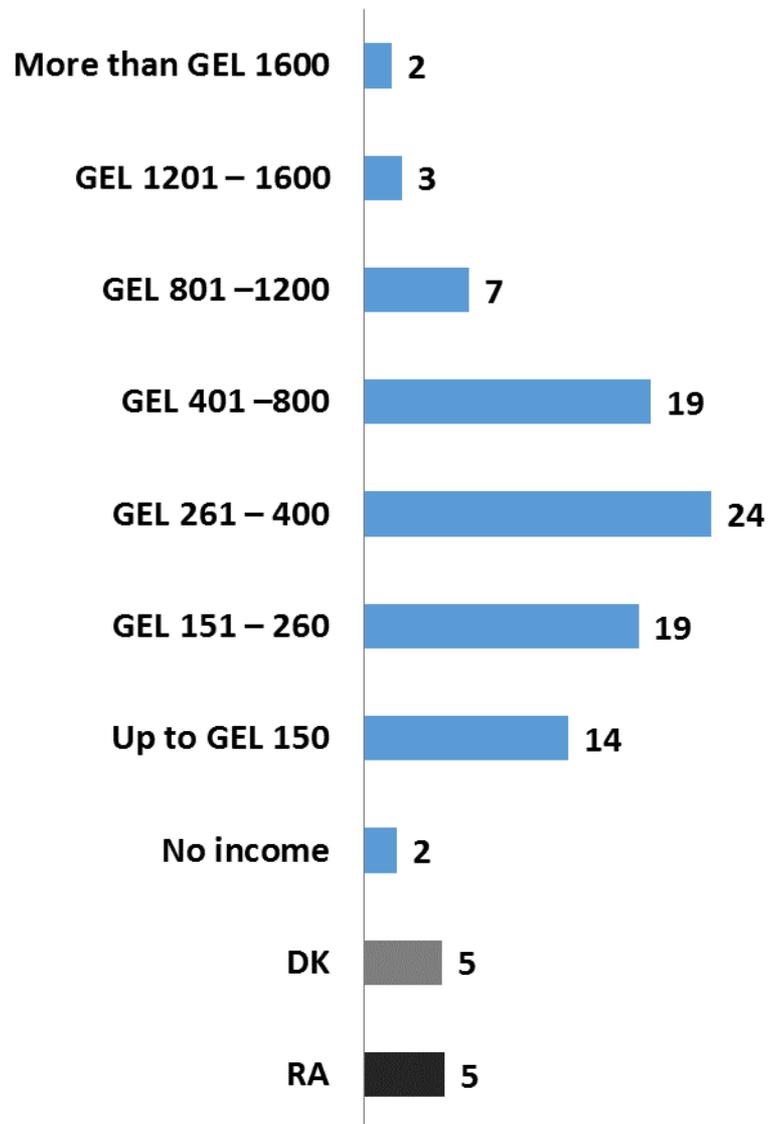
Which of the following best describes your situation? (q54) - of the 68% who consider themselves to be unemployed



Did your household have monetary income from each of these sources in the last 12 months? (q55)



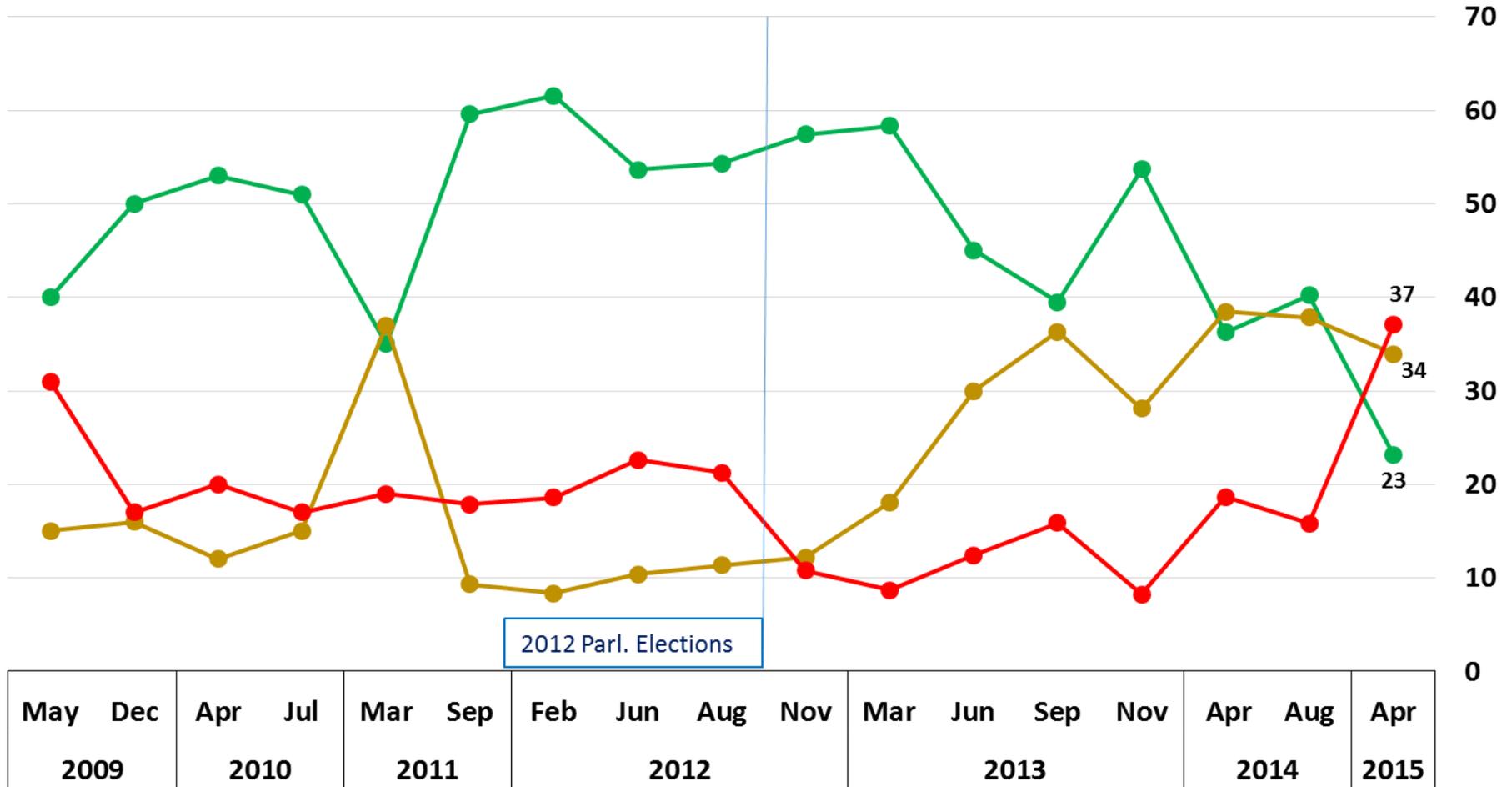
Speaking about a monetary income last month, to which of the following groups does your household belong? (q59)



Direction of the Country

In which direction is Georgia going? (q2)

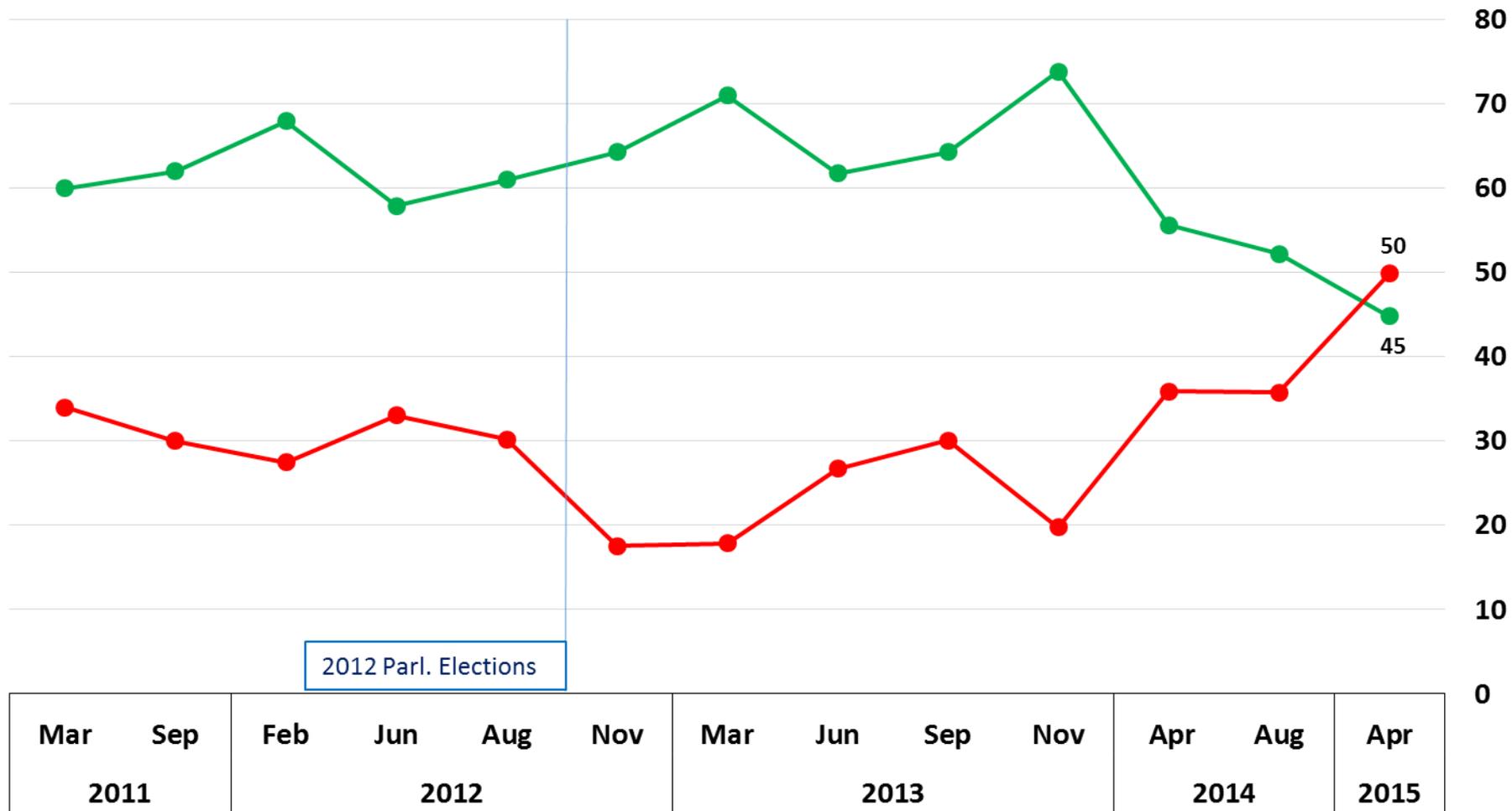
- Georgia is going in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- Georgia is going in the wrong direction



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To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q6)

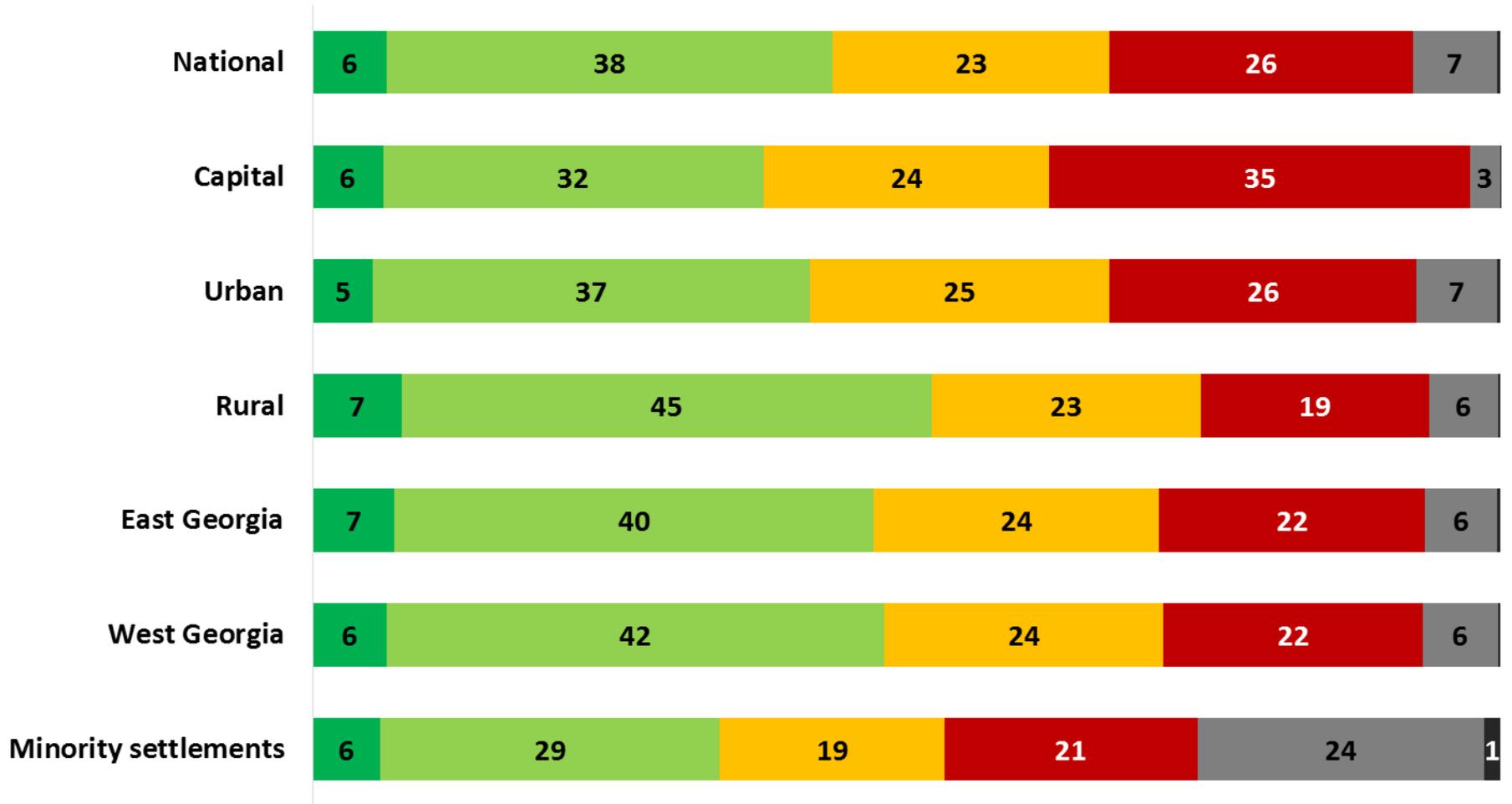
—● Agree —● Disagree



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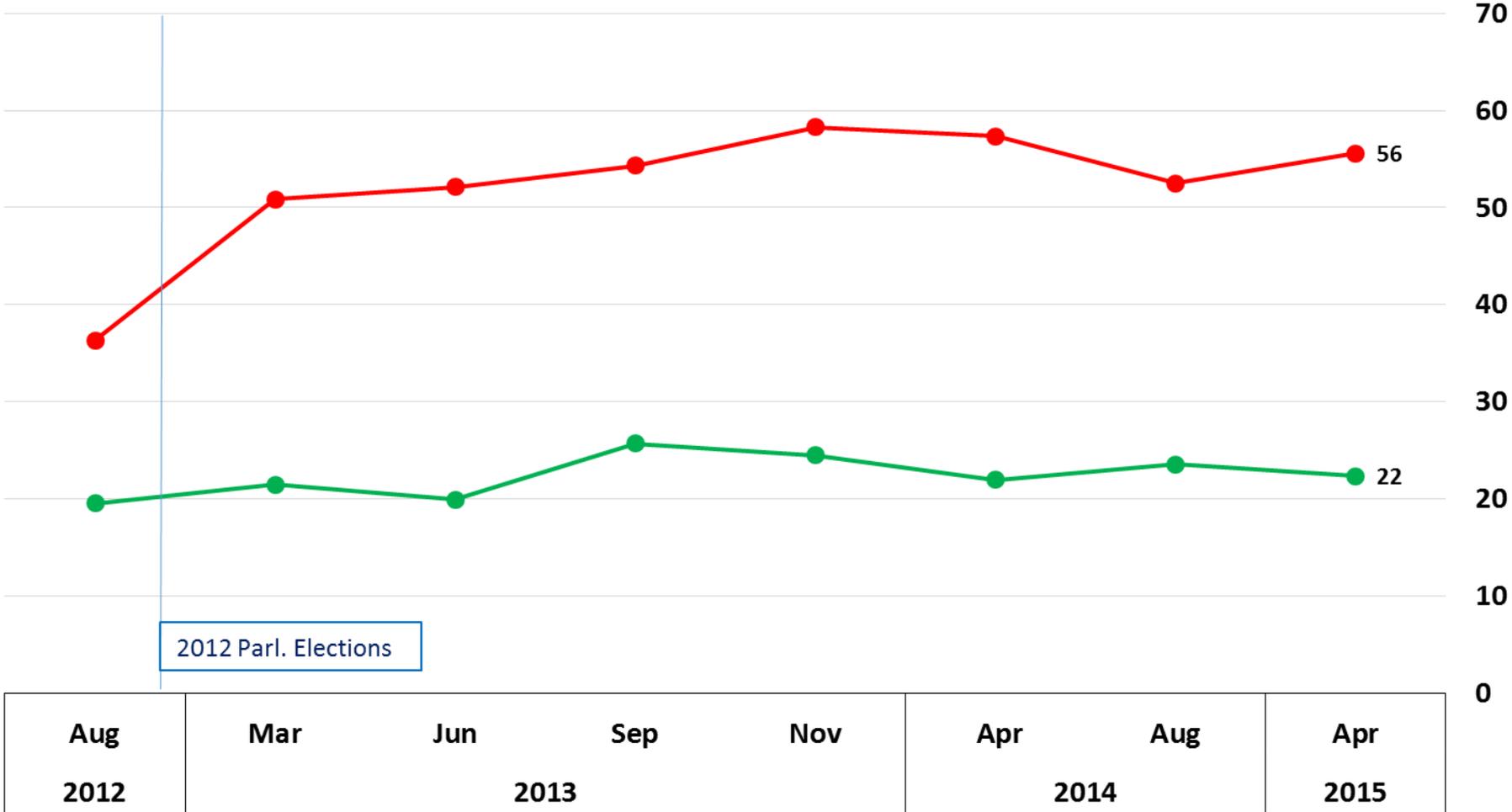
To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q6 X Settlement)

■ Completely agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Completely disagree ■ DK ■ RA



If the Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q7)

—● Agree —● Disagree

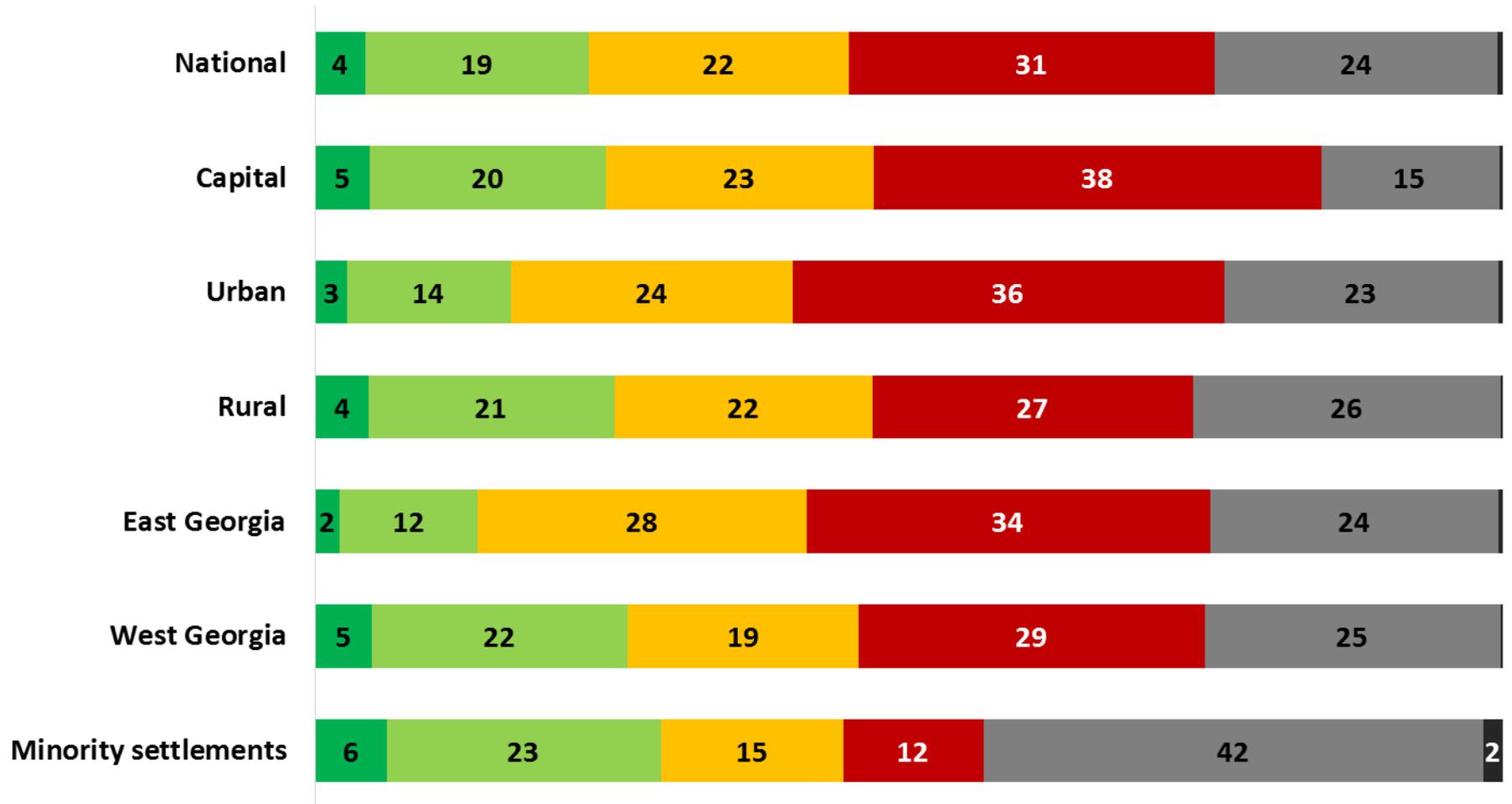


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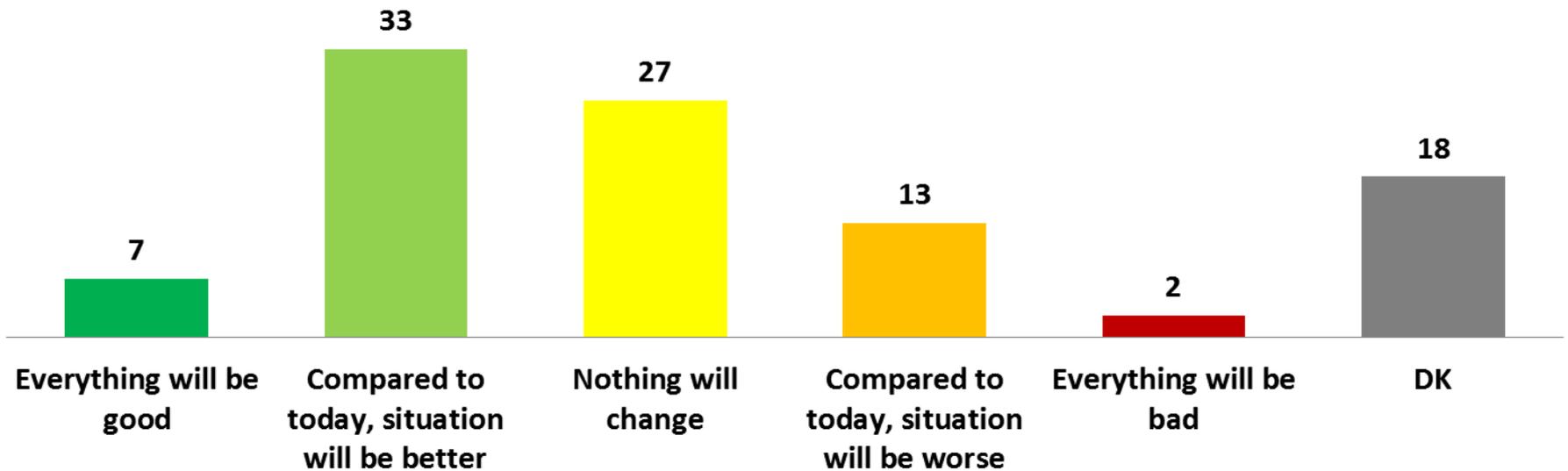
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To what extent do you agree or disagree that if the Parliamentary opposition was in charge they would make the changes that matter to you? (q7 X Settlement)

■ Completely agree
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 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Completely disagree
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

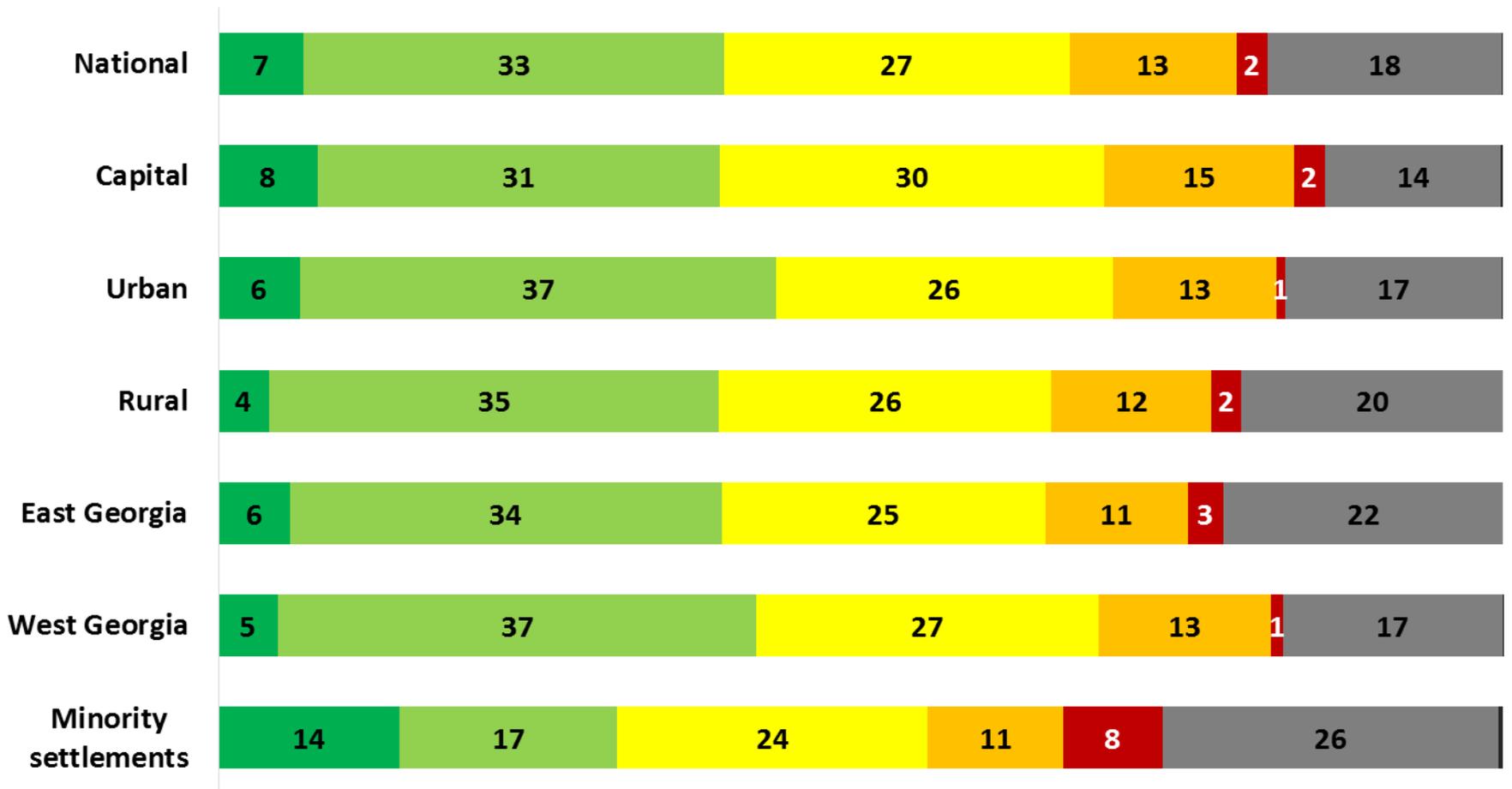


**Looking ahead to the next two years
how do you feel about the future of Georgia? (q9)**



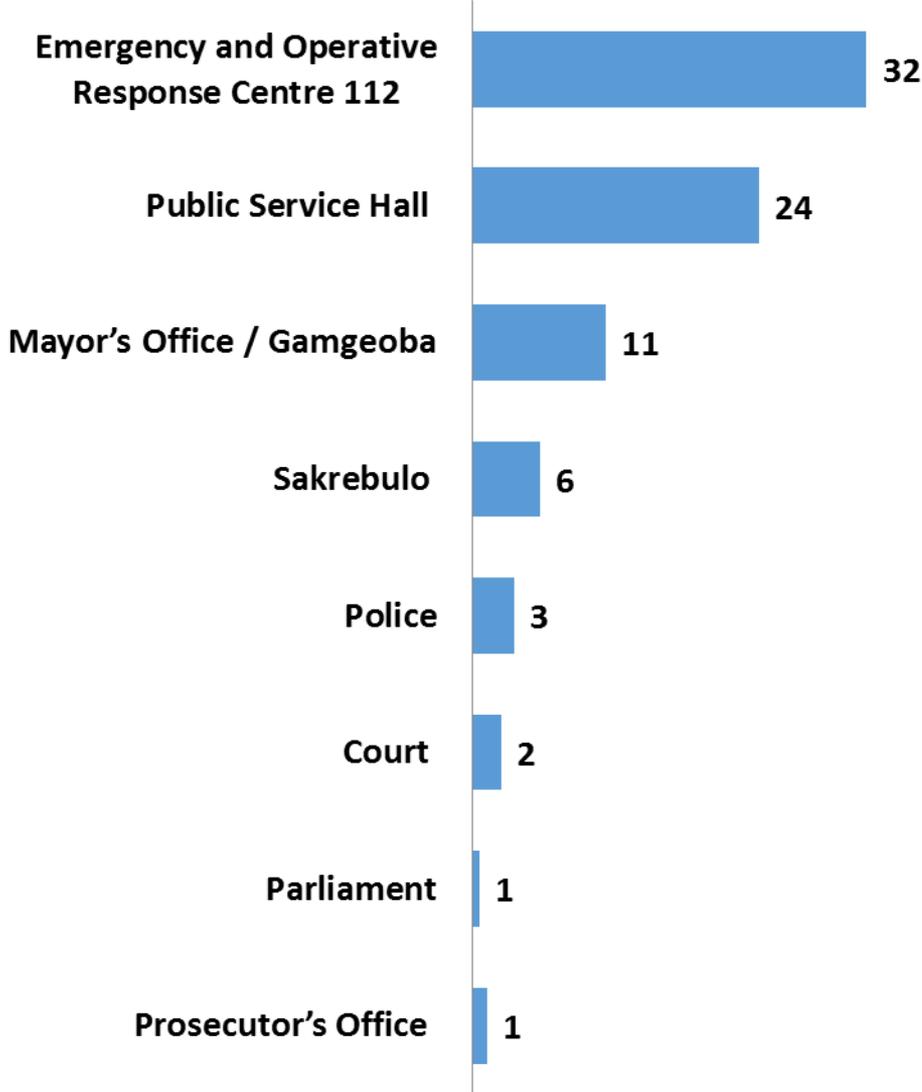
Looking ahead to the next two years how do you feel about the future of Georgia? (q9 X Settlement)

- Everything will be good
- Nothing will change
- Everything will be bad
- RA
- Compared to today, situation will be better
- Compared to today, situation will be worse
- DK



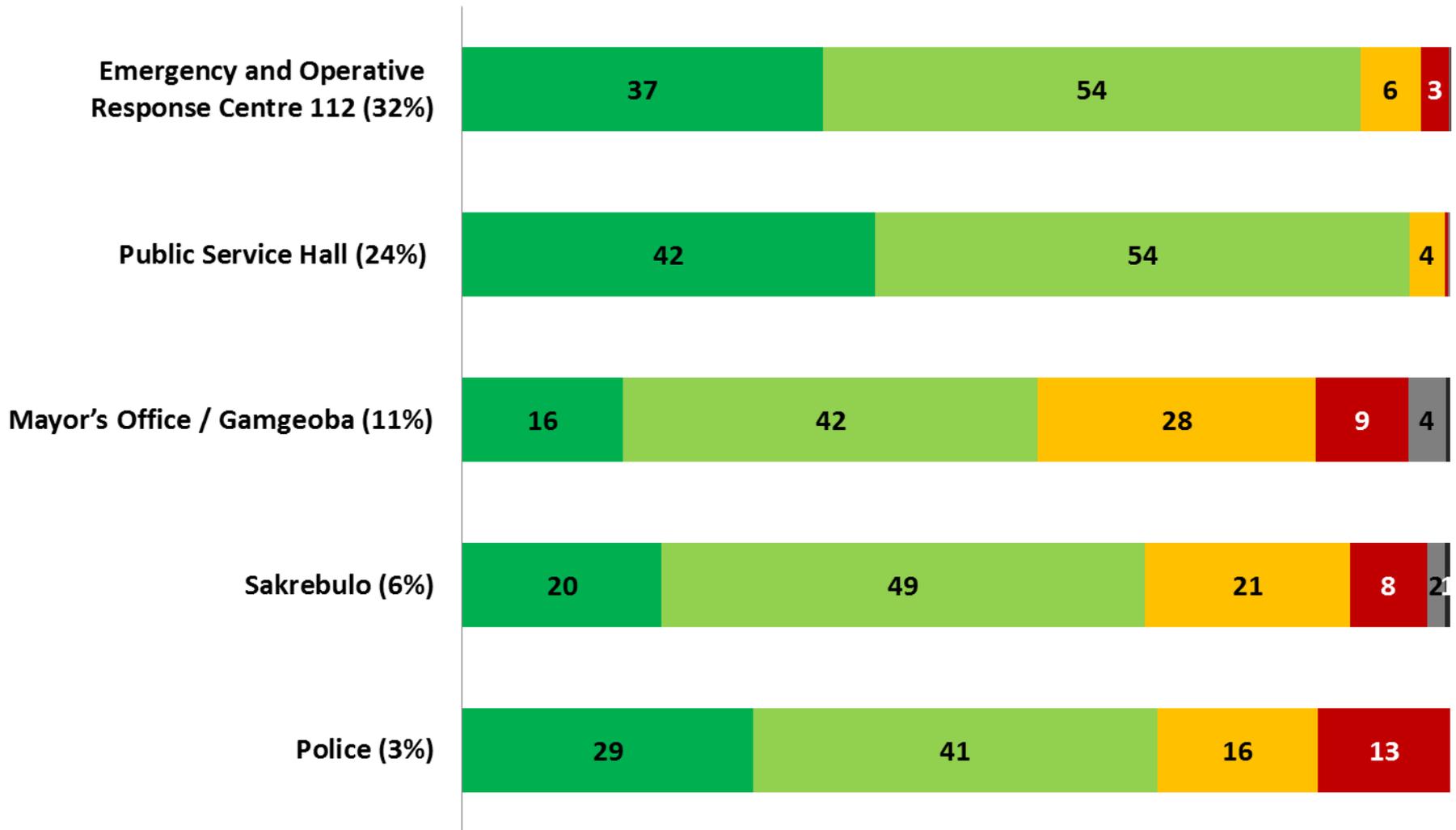
Public service and institutions

In the past one year have you addressed following institutions? (q10)

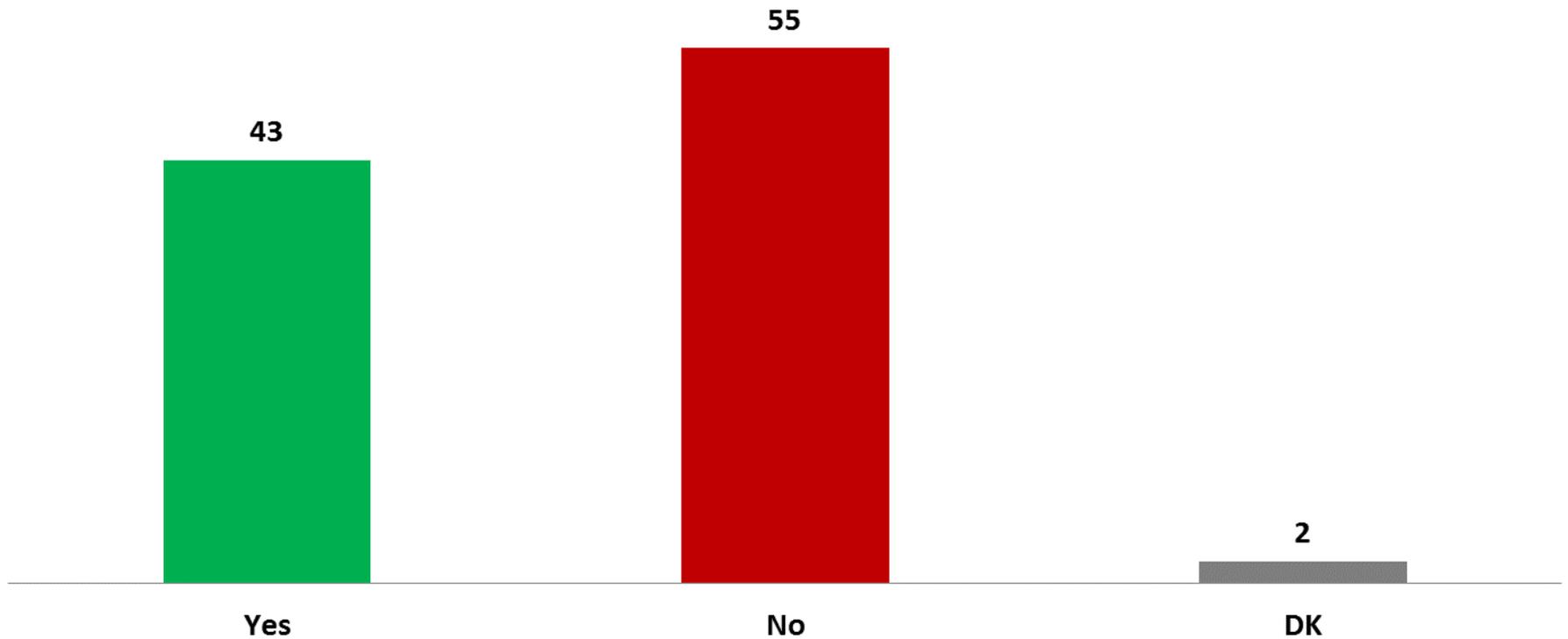


How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the service you received? (q10/q11)

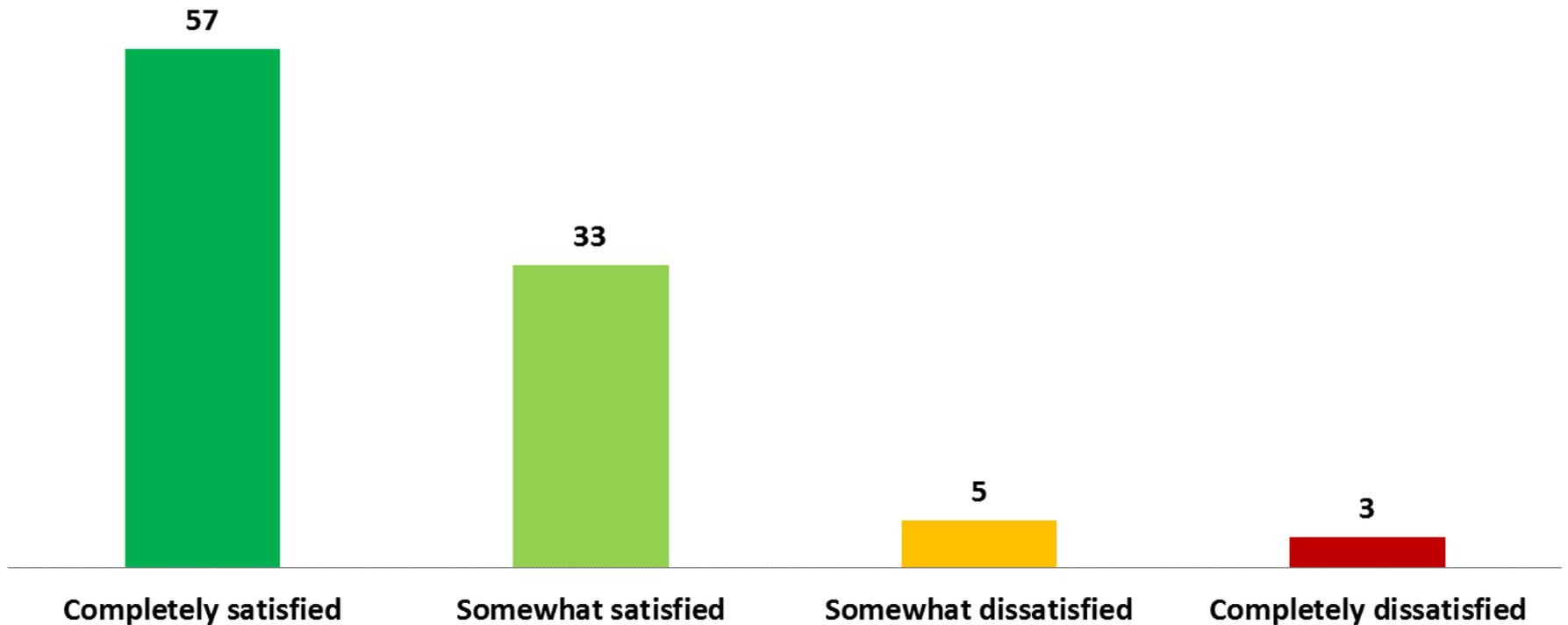
■ Completely satisfied
 ■ Satisfied
 ■ Dissatisfied
 ■ Completely dissatisfied
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



Has anyone from your family including yourself used the insurance package provided under healthcare reform? (q13)



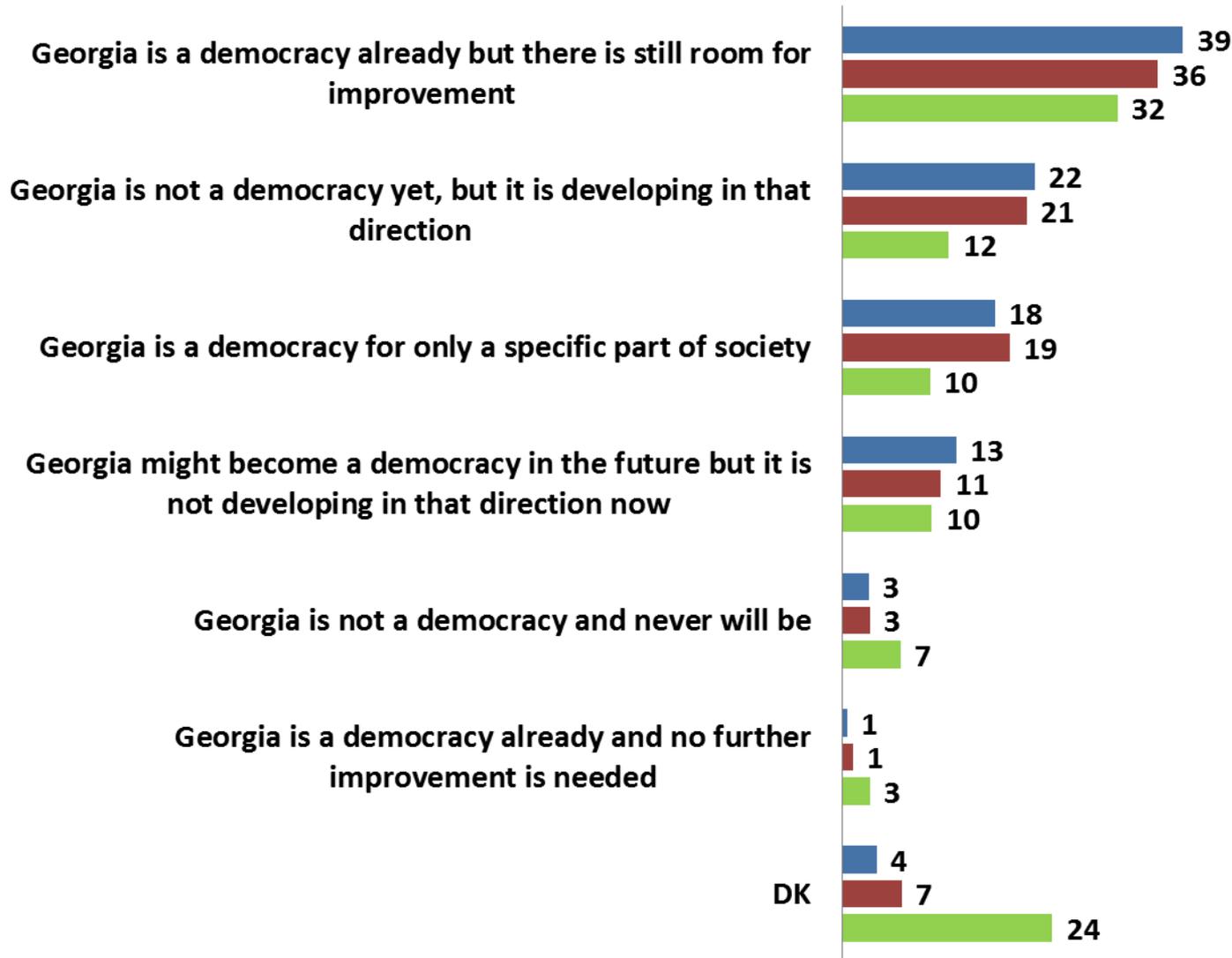
How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the service? (q14)
- of the 43% who have used the insurance package provided under healthcare reform



Democracy and Governance

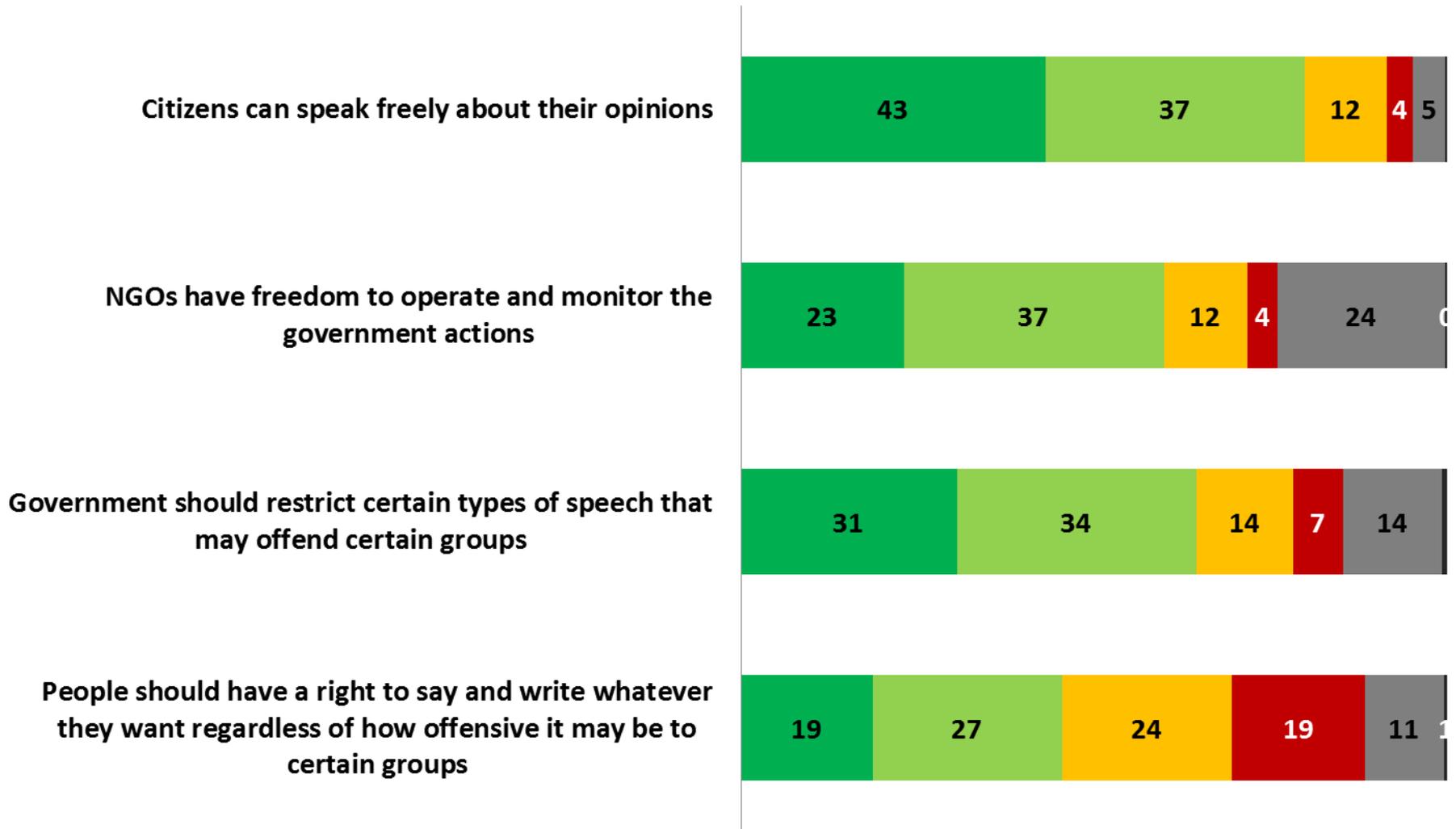
Which statement do you agree with the most? (q24)

■ April 2015 ■ August 2014 ■ April 2015 Minority settlements



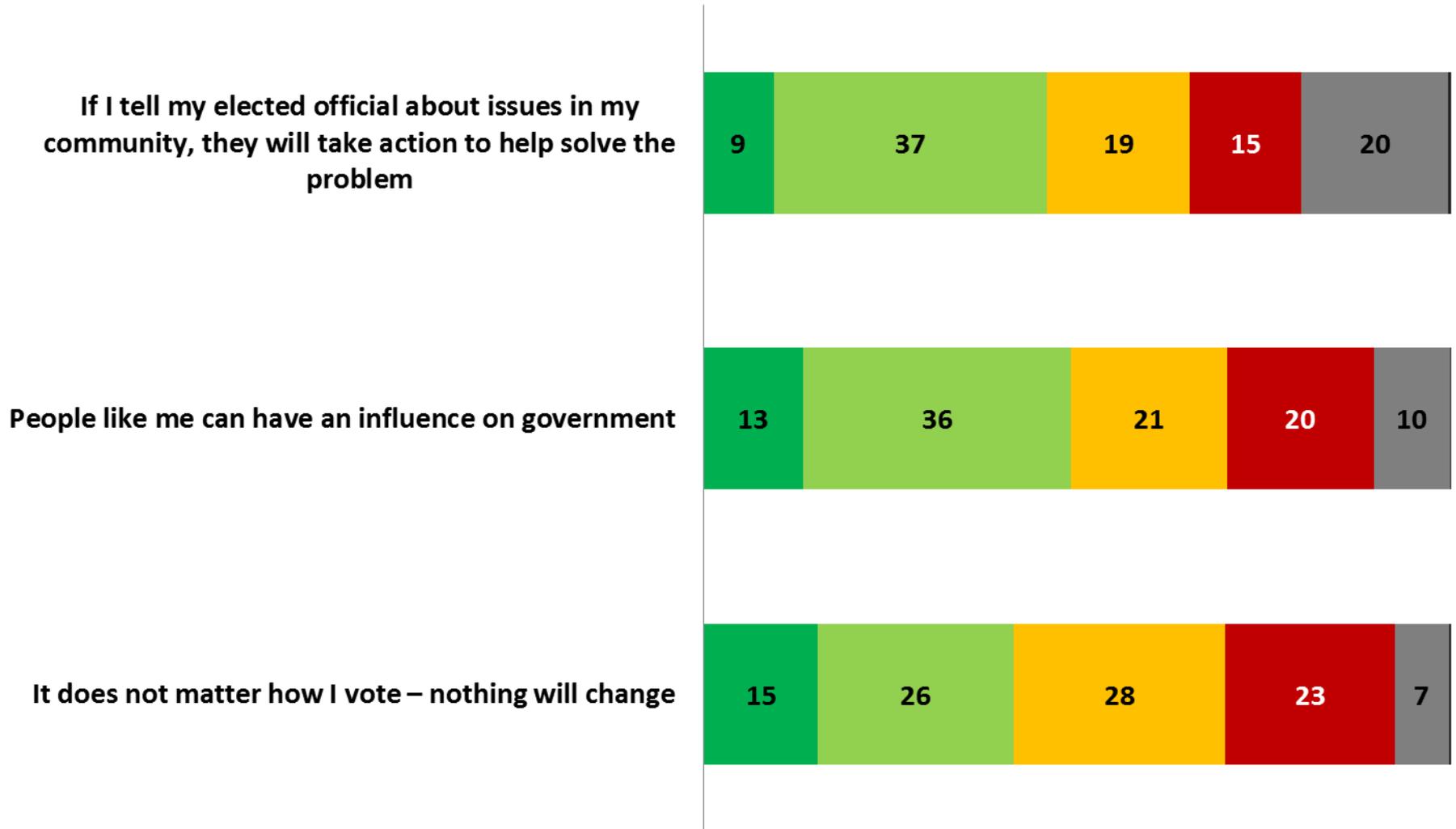
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (q25) Part 1

■ Completely agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Completely disagree ■ DK ■ RA



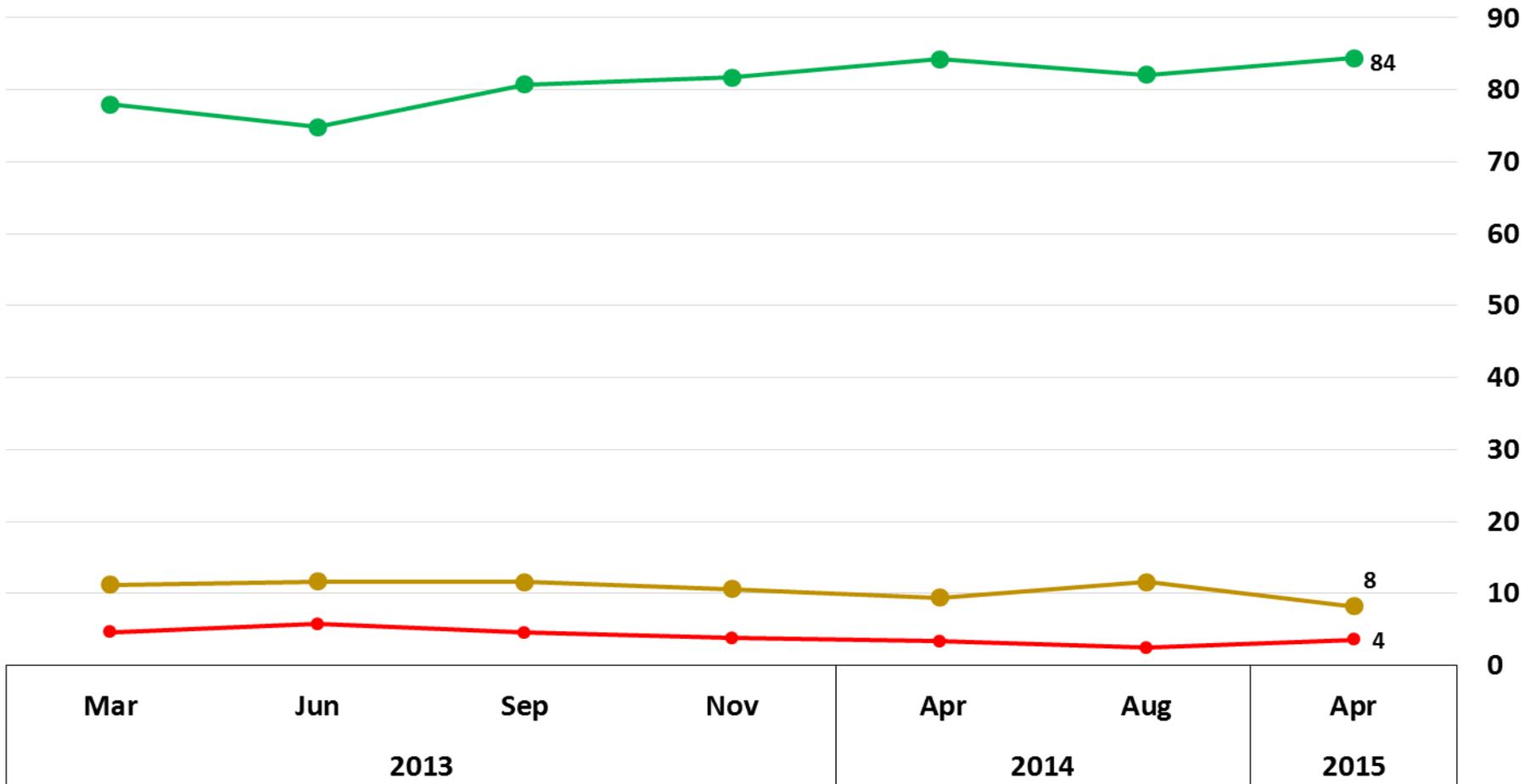
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? (q25) Part 2

■ Completely agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Completely disagree ■ DK ■ RA



How important is it, if at all, that there is a strong opposition party in the country? (q26)

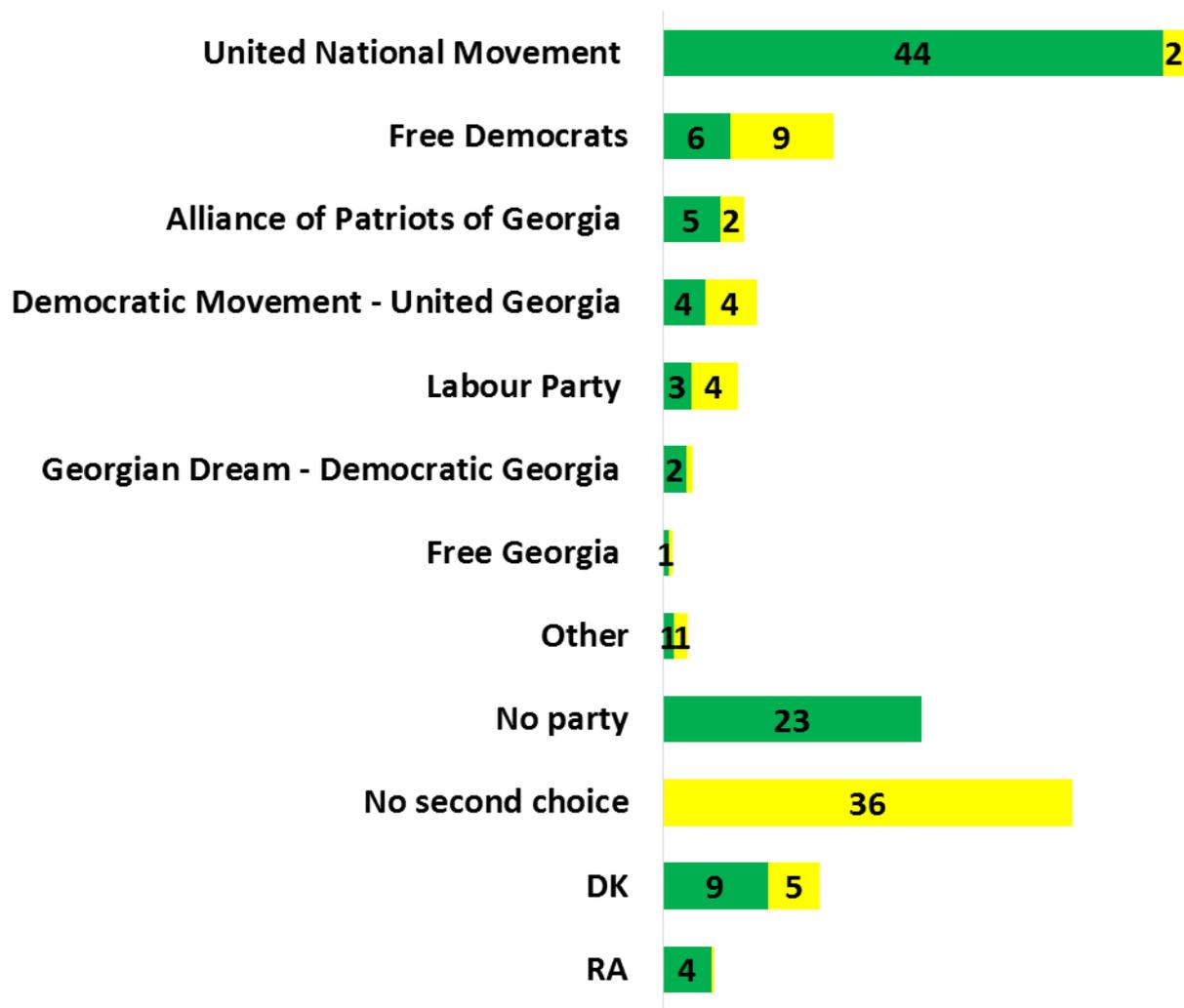
● Important ● Neutral ● Not important



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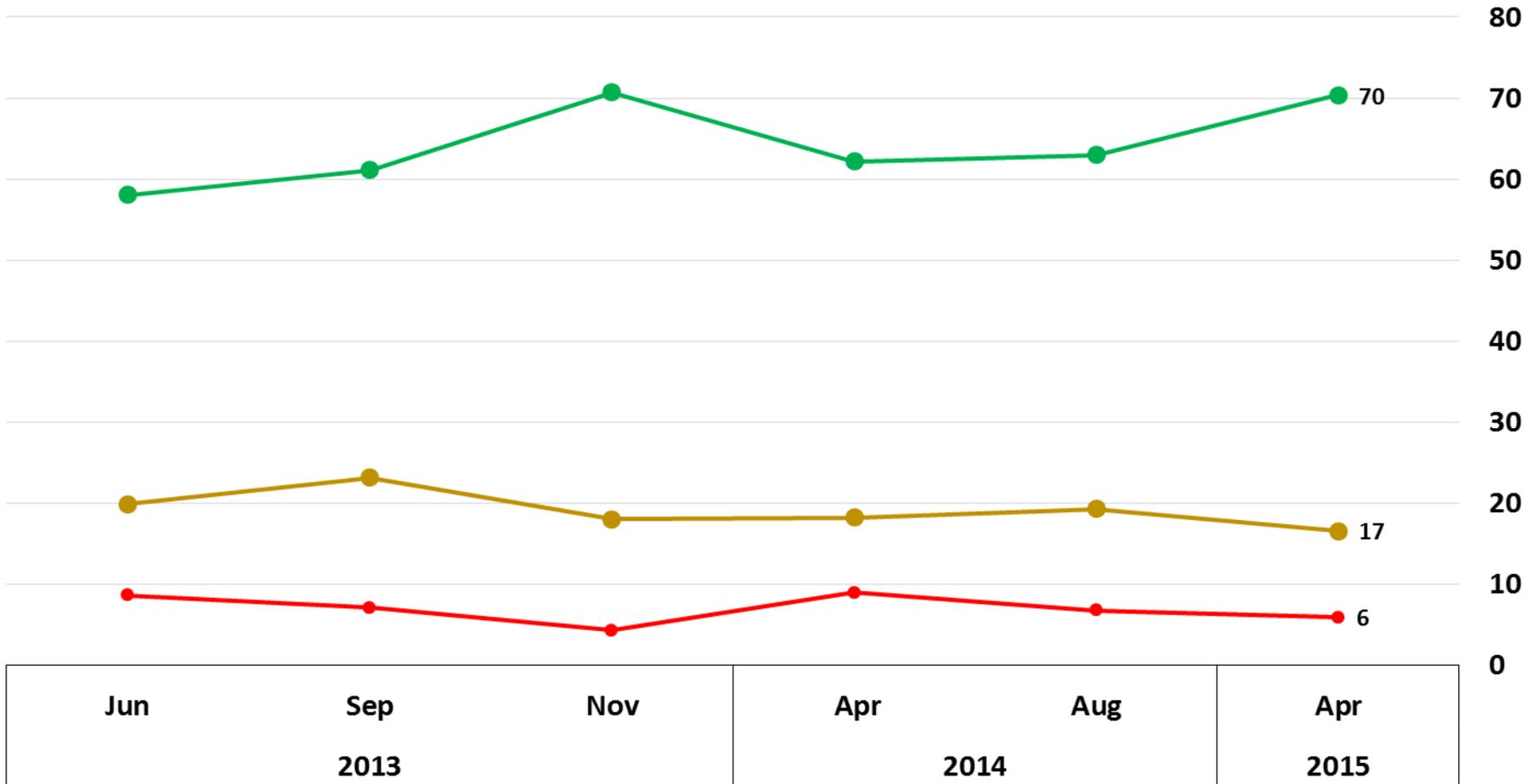
Which opposition force do you consider to be the strongest opposition in Georgia? (q41)

■ First choice ■ Second choice



How important or unimportant is the protection of minority rights to Georgia's democratic development? (q27)

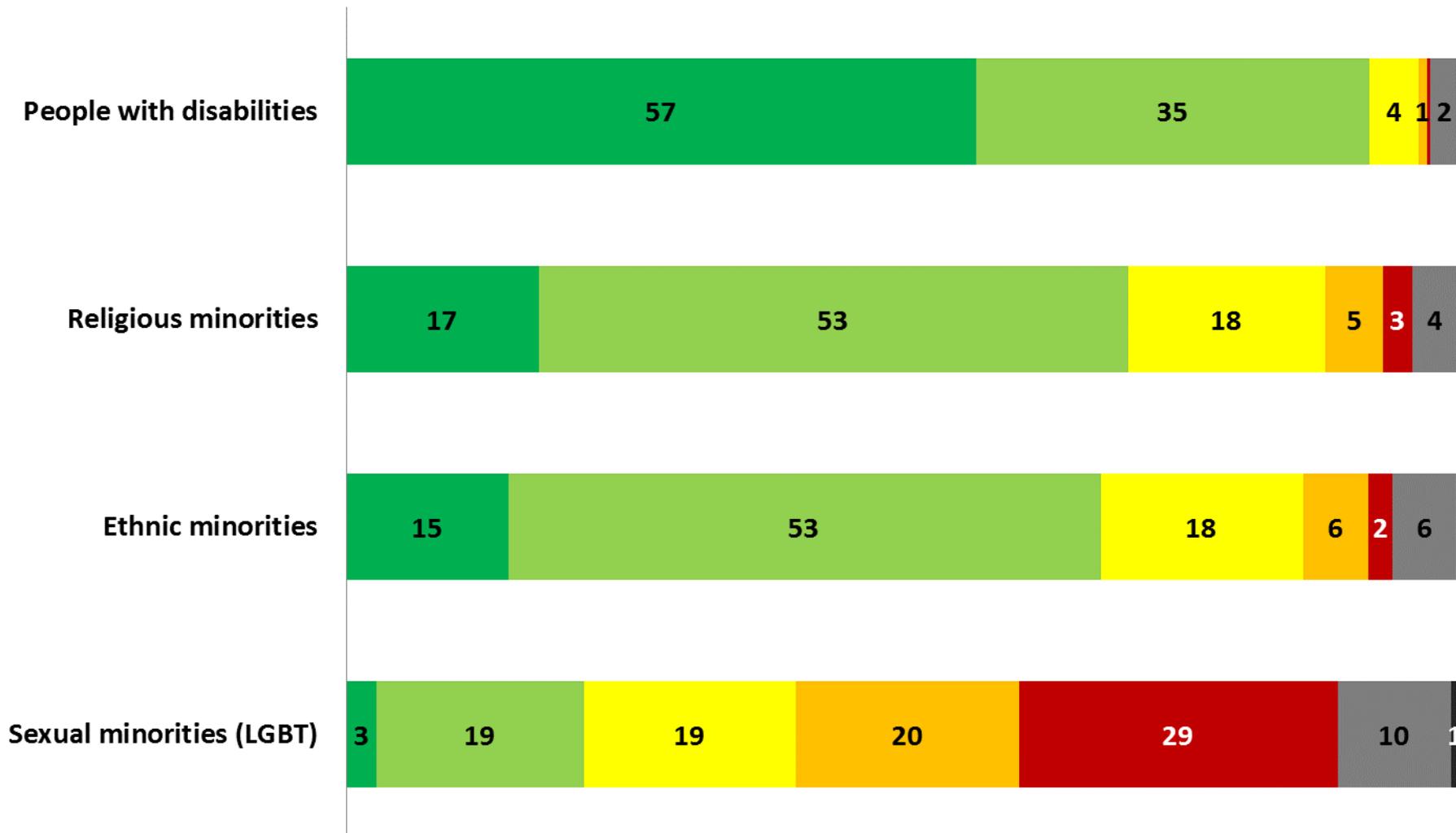
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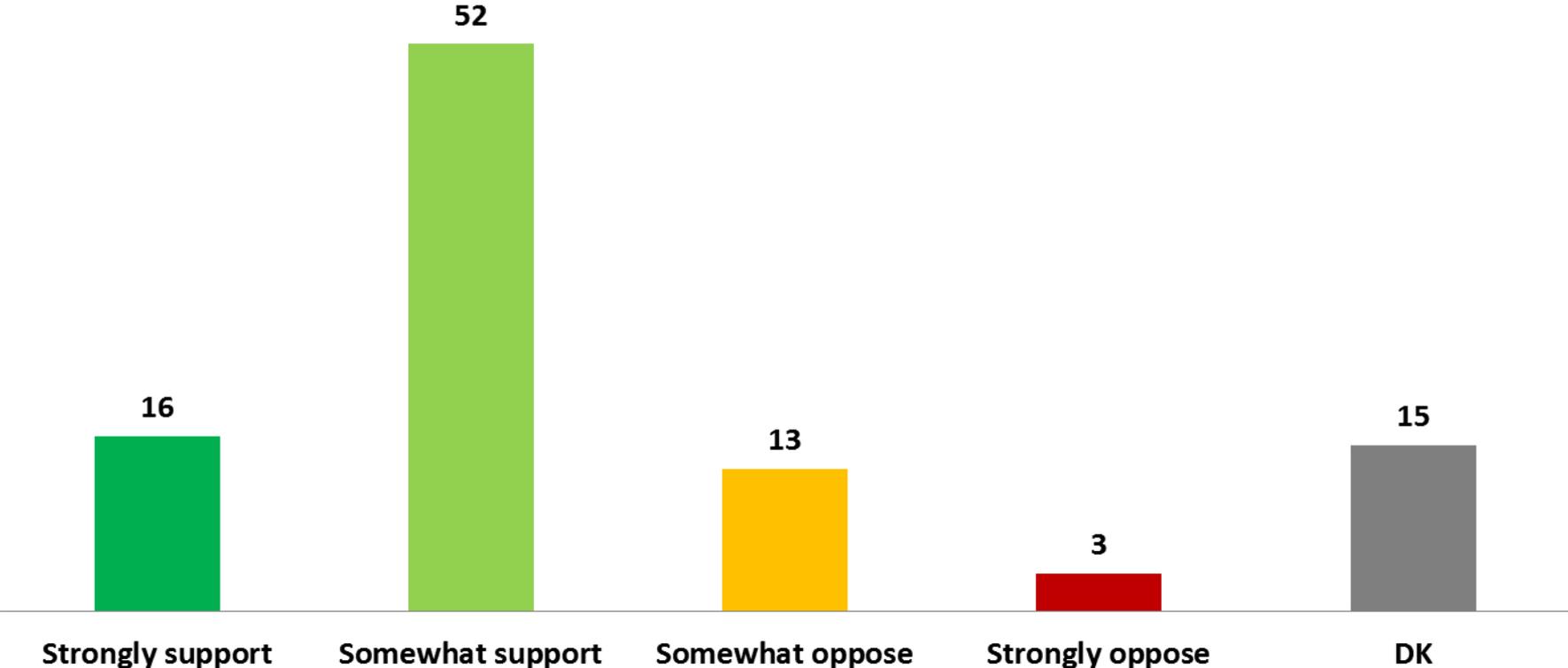
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How important or unimportant is the protection of rights of the following minorities? (q28)

■ Very important
 ■ Important
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Not important
 ■ Not important at all
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

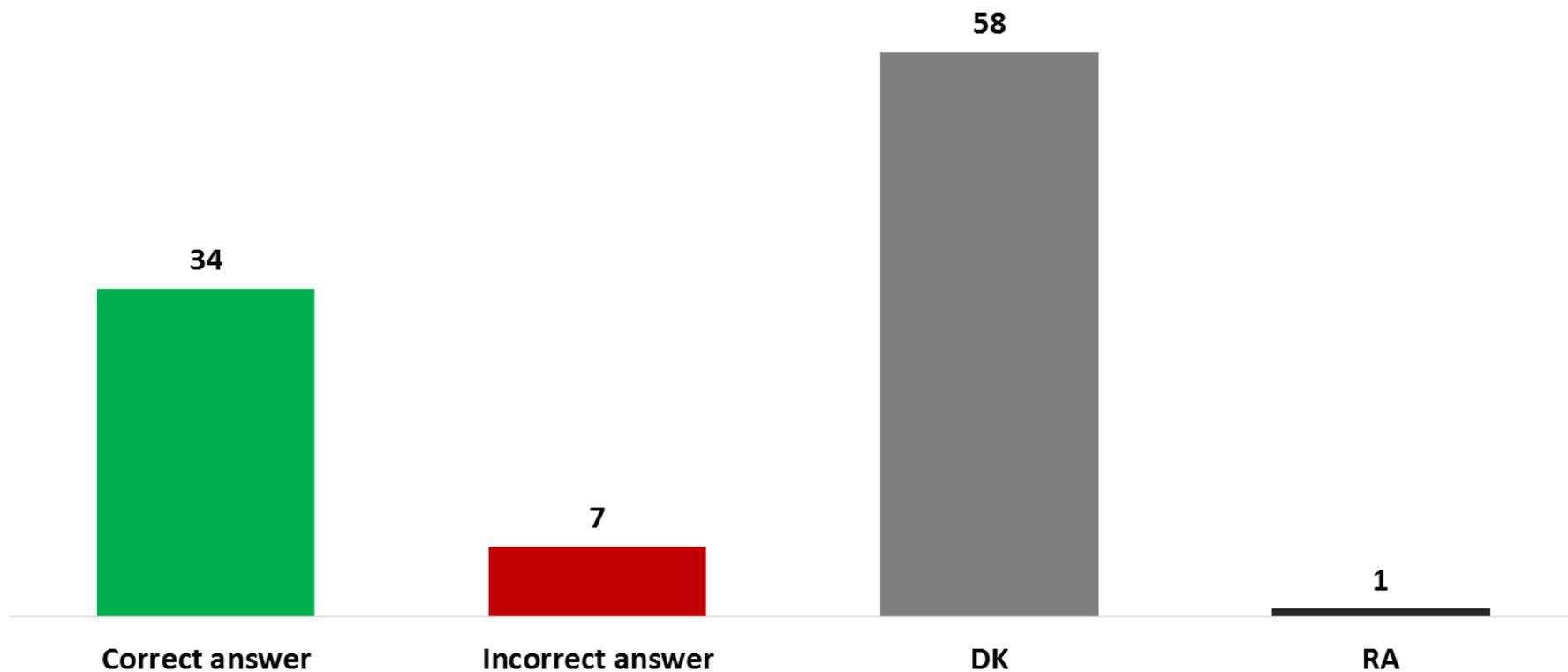


To what extent do you support or oppose adopting mandatory quota in the parliament to increase women’s participation? (q36)



The Parliament

Who is your majoritarian member in the Parliament of Georgia? (q30)



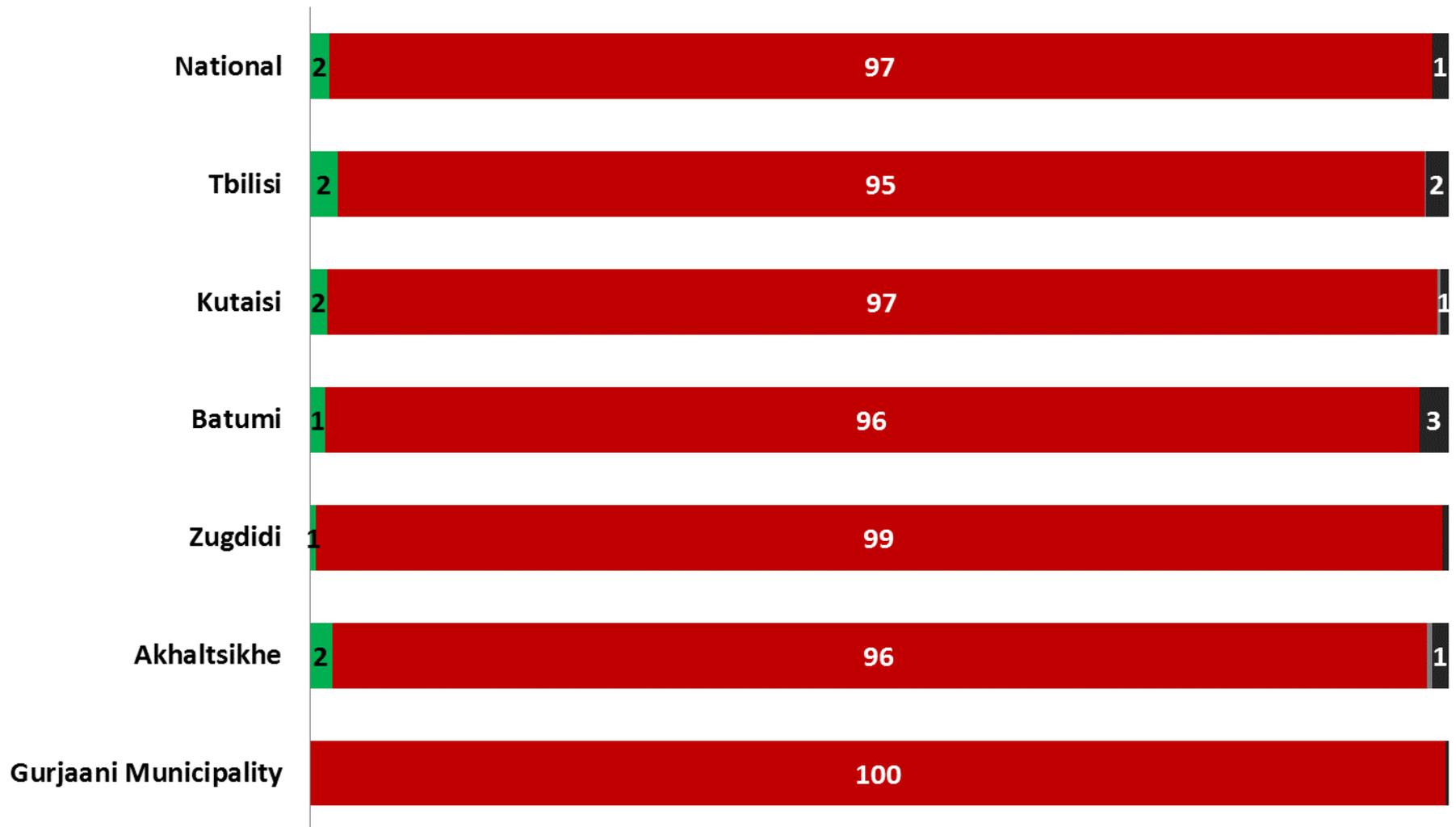
Have you addressed a member of the Parliament or their bureau / office with any request or concern since the October 2012 parliamentary election? (q32 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA



Have you personally been contacted by a MP since the October 2012 parliamentary elections? (q34 X Settlement)

Yes No RA DK



What do you expect from a Member of the Parliament (MP)? (q31)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA

Will do what the party tells him / her to do



Will only serve his / her own interests



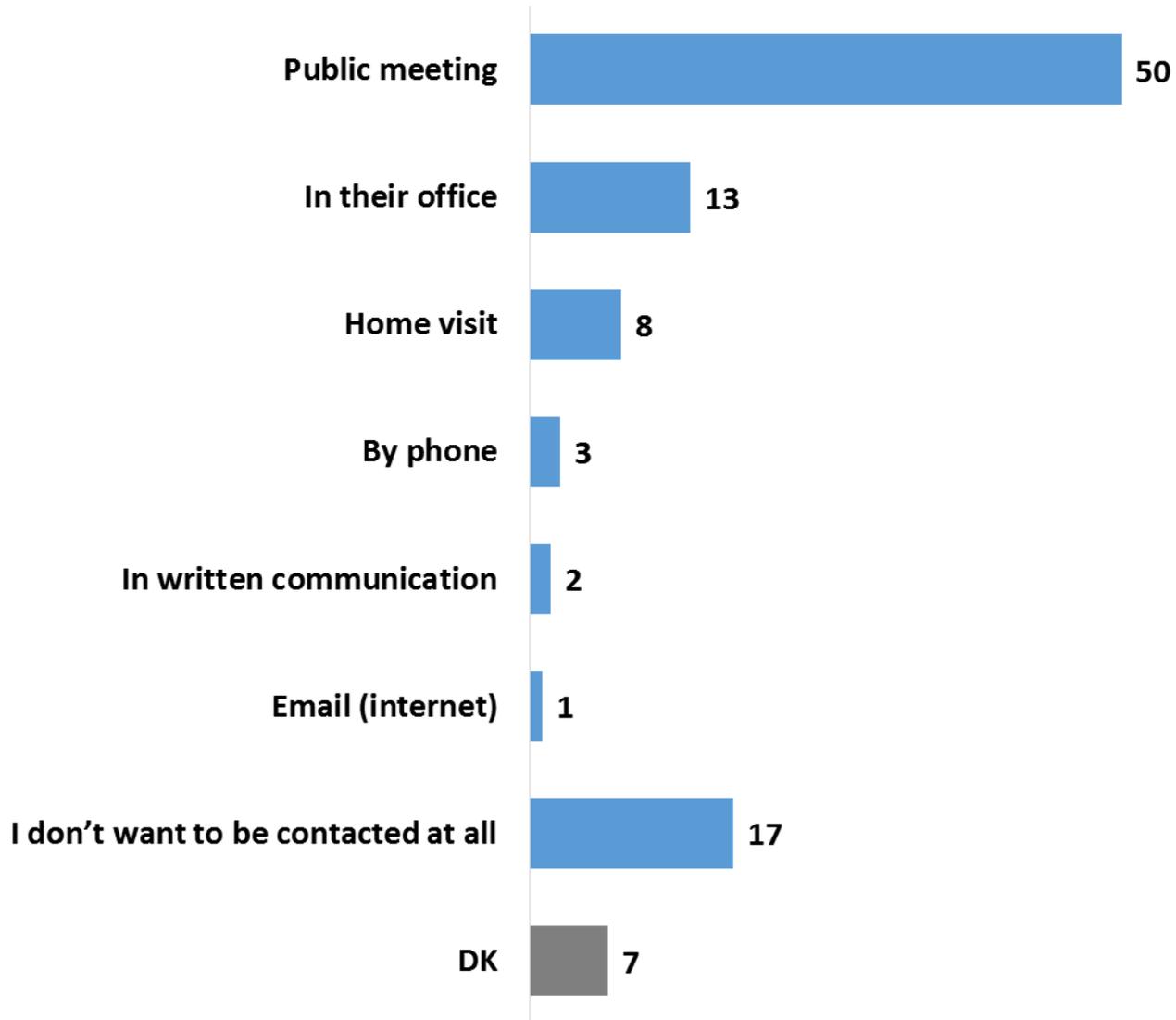
He / she will be active



He / she will represent my interests



If an MP were to contact you, what would be the best form? (q35)



Foreign Affairs

Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (q16)

■ Approve

■ Disapprove

■ DK

■ RA

Georgian government signing association agreement with the EU



Georgian government's stated goal to join NATO

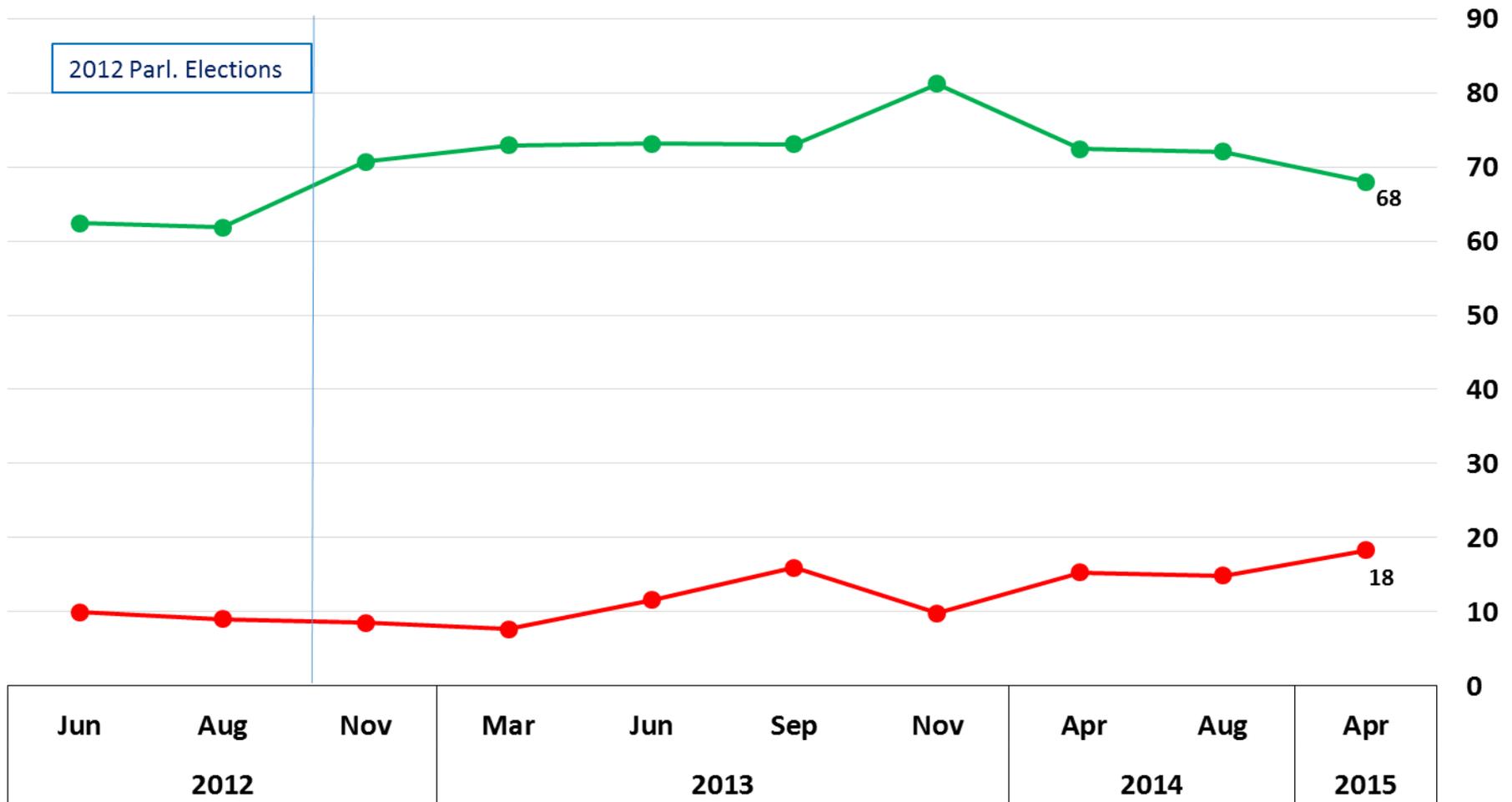


Georgia joining the Eurasian Union



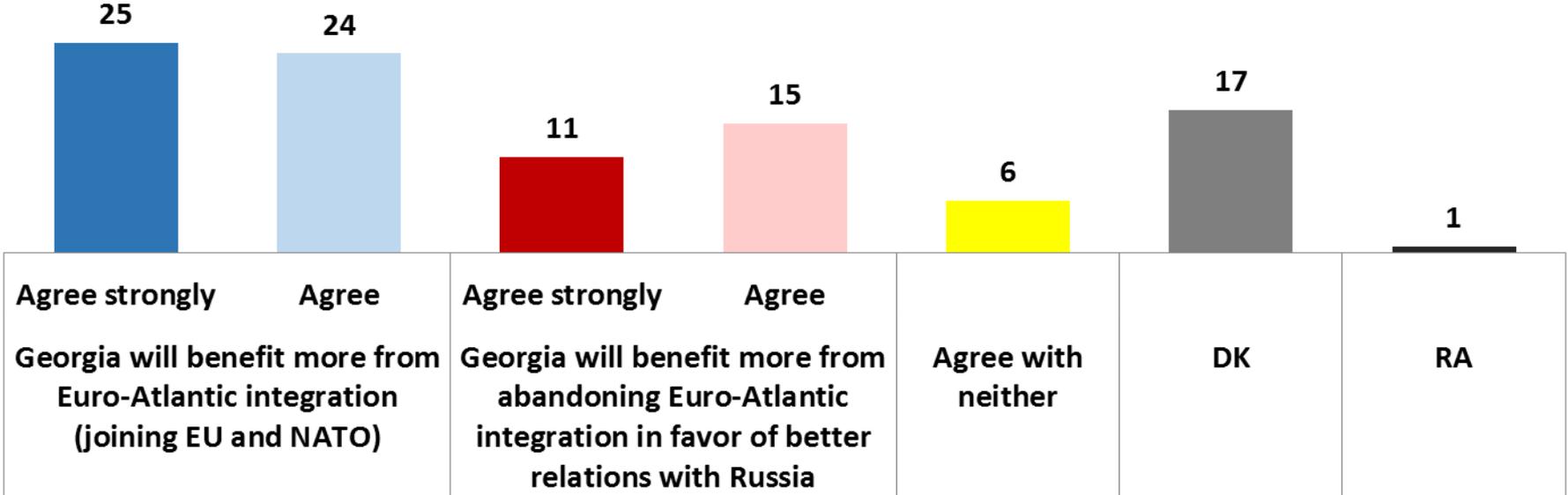
Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join NATO? (q16_1)

—●— Approve —●— Disapprove



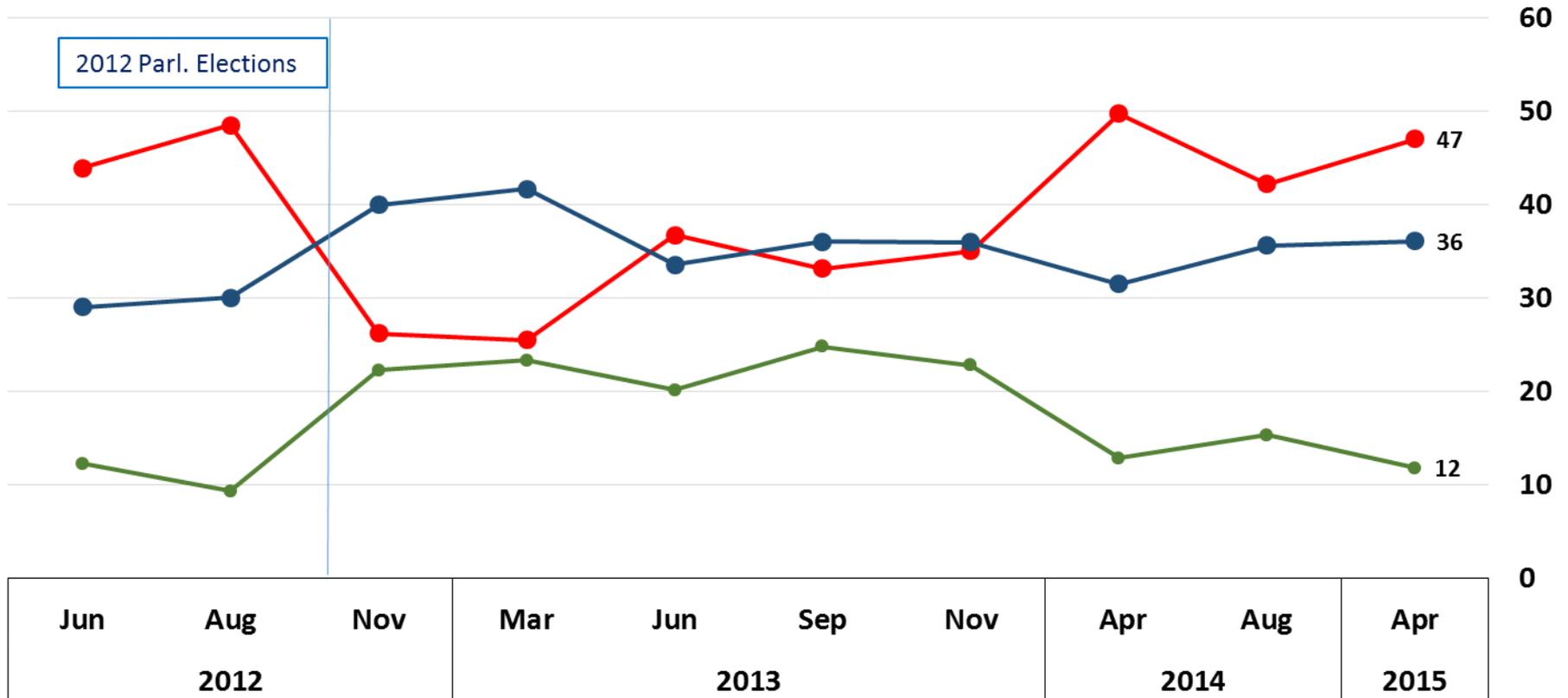
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Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q22)



Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (q18)

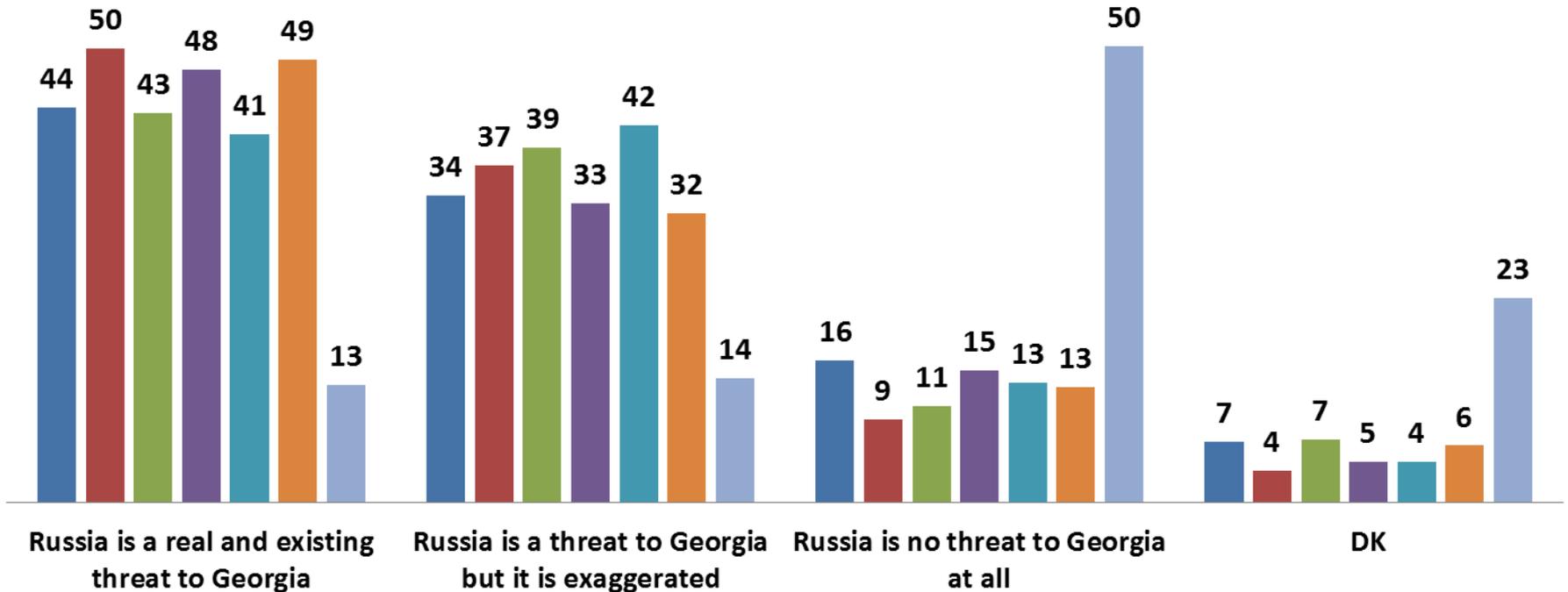
- Russia is a real and existing threat to Georgia
- Russia is a threat to Georgia but it is exaggerated
- Russia is no threat to Georgia at all



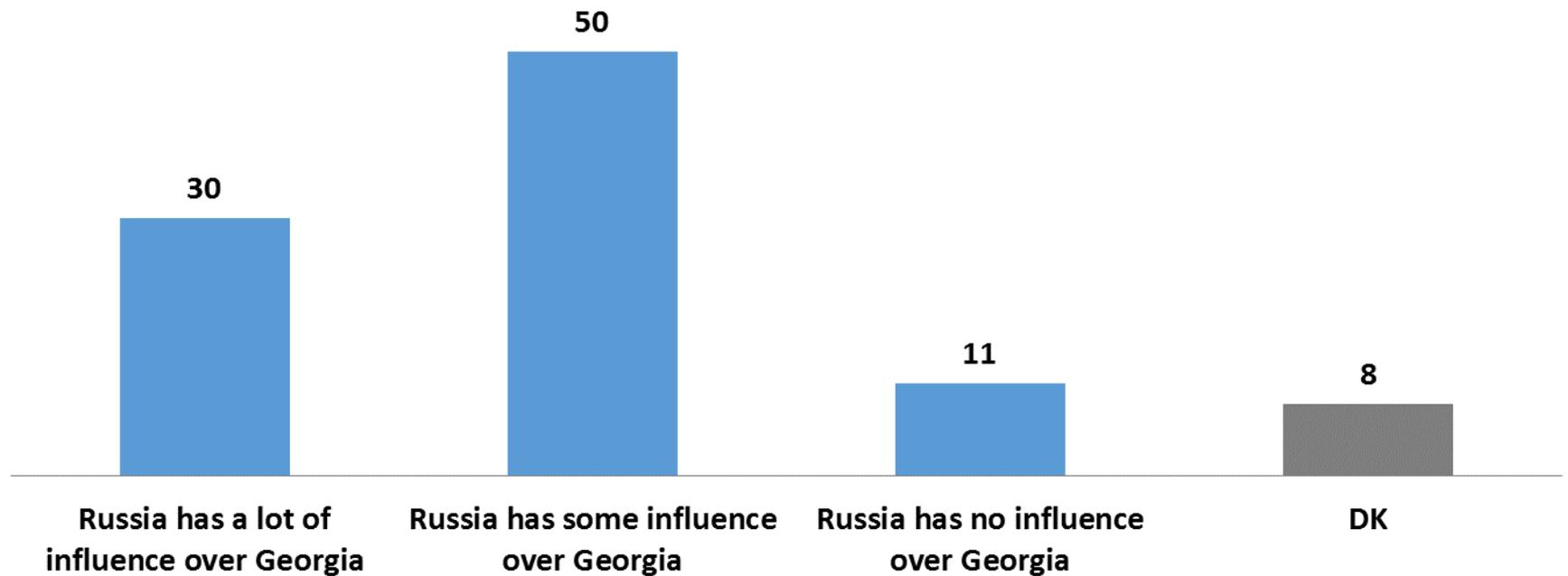
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Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (q18 X Settlement)

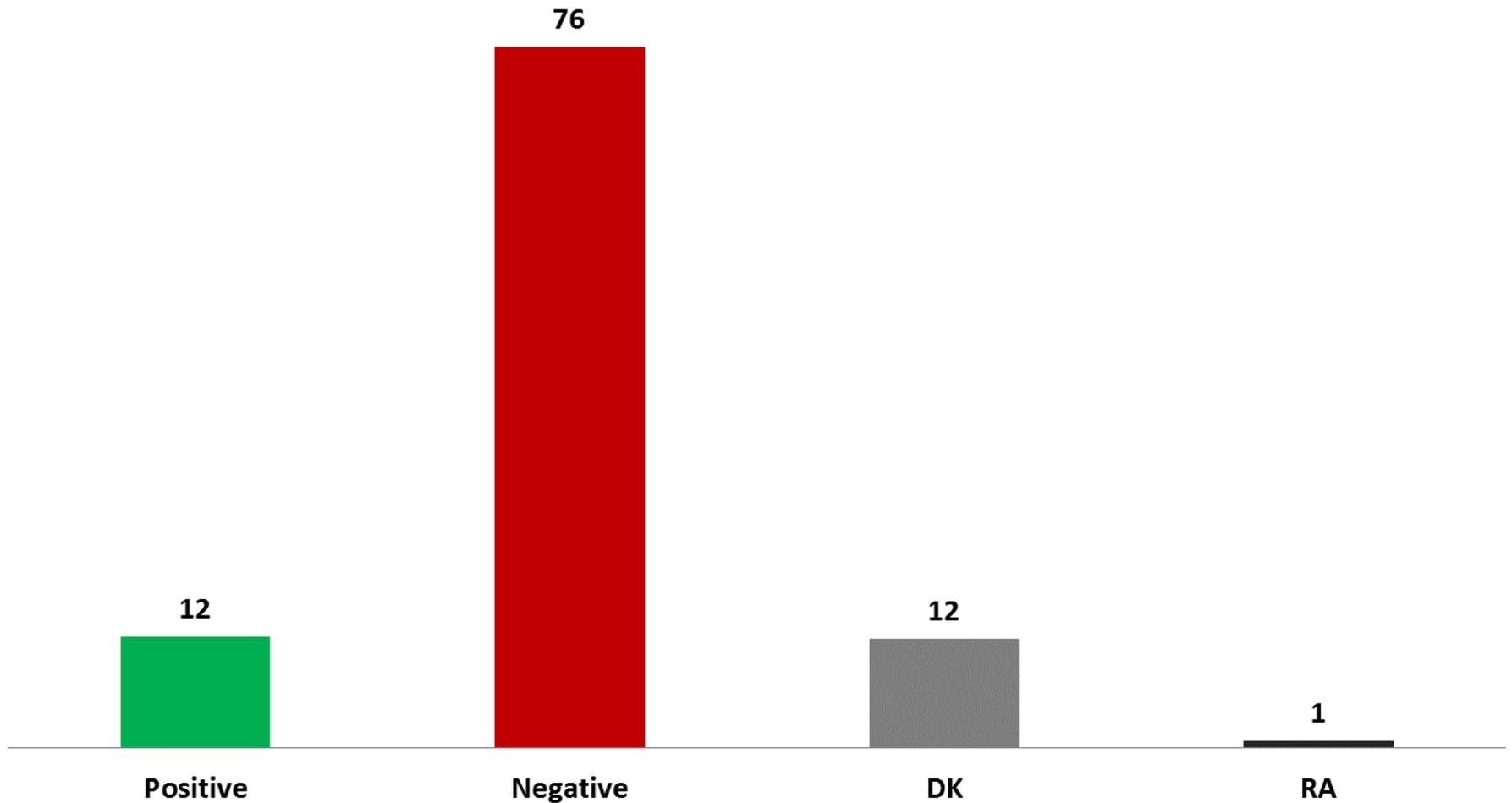
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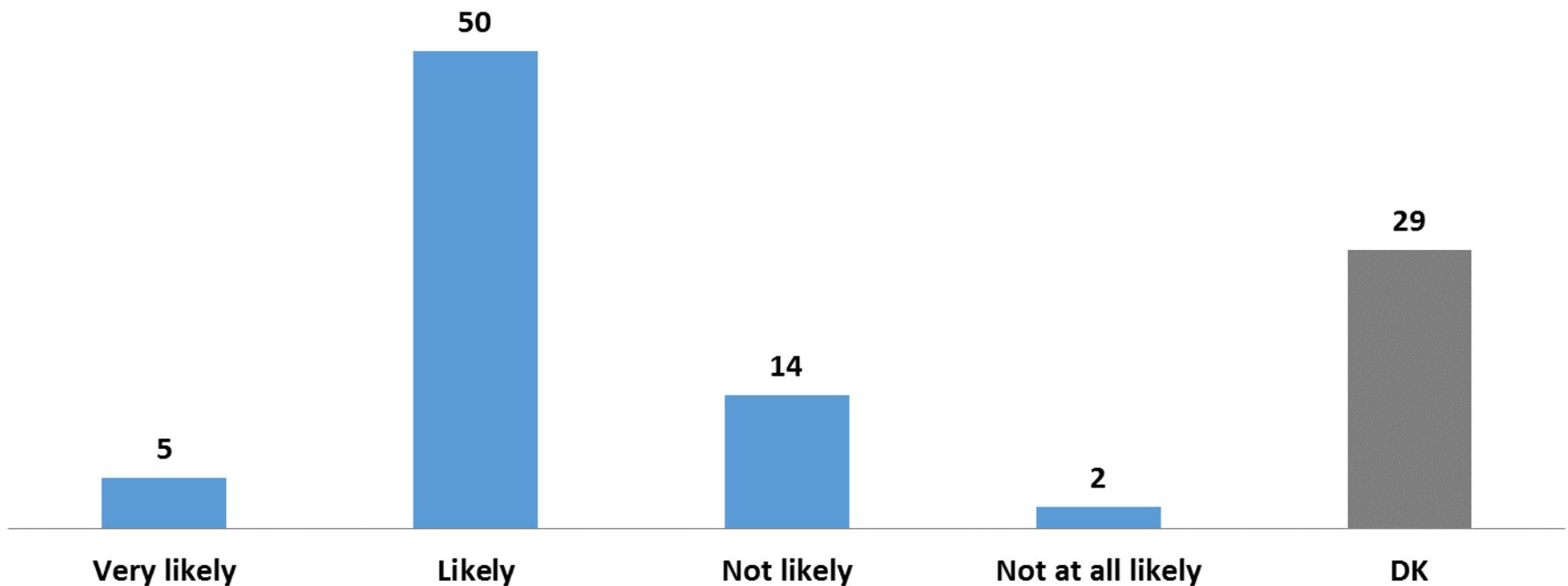
Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q19)



In your opinion, is this influence...? (q20) - of the 80% who said that Russia has a lot or some influence over Georgia

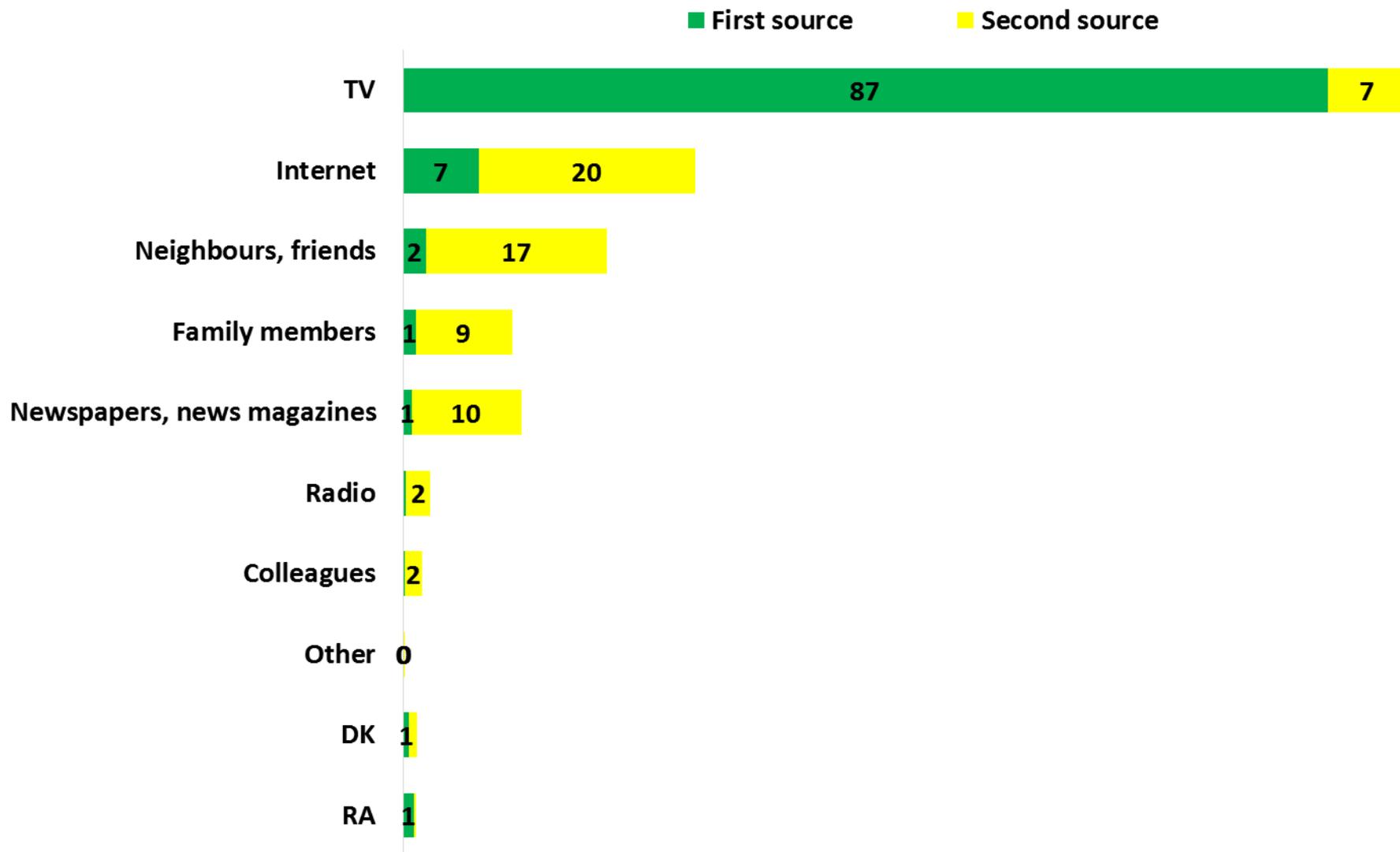


Looking ahead to the next two years, how likely or unlikely is it that the Russia's influence over Georgia will increase? (q21)



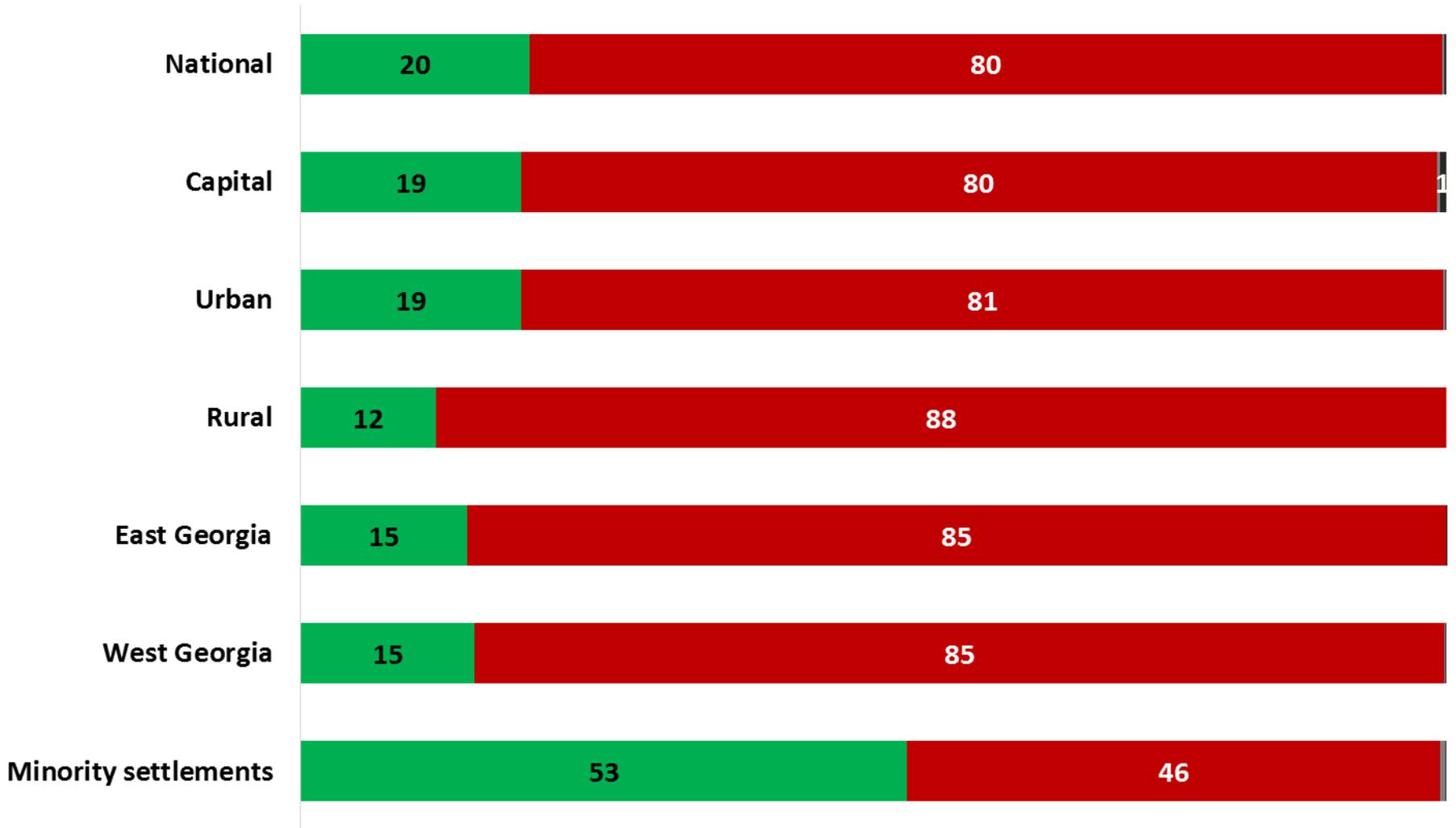
Media

What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q45/q46)

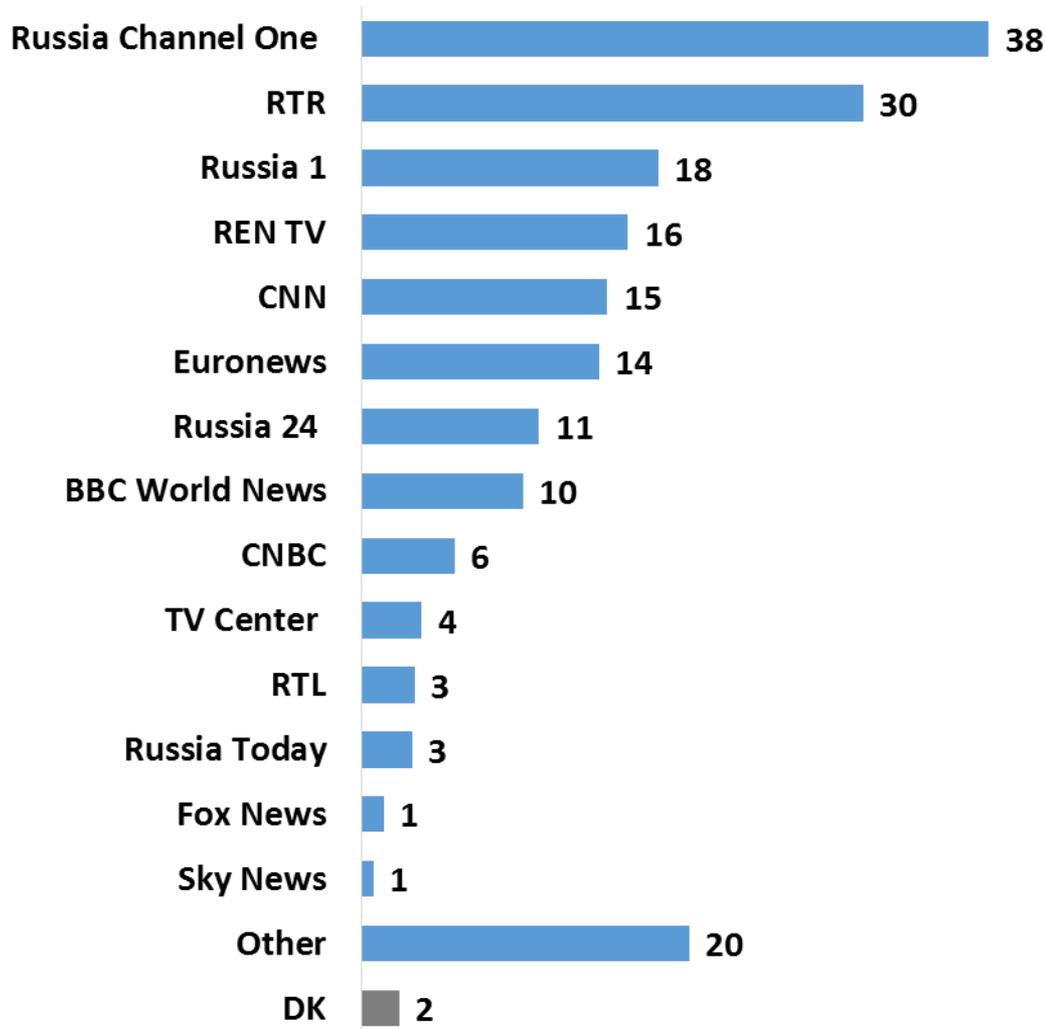


Do you watch coverage of news and current affairs on foreign channels? (q47 X Settlement)

Yes No DK RA



If yes, which TV channels? Accept all answers (q48) - of the 20% who watch coverage of news and current affairs on foreign channels



How often do you use the Internet? (q50 X Settlement)

- More than once a week
- Once a week
- At least once a month
- Less often
- I don't use internet at all
- DK
- RA

