



Public attitudes in Georgia

Results of a June 2017 survey carried out for
NDI by CRRC Georgia

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Why We Conduct Polls?

- Foster the development of more responsive policies and governance;
- Help stakeholders diagnose and address issues of public concern;

- leaders from across the political spectrum have reported that the polls are important to their work and encourage continued polling;

- Inclusive process: the polling instrument was developed in consultation with parties, government, and civil society leaders;

Information about the poll

- Fieldwork dates: June 18 – July 9, 2017
- 2,261 completed interviews (55% 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%
- Likely voters model is based on Gallup's methodology. For more go to: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/111268/how-gallups-likely-voter-models-work.aspx>

Methodology

Sample design

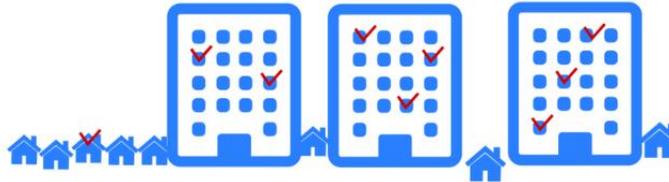
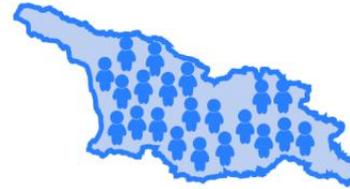
NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:

- ✓ **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, 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.

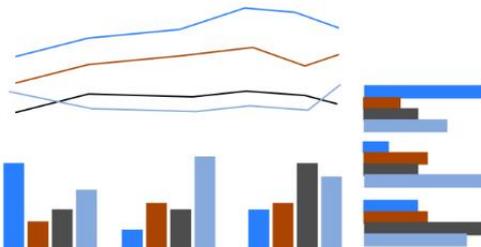


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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



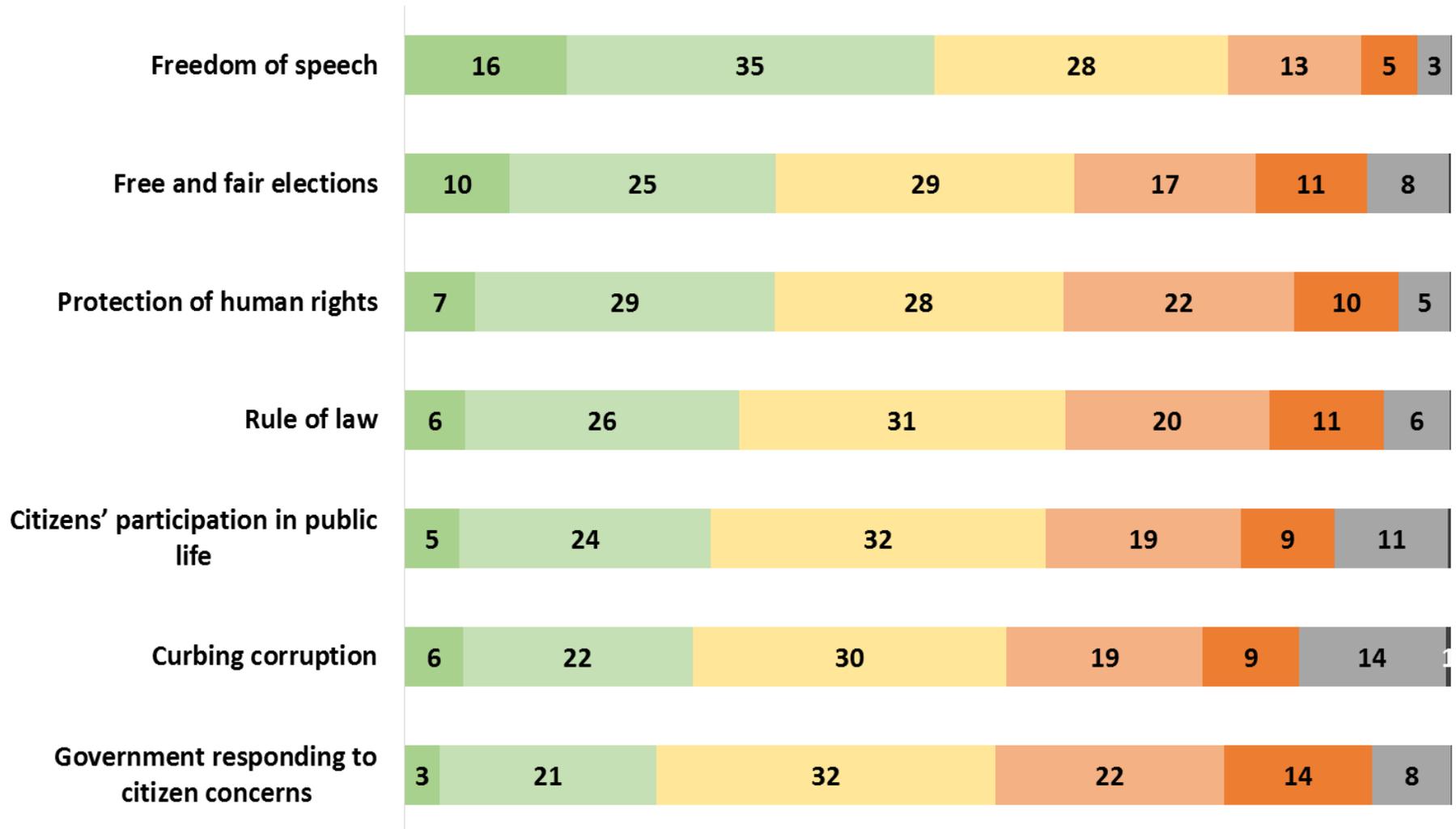
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CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

STATE OF DEMOCRACY

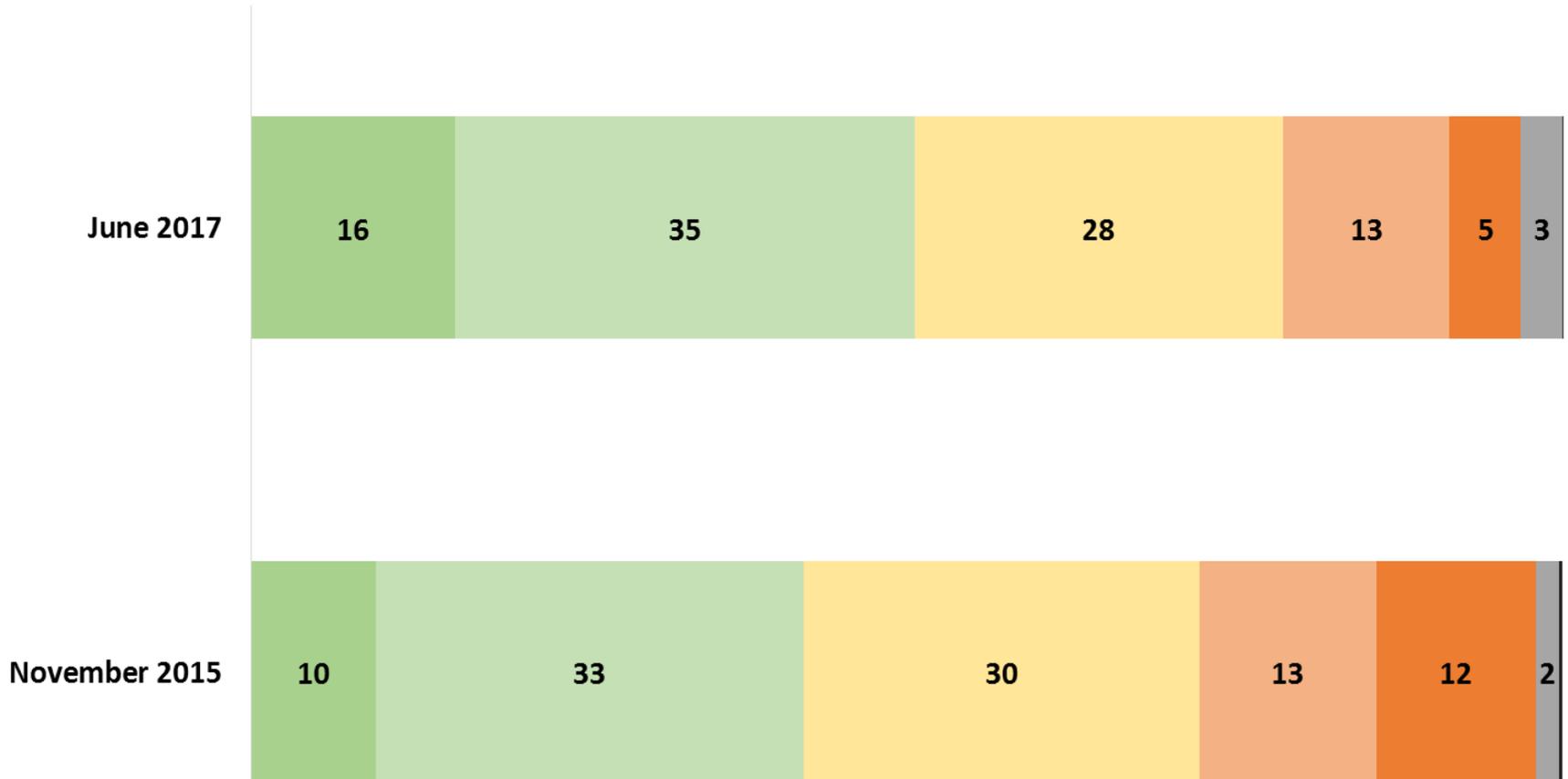
Where does Georgia stand on each of the following issues? (q12)

■ Very good
 ■ Somewhat good
 ■ Neither good nor bad
 ■ Somewhat bad
 ■ Very bad
 ■ DK
 ■ RA



Where does Georgia stand on freedom of speech? (q12_1)

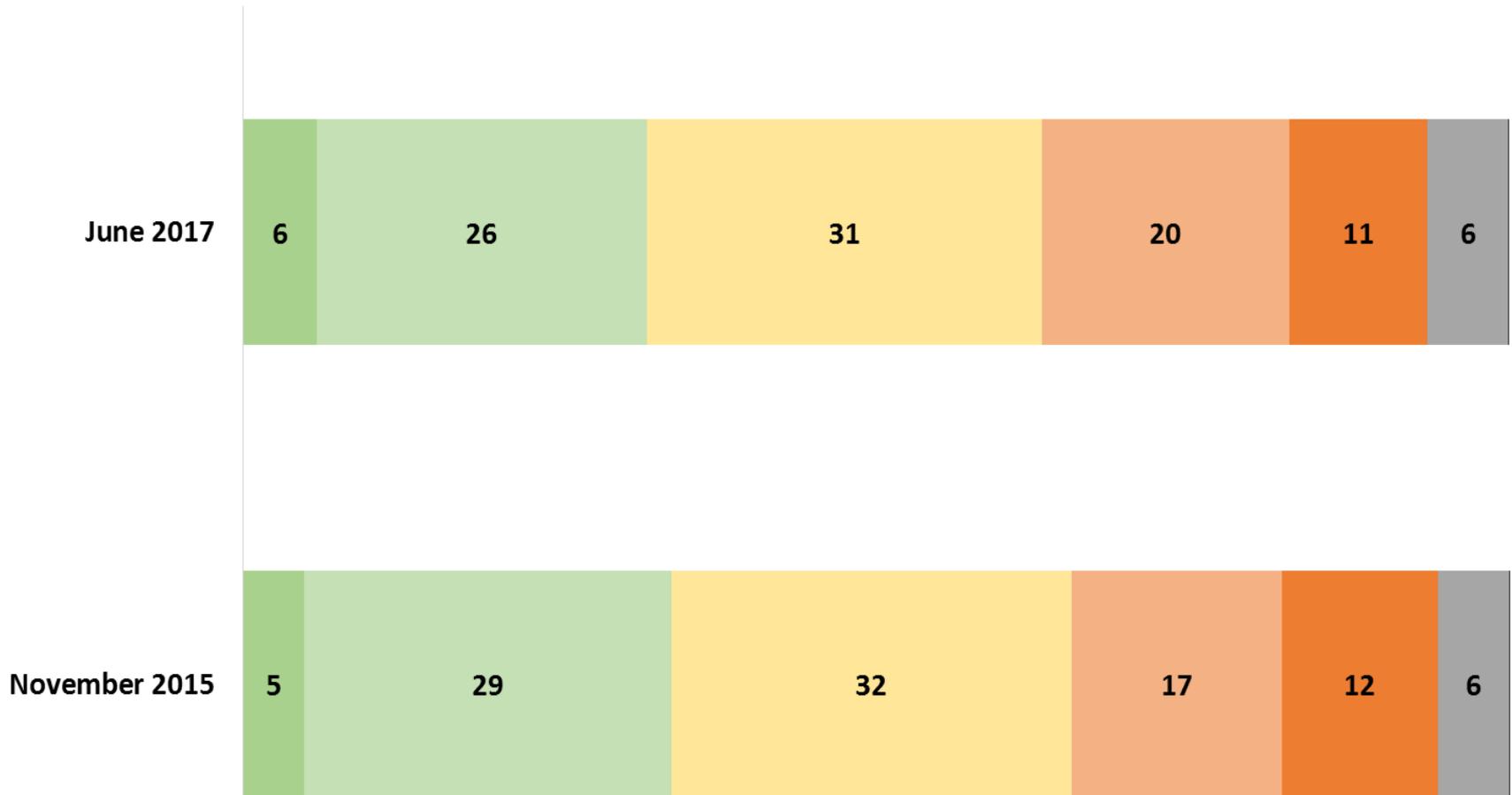
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Where does Georgia stand on rule of law? (q12_2)

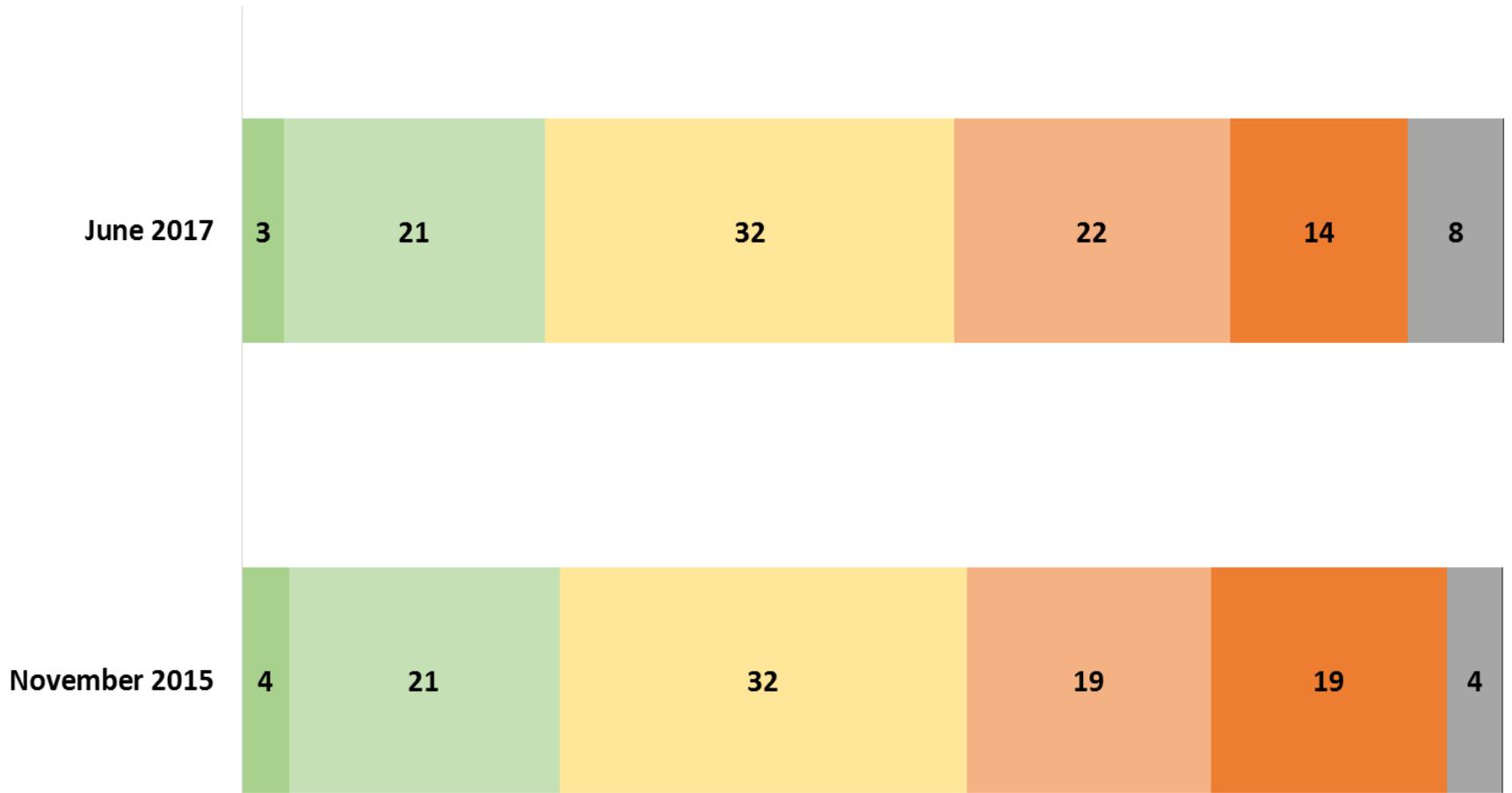
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Where does Georgia stand on government responding to citizen concerns? (q12_3)

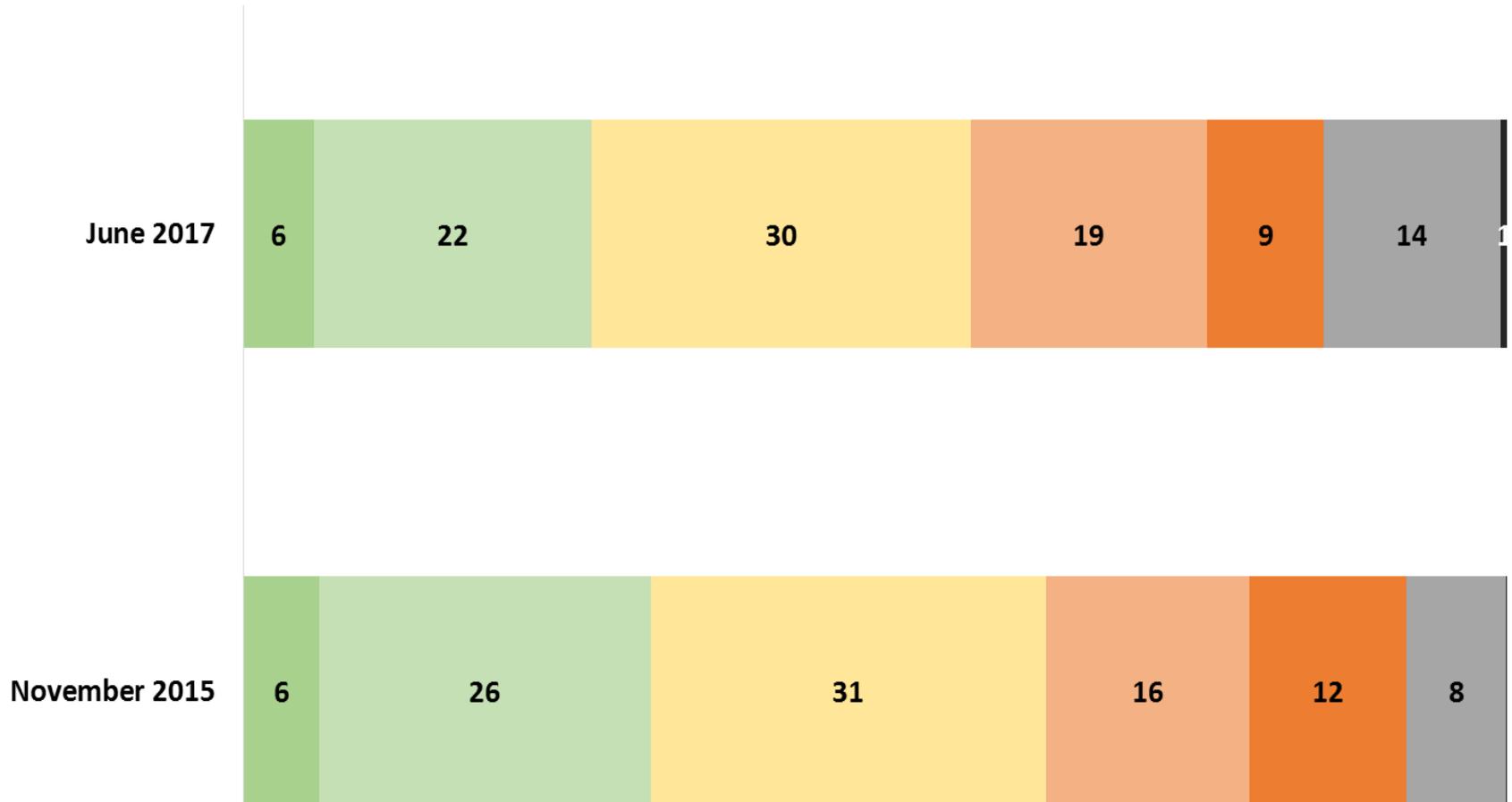
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Where does Georgia stand on curbing corruption? (q12_4)

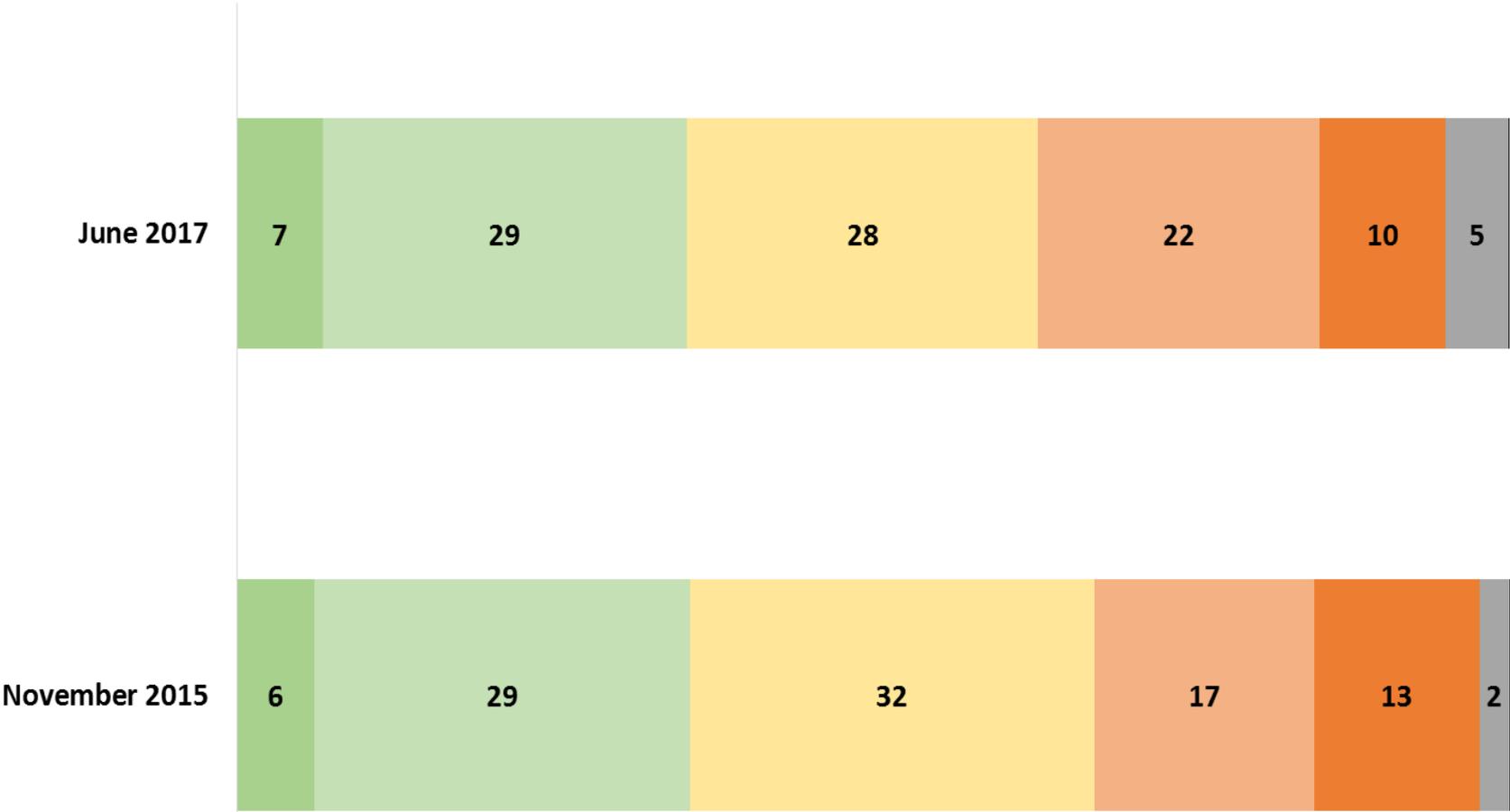
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Where does Georgia stand on protection of human rights? (q12_5)

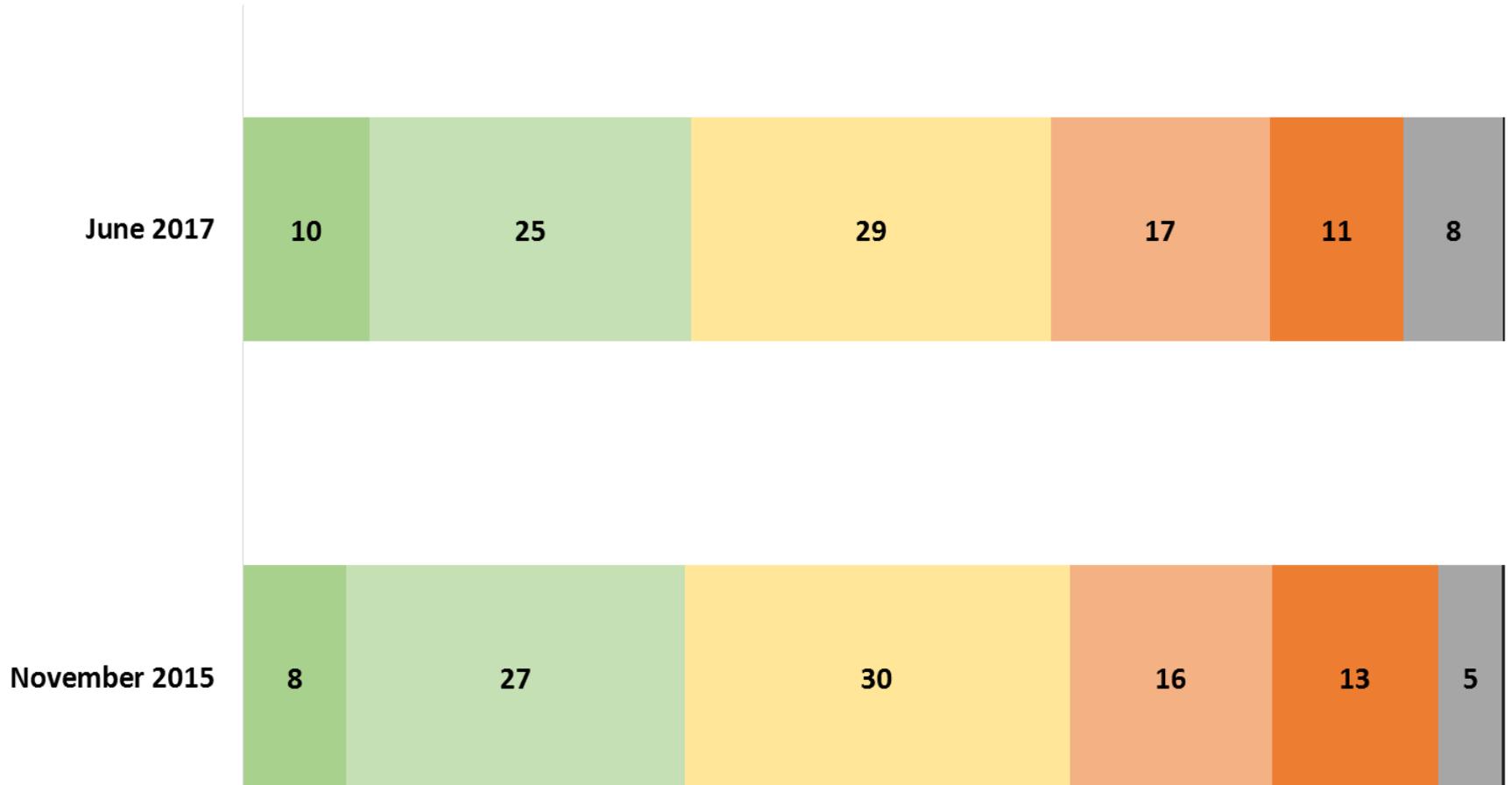
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Where does Georgia stand on free and fair elections? (q12_6)

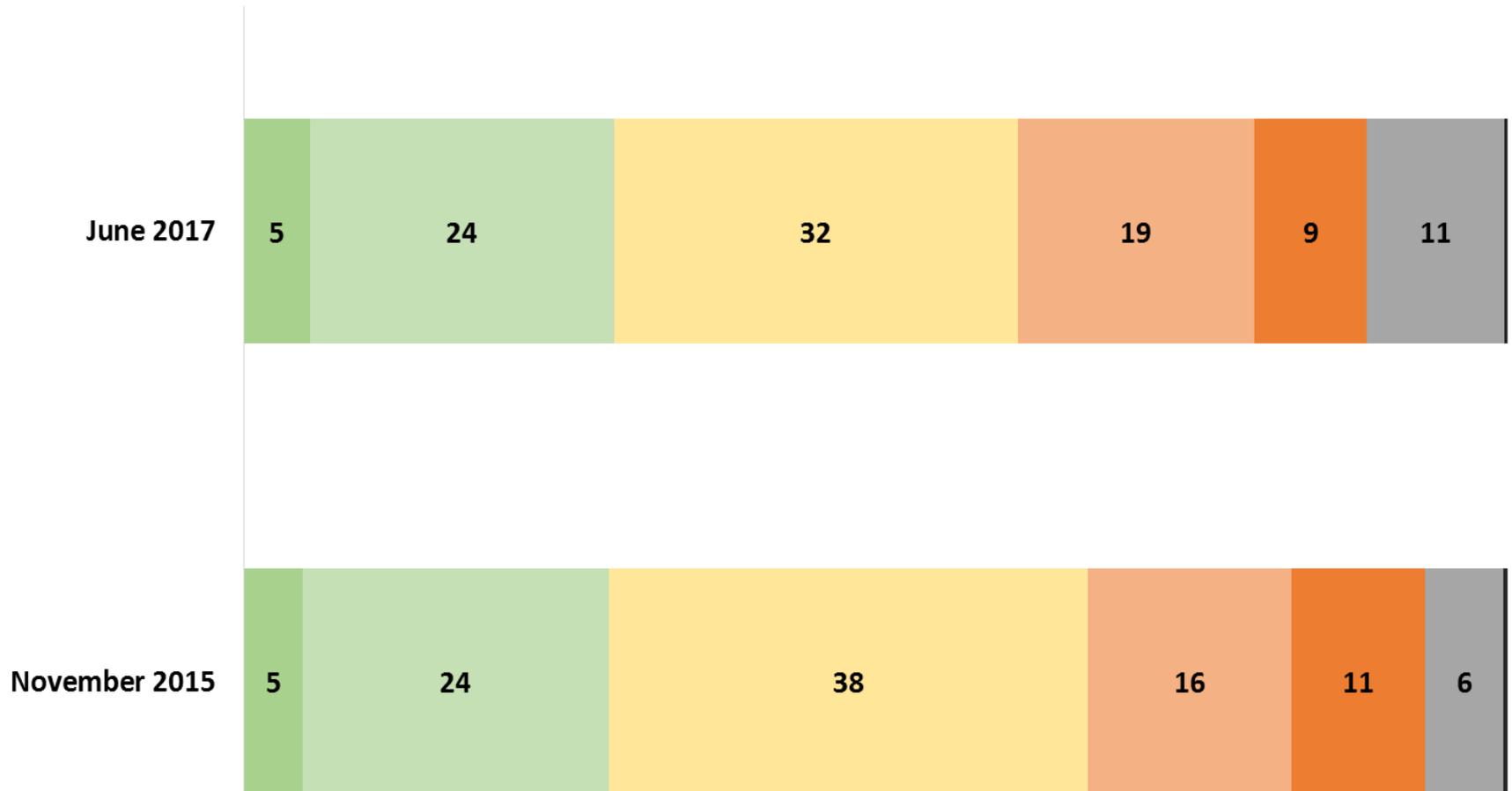
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Where does Georgia stand on citizens' participation in public life? (q12_7)

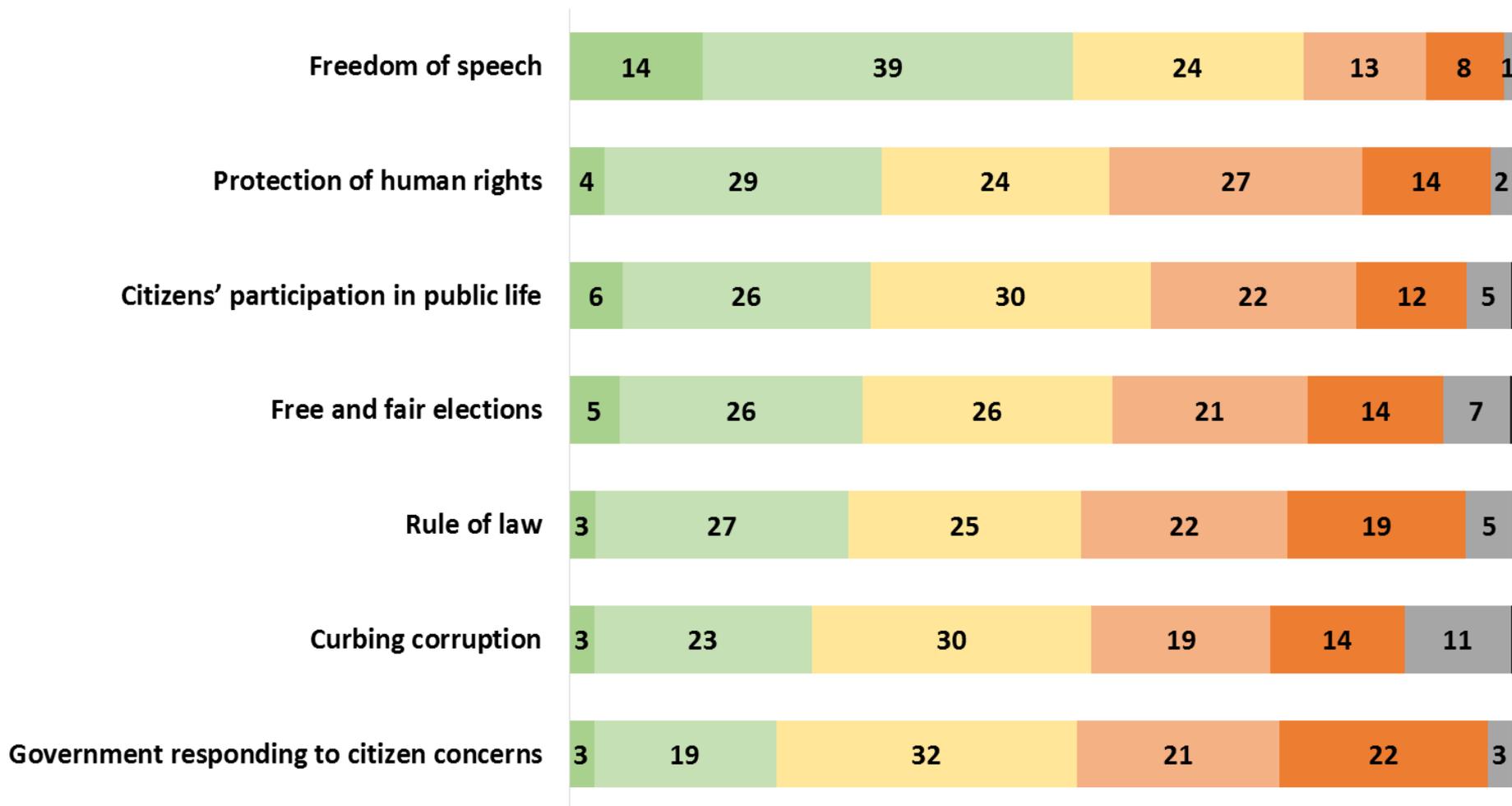
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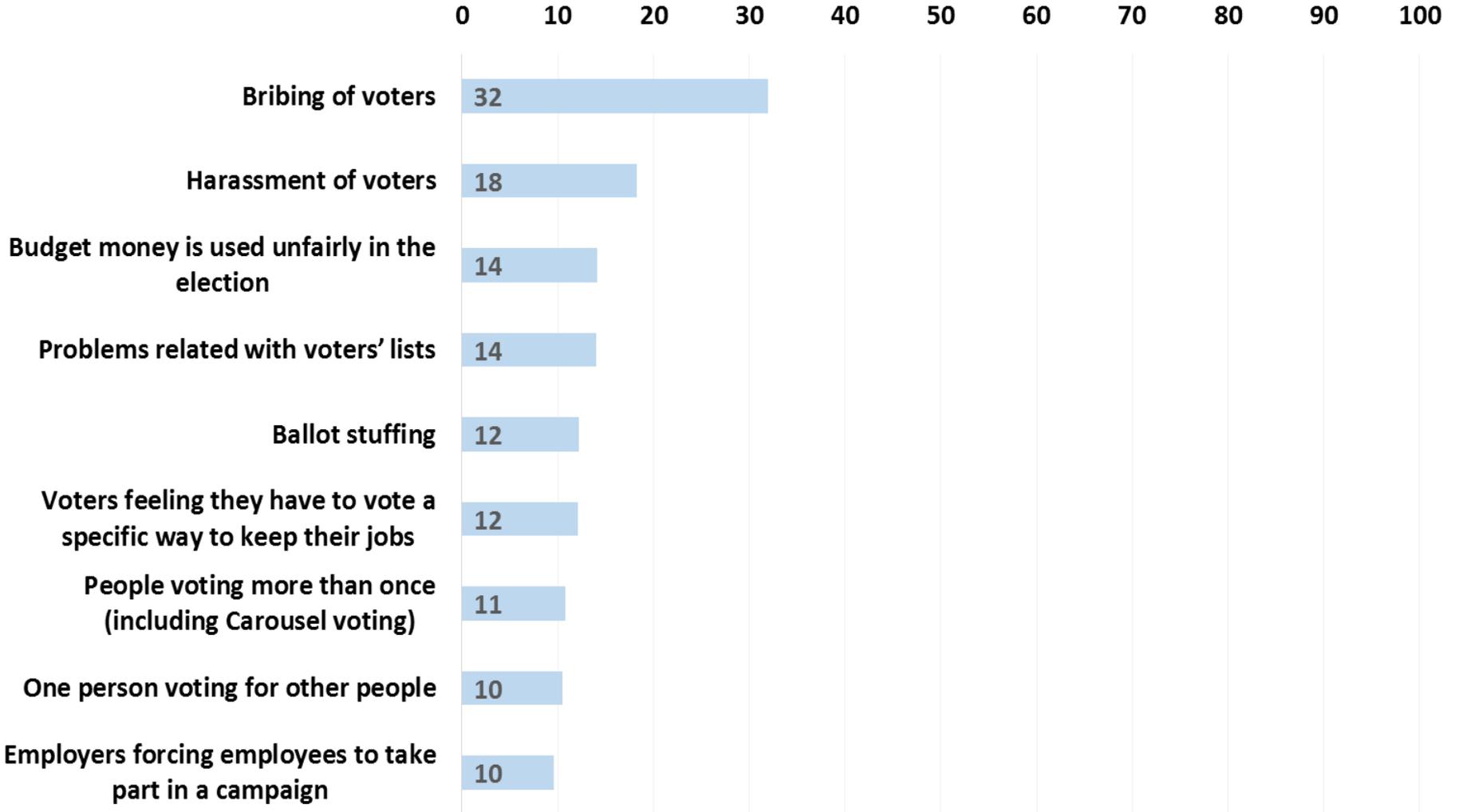
Where does Georgia stand on each of the following issues? (q12) Tbilisi

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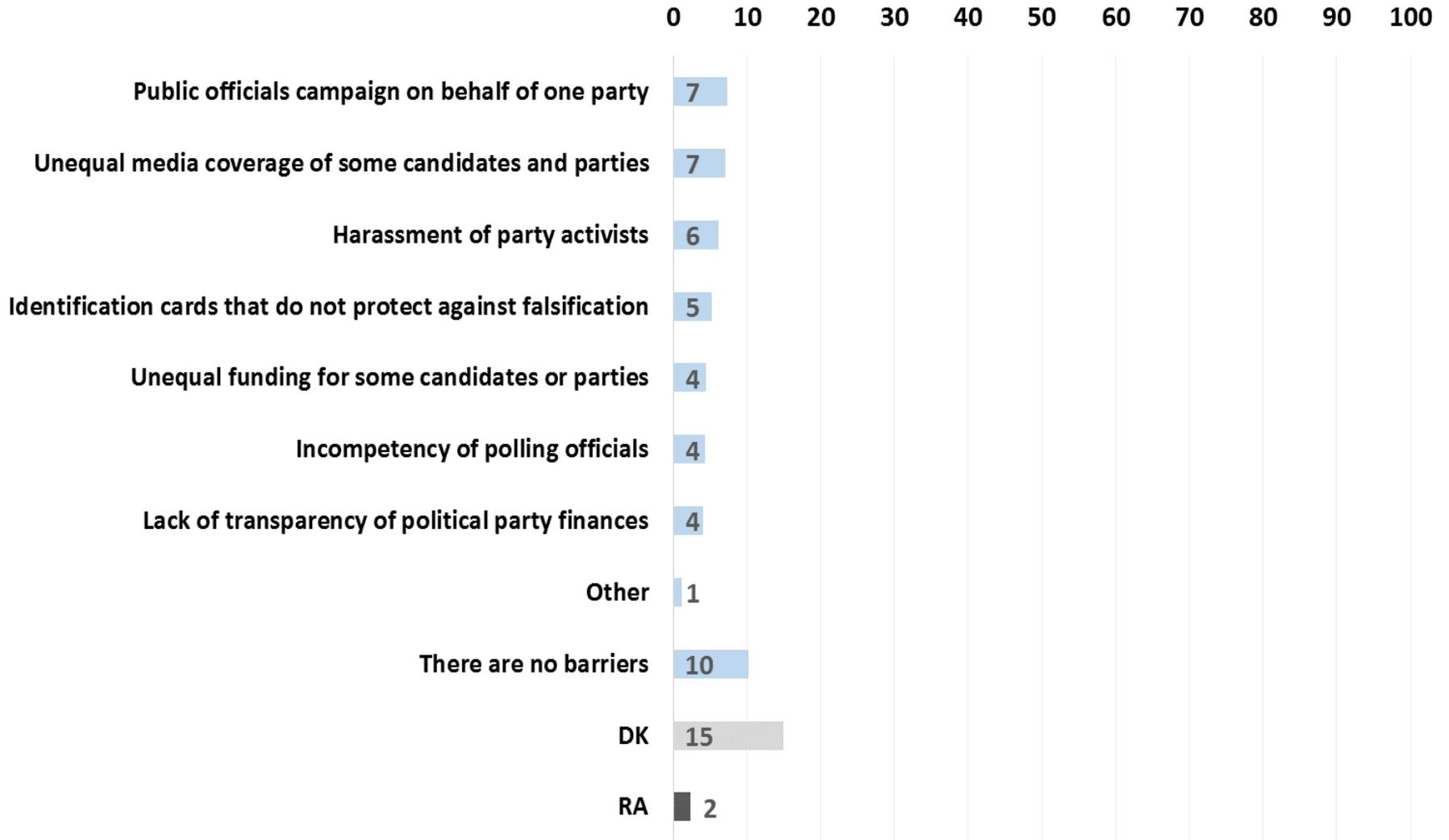


ELECTION PROCESS

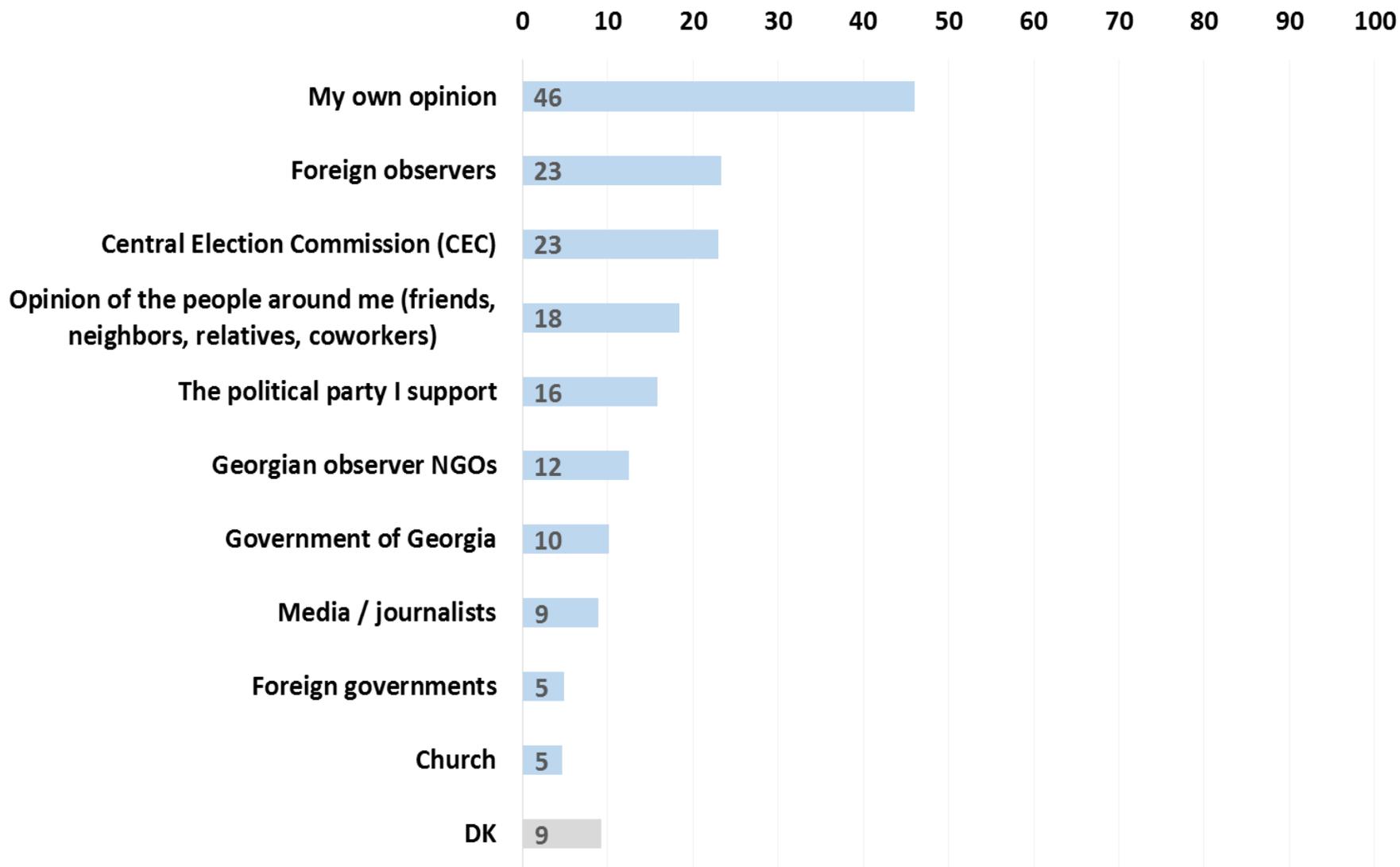
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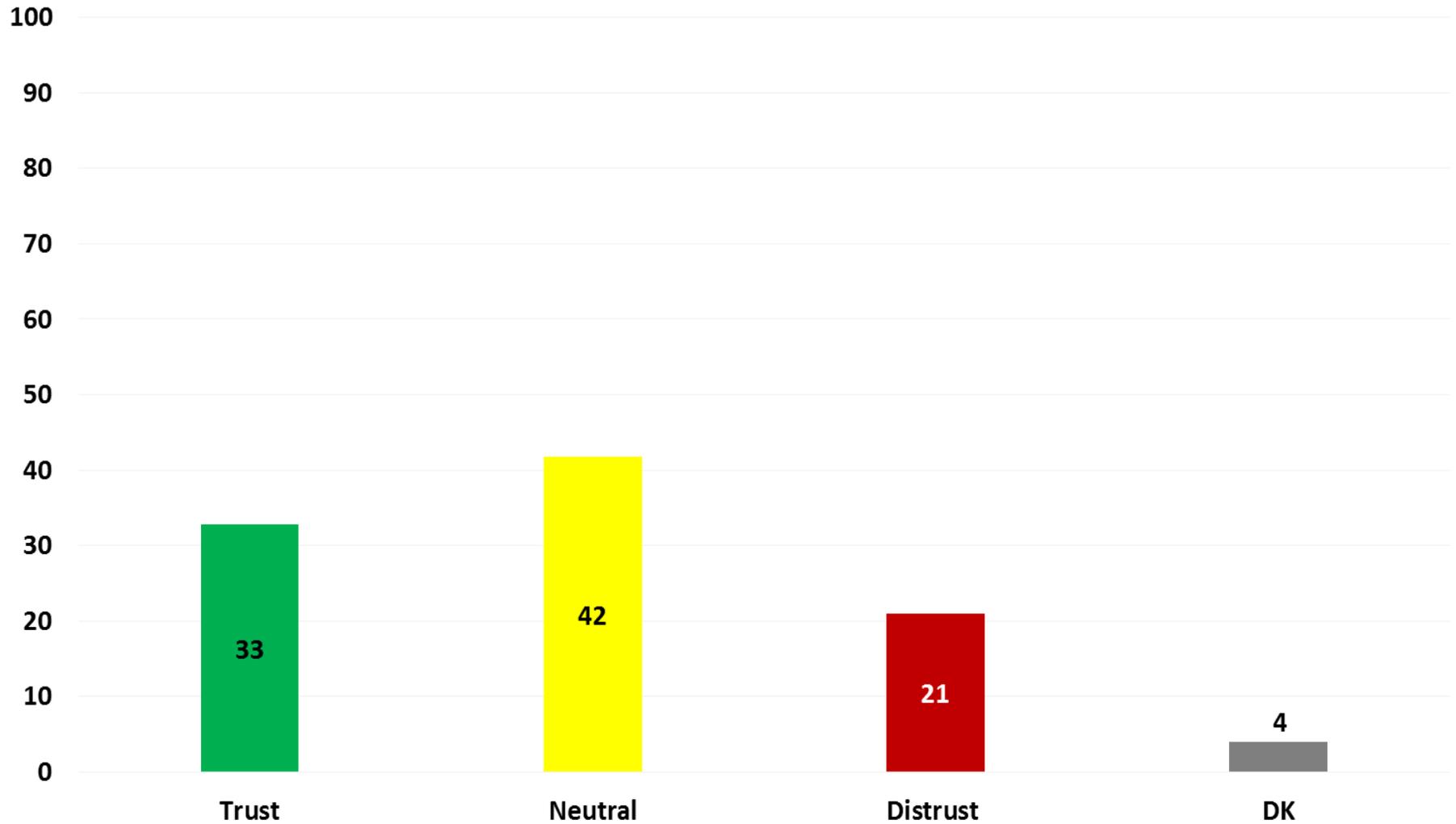
What are the three biggest barriers to free and fair elections in Georgia? Name up to three (q39) Part 2



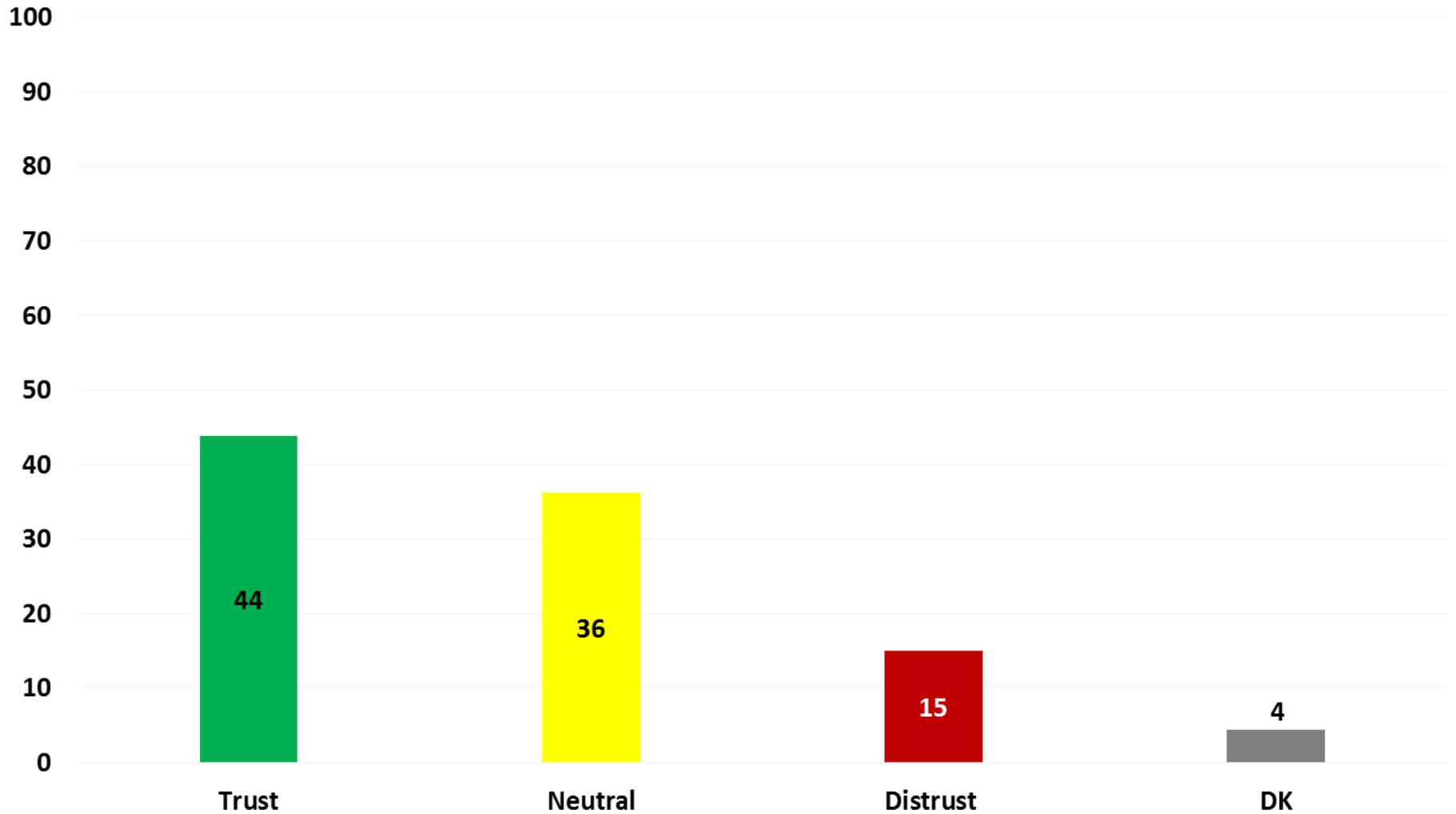
Whose opinion do you think matters most, when it comes to deciding whether elections have been run well? Name up to three (q40)



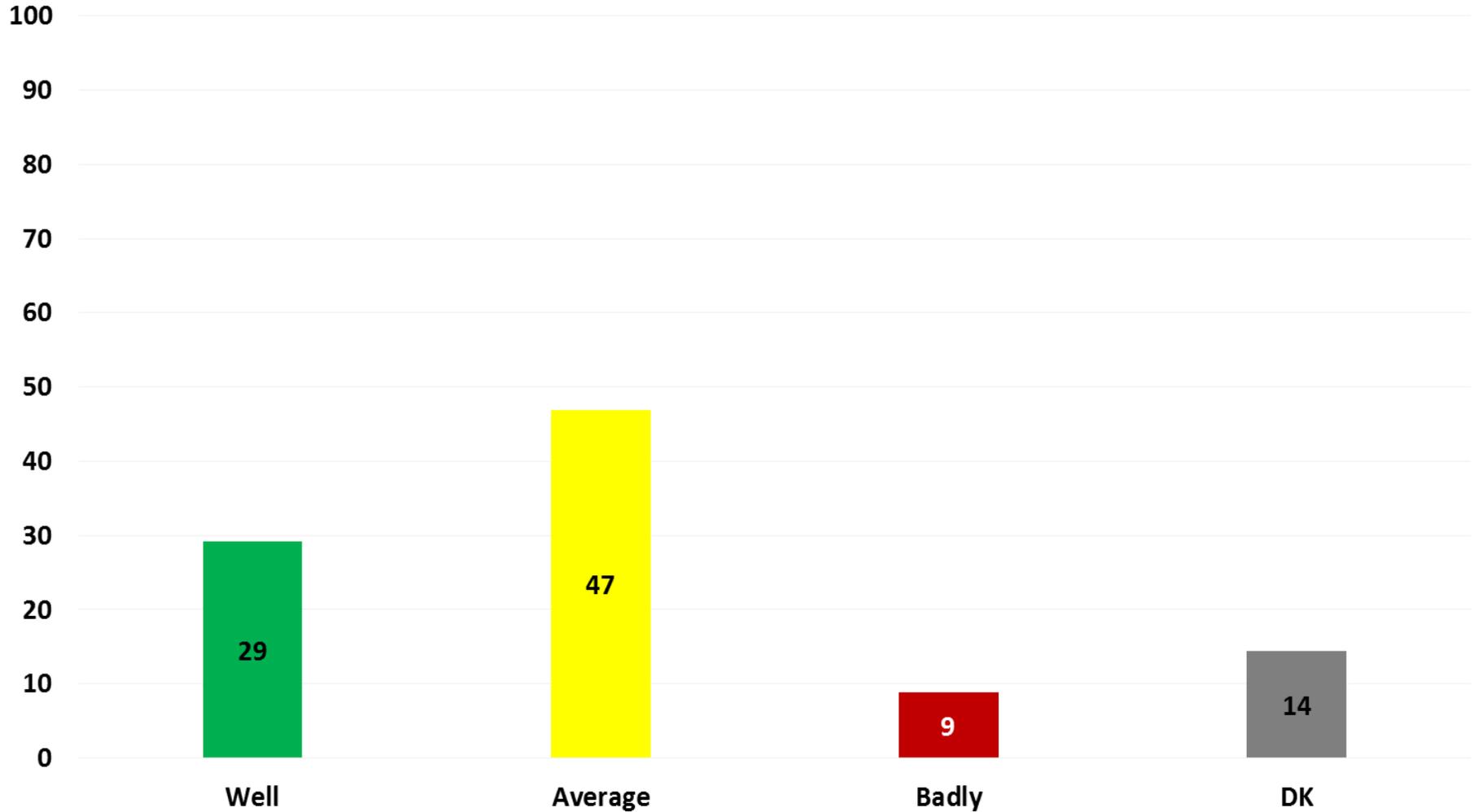
How would you assess your trust towards Georgian election observers? (q41)



How would you assess your trust towards international election observers? (q42)

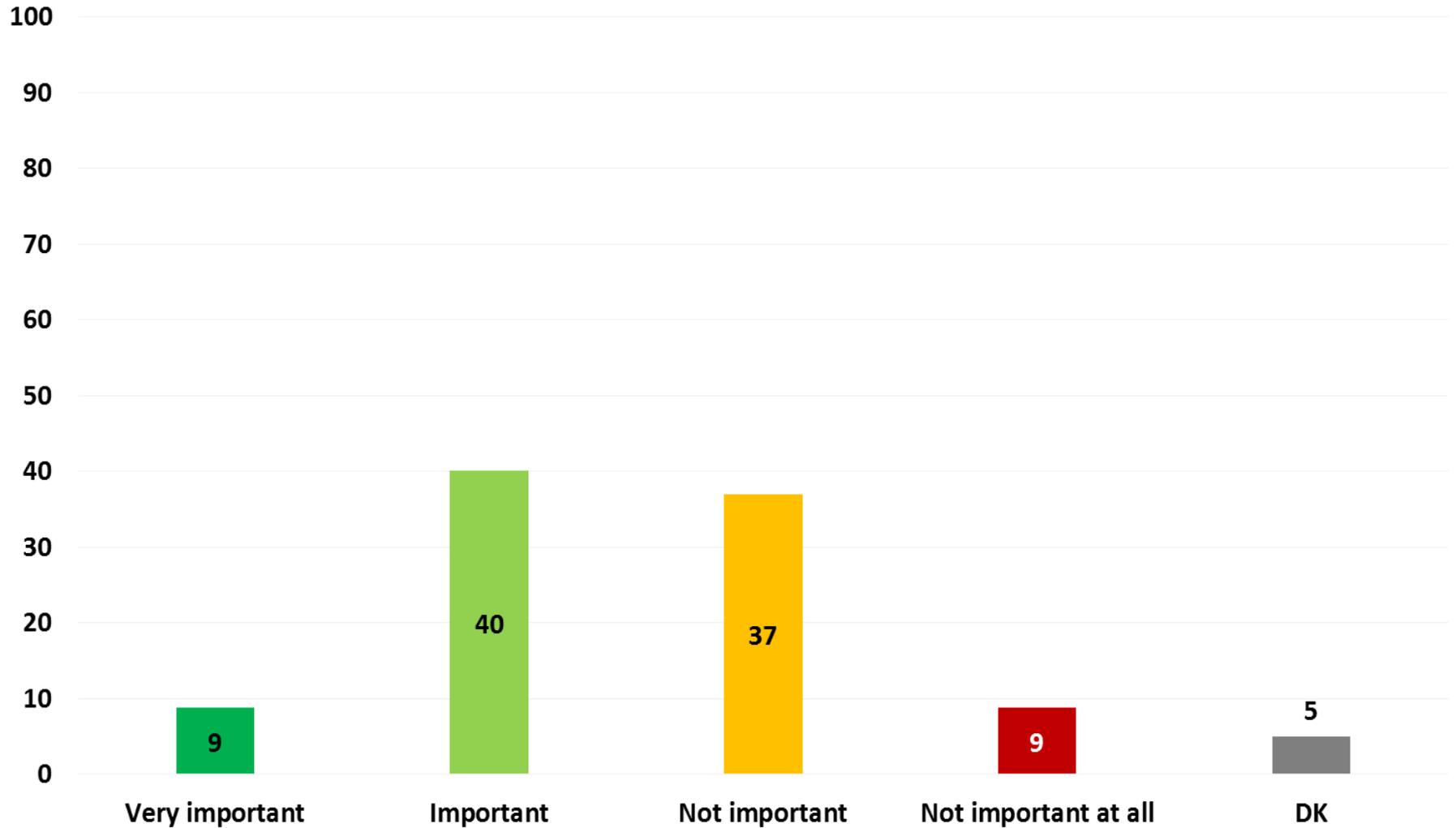


How do you think the coming local government election will be conducted/managed by Central Election Commission (CEC)? (q43)



WOMEN IN POLITICS

How important or unimportant do you think it is for the party you support to have balanced representation of male and female candidates? (q36)



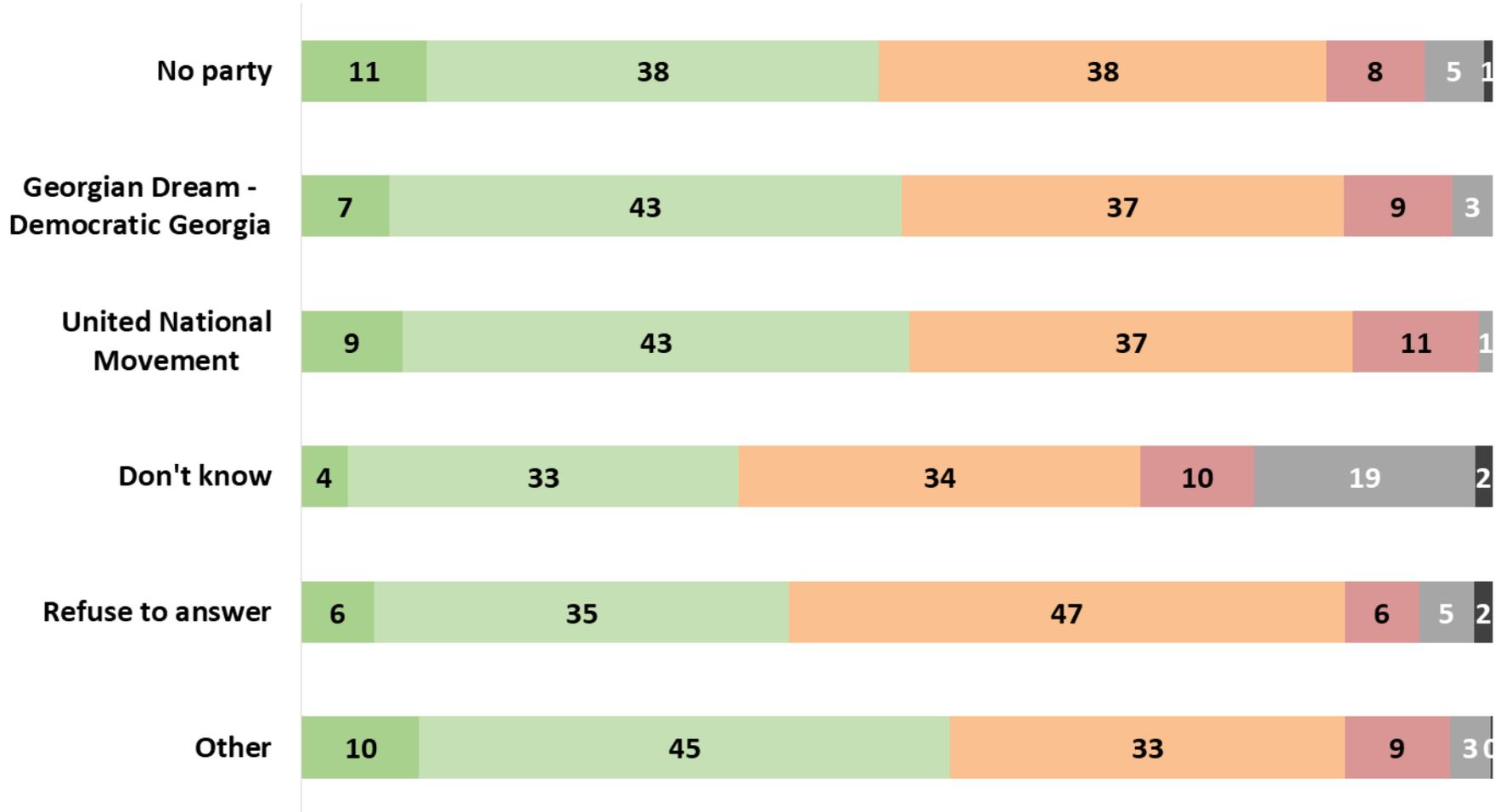
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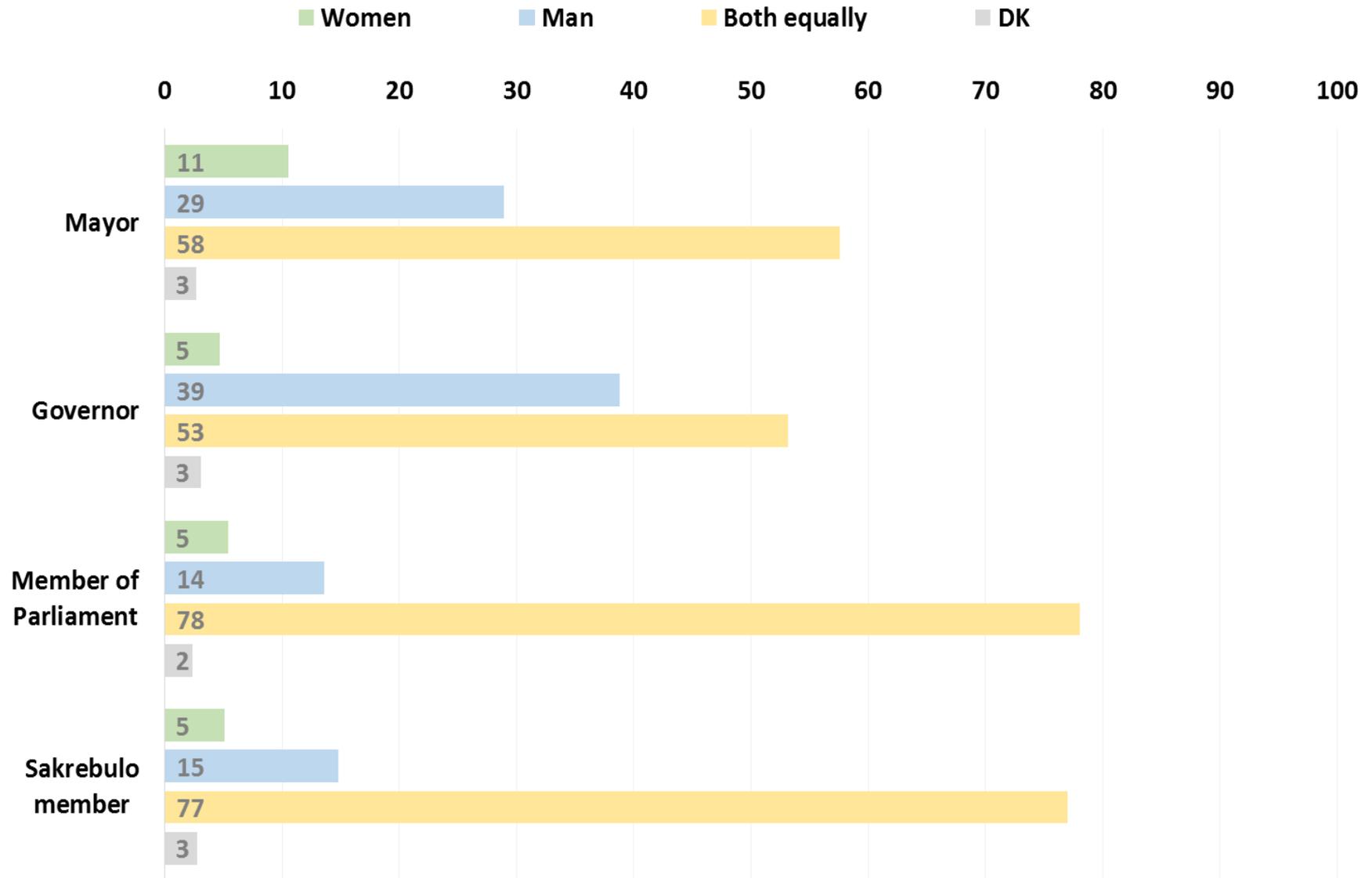


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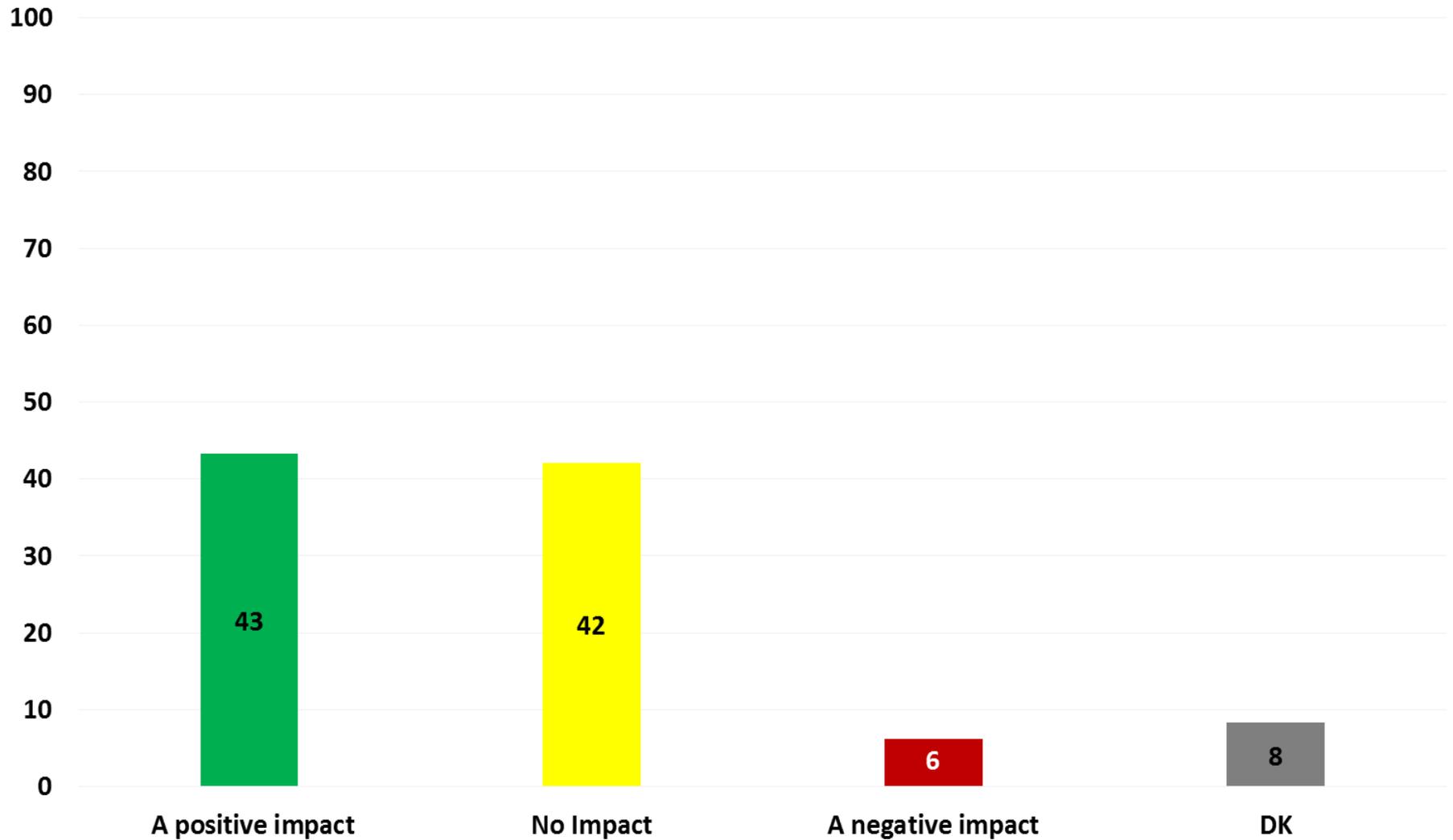
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Who will do a better job in the following positions? (q37)

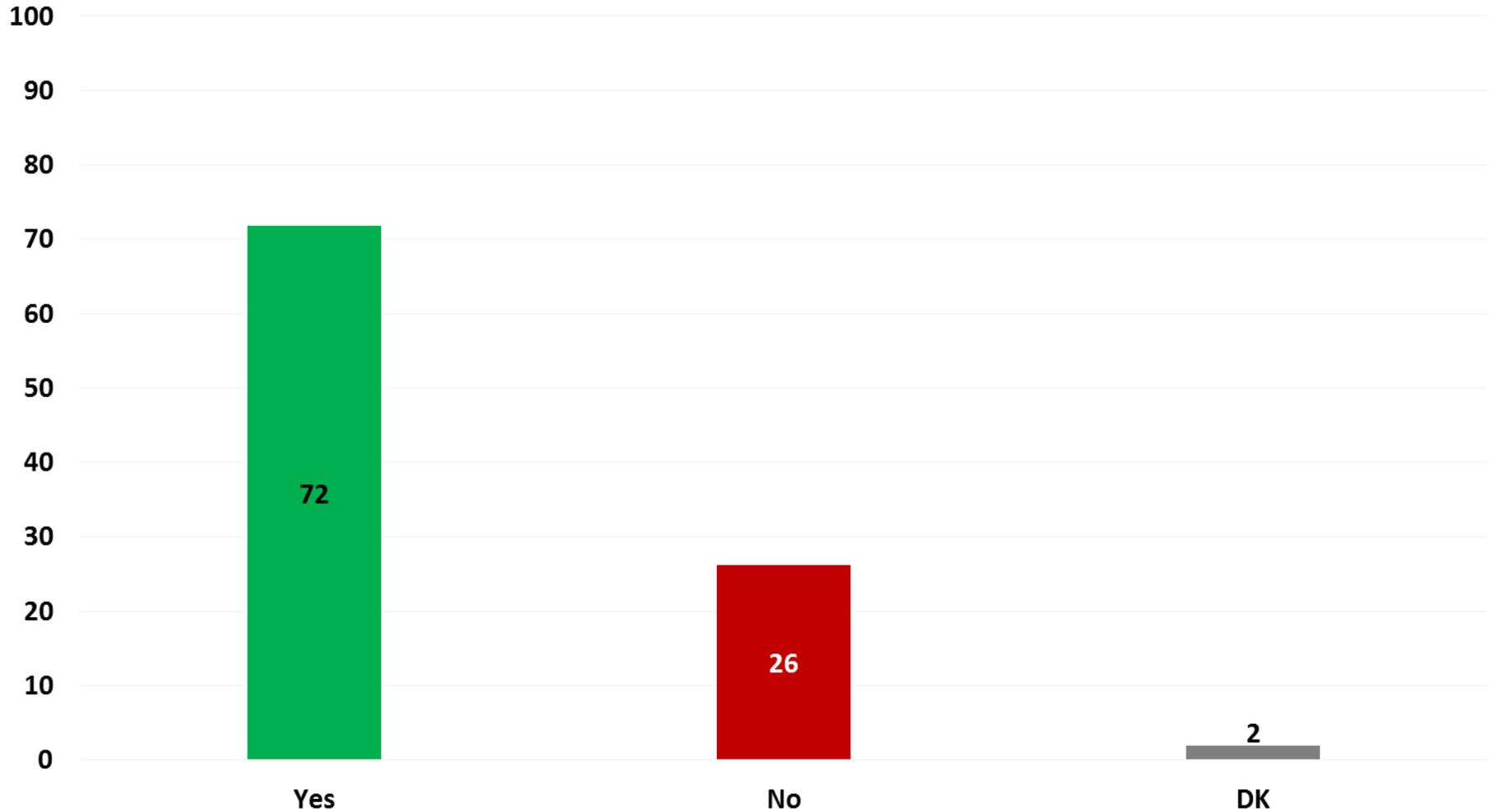


What kind of impact would increasing the number of women Sakrebulo members have on Georgia? (q38)

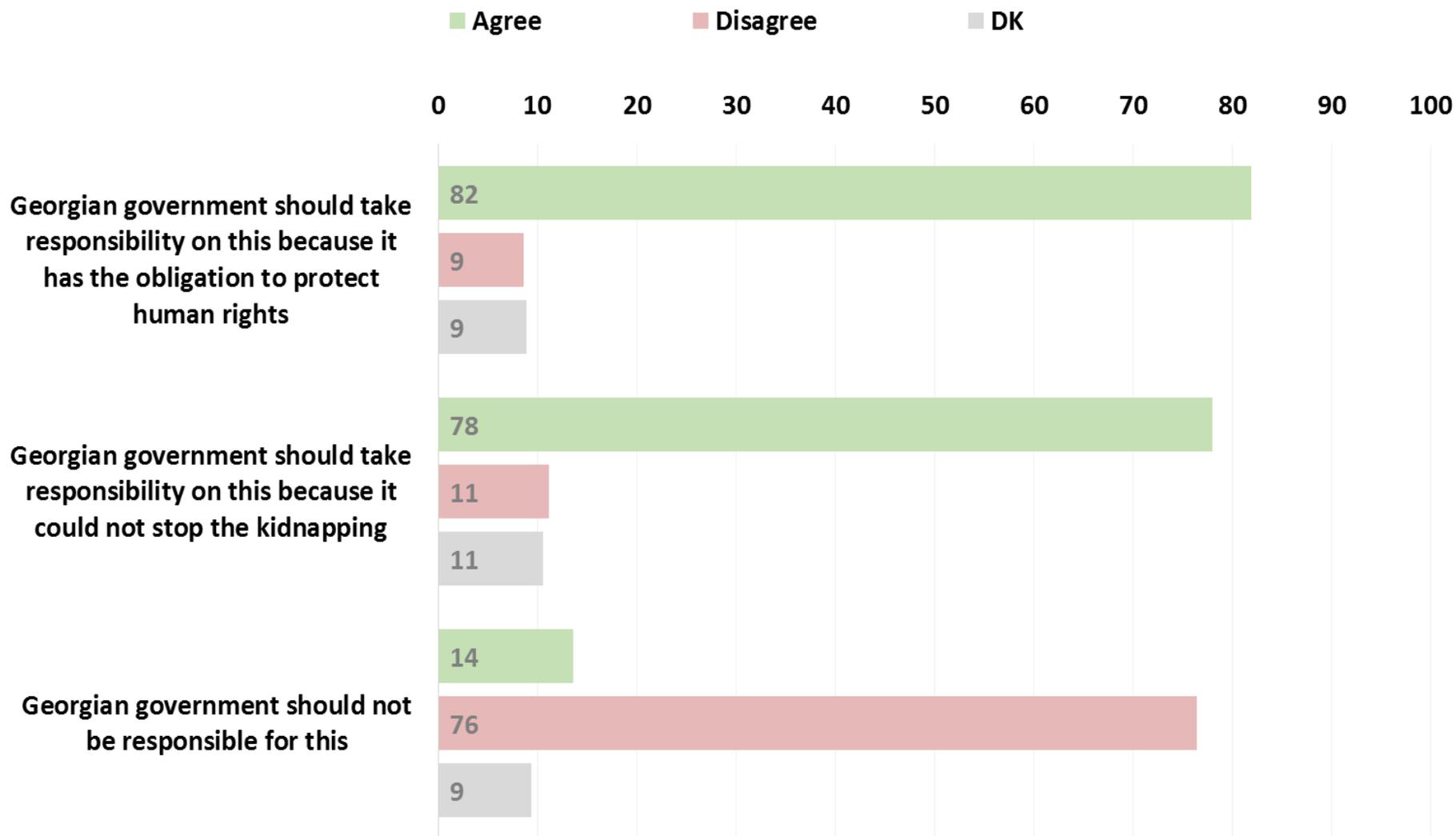


CURRENT EVENTS

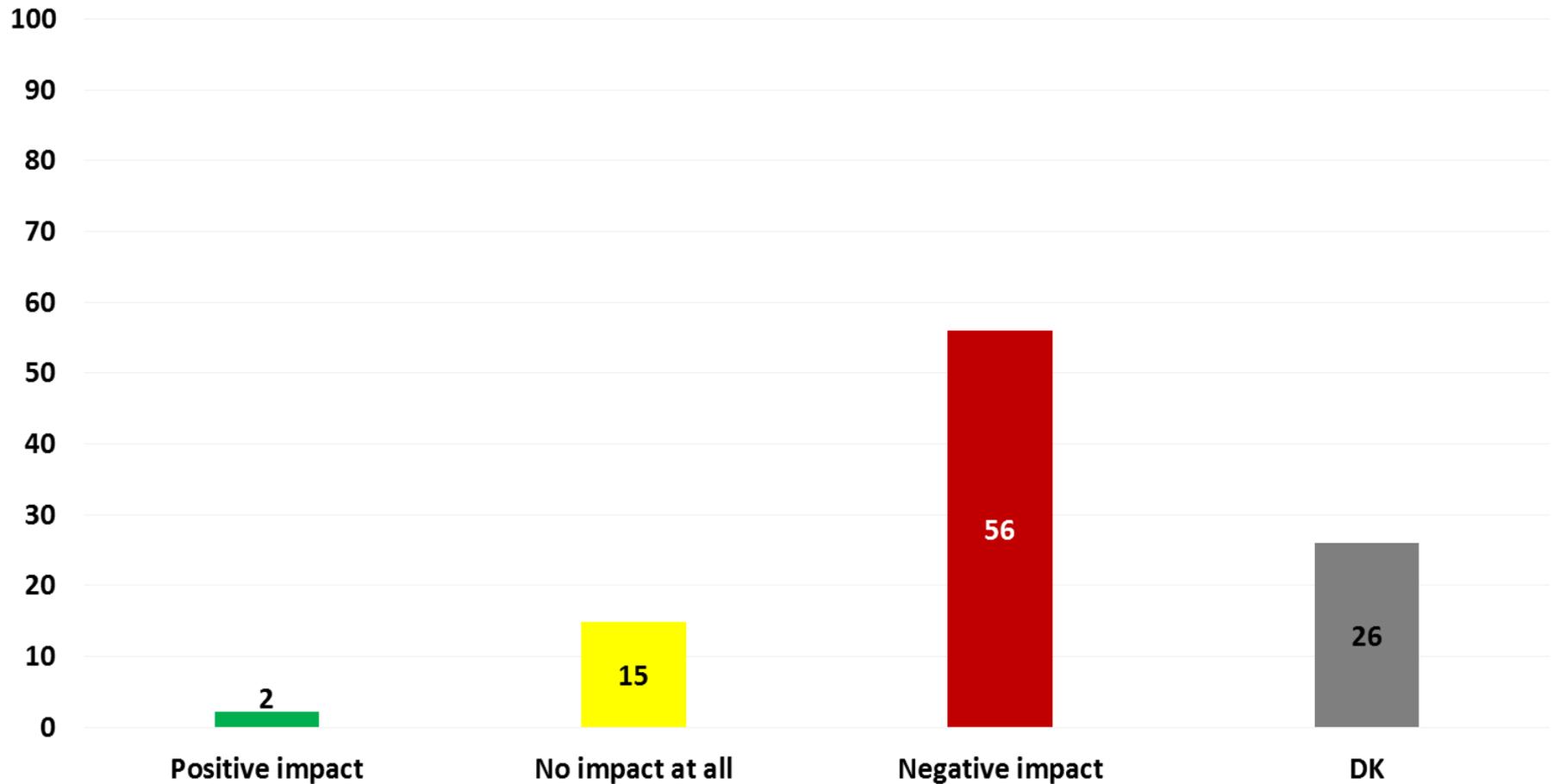
**Azerbaijani journalist Afghan Mukhtarli was kidnapped from the center of Tbilisi and currently is in prison in Azerbaijan.
Were you aware? (q56)**



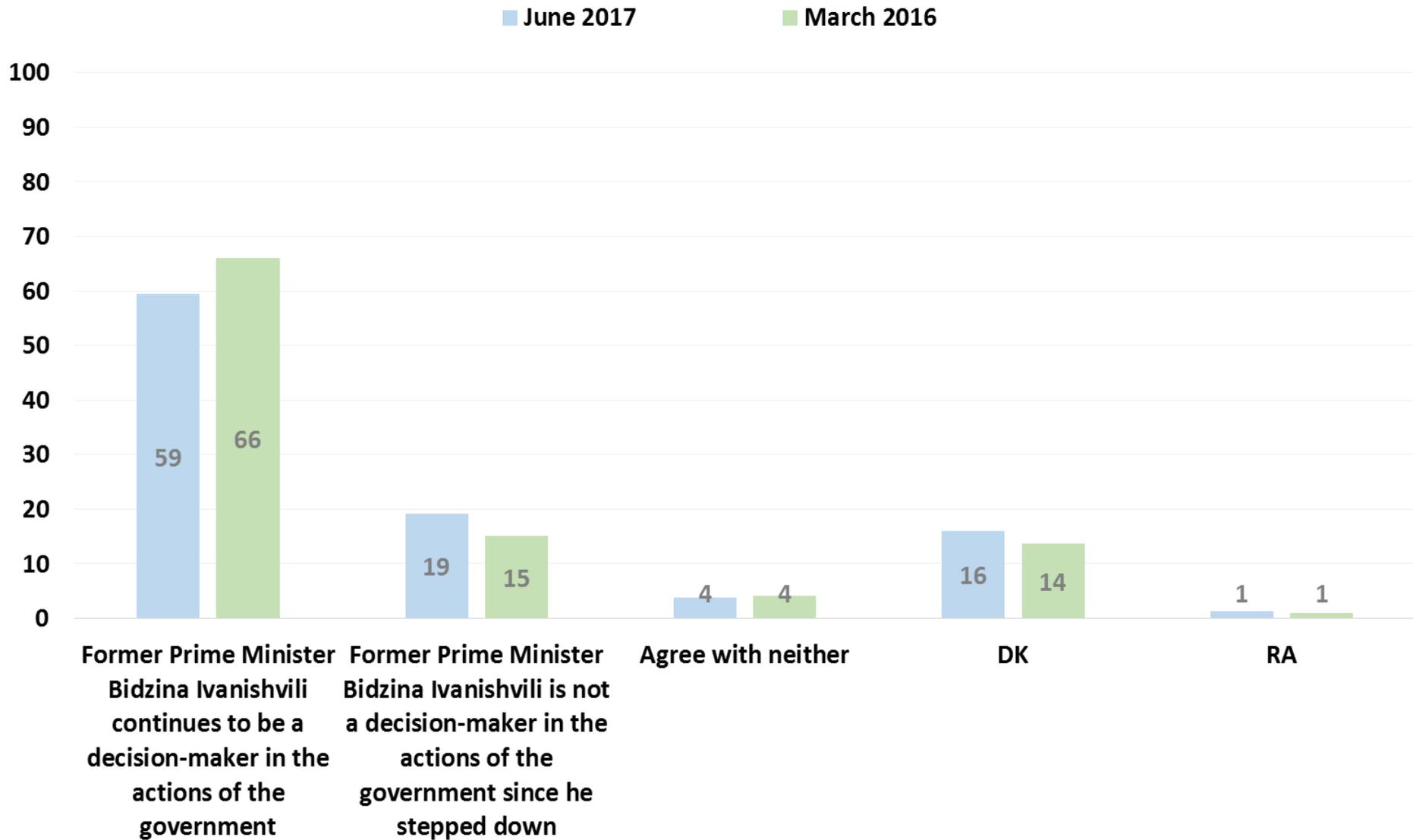
If yes, do you agree or disagree with the following? (q57) - of the 72% who is aware that Afghan Mukhtarli was kidnapped



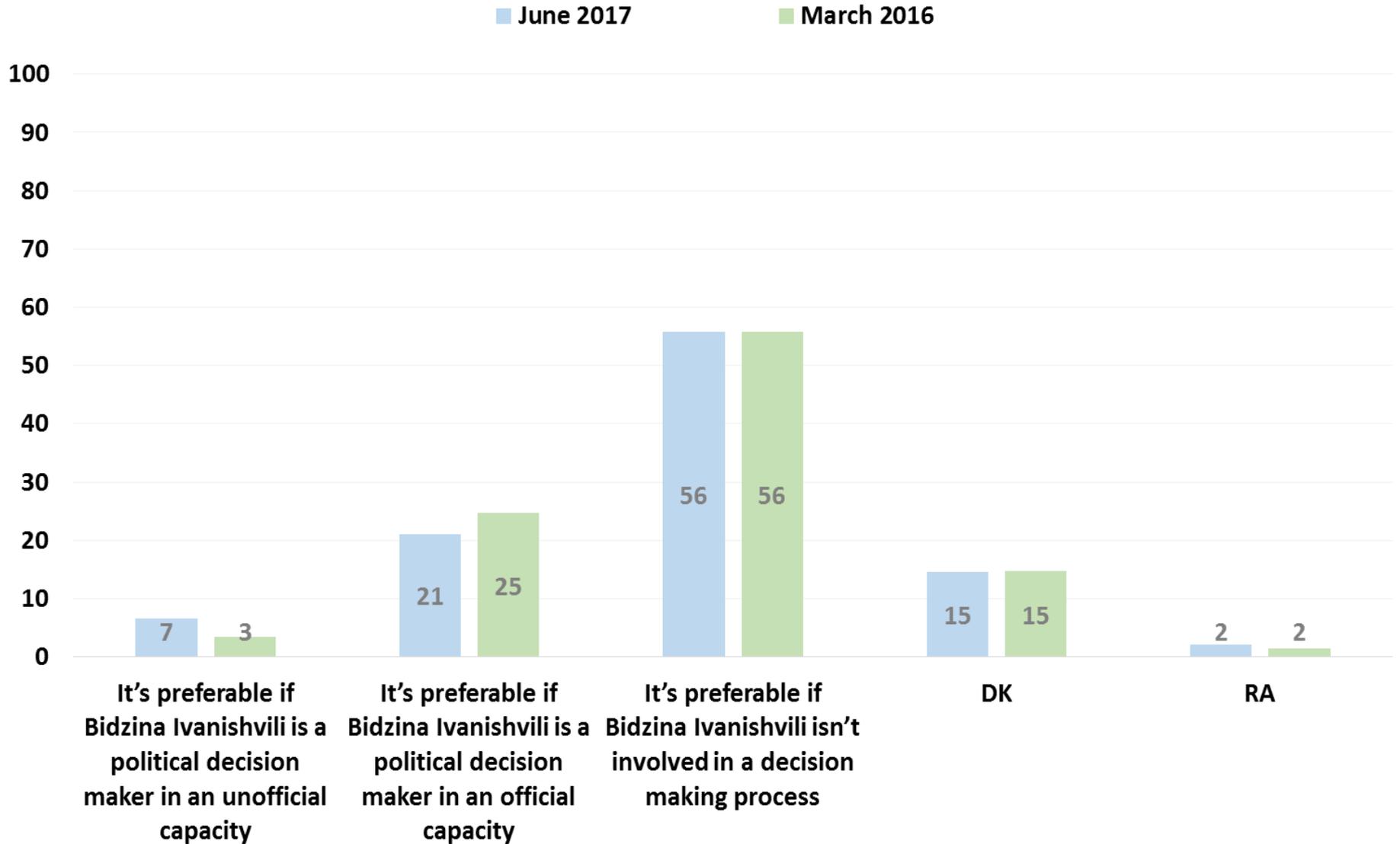
**What kind of impact will Afghan Mukhtarli's case have on Georgia's reputation as a regional leader on human rights and media freedom?
(q59)**



Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q13)



Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q14)

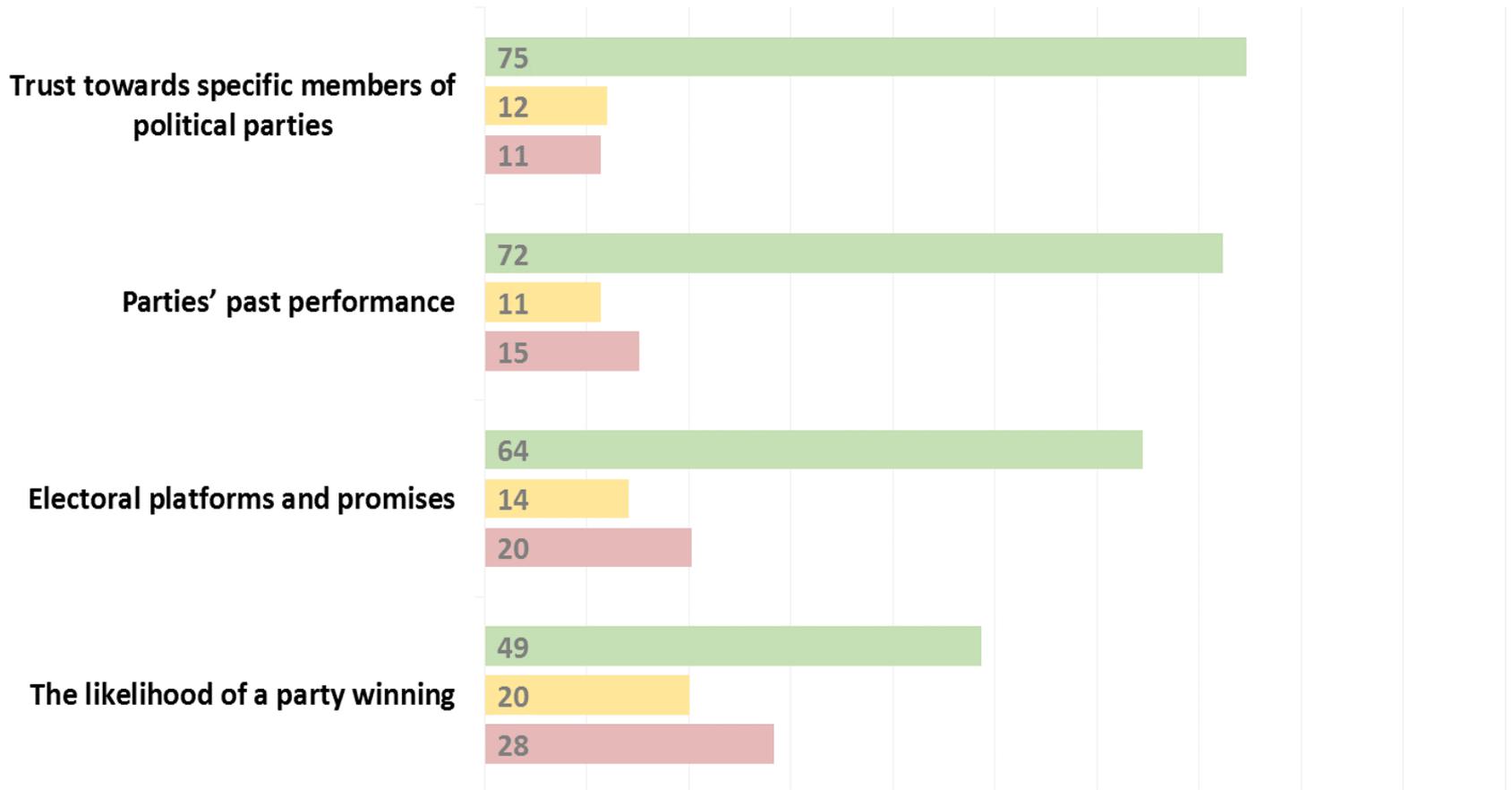


POLITICAL PARTIES AND ISSUES

There are different reasons which influence people's political choice. Thinking about next local self-government elections, how important are the following factors in making your decision? (q35)

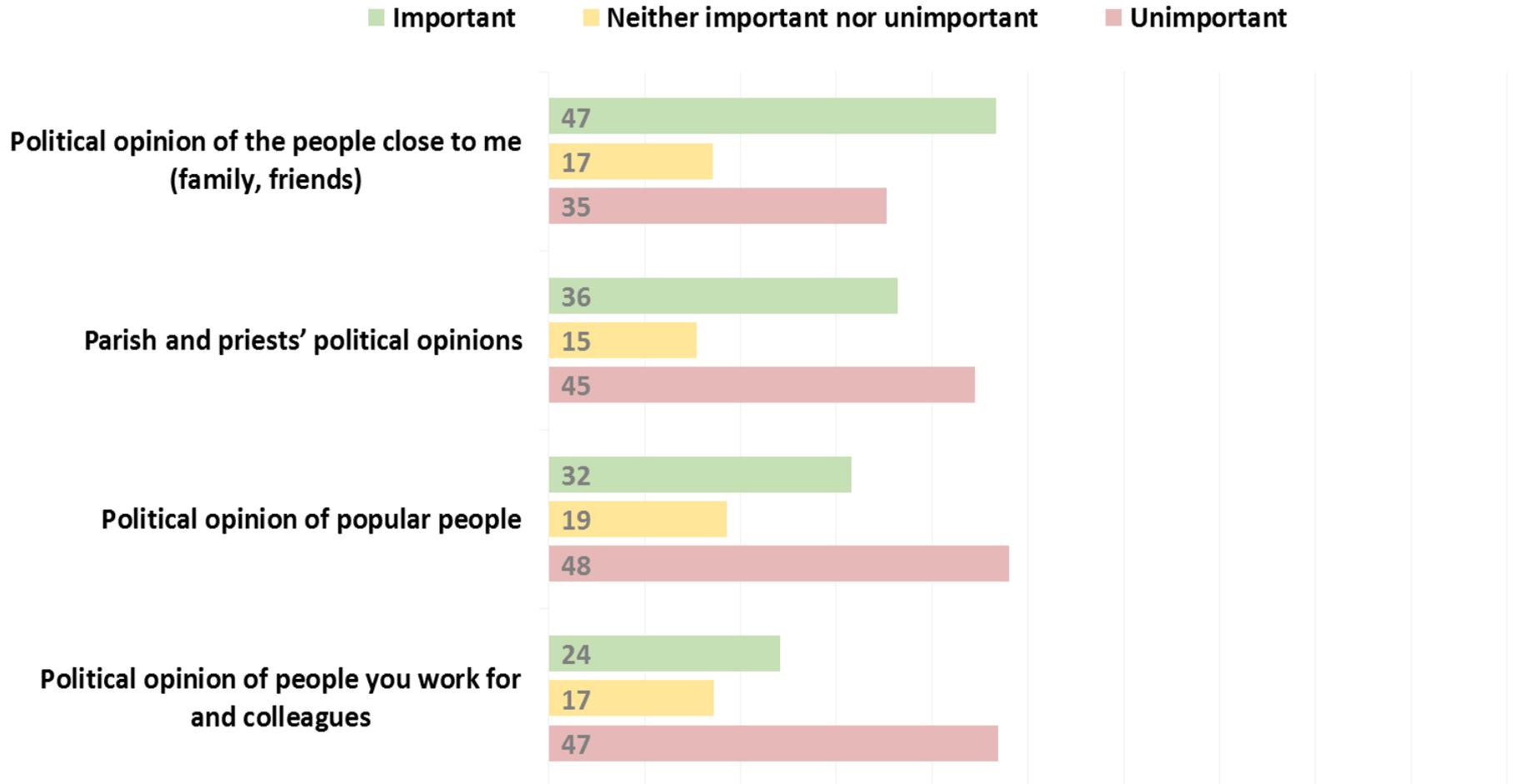
Decided people only Part 1

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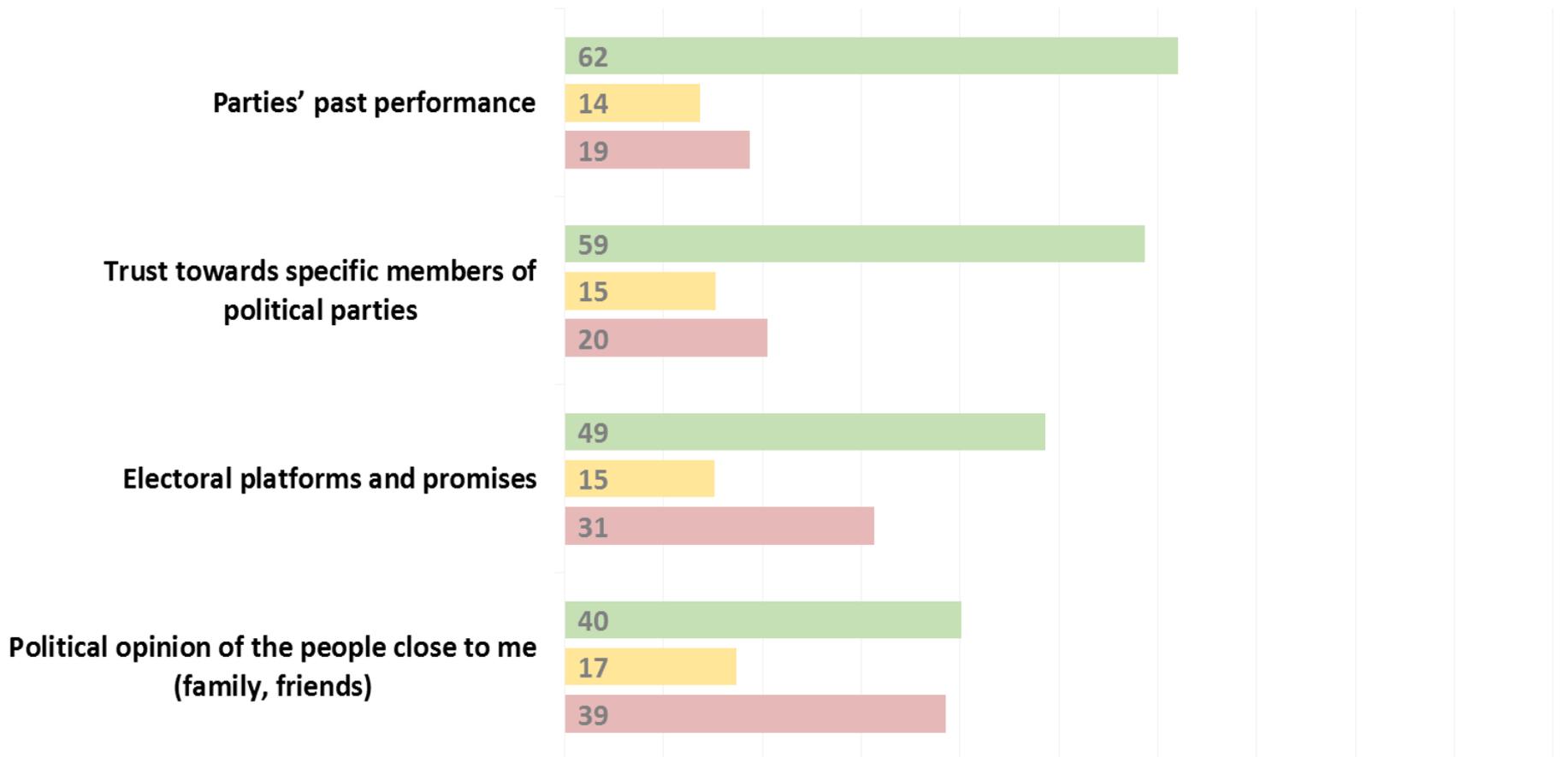
**There are different reasons which influence people's political choice.
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Decided people only Part 2



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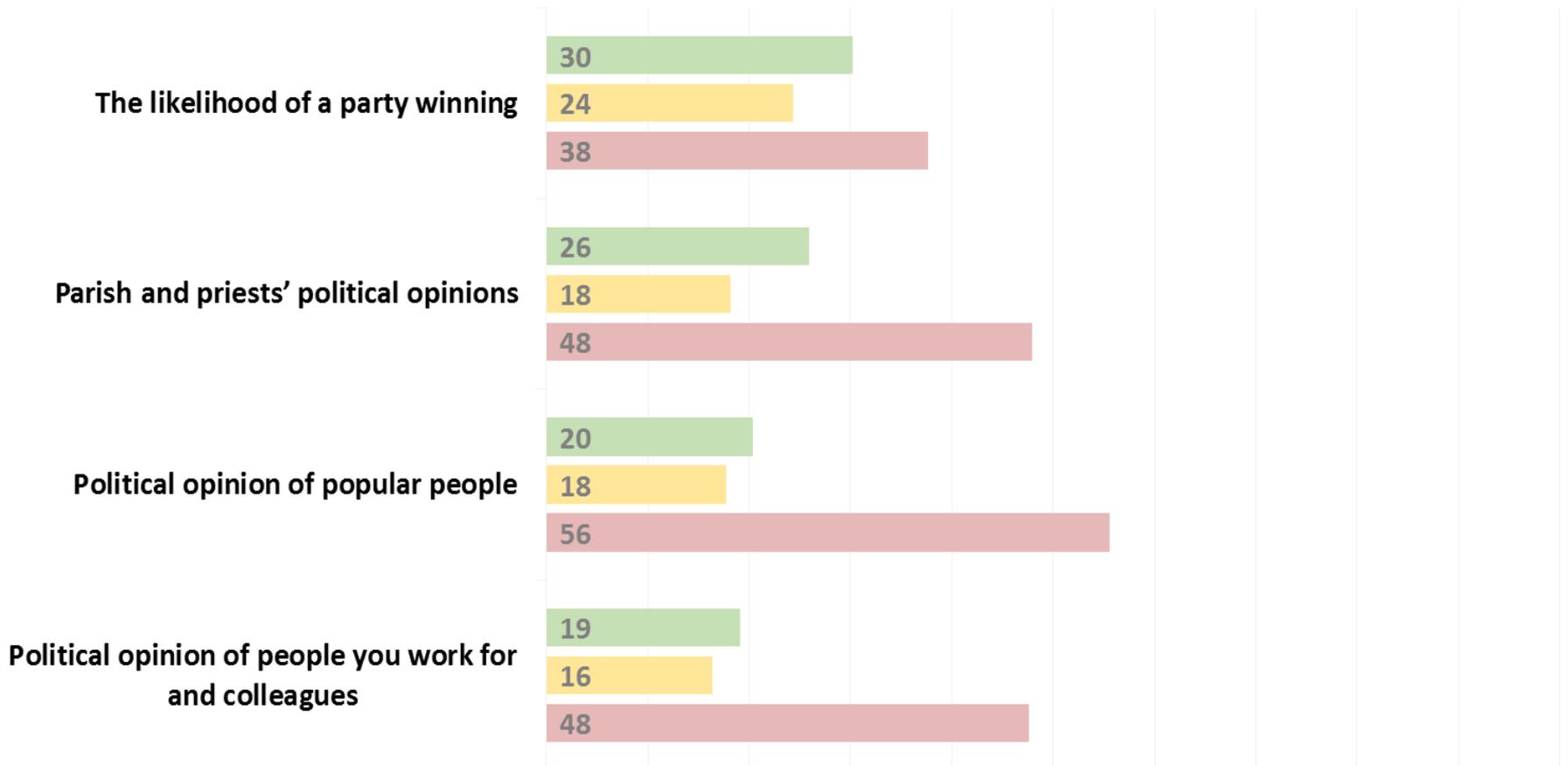
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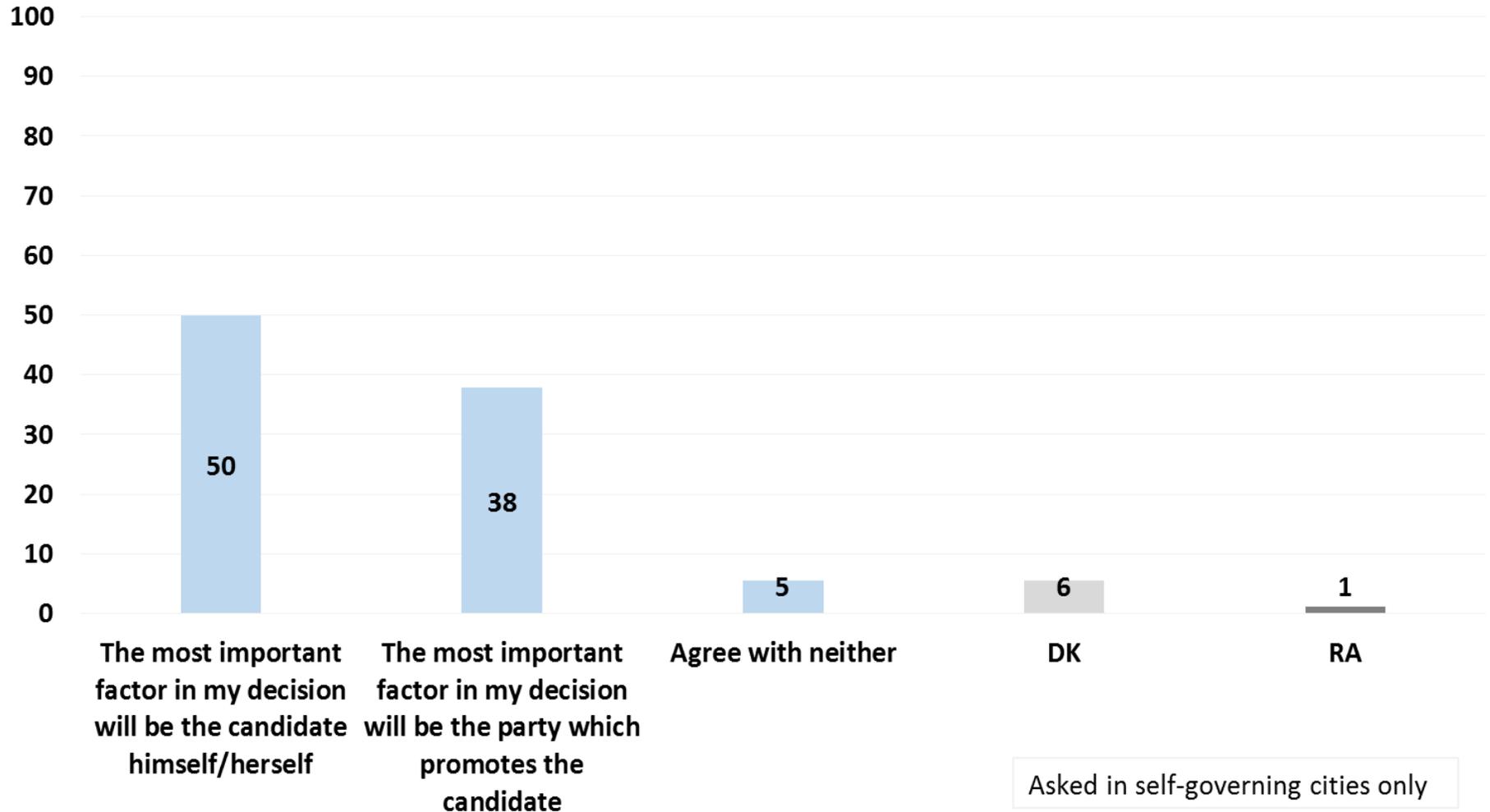
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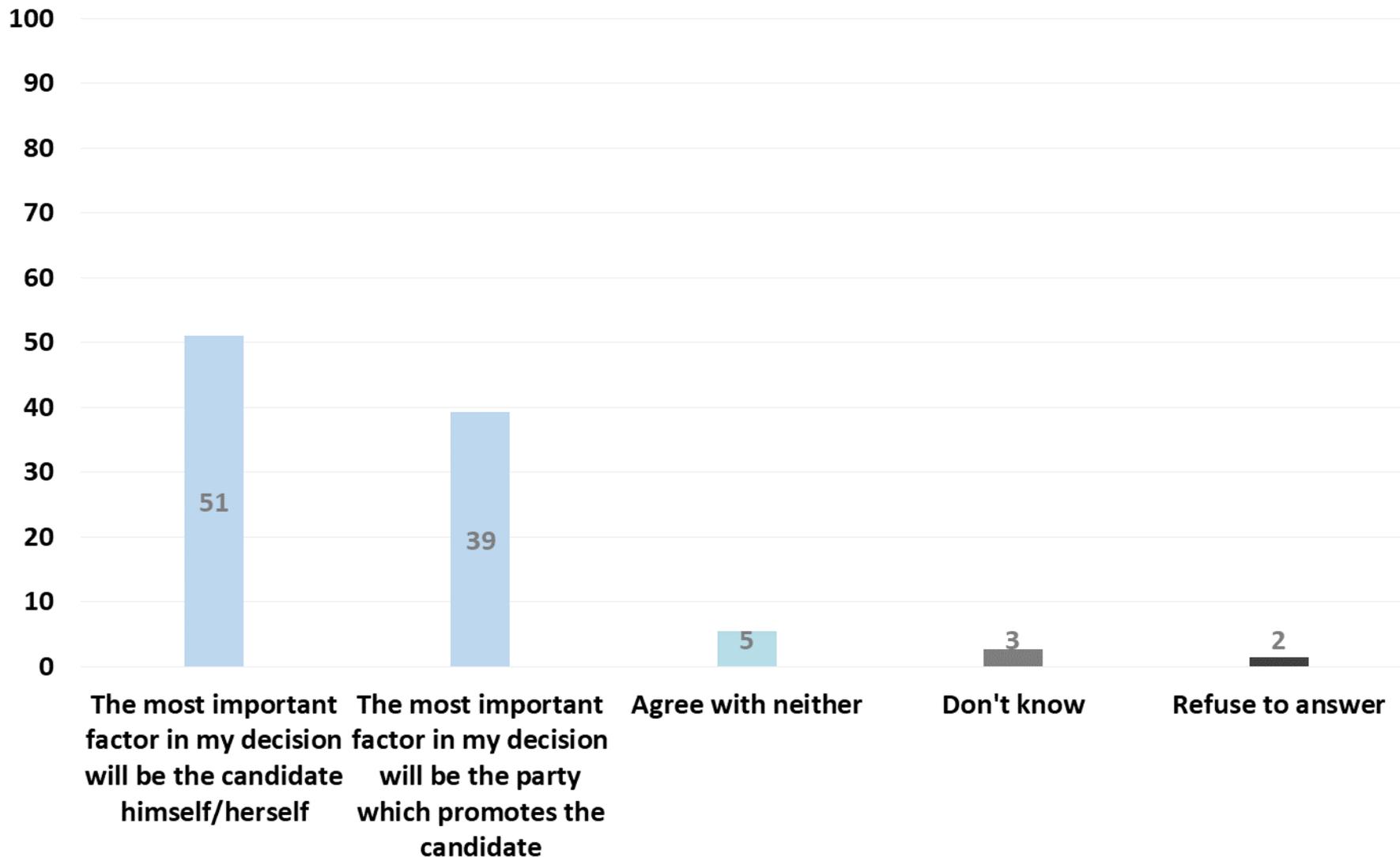
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Speaking about voting for Mayoral candidate in the upcoming elections which statement do you agree with? (q44)



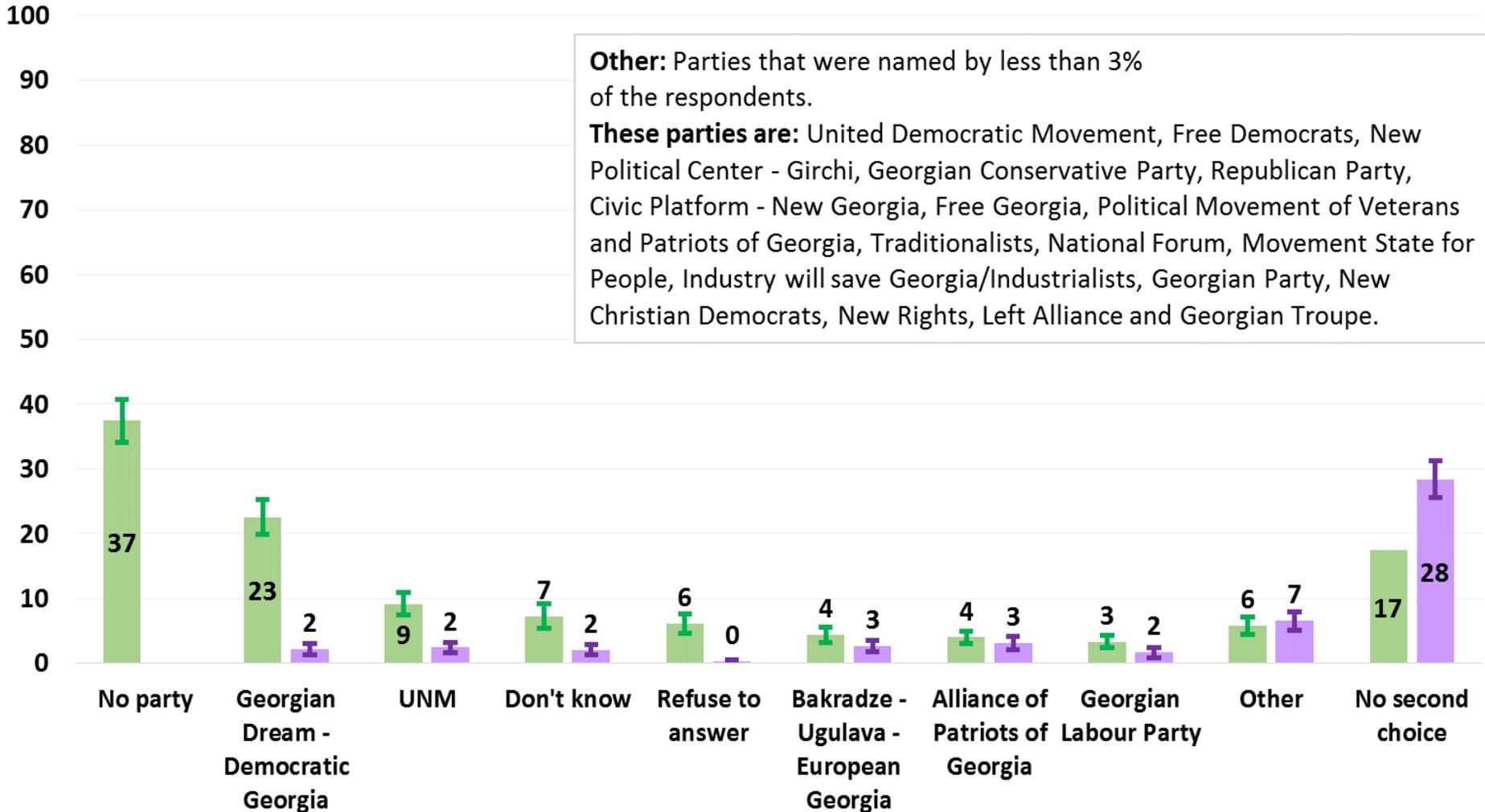
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PARTY SUPPORT

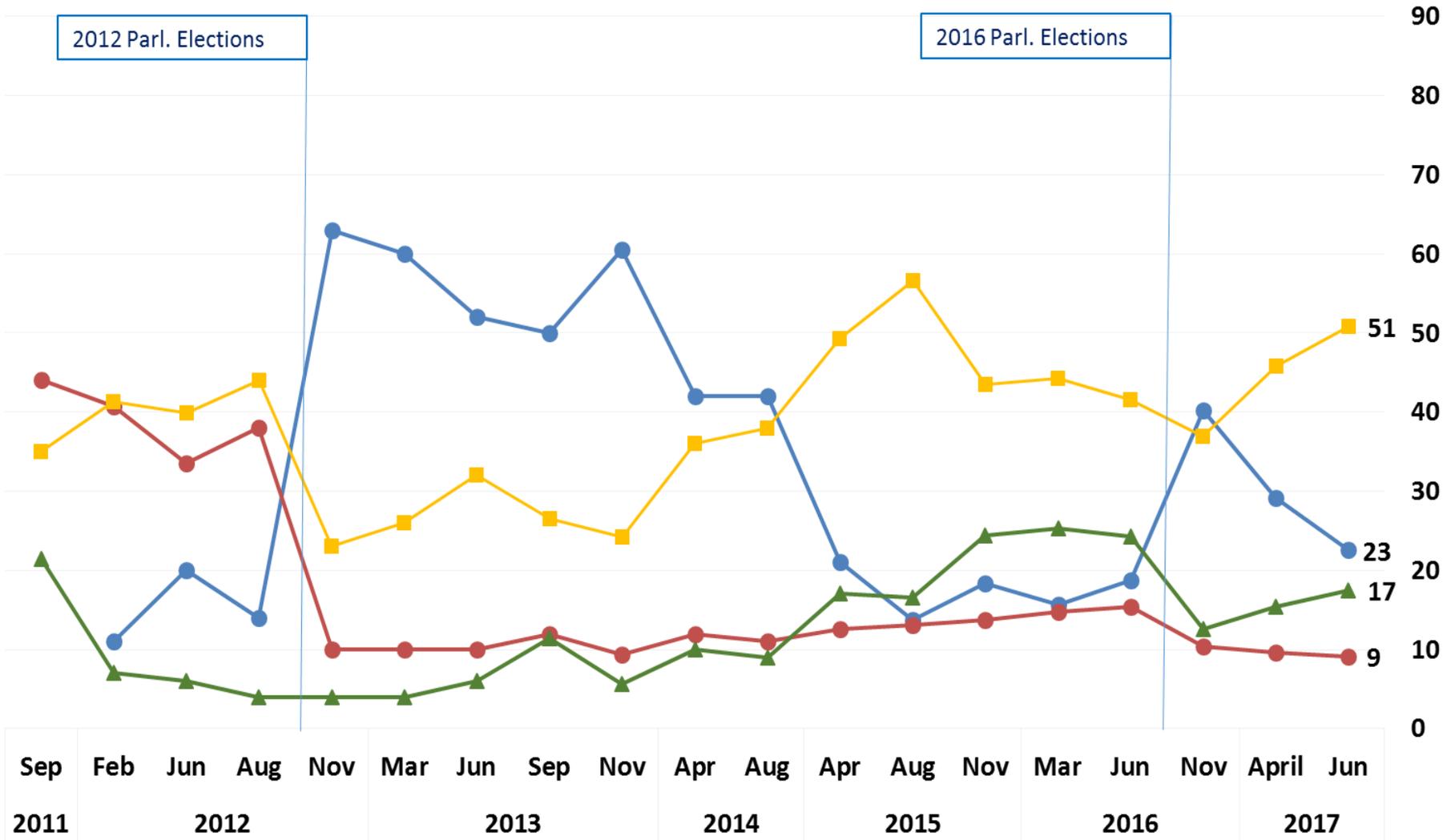
Which party is closest to you? (q21)

■ First choice ■ Second choice

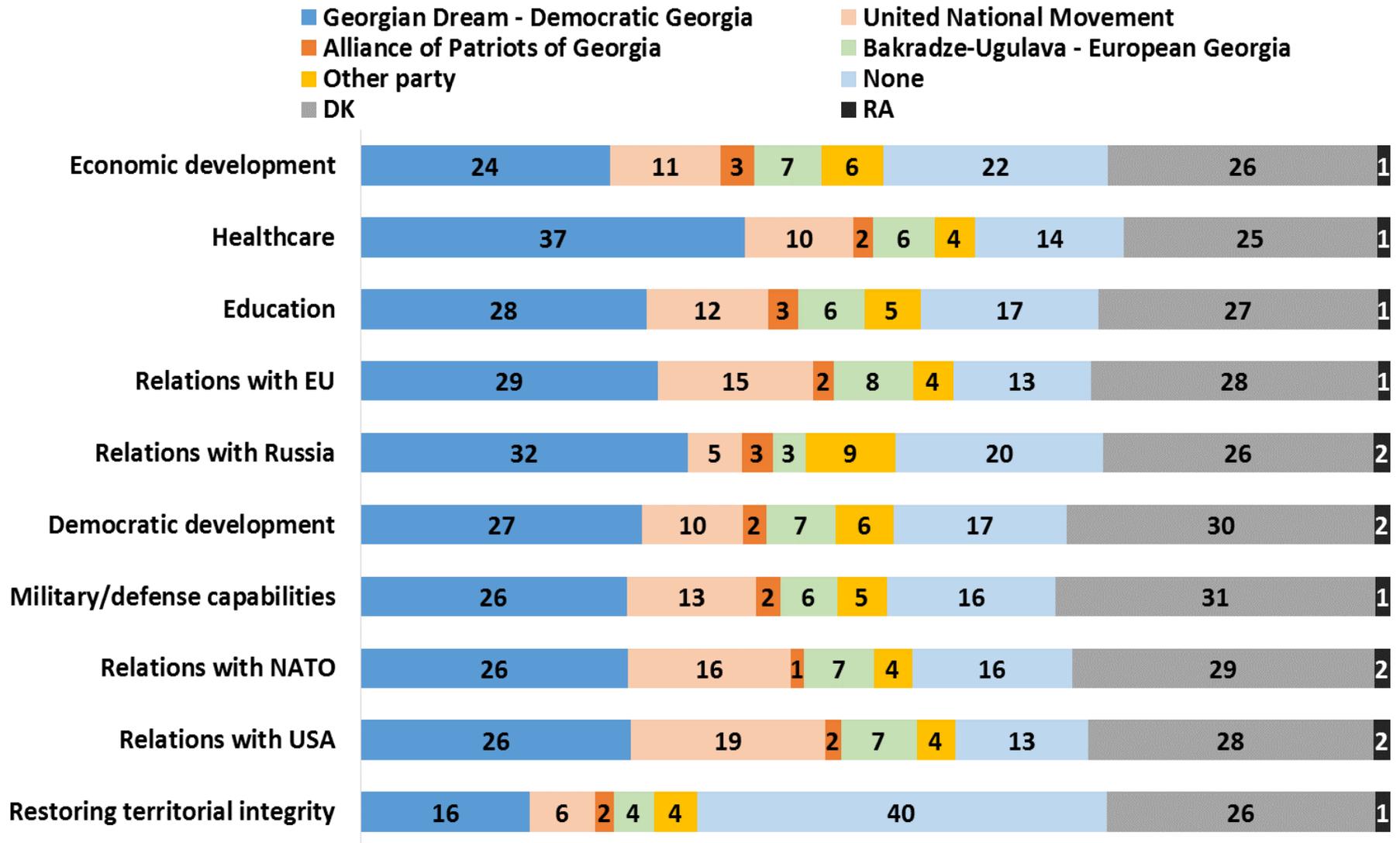


Which party is closest to you? (q21)

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

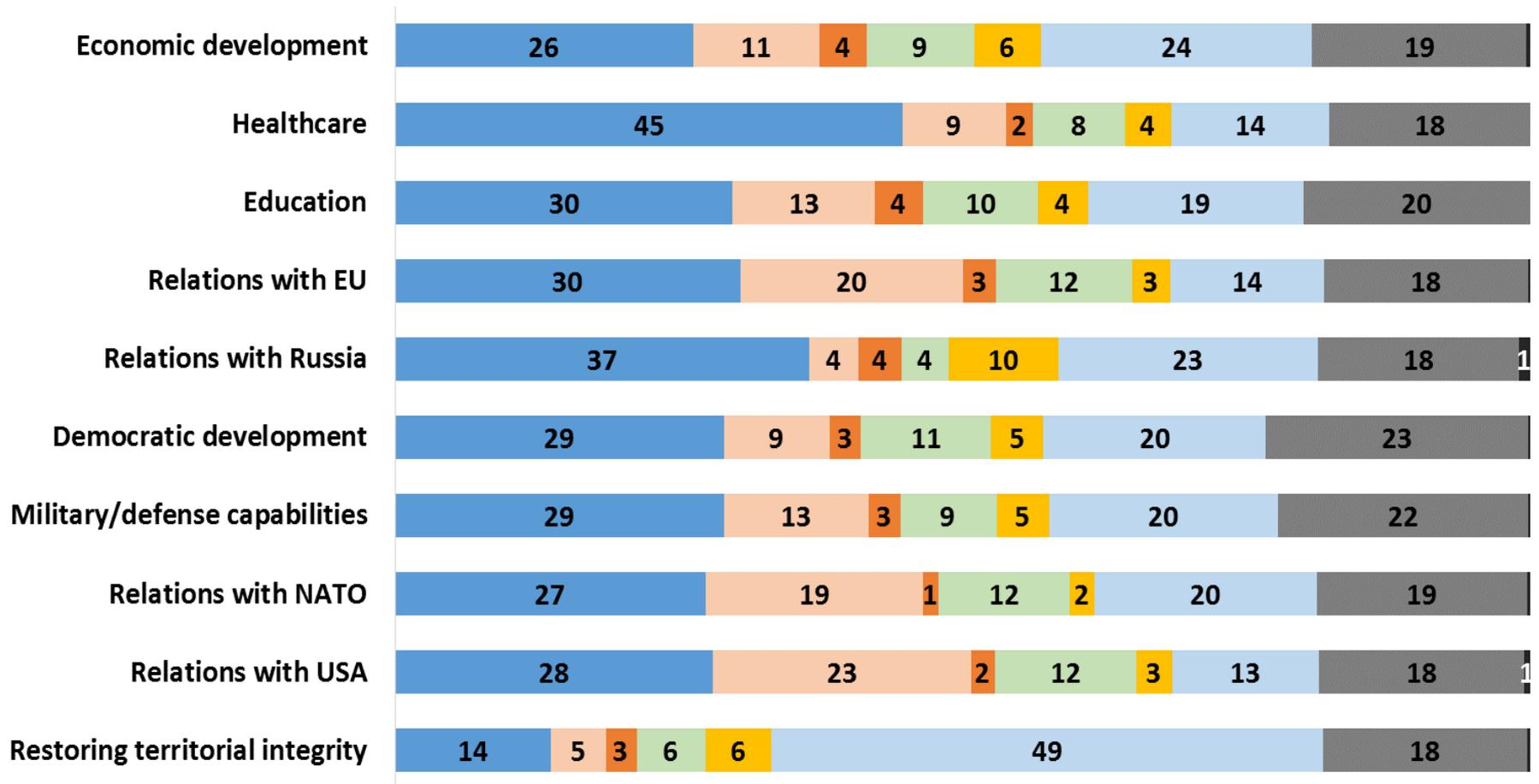


Which political party do you trust most to manage the following issues? (q33)

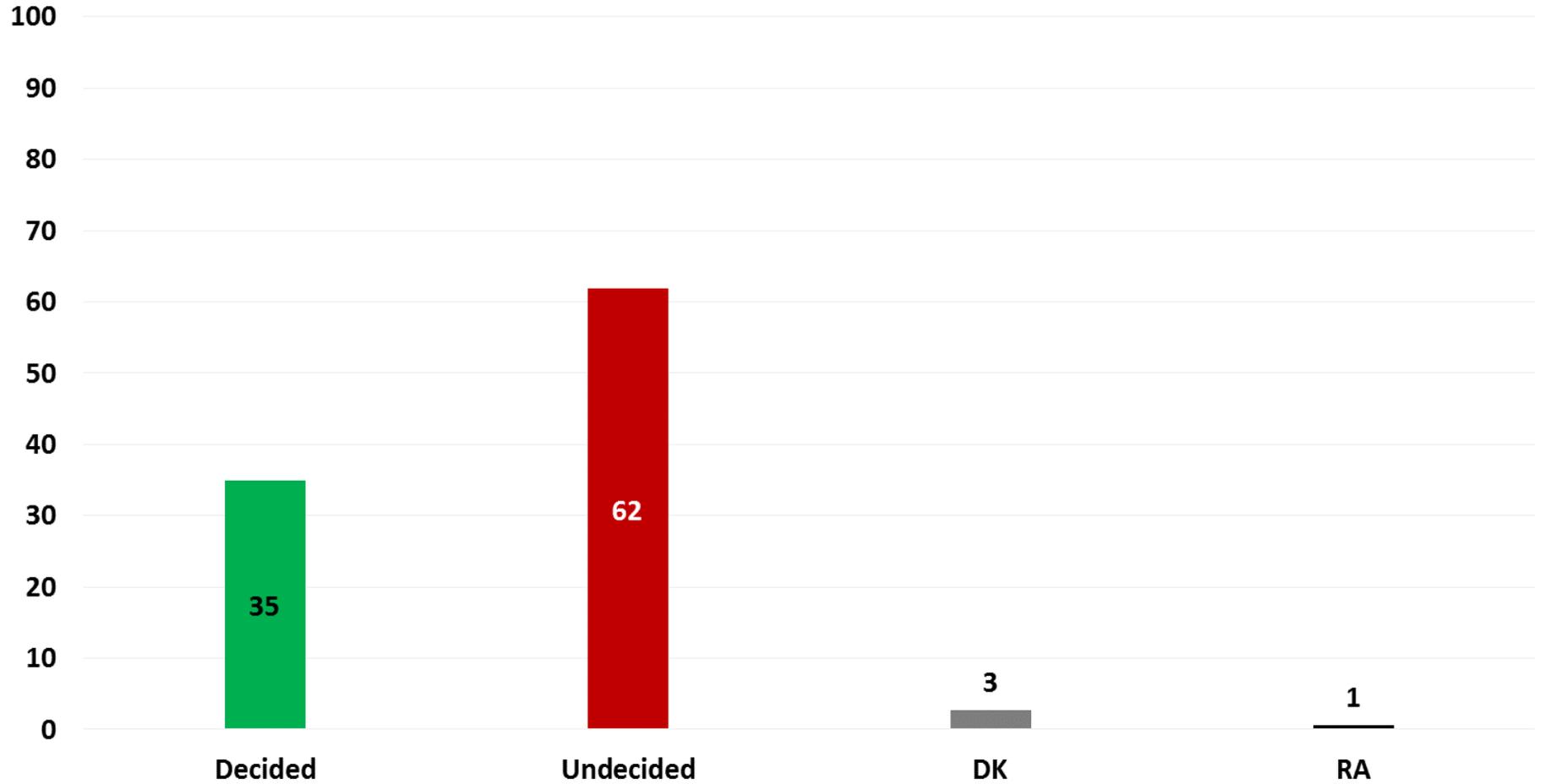


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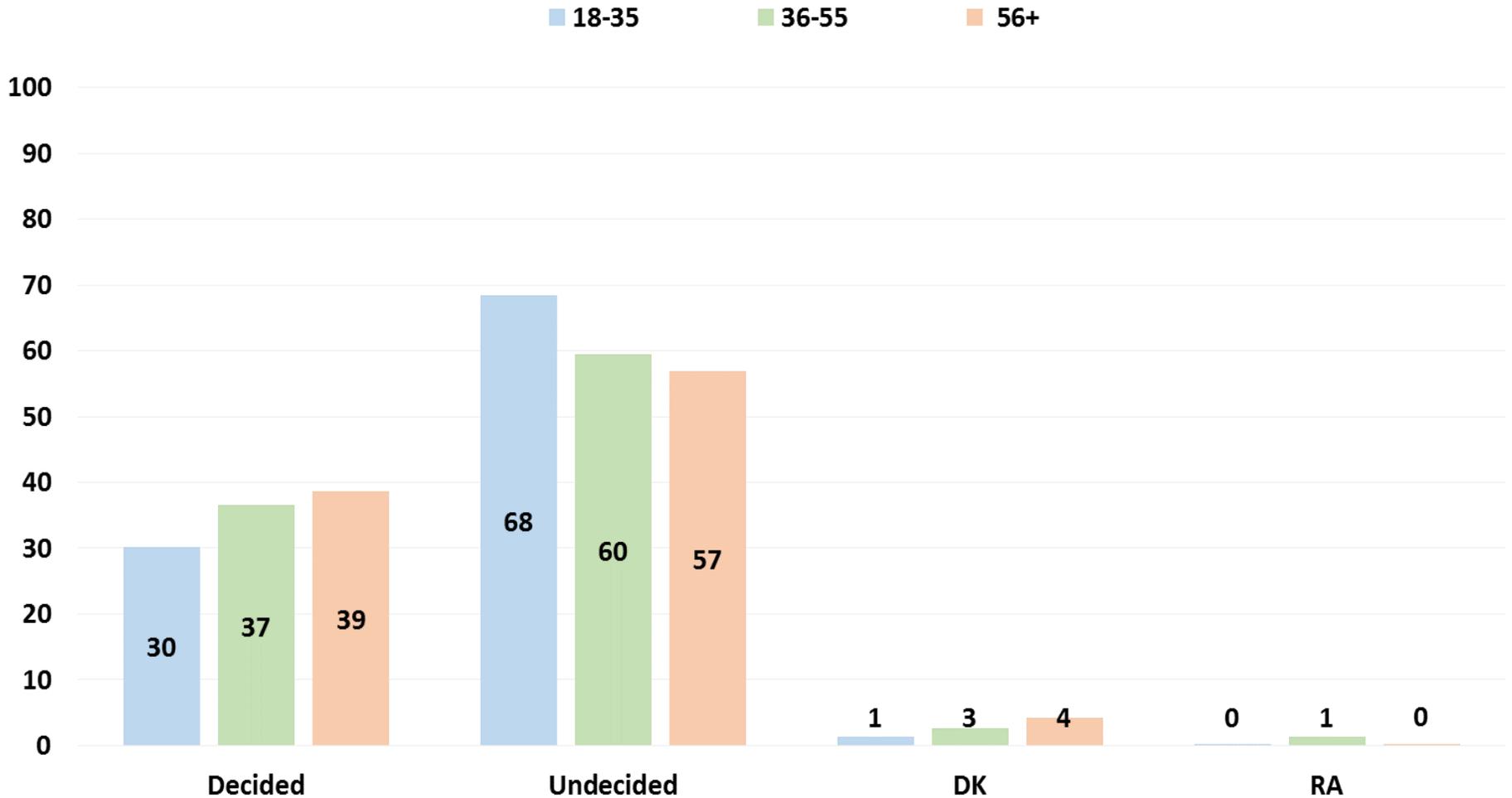
- Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia
- United National Movement
- Alliance of Patriots of Georgia
- Bakradze-Ugulava - European Georgia
- Other party
- None
- DK
- RA



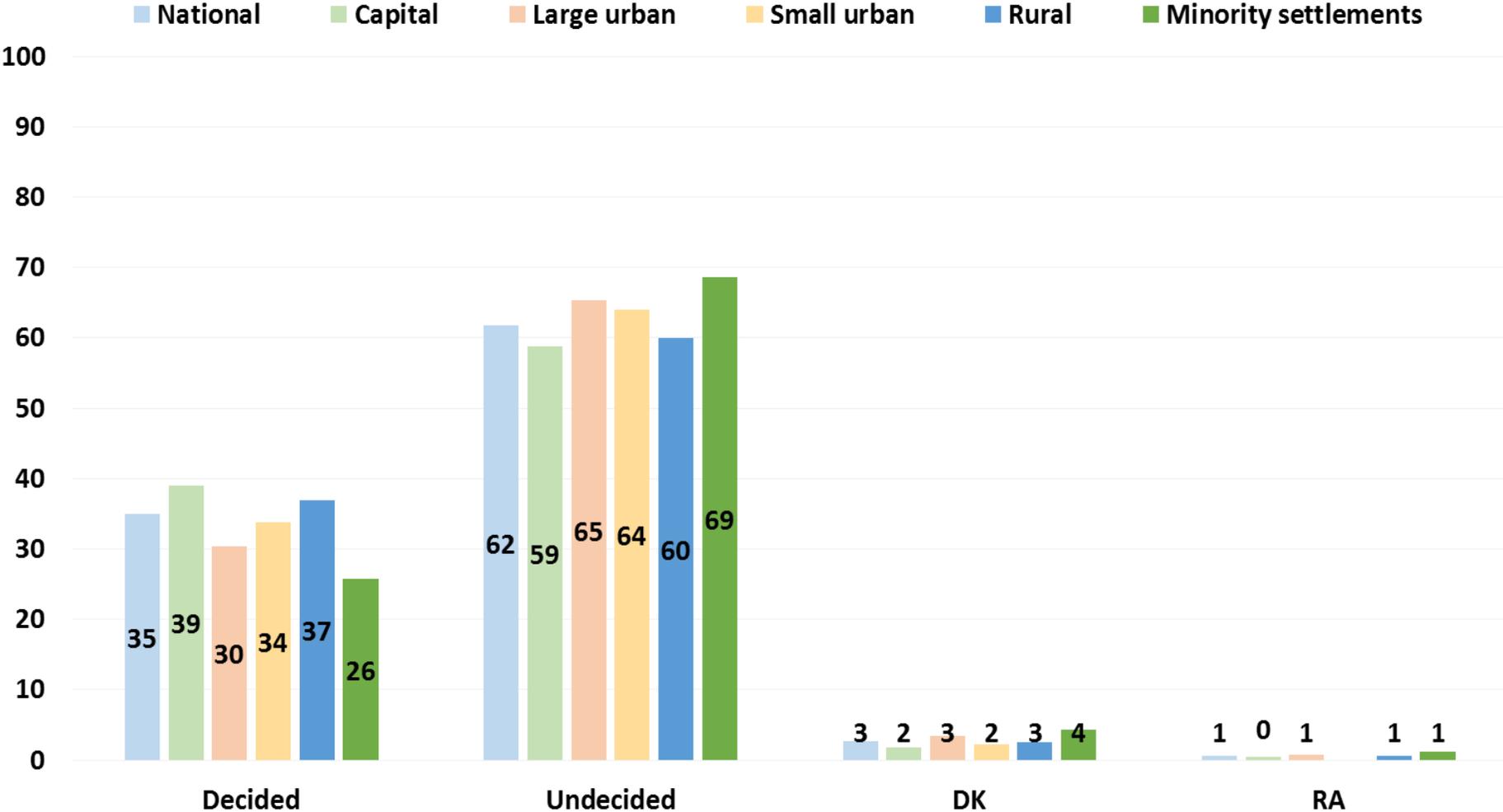
If local self-government elections were held tomorrow, would you say you are decided or undecided about how you would vote? (q23)



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(q23 X Age)**



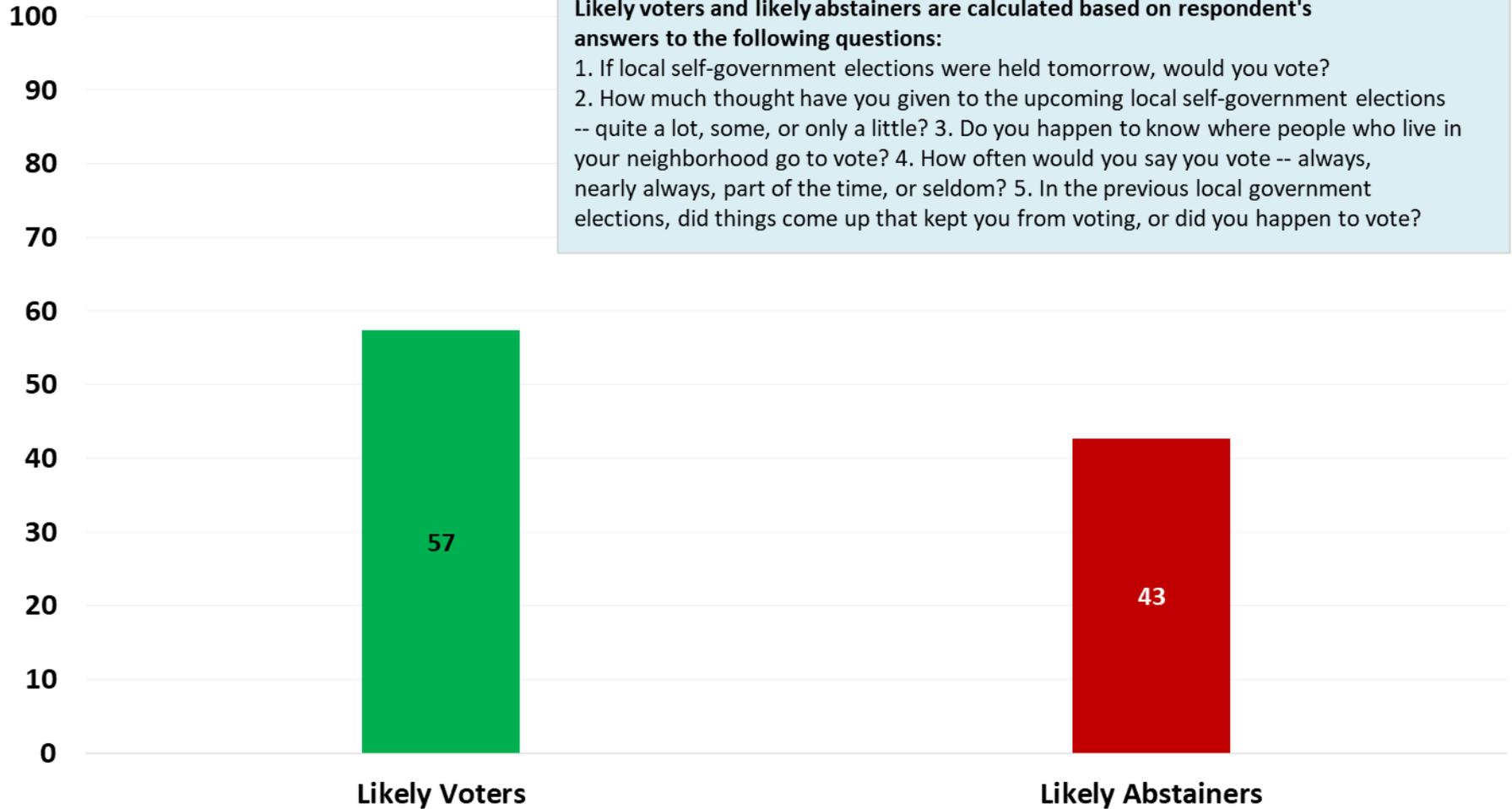
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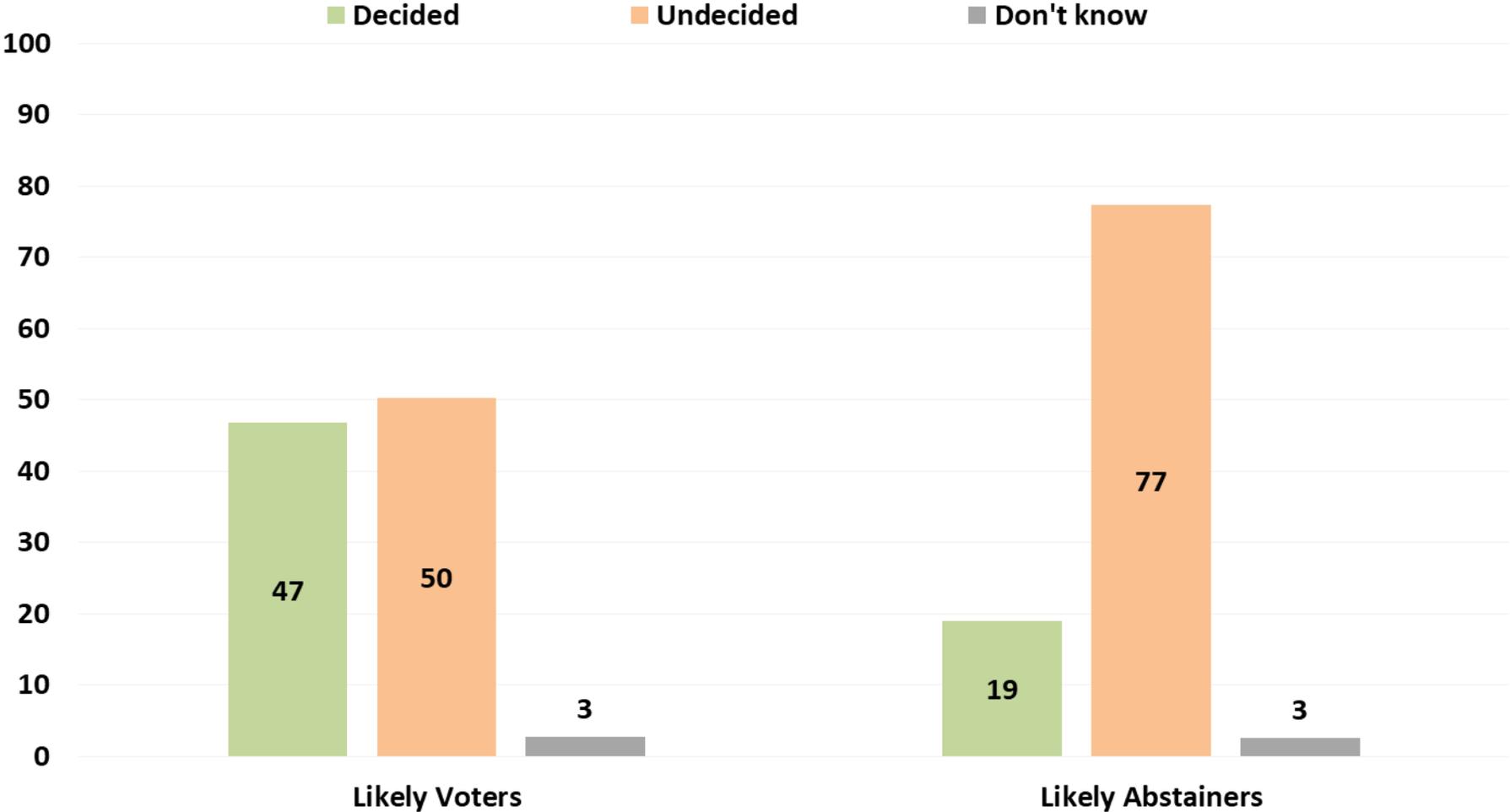
Who plans to vote in the local elections?

Likely voters and likely abstainers are calculated based on respondent's answers to the following questions:

1. If local self-government elections were held tomorrow, would you vote?
2. How much thought have you given to the upcoming local self-government elections -- quite a lot, some, or only a little?
3. Do you happen to know where people who live in your neighborhood go to vote?
4. How often would you say you vote -- always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?
5. In the previous local government elections, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

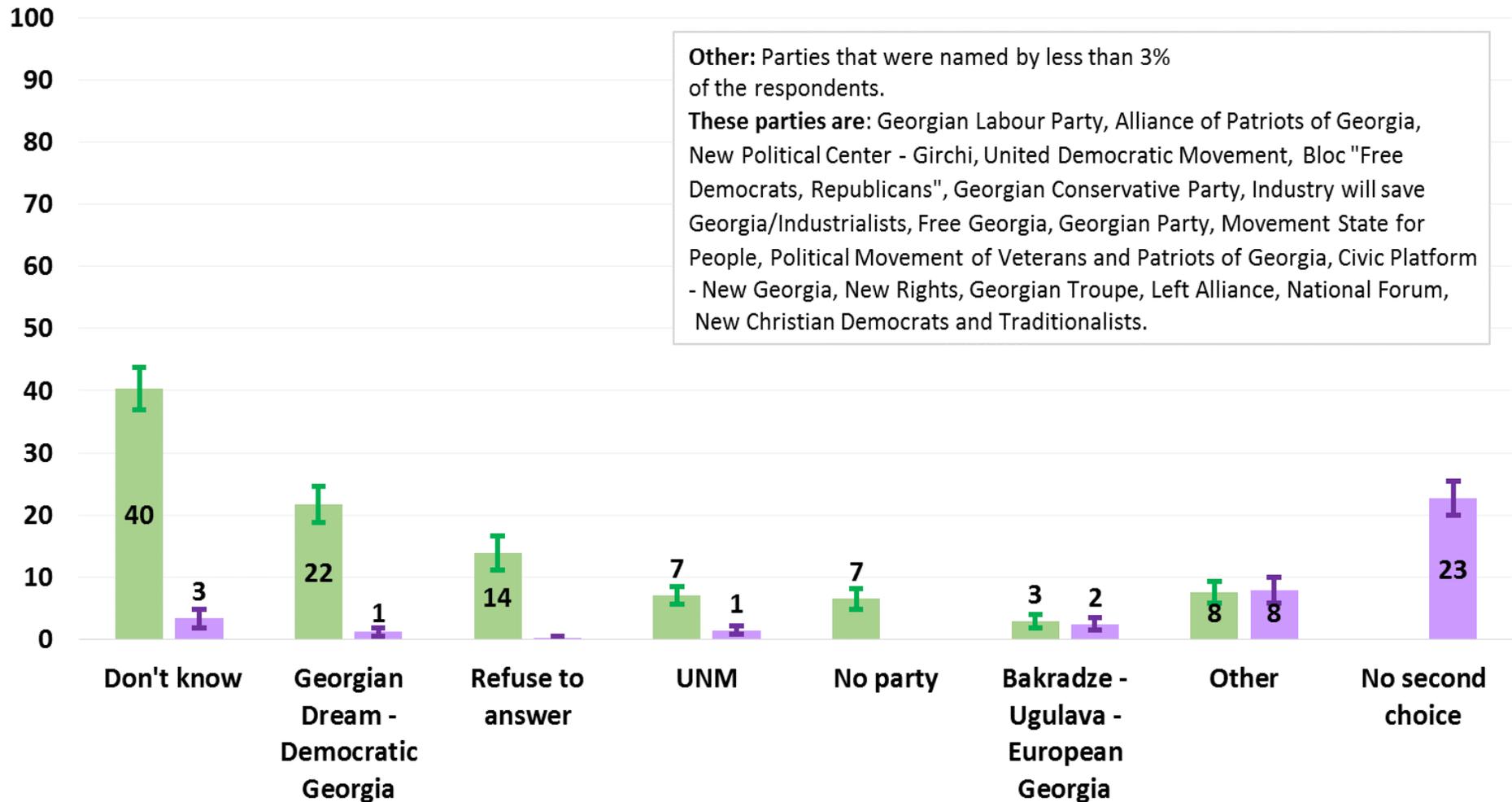


If local self-government elections were held tomorrow, would you say you are decided or undecided about how you would vote? (q23 X Likely voters/Likely abstainers)



If local self-government elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for? (q25) Whole sample

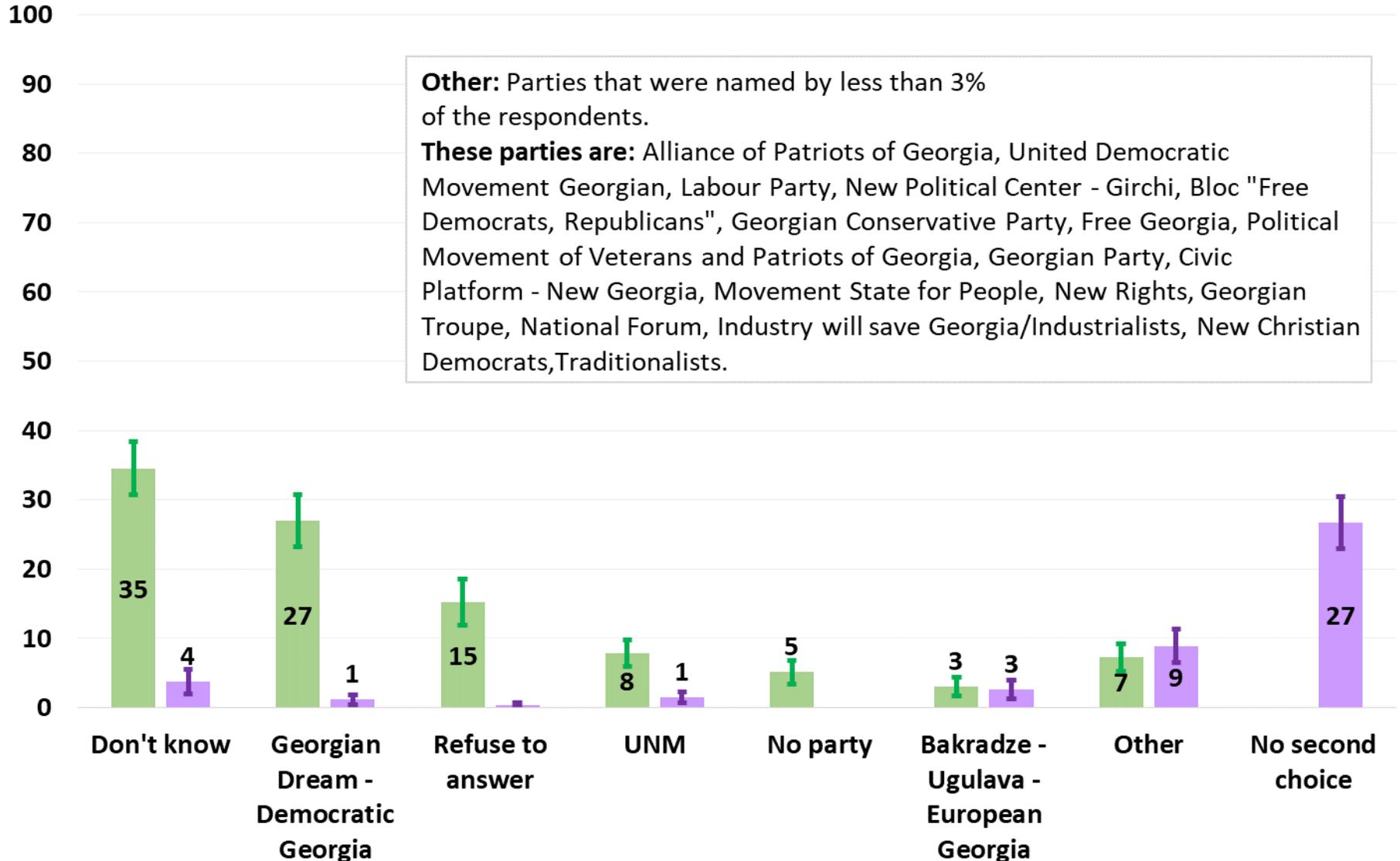
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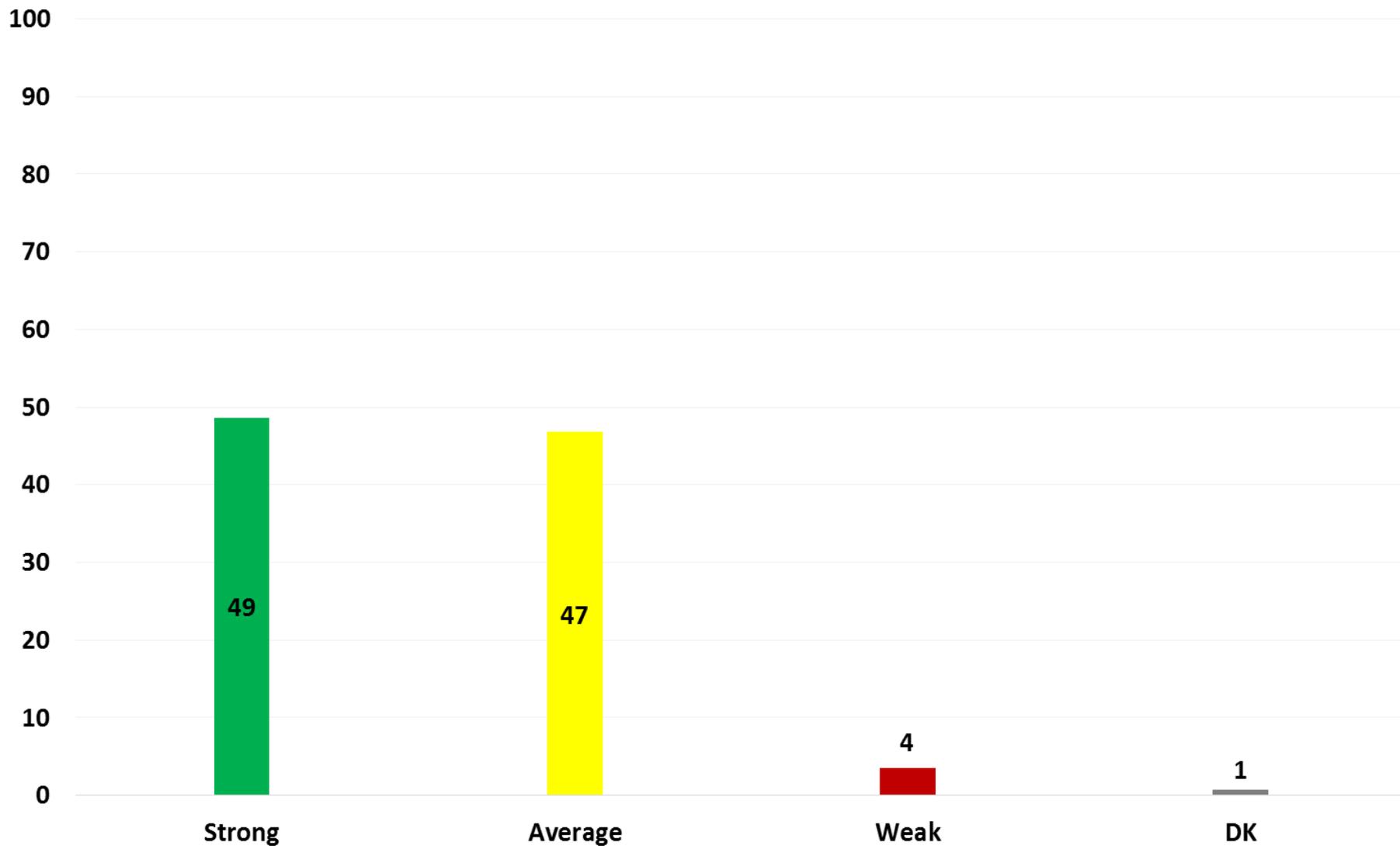
If local self-government elections were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for? Likely voters only (q25)

■ First choice ■ Second choice

Other: Parties that were named by less than 3% of the respondents.
These parties are: Alliance of Patriots of Georgia, United Democratic Movement Georgian, Labour Party, New Political Center - Girchi, Bloc "Free Democrats, Republicans", Georgian Conservative Party, Free Georgia, Political Movement of Veterans and Patriots of Georgia, Georgian Party, Civic Platform - New Georgia, Movement State for People, New Rights, Georgian Troupe, National Forum, Industry will save Georgia/Industrialists, New Christian Democrats, Traditionalists.

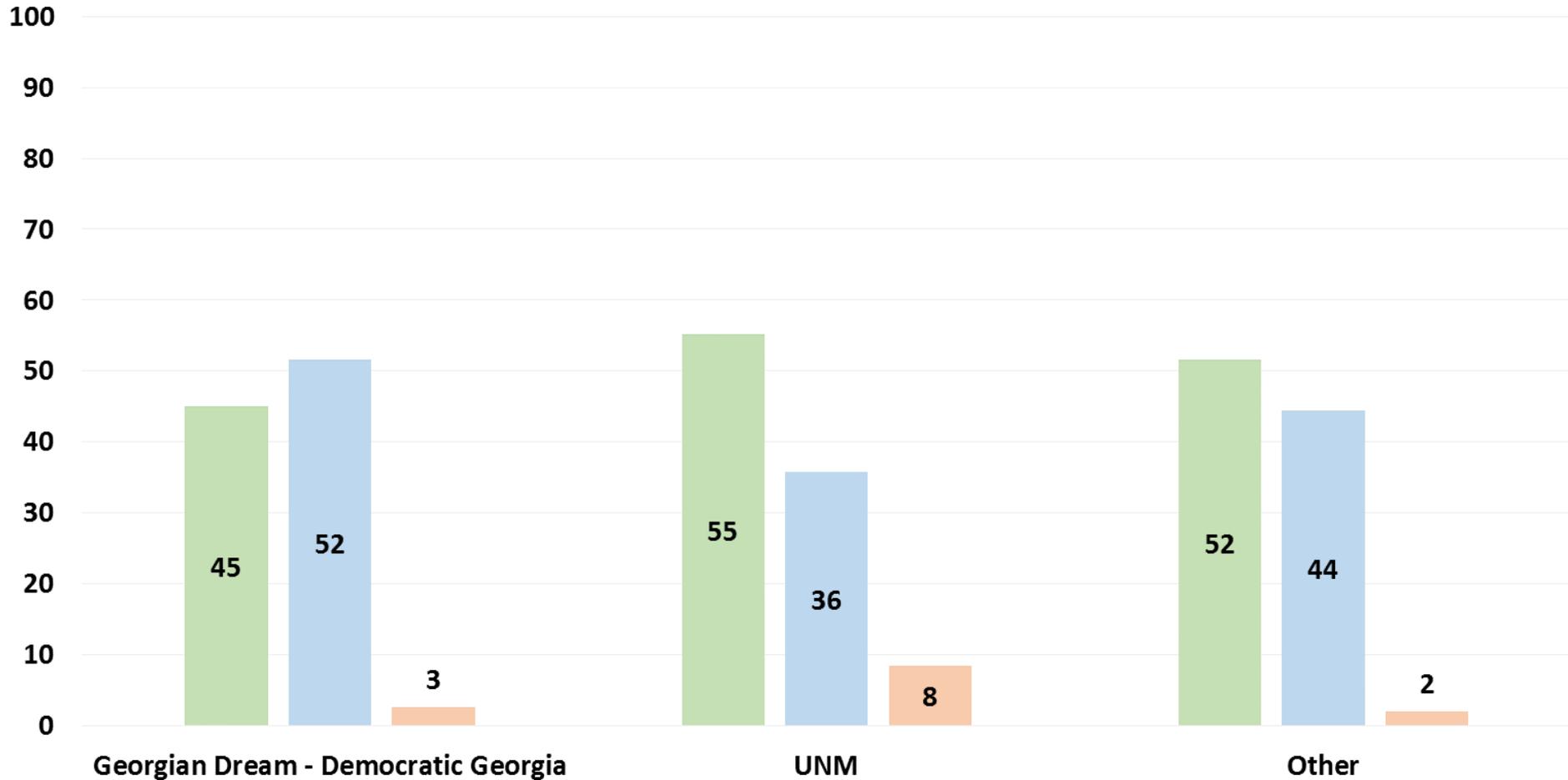


How would you describe your support for your first choice? (q26) - of the 39% who named a specific party they would vote for in the first choice



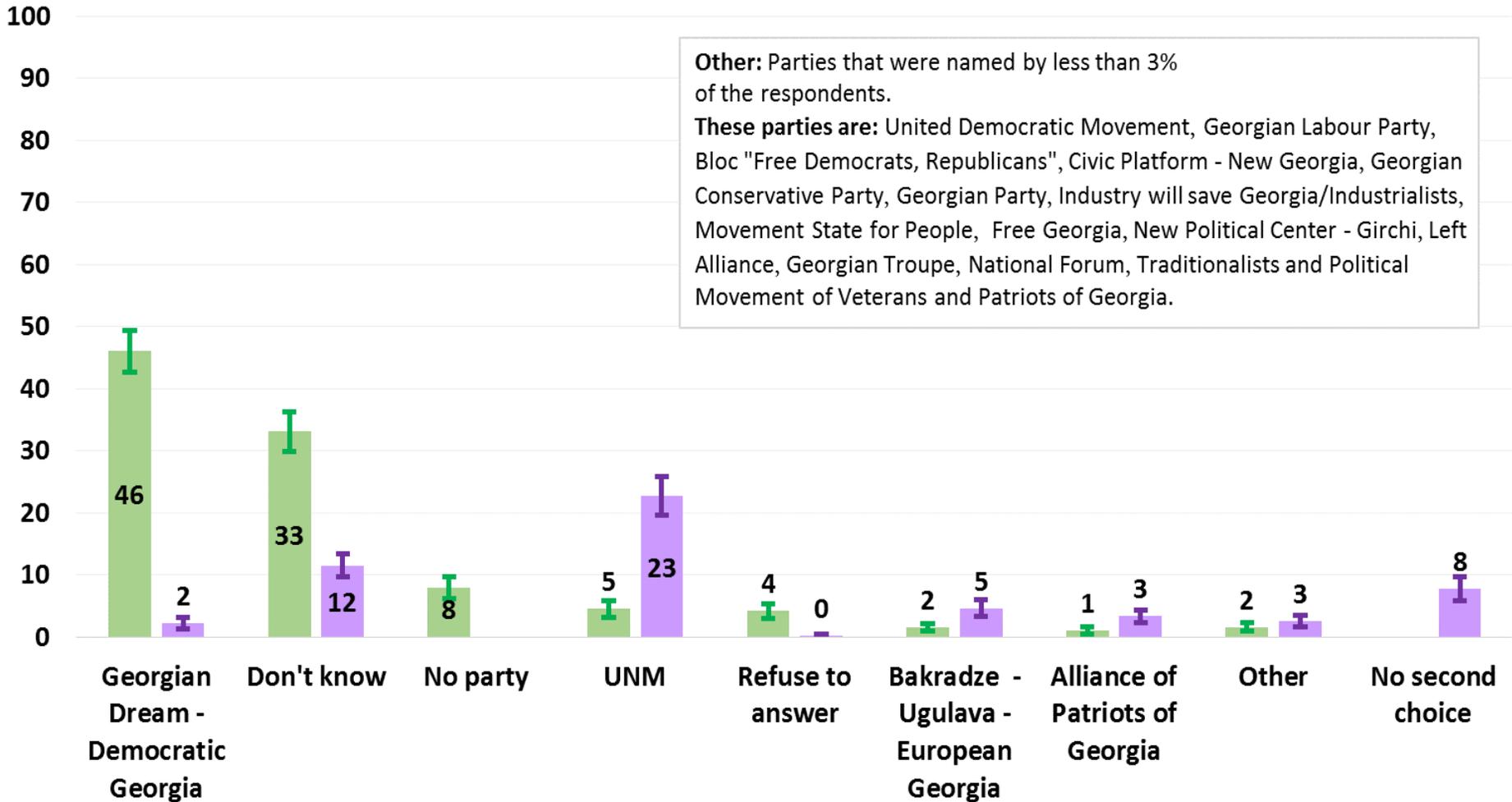
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Strong Average Weak

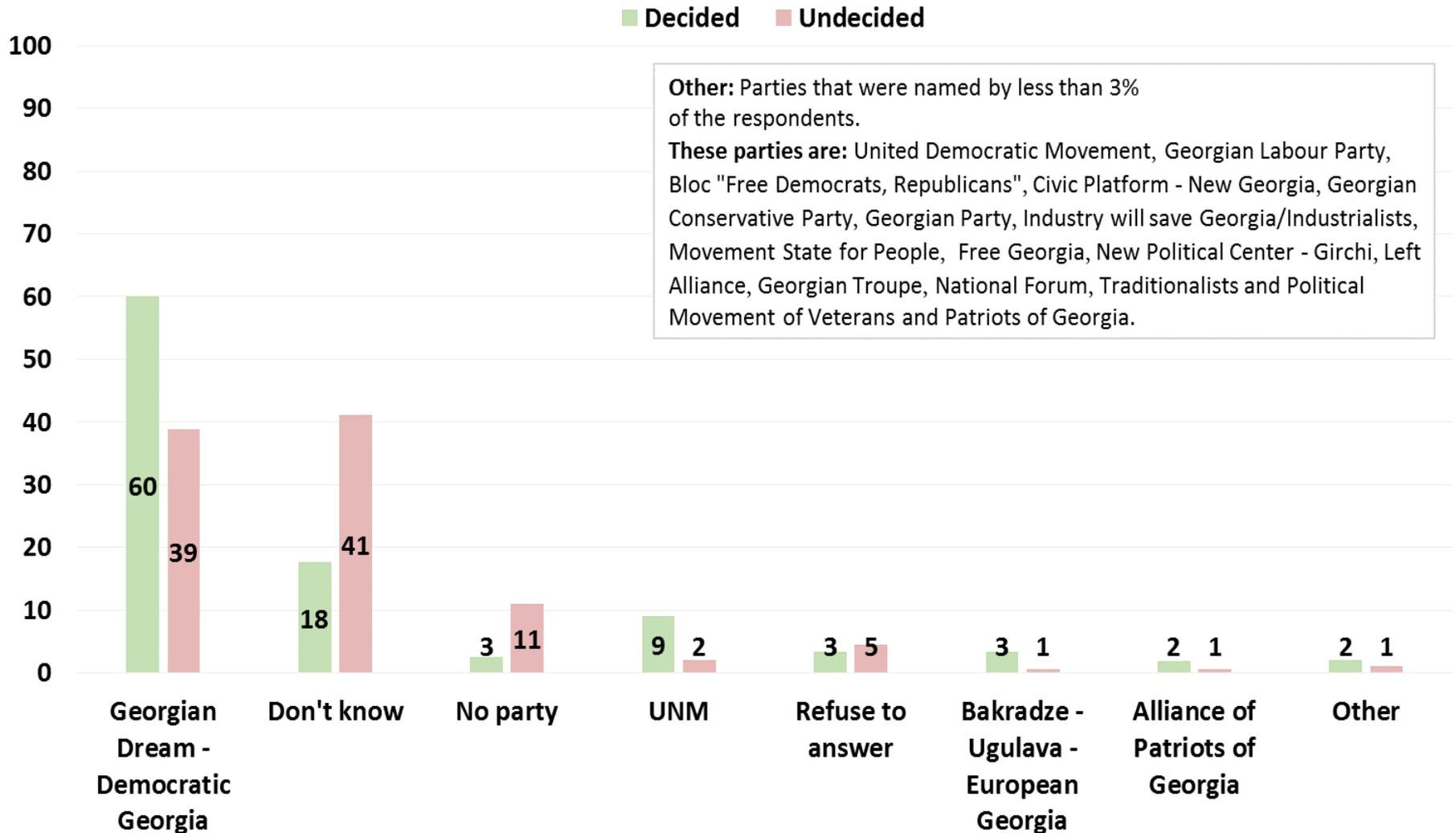


If local self-government elections were held tomorrow, which party do you think would win? (q22)

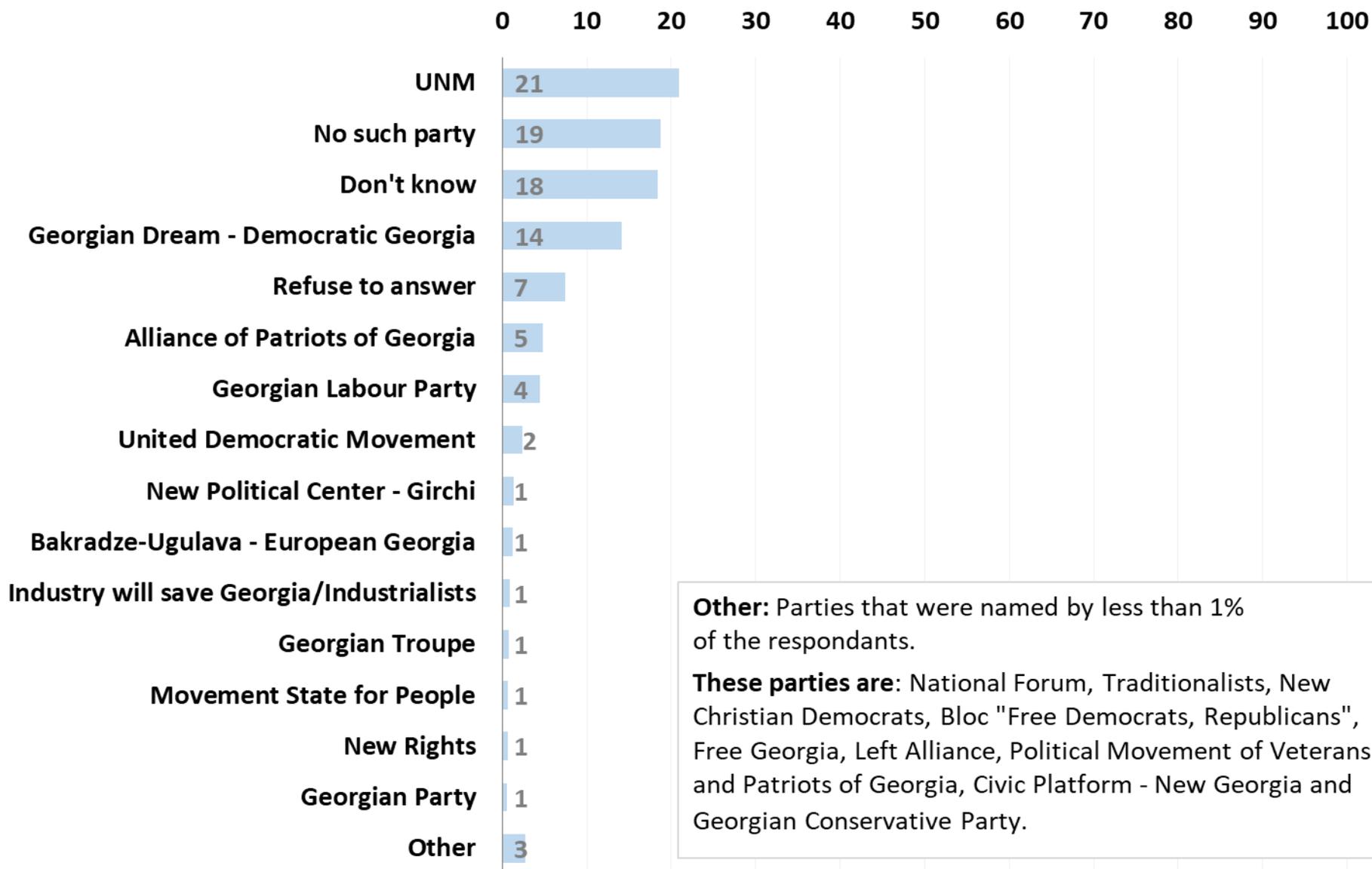
■ Winner ■ Second runner



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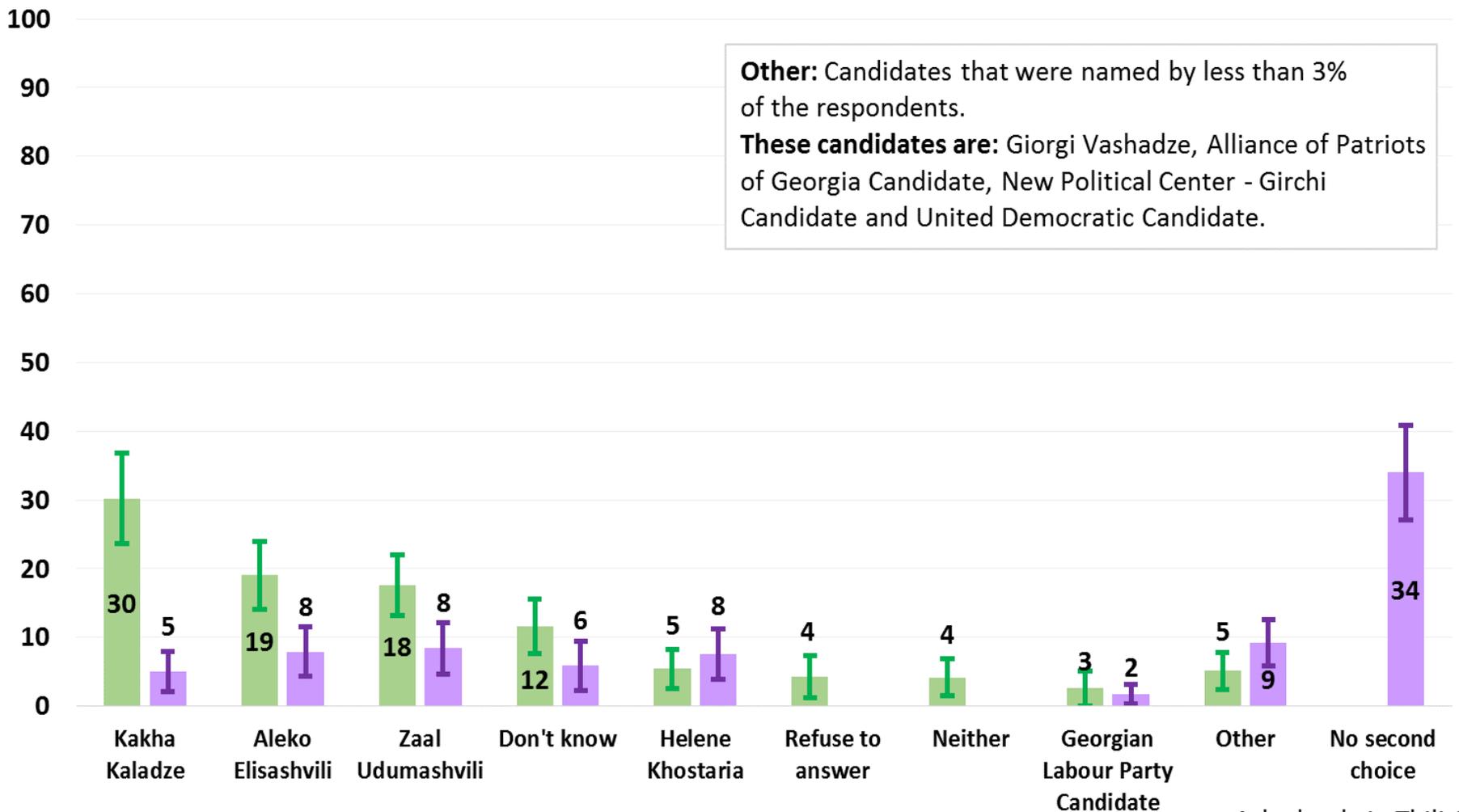
Which party/bloc you would never vote for? (q34)



TBILISI MAYOR ELECTIONS

If Tbilisi Mayor elections were tomorrow, who would you vote for? (q27) Whole sample

■ First choice ■ Second choice



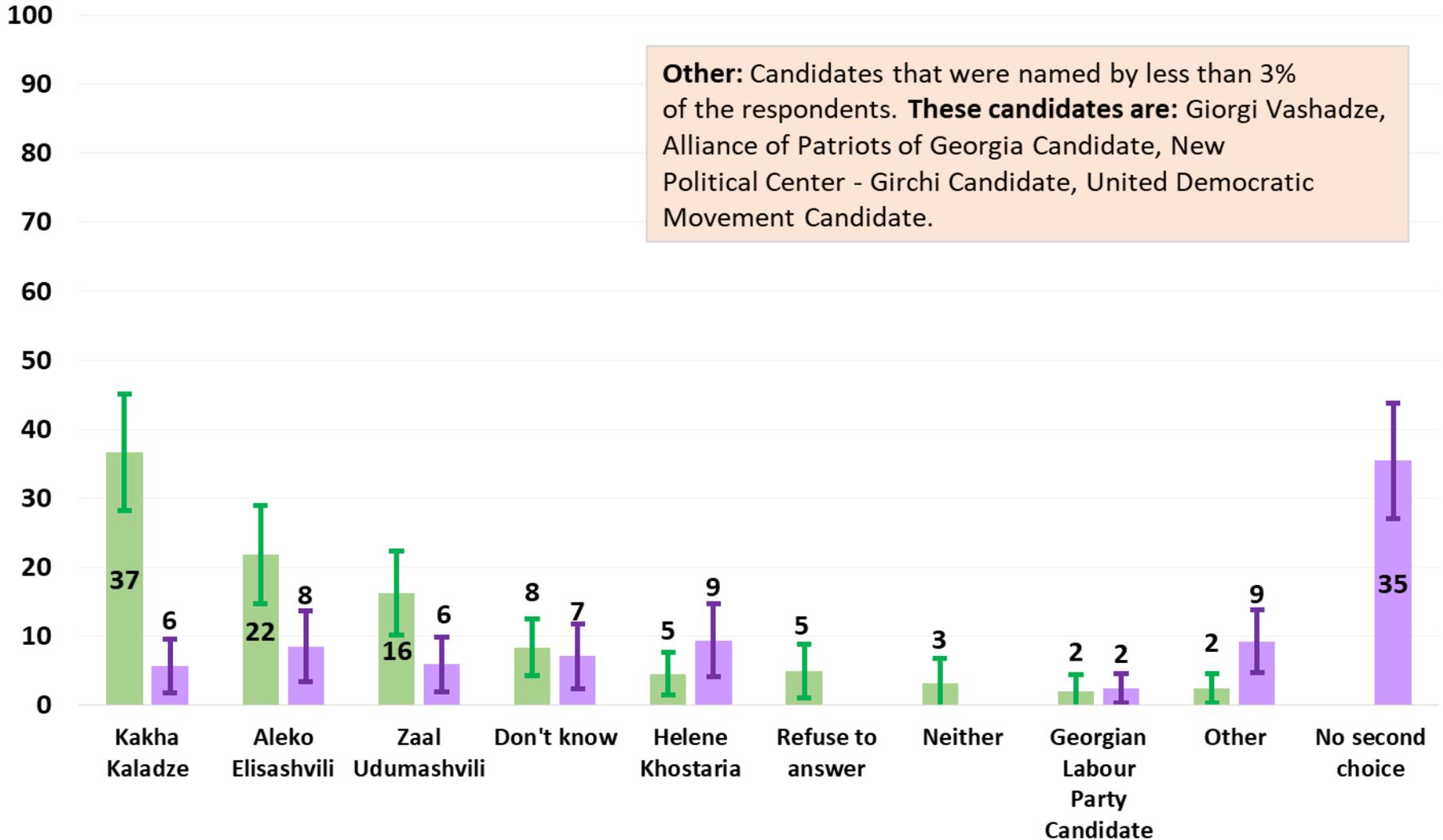
Other: Candidates that were named by less than 3% of the respondents.

These candidates are: Giorgi Vashadze, Alliance of Patriots of Georgia Candidate, New Political Center - Girchi Candidate and United Democratic Candidate.

Asked only in Tbilisi

If Tbilisi Mayor elections were tomorrow, who would you vote for? Likely voters only (q27)

■ First choice ■ Second choice

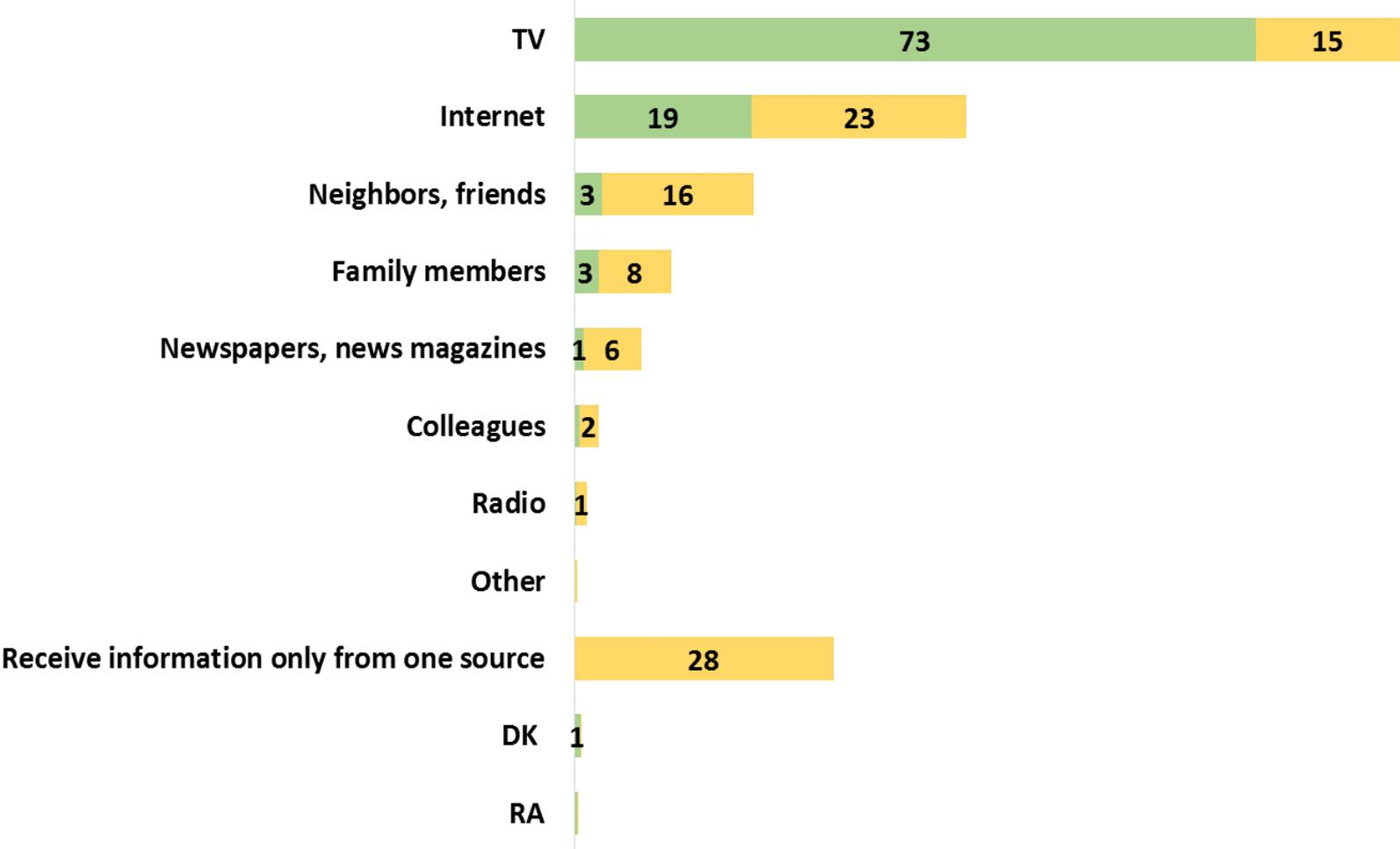


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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

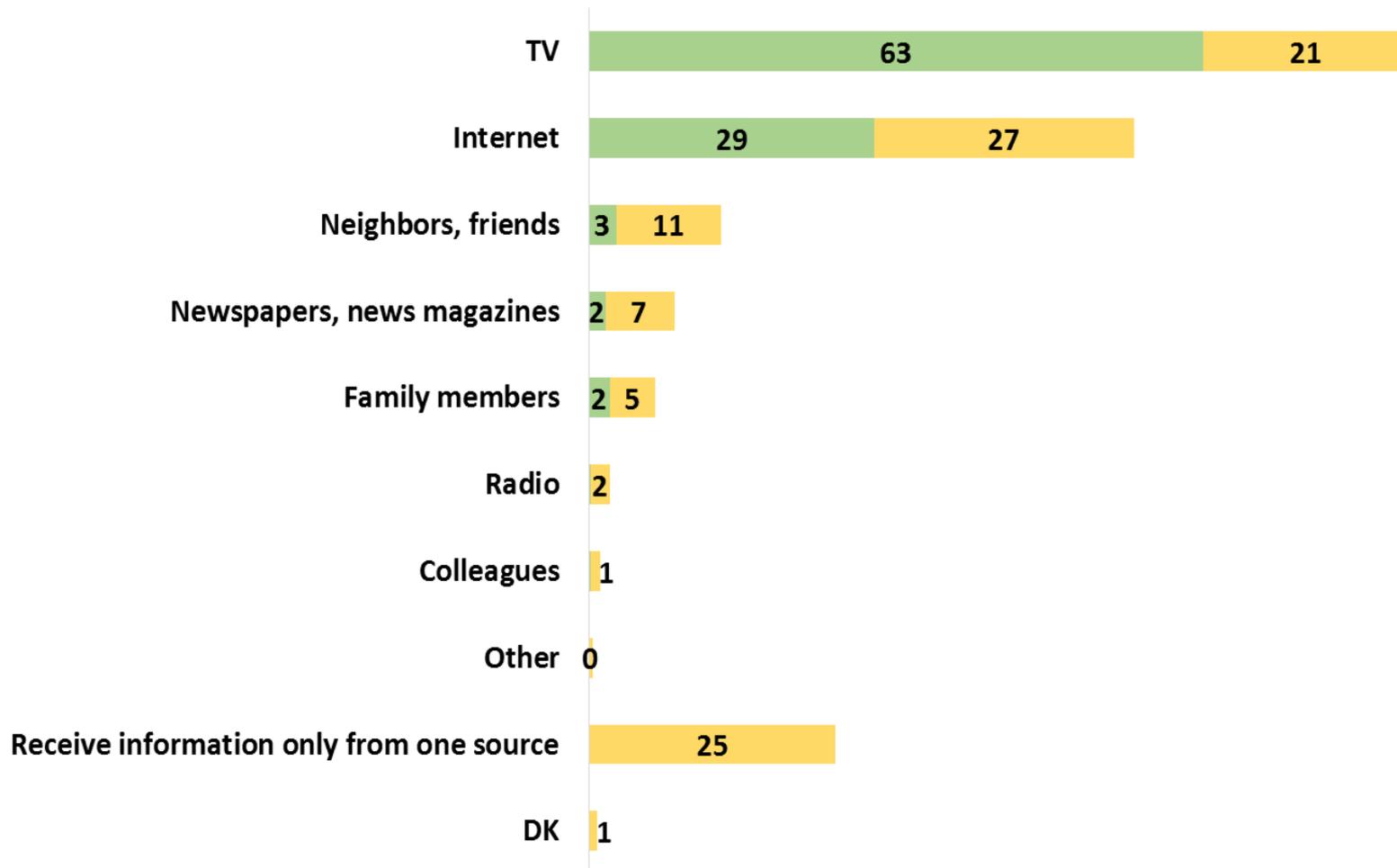
What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q60/q61)

■ First main source ■ Second main source

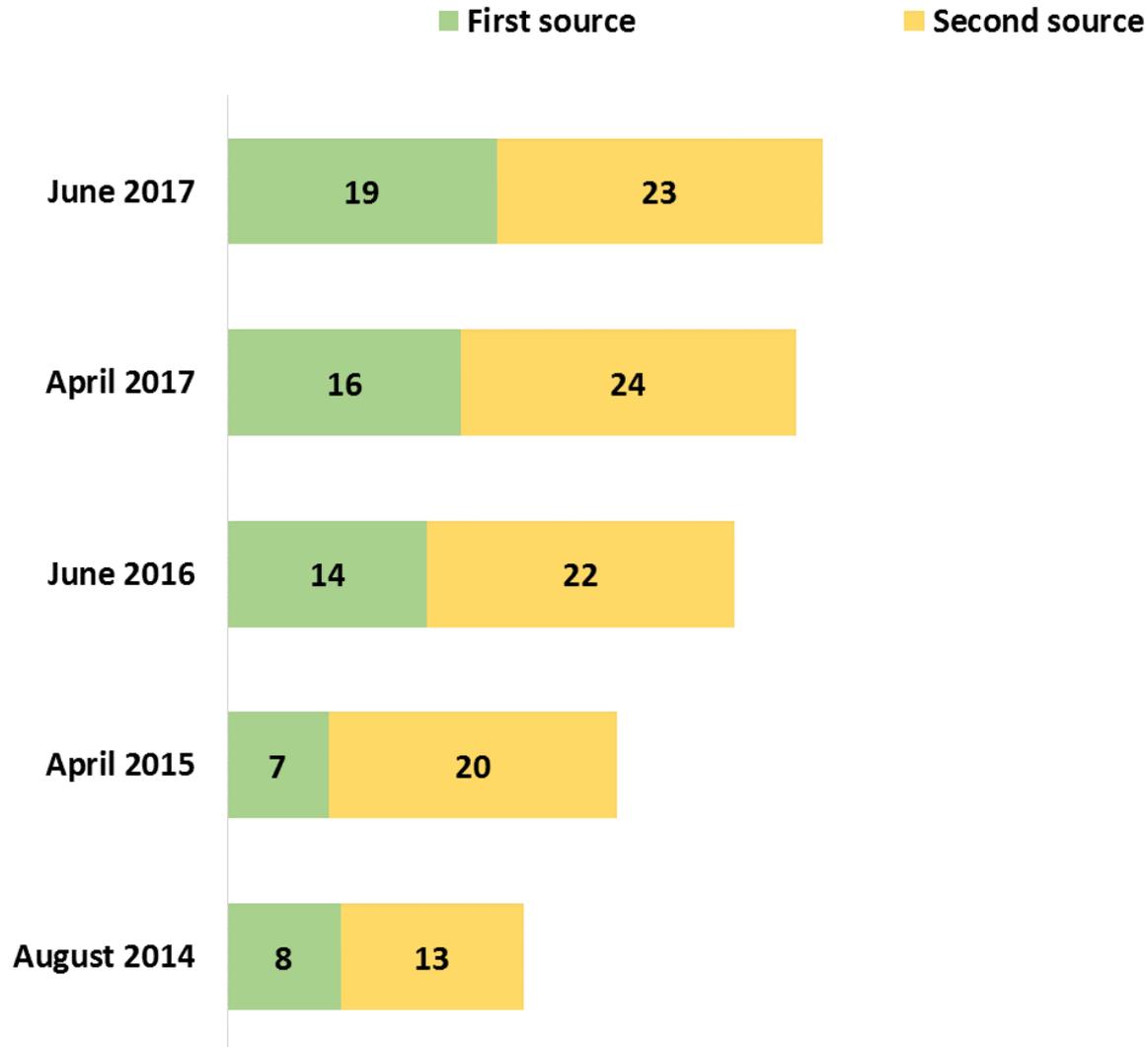


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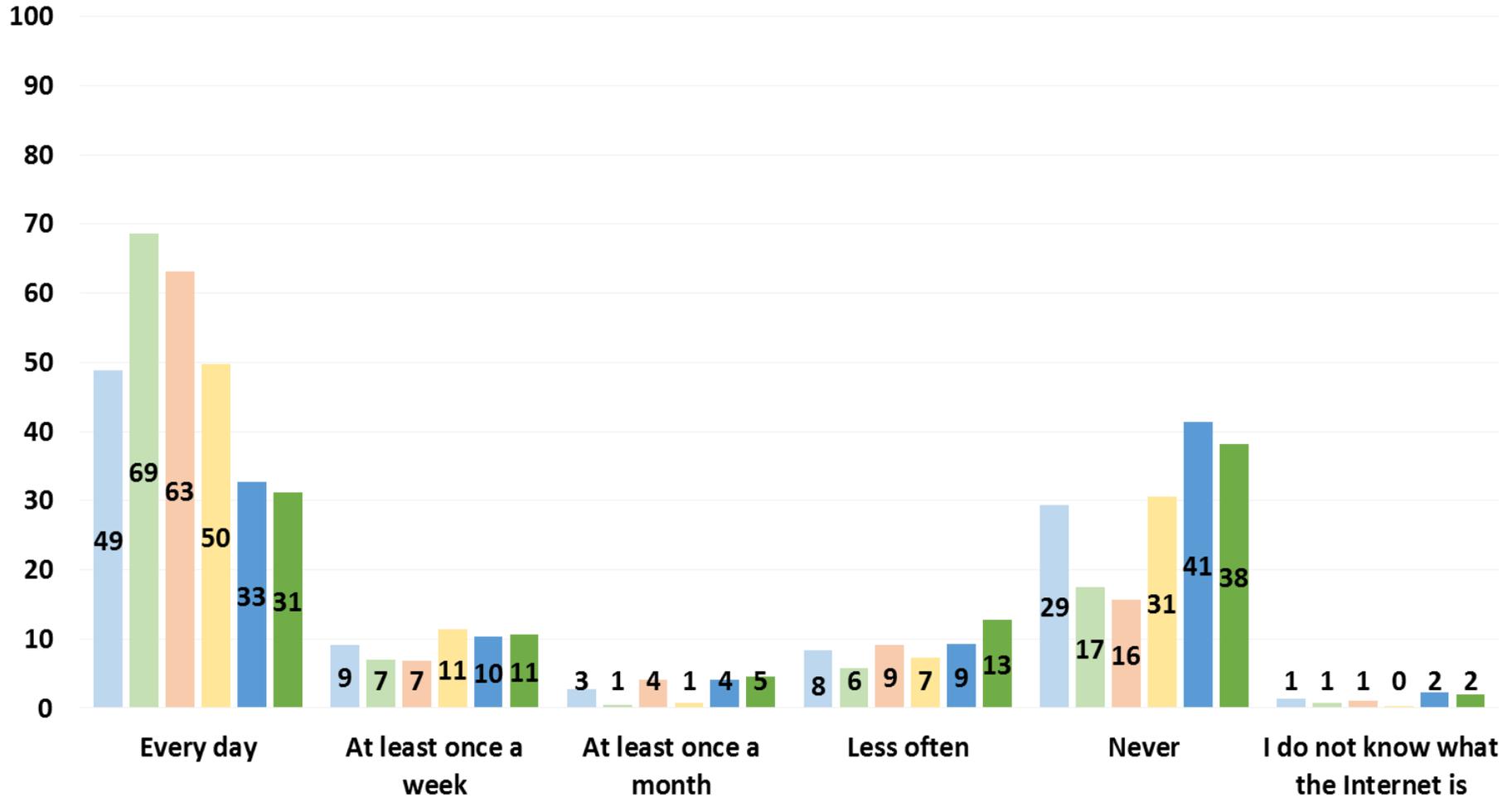


What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Georgian politics and current events? (q60/q61) Internet



How often do you use the Internet? (q64 X Settlement)

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



Which TV channel do you trust the most for accurate information on politics and current affairs? (q62)

