



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%

Methodology

Sample design

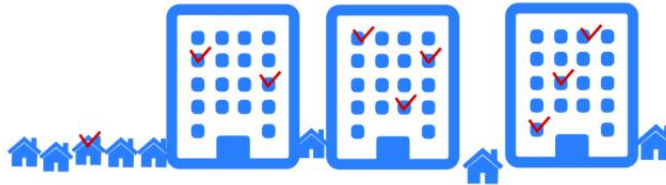
NDI and CRRC use a complex survey design:

- ✓ **Stratification** – dividing population in relatively homogenous sub-groups
 - ✓ **Clustering** – randomly selecting small geographic areas for each sub-group (stratum)
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- Households are selected via random route sampling
 - Respondents are selected using a Kish table
 - Randomly selected households and individuals are not substituted
 - All interviews were conducted face-to-face, in Georgian, Armenian and Azeri.

How NDI Survey is Conducted

1

At the first stage, CRRC randomly selects voting precincts in Georgia. Interviewers are sent there with given starting point, directions for walking, step size, number of contacts.



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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.

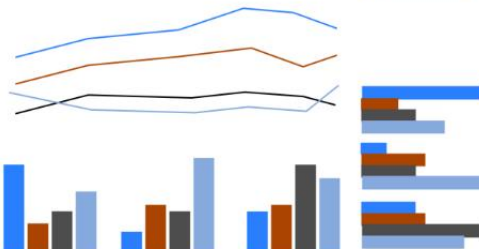


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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

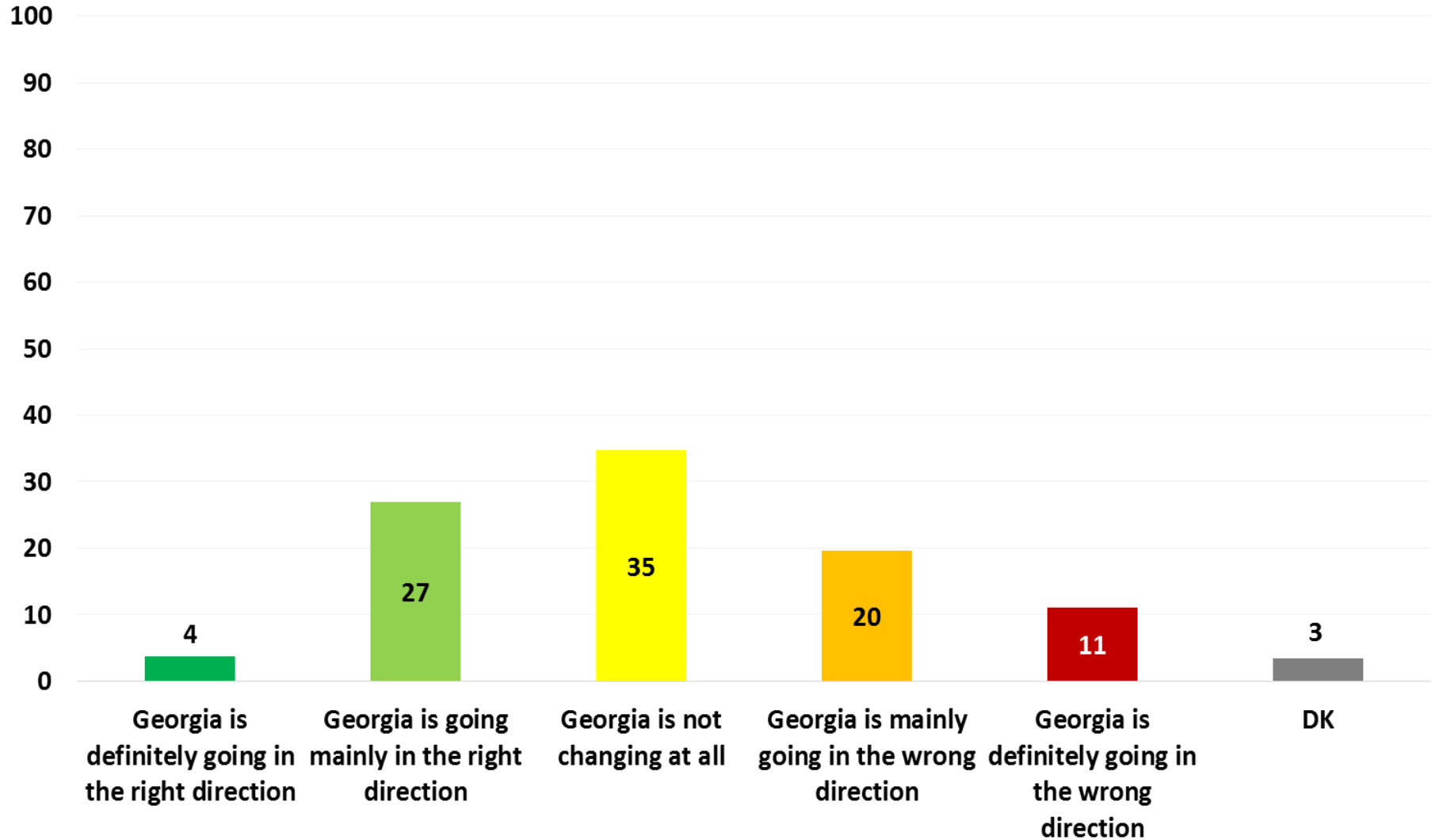


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CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

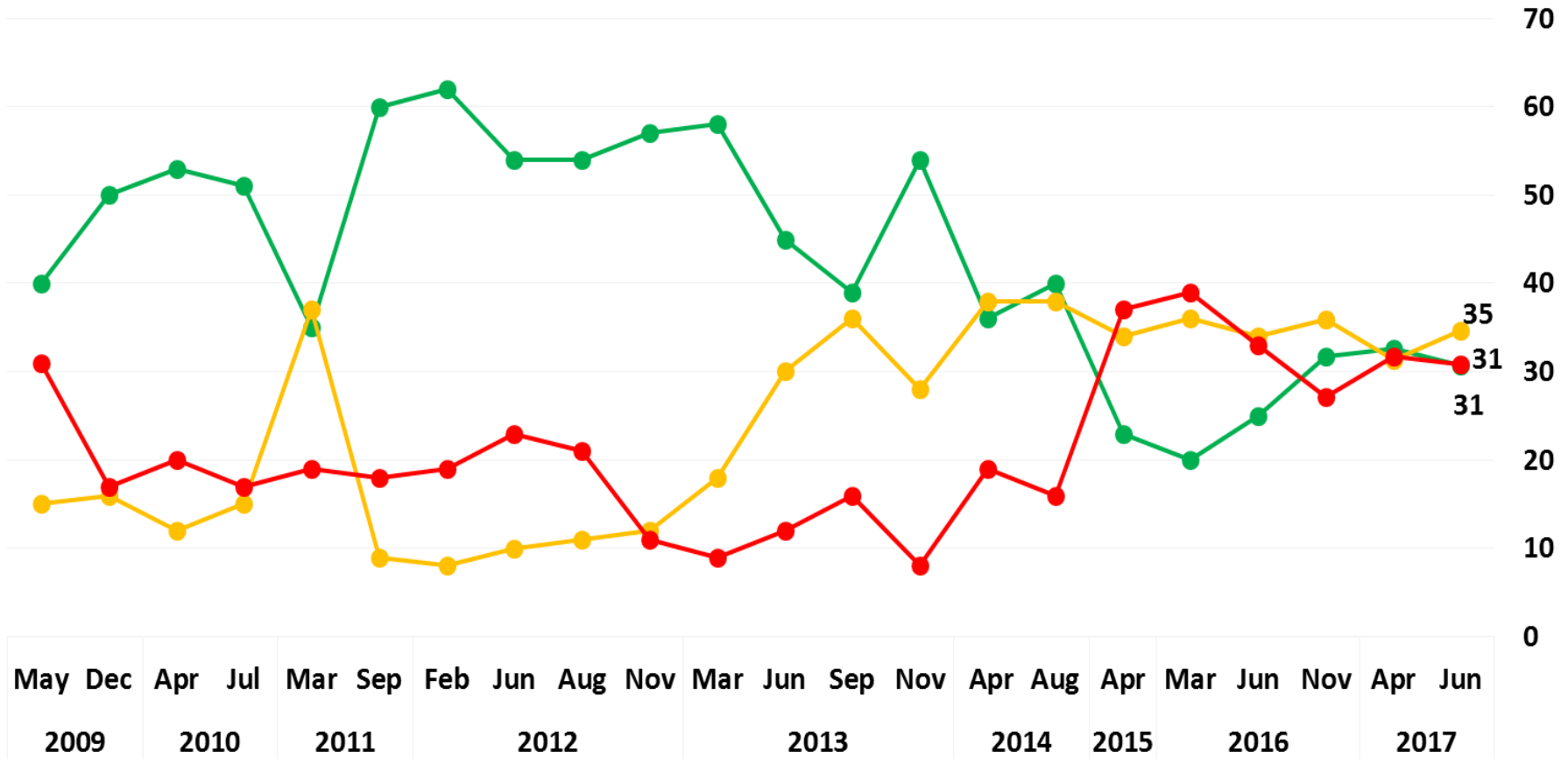
COUNTRY'S DIRECTION
&
LIVING CONDITIONS

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- Georgia is not changing at all

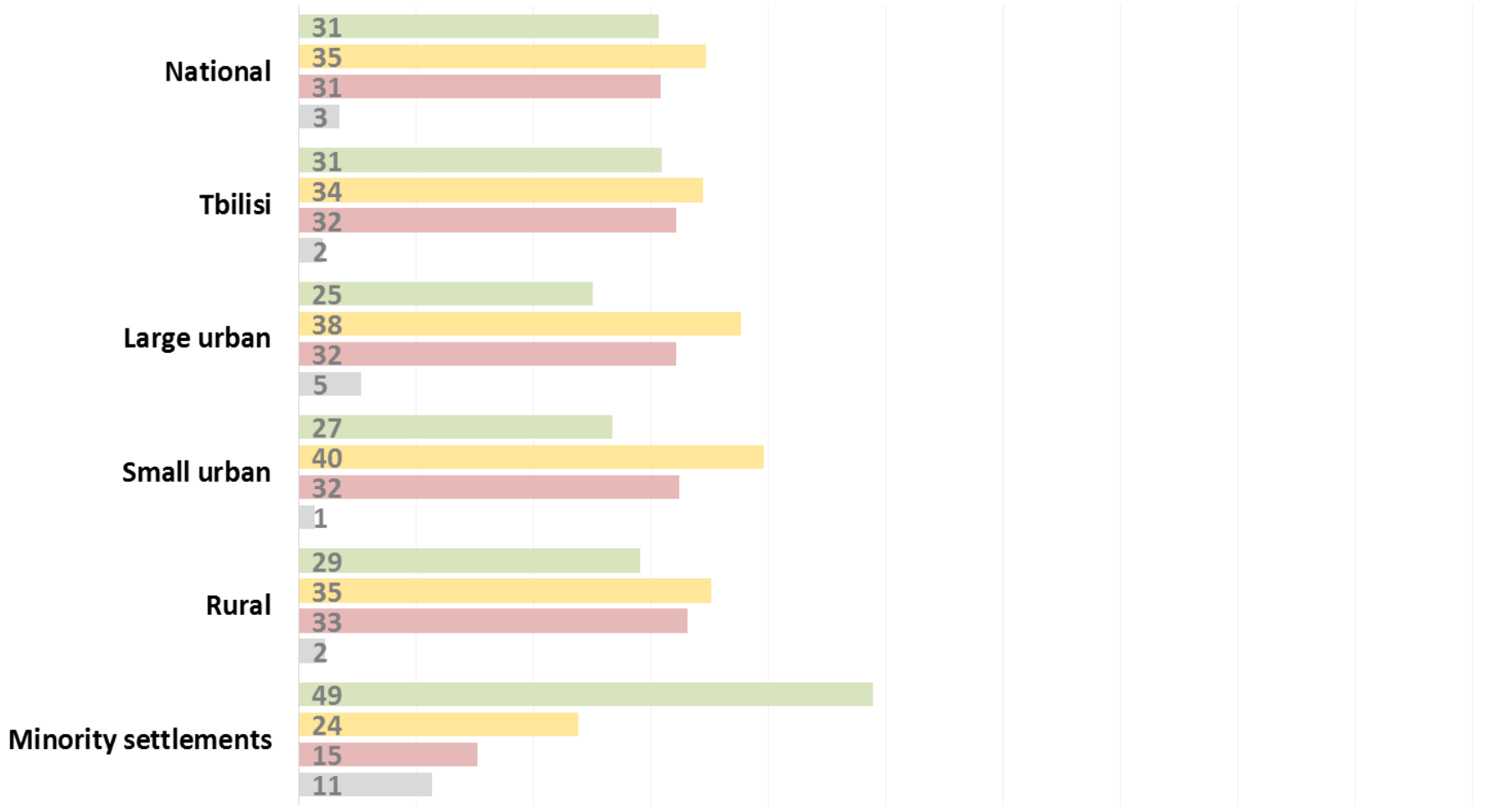


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In which direction is Georgia going? (q5 X Settlement)

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- Georgia is going in the wrong direction
- DK

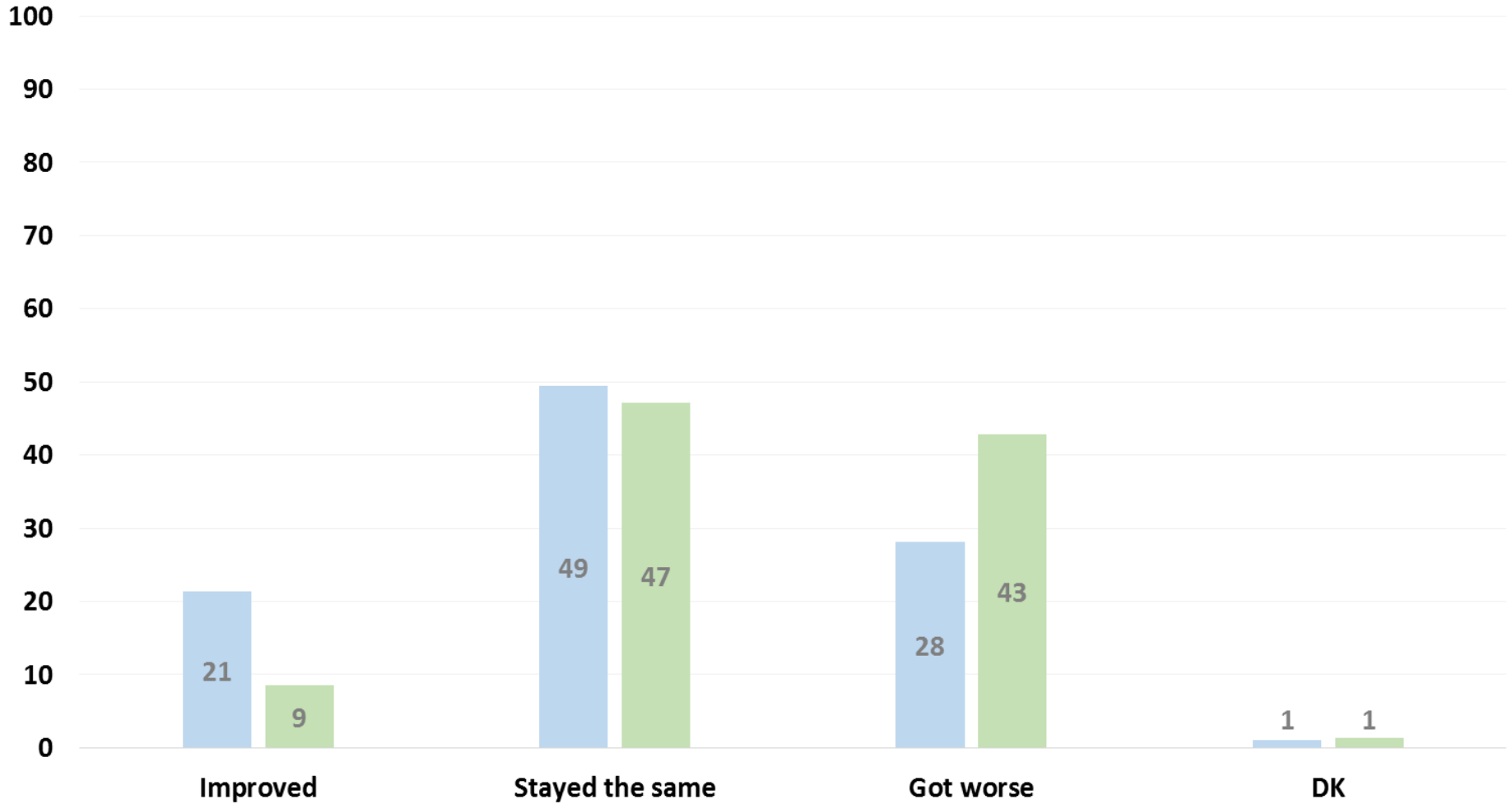
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Since June 2014, taking everything into account, living conditions in your city/village ...? (q6)

June 2017

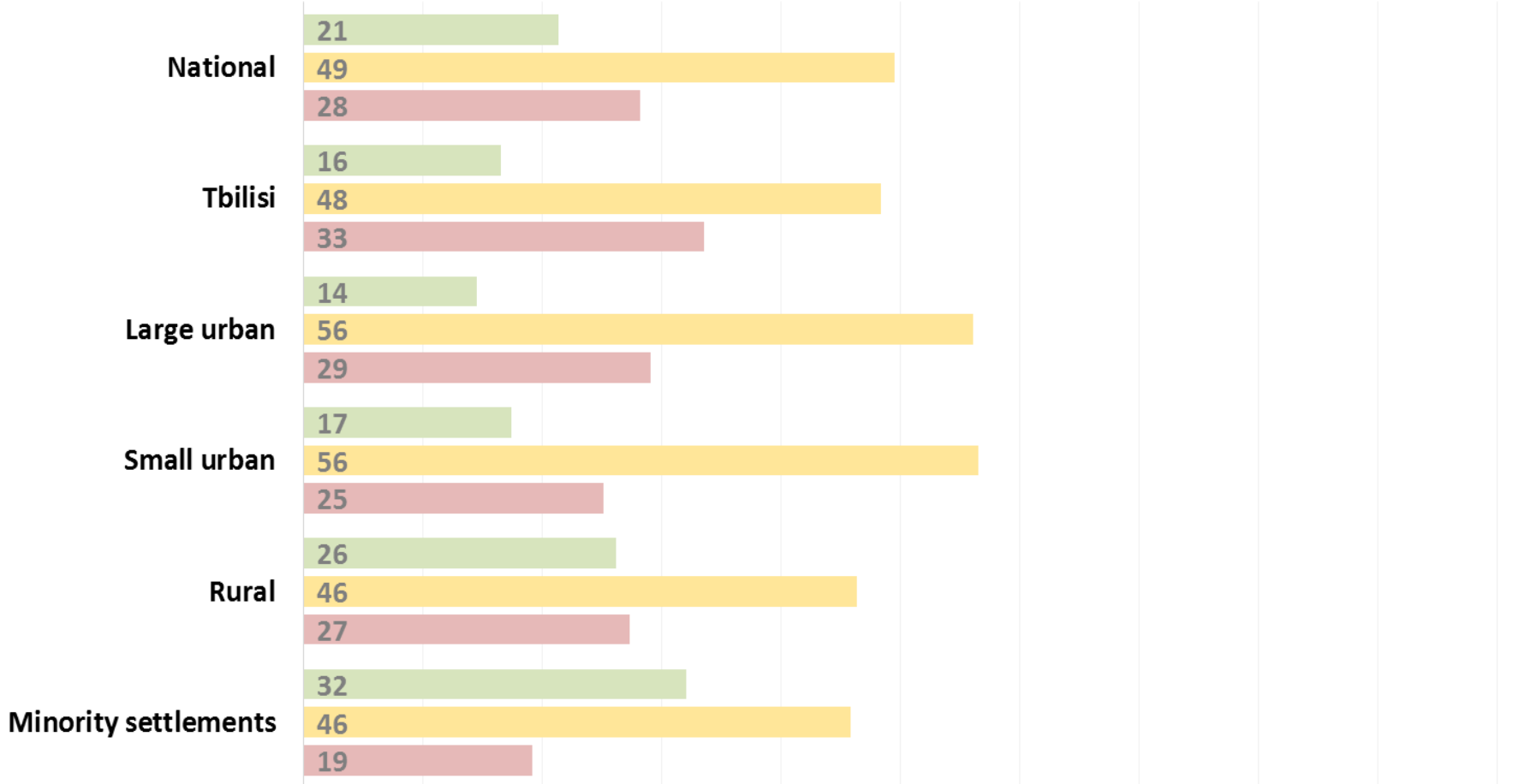
August 2015



Since June 2014, taking everything into account, living conditions in your city/village ...? (q6 X Settlement)

Improved Stayed the same Got worse

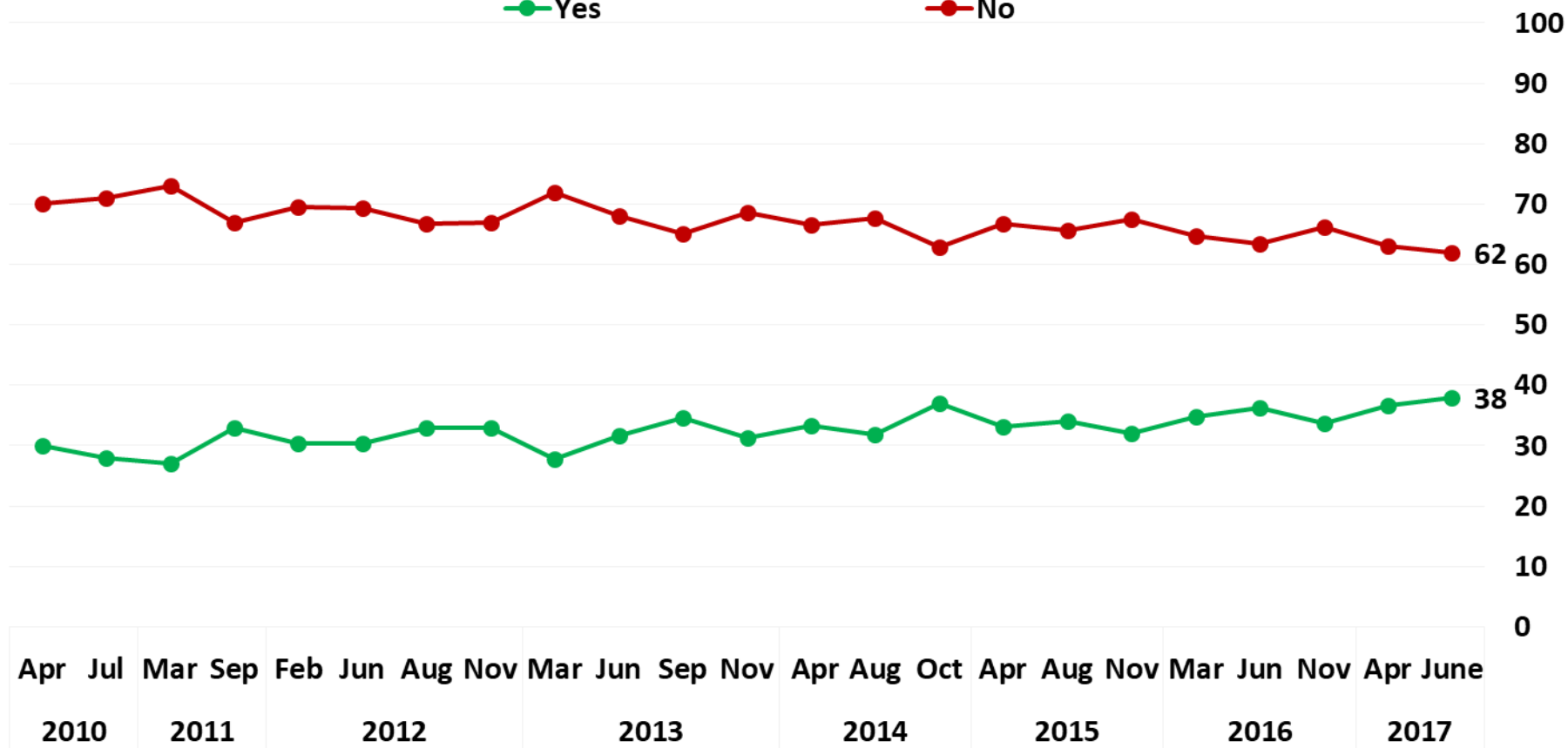
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Do you consider yourself to be employed? (q66)

This employment may be part-time or full-time, you may be officially employed, informally employed, or self-employed, as long as it brings you monetary income.

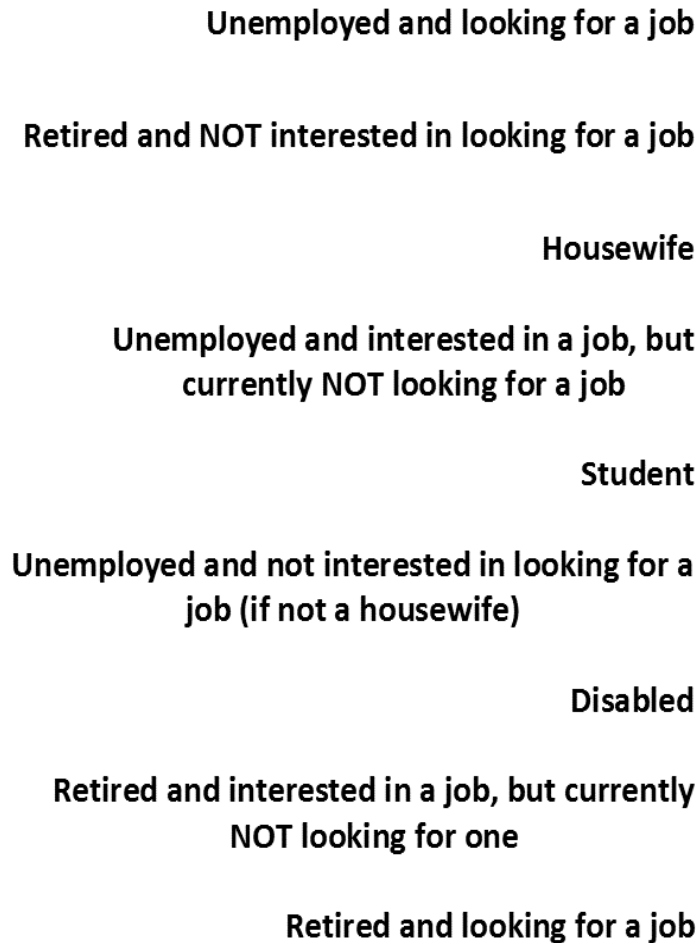
—●— Yes —●— No



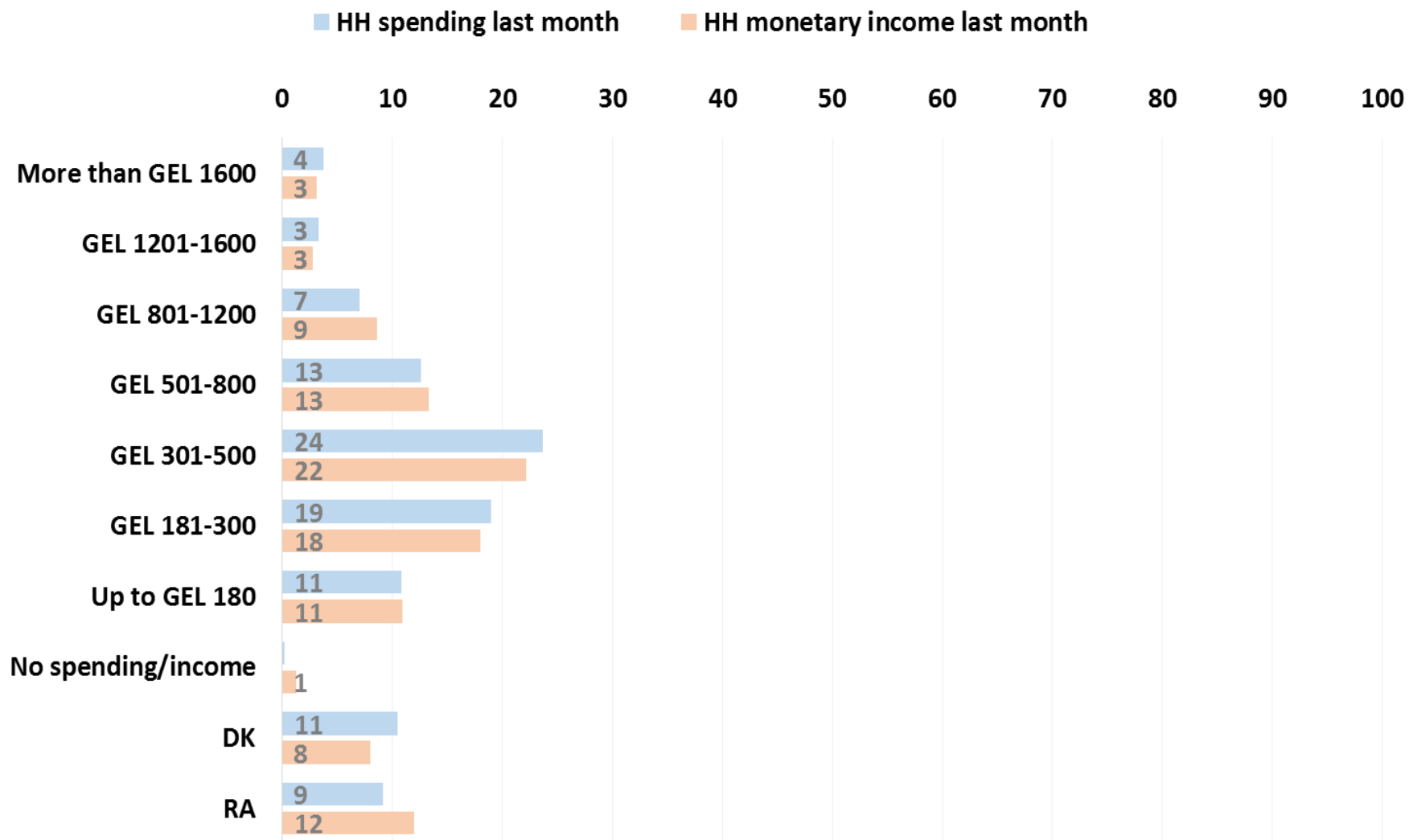
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Which of the following best describes your situation? (q67) - of the 62% who consider themselves unemployed

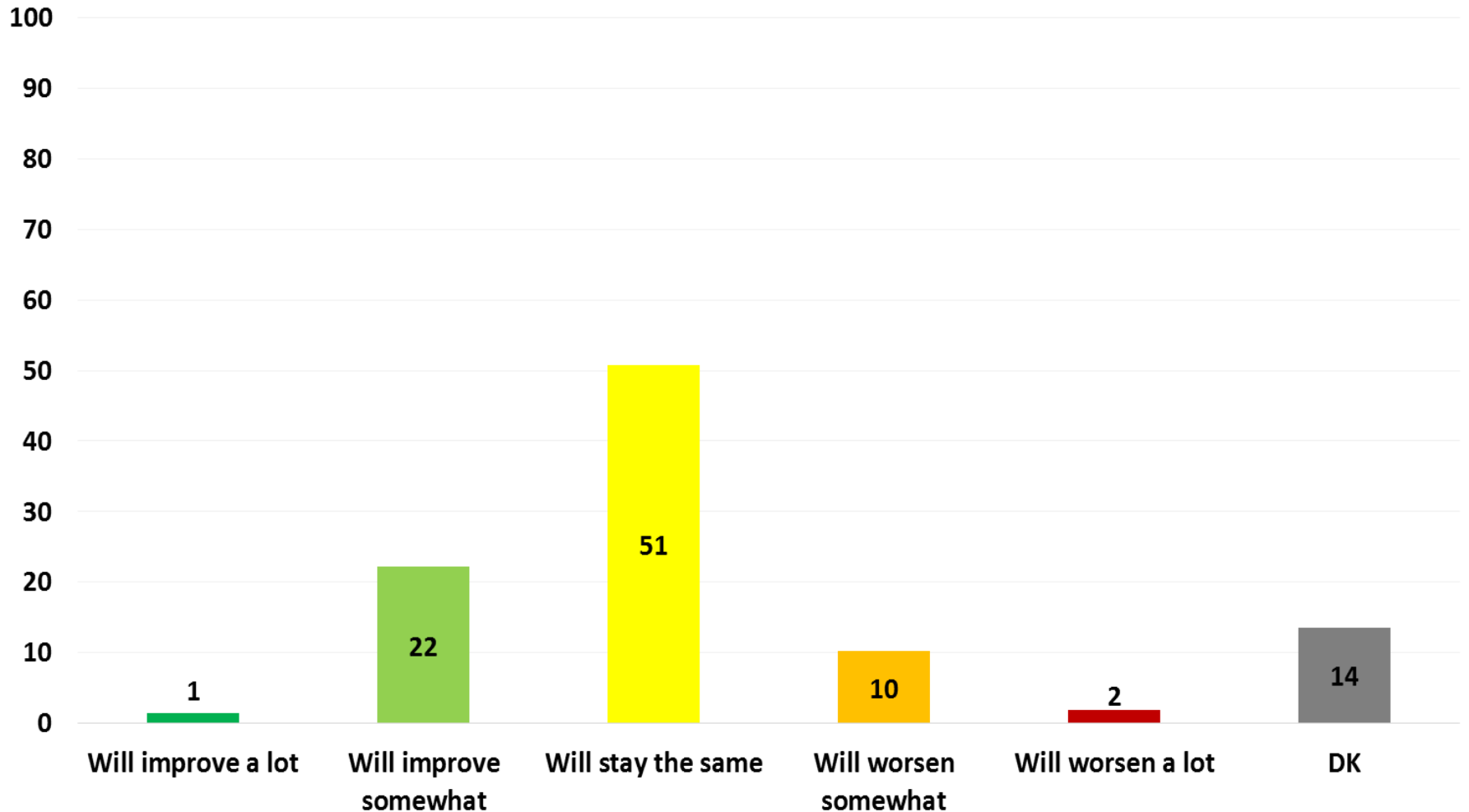
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Speaking about a monetary spending/income last month, to which of the following groups does your household belong? (q65/q69)

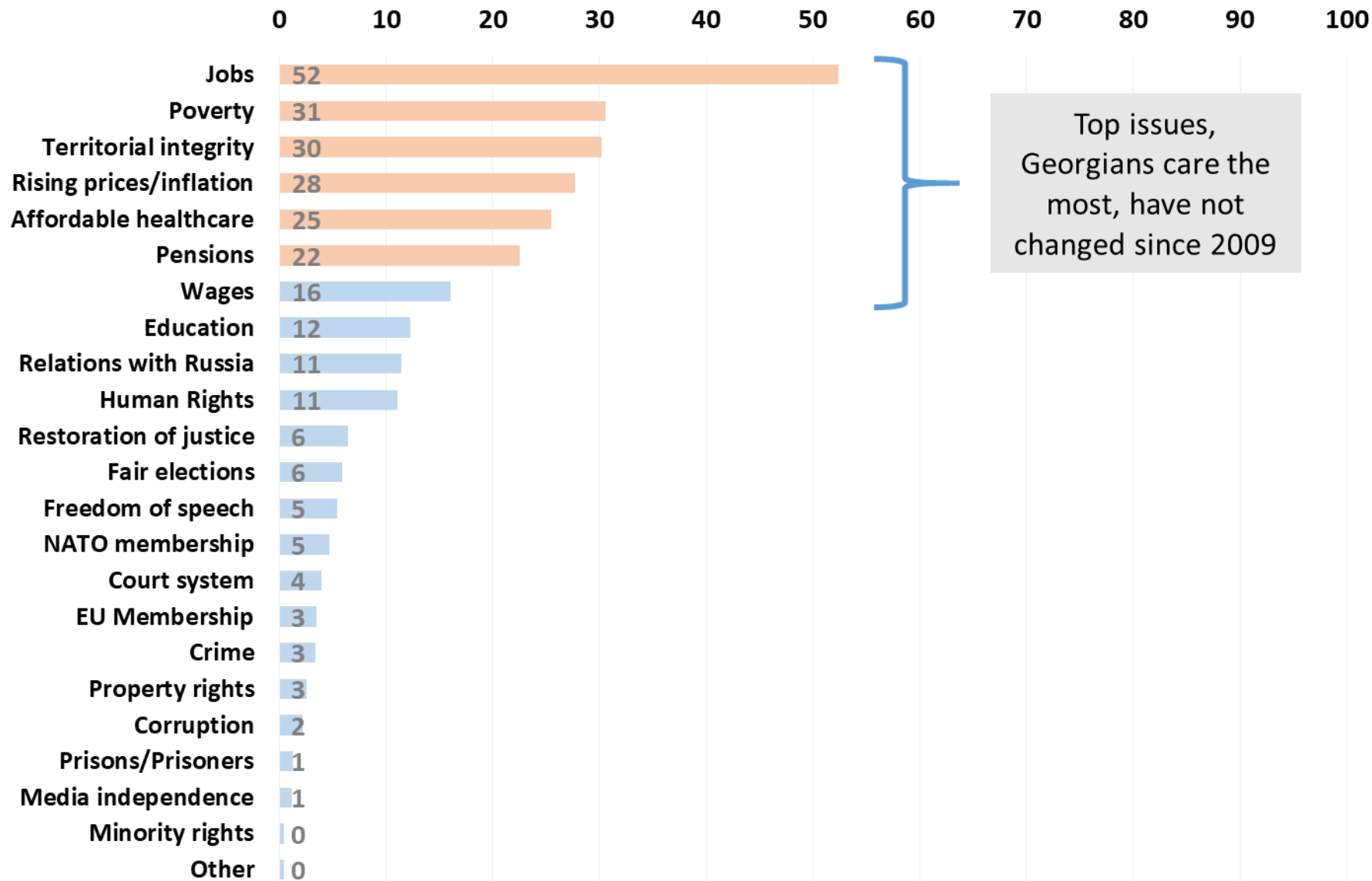


What are your expectations regarding economic situation of your household for the next twelve months? (q8)

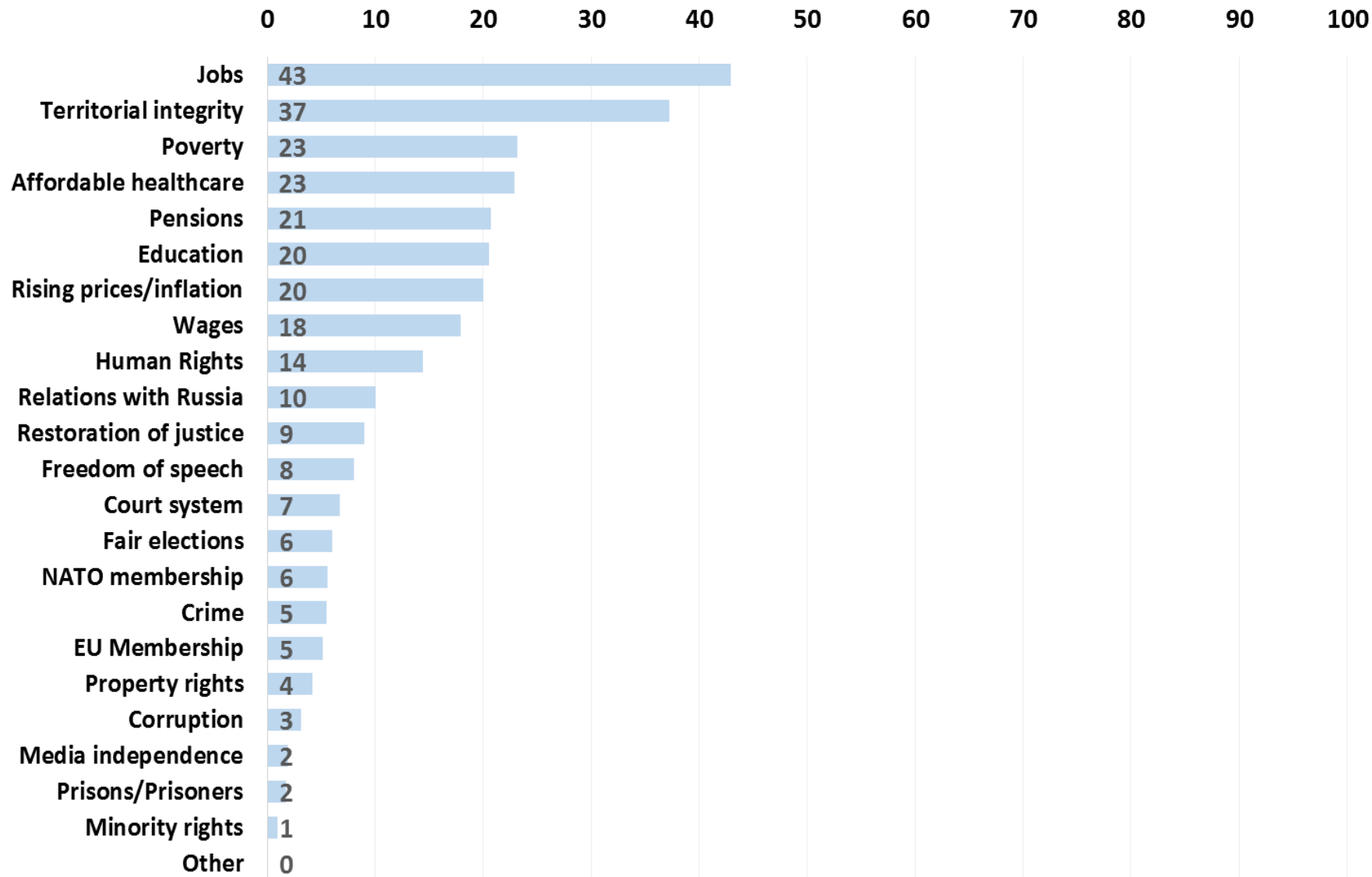


NATIONAL & LOCAL ISSUES

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

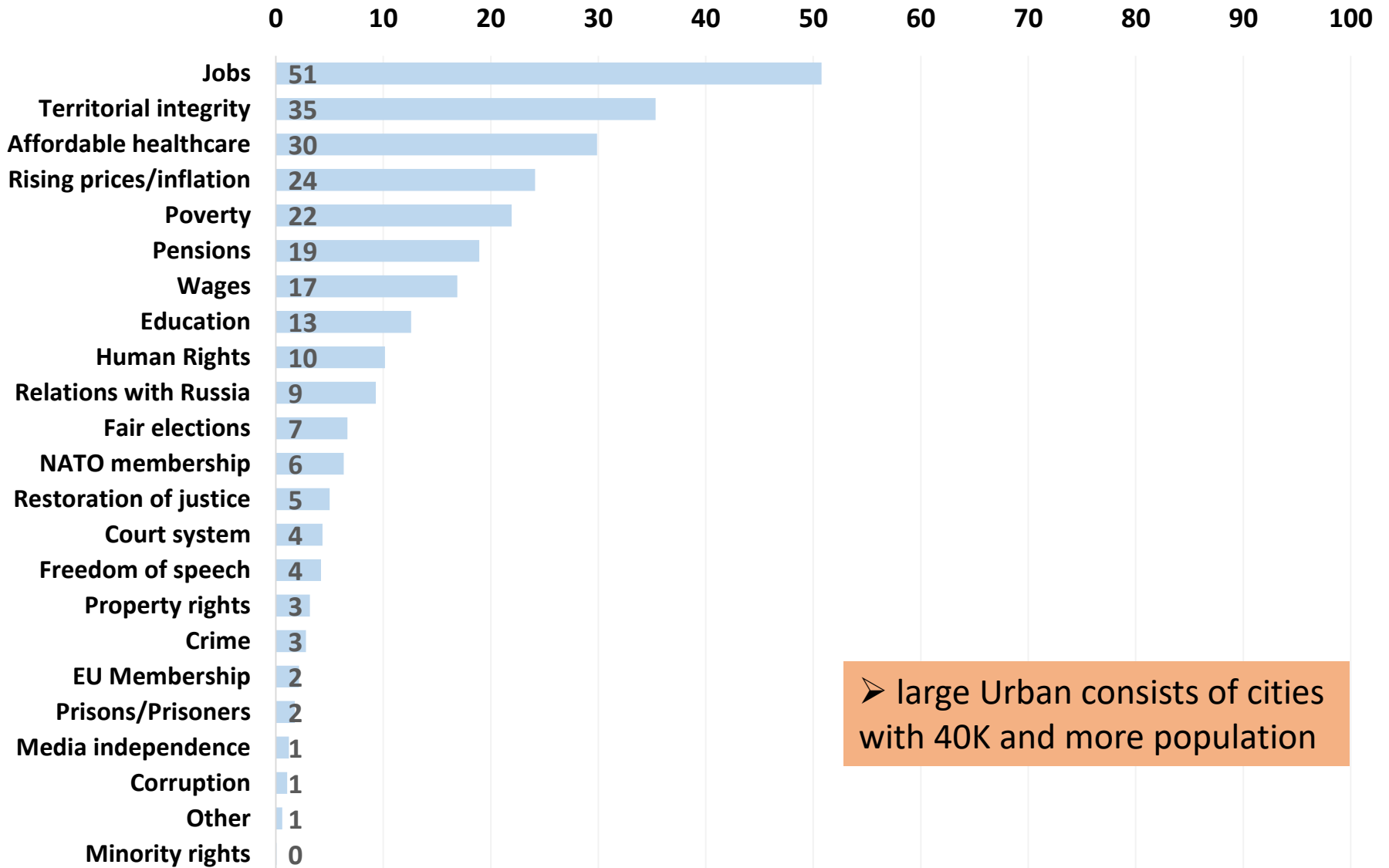


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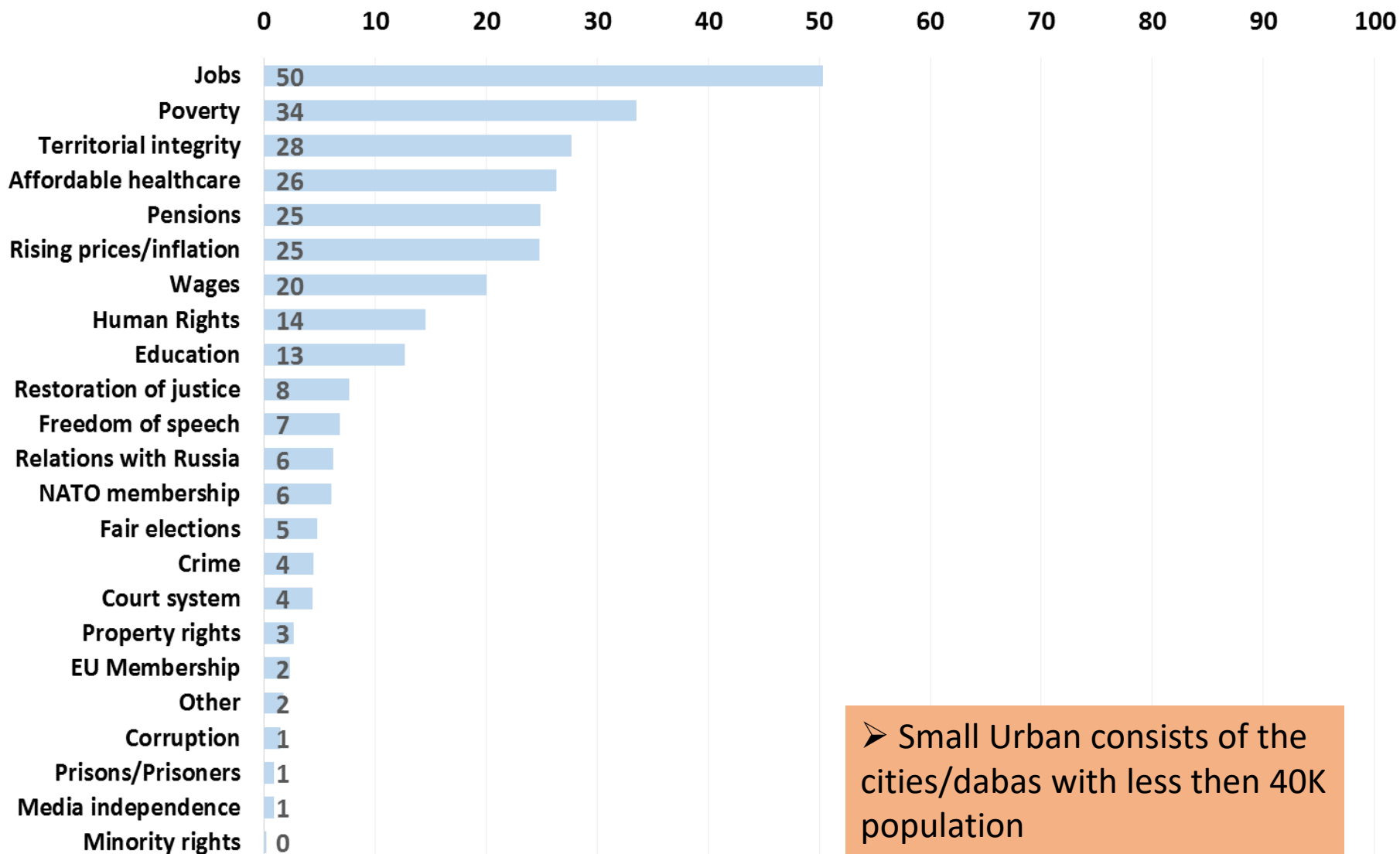
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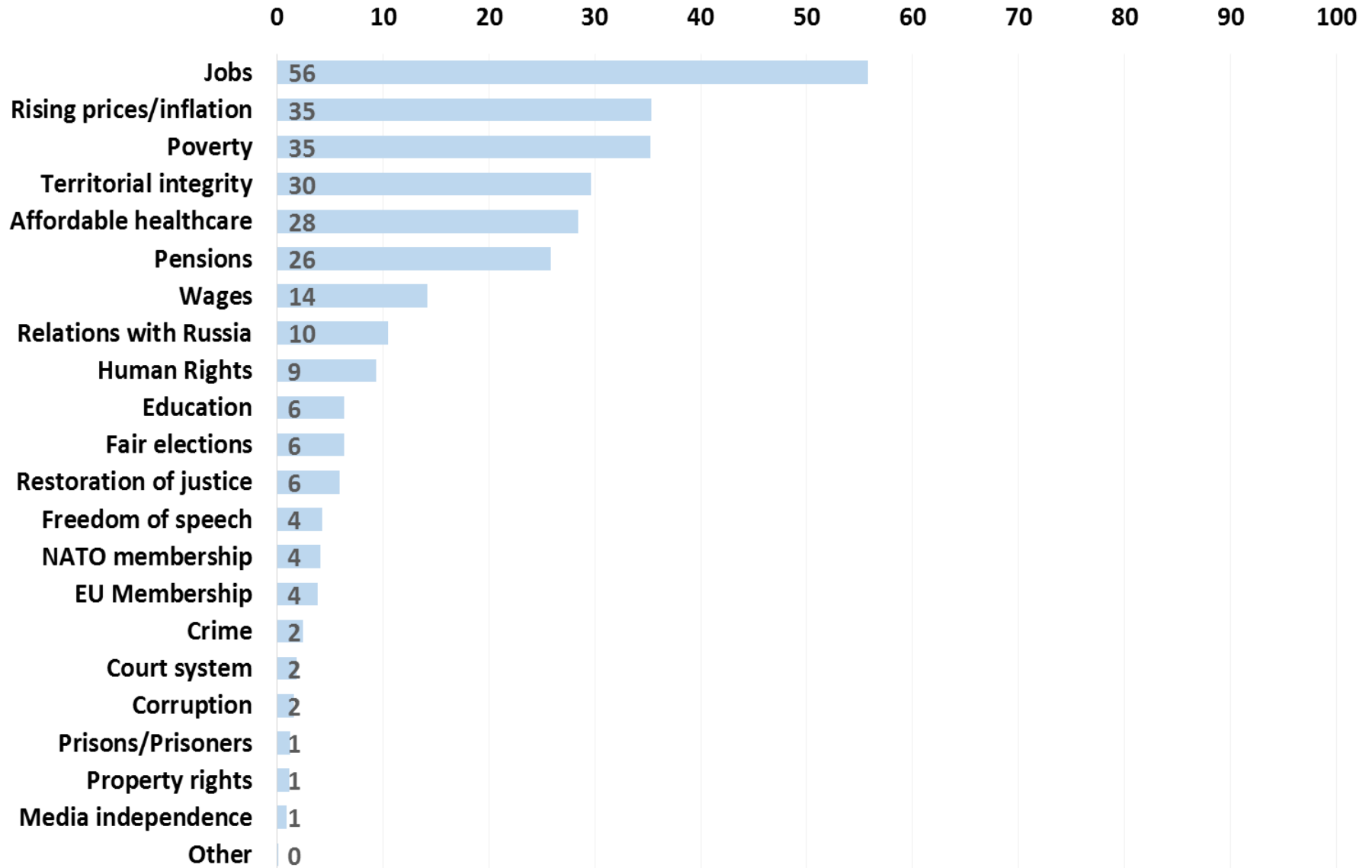
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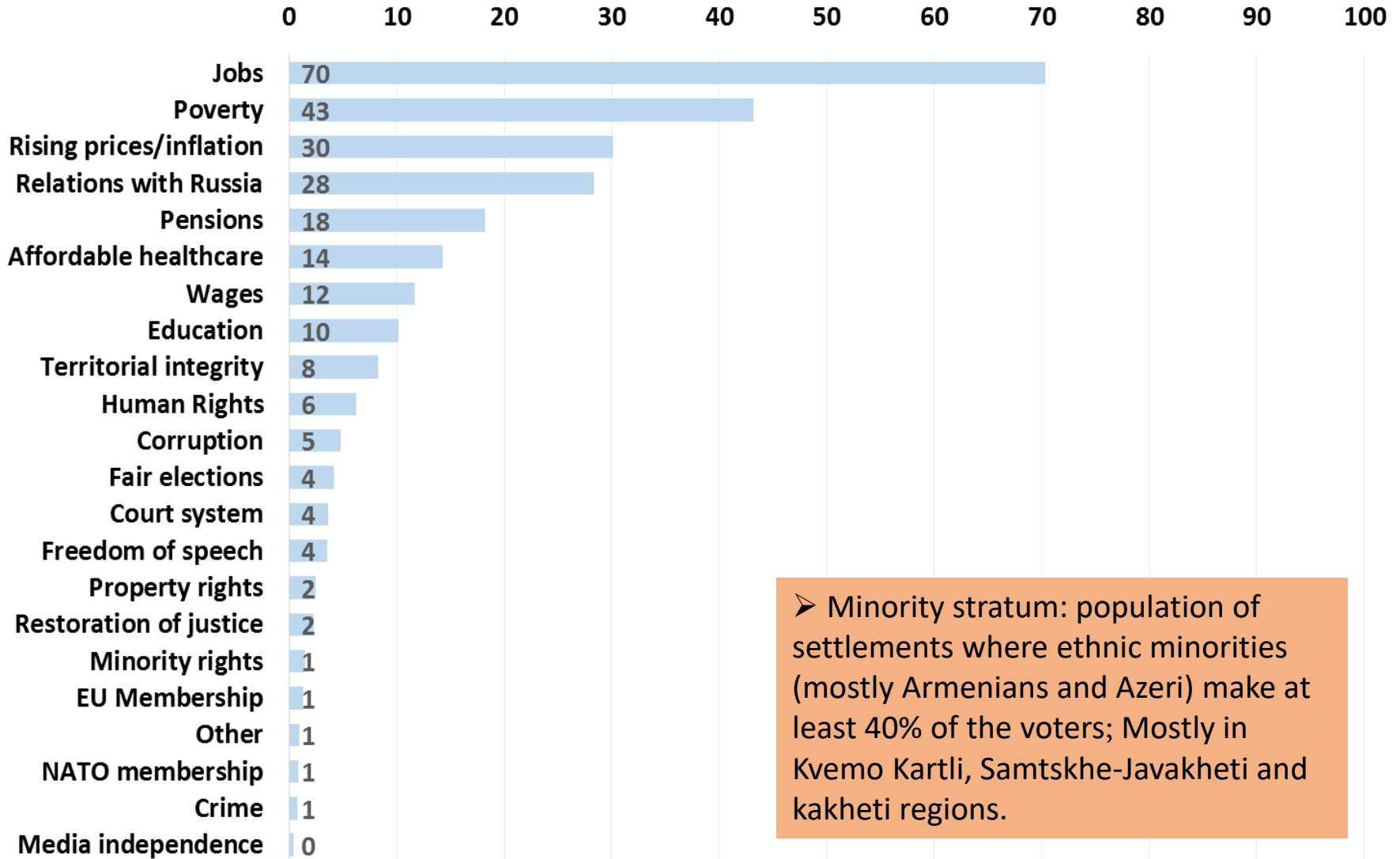
➤ Small Urban consists of the cities/dabas with less then 40K population

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



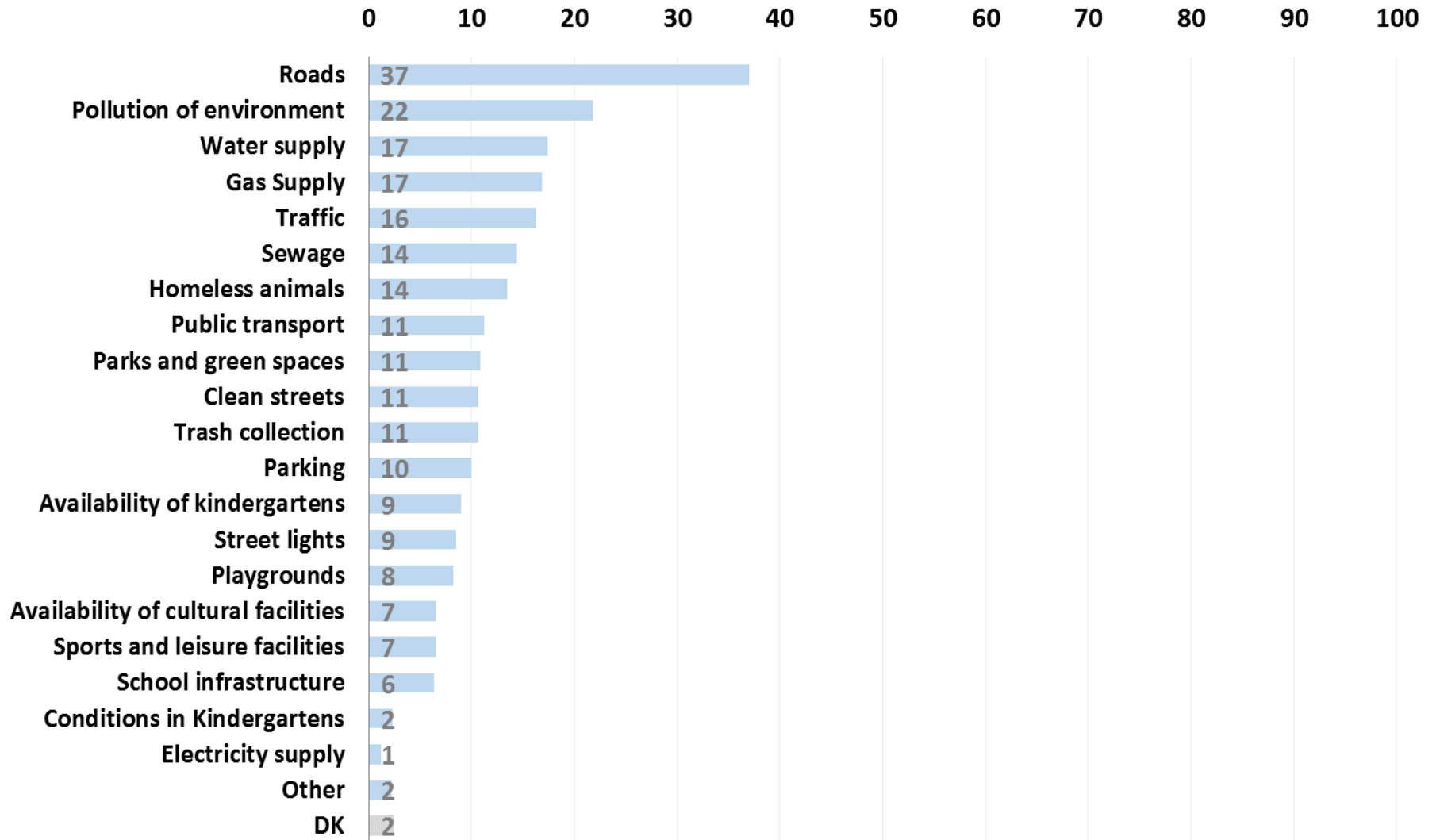
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Minority settlements

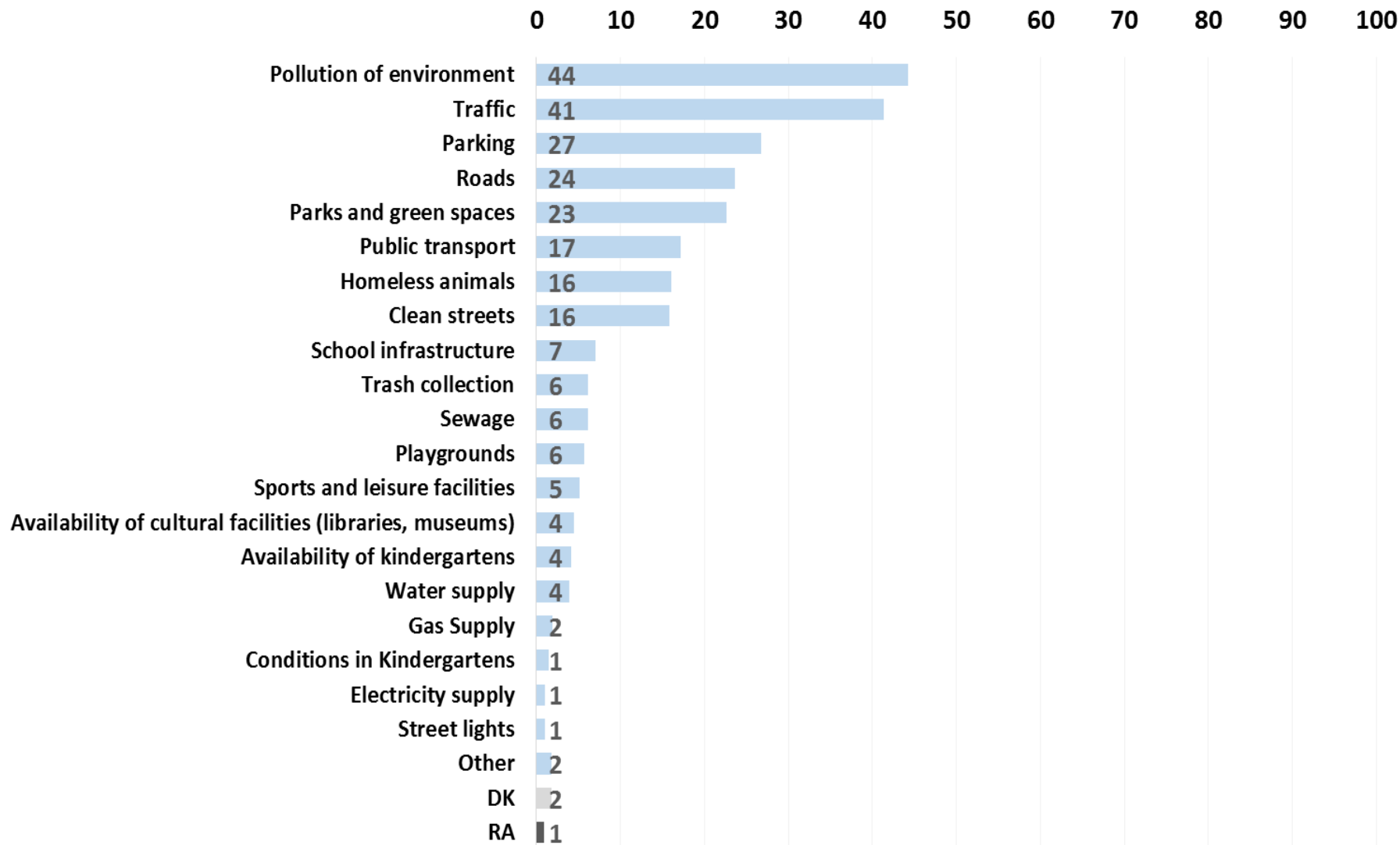


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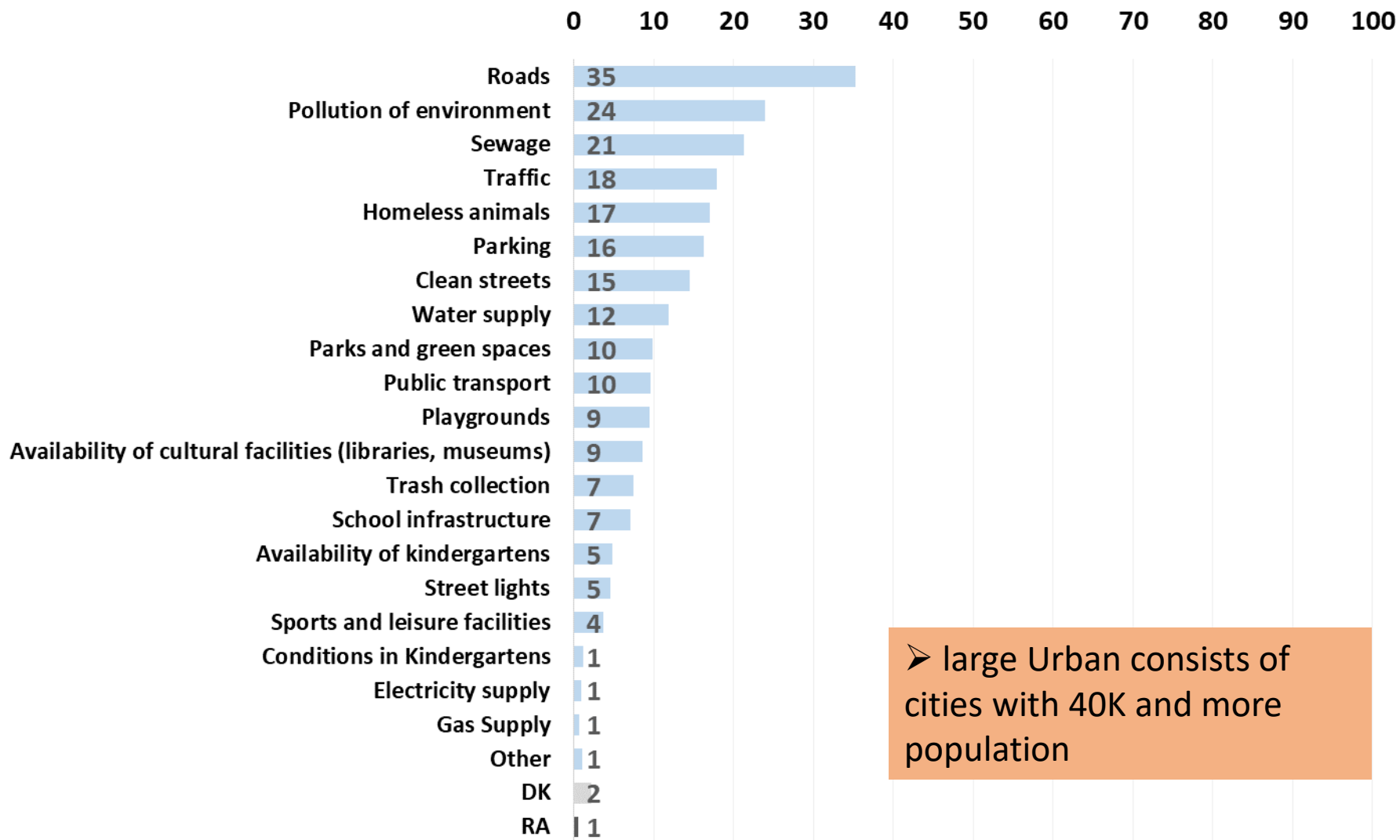


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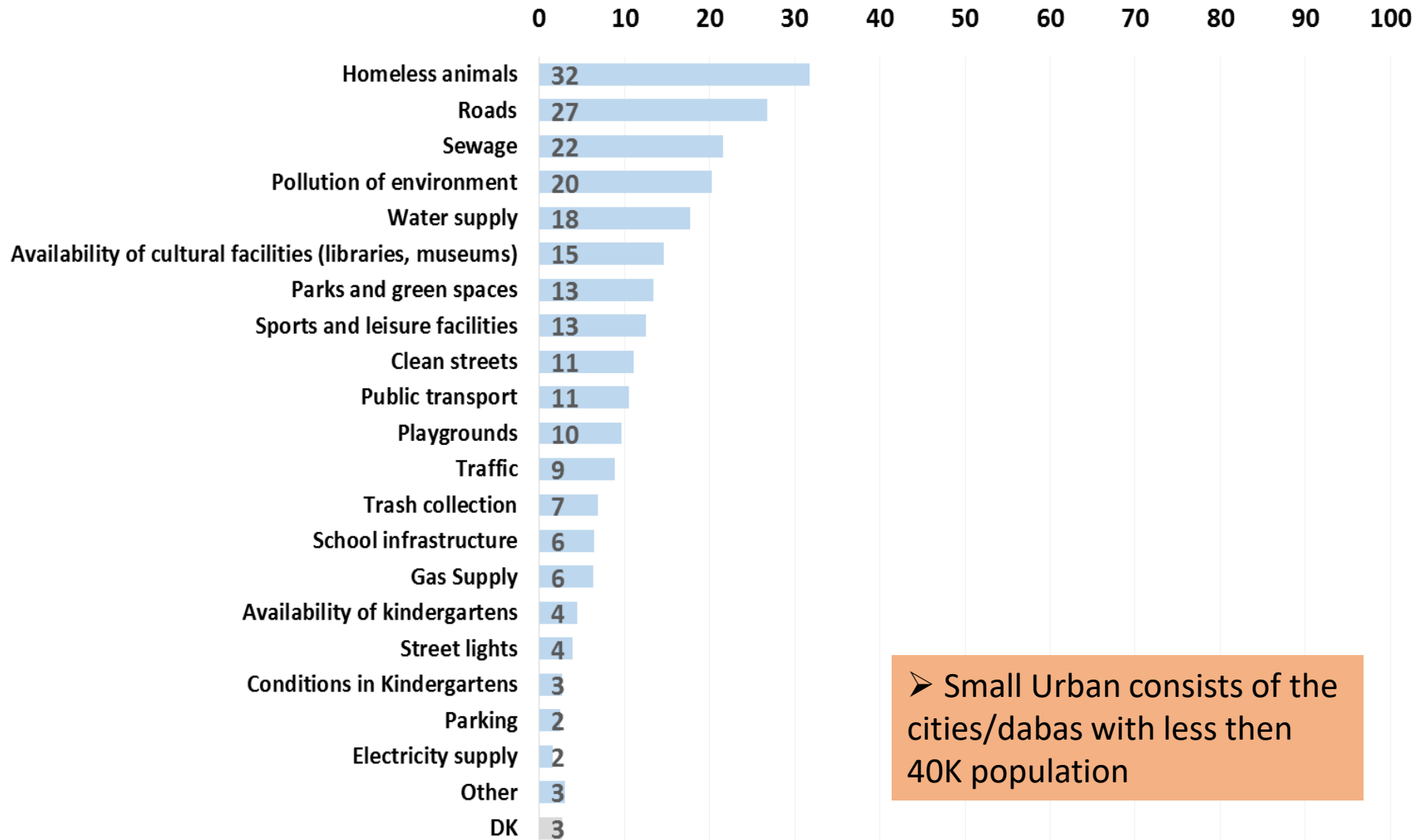
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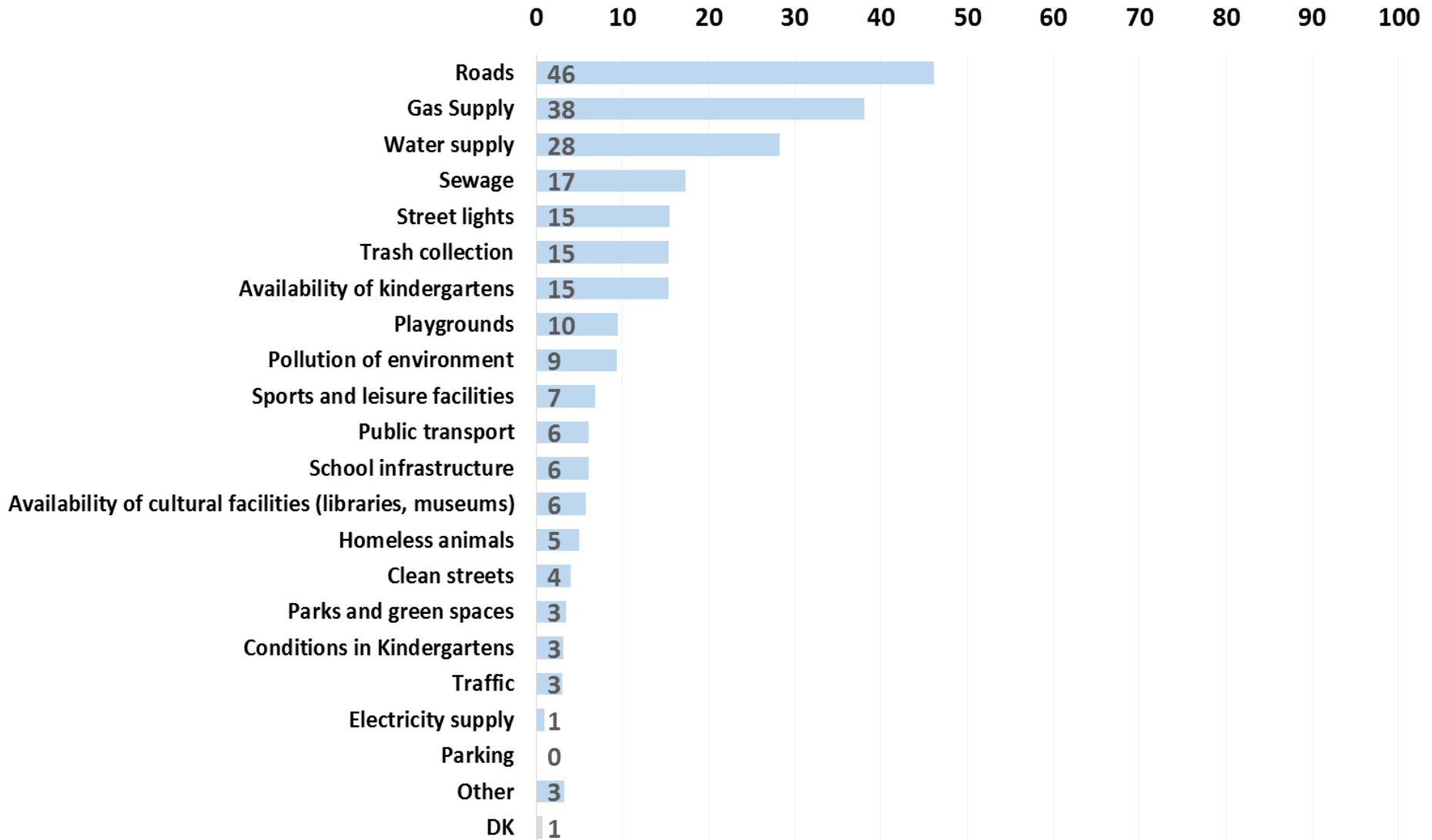
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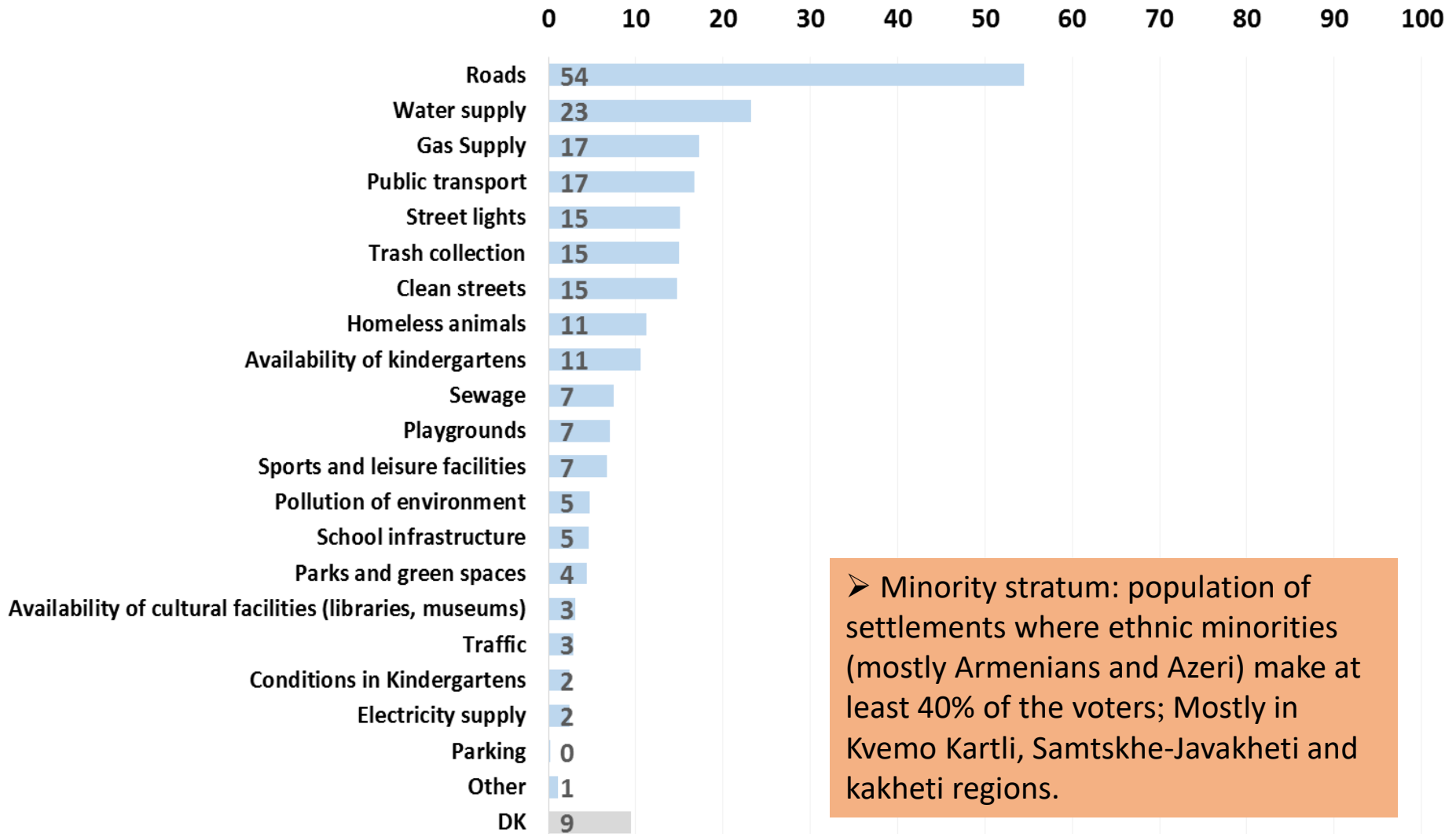


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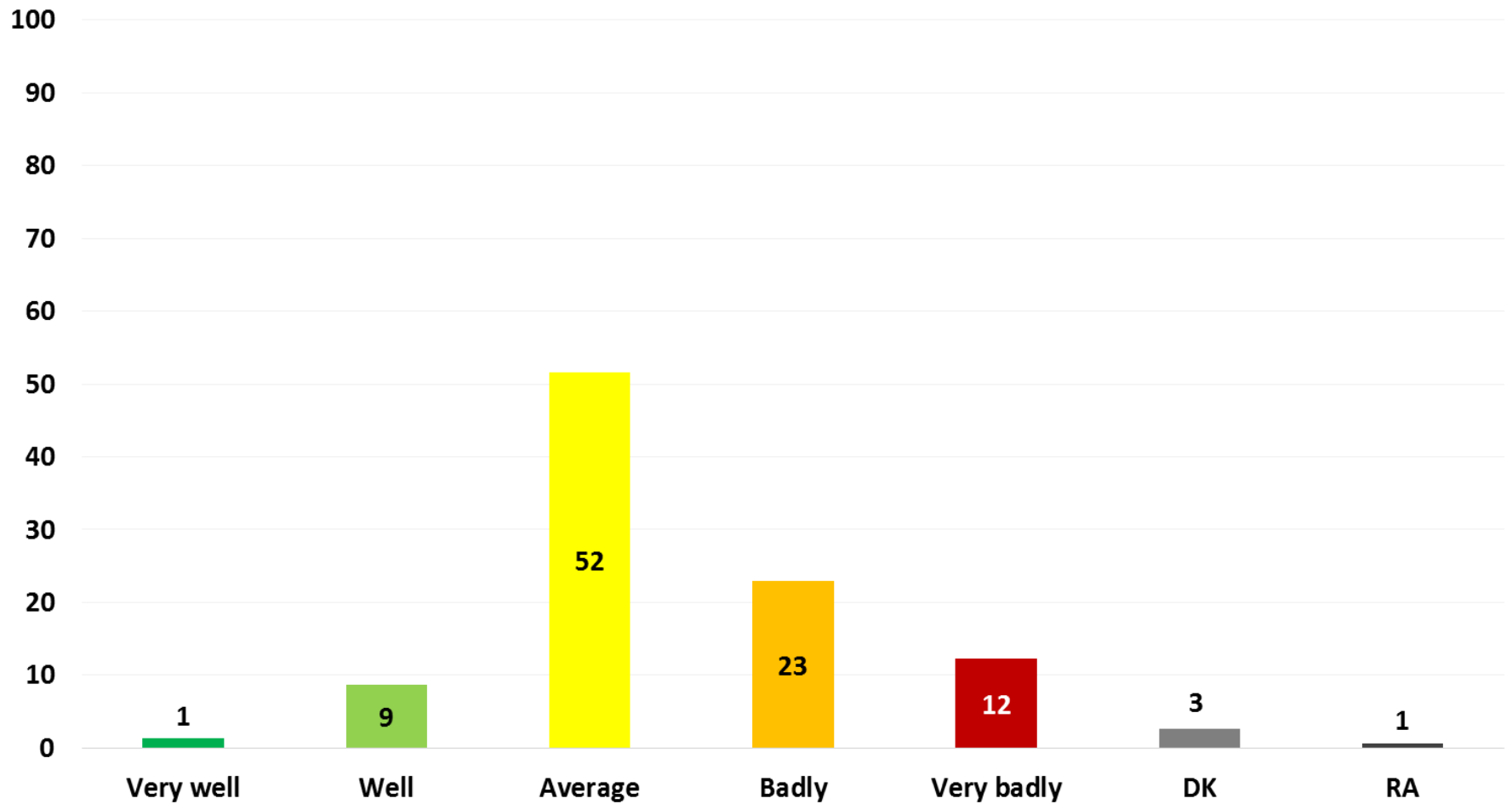
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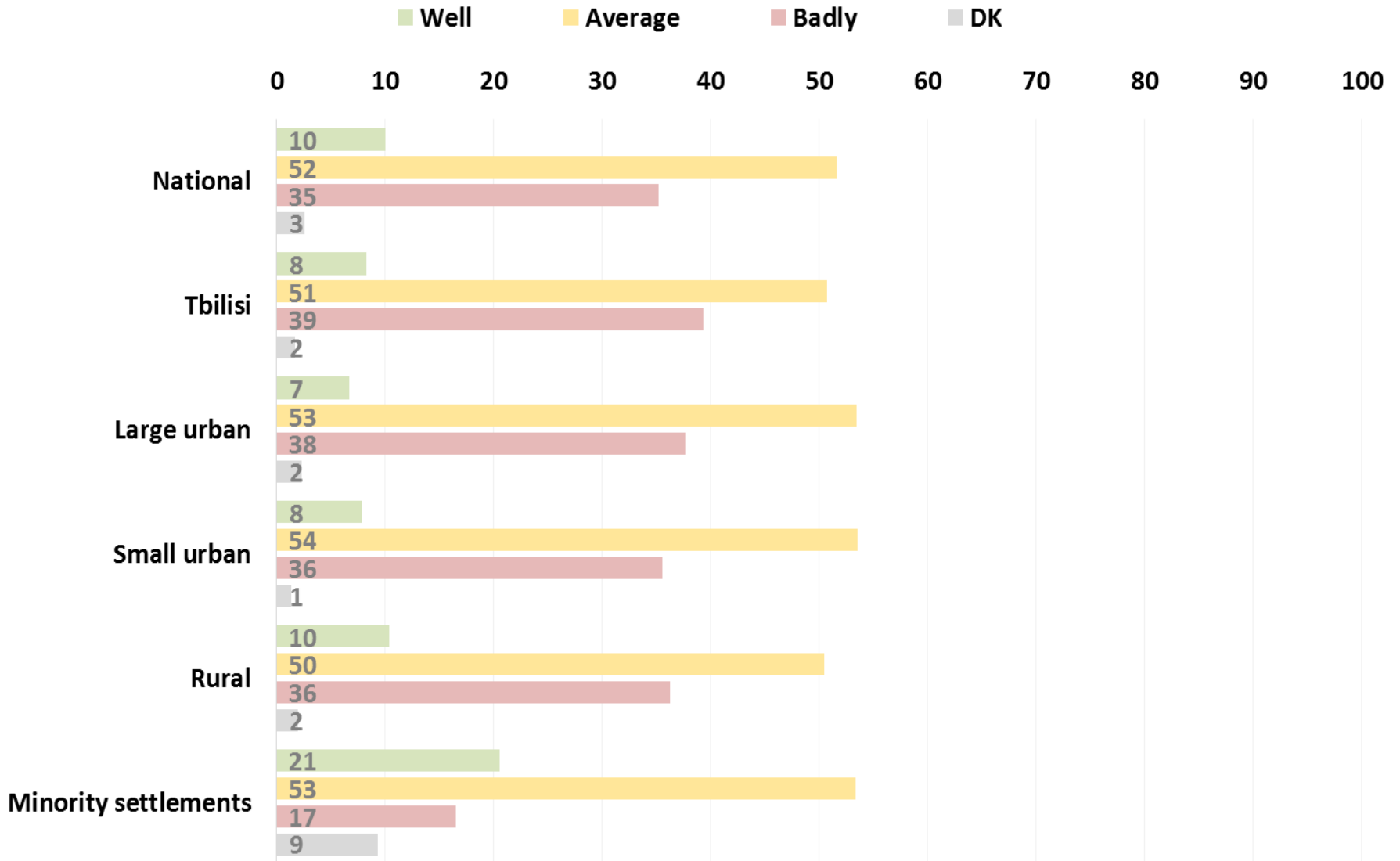
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PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT

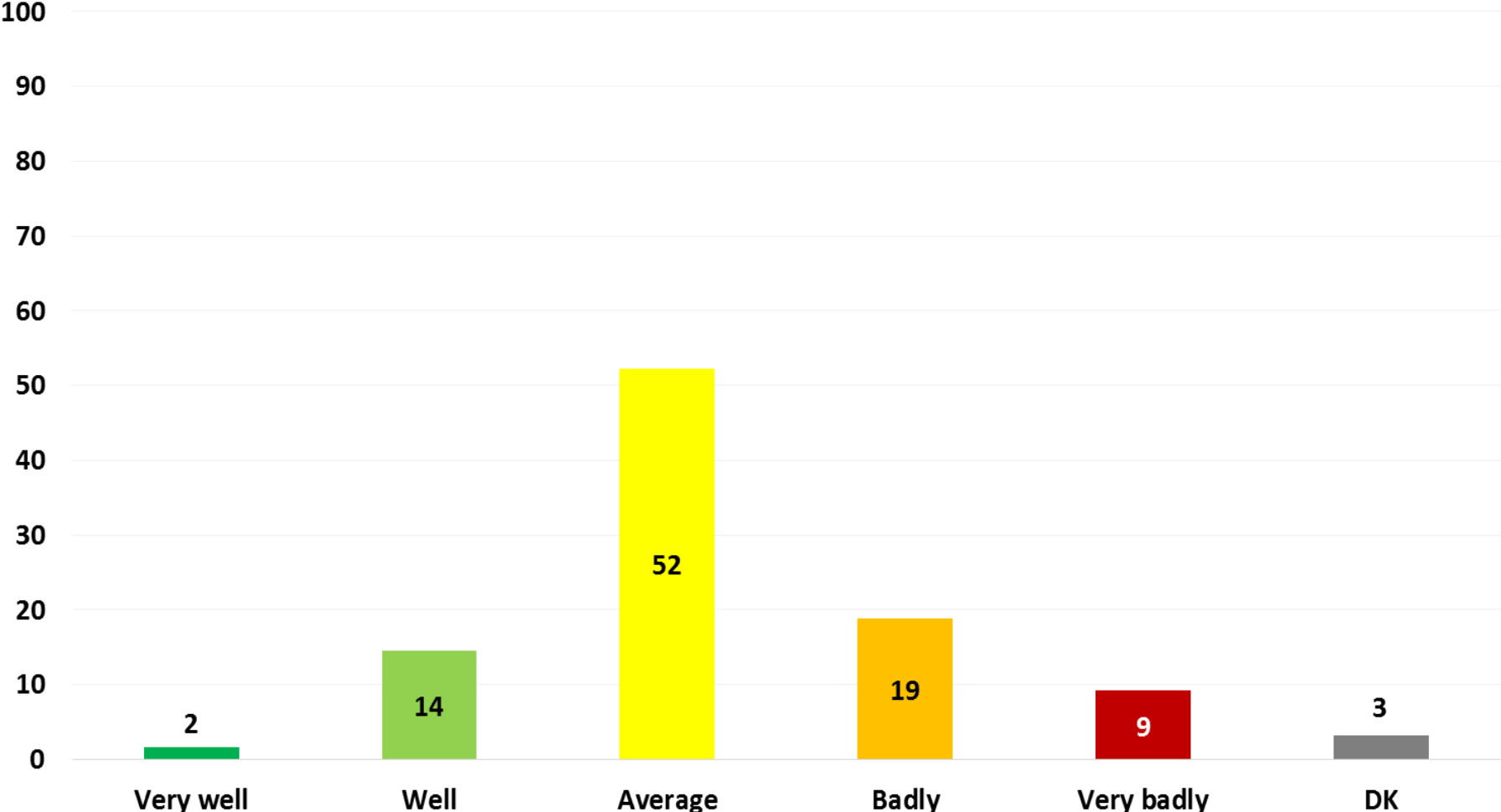
How would you rate the performance of the current government? (q2)



How would you rate the performance of the current government? (q2 X Settlement)



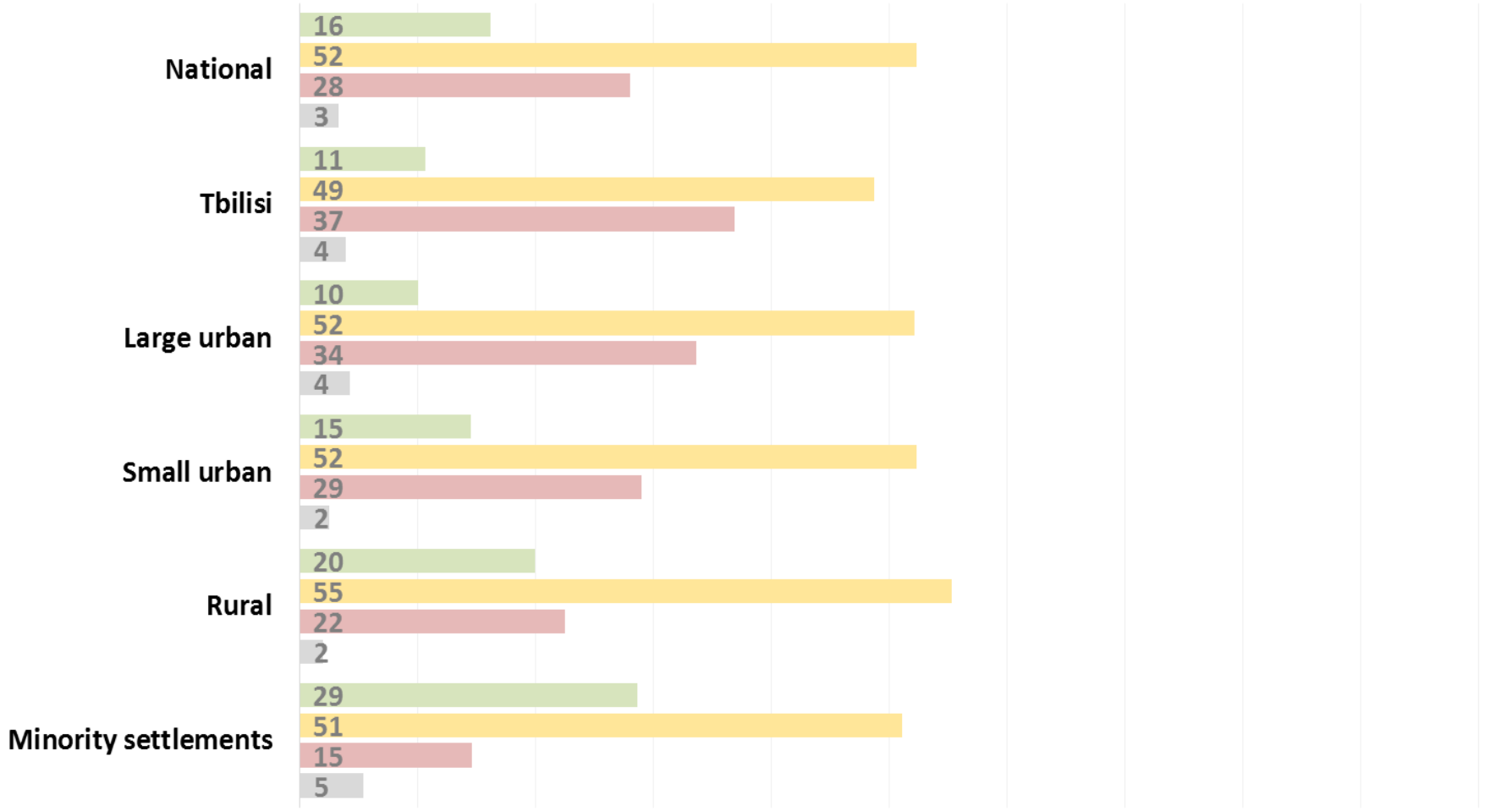
How would you rate the performance of the current local government? (q3)



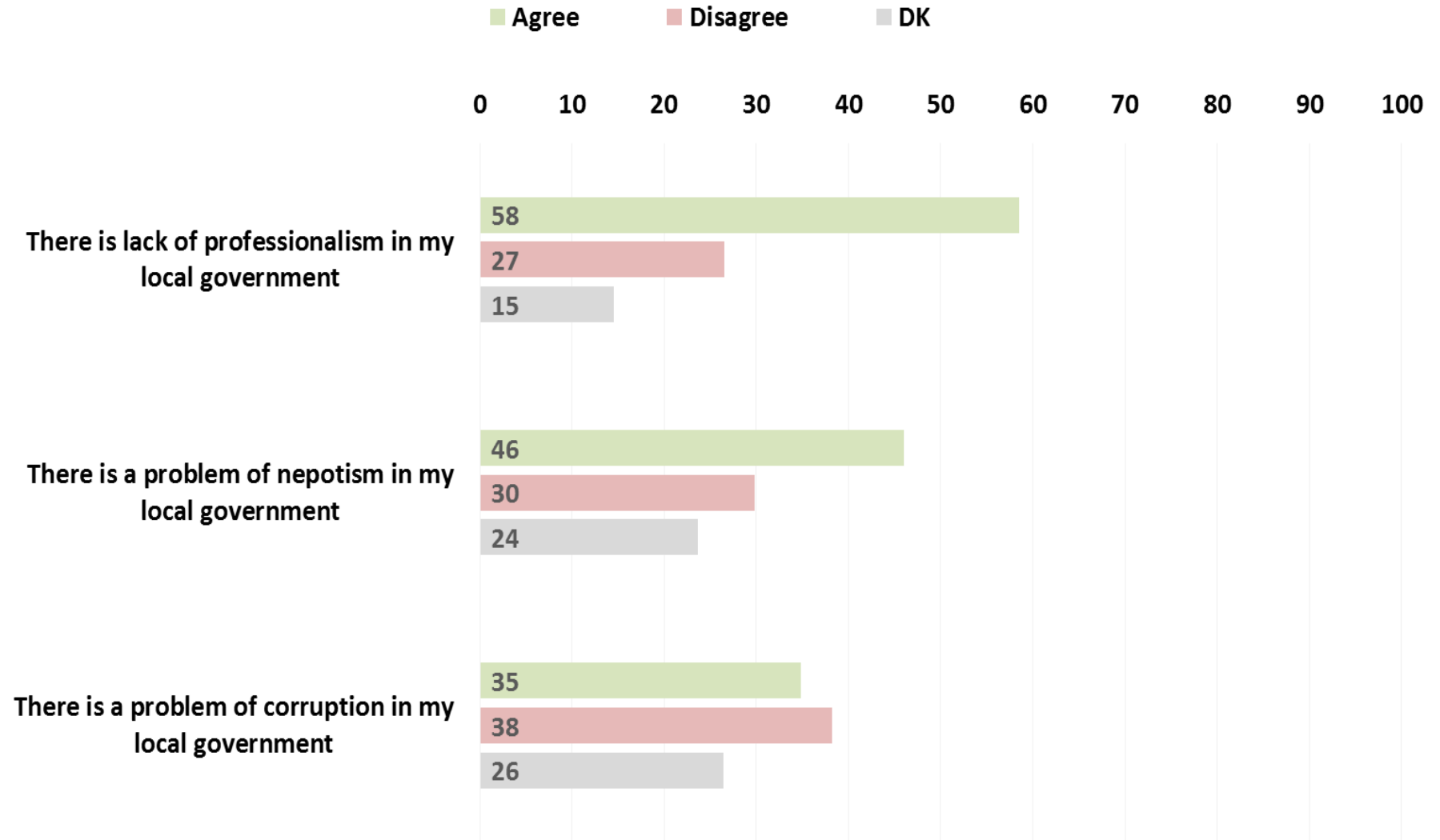
How would you rate the performance of the current local government? (q3 X Settlement)

Well Average Badly DK

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Thinking about your local government (Sakrebulo, Mayor's office, Gamgeoba), do you or agree or disagree that ...? (q4)



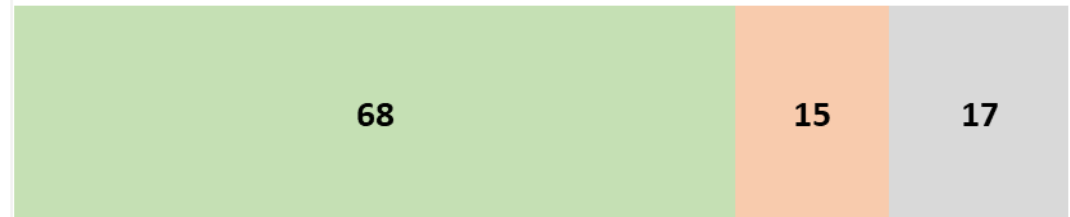
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Agree Disagree DK RA

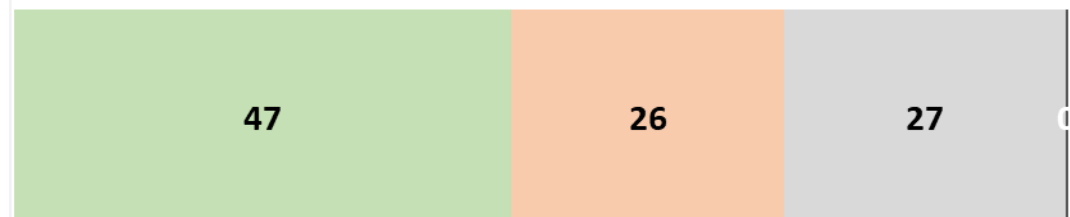
There is lack of professionalism in my local government



There is a problem of nepotism in my local government

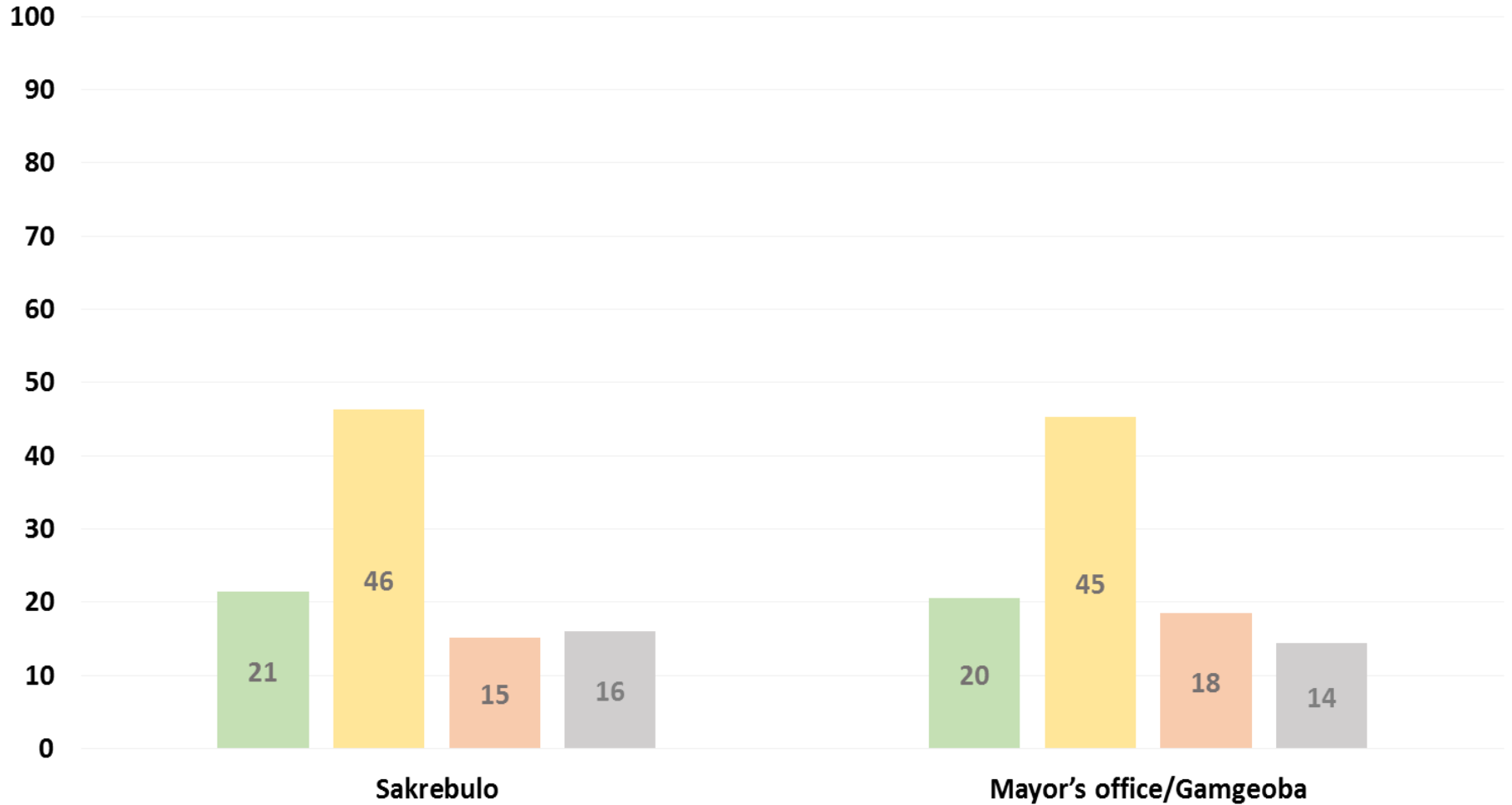


There is a problem of corruption in my local government



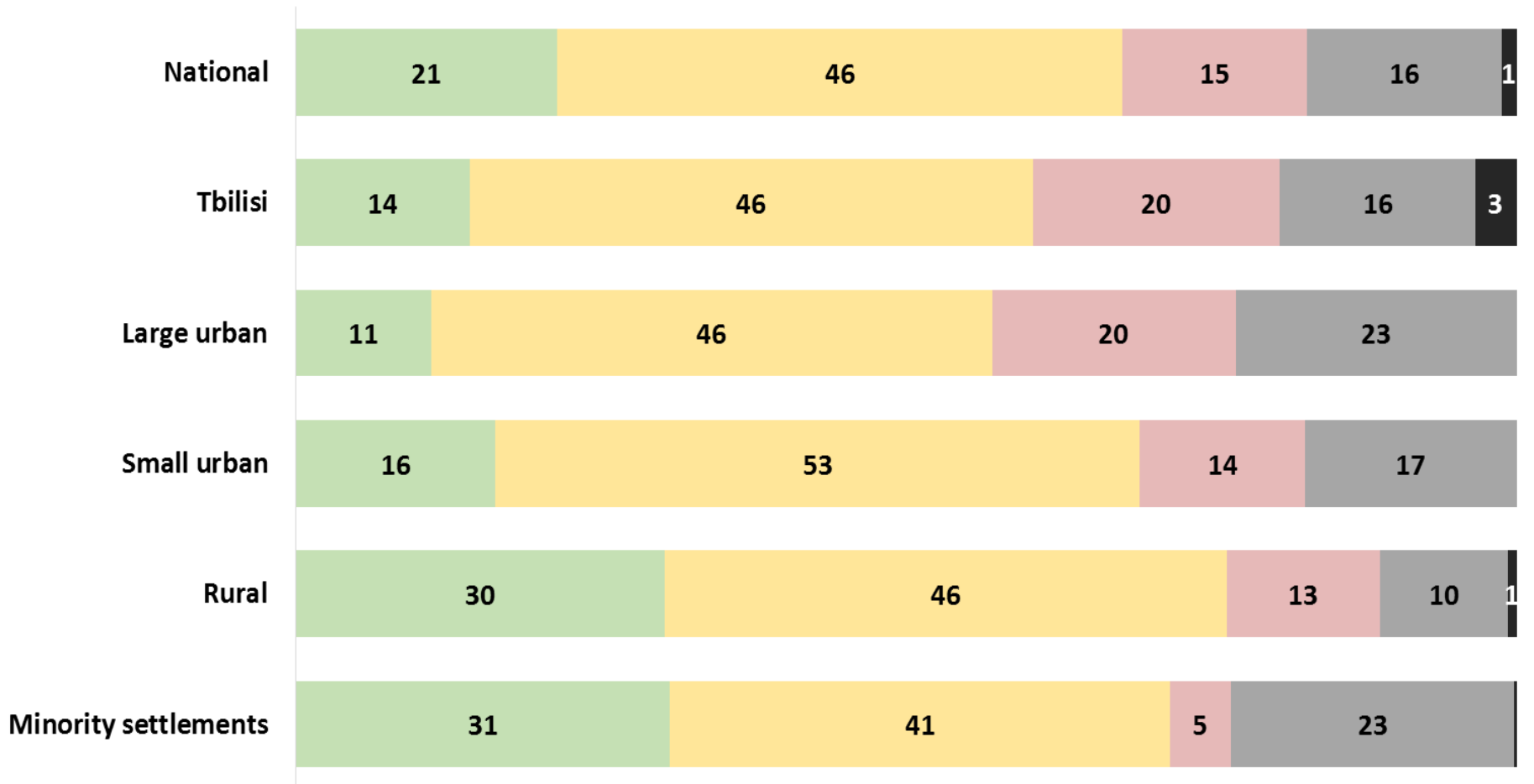
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the performance of the following institutions? (q10)

Satisfied Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied Dissatisfied DK



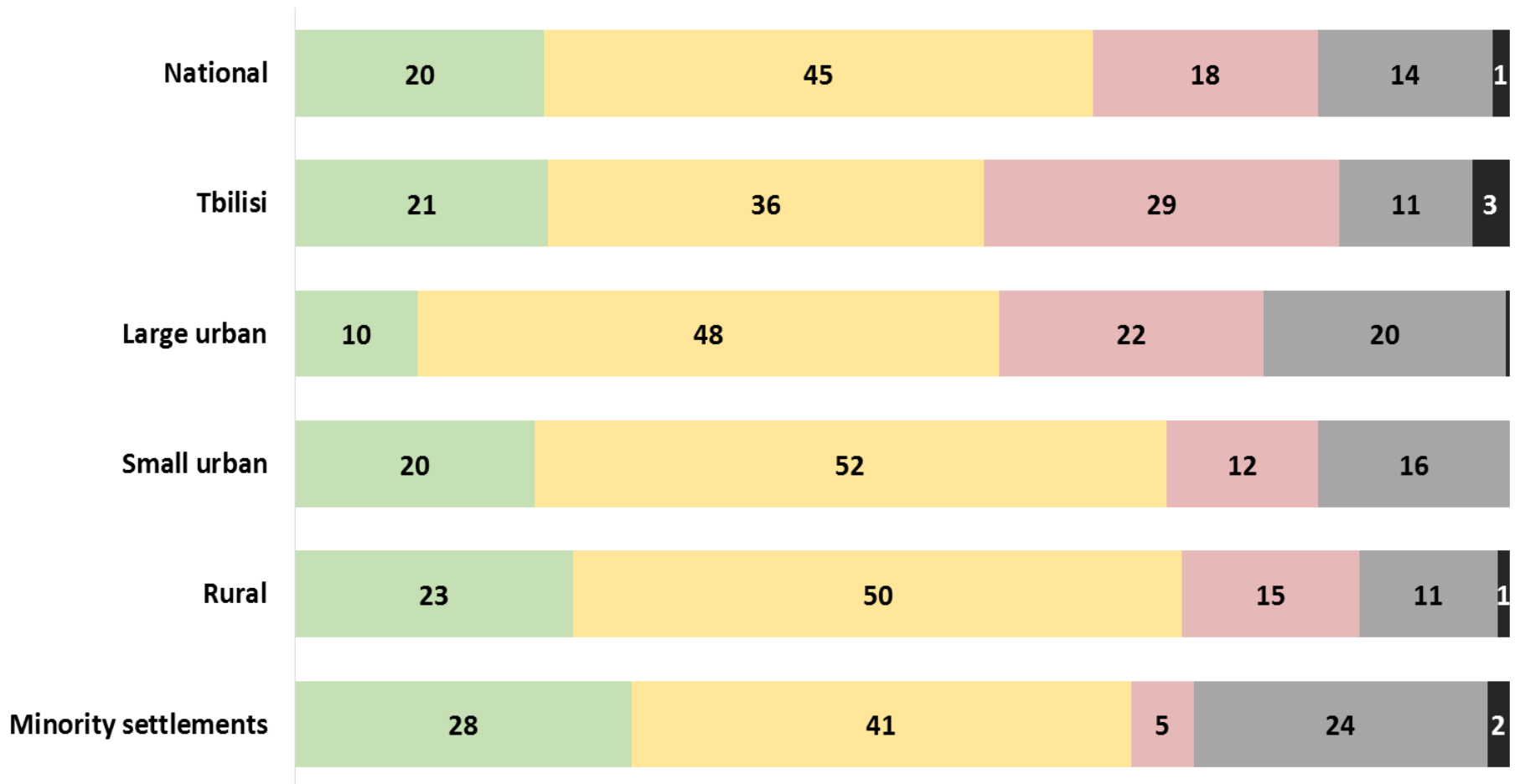
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the performance of Sakrebulo? (q10 X Settlement)

Satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Dissatisfied DK RA



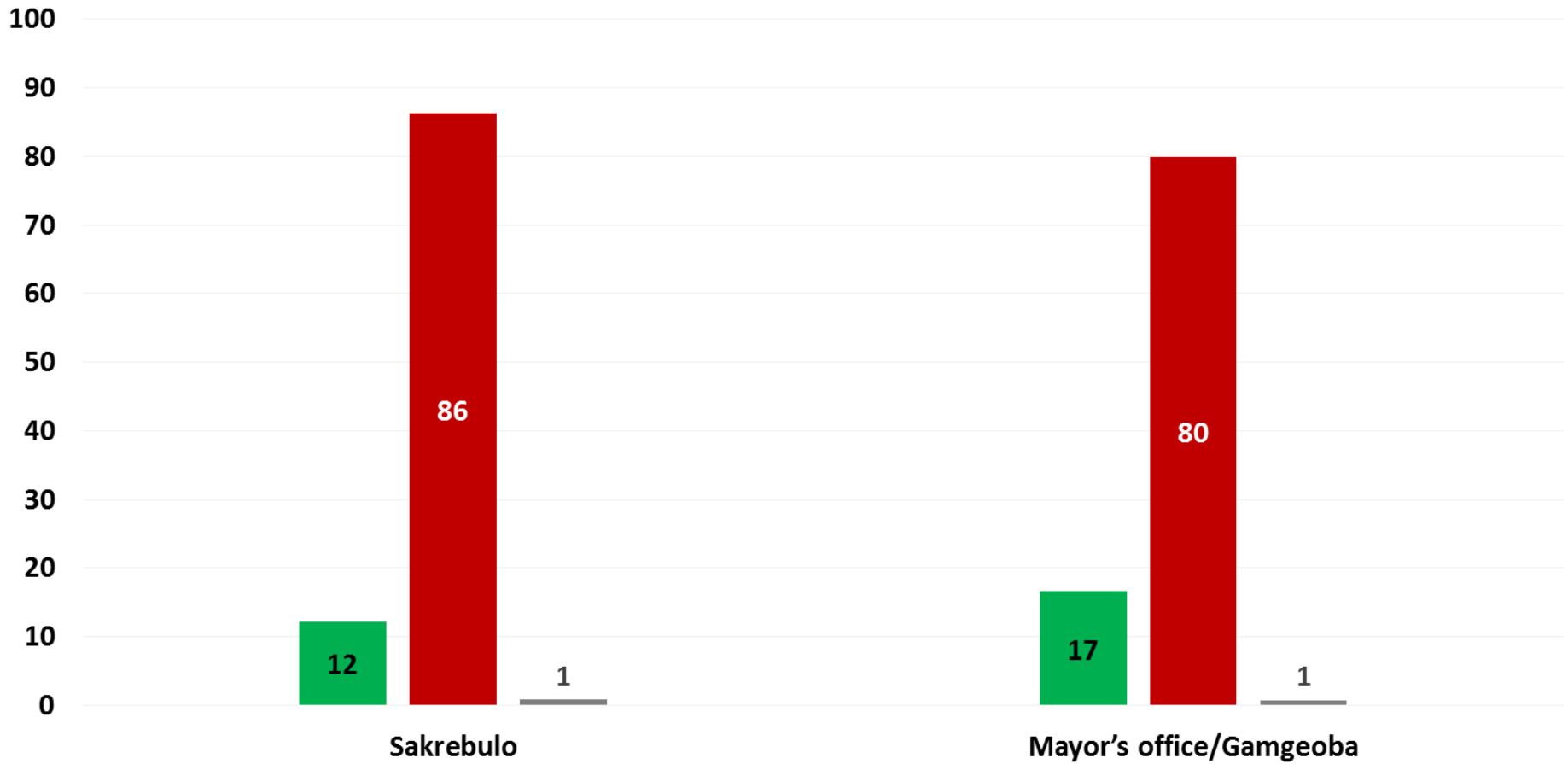
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the performance of Mayor's office/Gamgeoba? (q10 X Settlement)

Satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Dissatisfied DK RA



In the past 12 months have you interacted with the following institutions? (q9)

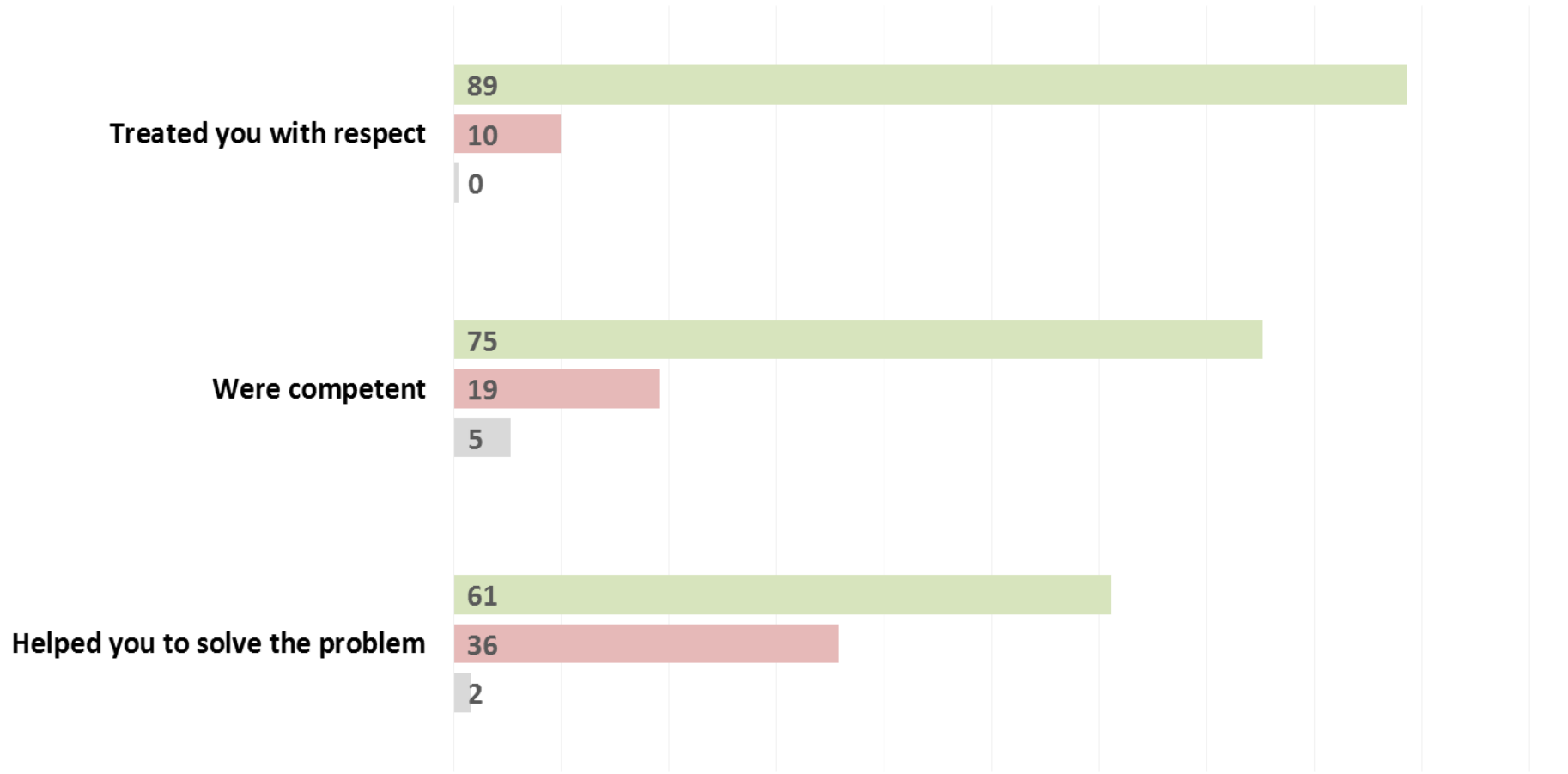
Yes No DK



People working in the local government ... (q11) - of the 22% who has interacted with Sakrebulo or Mayor's office/Gamgeoba

Agree Disagree DK

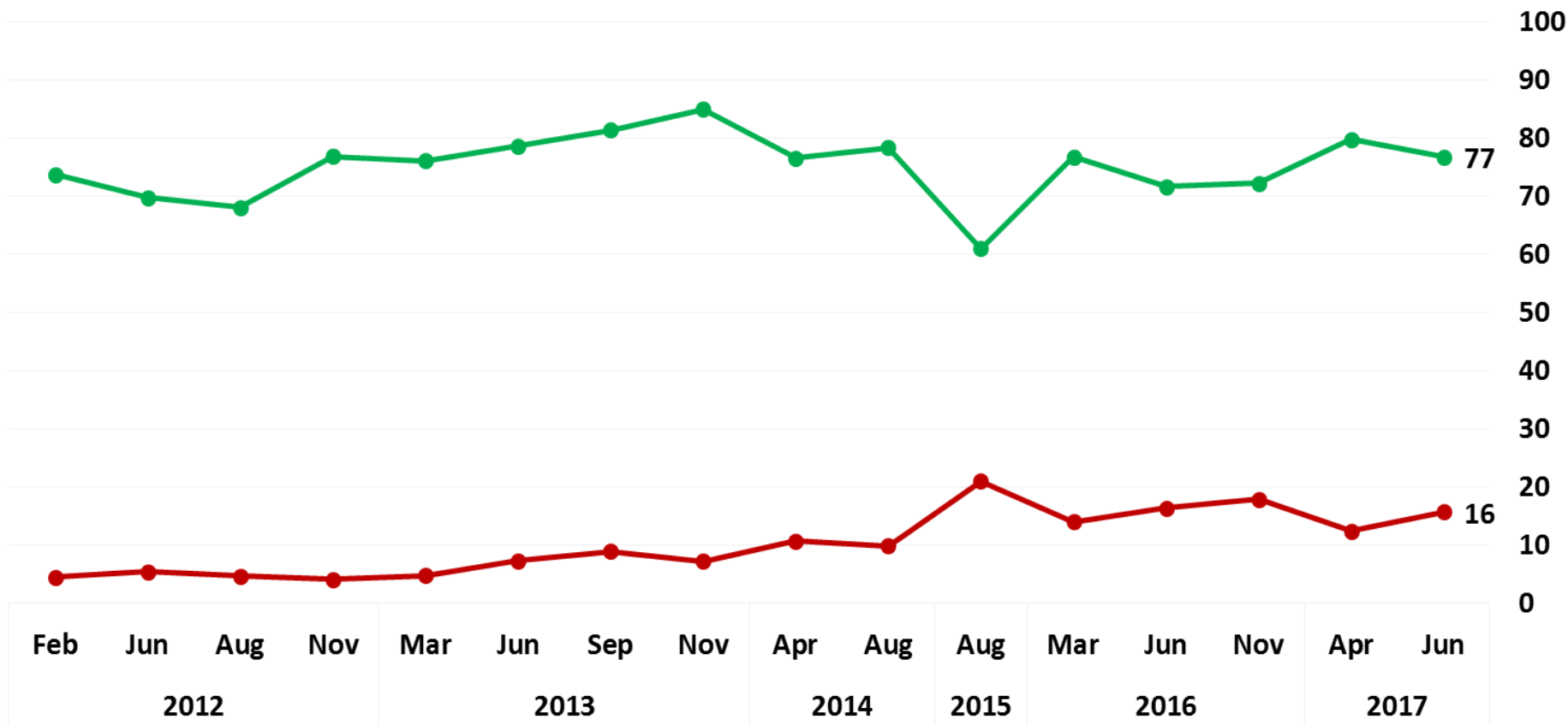
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FOREIGN POLICY

Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q15)

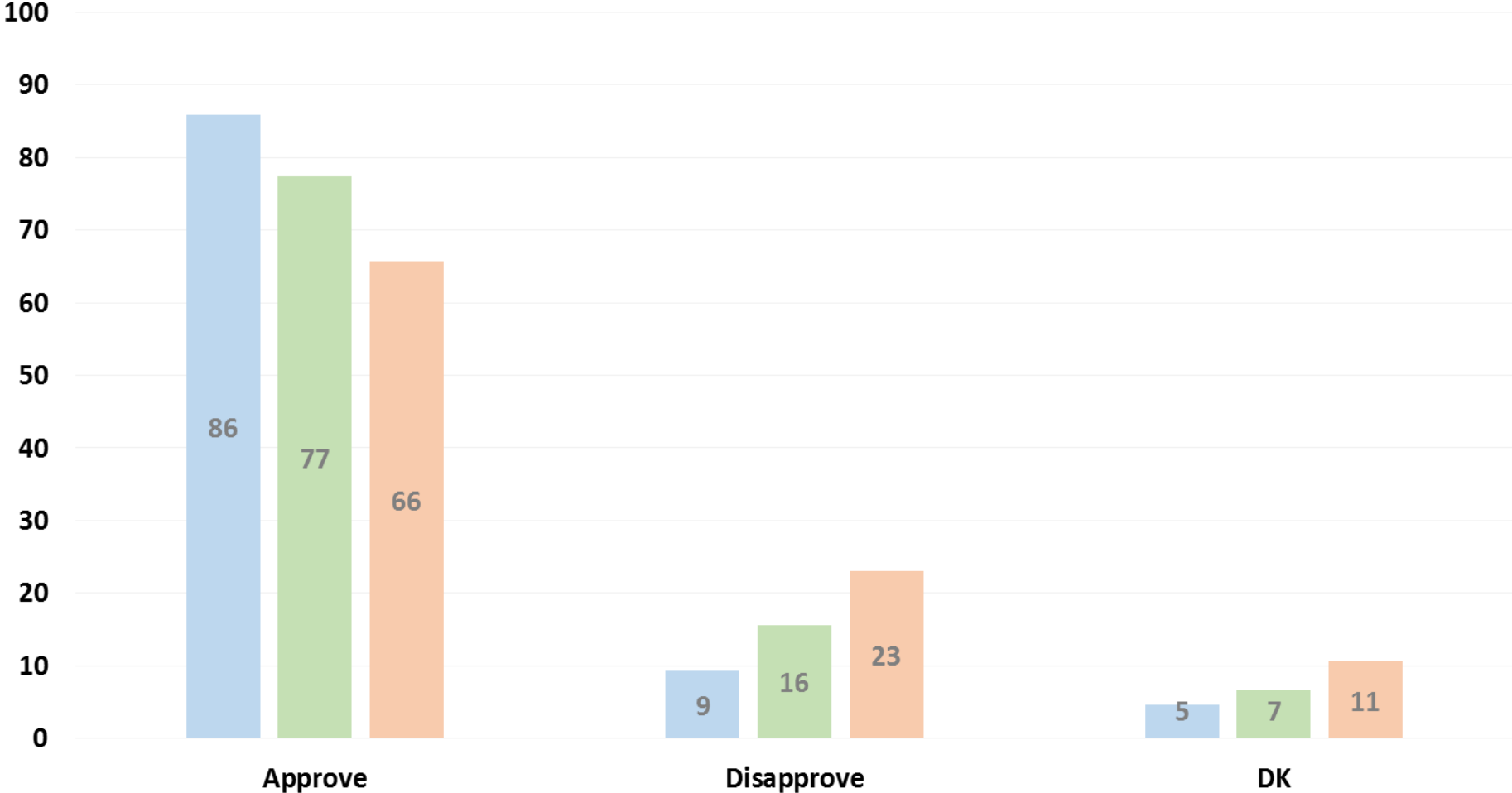
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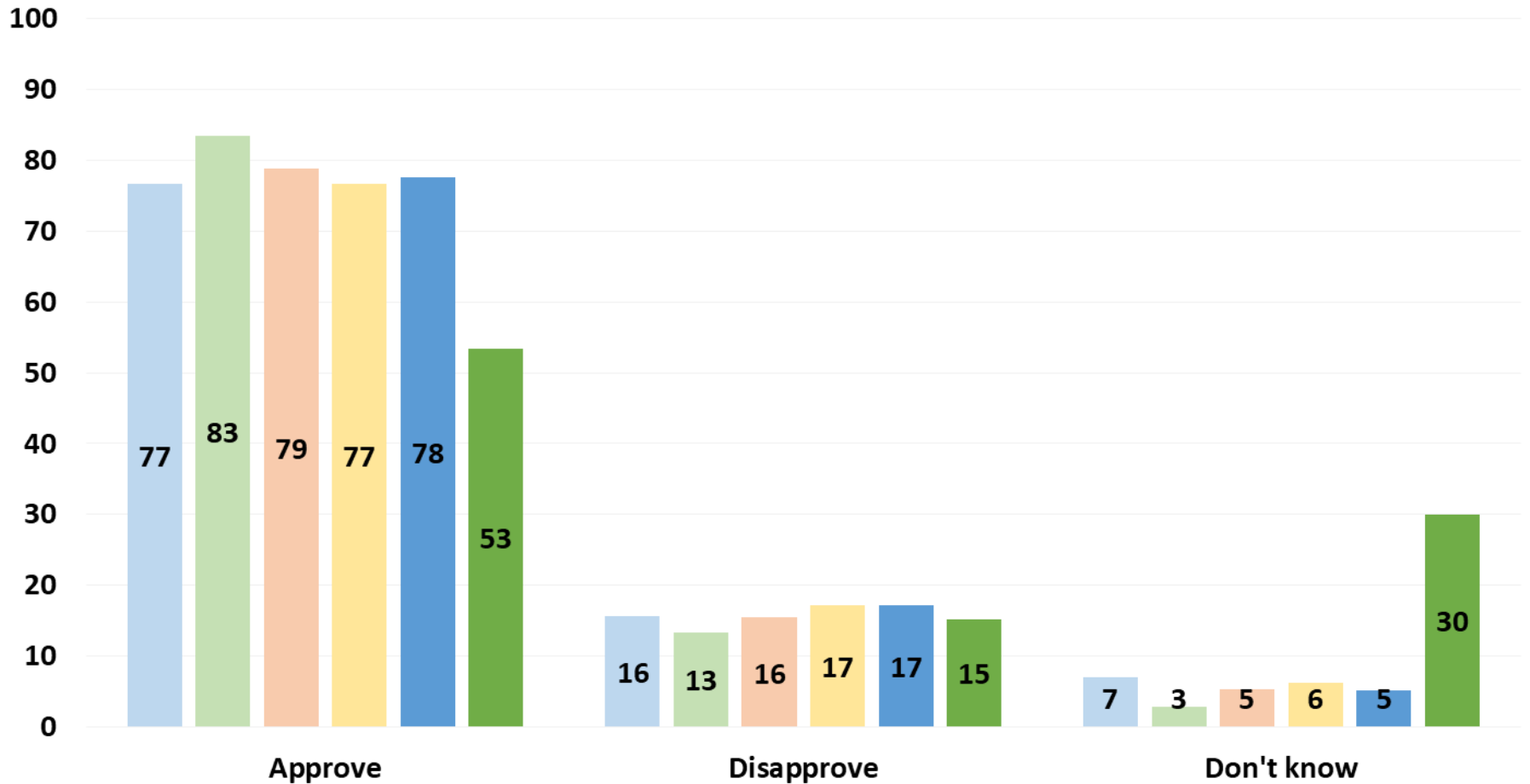
Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the EU? (q15 X Age)

18-35 36-55 56+



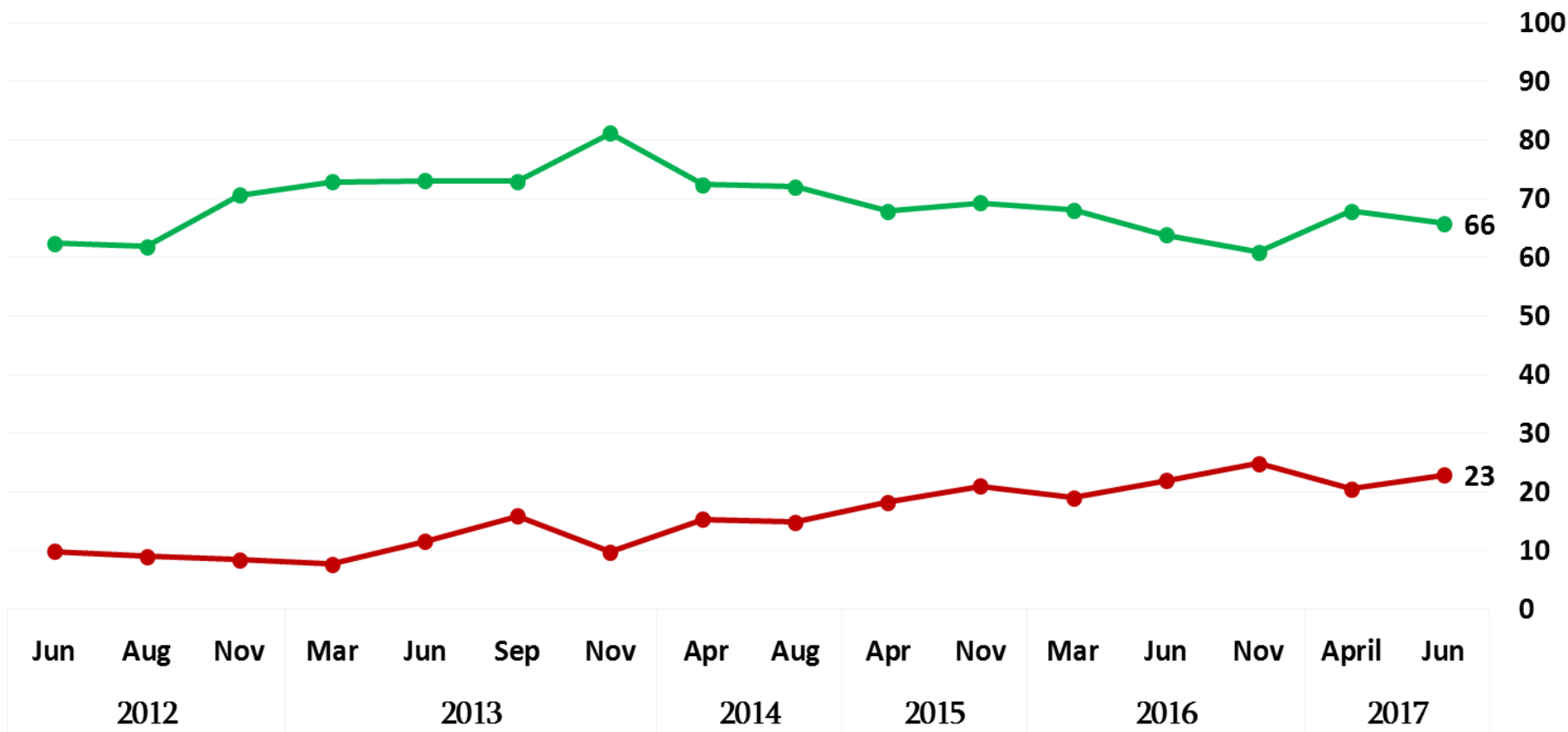
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National Capital Large Urban Small Urban Rural Minority settlements



Do you approve or disapprove of Georgian government's stated goal to join the NATO? (q16)

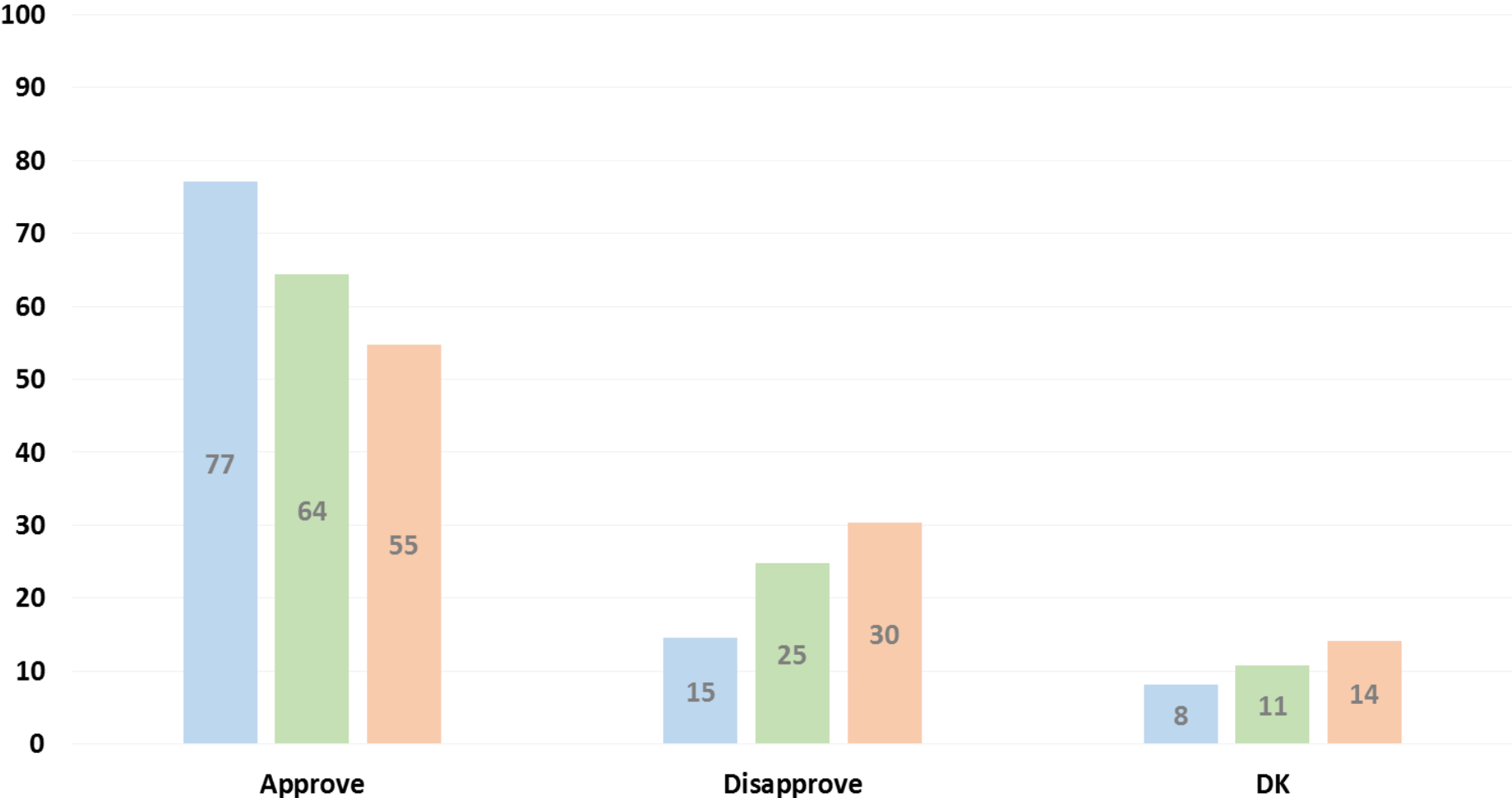
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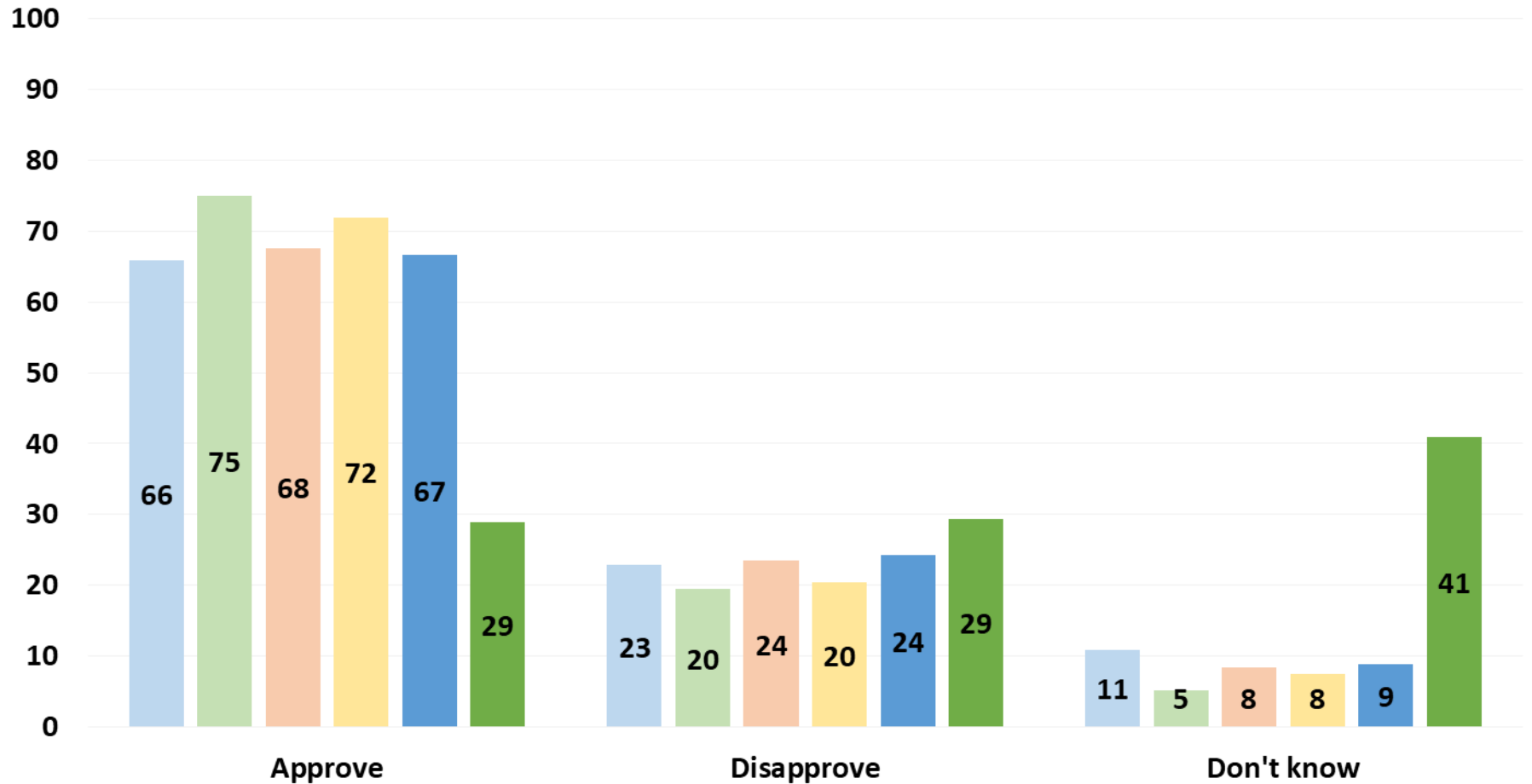
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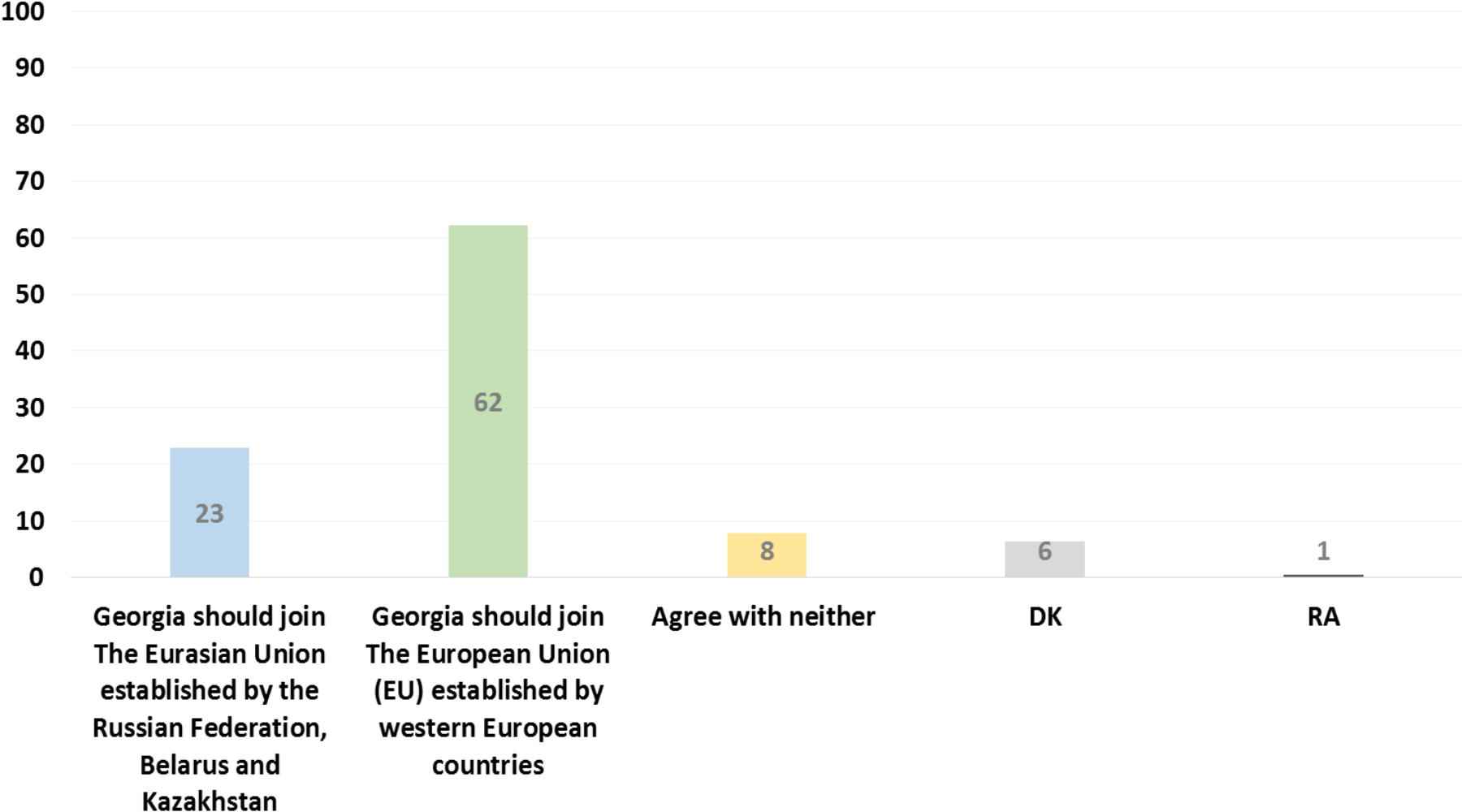


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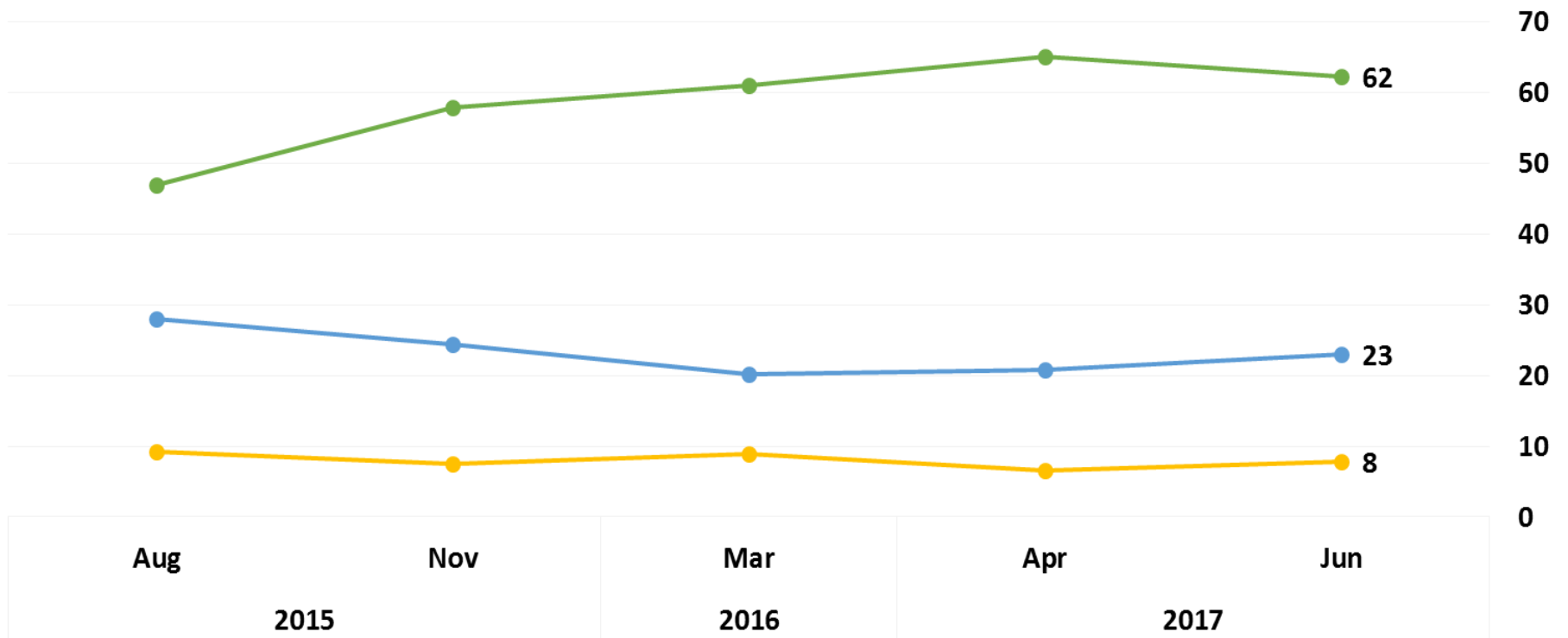


Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q17)



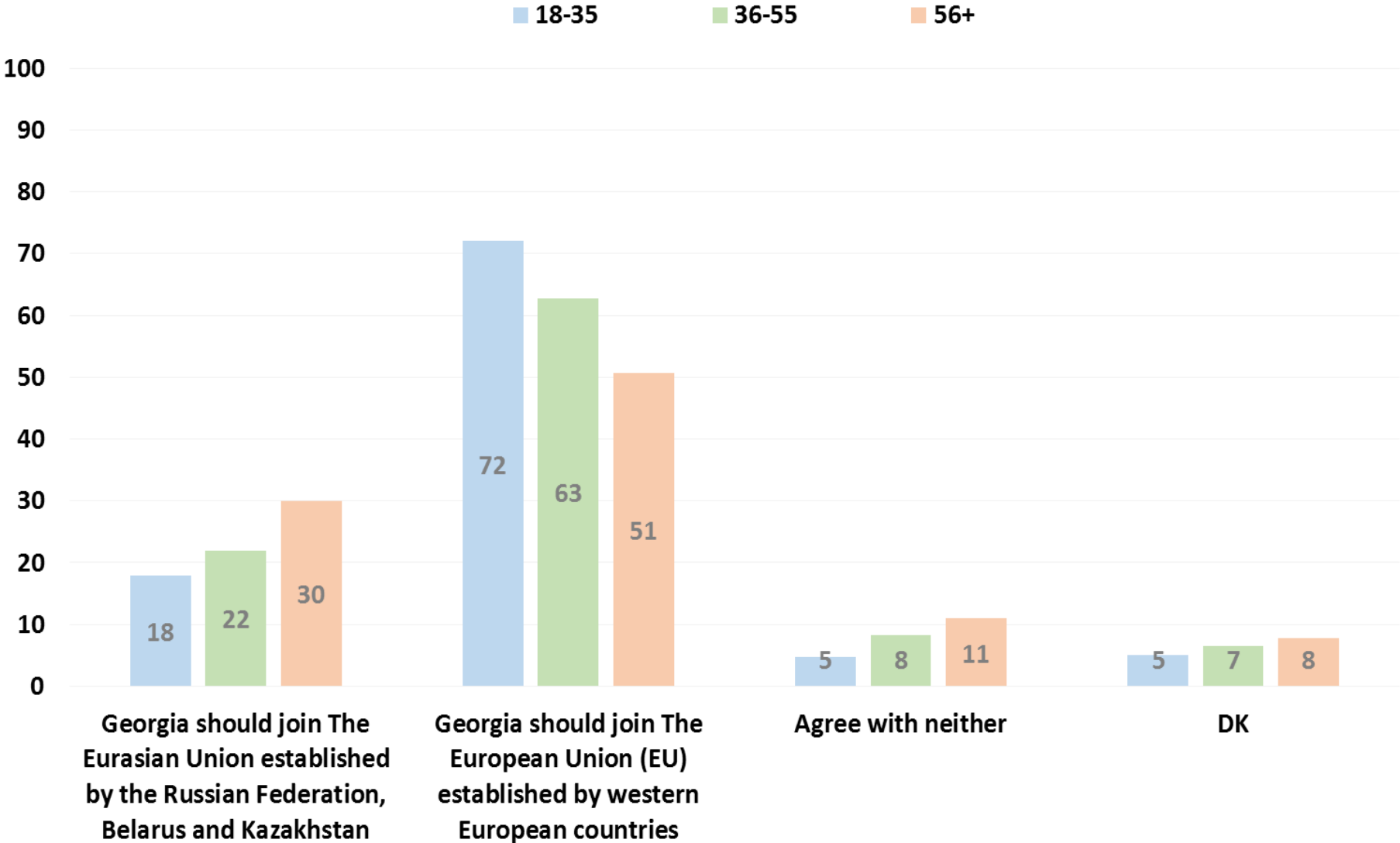
Which of the following statements do you agree with? (q17)

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



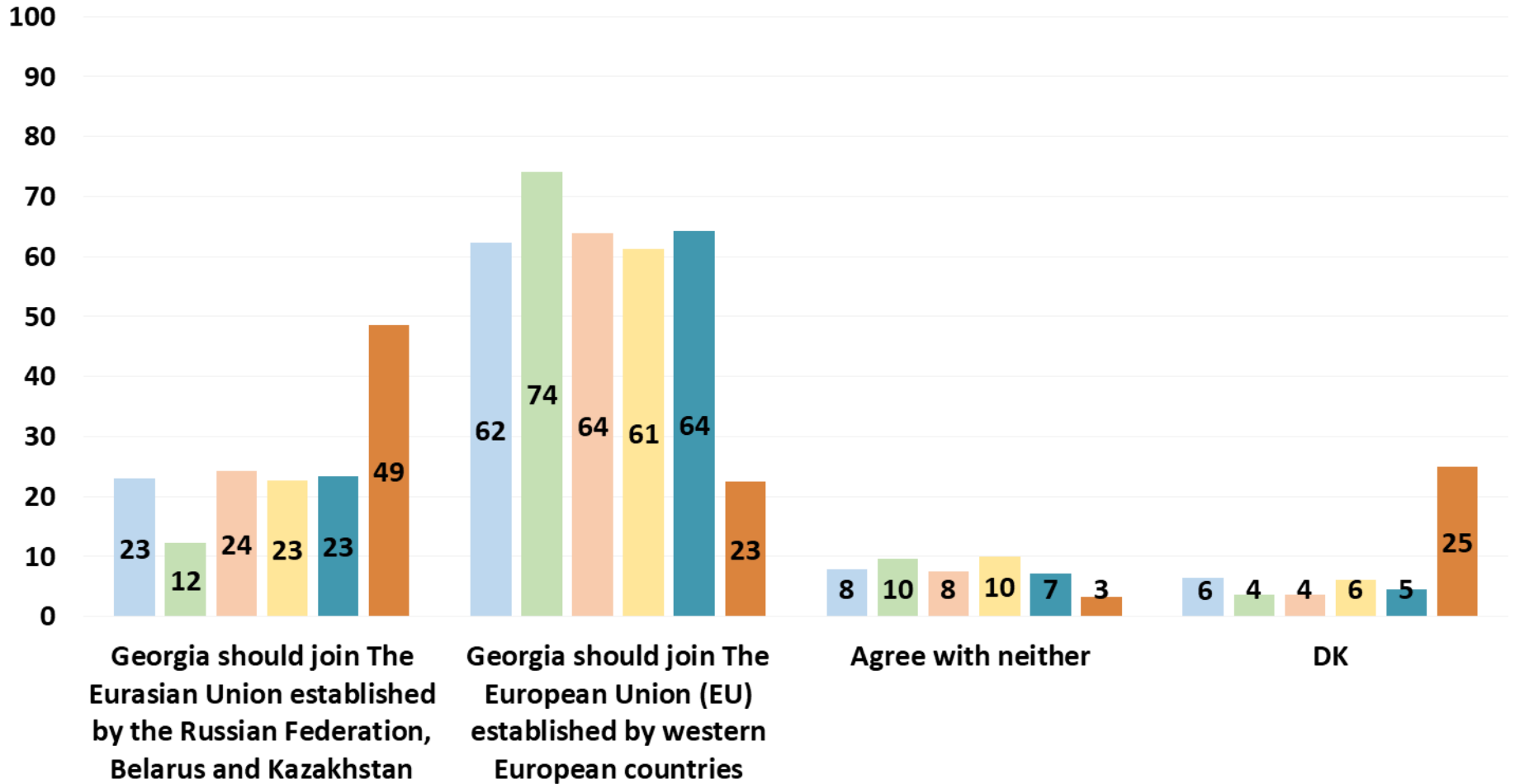
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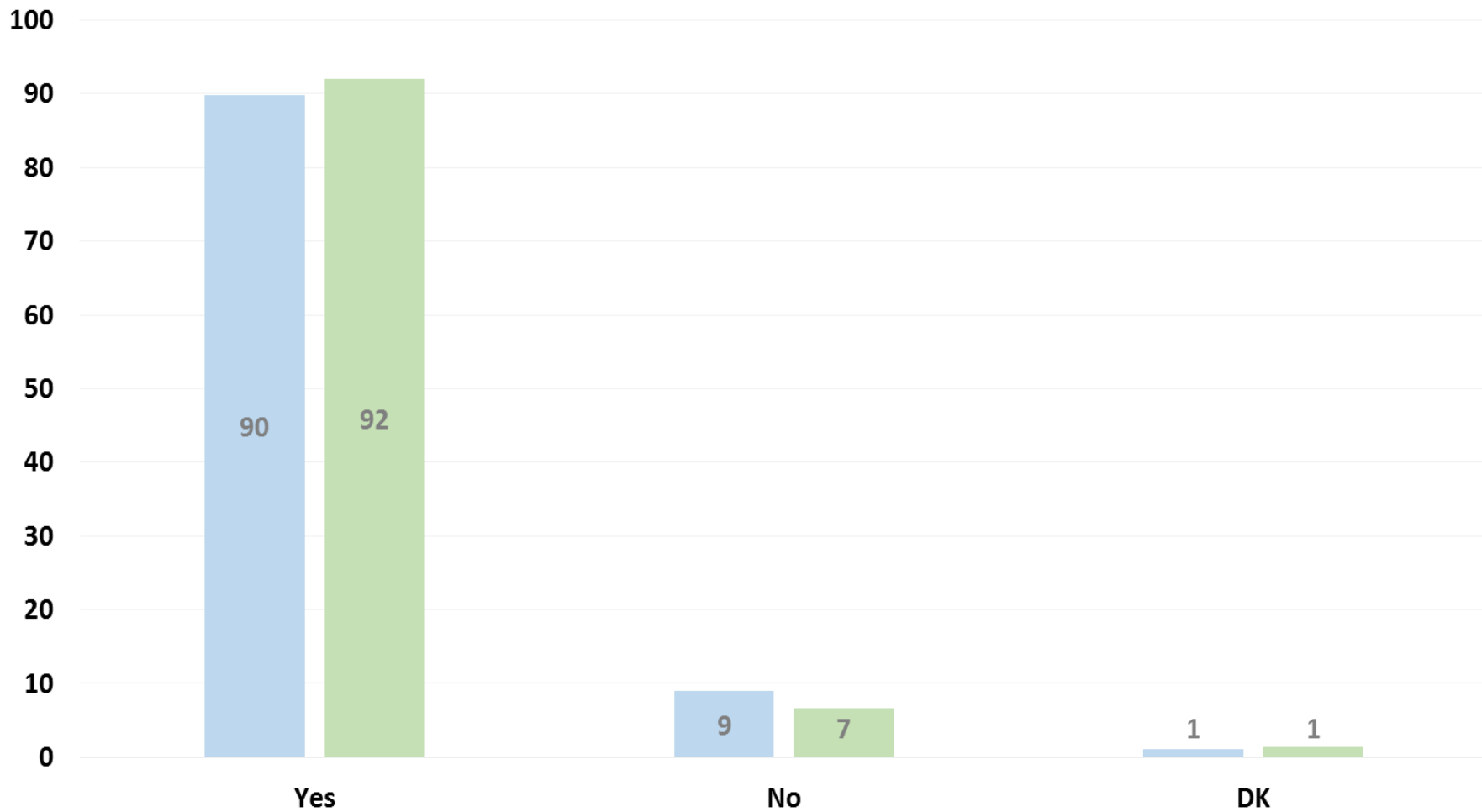
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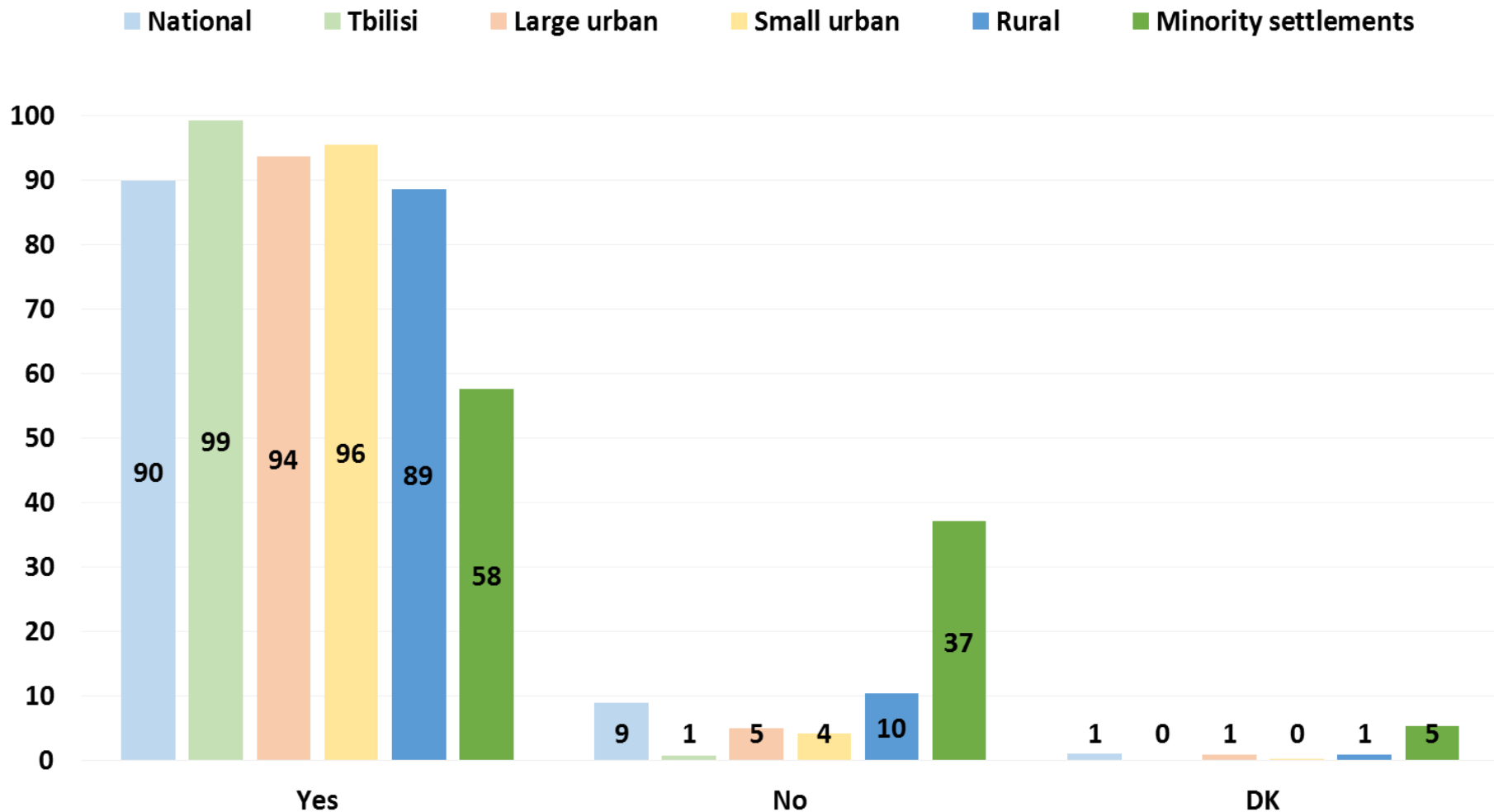
Have you heard about the visa liberalization for Georgian citizens traveling to most of the EU member countries? (q18)

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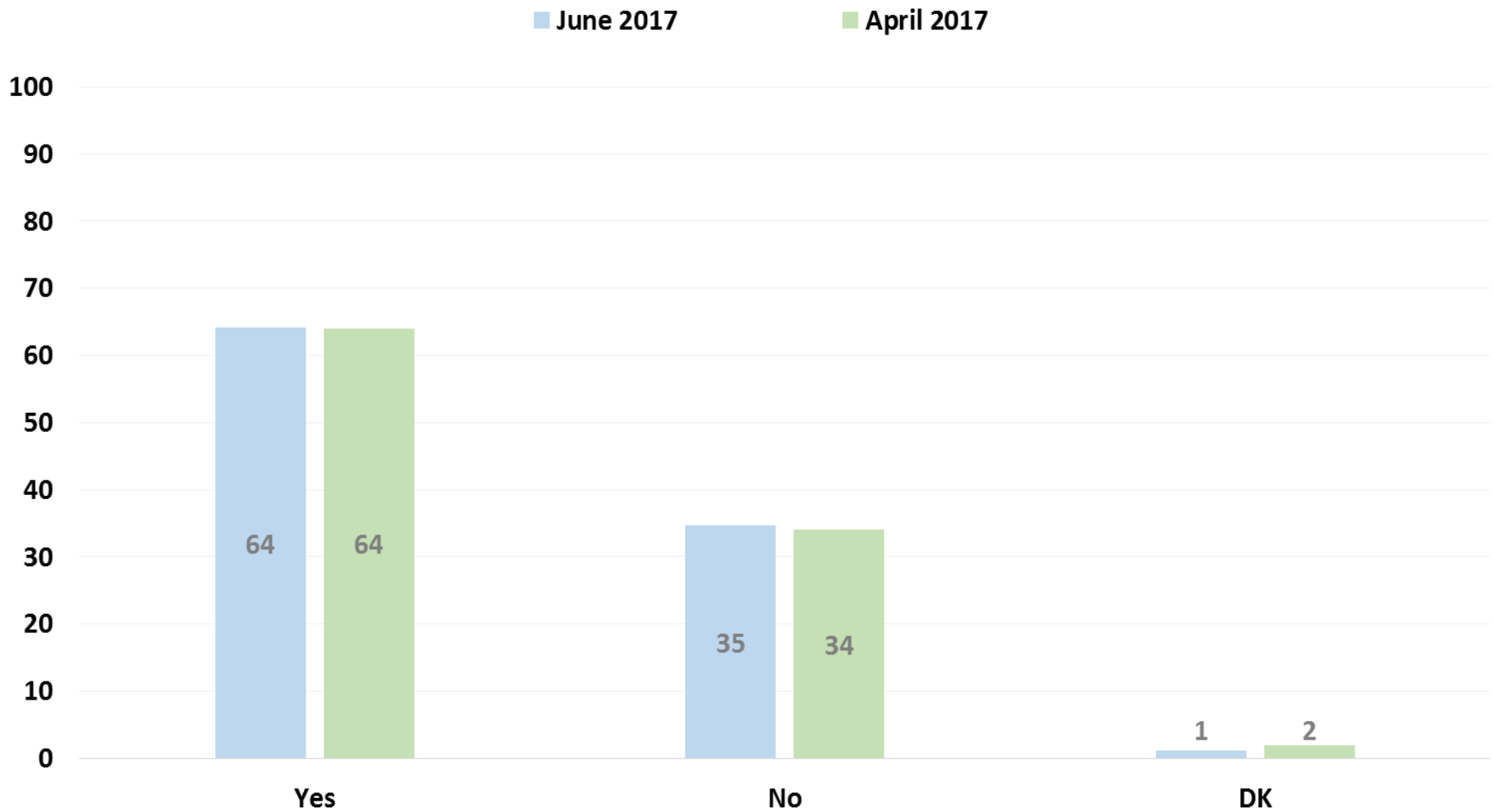
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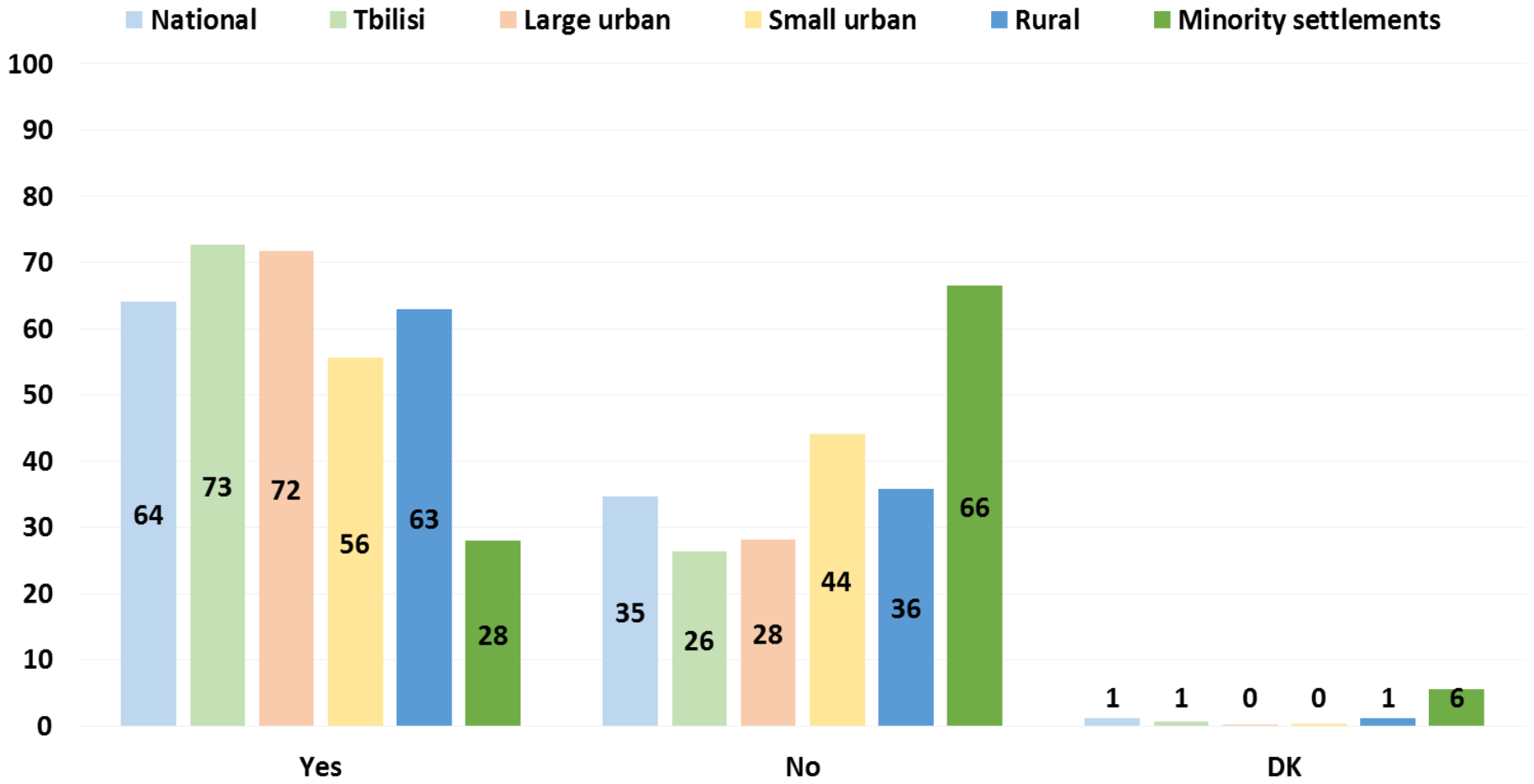
Have you heard about the visa liberalization for Georgian citizens traveling to most of the EU member countries? (q18 X Settlement)



If yes, do you feel you have enough information about the procedures/rules of Visa free travel? (q19) - of those who have heard about the visa liberalization for Georgian citizens



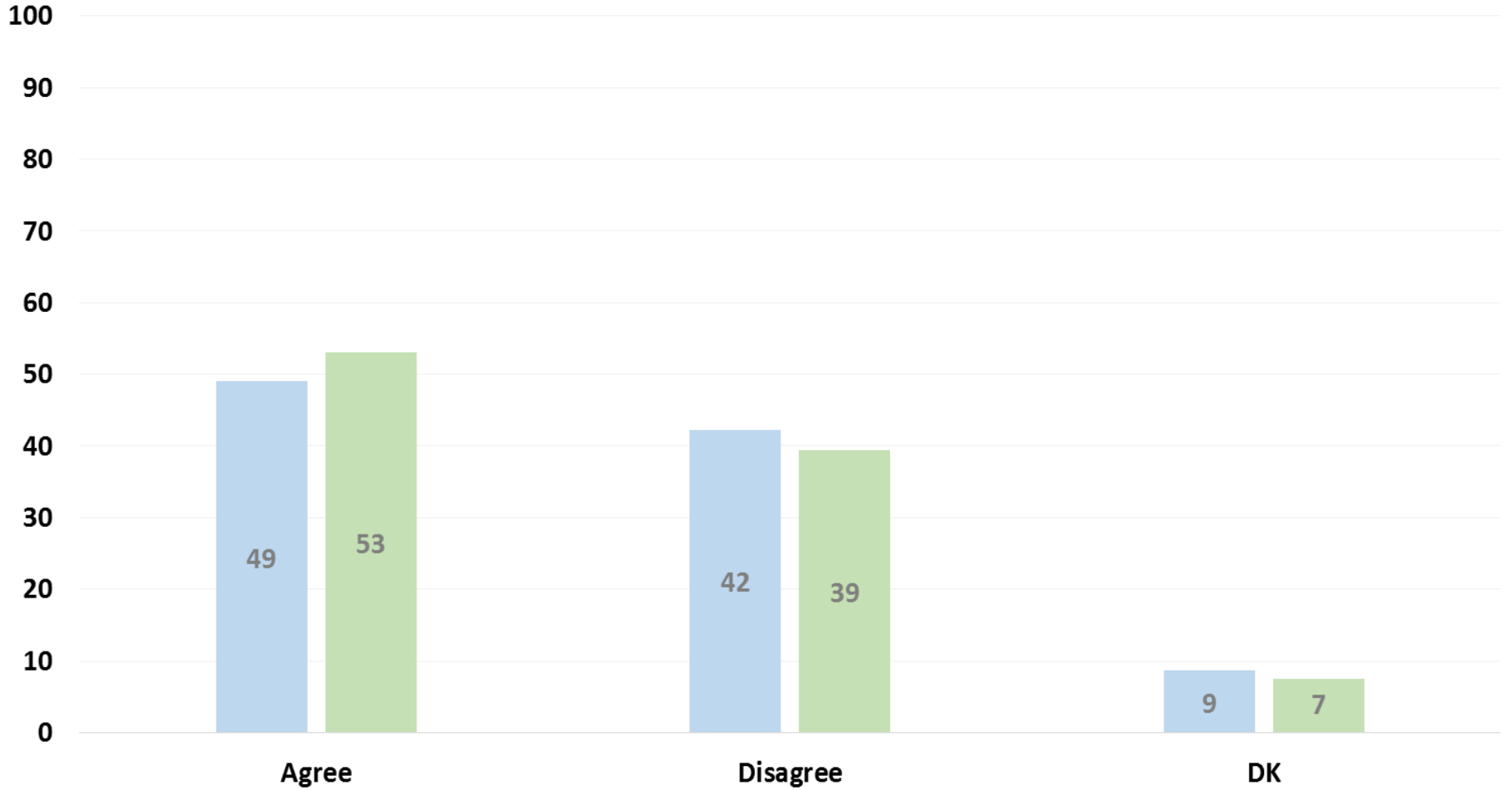
If yes, do you feel you have enough information about the procedures/rules of Visa free travel? (q19 X Settlement) - of those who have heard about the visa liberalization for Georgian citizens



Do you agree or disagree that Visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q20)

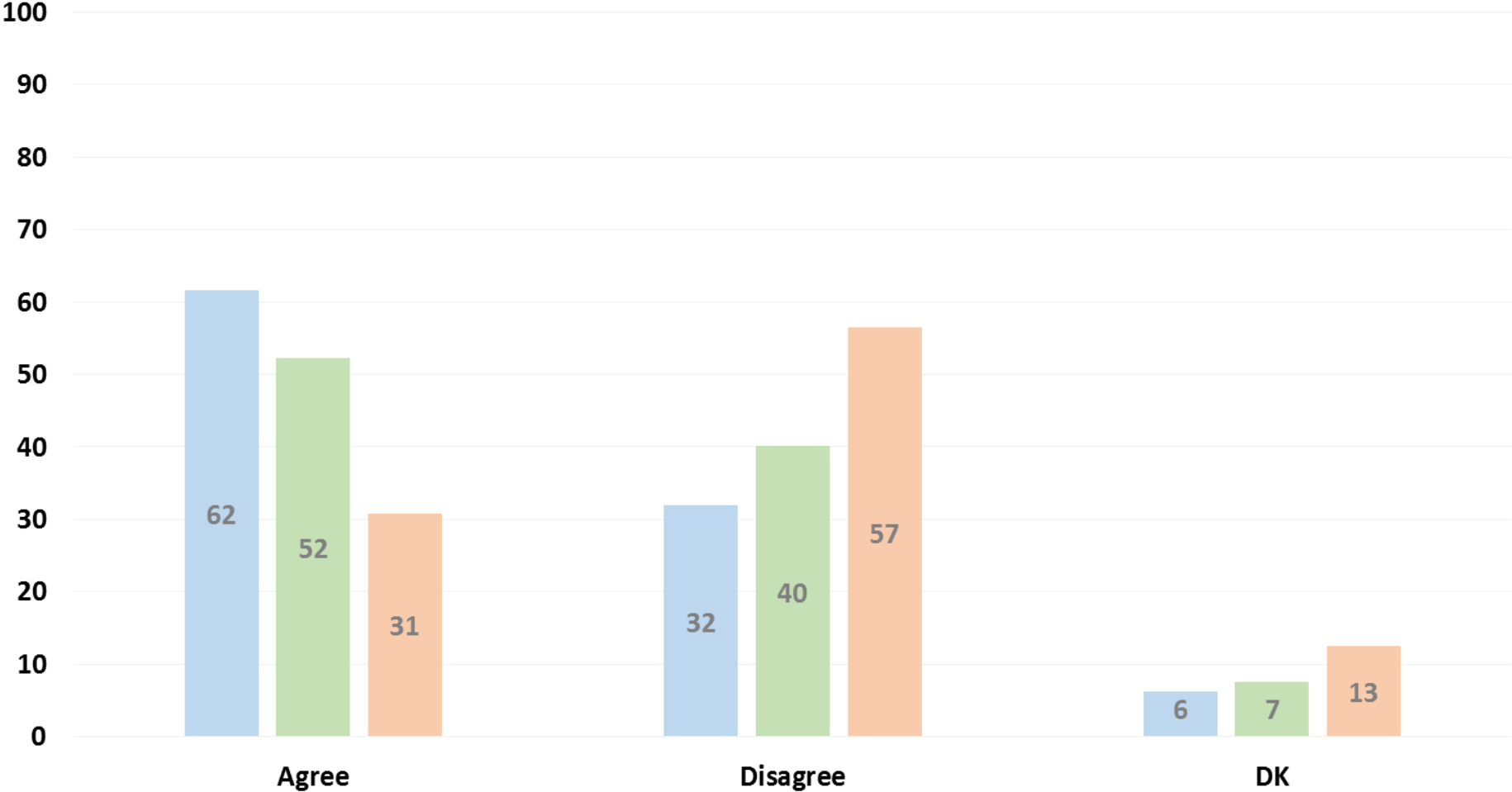
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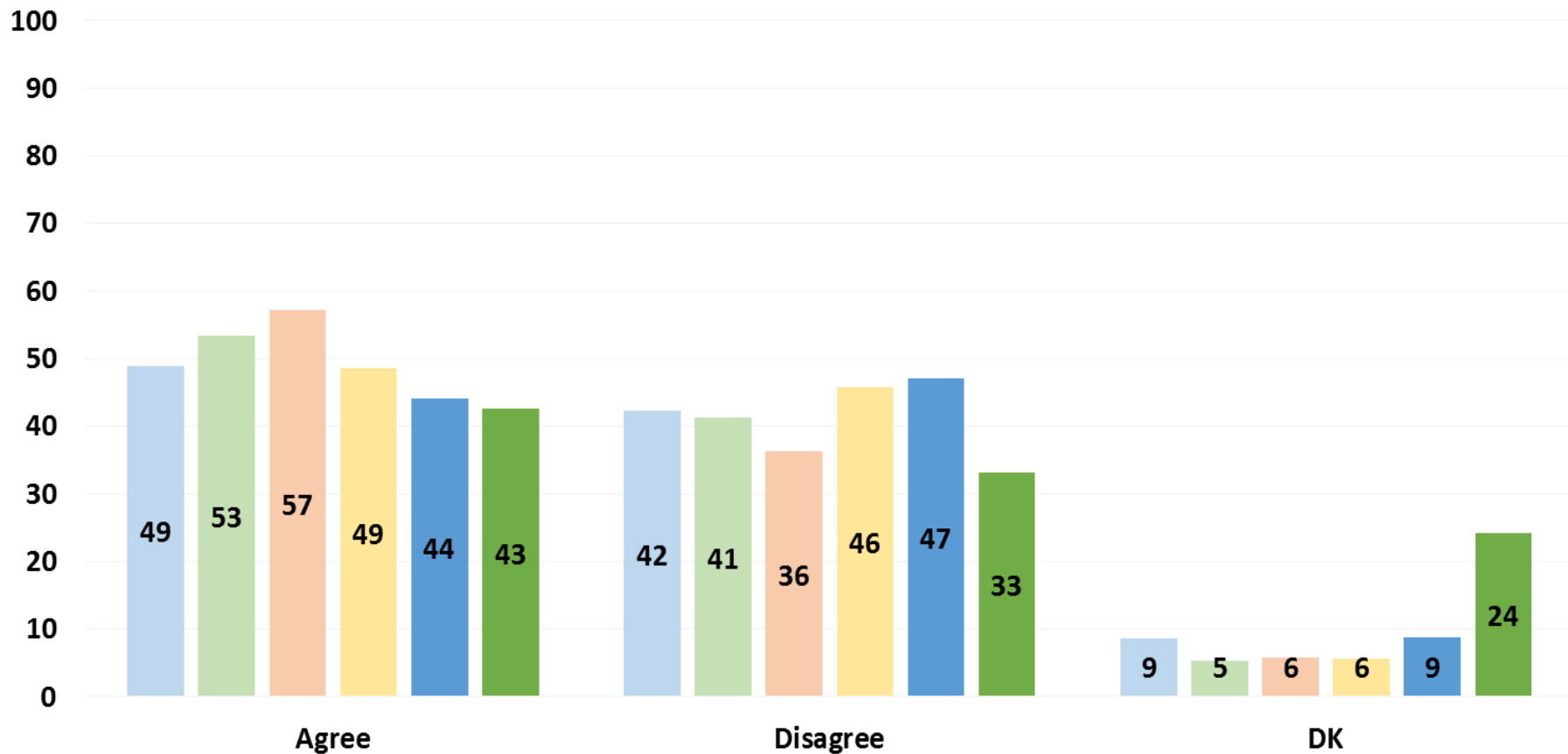
Do you agree or disagree that Visa free travel will benefit people like you? (q20 X Age)

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CURRENT EVENTS AND REFORMS

Thinking about labor rights in Georgia, do you agree or disagree that generally speaking, in Georgia ...? (q45)

Agree Disagree DK

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Most of the time the courts favor employers interests over employee rights in disputes between the citizen and the employer



Labor rights are well protected in the state agencies



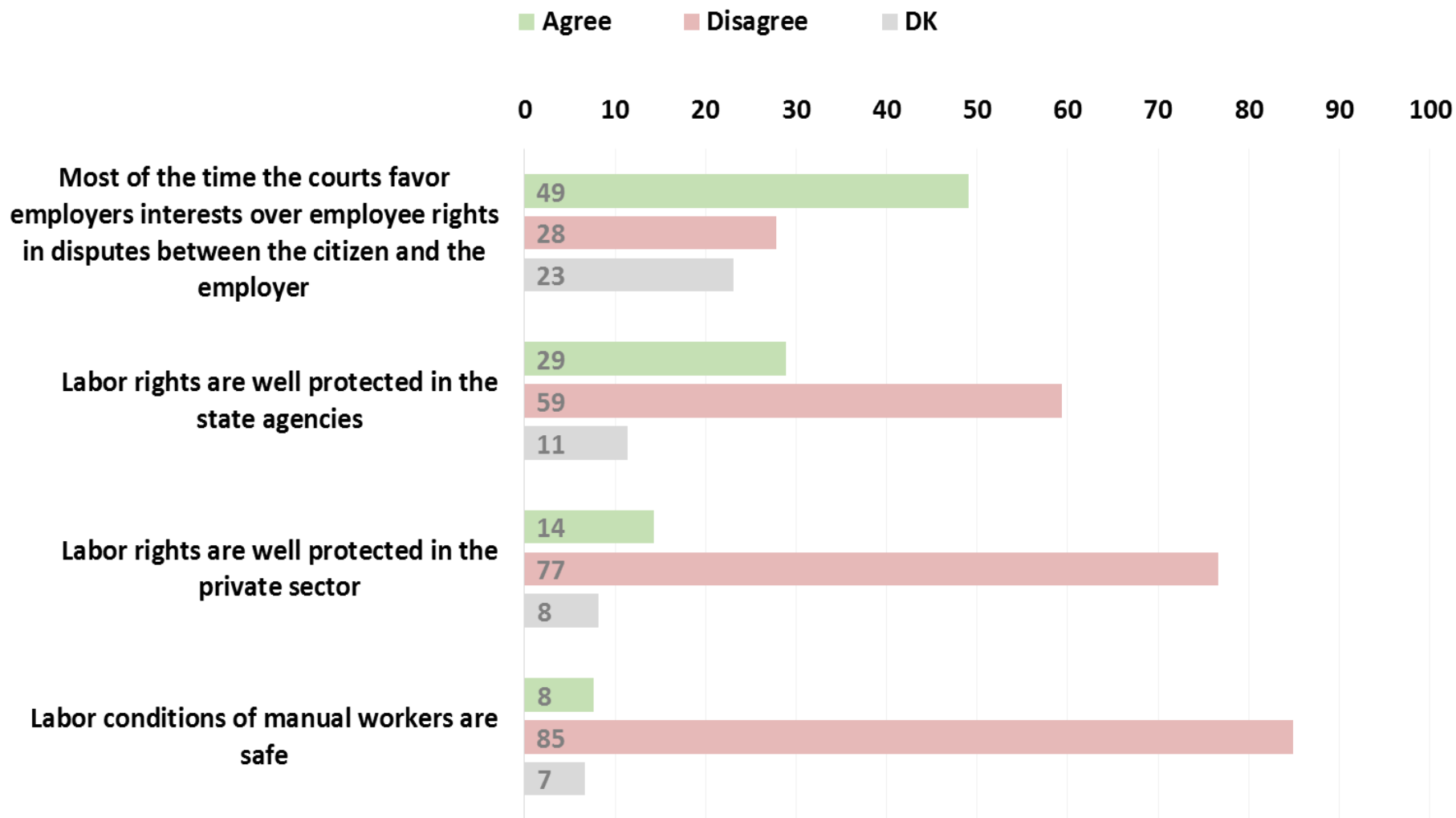
Labor rights are well protected in the private sector



Labor conditions of manual workers are safe



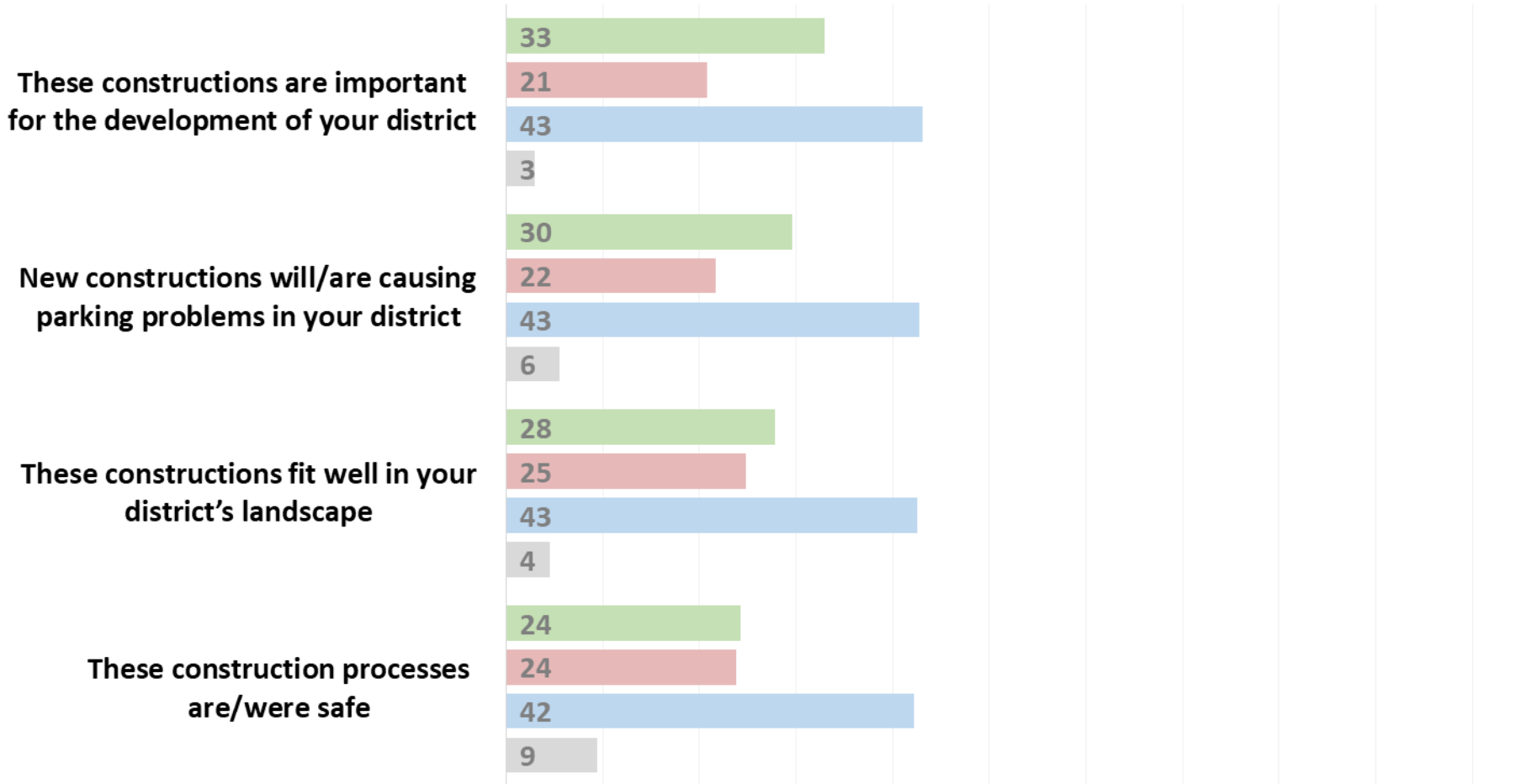
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Thinking about recent constructions in your neighborhood, do you agree or disagree that ...? (q46) Asked only in cities

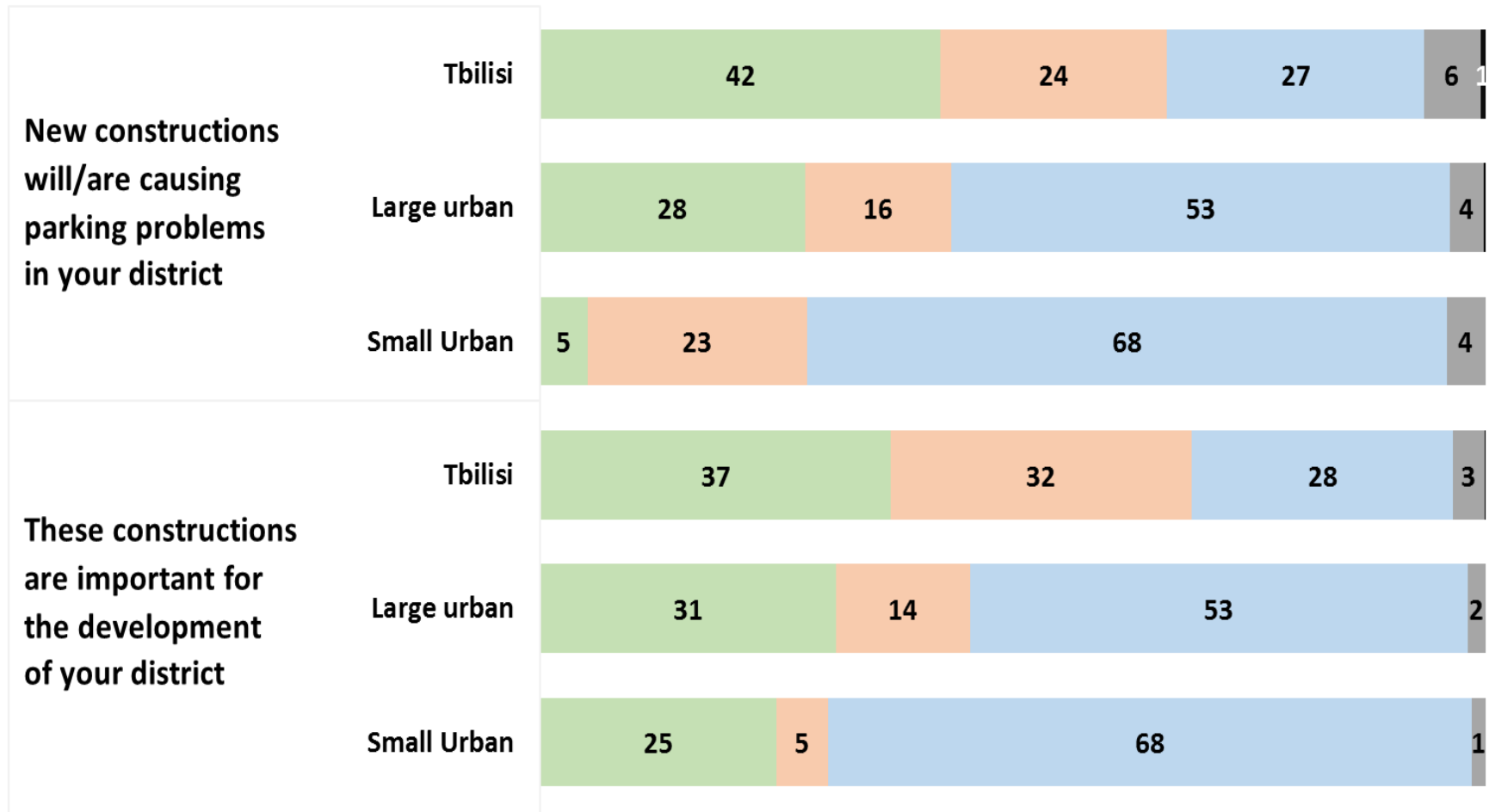
Agree Disagree Not applicable/No constructions DK

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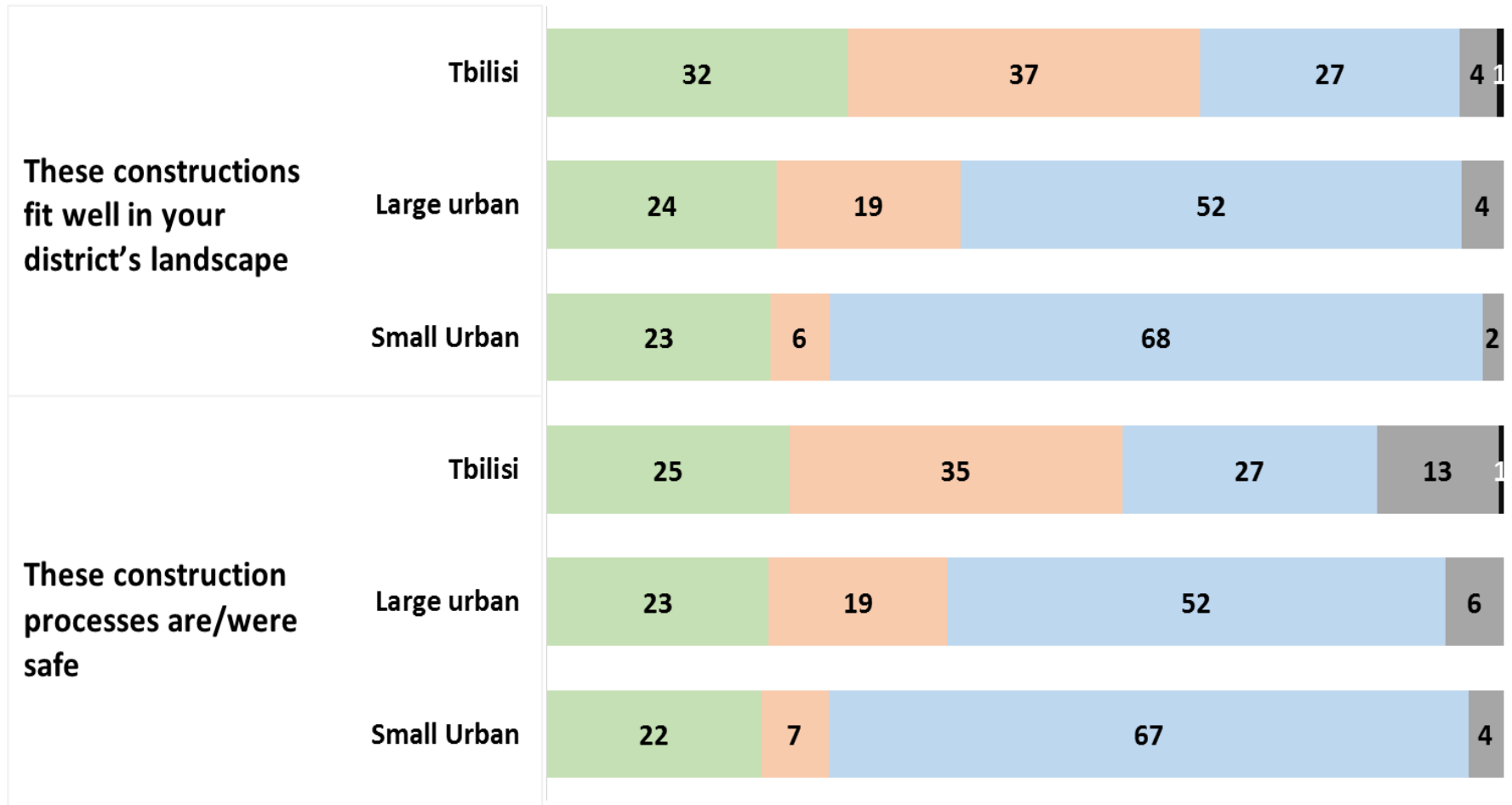
Thinking about recent constructions in your neighborhood, do you agree or disagree that ...? (q46 X Settlement) Part 1

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

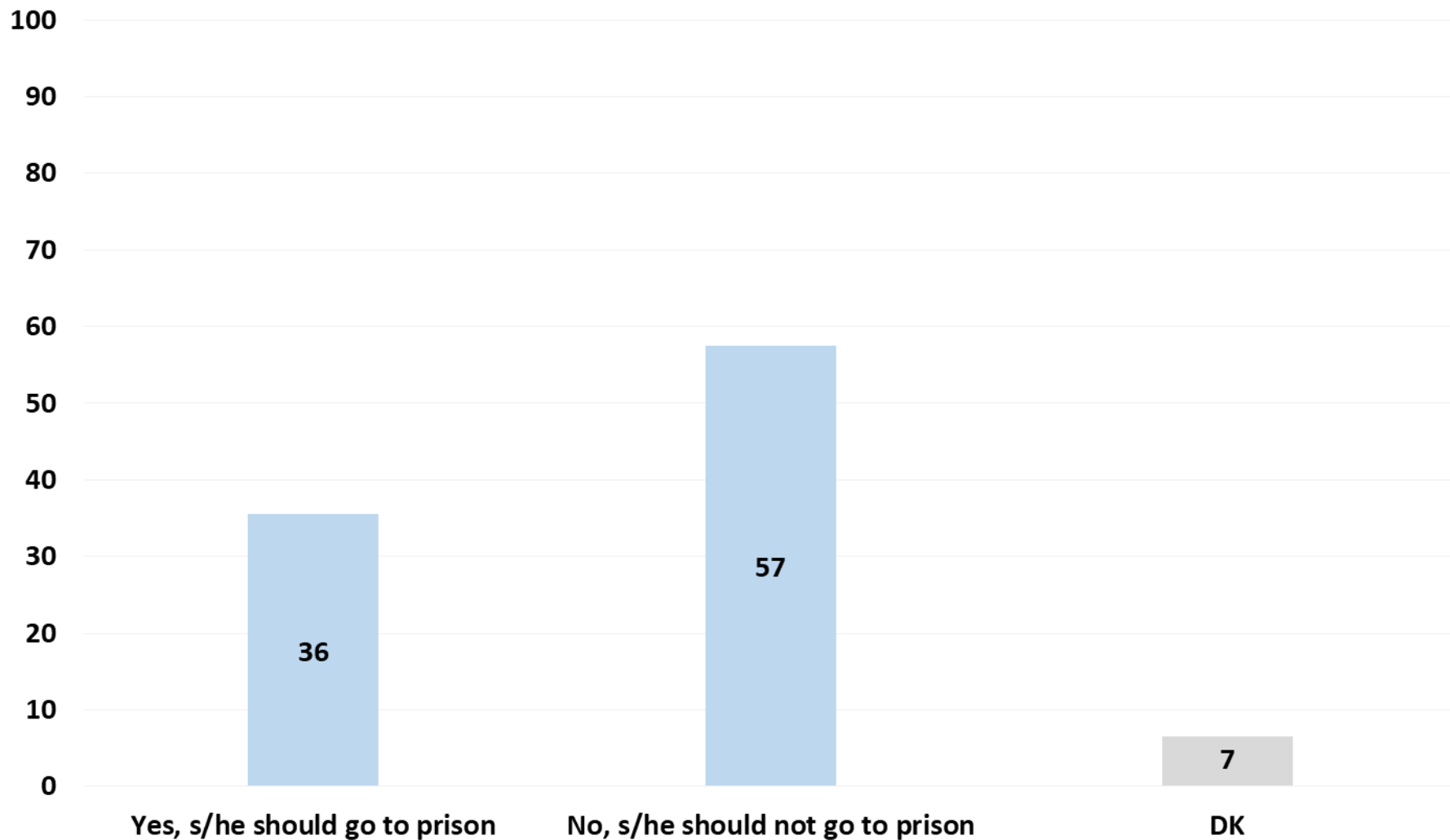


Thinking about recent constructions in your neighborhood, do you agree or disagree that ...? (q46 X Settlement) Part 2

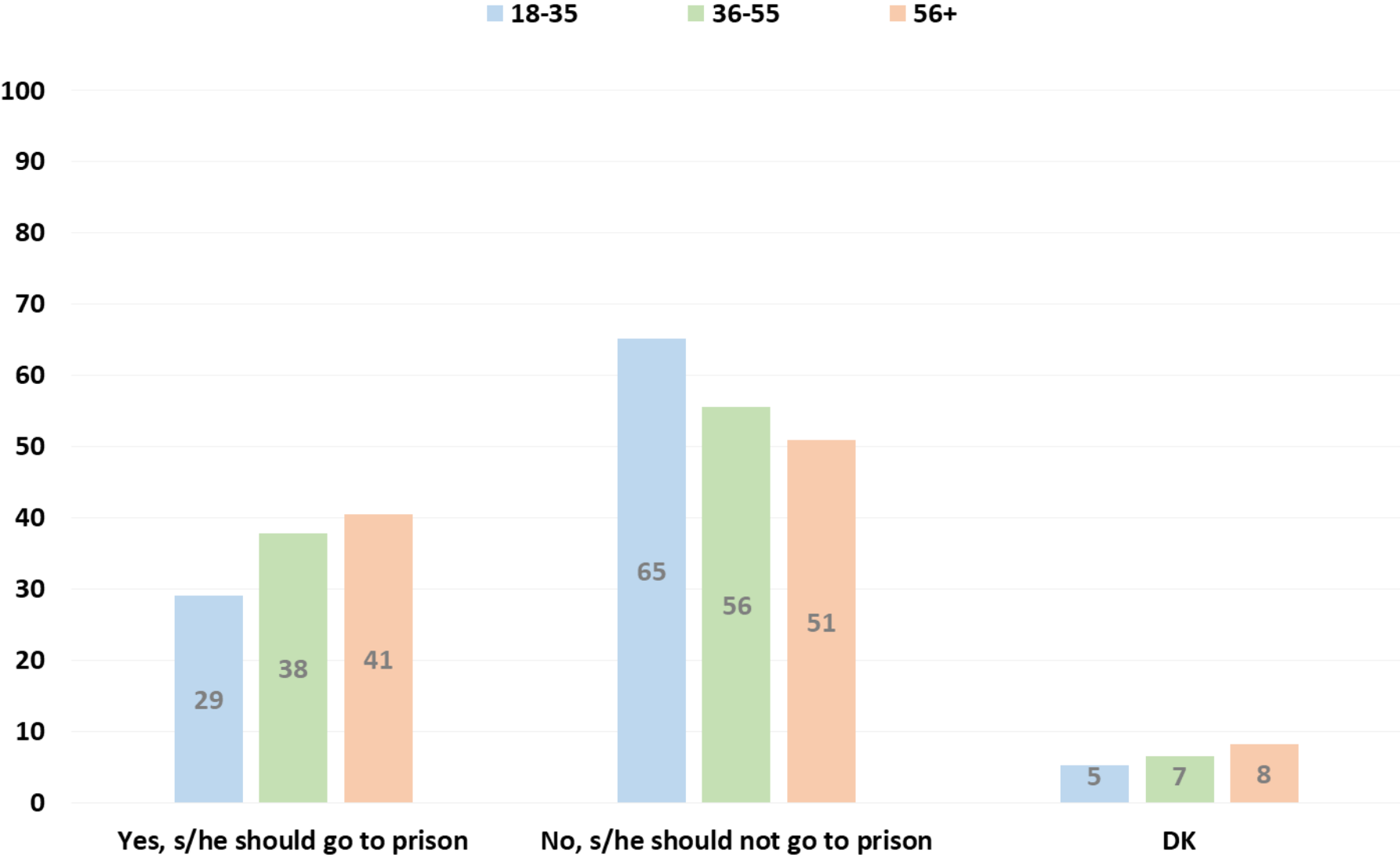
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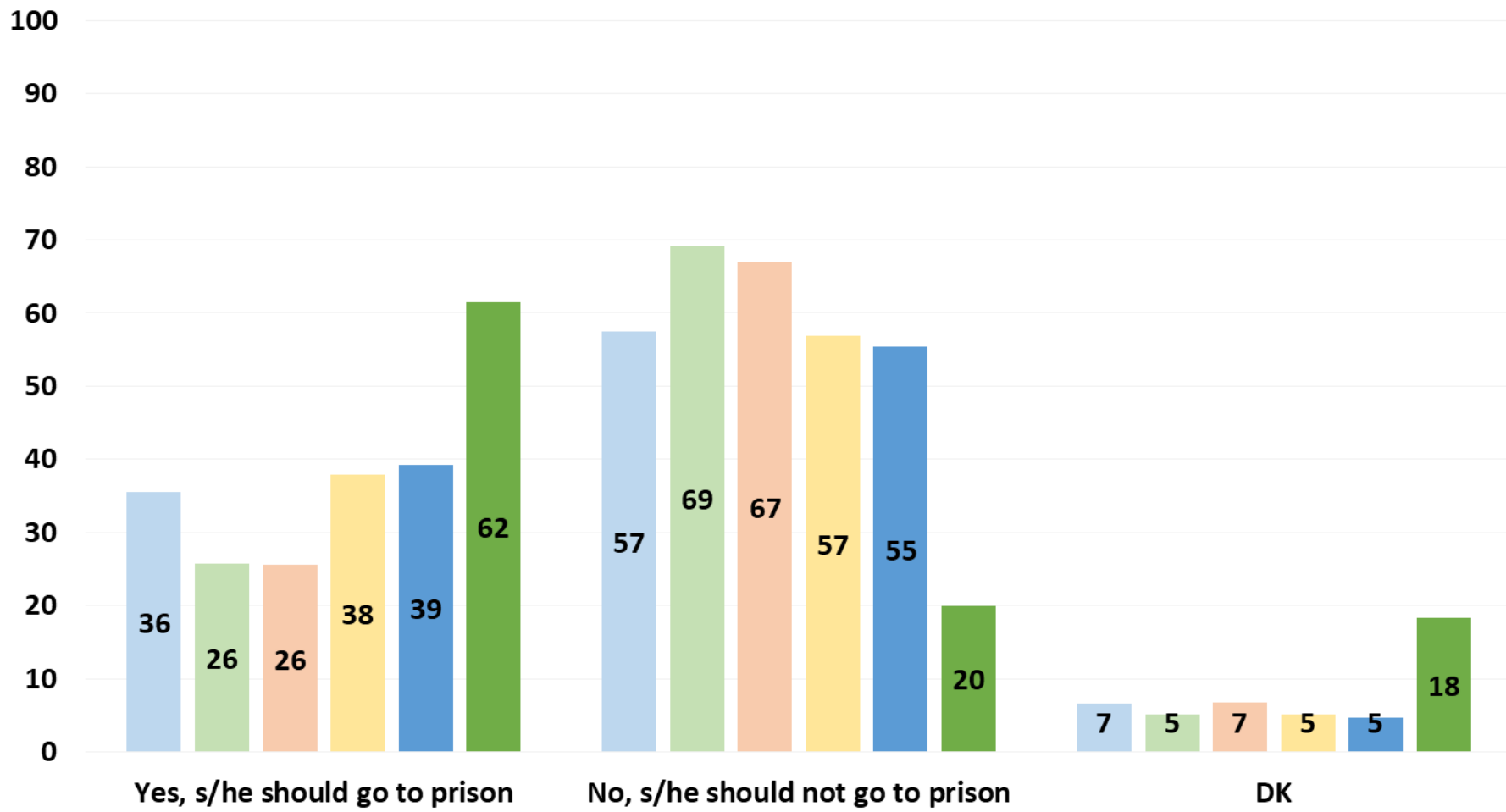


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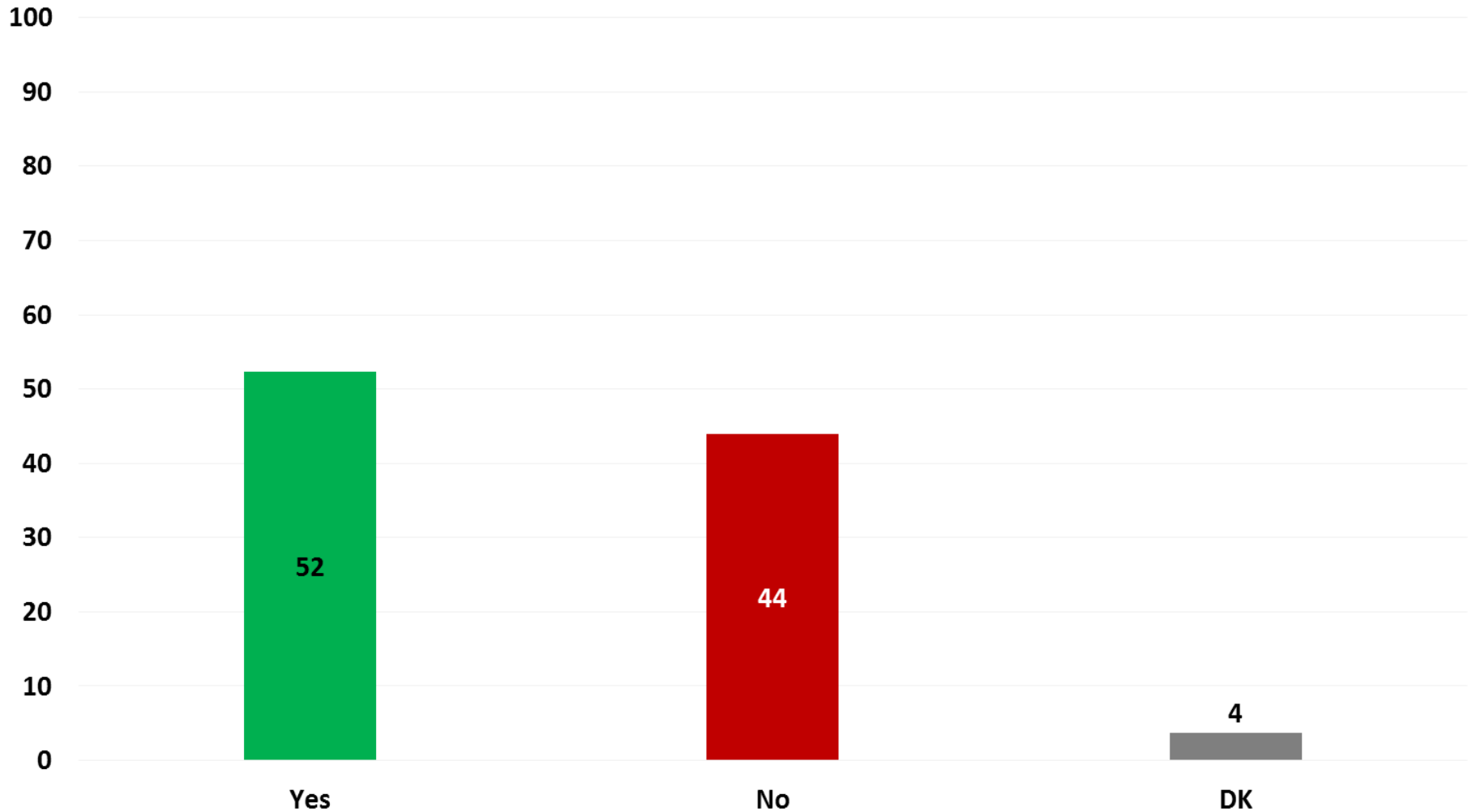


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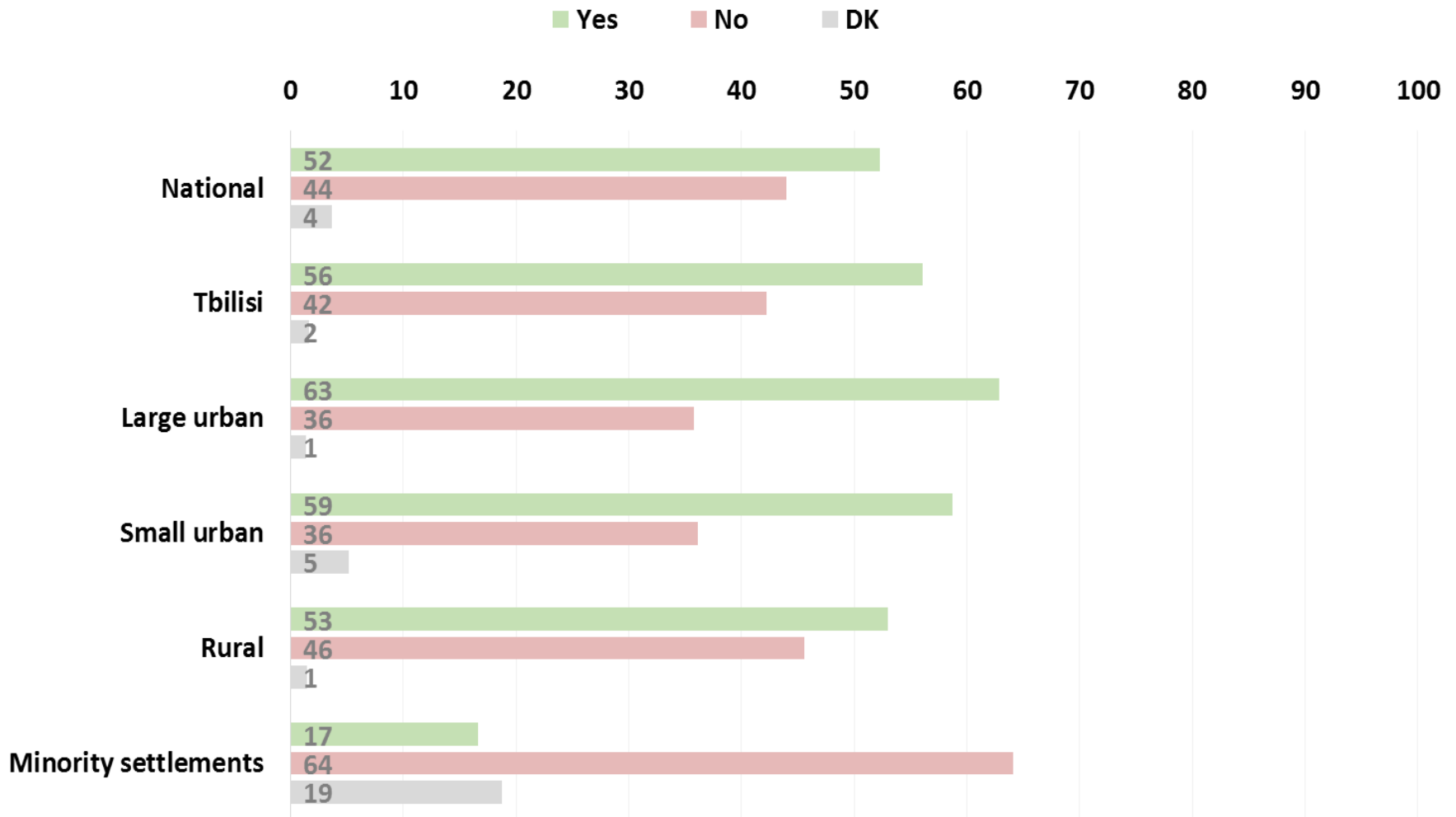
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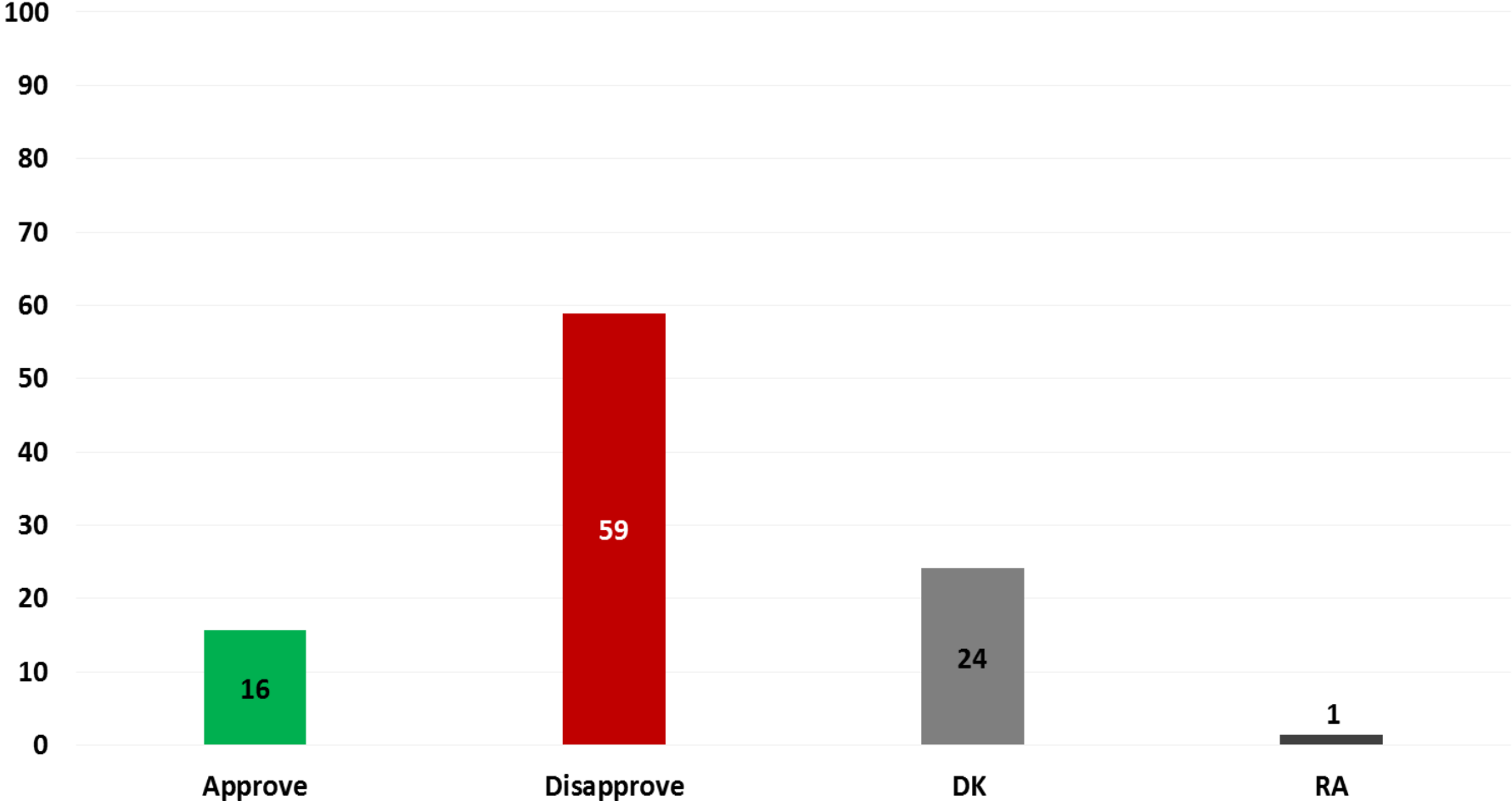
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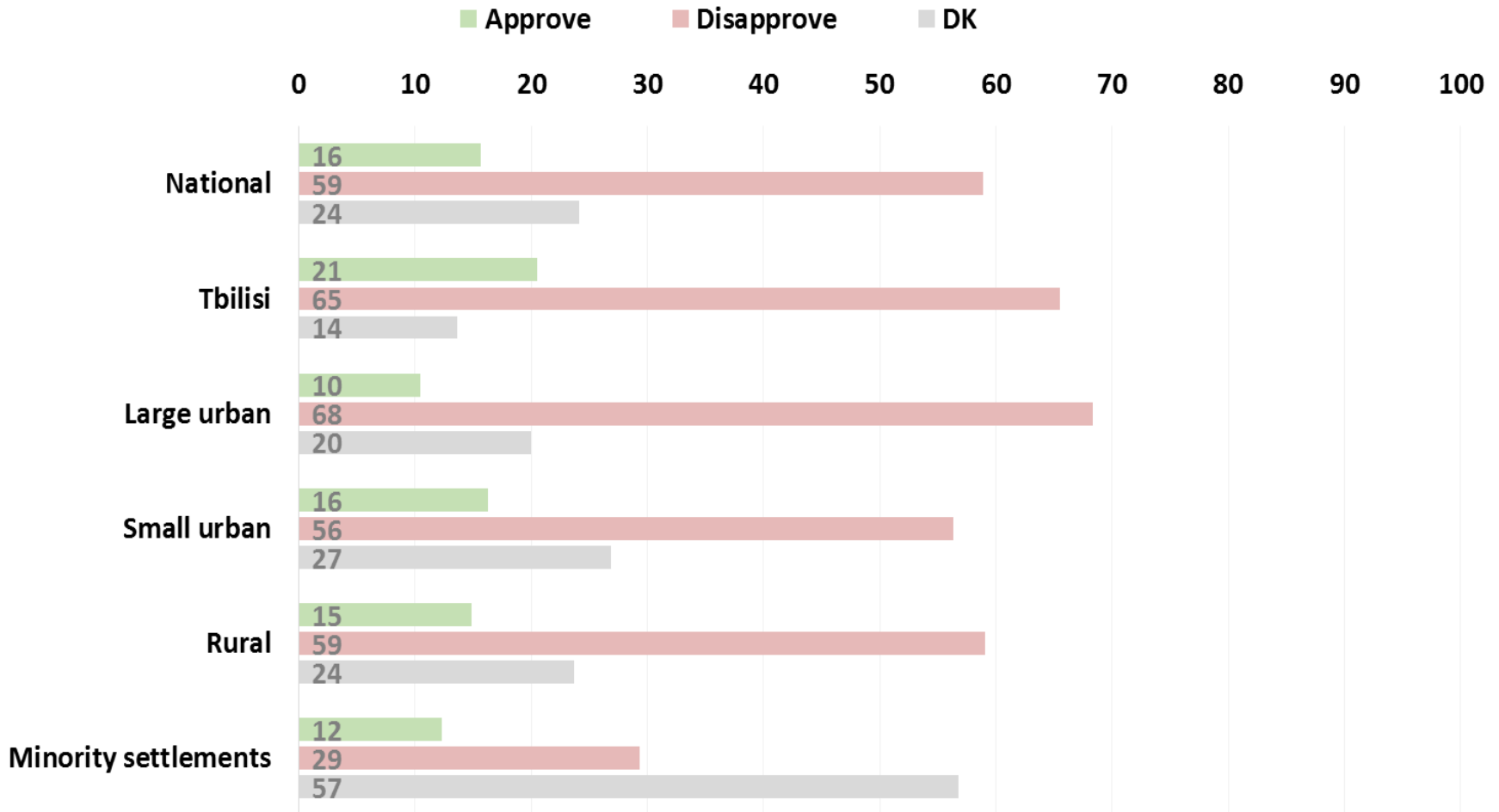
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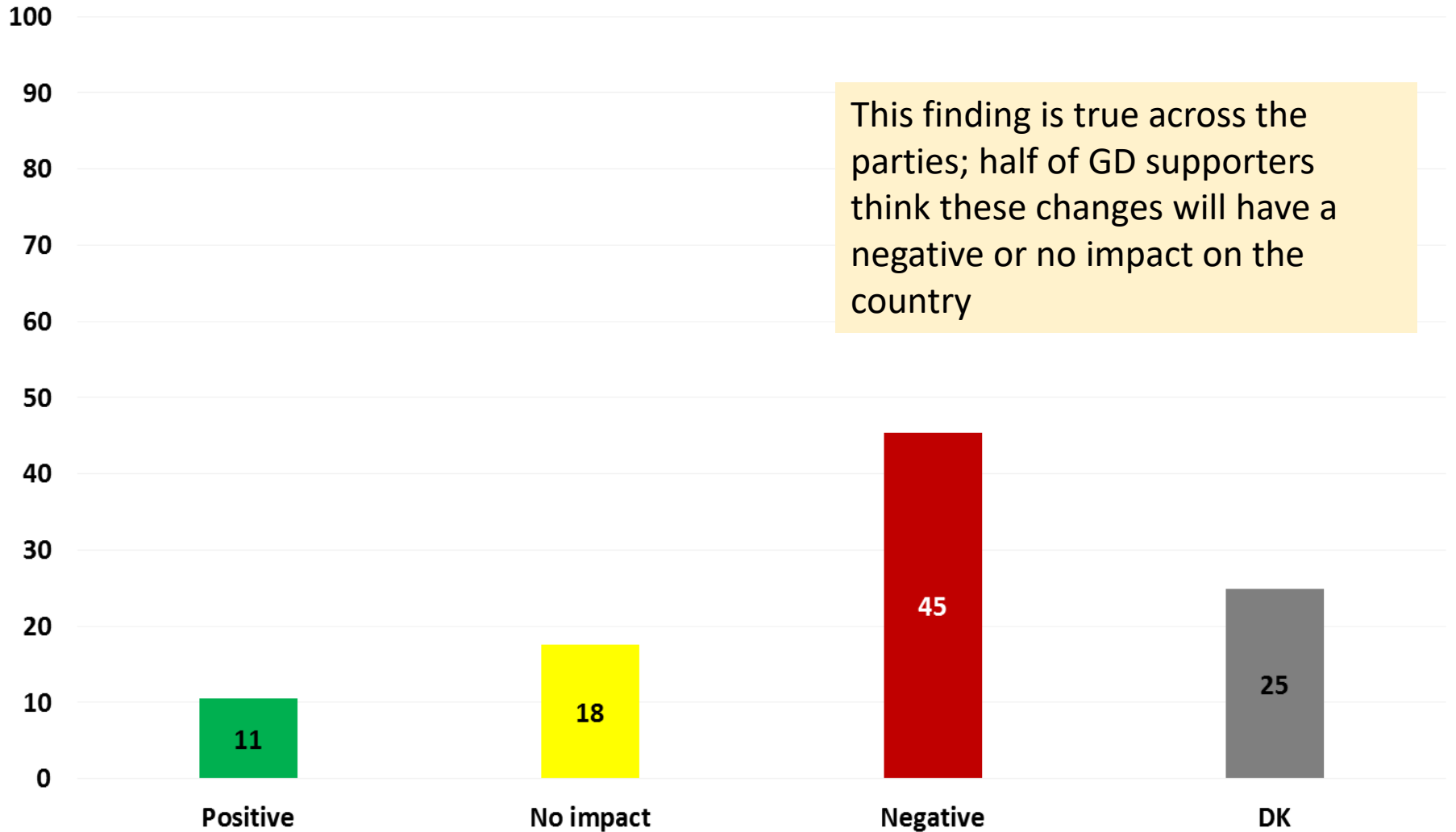
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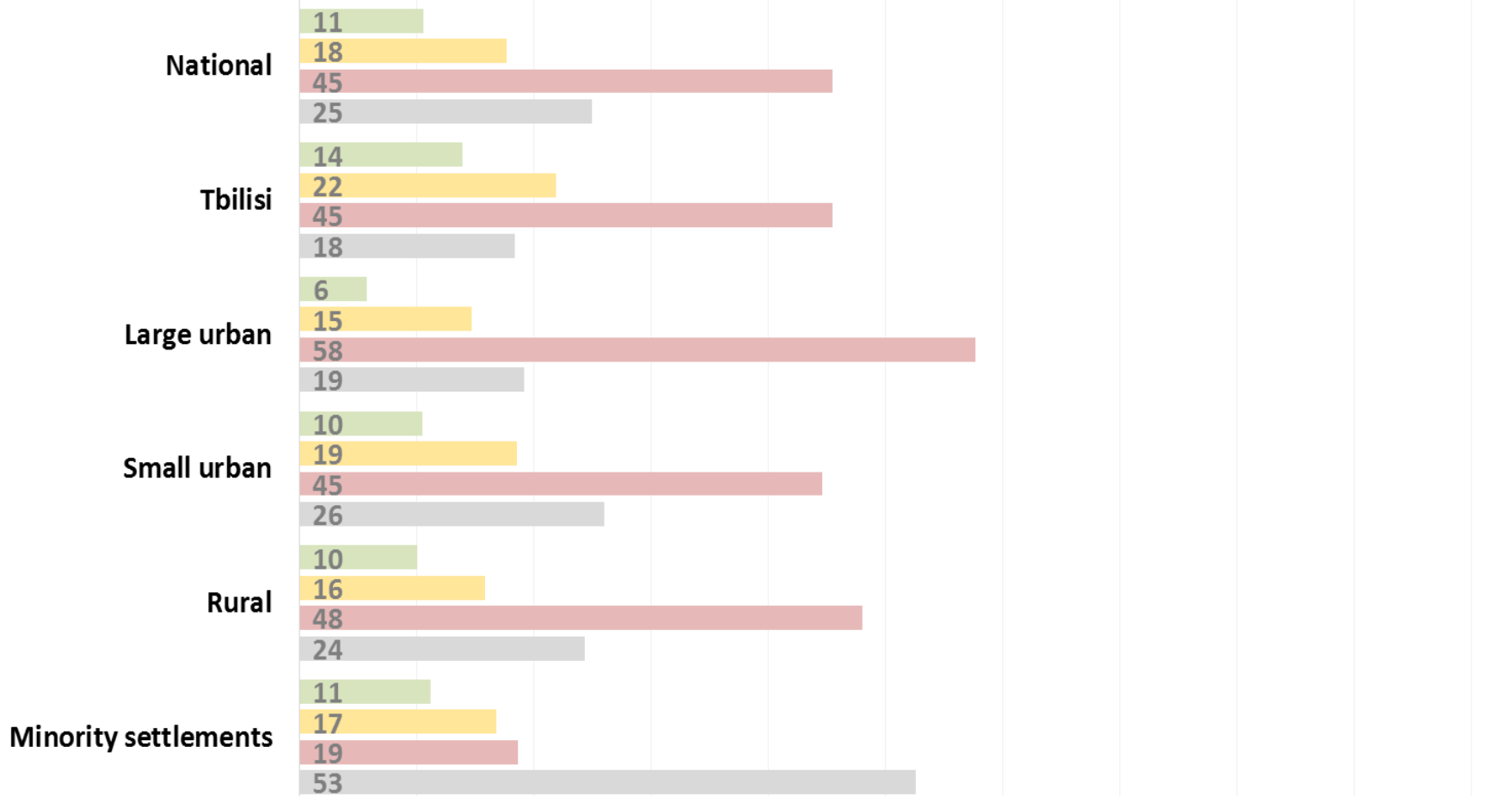
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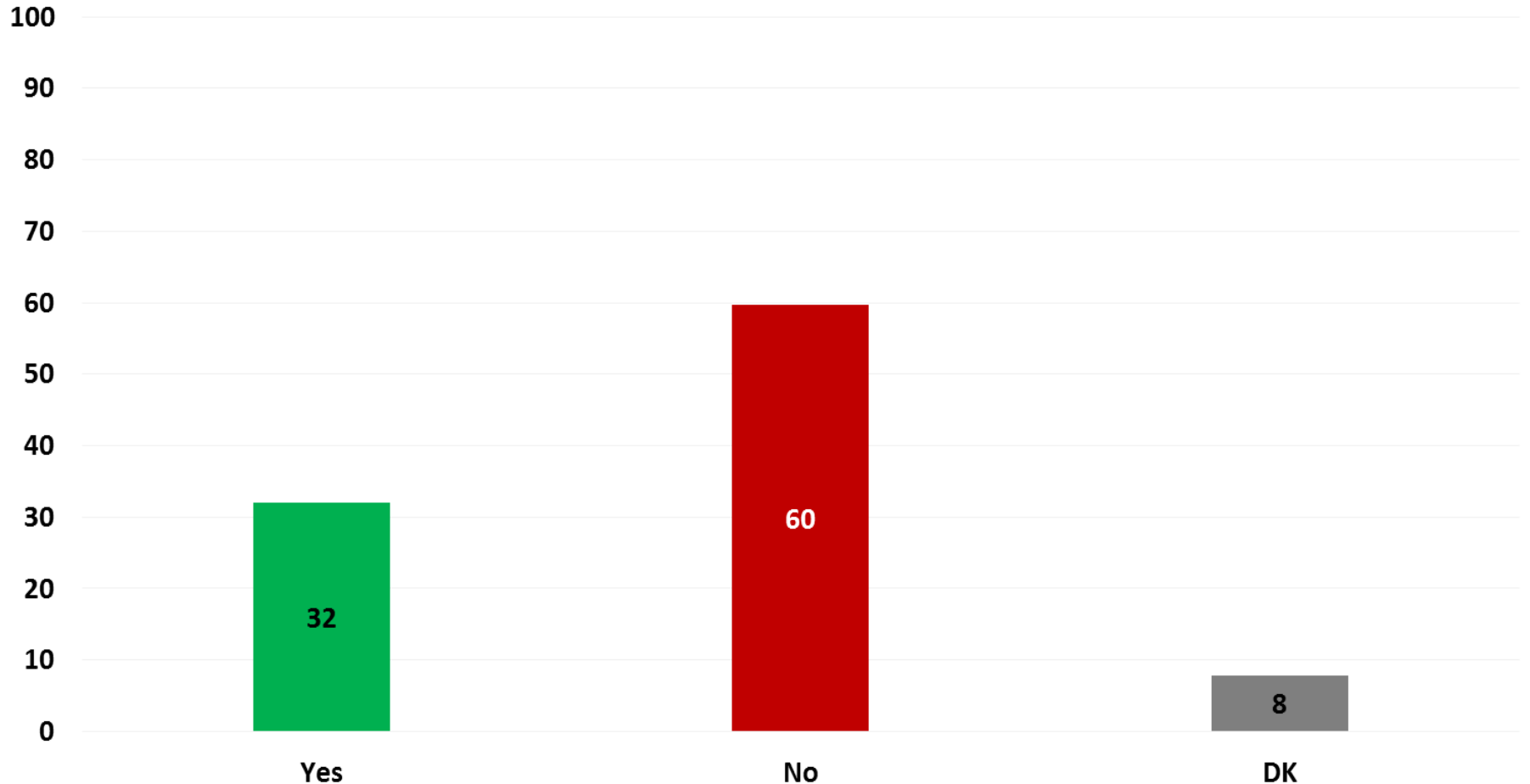
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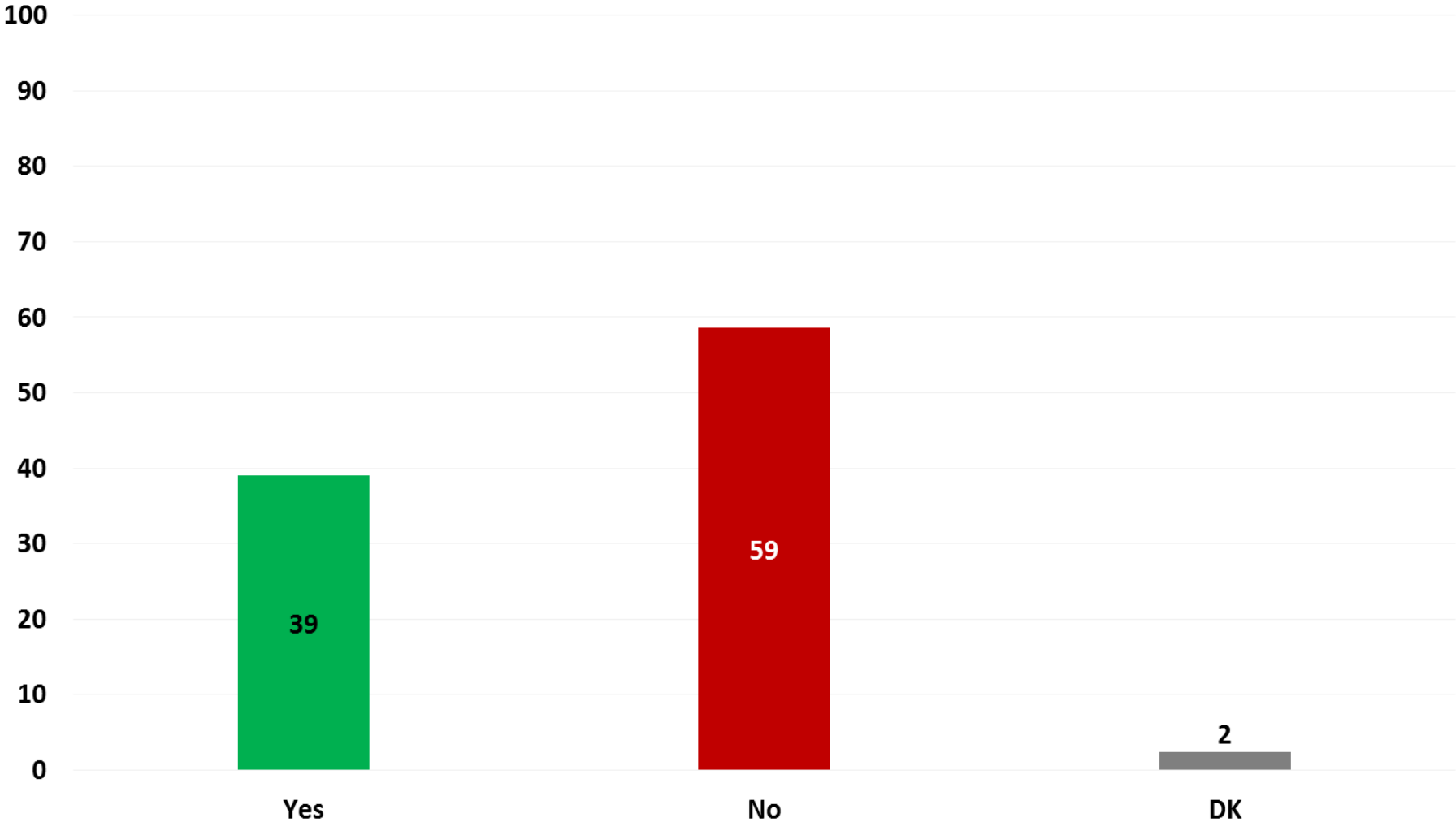
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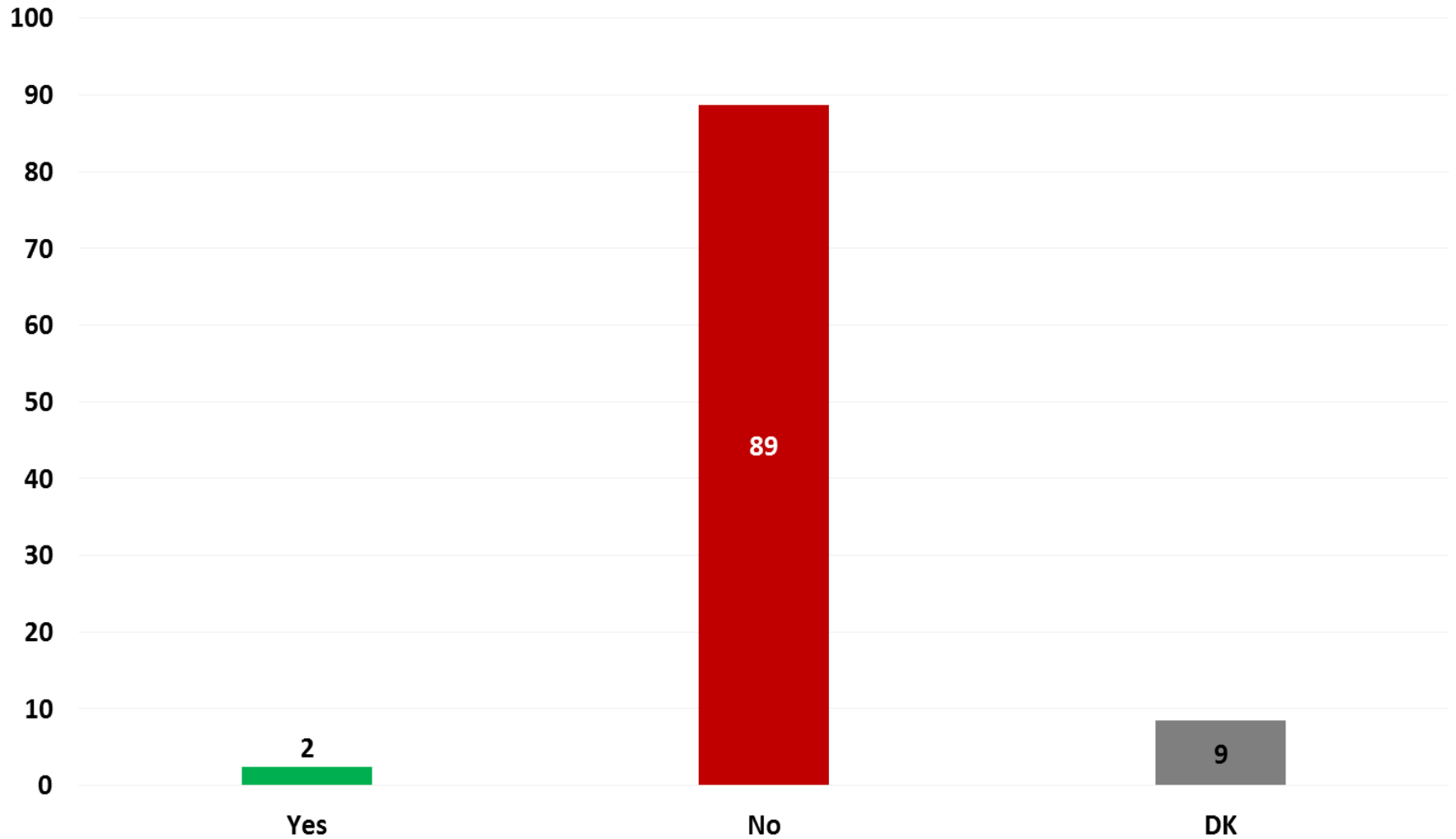
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Do you feel you have enough information about the constitutional changes? (q52) - of the 32% who was aware of the Commission adopting the Draft of Revision of the Constitution



The members of the Parliament held public meetings to discuss proposed changes. Did you participate in any meetings on constitutional changes? (q53)



Do you believe the changes in the constitution fully reflect, partially reflect or do not reflect at all the citizens' opinions? (q54) - of the 32% who were aware about the process

