



Public attitudes in Georgia

Results of December 2018 survey



— Carried out for NDI by CRRC Georgia —

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WHY WE CONDUCT POLLS?



To foster the development of more responsive policies and governance;

To 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: 6-20 December, 2018
- ❖ 2205 completed interviews (45,1% response rate)
- ❖ The average margin of error is +/- 2,1%
- ❖ 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 & Azeri) make at least 40% of the voters in given settlement. Settlements within this stratum are dispersed through Kvemo Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti & kakheti regions.

ABOUT THE POLL

Quality control

- ❖ All interviewers receive special training
- ❖ CRRC central office coordinators conduct quality control interviews



METHODOLOGY

We use random sampling at all stages. We use a complex survey design:

- ❖ **Stratification** – dividing population in relatively homogenous sub-groups
- ❖ **Clustering** – randomly selecting small geographic areas for each sub-group (stratum)

- ❖ 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.

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.

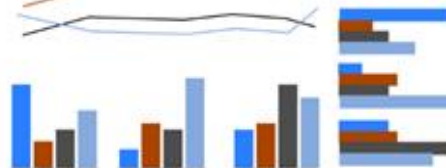
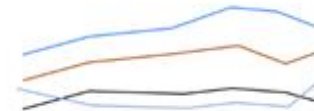


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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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.

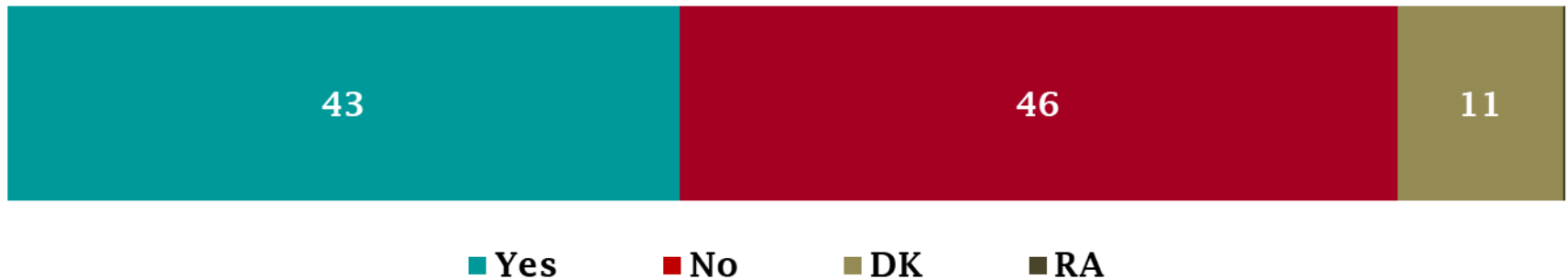
Democracy

Views on democracy

Overall, how important or unimportant is it for you to live in a democratic country? (q21)

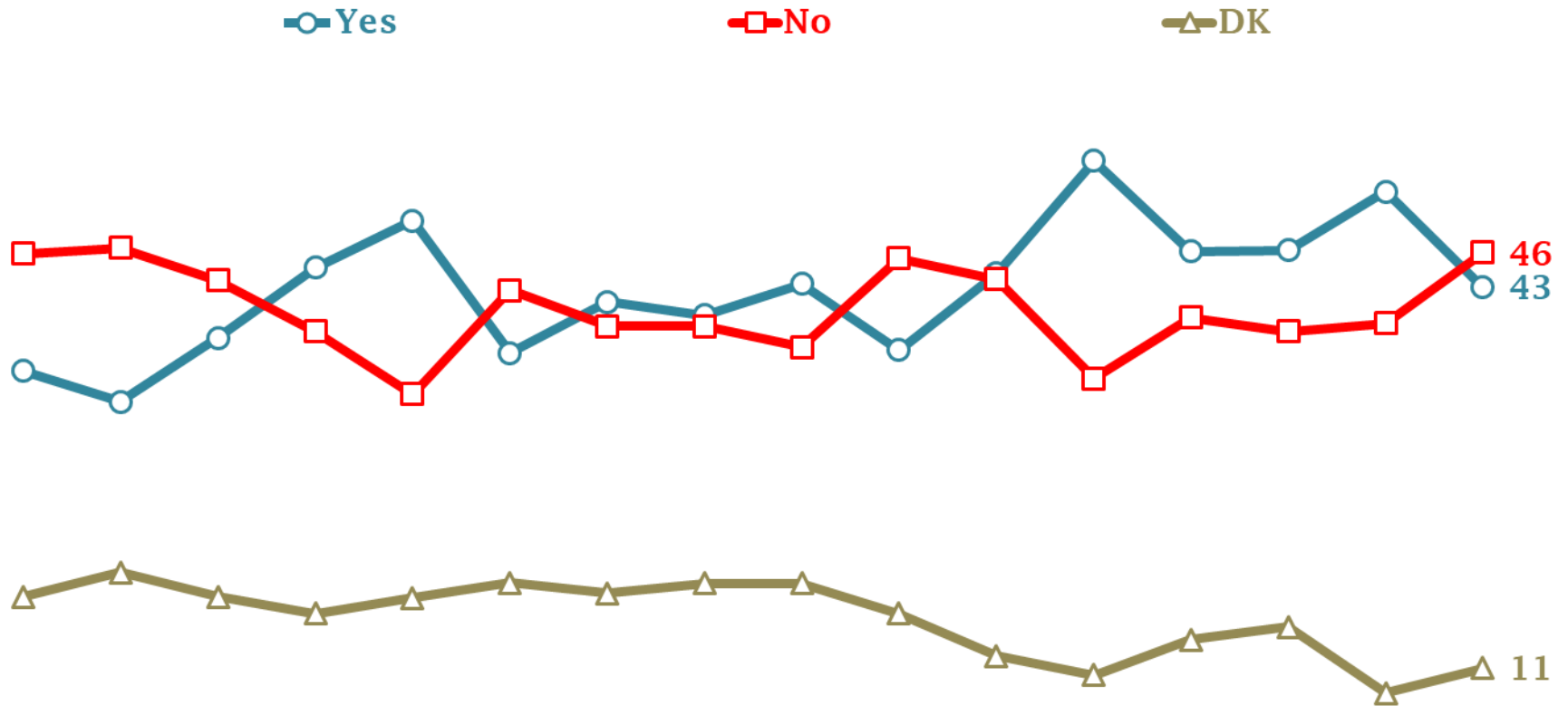


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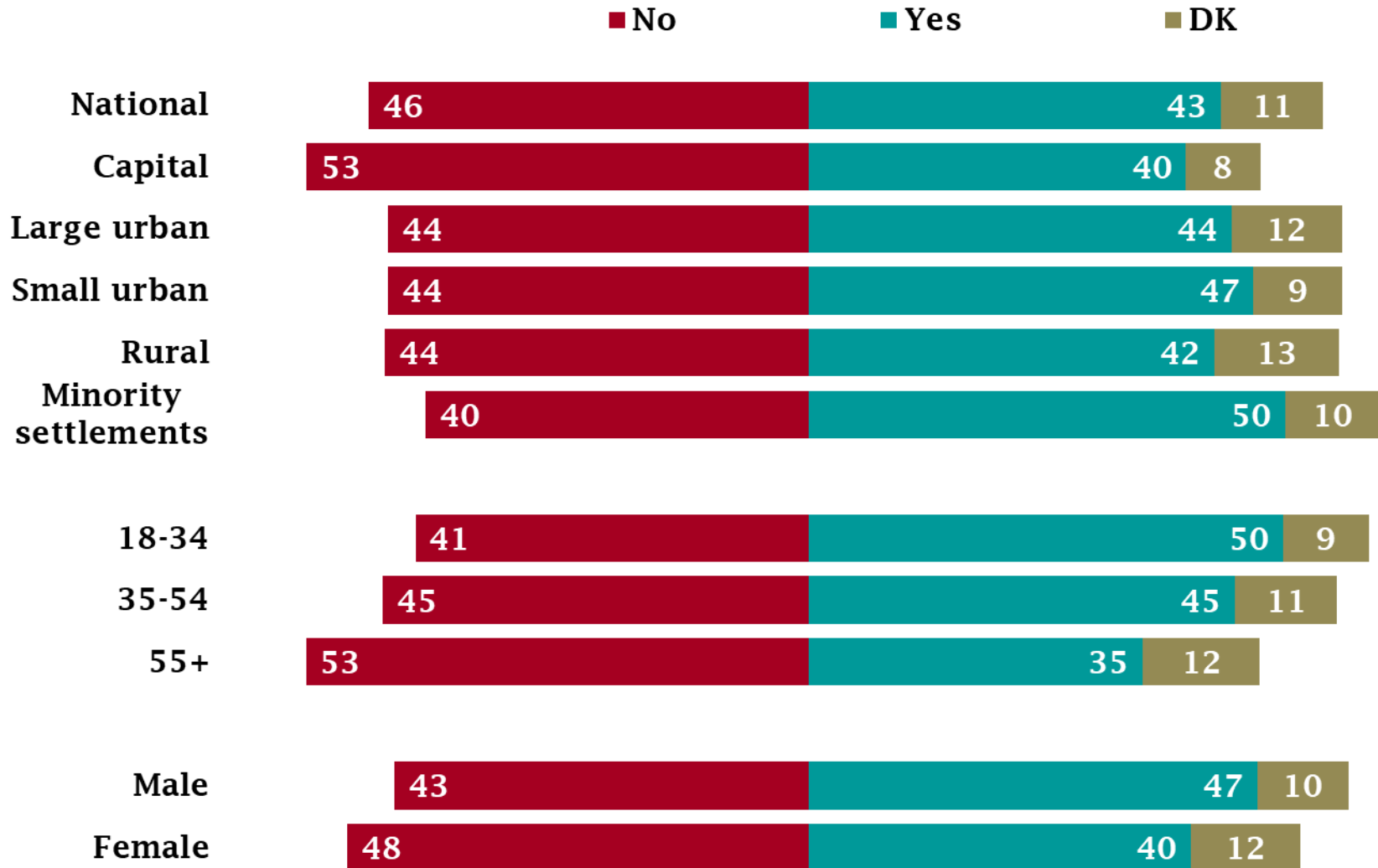
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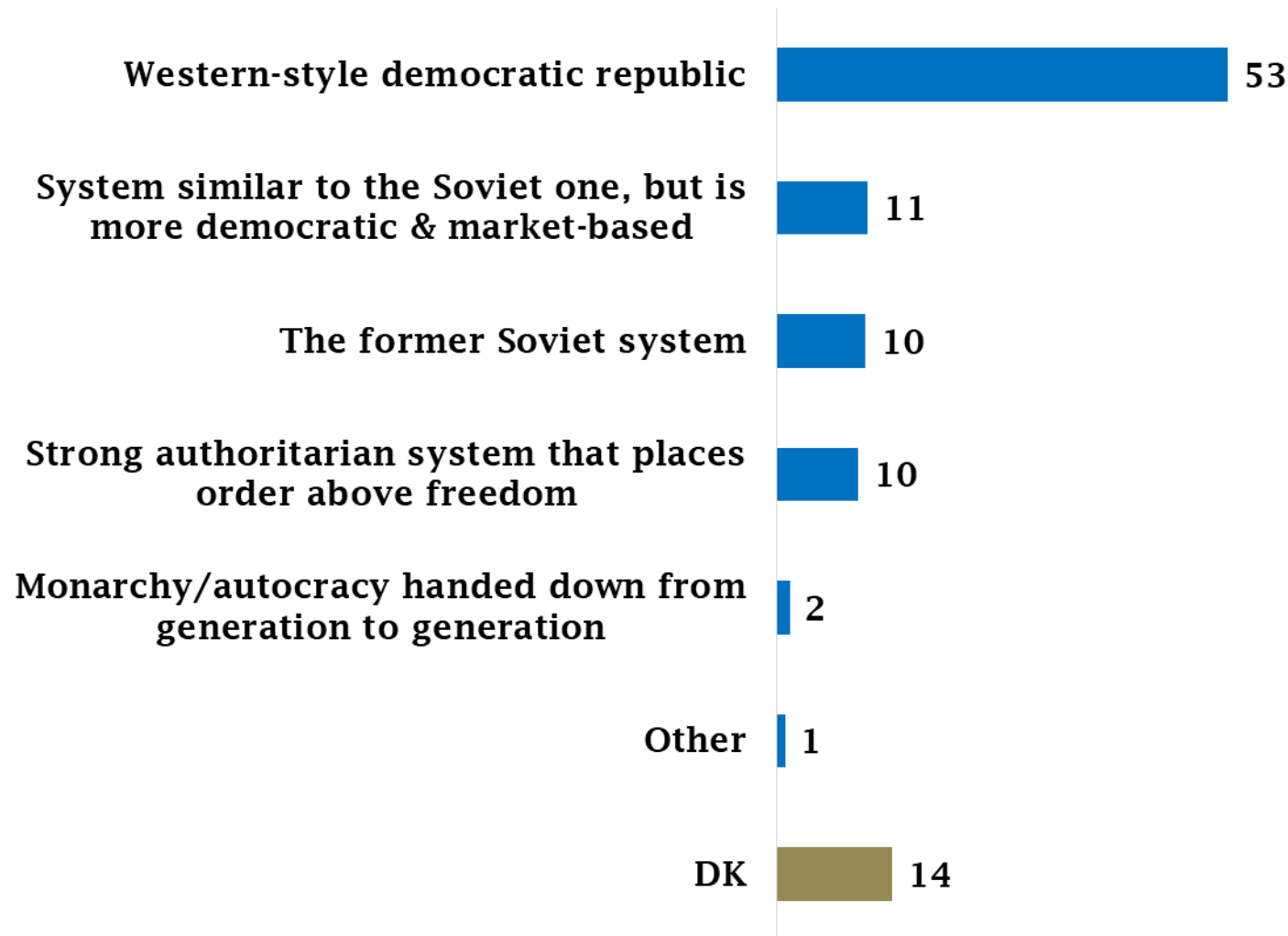
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(q22 X Settlement, Age, Gender)



Political systems

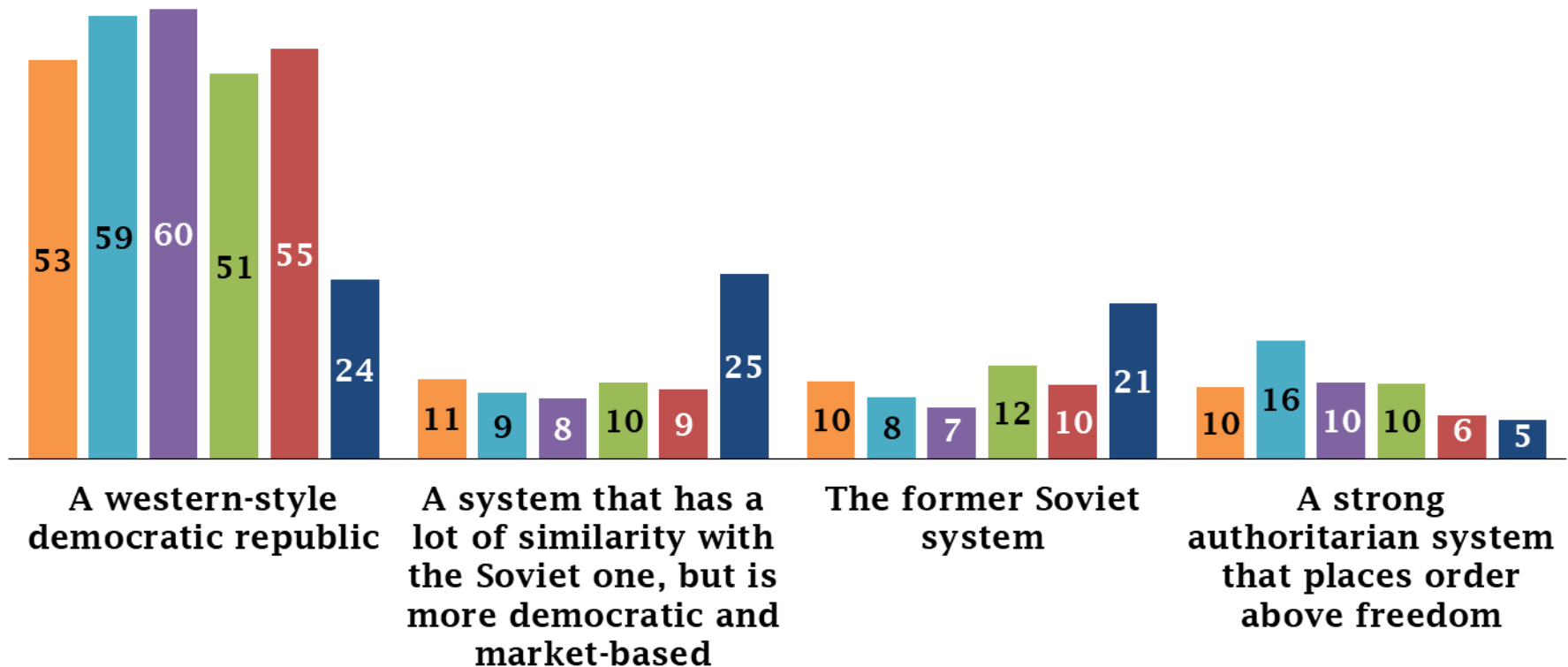
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(q23)



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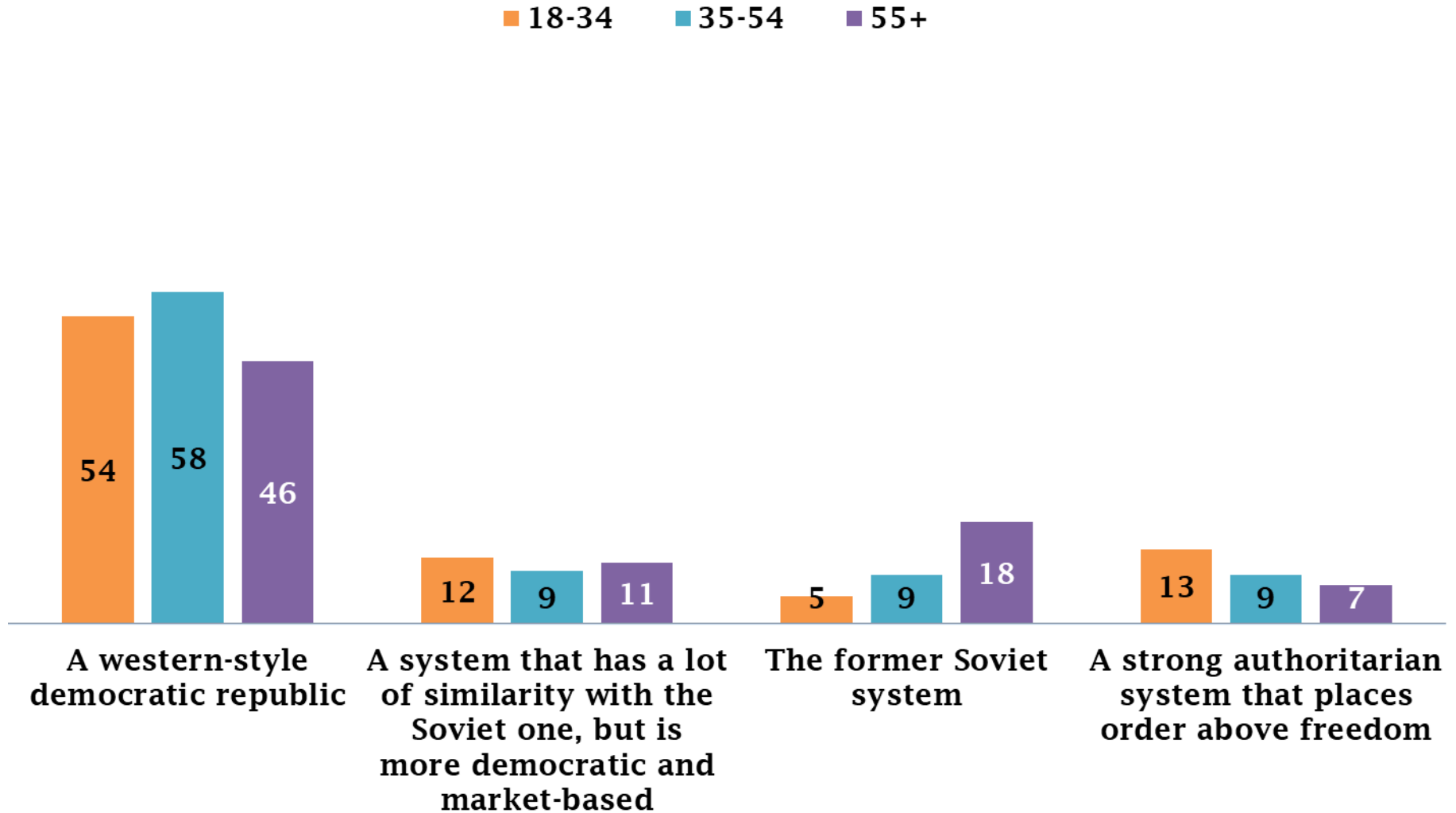
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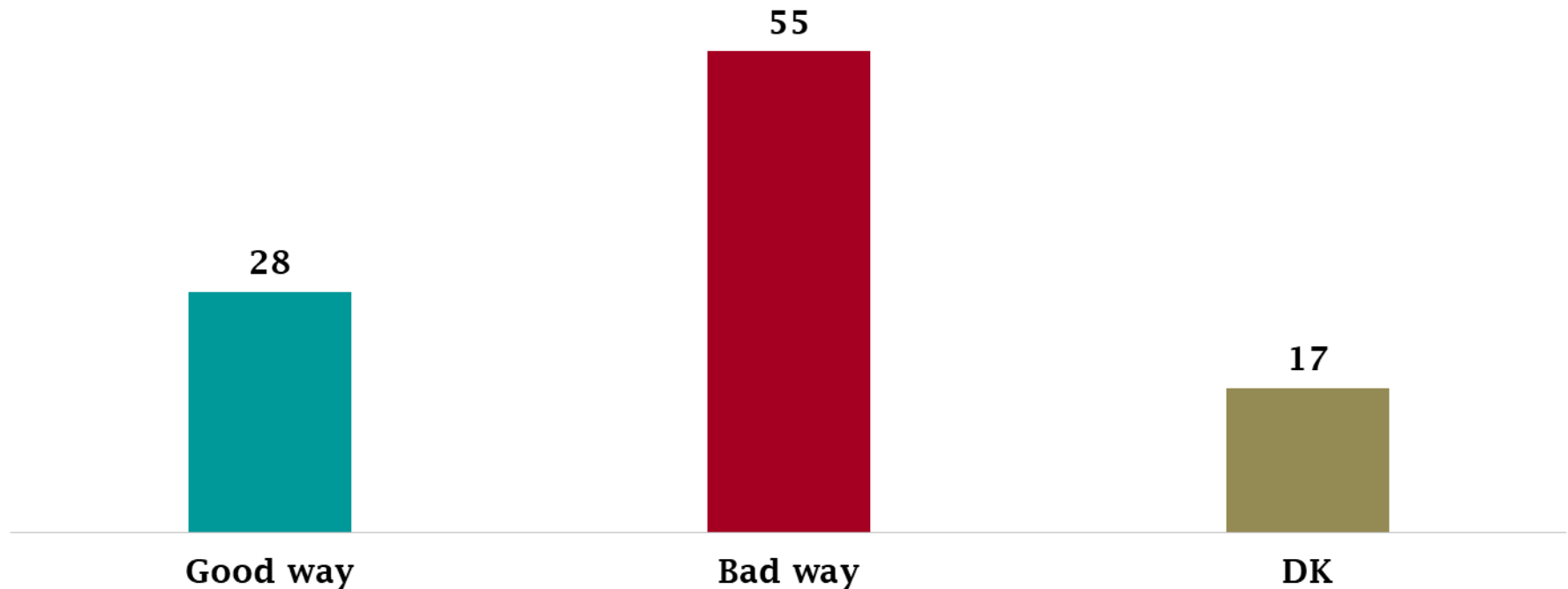
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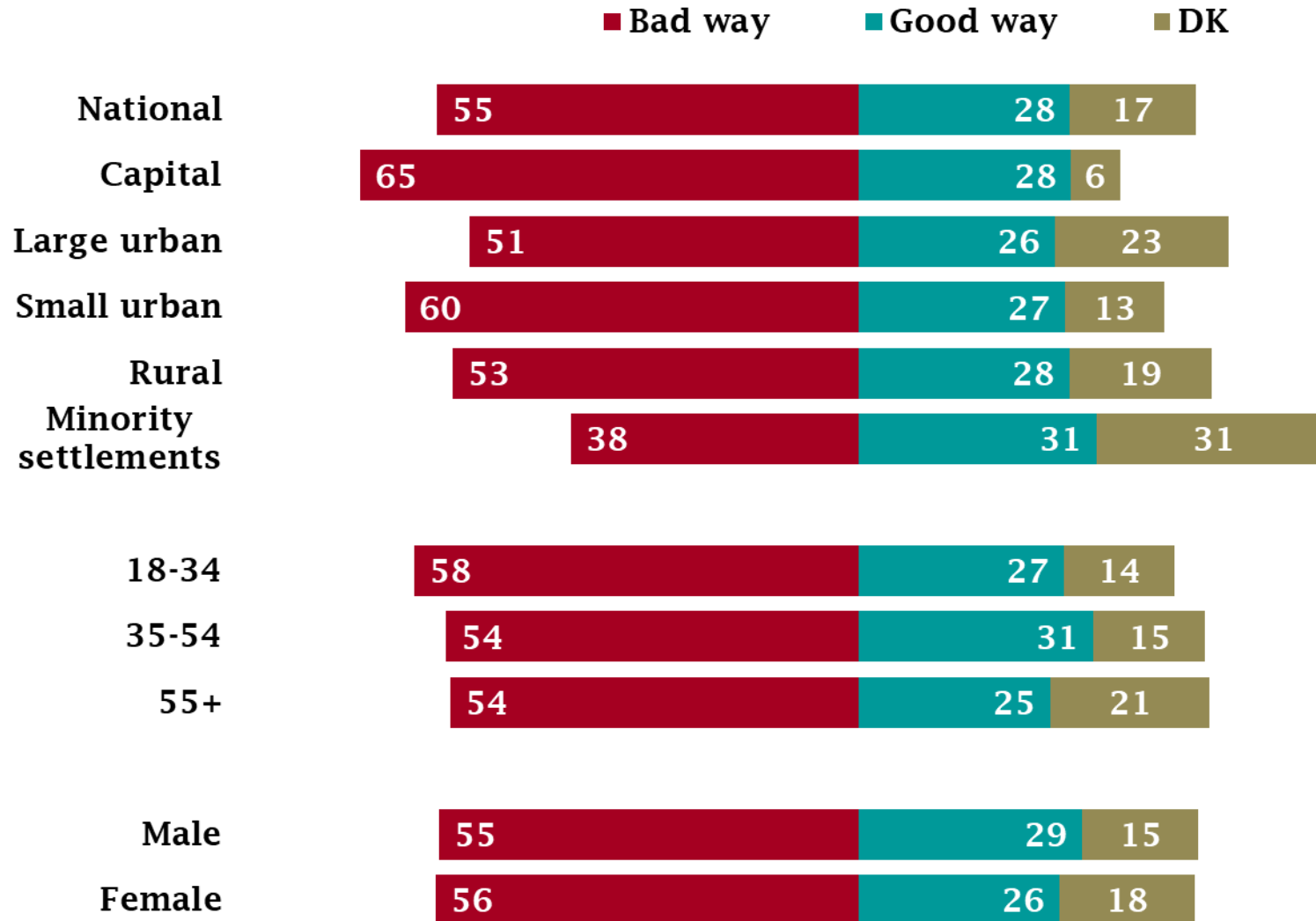
Strong leader preference

Please tell us, would you say is it a good or bad way of governing the country: having a strong leader who is not accountable to parliament and opposition? (q24)



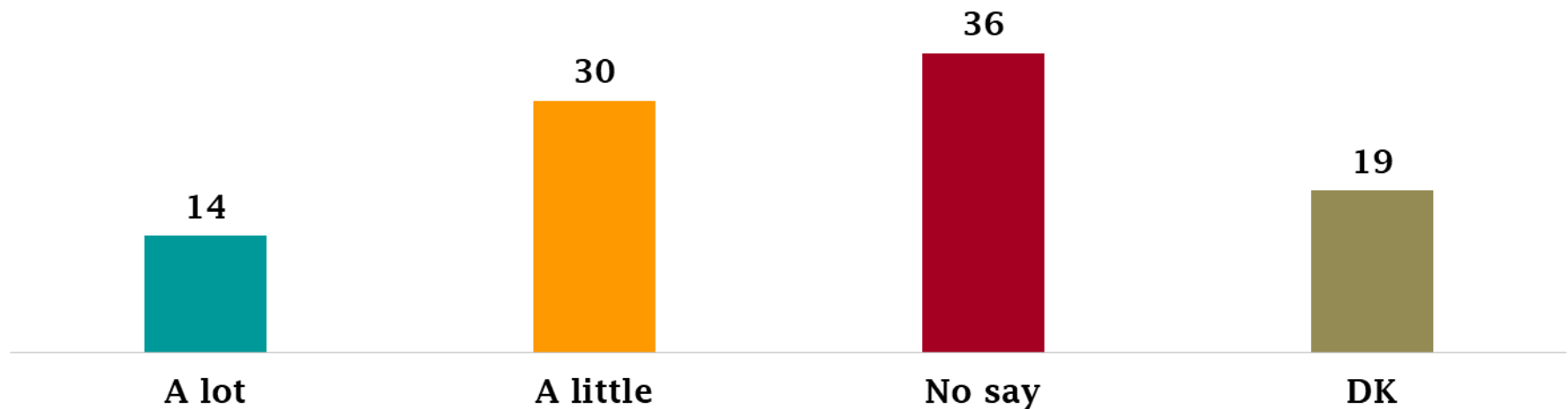
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Public influence on government

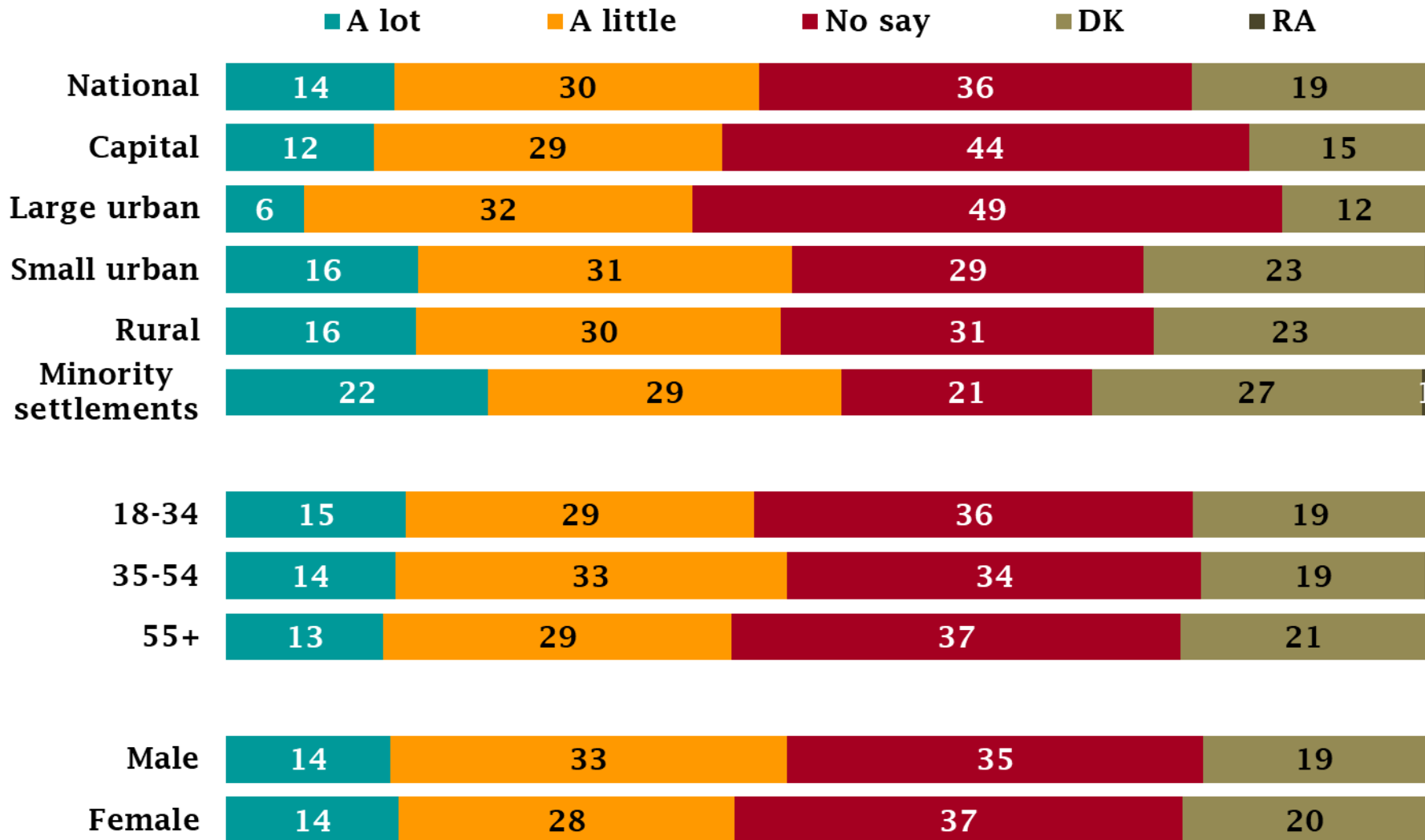
How much would you say the political system in your country allows you to have an influence on government's decisions? (q25)



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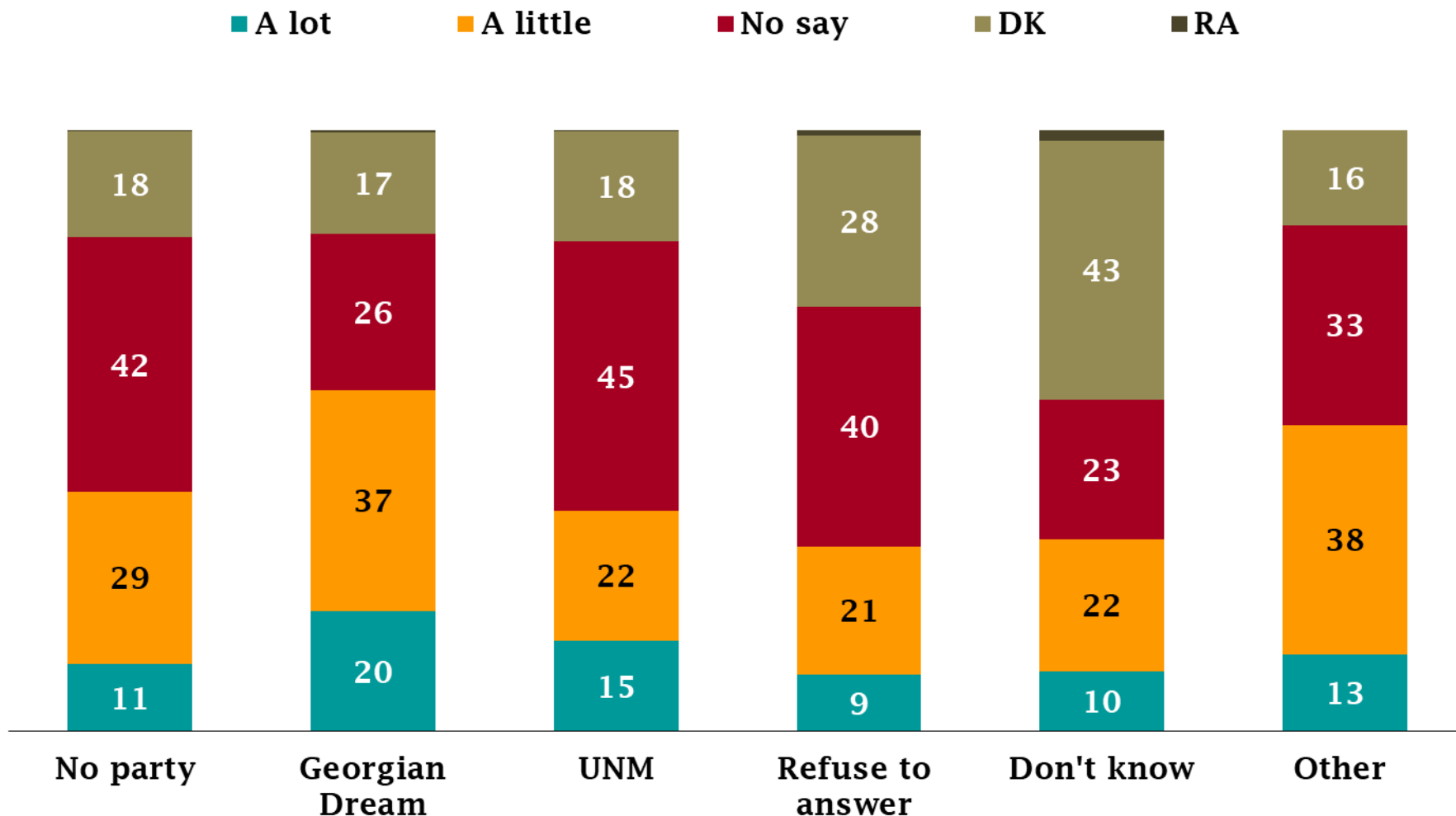
(q25 X Settlement, Age, Gender)



Public influence on government

How much would you say the political system in your country allows you to have an influence on government's decisions?

(q25 X Party closest to you)



Attitudes towards foreigners

Do you agree or disagree with the following? (q26)

■ Agree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

Employers should prioritize hiring Georgians over foreigners regardless of qualifications



Georgia's ethnic diversity is a strength not a weakness



Georgia should limit the number of immigrants to the country



Immigrants represent an important contribution to Georgia's economy



Assessment of Presidential Election

Voter turnout

Did you vote in October 28 Presidential elections? (q6)
Did you vote in the run-offs on November 28? (q7)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA

October 28 Presidential elections

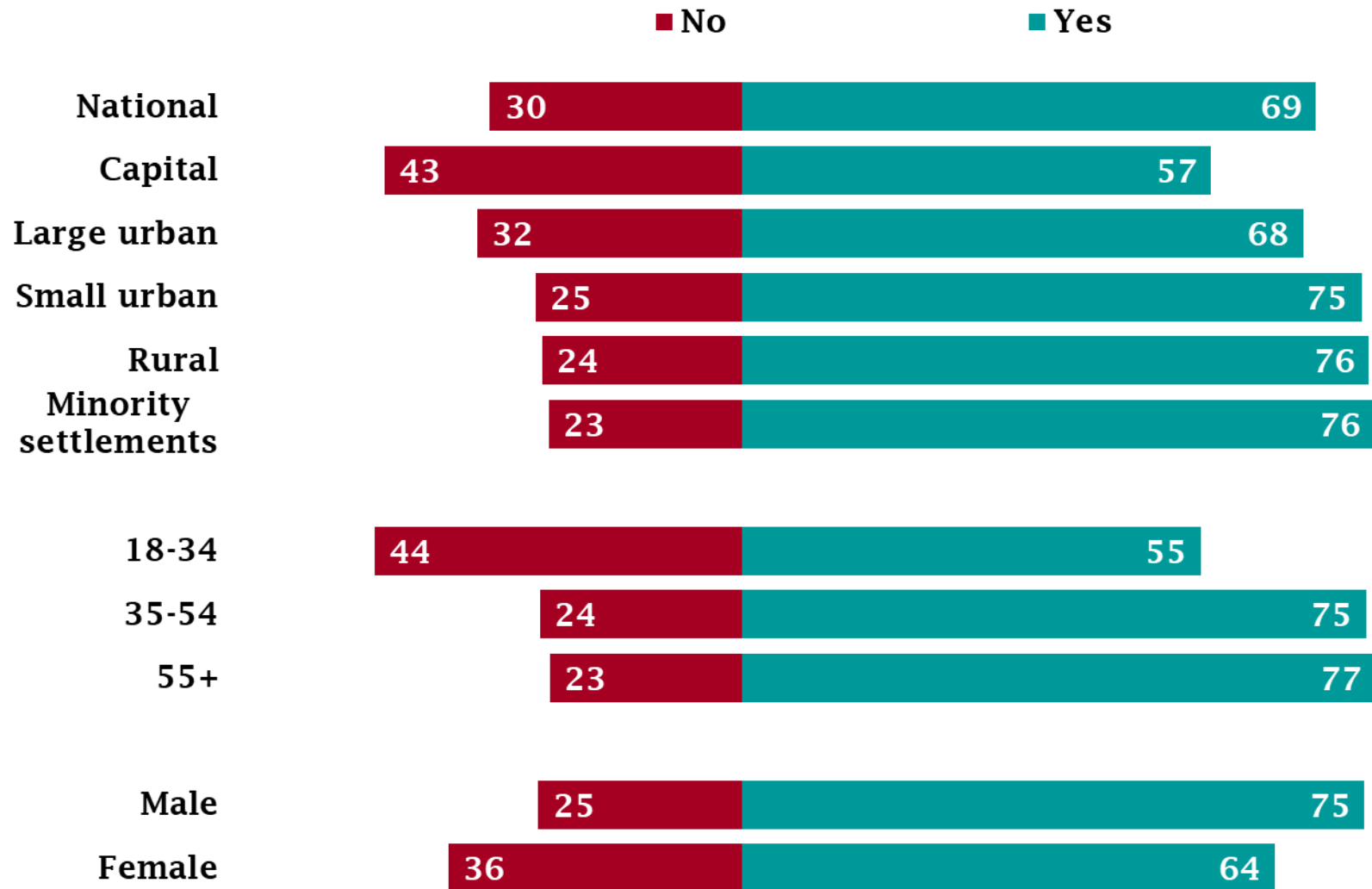


Run-offs on November 28



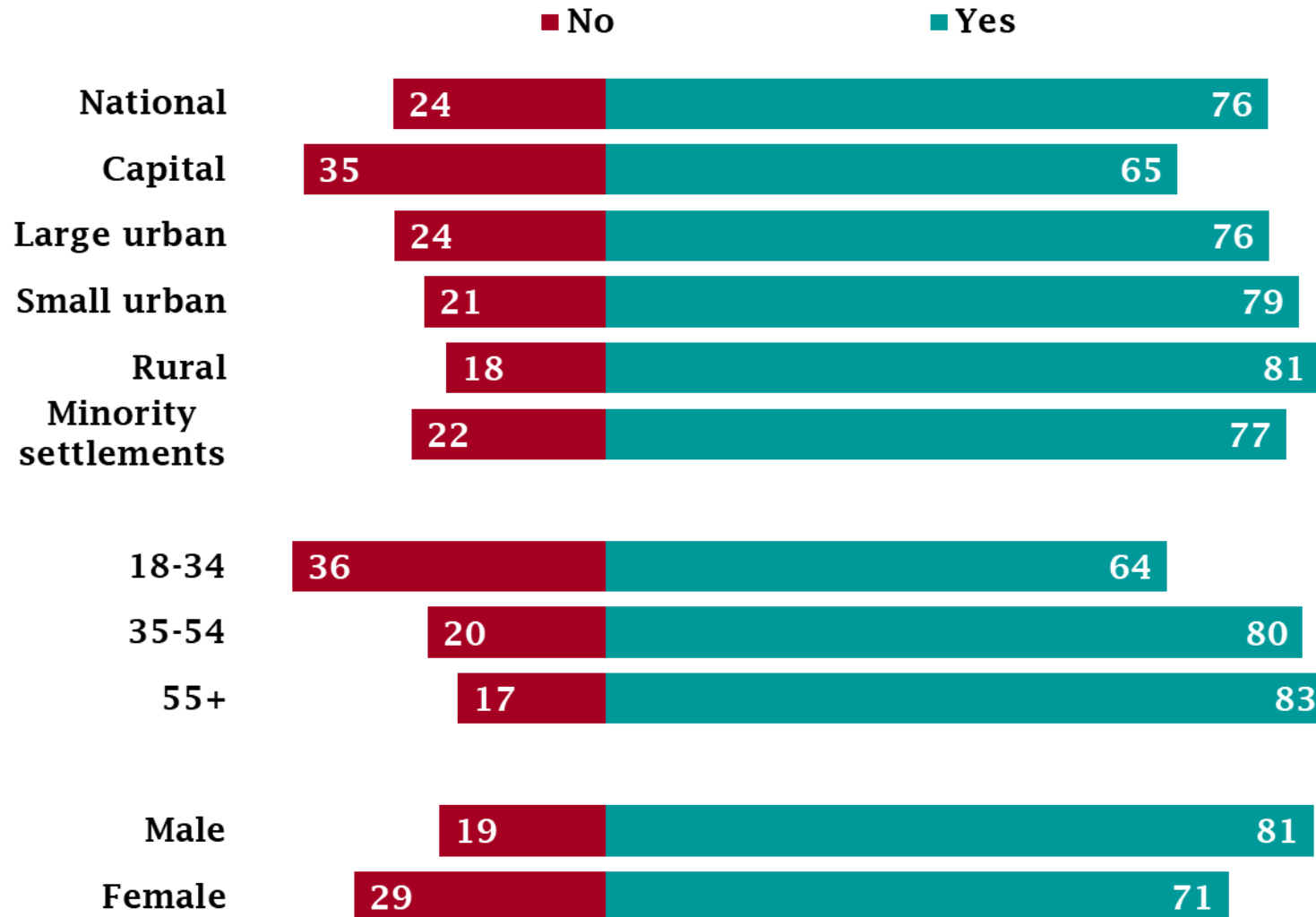
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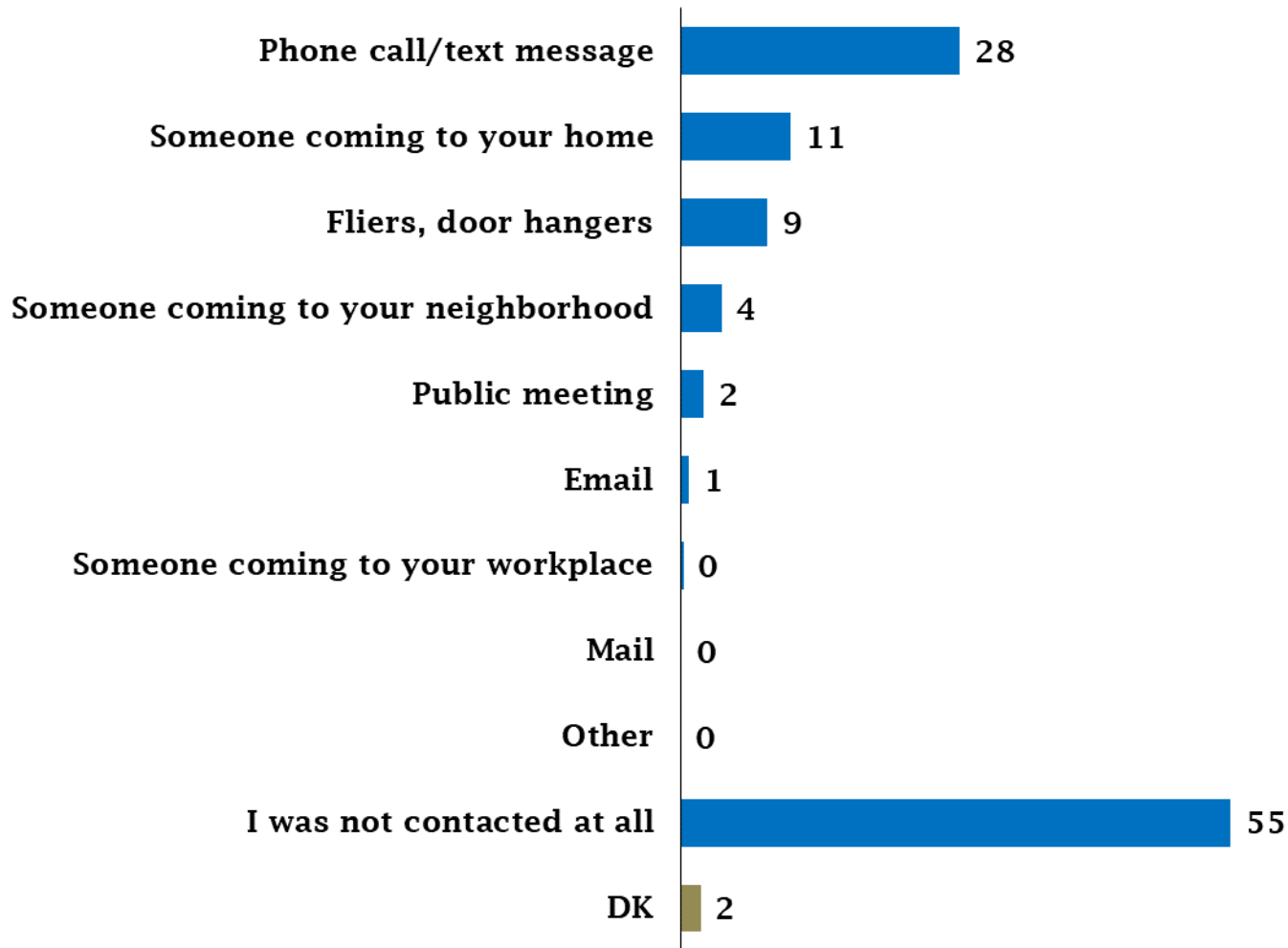
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Did you vote in the run-offs on November 28?
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Voter outreach

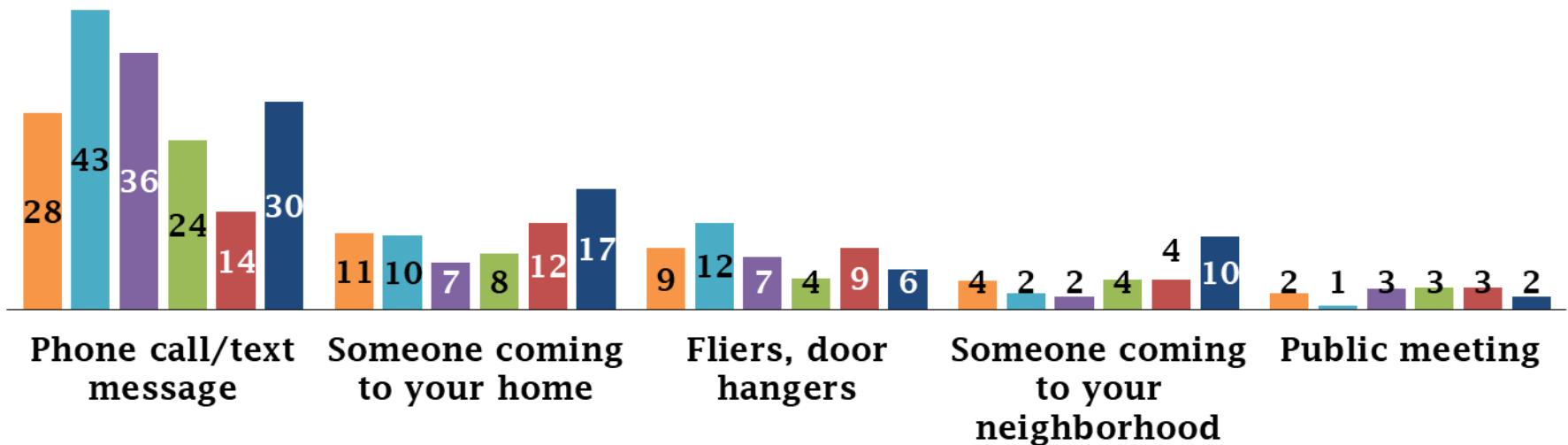
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Voter outreach

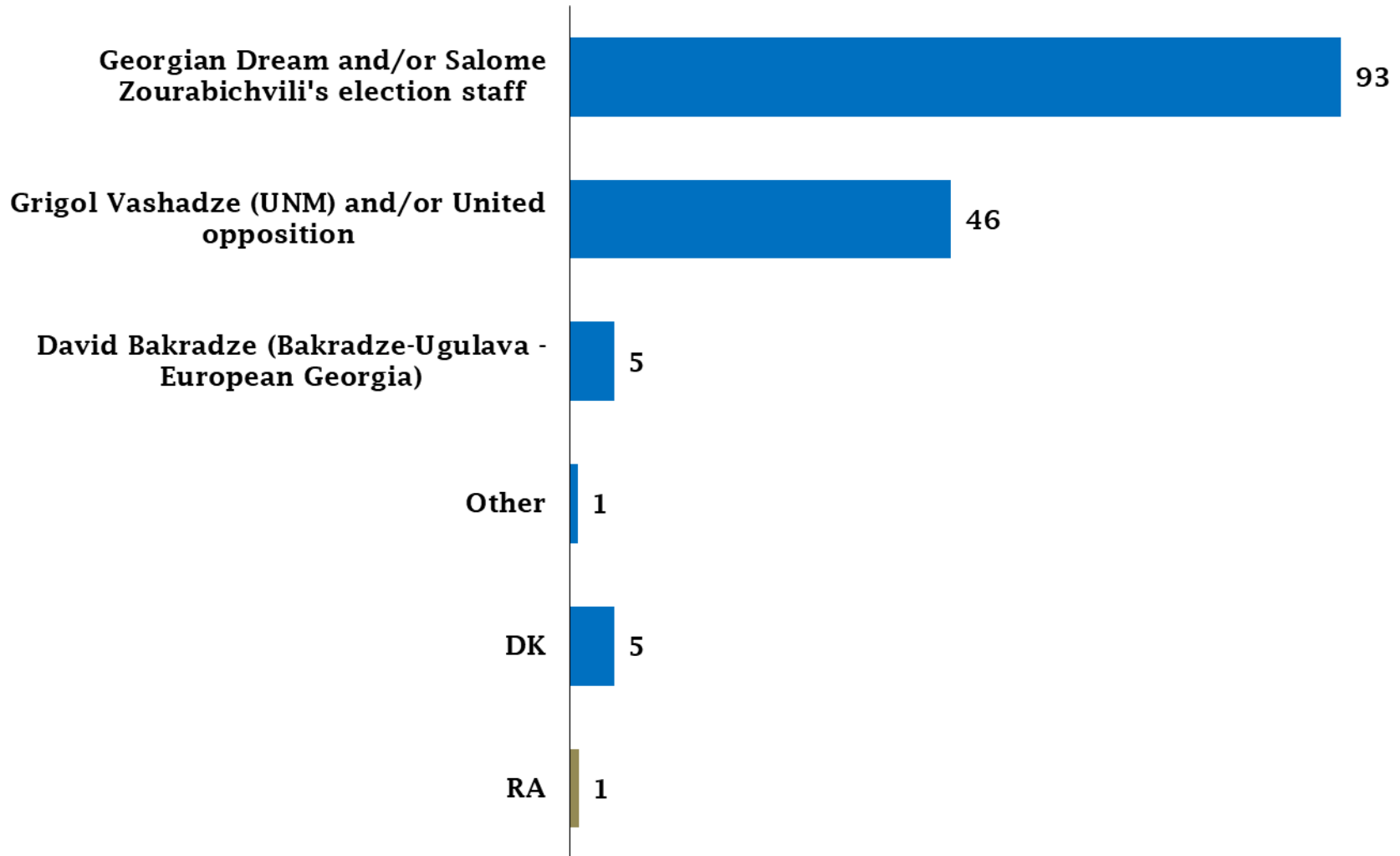
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■ National
 ■ Capital
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 ■ Rural
 ■ Minority settlements



Voter outreach

If contacted, on behalf of which candidate/party was this contact made?
 Accept all answers (q9) - of the 43% who was contacted



Voting behavior

For each please tell me if you agree or disagree? (q10) - of the 69%/75% who voted in the 1st/2nd round

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK ■ RA

I was enthusiastic about the choice I made on election day in the 1st round



I was enthusiastic about the choice I made on election day in the 2nd round



I voted against rather than for someone in the 1st round



I voted against rather than for someone in the 2nd round



Polling station environment

Thinking back to the situation when you voted in the polling station/place (either in the 1st or 2nd round), please say whether you agree or disagree with the following? (q11) - of the 79% who voted in elections

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK ■ RA

It was well ordered



The election officials were well prepared



It was overcrowded



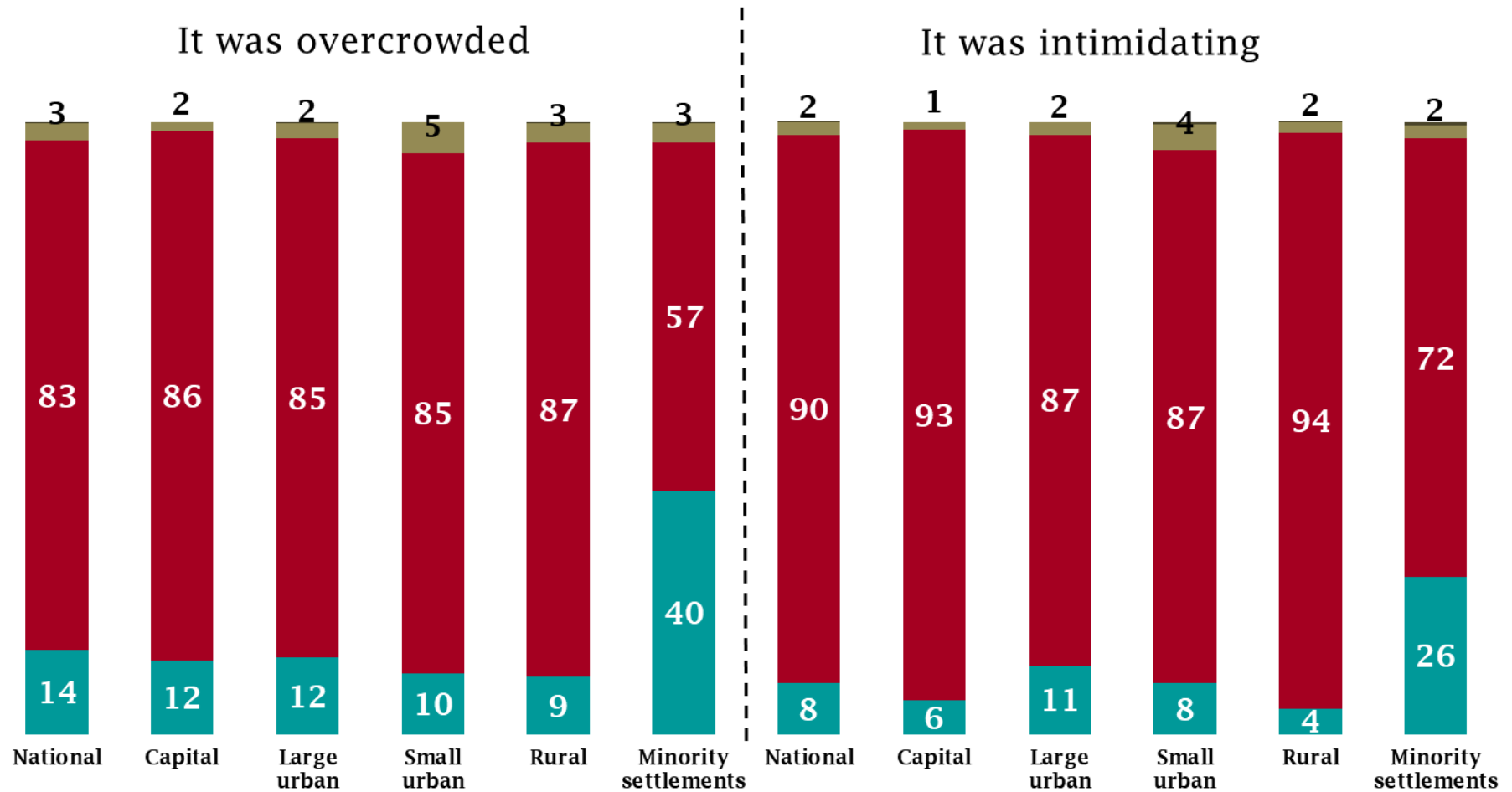
It was intimidating



Polling station environment

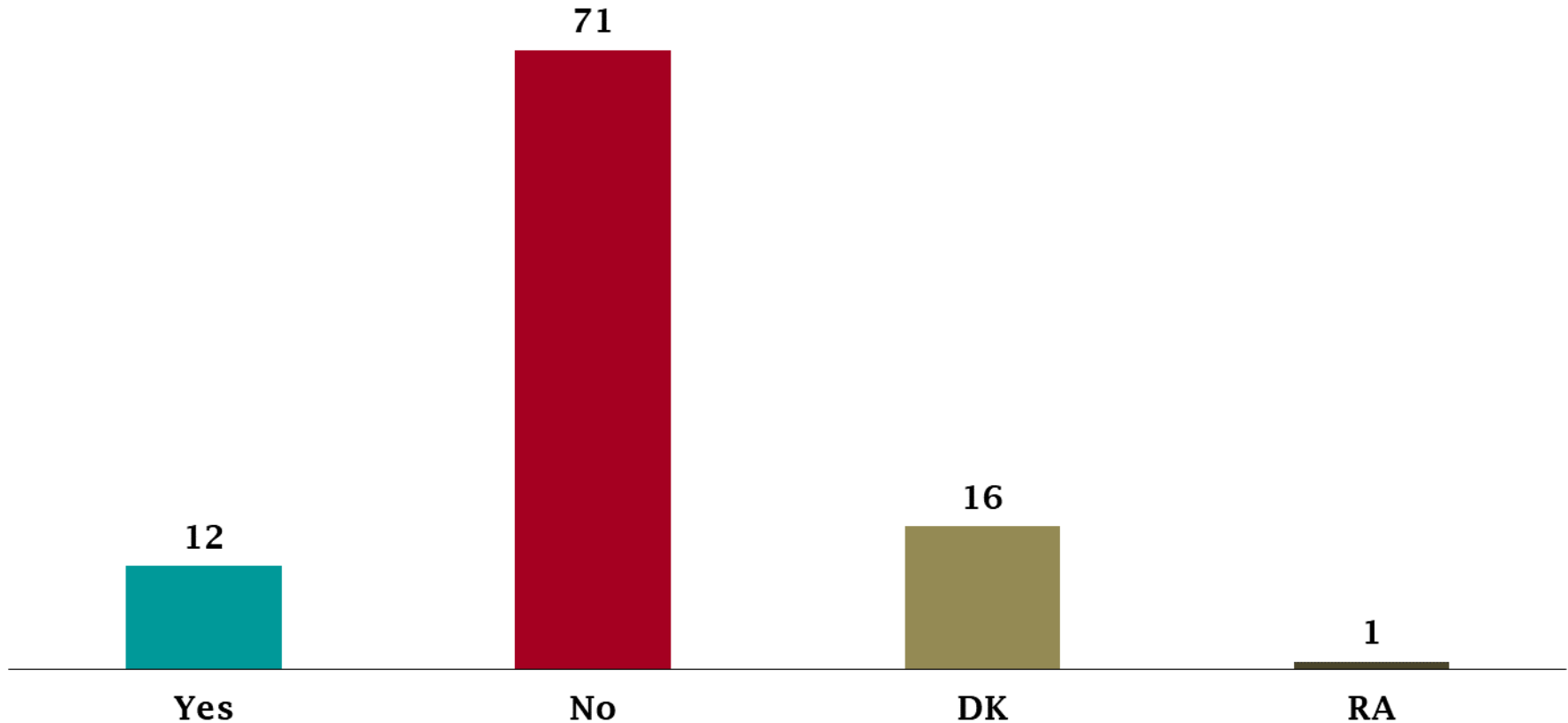
Thinking back to the situation when you voted in the polling station/place (either in the 1st or 2nd round), please say whether you agree or disagree with the following? (q11 X Settlement) - of the 79% who voted in elections Part 2

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK ■ RA



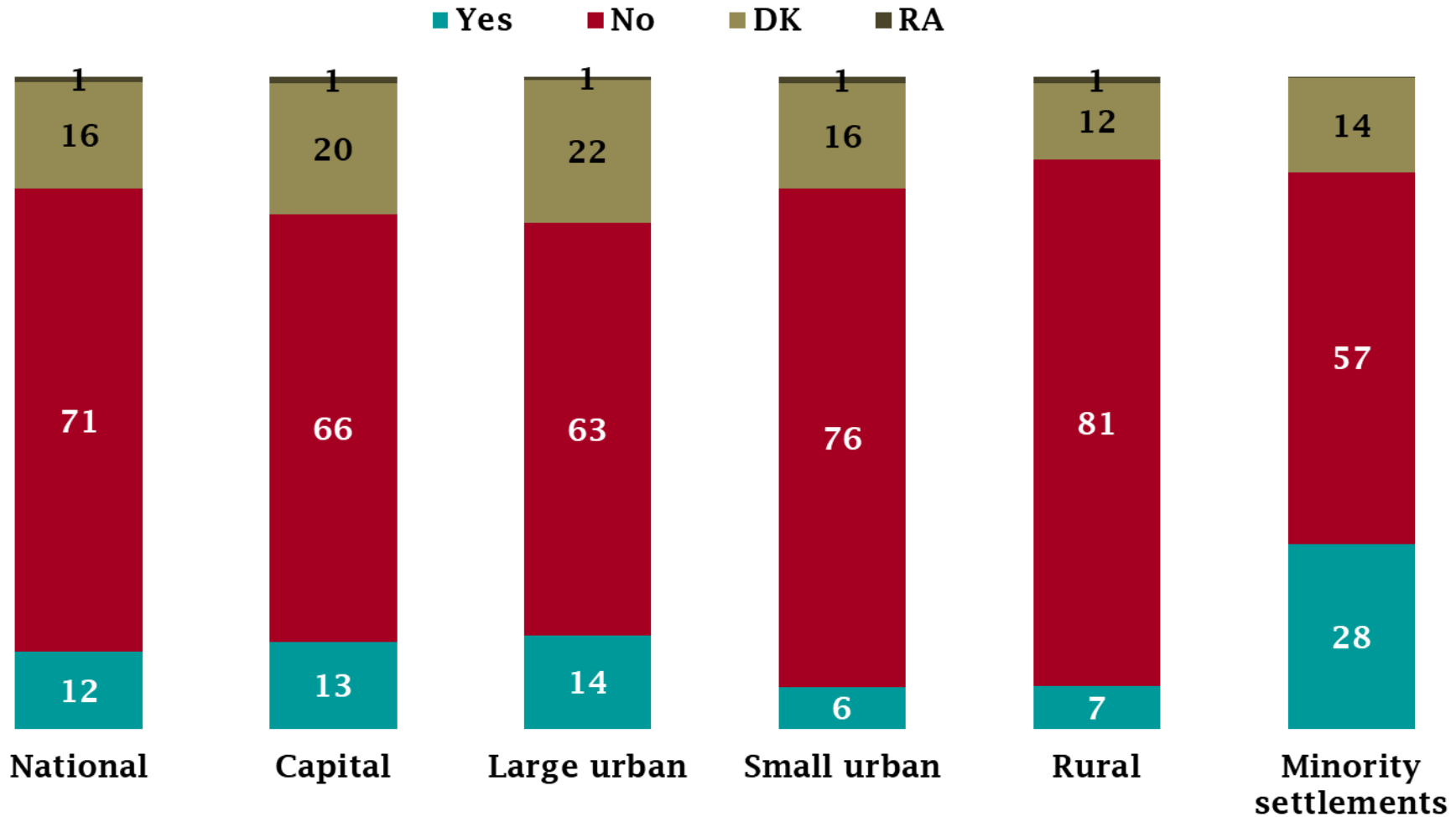
Coordinators at polling stations

Thinking back to election day, have you noticed candidate activists/coordinators near the voting district recording voters' or asking for voters' personal information? (q12)



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Coordinators at polling stations

If yes, for each of the following tell us if you agree or disagree (q13) - of the 12% who noticed candidate activists/coordinators near the voting district

■ Agree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

This influences citizens vote choice or intent to vote



This creates intimidating environment for voters



Such activities encourage people to participate in elections



This did not affect the voters



Assessment of CEC

How do you think the first round of October 28 presidential election / run-off was conducted/managed by the election bodies (CEC, PEC, DEC)?
(q14, q15)

■ Very well
 ■ Well
 ■ Average
 ■ Badly
 ■ Very badly
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

October 28 presidential election



Run-off



Confidence in vote count

How confident are you that the votes across the country were accurately counted...? (q16, q17)

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not too confident
- Not at all confident
- DK
- RA

In the 1st round



In the 2nd round



Problems related to elections

For each please tell us whether it occurred or not during the election process: (q18)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA

Mobilizing state employees to participate in campaign/vote for certain candidate



Bribing of voters



Use of administrative resources to benefit a campaign



Pressure to donate or not donate to certain candidate/party



Intimidation of voters or party representatives



People voting more than once (including Carousel voting)



Expectations towards the President

Thinking about Georgia's new president, please tell me, to what extent do you agree or disagree with following statement? (q19)

- Completely agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Completely disagree
- DK
- RA

New president will positively represent Georgia on international stage



New president will try to find consensus between various political and social groups



New President will use Presidential fund to carry out useful projects



New president will have no impact in general as s/he has limited power



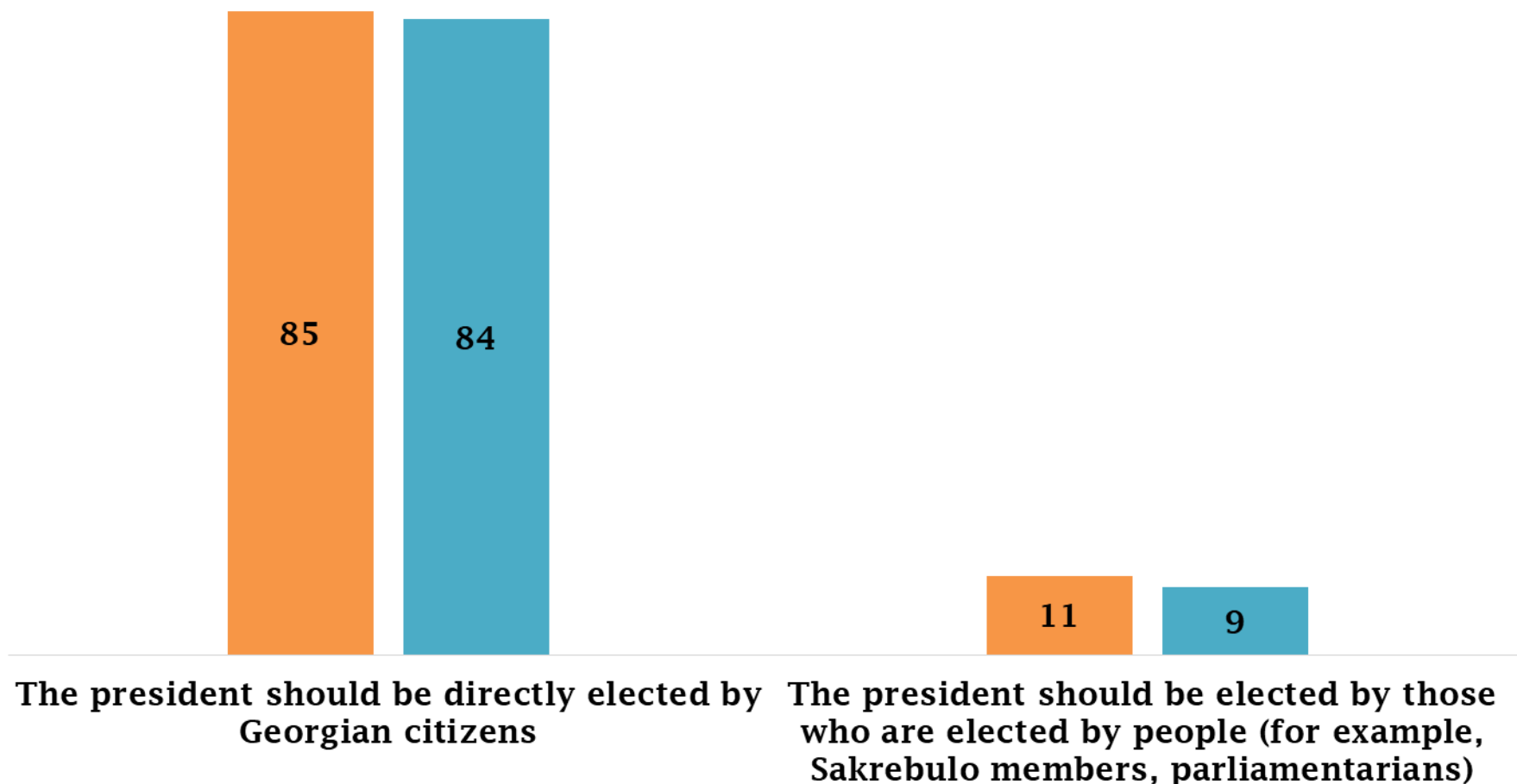
New President will put forward/raise issues that matter to people like me



Electing the President

Please, tell me, which statement do you agree with? (q20)

■ December 2018 ■ April 2017



Performance of the Government & Parliament

Government performance

Using this card, please tell me, how would you rate the performance of the current government? (q4)

■ Very well
 ■ Well
 ■ Badly
 ■ Very badly
 ■ DK
 ■ RA

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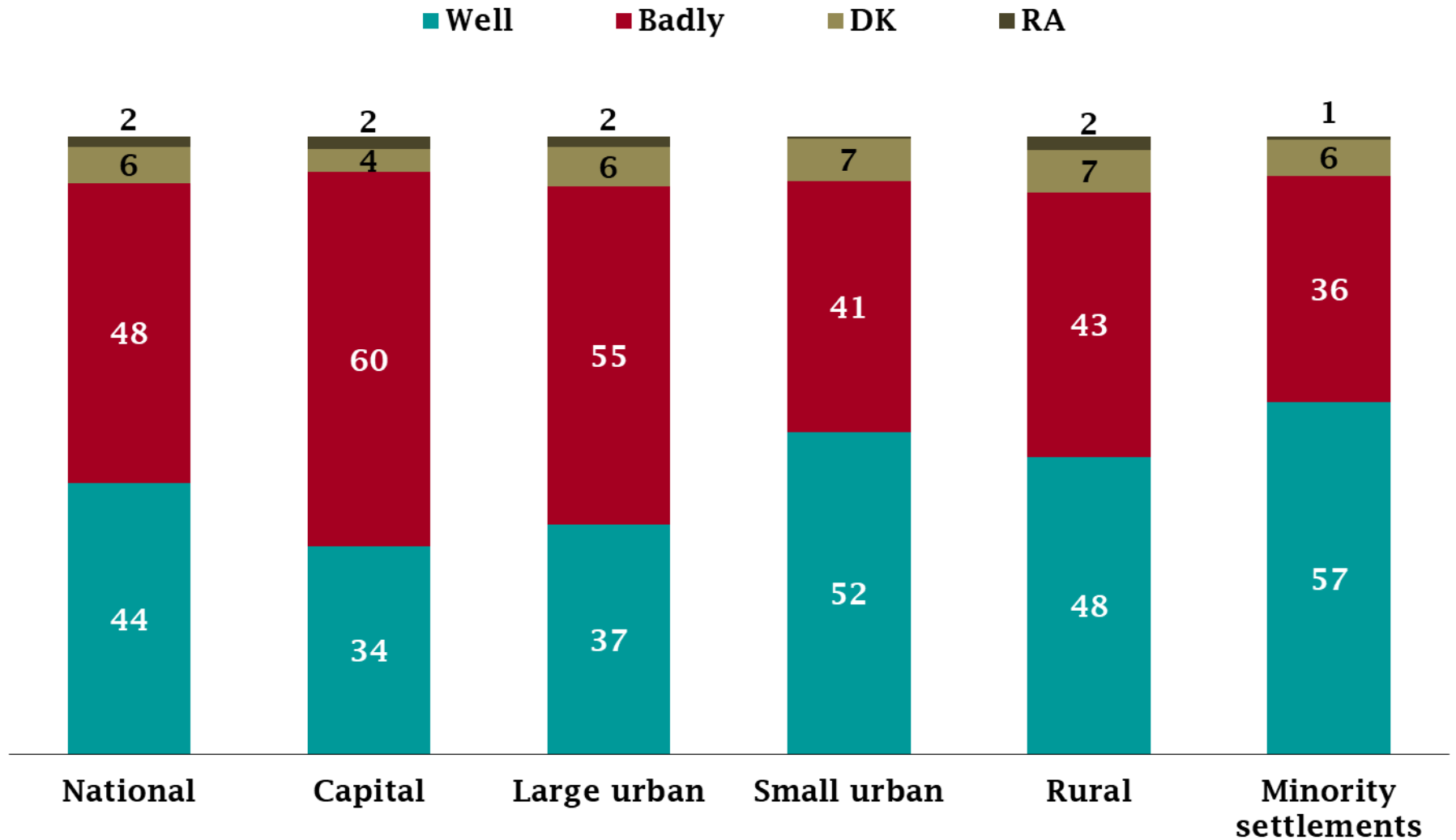


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Government performance

Using this card, please tell me, how would you rate the performance of the current government? (q4 X Settlement)



Assessment of Parliament

Do you agree or disagree that since the 2016 parliamentary election ...?
(q35)

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK

Parliament is preoccupied with political bickering



Parliament has put forward important policies that benefit the country



Parliament is well-organized and efficient in getting things done



Parliament has effectively overseen the government (ministries) to ensure their better performance

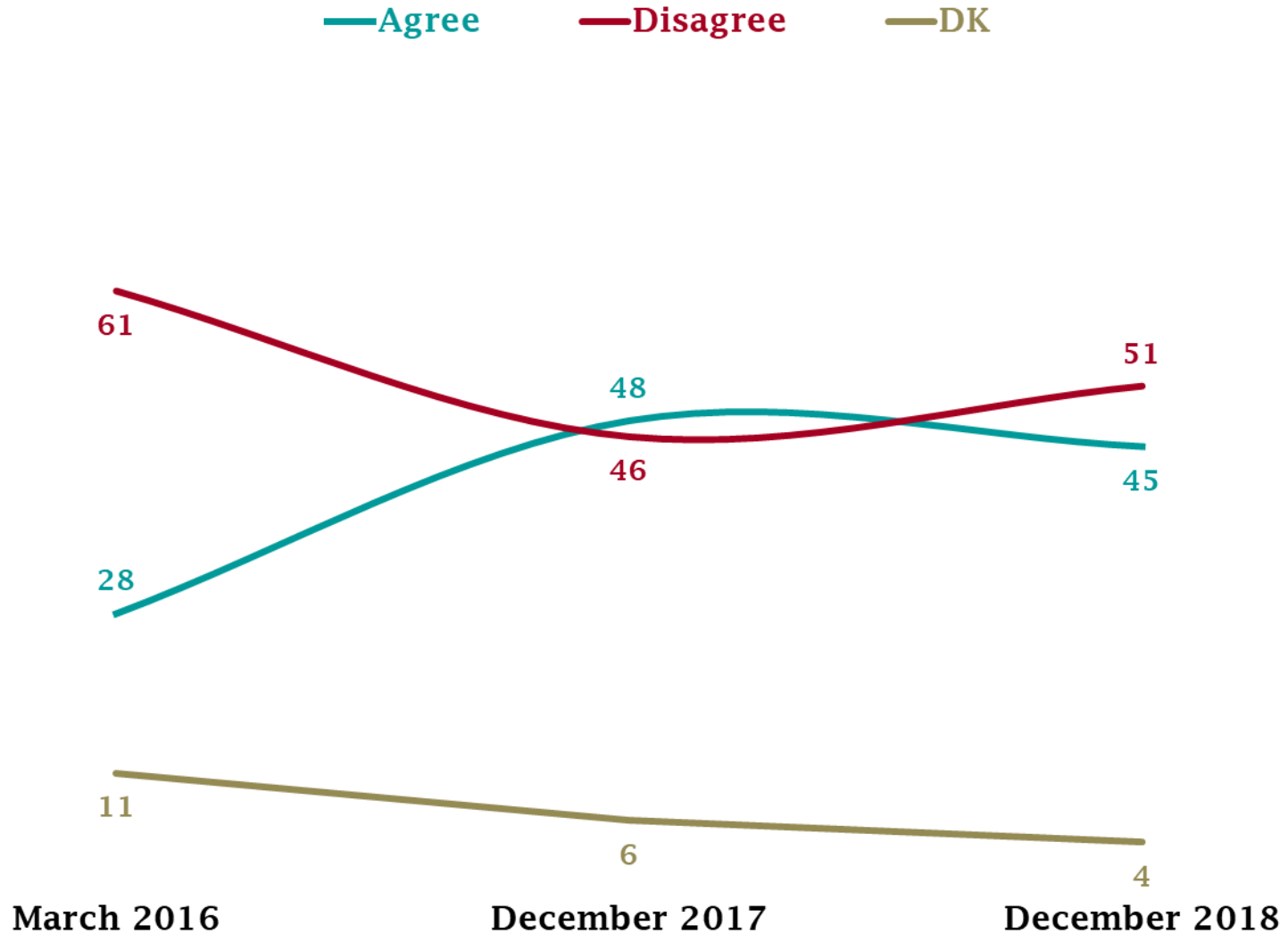


Parliament has managed to investigate important matters for the country



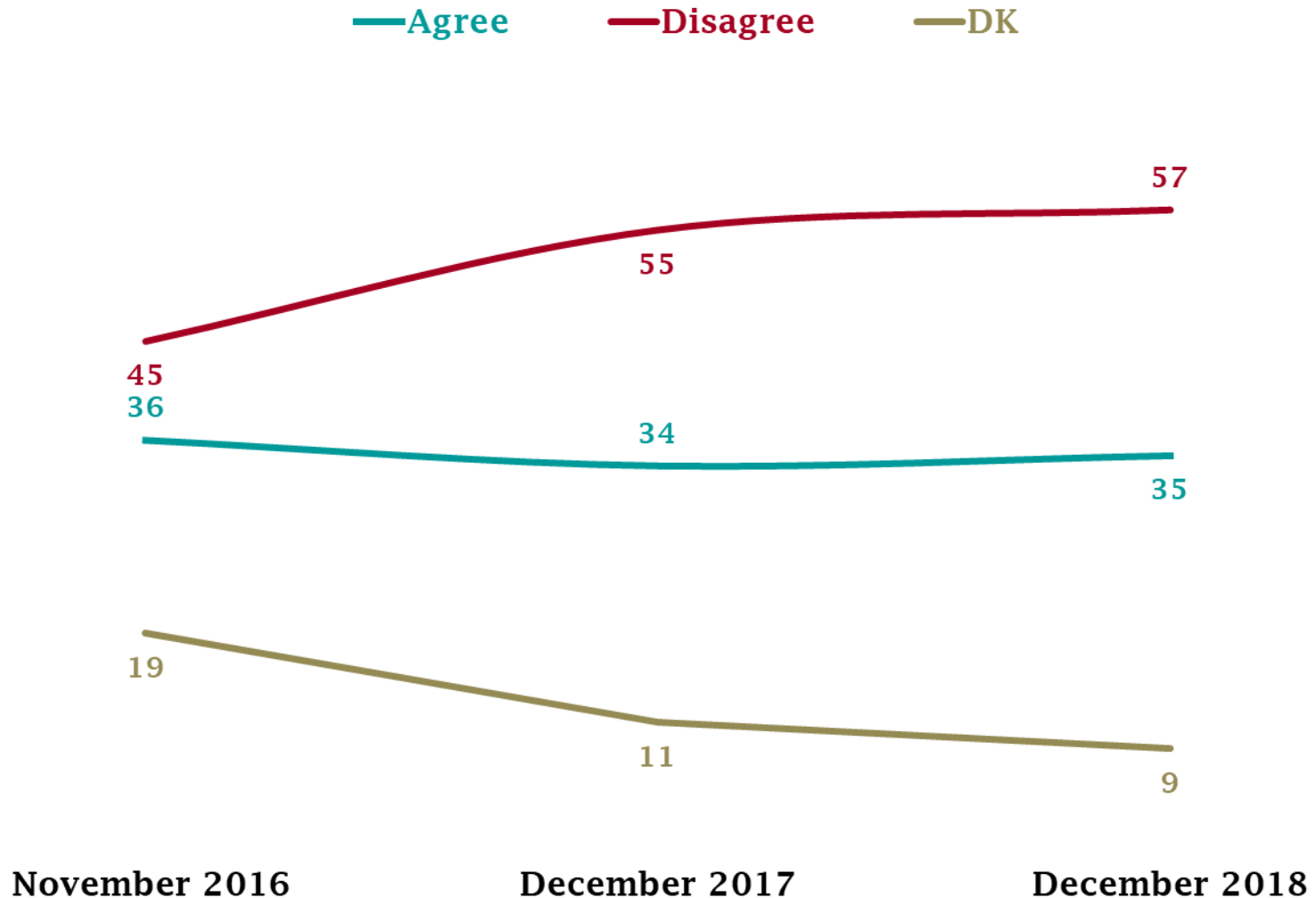
Parliament and the public

Please, tell me how much do you agree or disagree that members of parliament take into account opinions of people like you? (q32)



Parliament and the public

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: If you wanted to, you would be able to easily arrange a meeting with the Member of Parliament. (q33)



Participating in Parliament's work

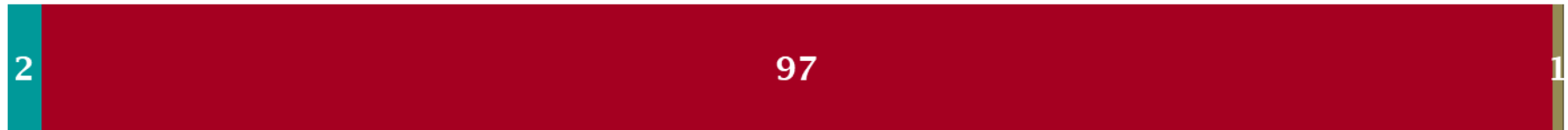
Have you ever been involved in the work of the parliament in following ways ...? (q34)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA

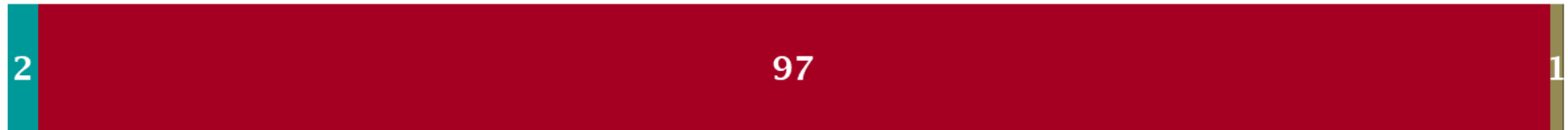
Attended public discussion organized by Parliament/MP



Addressed the Parliament/MP with a request



Made a comment on legislation

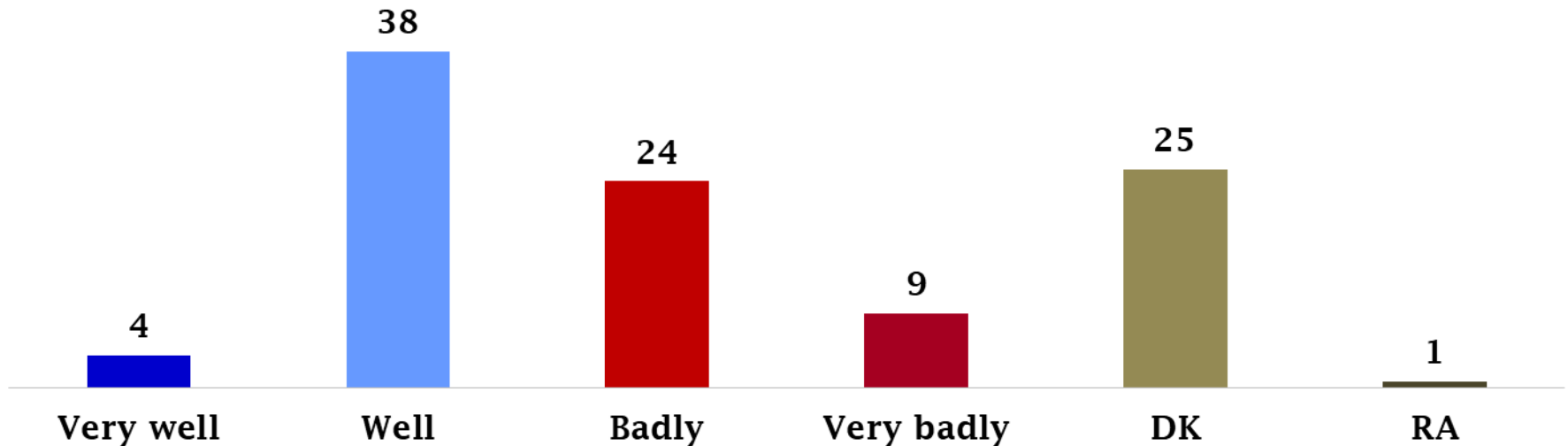


Attended a committee hearing



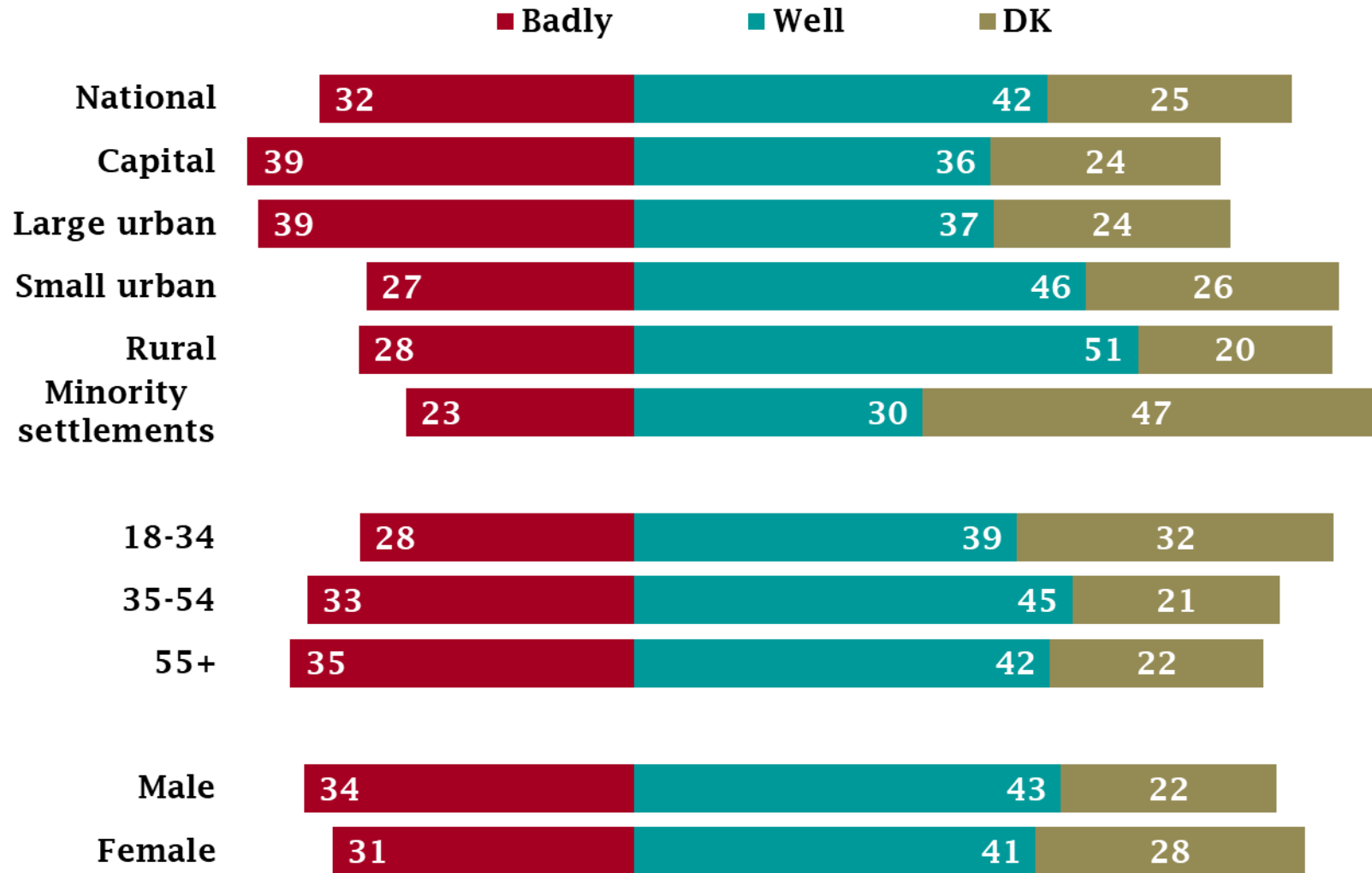
Speaker's performance

How would you rate the performance of The Speaker of the Parliament Irakli Kobakhidze? (q27)



Speaker's performance

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Attitudes towards MPs

Overall, do you agree or disagree that majority of MPs in Georgia ...? (q29)

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK

Take into account interests of minorities (ethnic, sexual, religious and other)



Are qualified for their job as parliamentarian



Behave in an ethical manner



Work hard for the country



Expectations towards MPs

What do you expect from the member of the Parliament (MP)? (q28)

■ 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

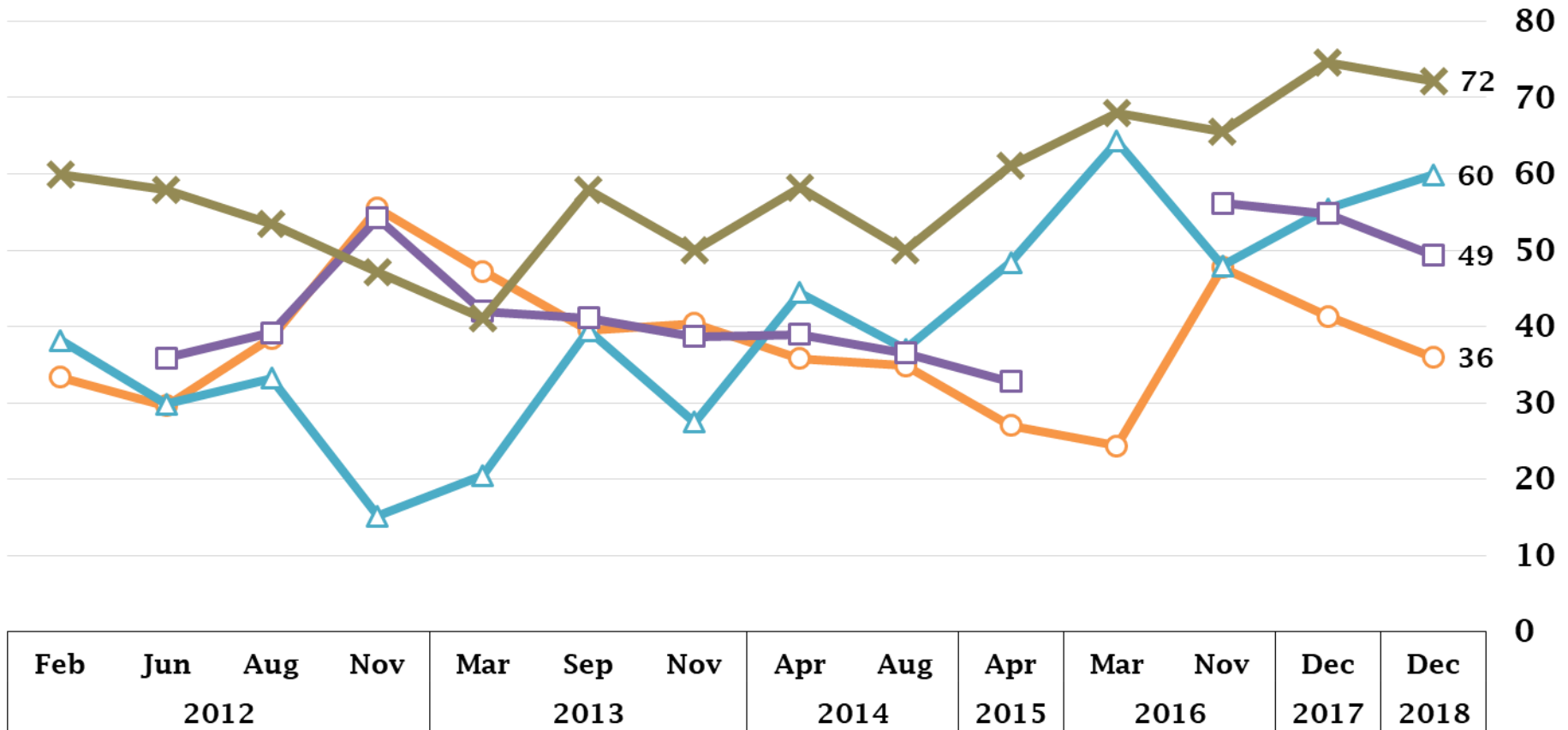


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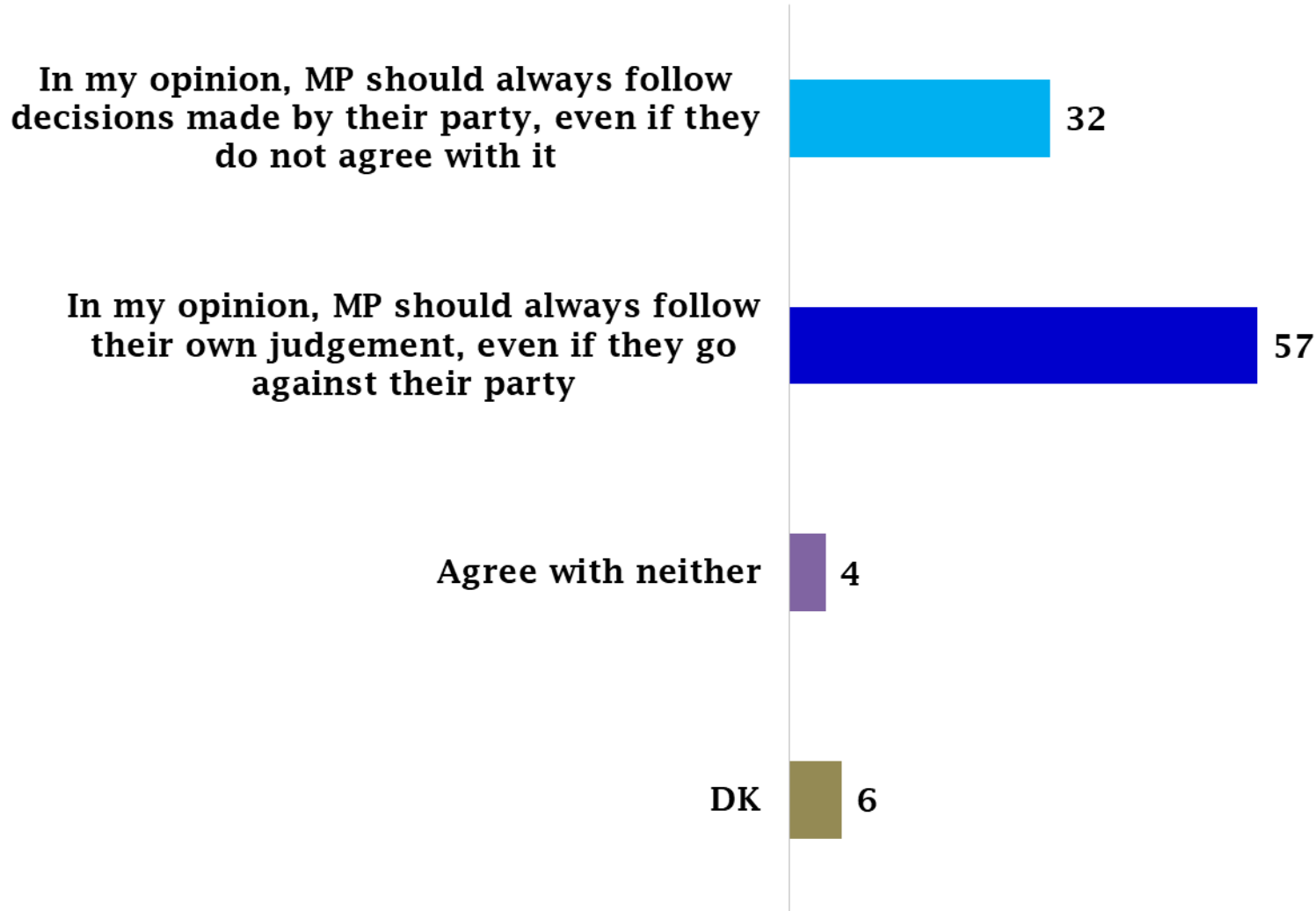
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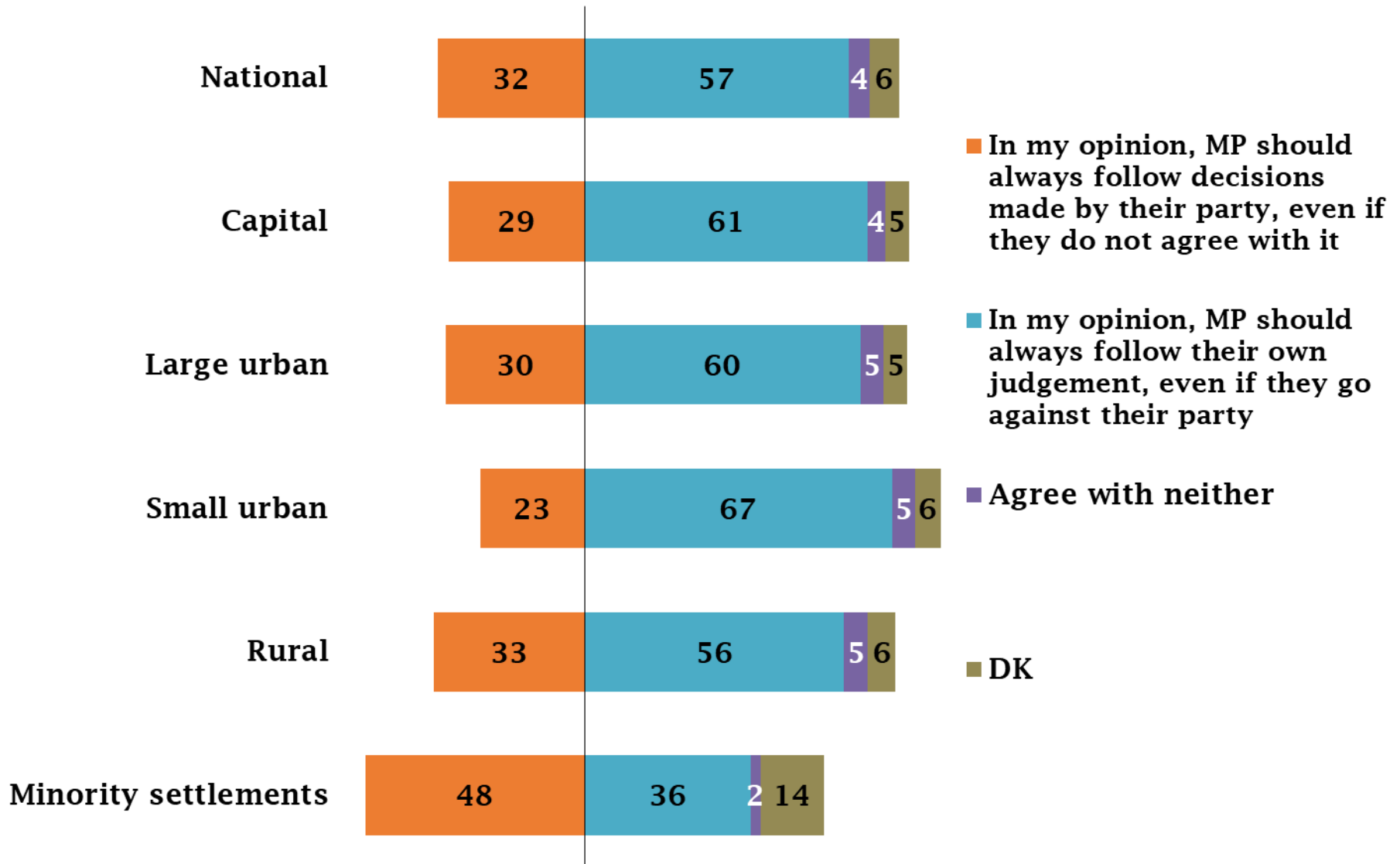
MPs and parties

Please, tell me, which statement do you agree with? (q30)



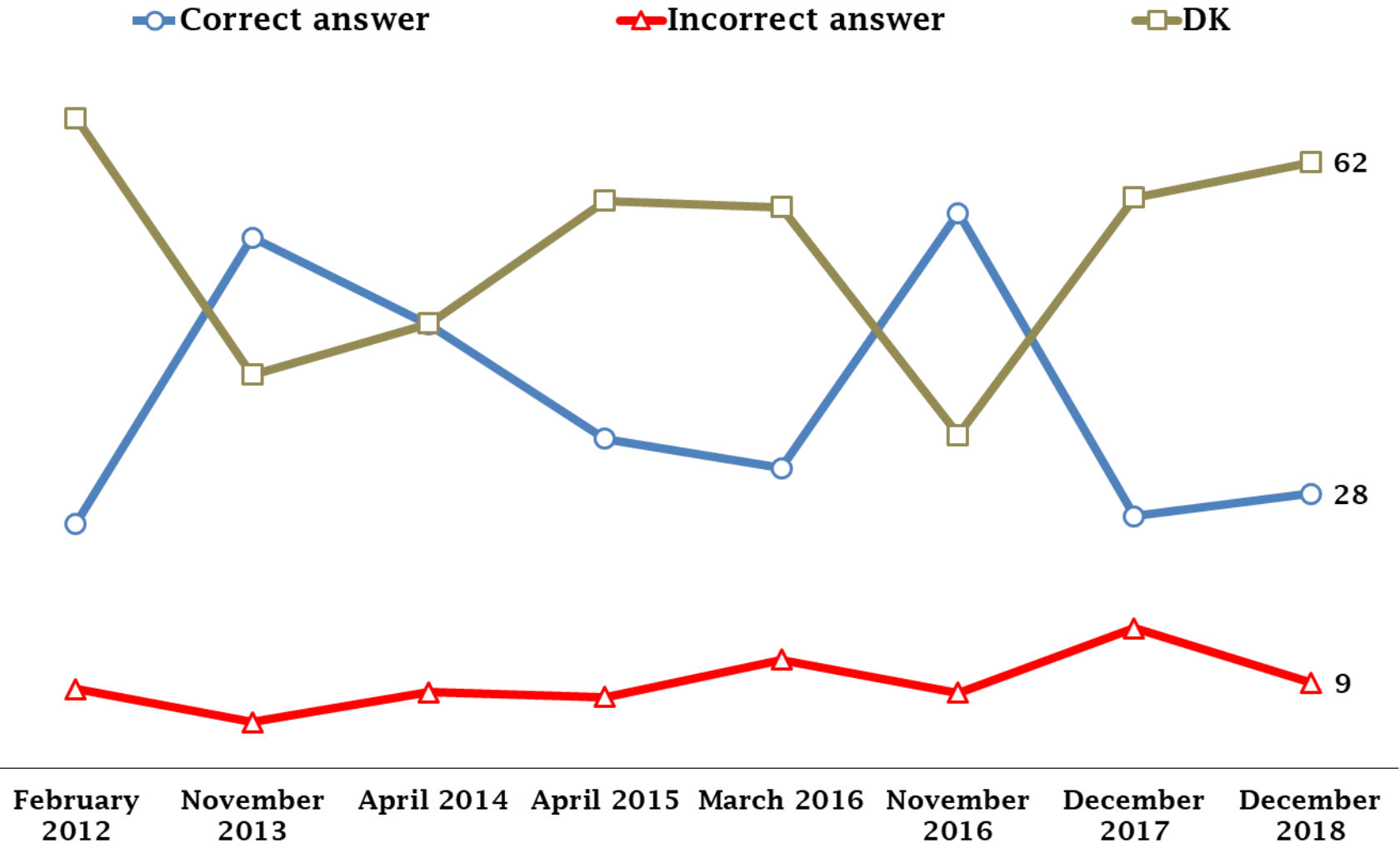
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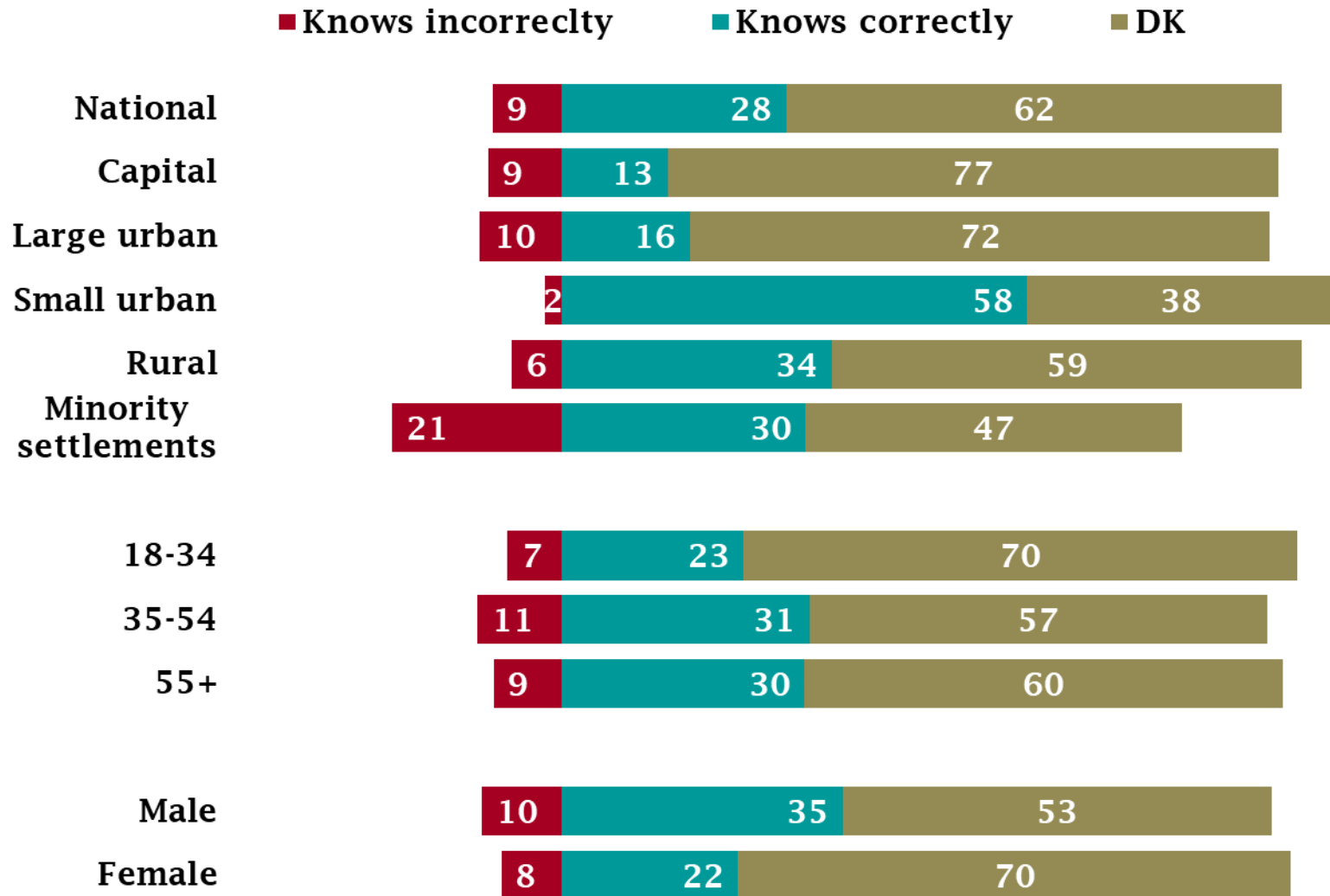
Name your majoritarian

Please tell me who is your majoritarian member in the Parliament of Georgia? (q31)



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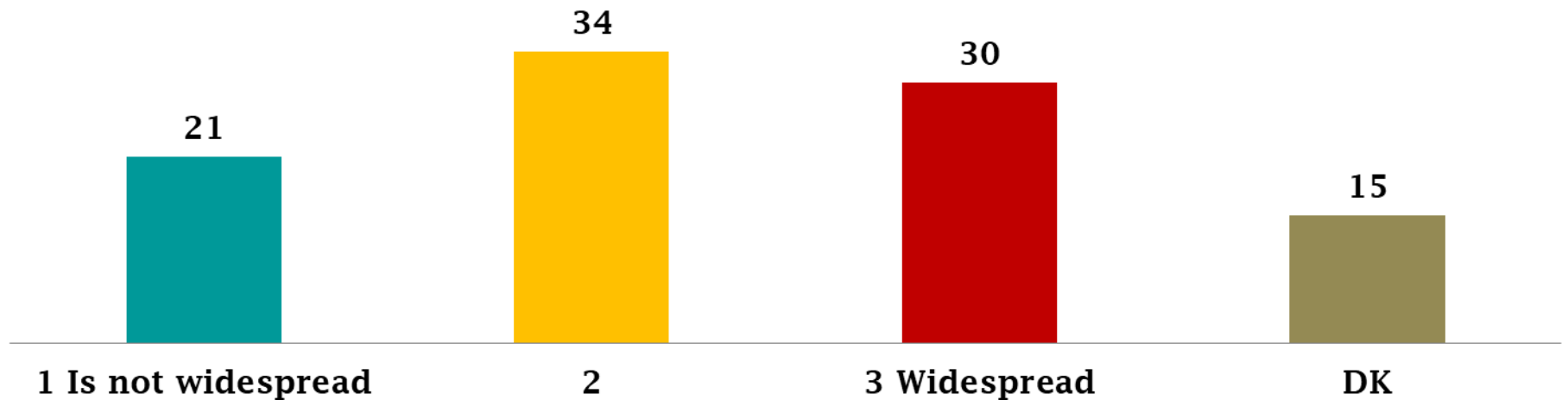
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Corruption

Perception of corruption

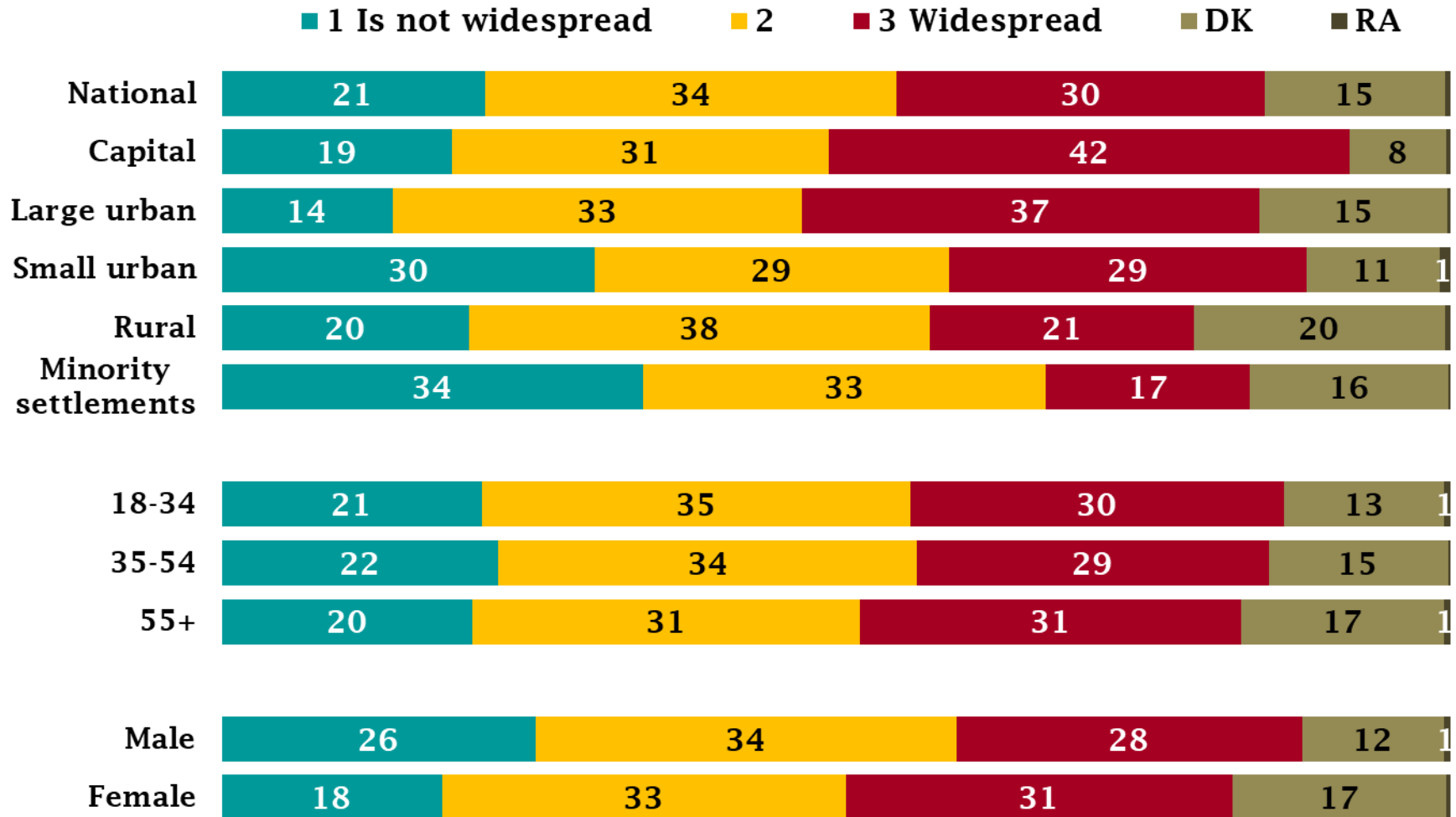
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(q44)



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Corruption and institutions

Thinking about following institutions, how widespread, if at all, is corruption there? (q45) Part 1

- Corruption is widespread
- There is some corruption
- There is no corruption
- DK
- RA

Ministries



Local government (Sakrebulo, Mayor's office, Gangeoba)



Courts



Political Parties



Corruption and institutions

Thinking about following institutions, how widespread, if at all, is corruption there? (q45) Part 2

- Corruption is widespread
- There is some corruption
- There is no corruption
- DK
- RA

Prosecutor's office



Parliament



Public institutions (state hospitals, state schools, state kindergartens, state universities, public service agencies etc)

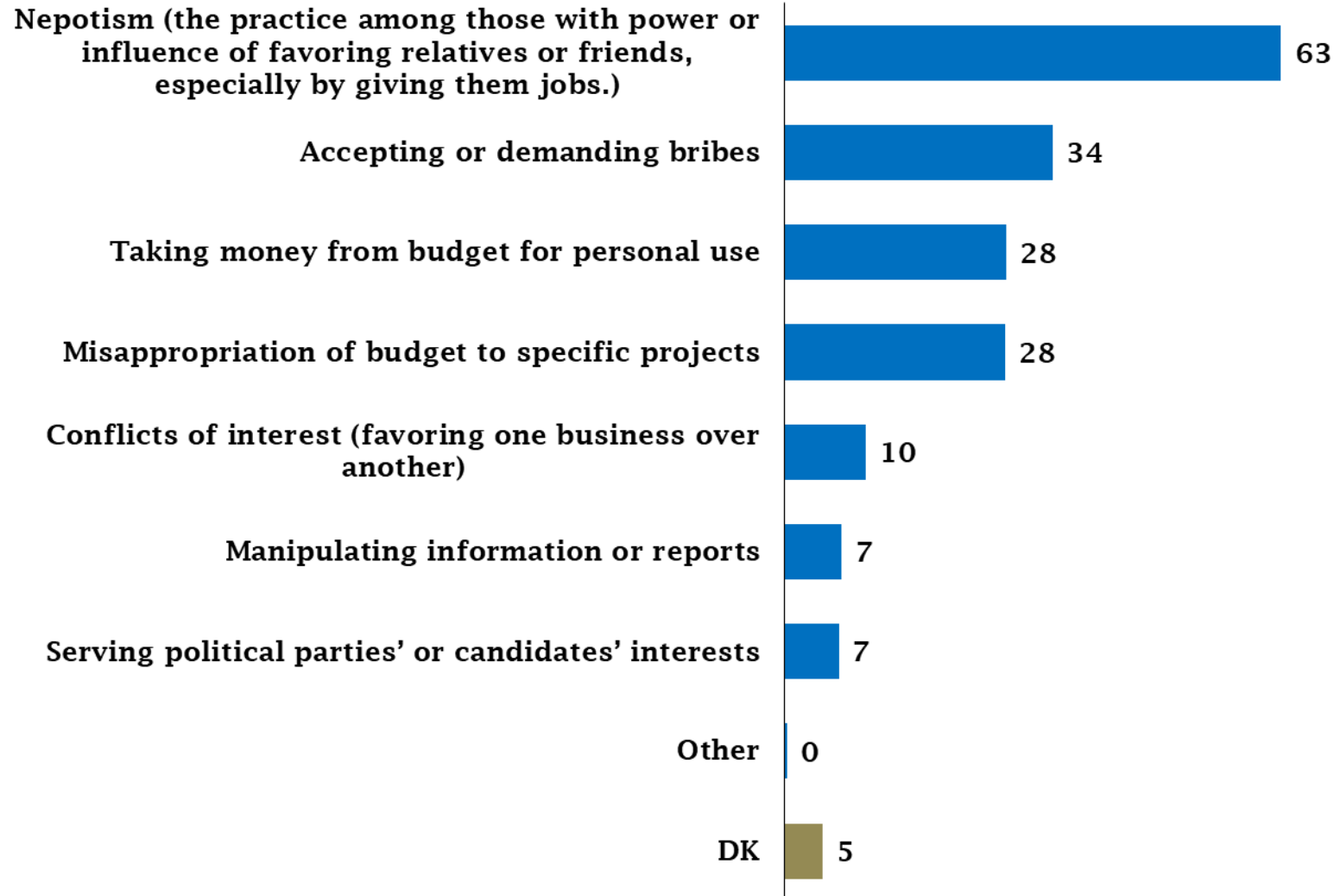


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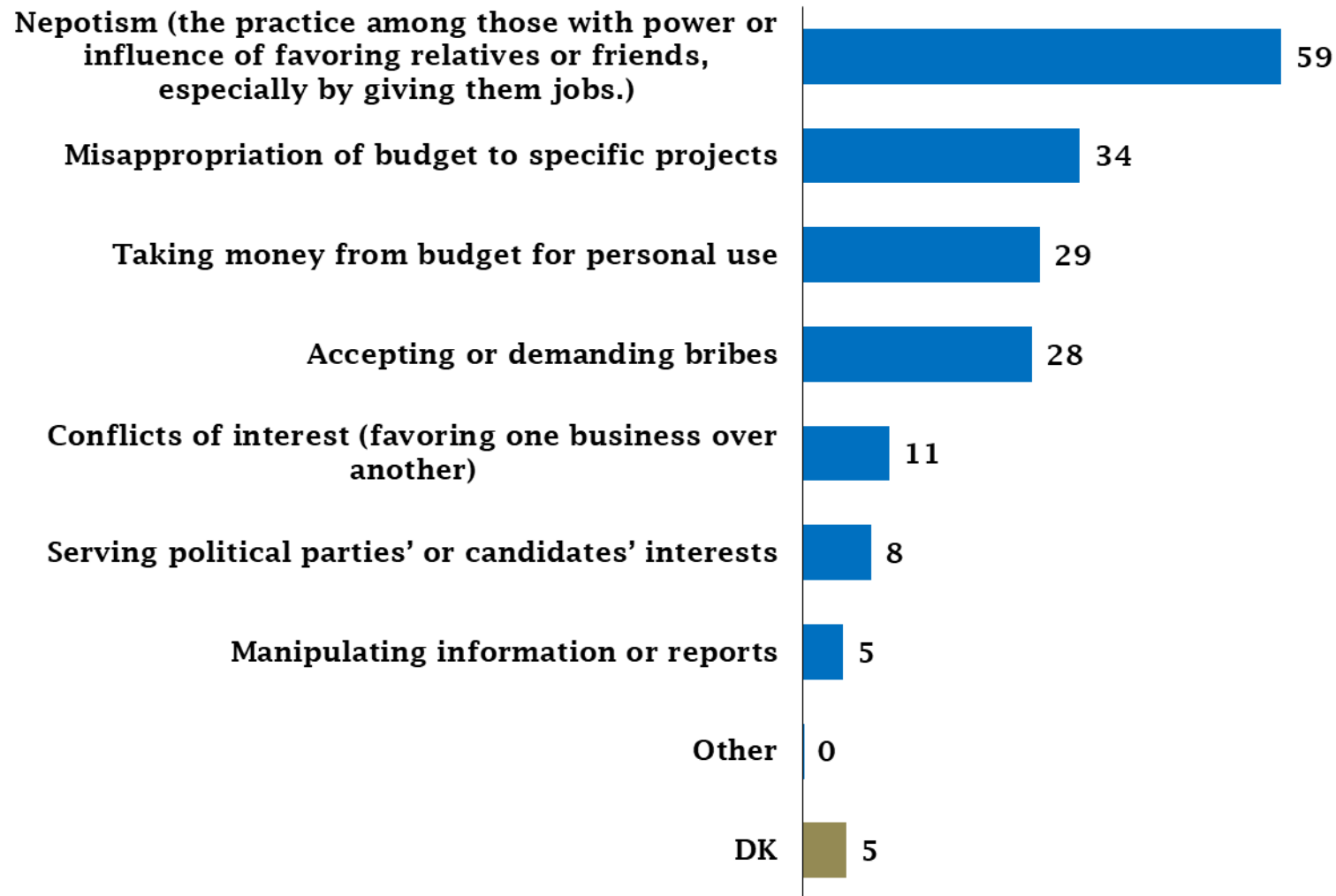
Corruption in ministries

What does this corruption involve? Up to three answers (q46_1) - of the 53% who think there is corruption in ministries



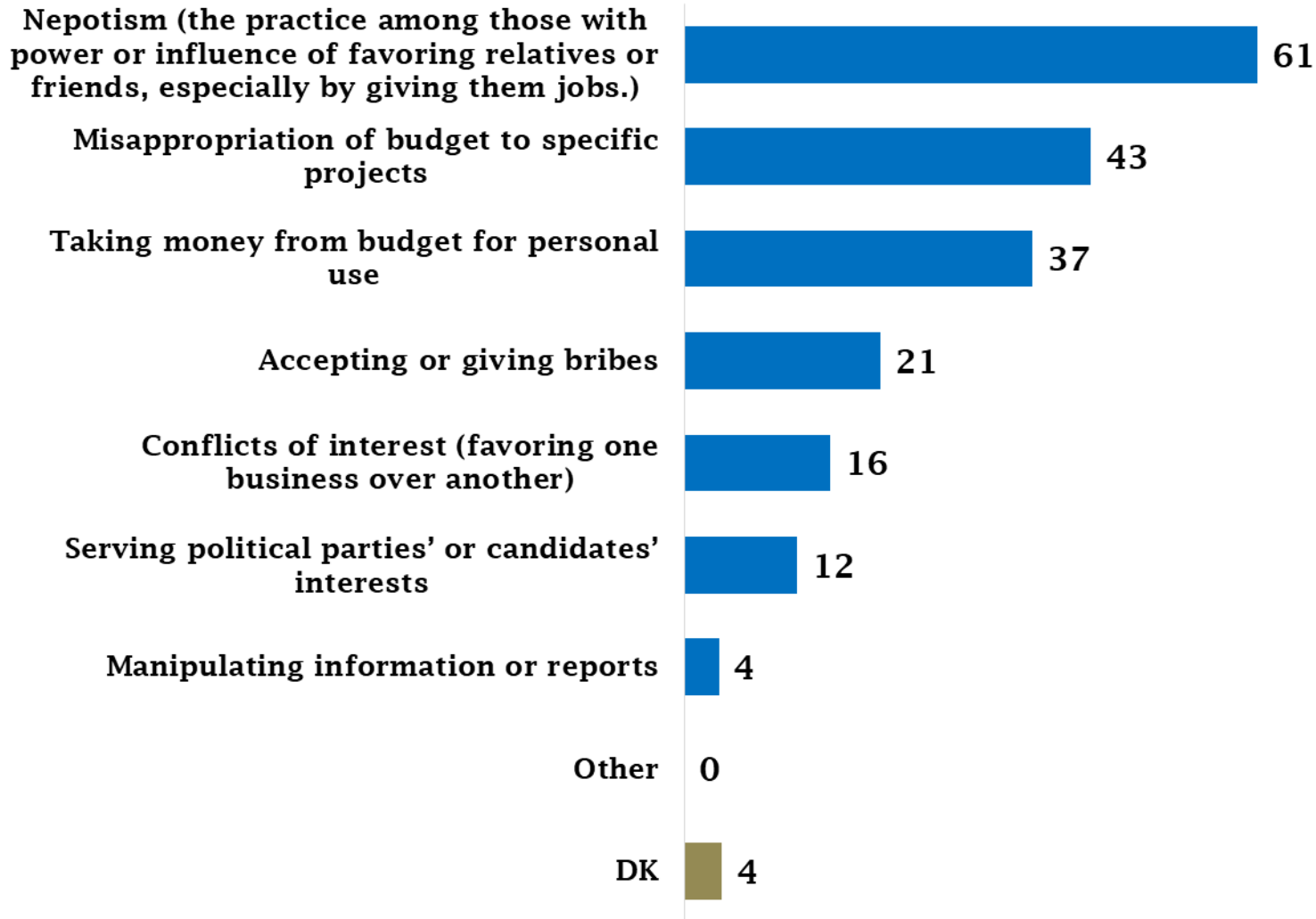
Corruption in the local government

What does this corruption involve? Up to three answers (q46_3) - of the 51% who think there is corruption in local government



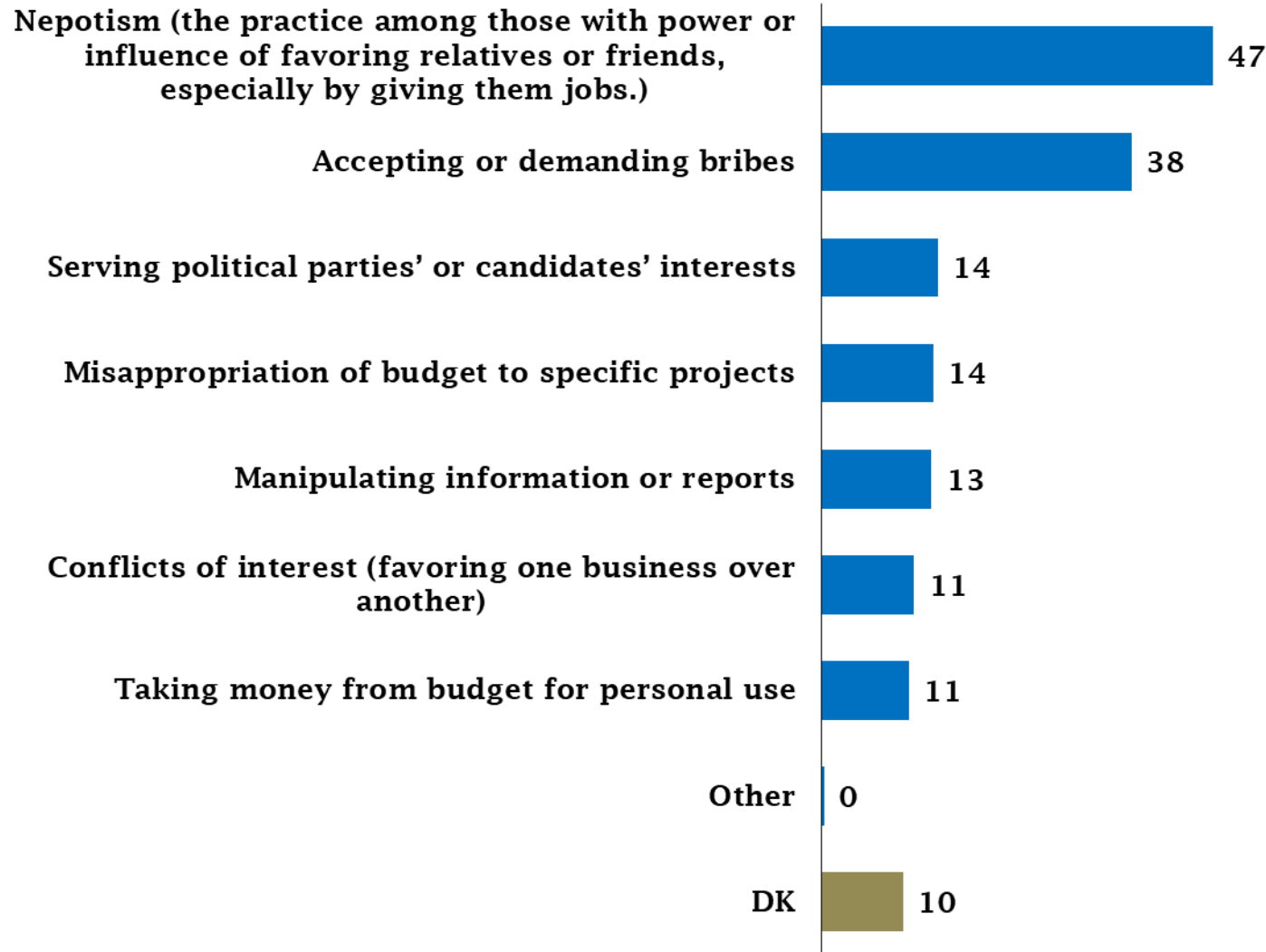
Corruption in the local government

What does this corruption involve? Up to three answers (q46_3) Tbilisi - of the 70% who think there is corruption in local government



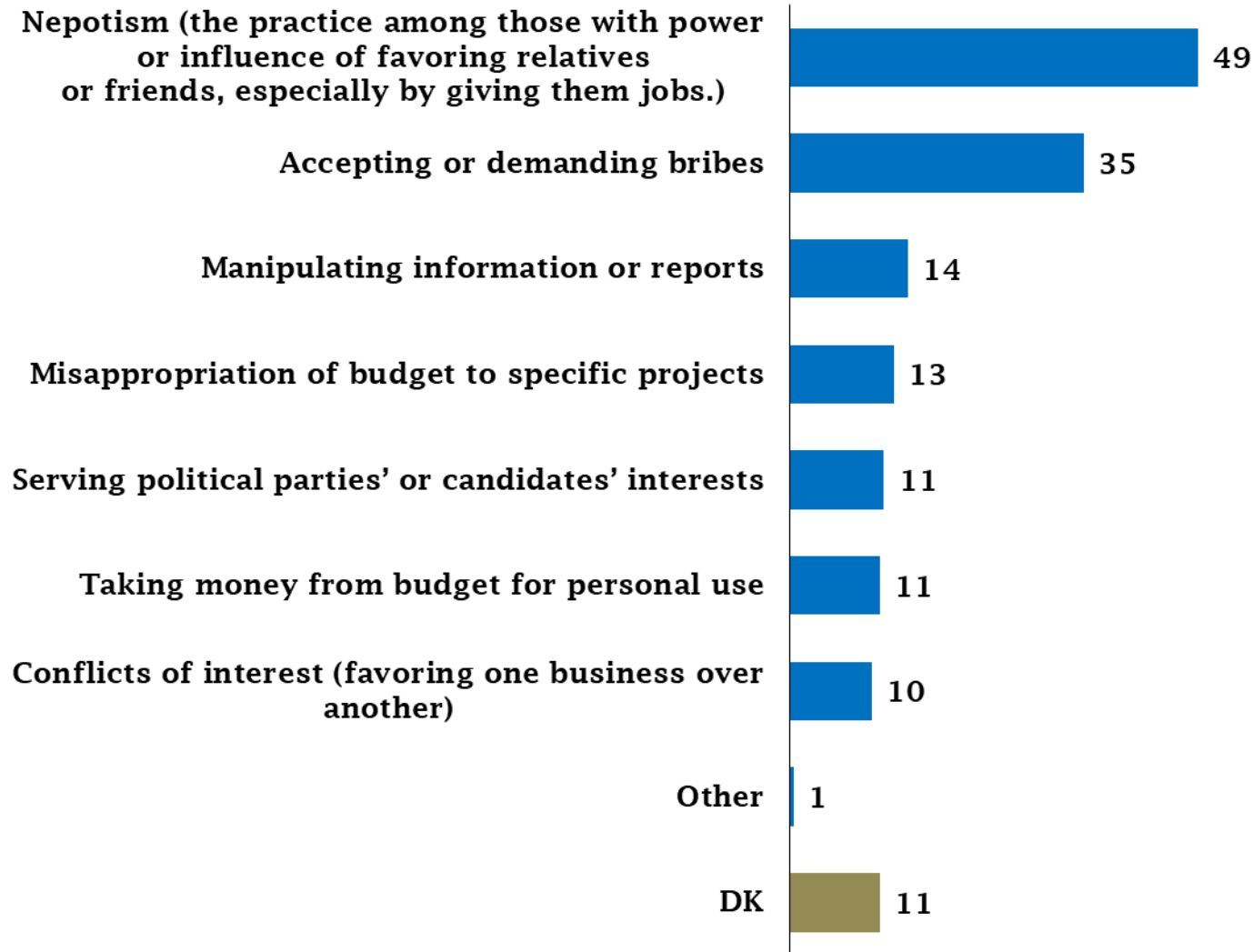
Corruption in courts

What does this corruption involve? Up to three answers (q46_4) - of the 49% who think there is corruption in courts



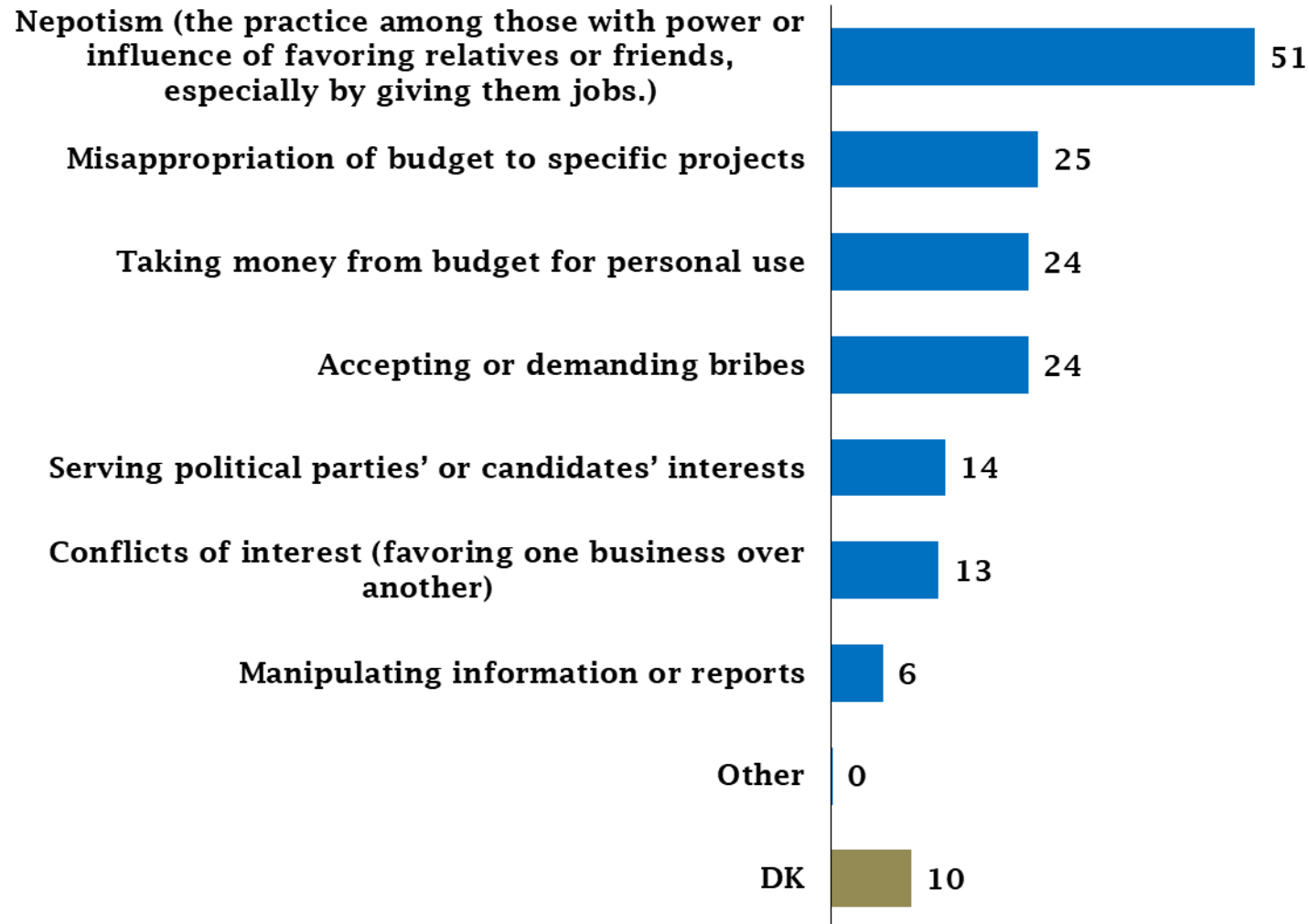
Corruption in prosecutor's office

What does this corruption involve? Up to three answers (q46_6) - of the 44% who think there is corruption in prosecutor's office



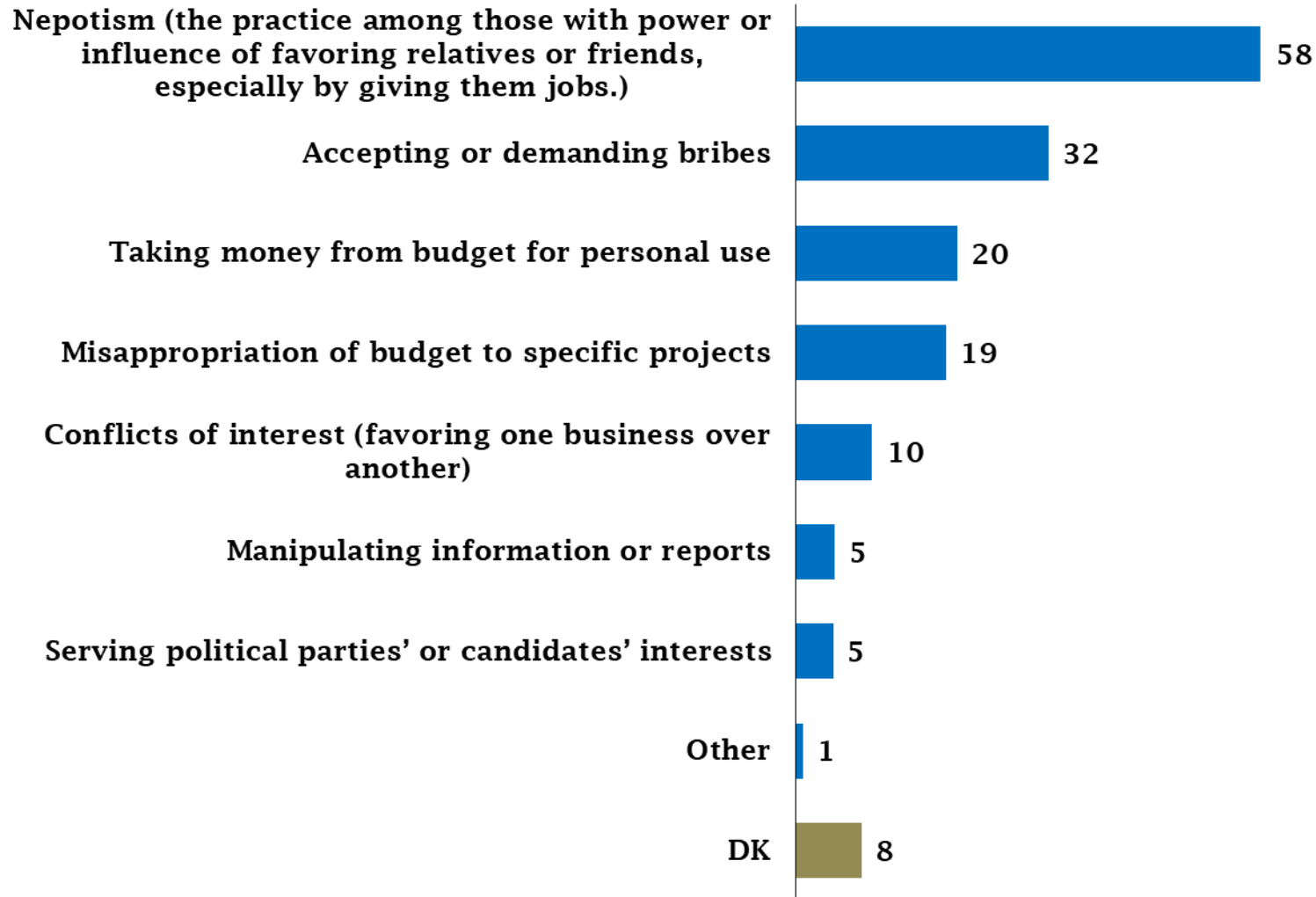
Corruption in the Parliament

What does this corruption involve? Up to three answers (q46_7) - of the 44% who think there is corruption in parliament



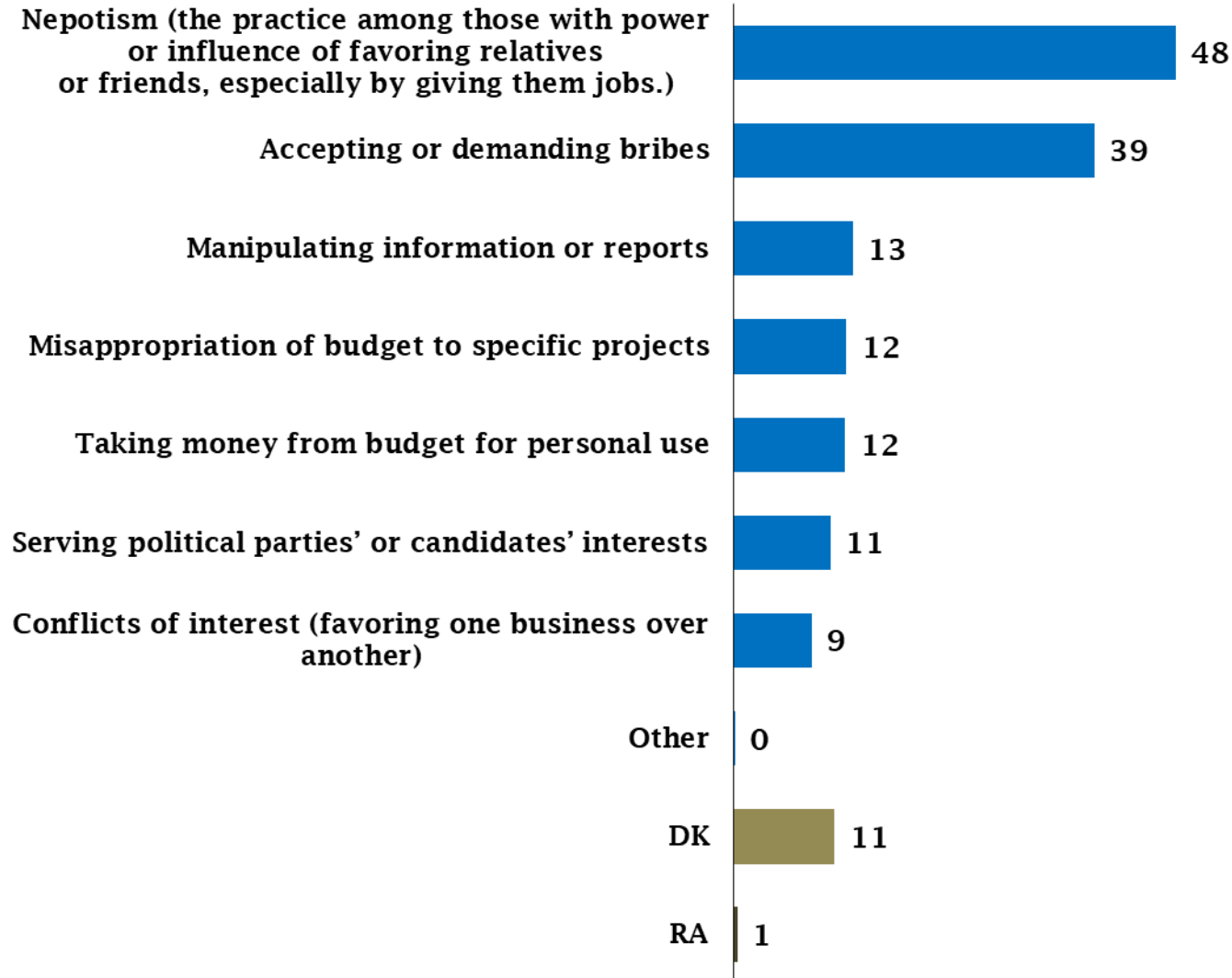
Corruption in public institutions

What does this corruption involve? Up to three answers (q46_2) - of the 44% who think there is corruption in public institutions



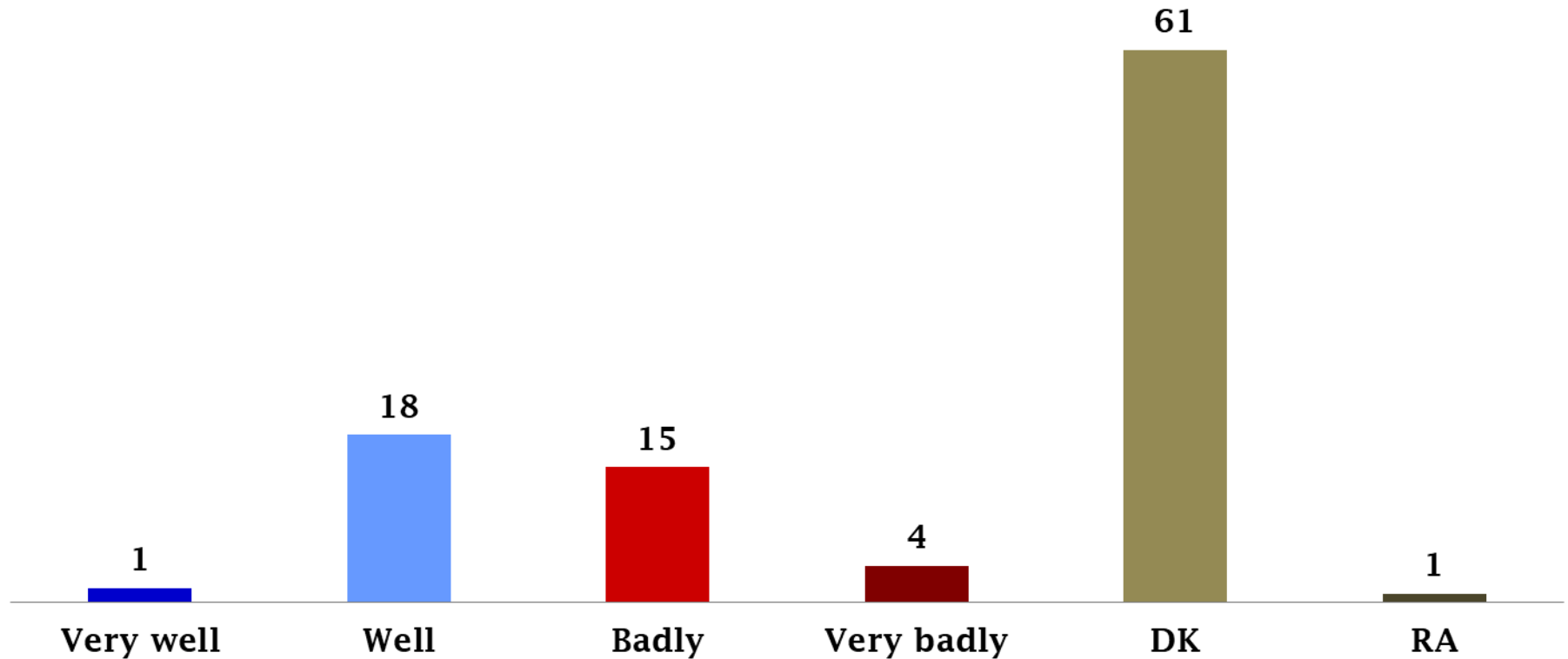
Corruption in the police

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Prosecutor's performance

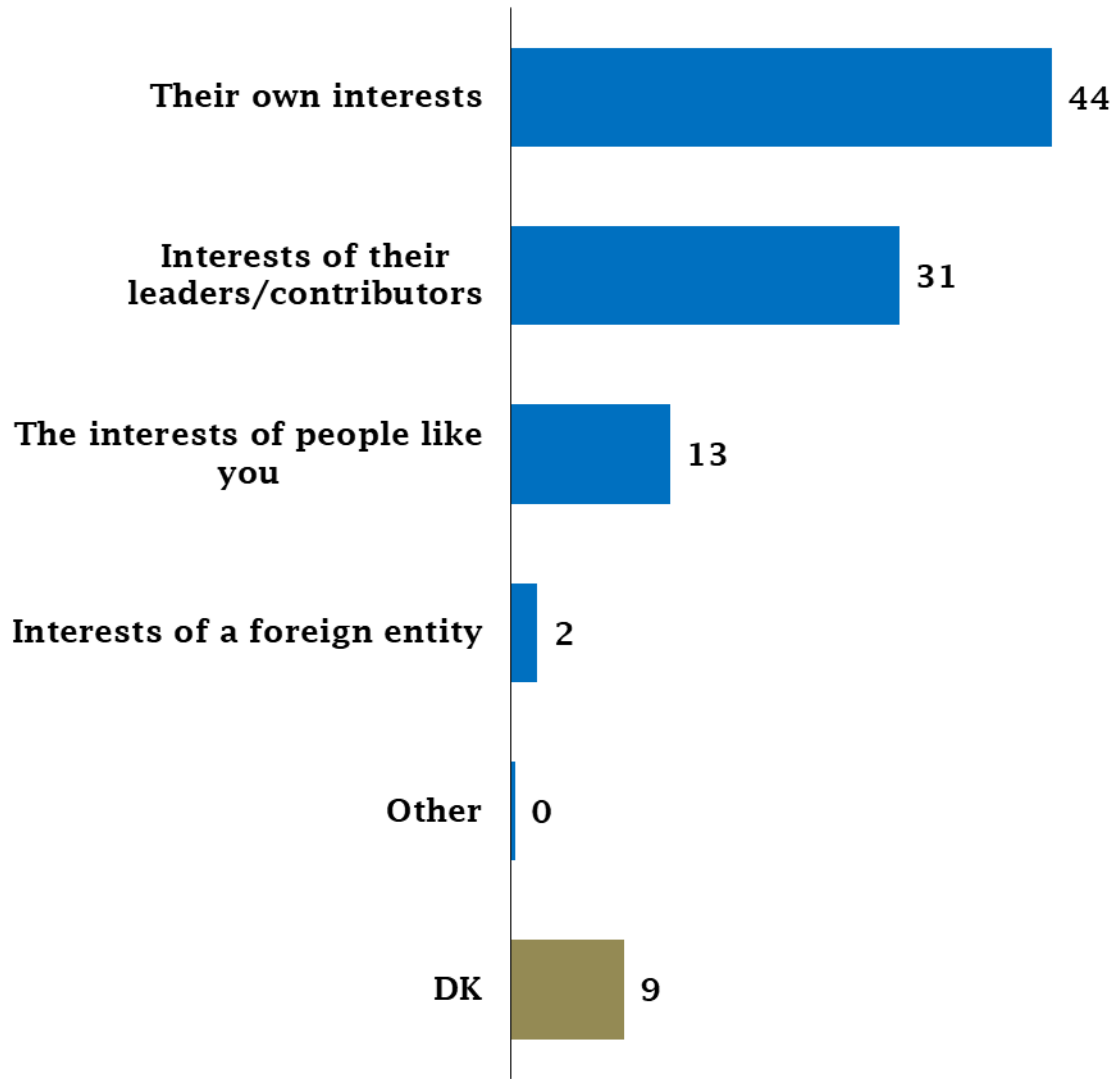
How would you rate the performance of Chief Prosecutor's office (Shalva Tadumadze)? (q48)



Party Support

Political parties

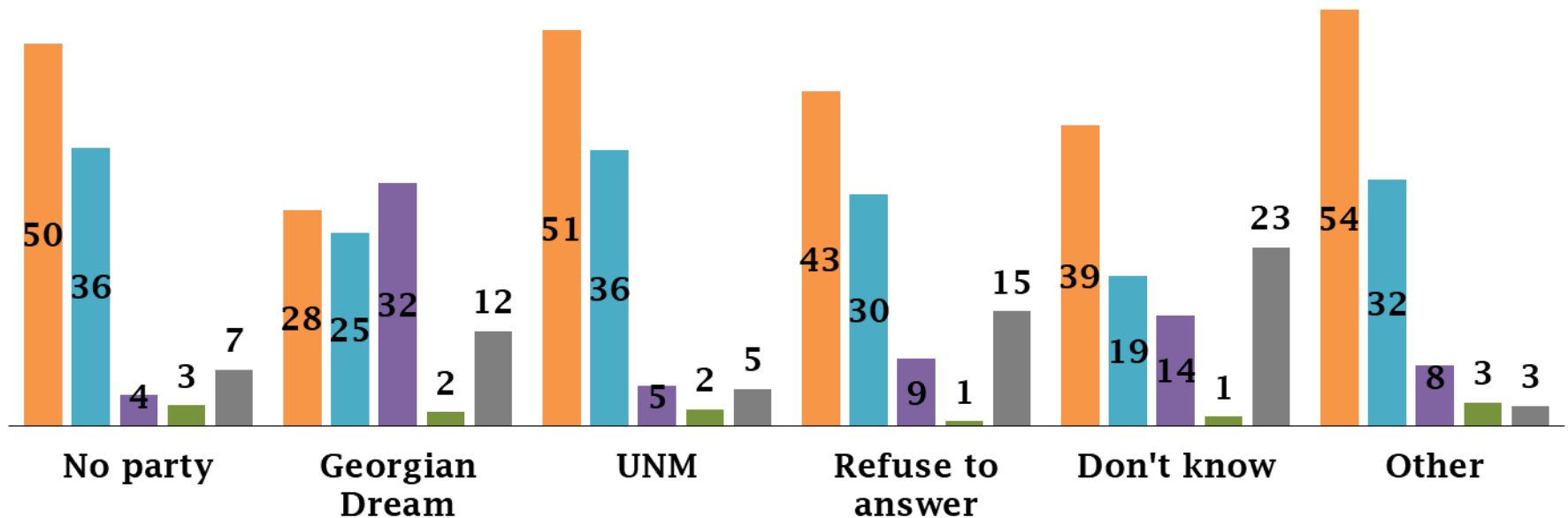
Do you believe Georgian political parties mostly represent ...? (q43)



Political parties

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(q43 X Party closest to you)

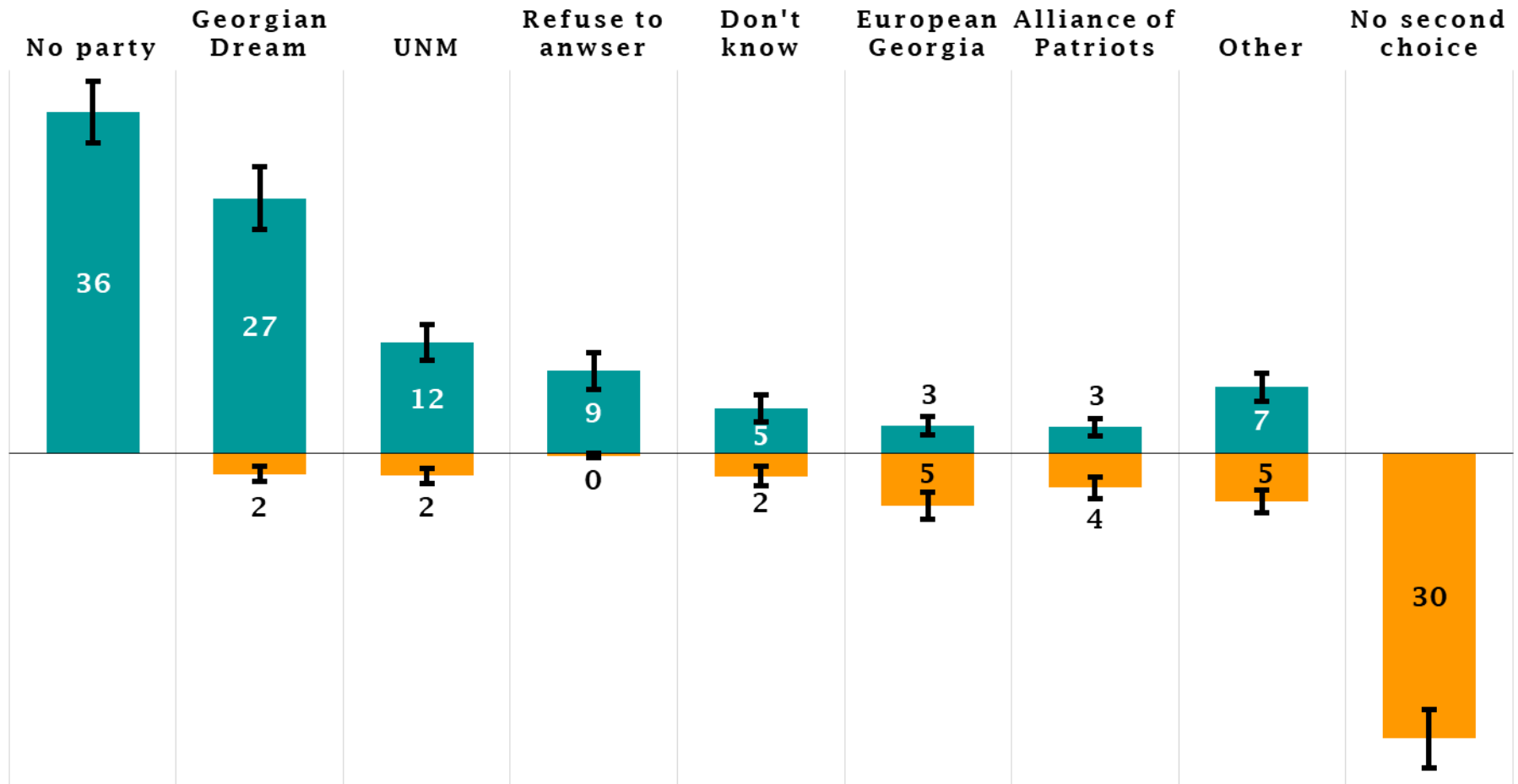
- Their own interests
- Interests of their leaders/donors
- The interests of people like you
- Interests of a foreign entity
- DK



Party support

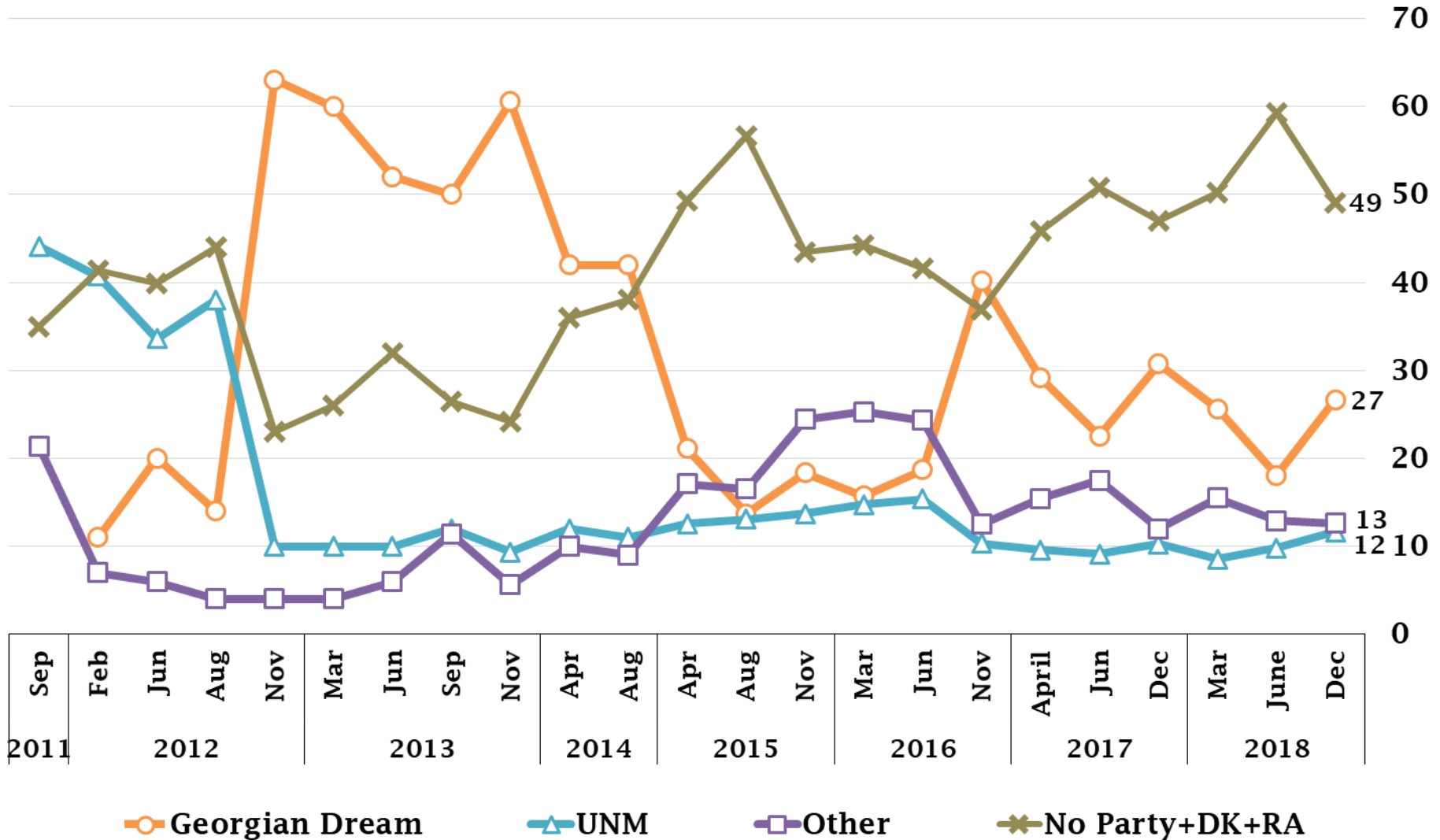
Which party is closest to you? And what is your first and second choice? (q38)

■ First choice ■ Second choice



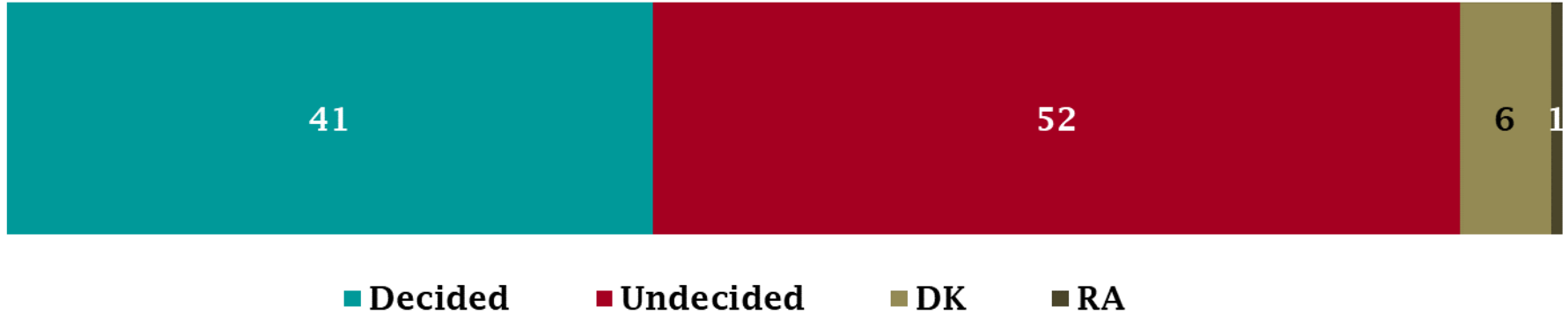
Party support

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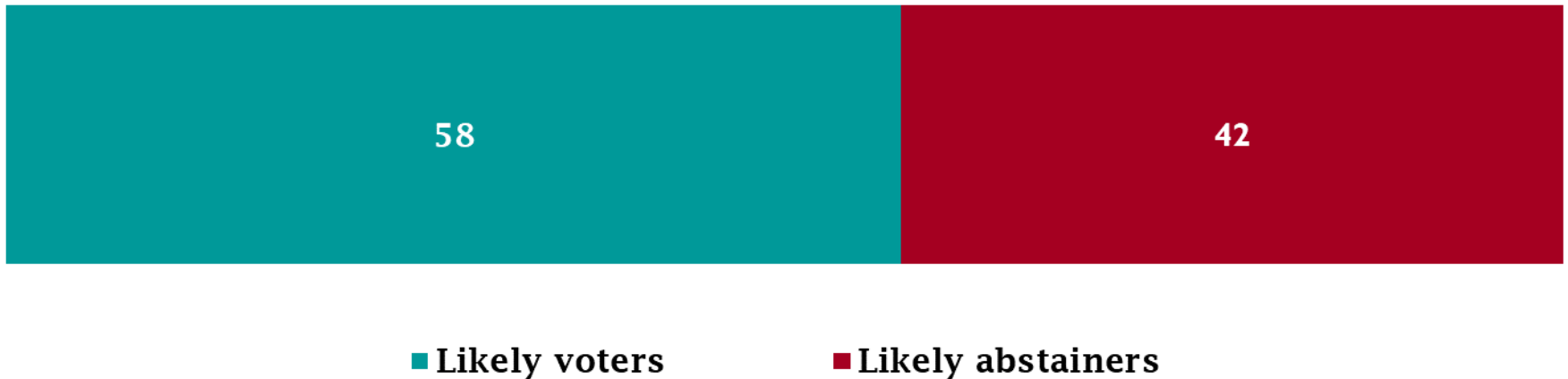


Intention to vote

If Parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you say you are decided or undecided about how you would vote? (q39)



If Parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote? (q40)



Intention to vote

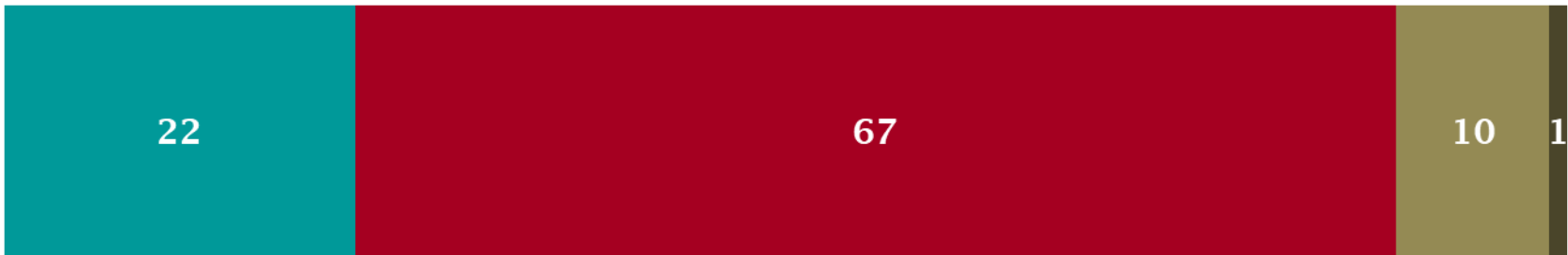
If Parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you say you are decided or undecided about how you would vote?
 (q39 X If Parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote?)

■ Decided ■ Undecided ■ DK ■ RA

Likely voters



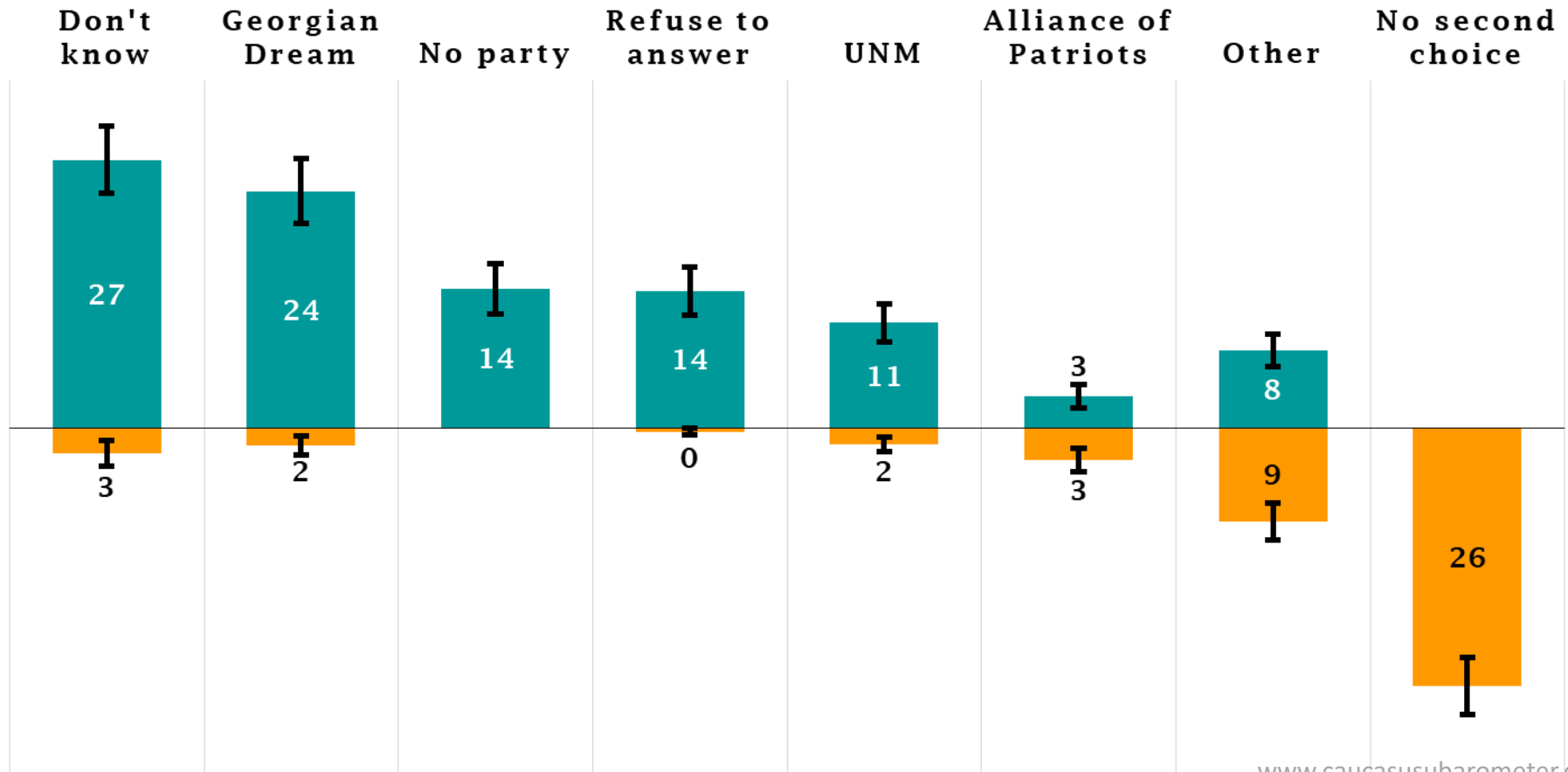
Likely abstainers



Future vote (whole sample)

If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for? Which party would be your first & second choice? (q41)

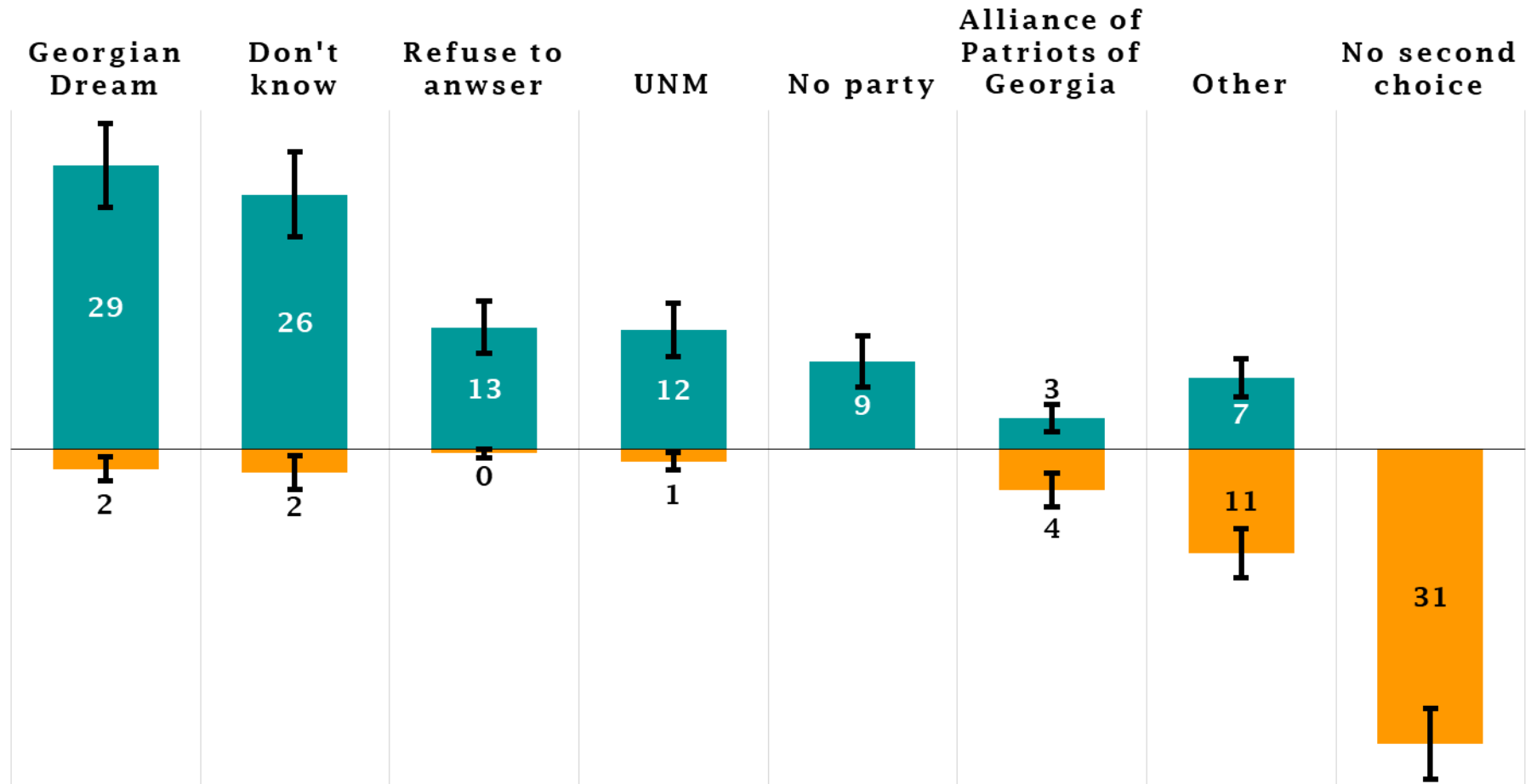
■ First choice ■ Second choice



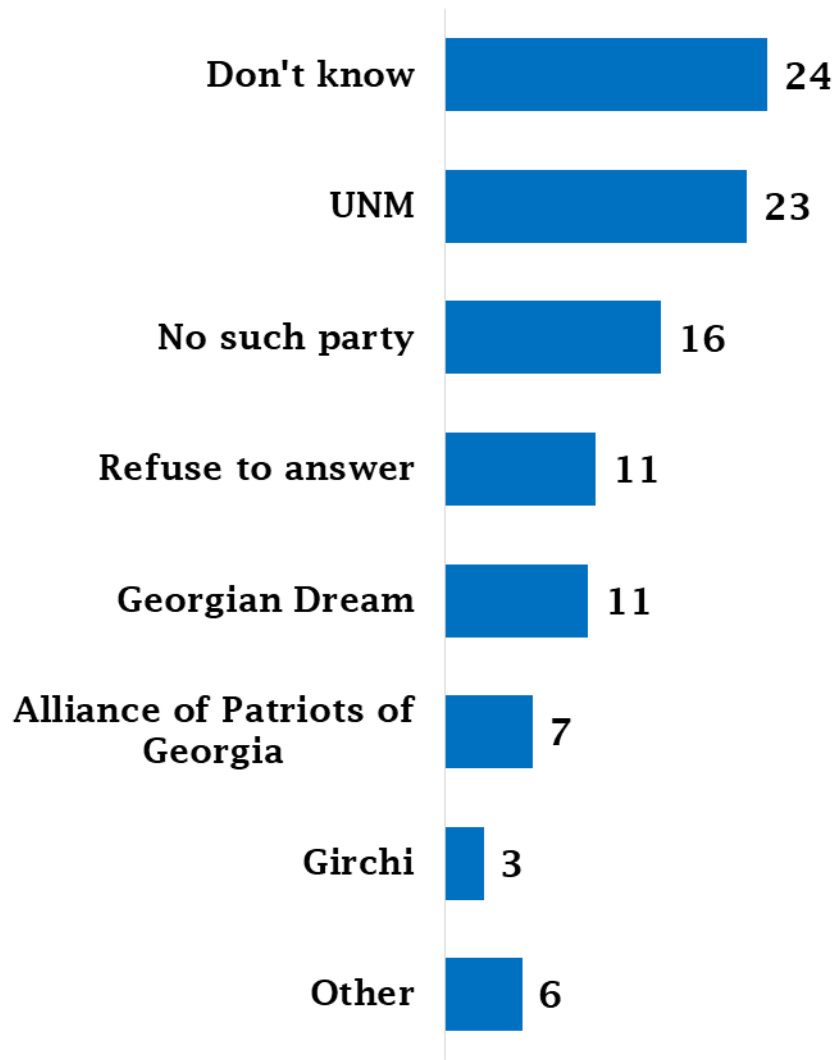
Future vote (likely voters only)

If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for? Which party would be your first & second choice? (q41)

■ First choice ■ Second choice



Which party/bloc you would never vote for? (q42)



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