



Kyrgyzstan National Opinion Poll

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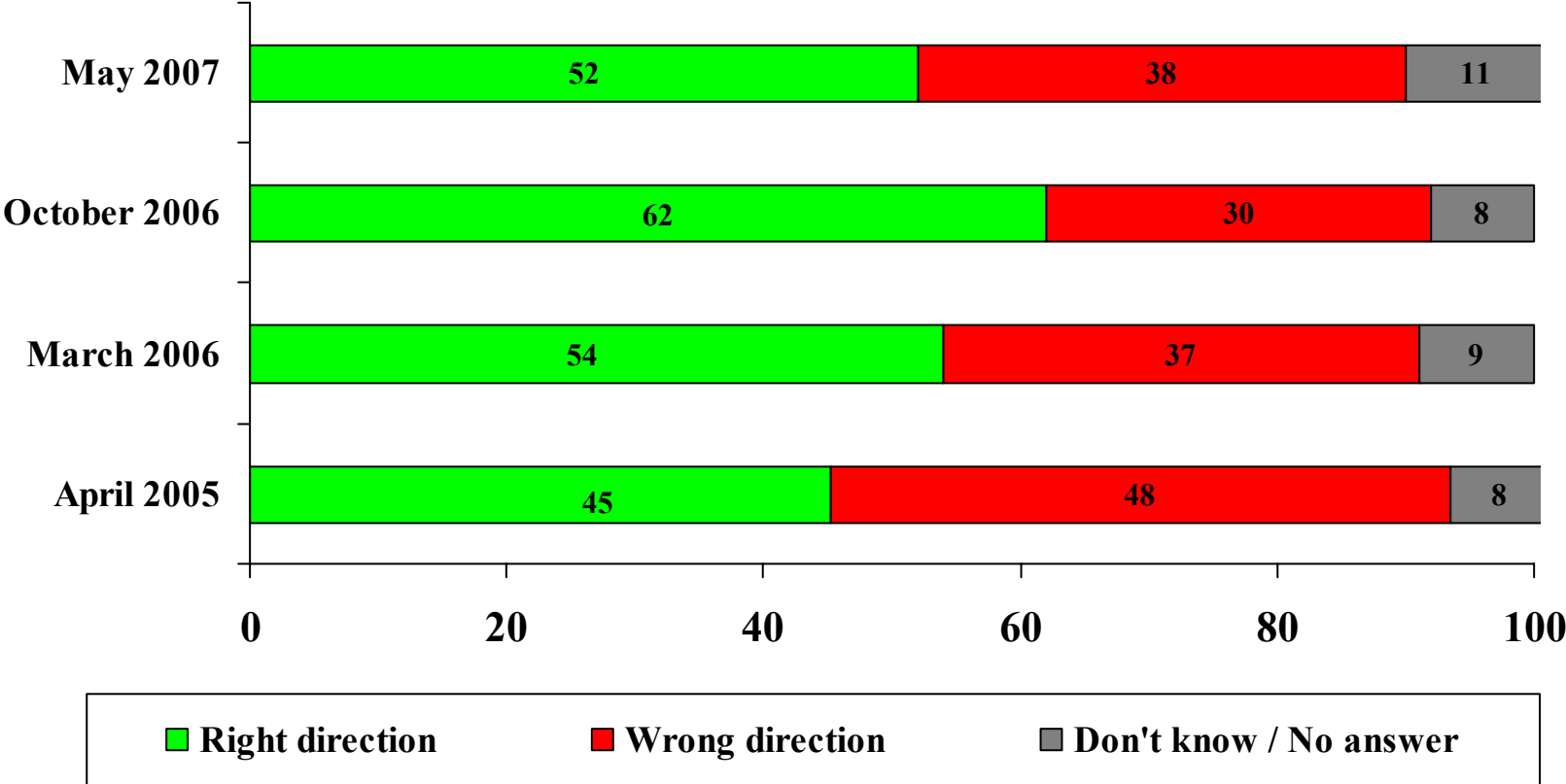
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

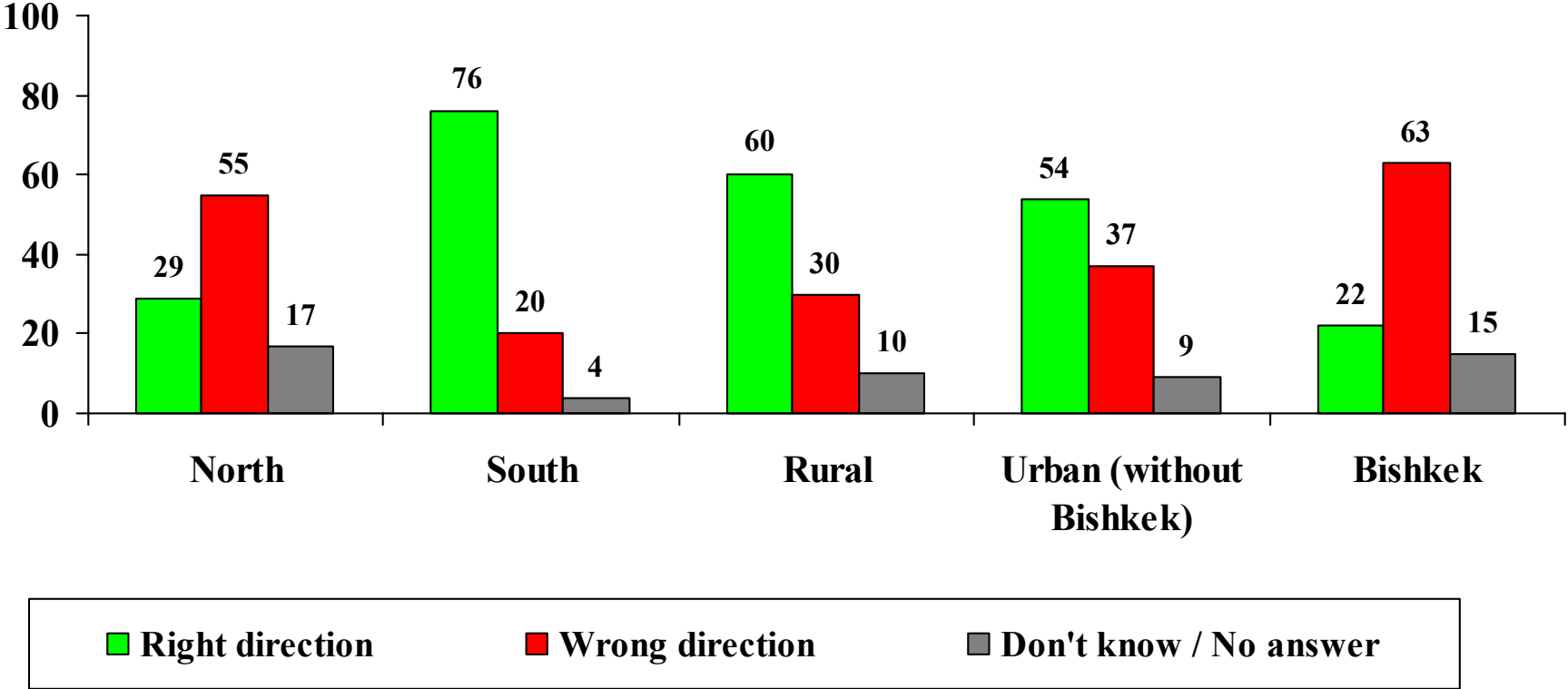
- This national representative survey was carried out on May 6-23, 2007.
- 1,500 Kyrgyzstan residents aged 18 years and older were interviewed face-to-face.
- The margin of error does not exceed three percent.
- The response rate was 67 percent.
- The survey was carried out on behalf of IRI and was funded by USAID.
- The study was designed, coordinated, and analyzed by IRI and Baltic Surveys / The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene).
- The fieldwork was carried out by SIAR-Bishkek.

MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

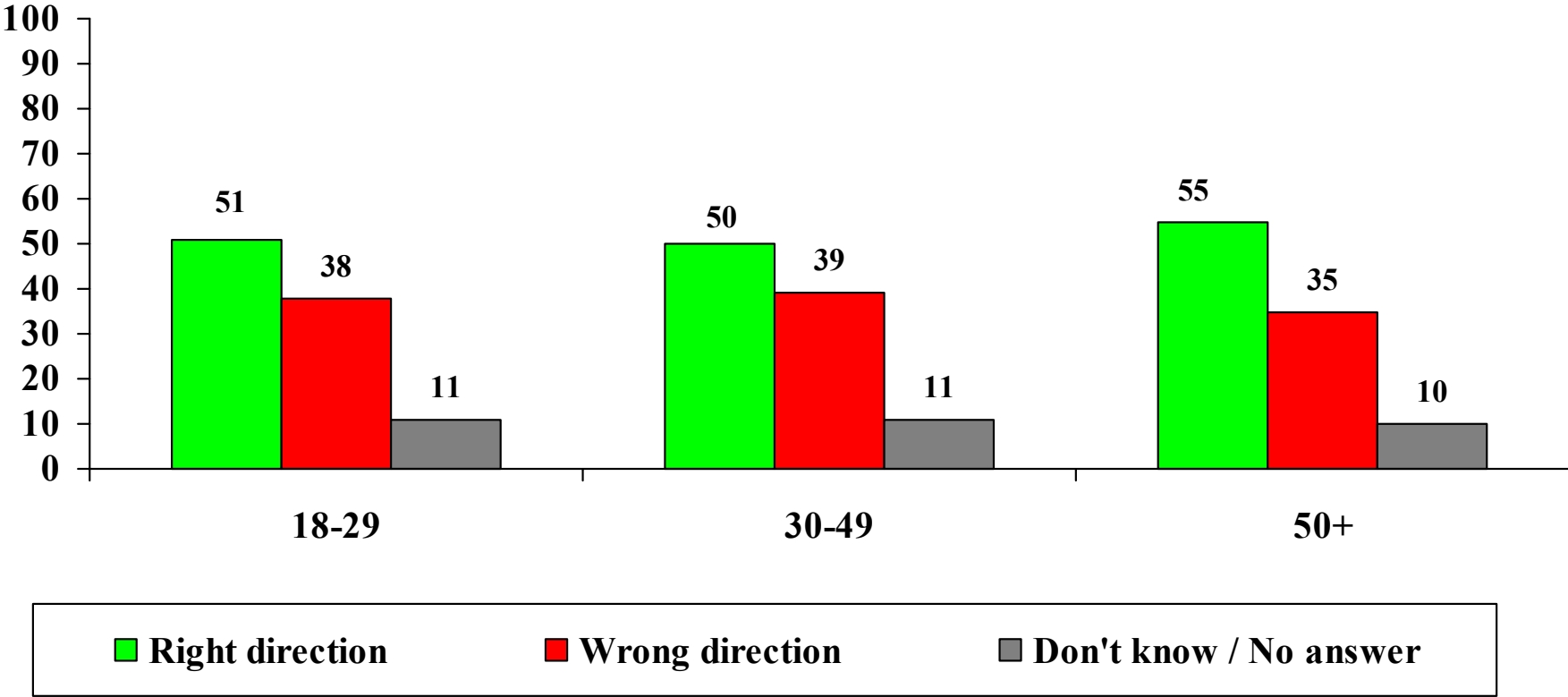
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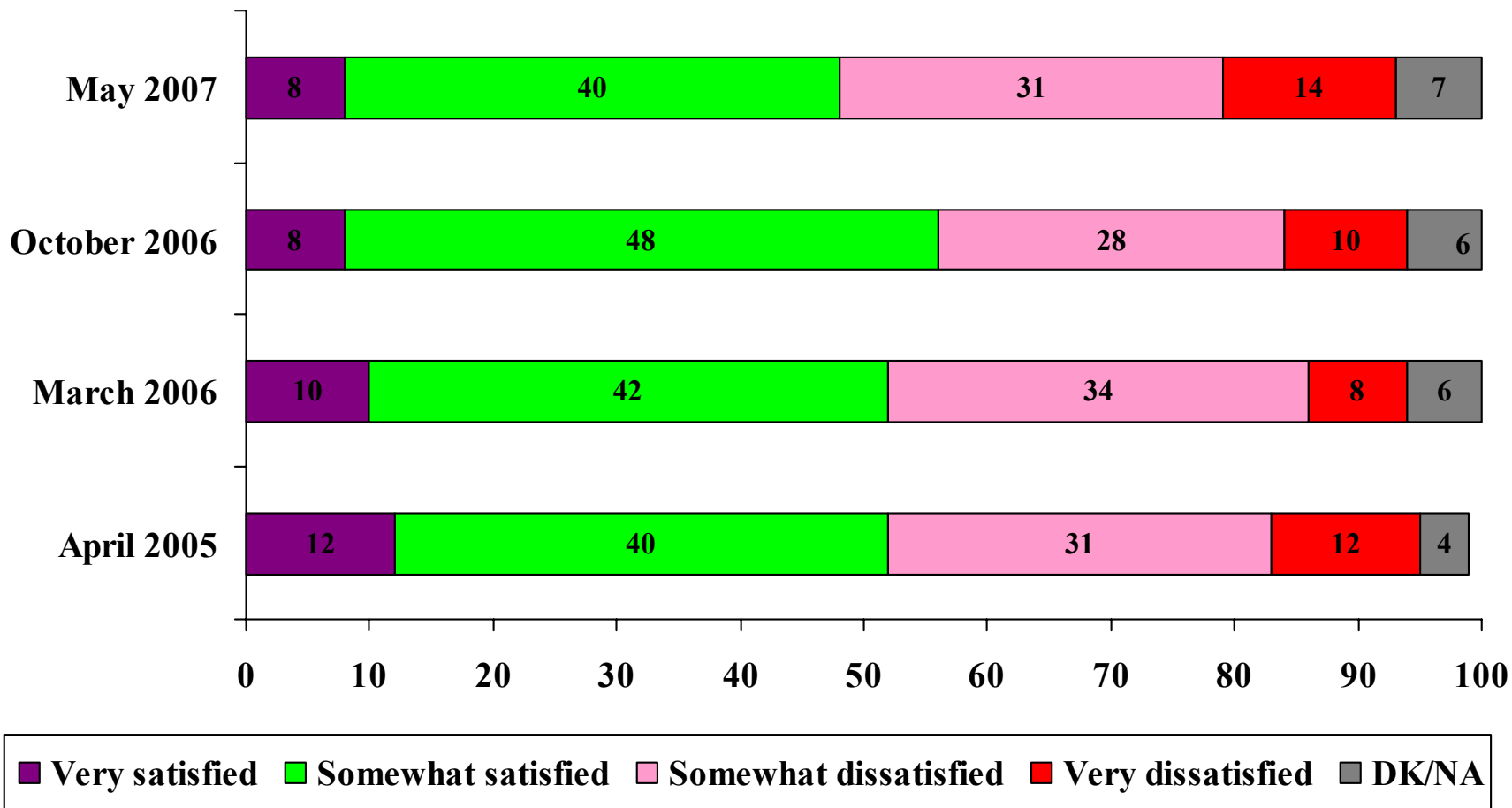
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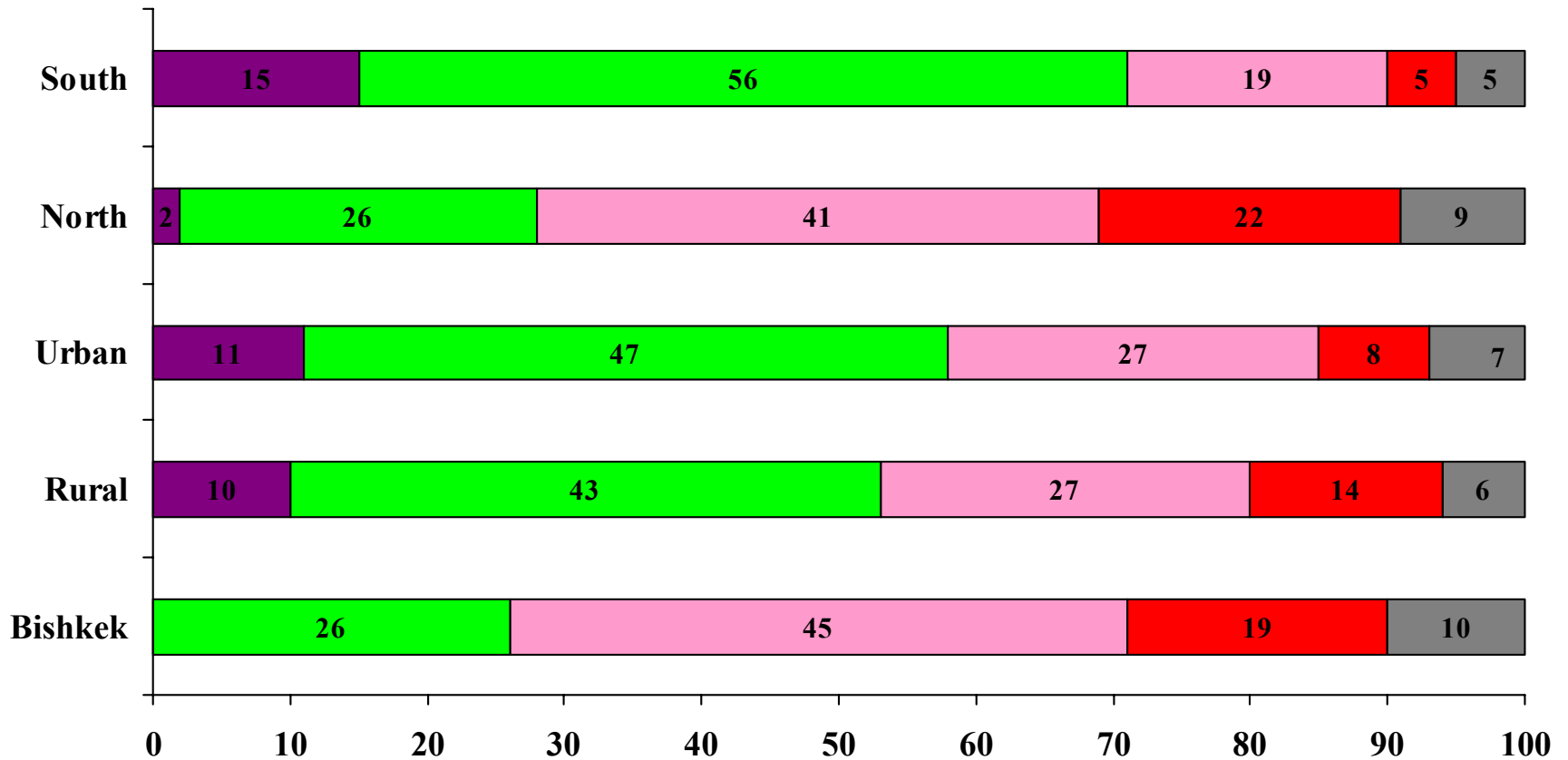
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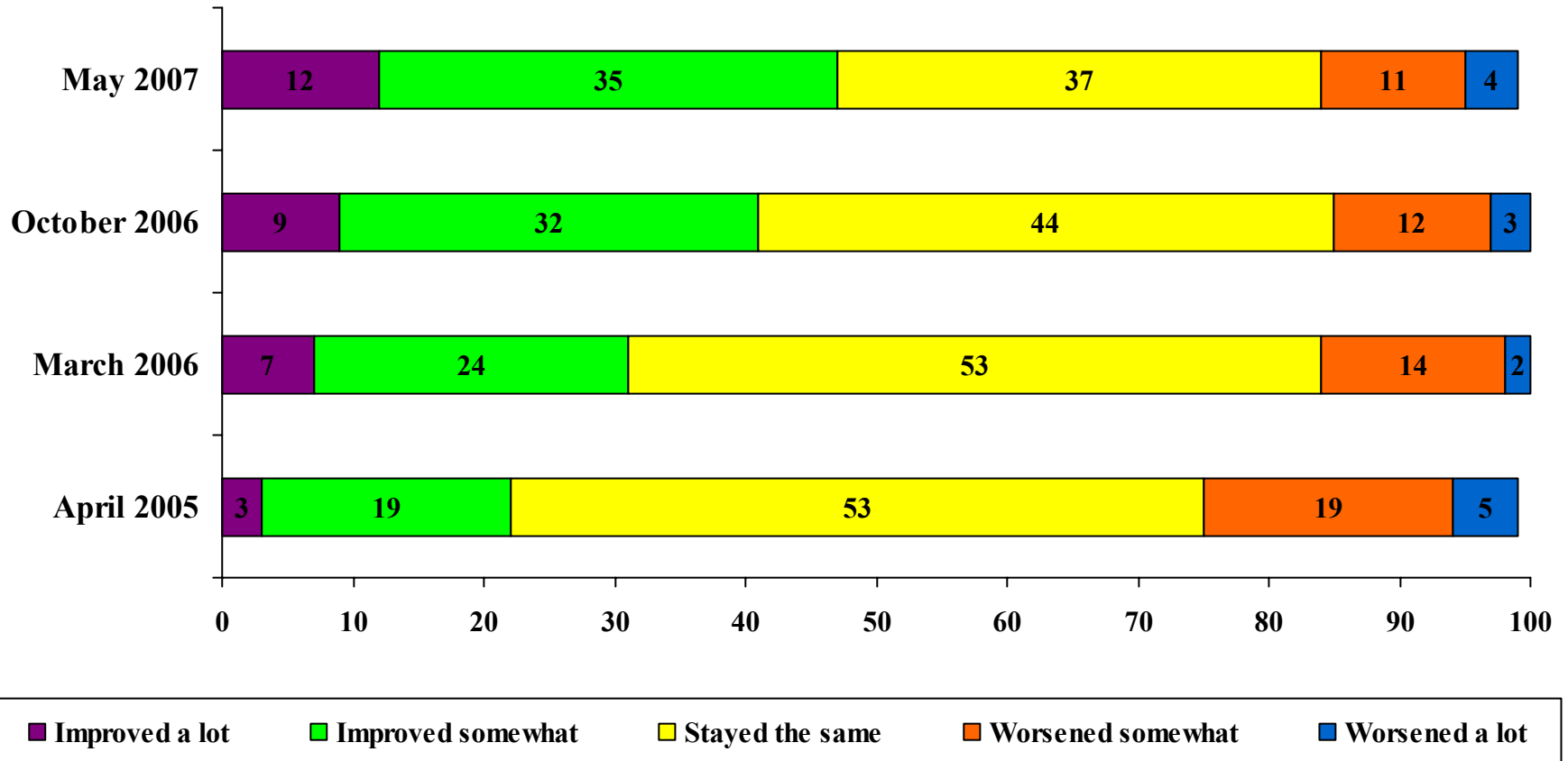


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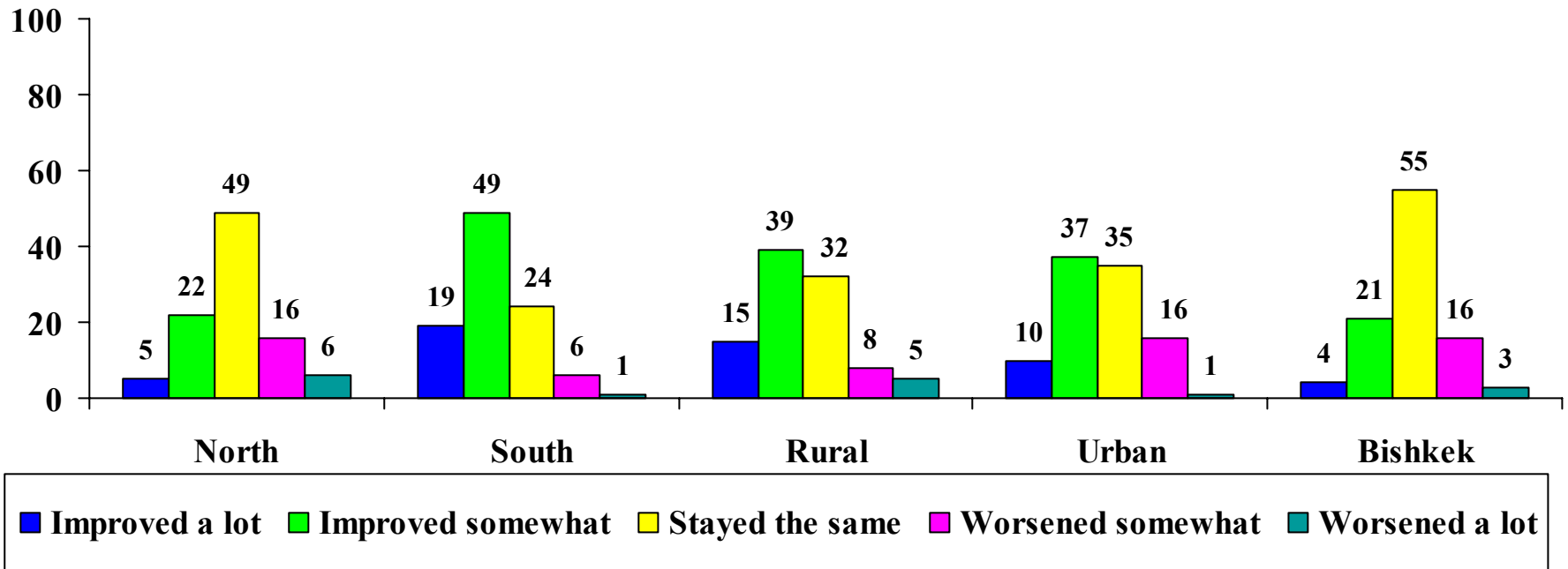


■ Very satisfied
 ■ Somewhat satisfied
 ■ Somewhat dissatisfied
 ■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ DK/NA

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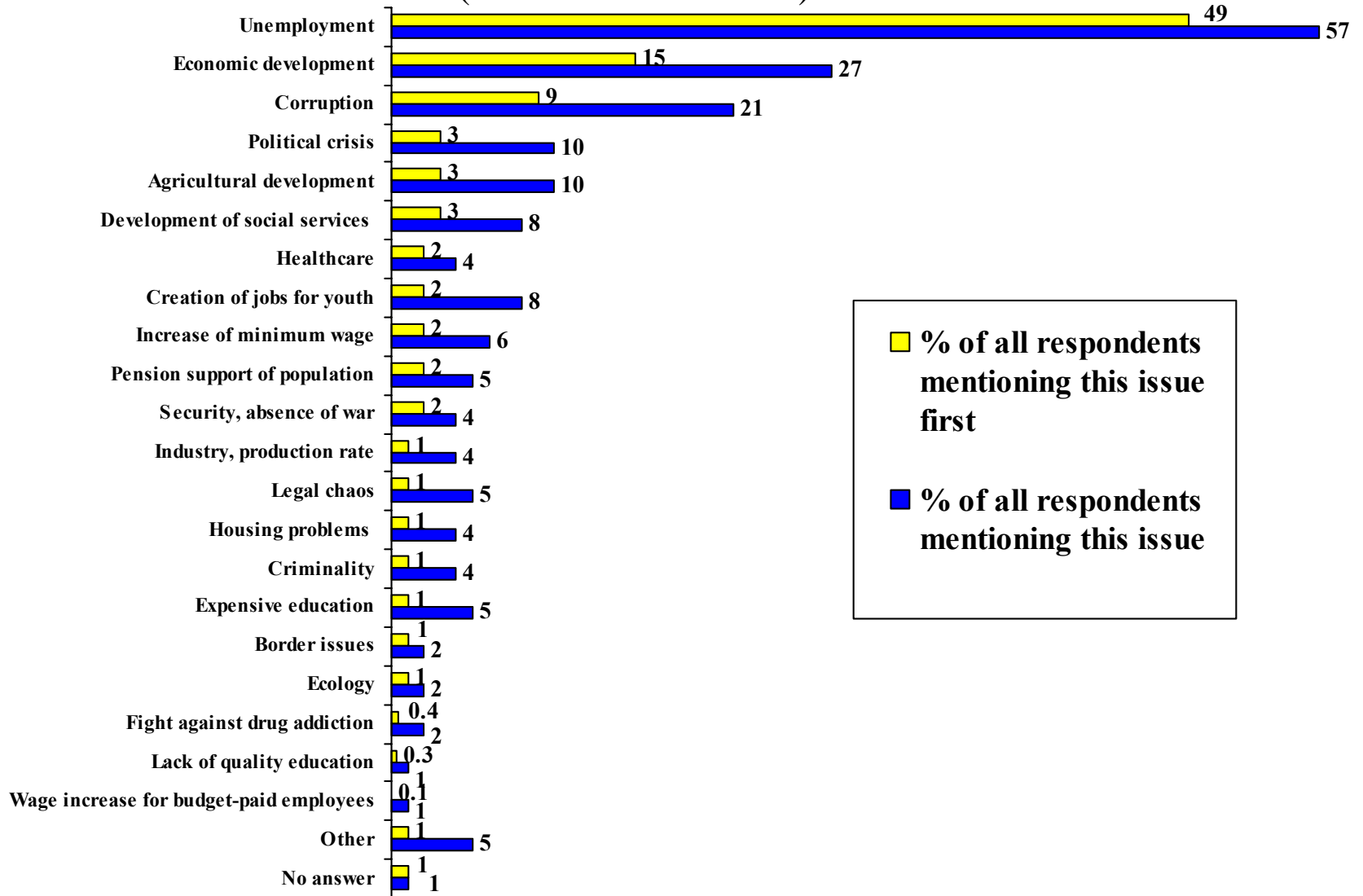
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ISSUES

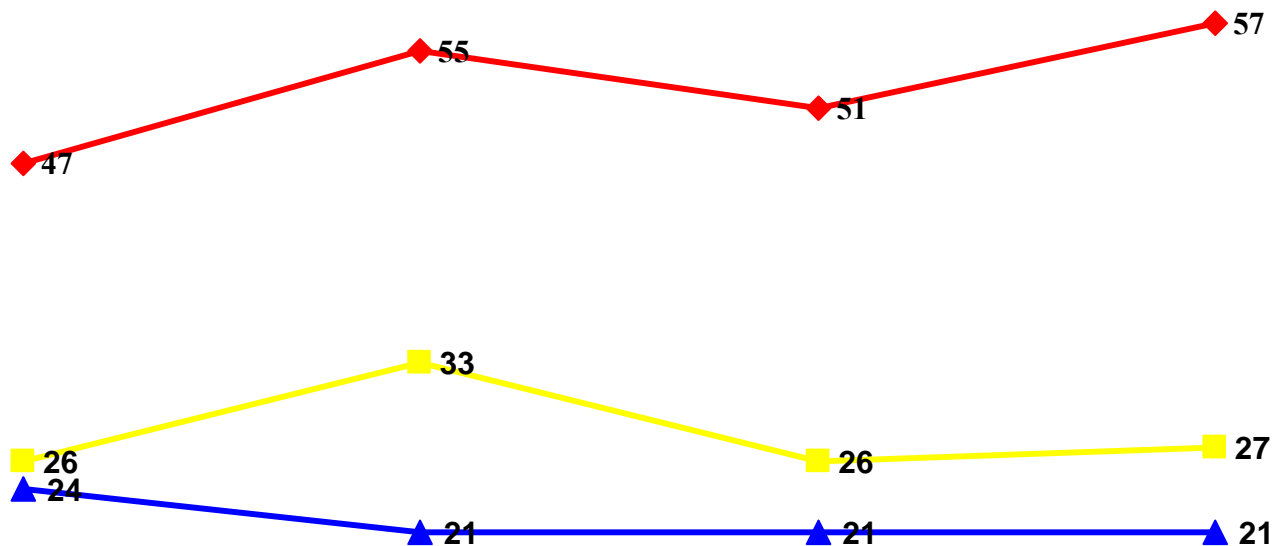
Most important issues Kyrgyzstan is facing

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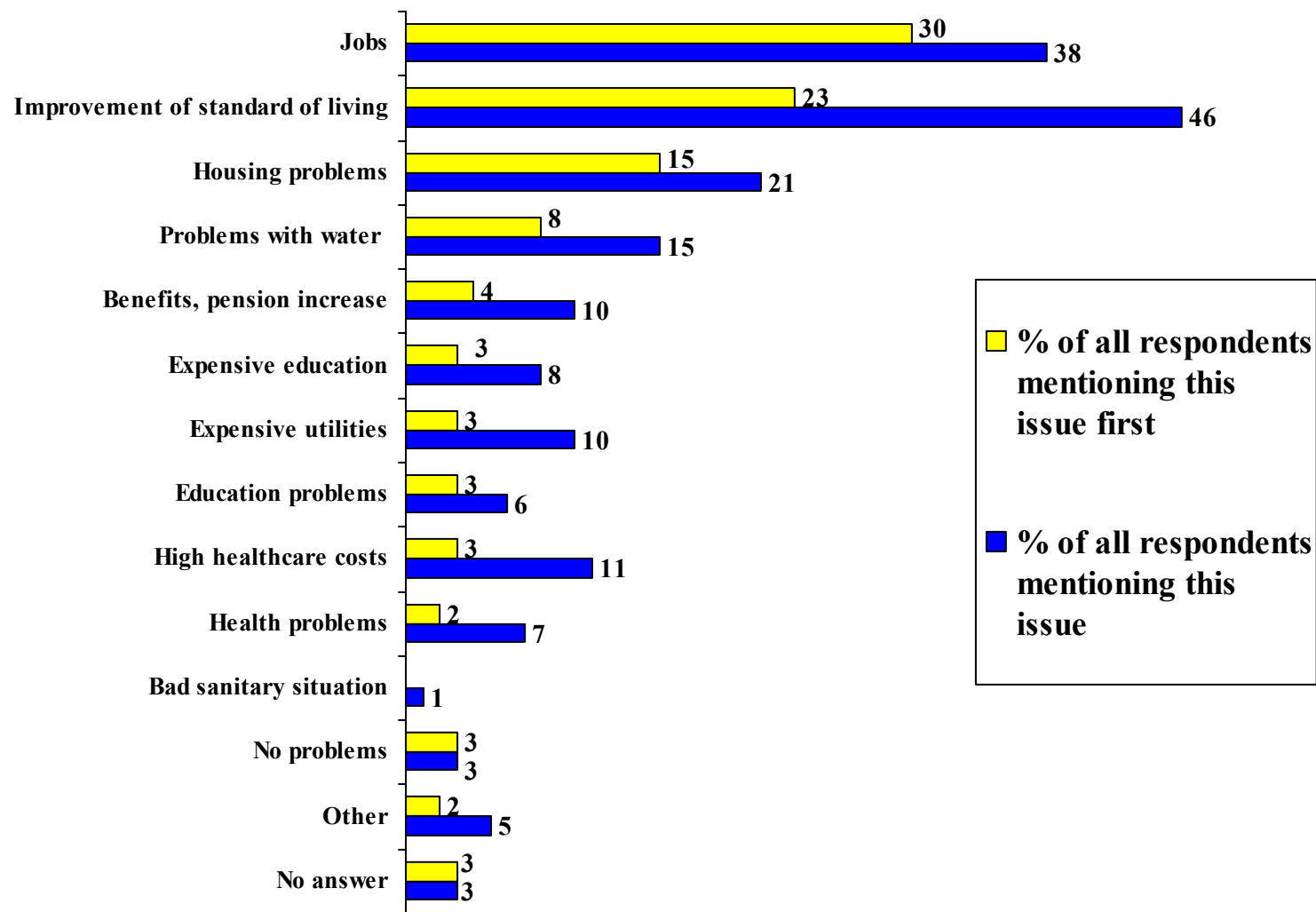
◆ Unemployment

■ Economic development

▲ Corruption

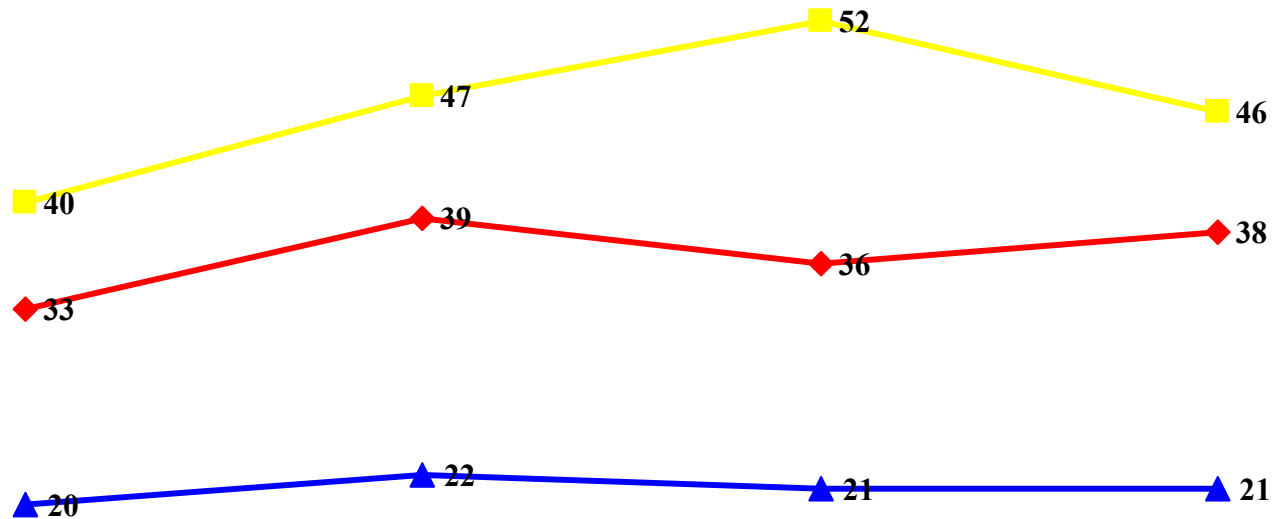
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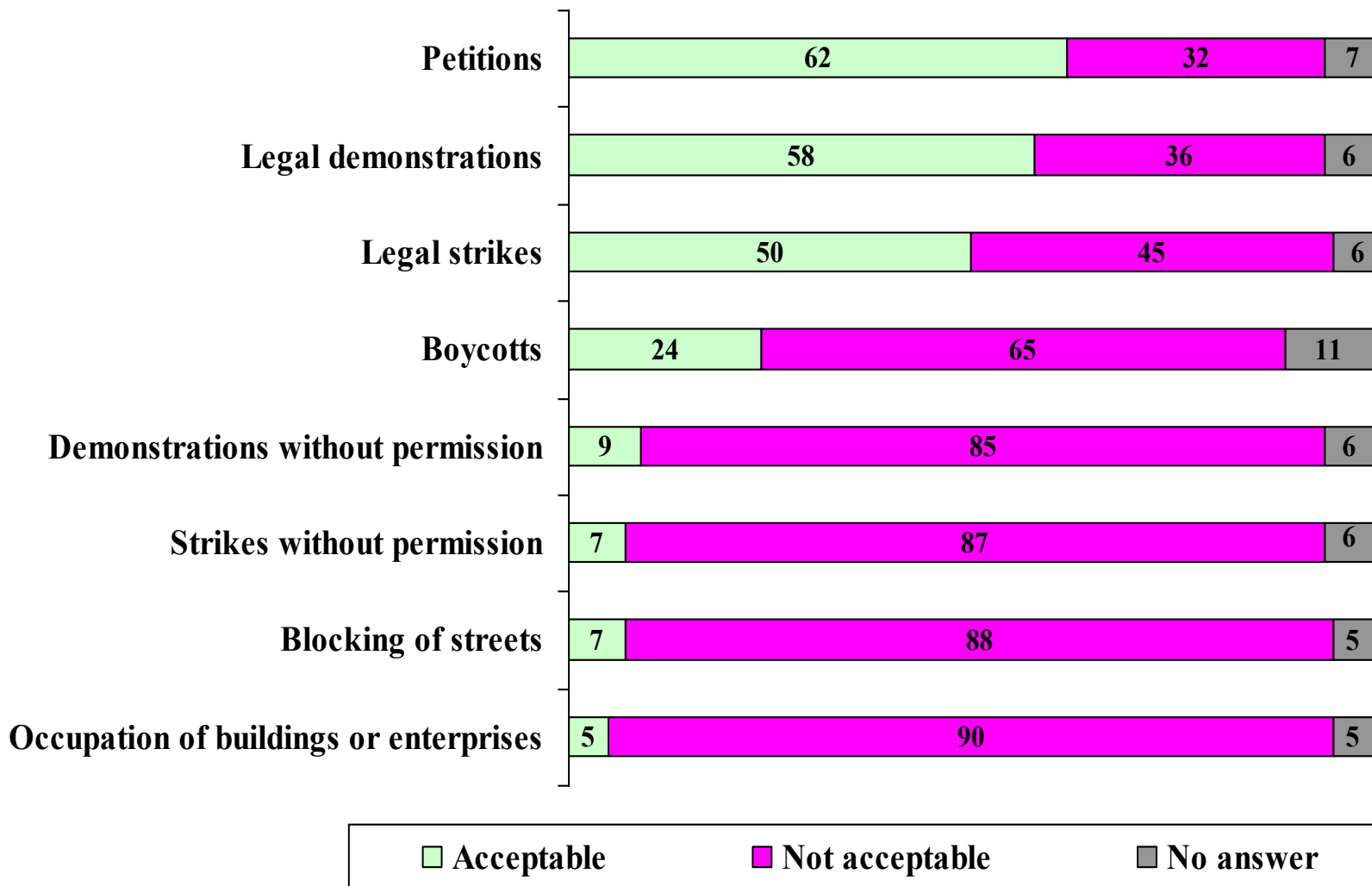
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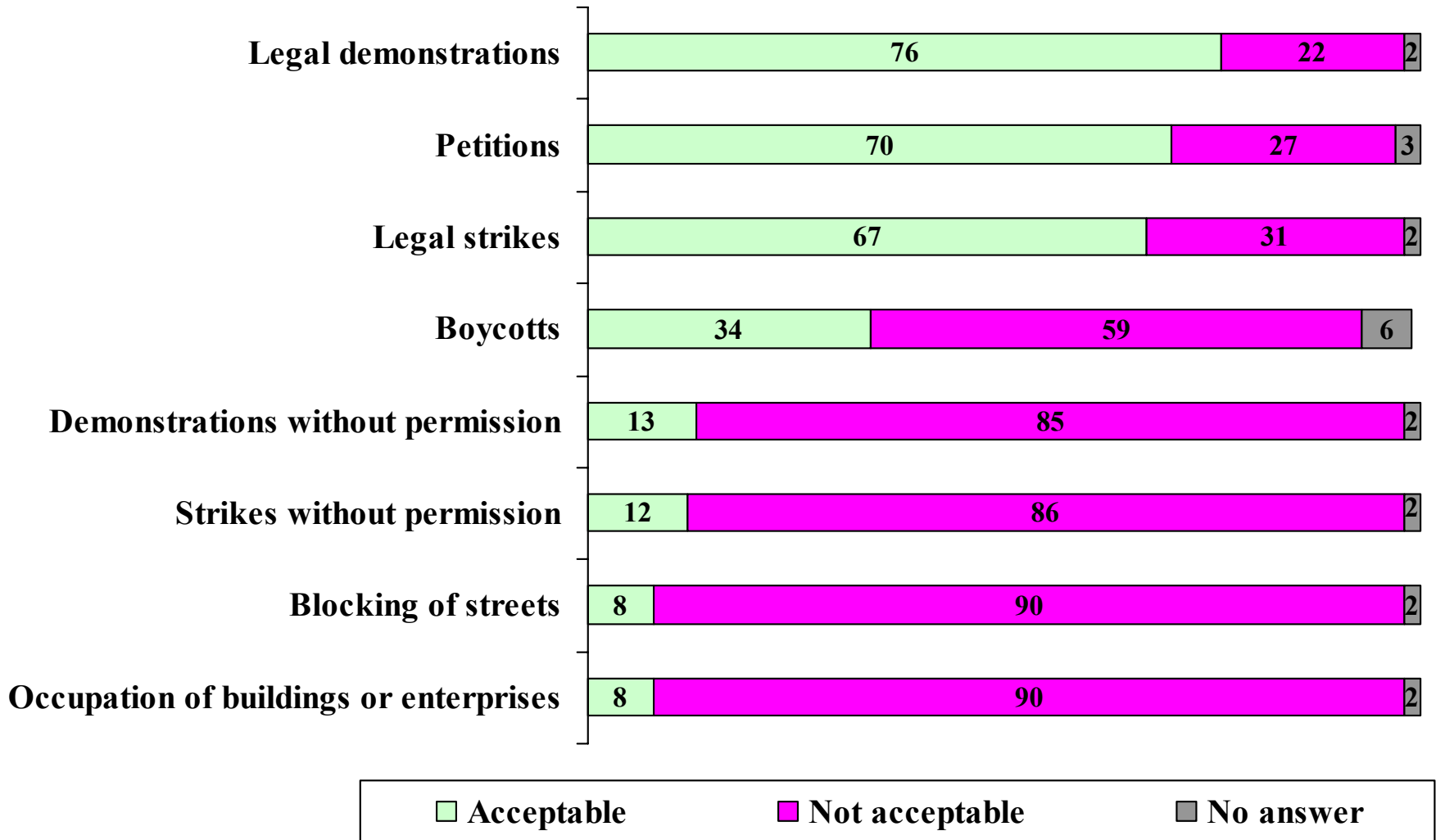
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Acceptability of forms of social protest - May 2007

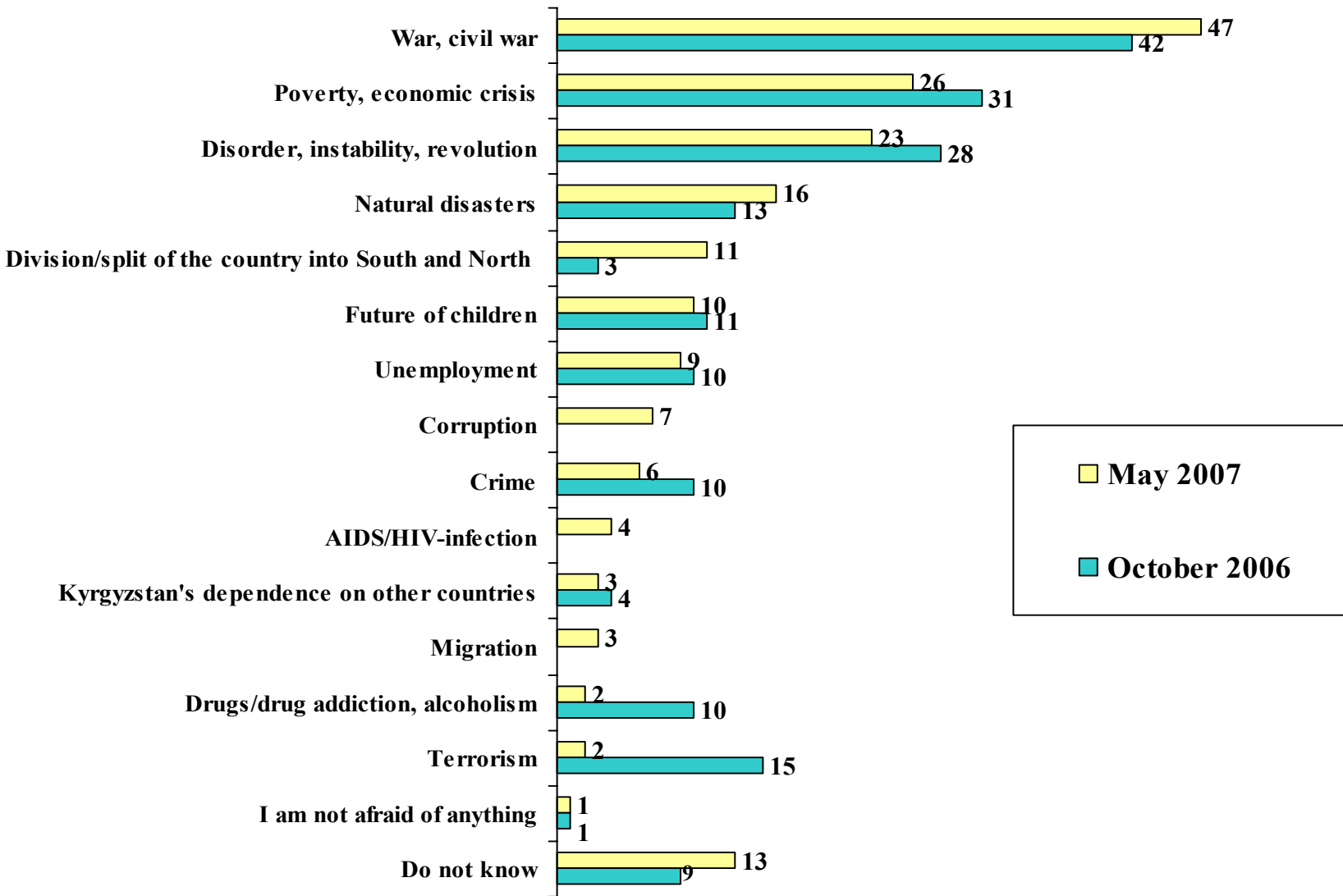


Acceptability of forms of social protest - October 2006



Fear the most

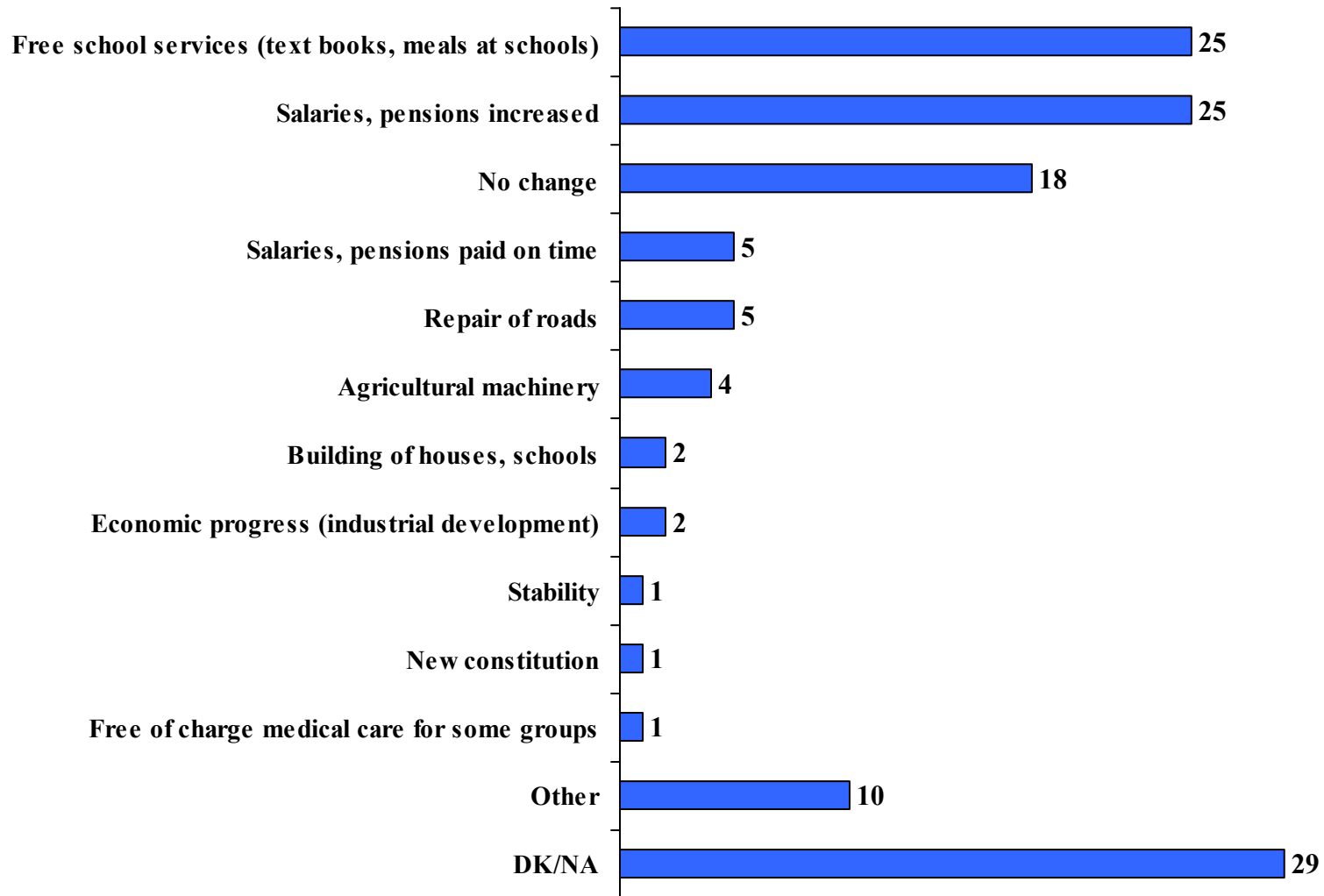
(% of all respondents mentioning this issue - three answers allowed)



POLITICS

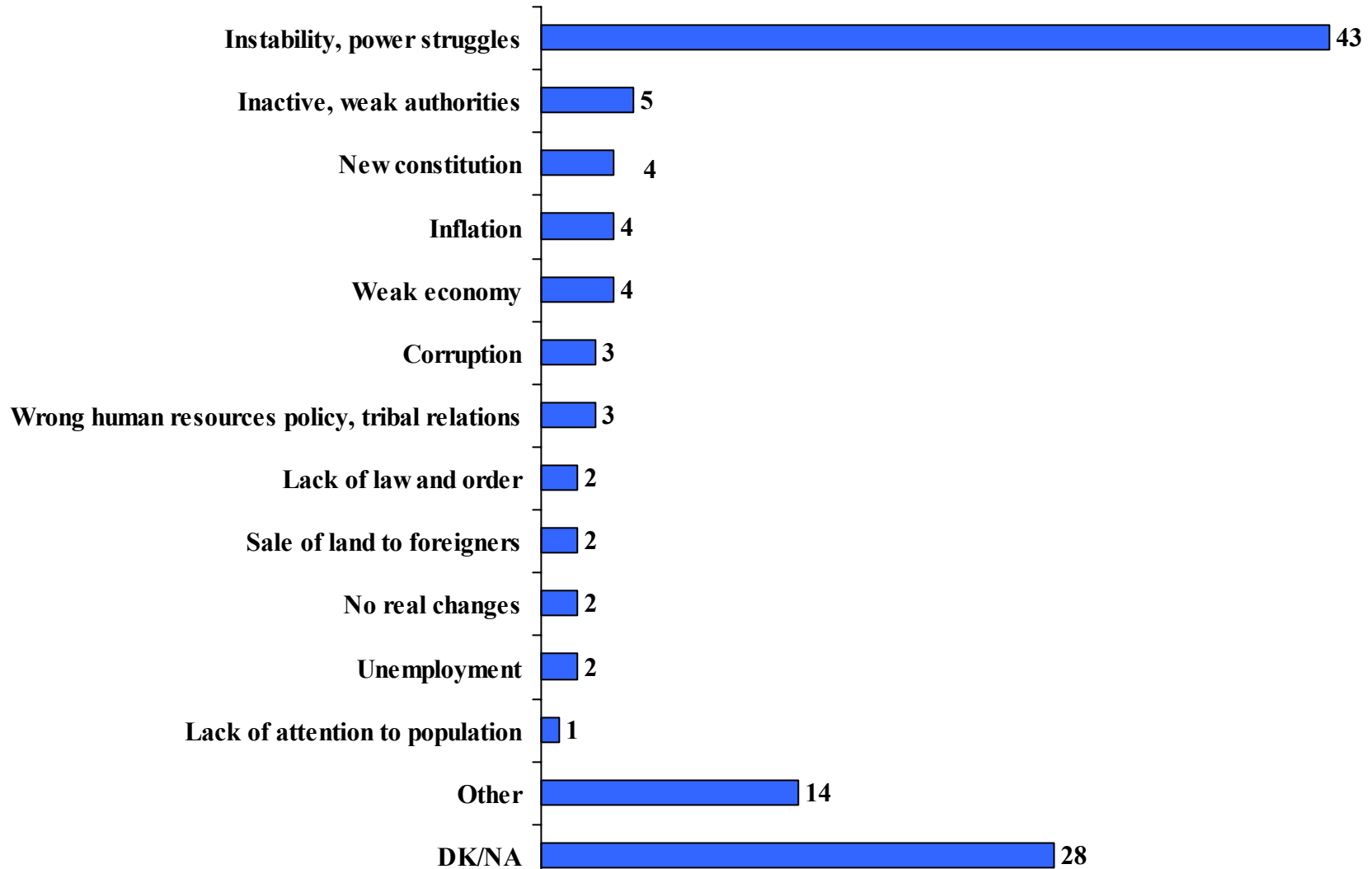
Most important achievements of the government

(% of all respondents mentioning this issue – two answers)



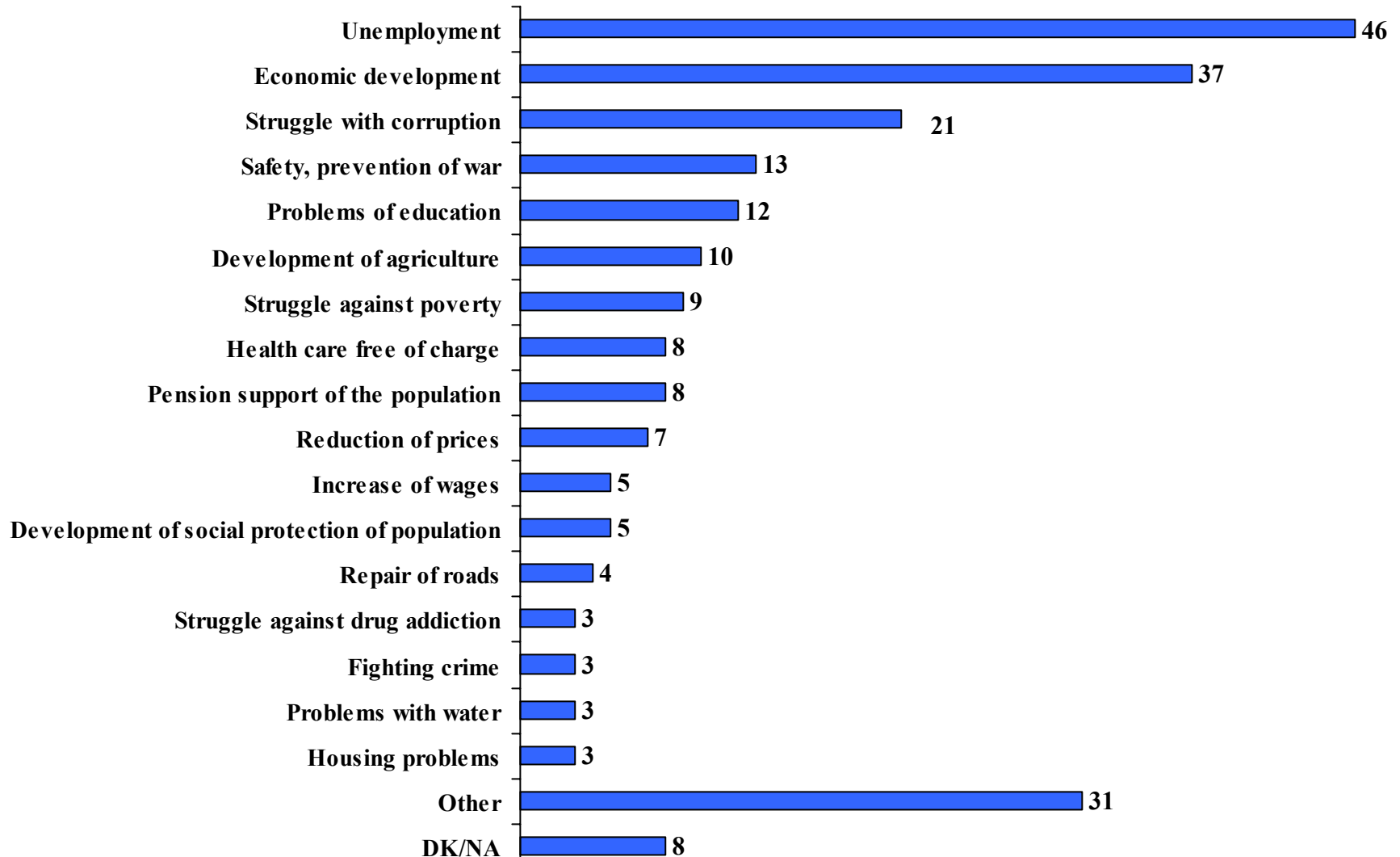
Biggest mistakes of the government

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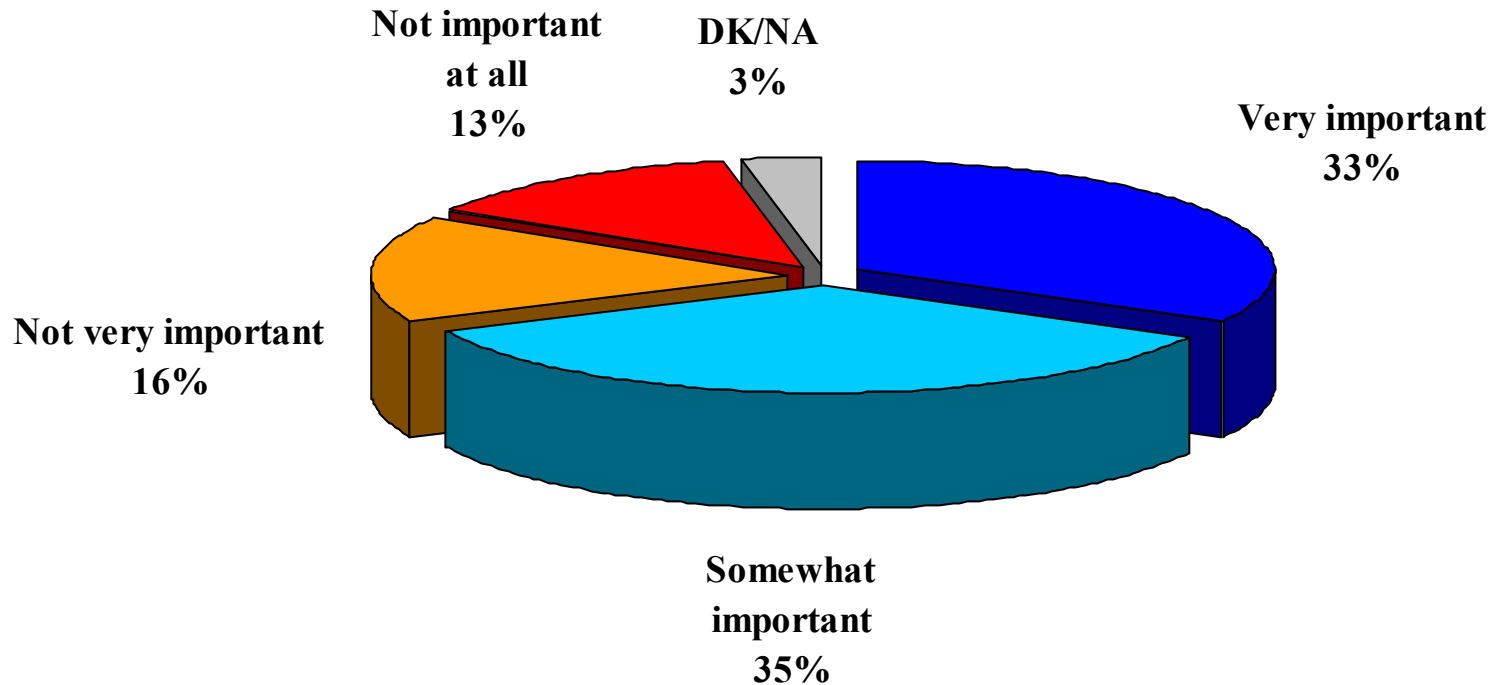


Most important problems/issues the government should pay attention to

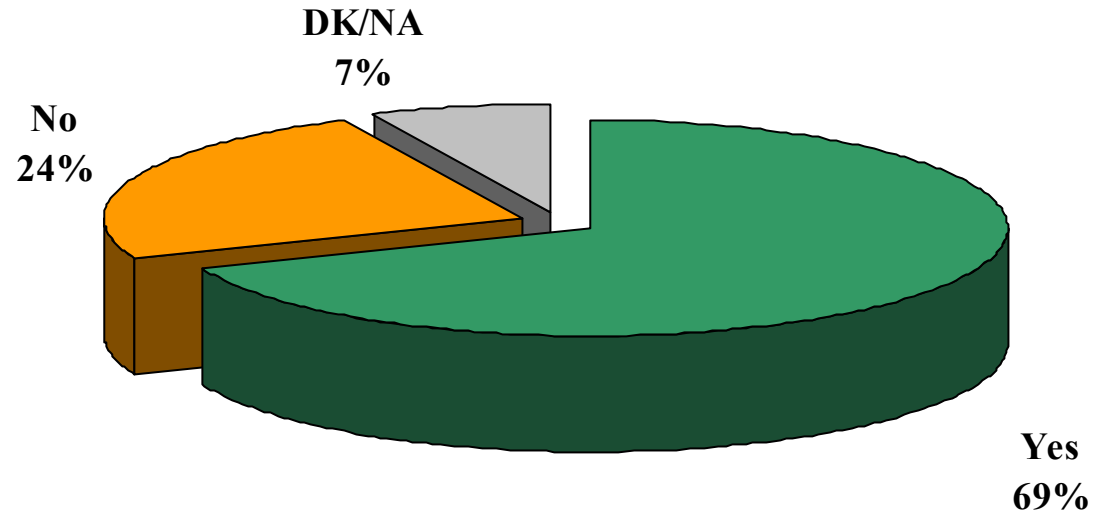
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How important is the participation of women in politics?

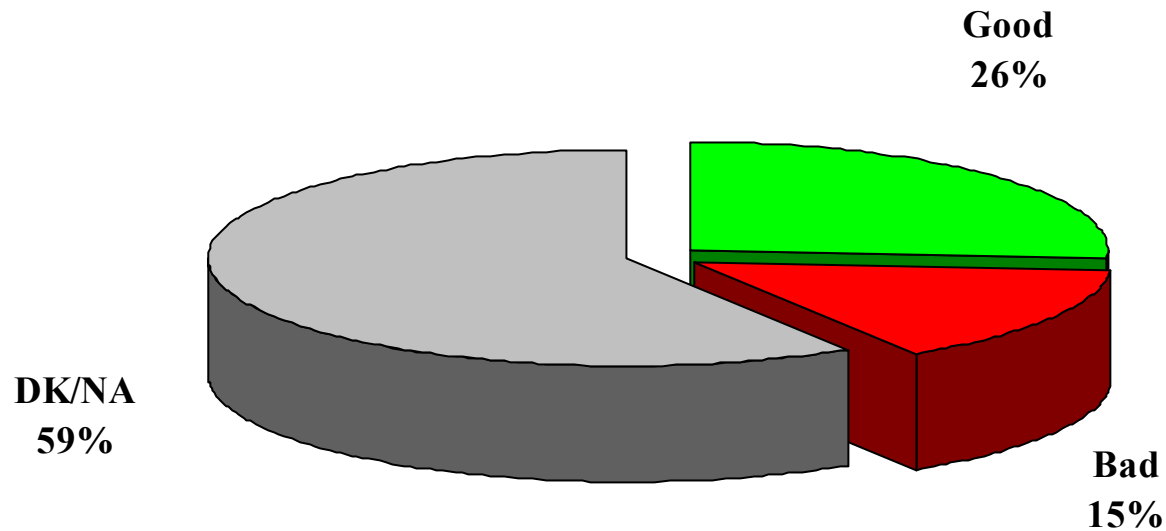


Do you think a law should be introduced in Kyrgyzstan to ensure that women get seats in Parliament?



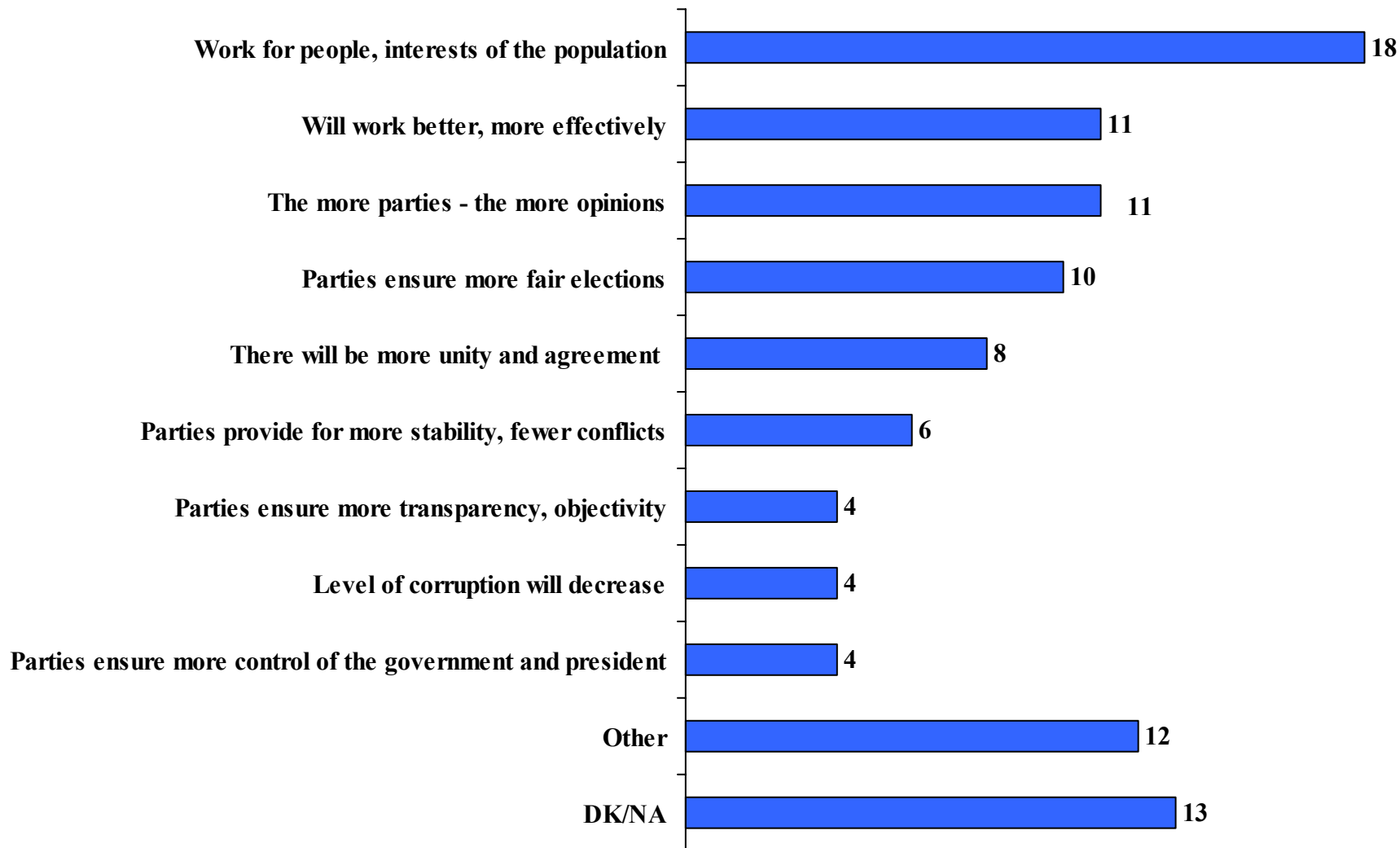
POLITICAL PARTIES

According to the new constitution, political parties will play a bigger role in the parliament and in formation of the government. Is this good or bad?



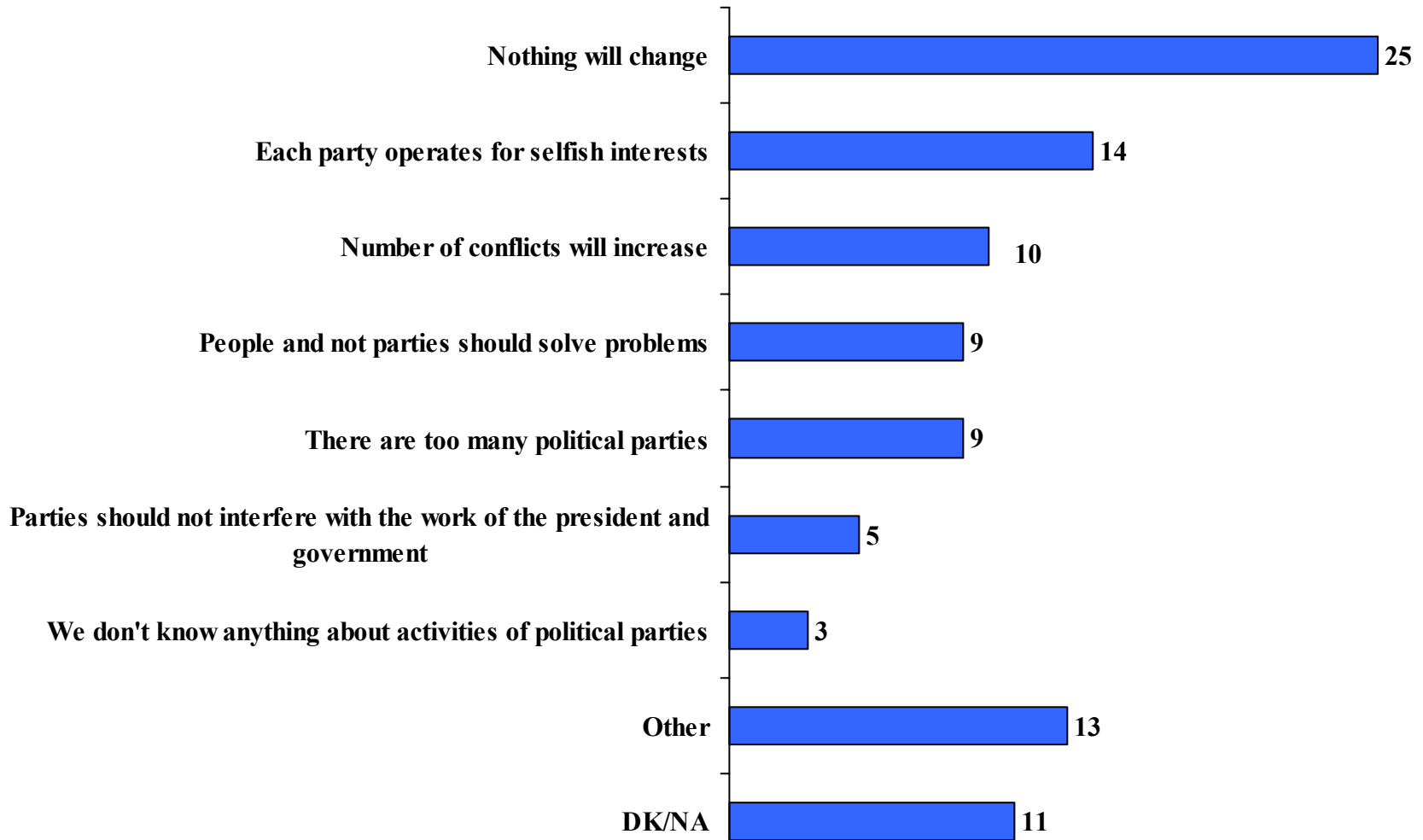
Why is it good that political parties will play a bigger role in parliament and in the formation of the government?

(% of respondents thinking that it is good. N=412)

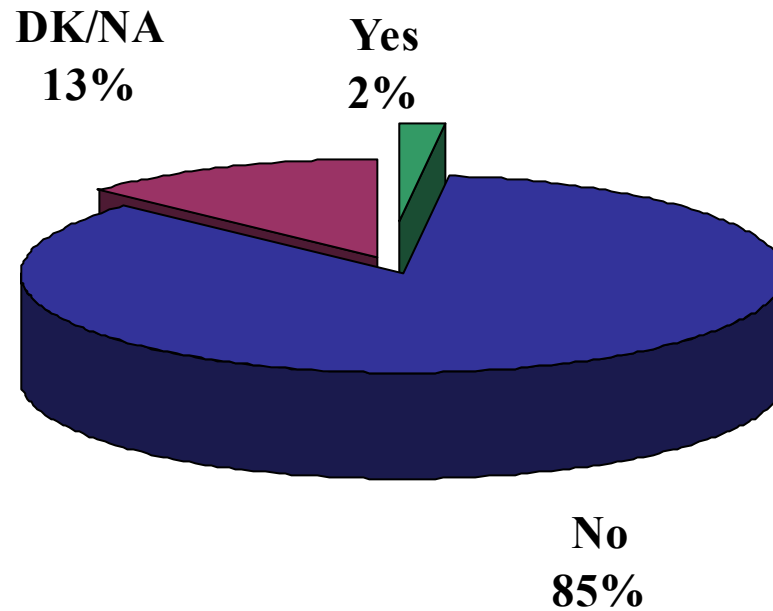


Why is it bad that political parties will play a bigger role in parliament and in the formation of the government?

(% of respondents thinking that it is bad. N=233)

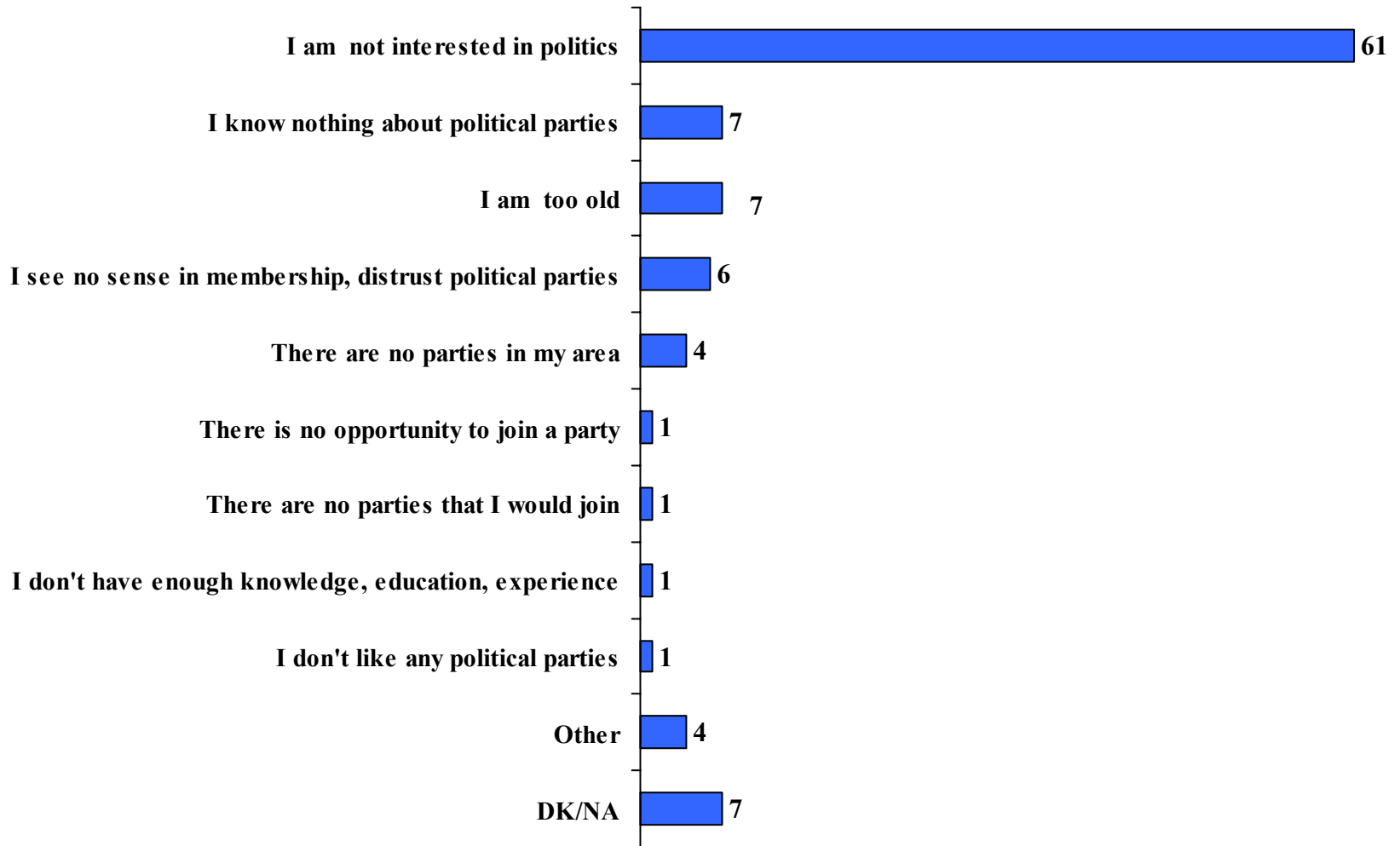


Are you a member of a political party?

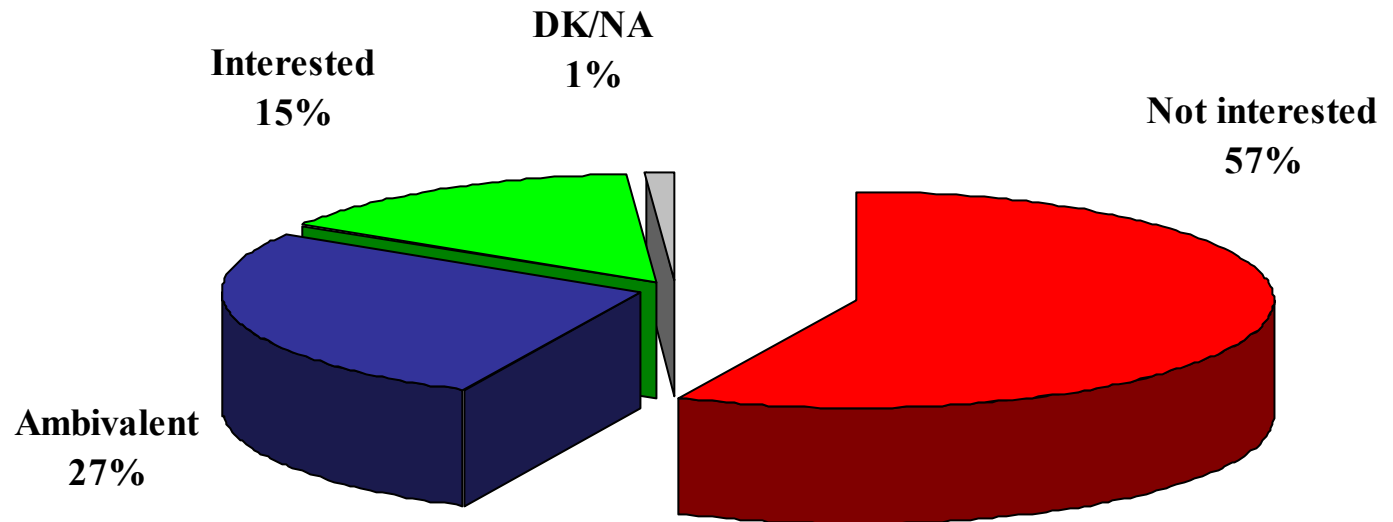


Reasons why respondents are not members of political parties

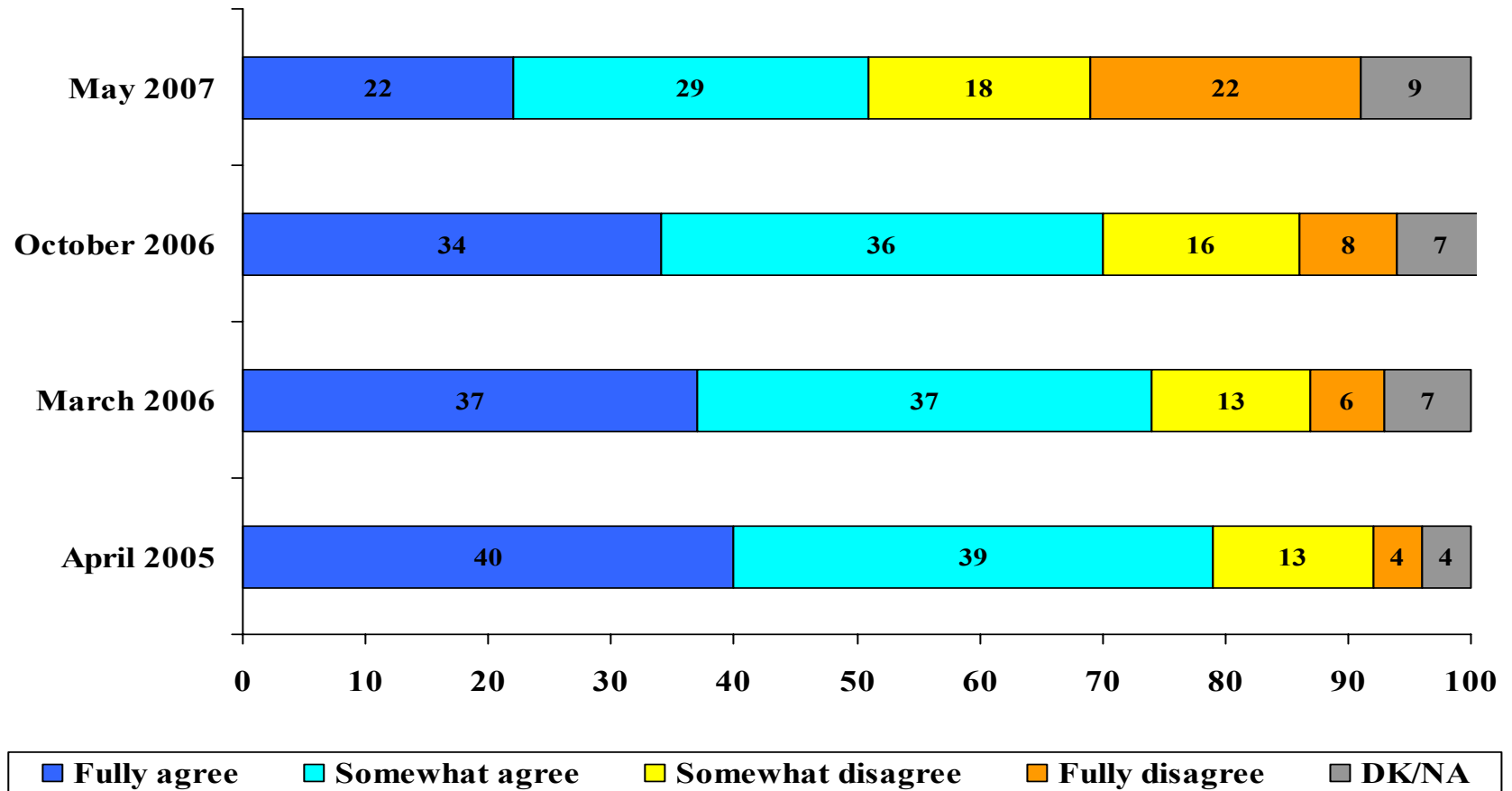
(% of respondents – non-members of political parties. N=1,337)



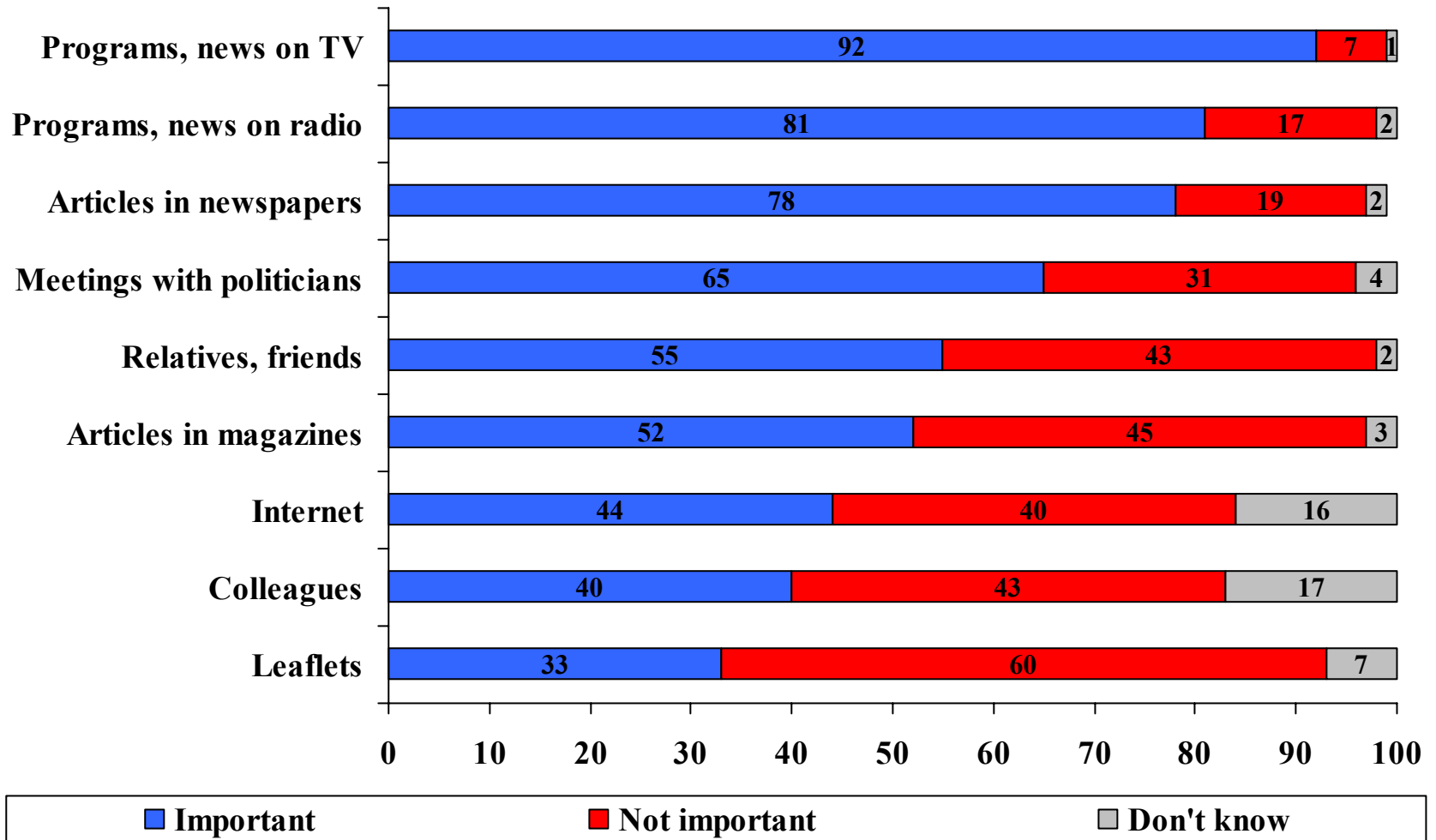
How much interest do you have in politics?



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “It is healthy for Kyrgyzstan to have an active opposition.”

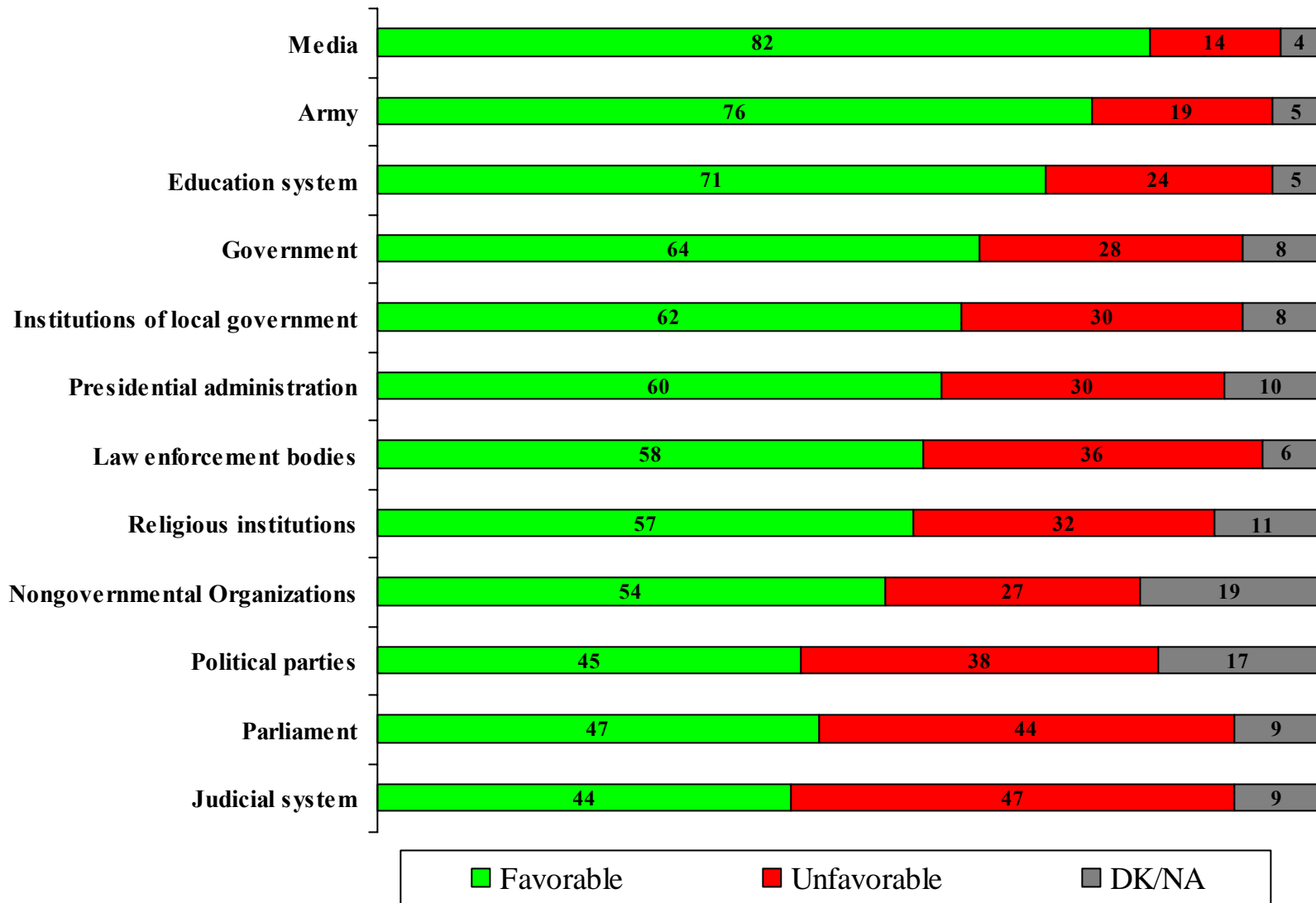


What sources of information are important for you to be informed about politics?

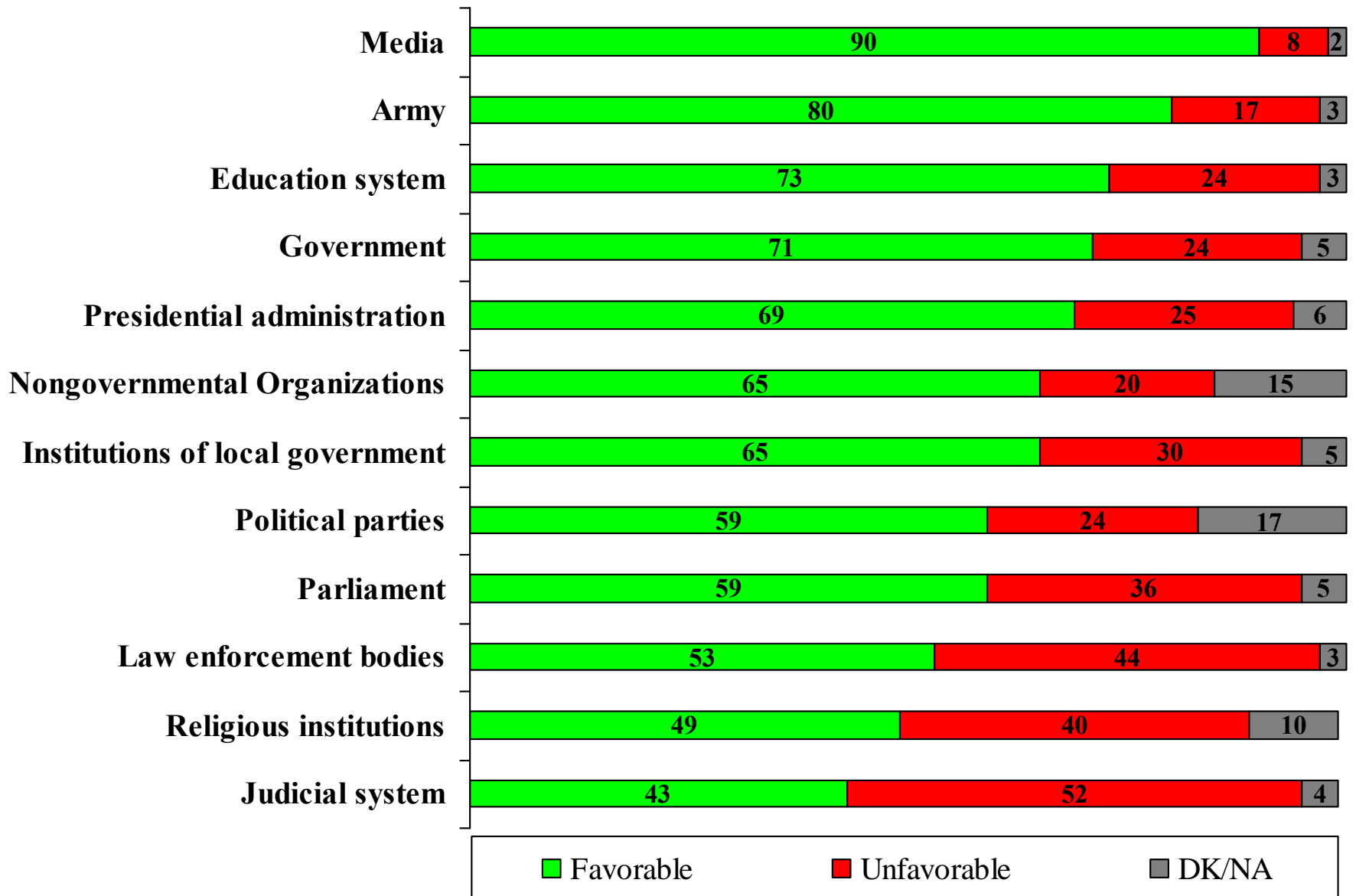


INSTITUTIONS

Confidence in institutions – May 2007



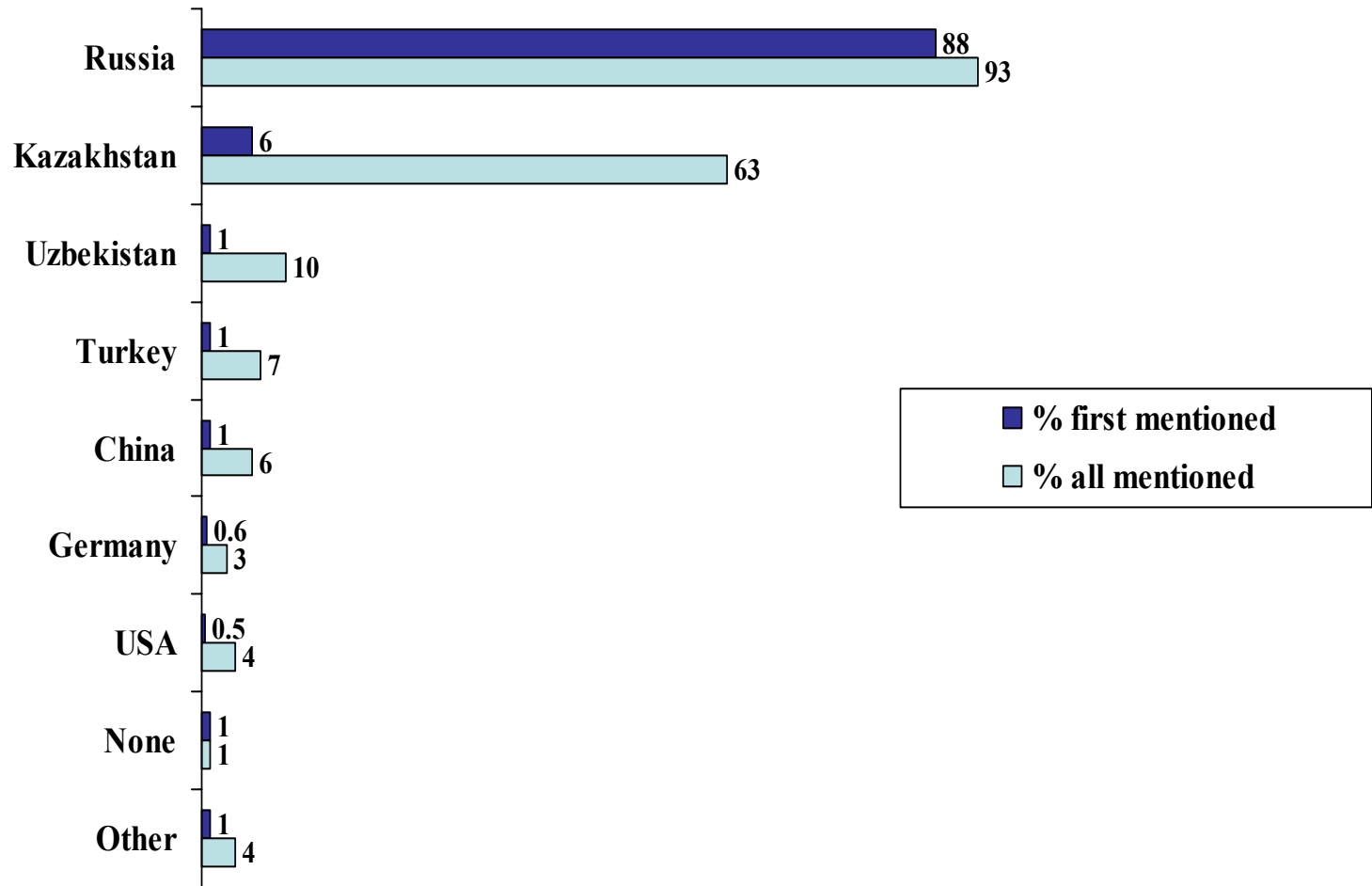
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

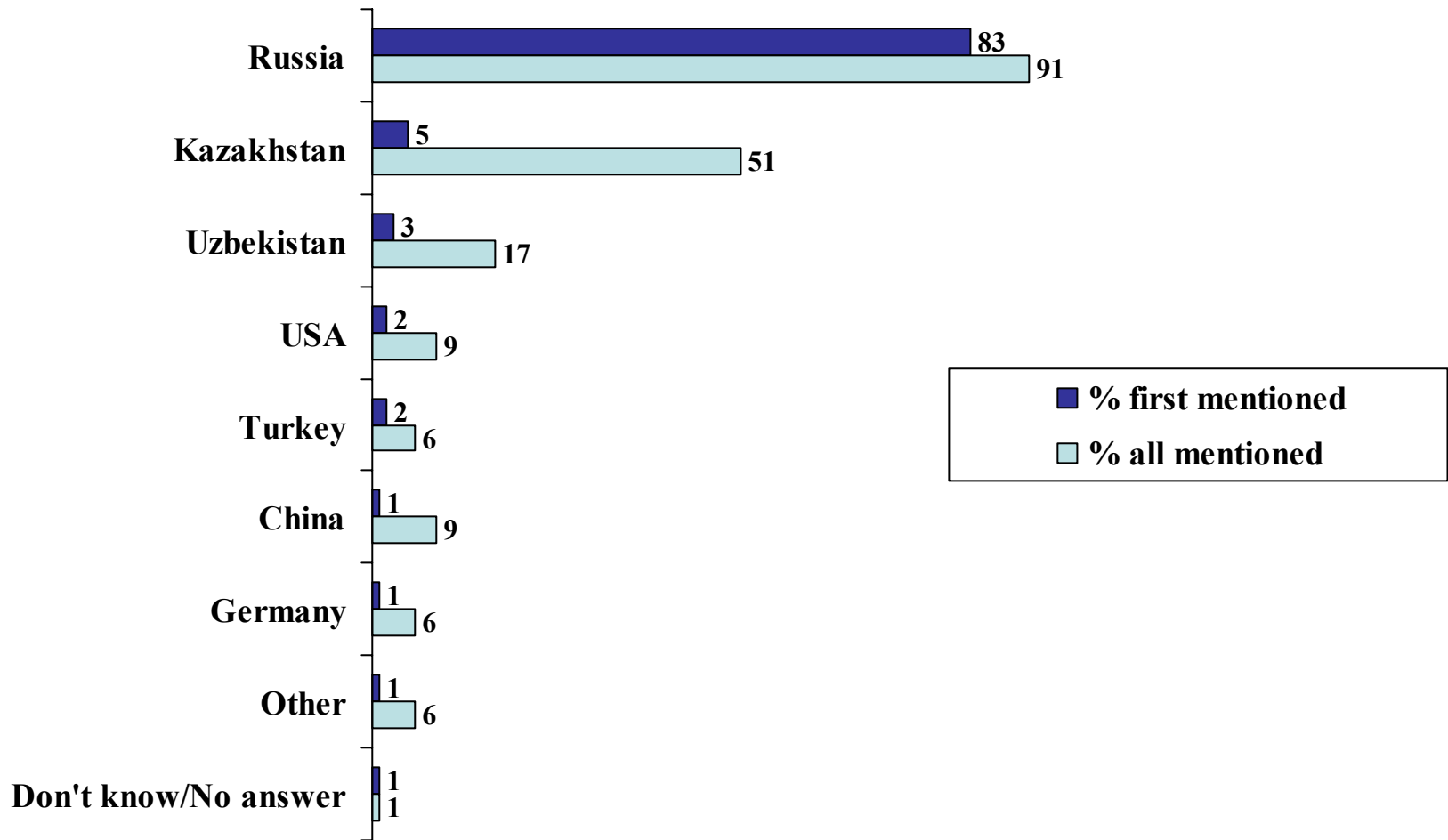
Which country should Kyrgyzstan give priority to in its international relations? (May 2007)

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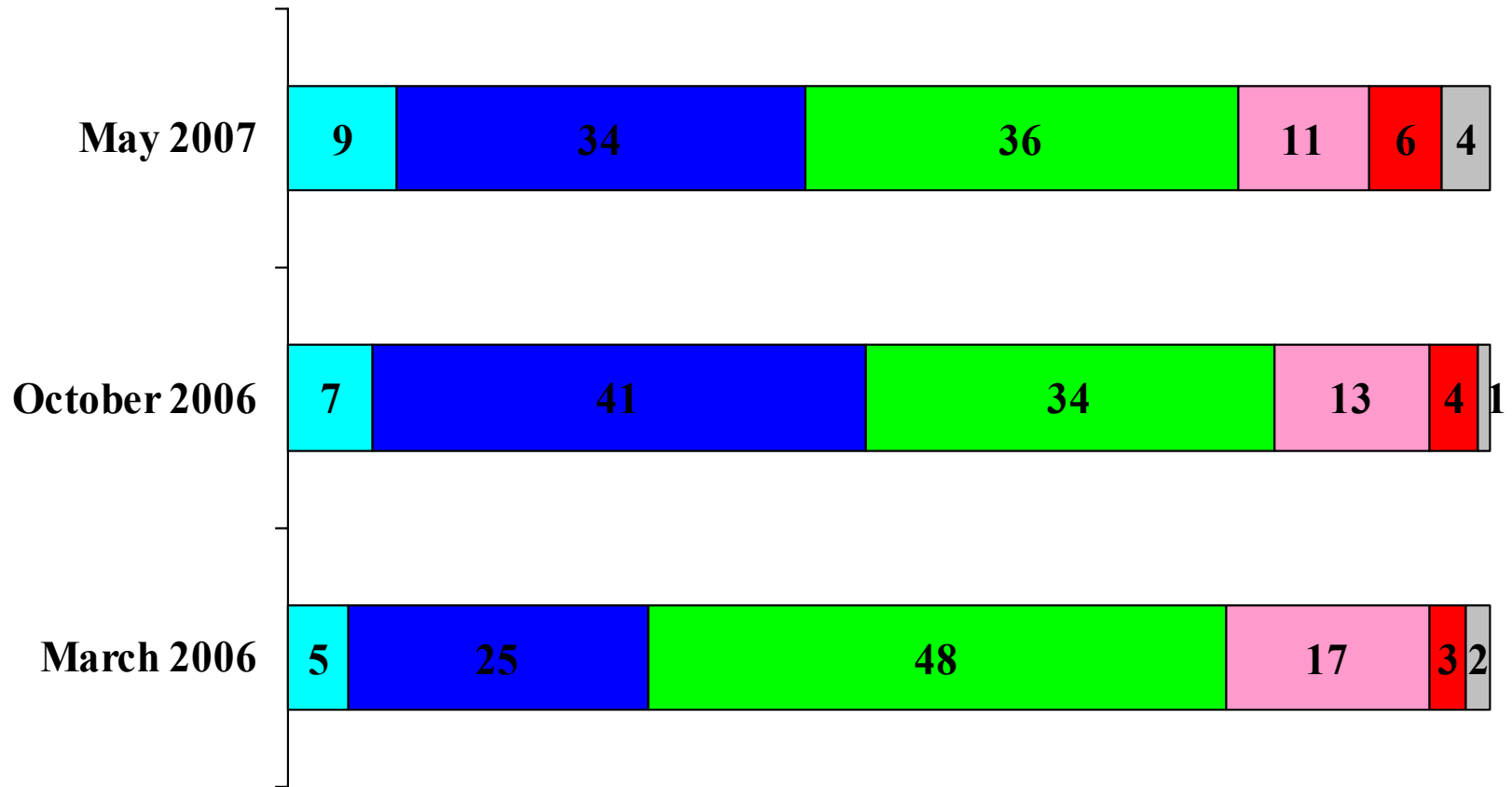
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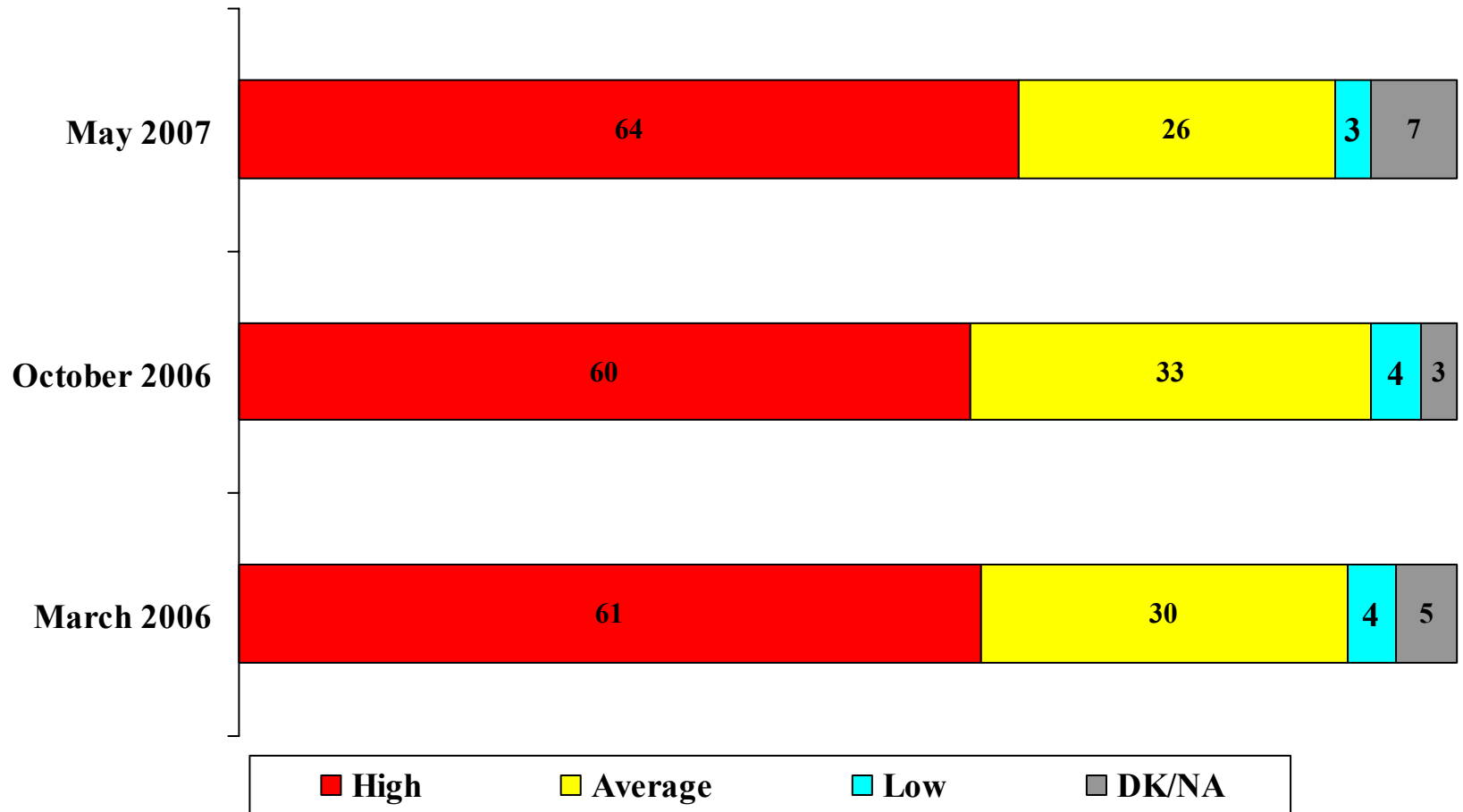
ECONOMY

Over the last 12 months, the economy in the Kyrgyz Republic...

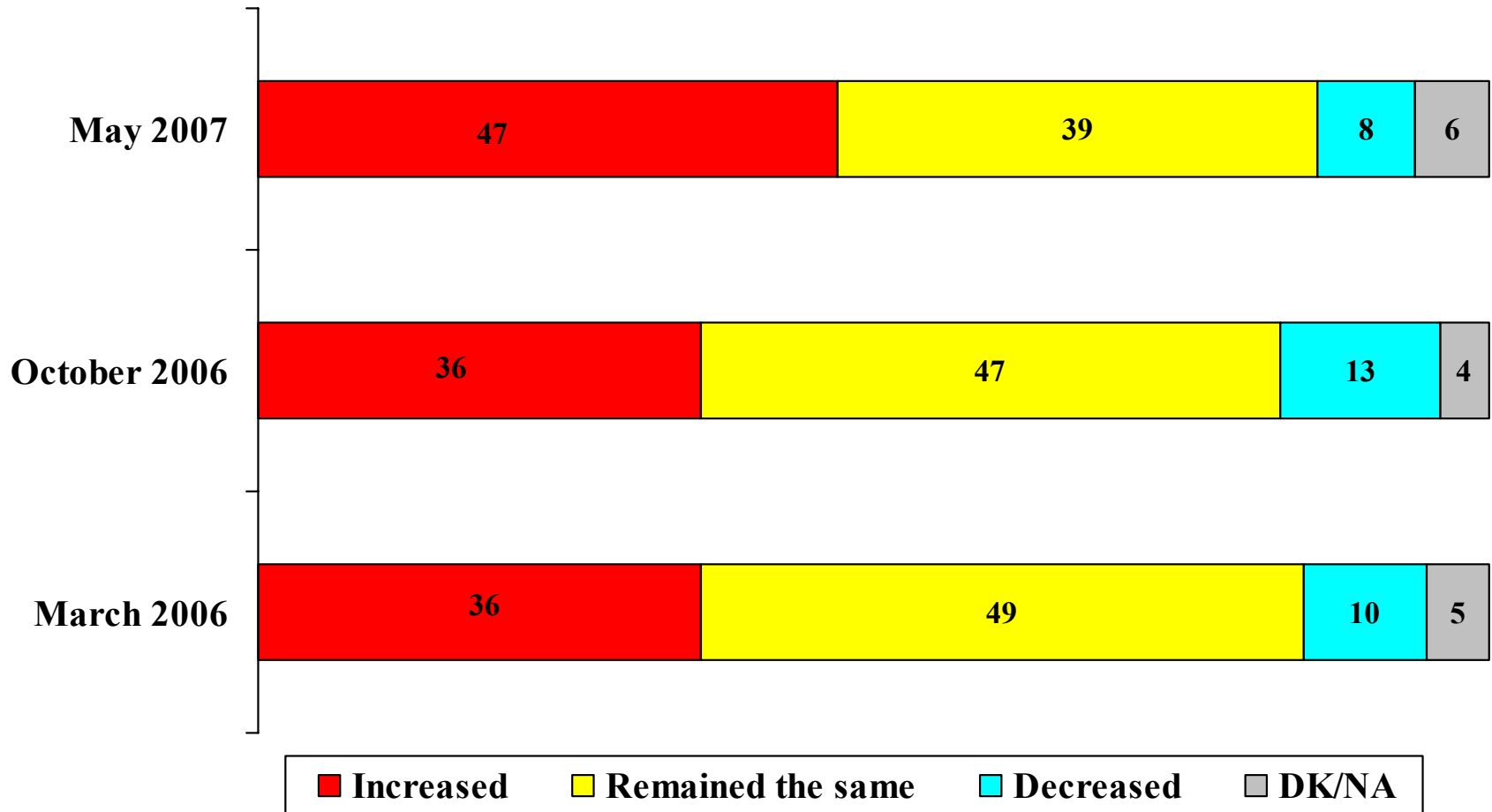


CORRUPTION

Perception of the current level of corruption in Kyrgyzstan



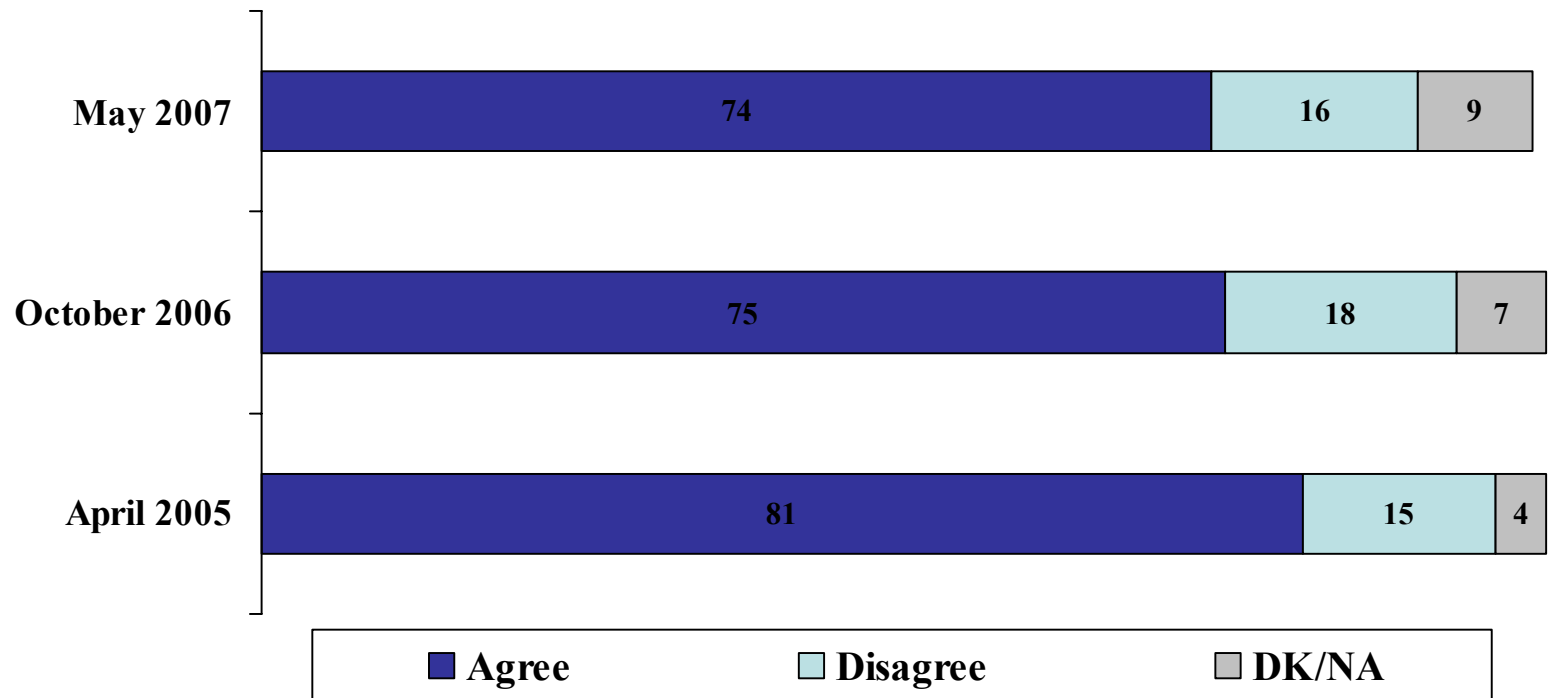
In your opinion, the level of corruption in Kyrgyzstan after the events of March 24, 2005 has...



VALUES

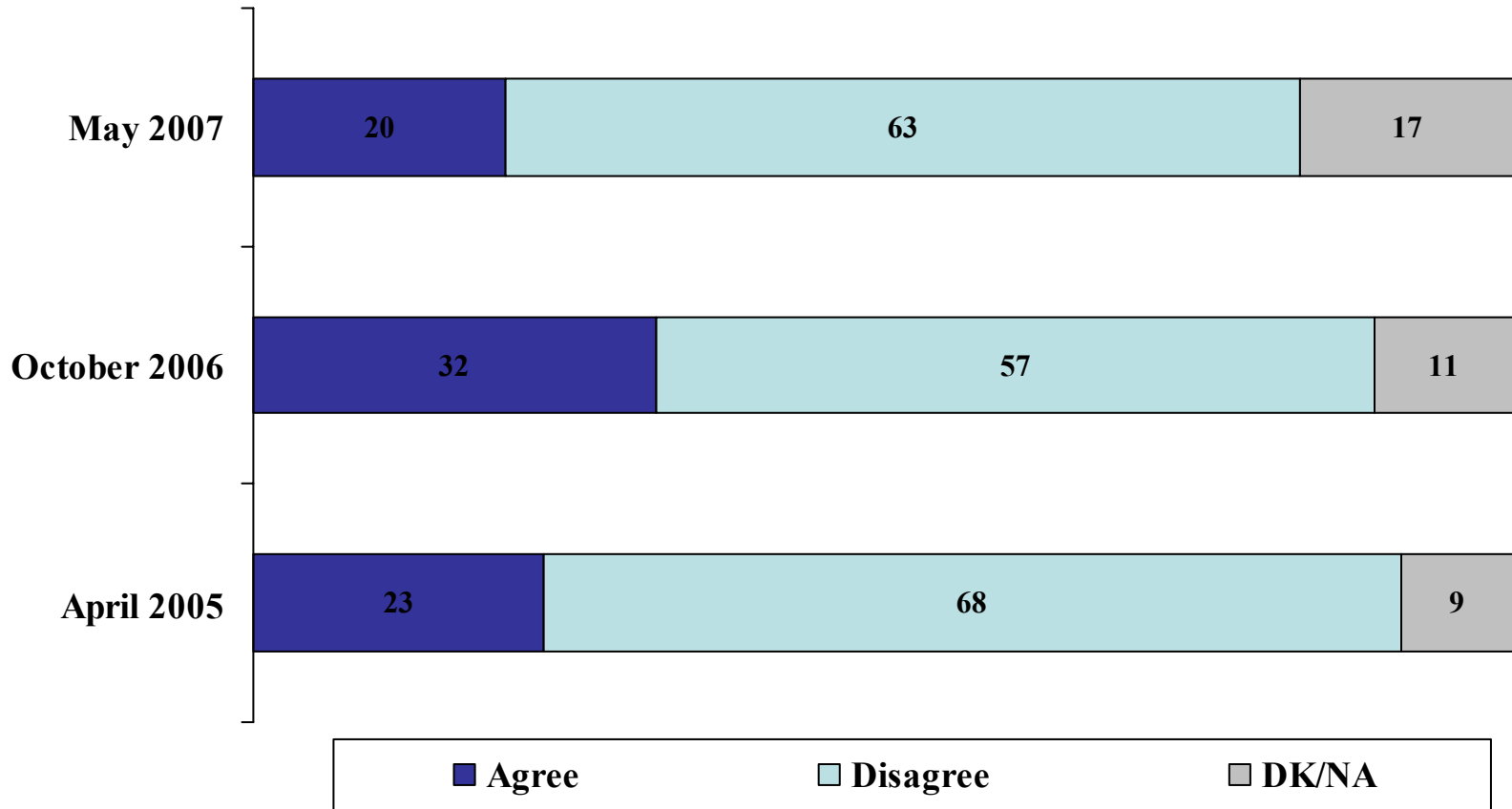
Tolerance

It is good when society consists of people of different religious and ethnic backgrounds.



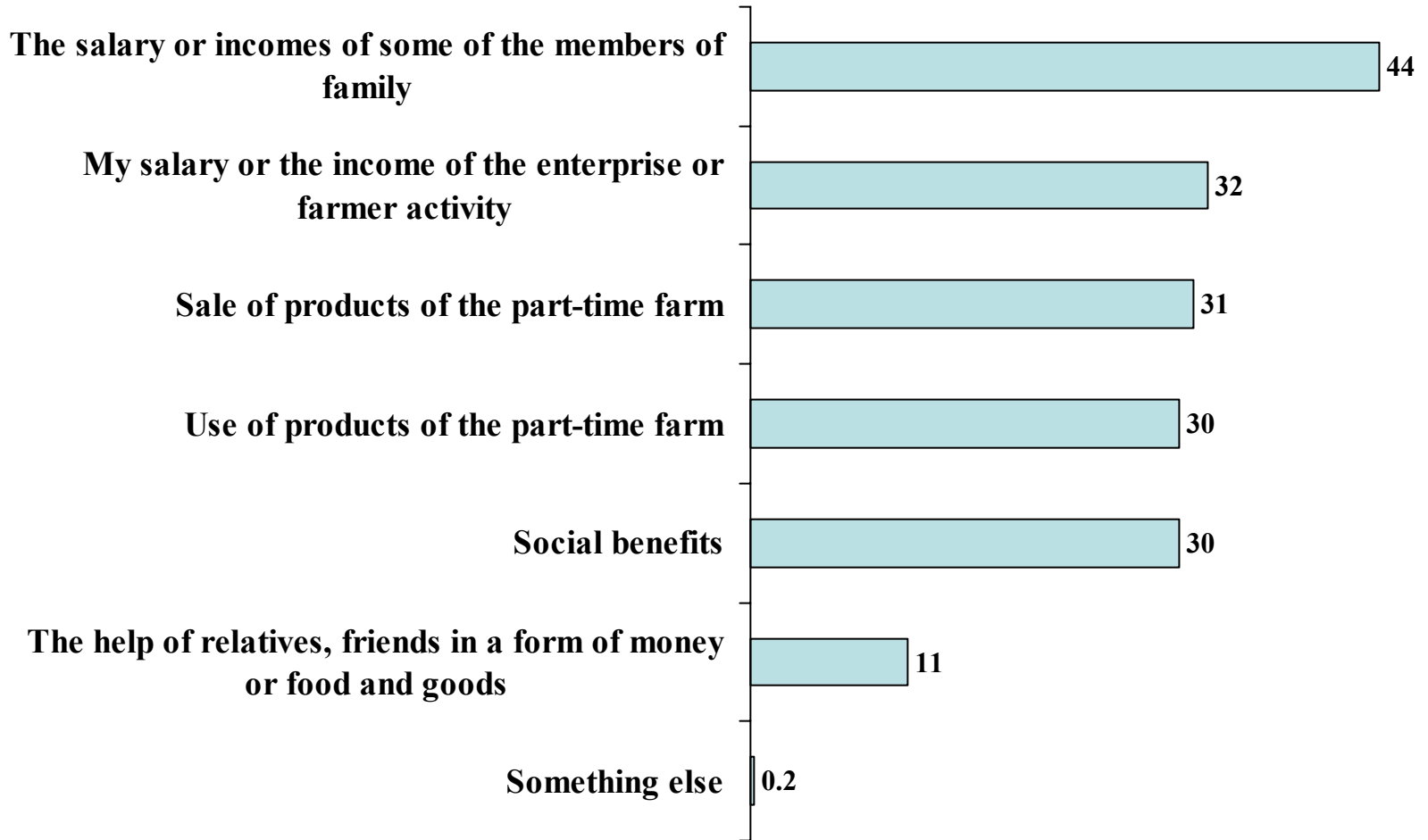
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If there were more people in the republic belonging to religious or national minorities, we could have problems.

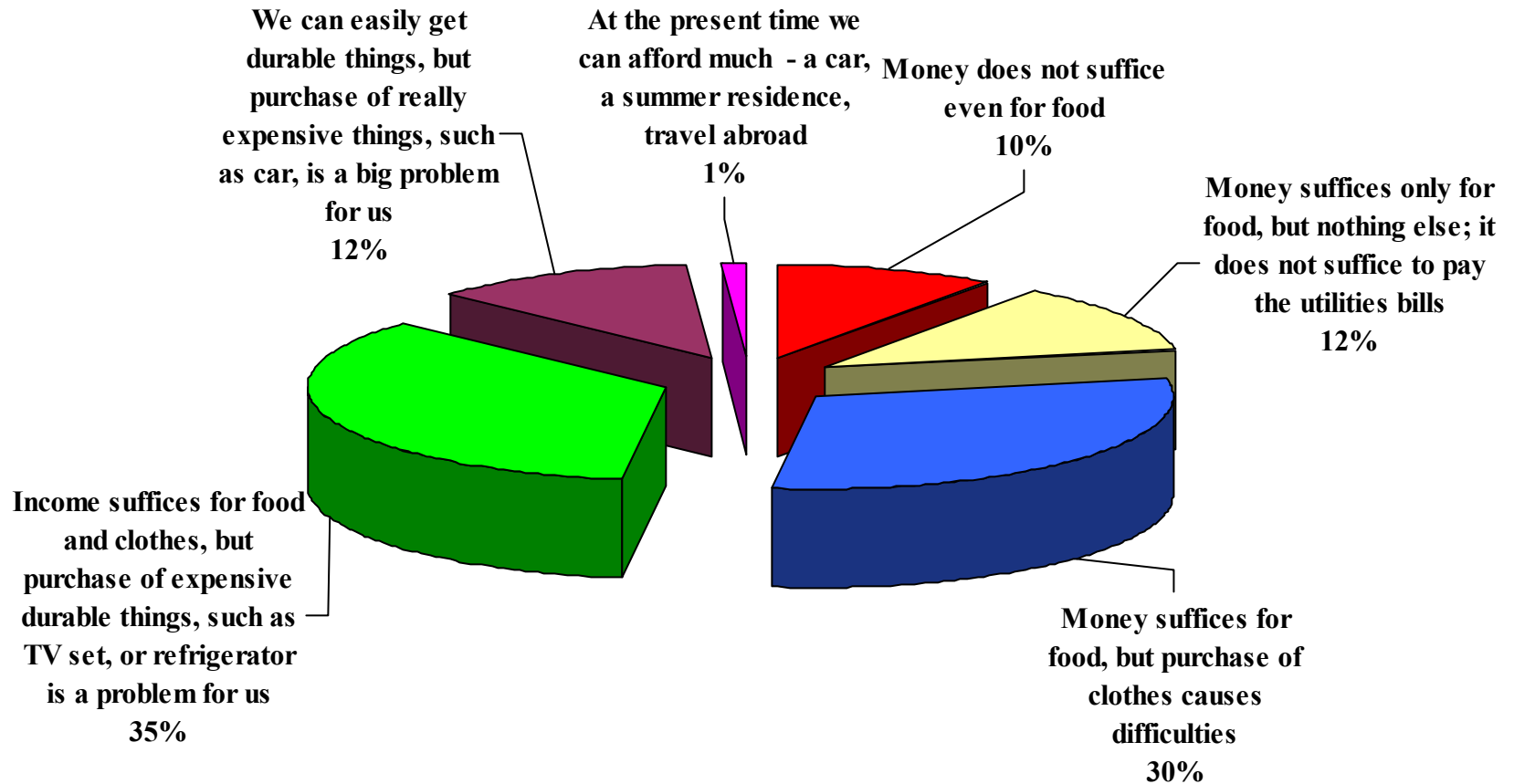


MEANS OF SUBSISTENCE

What are the basic sources of livelihood of your family?

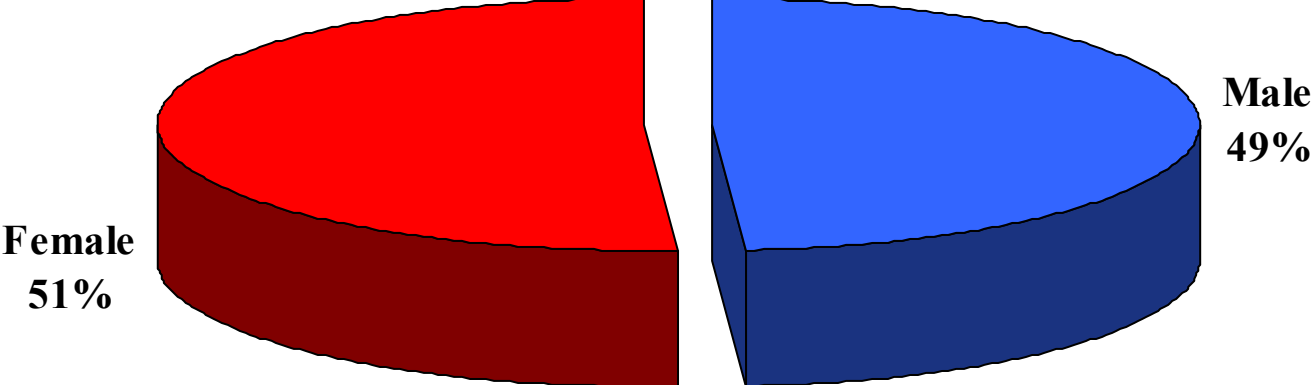


Estimation of financial position of households

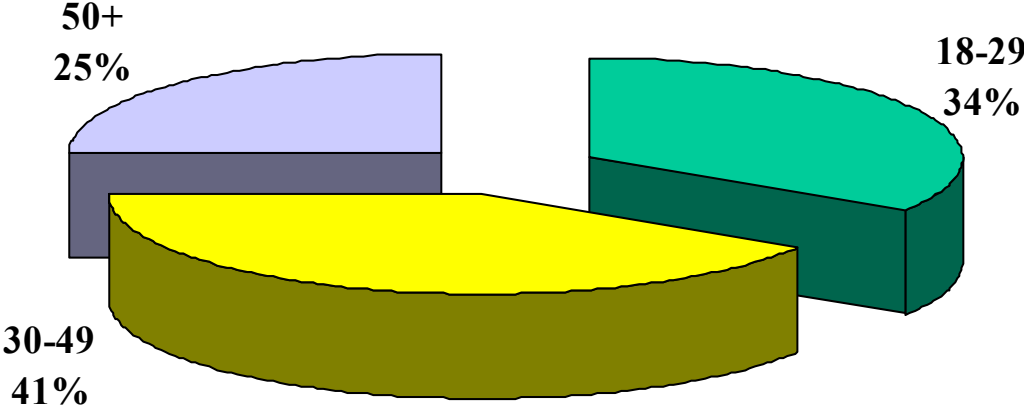


SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

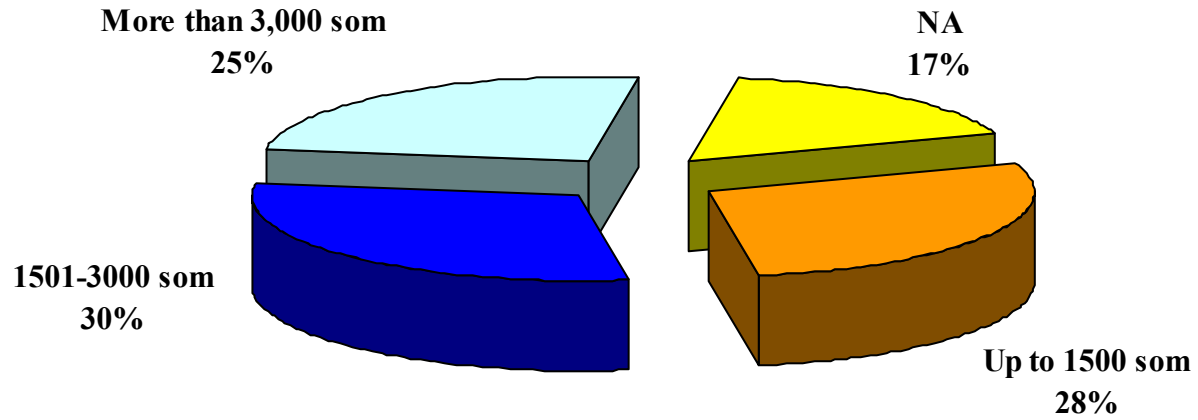
Gender



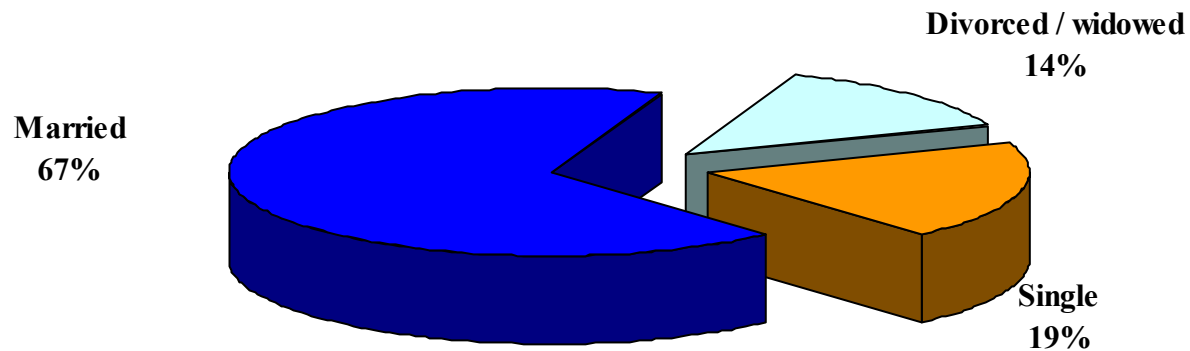
Age groups



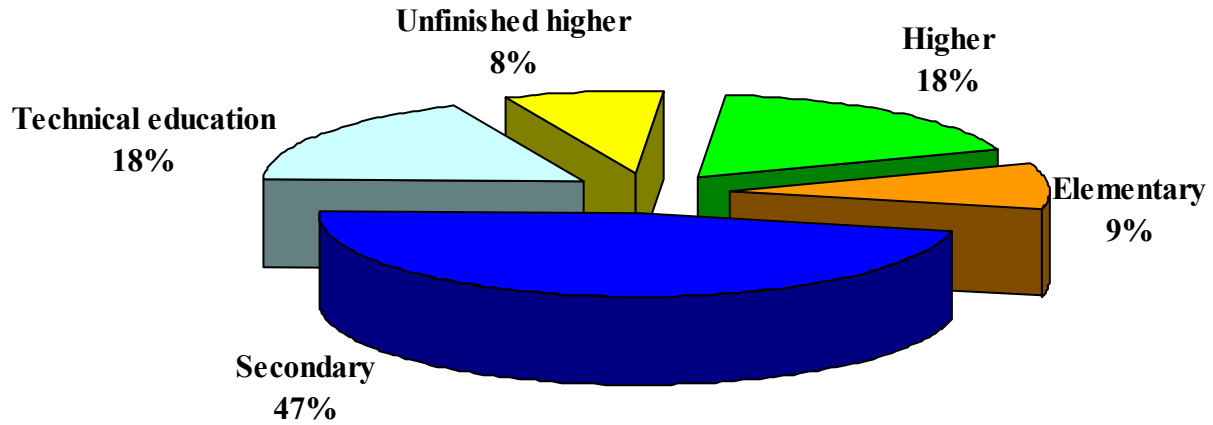
Household income



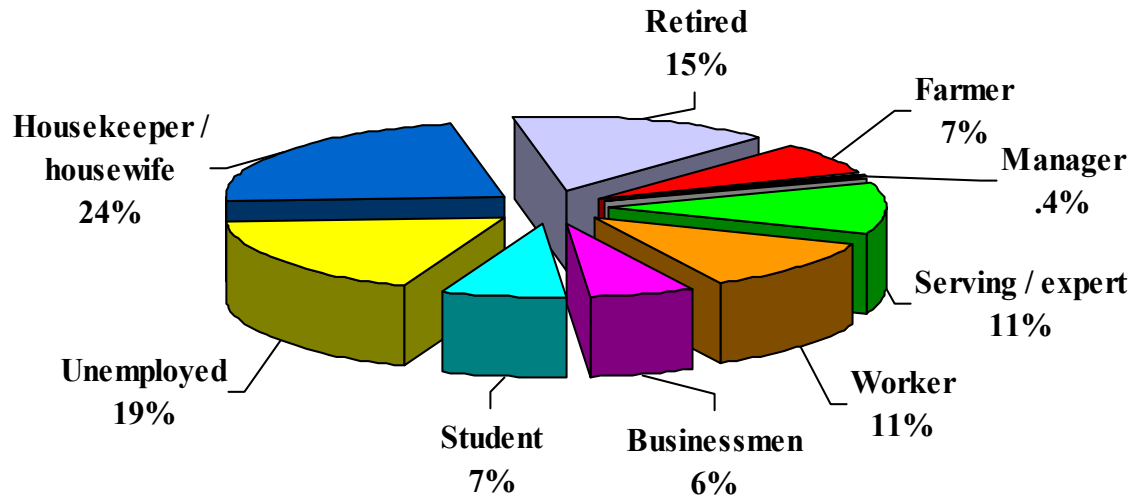
Marital status



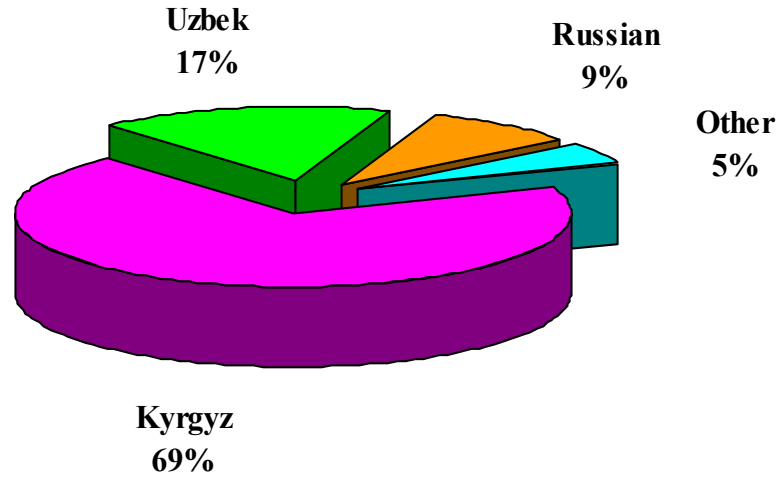
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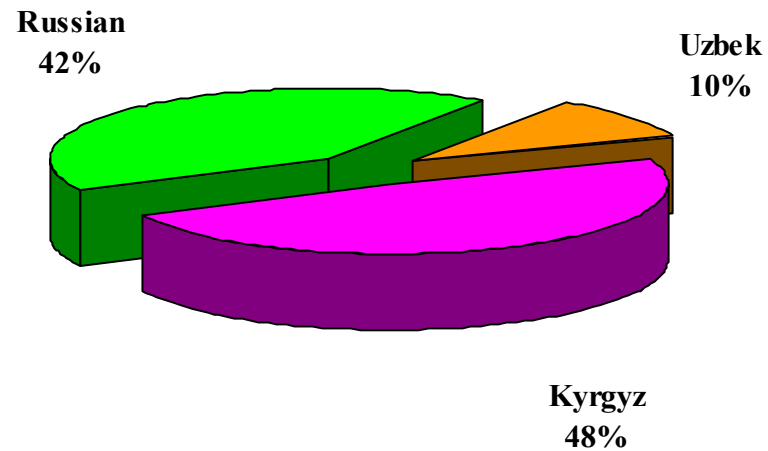
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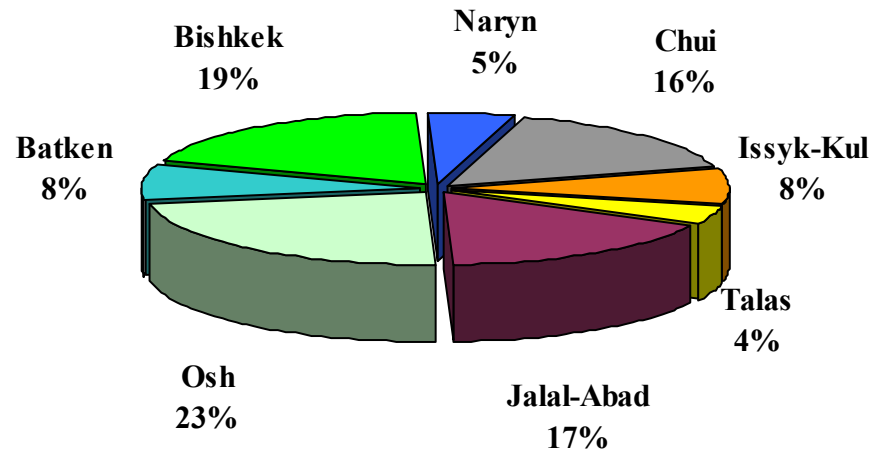
Nationality



Language of the interview



Regions



Size of settlement

