



*Public attitudes in Georgia:*

Results of a September 2011 survey carried out for  
NDI by CRRC

This research is funded by the Swedish International  
Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)  
Historical data was funded by the Eurasia  
Partnership Foundation, Sida and UK Embassy

Luis Navarro  
Ian T. Woodward  
NDI Georgia

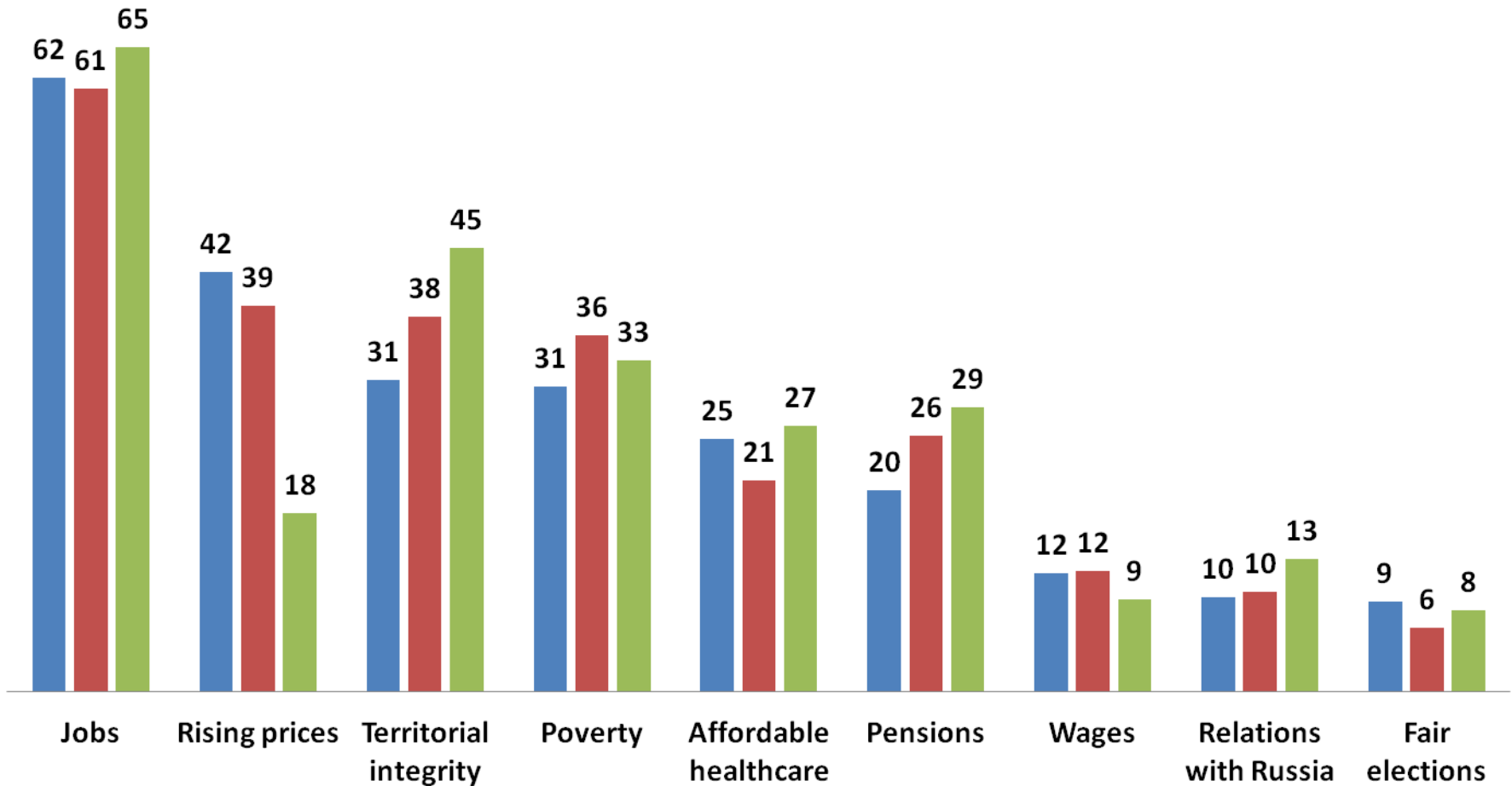
# Methodology

- This research has been conducted in seven waves: November 2008 (UK), May 09 (EPF), December 09 (Sida), April 2010 (Sida), July 2010 (Sida), March 2011 (Sida) and September 2011 (Sida).
- In slides that show multiple waves the first column is the first wave.
- Fieldwork dates:
  - 1st wave: 19 – 27 November 2008
  - 2nd wave: 19-25 May 2009
  - 3rd wave: 26 November – 5 December, 2009
  - 4th wave: 11-26 April 2010
  - 5<sup>th</sup> wave: June 24 – July 5 2010
  - 6<sup>th</sup> wave: March 4 – 17, 2011
  - **7<sup>th</sup> wave: September 9 - 21, 2011**
- Face to face interview method
- The questionnaire was largely the same for all five waves
  - The questions were added or taken out based on important current issues
- Sample size:
  - 1st wave: 2,480
  - Including a freestanding post election survey in Adjara
  - 2nd wave: 1,836
  - Including representative samples of Tbilisi and outside of Tbilisi
  - 3rd wave: 2,096
  - Including an oversample of Tbilisi
  - 4th wave: 2,378
  - Including an oversample of Tbilisi
  - 5<sup>th</sup> wave: 2,053
  - Including an oversample of Tbilisi
  - 6<sup>th</sup> wave: 2,893
  - Including representative samples in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi and Rustavi
  - **7<sup>th</sup> wave: 2,425**
  - **National sample, including representative samples in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Poti, Rustavi and Telavi District 17**
- Margin of error: +/- 3%

# National and Local Issues

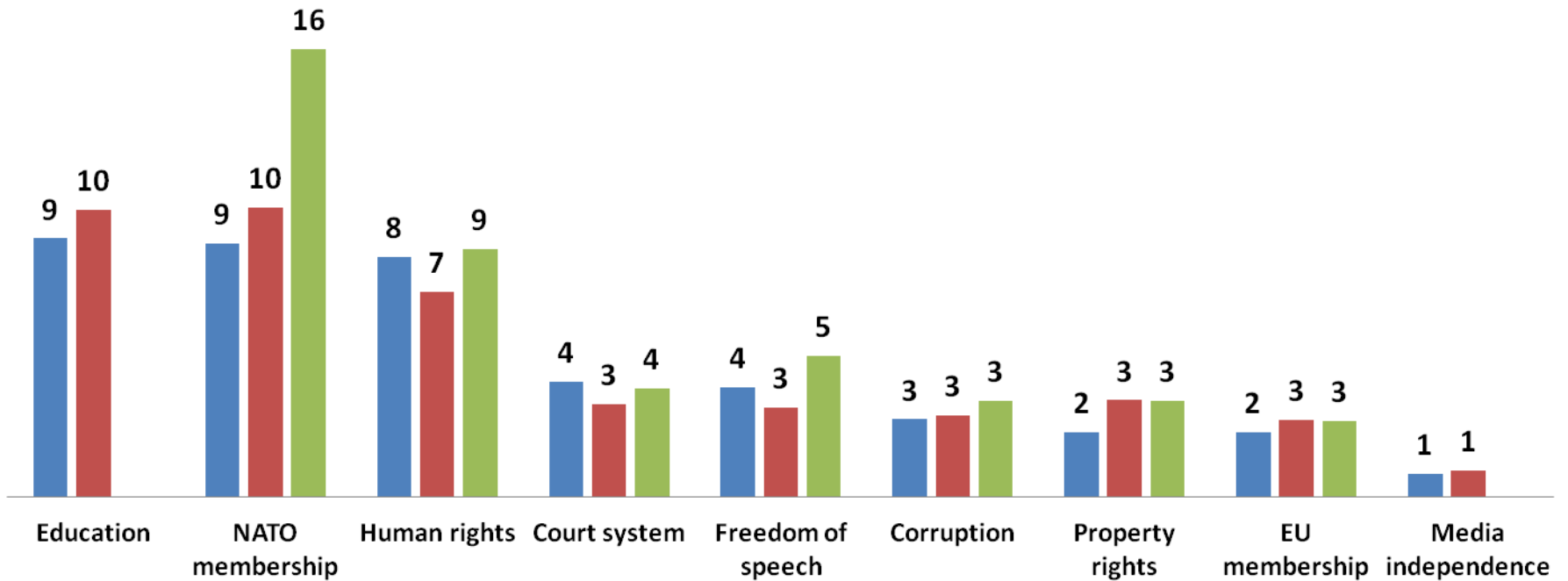
# Most important national issues (q1) Part 1

■ September 11 ■ March 11 ■ July 10



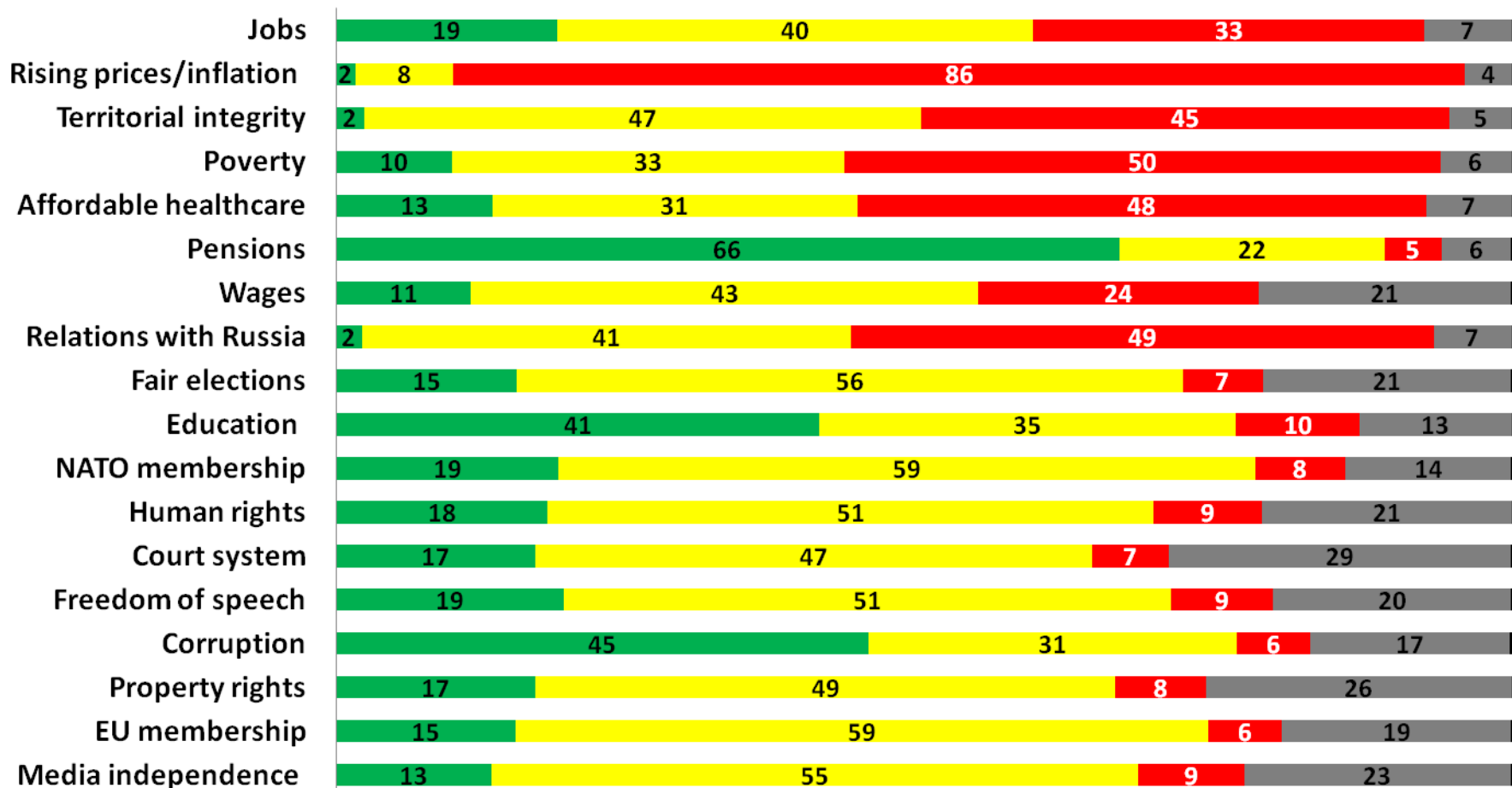
## Most important national issues (q1) Part 2

■ September 11 ■ March 11 ■ July 10

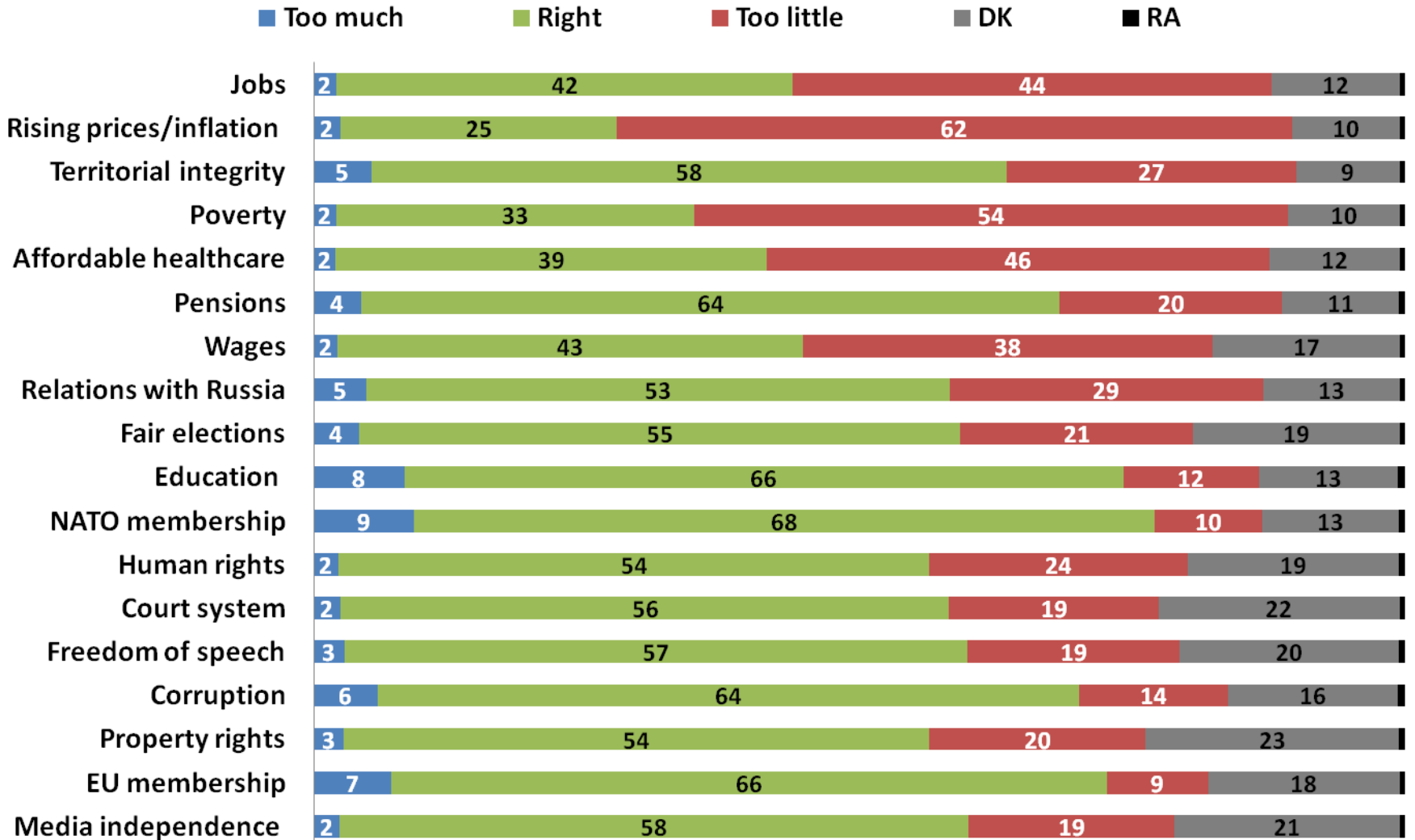


# How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia? Compared to January 2008, is . . . better, the same or worse? (q2)

■ Better    ■ Same    ■ Worse    ■ DK    ■ RA

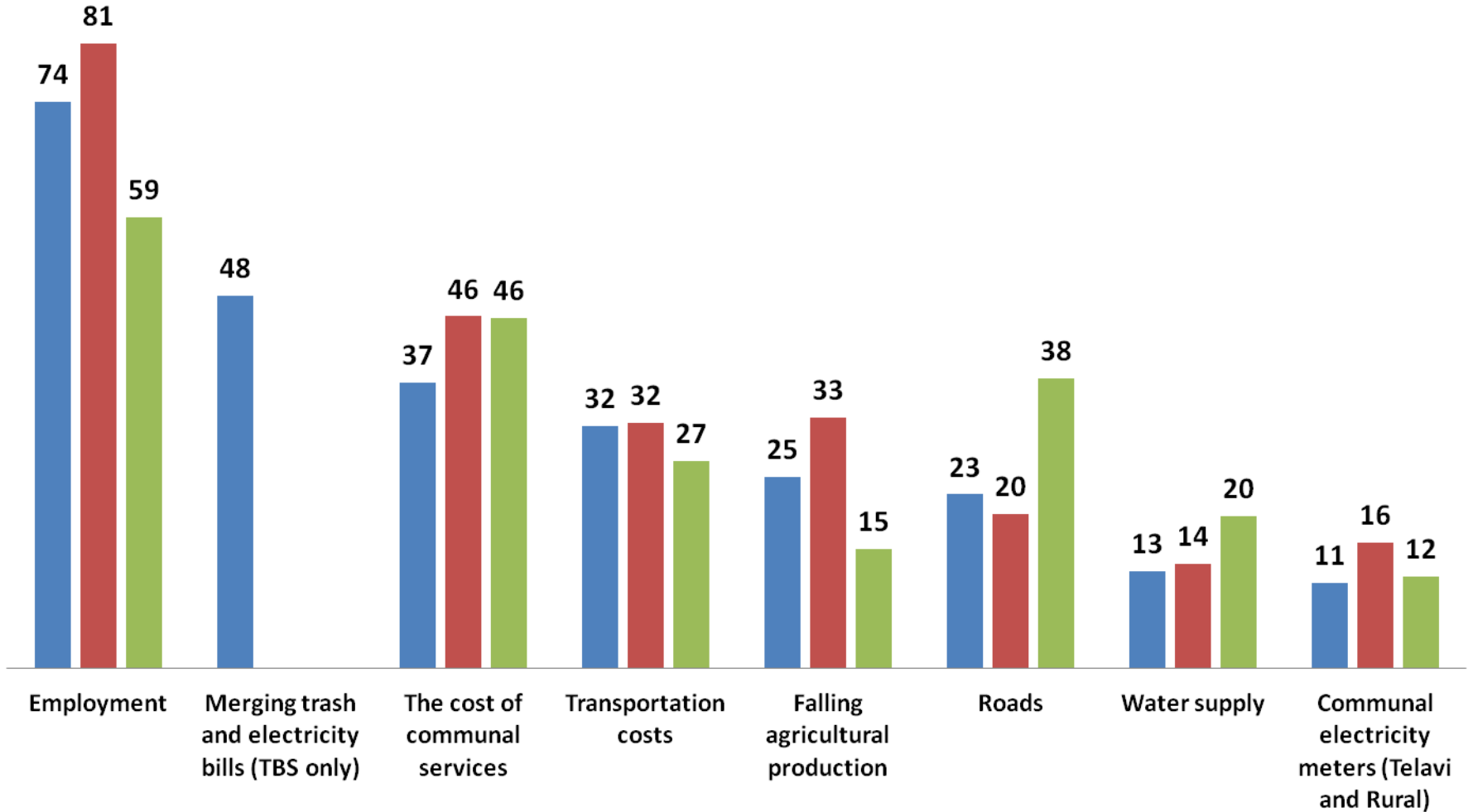


# Politicians in Georgia talk about . . . too much, the right amount, or too little? (q3)



# Most important local issues (q4) Part 1

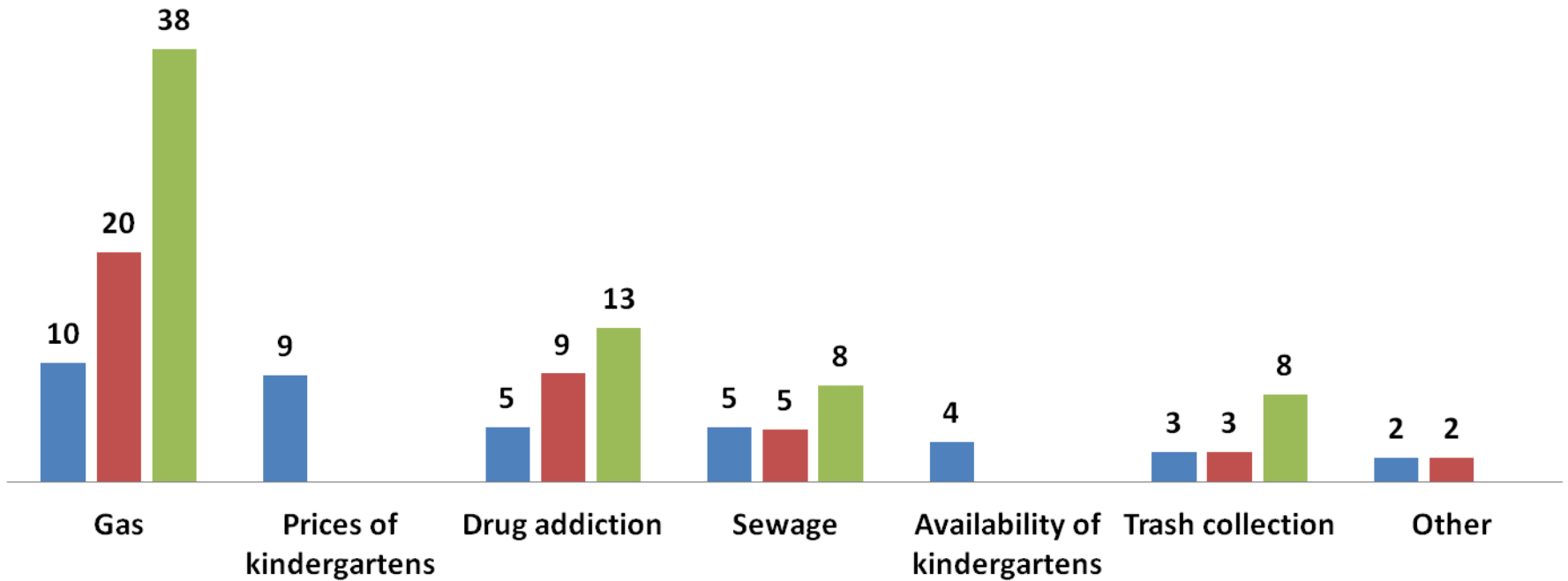
■ September 11 ■ March 11 ■ April 10





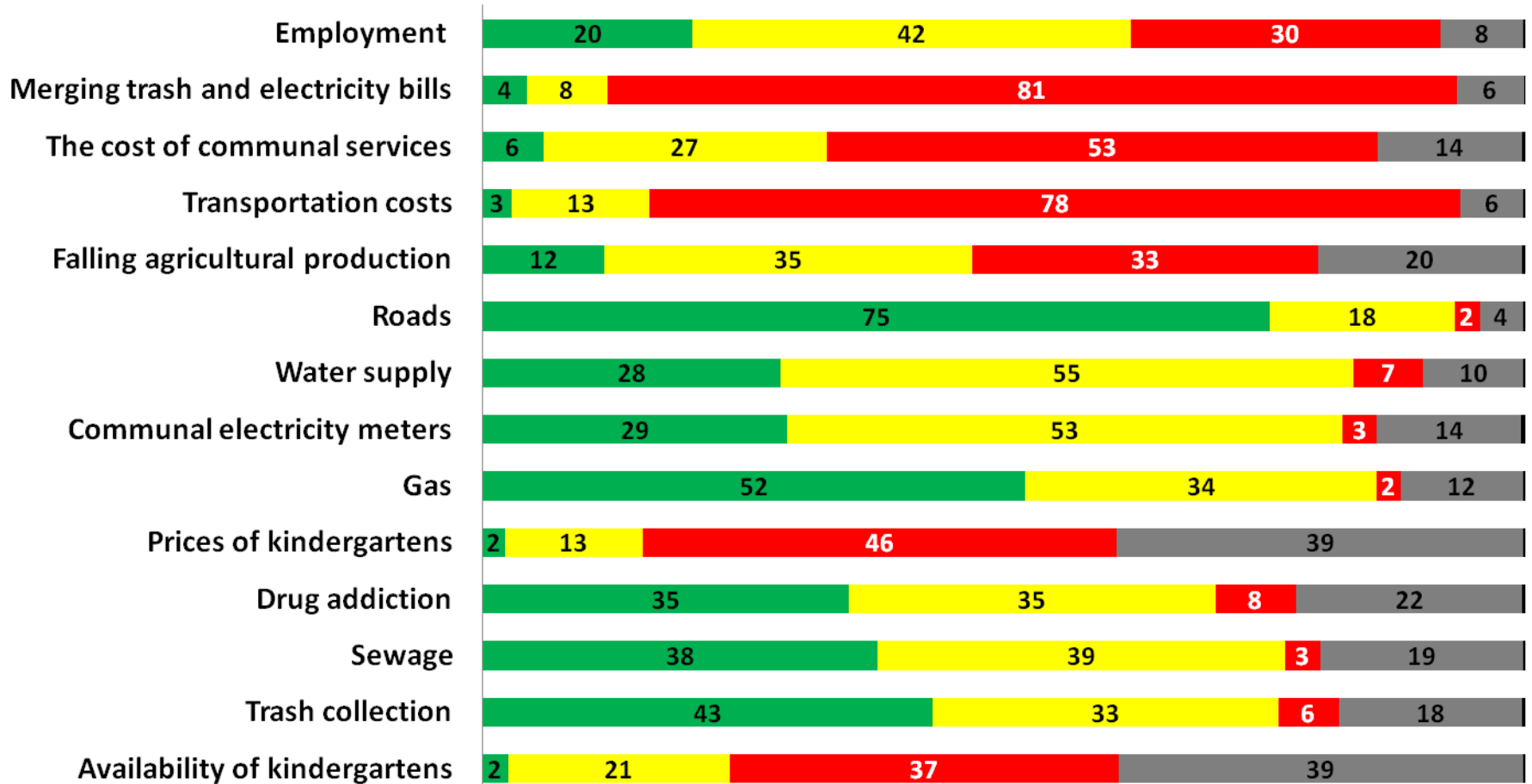
## Most important local issues (q4) Part 2

■ September 11 ■ March 11 ■ April 10

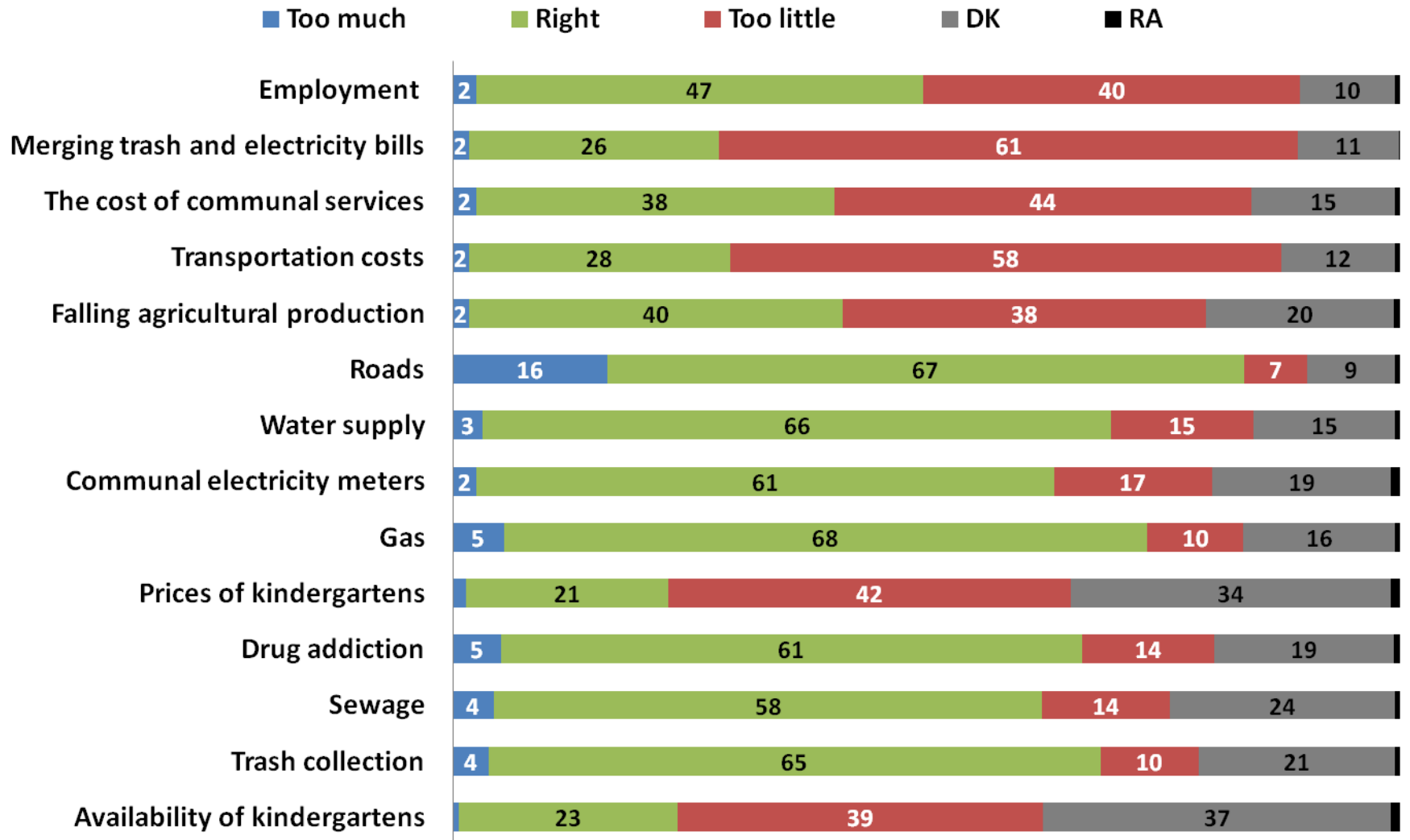


# How do you think the situation has changed in Georgia? Compared to January 2008, is . . . better, the same or worse? (q5)

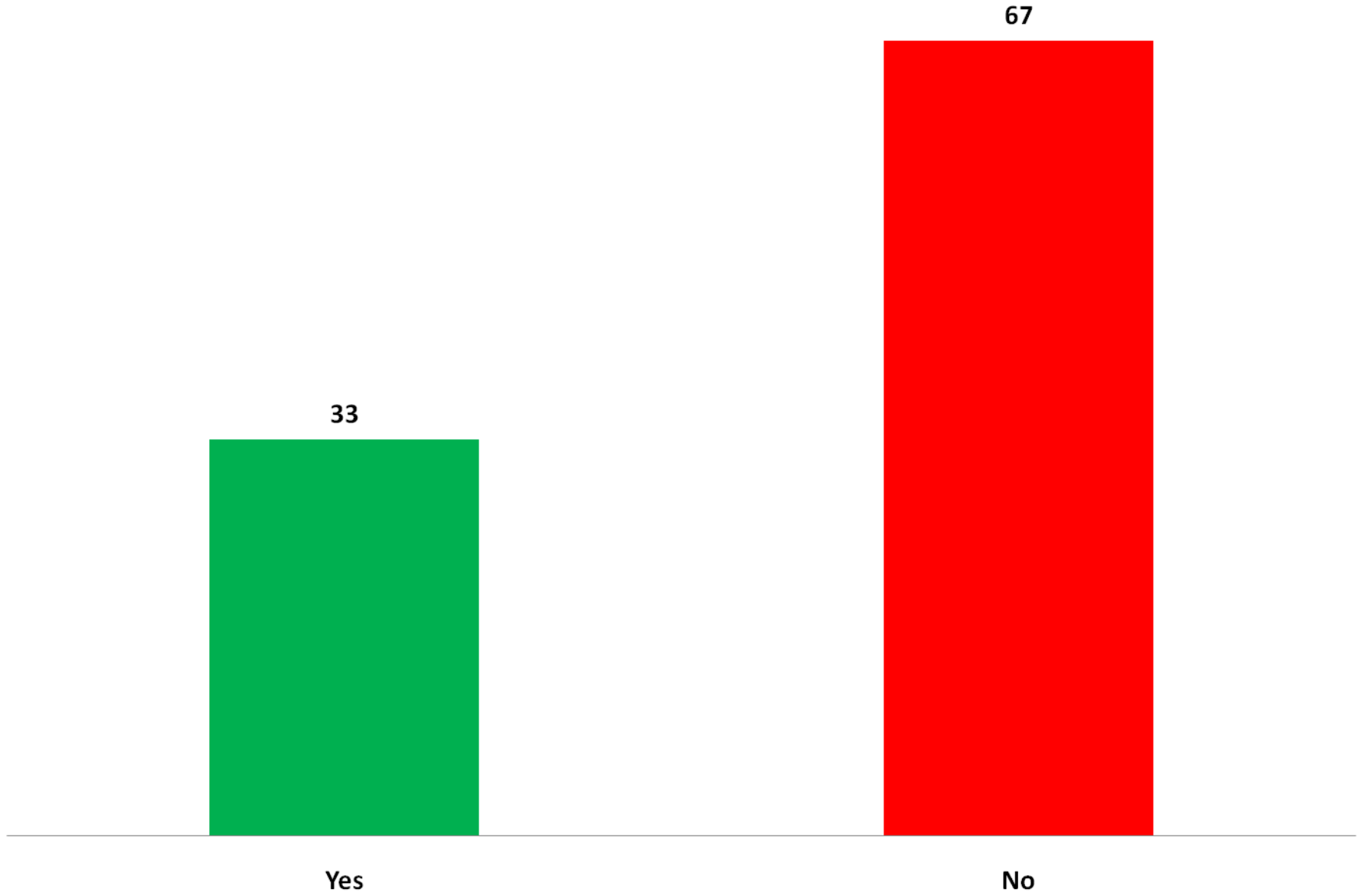
■ Better    ■ Same    ■ Worse    ■ DK    ■ RA



# Politicians in Georgia talk about . . . too much, the right amount, or too little? (q6)

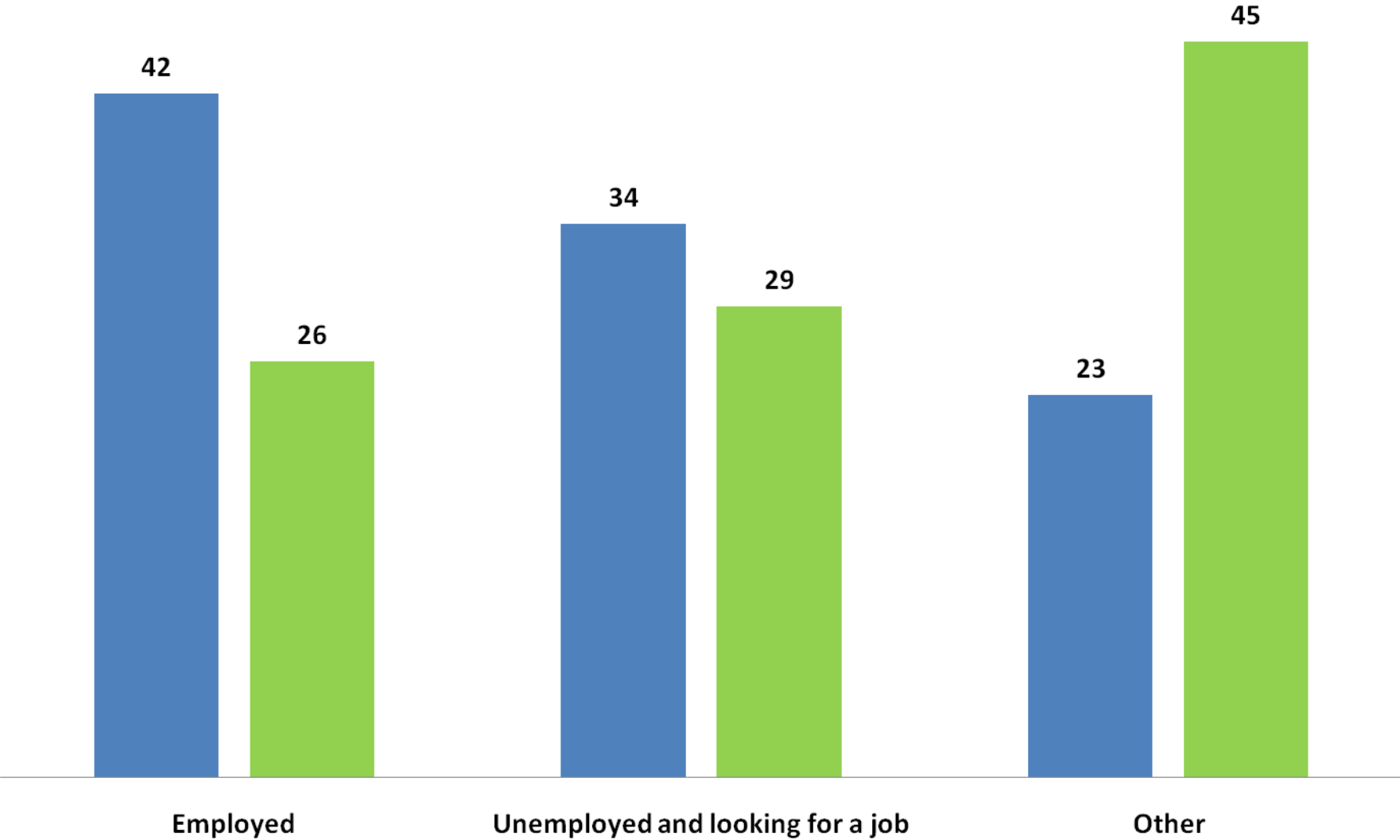


# Do you consider yourself employed? (q 105)



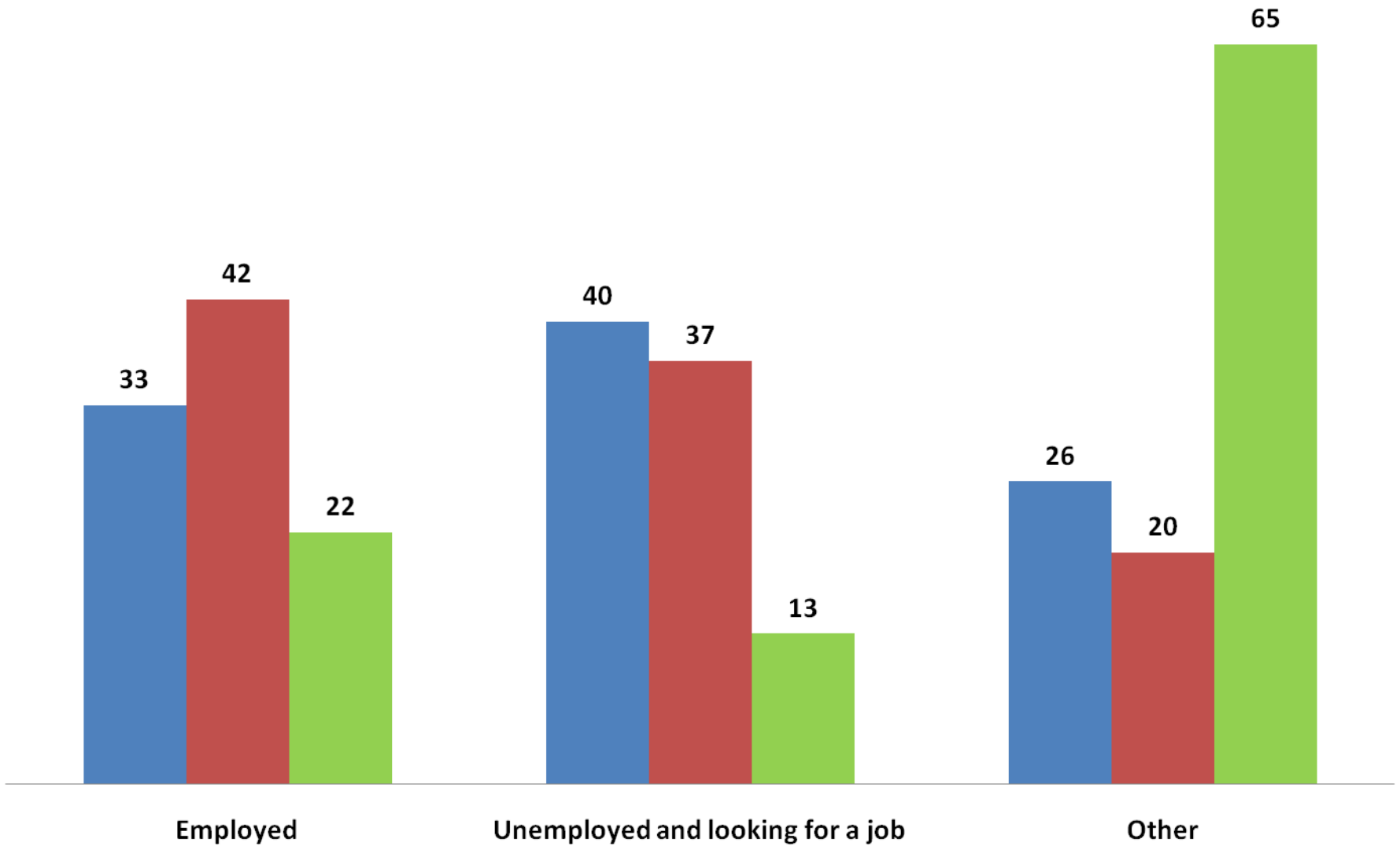
# Do you consider yourself to be employed? (Employement X Gender)

■ Men ■ Women

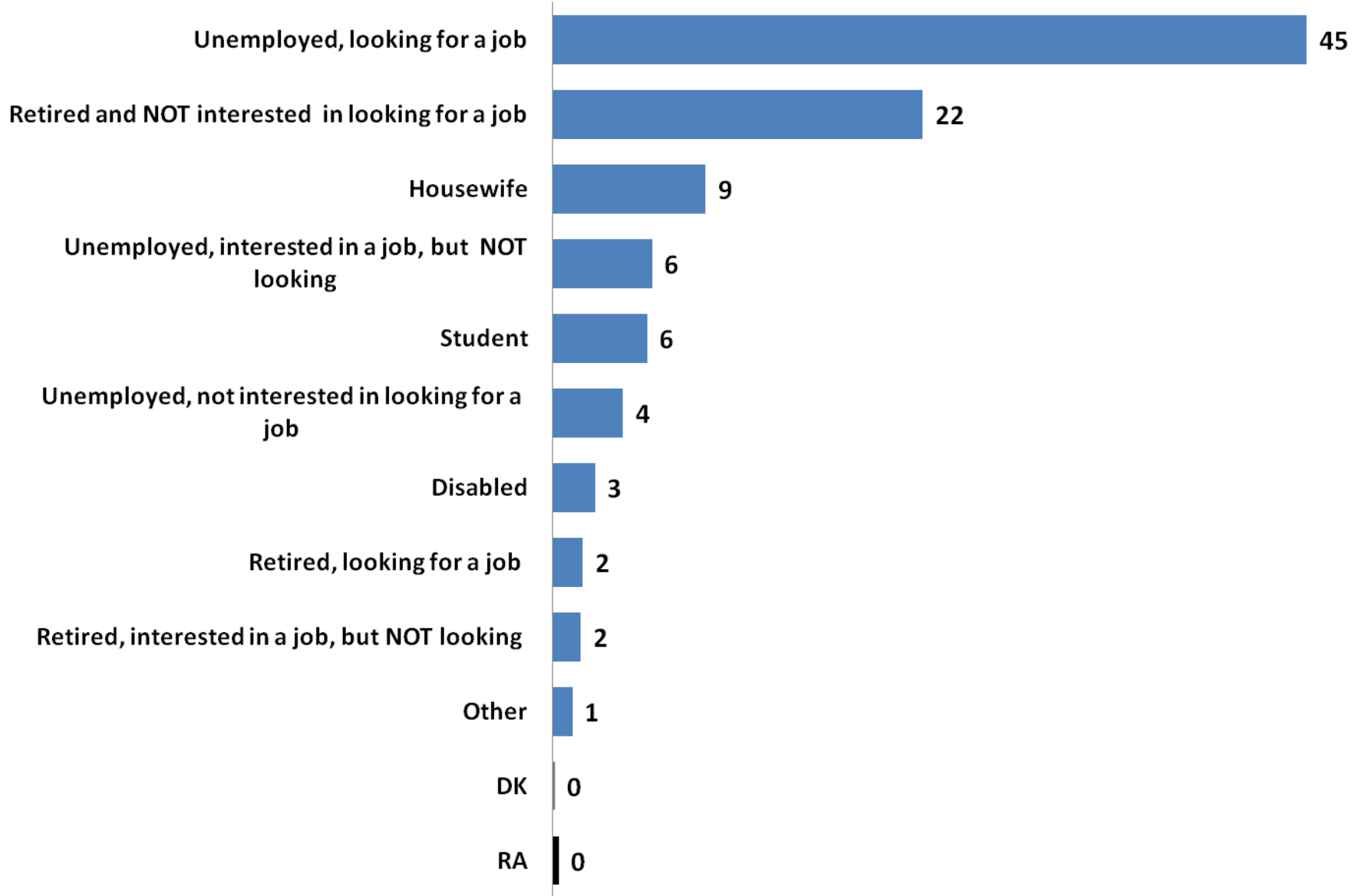


# Employment status X Age

■ 18-35 ■ 36-55 ■ 56+



# Which of the following best describes your situation? (q107)



# Georgian Employment at a Glance

The illustration to the right shows these groups as follows:



33%--Employed (full or part time)



31%--Unemployed and looking for work (This includes both unemployed and retired persons who are looking for work.)



5%--Unemployed and not looking for work (This includes unemployed and retired persons who are interested in a job, but who are not looking.)



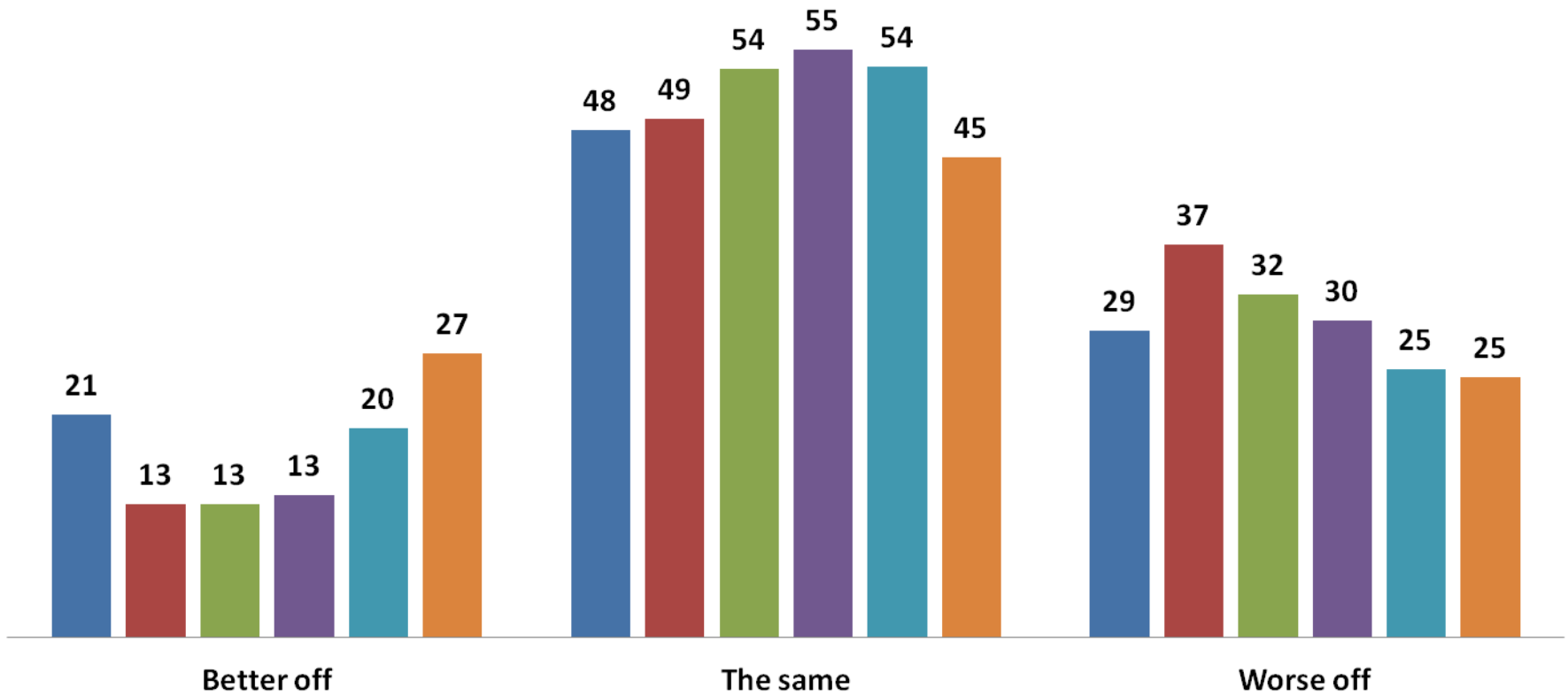
30%--Non-active labour force (This includes students, homemakers, retired persons who are not interested in looking for a job, unemployed persons who are not interested in looking for a job, etc.)





## Since January 2008 are you and your household... (q9)

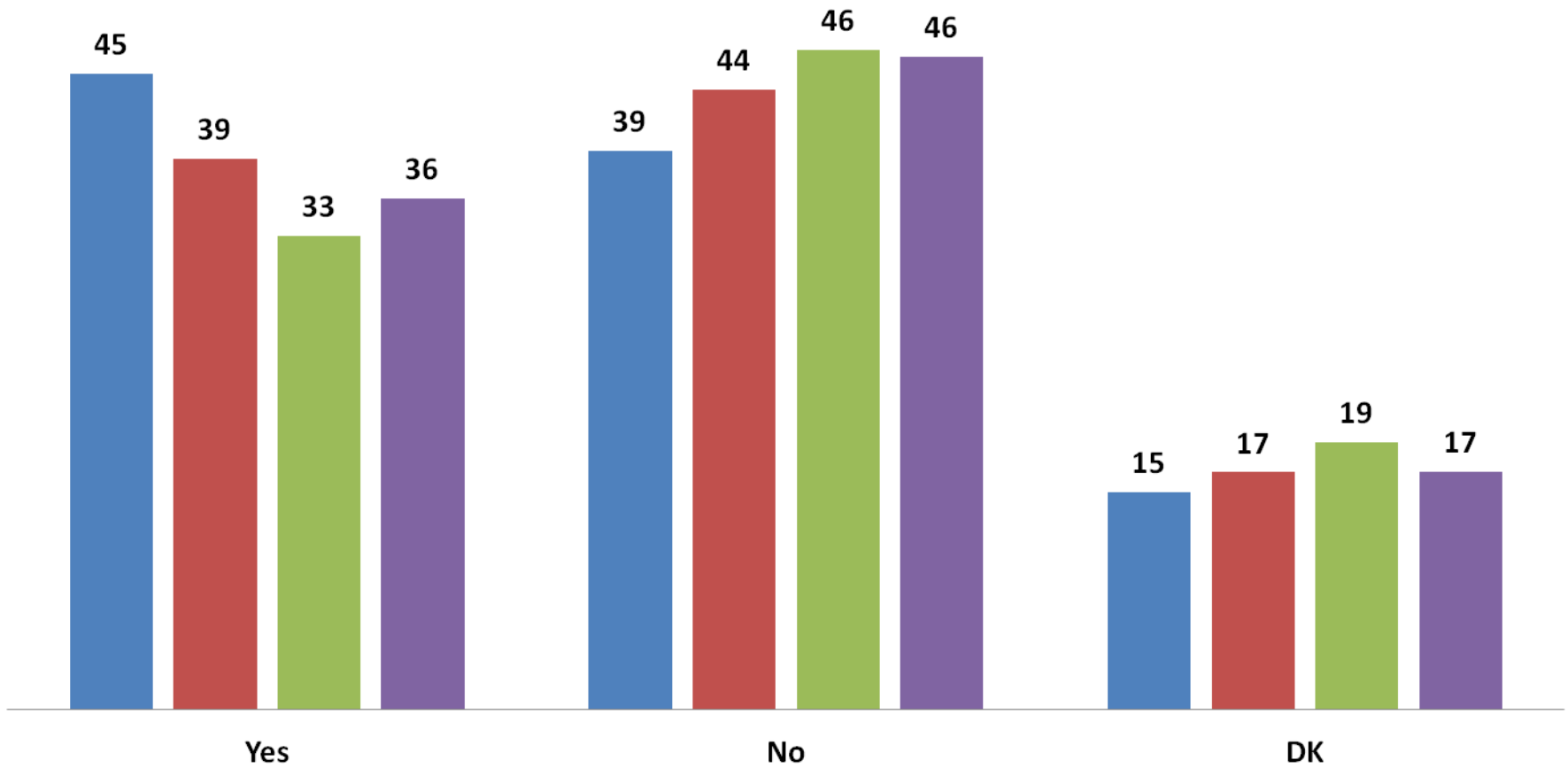
■ September 11 ■ March 11 ■ July 10 ■ April 10 ■ Dec. 09 ■ Nov. 08



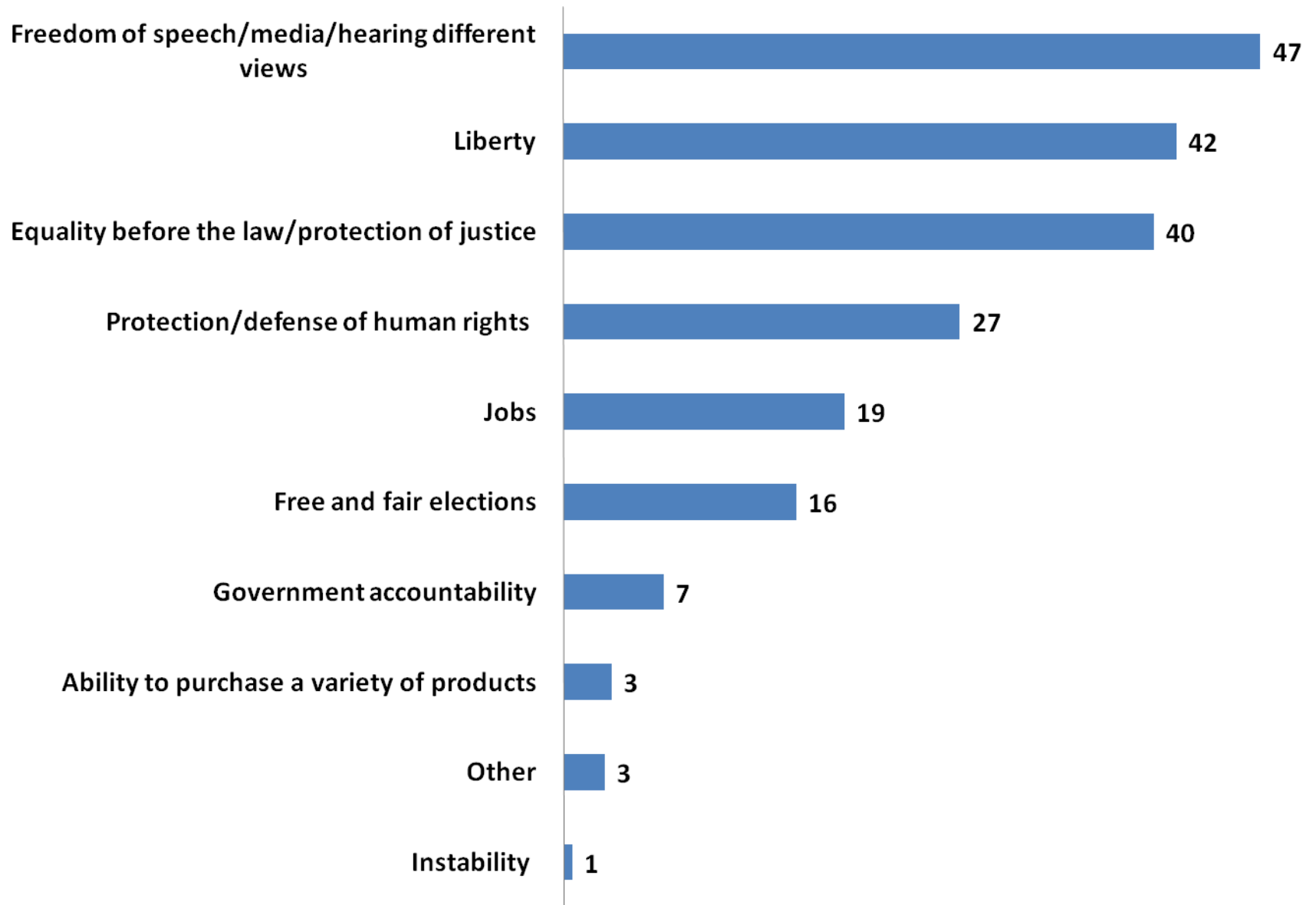
# Democracy and Reforms

# Is Georgia a democracy now? (q23)

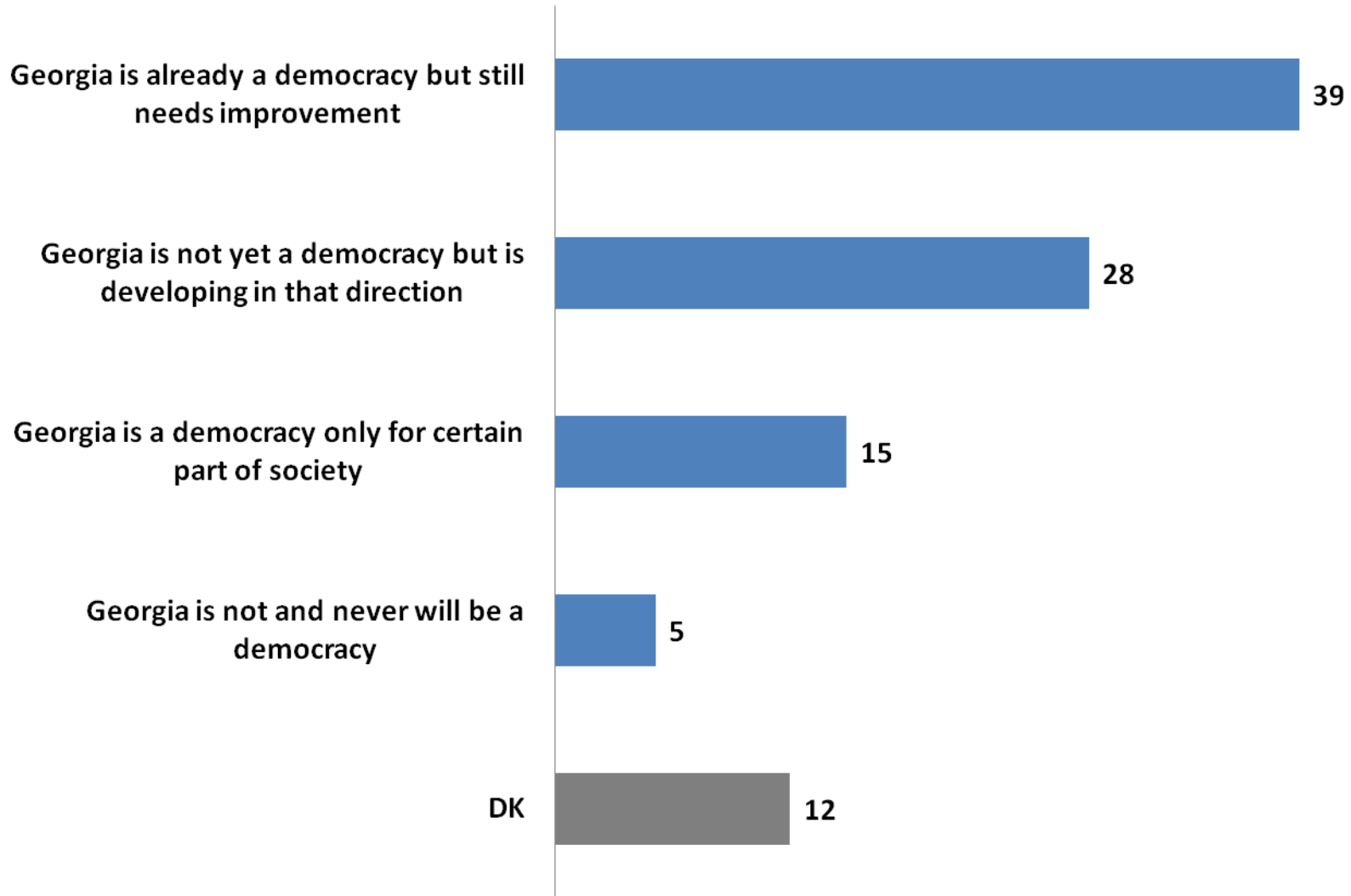
■ September 11 ■ March 11 ■ July 10 ■ April 10



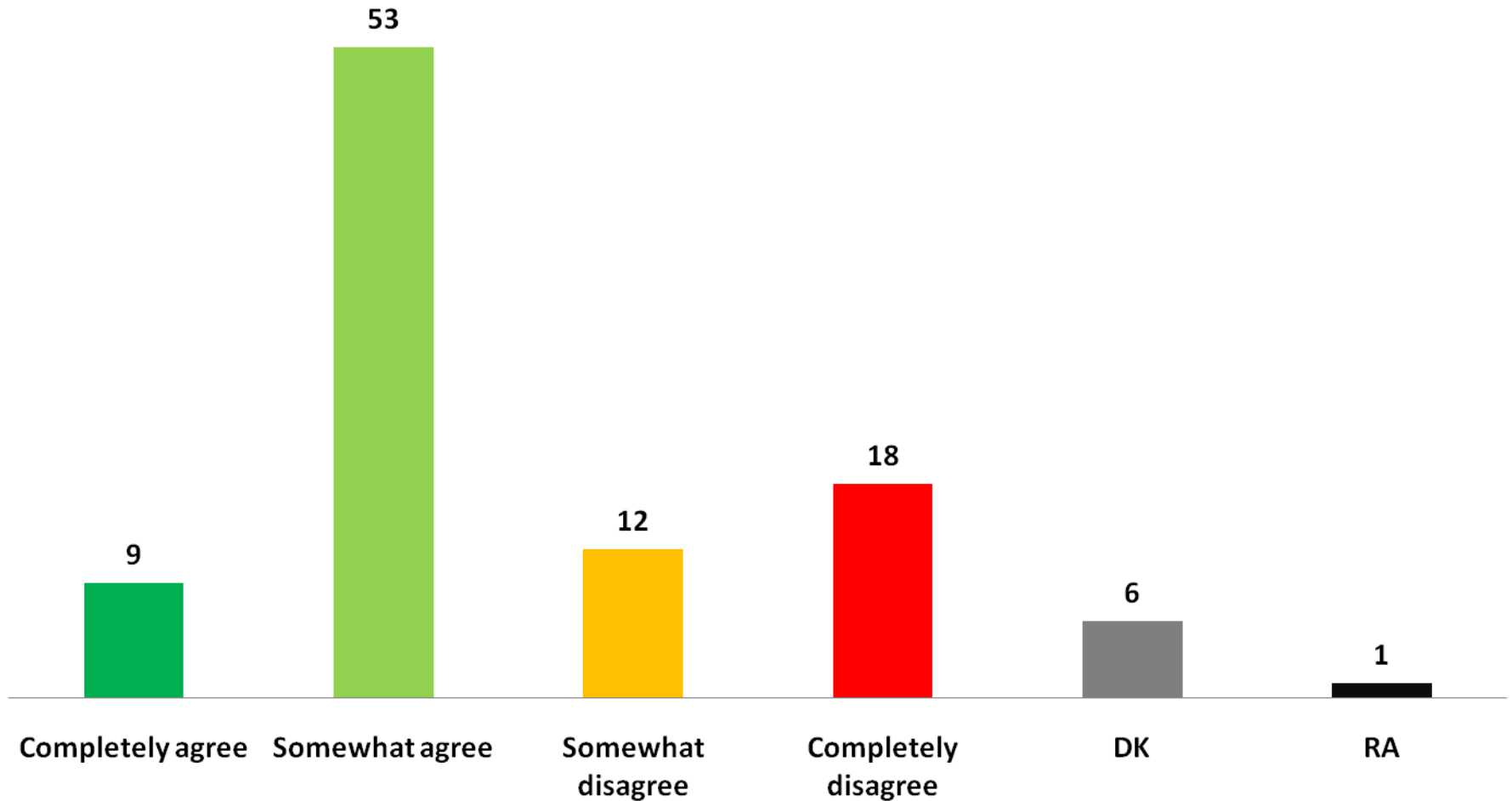
## What does democracy mean to you? (q22)



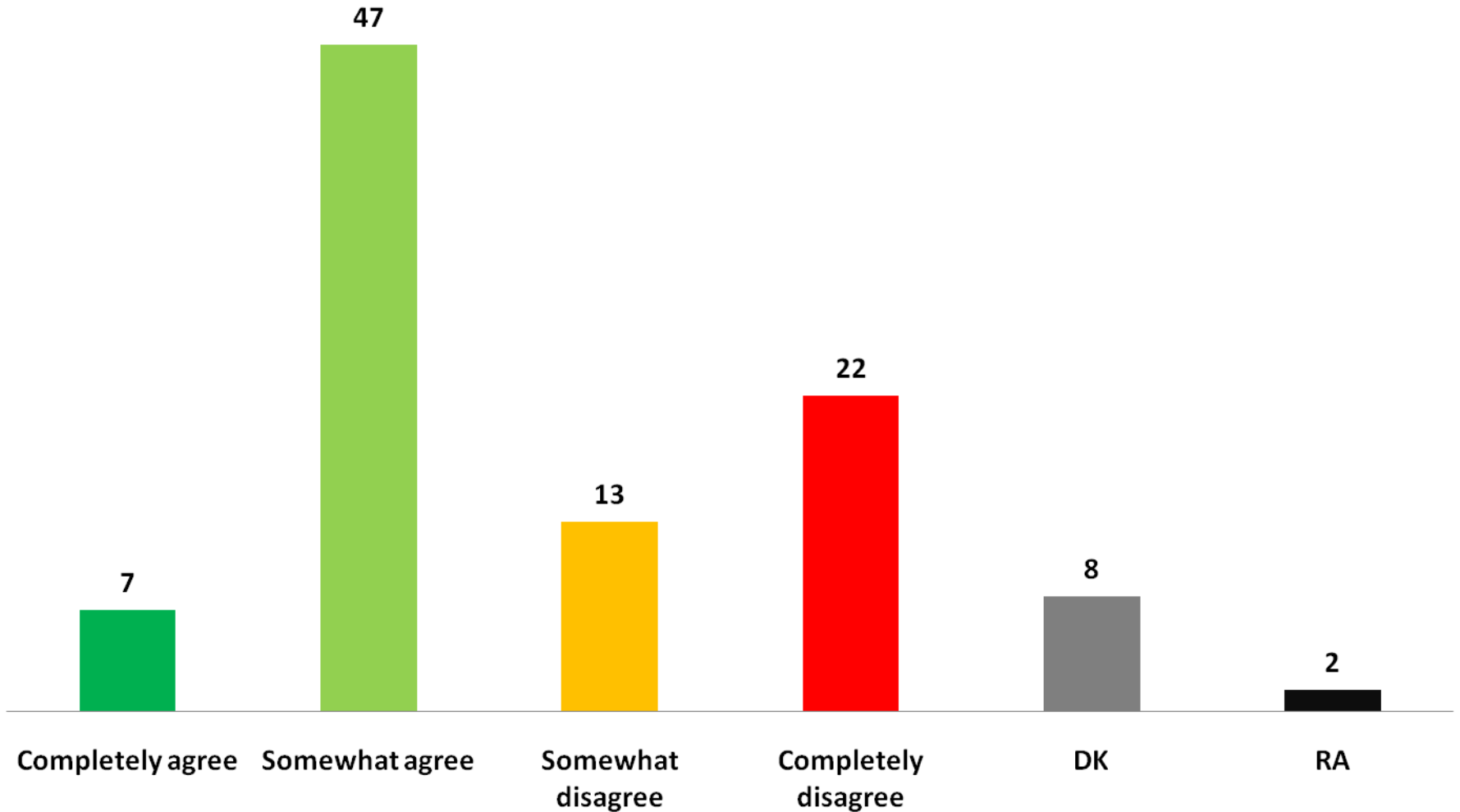
## Please tell me, which statement do you agree with most? (q24)



# To what extent do you agree that the current government is making the changes that matter to you? (q14)

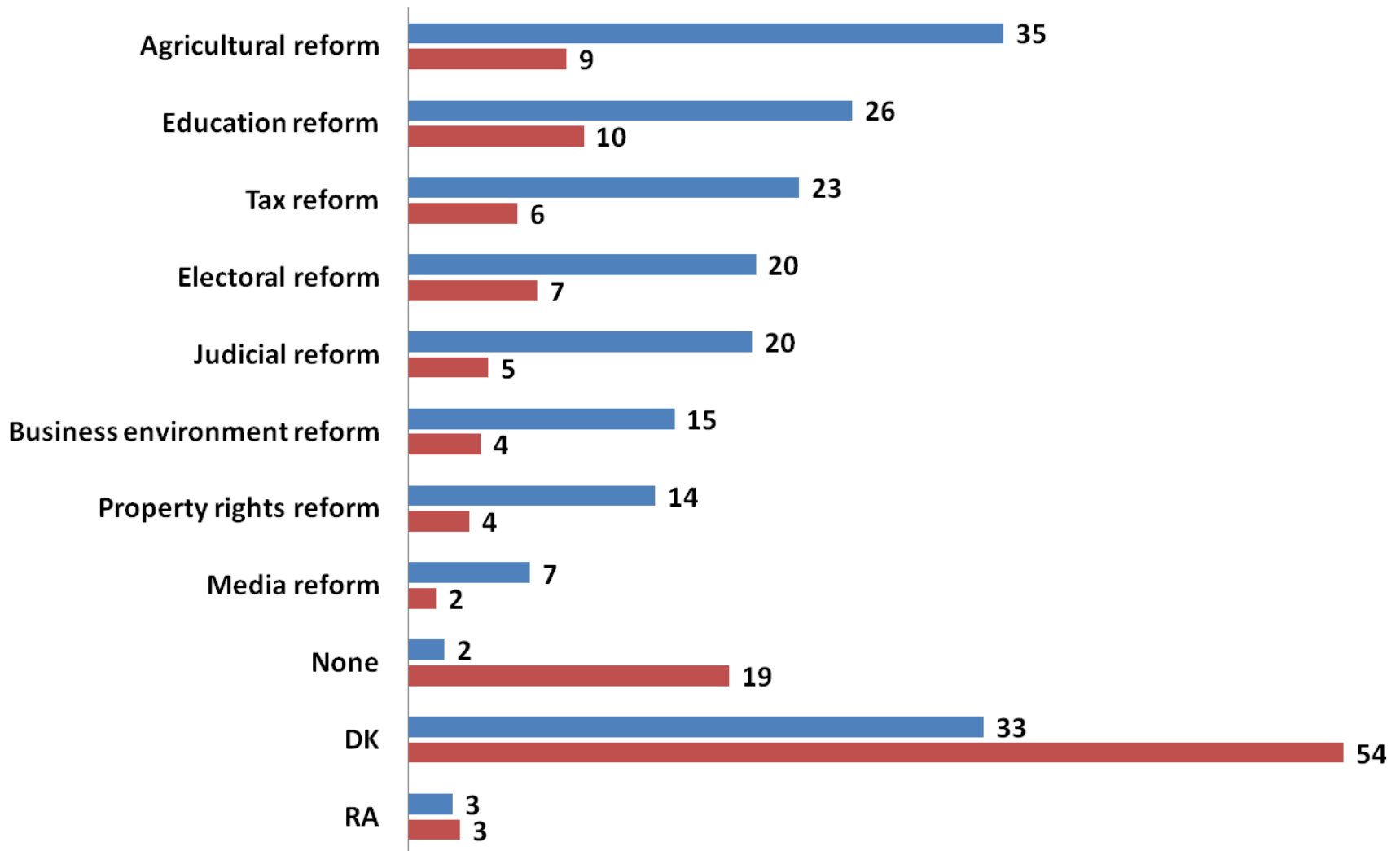


**To what extent do you agree that your current local government is making the changes that matter to you? (q15)**



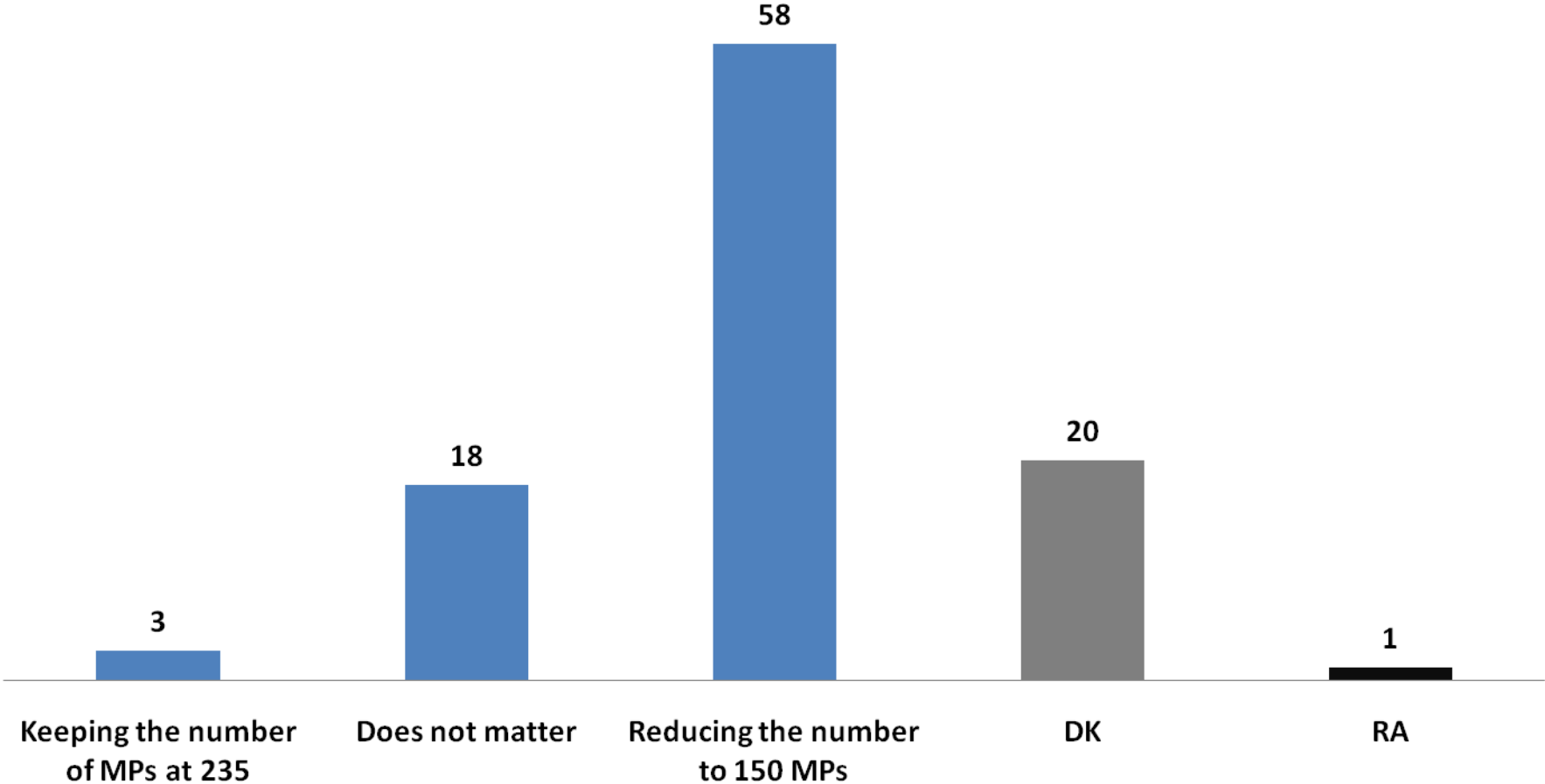
## Which political reforms would be most important for Georgia/do you expect to see achieved in the next six months? (q12-q13)

■ Would be most important for Georgia      ■ Expect to see achieved in the next six months

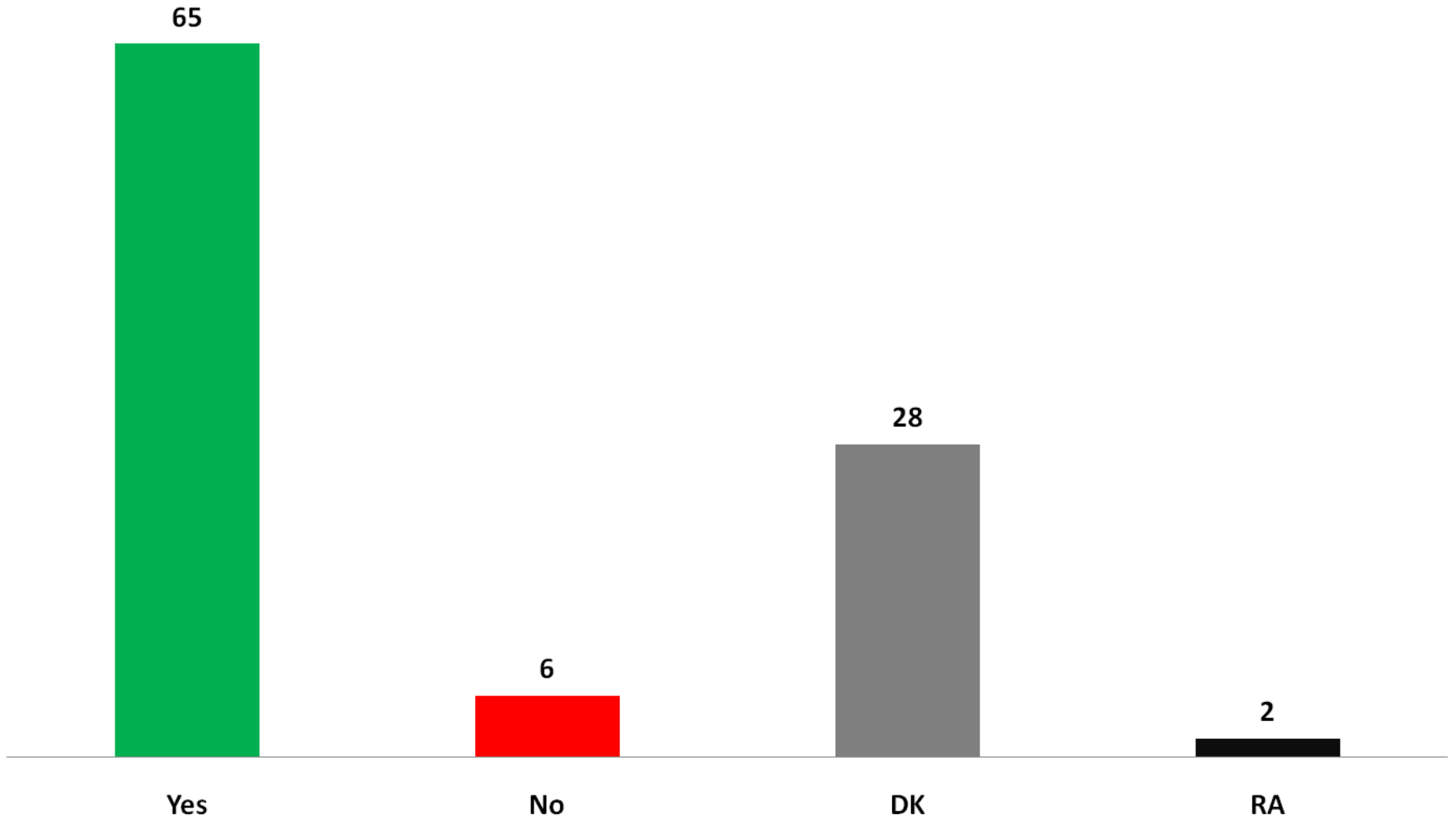




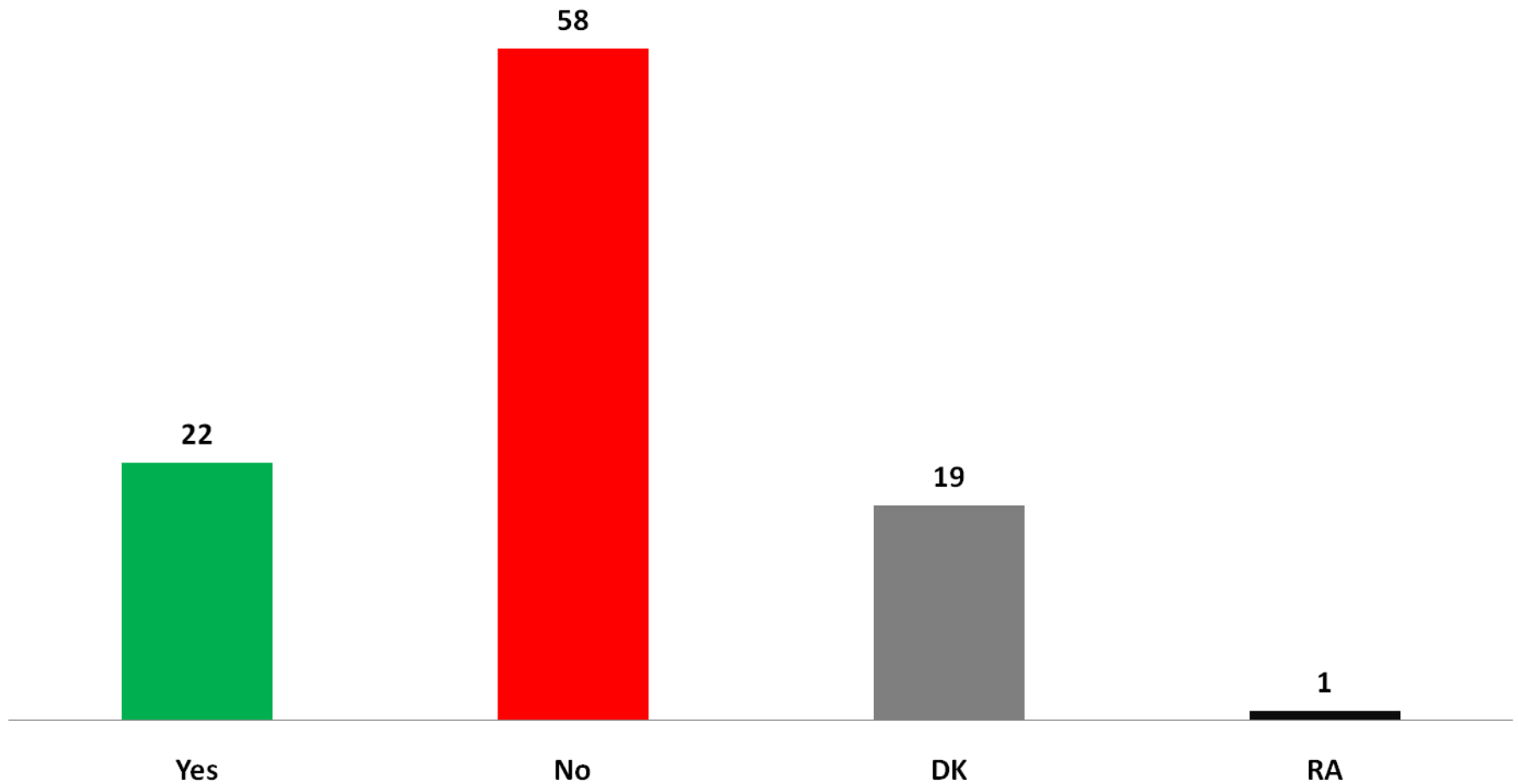
**In 2003, there was a national referendum to reduce the number of MPs from 235 to 150. If the same question was put before you today, would you vote for... (q17)**



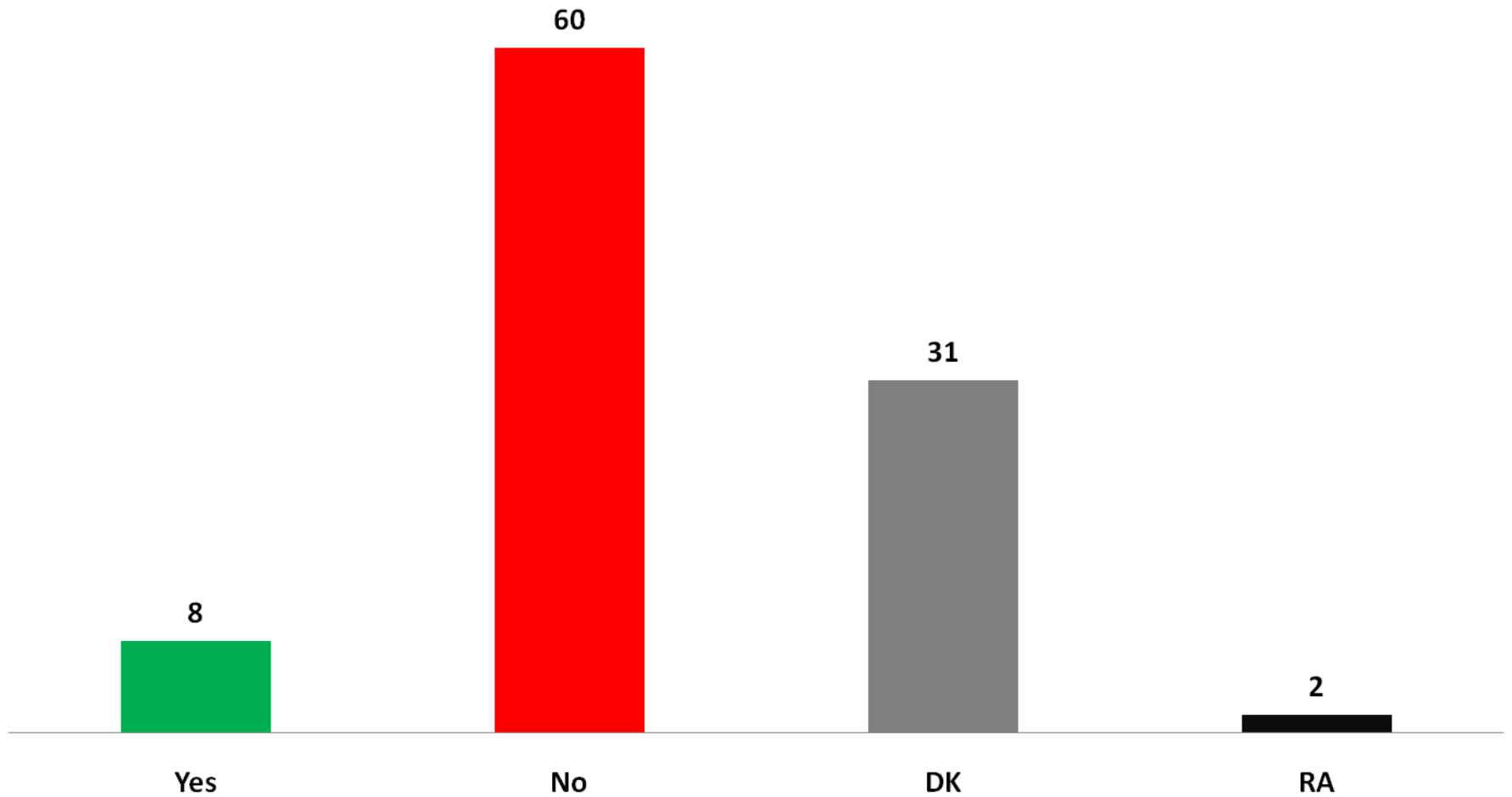
**Do you agree with the decision to reduce the number of MPs  
from 235 to 150 or not? (q18)**



**In June of this year, an agreement was reached by the government and some opposition parties on the electoral code.  
Are you aware of this fact? (q20)**

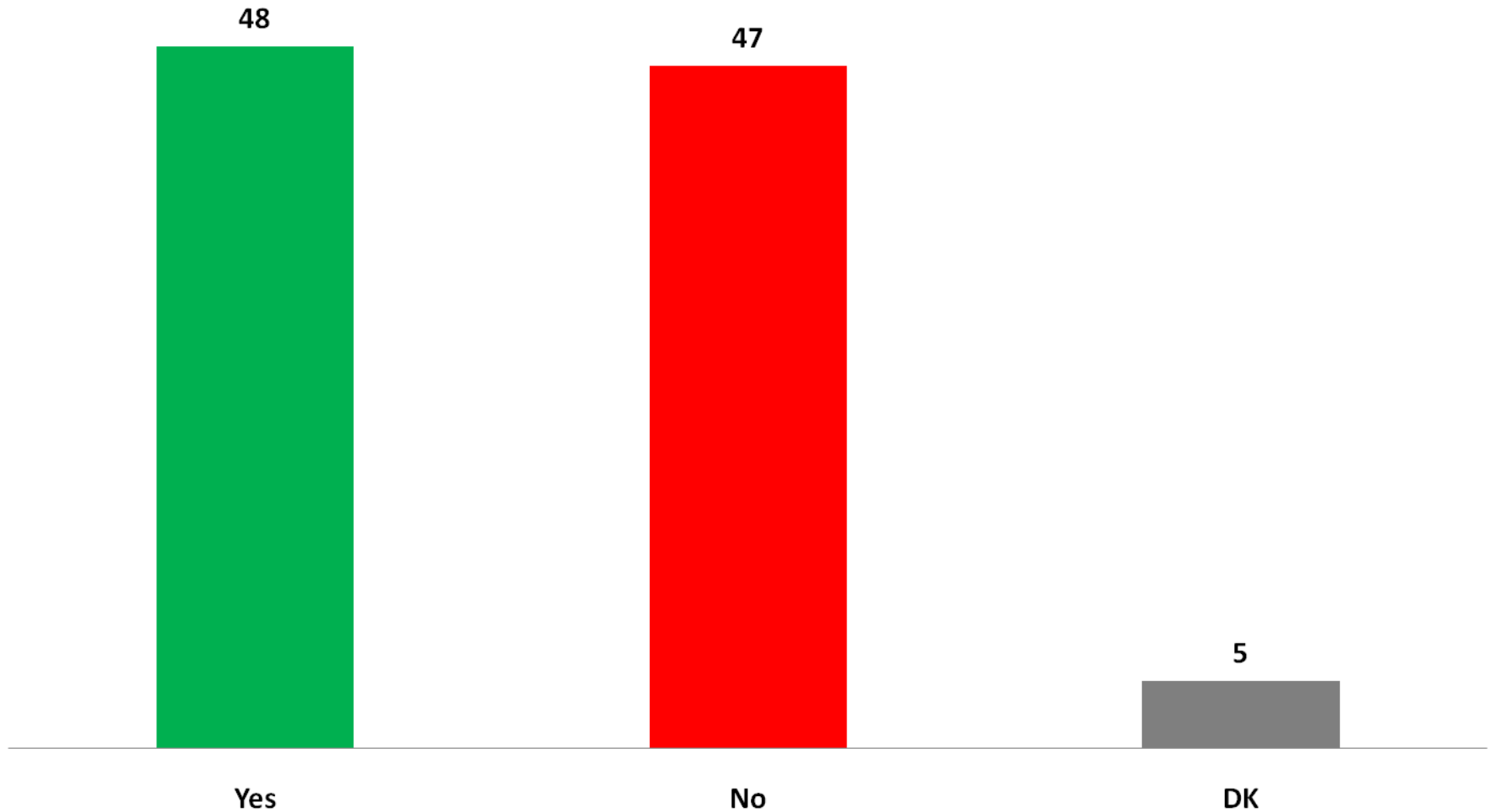


**One of the proposals is to increase the number of MPs from 150 to 190. Do you support this proposal? (q21)**

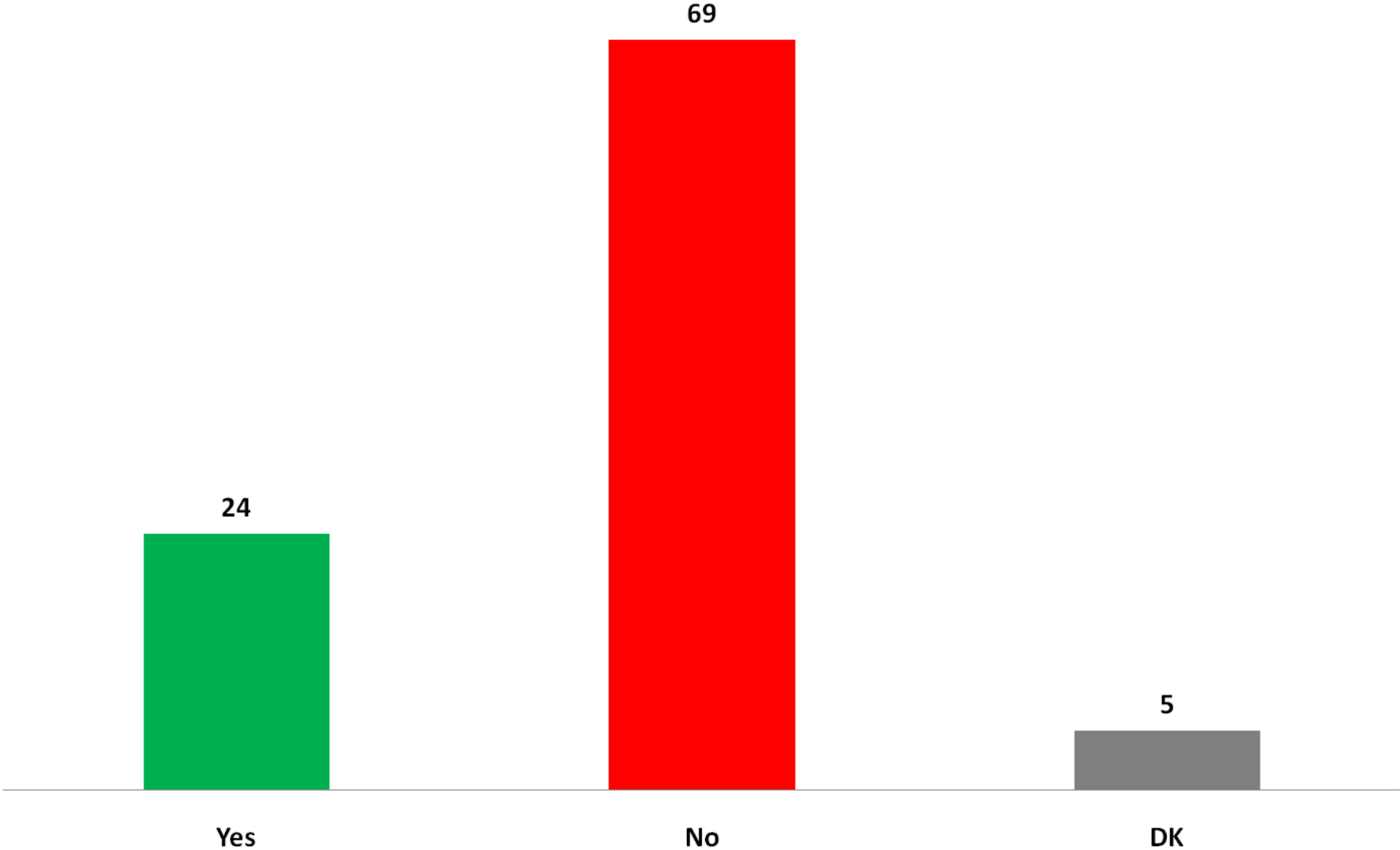


# Current Events

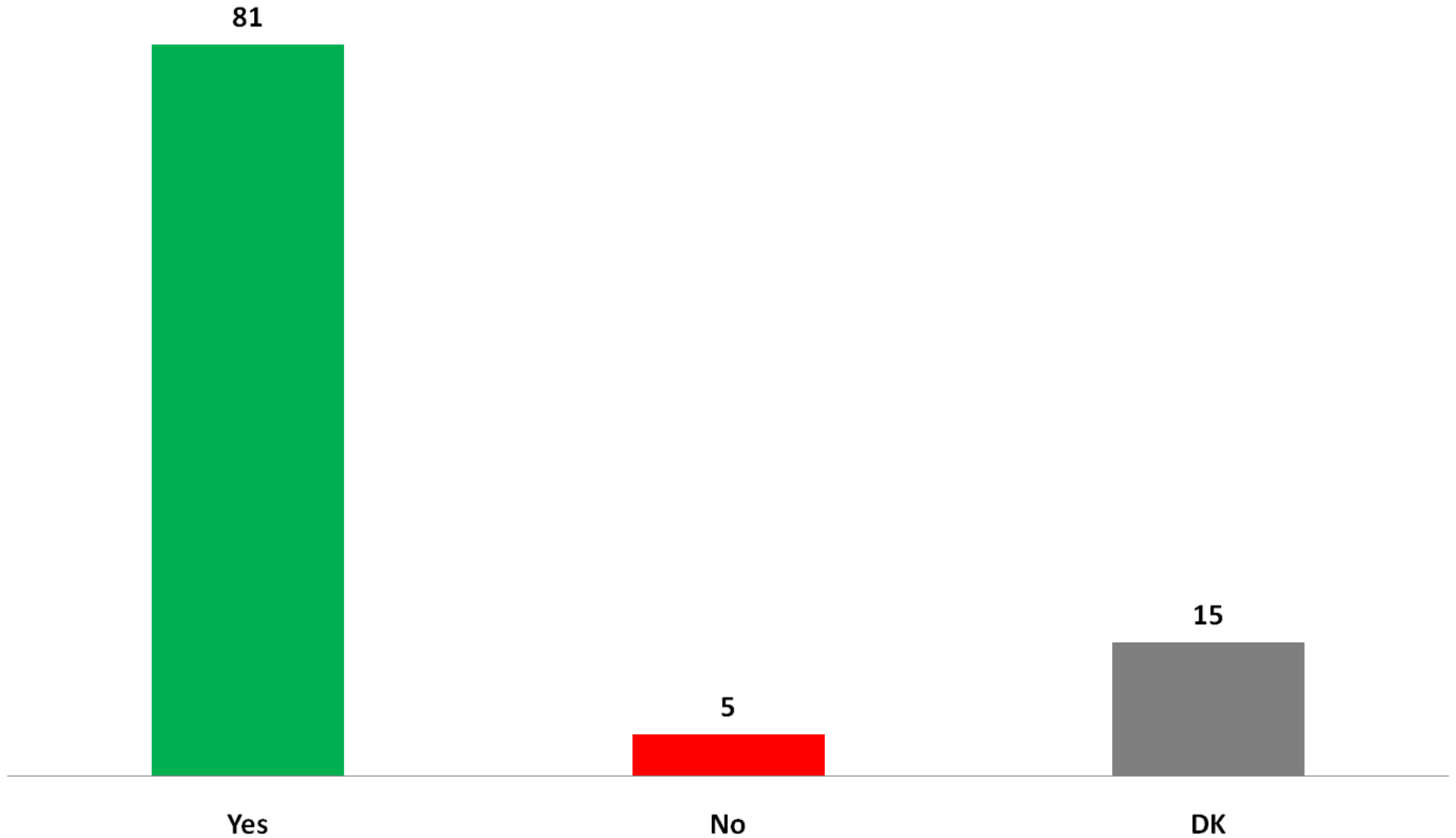
The civil code has been amended to allow all registered religious entities to have equal legal status. Are you aware of this? (q85)



**Do you support this Amendment? - of 48 % (q86)**

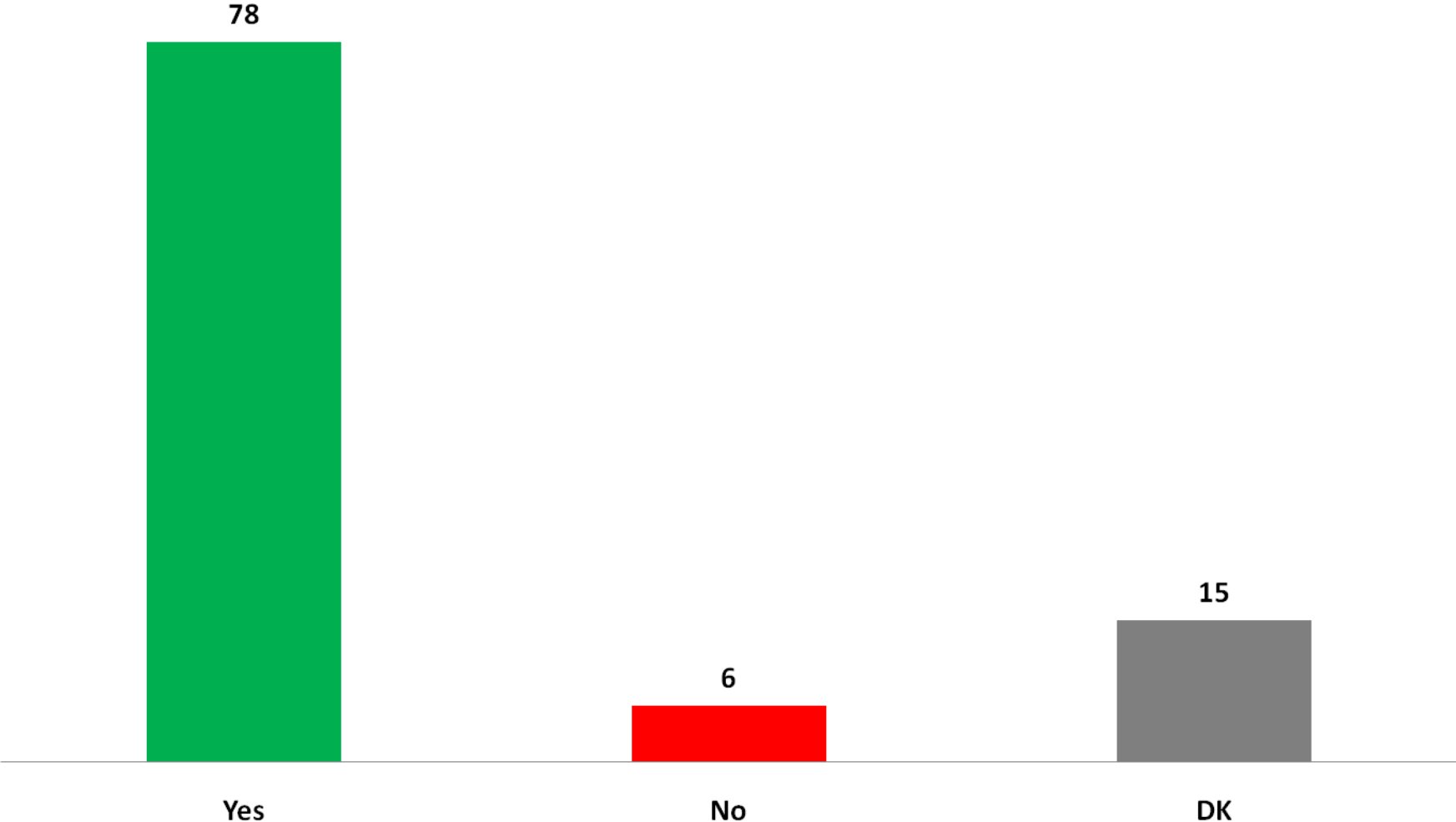


**Should the general public have been consulted prior to this decision? - of 48 % (q87)**

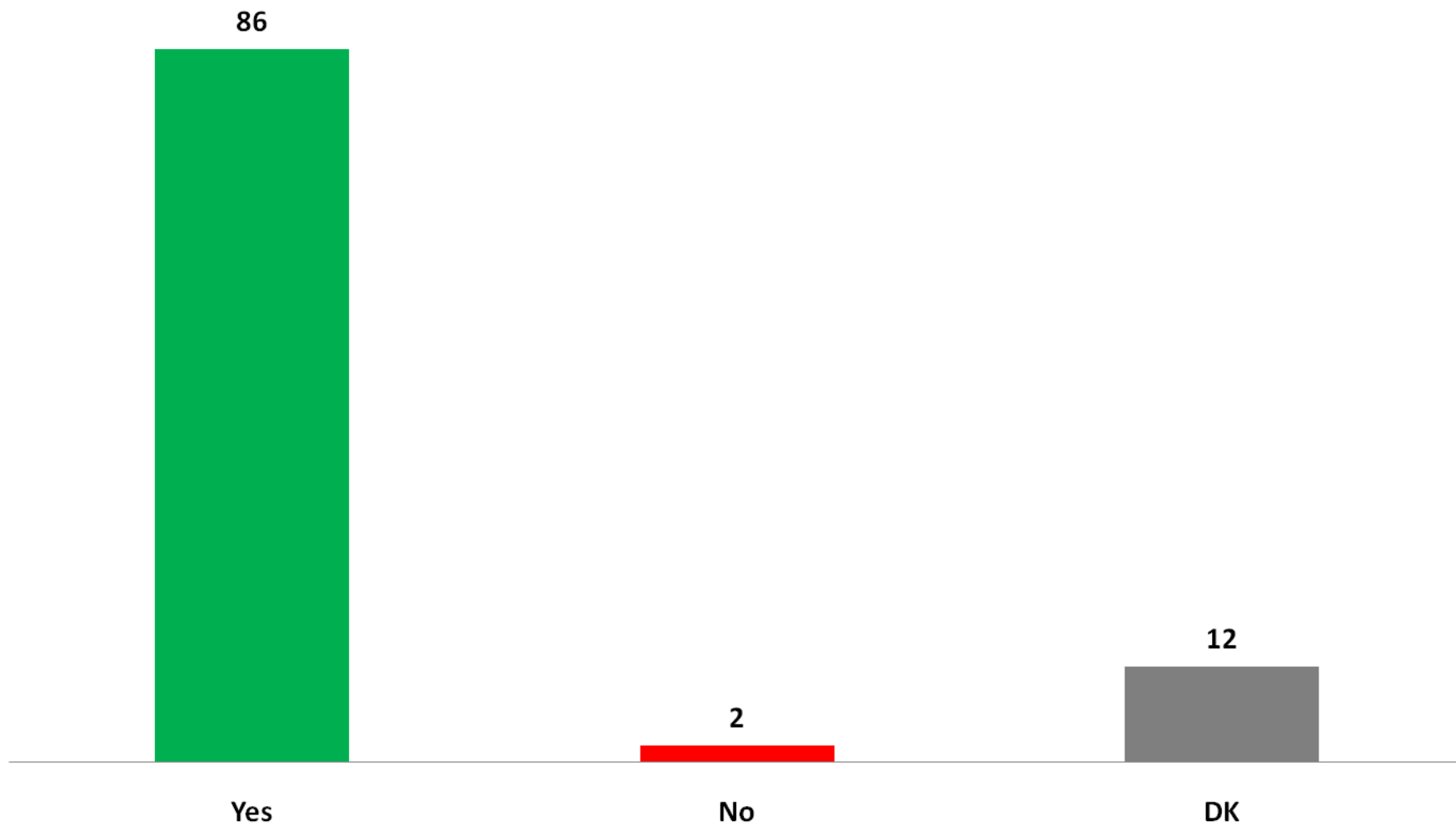




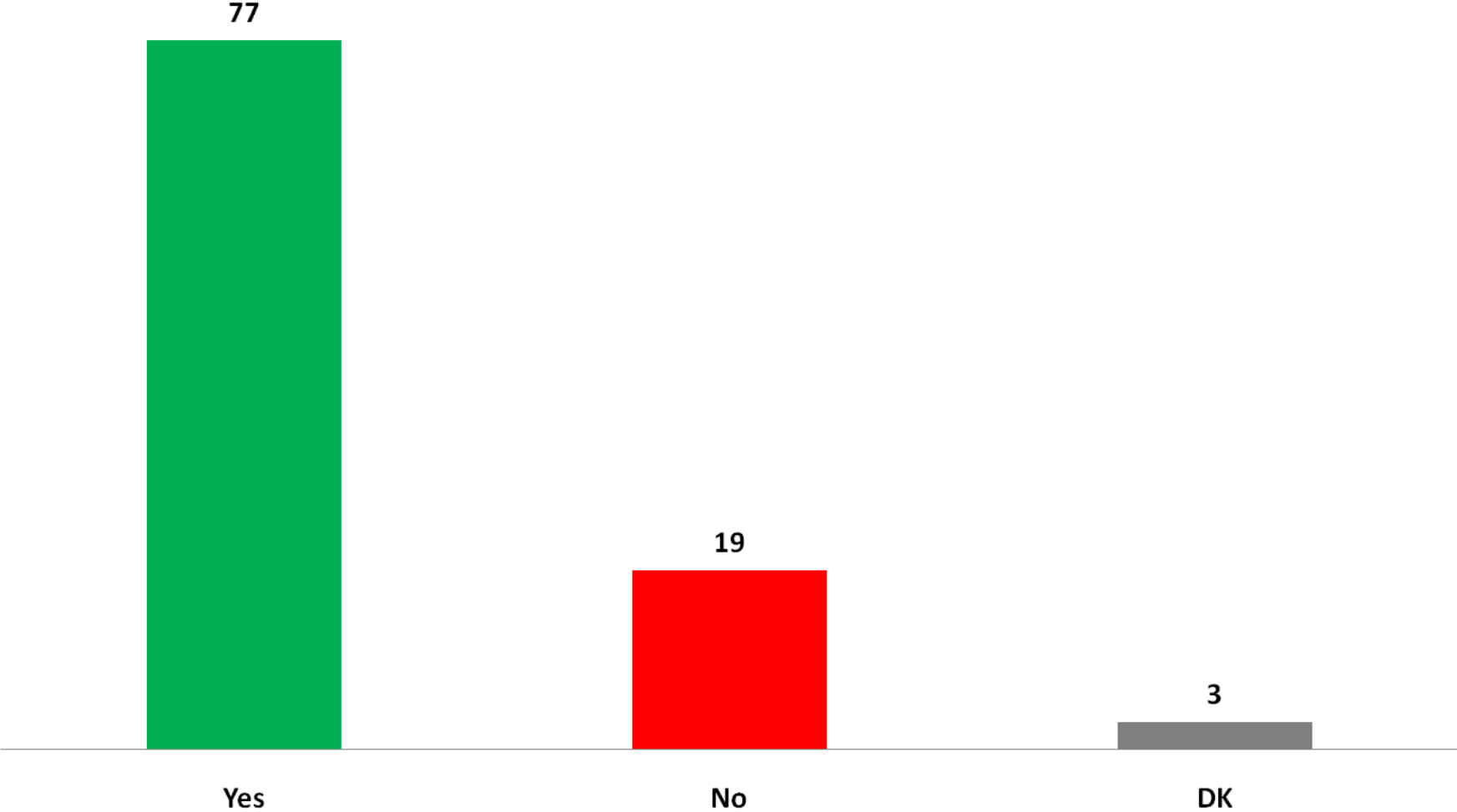
**Do you agree that the decision was taken too quickly? - of 48 % (q88)**



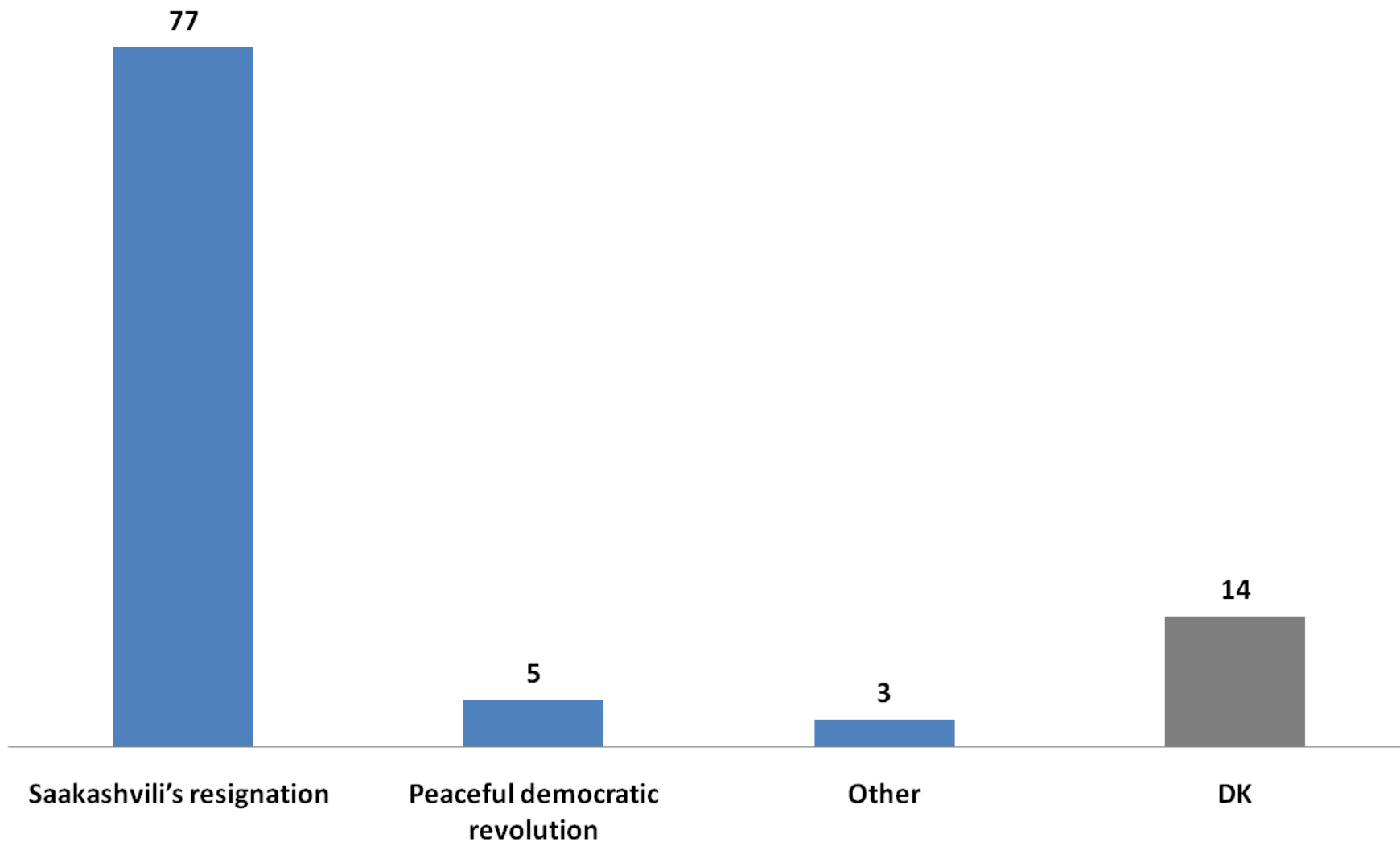
Should the Georgia Orthodox church have been consulted prior to the passage of the legislation? - of 48 % (q89)



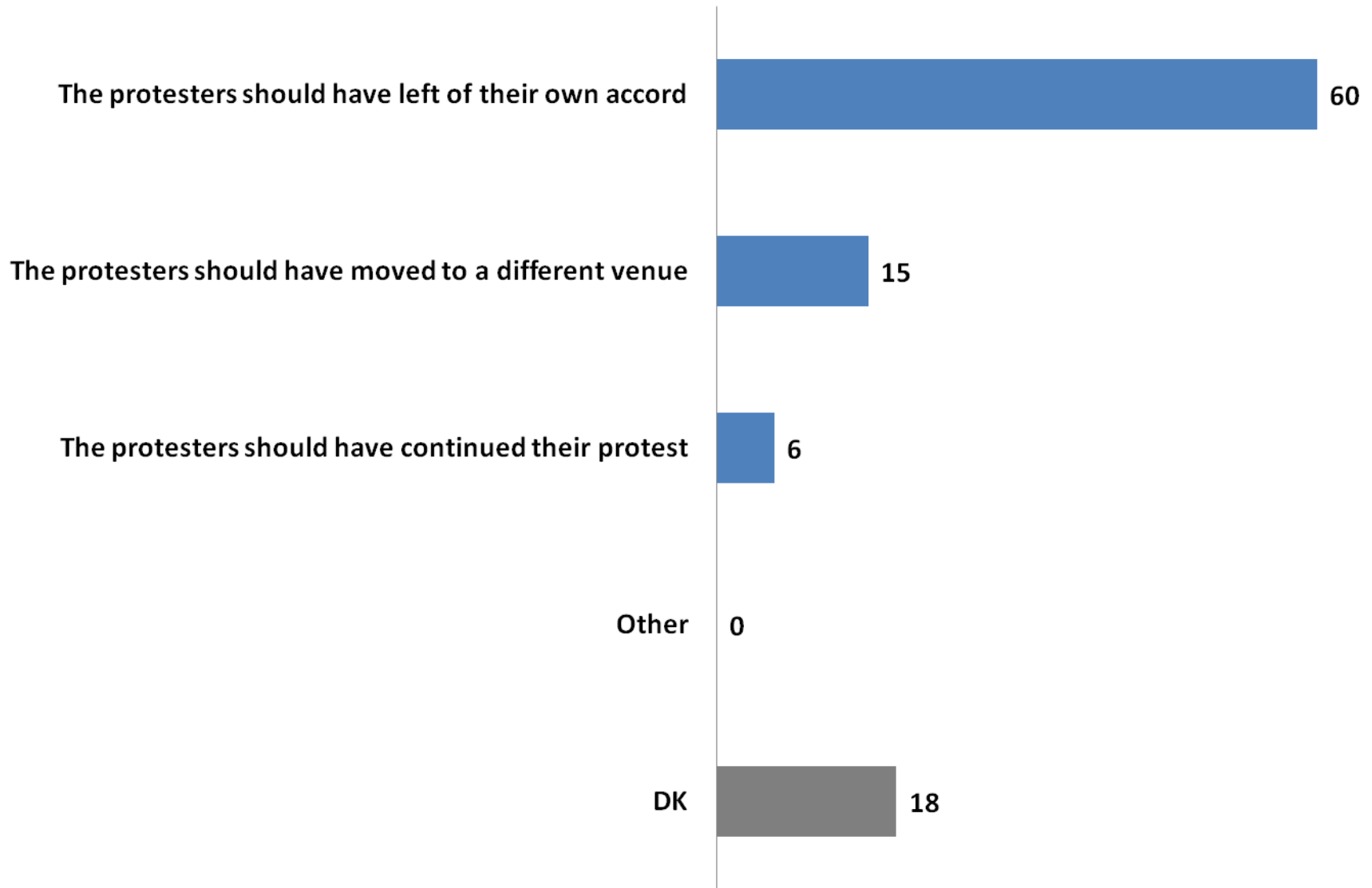
On May 26, protesters were dispersed from Rustaveli Avenue in Tbilisi after their permit to gather had expired. Are you aware of this dispersal? (q90)



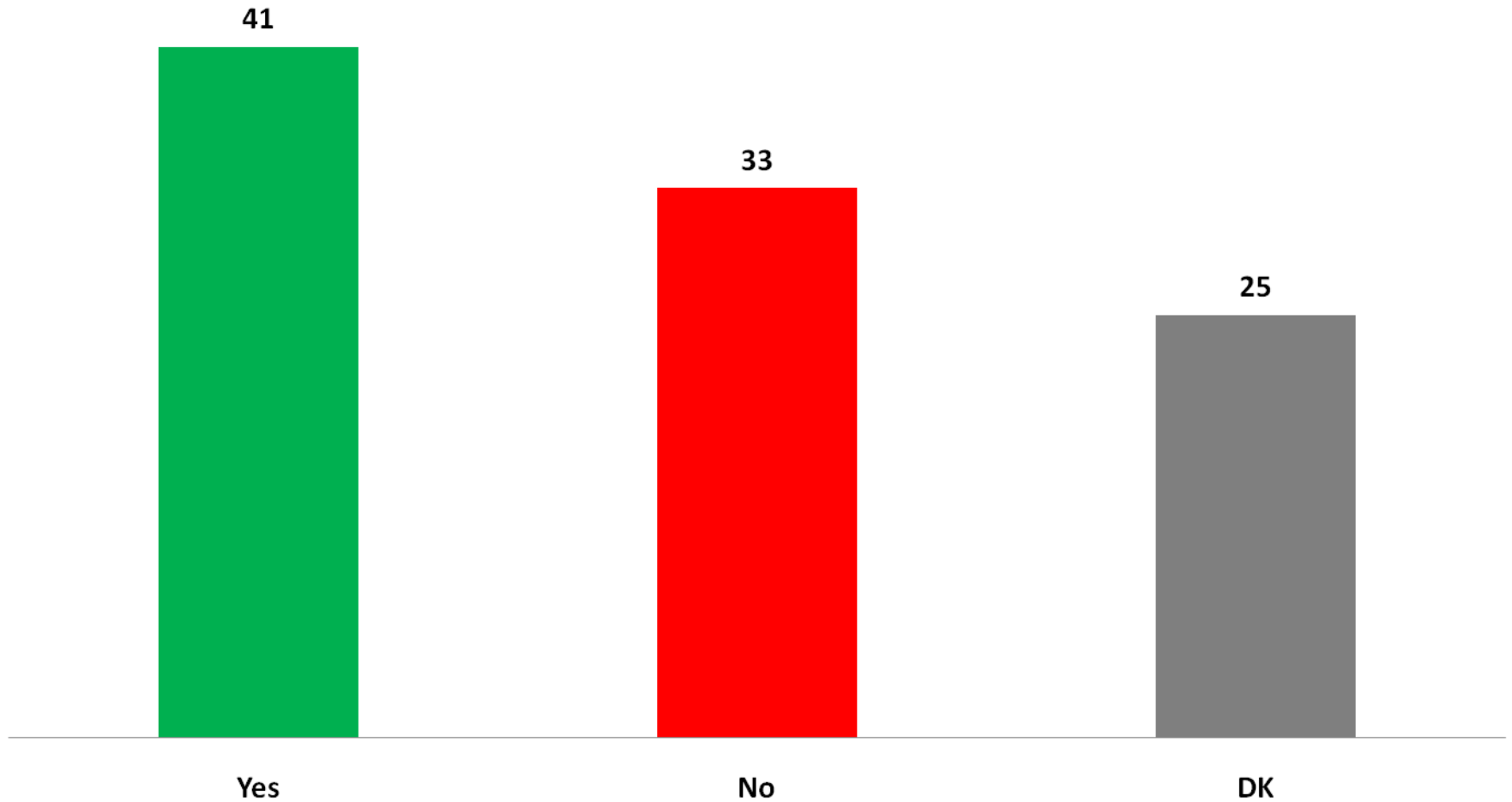
## What were the protest leaders demanding? - of 77 % (q91)



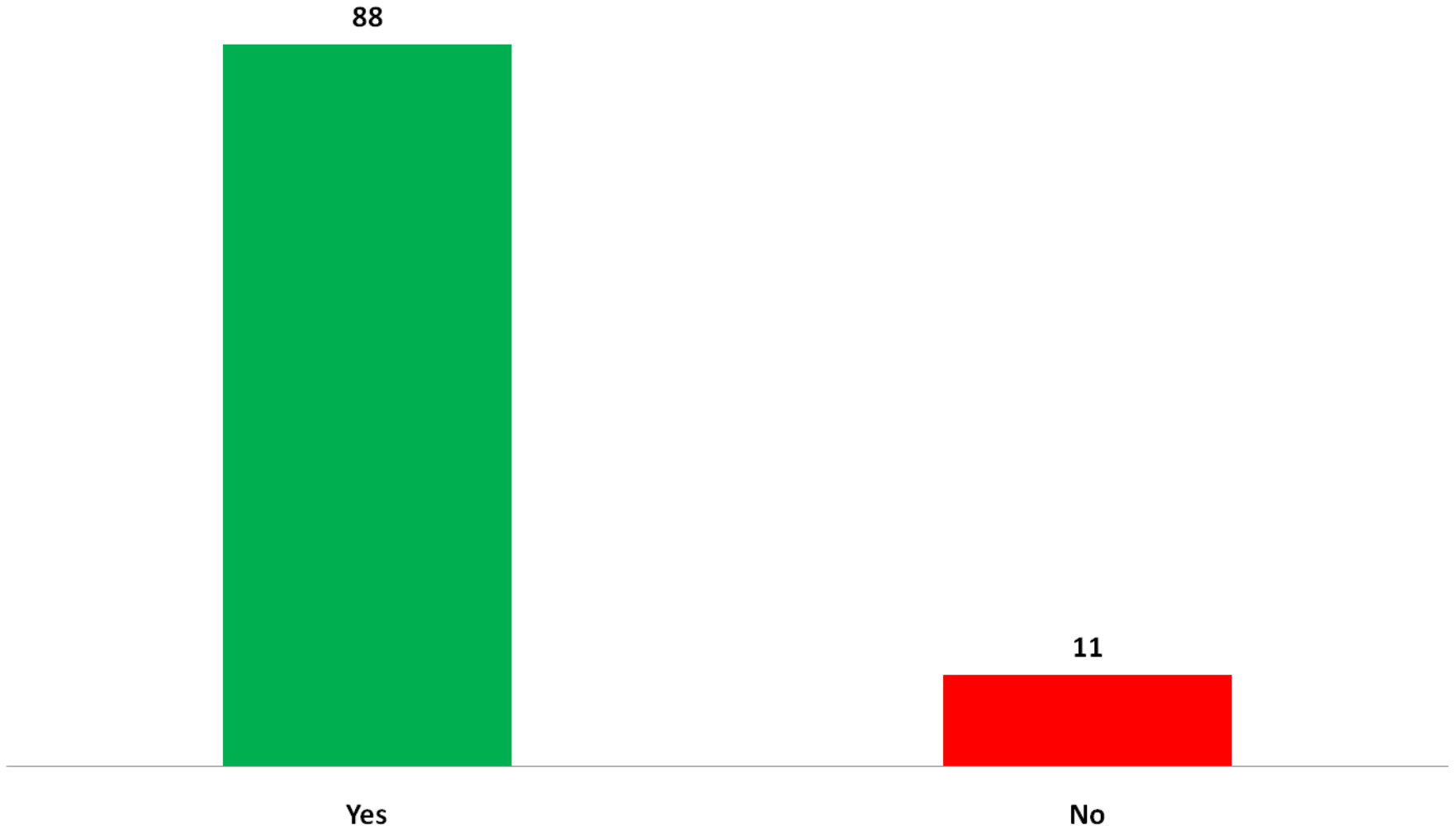
## When their permit expired, what should the protesters have done? - of 77 % (q92)



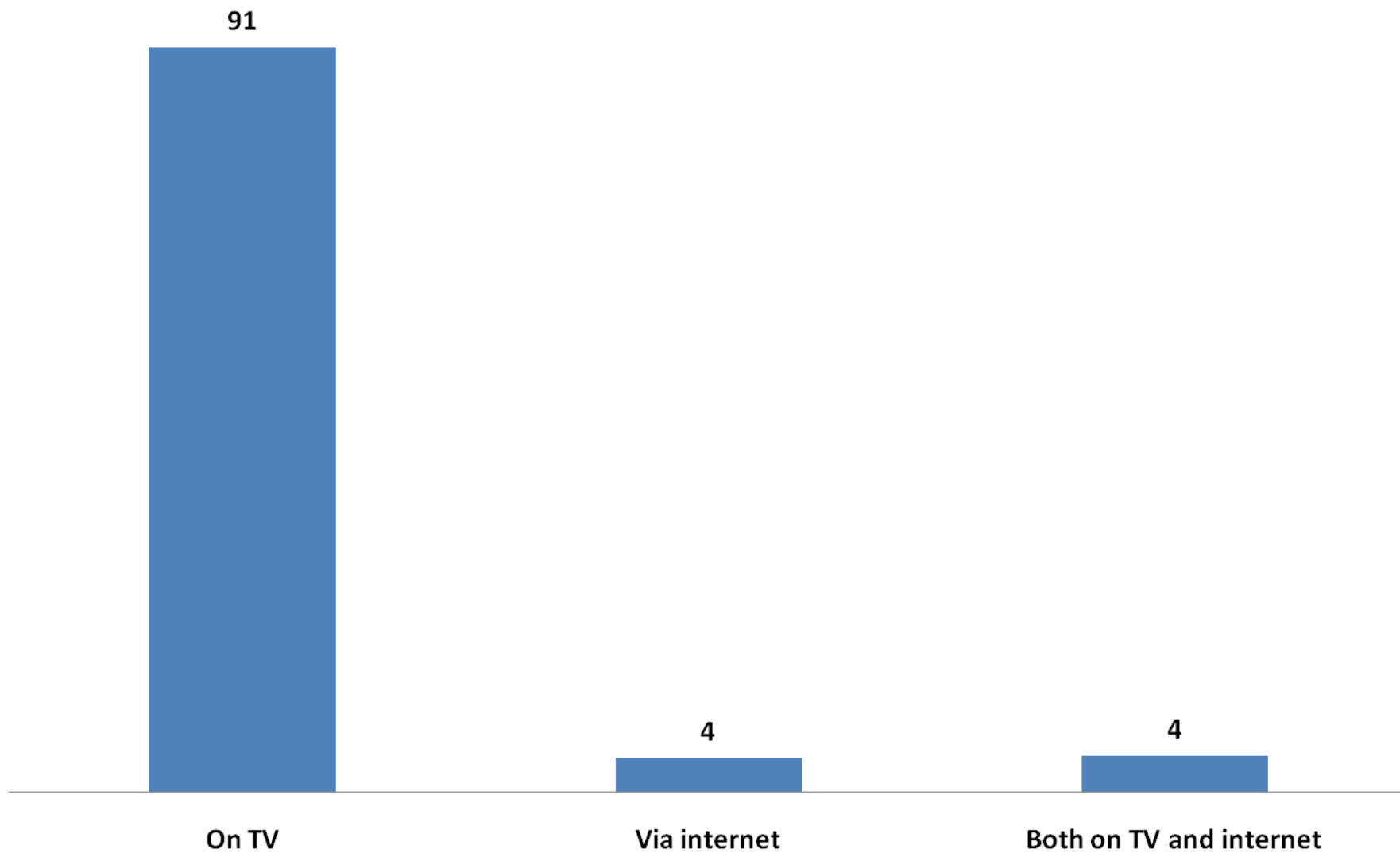
**Did the authorities have a right to use force to disperse the protesters? - of 77 % (q93)**



## Did you see video of the dispersal? - of 77 % (q94)

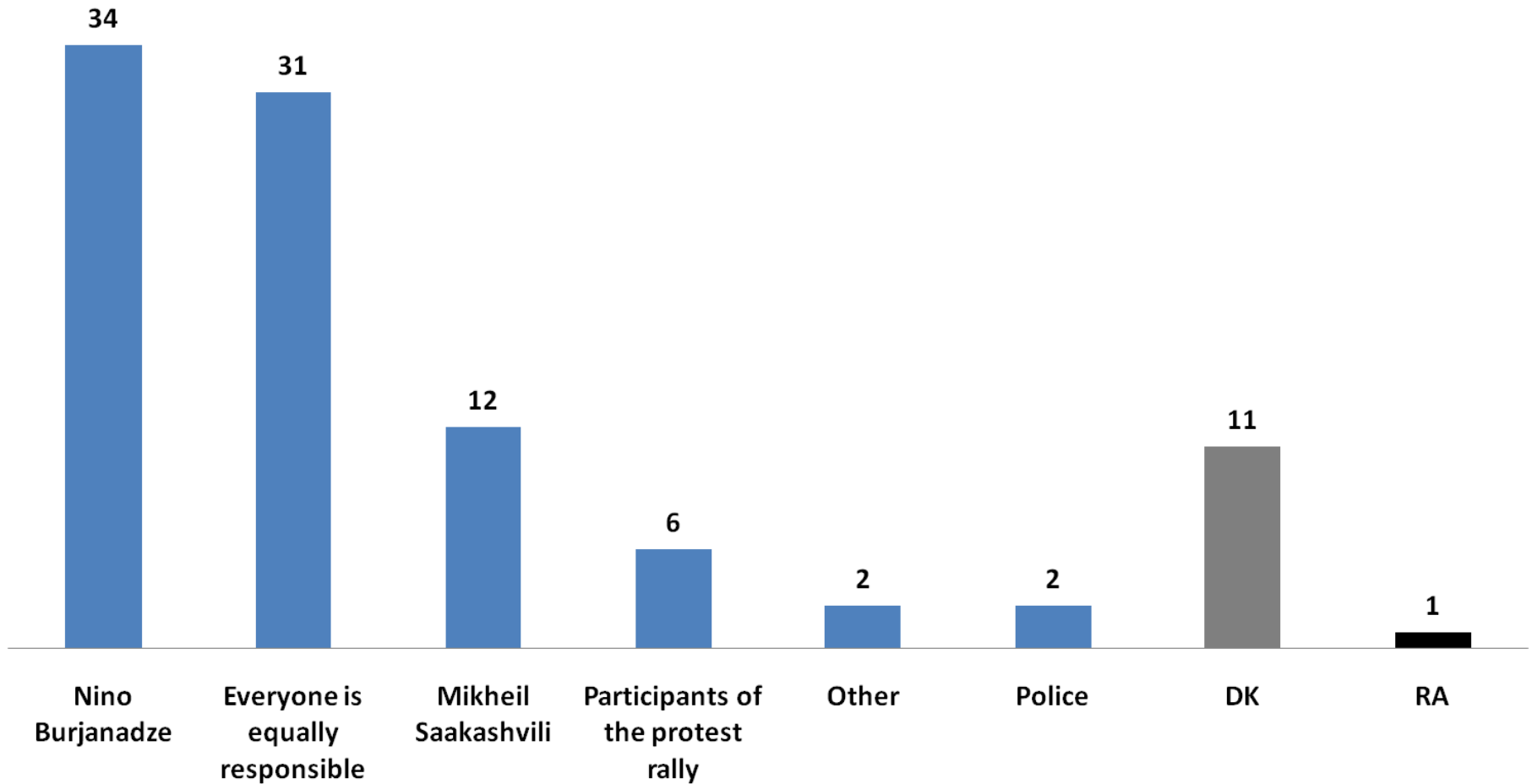


**Where did you see the video of the dispersal on TV or internet? -  
of 77 % (q95)**

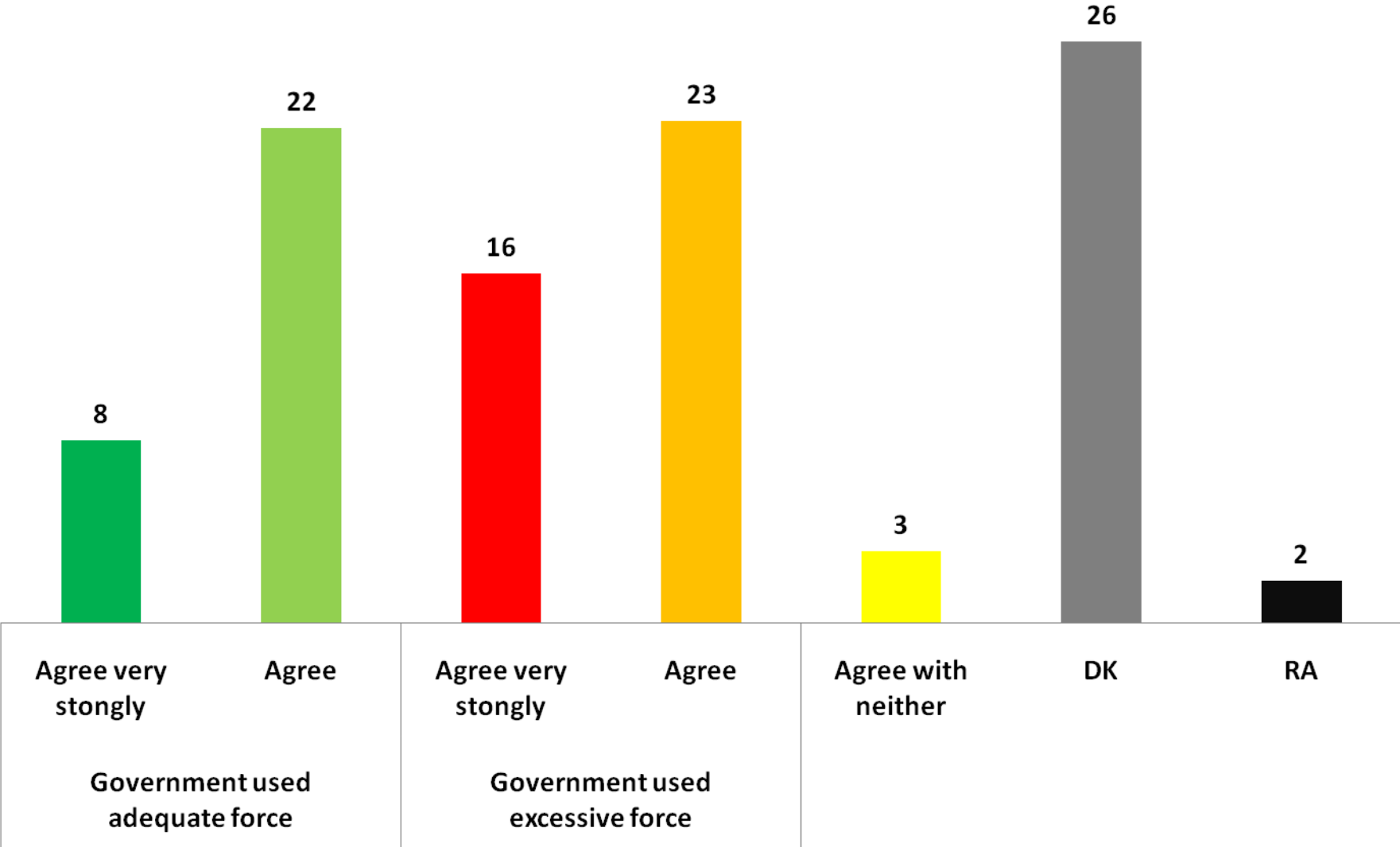




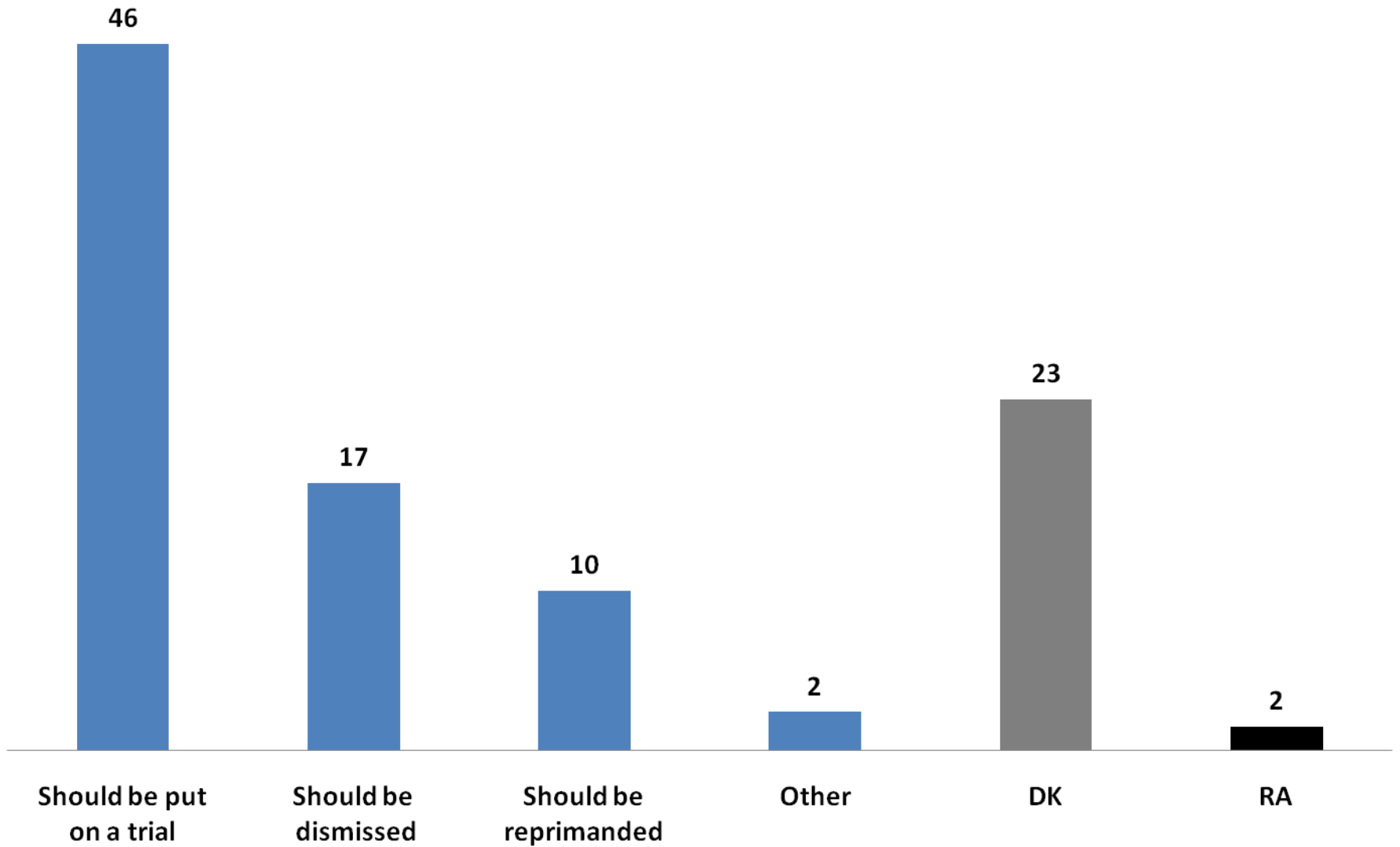
## Who do you think is primarily responsible for the violence that occurred on May 26? (q96)



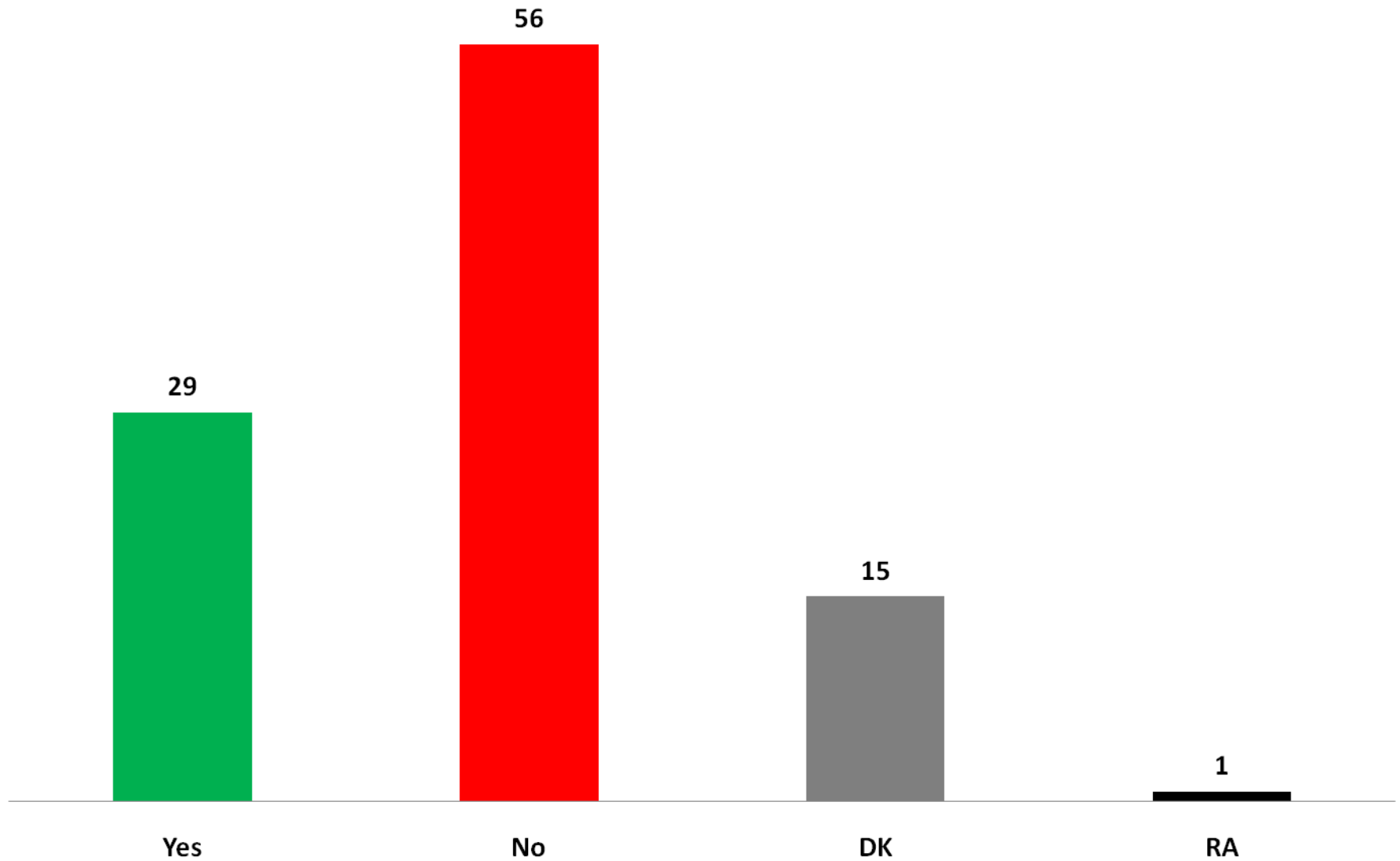
# Which statement do you agree with? (q97)



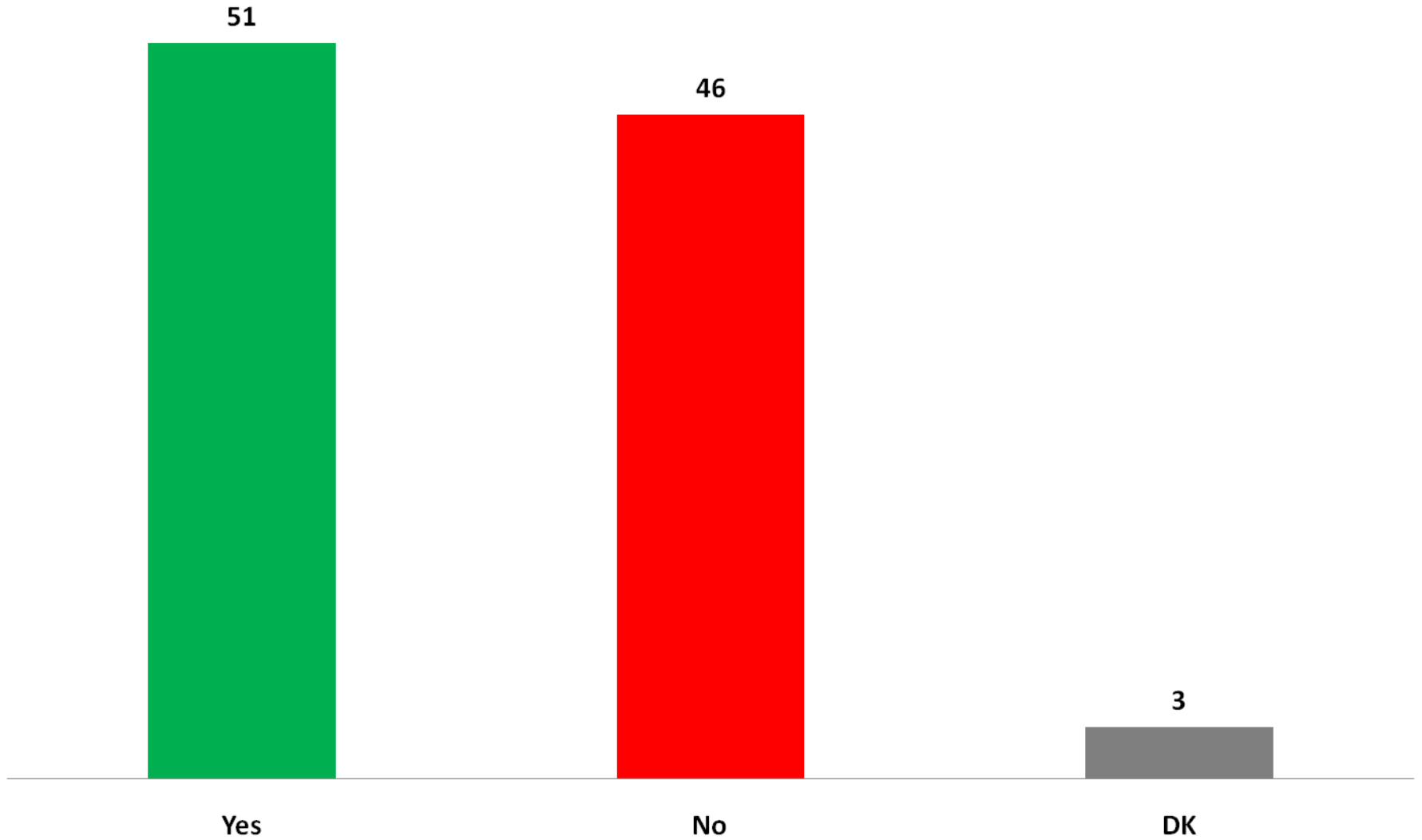
# What should be done to those responsible for excessive use of force? (q98)



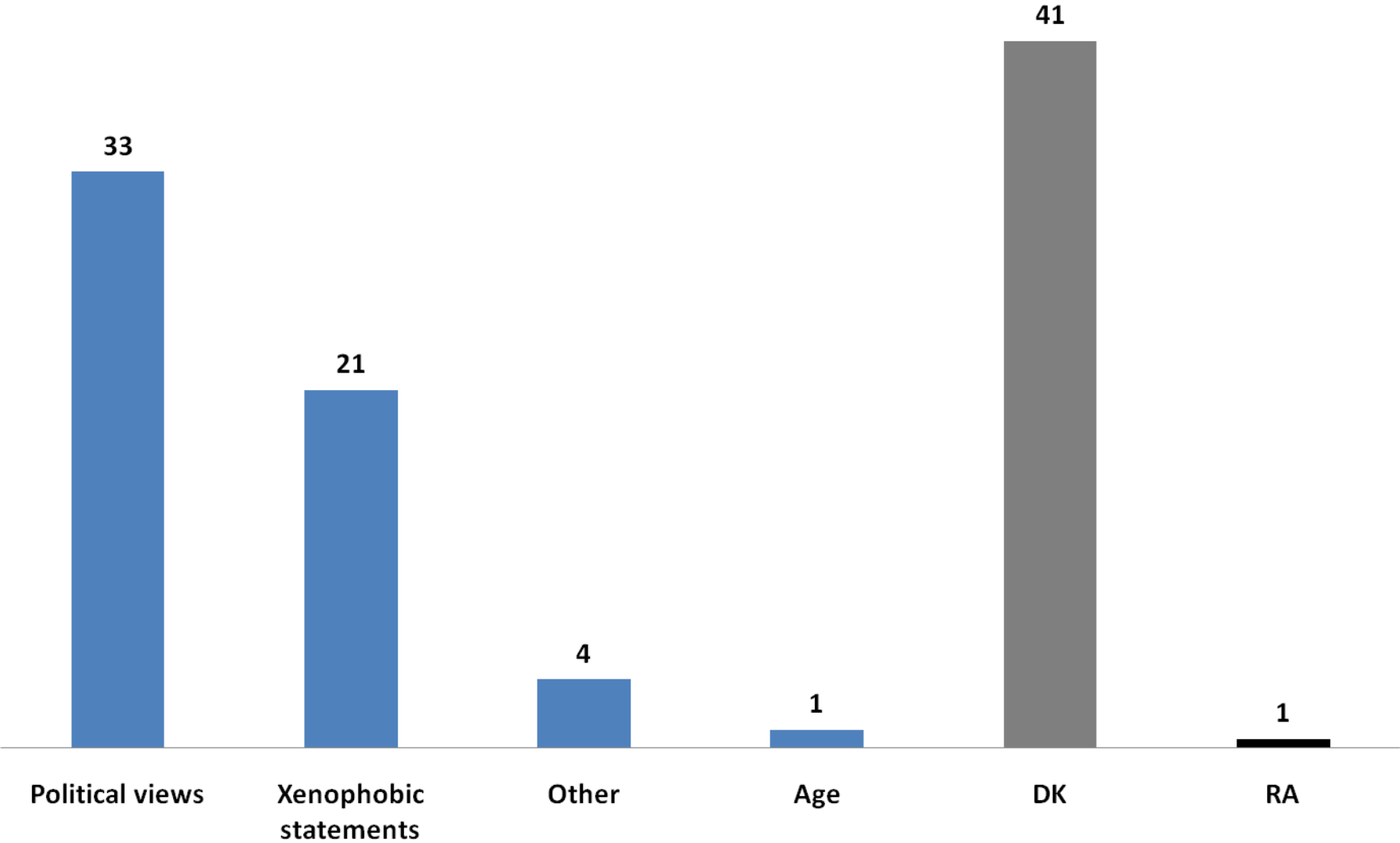
Have you seen any news reports of the government holding individual officers accountable for the use of excessive force? (q99)



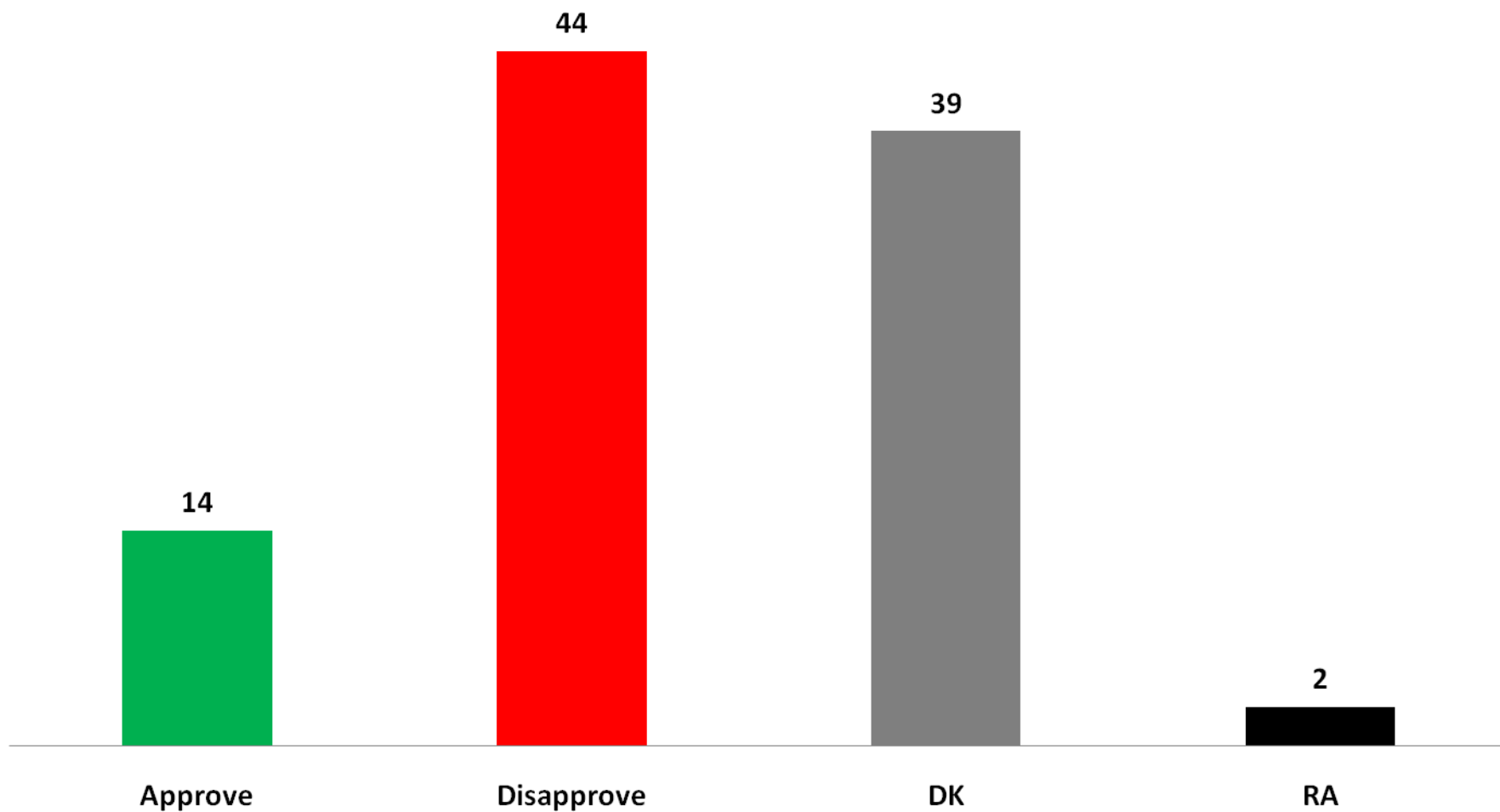
# Have you heard about the dismissal of Robert Sturua? (q100)



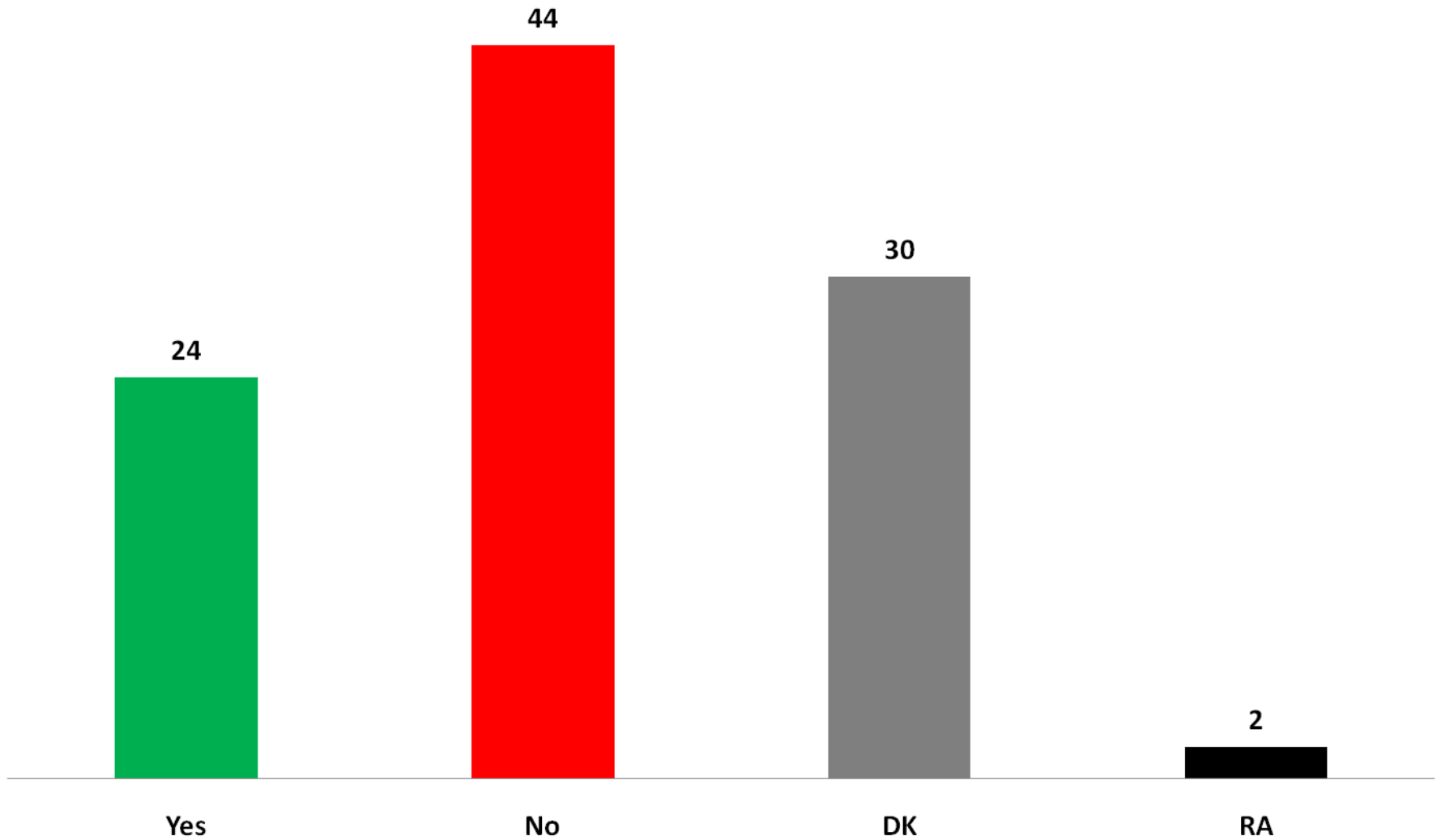
# What is the reason of his dismissal? - of 51% (q101)



**According to Minister Nikoloz Rurua, Robert Sturua had made repeated public xenophobic statements. These were cited as the grounds for his dismissal. Do you approve or disapprove of his dismissal on these grounds? - of 51% (q102)**

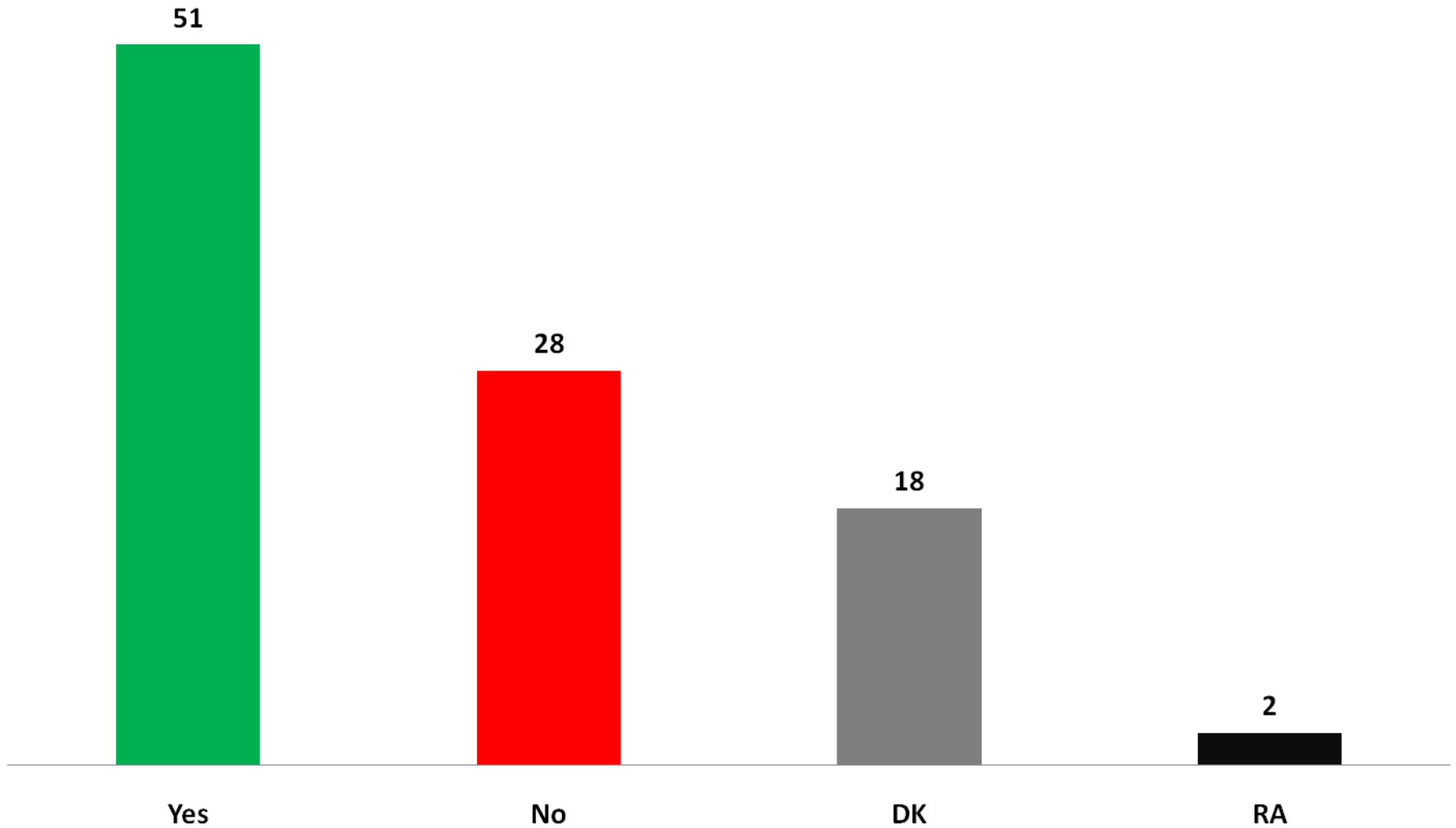


**Do you believe that in the future all government officials should be held to this standard? - of 51% (q103)**



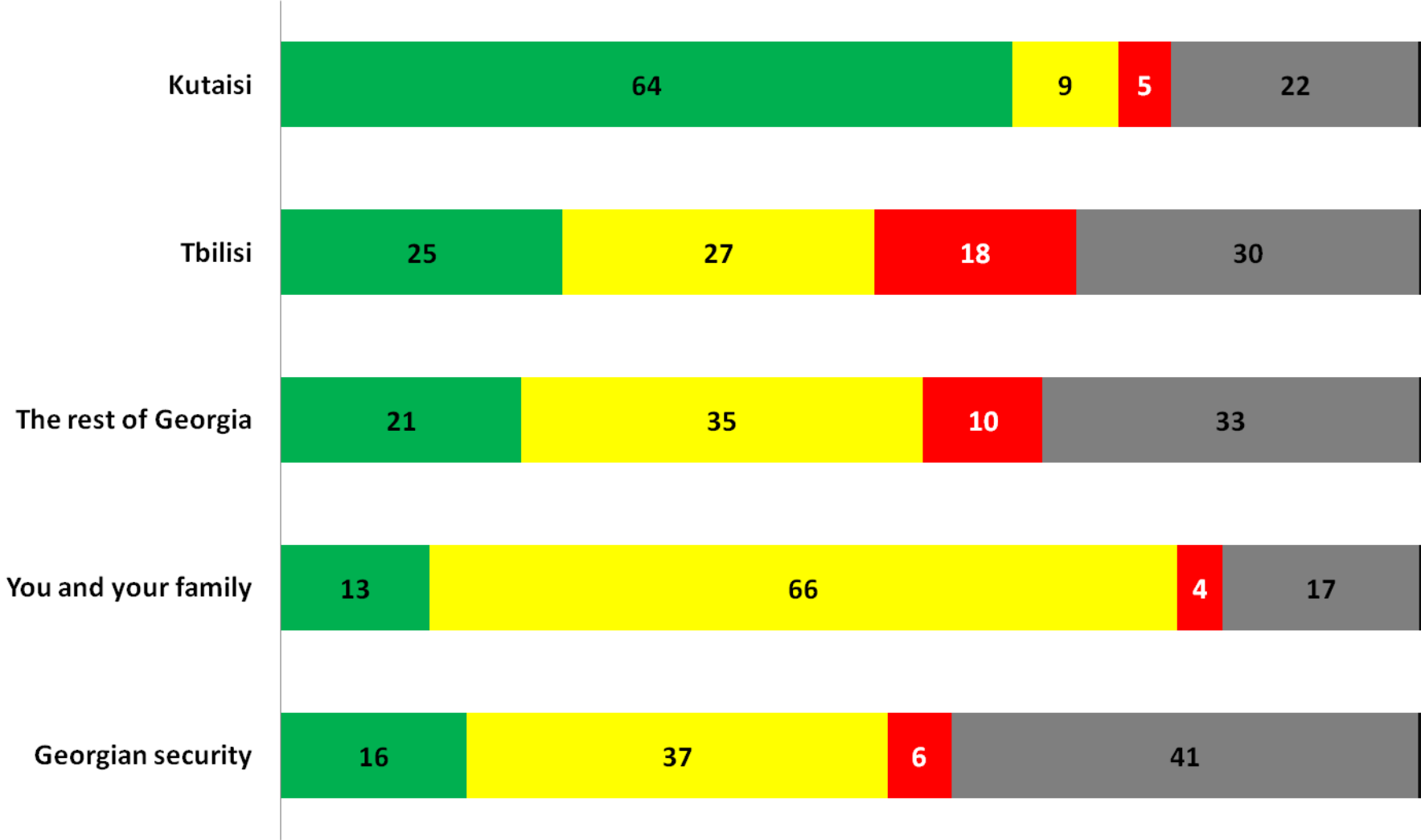


**A new parliament is being built in Kutaisi. Do you support this idea? (q58)**



# What kind of impact will having Parliament in Kutaisi have on... (q59)

Positive No impact Negative DK RA



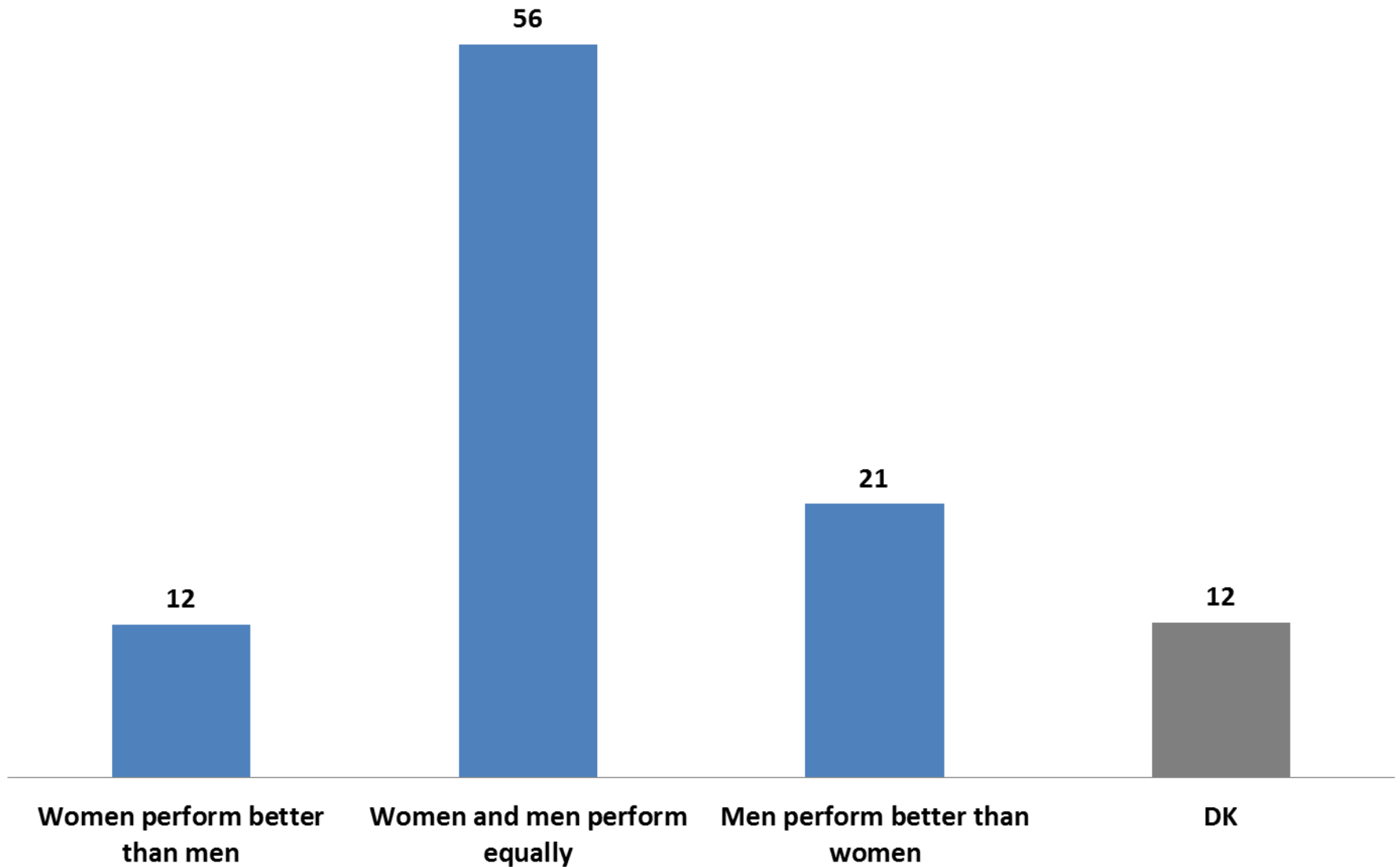
# Women and Parliament

# What do you expect from your majoritarian member of the Parliament? (q50)

Yes No DK

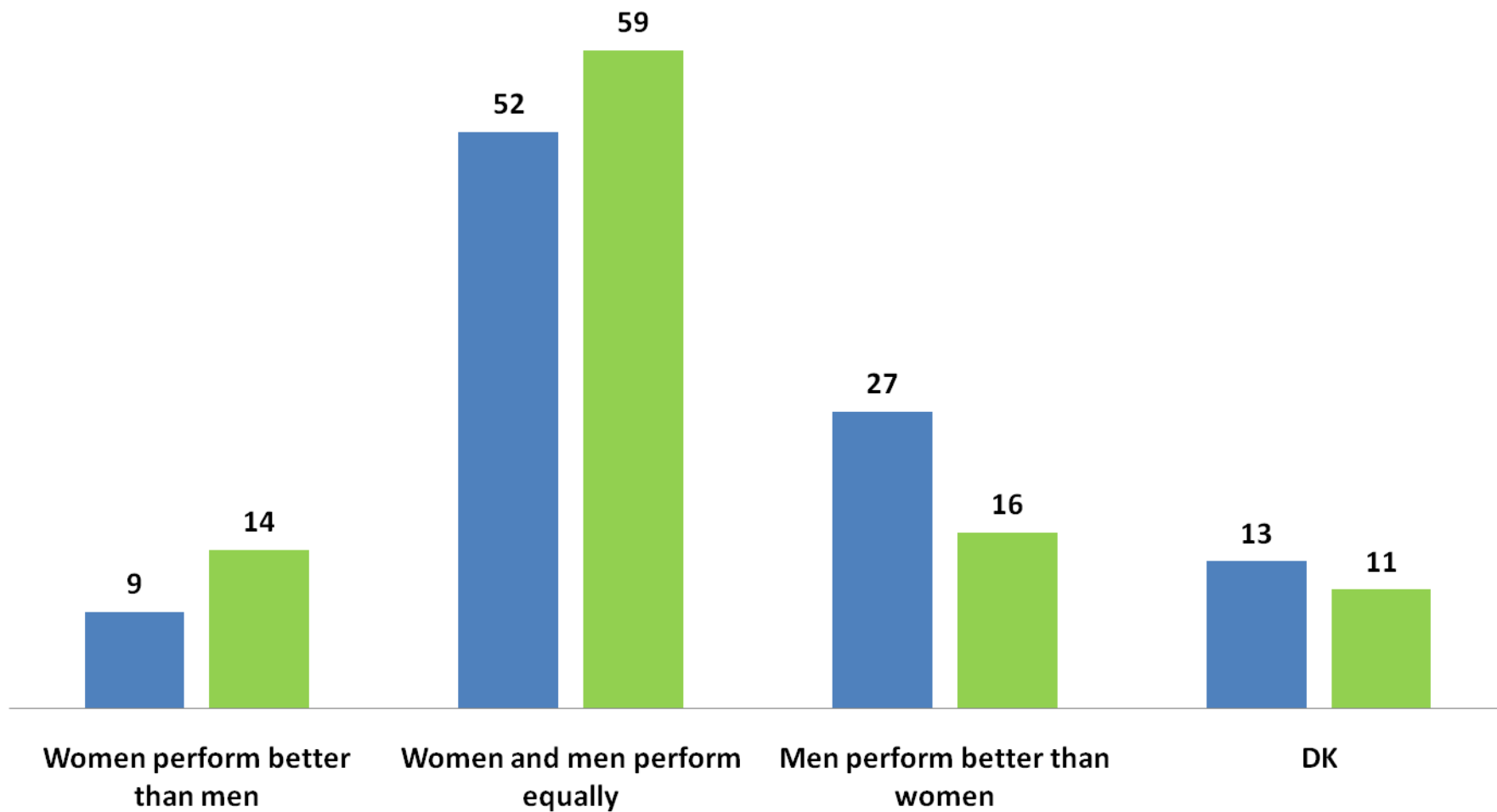


## Comparing performance of men and women on elected positions, do you think... (q54)

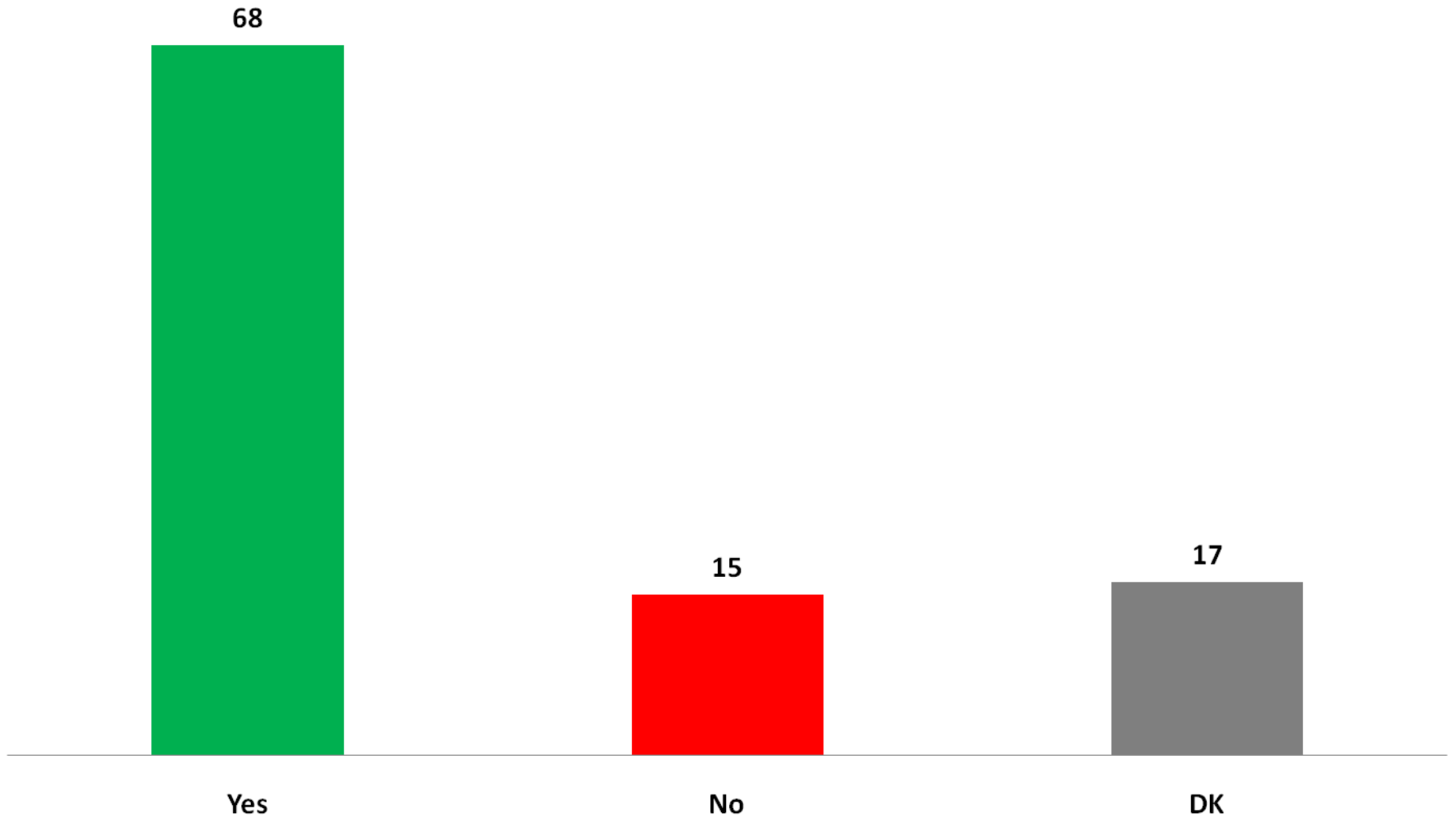


# Comparing the performance of men and women in elected positions, do you think ... (q54 X Gender )

■ Men ■ Women

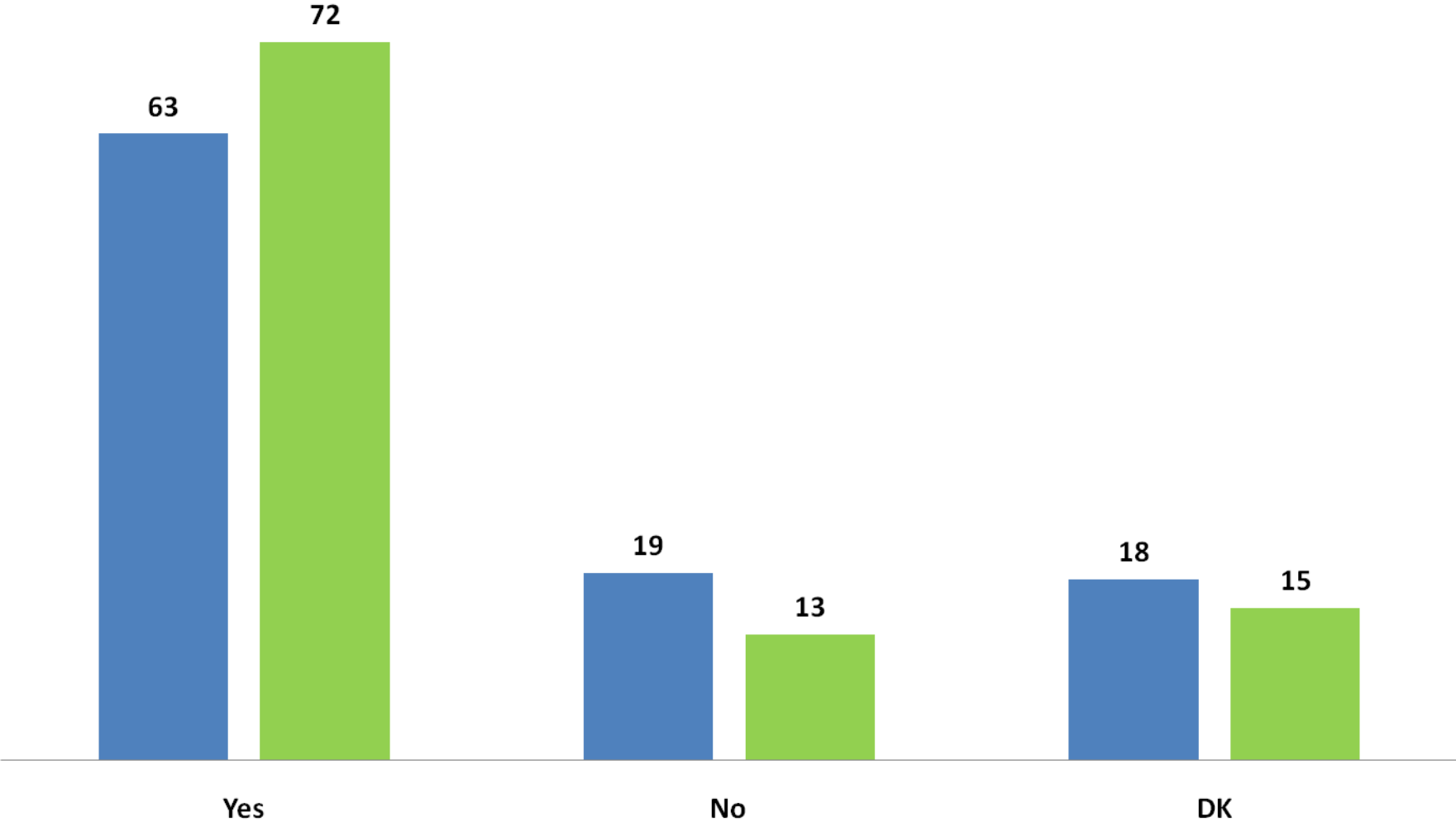


**Would you vote for a woman candidate in the next  
parliamentary elections? (q55)**



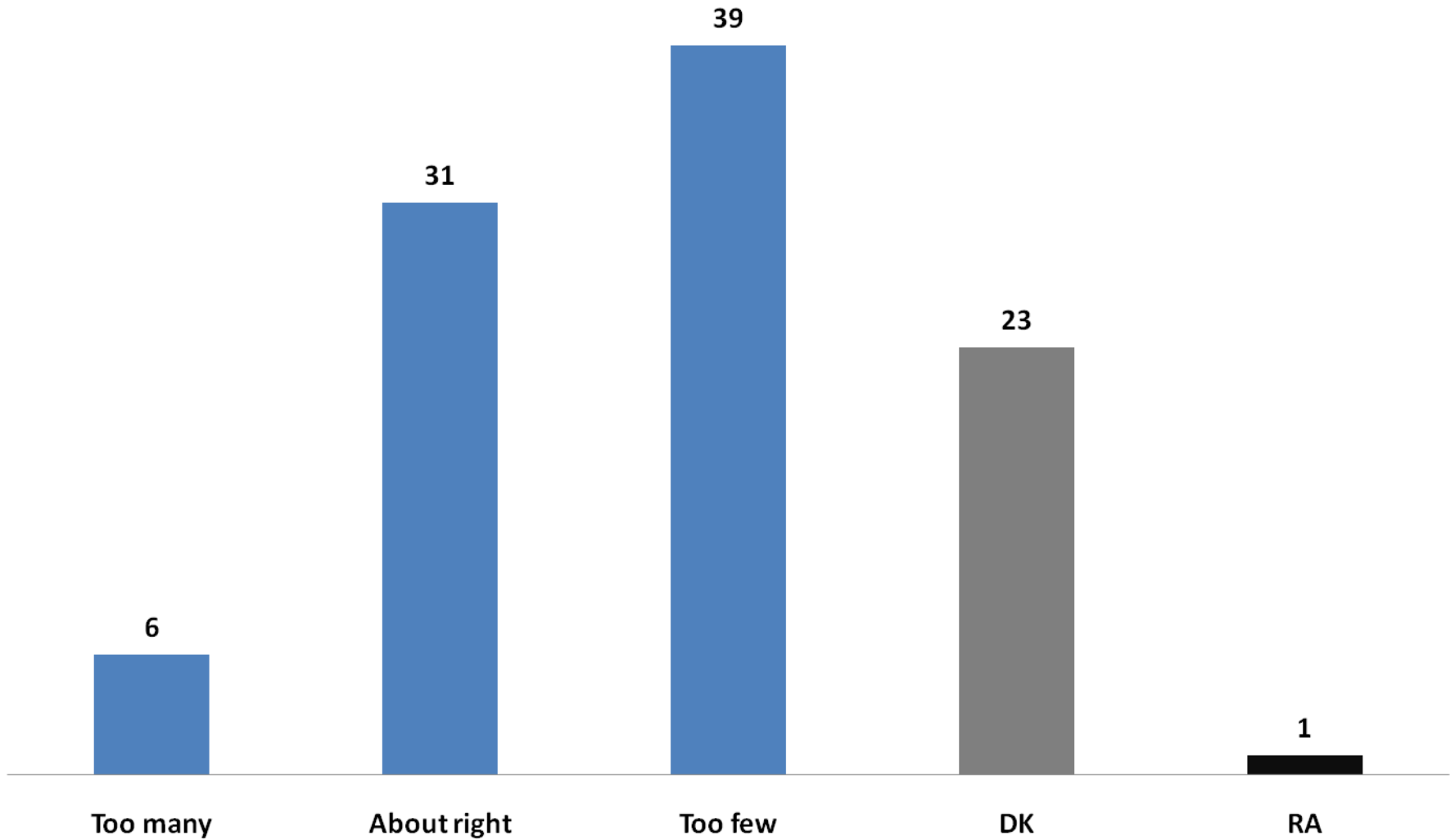
# Would you vote for a woman candidate in the next parliamentary elections? (q55 X Gender )

■ Men ■ Women

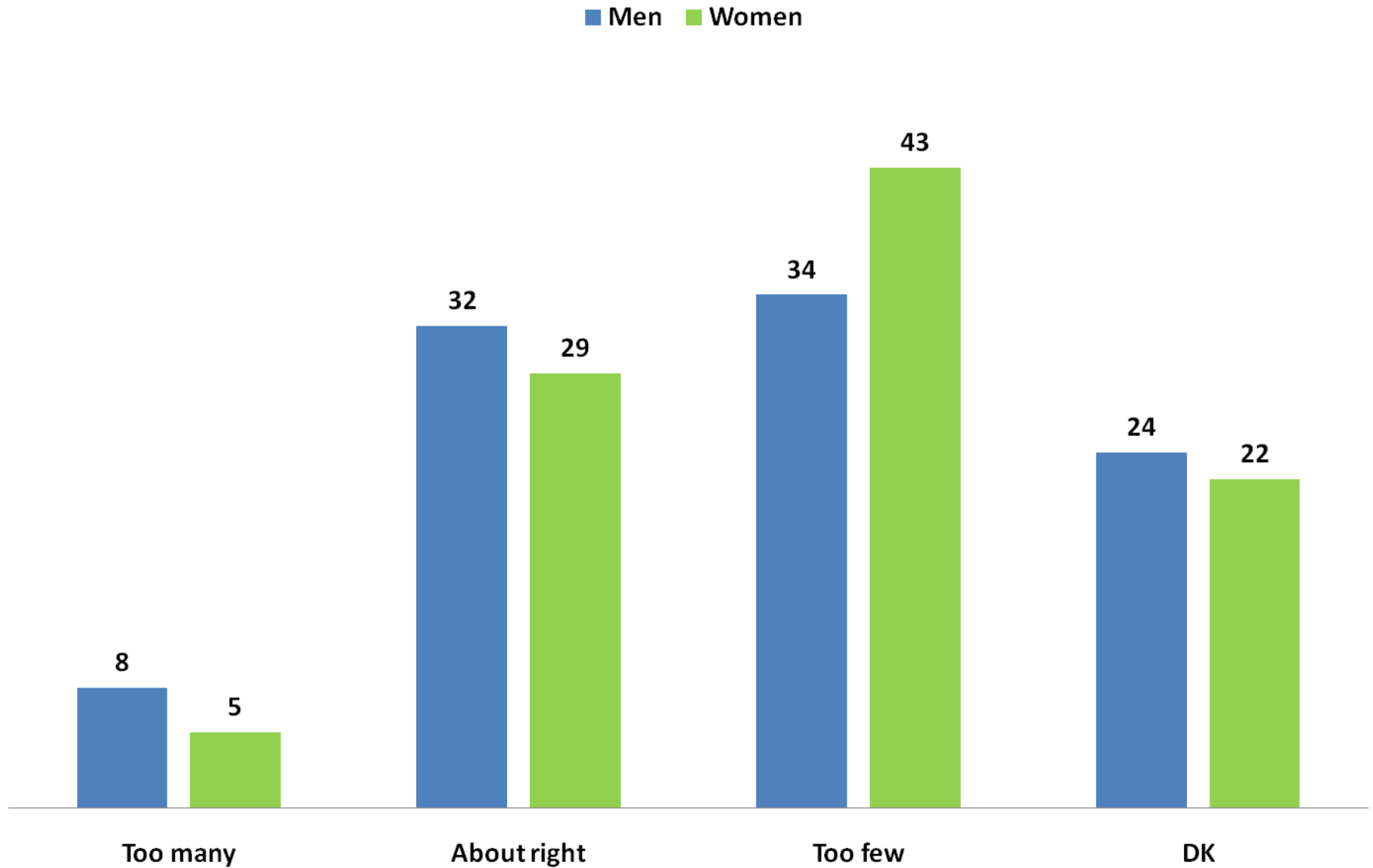




Currently there are 9 women members of parliament out of 150 (6%). Do you think this is...? (q56)



Currently there are 9 women members of parliament out of 150 (6%).  
Do you think this is. . .? (q56 X Gender )



# Foreign Relations

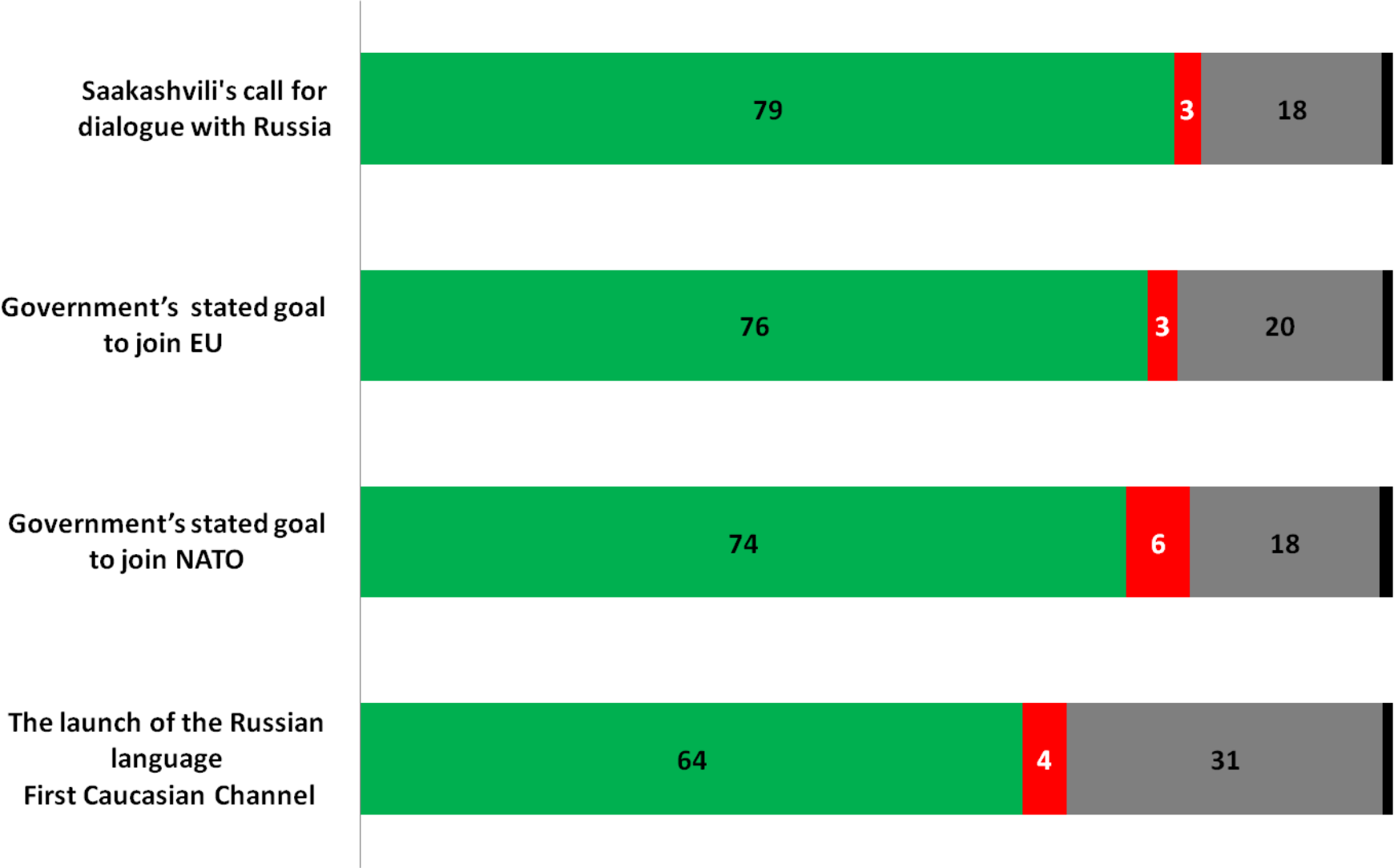
# Do you approve of Georgia's current policy toward Russia? (q66)

■ Fully approve ■ Partially approve ■ Partially disapprove ■ Fully disapprove ■ DK ■ RA

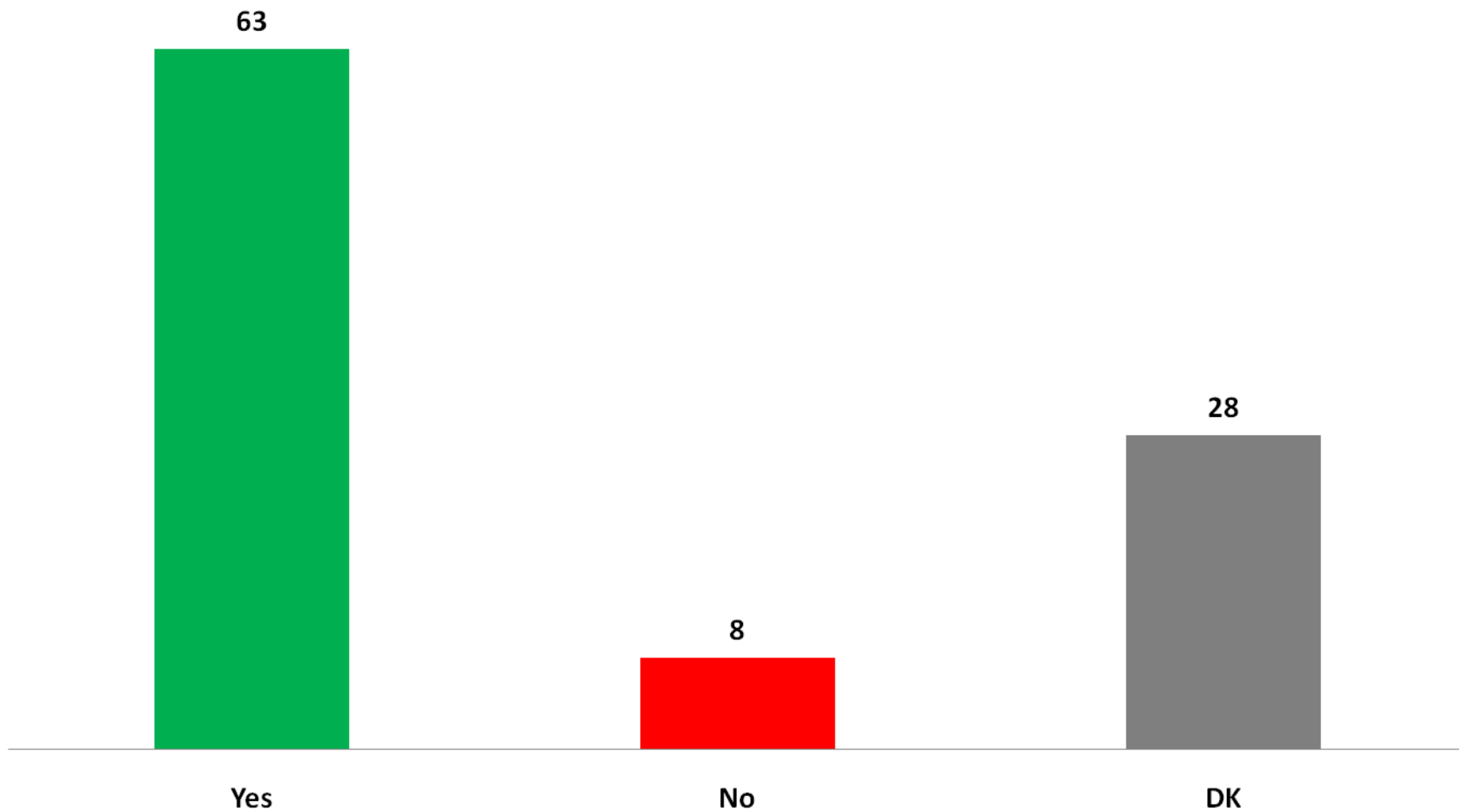


# Do you approve of dissaprove of the following? (q68)

■ Approve ■ Dissaprove ■ DK ■ RA

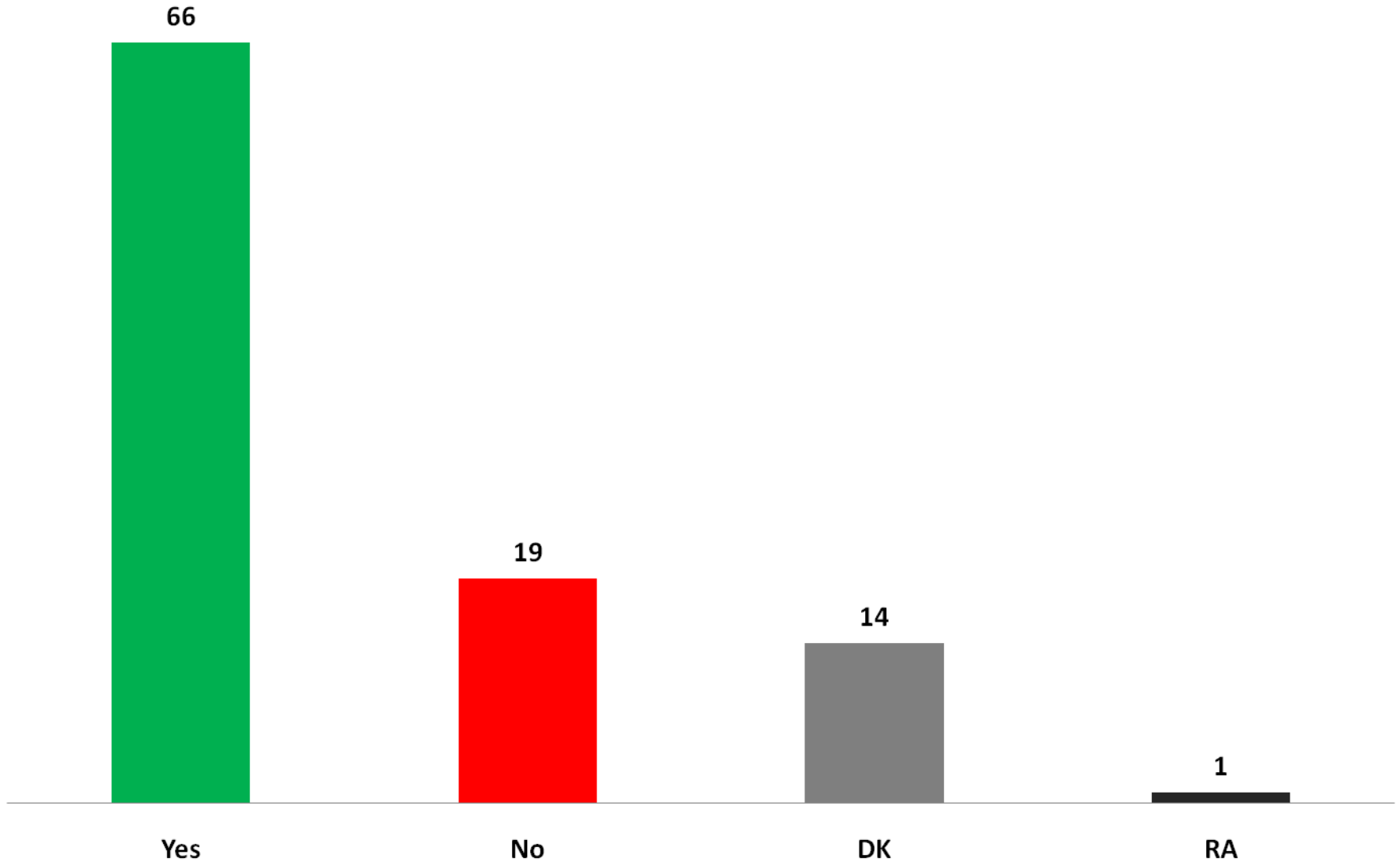


**Do you think Russia's current policy threatens Georgia's sovereignty?  
(q69)**



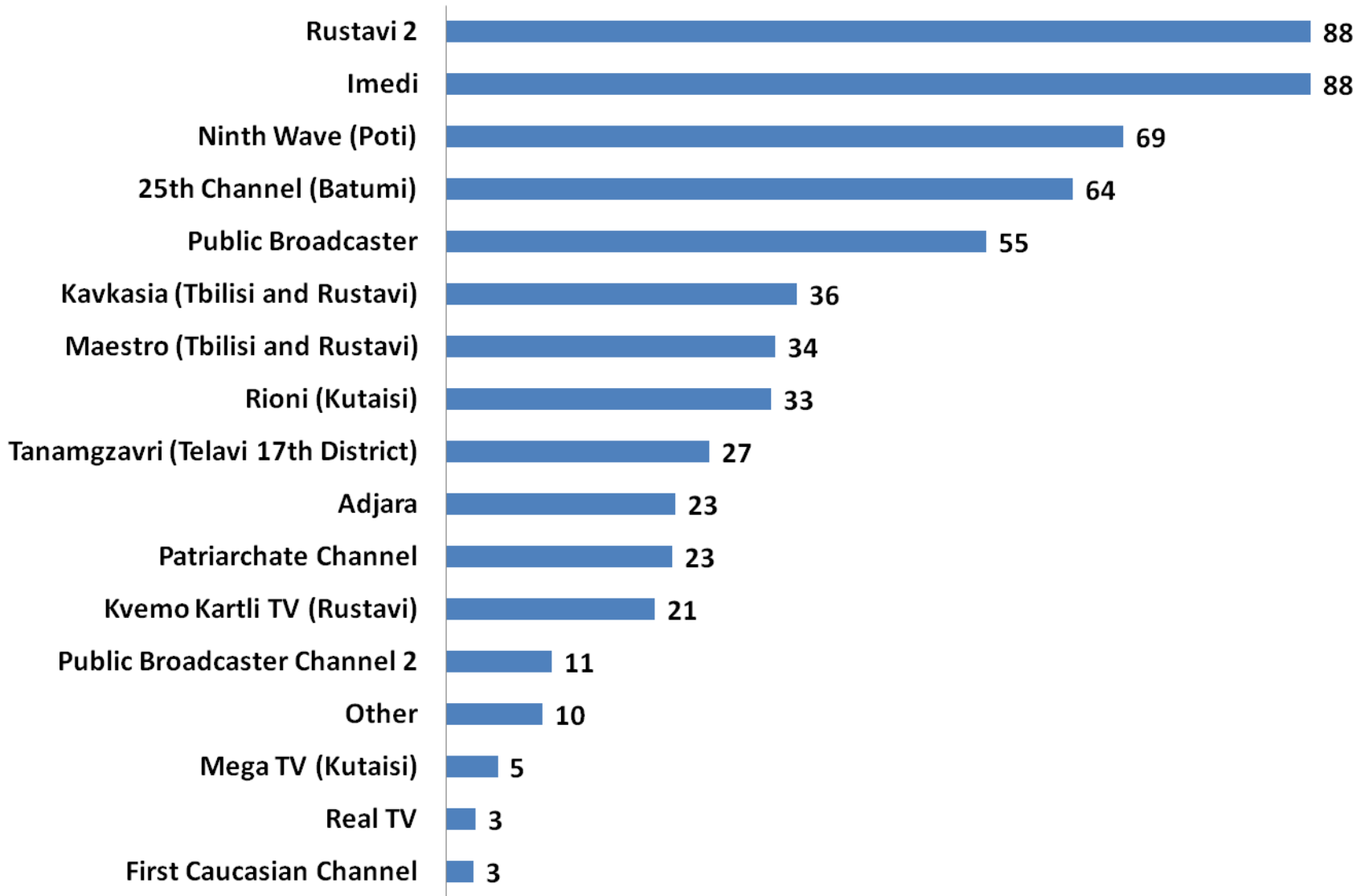
# Media

# Would you like to see your Majoritarian Member of Parliament on TV talking about local issues that matter to you? (q78)



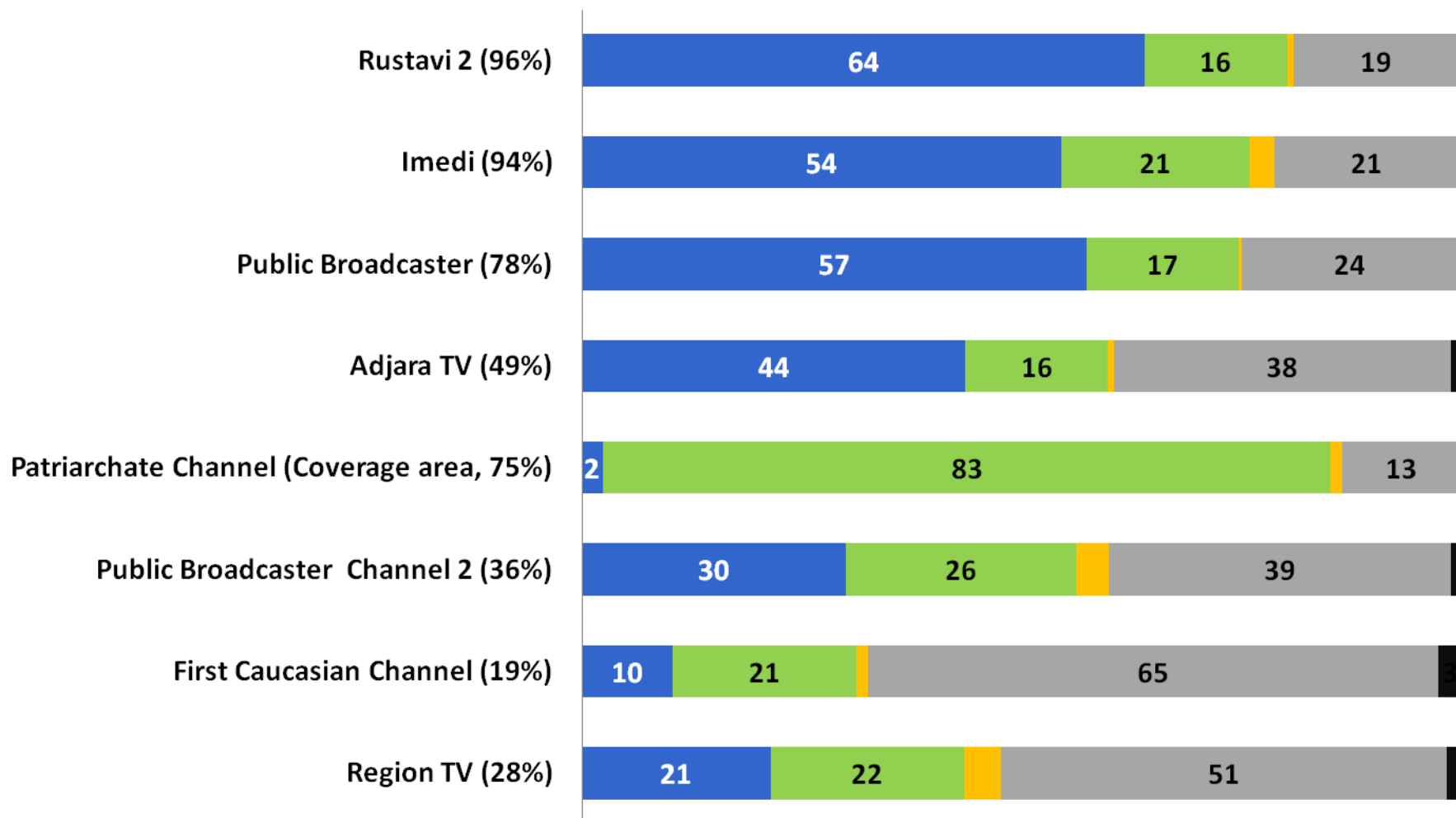


## Which television stations do you watch for coverage of Georgian politics and current events? (q73)



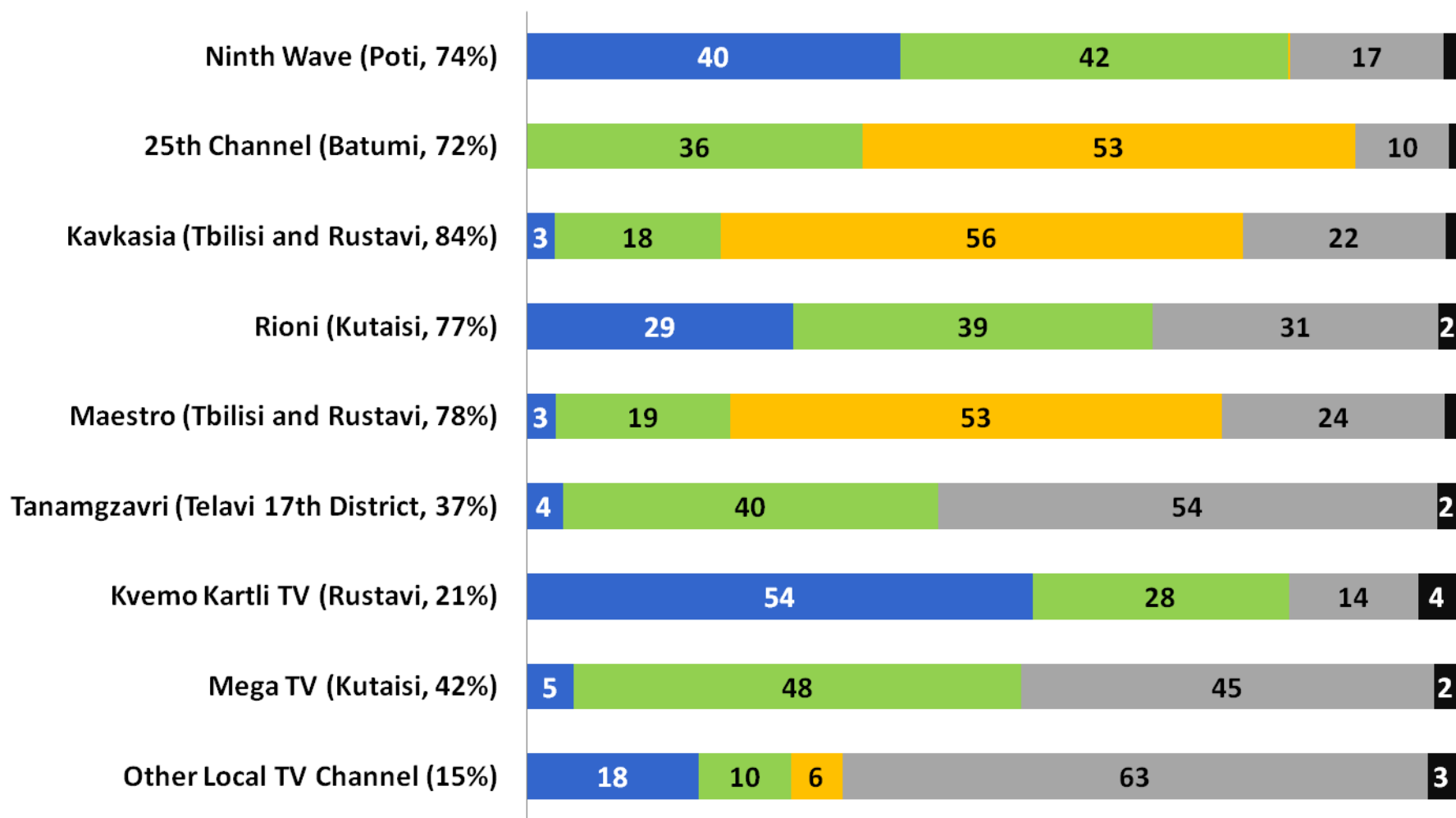
## Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels... mostly reflect the interests of government, neither or opposition? (q74) National

■ Mostly governmental 
 ■ Neither 
 ■ Mostly oppositional 
 ■ DK 
 ■ RA



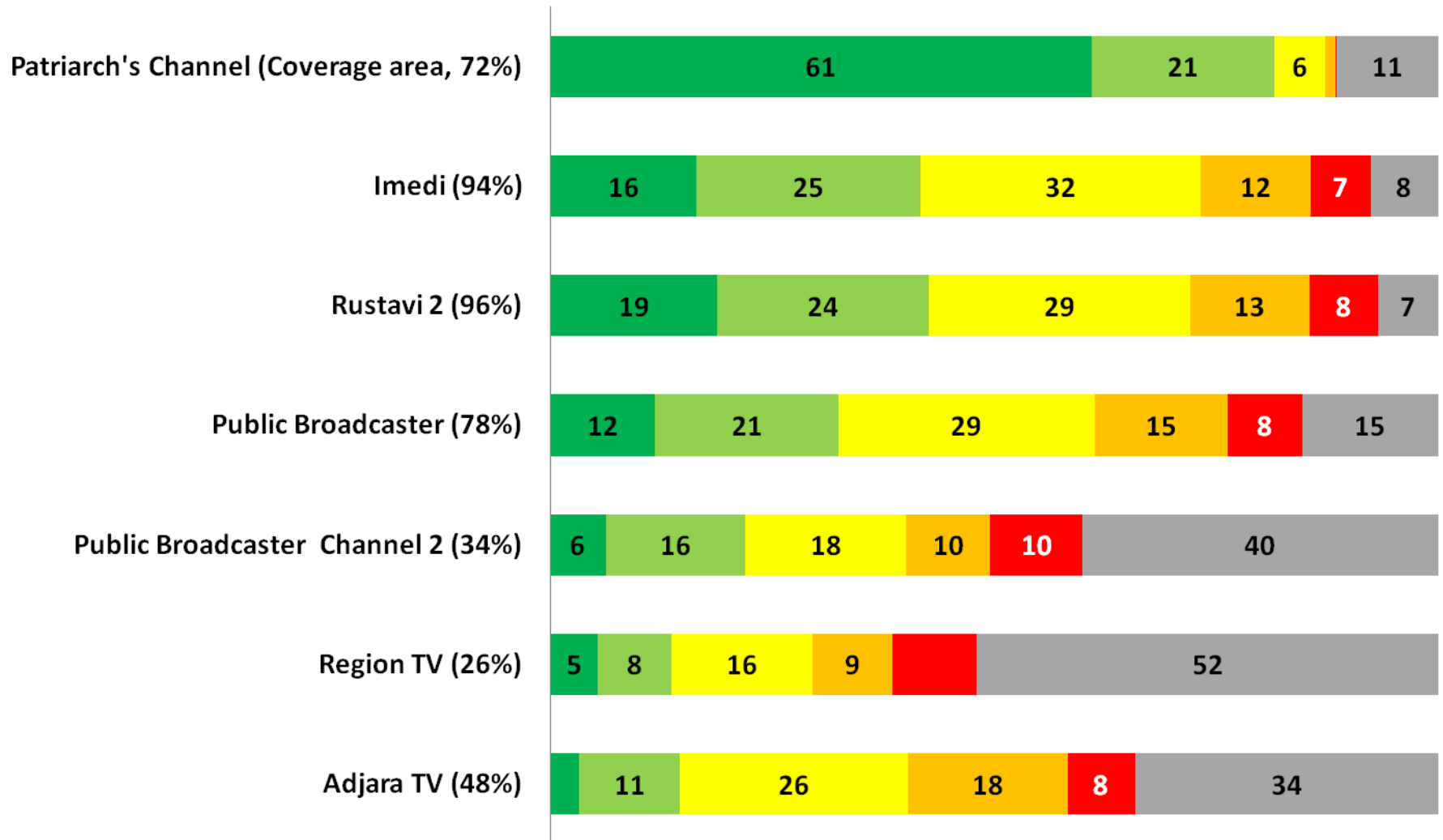
## Do you think that news about Georgian politics and current affairs on the following Georgian TV channels... mostly reflect the interests of government, neither or opposition? (q74) Regional

■ Mostly governmental 
 ■ Neither 
 ■ Mostly oppositional 
 ■ DK 
 ■ RA



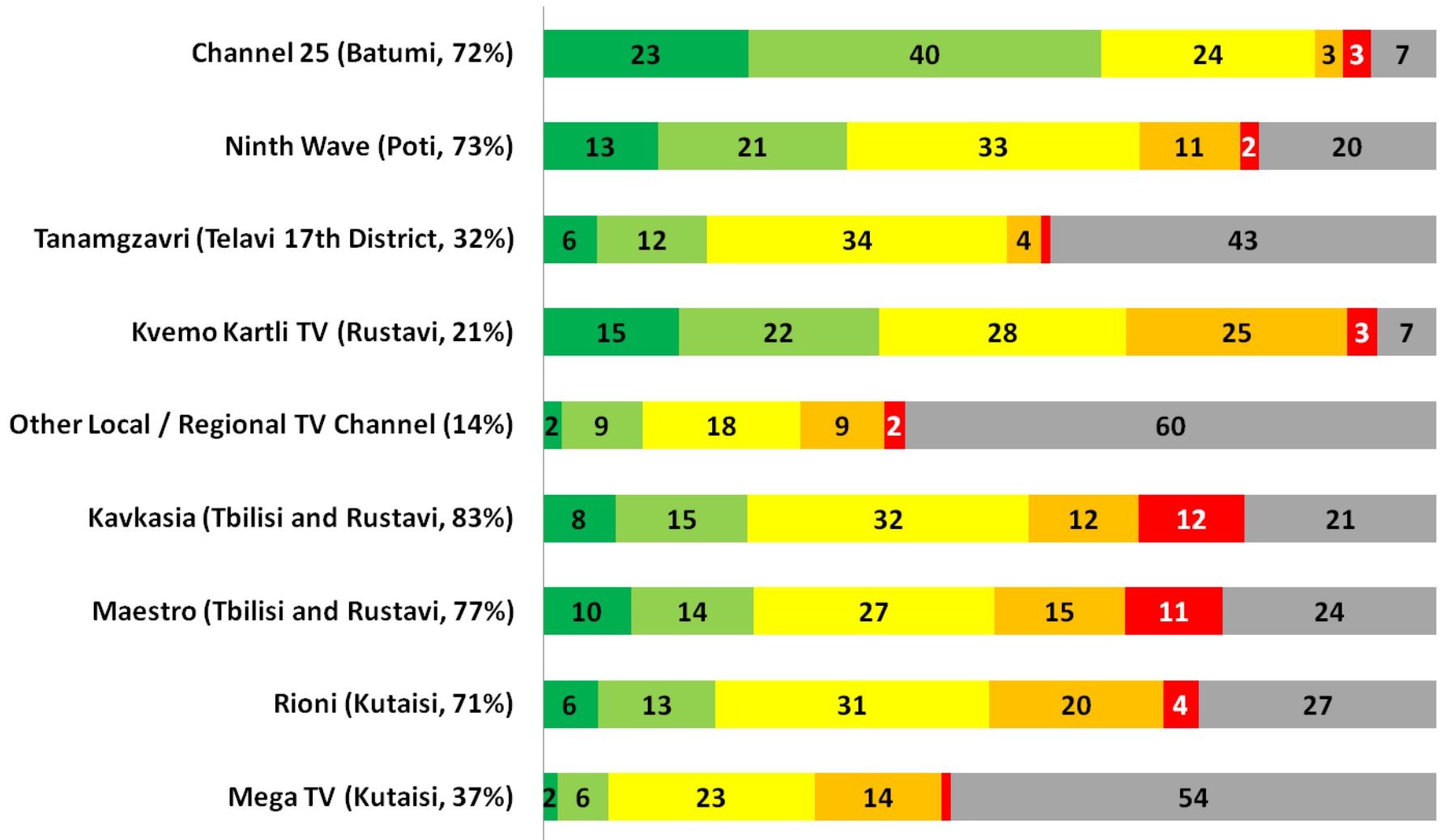
## How much do you trust news that is broadcasted on the following TV channels? (q75) National

■ Fully trust  
 ■ Trust  
 ■ Neither trust nor distrust  
 ■ Distrust  
 ■ Fully distrust  
 ■ DK



## How much do you trust news that is broadcasted on the following TV channels? (q75) Regional

■ Fully trust  
 ■ Trust  
 ■ Neither trust nor distrust  
 ■ Distrust  
 ■ Fully distrust  
 ■ DK



**How often do you read a newspaper or a news-magazine to obtain news about current events in Georgian politics? (q72)**

