



# State of Democracy in Jordan

Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Jordan

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November 11-30, 2021



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# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [NAMA Strategic Intelligence Solutions](#).
- Data was collected between November 11<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) conducted at respondents' homes.
- The sample consists of 3,010 Jordanians aged 18+ and older.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to data from Jordans 2015 Population and Housing Census.
  - The sample was stratified proportionally by governorate and urbanicity. Primary sampling units were census blocks selected via probability proportionate to size (PPS).
  - Within primary sampling units, households were selected via a *random route* protocol and respondents were selected via the *Kish grid*.
- The data was weighted by governorate, age, sex, and educational attainment according to 2020 population estimates from the Jordanian Department of Statistics (DOS).
- The response rate for the survey was 76%. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is  $\pm 1.8$ -points at the 95% confidence level.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Cited bases are weighted.
- This survey was made possible by the generous support of the American people through the [U.S. Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#).

## Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Brackets	Age 18-35	n = 1,491
	Age 36-55	n = 1,081
	Age 56+	n = 438
Sex	Male	n = 1,641
	Female	n = 1,369
Region	Middle (Amman, Balqa, Madaba, and Zarqa)	n = 1,958
	North (Ajloun, Irbid, Jerash, and Mafrq)	n = 821
	South (Aqaba, Karak, Ma'an, and Tafieleh)	n=231
Employment Status	Employed	n=878
	Unemployed	n=2,132
<i>Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Cited bases are weighted.</i>		

## Previous *State of Democracy* Surveys

Poll	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
<u>Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Jordan</u>	September 4 - 13, 2020	n = 3,000
<u>Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Jordan</u>	March 21 - April 16, 2019	n = 3,020

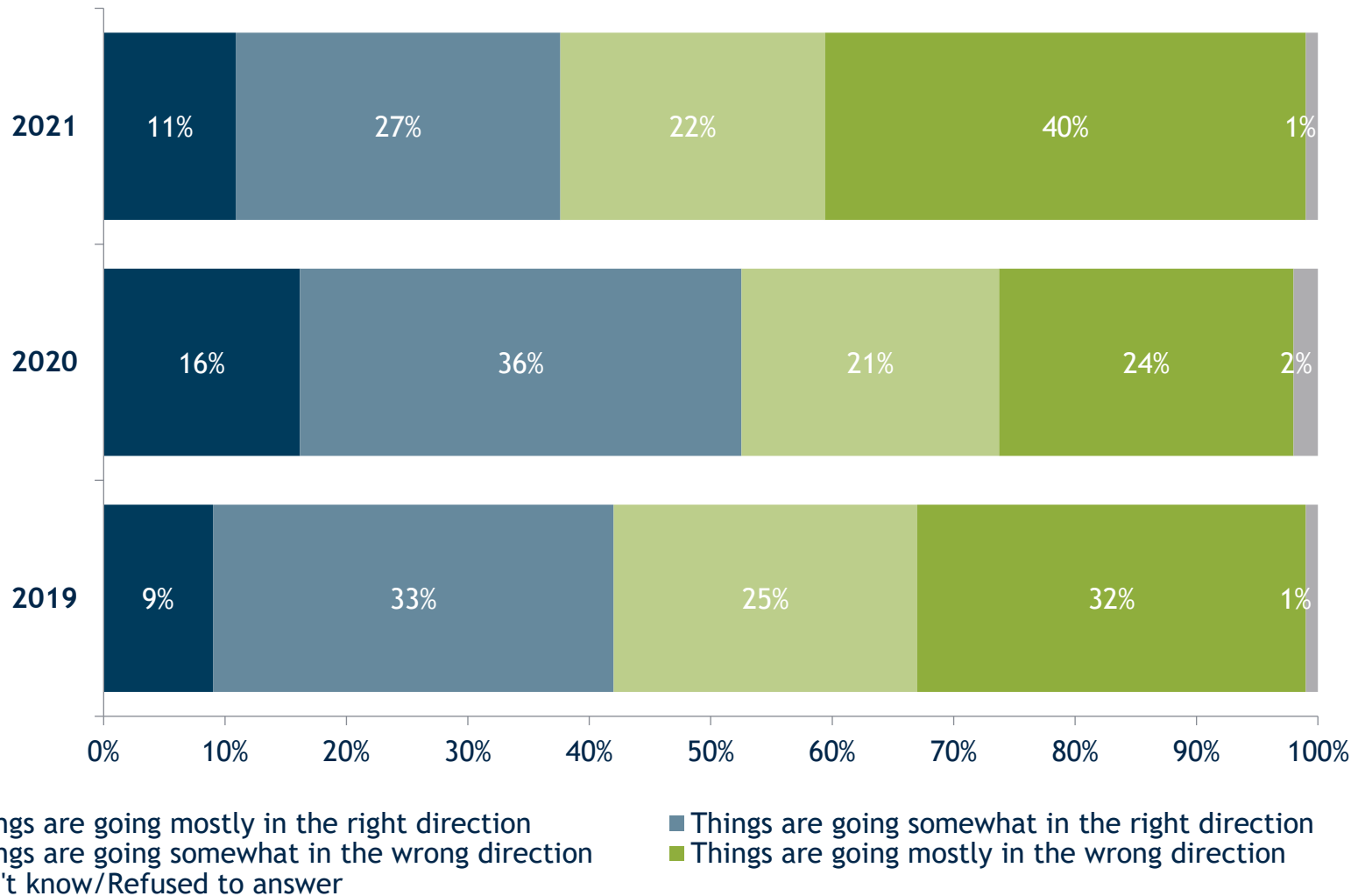


# General Perceptions of Democracy

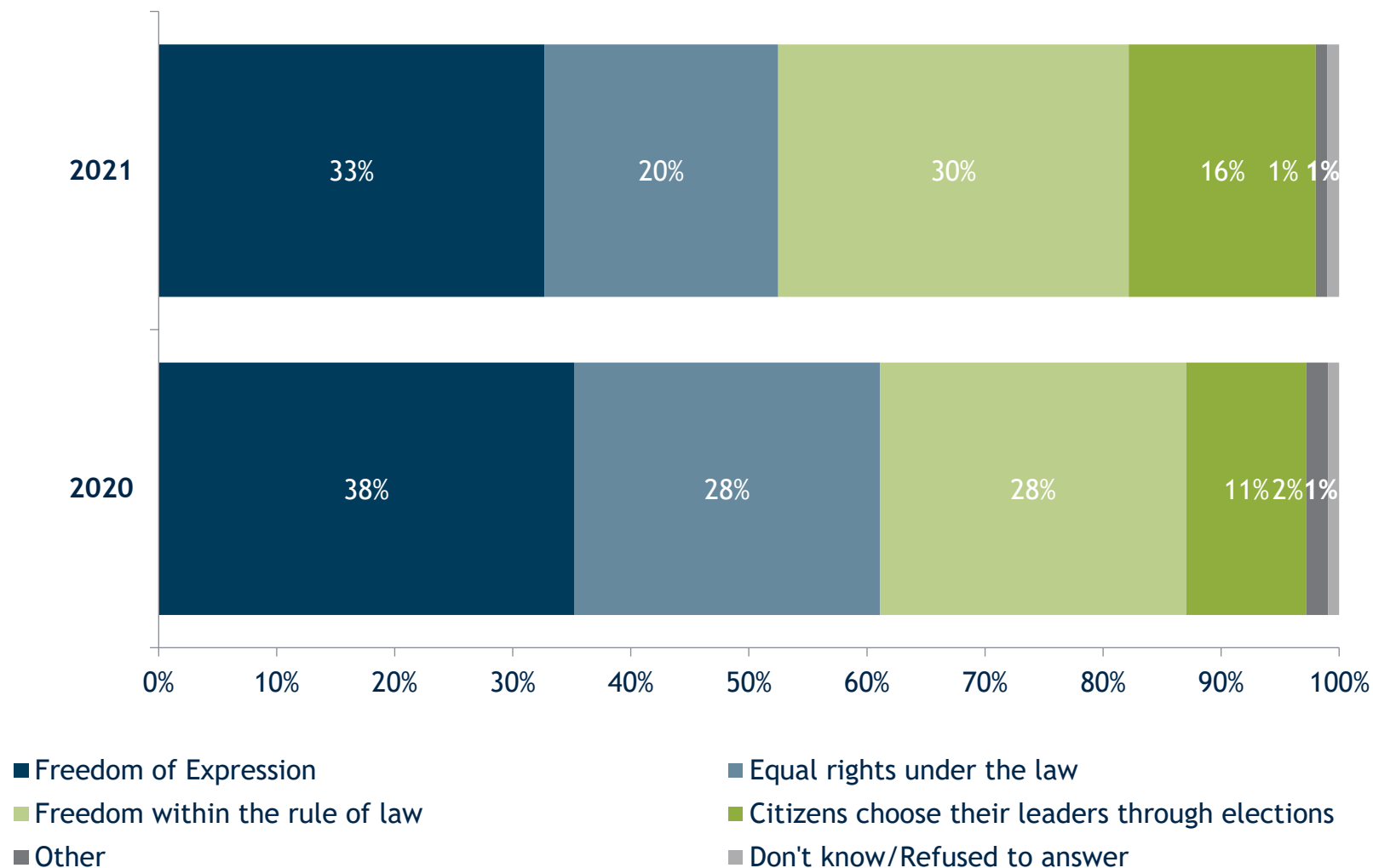


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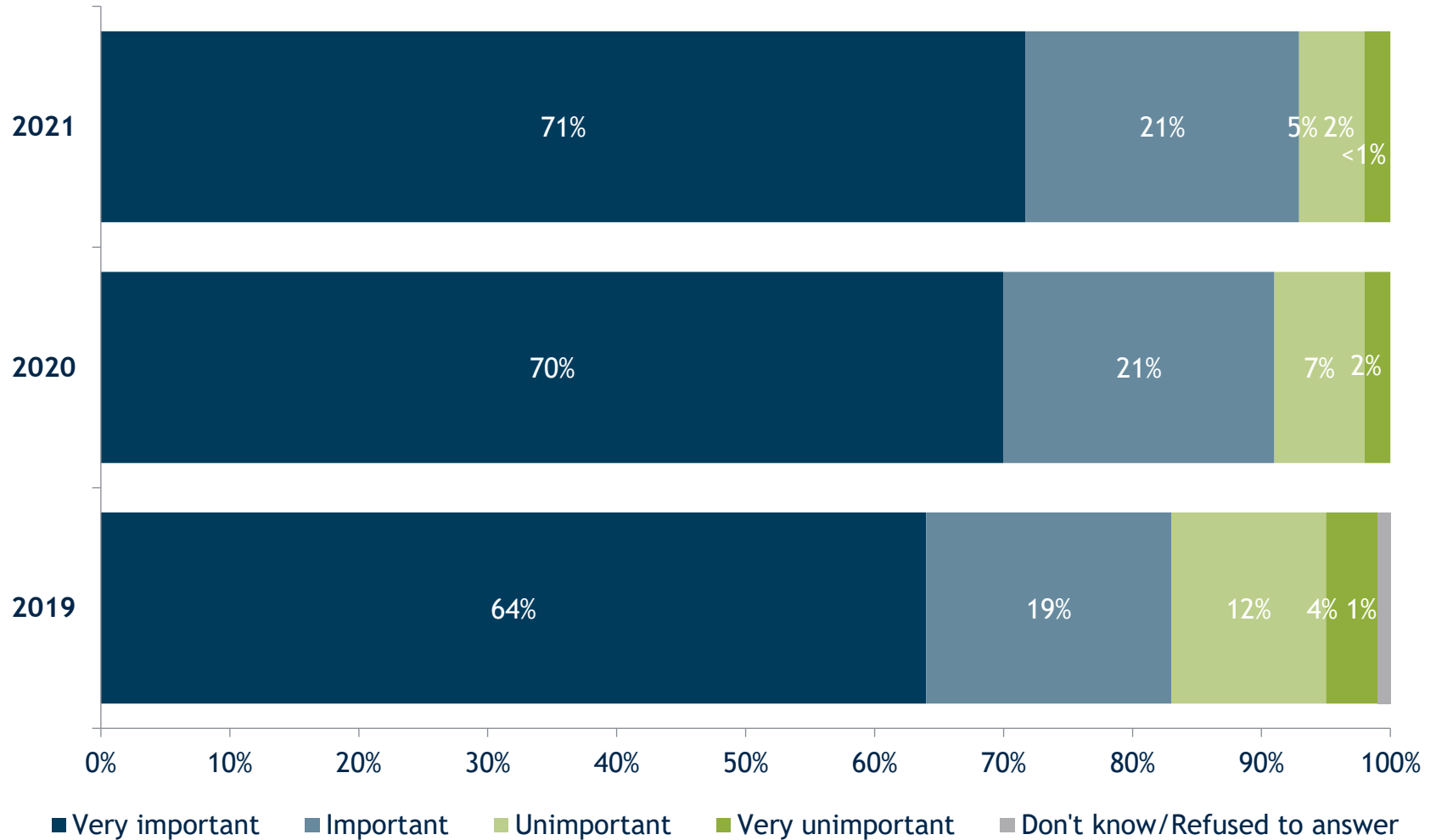
# Overall, is Jordan headed in the right or wrong direction?



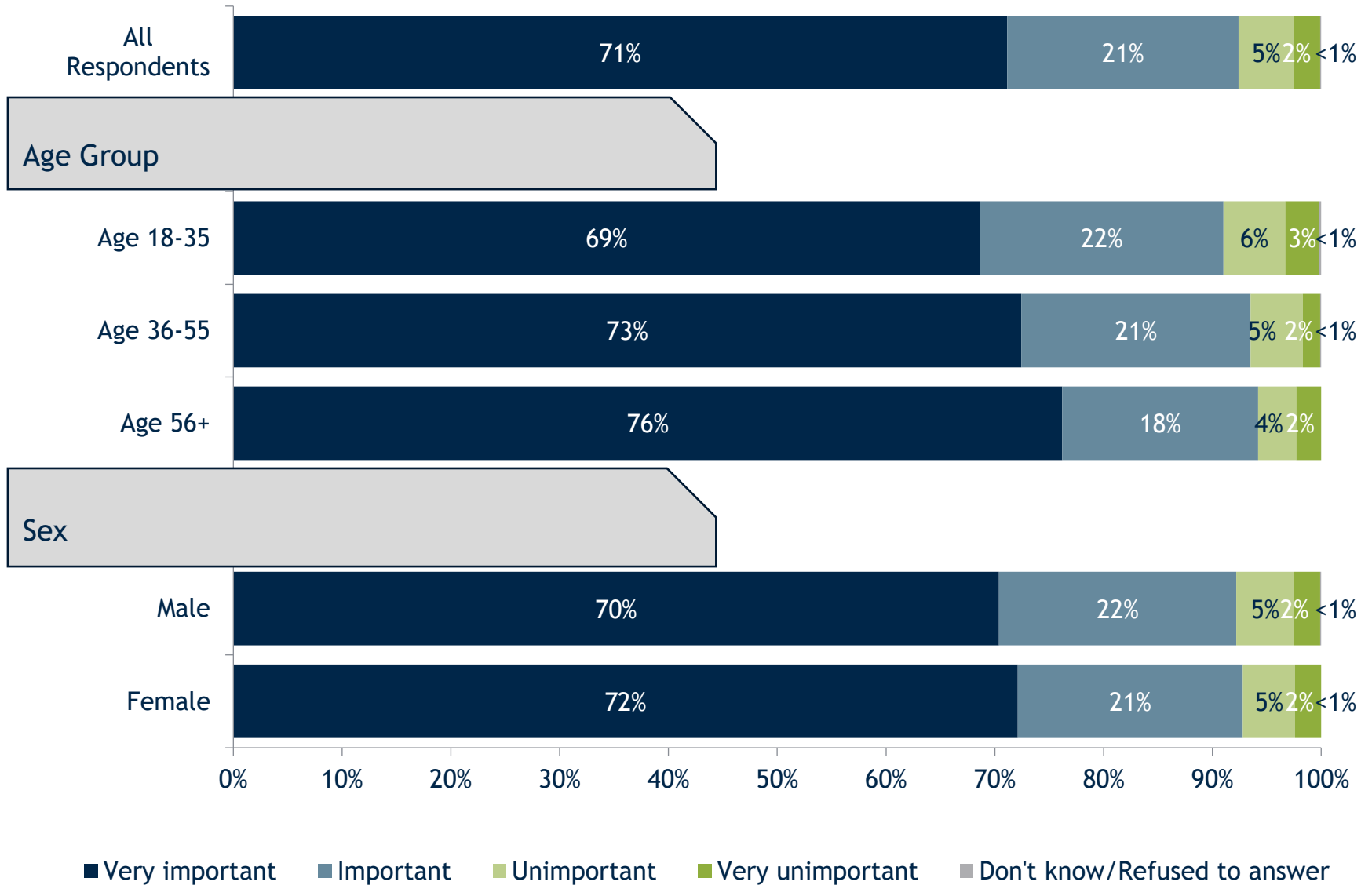
# Which of the following elements do you consider to be the most important element of democracy?



# How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically?

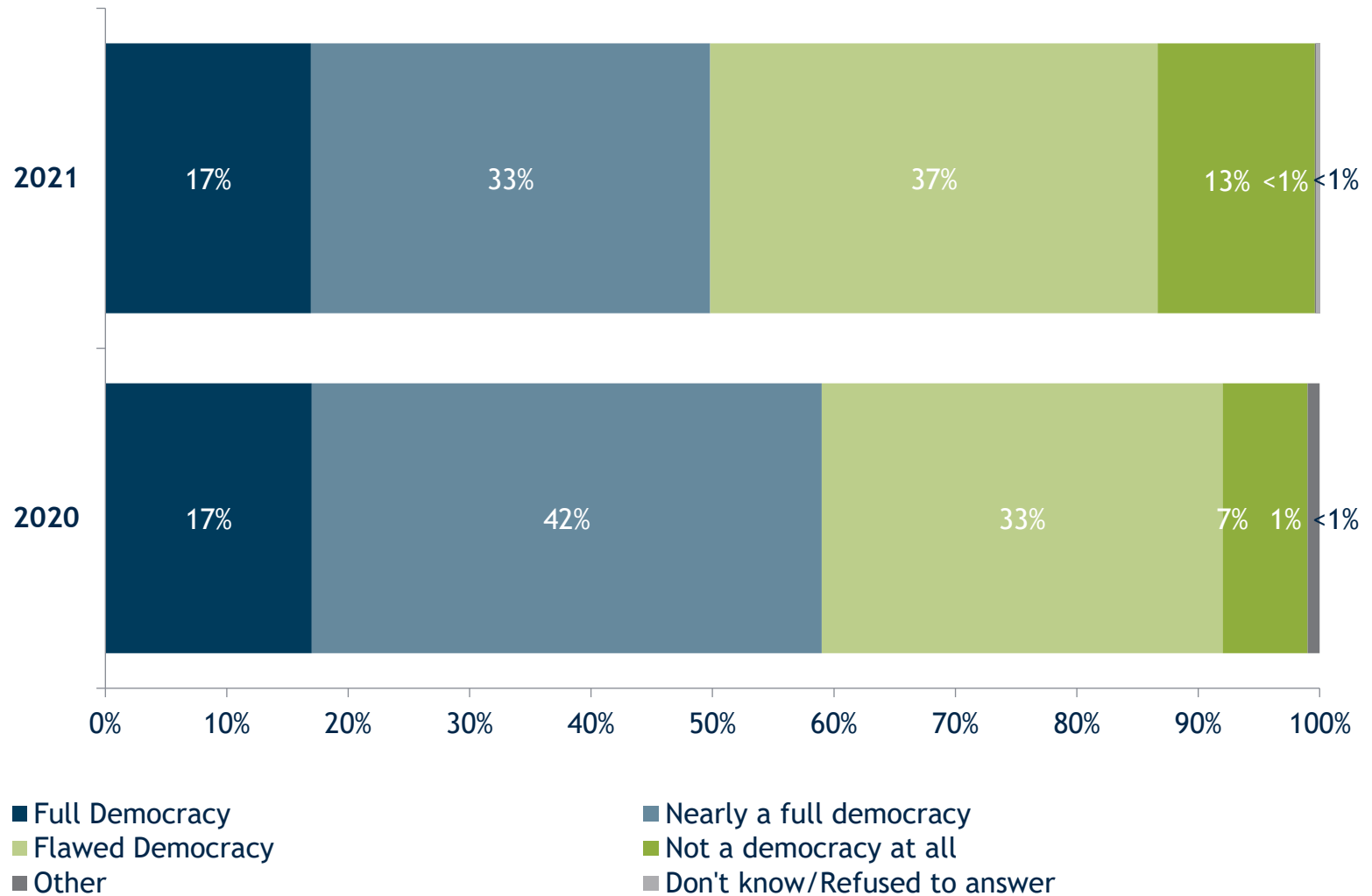


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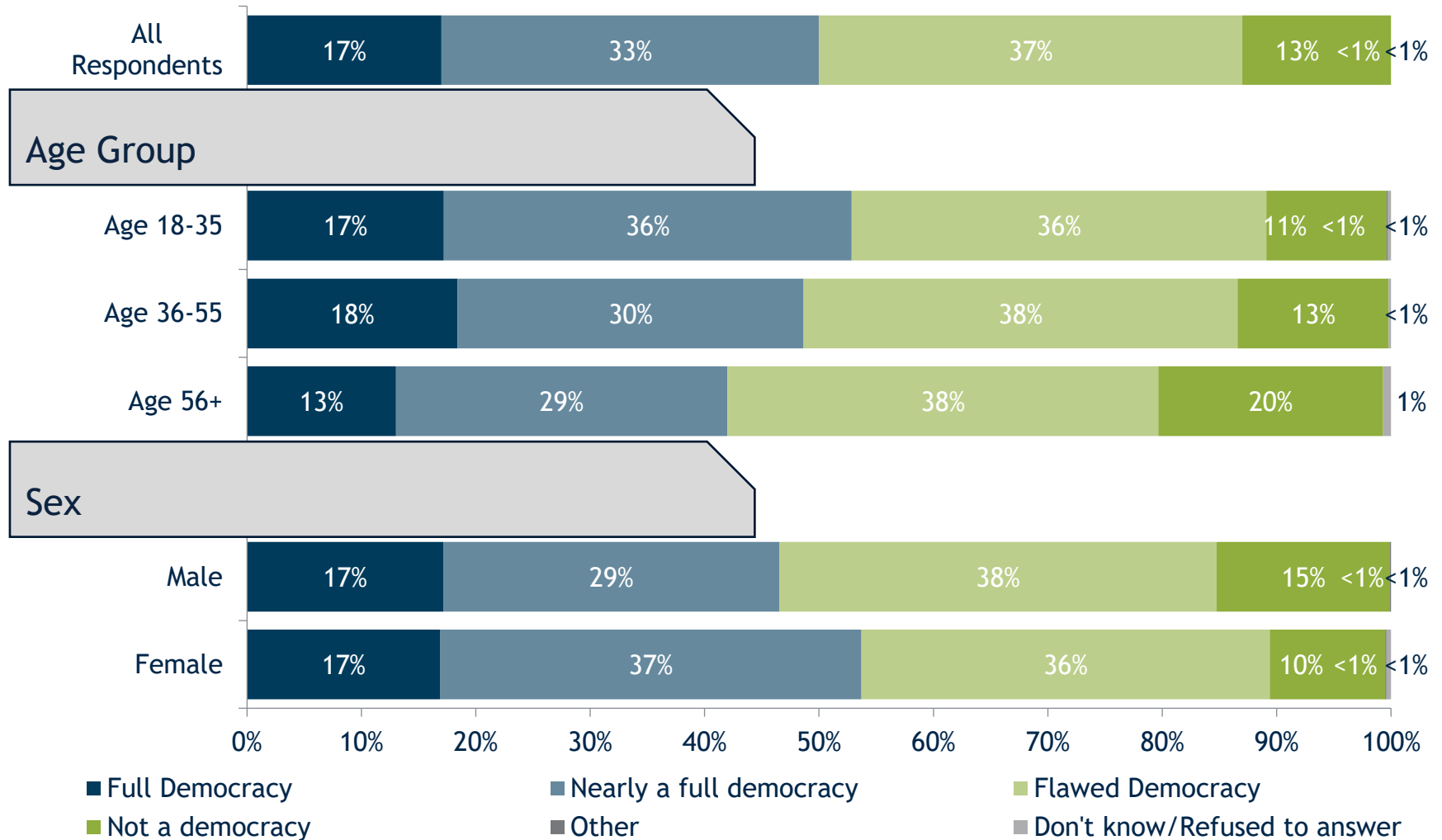




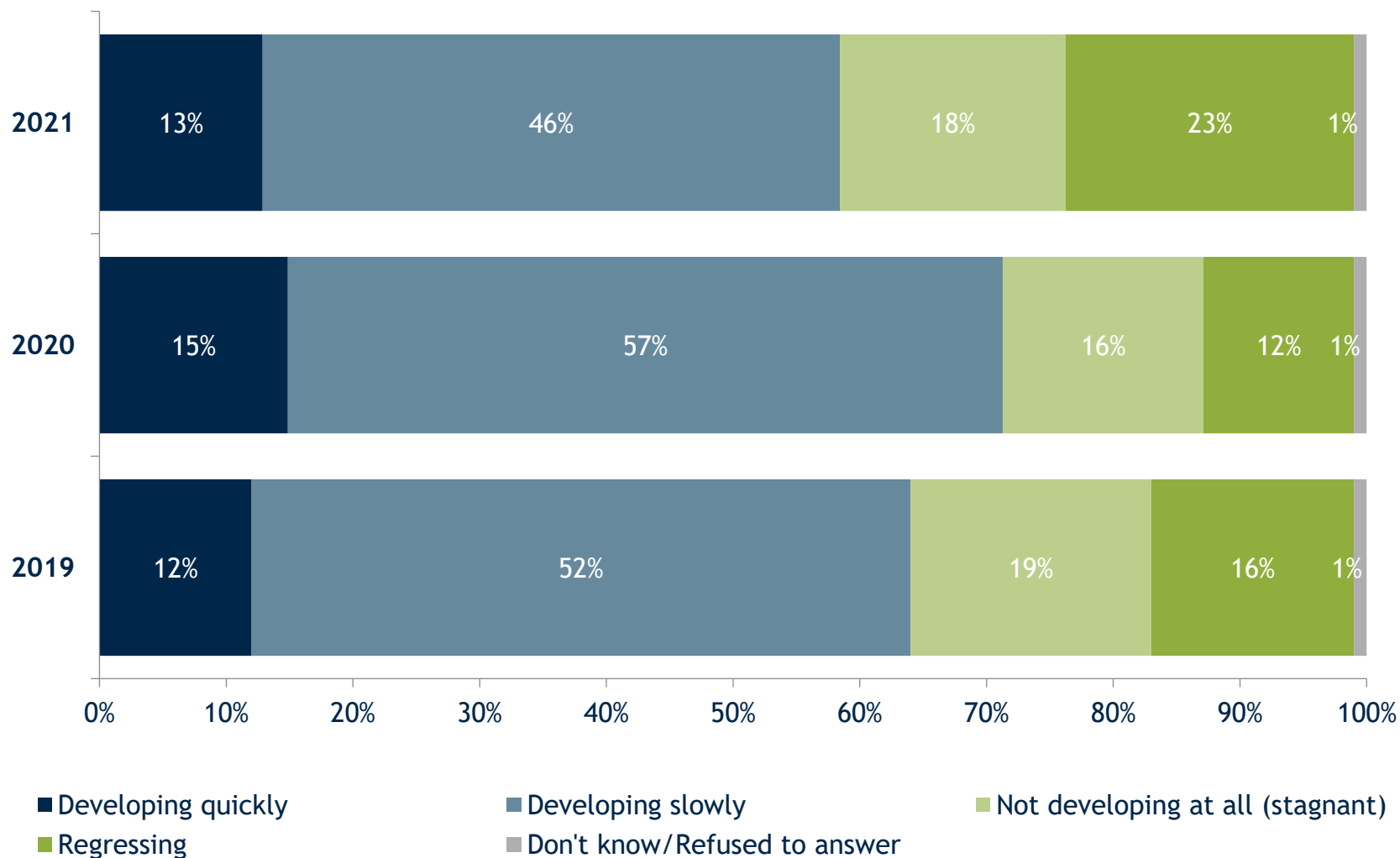
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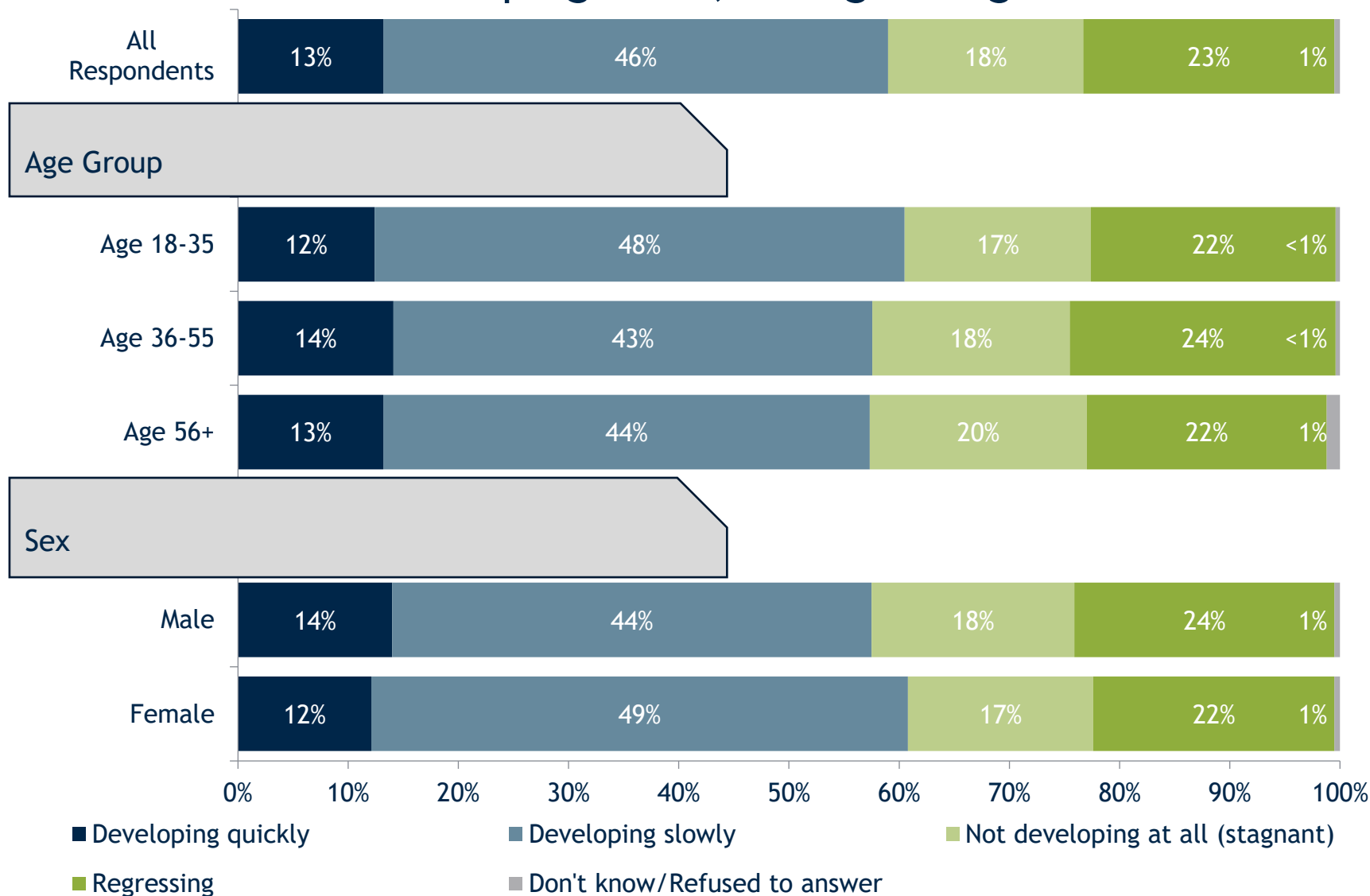
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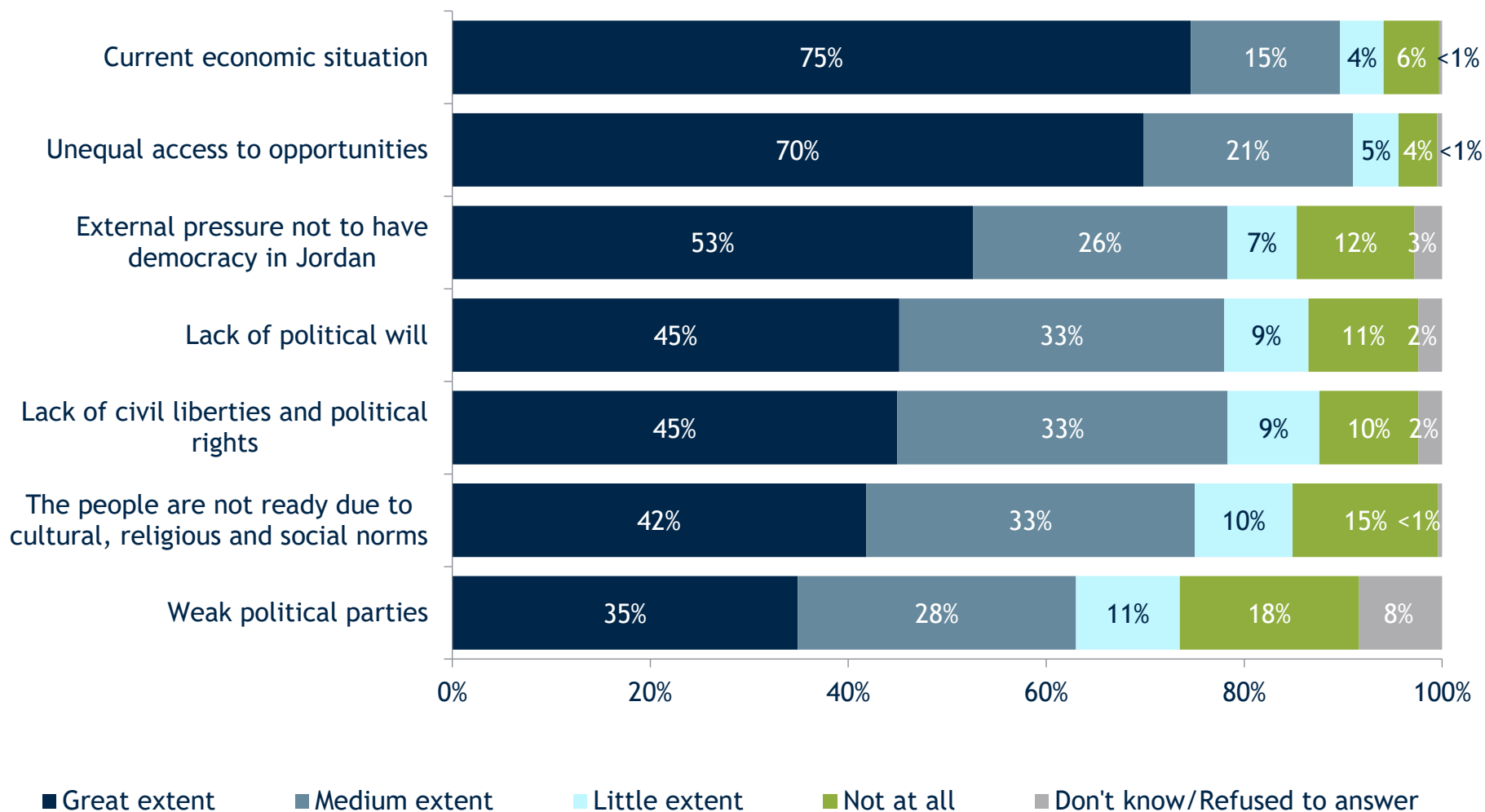
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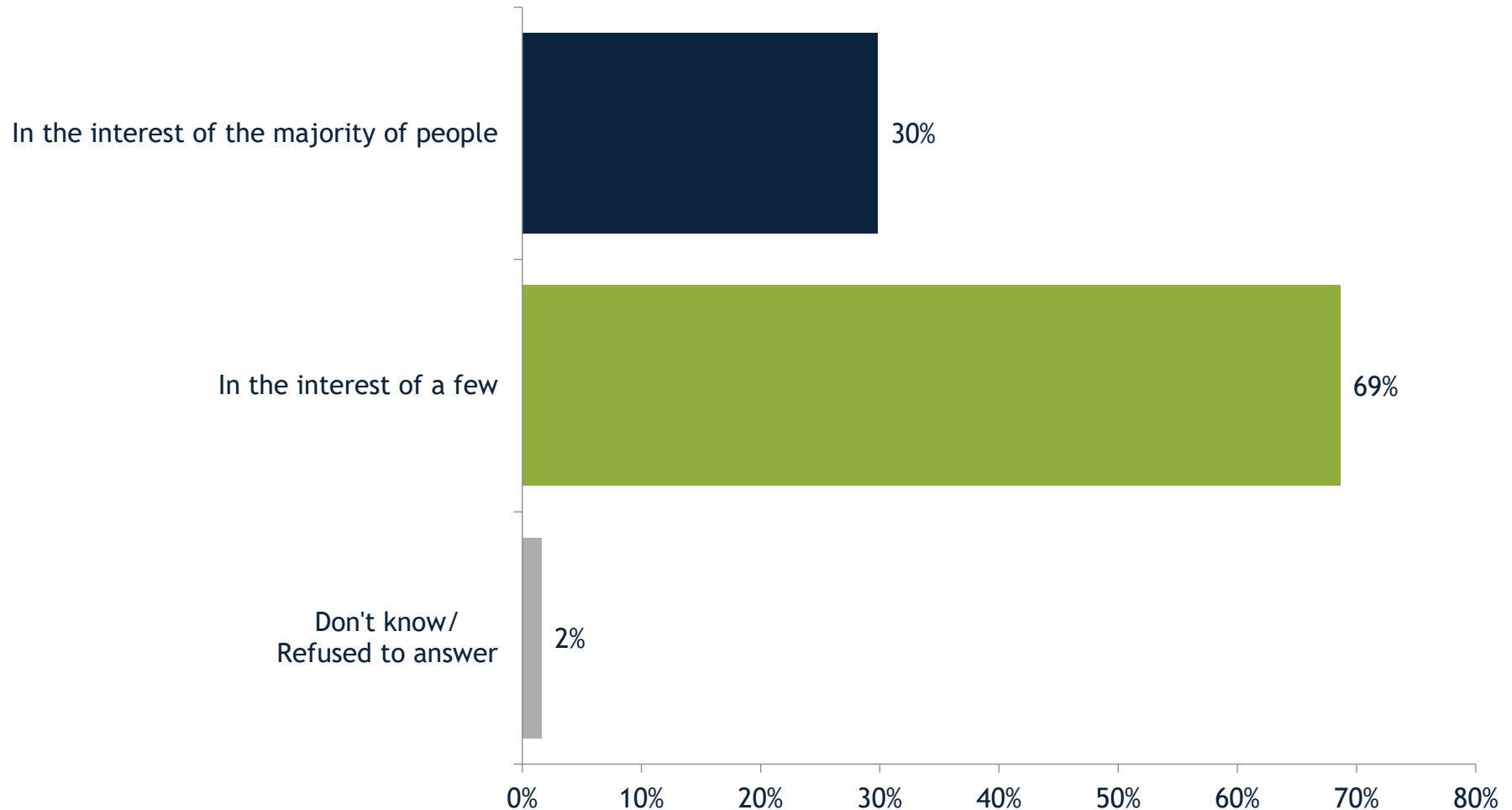


# To what extent do you think the following constitute an obstacle to the development of democracy in Jordan?



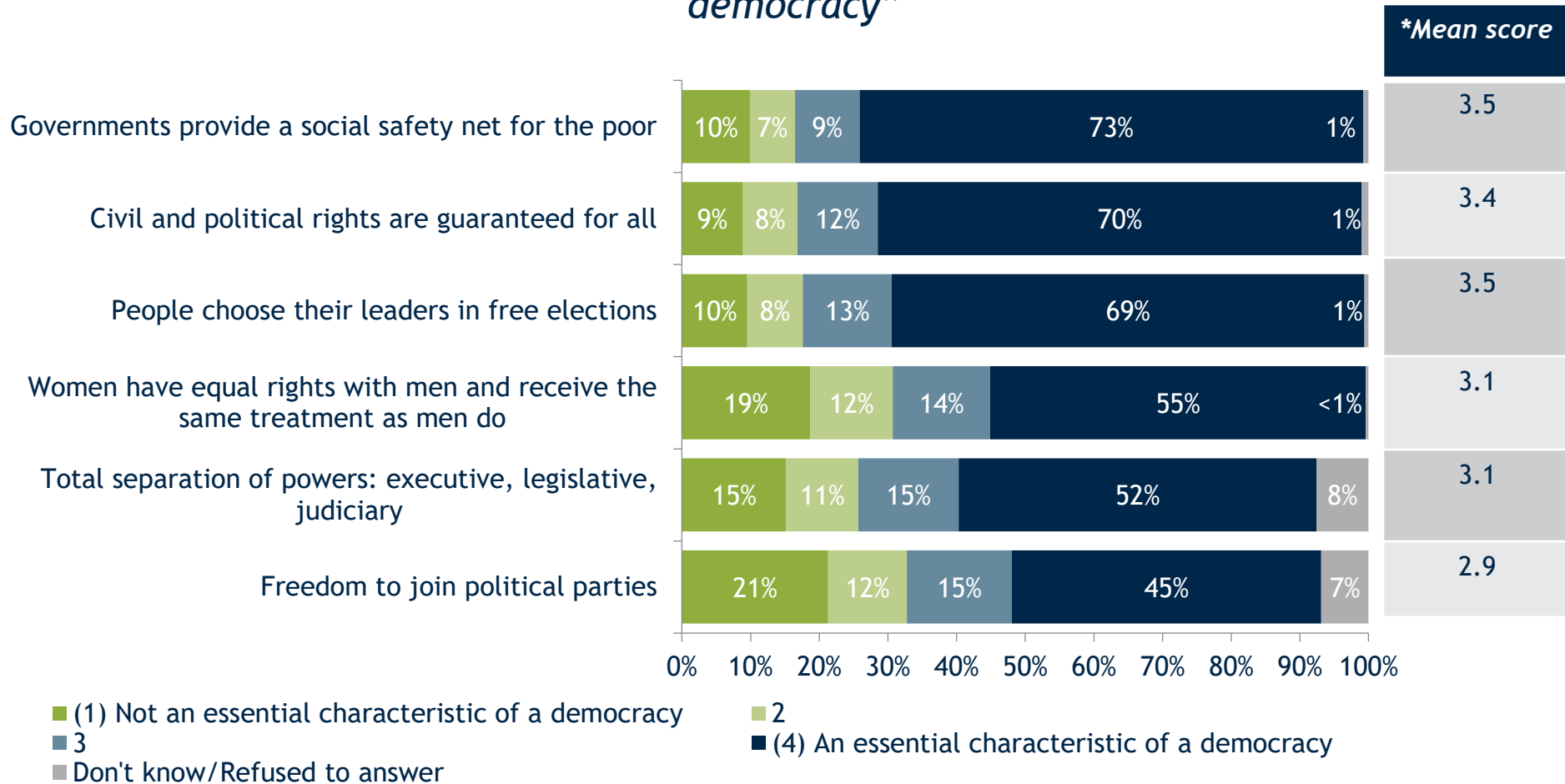
Which of the following two statements best represents your point of view:  
of view:

*The country is governed in the interest of the majority of people,  
or in the interest of a few?*



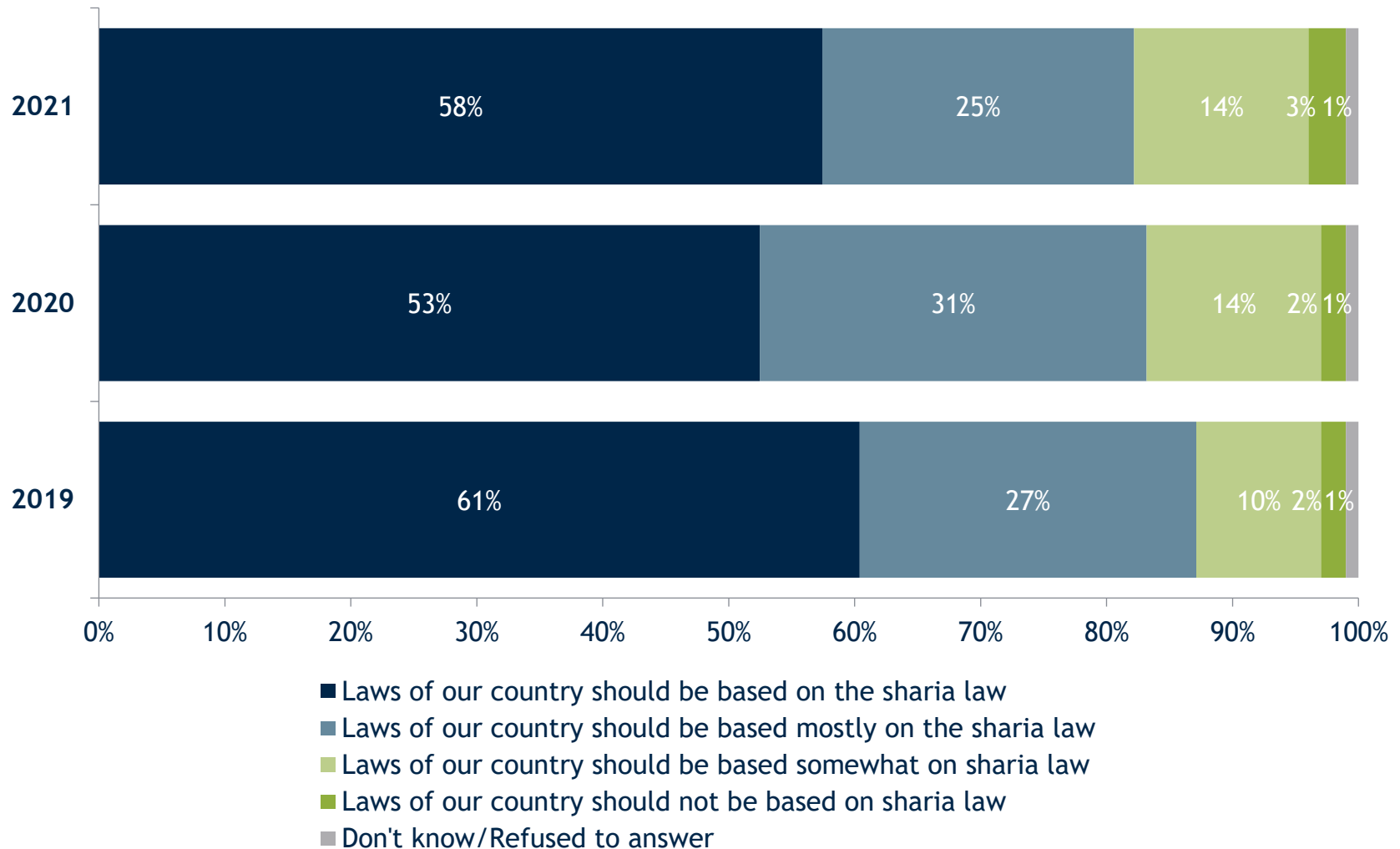
Please tell me for each of the following things how essential you think it is as a characteristic of democracy.

*Use this scale where one (1) means “not at all an essential characteristic of democracy” and four (4) means it definitely is “an essential characteristic of democracy”*



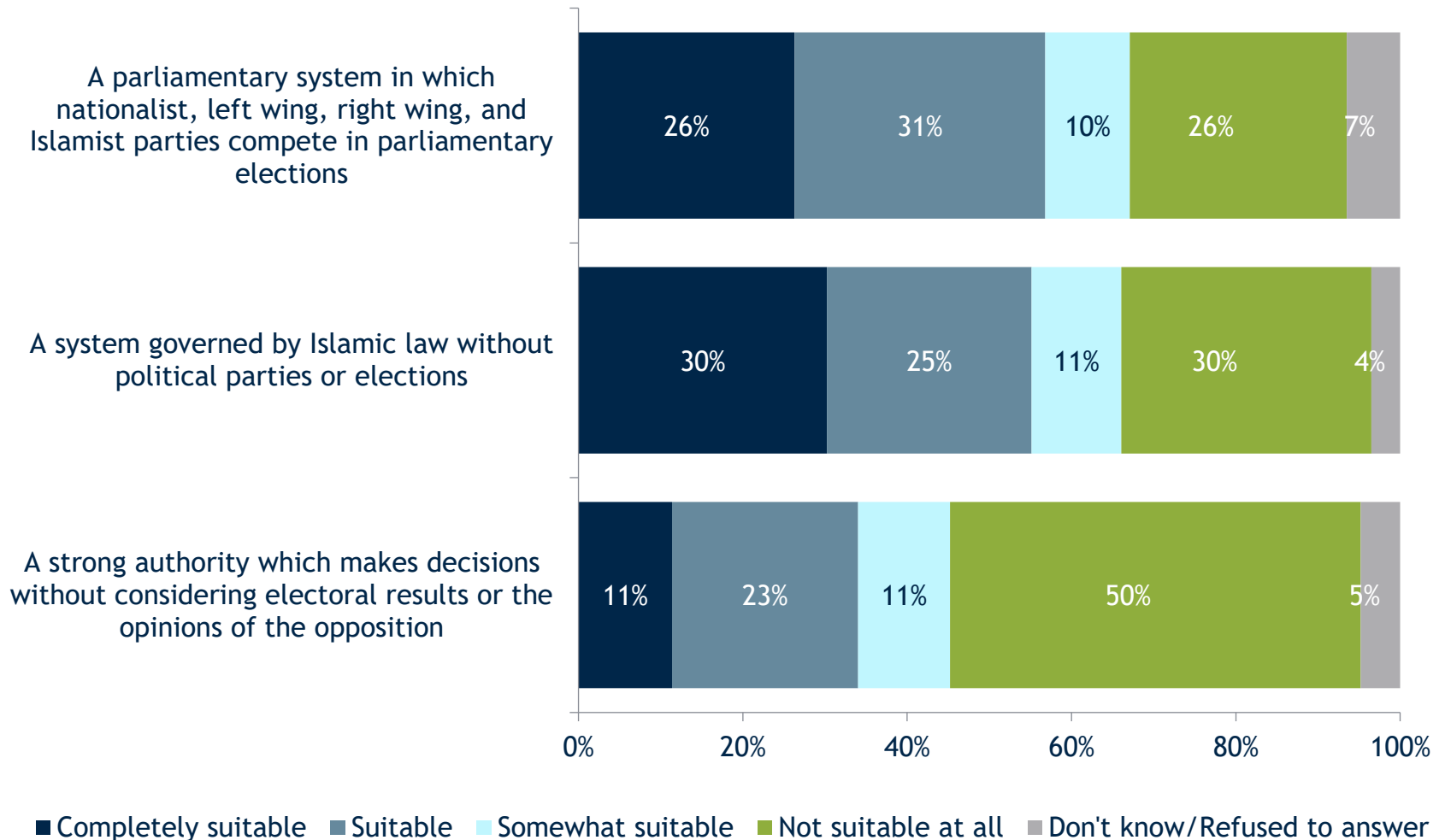
\*Mean score calculated from the 1-4 response scale, excluding Don't know/Refused to answer responses.

# Which of the following statements is the closest to your point of view?



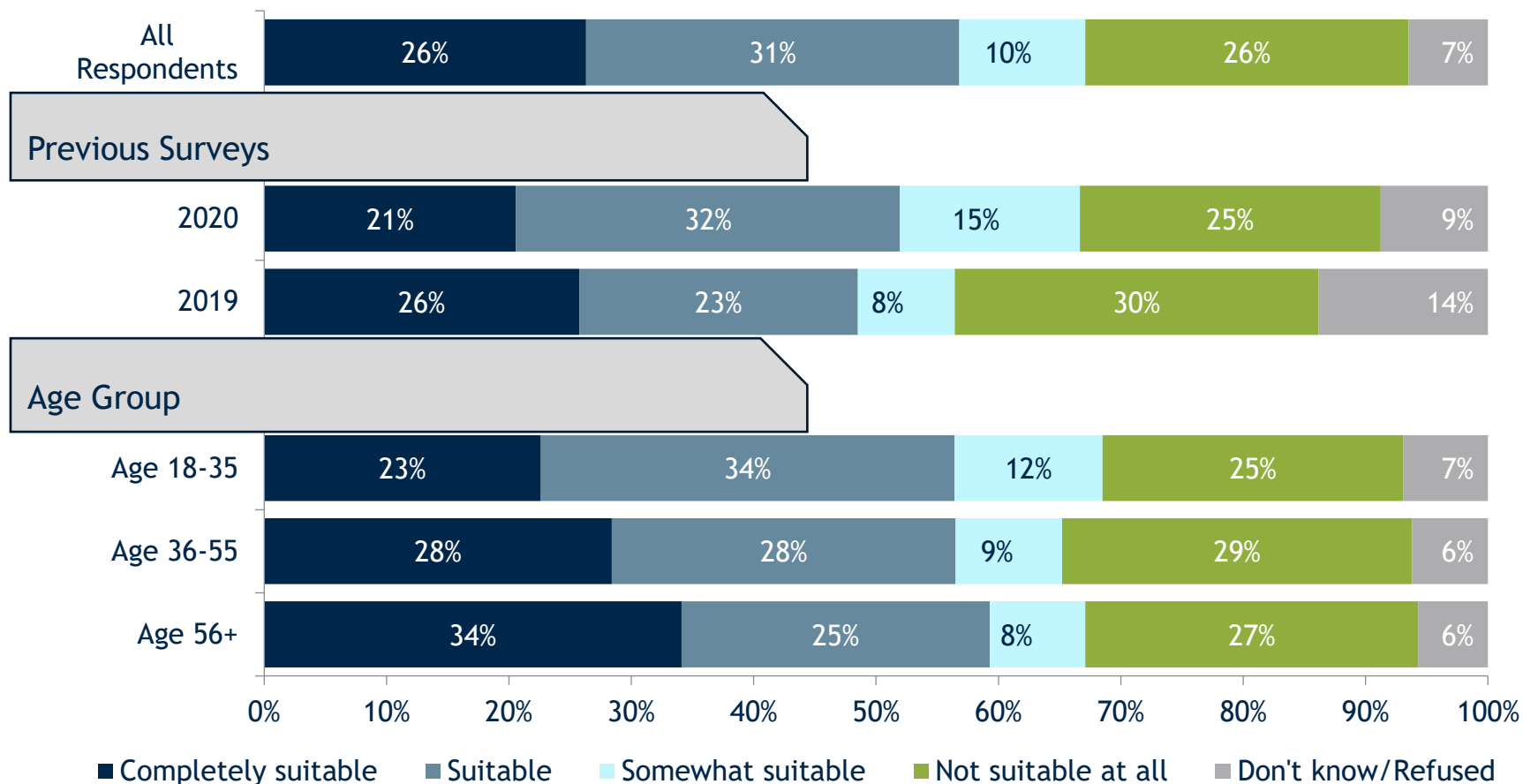


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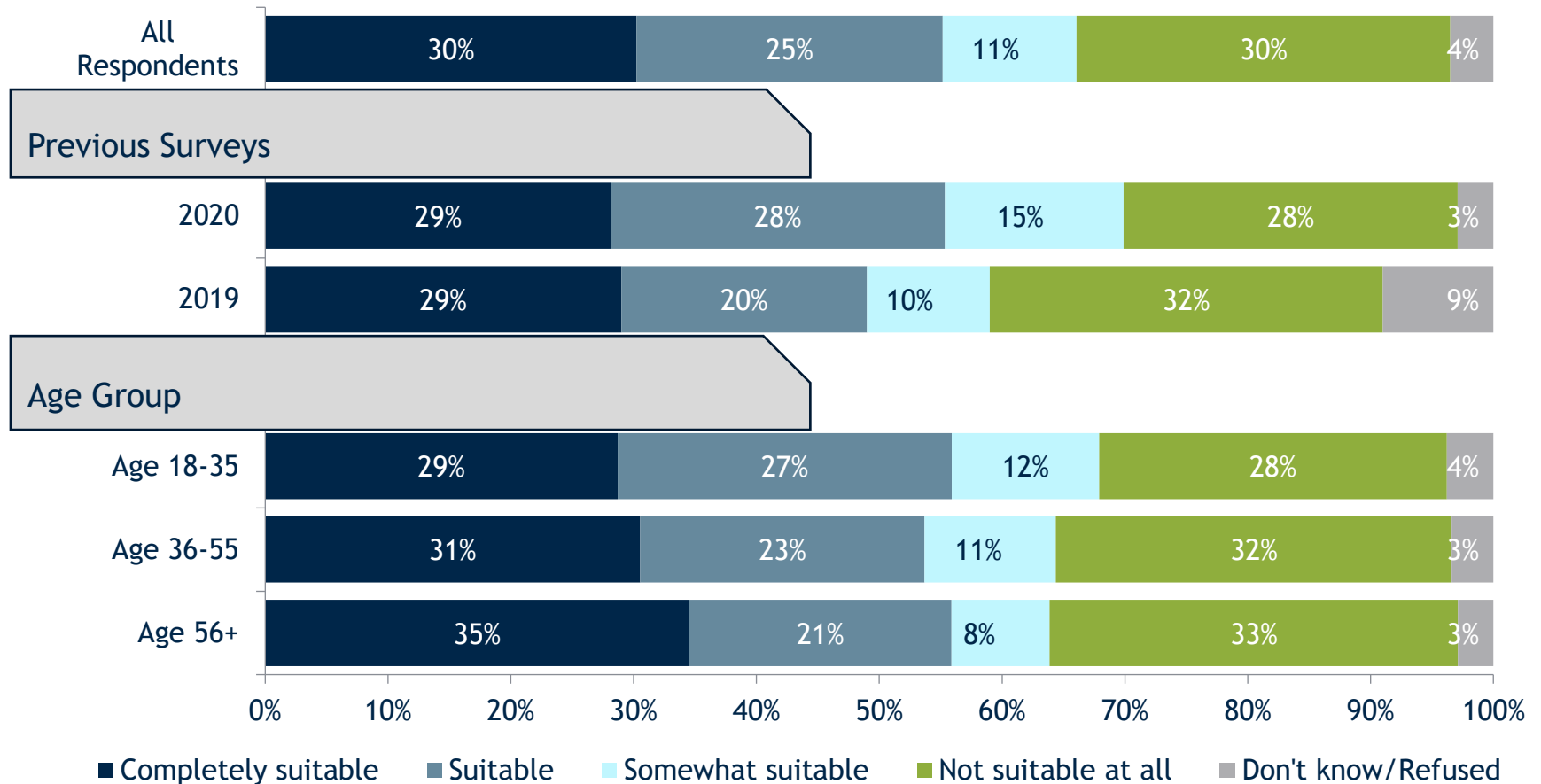
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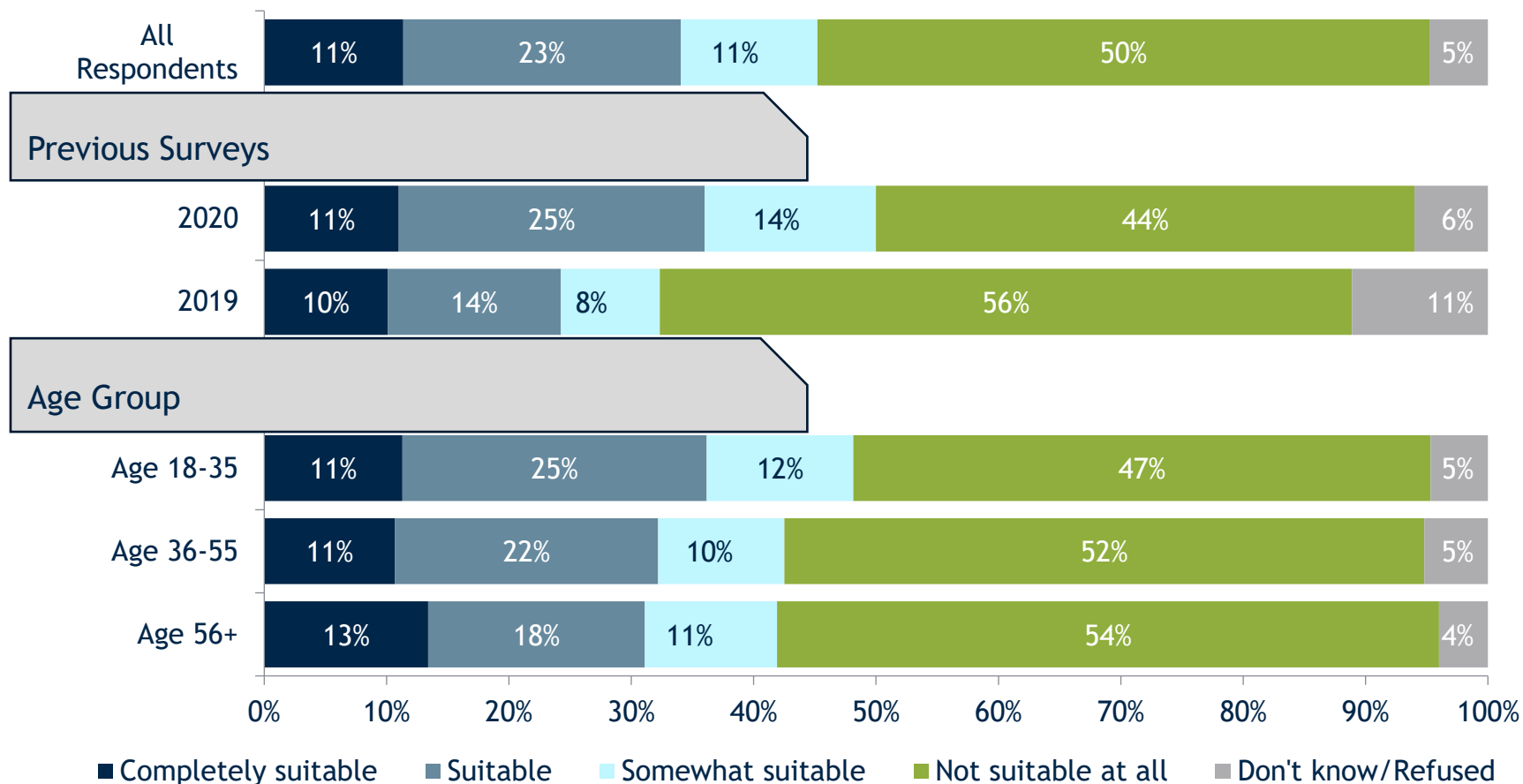
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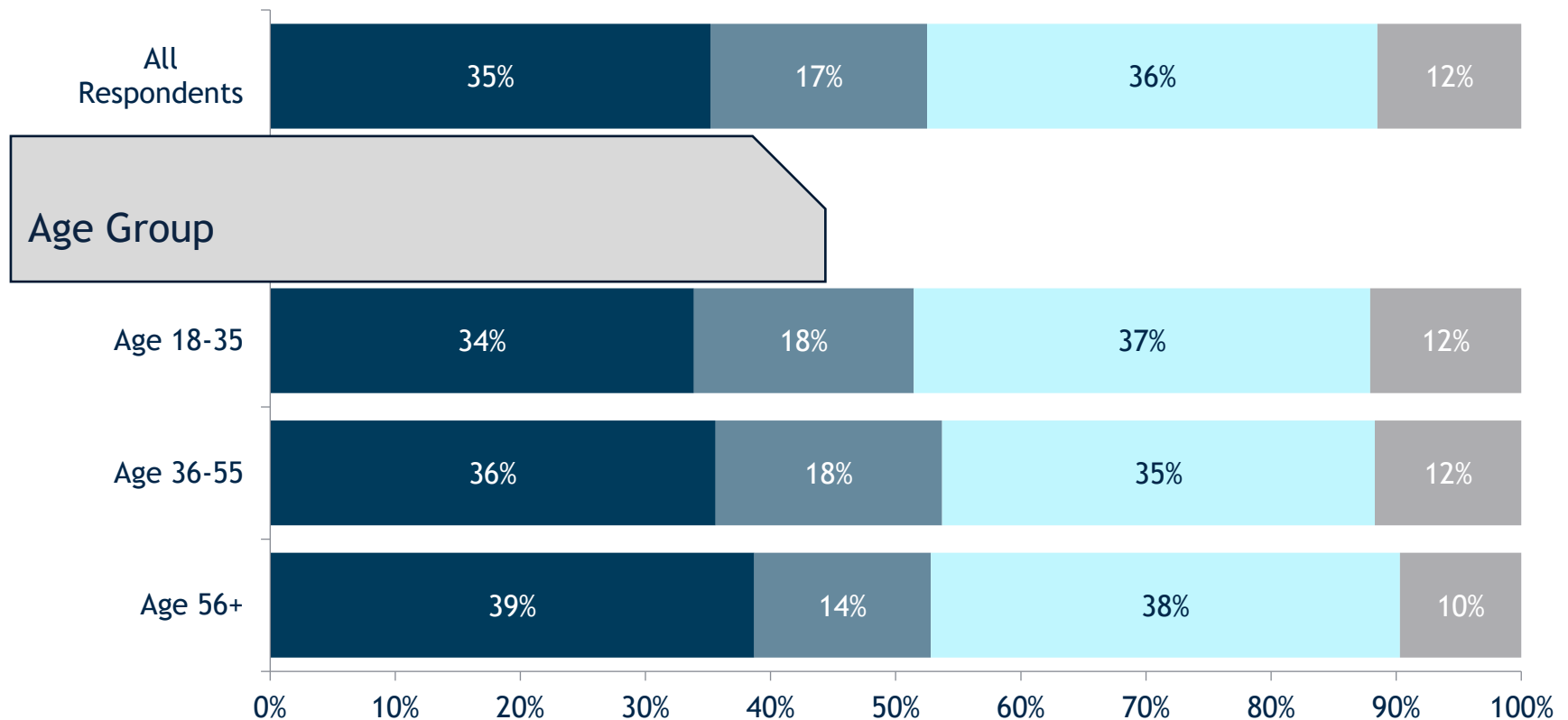


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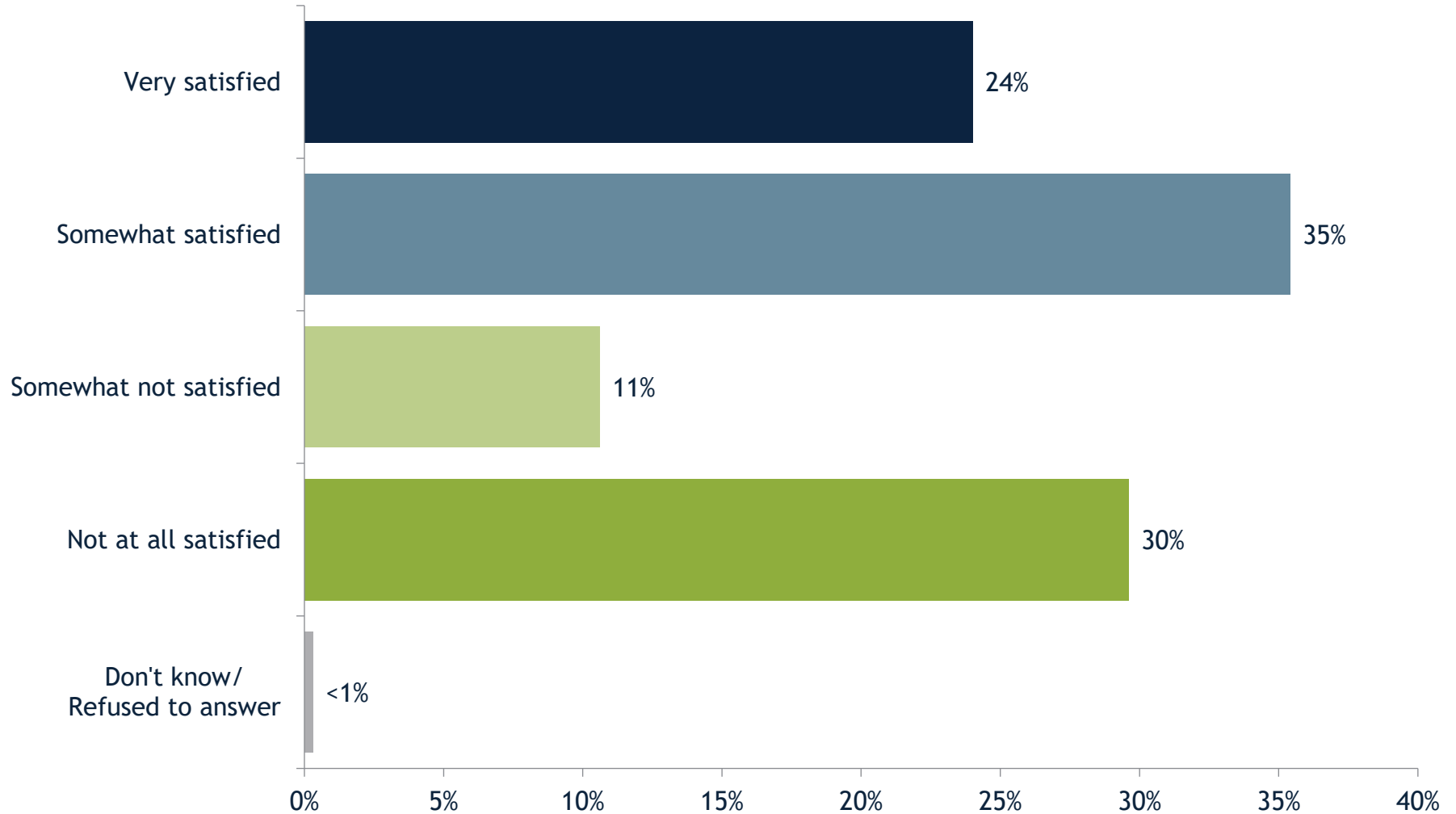


# Which of the following would be the best to solve the economic problems in Jordan?



- A parliamentary system in which nationalist, left wing, right wing, and Islamist parties compete in parliamentary elections
- A strong authority which makes decisions without considering electoral results or the opinions of the opposition
- A system governed by Islamic law without political parties or elections
- Don't know/Refused to answer

# To what extent are you satisfied with the current government's response to the Coronavirus?





# Civil Liberties

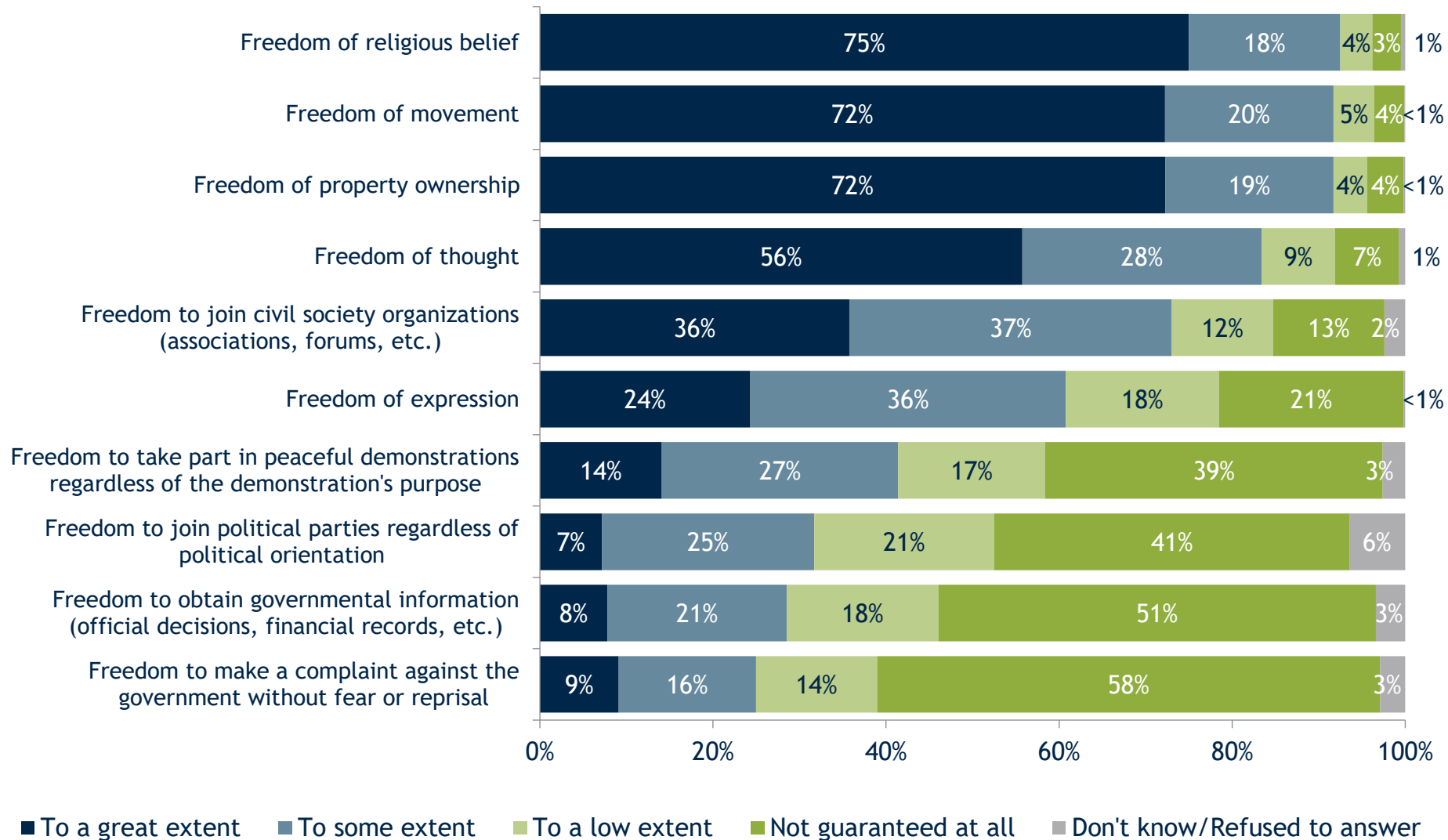
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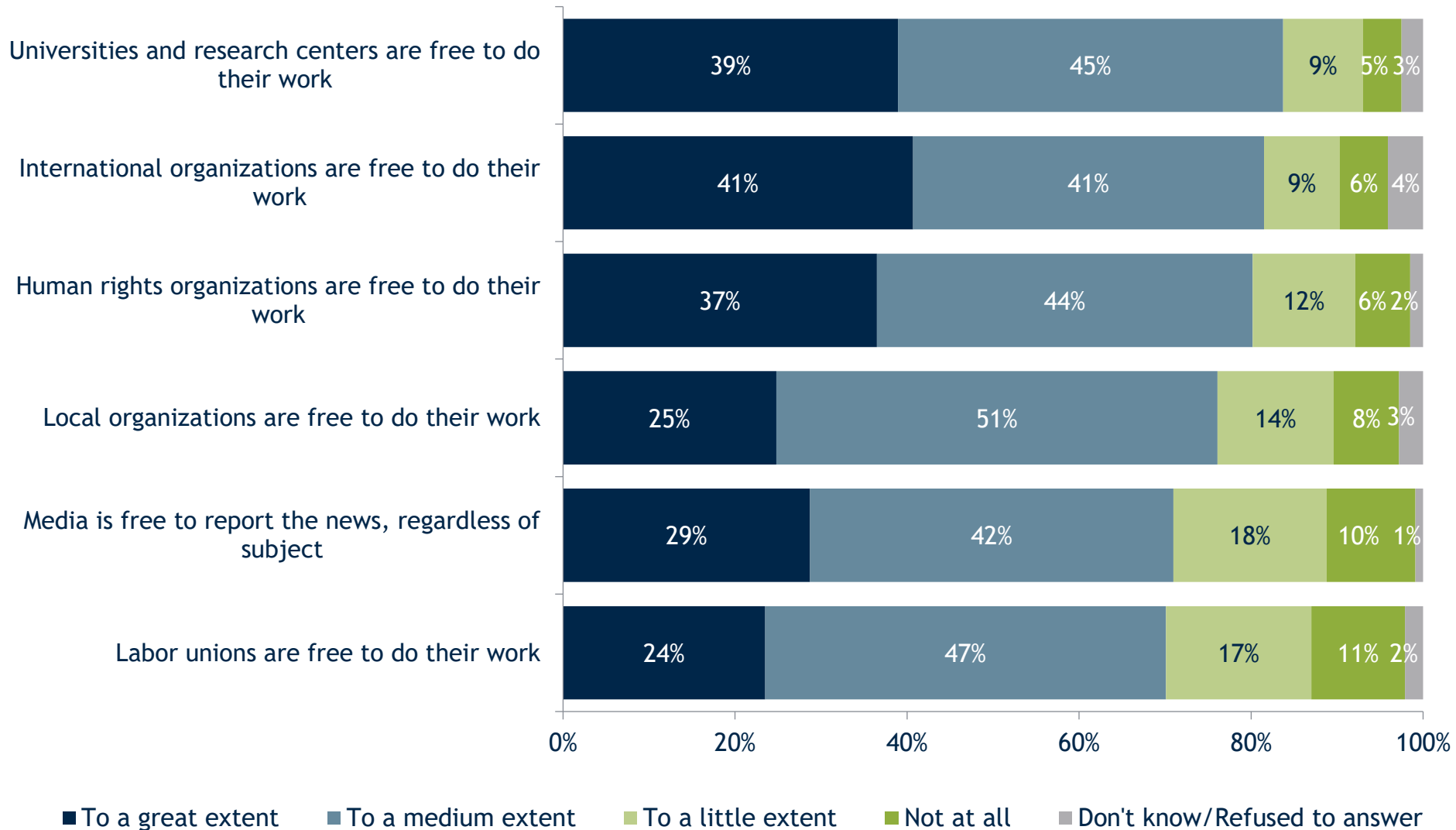
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# In your opinion, to what extent are the following freedoms guaranteed for someone like you in Jordan?

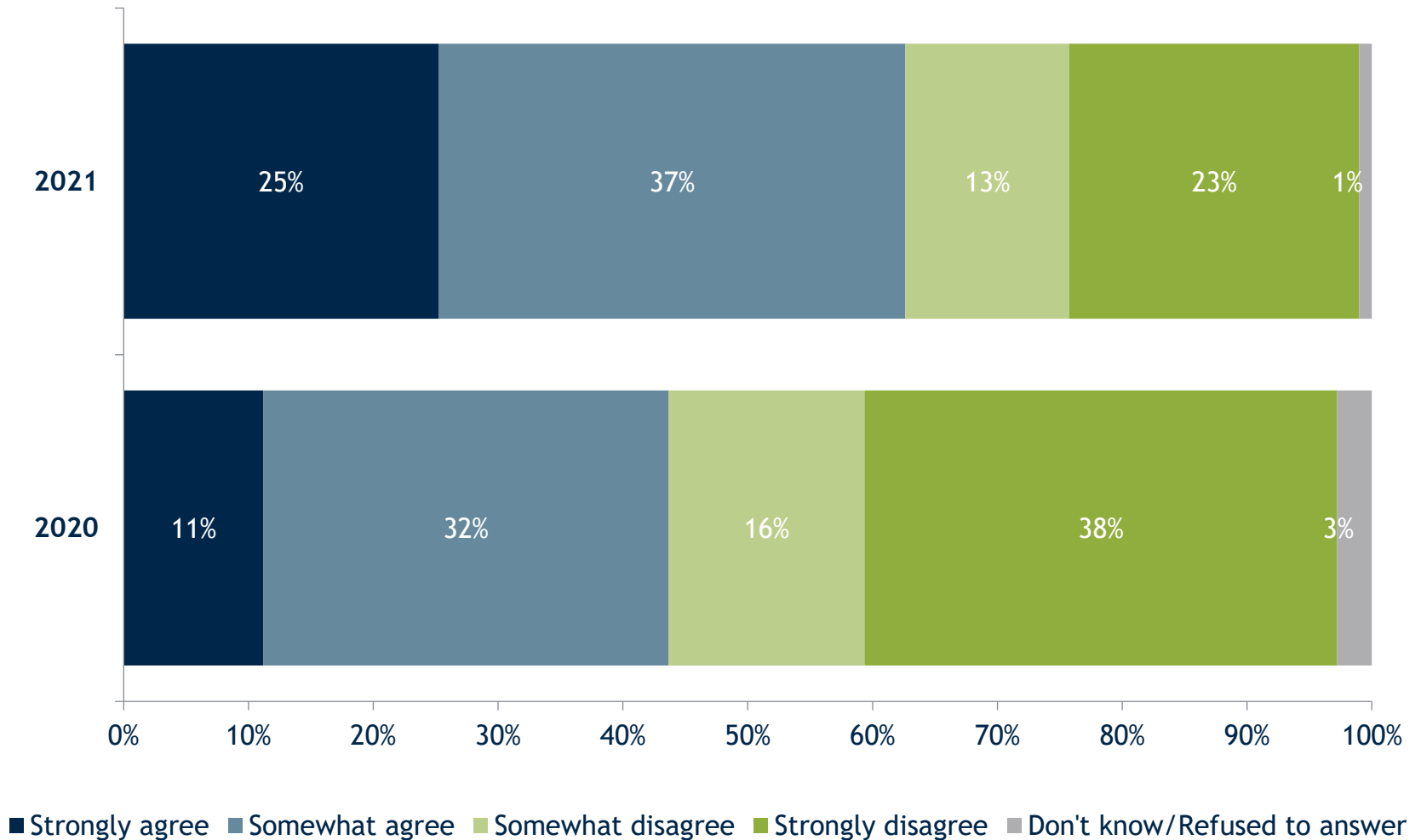




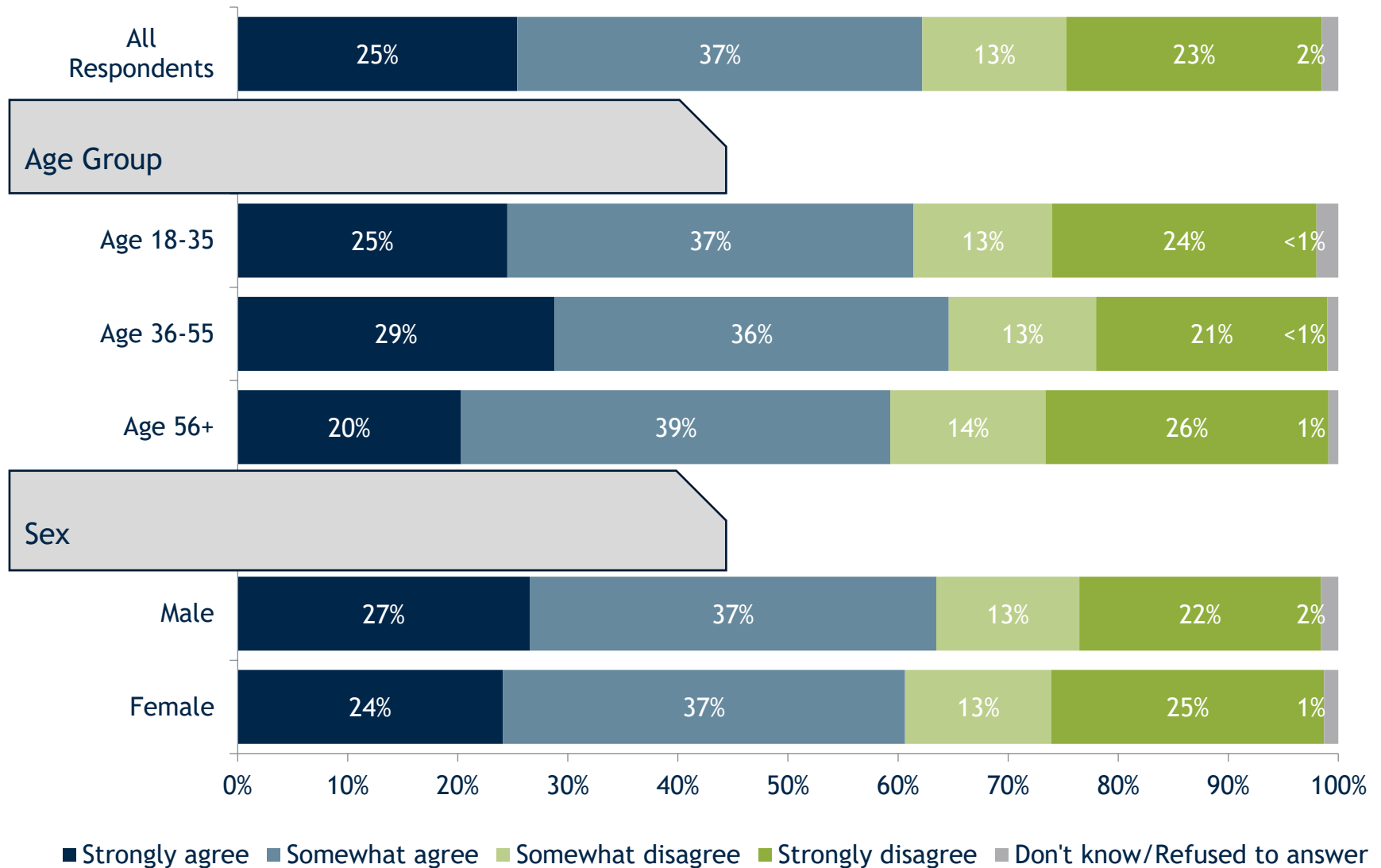
# To what extent do you think that each of the following has freedom to do its work in Jordan?



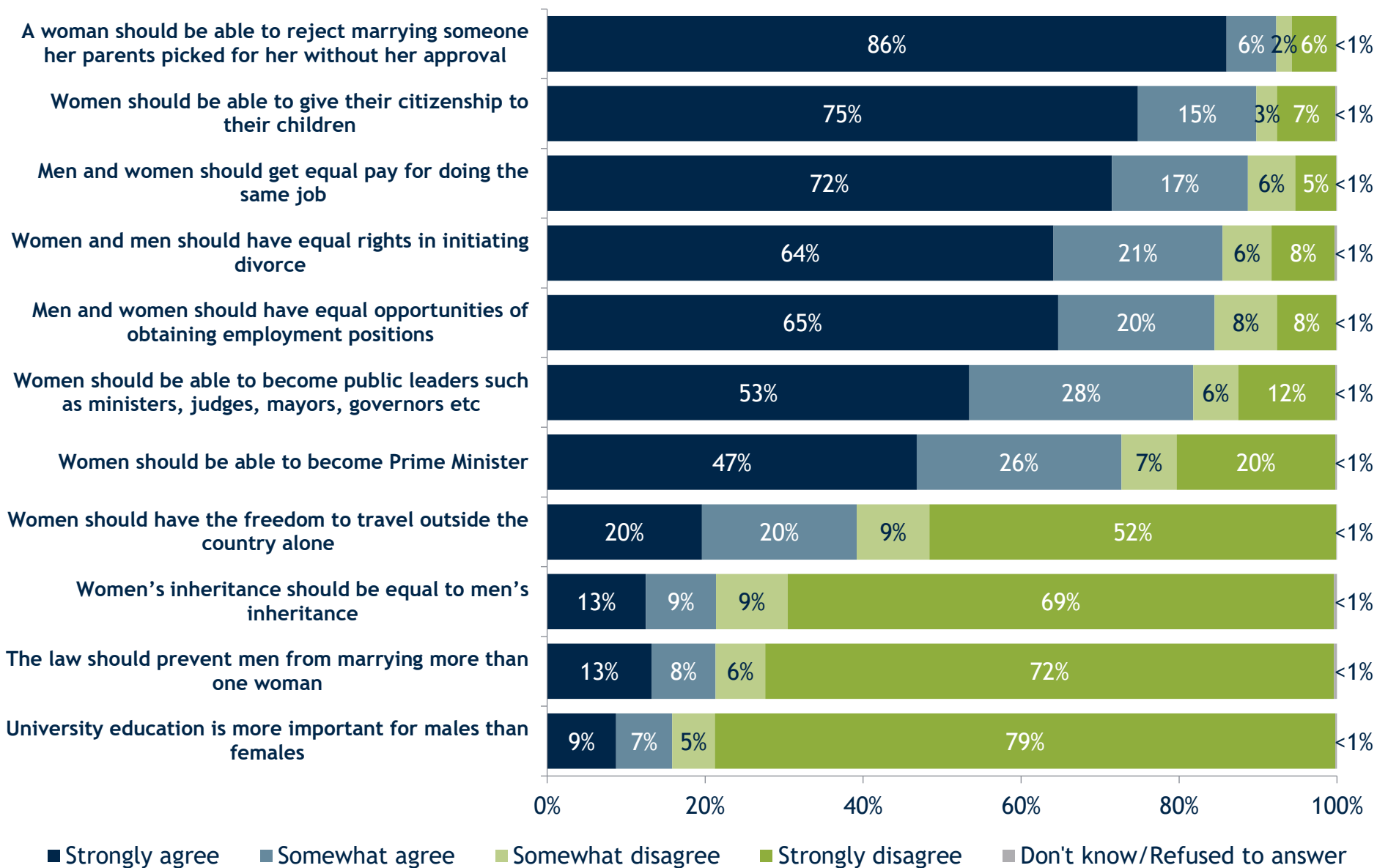
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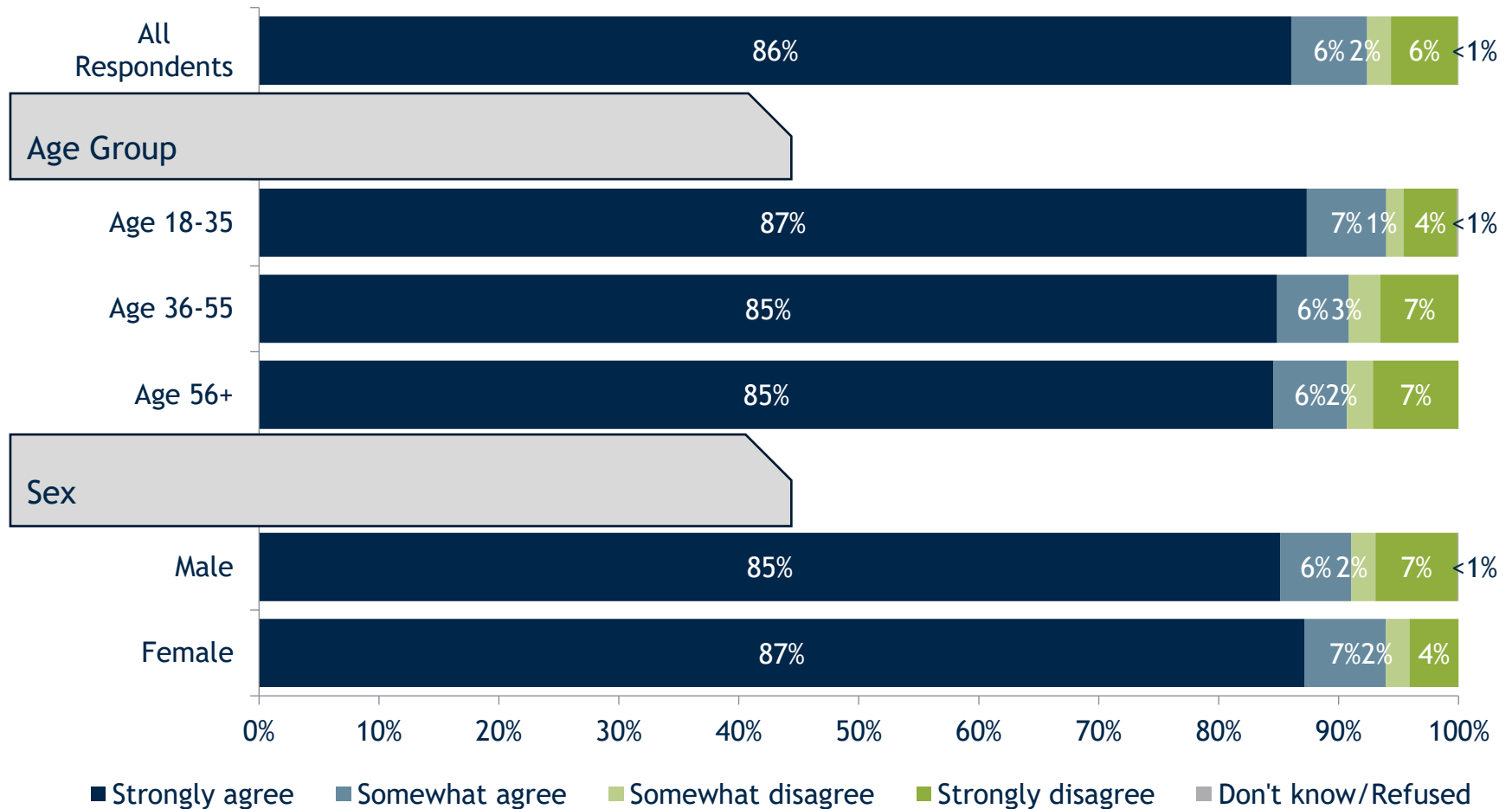


# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?



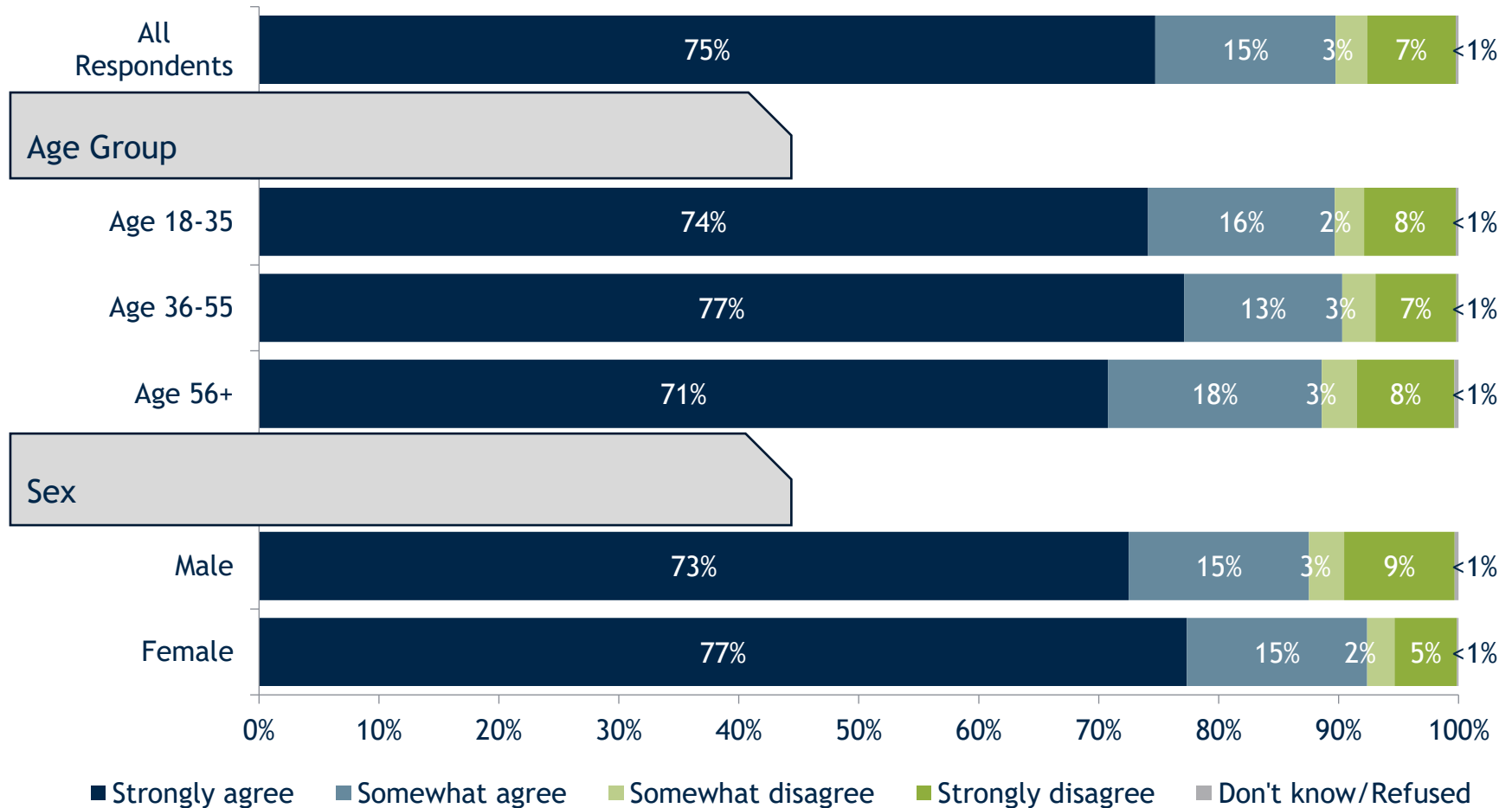
# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

*A woman should be able to reject marrying someone her parents picked for her without her approval*



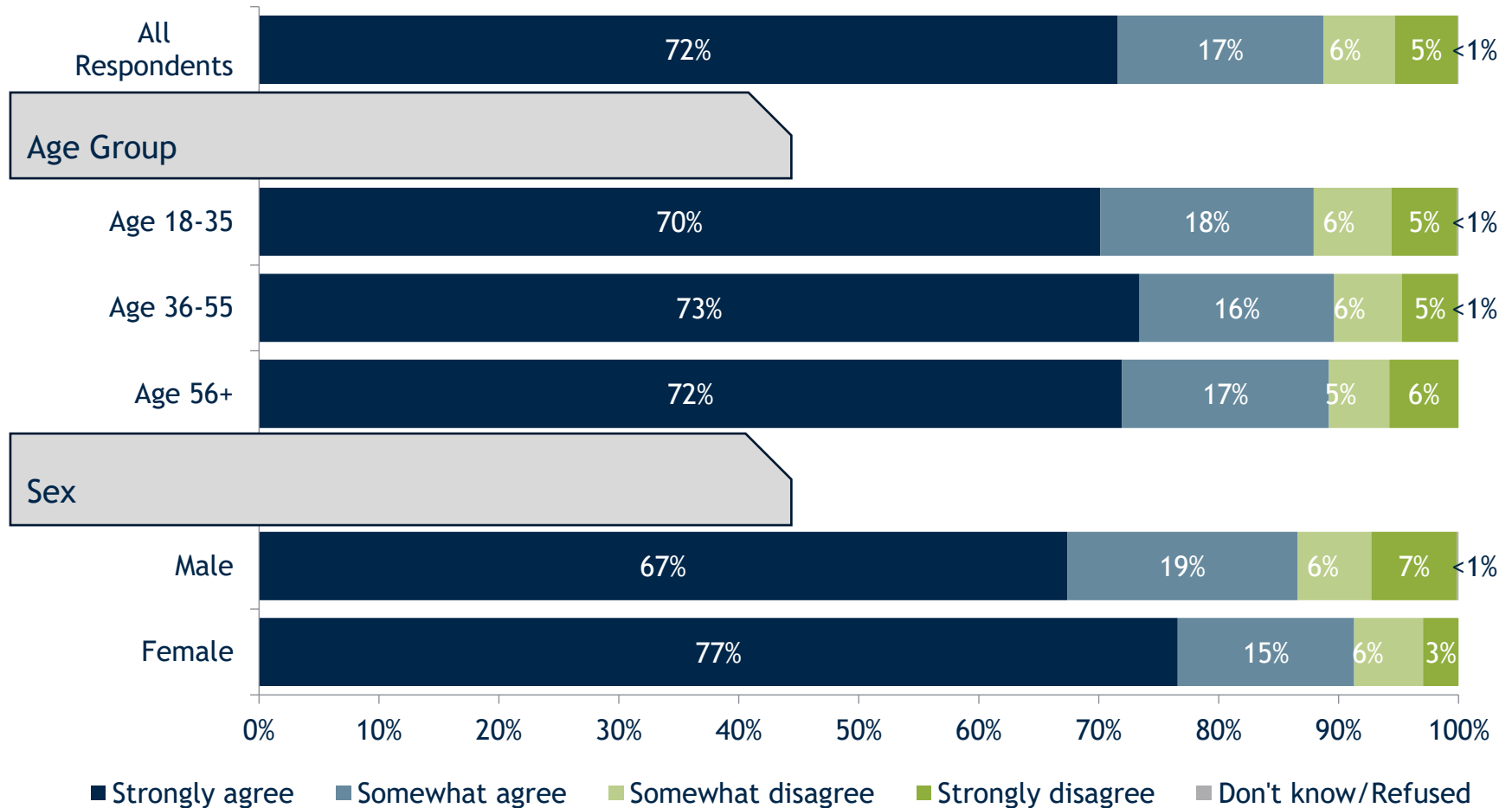
# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

*Women should be able to give their citizenship to their children*



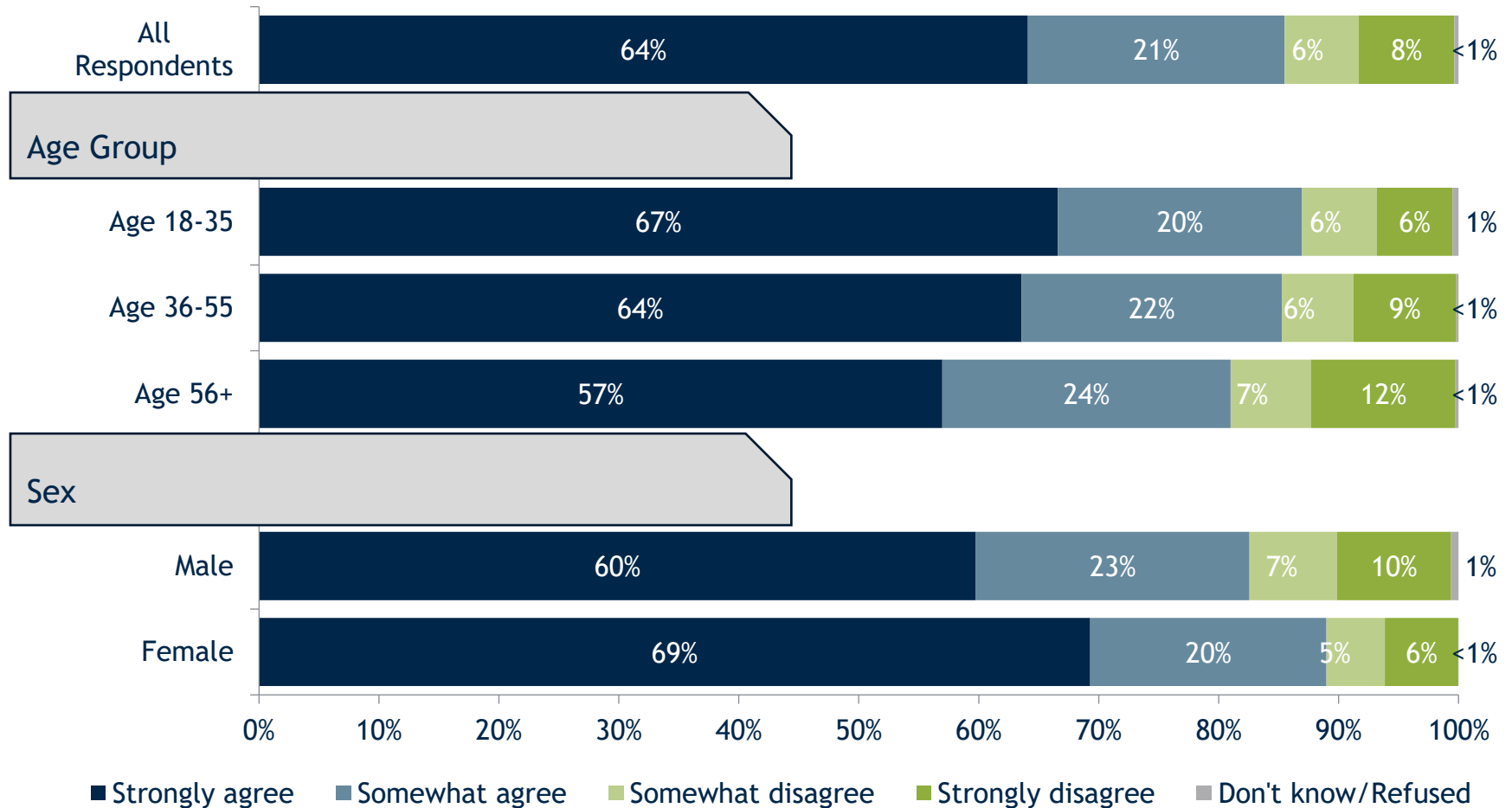
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*Men and women should get equal pay for doing the same job*



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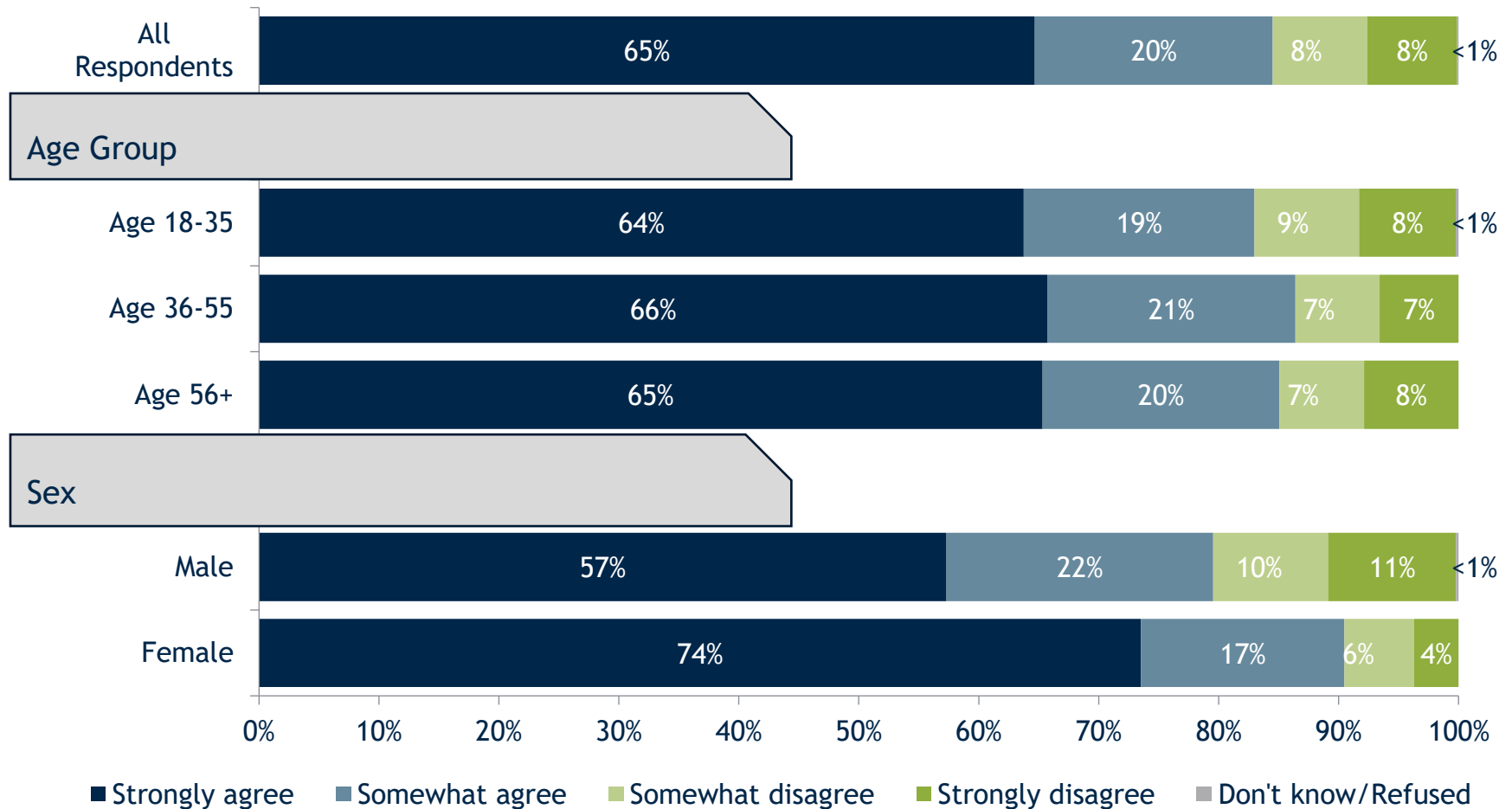
*Women and men should have equal rights in initiating divorce*





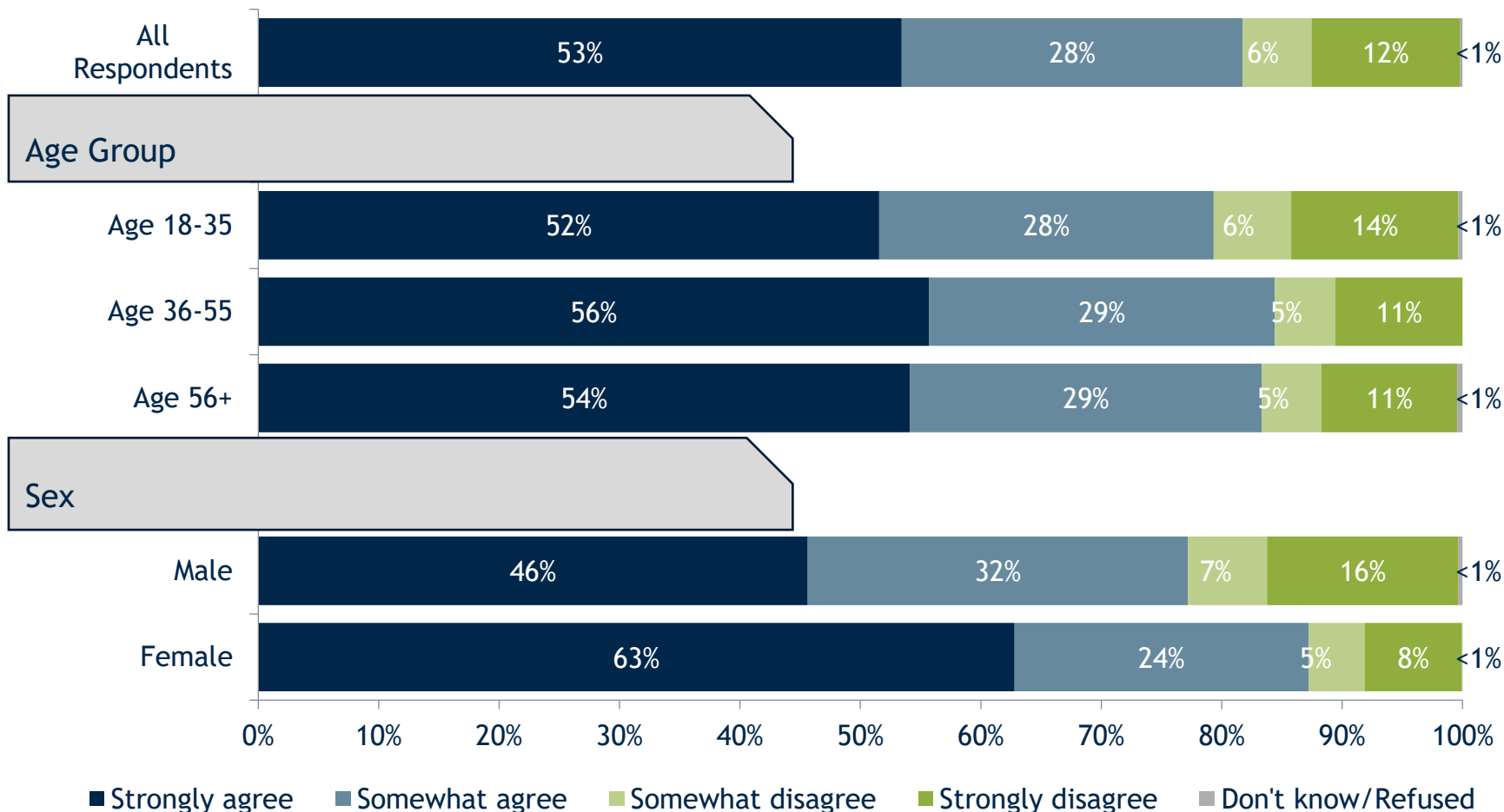
# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

*Men and women should have equal opportunities of obtaining employment positions*



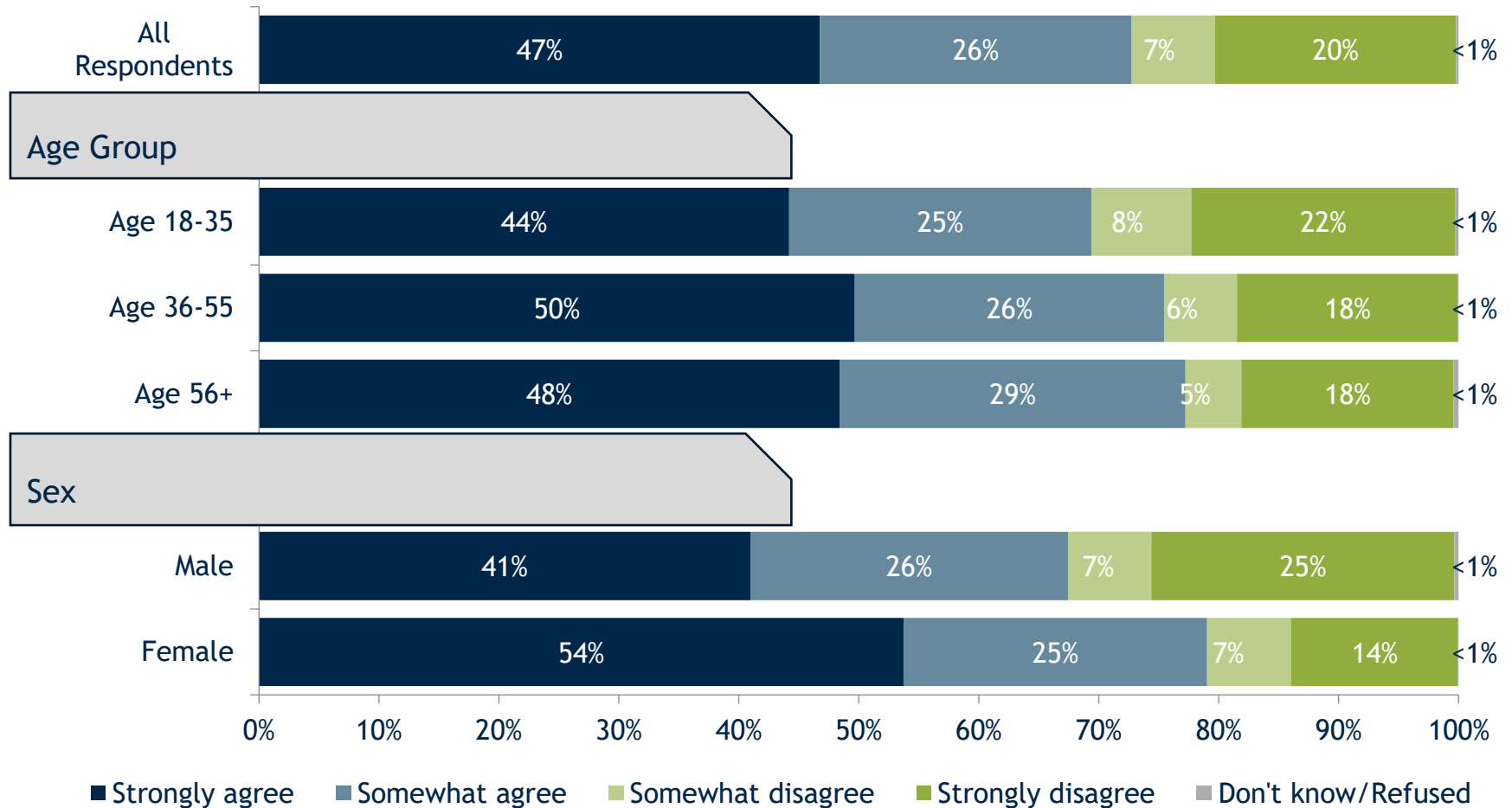
# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

*Women should be able to become public leaders such as ministers, judges, mayors, governors, etc.*



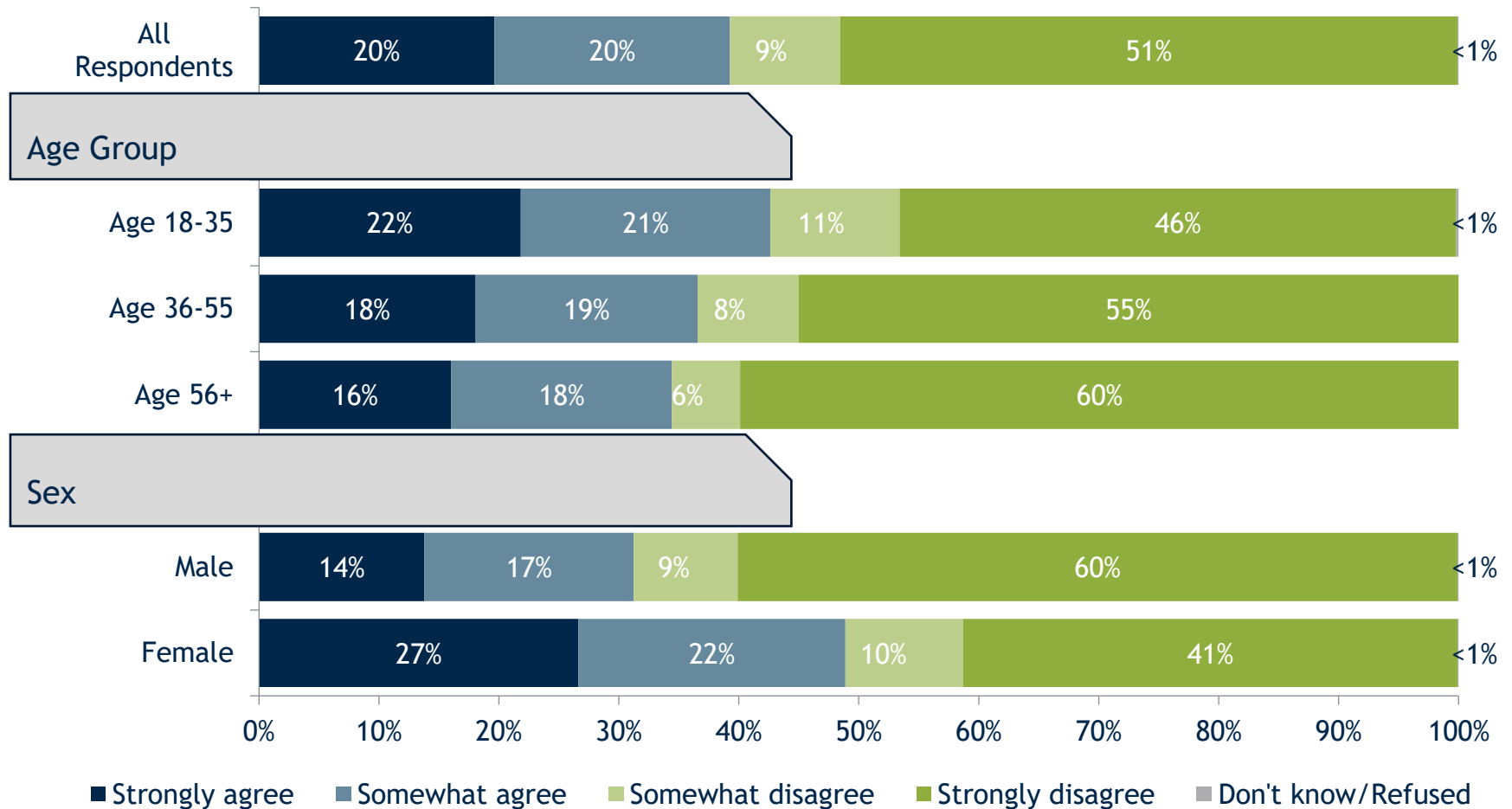
# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

## *Women should be able to become Prime Minister*



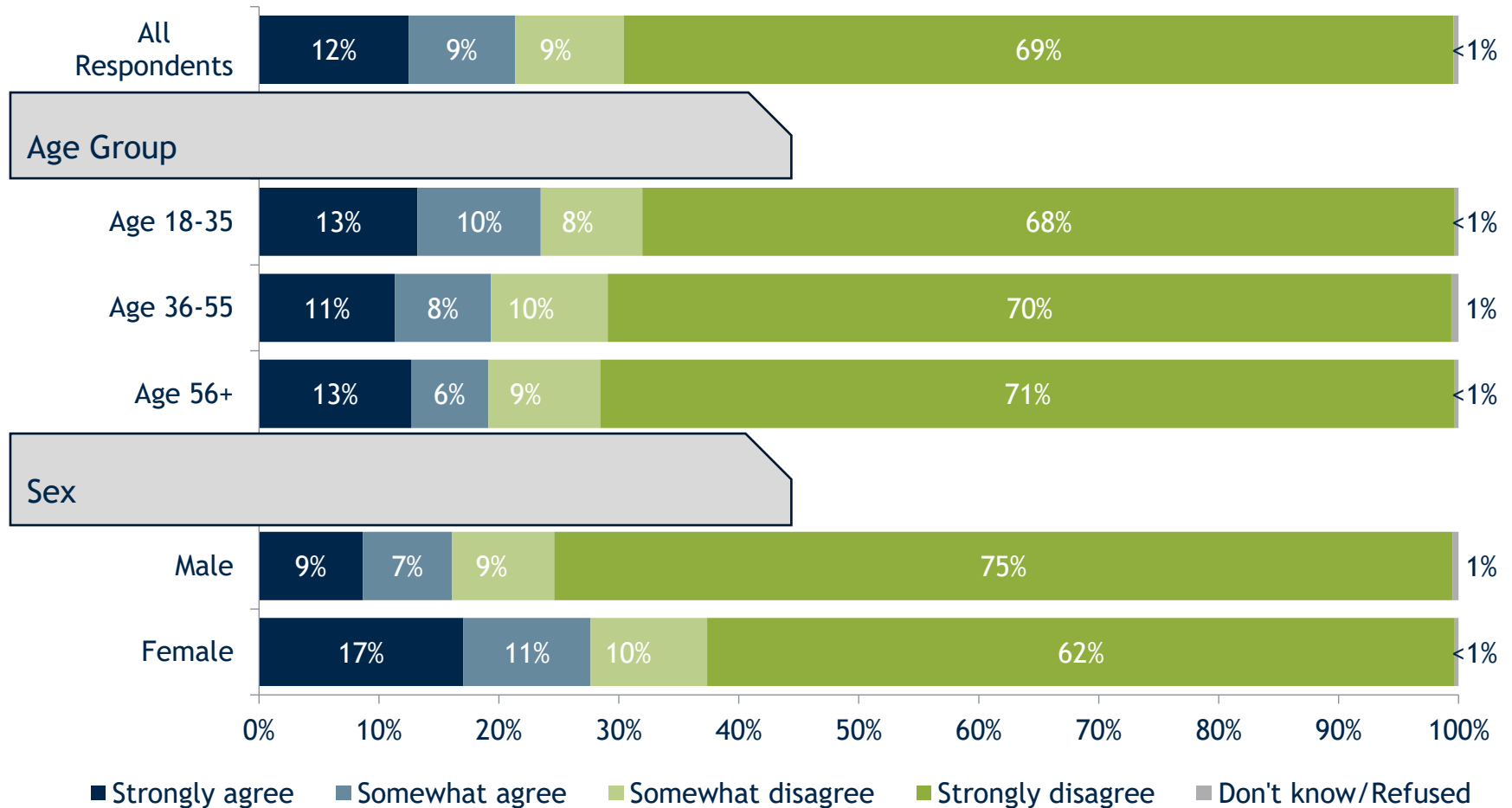
# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

*Women should have the freedom to travel outside the country alone*



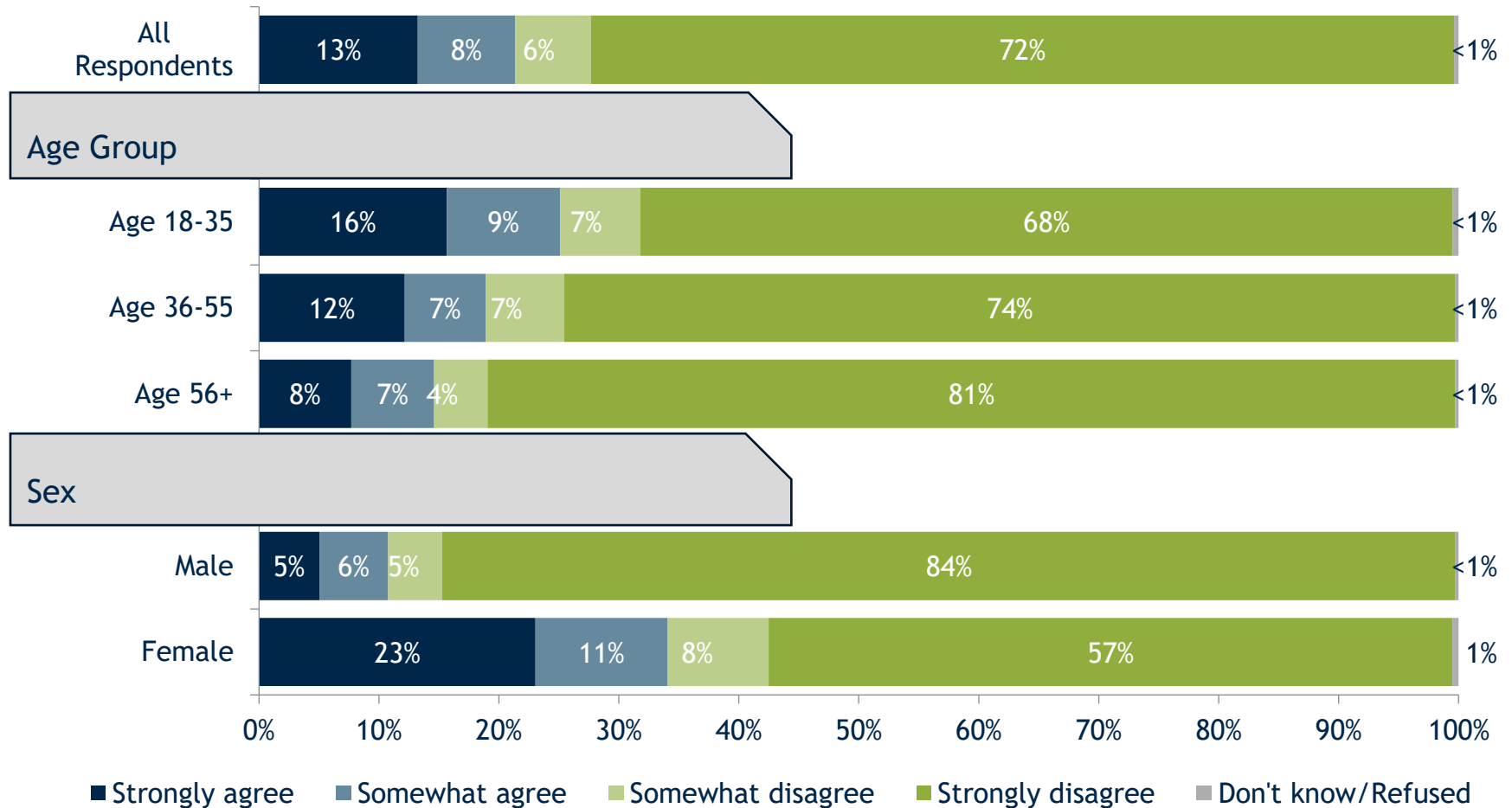
# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

*Women's inheritance should be equal to men's inheritance*



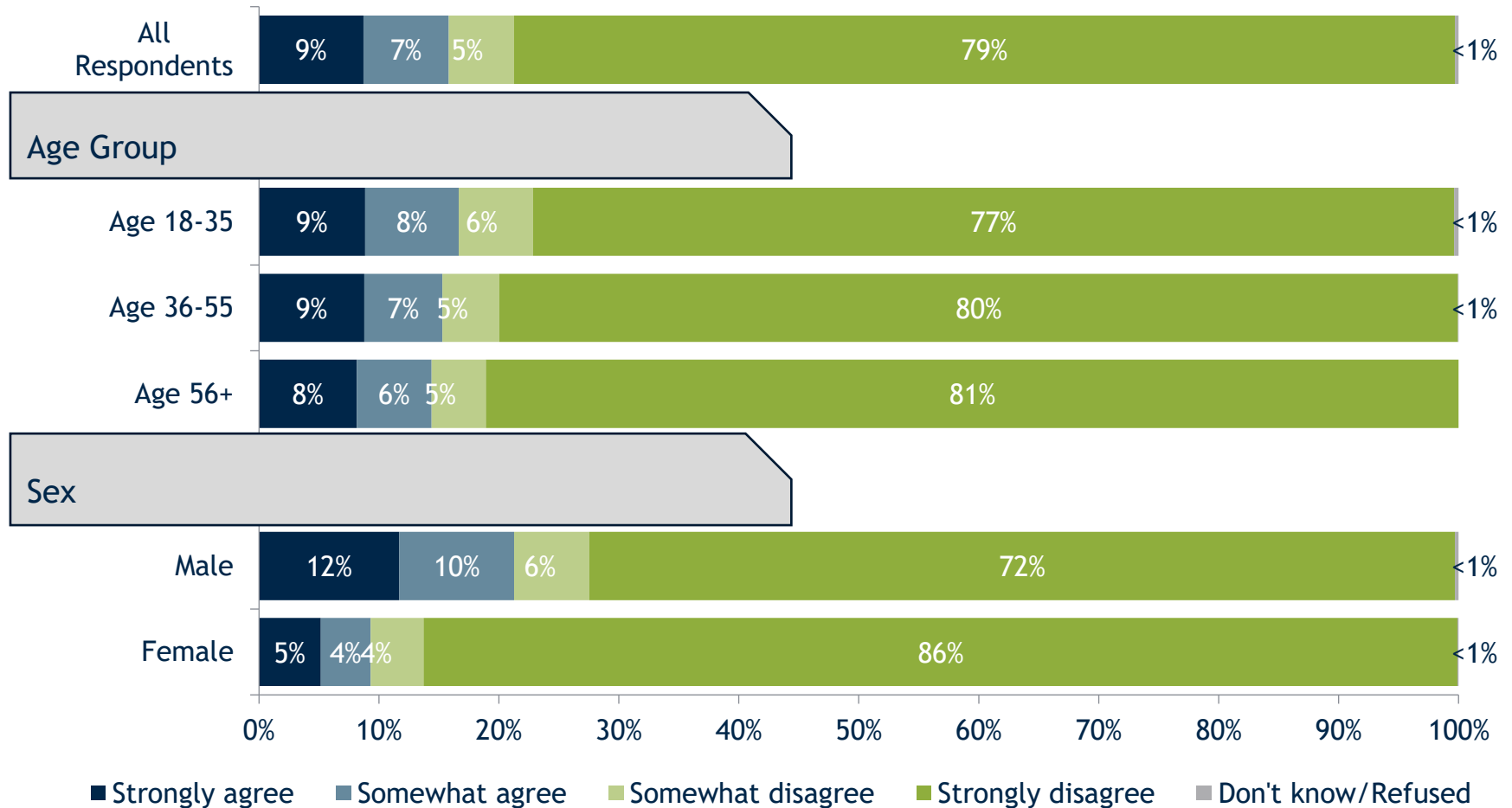
# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

*The law should prevent men from marrying more than one woman*

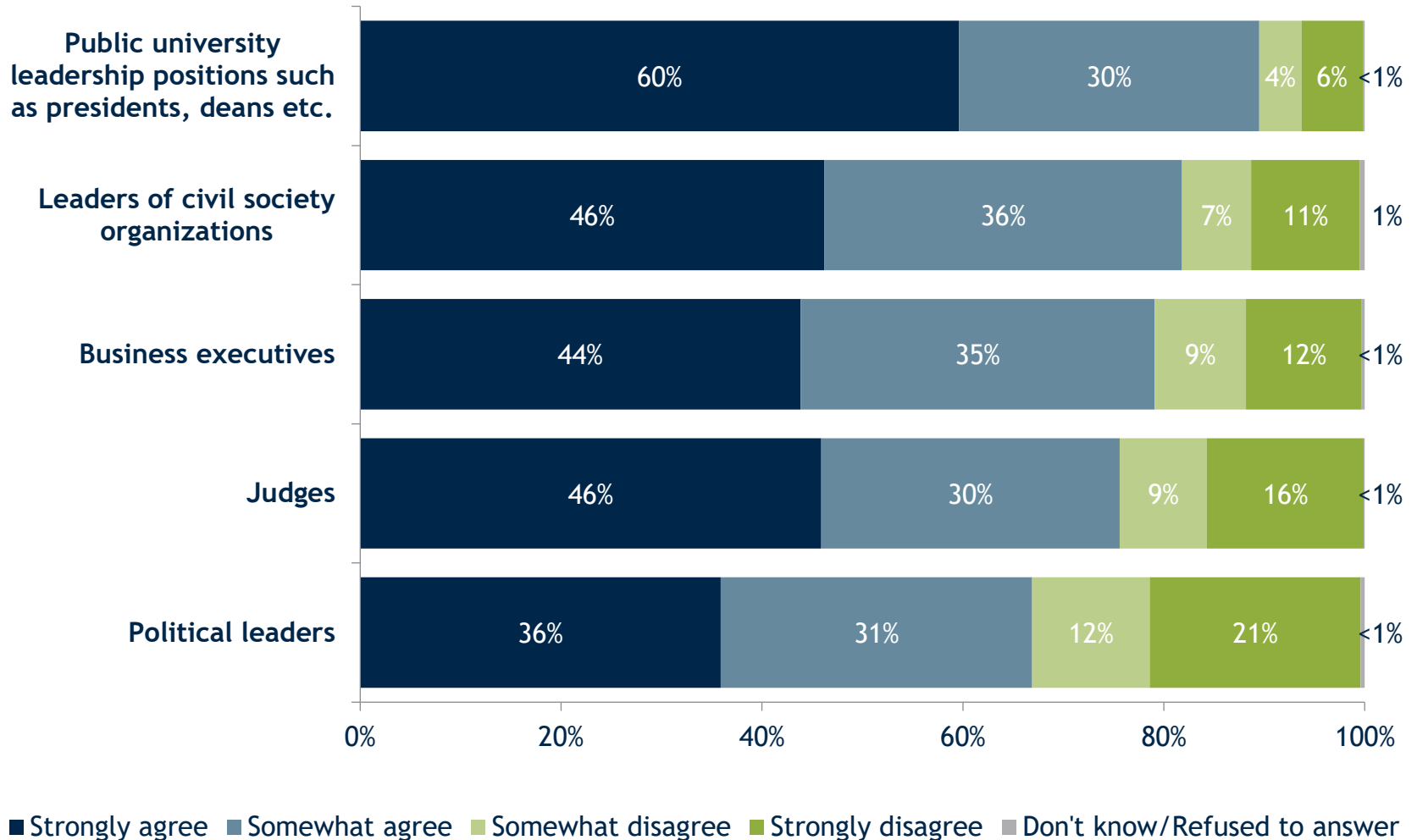


# To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

*University education is more important for males than females*



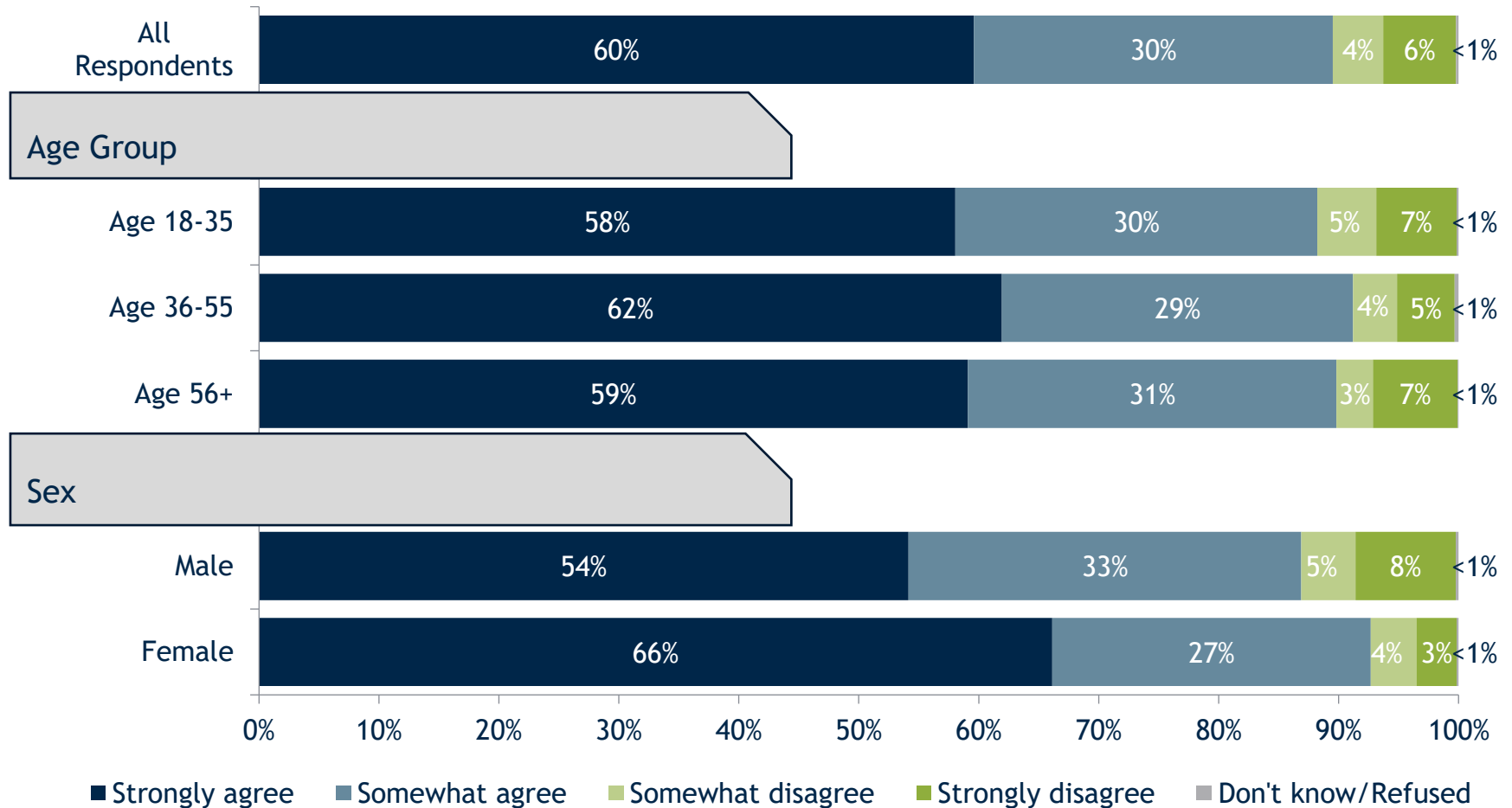
Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that women are equally effective as men in each of the following?





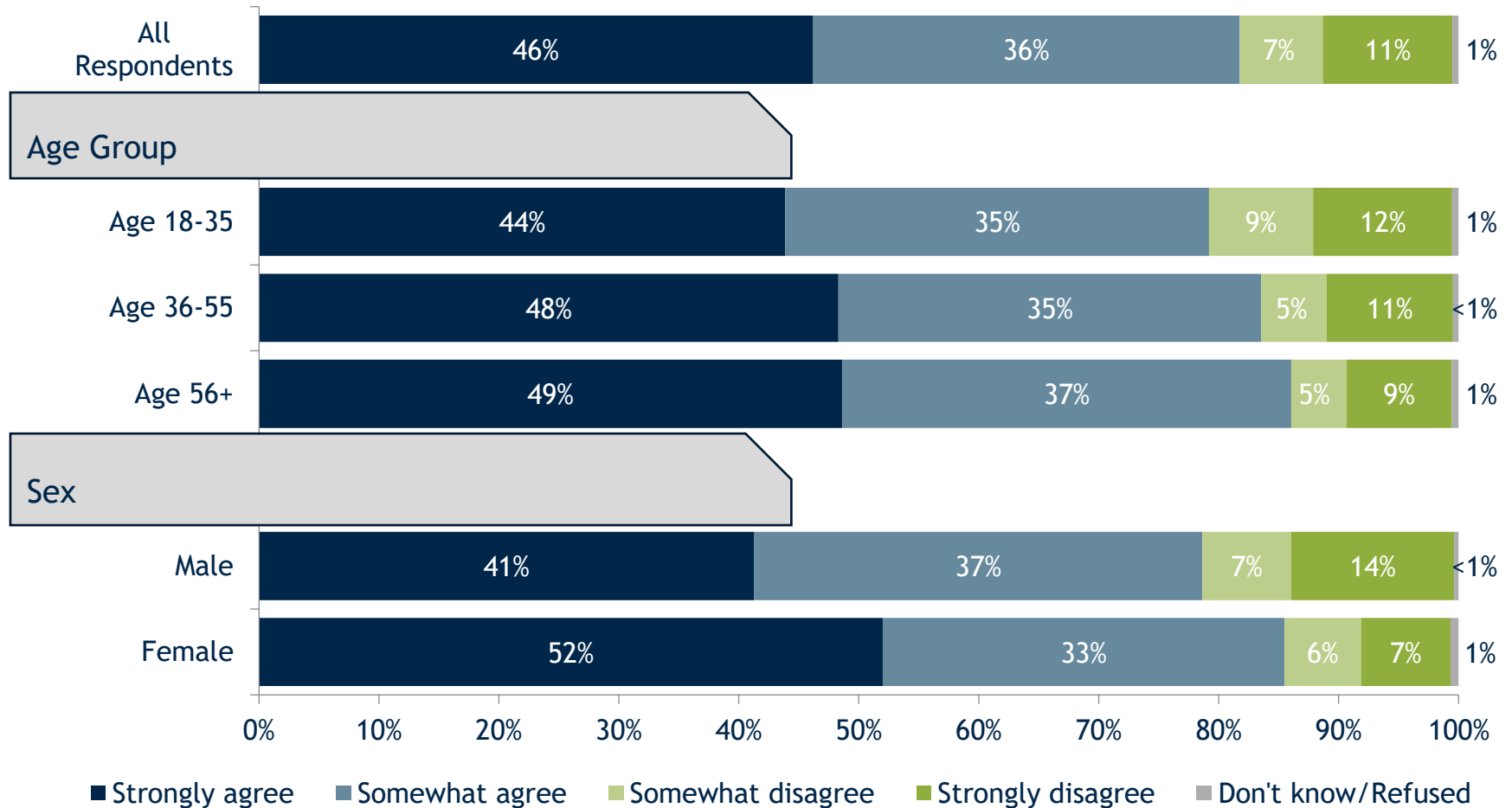
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*Public university leadership positions such as presidents, deans, etc.*



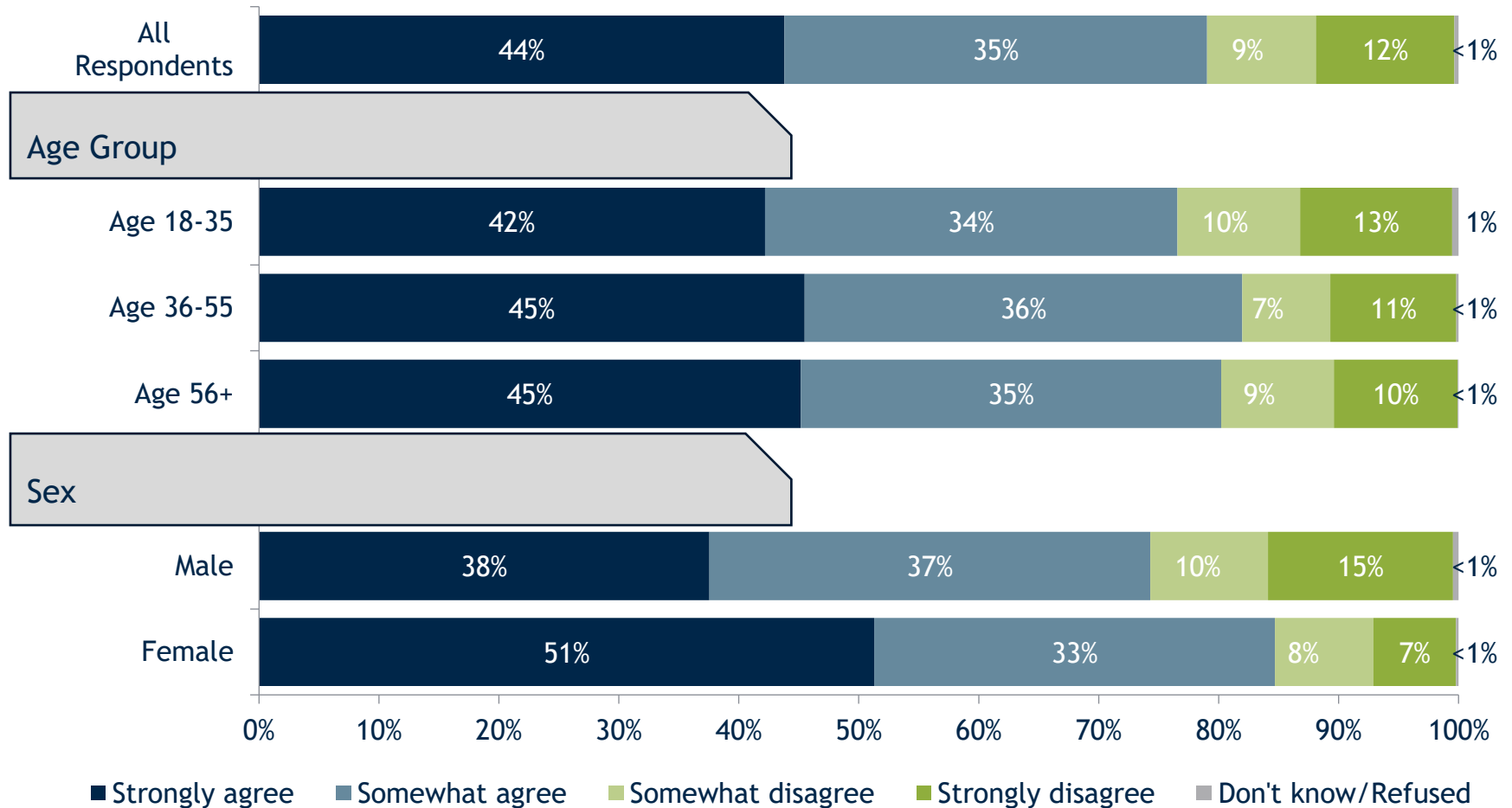
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*Leaders of civil society organizations*



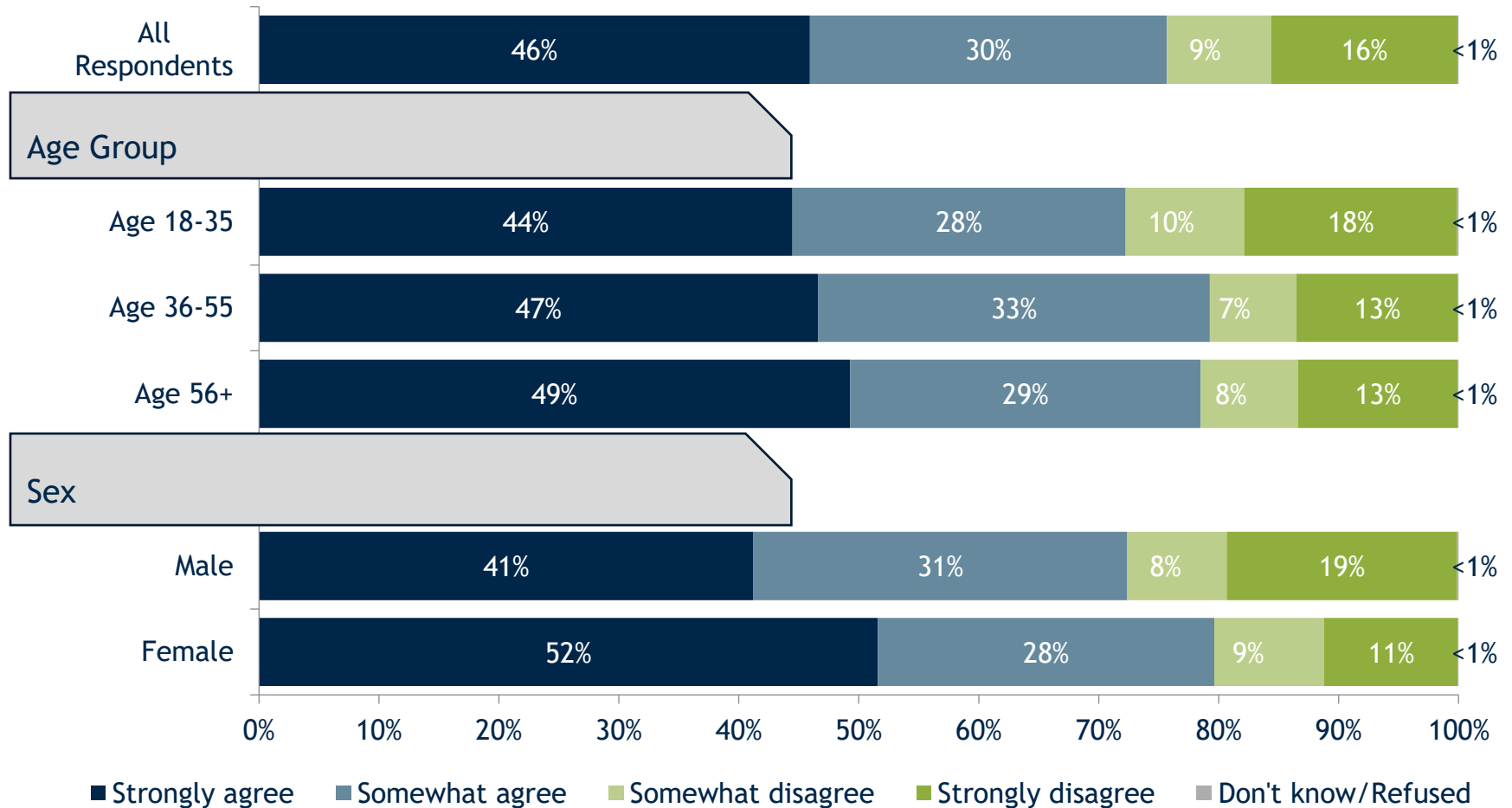
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*Business executives*



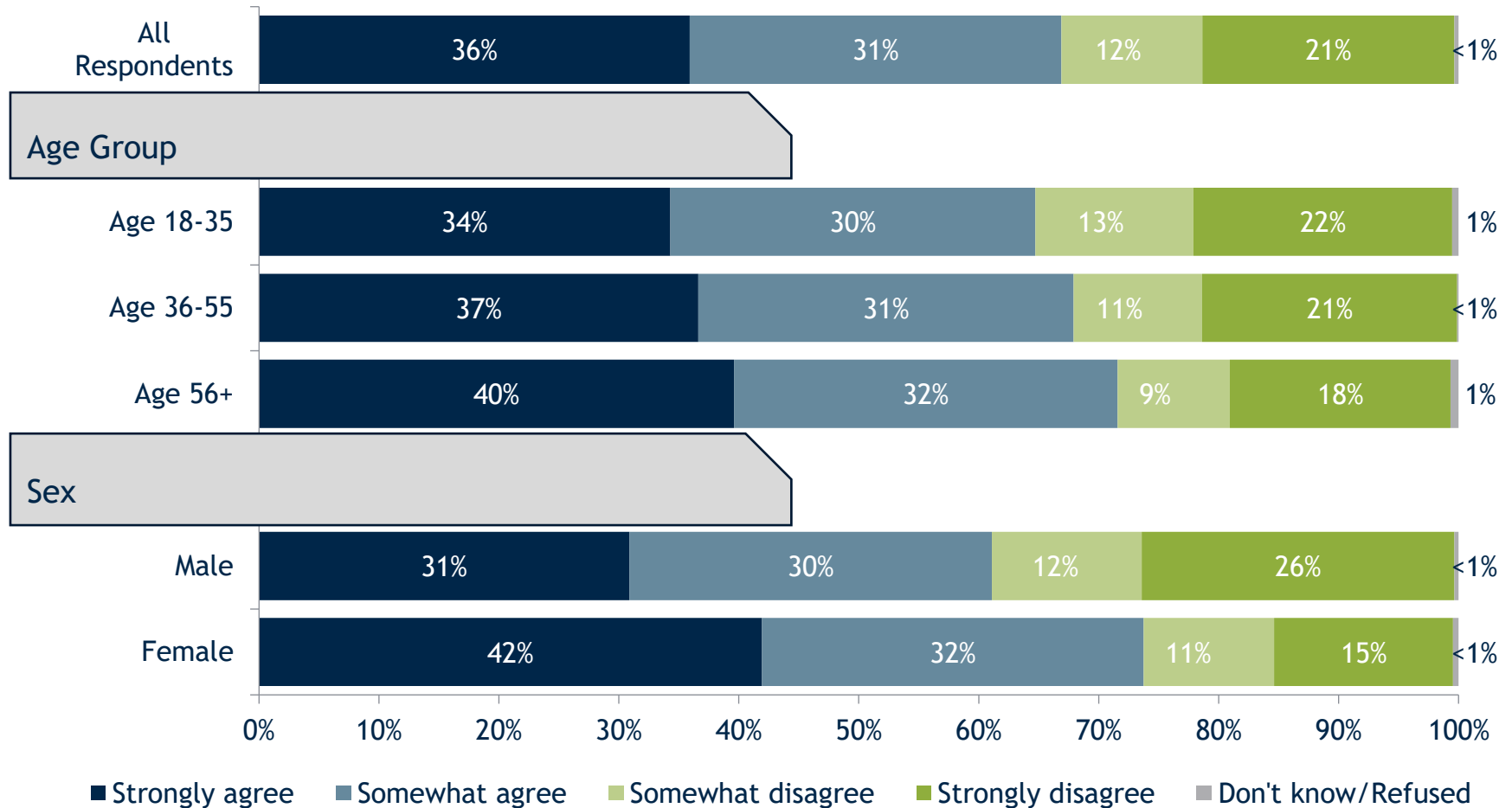
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*Judges*

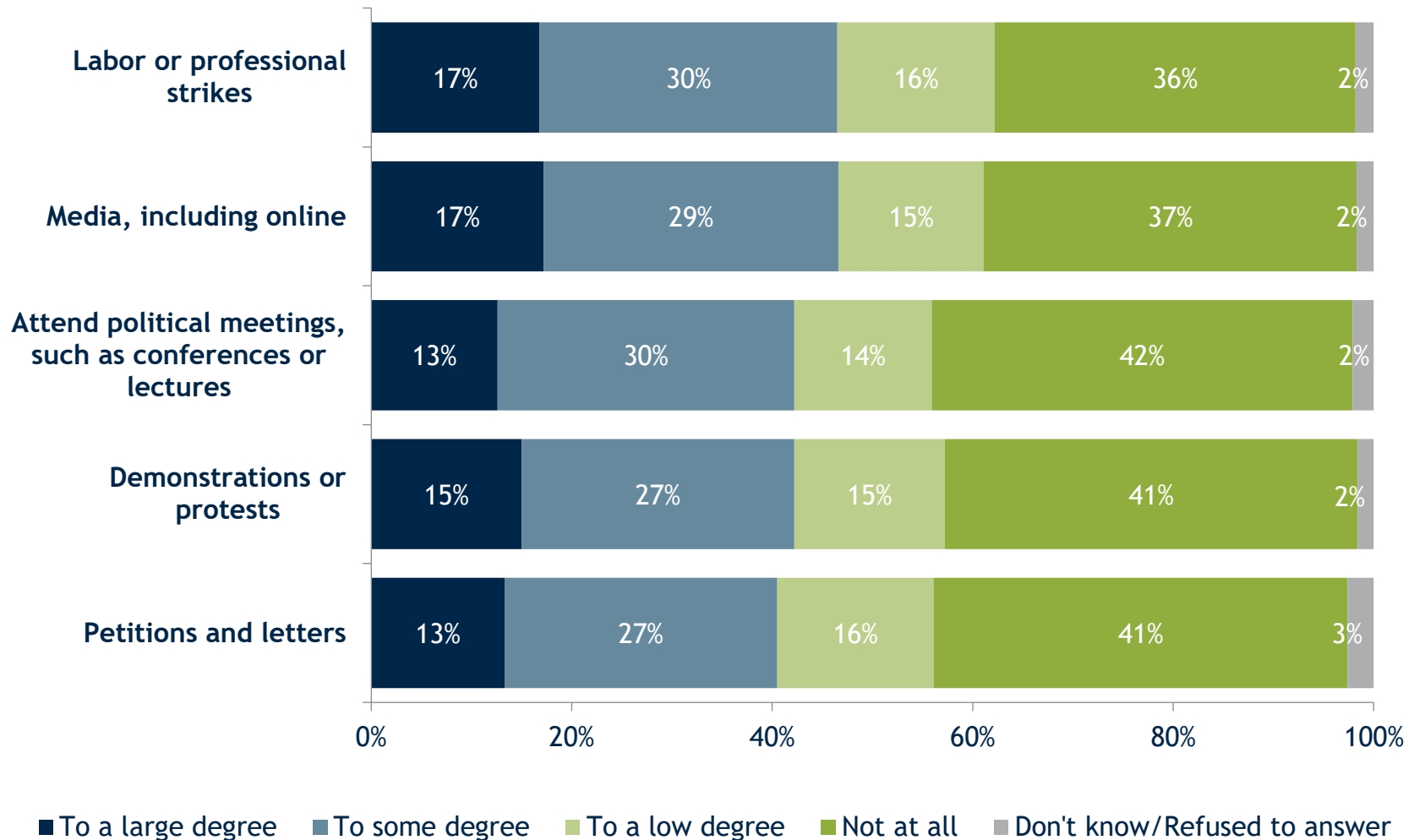


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*Political leaders*



# To what degree can you criticize government policies through the following forms of expression without fear of exposing yourself to adverse consequences on your security and livelihood?





# Political Participation

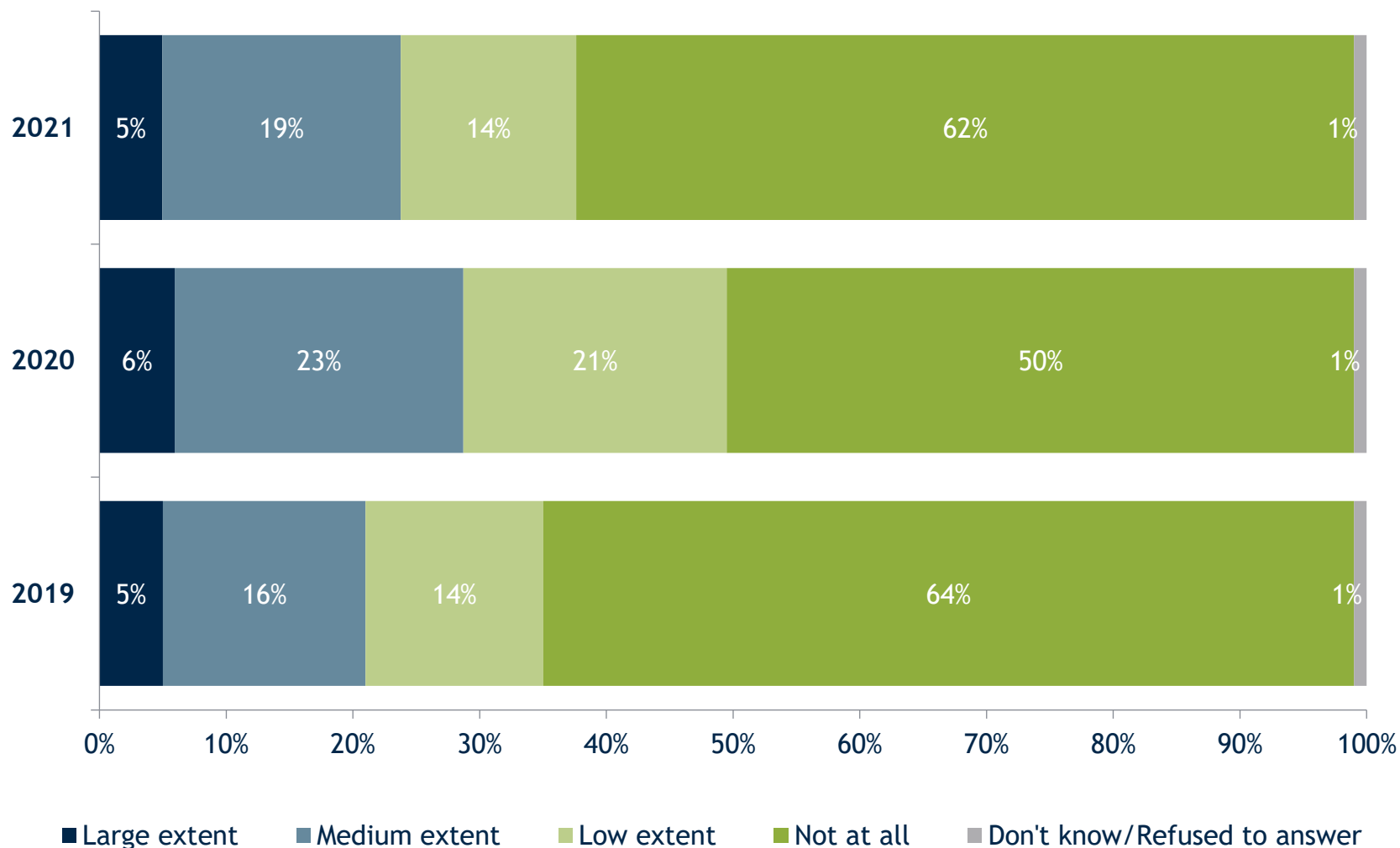
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# To what extent do you believe that someone like you can have an impact on government decision making?







# Elections

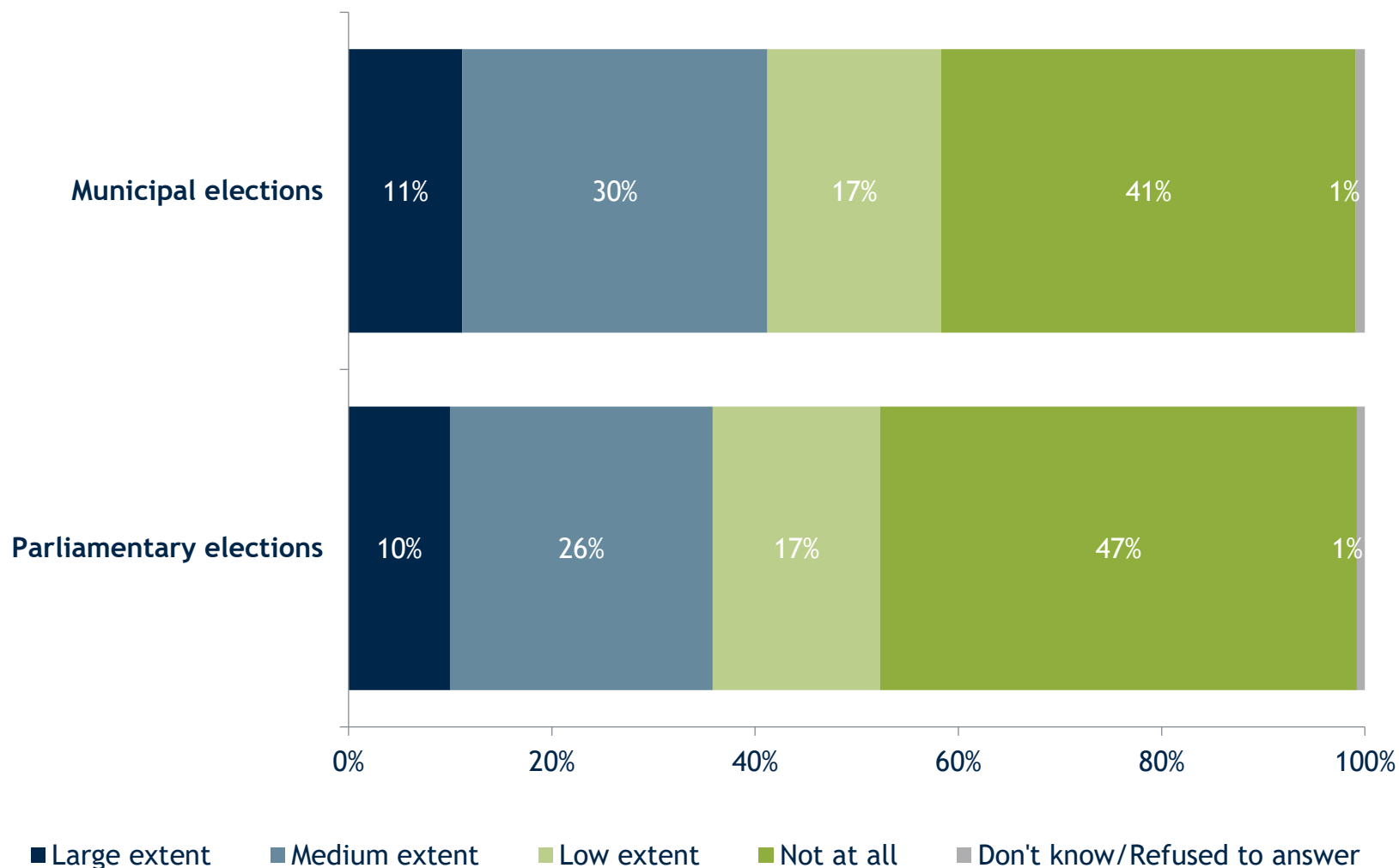
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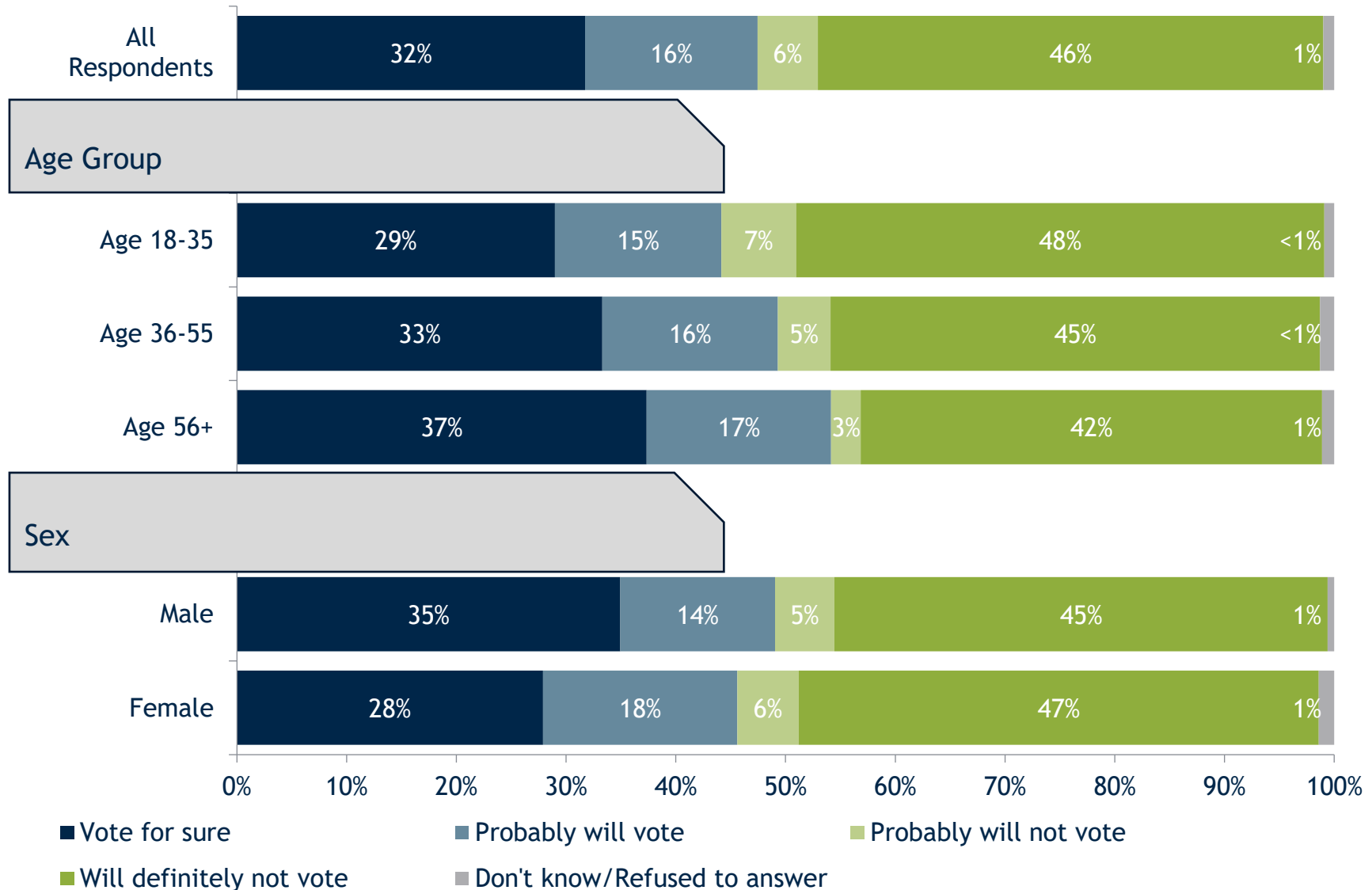
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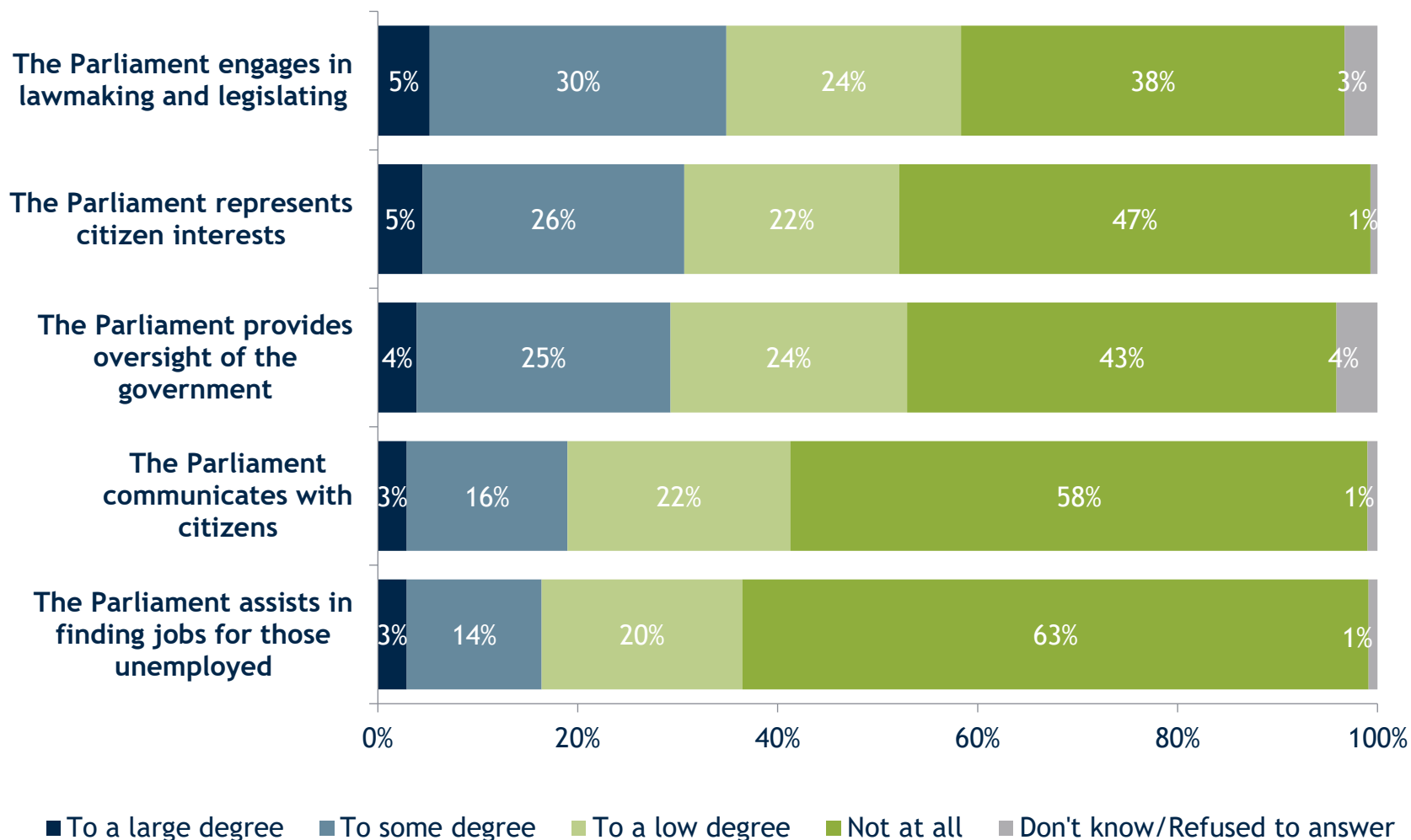
# To what extent do you believe that elections in Jordan accurately reflect the will of the Jordanian people?



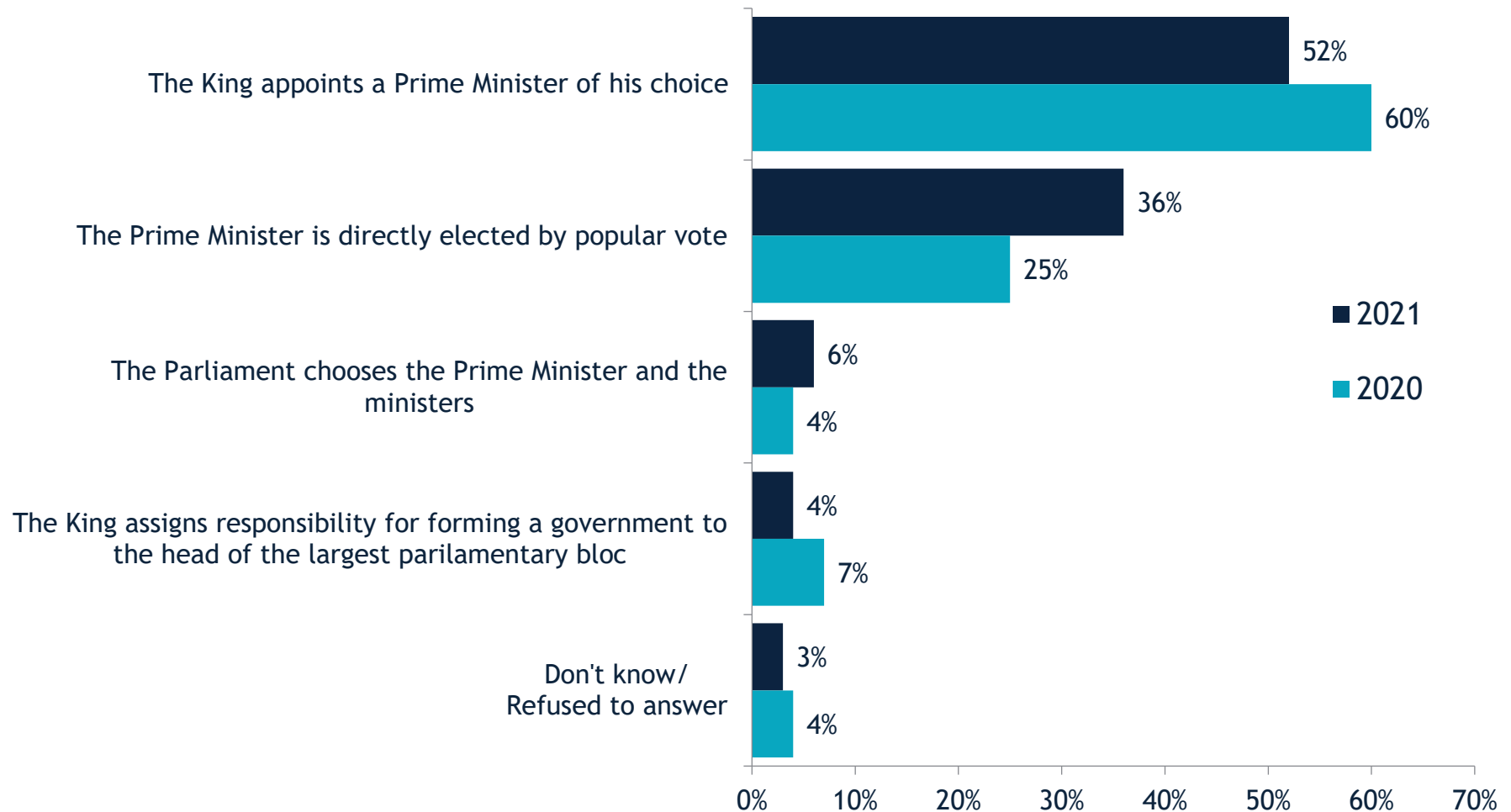
# It is expected that the municipal and decentralization elections will be taking place next year. Are you going to...



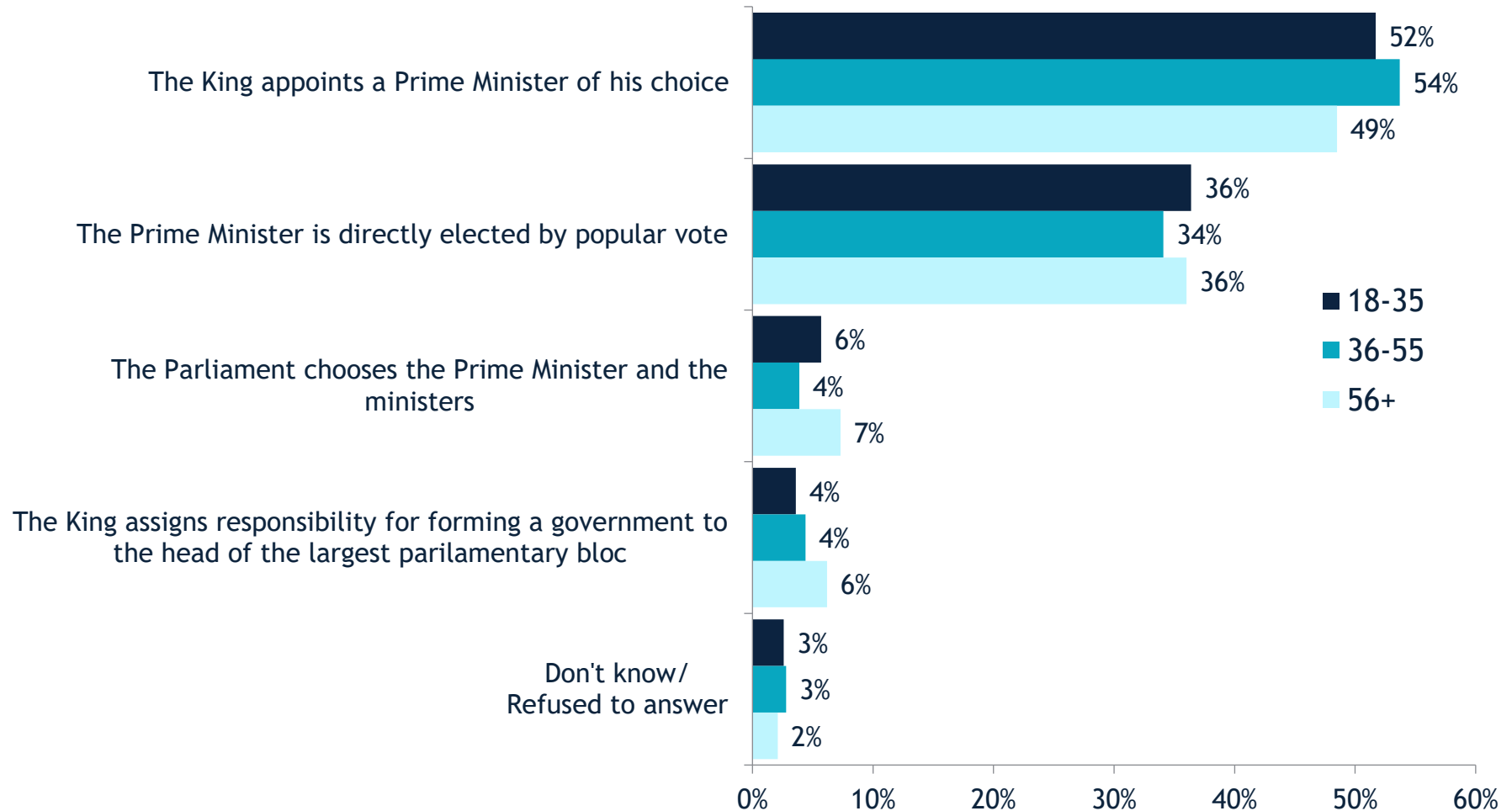
# In regards to the Jordanian Parliament, to what extent do you believe it fulfills the following functions?



We would like to know your opinion concerning the best option for forming governments in Jordan. Which of the following options do you consider the best?



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# Political Competition

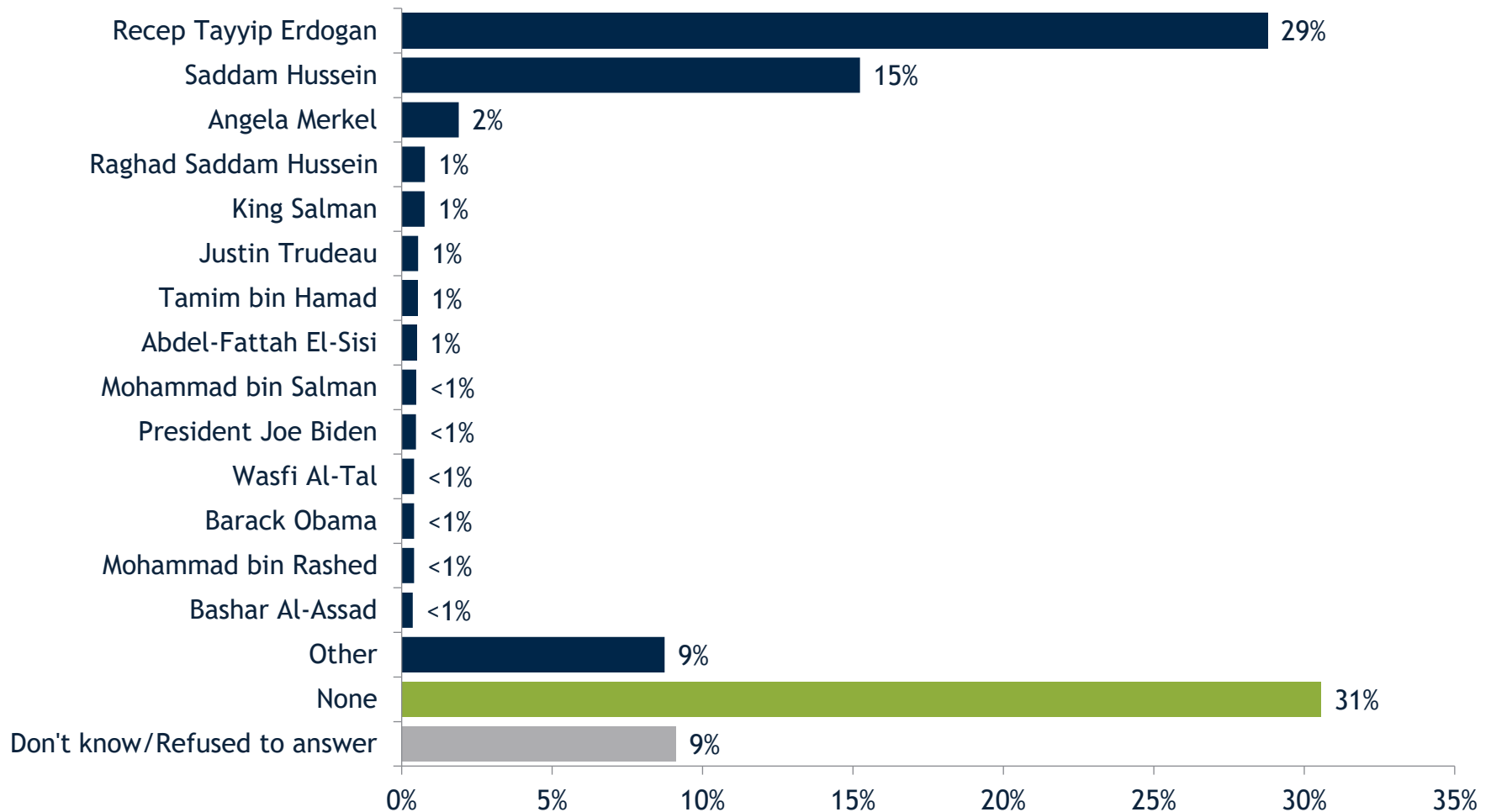
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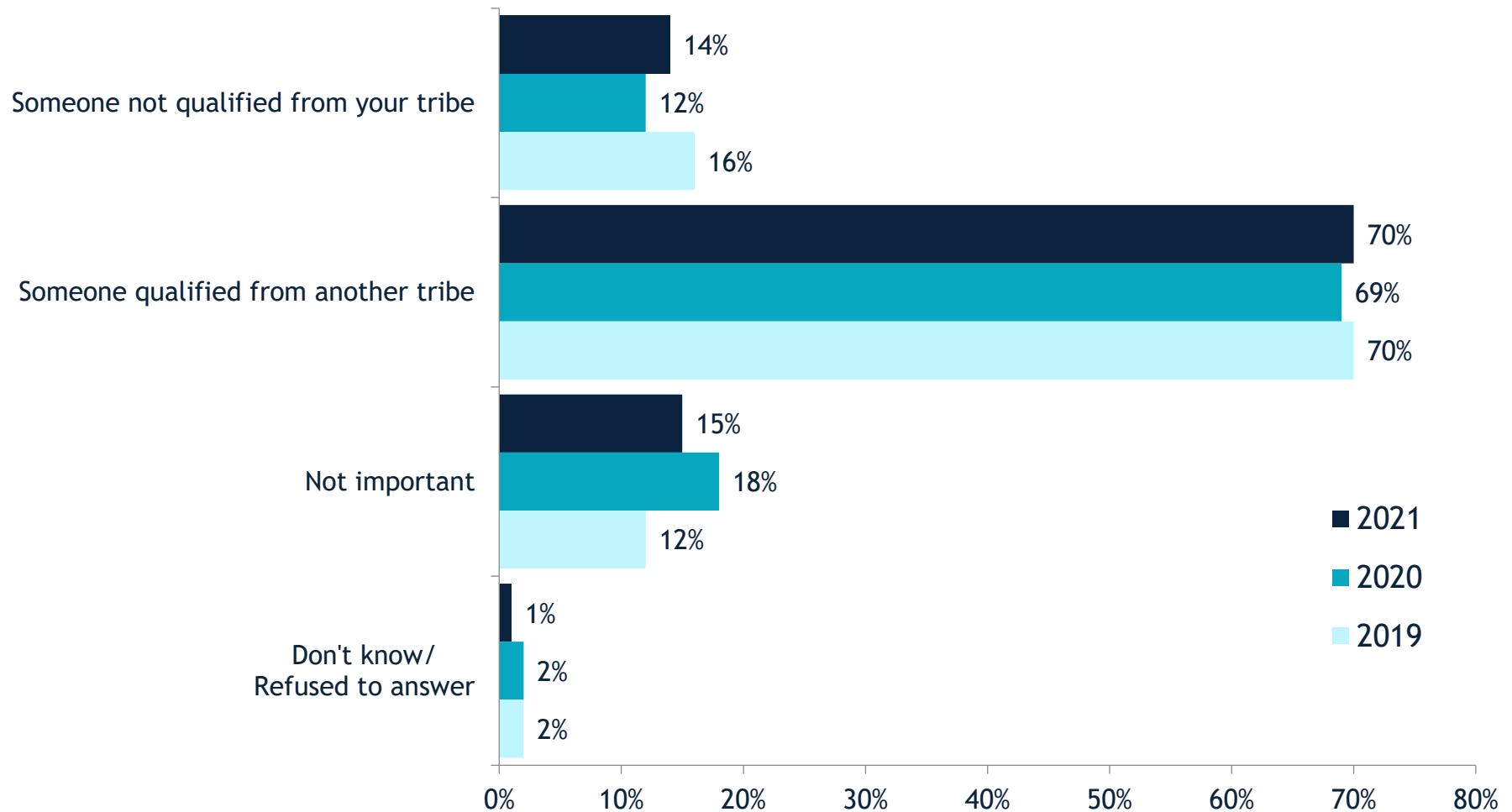
# What is the name of the political leader you respect the most outside of Jordan?

(Spontaneous response)

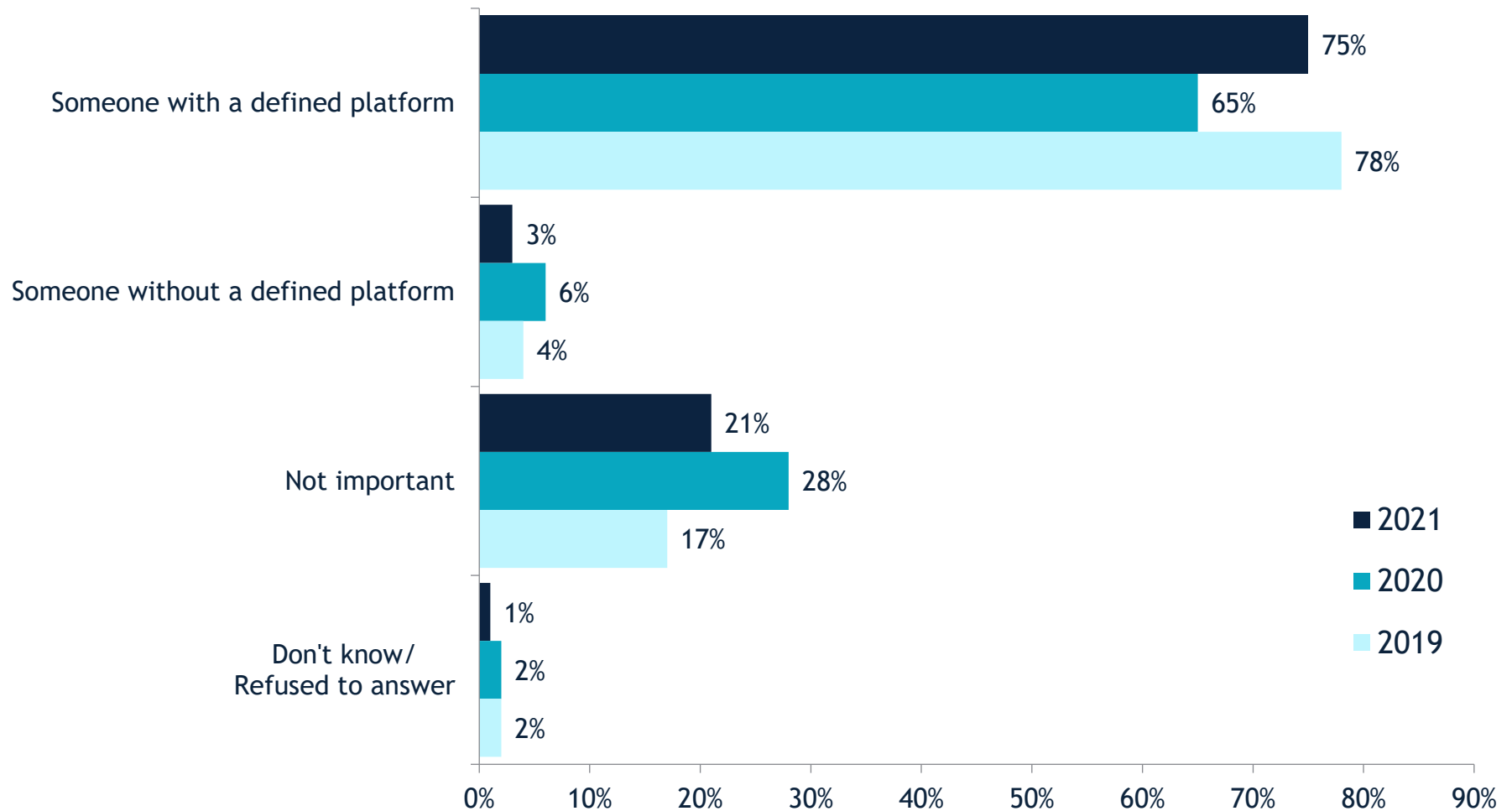




If the choice is between someone of your tribe who is not qualified and someone who is qualified from another tribe, who are you more likely to vote for?



If the choice is between someone with a defined platform and one without a defined platform, who are you more likely to vote for?



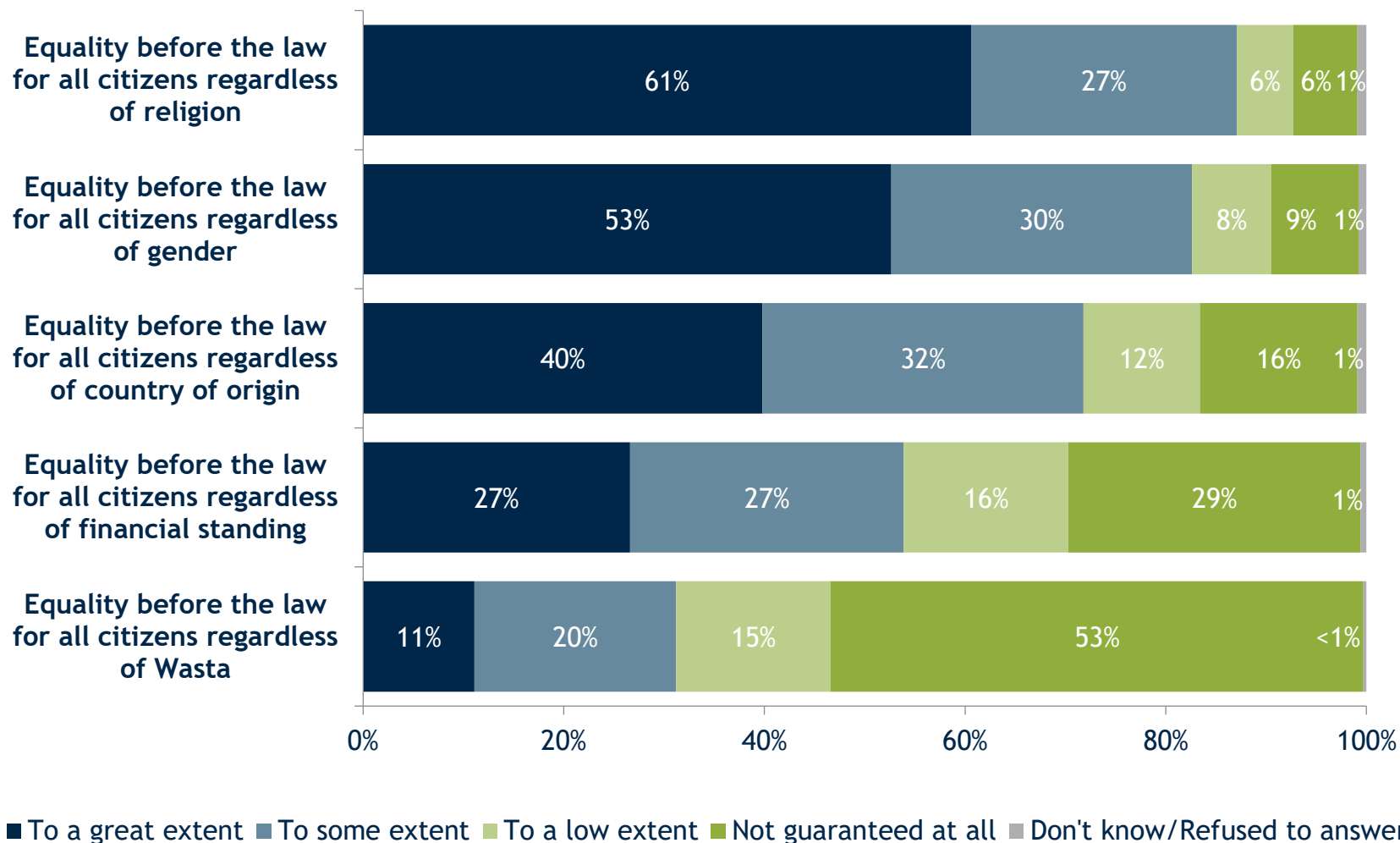


# Judiciary

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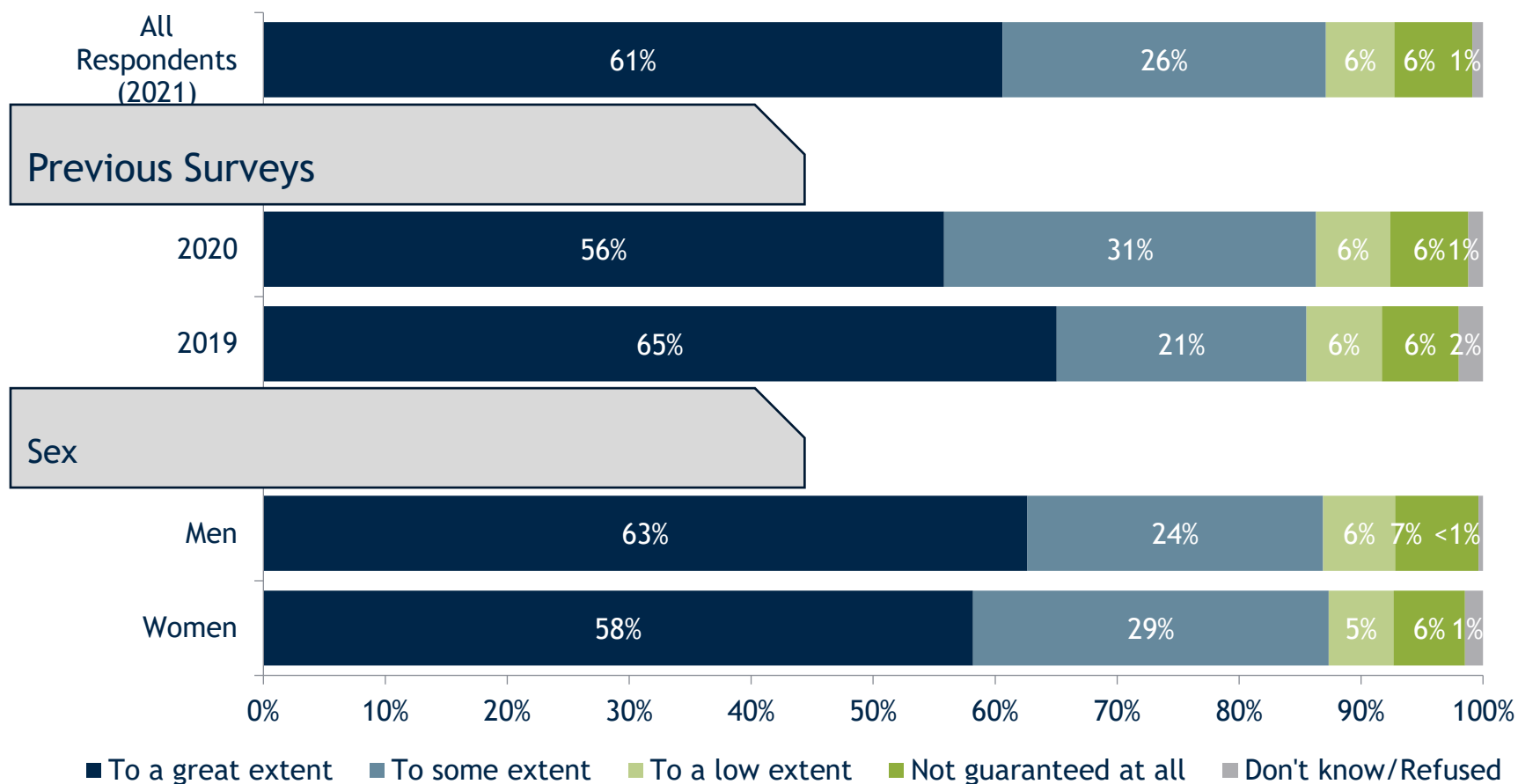


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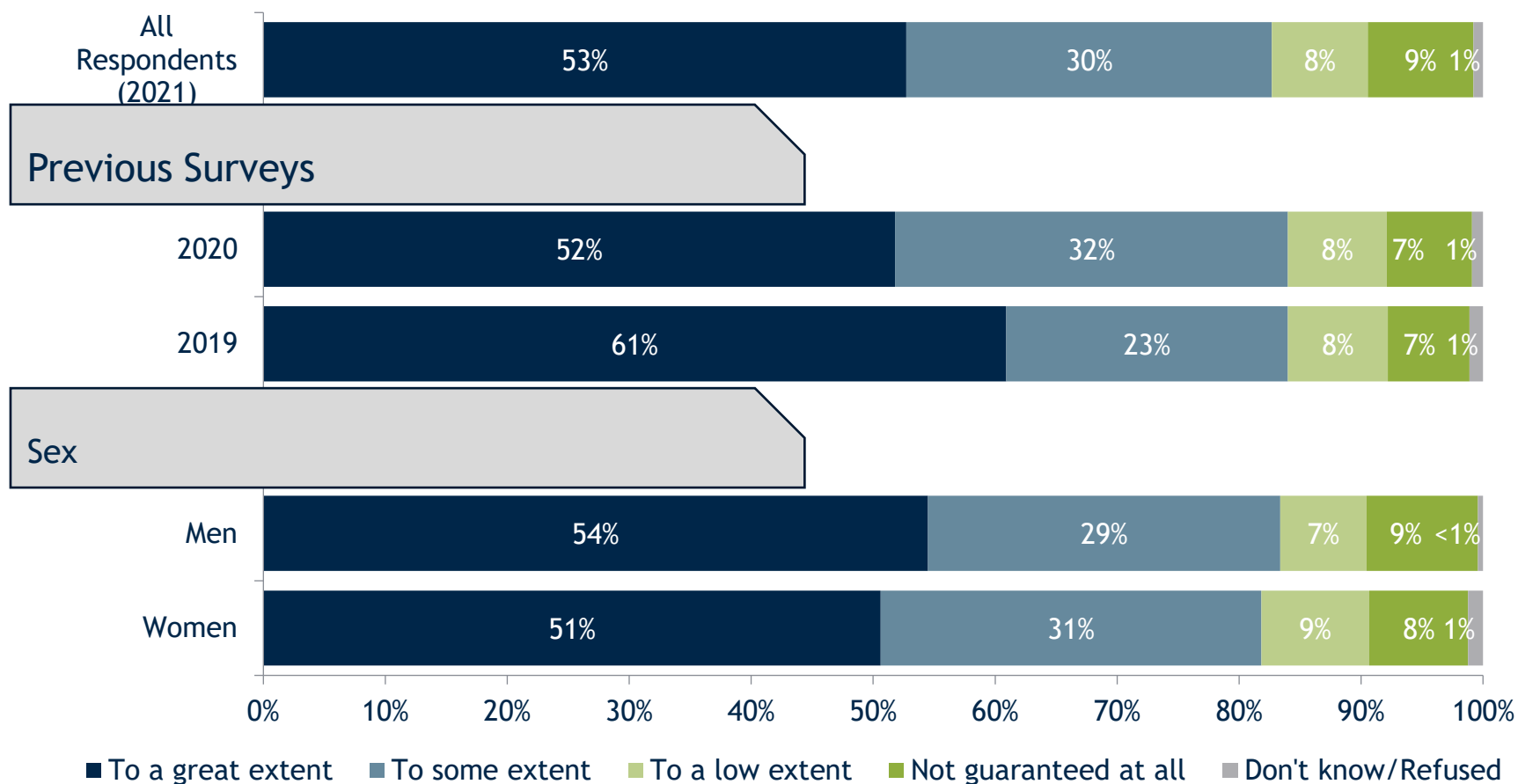
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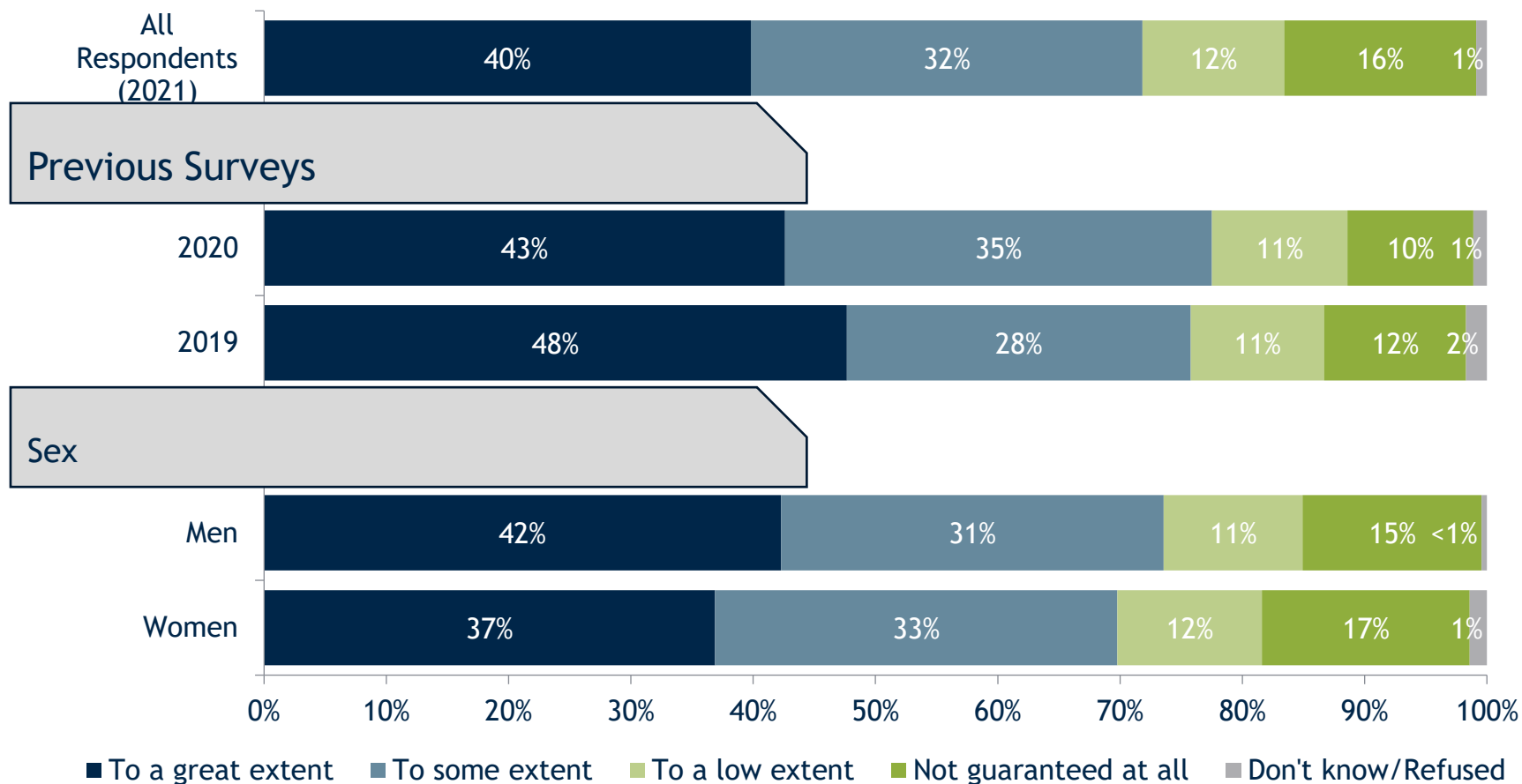
# To what extent are the following rights guaranteed under the law for someone like you in Jordan?

## *Equality before the law for all citizens regardless of gender*



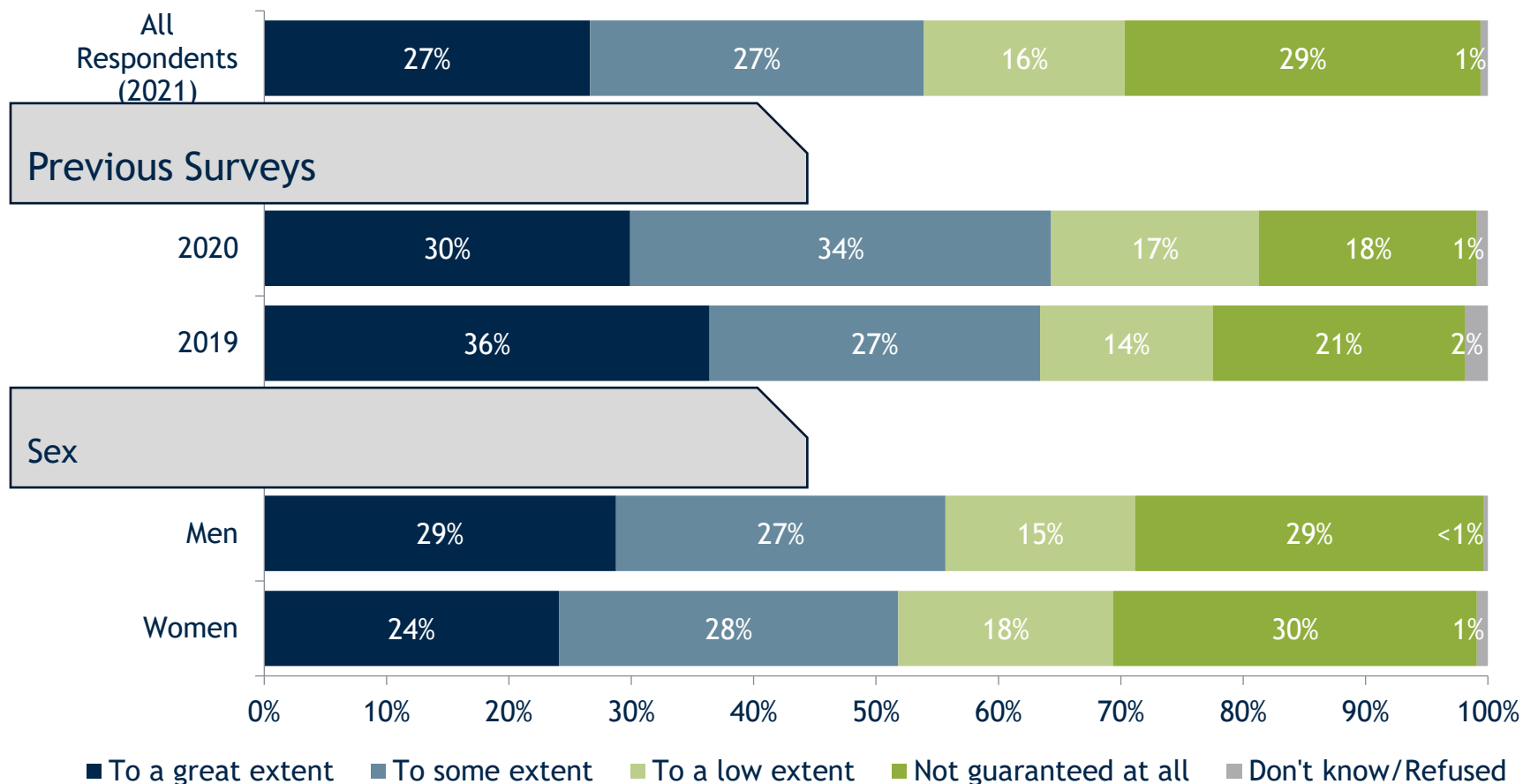
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## *Equality before the law for all citizens regardless of country of origin*



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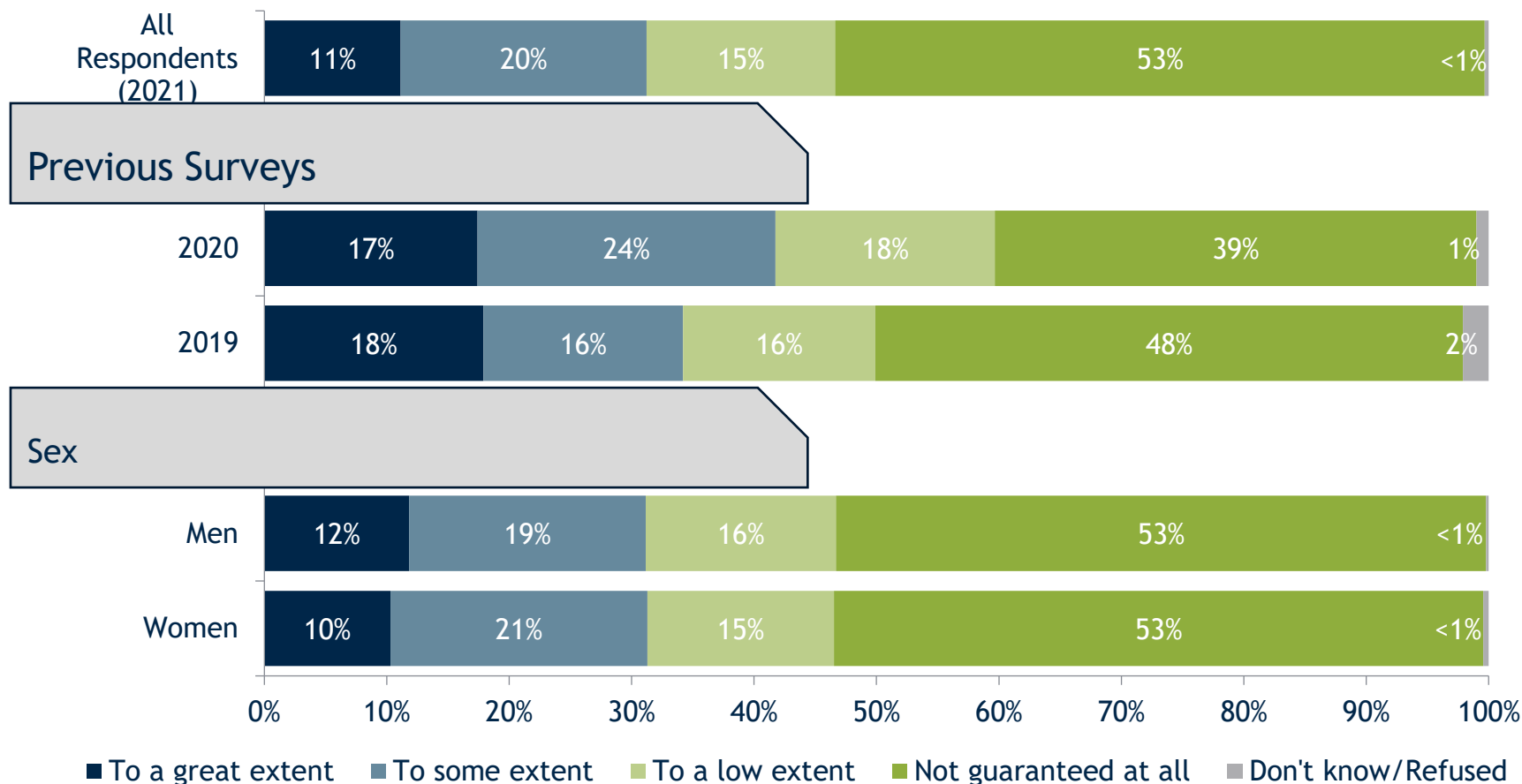
## *Equality before the law for all citizens regardless of financial standing*





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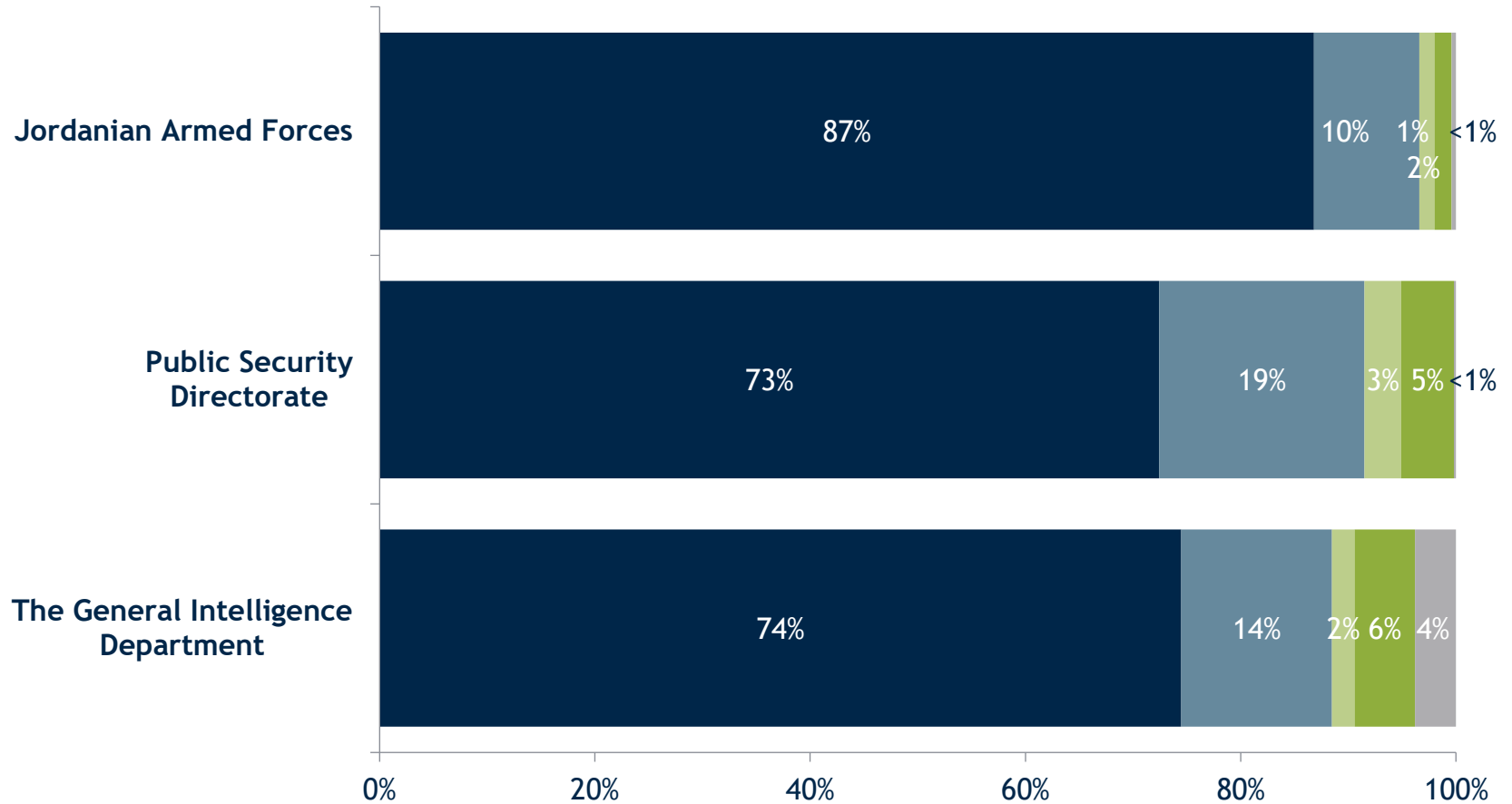
# Trust in Public Institutions and Checks and Balances

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To what degree do you trust each of the following? To a large degree, to some degree, to a low degree, or do not trust at all?

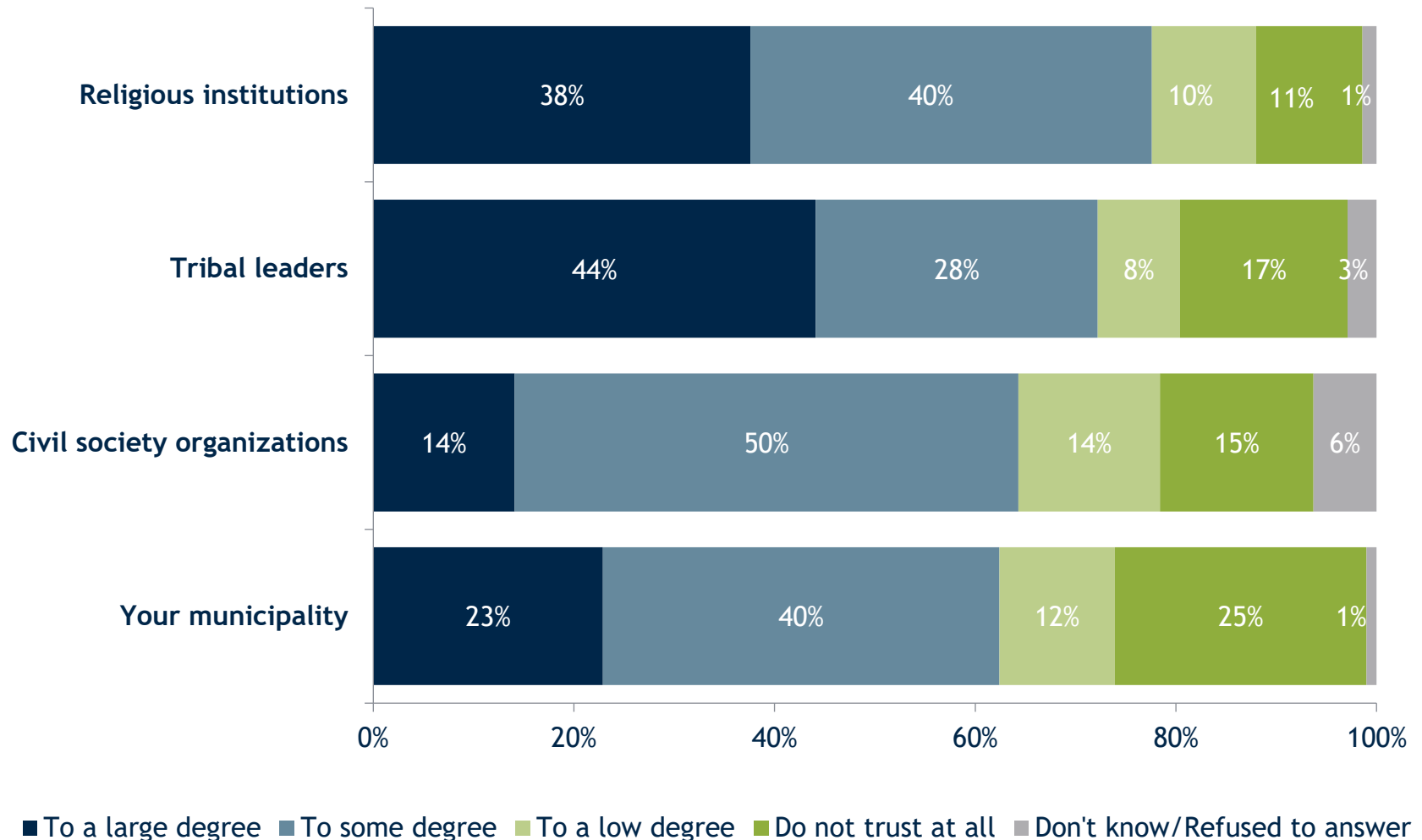
### *Security Institutions*



■ To a large degree ■ To some degree ■ To a low degree ■ Do not trust at all ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

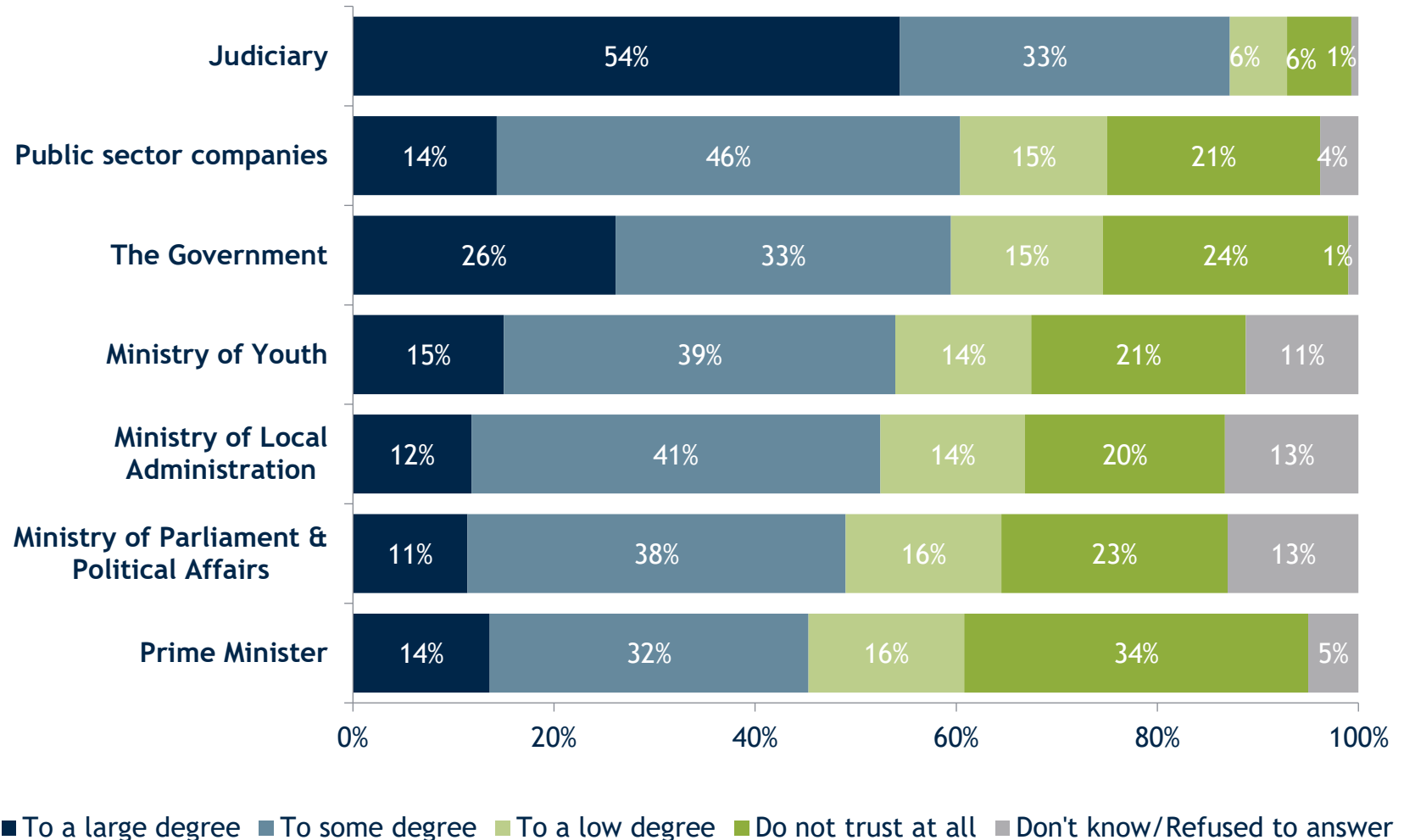
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### *Community Institutions*



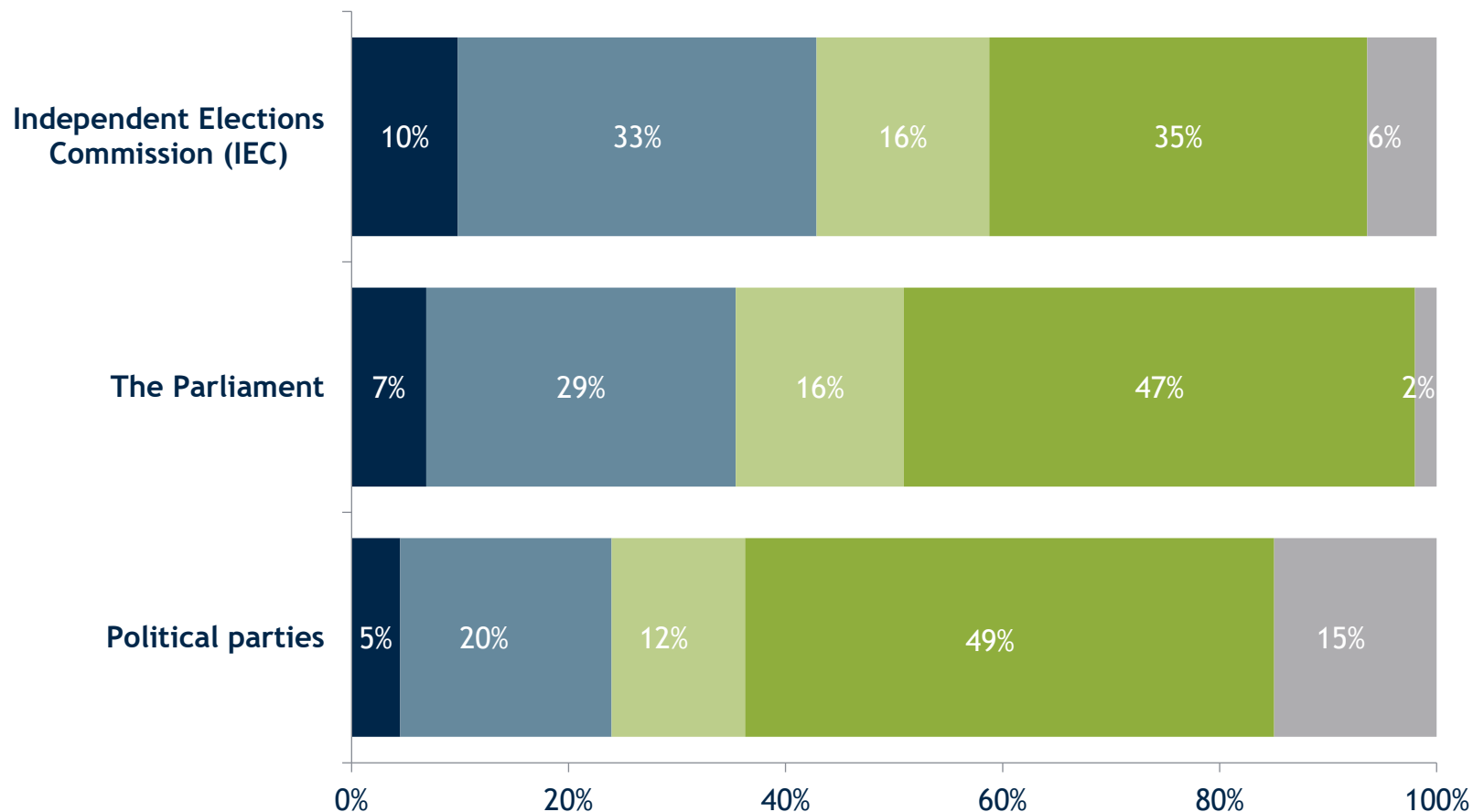
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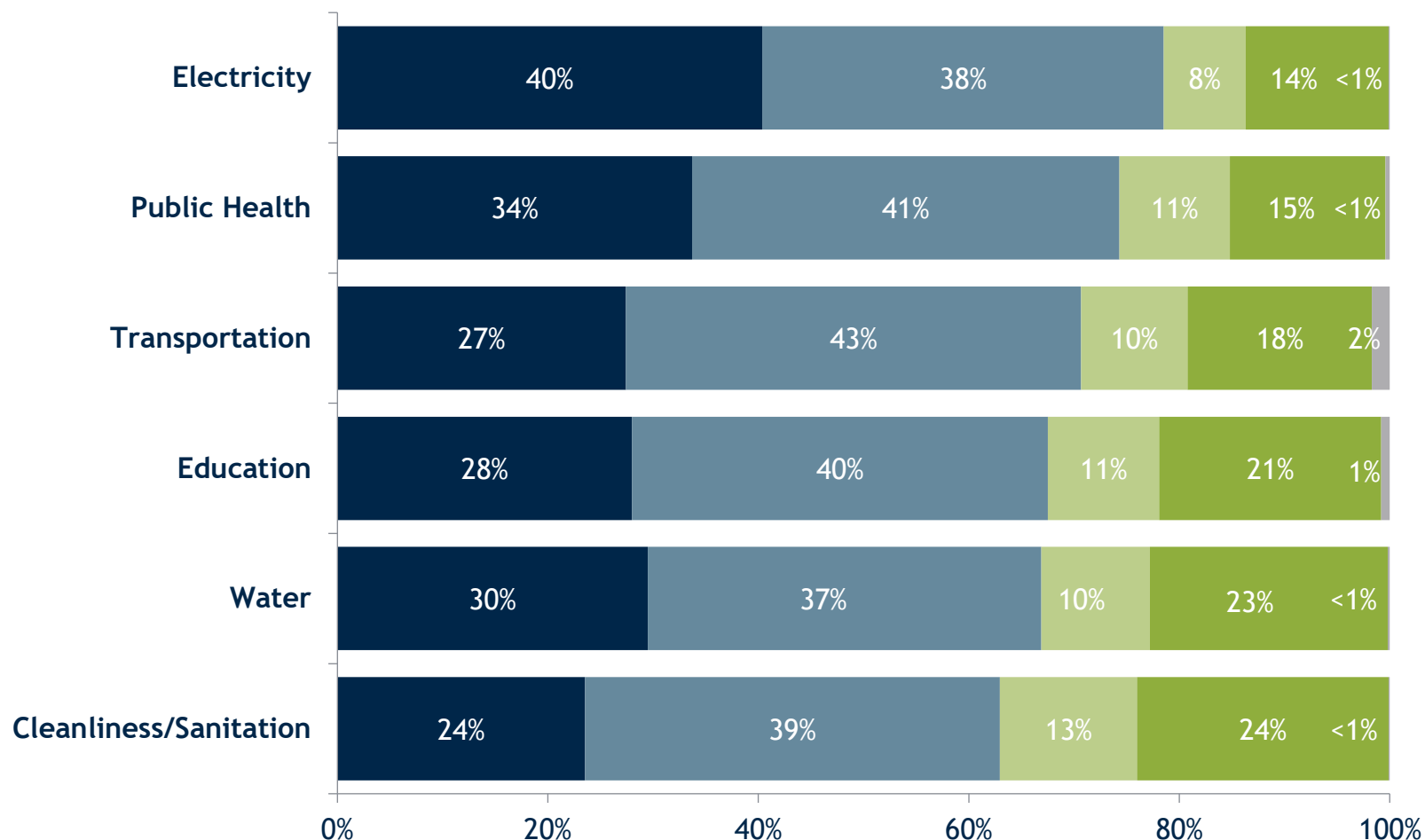
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### *Democracy Institutions*



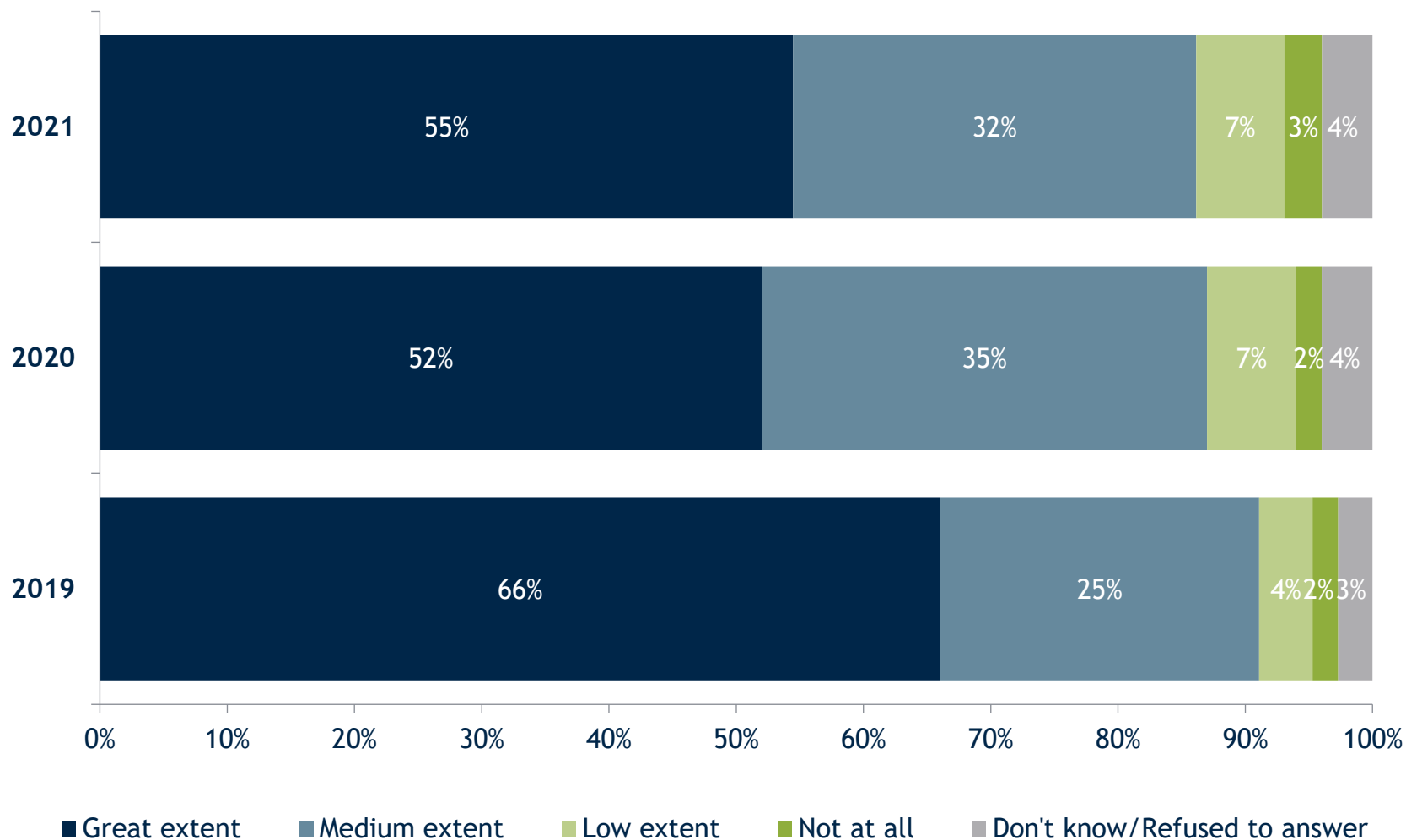
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# To what extent are you satisfied with the performance of public institutions in regards to each of the following?



■ Very satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Somewhat dissatisfied ■ Very dissatisfied ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

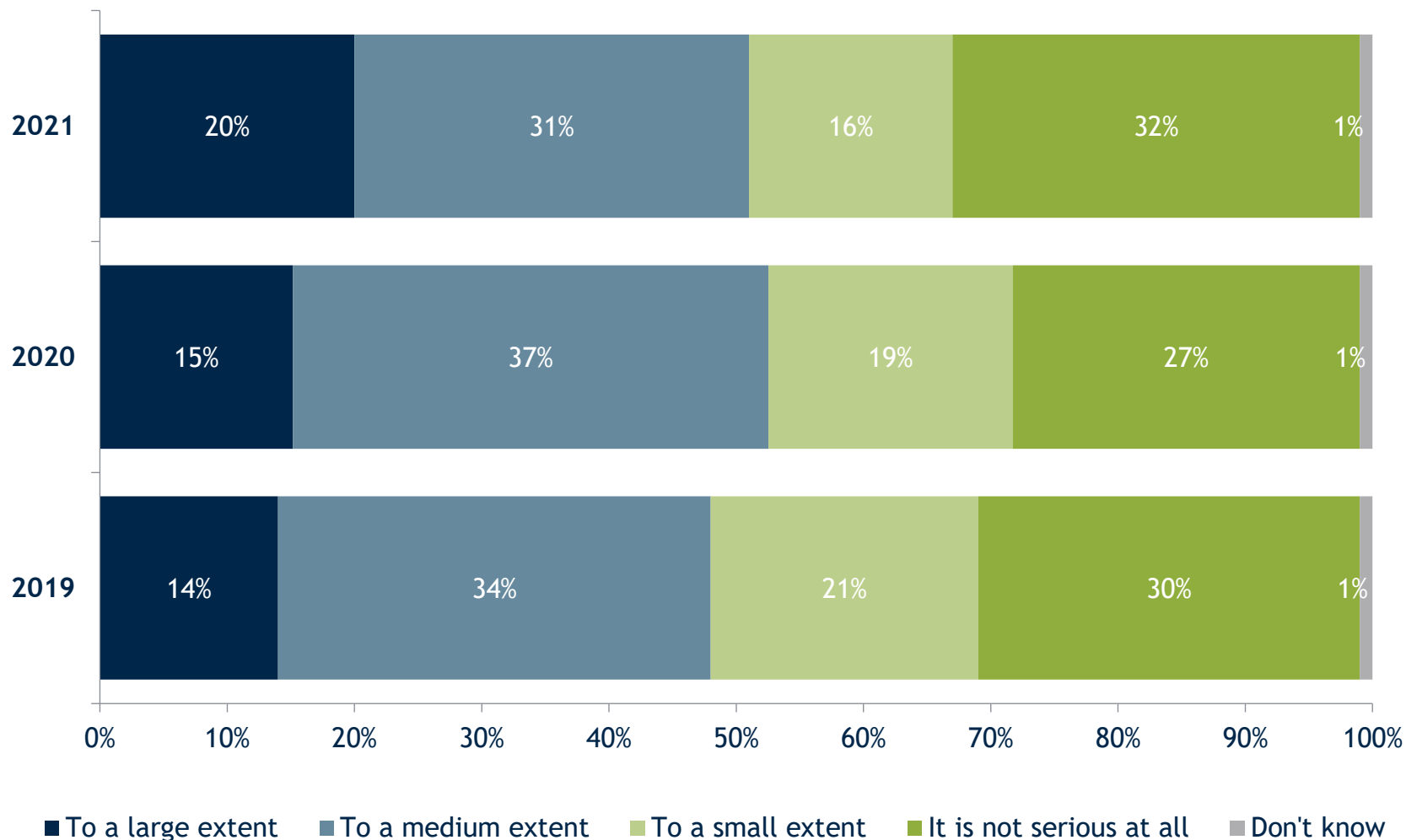
To what extent does corruption exist in state institutions?  
*By corruption we mean “using authority to achieve personal gains”*



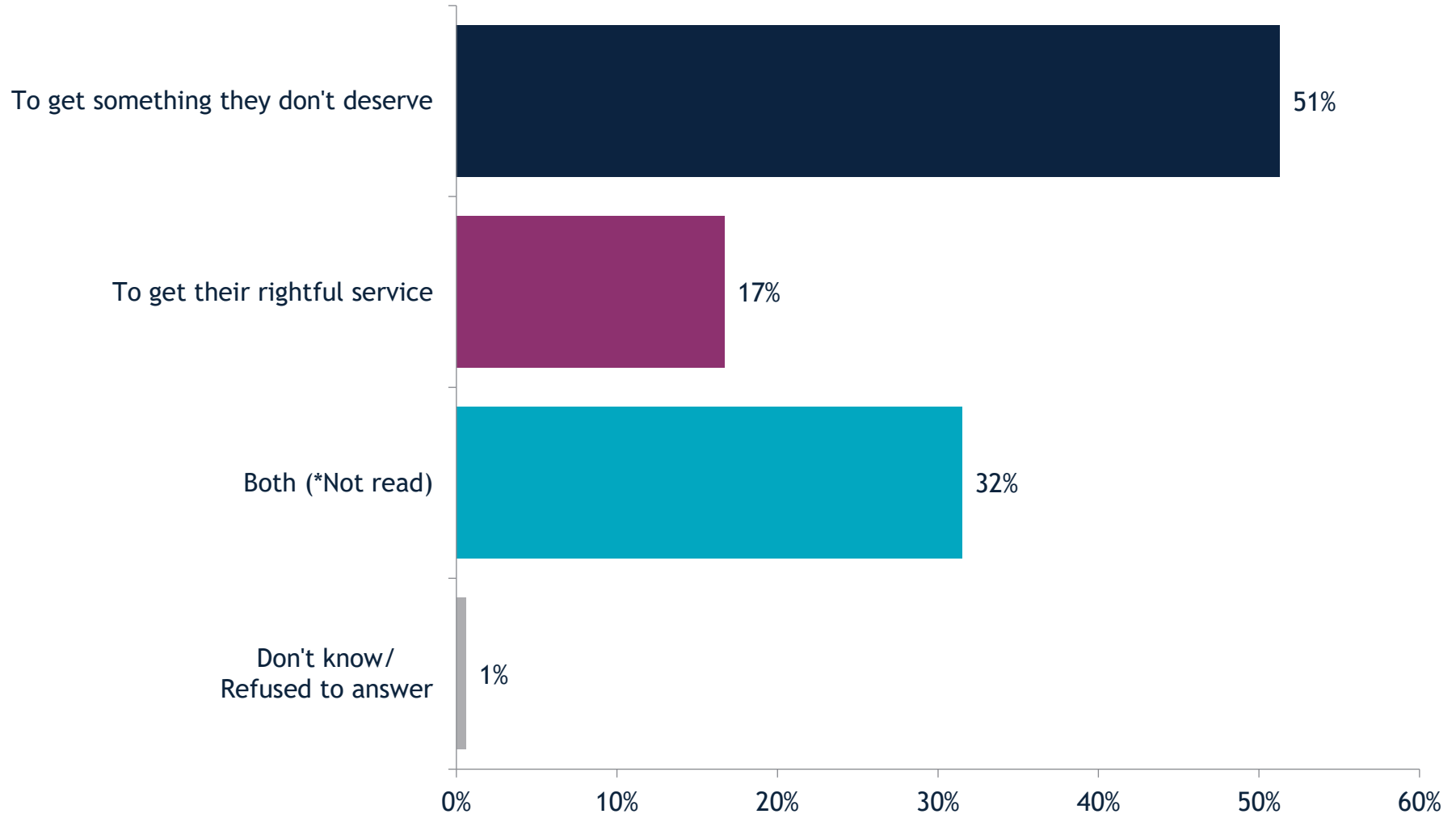


In your opinion, to what extent do you think the government is serious about fighting corruption in Jordan?

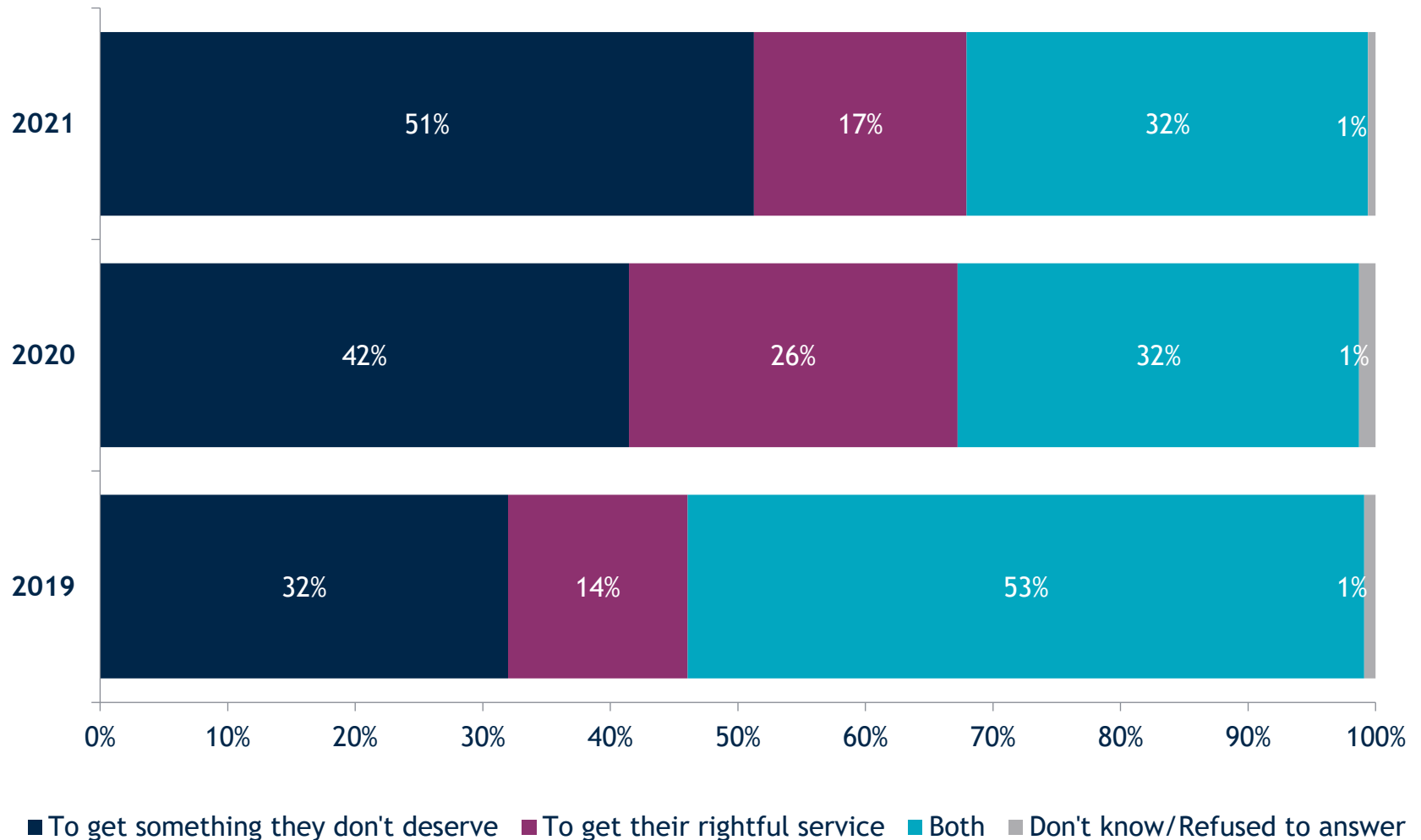
*By corruption we mean “using authority to achieve personal gains”*



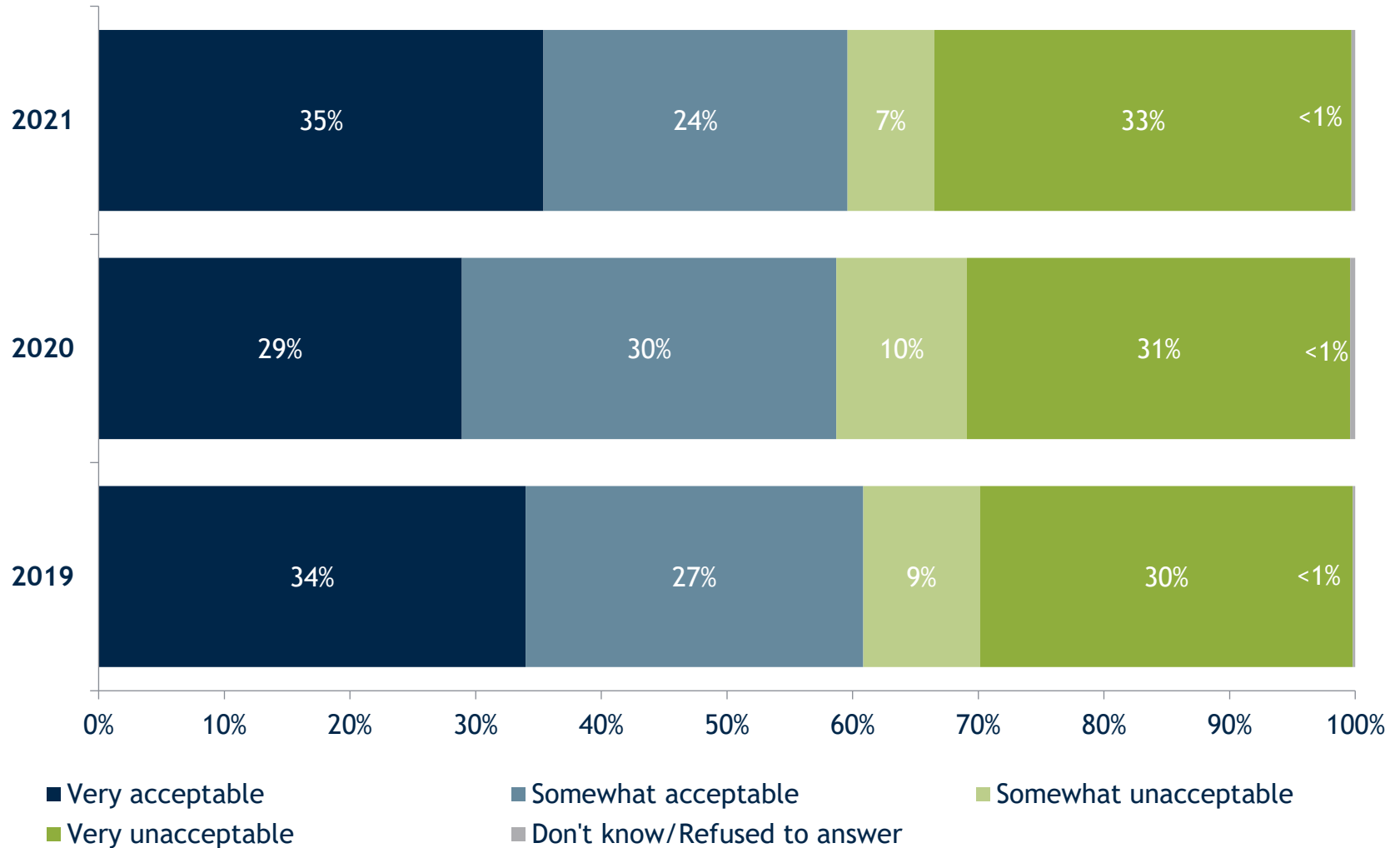
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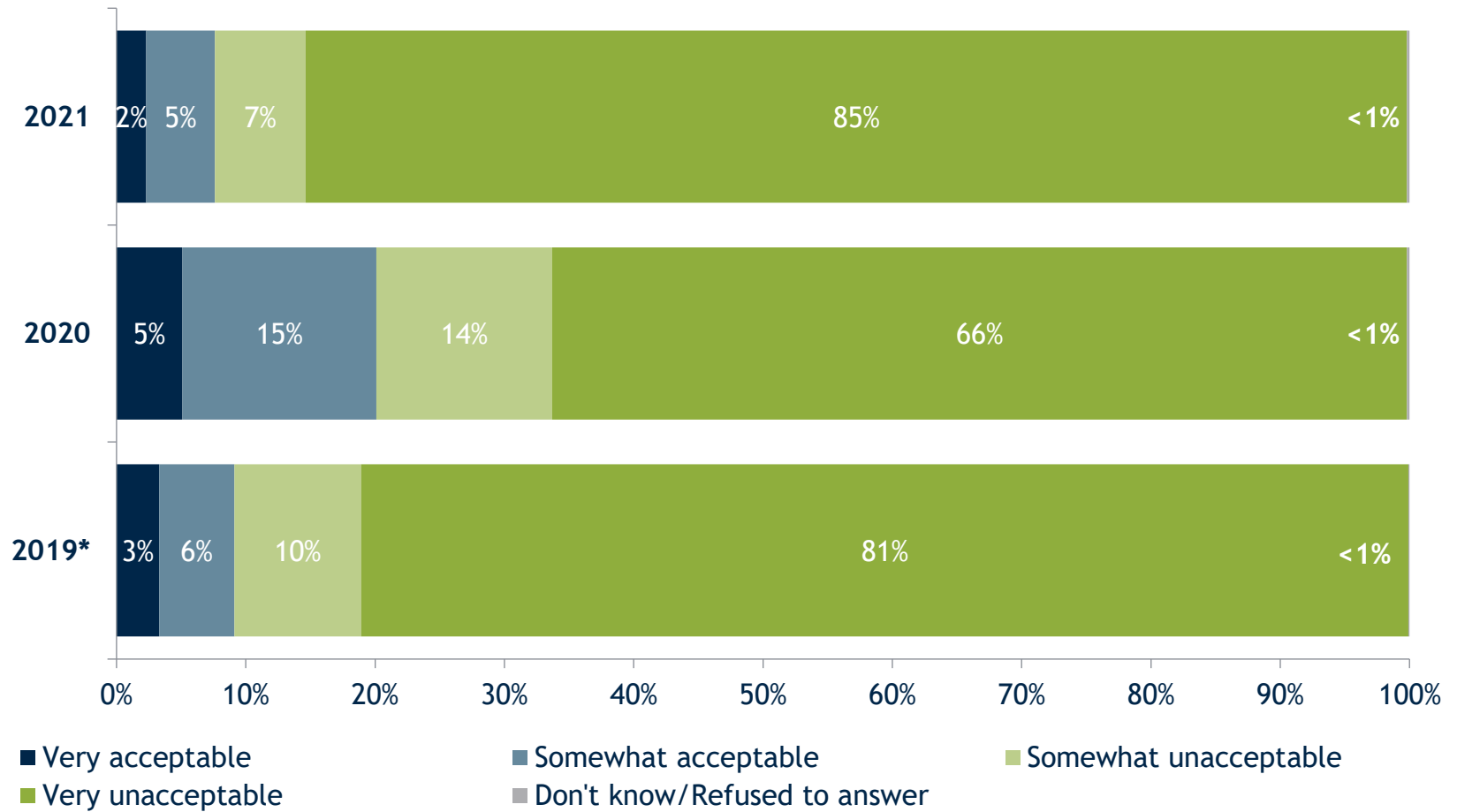
Do you think people use Wasta to get something they don't deserve, or do they use it to get their rightful service?



# To what extent do you consider it acceptable to use Wasta to obtain your rightful service?



# To what extent do you believe it is acceptable to use Wasta to get services you want but that you may not be entitled to?



\*The 2019 survey phrased the question: 'To what extent do you consider it acceptable to use Wasta to obtain something you don't deserve?'

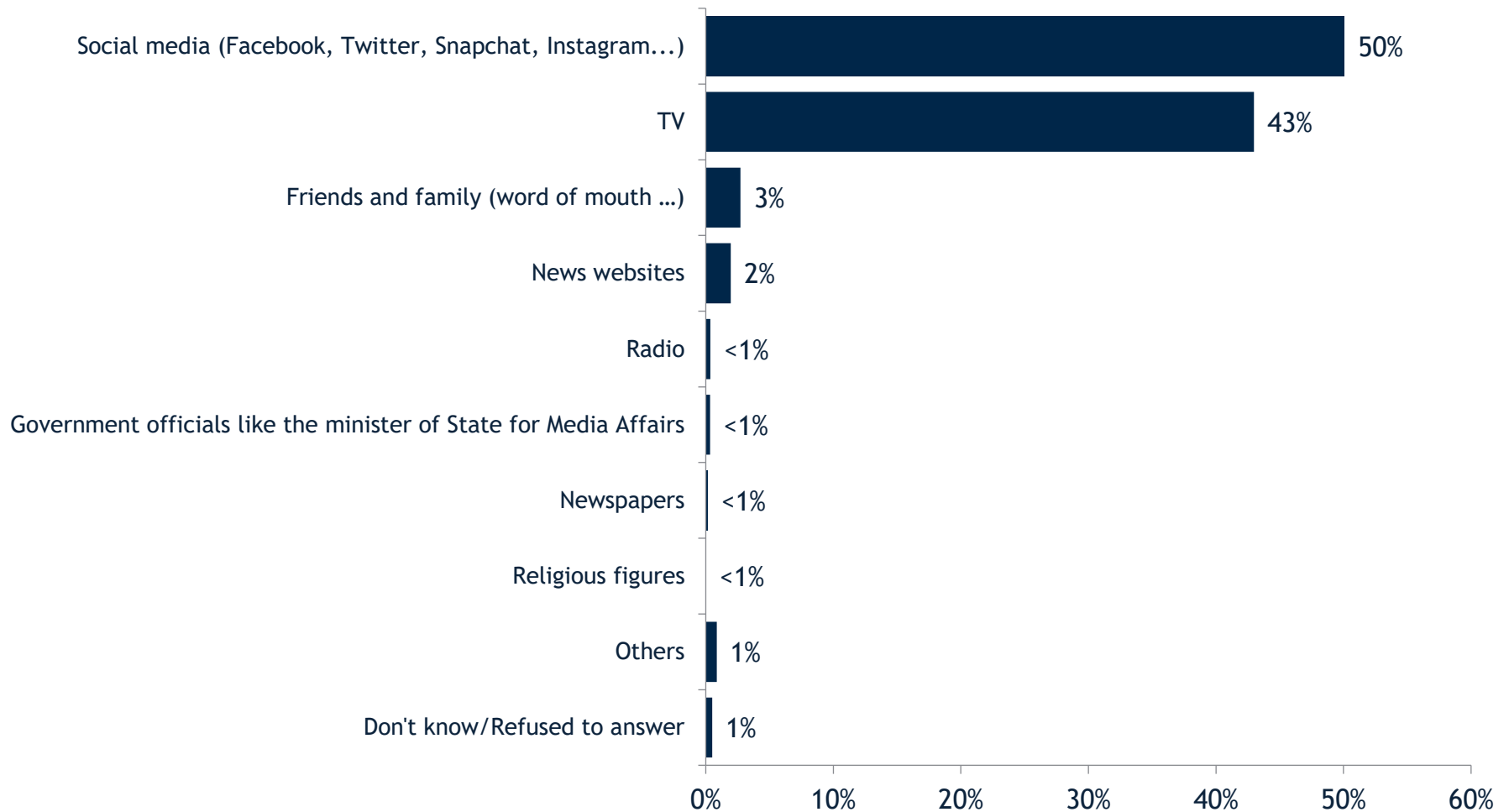


# Means of Expression

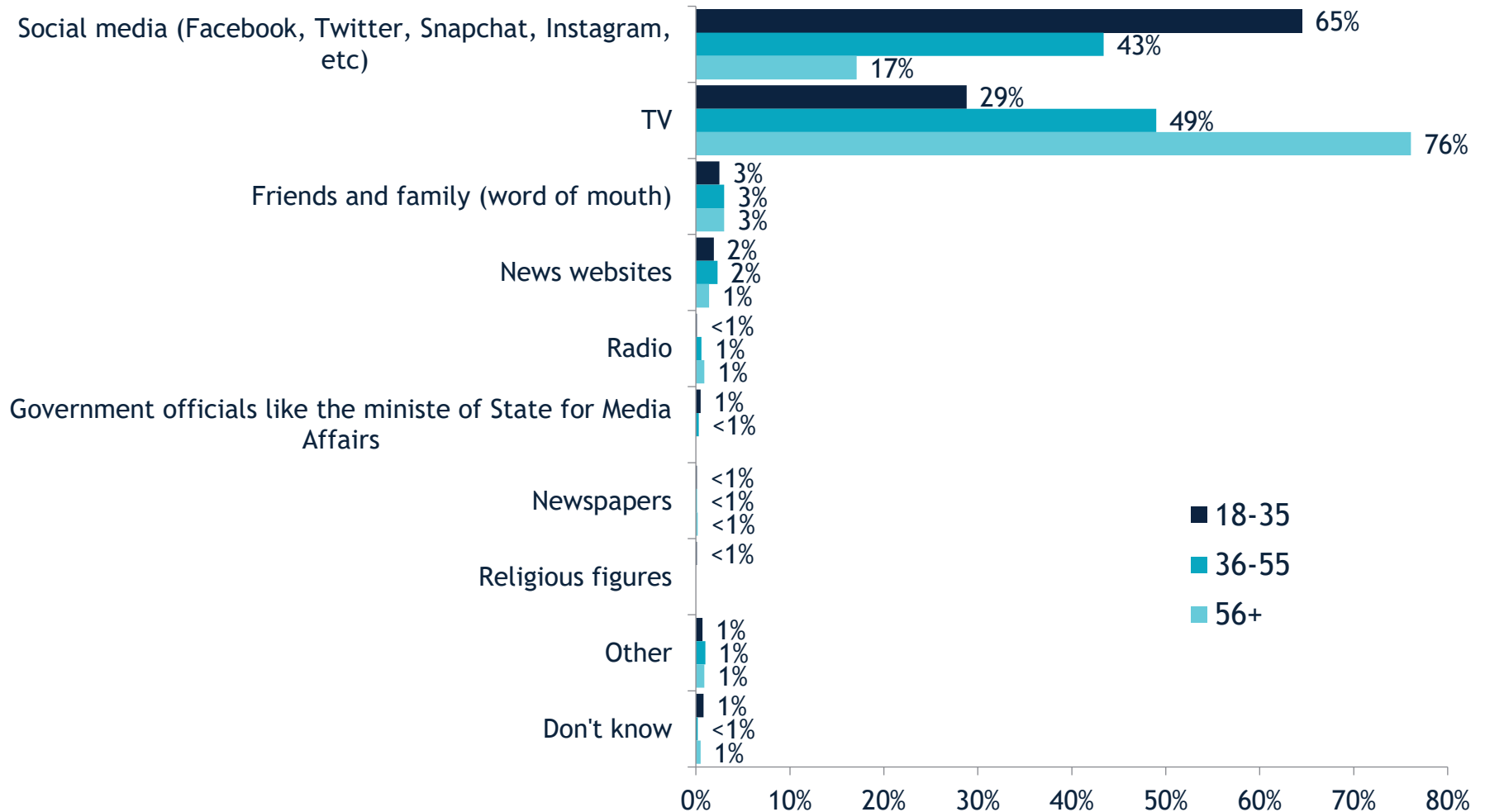
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# Where do you get news, from the following sources?

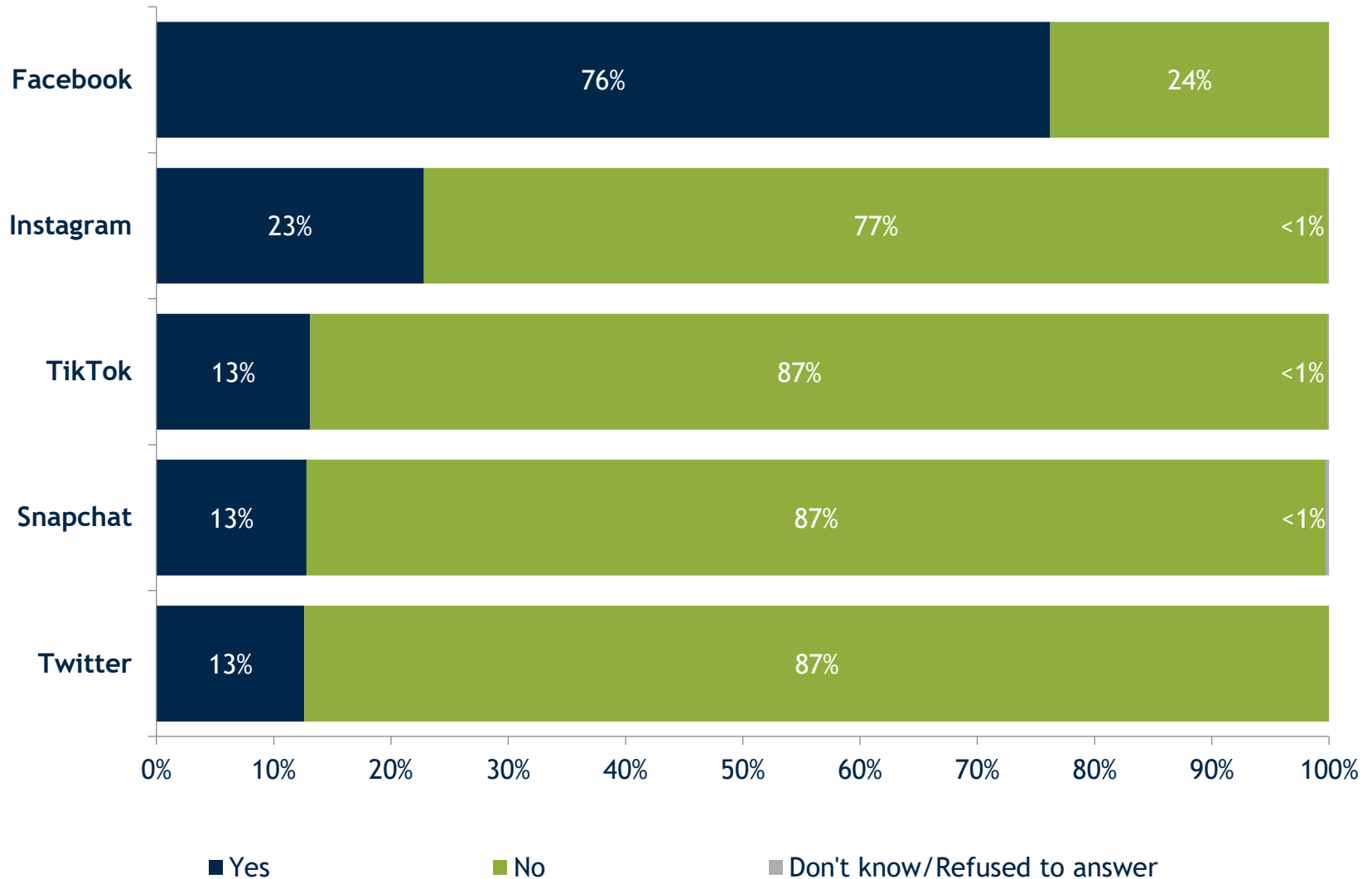


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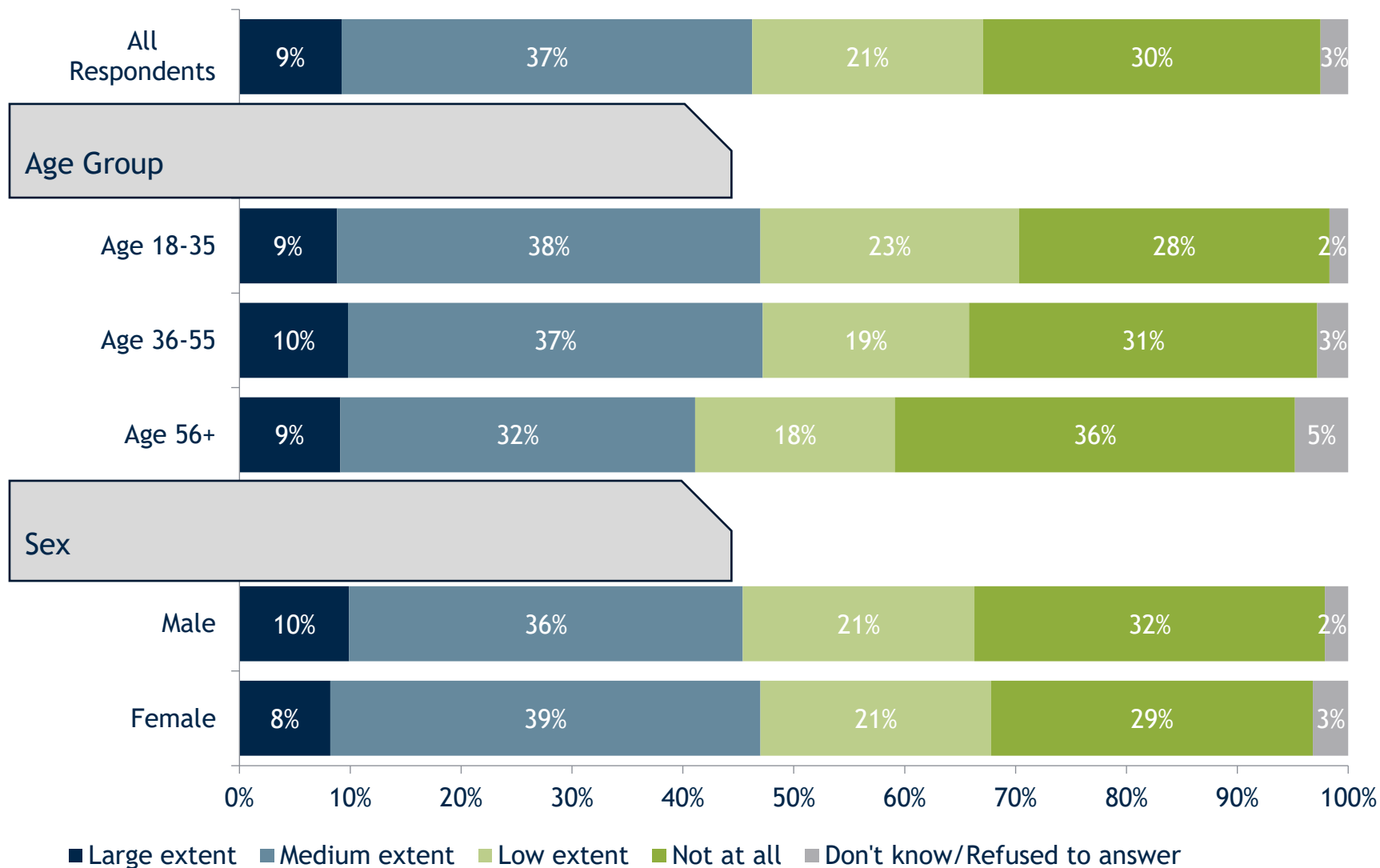




# Do you get your news from the following social media platforms?

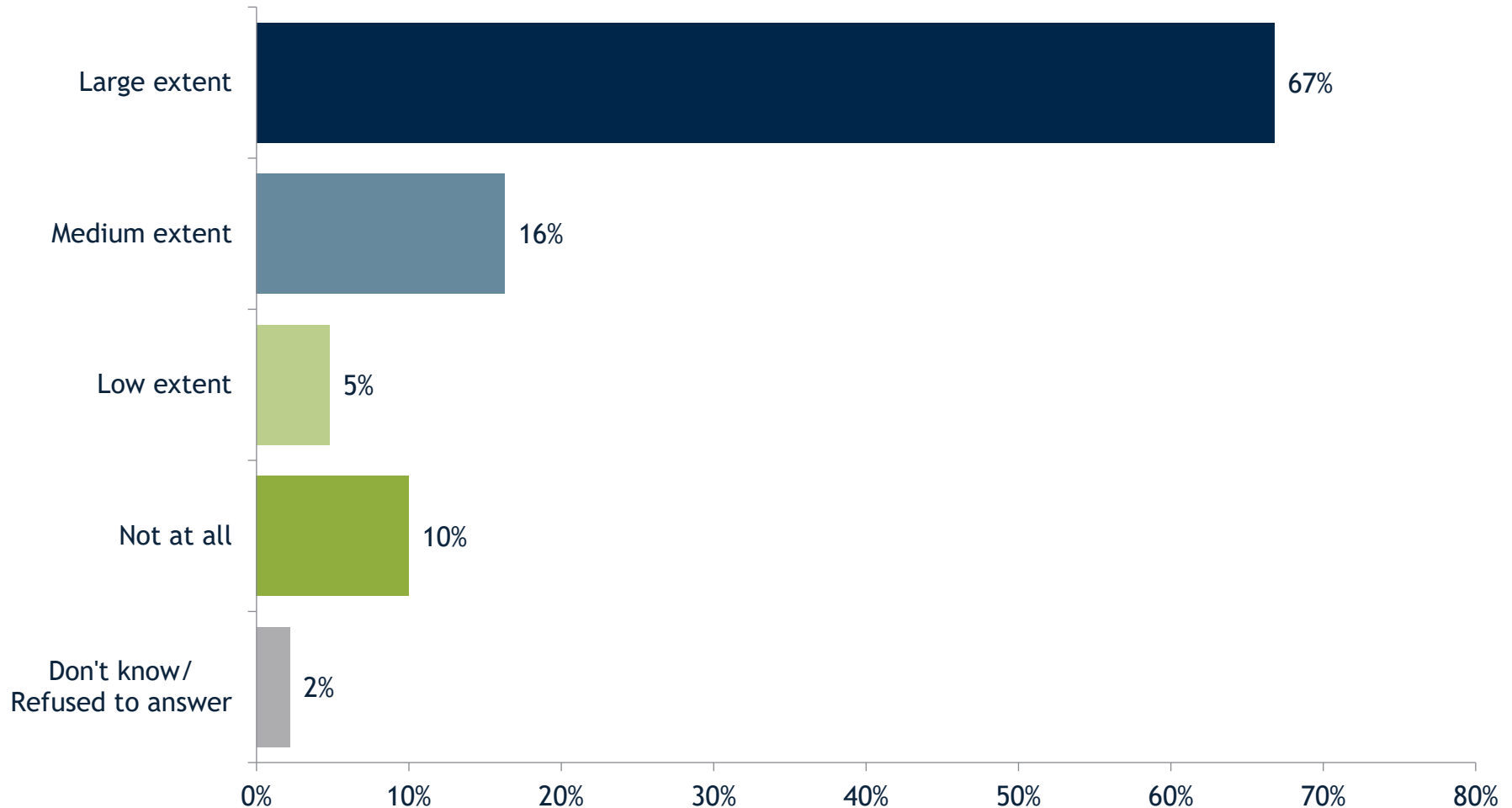


# To what extent do you believe that the government provides you with adequate information regarding its public policies?



# To what extent does false news have a negative impact on our country?

(Among those who say that the government's provision of adequate information regarding its public policies is less than a *large* or *medium* extent, n=1,619)





# Royal Committee Recommendations

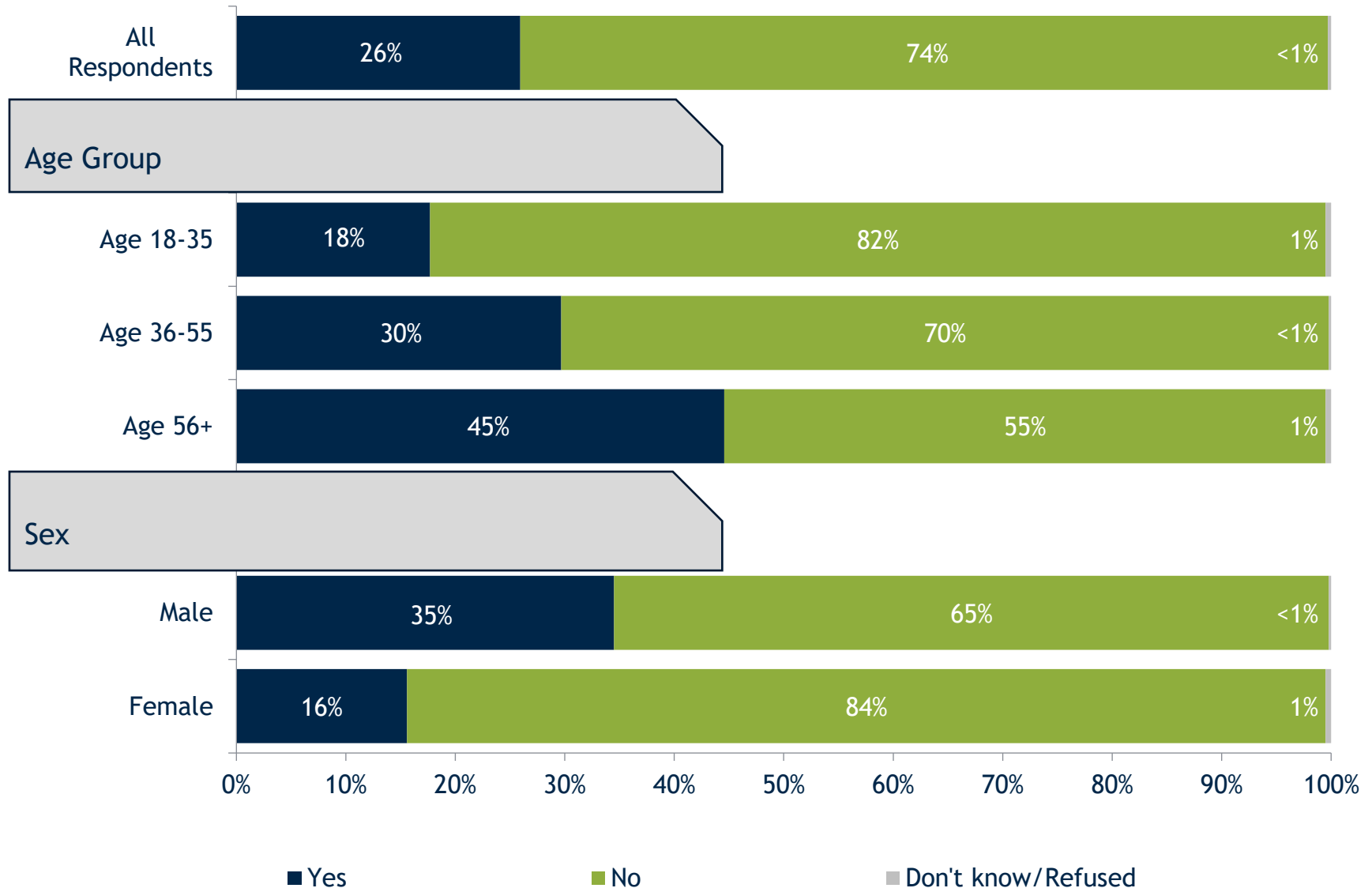
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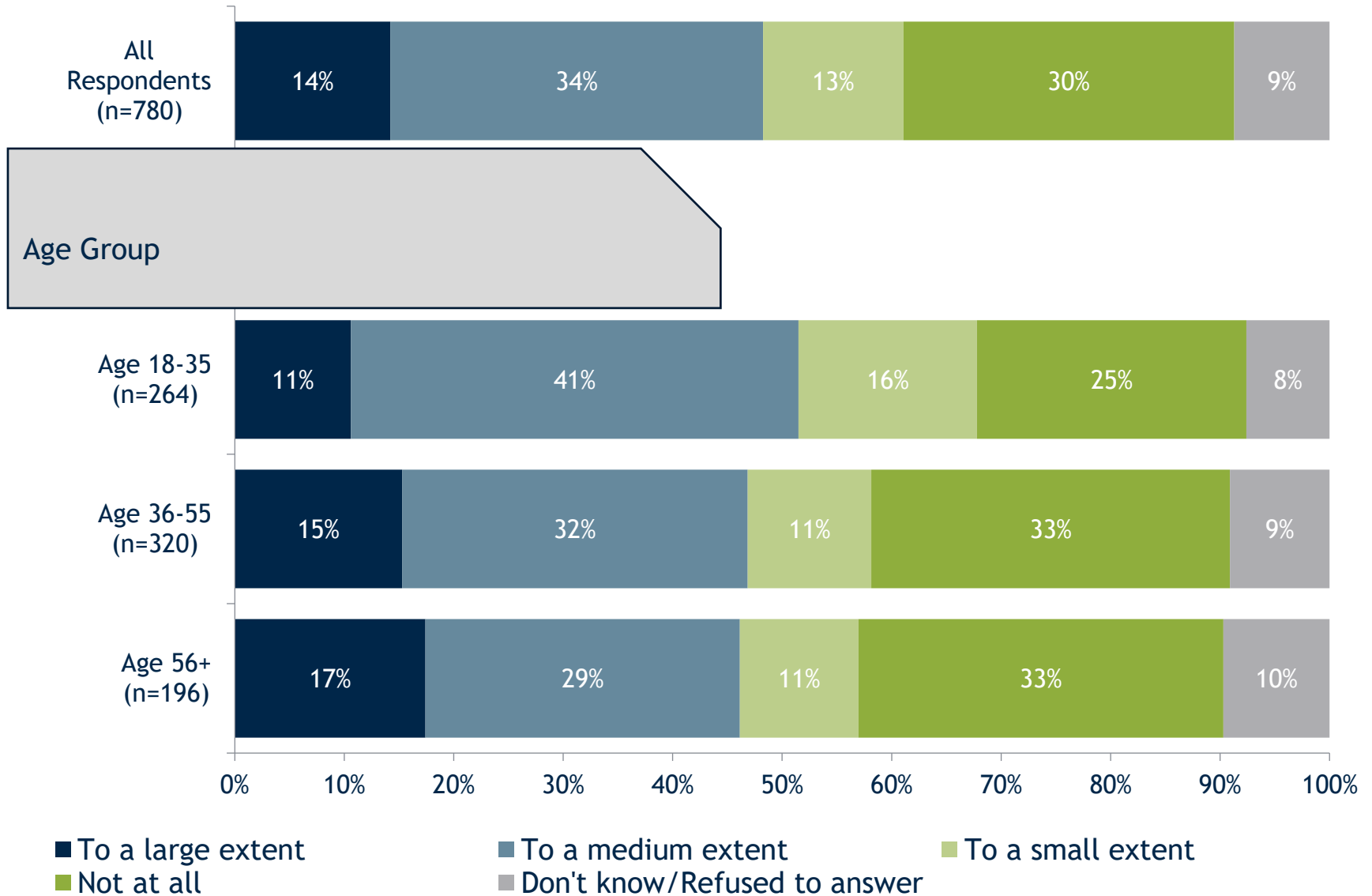
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# Have you heard of the committee to modernize the political system?

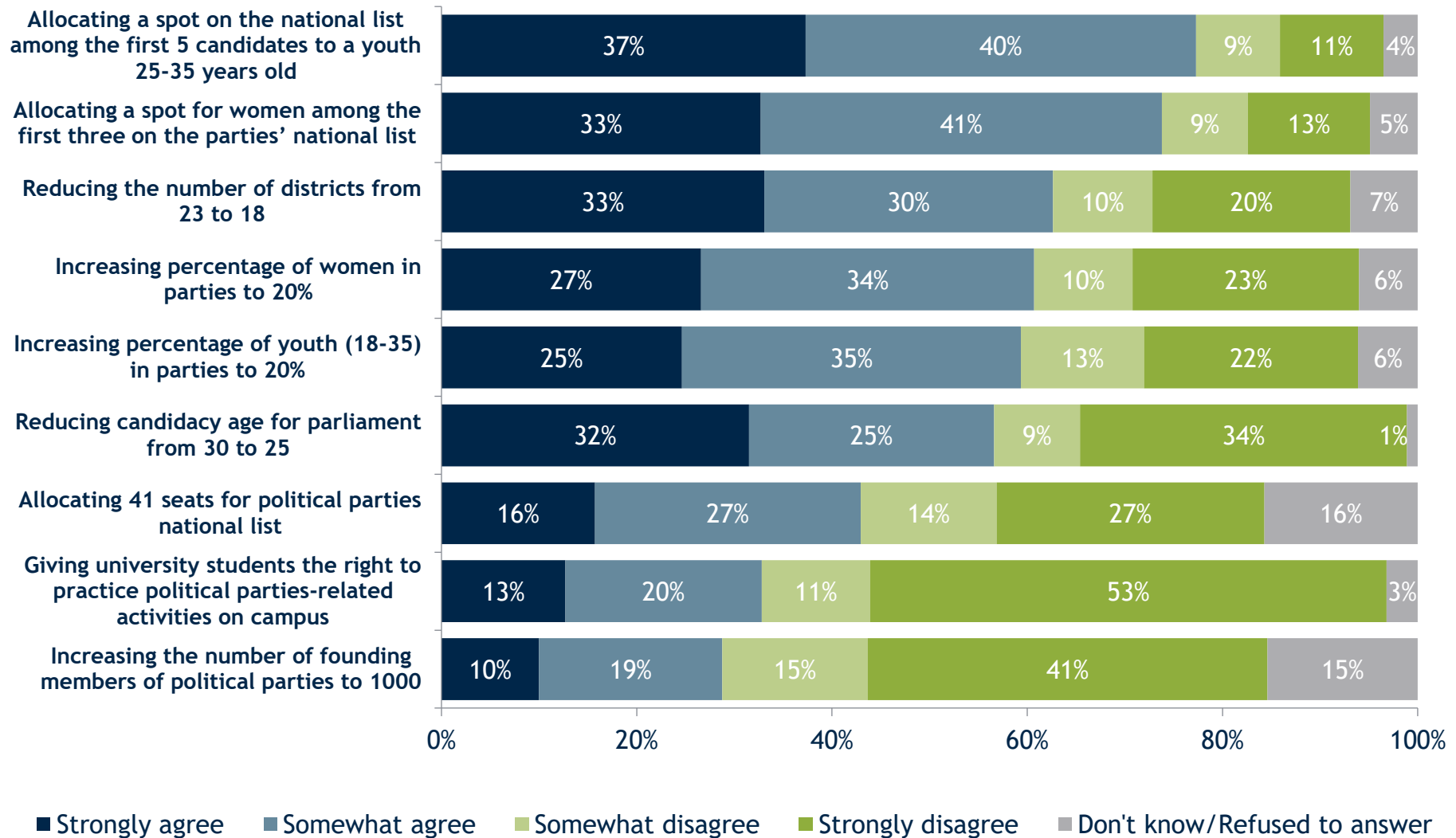


# To what extent do you trust this committee?

(Among those who say they have heard of the Committee)



# Regardless of if you have heard of the committee or not, to what degree do you agree or disagree with the following selected recommendations?





# COVID-19 Vaccine

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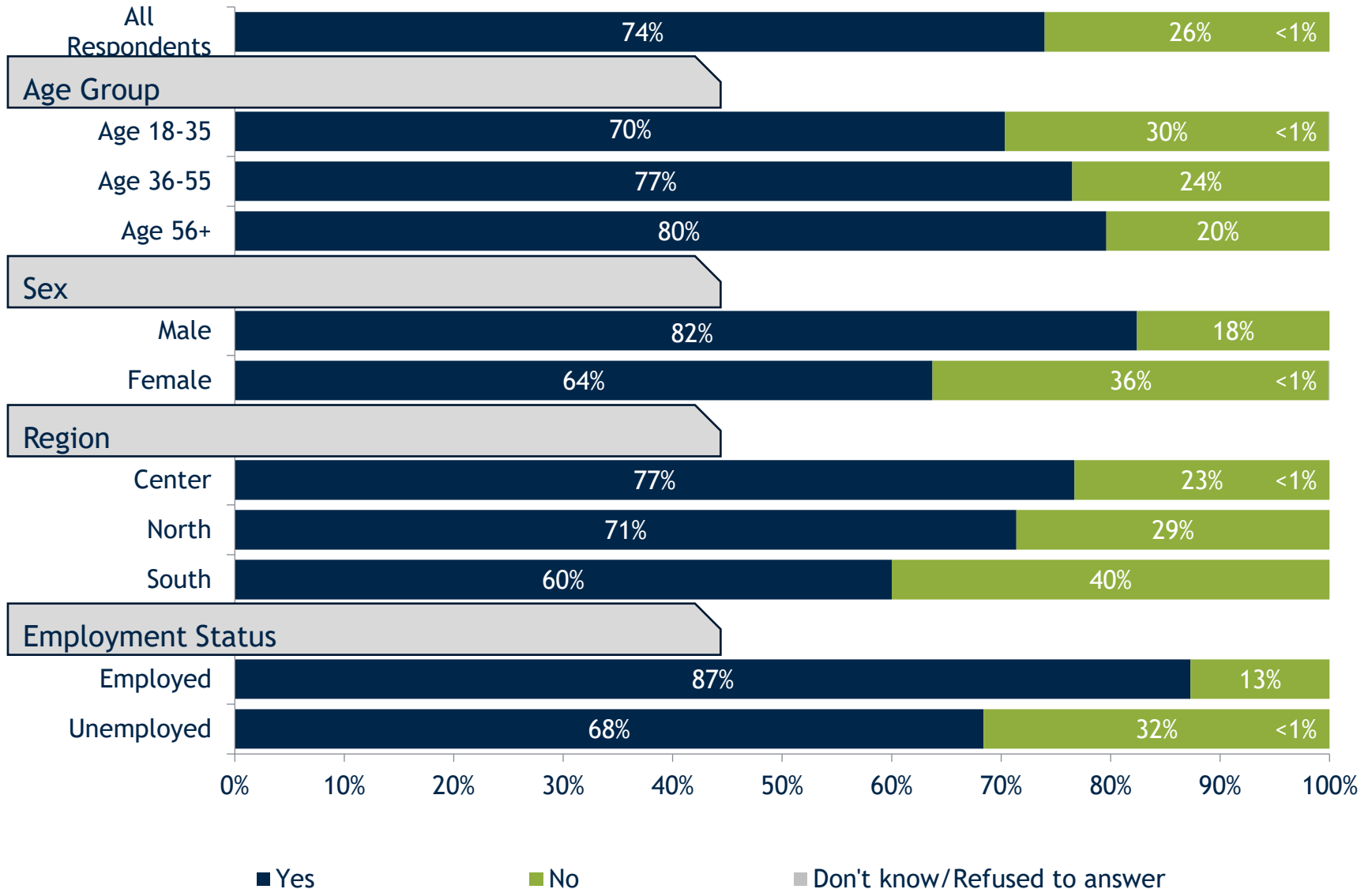


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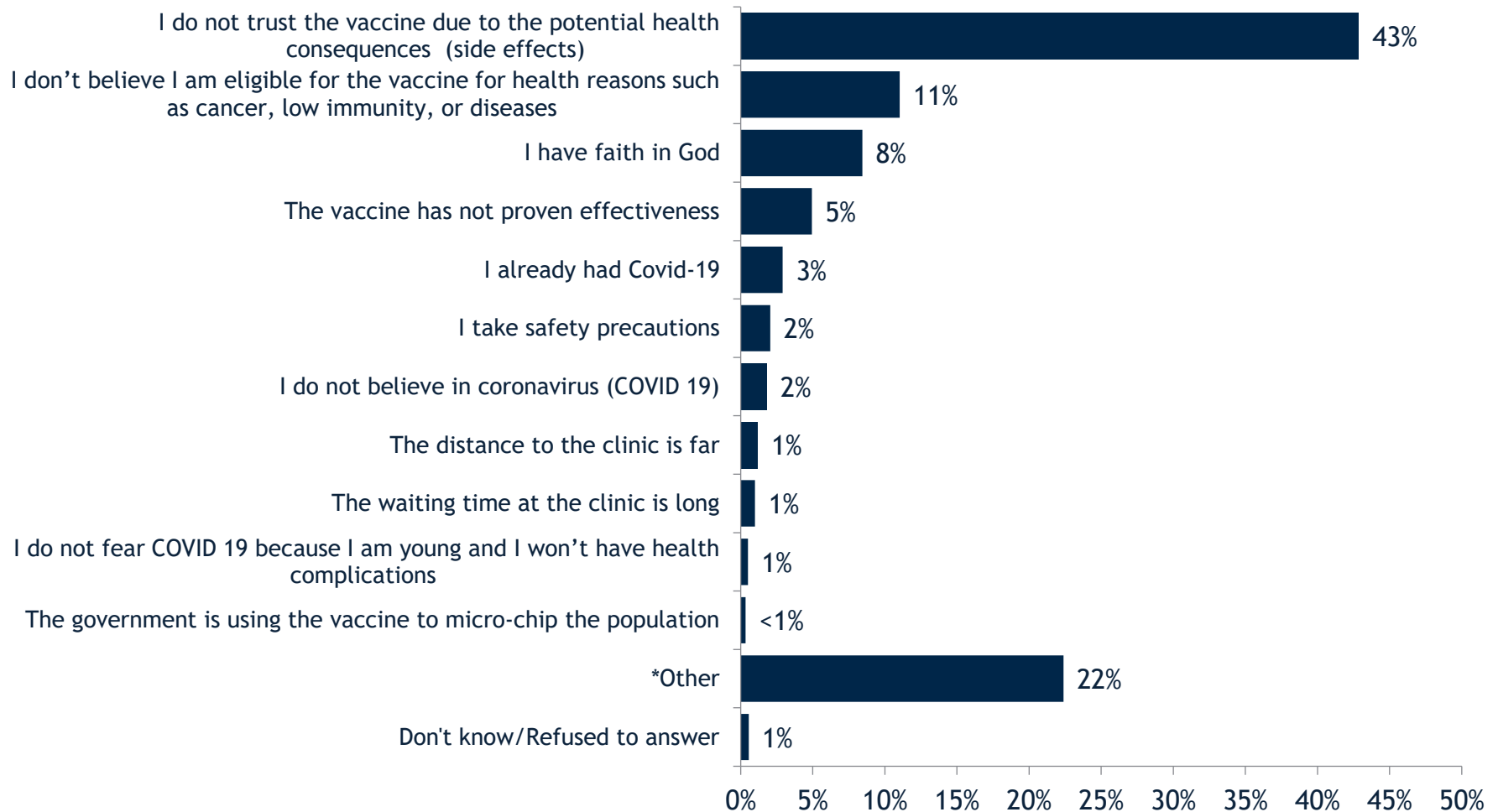


# Have you taken the COVID-19 vaccine?



# If not, what is preventing you from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who did not take a COVID-19 vaccine, n=784)



\*Notable *Other* mentions include *Pregnancy* (9%), *Breastfeeding* (4%), *Constantly busy* (3%), *Health reasons* (2%), *No need or reason to get vaccinated* (2%)



# Demographics

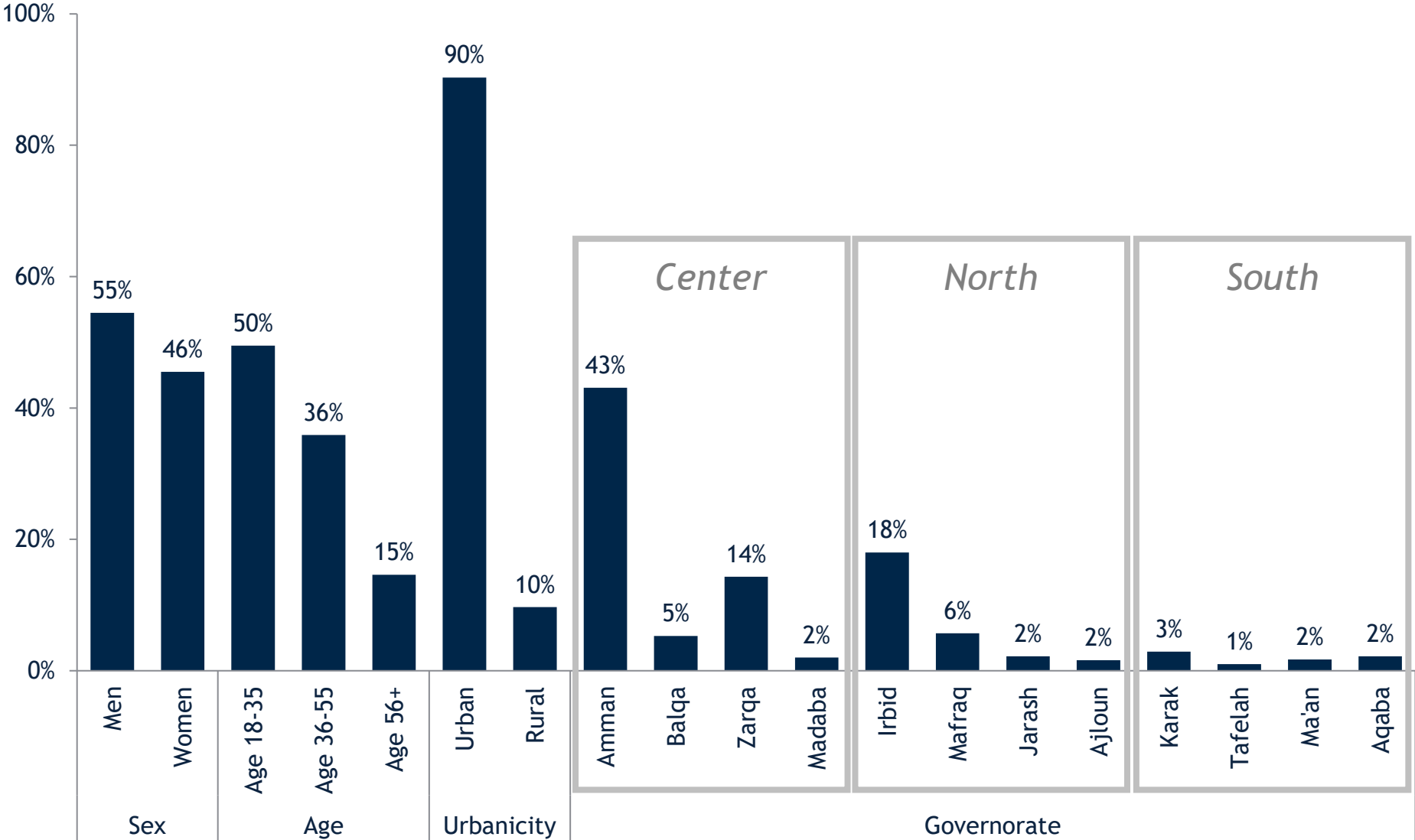
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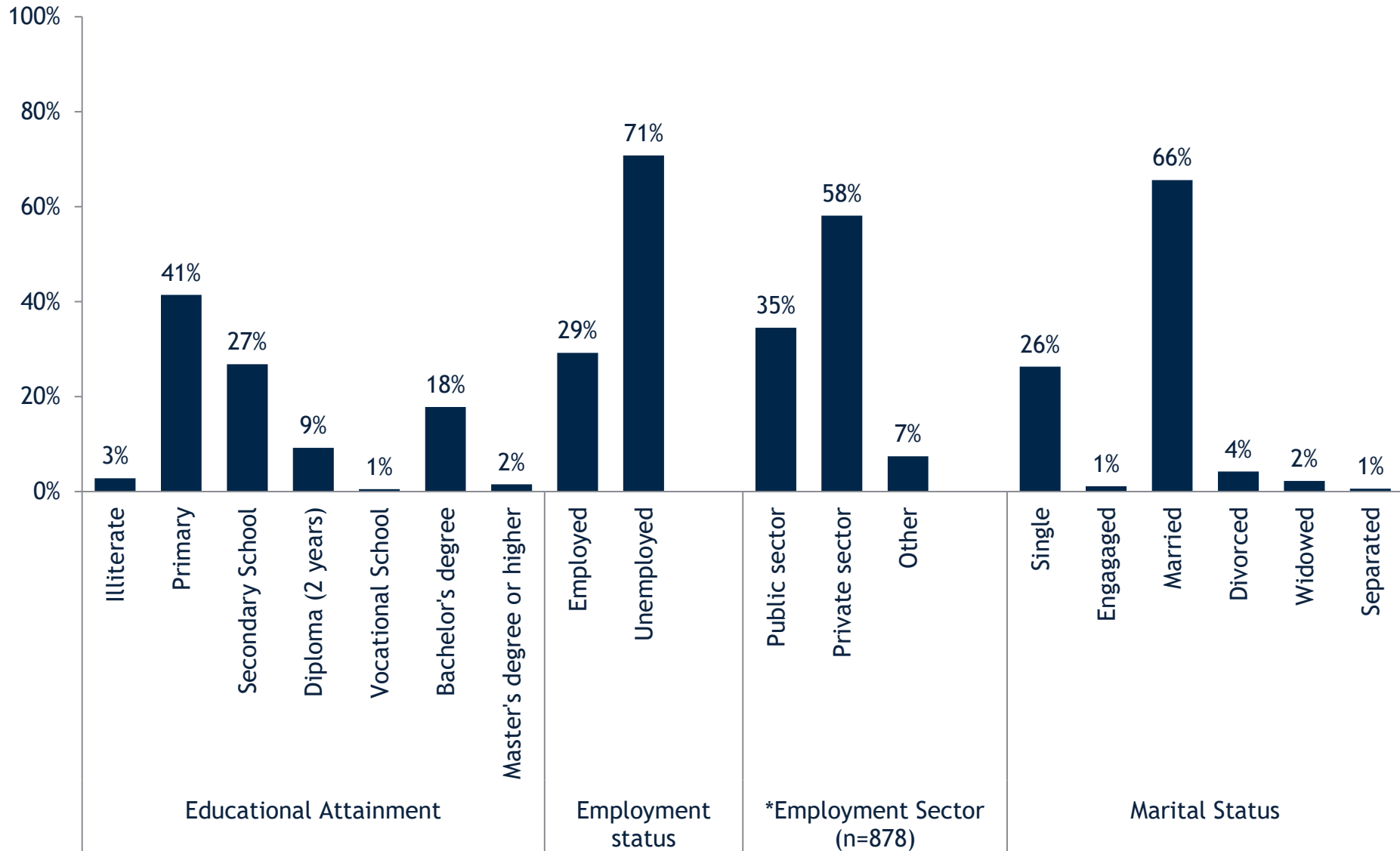
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\**Employment sector* among those who are employed.

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