

socio-political barometer

Republic of Moldova

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methodology

sampling:

stratified, probabilistic, triserial;

sample:

1091 respondents, 18 years and more;

stratification criteria:

12 administrative-territorial units (ATU), residential environment (urban-rural), size of urban localities (2 types), type of rural localities (commune center/belonging village);

randomization stages:

locality (91 selected localities), household, person;

representativeness:

the sample is representative of the adult population of the Republic of Moldova, excluding Transnistria; the maximum sampling error is $\pm 3.0\%$;

interviews:

were completed at the respondents' homes by 36 interviewers from the [imas] network, in Romanian and Russian;

data collection period:

09 February – 27 February 2024;

client:

Independent News (Romania)

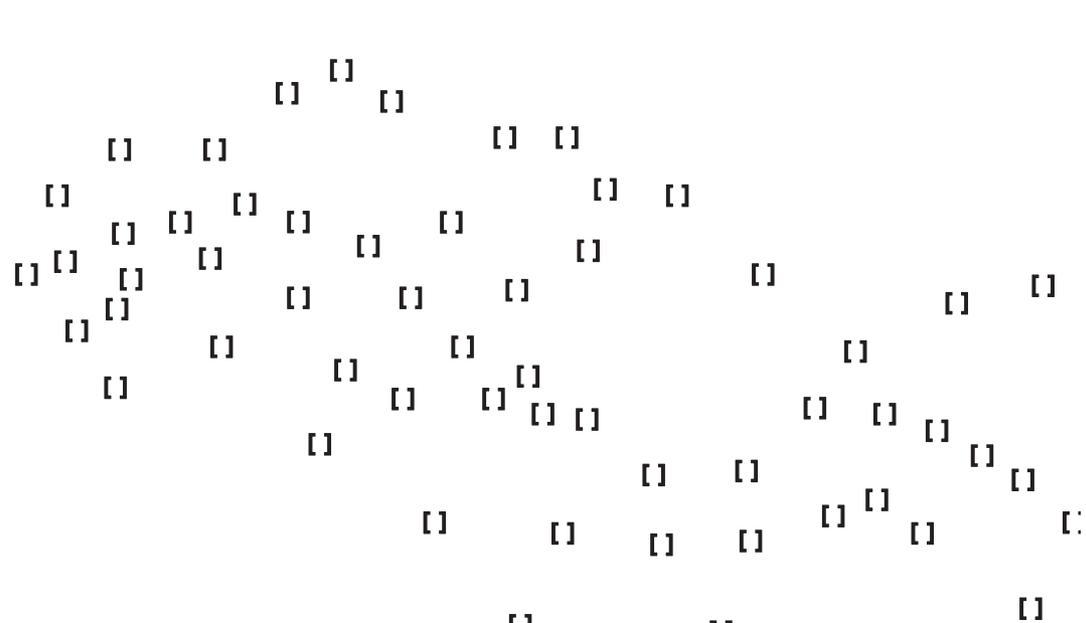
sample structure*...socio-demographic profile*

variable	group	number of people	percent
gender	male	472	43,3%
	female	619	56,7%
age	18-25 years	92	8,4%
	26-40 years	263	24,1%
	41-55 years	247	22,6%
	56-70 years	346	31,7%
	more than 71 years	143	13,2%
education	incomplete secondary education	137	12,6%
	general or vocational school	516	47,3%
	high school / post-secondary	176	16,1%
	higher education	261	23,9%
	does not answer	1	0,1%
occupation	employed	379	34,7%
	temporarily does not work	163	14,9%
	not working	549	50,4%
nationality	Moldovan/Romanian	902	82,7%
	others (Russian, Ukrainian, etc.)	188	17,2%
	does not answer	1	0,1%
total		1091	100,0%

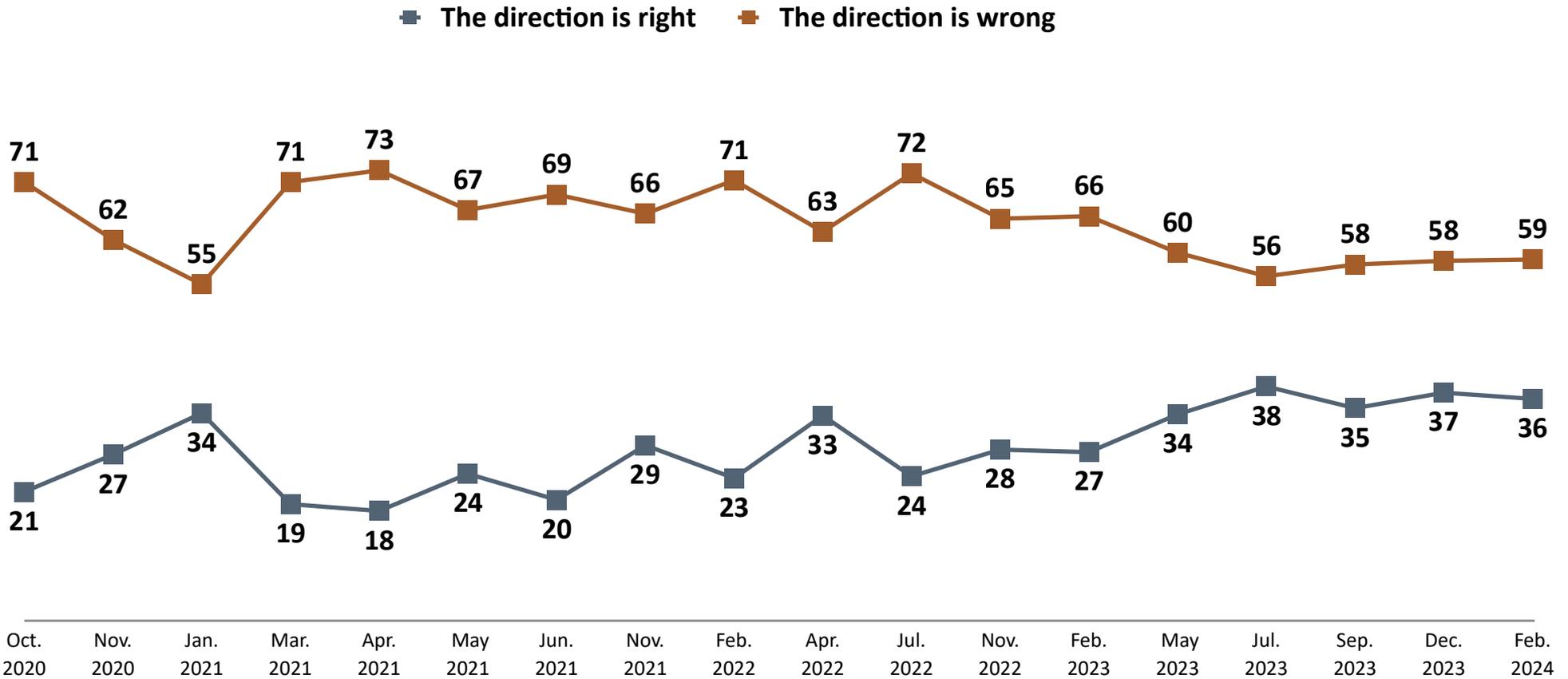
** data were weighted*



social, economic, political climate

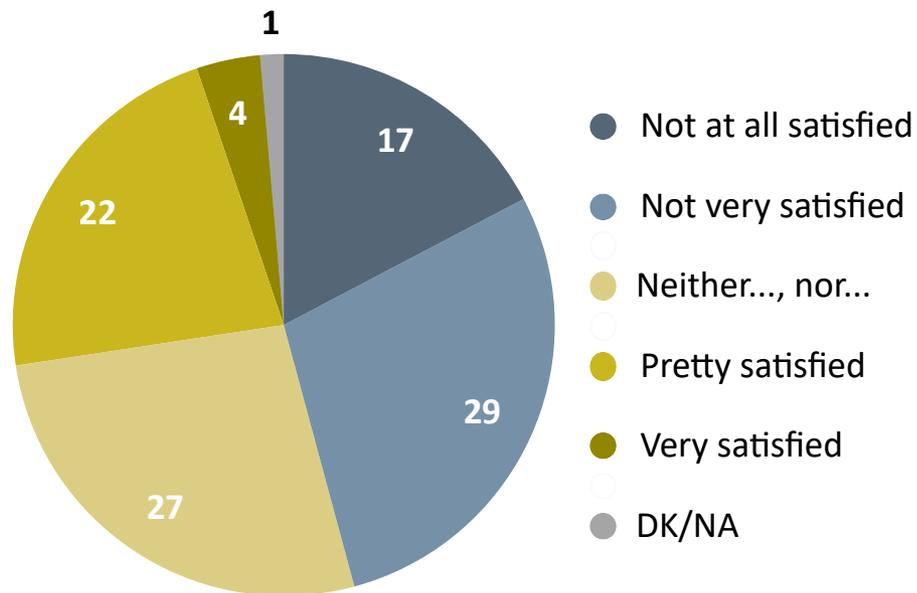


Do you think that things are going in our country in a wrong direction or going in a right direction?

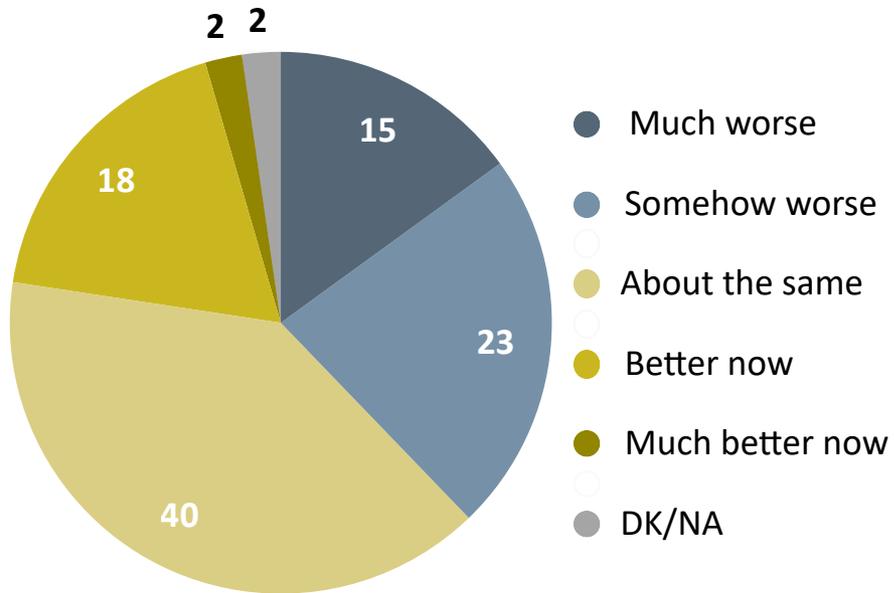


**The difference up to 100% is represented by non-responses*

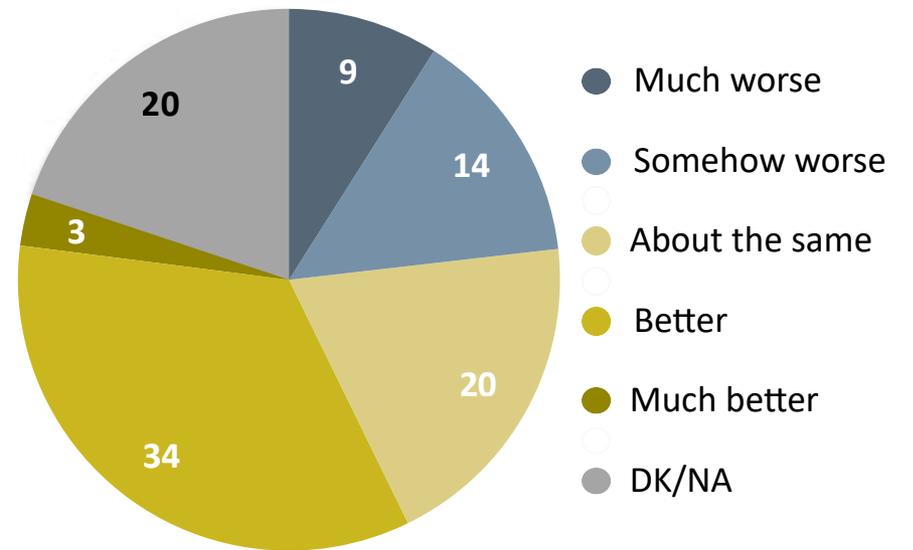
How satisfied or dissatisfied you are of the way you live?



How is your life today compared to the one of a year ago?

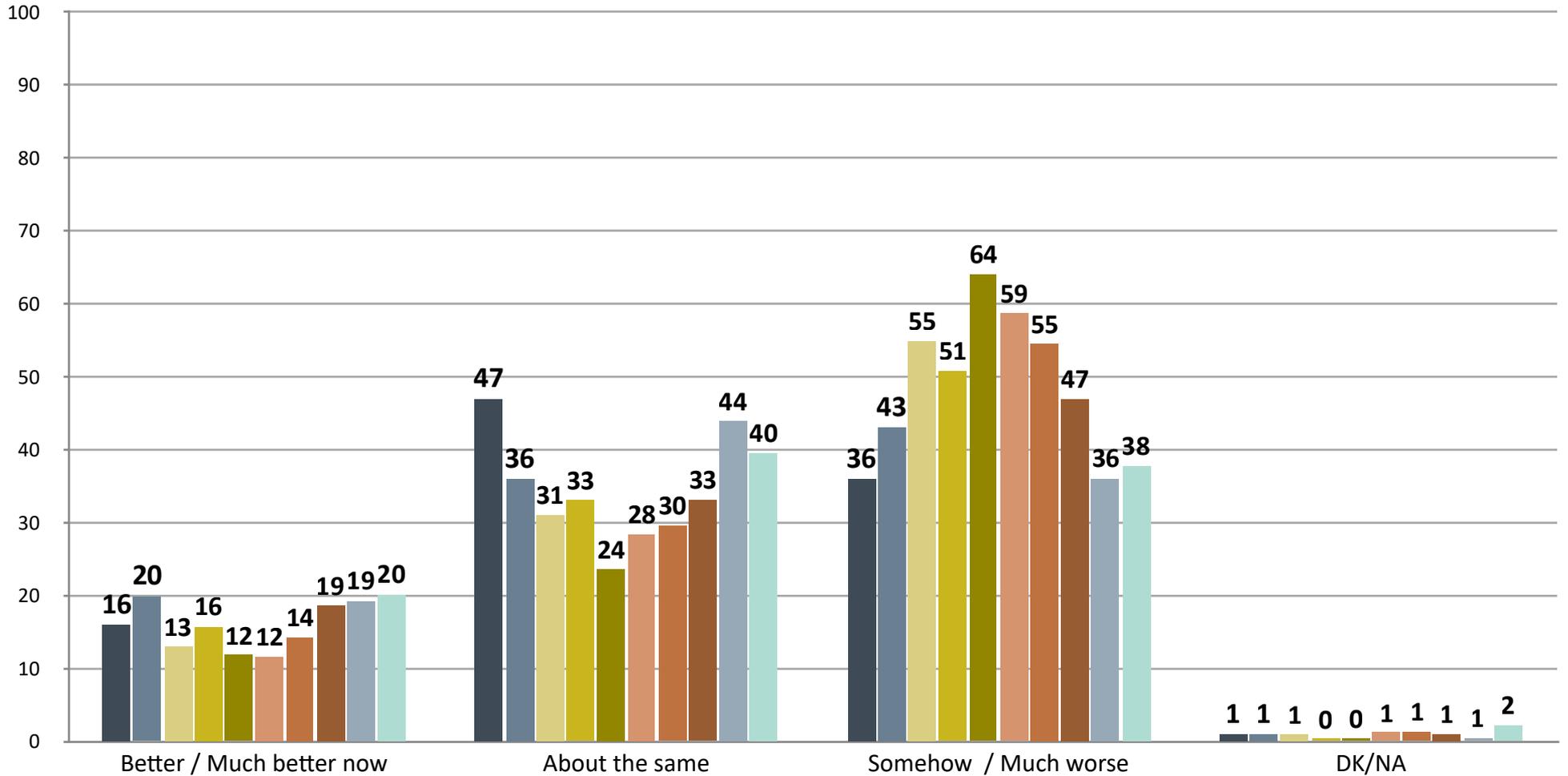


How do you think you will live in a year?



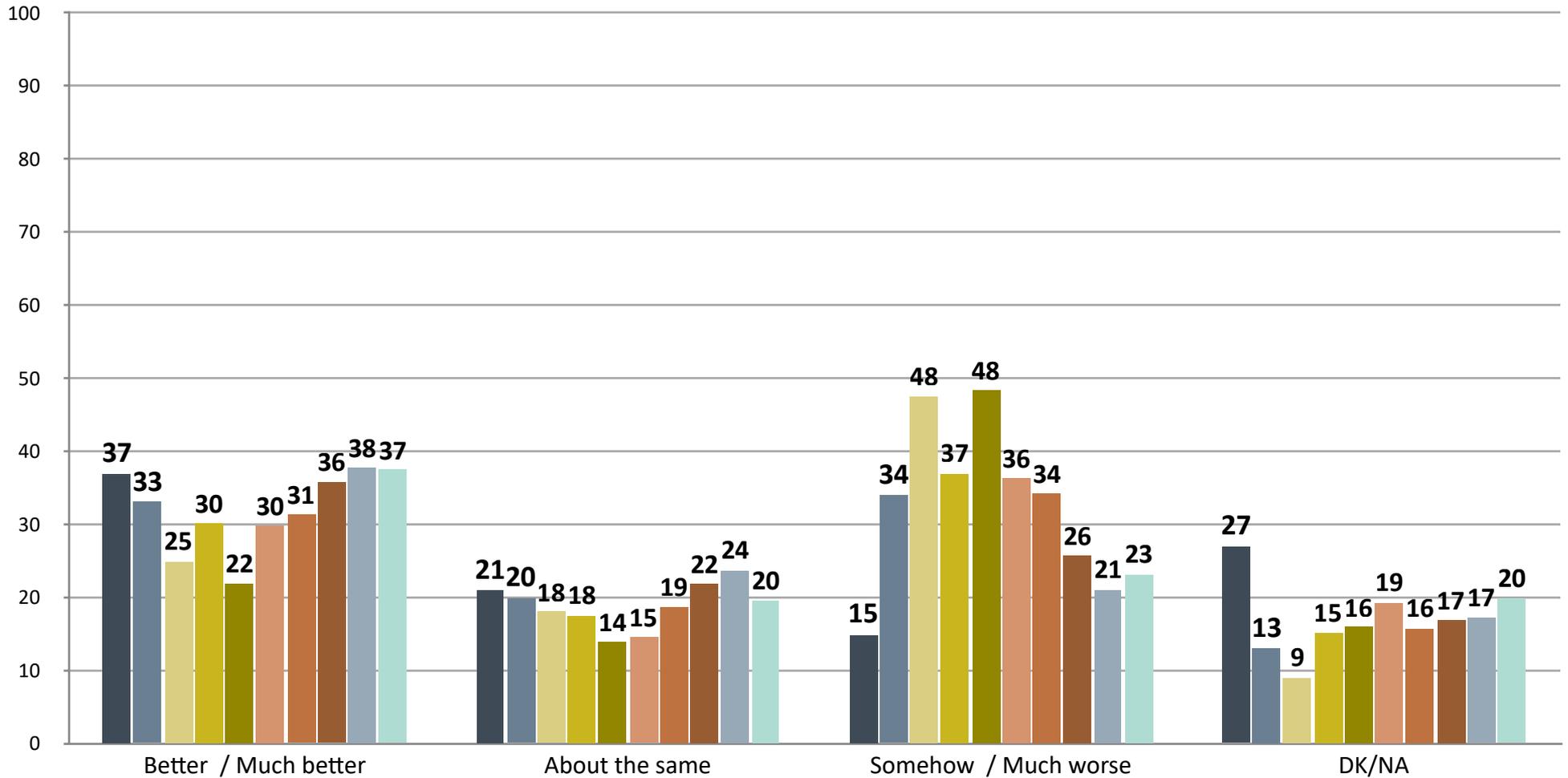
How is your life today compared to the one of a year ago?

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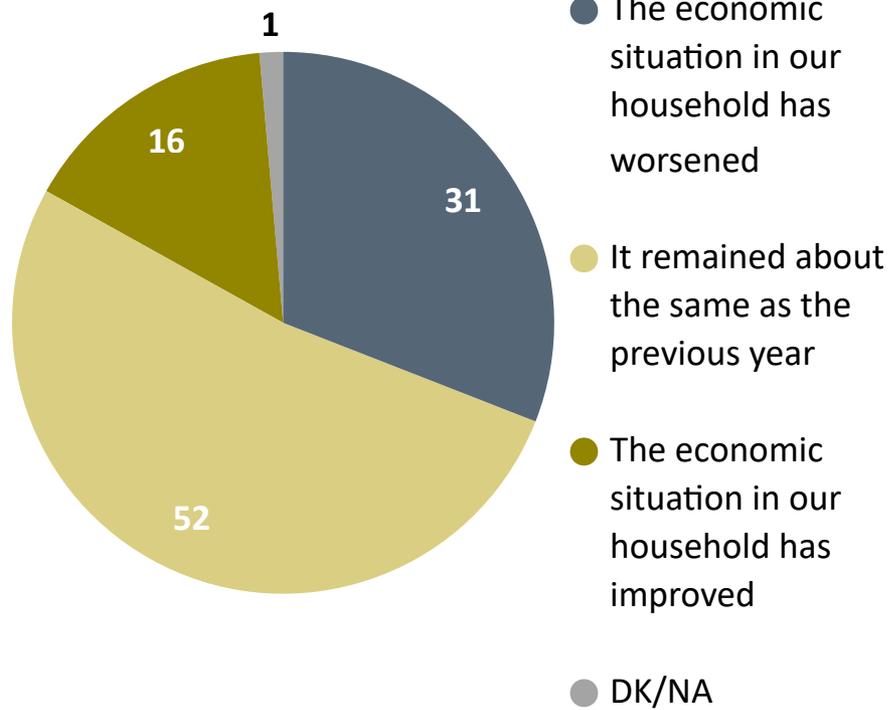


How do you think you will live in a year?

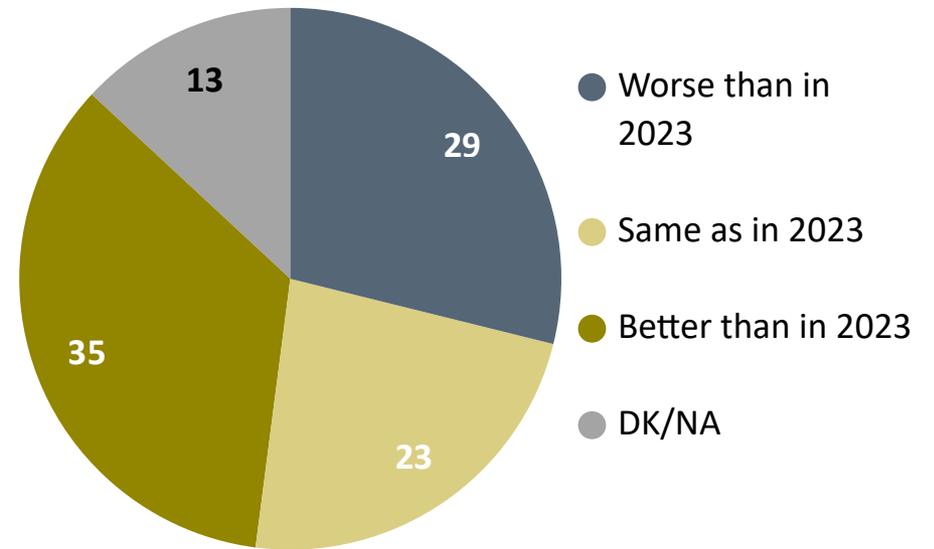
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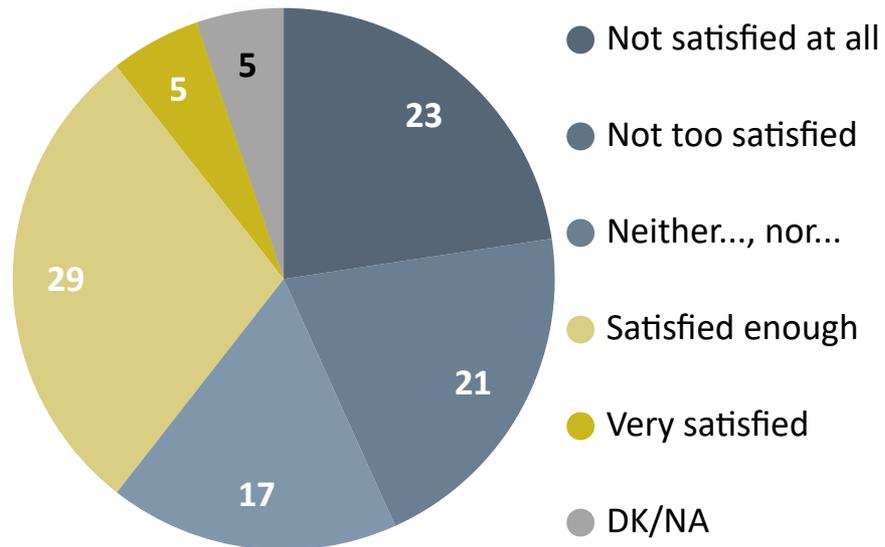
How was 2023 for your household?



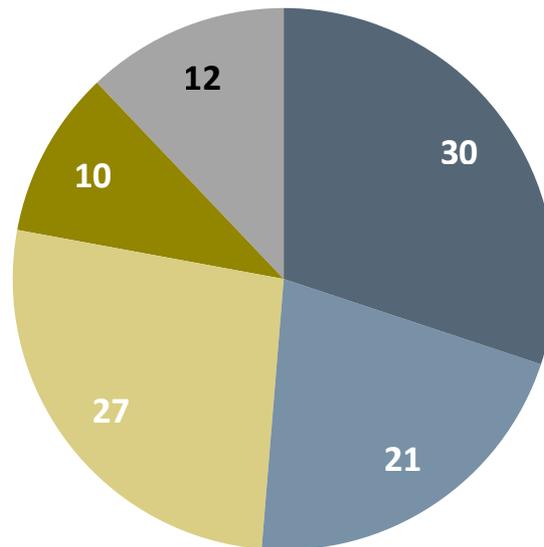
How do you think the general situation in Moldova will be in 2024?



How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the authorities have acted to clean the roads from snow?

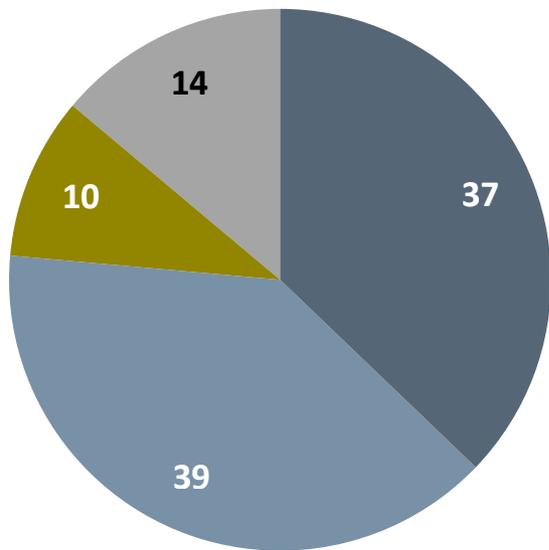


What do you think about the compensation measures offered by the government to reduce the impact of the increase in gas, electricity and wood prices?



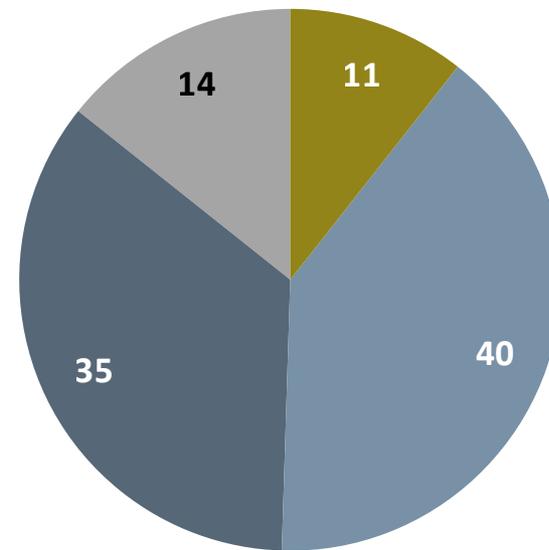
- The amount compensated was far too low compared to the level of price increases
- The amount compensated was too low and helped little
- Even if the compensation was not enough, it was a welcome help to people
- The compensation offered helped people a lot
- DK/NA

What do you think about the current price of gas?



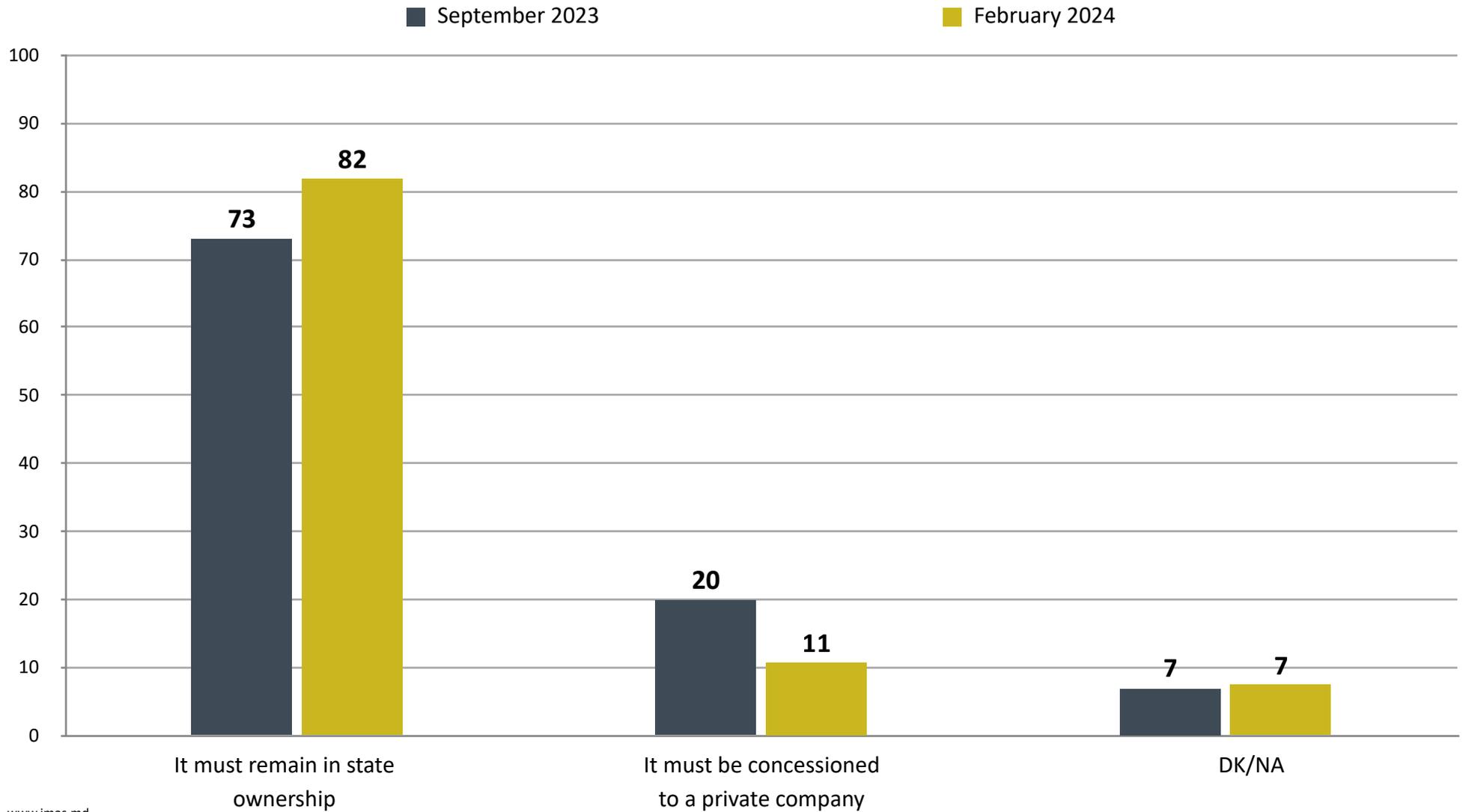
- This price hides illegal schemes to enrich those in power
- It is not a fair price, but consumers must pay this tariff until Moldova Gaz covers its debts
- It is a fair price
- DK/NA

What do you think of the current gas and electricity contracts?

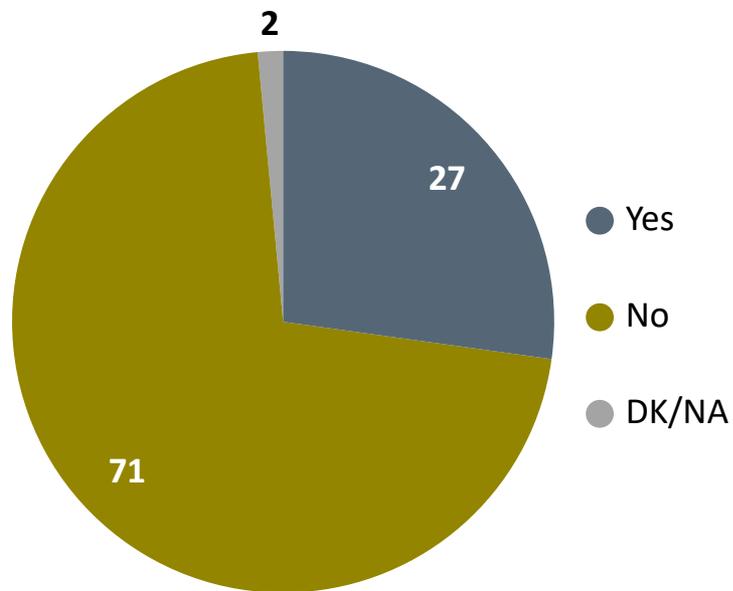


- They are fair contracts, in the interest of Moldova and its citizens
- These contracts should be investigated by the Prosecutor's Office because irregularities could be found
- These contracts hide illegal schemes to enrich those in power
- DK/NA

Chisinau airport returned to state ownership in March 2023. How do you consider, the airport should ...?

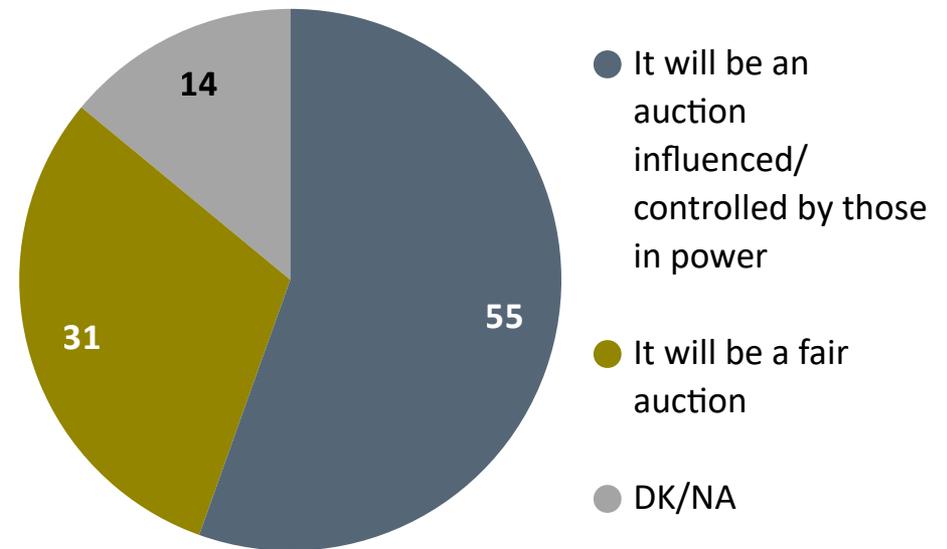


Have you heard about the auction to be held for the lease of some space at the airport?

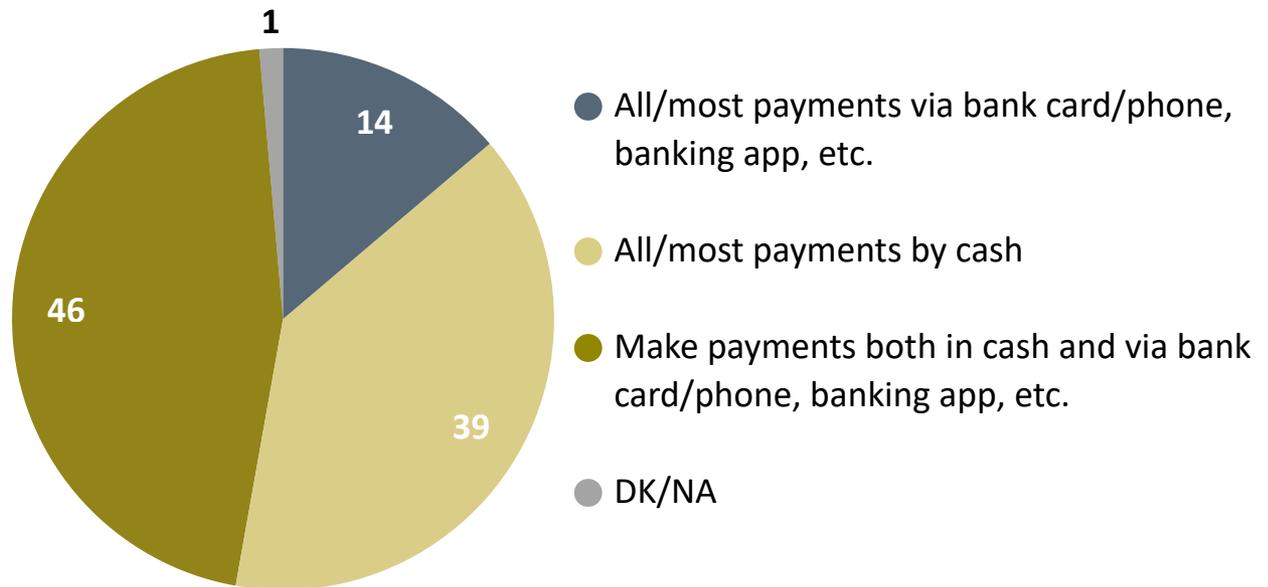


How this auction will be held?

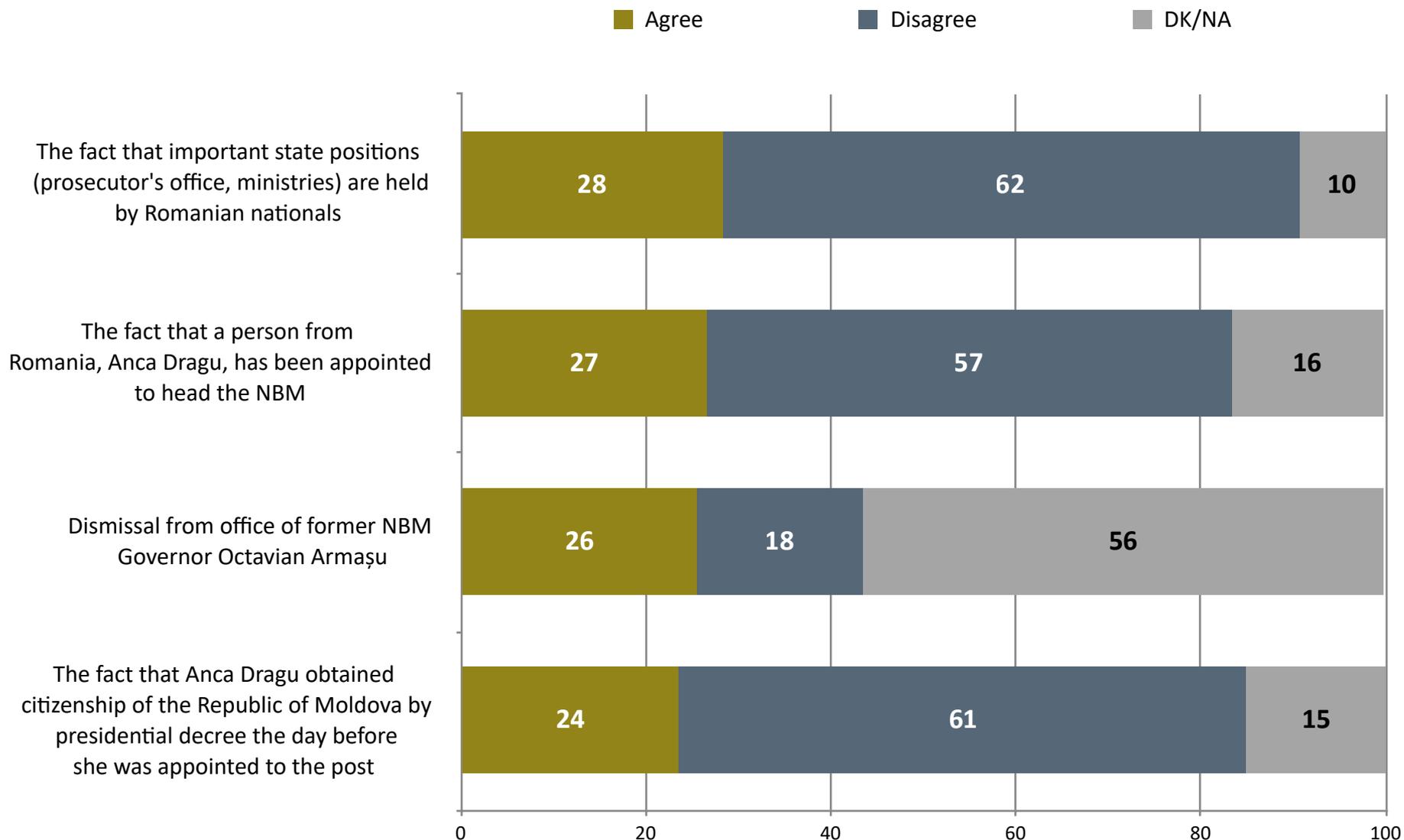
% of those who responded that they have heard about the upcoming auction for leasing spaces at the airport, 297 respondents



There is a debate on how to make payments. How do you prefer to make them?

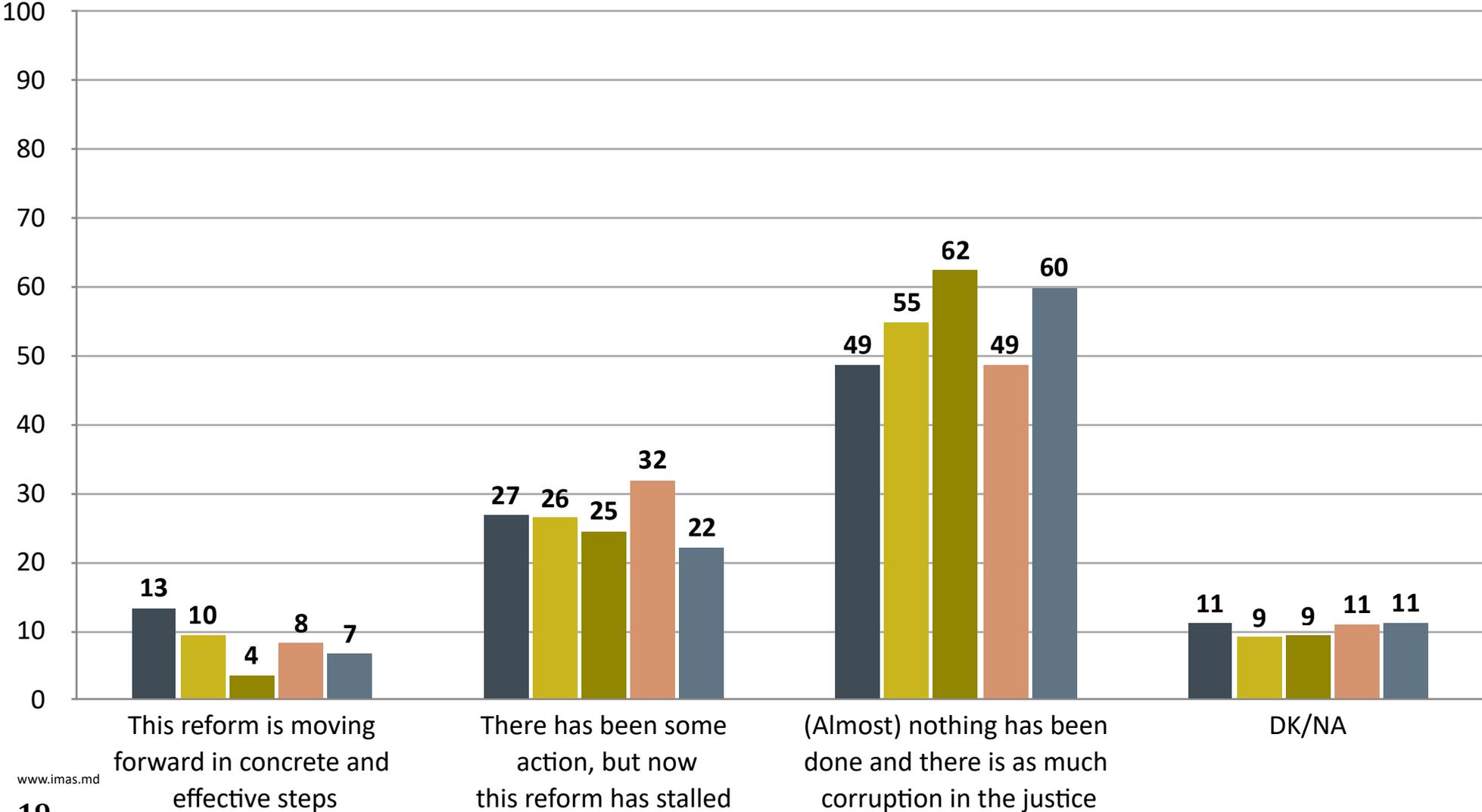


Which of the following statements do you agree and which do you disagree with?

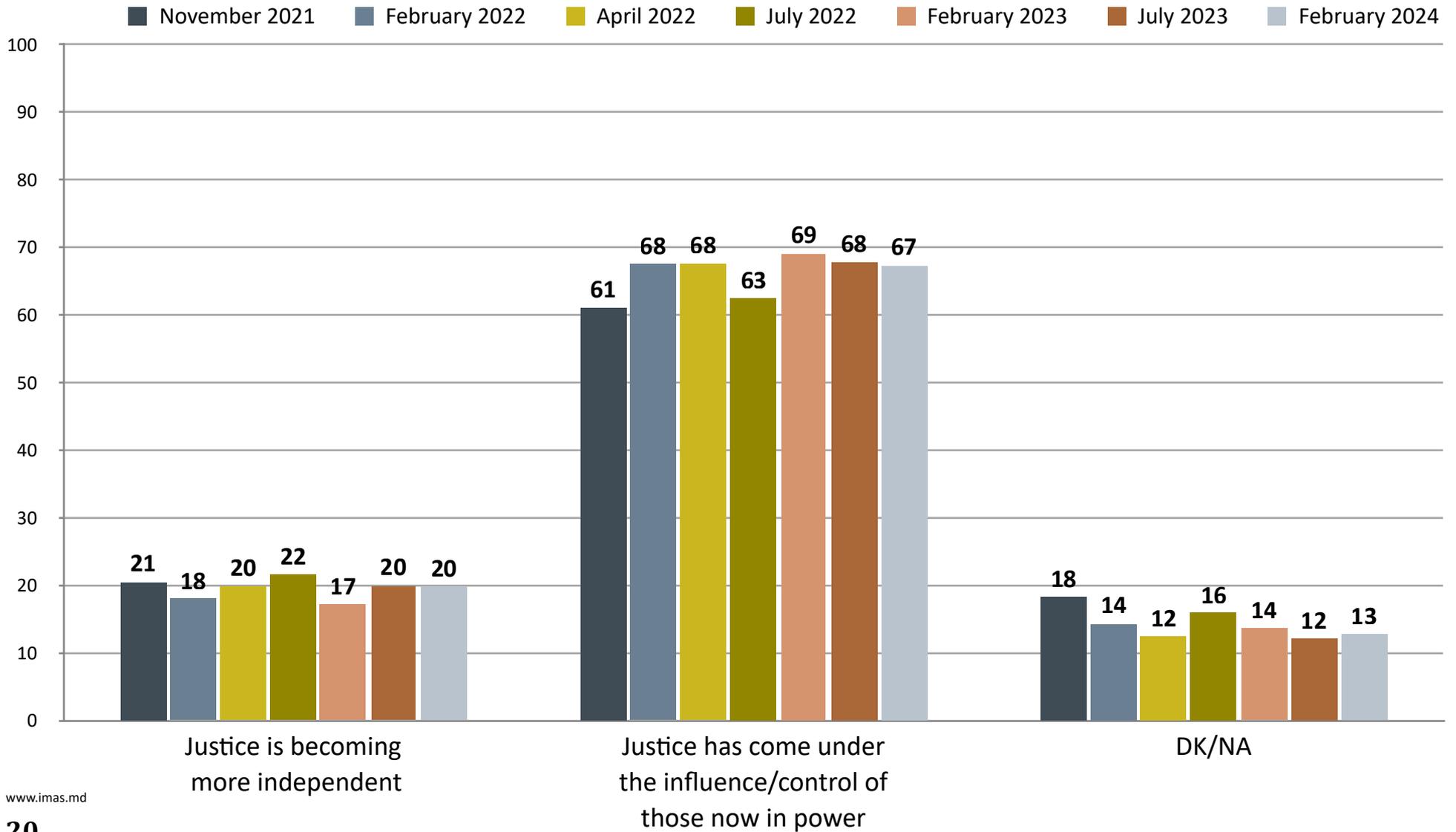


What do you think about the justice reform?

February 2022 April 2022 February 2023 July 2023 February 2024

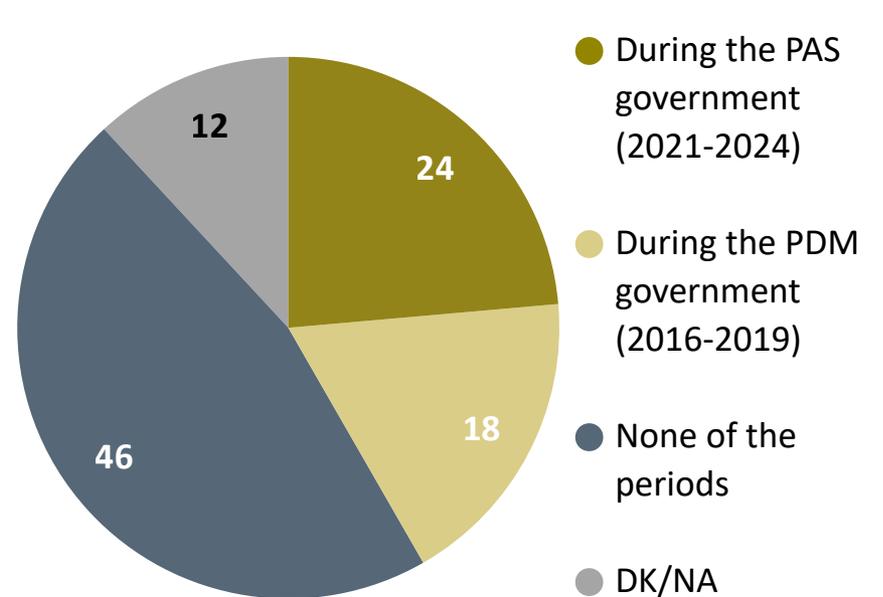
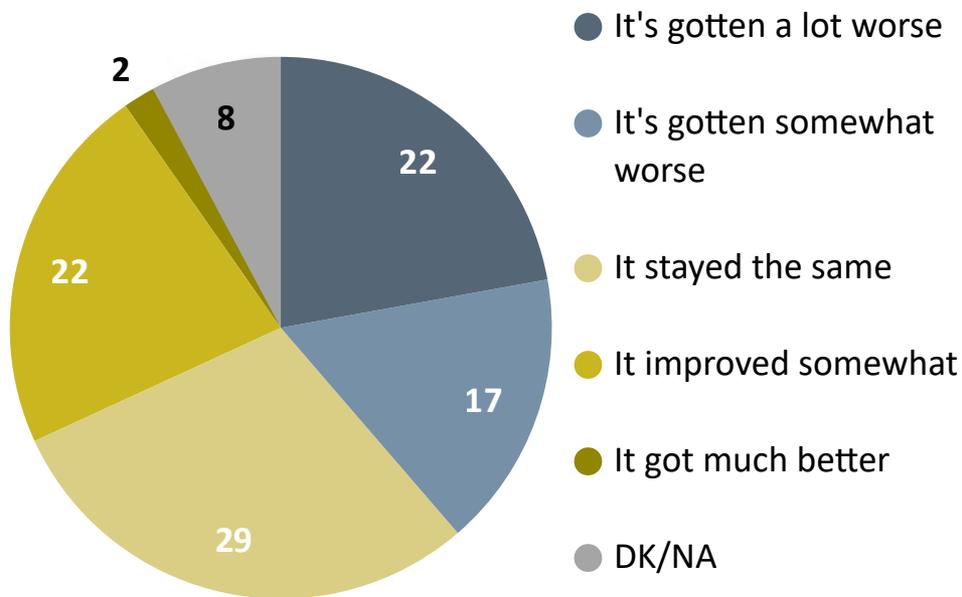


In your opinion. ...?

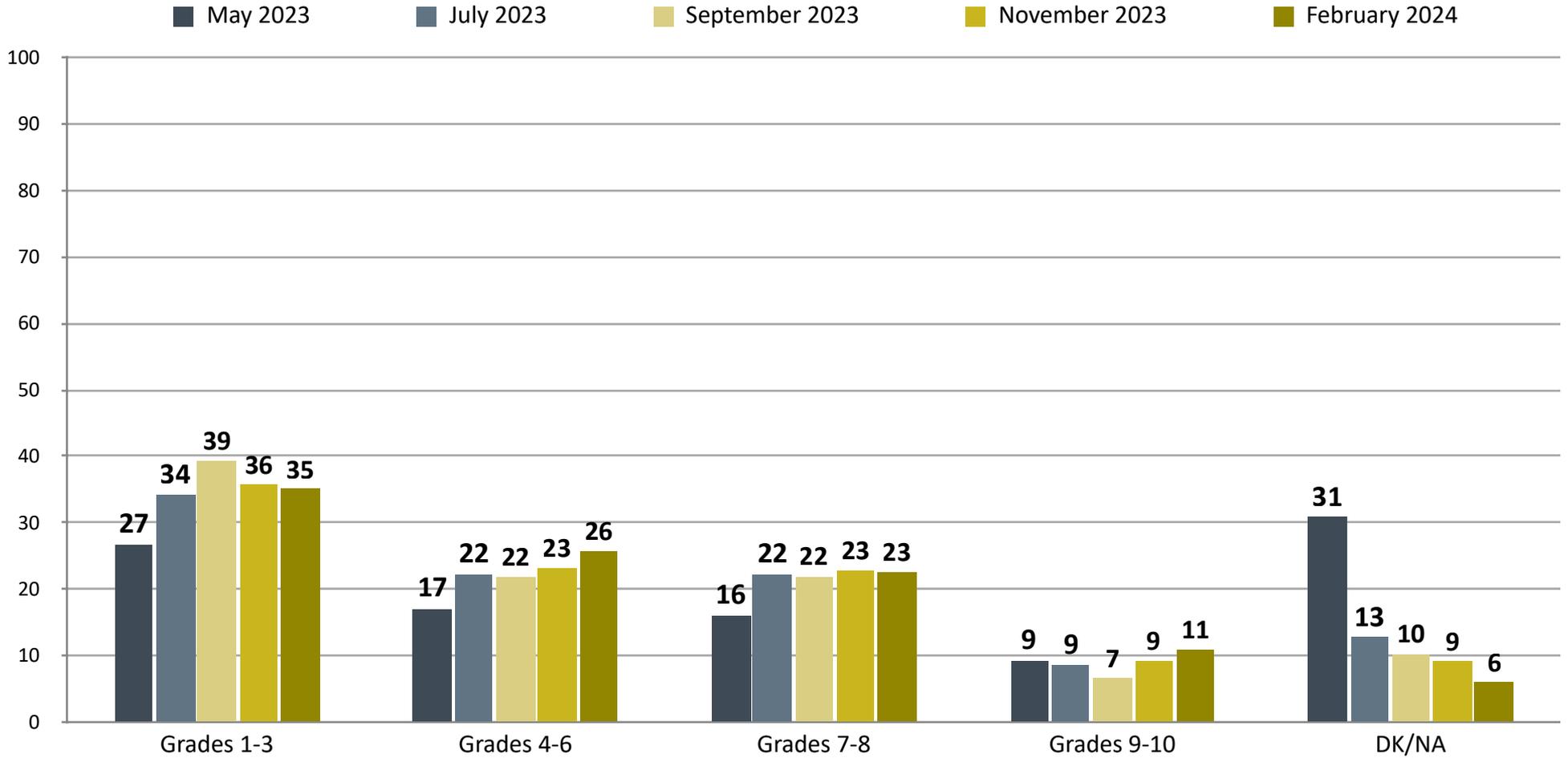


How do you think the situation in the justice system has changed in the last 3 years (2021- 2023)?

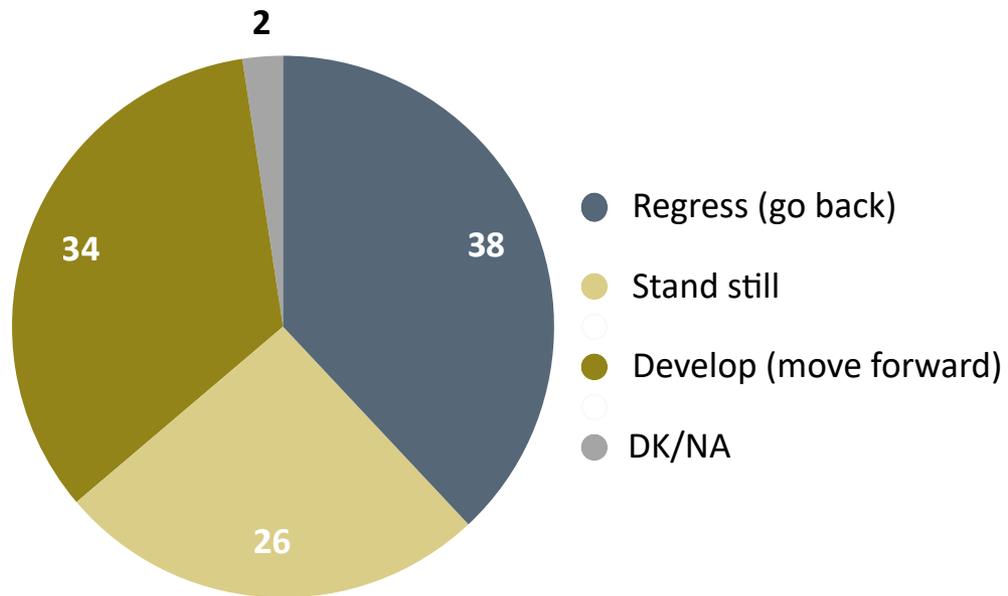
During which period do you think the judiciary was more independent?



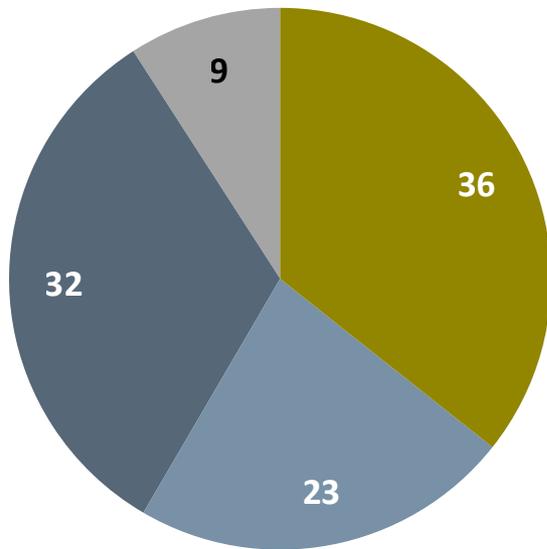
If you had to give a grade, like in school (from 1 to 10), what grade would you give to the current government (Recean Government) for the period of activity so far?



In your opinion, since Maia Sandu has been President, things in our country ...?

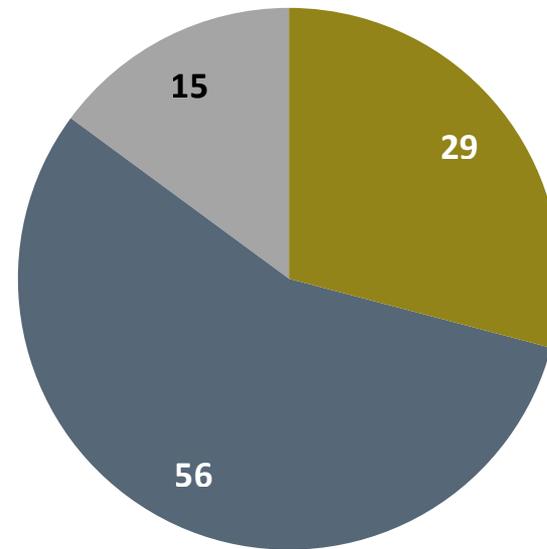


Recently, President Maia Sandu received the "Timisoara for European Values" award, which was accompanied by a cash prize of 30 000 Euro for Maia Sandu. What do you think?



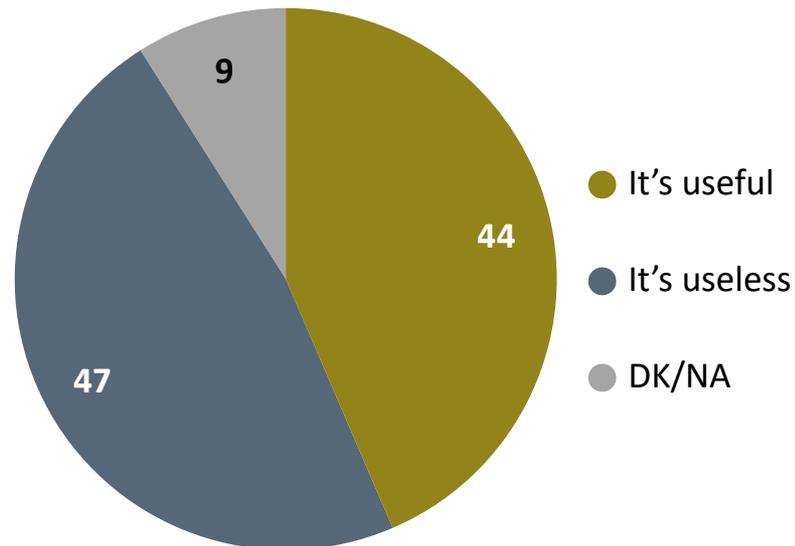
- Is it acceptable for Maia Sandu to receive and use this money as she sees fit
- It is unacceptable for the President to receive money no matter what it is
- It is illegal and sets a dangerous precedent that other officials could receive money under various pretexts
- DK/NA

What do you think about Maia Sandu ...?

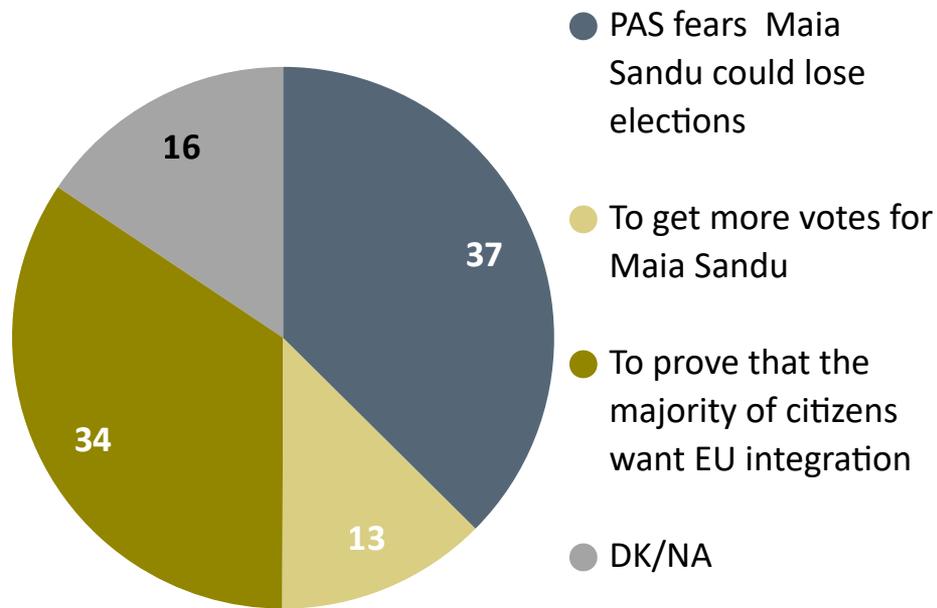


- It's a person who lives only on salary and savings
- Is a person who lives on other hidden finances
- DK/NA

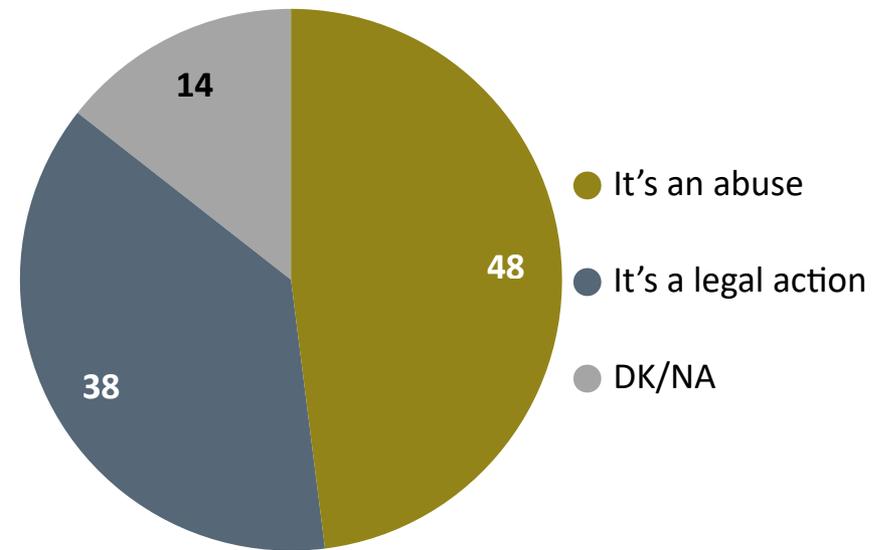
Recently, President Maia Sandu asked the Parliament to hold a referendum on Moldova's accession to the European Union. Given that the Republic of Moldova already has the status of a candidate country and negotiations on EU accession opened at the end of 2023, what do you think about holding this referendum?



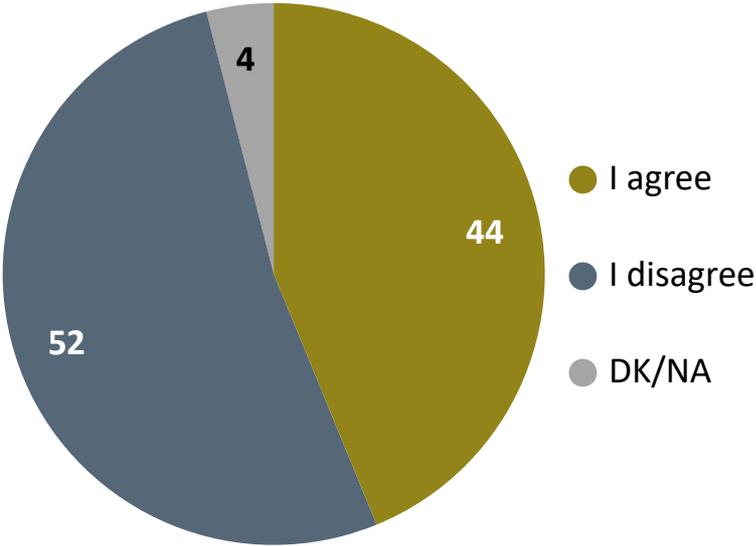
PAS deputies voted to amend the law so that the referendum can be held on the same day as the first round of the presidential election. What do you think is the main reason for this decision?



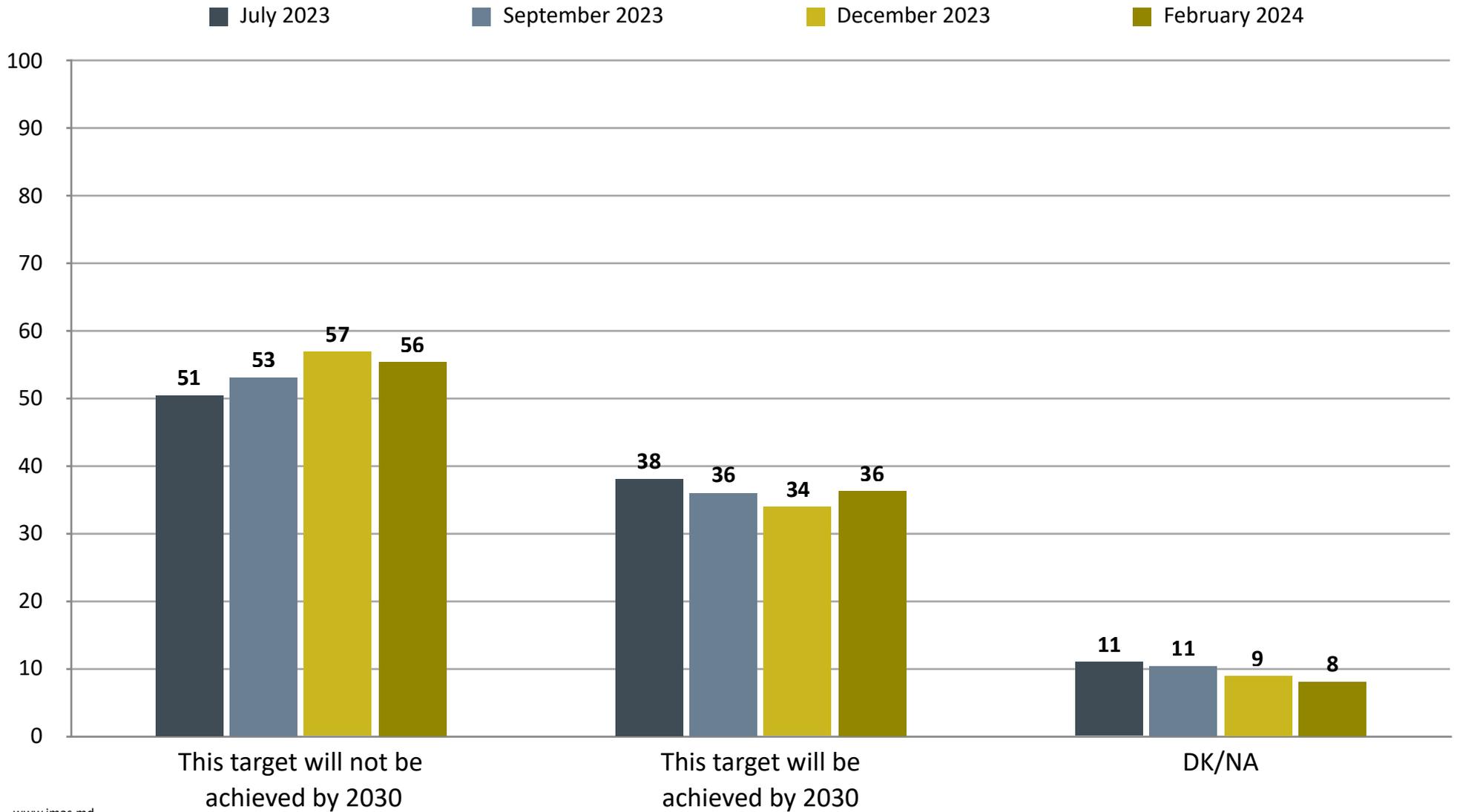
Decision of the electoral law to set the referendum on the same day as presidential elections, do you consider it...?



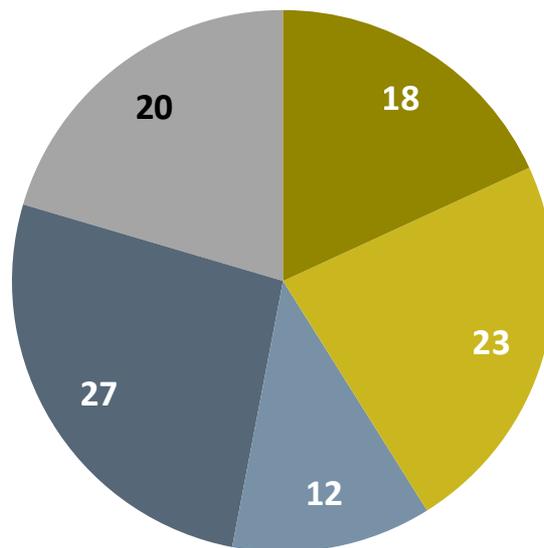
Do you agree or disagree that with the presidential elections referendum on European integration to be held?



President Maia Sandu announced that the objective is the Republic of Moldova to become a member of the European Union by 2030. What do you think?



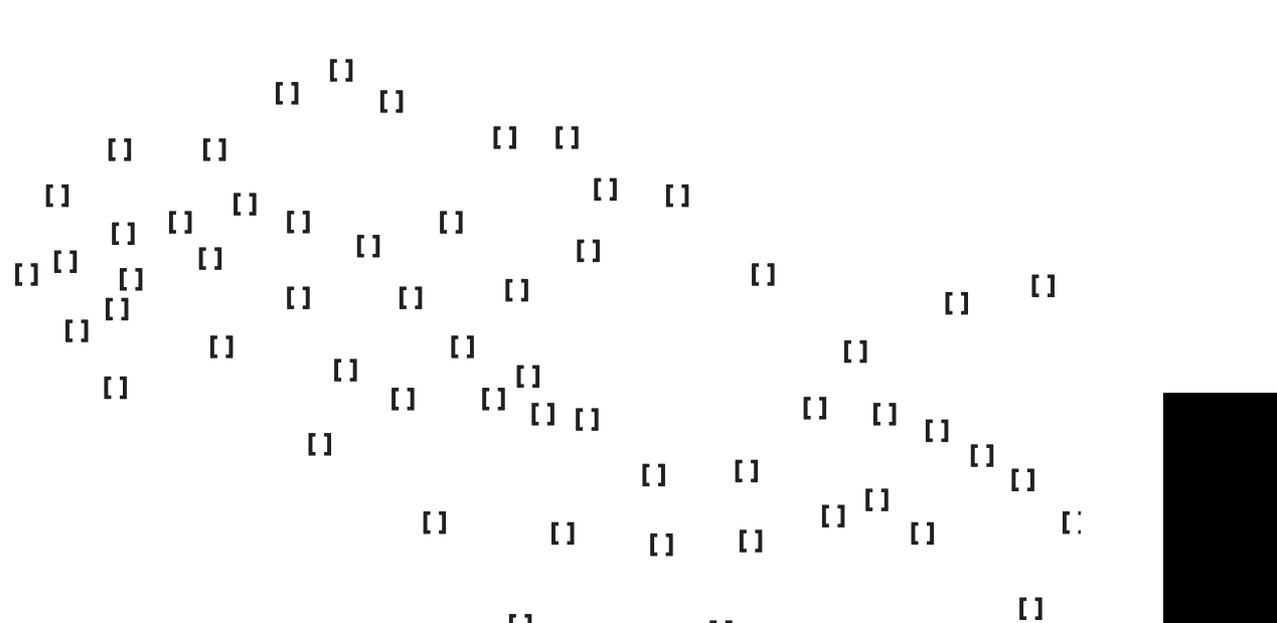
If Maia Sandu does not win the presidential elections, what do you think will happen next in Moldova?



- It will be supported by EU countries regardless of who wins the presidential elections
- Will be supported by EU countries only if another candidate with pro-European views wins
- Support from EU countries will decrease considerably if a center/left candidate wins
- Support from EU countries will stop if a center/left candidate wins
- DK/NA



institutions, politicians, parties



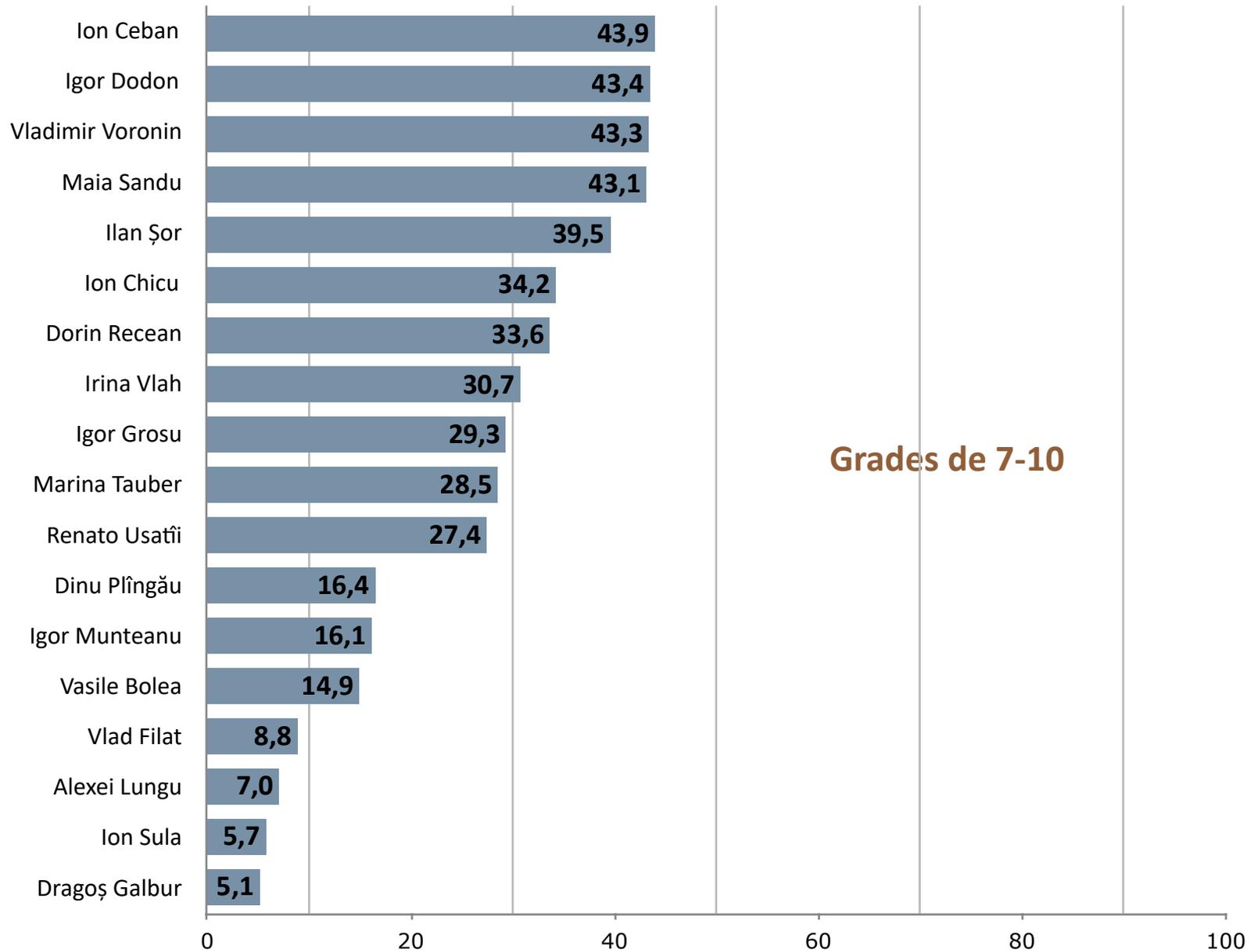
I would like to read to you and show you a list of some political figures and tell me whether or not you have heard of them.

Only for those who have heard of the political figure..., I would like you to tell me for each of them how you evaluate their activity. Please answer on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 = "Very poor activity" and 10 = "Very good activity". 99 = "I have no opinion/DK/NA".

<i>% of the total sample, 1091 respondents</i>	I heard	Very poor activity	Please answer on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 = "Very poor activity" and 10 = "Very good activity". 99 = "I have no opinion/DK/NA".										Very good activity	I have no opinion/ DK/NA	I have not heard
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Vasile Bolea	69,4	15,0	5,6	4,4	3,9	10,5	3,2	3,5	5,1	1,7	4,6	11,9	30,6		
Ion Ceban	94,8	10,0	5,9	5,0	3,7	13,8	6,6	9,7	14,5	5,9	13,8	5,9	5,2		
Ion Chicu	87,4	10,3	6,3	4,8	4,9	12,2	5,3	8,3	10,2	5,0	10,7	9,6	12,6		
Igor Dodon	99,8	21,4	6,7	4,4	4,6	9,9	5,0	8,9	10,7	5,9	17,9	4,4	0,2		
Vlad Filat	95,8	30,2	14,9	7,9	6,8	12,8	4,9	3,6	2,7	0,9	1,6	9,4	4,2		
Dragoş Galbur	21,3	2,7	1,5	1,1	1,4	2,8	1,0	1,2	2,0	0,6	1,3	5,7	78,7		
Igor Grosu	80,7	14,2	6,9	4,5	3,6	9,8	5,3	7,1	8,9	5,2	8,1	7,1	19,3		
Alexei Lungu	35,1	9,3	4,0	1,6	1,7	3,8	1,7	0,7	1,8	1,1	3,4	6,0	64,9		
Igor Munteanu	48,2	3,1	2,7	3,2	2,7	6,8	4,7	3,9	6,0	2,9	3,3	8,9	51,8		
Dinu Plîngău	42,8	3,2	1,9	2,3	2,4	5,7	3,8	5,1	5,9	2,7	2,7	6,9	57,2		
Dorin Recean	83,5	12,3	7,0	3,8	3,0	9,1	6,6	9,2	12,0	5,9	6,5	8,1	16,5		
Maia Sandu	99,9	26,1	9,6	3,7	2,3	7,0	3,9	5,2	8,0	7,7	22,2	4,2	0,1		
Ion Sula	30,0	3,7	2,4	1,8	1,4	3,6	2,0	2,3	1,4	0,5	1,5	9,5	70,0		
Ilan Şor	98,1	27,6	6,8	4,7	2,6	6,3	3,5	5,9	10,2	5,8	17,6	7,0	1,9		
Marina Tauber	87,1	26,8	7,3	4,1	3,2	6,9	3,2	4,5	5,9	5,8	12,3	7,1	12,9		
Renato Usatîi	96,1	17,5	8,4	9,6	6,5	13,1	6,4	7,9	8,9	2,6	8,0	7,2	3,9		
Irina Vlah	74,7	11,7	4,8	3,9	3,6	7,1	5,3	4,4	8,3	4,2	13,8	7,6	25,3		
Vladimir Voronin	98,6	14,3	5,7	5,5	4,2	13,0	6,8	5,3	12,3	6,7	19,0	5,9	1,4		

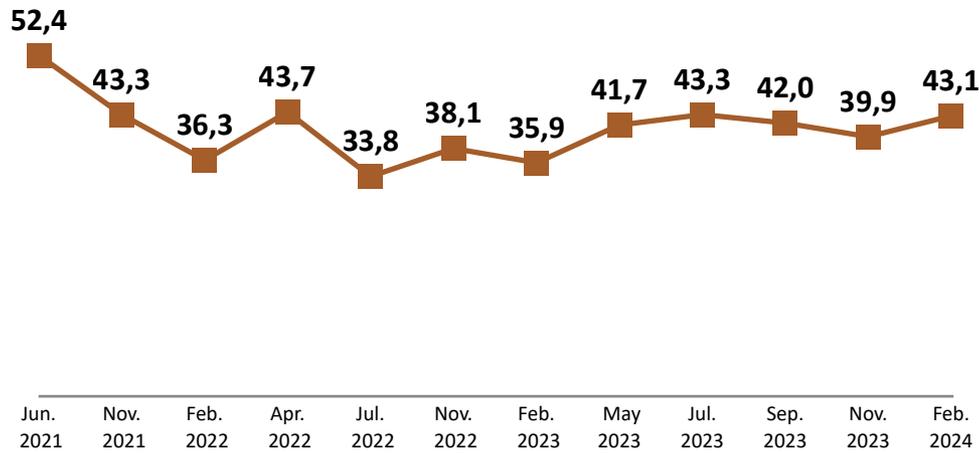
How do you rate the activity of ...?

% of the total sample, 1091 respondents

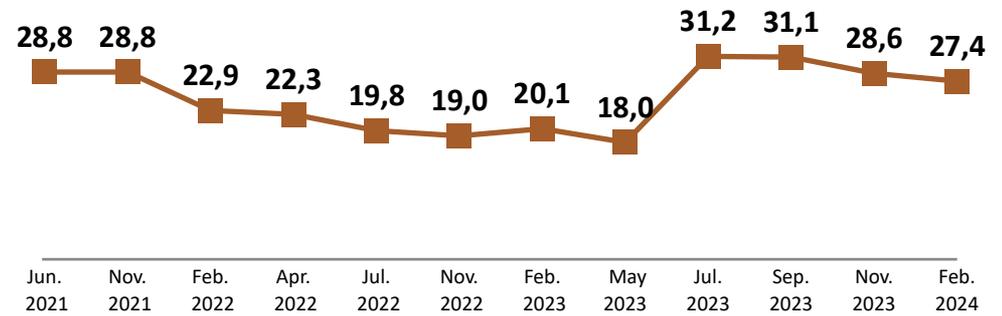


How do you rate the activity of ...? (cumulative % for grades 7-10)

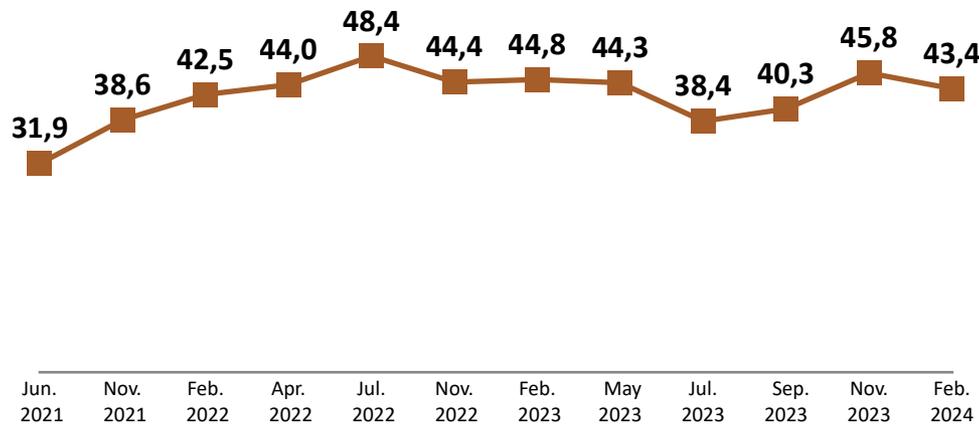
Maia Sandu



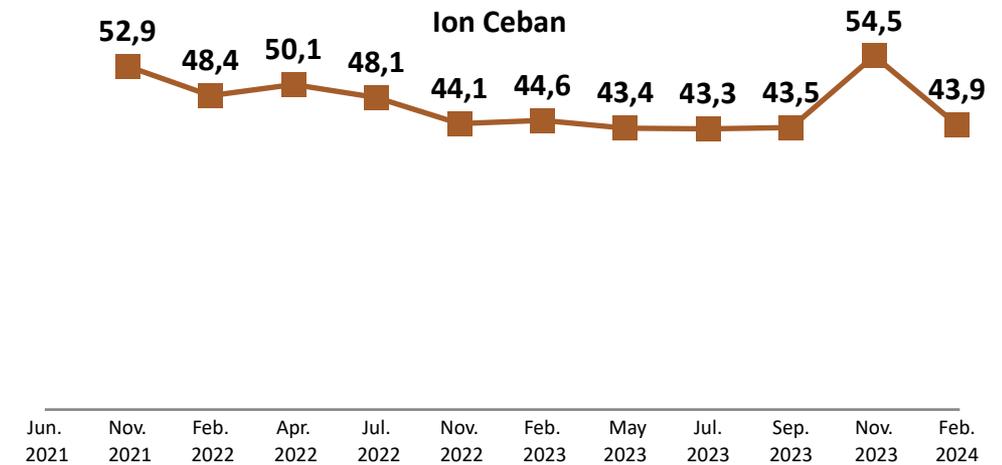
Renato Usatîi



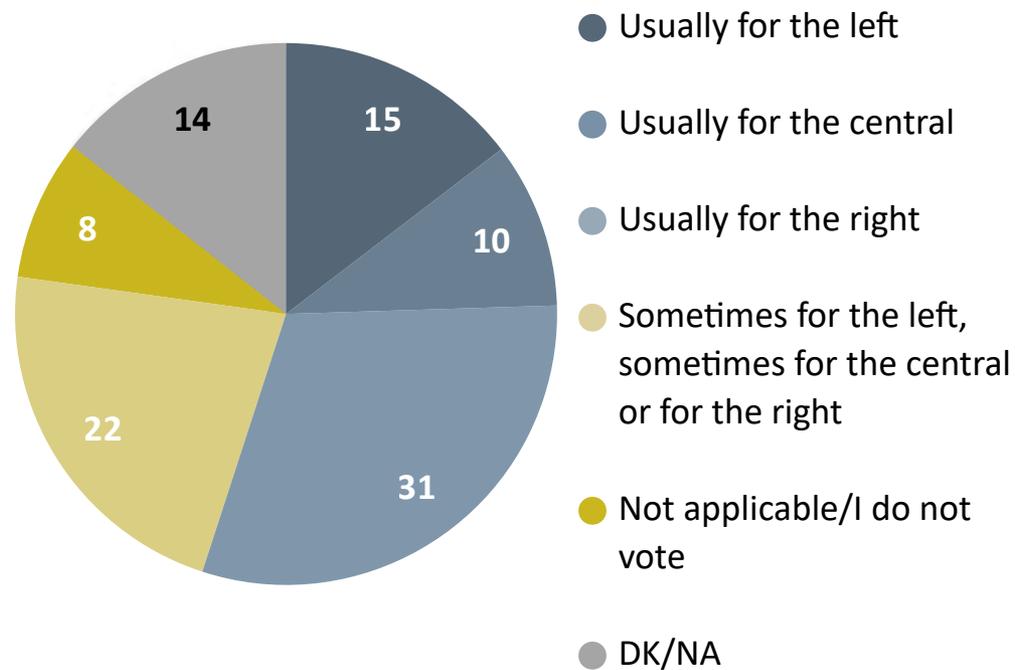
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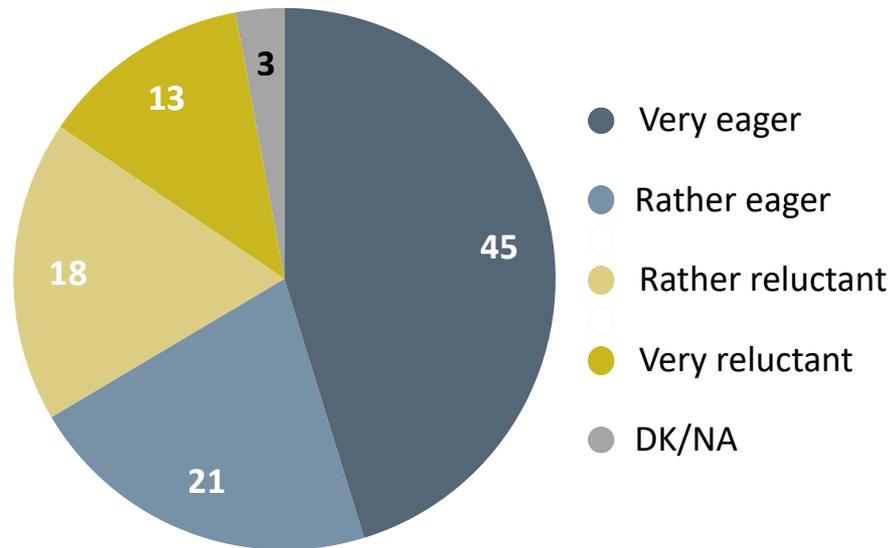
What can you say about the way you usually vote from the point of view of political orientation?



How interested are you in the eventual early parliamentary elections, on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means that you are not interested in the parliamentary elections at all, and 10 means that are very interested in these elections?

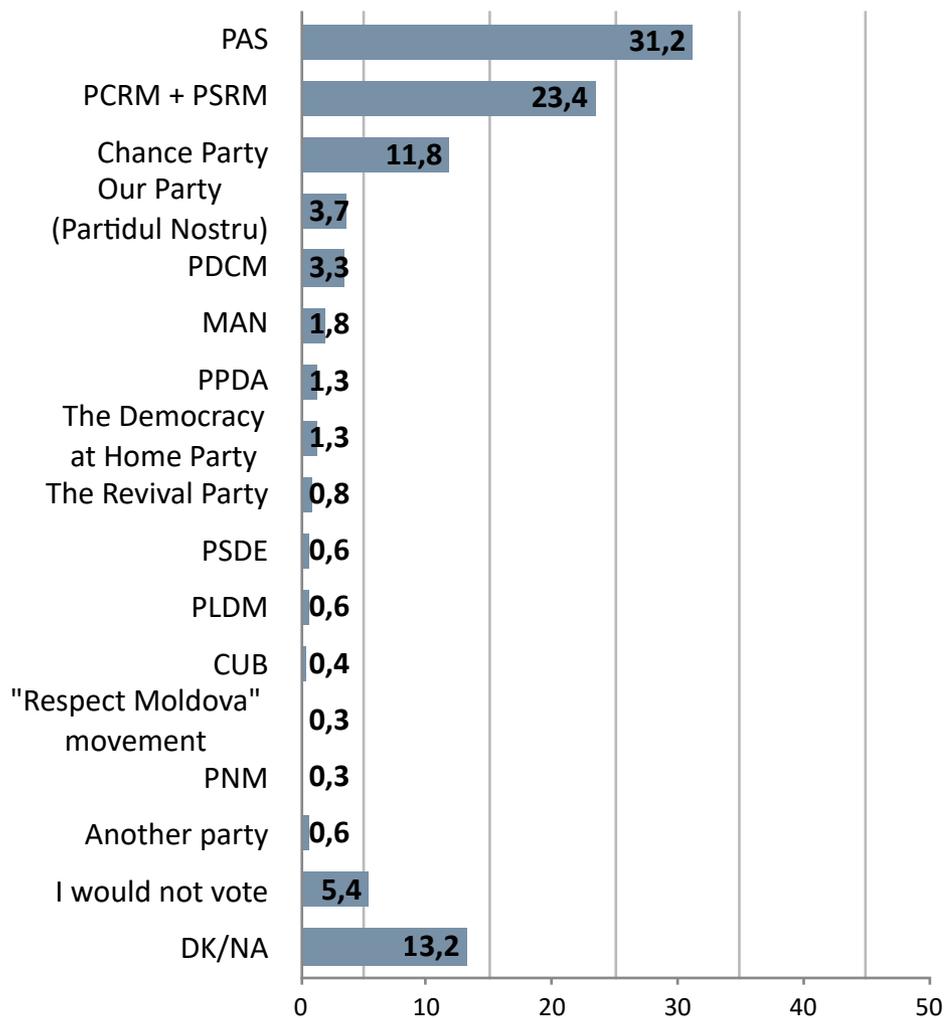


How eager are you to vote for a specific party at this moment?



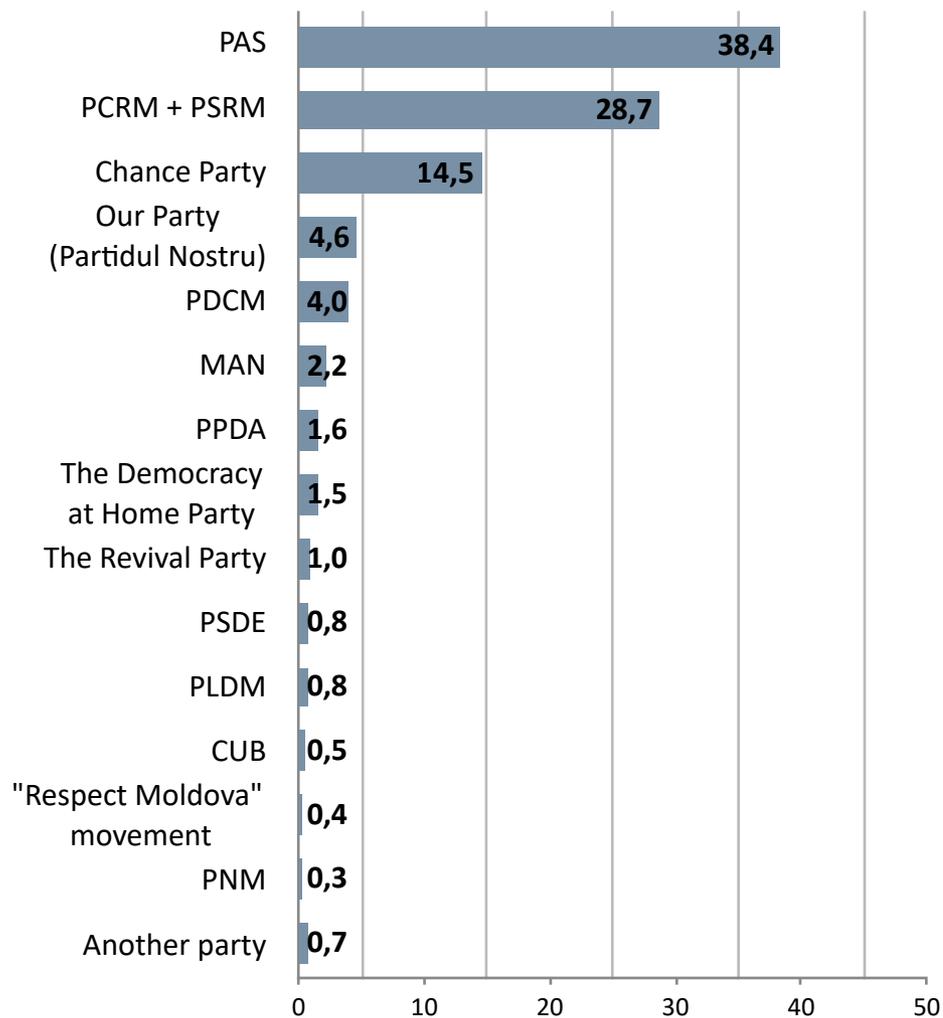
**In the event of snap parliamentary election next Sunday,
which party do you intend to vote with?**

% of the total sample, 1091 respondents



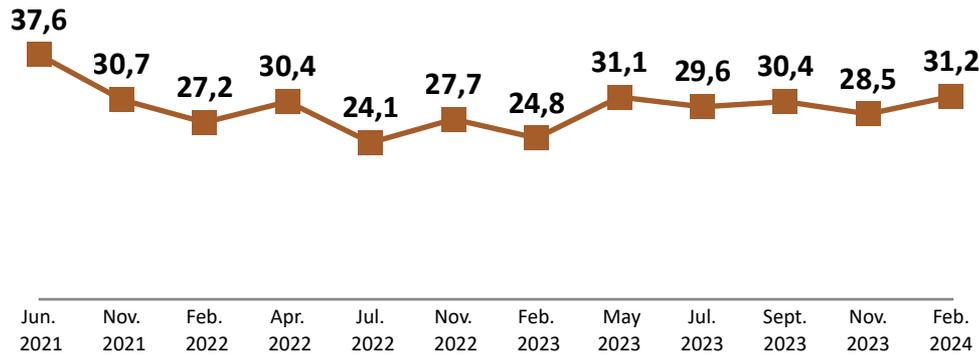
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% of respondents who have a voting option, 888 respondents

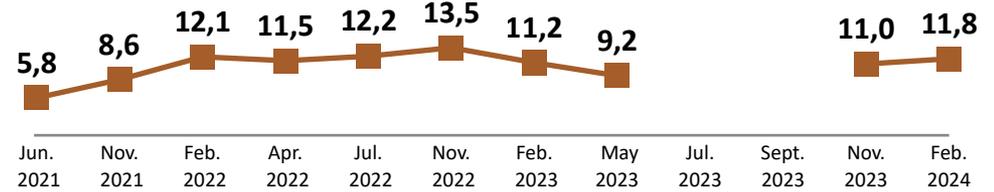


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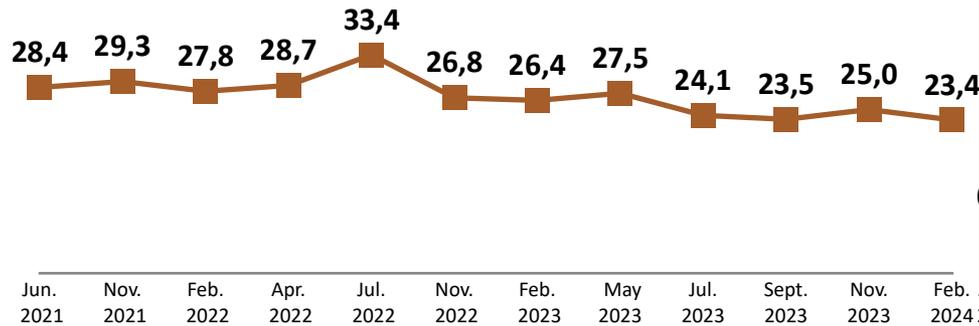
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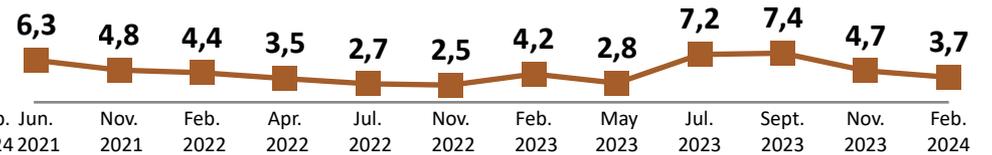
Sor Party/ Chance Party



PCRM + PSRM

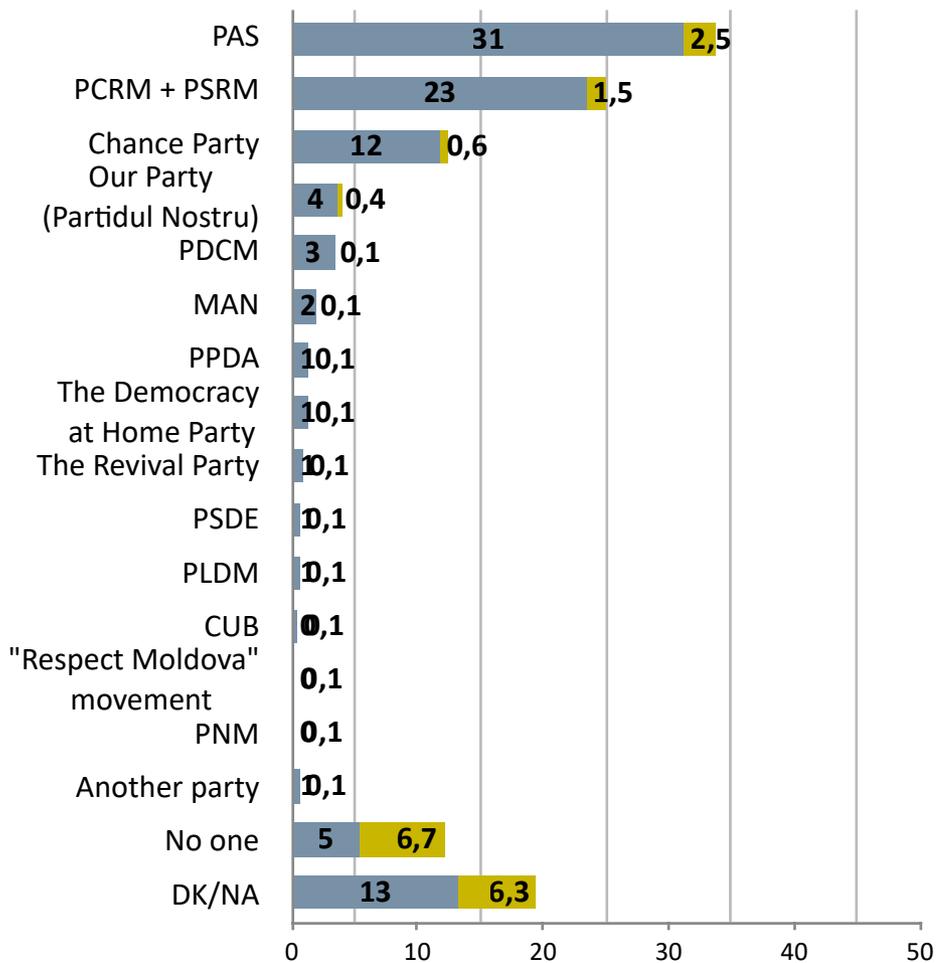


Our Party (Partidul Nostru)



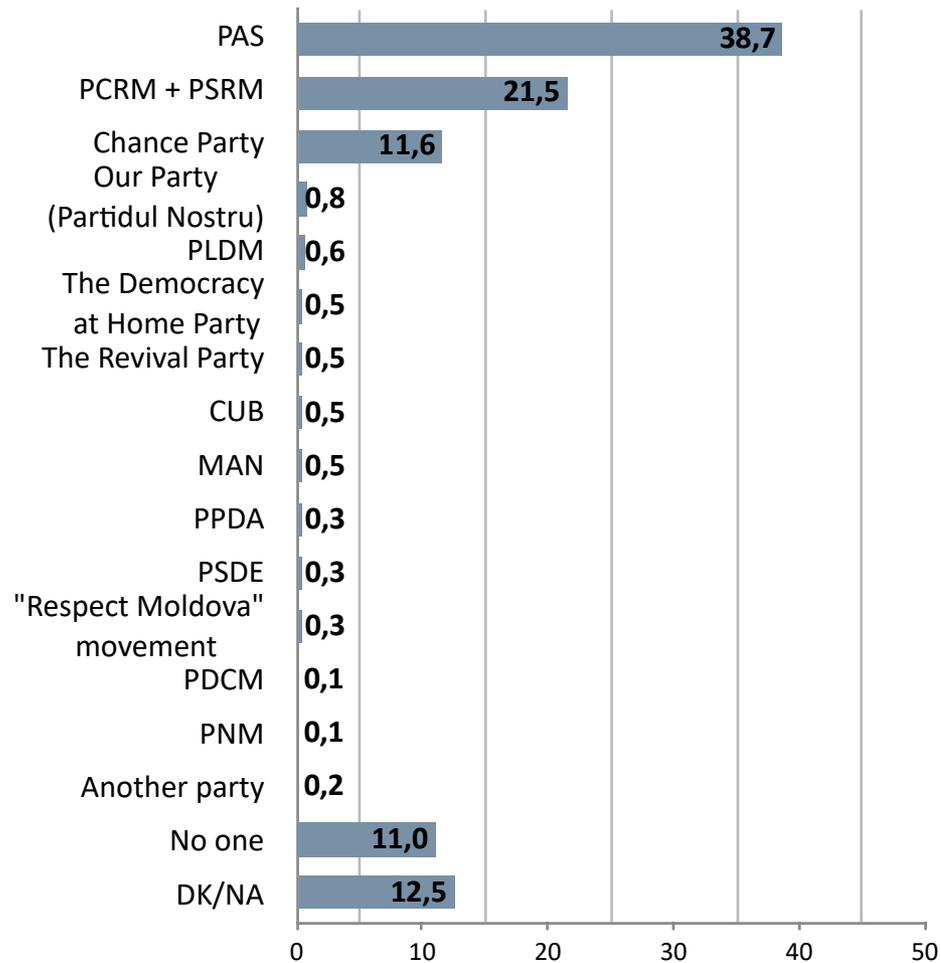
Which party do you have sympathy for (no matter how little)?

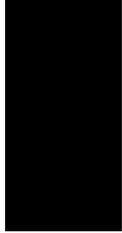
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Which party would you not certainly vote with?

% of the total sample, 1091 respondents





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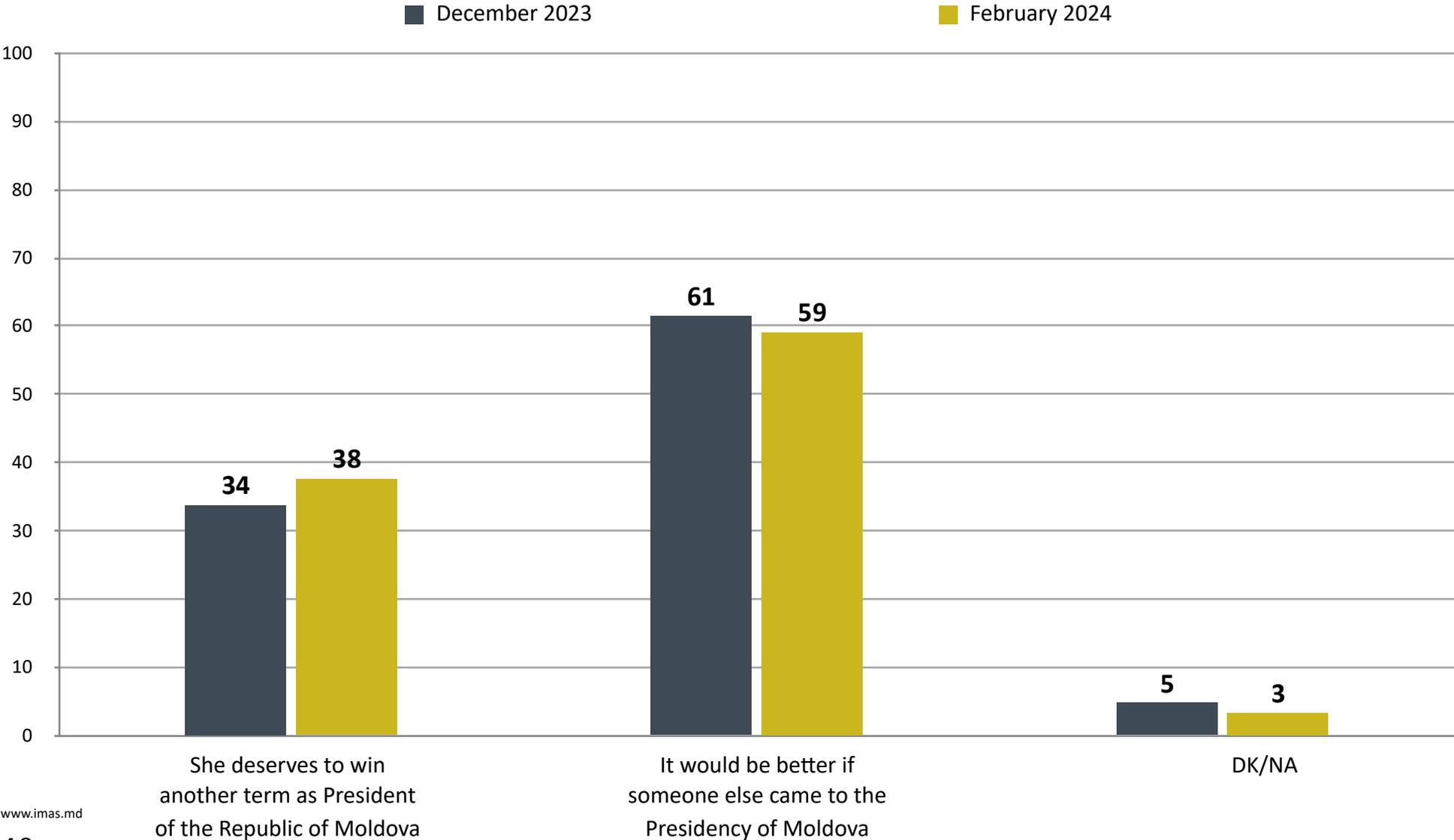
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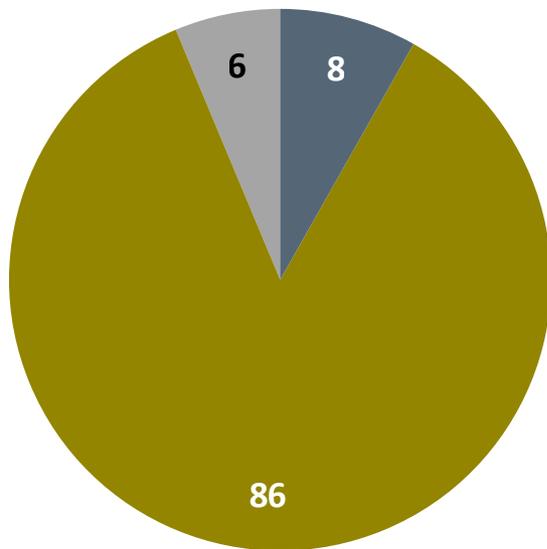
presidential elections



In your opinion, Maia Sandu ...?

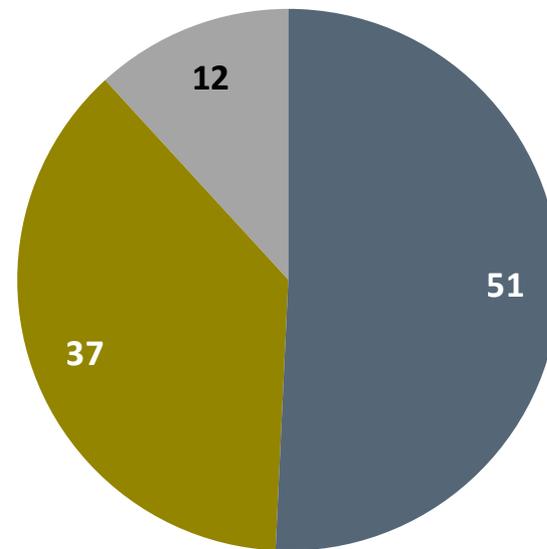


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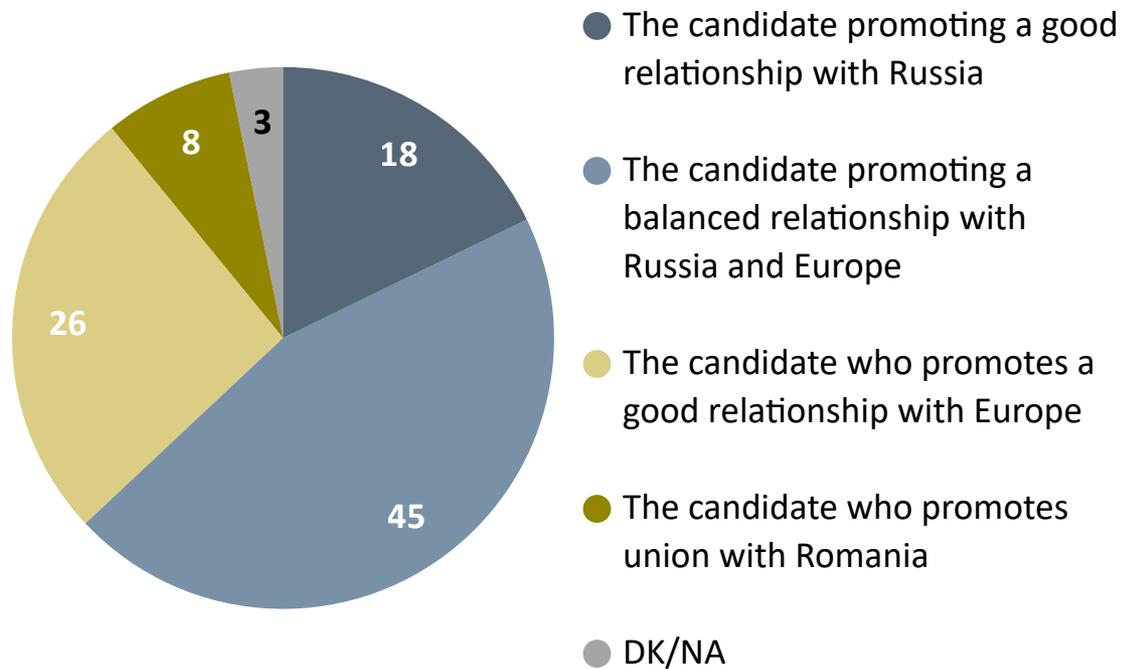
- A candidate who talks more about external support, geopolitics
- A candidate who talks more about the national interest of Moldova
- DK/NA

What would you prefer?



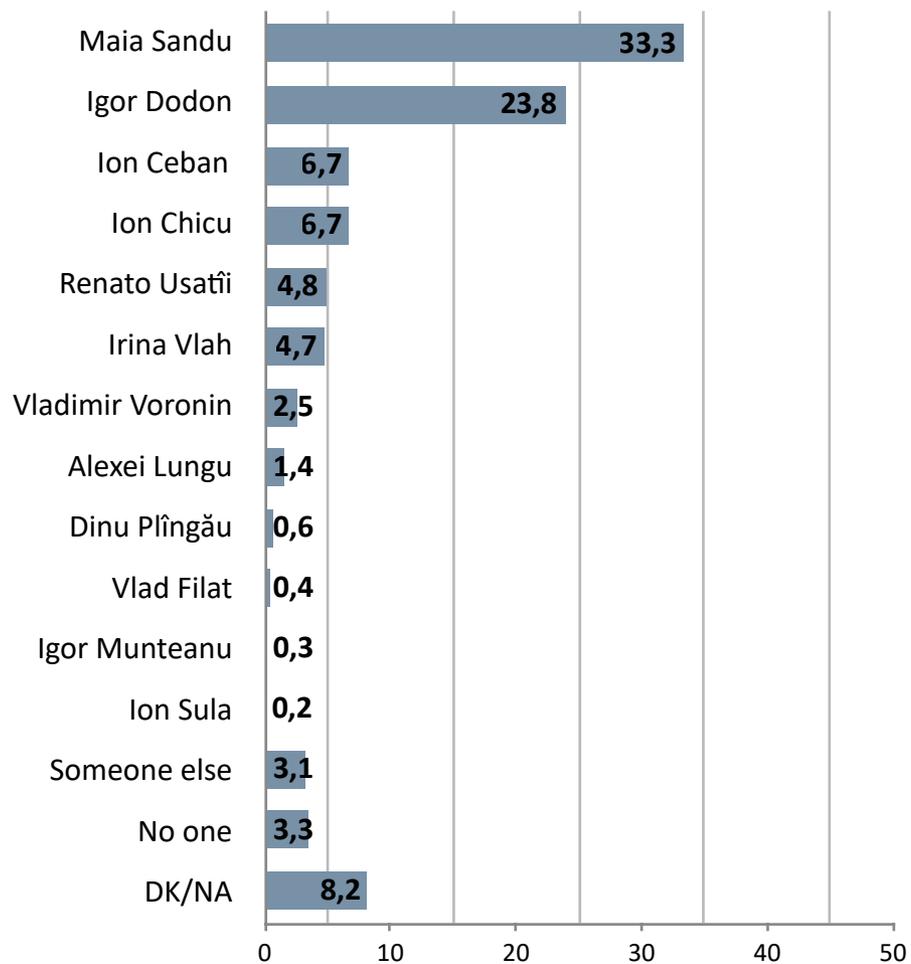
- The opposition to put forward a single candidate
- The opposition should have more candidates for the position of President
- DK/NA

If you had to choose between a candidate who promotes a good relationship with Russia, another candidate who promotes a balanced relationship with Russia and Europe, another candidate who supports a good relationship with Europe, and another candidate who supports union with Romania, who would you vote for?



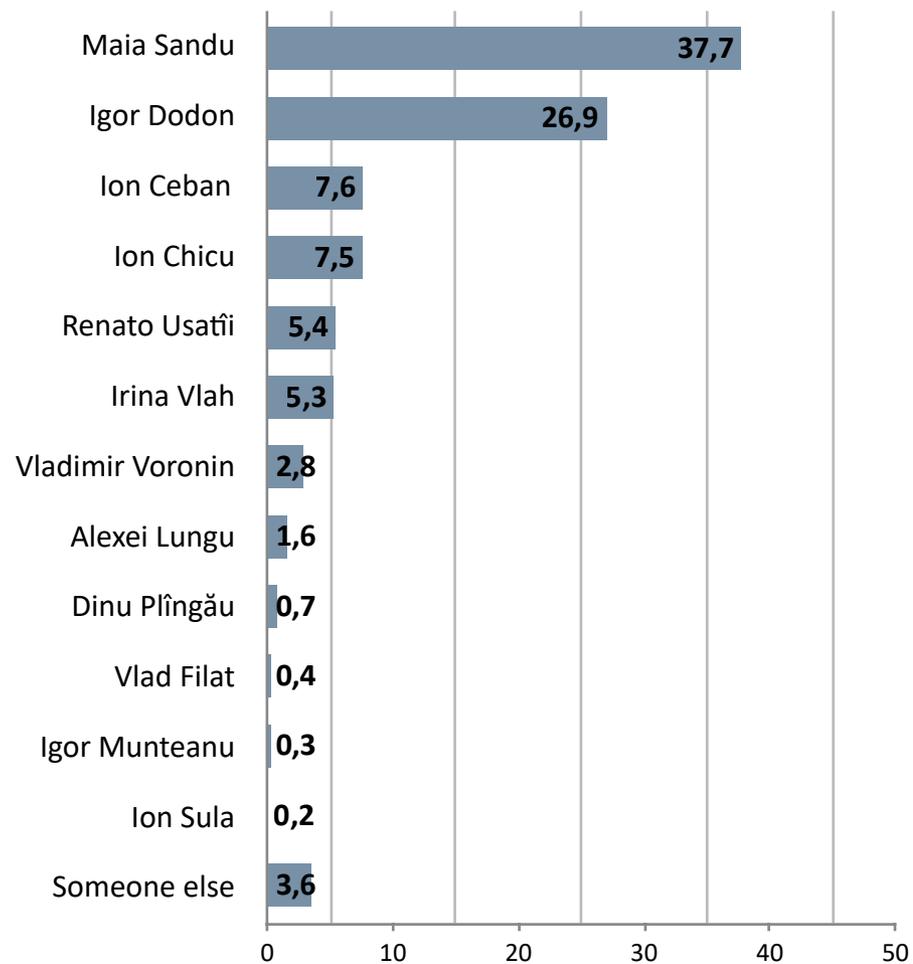
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% of the total sample, 1091 respondents

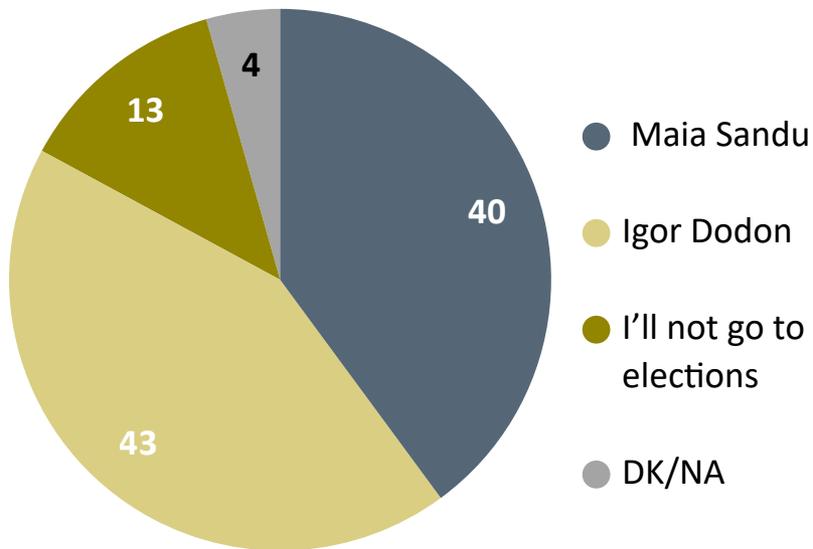


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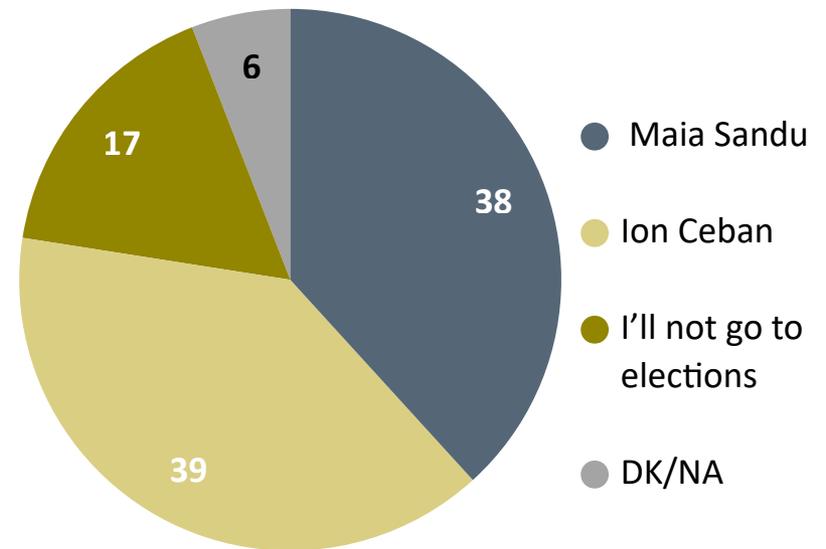
% of respondents who have a voting option, 963 respondents



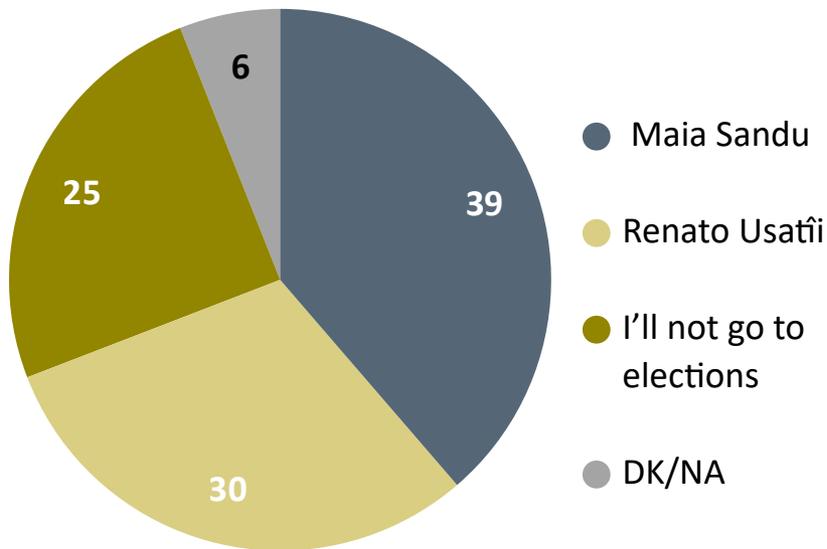
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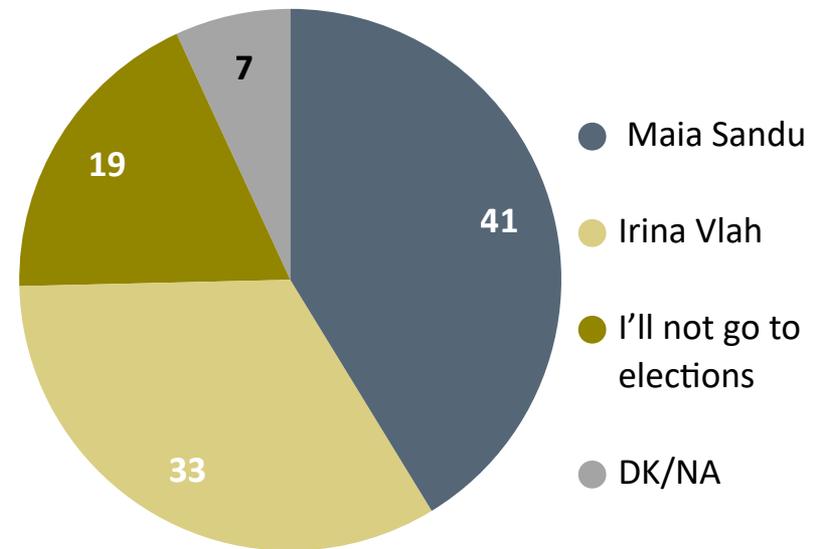
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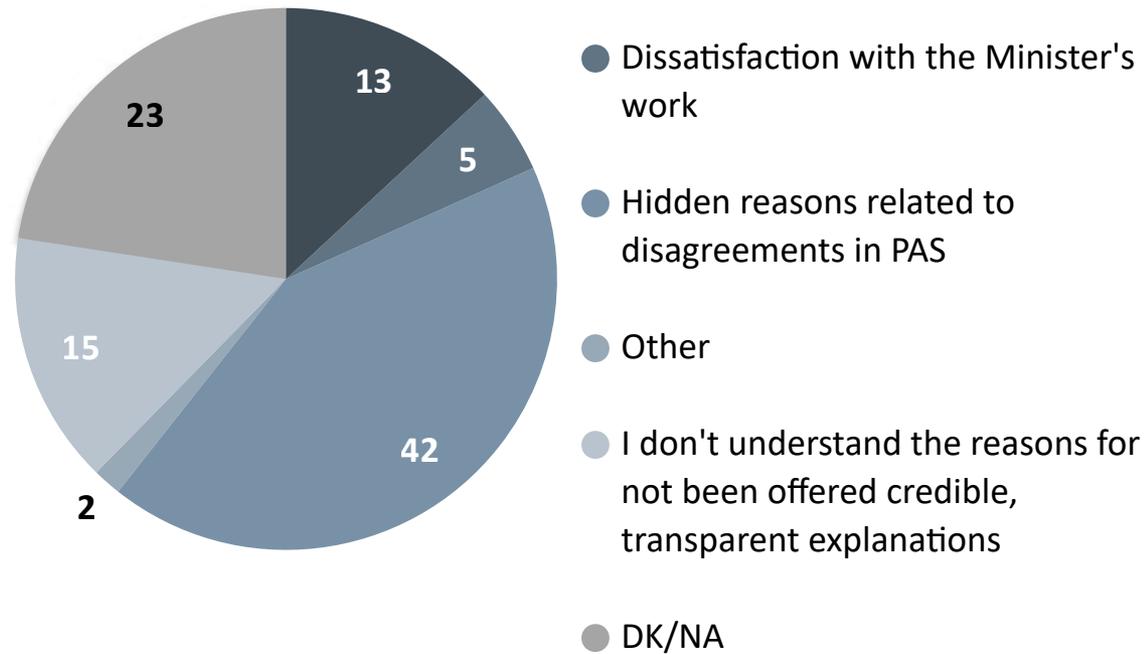
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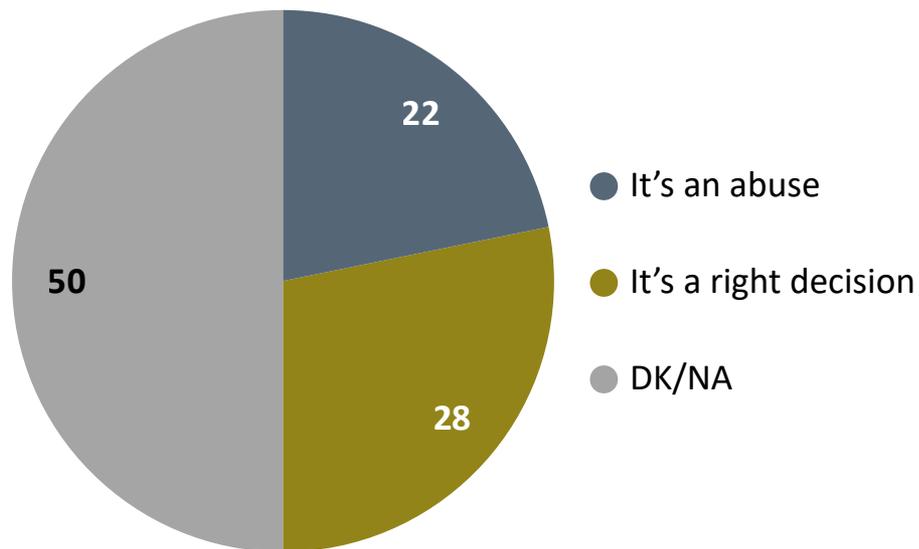
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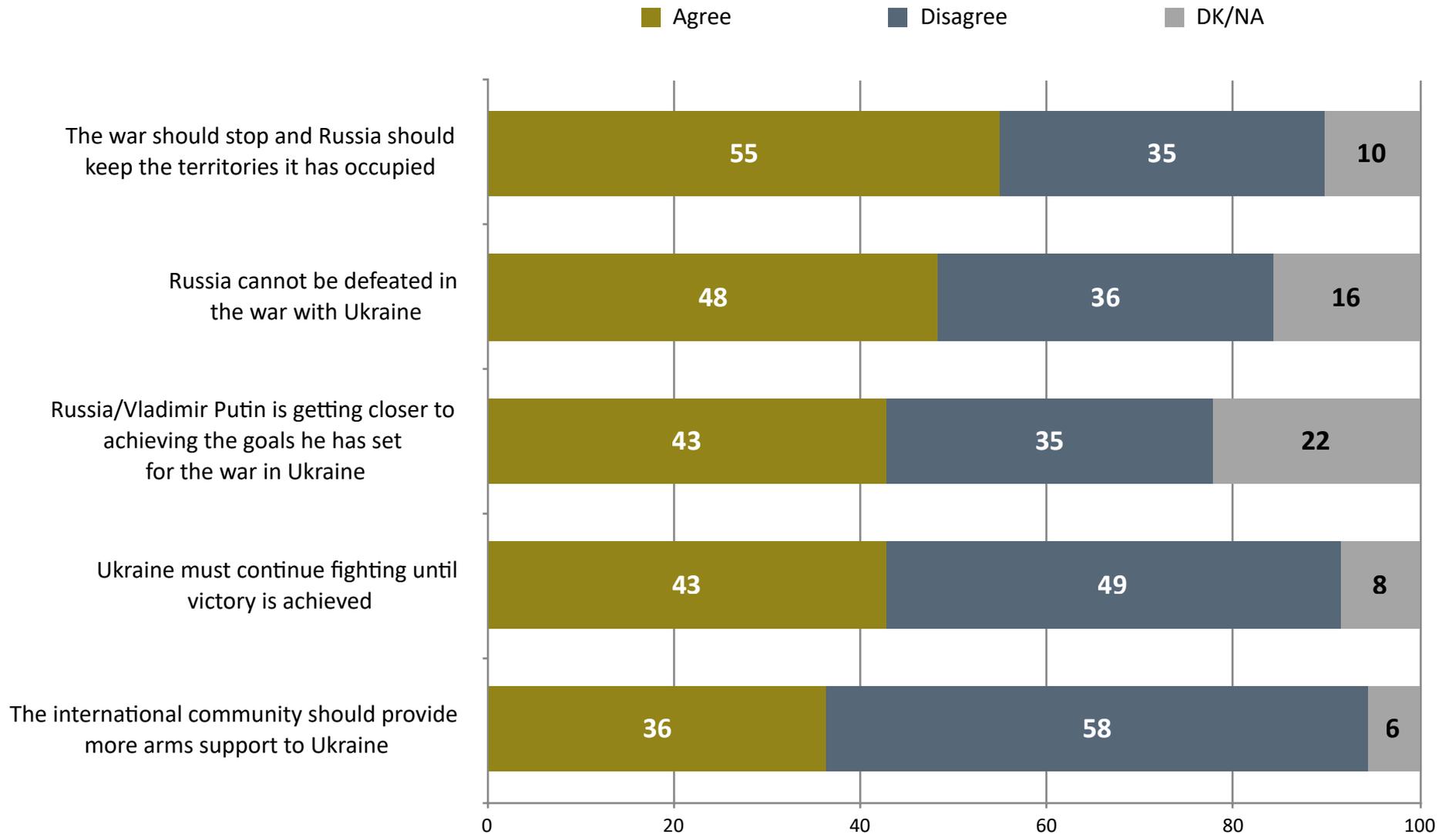
Recently, Foreign Minister Nicu Popescu announced his resignation. Which do you think is the main reason for it?



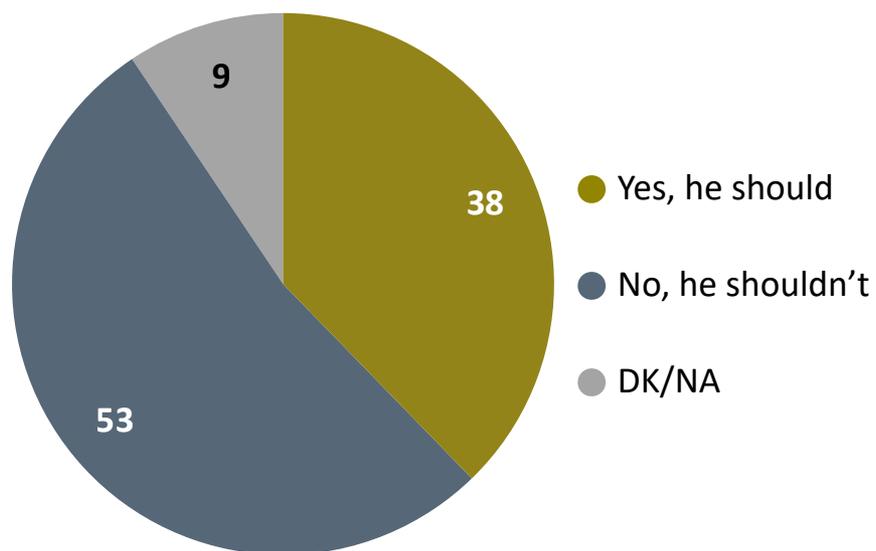
The authorities have decided to extend the ban on George Simion (Senator GOLD) for another 5 years. The first such decision was taken in 2018. What is your opinion about it?



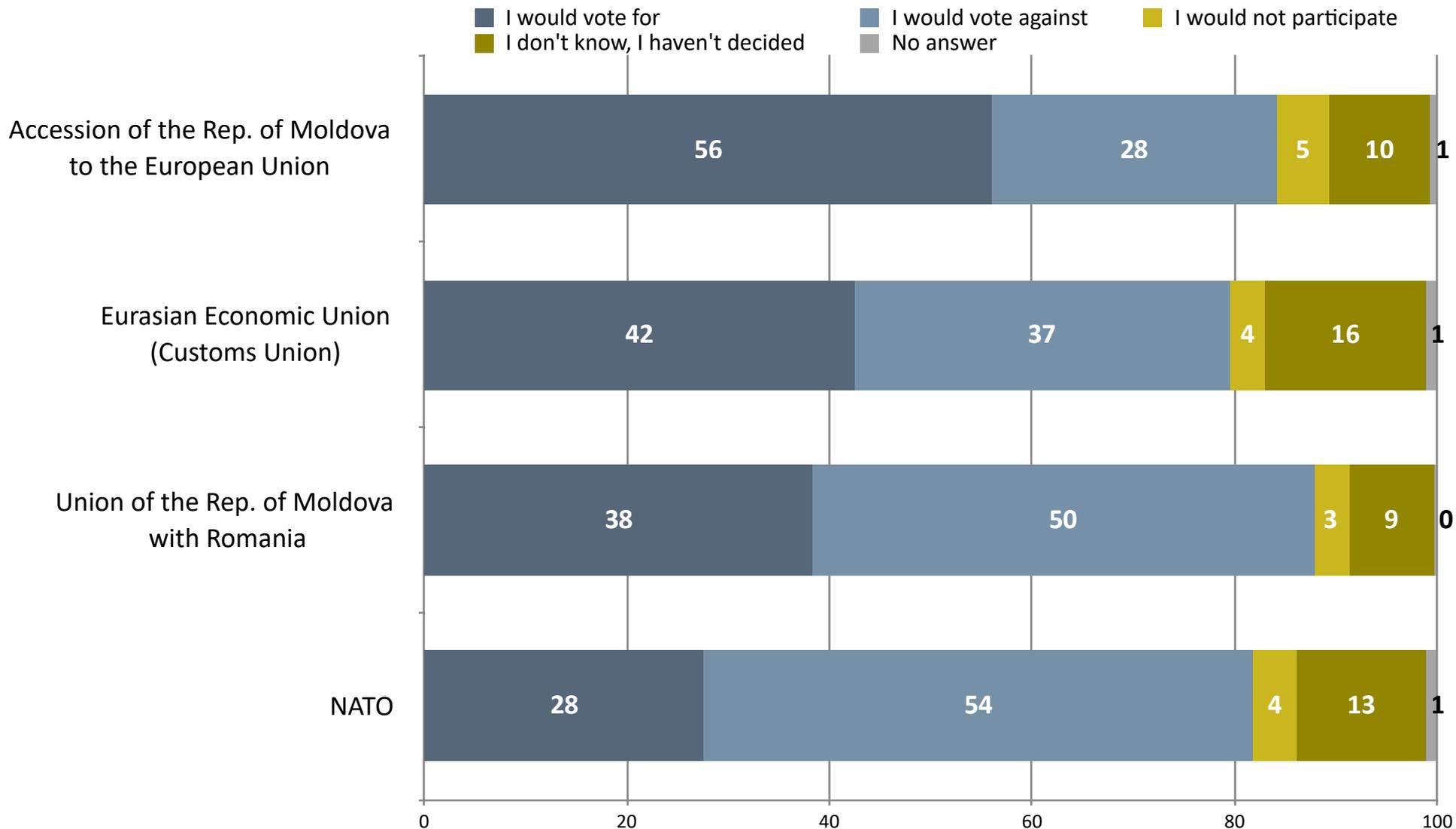
Which of the following statements do you agree and disagree with regarding the war in Ukraine?



Presidential elections will be held in the Russian Federation in March. Should Vladimir Putin win or not another term as president?

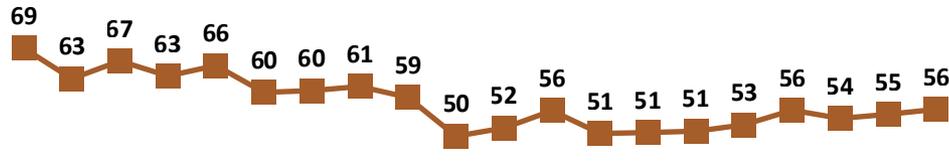


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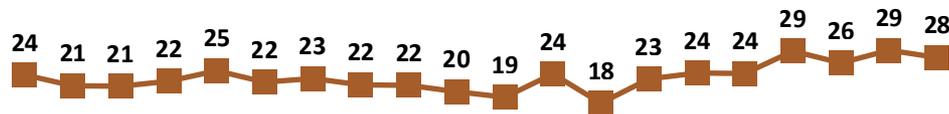
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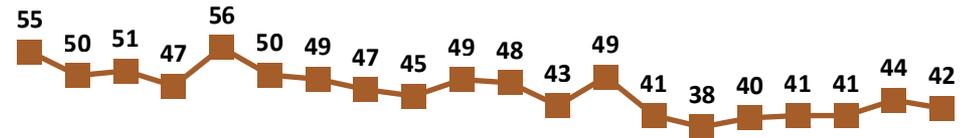
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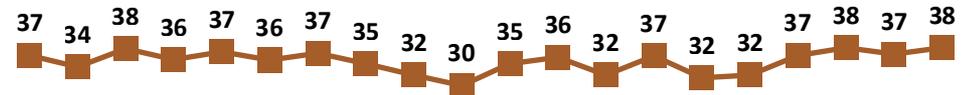
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