socio-political barometer

Republic of Moldova

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methodology

sampling:
stratified, probability, two-stage sample

sample:
1116 respondents, 18 years and more;

stratification criteria:
12 administrative-territorial units (ATU), residential environment (urban-rural);

randomization stages:
locality (86 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 ± 3.0%;

interviews:
were completed at the respondents' homes by 32 interviewers from the [imas] network, in Romanian and Russian;

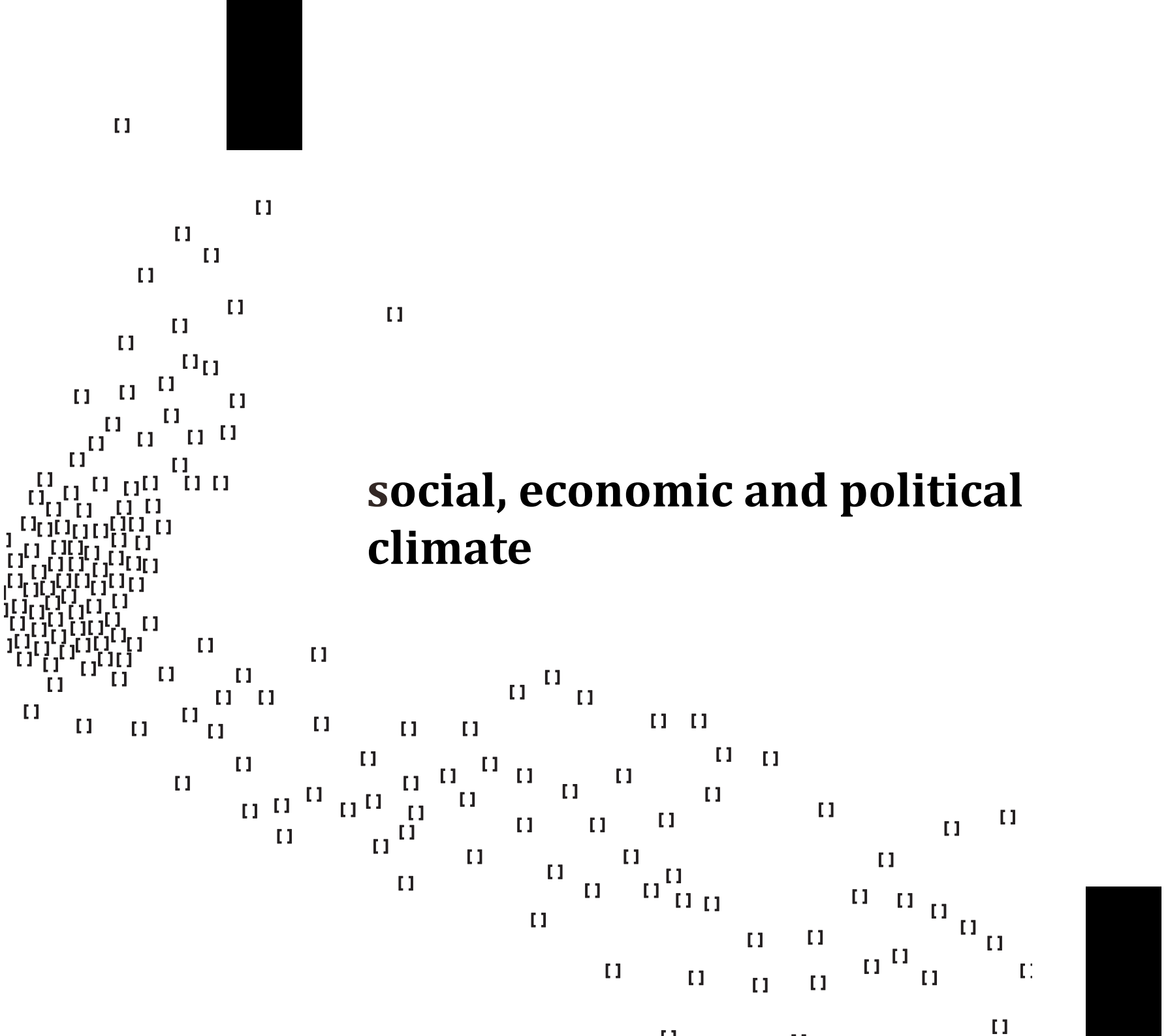
data collection period:
19 October – 9 November 2026

client:
Independent News (Romania)

sample structure
…socio-demographic profile

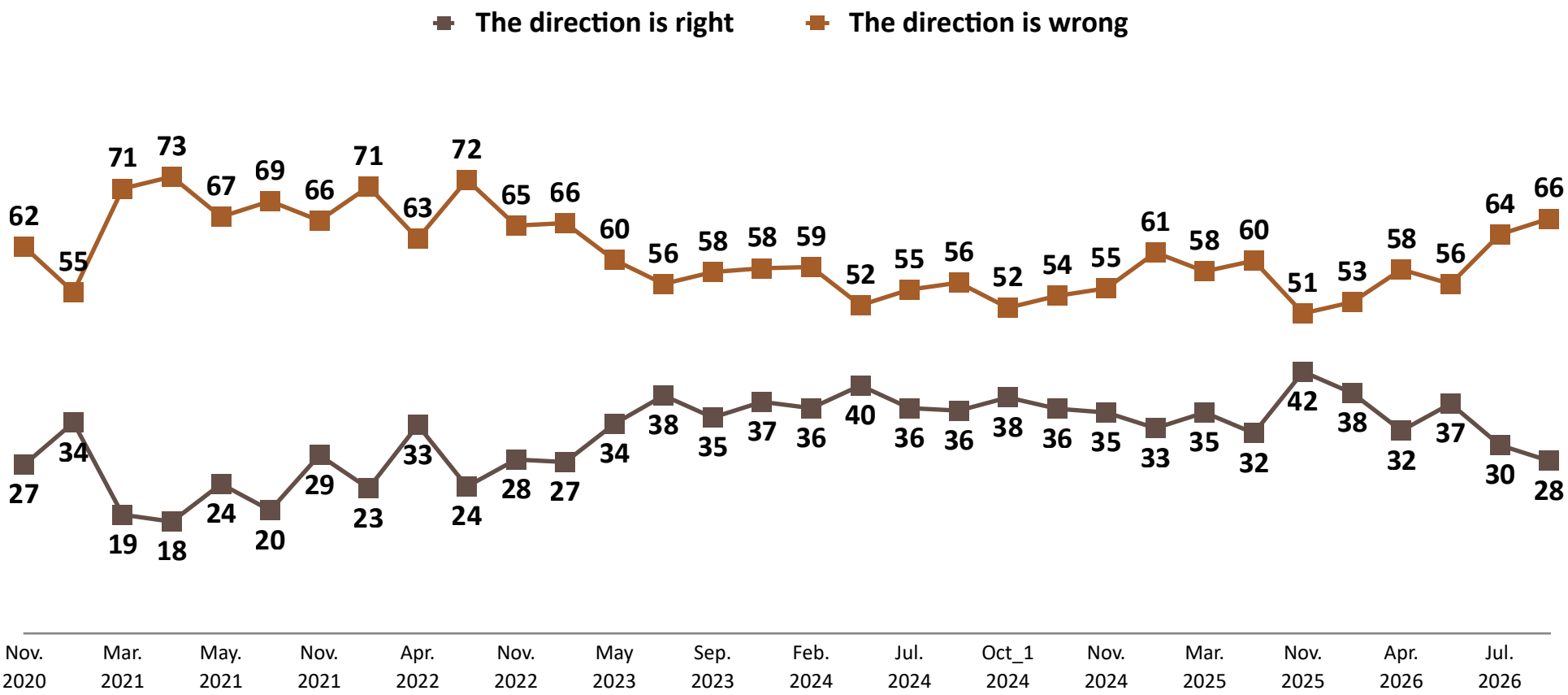
variable	group	number of people	percent
gender	**male**	519	46,5%
	female	597	53,5%
age	**18-25 years**	118	10,6%
	26-40 years	293	26,3%
	41-55 years	278	24,9%
	56-70 years	314	28,1%
	more than 71 years	113	10,1%
education	**incomplete secondary education**	104	9,3%
	general or vocational school	473	42,4%
	high school / post-secondary	208	18,6%
	higher education	330	29,6%
	does not answer	1	0,1%
ocupation	**employed**	505	45,3%
	temporarily does not work	156	14,0%
	not working	454	40,7%
	does not answer	1	0,1%
nationality	**Moldovan/Romanian**	895	80,2%
	others (Russian, Ukrainian, etc.)	221	19,8%
	does not answer	0	0,0%
total		**1116**	**100,0%**

**the data has been weighted*



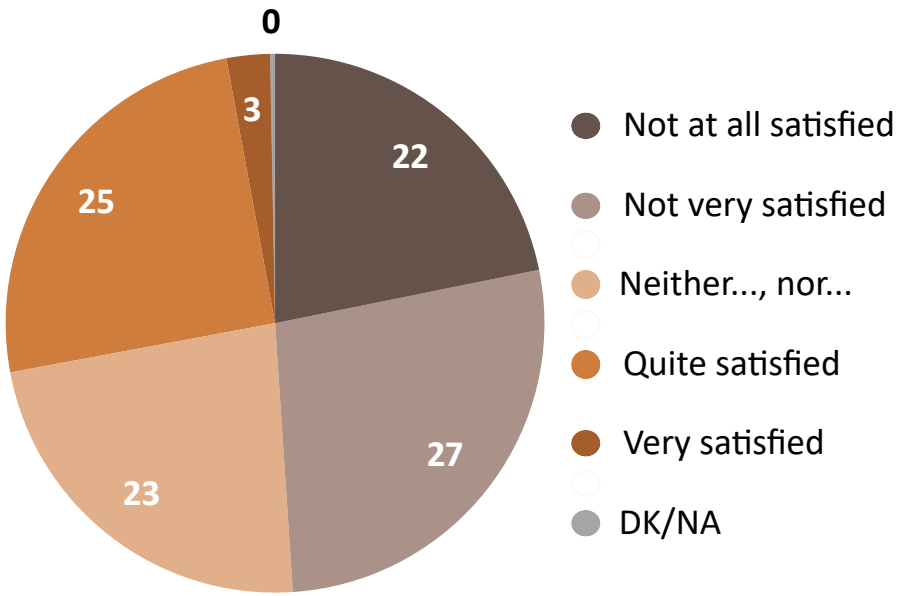
social, economic and political climate

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

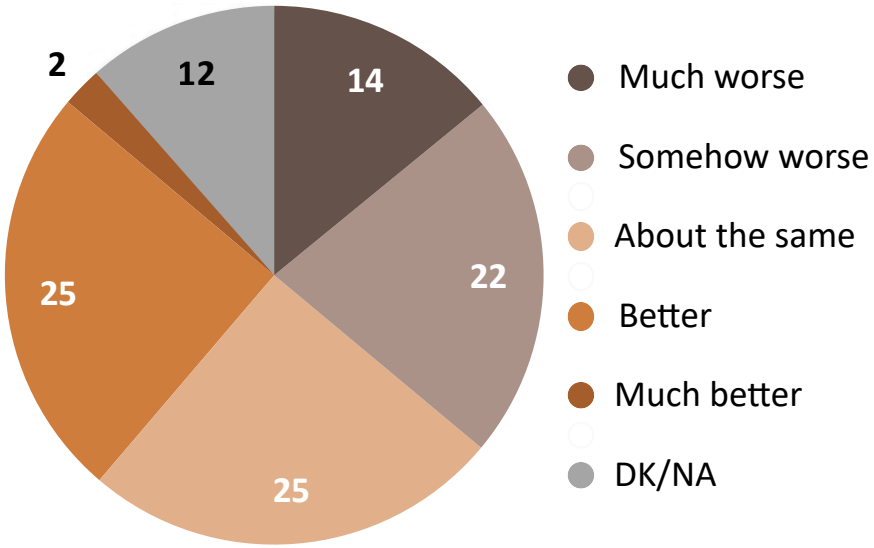


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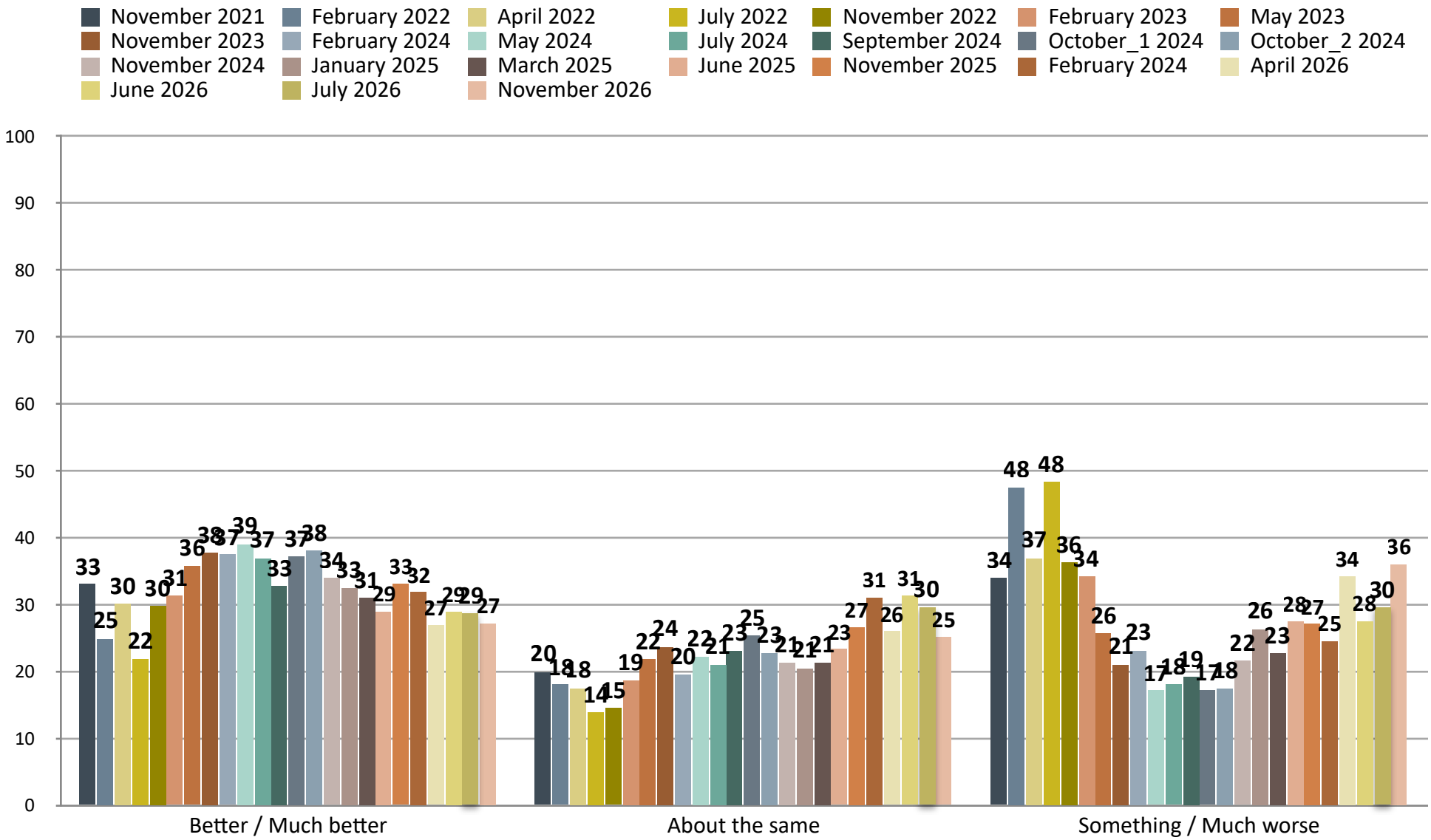
How satisfied or dissatisfied you are of the way you live?



How do you think you will live in a year?



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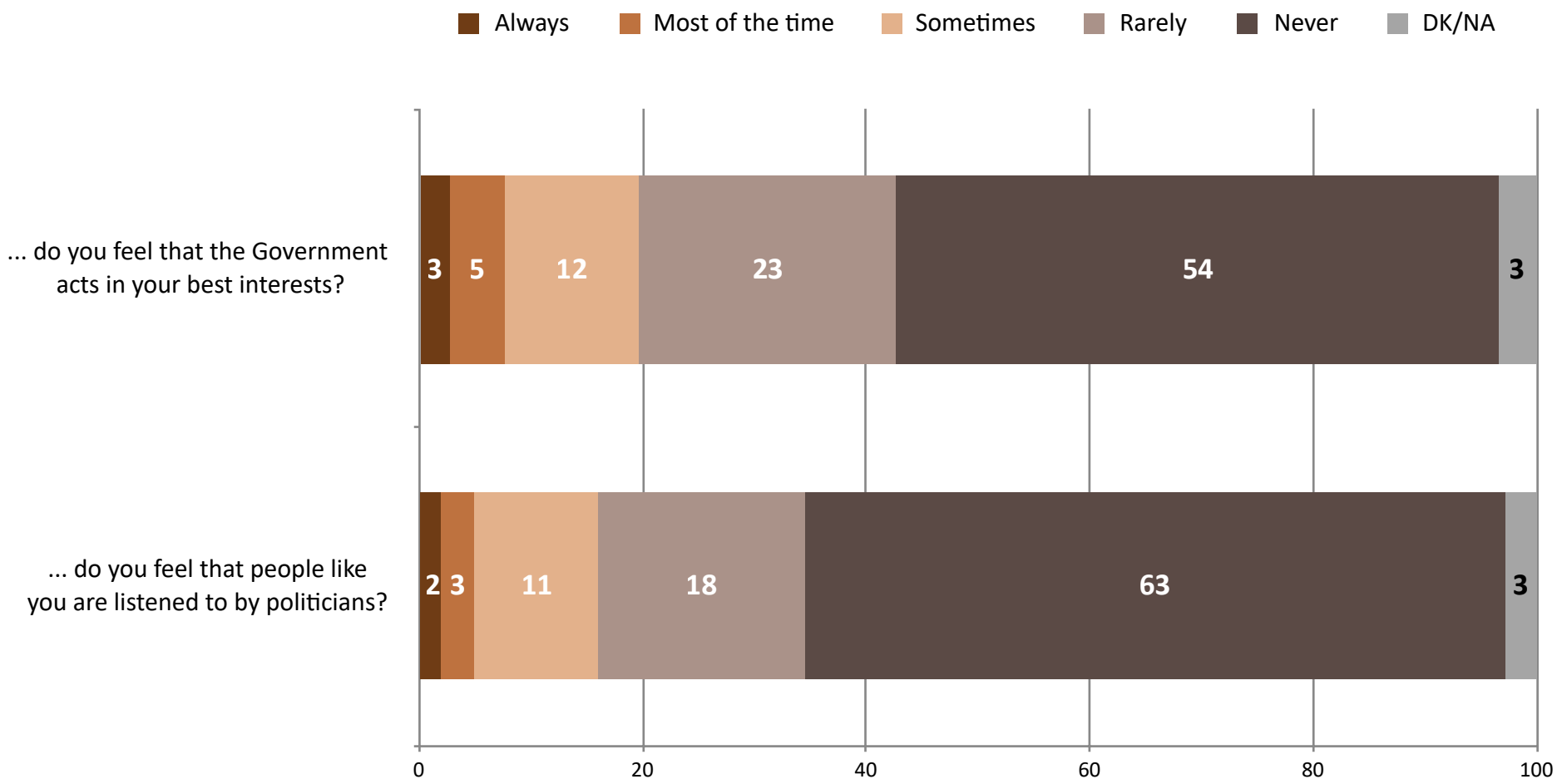


governance, institutions

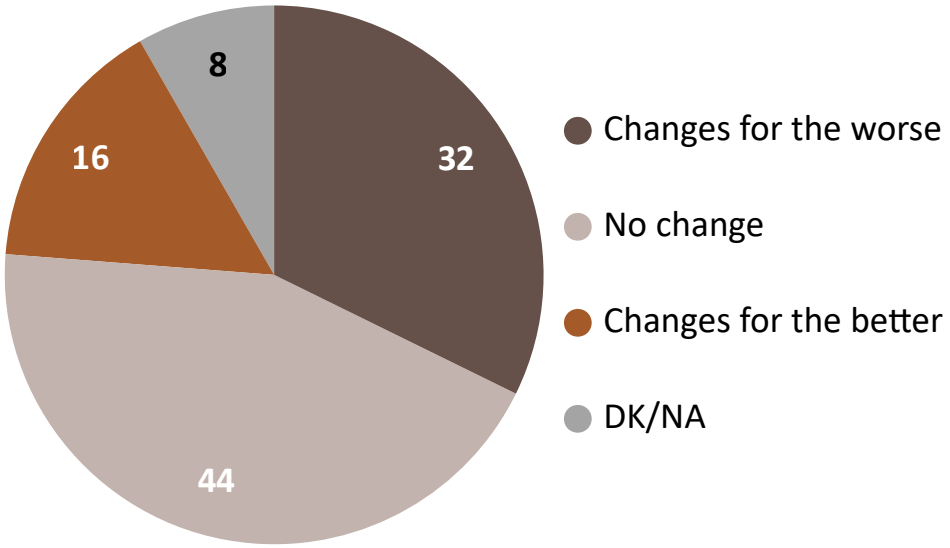
If you were to give a school grade (on a scale from 1 to 10), what grade would you give the current government (the Tofan Government) for its performance so far?

Grade 1 → → →

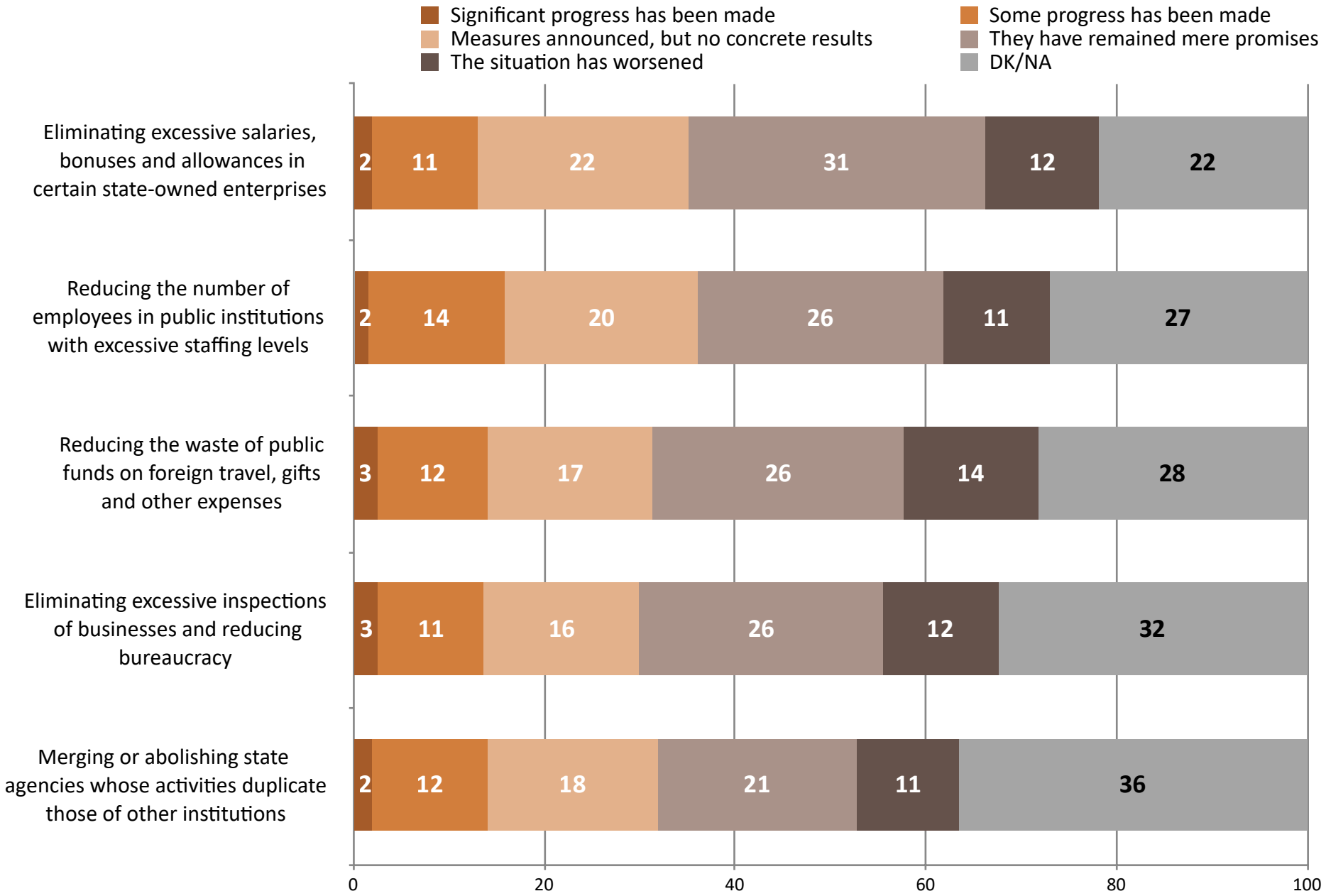
How often or how rarely ...?



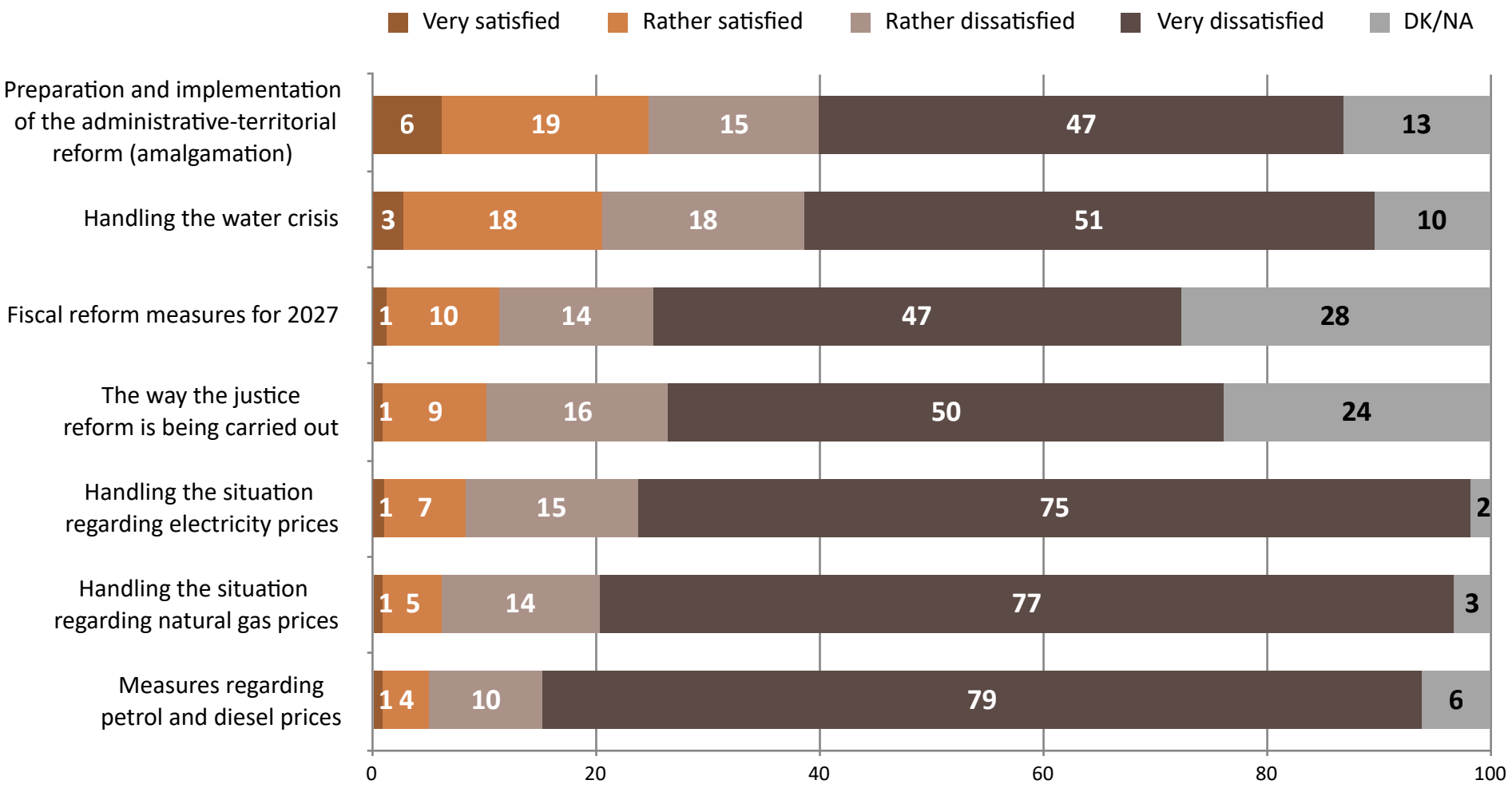
With the new government led by Prime Minister Vasile Tofan, have you noticed ...?



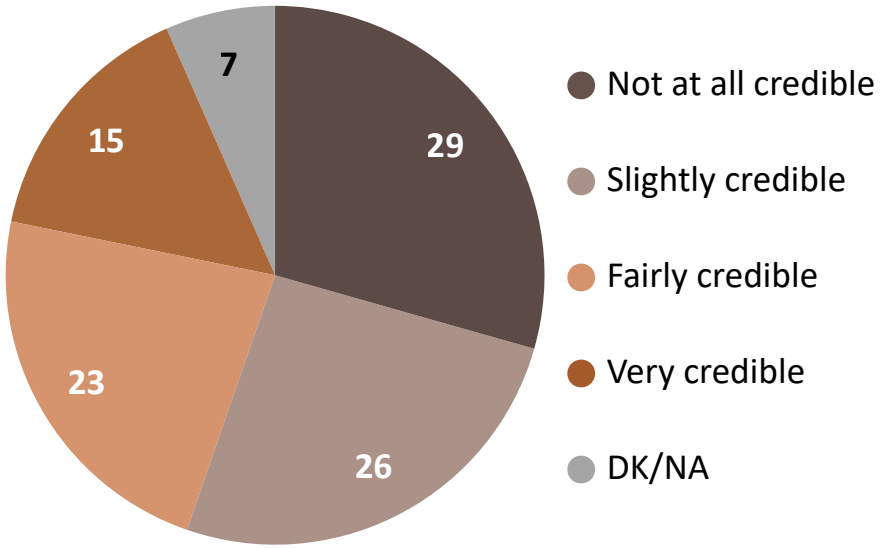
Upon taking office as Prime Minister, Vasile Tofan announced several measures. Based on what you know, what is the current status of ...?



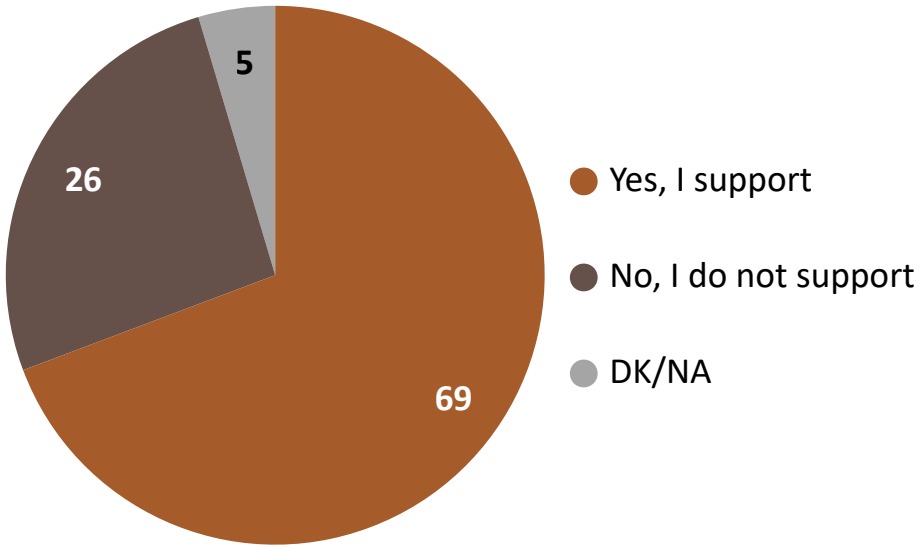
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the Government has handled each of the following situations?



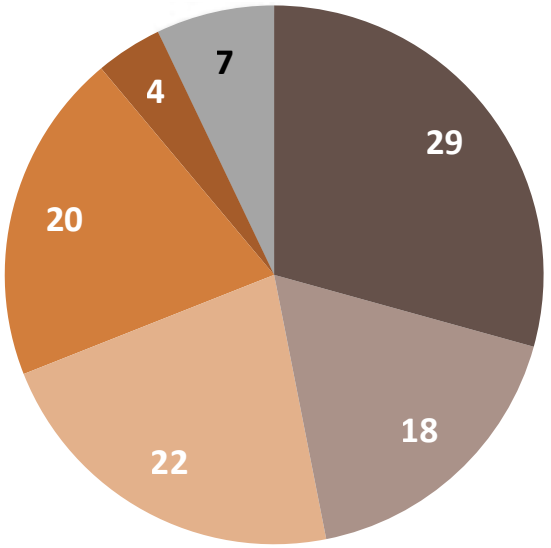
Following his recent visit to Moscow, Igor Dodon stated that Russia is willing to negotiate the supply of natural gas to Moldova at more favourable prices than the current ones. How credible do you find Igor Dodon's statement?



Do you support or oppose holding negotiations with Russia regarding natural gas supplies?

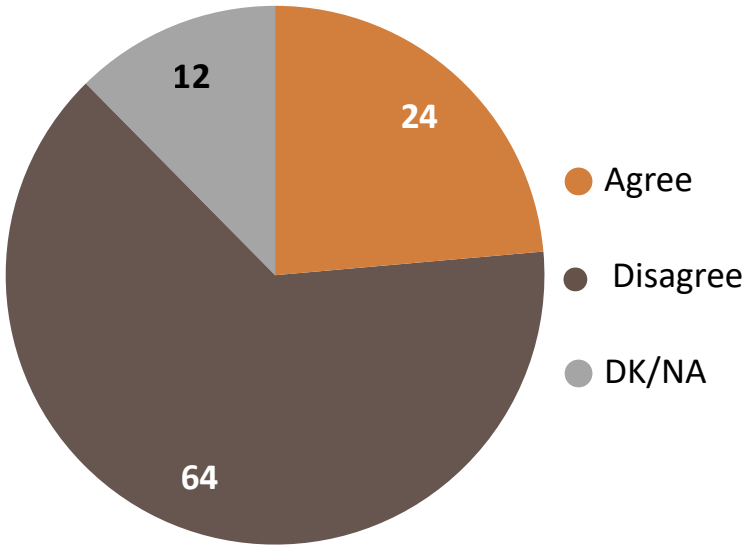


Recently, the water level in the Nistru River has dropped significantly, creating risks to the population's water supply. What do you consider to be the main cause of the current water crisis?

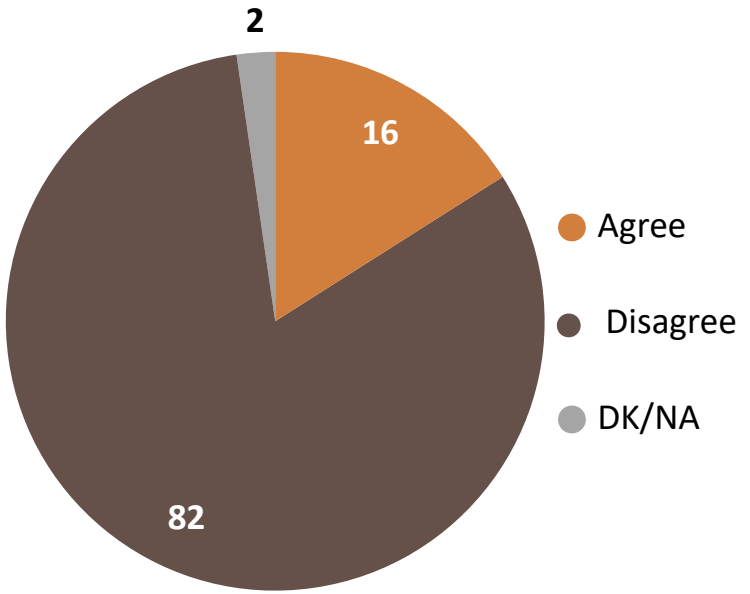


- Prolonged drought and lack of precipitation
- The Moldovan authorities failed to take timely measures to prepare the country for such a crisis
- The Moldovan authorities failed to negotiate sufficiently with Ukraine regarding the necessary water flow in the Nistru River
- The Ukrainian authorities, because they reduced the amount of water released into the Nistru River too much
- Another cause
- DK/NA

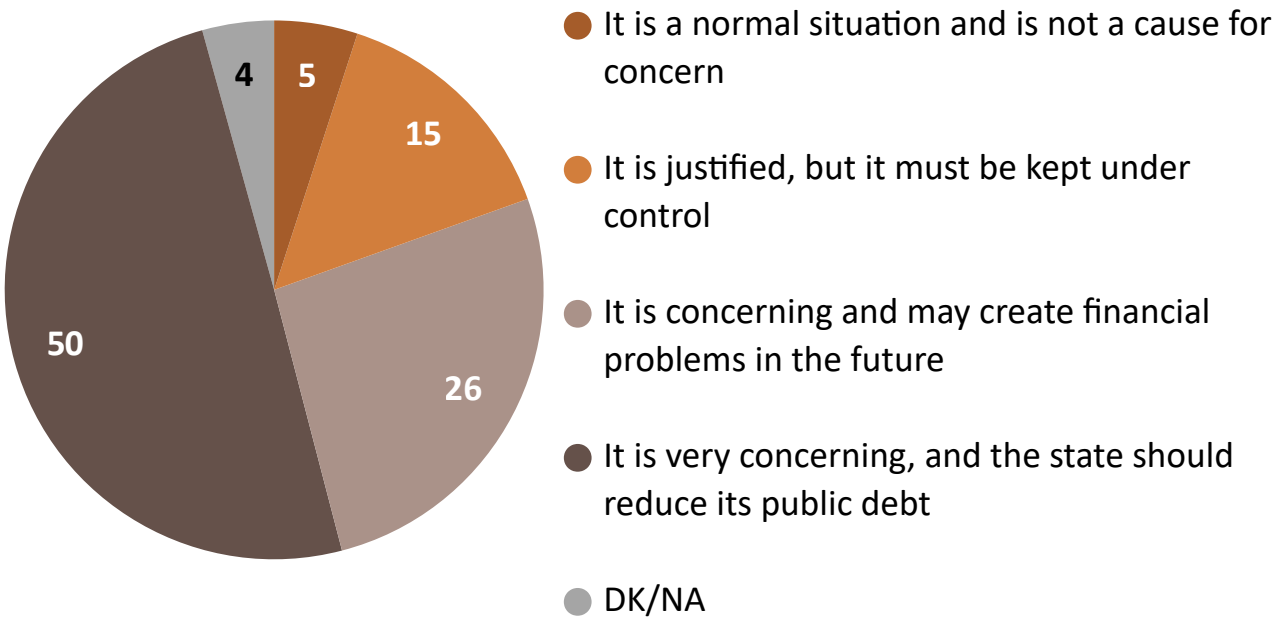
Do you agree or disagree with the privatisation of state-owned assets?



Do you agree or disagree with the construction of military drones in the territory of the Republic of Moldova?

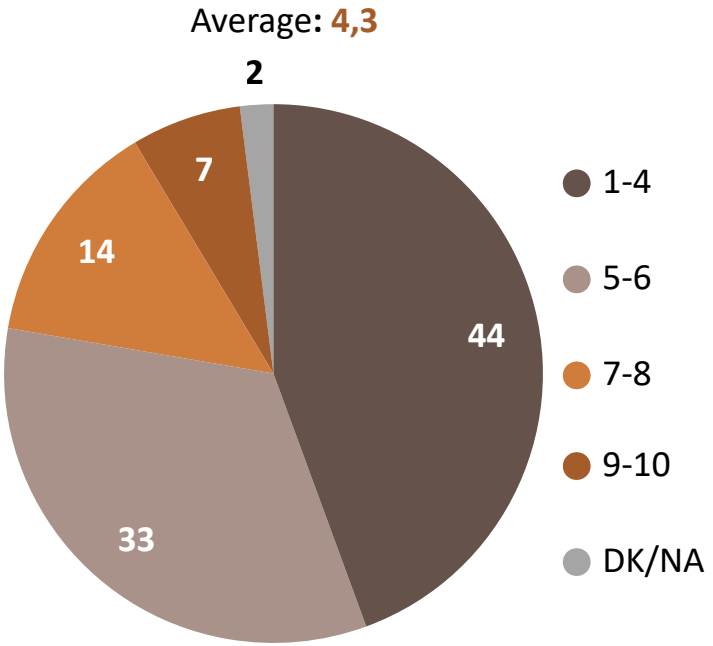


In recent years, the public debt of the Republic of Moldova has increased. How do you assess this situation?

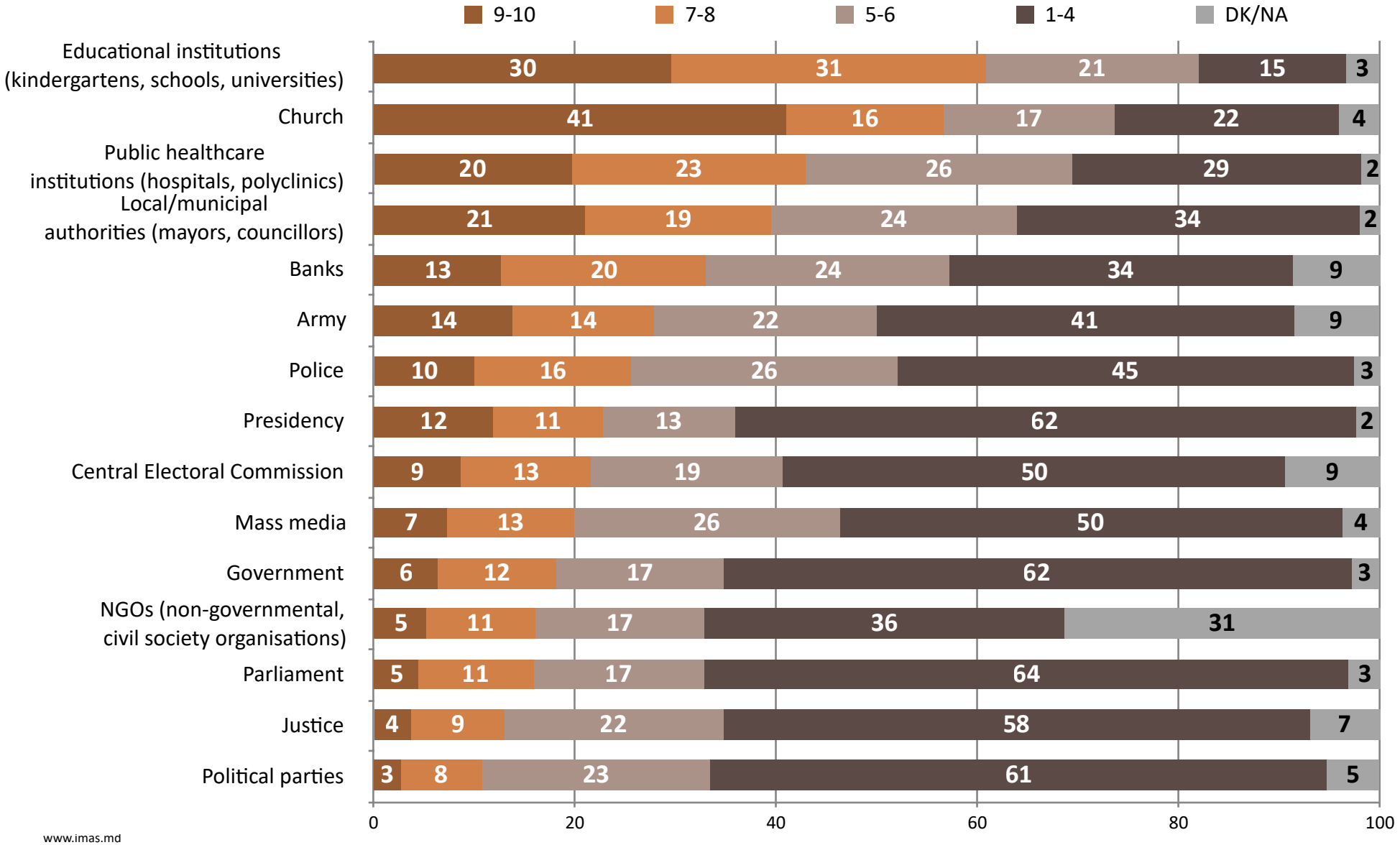


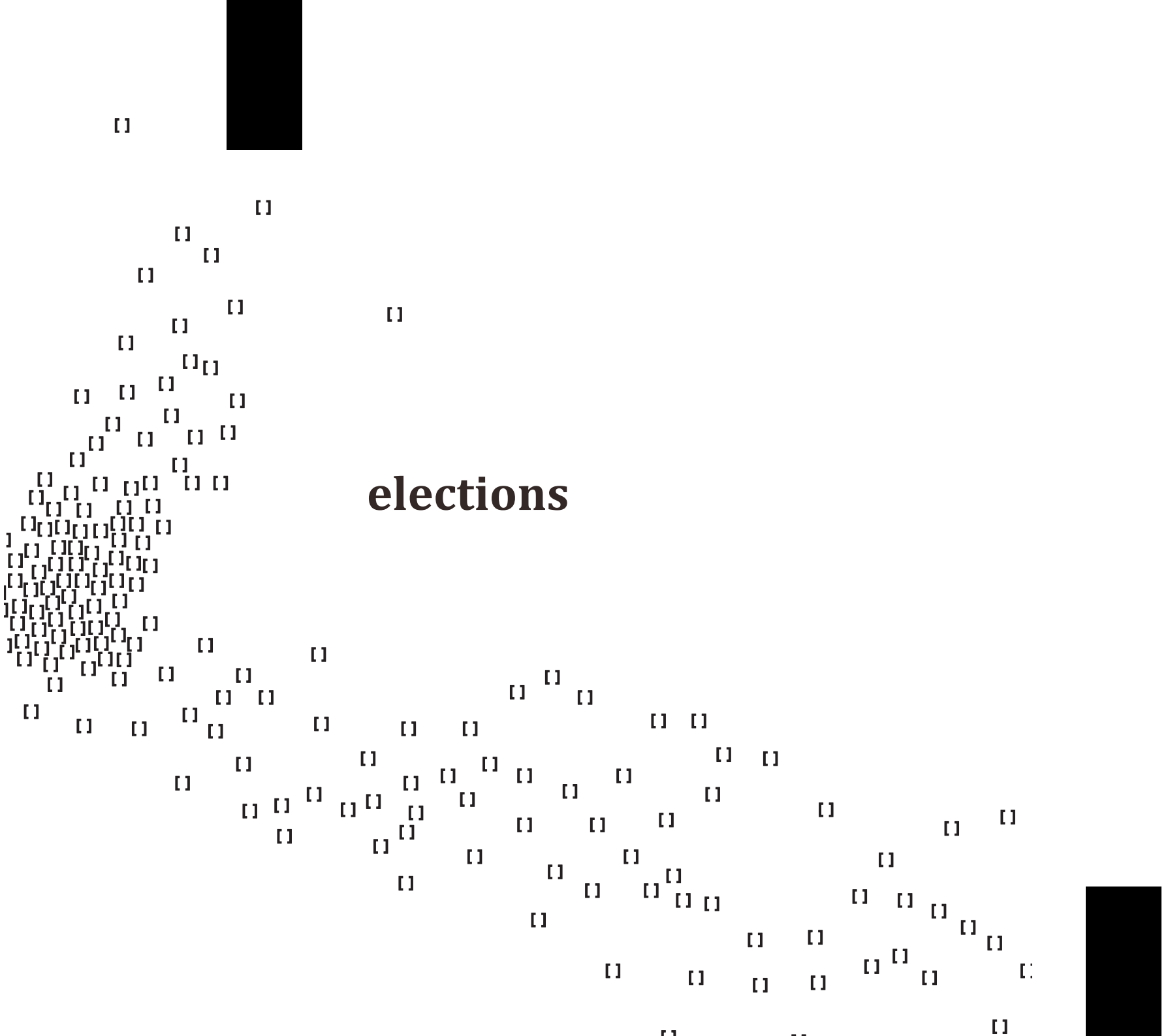
Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful when dealing with people? Please use a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means you can't be too careful and 10 means most people can be trusted.

1. You can't be too careful									10. Most people can be trusted	DK/NA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
28,3	4,3	6,4	5,4	25,5	7,8	7,5	6,2	2,3	4,4	1,9

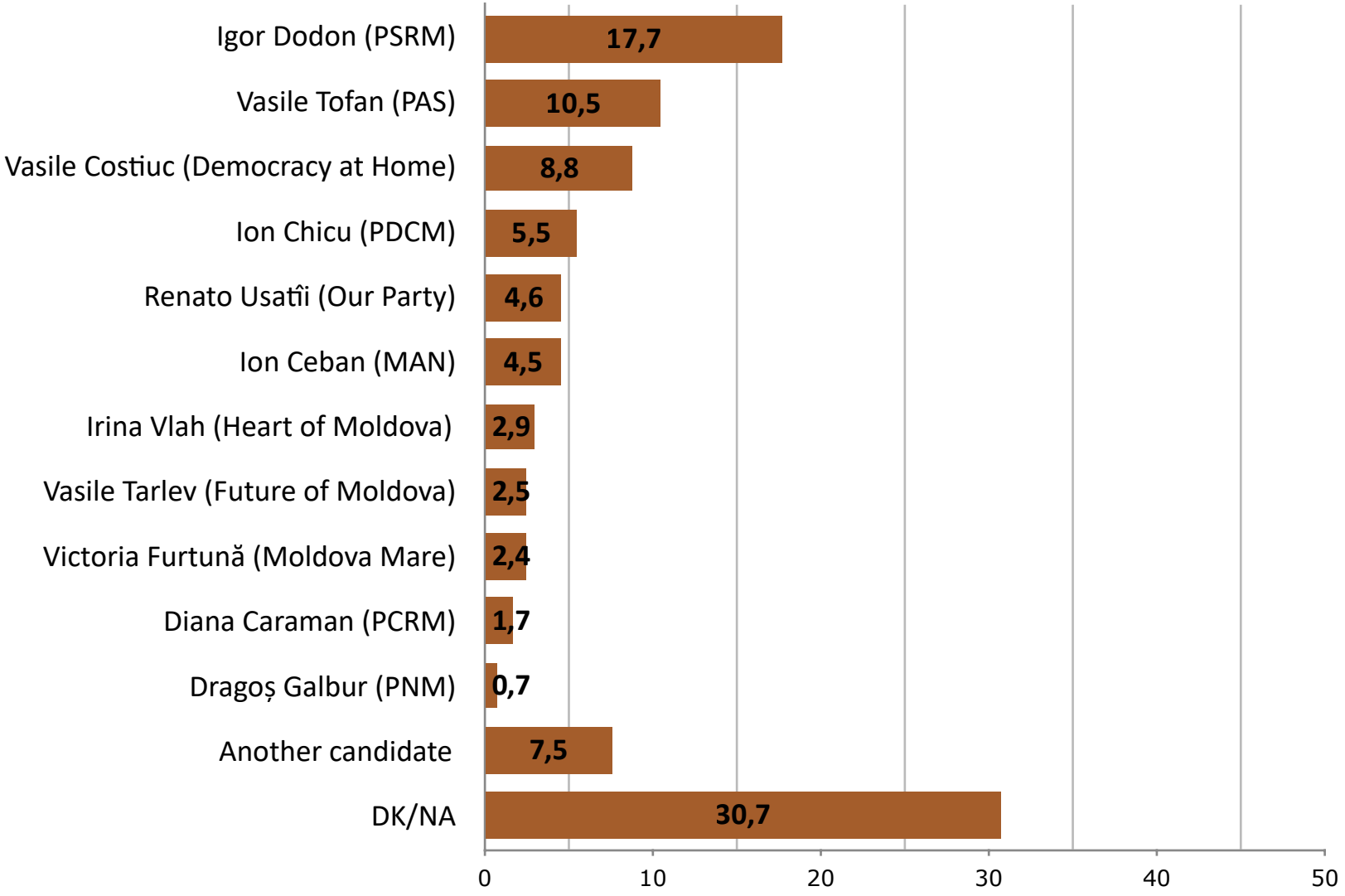


Please tell me how much trust you have in the following institutions. Please use a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means you have no trust at all in the institution and 10 means you have complete trust in it.

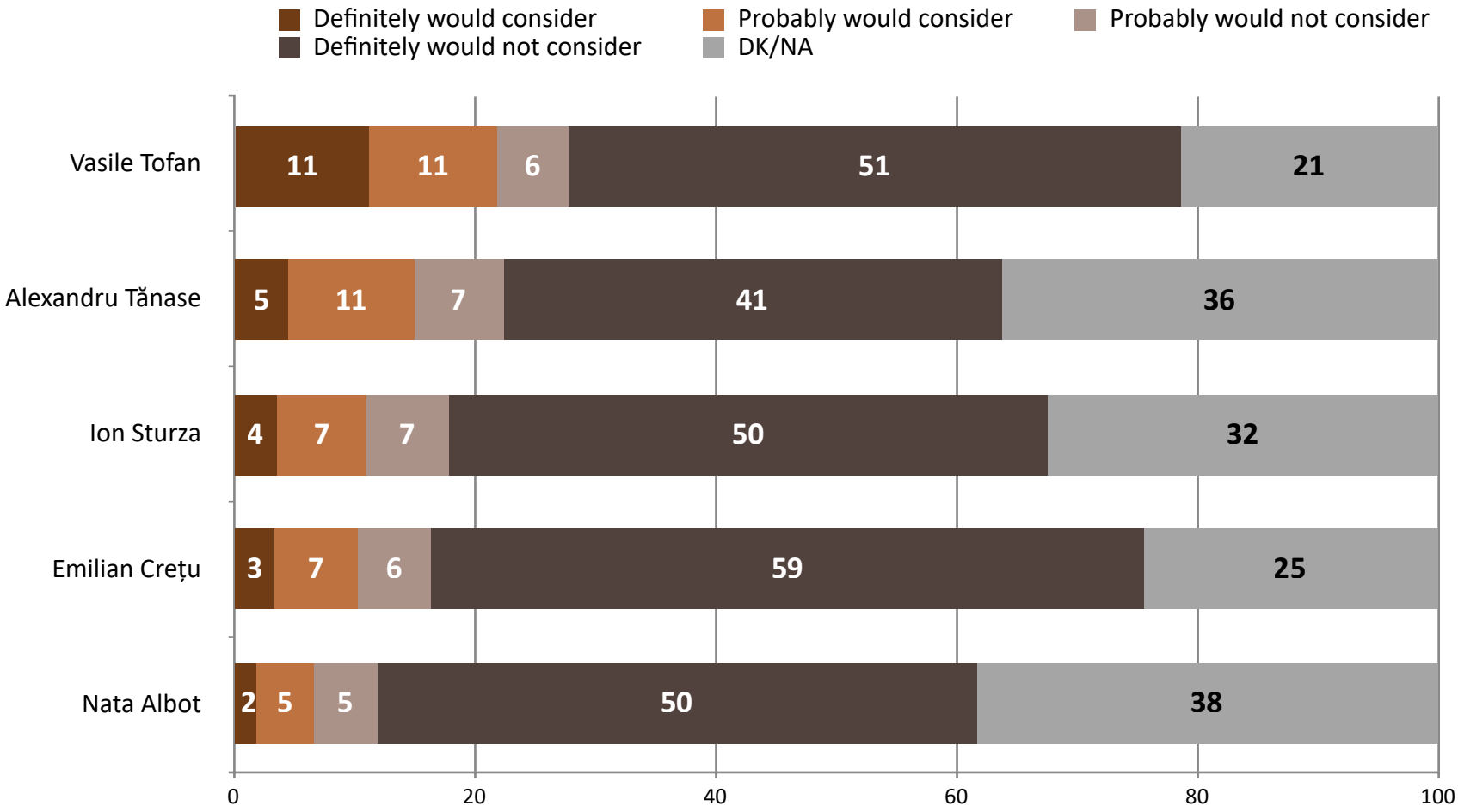


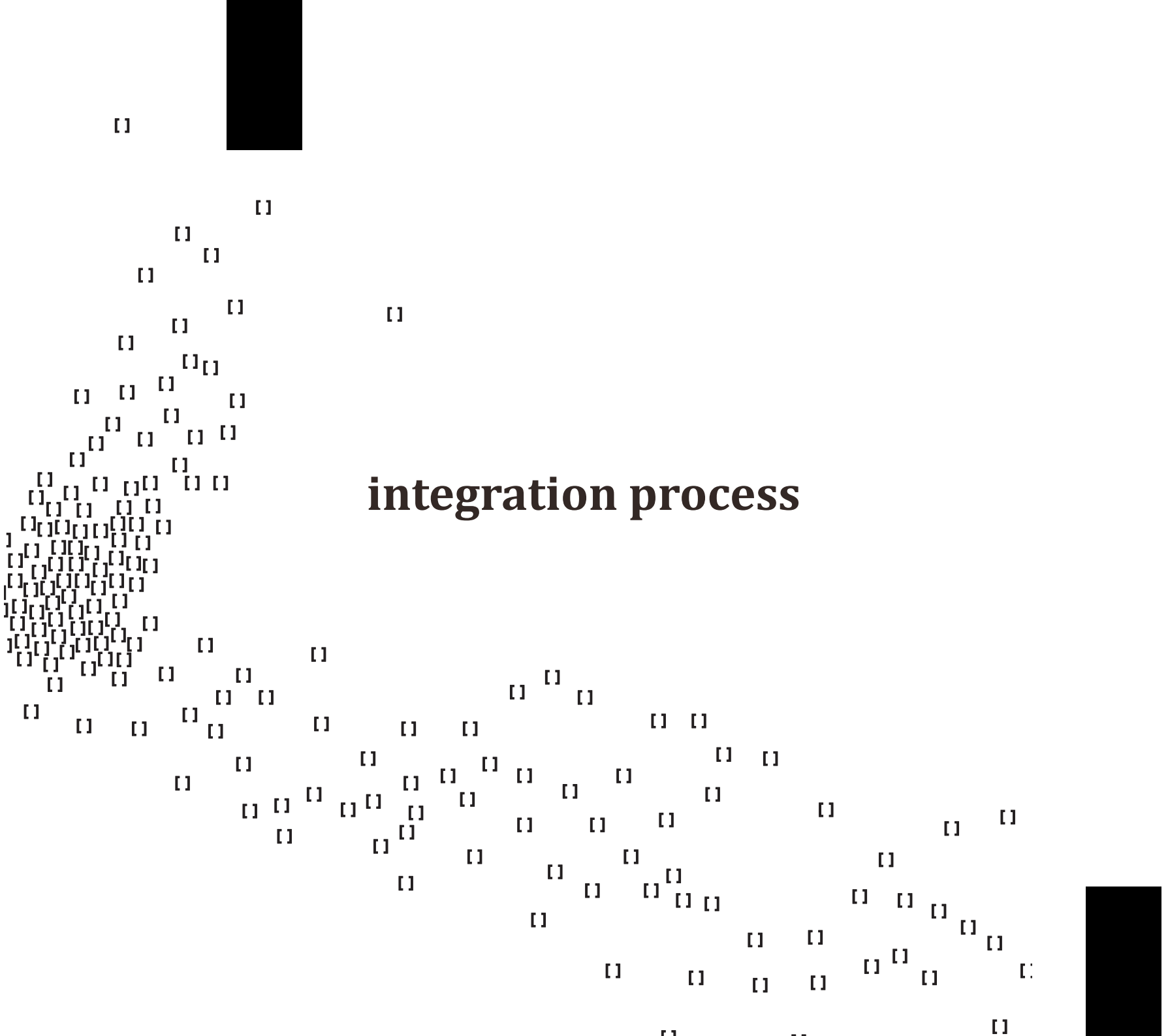

elections

Given that the Constitution does not allow Maia Sandu to run for a third term as President, if presidential elections were held next Sunday, who would you vote for?



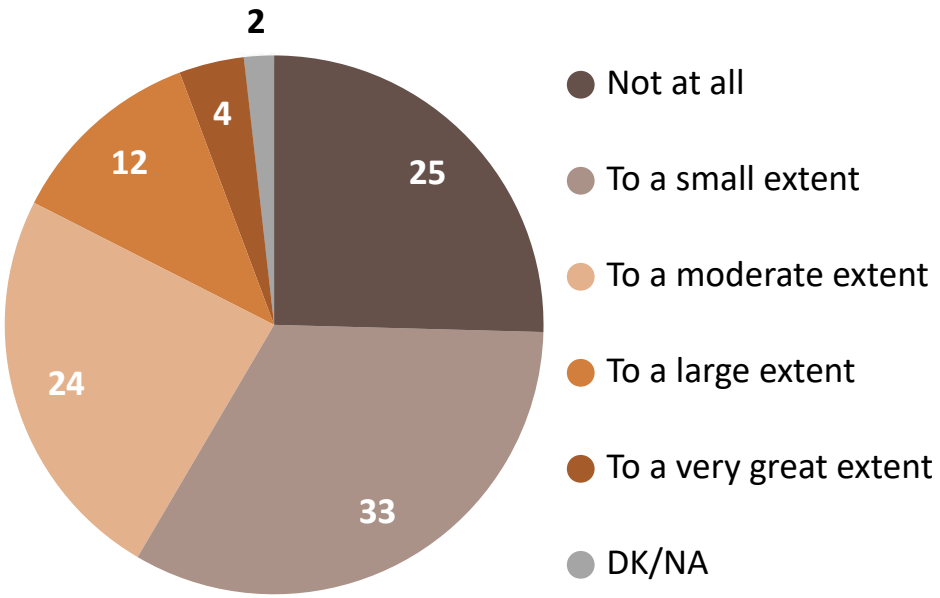
If the following individuals were candidates for the position of President of the country, how likely would you be to consider voting for them?



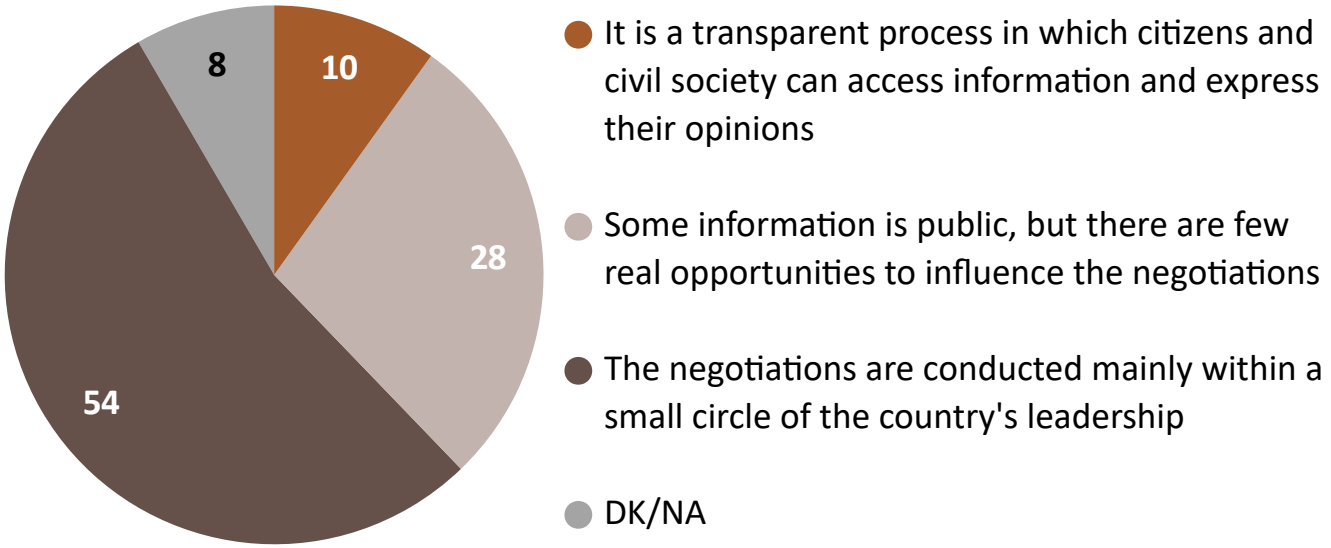


integration process

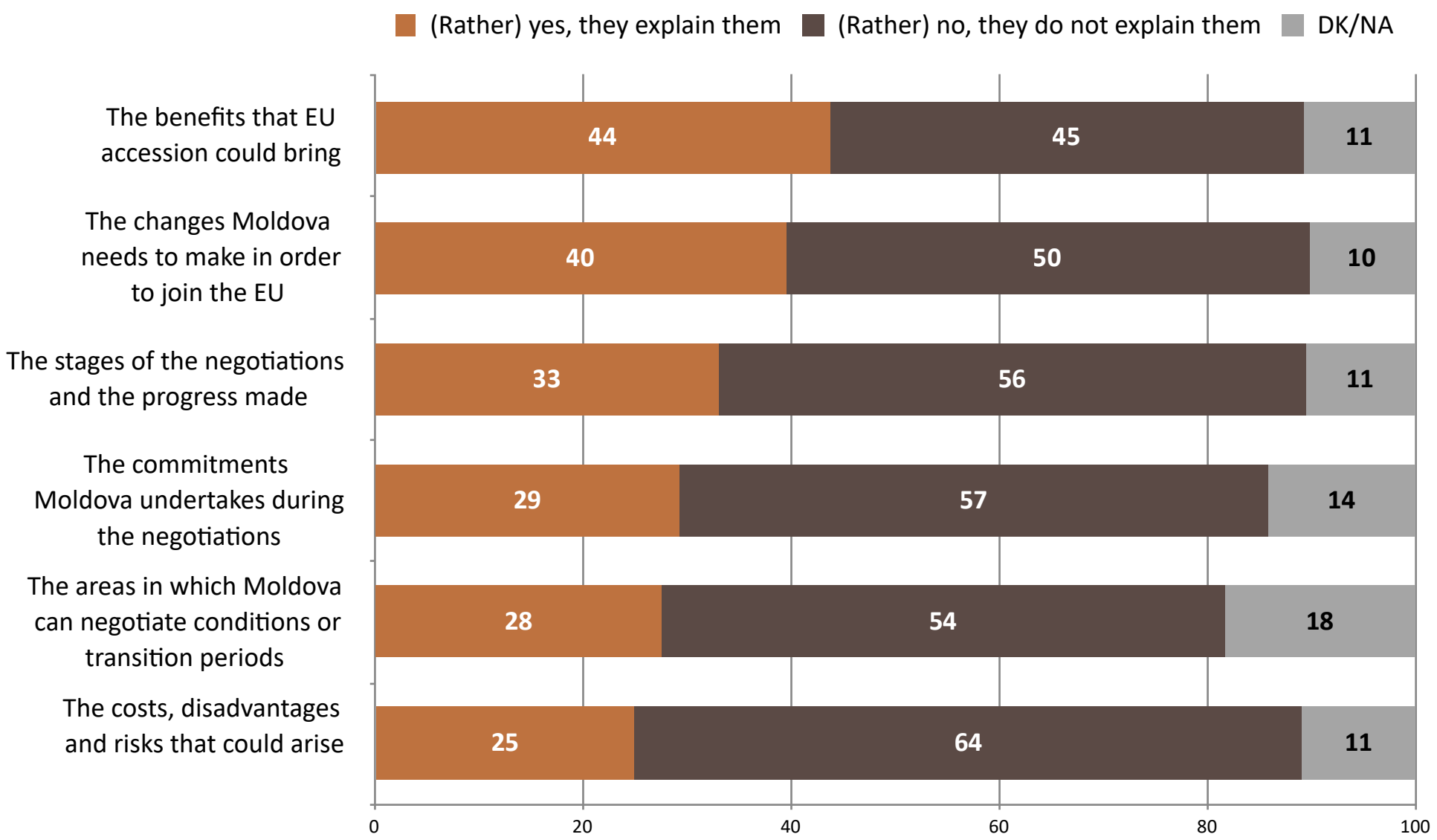
To what extent do you feel informed about how the negotiations for the Republic of Moldova's accession to the EU are progressing?



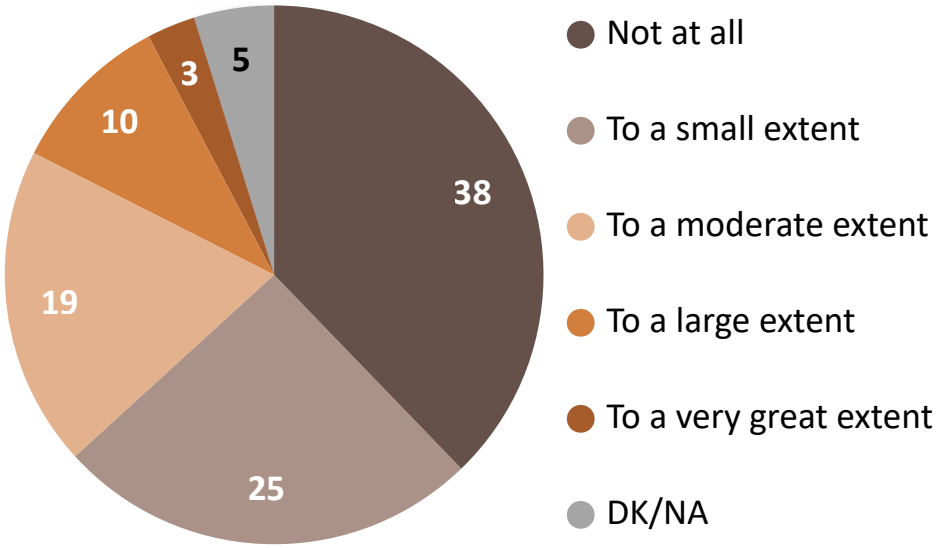
What is your opinion of how the EU accession negotiations are being conducted?



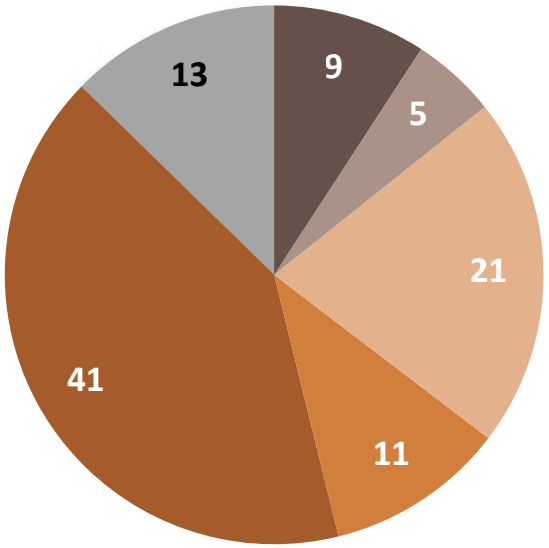
In your opinion, how well do the state authorities explain the following aspects of the EU accession process to the population?



To what extent do you think that Moldova's interests are being protected in the EU accession negotiations and that efforts are being made to secure the most favourable conditions possible for Moldova?

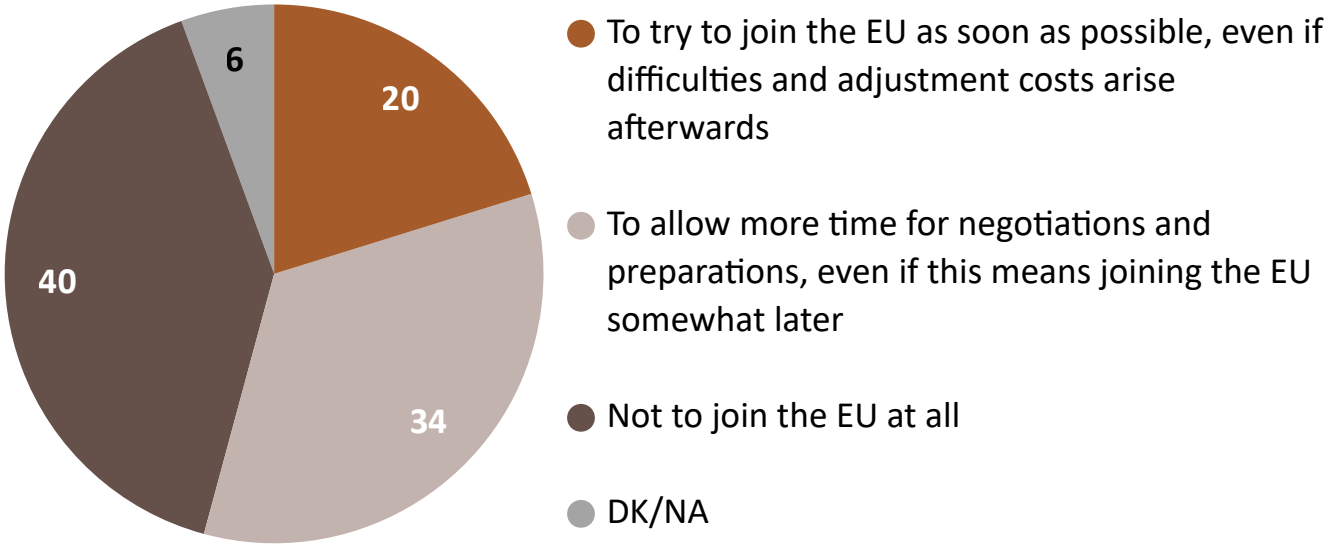


Where do you think the most important decisions will be made if Moldova becomes an EU member?

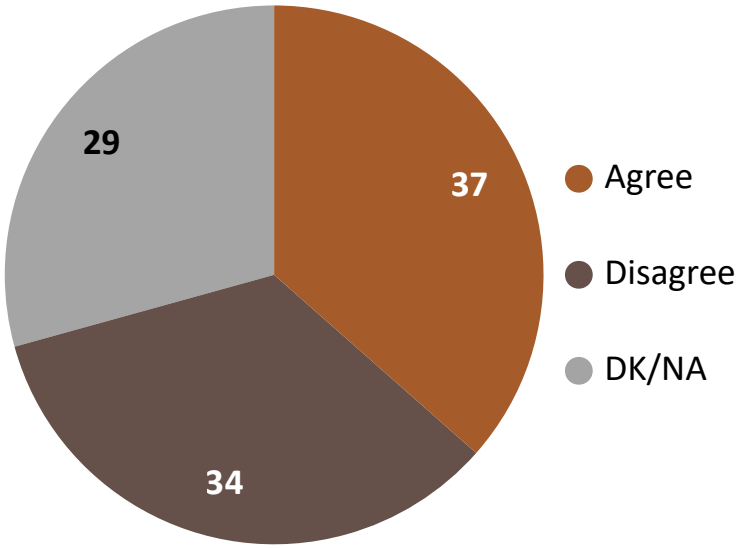


- Mainly in Chișinău, by the authorities of the Republic of Moldova
- Mostly in Chișinău, but also at the level of EU institutions
- Equally at the level of Chișinău and EU institutions
- Mostly at the level of EU institutions, but also in Chișinău
- Mainly at the level of the institutions of the European Union
- DK/NA

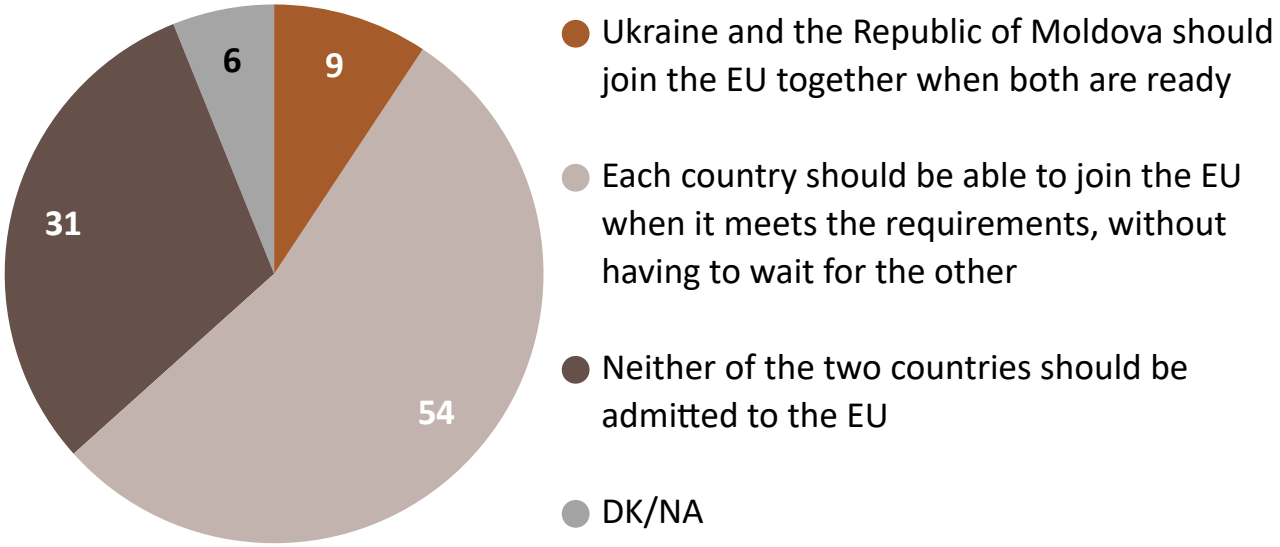
What do you think Moldova should do?

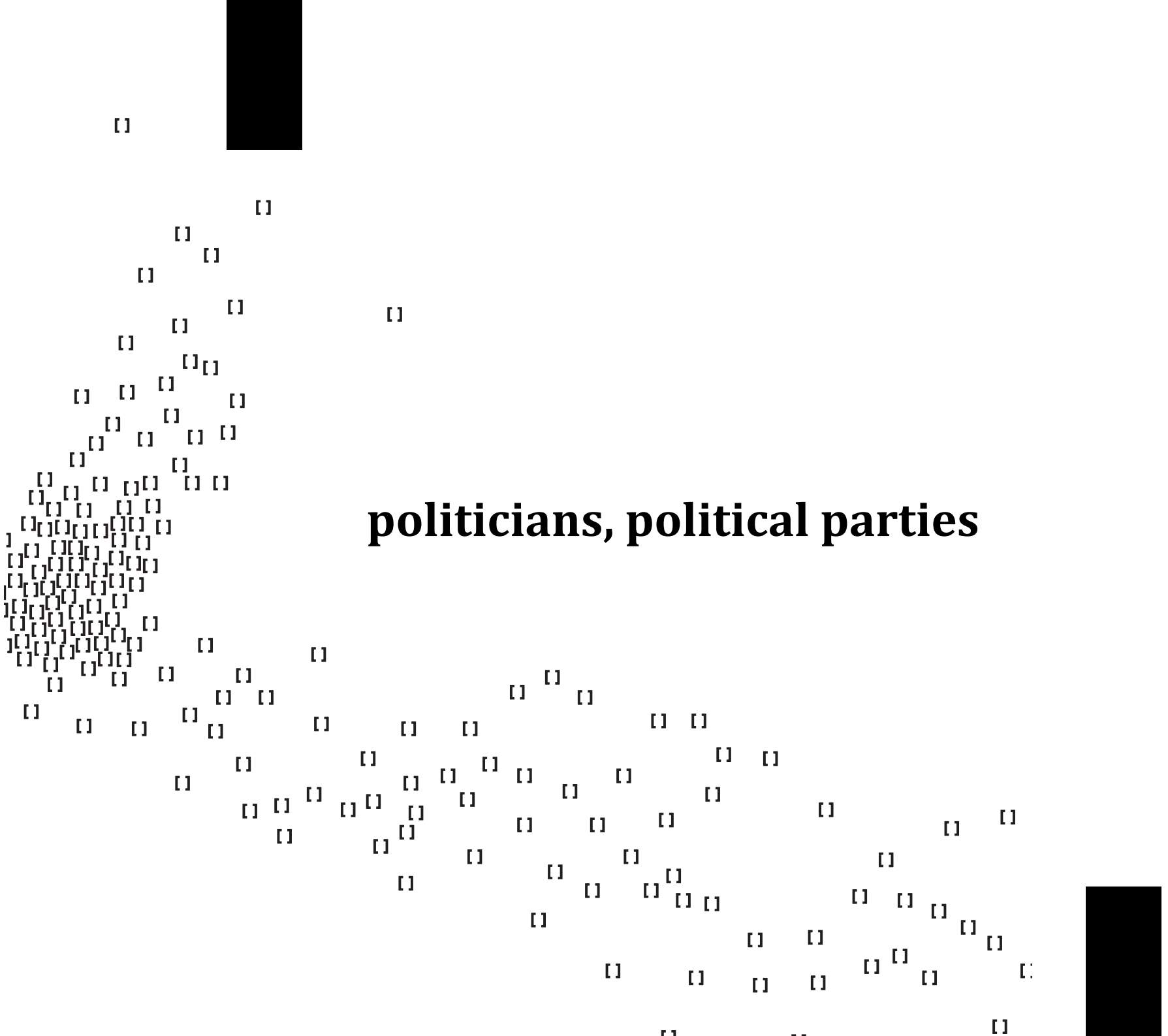


Do you agree or disagree with Ukraine's accession to the European Union?



Which statement best expresses your opinion?





politicians, political parties

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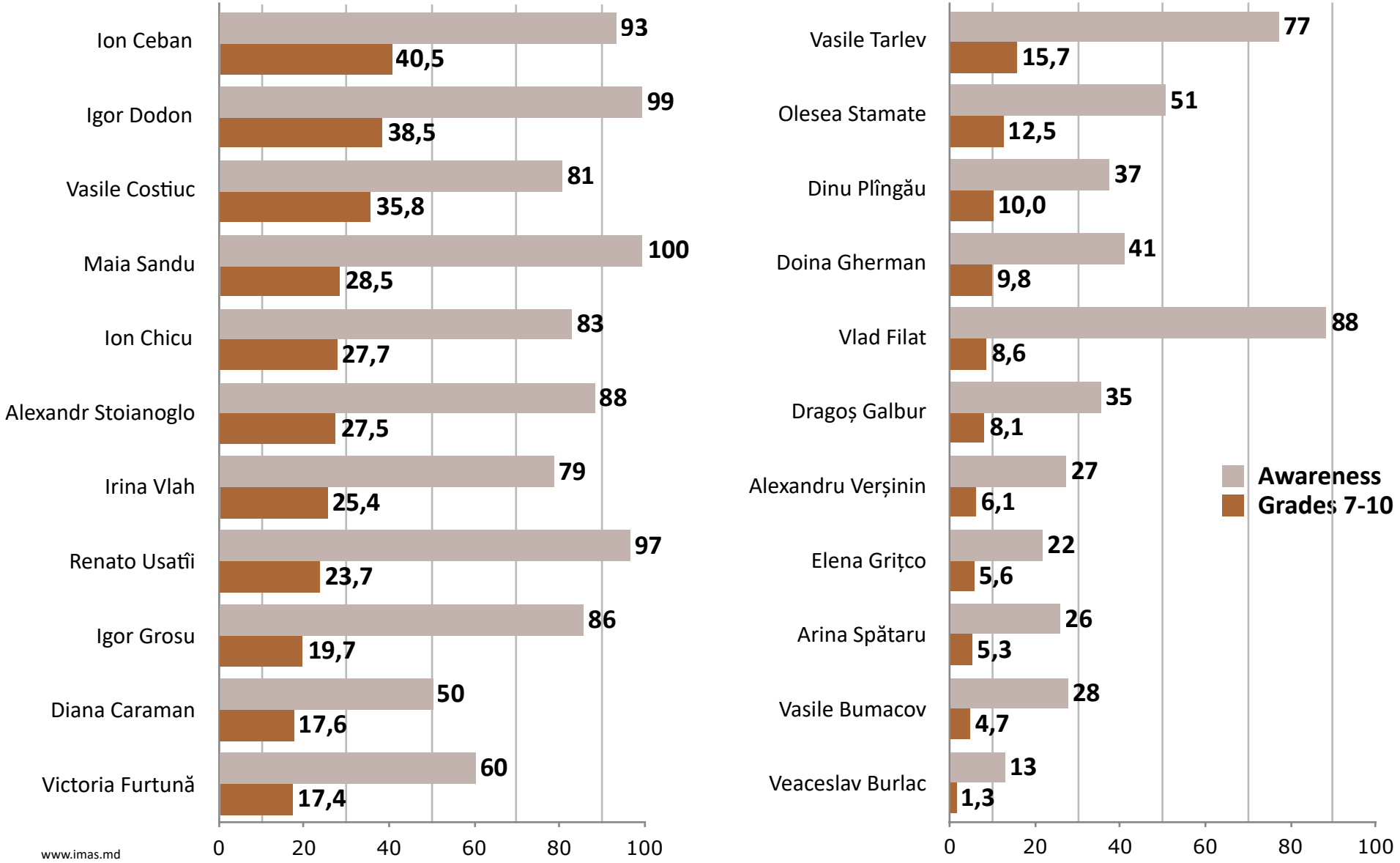
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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Vasile Bumacov	**27,6**	4,6	2,0	1,9	1,9	5,0	1,7	1,4	1,5	0,2	1,6	5,8	**72,4**
Veaceslav Burlac	**12,8**	3,4	0,6	0,5	0,3	1,8	0,7	0,4	0,4	0,1	0,3	4,3	**87,2**
Diana Caraman	**50,1**	10,7	2,8	2,2	1,3	6,7	1,6	3,1	4,8	3,5	6,2	7,4	**49,9**
Ion Ceban	**93,3**	10,4	3,9	5,3	4,6	13,4	7,2	9,7	10,9	6,1	13,8	8,0	**6,7**
Ion Chicu	**82,9**	12,1	4,9	4,5	3,8	11,9	6,8	7,5	8,3	3,3	8,6	11,1	**17,1**
Vasile Costiuc	**80,6**	11,4	4,5	3,9	3,4	11,7	3,4	7,8	7,2	5,2	15,7	6,5	**19,4**
Igor Dodon	**99,4**	19,4	5,4	4,9	4,2	15,7	5,7	8,3	10,6	4,2	15,3	5,6	**0,6**
Vlad Filat	**88,4**	29,1	11,5	7,2	4,7	10,4	2,8	2,9	2,2	0,9	2,6	14,0	**11,6**
Victoria Furtună	**60,2**	13,6	3,0	4,0	2,7	6,1	2,6	3,5	5,3	2,0	6,6	10,8	**39,8**
Dragoș Galbur	**35,3**	5,3	1,7	2,4	1,9	6,4	2,1	2,4	2,7	1,0	1,9	7,3	**64,7**
Doina Gherman	**40,9**	7,7	2,3	2,4	2,2	5,8	3,1	2,9	3,5	1,7	1,7	7,5	**59,1**
Elena Grițco	**21,8**	3,9	0,5	1,0	1,2	3,4	1,4	2,3	1,7	0,6	1,0	4,7	**78,2**

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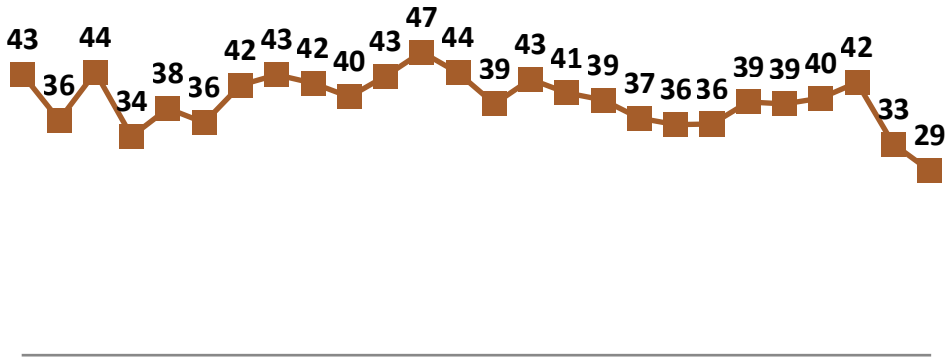
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Igor Grosu	**85,7**	25,4	8,0	4,7	3,3	11,3	3,7	5,5	7,9	2,1	4,2	9,7	**14,3**
Dinu Plîngău	**37,4**	9,4	3,2	1,8	2,0	3,8	2,1	3,0	4,4	1,3	1,4	5,2	**62,6**
Maia Sandu	**99,6**	35,5	7,9	4,2	3,1	11,6	4,4	4,7	6,2	4,8	12,7	4,3	**0,4**
Arina Spătaru	**25,9**	5,9	1,5	1,4	1,4	3,2	2,0	2,2	1,9	0,4	0,8	5,3	**74,1**
Olesea Stamate	**50,7**	7,9	3,1	3,6	2,6	8,3	4,2	3,3	4,2	1,2	3,8	8,5	**49,3**
Vasile Tarlev	**77,1**	16,0	6,3	4,6	5,2	13,8	4,4	4,6	4,9	1,1	5,2	11,1	**22,9**
Renato Usatîi	**96,5**	19,1	7,1	7,9	6,1	17,6	5,9	6,7	6,4	3,1	7,5	8,9	**3,5**
Alexandr Stoianoglo	**88,3**	16,4	6,8	4,6	4,0	14,1	4,9	6,6	7,1	3,3	10,5	9,9	**11,7**
Alexandru Verșinin	**27,2**	6,7	1,8	1,9	0,9	4,2	1,1	1,4	1,6	0,9	2,2	4,6	**72,8**
Irina Vlah	**78,6**	13,1	4,0	4,3	3,5	11,8	4,8	4,6	7,9	3,4	9,4	11,6	**21,4**

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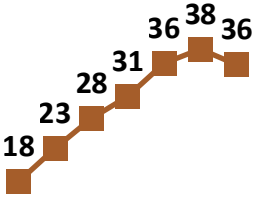


How do you rate the activity of ...? (cumulative % for grades 7-10)

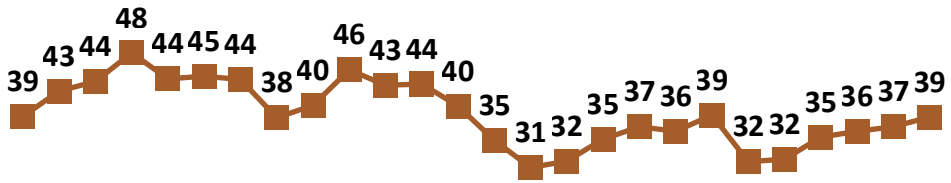
Maia Sandu



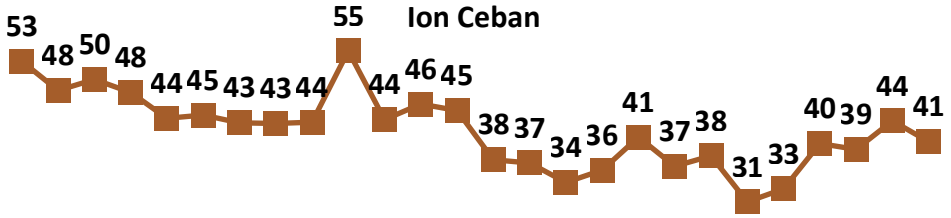
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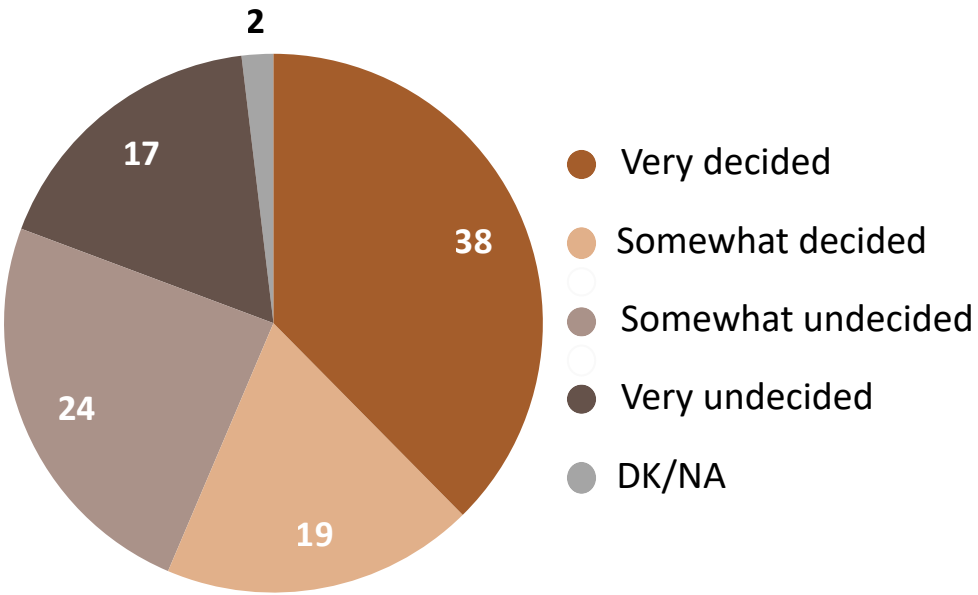
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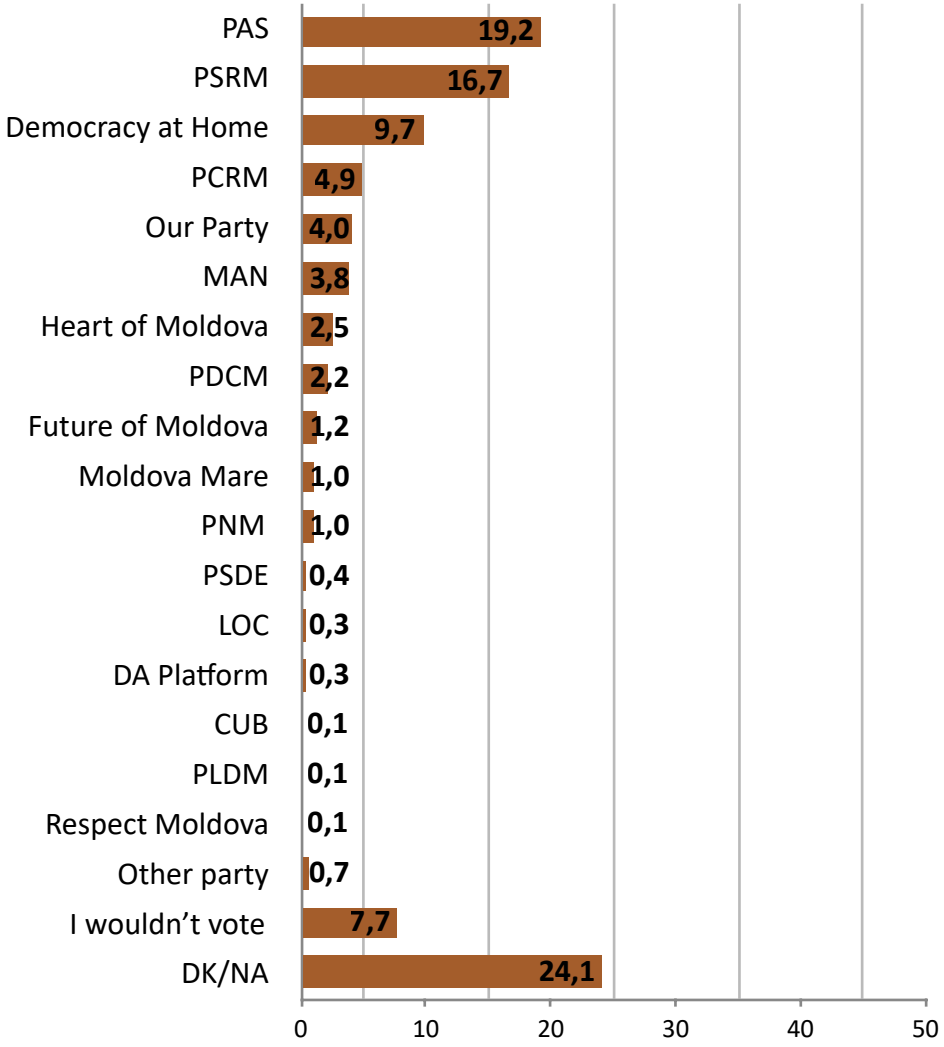


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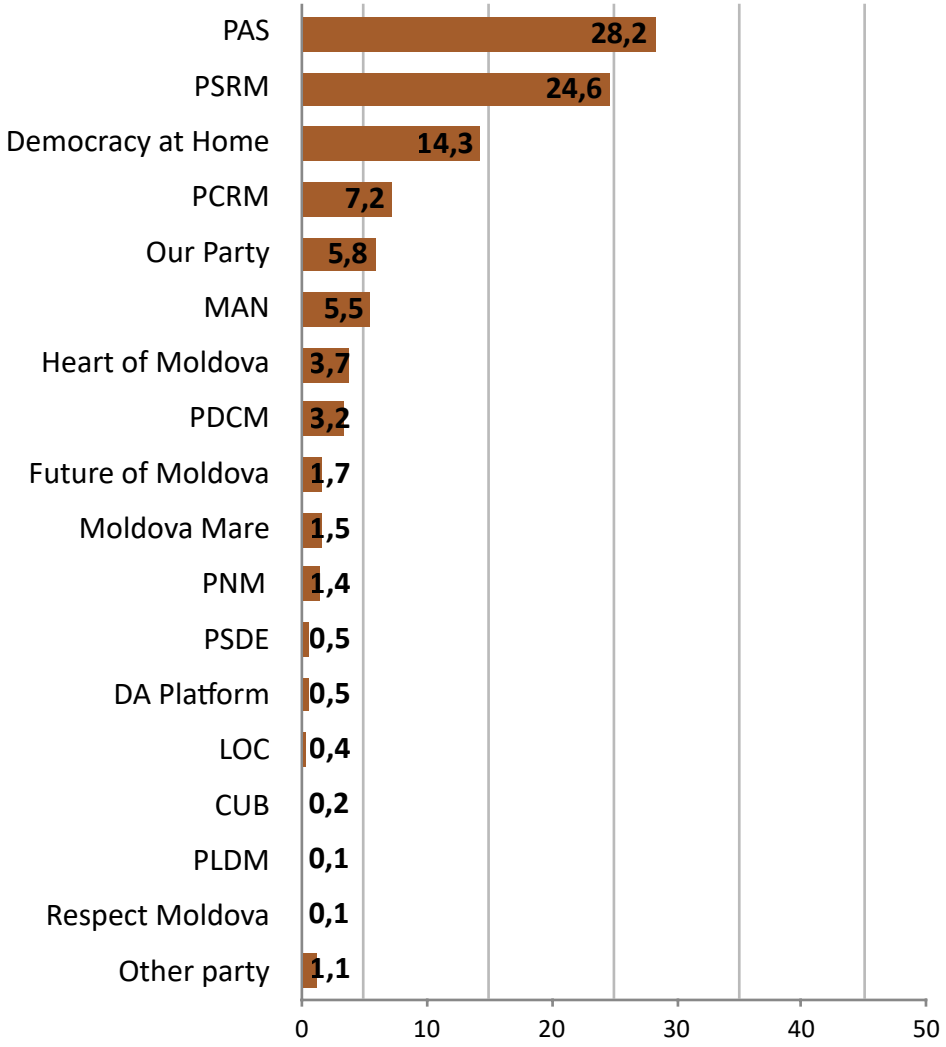


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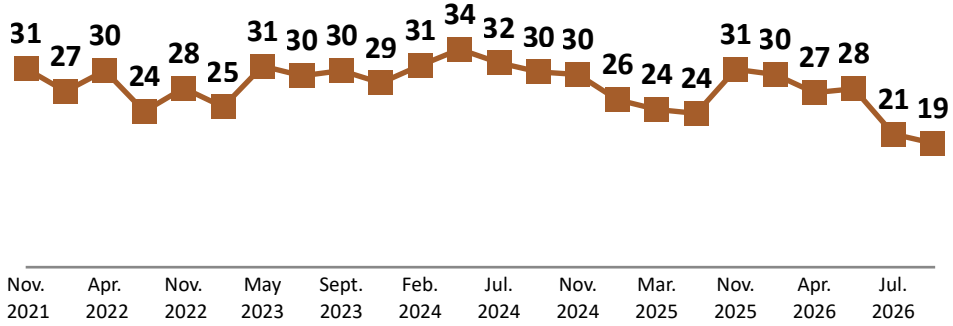


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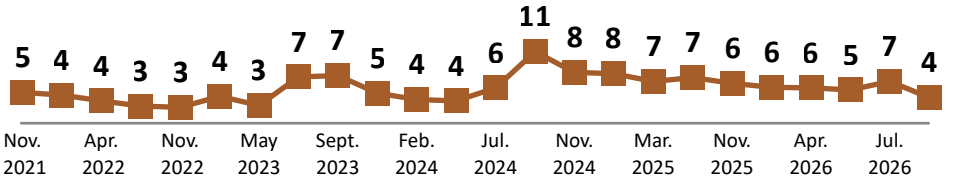


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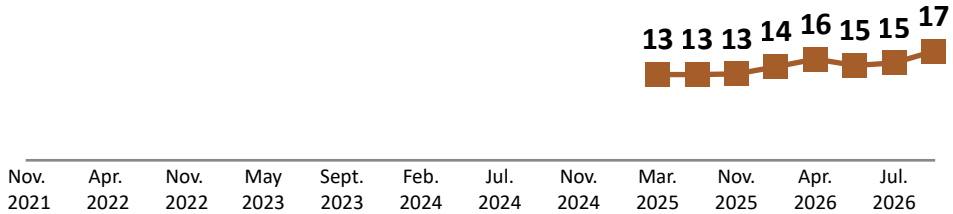
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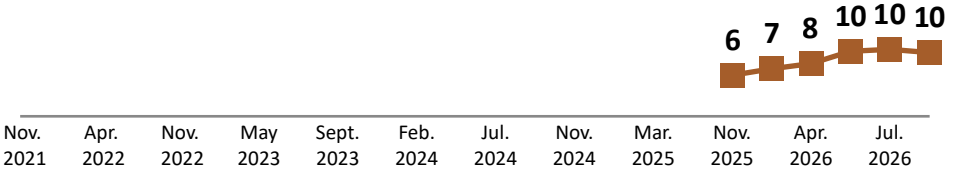
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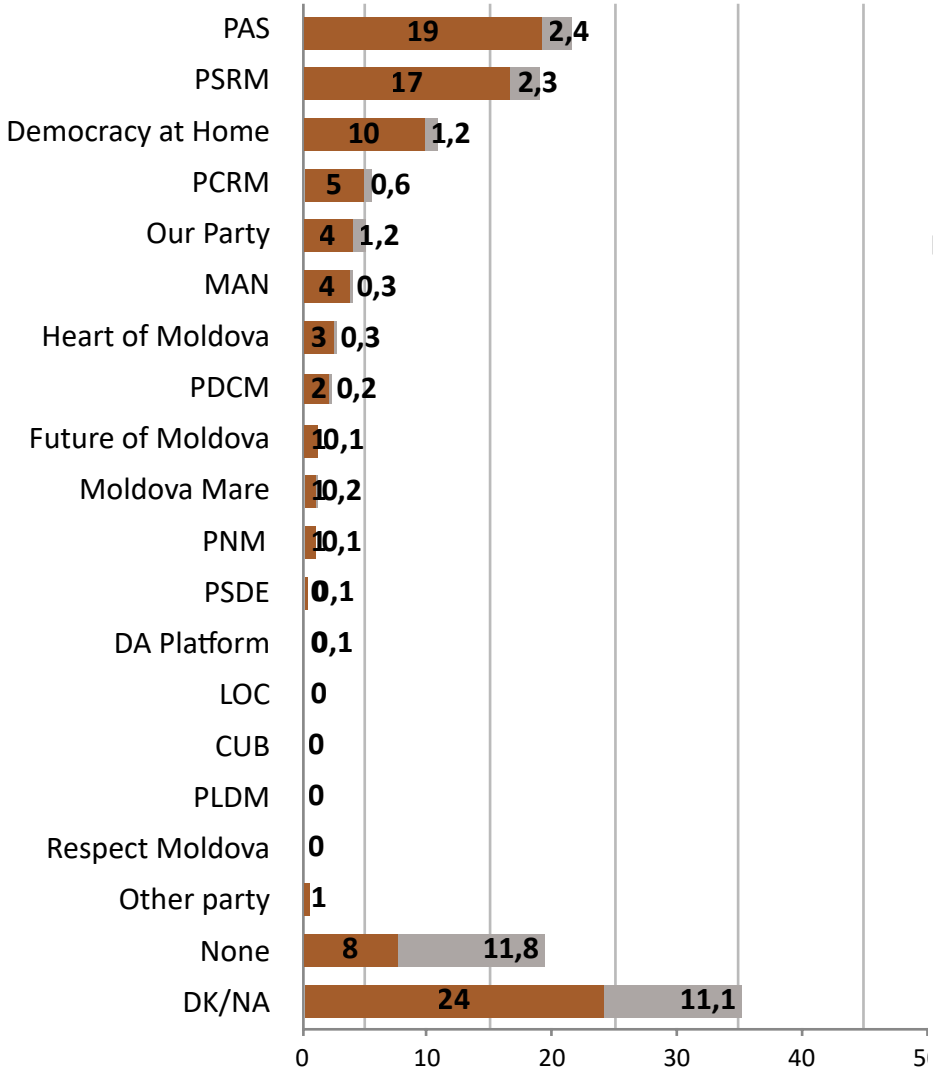


Democracy at Home



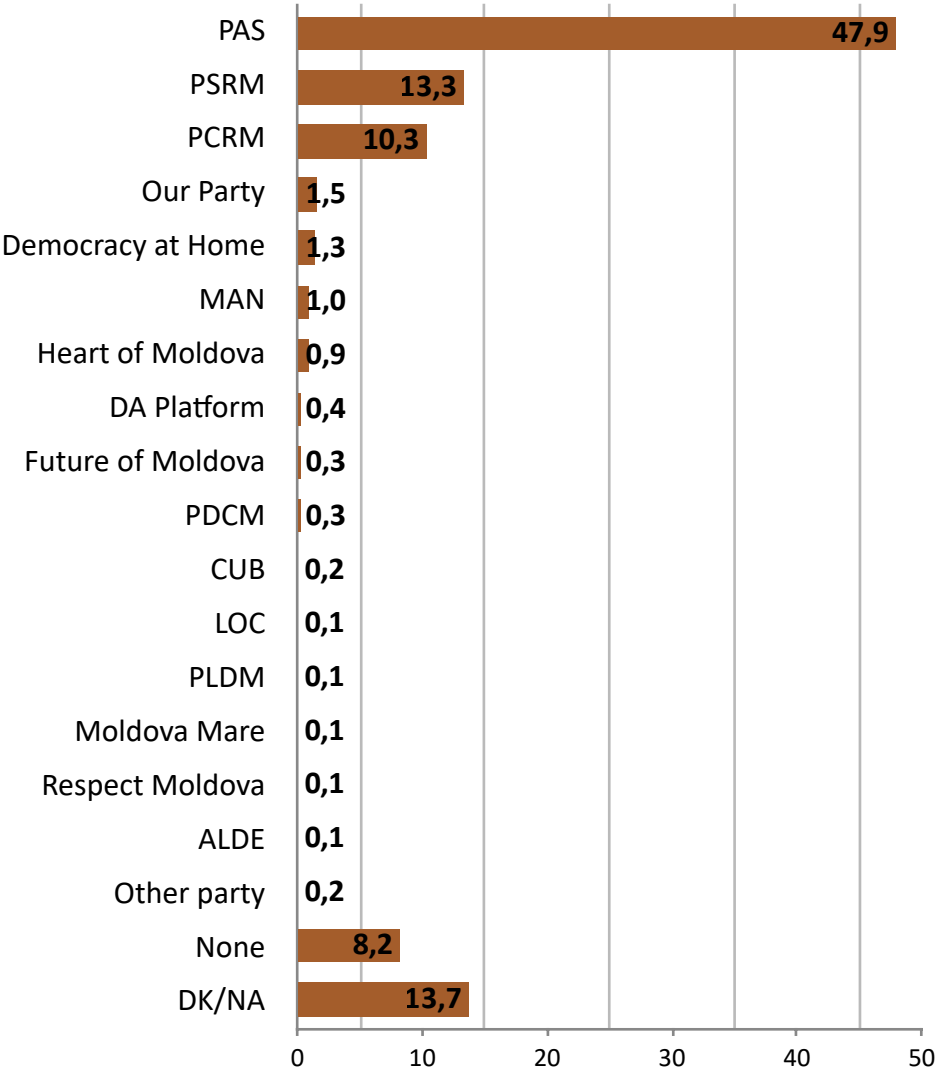
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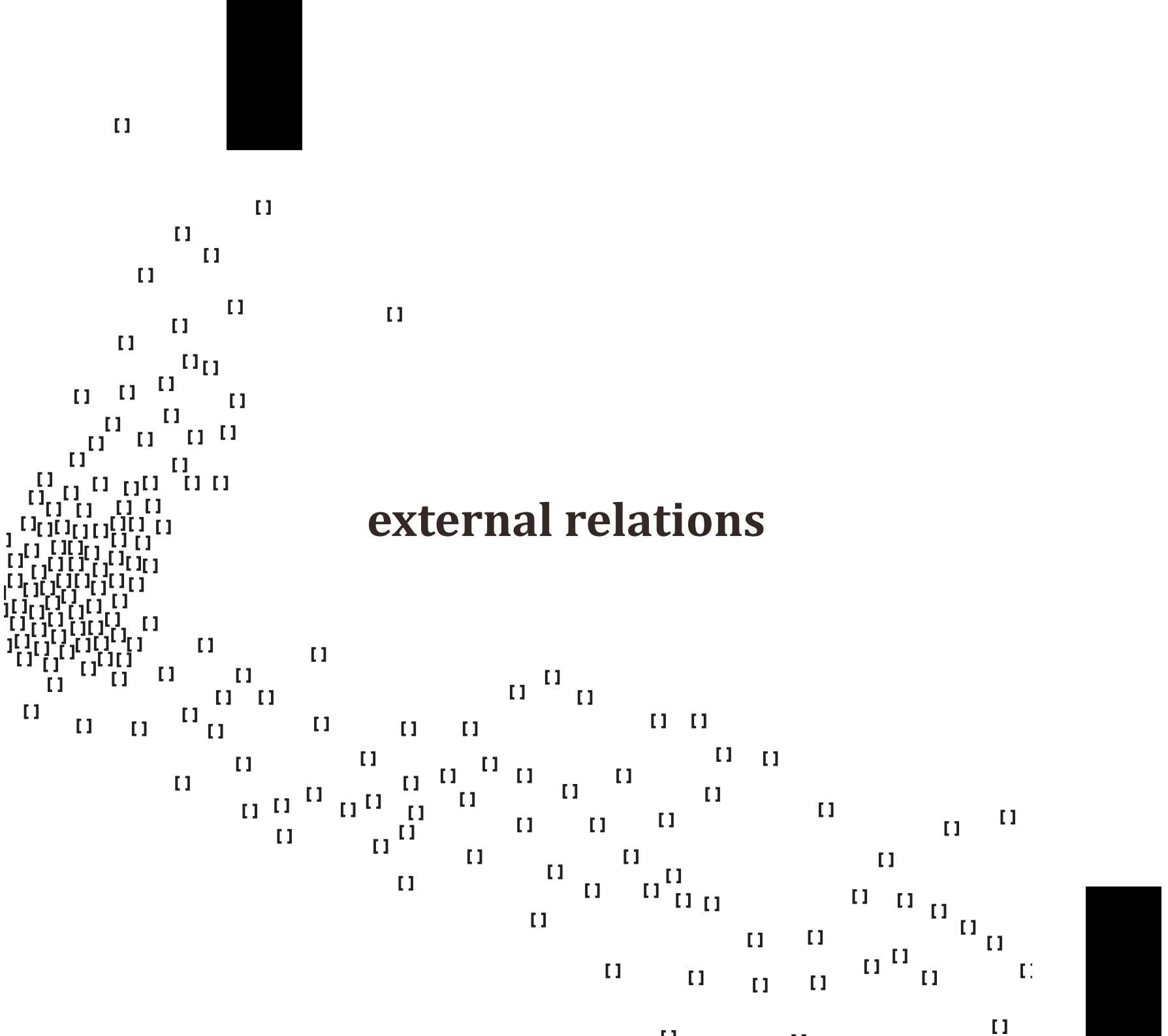
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Which party would you not certainly vote with?

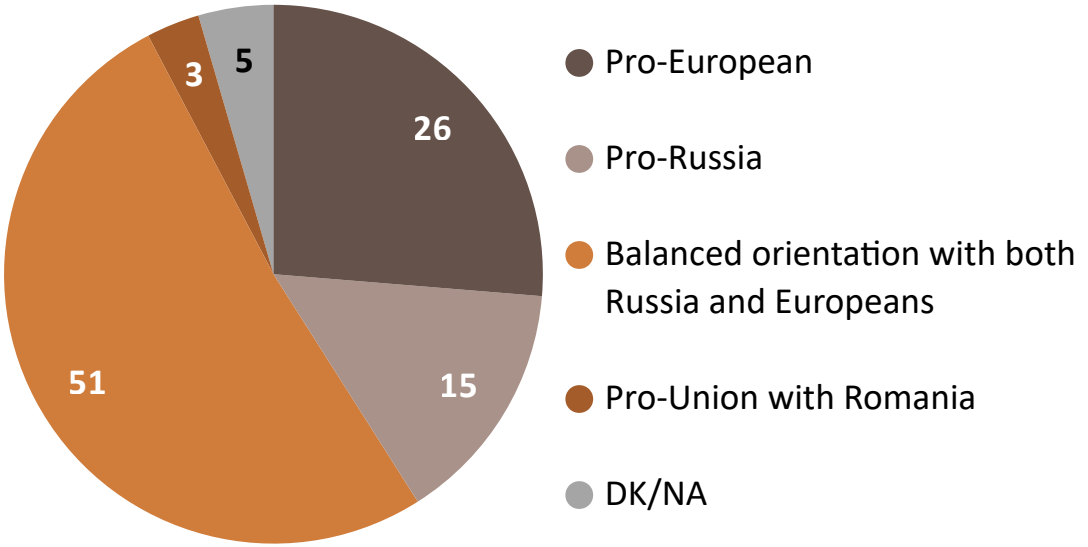
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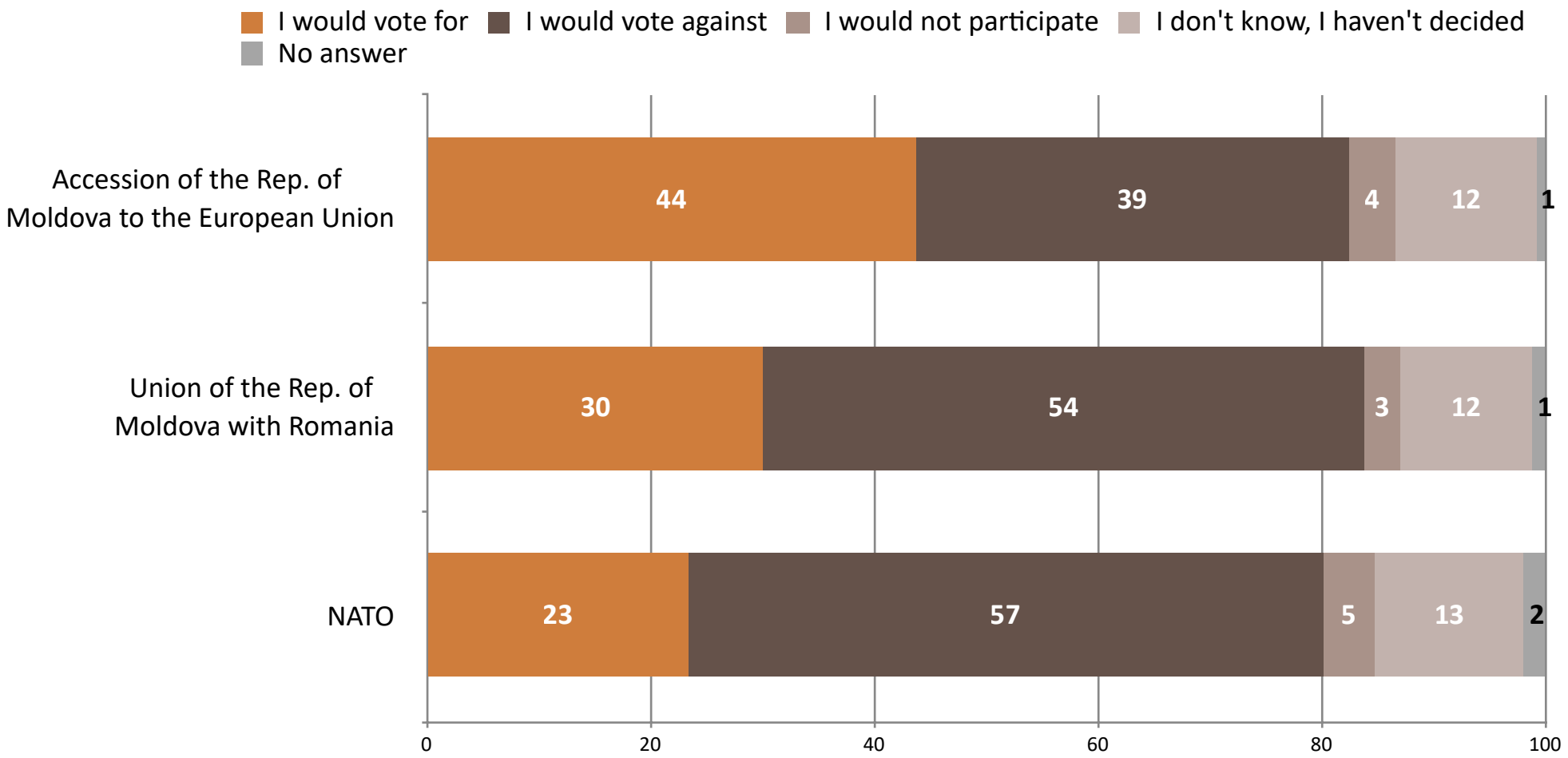


external relations

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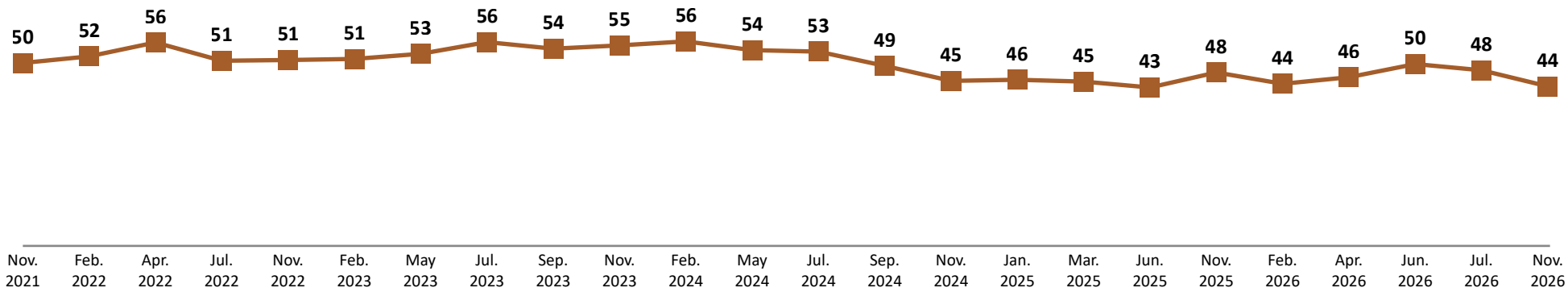


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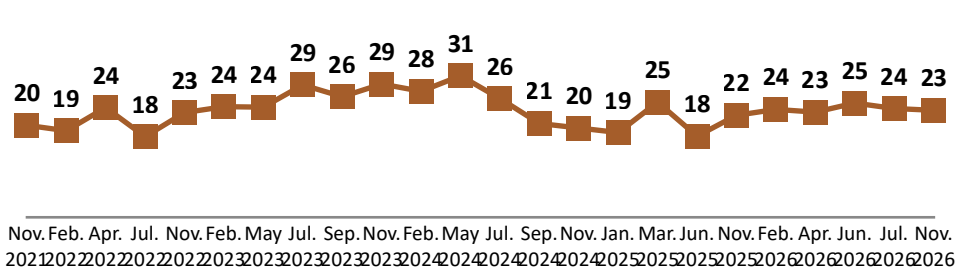


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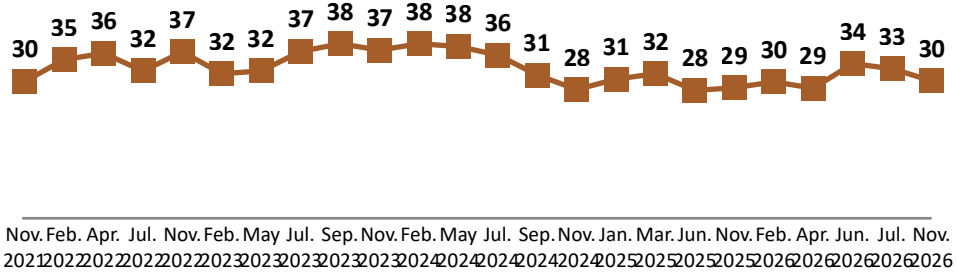
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