



Public Opinion in the Czech Republic

March 8-21, 2017



Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the Center for Insights in Survey Research by Ipsos Czech Republic.
- Data was collected between March 8 and March 21, 2017 through face-to-face interviews.
- The total number of interviews was 1,016.
- Sample size: Total population (n=1,016).
- Margin of error: Plus or minus 3.29 percent with a 95 percent confidence level.
- The sample is comprised of Czech residents aged 18 to 65 years.
- Regions included in the sample are Prague; Central Bohemia; Southwest; Northwest; Northeast; Southeast; Central Moravia; and Moravia Silesia. The sample includes both urban and rural inhabitants. Areas of the population excluded from the sample: none.
- The sample design consisted of a two stage, random sample.
 - Stage One: Primary sampling unit—settlements
 - Stage Two: Secondary sampling unit—respondent (selected individuals using quotas by gender and age)
- Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding error and/or multiple choice answers.

Glossary of Czech Political Parties

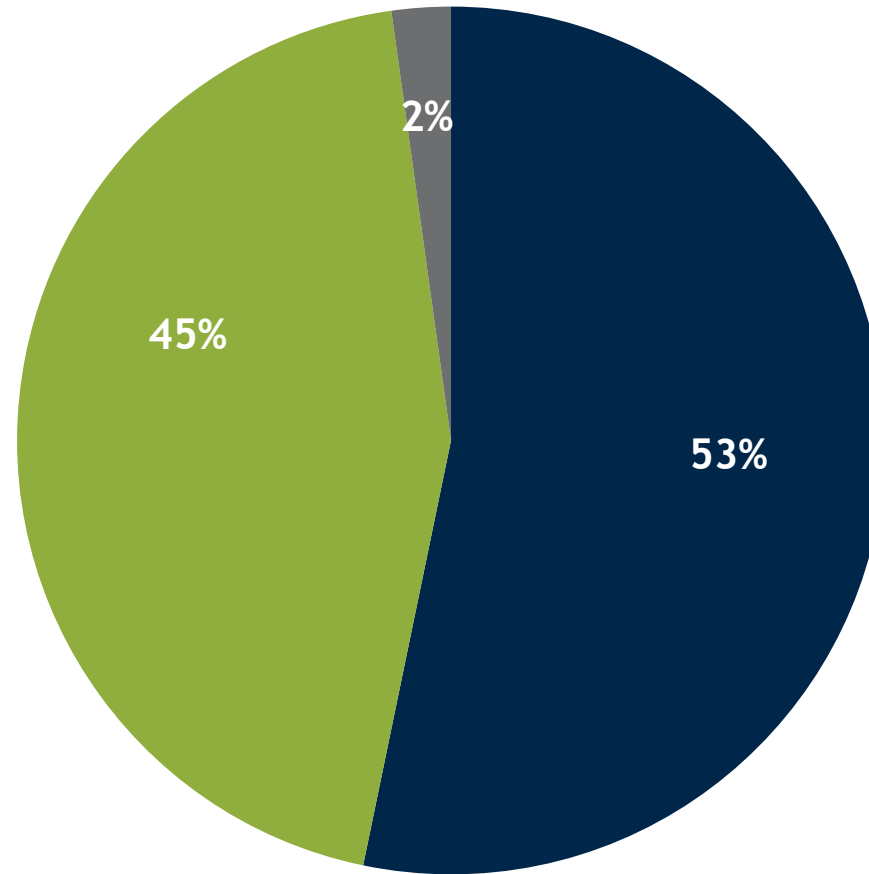
- ANO 2011
- ČSSD: Czech Social Democratic Party
- KSČM: Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia
- TOP 09: Tradition Responsibility Prosperity
- ODS: Civic Democratic Party
- Úsvit: Dawn-National Coalition
- Česká pirátská strana: Czech Pirate Party
- KDU-ČSL: Christian and Democratic Union-Czechoslovak People's Party
- SZ: Green Party
- Svobodní: Free Citizens' Party
- Dělnická strana sociální spravedlnosti: Worker's Party of Social Justice
- Strana zdravého rozumu: Party of Common Sense
- OBČANÉ: Citizens 2011



Opinions of the National and Regional Context



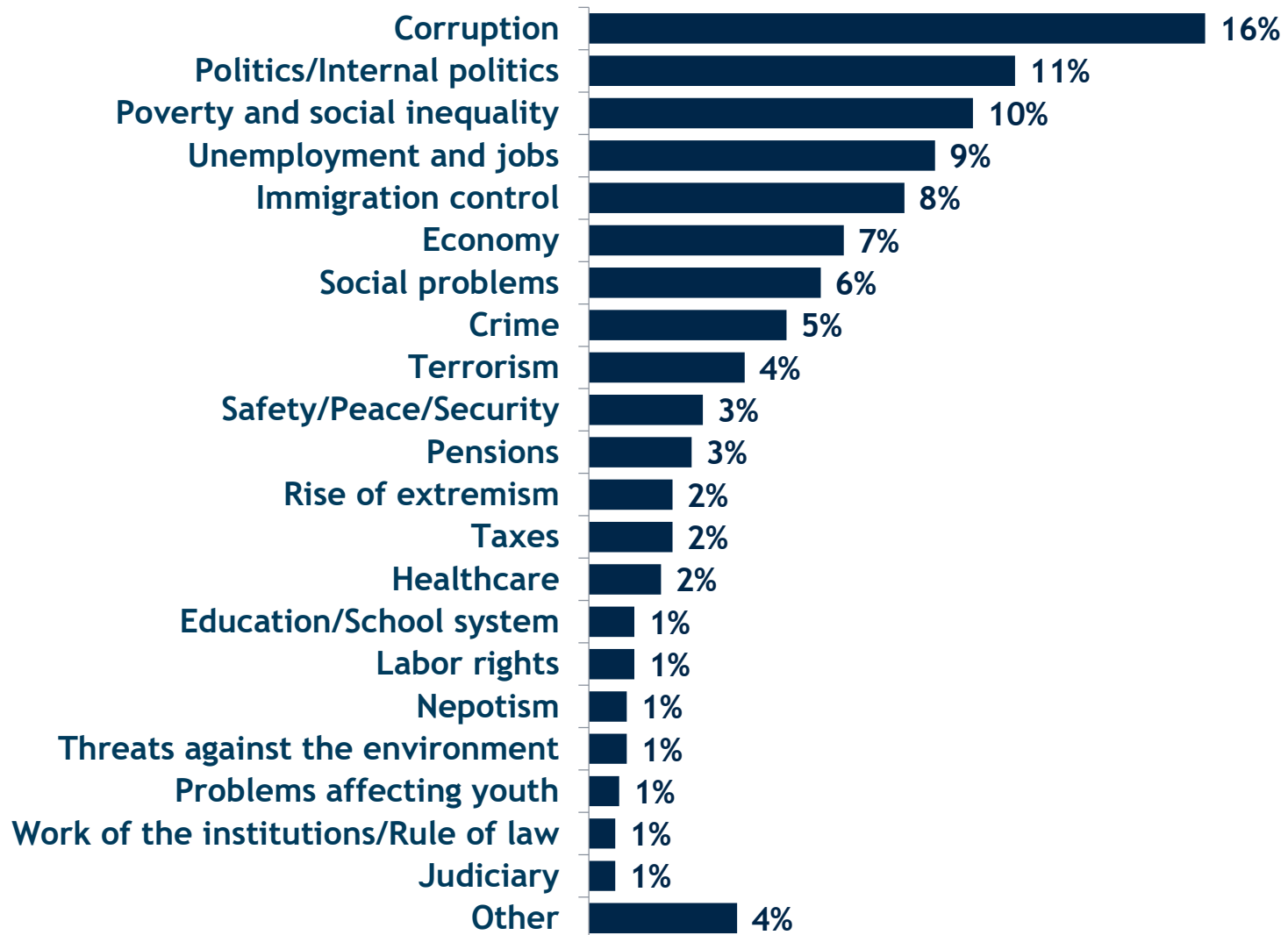
Generally speaking, would you say that the Czech Republic is heading...



■ In the right direction ■ In the wrong direction ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

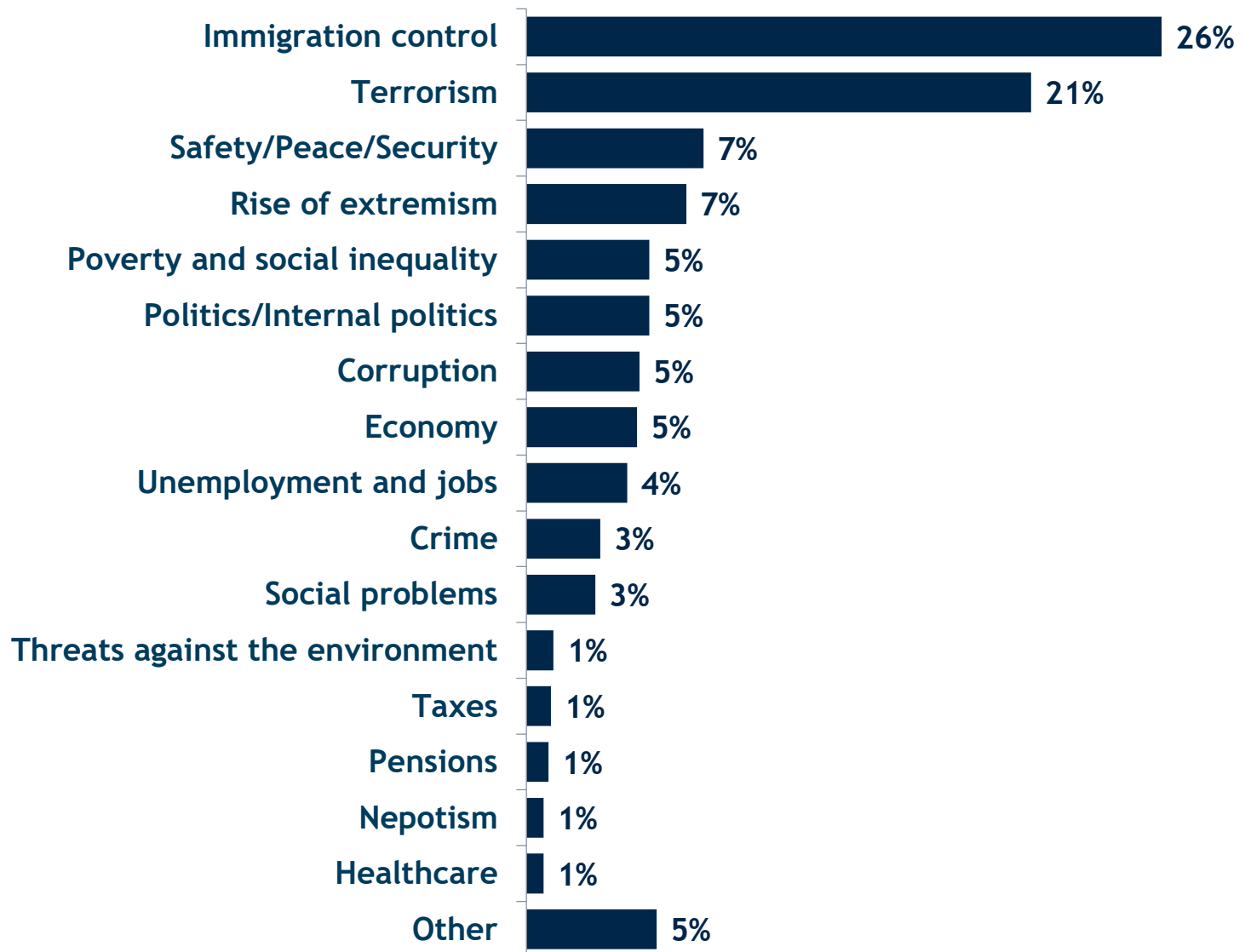
What would you say is the single biggest problem facing the Czech Republic today; that is, the one that you are most concerned about?

(Spontaneous answers)

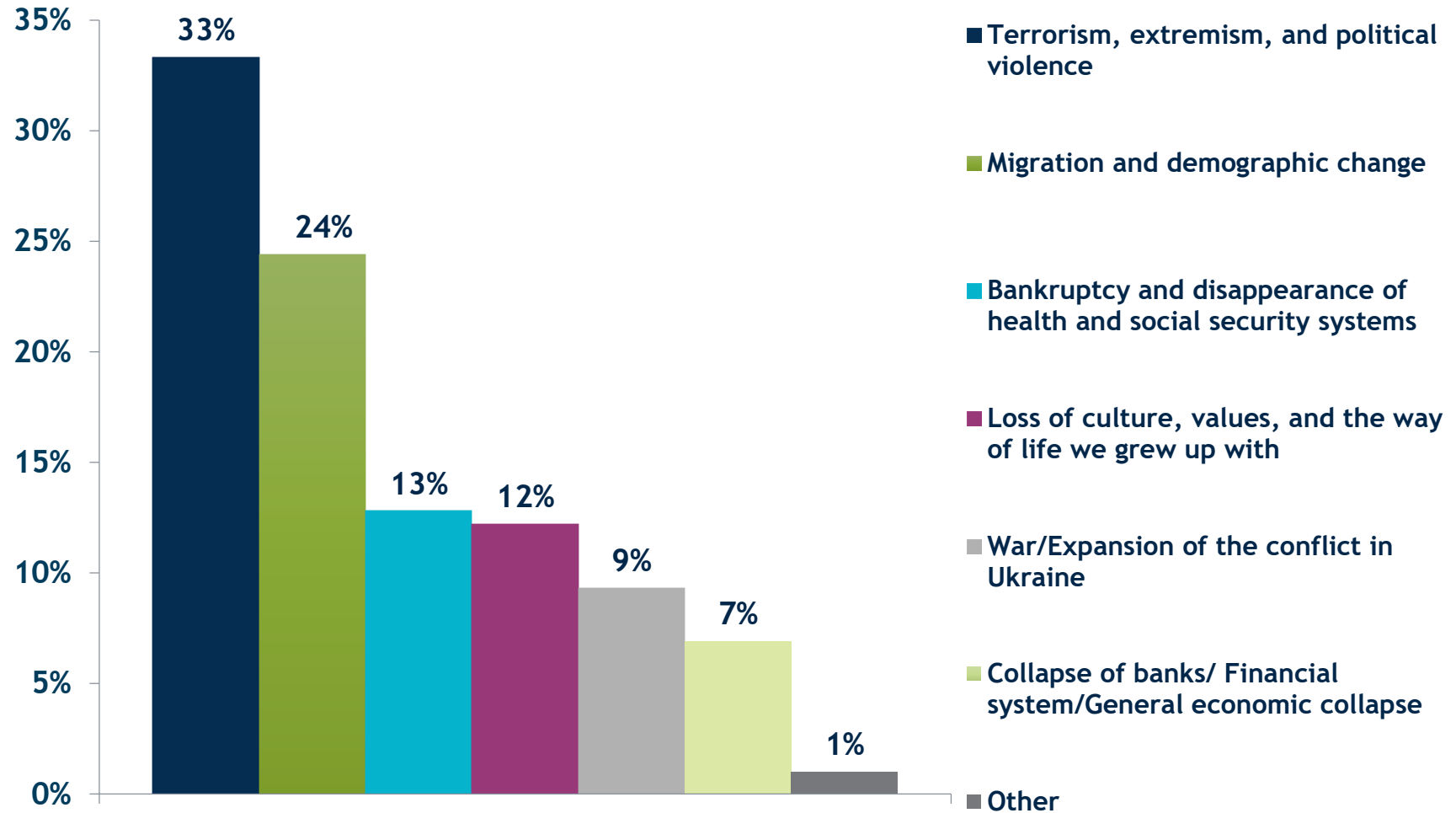


What is the biggest single problem facing Europe today; that is, the one that you are most concerned about?

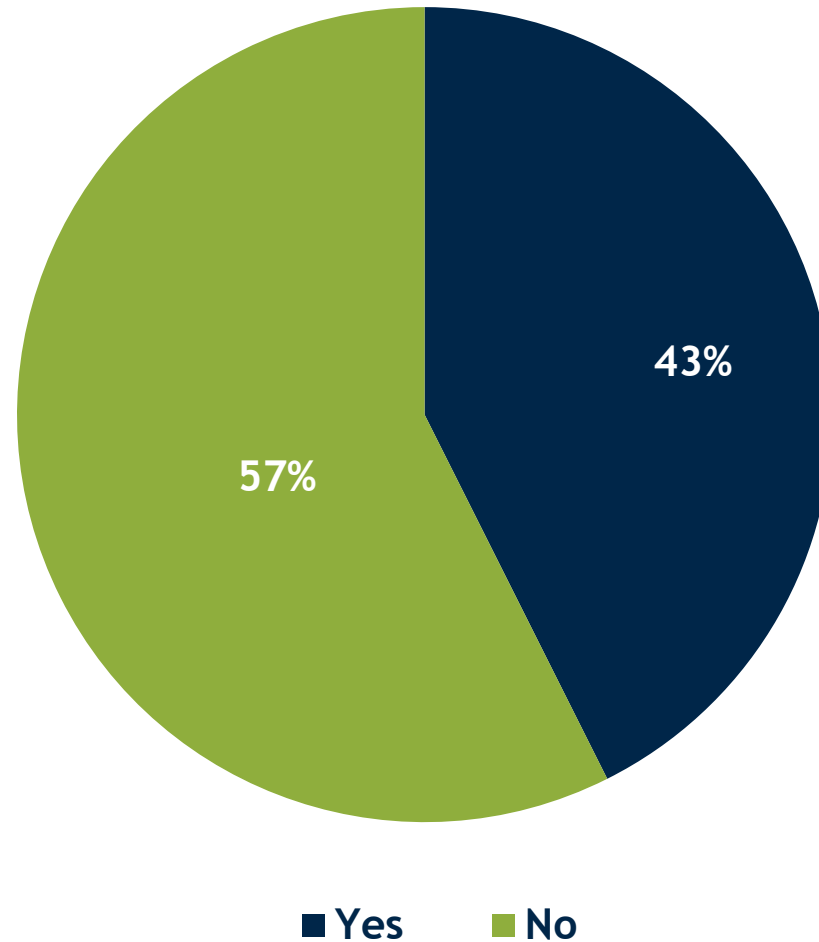
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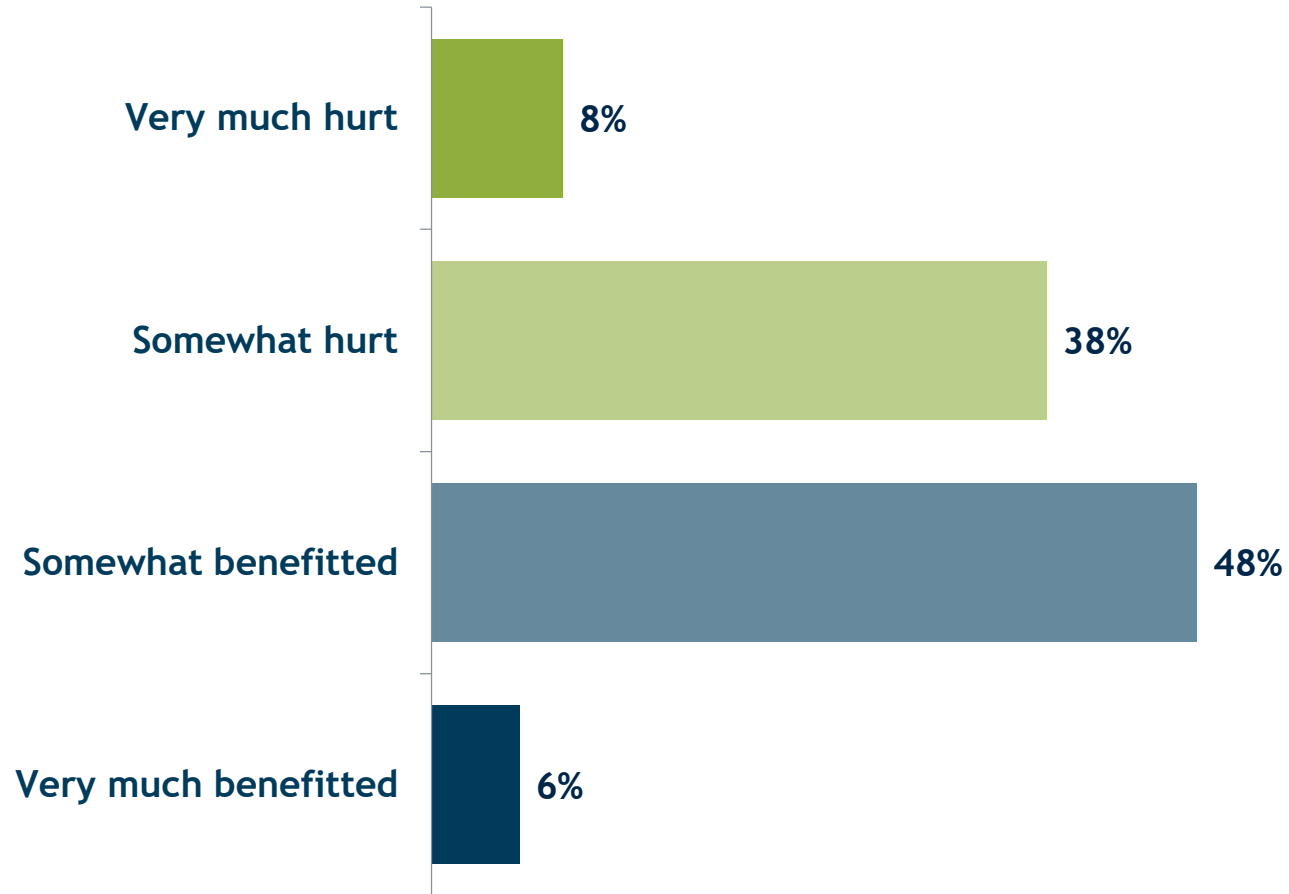
What has the greatest likelihood of threatening our way of life and our children's future?



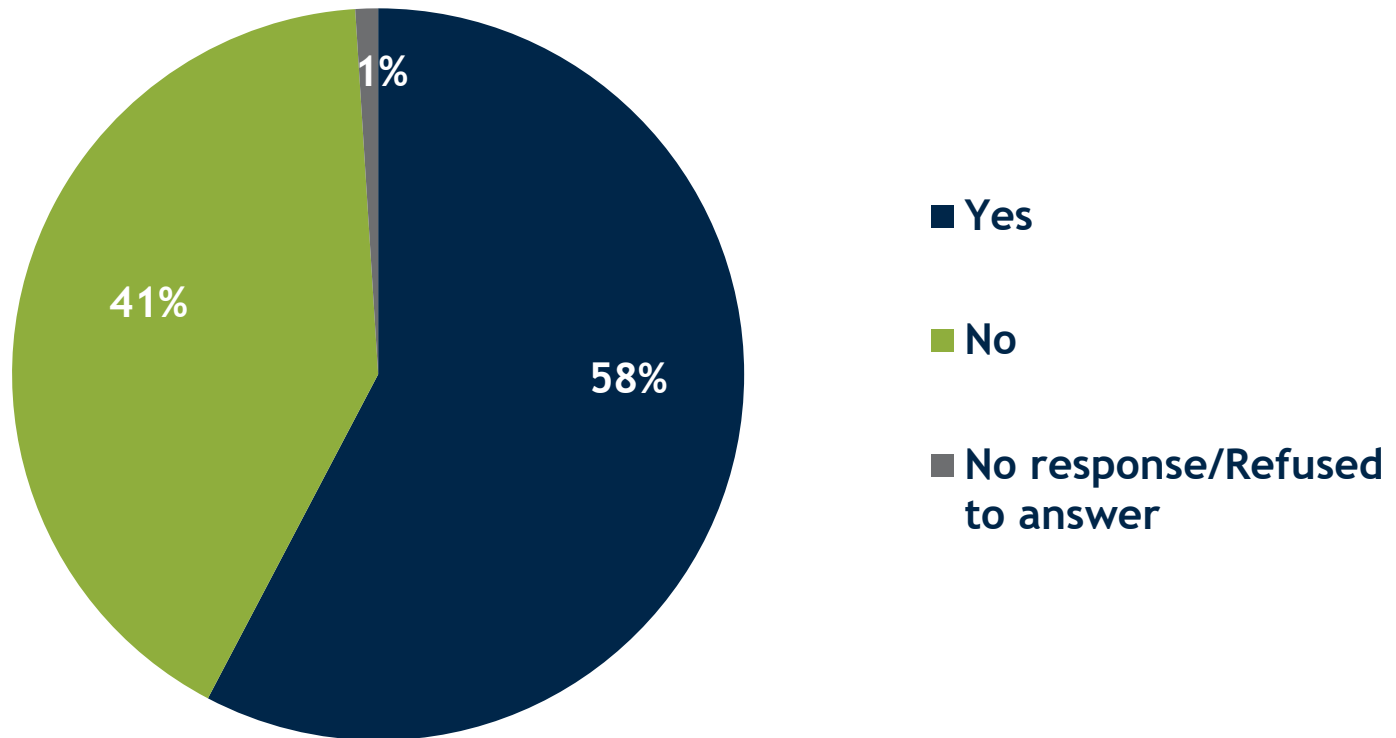
Do you think that today's generation of young people has a good future in the Czech Republic?



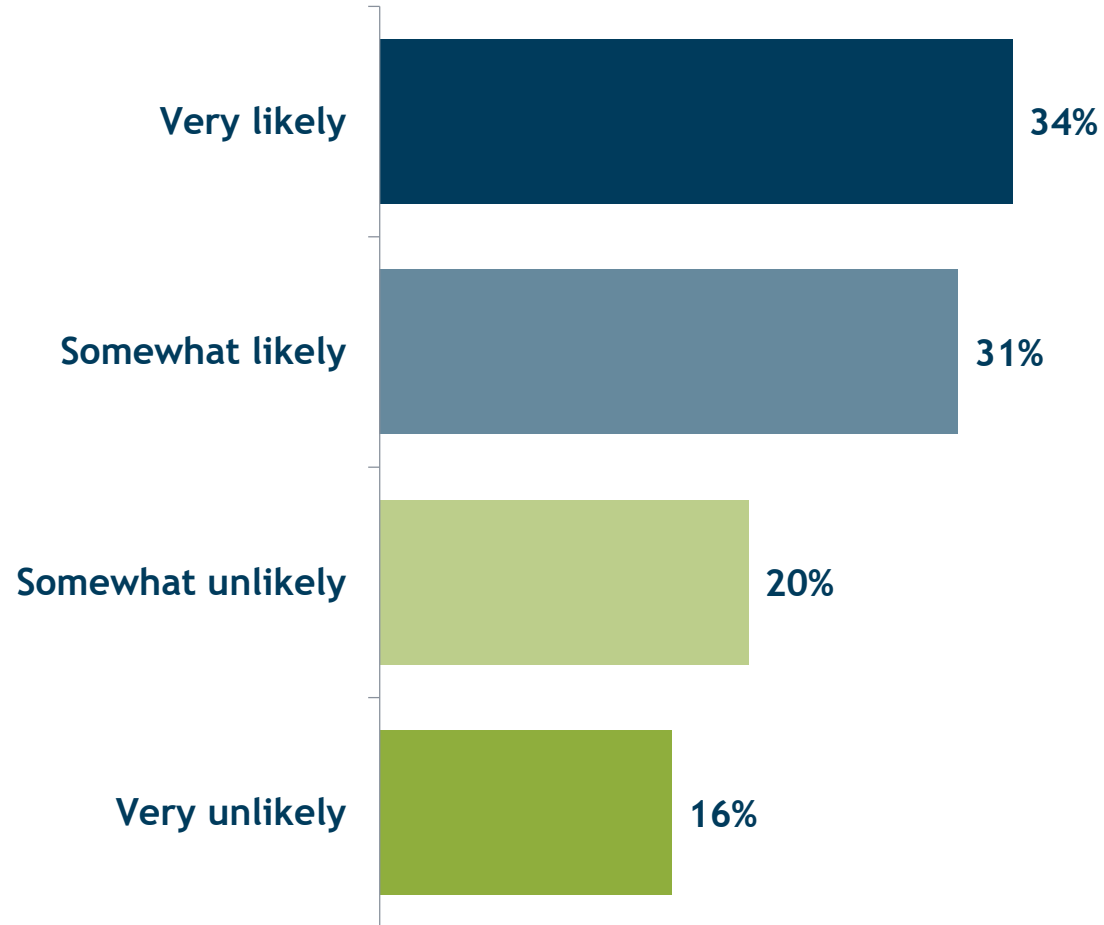
Do you think that the process of globalization has benefitted or hurt your family?



Did you vote in the Czech Republic parliamentary elections?

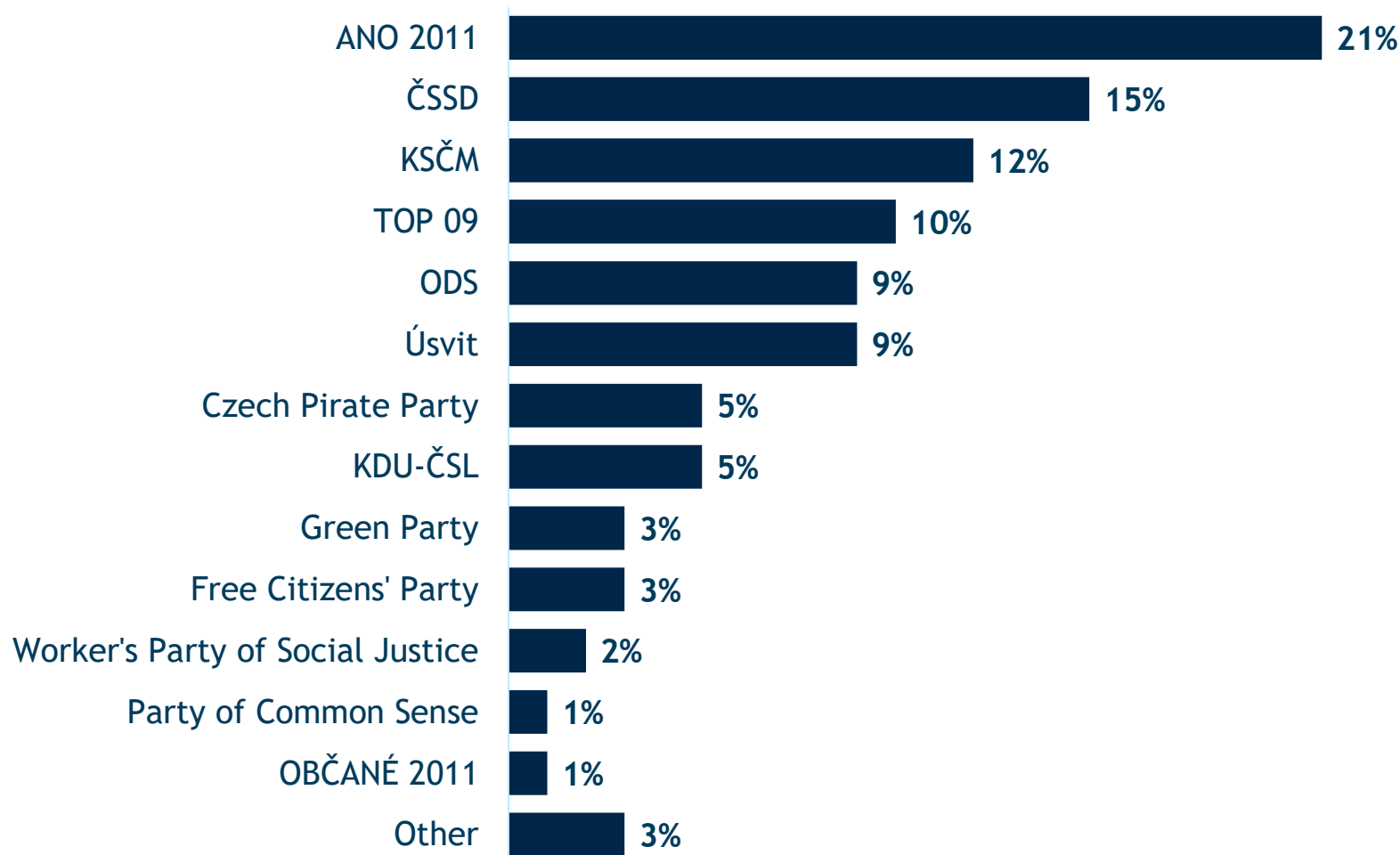


How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next elections?



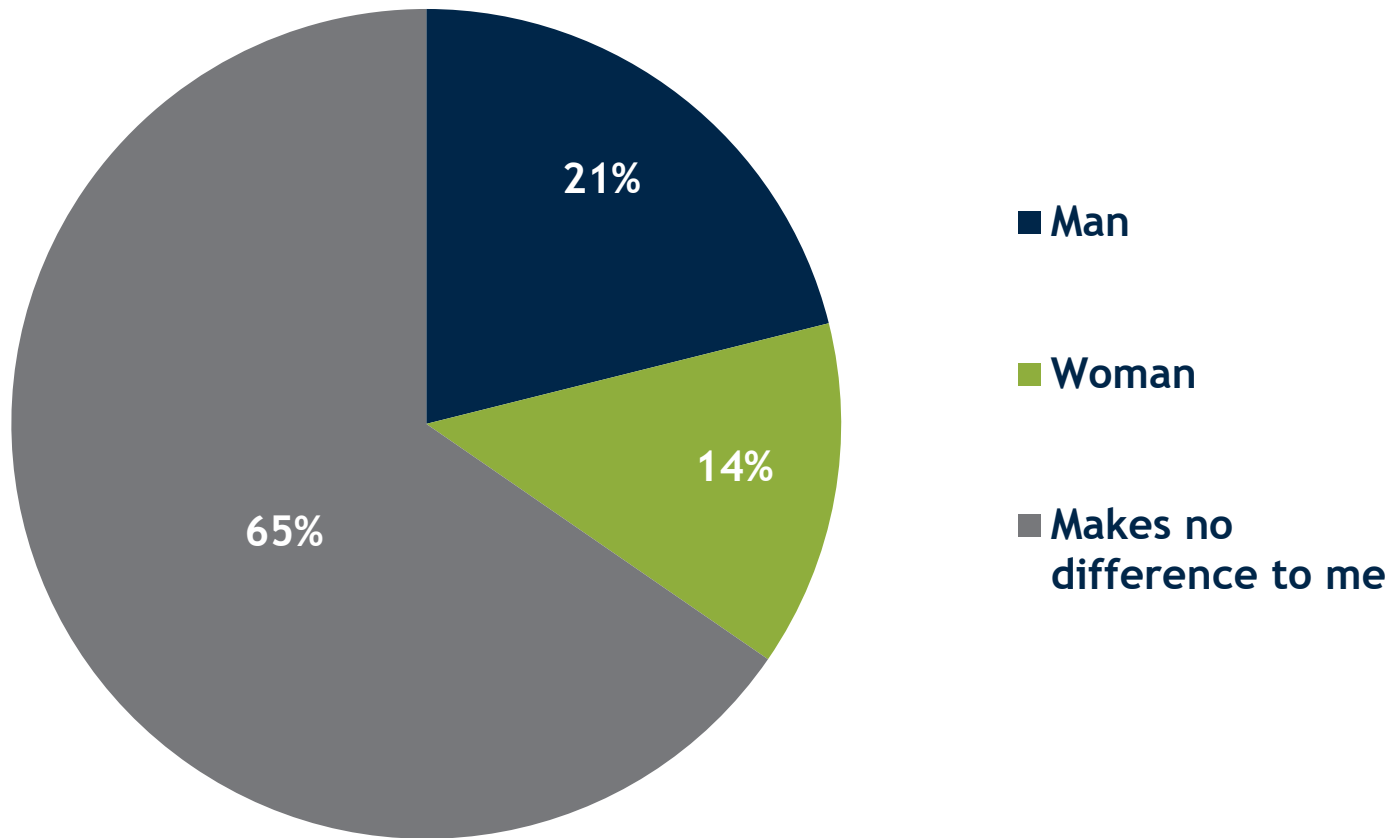
If elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party would you vote?

(Respondents who have decided: n=761)



**See glossary of political parties on Slide 3.*

If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



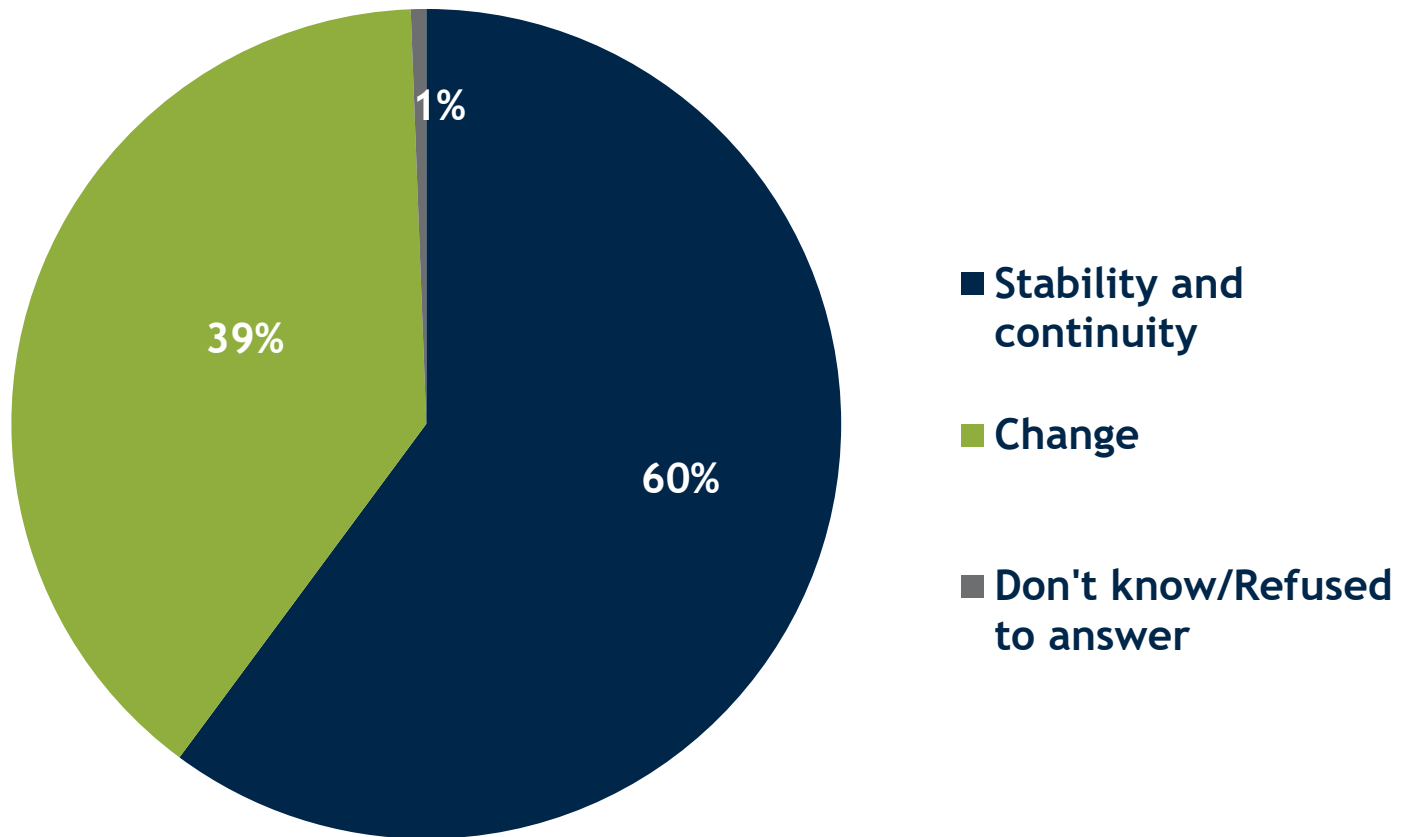


Trust in the Political System



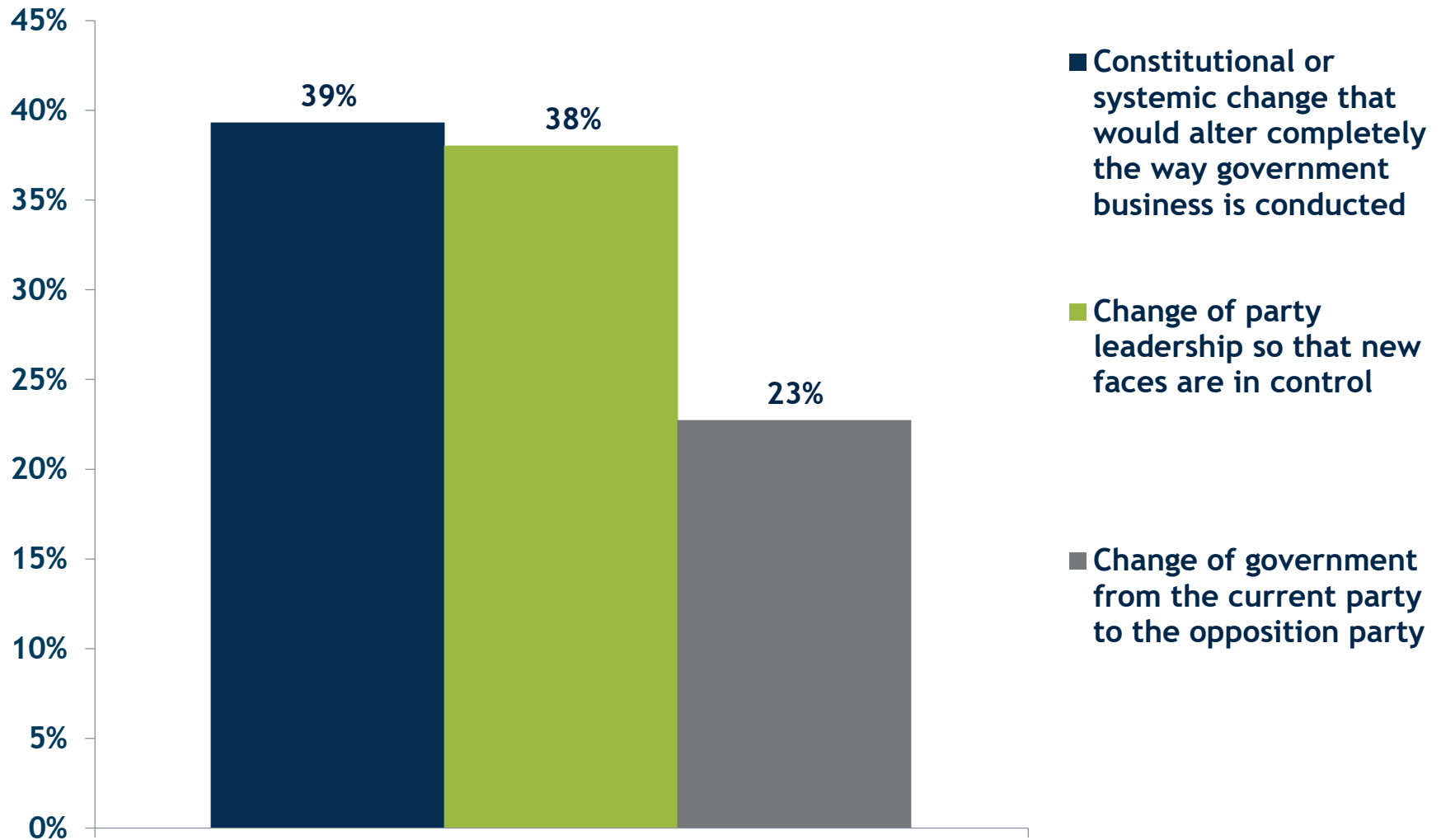
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What is needed most in the Czech Republic right now?

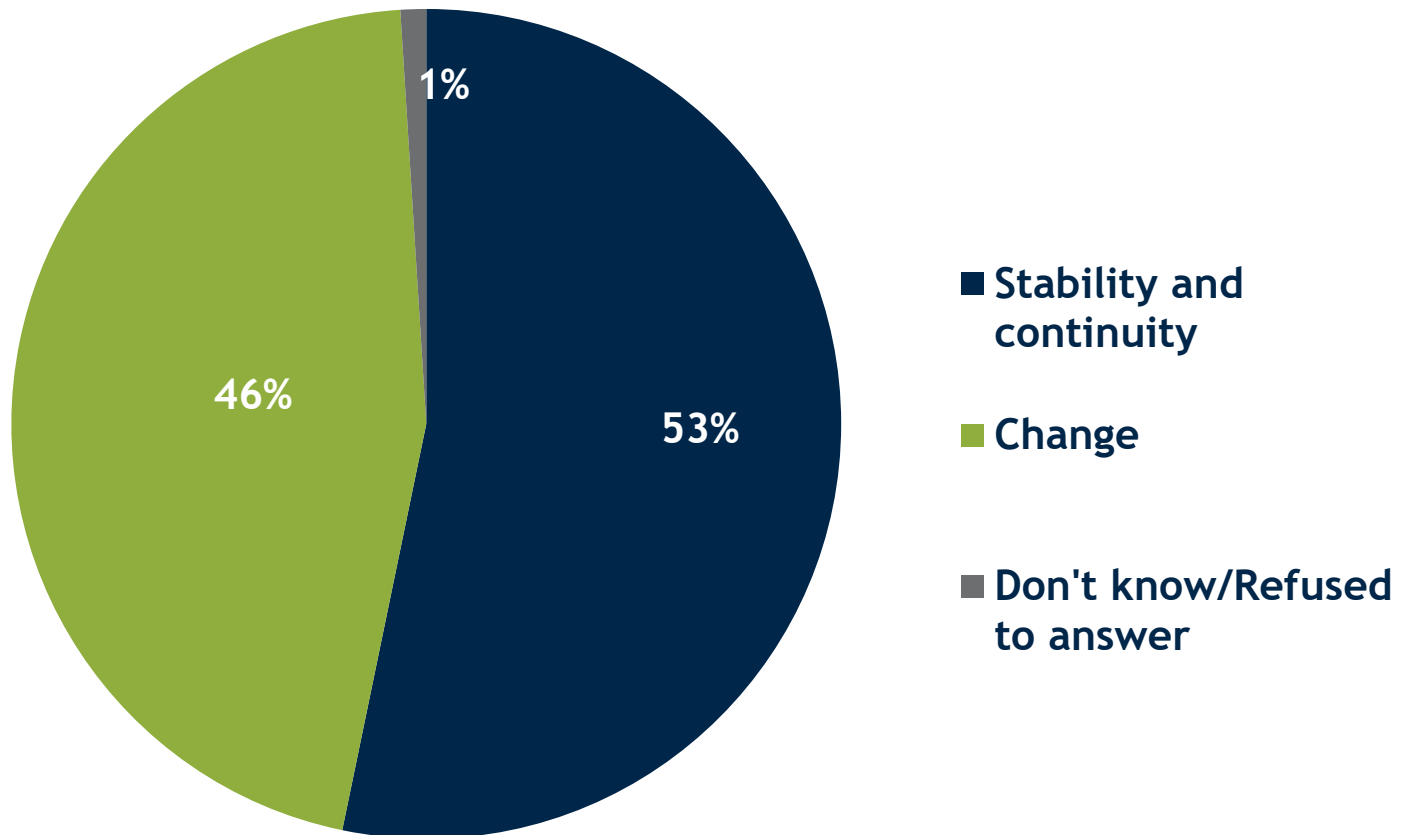


What should such a change look like?

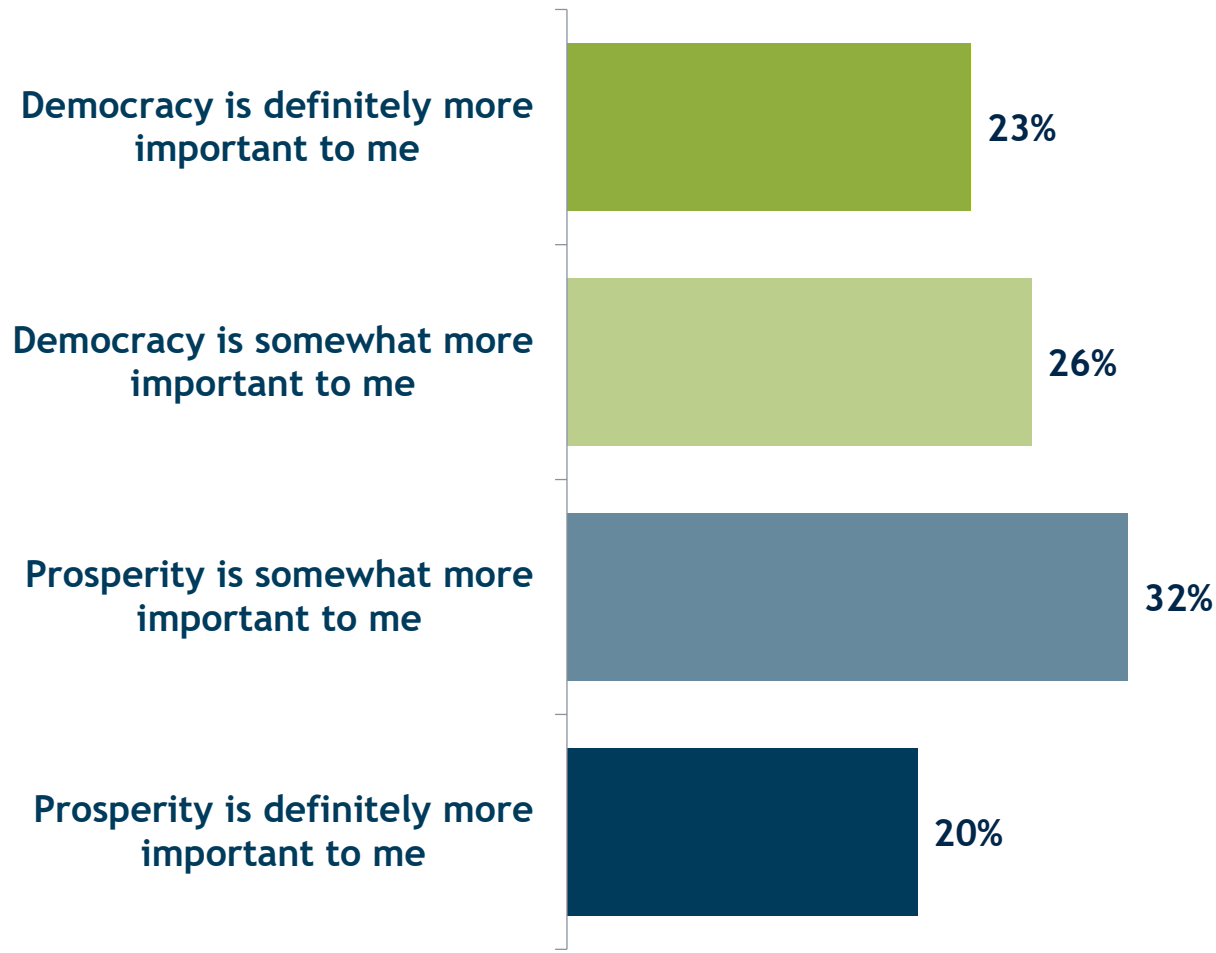
(Respondents who said that change is needed: n=399)



What is needed most at the European level?

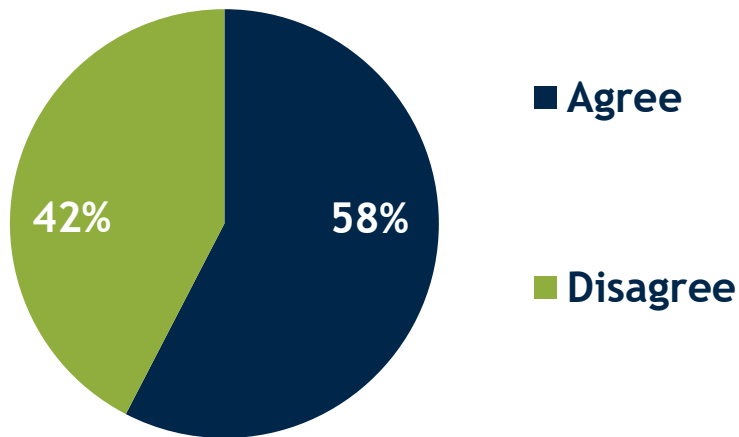


If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?

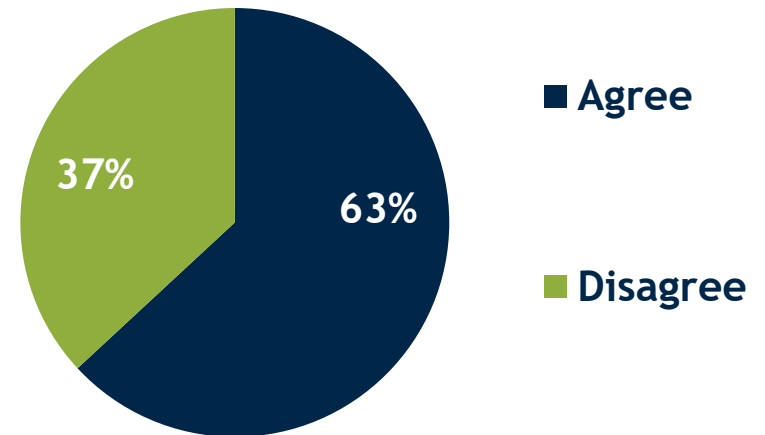


Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

“Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”



“Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”



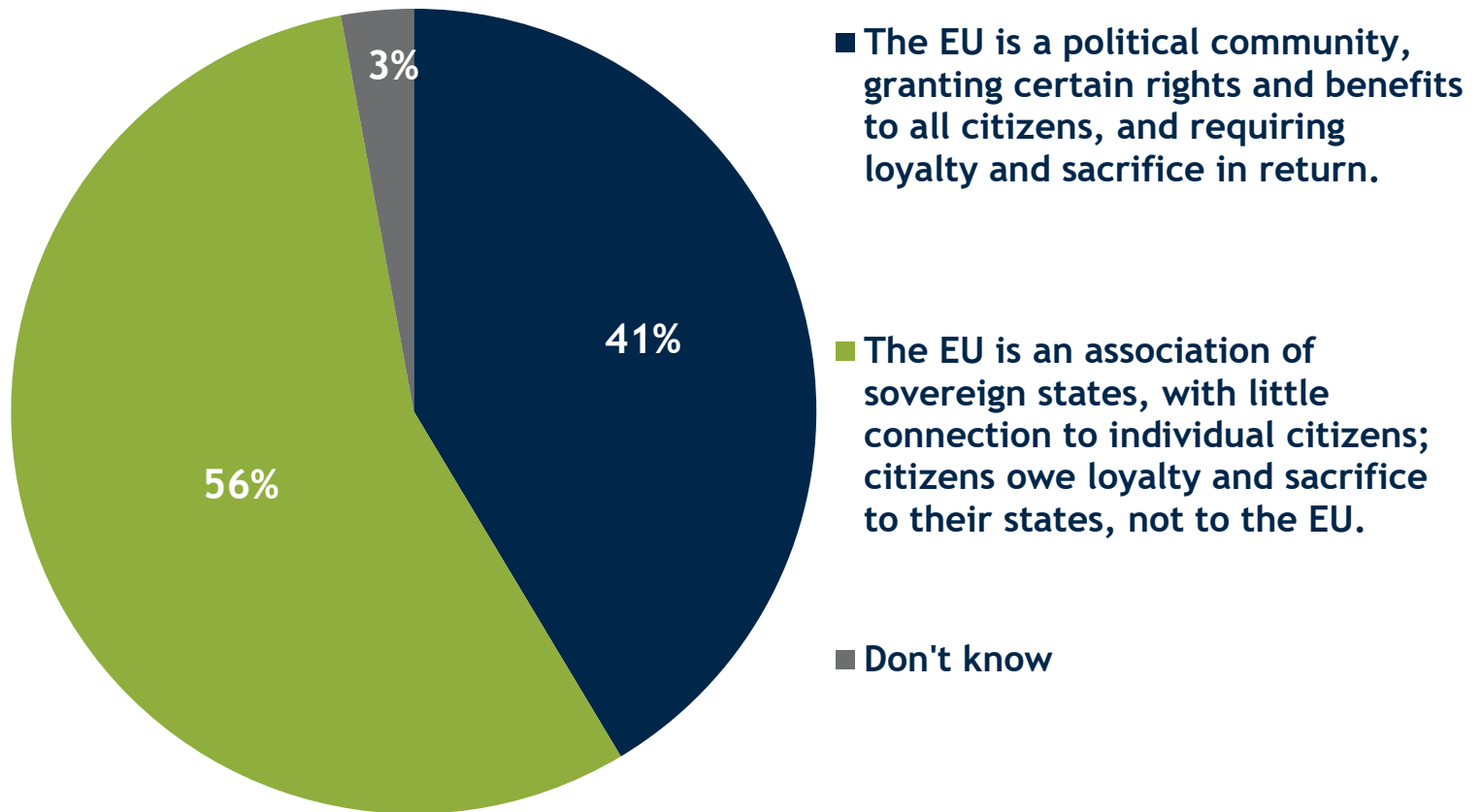


Issues of Identity



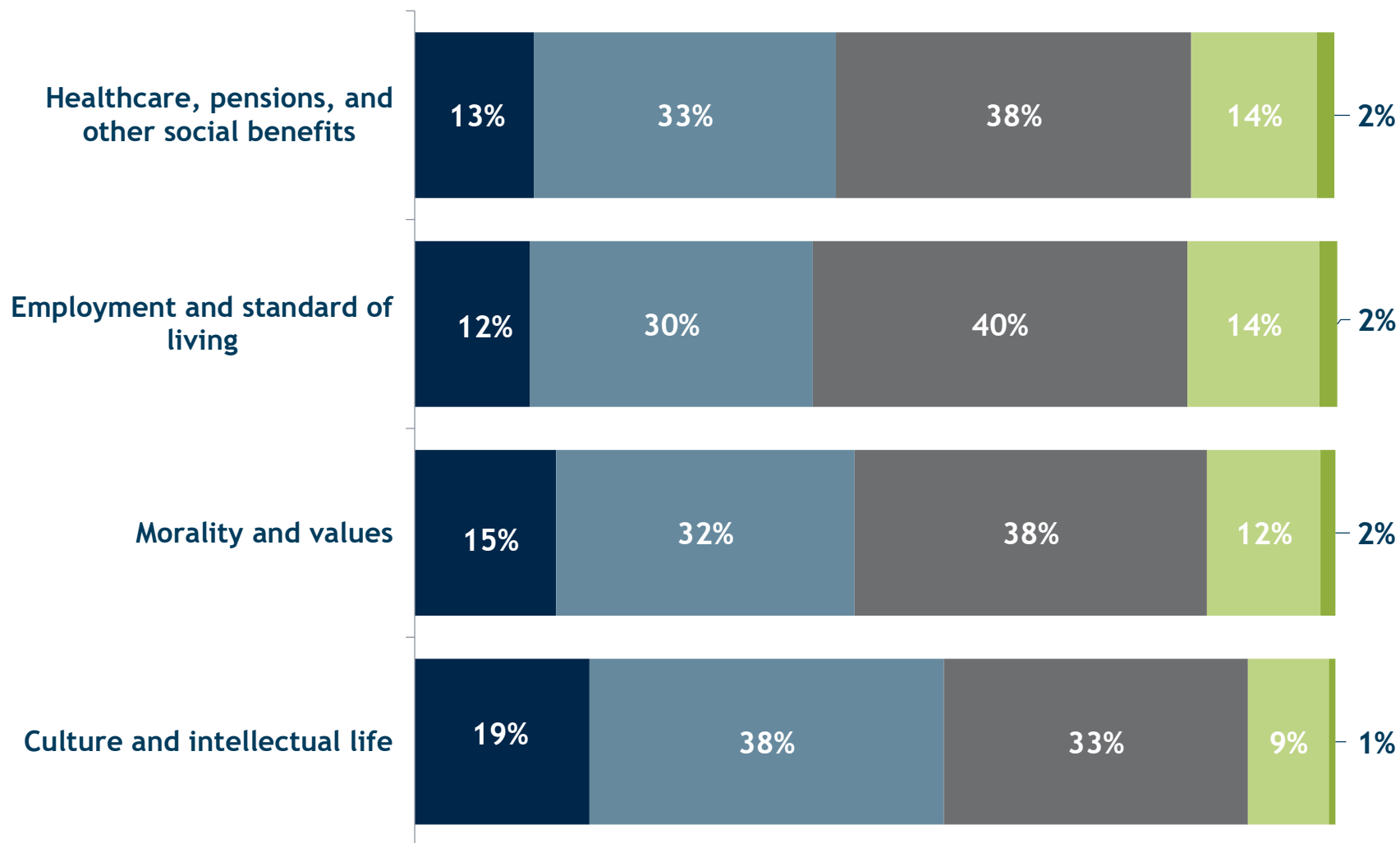
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Opinions of the European Union: Which statement is closest to your opinion?

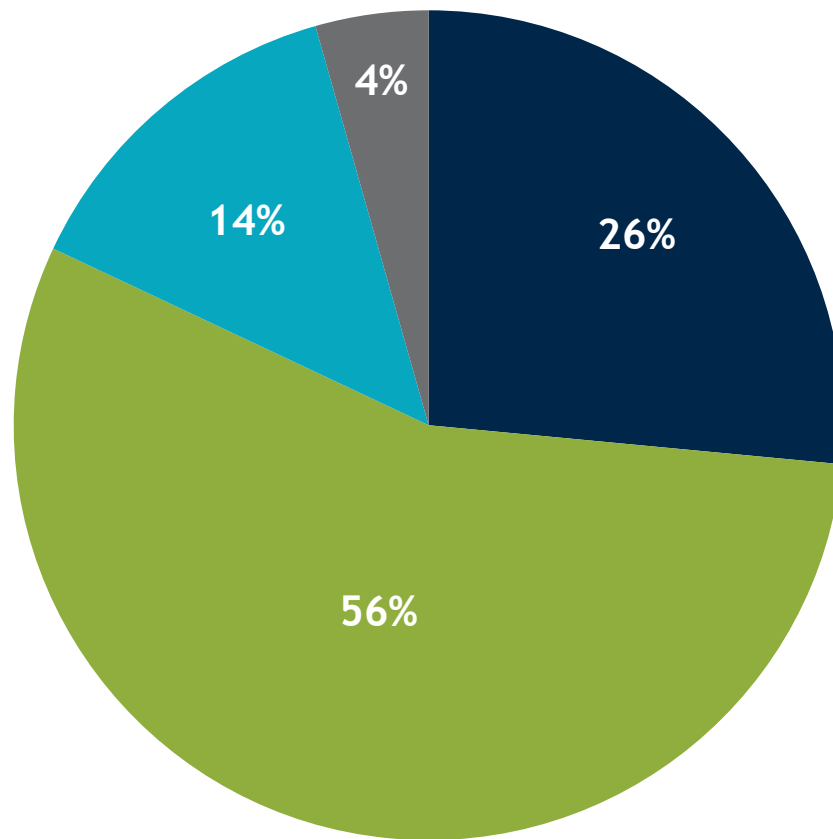


On a scale from 1 to 5, does the Czech Republic have more in common with Western Europe or with Russia in the following areas?
(1=completely akin to Western Europe; 5=completely akin to Russia)

- Completely akin to Western Europe (1)
- Somewhat akin to Western Europe (2)
- Somewhere in between (3)
- Somewhat akin to Russia (4)
- Completely akin to Russia (5)



Vladimir Putin's Russia has tried to portray itself as a defender of Christendom and traditional European values in areas ranging from the protection of the family unit to defending against Islamic and other non-European cultures. What is your opinion of this view of Russia?



■ It is true - on this issue at least, Russia has taken the side of traditional European values.

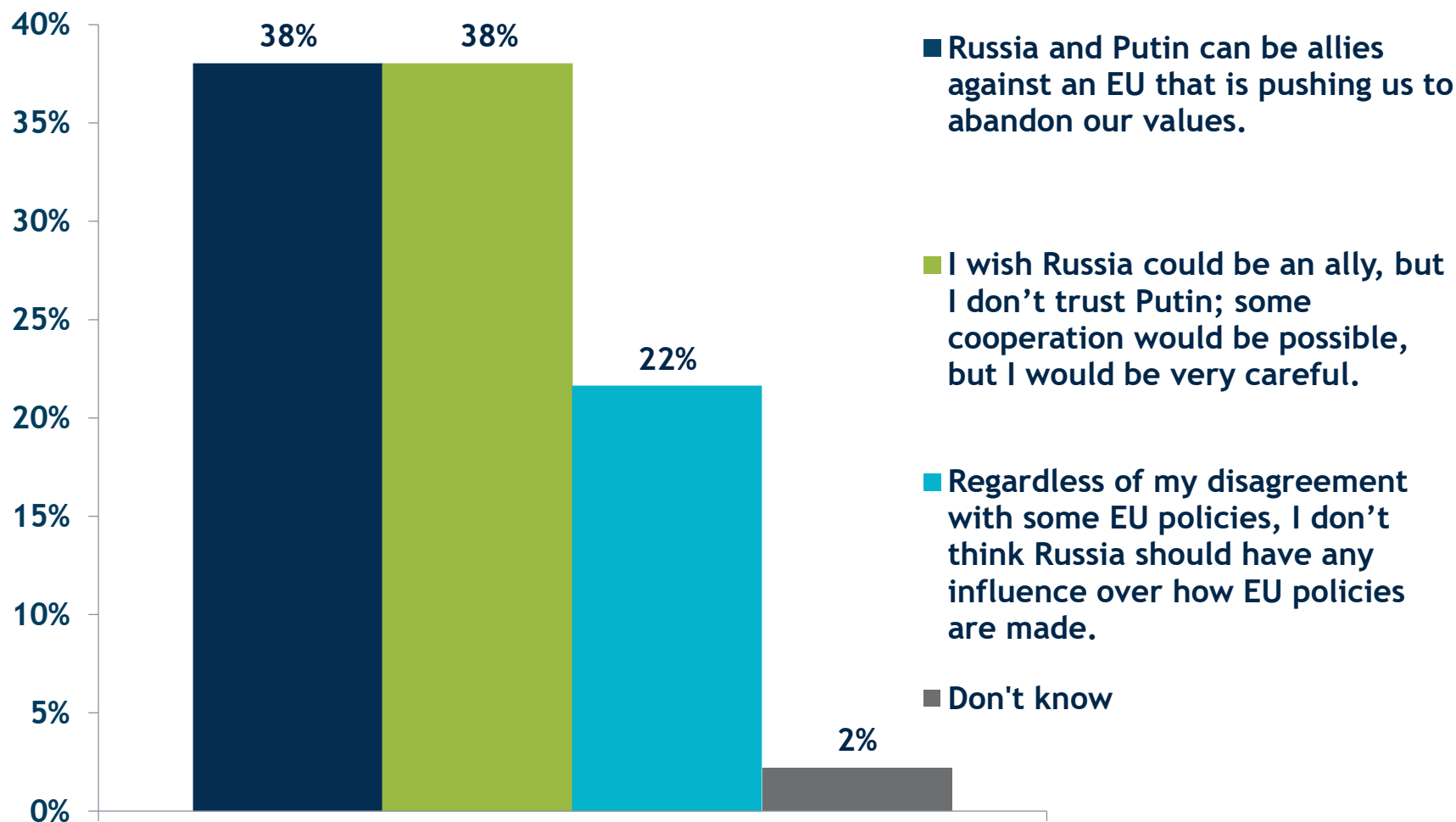
■ It is not really true - Russia is just cynically pretending to stand up for traditional European values, while really pursuing its own geopolitical interests.

■ It is not true at all - it demonstrates Russia's rejection of modern Western values of tolerance and inclusiveness.

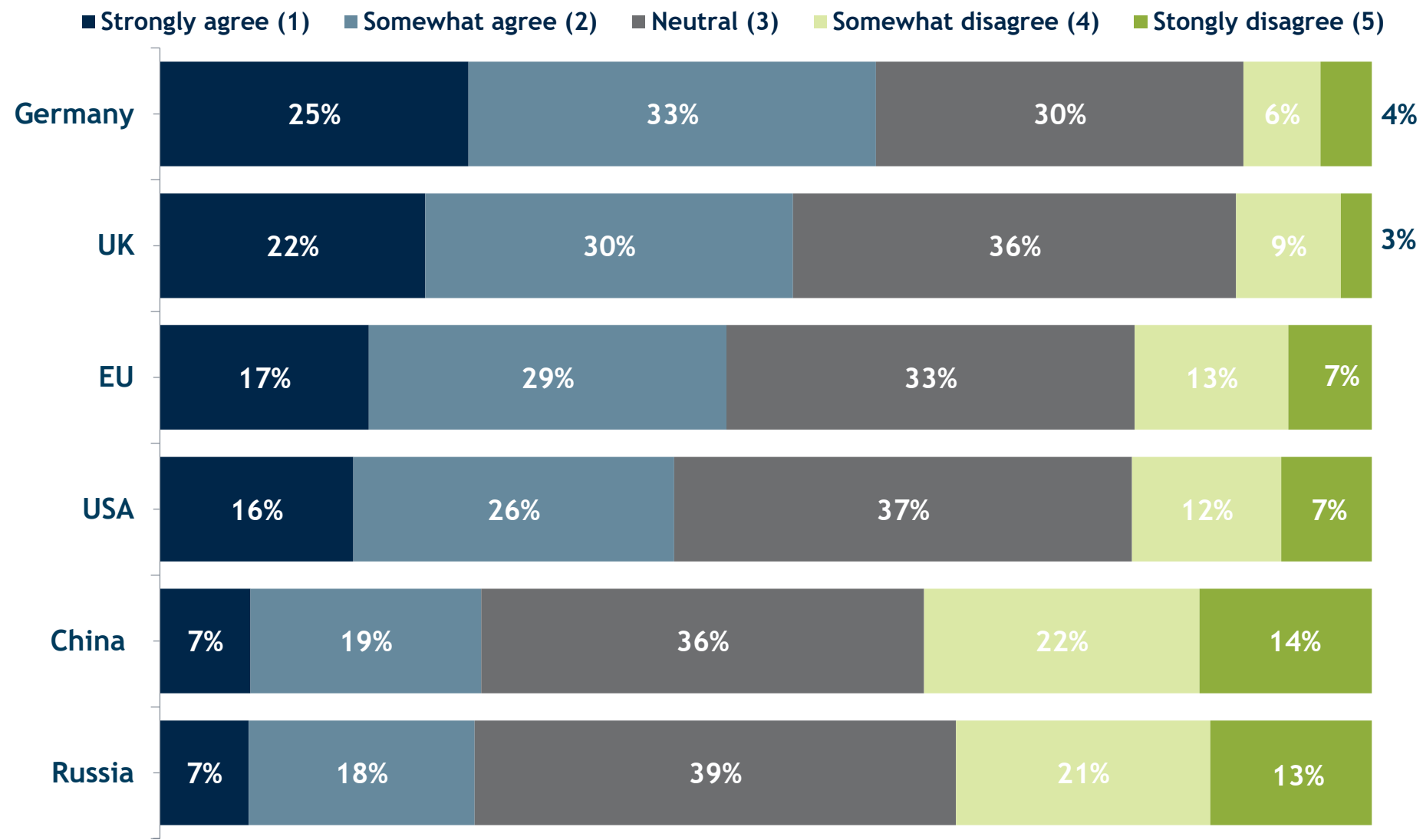
■ Don't know

How, then, do you view Russia and Putin as you try to address these changes in European culture and practice?

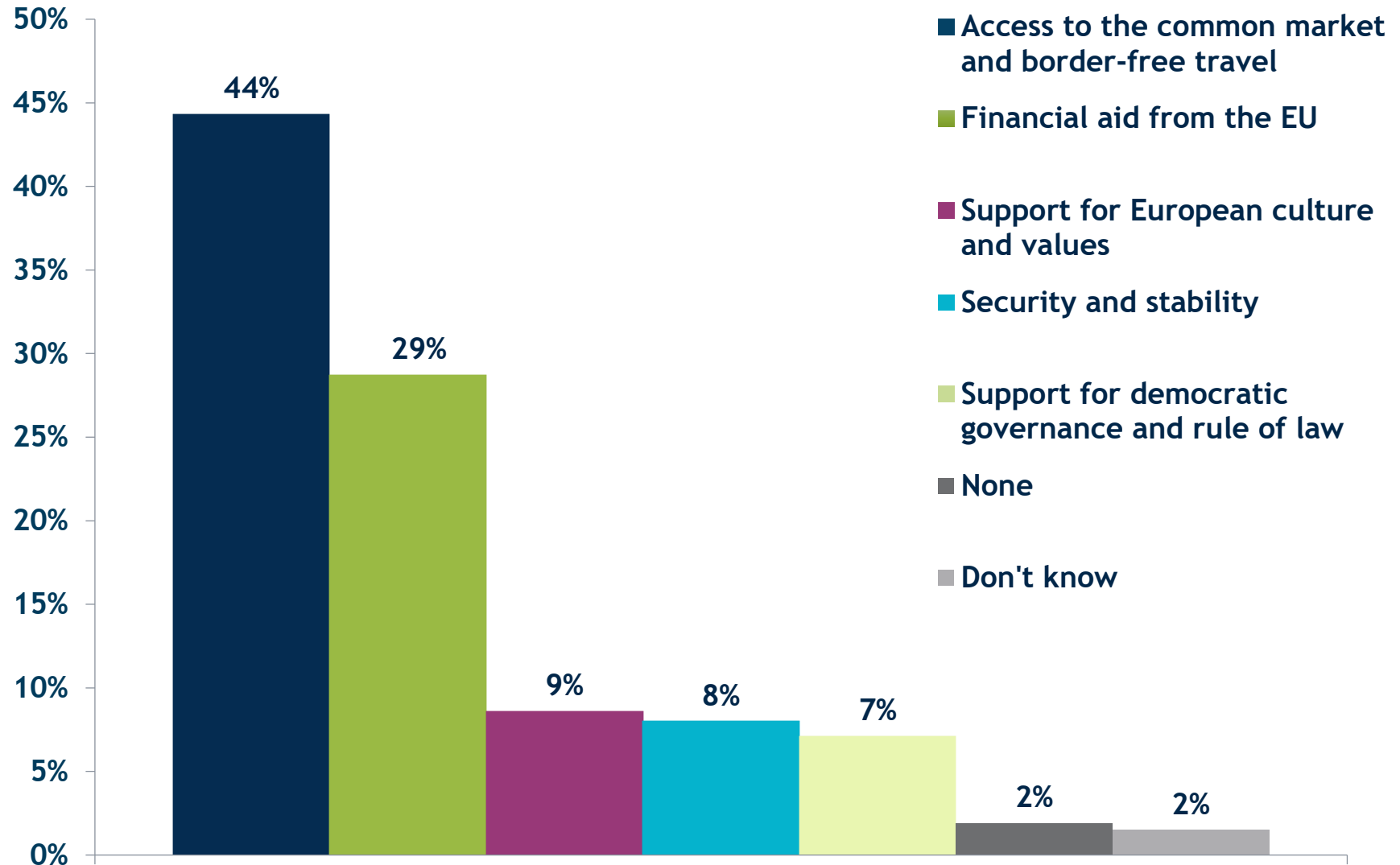
(Respondents who believe that Russia is defending European values: n=269)



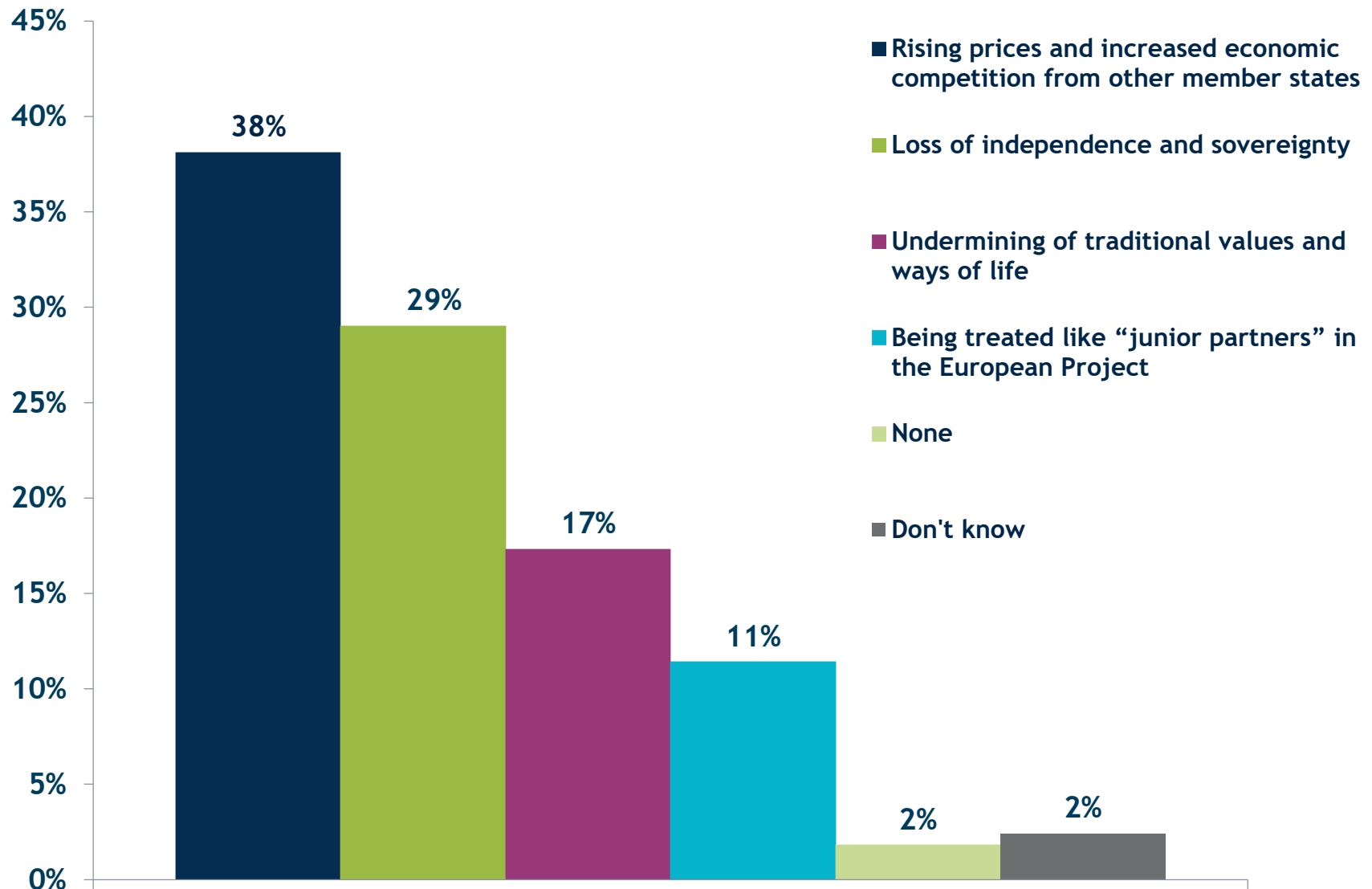
On a scale of 1 to 5, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
“The Czech Republic’s interests are best served by maintaining strong relations with...”



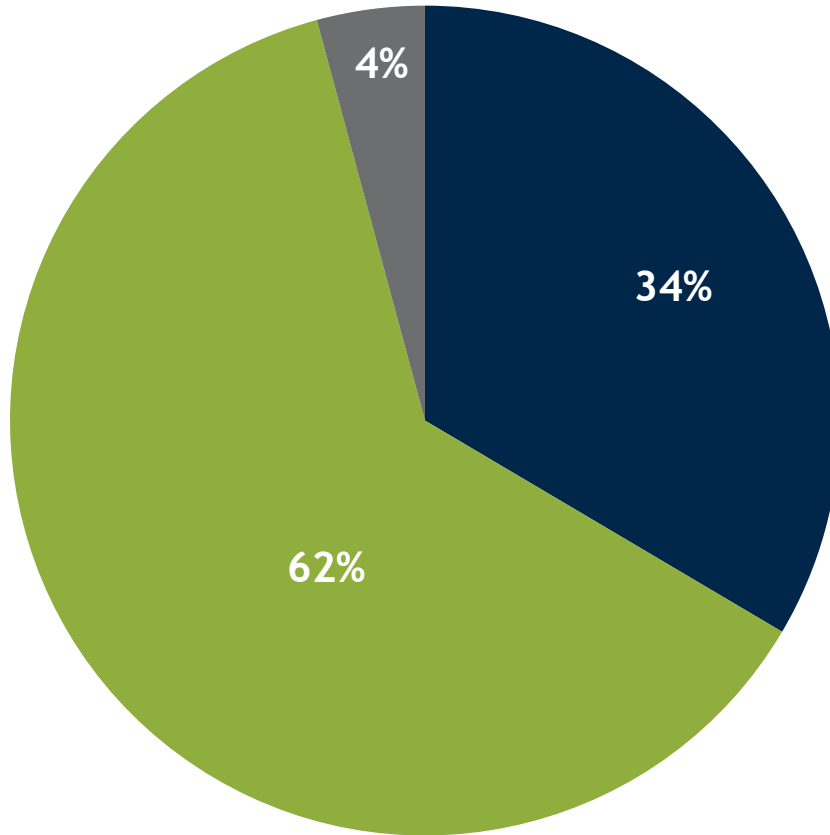
In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit the Czech Republic receives from its membership in the European Union?



In your opinion, what is the greatest cost the Czech Republic incurs because of its membership in the European Union?

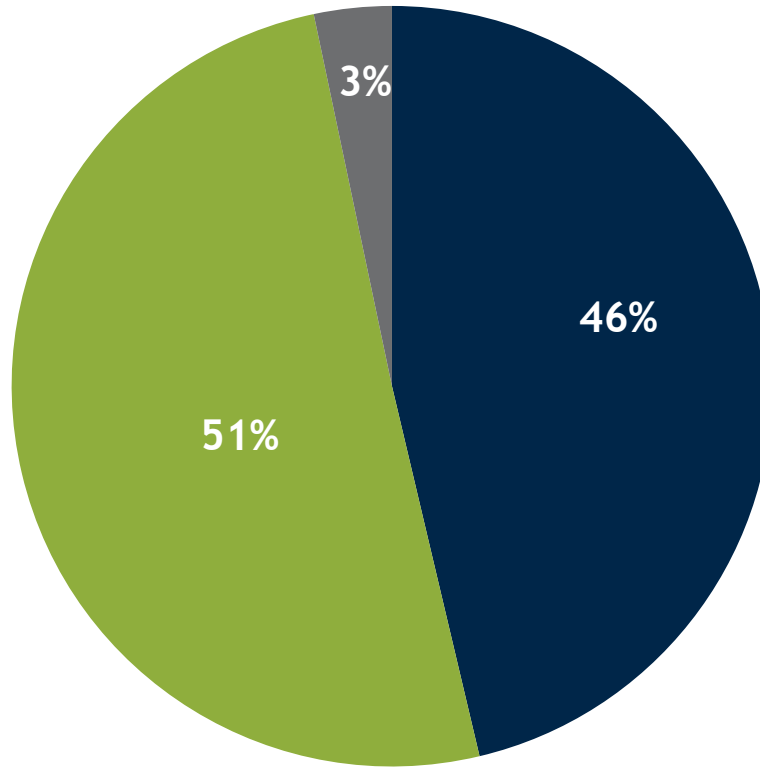


Opinions of the European Project: Which statement is closest to your opinion?



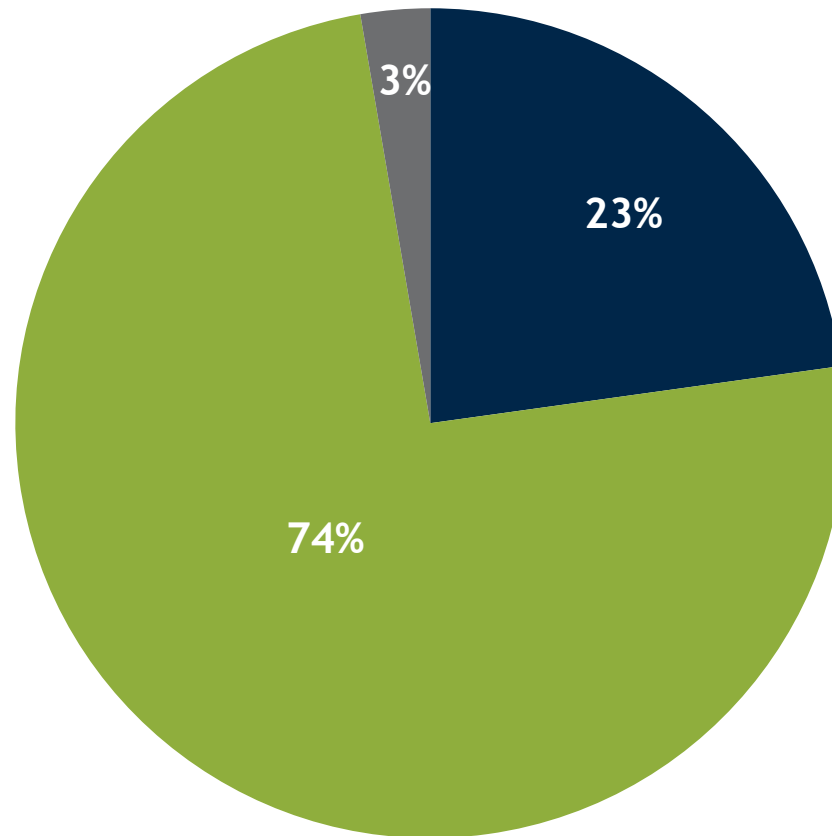
- The European Project has been a success, ensuring peace, economic growth, and the reintegration of Eastern Europe; its important work must continue.
- The European Project played a major role in creating modern Europe, but the world has changed; the Project needs to be rethought.
- Don't know

Opinions of NATO: Which statement is closest to your opinion?



- NATO guaranteed peace in Europe for the last 70 years, and retains a vital role in the maintenance of peace and security on the Continent.
- Though NATO played a significant role in the security of Europe in the past, the world has changed since the end of the Cold War and NATO is no longer as important; our approach to security should be rethought.
- Don't know

Opinions of peace in Europe: Which statement is closest to your opinion?

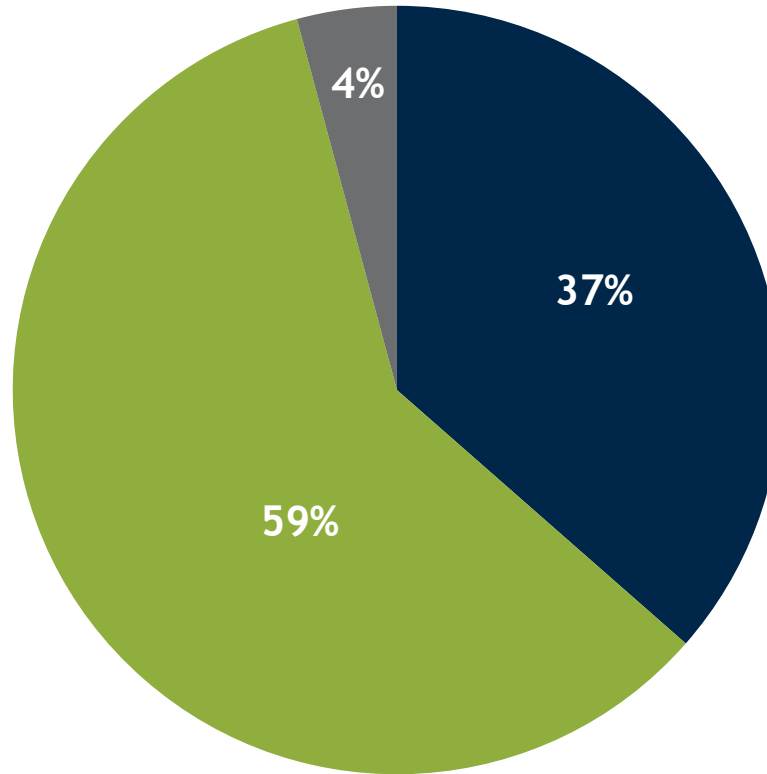


■ Europe is at peace, and there are no significant threats to peace on the horizon.

■ The peace of Europe is threatened on multiple fronts, from terrorism to a resurgent Russia to an influx of migrants.

■ Don't know

Opinions on Russia's role in Europe: Which statement is closest to your opinion?

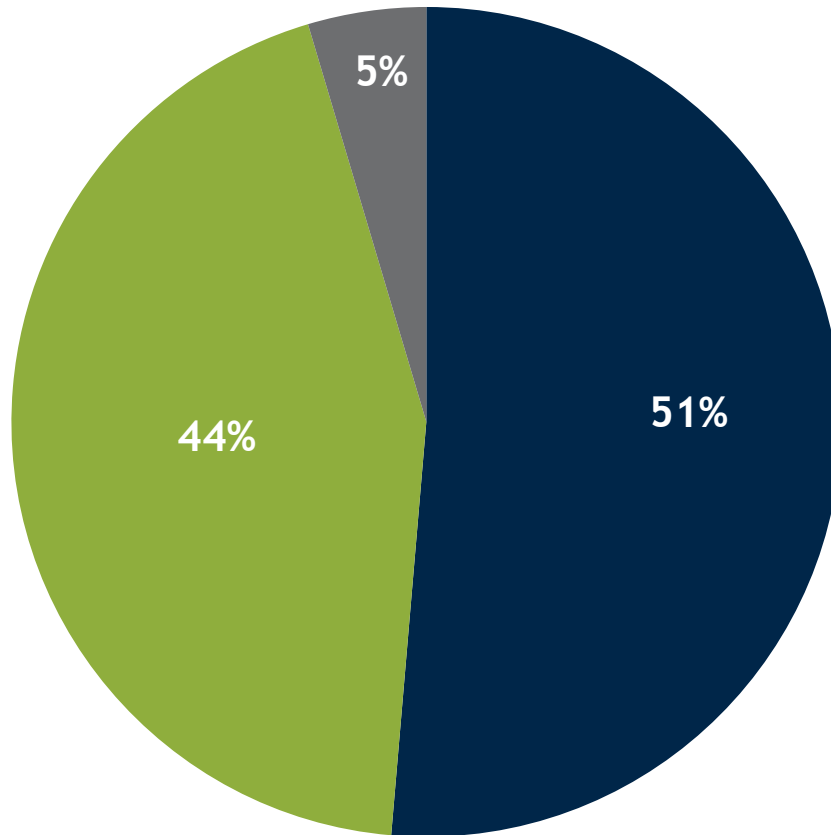


■ Russia is a continuous external threat to Europe, and must be countered by a strong security alliance.

■ Russia should be considered a partner in European security, and brought into European security structures; keeping Russia out makes us less secure.

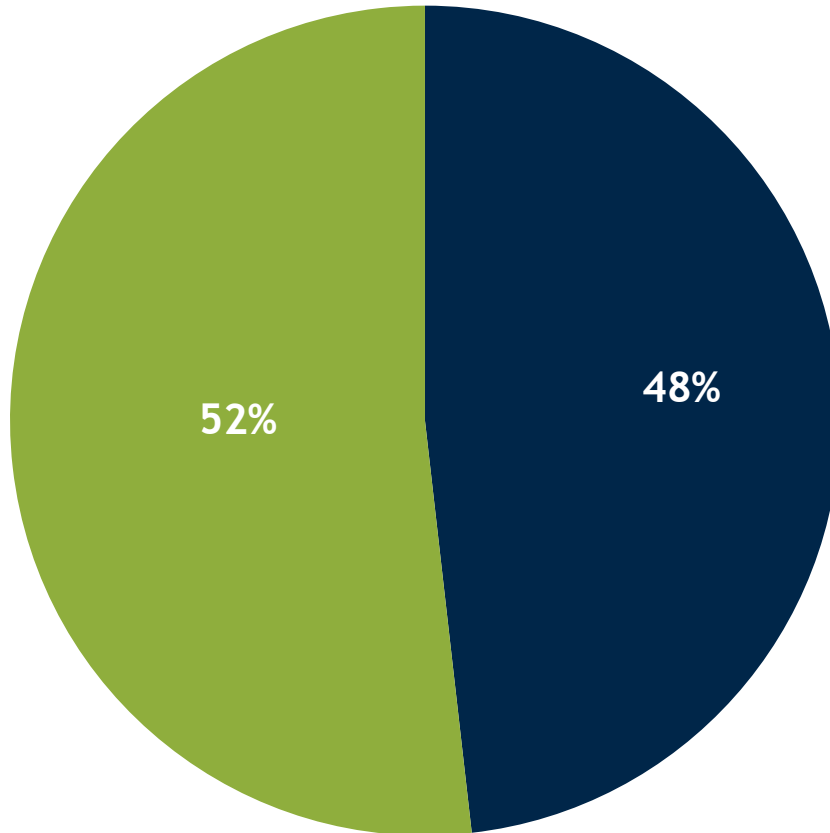
■ Don't know

Opinions of U.S. partnership in Europe: Which statement is closest to your opinion?



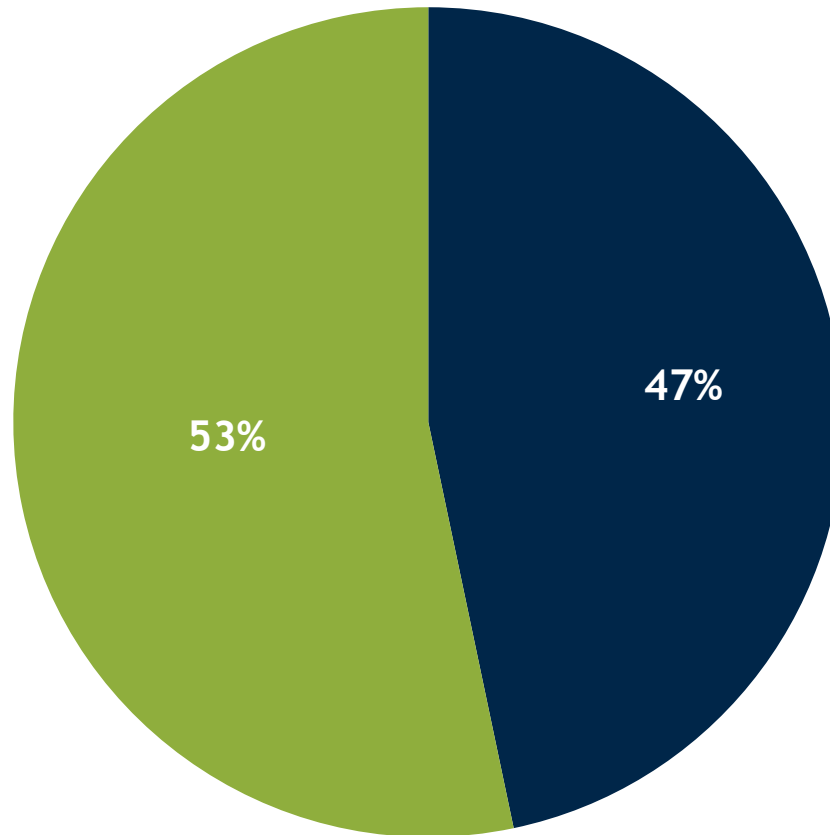
- The United States is a natural partner for European security, and its presence in NATO contributes to the peace of Europe.
- The United States should not play a role in European security, and in fact its presence in Europe increases tensions and insecurity.
- Don't know

Opinion of investing in security: Which statement is closest to your opinion?



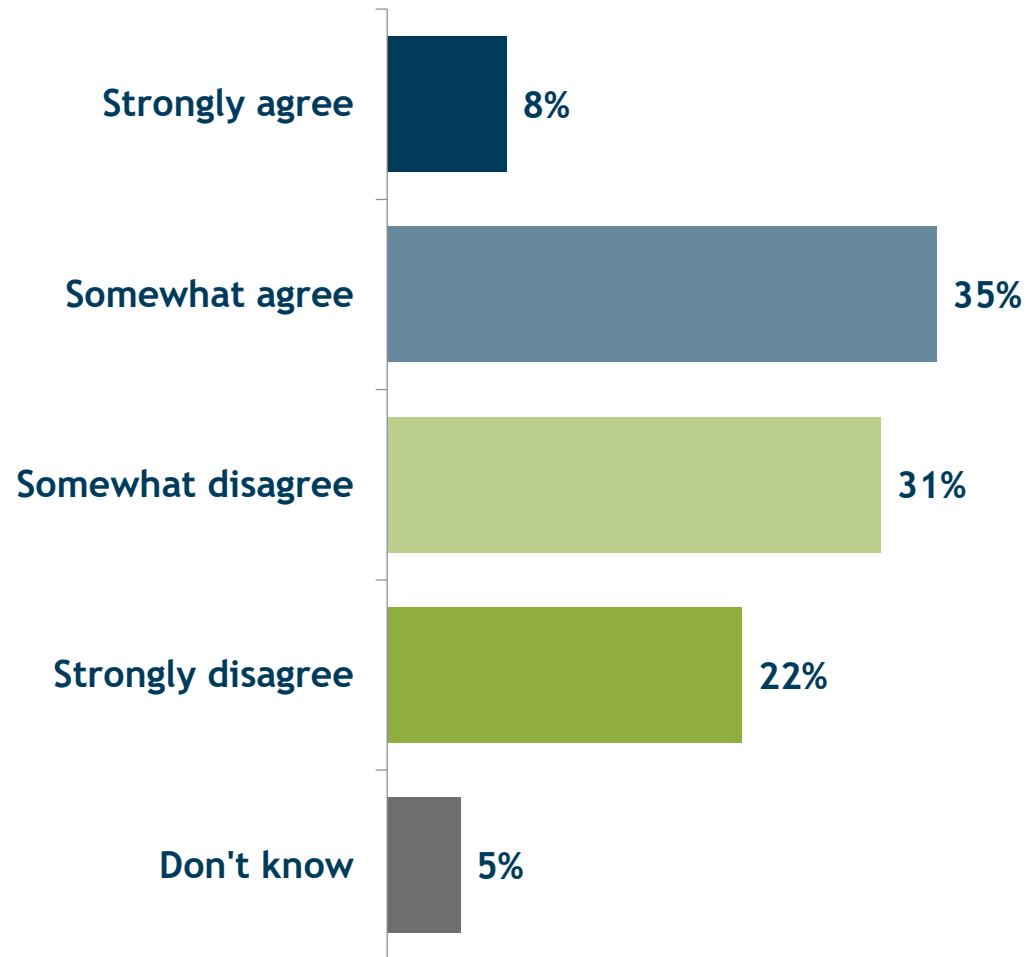
- Current security threats mean that the Czech Republic should invest more money in defense and security, even if this means having less money available for things like pensions, healthcare, and education.
- The current security threats are not serious enough to justify increased defense spending; the resources should instead be used for things like pensions, healthcare, and education.

Opinions of border security: Which statement is closest to your opinion?

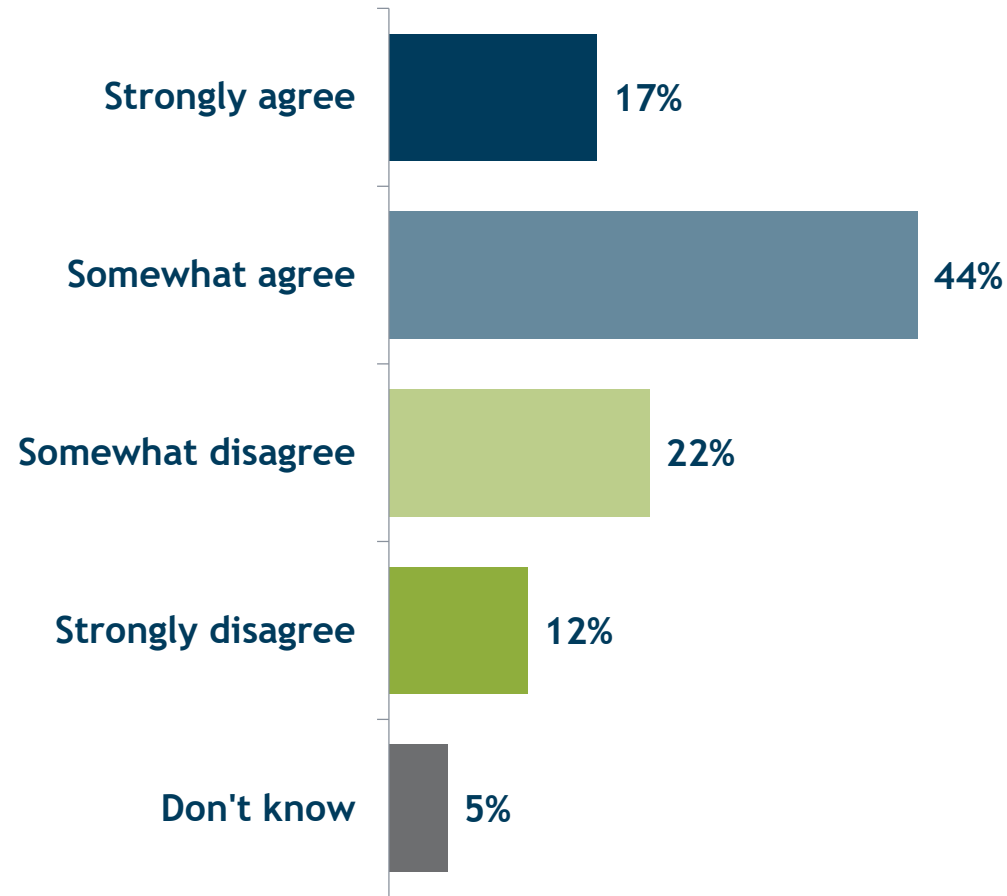


- The only way to address the problems of migrants and terrorism is to close the borders of Czech Republic, regardless of the effect such a move would have on the free movement of people in the European Union.
- Closing national borders is a bad idea, because no country has the ability to address the problem on its own. Instead, collective organizations like NATO and the EU must be engaged to intercept migrants and coordinate anti-terror efforts.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
“Ukraine is a part of Russia’s sphere of influence, thus Russia has a right
to have a role in decisions made in Ukraine.”



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
“The security of the Czech Republic would be better protected by
remaining neutral, rather than being forced to choose sides between
NATO and Russia.”



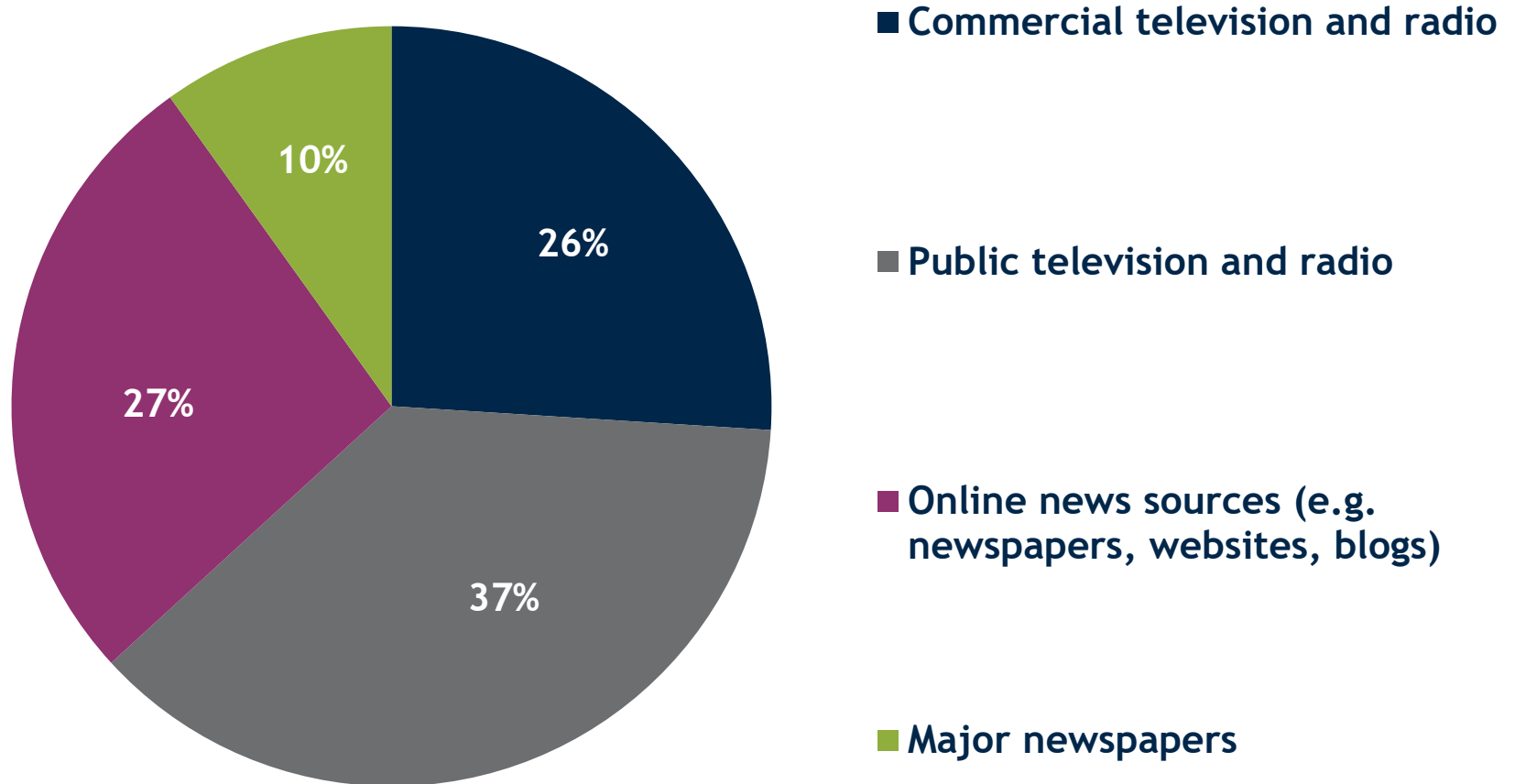


Sources of Political News



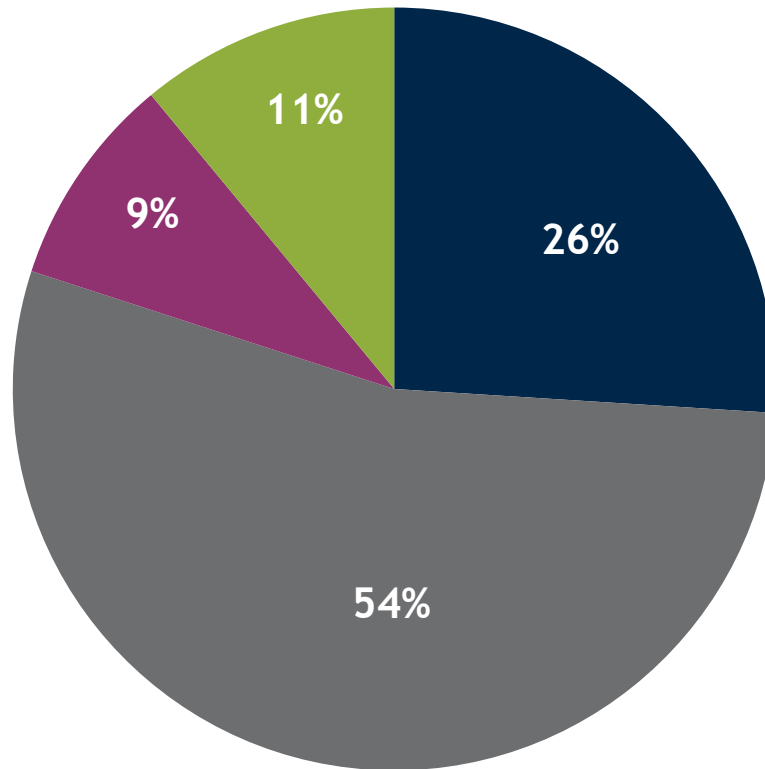
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From which source do you get most of your daily social and political news?

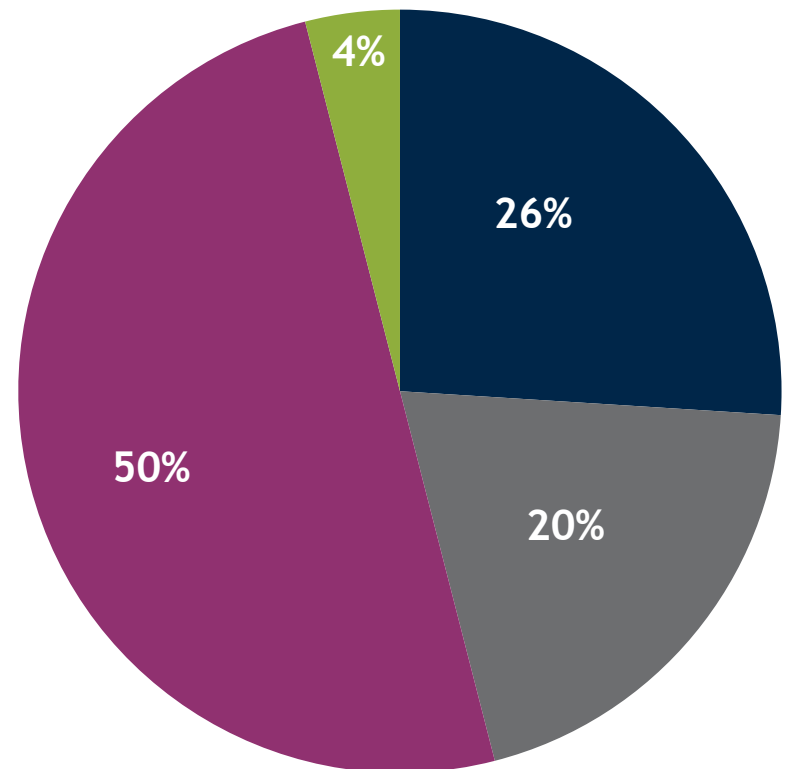


From which source do you get most of your daily social and political news?

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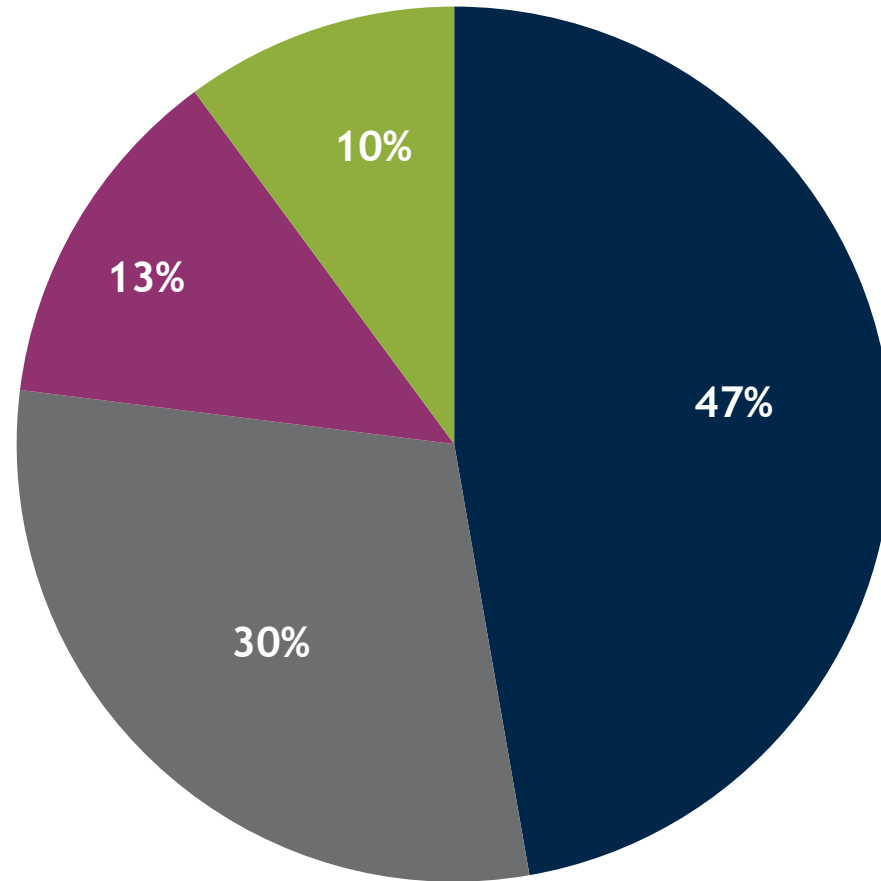


Age:18-29



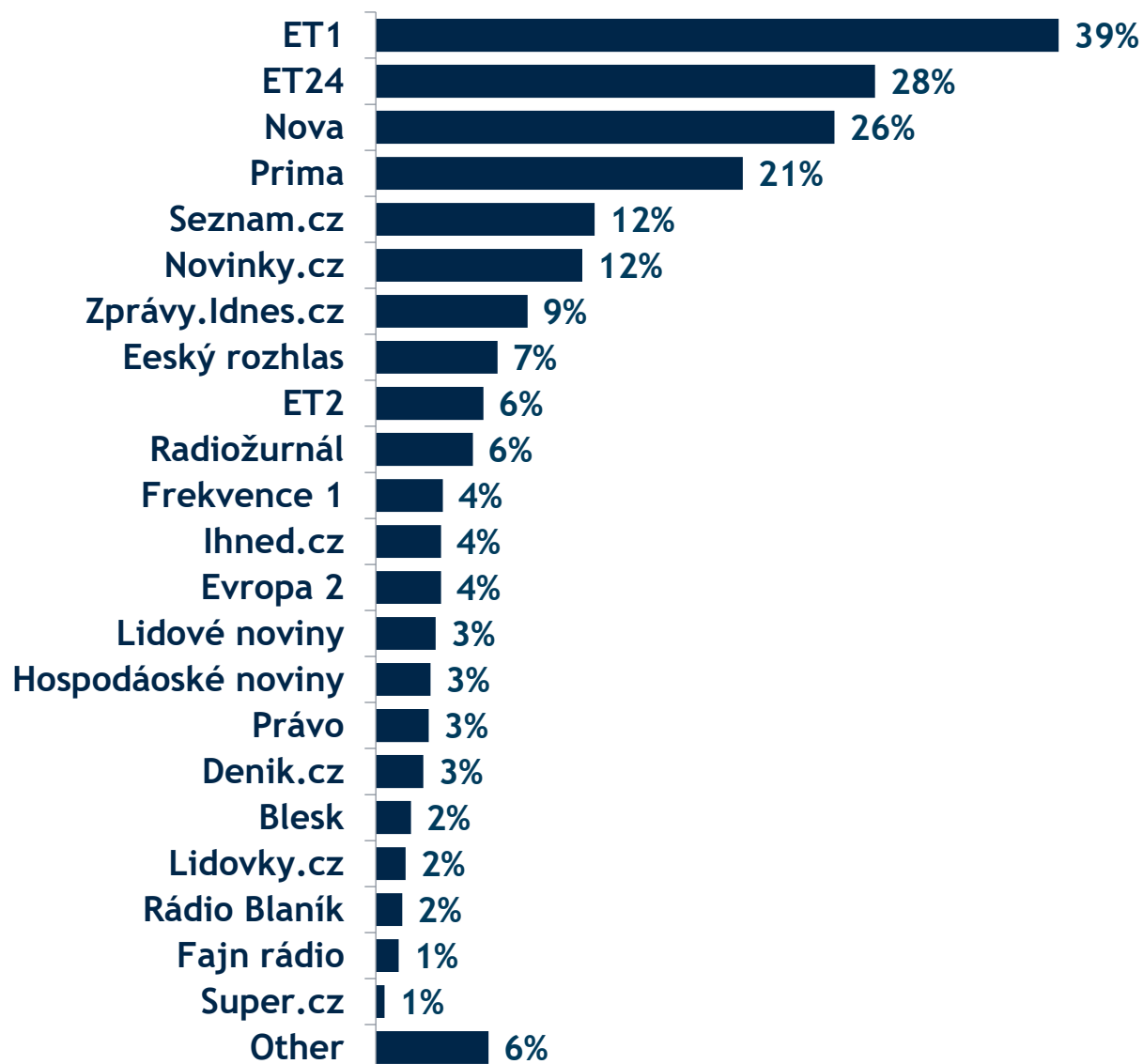
- Commercial television and radio
- Public television and radio
- Online news sources (e.g. newspapers, websites, blogs)
- Major newspapers

How often do you use social media as a source of daily news?

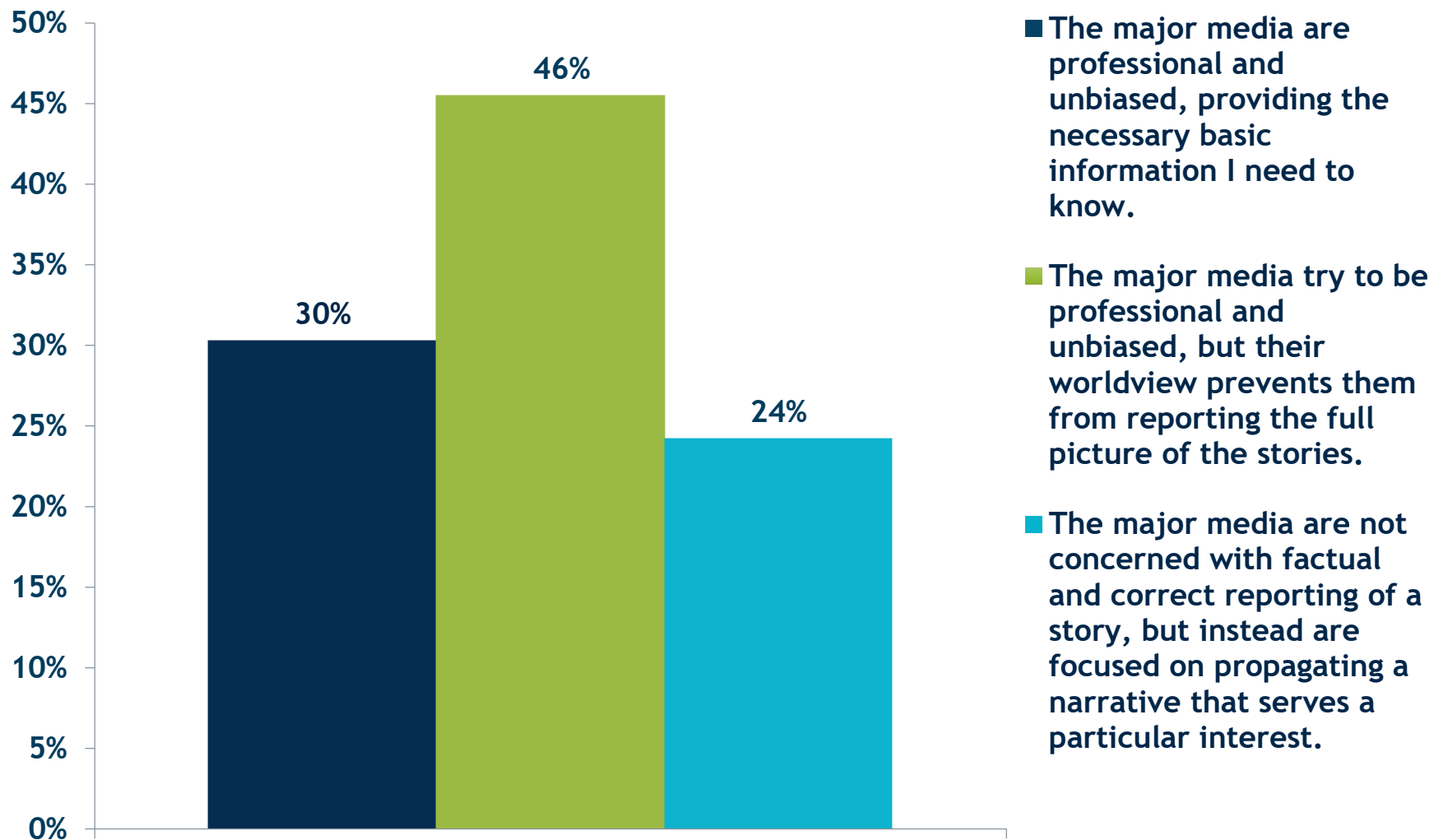


■ Every day ■ Occasionally (once or twice per week) ■ Rarely (once or twice per month) ■ Never

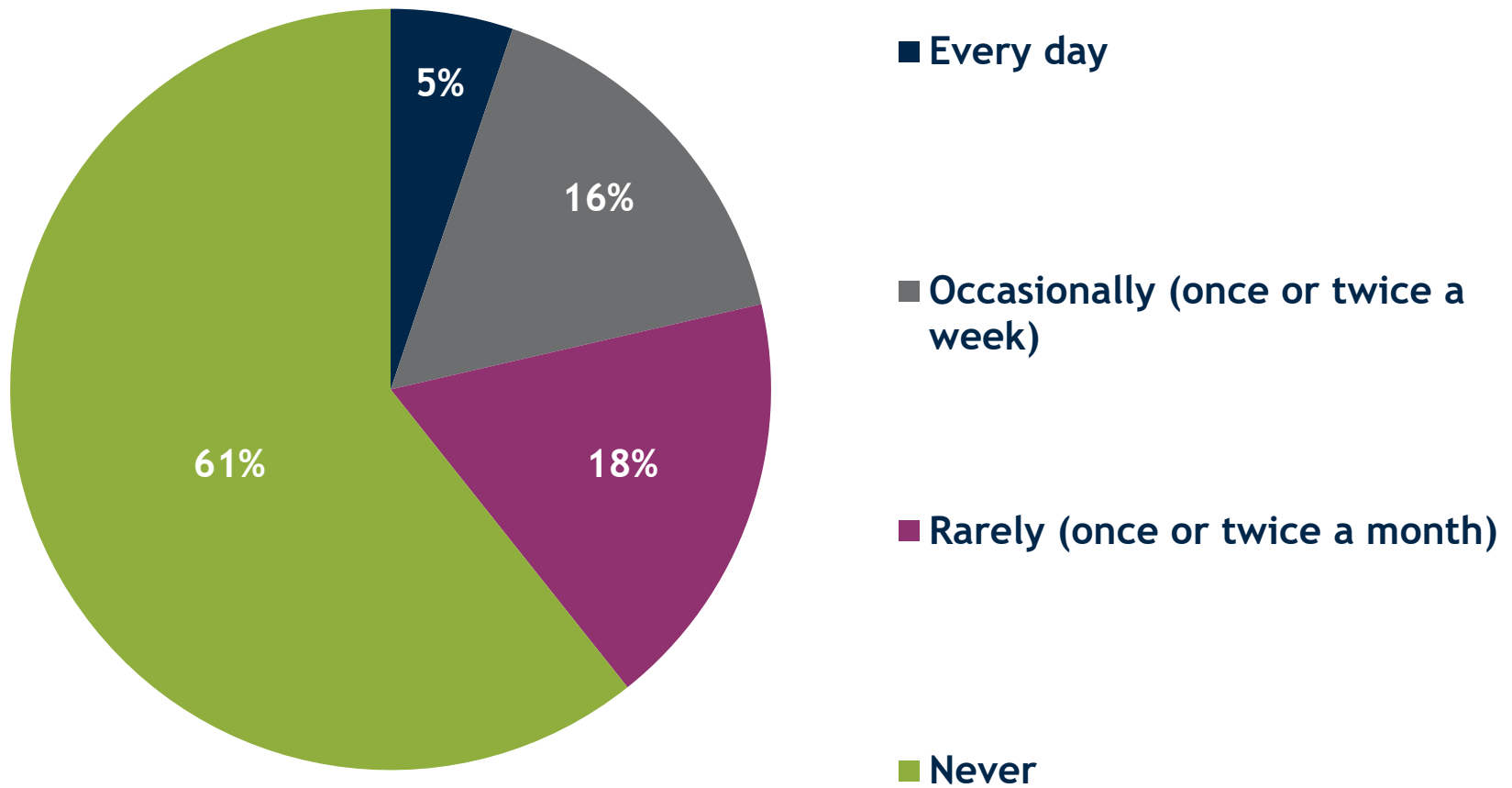
Which specific media outlet do you trust the most for your news? (Multiple answers)



Thinking about the major broadcasters, newspapers, and similar media outlets, which statement is closest to your opinion?

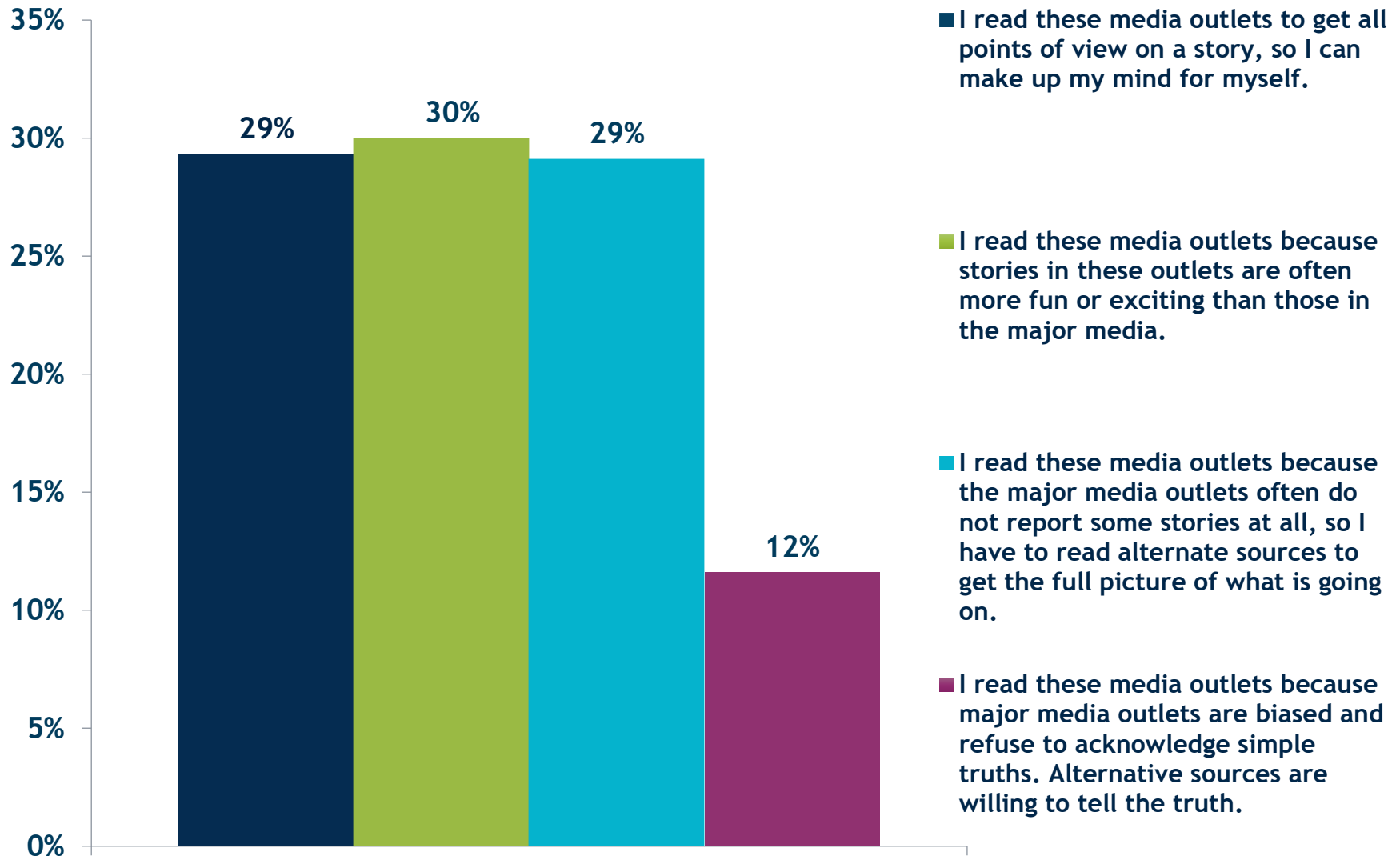


Do you watch or read other media outlets, that often have a different point of view than the major media outlets? (e.g. Protiproud, Blisty.cz, Aeronet.cz, Czechfreepress.cz, and ac24.cz)



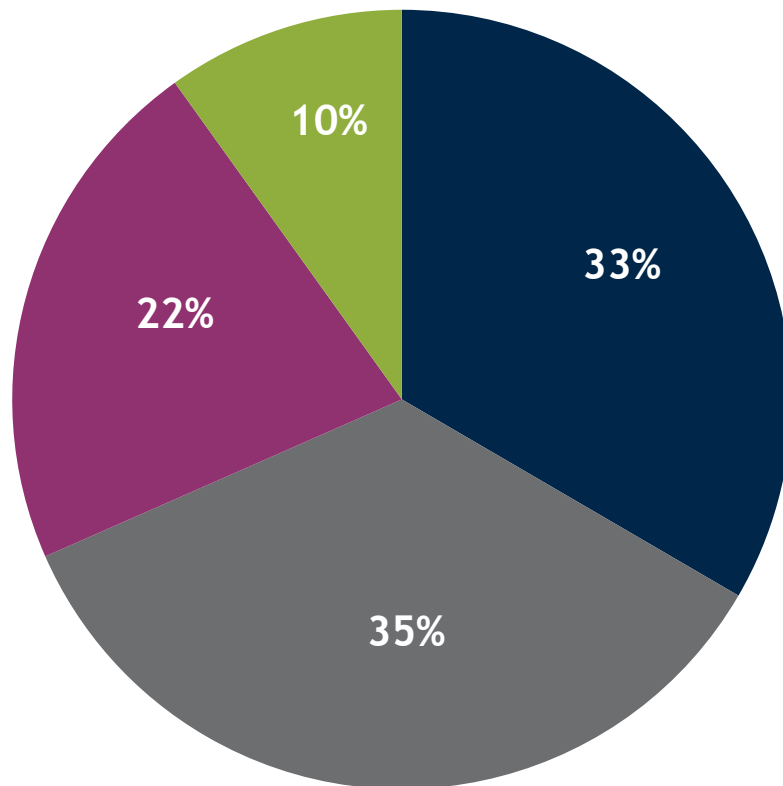
Why do you think it is worthwhile to watch/read these alternative sources of news?

(Respondents who watch or read alternative media outlets: n=399)



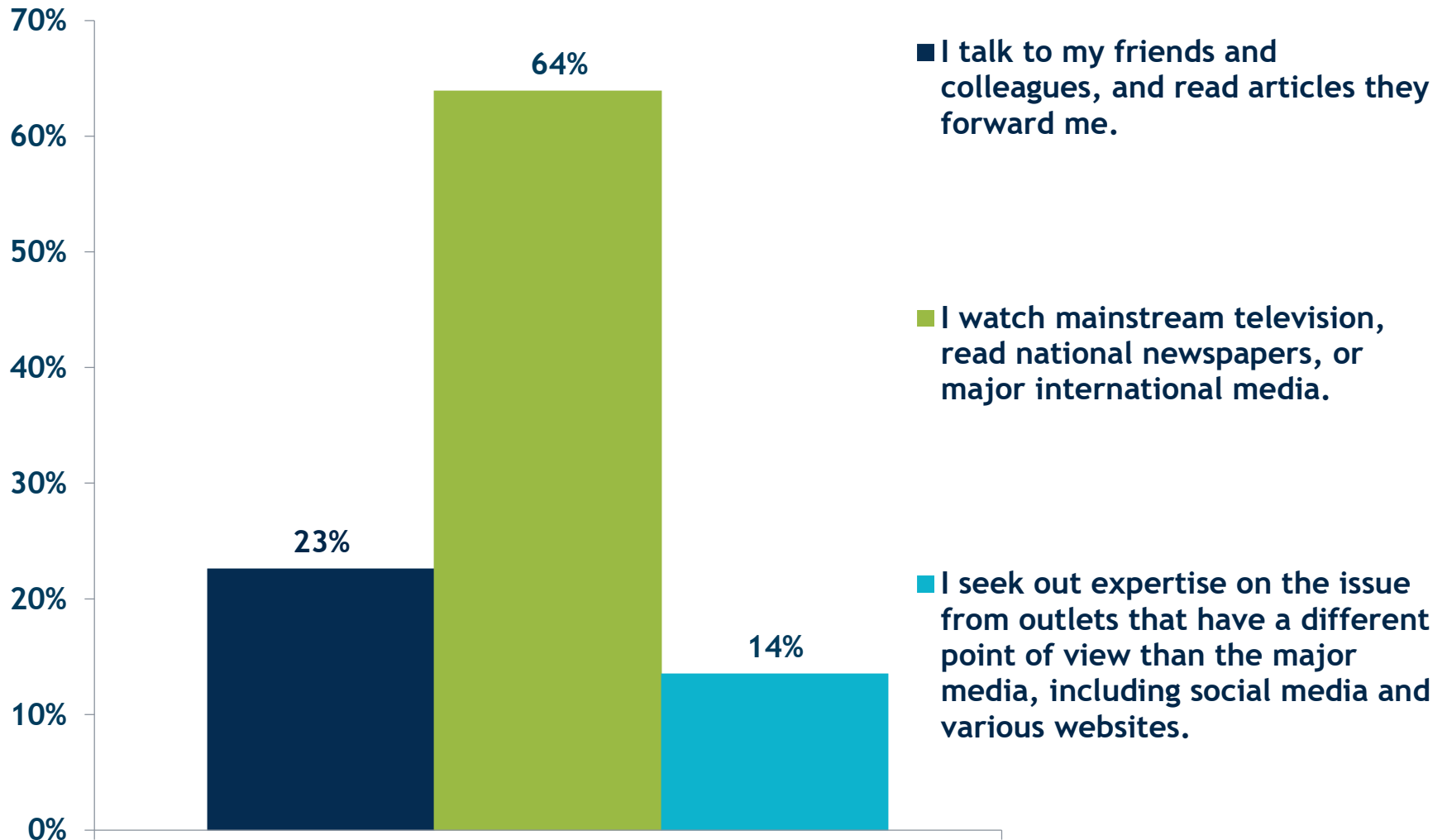
Some people say that these media outlets are funded by obscure sources related to Russia or the Russian government, and are engaged in efforts to mislead people. What is your response to this charge?

(Respondents who watch or read alternative media outlets: n=399)

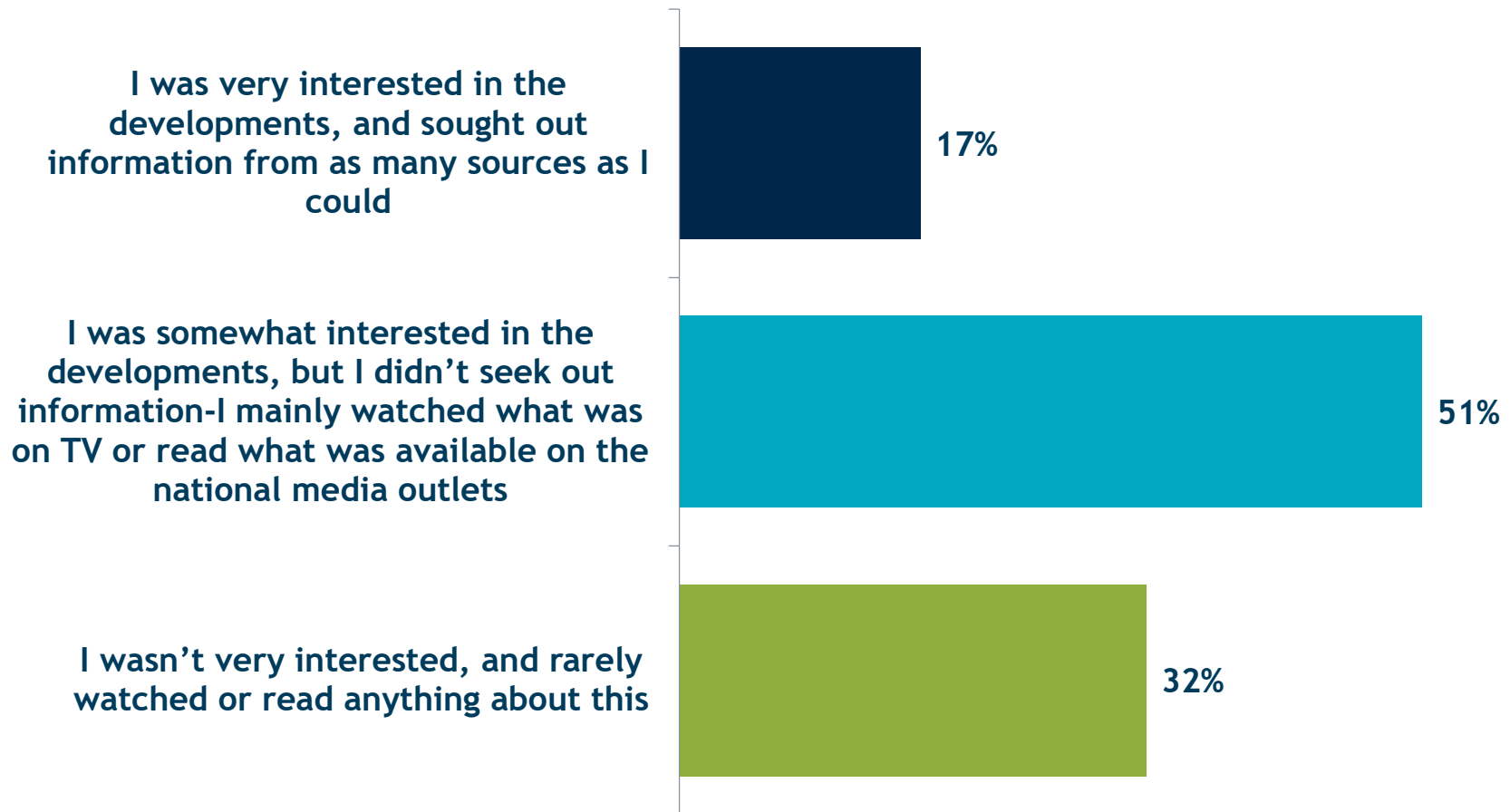


- I don't believe that Russians fund these media outlets - it sounds like a conspiracy theory coming from anti-Russian interests.
- I don't care if Russians fund these media outlets - the main point is that they tell the truth.
- I would be concerned if these media outlets were funded by the Russians, but I have seen no evidence that this is true.
- I believe that the Russians or others are behind these media outlets, and that they are not always truthful; but I still read them because they are fun and interesting.

When a major international news story breaks, how do you generally get information about it? Who do you trust most to help you understand what is going on?

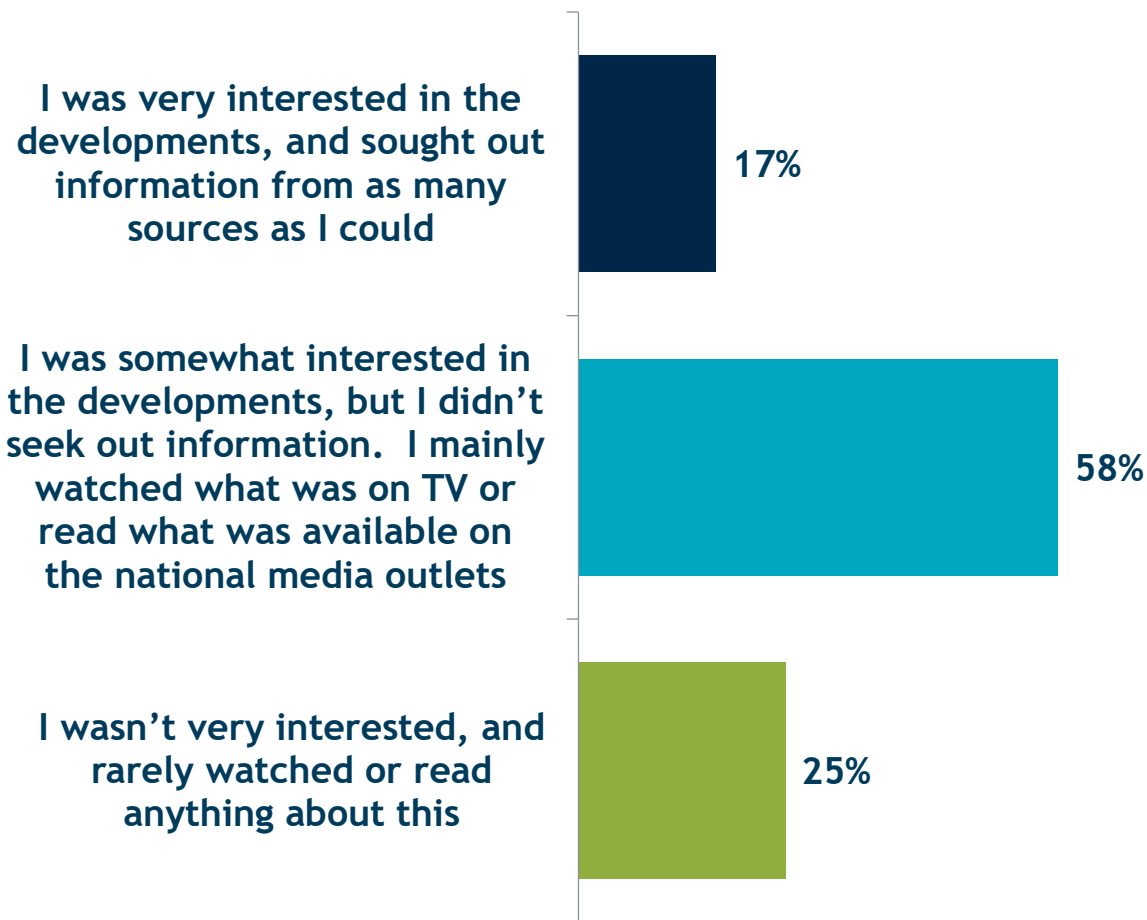


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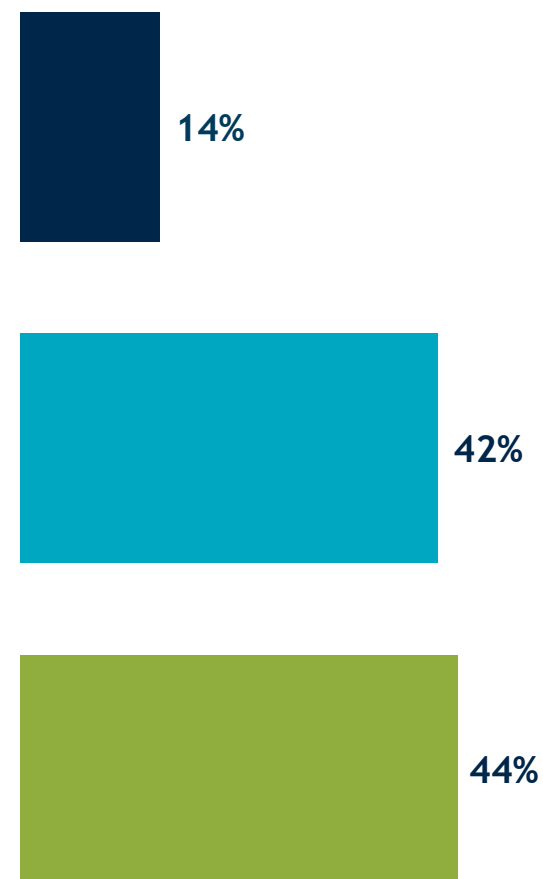


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(Disaggregated by age)

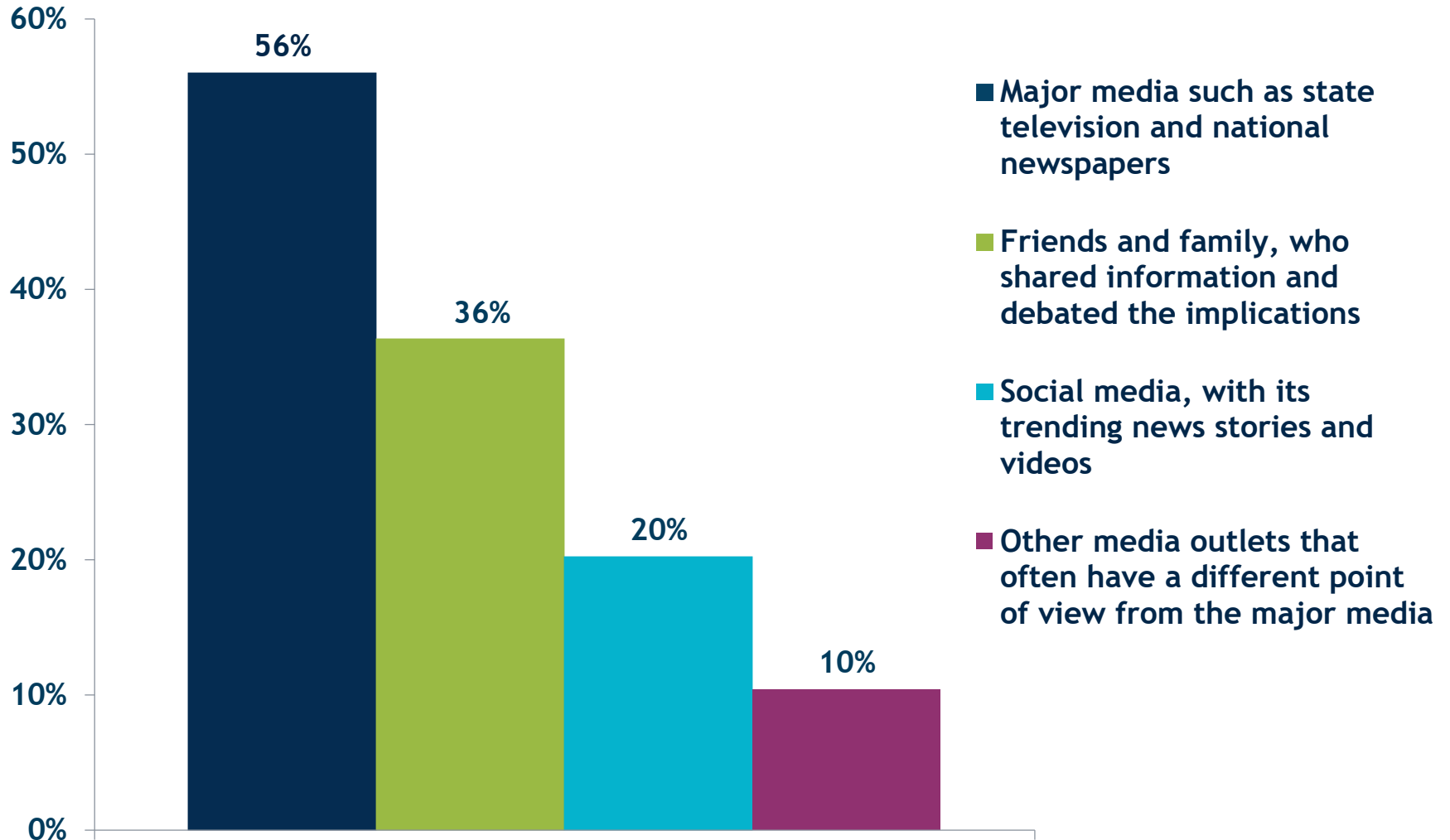
Age:45-60



Age:18-29



As you heard about the crisis in Ukraine, which sources did you find the most helpful to understanding the developments?





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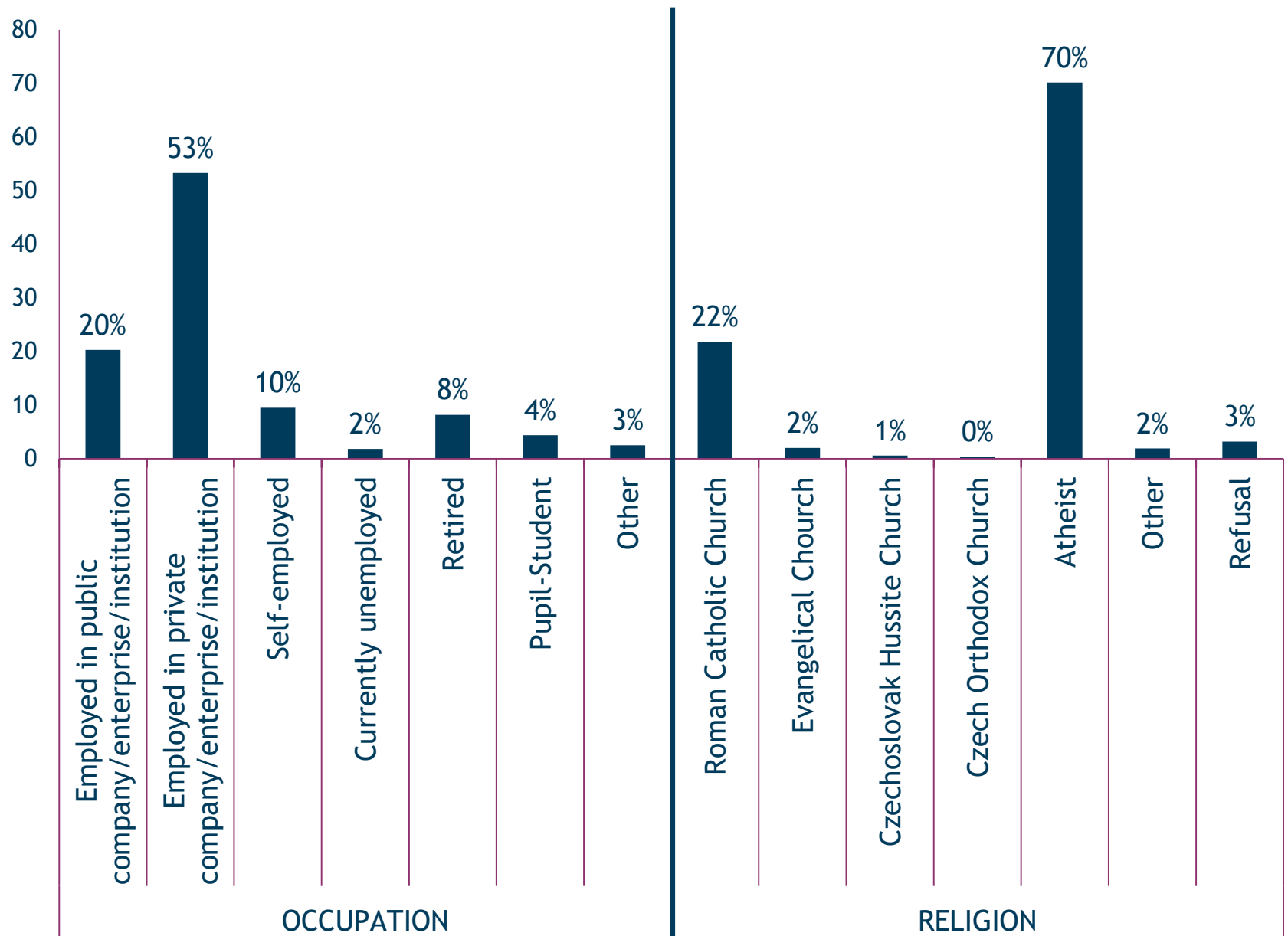


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