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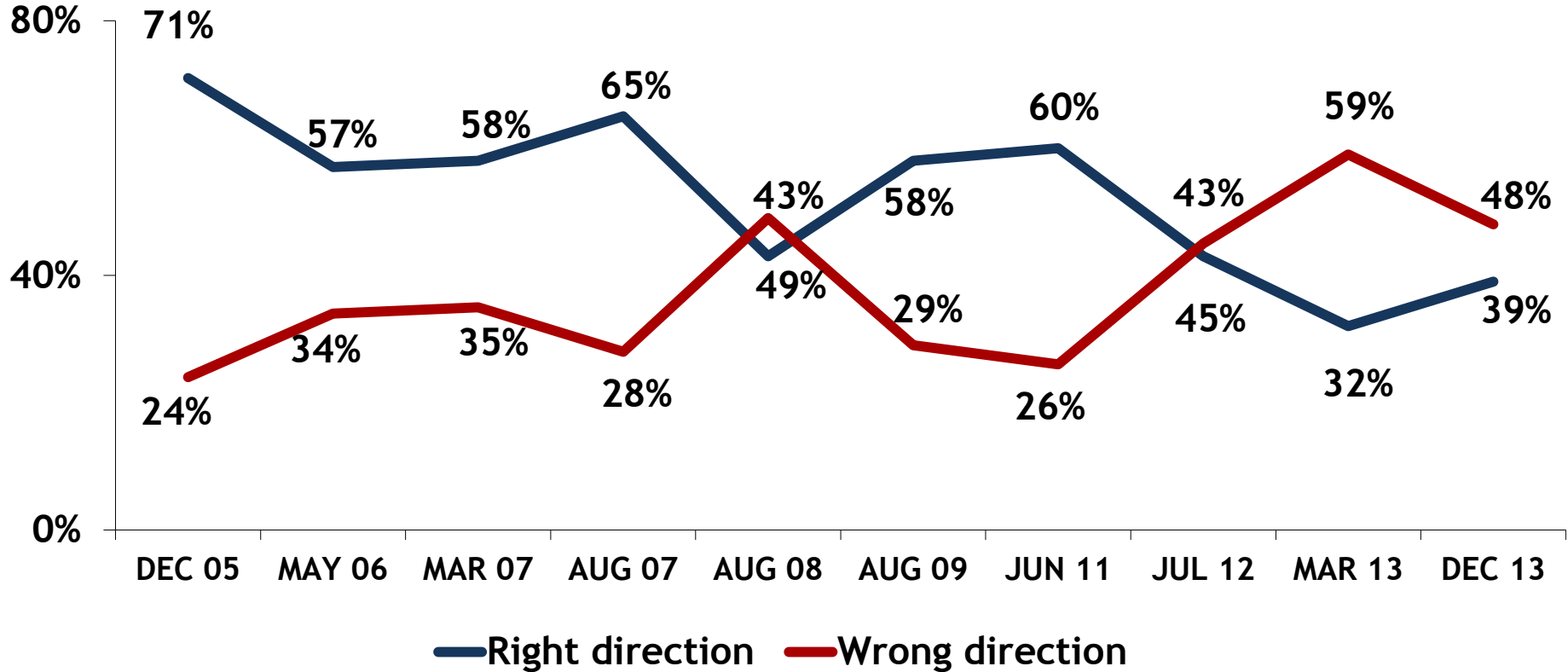
Detailed Methodology

- This survey was designed, coordinated and analyzed by the Middle East Marketing and Research Consultants on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- The national representative survey was carried out from November 30 to December 6, 2013. The eligibility criteria was based on age (18 years of age or older). A sample of 1,000 individuals were interviewed face-to-face in their homes.
- The sample design was a multi-stage cluster sample:
 - Stage one: Break country into 100 clusters distributed among Jordan's 12 governorates based on the 2004 Housing and Population Census.
 - Stage Two: Select 10 households from each cluster in a random fashion based on settlement population while ensuring representation of different parts of the cluster in the sample.
- Ten households were drawn (with replacement allowing for non-contacts) from each cluster using a random start and a systematic procedure of selection to ensure representation of different parts of the cluster in sample and to reduce intra-class correlation.
- Researchers conducted one in-person interview per household, selected using the Kish method.
- The response rate for the survey was 99 percent.
- The margin of error for the survey does not exceed \pm three percent with a confidence level of 95 percent.
- Figures in charts and graphs may not add to 100 percent due to rounding.

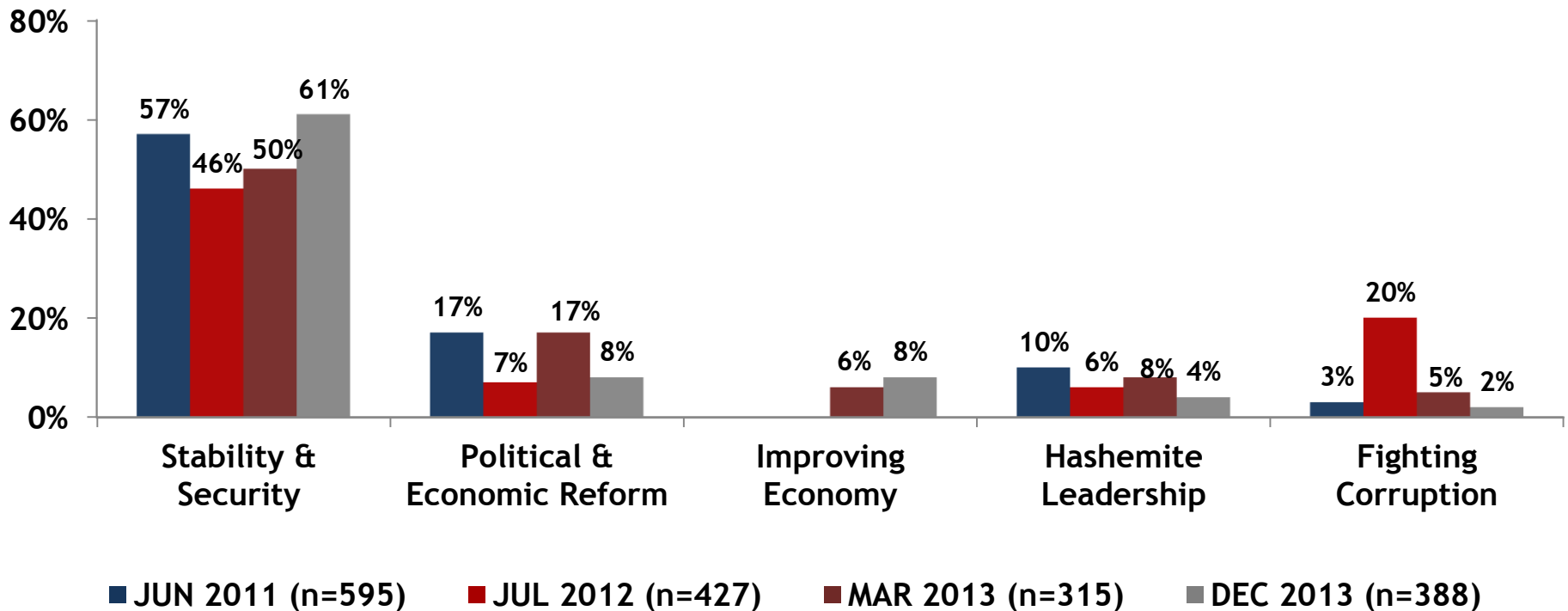
General State of Affairs

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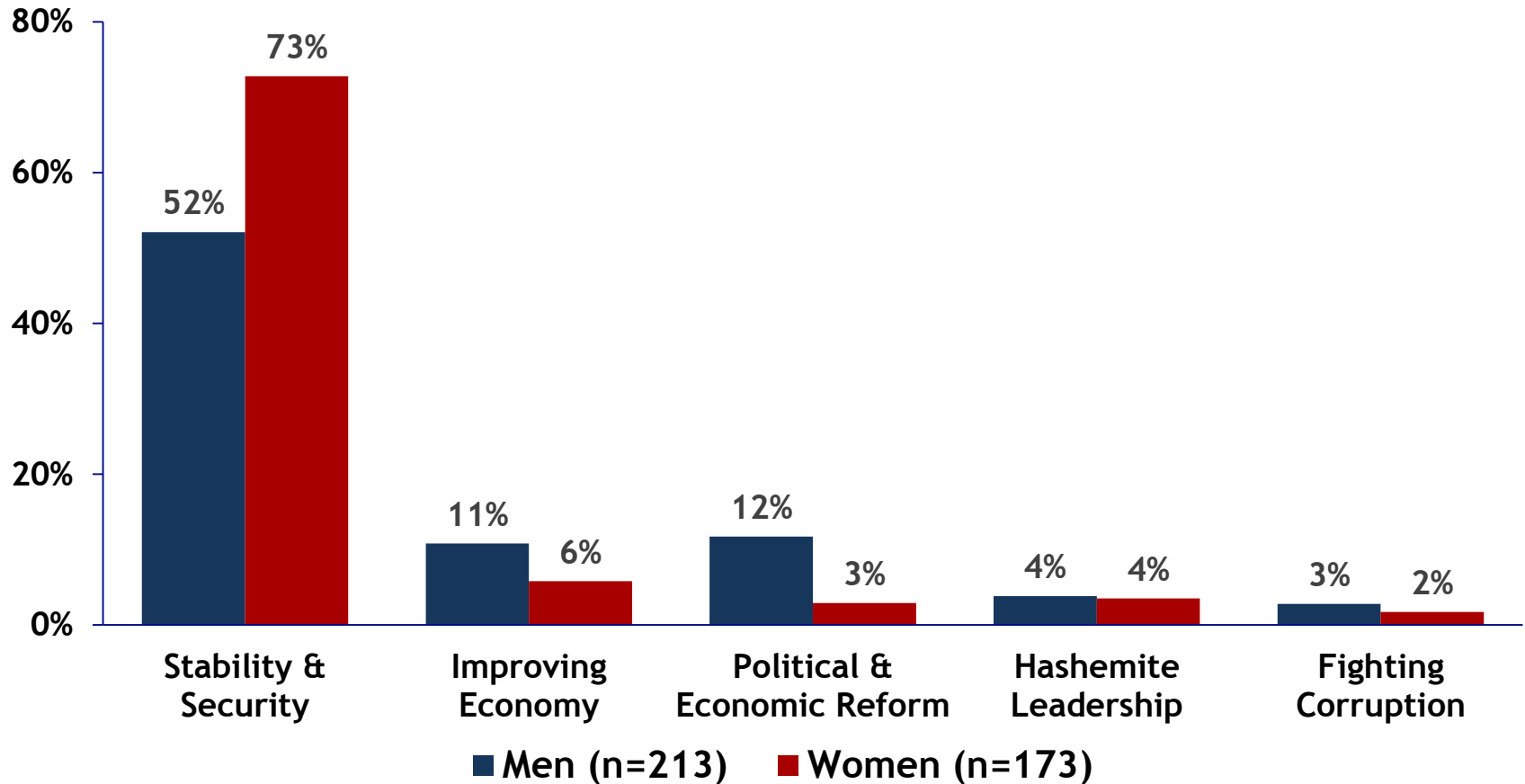
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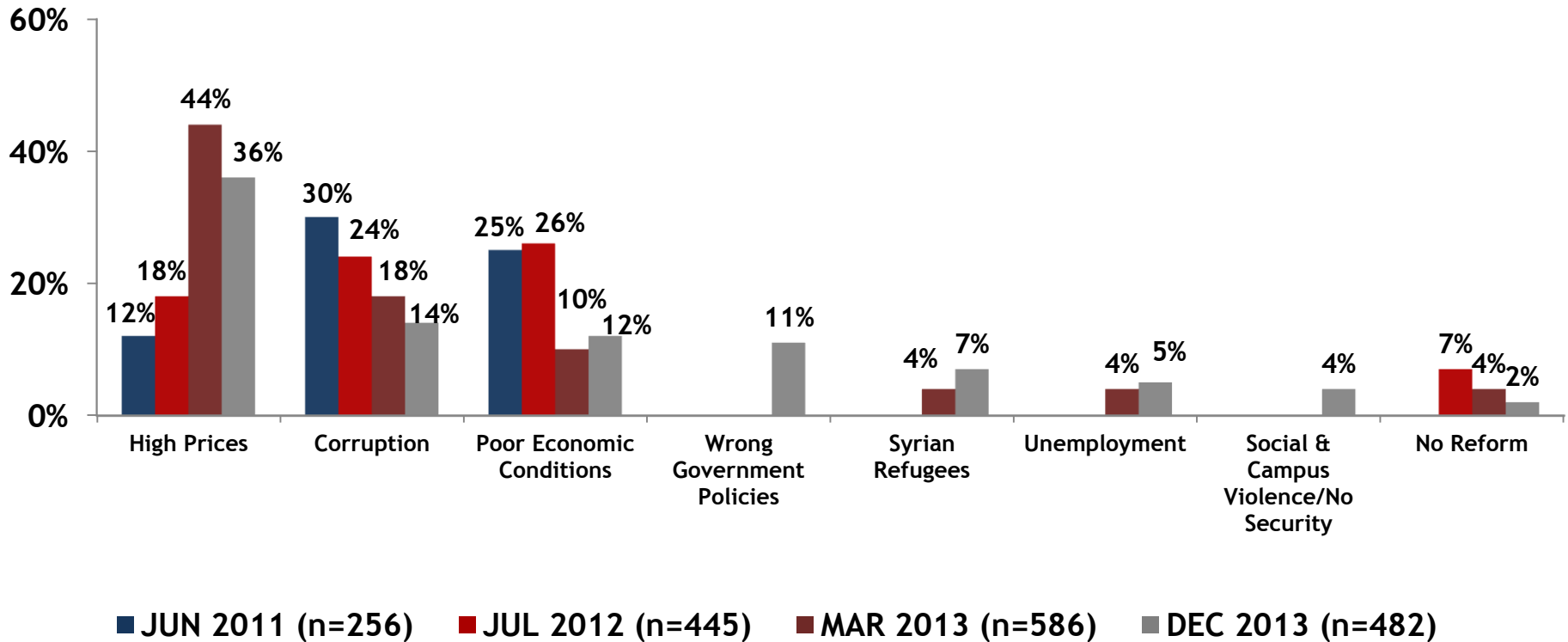
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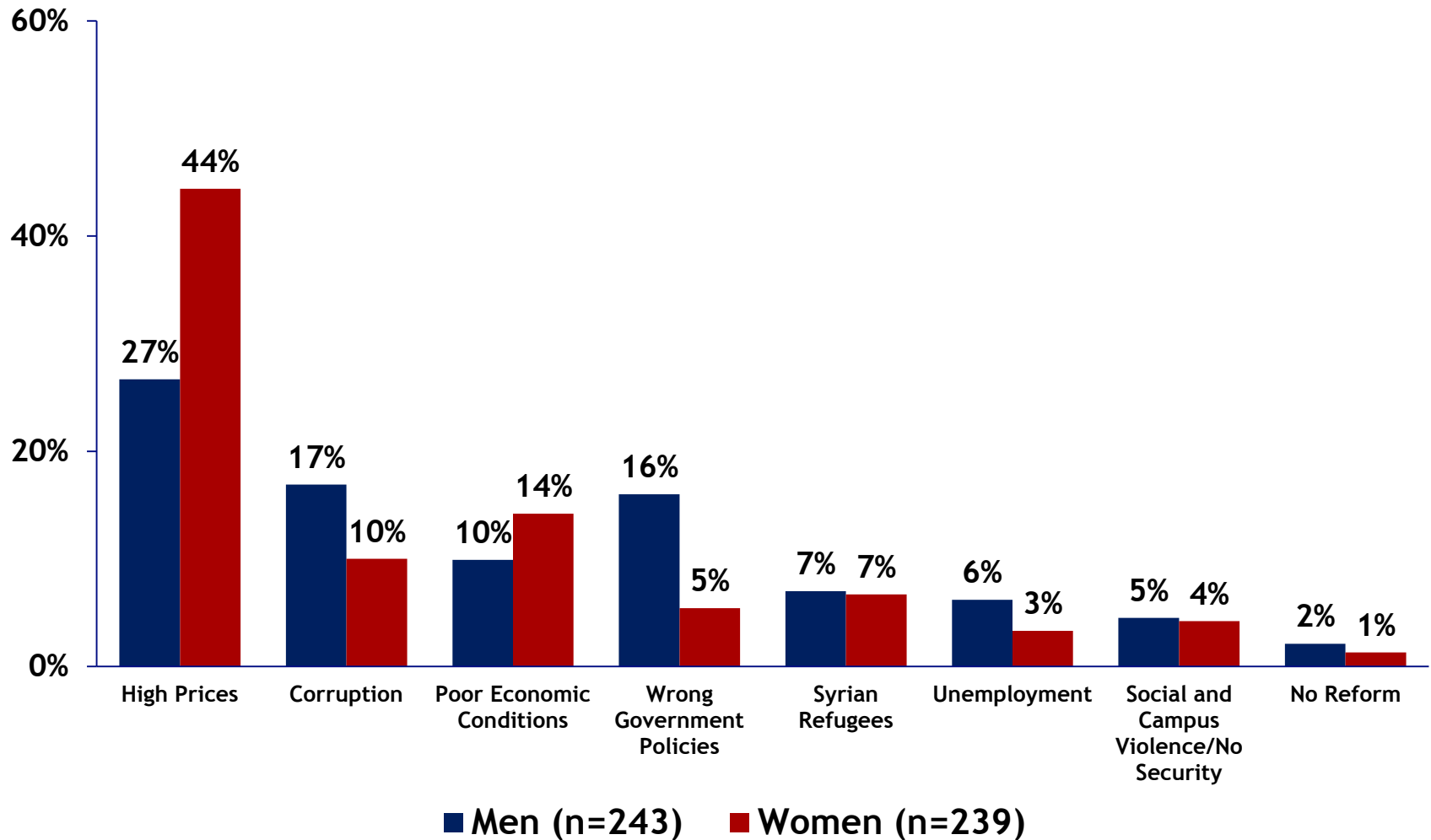
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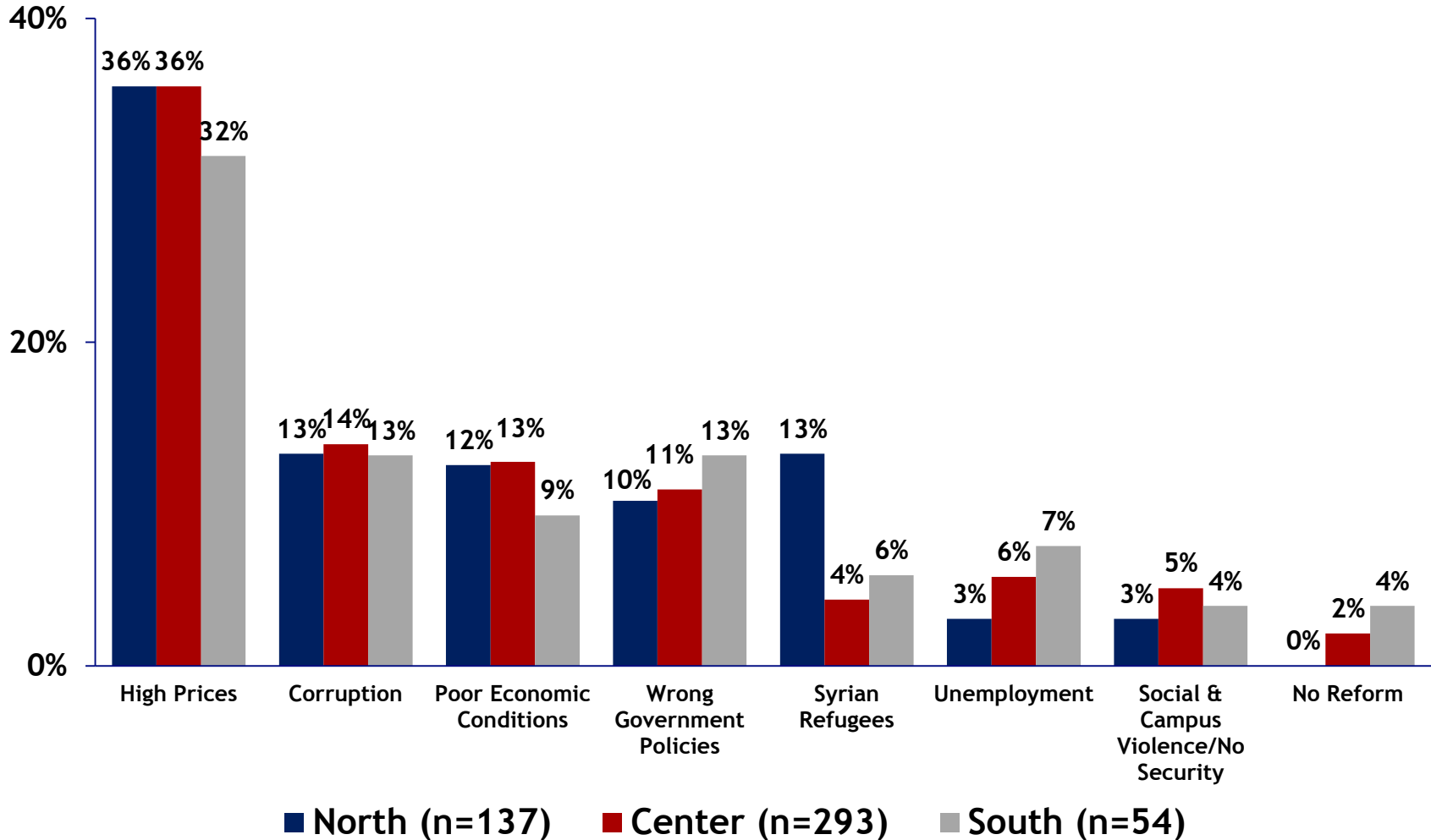
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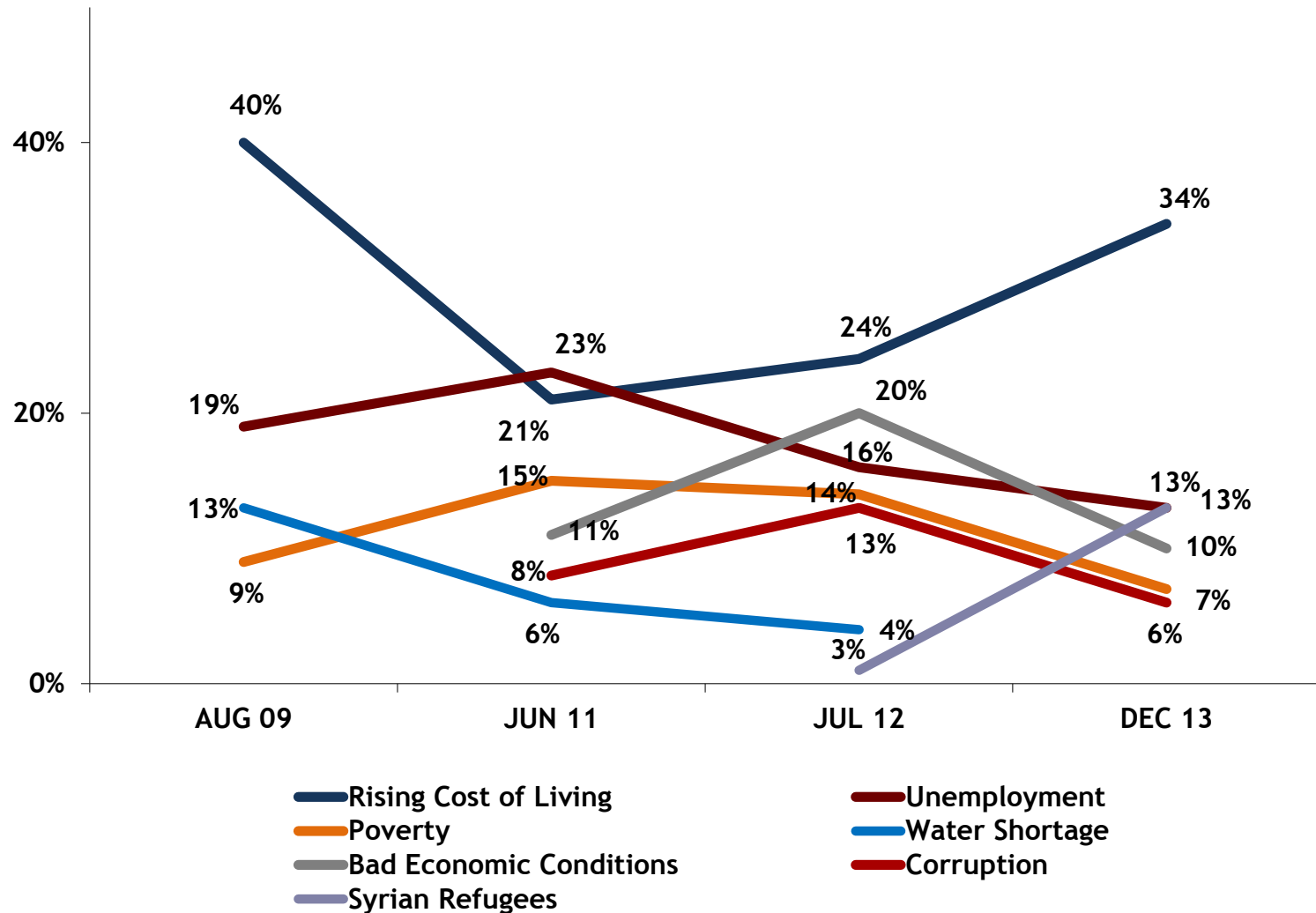
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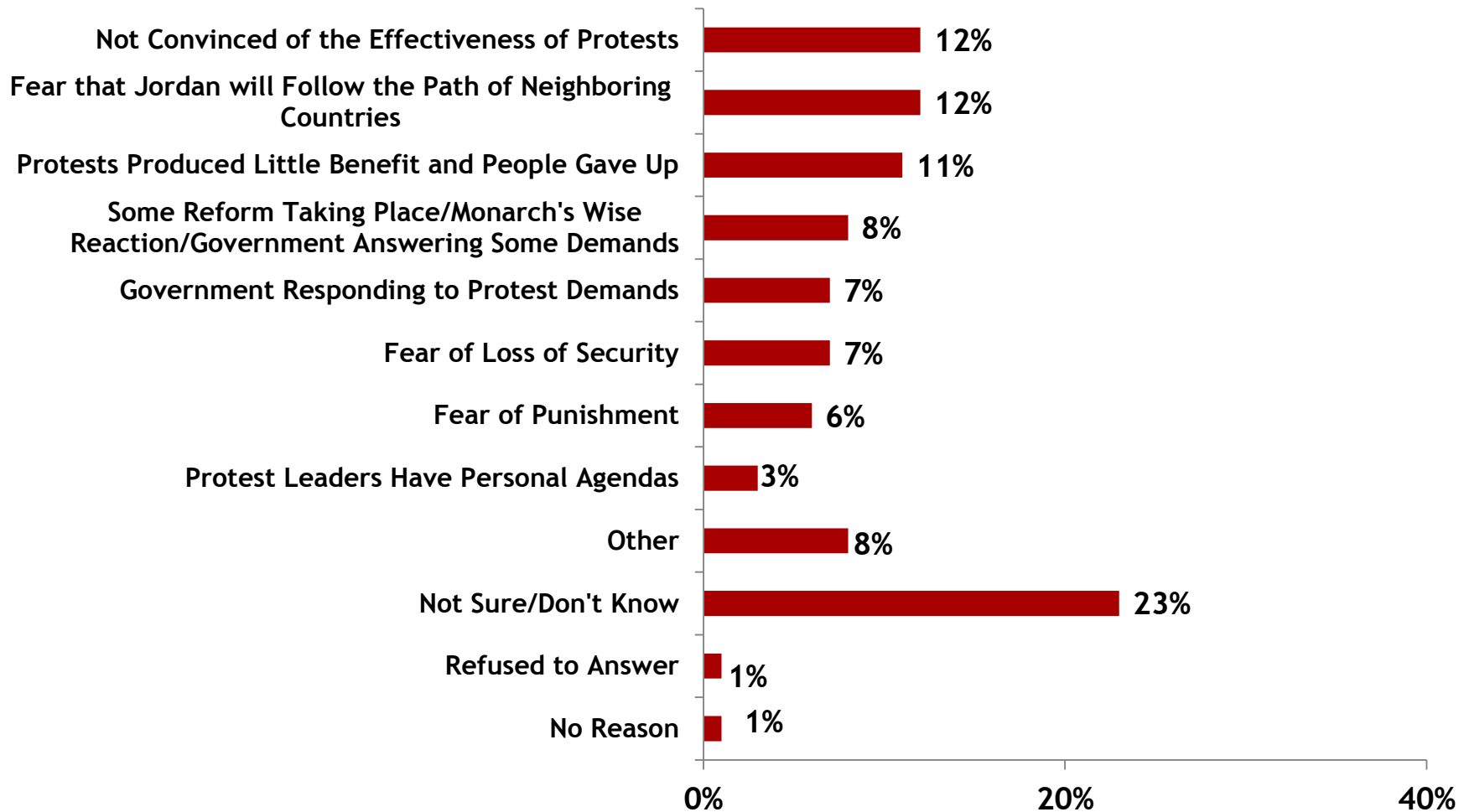
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What in your opinion is the single biggest problem facing Jordan as a whole? (Open-ended)



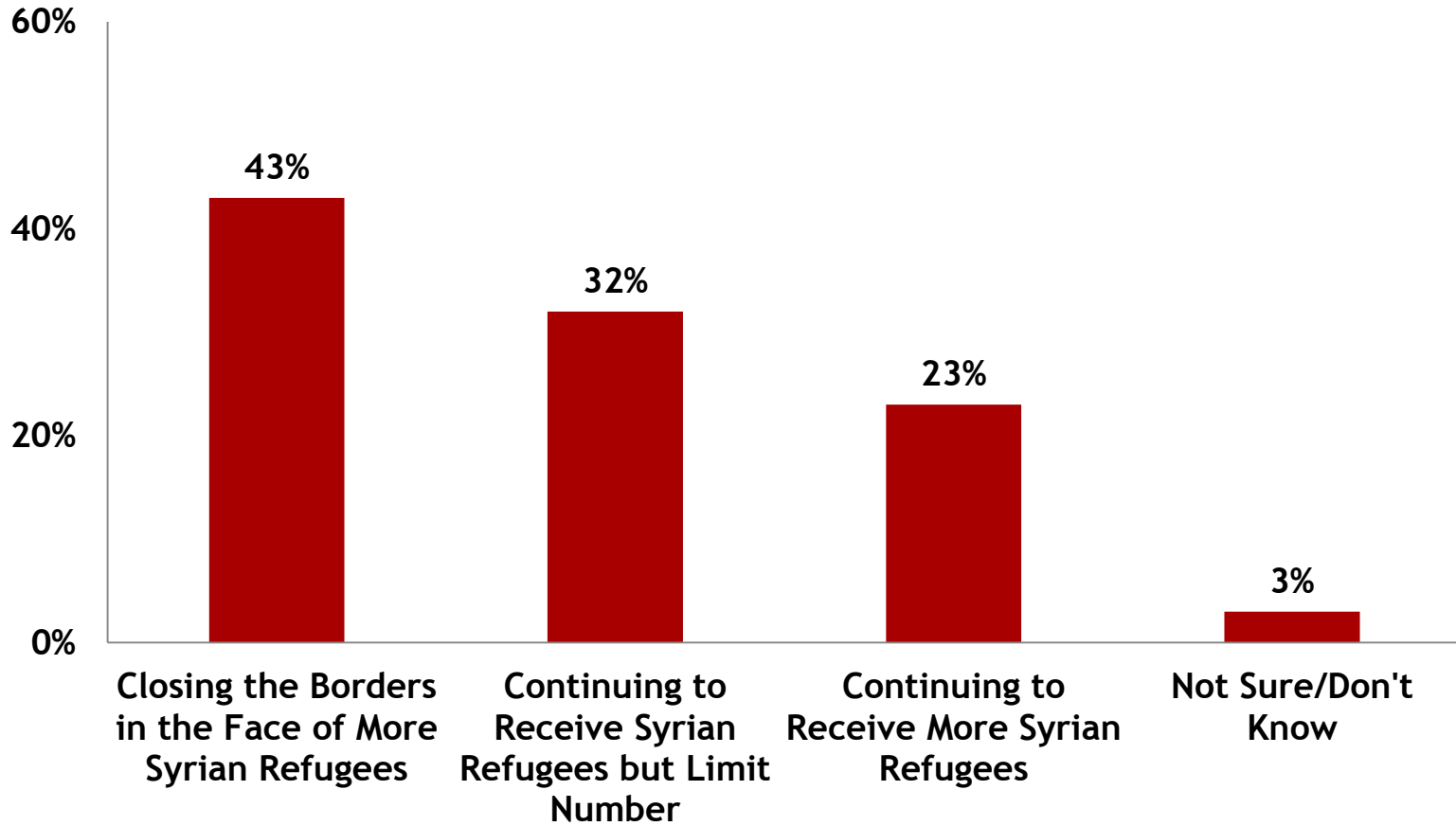
The number of rallies and sit-ins in support of reform in Amman and/or in the governorates has decreased over the past year. What is the main reason you think this has happened?



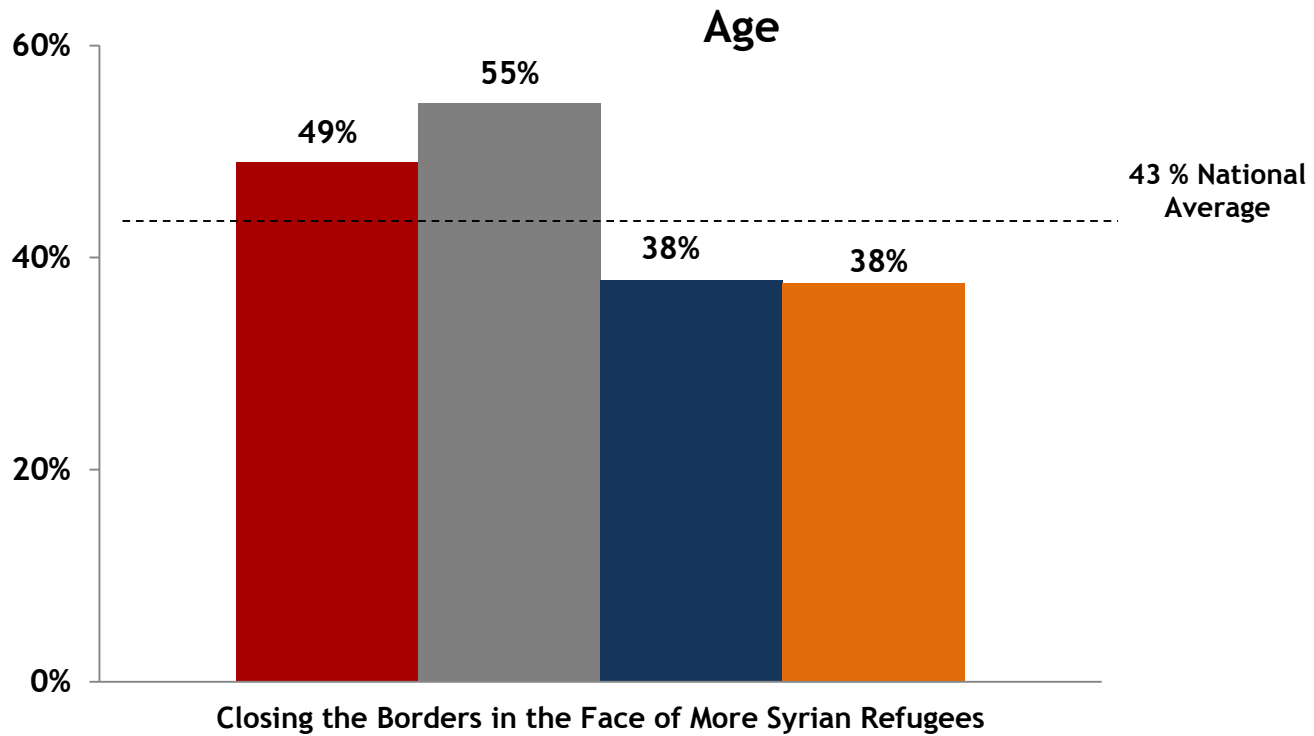
Syrian Refugees

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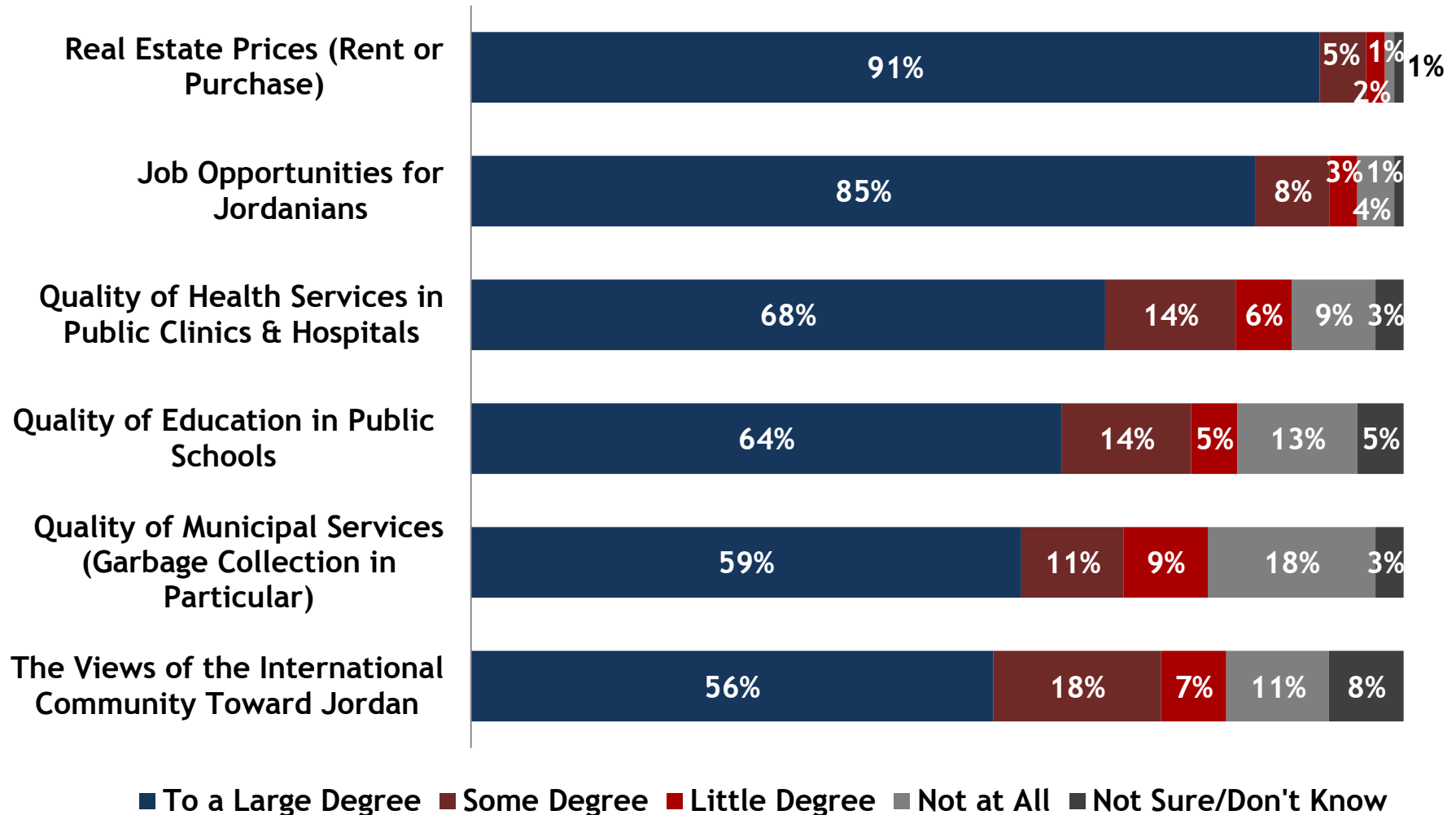


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■ 18-24 (n=157) ■ 25-34 (n=207) ■ 35-44 (n=232) ■ 45 and Older (n=404)

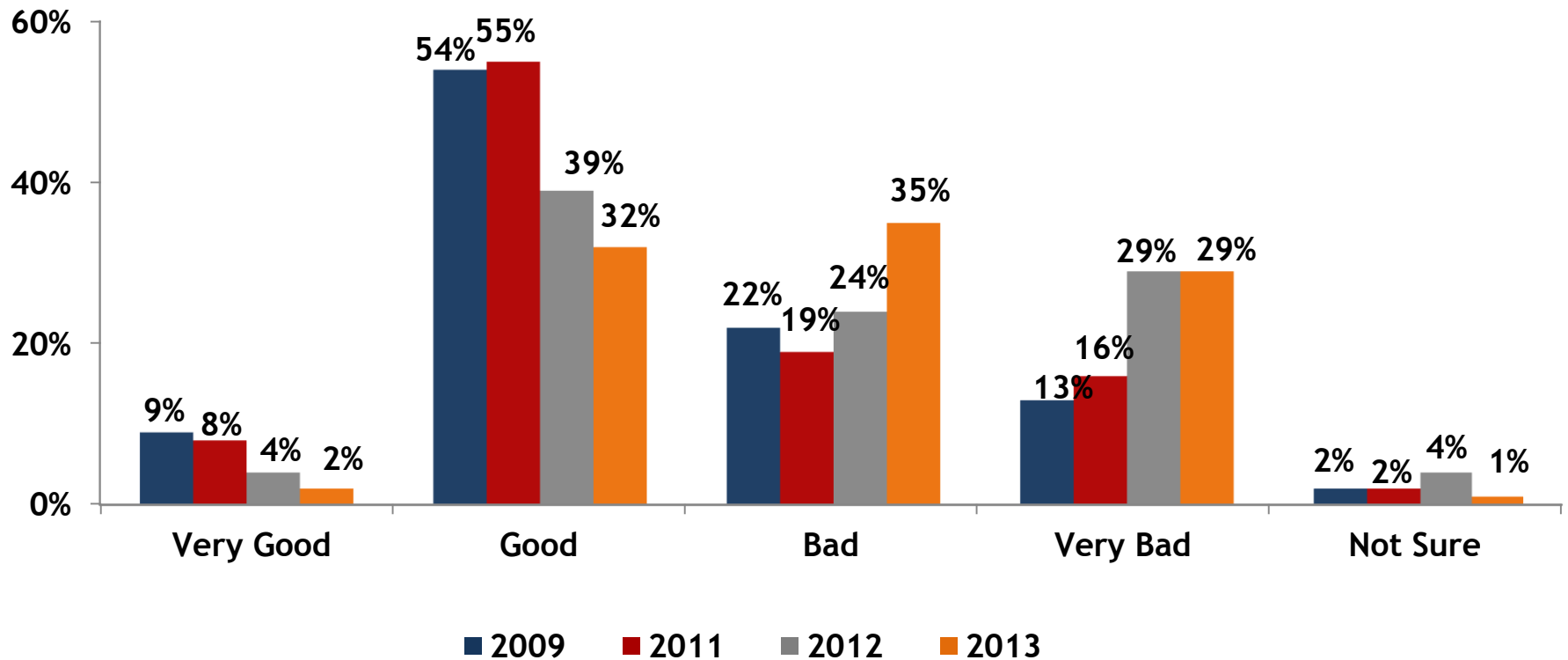
As a result of the Syrian refugee influx, to what degree do you believe the following issues were affected...?



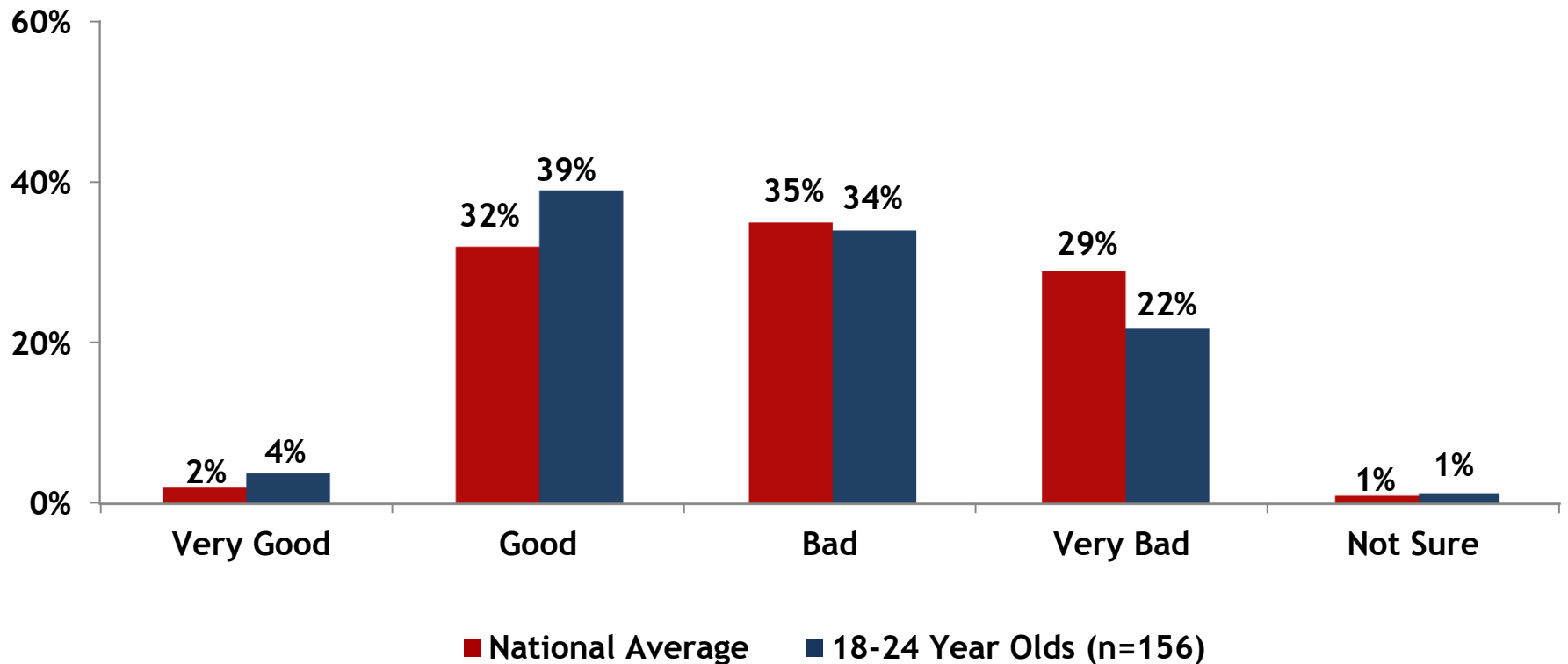
Economy

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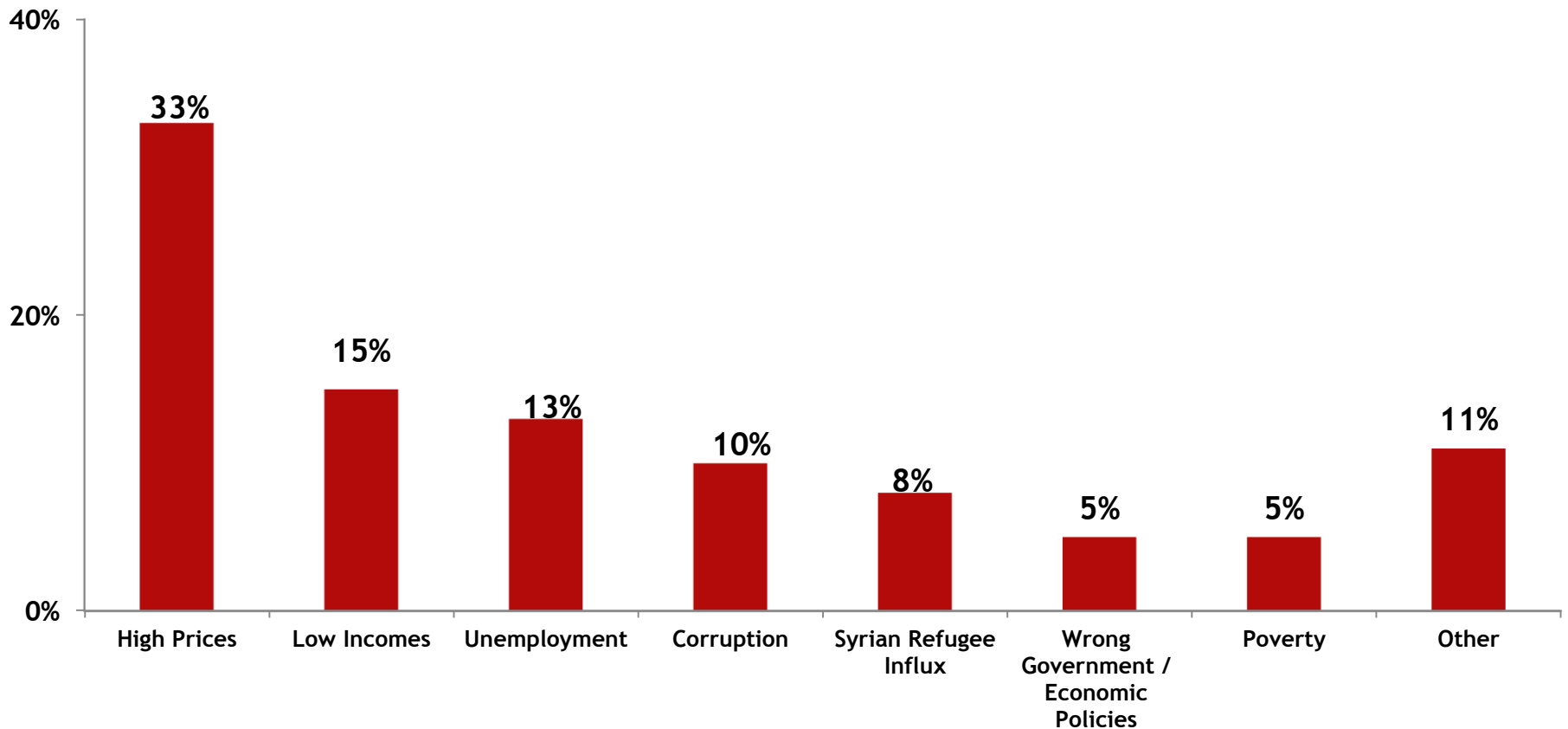


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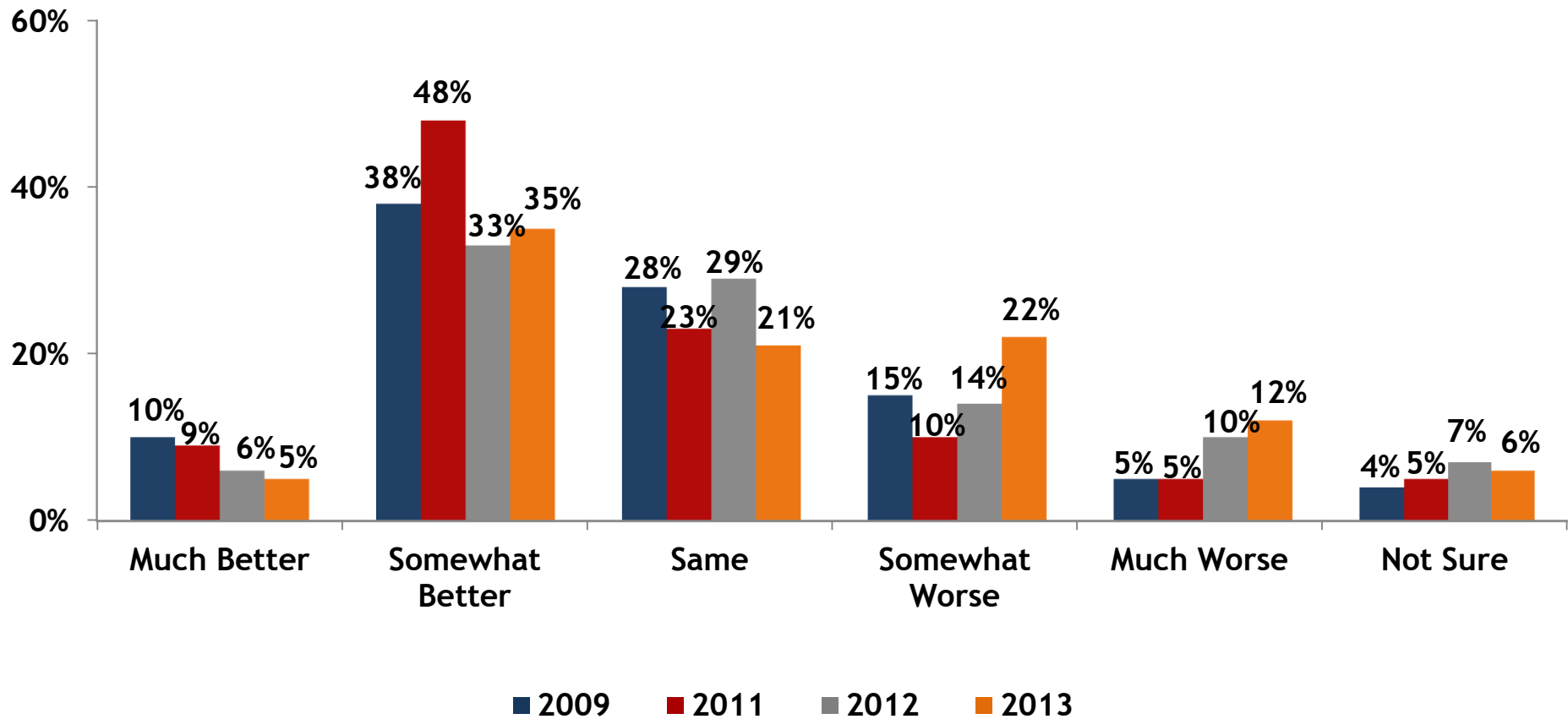


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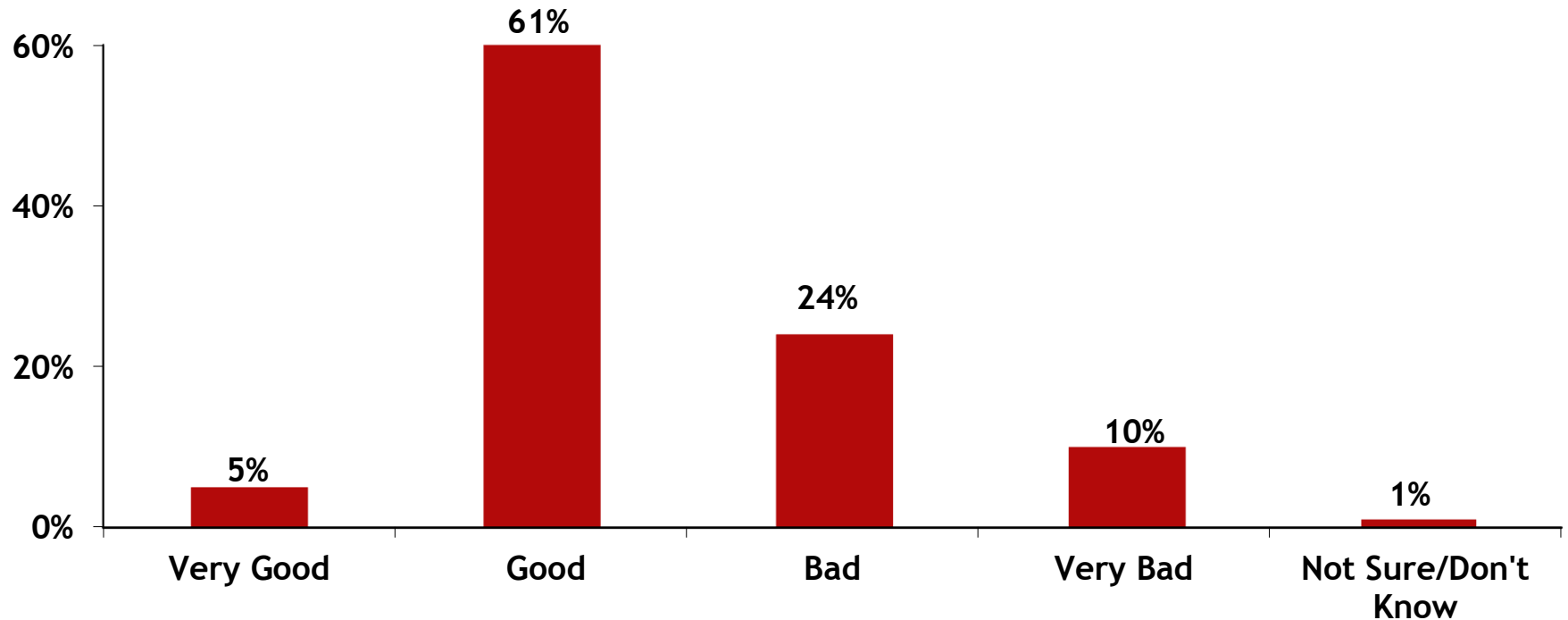
Why in your opinion is the current economy in Jordan in bad or very bad shape? Any other reasons? (n=646)



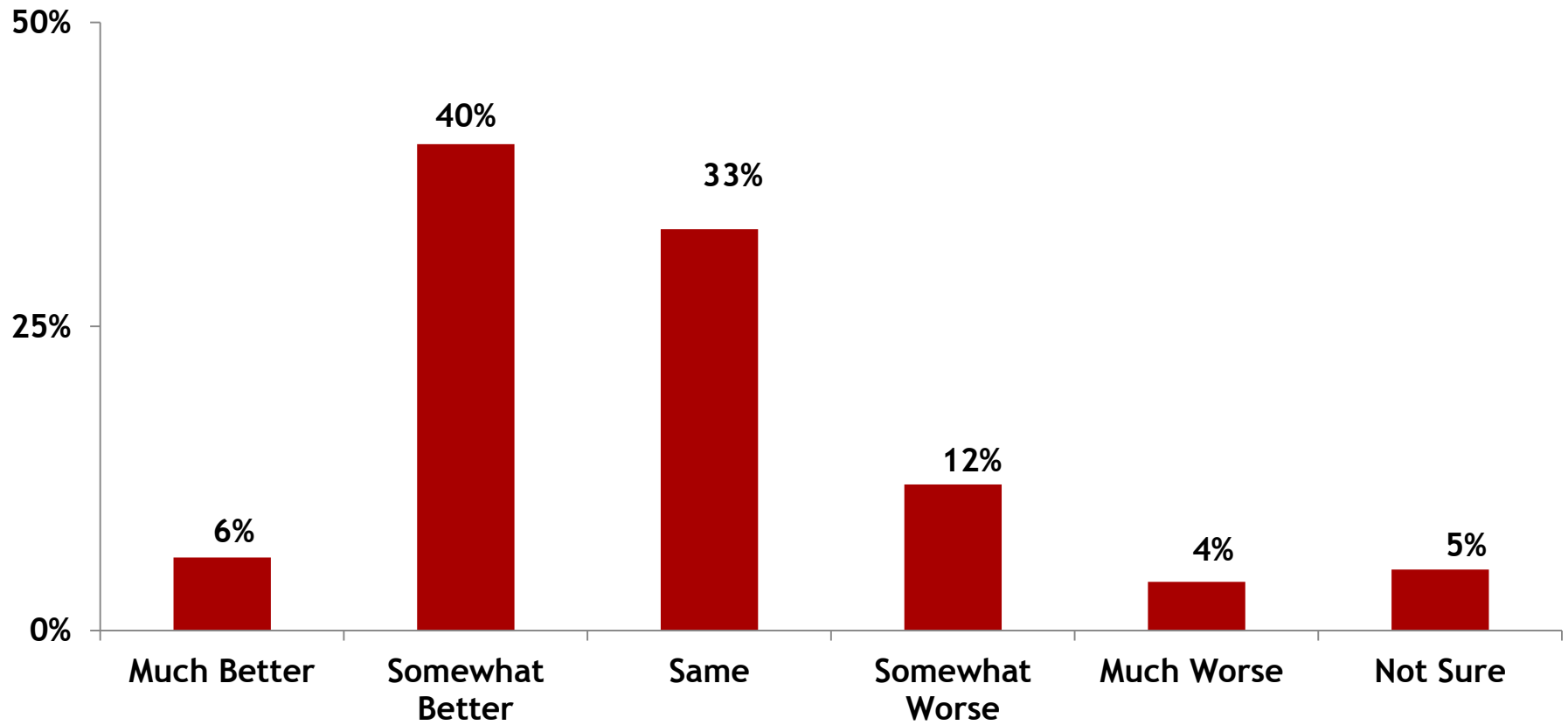
Do you think that the general economic situation in Jordan over the next 12 months is likely to get:



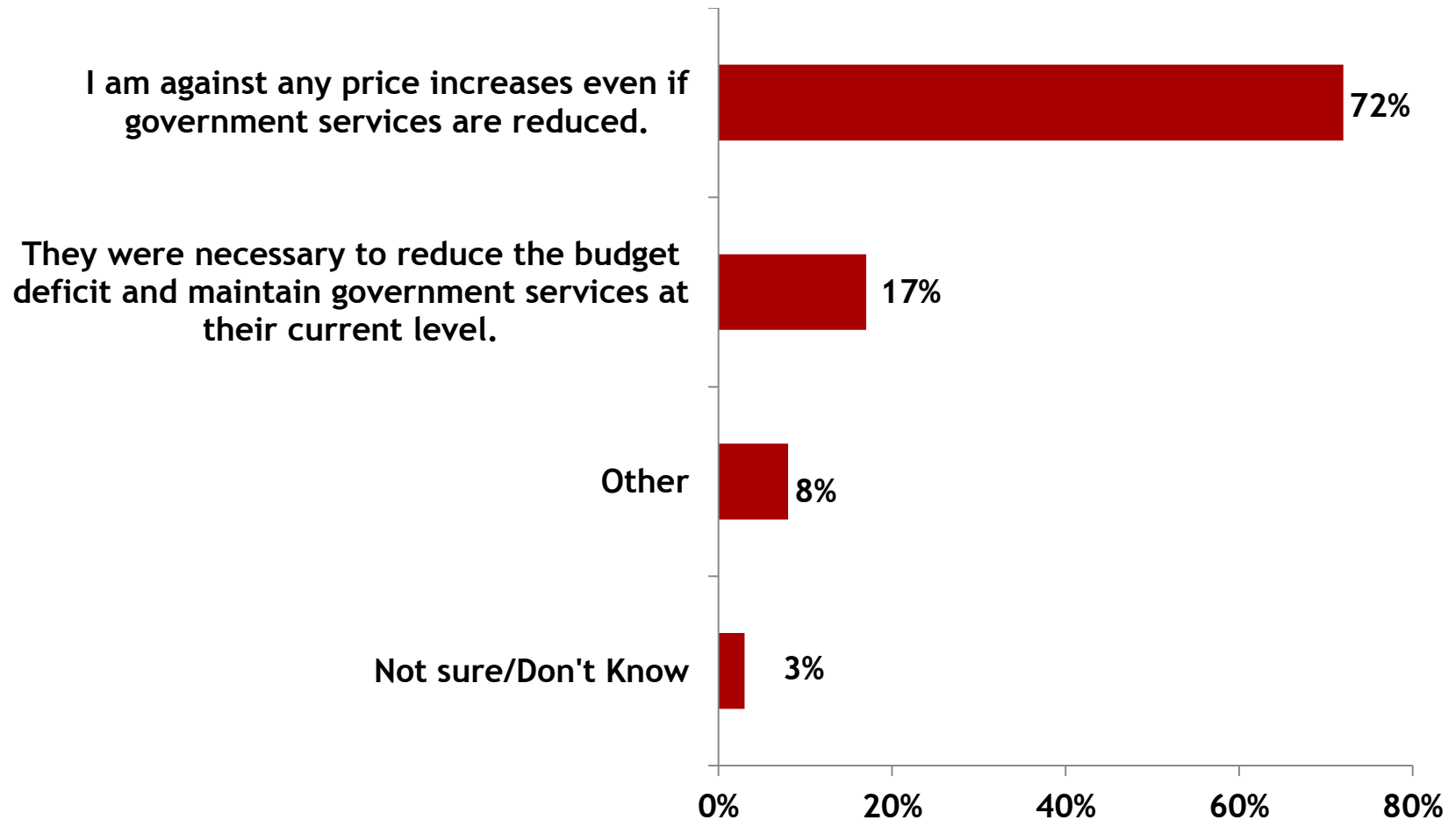
How would you describe your household economic condition?



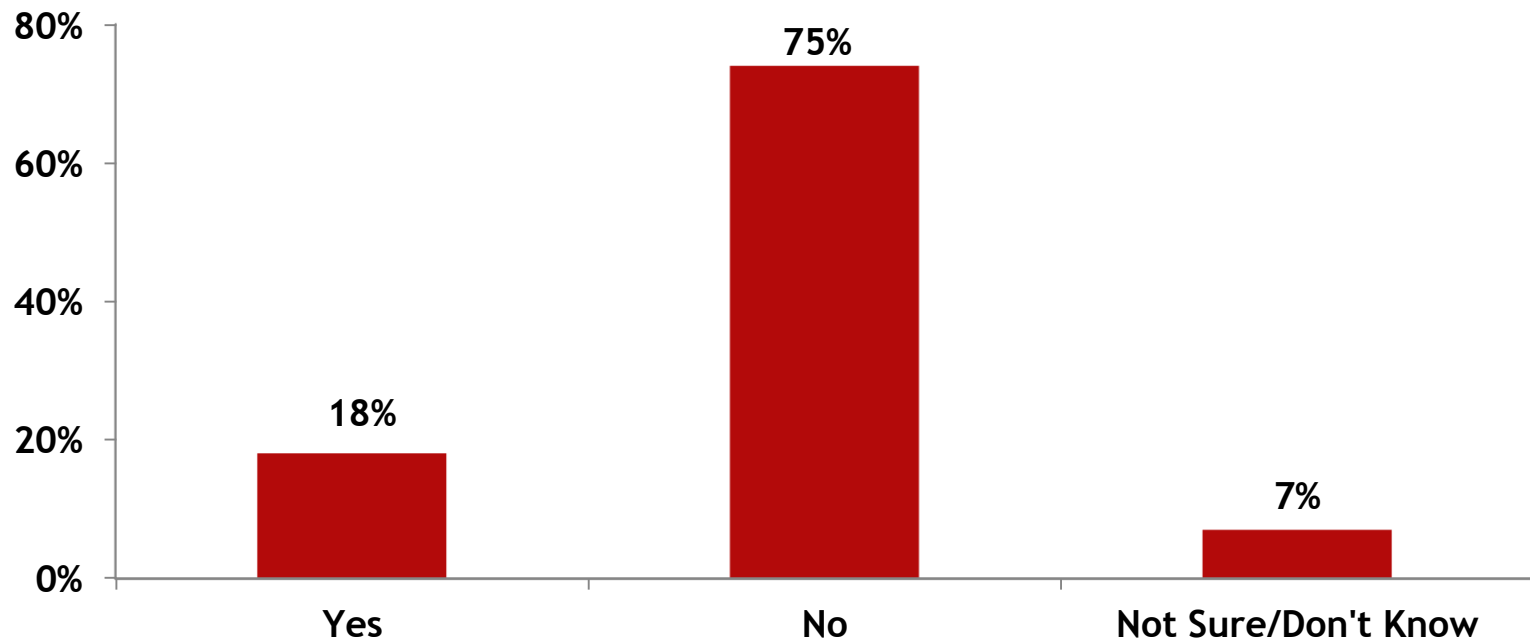
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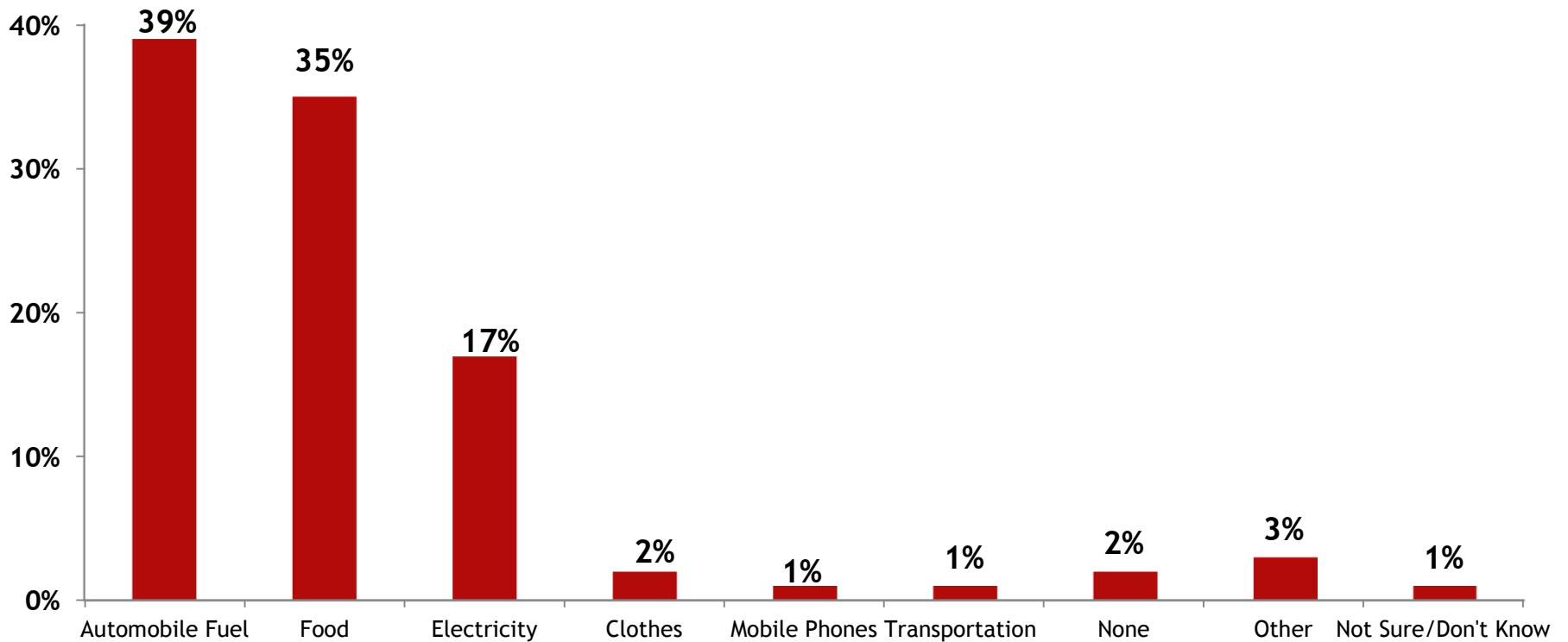
Which of these statements best describes your feeling about price increases enacted over the past year?



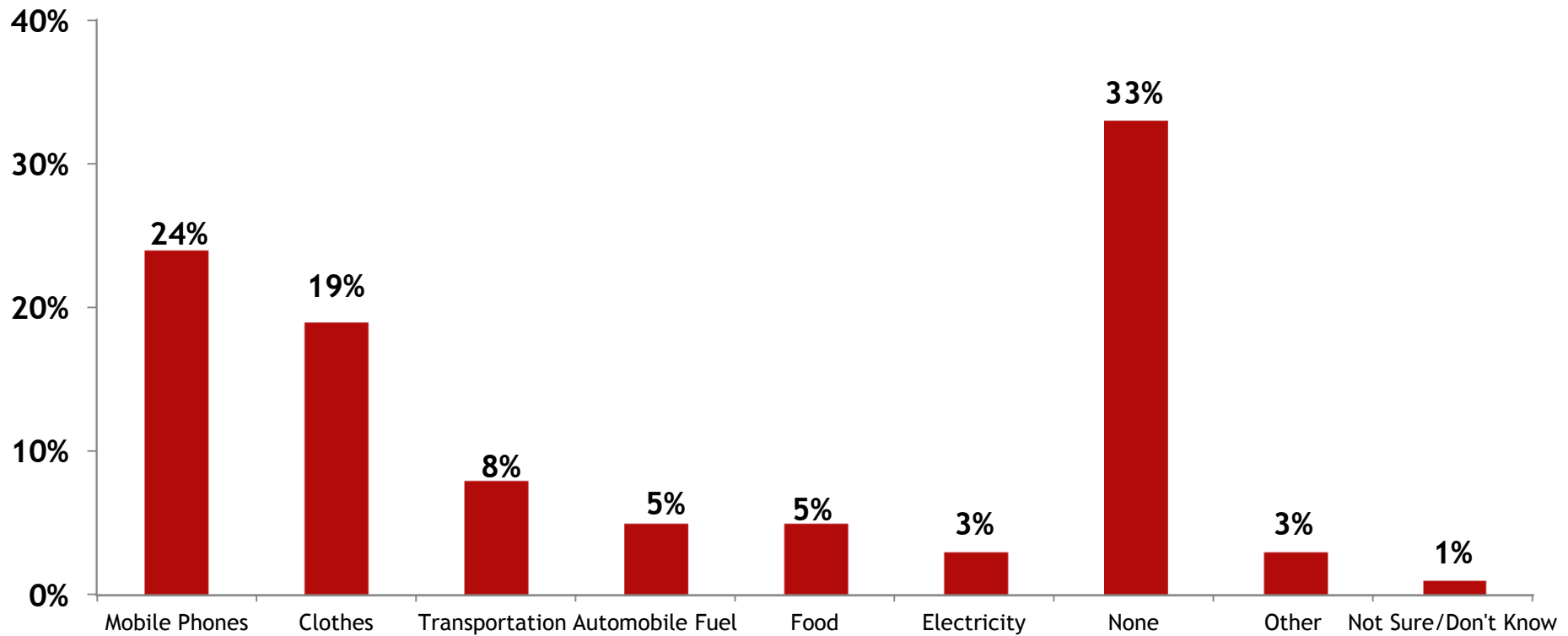
The government of Jordan has announced it is increasing prices on some commodities and services in order to reduce the budget deficit (which occurs when government expenses exceed revenue). Do you believe the price increases will reduce the deficit?



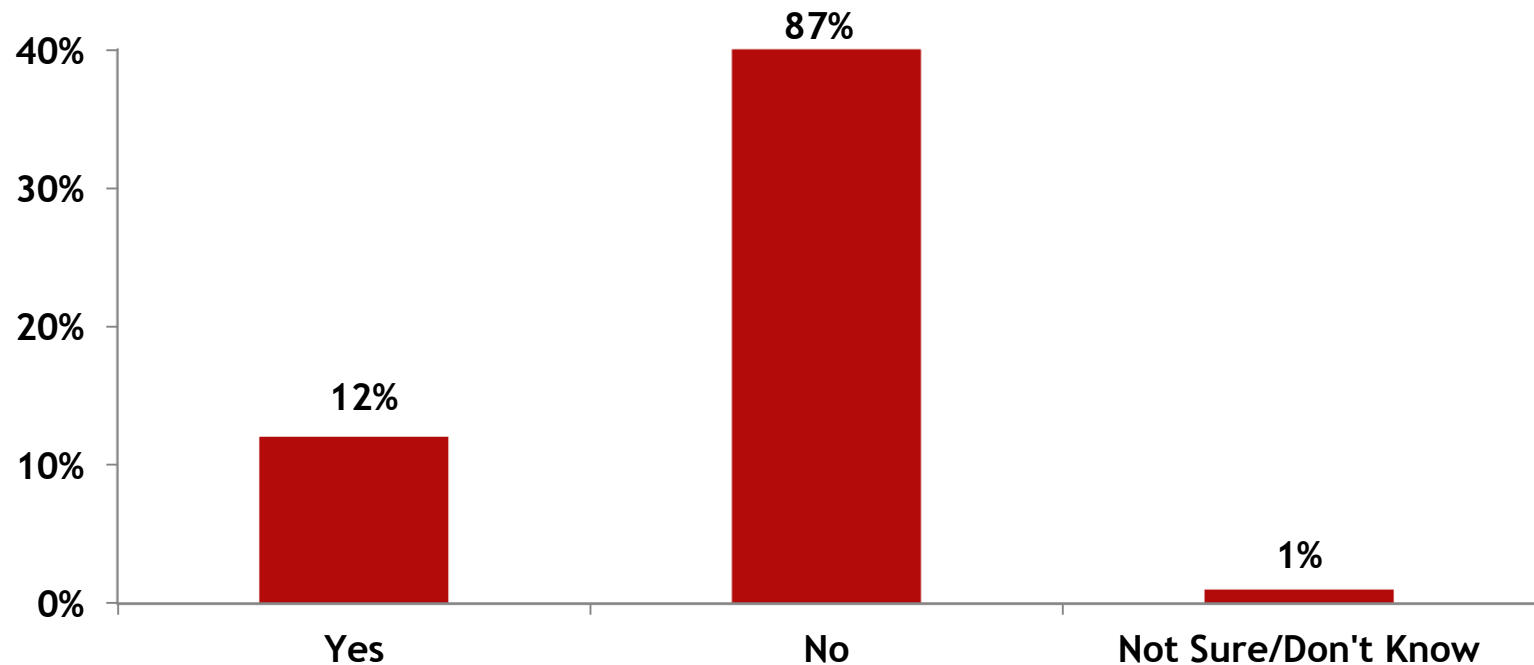
Which of the following price increases constituted the heaviest burden on your household budget?



If prices had to be further increased, on which of the following would you most tolerate an increase?



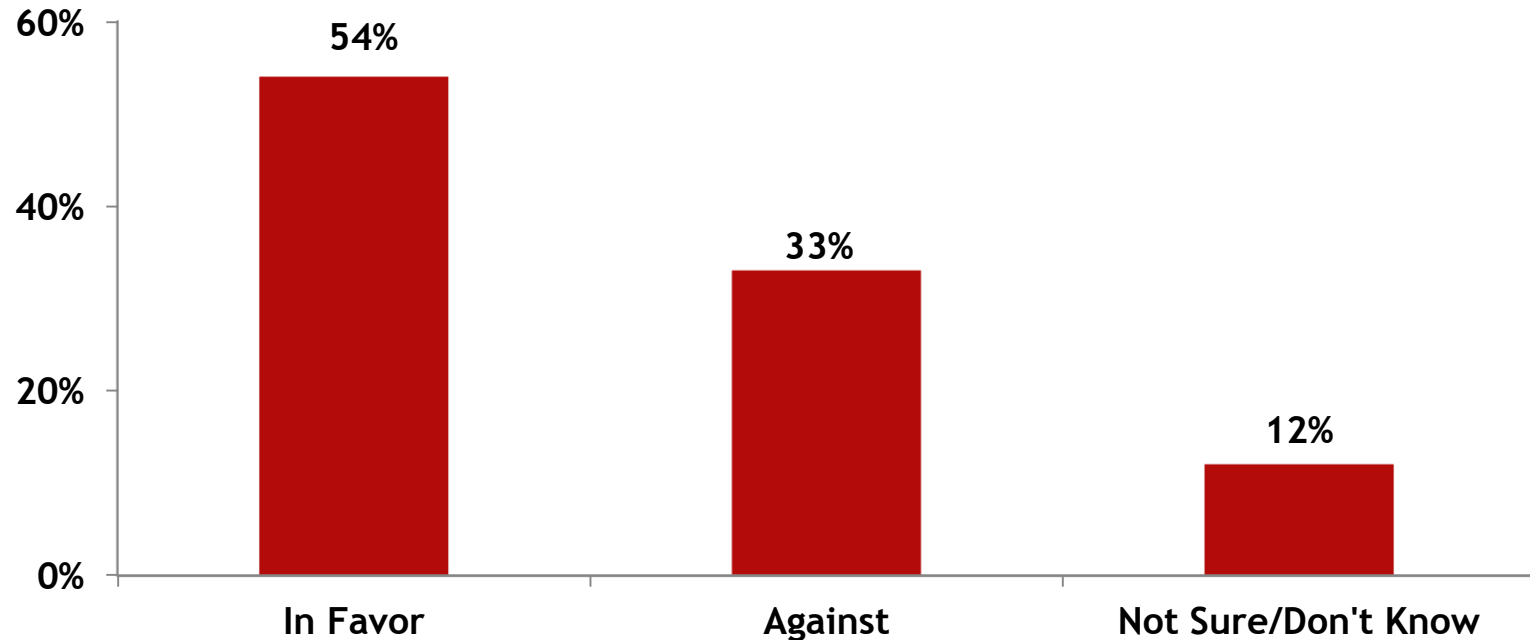
In order to improve basic government services (health care, education, infrastructure, etc...), are you in favor or against levying new taxes?



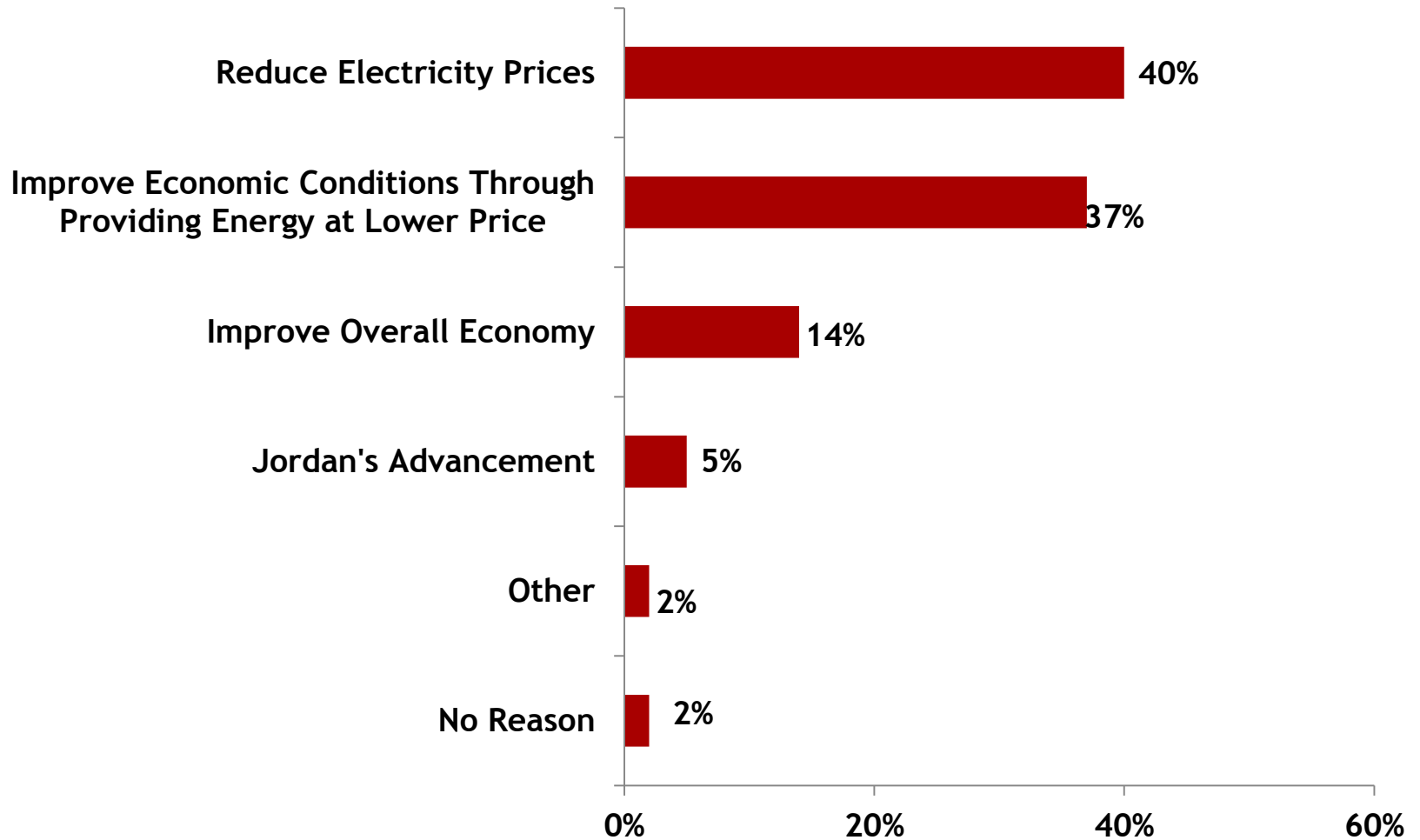
Nuclear Power

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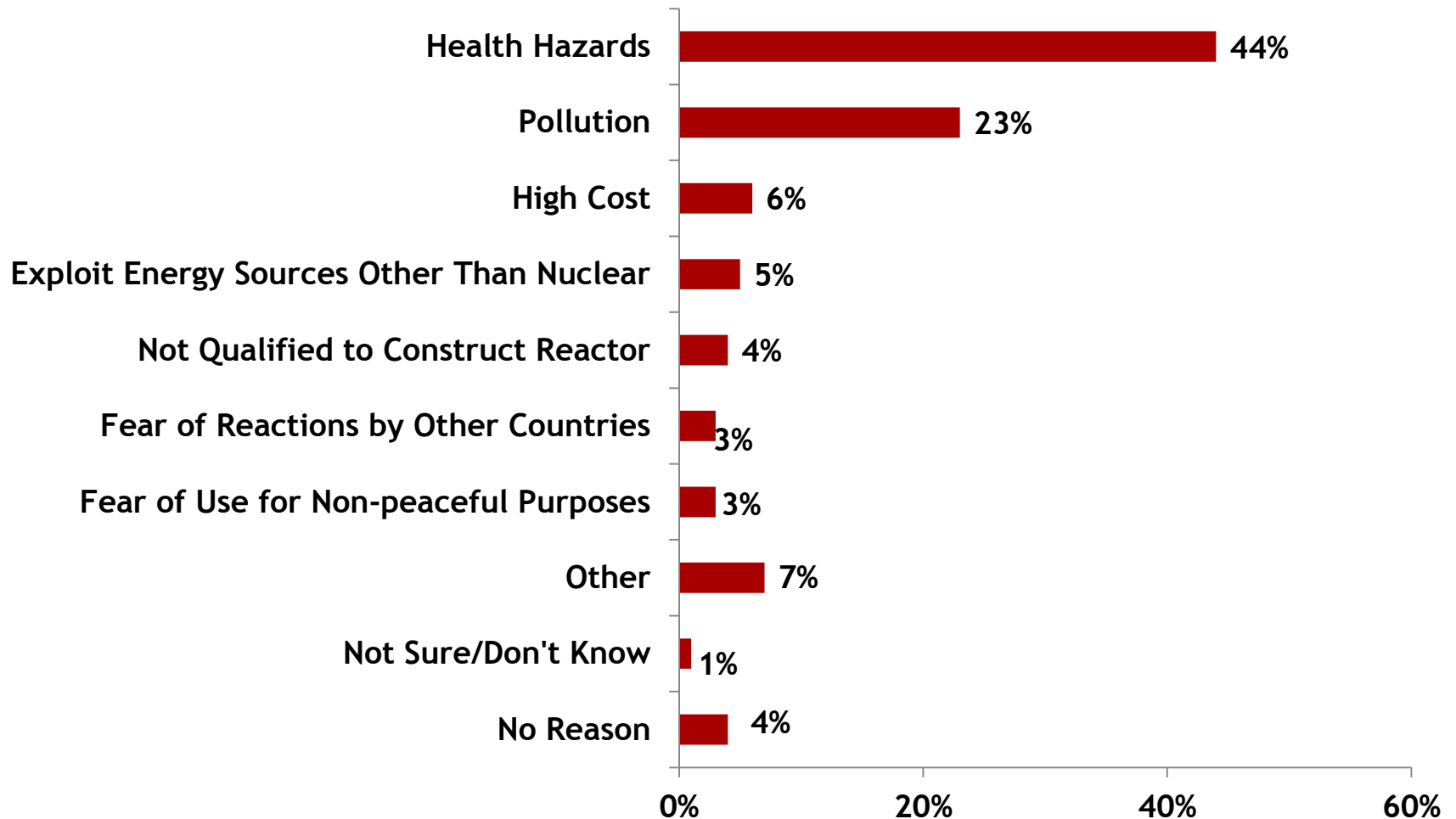
In general, are you in favor or against the construction of a nuclear power plant for the generation of electricity in Jordan?



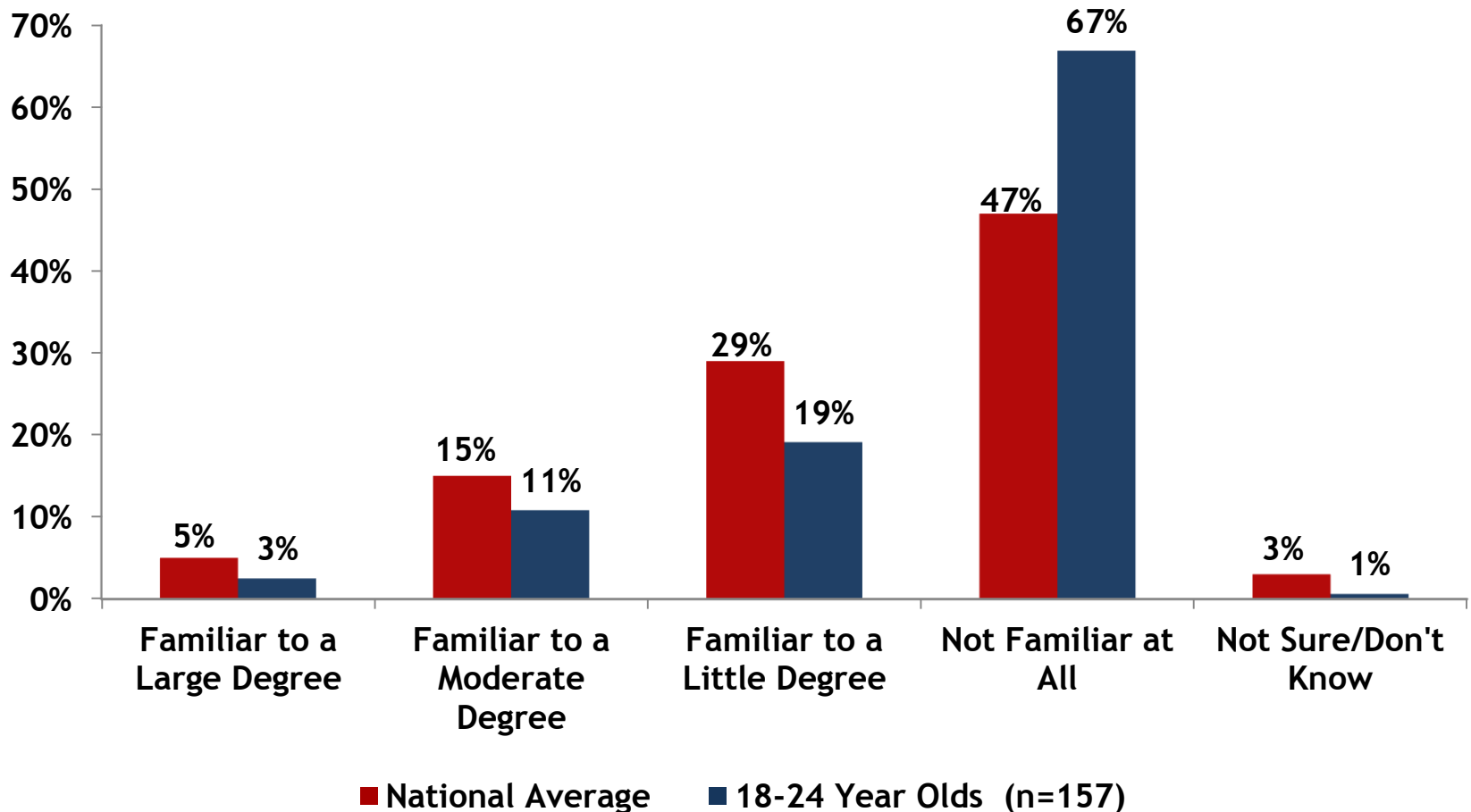
What was your most important reason for approval? (n=542)



What was your most important reason for disapproval? (n=331)



The government has recently approved the construction of a nuclear power plant mainly for the generation of electricity. To which degree are you familiar with the details of this project? (18-24 year olds compared with national average)



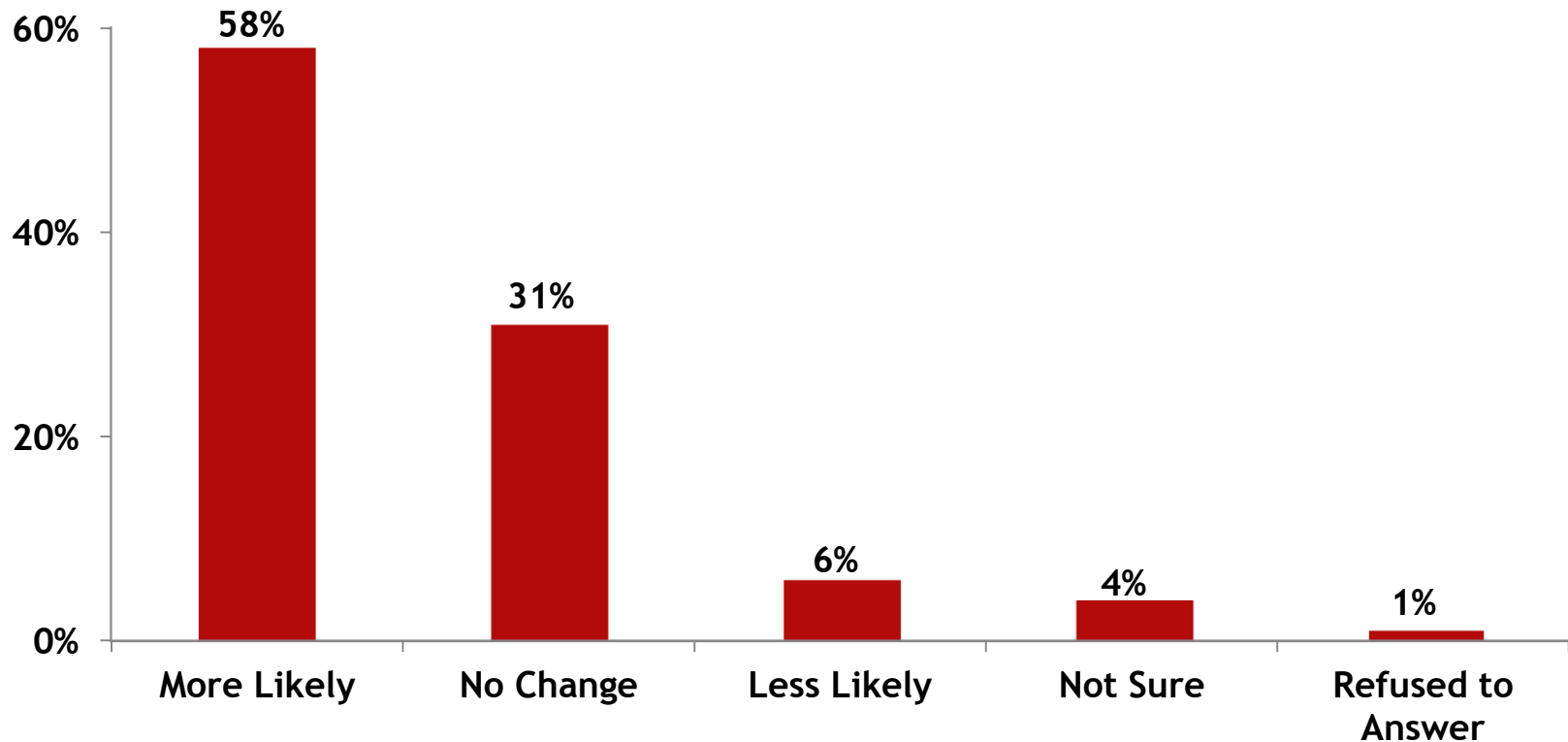
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Nuclear Power Message Test

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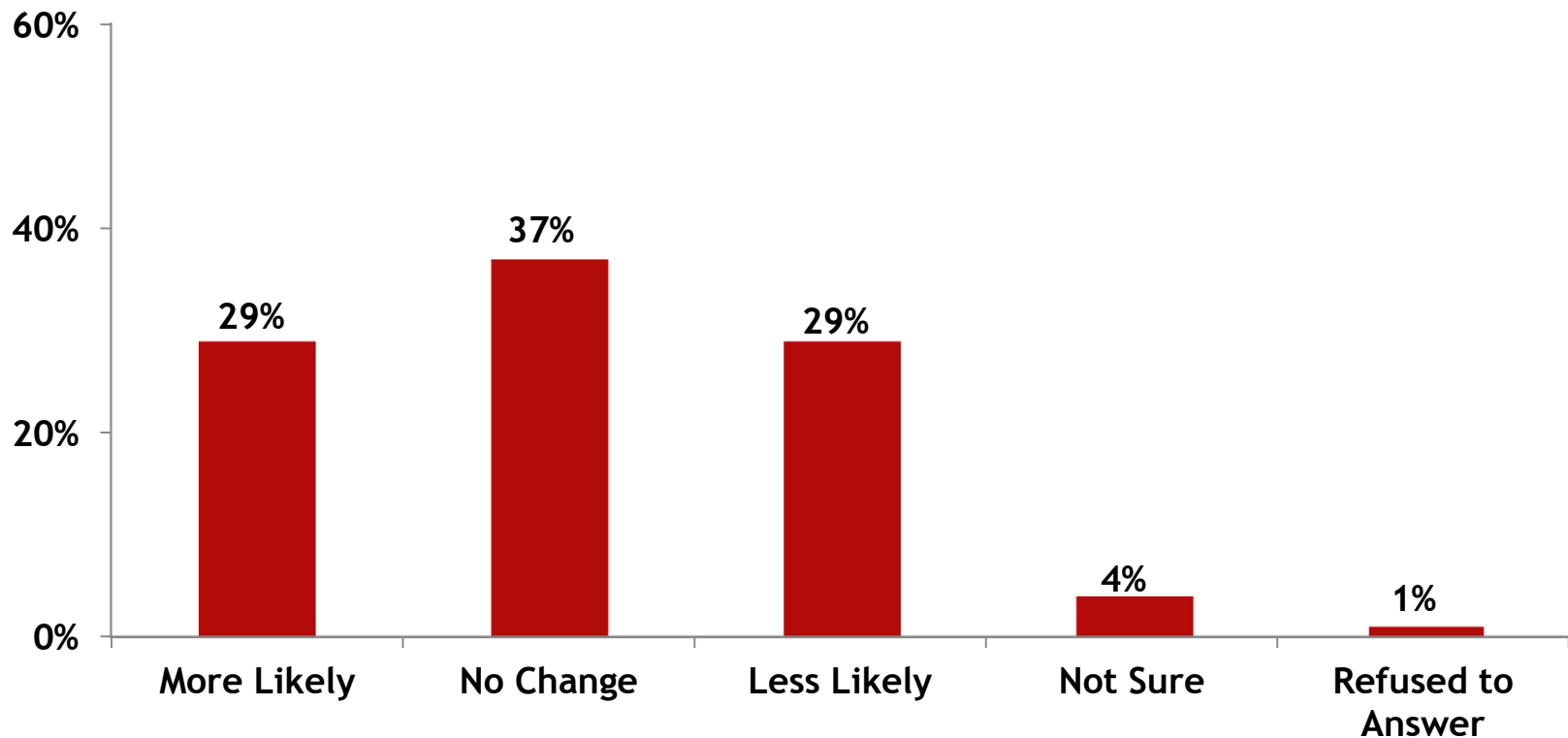
Please tell me whether this statement makes you more or less likely to support the nuclear power plant or whether it does not change your position?

Currently Jordan is heavily dependent on expensive energy imports to produce electricity. A domestic nuclear energy capability could significantly reduce energy imports.



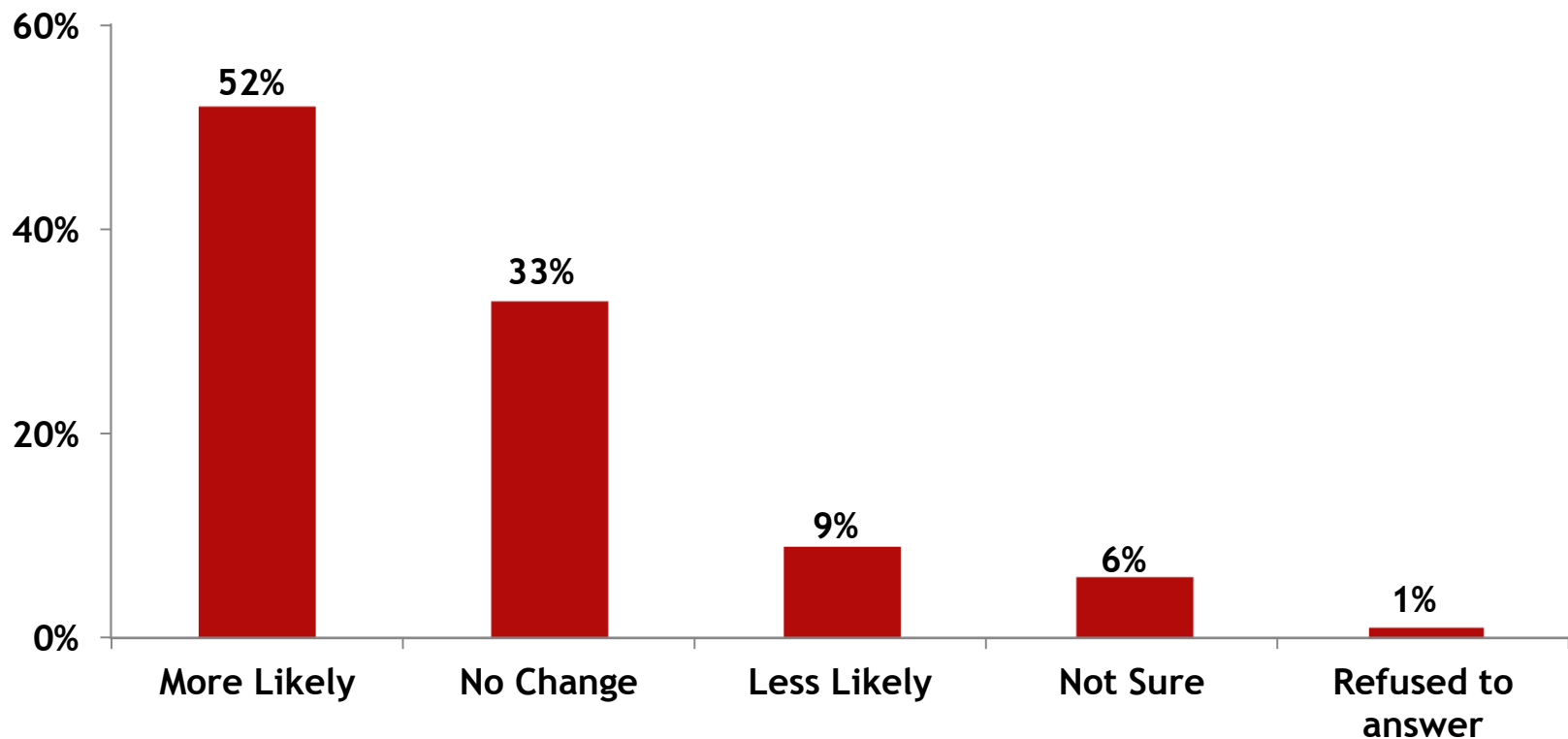
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With its long hours of sunshine year around, within a few years, Jordan could potentially generate significant amounts of energy from solar energy to produce electricity.



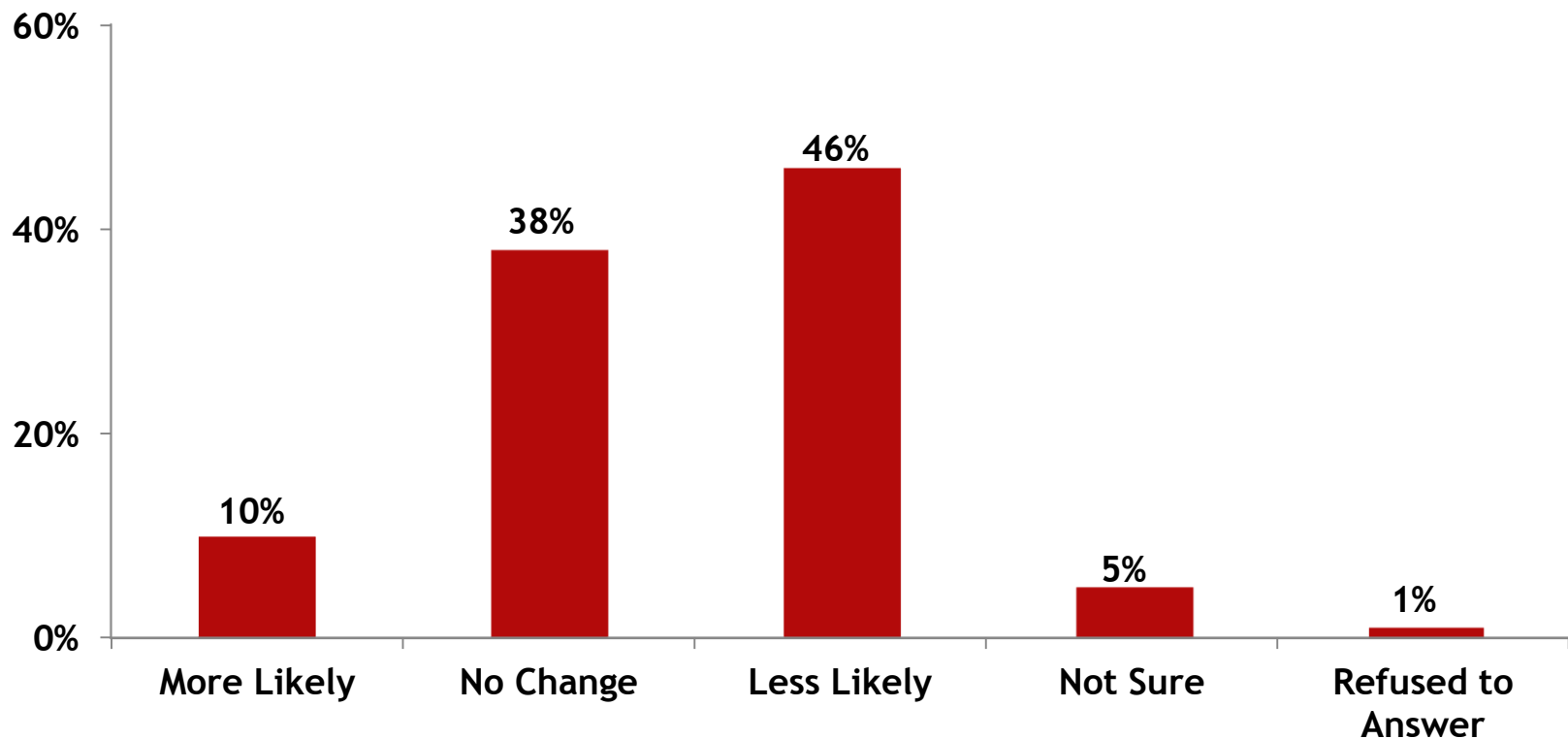
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A portion of the power generated from the nuclear power plant may be used to desalinate water to help create additional water resources for drinking and agricultural purposes.



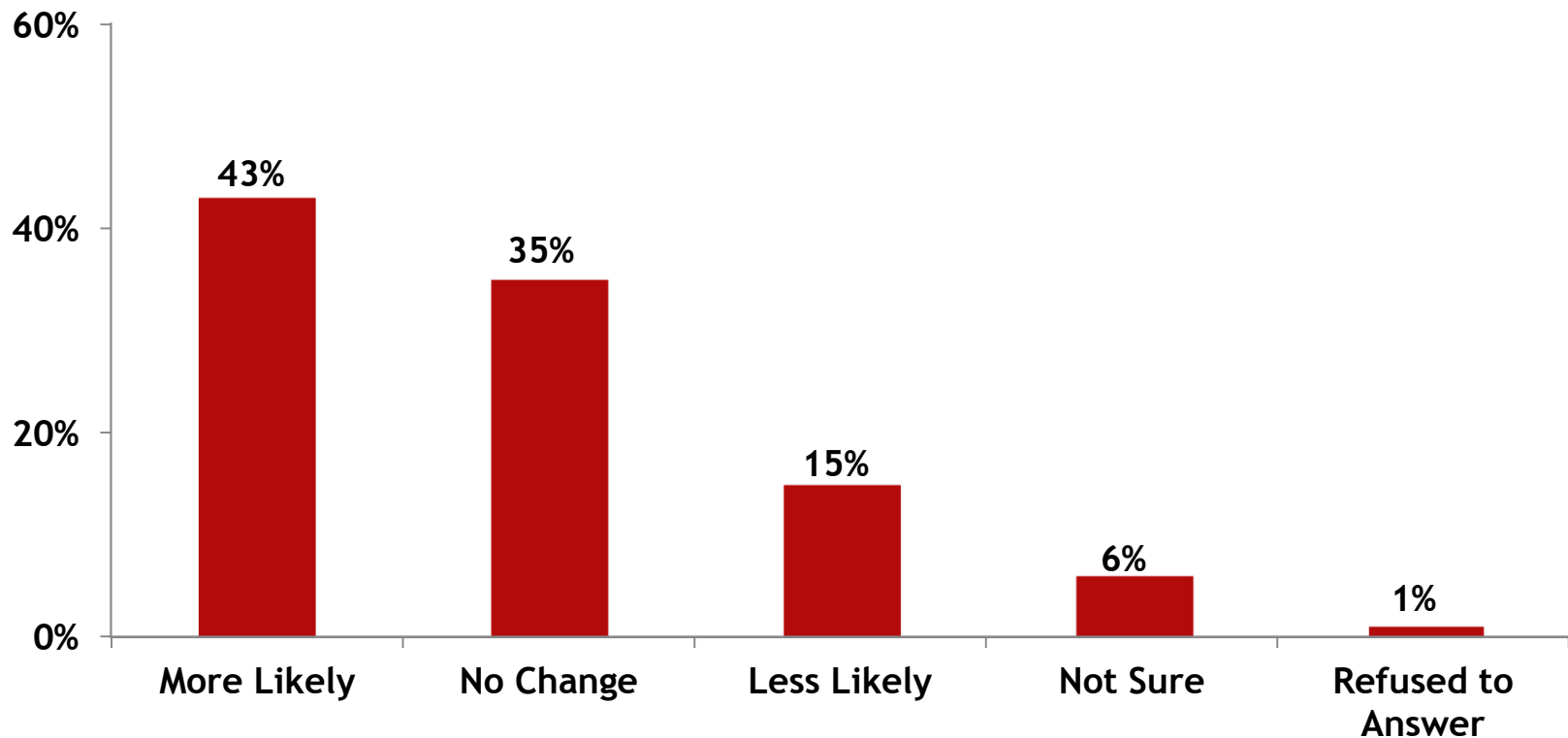
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There are concerns about the possibilities of nuclear pollution due to Jordan's location in an earthquake prone area in addition to security threats from radical elements in unstable neighboring countries that could target the nuclear reactors.



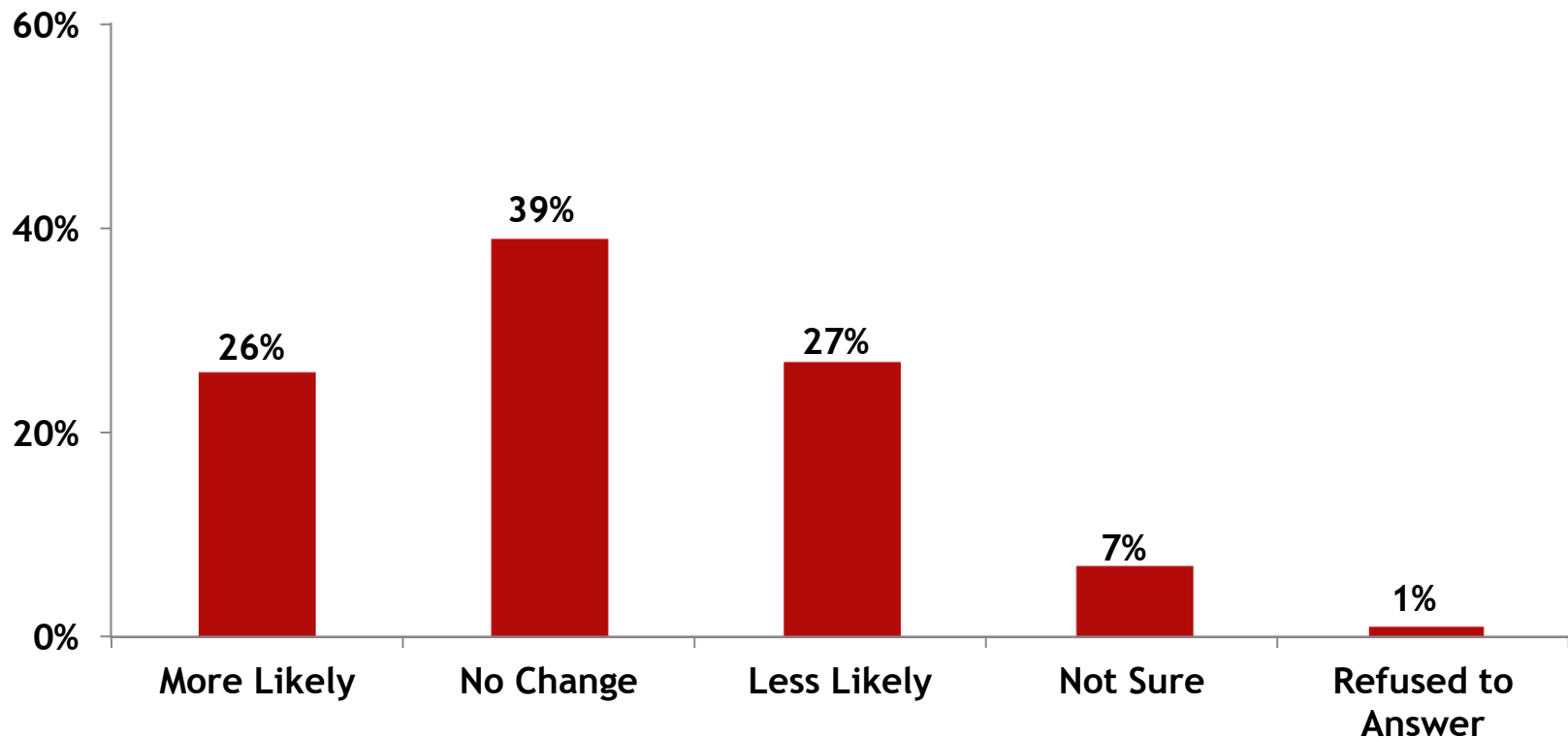
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Nuclear power is a relatively low carbon emitting form of energy production as a clean energy source that could potentially reduce the effects of pollution and climate change.



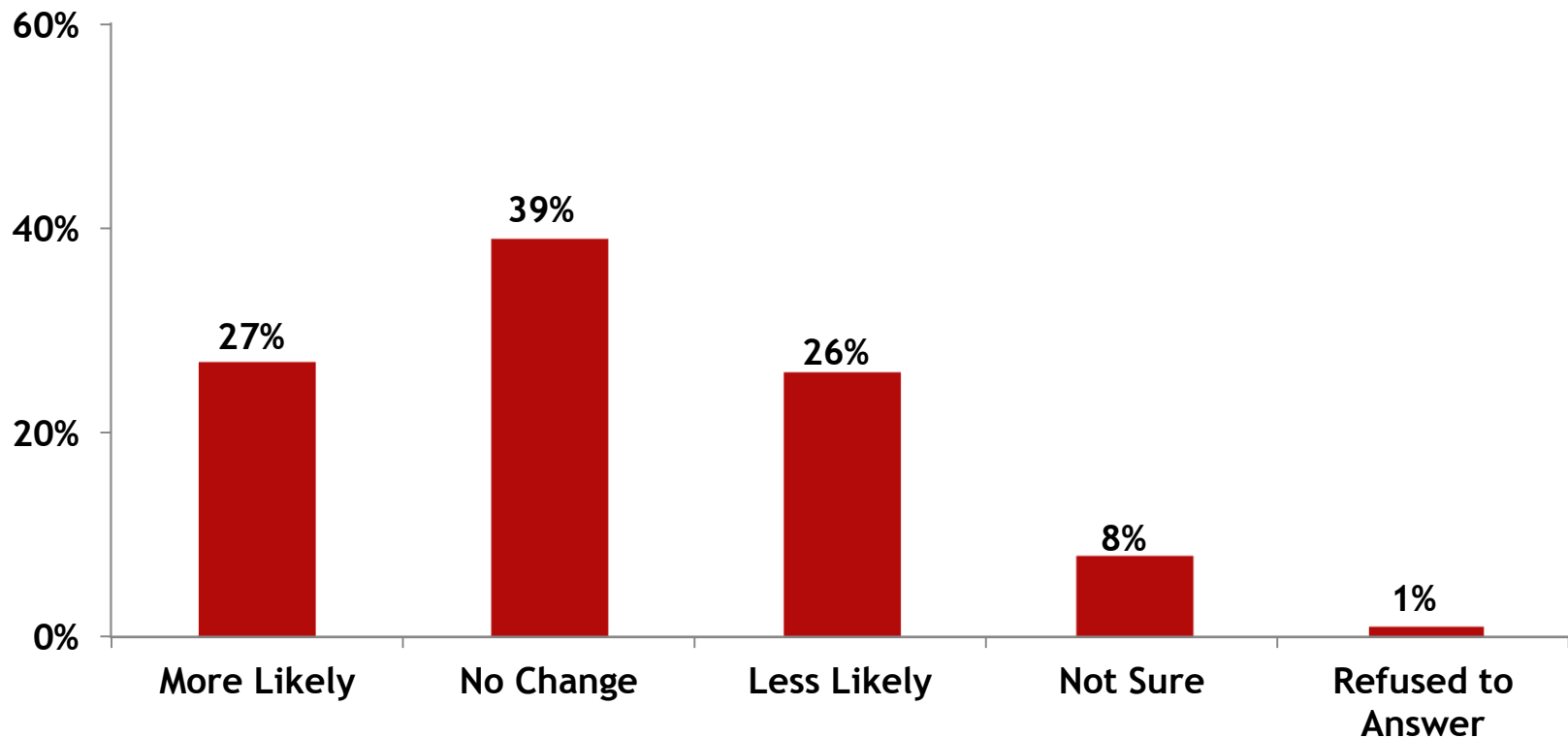
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Based on the expectations of declining costs of solar and wind energy production, some projections indicate that these will be economically comparable to nuclear energy production.



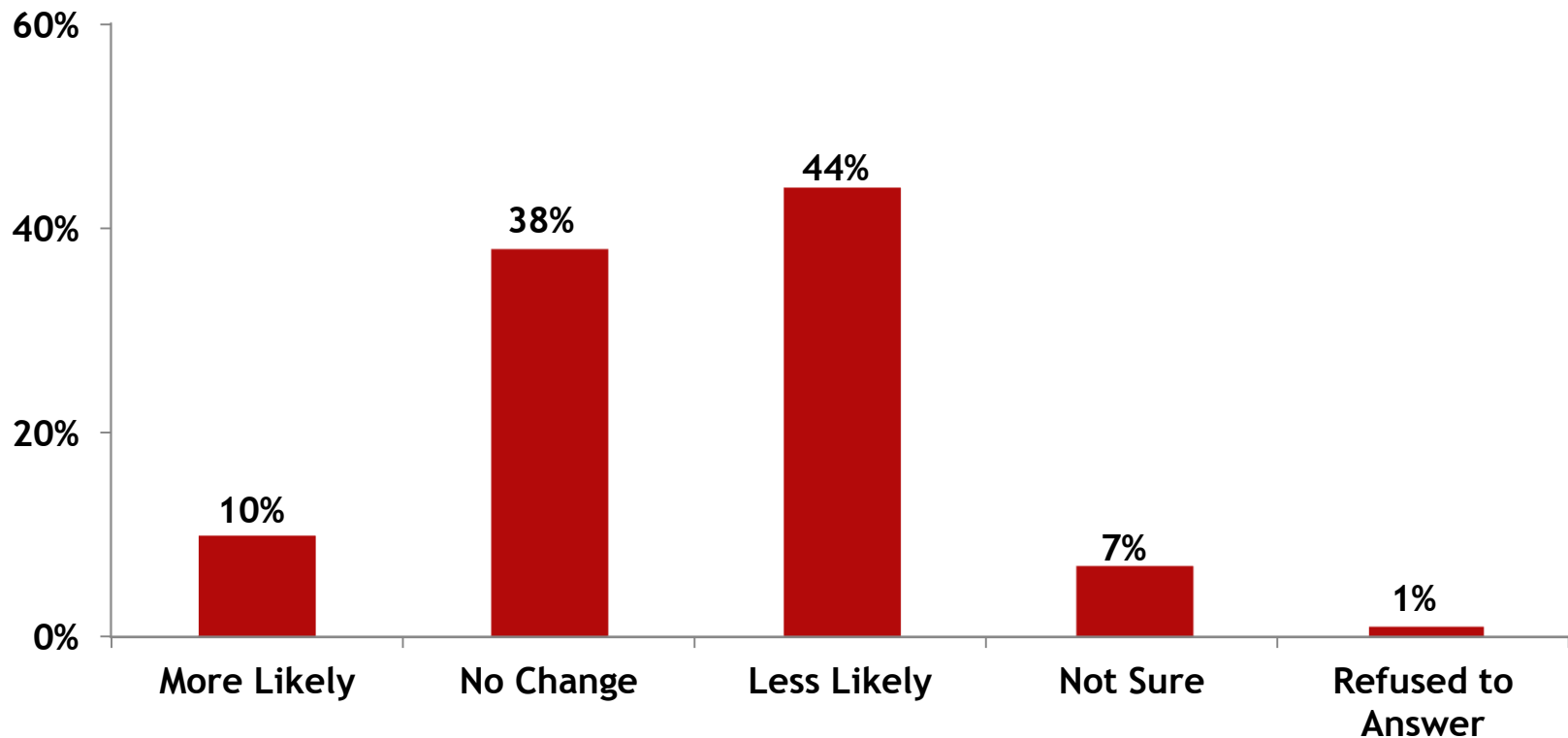
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Government calculations indicate that generating nuclear energy is generally cost competitive with fossil-fuel based energy production.

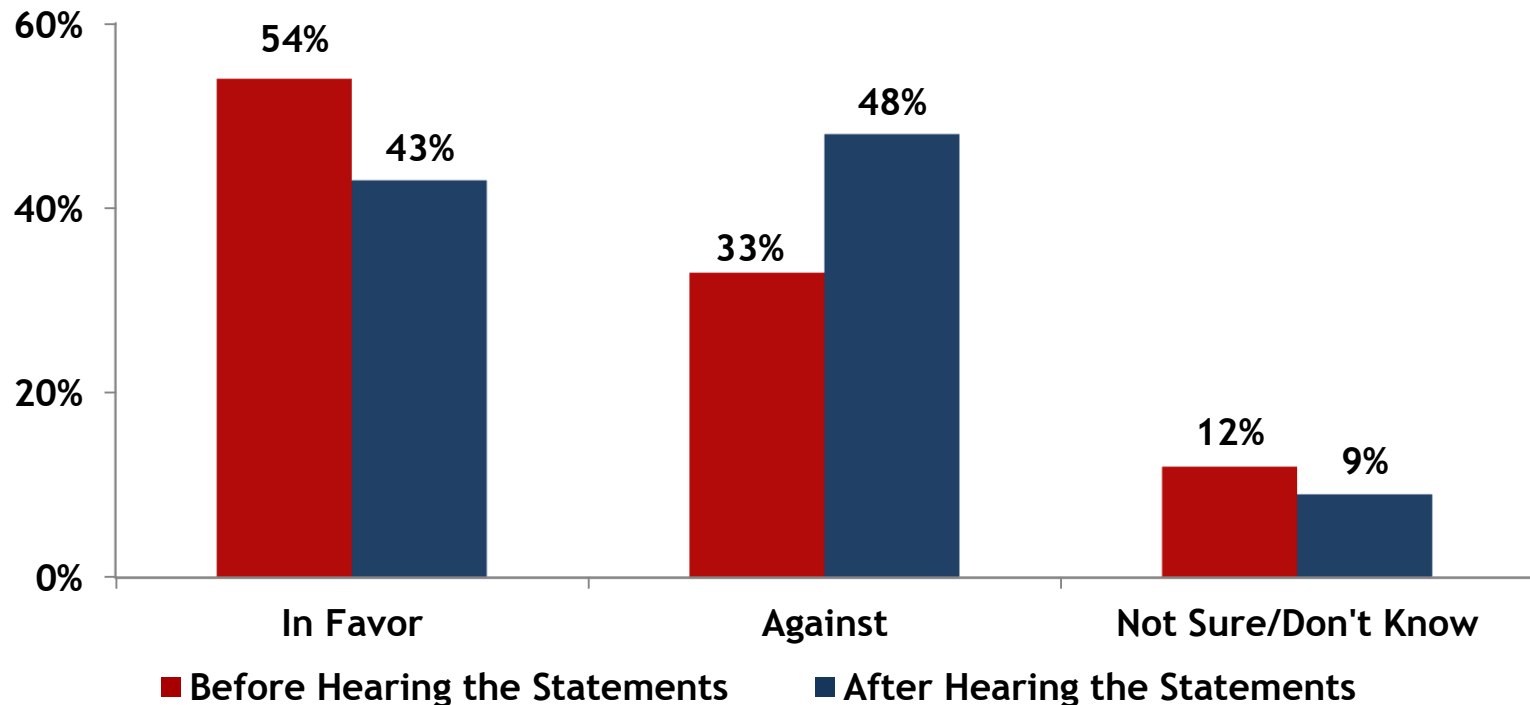


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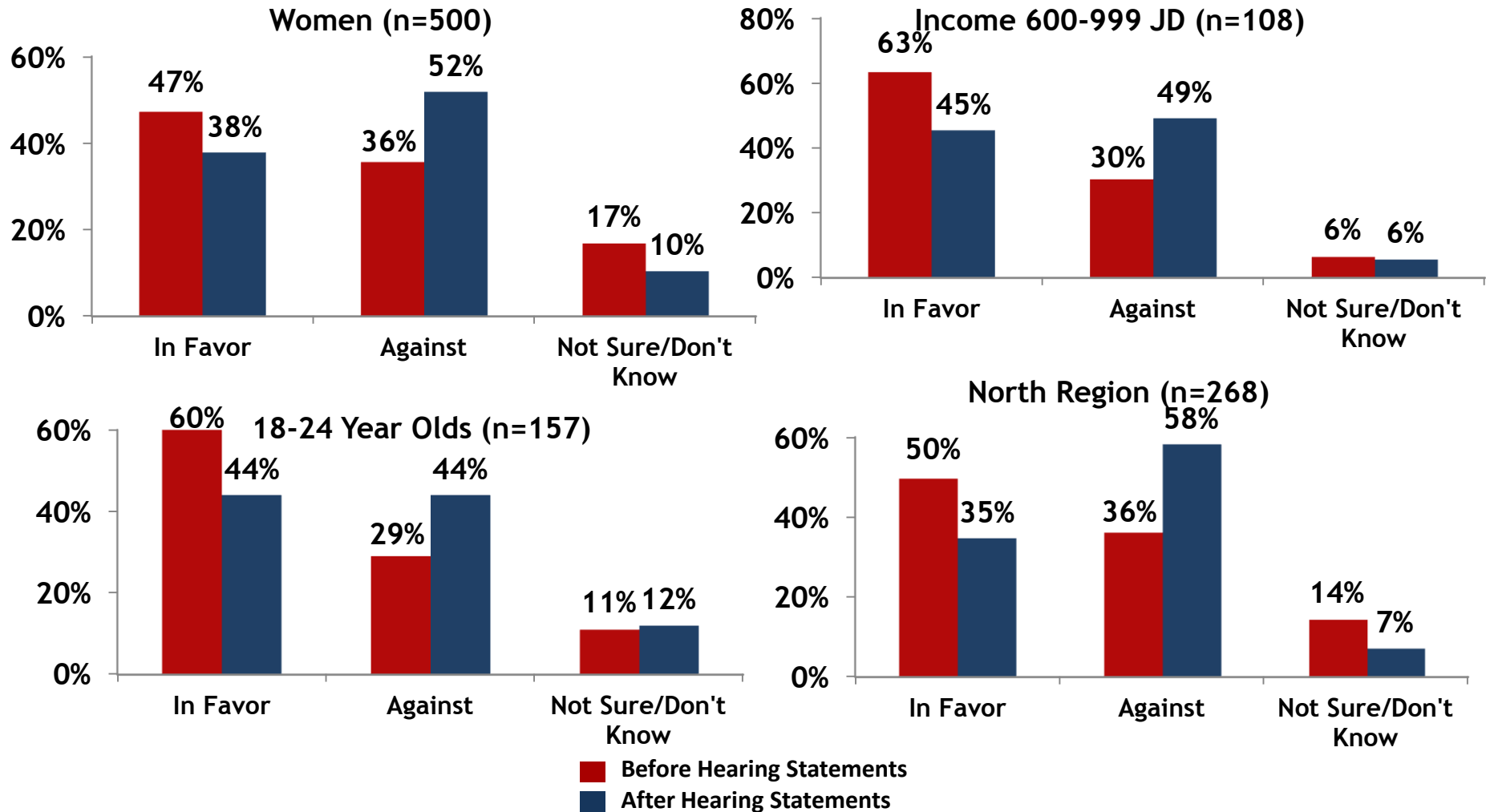
Great Britain, the U.S., the former Soviet Union and most recently Japan witnessed costly and dangerous accidents at nuclear plants in the past 60 years.



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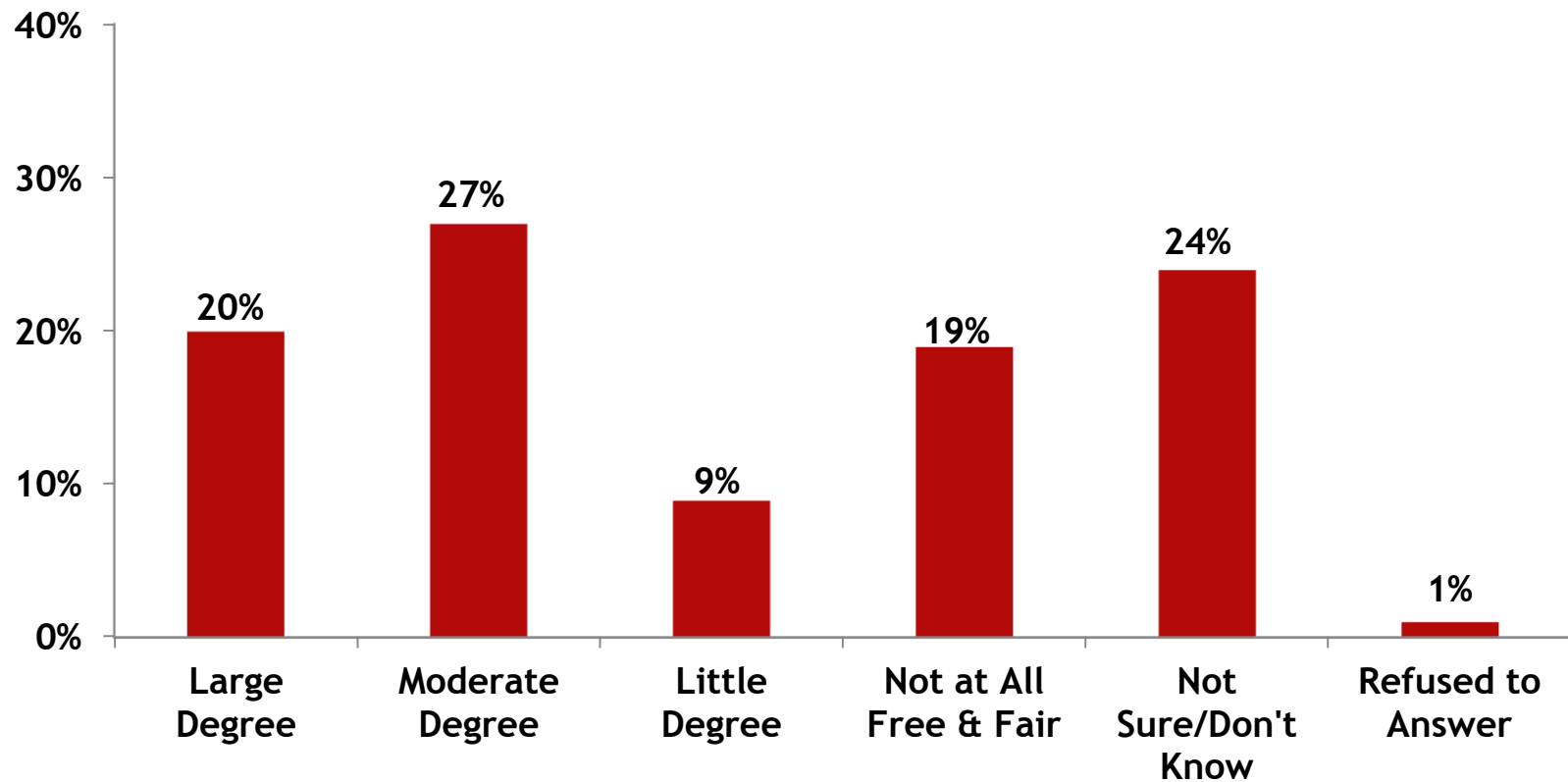


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Municipal Elections

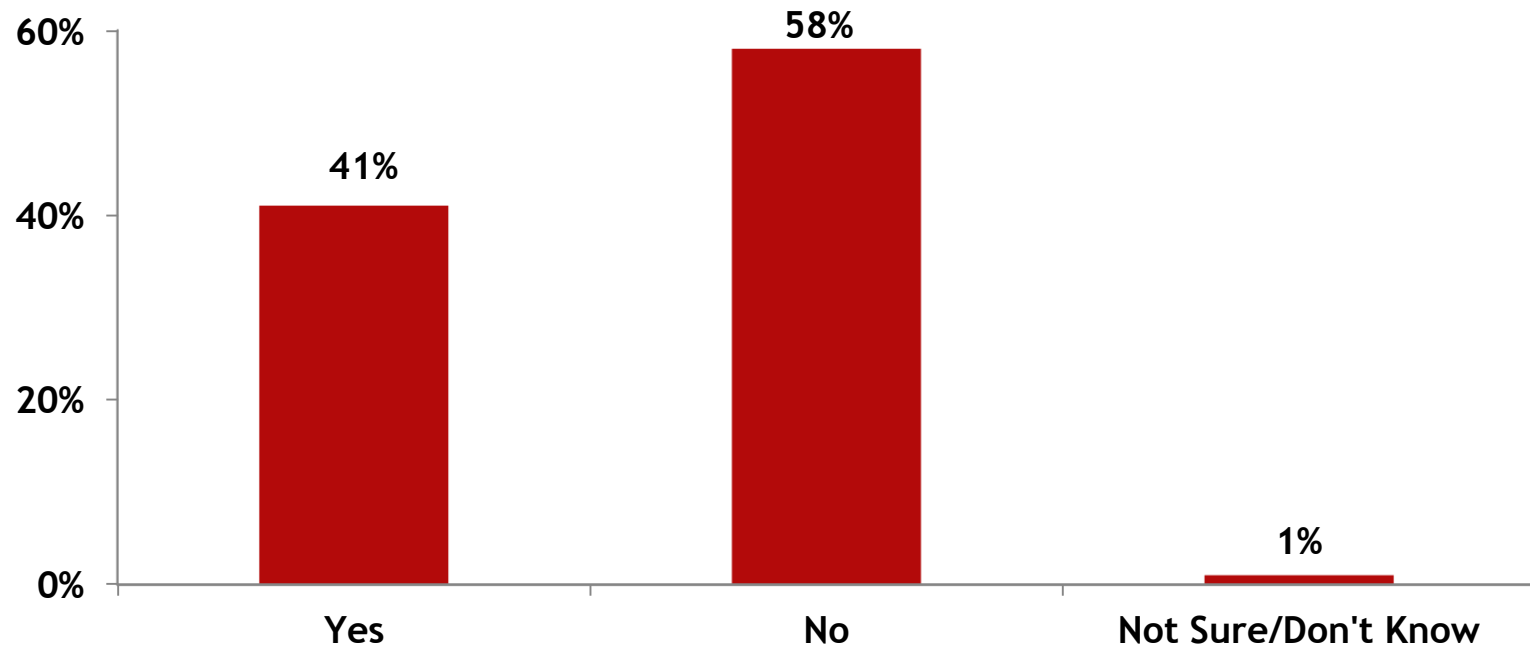
In 2013 Jordan held elections in 94 municipalities for mayoral and municipal councilor positions.

To which degree you believe the latest municipal elections were free and fair? (n=982*)

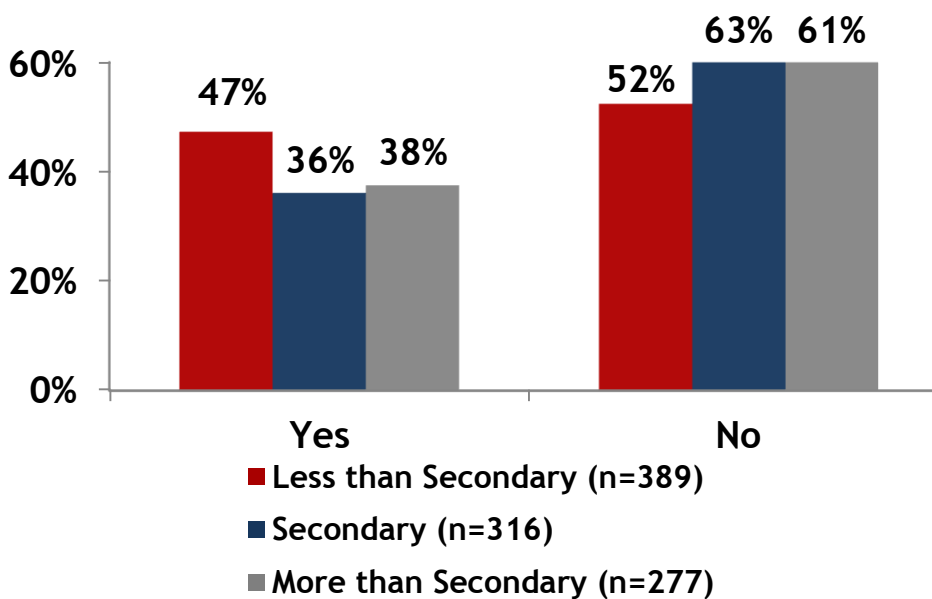
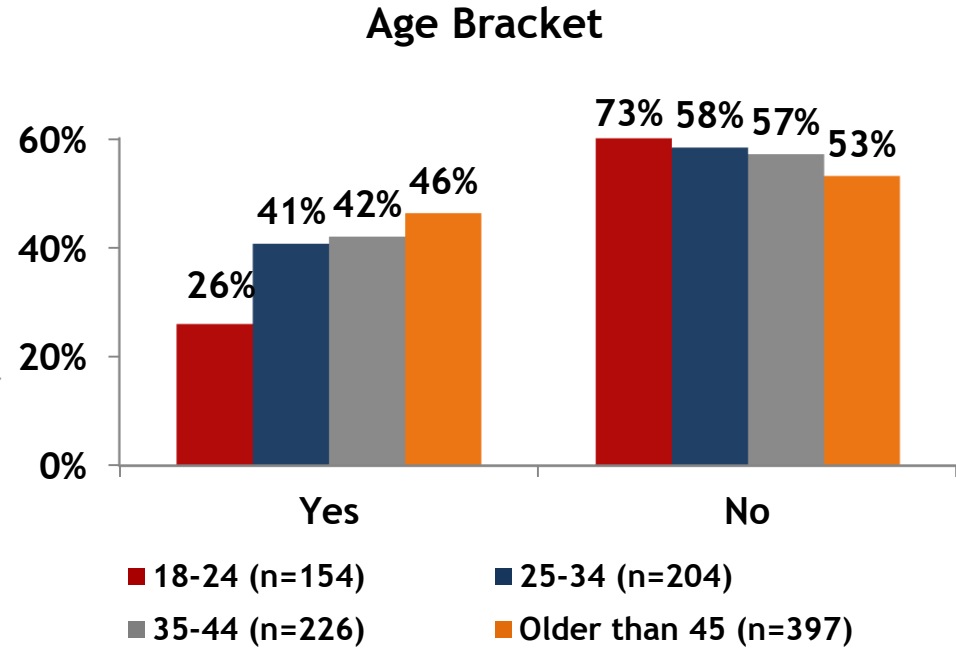
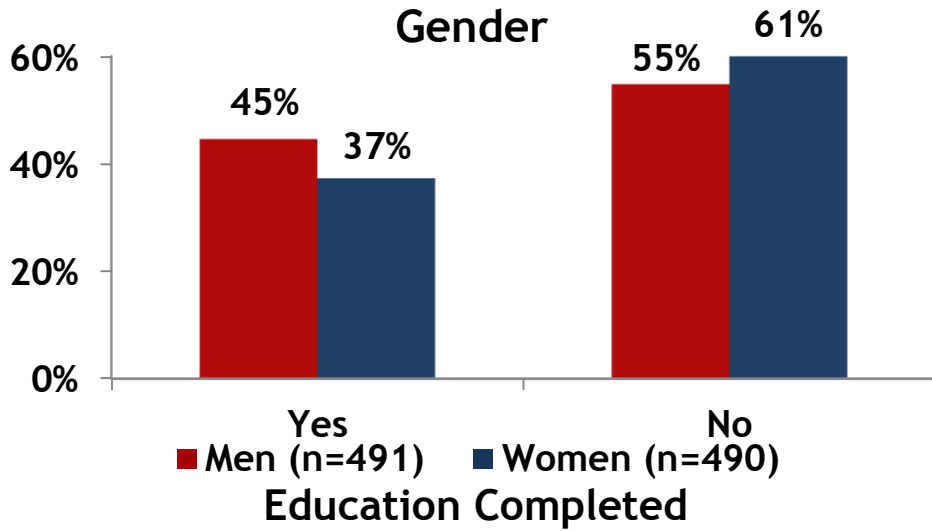


* No municipal elections were held in either Aqaba or Petra due to their special legal status. Hence, this question was not asked in these four blocks (three Aqaba and one Petra) which when weighted were equivalent to 18 respondents of total sample population.

Did you participate in the latest municipal elections? (n=982)

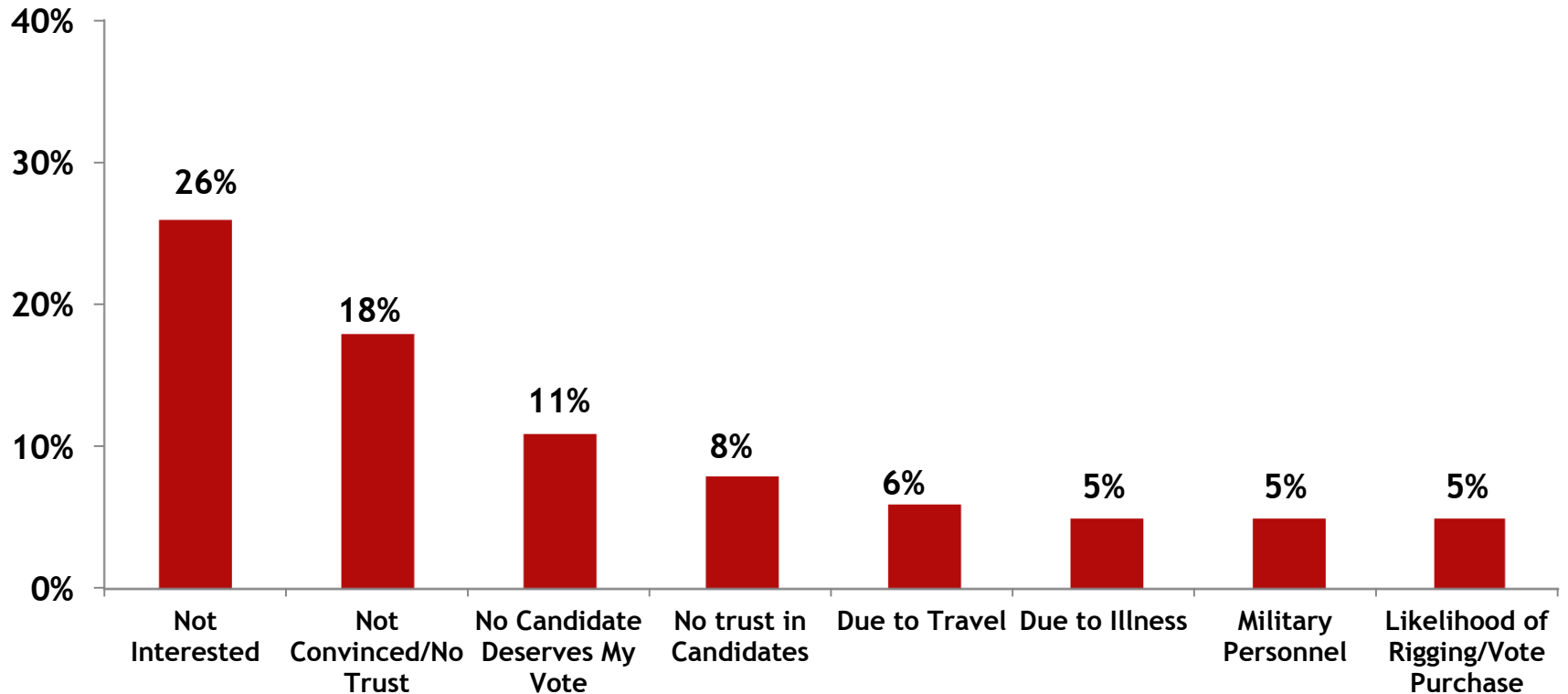


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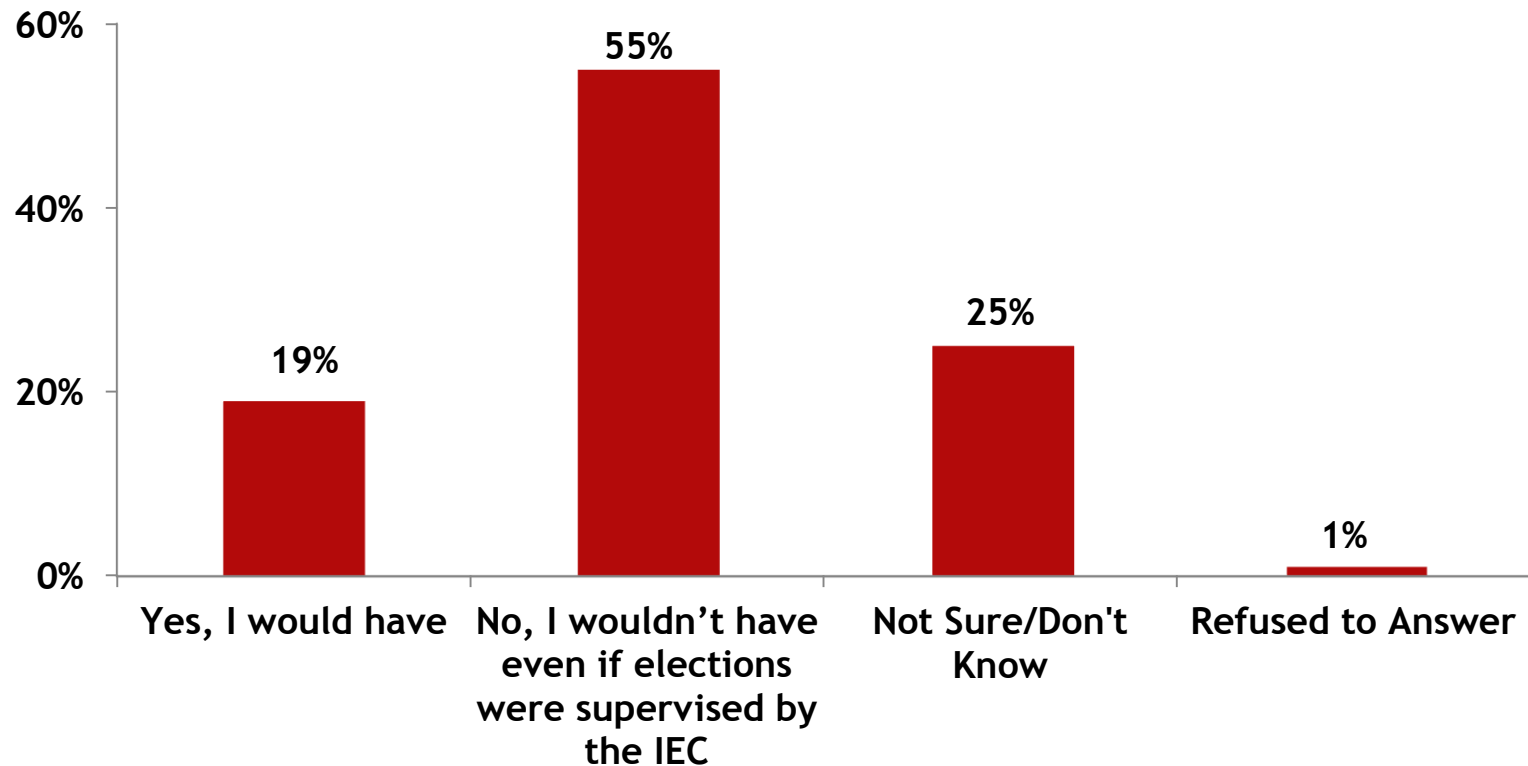


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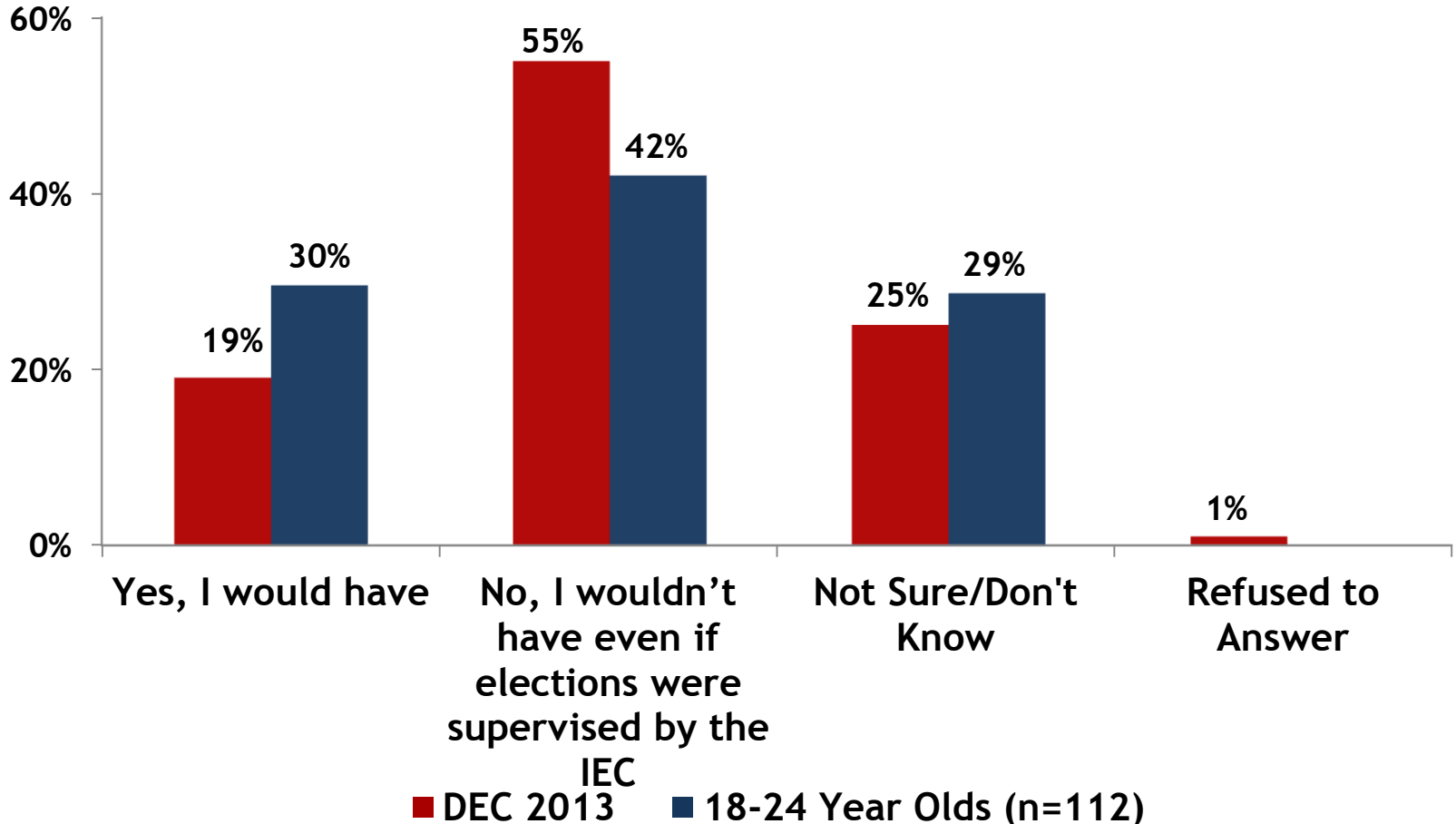
What is the main reason you did not participate in the latest municipal elections? (n=570)



The latest municipal elections were managed under the supervision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs as opposed to the Independent Elections Commission (IEC). Would you have participated in those municipal elections if they had been conducted under the supervision of the IEC? (n=570)

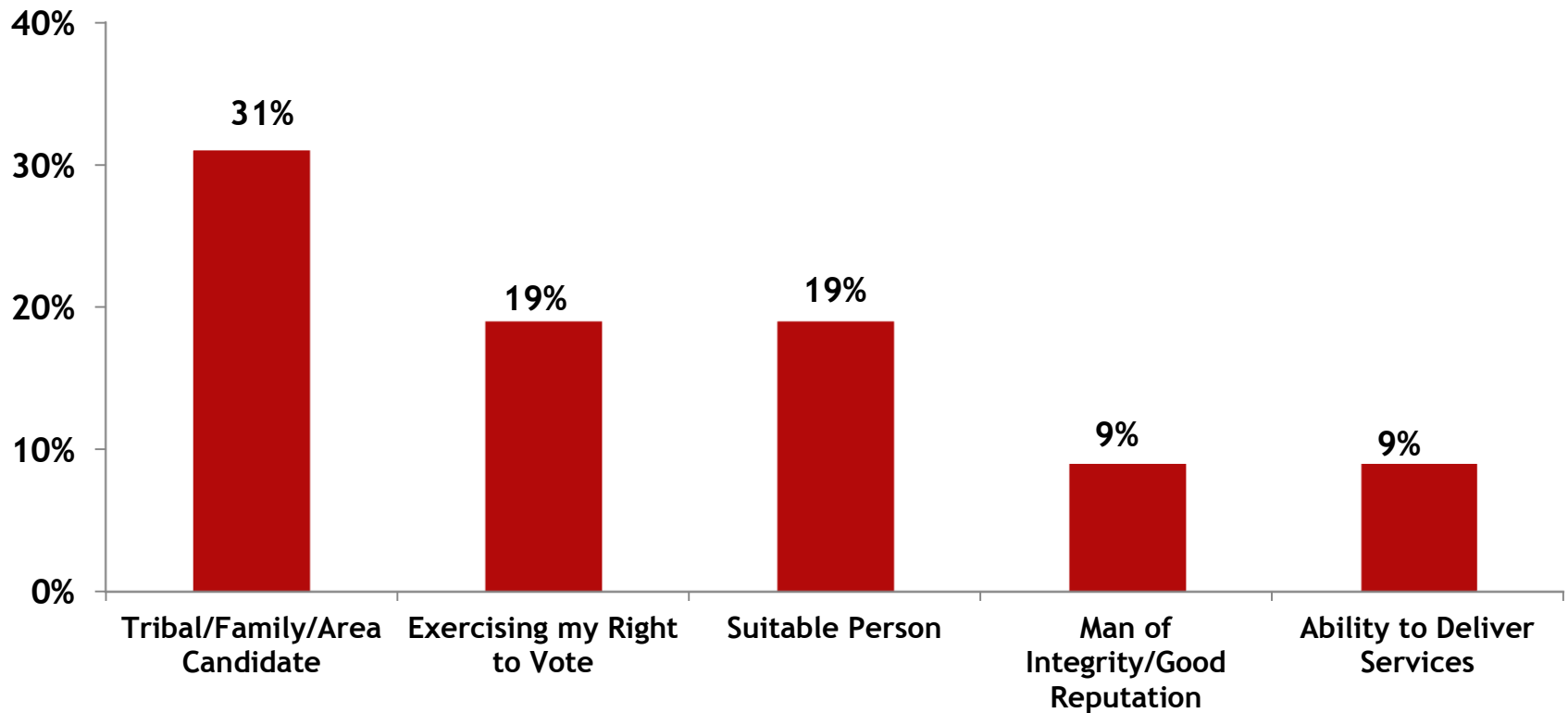


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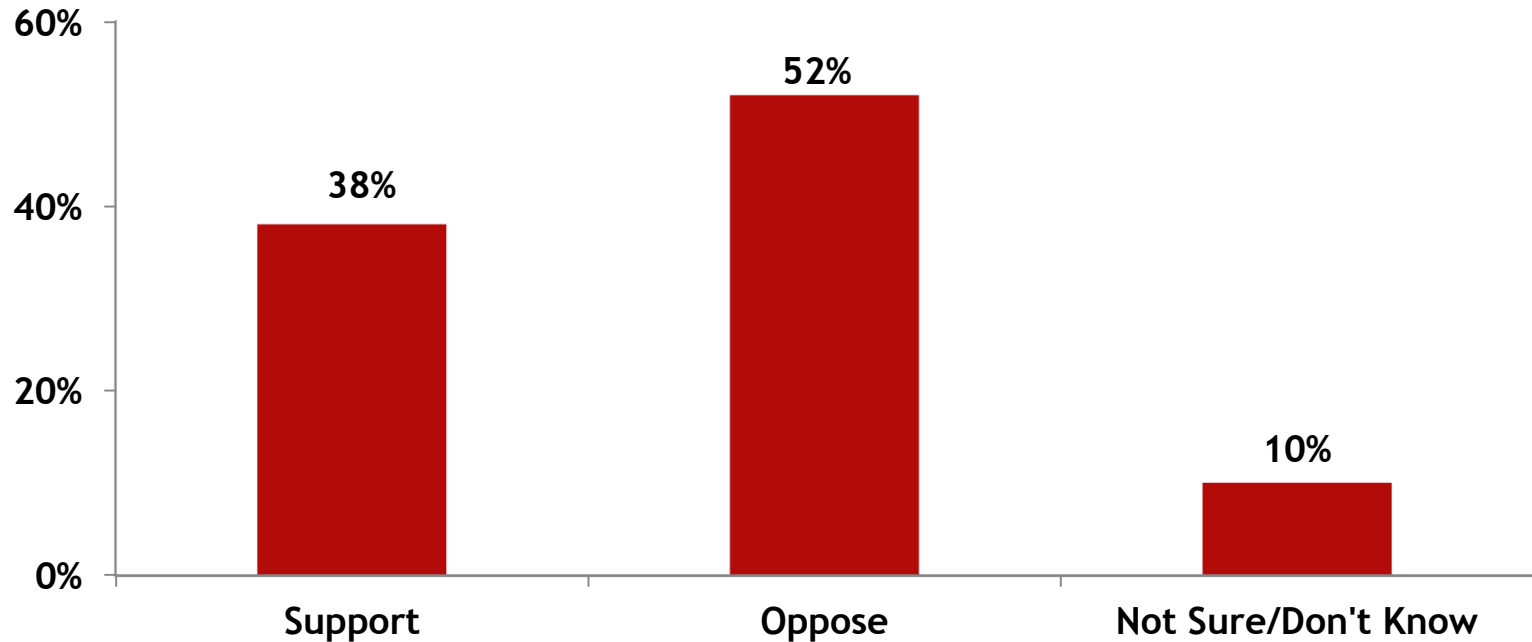


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What was the main reason for giving your vote to your candidate for mayor? (n=308)



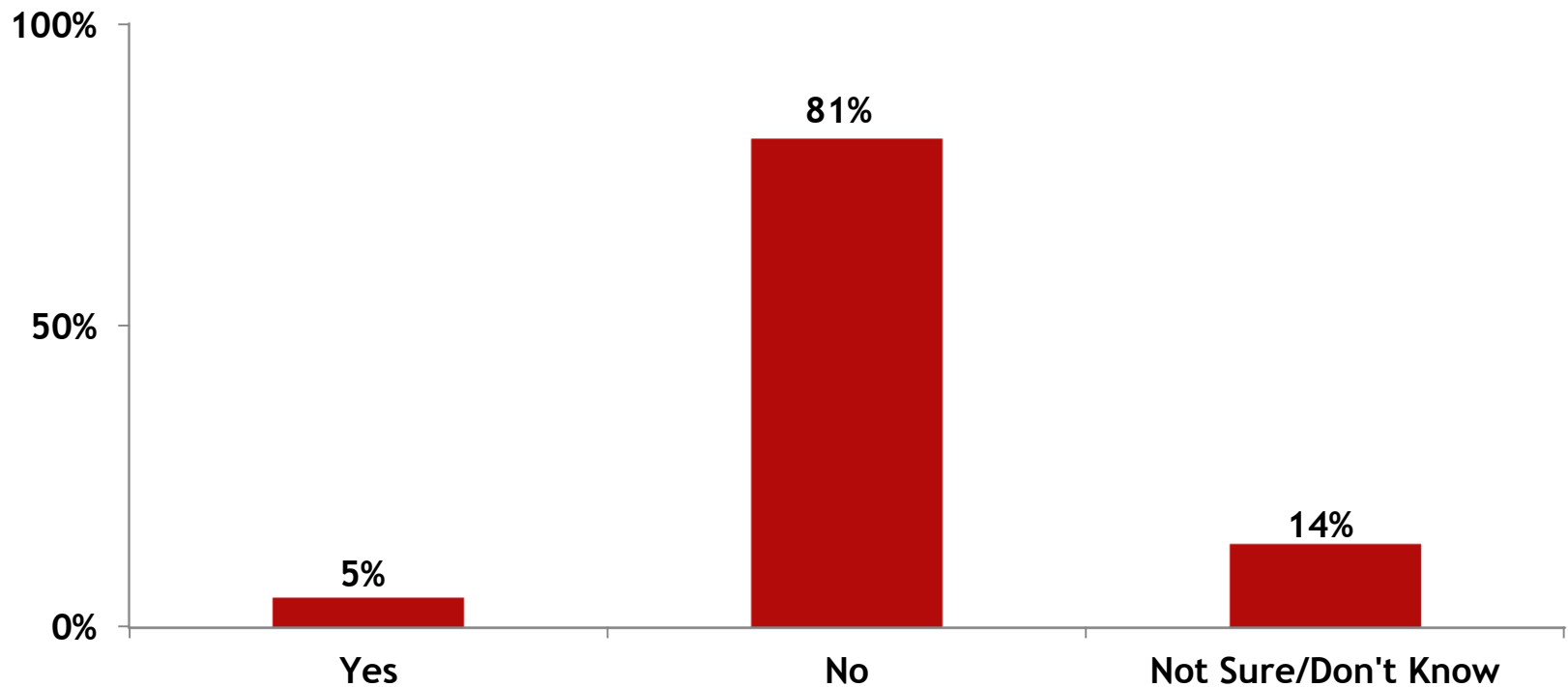
Do you support or oppose giving municipal governments in Jordan more authority, like levying taxes, determining their own budget allocations and hiring and firing workers? (n=982)



Parliament

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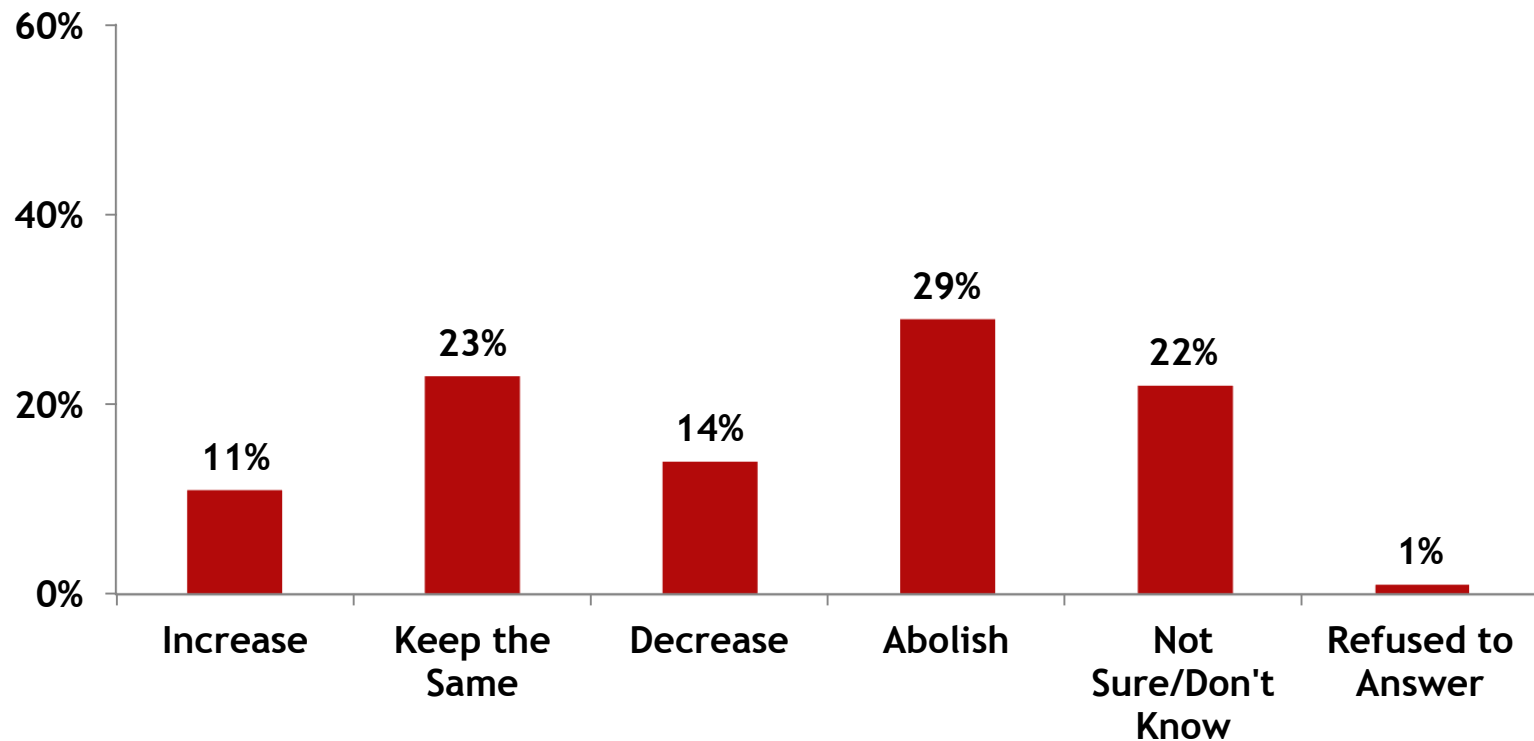
Did the current parliament accomplish anything that you feel it should be commended for?



Election Law

In 2013 parliamentary elections, 61 lists competed for 27 national list seats out of 150 seats. These lists were composed of political party representatives and non-political party figures known at the national and local level.

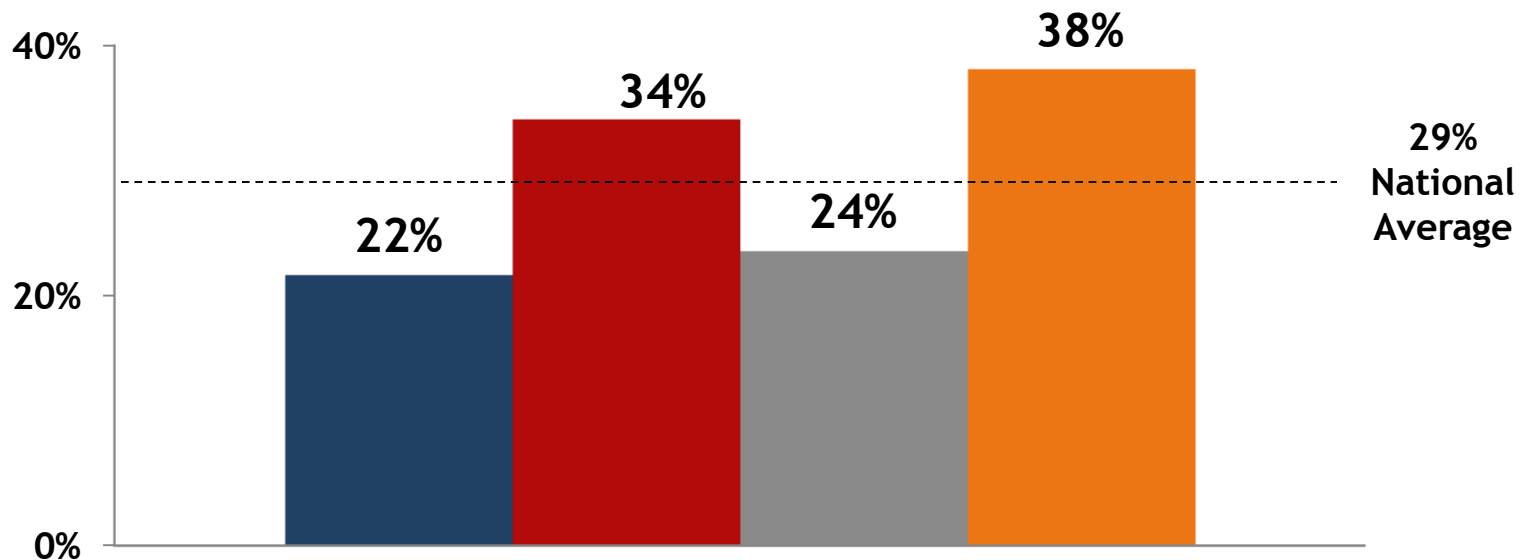
Do you support (increasing, decreasing, keeping the same or abolishing) the current number of seats set aside for lists*?



*In Jordan's Lower House of Parliament, there is a quota of 27 seats set aside for lists for which both political parties and lists of non-party candidates can compete.

Do you support (increasing, decreasing, keeping the same or abolishing) the current number of seats set aside for lists?

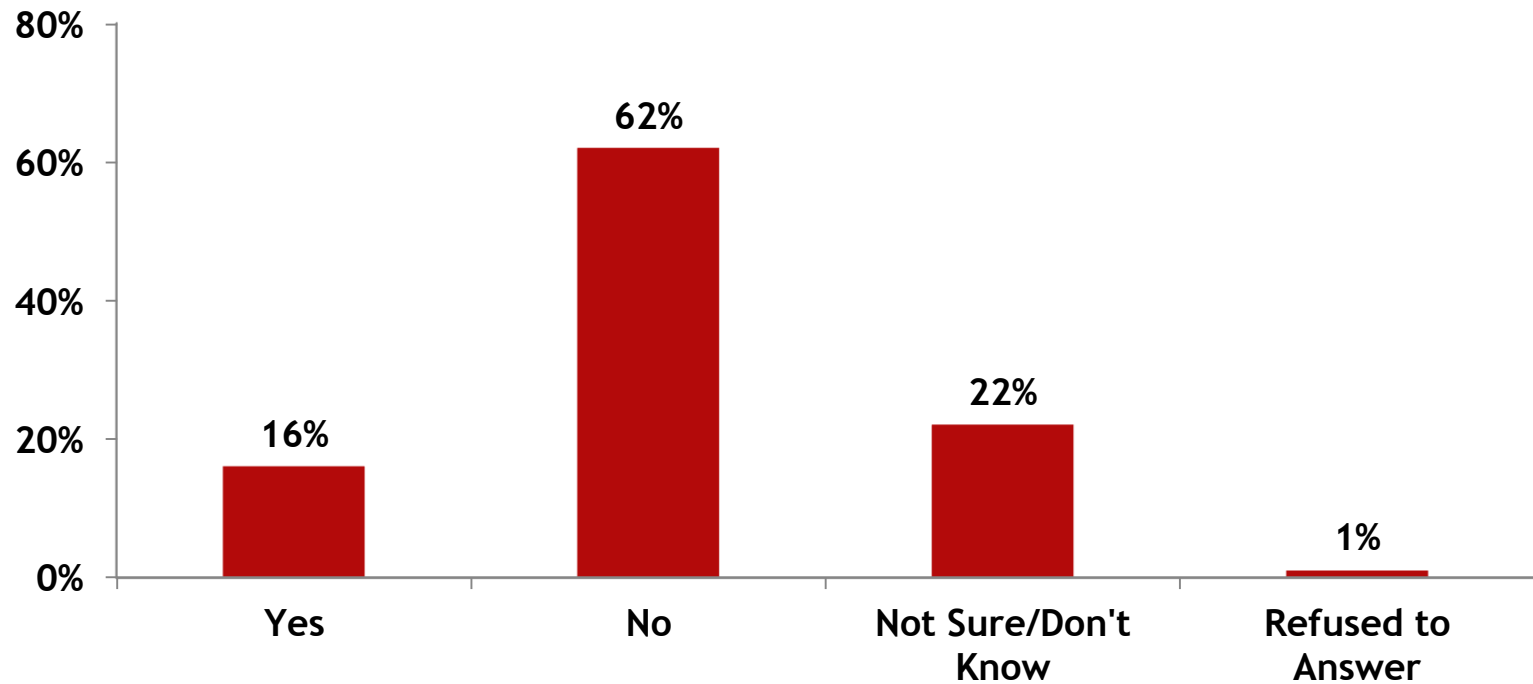
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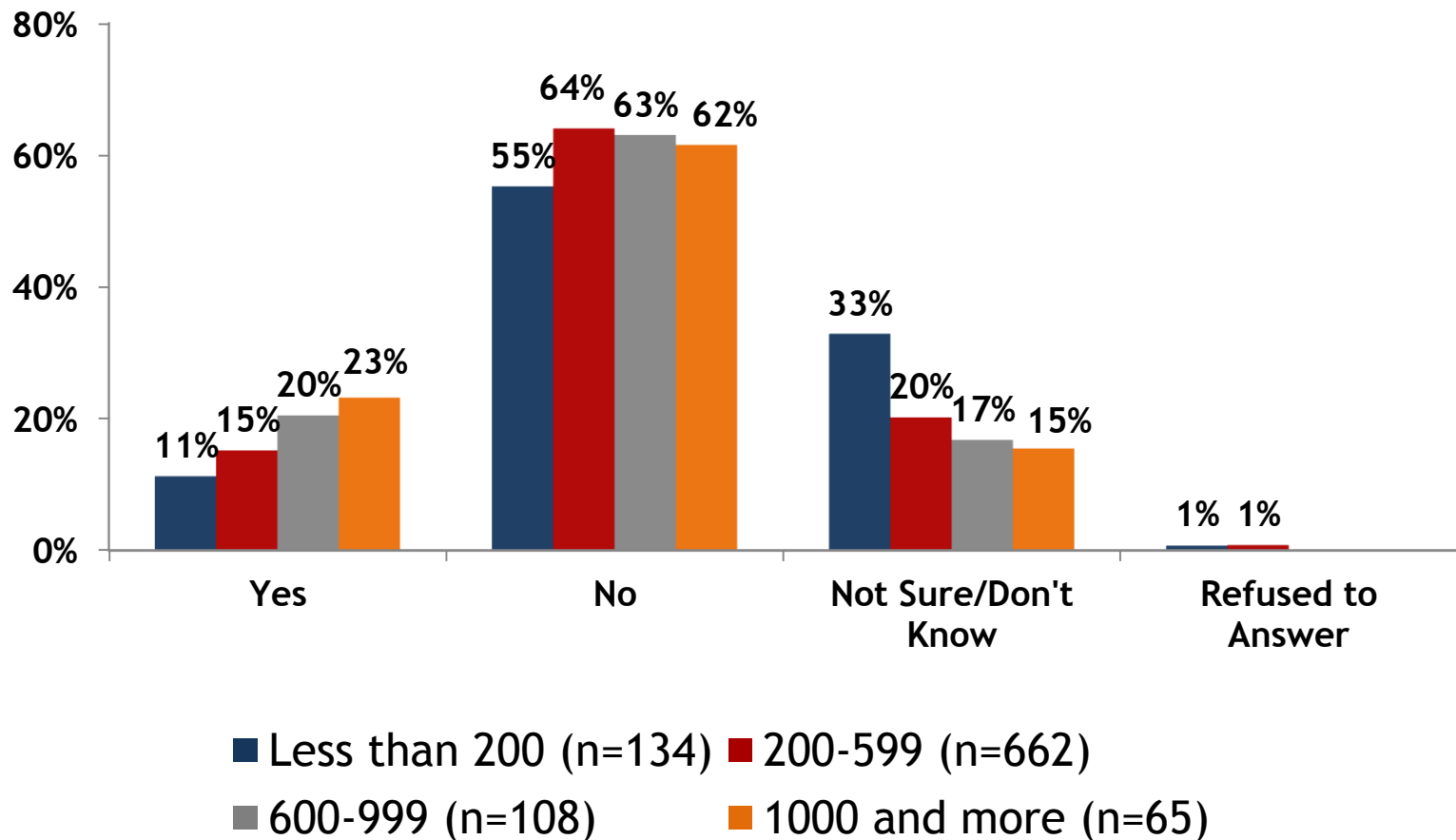
- 18-24 Year Olds (n=157)
- Men (n=502)
- Women (n=499)
- Above Secondary Education (n=281)

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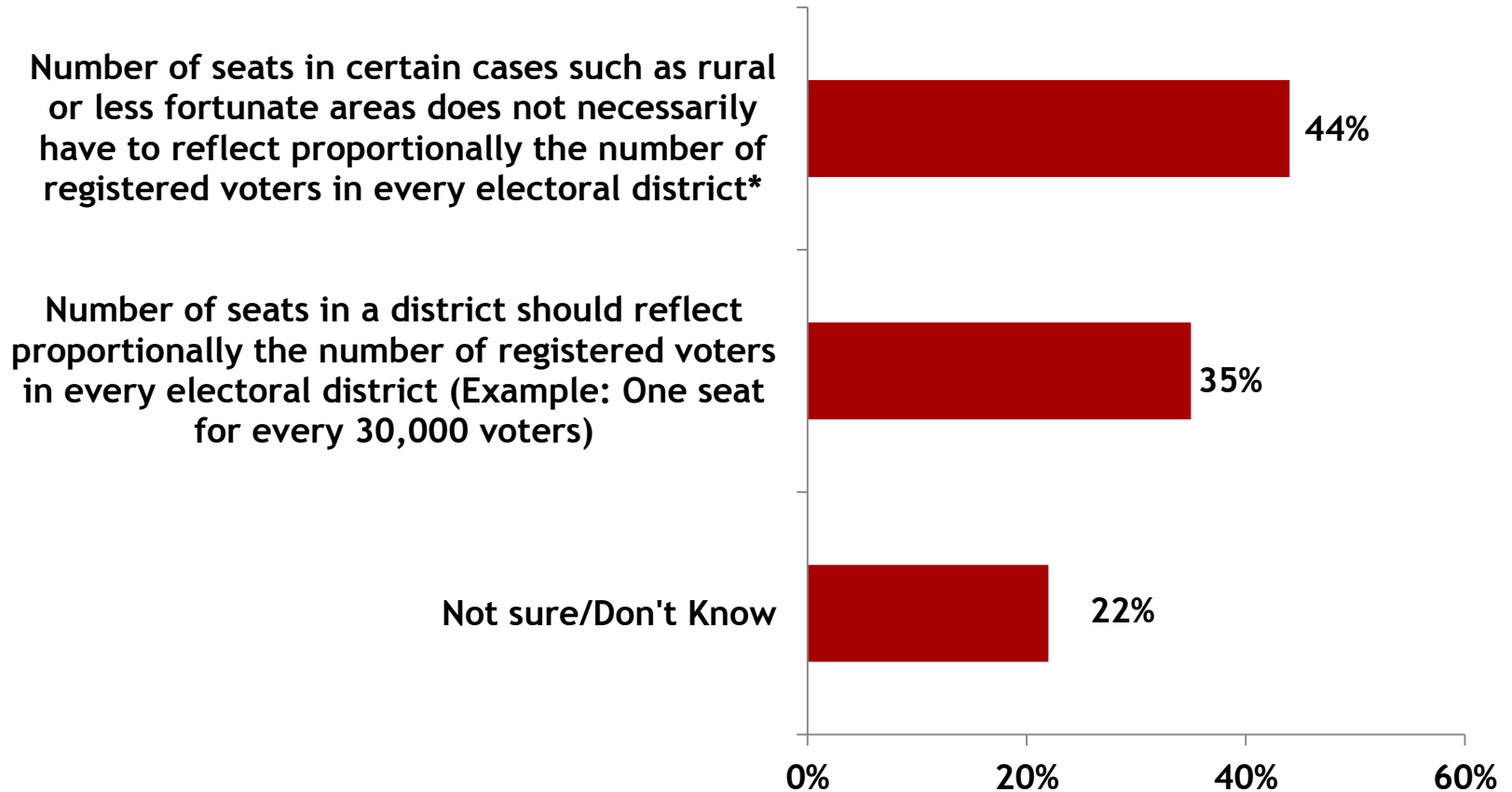
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Which of the following statements about the allocation of seats in electoral districts is nearer to your opinion?



*(Example: one seat for every 30,000 voters in some urban areas, while one seat for every 10,000 voters in some rural areas.)

Political Parties

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Have you heard of any of the following political parties? If so, are you aware of the political platform of this party?

Party	Level of Awareness DEC 13	Level of Awareness JUL 12	Knowledge of Program
Islamic Action Front (IAF)	59	57	6
Al Wasat Party	50	21	5
National Stream Party (National Current Party)	24	25	3
Jordanian Communist Party	21	16	2
Justice and Development Party	20	13	2
Arab Ba'athist Socialist Party	18	20	2
National Constitutional Party	17	17	1
Freedom and Equality Party	17	10	1
Justice and Reform Party	16	10	1
Jordanian Unified Front Party	16	15	1
Jordanian National Youth Party	15	14	1
Al-Rafah Party	15	11	1
Democratic People's Party	12	16	1
Reform Party	12	9	1

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National Jordanian Party	11	15	*
National Jordanian Democratic Party	10	NA**	1
Al-Resaleh Party	10	11	*
Ba'athist Arab Progressive Party	10	10	1
Jordan National Union	10	7	*
Jordan National Action Front Party	10	NA**	1
Dua'a Party	8	10	1
Al Hayat Party	8	10	1
National Movement for Direct Democracy	8	9	*
Hasad Party	7	NA**	*
Jordanian Arab Party	6	NA**	*
Green Party of Jordan	2	NA**	*
Al Forsan Jordanian Party	4	NA**	*

* Less than 0.5 percent. ** Party did not exist

Demographics

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Jordan's Regions



Region	Governorates
North	Irbid Jerash Ajloun Mafraq
Center	Amman Zarqa Balqa Madaba
South	Karak Tafileh Ma'an Aqaba

Demographics

Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

Geographic Location

North	28%
Center	64%
South	8%
Urban	80%
Rural	20%

Age Groups

18-24	16%
25-34	21%
35-44	23%
45+	40%

Education

Less than secondary	40%
Secondary	32%
Higher than secondary	28%

Household Total Monthly Income

Less than 200 JOD	13%
200 - 399 JOD	43%
400 - 599 JOD	23%
600 - 799 JOD	7%
800 - 999 JOD	4%
1000 + JOD	7%
Not sure/Don't Know	2%
Refused to answer	1%

Demographics

Marital Status

Single	21%
Married	75%
Other	4%

Employment Status

Working	29%
Not working	71%

Employment Sector (n=292)

Public	34%
Private	65%

Looking for a Job (n=708)

Yes	16%
No	84%

Length of Looking for a Job (n=116)

Less than one month	7%
Less than three months	8%
Less than six months	9%
Less than 12 months	6%
Over 12 months	69%
Refused to answer	1%

Children in Public Schools

Yes	49%
No	51%

Family Member Using Government Health Services

Yes	82%
No	18%

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