

Armenia National Voter Study

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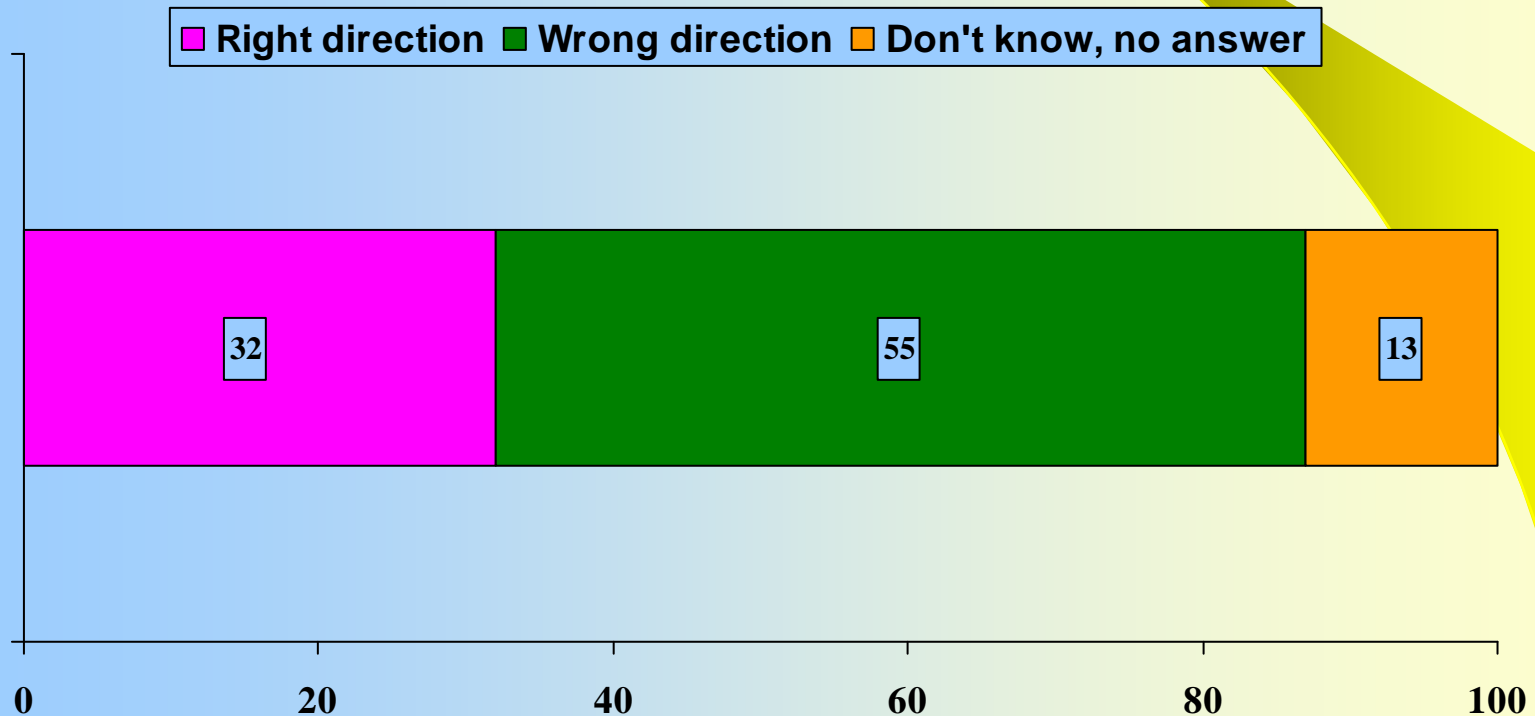
INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

- This national representative survey was carried out from April 30 to May 7, 2006.
- 1200 Armenian residents (voters) aged 18 years and over were interviewed face-to-face. The margin of error does not exceed 3%.
- The survey was carried out on behalf of IRI.
- It was funded by the United States Agency for International Development. The study was designed, coordinated and analyzed by The Gallup Organization (Dr. R.Alisauskiene).
- The fieldwork was carried out by Armenian Sociological Association (ASA).

MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

Mood of the country: 55% of Armenians think that the country is on the wrong track while 32% think the country is going in the right direction.

Do you think that things in Armenia are going in the....



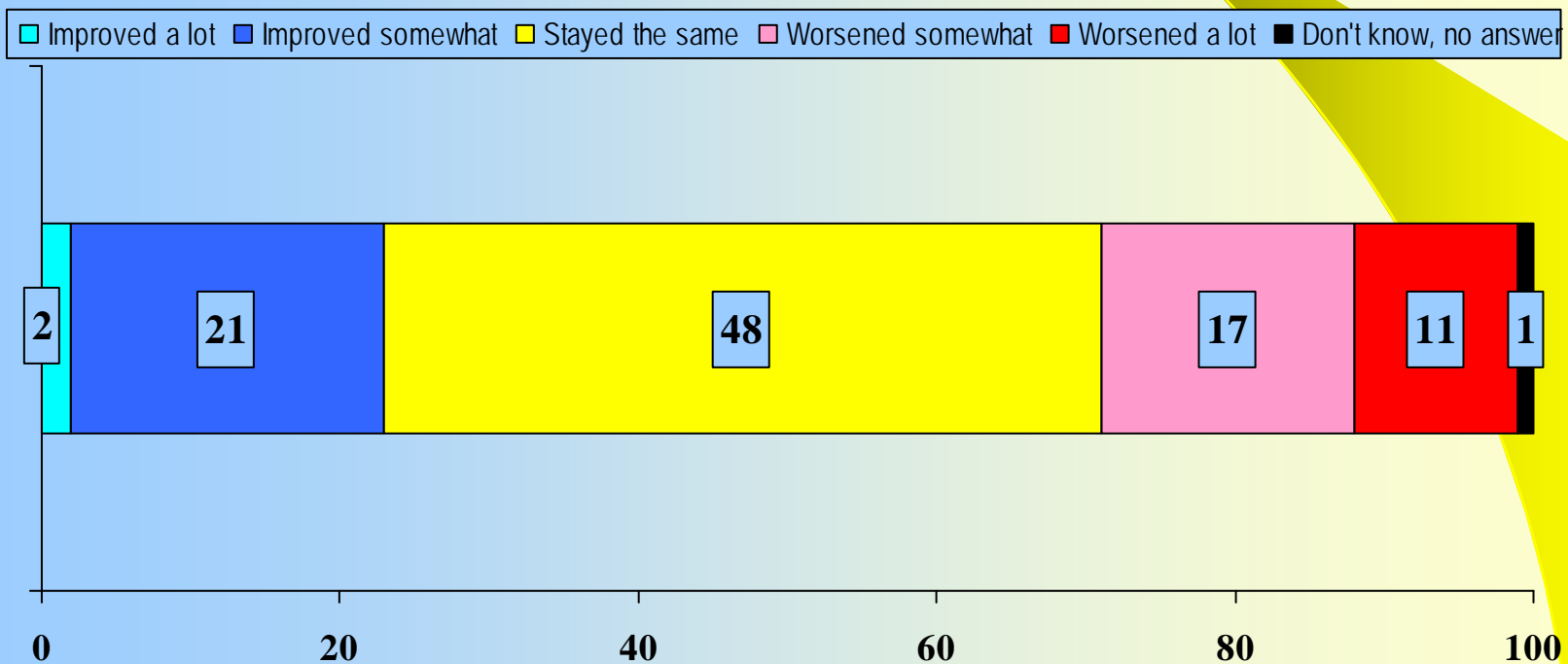
Mood of the Country: 42% of Armenians see improvement in the country's economy while 23% think it is declining

Over the last 3 months, the economic situation in Armenia has ...



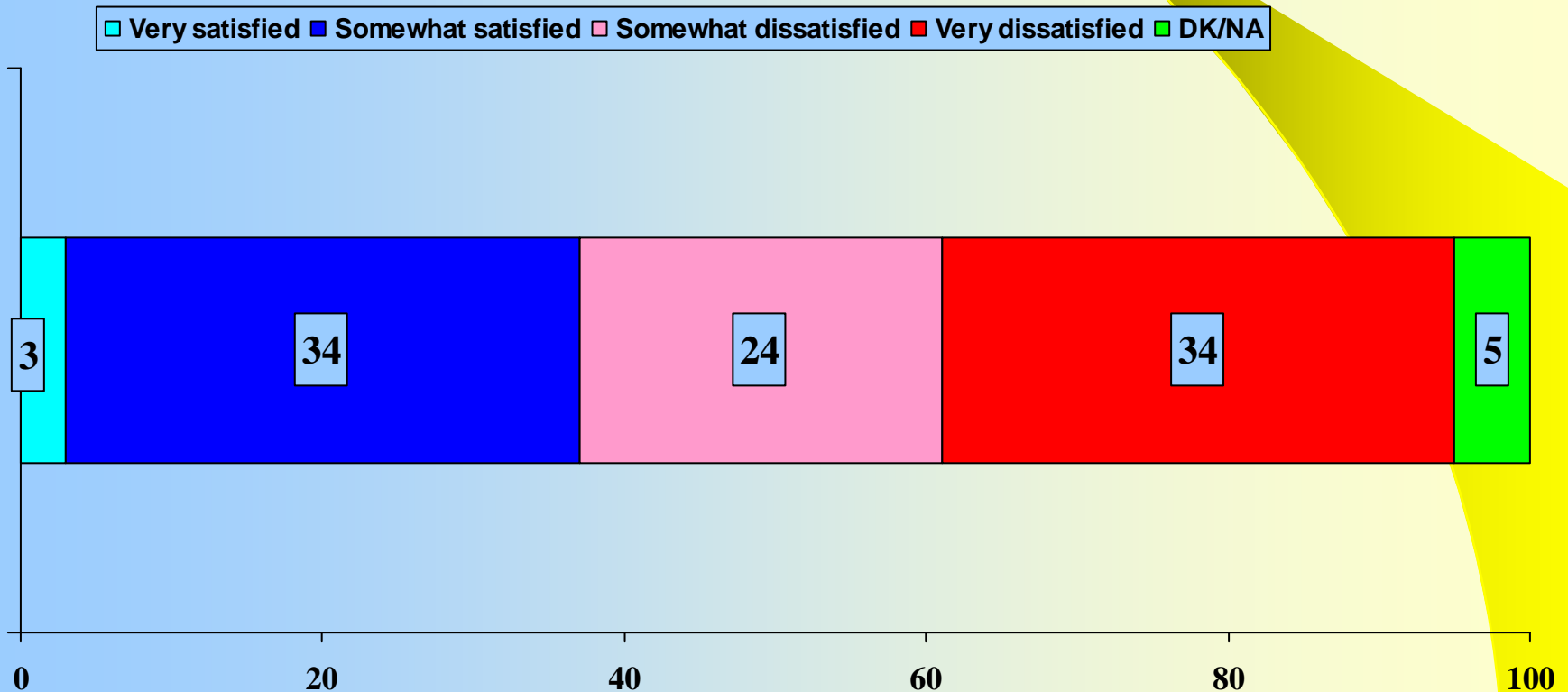
Mood of the country: 23% of Armenians say their household's financial situation has improved while 28% say it has declined

Over the last 3 months, the financial situation of your household has ...



Mood of the country: 37% of Armenians are satisfied with the development of democracy while 58% are not

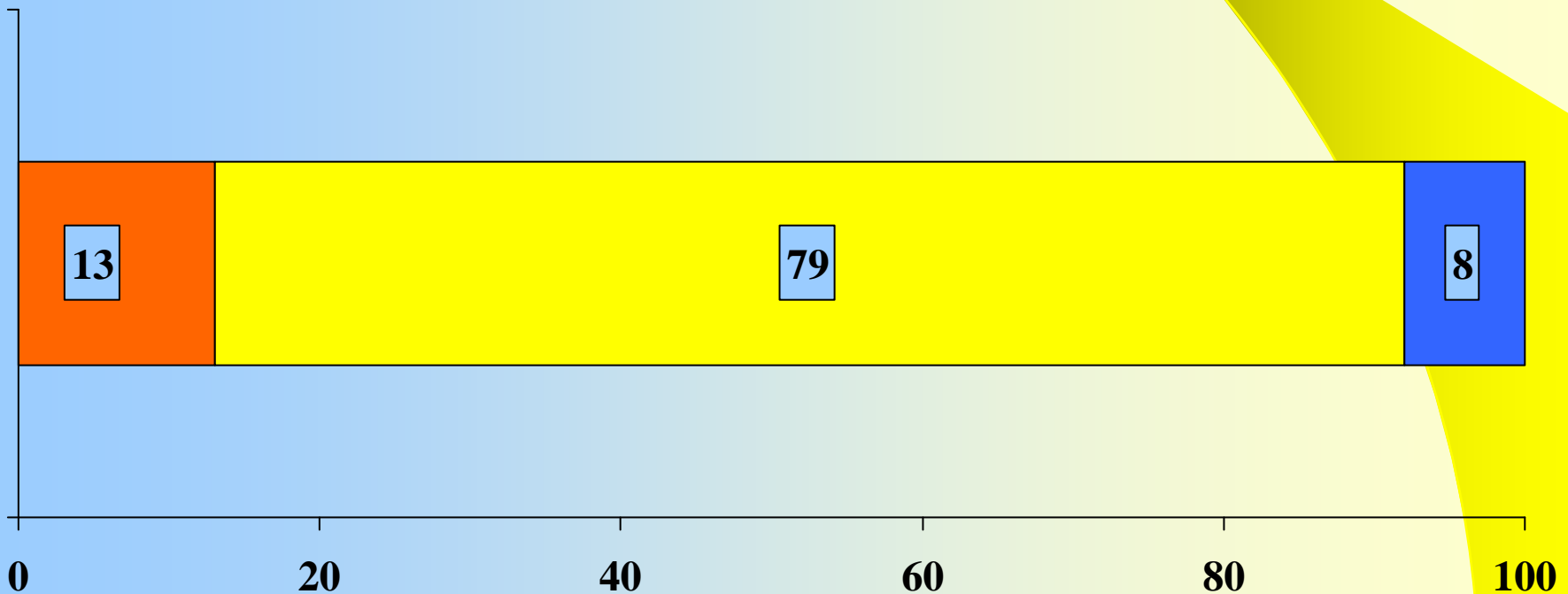
How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Armenia?



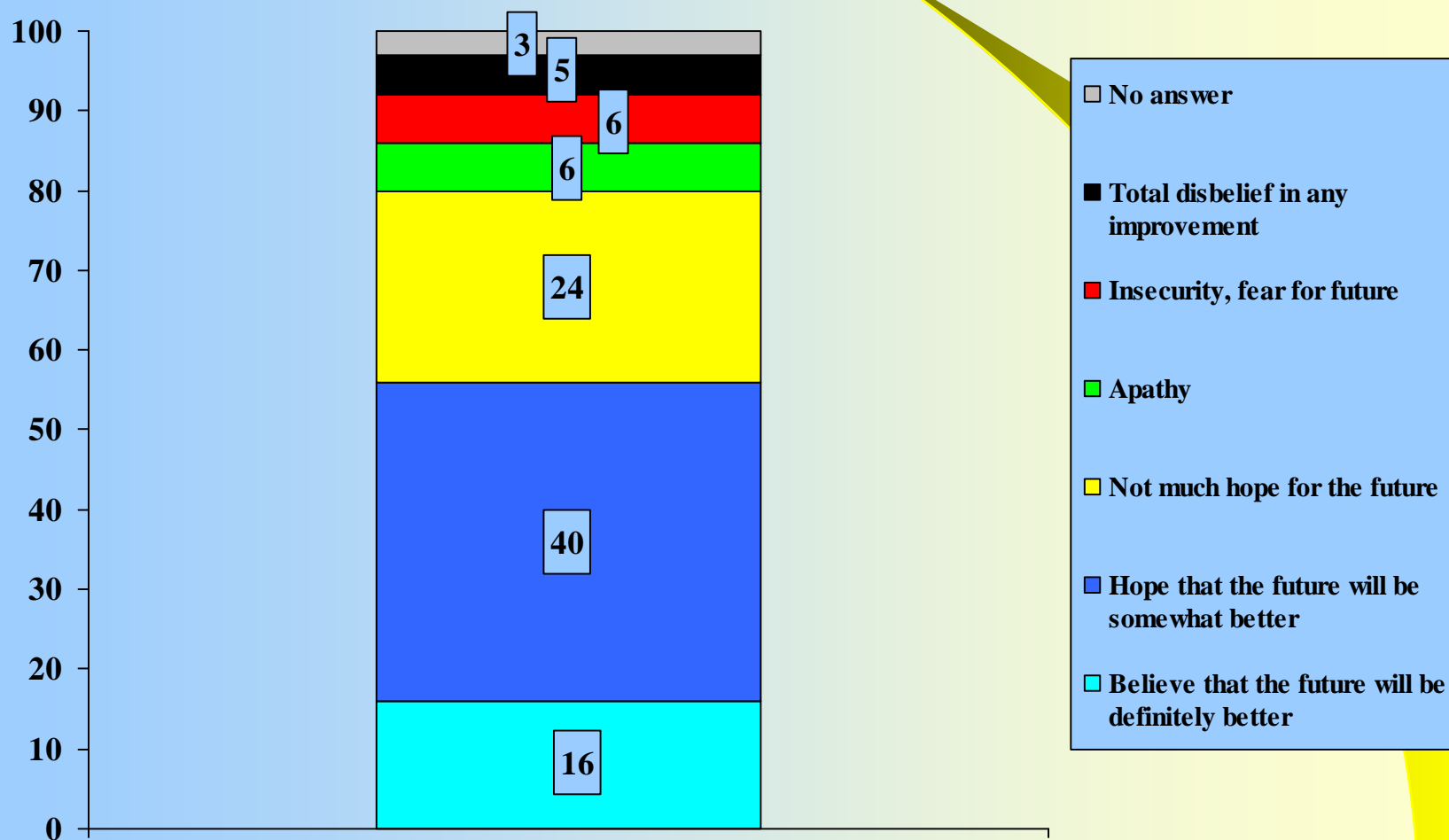
Mood of the country: Overall majority of Armenians think that it will take a long time for things to get better in the country

Do you believe that things will get better in a short time or it will take a long time to get better in the country?

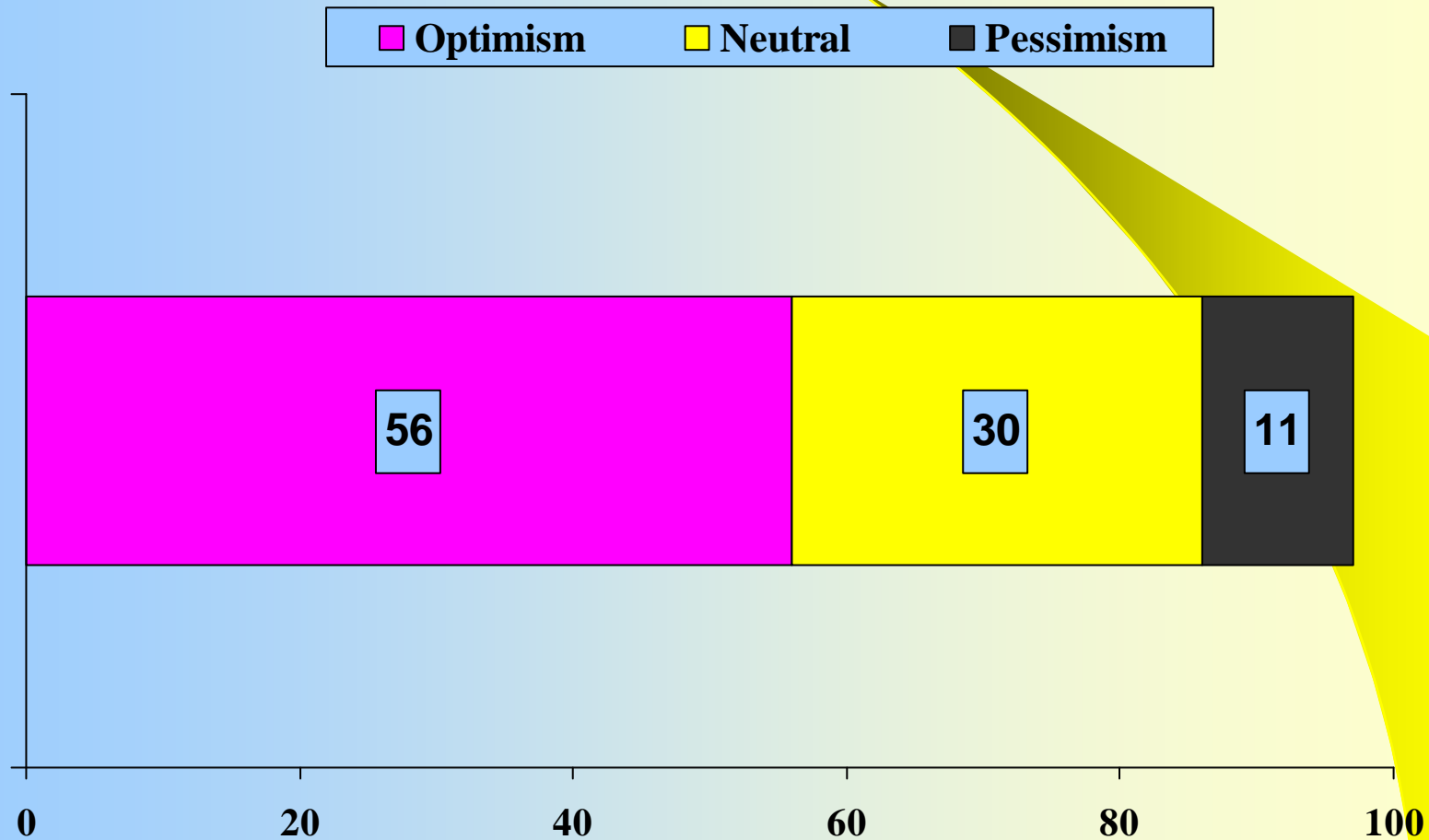
■ Short time ■ Long time ■ Not sure/refused



Mood of the Country: Expectations



Mood of the Country

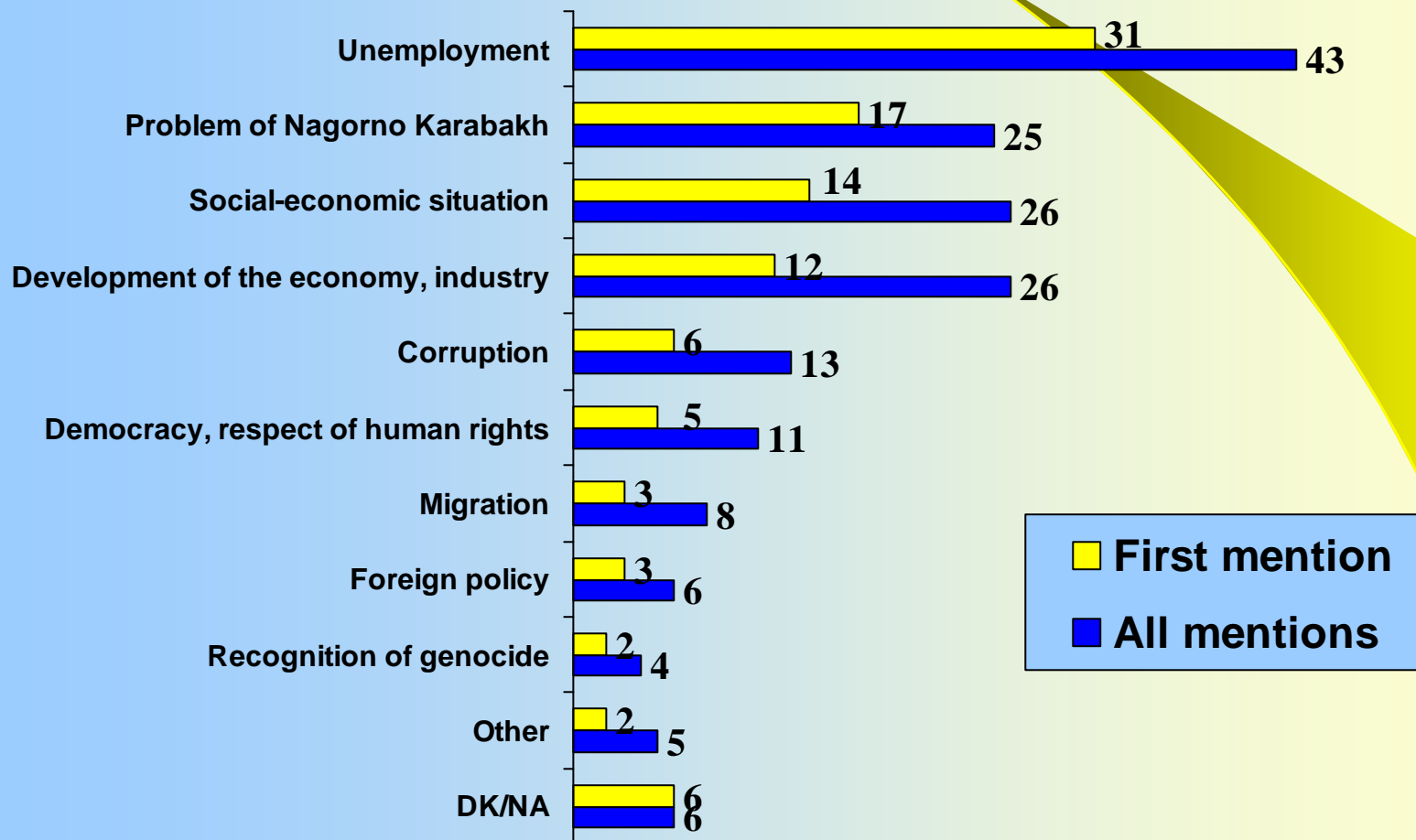


Attitude towards the way things are developing in Armenia over the last year became:

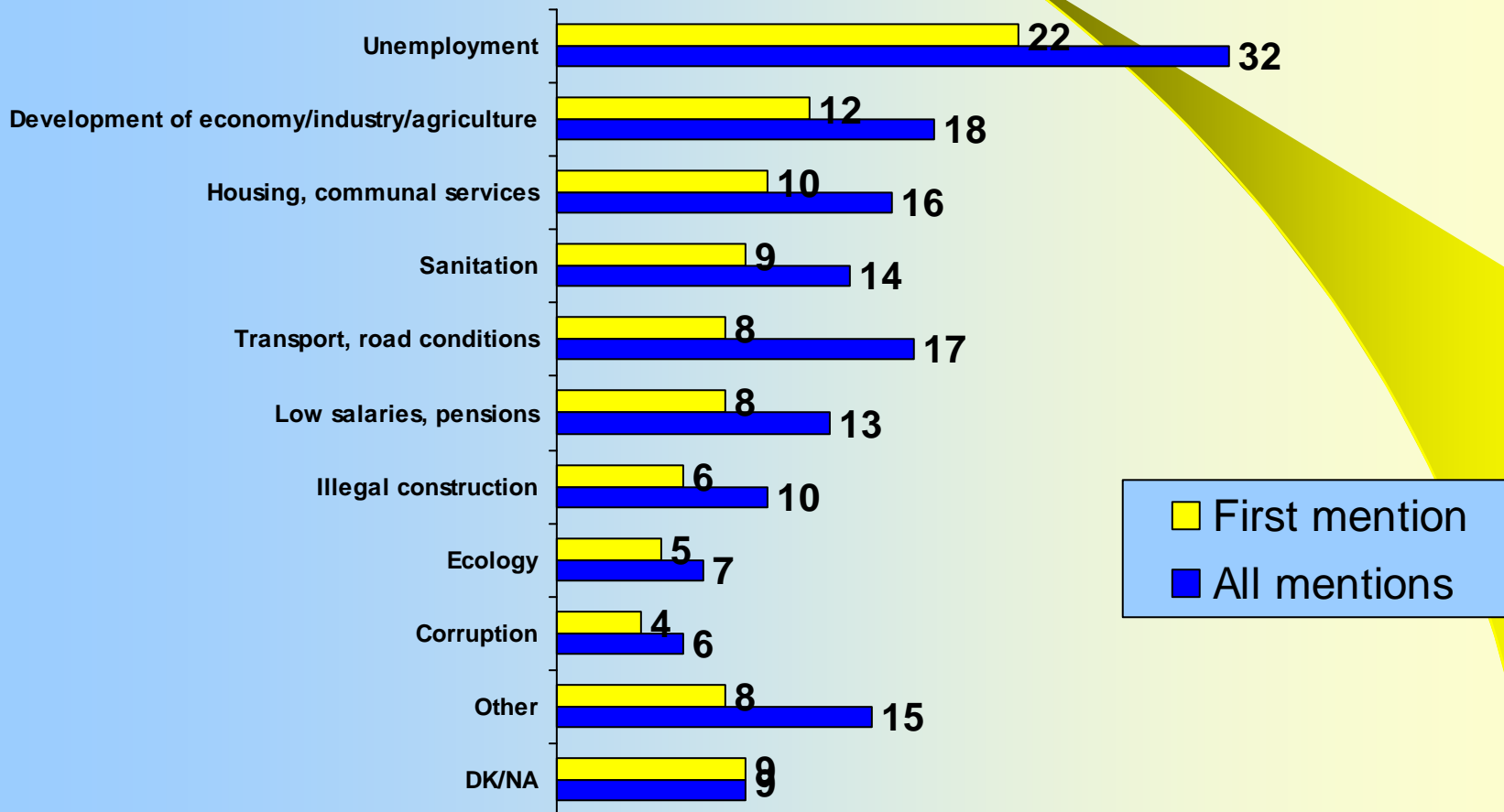


ISSUES

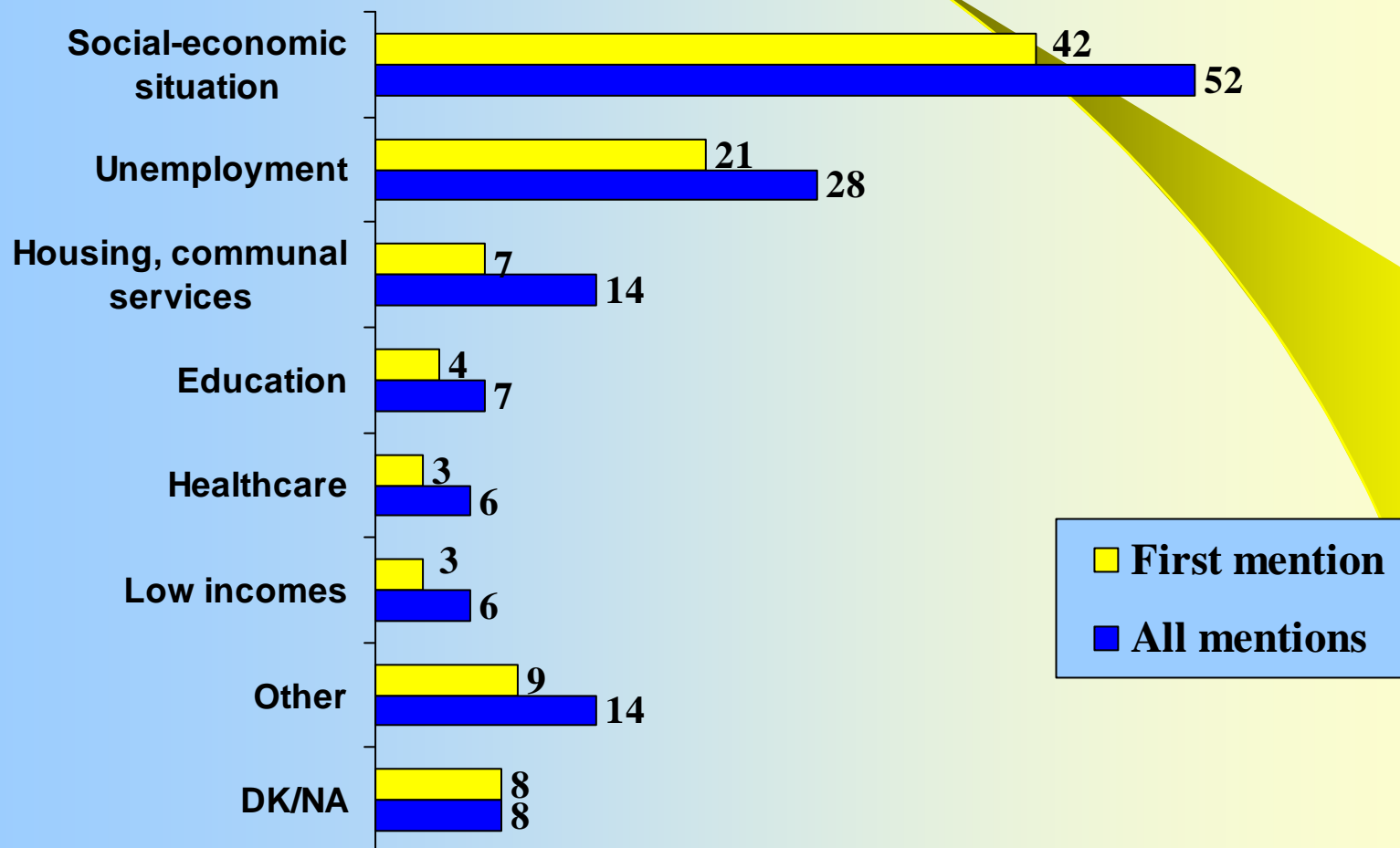
Most important issues Armenia is facing (%)



Most important issue towns/villages in Armenia are facing (%)



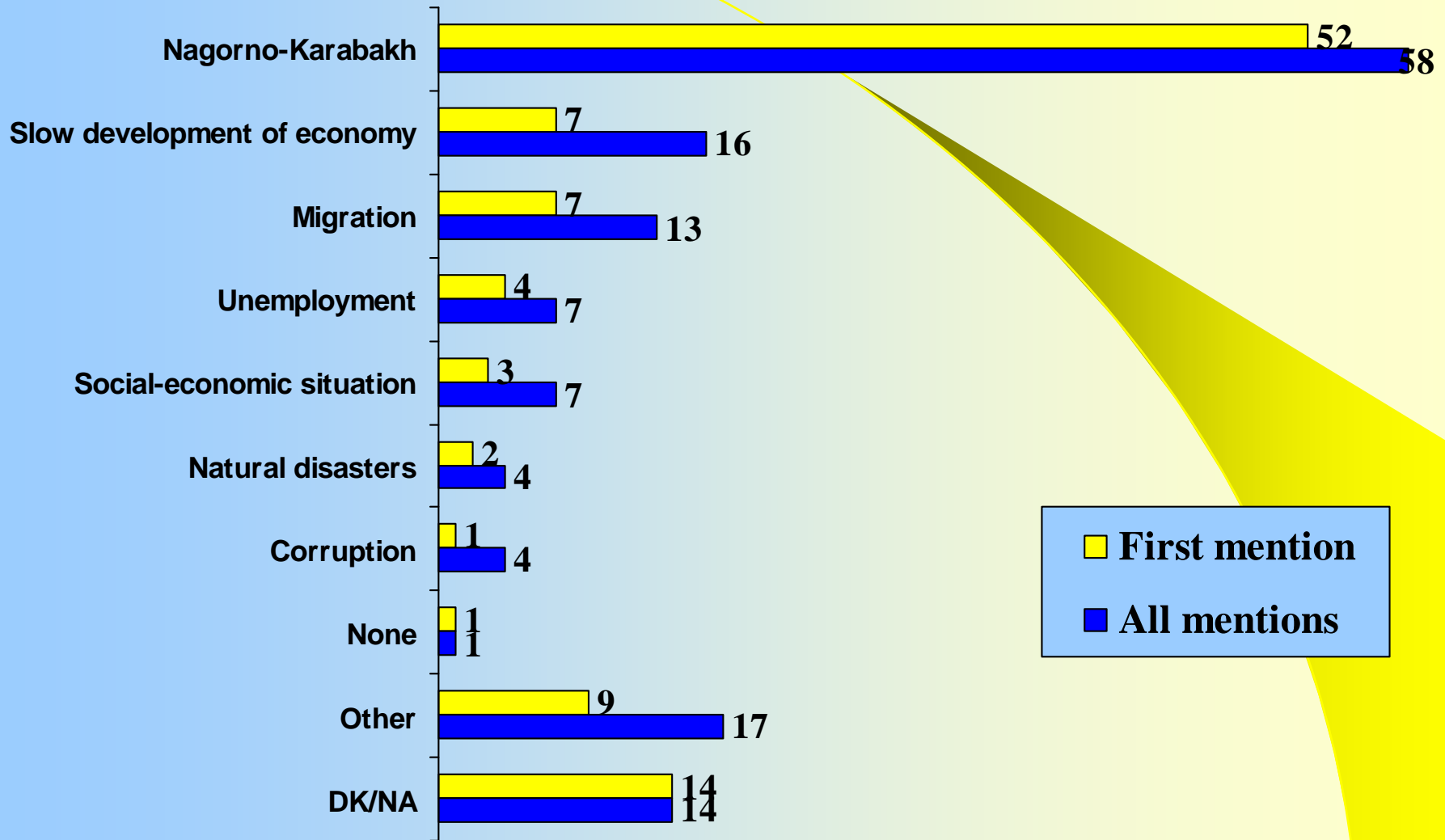
Most important issue households in Armenia are facing (%)



Issues

- On the personal/household level, social issues are most pressing.
- On the community level, unemployment is the most important problem.
- On the national level, social problems and territorial integrity/security issues are most important.

Fear the Most (%)

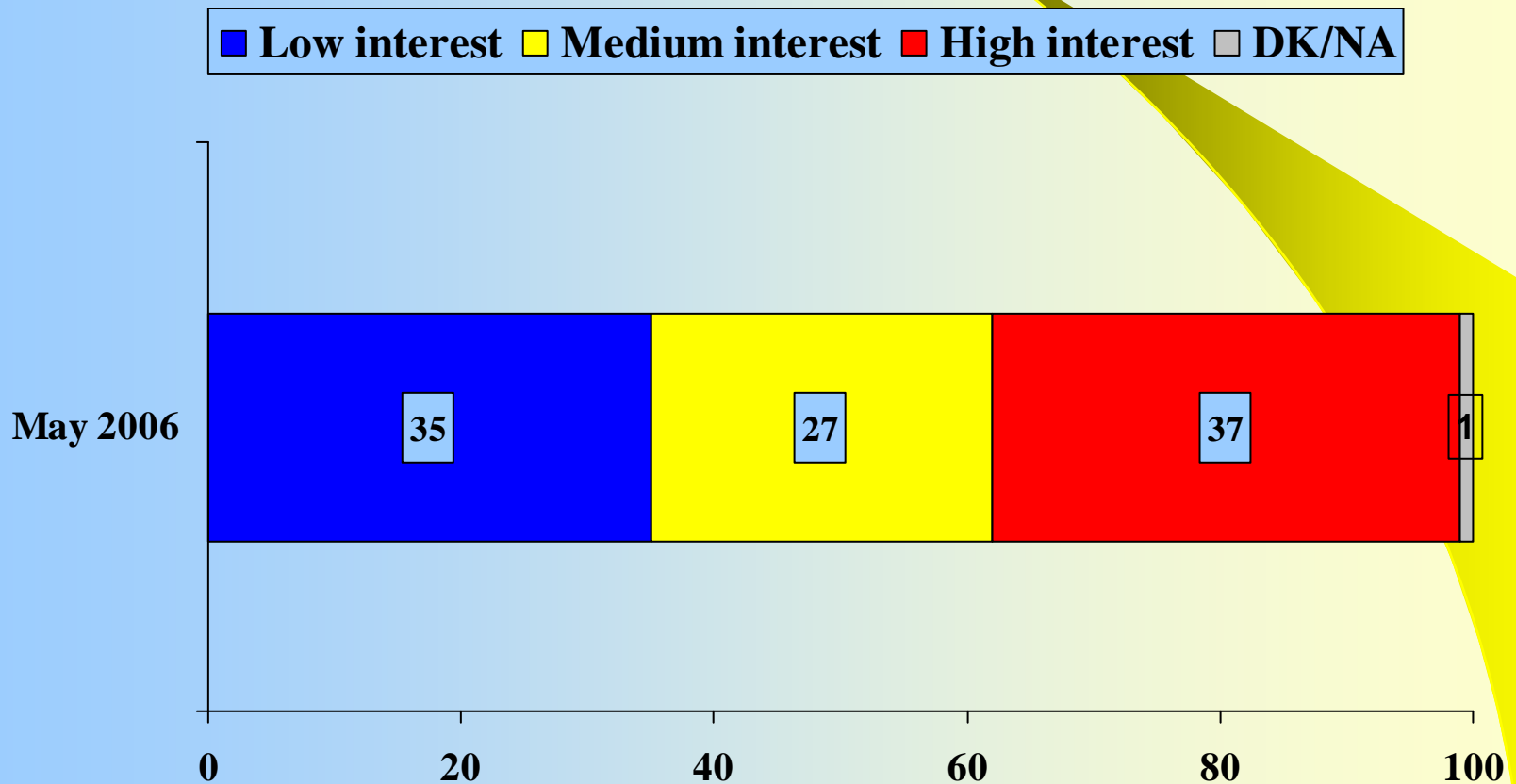


Fears of the People

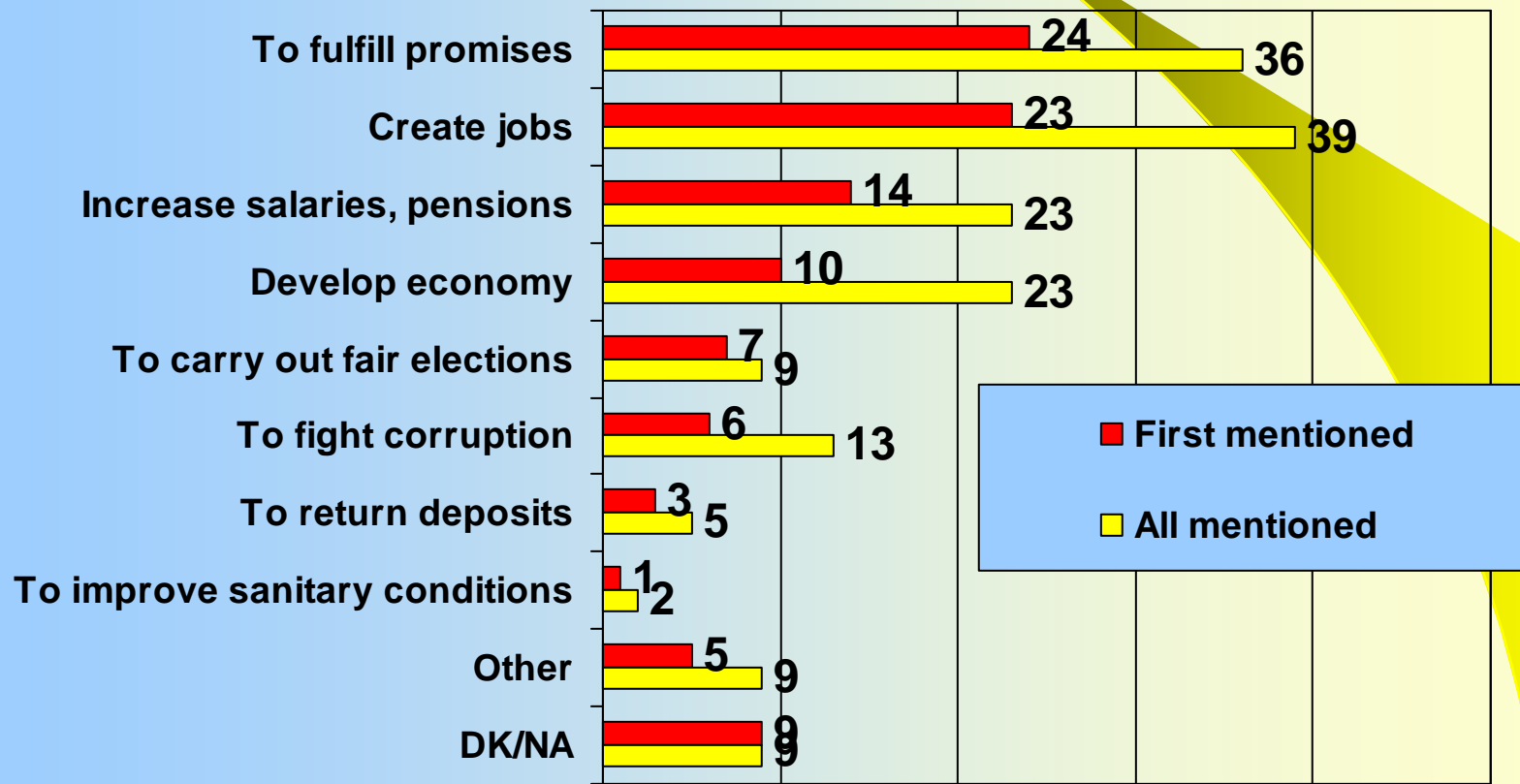
- The biggest fears are related to instability/security: (territorial integrity of the country, war) and social instability (unemployment, economic problems).

POLITICS

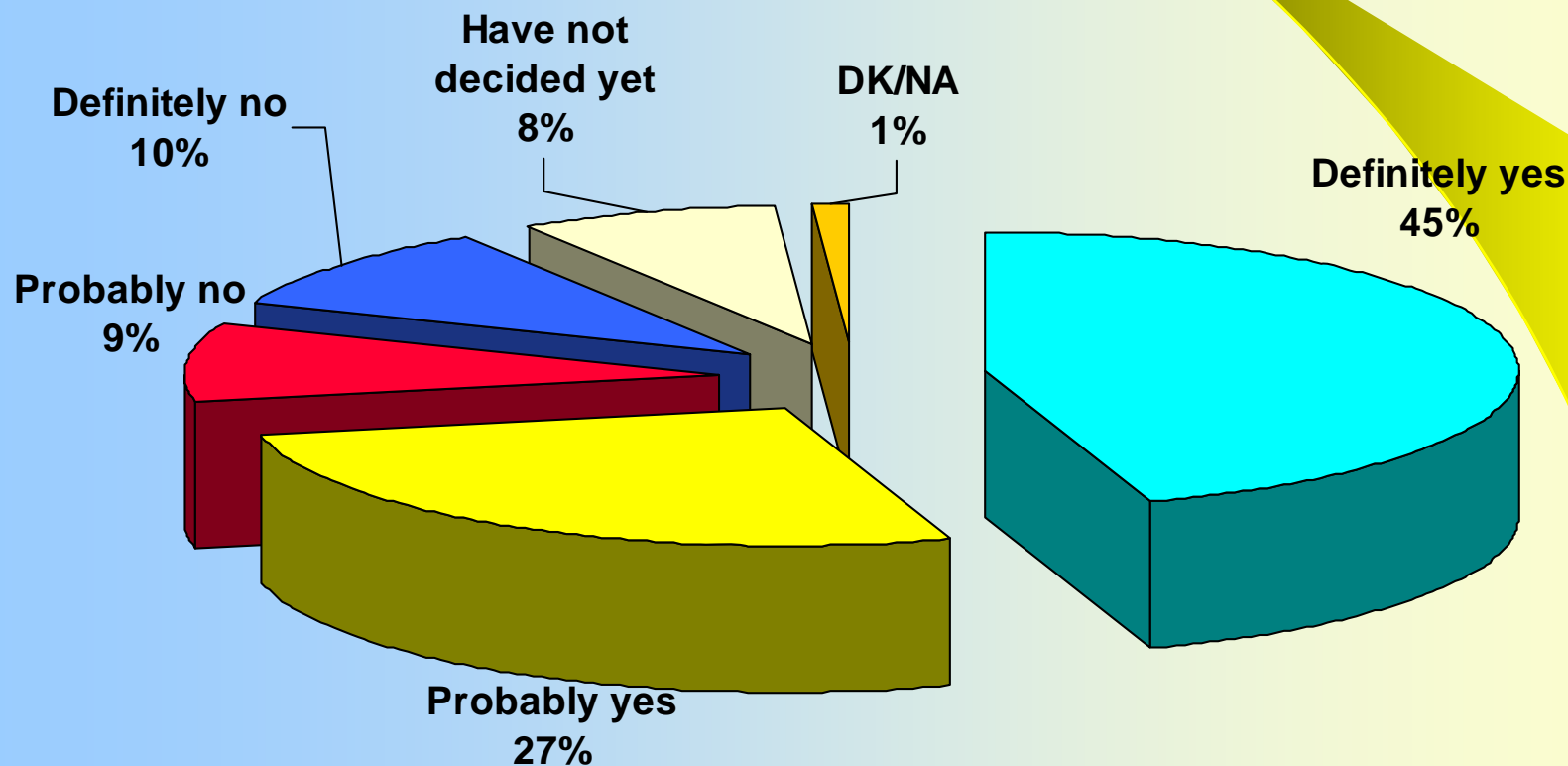
Interest in Politics (%)



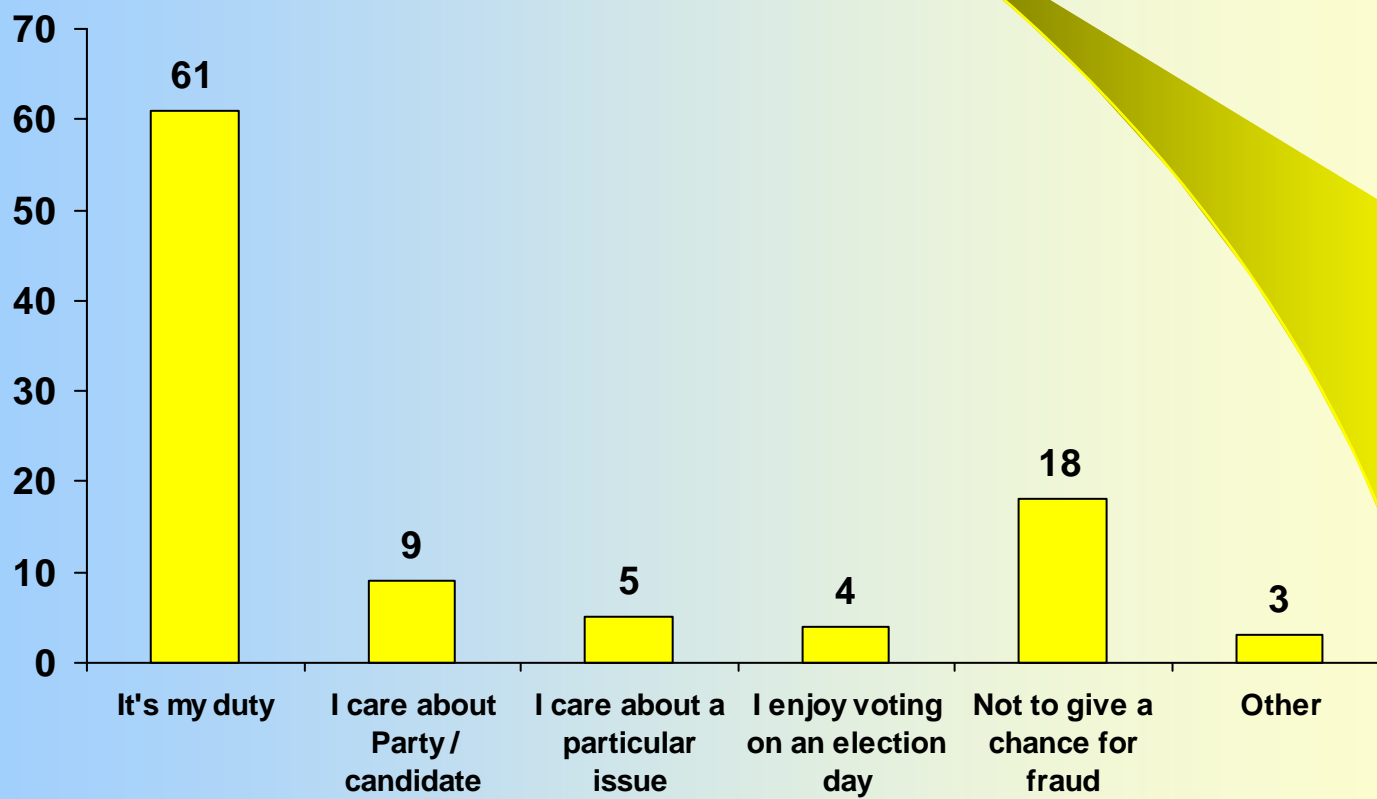
What is the primary thing the Armenian government should do to attract the support of the majority of the Armenian population? (%)



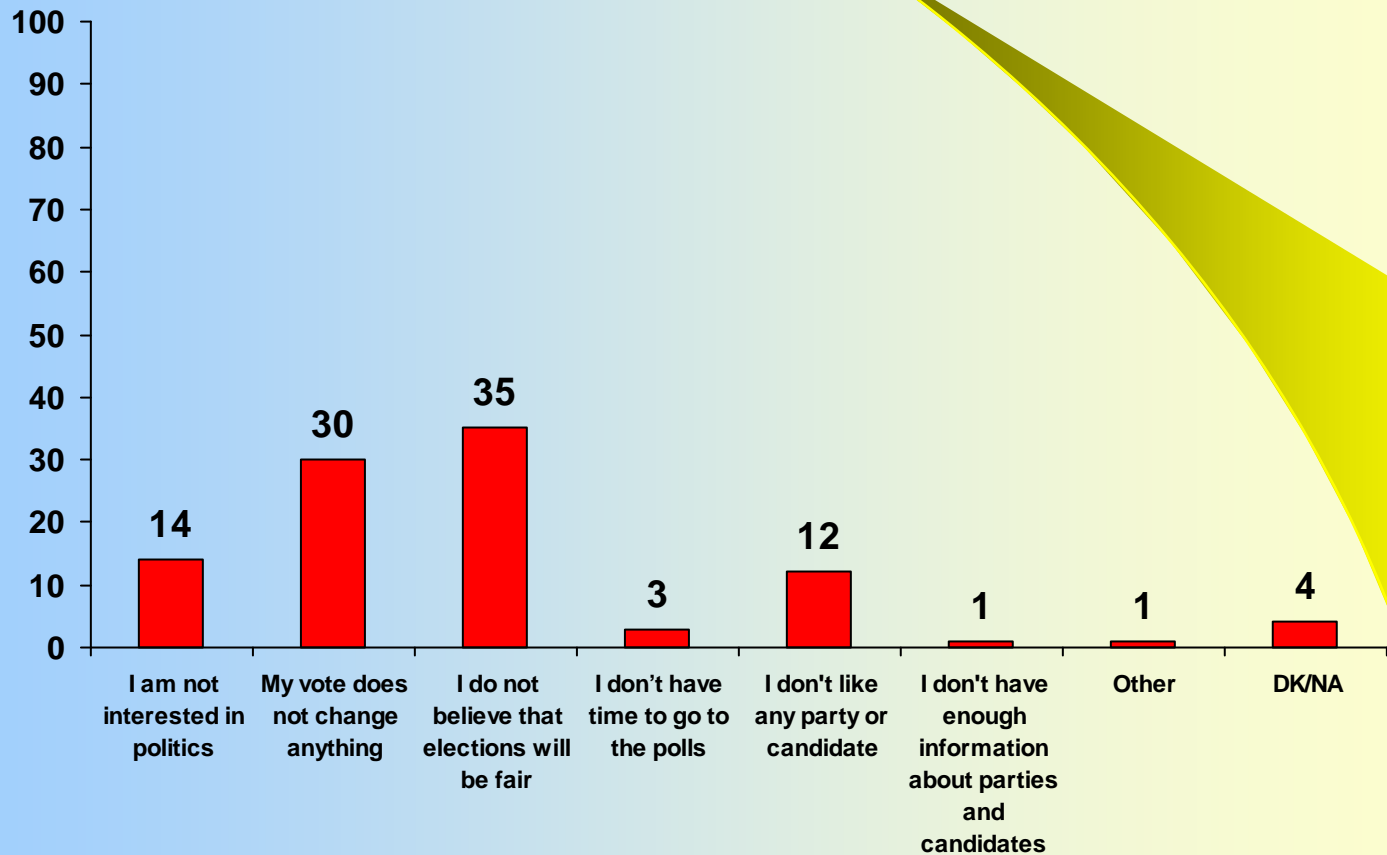
Do you plan to vote in the next Parliamentary elections?



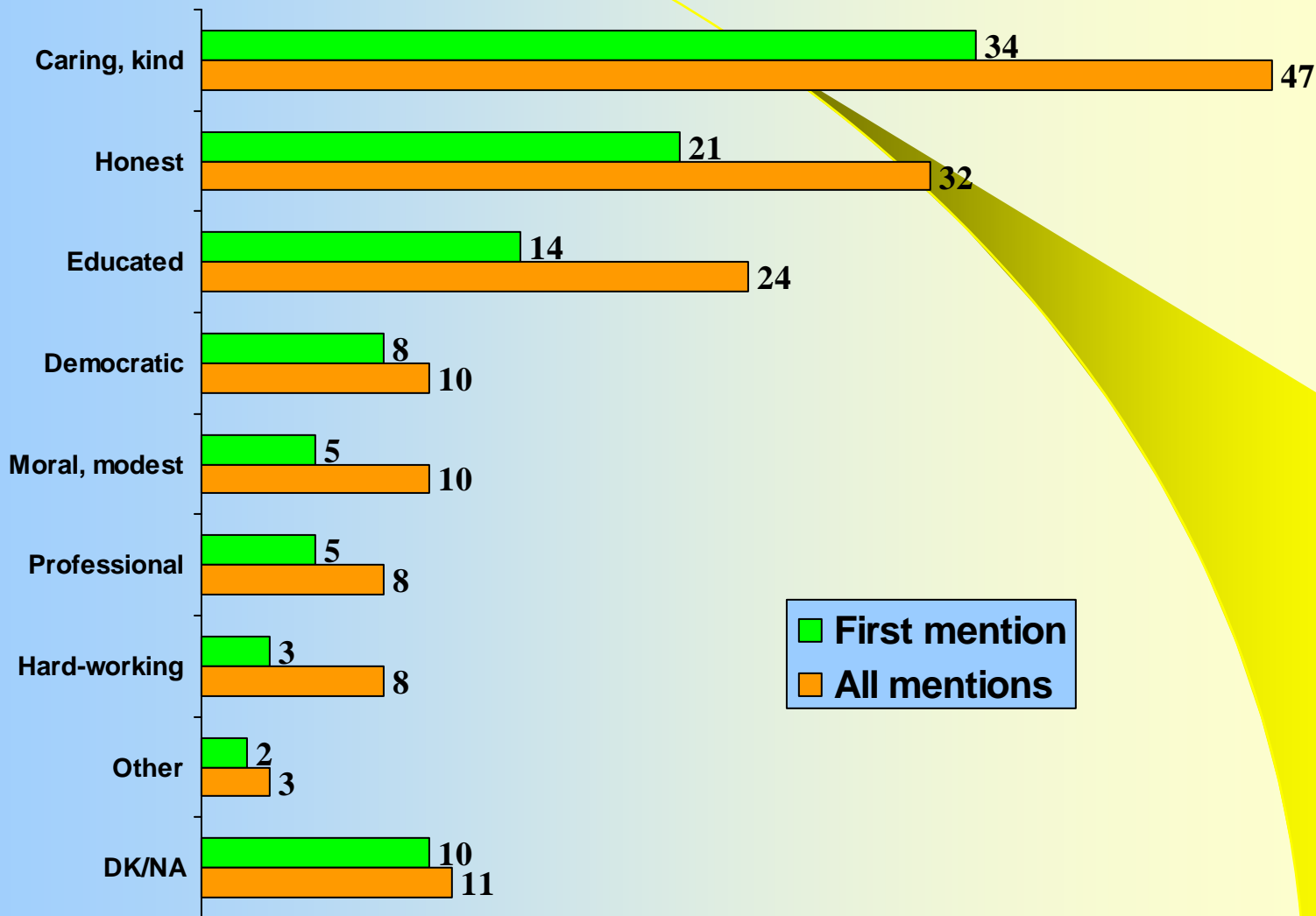
Why do you plan to vote ? (N=860, planning to vote, %)



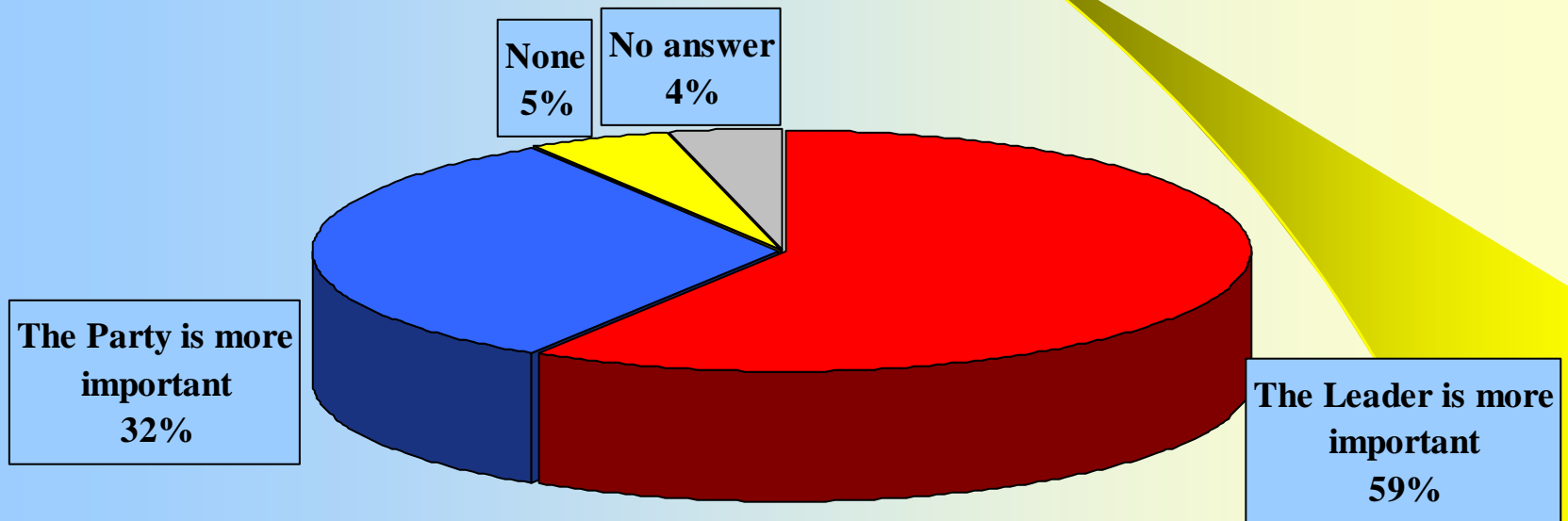
Why do you plan not to vote ? (N=228, not planning to vote, %)



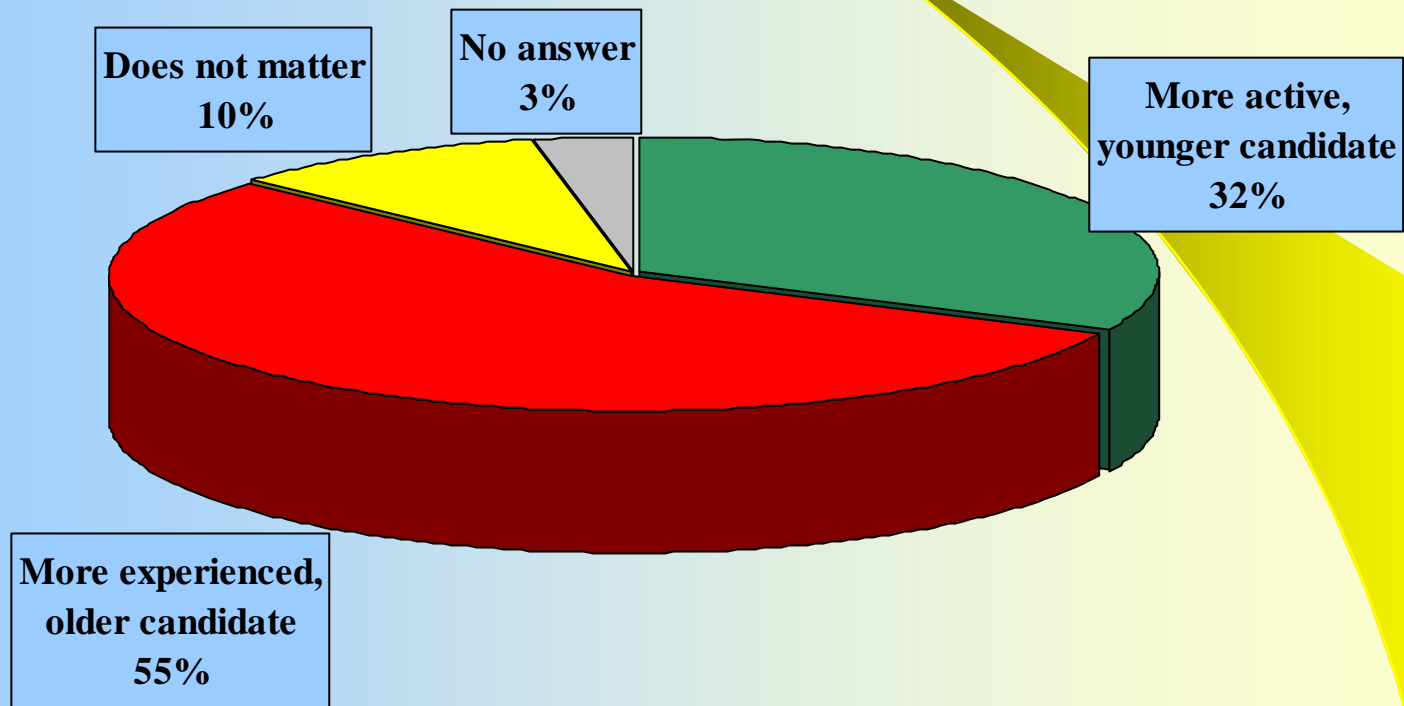
Characteristics/Attributes Most Important in Parliamentary Candidate (%)



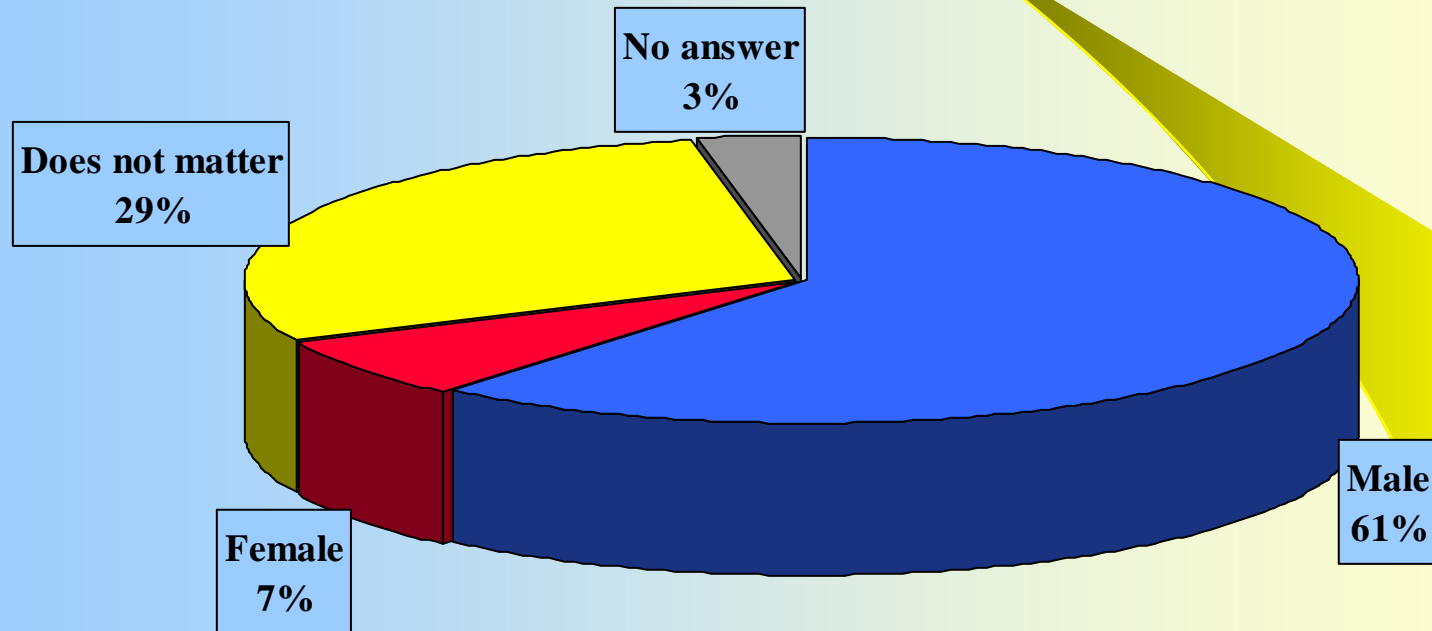
When considering which party to vote for, what is more important?



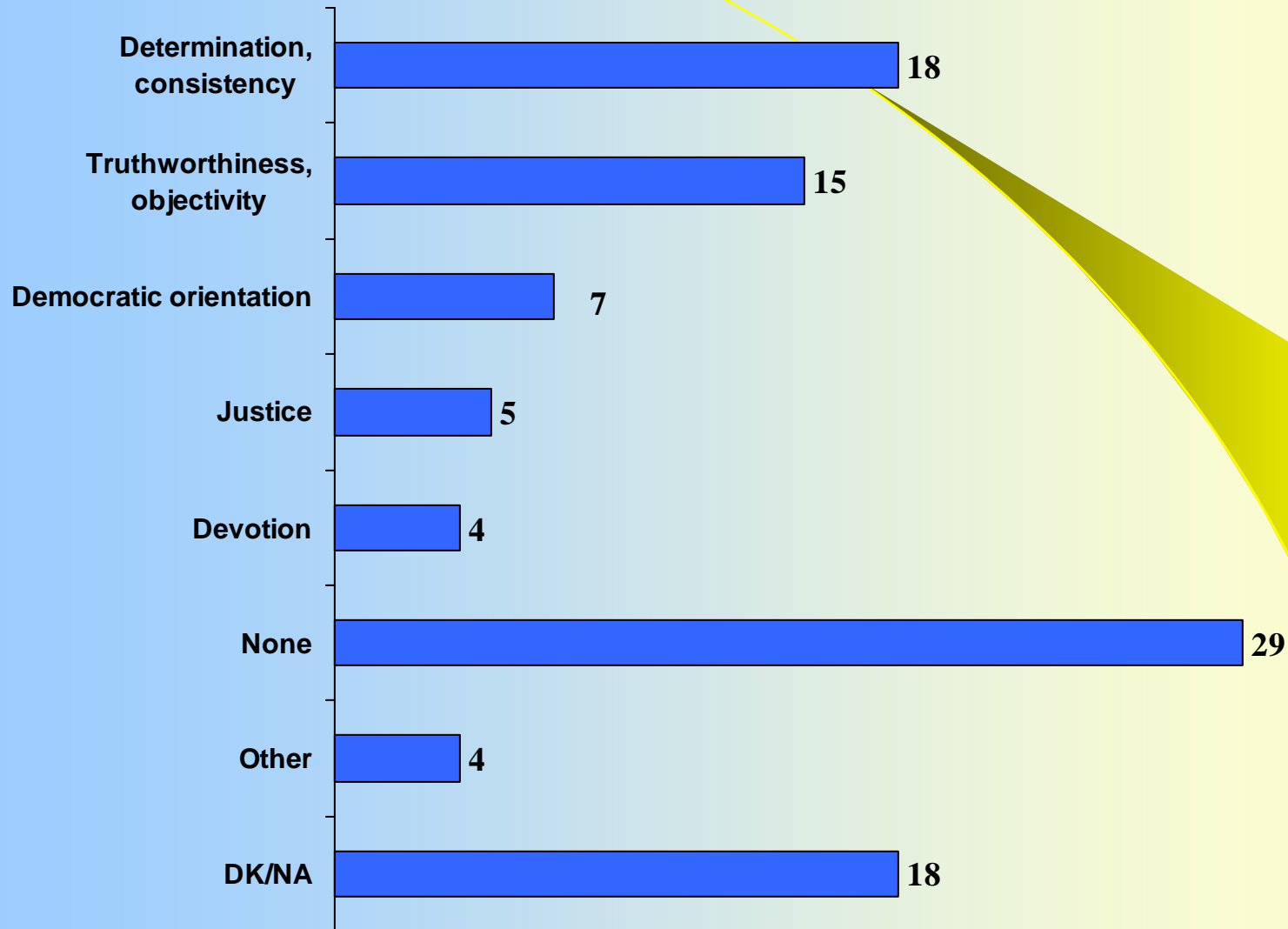
All other things being equal, who would you vote for?



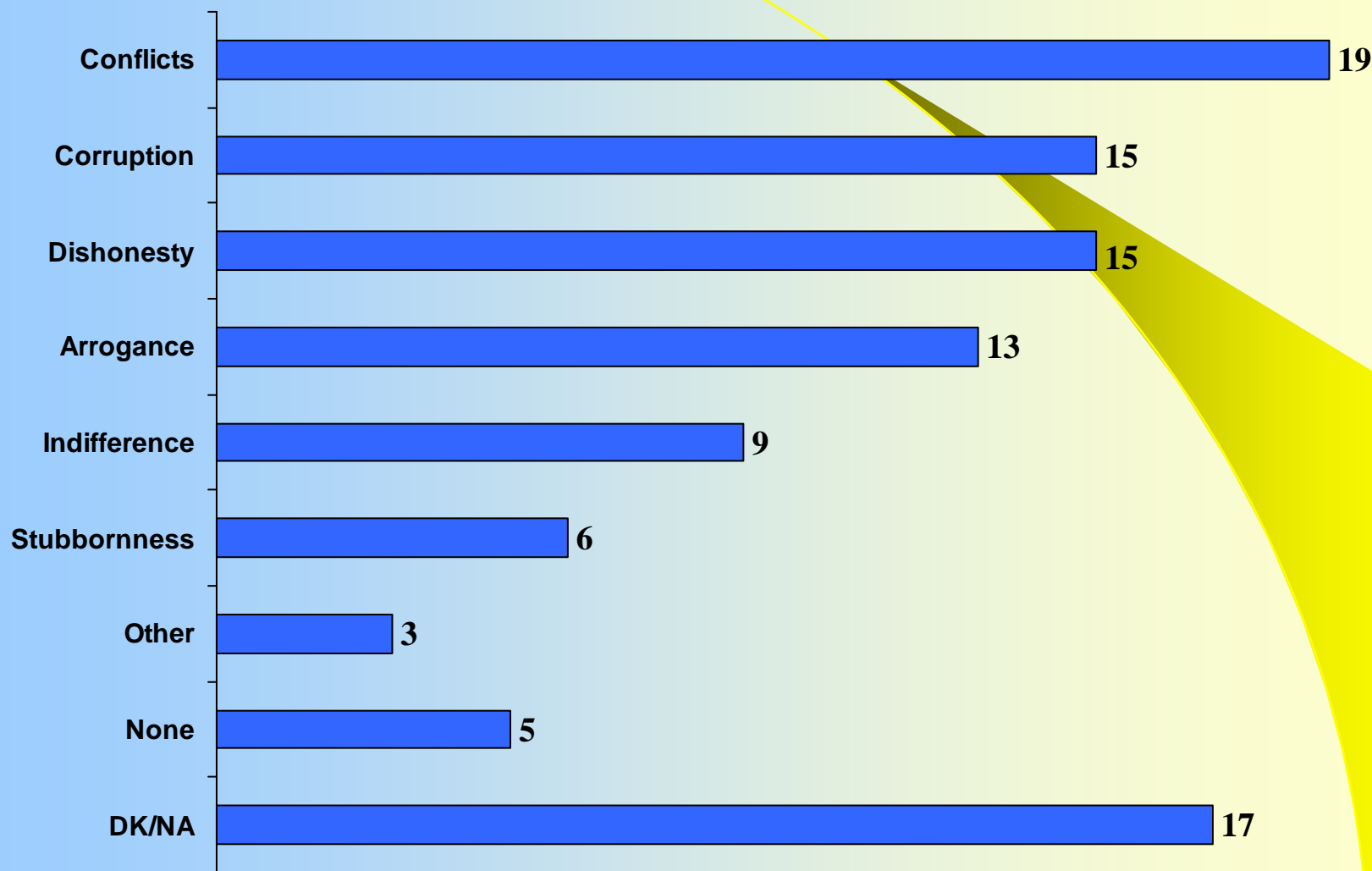
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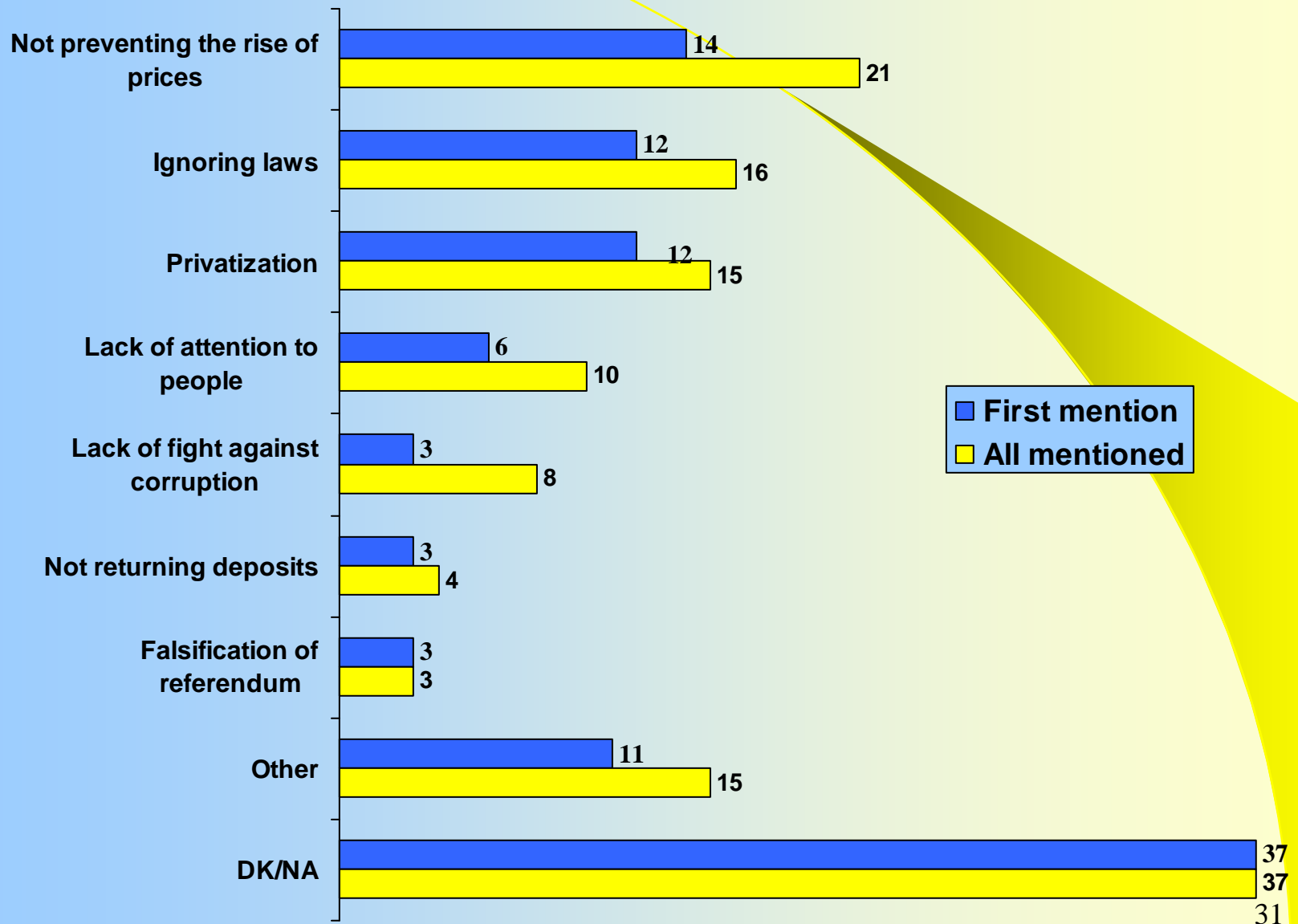
Most liked features of Armenian politicians or parties (%)



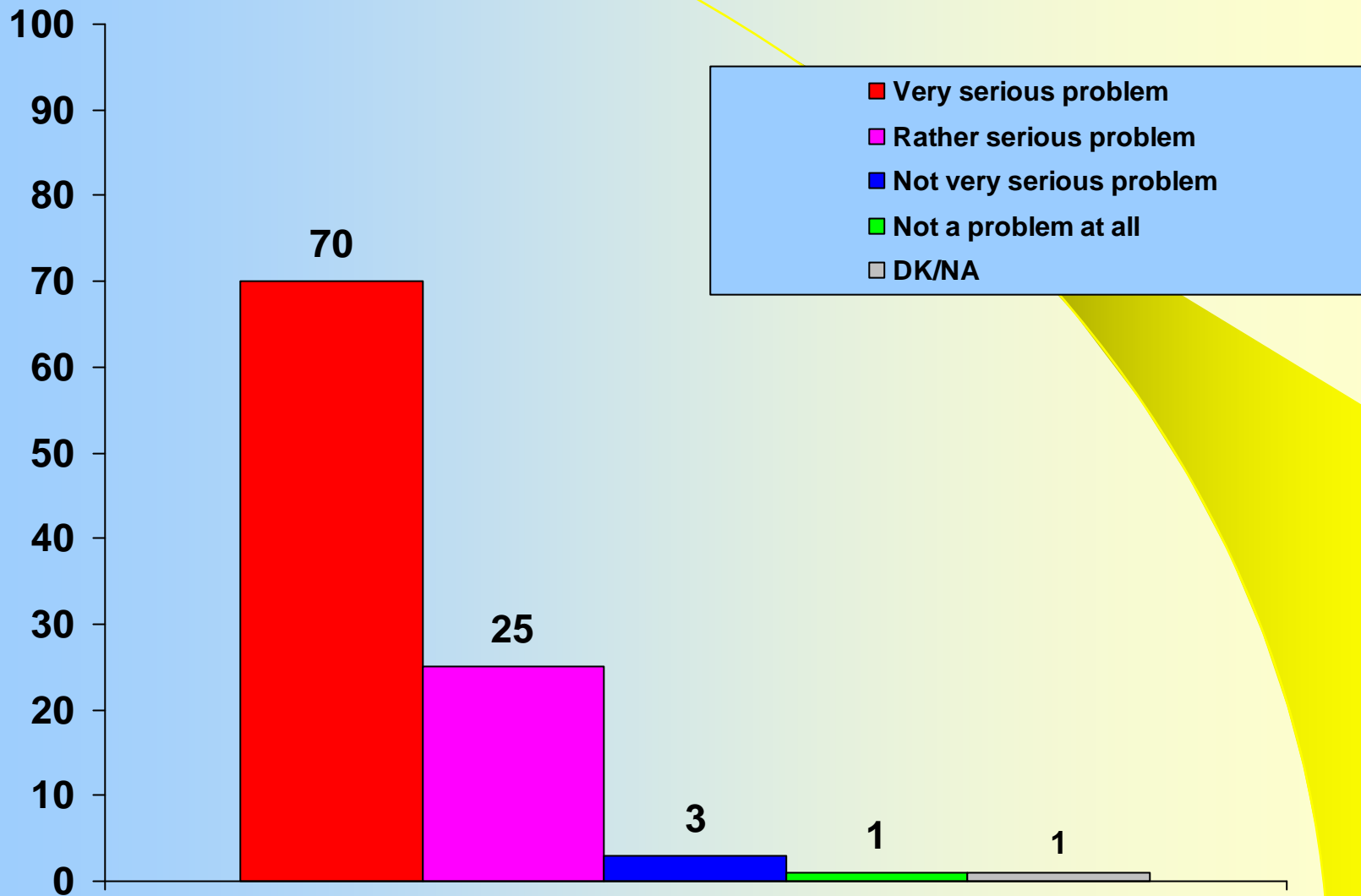
Most disliked features of Armenian politicians or parties (%)



Major mistakes and failures of Armenian authorities over the last year (%)



The wrongdoing and corruption of political leaders and authorities is ...(%)



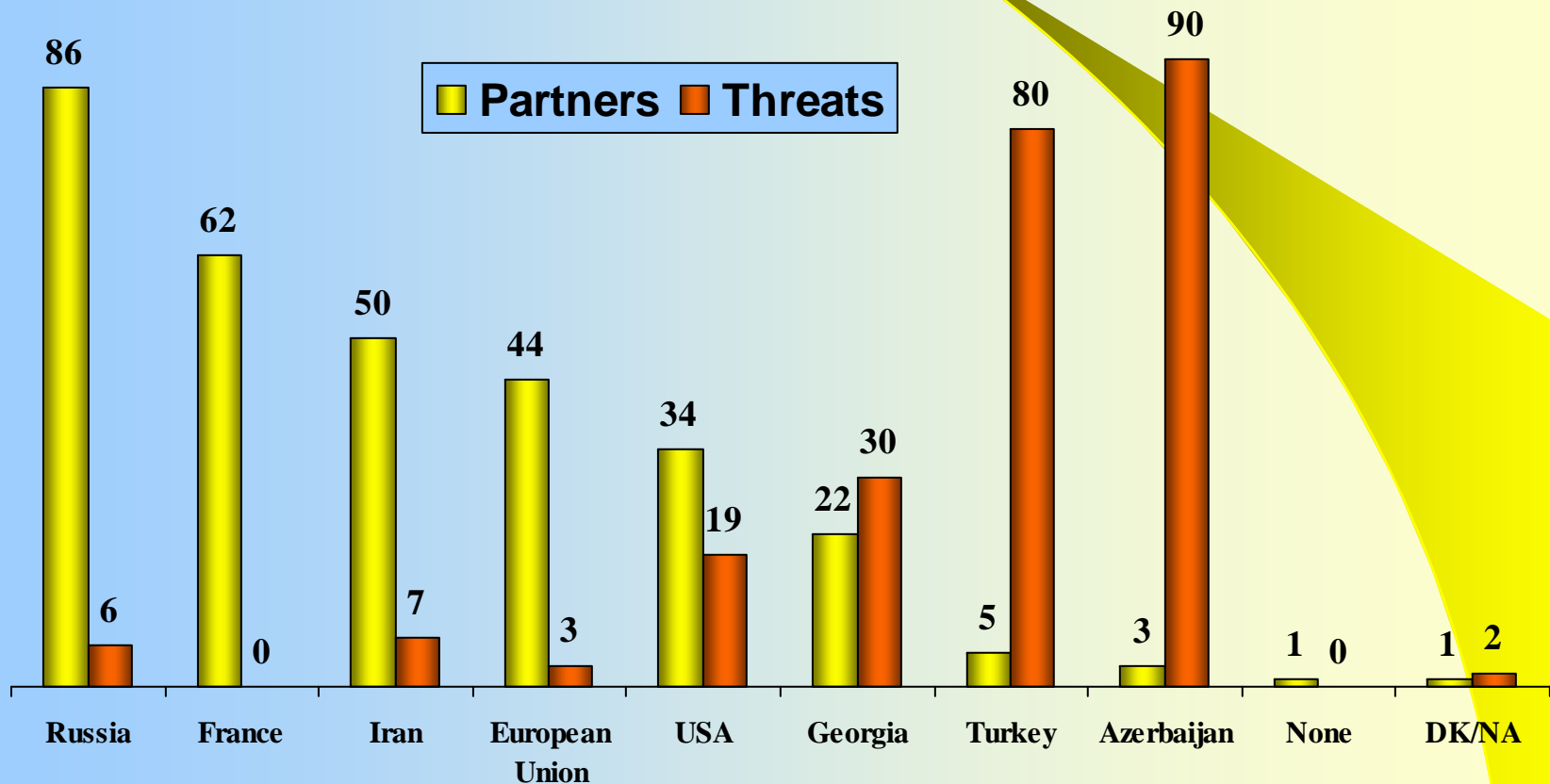
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Evaluation of Relations With...

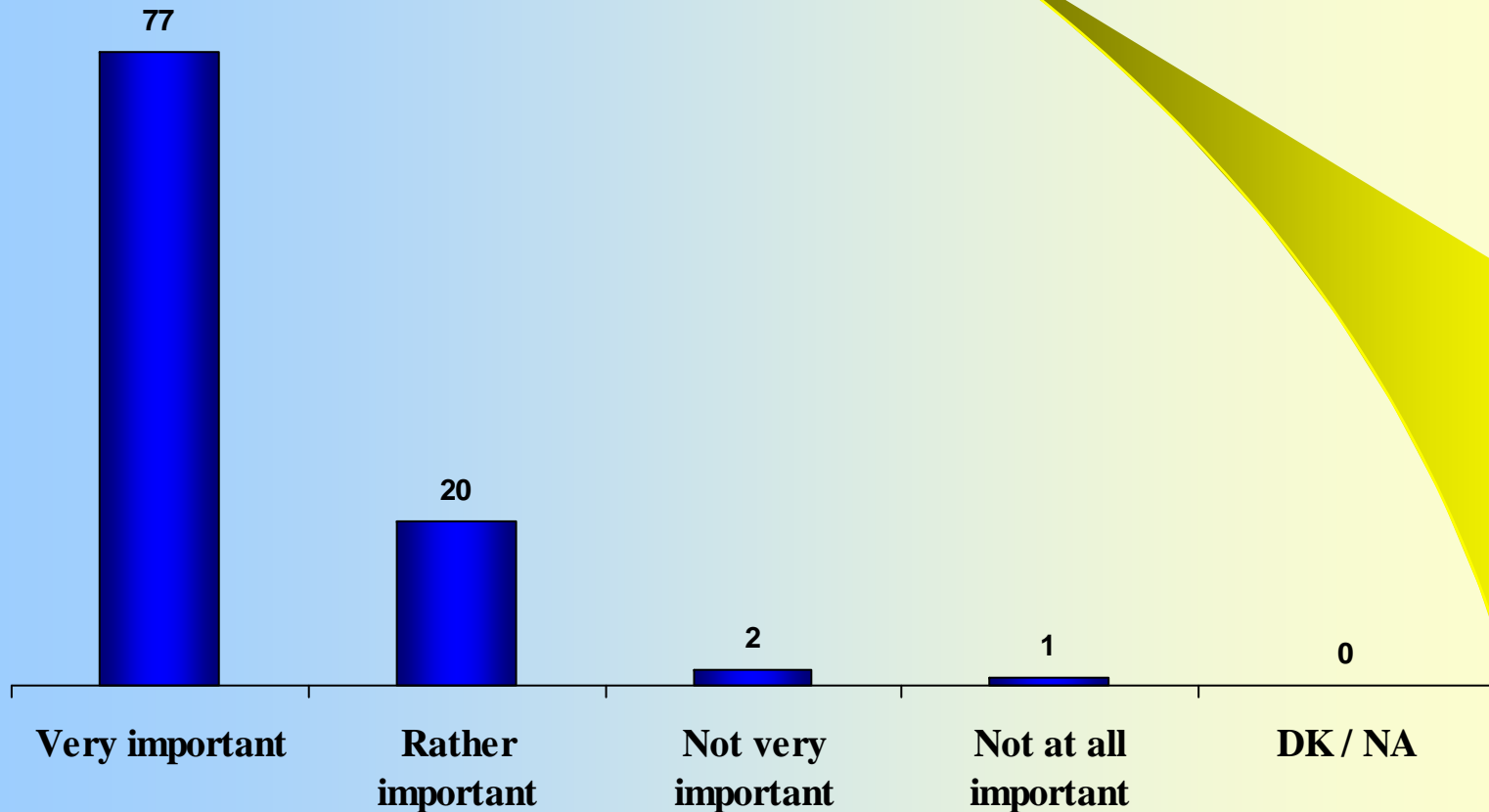


International Relations: Partners and Threats

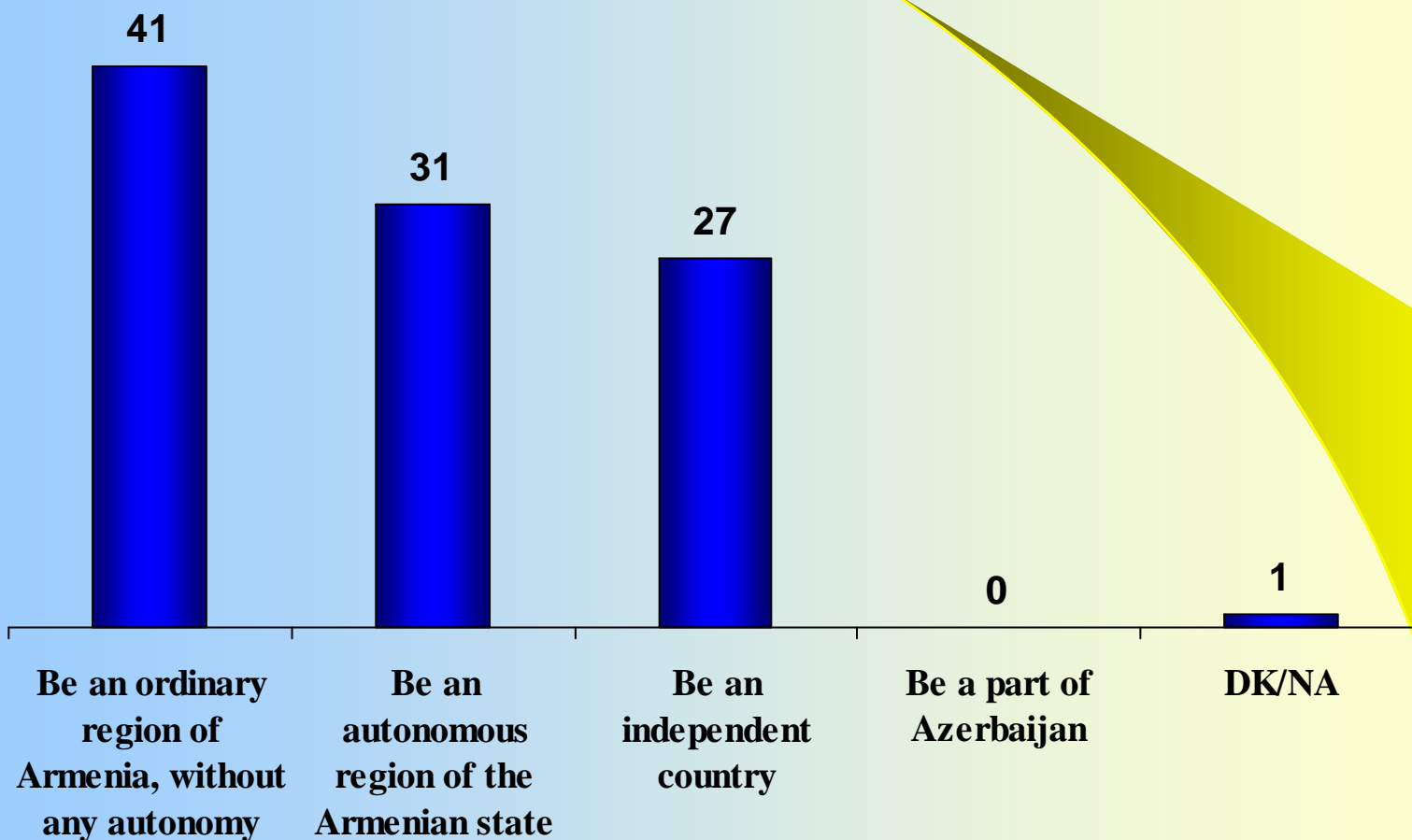
Which countries are the most important partners for Armenia ?
Which countries are threats to Armenia ?



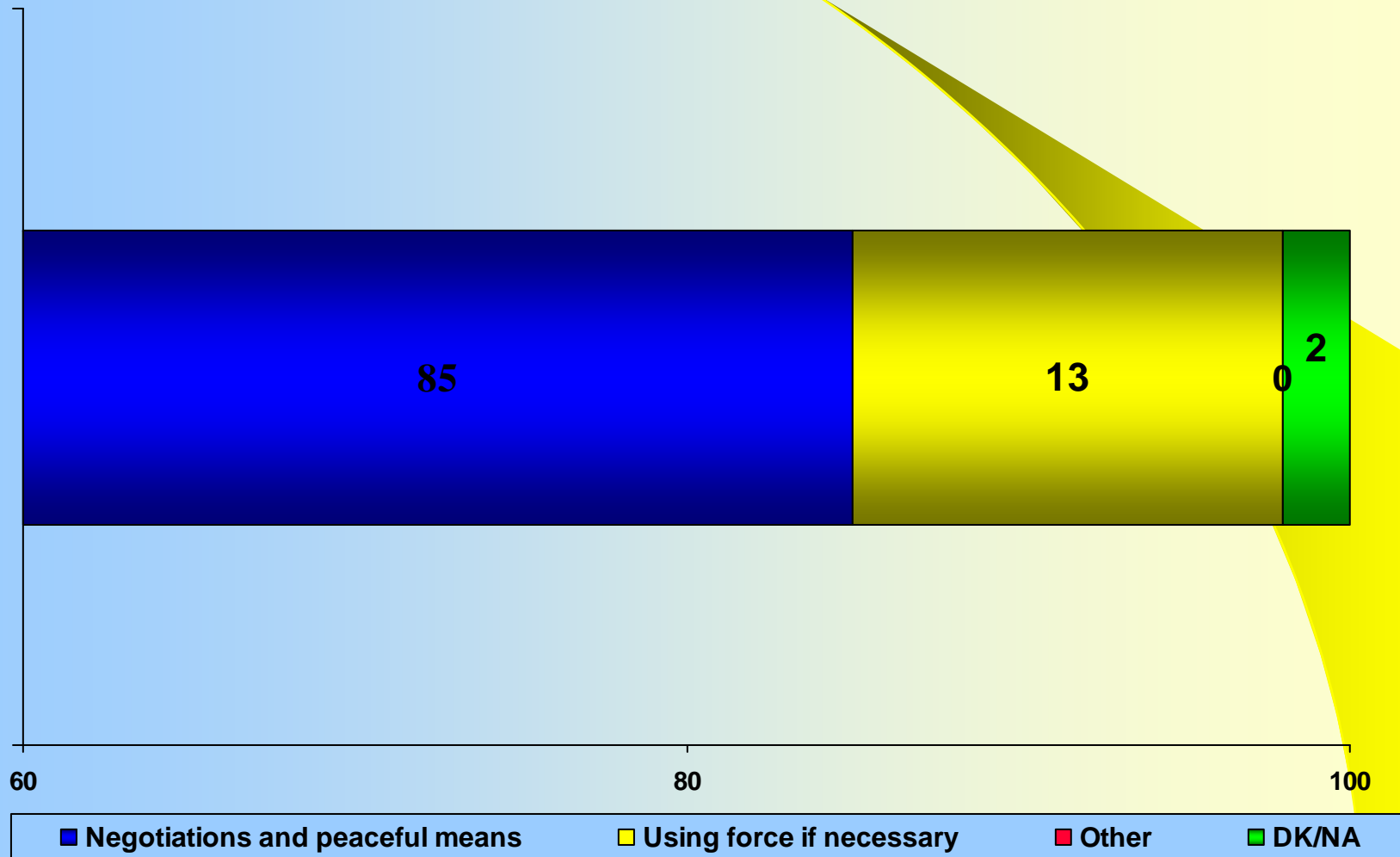
How important is it for Armenia to solve the problems related to Nagorno Karabakh in the near future?



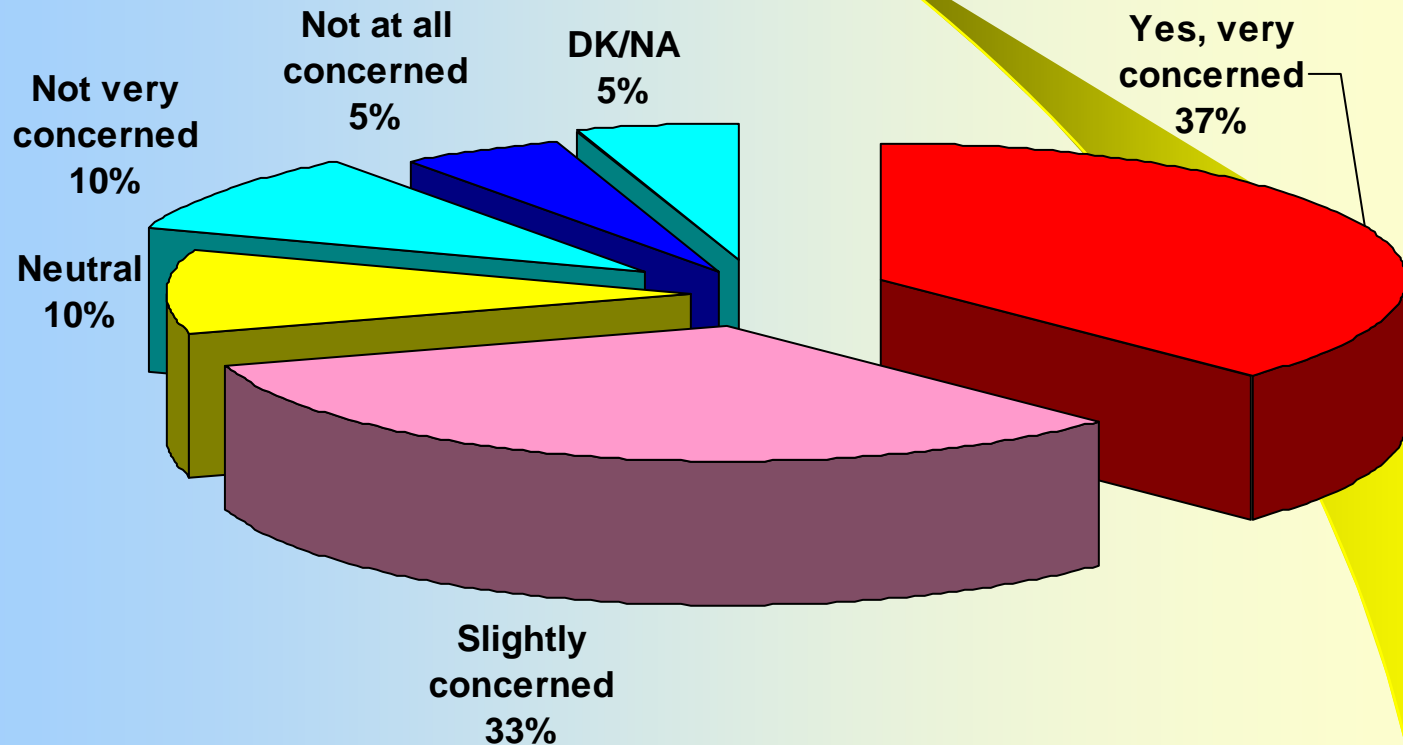
Thinking about the future of Nagorno Karabakh, do you think it should ... (%)



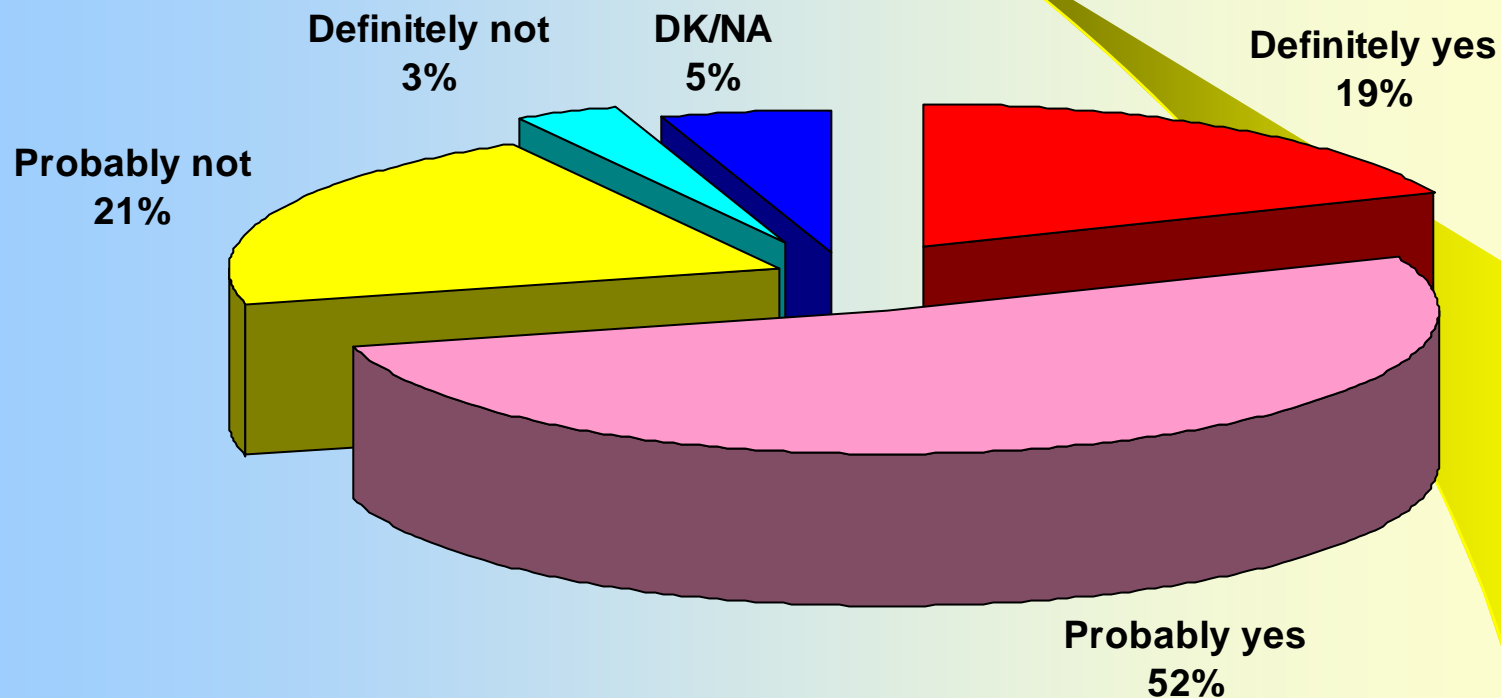
Do you think that the current situation in regard to the status of Nagorno Karabakh should be resolved through negotiations and peaceful means or, if necessary, the use of force? (%)



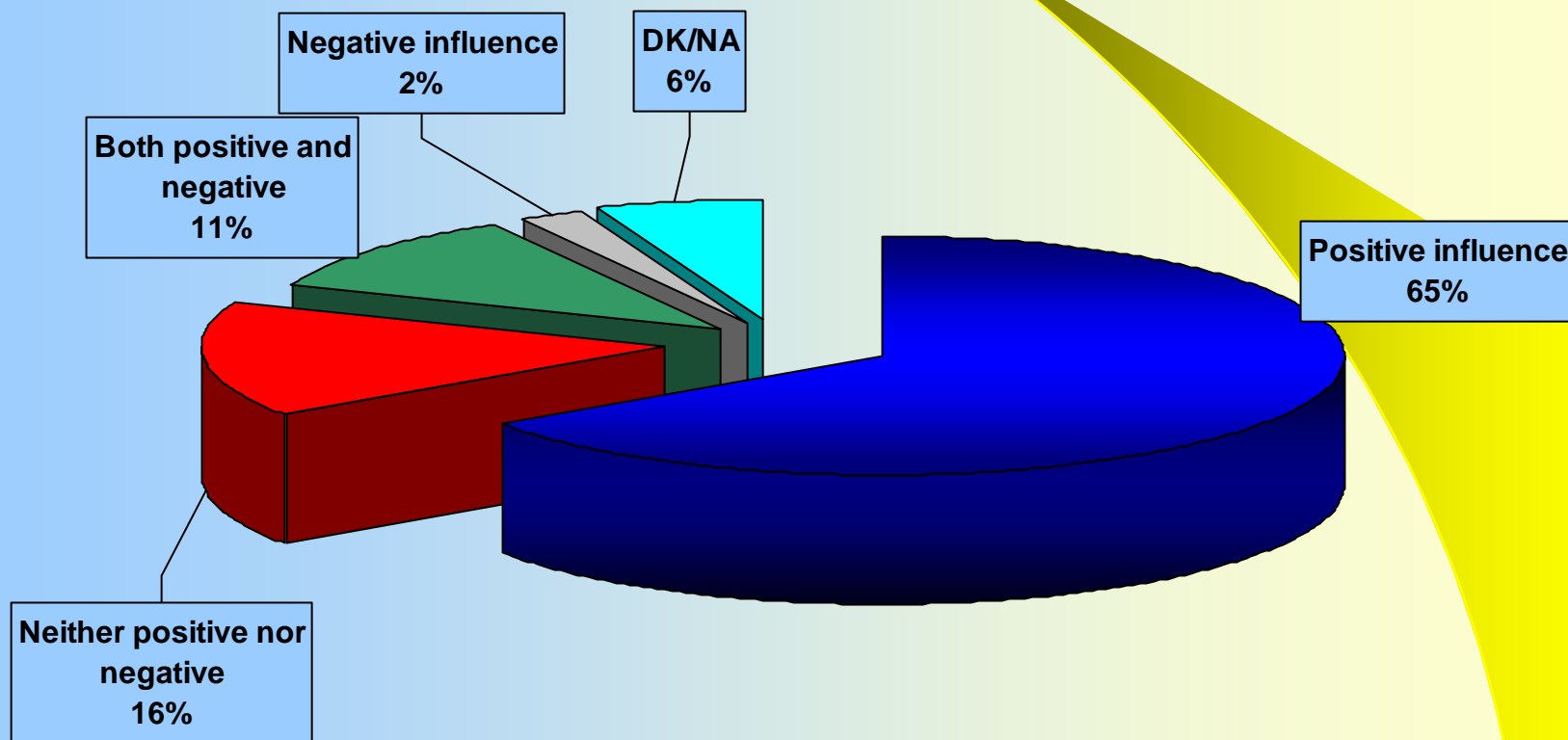
Does it concern you that the President of Azerbaijan has pledged to increase defense spending dramatically?



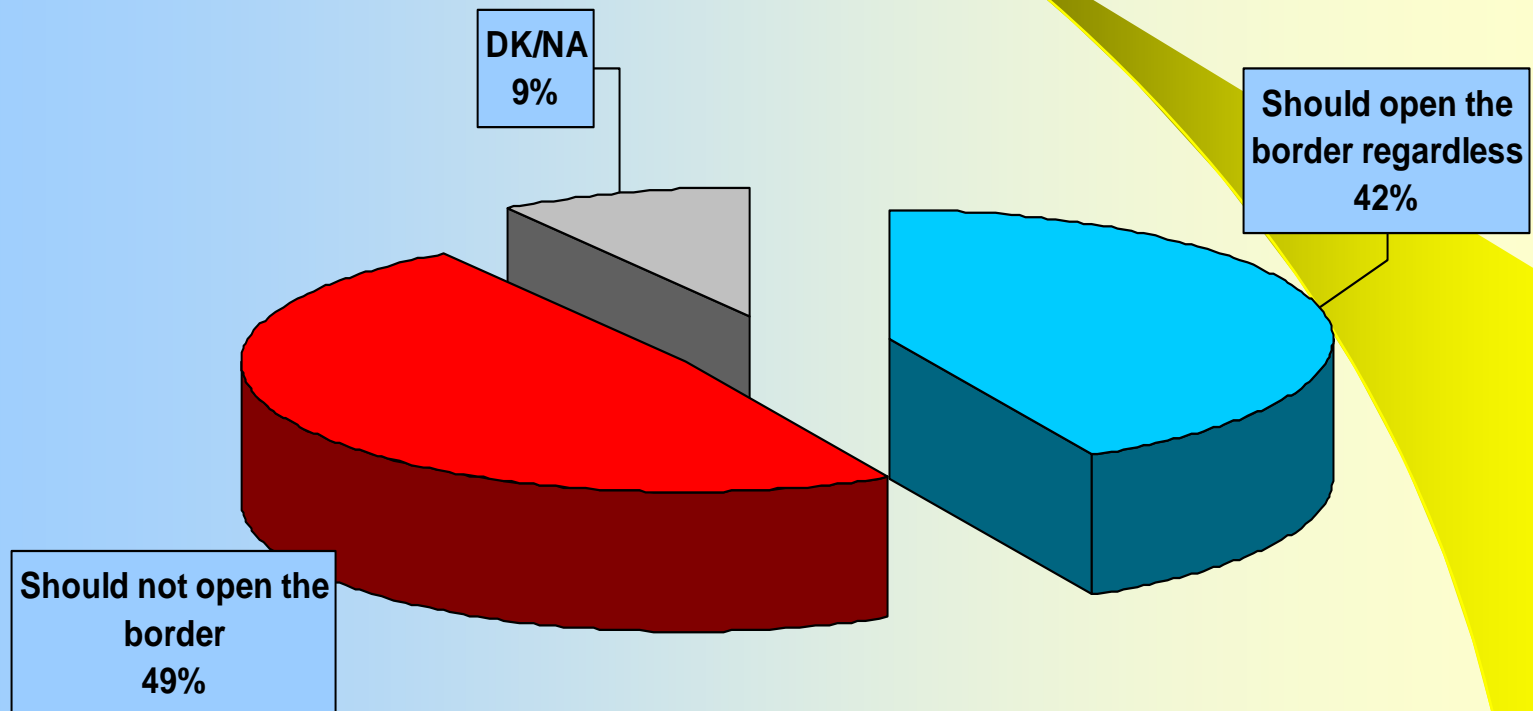
Do you think that a peaceful settlement on Nagorno Karabakh can be reached with Azerbaijan without military force being used?



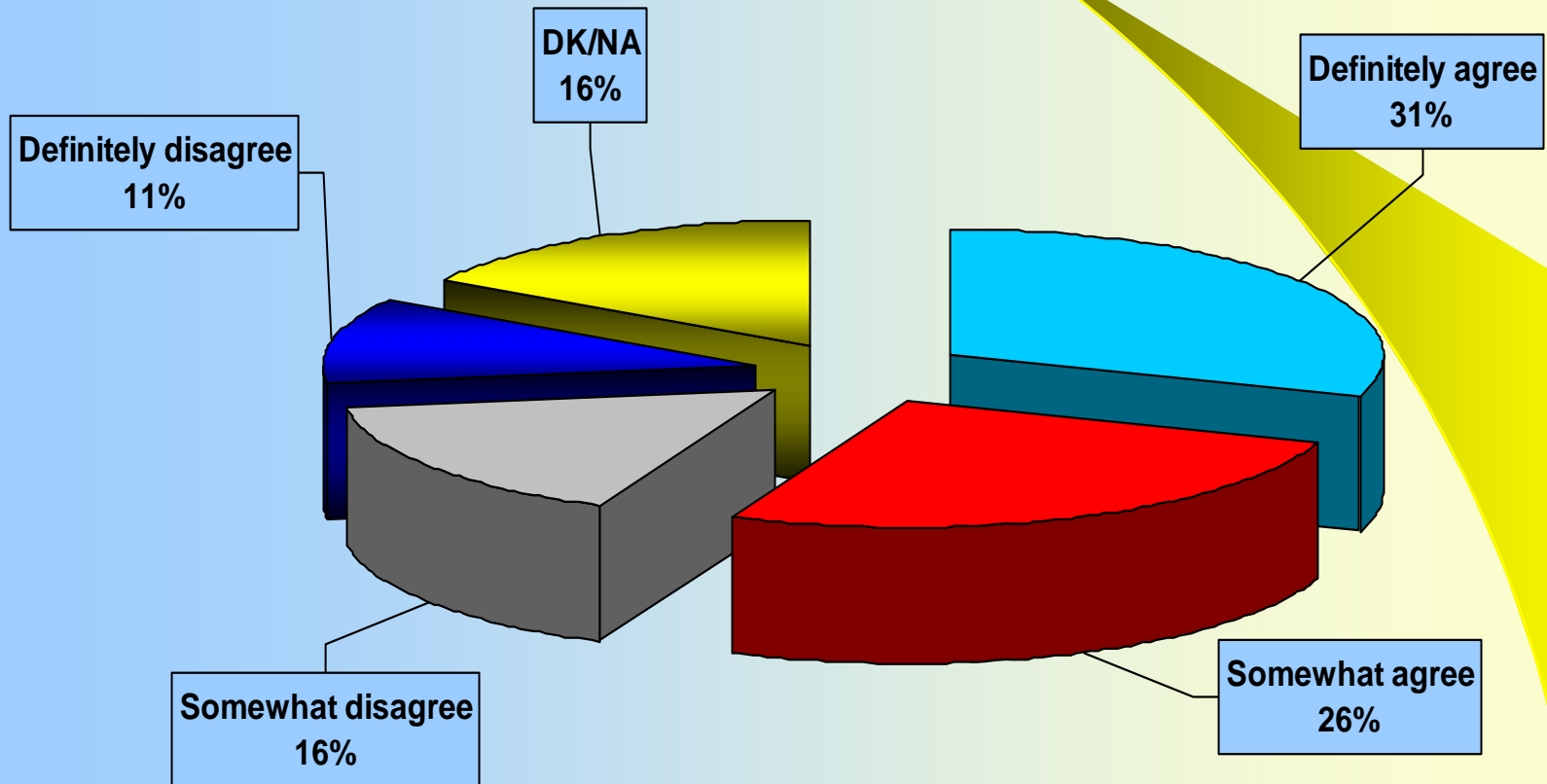
In your opinion, does the presence of the Russian military base in Armenia have a positive or negative influence on Armenian independence and stability?



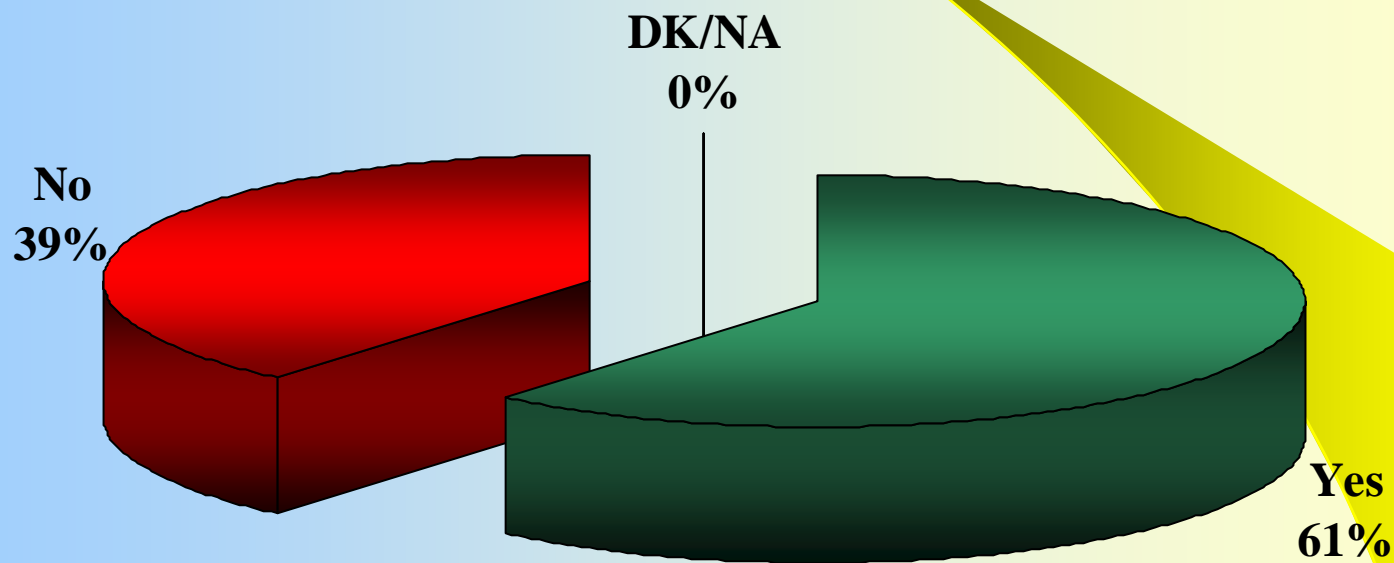
Should the Government of Armenia agree to open the border for trade, etc. with Turkey – even if the Turkish Government does not recognize the Genocide ?



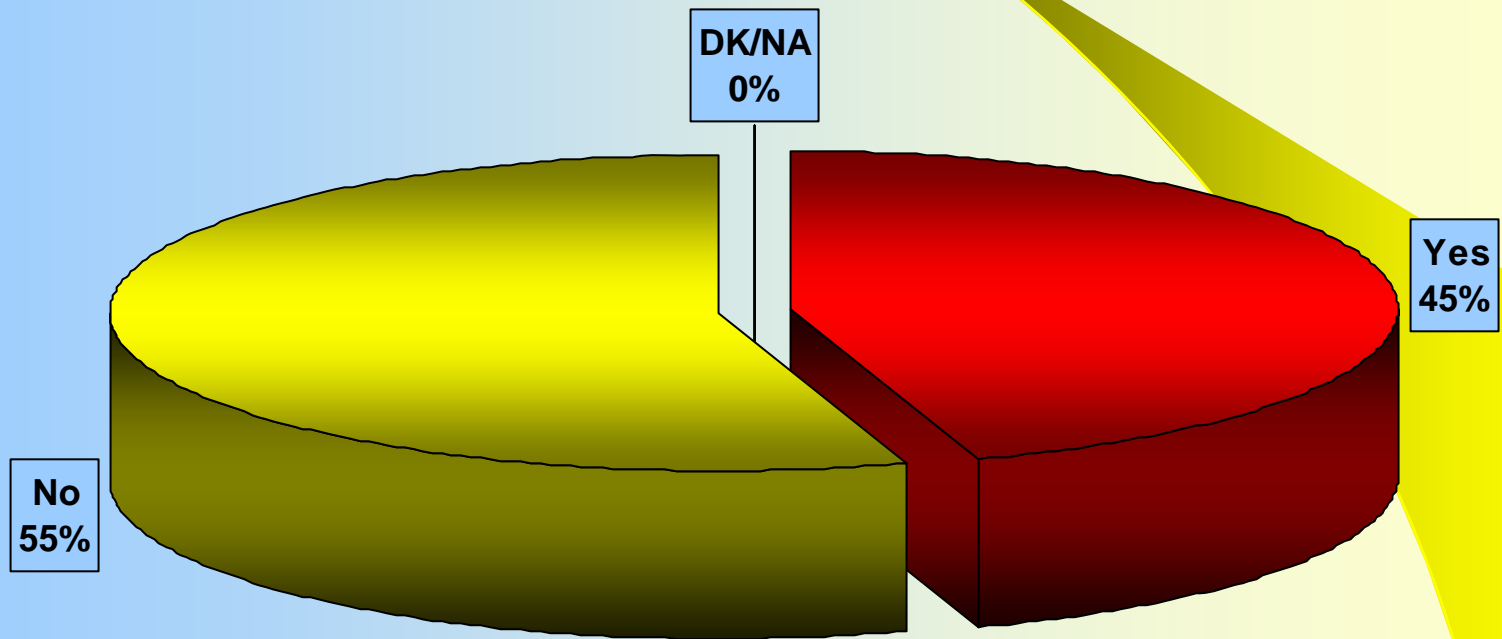
Do you agree with the US, EU and Russian efforts to prevent Iran from having nuclear weapons?



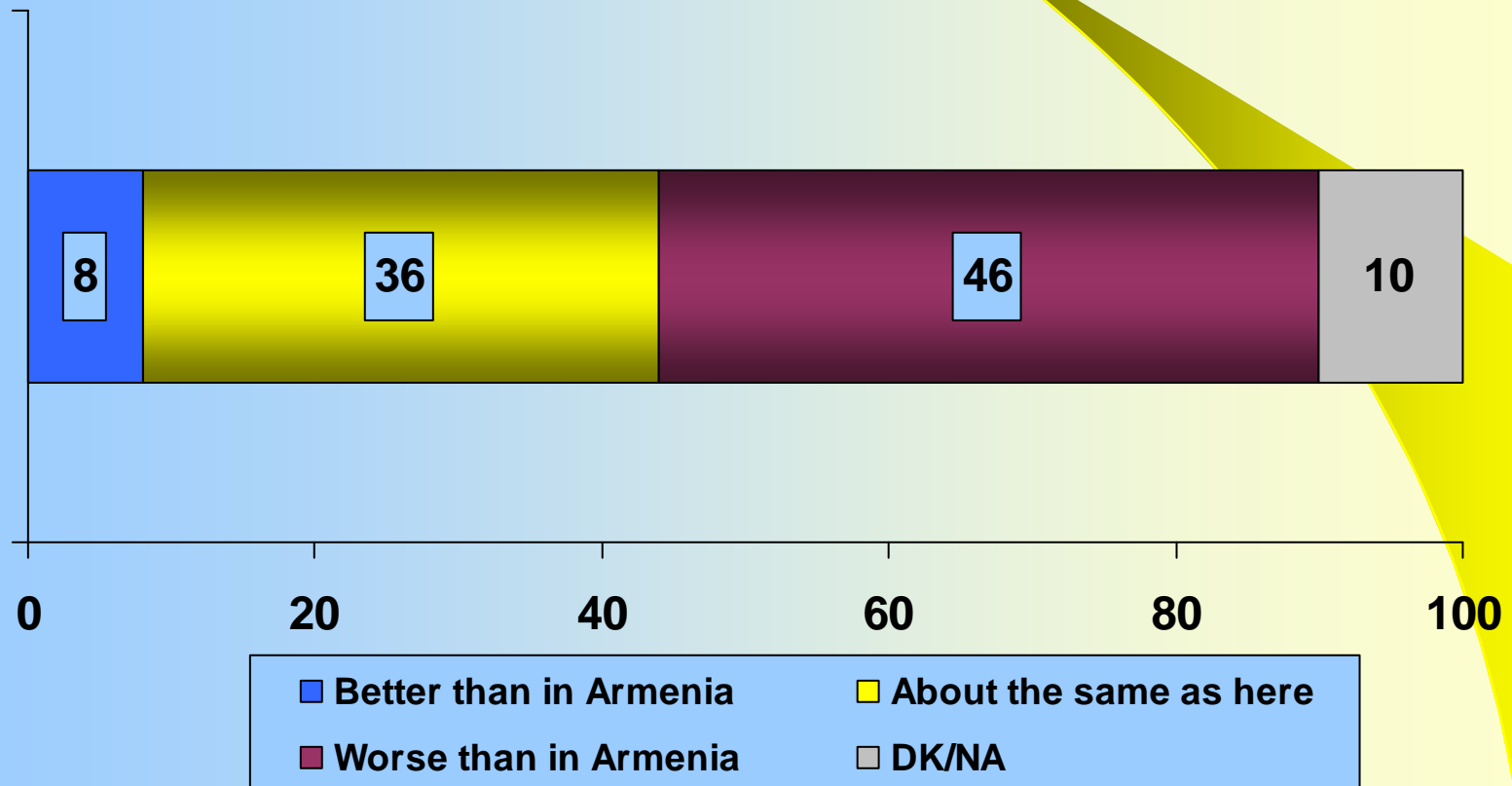
Do you have friends or relatives working abroad?



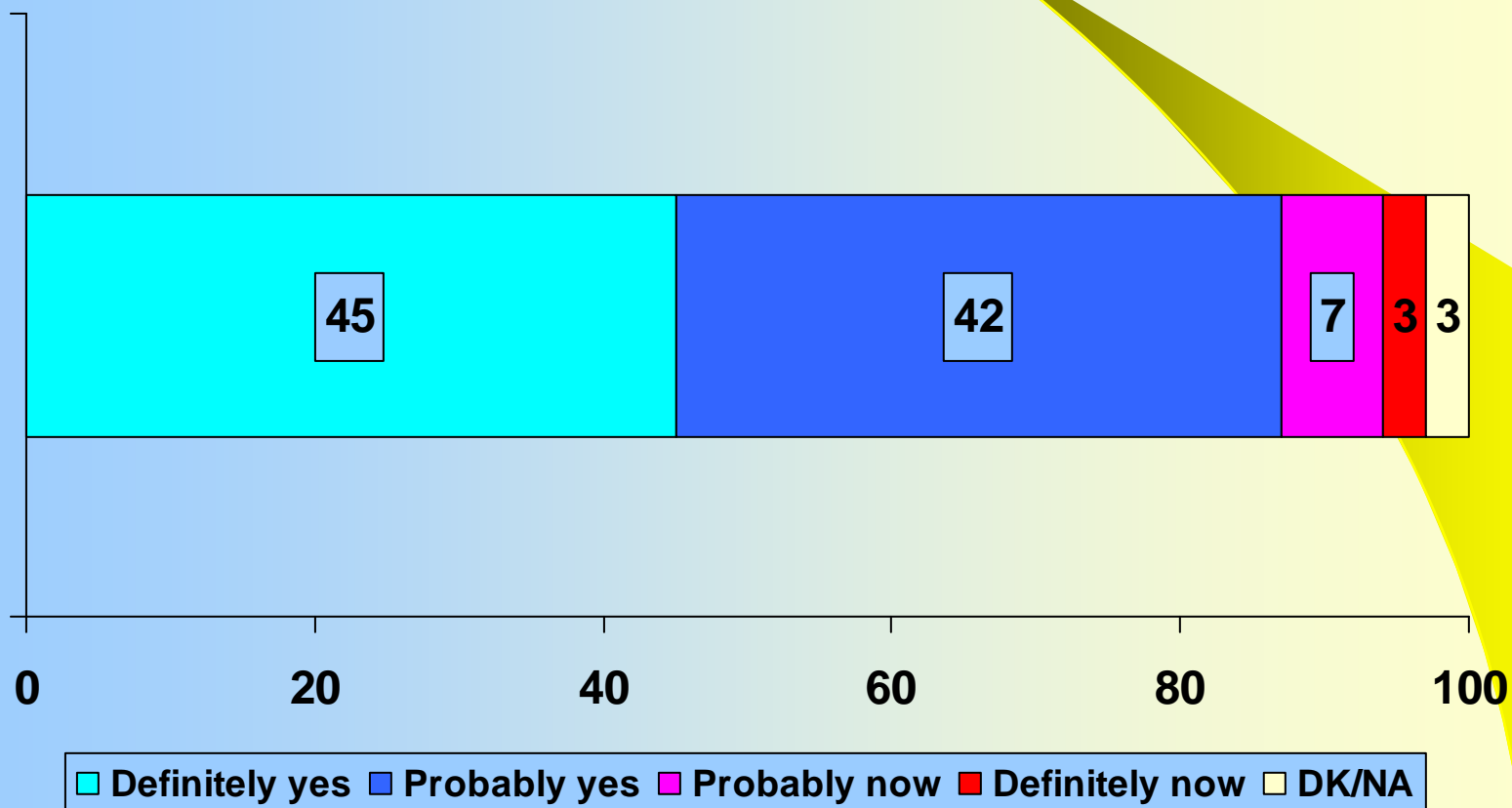
Do you personally benefit from remittances being sent from friends or relatives working abroad? (Of those interviewed, 737 have friends or relatives abroad)



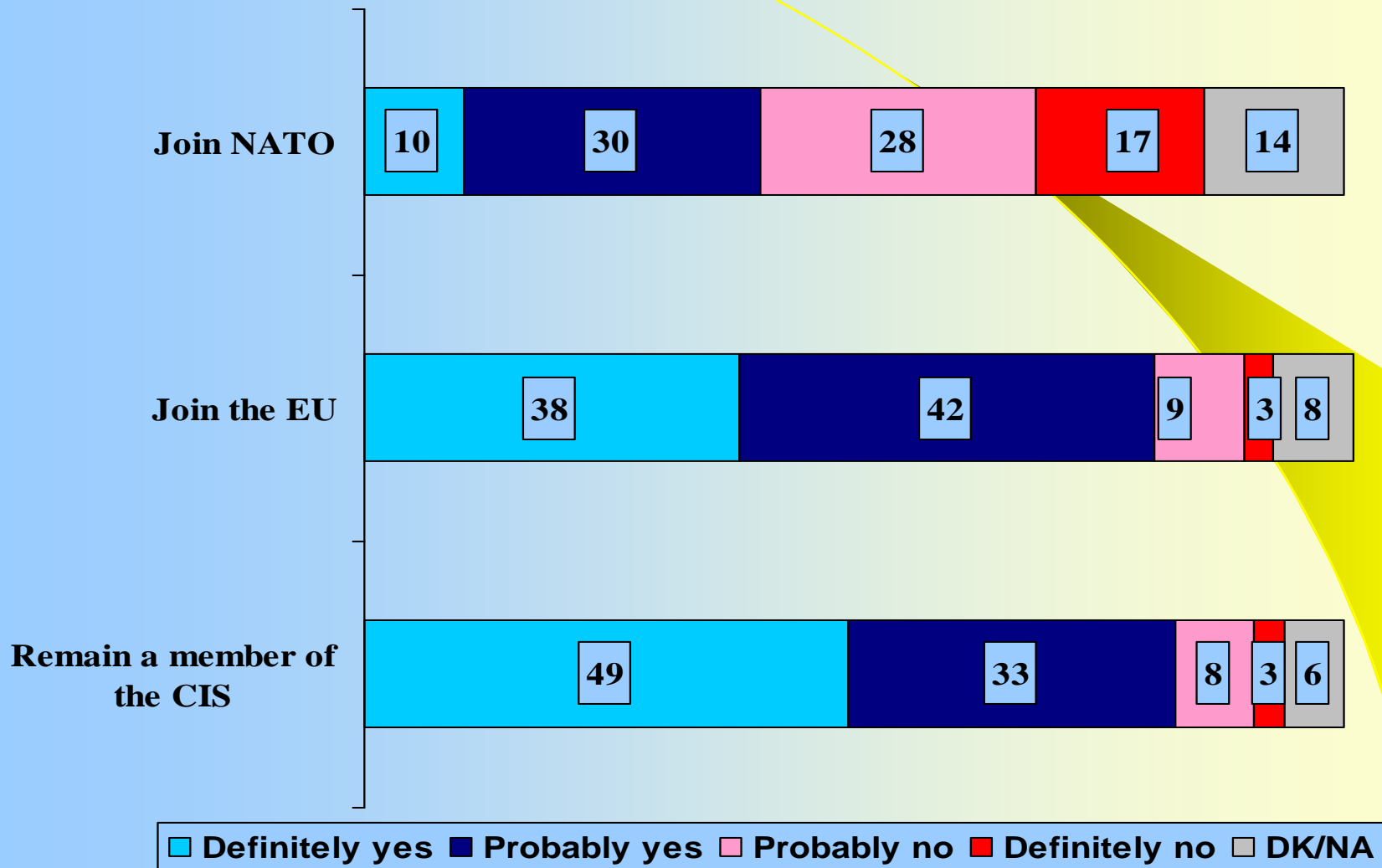
How do you feel about the living standard of ethnic Armenians in Georgia? (%)



Do you think Russia is a trustworthy ally of Armenia? (%)

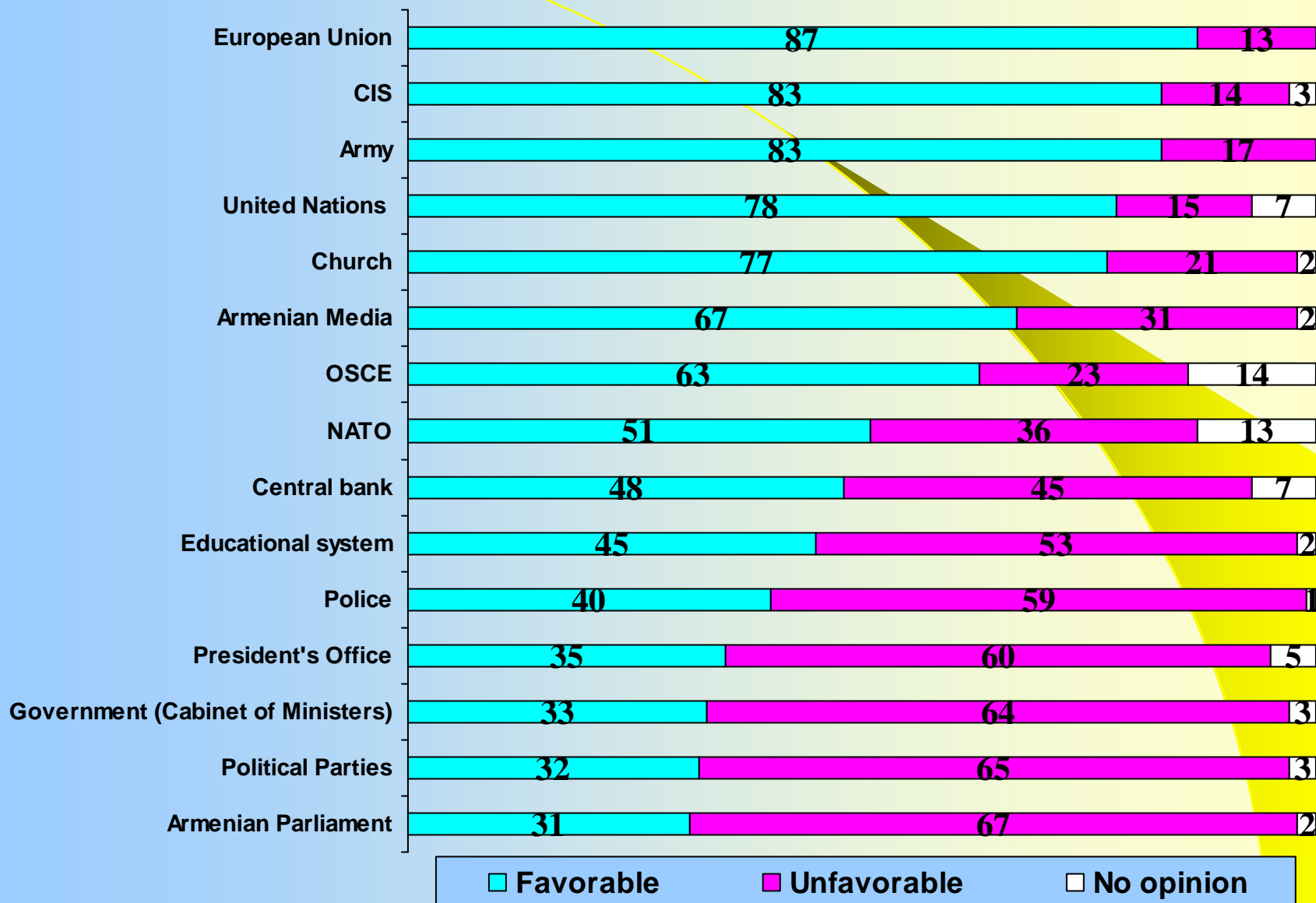


Should Armenia in the future... (%)



INSTITUTIONS

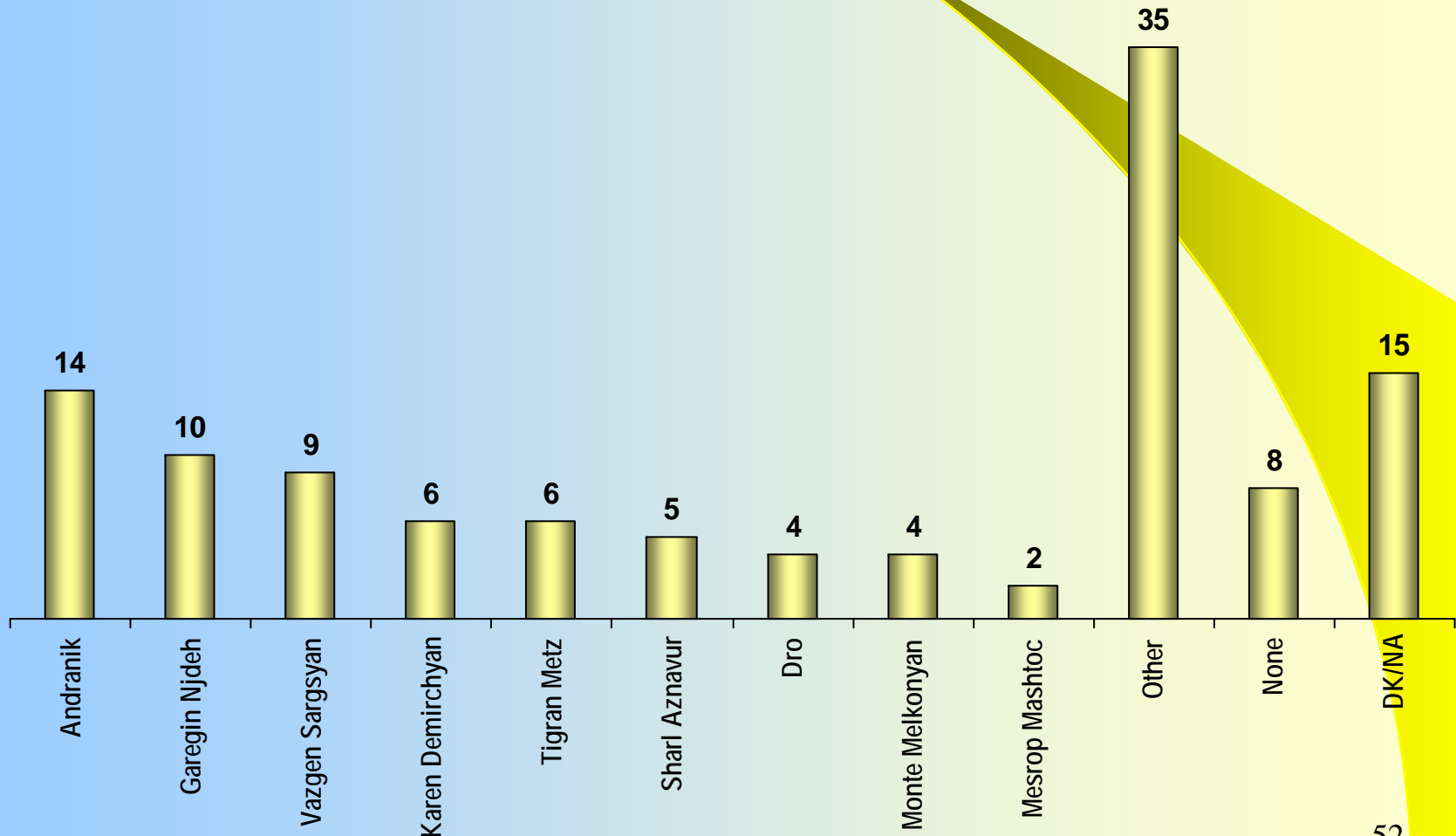
Confidence in Institutions (%)



HEROES OF OUR TIME

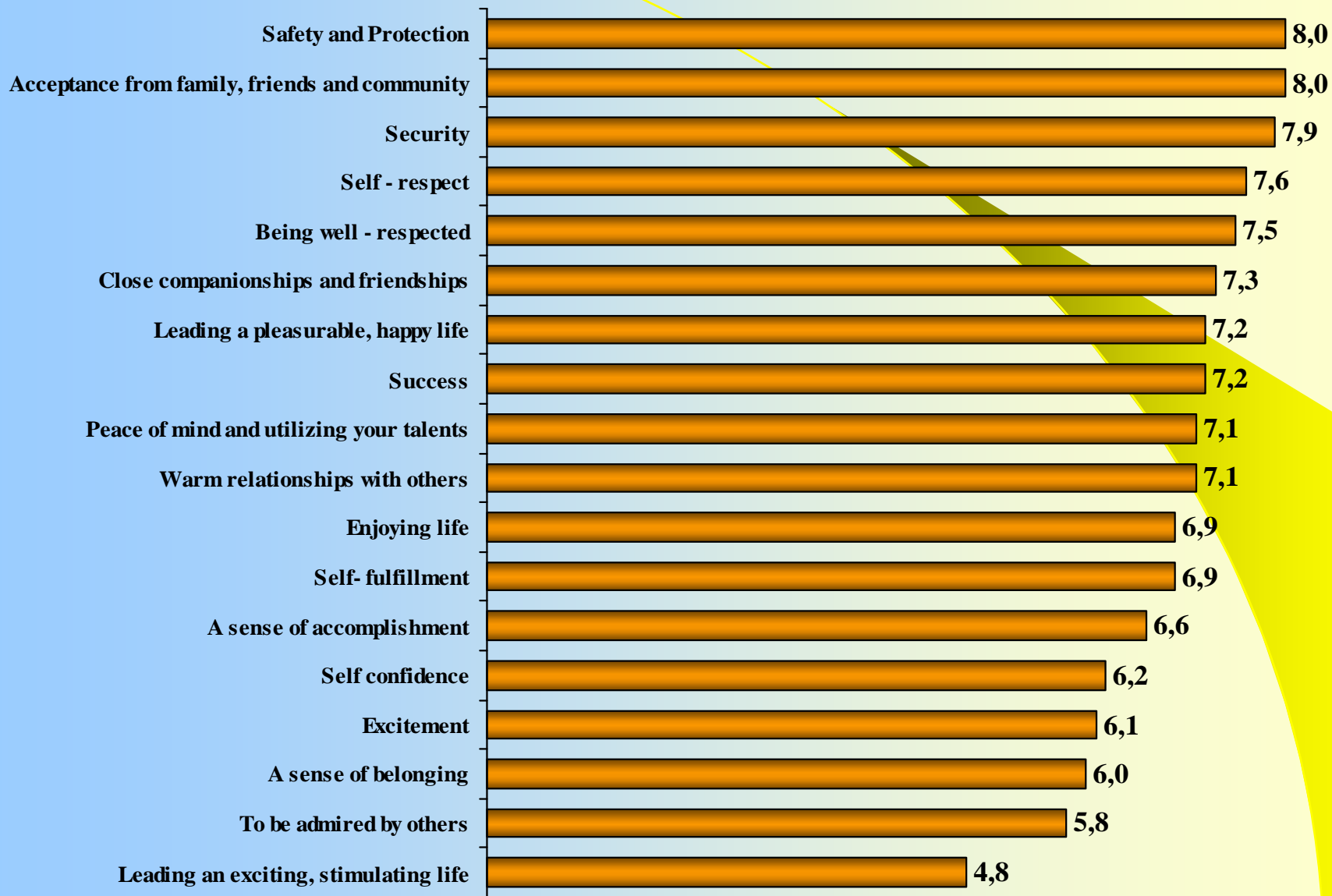
Heroes of our time

Of the prominent characters in Armenian history and folk culture, who is most suitable to be a national hero or leader in current times?
(Open-ended question, %)

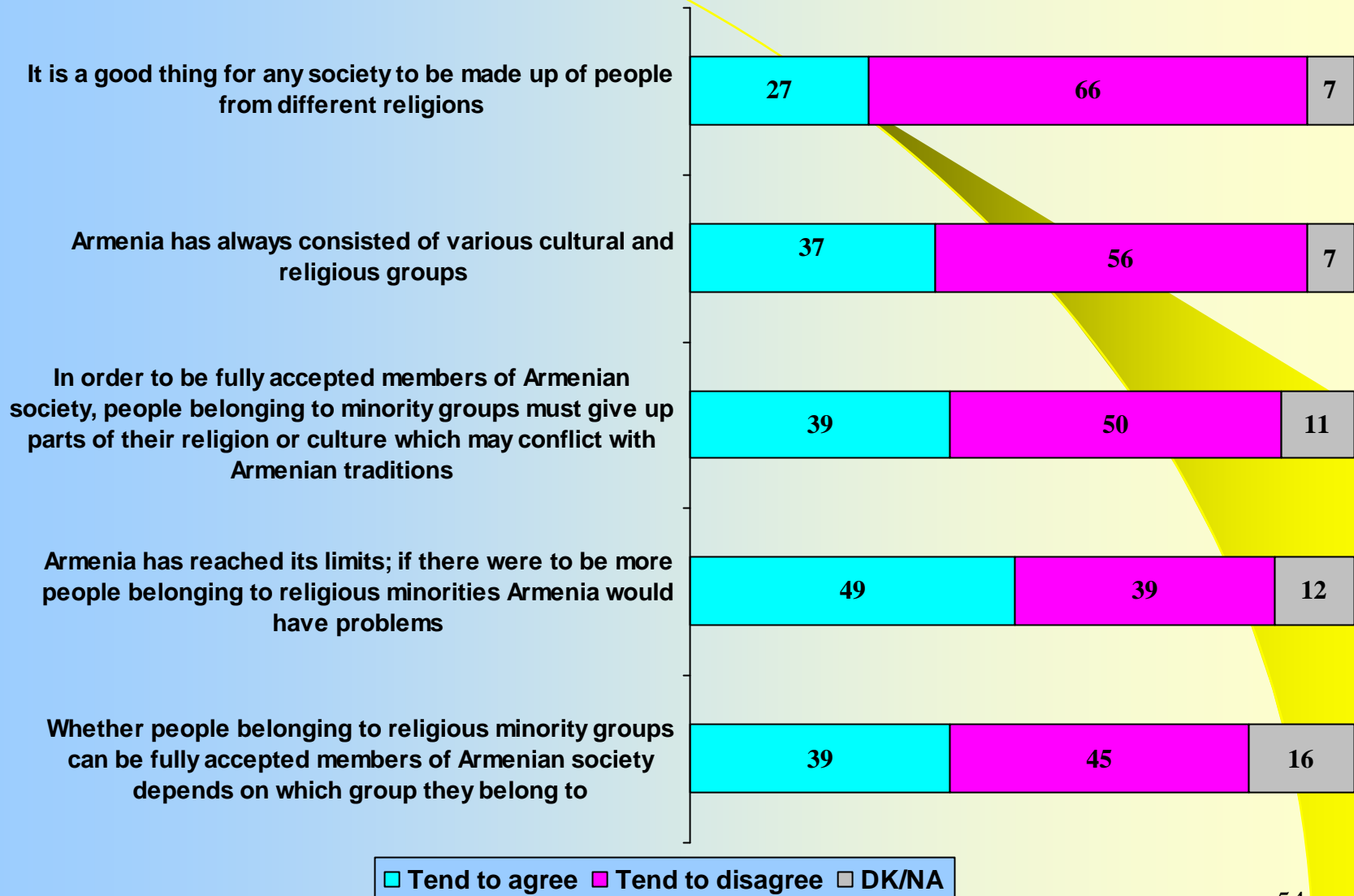


VALUES OF ARMENIAN PEOPLE

(Mean scores, where 1 - "Important to me", 9 - "Most important to me")

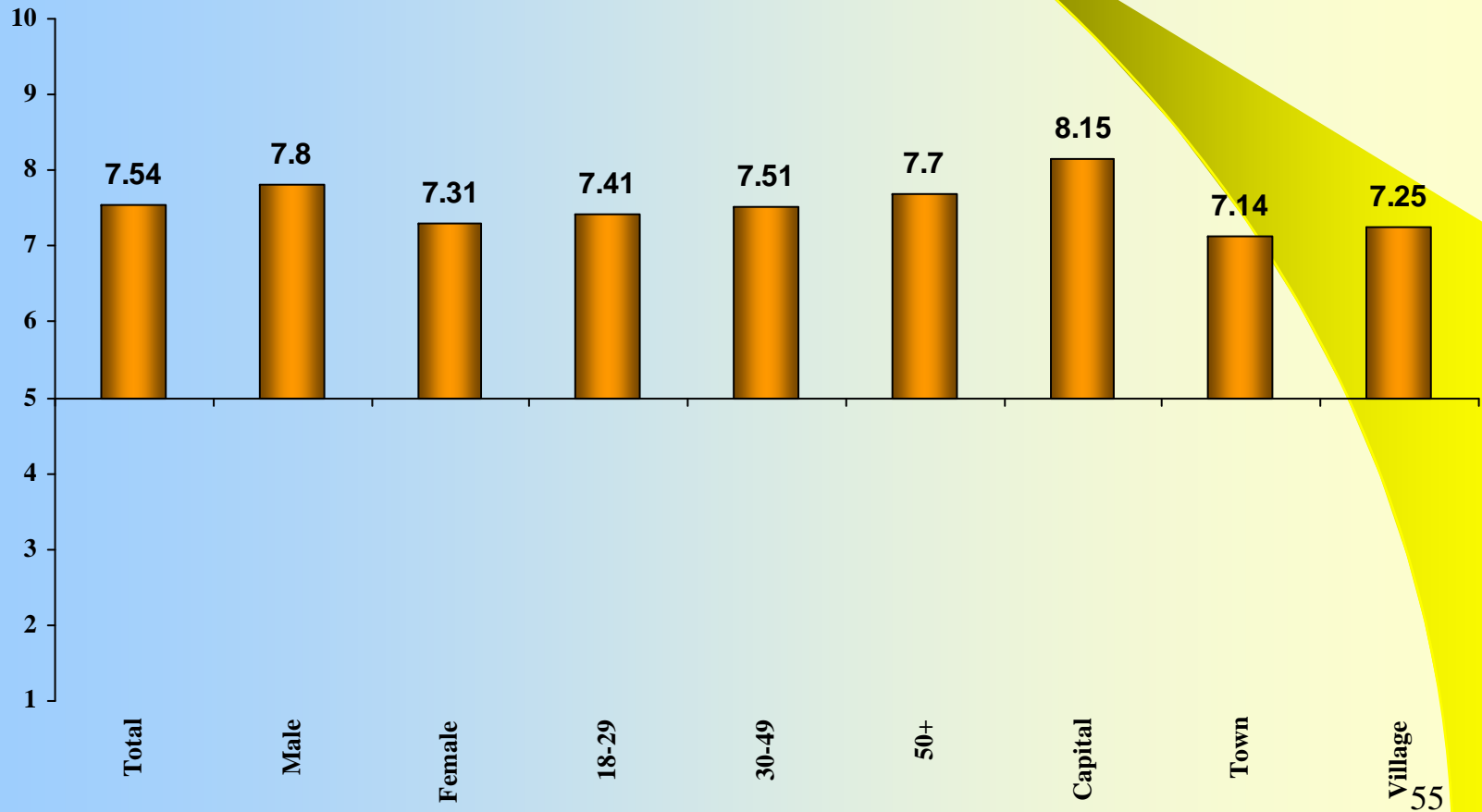


Tolerance



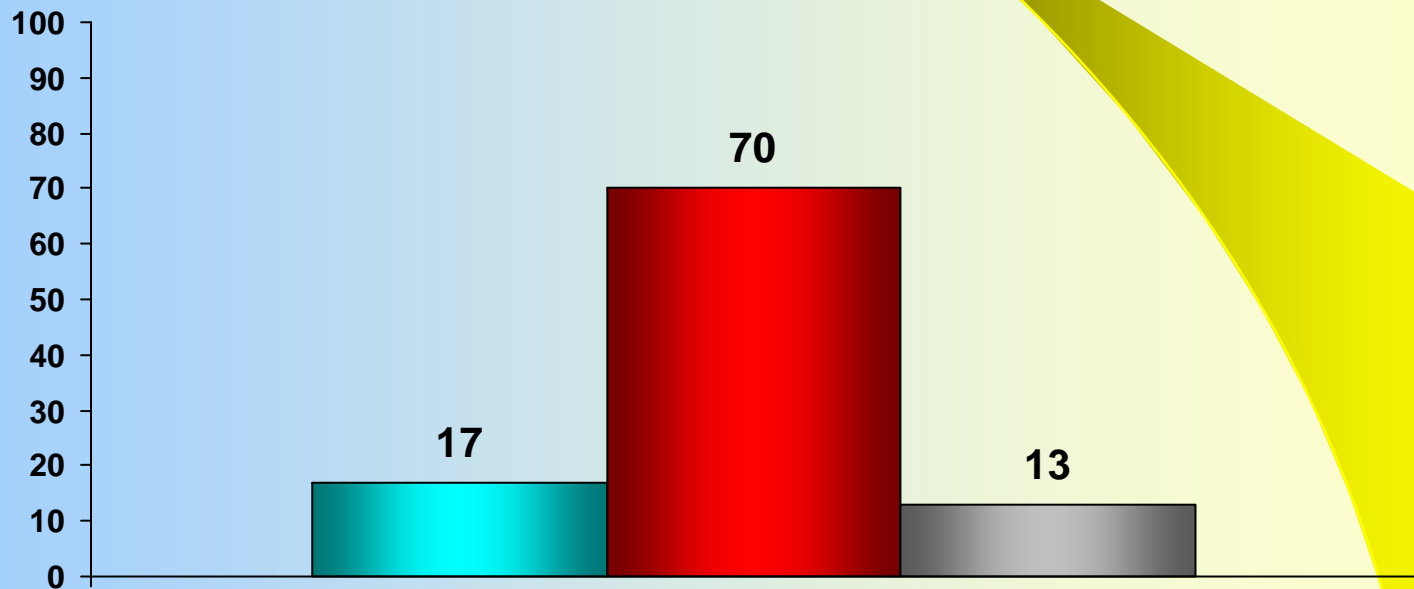
Trust in elections

**How fraudulent was the referendum of 2005?
(10 - very fraudulent, 1 - not at all fraudulent)**



Trust in elections

Next Parliamentary elections will be (%)

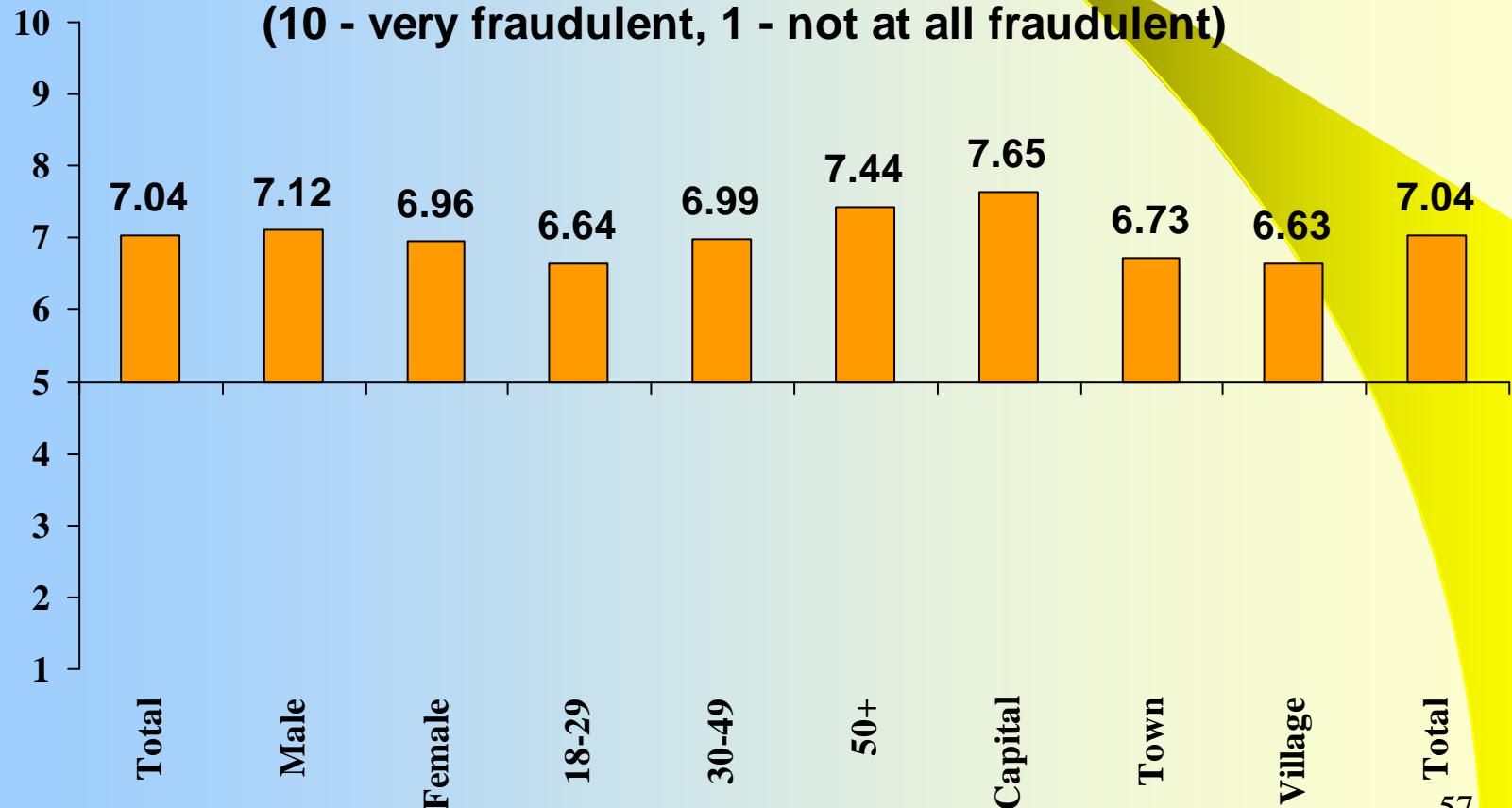


Parties' electorate

Free and fair **Not free and fair** **No opinion**

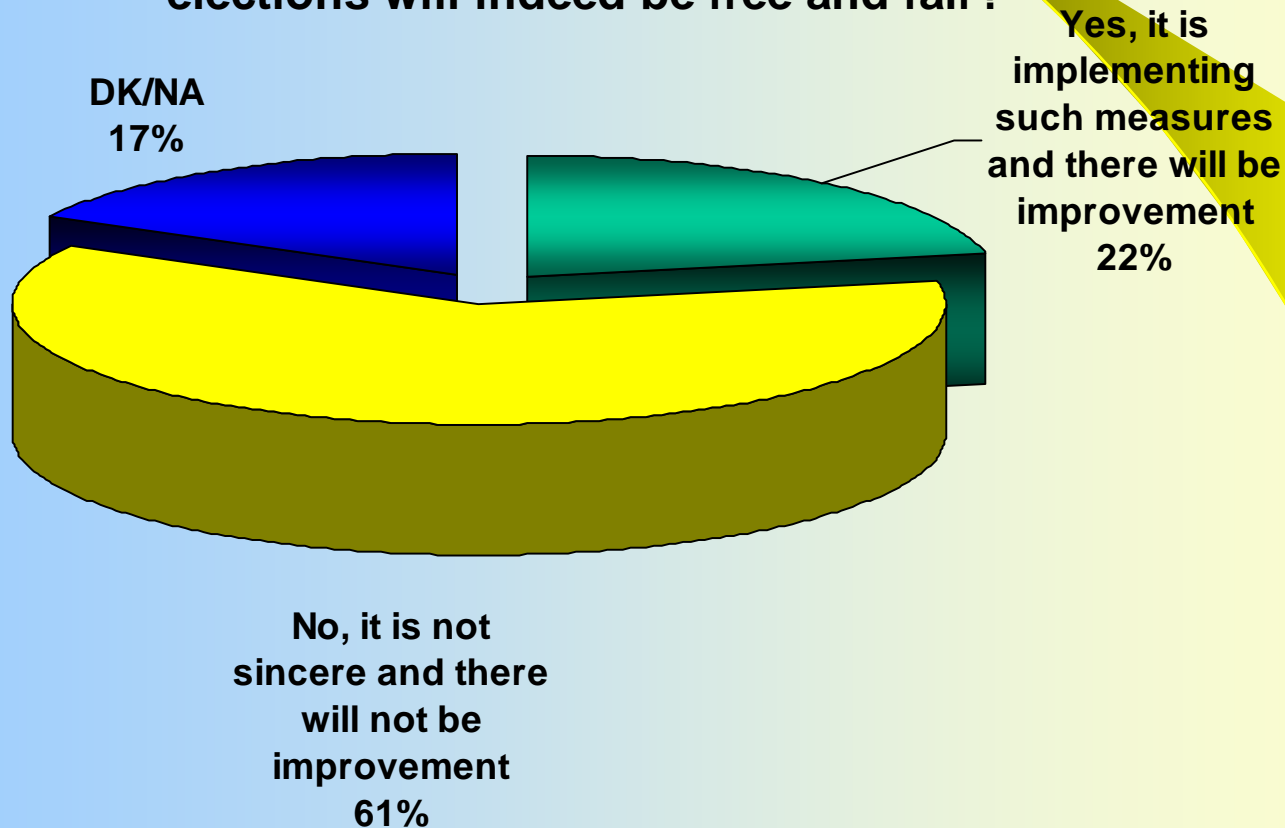
Trust in elections

How fraudulent will the upcoming Parliamentary elections be?
(10 - very fraudulent, 1 - not at all fraudulent)



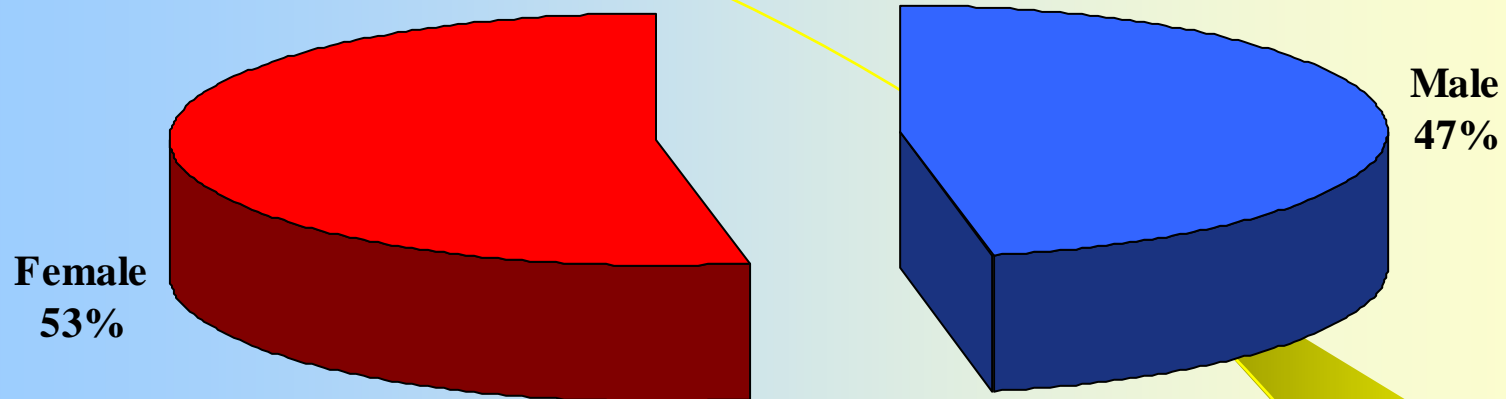
Trust in elections

Do you think the Armenian Government is implementing anti-fraud measures for the parliamentary elections and that elections will indeed be free and fair?

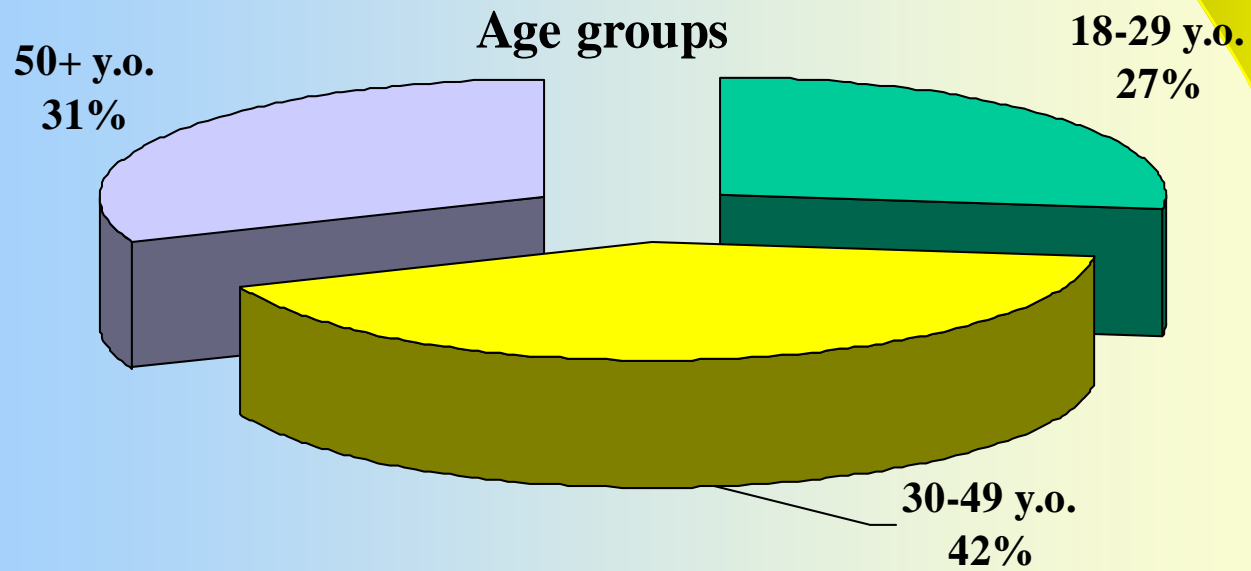


SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

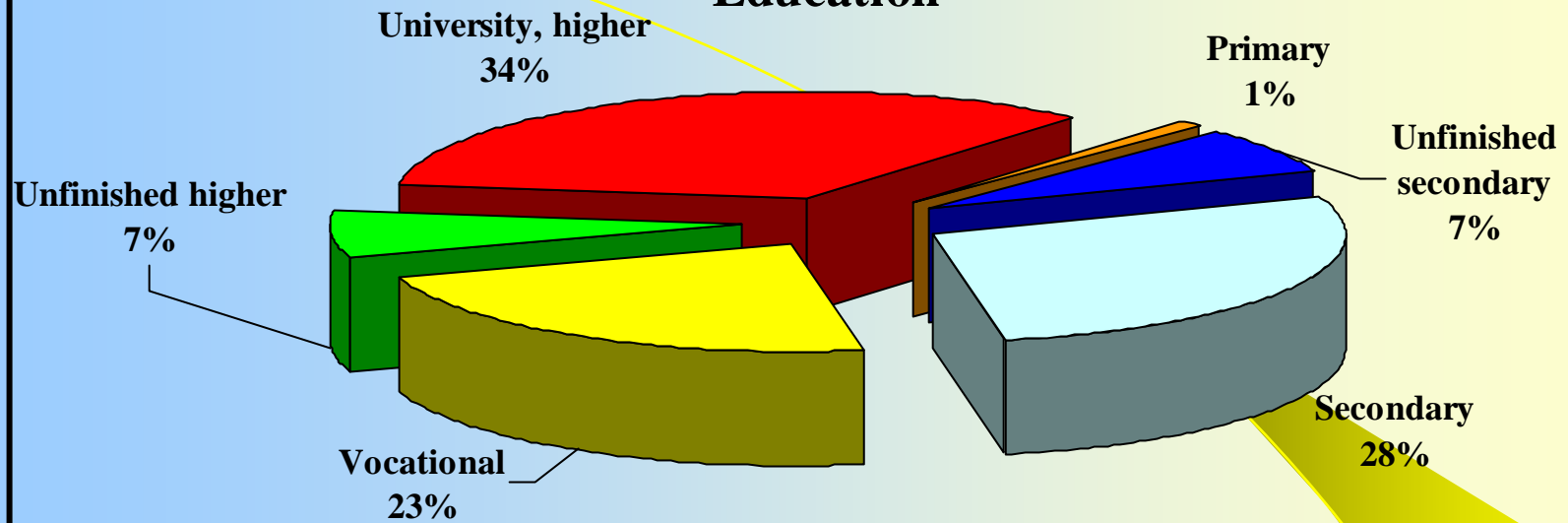
Gender



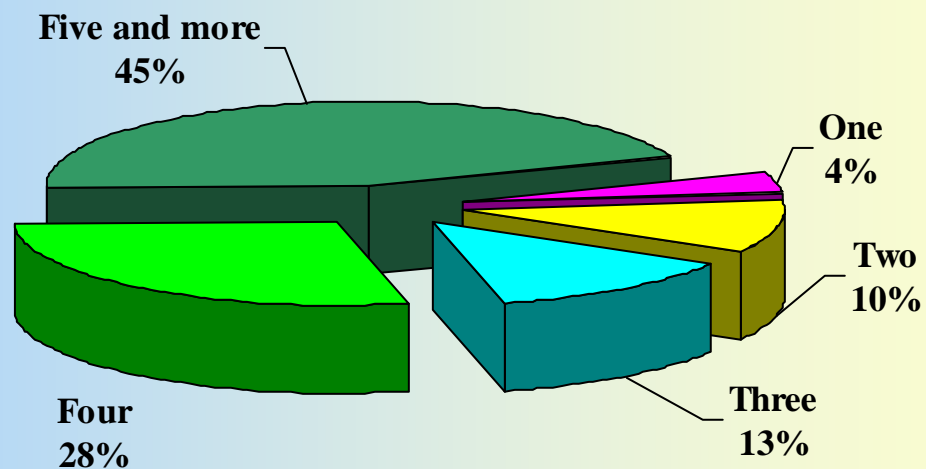
Age groups



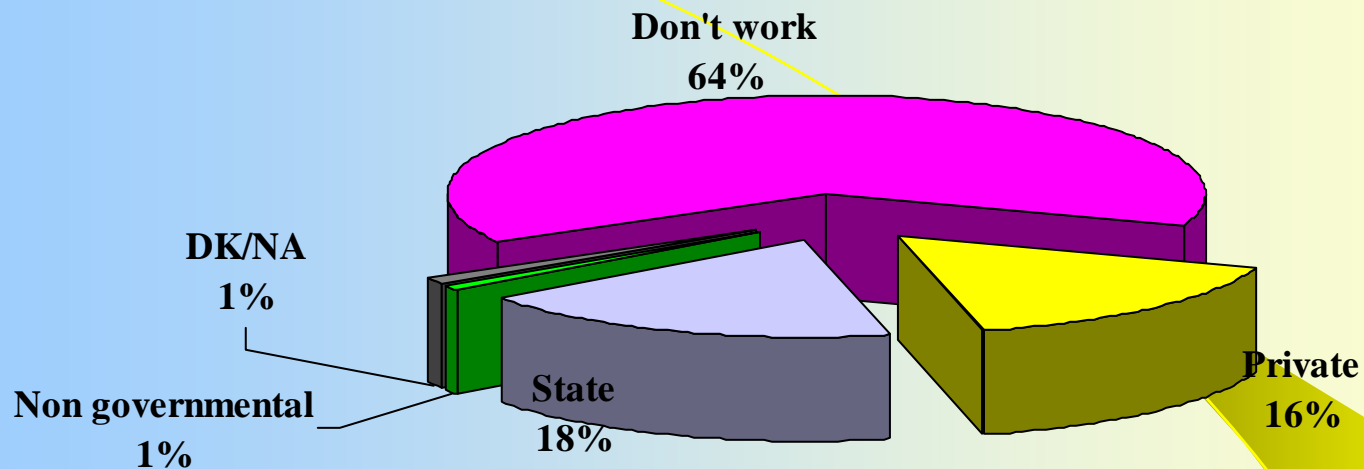
Education



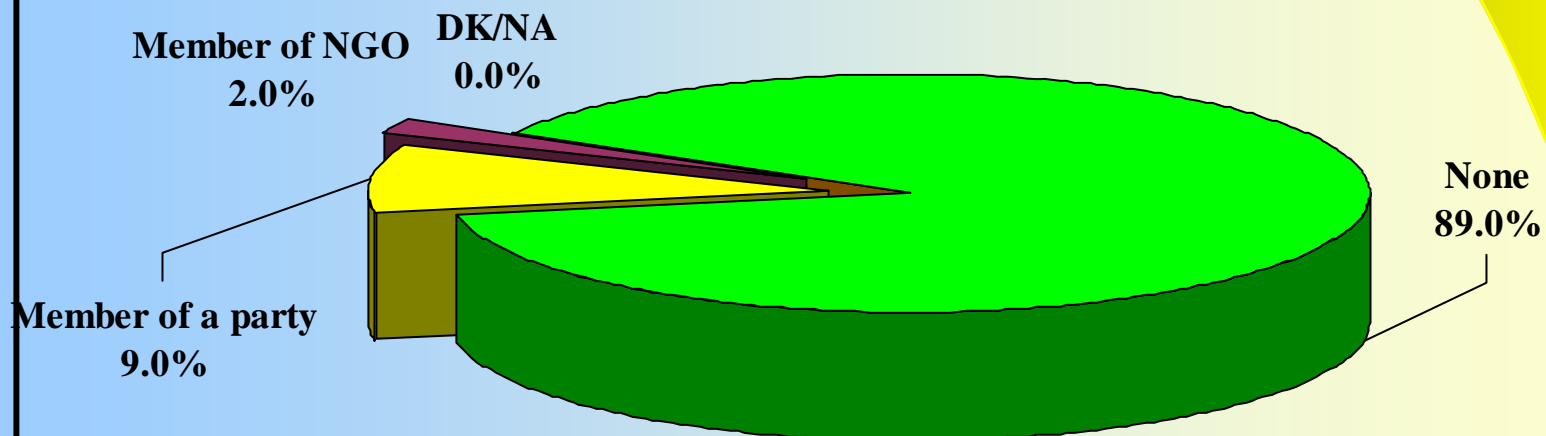
Household size



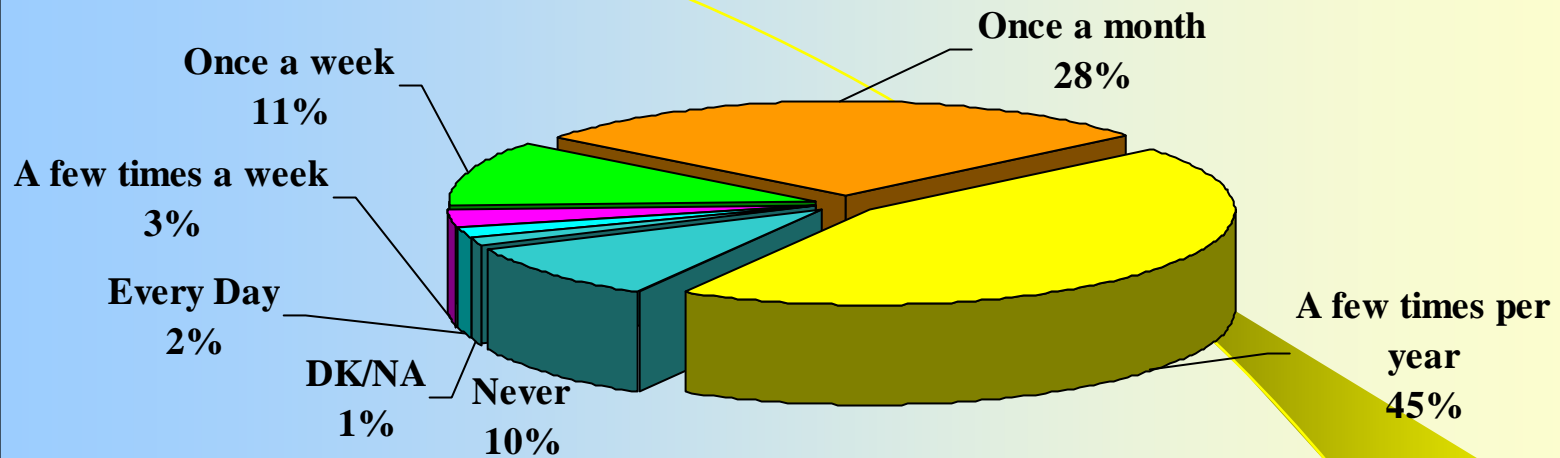
Sector of employment



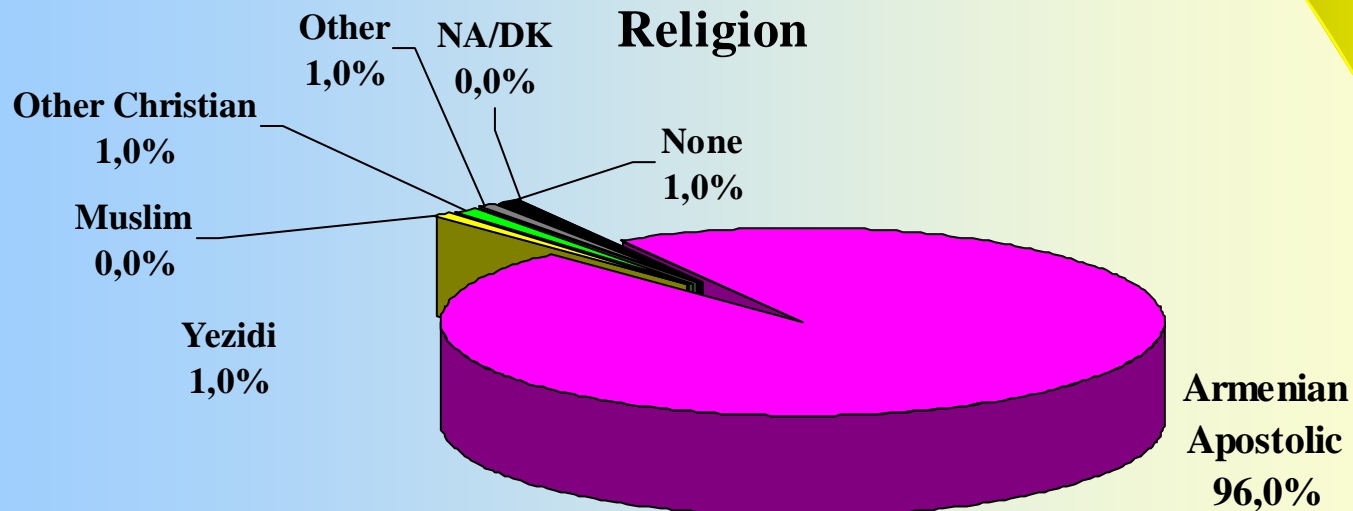
Membership in organizations



Attendance of religious service



Religion



Region

