

National Survey of Residents of The Republic of Maldives

August-September 2022



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Detailed Methodology

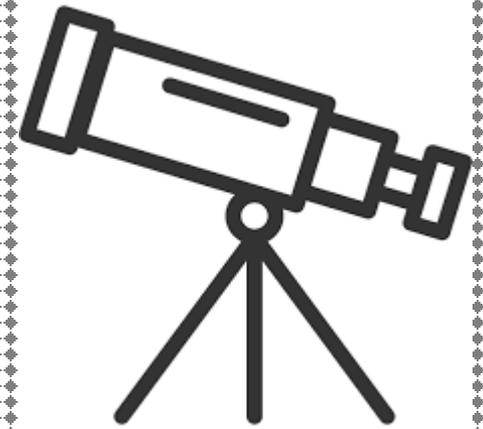
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by the [Institute for Research and Innovation, Villa College](#) between August 12-September 11, 2022.
- The sample consists of 1,292 respondents aged 18 and older and is representative of resident Maldivian adults nationally. The sample excludes those living on resort islands (6% of the total adult population). Interviews were conducted face-to-face at respondents' homes, using the Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) method.
- A multi-stage stratified probability sampling approach with clusters was used, and the sample was first stratified by atolls, then by urbanicity (urban, semi-urban, and rural). Islands within each stratum were randomly selected. In total, 42 islands were sampled, with 28 in the rural stratum, 9 in the semi-urban stratum, and 5 in the urban stratum (see next slide for definitions of urbanization levels.) The sample was drawn based on the 2014 census. With each sampling point, random walk was used to select the appropriate household and respondents were selected with the "last birthday" method.
- The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age groups, and education level. The weighting frame is based on the 2019 Statistical Yearbook for gender and age, and on the midpoint between the 2014 census and the 2019 Statistical Yearbook for education.
- The margin of error is plus or minus 2.7 percentage points at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent.
- The response rate was 72%.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies. Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

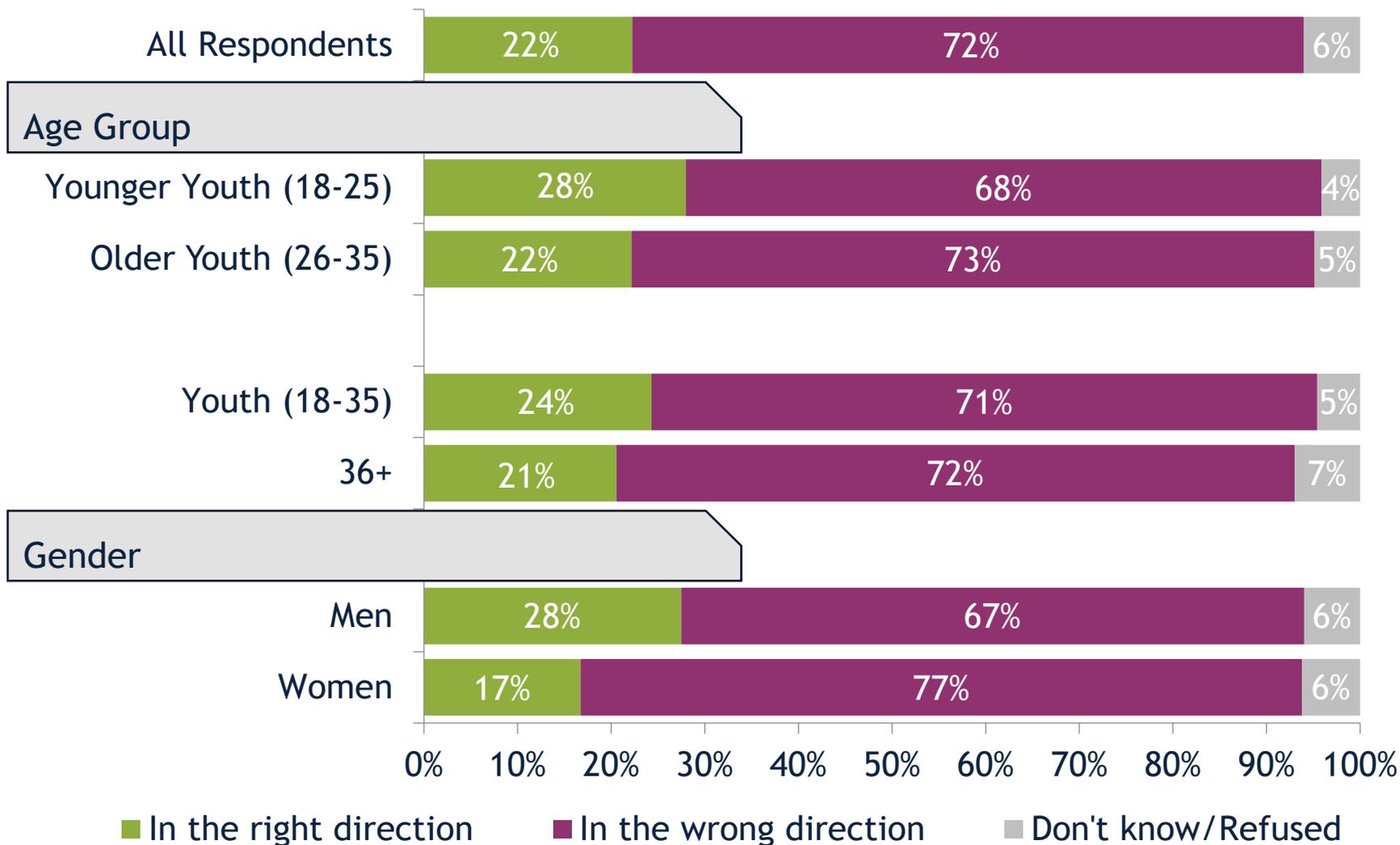
Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Groups	Younger Youth (18-25)	n=219
	Older Youth (26-35)	n=371
	Youth (18-35)	n=590
	36+	n=702
Gender	Men	n=661
	Women	n=631
Urbanicity	Urban (<i>Islands designated with “City” status as per the Decentralization Act</i>)	n = 691
	Semi-Urban (<i>Atoll capital islands and islands with a population of 4000 and above, excluding islands designated with “City” status</i>)	n = 201
	Rural (<i>Islands with a population below 4000, excluding atoll capital islands</i>)	n = 400

Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Cited bases are weighted.

General Outlook

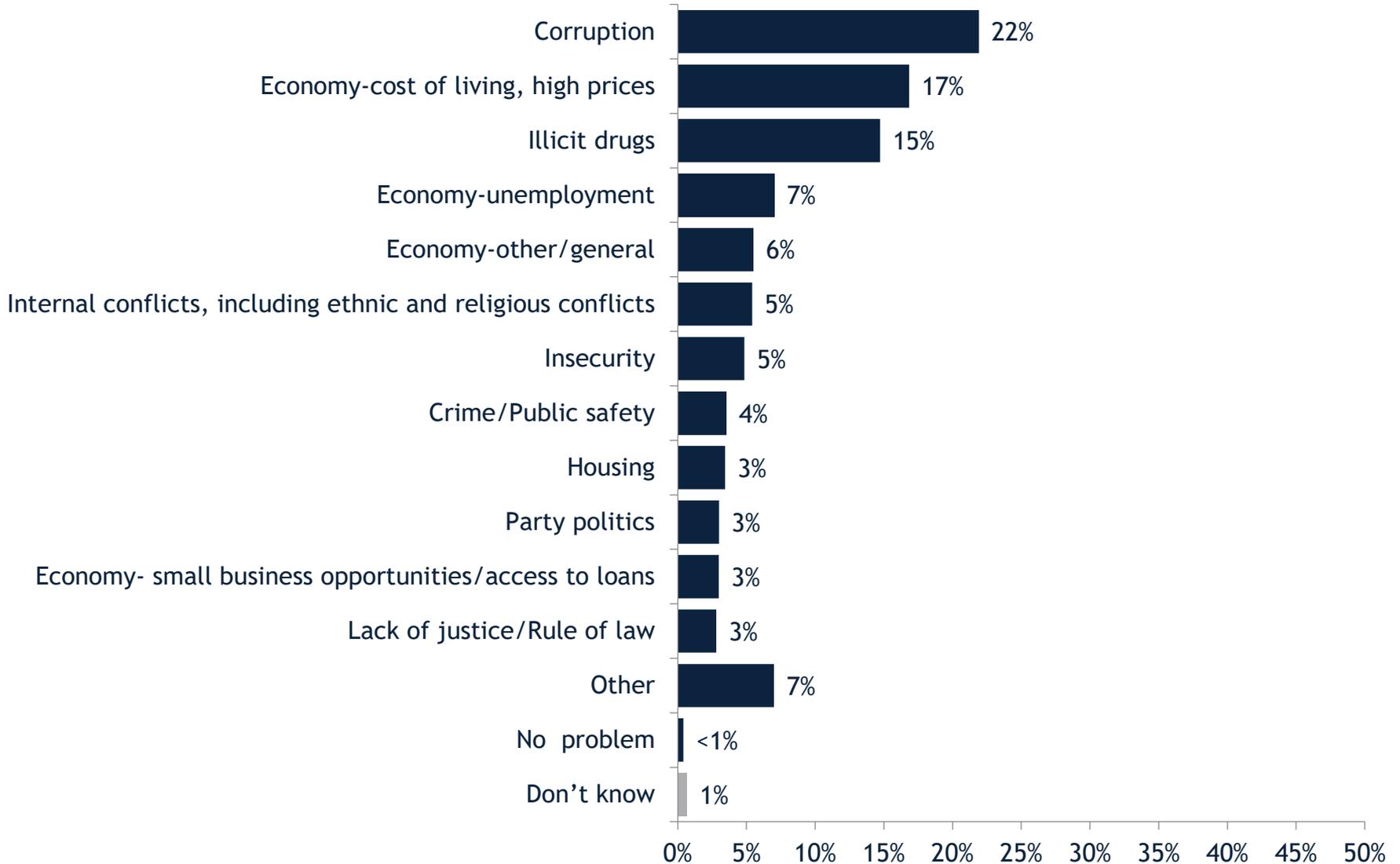


In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?



What is the most important problem facing our country today?

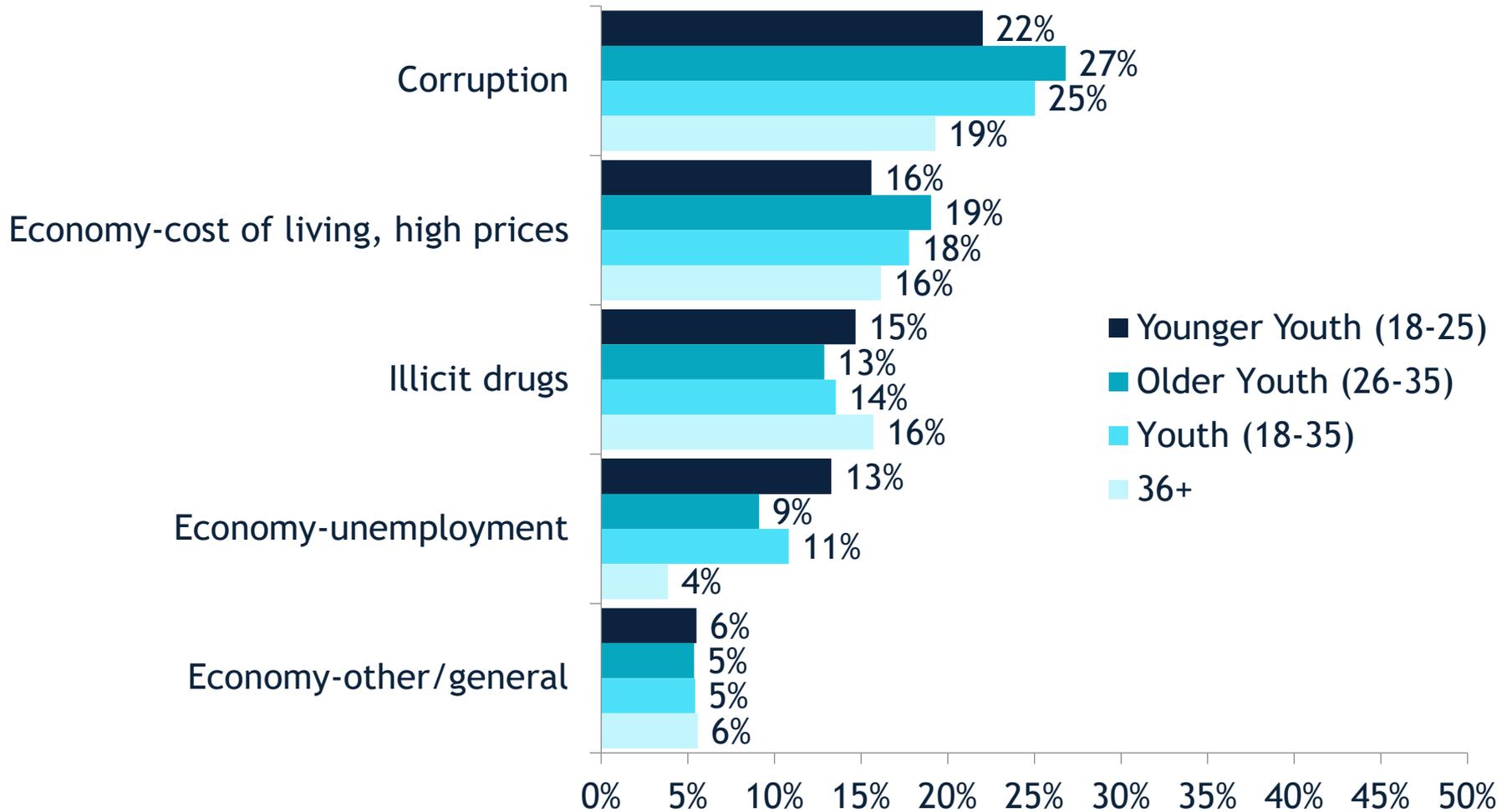
(Spontaneous response)



*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into *Other*.

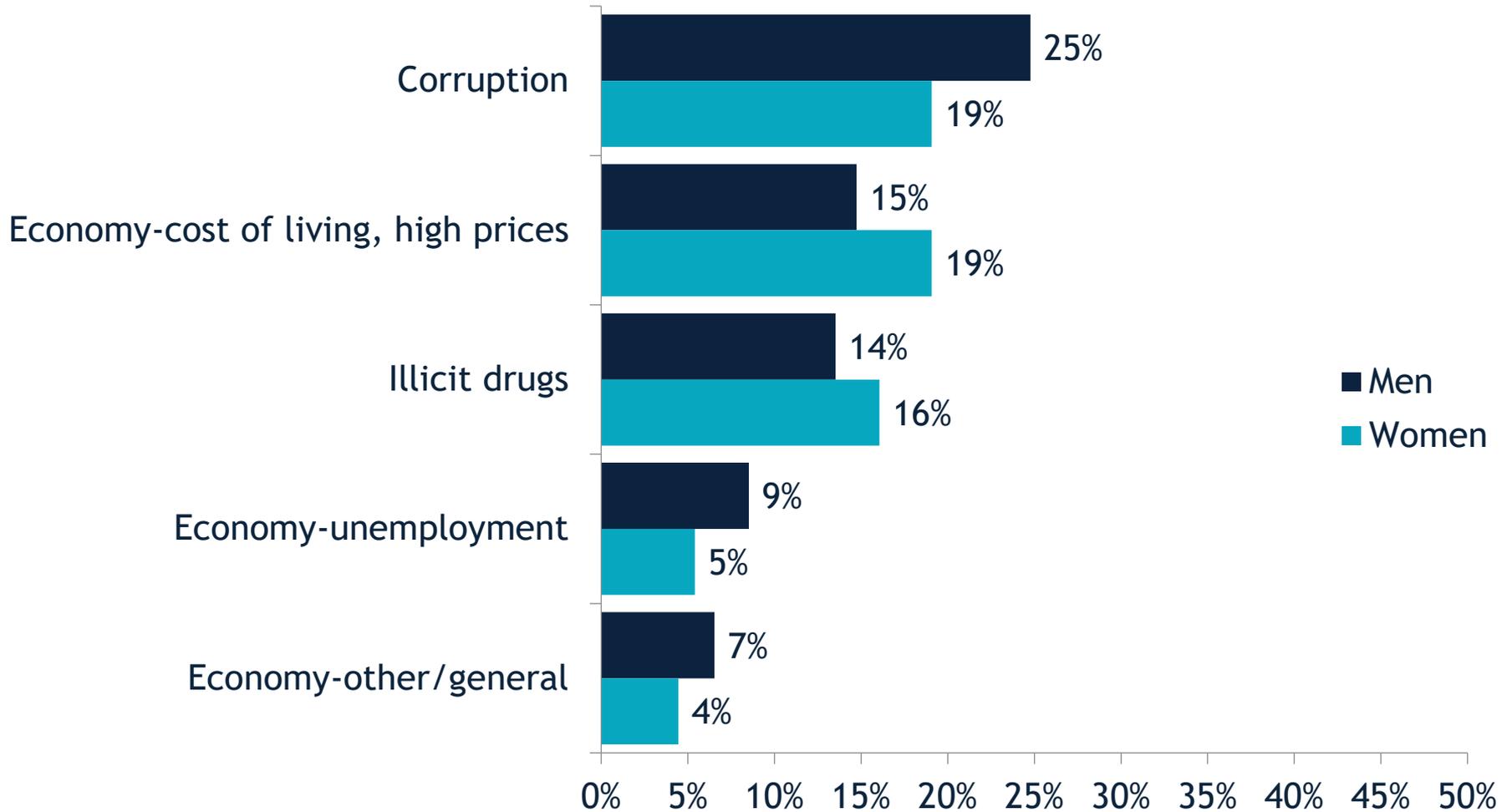
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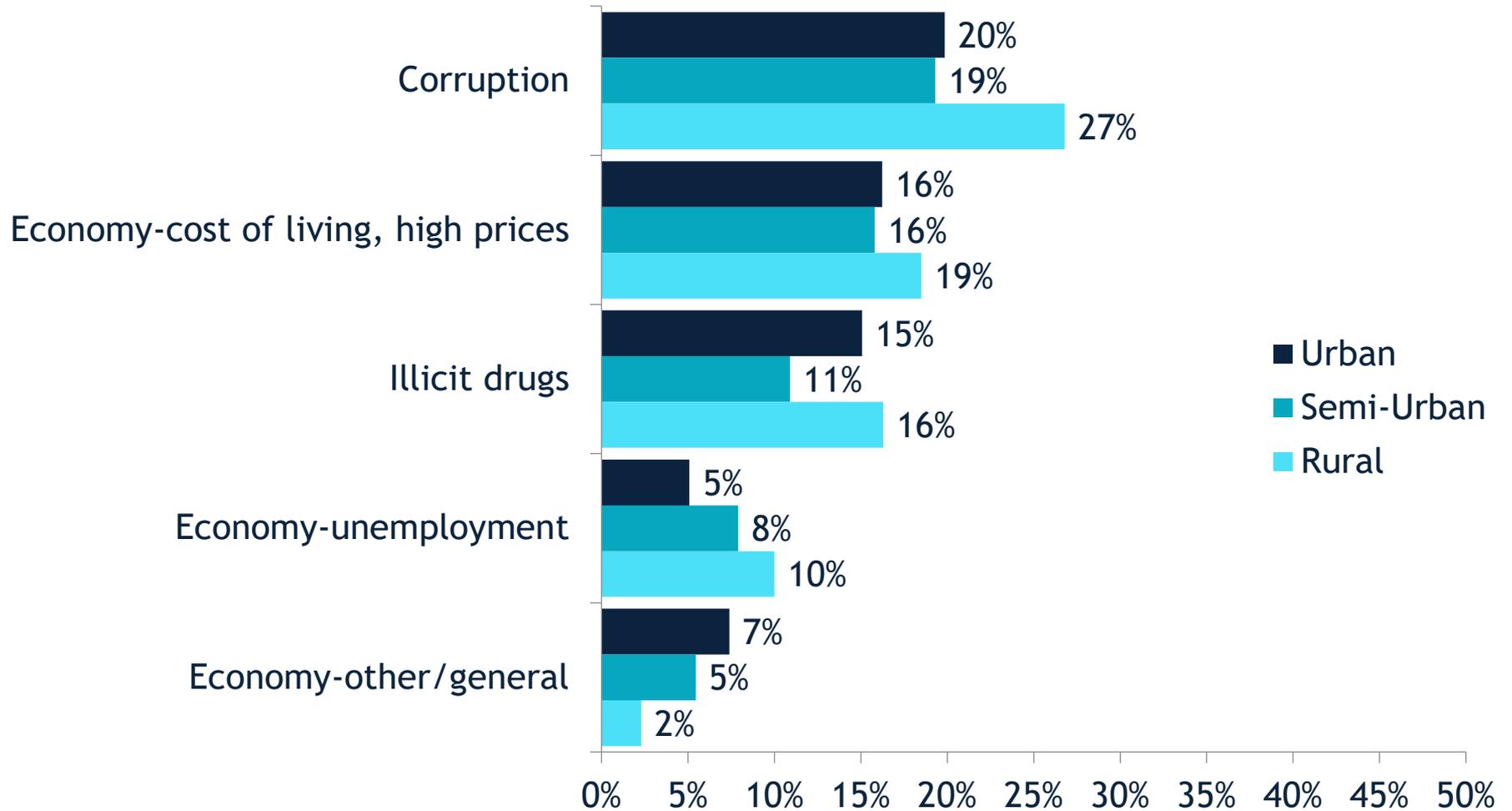
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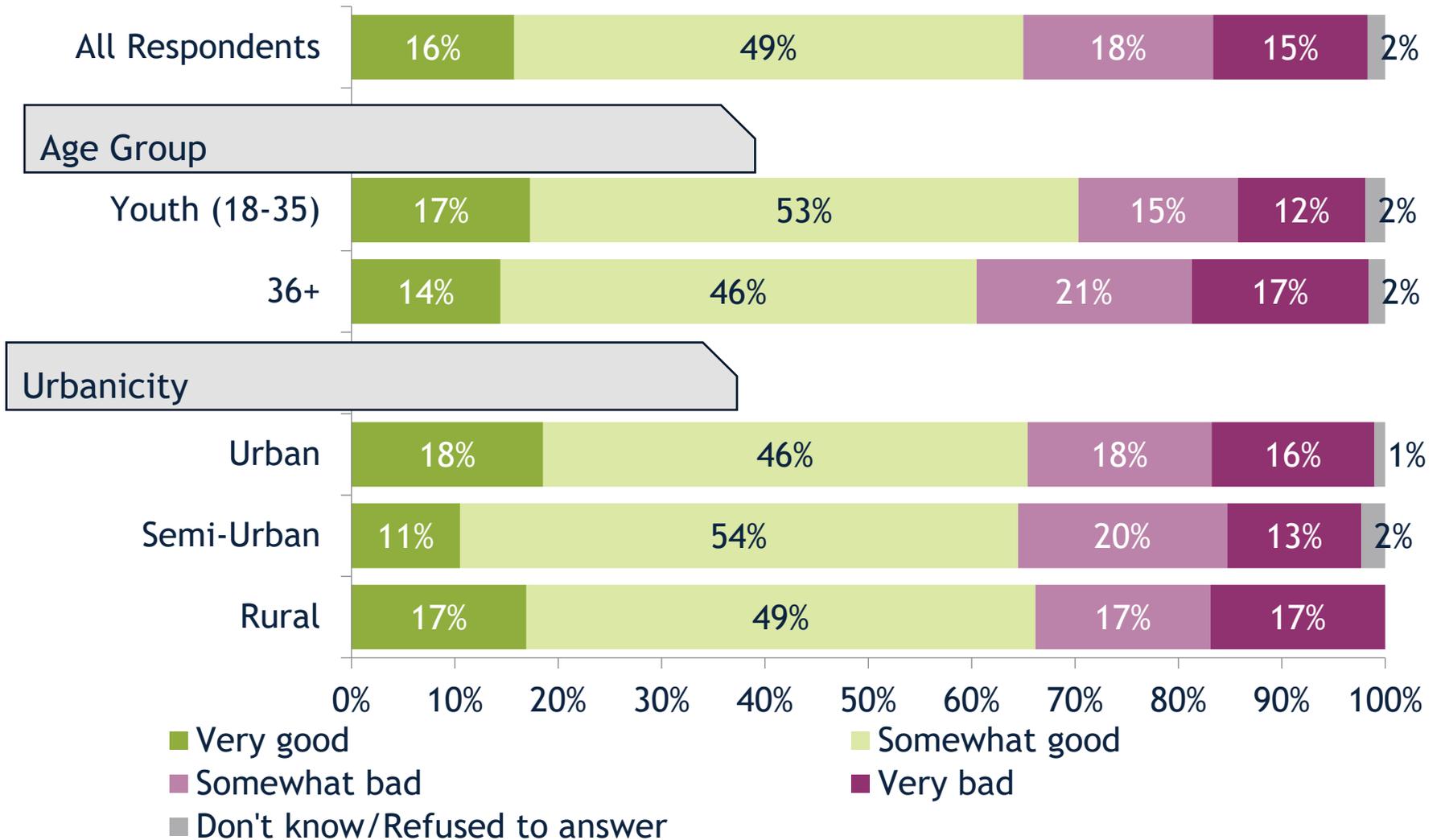


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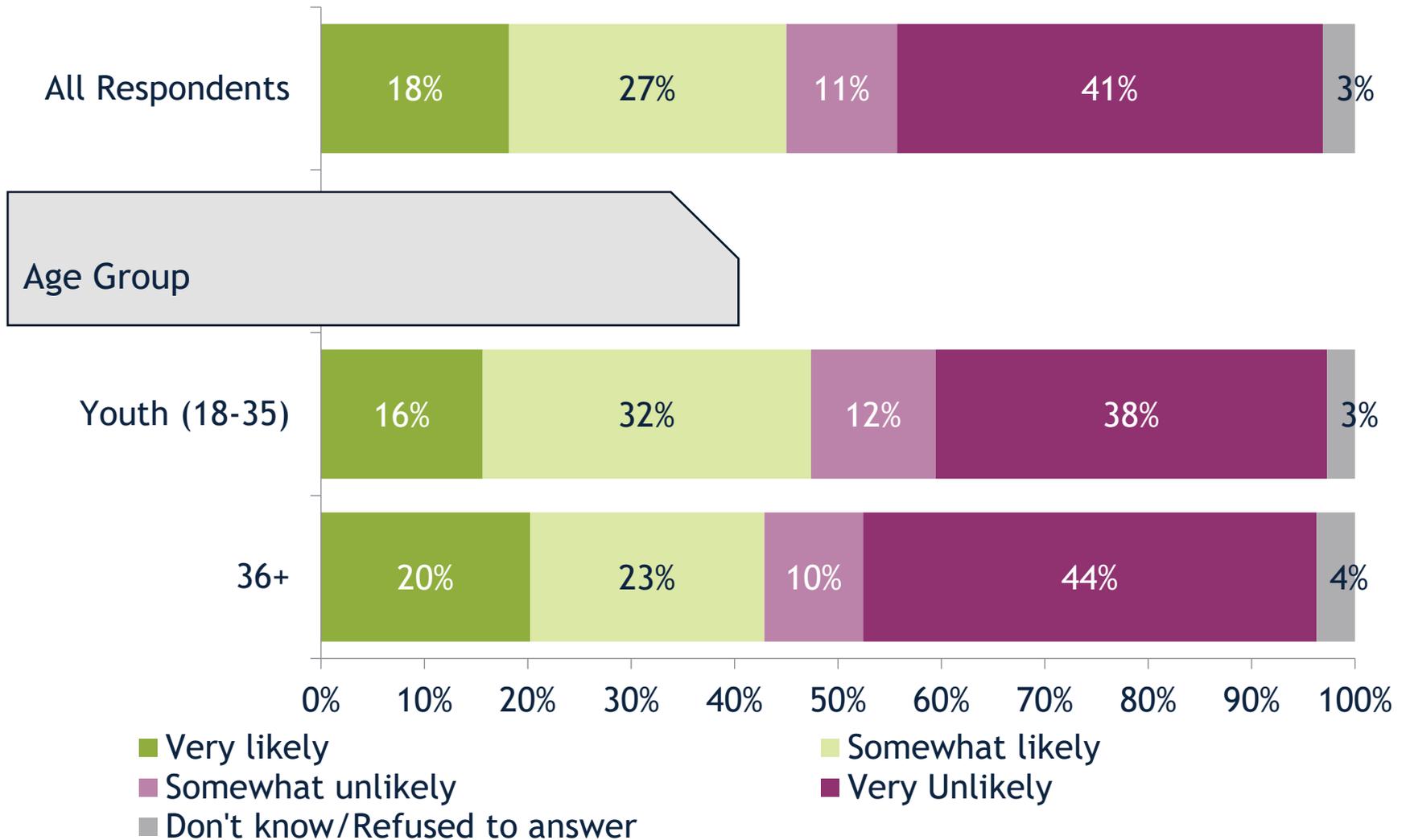
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How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?



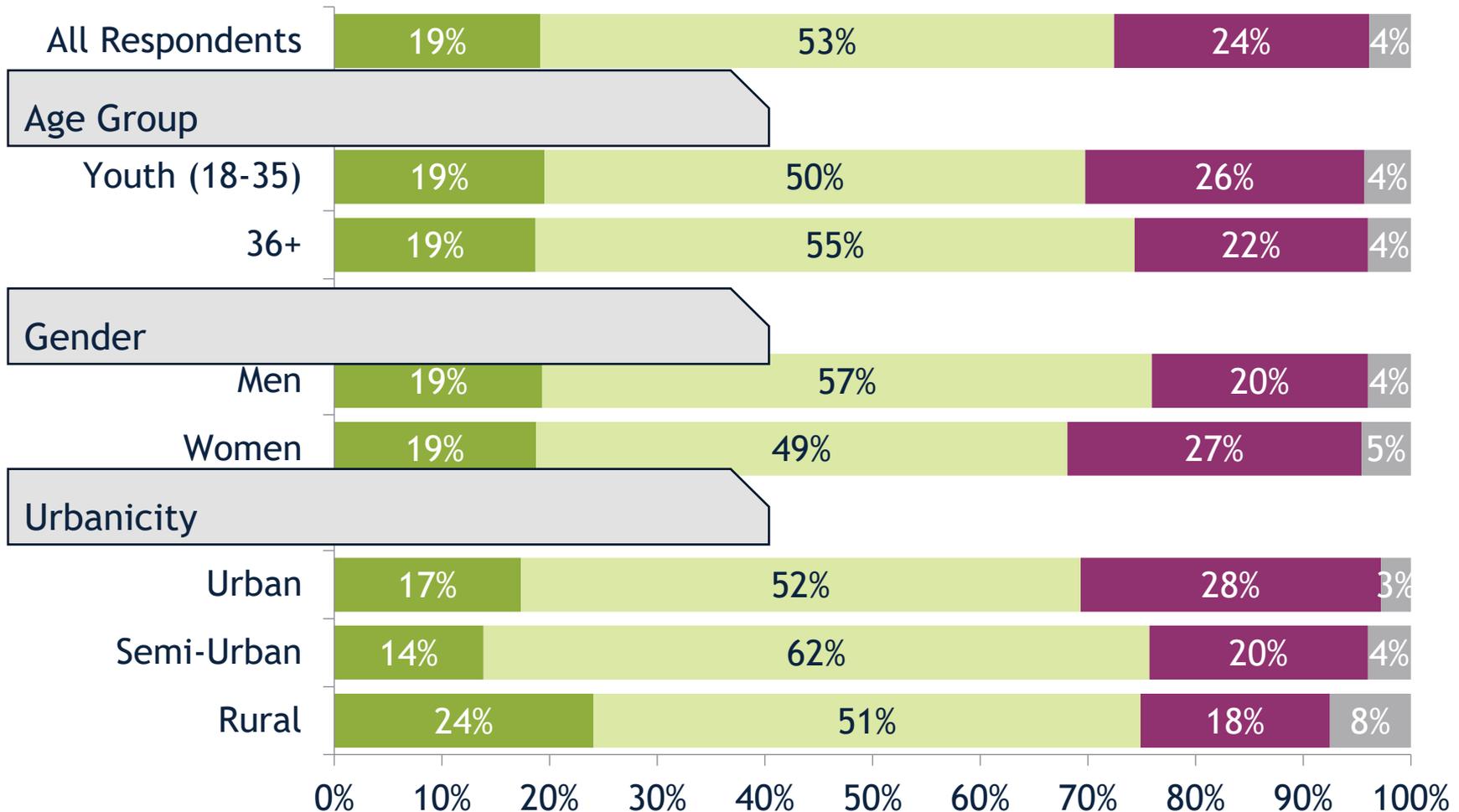
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?



Elections



Which statement about voting comes closest to your opinion?



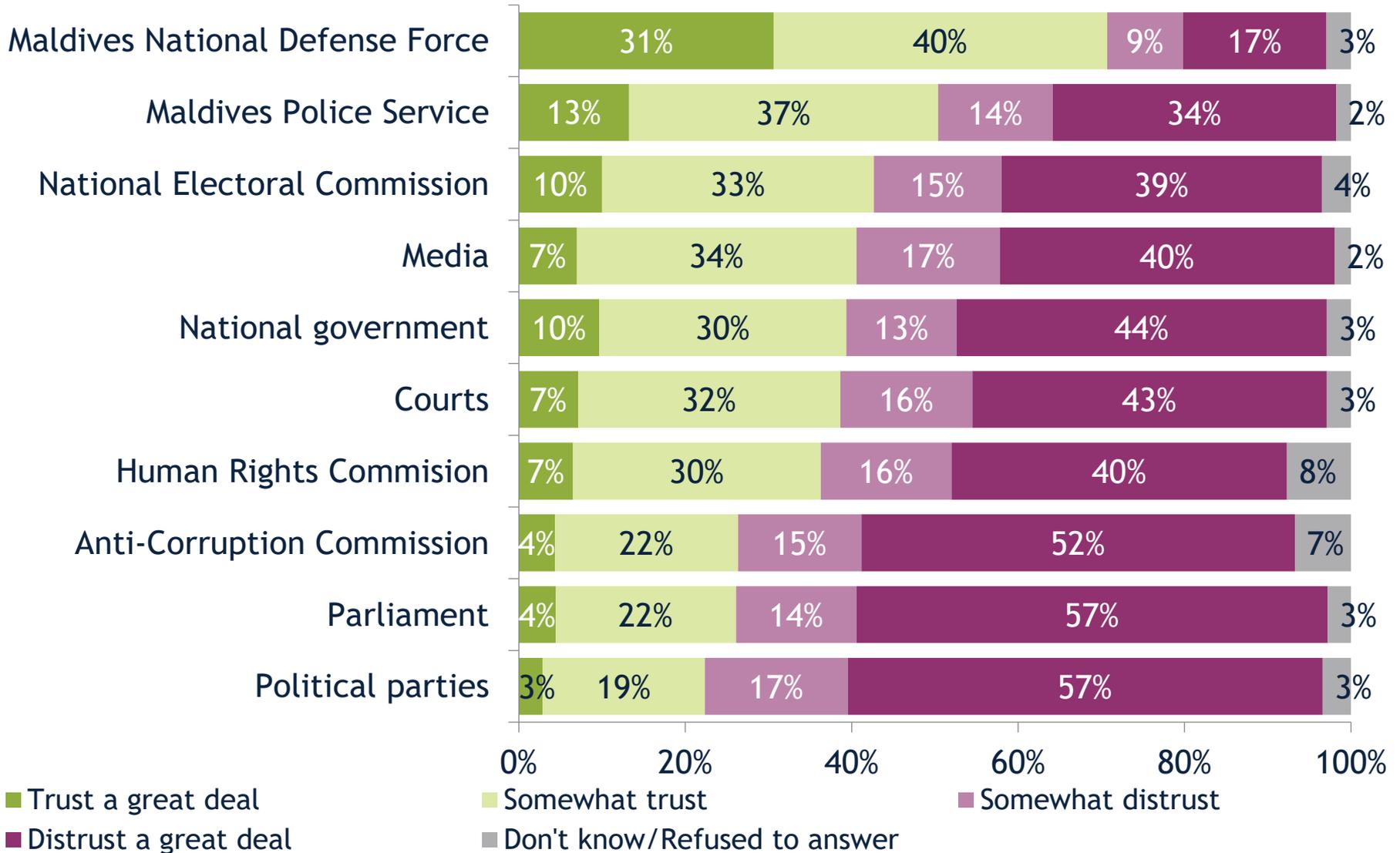
- Gives me some say about how the government runs things.
- Doesn't really affect how the government runs things. But I still believe it's important to vote.
- Doesn't really affect how the government runs things, so for me it's not really important to vote.
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Ratings of Institutions

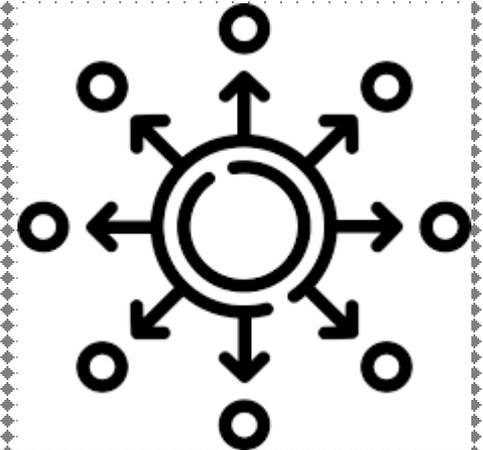




To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

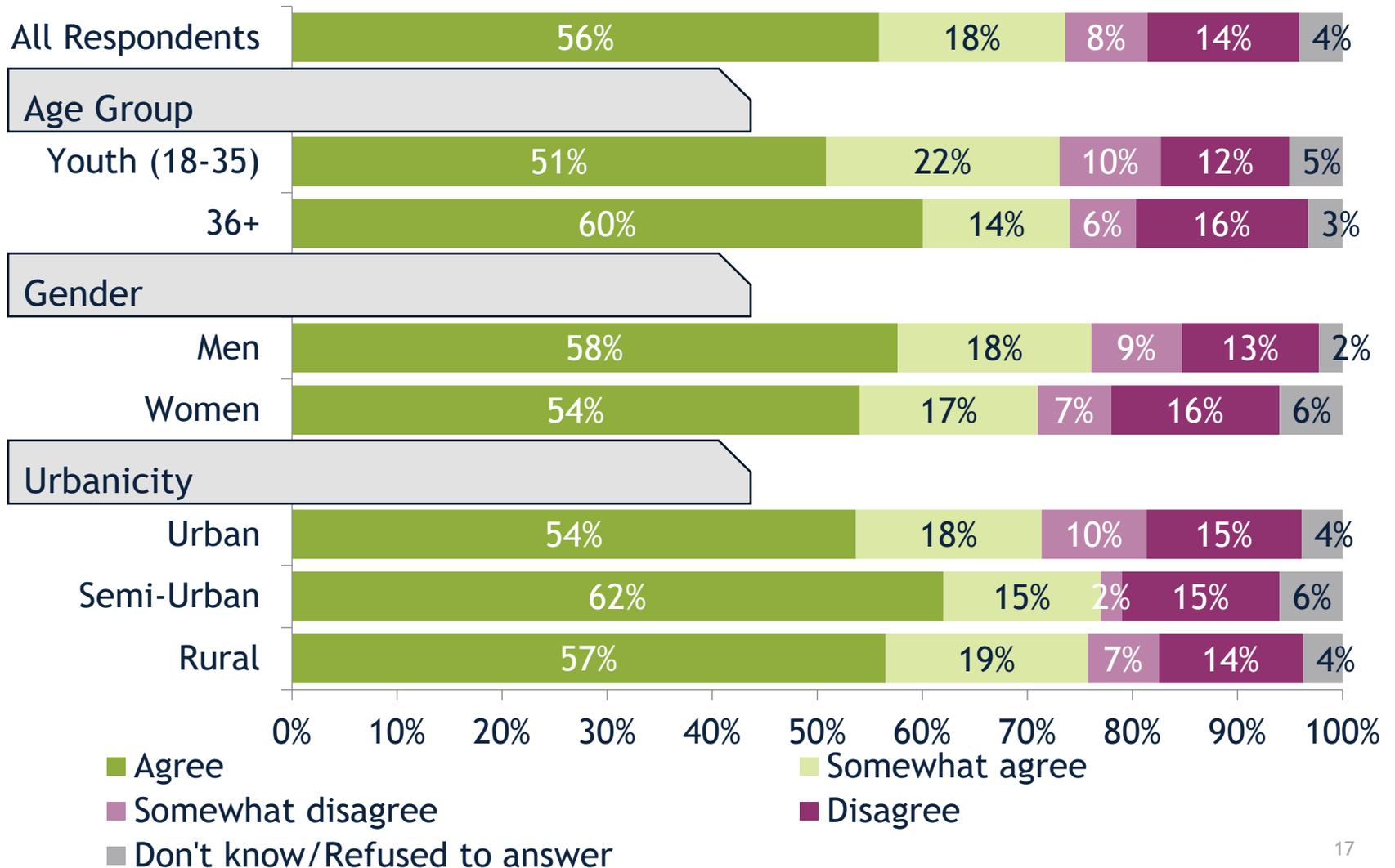


Decentralization

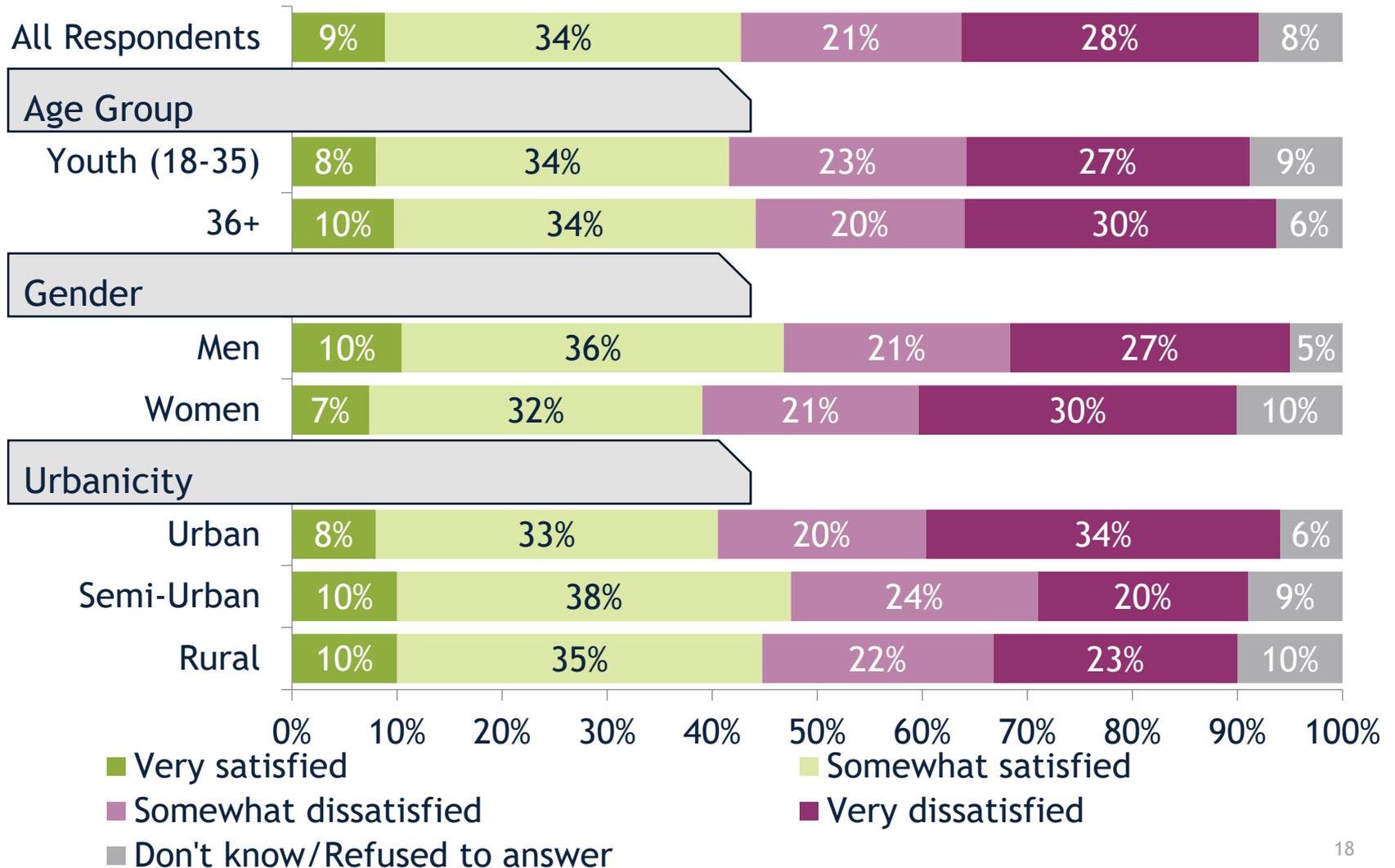


To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

A decentralized system of governance is important for the country

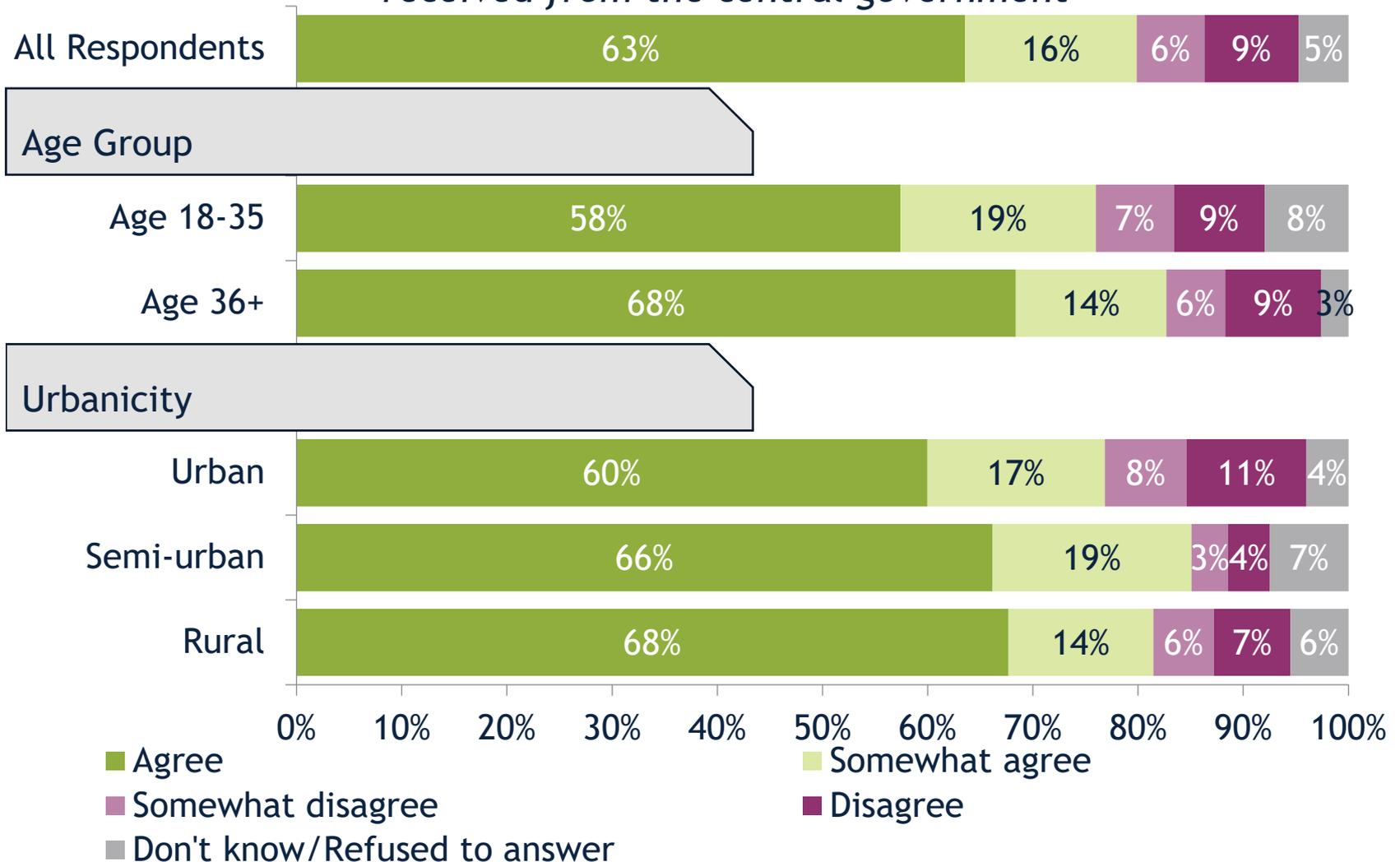


How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the pace of decentralization in the country?



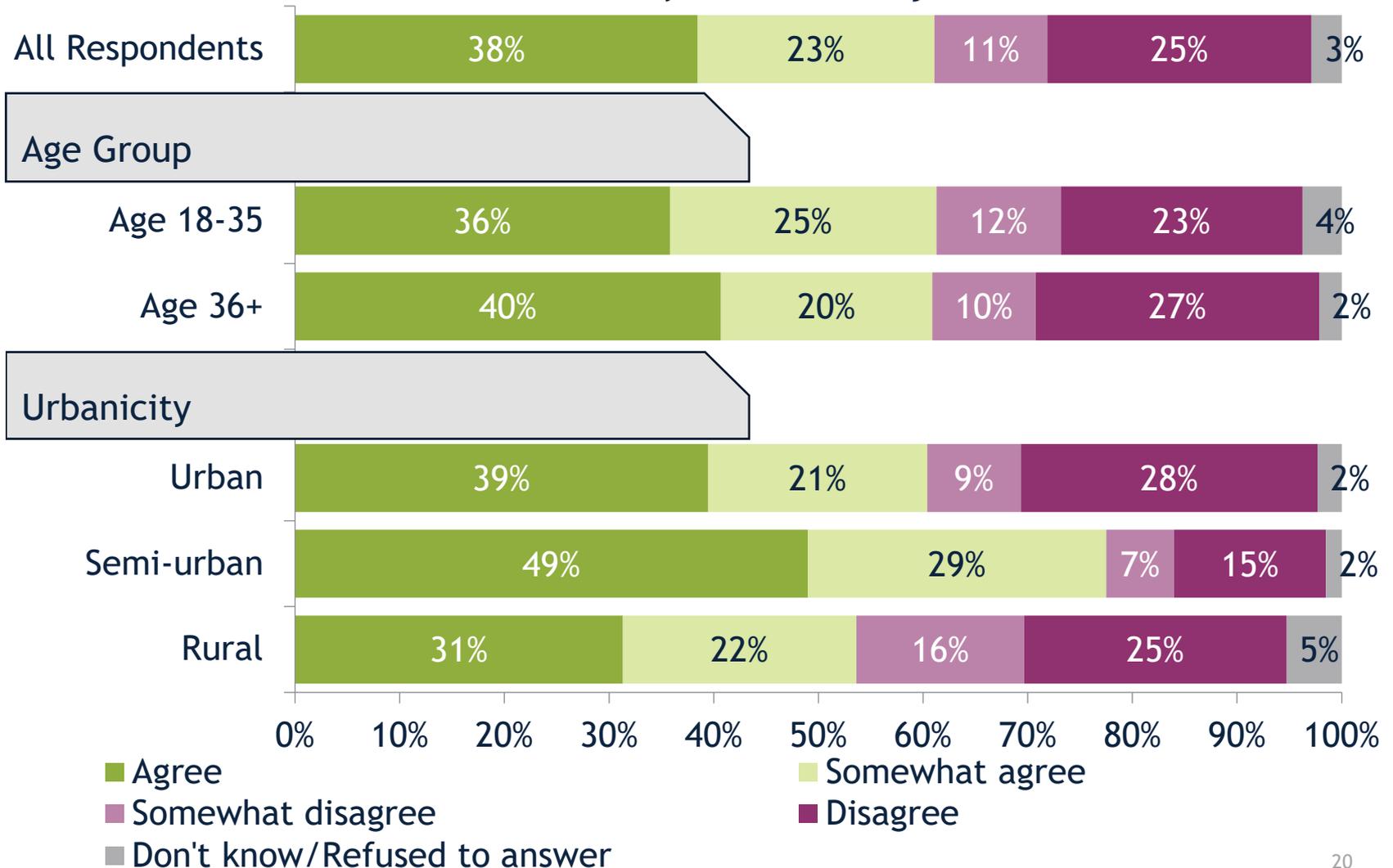
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Councils should be able to raise revenue independent of budgets received from the central government



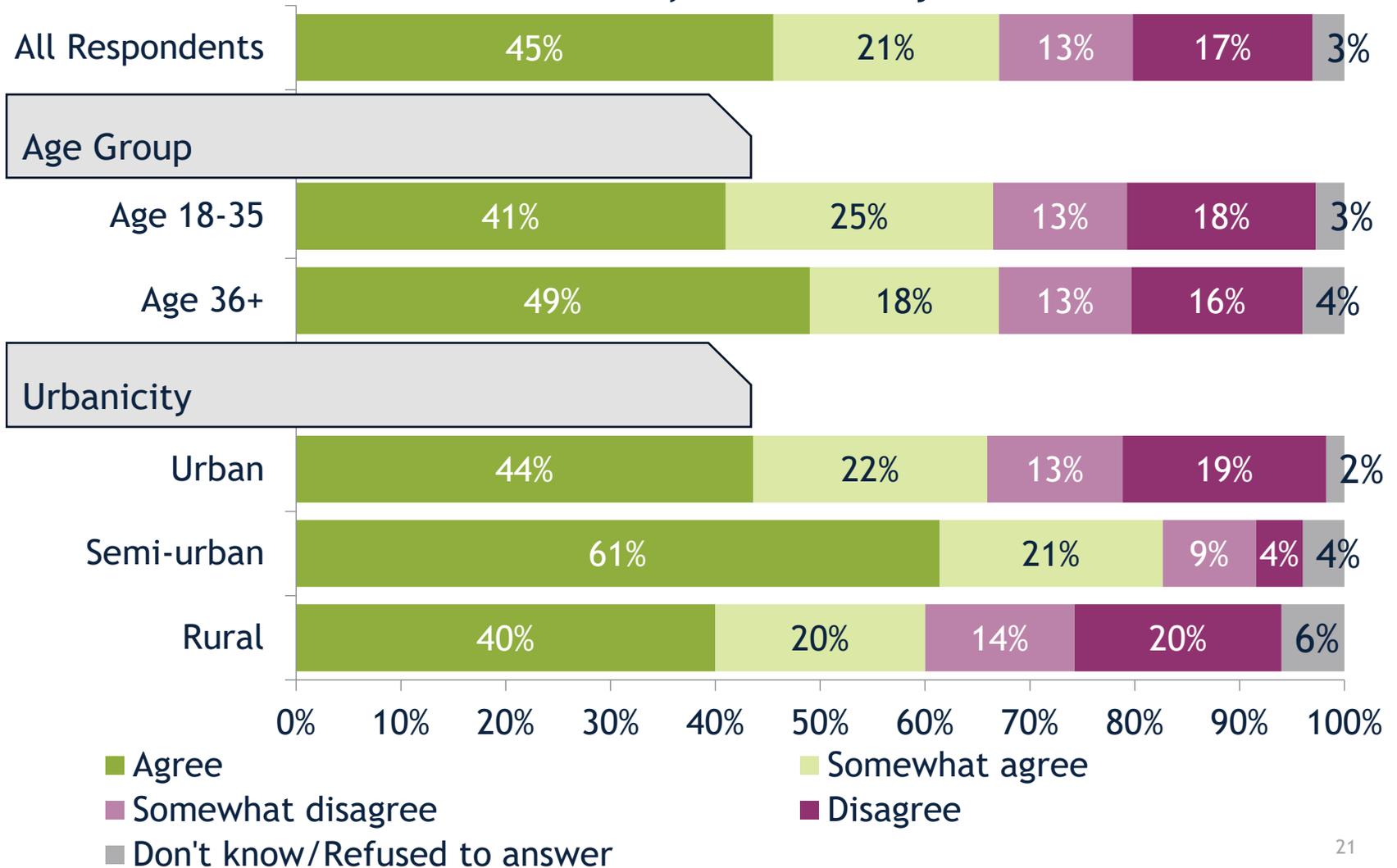
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Development projects should be managed or implemented by private citizens of the community



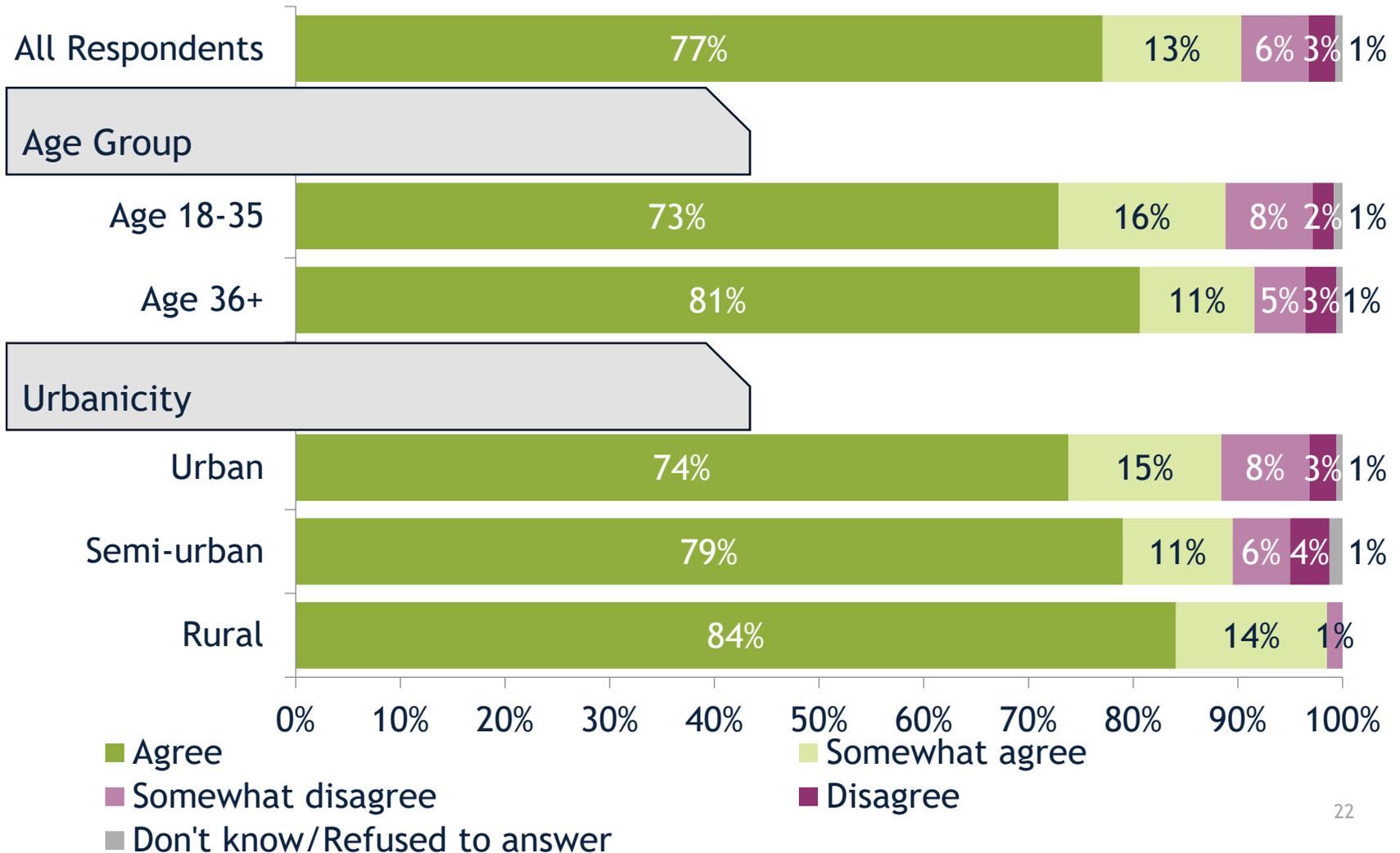
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Development projects should be monitored and evaluated by the private citizens of the community



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Private citizens of the community should have a say in how development projects are conceptualized and implemented



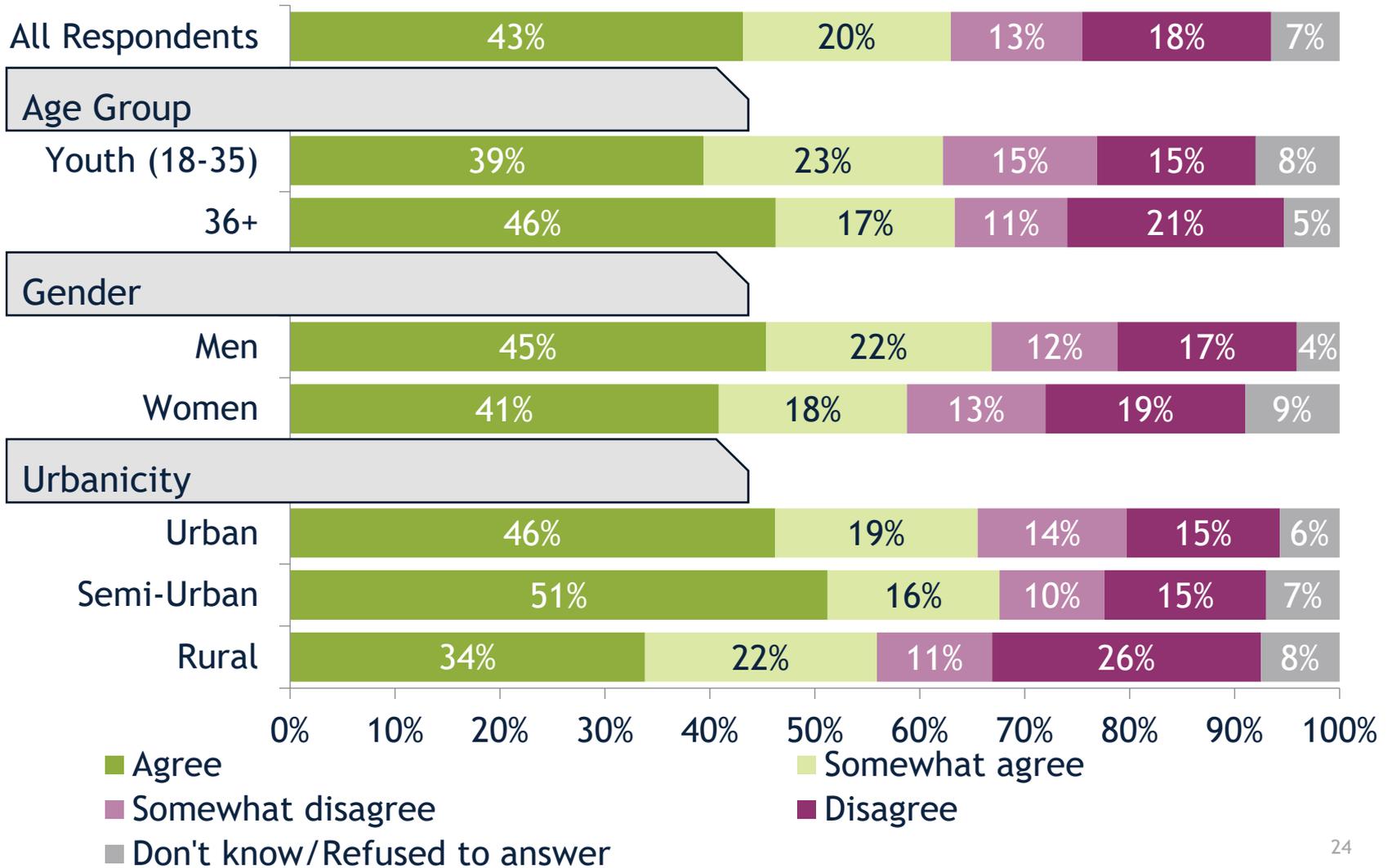
Local Council





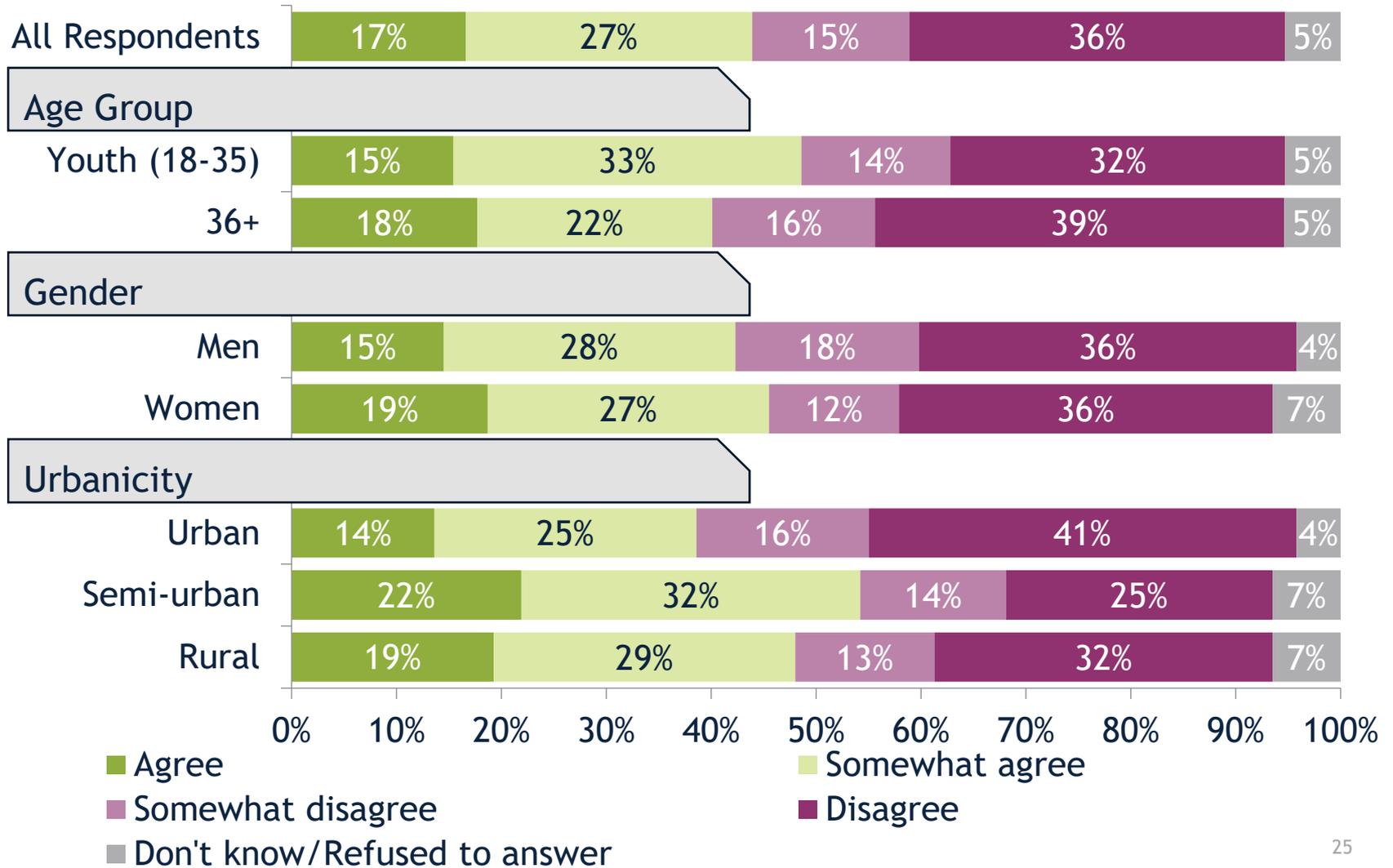
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

My local council represents the interests of the political parties



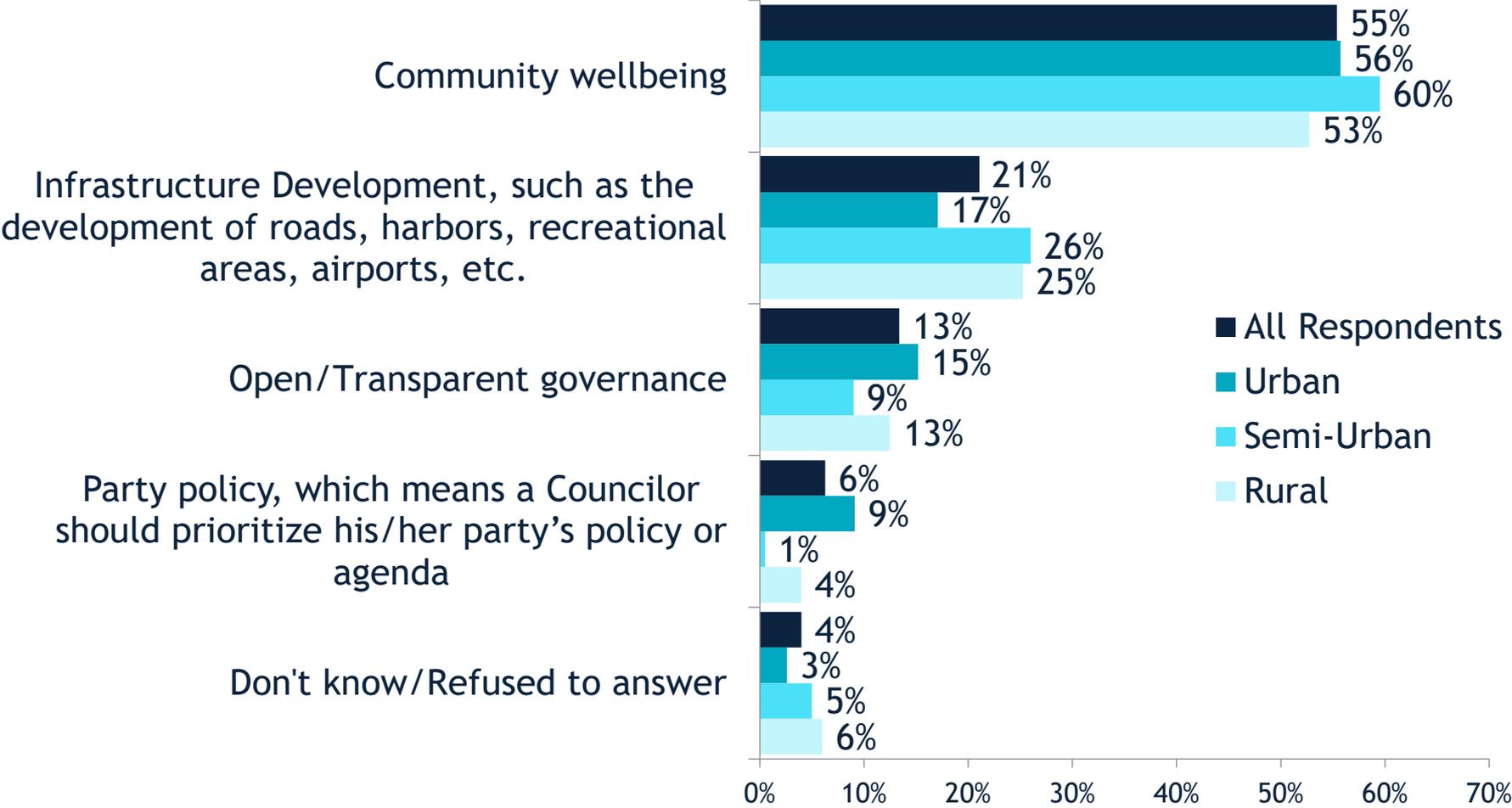
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

My local council is effective in engaging the public when making important decisions and represents the interests of my community



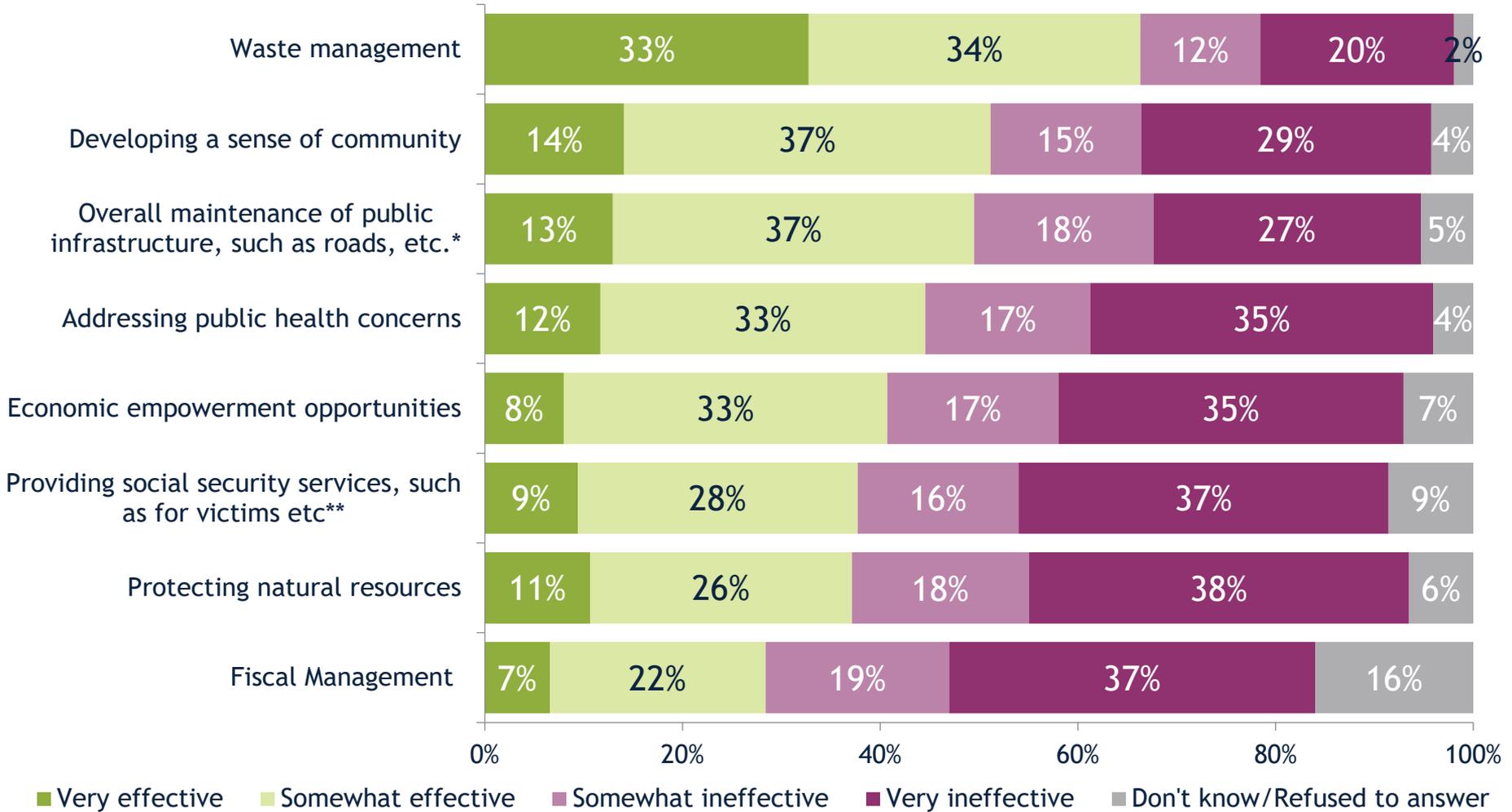


Of the following areas, which do you think your local councilor should prioritize?





How effective or ineffective is your local council in the following areas?

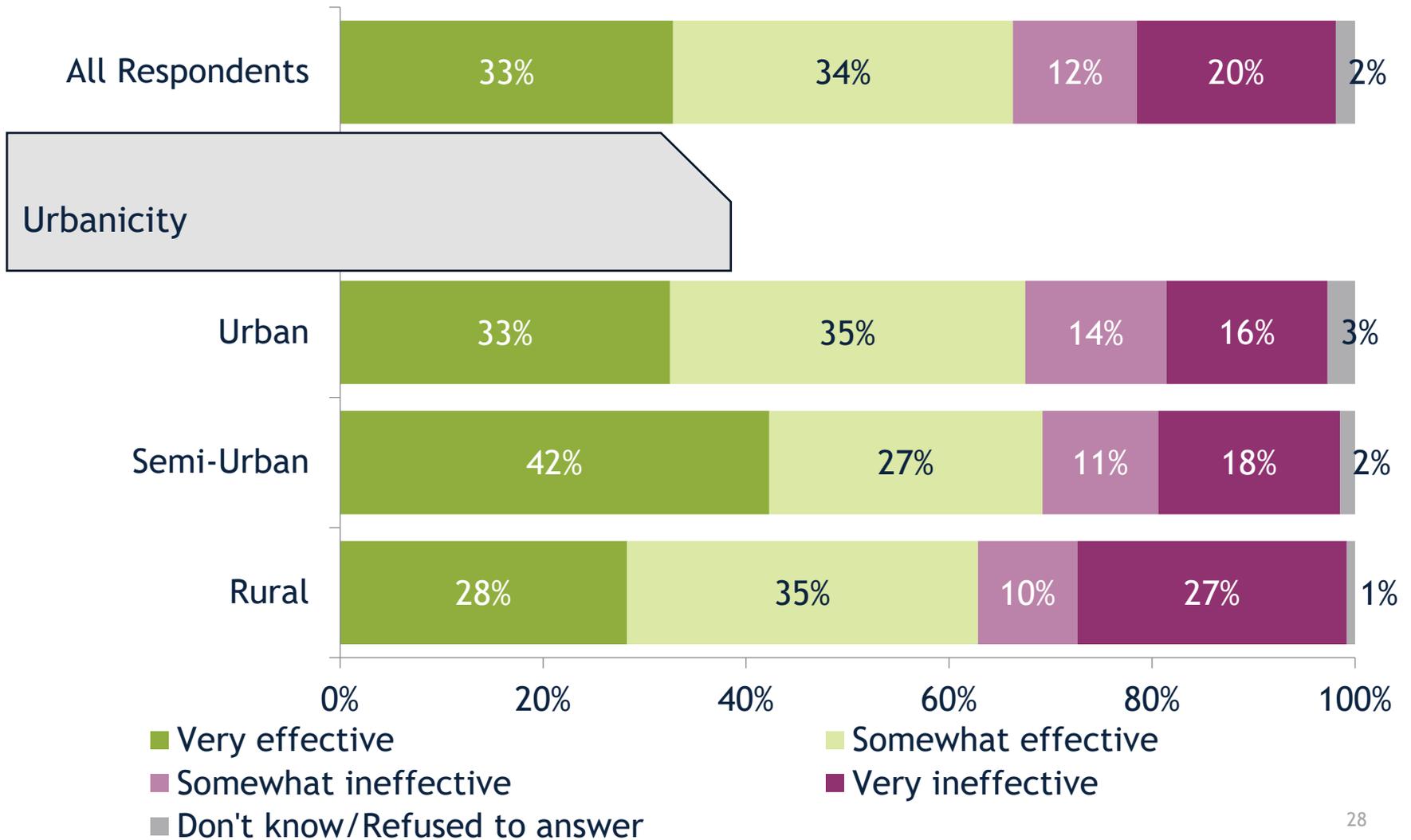


*Full text: Overall maintenance of public infrastructure, such as roads, jetty, social centers, cemeteries, historical sites, library etc.

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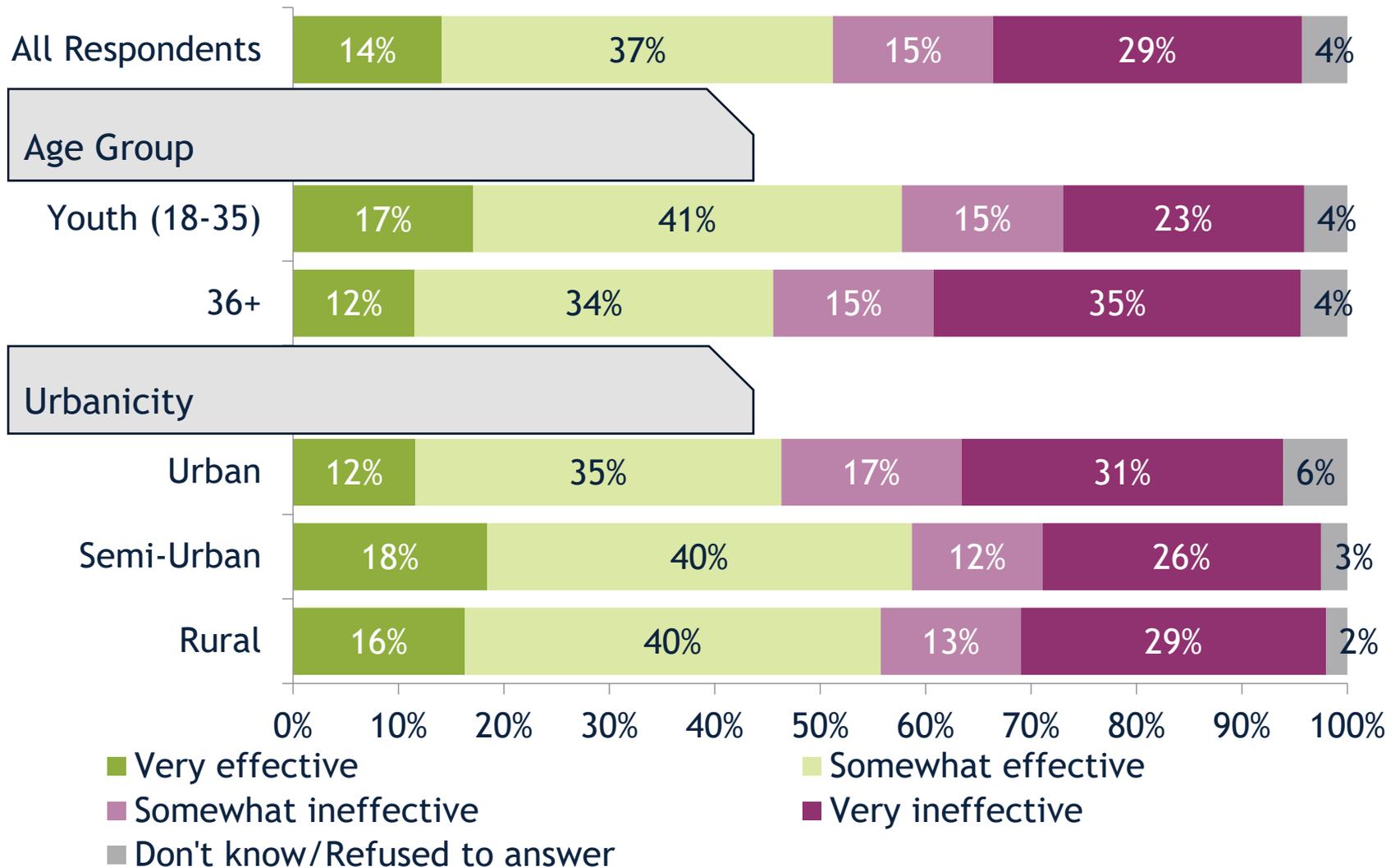
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Waste Management



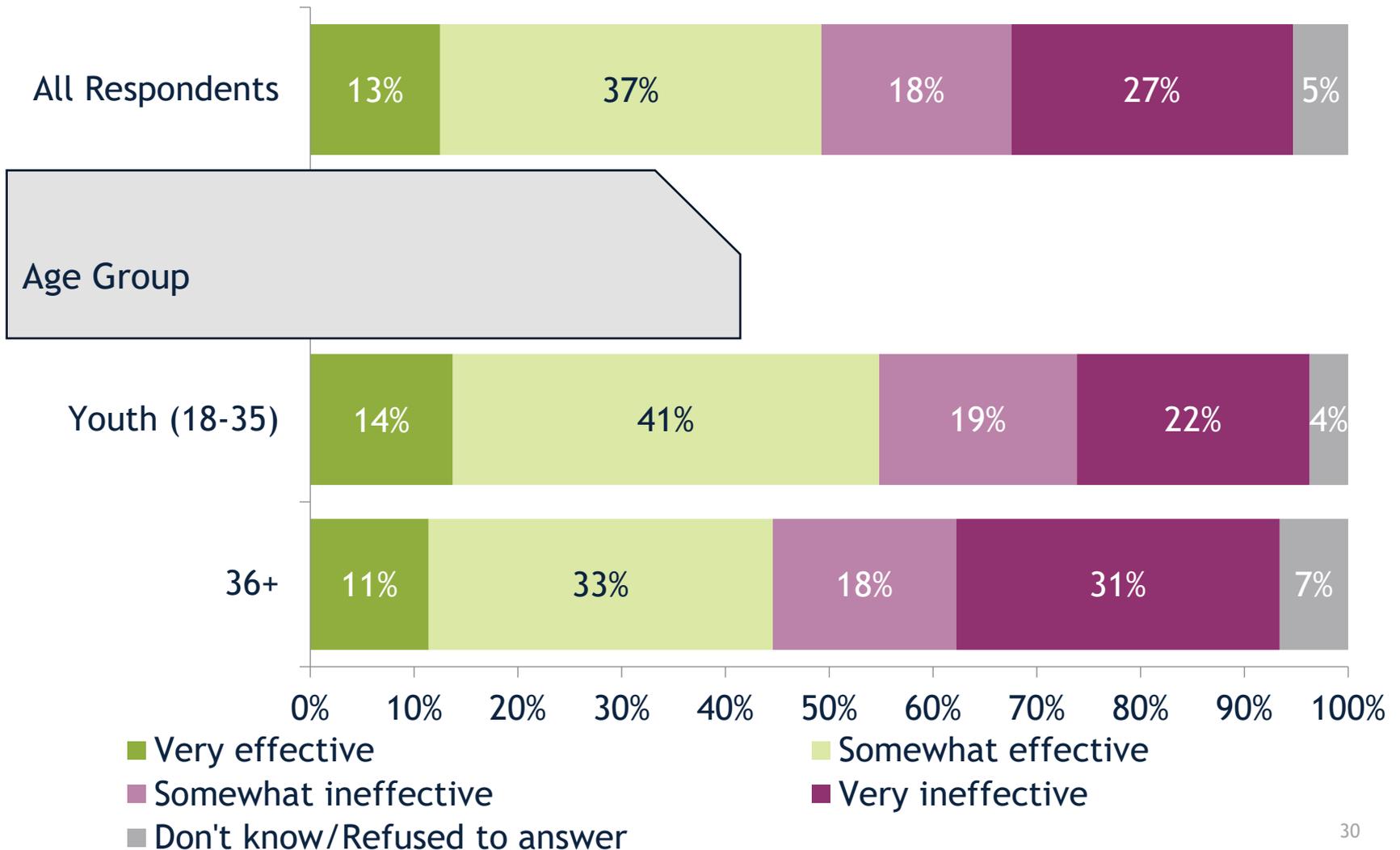
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Developing a sense of community



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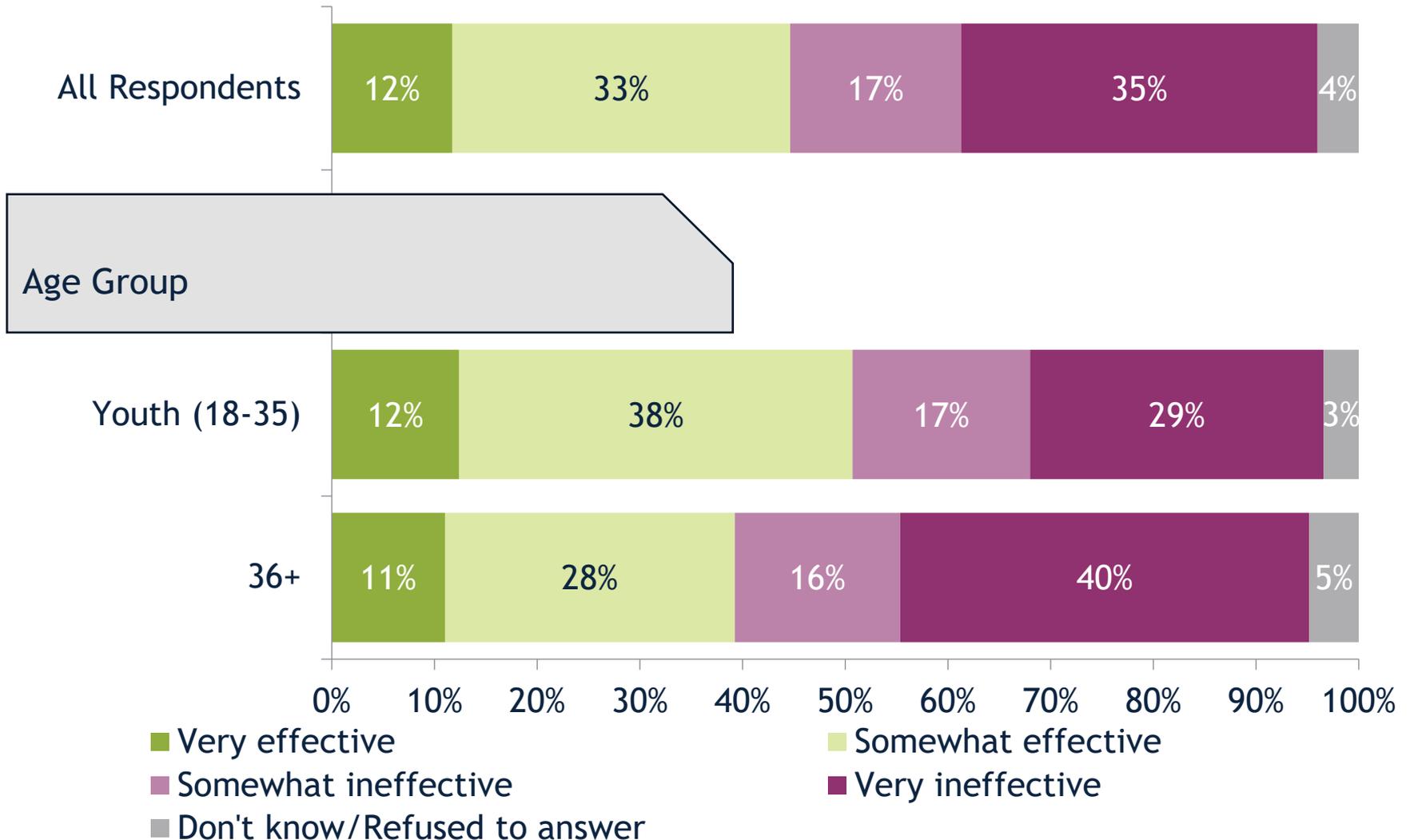
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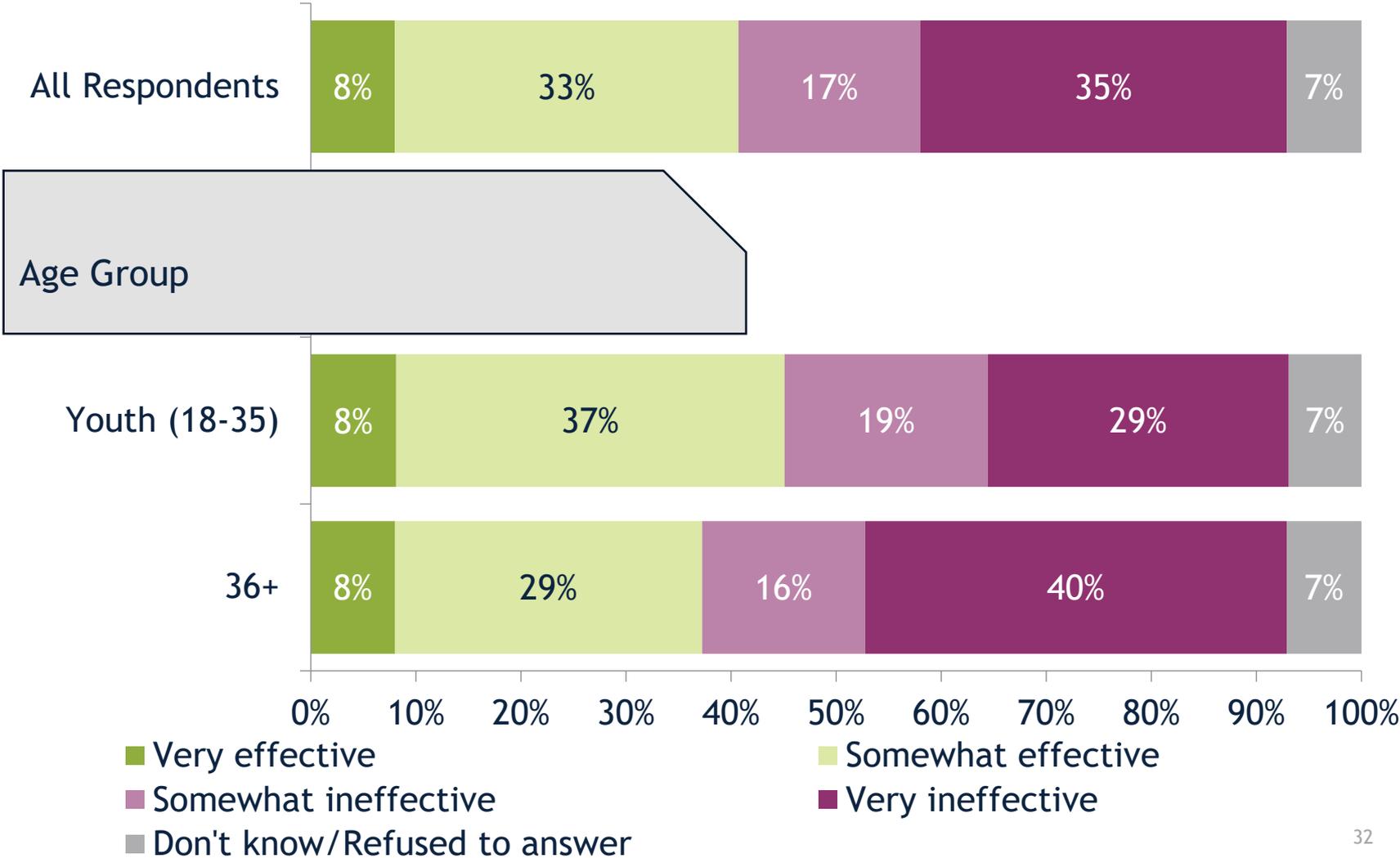
Addressing public health concerns





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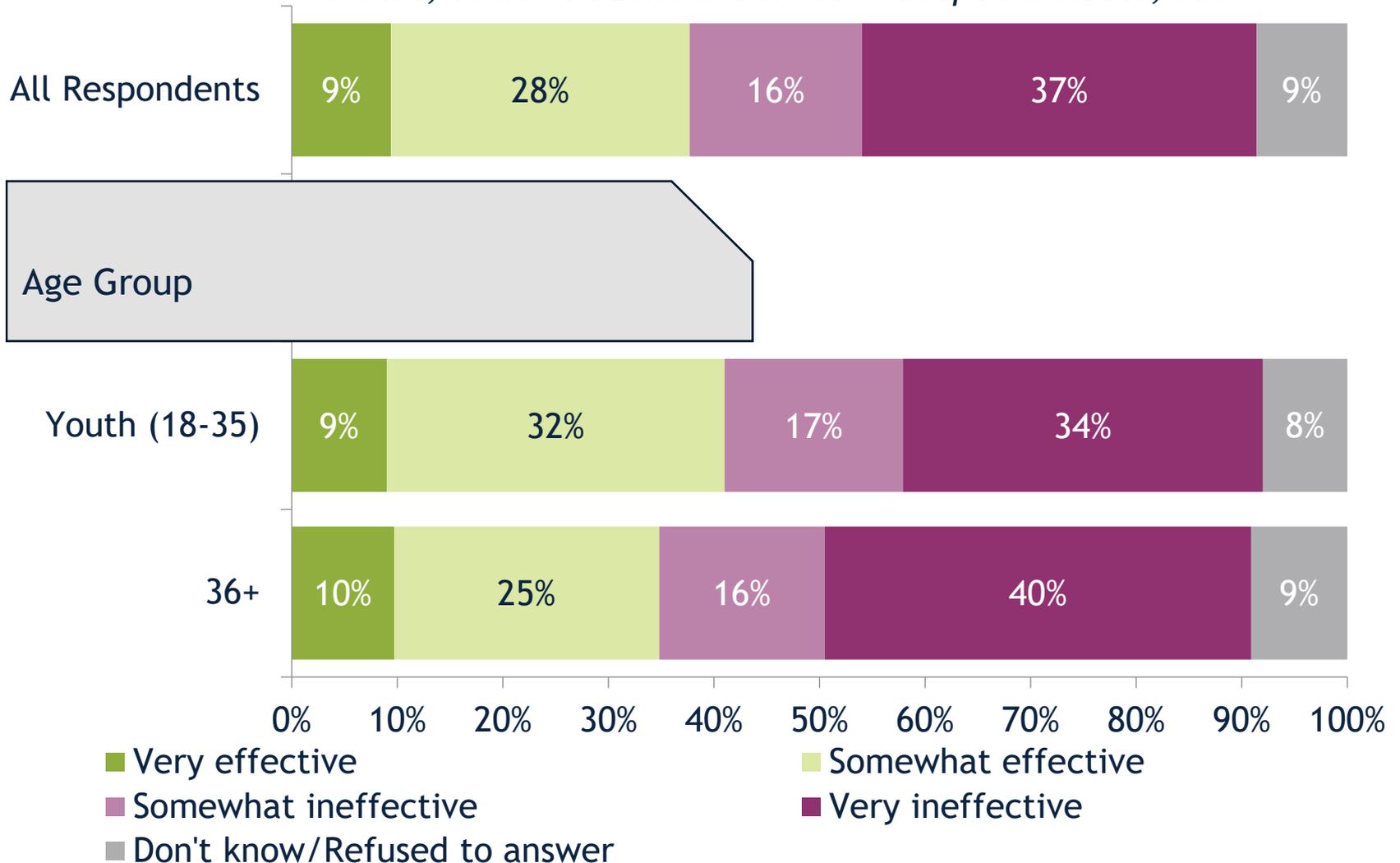
Economic empowerment opportunities





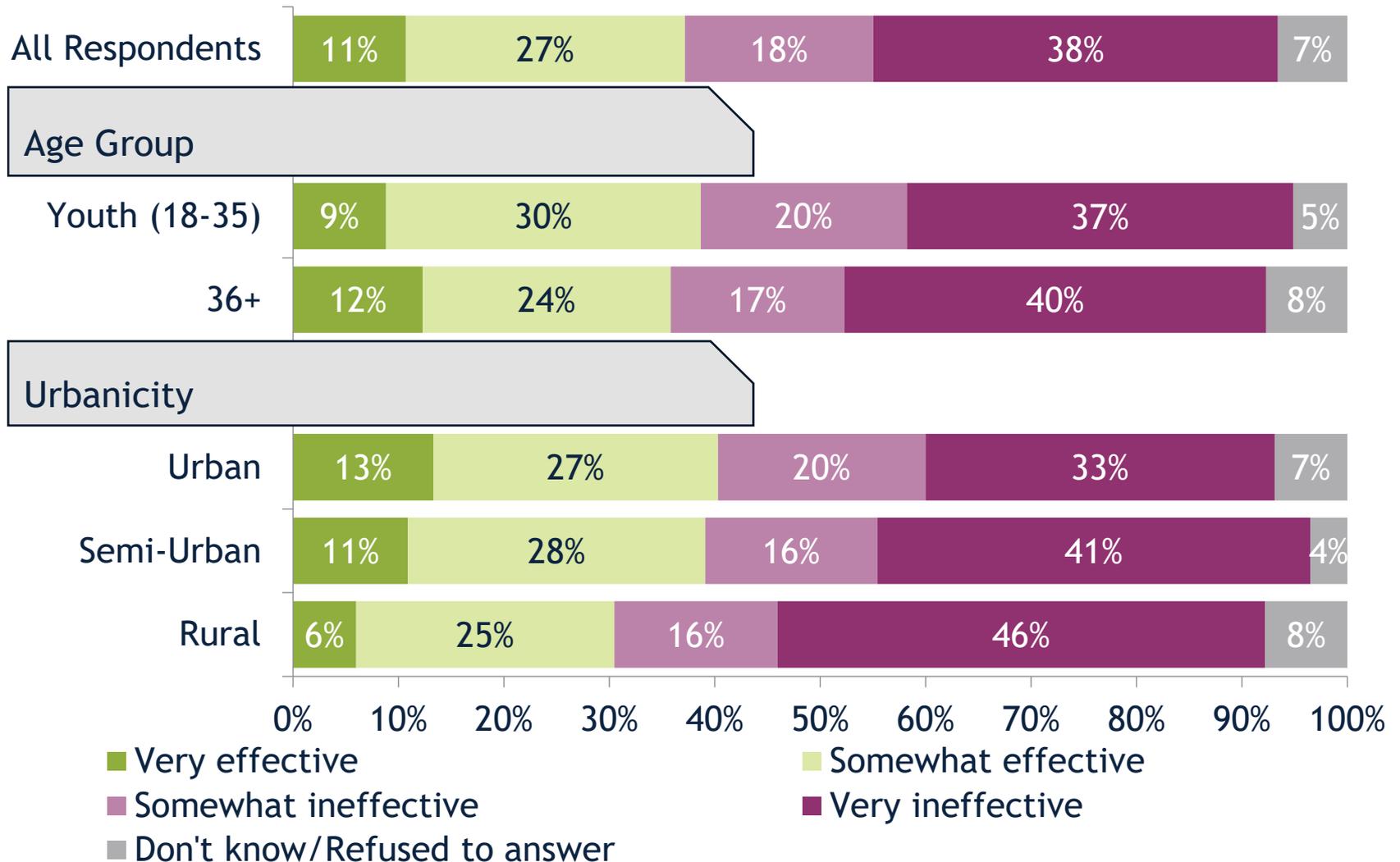
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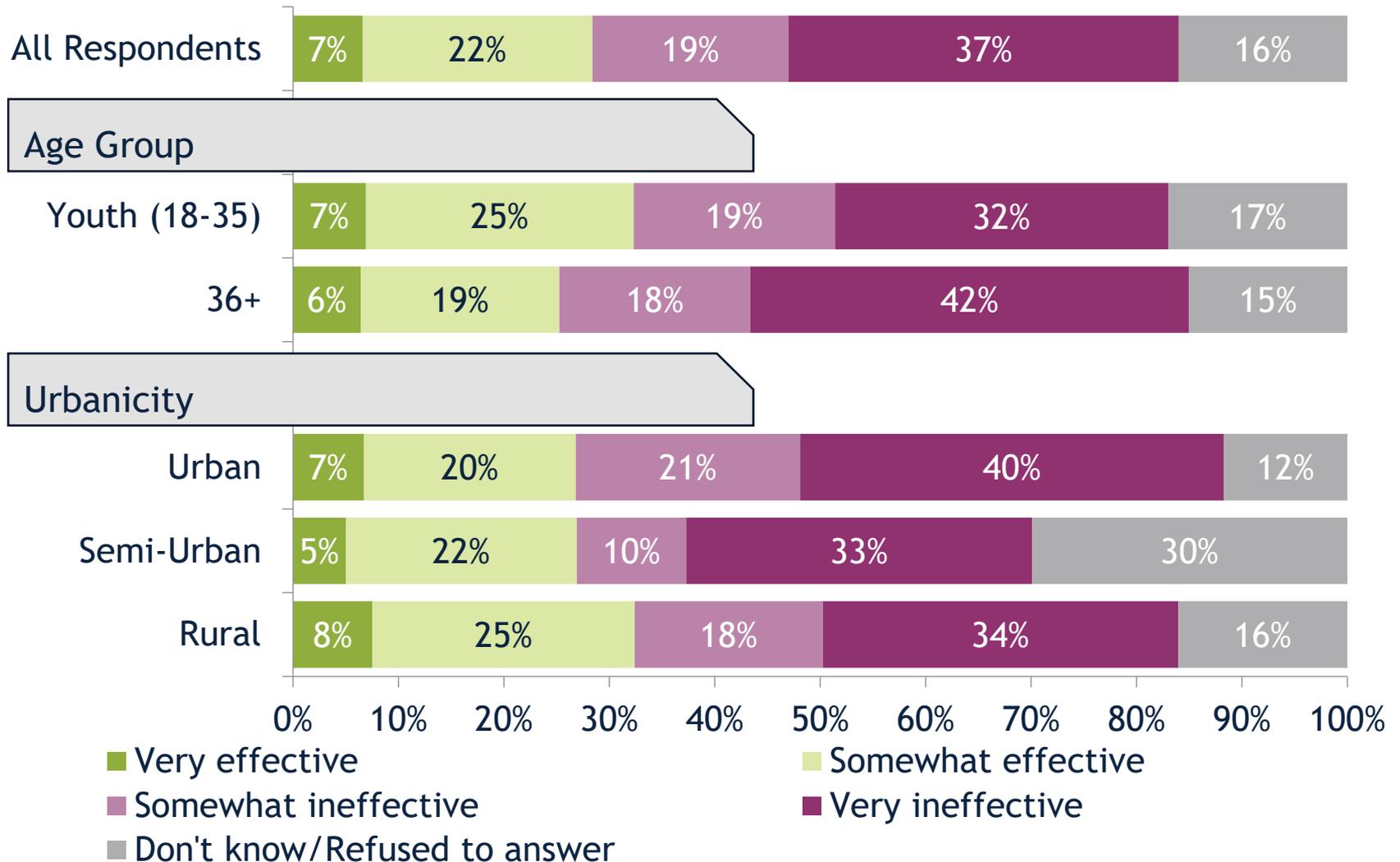
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Protecting natural resources



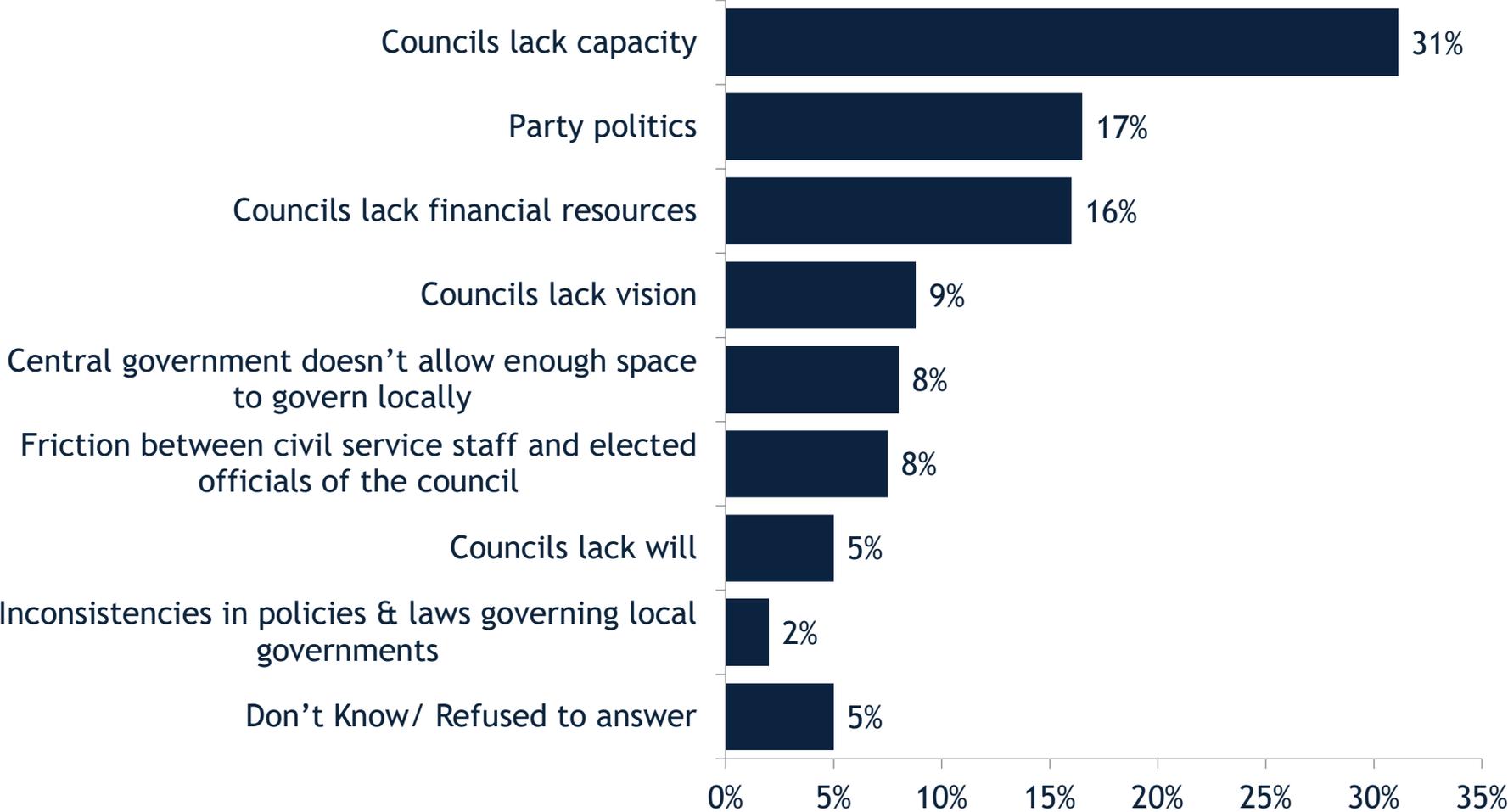
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Fiscal management

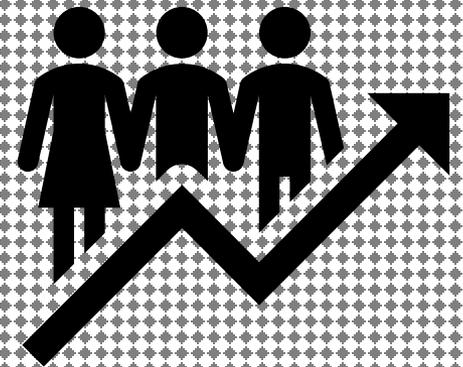




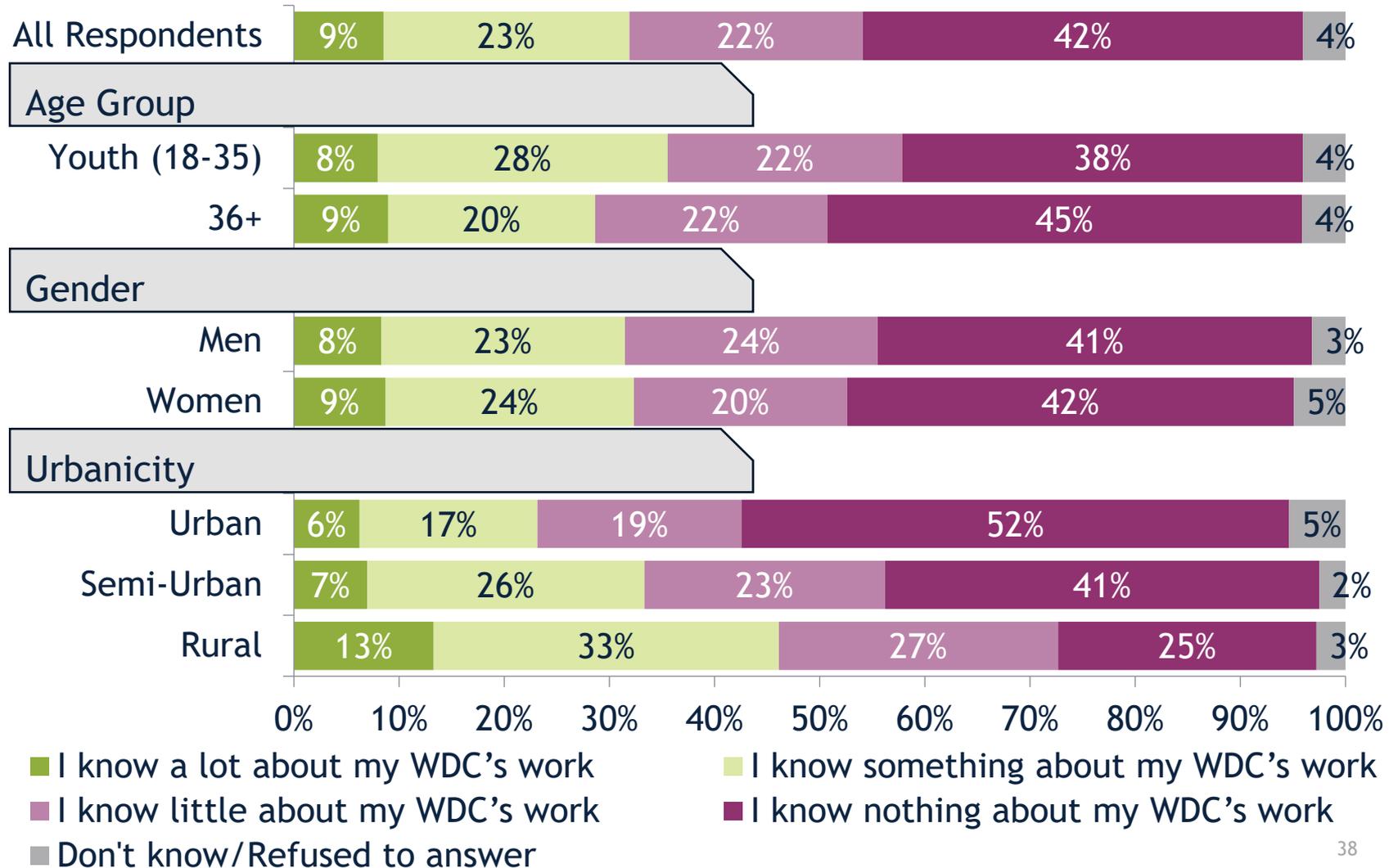
Which among the following is the greatest obstacle local councils face in functioning effectively?



Women's Development Committee (WDC)

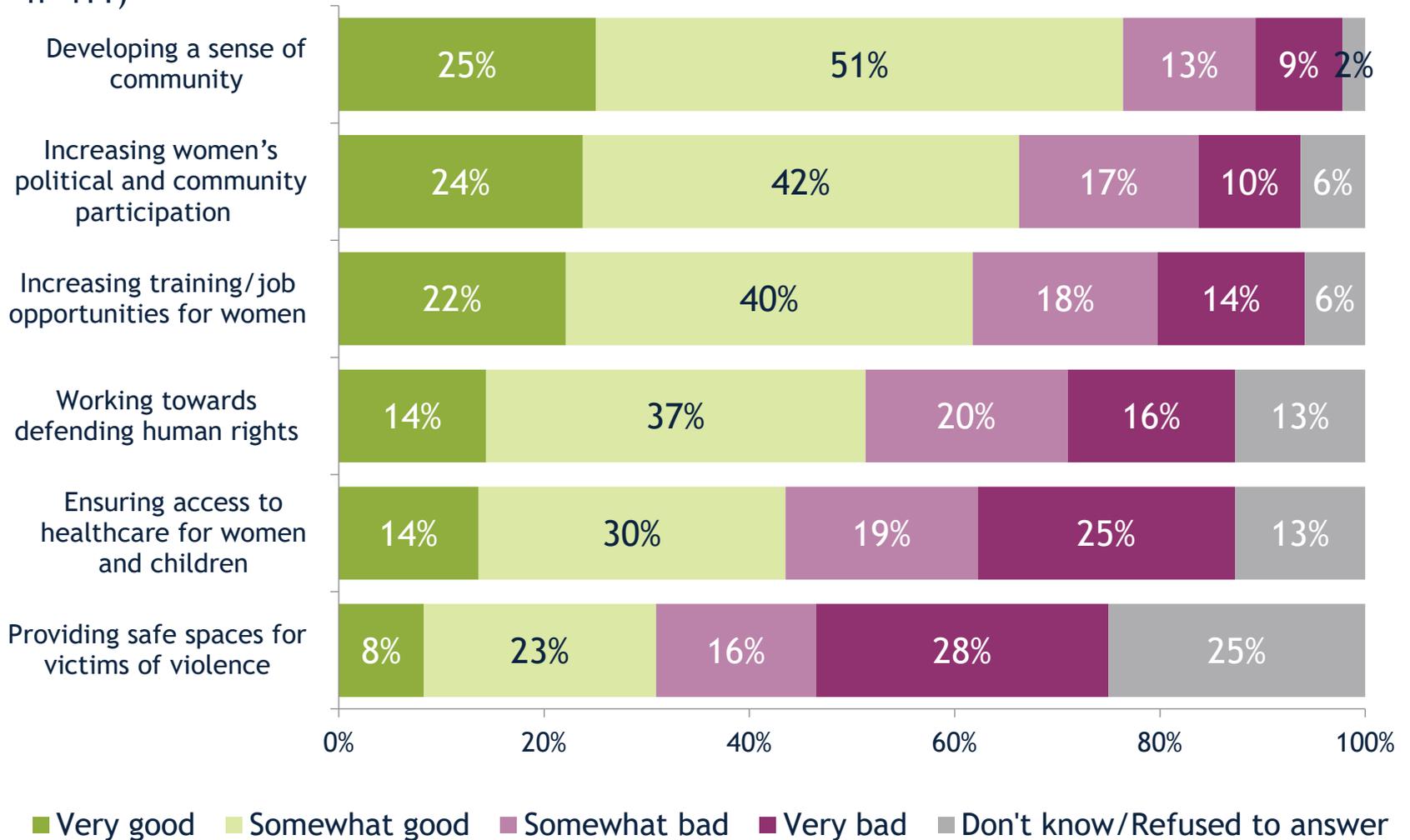


How familiar are you about the work of your Women's Development Committee (WDC)?



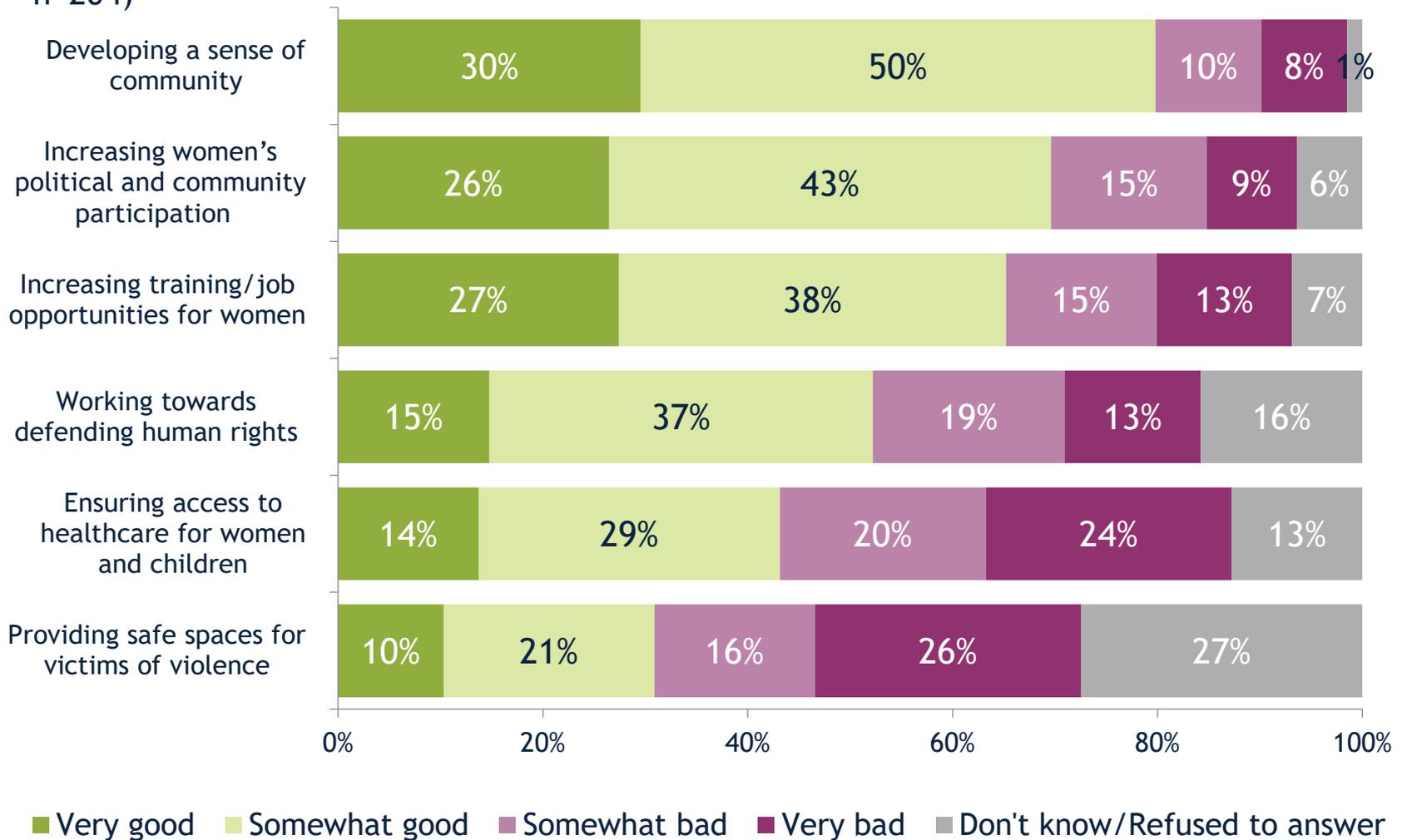
For the following areas, is your Women's Development Committee (WDC) doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

(Among those who declared they know something or a lot about their WDC's work, n=411)



For the following areas, is your Women's Development Committee (WDC) doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

(Among **WOMEN** who declared they know something or a lot about their WDC's work, n=204)



Courts

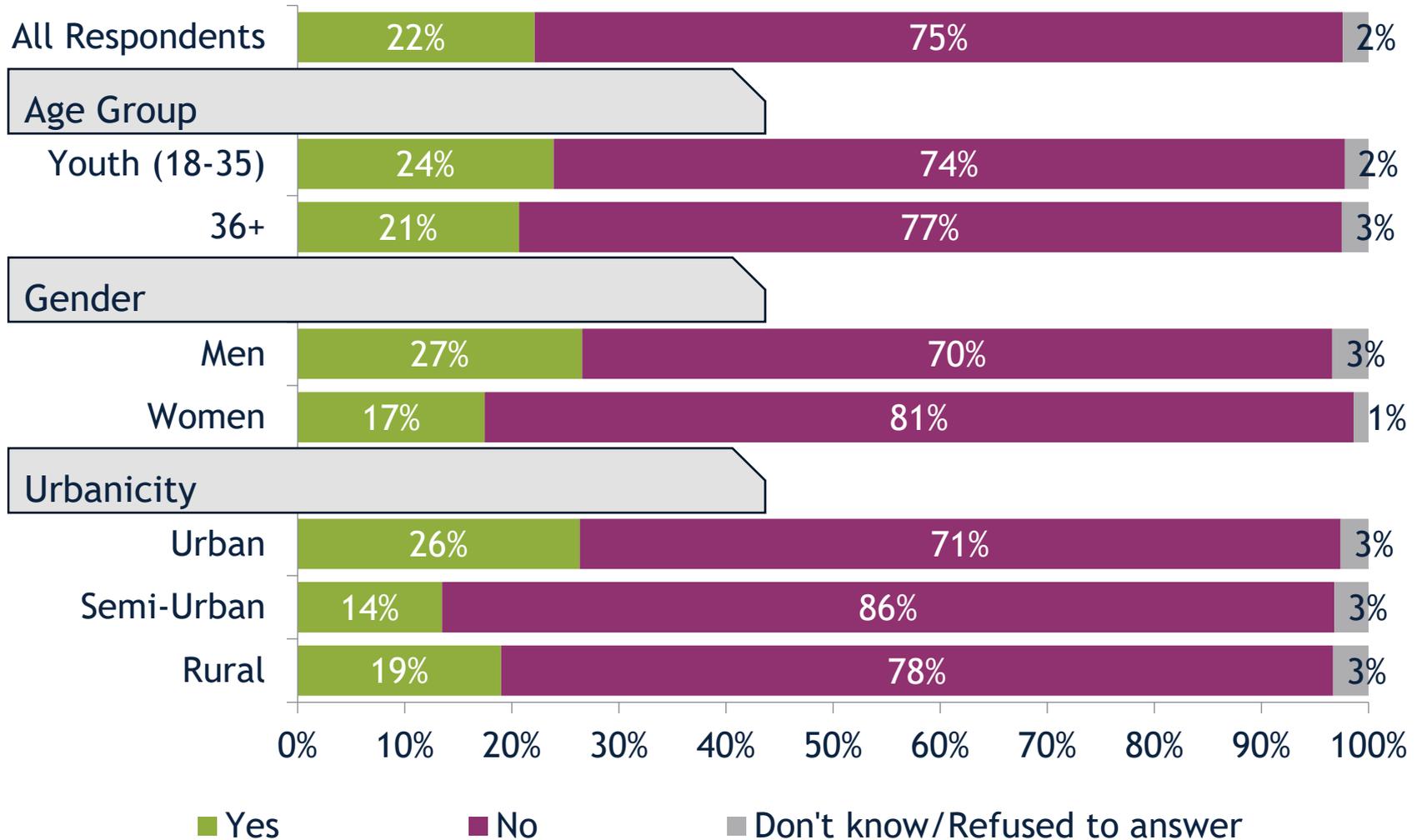


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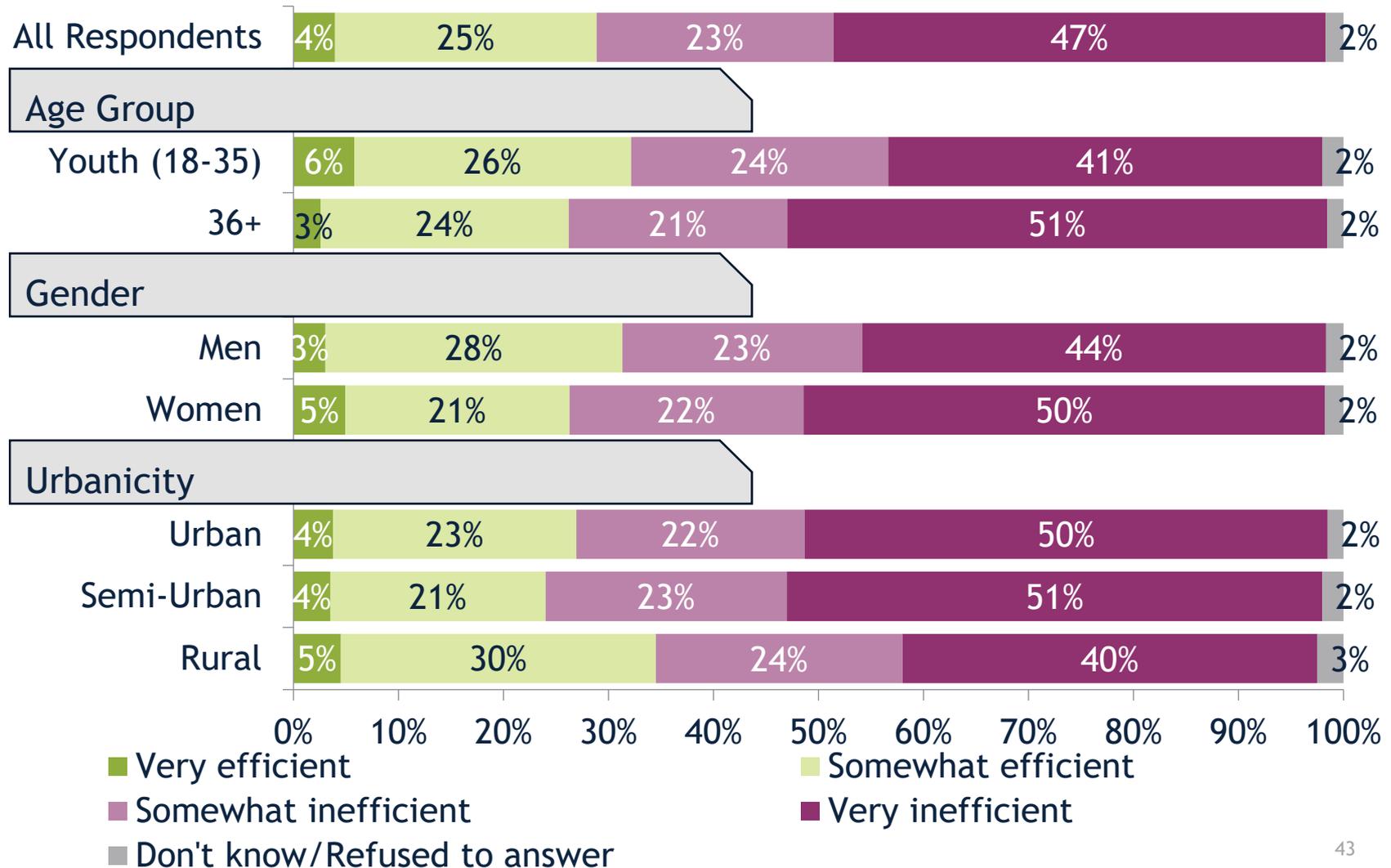




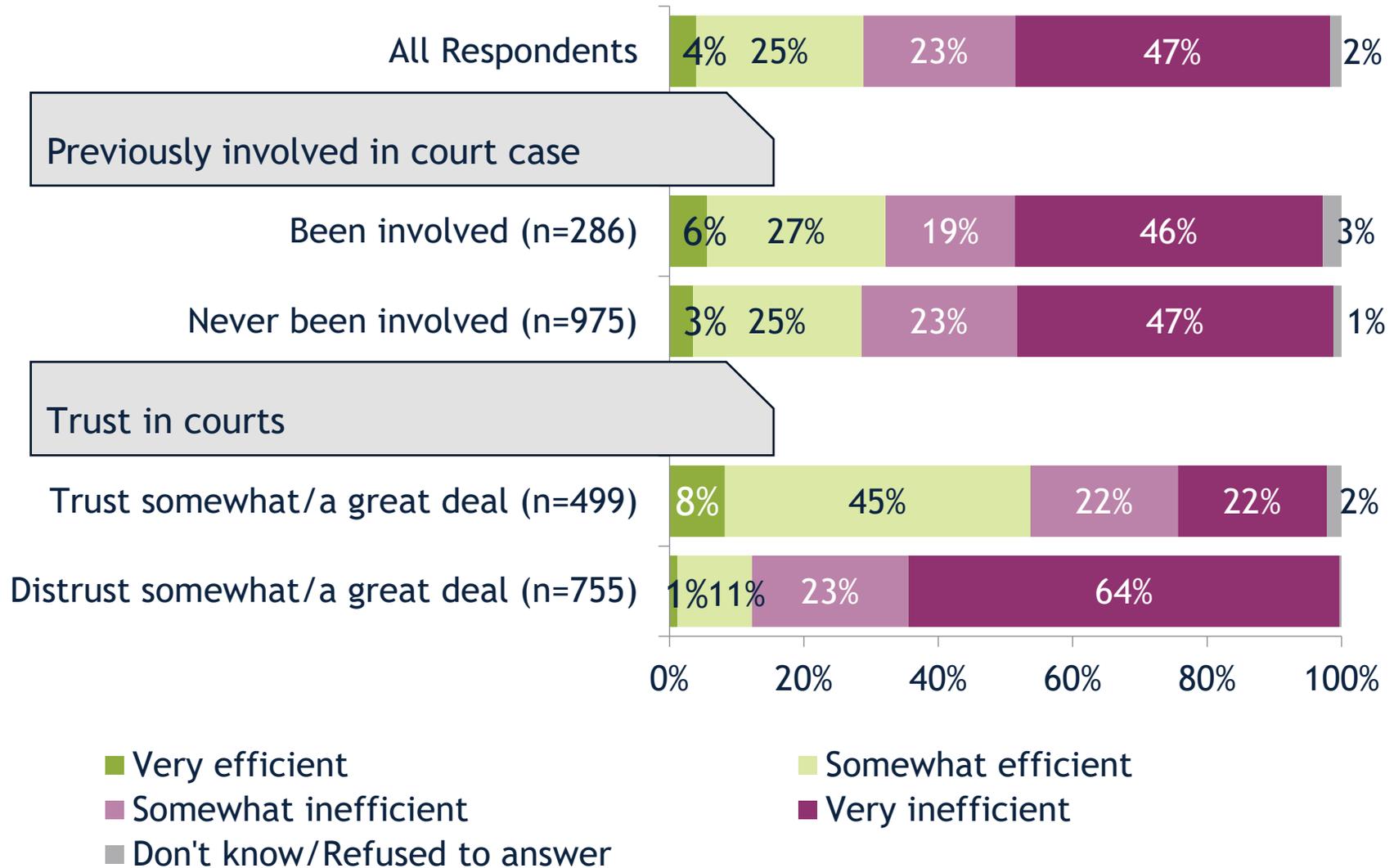
Have you ever been personally involved in a court case?



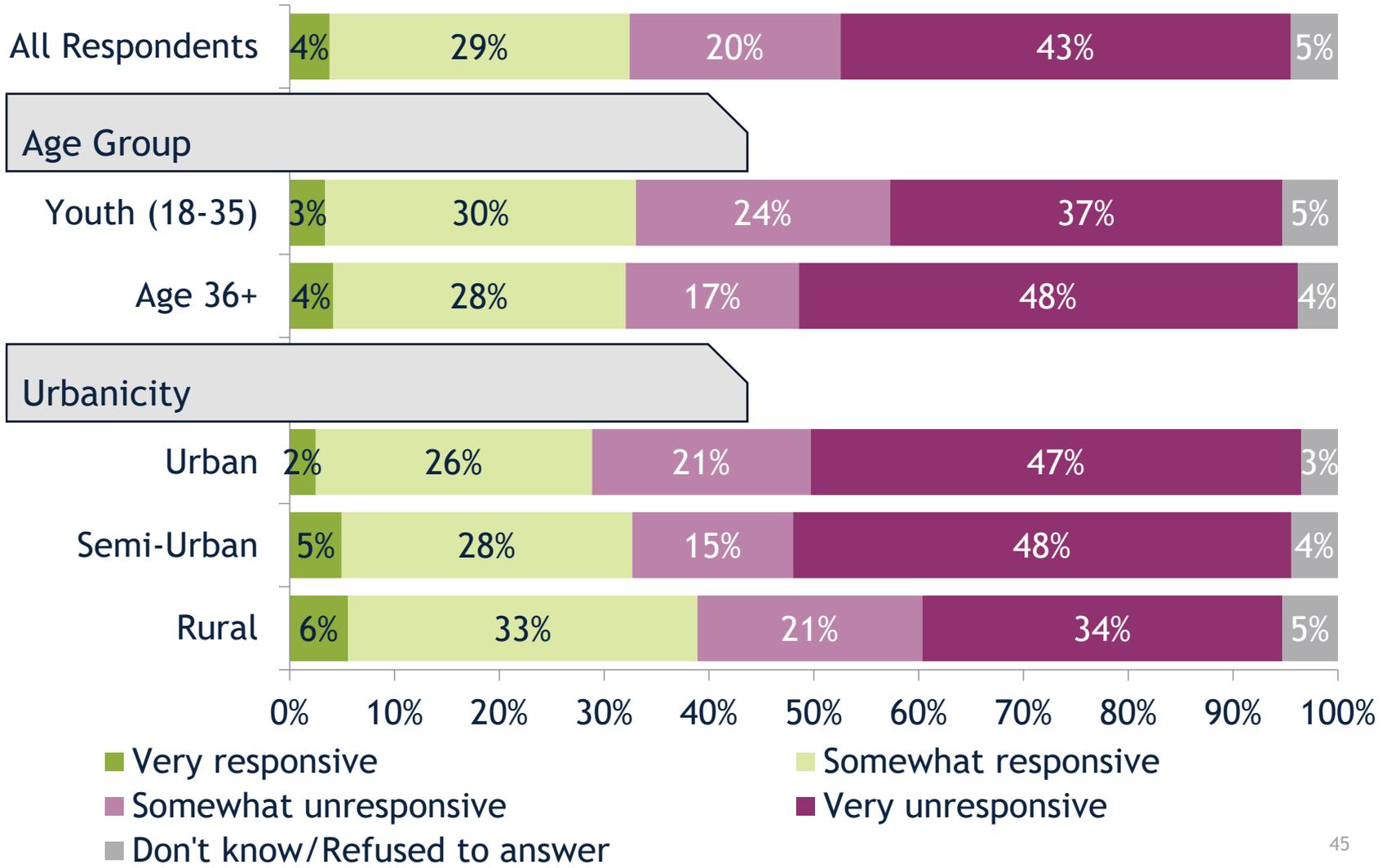
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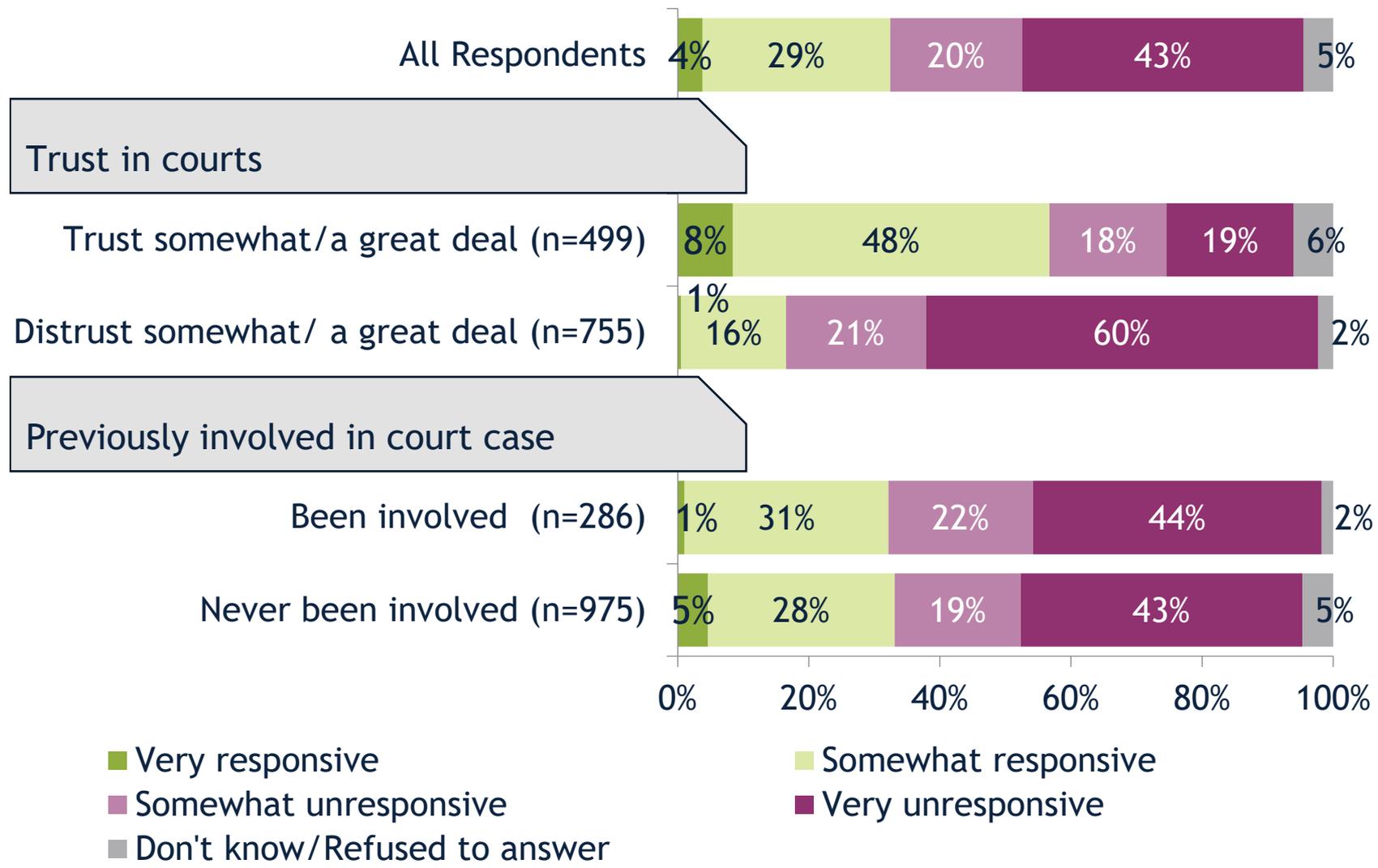
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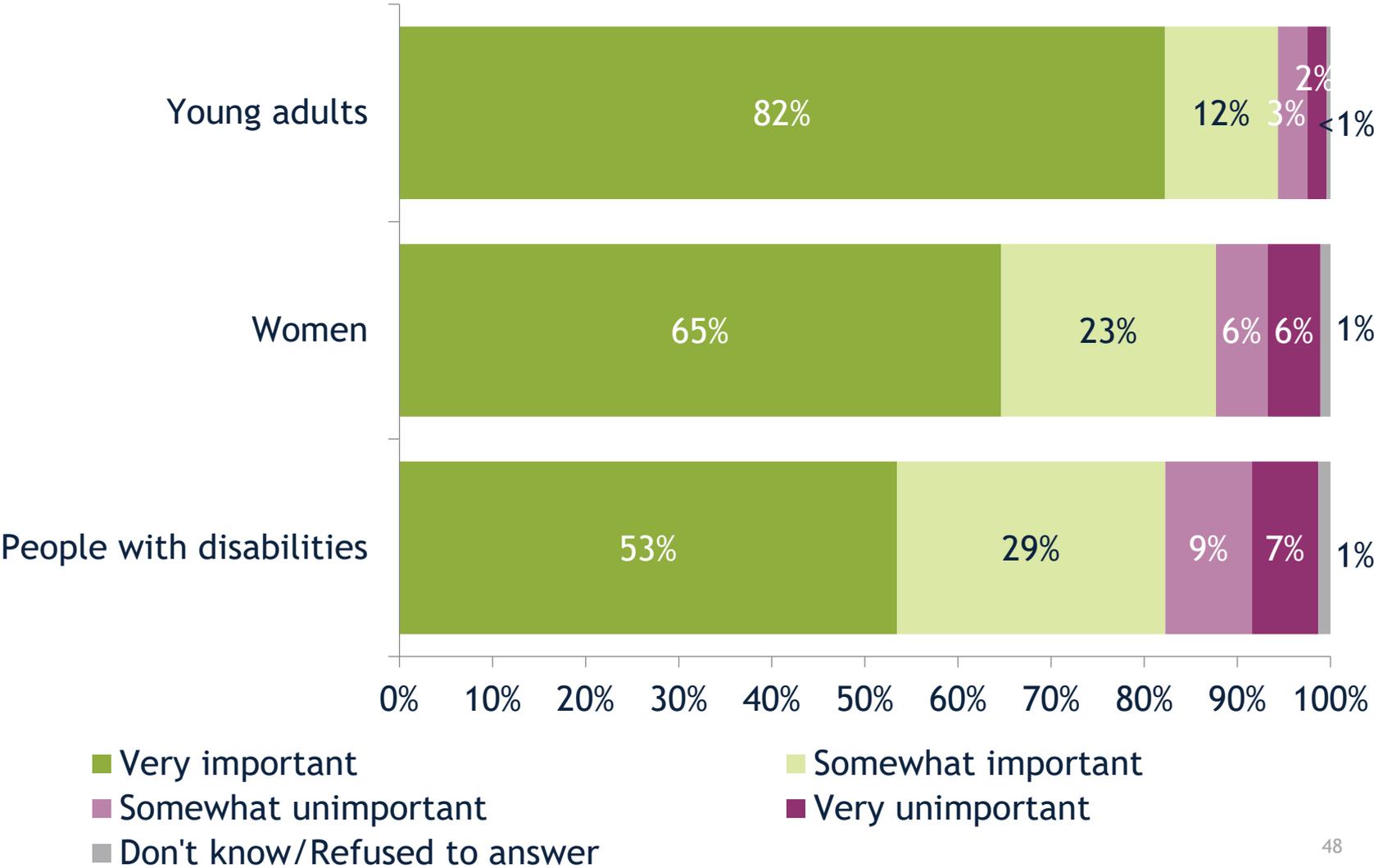


Inclusion

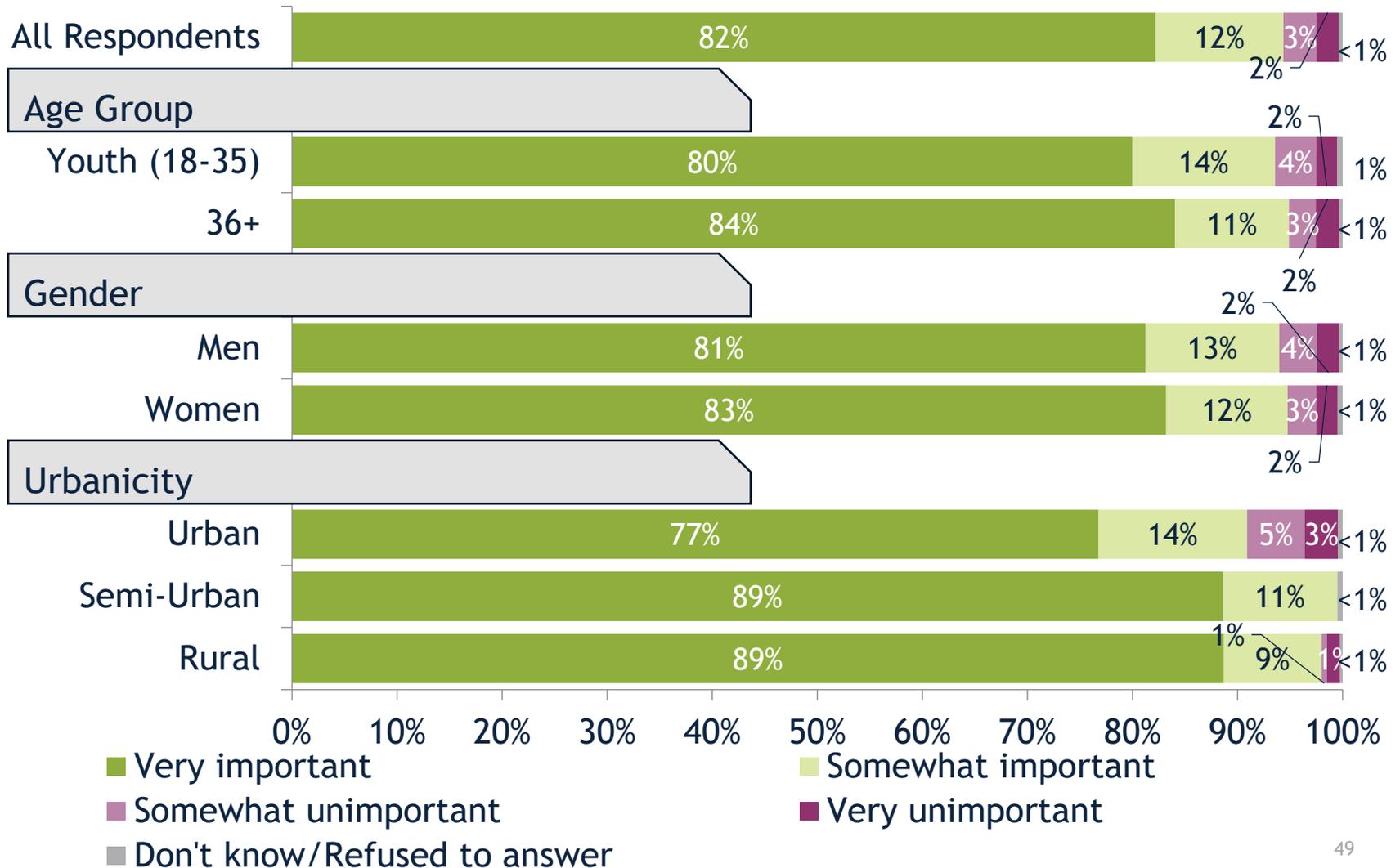




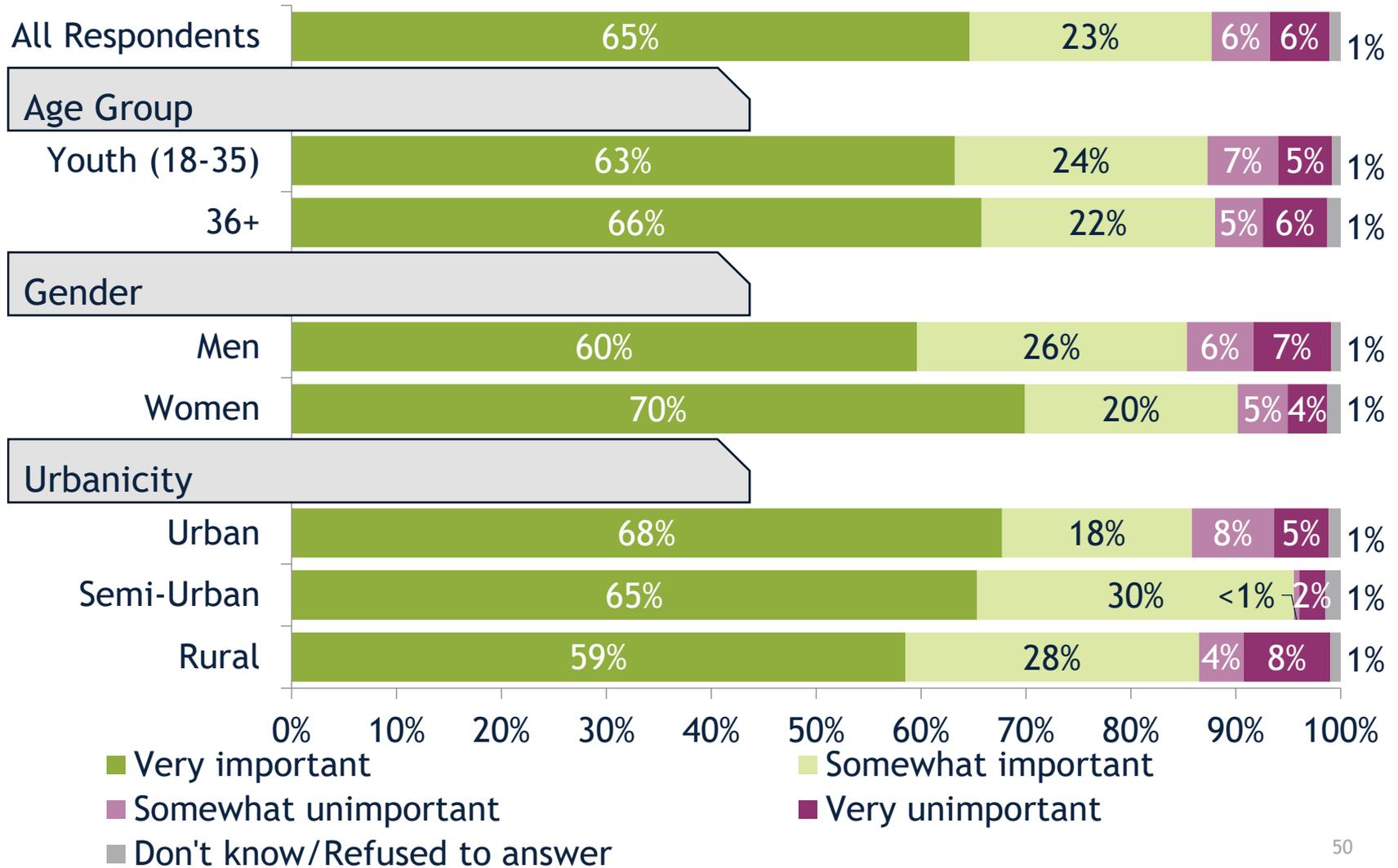
How important or unimportant is it that [...] are included in political decision making?



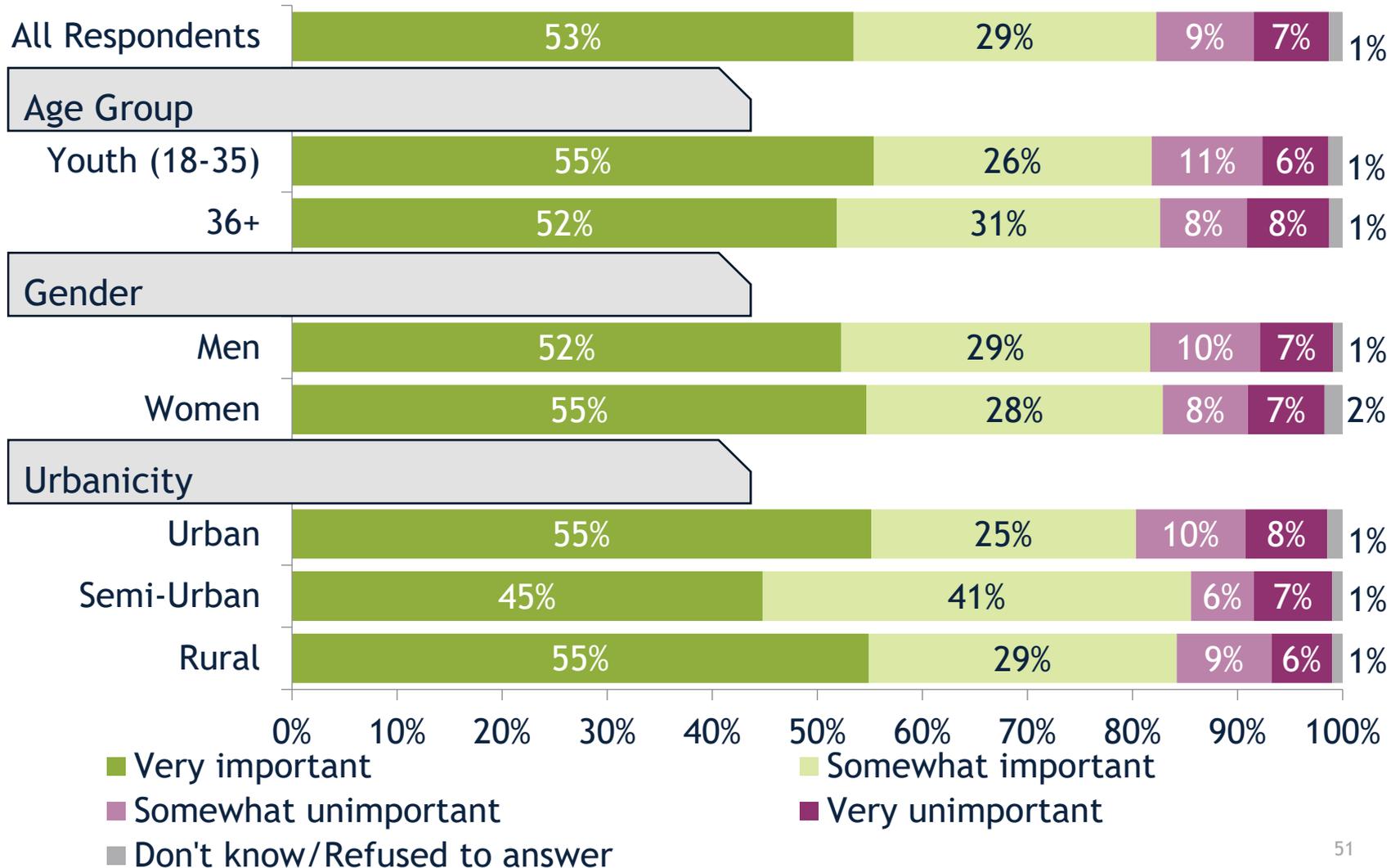
How important or unimportant is it that **young adults** are included in political decision making?



How important or unimportant is it that **women** are included in political decision making?

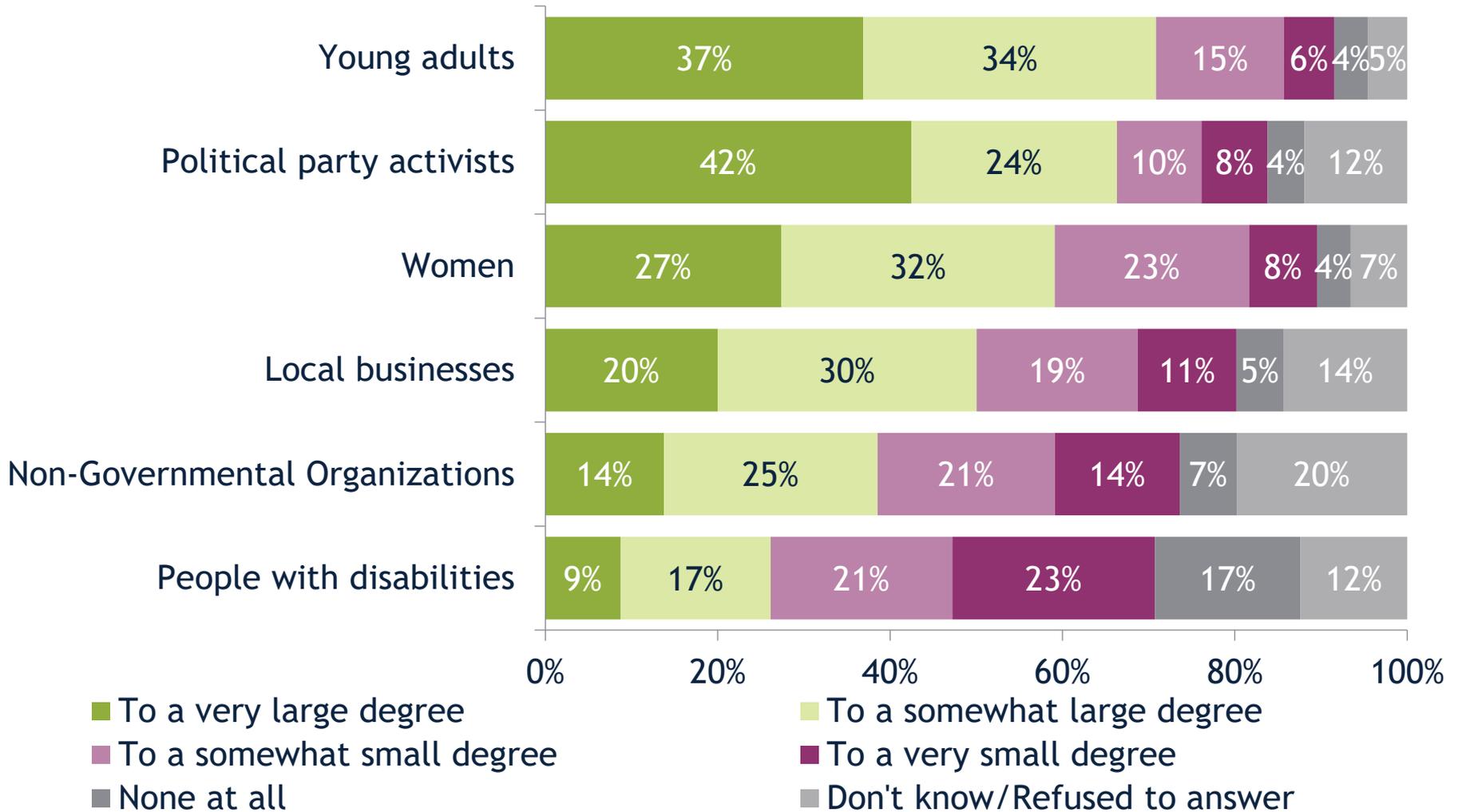


How important or unimportant is it that **people with disabilities** are included in political decision making?



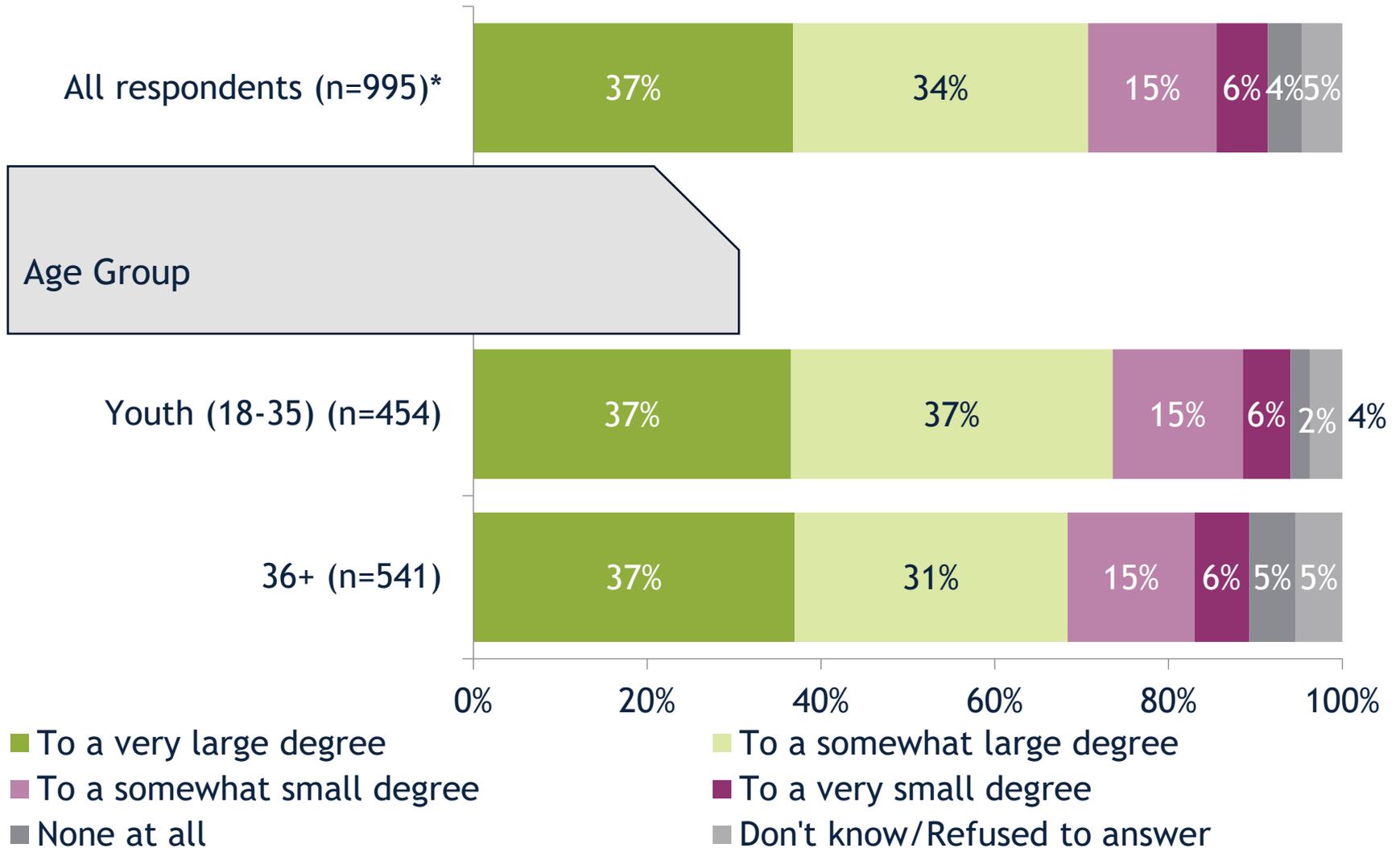
To what degree do local councils involve the following parties in their decision-making processes?

(Among respondents who received this question, n=995*)



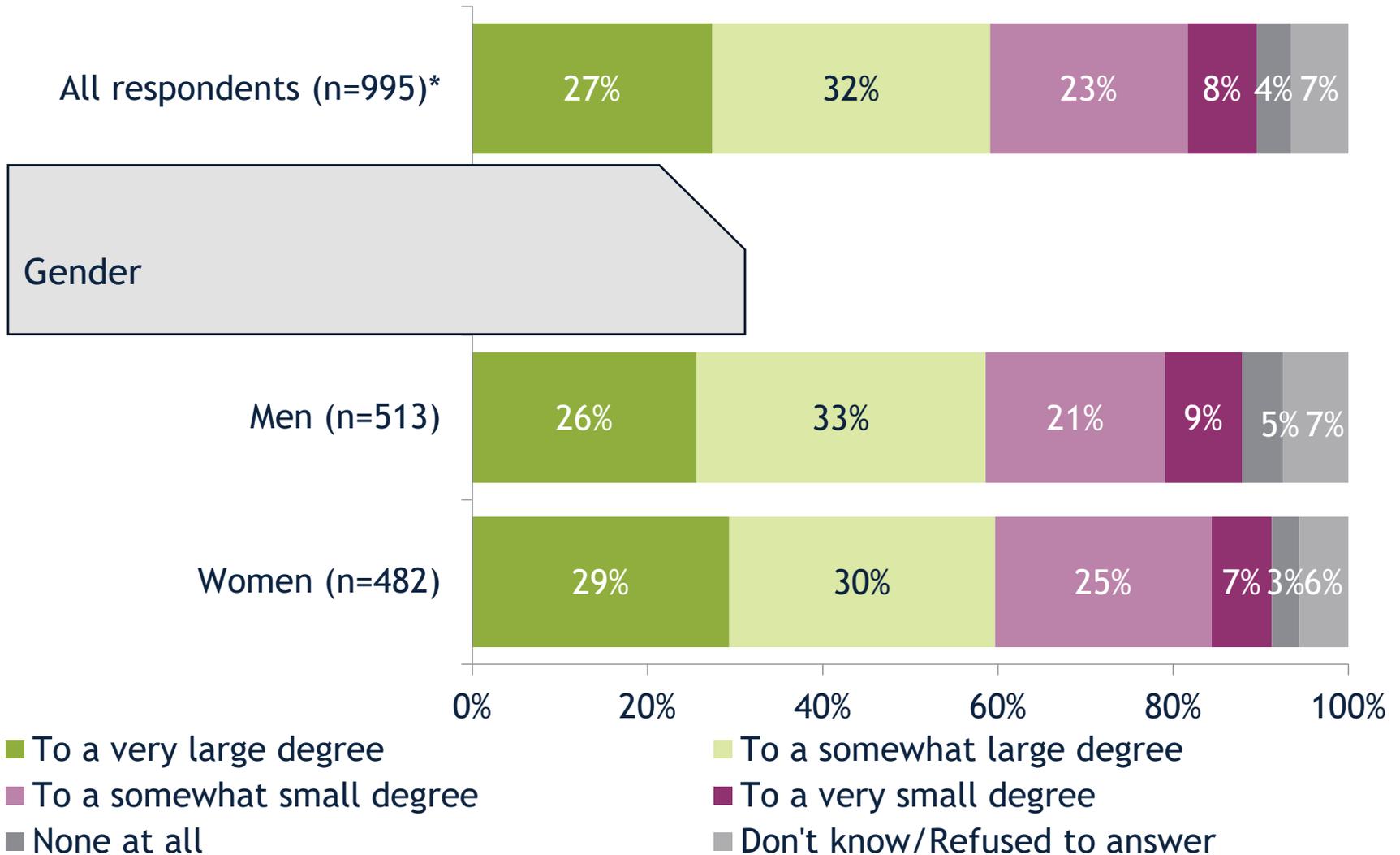
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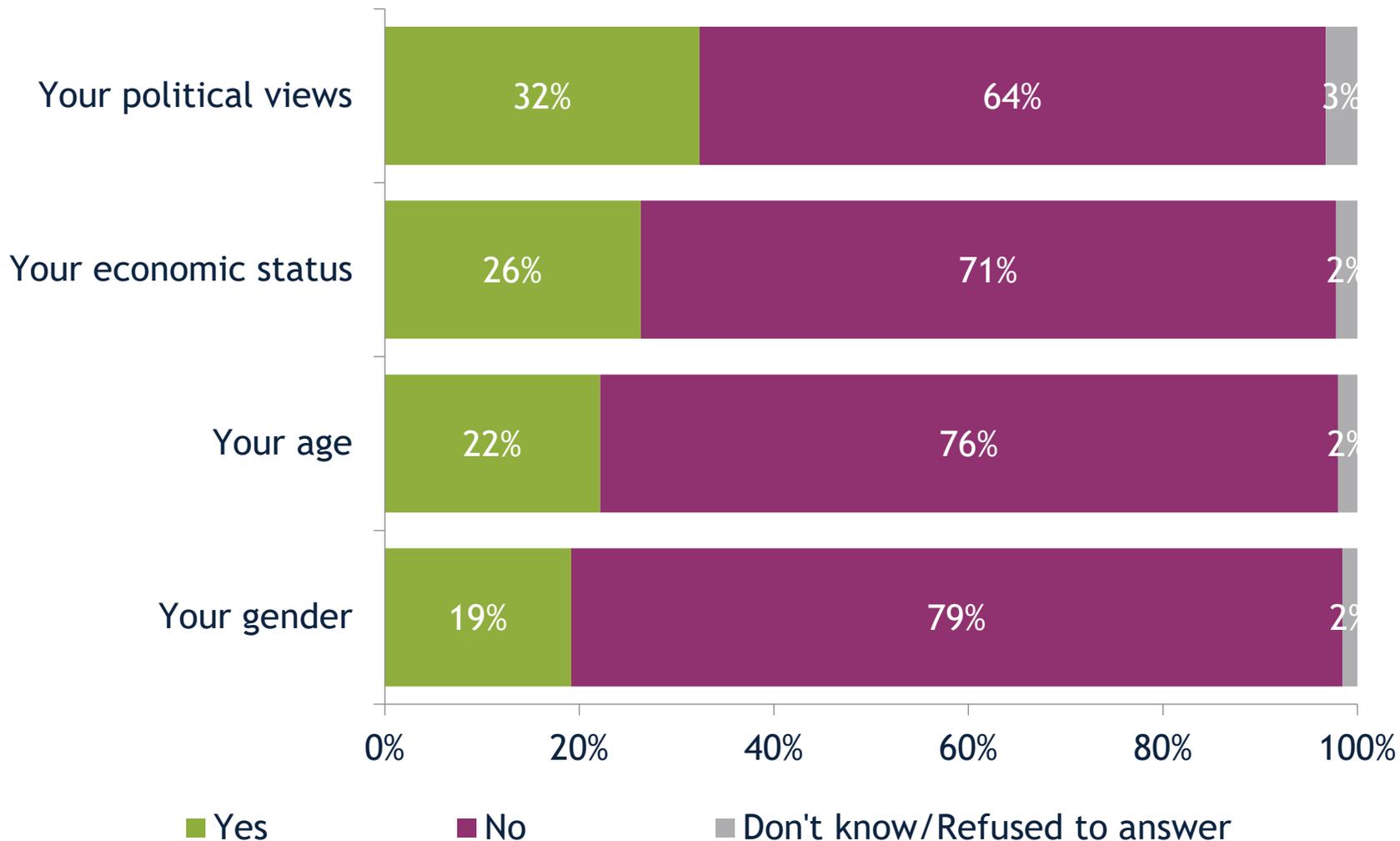
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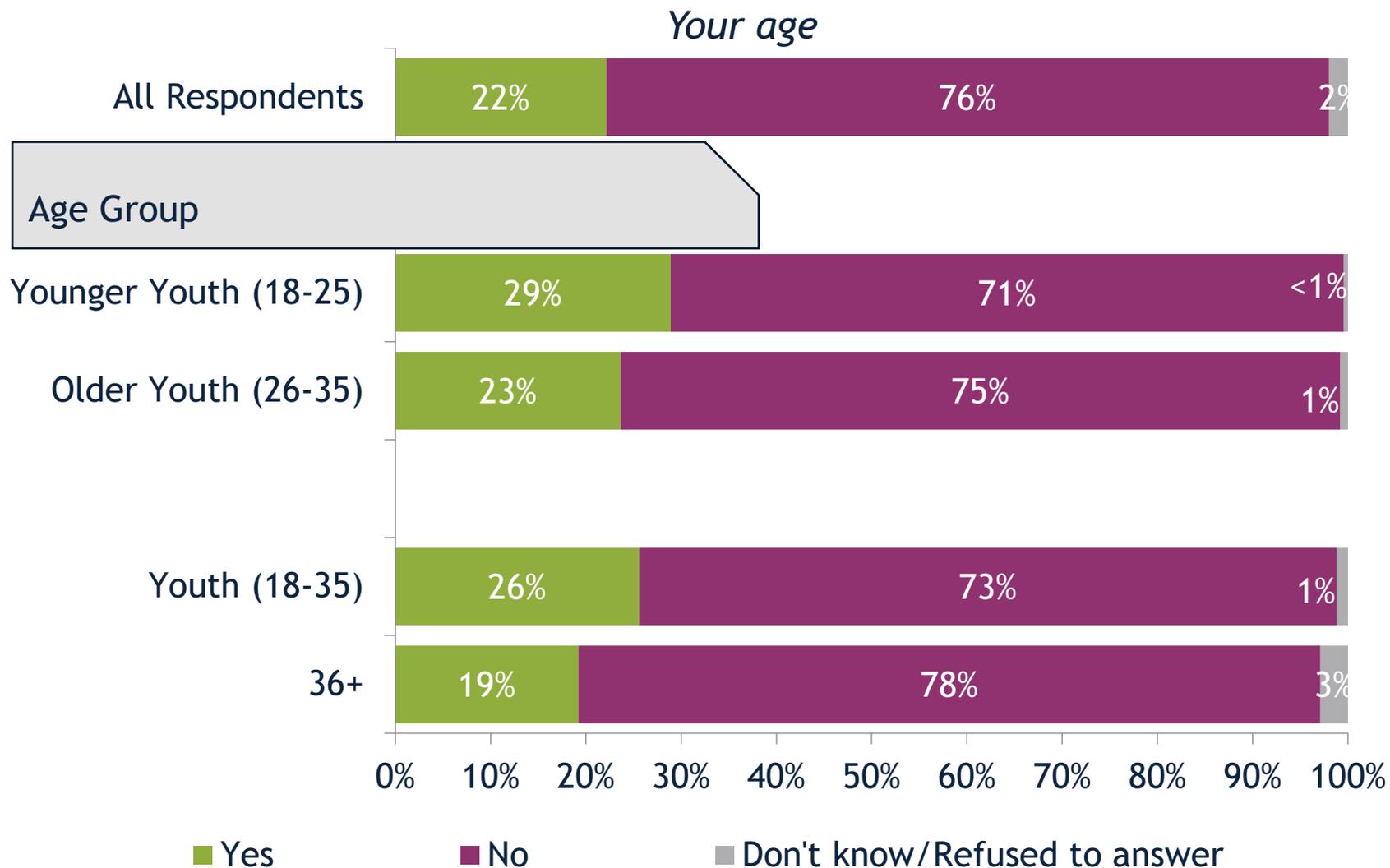


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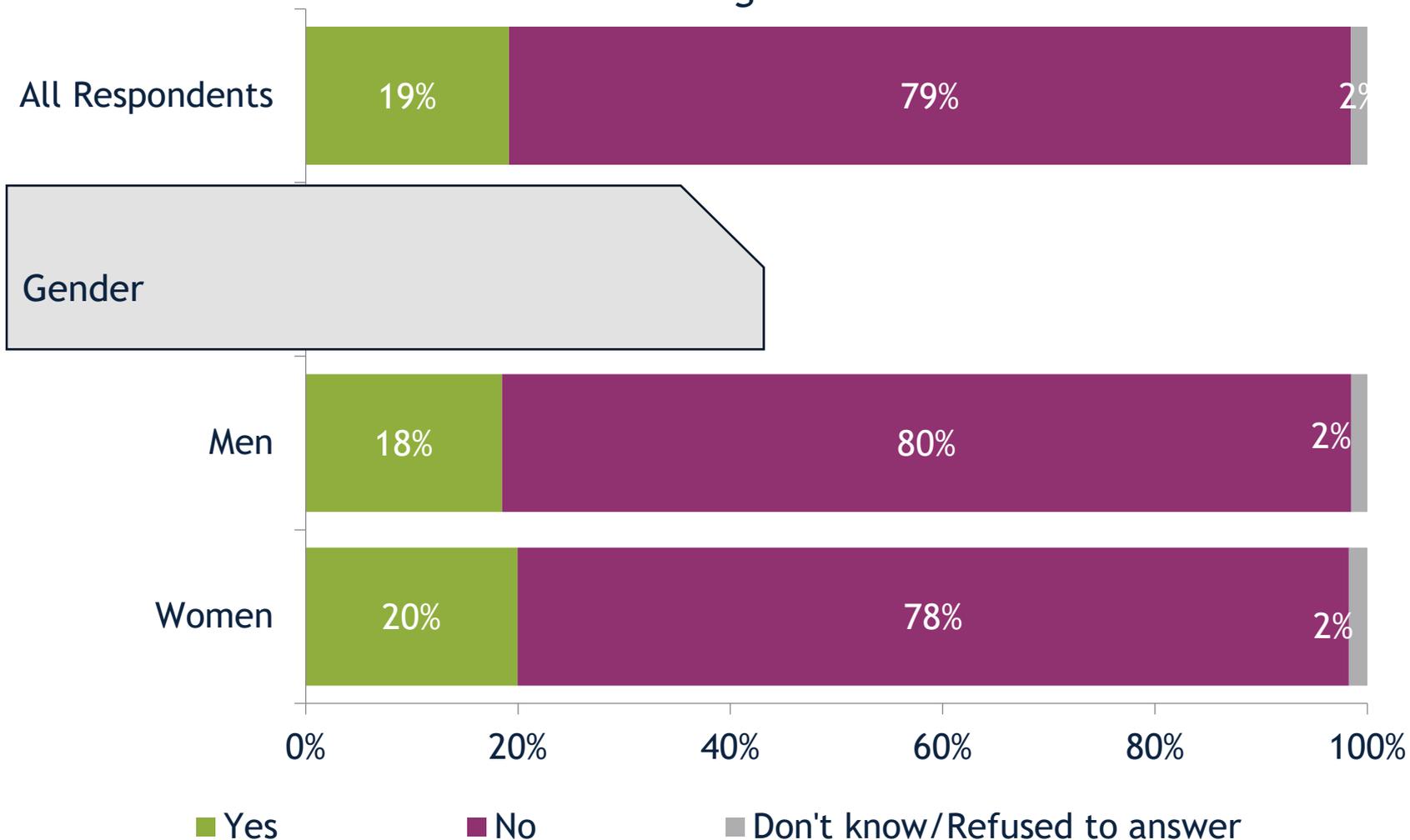


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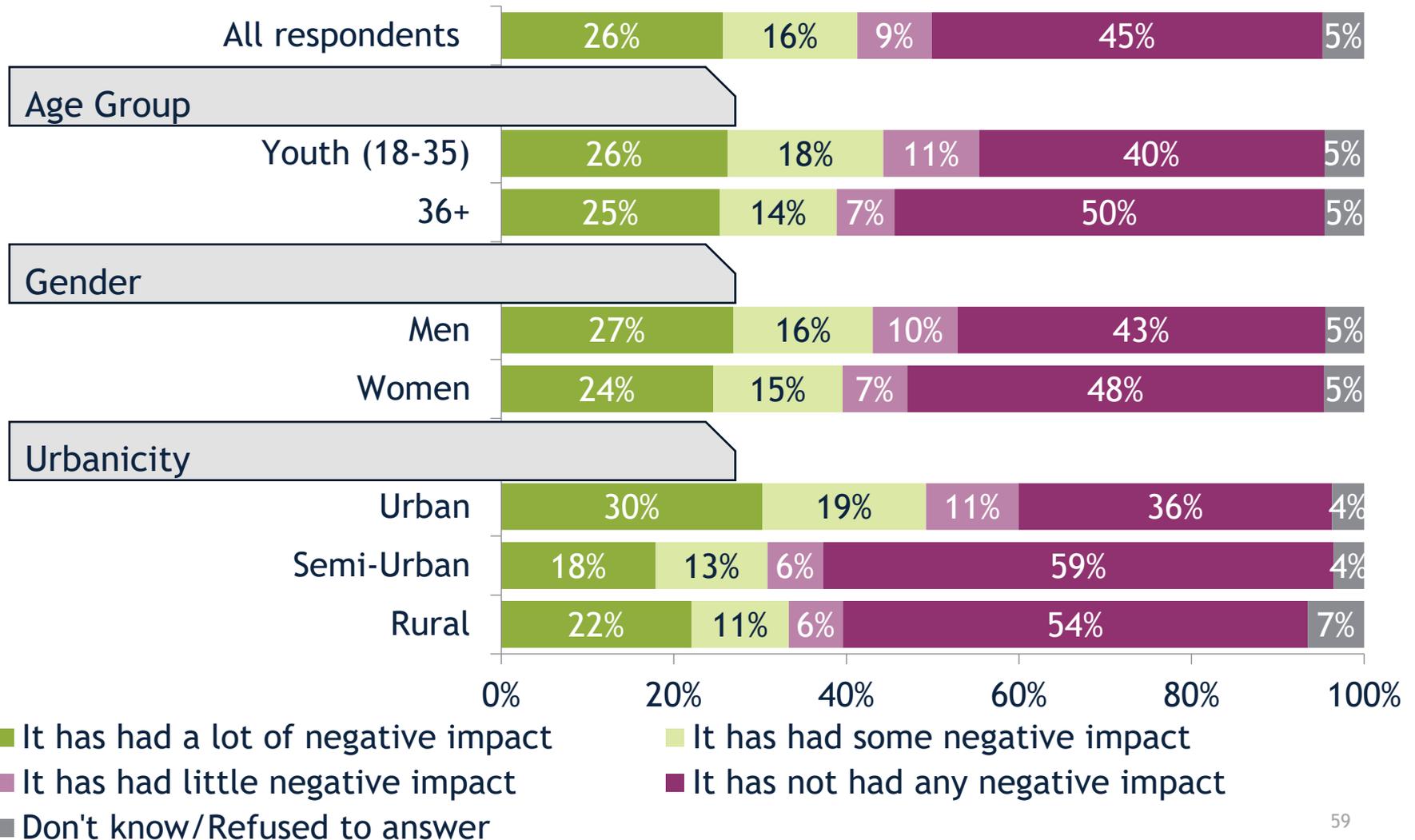
Your gender



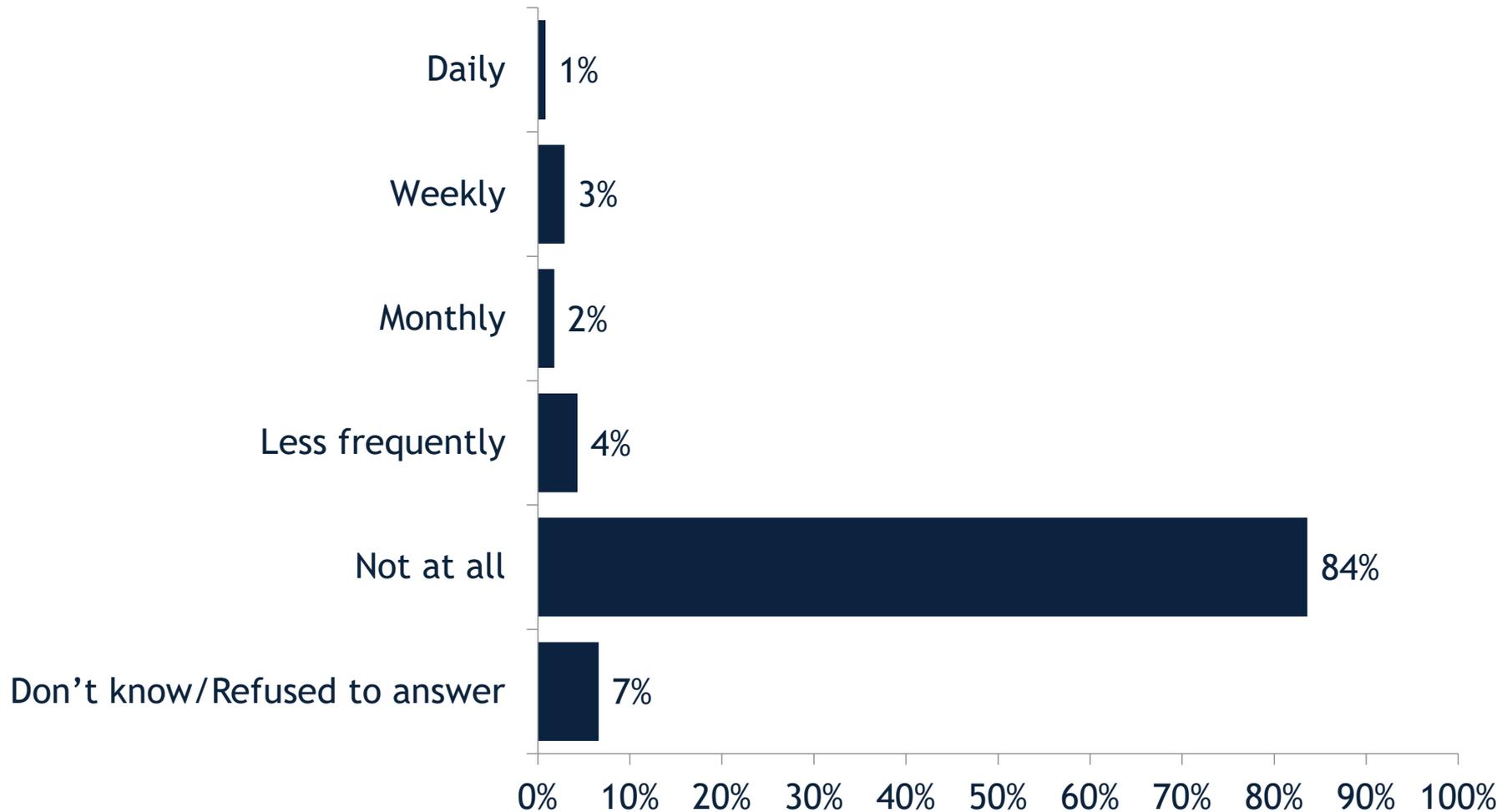
Corruption



Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?

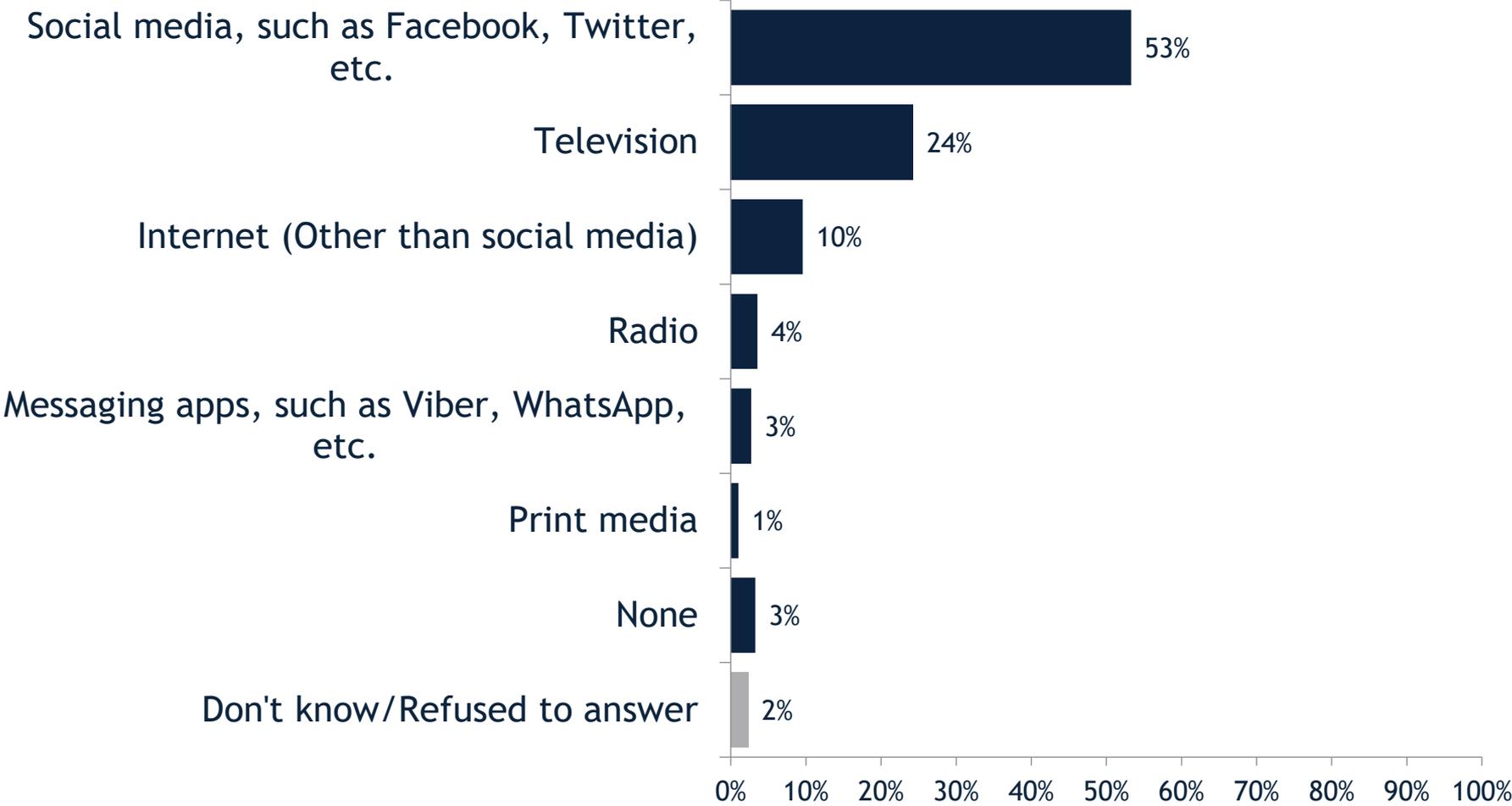


Sources of Information



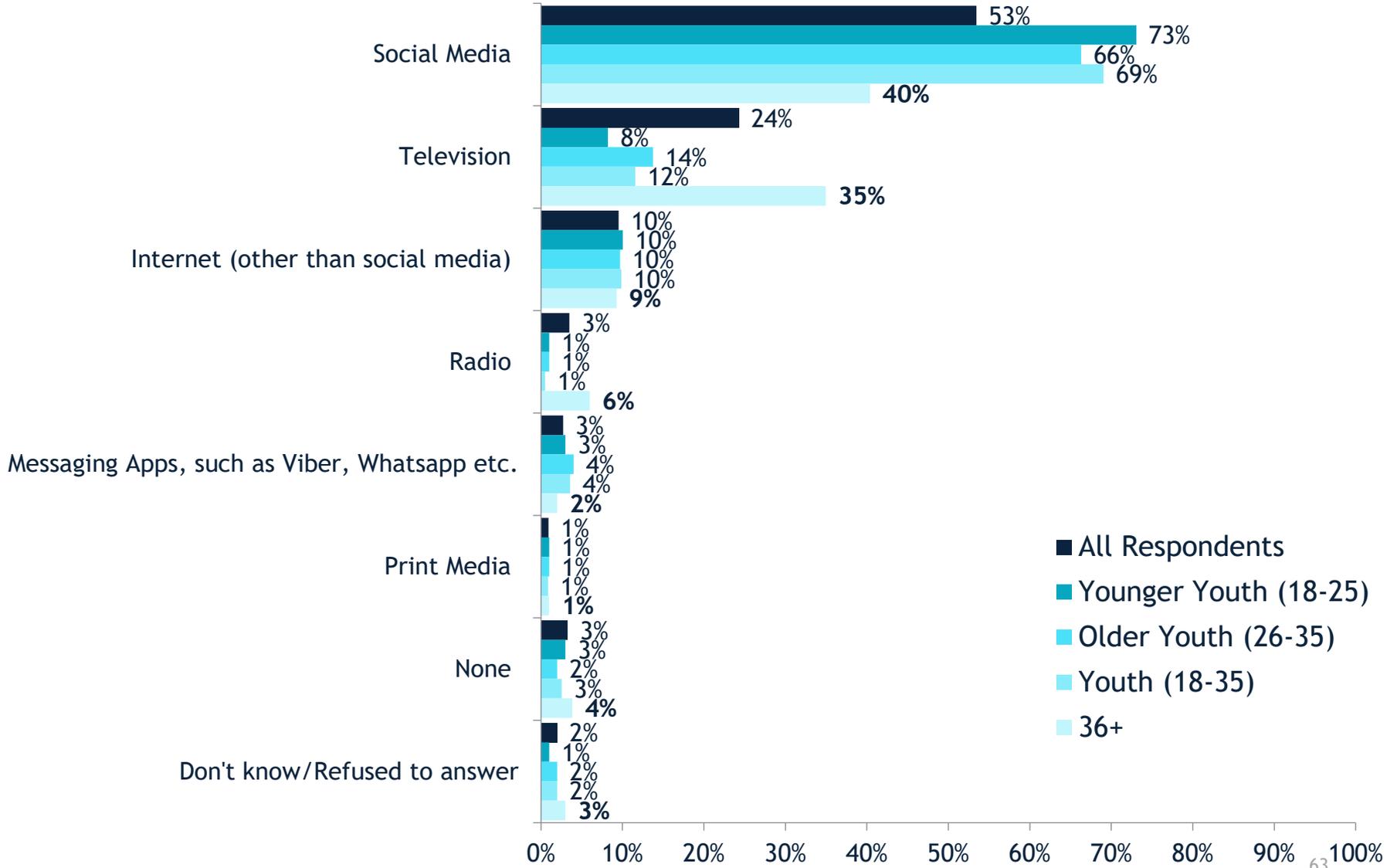


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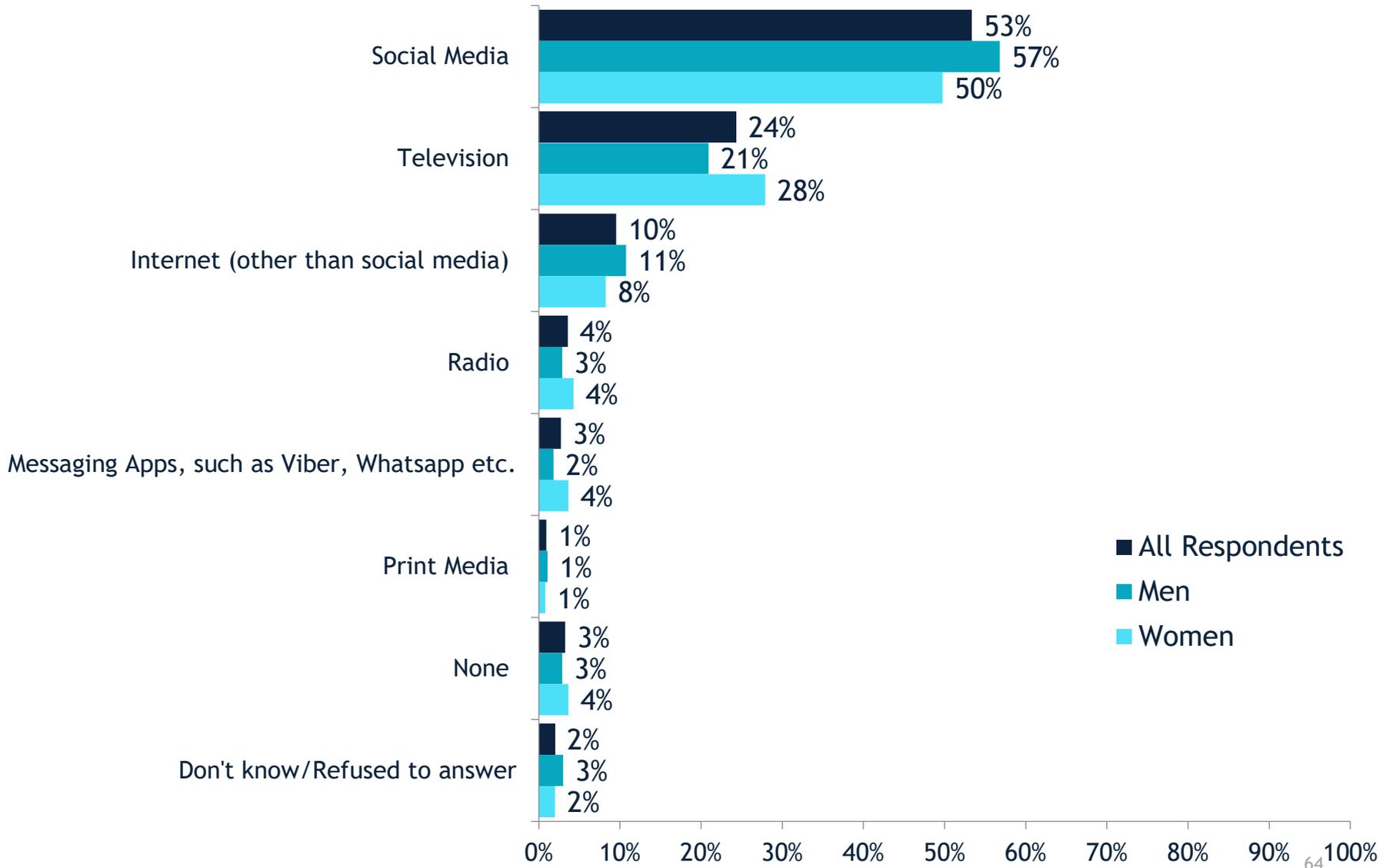
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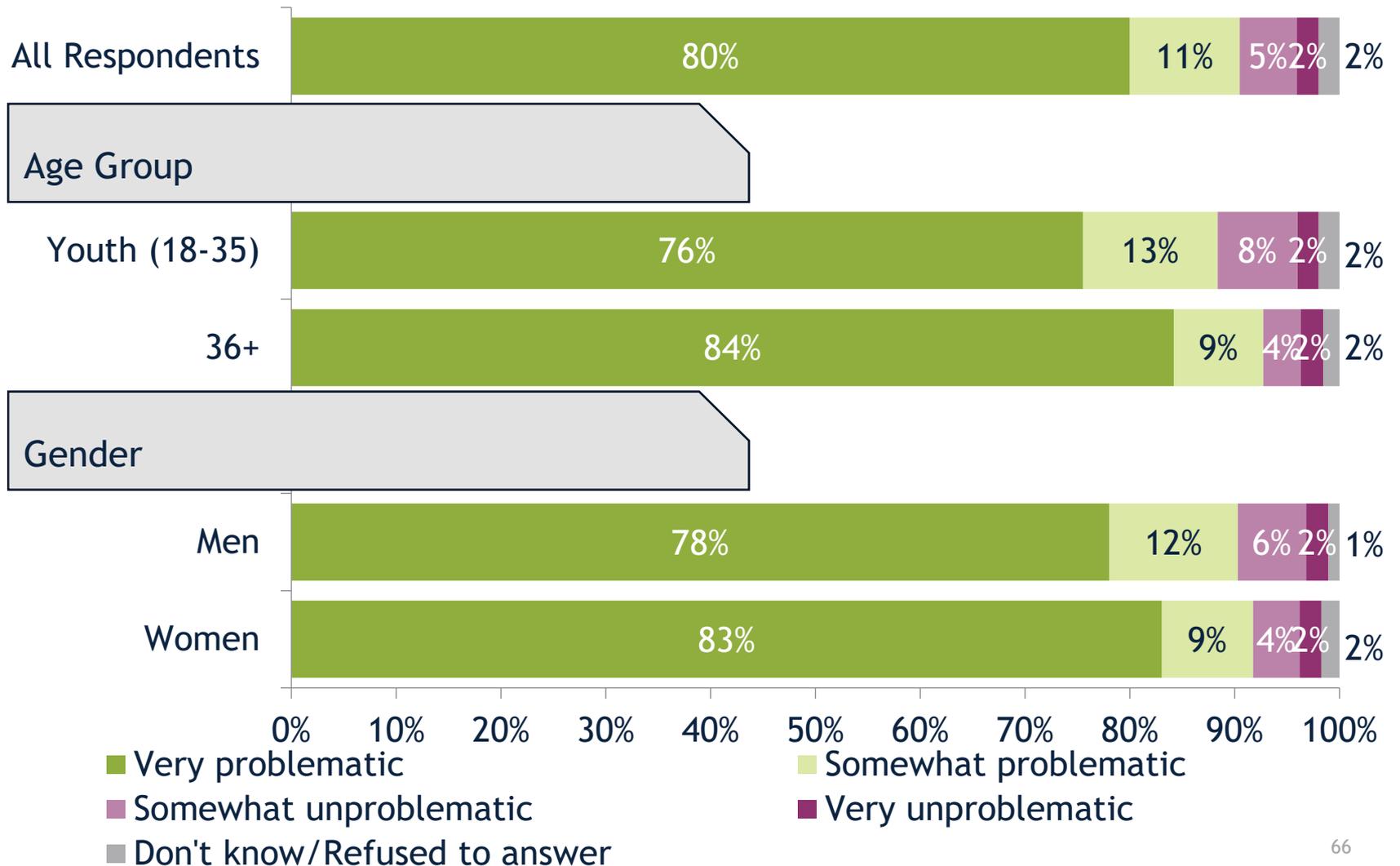
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Disinformation



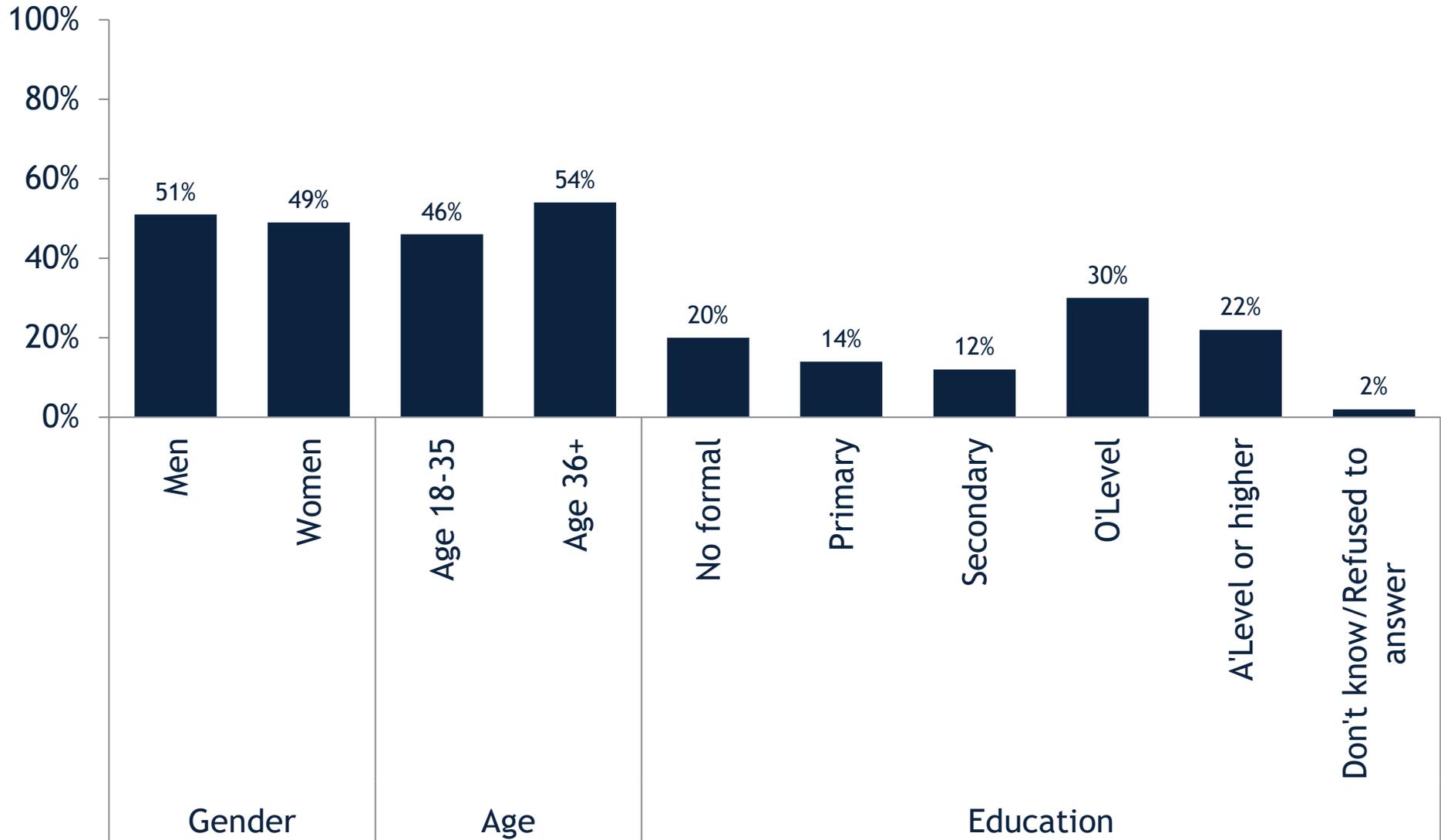
To what extent is misleading or false information in the media problematic for our country?



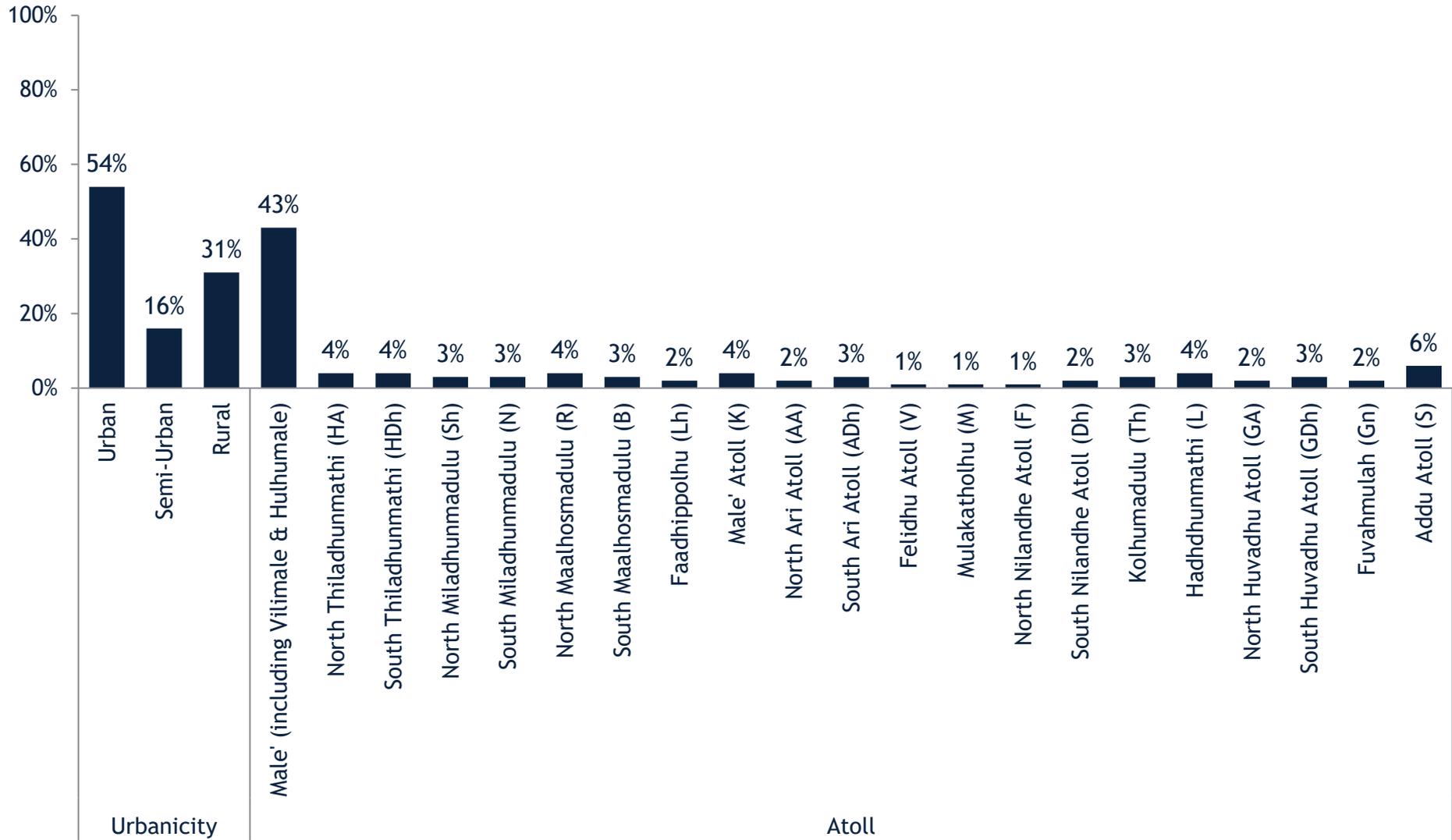
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