

# Armenia National Voter Study

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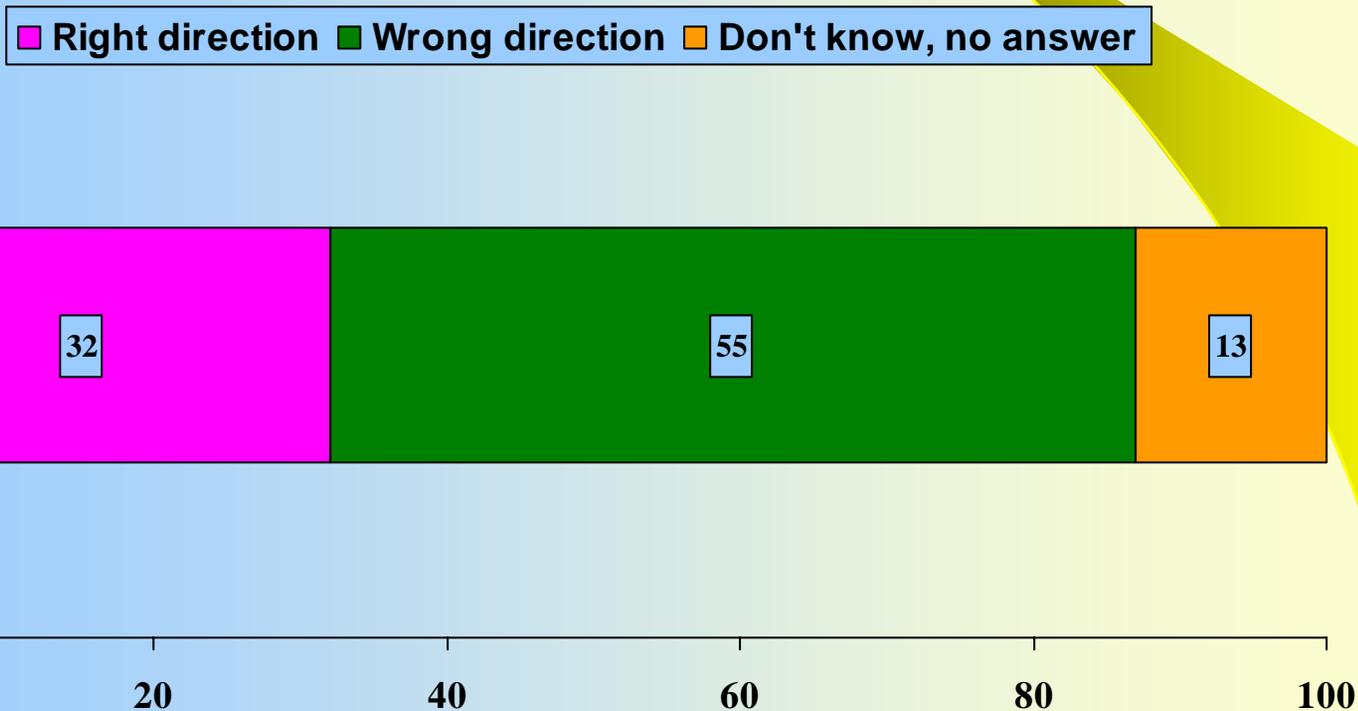
# INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

- 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.

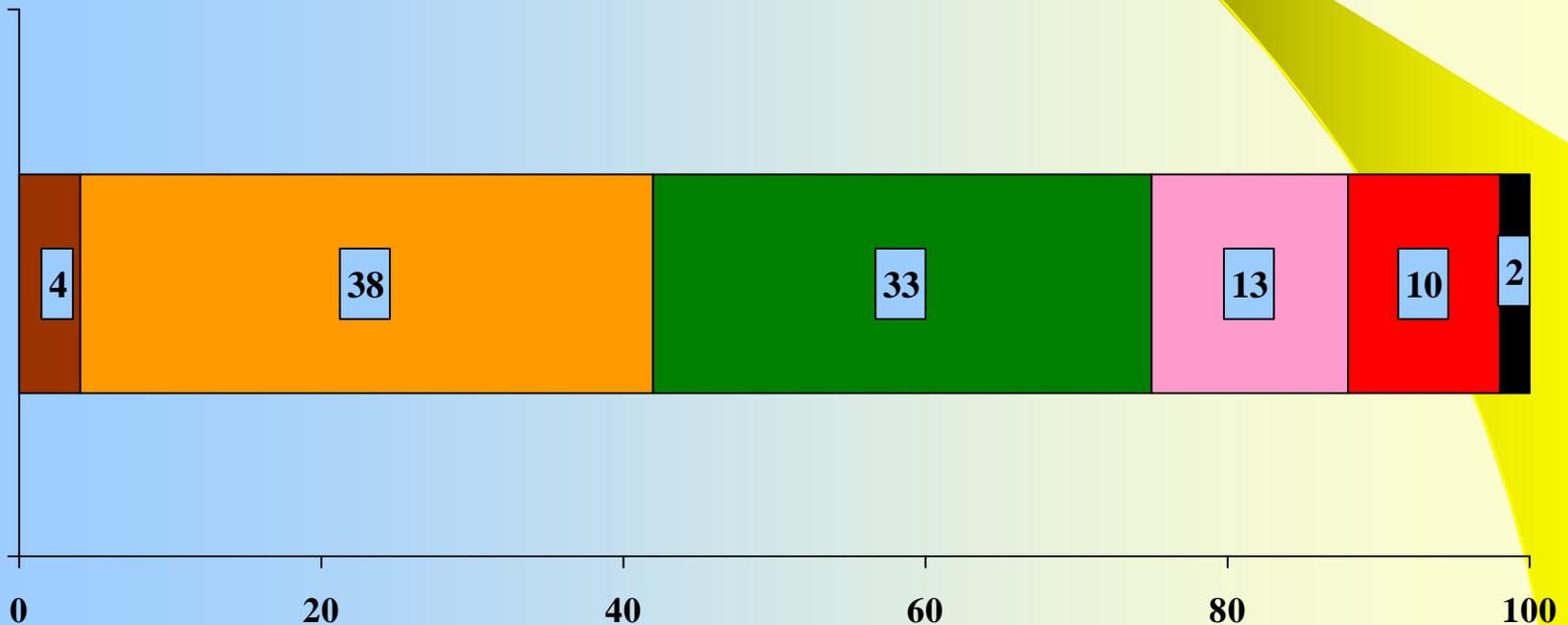
Do you think that things in Armenia are going in the....



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

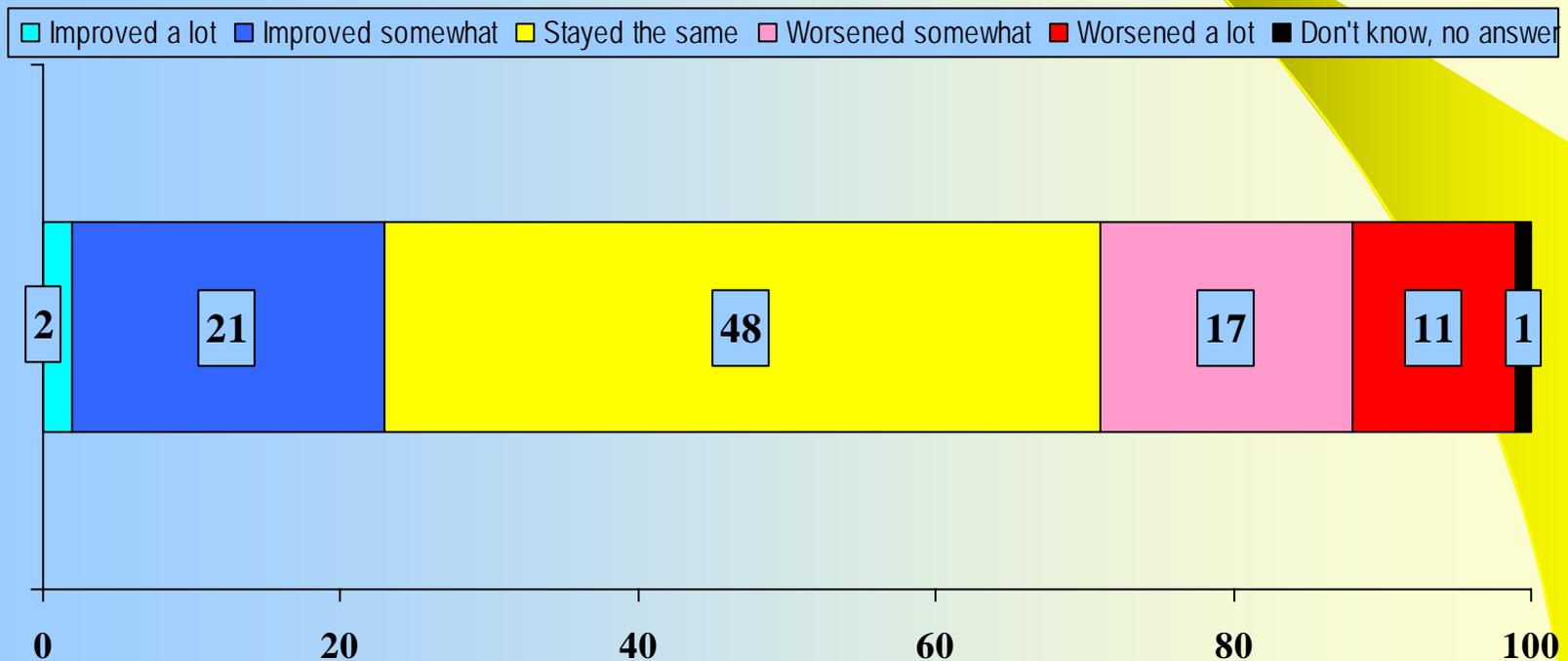
Over the last 3 months, the economic situation in Armenia has ...

■ Improved a lot ■ Improved somewhat ■ Stayed the same ■ Worsened somewhat ■ Worsened a lot ■ Don't know, no answer



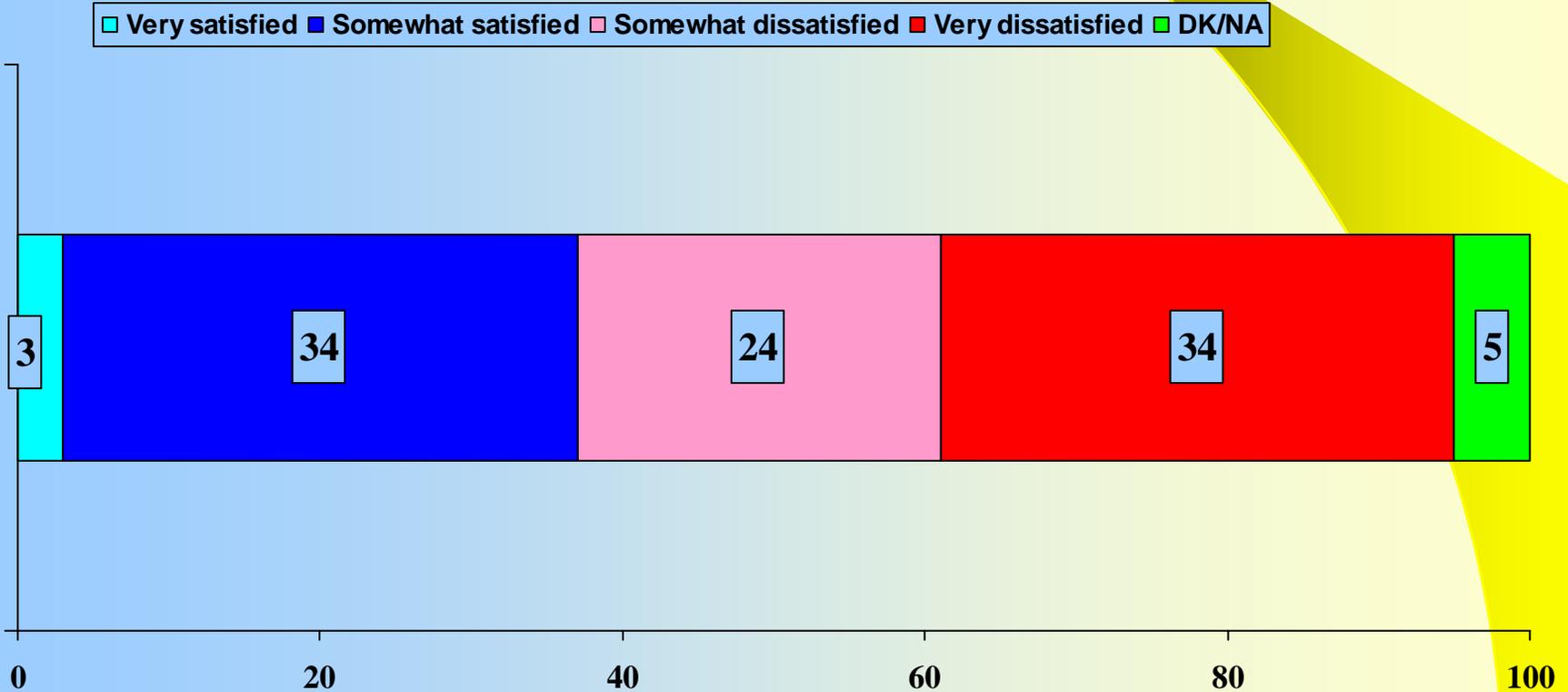
Mood of the country: 23% of Armenians say their household's financial situation has improved while 28% say it has declined

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



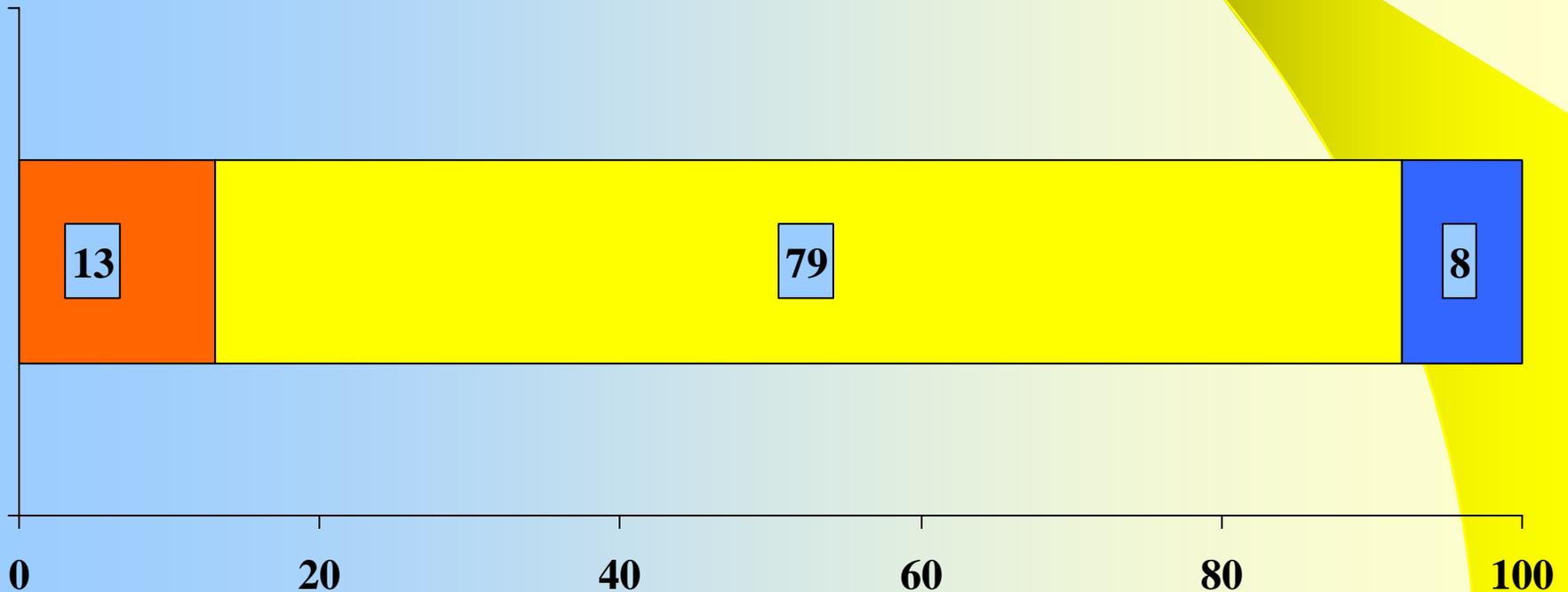
Mood of the country: 37% of Armenians are satisfied with the development of democracy while 58% are not

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

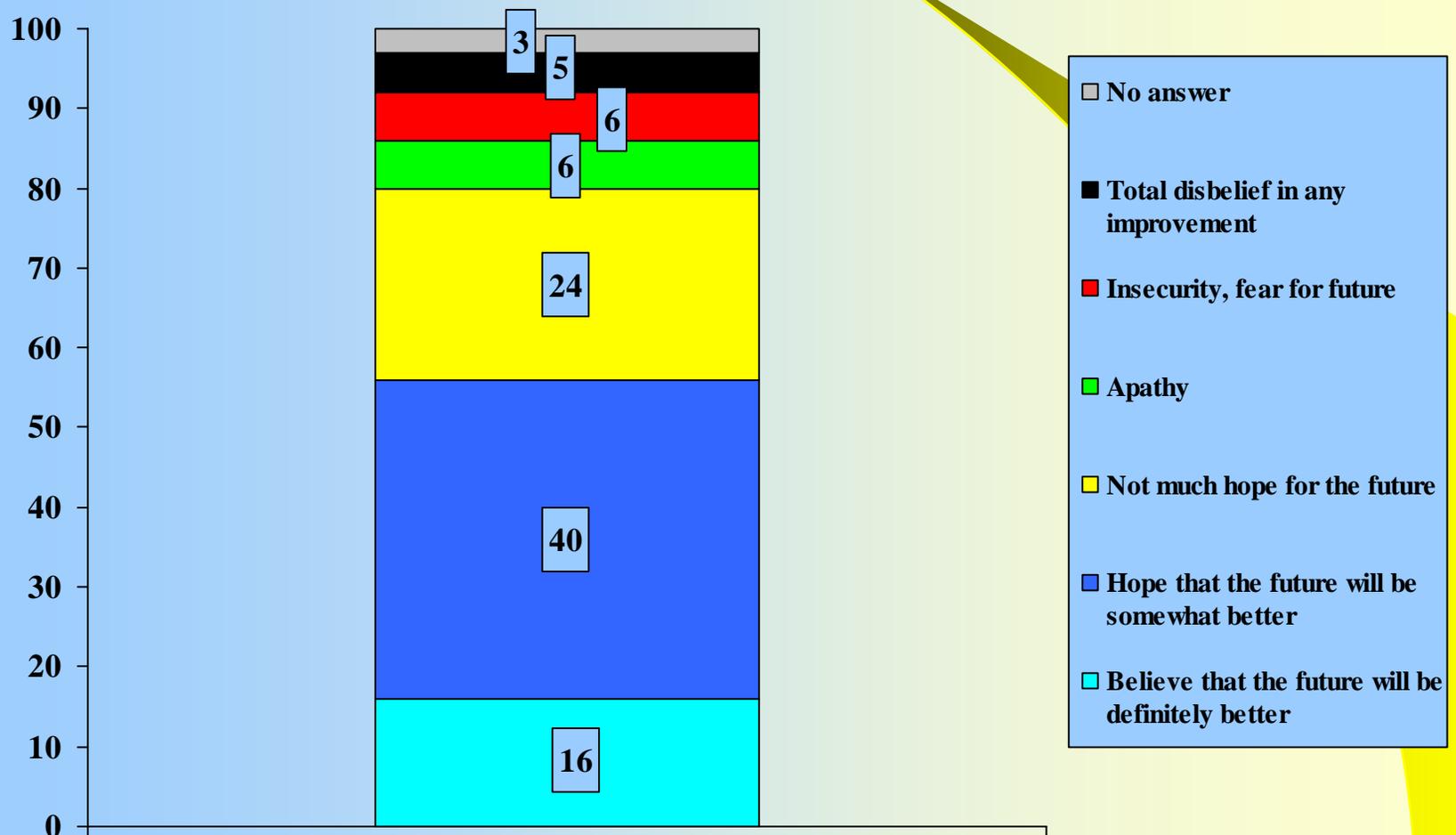


# Mood of the country: Overall majority of Armenians think that it will take a long time for things to get better in the country

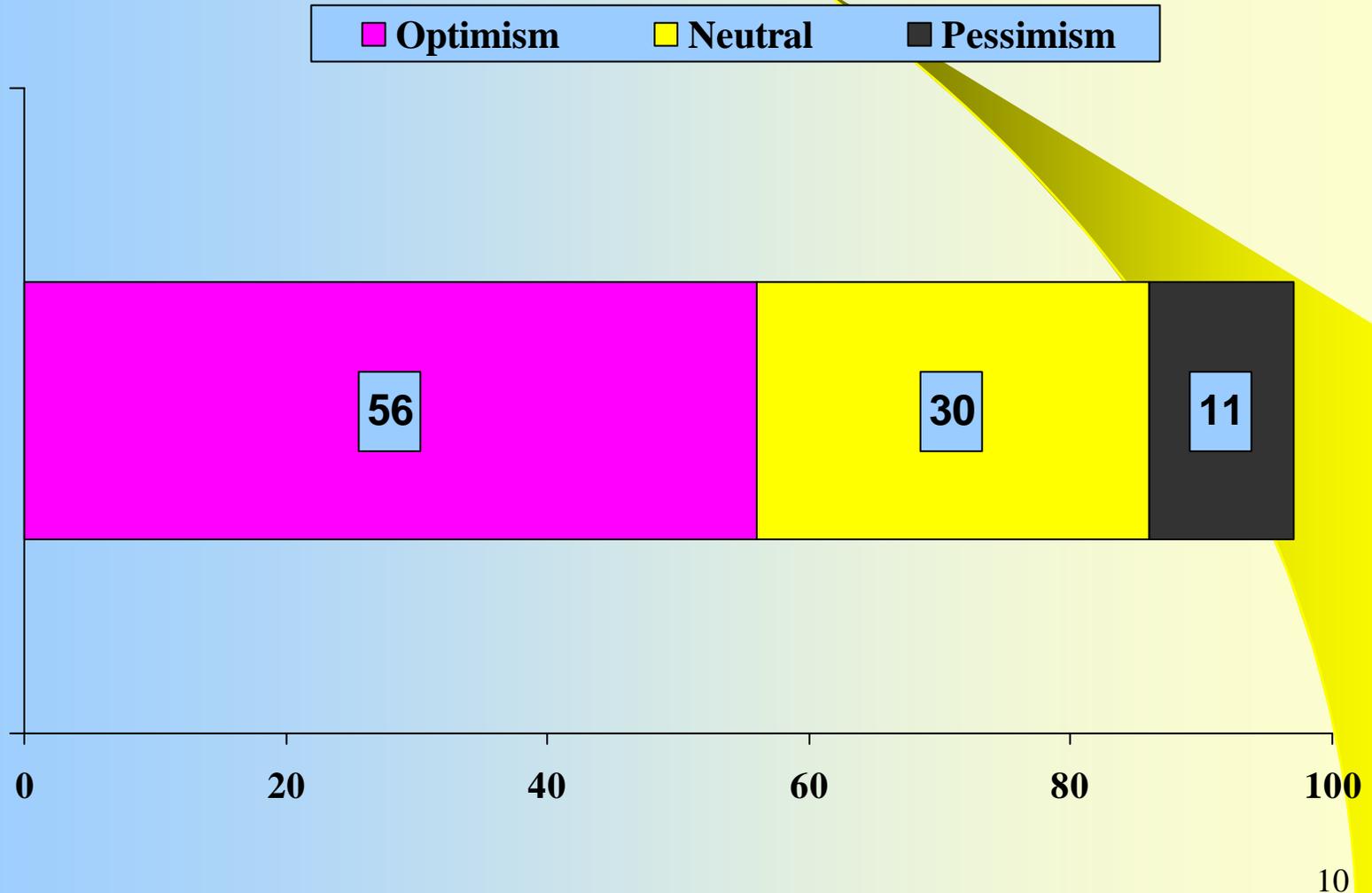
**Do you believe that things will get better in a short time or it will take a long time to get better in the country?**



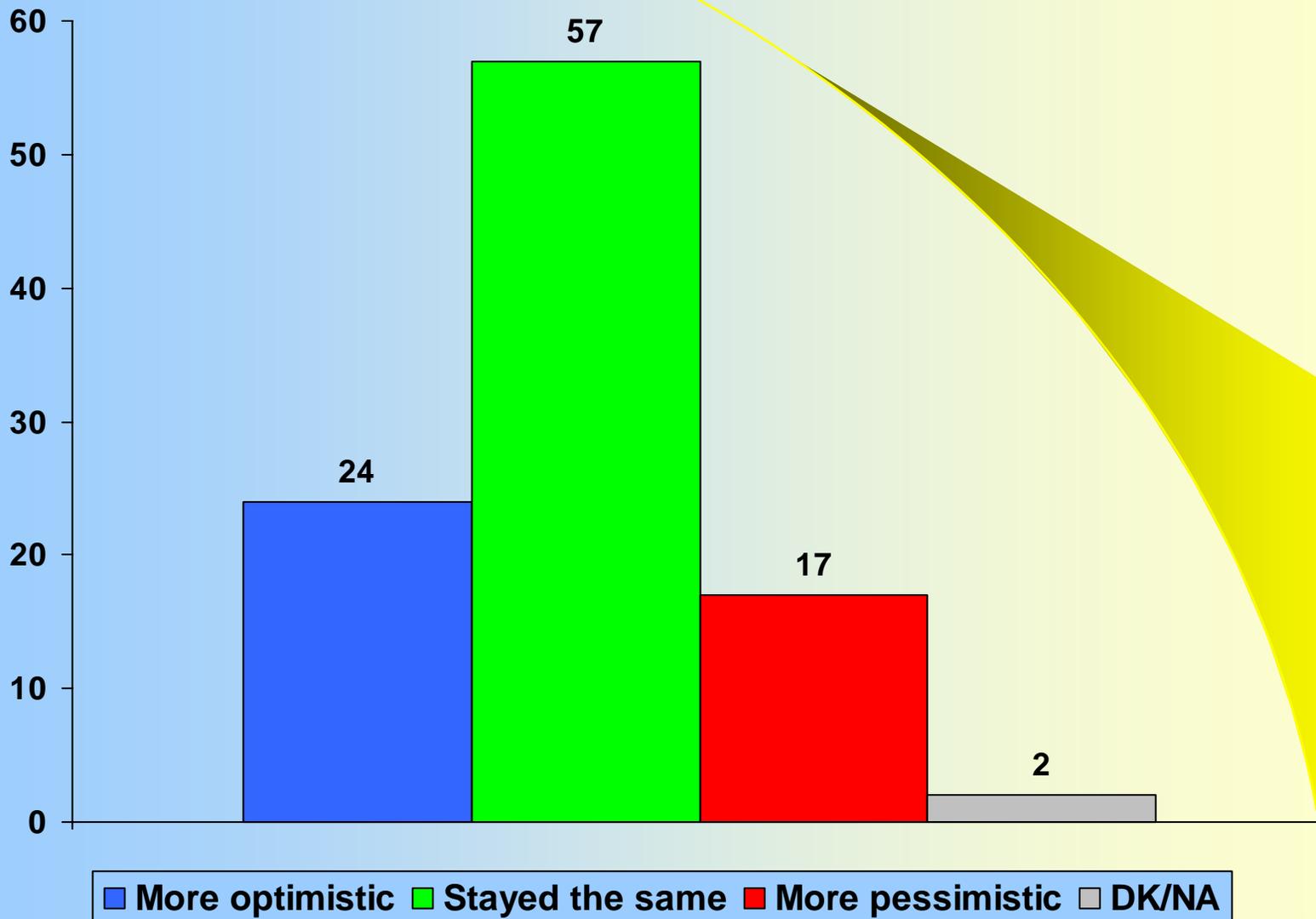
# Mood of the Country: Expectations



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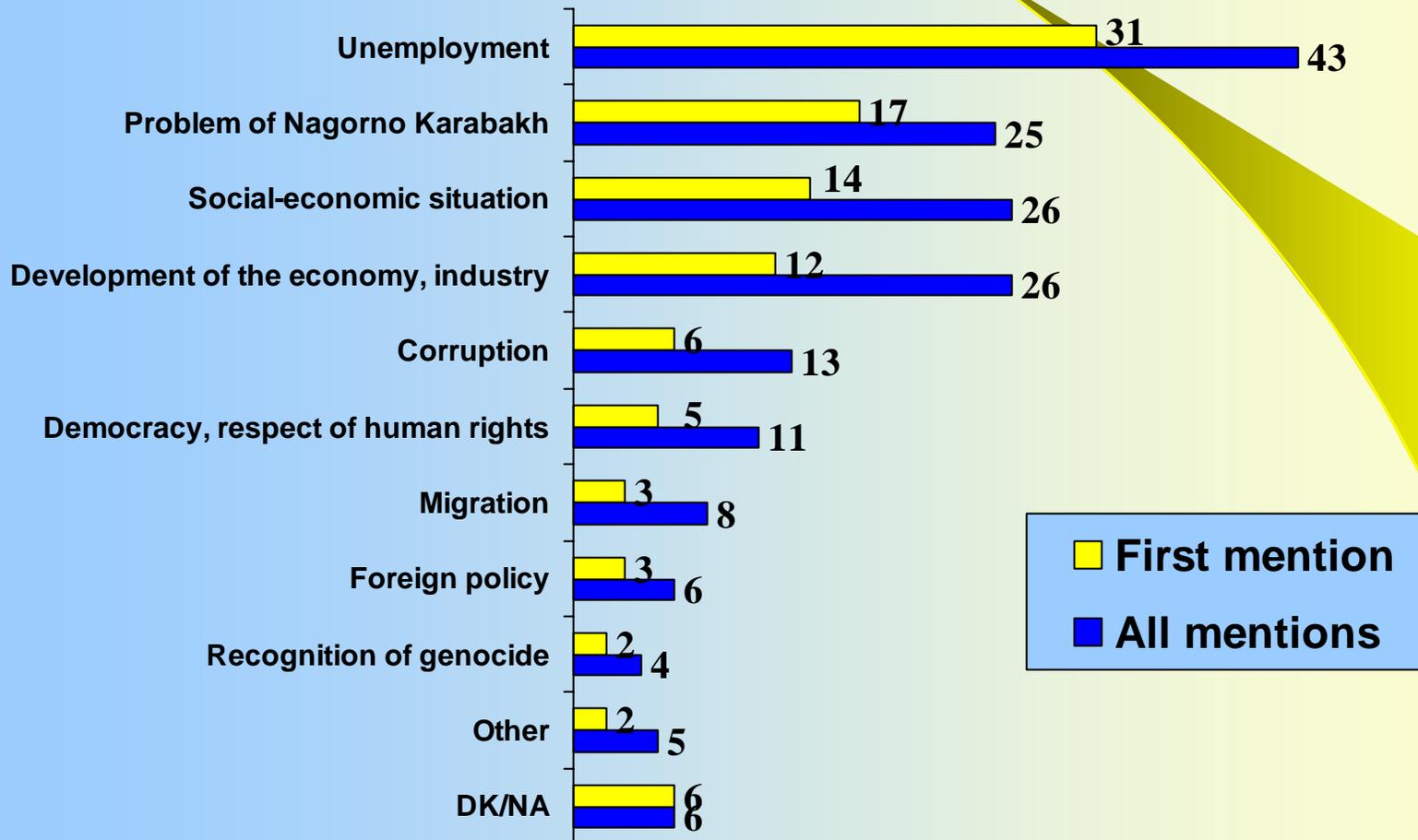


# Attitude towards the way things are developing in Armenia over the last year became:

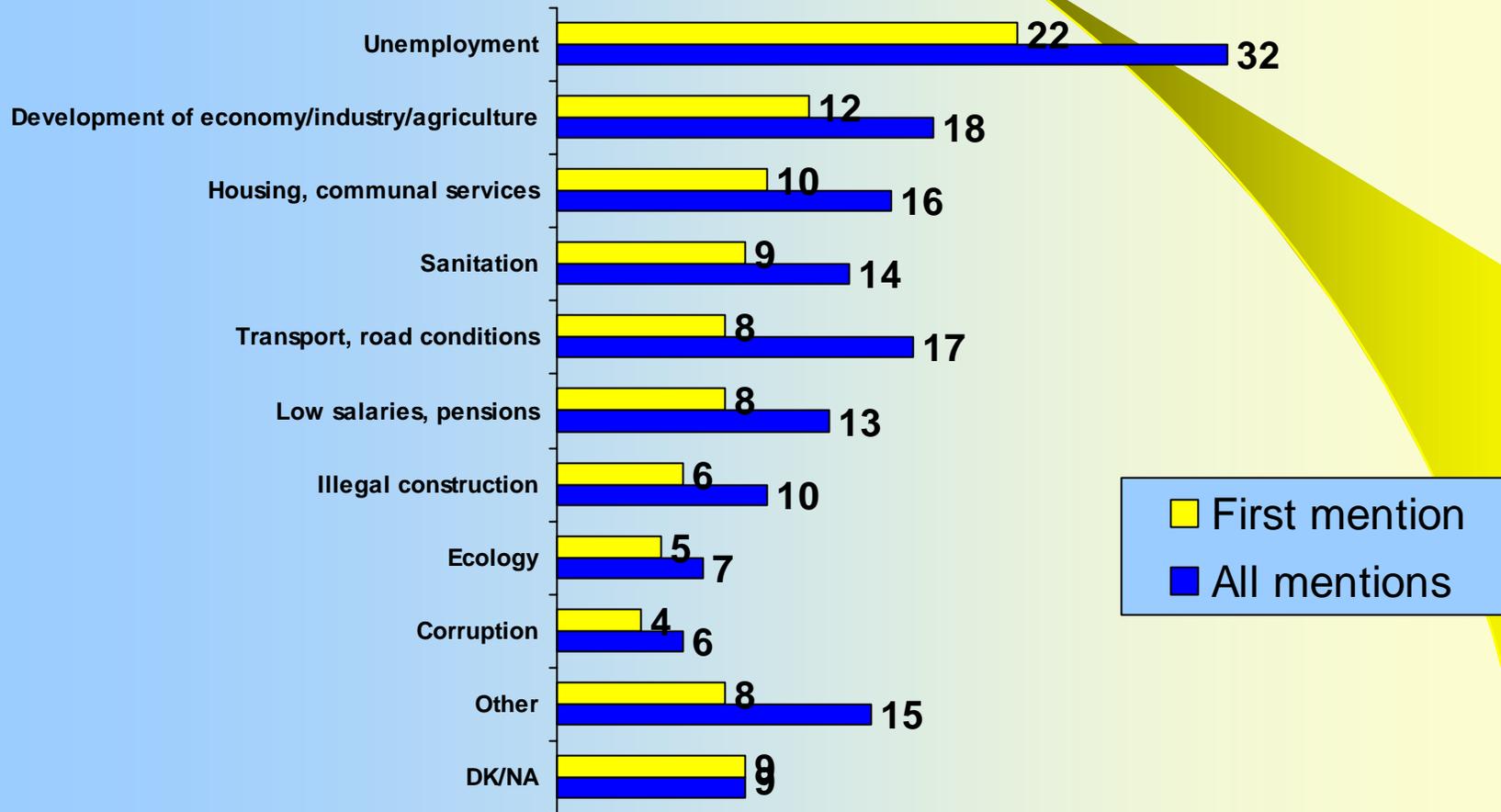


# ISSUES

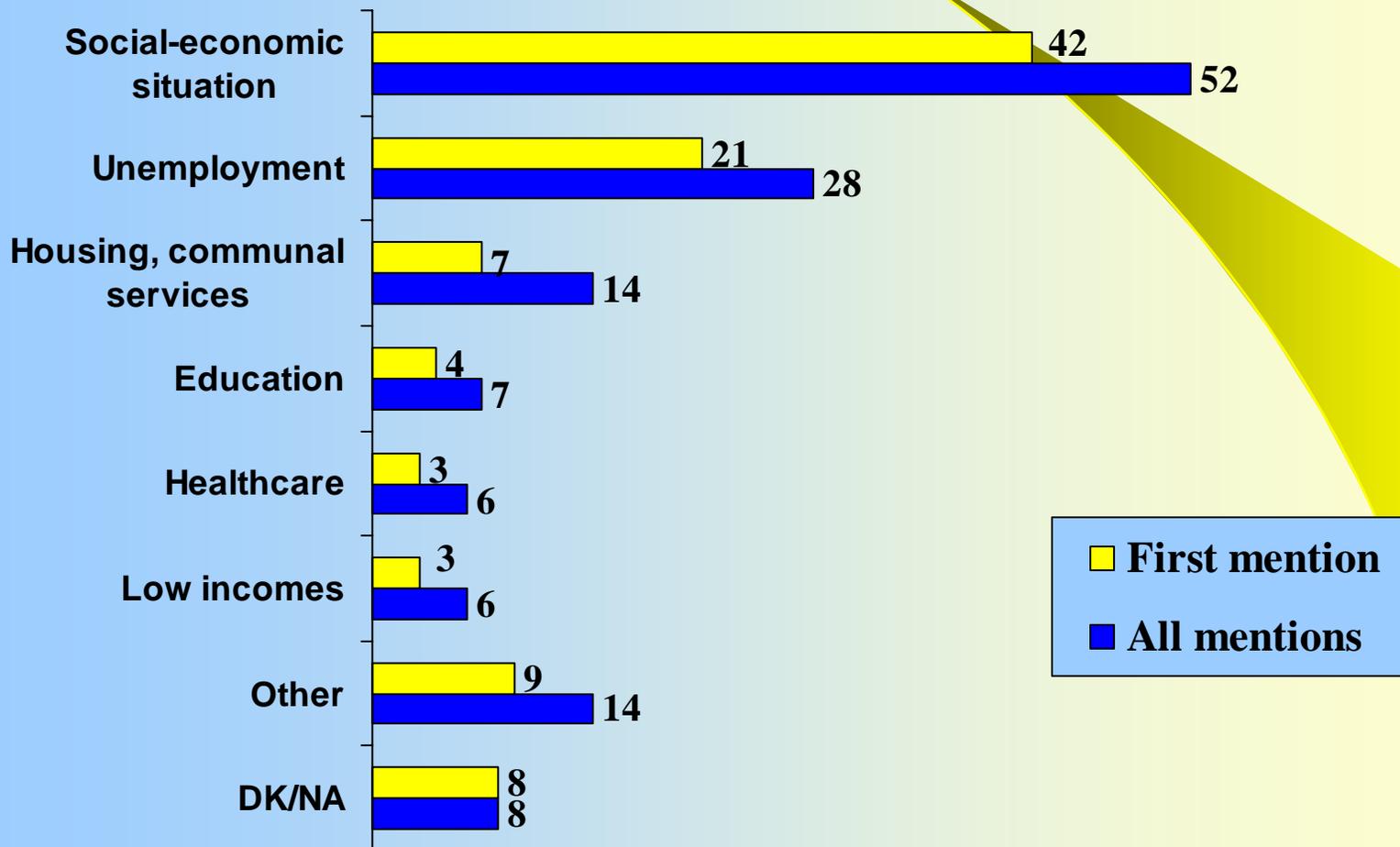
# Most important issues Armenia is facing (%)



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



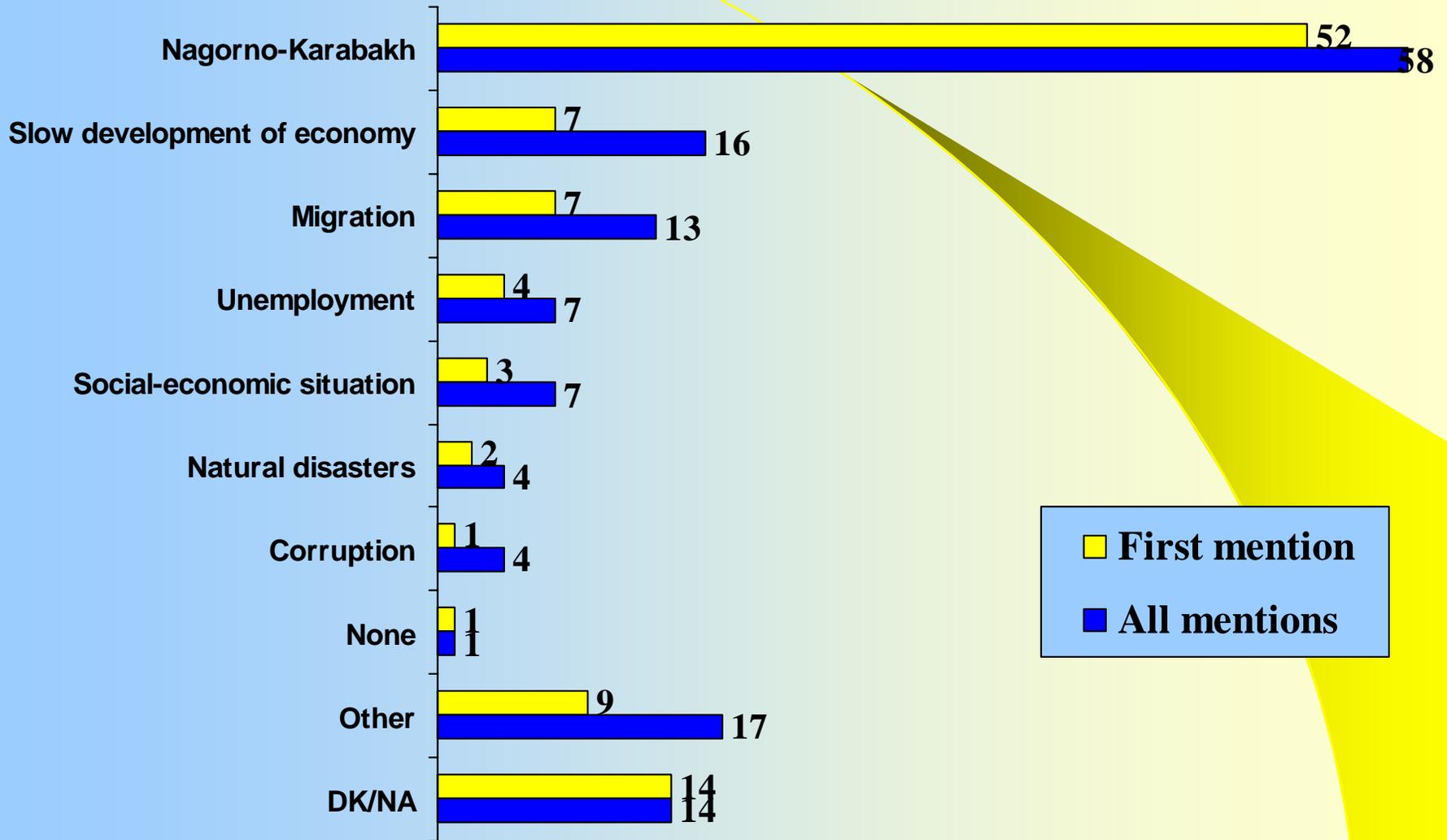
# Most important issue households in Armenia are facing (%)



# 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 (%)



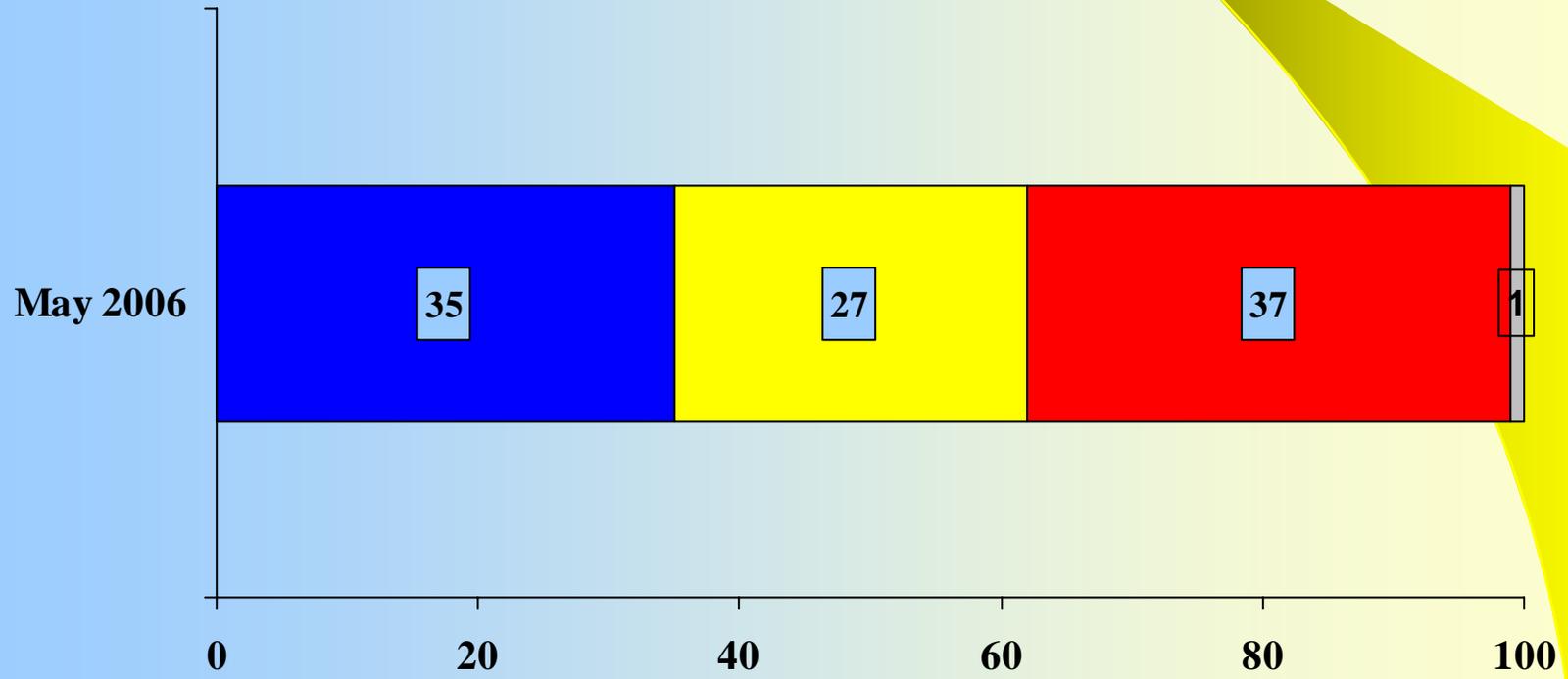
# Fears of the People

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

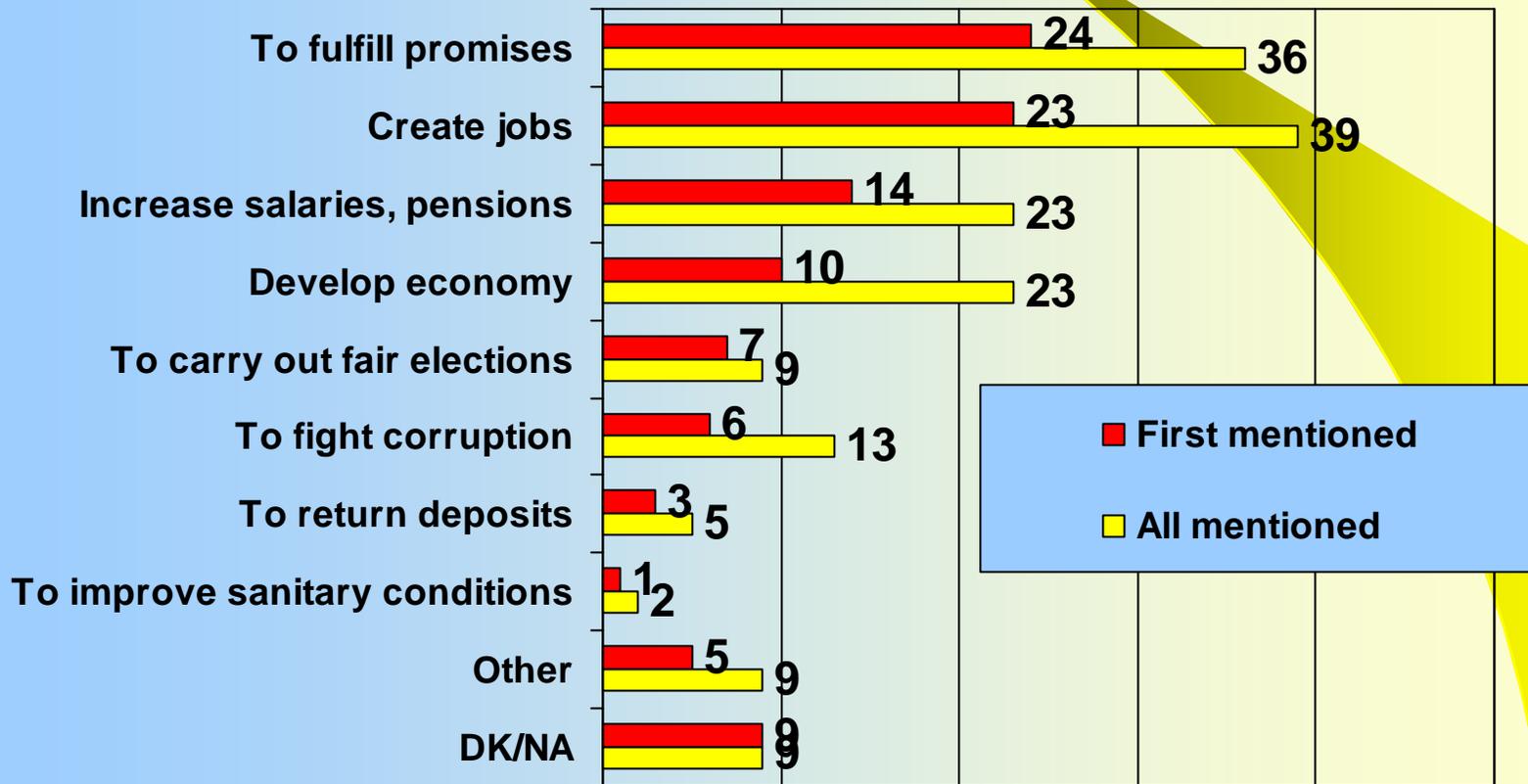
# POLITICS

# Interest in Politics (%)

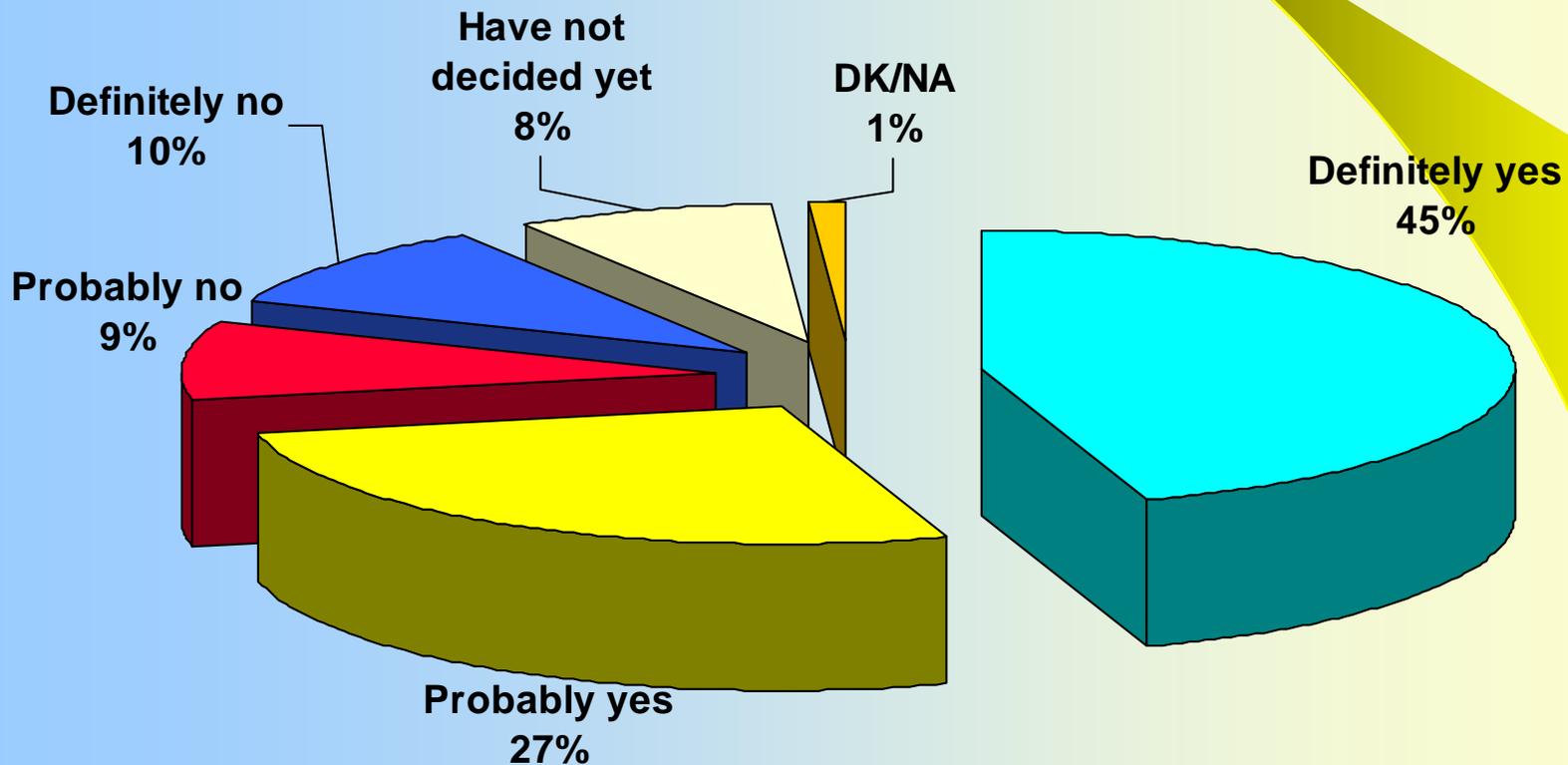
■ Low interest ■ Medium interest ■ High interest ■ DK/NA



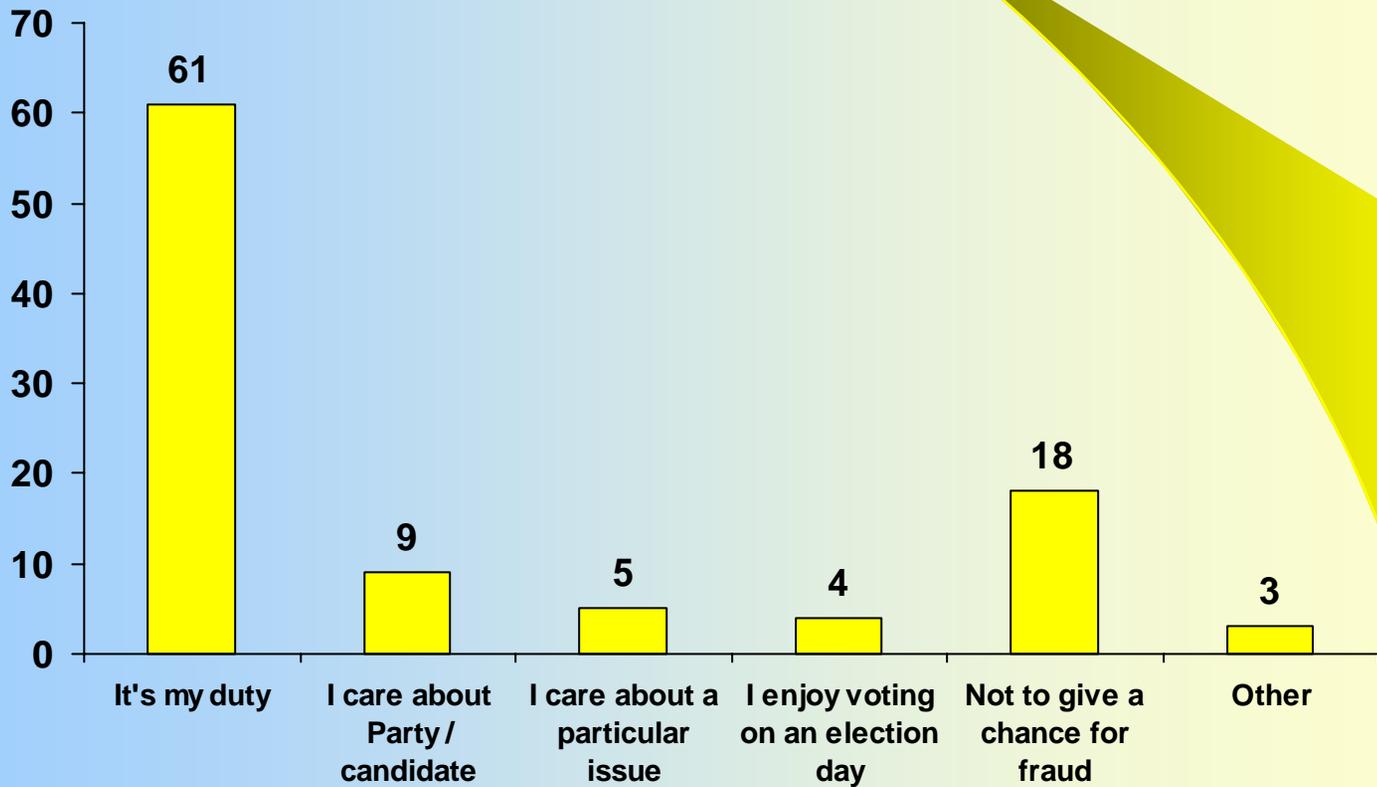
# What is the primary thing the Armenian government should do to attract the support of the majority of the Armenian population? (%)



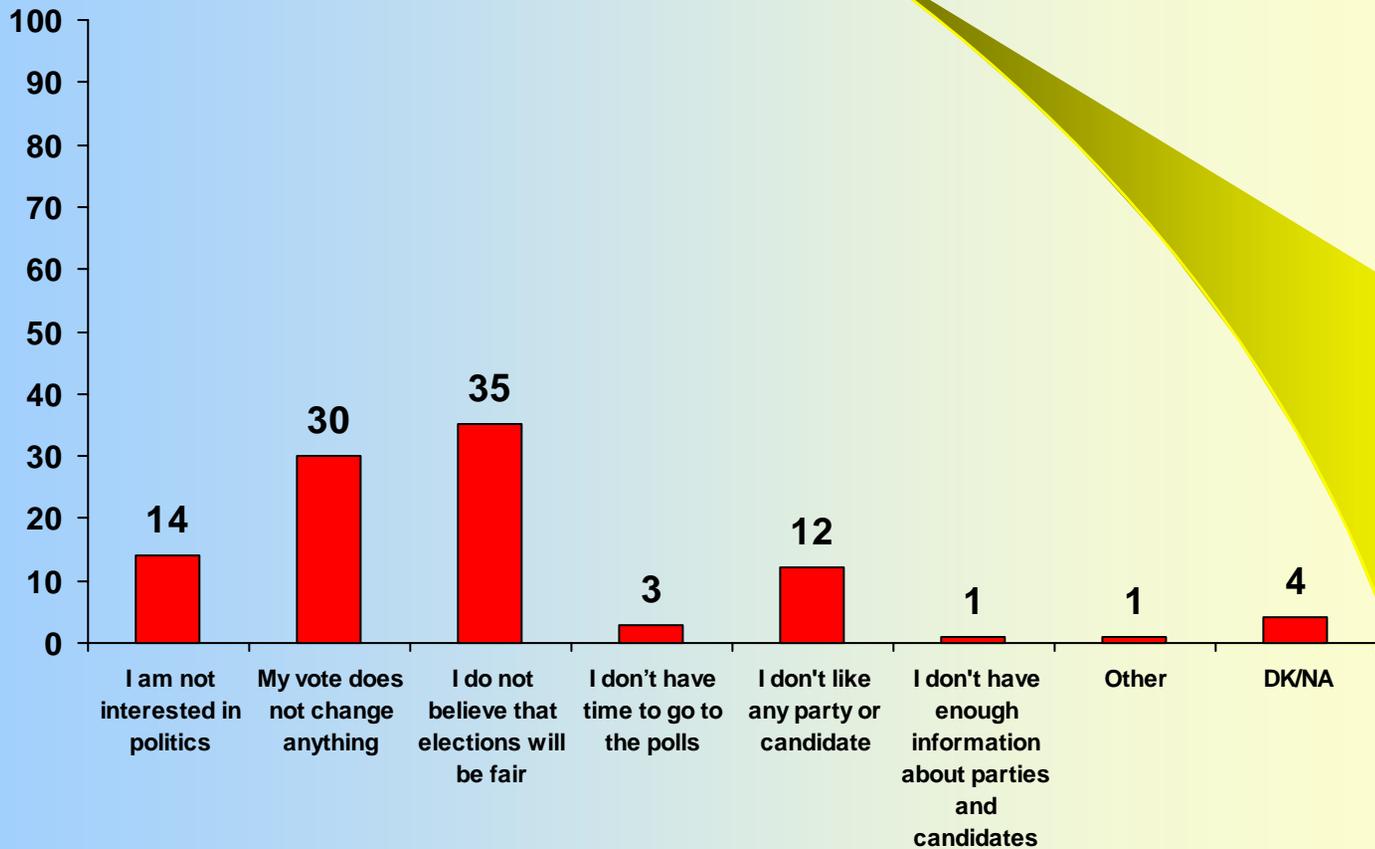
# Do you plan to vote in the next Parliamentary elections?



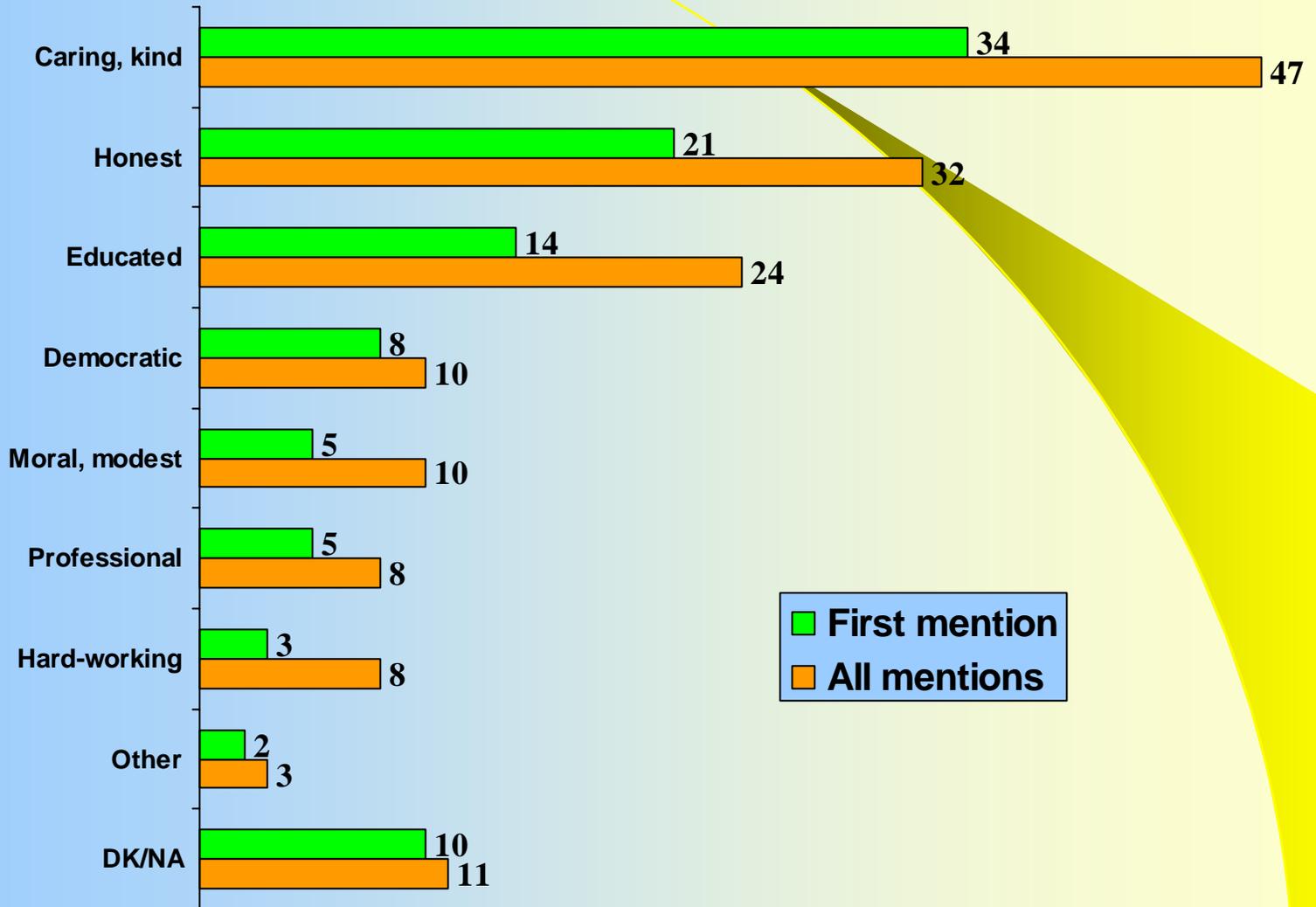
# Why do you plan to vote ? (N=860, planning to vote, %)



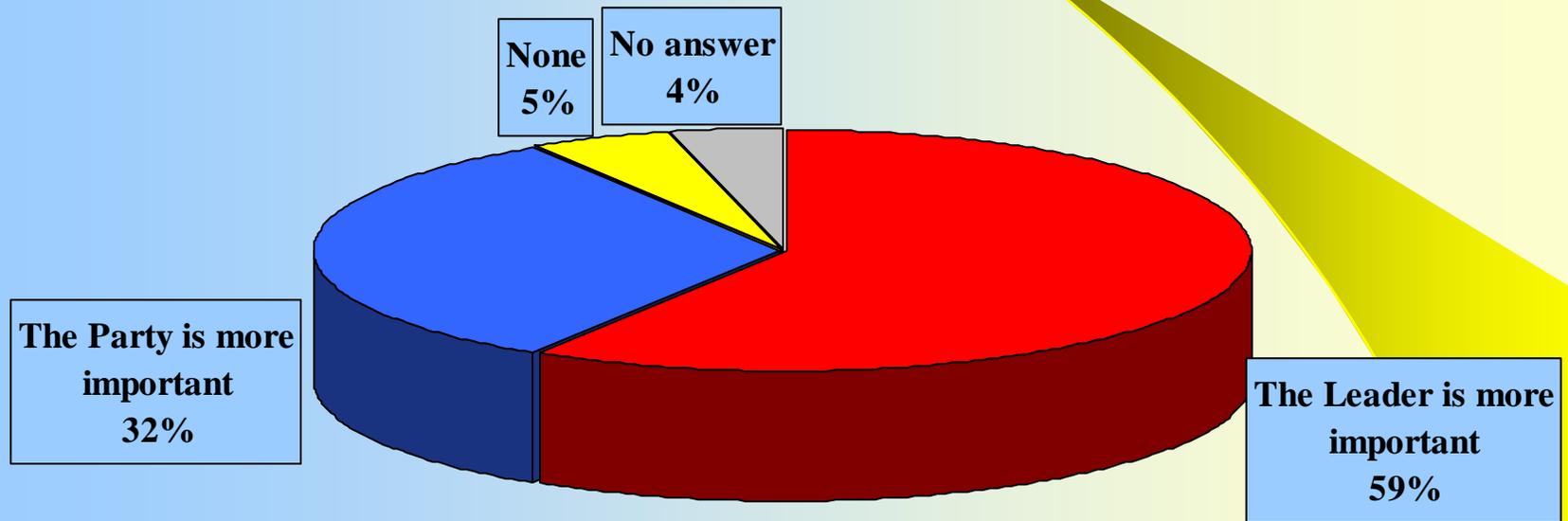
# Why do you plan not to vote ? (N=228, not planning to vote, % )



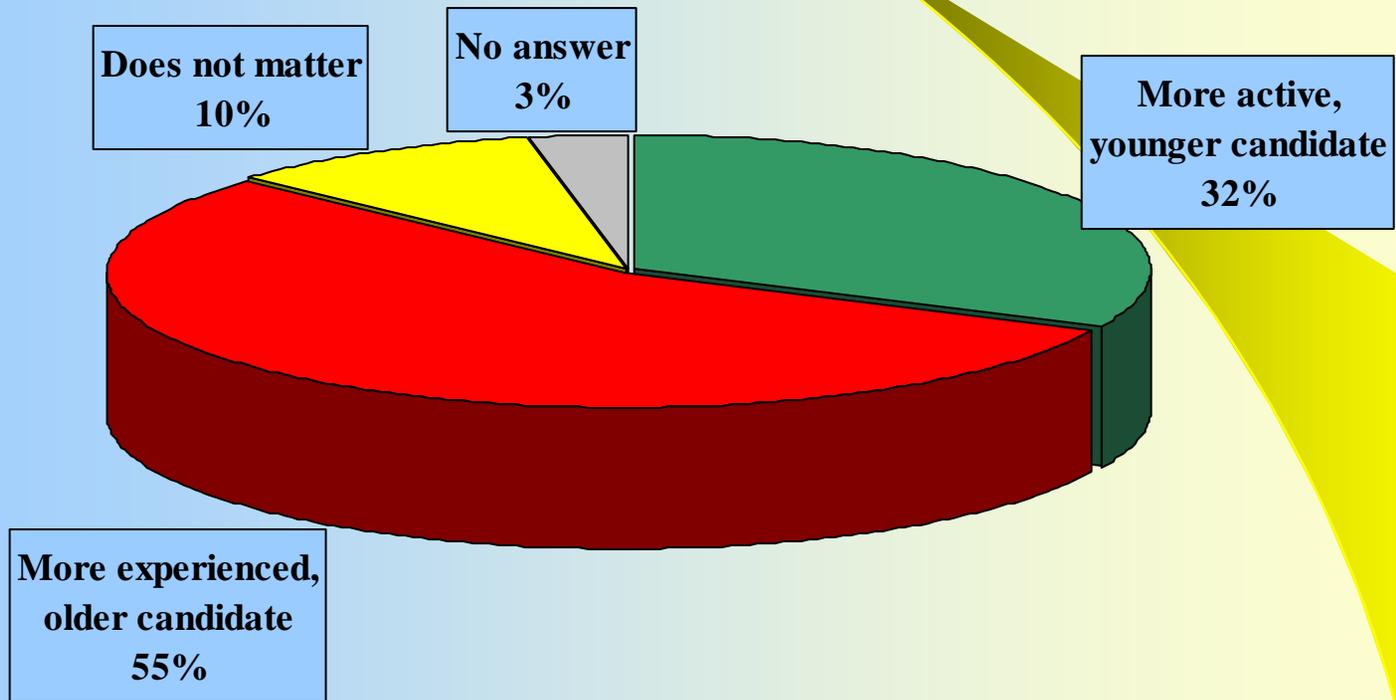
# Characteristics/Attributes Most Important in Parliamentary Candidate (%)



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



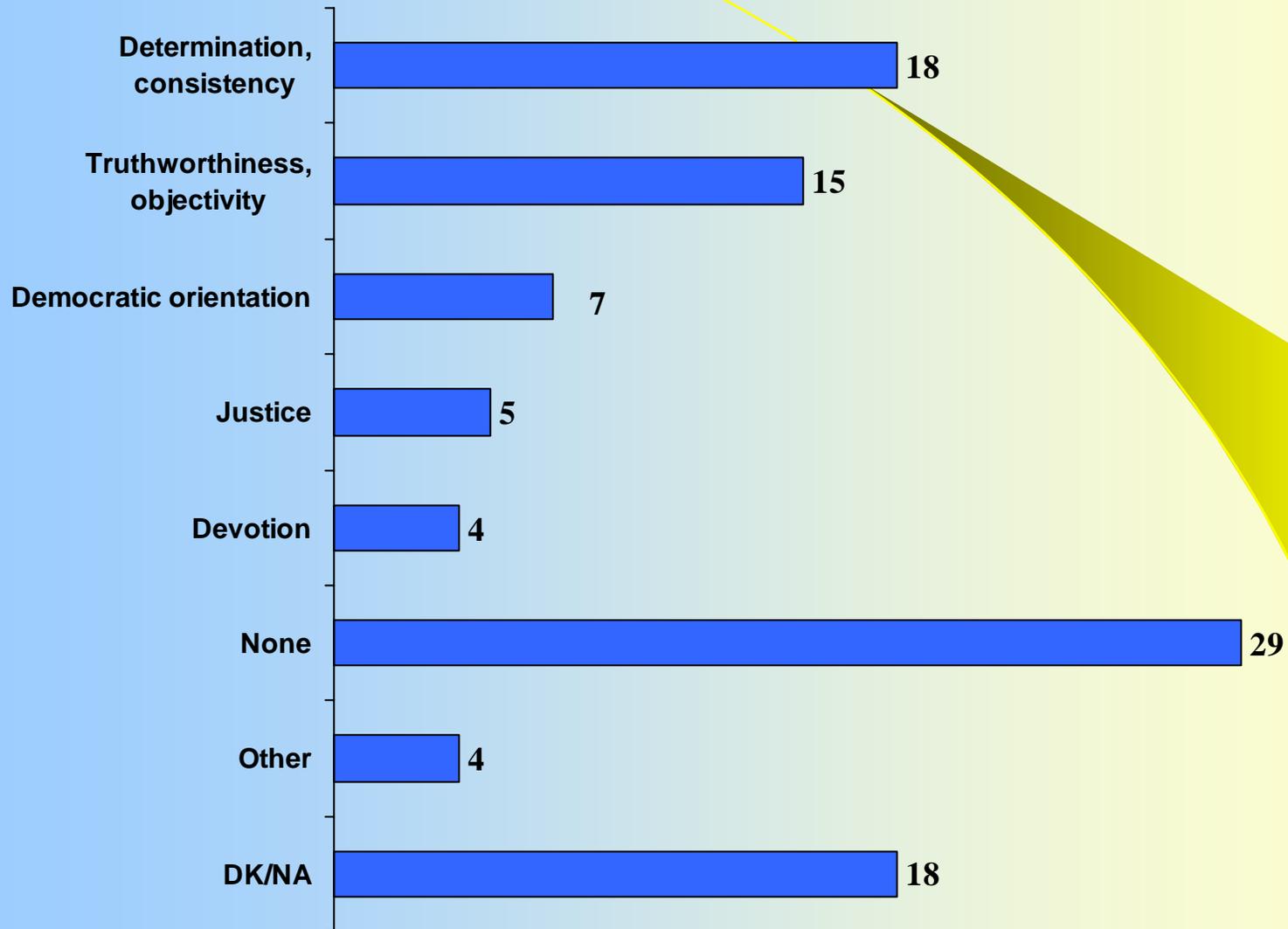
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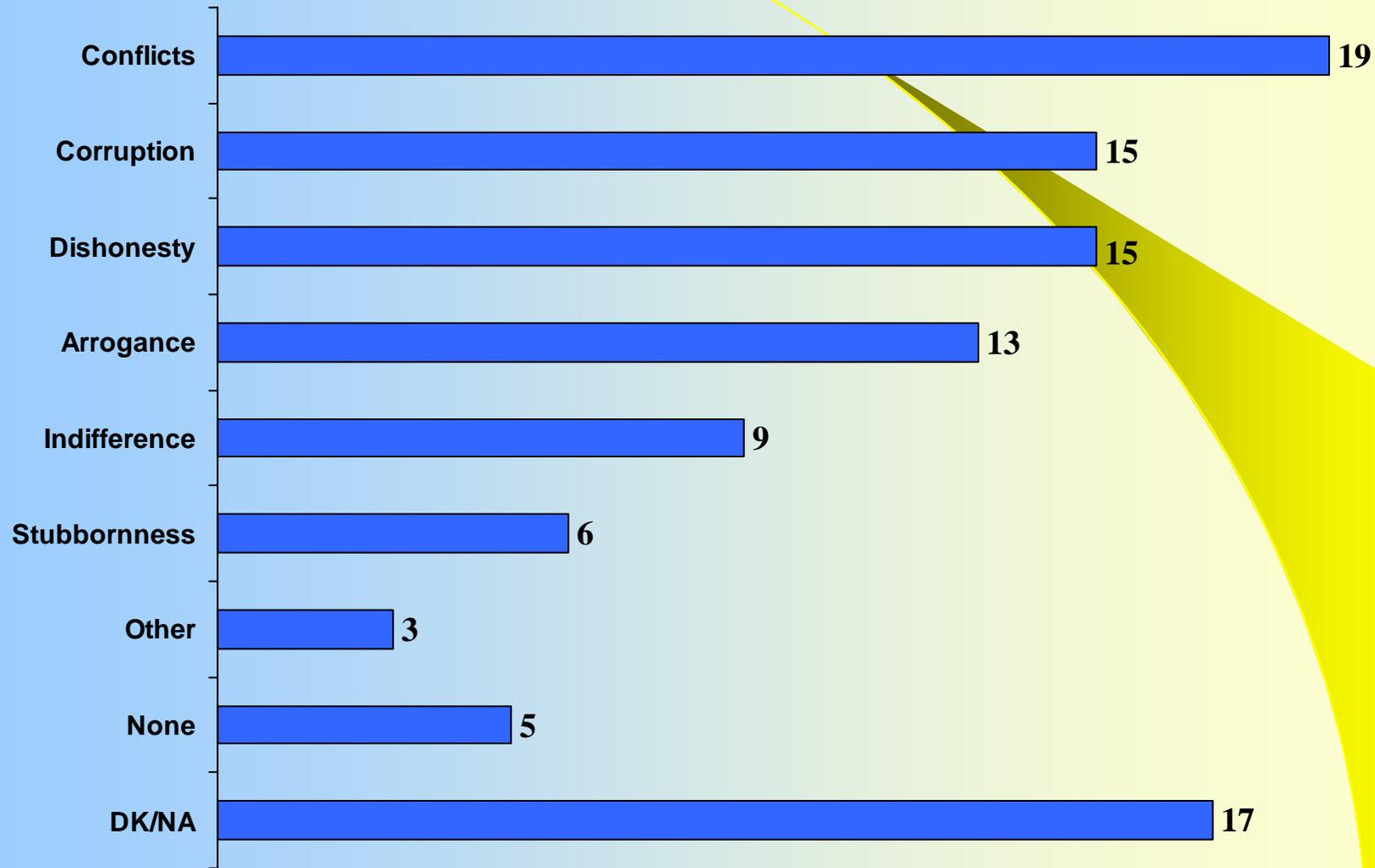
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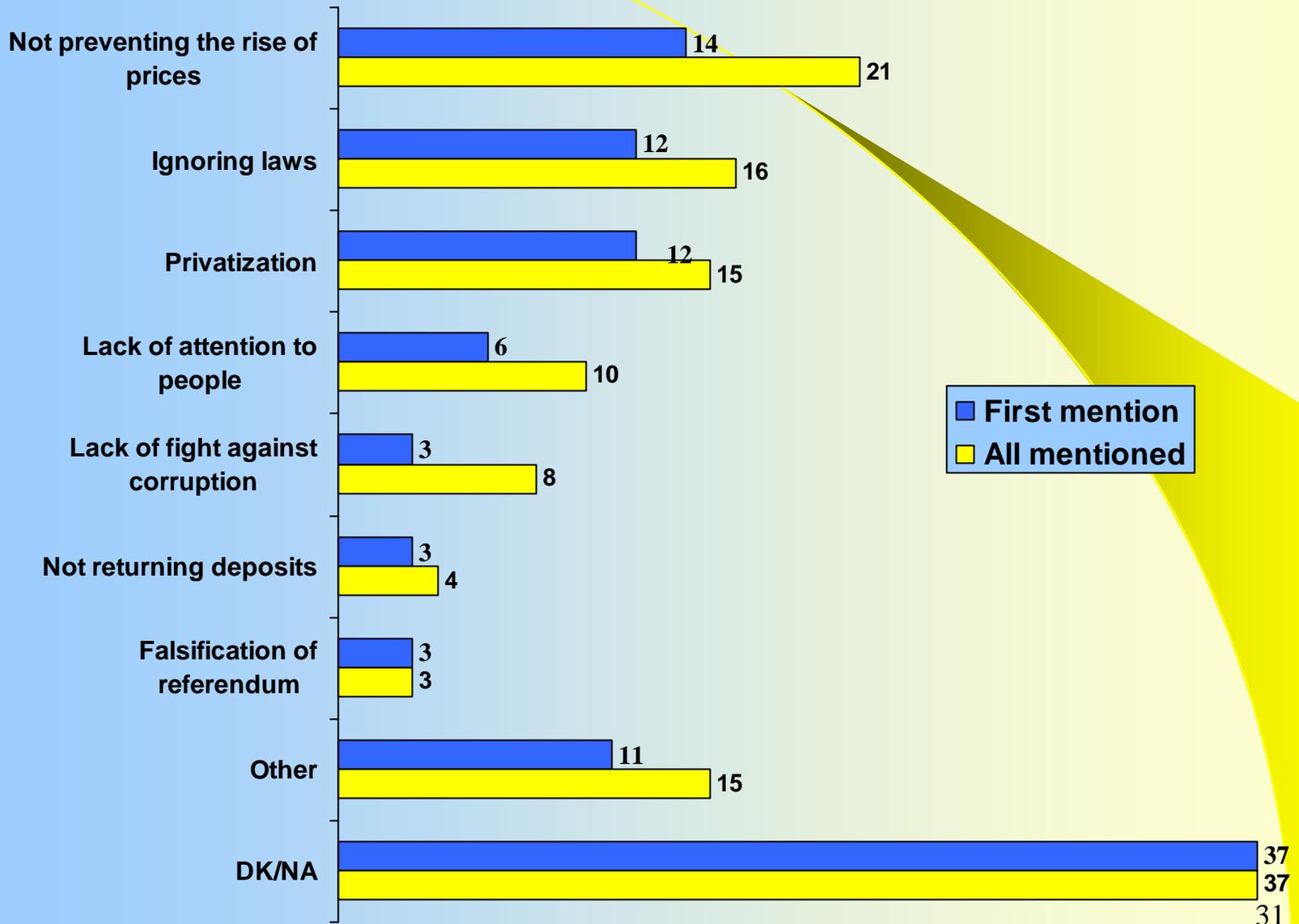
# Most liked features of Armenian politicians or parties (%)



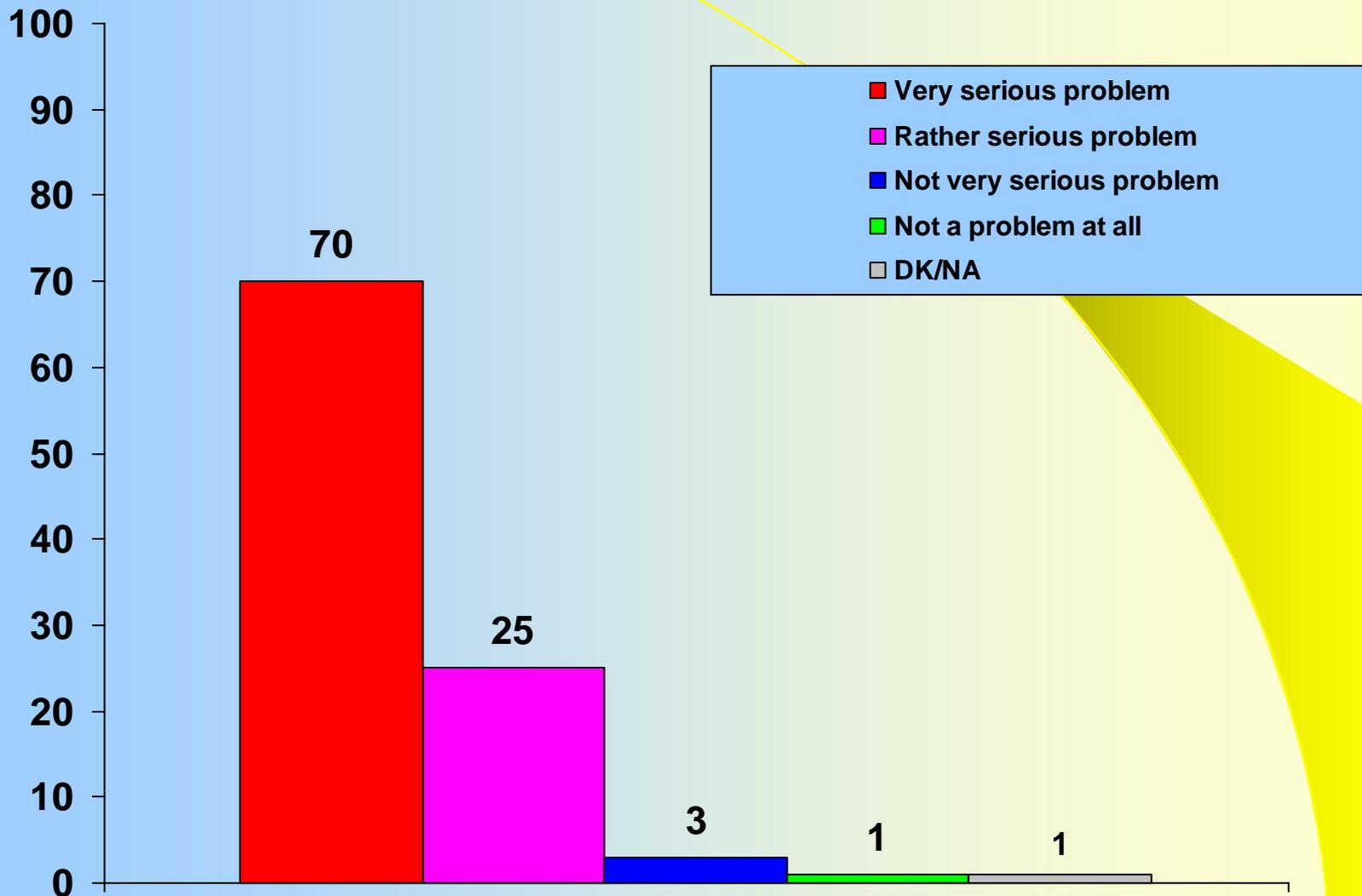
# Most disliked features of Armenian politicians or parties (%)



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



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



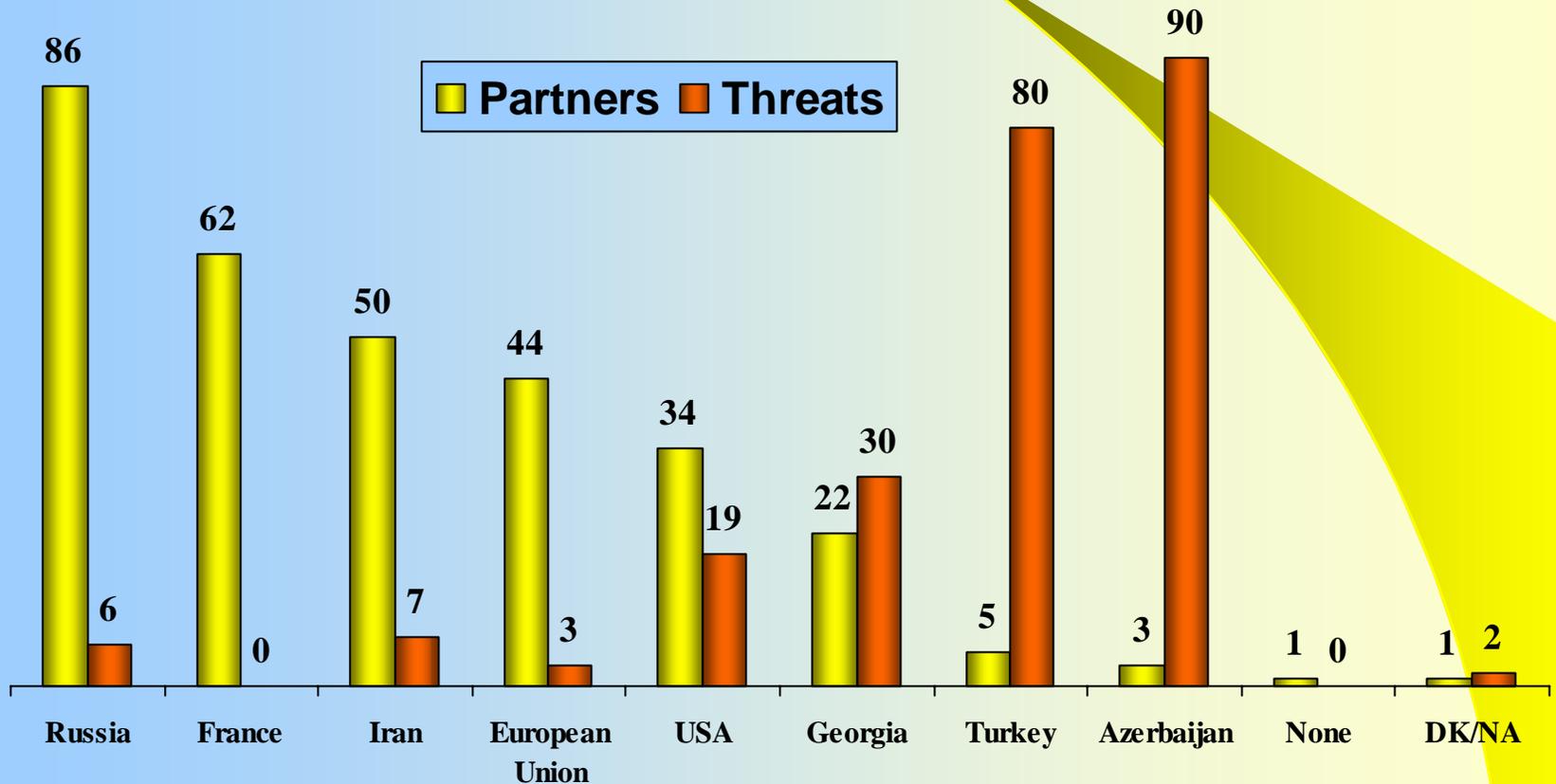
# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

# Evaluation of Relations With...

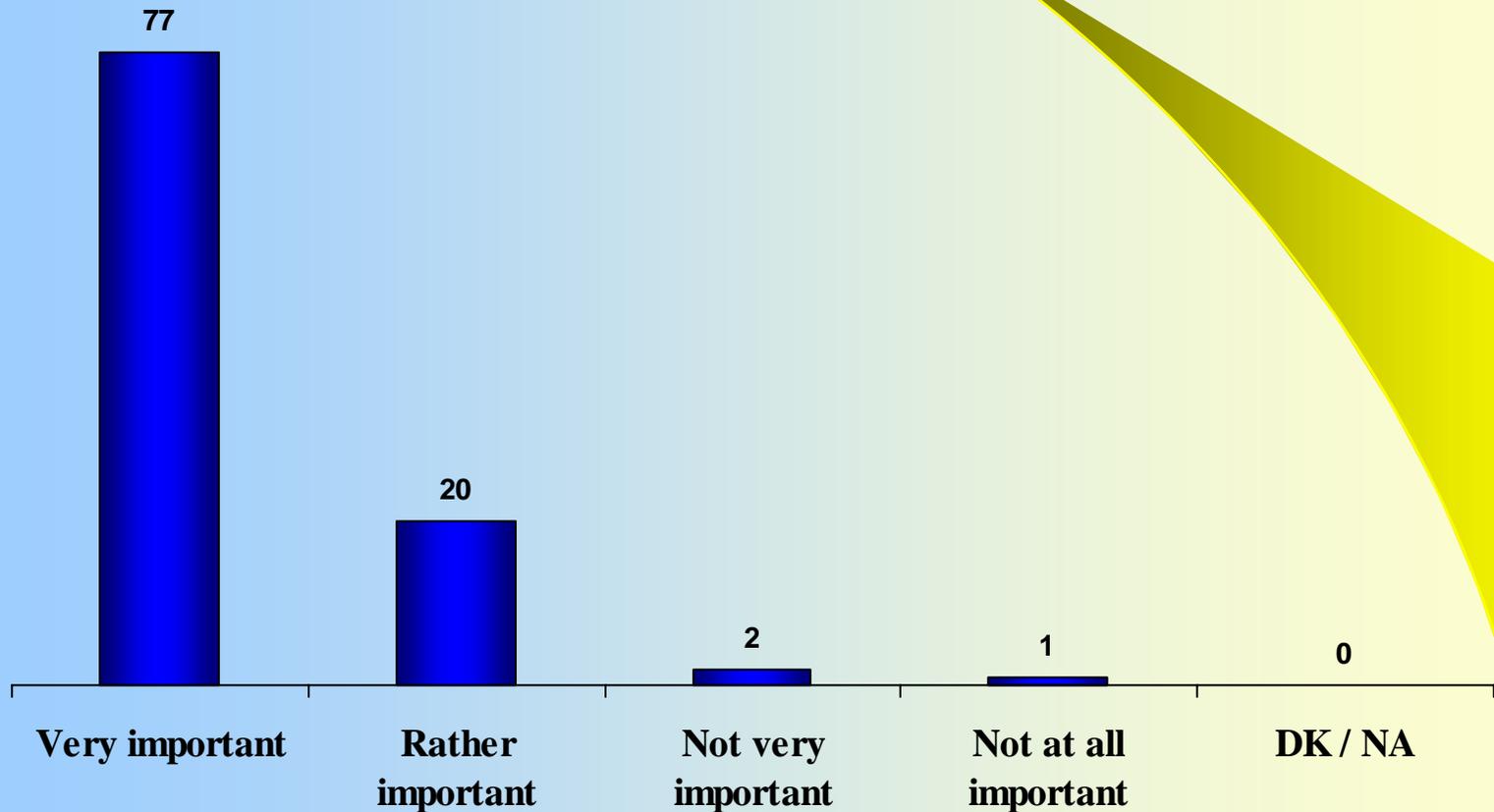


# International Relations: Partners and Threats

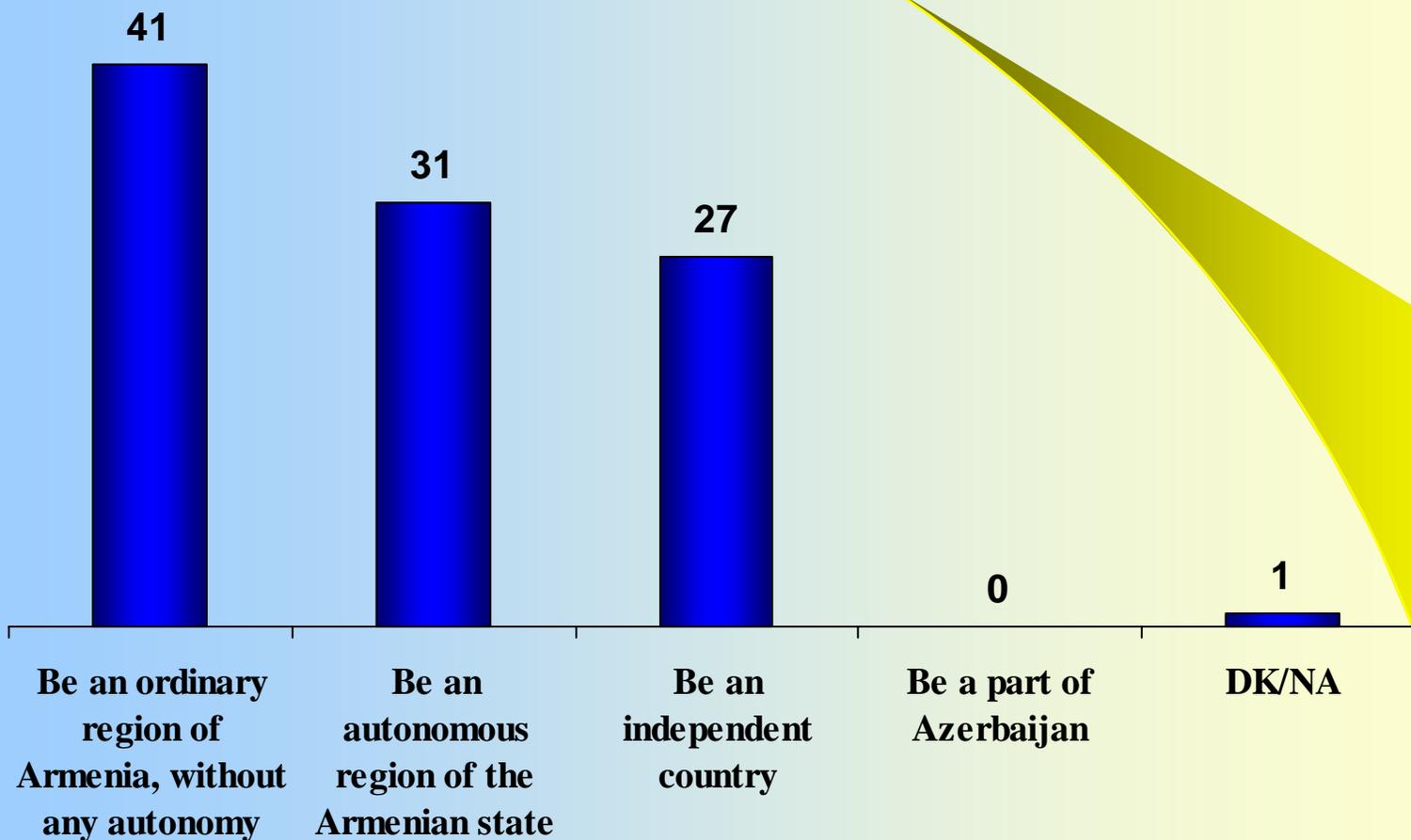
Which countries are the most important partners for Armenia ?  
Which countries are threats to Armenia ?



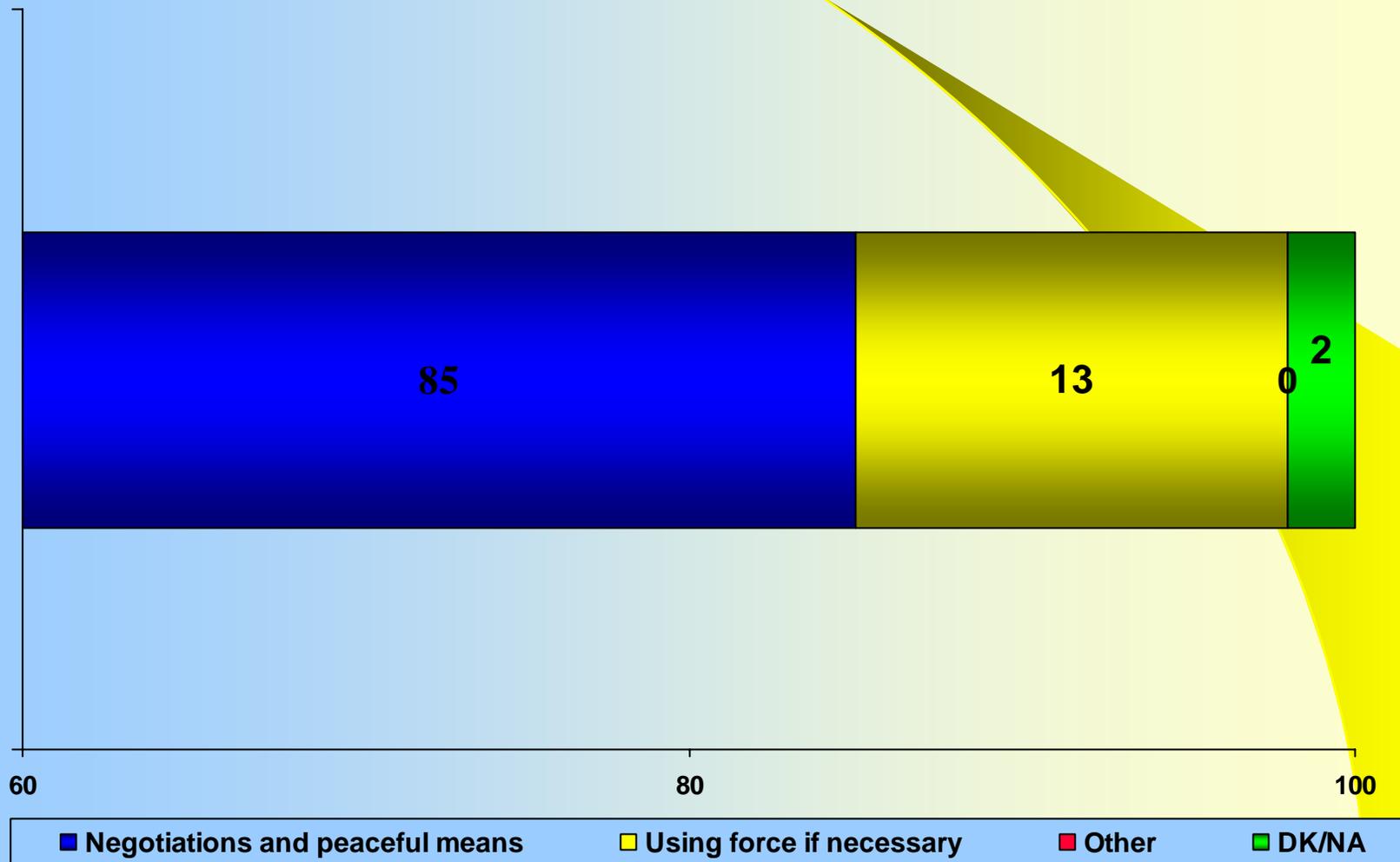
# How important is it for Armenia to solve the problems related to Nagorno Karabakh in the near future?



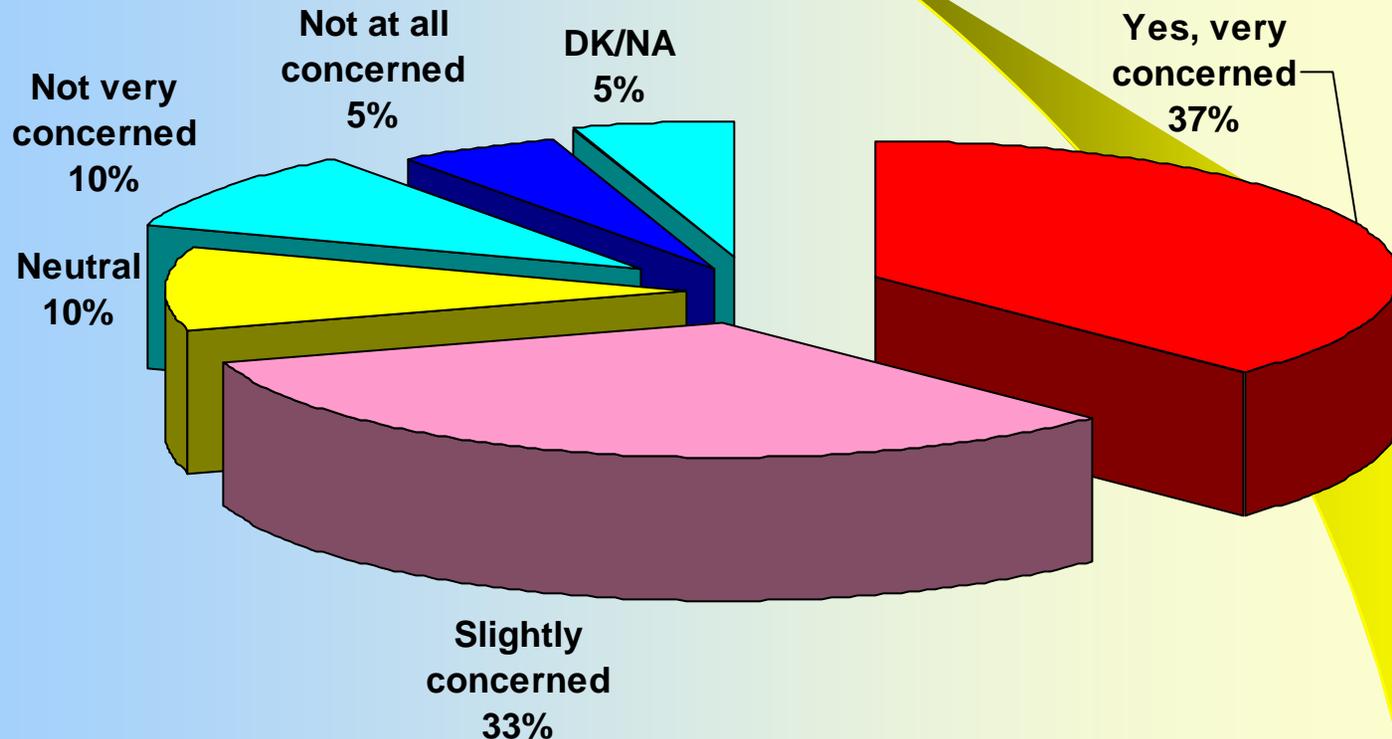
# Thinking about the future of Nagorno Karabakh, do you think it should ... (%)



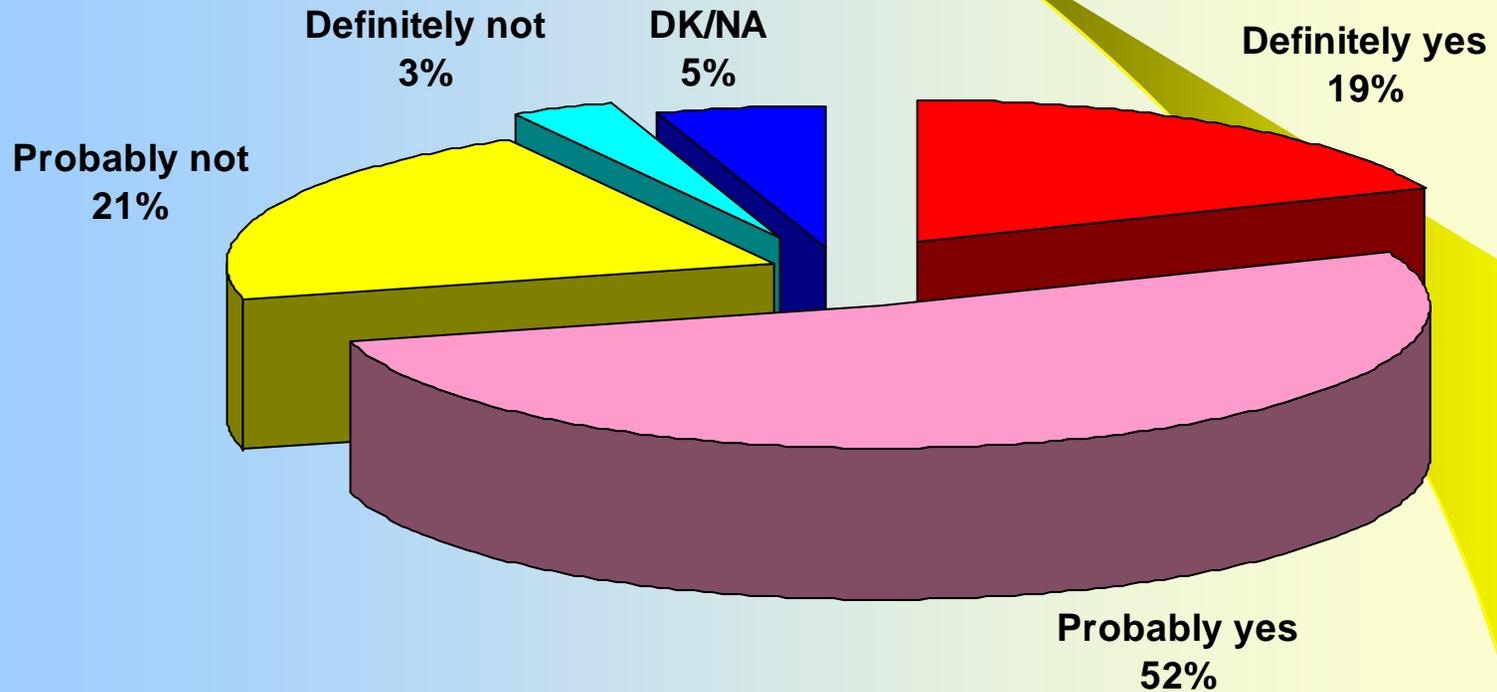
# Do you think that the current situation in regard to the status of Nagorno Karabakh should be resolved through negotiations and peaceful means or, if necessary, the use of force? (%)



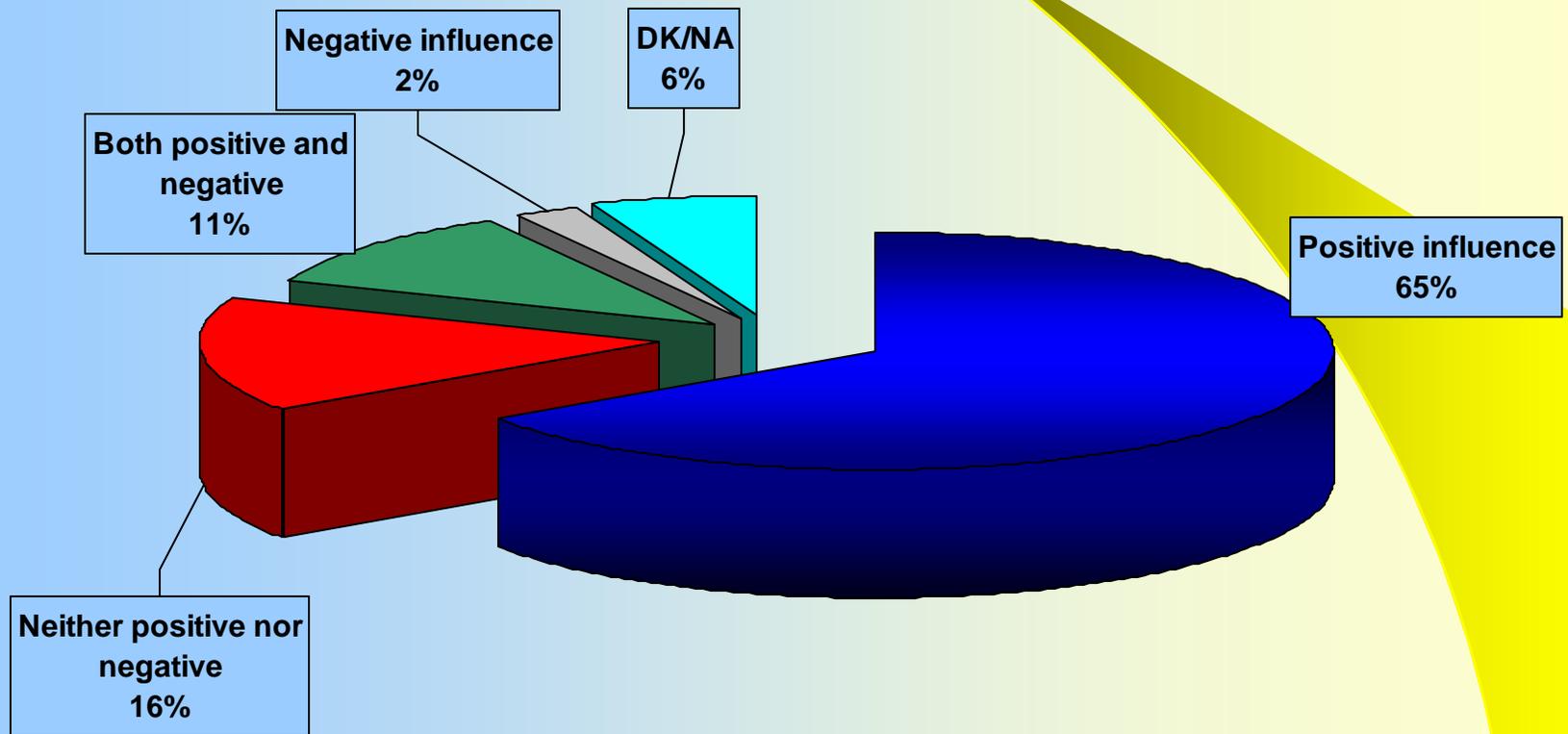
# Does it concern you that the President of Azerbaijan has pledged to increase defense spending dramatically?



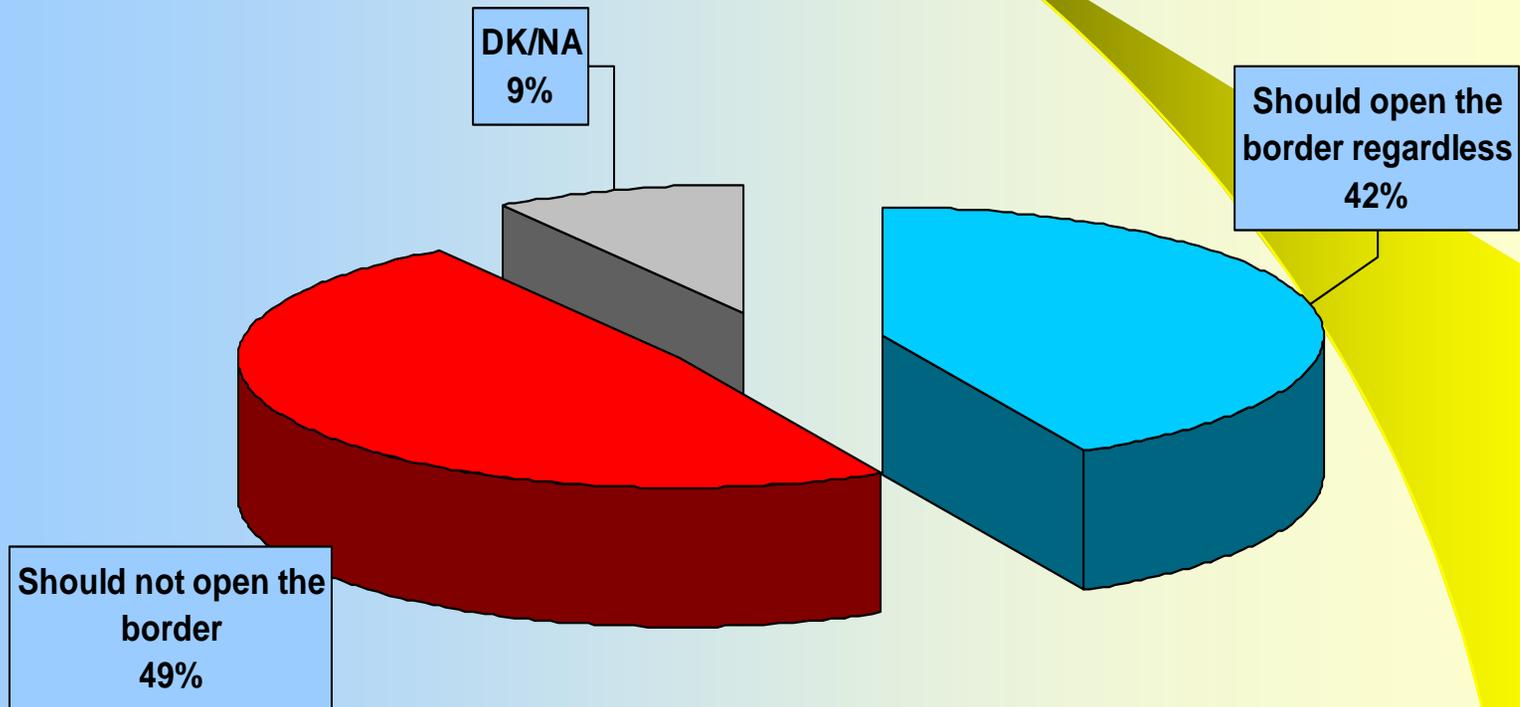
# Do you think that a peaceful settlement on Nagorno Karabakh can be reached with Azerbaijan without military force being used?



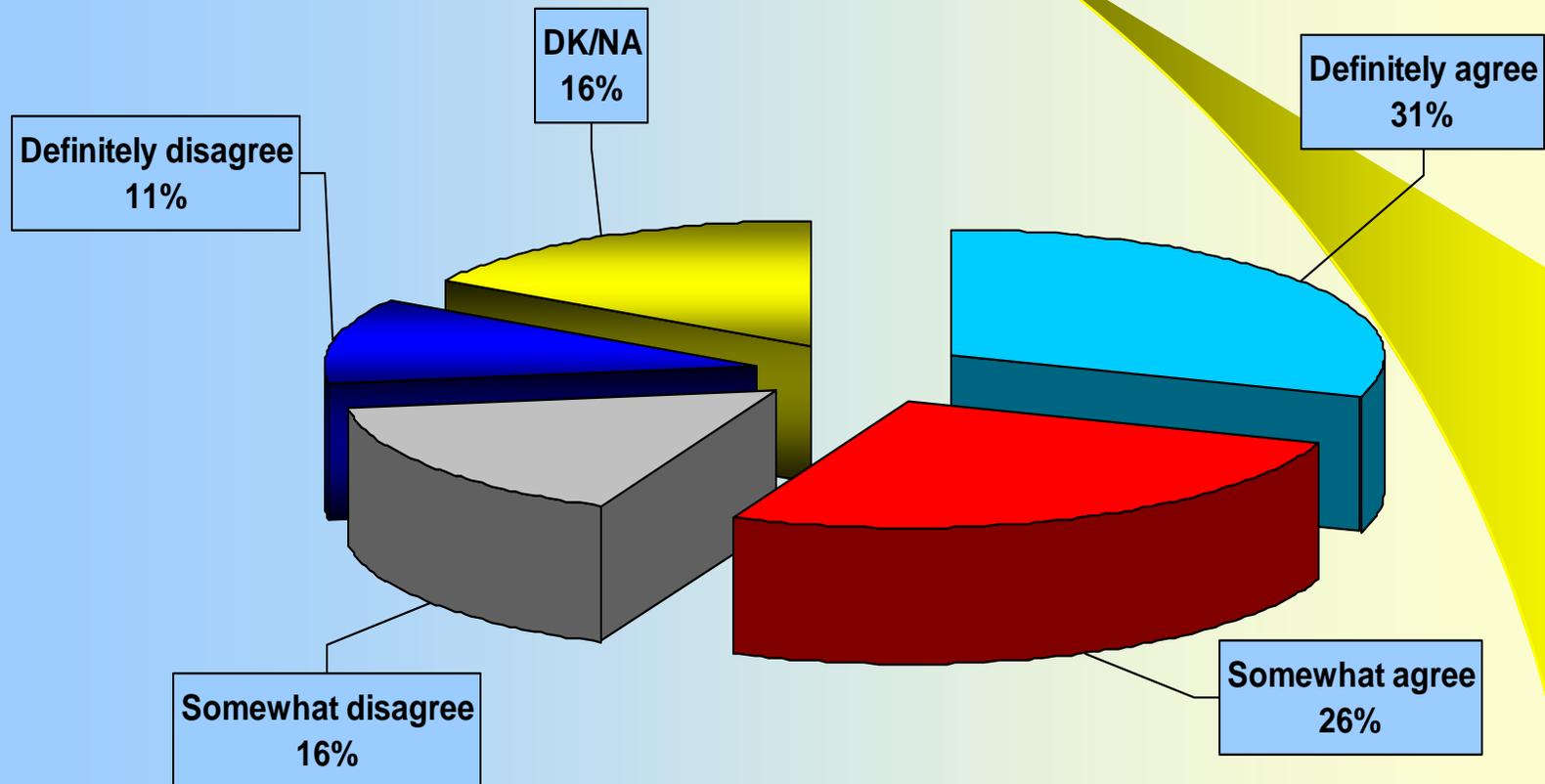
# In your opinion, does the presence of the Russian military base in Armenia have a positive or negative influence on Armenian independence and stability?



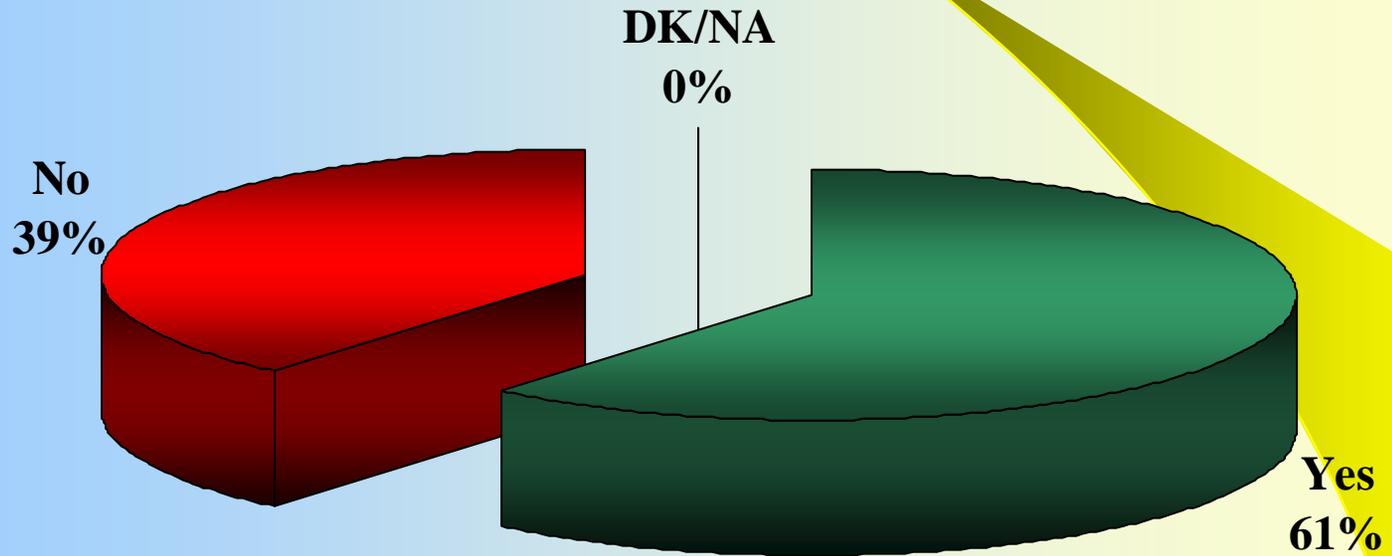
**Should the Government of Armenia agree to open the border for trade, etc. with Turkey – even if the Turkish Government does not recognize the Genocide ?**



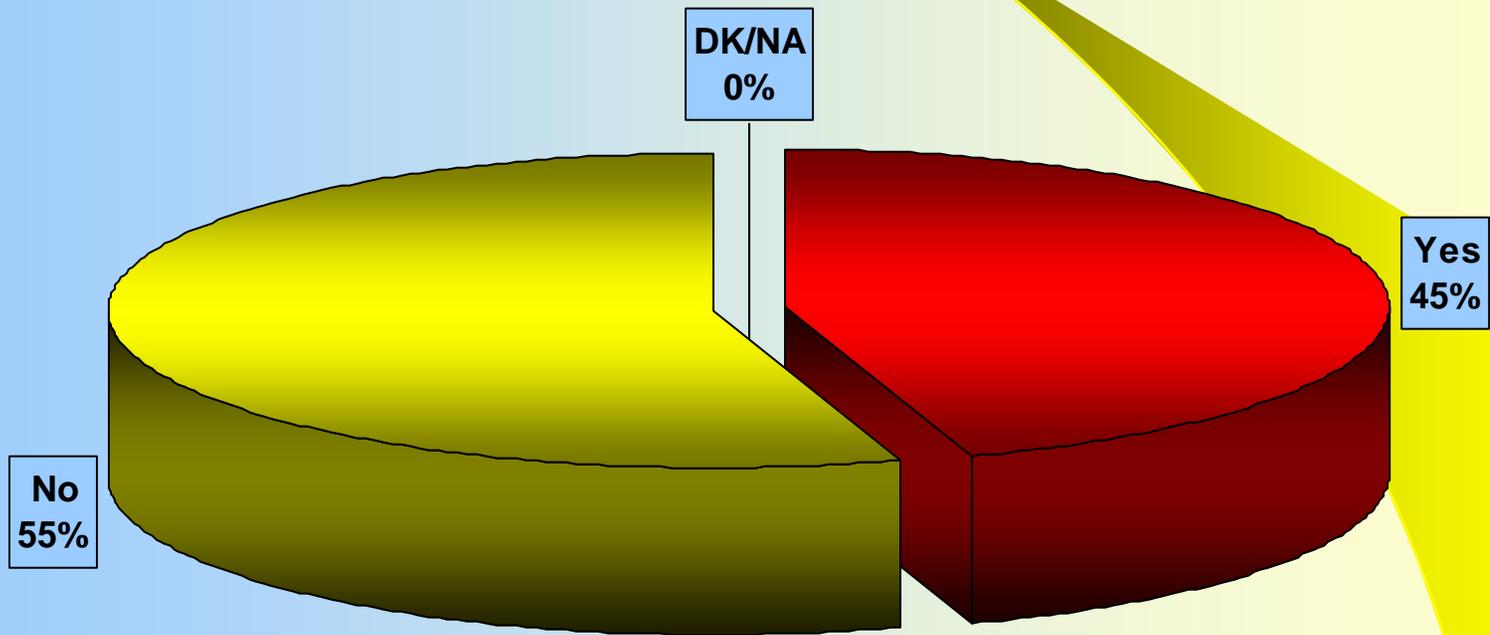
# Do you agree with the US, EU and Russian efforts to prevent Iran from having nuclear weapons?



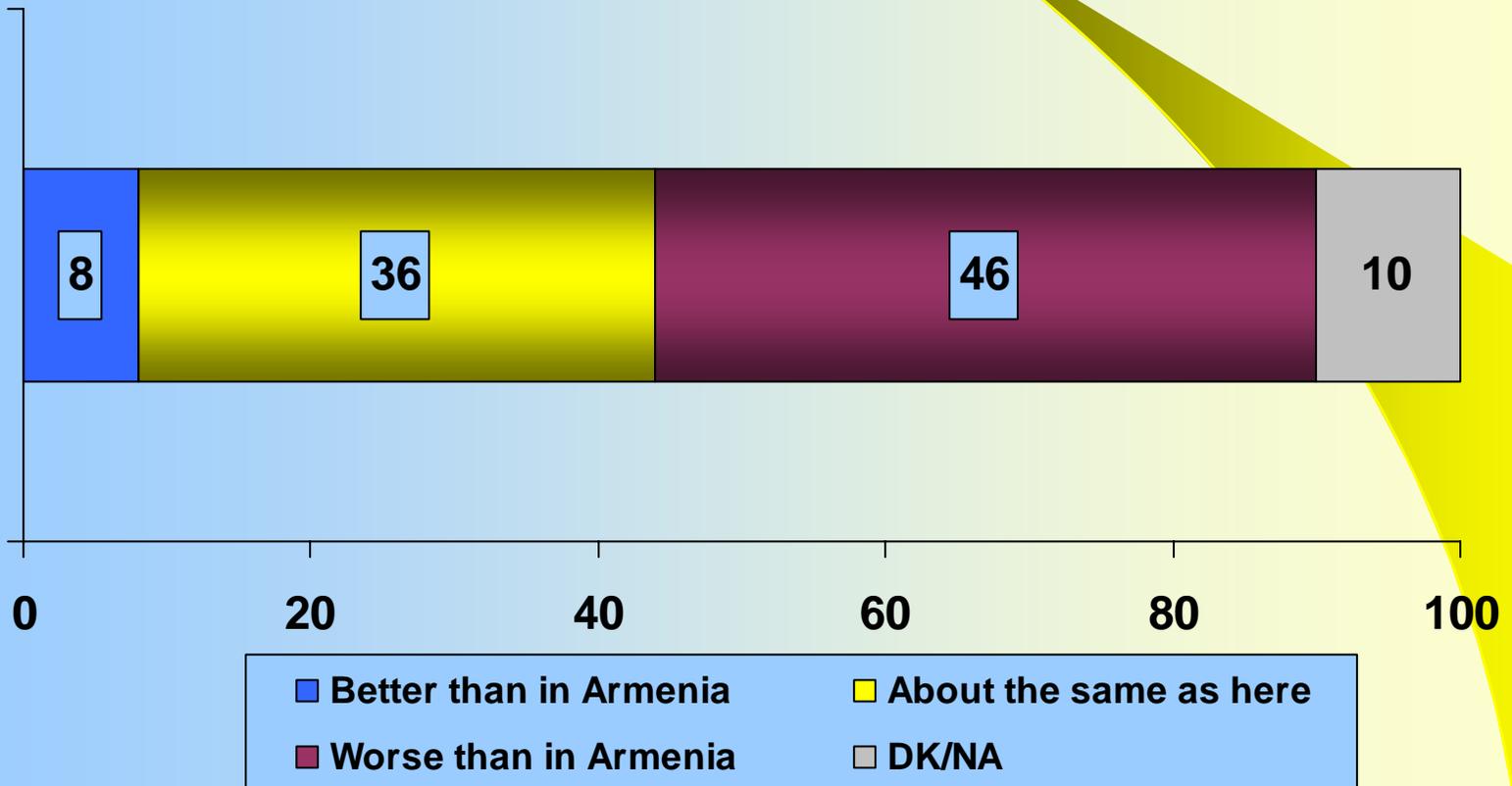
# Do you have friends or relatives working abroad?



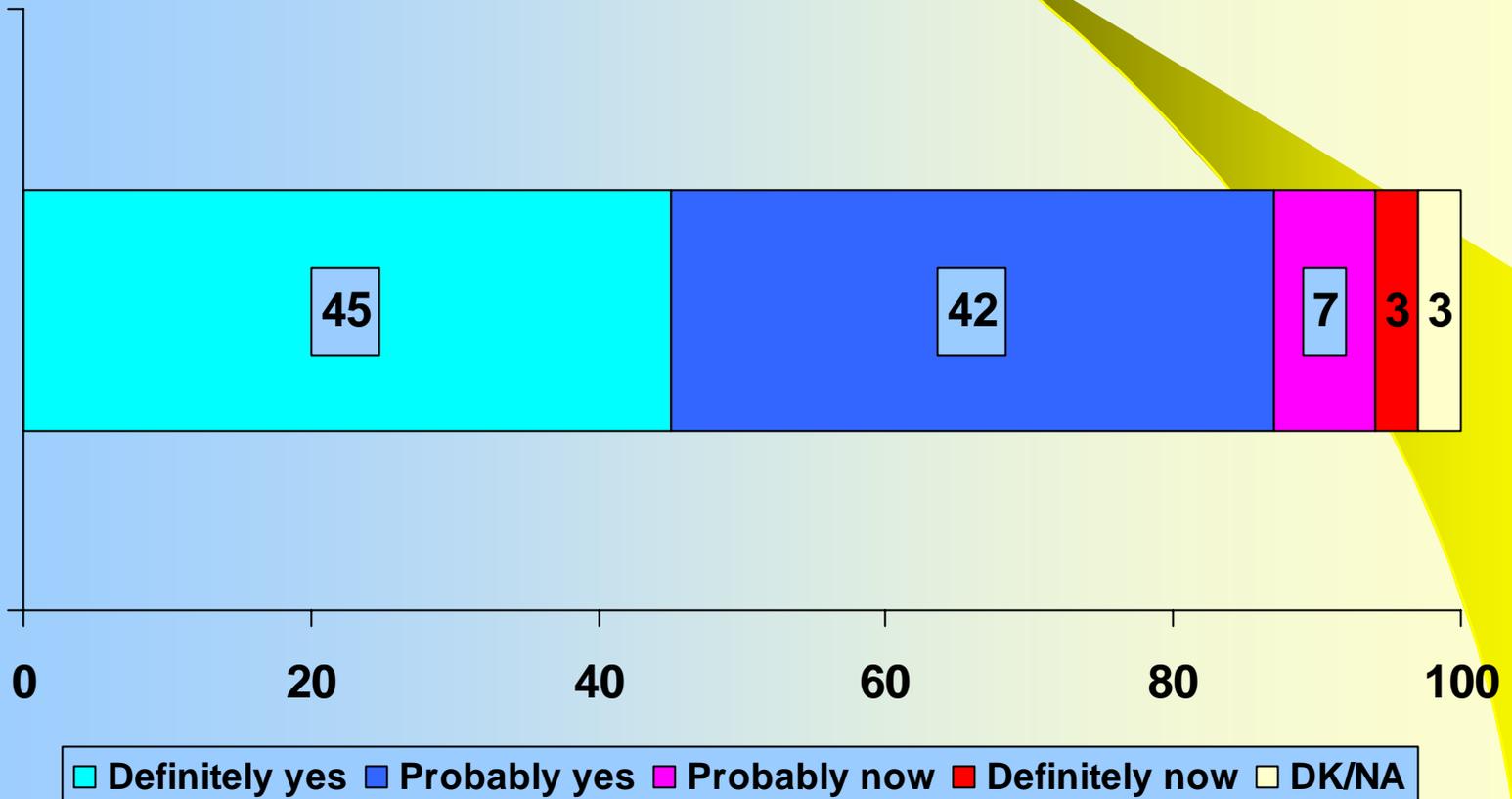
**Do you personally benefit from remittances being sent from friends or relatives working abroad? (Of those interviewed, 737 have friends or relatives abroad)**



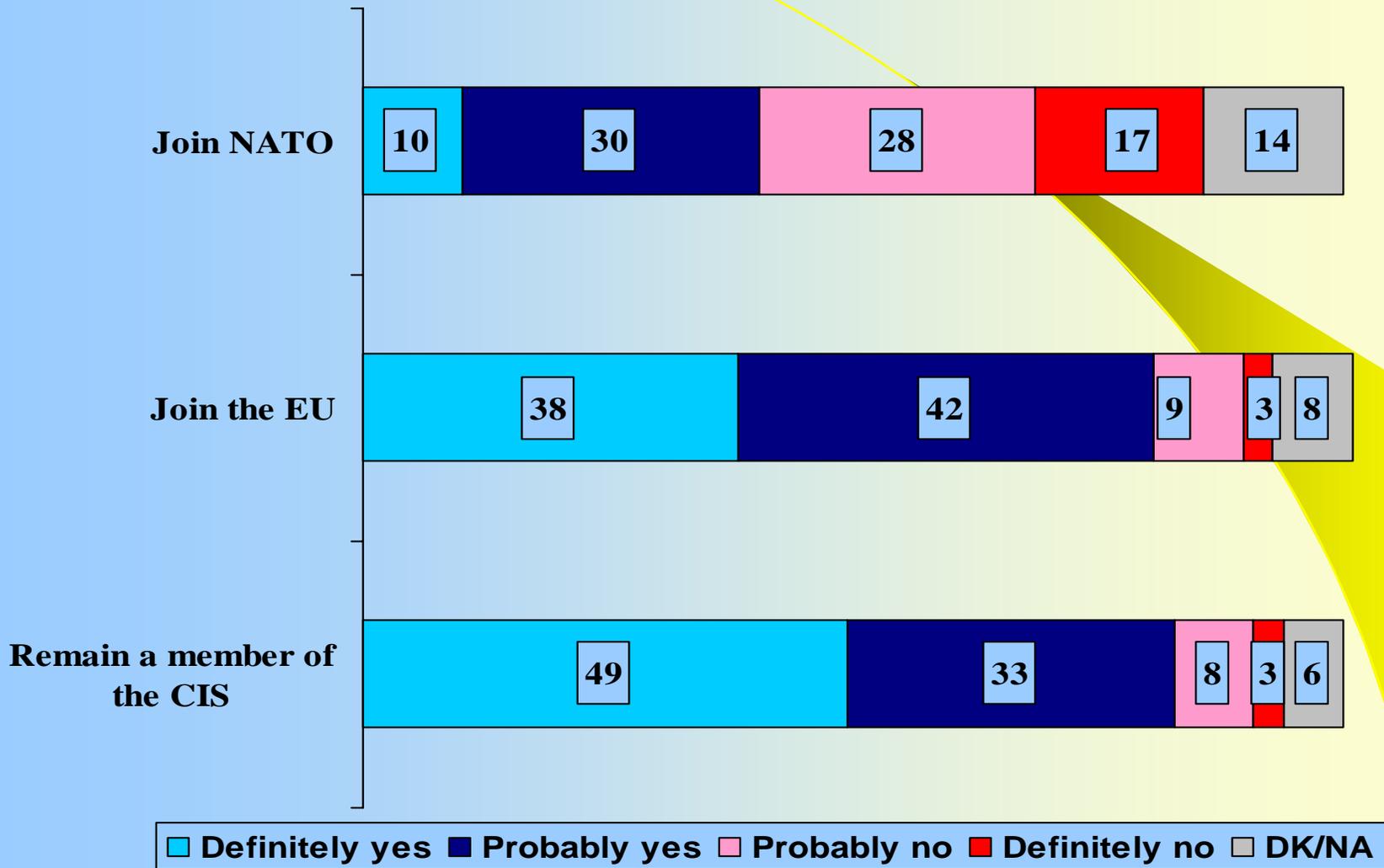
# How do you feel about the living standard of ethnic Armenians in Georgia? (%)



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



# Should Armenia in the future... (%)



# INSTITUTIONS

# Confidence in Institutions (%)

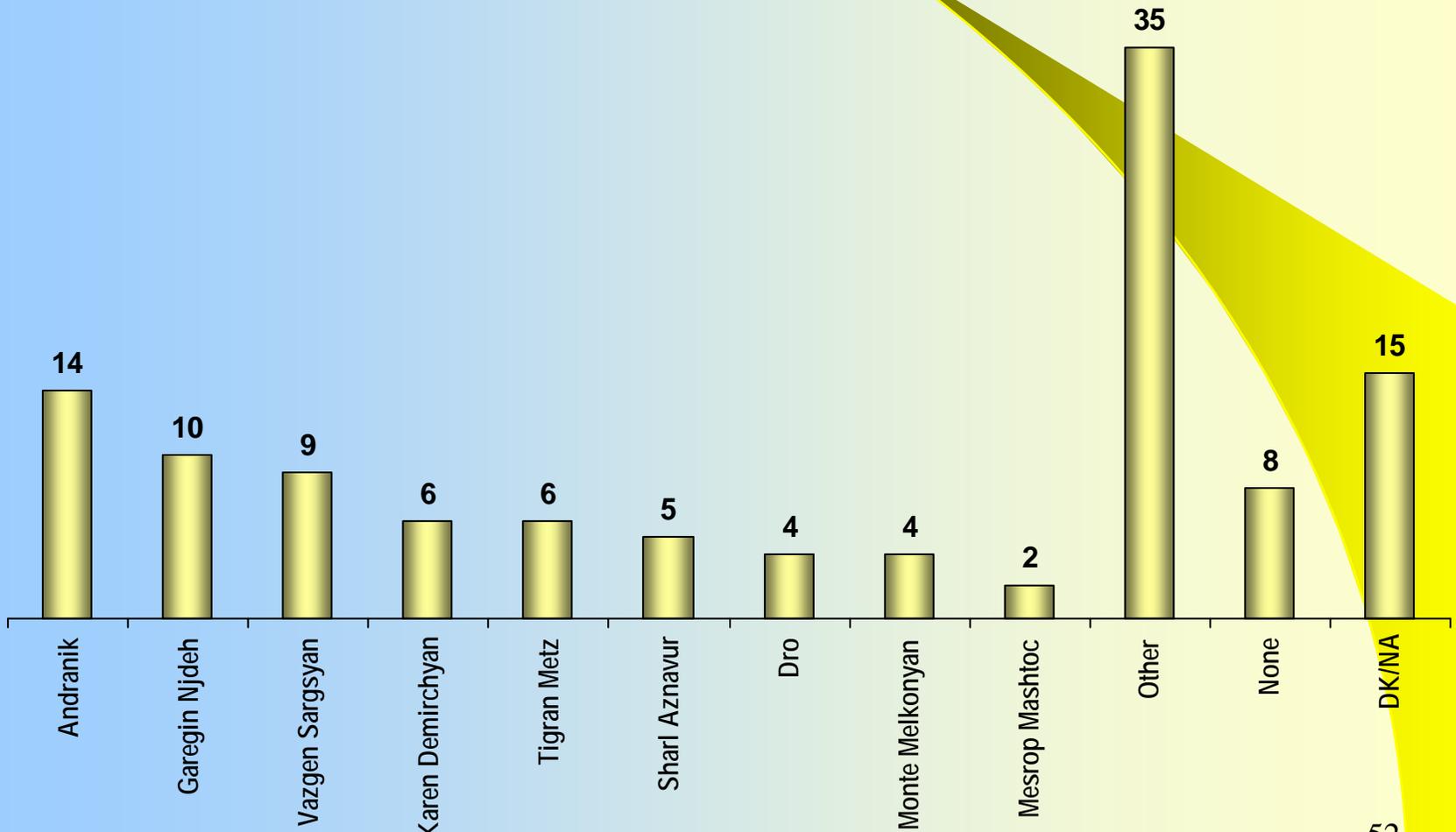


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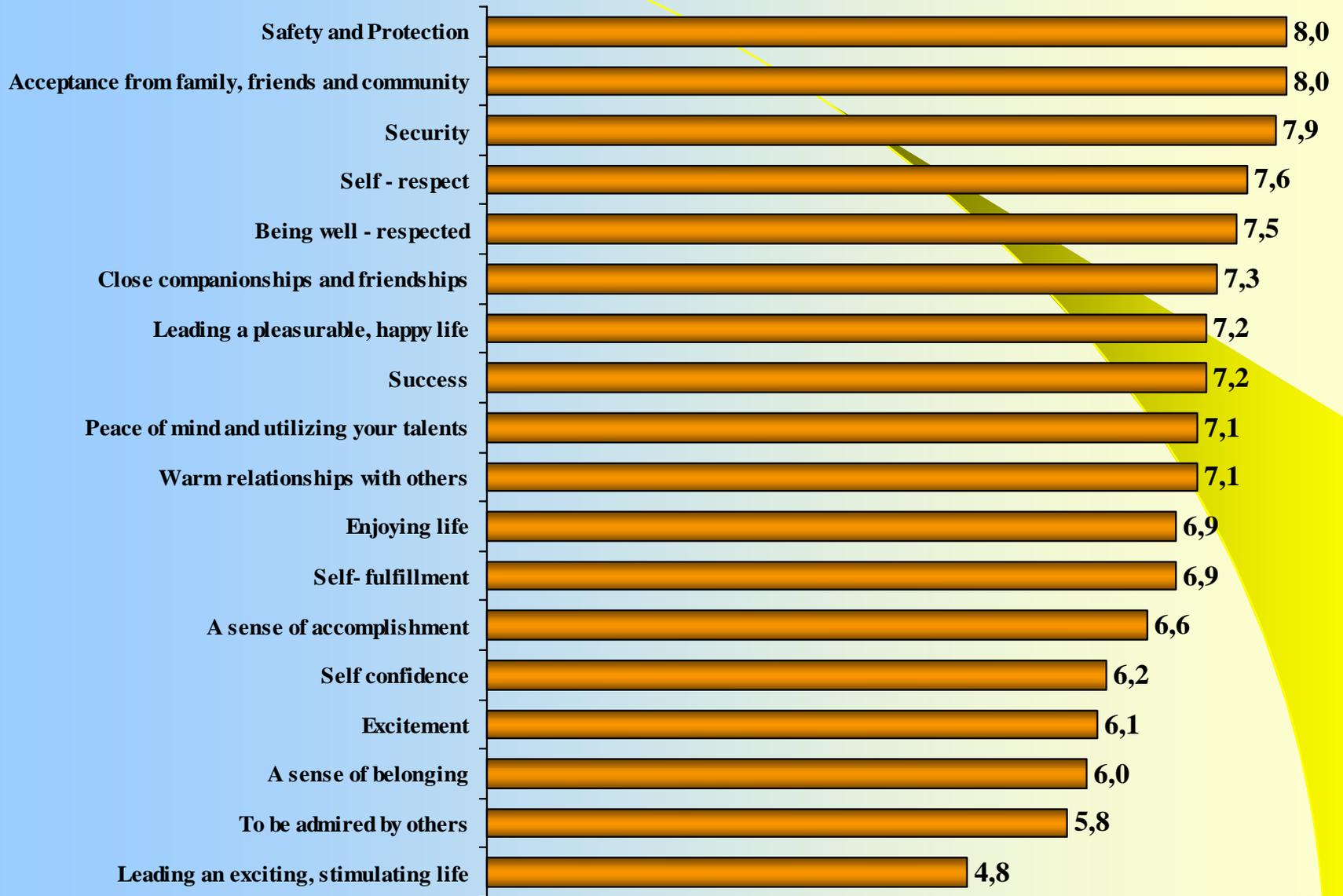
Of the prominent characters in Armenian history and folk culture, who is most suitable to be a national hero or leader in current times?

(Open-ended question, %)

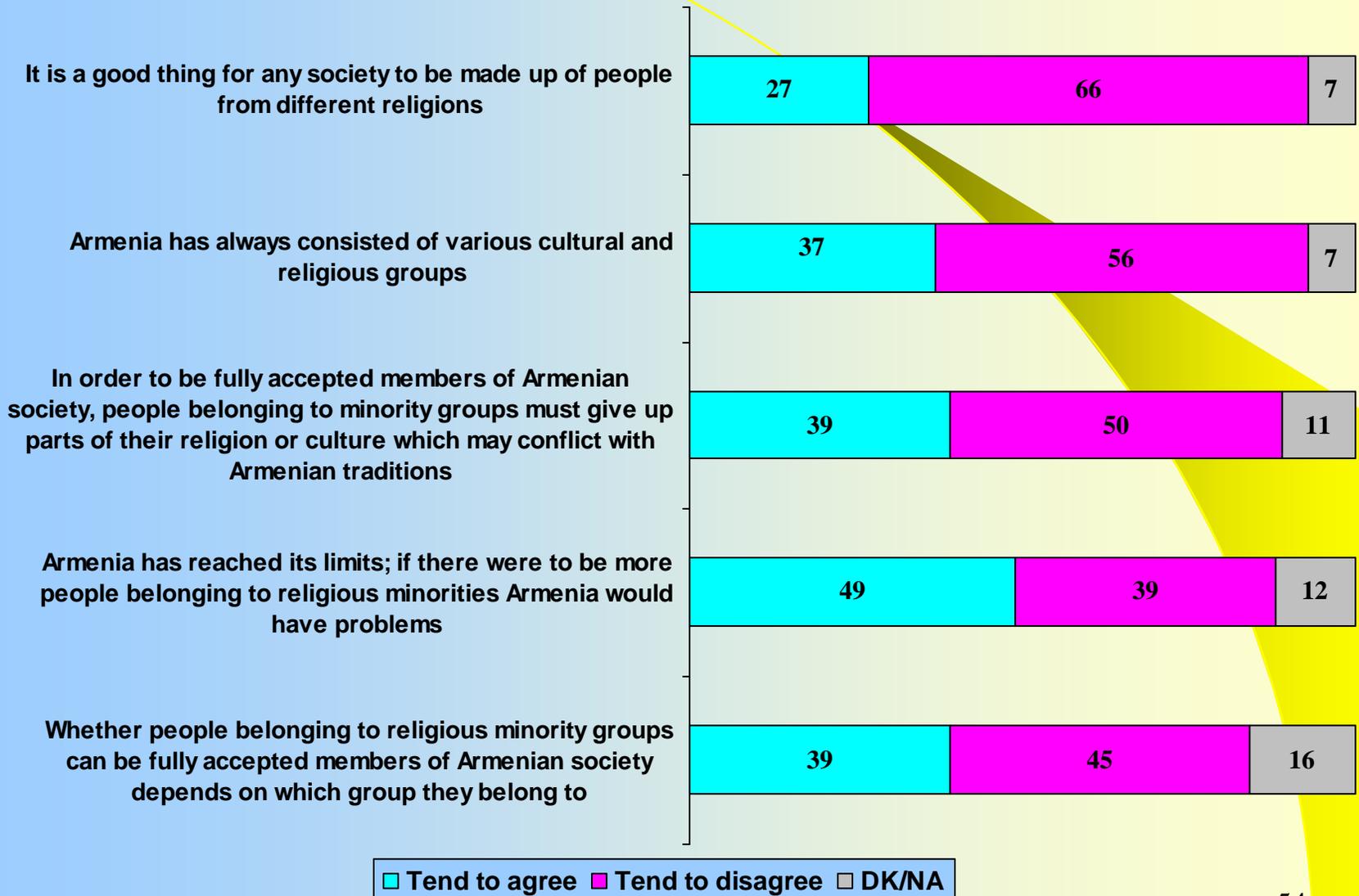


# VALUES OF ARMENIAN PEOPLE

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

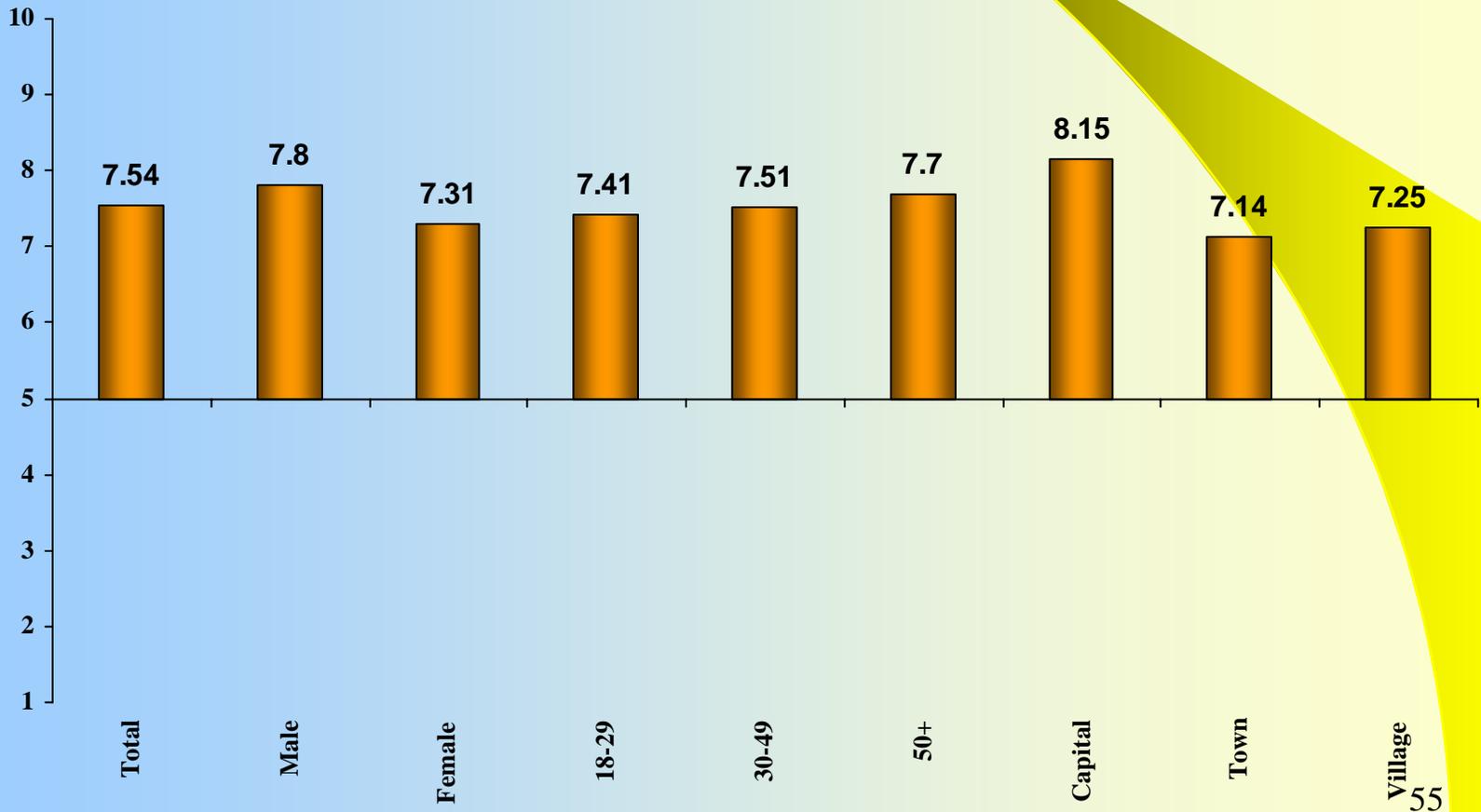


# Tolerance



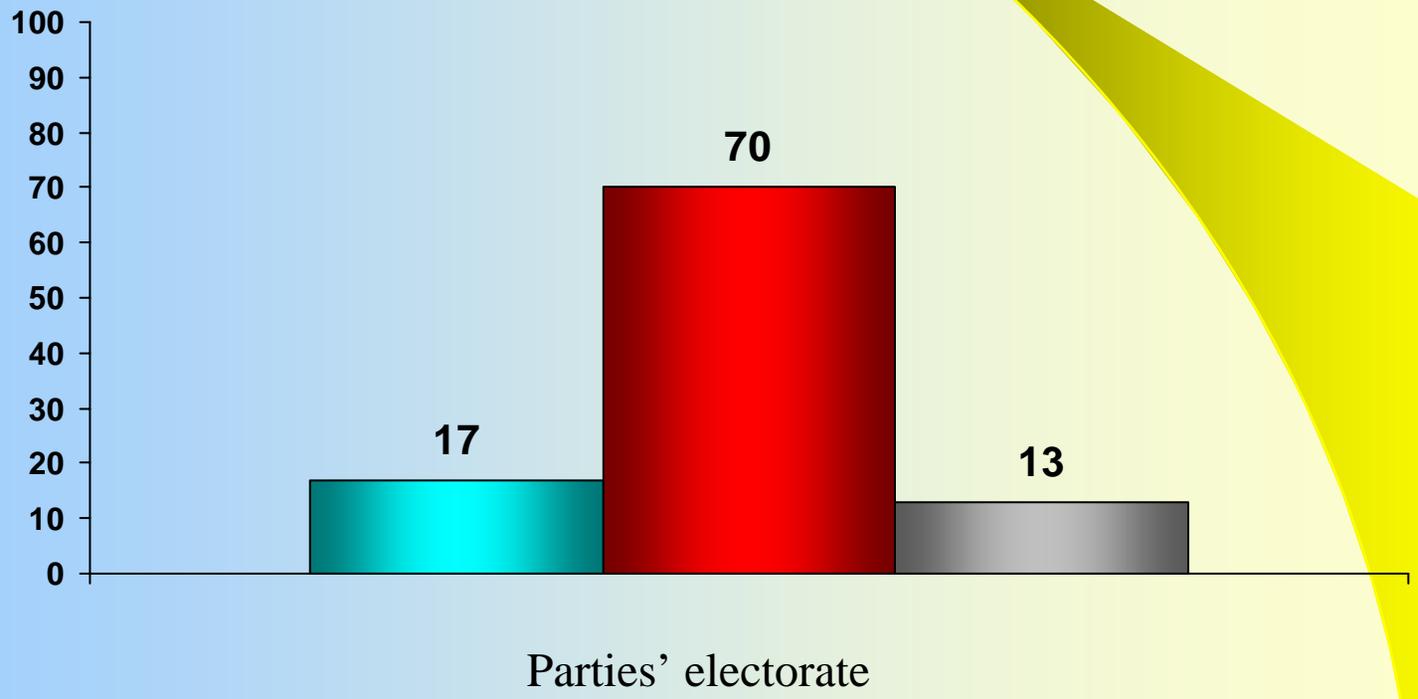
# Trust in elections

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



# Trust in elections

## Next Parliamentary elections will be (%)

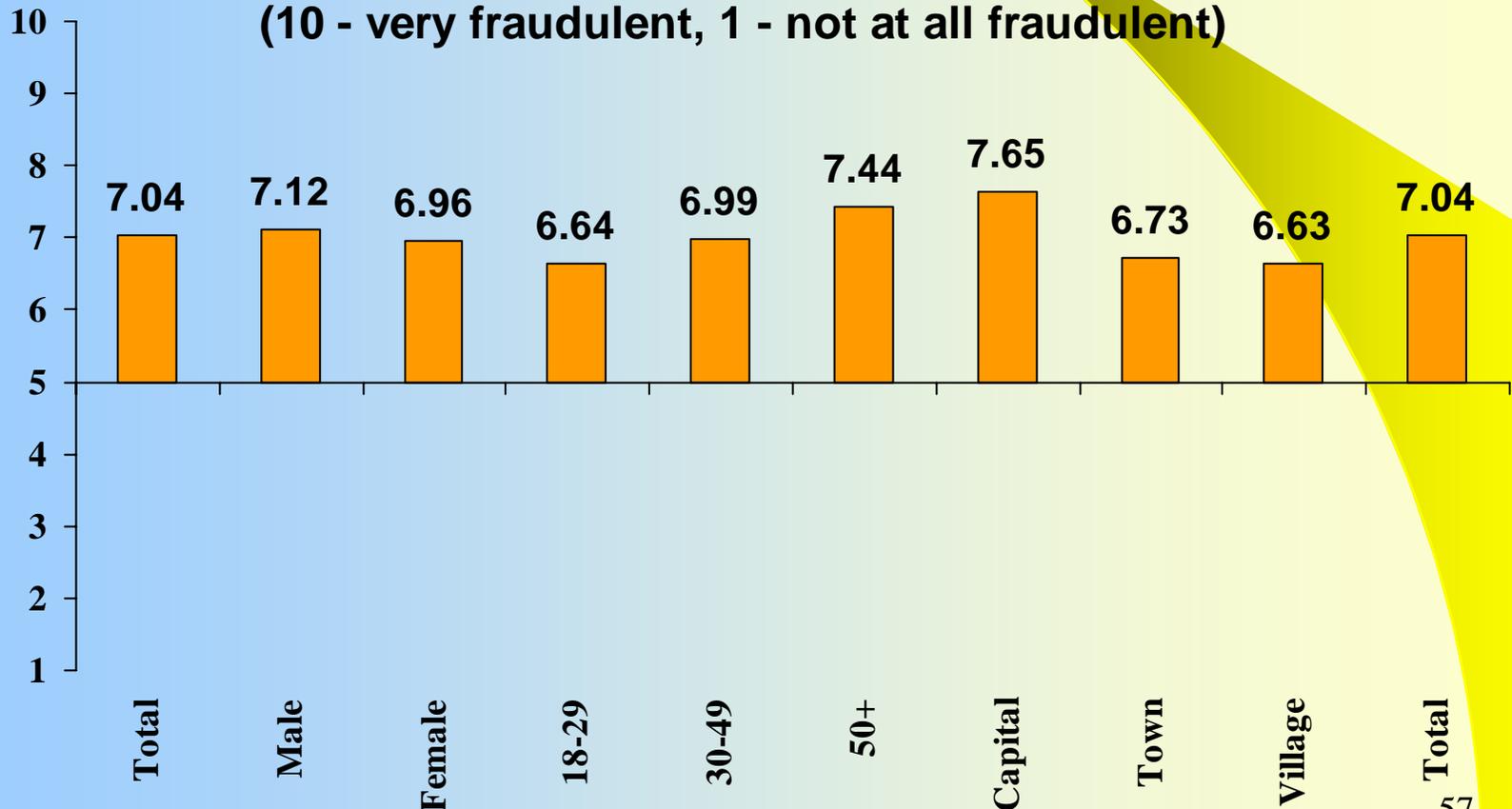


**Free and fair** **Not free and fair** **No opinion**

# Trust in elections

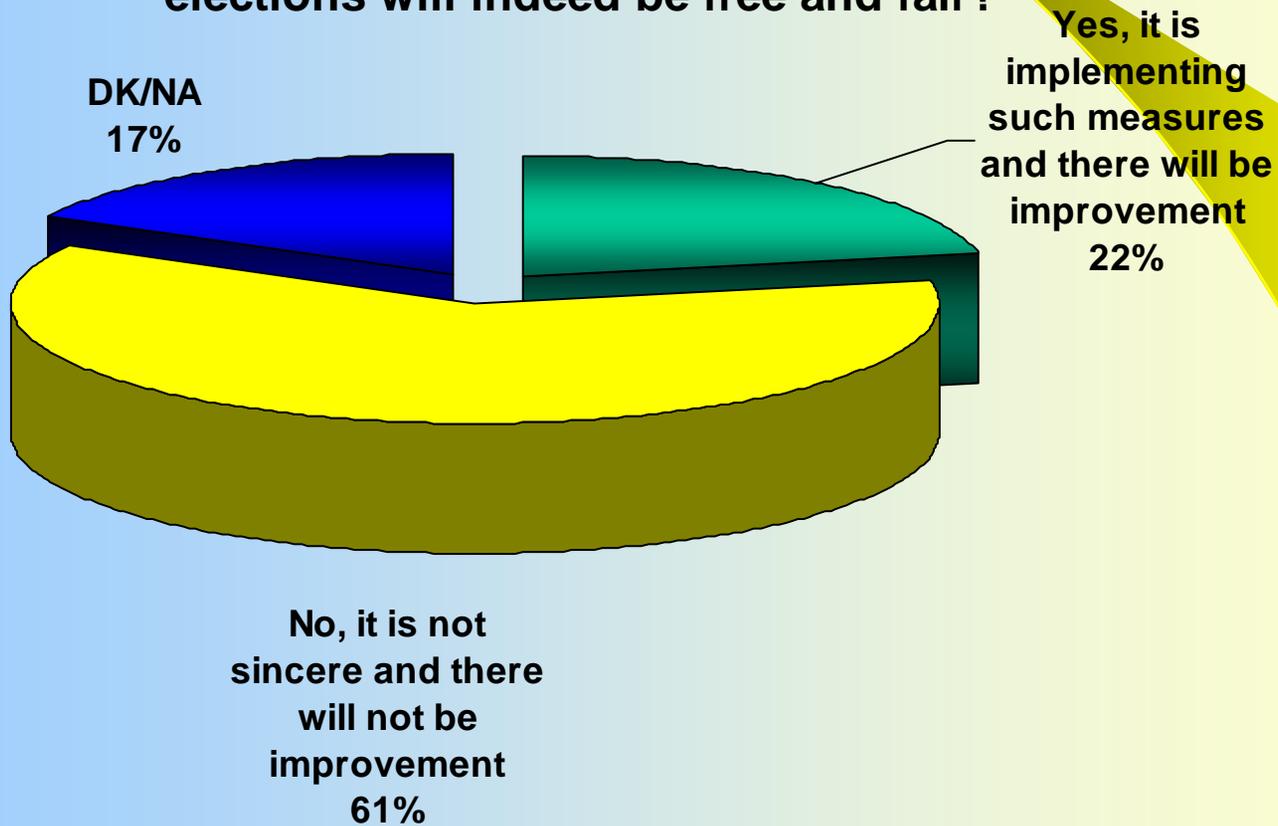
How fraudulent will the upcoming Parliamentary elections be?

(10 - very fraudulent, 1 - not at all fraudulent)



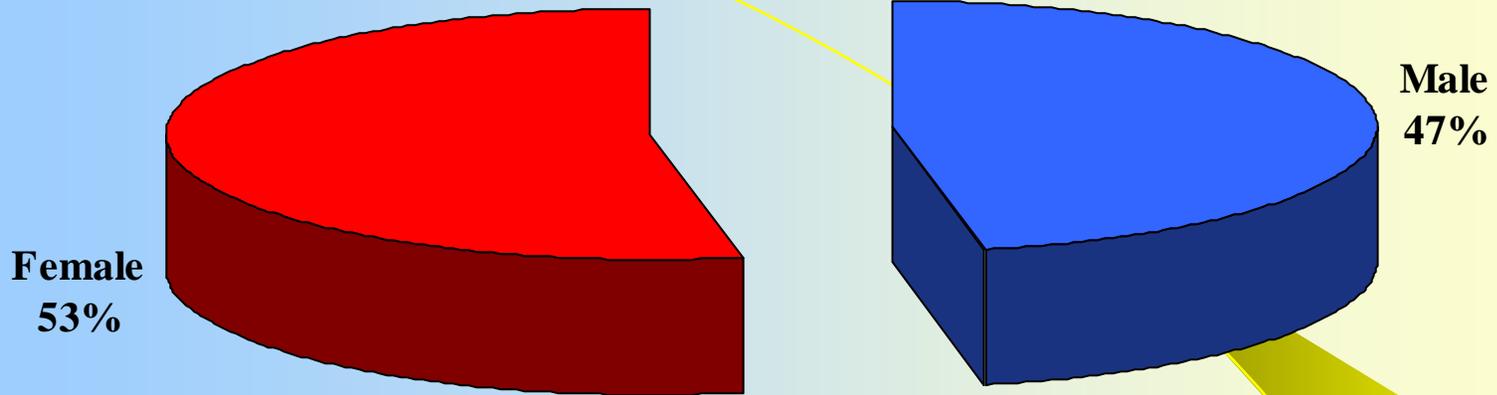
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**Do you think the Armenian Government is implementing anti-fraud measures for the parliamentary elections and that elections will indeed be free and fair?**

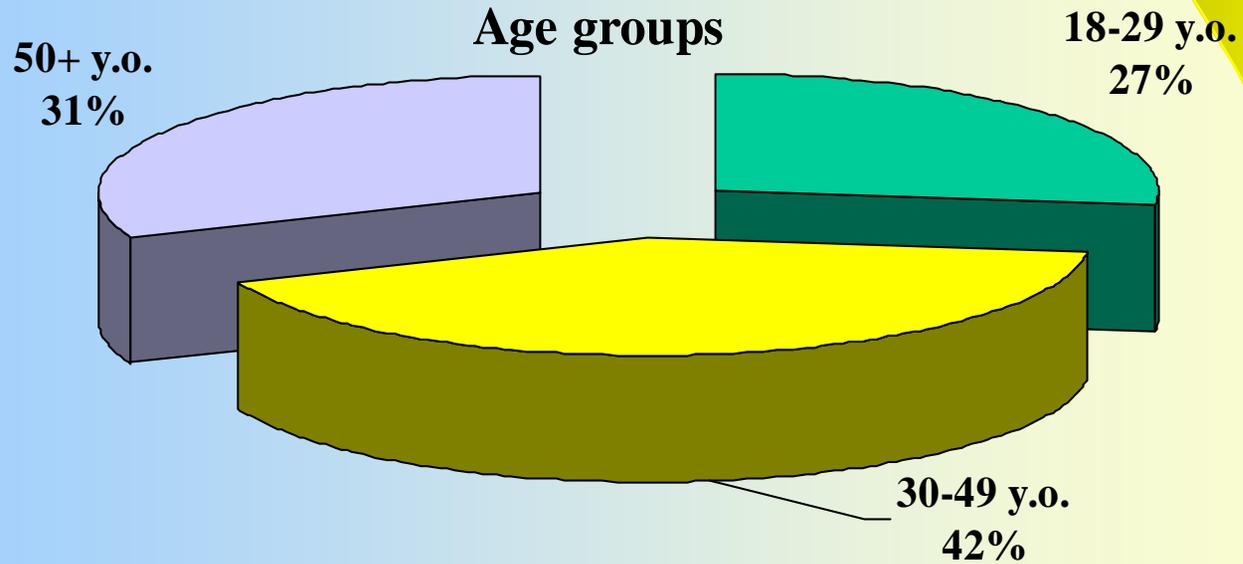


# SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

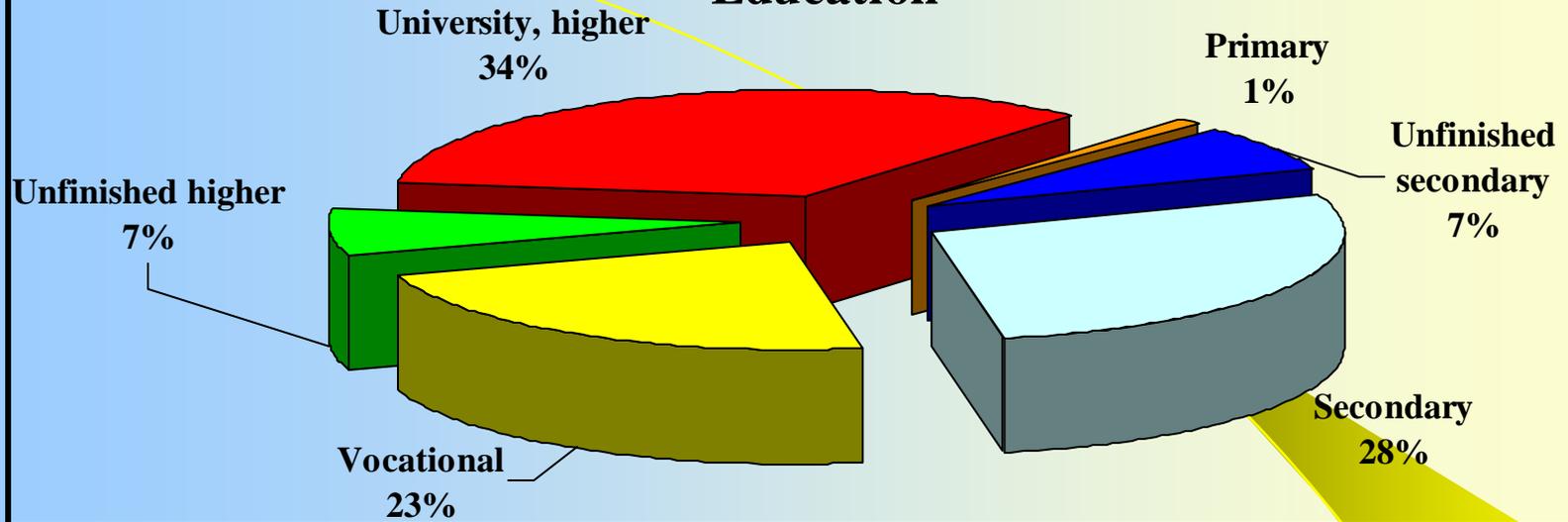
## Gender



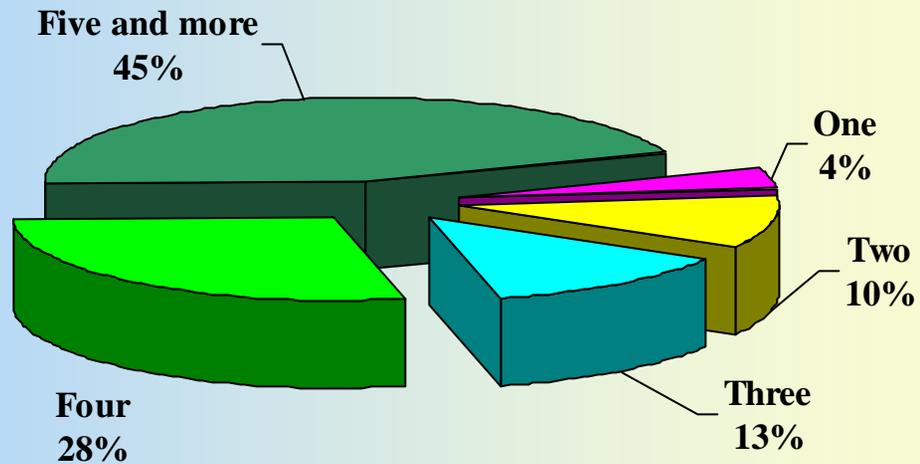
## Age groups



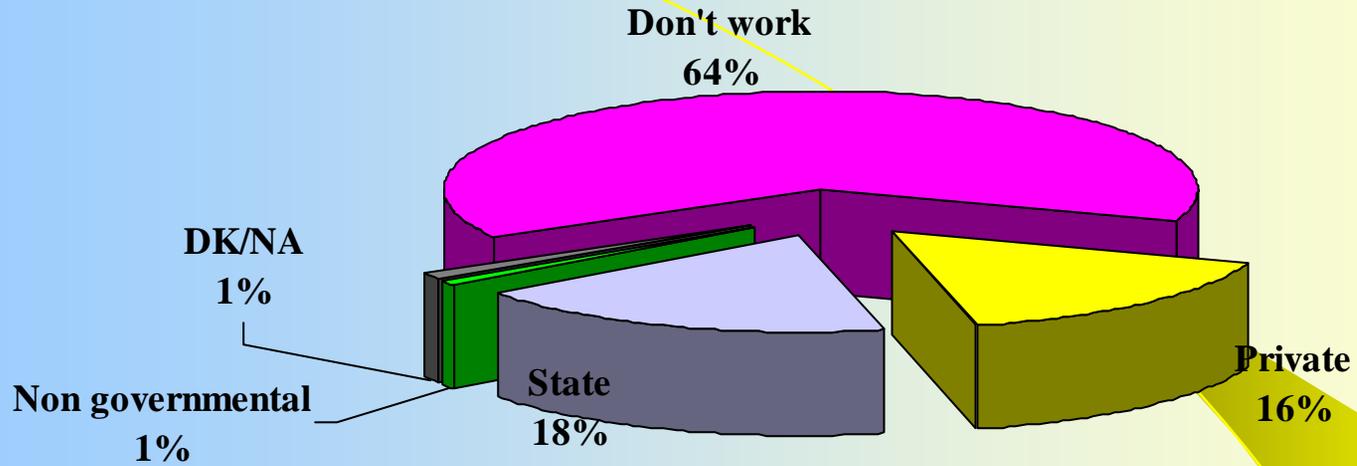
## Education



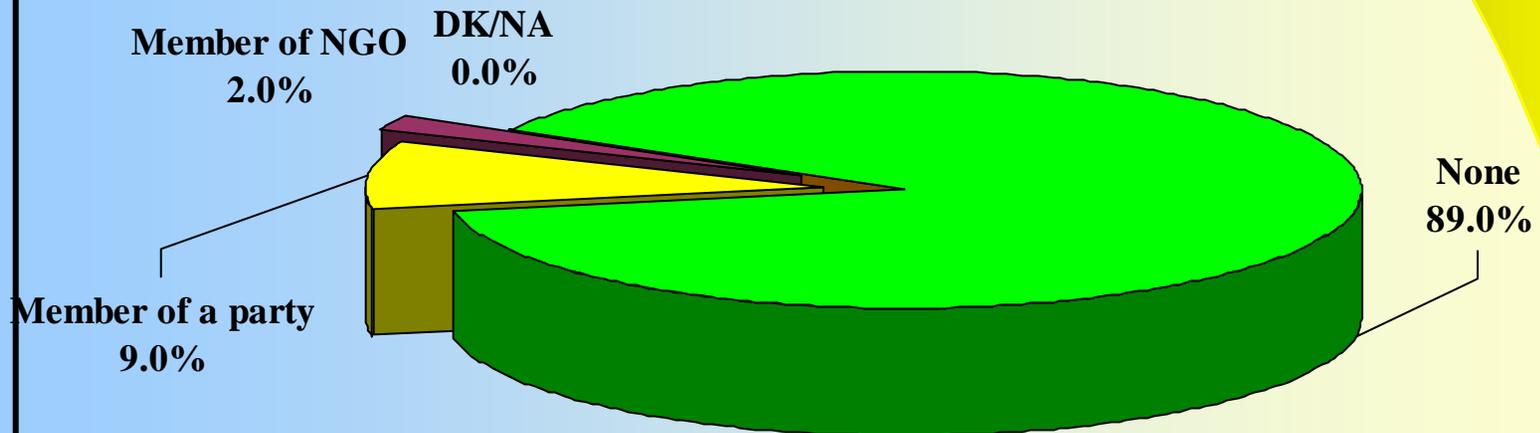
## Household size



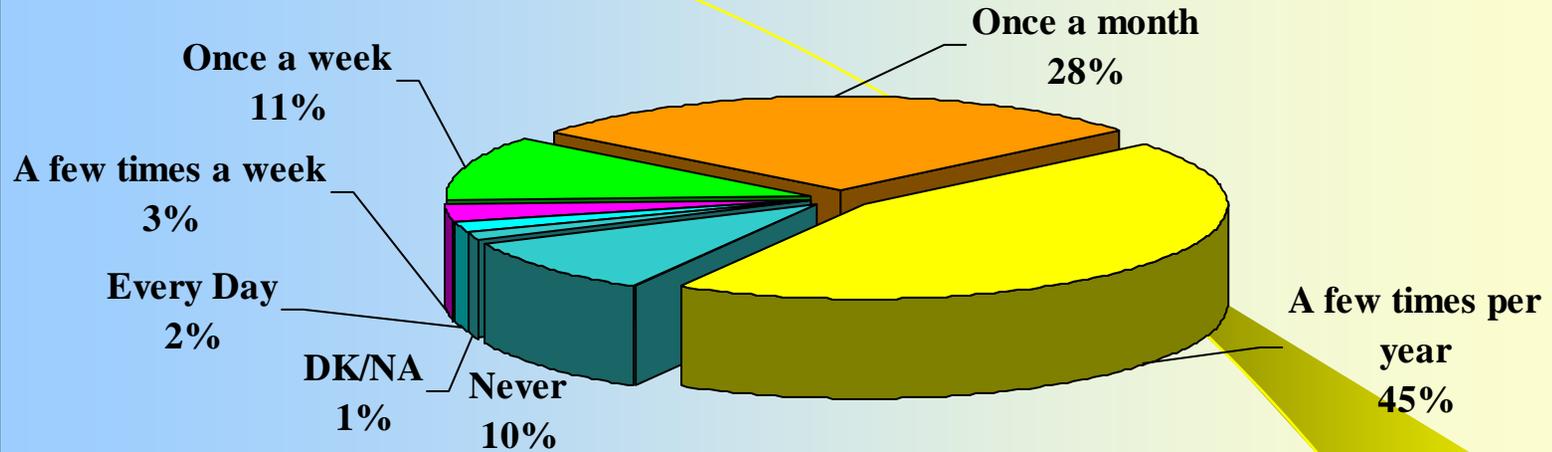
## Sector of employment



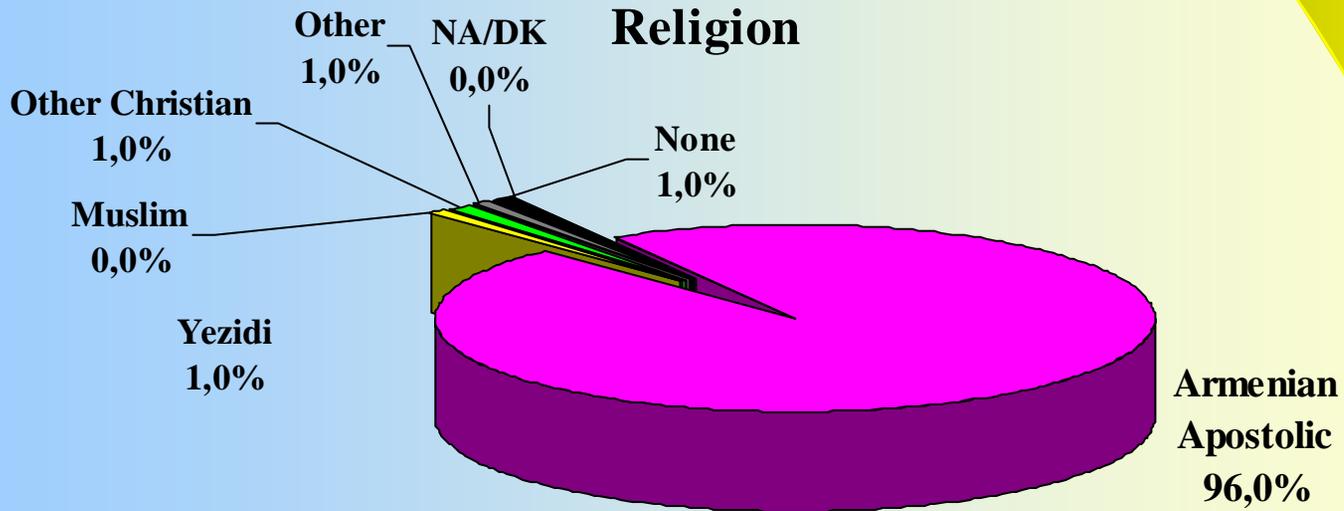
## Membership in organizations



## Attendance of religious service



## Religion



# Region

