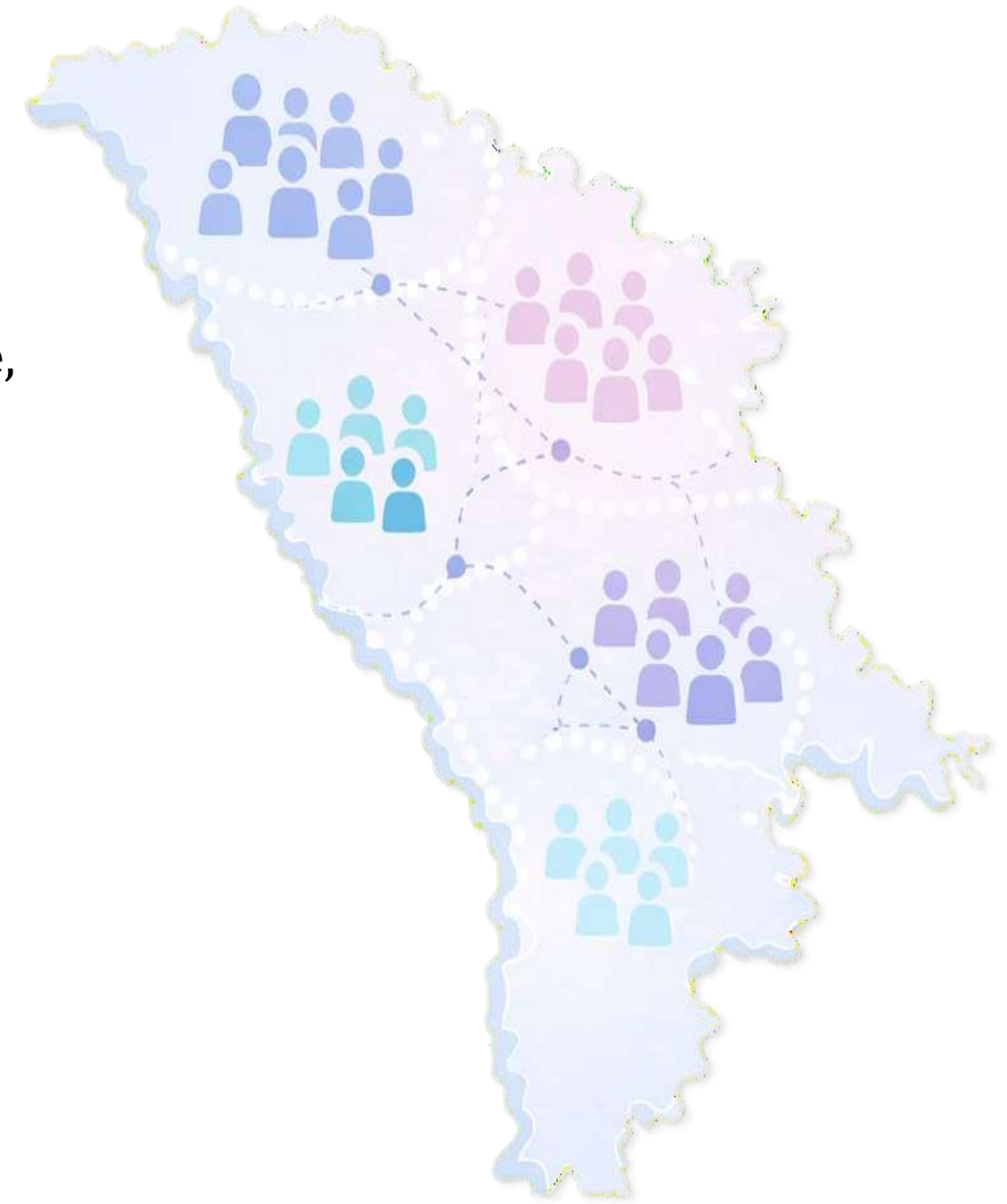


# „Citizens’ perceptions of the quality of elections and the functioning of democratic processes in the Republic of Moldova”

# Methodology

- **Data collection method:** TAPI (*Tablet-Assisted Personal Interviewing*)
- **Data collection period:** February 22 – March 12, 2026
- **Sample:** 1226 respondents aged 18 and over, nationally representative, selected through a probabilistic, stratified, multi-stage sampling design
- **Margin of sampling error:** 2.8%
- **Number of localities:** 95 urban and rural localities
- **Average questionnaire duration:** 34 minutes
- **Data were collected in the following languages:** Romanian – 71.3% of questionnaires; Russian – 28.7% of questionnaires, conducted by 58 interviewers
- **Data collection and analysis:** conducted by [ATES Research Group](#)



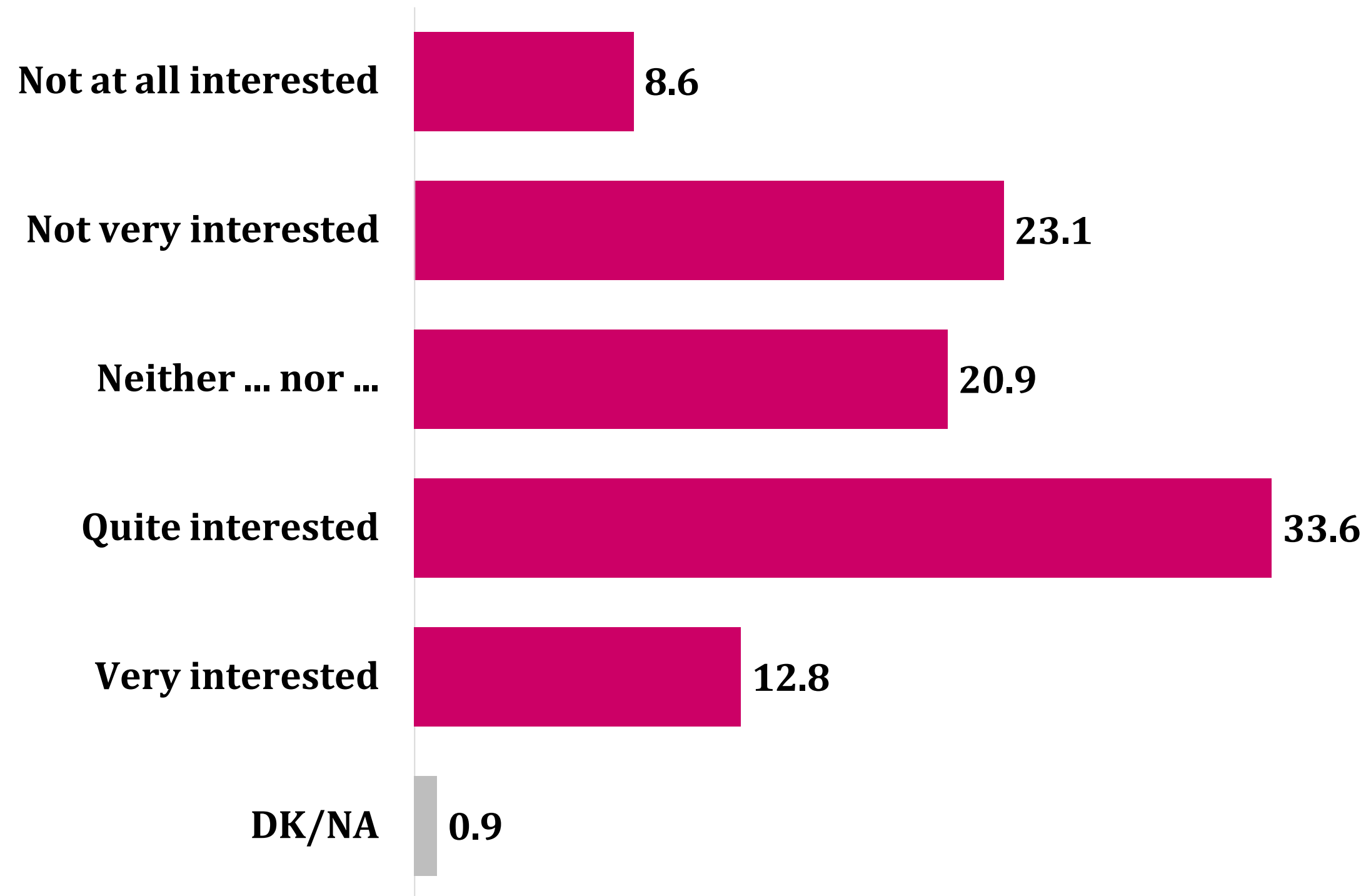
# Sample structure

		Frequency	Percent
<b>Gender</b>	Male	535	43,7
	Female	691	56,3
<b>Age group</b>	18-29 years	193	15,7
	30-44 years	345	28,1
	45-59 years	302	24,6
	60+ years	387	31,5
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Moldovan/Romanian	1038	84,7
	Other (Russian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian, etc.)	183	14,9
<b>Education</b>	No education/Incomplete secondary education	141	11,5
	General school/Vocational school	375	30,6
	High school/College/Incomplete higher education	329	26,8
	Higher education (Bachelor's/Master's/PhD)	378	30,8
<b>Income</b>	Below 5000 lei	471	38,5
	5001 - 12000 lei	401	32,7
	Above 12000 lei	205	16,7
<b>Place of residence</b>	Urban	536	43,7
	Rural	690	56,3
<b>Region</b>	North	337	27,4
	Center	335	27,3
	Chişinău	339	27,6
	South	216	17,6
<b>Total</b>		<b>1226</b>	<b>100,0</b>

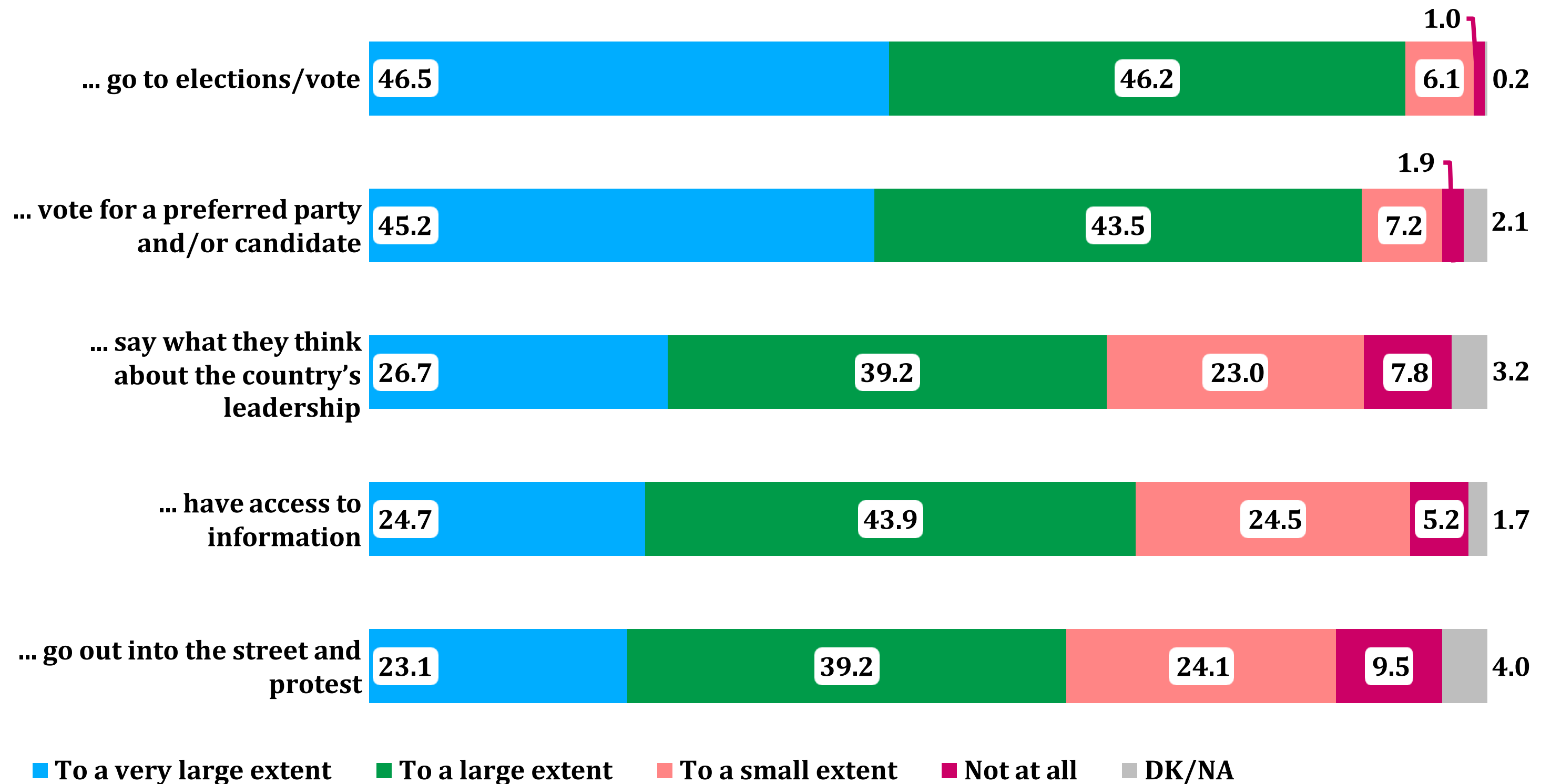
# General perceptions

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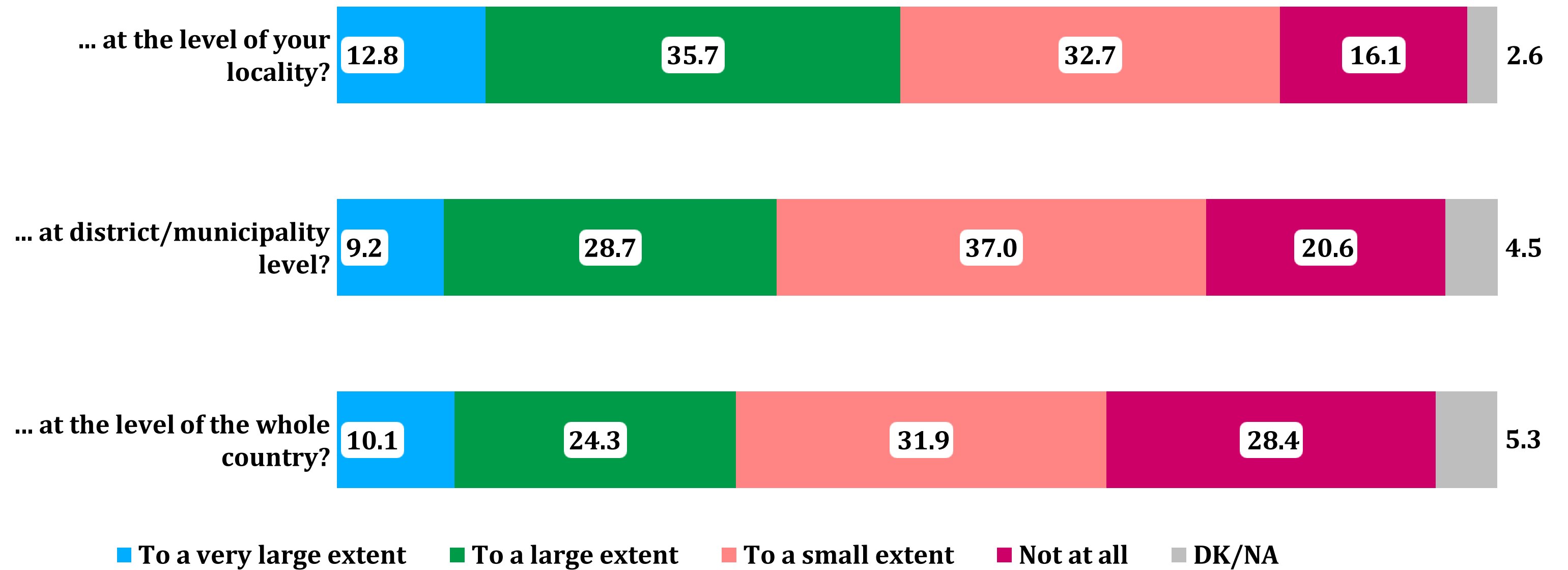
# Overall, how interested are you in the country's socio-political events?, N=1226, %



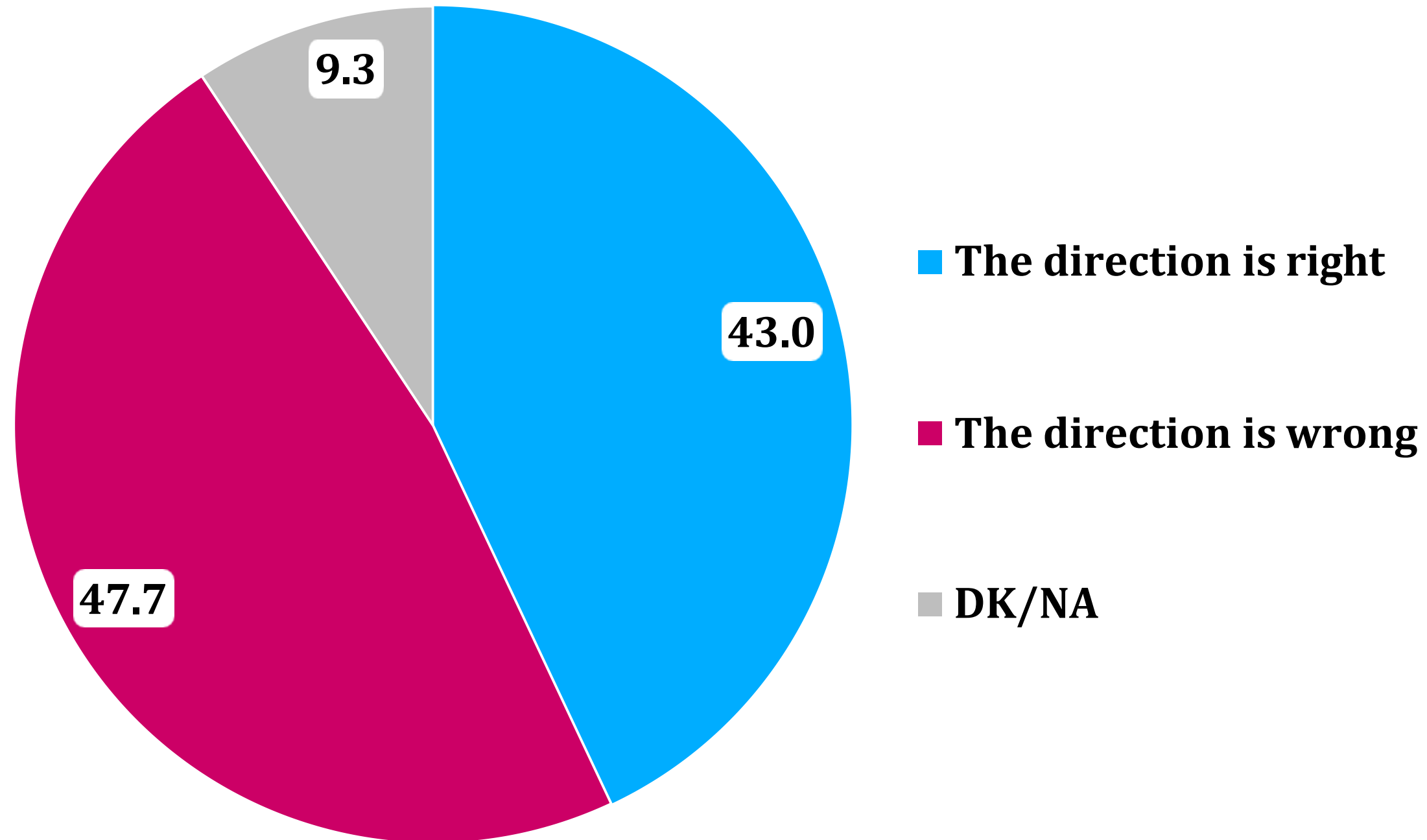
# In general, to what extent do you think that in the Republic of Moldova people are free to...?, N=1226, %



# To what extent do you think that people like you can influence the important decisions made..., N=1226, %



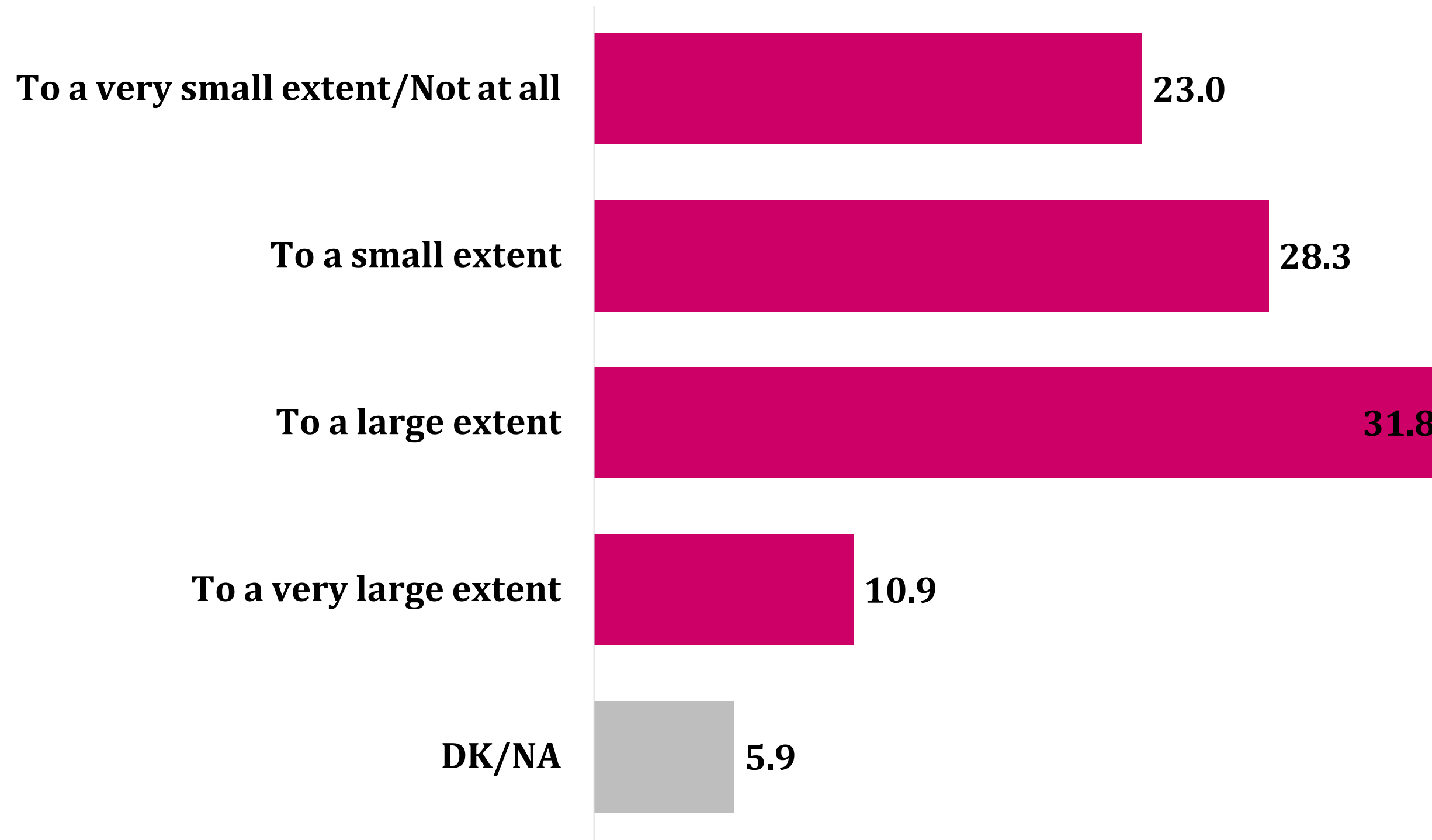
**Do you think that in our country things are going in the right direction or in the wrong direction?, N=1226, %**



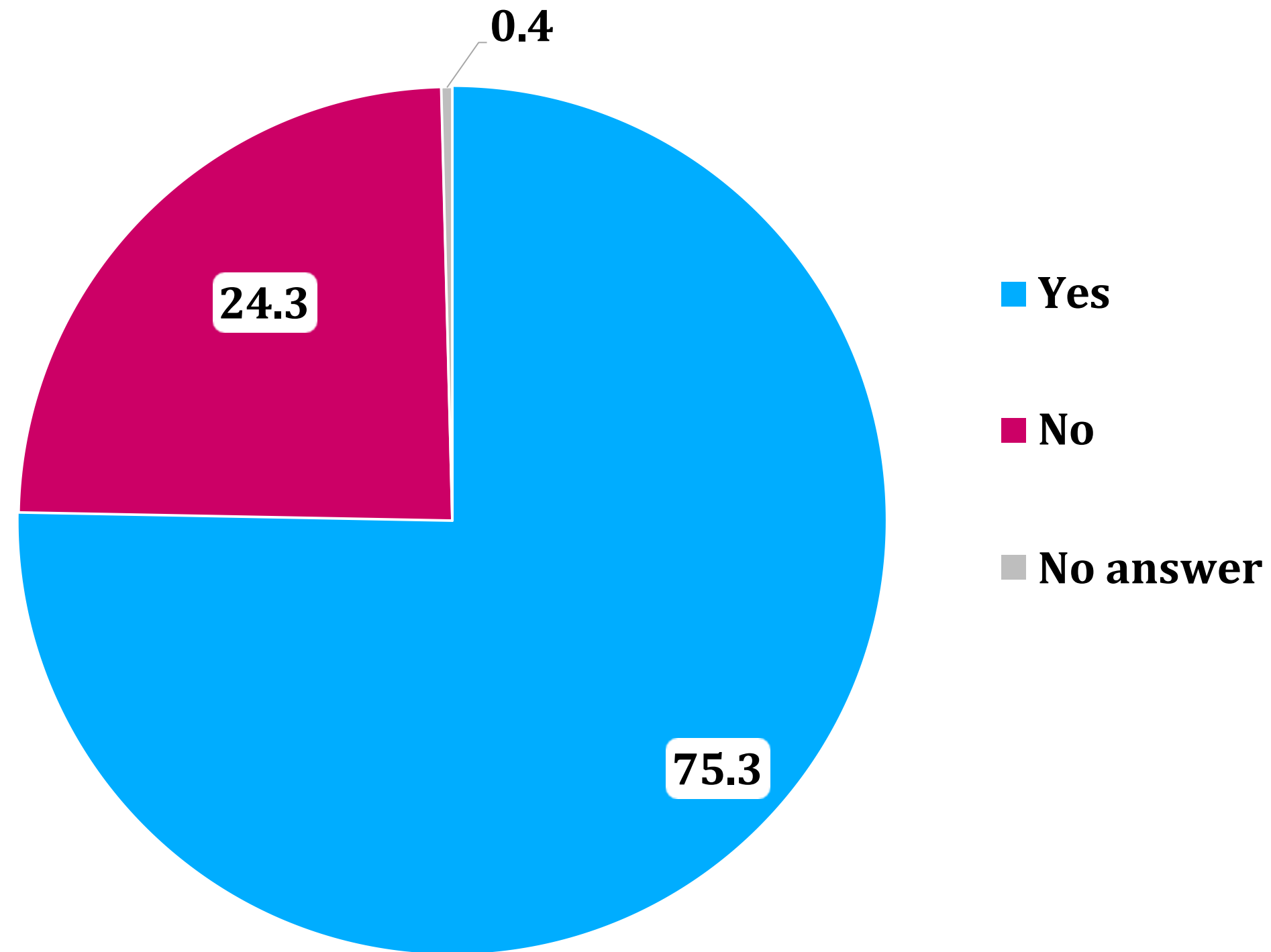


# **Parliamentary elections – September 2025**

**Overall, to what extent do you consider that the parliamentary elections of September 2025 were free and fair?, N=1226, %**

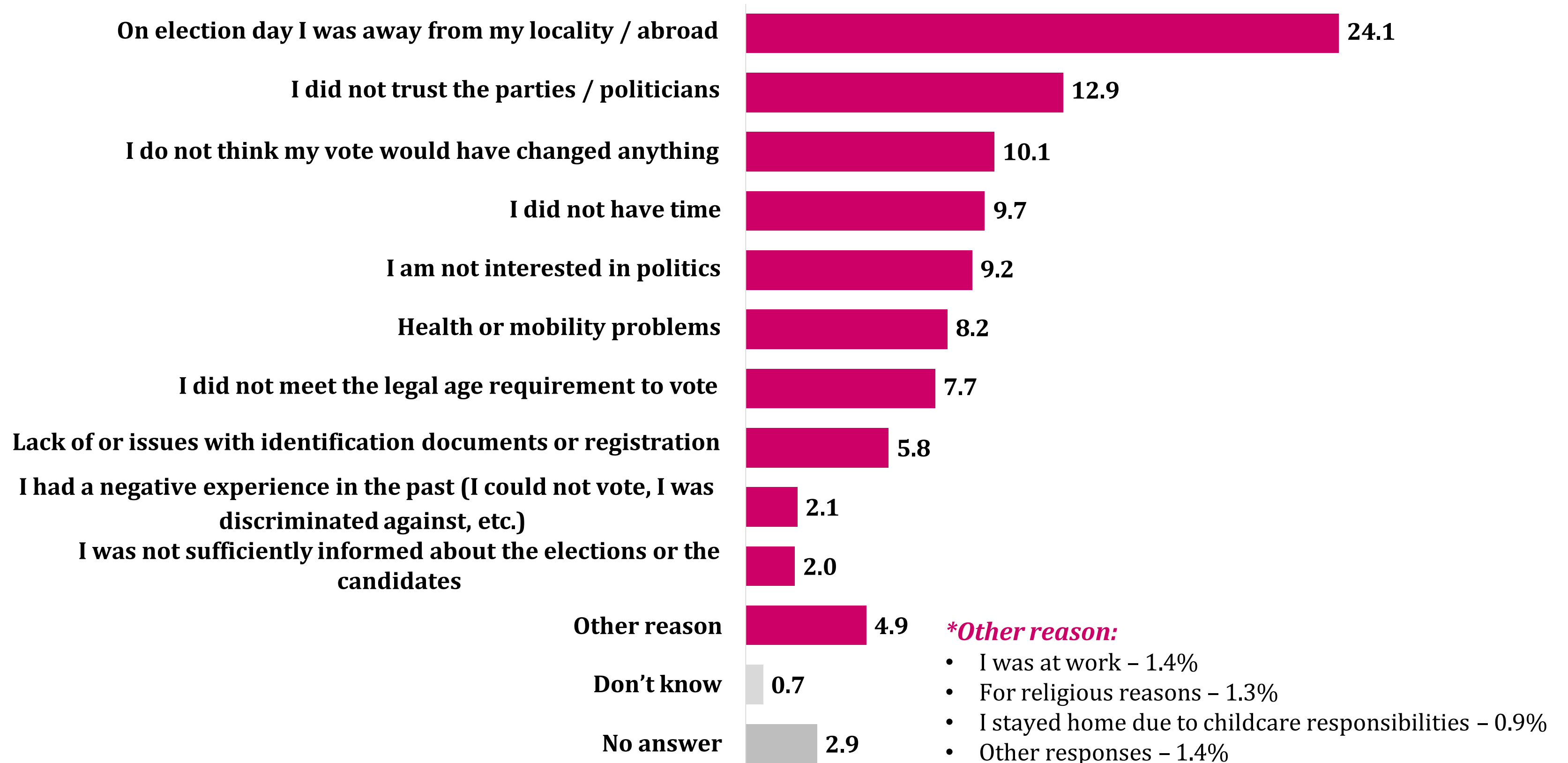


# Did you personally vote in the parliamentary elections of 28 September 2025?, N=1226, %

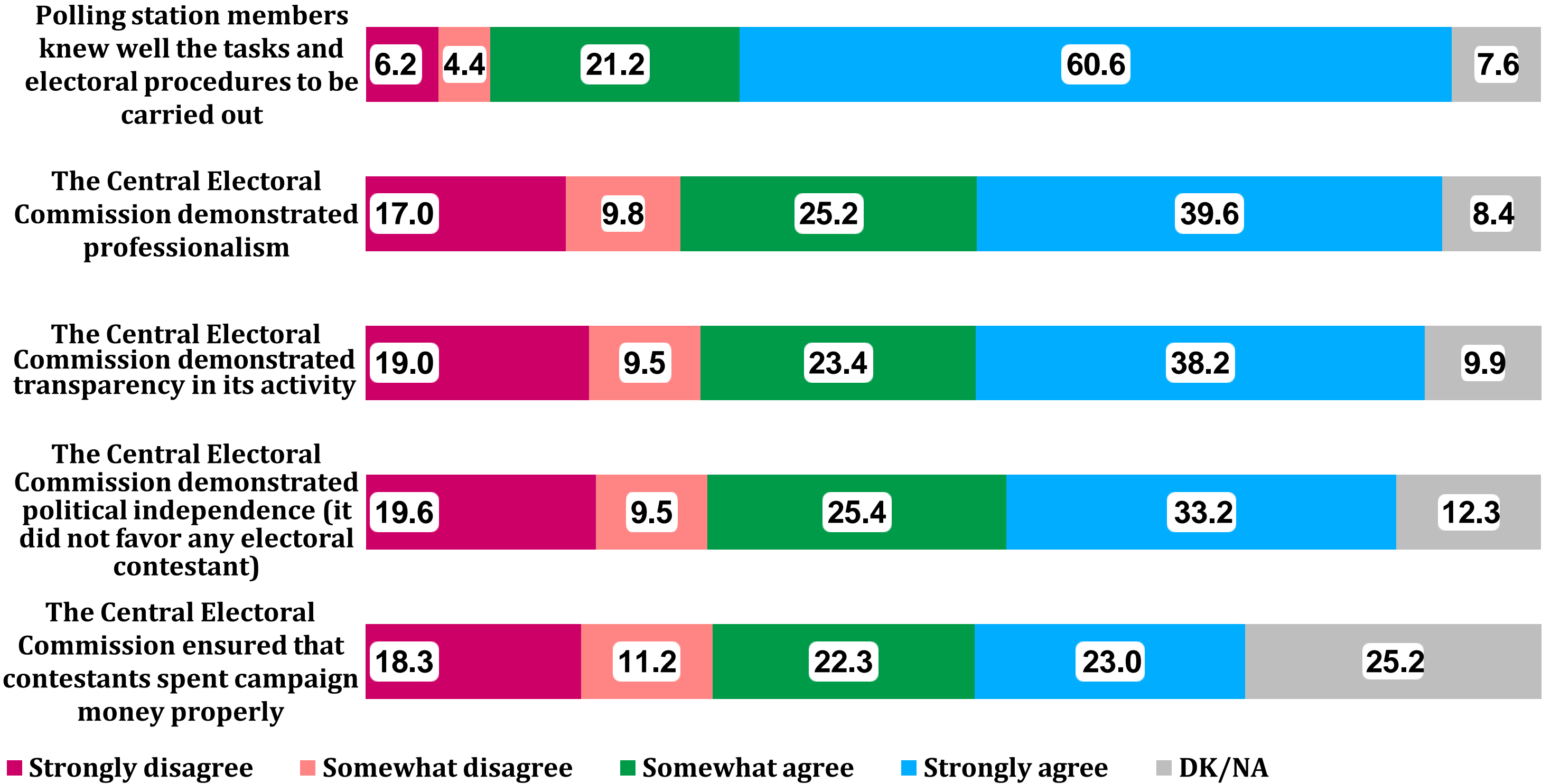


# If No, what was the main reason why you did not go to vote in the parliamentary elections of 28 September 2025?, N=308, %

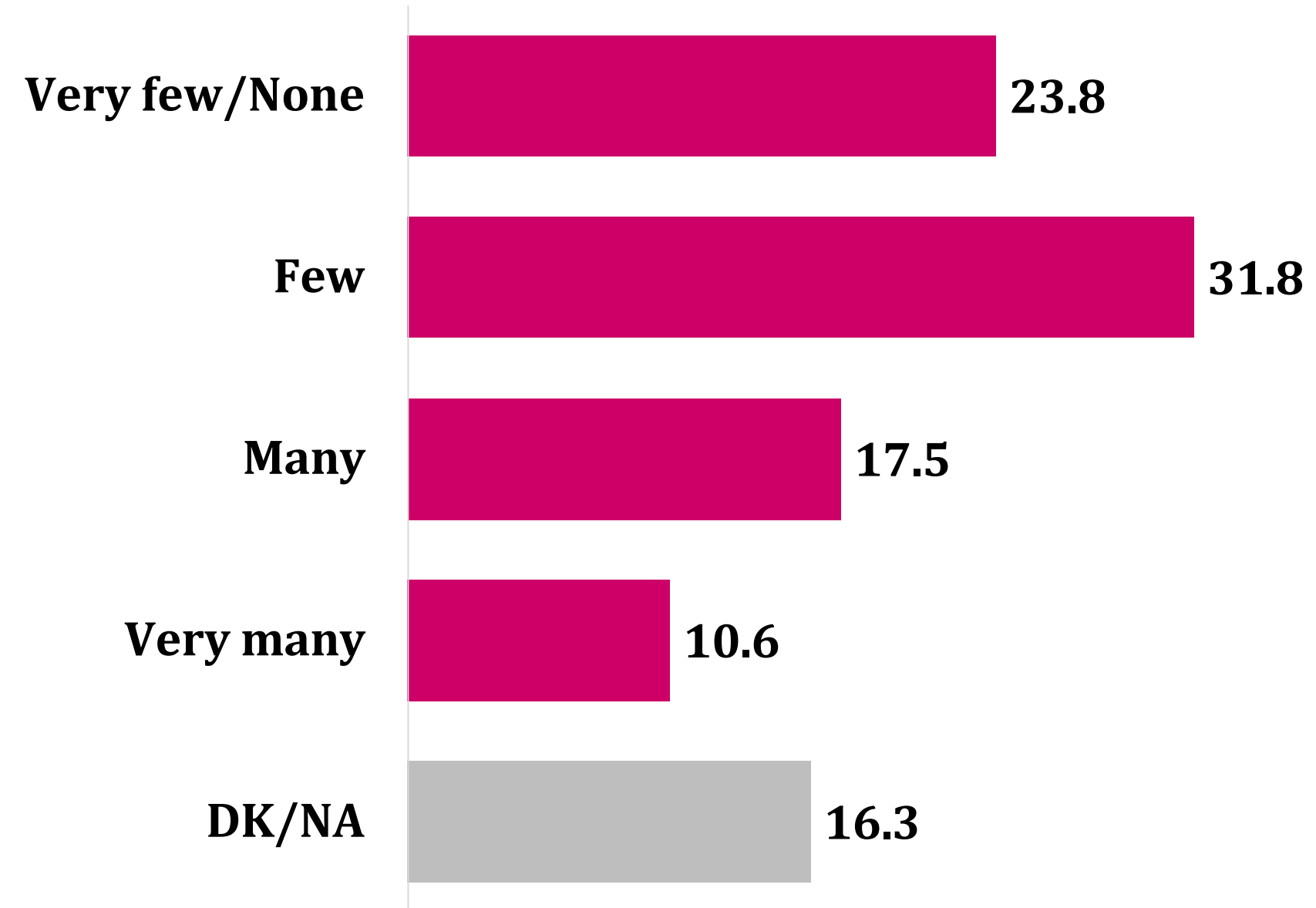
*% of respondents who reported that they did not vote*



# To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statements below regarding the activity of electoral bodies during the parliamentary elections of September 2025?, N=1226, %

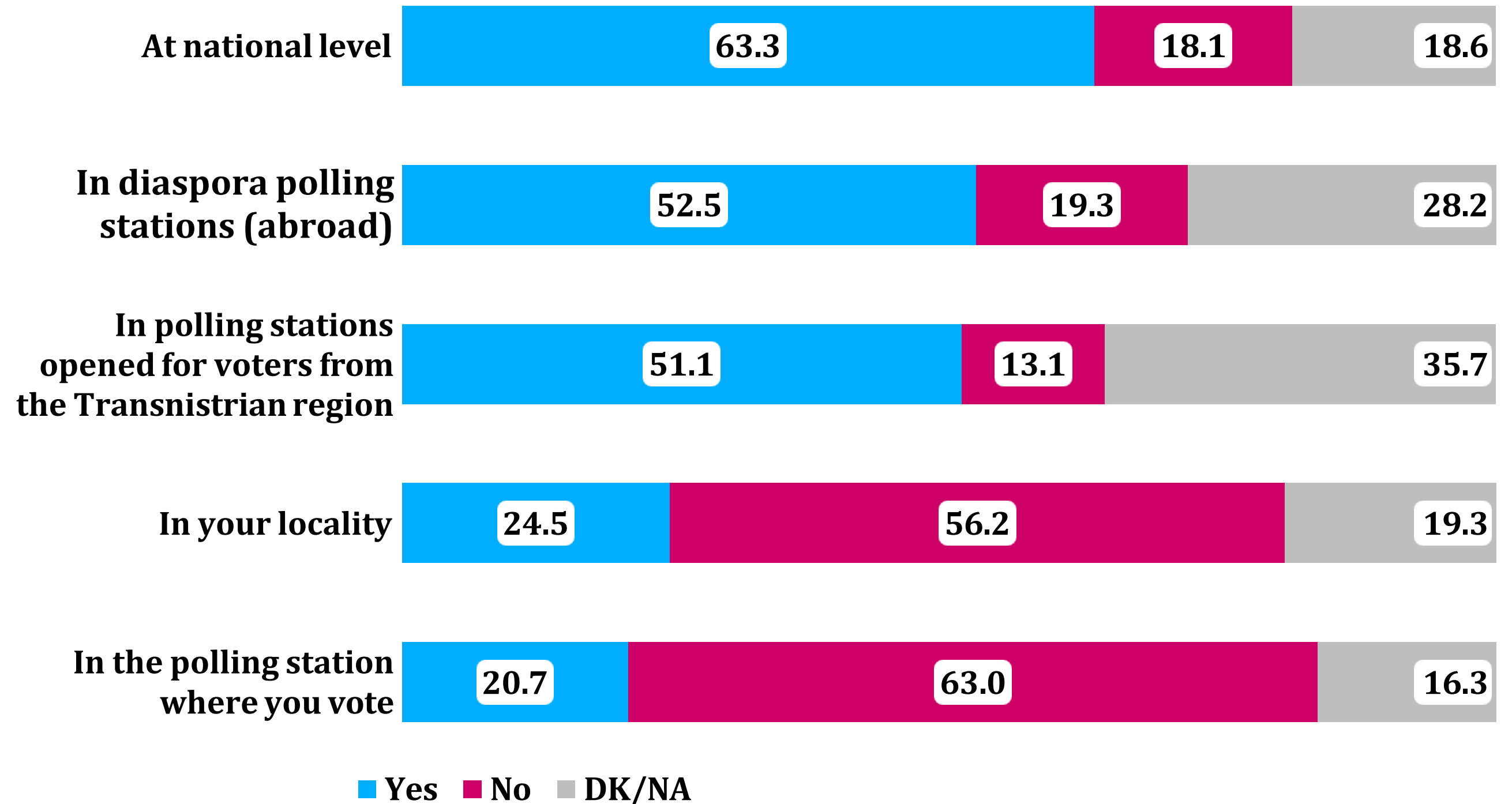


**In your opinion, during the parliamentary elections of September 2025, were there irregularities/violations of electoral legislation?, N=1226, %**



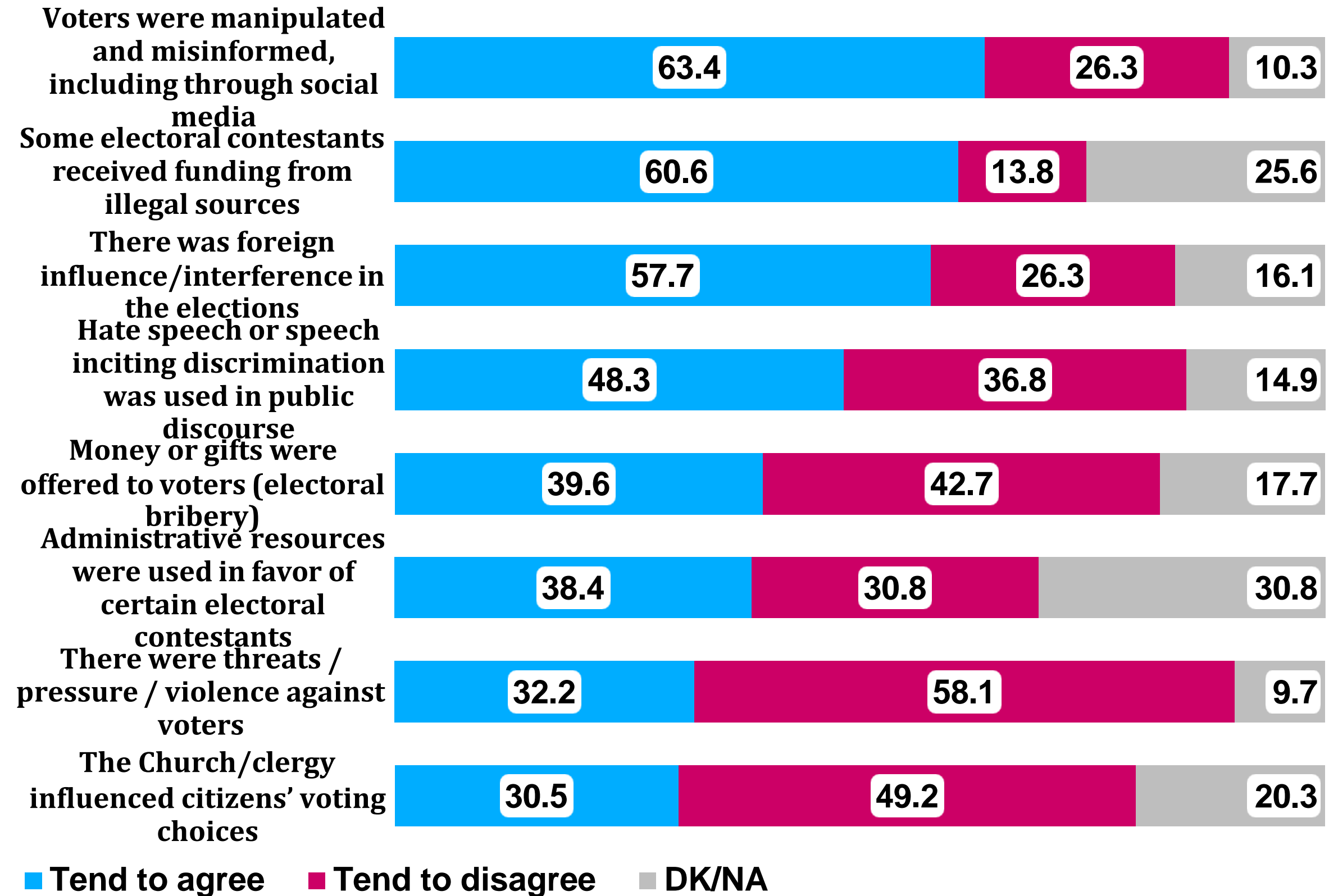
# From your point of view, in the parliamentary elections of September 2025, where did irregularities/violations occur in the voting process...?, N=732, %

*% of respondents who believe that there were at least some irregularities/violations of electoral legislation (few, many, or very many)*



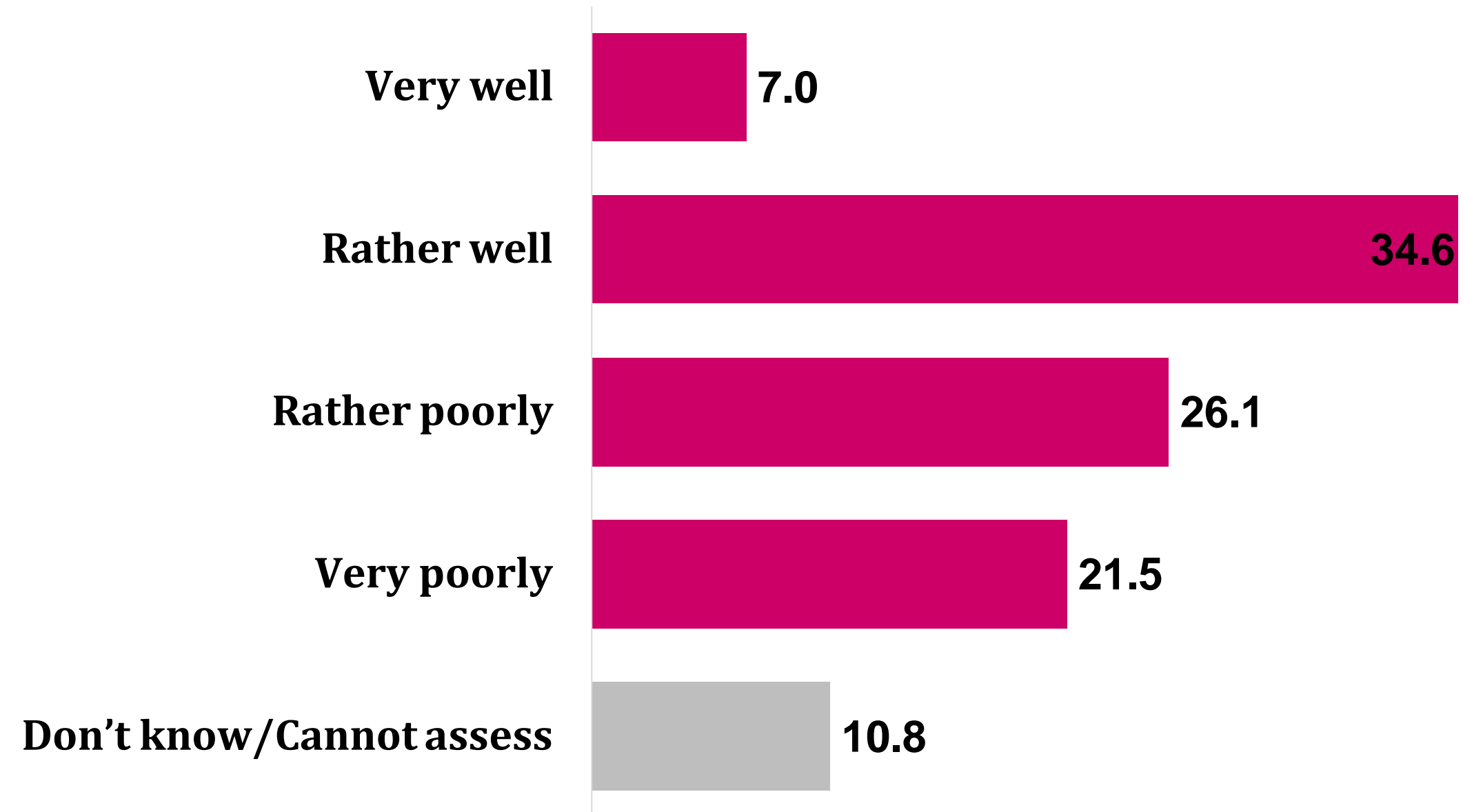
# When thinking about the parliamentary elections of September 2025, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?, N=732, %

*% of respondents who believe that there were at least some irregularities/violations of electoral legislation (few, many, or very many)*



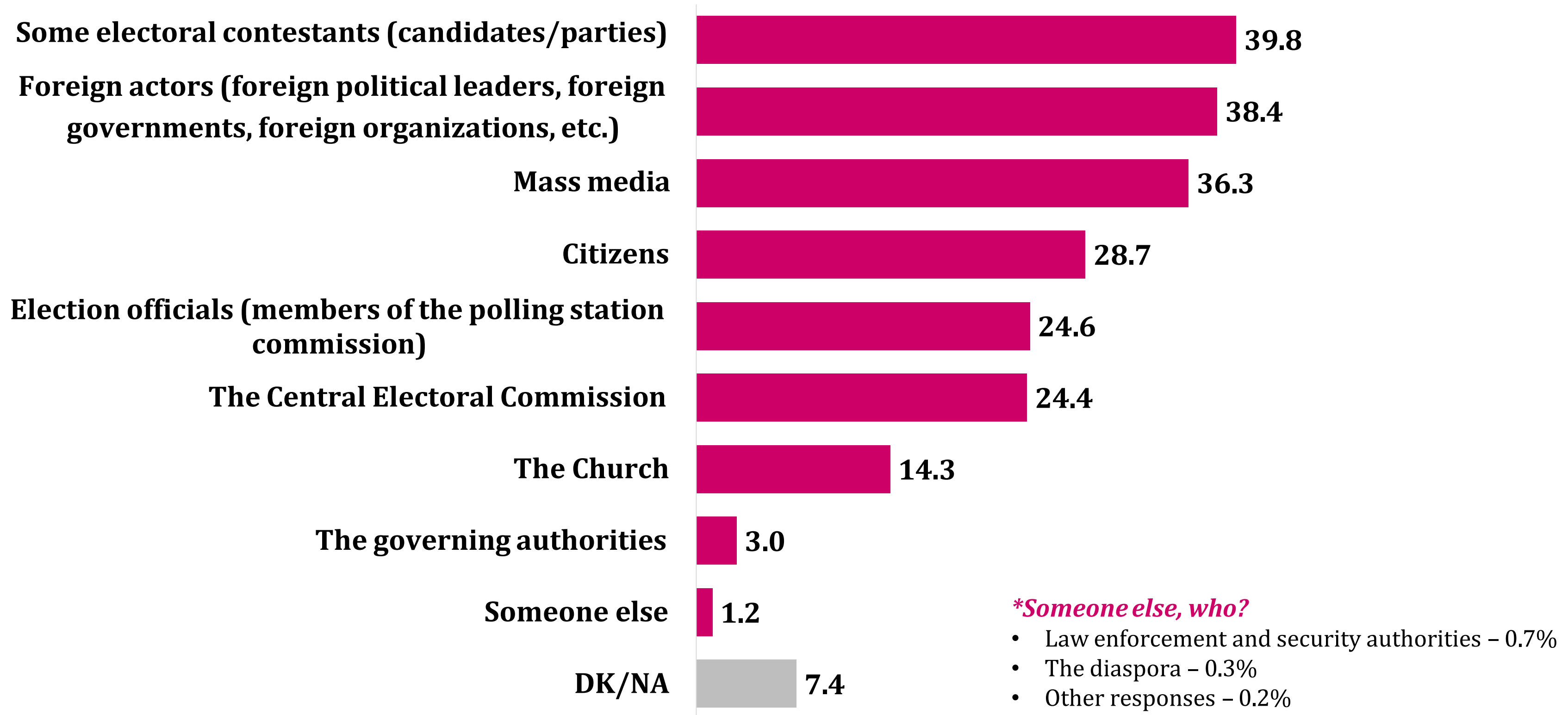
# How do you assess the way the authorities handled the irregularities/violations that occurred during the parliamentary elections of September 2025?, N=732, %

*% of respondents who believe that there were at least some irregularities/violations of electoral legislation (few, many, or very many)*



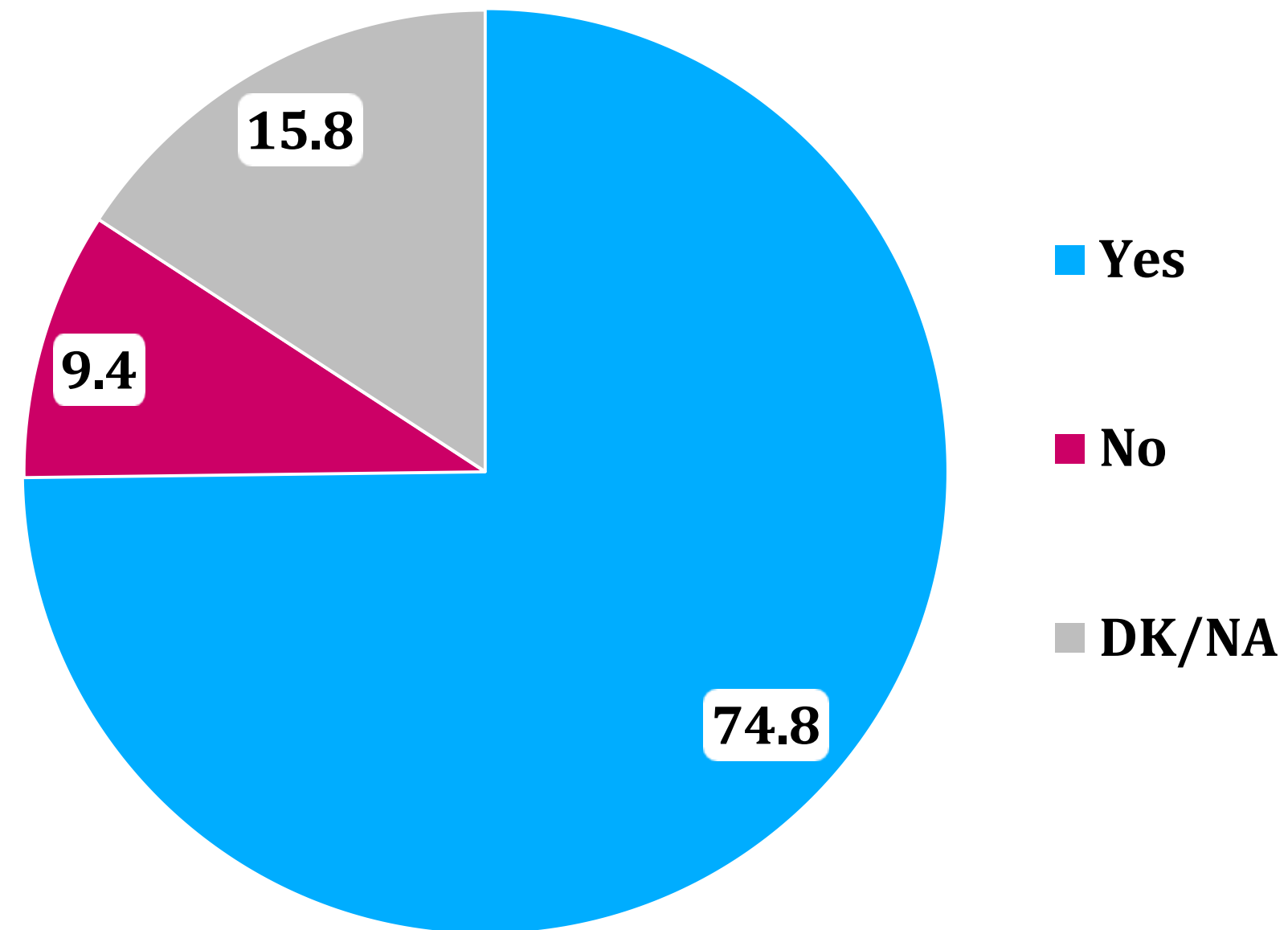
# In your opinion, who is responsible for the irregularities/violations that occurred during the parliamentary elections of September 2025?, N=732, %

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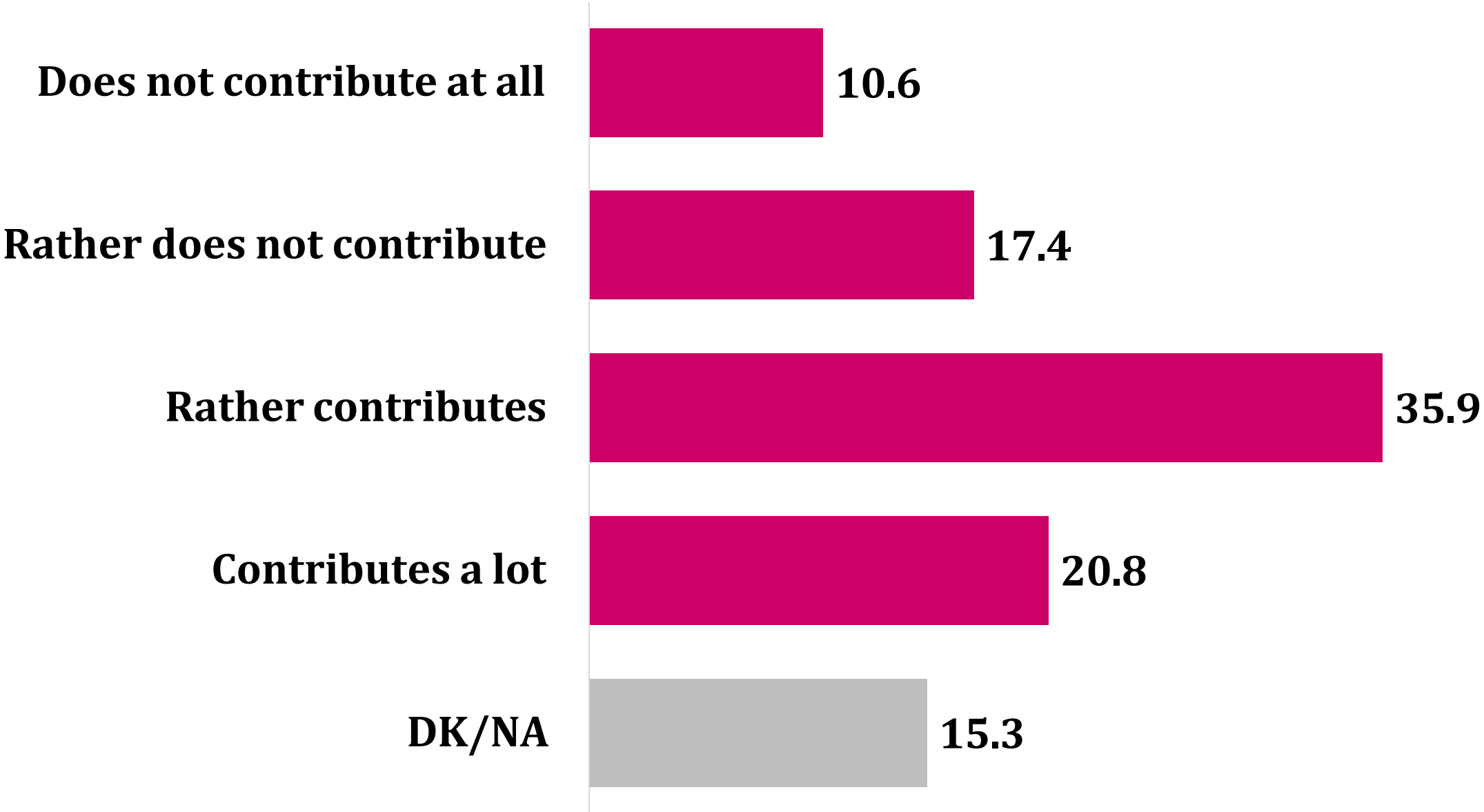


*Note: Multiple-response question. Percentages may exceed 100%.*

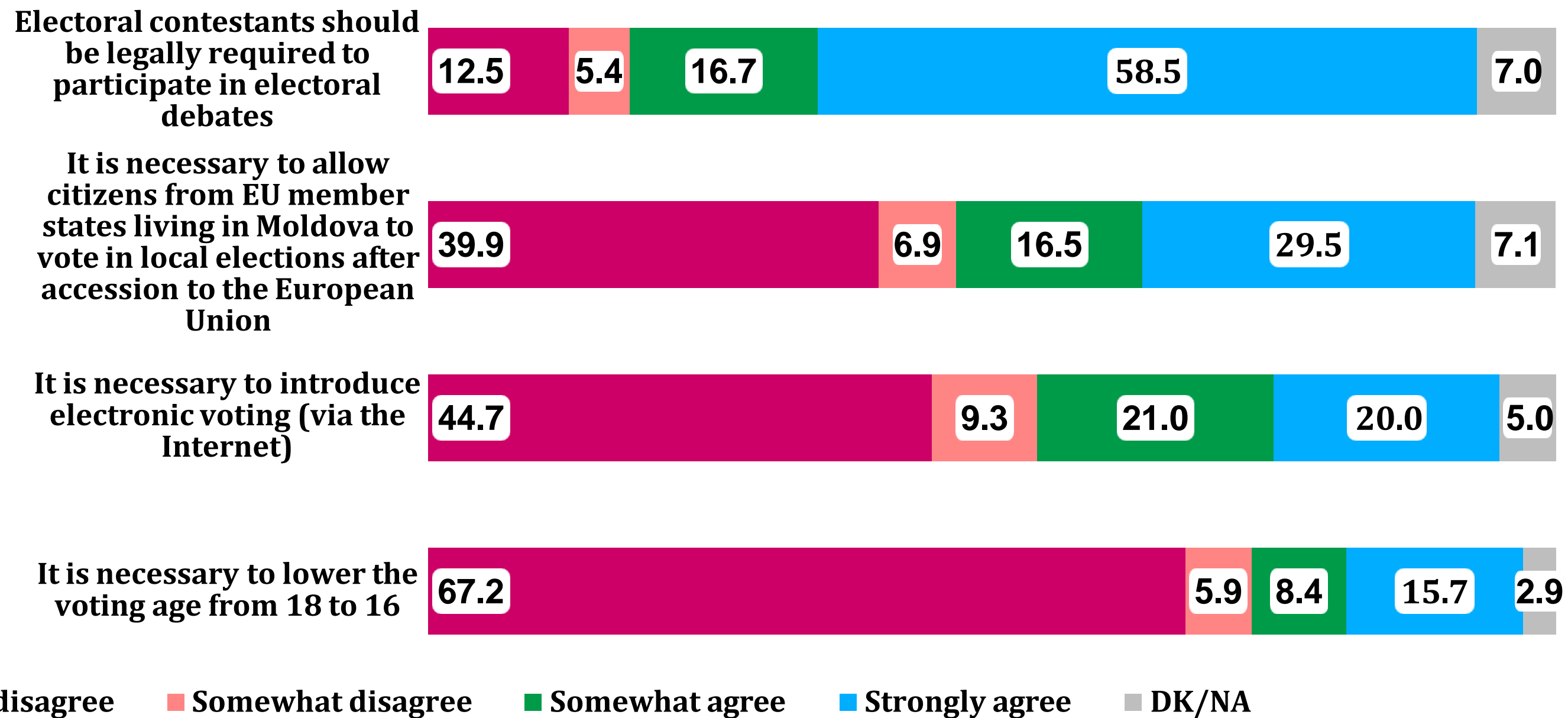
**To your knowledge, were the parliamentary elections of September 2025 monitored or not by observers or representatives of organizations from the Republic of Moldova?, N=1226, %**



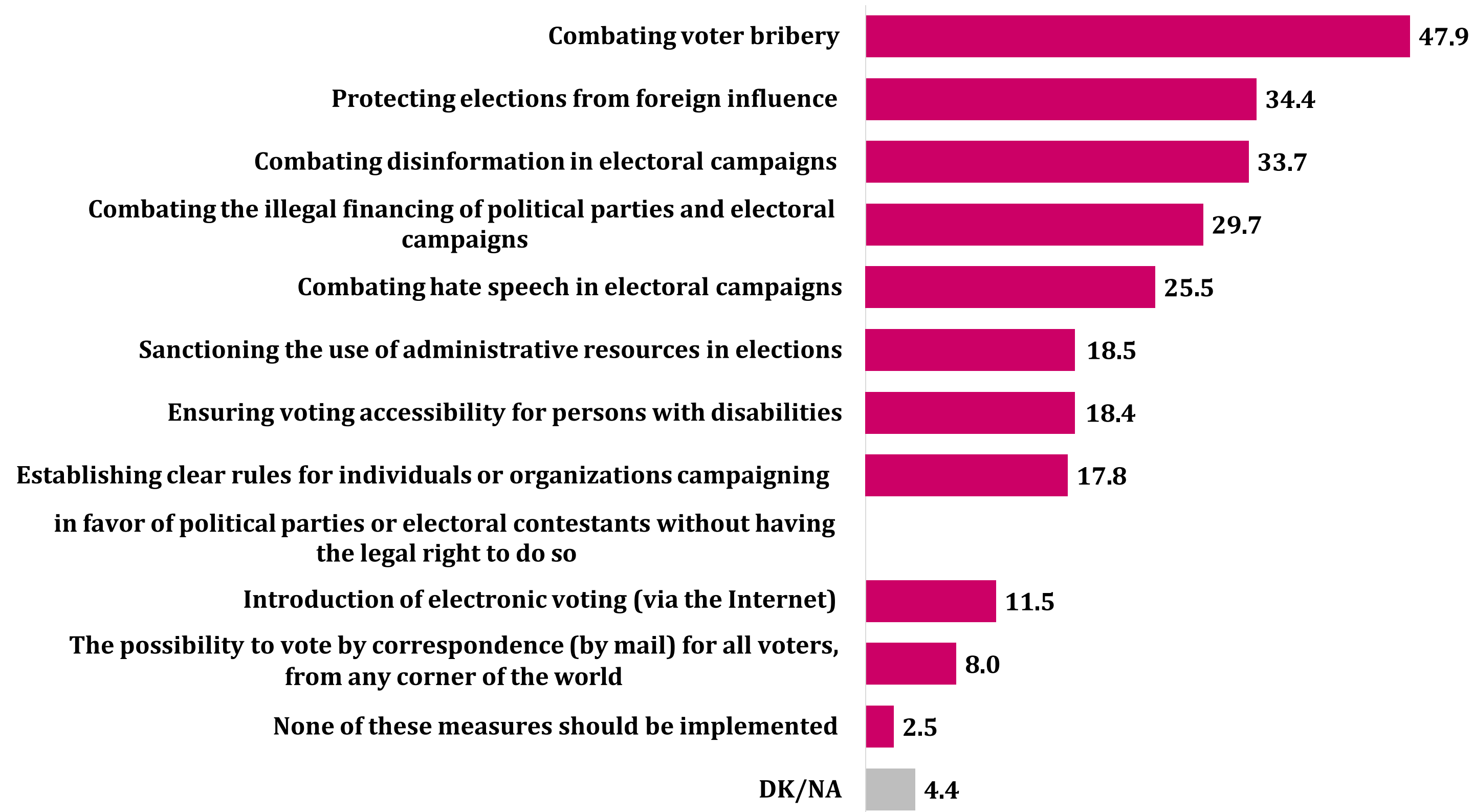
**In your opinion, does the monitoring/observation of elections by non-governmental organizations contribute or not to reducing the number of violations that occur in elections?, N=1226, %**



# To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?, N=1226, %

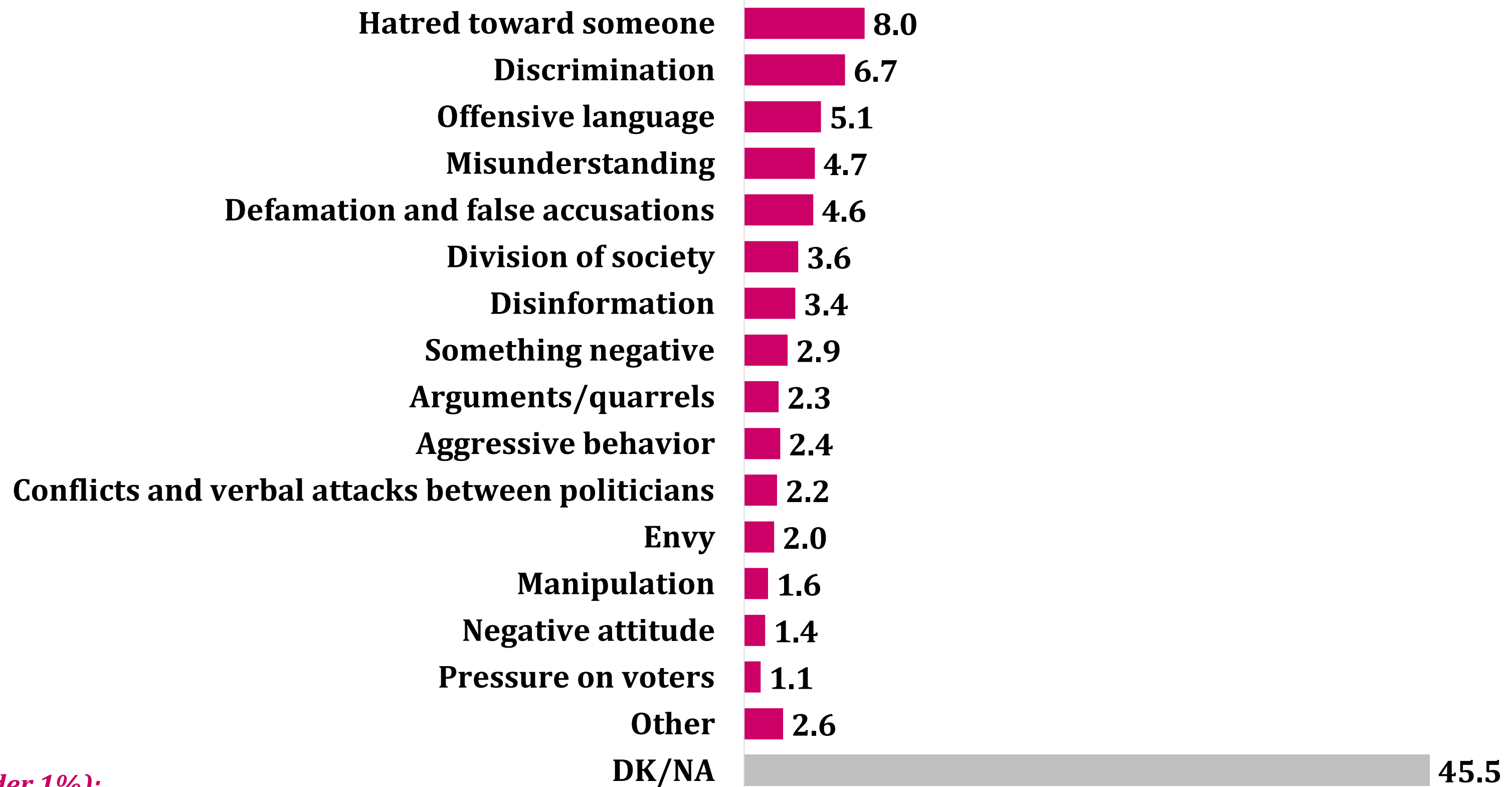


# Which of the following measures do you consider important for the organization and fairness of future elections?, N=1226, %



*Note: Multiple-response question. Respondents could select up to three options. Percentages may exceed 100%.*

# What do you think hate speech means?, N=1226, %

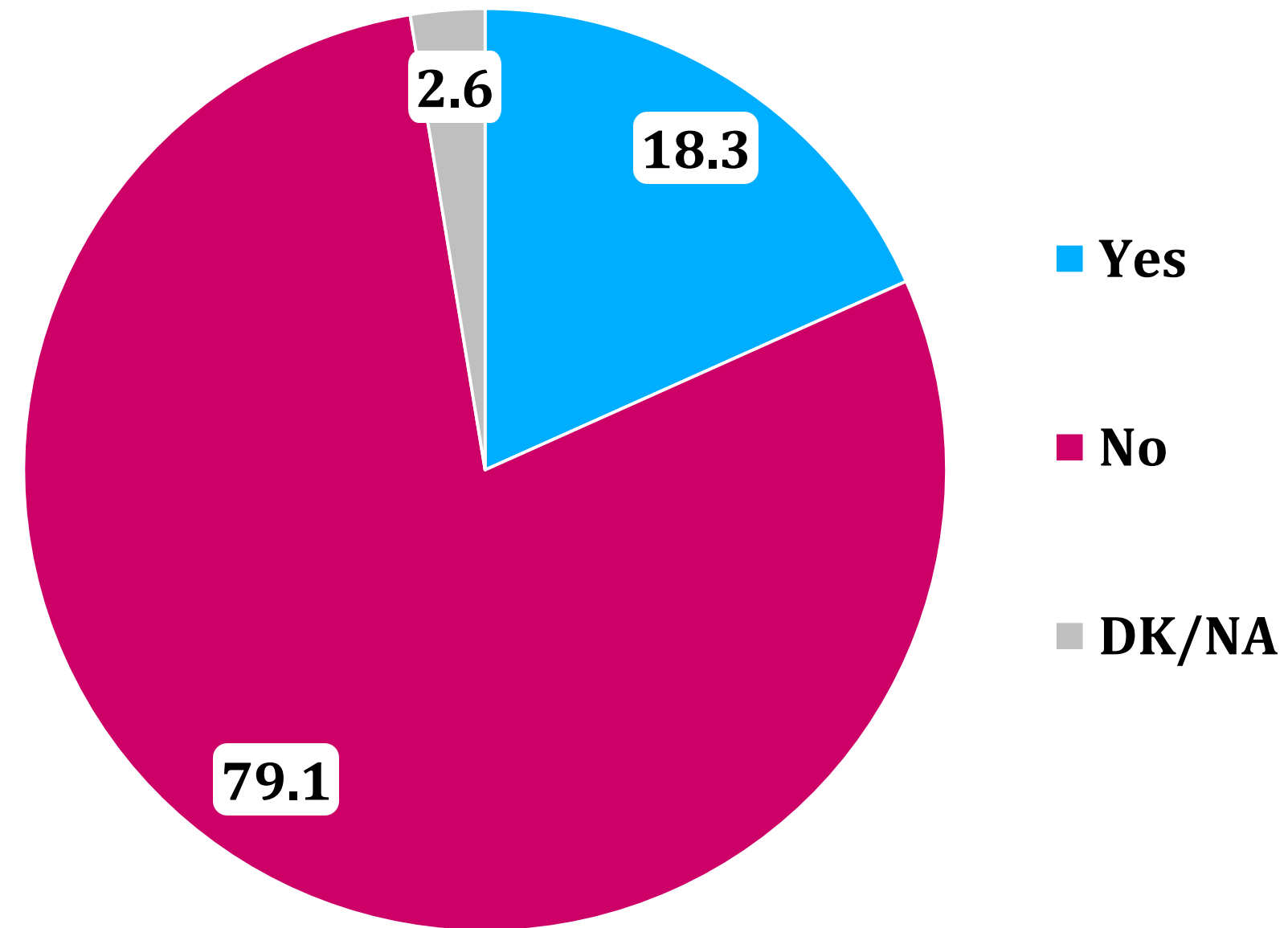


**\*Other (under 1%):**

- Lack of education – 0.8%
- Gossip – 0.5%
- Other responses – 1.3%

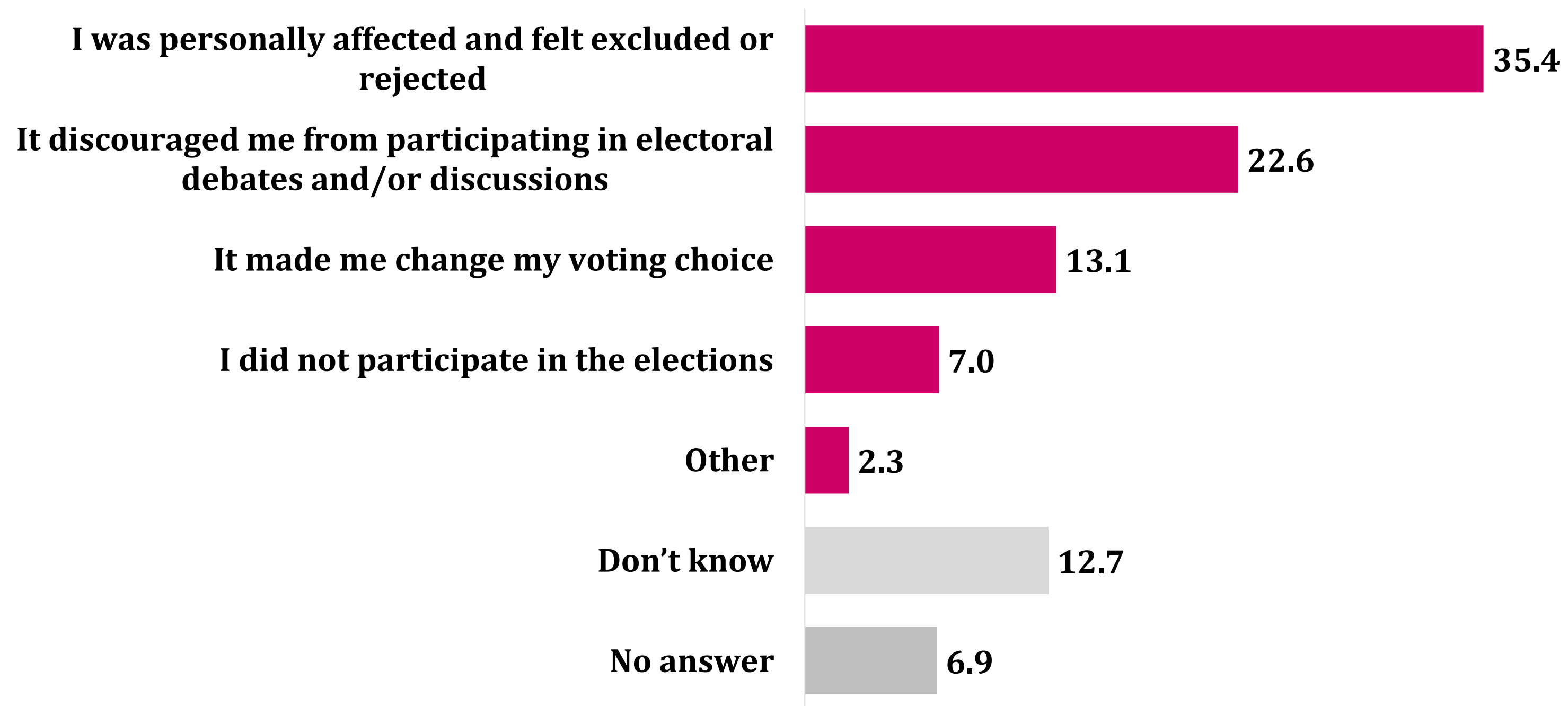
*Note: Open-ended question. Responses were analyzed and grouped into similar categories.*

# During the September 2025 electoral campaign, did hate speech influence or affect you personally?, N=1226, %



# In what way did hate speech influence or affect you?, N=222, %

*% of respondents who report being personally affected or influenced by hate speech*

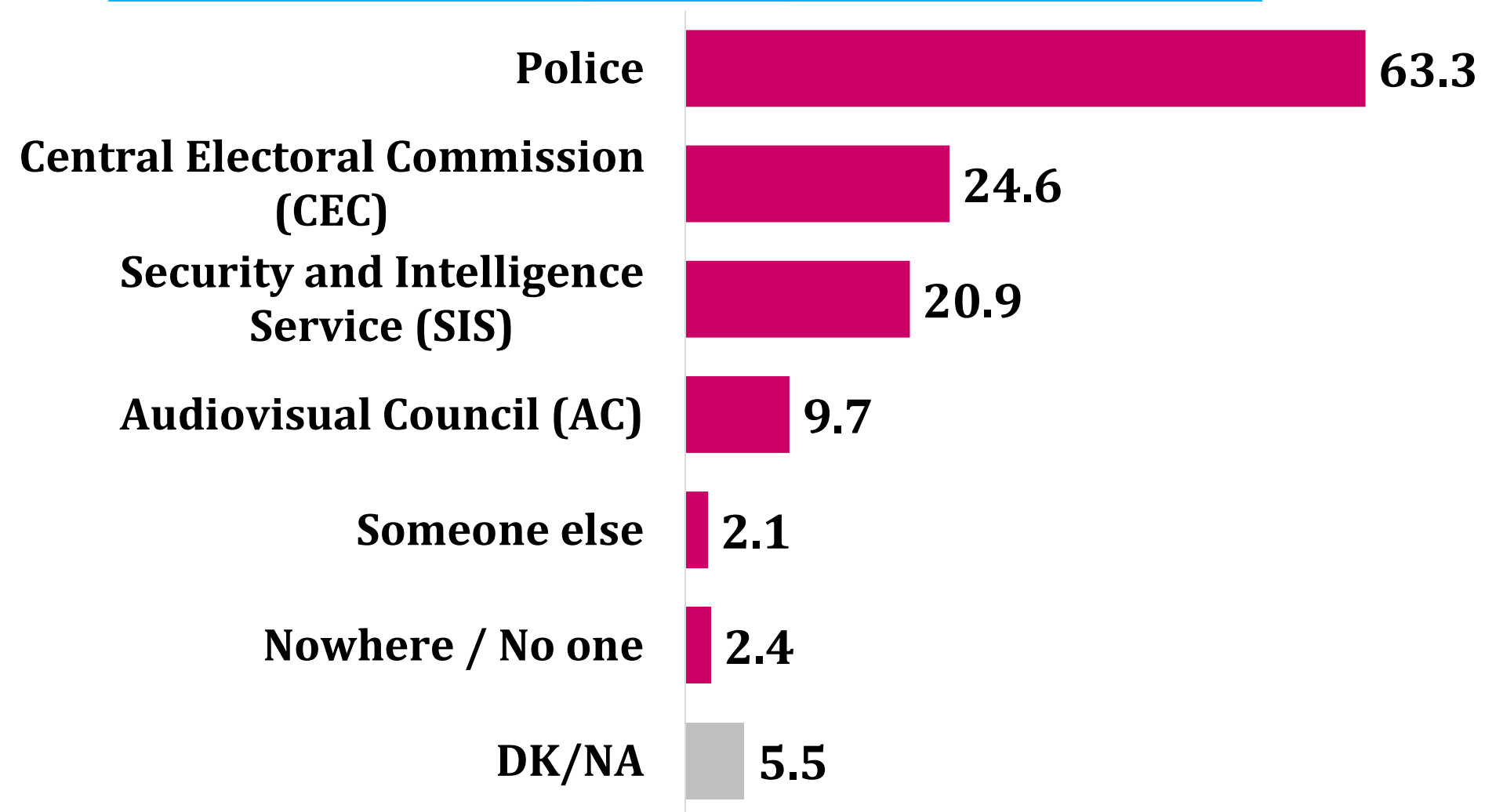


**\*Other:**

- Negative perception of politicians' behavior – 0.9%
- Disagreement with war propaganda messages – 0.5%
- Negative reaction to hate speech targeting anti-Russia positions – 0.5%
- Negative reaction to anti-LGBT hate speech – 0.4%

# To your knowledge..., N=1226, %

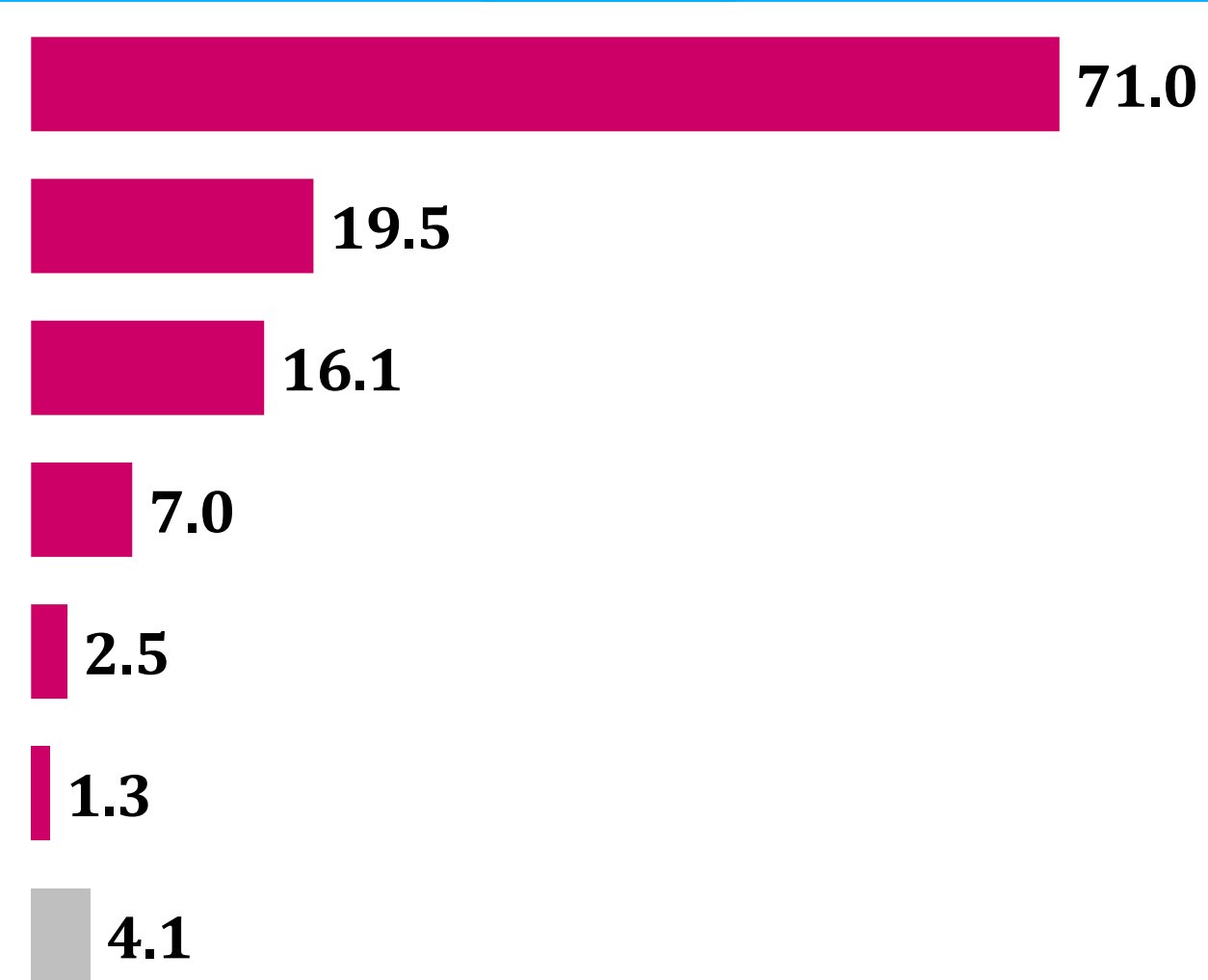
## Where can a case of hate speech be reported?



**\*Someone else:**

- The media – 0.3%
- Prosecutor’s Office – 0.3%
- Anywhere – 0.3%
- There is no point, no action is taken – 0.3%
- Other responses – 0.9%

## Who can sanction the use of hate speech?



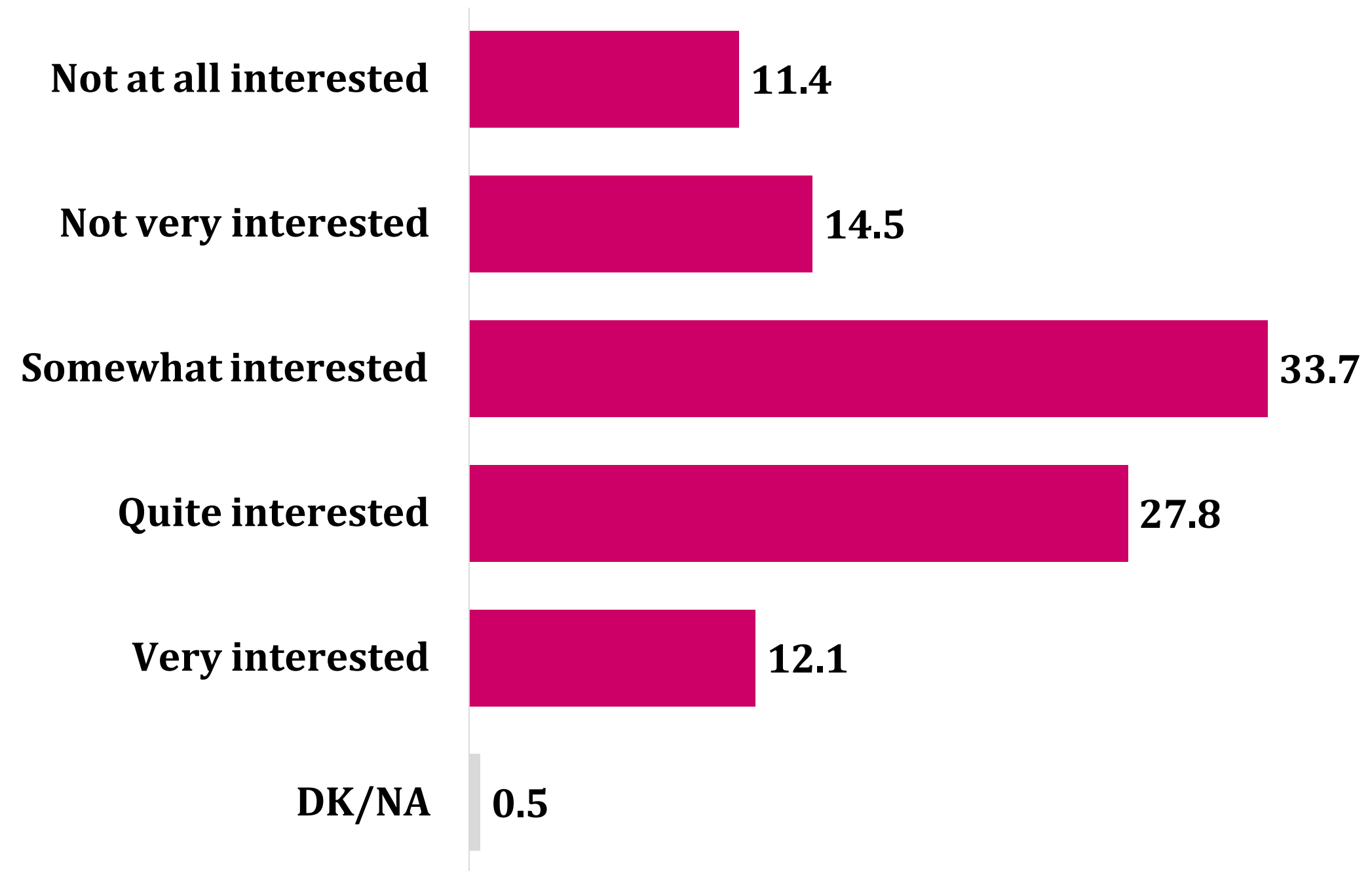
**\*Someone else:**

- Courts of law – 0.8%
- Prosecutor’s Office – 0.5%
- There is no point, no action is taken – 0.3%
- Other responses – 0.9%

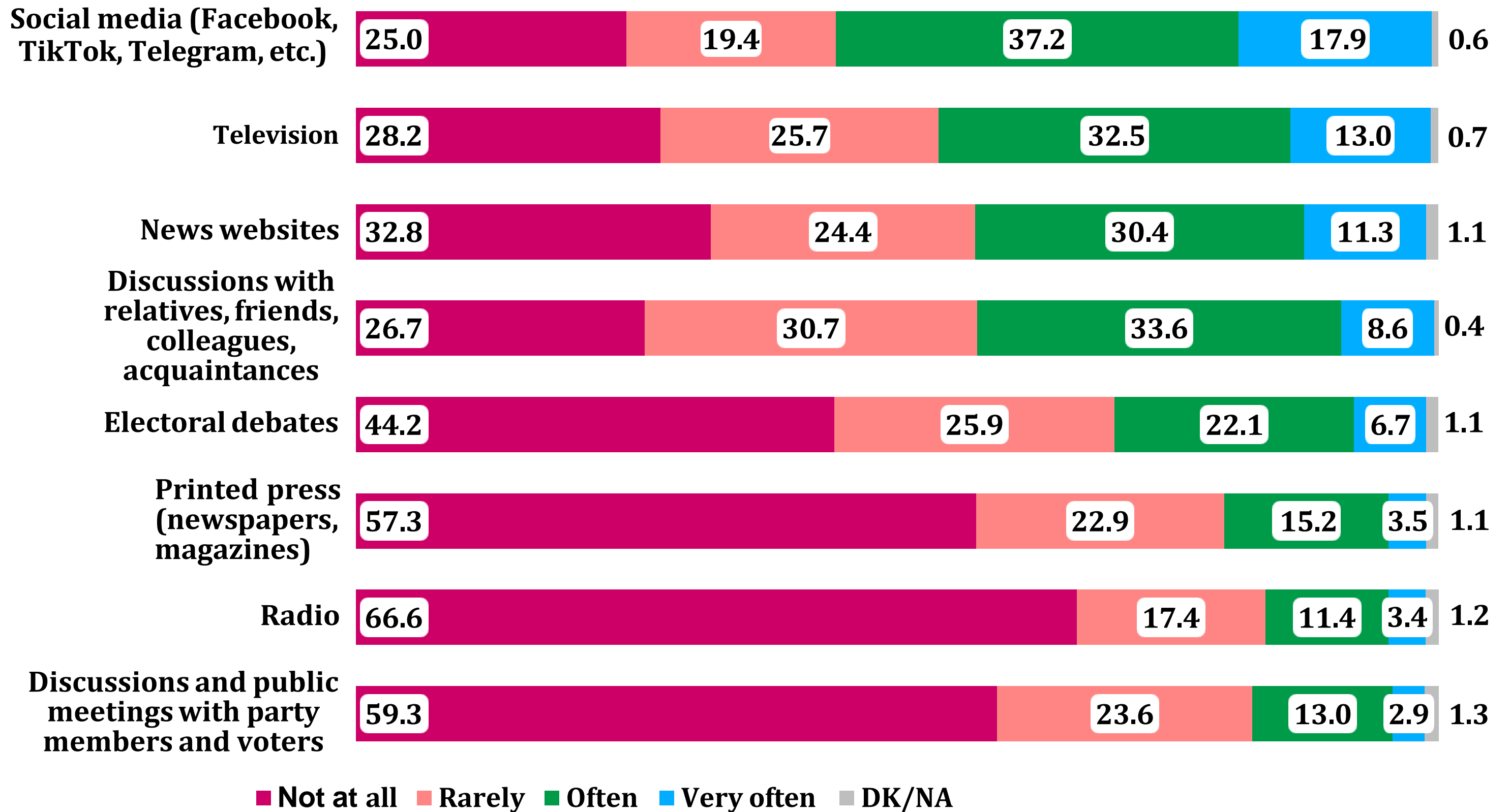


# Media and elections

# How interested were you in the electoral campaign for the parliamentary elections of September 2025?, N=1226, %

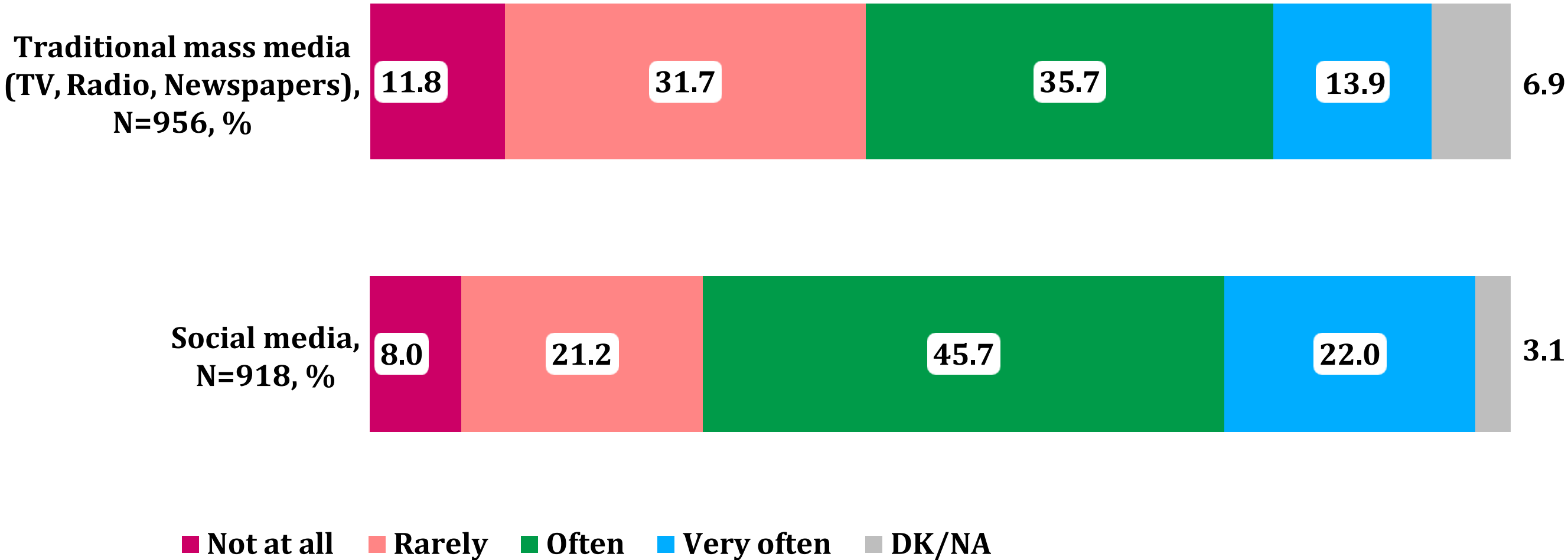


# During the electoral campaign for the parliamentary elections of September 2025, how often did you use the following sources to obtain information?, N=1226, %



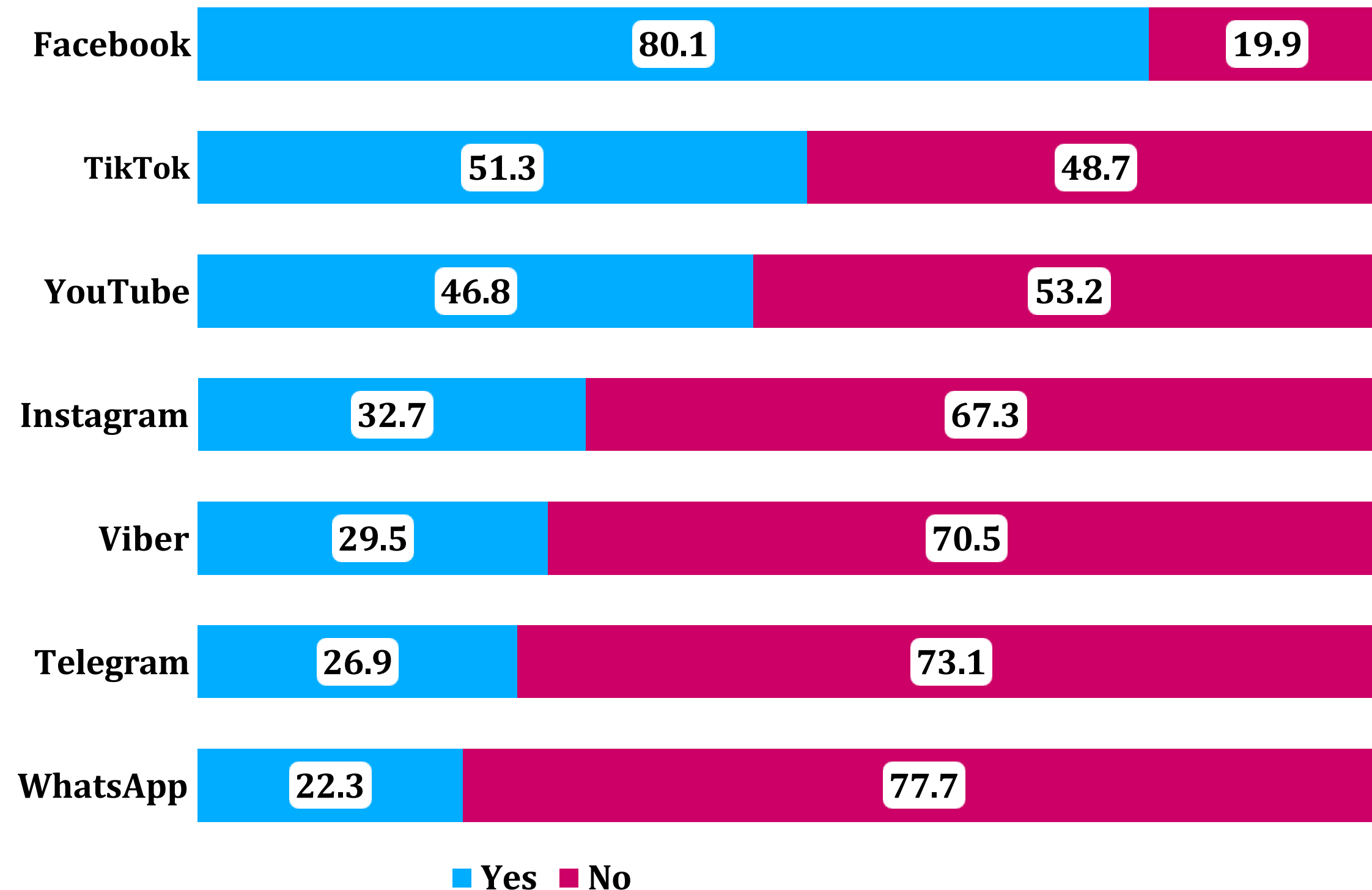
# During the electoral campaign, how often did you come across false information in...?

*% of respondents who used the following sources at least occasionally to obtain information during the electoral campaign (rarely, often, or very often)*



# Which of the following social media platforms did you use to obtain information during the electoral campaign for the parliamentary elections of September 2025?, N=918, %

*% of respondents who used social media at least occasionally (rarely, often, or very often)*

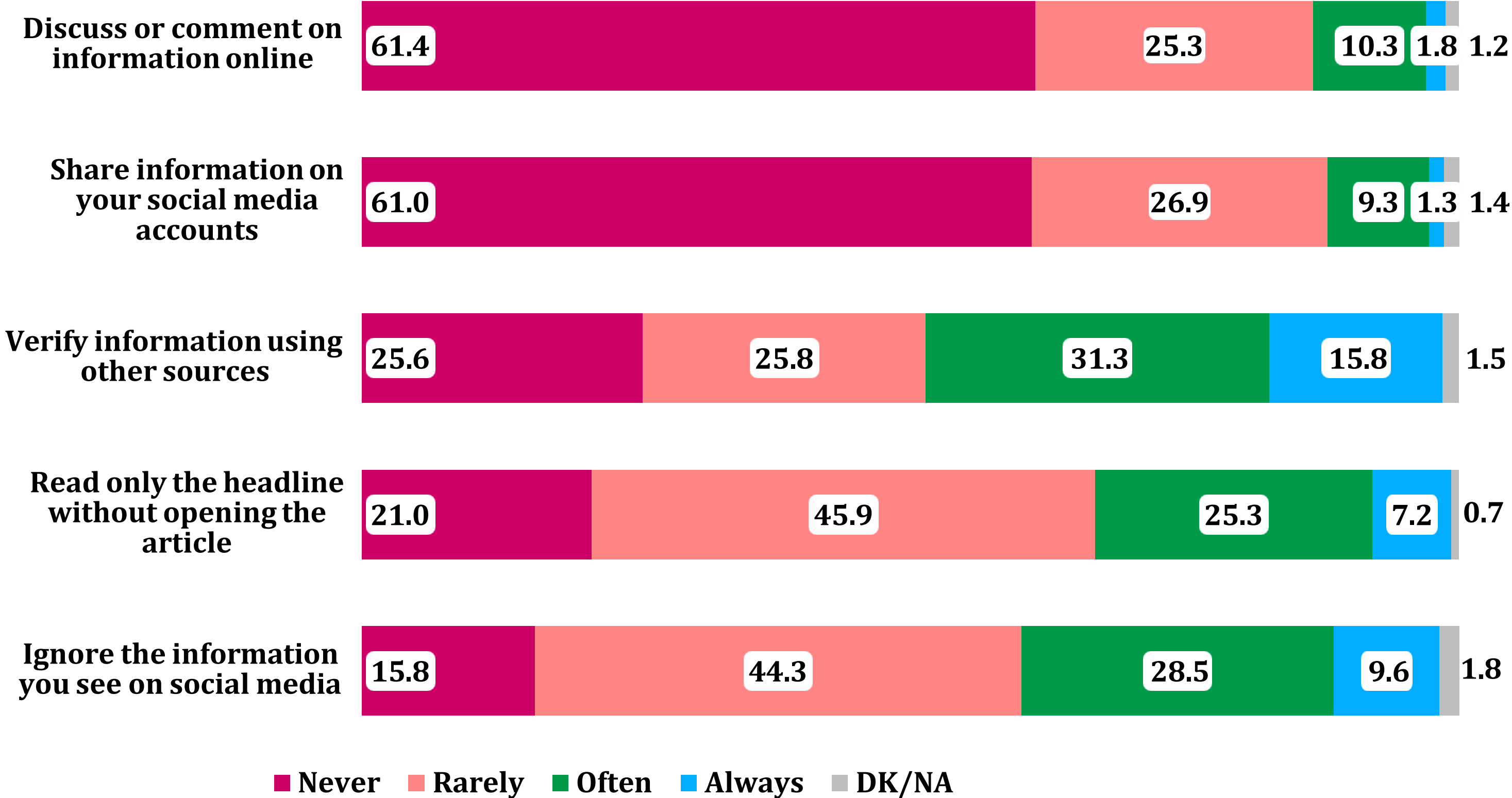


*\*Other platform (N=14):*

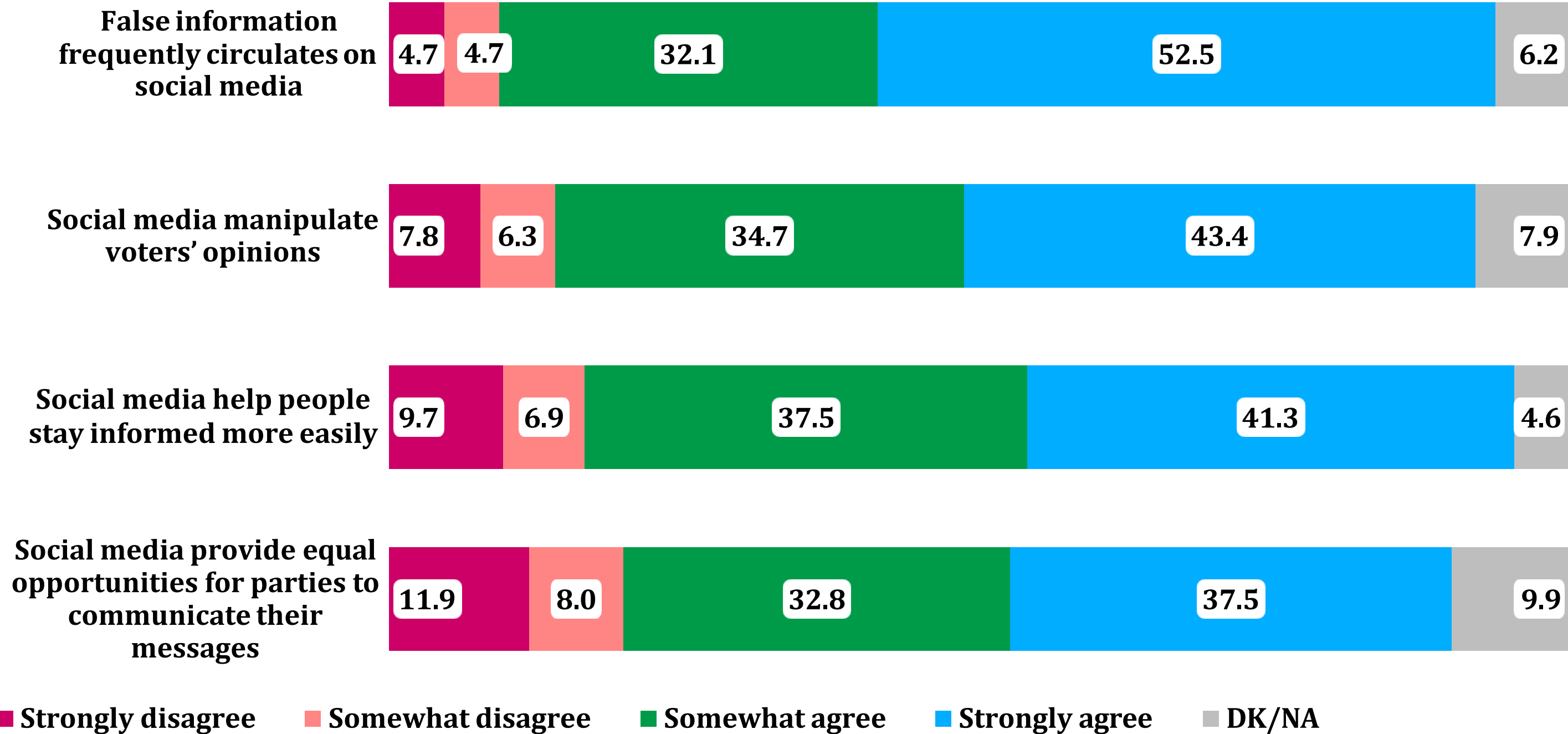
- Odnoklassniki, N = 11
- VKontakte, N = 3

# How often do you do the following when you see political information on social media?, N=918, %

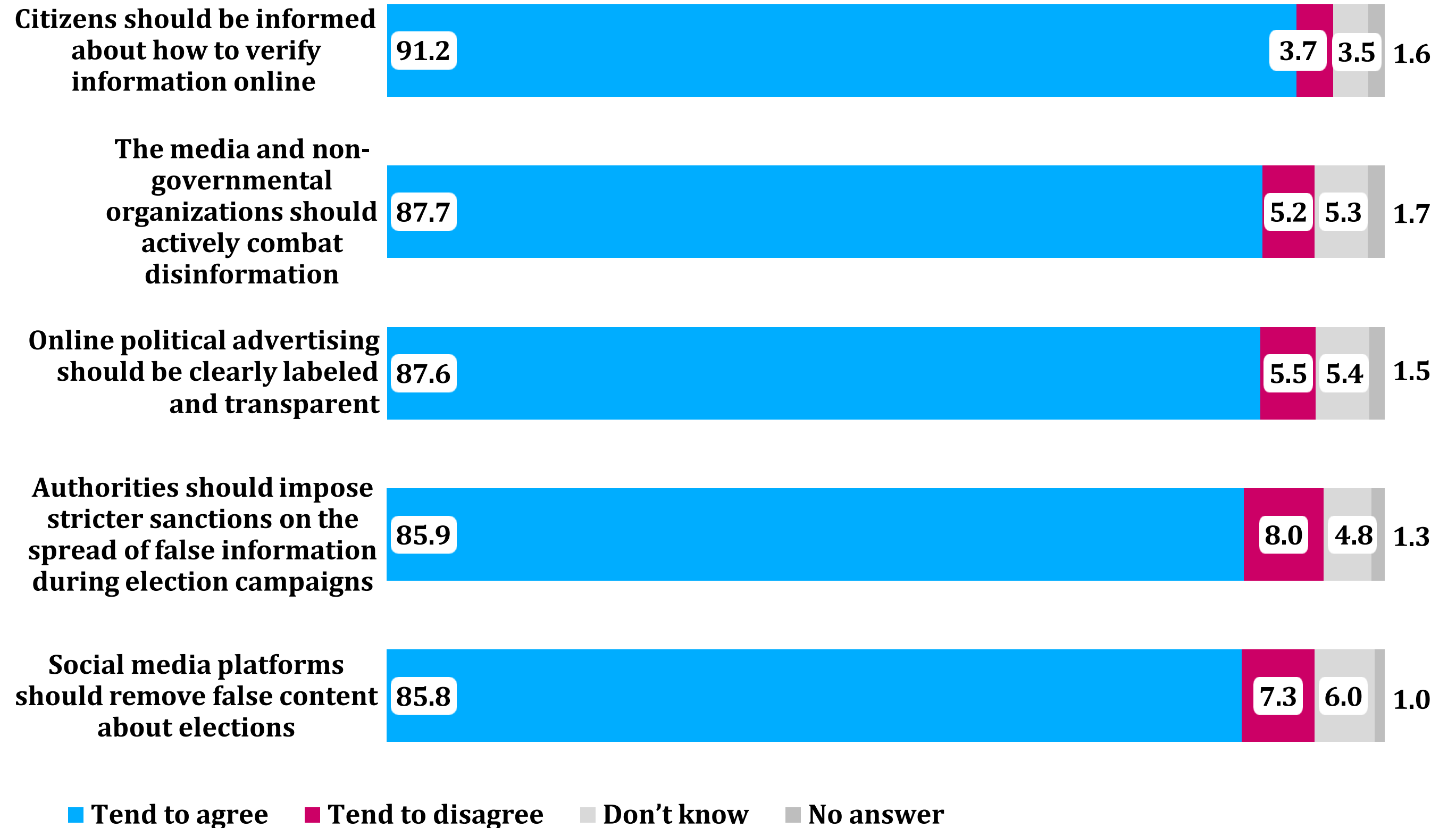
*% of respondents who used social media at least occasionally (rarely, often, or very often)*



# To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the role of social media in elections?, N=1226, %



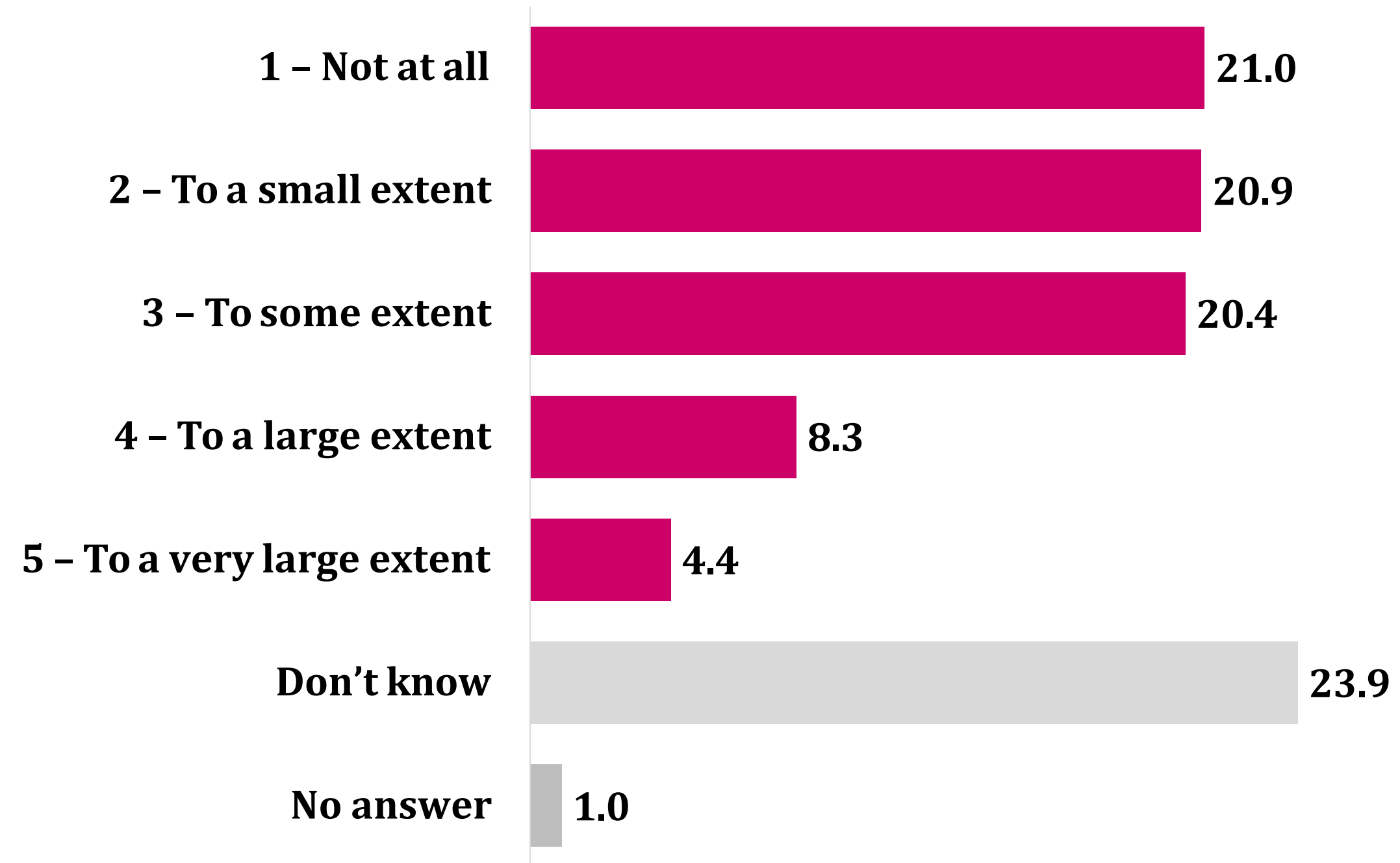
# In the context of elections, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following measures to reduce disinformation and manipulation on social media?, N=1226, %



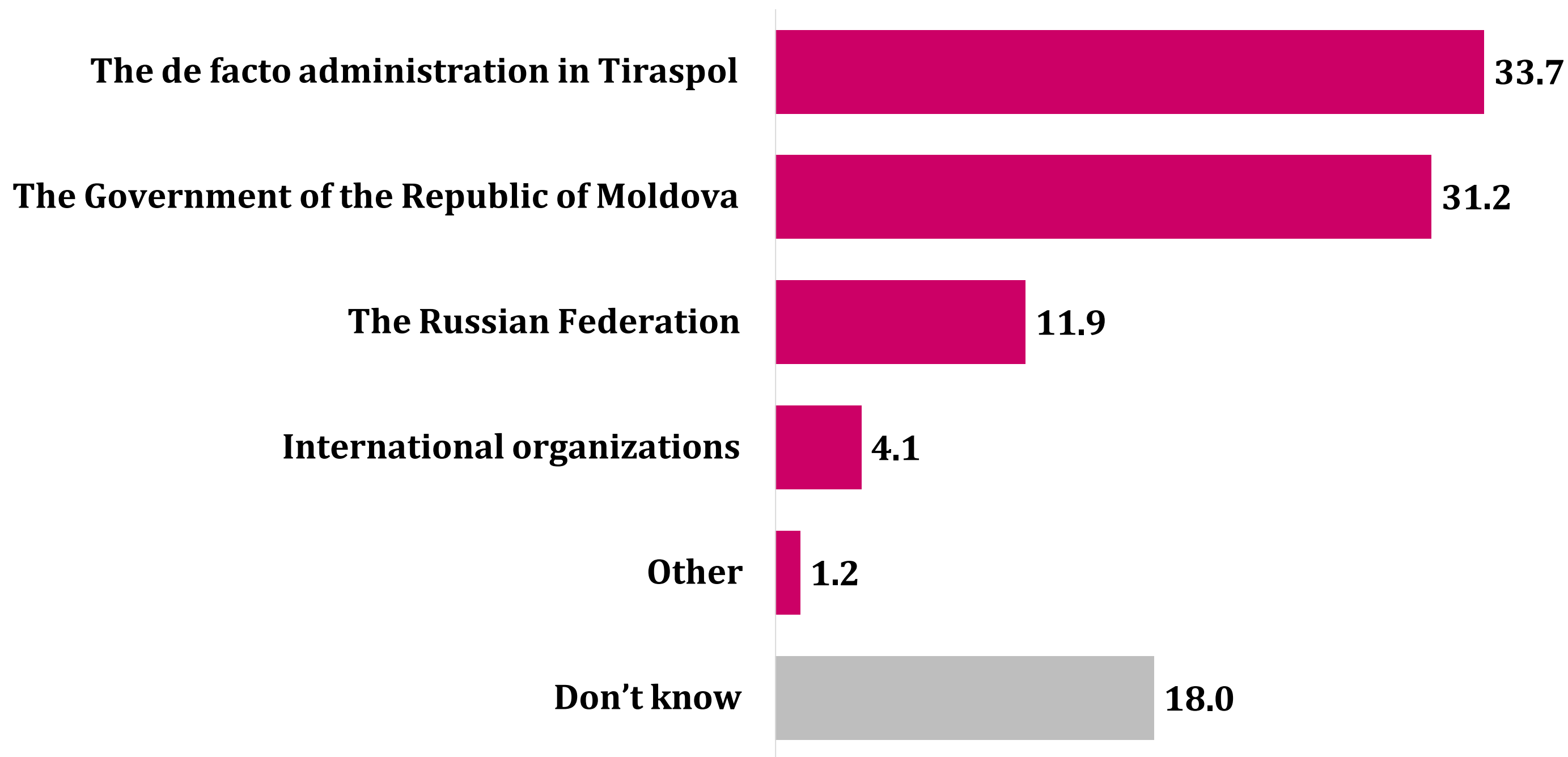


# **Human rights and the Transnistrian region**

**On a scale from 1 to 5, to what extent do you think human rights are respected in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova?, N=1226, %**



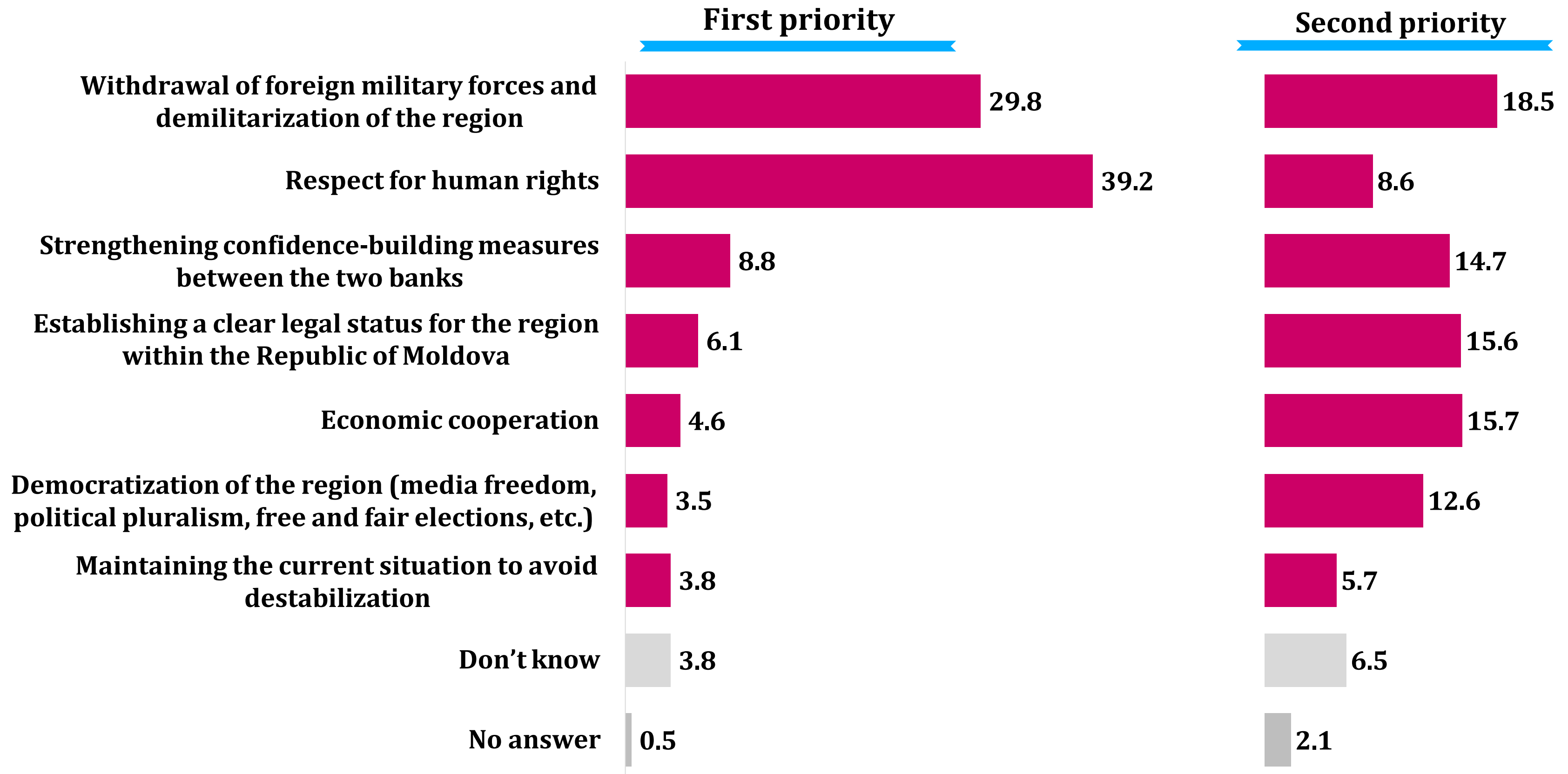
# Who do you consider to be primarily responsible for ensuring respect for human rights in the Transnistrian region?, N=1226, %



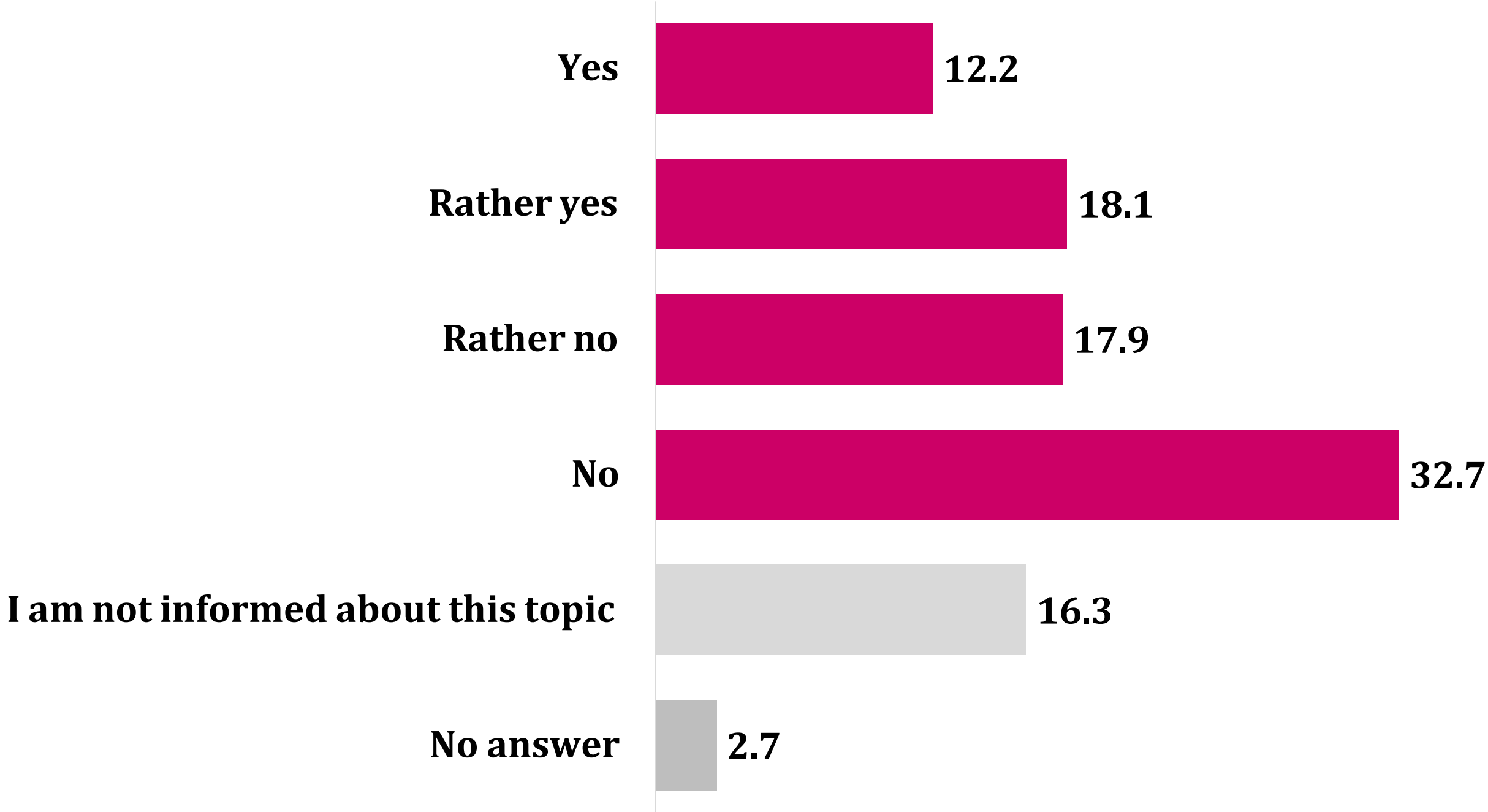
## *\*Other:*

- Shared responsibility: the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the administration in Tiraspol – 0.4%
- All actors are responsible – 0.3%
- Other responses – 0.5%

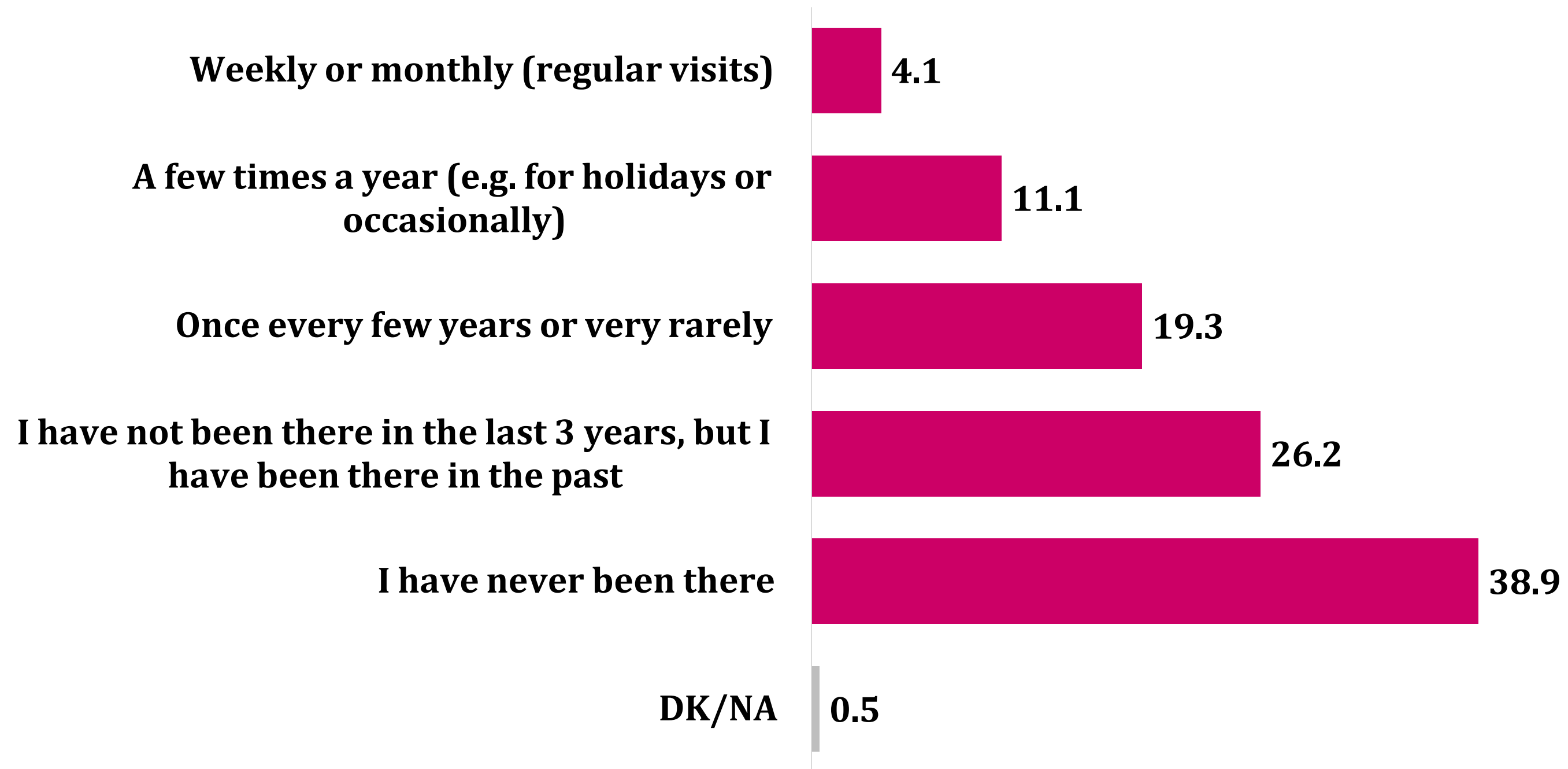
# What do you consider to be the two main priorities in the process of resolving the Transnistrian conflict?, N=1226, %



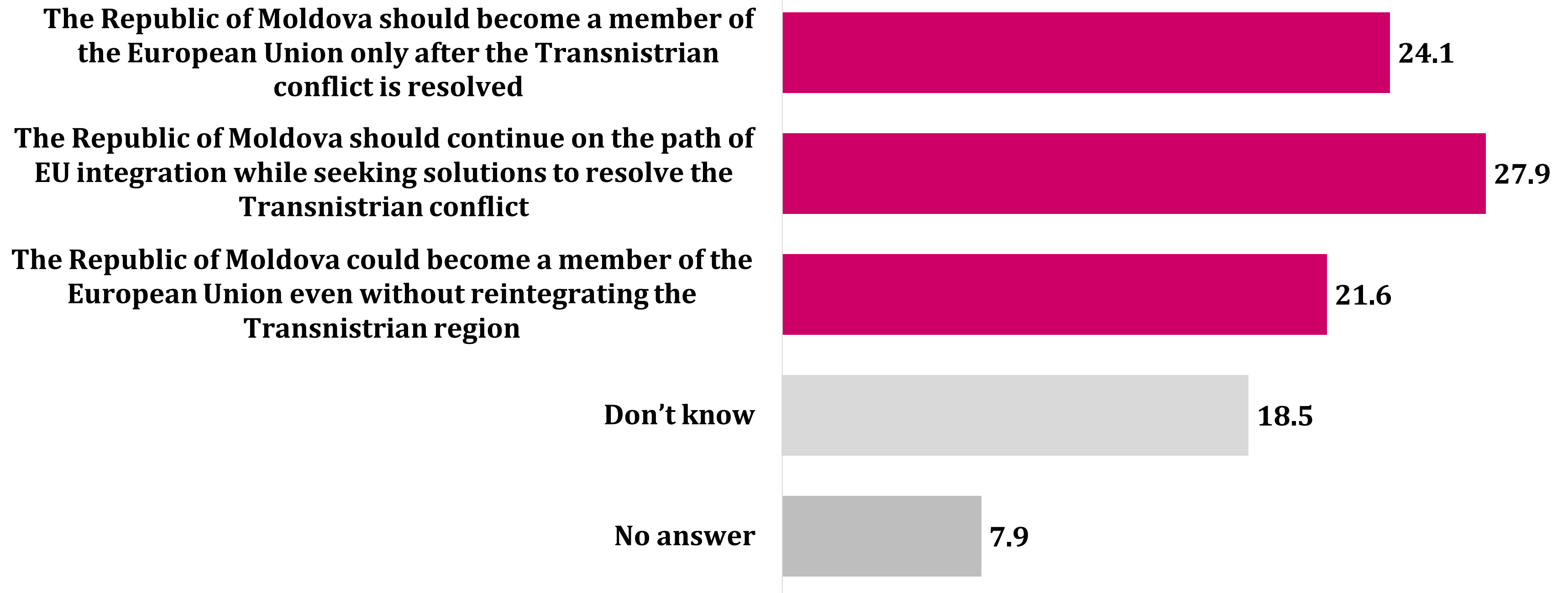
# Do you think the Government is making sufficient efforts to protect the rights of people living on the left bank of the Dniester River?, N=1226, %



# How often have you traveled to the left bank of the Dniester (the Transnistrian region)?, N=1226, %



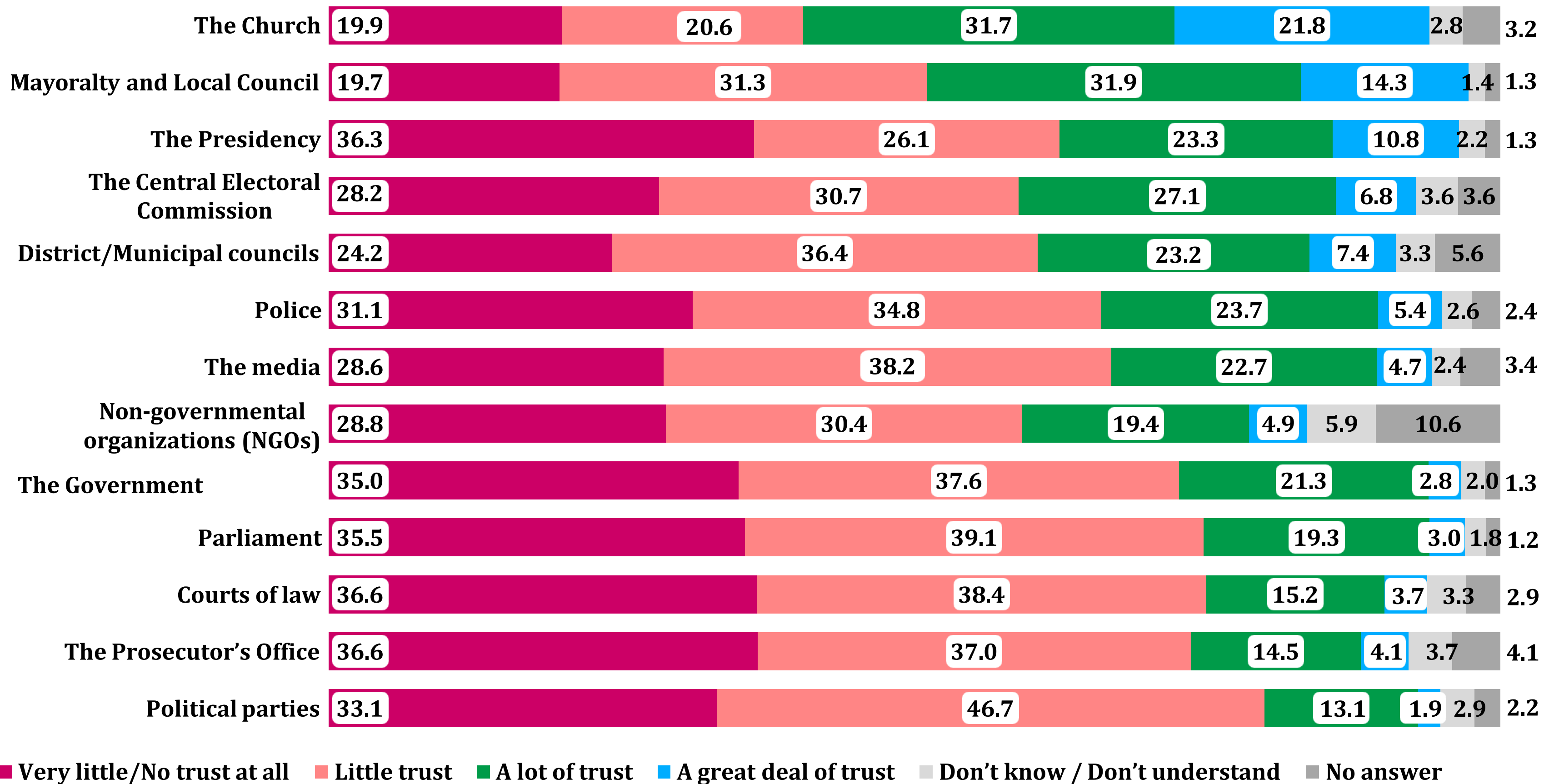
**Which of the following options is closest to your opinion regarding the Republic of Moldova's accession to the European Union and the Transnistrian conflict?, N=1226, %**



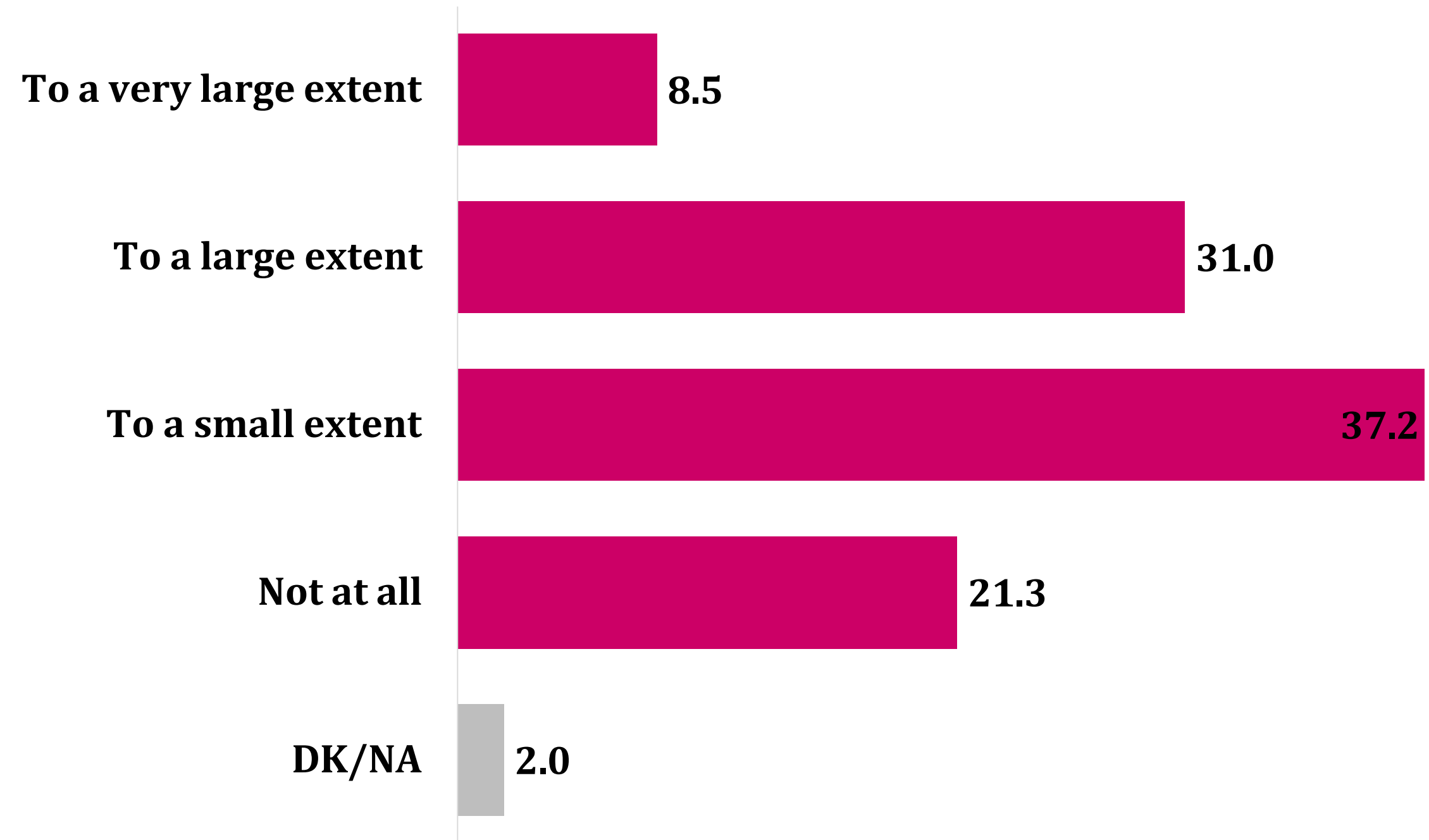


# Public perceptions of governance

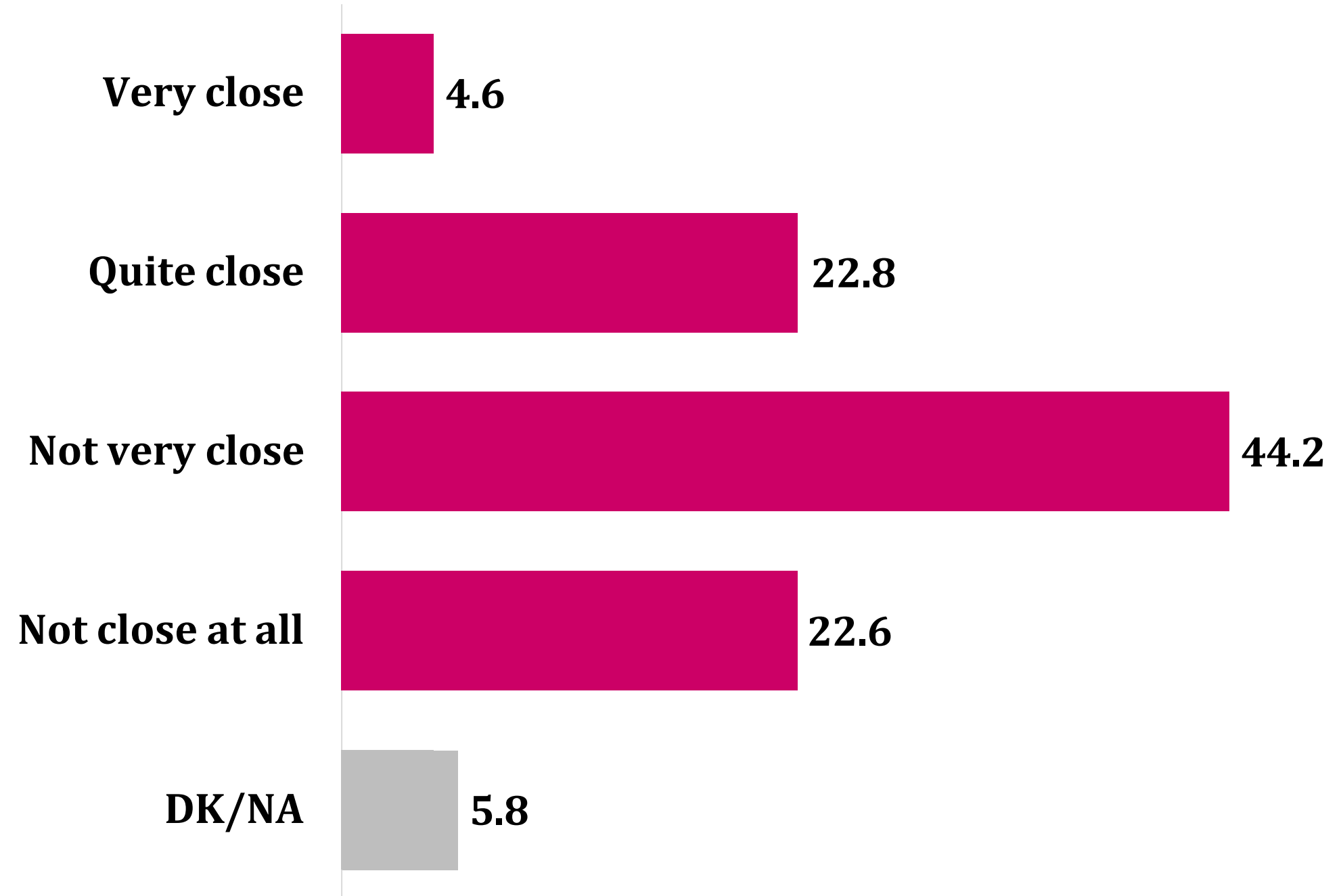
# How much trust do you have in the following institutions and organizations?, N=1226, %



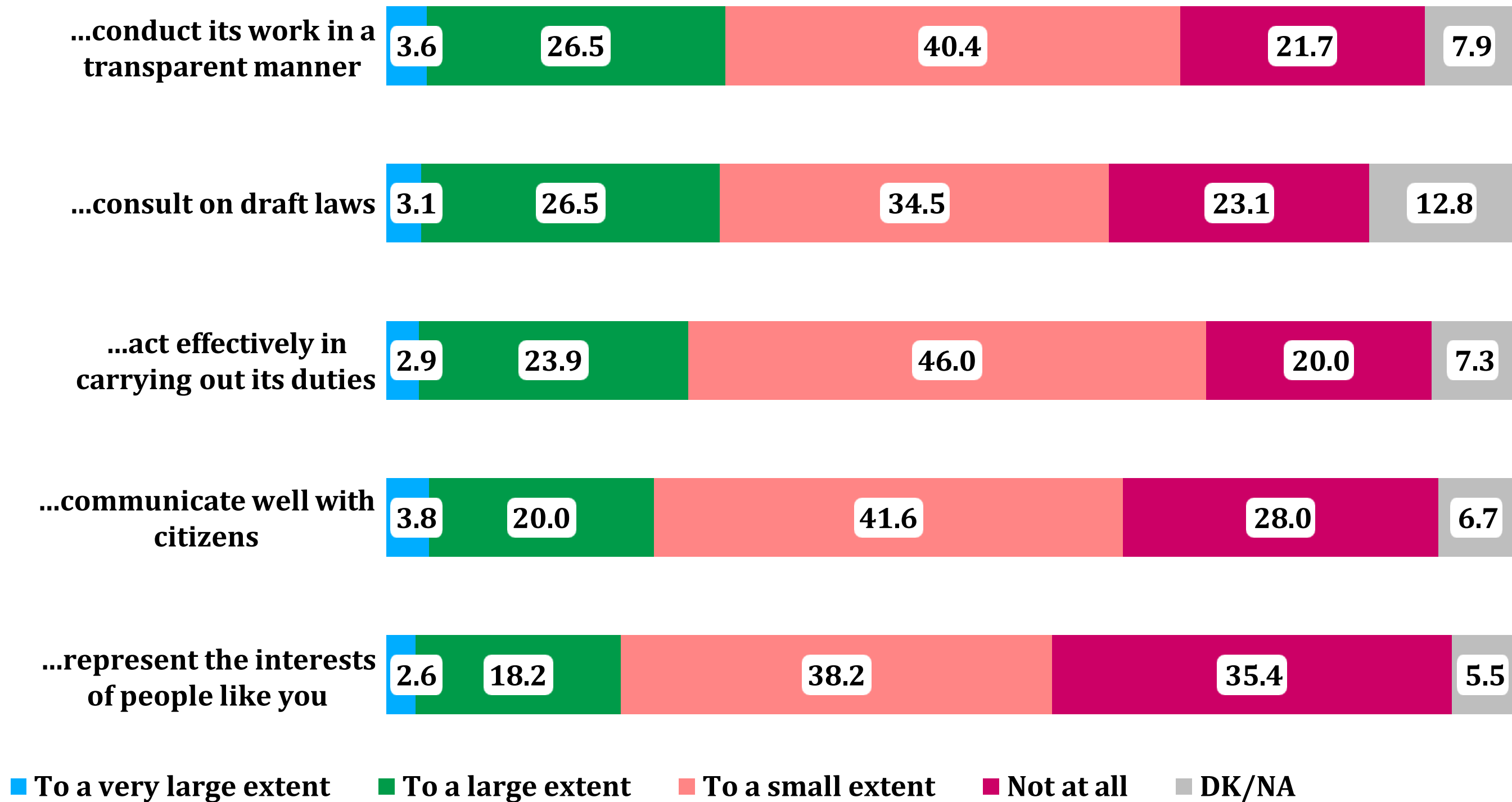
# To what extent are you interested in the work of Parliament?, N=1226, %



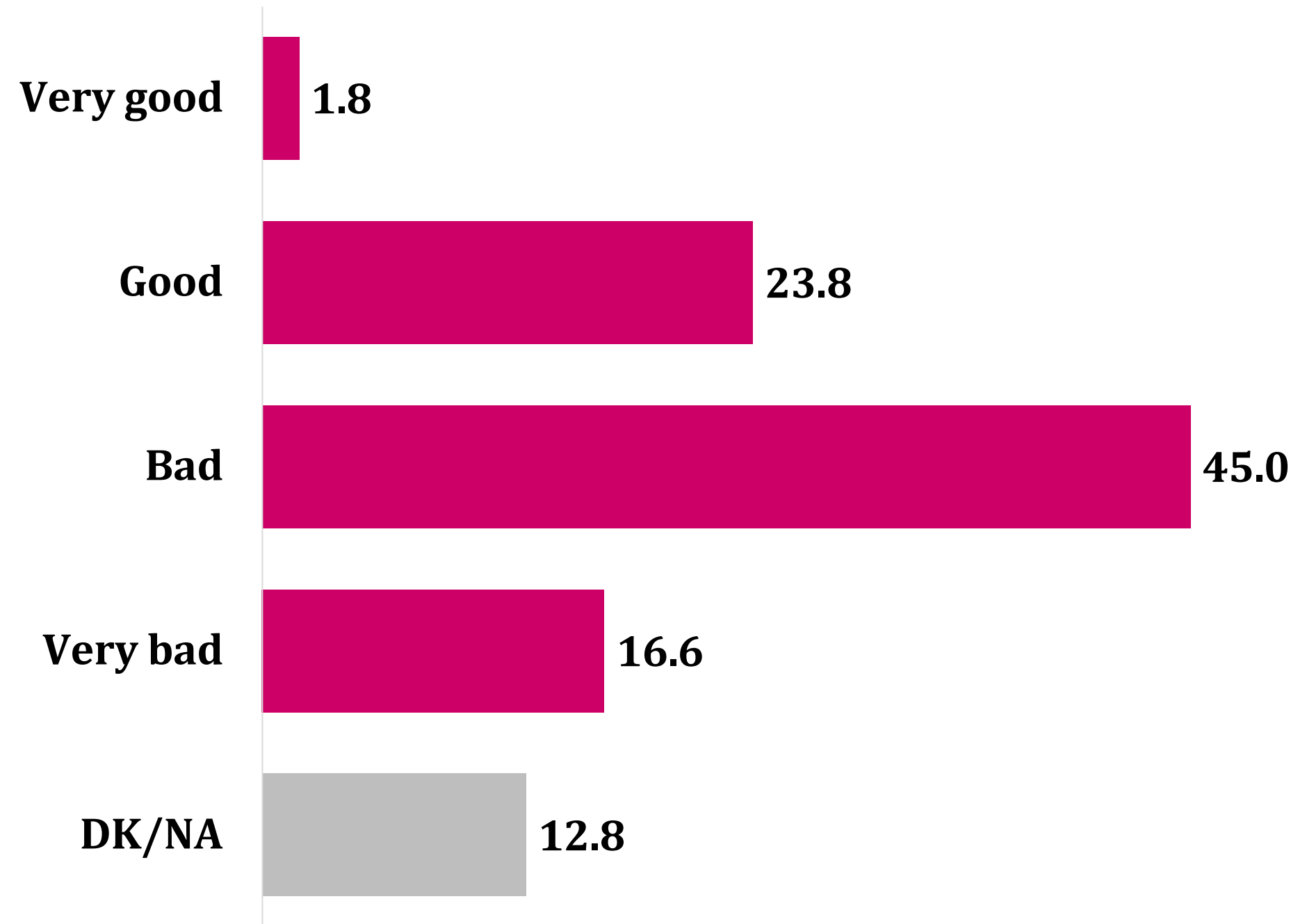
**In your opinion, how close are the topics discussed in Parliament to the real problems people face?, N=1226, %**



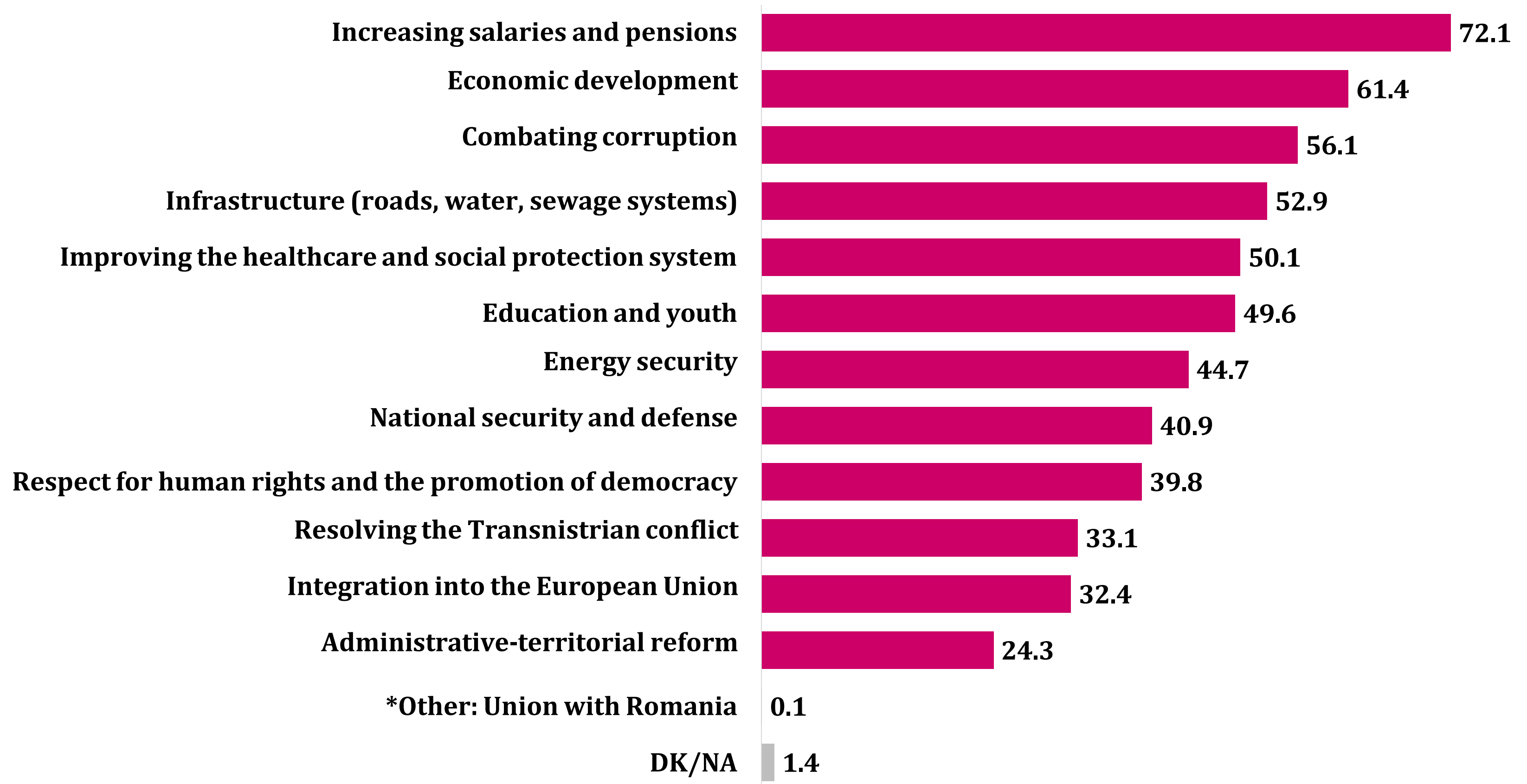
# In your opinion, to what extent does the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova..., N=1226, %



# How do you assess the relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in Parliament?, N=1226, %



# What should be the most important priorities of the authorities over the next 3 years?, N=1226, %



*Note: Multiple-response question. Percentages may exceed 100%.*



**Thank you for your attention!**