

Public Opinion Poll: Vidin

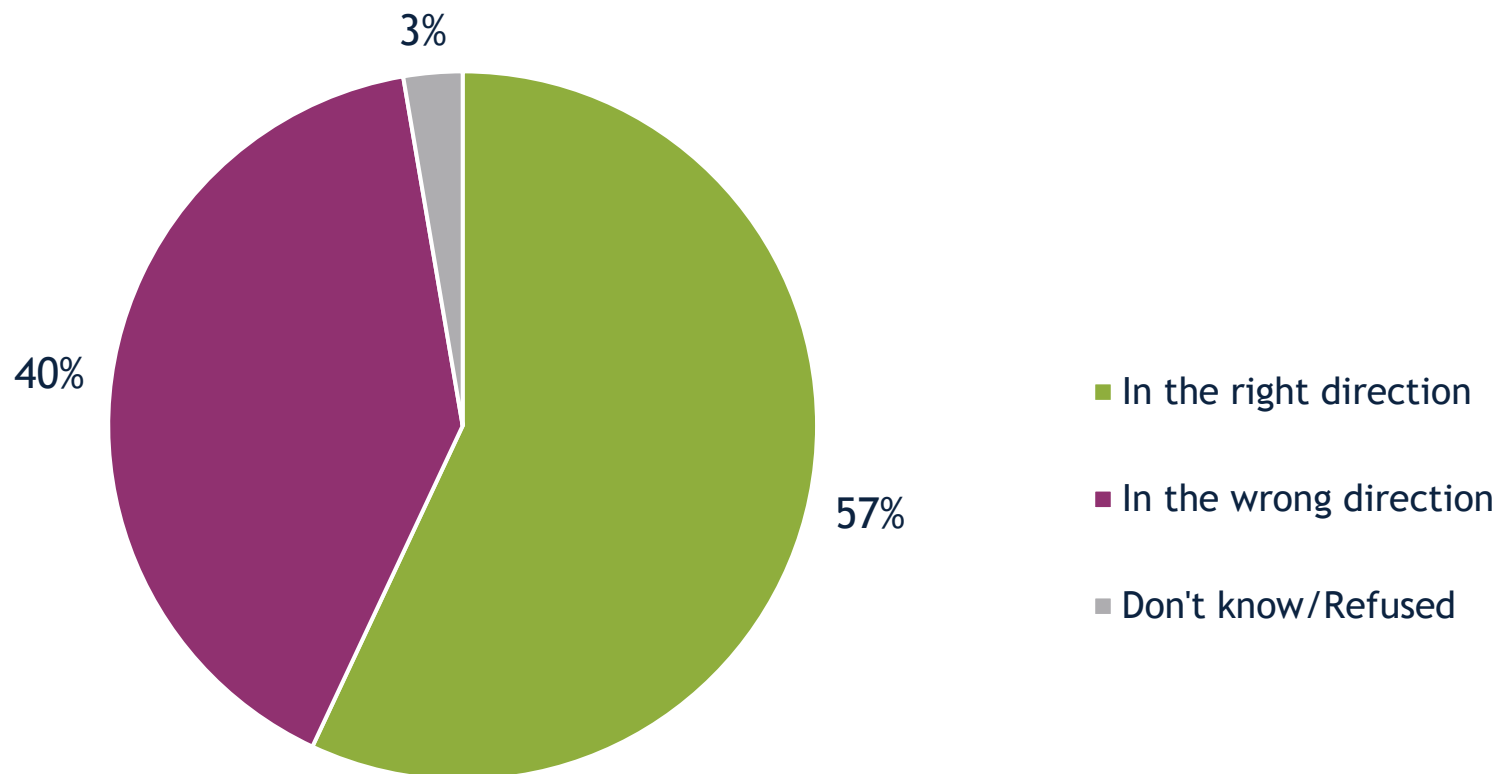
September-October 2023



Methodology

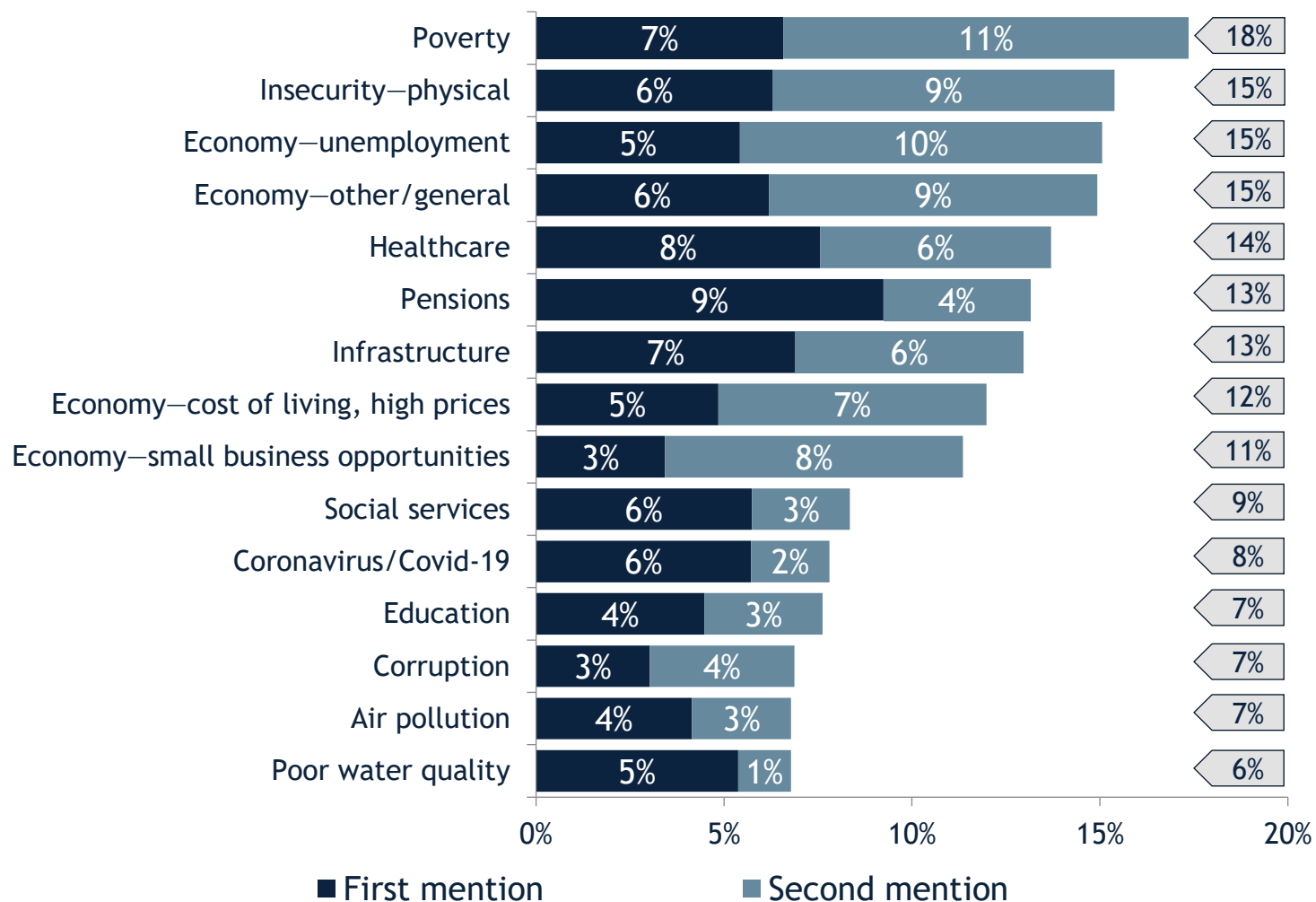
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [ESTAT](#).
- Data was collected between September 21 and 8 October, 2023, through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of n=300 adults, who are 18 years or older, residents of the municipality of Vidin, Bulgaria, and have voting rights. The sample excluded residents detained in custody or currently in prison.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a municipally representative sample. The sample was stratified by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Households were selected by random walk in each of the 30 PSUs, and respondents were selected by the last birthday method. The sampling frame was based on the 2021 Population and Housing census.
- The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age group, and type of settlement.
- The response rate was 44 percent.
- The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ± 5.7 points.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. Cited bases are weighted.

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

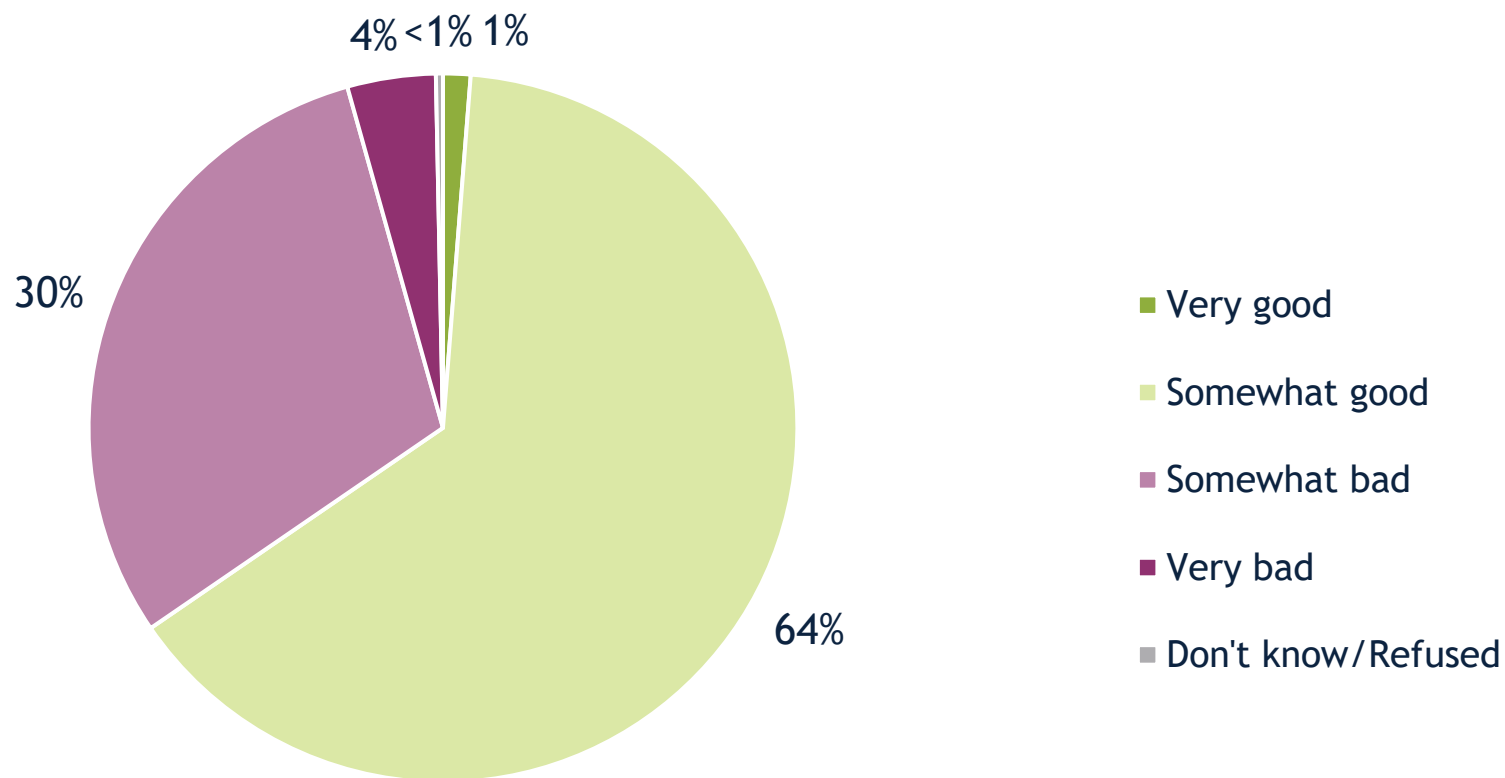


What is the most important problem facing Vidin municipality today? And what is the second most important problem facing Vidin municipality today?

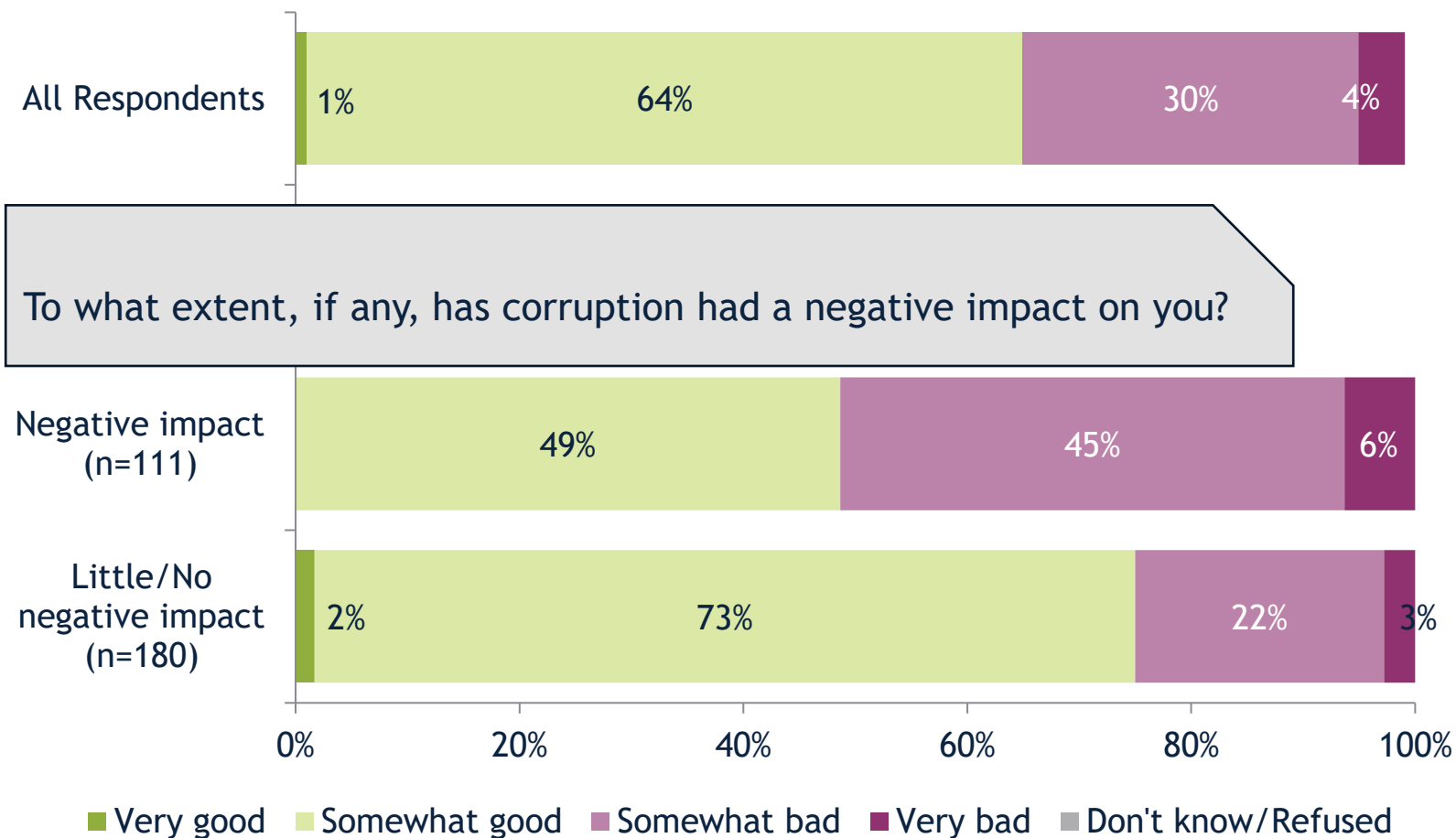
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How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

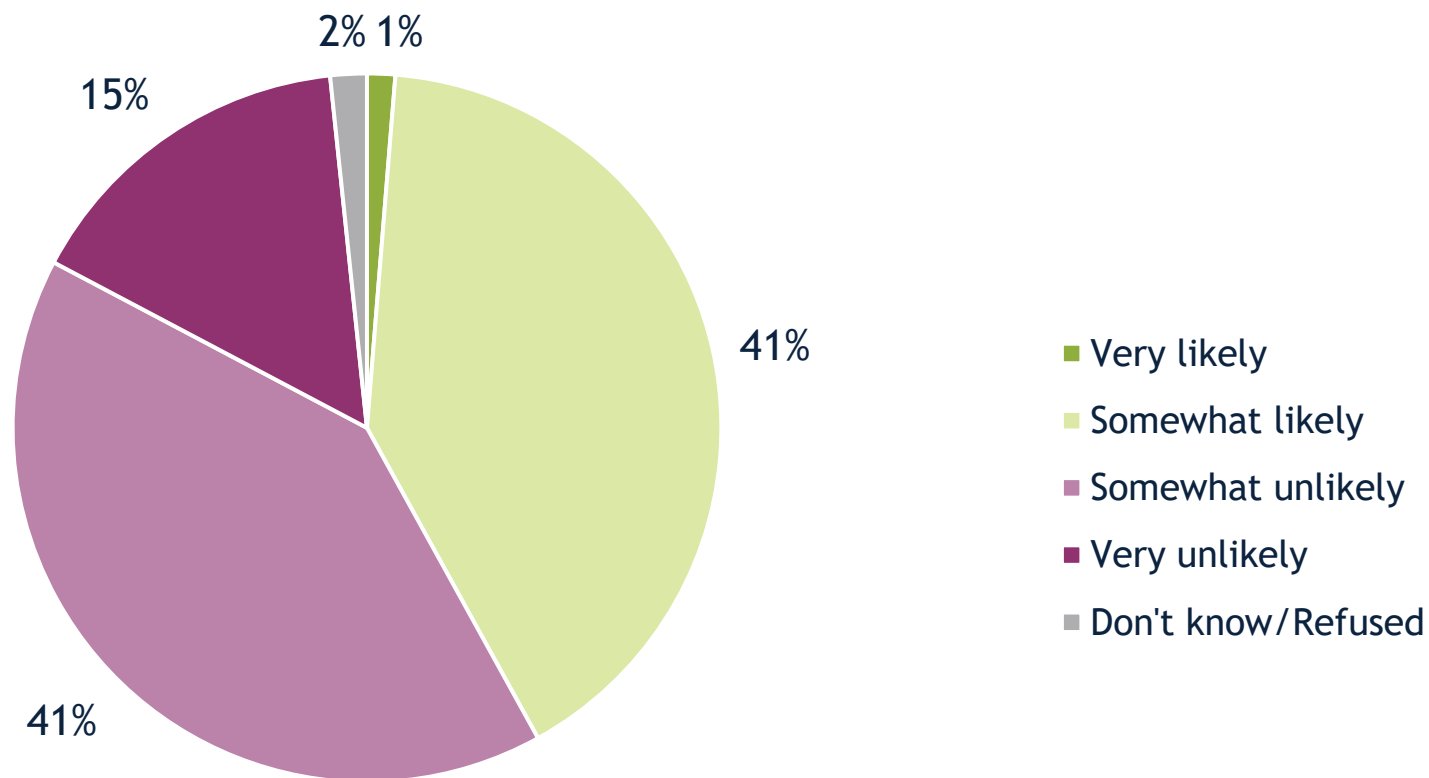


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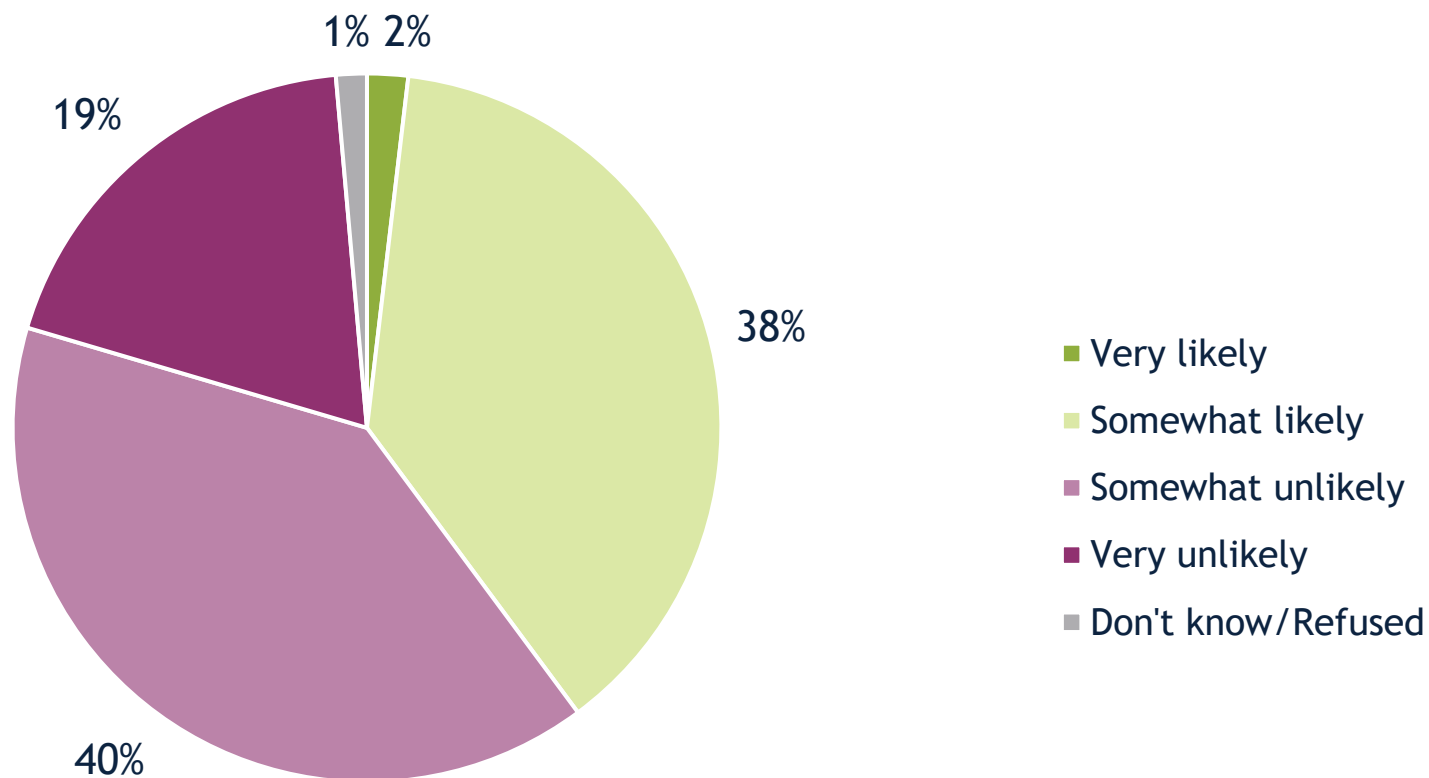


*Respondents were asked the following question: To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you? Negative is the sum of responses for It has had a lot of negative impact and It has had some negative impact. Not negative is the sum of responses for It has had little negative impact and It has not had any negative impact.

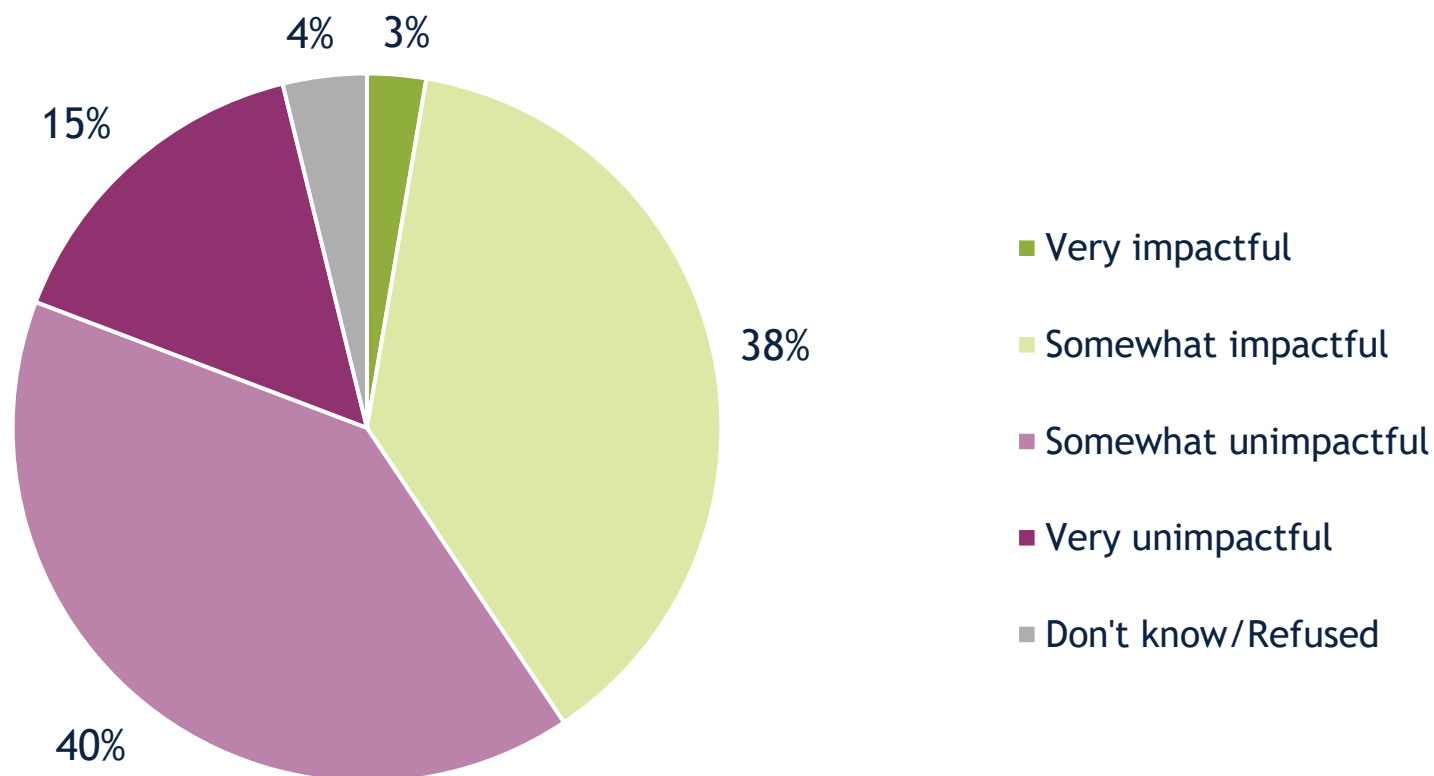
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made by your mayor and municipal administration?



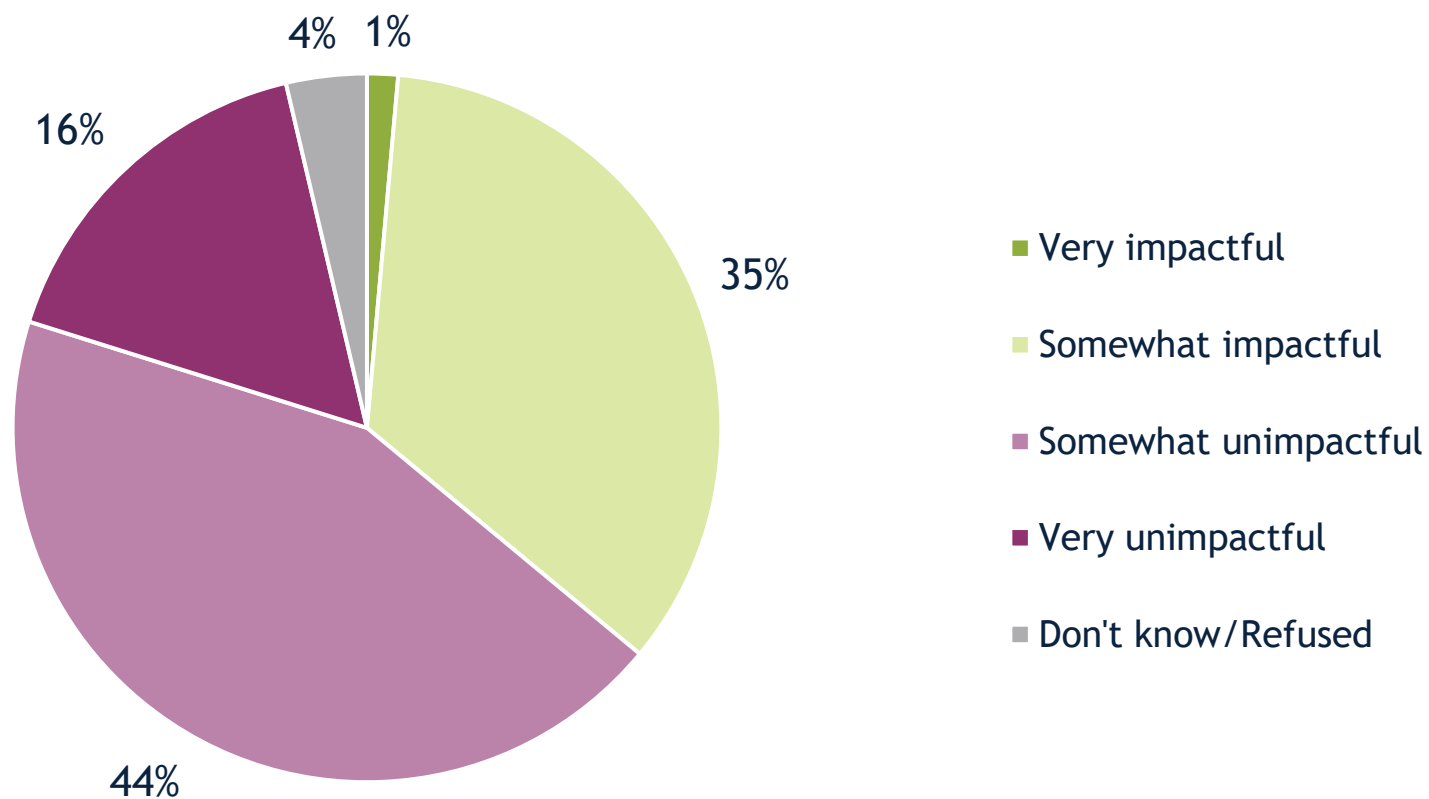
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made by your **municipal council**?



To what extent do civil society organizations (CSOs) impact **municipal administration** policy in Vidin municipality? A CSO is a local, national or international group of people who organize to support a particular interest, group or issue.

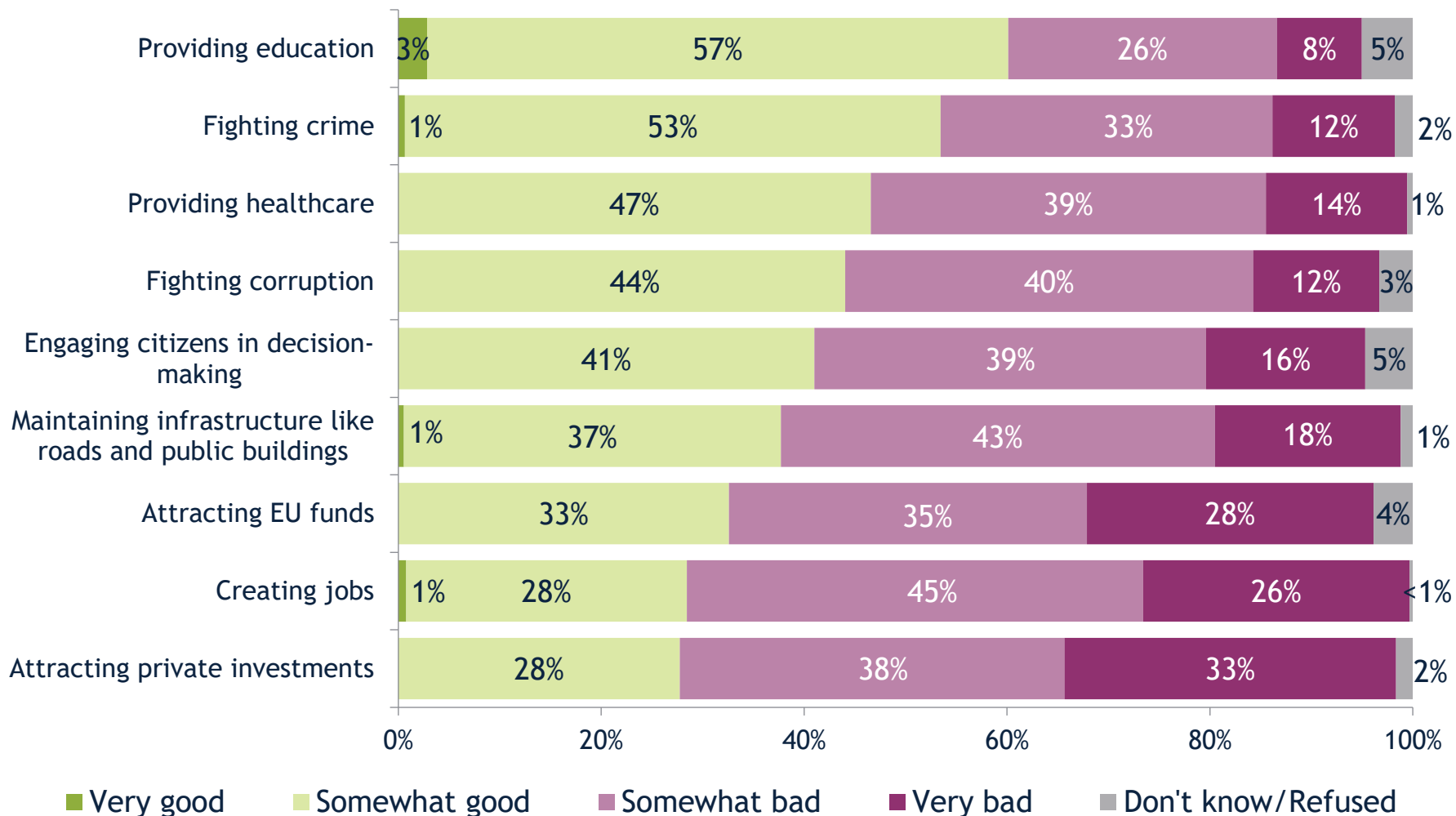


To what extent do CSOs impact municipal council policy in Vidin municipality?

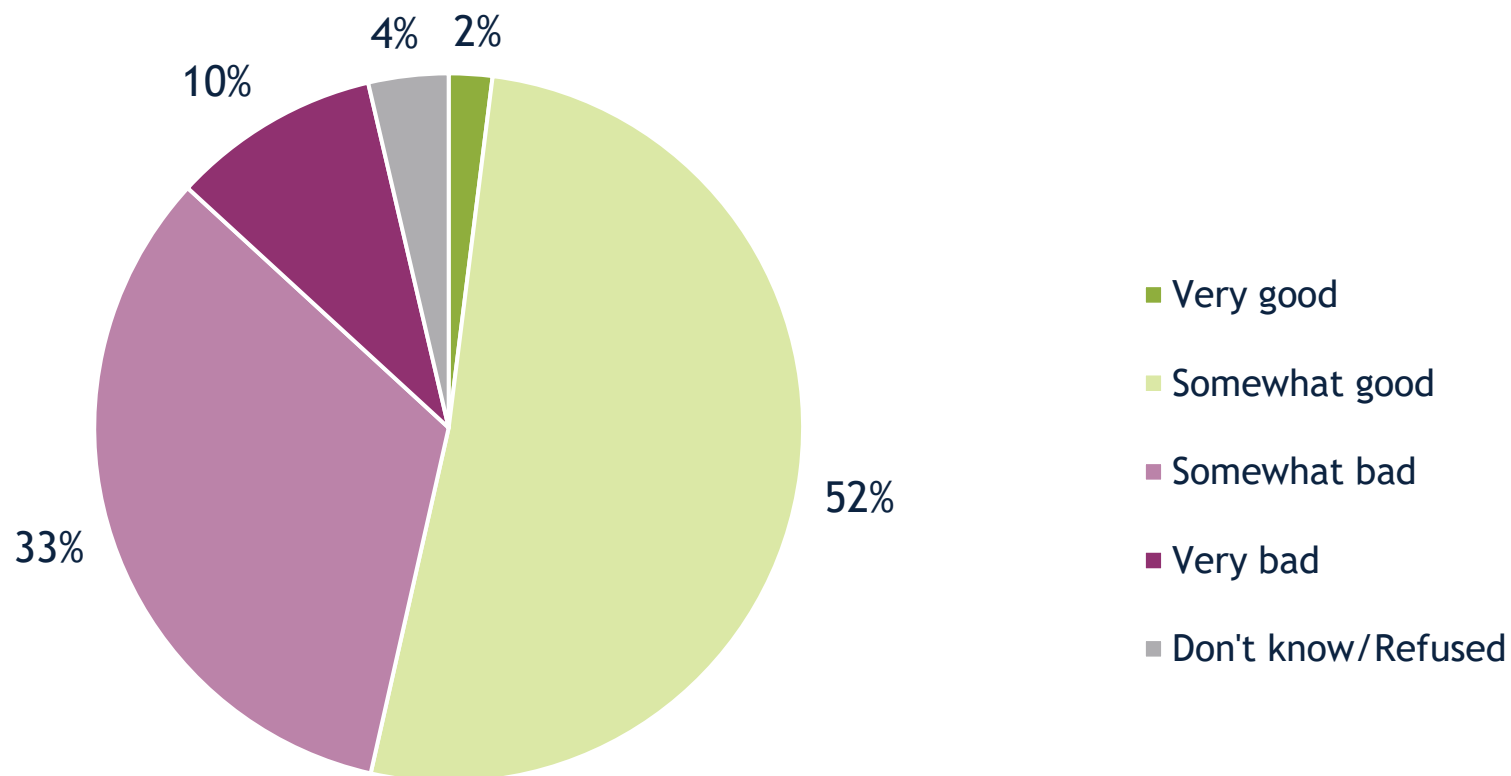


For the following issues, is the municipal government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

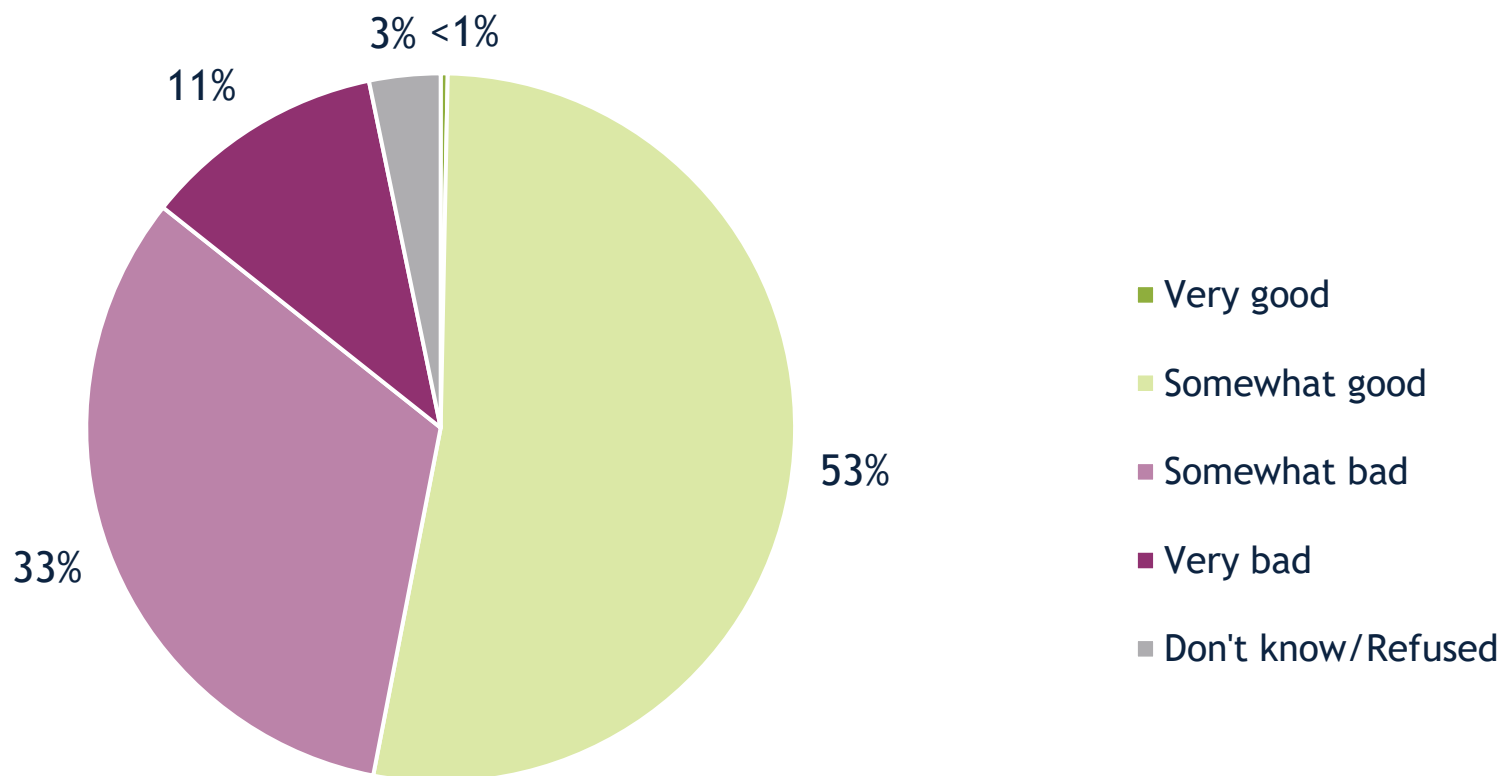
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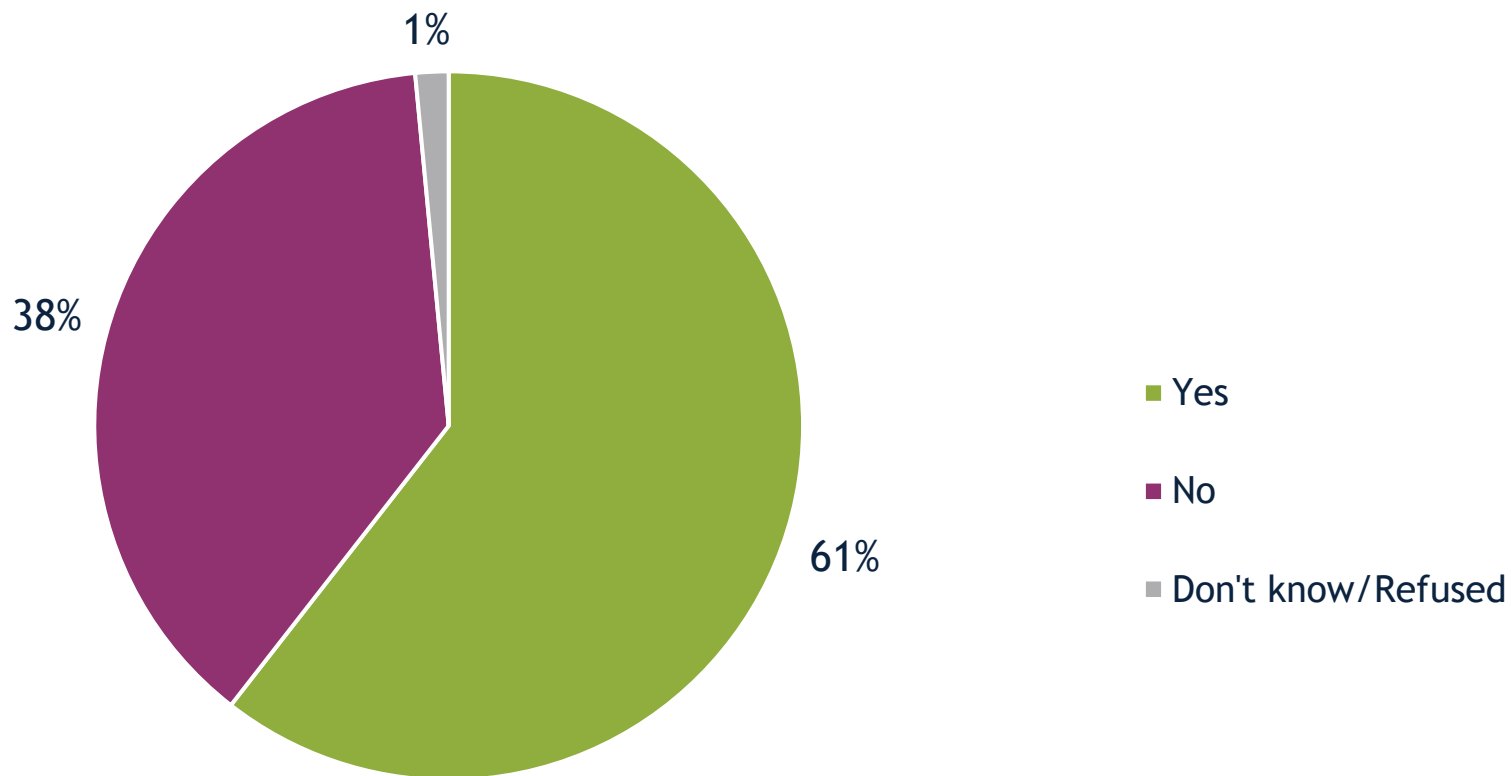
How would you rate the performance of the **municipal administration** in communicating with the public about the decisions they take?



How would you rate the performance of the **municipal council** in communicating with the public about the decisions they take?

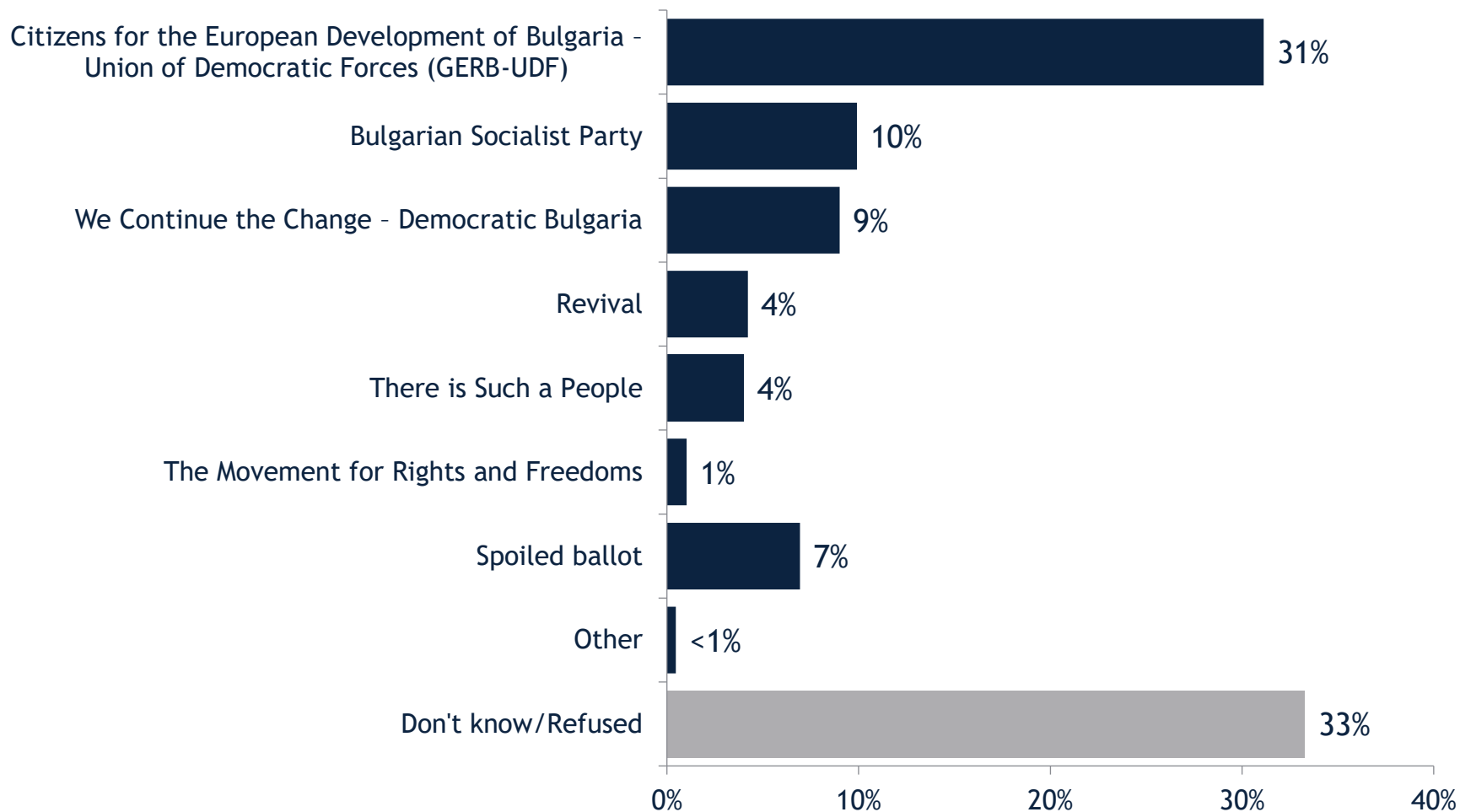


Did you vote in the April 2, 2023 parliamentary elections?

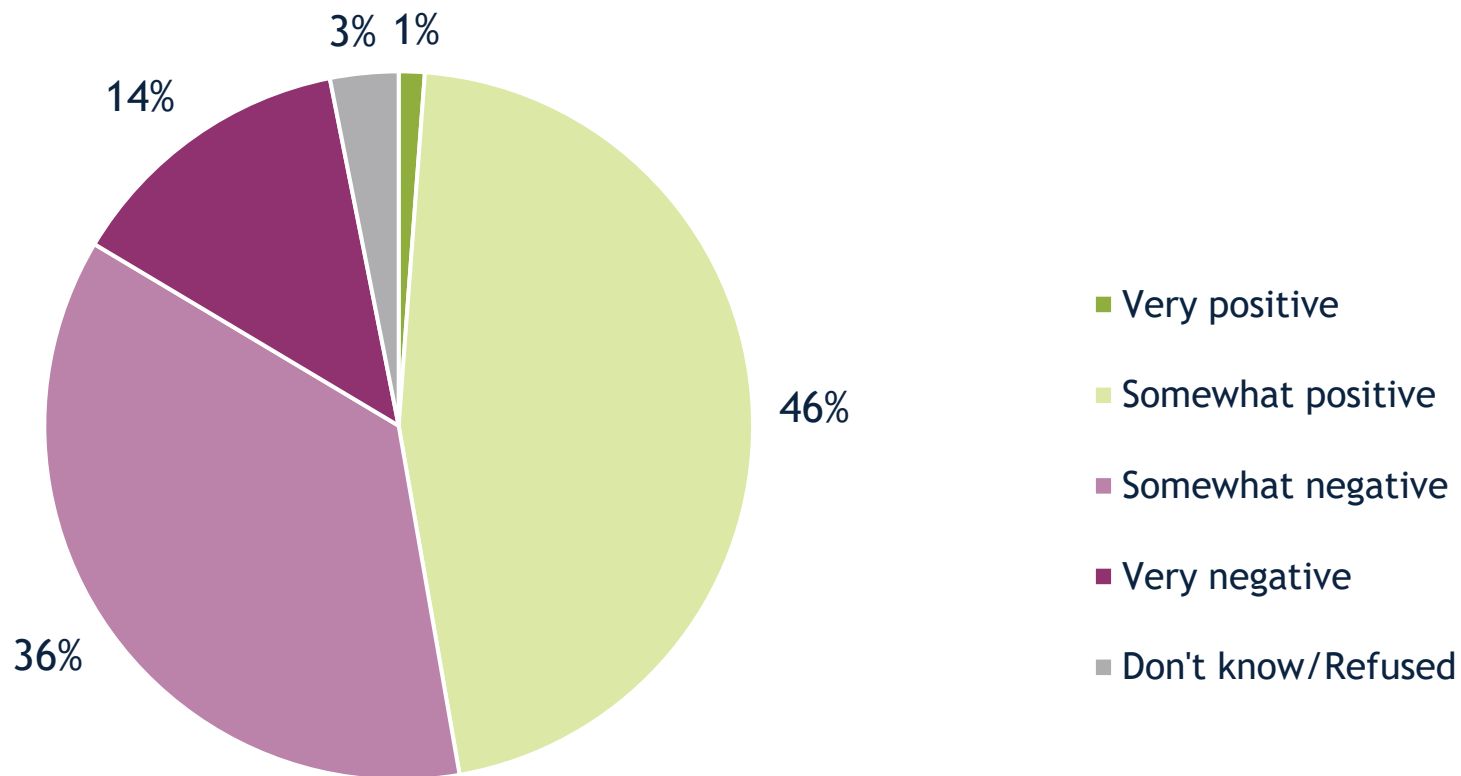


For which party did you vote in the April 2, 2023 parliamentary elections?

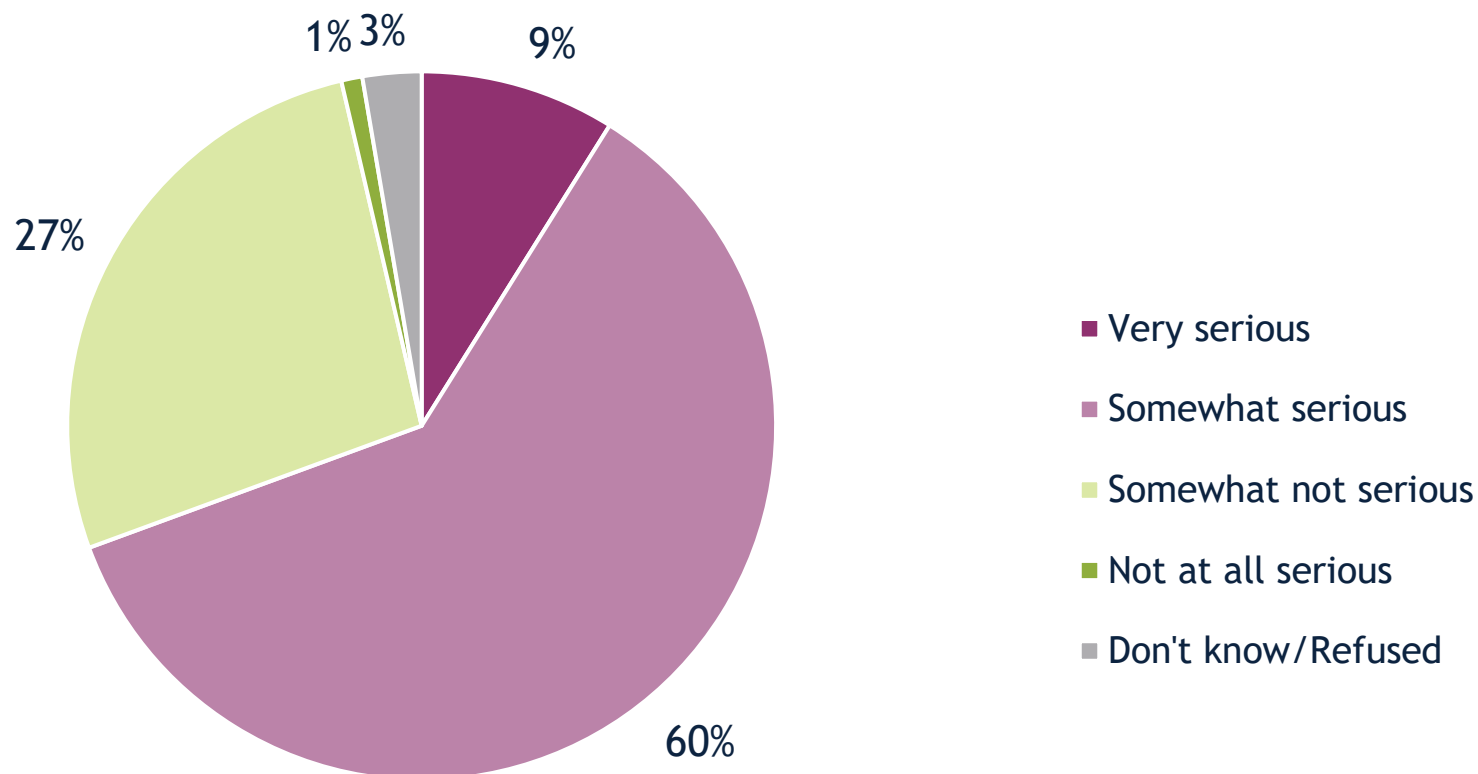
(Among respondents from Vidin who voted in the April 2, 2023 parliamentary elections, n=182; spontaneous response)



How do you view the recent change in national government as a result of the April 2, 2023 parliamentary elections?



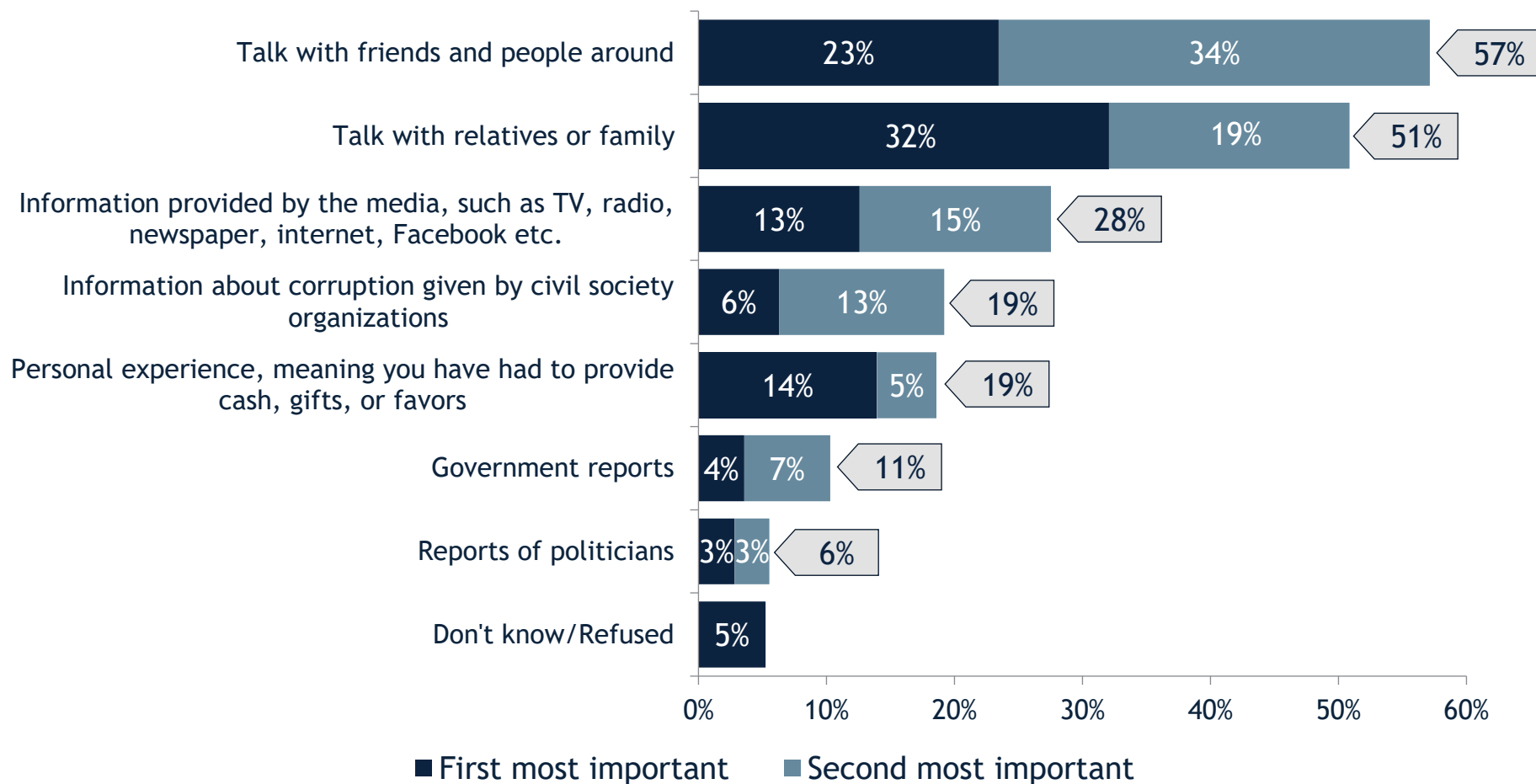
Do you believe that corruption in Vidin municipality is a serious problem or not?



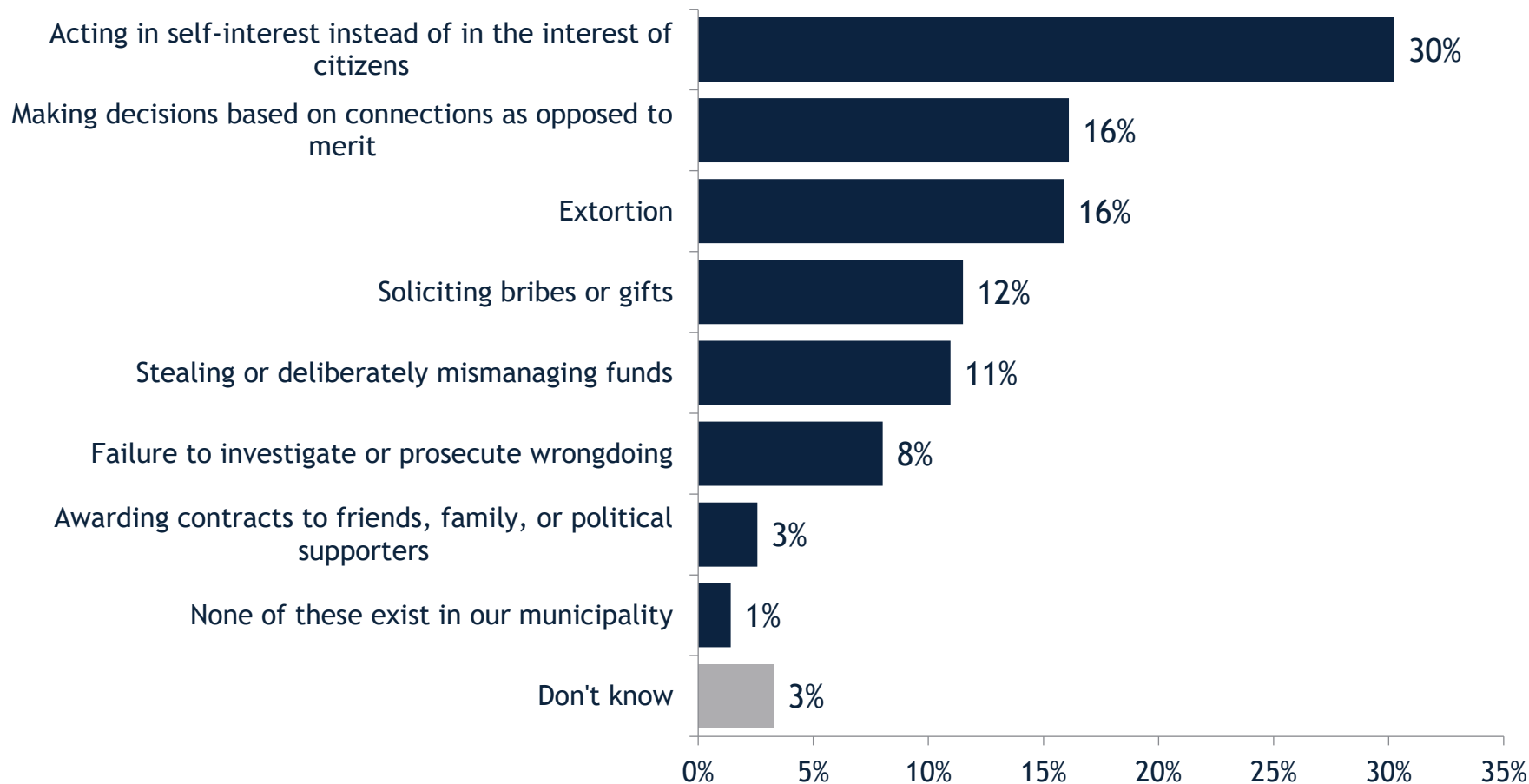
Prior to asking this question, the following introduction was read to the respondent "I will now ask you a series of questions about corruption. When I say corruption, I mean abusing public office for personal gain, like when a government official solicits bribes or awards a contract in exchange for political support or money. "

On which source do you base your assessment of the level of corruption in Vidin municipality?

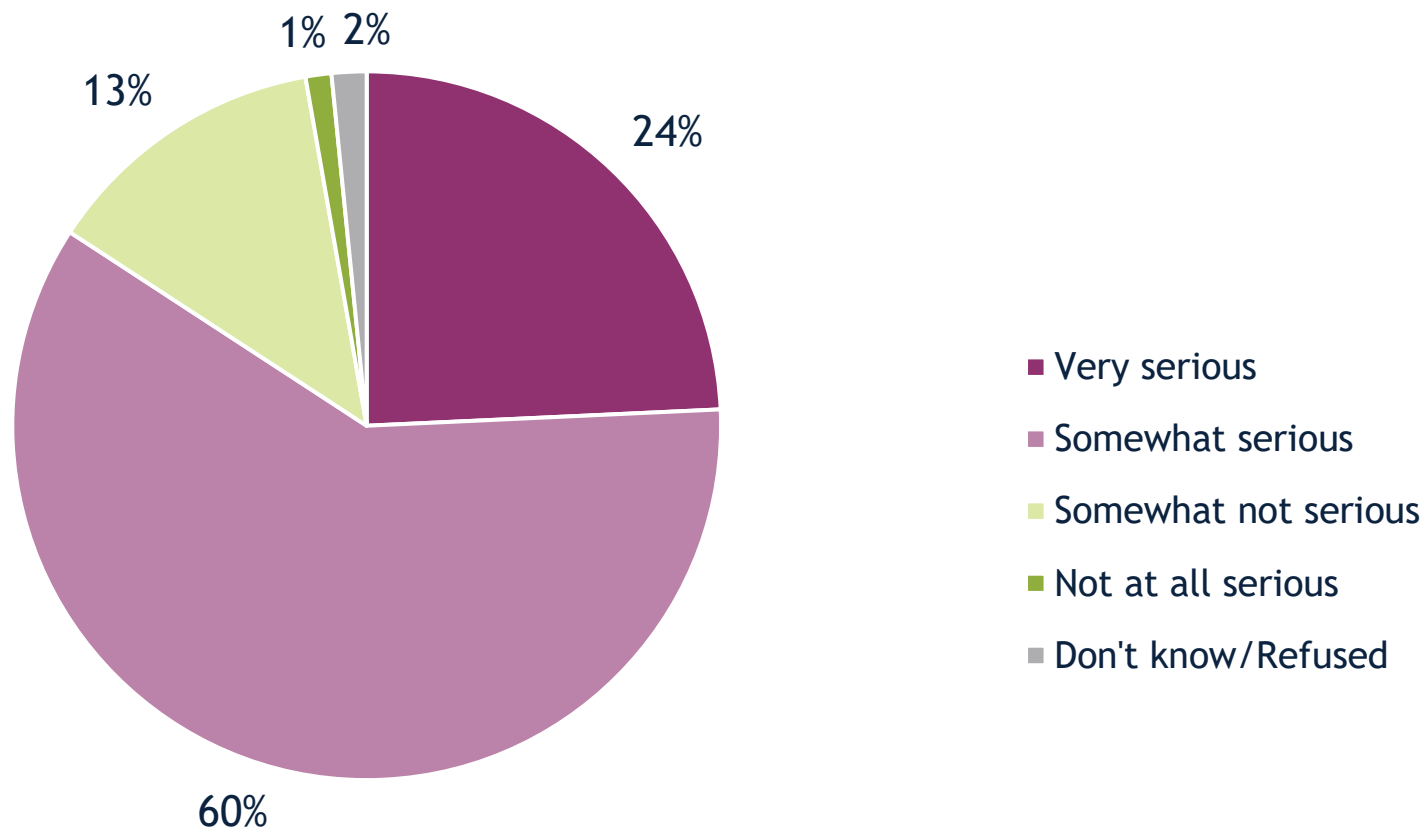
(Up to two responses accepted)



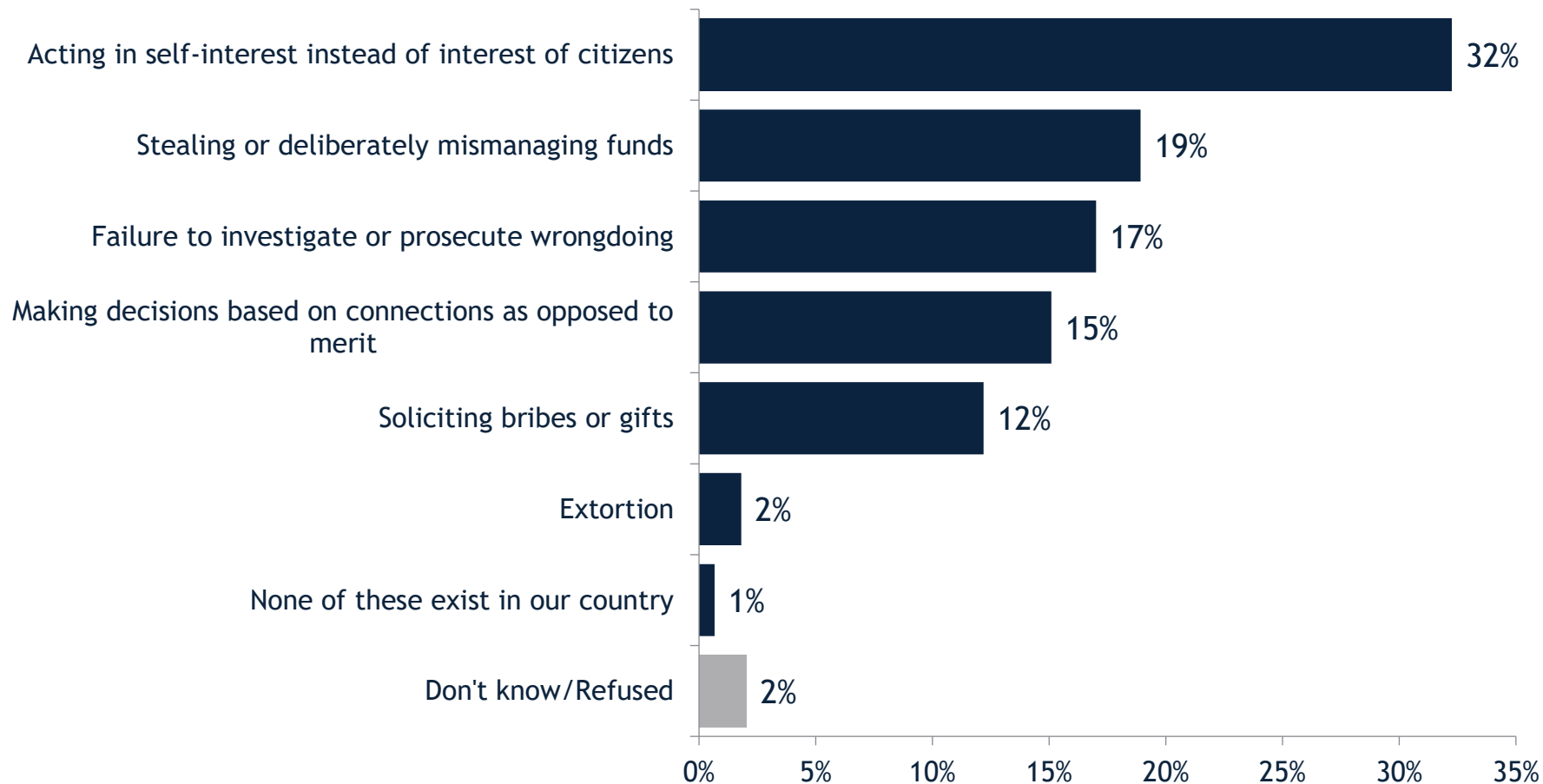
In your experience, what type of corruption is most common in Vidin municipality?



Do you believe that corruption in our country is a serious problem or not?

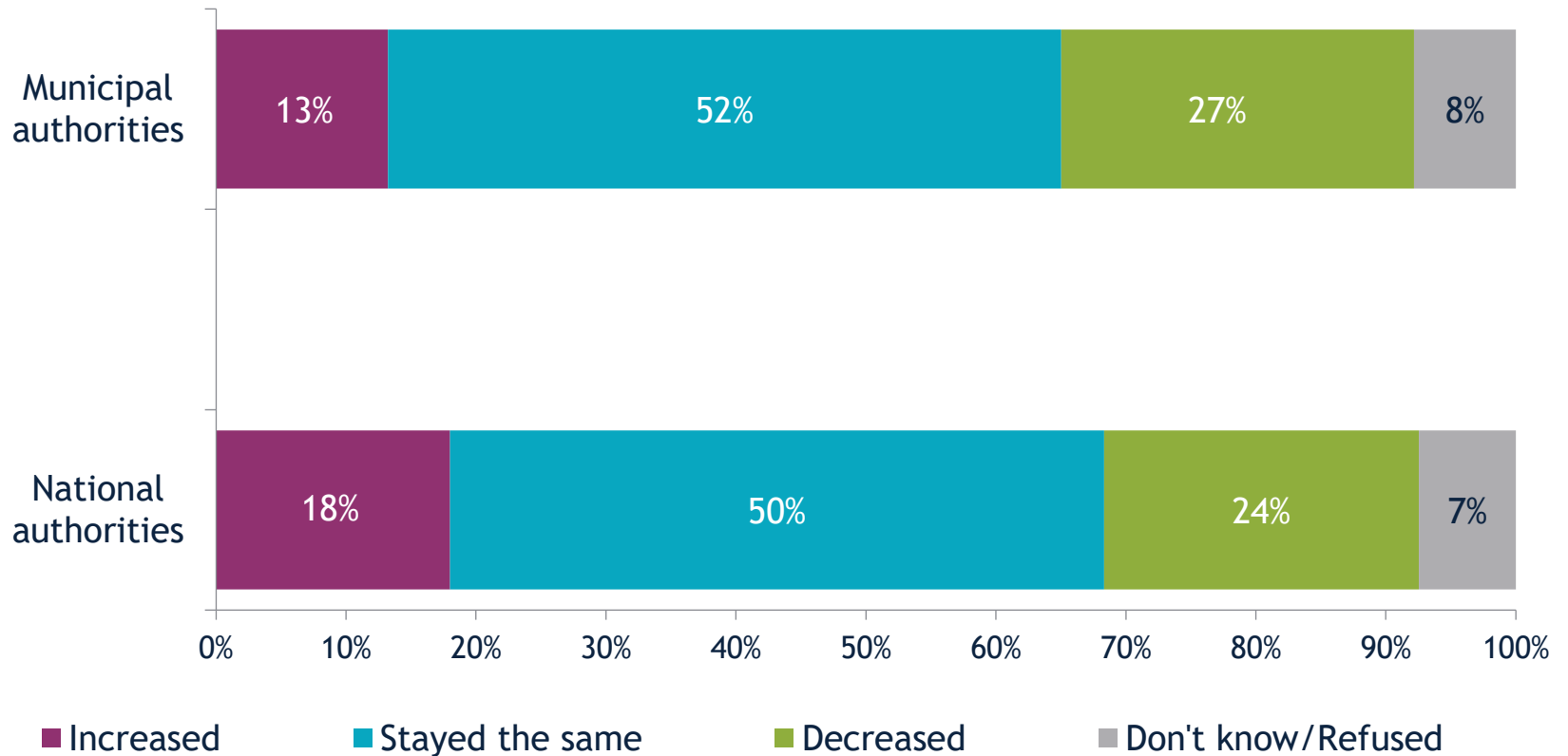


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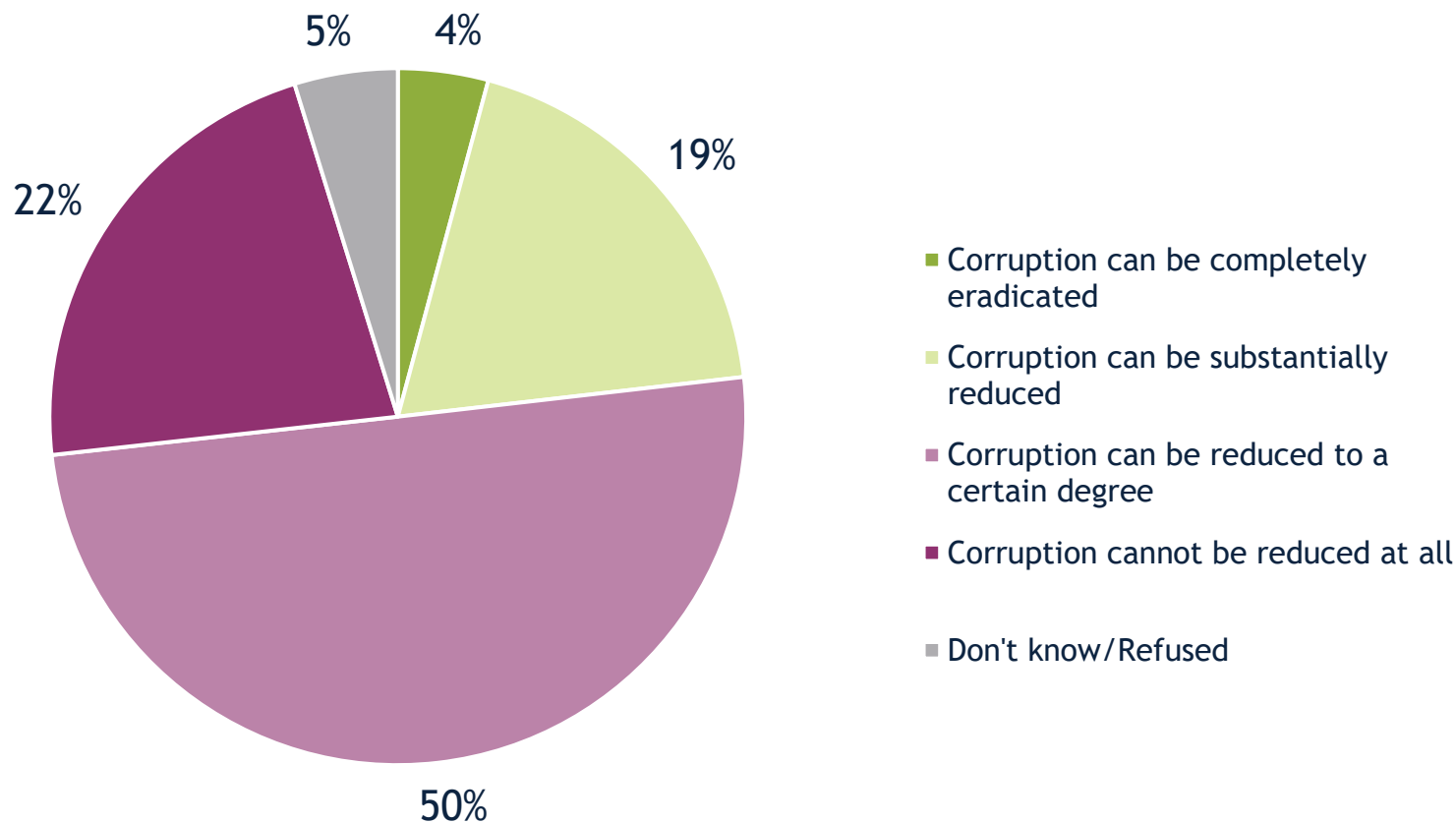


Over the past 12 months, has corruption among each of the following levels of government increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

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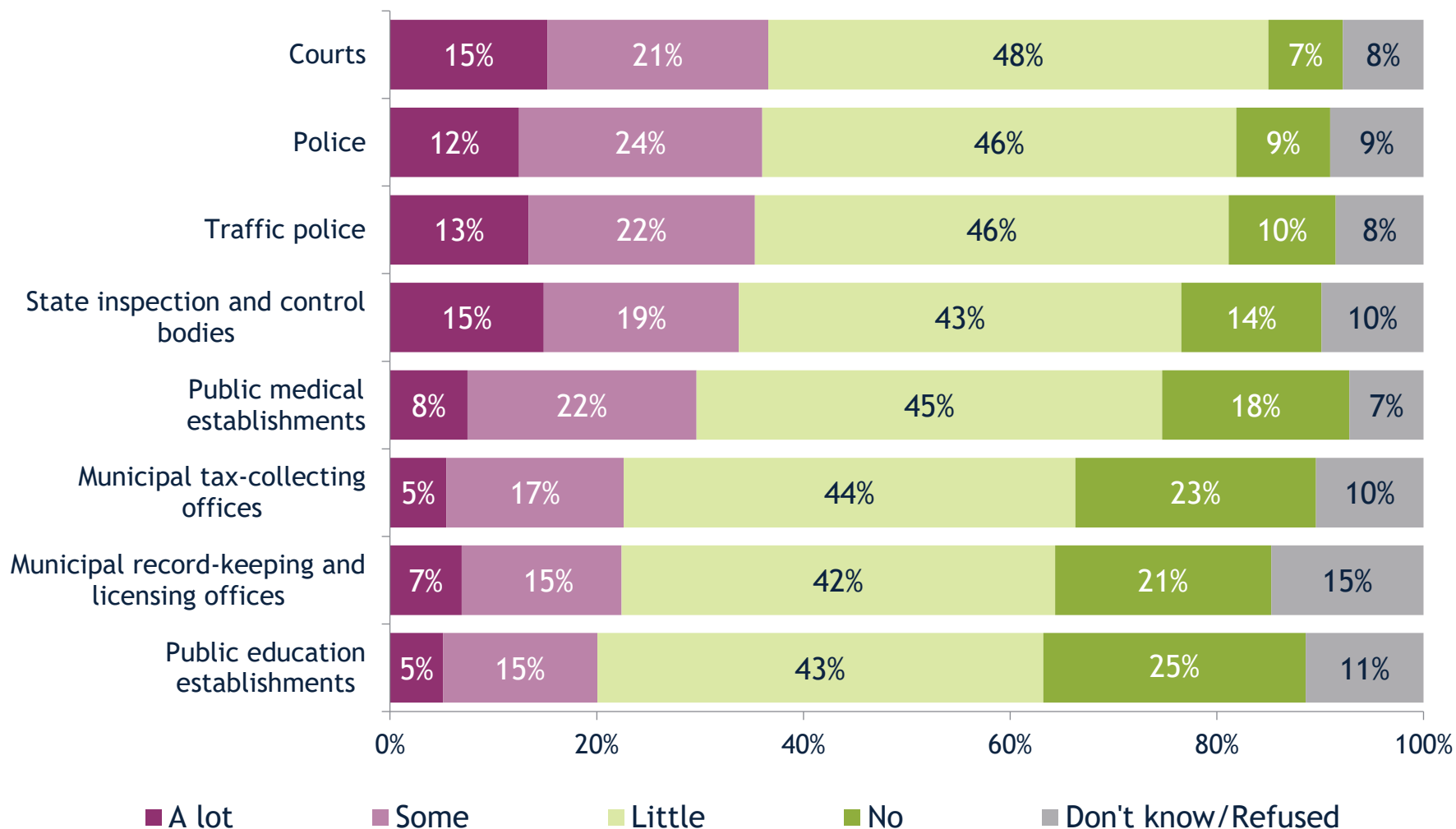


To what extent do you think corruption can be reduced in Vidin municipality?

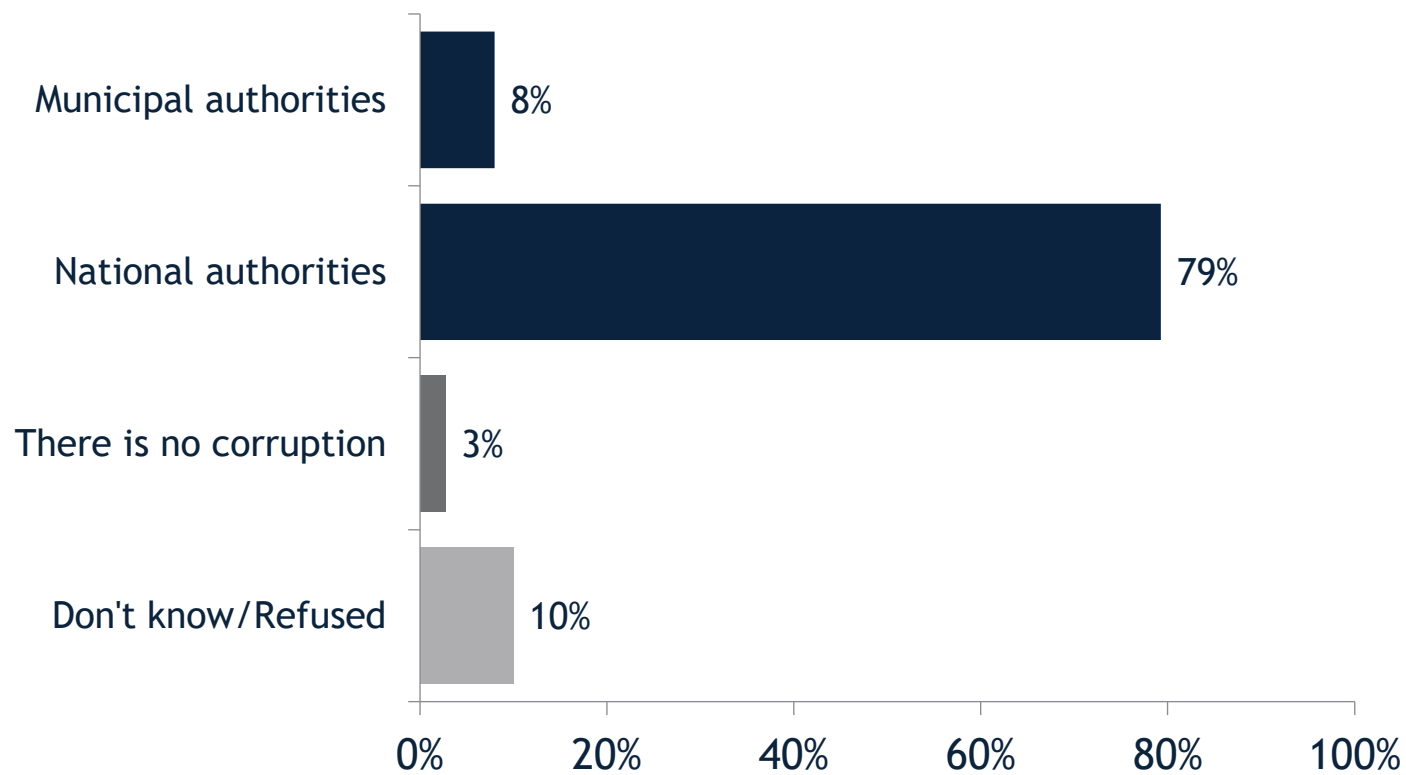


Please tell me if there is a lot, some, little, or no corruption among each of the following providers of government services in Vidin municipality.

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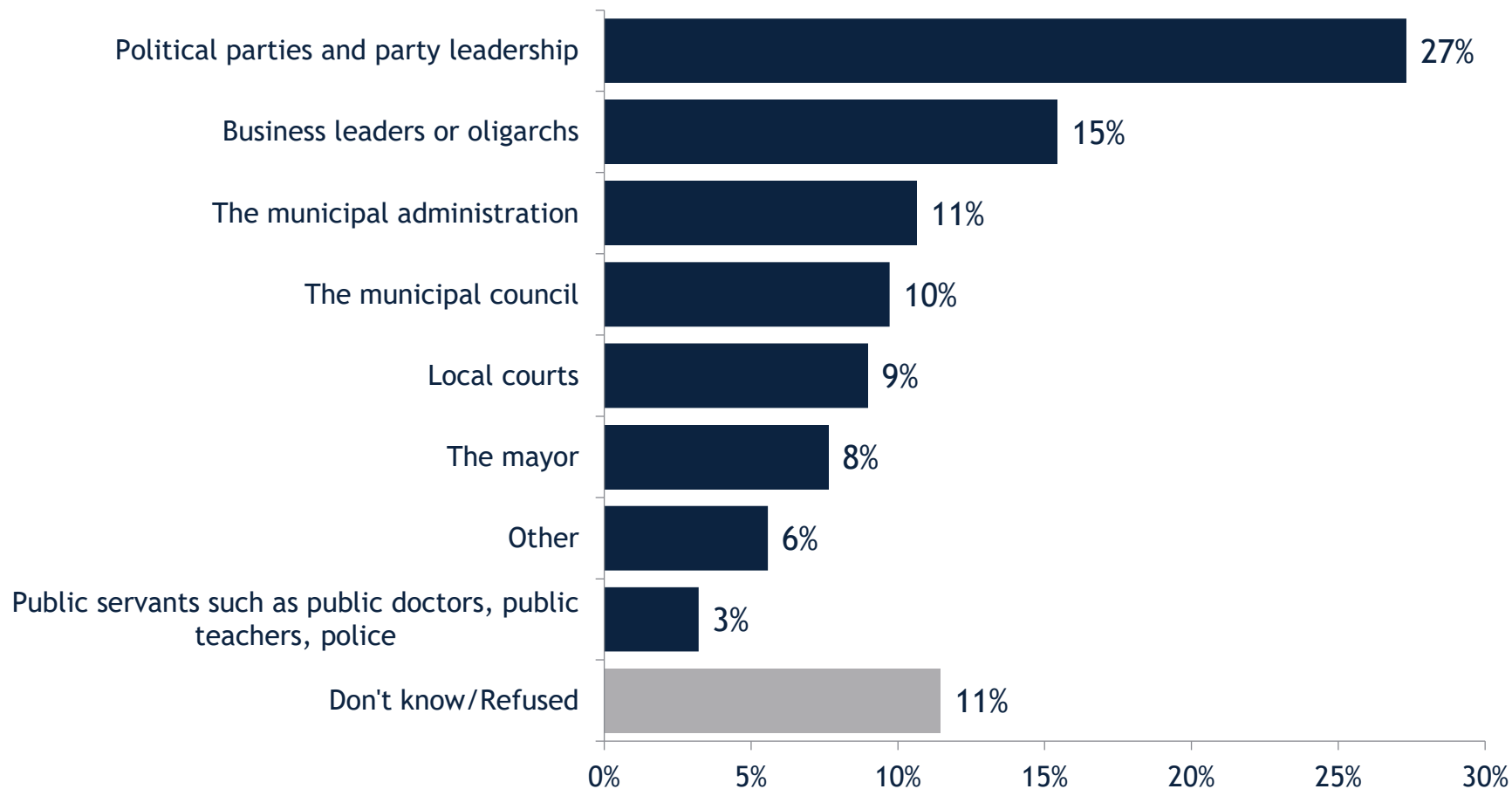


At which level of government is corruption most prevalent?



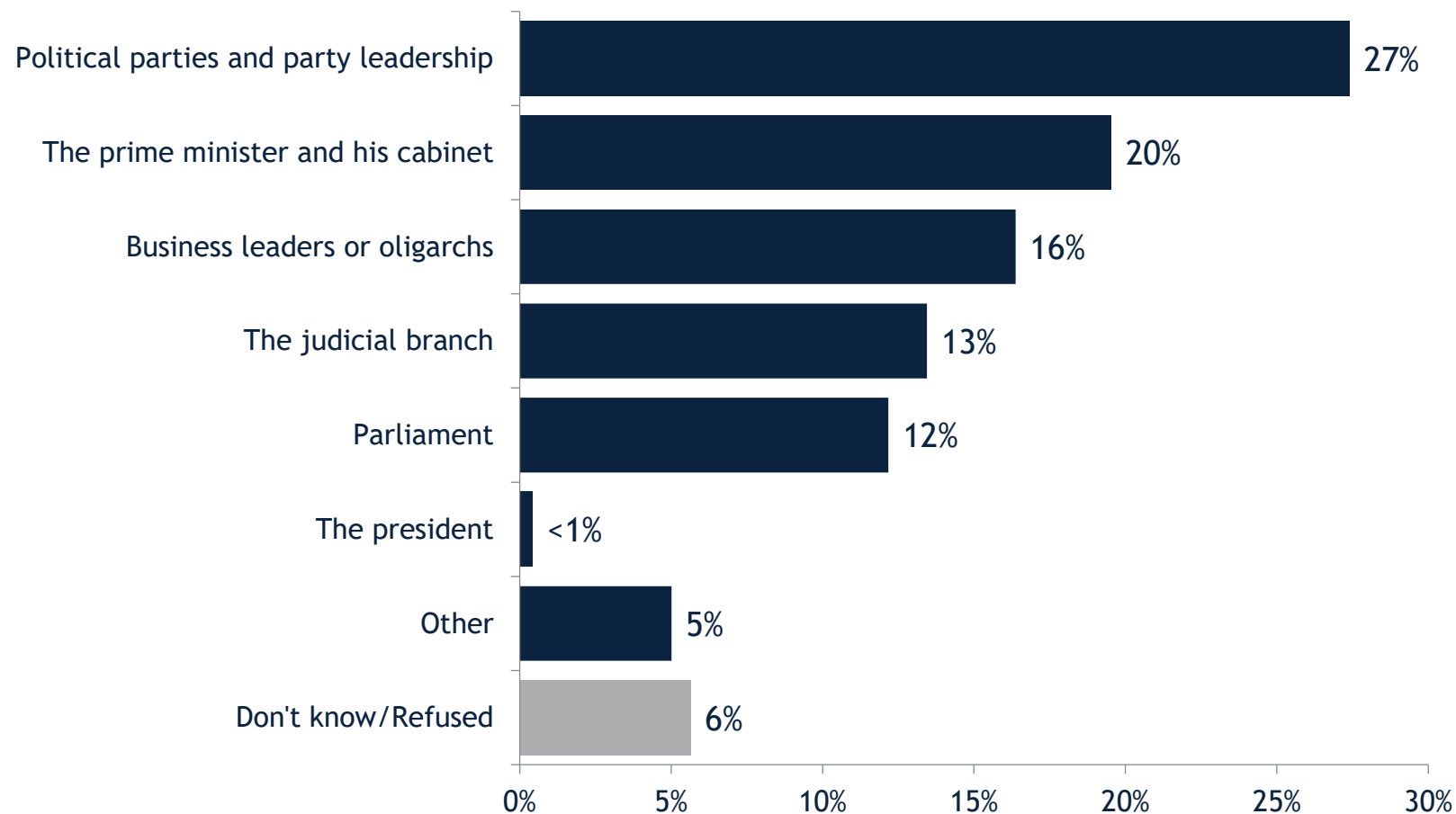
Who among **municipal authorities** is most corrupt, if any?

(Among respondents who think that corruption is most prevalent among national or municipal authorities from Vidin, n=262; spontaneous response)

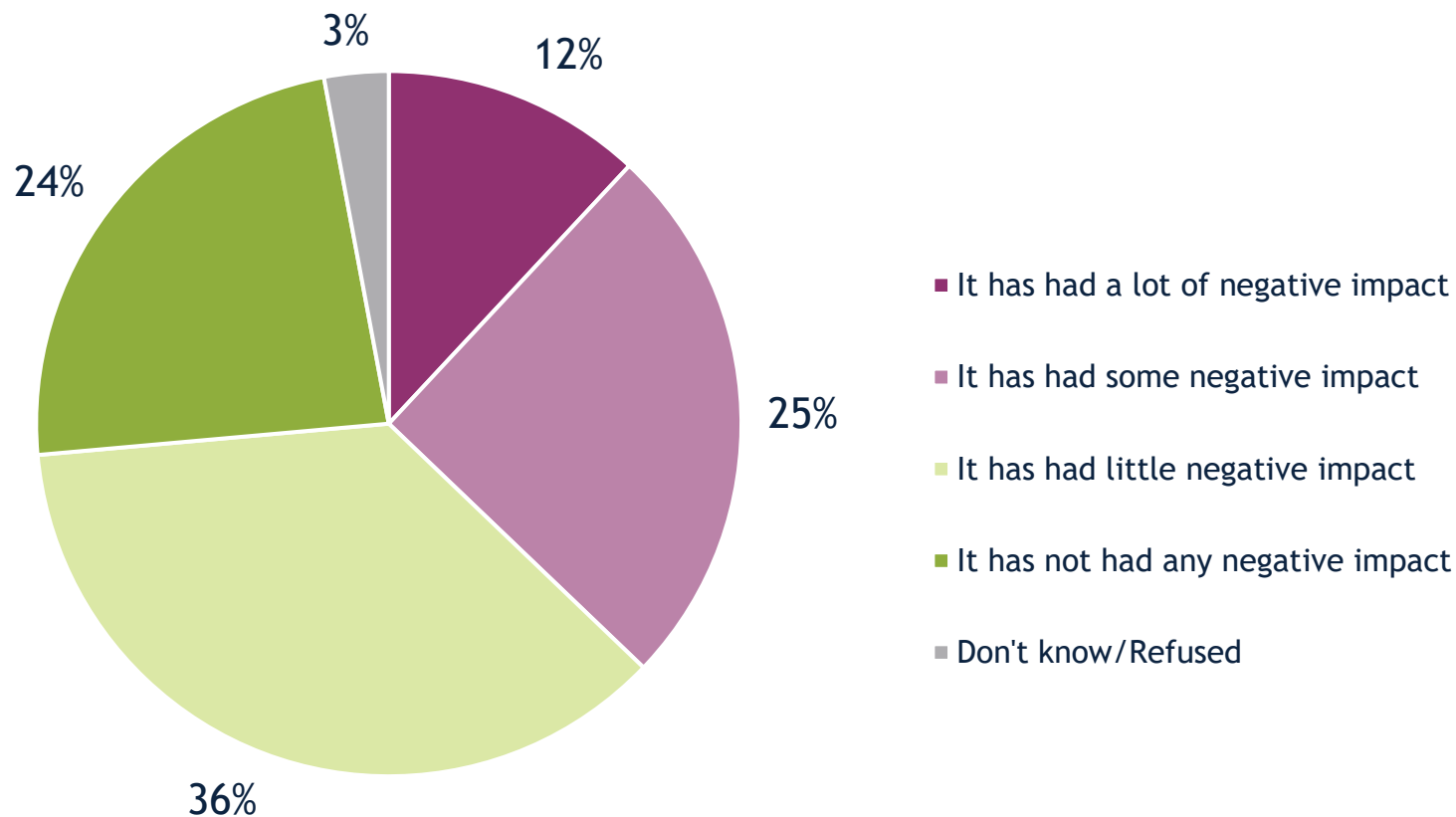


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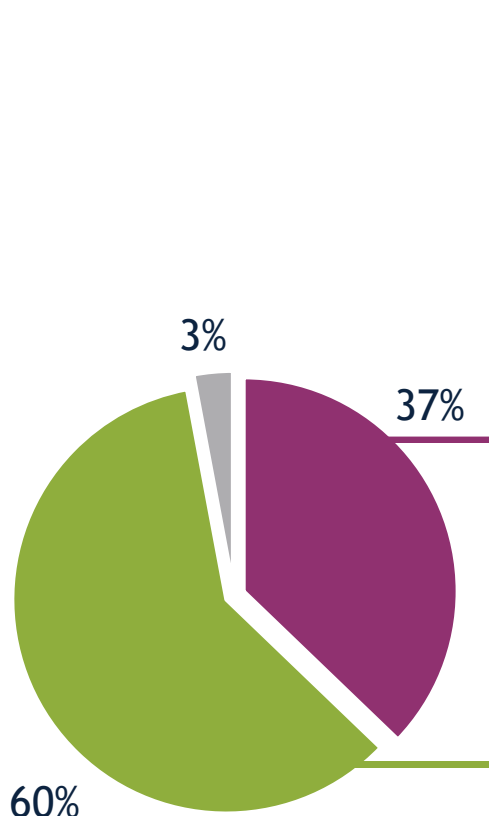
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To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

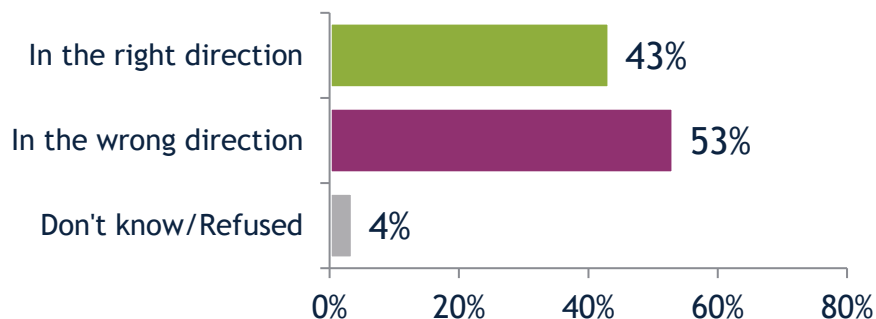


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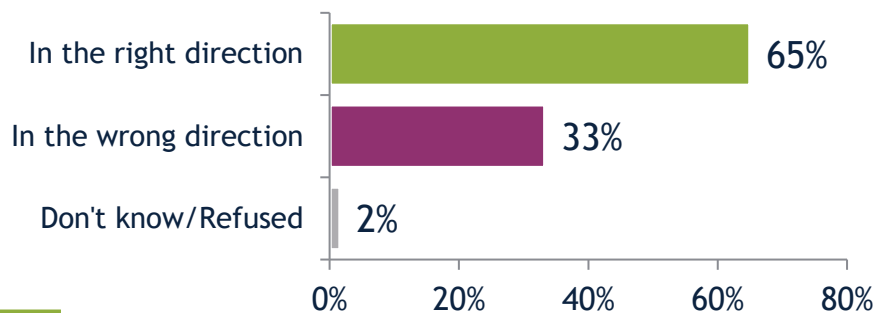
Among those who declared that corruption had a negative impact on them, n=111

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



Among those who declared that corruption had little/no negative impact on them, n=180

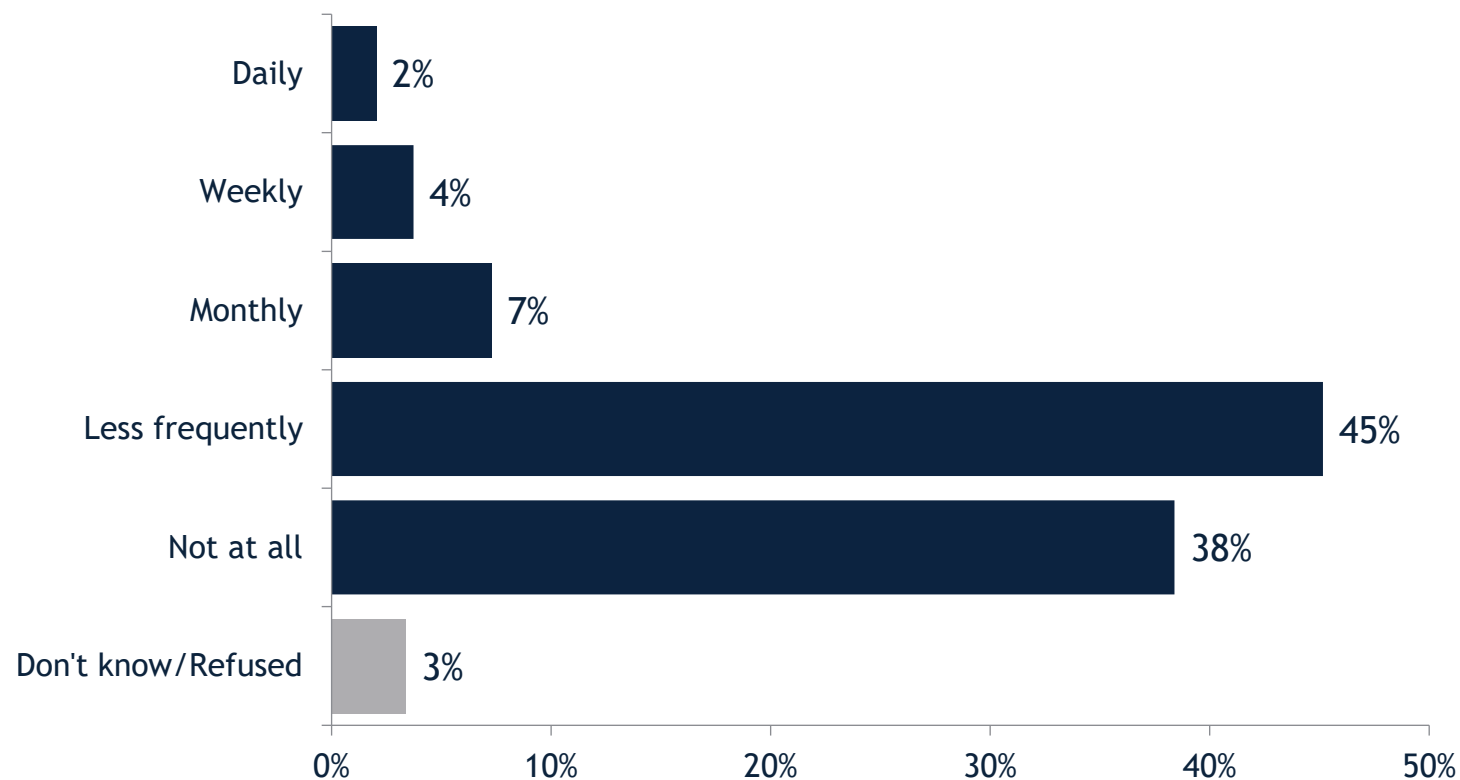
In general, would you say that Vidin municipality is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?



- Negative impact
- Little/No negative impact

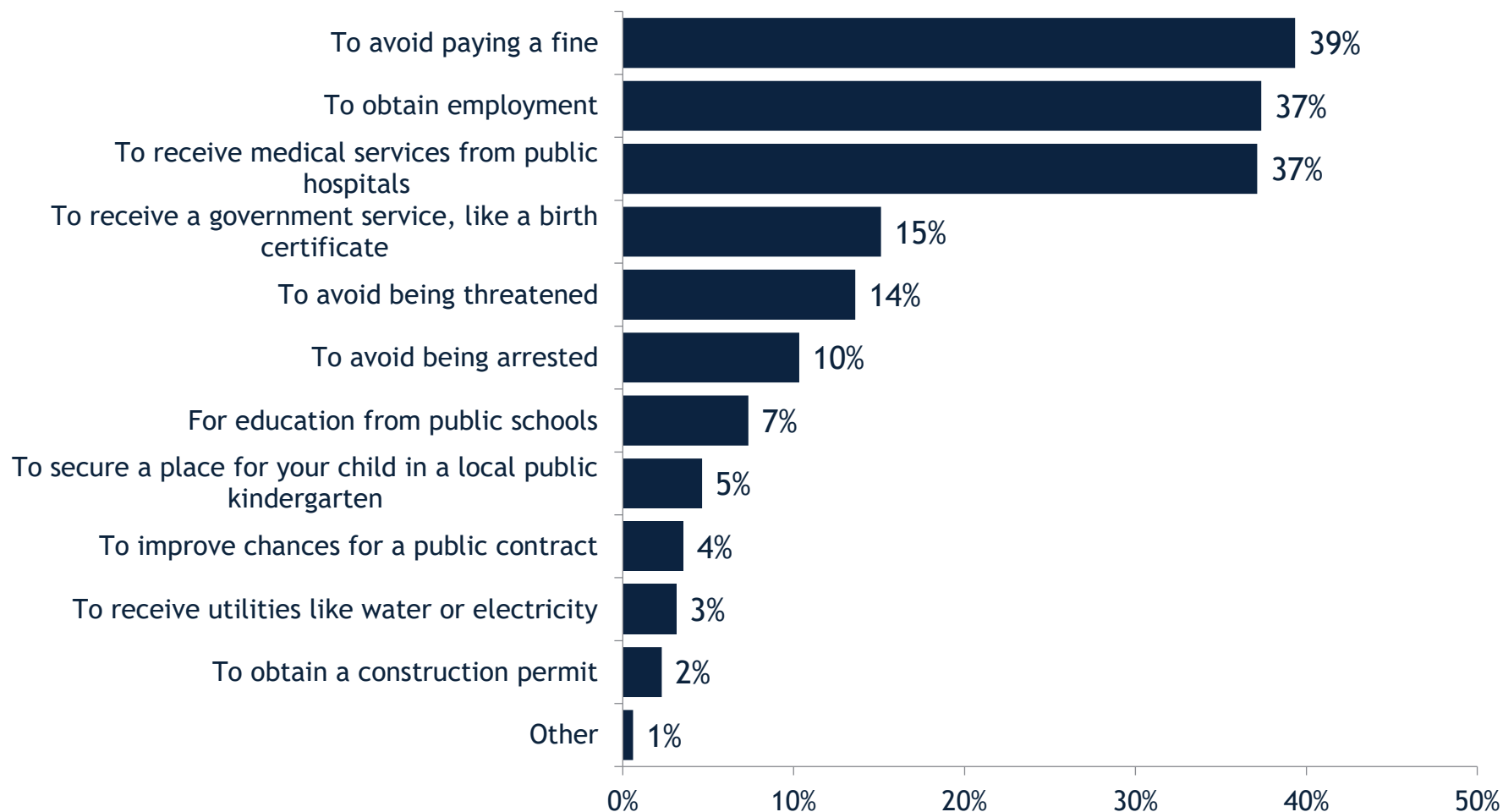
*Good is the total of very good and somewhat good. Bad is the total of somewhat bad and very bad.

In the past two years, how often, if at all, have you witnessed or experienced corruption?

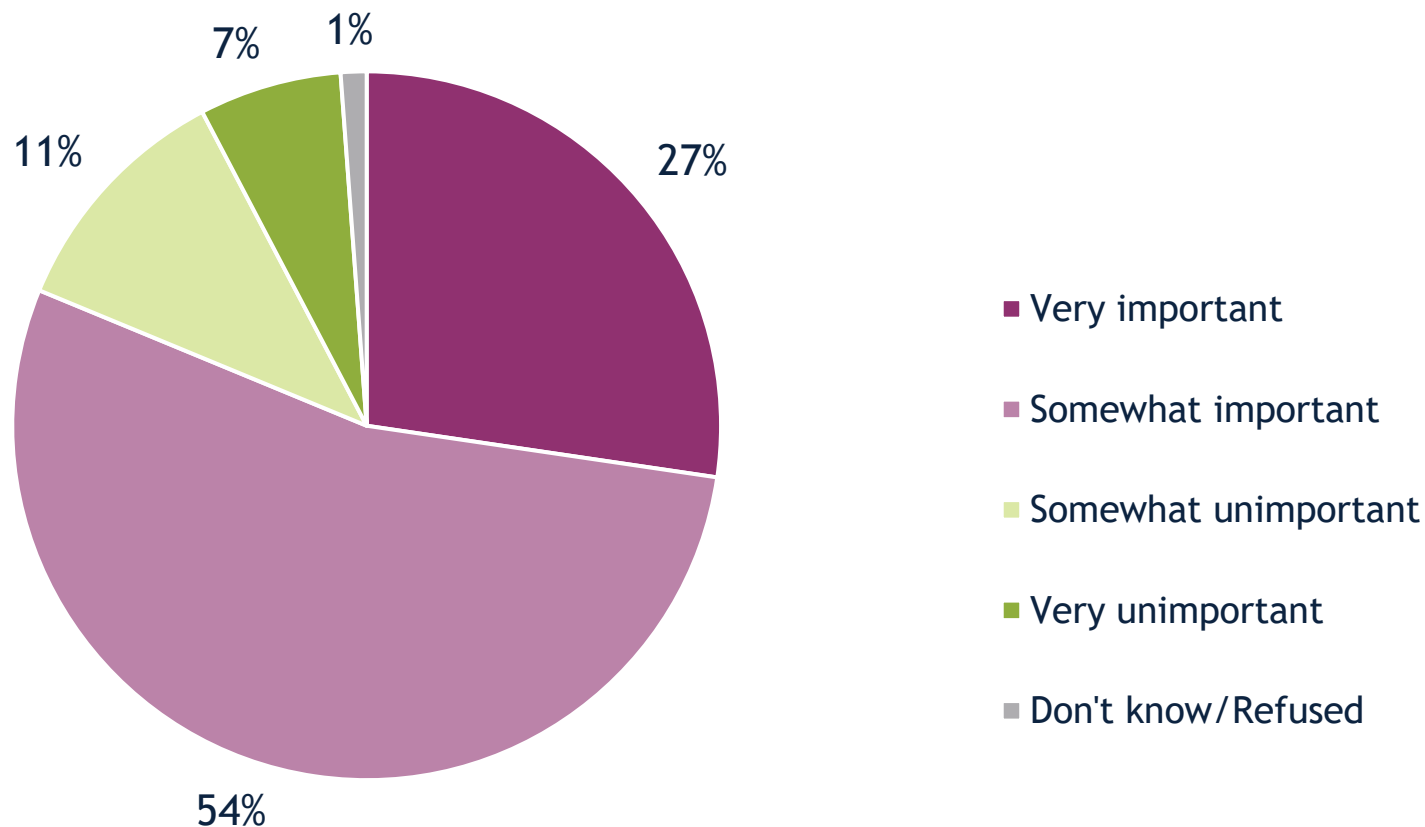


In which context did you witness or experience corruption. Did you experience or witness corruption....?

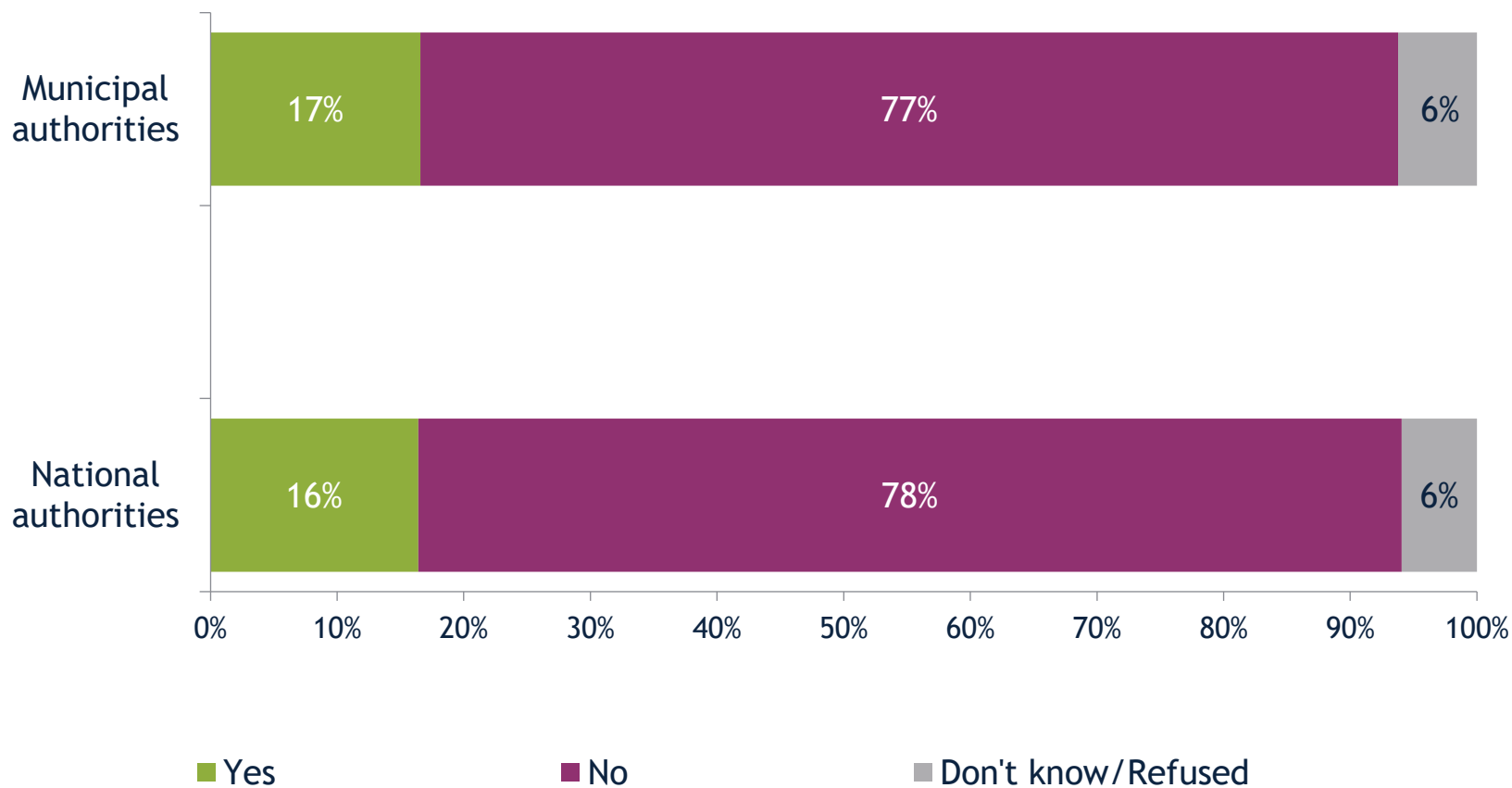
(Among respondents who have witnessed corruption, n=175; only “Yes” responses displayed)



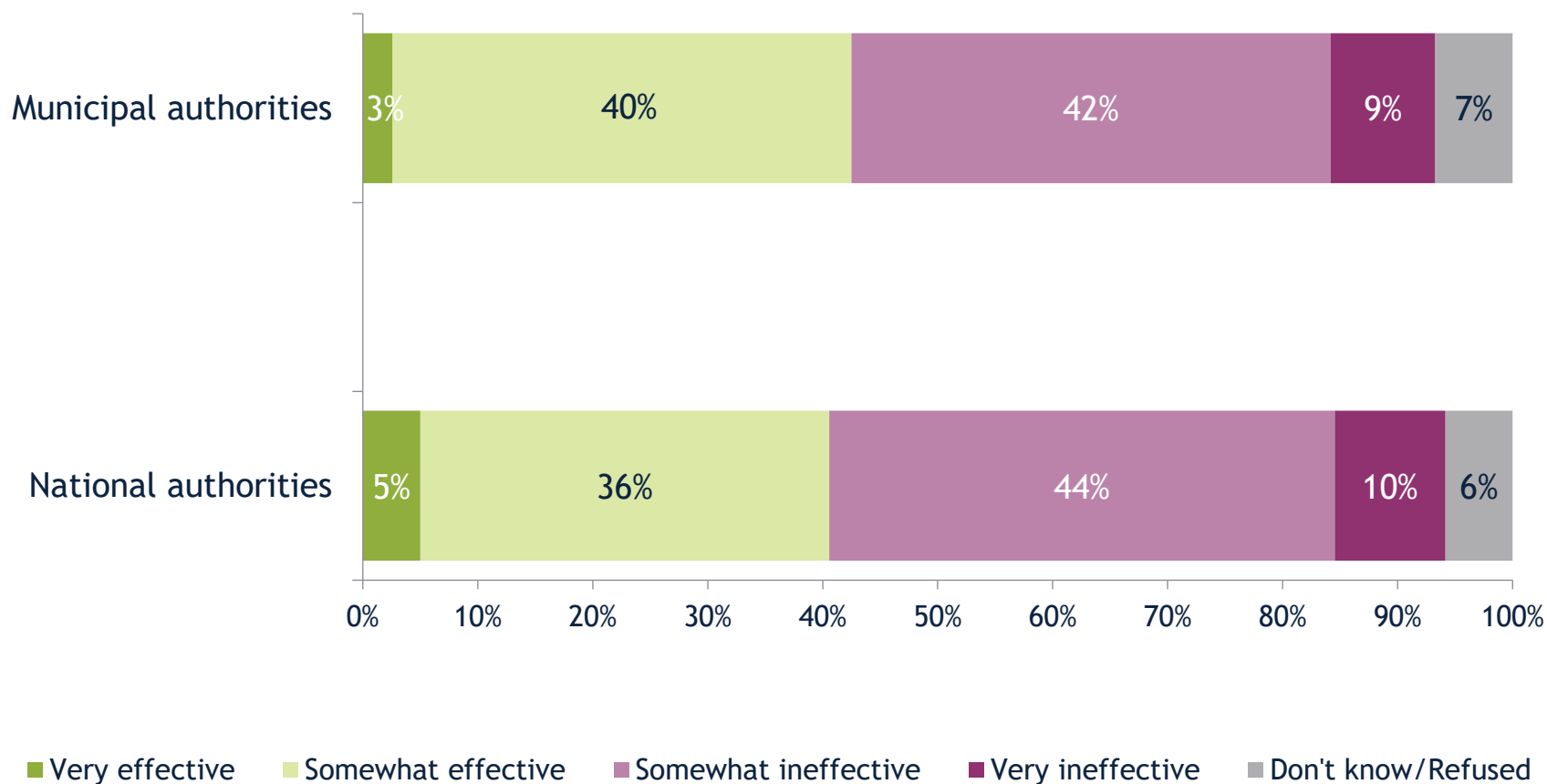
In your dealings with the municipal government, how important are personal contacts and relationships to get things done?



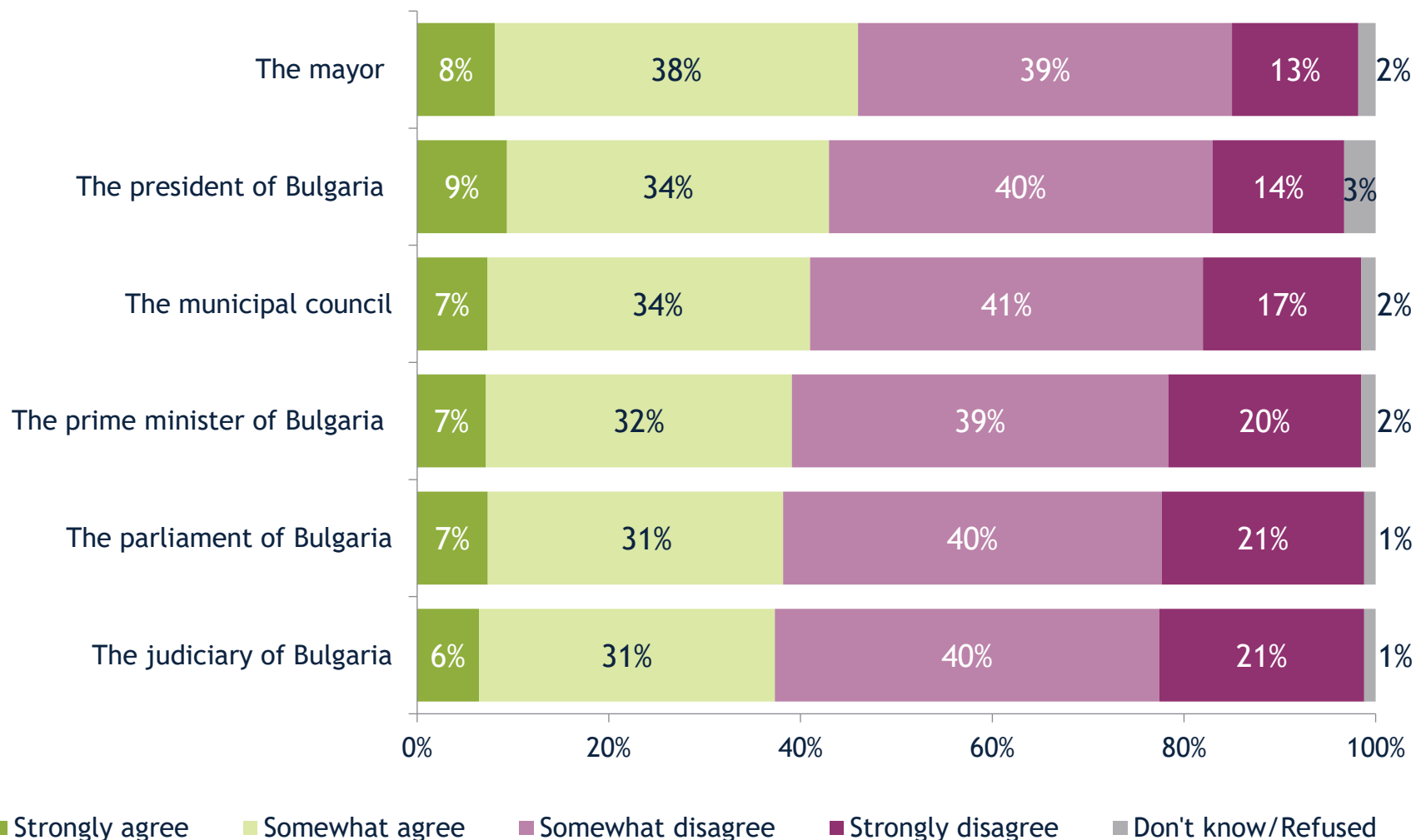
Are you aware of any anti-corruption initiatives by any of the following levels of government?



How effective or ineffective is each of the following levels of government in addressing corruption?

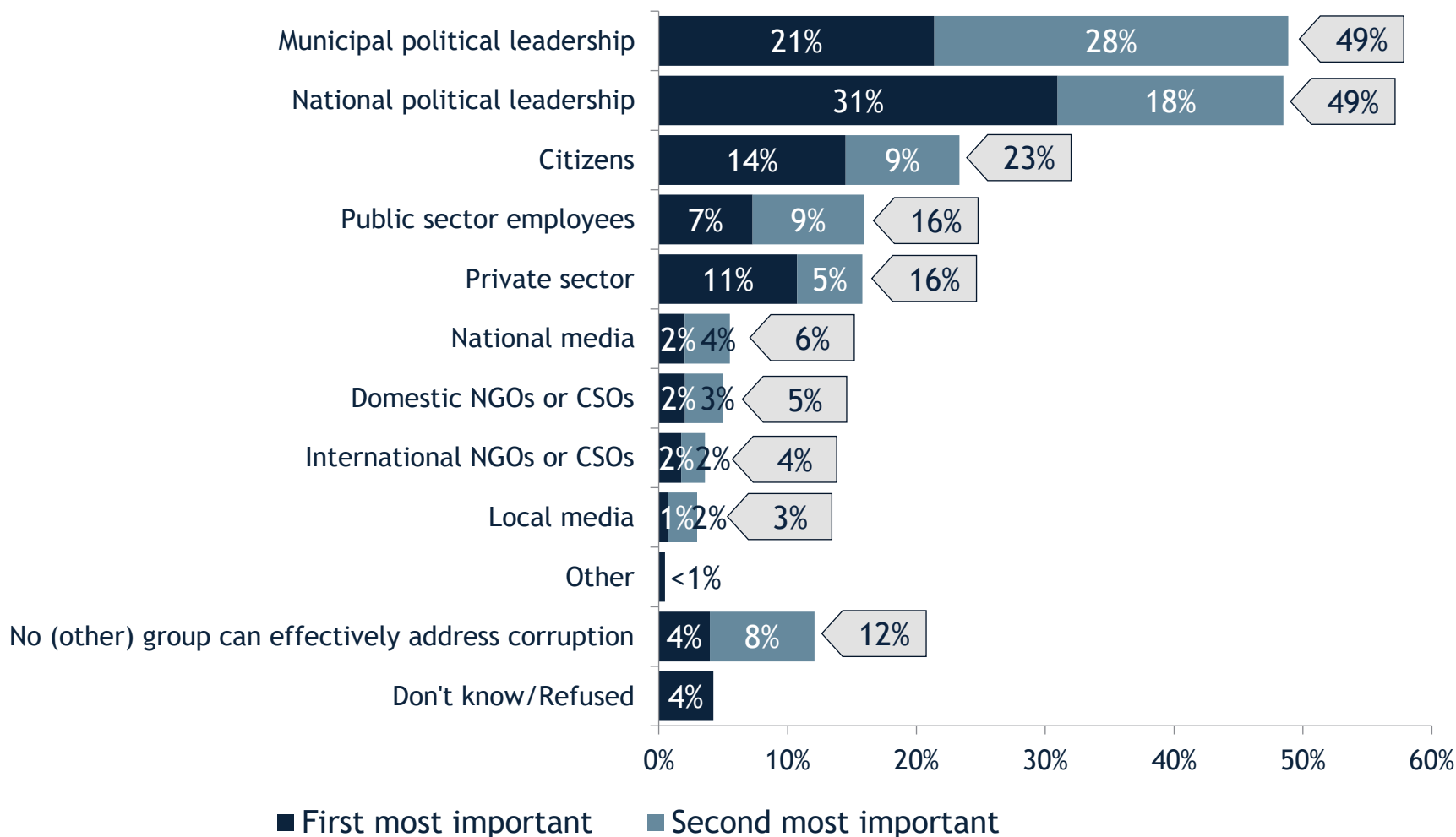


Based on your experience, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each statement... The _____ has a sincere desire and will to combat corruption in our country

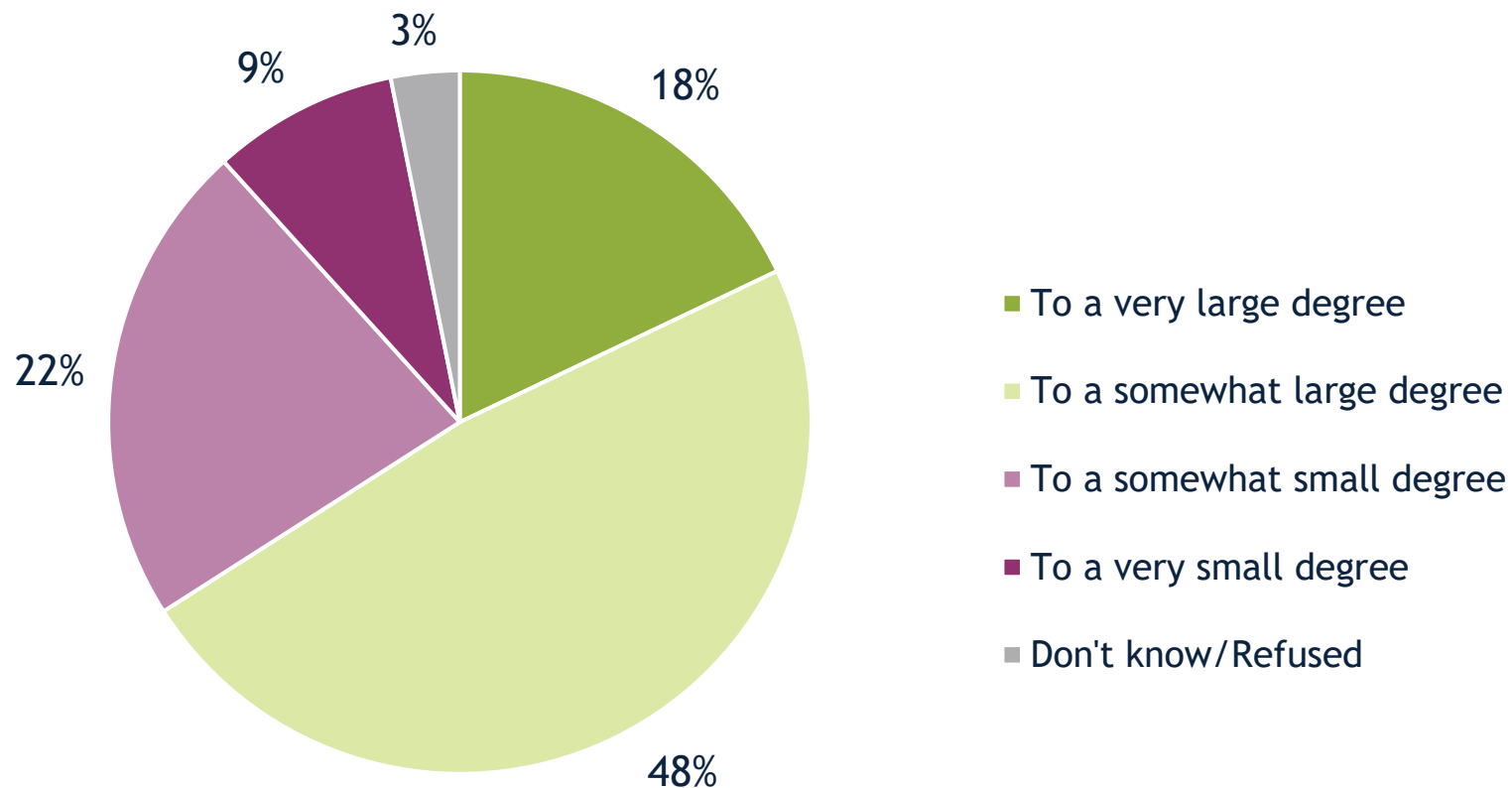


Which among the following groups is the most important and the second most important to effectively address corruption in Vidin municipality?

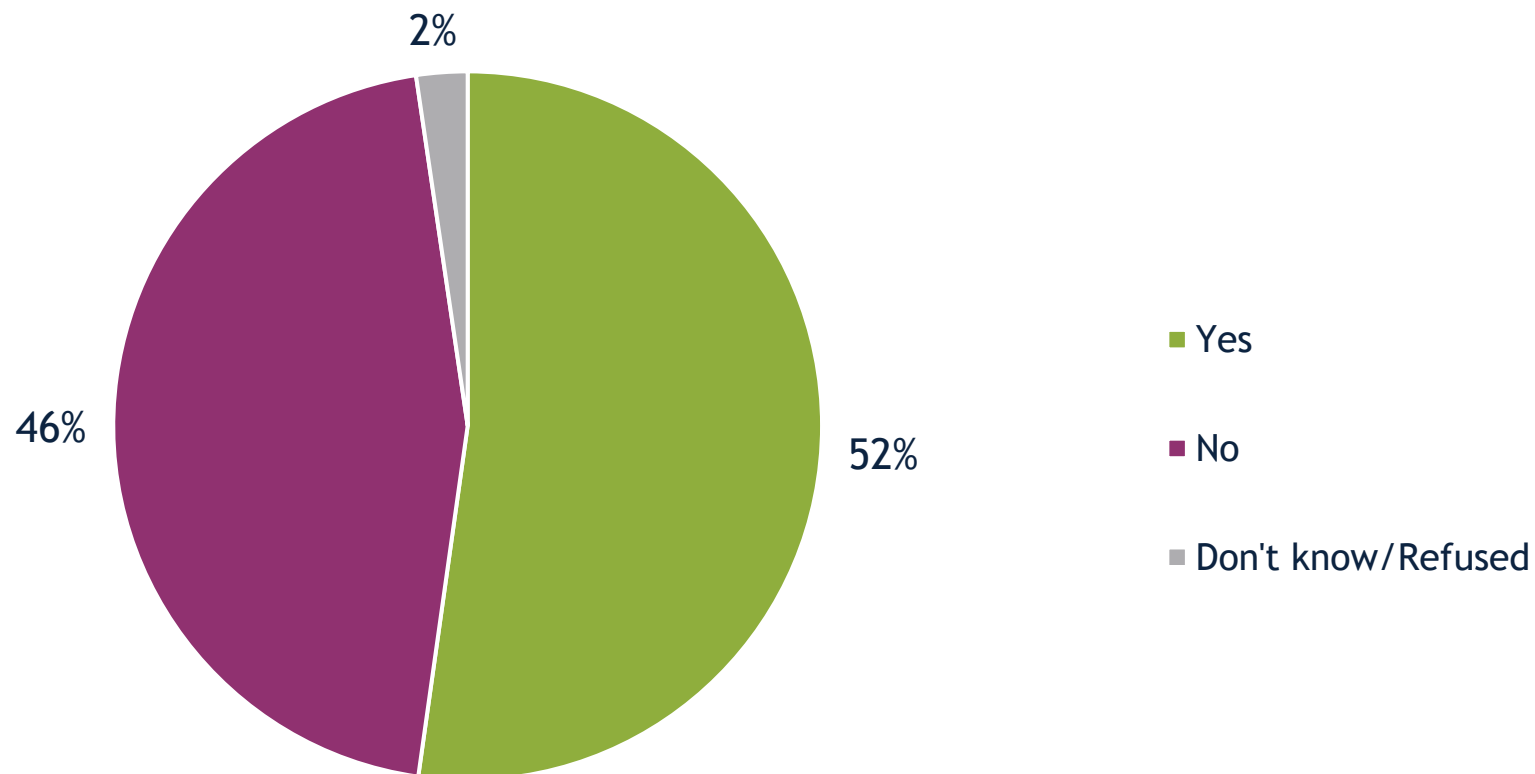
(Up to two responses accepted)



To what degree, if at all, is it the responsibility of citizens to address corruption?

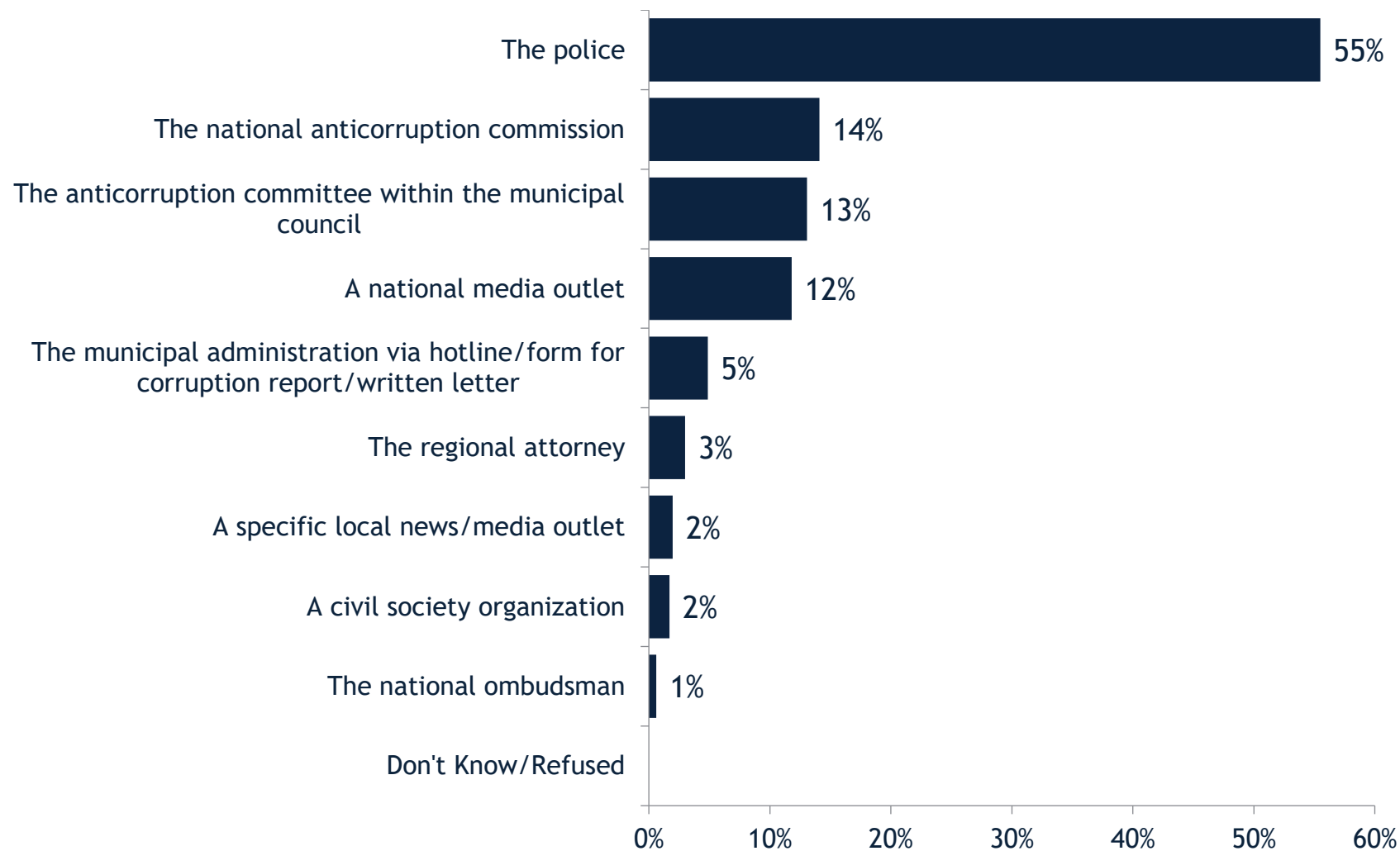


Do you know where to report a corrupt act of a municipal official?



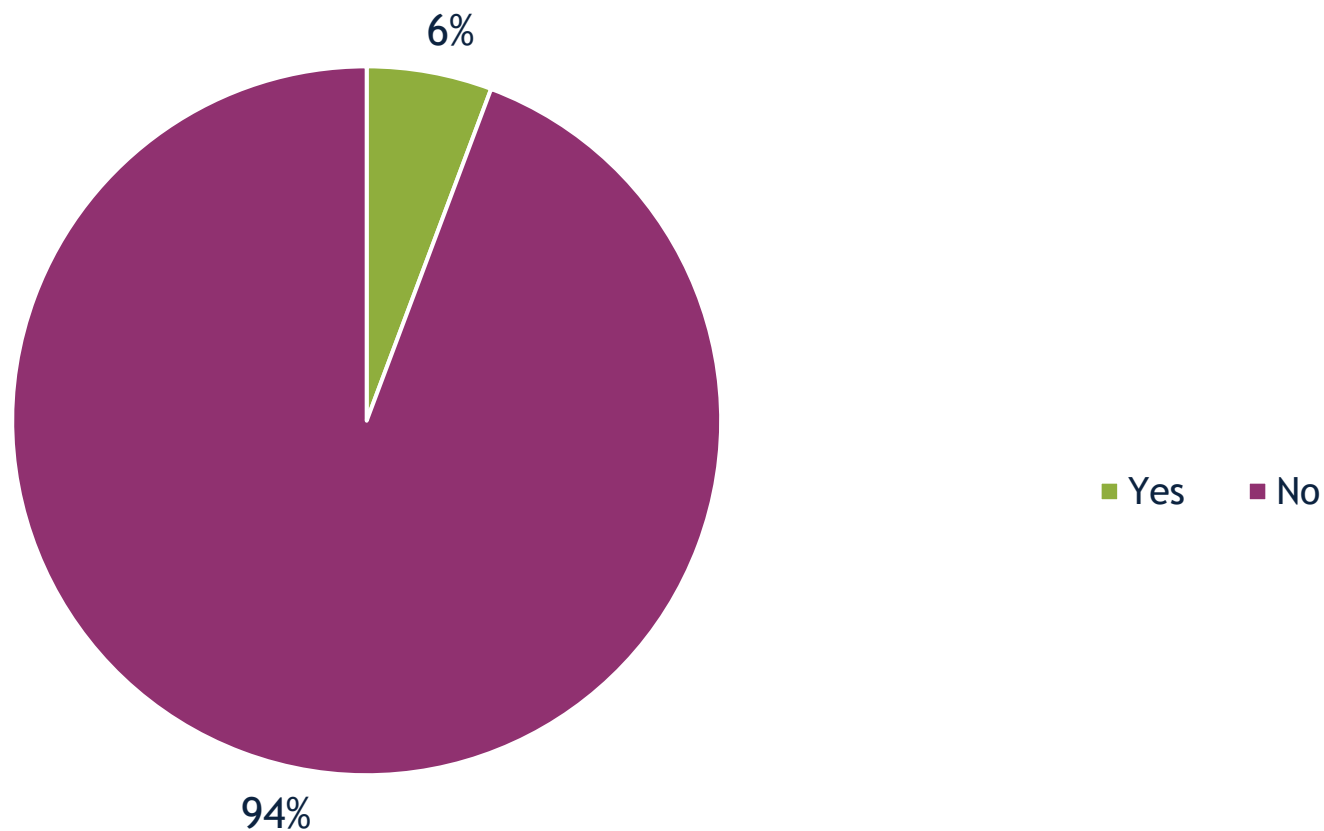
What channels would you contact to report a corrupt act?

(Among respondents who know where to report a corrupt act, n=157; spontaneous response; multiple responses accepted)

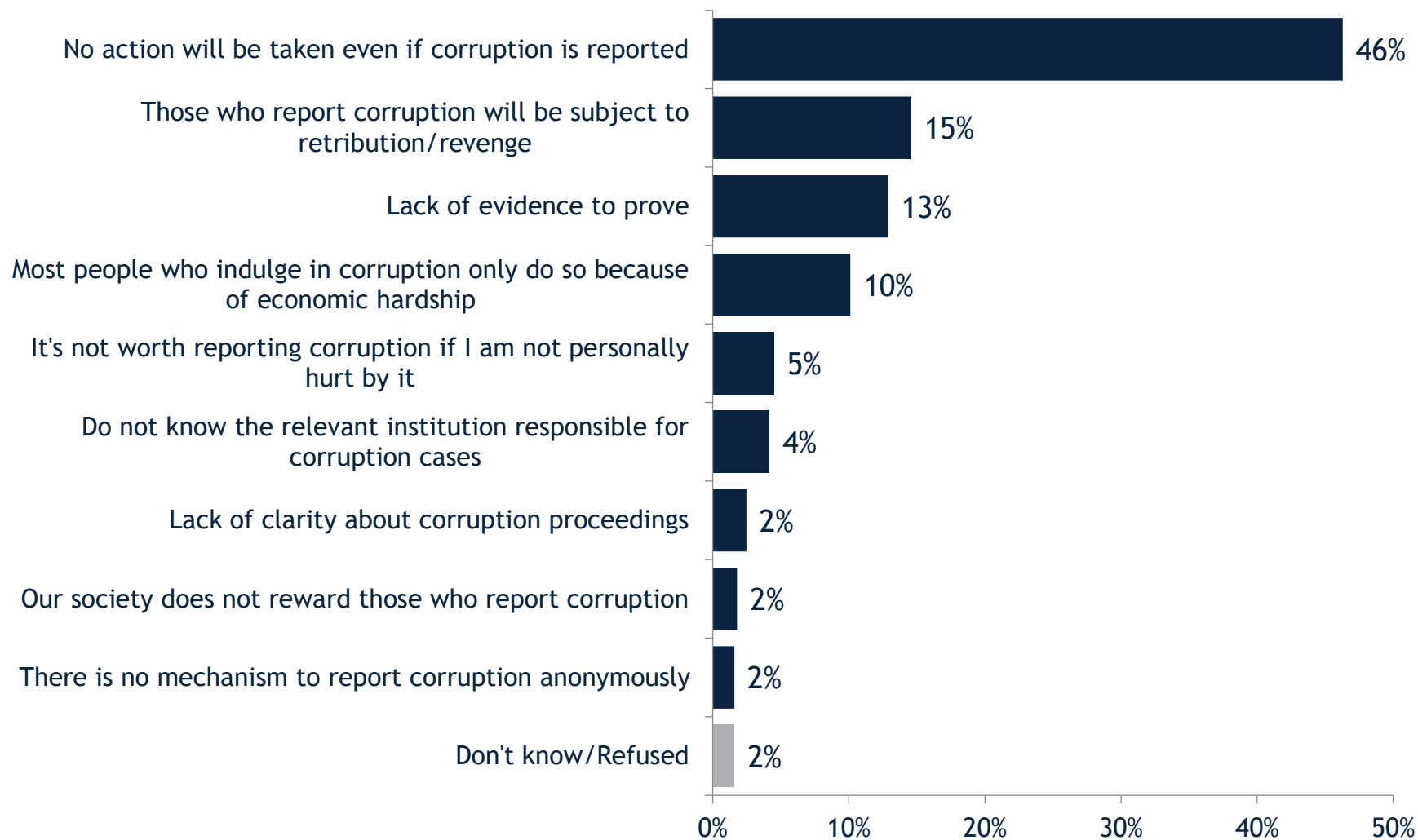


During the past 12 months, have you or anyone in your household reported a corrupt act by a municipal official?

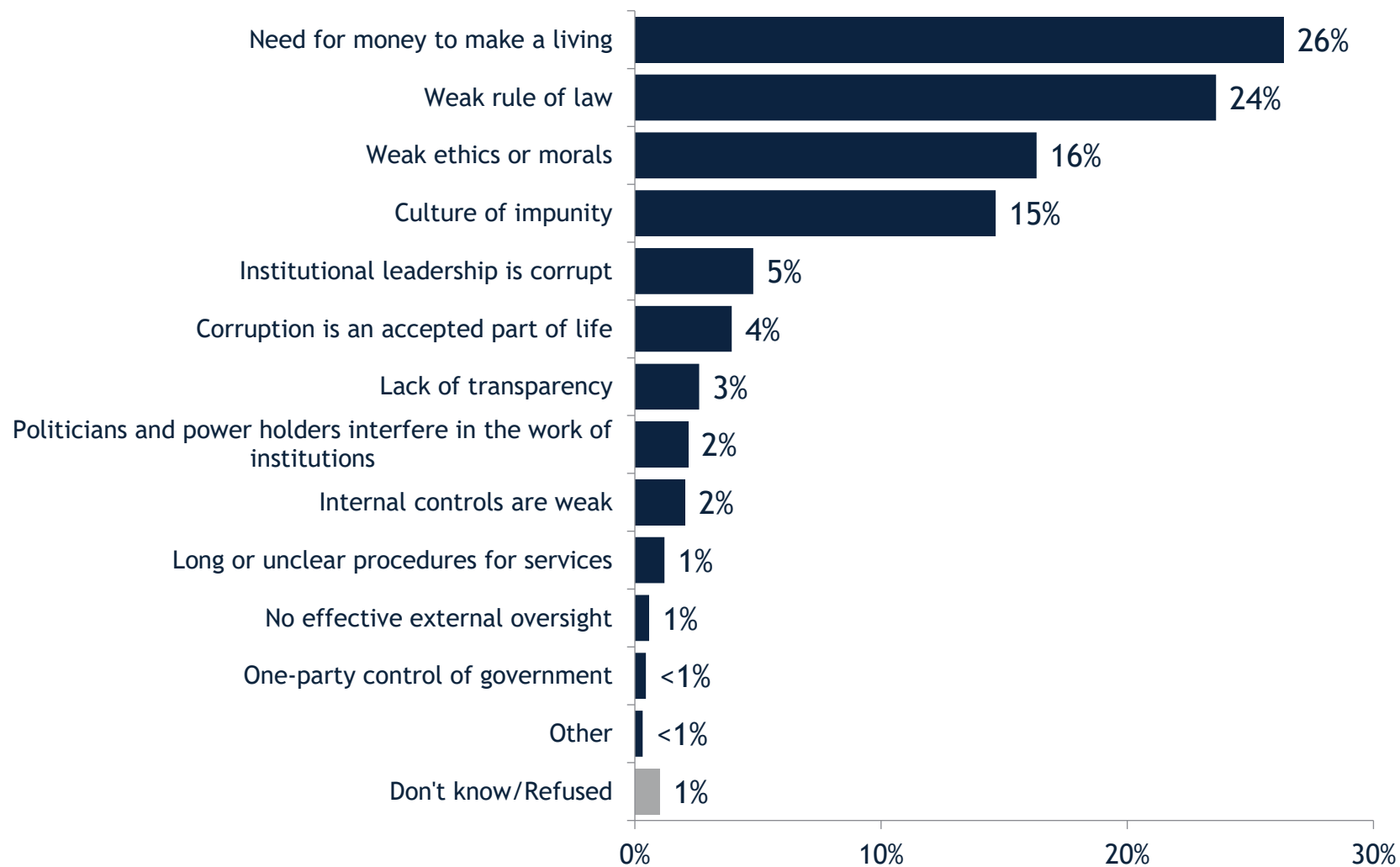
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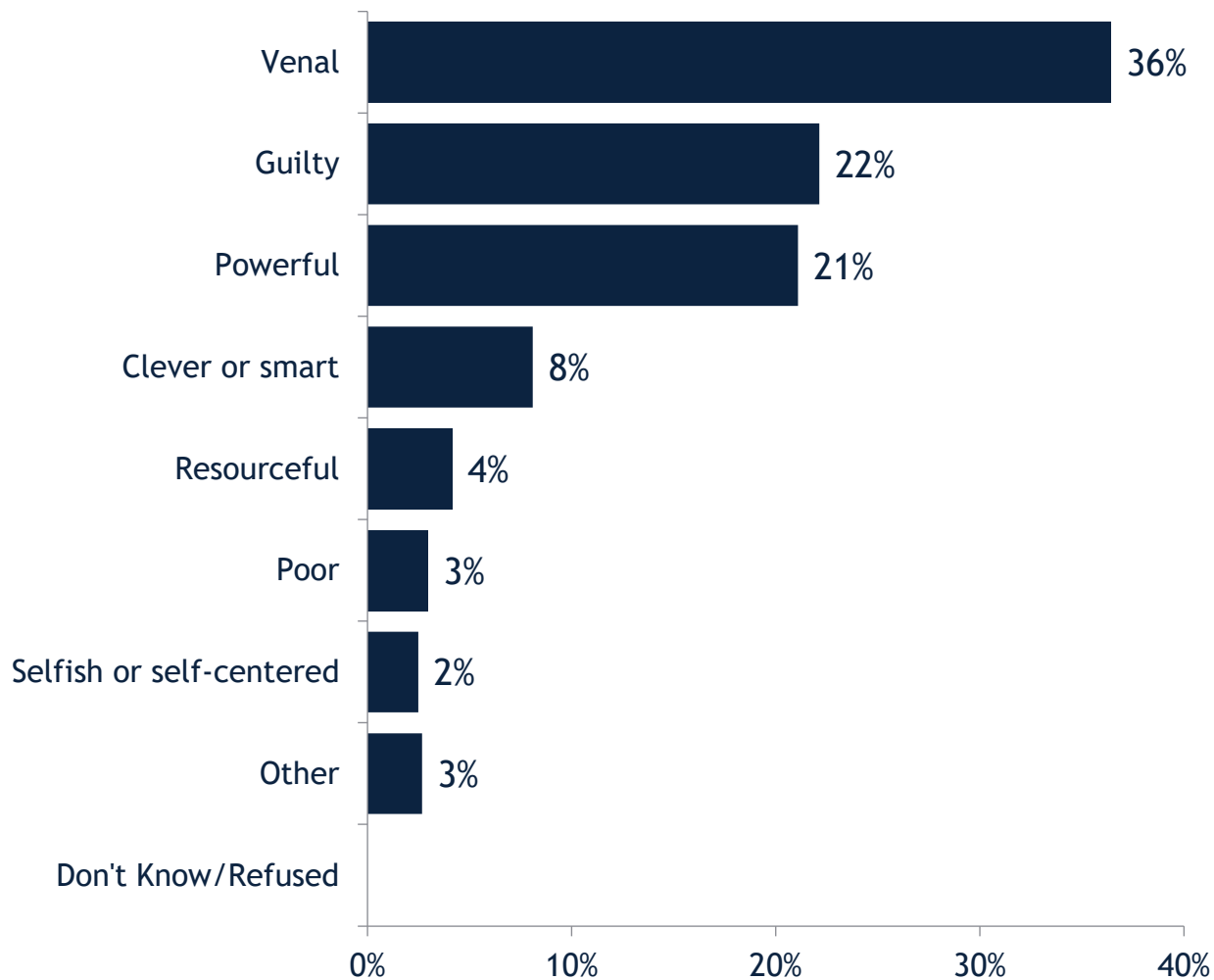
Some people are unwilling to report corrupt actions because of various reasons. Please tell me which of the following you personally consider as the primary reason for not reporting corruption to the relevant authorities.



What do you think is the primary factor causing corruption in public institutions?

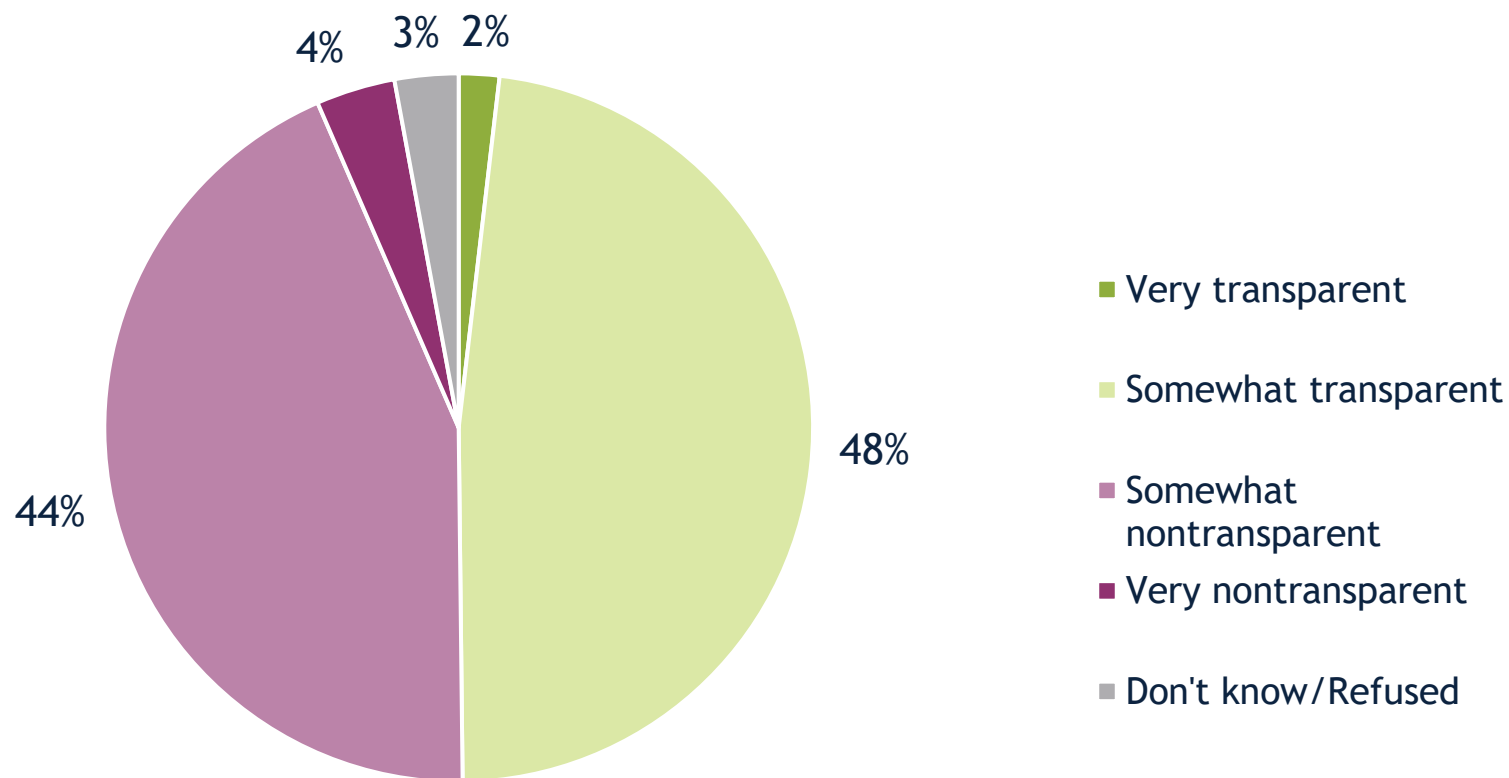


Which of the terms I will show you best reflects how a corrupt person is perceived in our society?

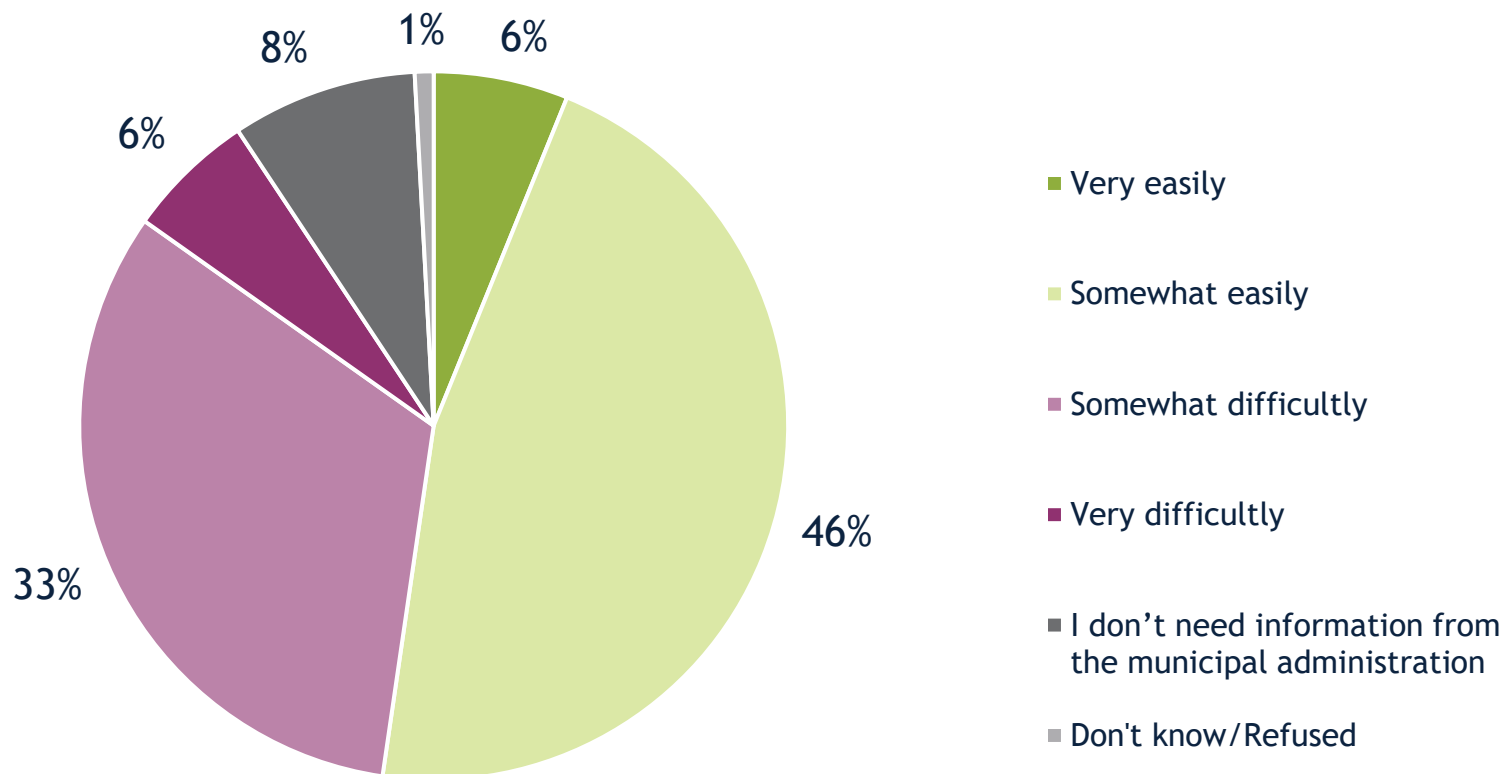


*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other

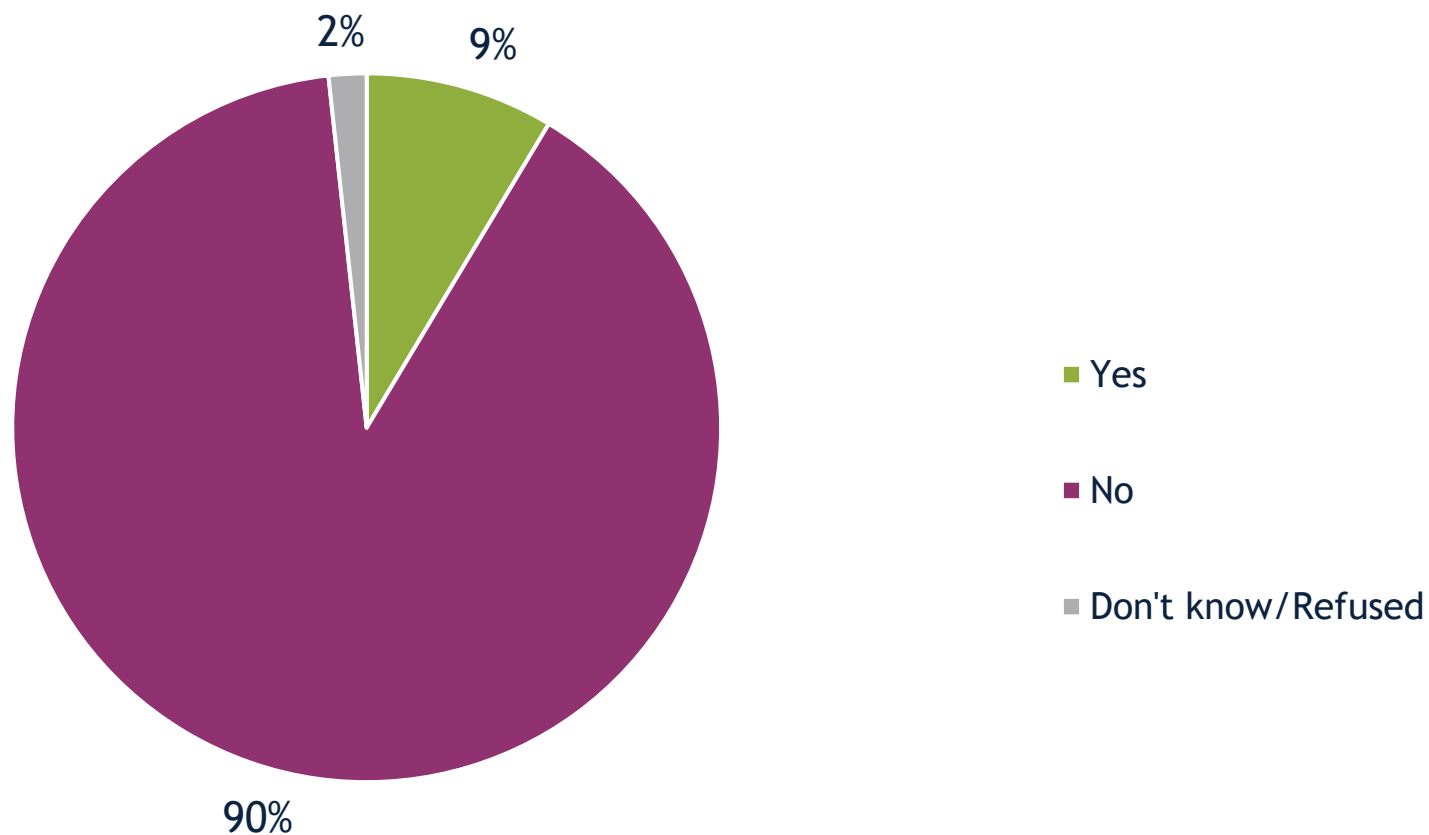
How transparent or nontransparent is the work of the mayor and the municipal administration?



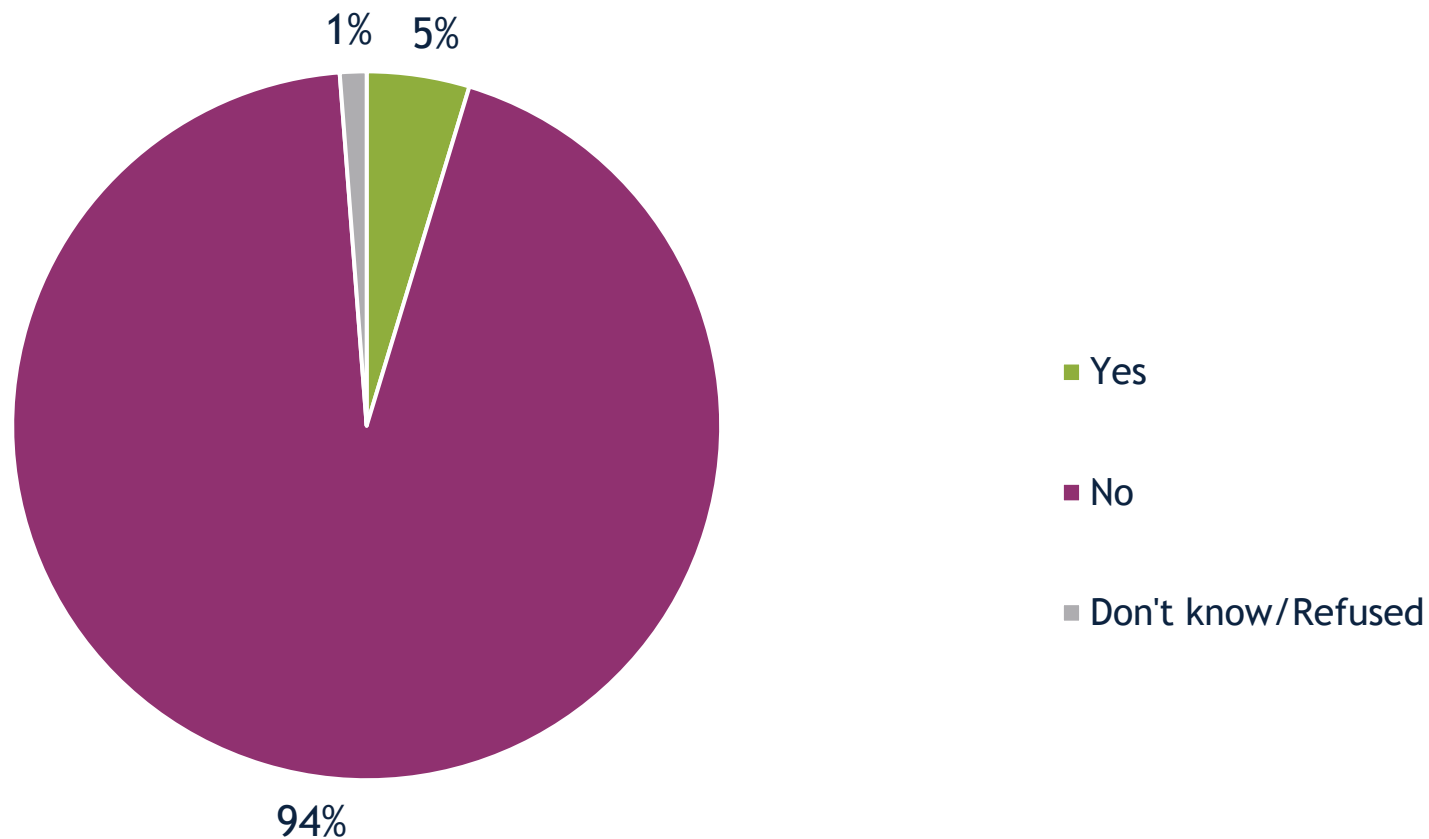
Do you find the information you need from the municipal administration easily or not?



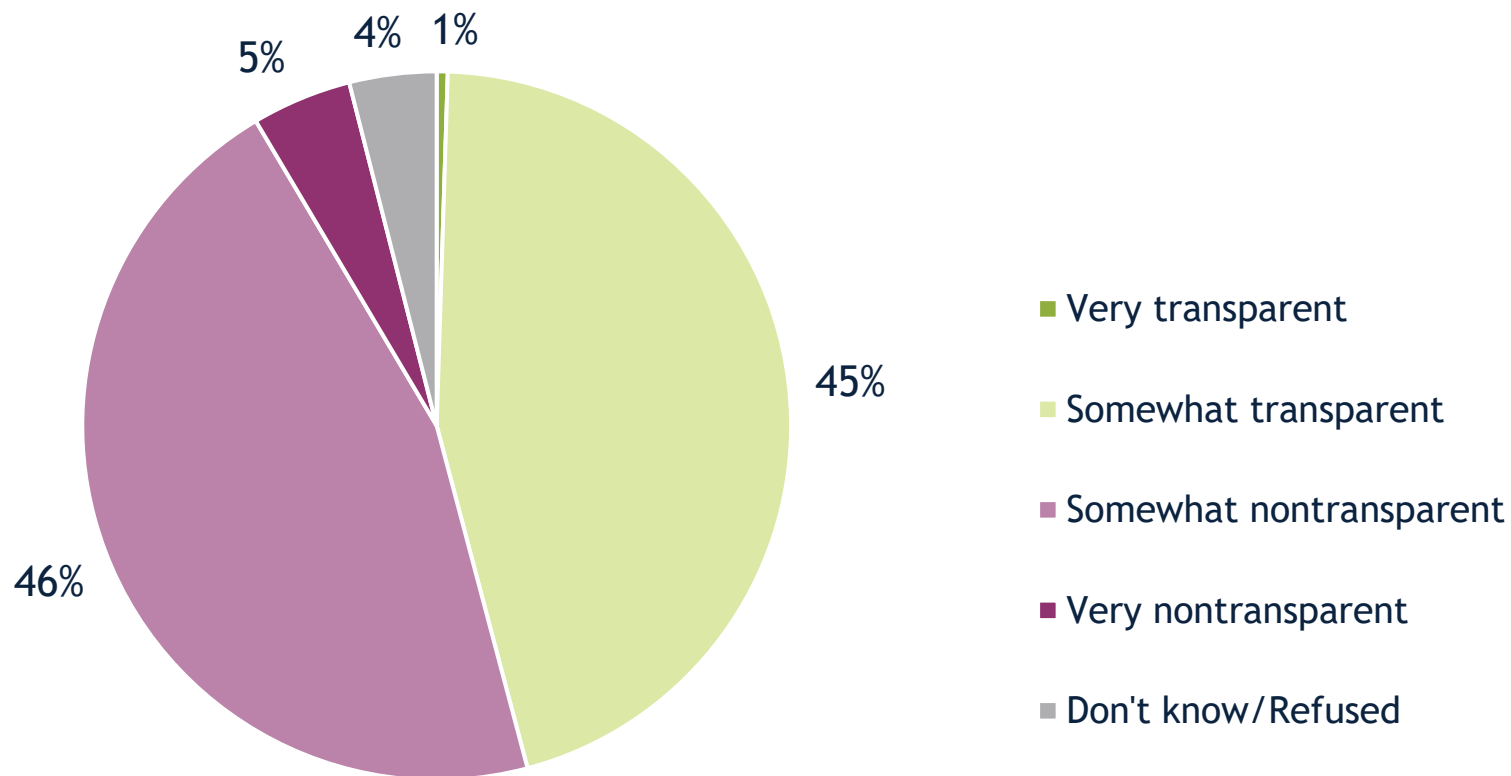
Are you aware of when municipal government public discussion meetings take place?



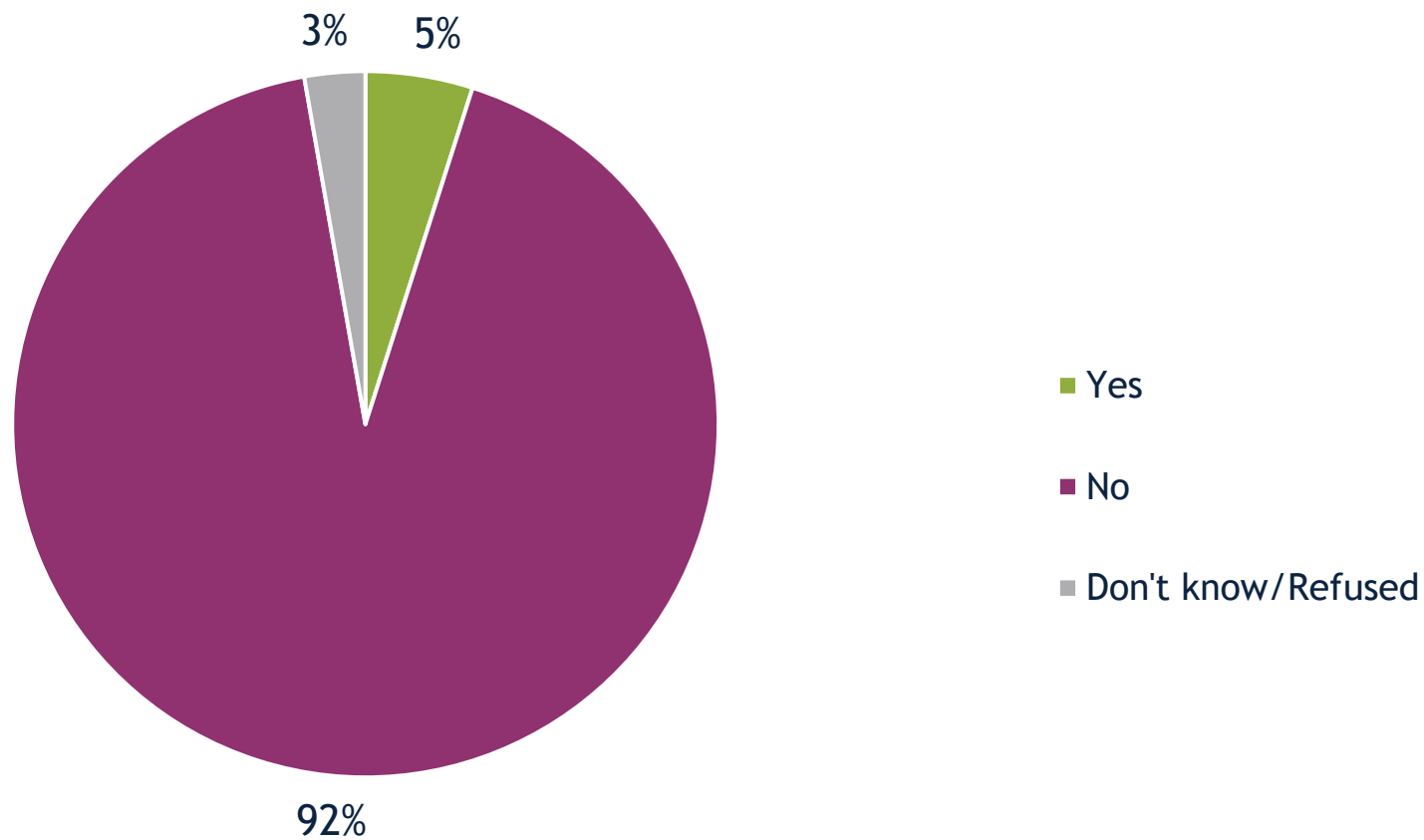
Have you ever attended a municipal government public discussion meeting?



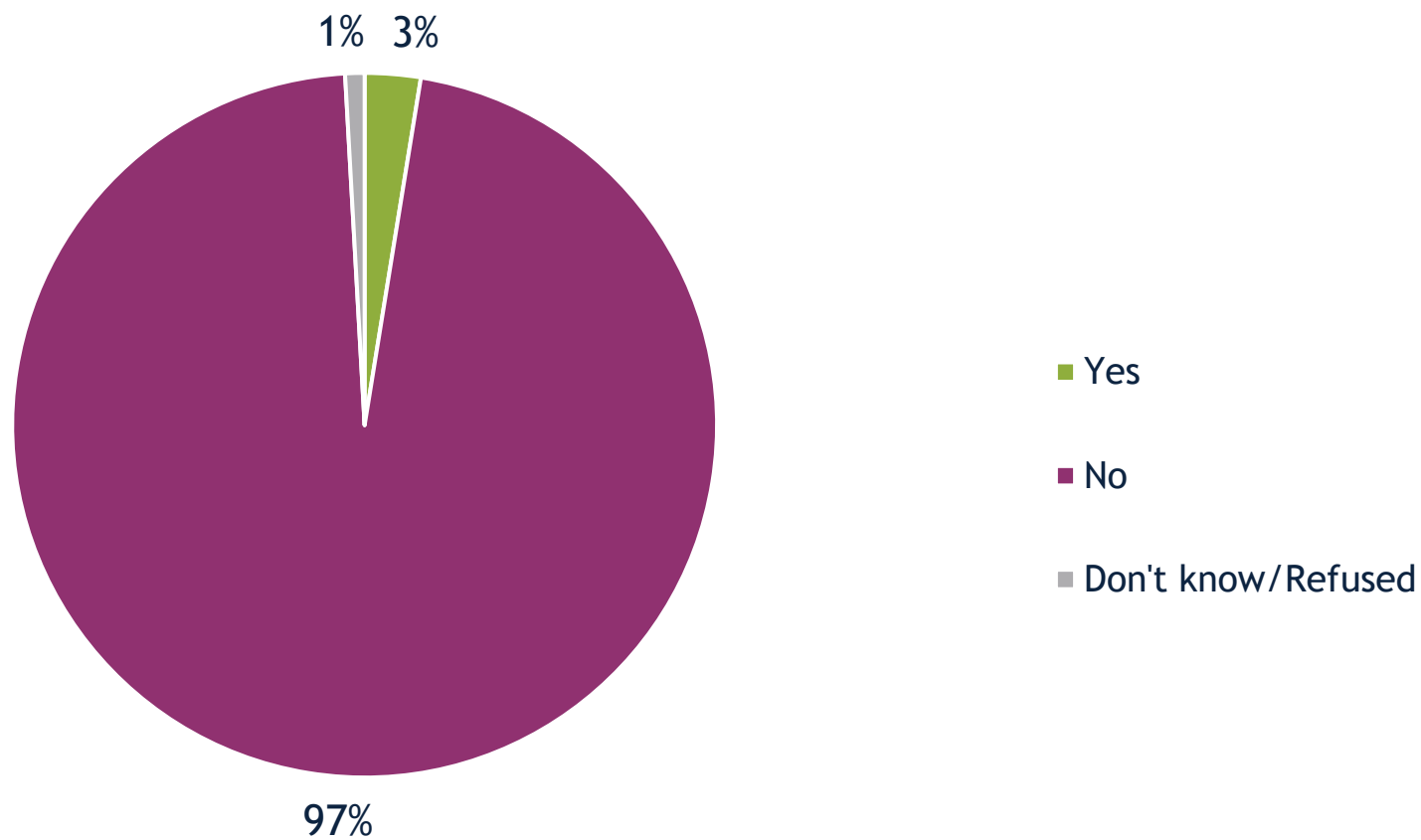
How transparent or nontransparent is the work of the municipal council?



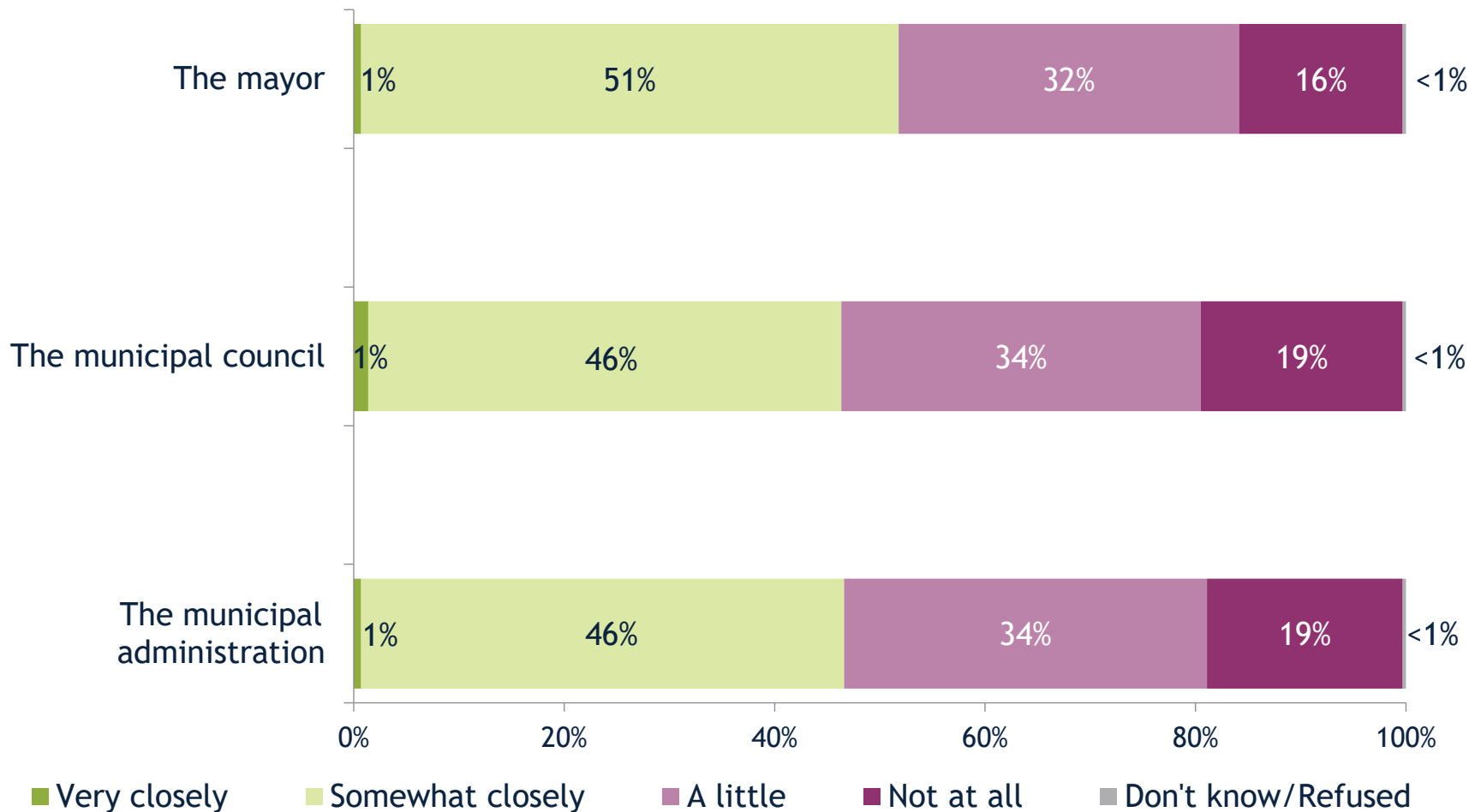
Are you aware of when municipal council meetings take place?



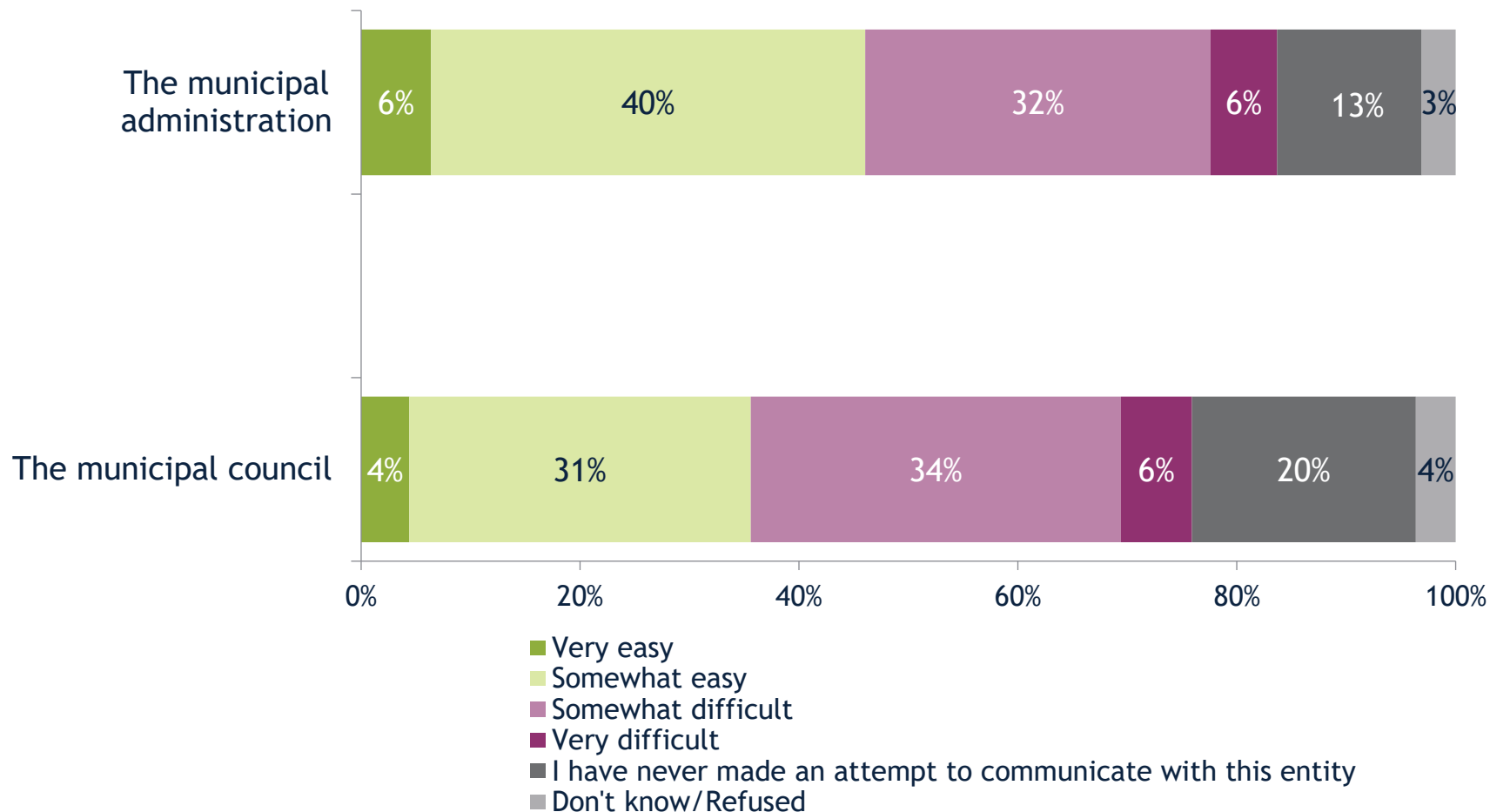
Have you attended any municipal council meetings?



How closely do you follow the decisions and actions taken by each of the following institutions?

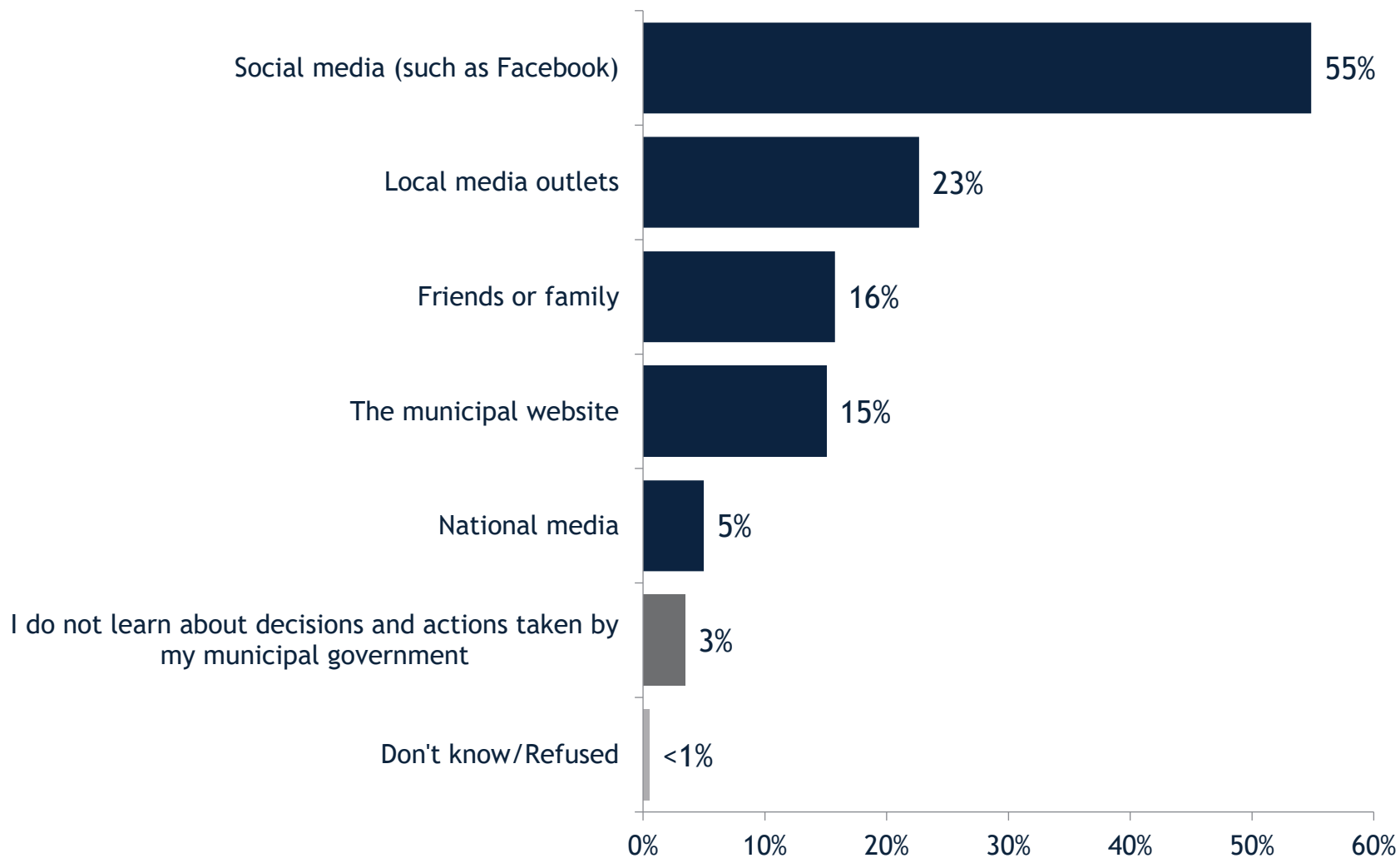


Is it easy or difficult to communicate with the following entities in Vidin municipality?

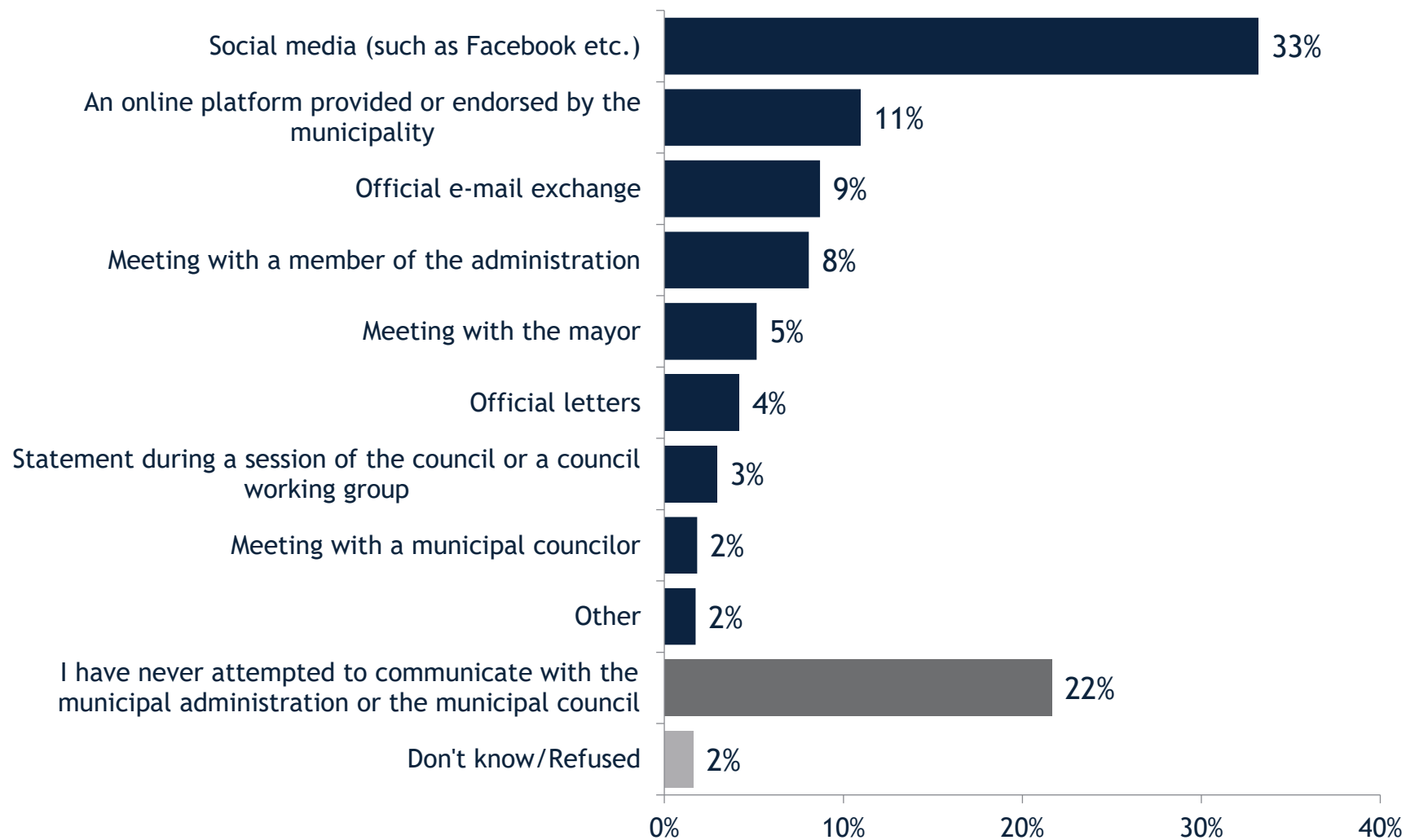


What are the primary sources you use to learn about the decisions and actions taken by the municipal administration and the council?

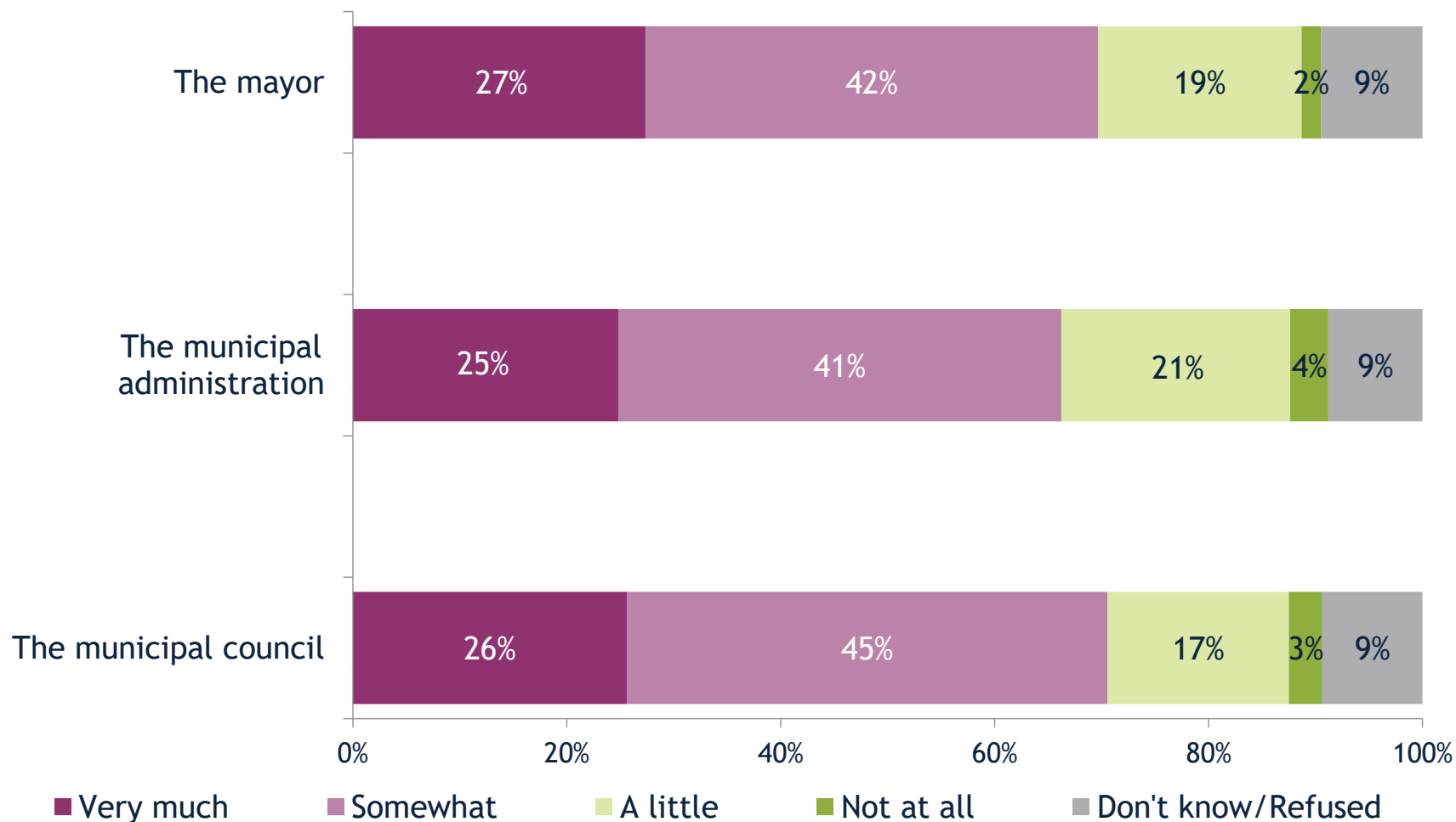
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses accepted)



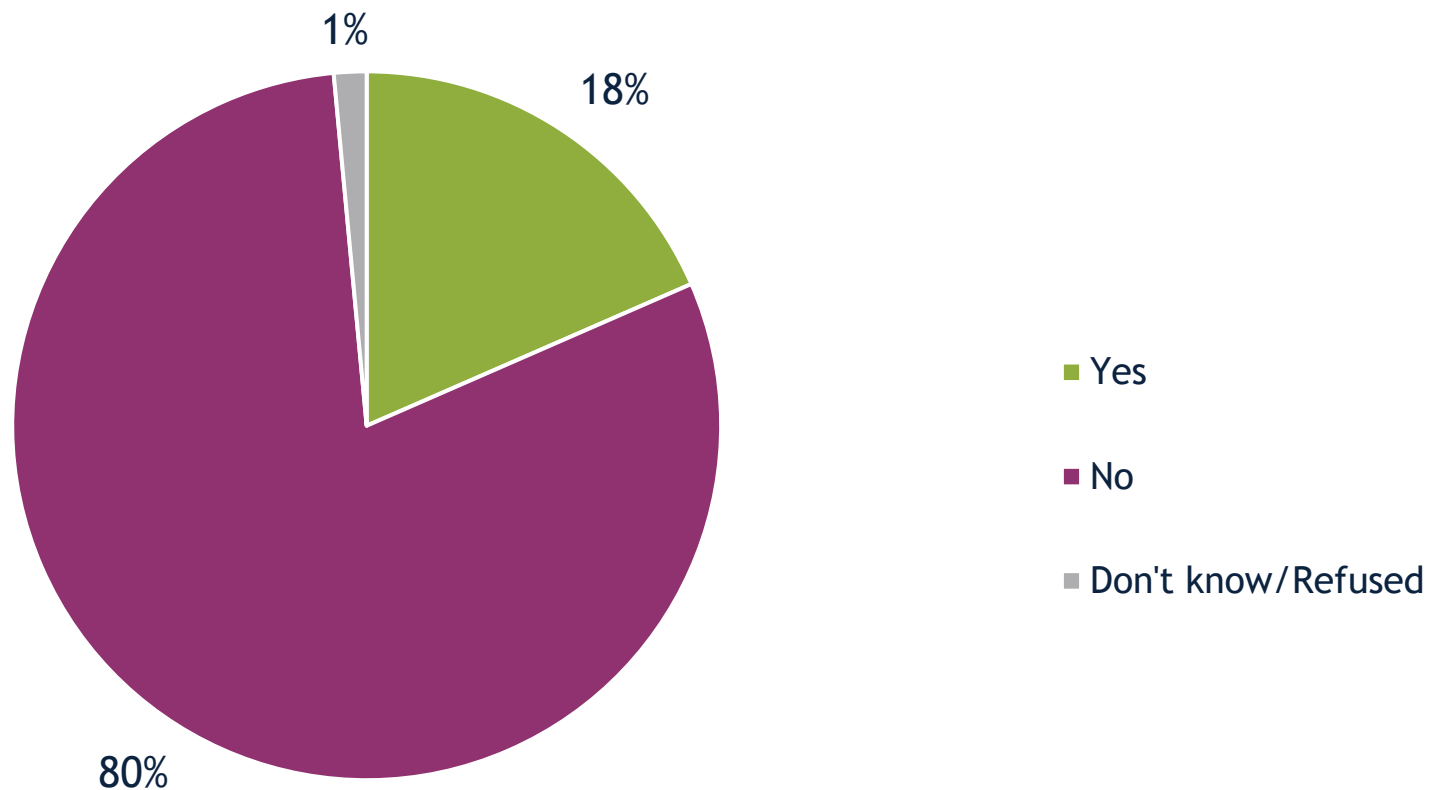
Which of the following is your preferred channel of communication with the municipal administration and the council?



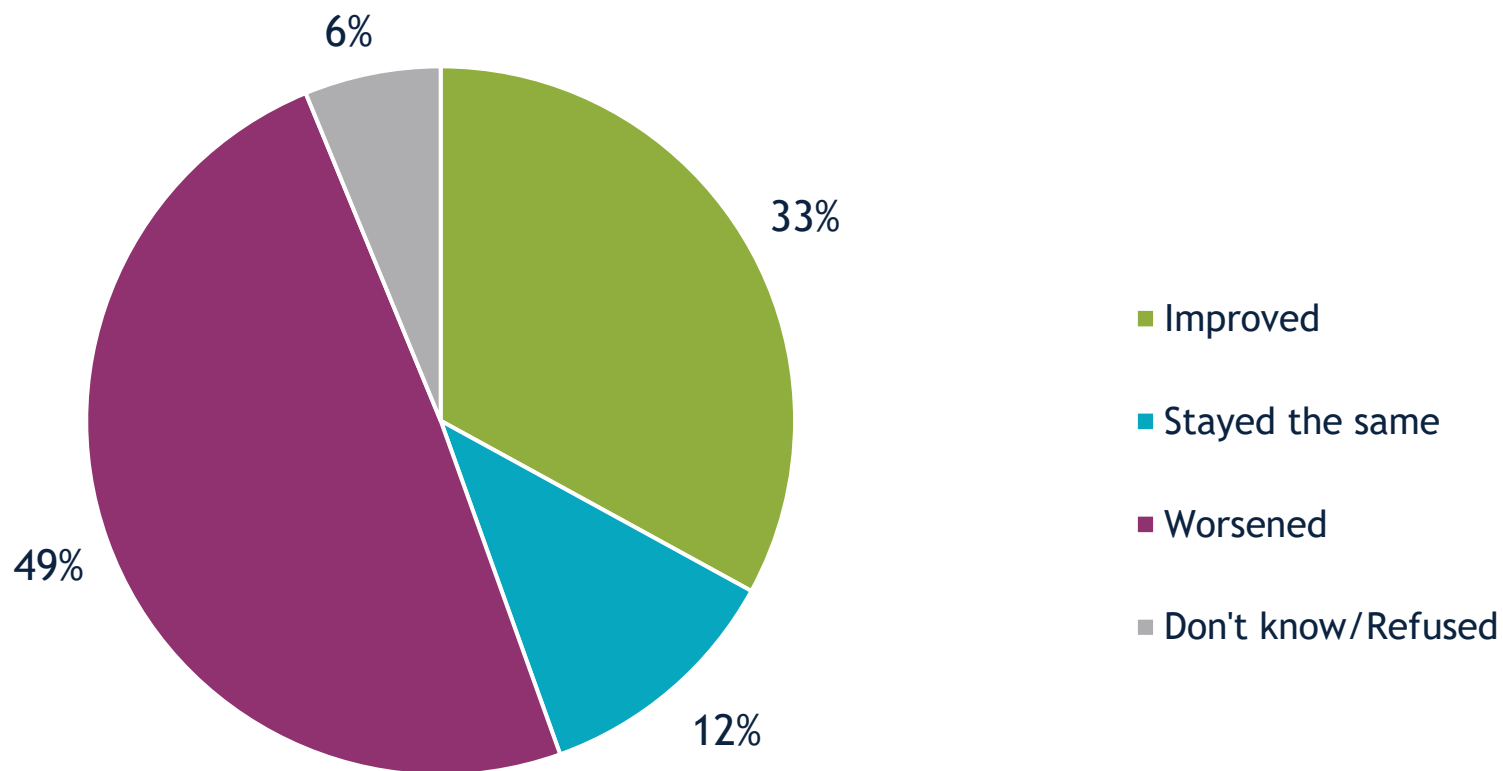
To what extent are each of your municipal government entities influenced by wealthy people?



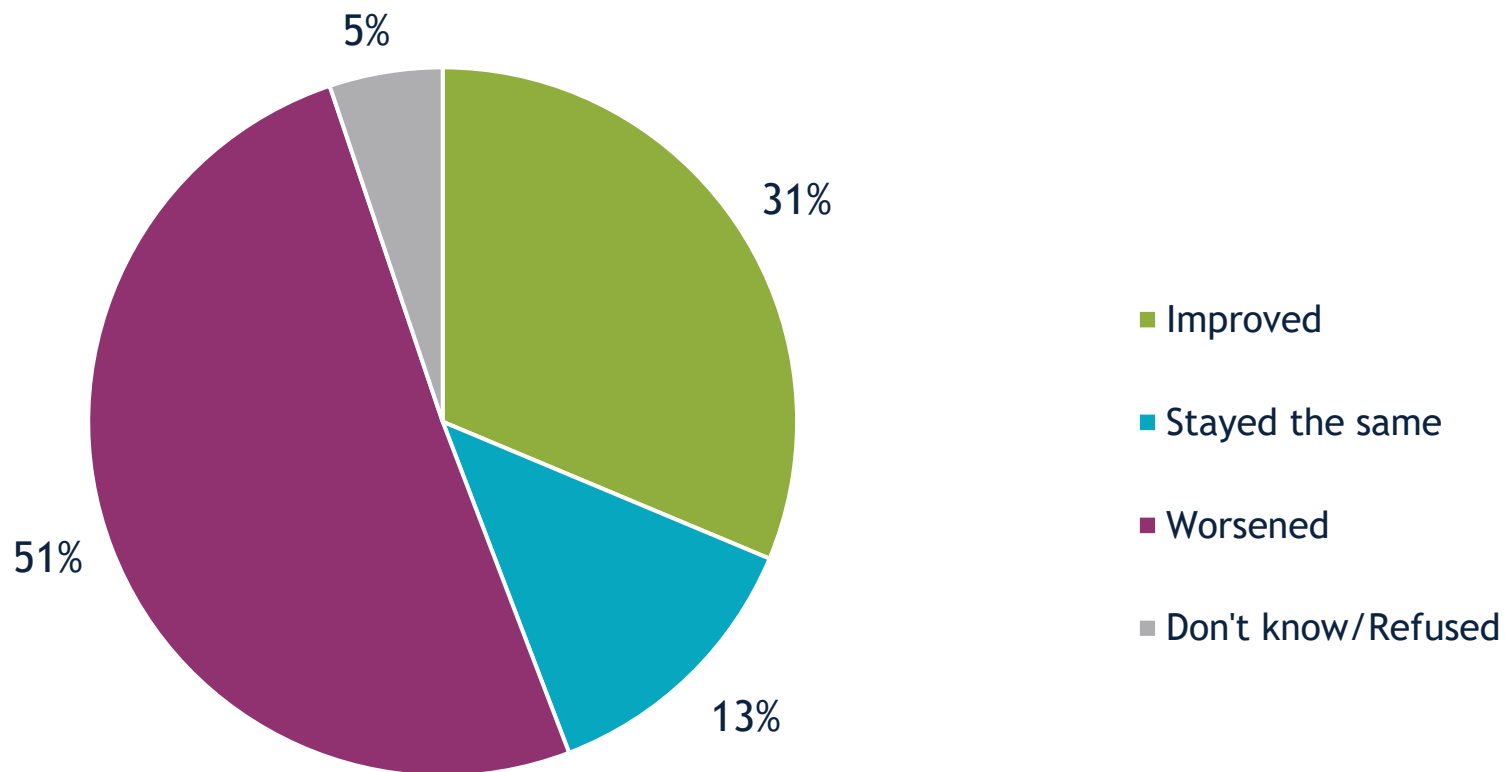
Are you aware of any local CSOs, which means a local group that forms around a common goal and is not associated with the government, that work for more transparency in the municipal administration and the council?



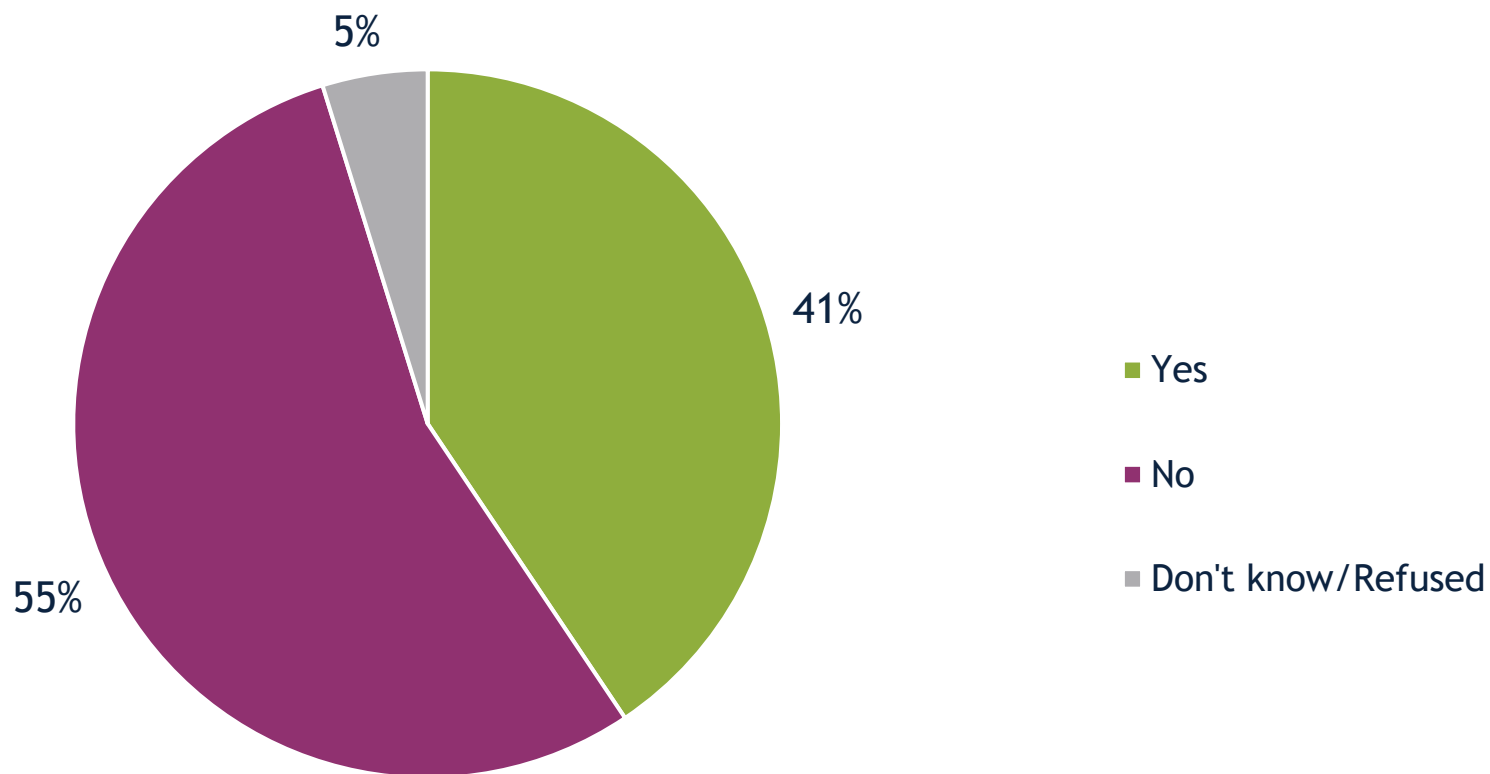
Do you think that the transparency of the **municipal administration** has improved or worsened, or stayed the same over the last 10 years?



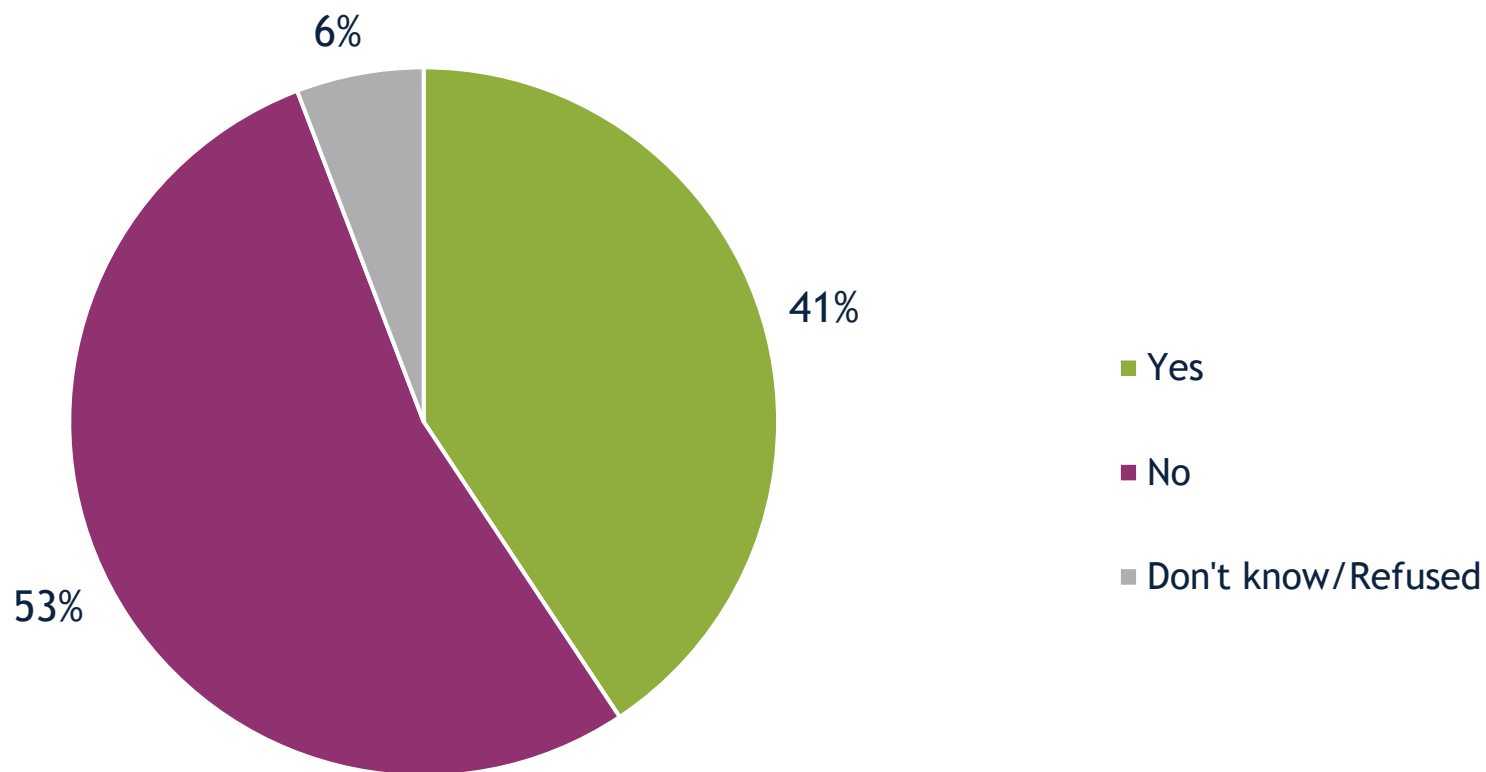
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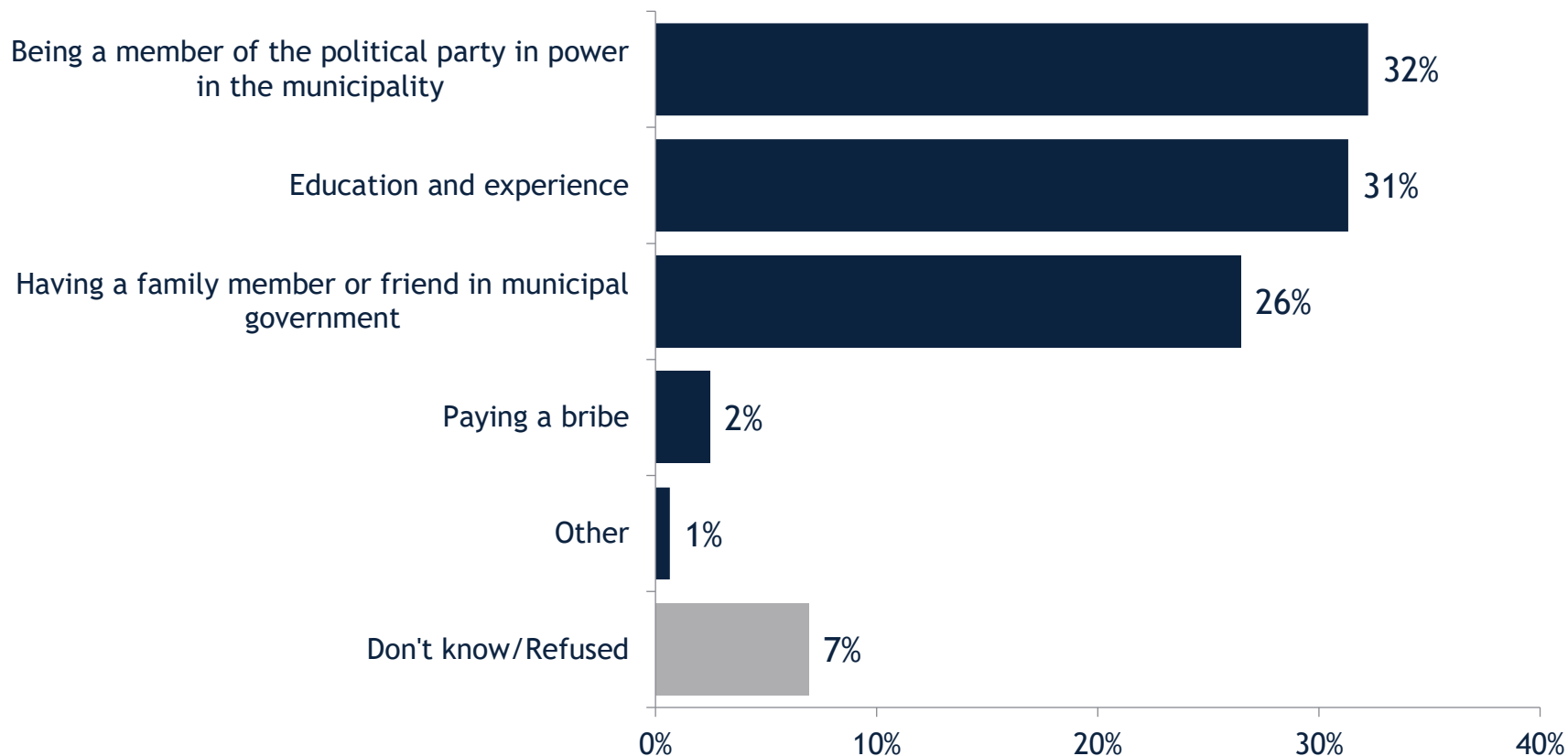
Do you see political will for improvement of transparency in the **municipal administration**?



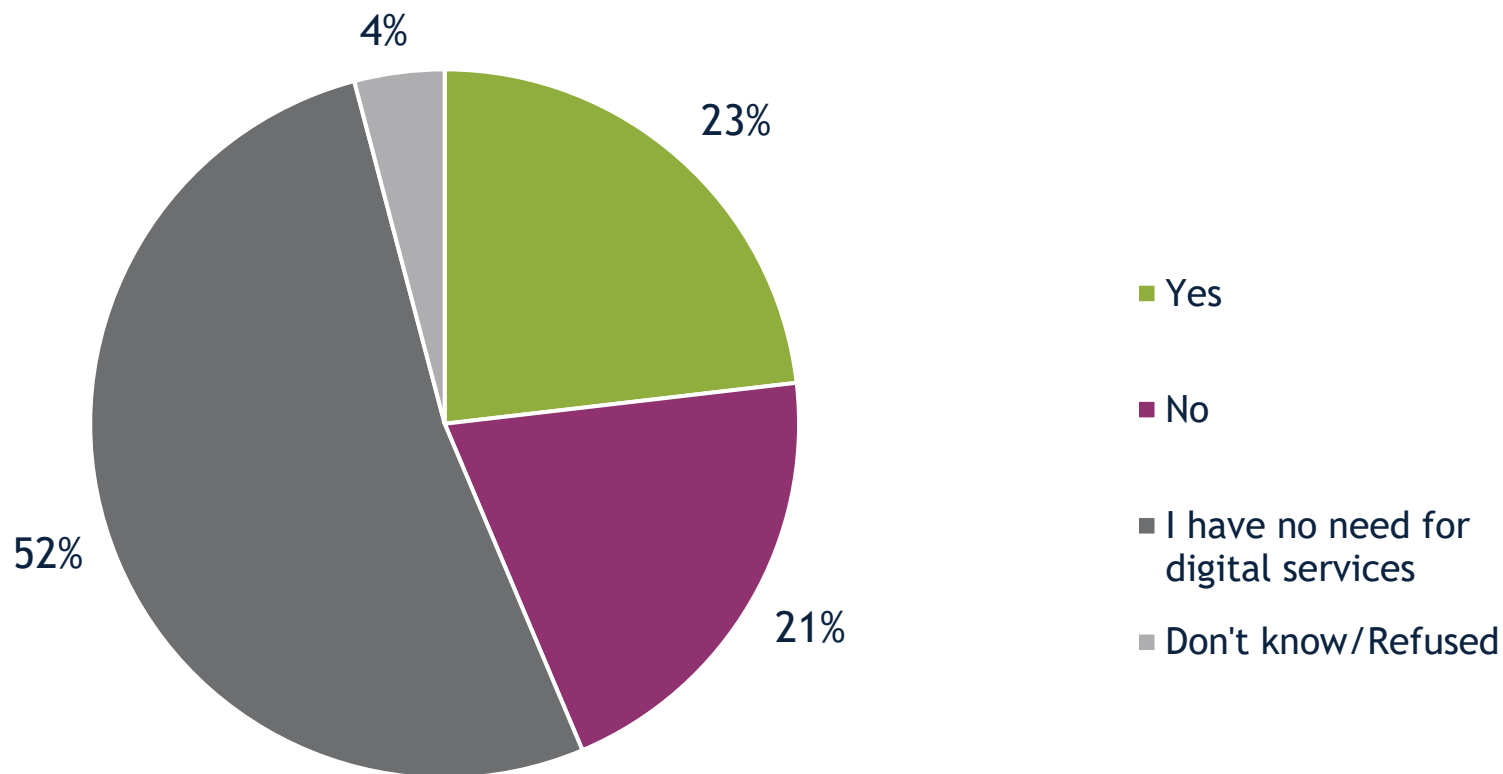
Do you see political will for improvement of transparency in the **municipal council**?



Which of the following do you think is the most important factor for getting a job in the municipal administration?

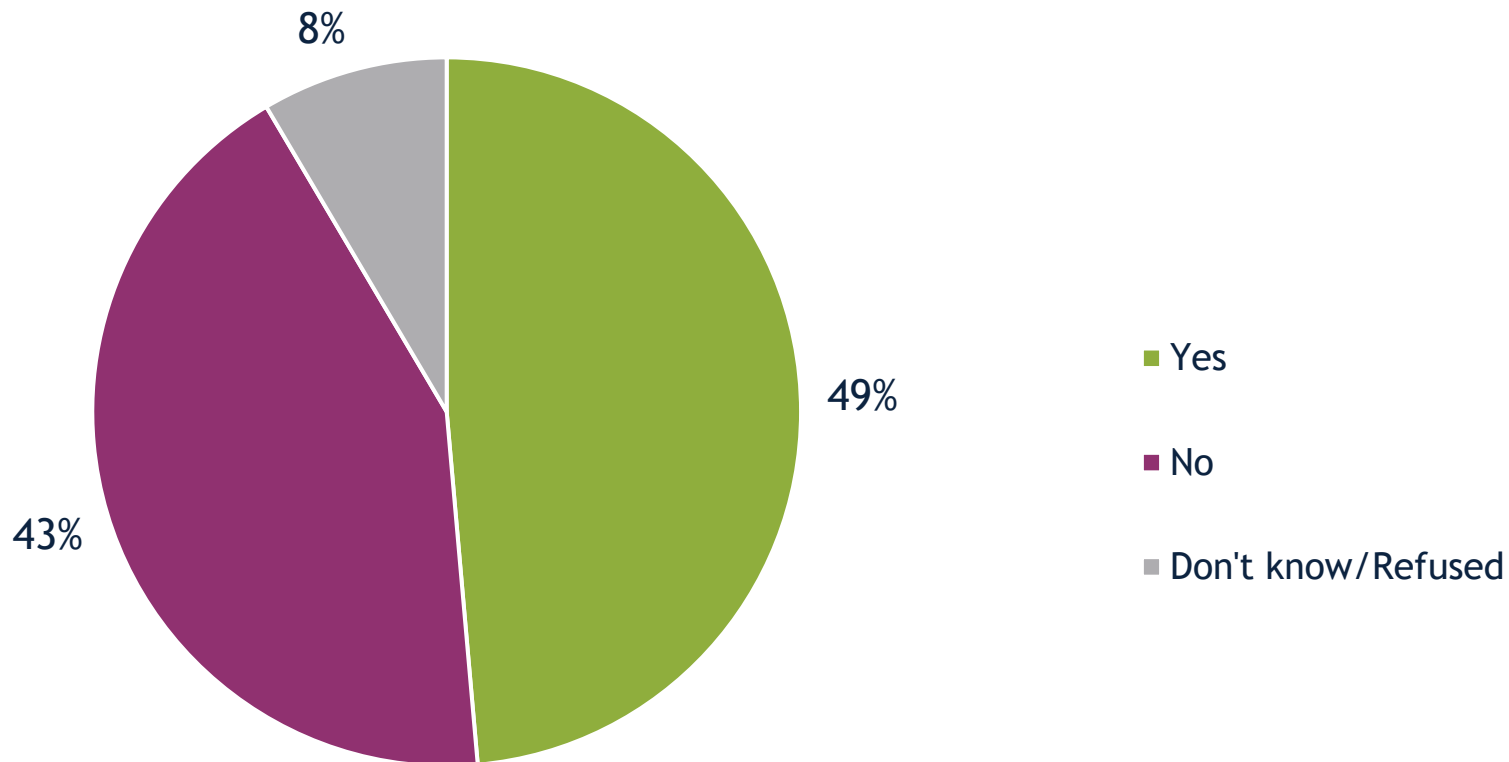


Are you satisfied with the level of digital services offered by Vidin municipality?

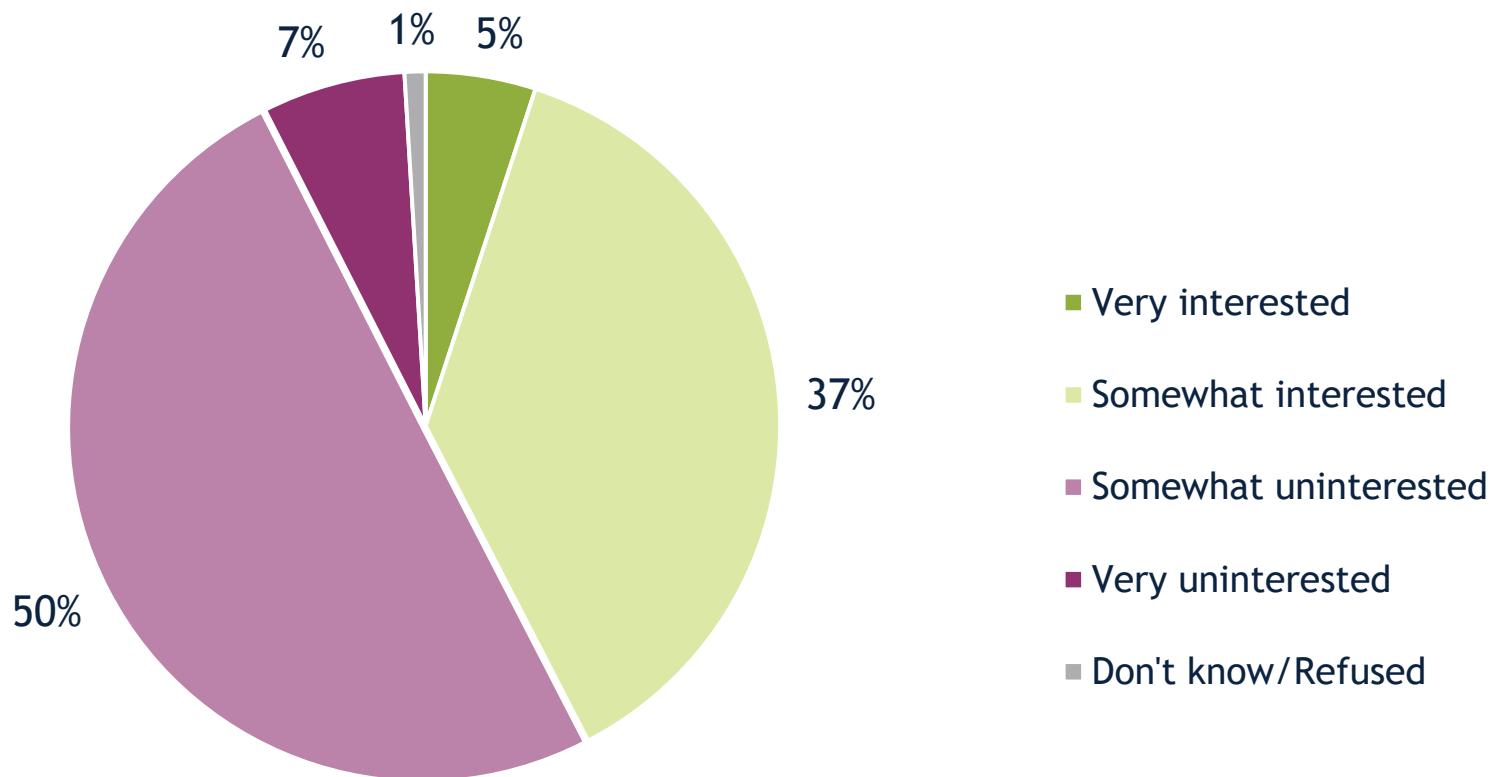


Do you think efforts are made to improve the digital services offered by Vidin municipality?

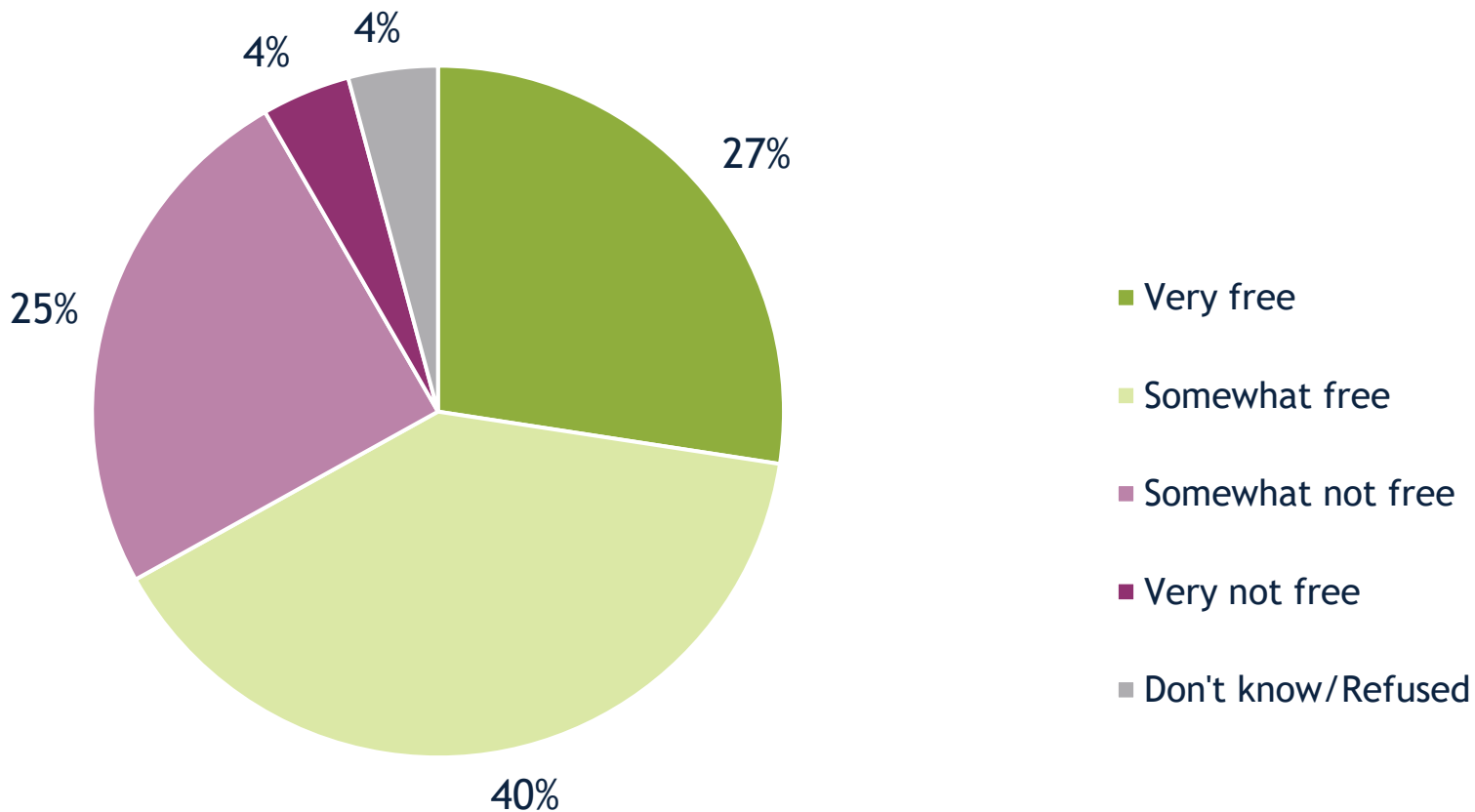
(Among all respondents except for those who stated they have no need for digital services from Vidin, n=143)



How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information about Vidin municipality?

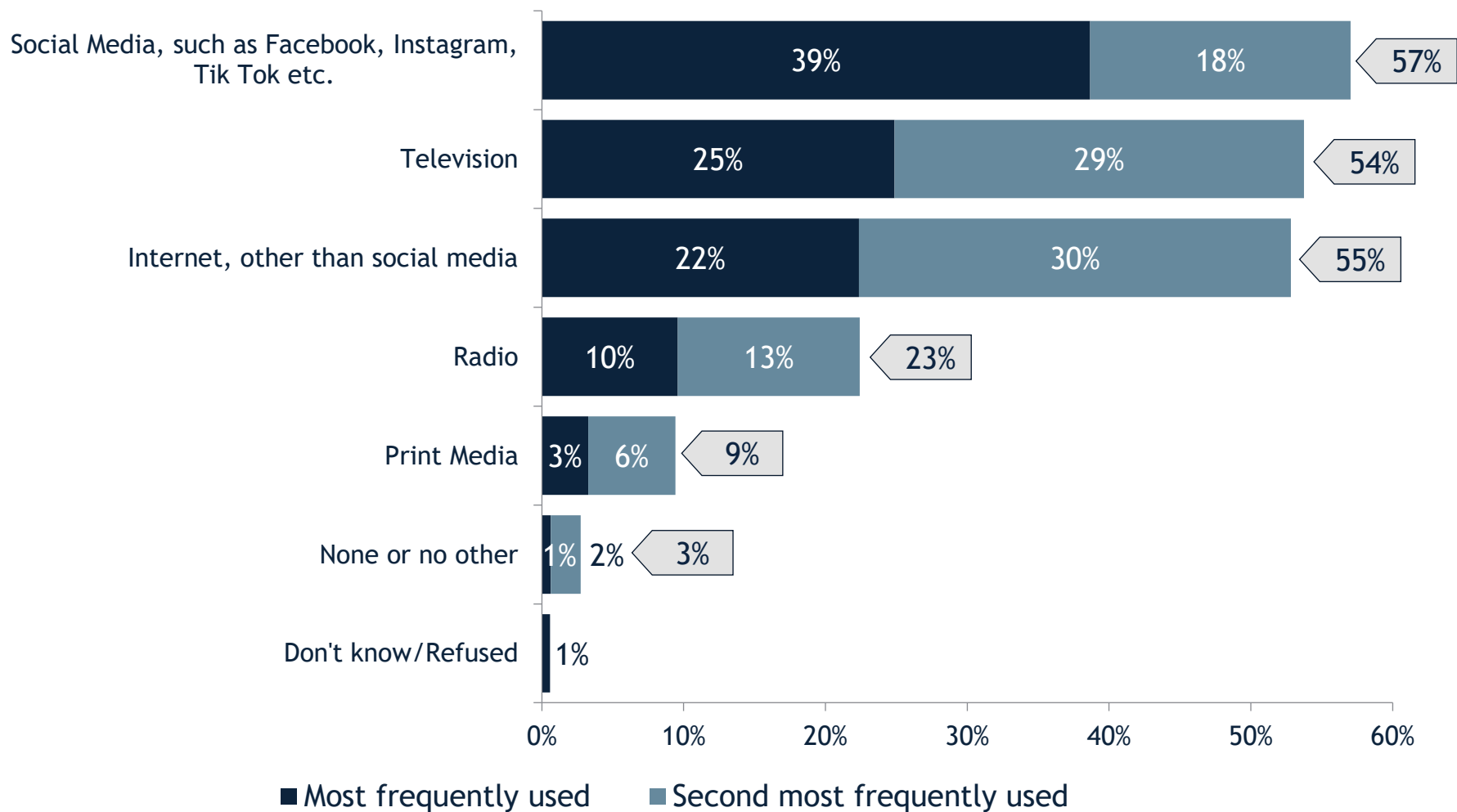


Are the media in Vidin municipality free to independently cover any issue or not?

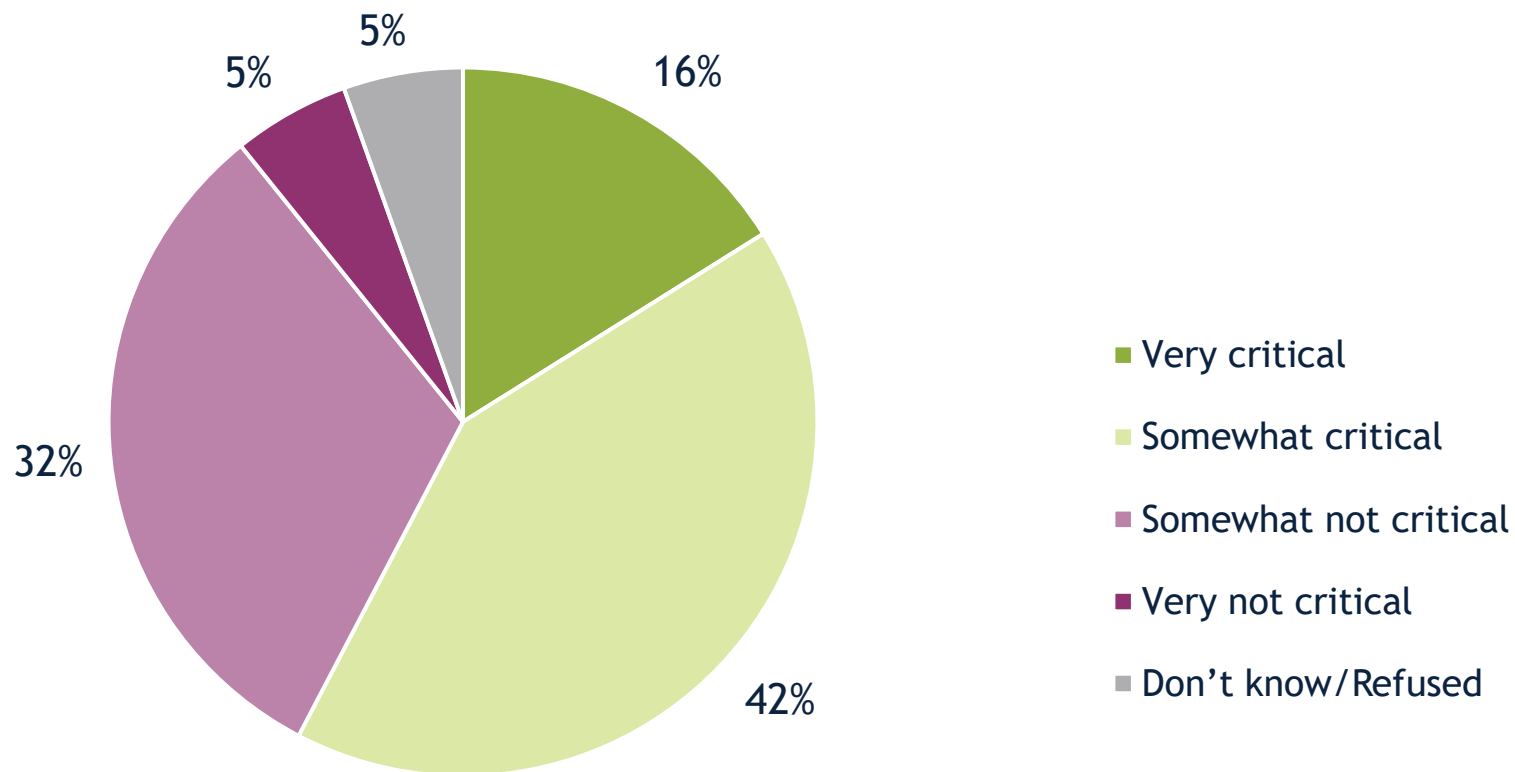


Which media platform do you use most frequently and second most frequently to gain political news and information about Vidin municipality?

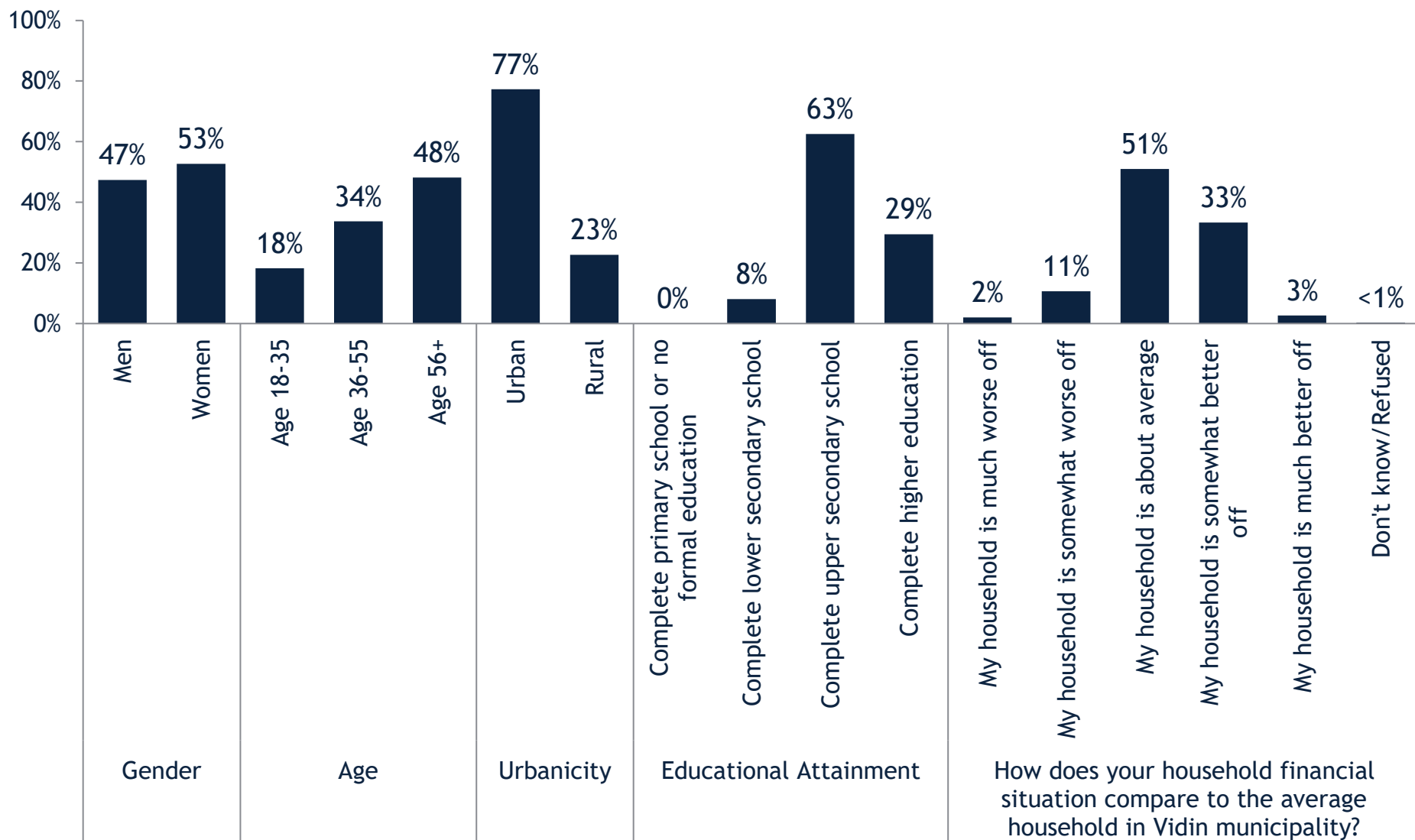
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Do you perceive local media as critical or not critical of the municipal administration and the council?



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