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JULY 2024 | NATIONWIDE SURVEY

Voter Abstention in Greece

Comparative survey of voters and abstainers in the
June 2023 National Election

Findings report



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Survey details

Agency	KAPA RESEARCH
Principal	Heinrich Böll Foundation – Thessaloniki, Greece
Survey type	Quantitative public opinion survey
Sample	Men and women, 17 years old and above, voters and abstainers in the June 2023 National Election
Sample size and coverage	1450 respondents nationally (voters: 850, abstainers: 600)
Data collection period	3 – 17 July 2024
Sampling / Weighting	Multistage sampling using quotas with respect to geographical distribution, gender, and age of the population based on the 2021 census of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT). In the total sample (N=1450), data are weighted by gender, age, and region. Additionally, in the voters' sample (n=850) data are weighted by the vote in the national election of June 2023
Data collection method	The data was collected using a mixed method of telephone (581 people via CATI) and online interviews (869 via CAWI) with Kapa Research web panel members. 22 interviewers and 2 supervisors worked on the telephone survey
Error and rounding	Standard error of 3% with a confidence interval of 95%. Results (%) are rounded to 1% and answers may not add up to 100%
About Kapa Research	A member of the Greek Association of Opinion and Market Research Companies (SEDEA). Complies with the ESOMAR codes of conduct and publication of opinion surveys

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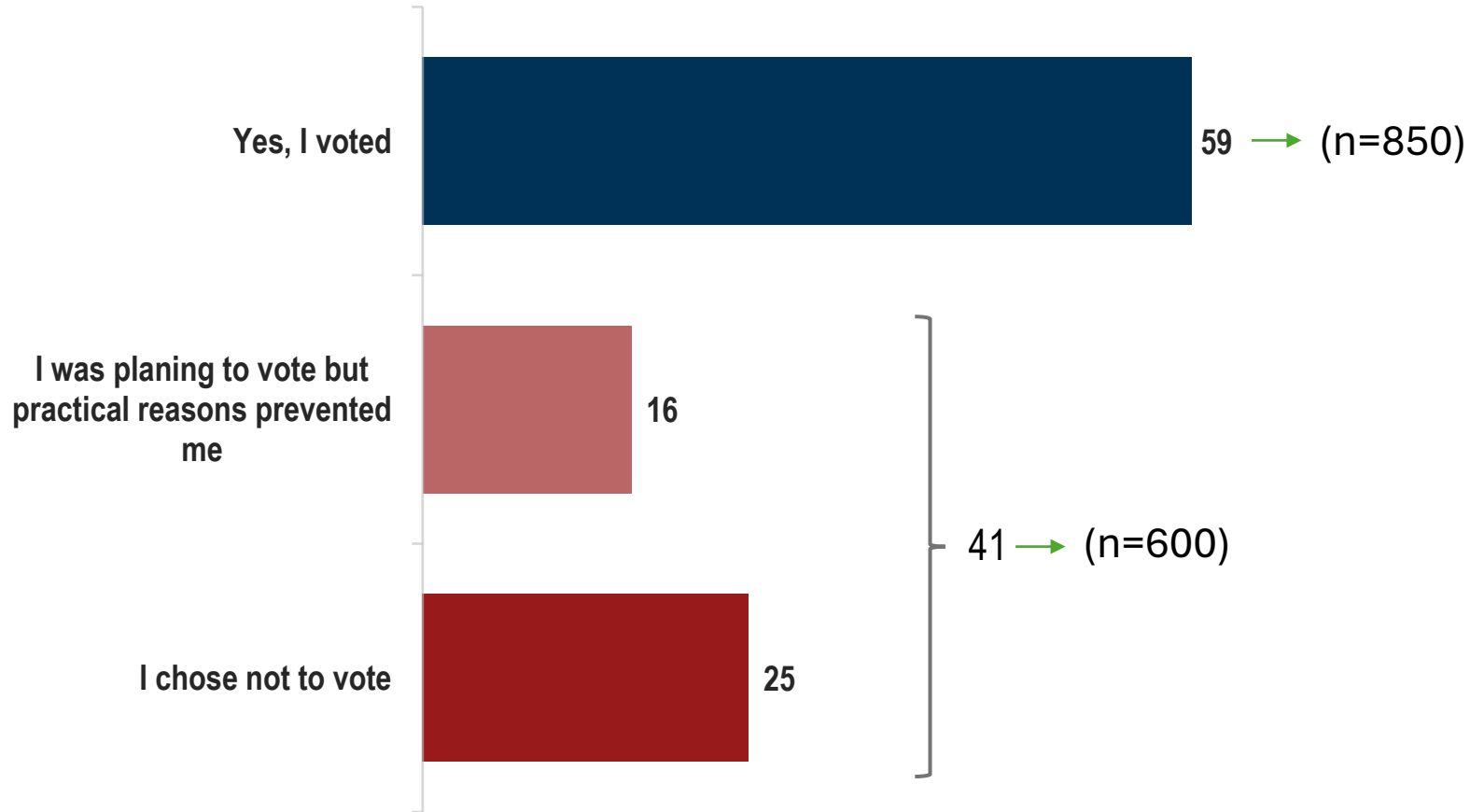
MAIN FILTER-QUESTION: Participation vs Abstention

- Participating or abstaining in the June 2023 national elections

PARTICIPATION/ABSTENTION IN JUNE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Did you vote in the last national election last year in June 2023?

TOTAL SAMPE (N=1450)



Based on the survey subject and objectives, in the rest of the report results are presented separately for each of the three groups resulting from the June 2023 election participation/abstention filter-question.

In particular, results are presented by:

- Voters
- Abstainers for practical reasons
- Abstainers by choice

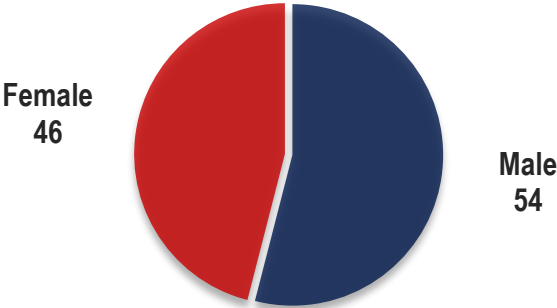
SECTION 1: Voter and abstainer profile

- Demographics
- Ideological profile (Left-Right scale)

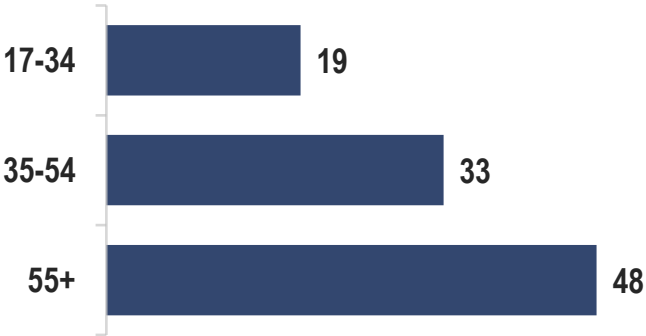
Demographics (1/2)

Voters

Gender

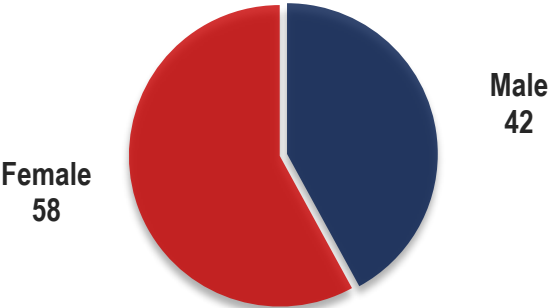


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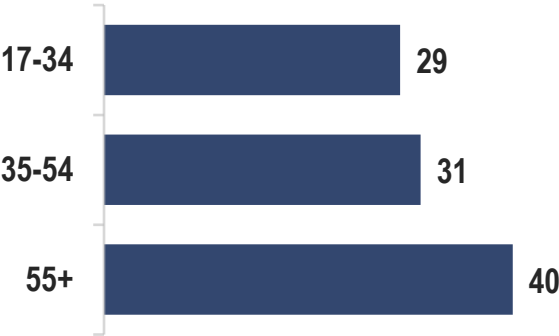


Abstainers for practical reasons

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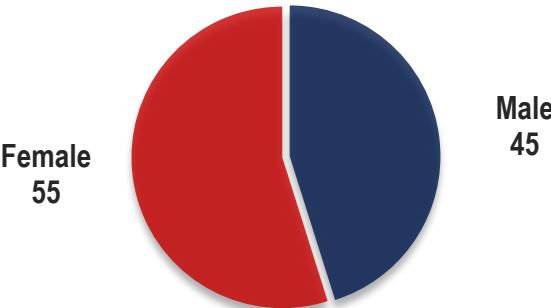


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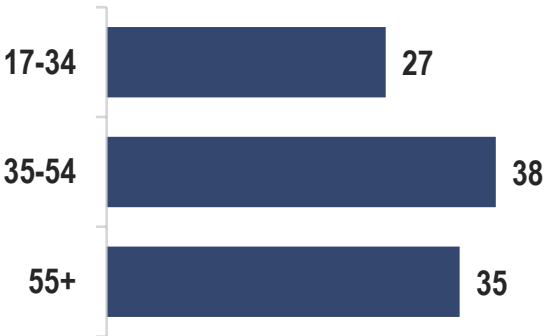


Abstainers by choice

Gender



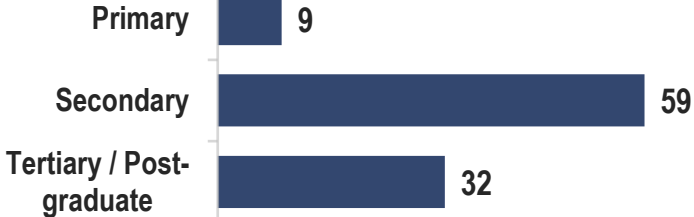
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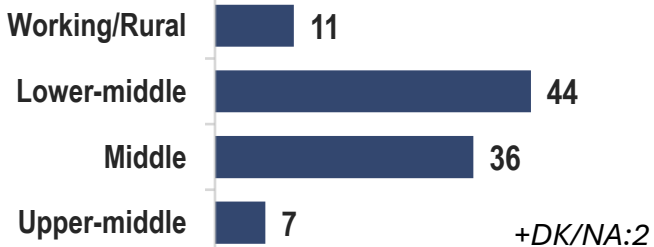
Demographics (2/2)

Voters

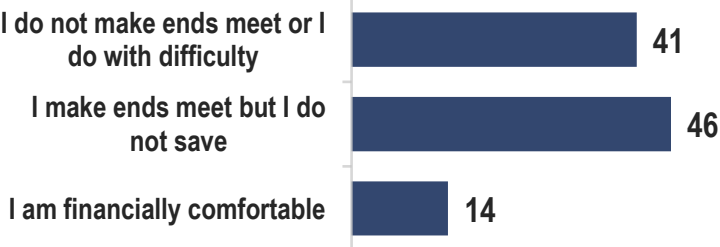
Education



Social class

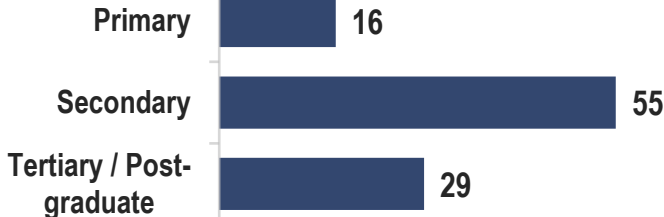


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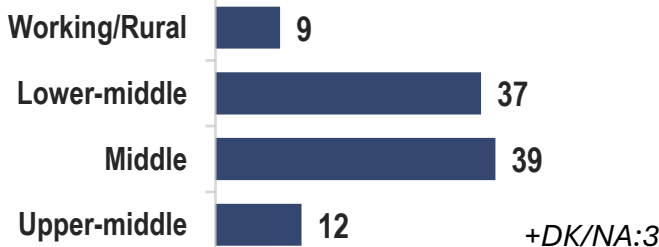


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Education



Social class



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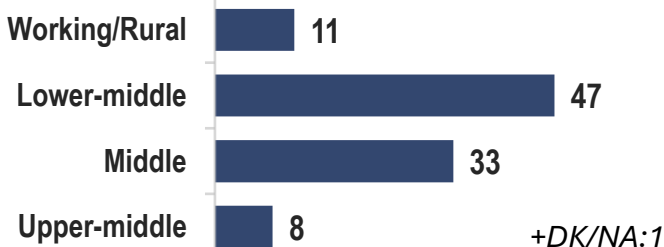


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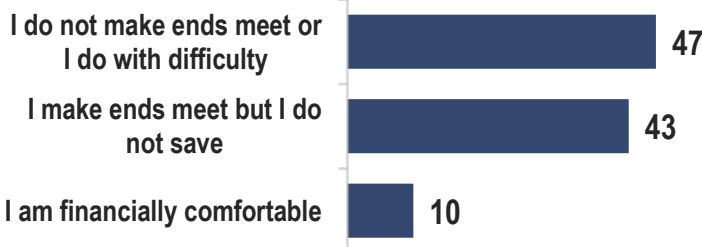
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Social class



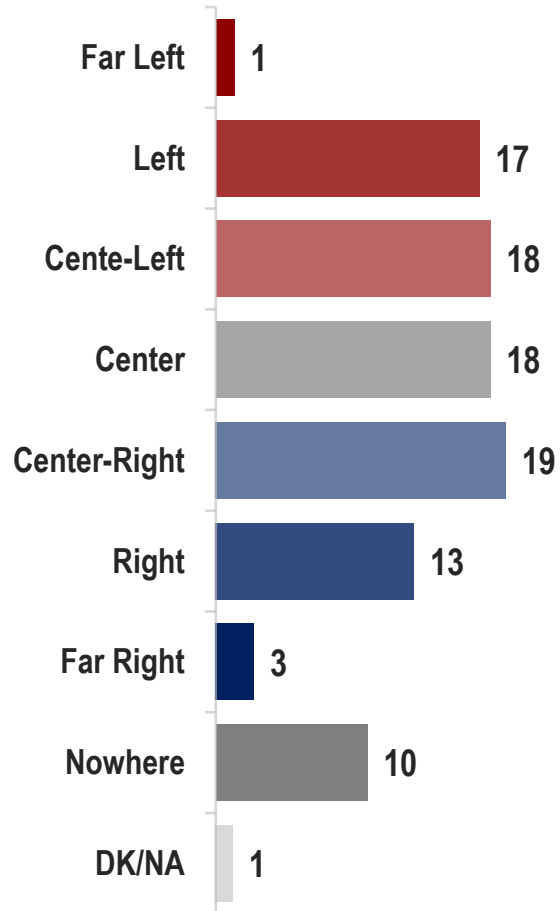
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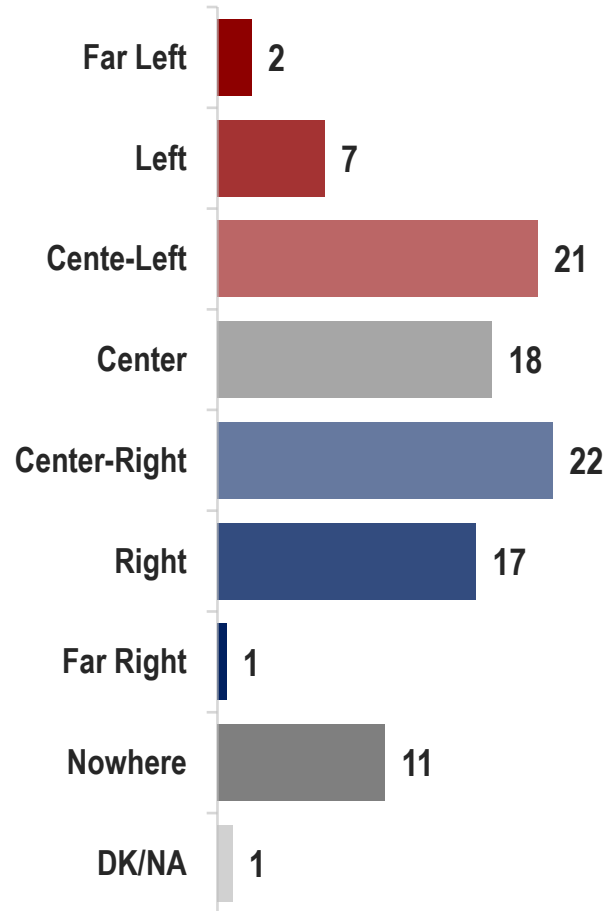
LEFT-RIGHT (SELF-)PLACEMENT

In politics we often talk about the Left and the Right. Where would you place yourself on the Left-Right Scale?

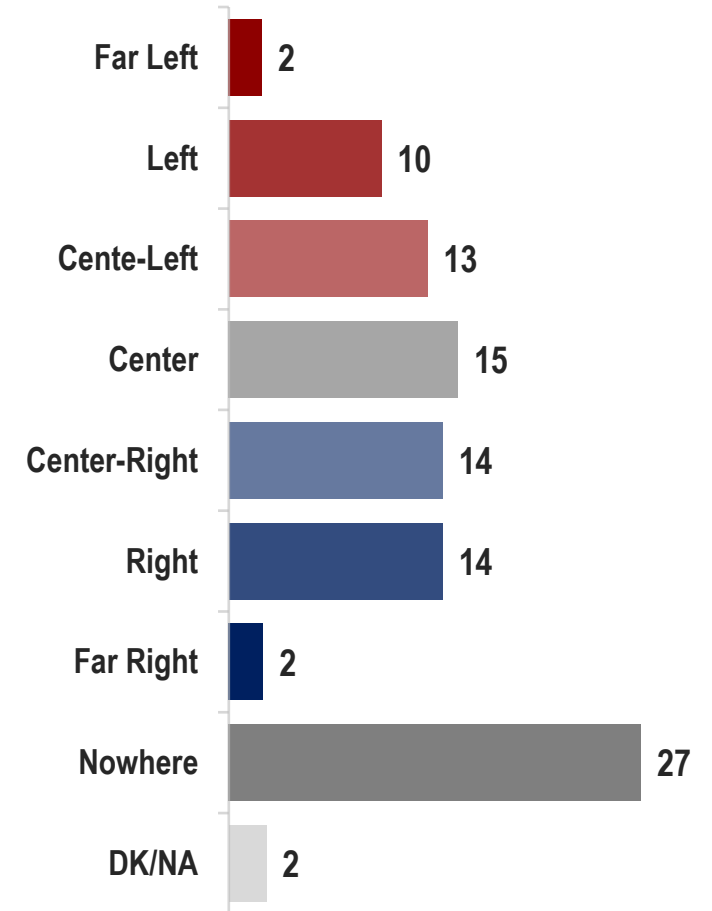
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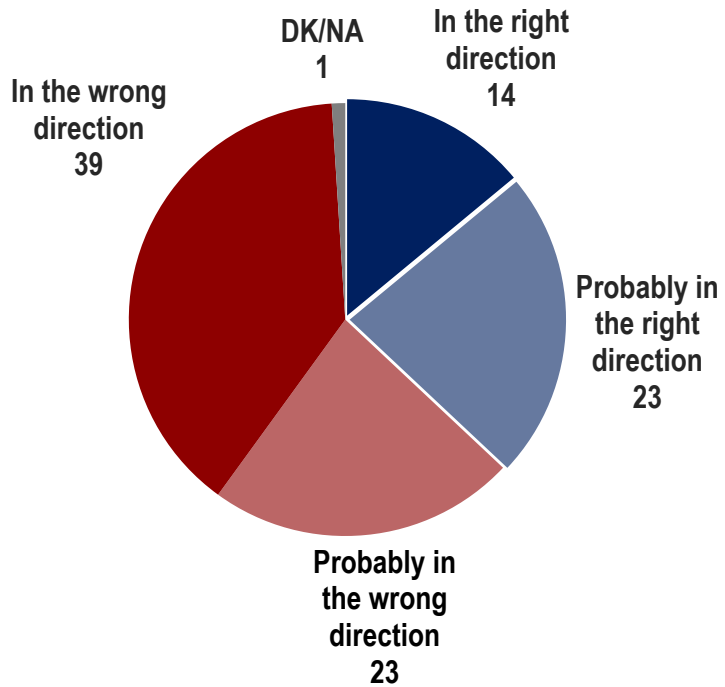
SECTION 2: Perception on the country's status

- The course of the country
- Major issues

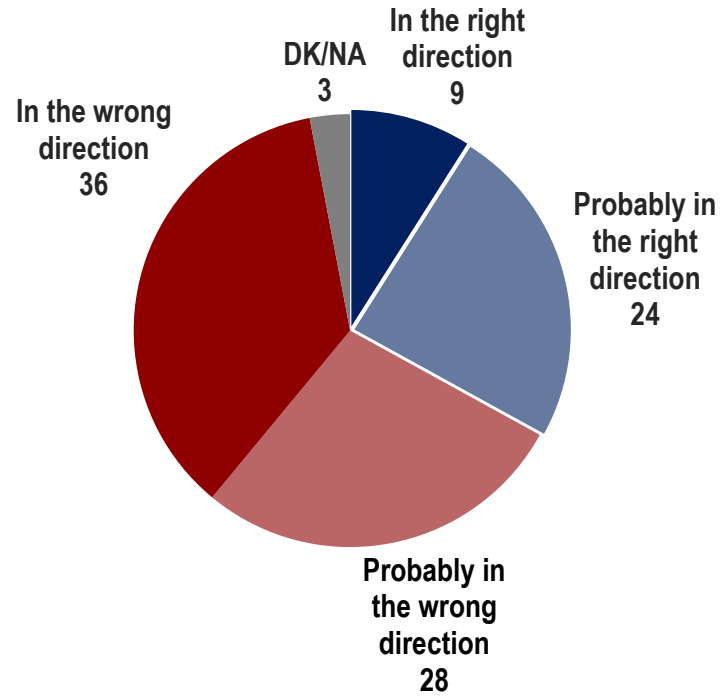
EVALUATION OF THE COURSE OF THE COUNTRY

Generally, how do you evaluate the course of our country? Would you say it is moving in the right or wrong direction?

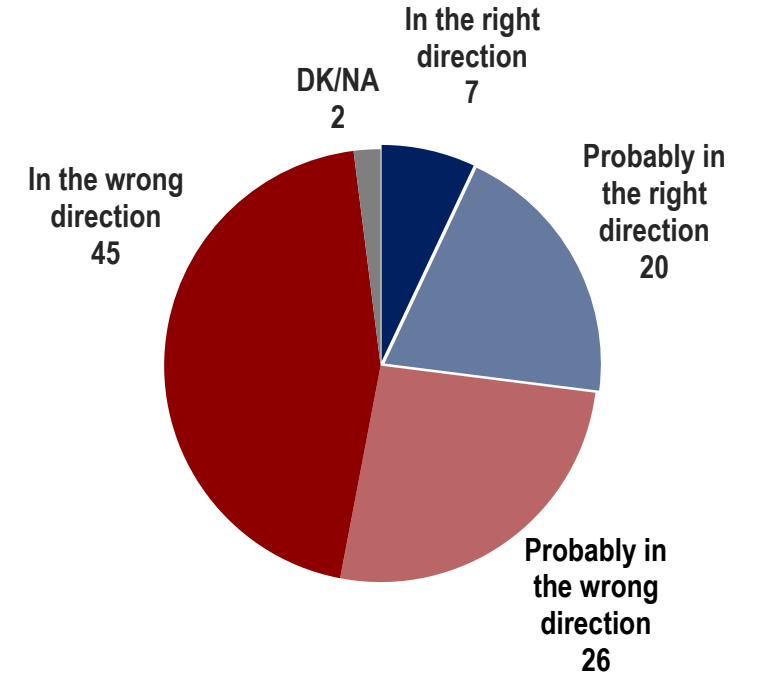
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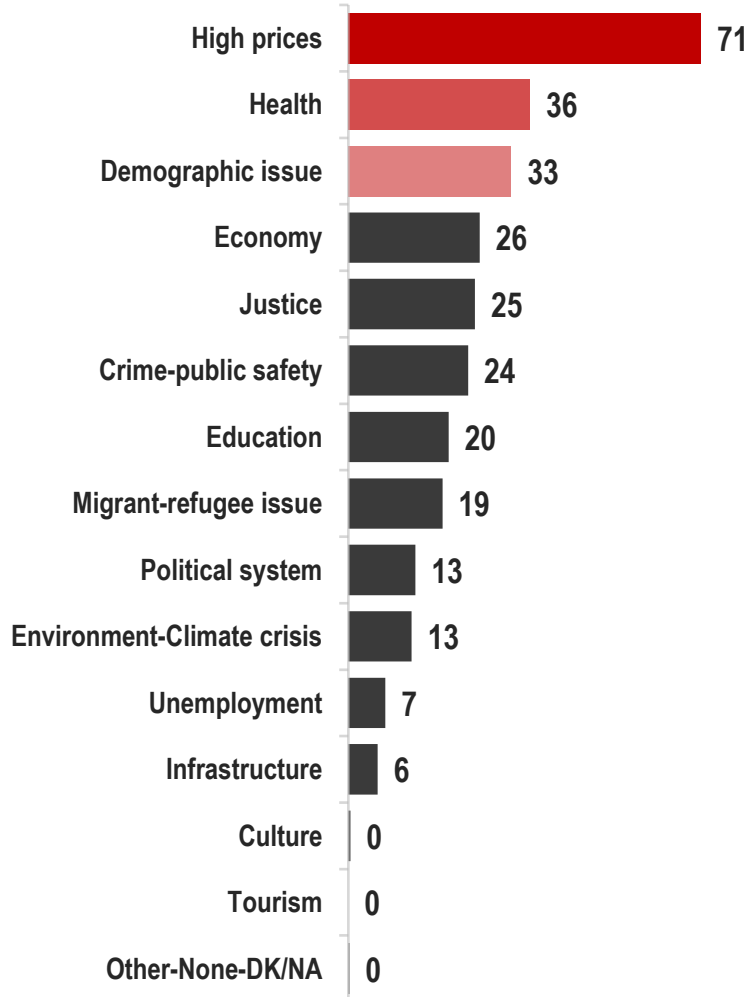


MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES (DOMESTICALLY)

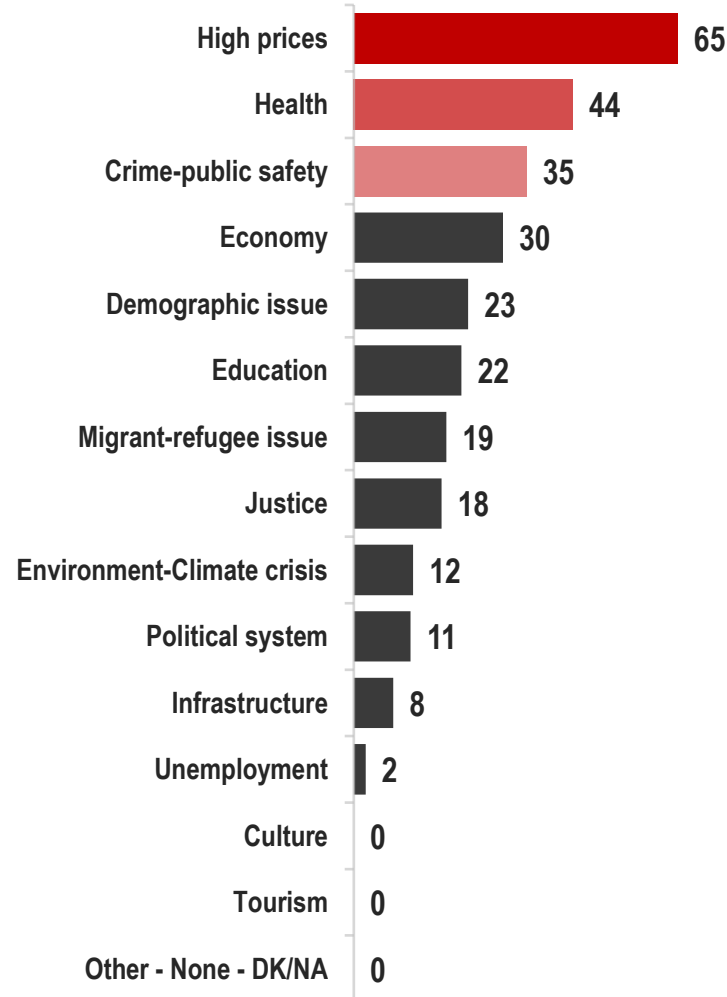
In your opinion, in which of the following areas are the biggest problems our country is facing today?

UP TO 3 CHOICES

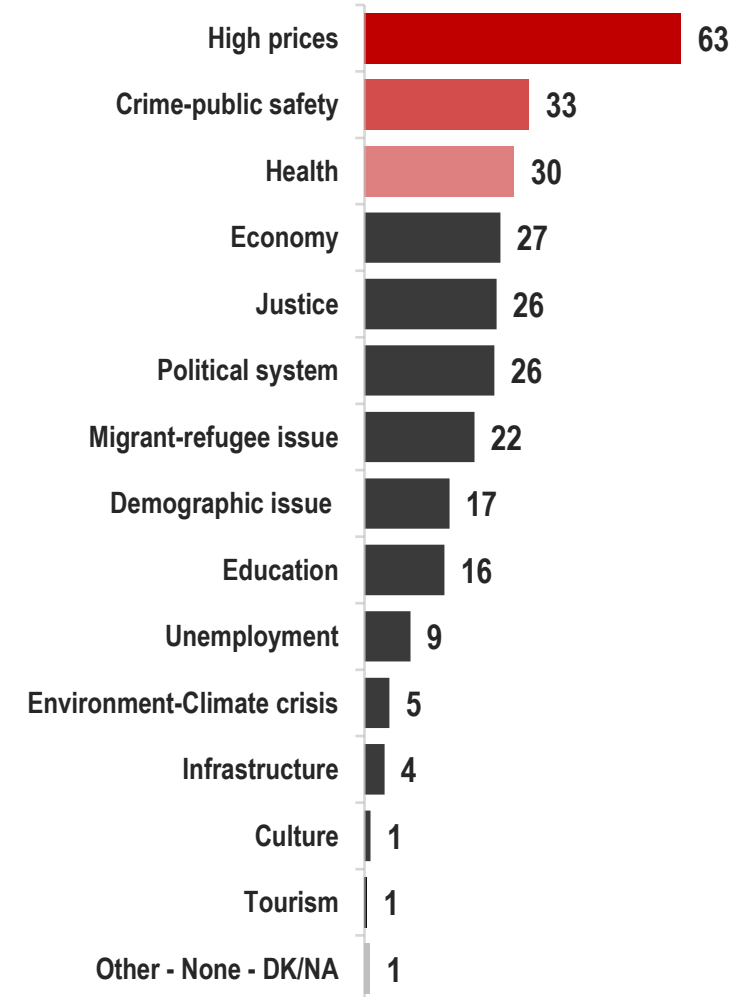
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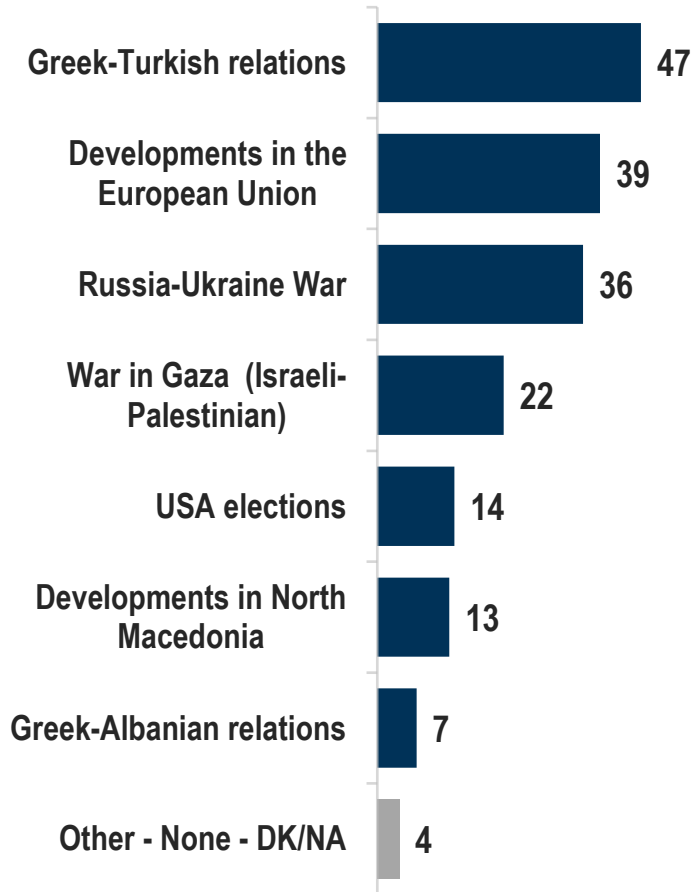


MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES/SECTORS FOR GREECE INTERNATIONALLY

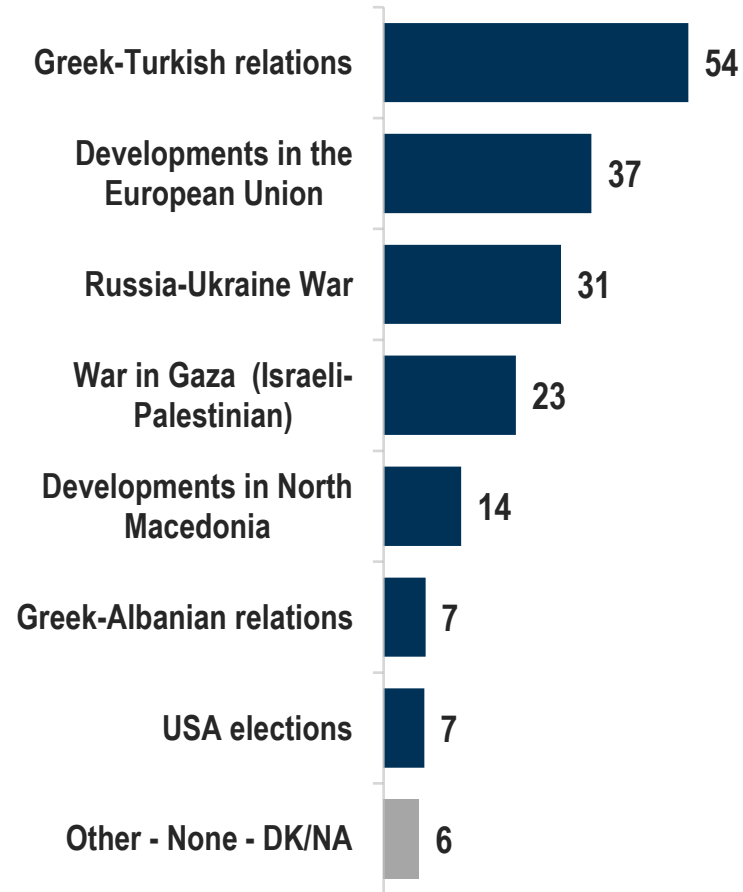
And at an international level, which of the following sectors are the most important for our country today?

UP TO 2 CHOICES

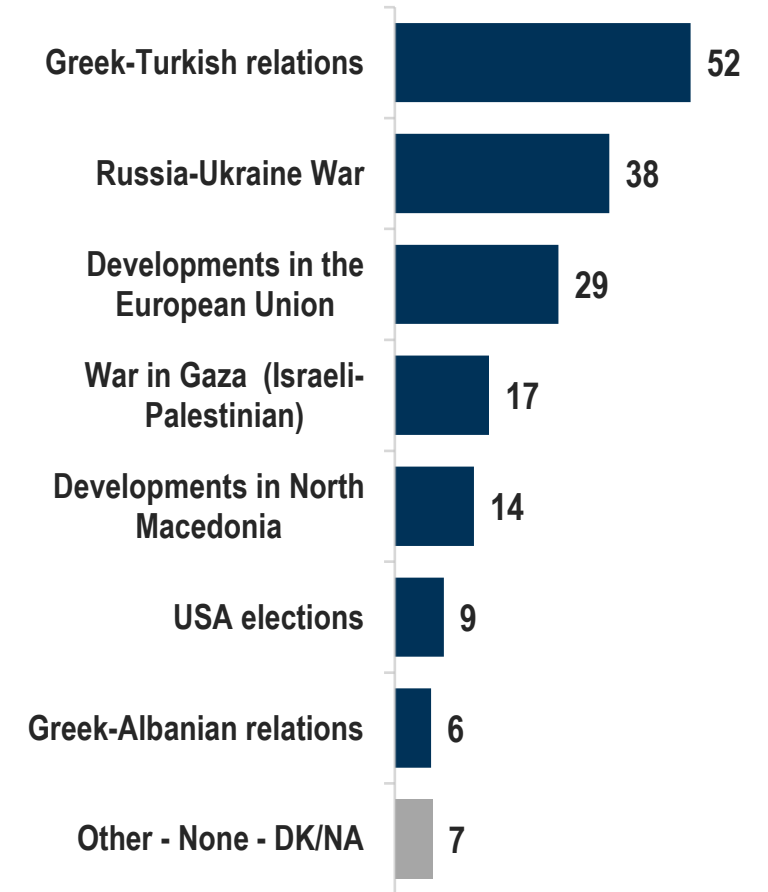
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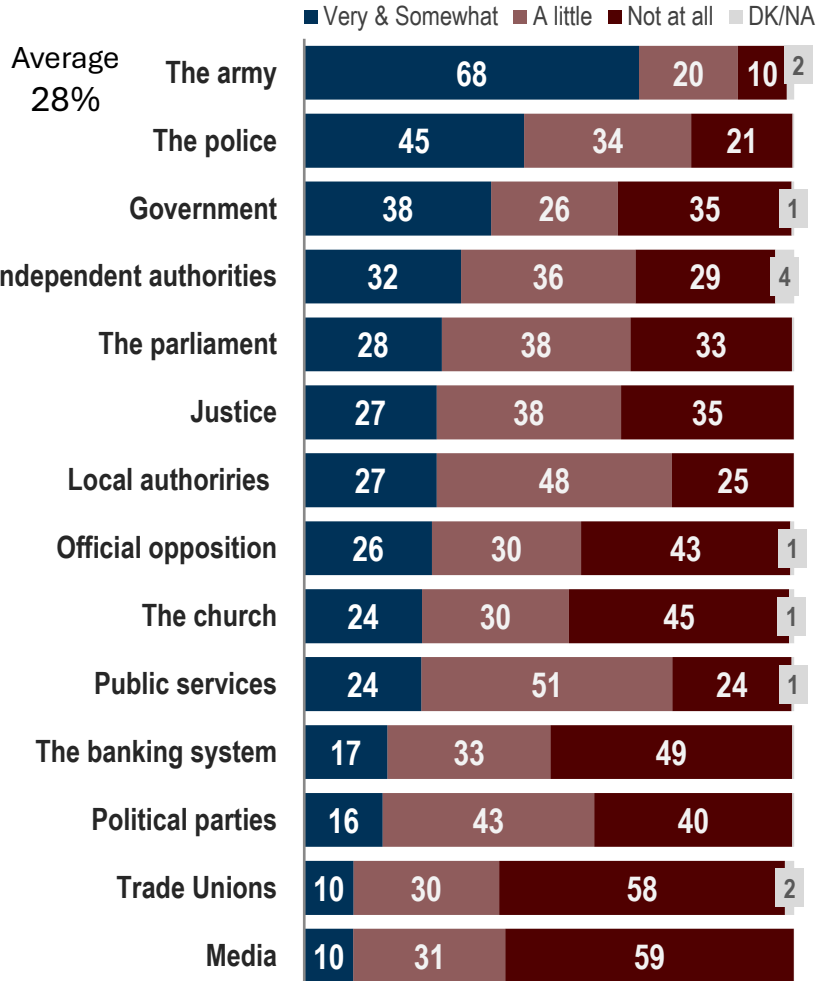
SECTION 3: Trust in institutions

+ Trust in the social media

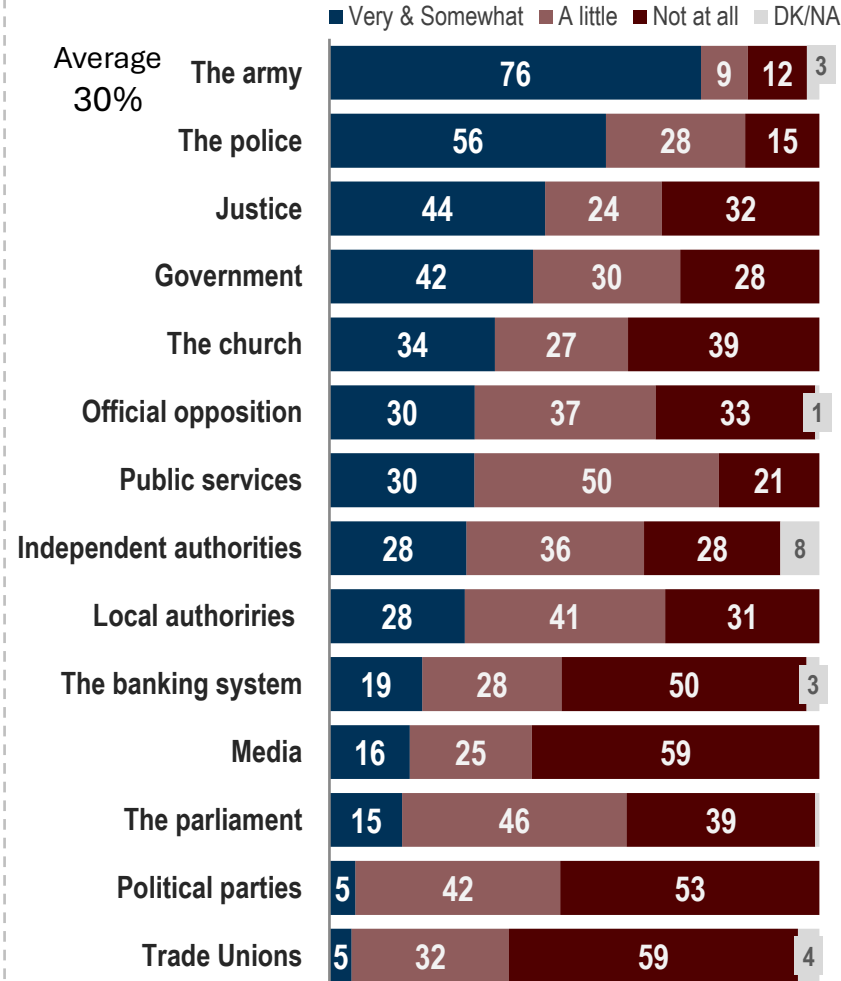
TRUST IN THE INSTITUTIONS

How much do you trust each of the following institutions of the Greek state?

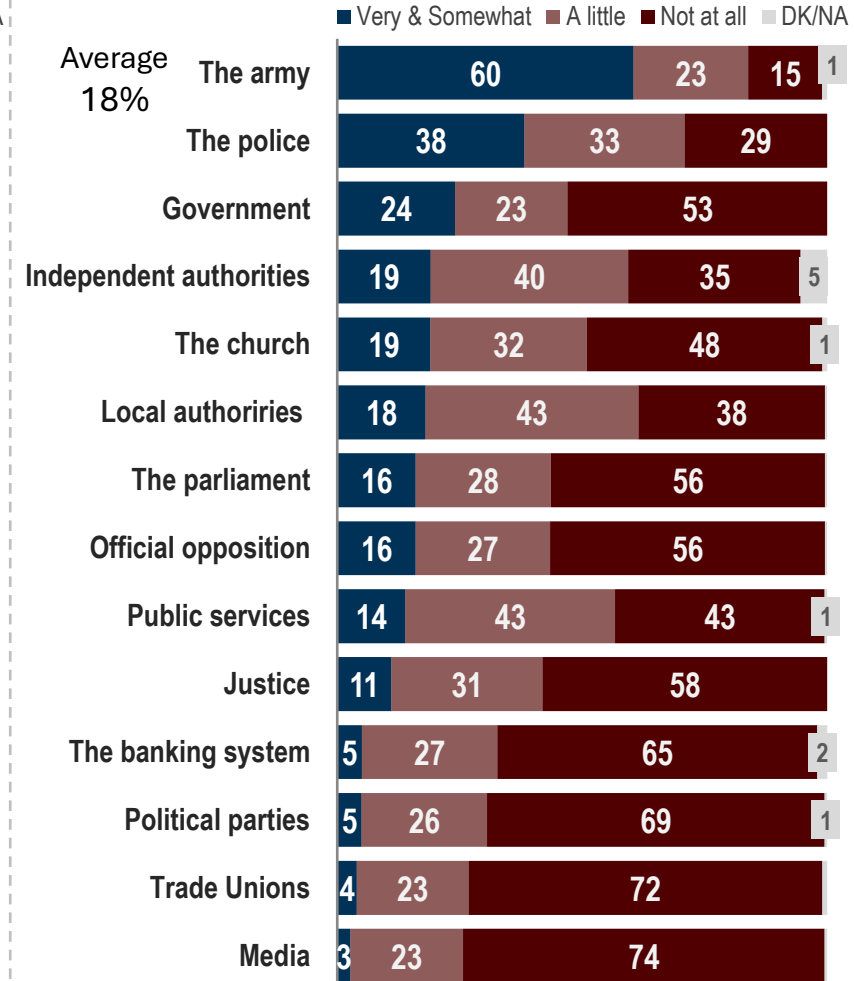
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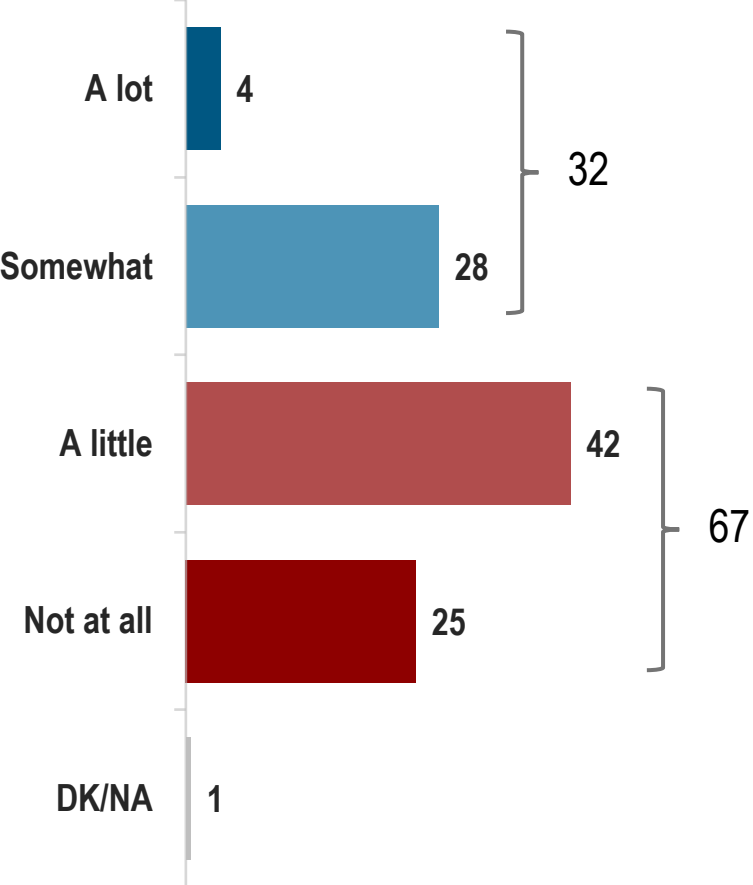
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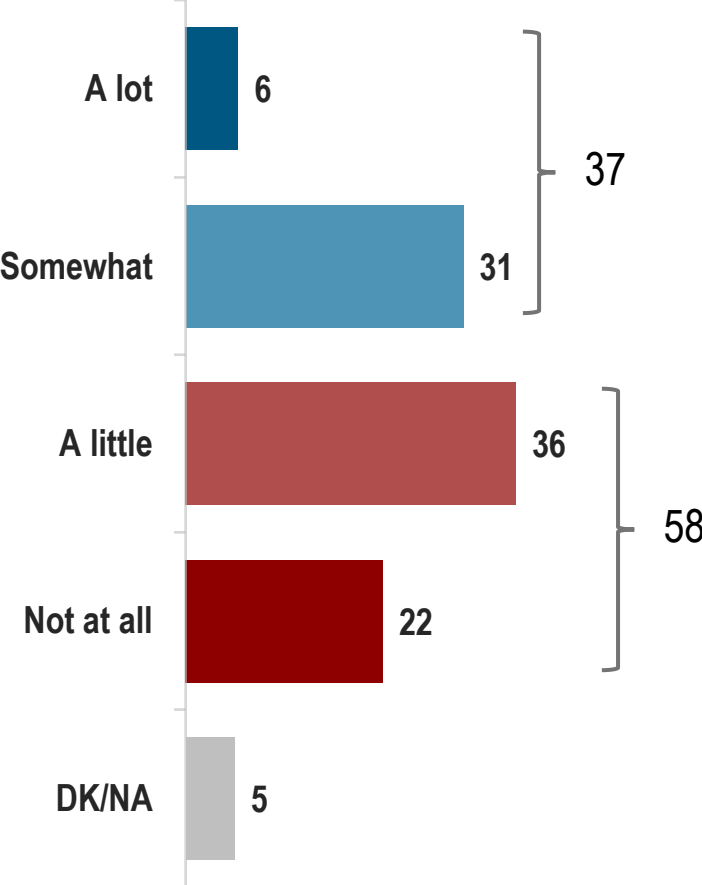
TRUST IN SOCIAL MEDIA

And how much do you trust social media as informative tools?

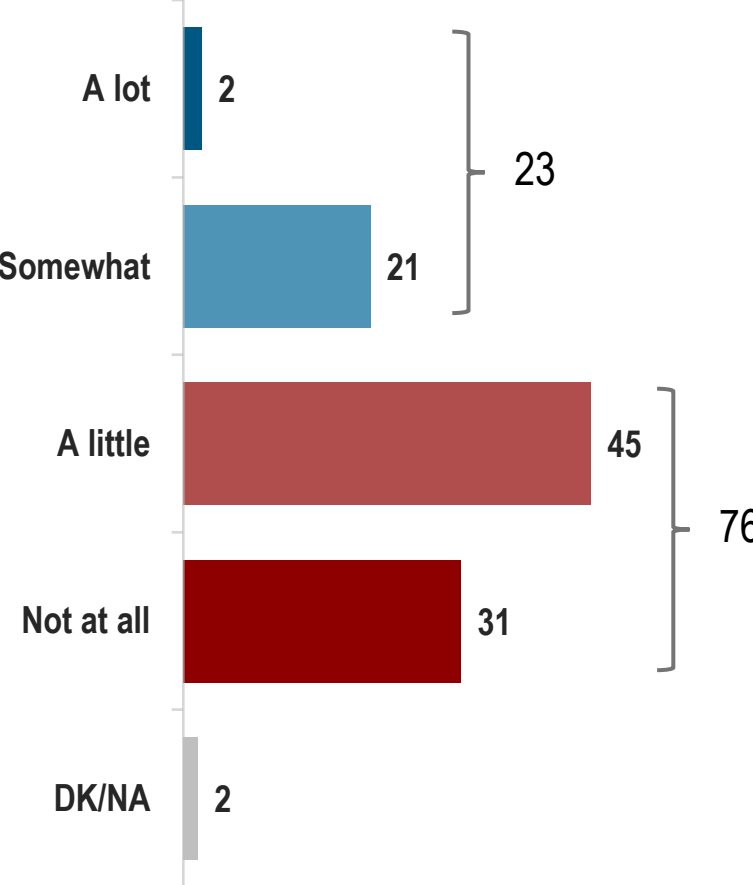
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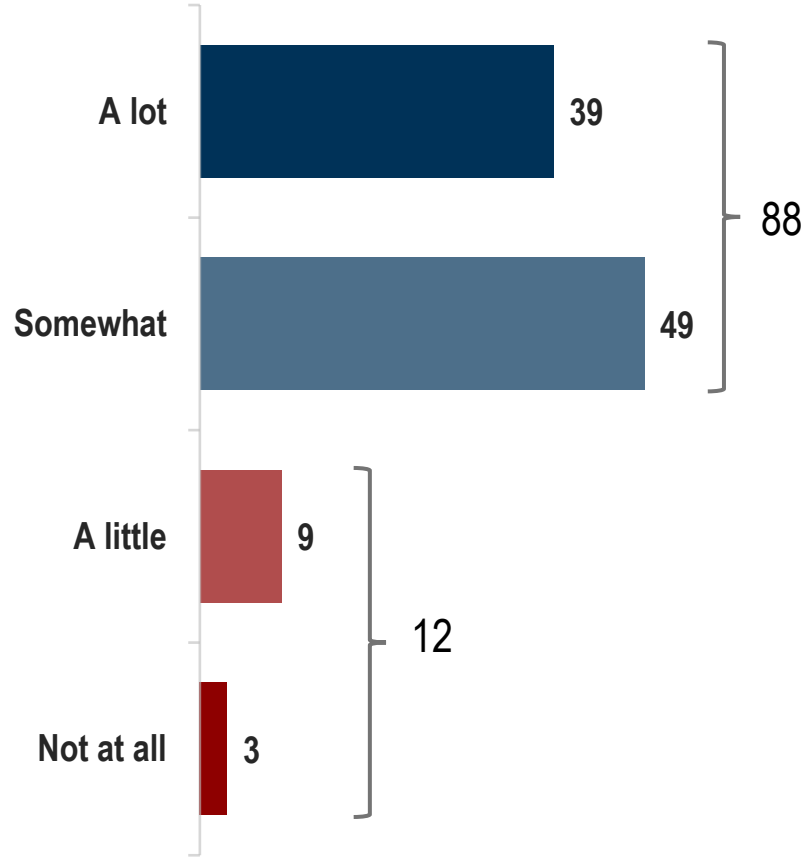
SECTION 4: Politics and the citizen

- Interest in politics
- Politics inside the family
- Interest in the 2024 EU election campaigns
- Participation in demonstrations and non-political organizations

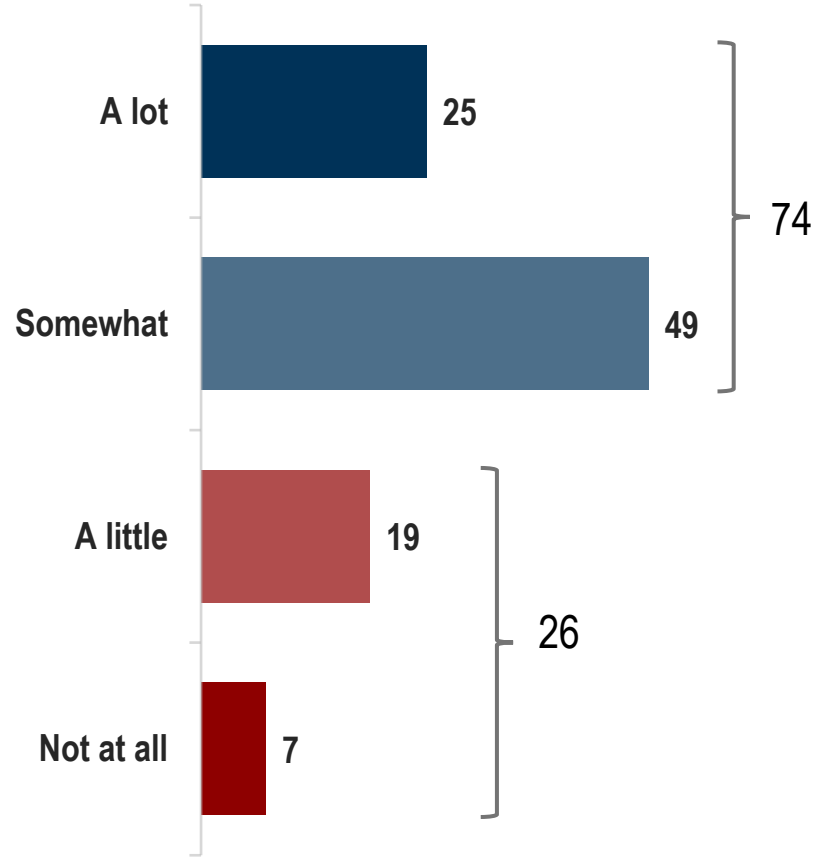
INTEREST IN POLITICS

Some often follow political developments while others are not so interested. How interested in politics would you say you are?

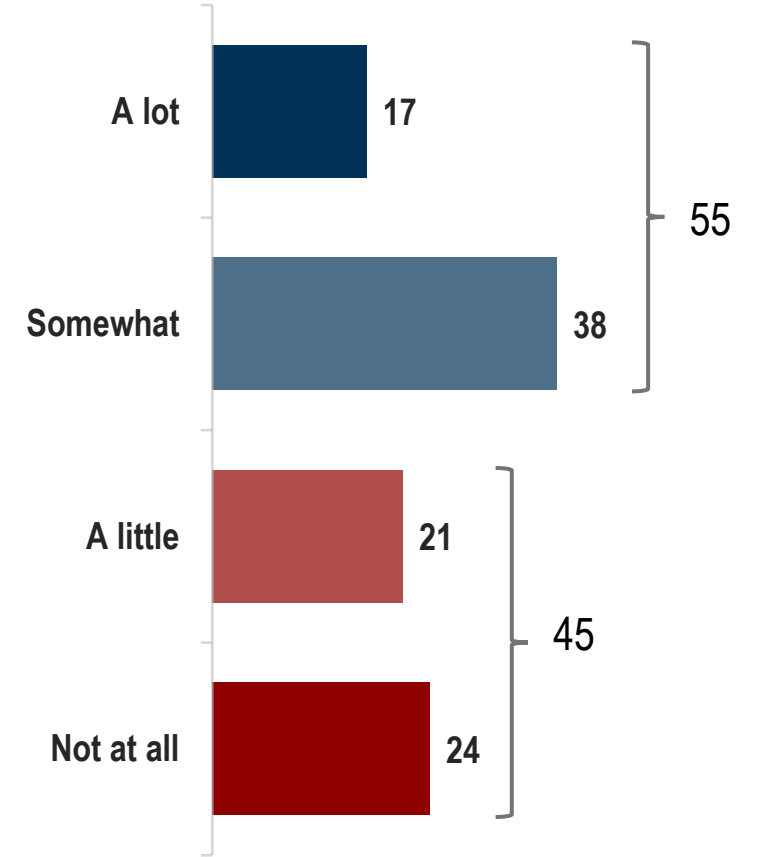
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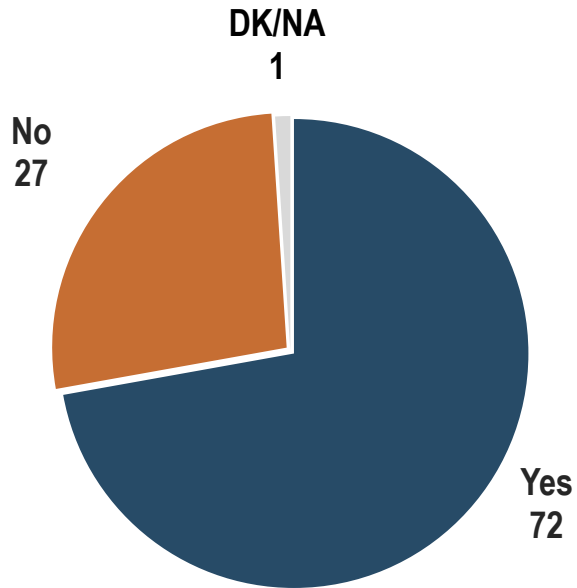
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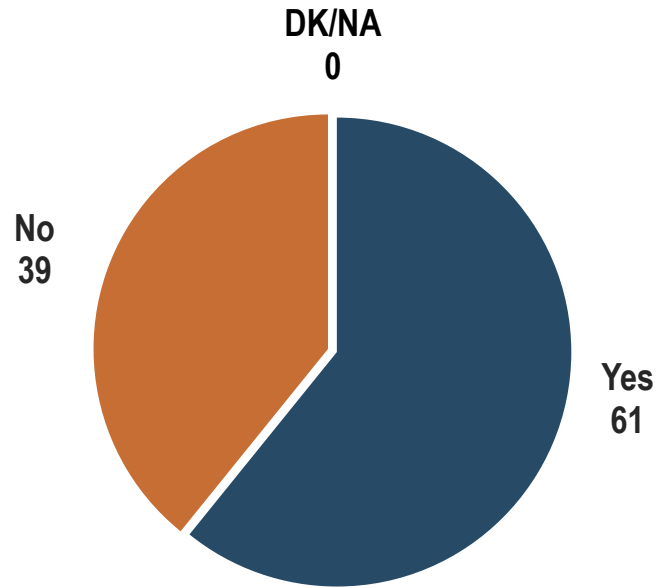
POLITICS BEING A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT HOME

When you were a child, did your parents discuss politics at home?

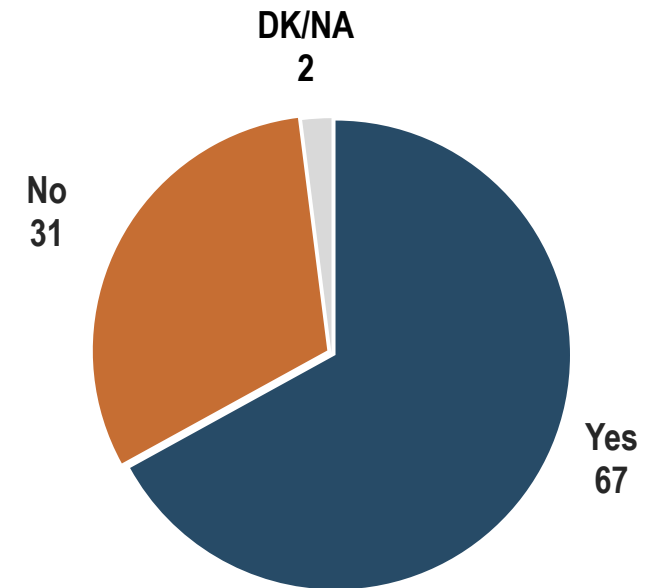
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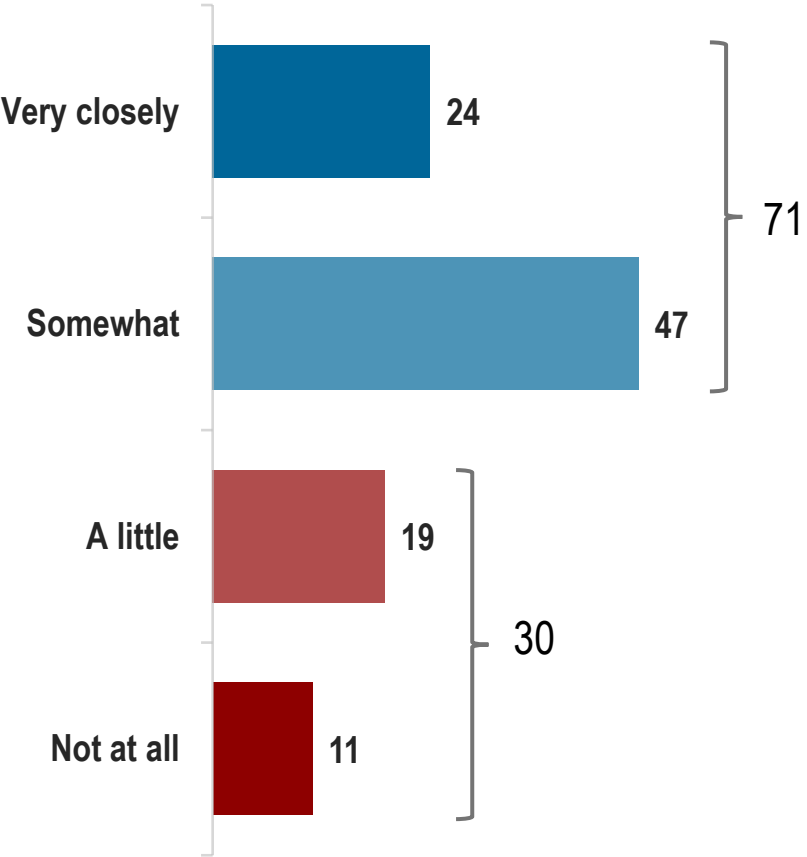
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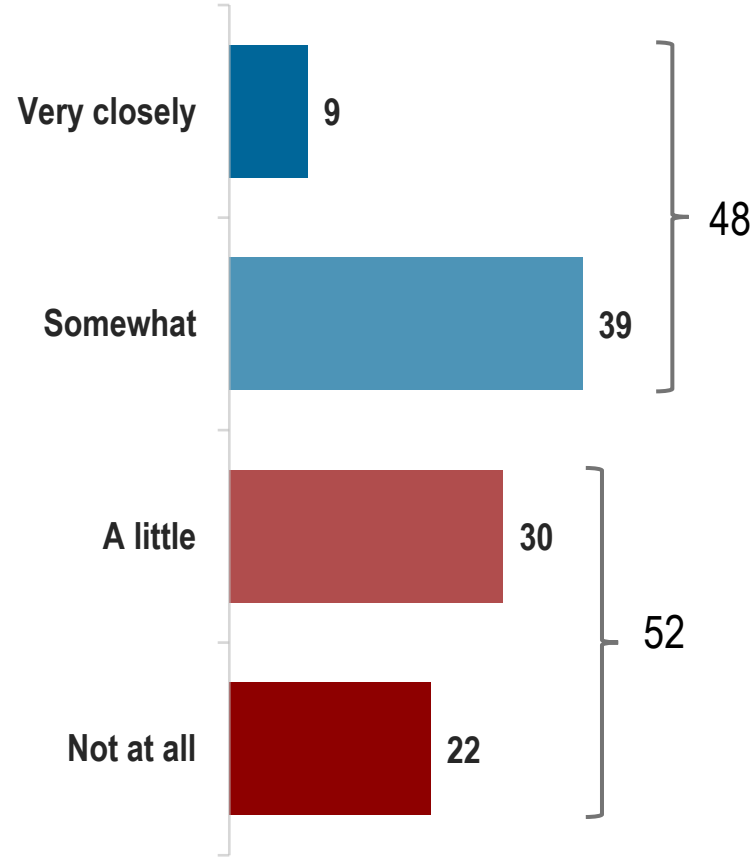
INTEREST IN PARTY CAMPAIGNS IN THE 2024 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

How closely would you say you followed the election campaign of the parties in the recent European elections?

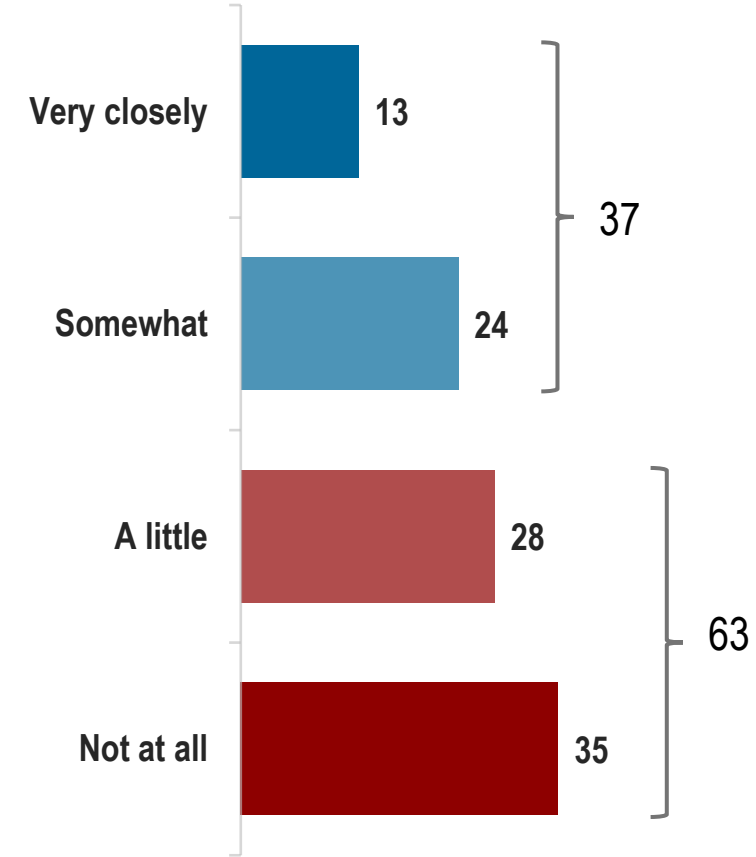
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PARTICIPATION IN PROTESTS AND NON-POLITICAL/NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

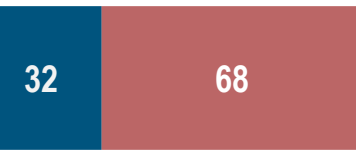
Within the last year have you done any of the following?

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Average
26%

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK/NA

Did you participate in a protest march, clamour or strike



Have you been a member of a non-political local organization/club/group



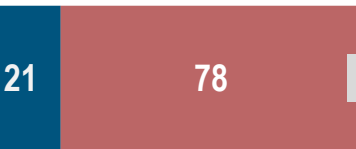
Did you regularly attend church or other religious places



Have you sent a letter, email or phoned the media or an official



Did you volunteer for a charity, a religious or other non-profit organisation



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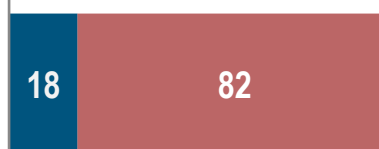
Average
16%

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK/NA

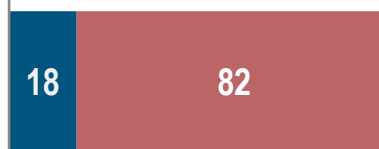
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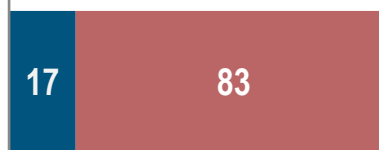
Have you been a member of a non-political local organization/club/group



Did you participate in a protest march, clamour or strike



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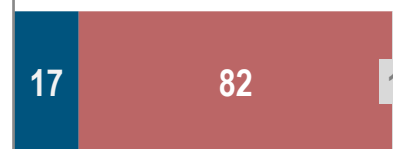
Average
17%

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK/NA

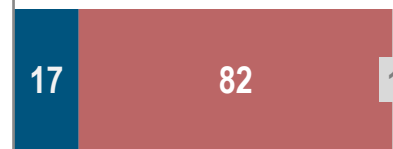
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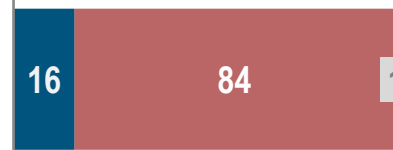
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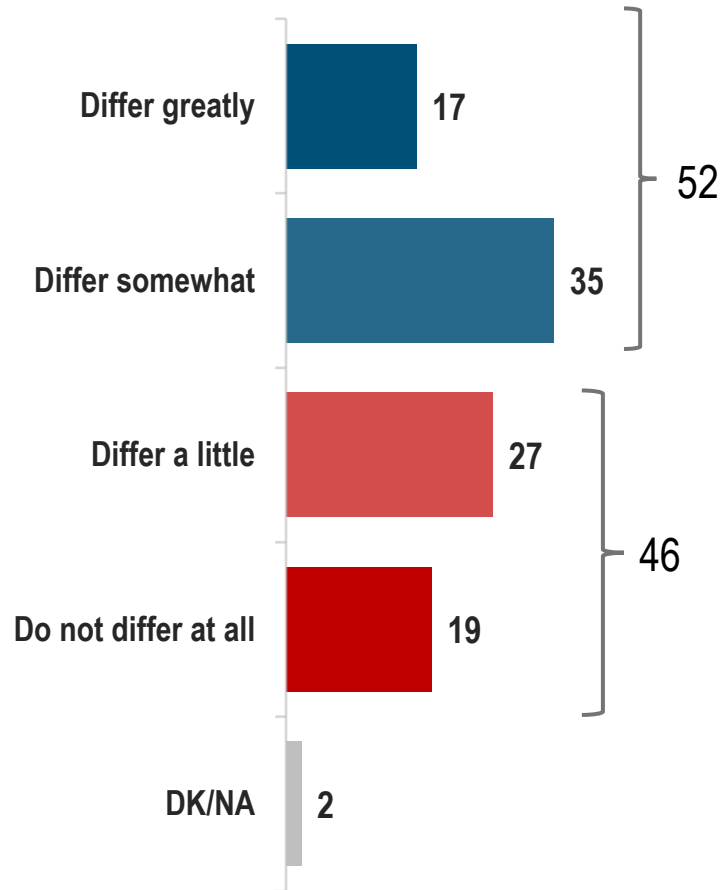
SECTION 5: Perception of Greek politics

- Perception of differences in party positions
- Political cynicism

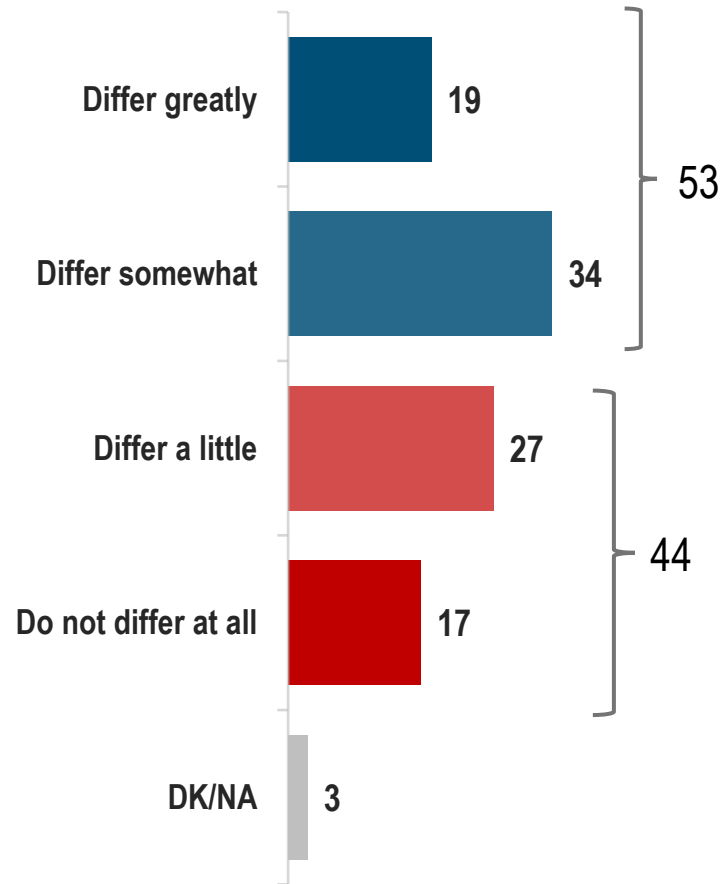
HOW DIFFERENT ARE THE POLITICAL POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES?

Thinking about today's political parties, would you say that their political positions...:

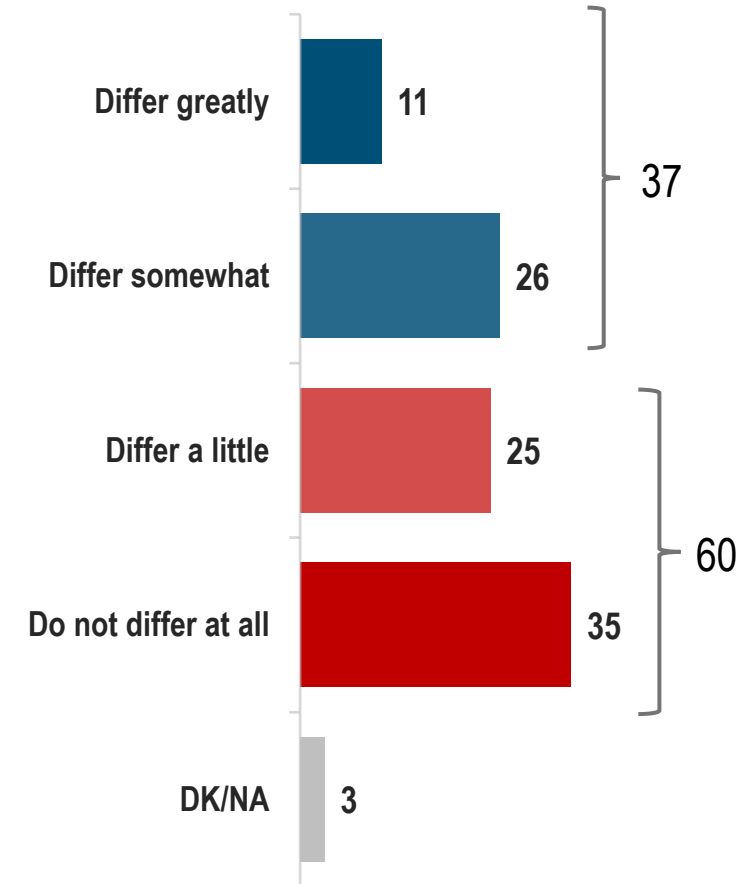
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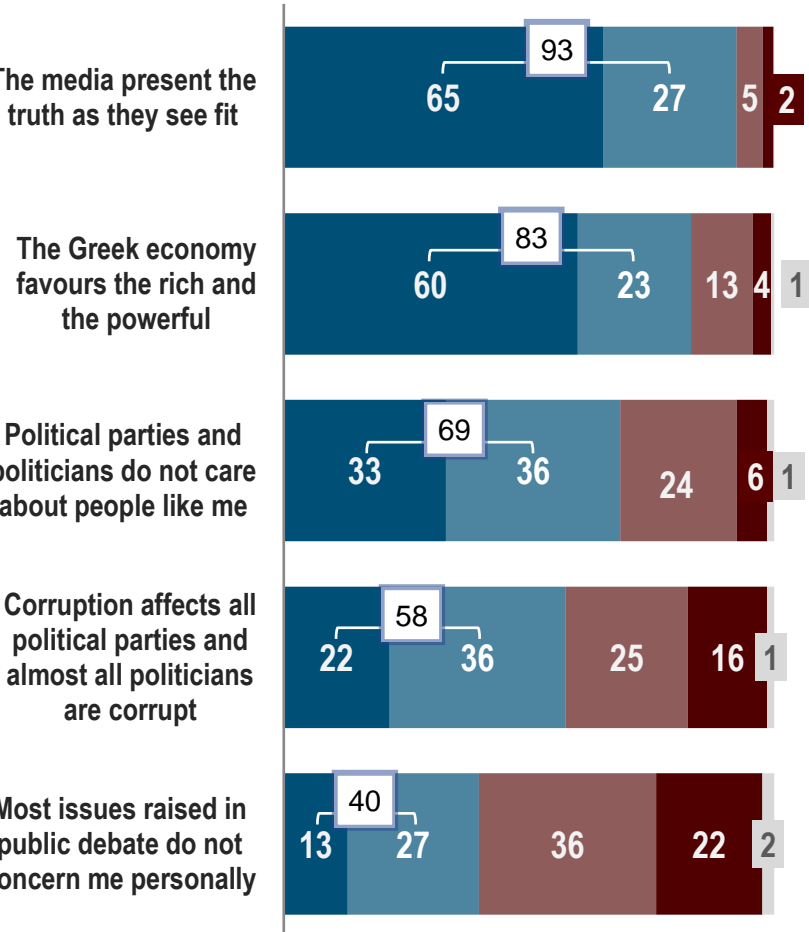


DEGREE OF AGREEMENT WITH NEGATIVE VIEWS OF POLITICS, THE ECONOMY AND THE MEDIA

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

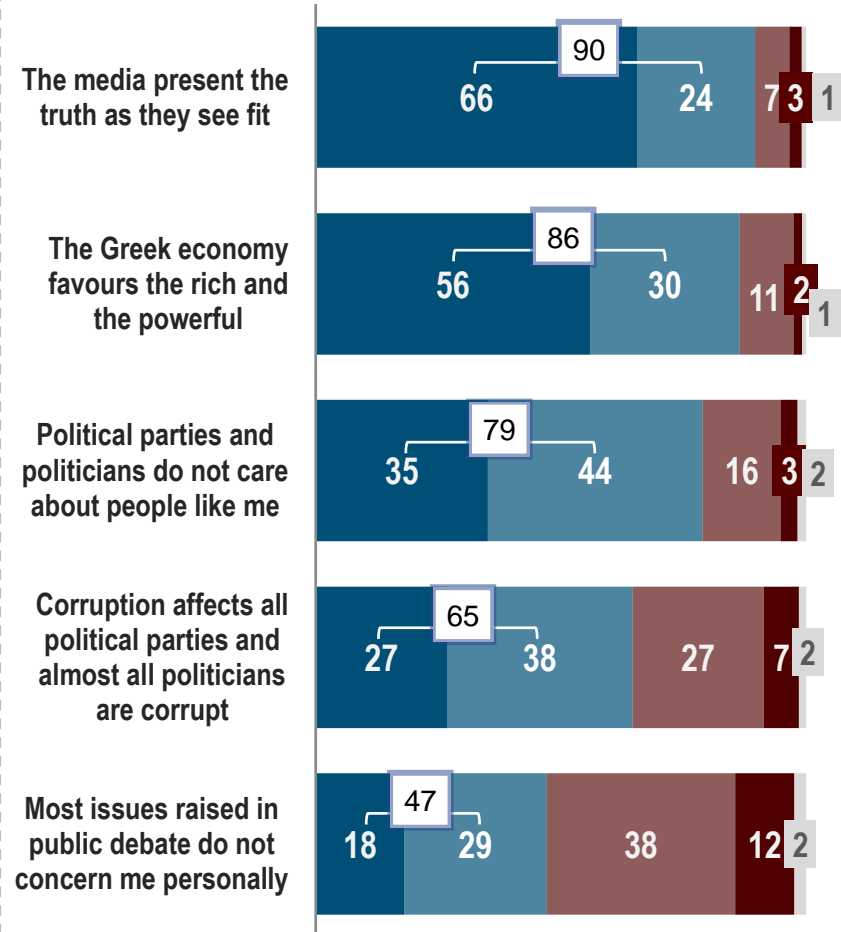
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■ Definitely agree ■ Partially agree ■ Partially disagree ■ Definitely disagree ■ DK/NA



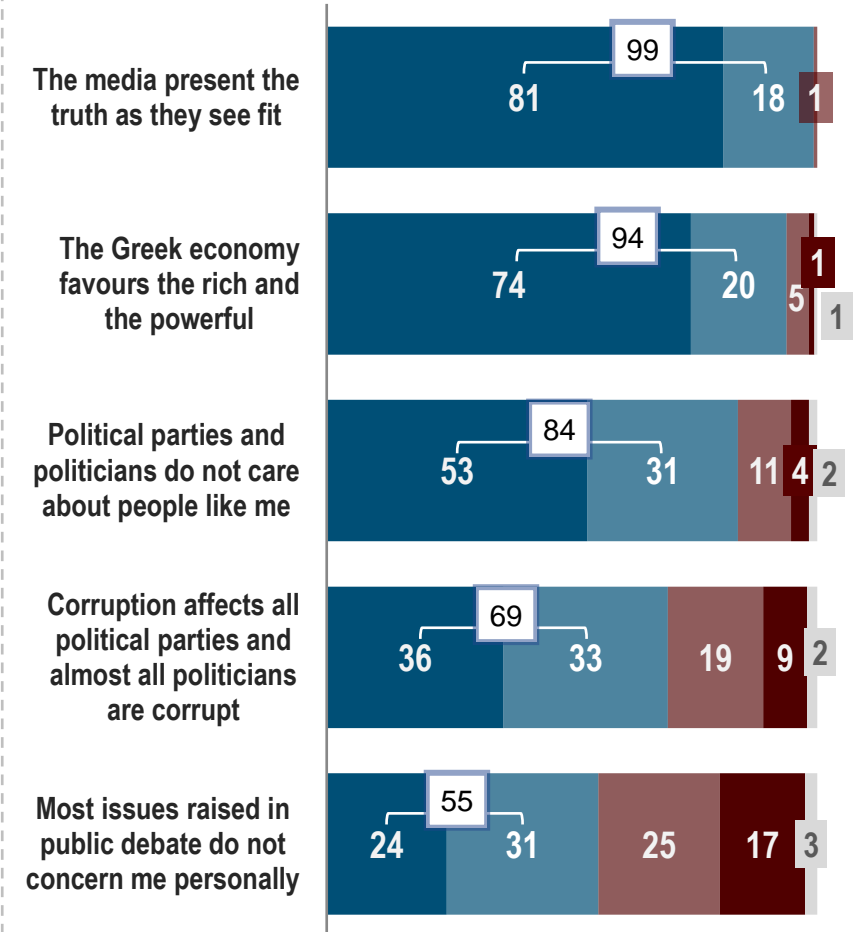
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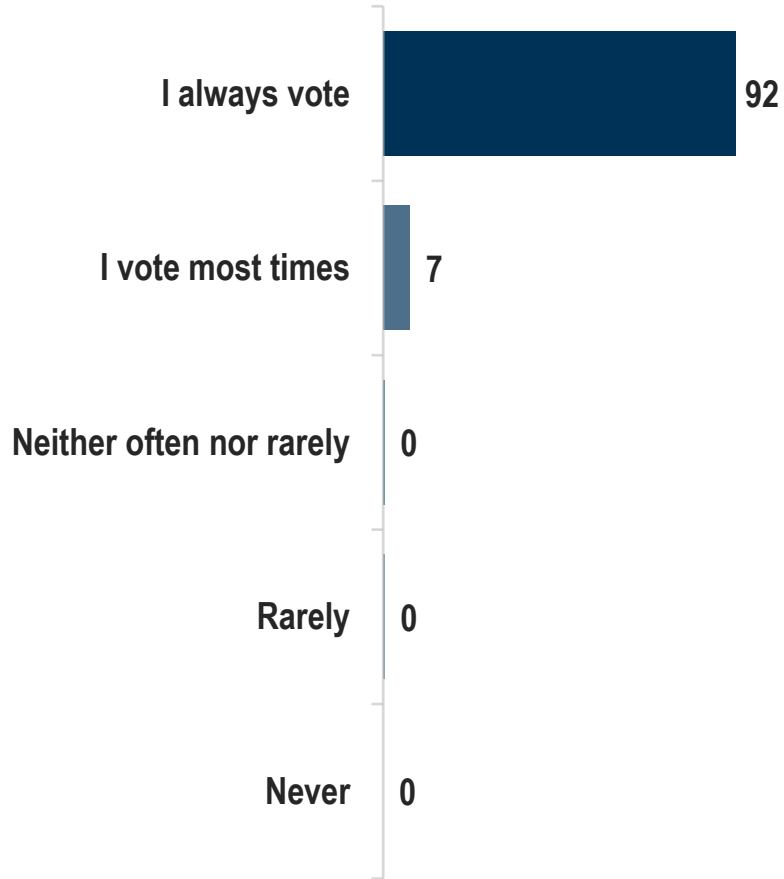
SECTION 6: Electoral participation

- Participation frequency
- Family and social circle participation
- Media influence

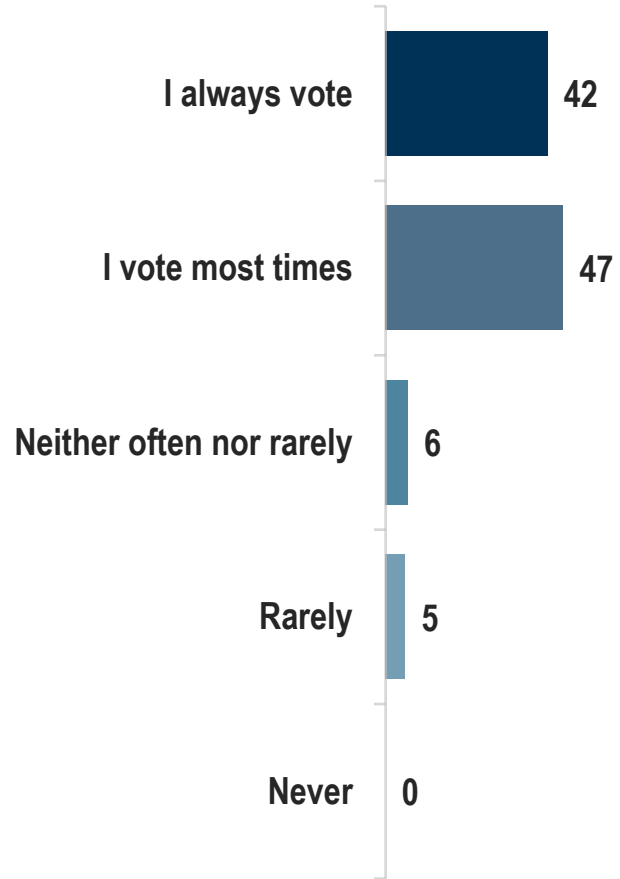
FREQUENCY OF PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS

Thinking about all the types of elections in which you have the right to vote – from parliamentary elections, European elections to municipal/regional elections – how often would you say you vote?

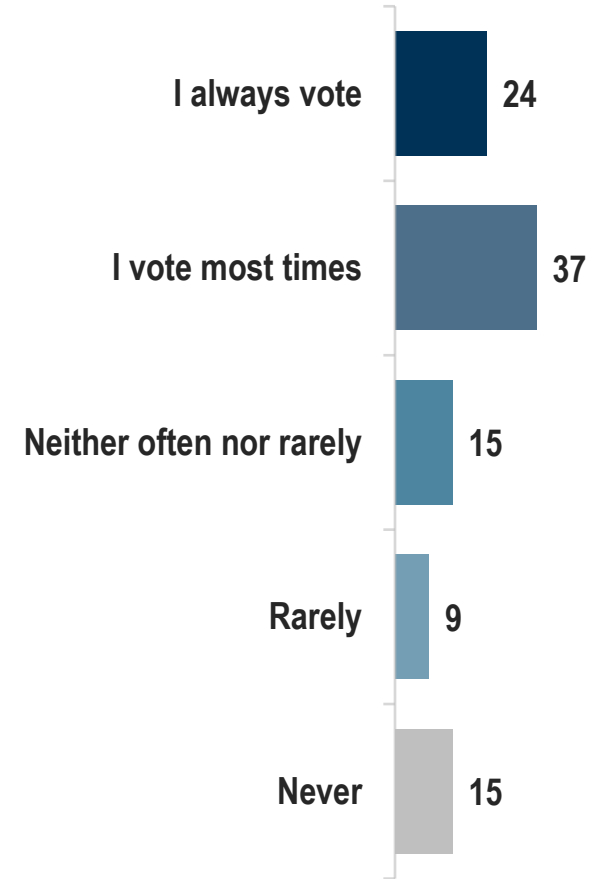
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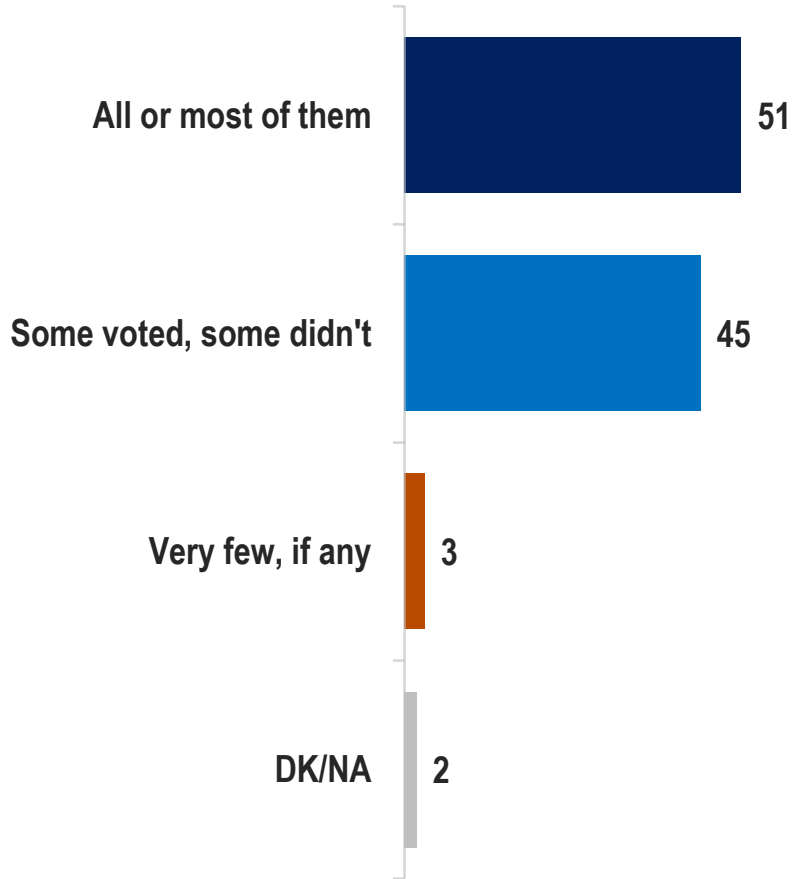
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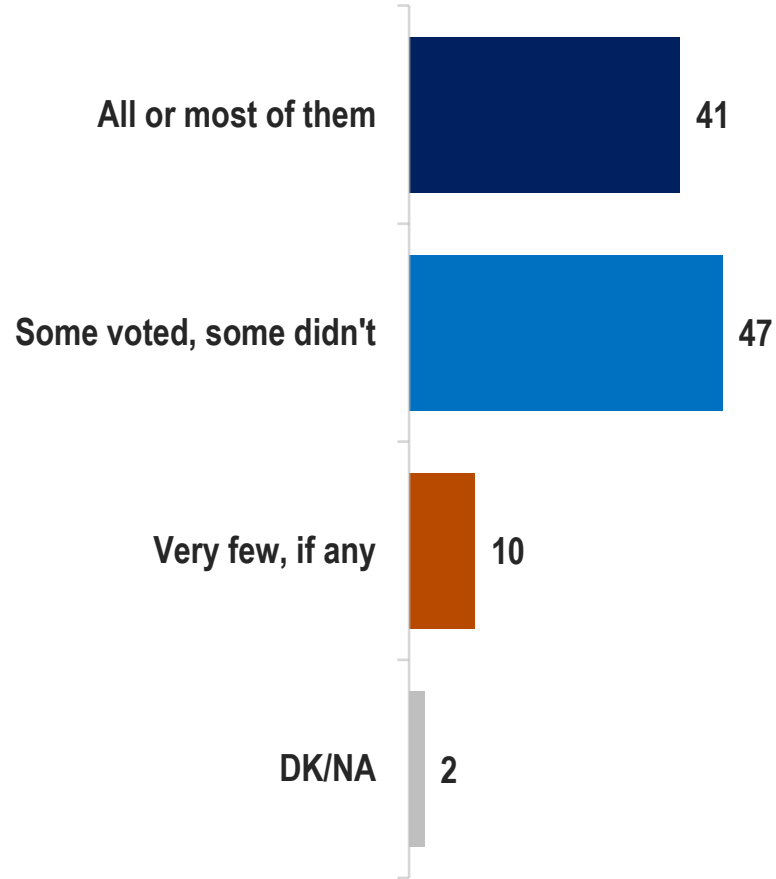
PERCEPTION OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THEIR SOCIAL CIRCLE IN THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS OF JUNE 2023

To your knowledge, how many of your friends would you say voted in the last National Election in June 2023?

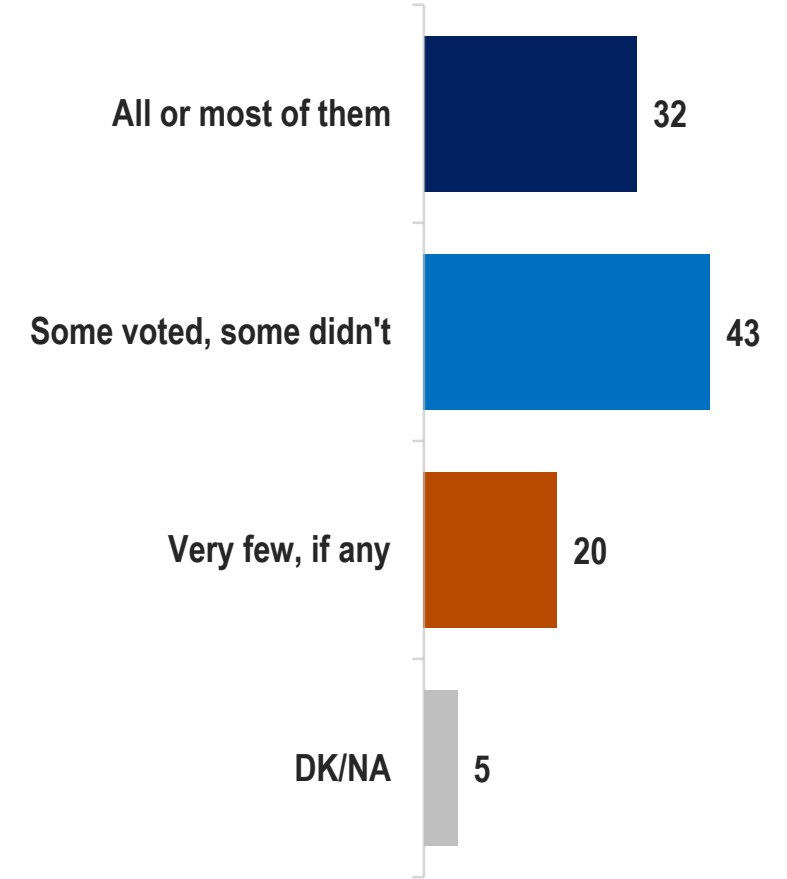
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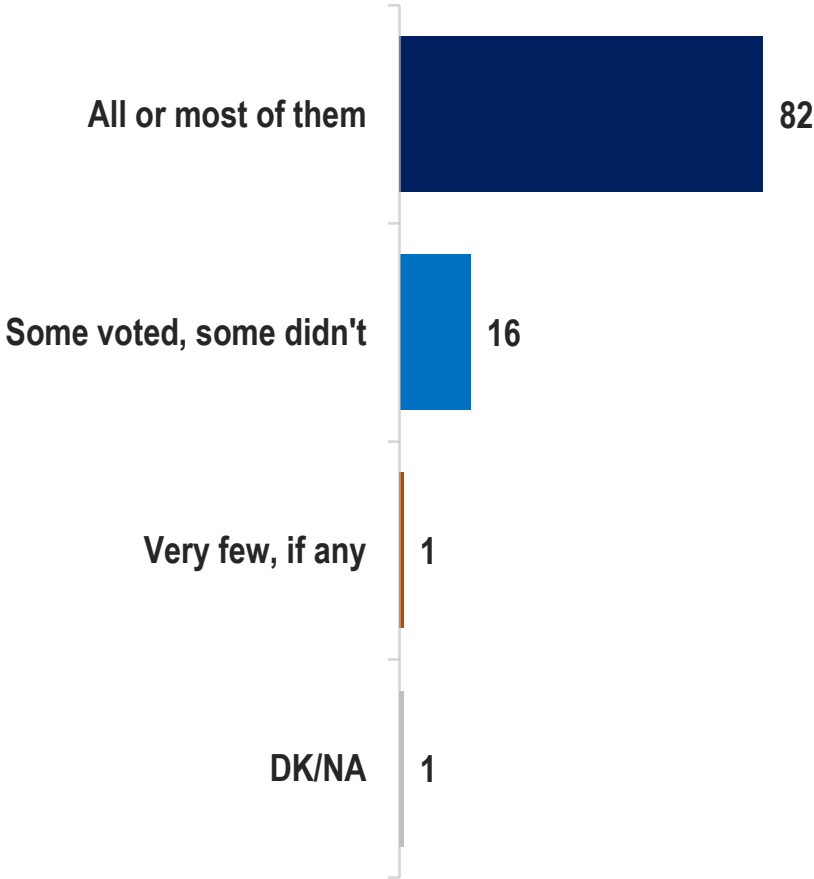
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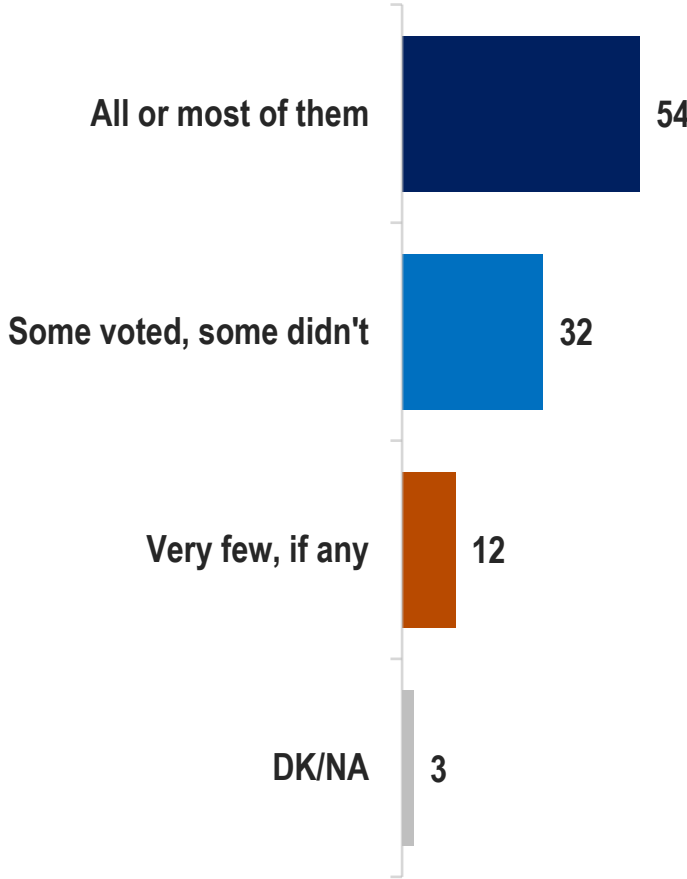
PERCEPTION OF FAMILY MEMBERS' PARTICIPATION IN THE JUNE 2023 NATIONAL ELECTIONS

And how many members of your family would you say voted in the last National Election in June 2023?

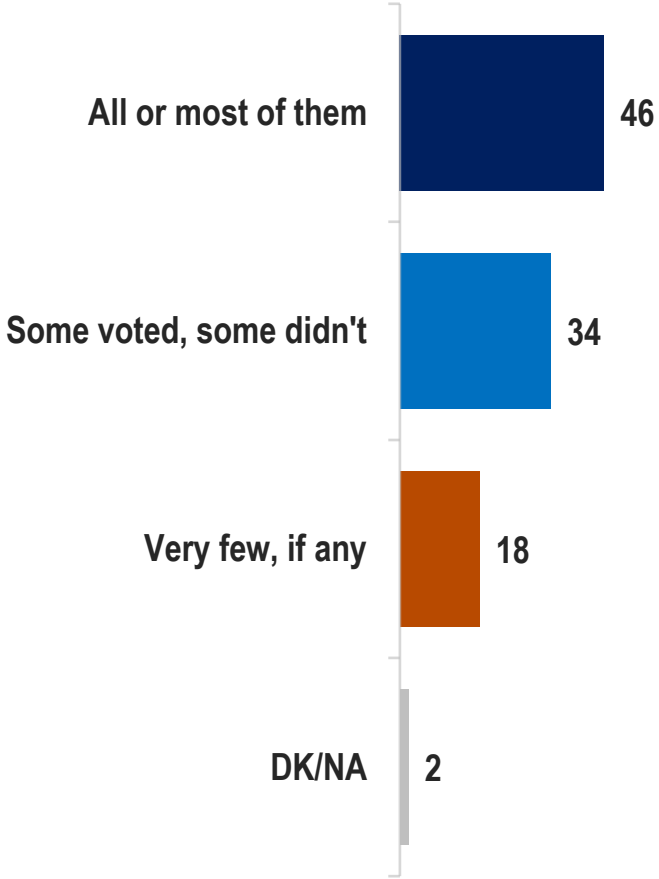
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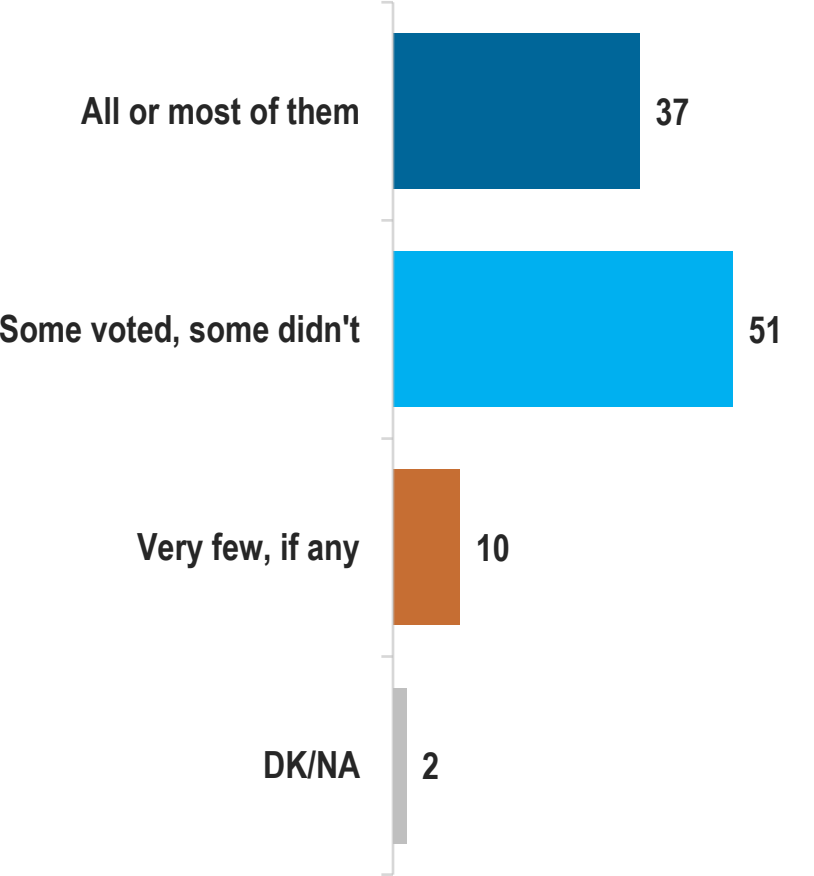
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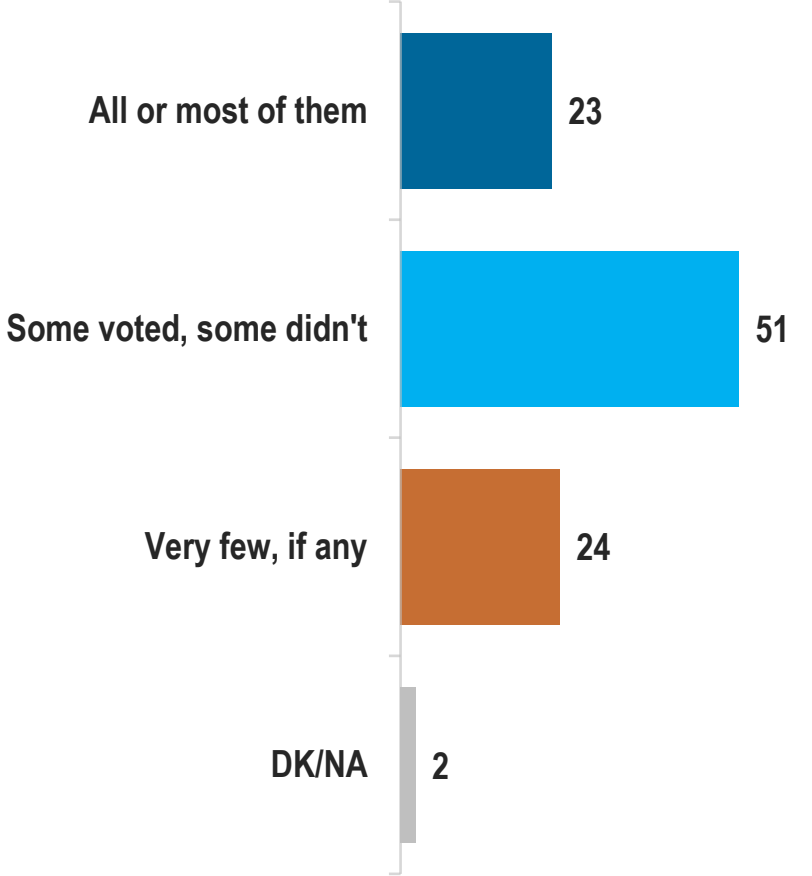
PERCEPTION OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THEIR SOCIAL CIRCLE IN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS OF JUNE 2024

Regarding the recent European elections in June 2024, how many of your friends would you say voted?

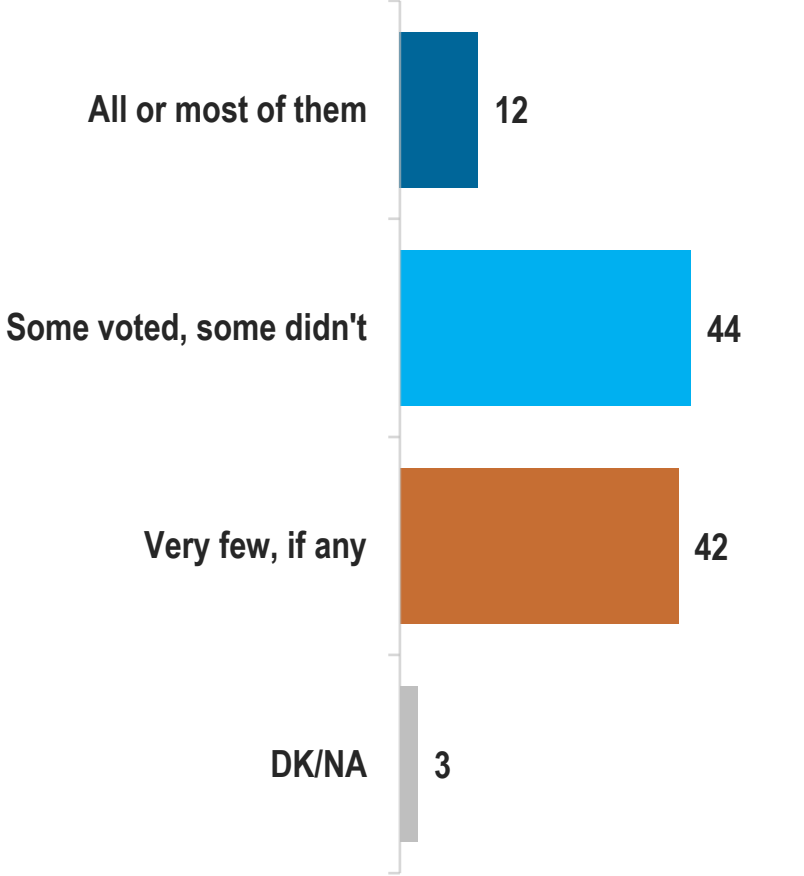
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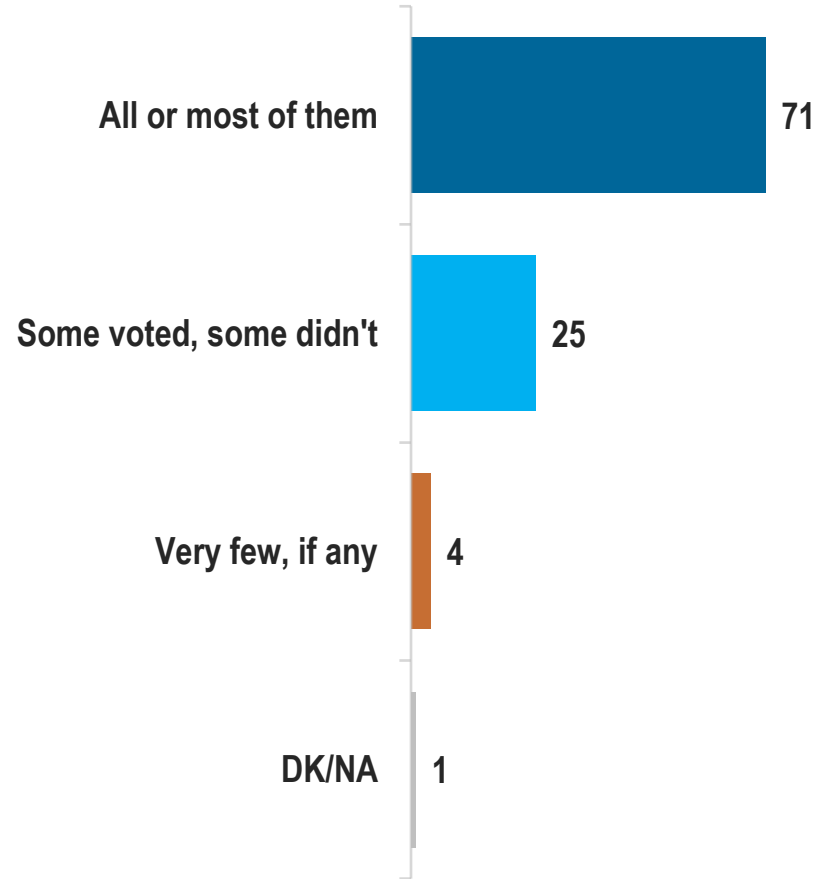
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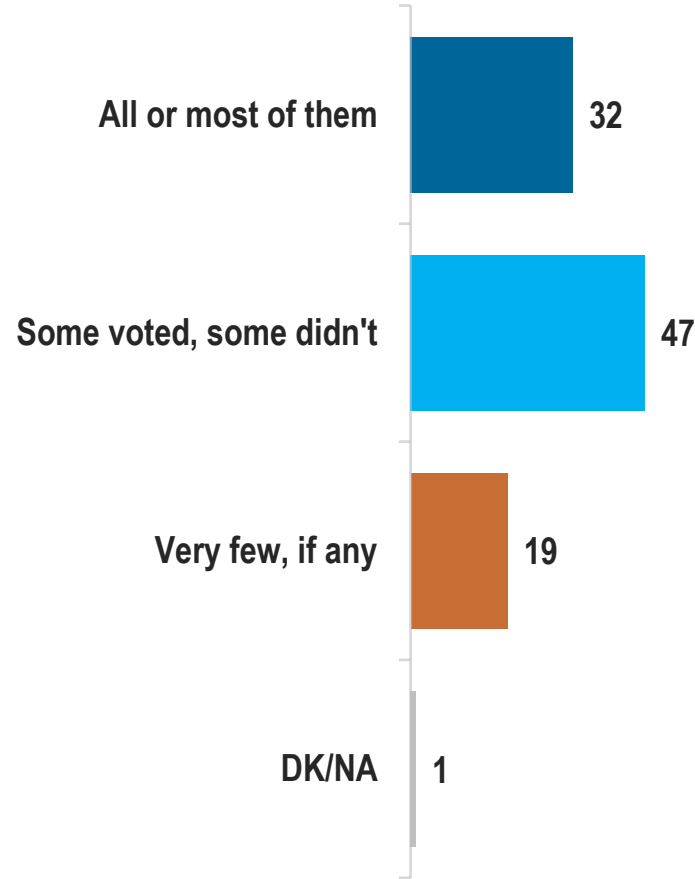
PERCEPTION OF PARTICIPATION OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS OF JUNE 2024

And how many members of your family would you say voted in the recent June 2024 European elections?

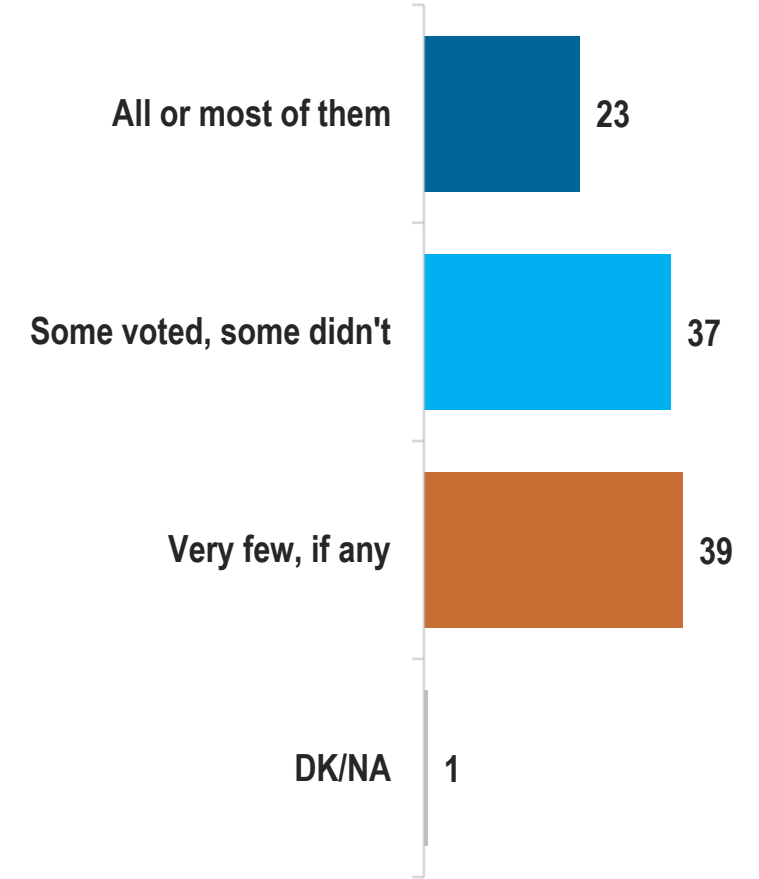
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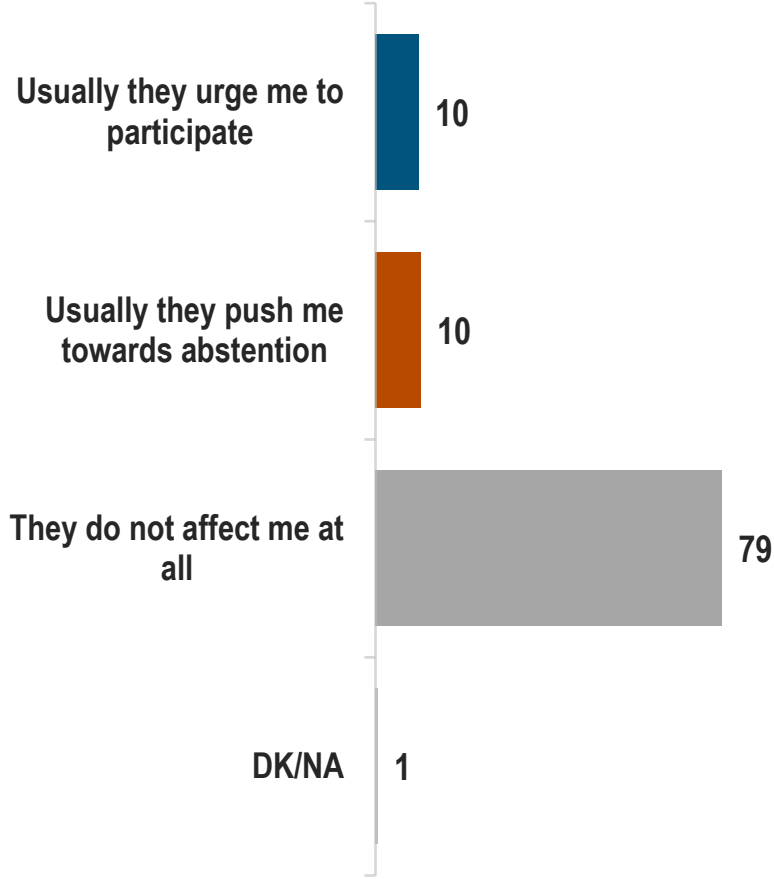
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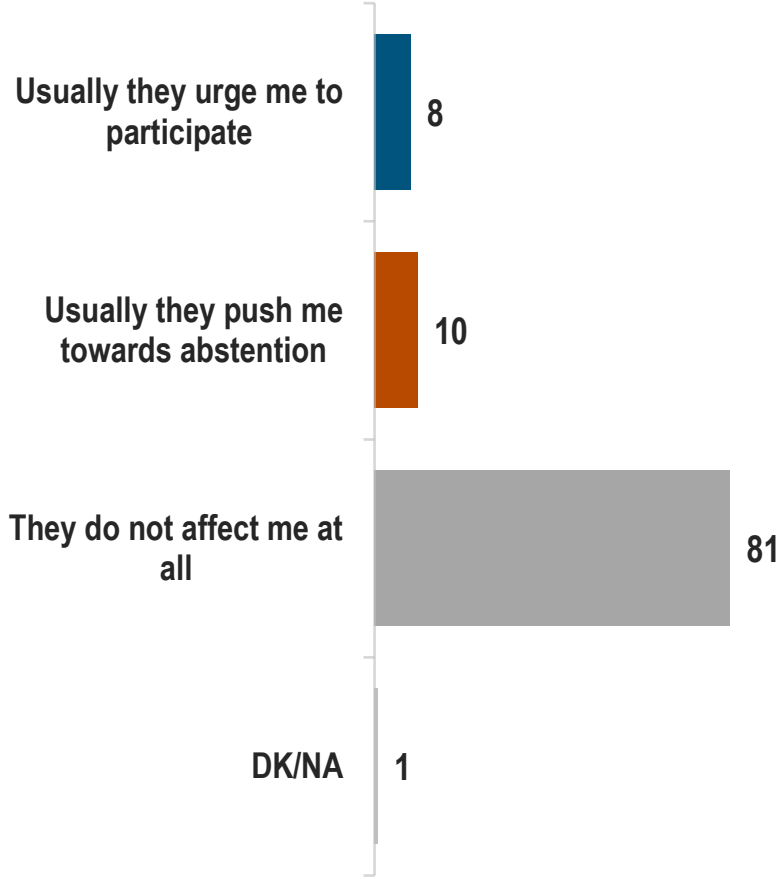
OPINION ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE MEDIA ON THEIR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE (or NOT) IN THE ELECTIONS

In what way would you say the Media influences your decision about whether or not to vote in elections?

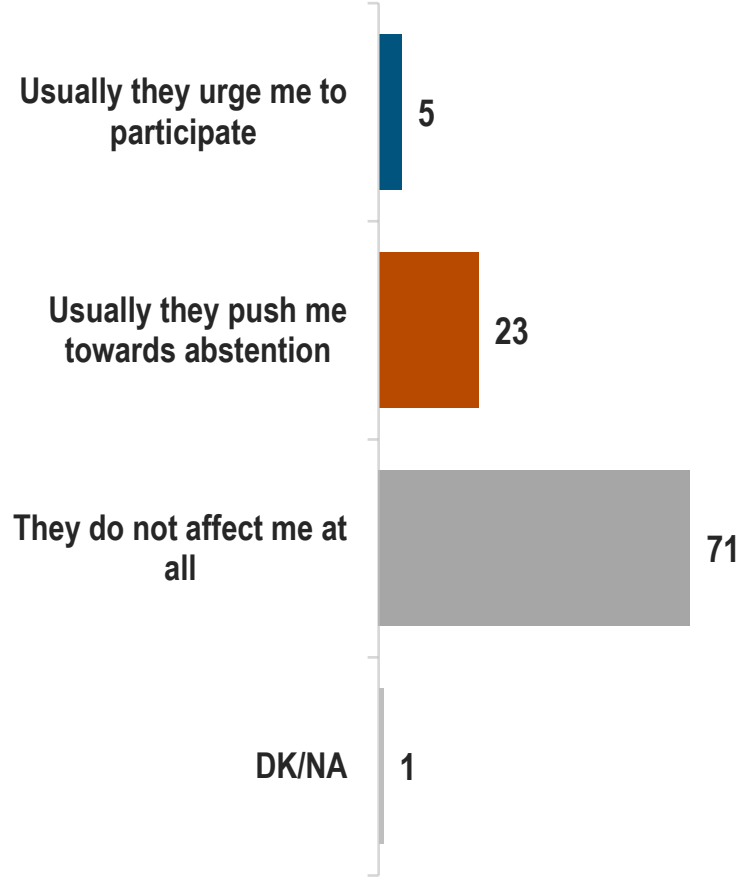
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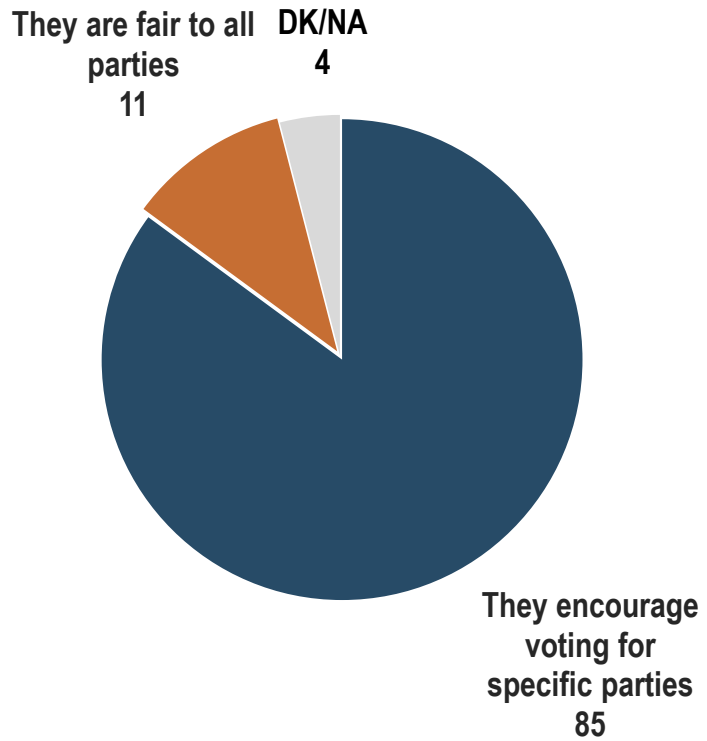
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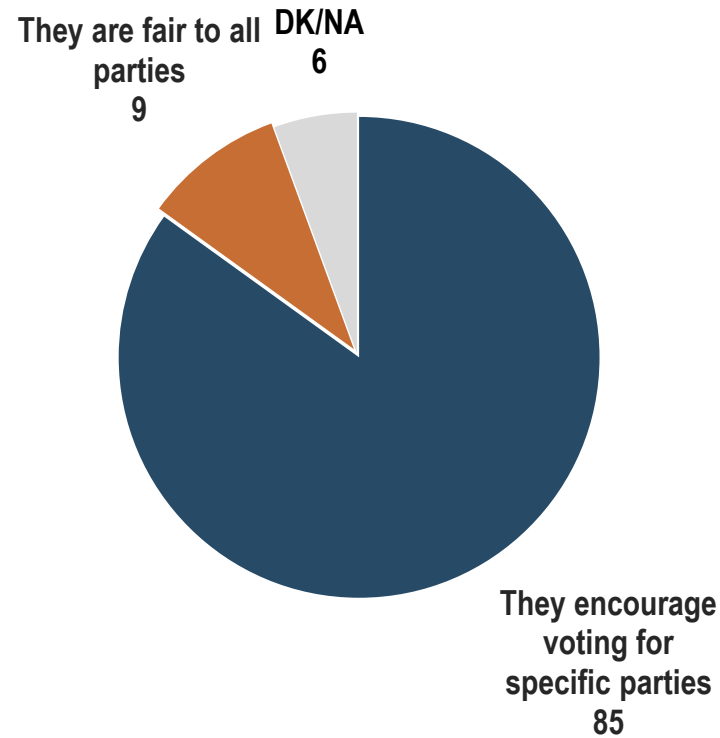
OPINION ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE MEDIA ON VOTING FOR SPECIFIC PARTIES

In your opinion, do the media encourage voting for certain parties or are they generally fair to all parties?

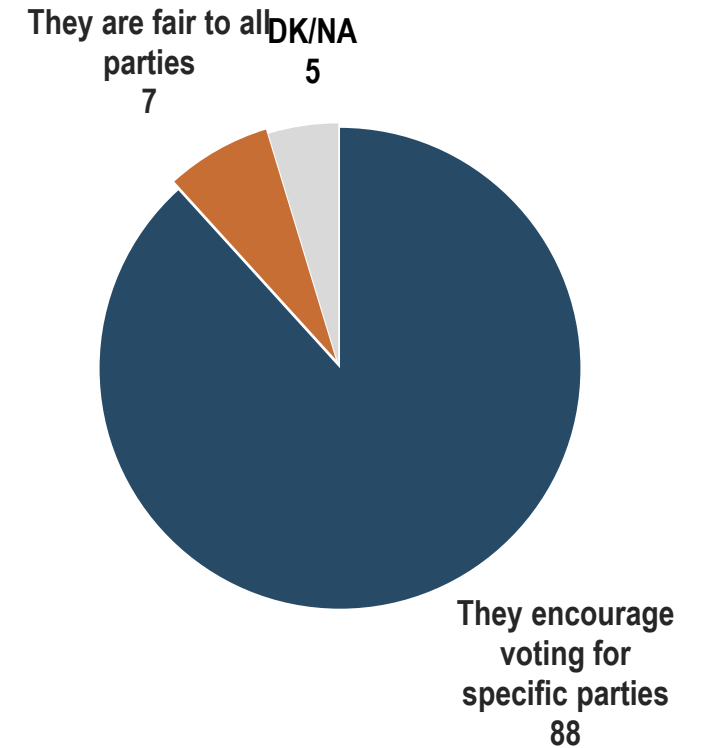
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SECTION 7: Perception of elections in Greece

- Opinion about voting importance
- Perceptions of election credibility

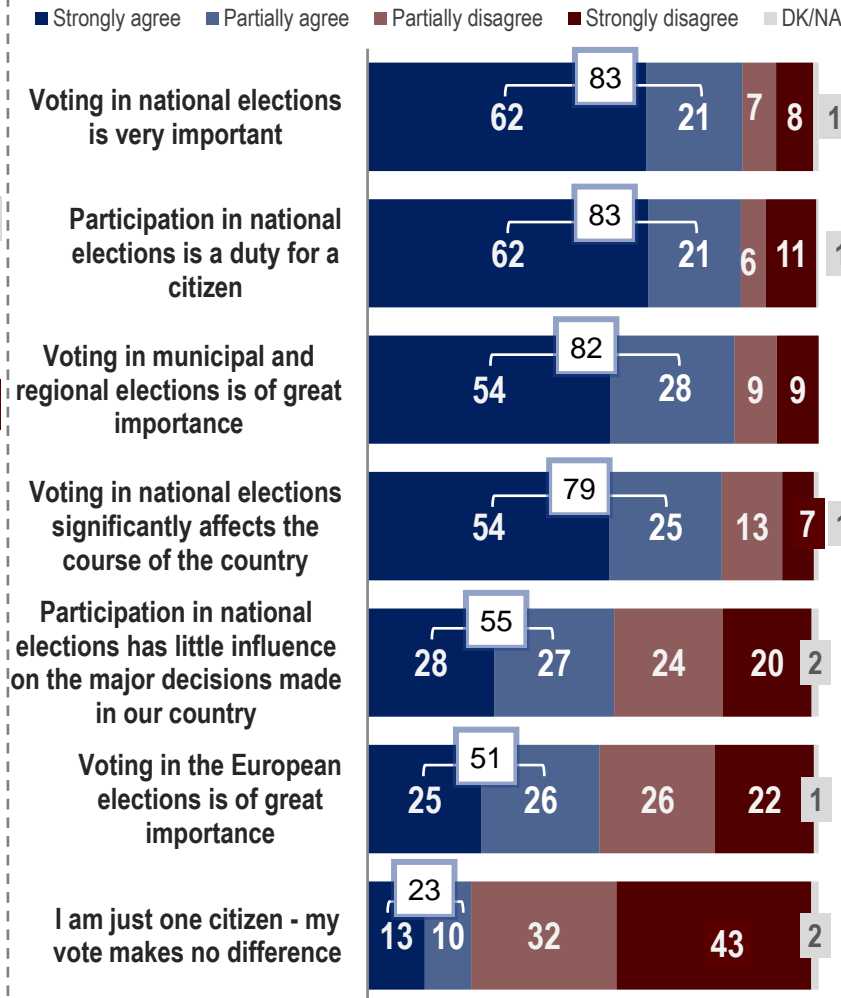
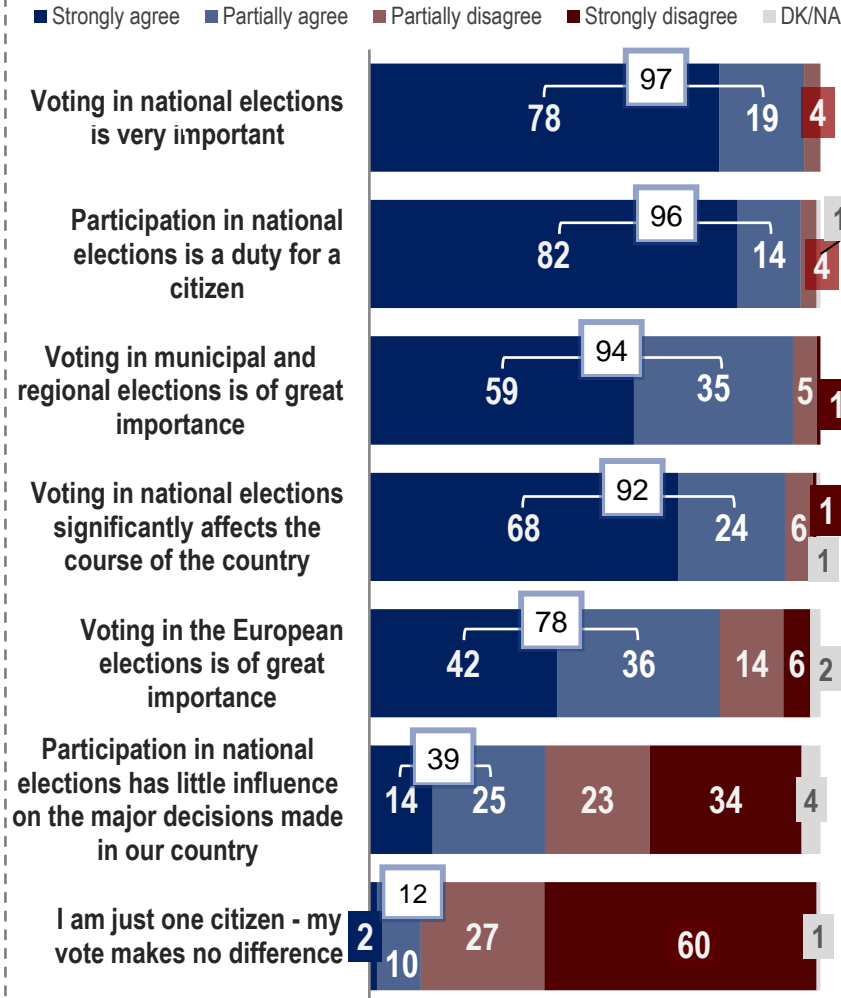
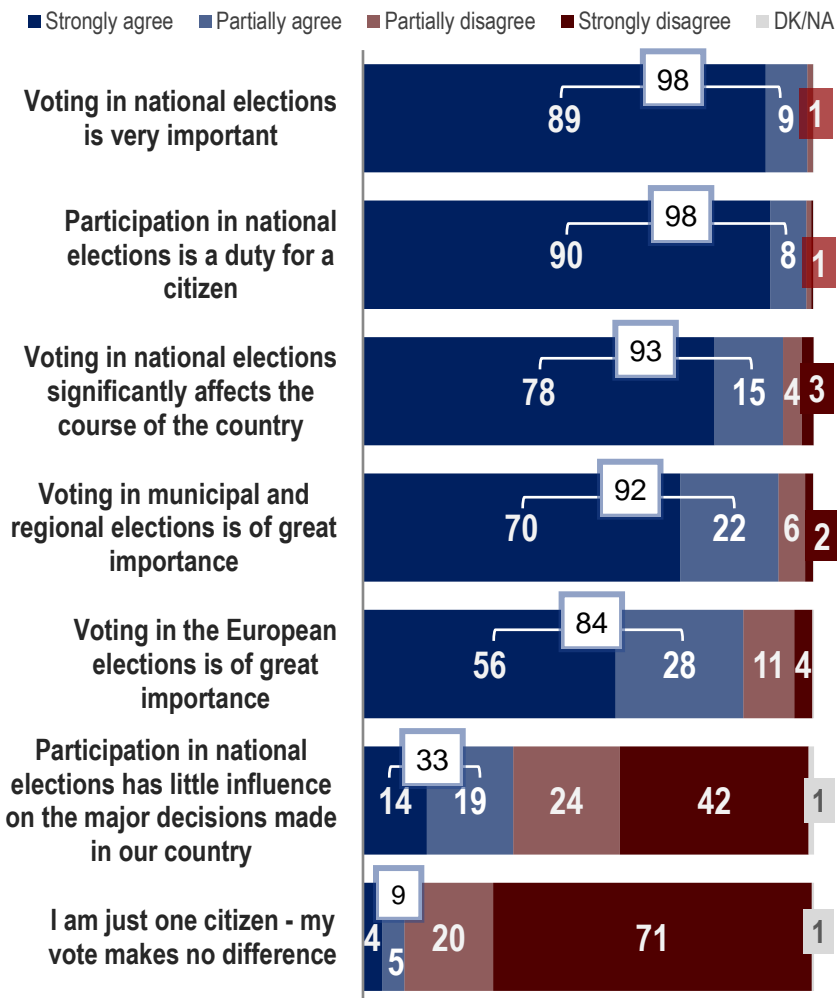
DEGREE OF AGREEMENT WITH OPINIONS ABOUT GREEK ELECTIONS

Regardless of whether or not you have the right to vote in the elections held in Greece, do you agree or disagree with each of the following opinions?

Voters

Abstainers for practical reasons

Abstainers by choice



DEGREE OF AGREEMENT WITH OPINIONS ON THE CREDIBILITY OF ELECTIONS IN GREECE

And do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

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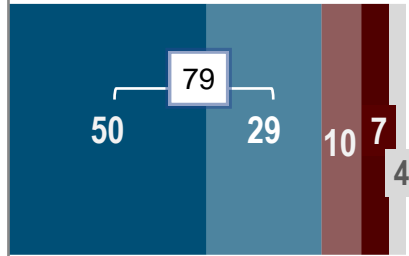
Abstainers by choice

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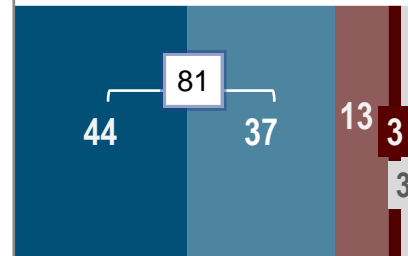
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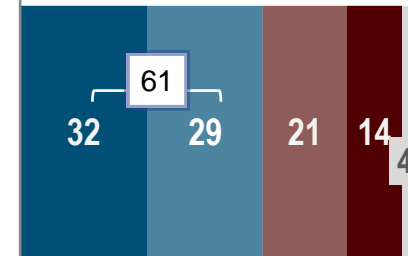
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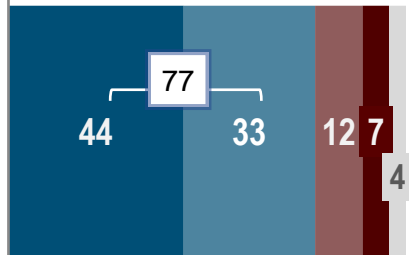
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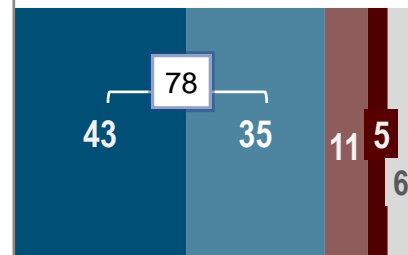
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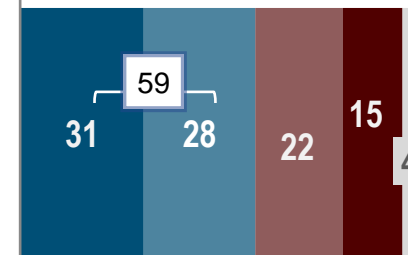
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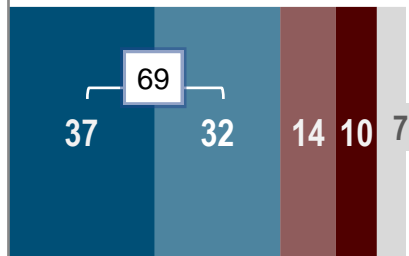
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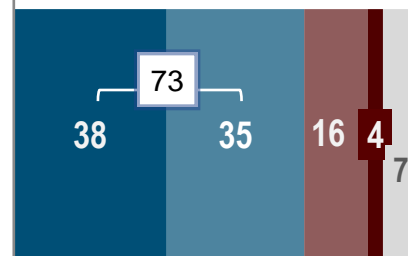
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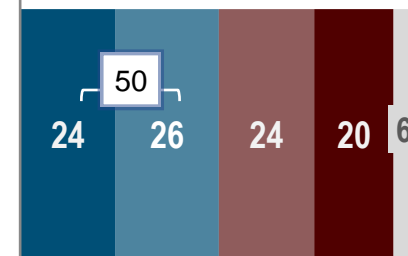
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SECTION 8: Causes of abstention

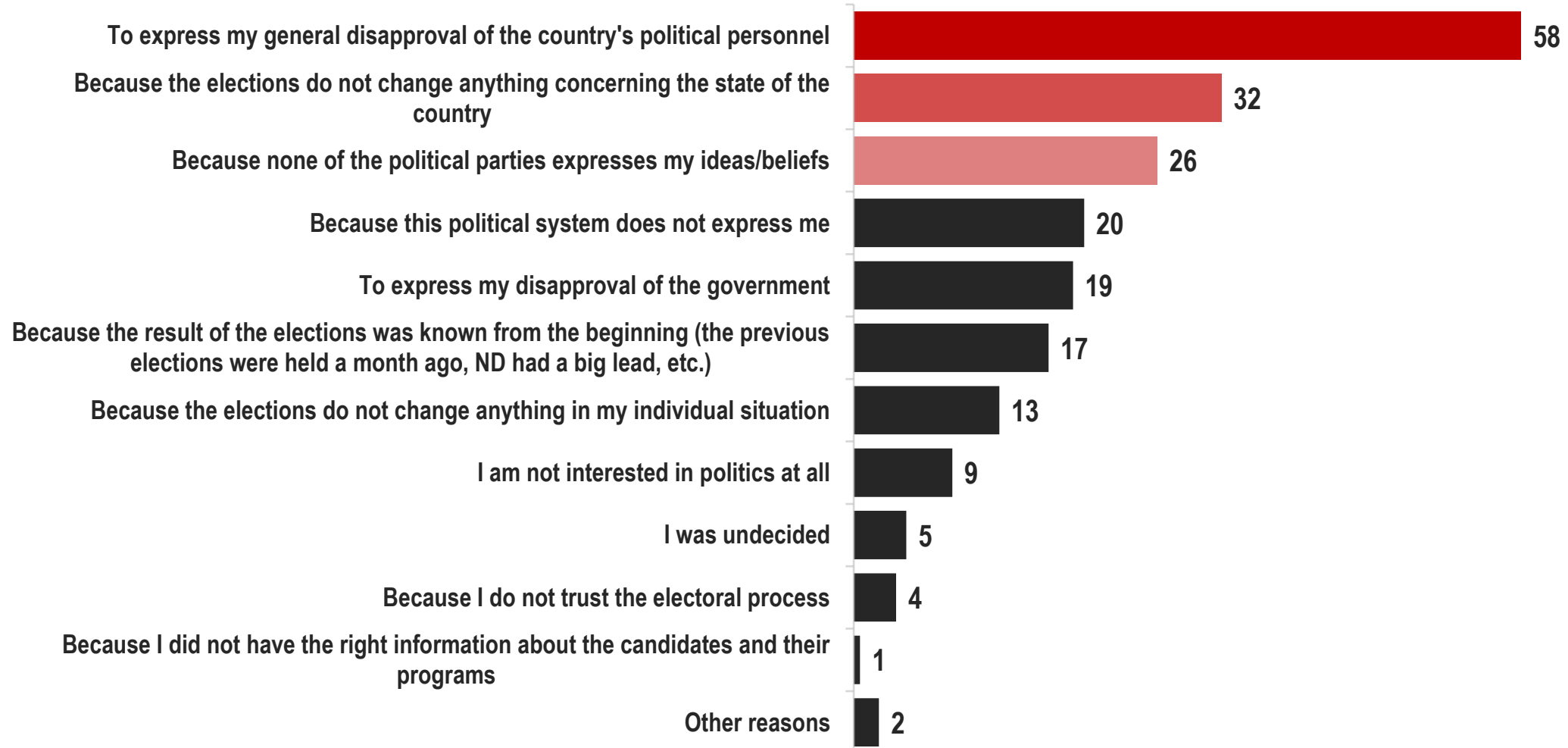
- Main reasons for abstention by choice
- Main reasons for abstention for practical reasons

MAIN REASONS FOR ABSTENTION BY CHOICE FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS OF JUNE 2023

Why did you choose to not vote in the last national election in June 2023?

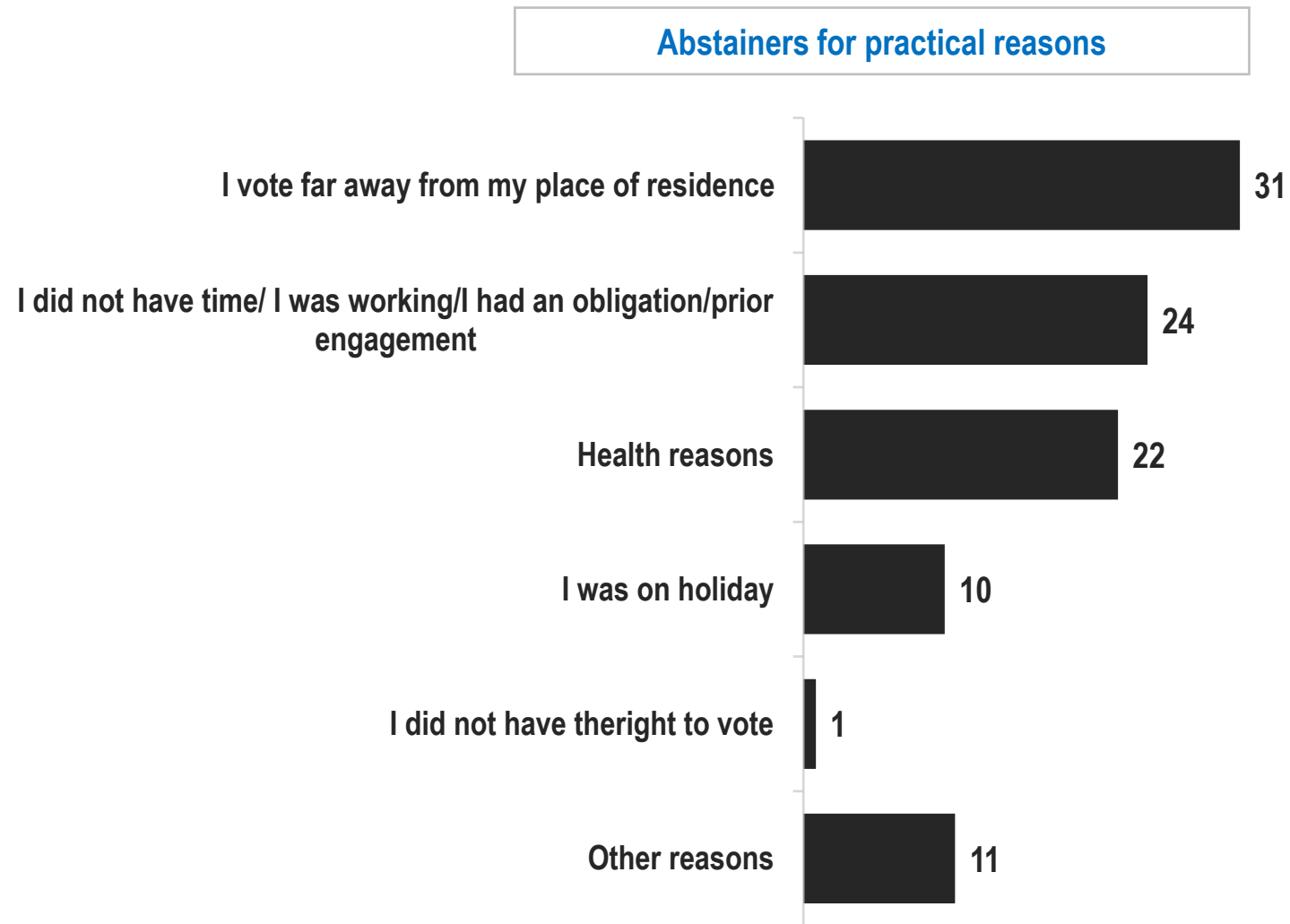
UP TO 3 CHOICES

Abstainers by choice



MAIN REASONS FOR ABSTENTION FOR PRACTICAL REASONS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS OF JUNE 2023

What stopped you from voting in the last national election in June 2023?

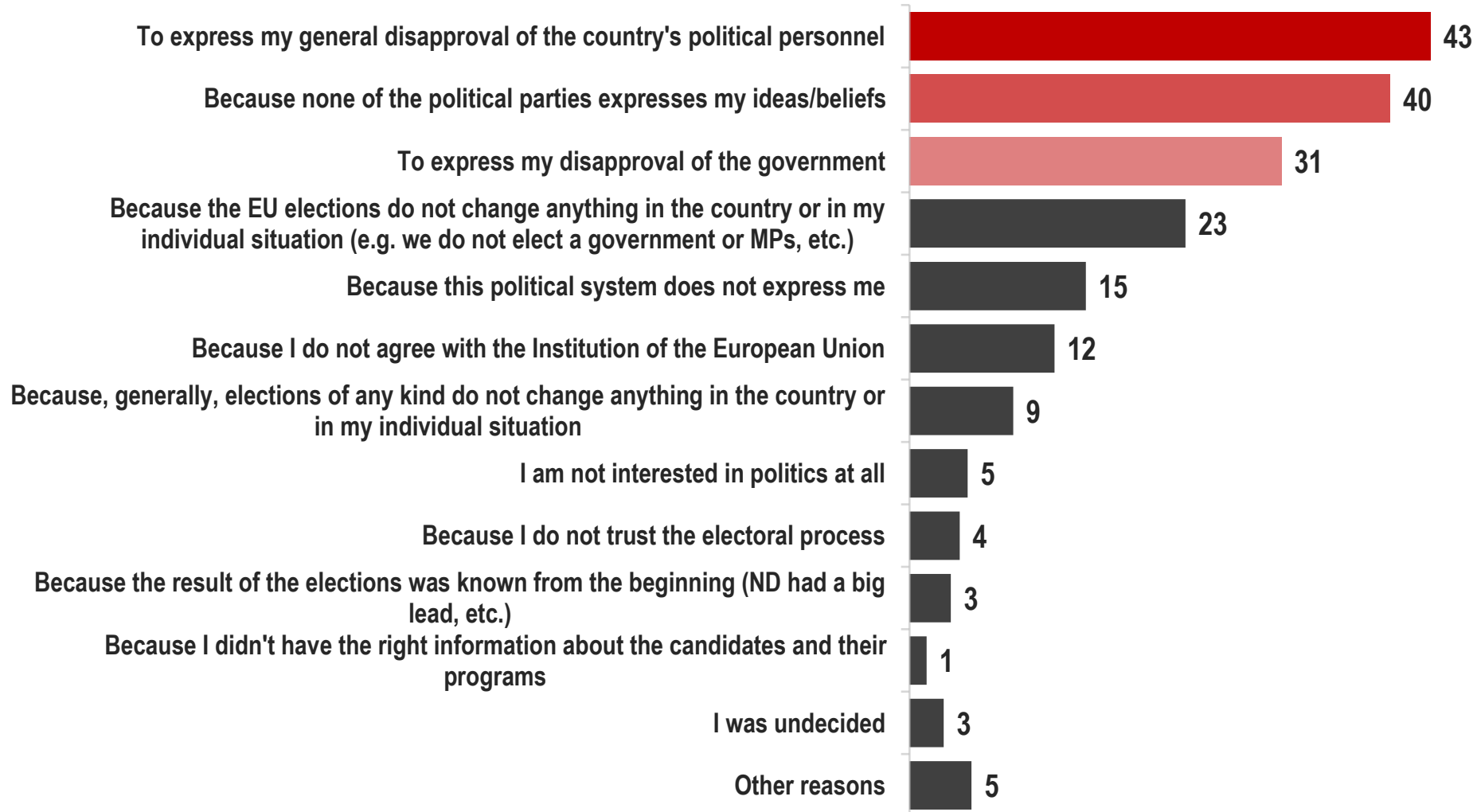


MAIN REASONS FOR ABSTENTION BY CHOICE FROM THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS OF JUNE 2024

Why did you choose to not vote in the recent European elections this July?

UP TO 3 CHOICES

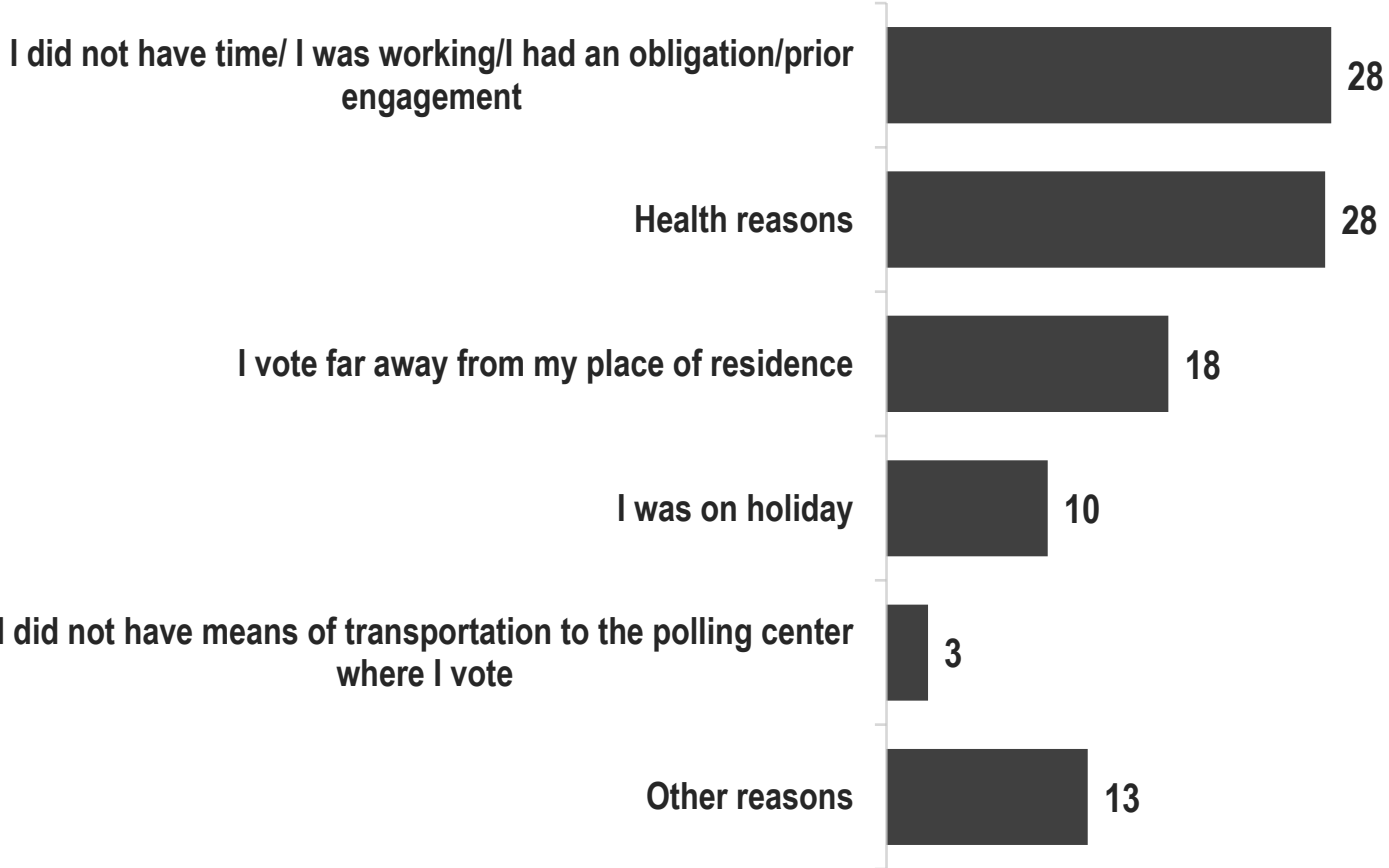
Abstainers by choice in the 2024 EU Elections



MAIN REASONS FOR ABSTENTION FOR PRACTICAL REASONS FROM THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS OF JUNE 2024

What stopped you from voting in the recent European election this June?

Abstainers for practical reasons in the 2024 EU Elections



SECTION 9: Suggestions for enhancing participation

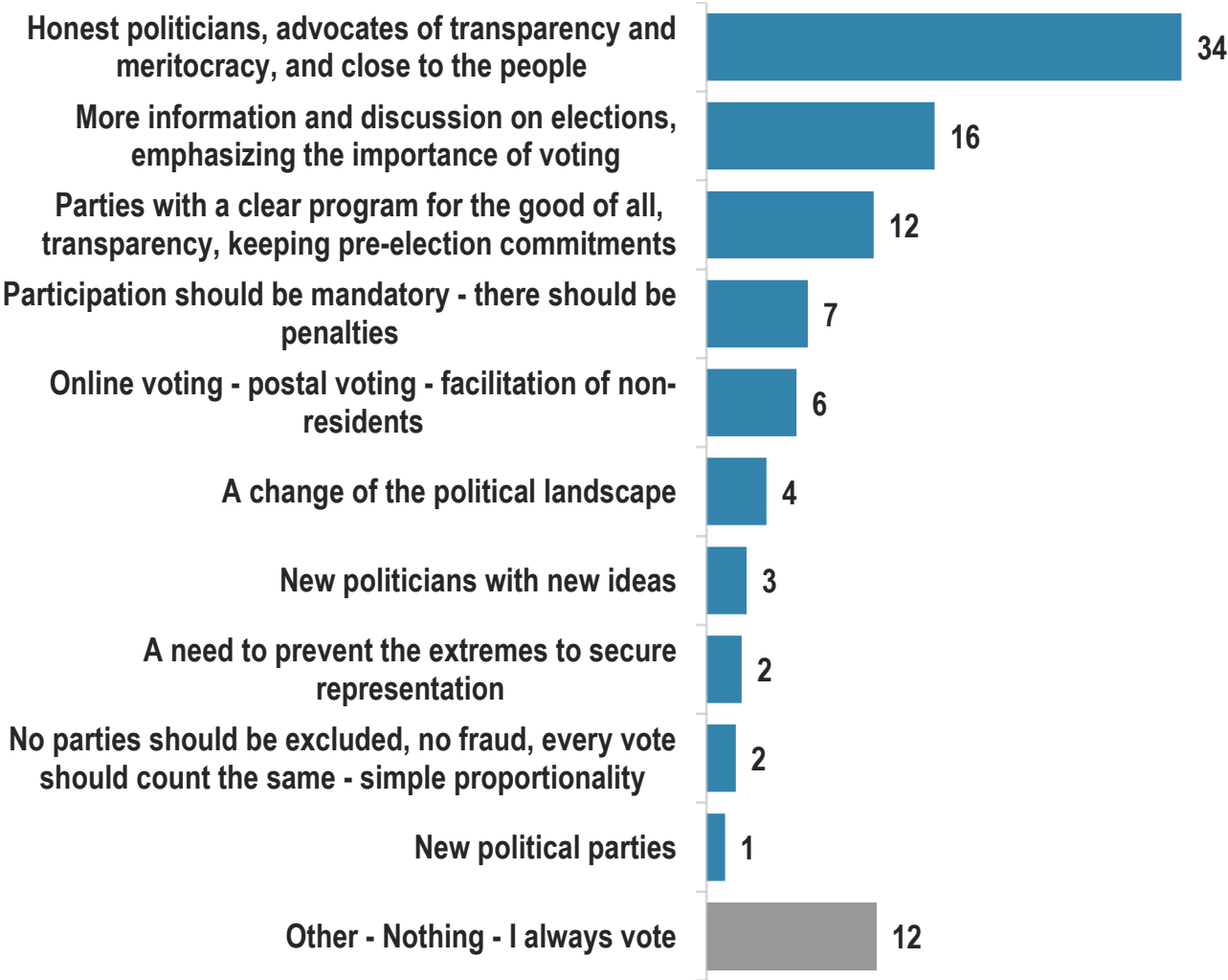
- Ideas to reduce abstention
- Assessment of the consequences of increased abstention

WHAT COULD INCREASE PARTICIPATION? (OPEN QUESTION)

In your opinion, what would make voters like you participate more in elections in Greece?

OPEN-ENDED QUESTION

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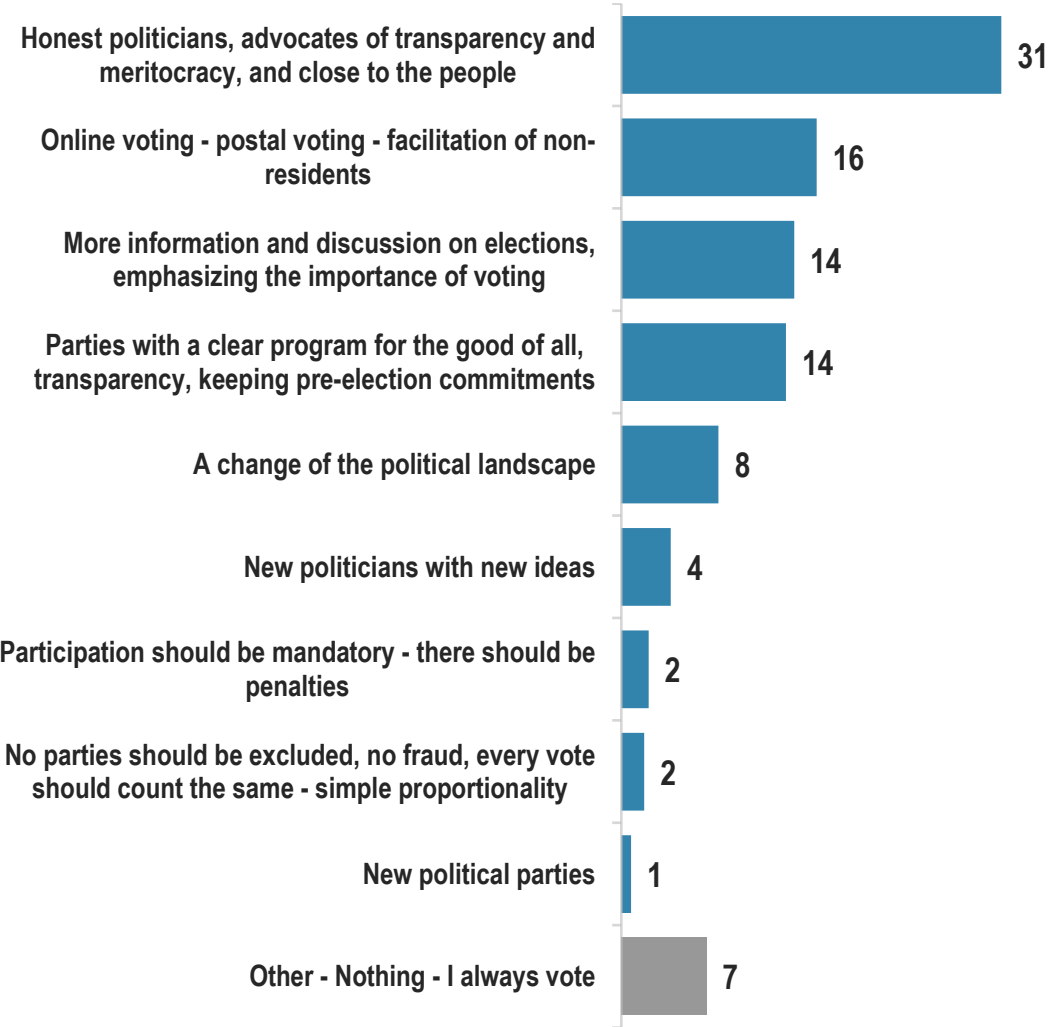


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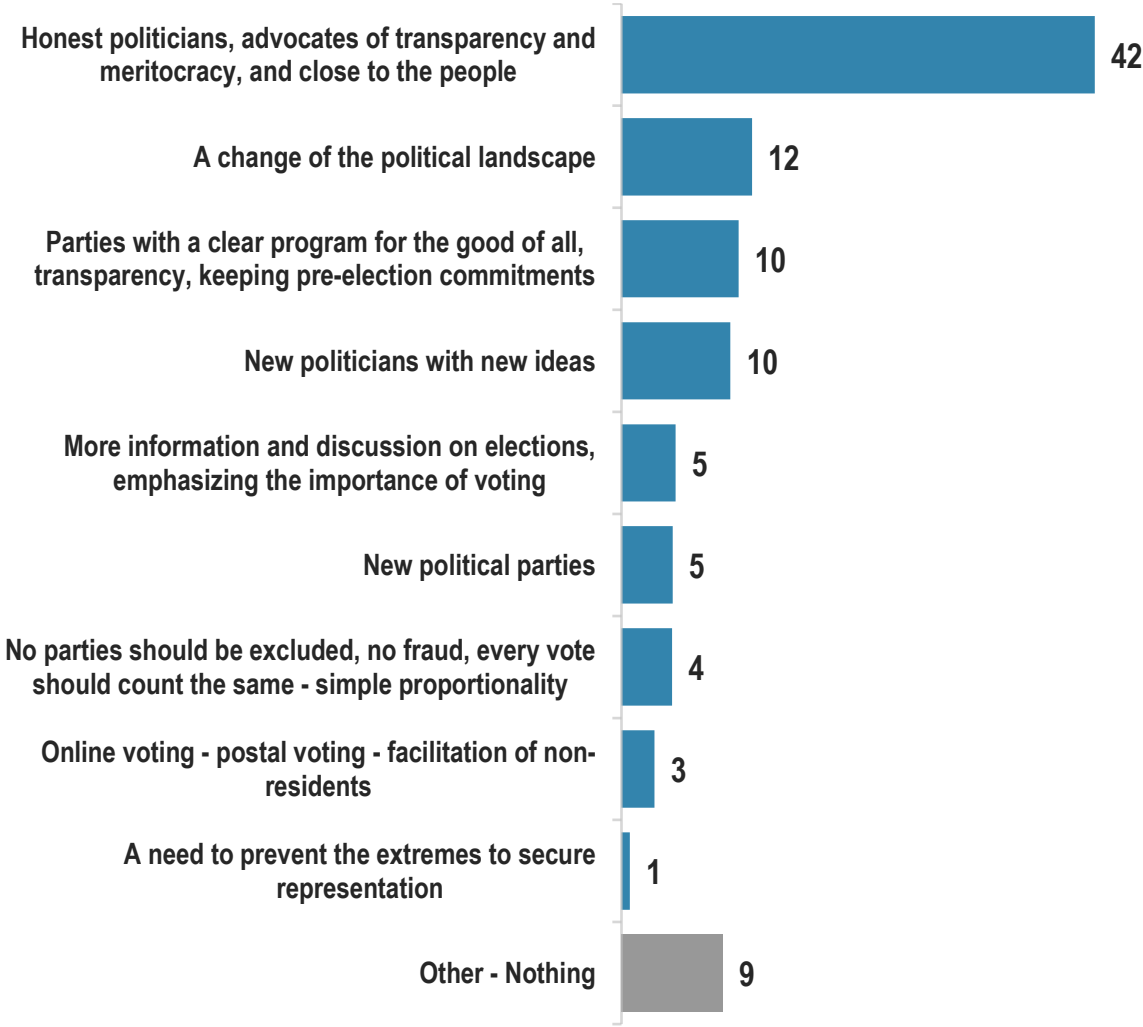
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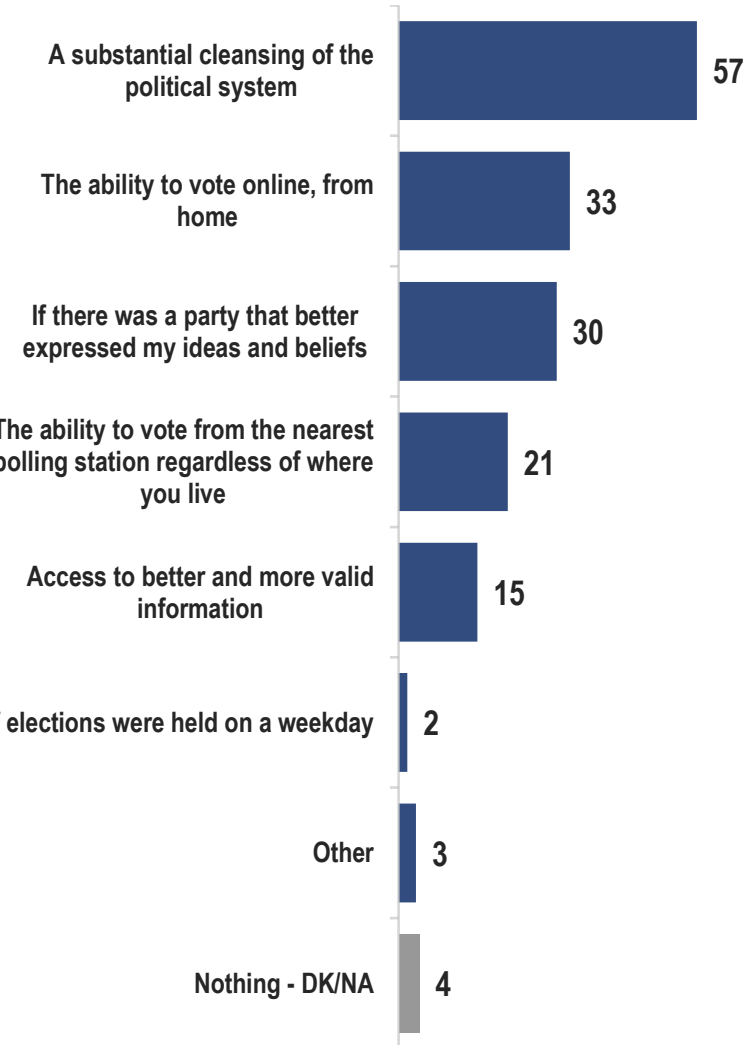


WHAT COULD INCREASE PARTICIPATION? (WITH LIST OF ANSWERS)

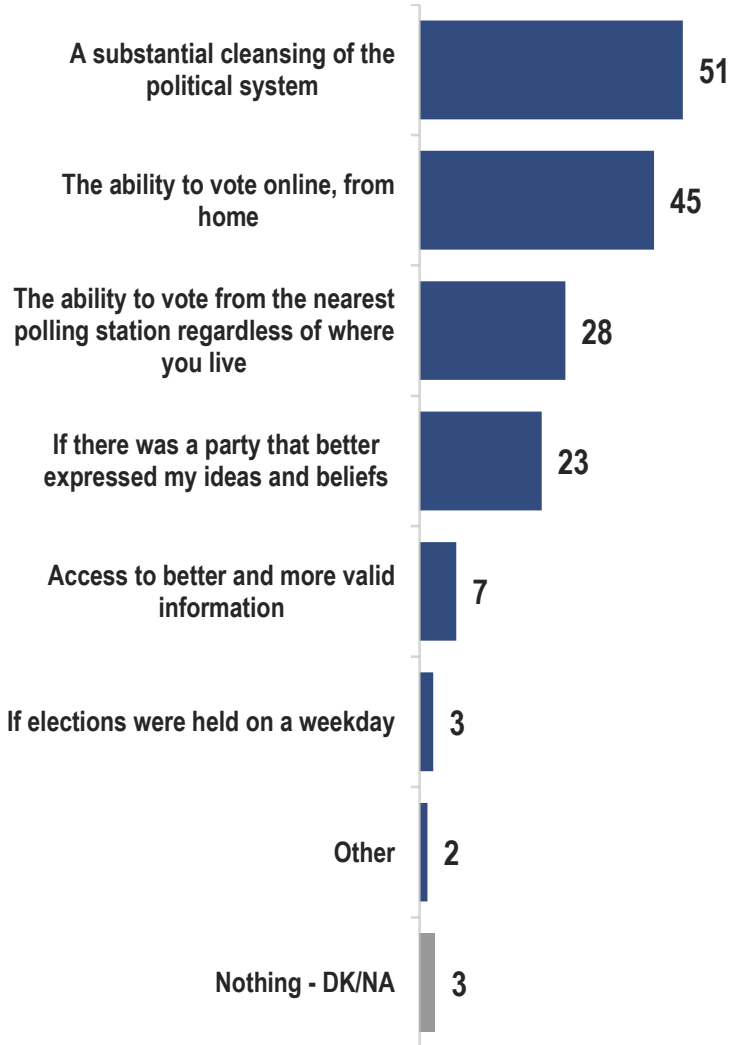
More specifically, which of the following would most motivate voters like you to participate in the elections in Greece?

UP TO 2 CHOICES

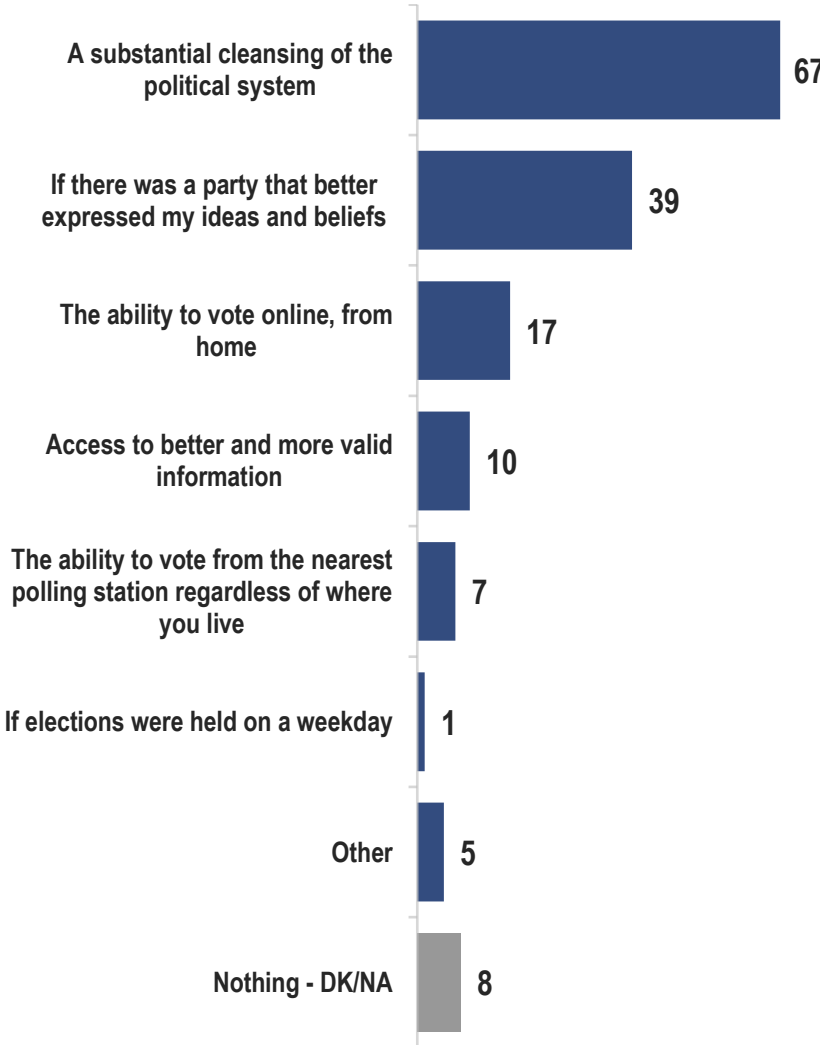
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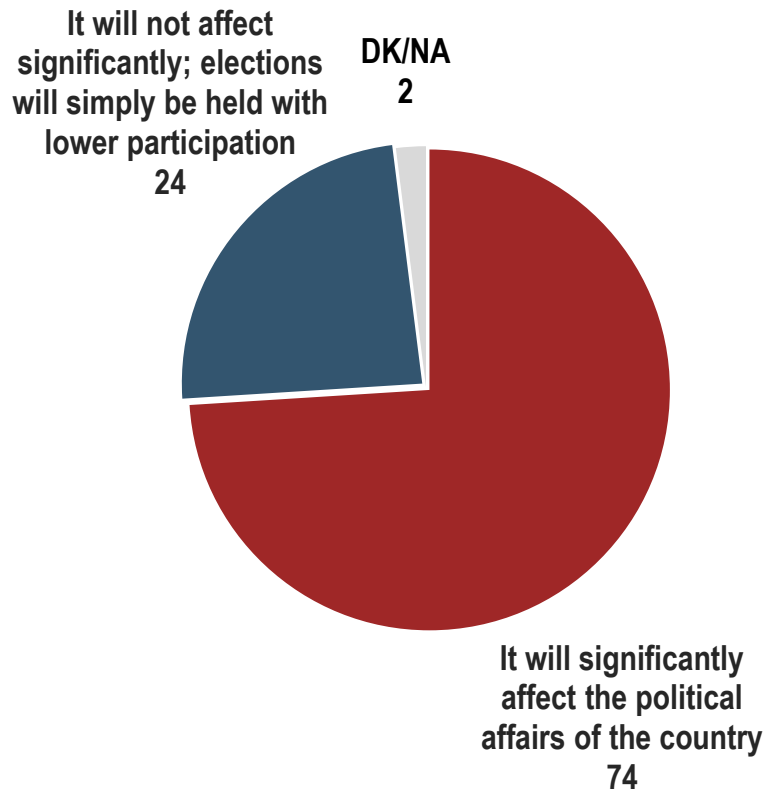
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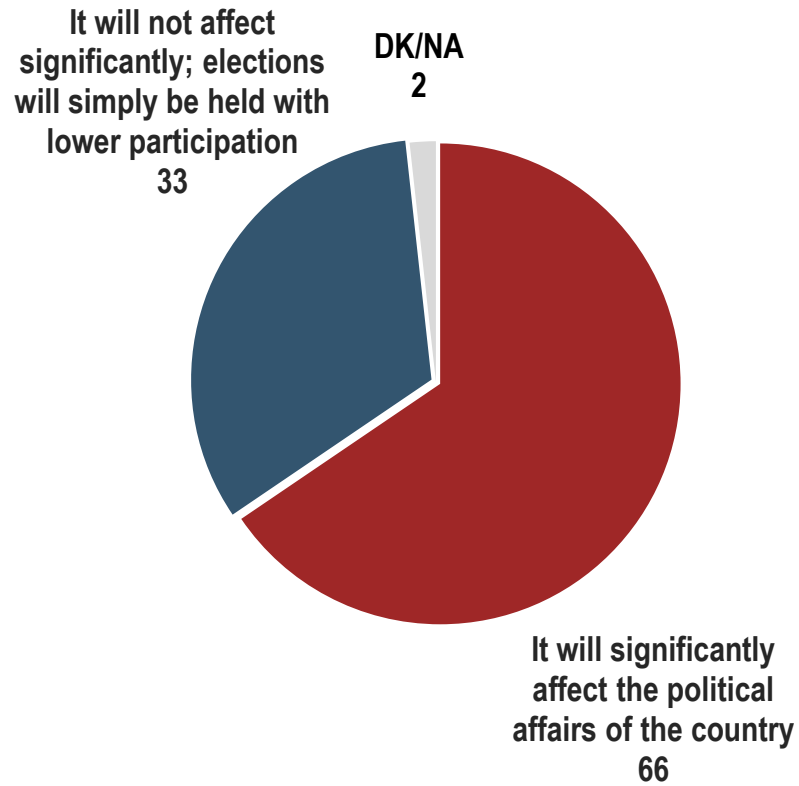
IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF INCREASED ABSTENTION

In your estimation, with the increased abstention observed in the electoral contests in our country, how serious will the consequences be for the political affairs of Greece?

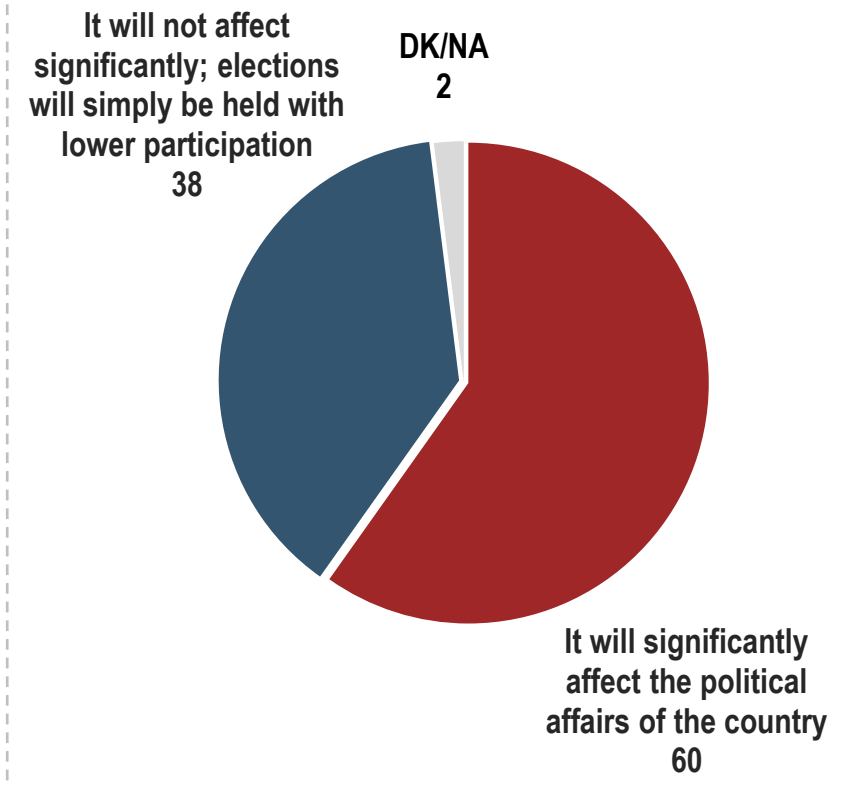
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