



Public Attitudes in Georgia

Results of April 2019 survey



— Carried out for NDI by CRRC Georgia —

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WHY WE CONDUCT POLLS?



To foster the development of more responsive policies and governance;

To help stakeholders diagnose and address issues of public concern.

- ❖ Leaders from across the political spectrum have reported that polls are important to their work and encourage continued polling;
- ❖ Inclusive process: the polling instrument was developed in consultation with parties, government, and civil society leaders.

ABOUT THE POLL

- ❖ Fieldwork dates:
March 28-April 15
- ❖ 2,927 completed interviews (48.1% response rate)
- ❖ The average margin of error is 2.3
- ❖ Note: the margin of error is different for every response

SAMPLE

- ❖ **A nationally representative sample** (excluding occupied territories) including oversampled areas of the Capital, large Urban, small Urban, Rural, Armenian settlements, and Azeri settlements.
- ❖ **Large Urban** stratum consists of the cities with a population of 40,000 or more: Batumi, Zugdidi, Rustavi, Poti, Gori, and Kutaisi.
- ❖ **Small Urban** stratum consists of the rest of the cities/dabas holding urban status.
- ❖ **Armenian stratum** consists of population of those settlements, where Armenian minorities make up at least 40% of voters. **Azeri stratum** consists of population of those settlements, where Azeri minorities make at least 40% of voters. Settlements within this stratum are dispersed through Kvemo Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti & Kakheti regions.

ABOUT THE POLL

Quality control

- ❖ All interviewers receive special training
- ❖ CRRC central office coordinators conduct quality control interviews



METHODOLOGY

We use random sampling at all stages. We use a complex survey design:

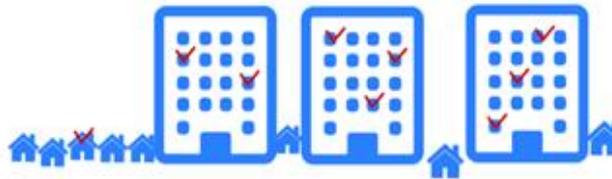
- ❖ **Stratification** – dividing population in relatively homogenous sub-groups;
- ❖ **Clustering** – randomly selecting small geographic areas for each sub-group (stratum).

- ❖ Households are selected via random route sampling;
- ❖ Respondents are selected using a Kish table;
- ❖ Randomly selected households and individuals are not substituted;
- ❖ All interviews were conducted face-to-face with 18+ population, using tablets, in Georgian, Armenian, and Azeri.

How NDI Survey is Conducted

1

At the first stage, CRRC randomly selects voting precincts in Georgia. Interviewers are sent there with given starting point, directions for walking, step size, number of contacts.



2

Interviewer randomly selects households according to the given step size, e.g. every 3rd, 5th, 8th...

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The respondent is selected randomly, with special method - so called Kish grid. Selected respondent cannot be replaced.

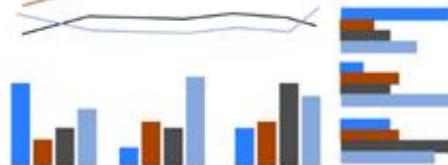


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Interviewer conducts an interview with the selected household member. Interviewer uses tablet computer and a special software.

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Interviewer submits the results via the internet to the special server.



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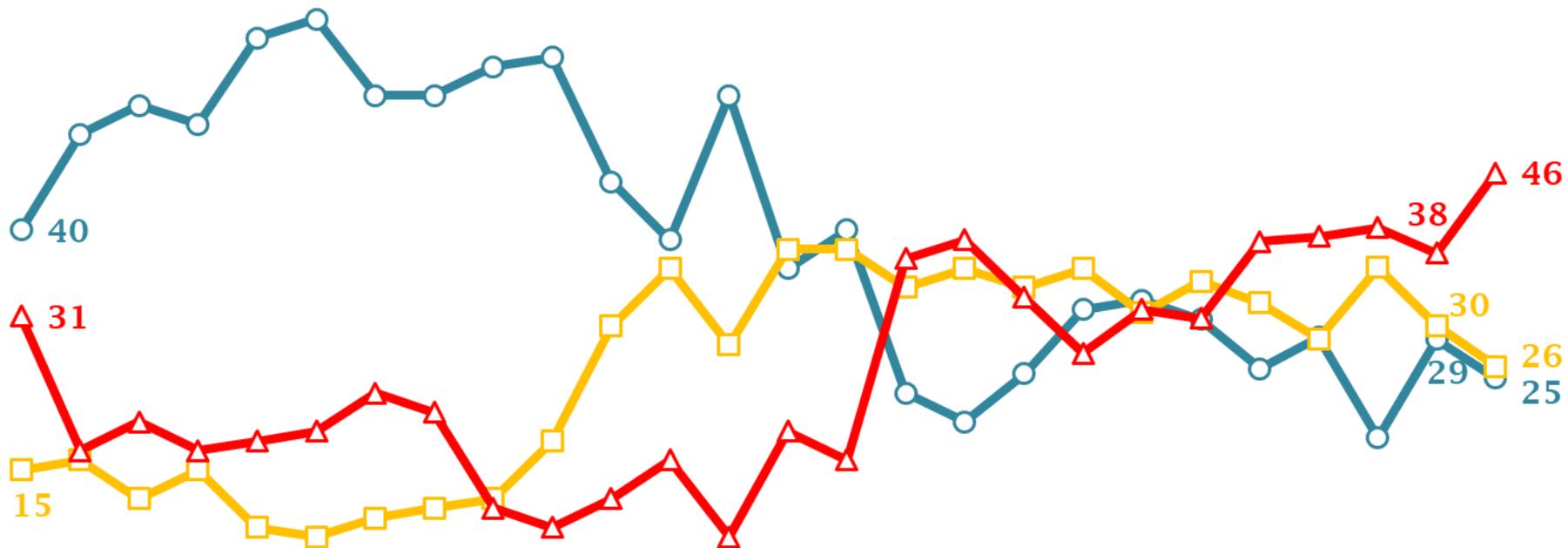
CRRC cleans and analyses collected data, which later is presented to the public.

Country Direction

Country direction

There are different opinions regarding the direction in which Georgia is going. Using this card, please, rate your answer. (q1)

- Georgia is going in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- ▲ Georgia is going in the wrong direction

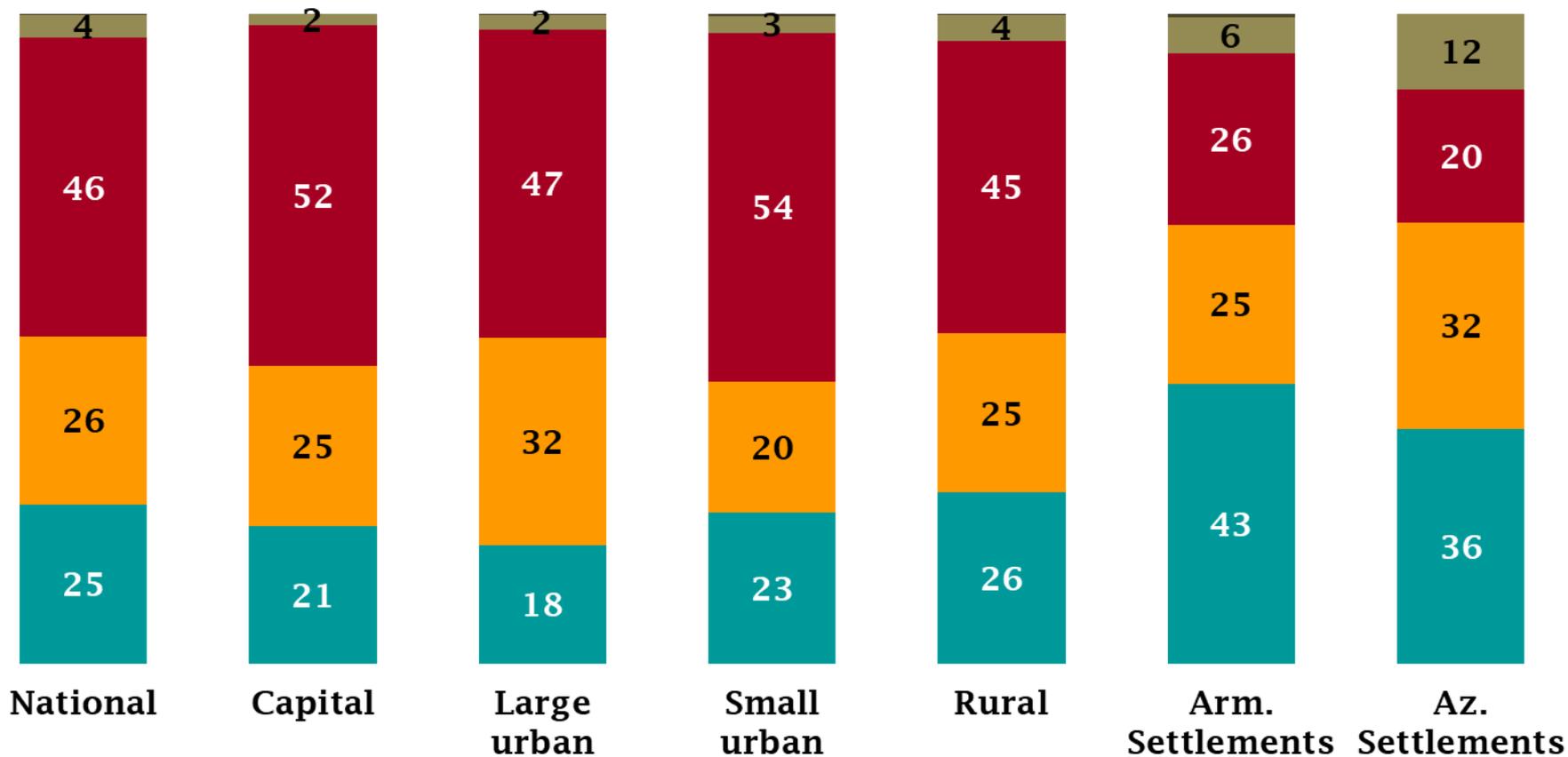


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Country direction

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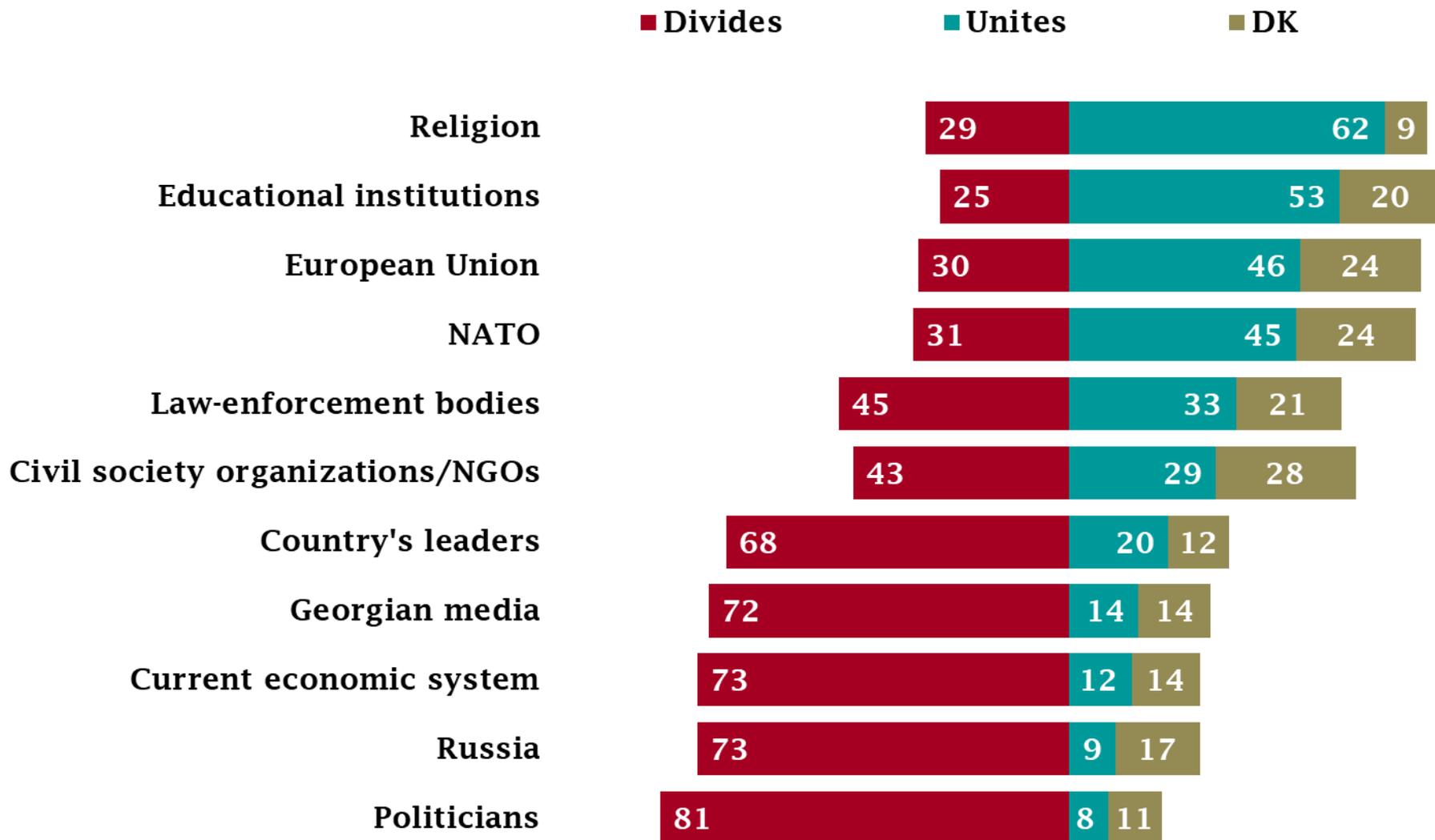
- Georgia is going in the right direction
- Georgia is not changing at all
- Georgia is going in the wrong direction
- DK
- RA



Assessment of Institutions & Political Leaders

Polarization

Please, tell me, do the following push us apart/divide or bring us together/unite us as a society: (q13)



Government performance

Using this card, please tell me, how would you rate the performance of the current government? (q2)

■ Well ■ Badly ■ DK ■ RA

April 2019



December 2018

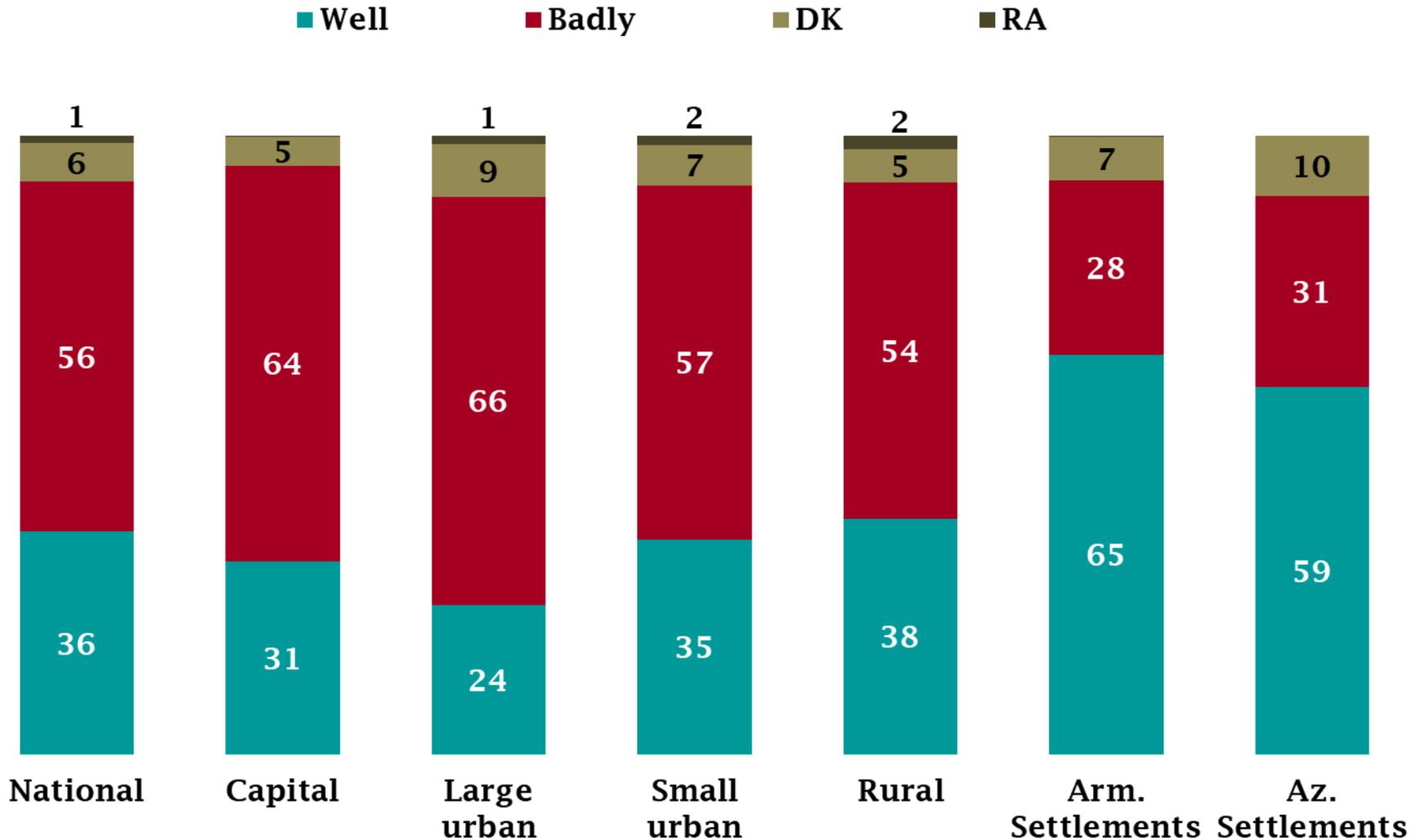


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Government performance

Using this card, please tell me, how would you rate the performance of the current government? (q2 X Settlement)



Performance of institutions

How would you rate the performance of ...? (q3) Part 1

Ranked by
positive

Very well Well Average Badly Very badly DK RA

Georgian Orthodox Church



Public service halls



Georgian army



Georgian police



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Performance of institutions

How would you rate the performance of ...? (q3) Part 2

Ranked by positive

■ Very well ■ Well ■ Average ■ Badly ■ Very badly ■ DK ■ RA

Office of the ombudsman



Office of the chief prosecutor



The parliament



The courts



Performance of leaders

How would you rate the performance of ...? (q3) Part 3

Ranked by
positive

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Mayor of Tbilisi Kakha Kaladze (Tbilisi only)



President Salome Zourabichvili



Prime minister Mamuka Bakhtadze

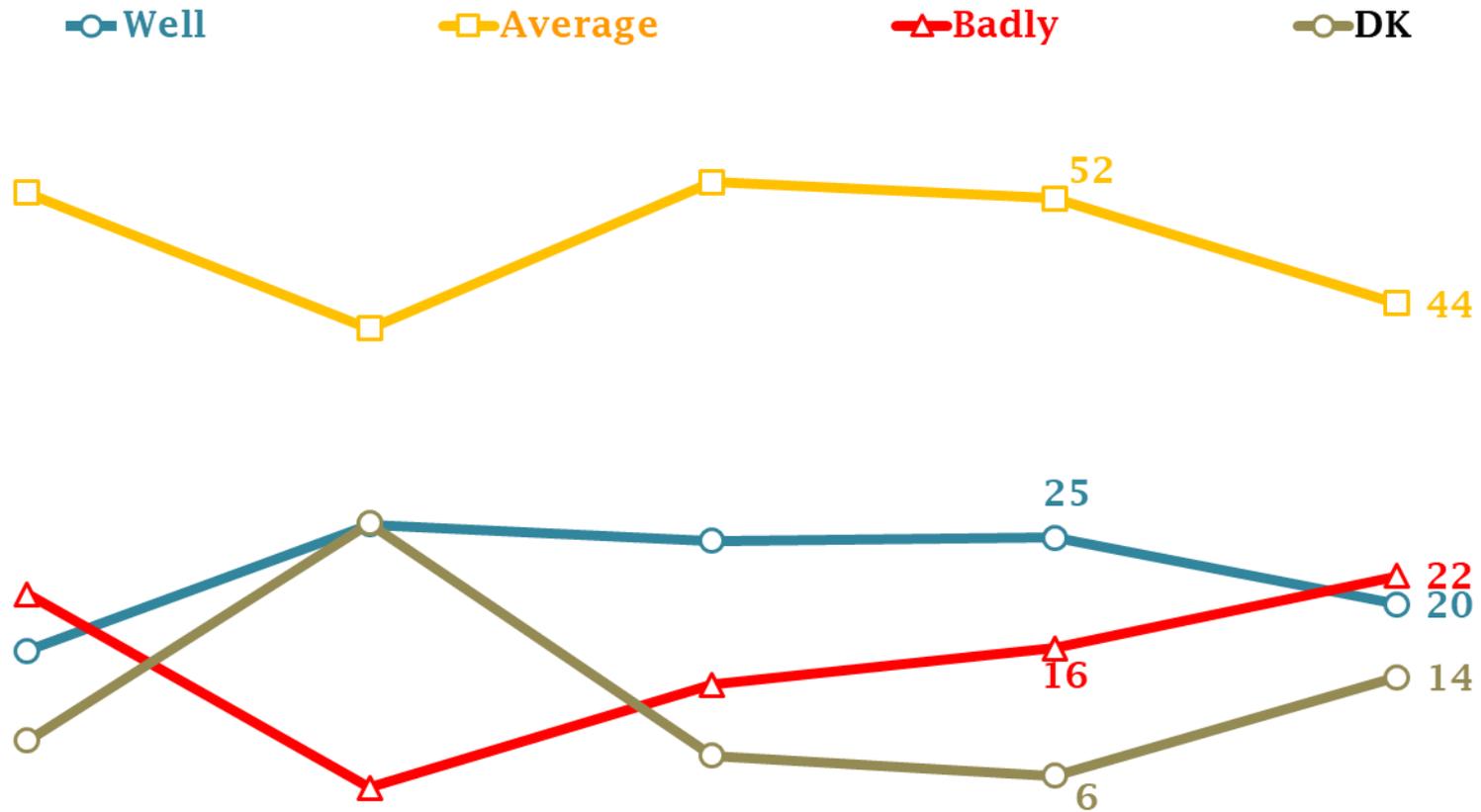


The speaker of the parliament Irakli Kobakhidze



Performance of the prime minister

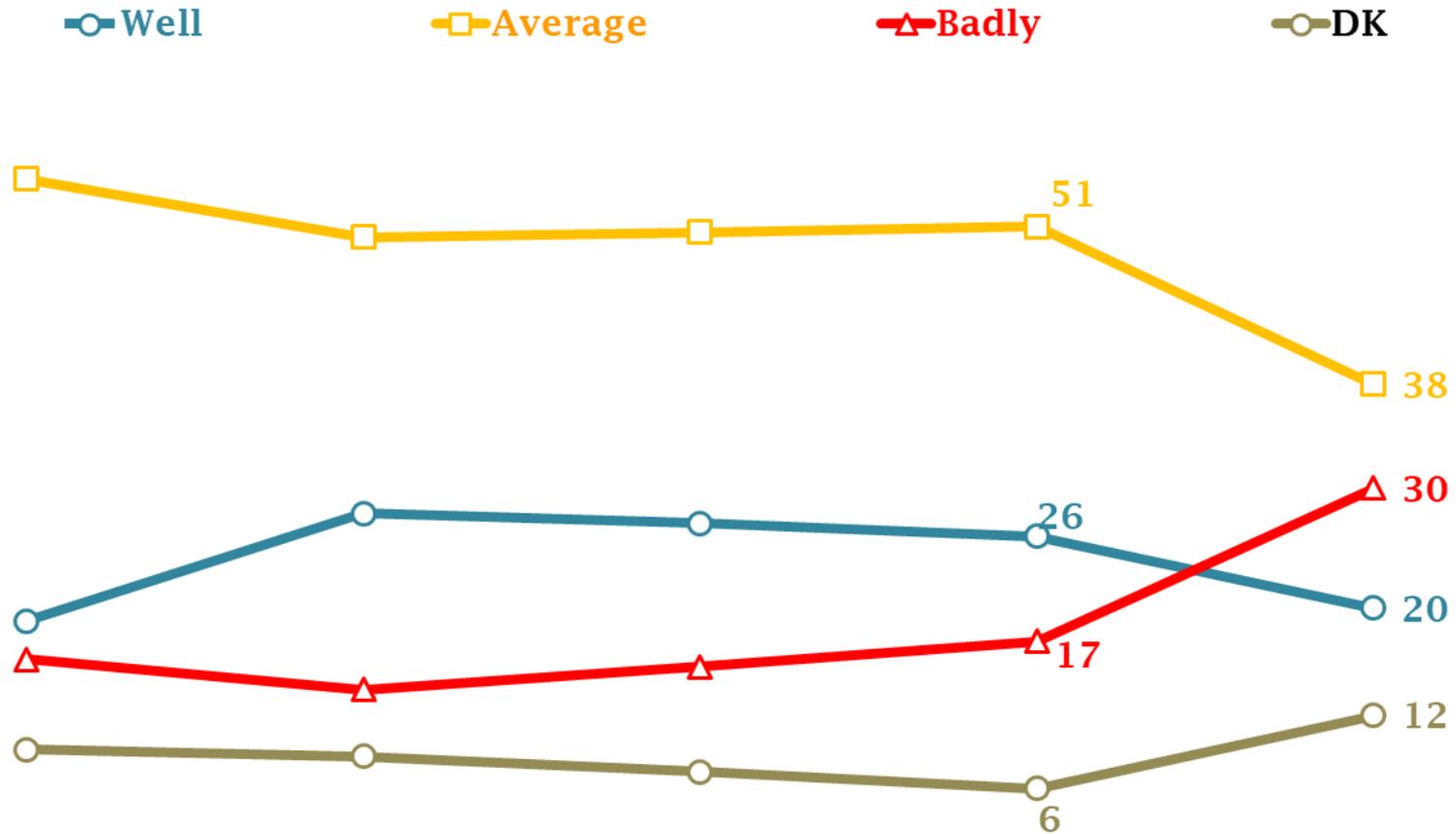
How would you rate the performance of prime minister? (q3_1)



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Performance of the president

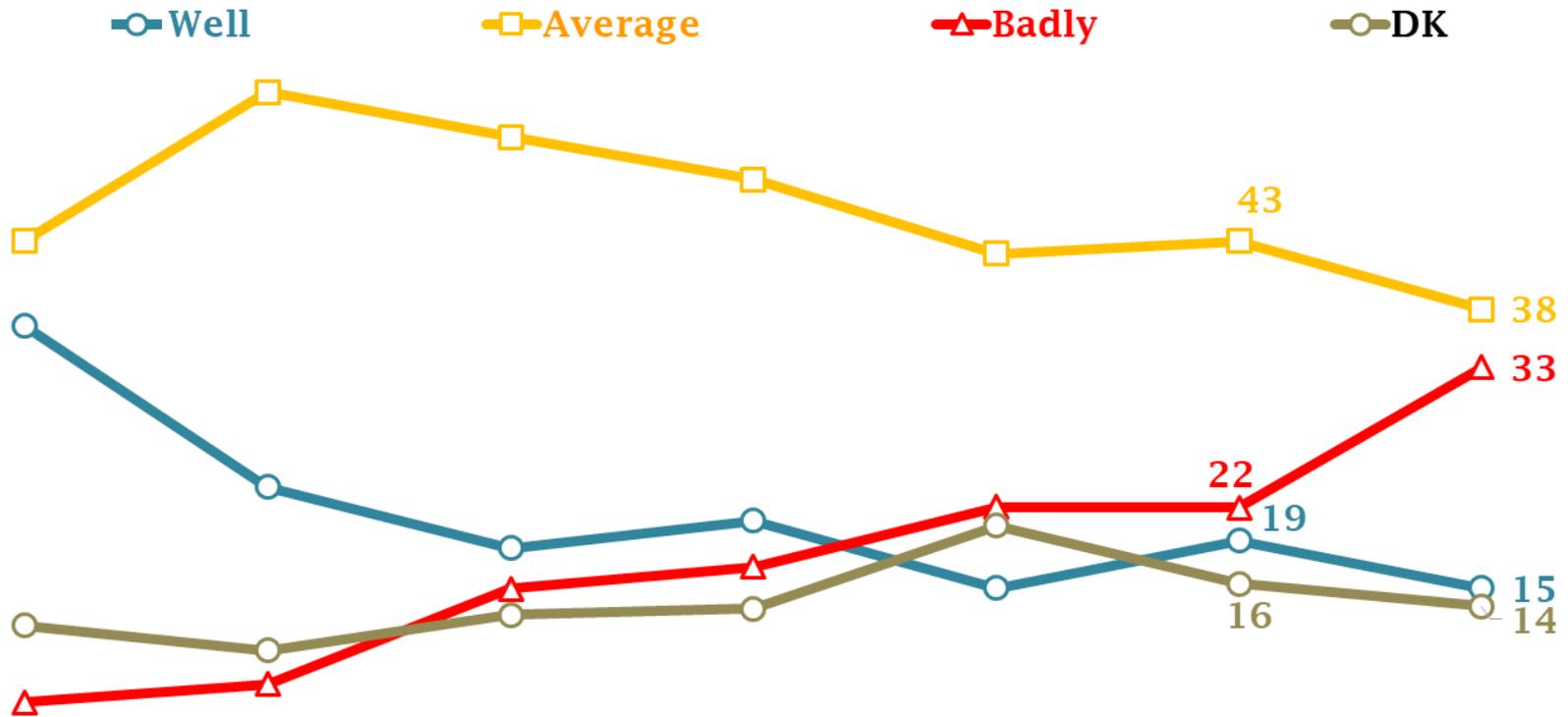
How would you rate the performance of president? (q3_2)



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Performance of the speaker of the parliament

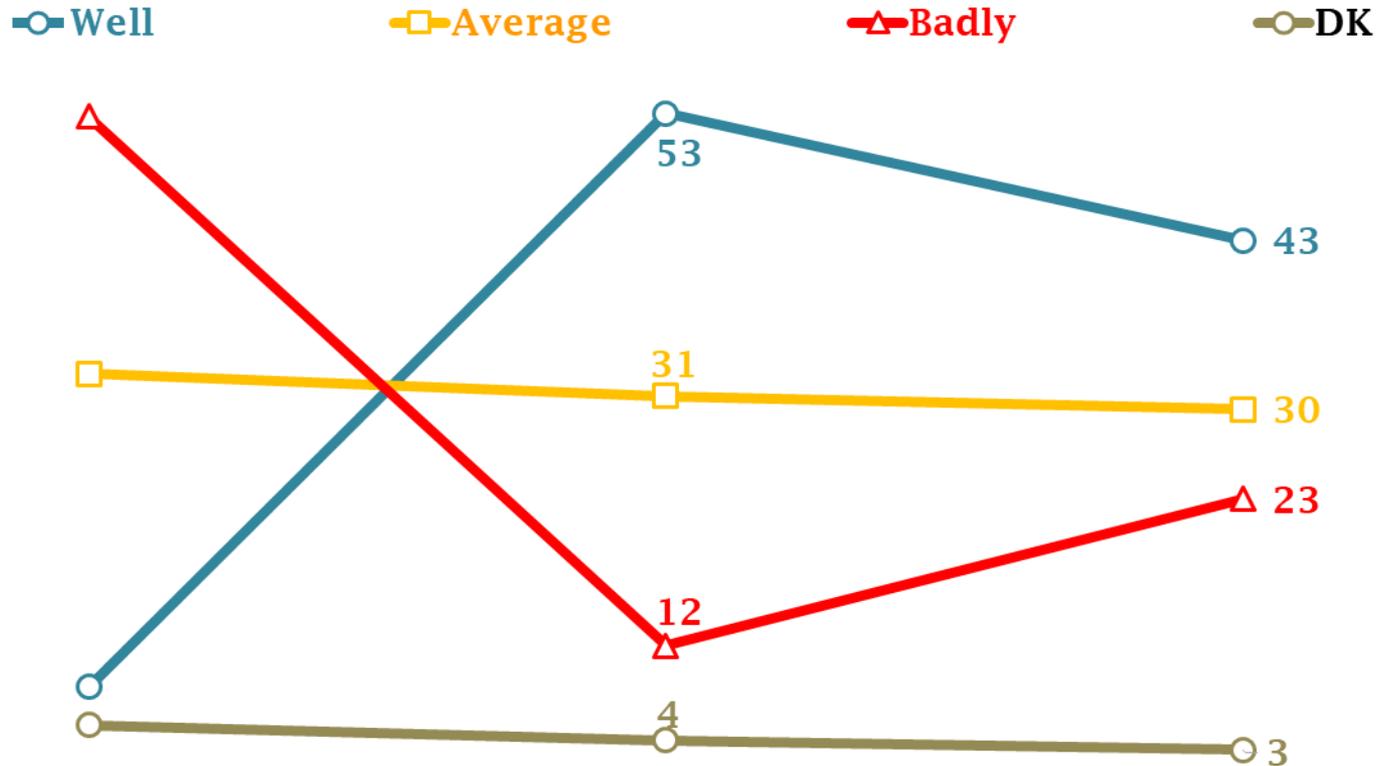
How would you rate the performance of the speaker of the parliament?
(q3_3)



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Performance of the mayor of Tbilisi

How would you rate the performance of the mayor of Tbilisi? (q3_4) Tbilisi



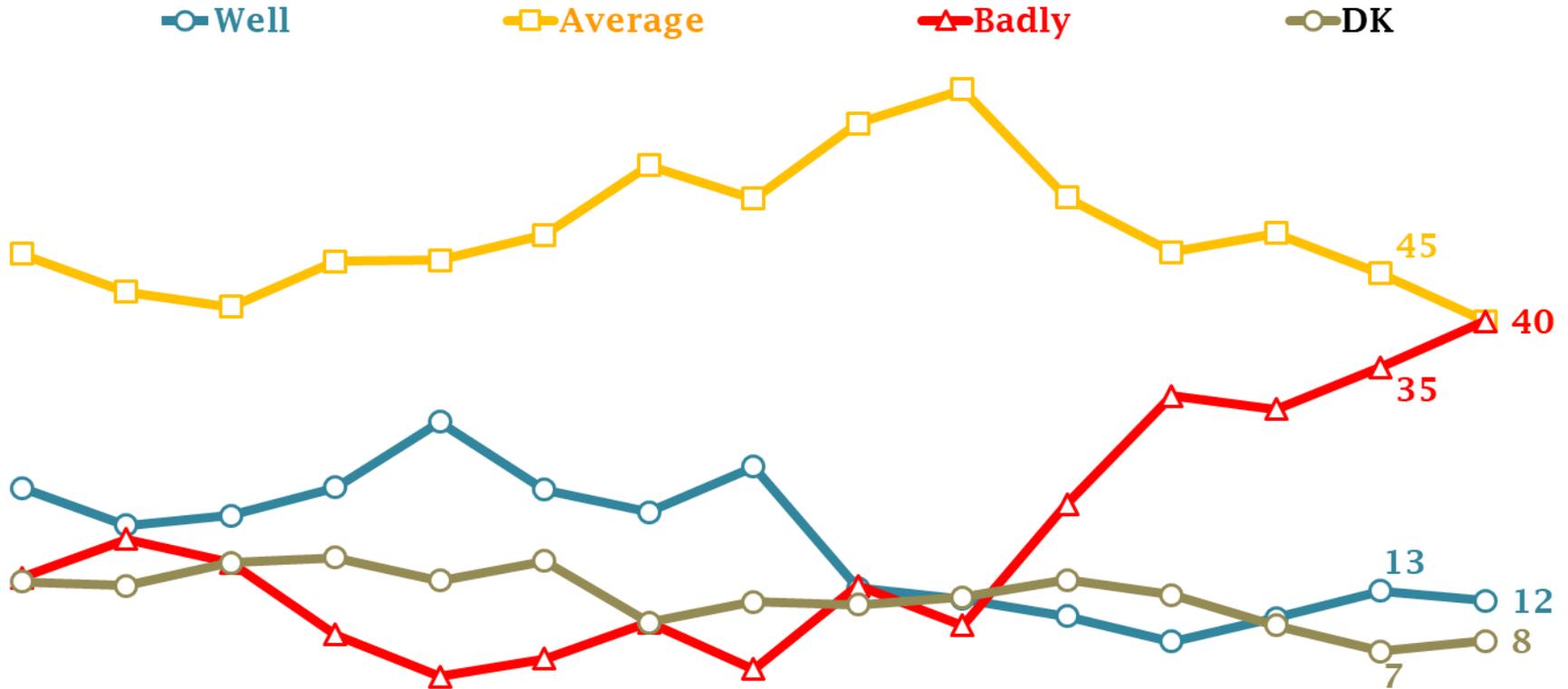
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Performance of the parliament

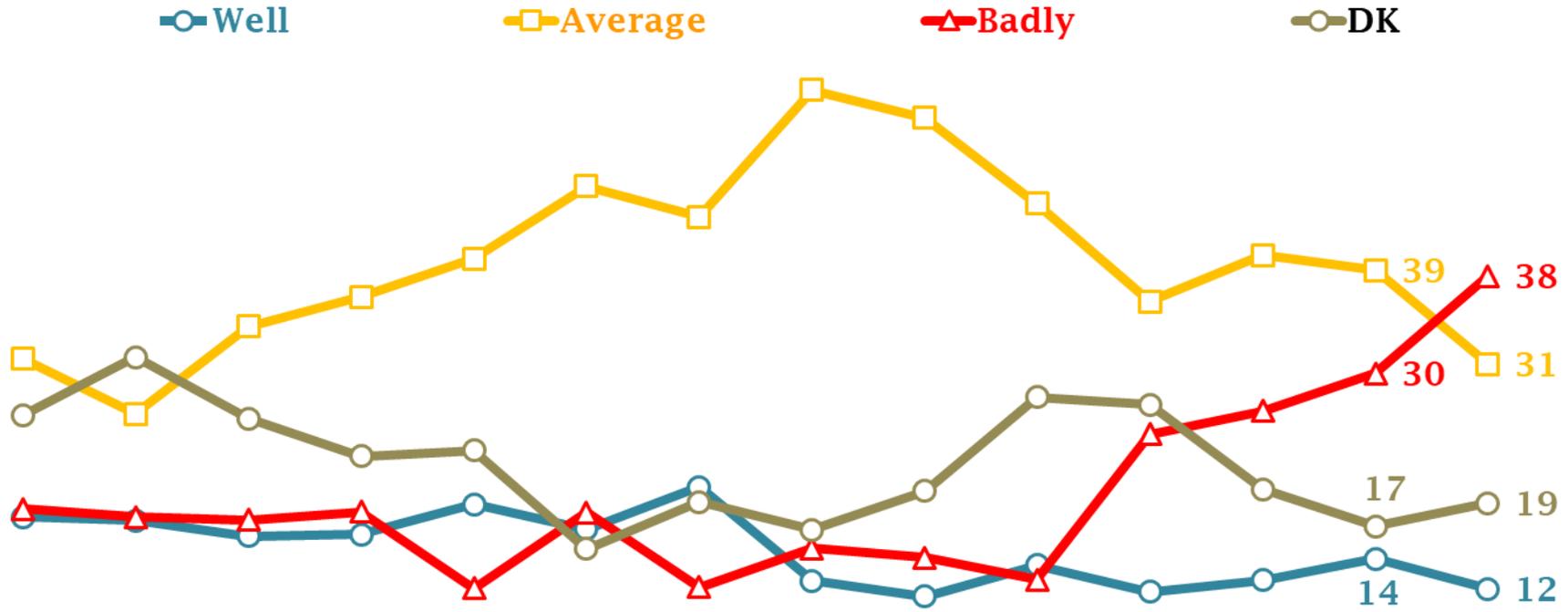
How would you rate the performance of parliament? (q3_6)



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Performance of the courts

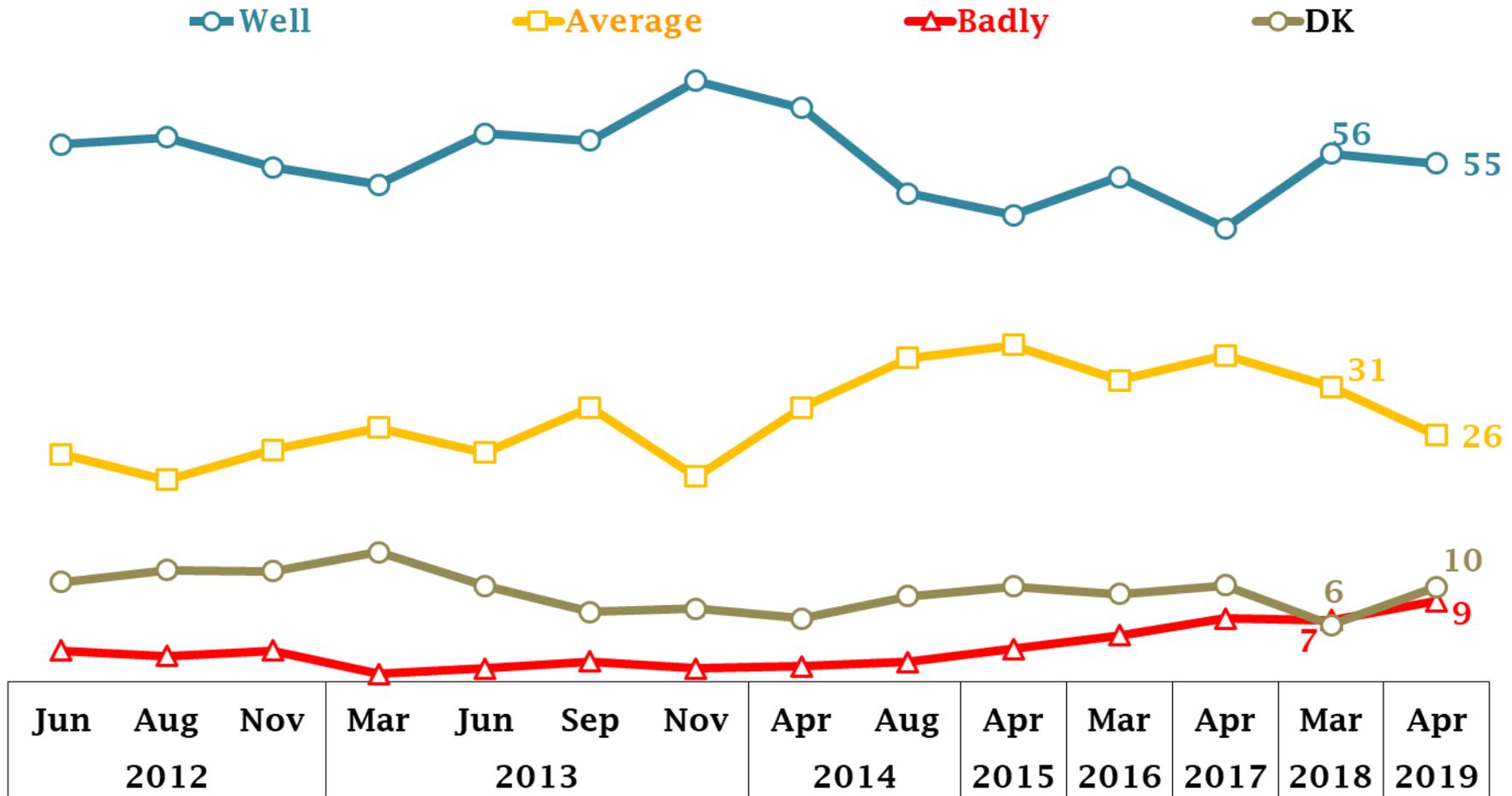
How would you rate the performance of the courts? (q3_7)



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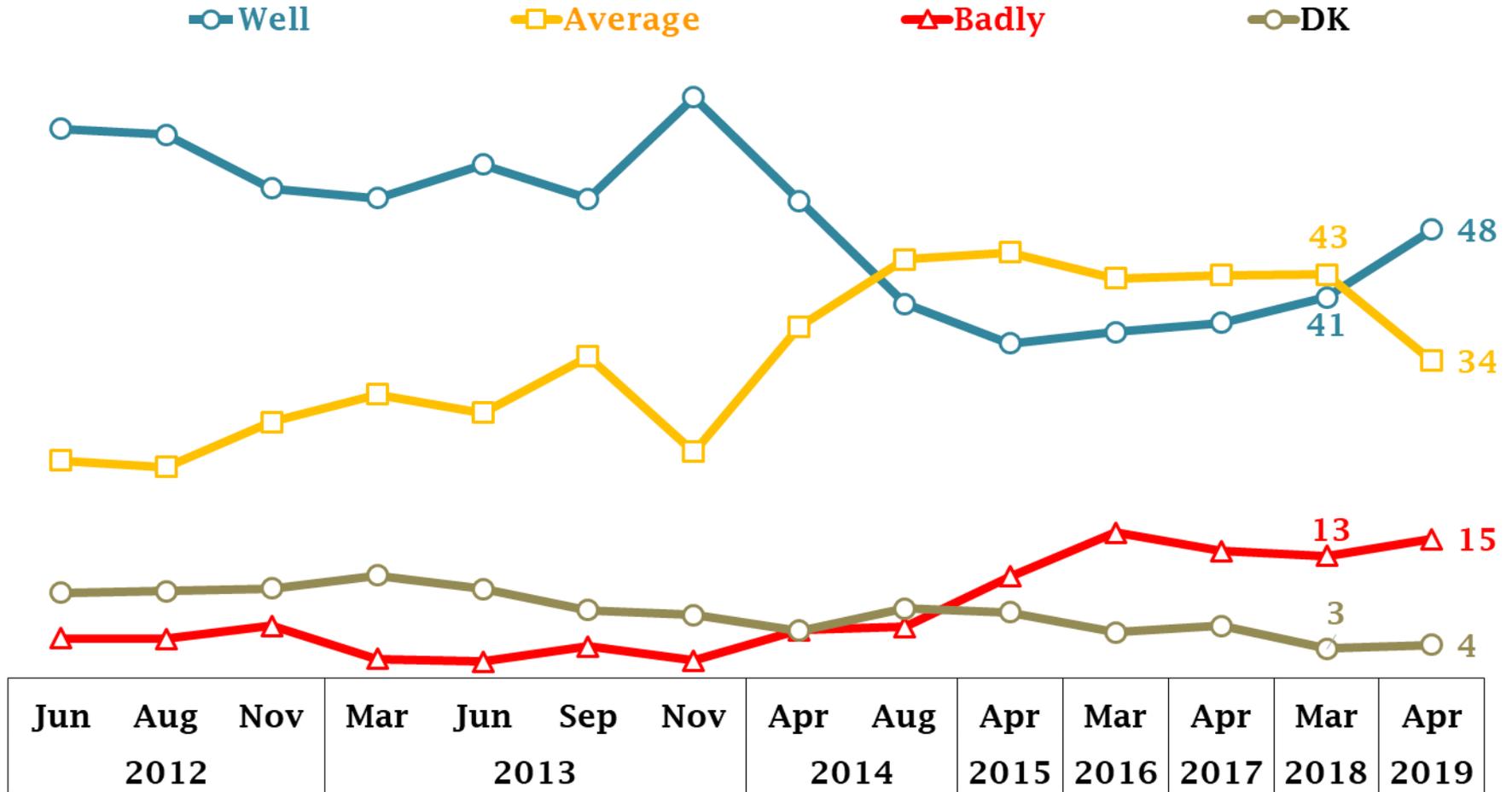
Performance of Georgian army

How would you rate the performance of Georgian army? (q3_8)



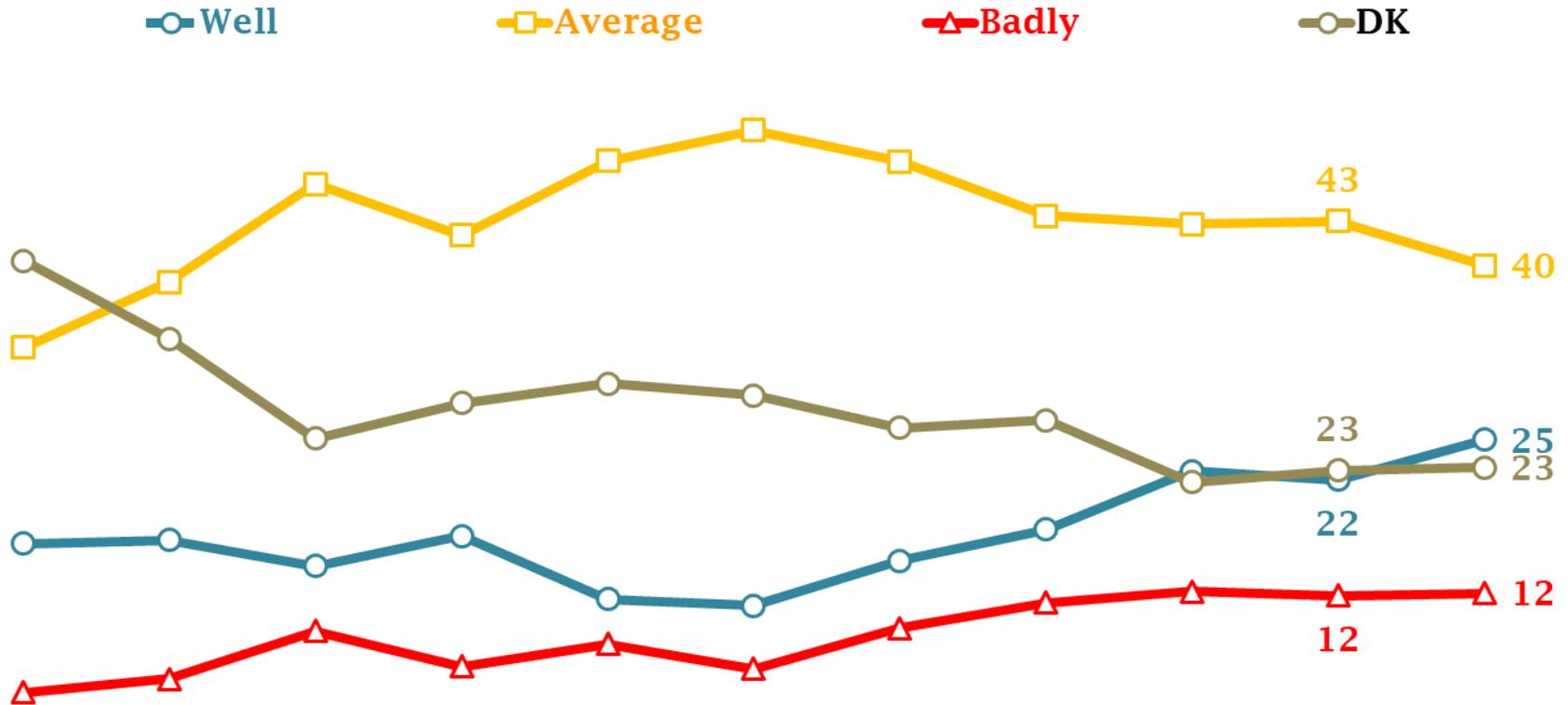
Performance of Georgian police

How would you rate the performance of Georgian police? (q3_9)



Performance of Public Defender's Office

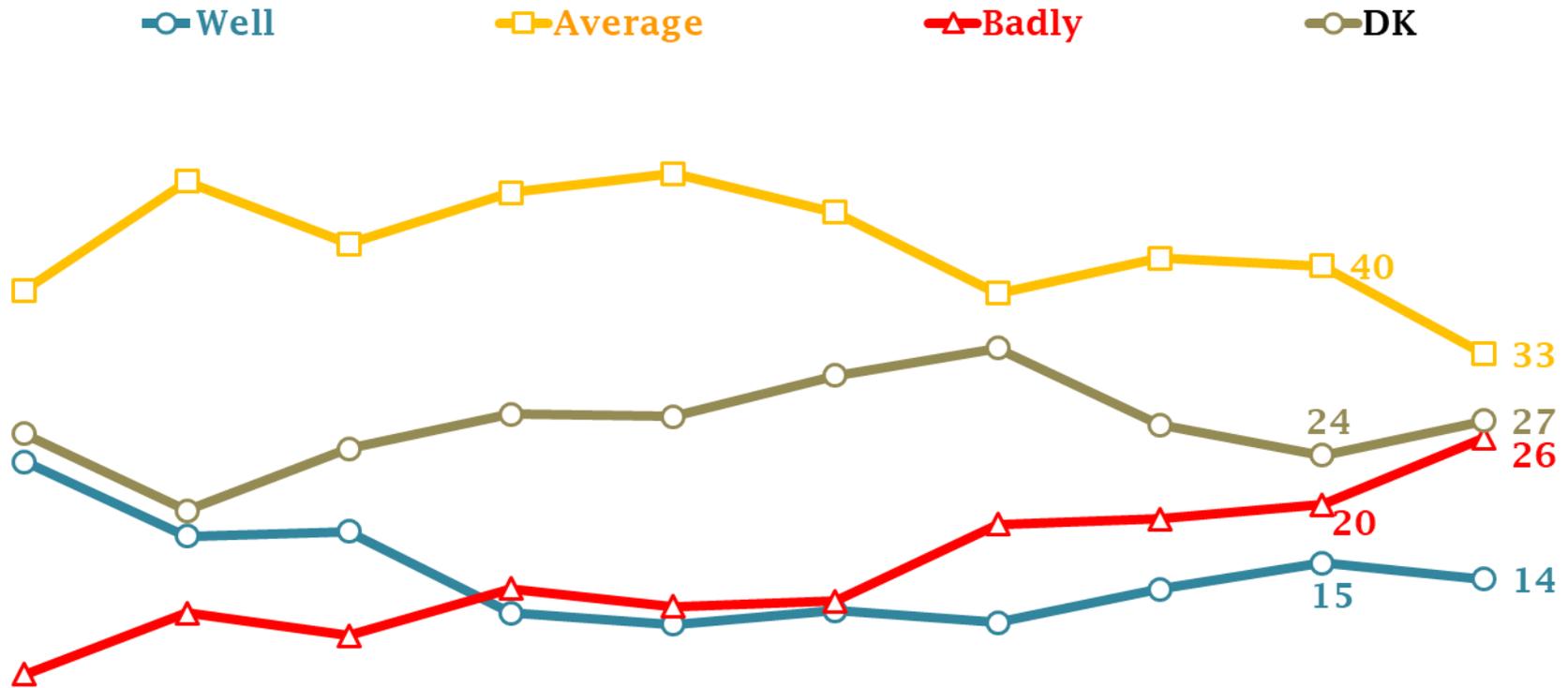
How would you rate the performance of Public Defender's office? (q3_10)



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Performance of the office of the chief prosecutor

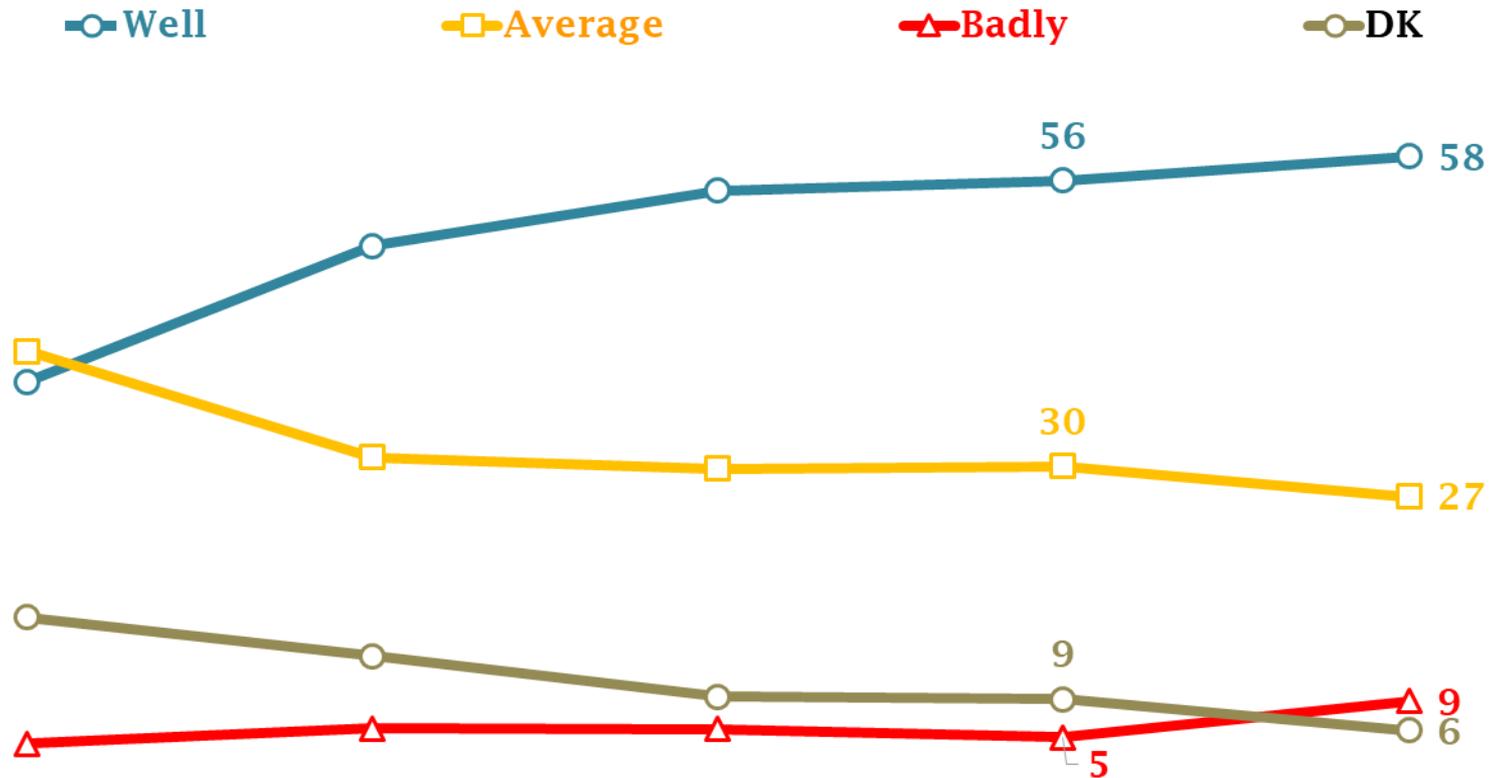
How would you rate the performance of the office of the chief prosecutor?
(q3_11)



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Performance of the public service halls

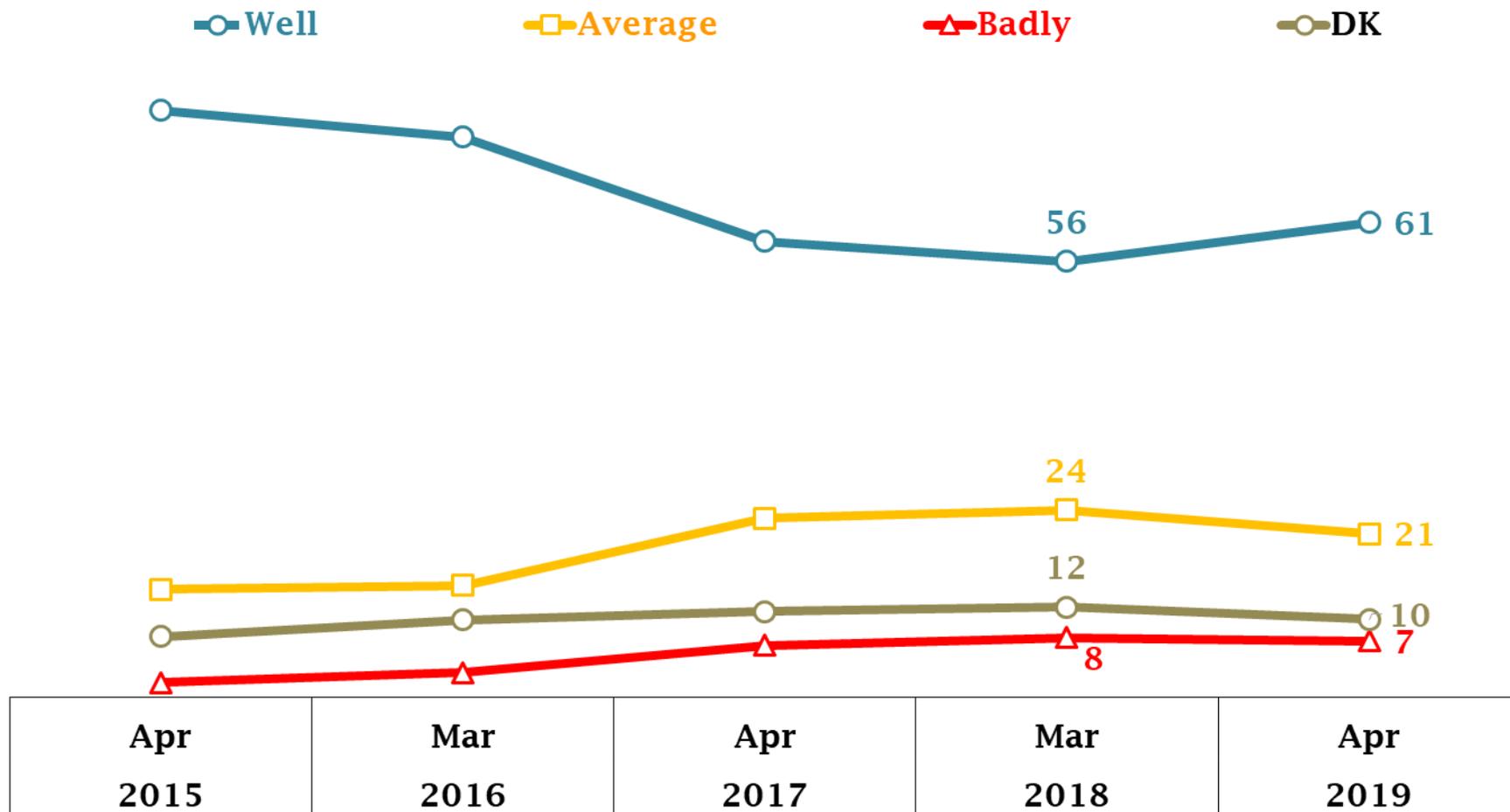
How would you rate the performance of the public service halls? (q3_12)



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Performance of the Georgian Orthodox Church

How would you rate the performance of the Georgian Orthodox Church?
(q3_13)

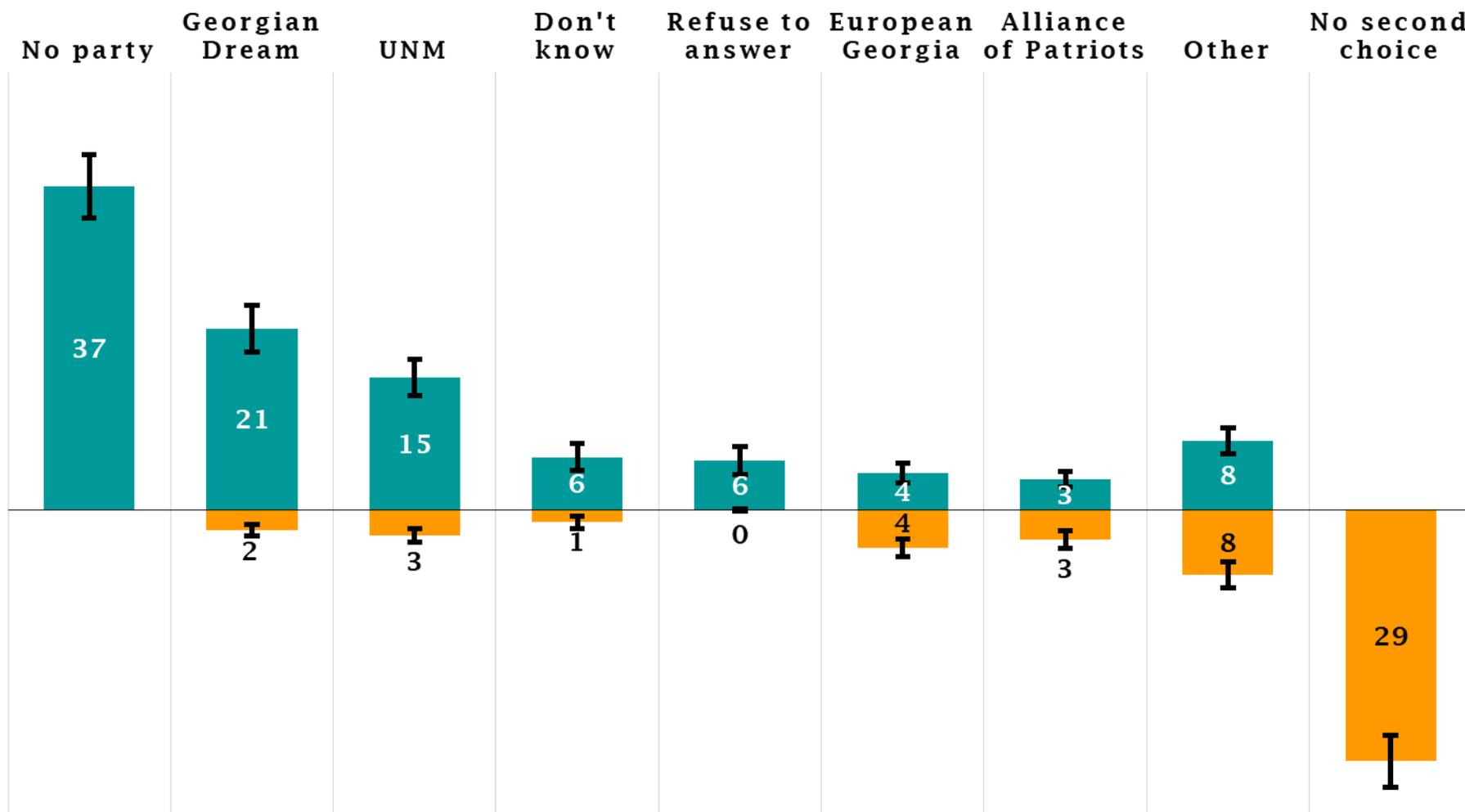


Party Support

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Which party is closest to you? And what is your first and second choice? (q5)

■ First choice ■ Second choice



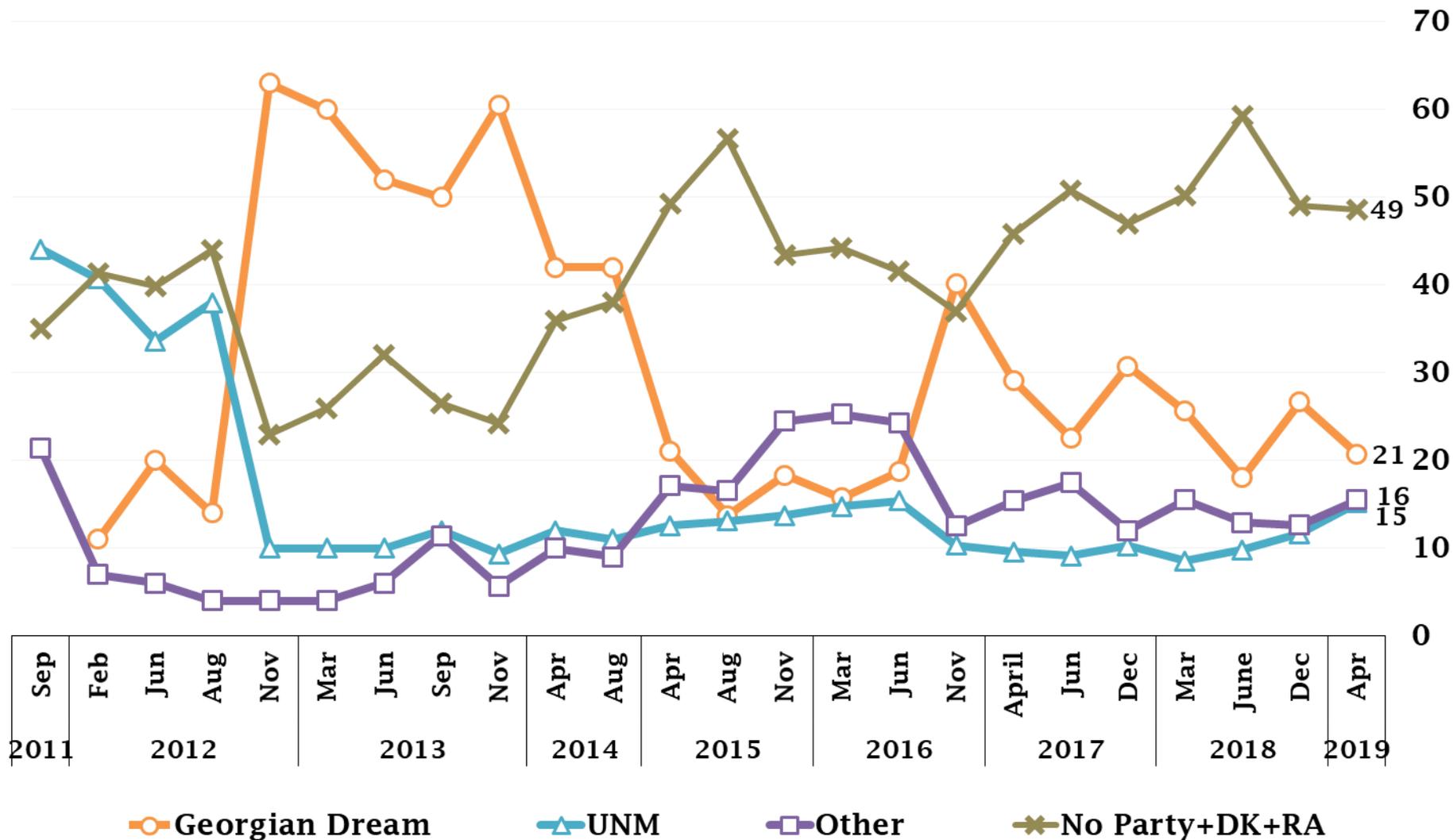
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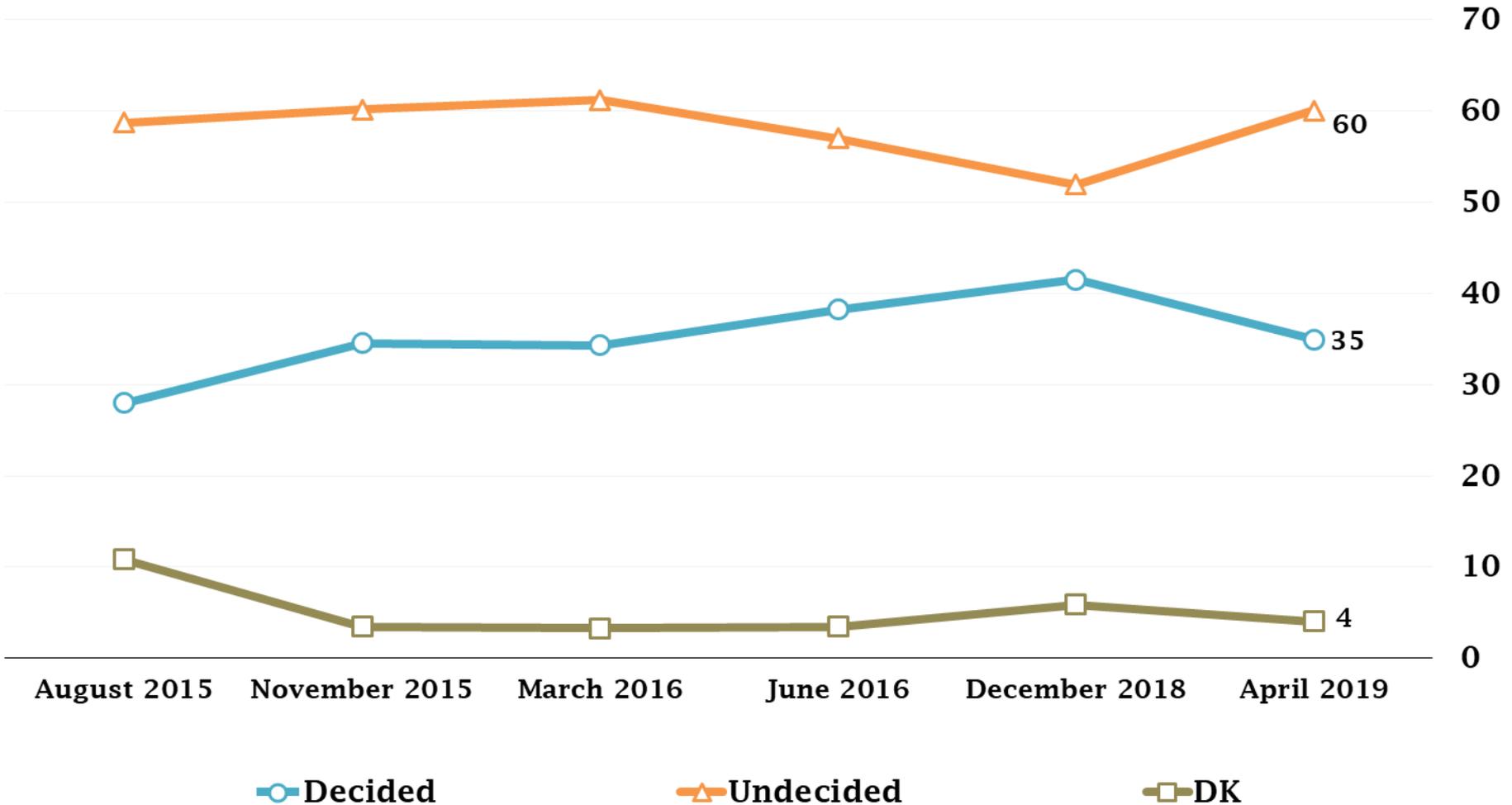
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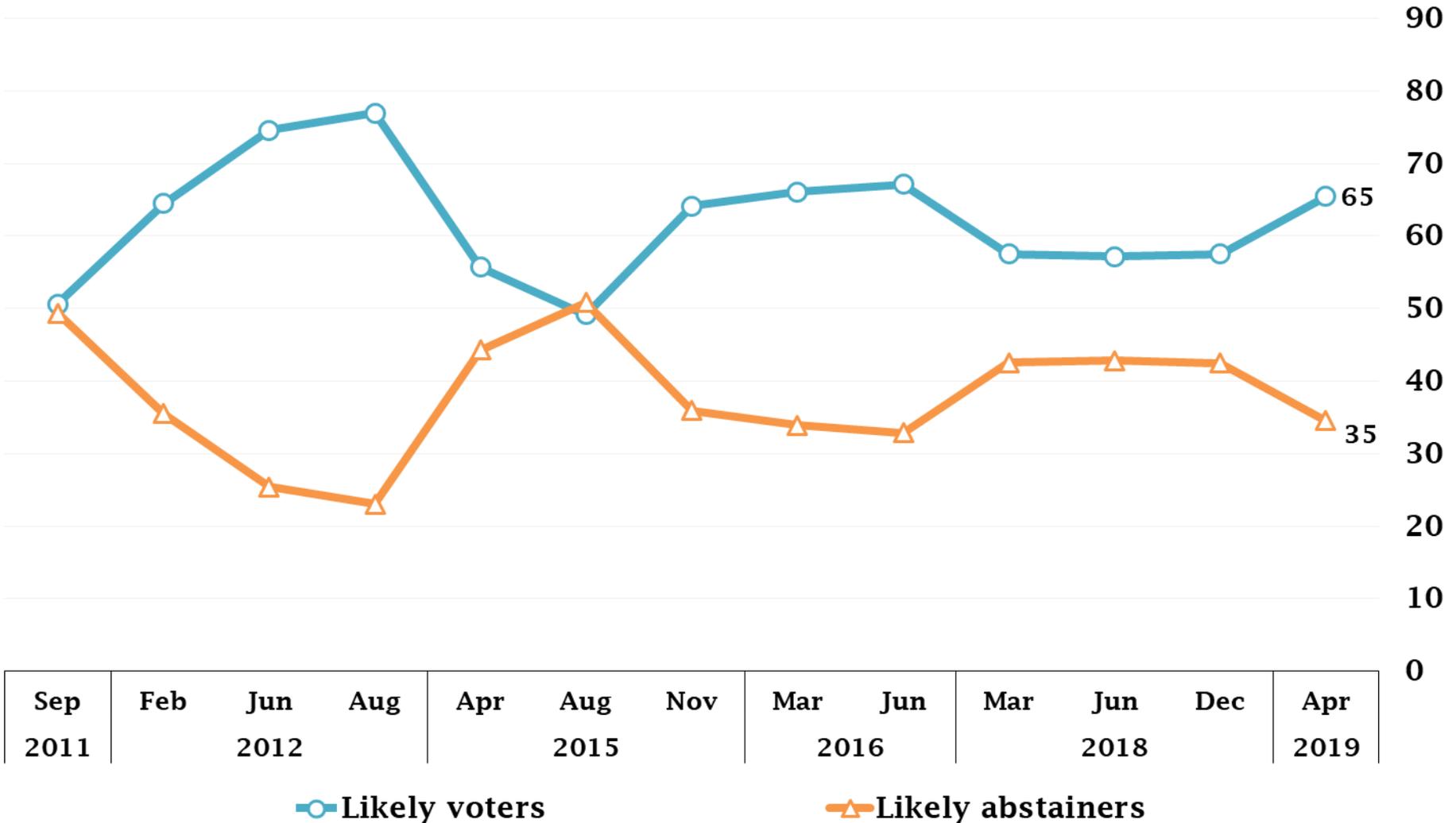
Decided or undecided?

If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you say you are decided or undecided about how you would vote? (q6)



Intention to vote

If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would vote? (q7)



Intention to vote

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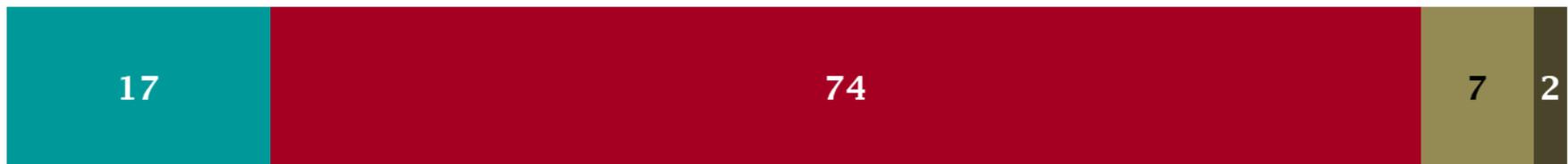
(q6 X If parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, would you vote?)

■ Decided ■ Undecided ■ DK ■ RA

Likely voters (65%)



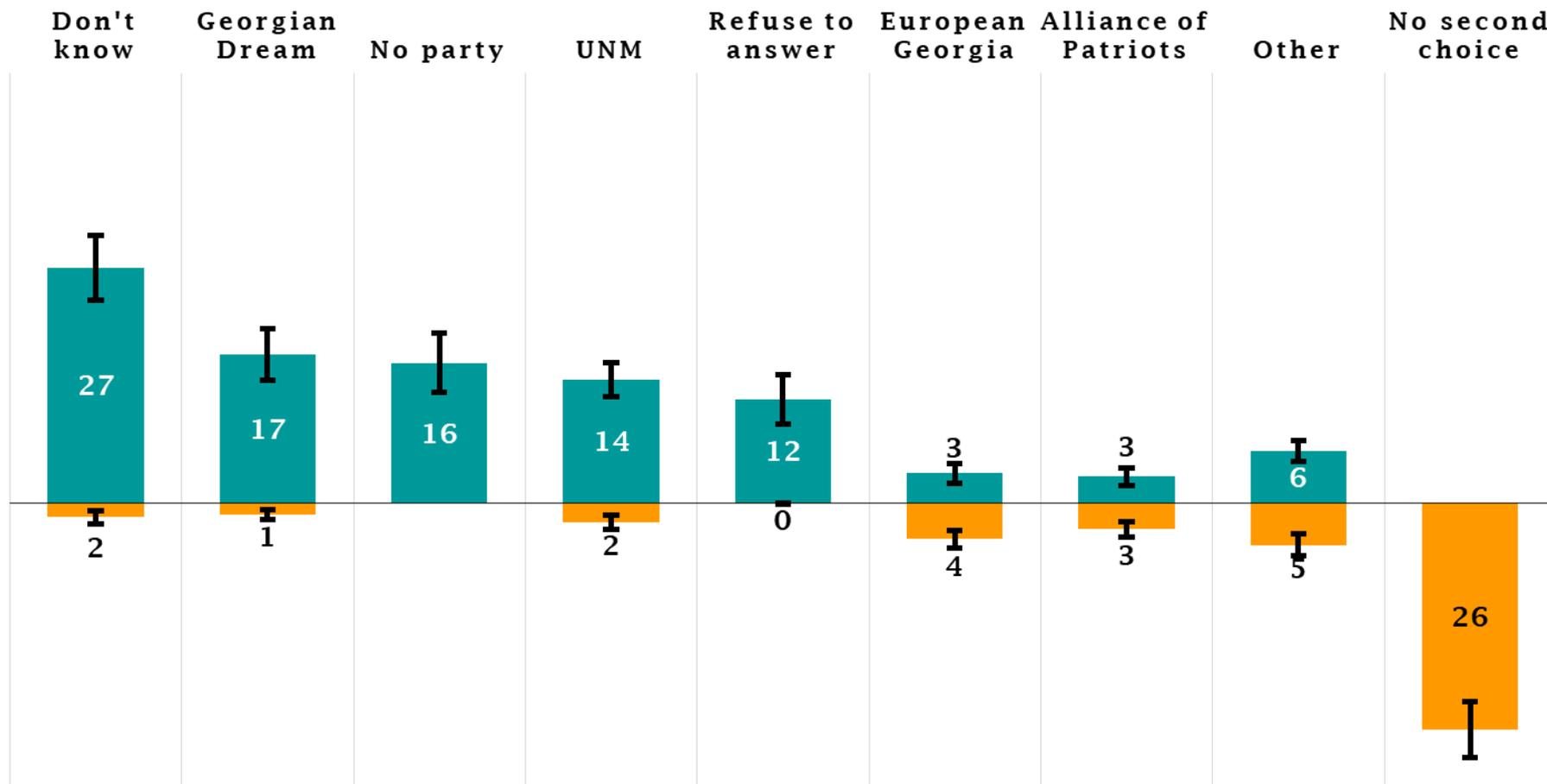
Likely abstainers (35%)



Future vote - whole sample

If parliamentary elections were tomorrow which party would you vote for? Which party would be your first and second choice?
(q8)

■ First choice ■ Second choice

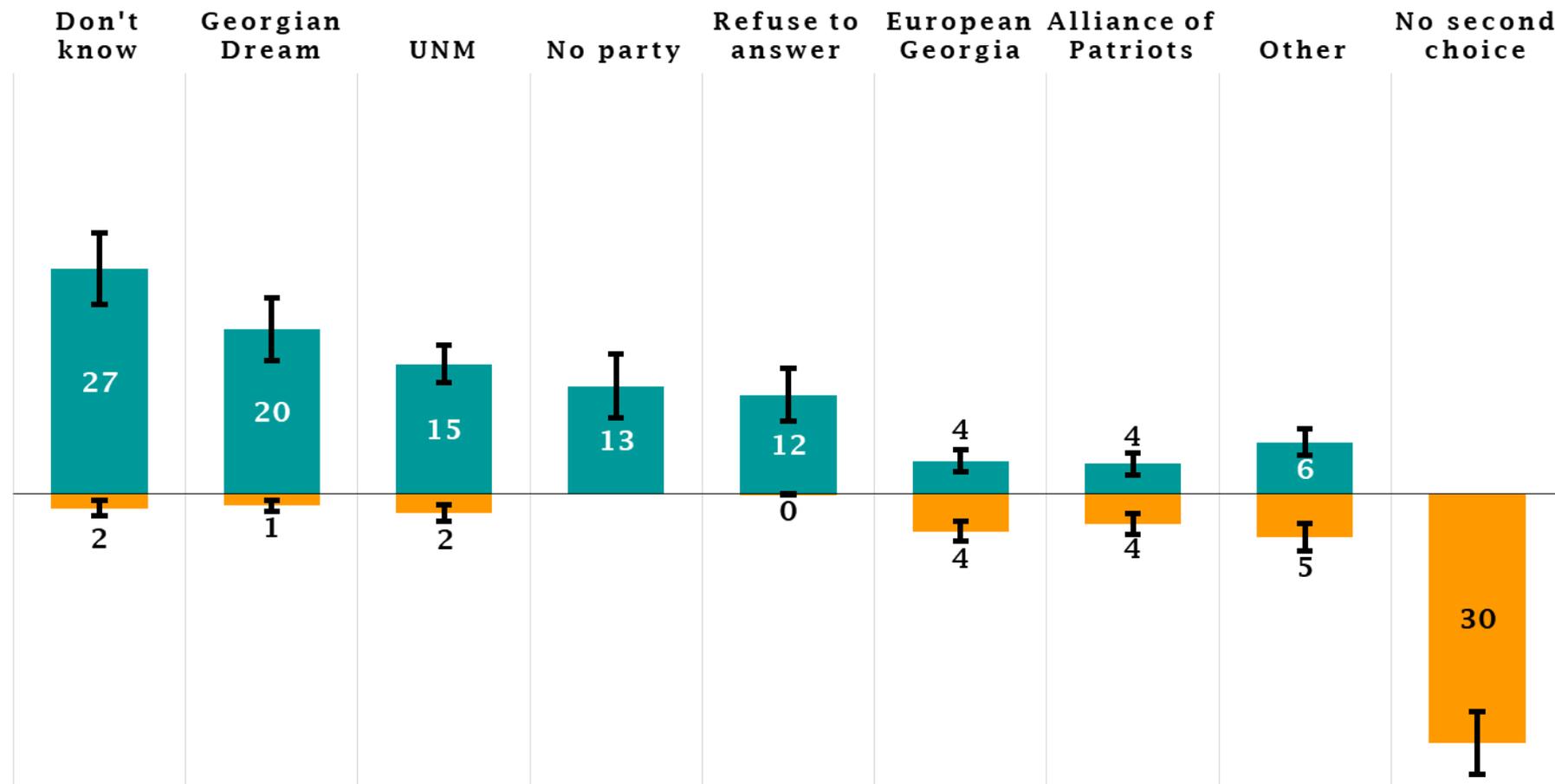


Future vote (Likely voters only)

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(q8)

■ First choice ■ Second choice



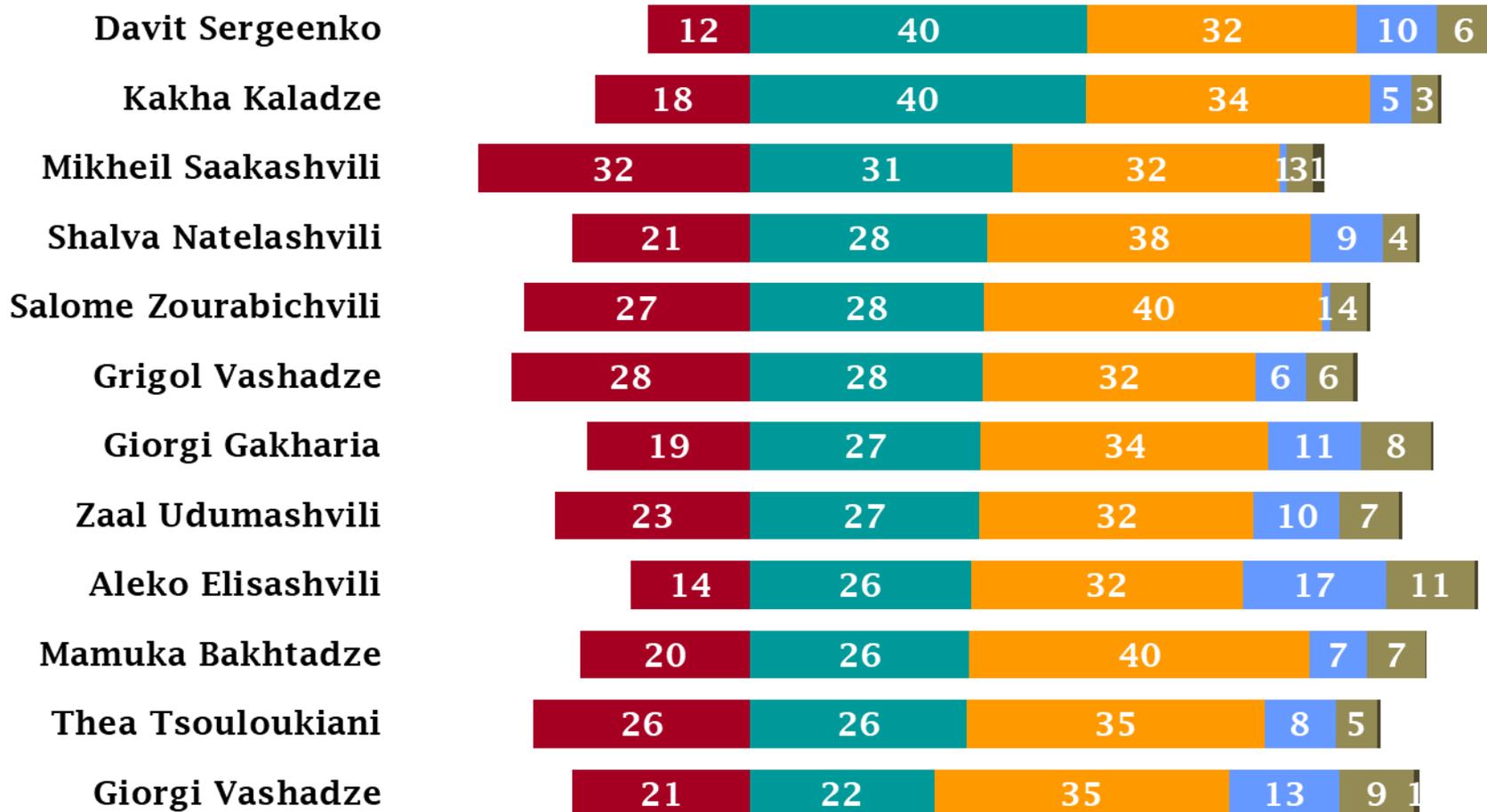
Favorability Ratings: Politicians

Attitude towards politicians

Do you have a positive or negative attitude about the following political leaders and political figures? (q4) Part 1

Ranked by positive

■ Negative ■ Positive ■ Neither positive nor negative ■ Never heard ■ DK ■ RA

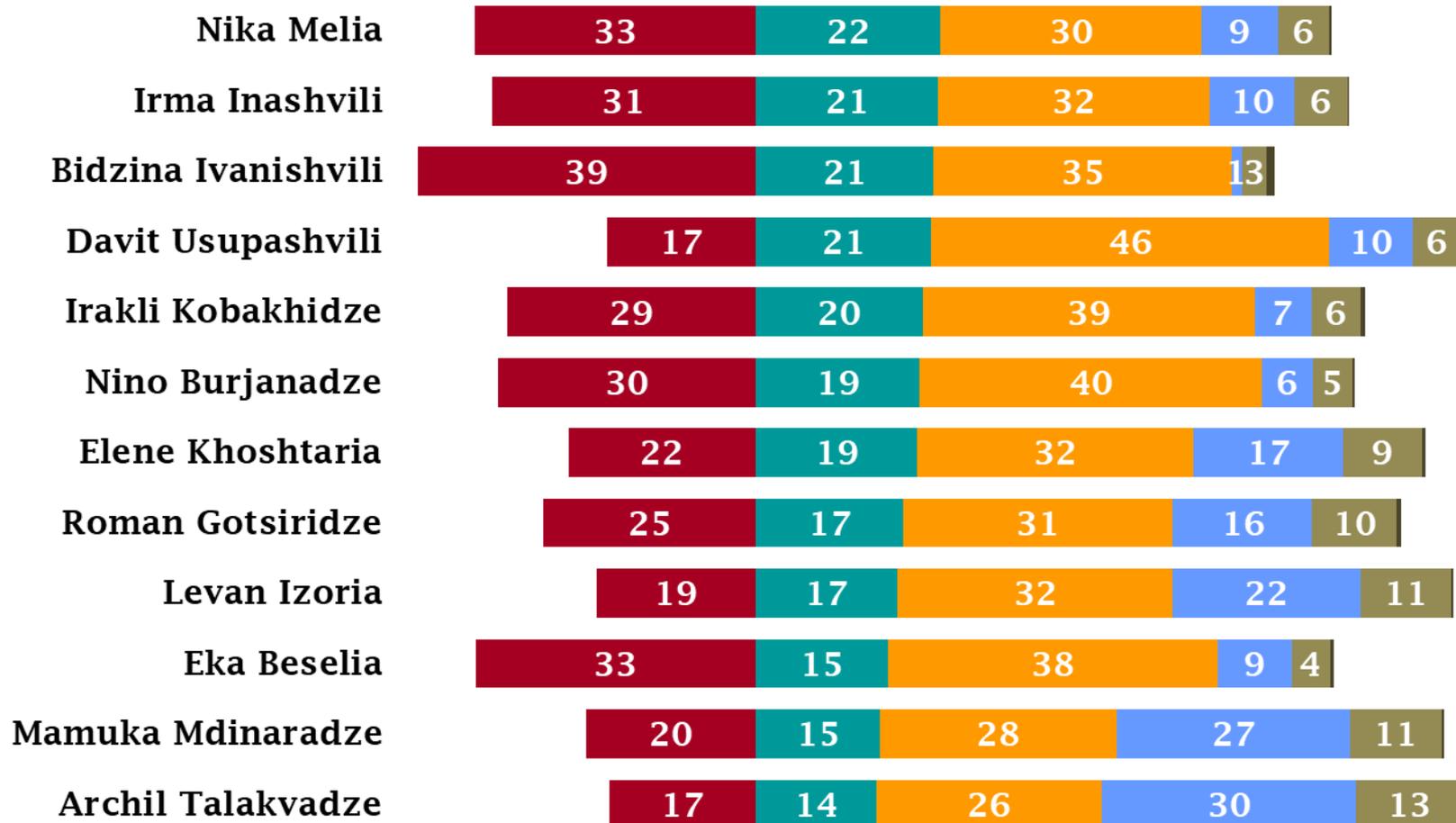


Attitude towards politicians

Do you have a positive or negative attitude about the following political leaders and political figures? (q4) Part 2

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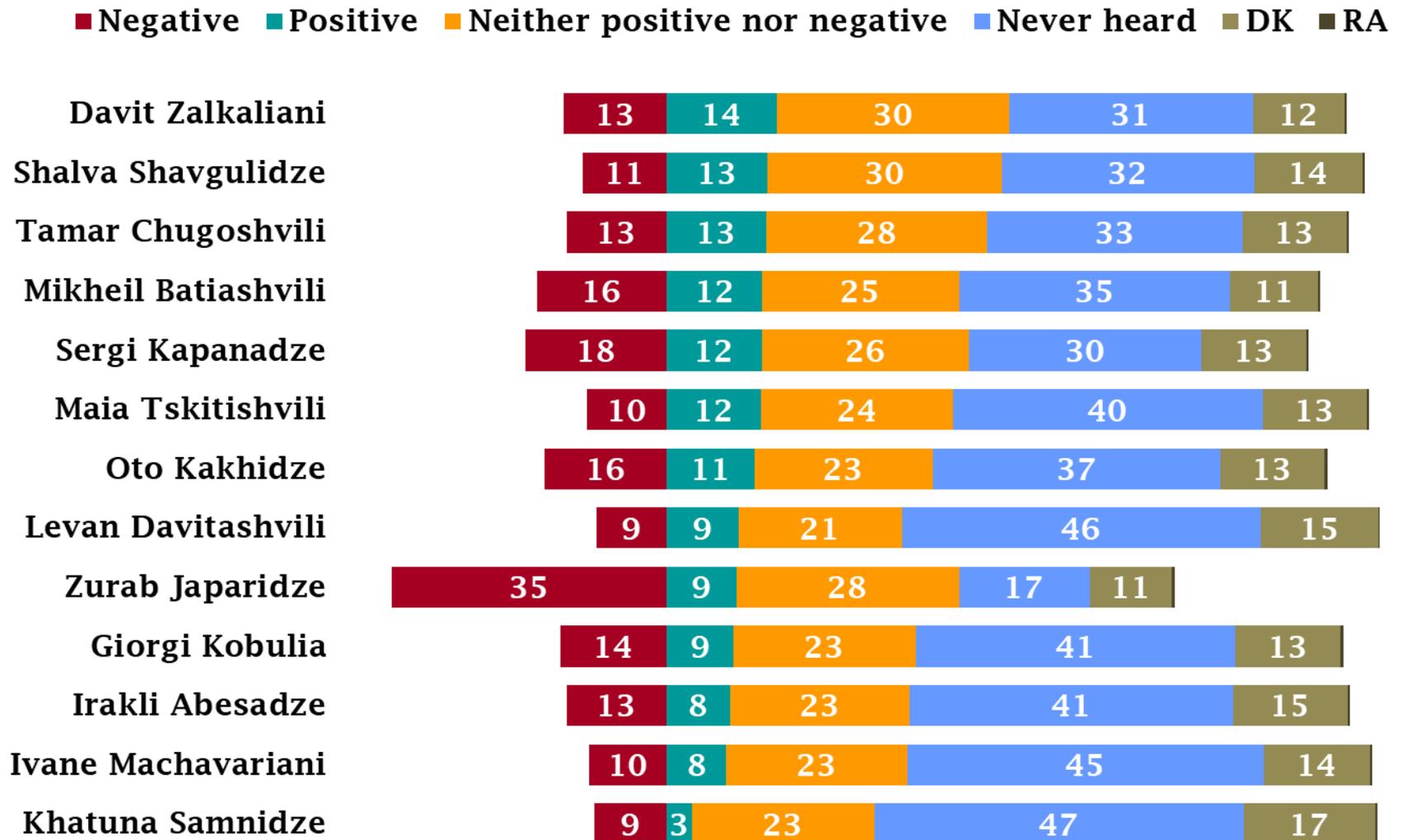
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Attitude towards politicians

Do you have a positive or negative attitude about the following political leaders and political figures? (q4) Part 3

Ranked by positive



Current & Past Events

Recent shifts in ruling party

In February, 8 MPs left Georgian Dream. Have you heard about it? (q64)



If yes, will this have a positive, negative or no impact on Georgian politics? (q65) - of the 67% who have heard about 8 MPs leaving Georgian Dream in February



Anaklia project

Note for readers: Anaklia project refers to a deep-water container port, which is being built in Anaklia. The port aims to serve as a focal point of trade to and from Central Asia and on the New Silk Road trade route between China and Europe.

Have you heard about the Anaklia port project? (q49)



If yes, do you think this project will be beneficial for Georgia? (q50) - of the 76% who had heard of Anaklia project



Khazaradze-Japaridze case

National Bank called on two leaders of TBC, Mamuka Khazaradze and Badri Japaridze, to step down due to allegations of money laundering in 2008. Were you aware? (q61)

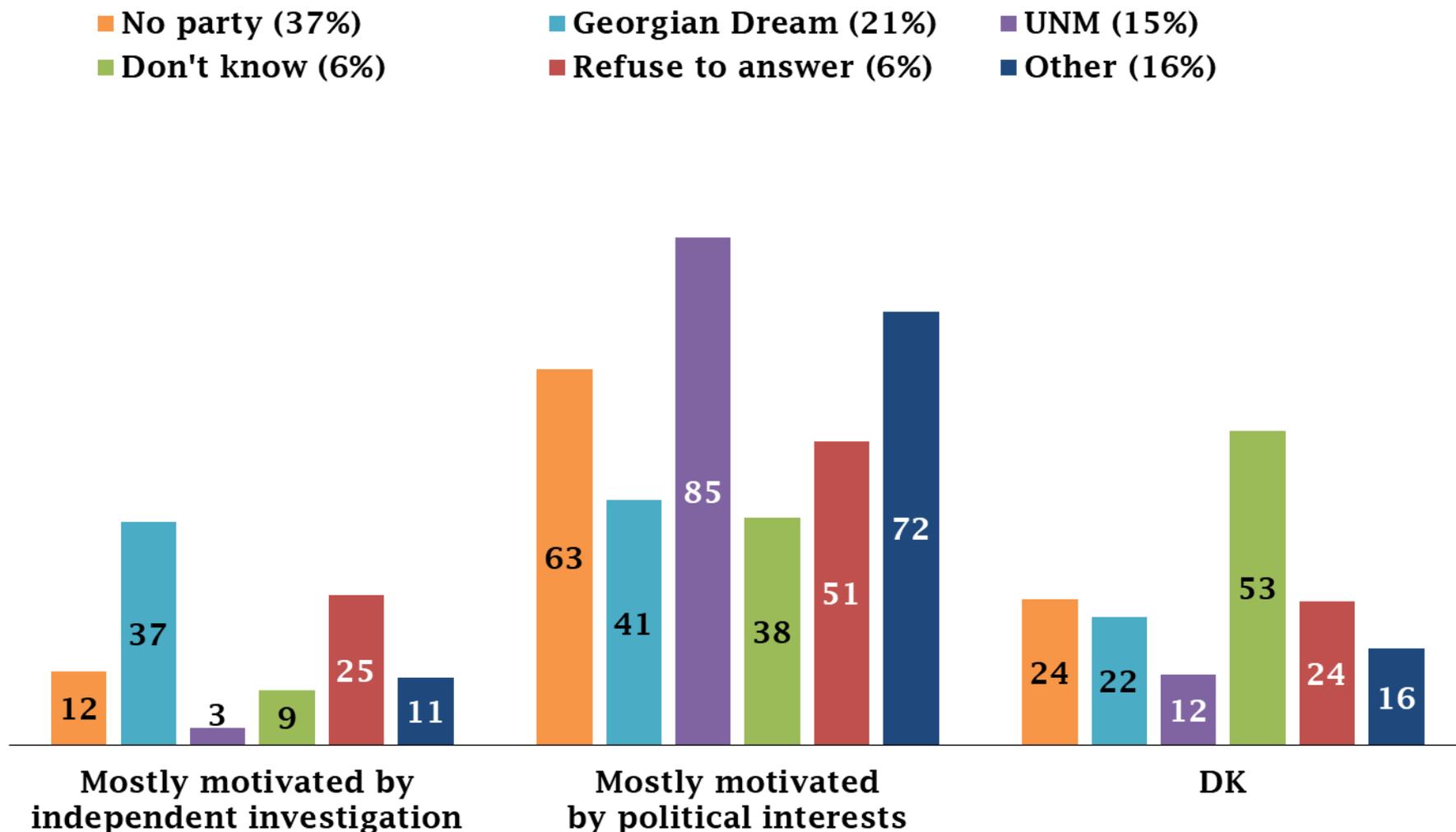


If yes, do you believe this decision was ... (q62) - of the 68% who were aware of the leaders of TBC stepping down



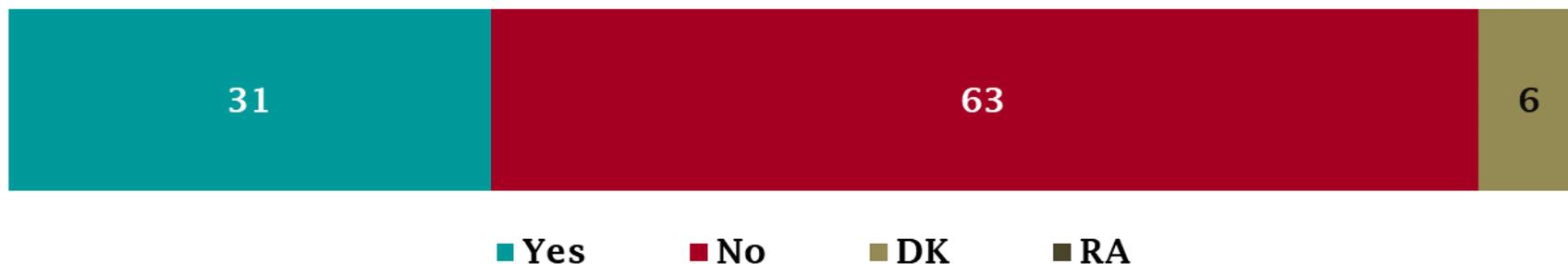
Khazaradze-Japaridze case

If yes, do you believe this decision was ... (q62 X Party closest to you) - of the 68% who were aware of the leaders of TBC stepping down



Opposition coalition approval

In December, 20 oppositional parties created a coalition, with the goal to change electoral system in 2020. Were you aware? (q59)

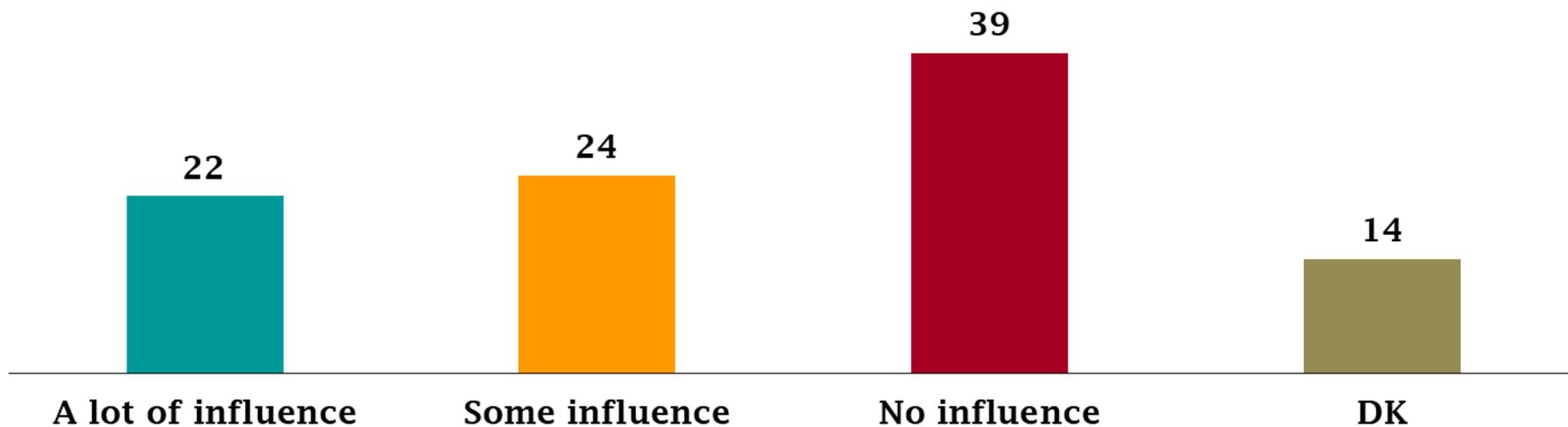


Do you approve or disapprove of opposition uniting around this issue? (q60)



Political influence of the Church

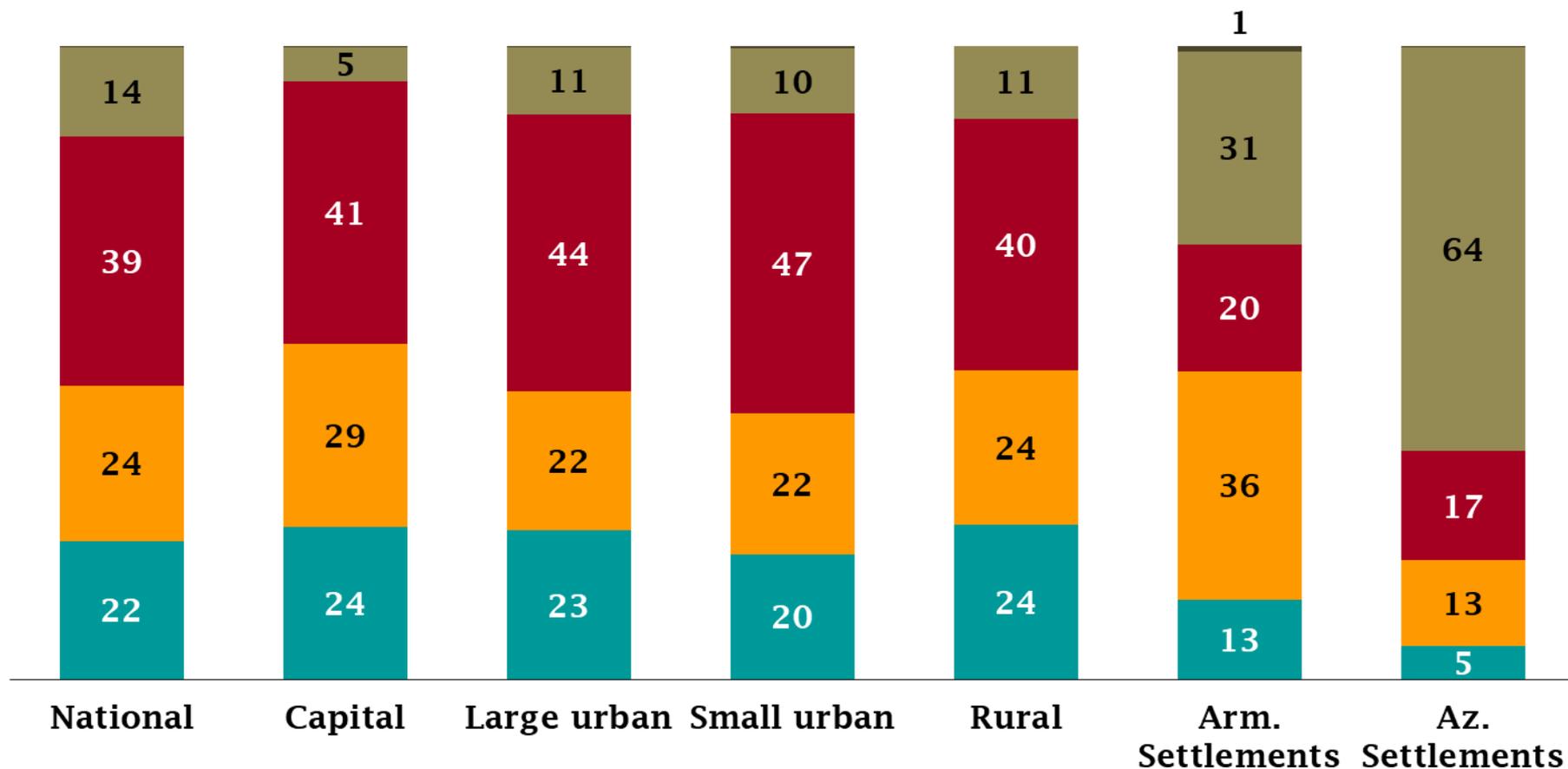
How much influence, if any, should Georgian Orthodox Church have over political decision-making? (q63)



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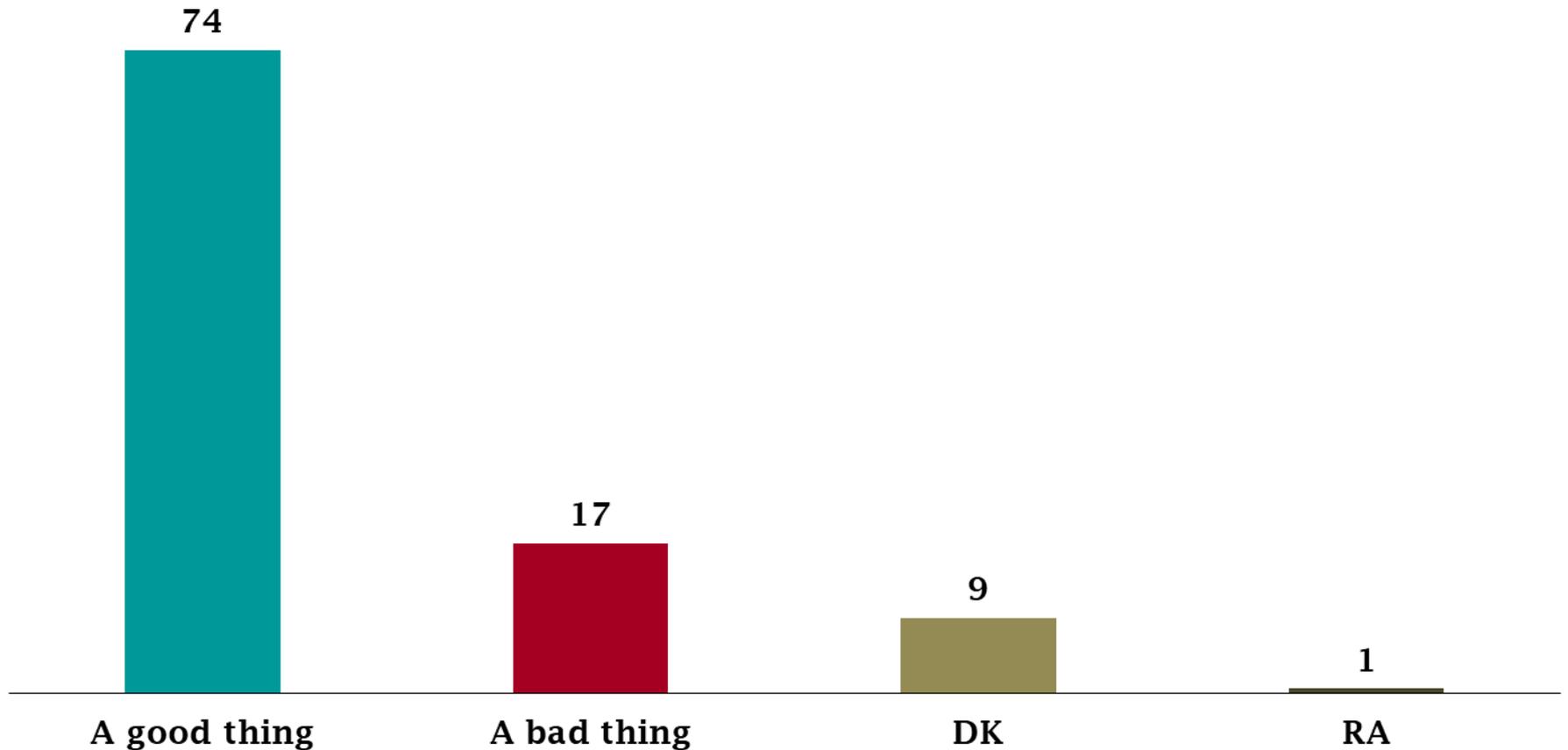
How much influence, if any, should Georgian Orthodox Church have over political decision-making? (q63 X Settlement)

■ A lot of influence ■ Some influence ■ No influence ■ DK ■ RA



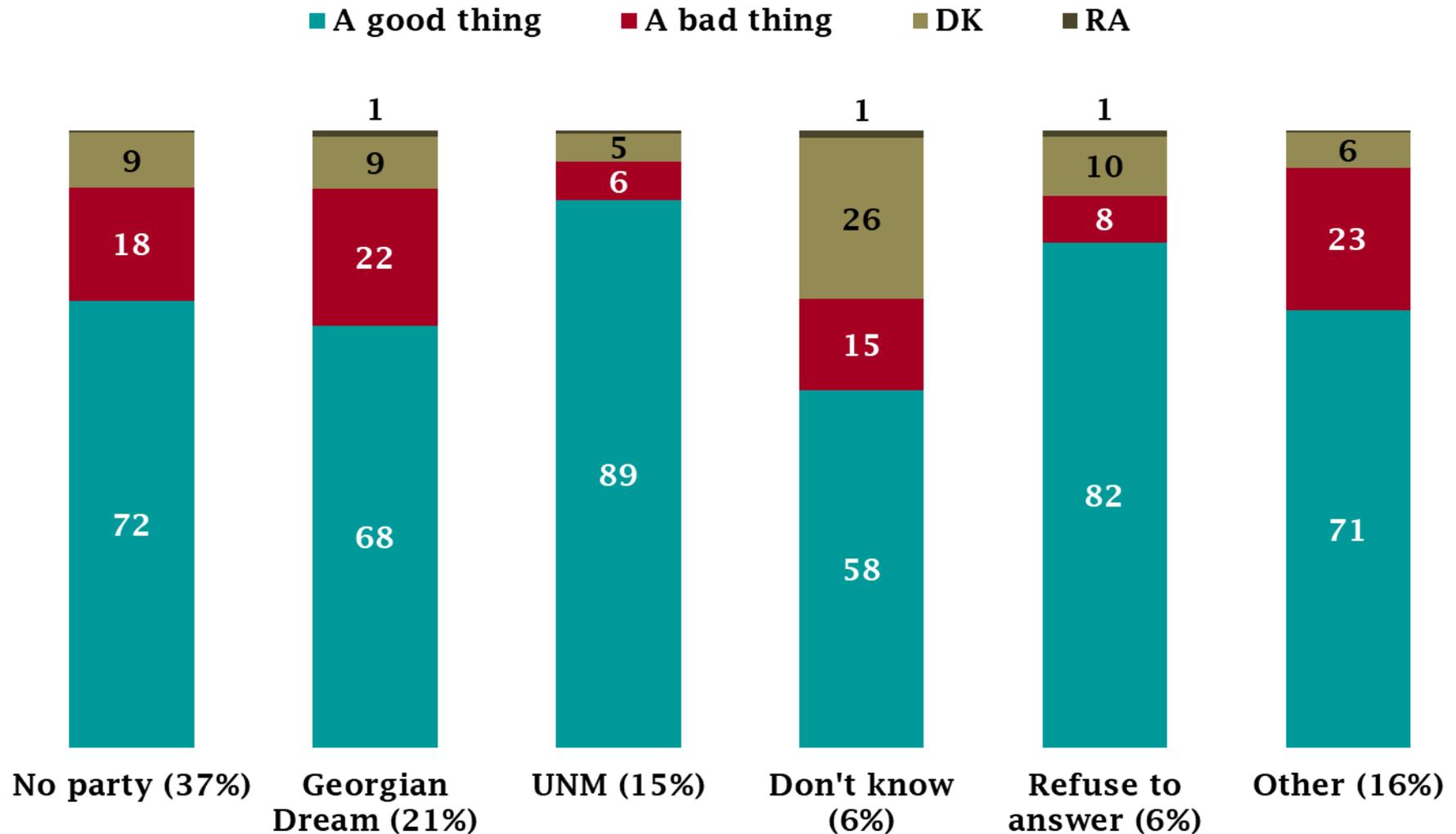
Rose revolution

In general, do you think Rose revolution was a good thing or a bad thing for Georgia? (q42)



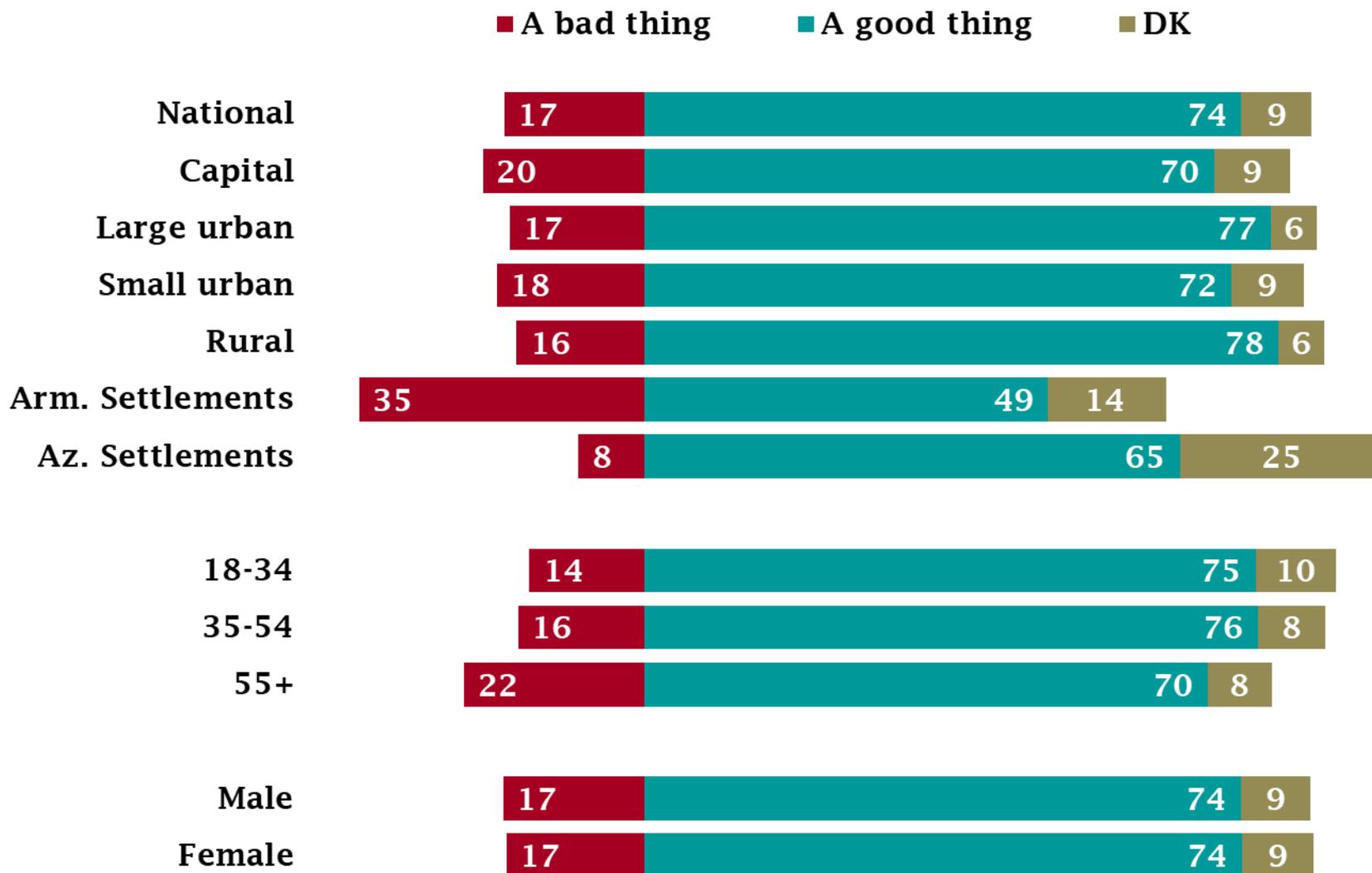
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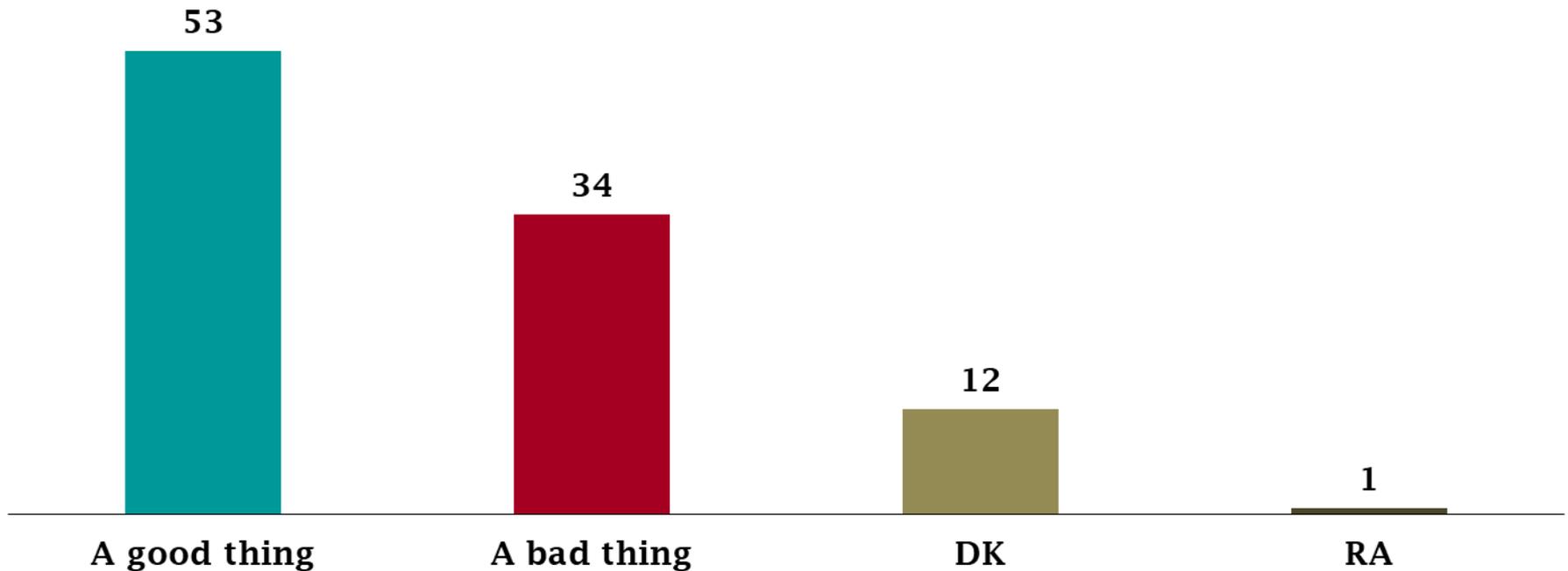
Rose revolution

In general, do you think Rose revolution was a good thing or a bad thing for Georgia? (q42 X Settlement, Age, Gender)



Change of government in 2012

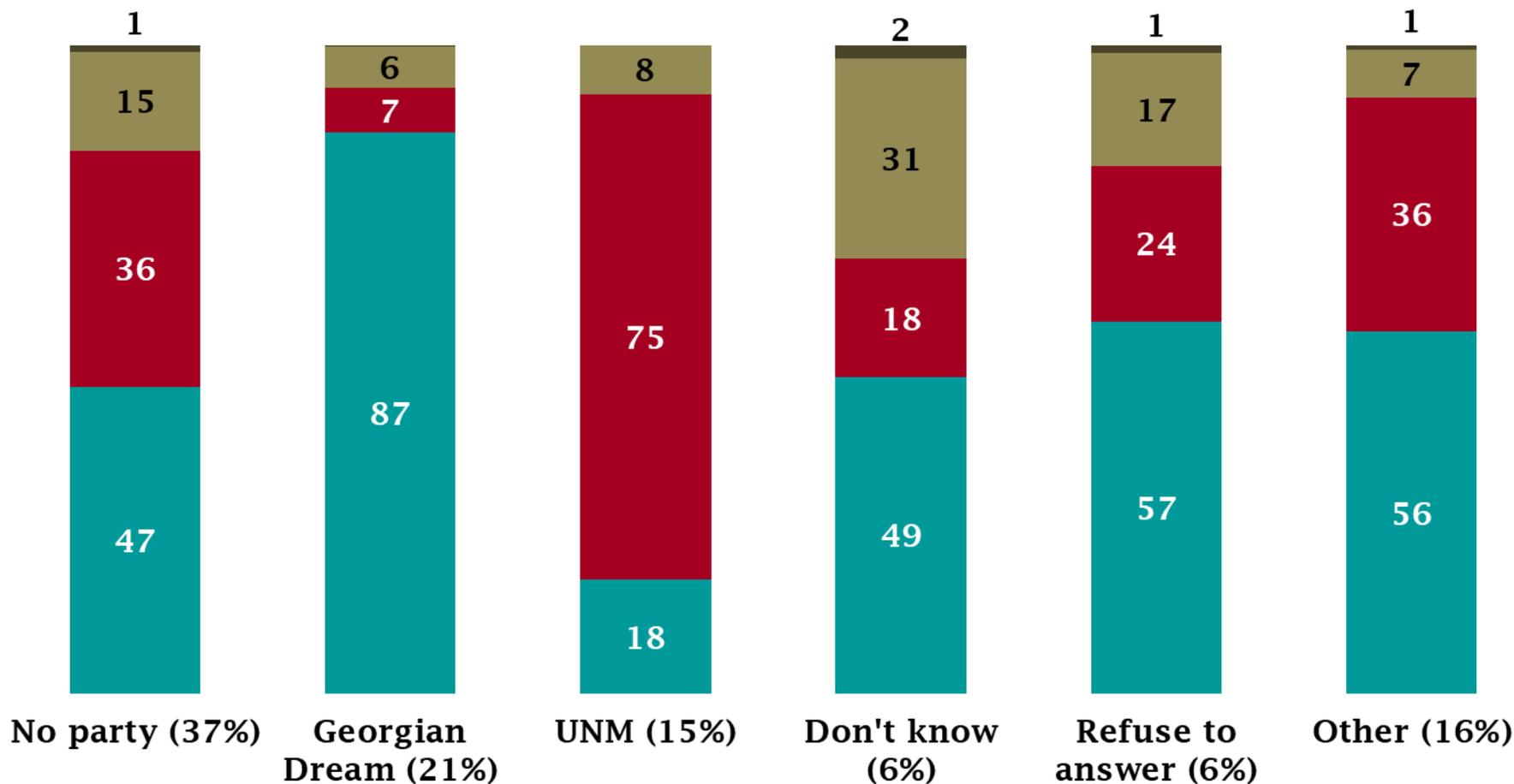
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Change of government in 2012

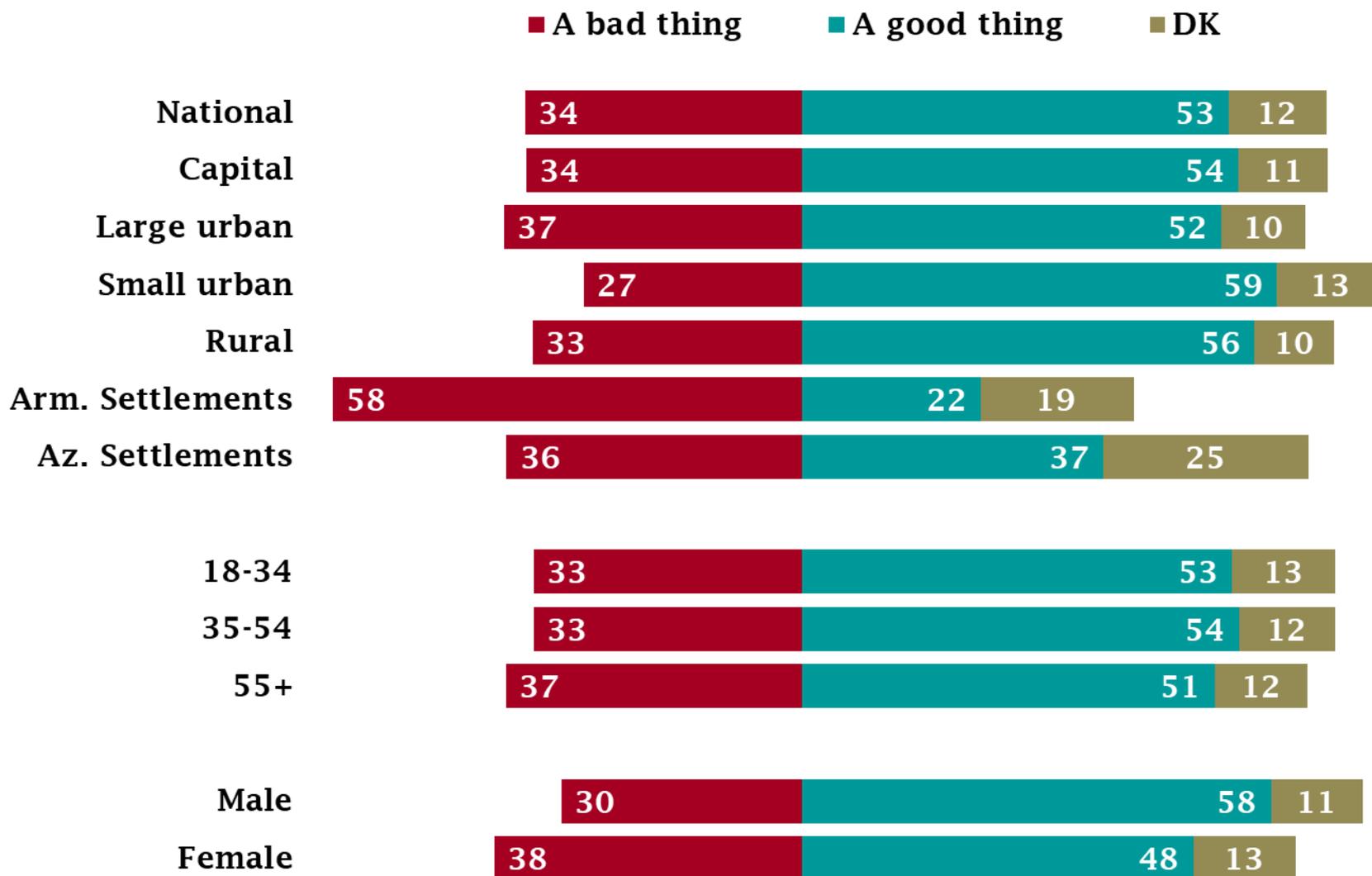
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■ A good thing ■ A bad thing ■ DK ■ RA



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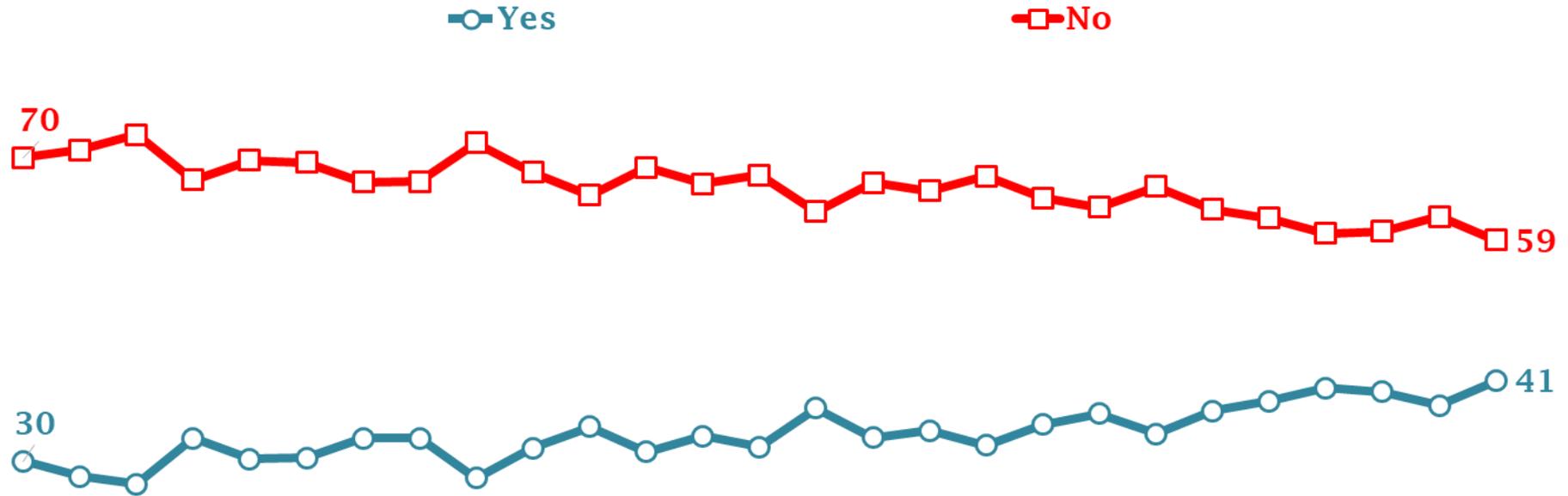
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Jobs

Employment

Do you consider yourself to be employed? This employment may be part-time or full-time, you may be officially employed, informally employed, or self-employed, but it brings you monetary income. (q69)

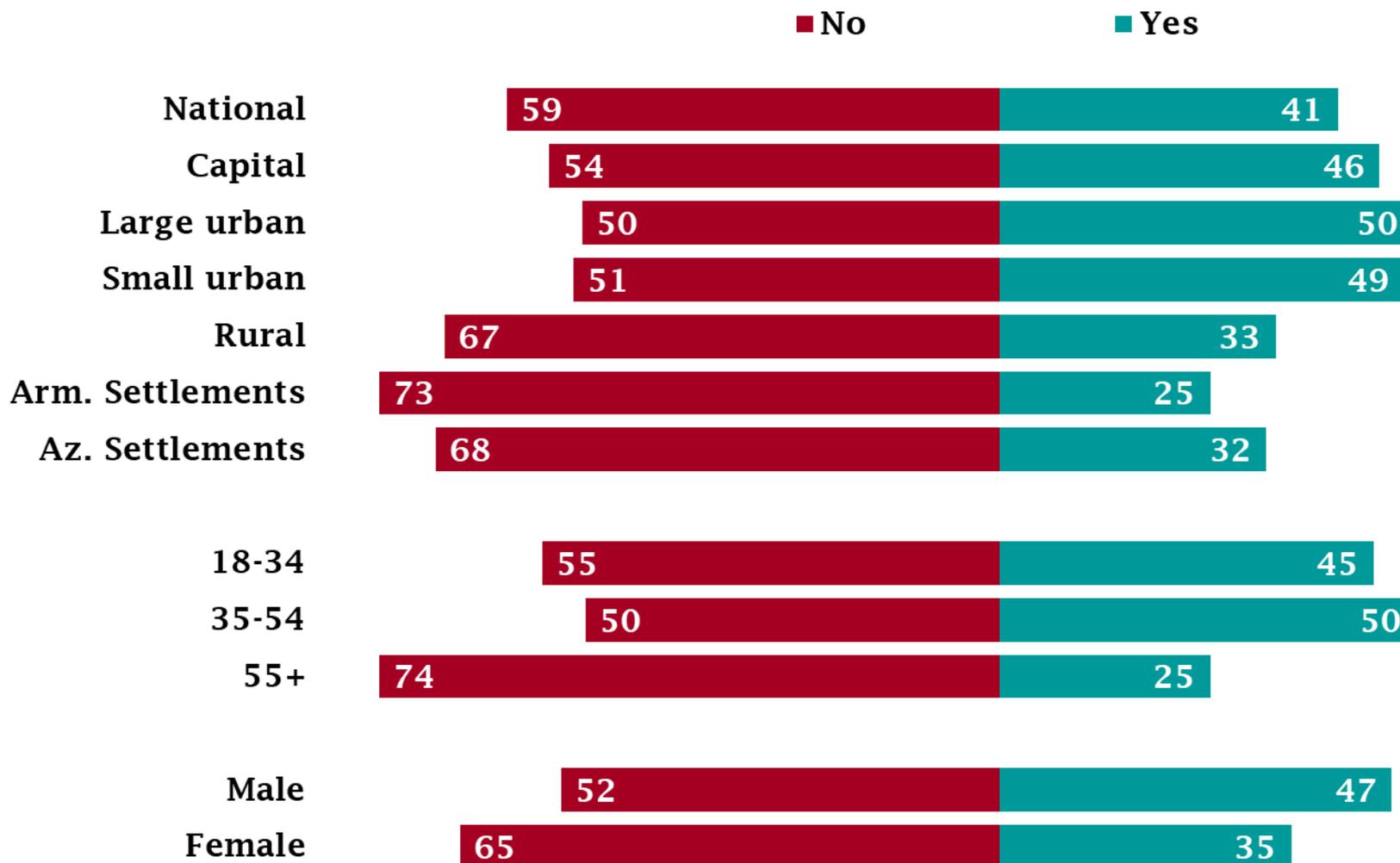


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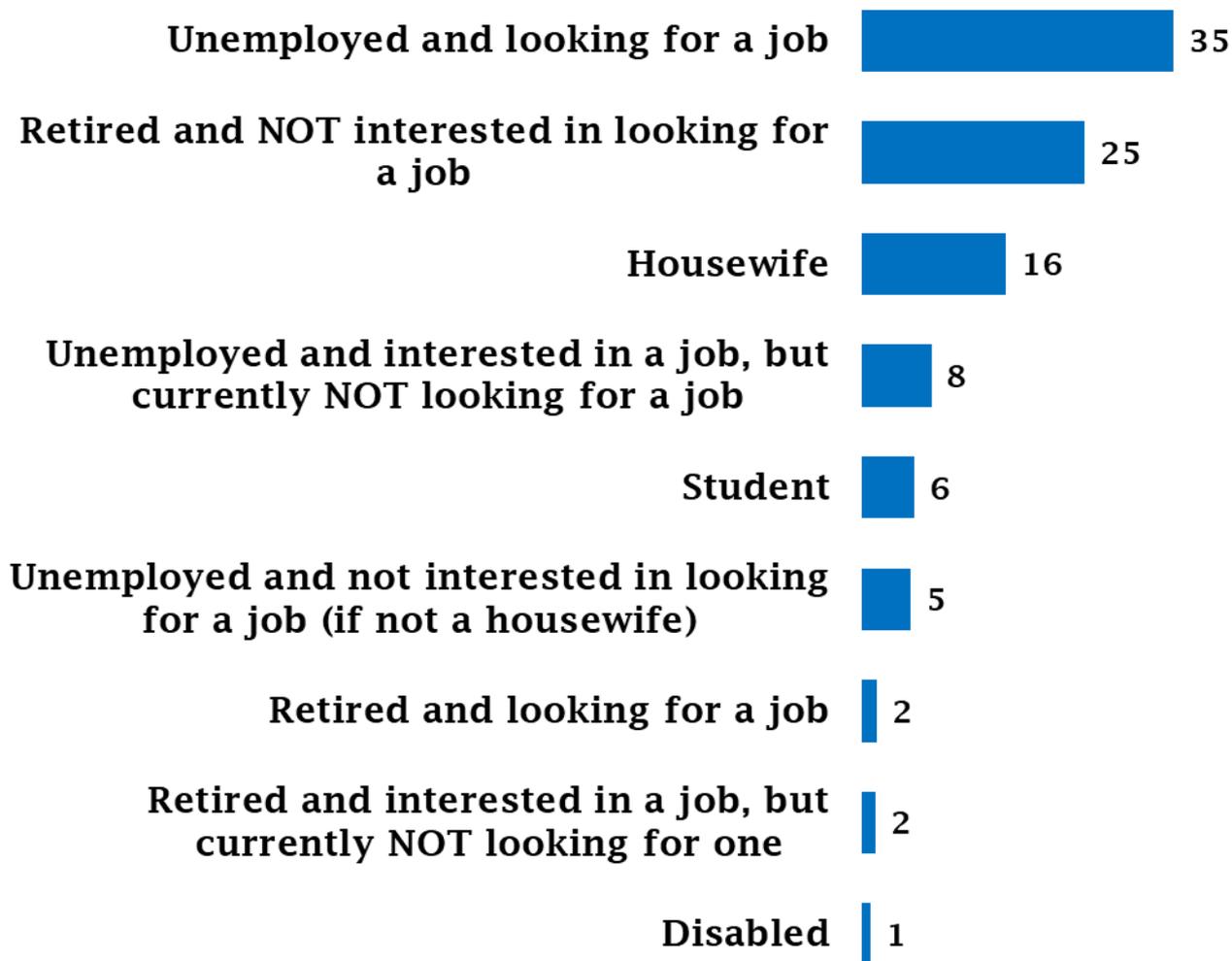
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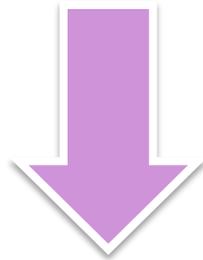
Unemployment

Which of the following best describes your situation? (q70) - of the 59% who consider themselves to be unemployed



21% of citizens say they are unemployed and looking for a job

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