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The latest sociological survey
of public opinion
in Ukraine

The survey commissioned by the Kyiv Security Forum and conducted by The Razumkov Center on government-controlled Ukrainian territories from April 02nd, 2026 to April 08th, 2026.



A sociological survey conducted by the Razumkov Centre in collaboration with the Kyiv Security Forum in territories controlled by the Ukrainian government from April 02nd, 2026 to April 08th, 2026. A total of 1,200 respondents aged 18 and over were interviewed.

- More than half of respondents believe that events in Ukraine are heading in the wrong direction, whilst less than a third hold the opposite view. This assessment is slightly more pessimistic than in 2025, but more optimistic than it was prior to February 24th, 2022.
- More than three-quarters of those surveyed do not intend to leave Ukraine after the war.
- Almost 9% of respondents said that their home had been damaged or completely destroyed as a result of the hostilities.
- Compared with the pre-war period, the proportion of citizens who believe that democracy is the most desirable form of government for Ukraine has increased. This proportion now stands at almost two-thirds.
- Respondents rate the level of corruption in Ukraine as high – 8.6 out of 10. This rating has remained unchanged since 2025 and has risen slightly compared with 2023.
- The vast majority of respondents believe that the level of corruption in Ukraine is currently higher than it was before February 24th, 2022. This assessment is significantly more negative than in 2023, but slightly more optimistic than in 2025.
- Ukrainians have a very high level of trust in the institutions directly responsible for the country's defence, and this high level of trust has remained consistent over recent years.
- A relative majority of respondents trust the President of Ukraine, which is partly due to his role as Supreme Commander-in-Chief. The balance of trust in the President of Ukraine has remained positive since the start of the large-scale Russian aggression and is now lower than in February 2026, but higher than in November 2025.
- Among politicians, those who are directly involved or have been involved in Ukraine's defence enjoy the most positive trust ratings: Zaluzhnyi, Budanov, Malyuk, Fedorov, Biletsky and Zelenskyy. The most negative trust ratings are held by representatives of the old elites: Yulia Tymoshenko and Yuriy Boyko.
- Ukrainians view favourably those foreign leaders who have consistently supported Ukraine: E. Macron, Ursula von der Leyen, M. Sandu, G. Meloni, F. Merz, K. Kallas, D. Tusk, K. Starmer, M. Rutte, P. Pavel. Attitudes towards R. Erdoğan and the Pope are also positive.
- In recent months, negative sentiment towards Donald Trump has increased significantly. Attitudes towards Alexander Lukashenko and Vladimir Putin remain extremely negative.
- Respondents express a very positive attitude towards European countries, the EU as a whole, as well as Canada,

Moldova, Japan and Turkey. Attitudes towards NATO, the US and Israel are deteriorating, although the vast majority of Ukrainians still view them positively.

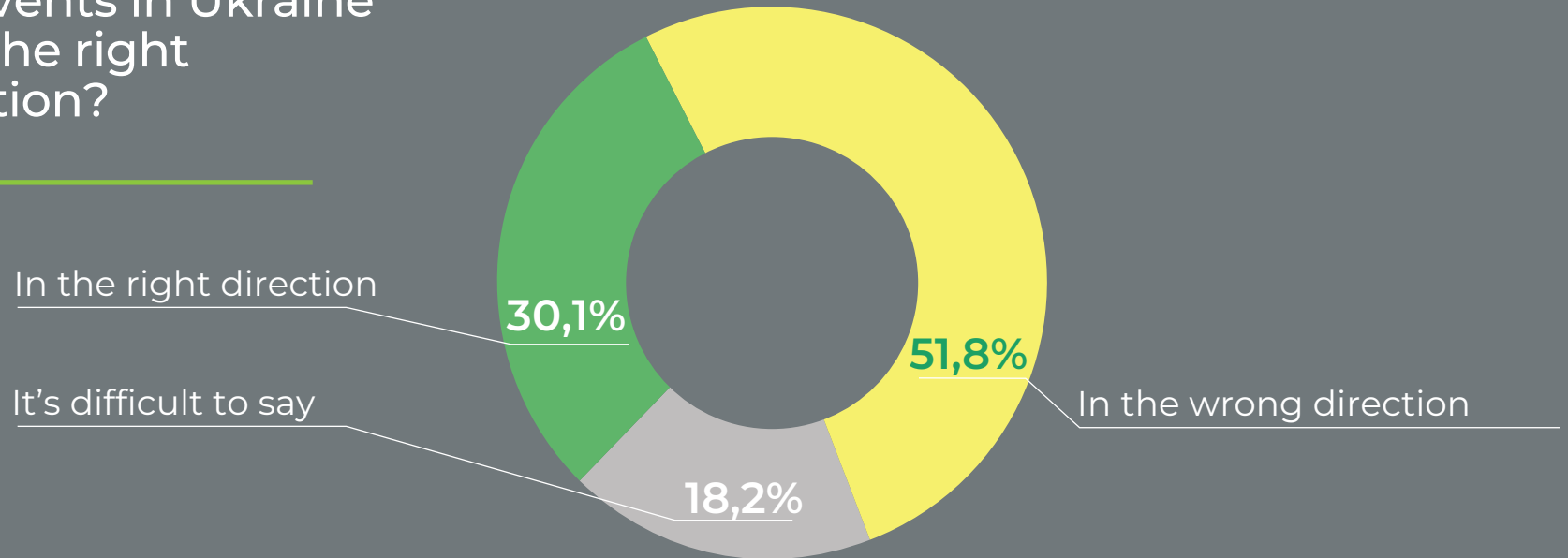
- Respondents expressed negative views towards Hungary, China, Iran, Belarus and, in particular, Russia, towards which almost 95% of Ukrainians hold a negative view.
- The vast majority of Ukrainians take a negative view of the actions of the US and Israel in the Middle East directed against the Iranian regime.
- The vast majority of those surveyed would support accession to NATO and the EU in a referendum. Although this proportion is the lowest since 2022, it is still significantly higher than it was before the start of Russia's large-scale aggression.
- Public opinion is divided on whether NATO would be able to defend itself effectively in the event of a Russian attack. At the same time, the majority of those surveyed believe that Russia is definitely, or possibly, planning to attack one of the NATO member states.
- Two-thirds of those surveyed believe that Ukraine can contribute to strengthening NATO's security either now or once the war has ended. The most frequently cited contribution is the sharing of experience in combat tactics against the Russian armed forces and in air defence.
- The vast majority of respondents view the negotiations between

the US, Ukraine and Russia regarding a possible peace agreement as unsuccessful for all parties.

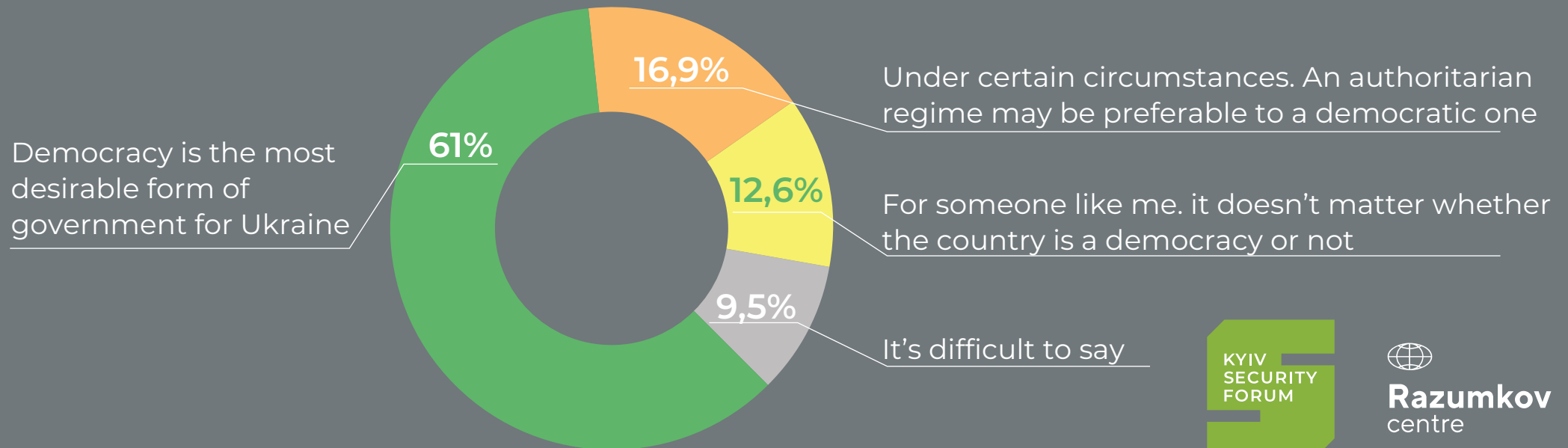
- More than half of those surveyed do not believe that a peace agreement between Ukraine and Russia will be signed in the near future – within the next 12 months.
- Almost two-thirds of those surveyed believe that if a peace agreement were signed between Ukraine and Russia, Russia would breach the agreement and attack Ukraine as soon as it saw fit.
- At the same time, two-thirds of Ukrainians believe Ukraine will win the war against Russia.
- At the same time, the majority of respondents believe that Ukraine was completely unprepared for war prior to Russia's large-scale aggression in 2022, and only 6% are convinced that Ukraine was as prepared as possible for this. According to respondents, the activities of pro-Russian political forces and politicians in Ukraine had the most negative impact on Ukraine's lack of maximum readiness for war.
- Ukrainians are not very well informed about the political situation in Georgia. Among those who are aware of it, the vast majority believe that such a Georgian path would be detrimental to Ukraine.



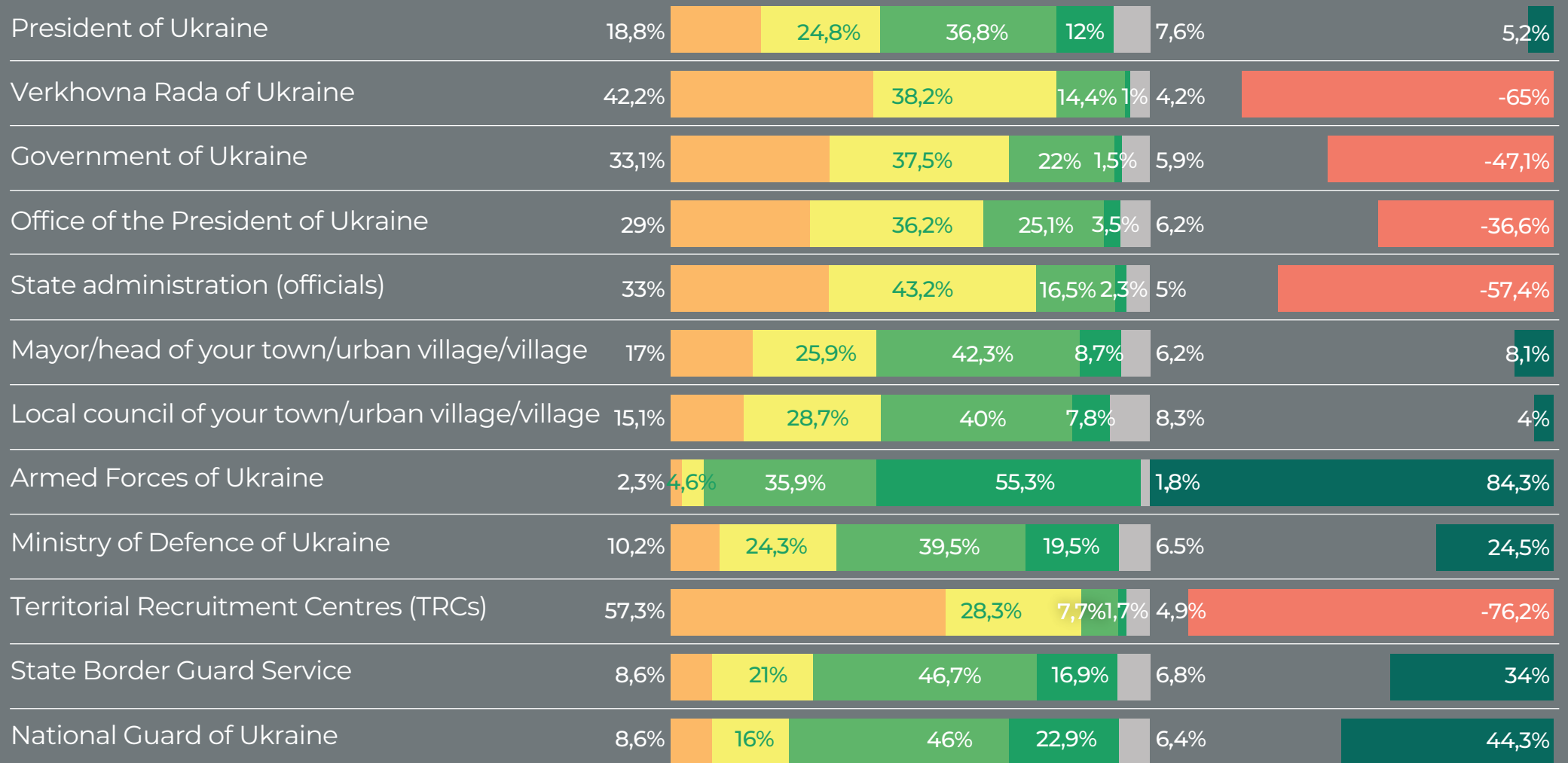
Do you think events in Ukraine are moving in the right or wrong direction?



Which of the following statements do you agree more?



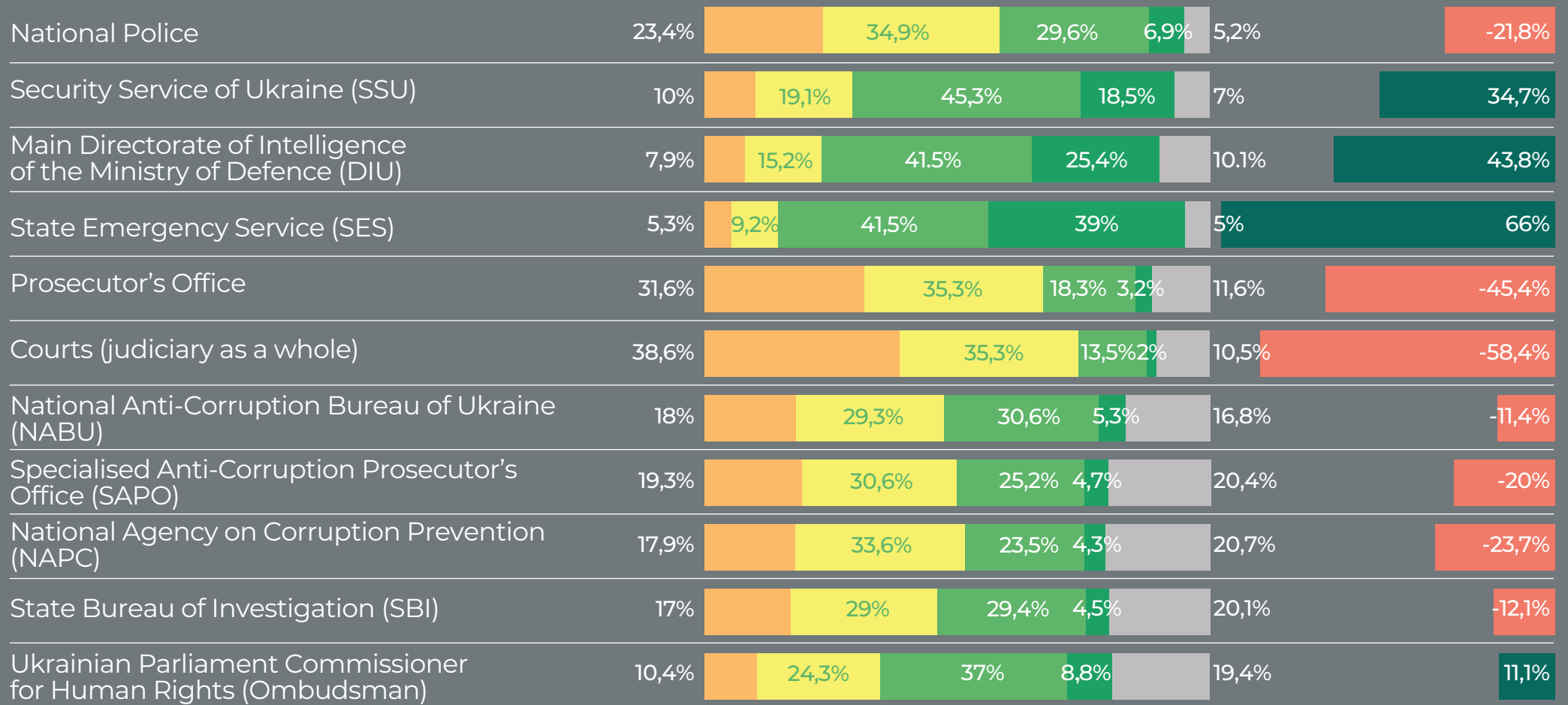
To what extent do you trust such political, state and social institutions?



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 ■ I tend to trust them
 ■ I trust them completely
 ■ It's difficult to say
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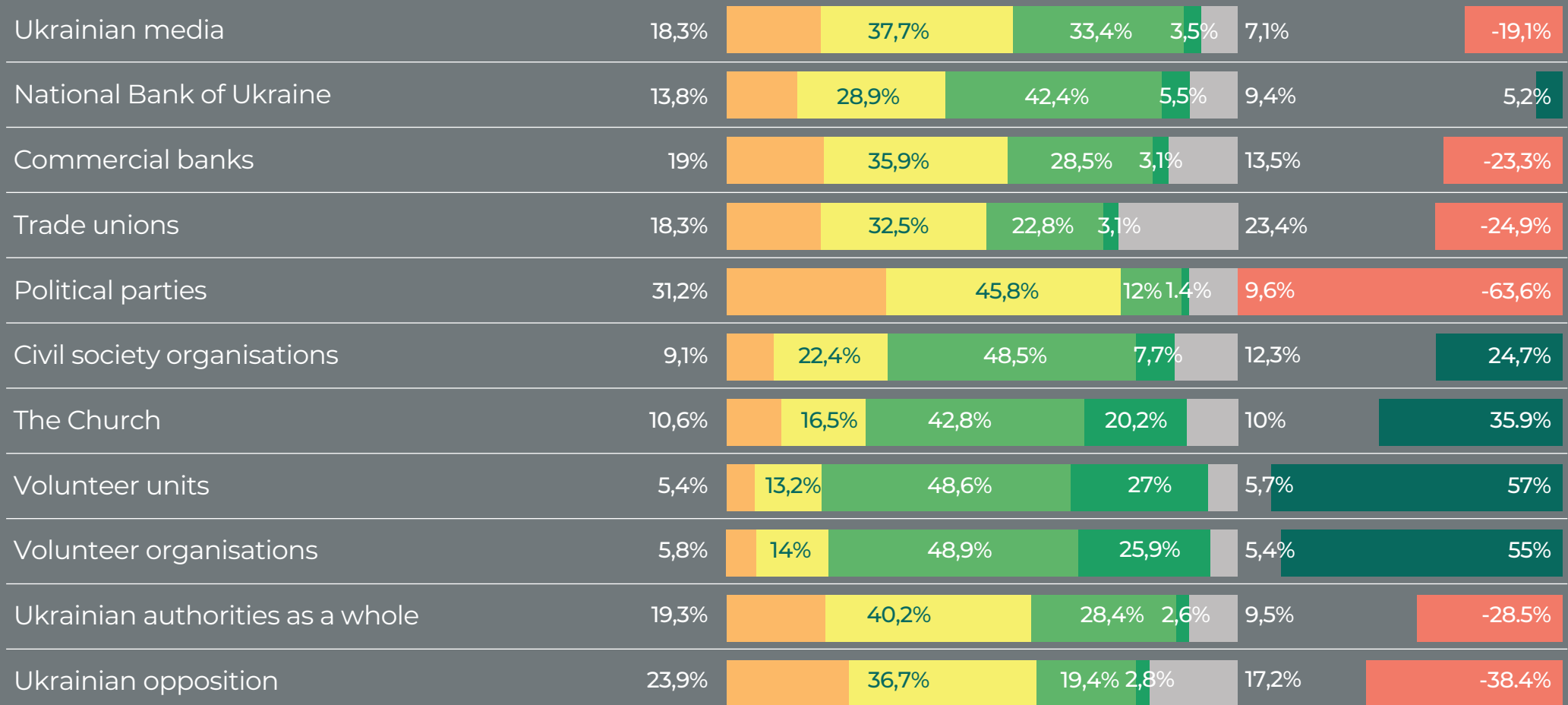
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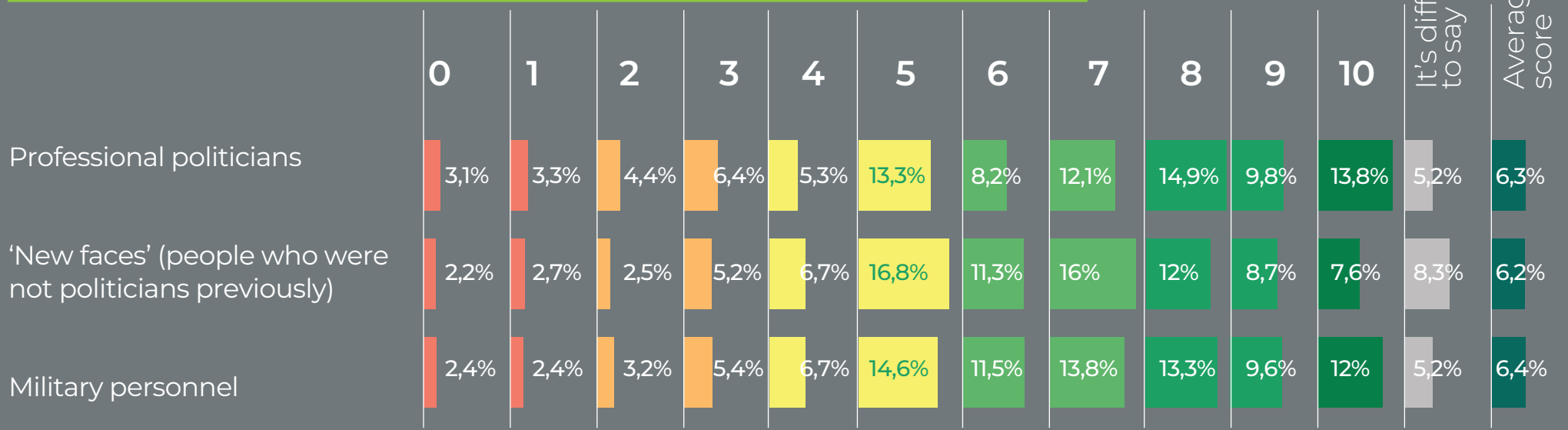
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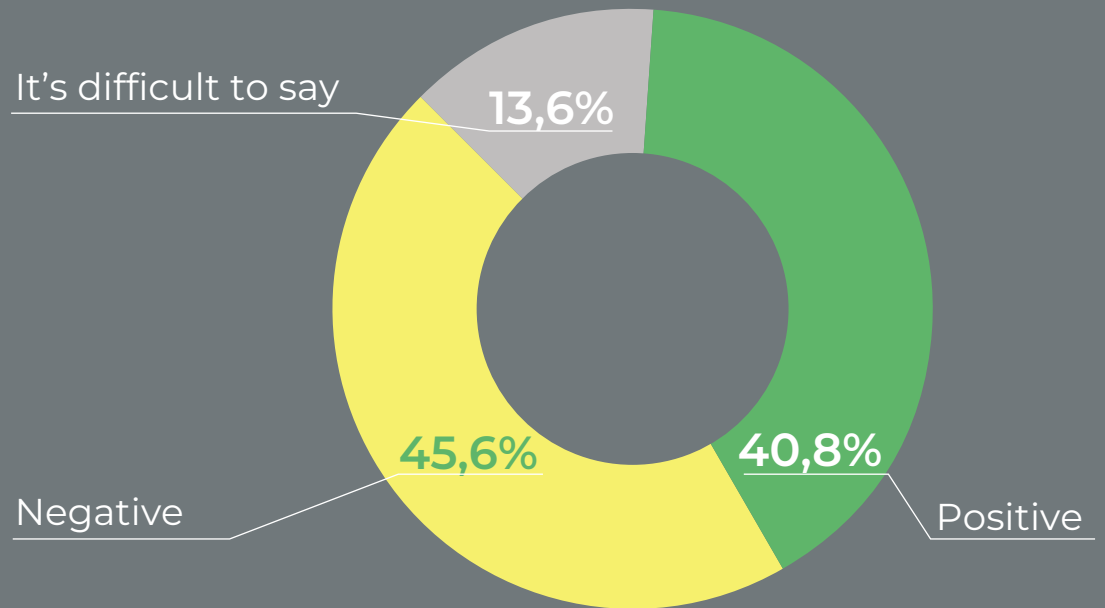
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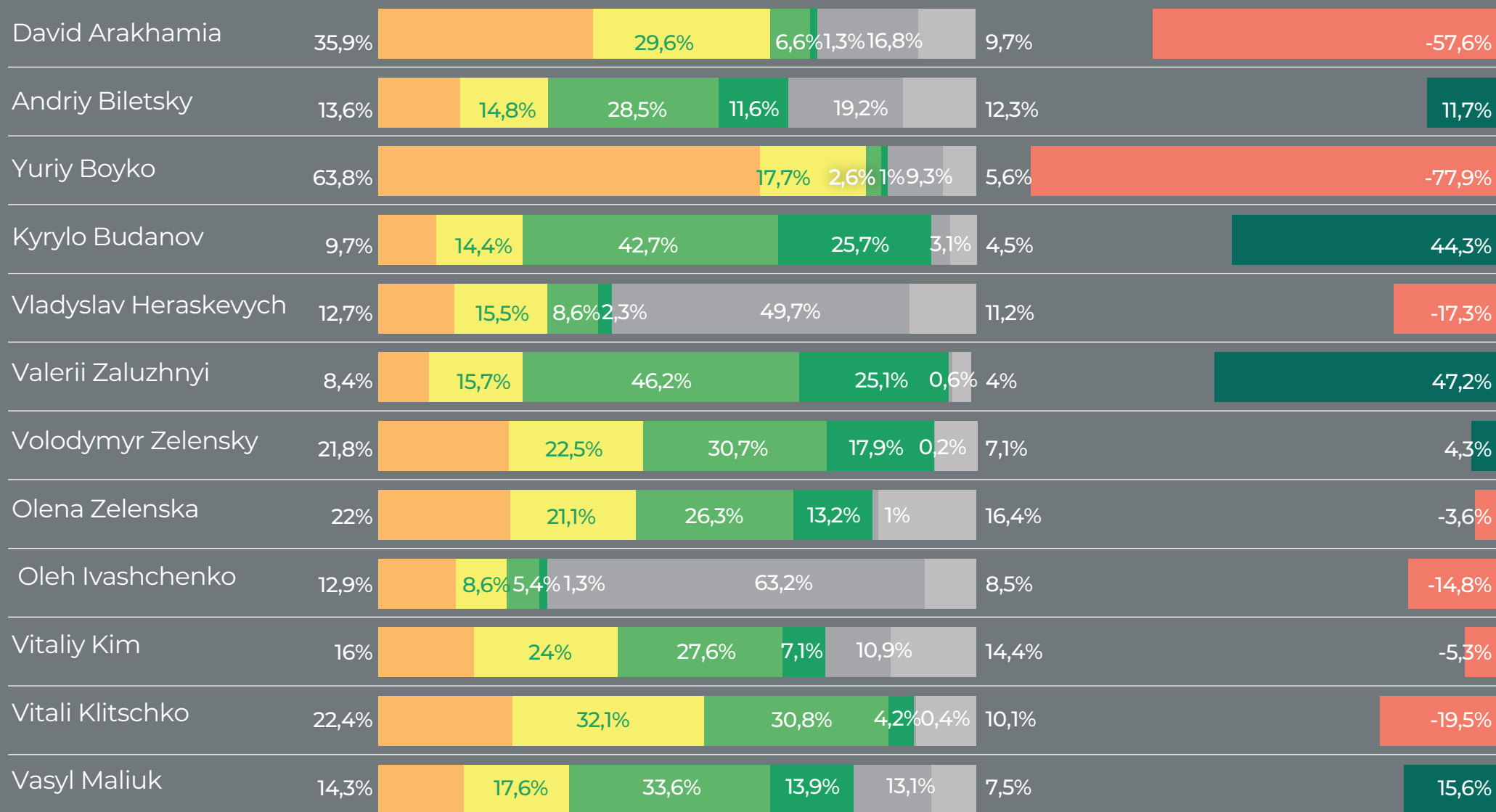
To what extent would you agree to allow representatives of each of these groups to rule the country? (score from 0 to 10)



What is your view on the idea of holding a national election (presidential or parliamentary) after a ceasefire (if any) but before a peace agreement is signed?



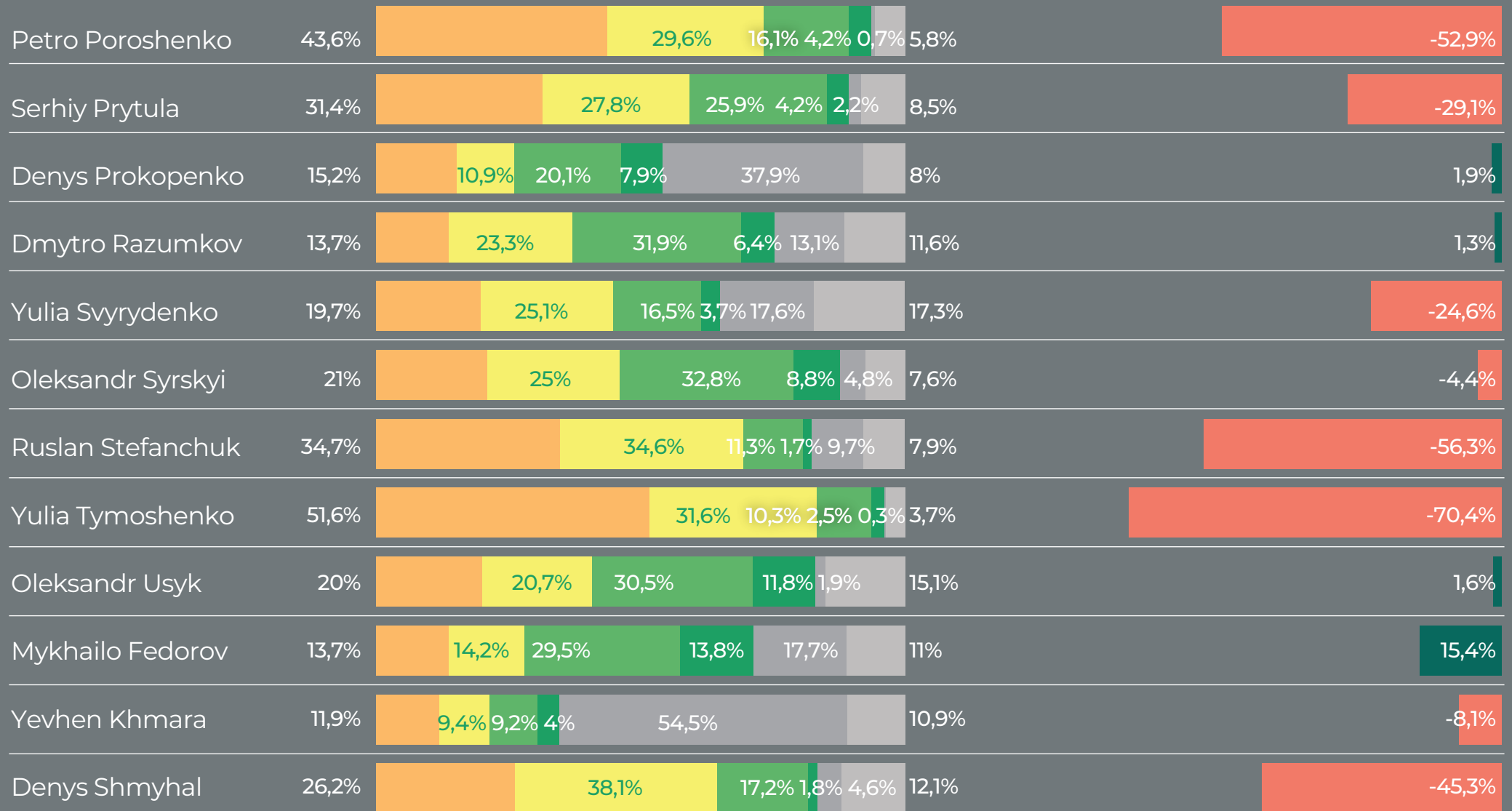
How much do you trust such politicians, officials and public figures?



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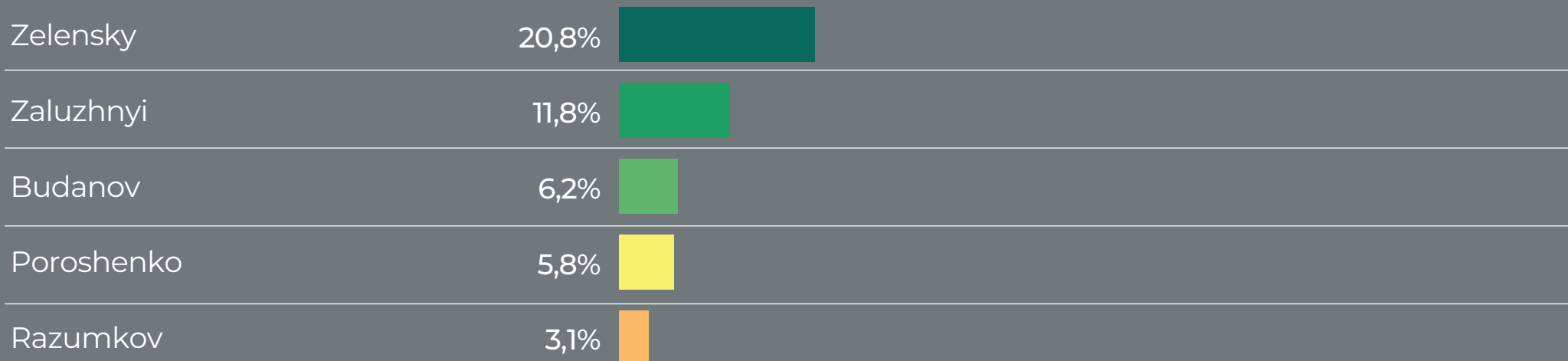


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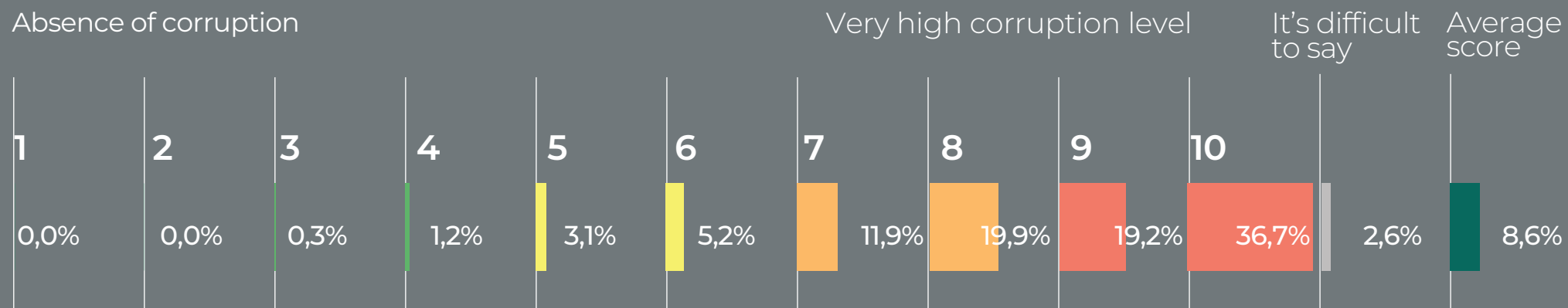


Who would you like to see as President of Ukraine?

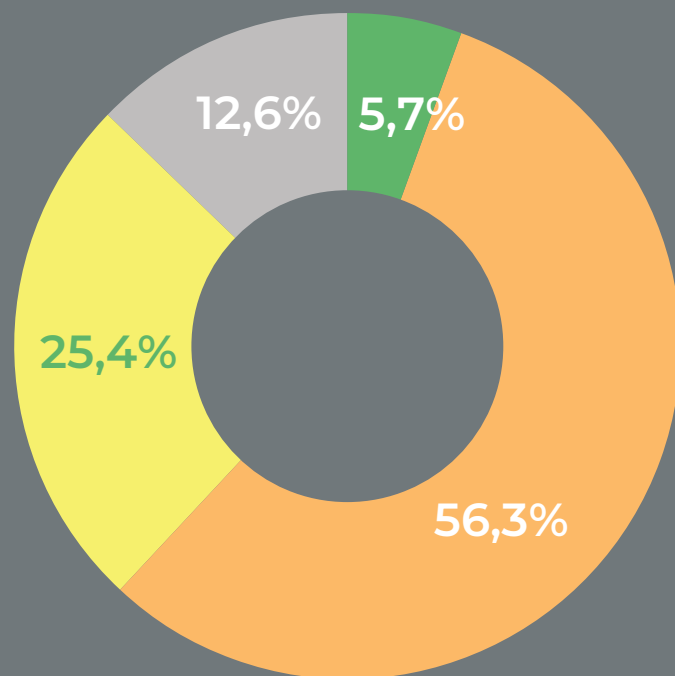
(one answer; 5 most common answers are listed)







How would you rate the current level of corruption in Ukraine? (rating from 1 to 10)

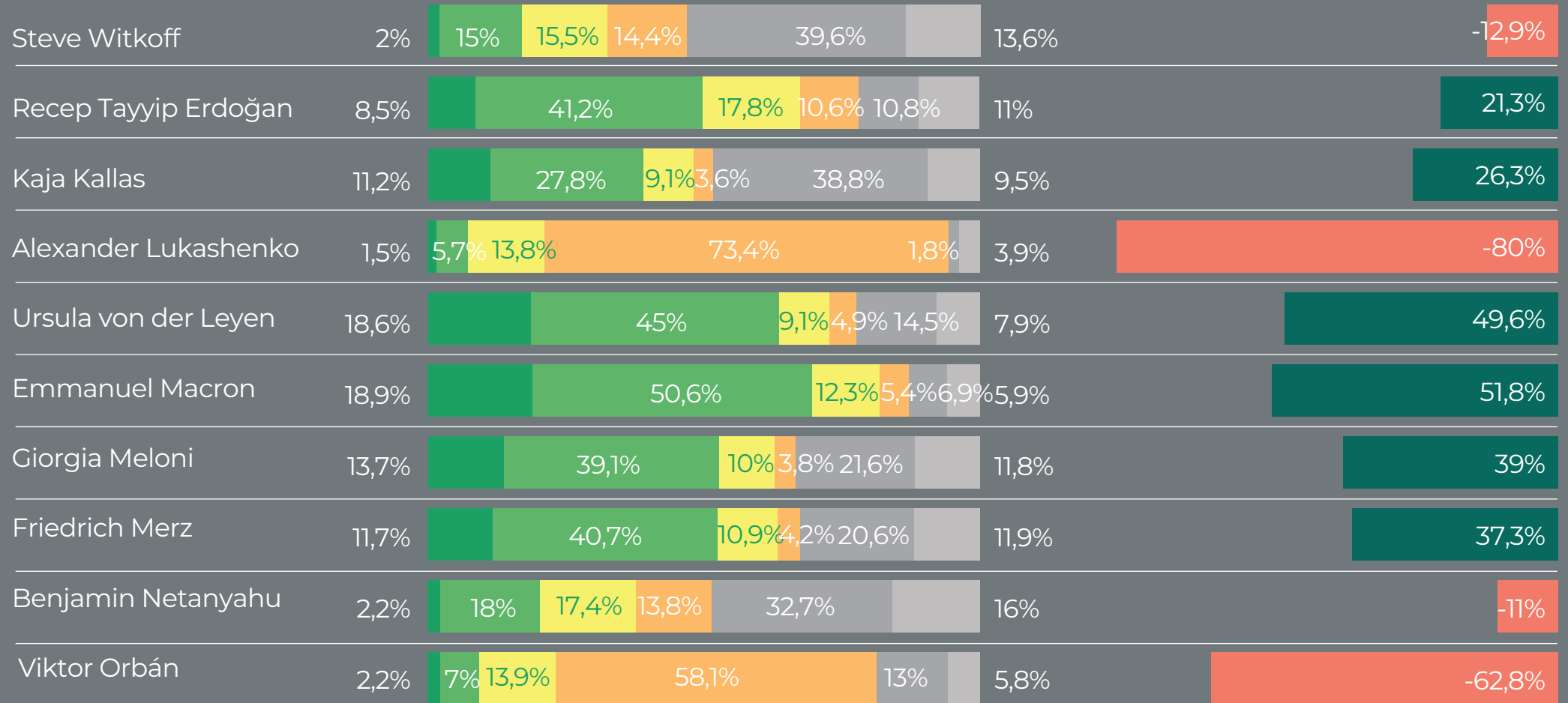


In your opinion, is the level of corruption in Ukraine now lower, higher, or the same as it was before February 24, 2022?



-  Corruption levels are lower now than before February 24, 2022
-  Corruption levels are higher now than before February 24, 2022
-  Corruption levels are the same as before 24 February 2022 now
-  It's difficult to say

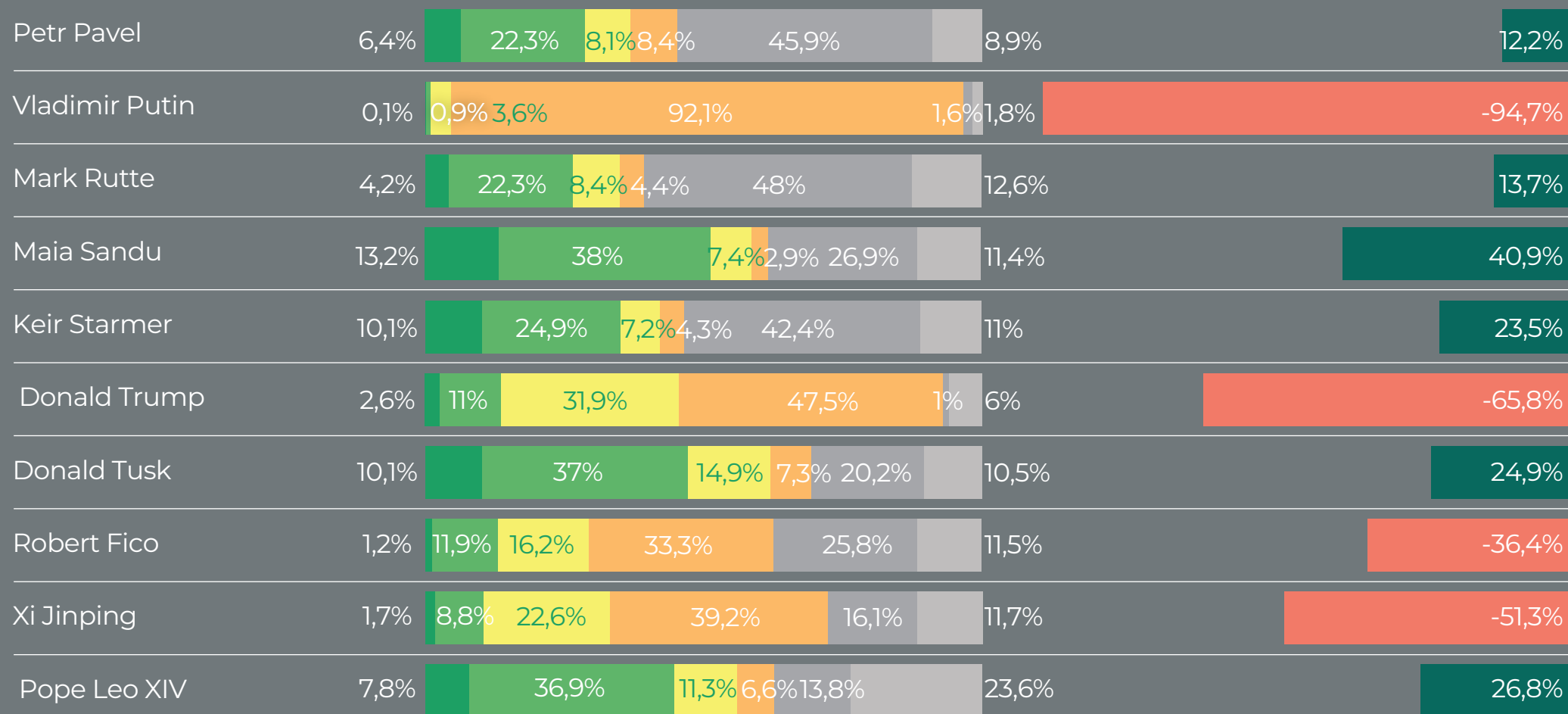
How positive or negative is your attitude towards the following foreign politicians?



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 ■ Very negative
 ■ I don't know/haven't heard of them
 ■ It's difficult to say
 ■ Balance



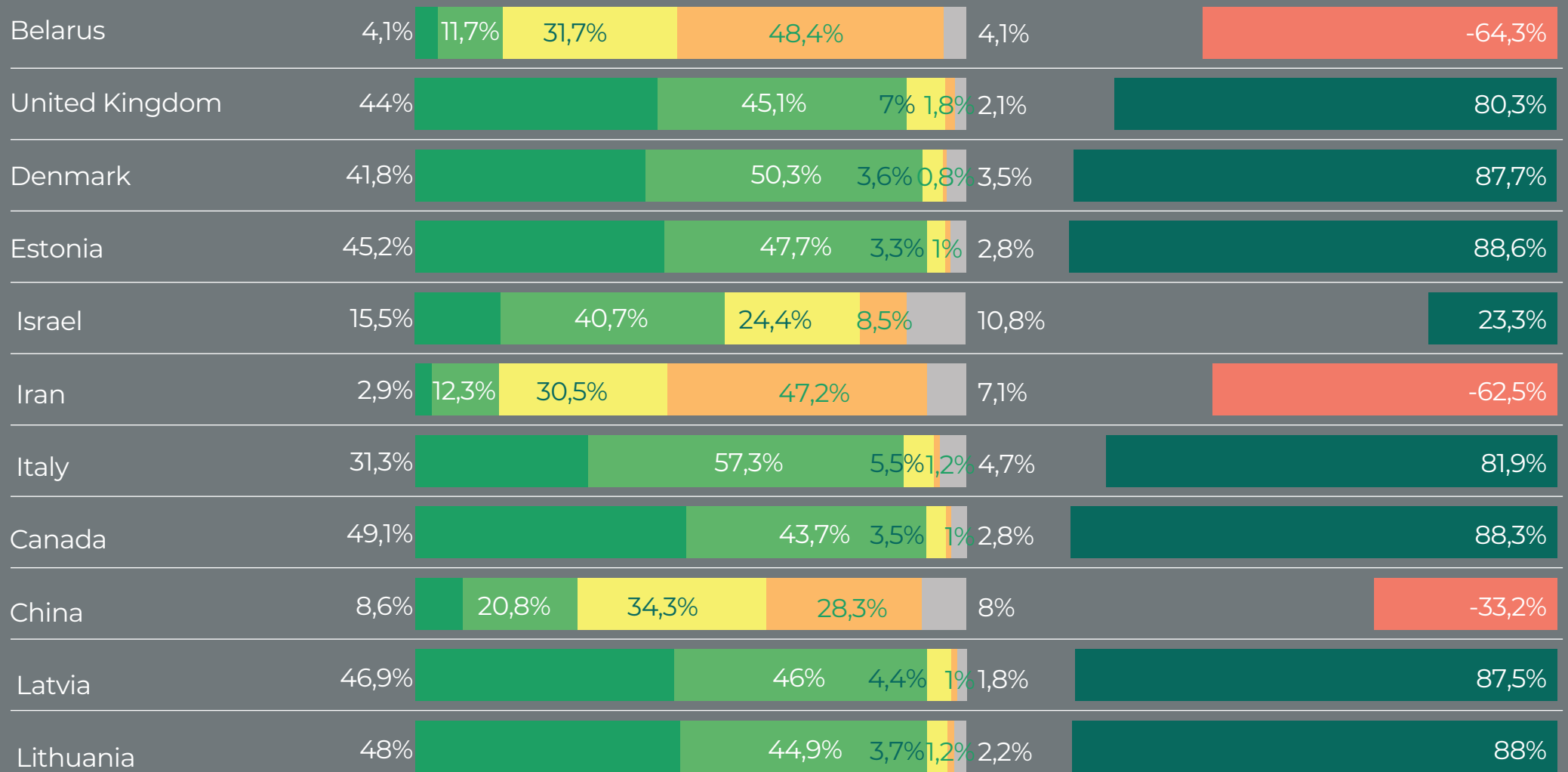
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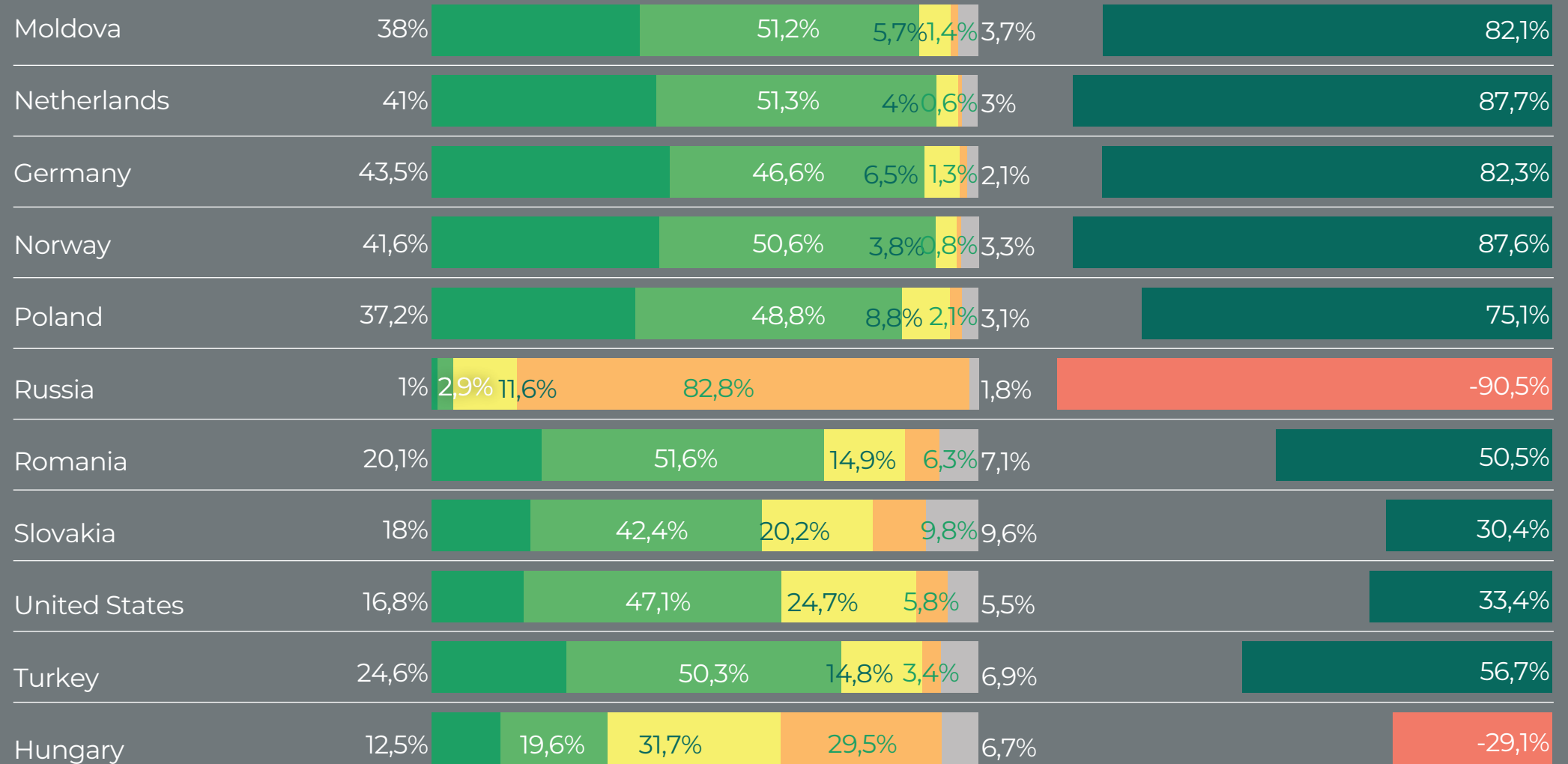
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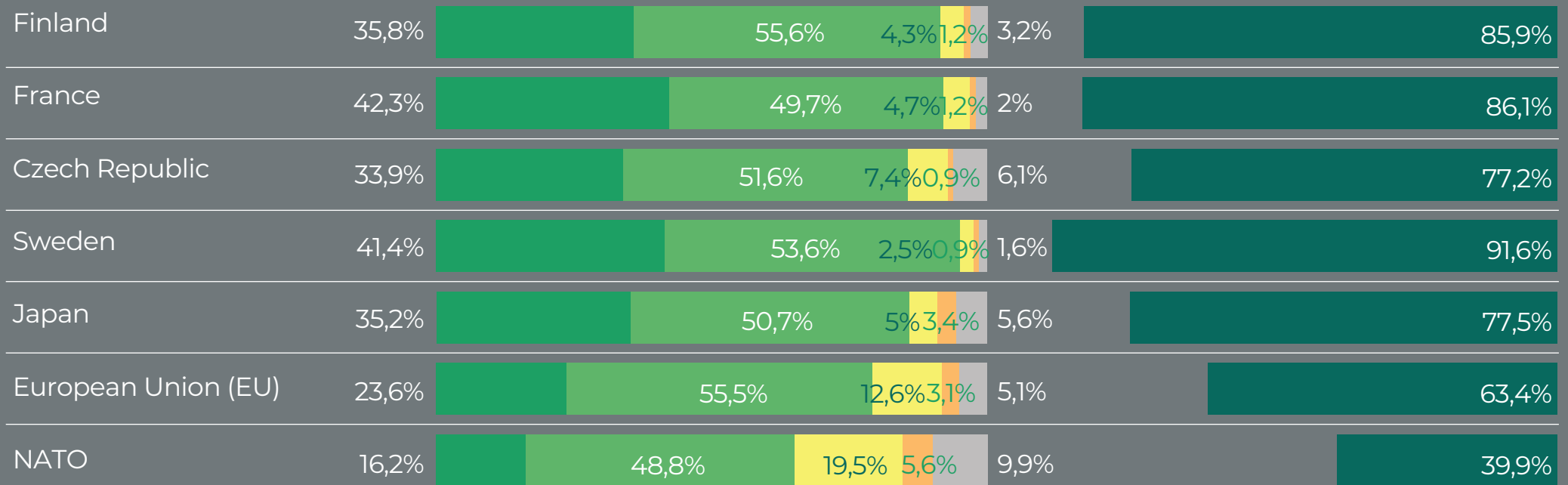
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Which of the following conditions do you consider to be the minimum requirement for concluding a peace agreement with Russia?

Withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine within the 1991 borders

28,8%

Withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine within the borders as of 24 February 2022

27,5%

I assume that the borders are fixed along the front line as of the time the agreement is concluded

21,7%

I assume complete withdrawal of Ukrainian troops from Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, and indeed from the entire territory of those regions within their administrative borders

5,6%

I assume complete withdrawal of Ukrainian troops from Donbas, even from the territories that are currently government-controlled

5,2%

It's difficult to answer

11,1%

Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

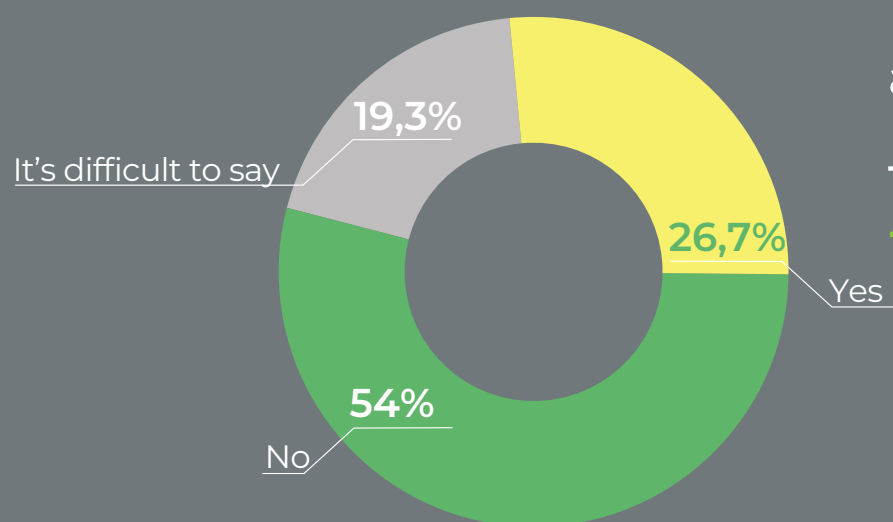
If a peace agreement is signed between Ukraine and Russia. Russia will breach the agreement and attack Ukraine as soon as it finds its convenient **61,6%**

If a peace agreement is signed between Ukraine and Russia. both sides will try to abide by the agreement **17,2%**

If a peace agreement is signed between Ukraine and Russia. both sides will attempt to breach the agreement as soon as they find it convenient **4,5%**

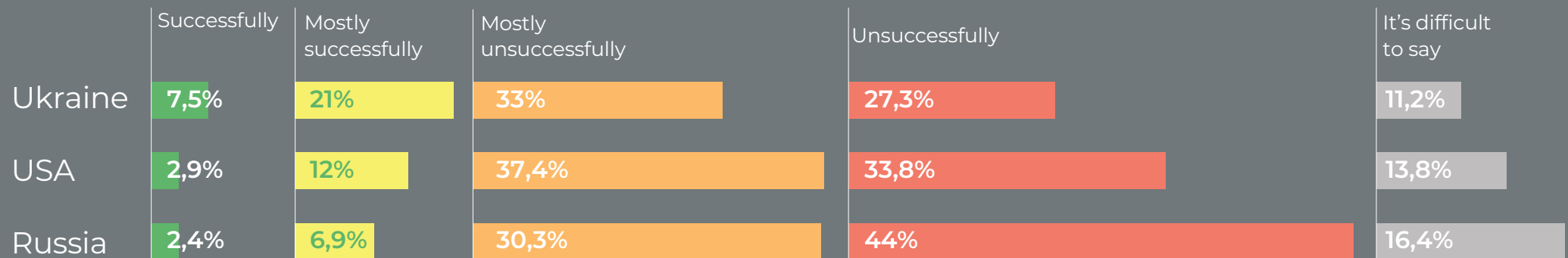
If a peace agreement is signed between Ukraine and Russia. Ukraine will breach the agreement and attack Russia as soon as it finds convenient **1,4%**

It's difficult to say **15,4%**

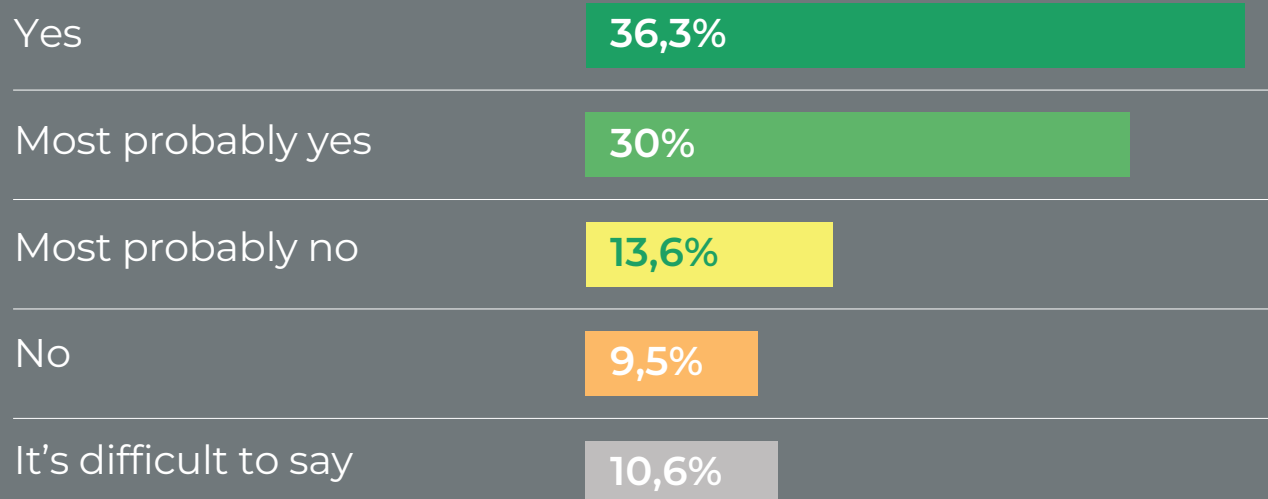


Do you believe in the possibility of signing a peace agreement between Ukraine and Russia in the near future – within the next 12 months?

How successfully are the US, Ukraine and Russia negotiating a potential peace agreement?



Do you believe Ukraine will win the war?



What situation would you personally consider to be a victory in the war?

Withdrawal of Russian troops to the contact line as of February 23, 2022 (the ORDLO (occupied districts of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts) and Crimea remain occupied)

22,5%

Expulsion of Russian troops from the entire territory of Ukraine and the restoration of borders as they were in 1991

22,3%

An end to the war. Even if the Russian army retains control of the territories occupied after February 24, 2022

16,5%

Destruction of the Russian army and promotion of an uprising/collapse within Russia

12,7%

Expulsion of Russian troops from the entire territory of Ukraine. except for occupied Crimea

9,5%

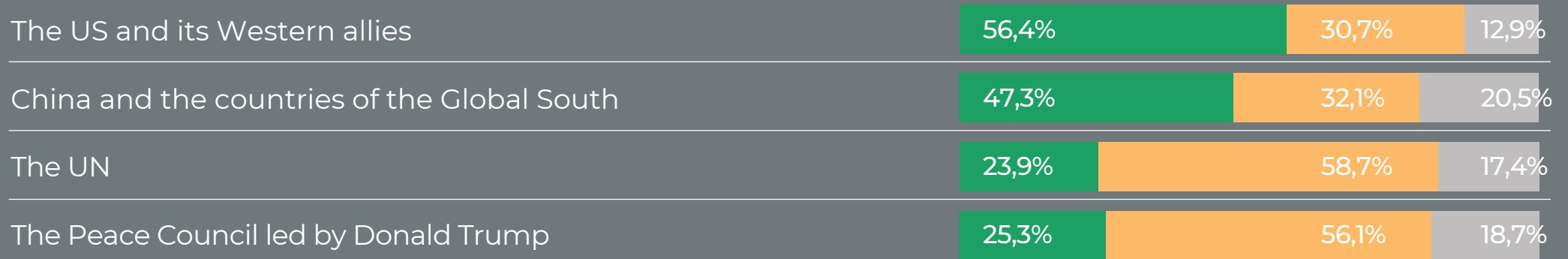
Other

2%

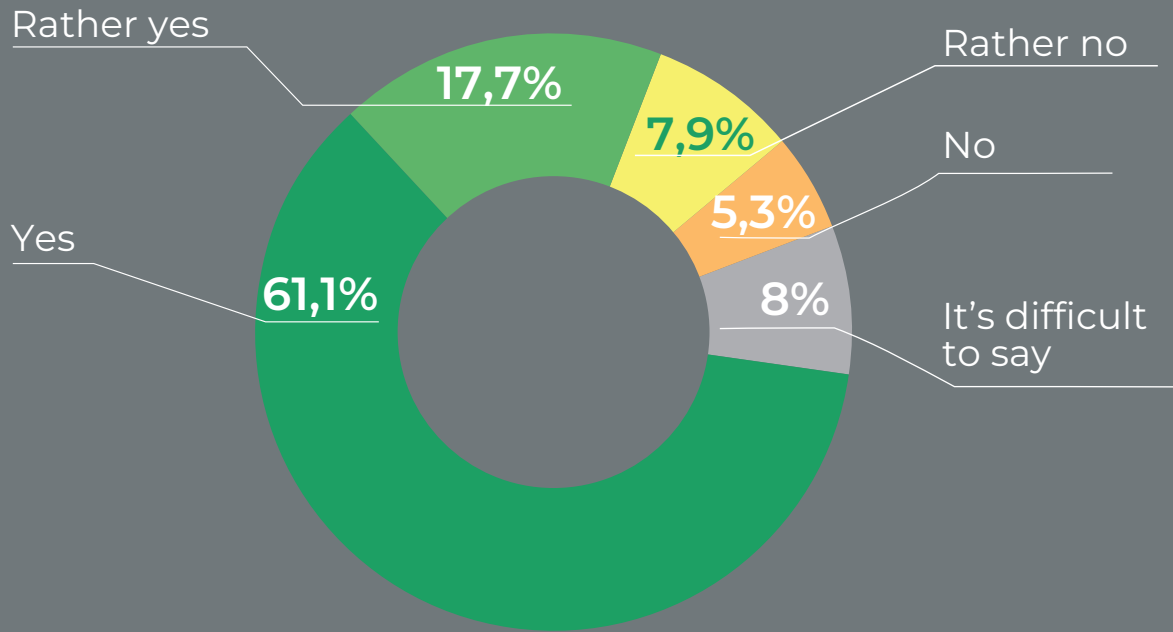
It's difficult to answer

14,5%

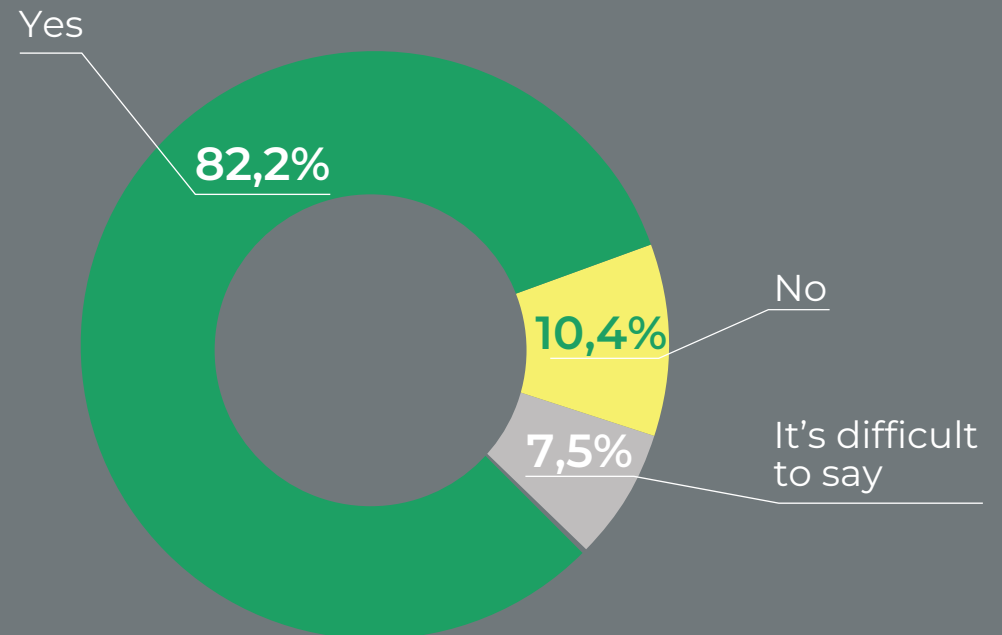
Do you think such states or groups of states are capable of stopping Russia's aggression against Ukraine?



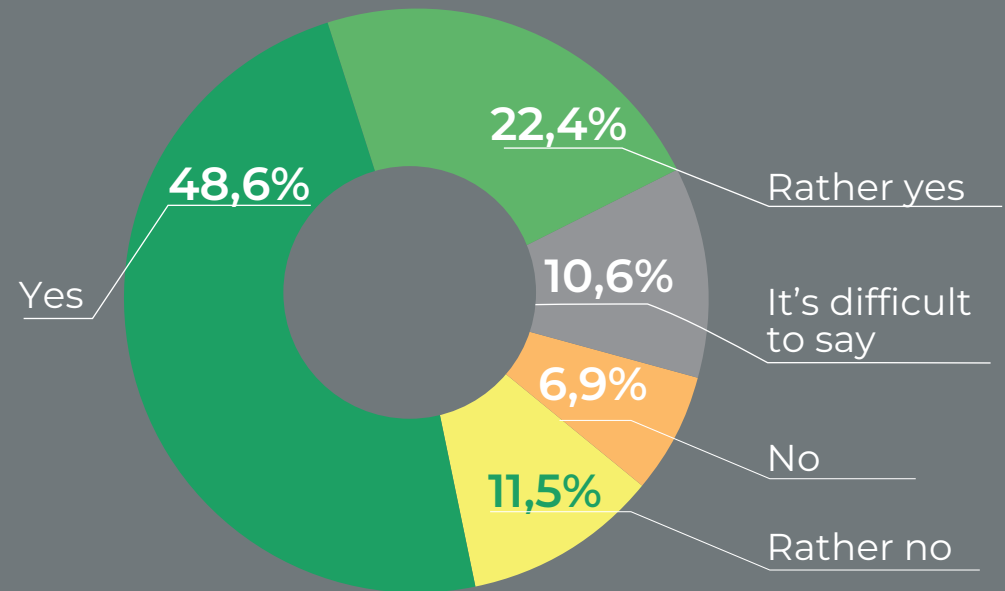
Capable Not capable It's difficult to say



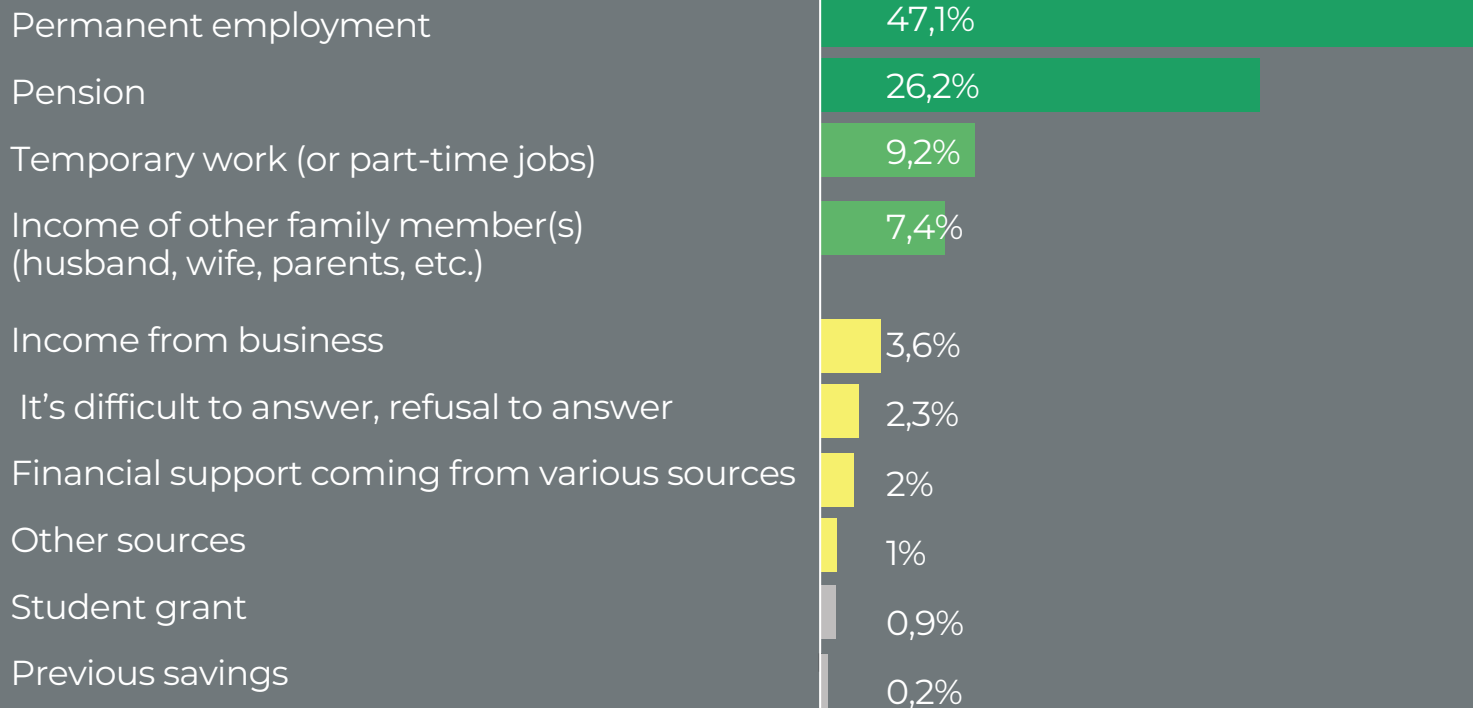
Do you think Belarus is a party to the war, fighting against Ukraine?



Following Ukraine's victory and the de-occupation of its territory, would you support a complete severing of all ties between Ukraine and Belarus, including a total ban on entering Ukraine for Belarus citizens (except for those seeking political asylum)?



You are currently living on... (please state your main source of income).



Has your house been affected as a result of the hostilities?

The home has not been damaged

86,8%

The home has been damaged,
but may be (or has been) restored (repaired)

7,6%

I did not own a home

2,1%

The home has been completely destroyed

1%

It's not known whether the home
has been damaged or to what extent

0,7%

Refusal to answer

1,9%

Do you have any close relatives or family members who left the country after February 24, 2022?

I have no close relatives or family members who left the country after February 24

43,4%

Yes, and they are still living abroad

28,9%

Yes, but they have already returned to Ukraine

12%

There are some who left the country after February 24, and are living abroad, and there are also some who left the country after February 24, but have already returned to Ukraine

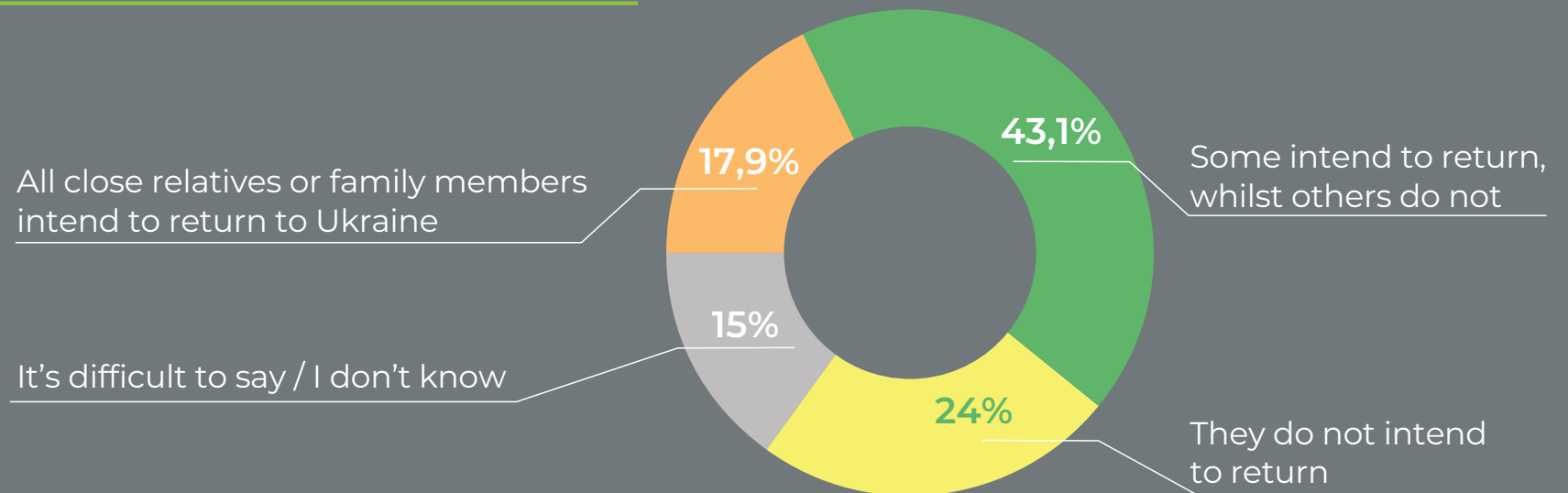
12%

It's difficult to say

3,7%

Do your close relatives or family members who currently live abroad intend to return to Ukraine after the war?

(% of respondents who have close relatives abroad)



Do you plan to leave Ukraine for another country after the war to live there permanently?

I definitely won't leave Ukraine

55,2%

I probably won't leave Ukraine

22,1%

I will probably leave Ukraine

7,4%

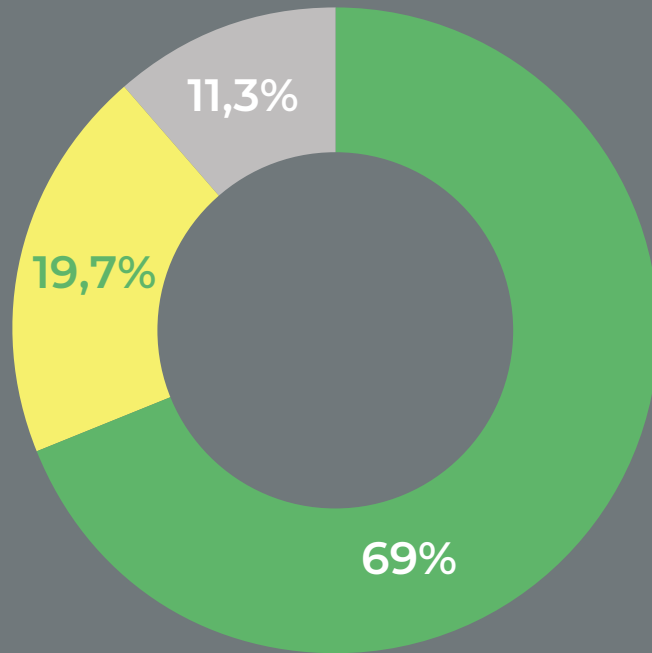
I will definitely leave Ukraine

1,8%

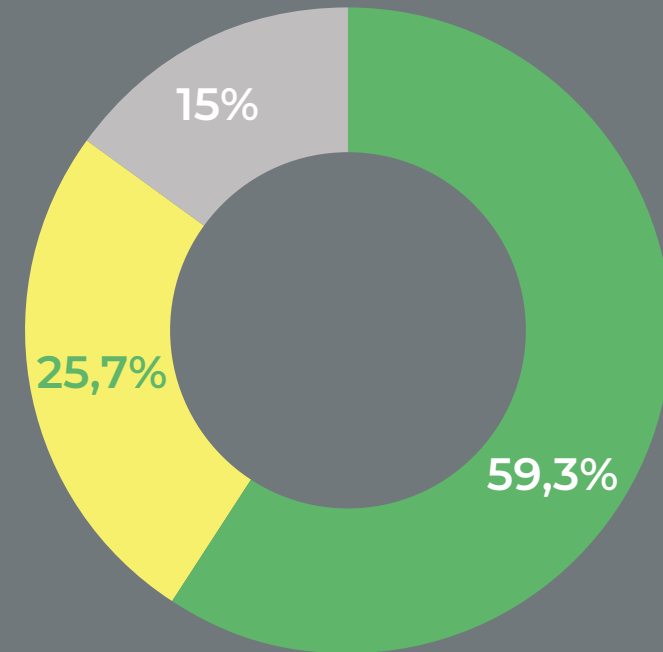
It's difficult to say

13,6%

If you were to take part in a referendum on Ukraine's accession to the EU, how would you vote?

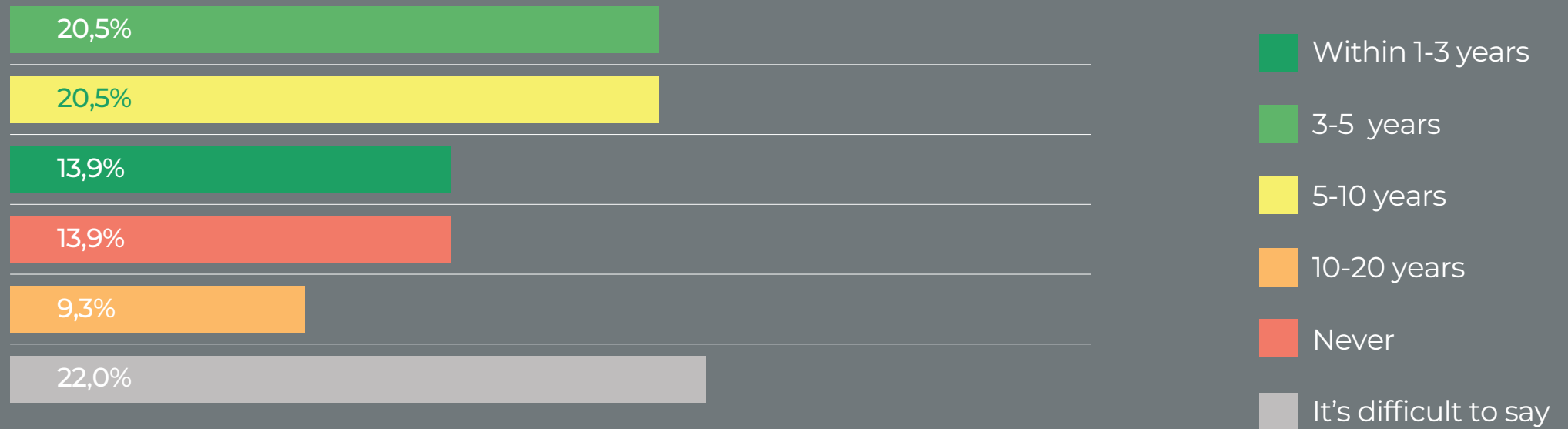


If you were to take part in a referendum on Ukraine's accession to NATO, how would you vote?

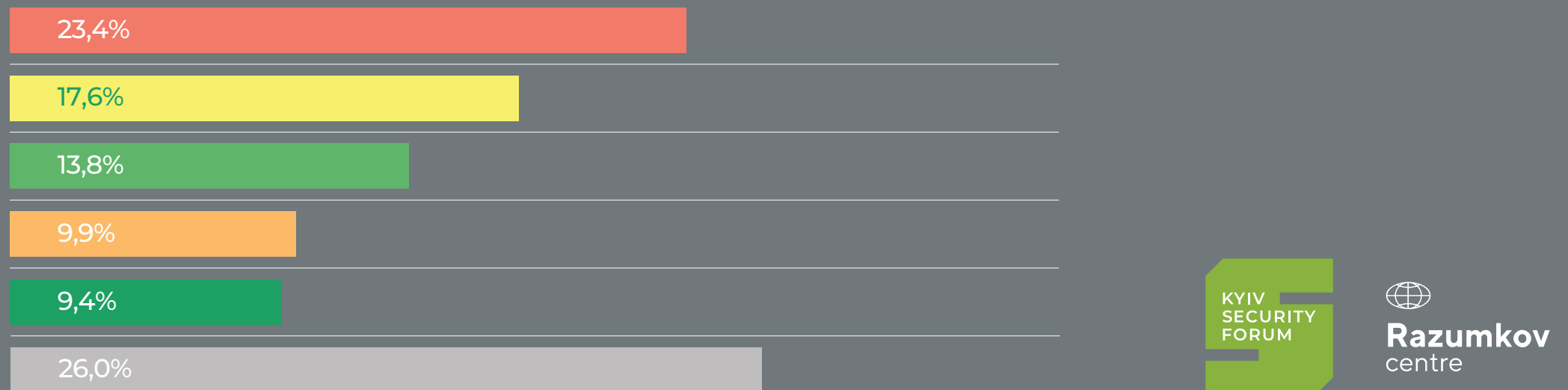


 In favour of the accession  Against the accession  It's difficult to say

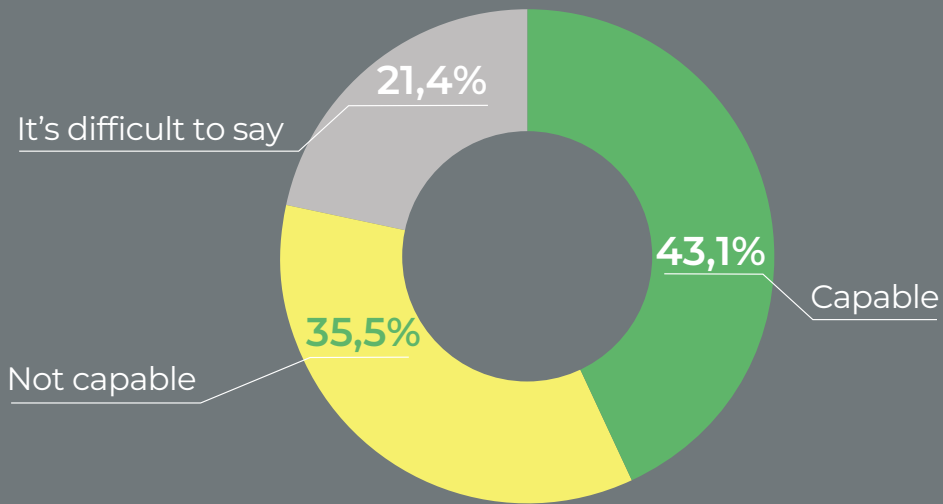
When do you think will Ukraine be able to join the EU?



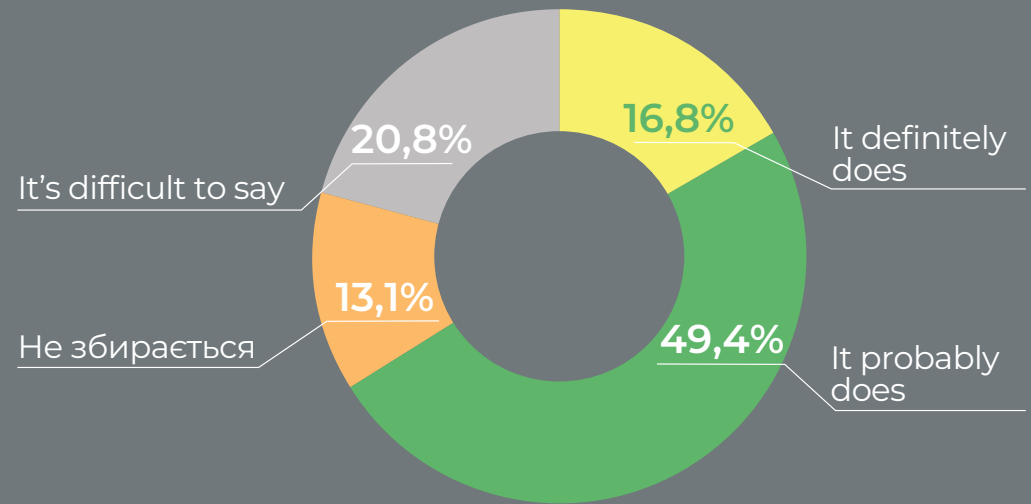
When do you think will Ukraine be able to join NATO?



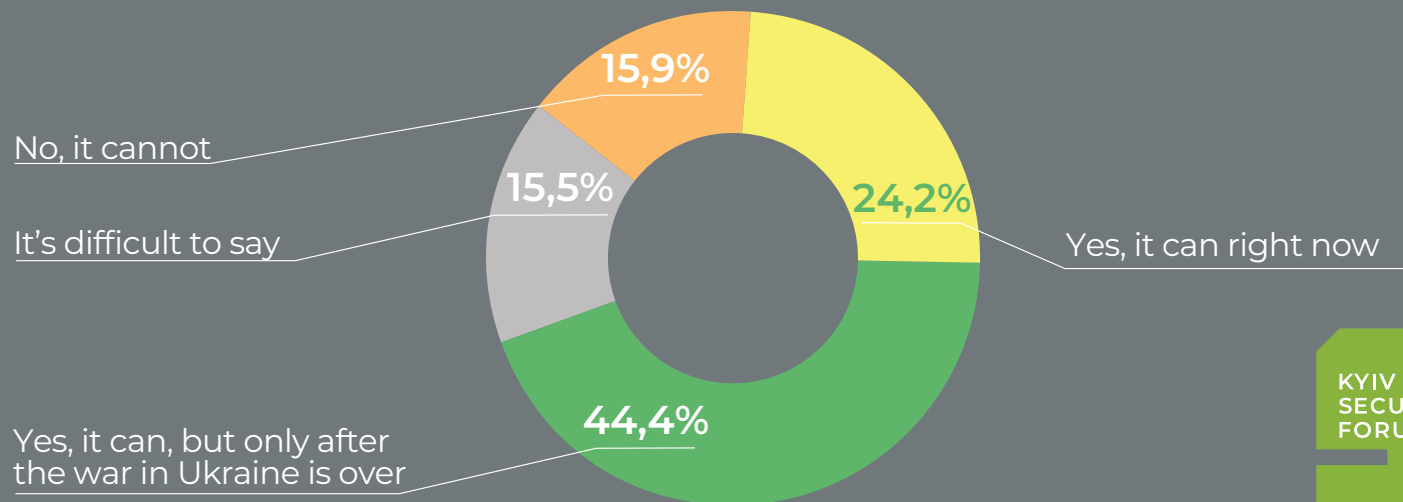
Do you think NATO is capable of defending itself effectively in the event of Russia's attack?



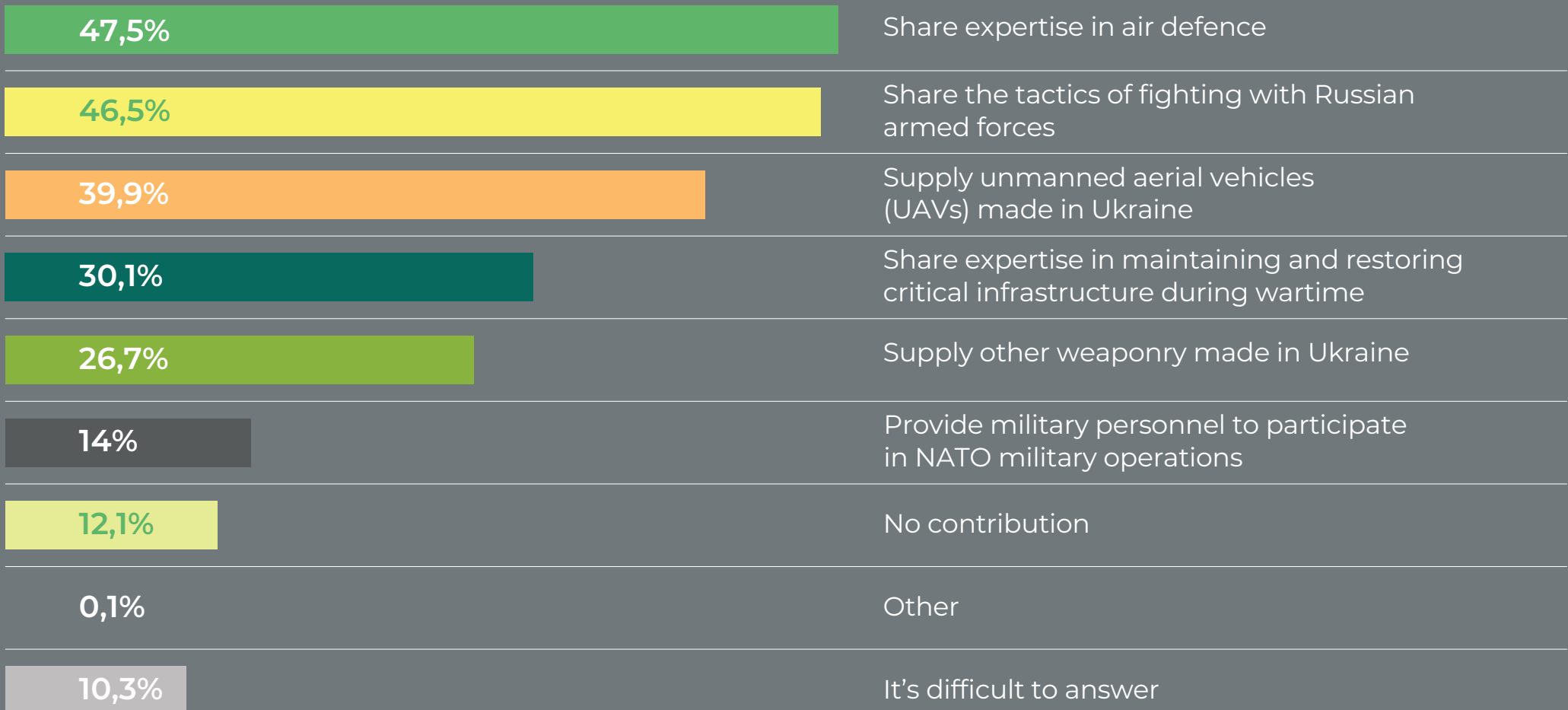
Do you think Russia intends to attack one of the NATO Member States?



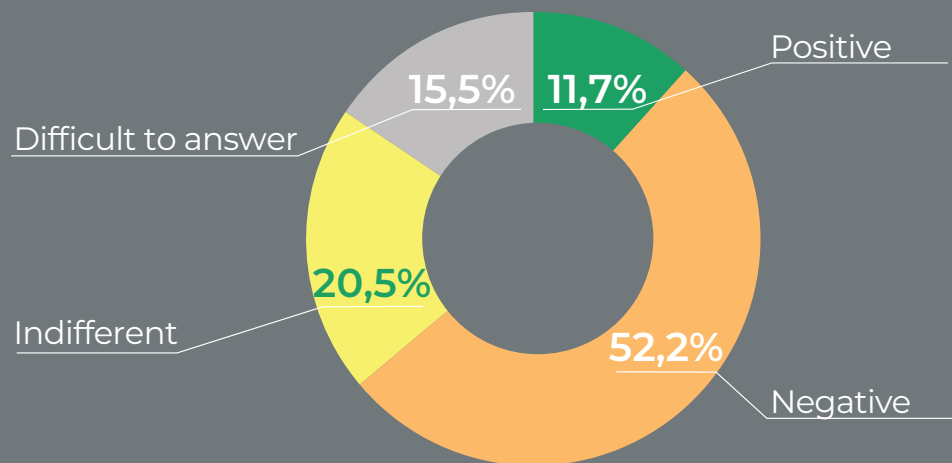
Do you think Ukraine can contribute to strengthening NATO's security?



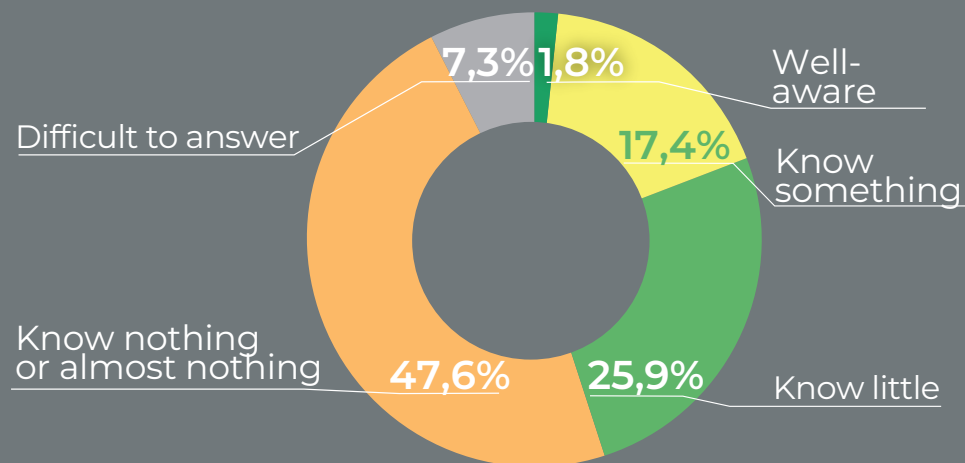
In your opinion, what contribution could Ukraine make to strengthening NATO's security? (multiple answers are possible)



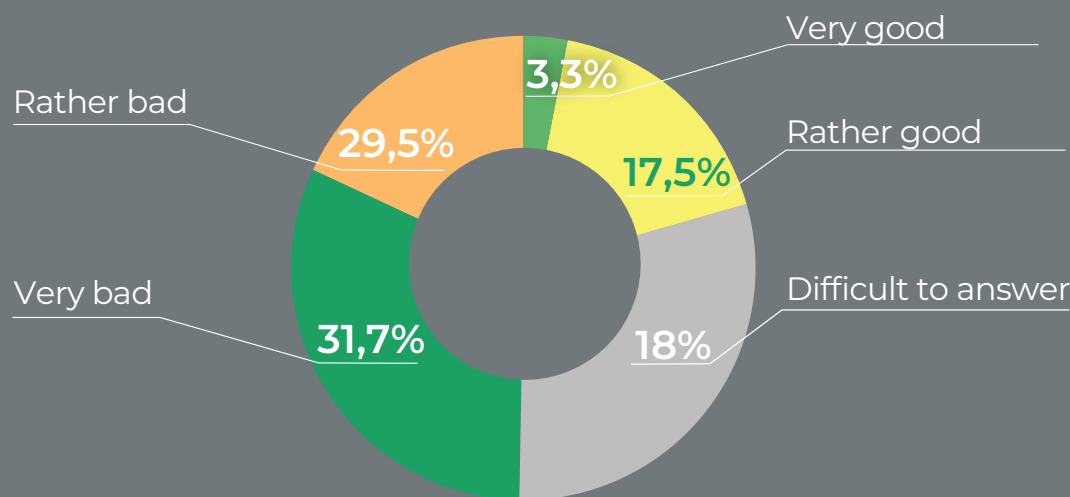
What is your view on the actions taken by the US and Israel in the Middle East against the Iranian regime?



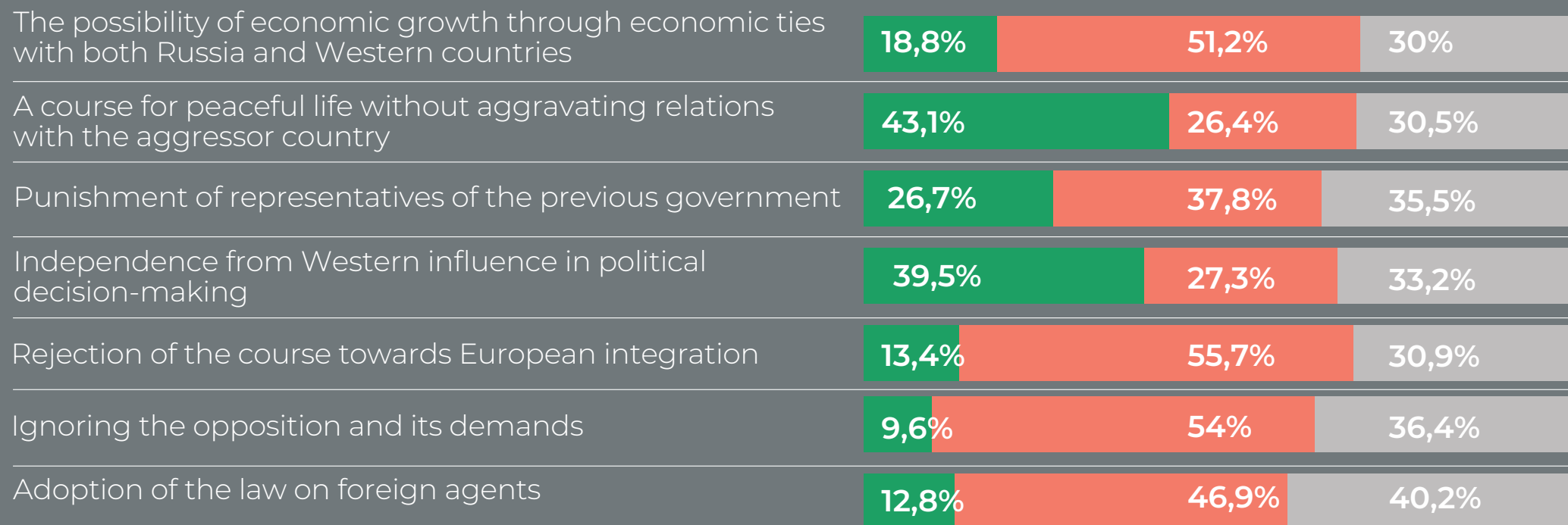
Are you aware of the current political situation in Georgia?



In your opinion, would the Georgian model be good for Ukraine...
(% of those who are well informed or have some knowledge of the political situation in Georgia)



Which aspects of Georgia's current political course do you approve of, and which do you disapprove of?



 Approve  Disapprove  Difficult to answer

How should a tax increase be implemented in Ukraine, taking into account the conditions of martial law?

Raising taxes is not advisable, given the population's limited purchasing power

36,6%

Tax increase should be gradual in order to balance the state's need for additional revenue with the population's limited purchasing power

26,2%

There should be no tax increase at all

18,2%

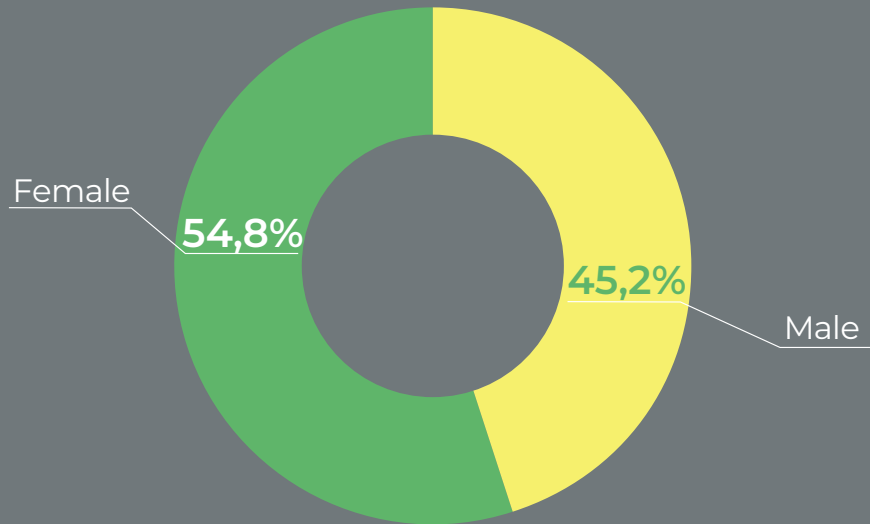
Tax increase should be prompt to ensure maximum revenue for the state budget within a short period of time

6,5%

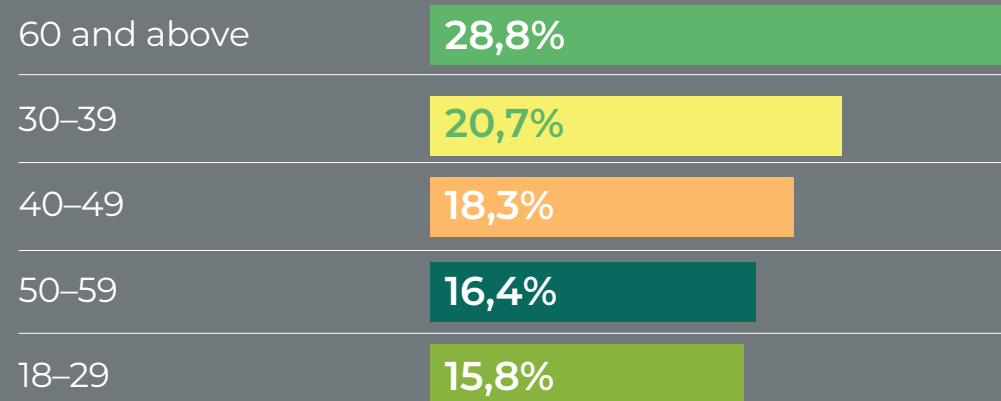
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12,5%

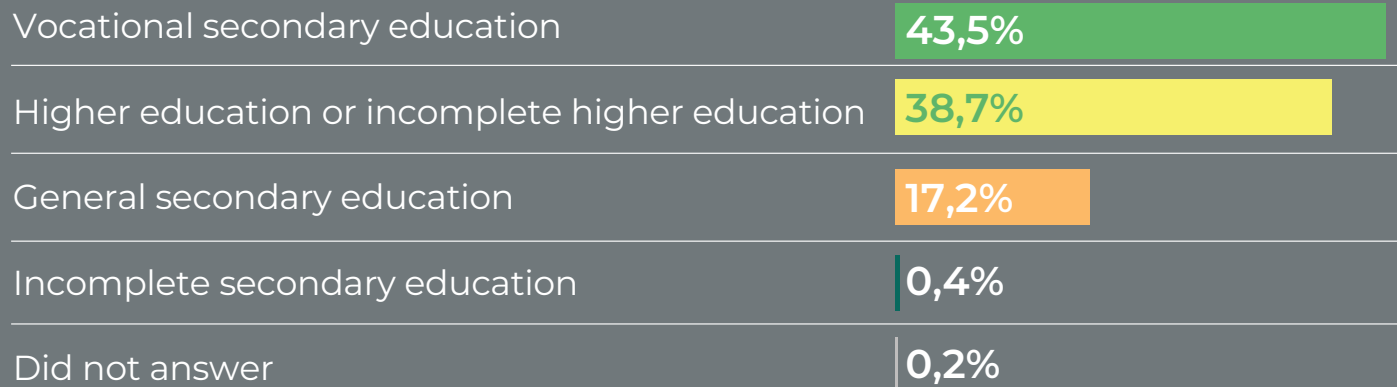
Respondent's sex:



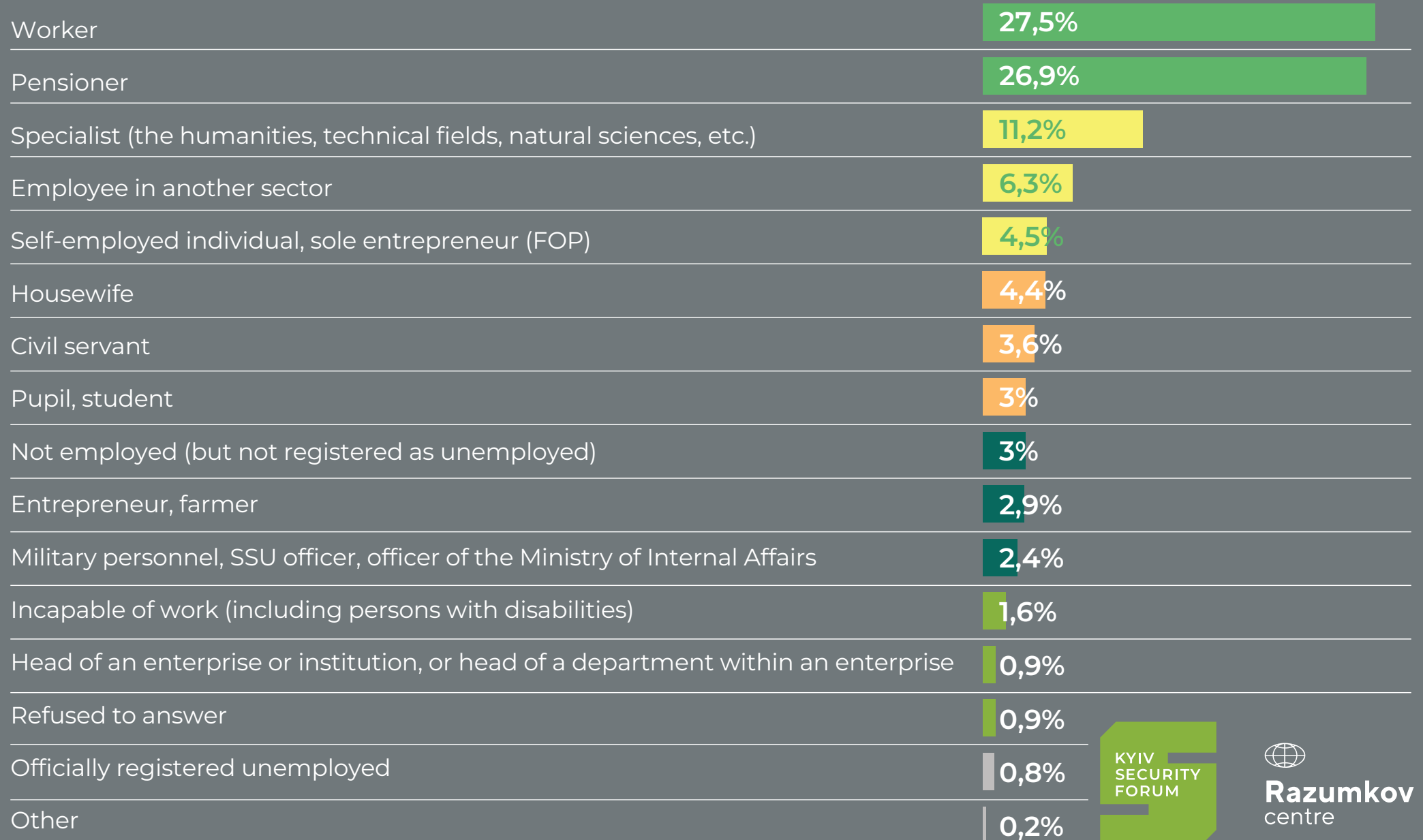
Respondent's age



Educational background



Social status of the respondent



What is your family's overall financial situation? (select one answer)

Generally speaking, we have enough to live on. However, buying durable goods such as furniture, a fridge or a TV is difficult

44%

We have enough for food and to buy essential, inexpensive items

34,2%

We're barely making ends meet. We don't even have enough money for essential food

12,3%

We live comfortably, but we are not yet in a position to make certain purchases (buying a flat, a car, etc.)

7,6%

We can afford to buy practically everything we want

0,3%

It's difficult to say

1,5%

Are you currently employed?

Yes

60,5%

No. I am not employed due to my age

23,4%

No. I am not employed due to other reasons

9,5%

No. I am not employed due to health reasons

3,9%

No. I am not employed because I am a full-time student

2,5%

Did not answer

0,3%

What language do you mainly speak at home?

Ukrainian

64,2%

Both Ukrainian and Russian equally

23,6%

Russian

11,8%

Other

0,3%

Difficult to say

0,2%

Where did you live before February 24, 2022. i. e. before the Russian invasion?

In this same settlement

93,6%

I moved here after February 24, 2022 due to the outbreak of hostilities and I am an internally displaced person (IDP) / 'displaced person'

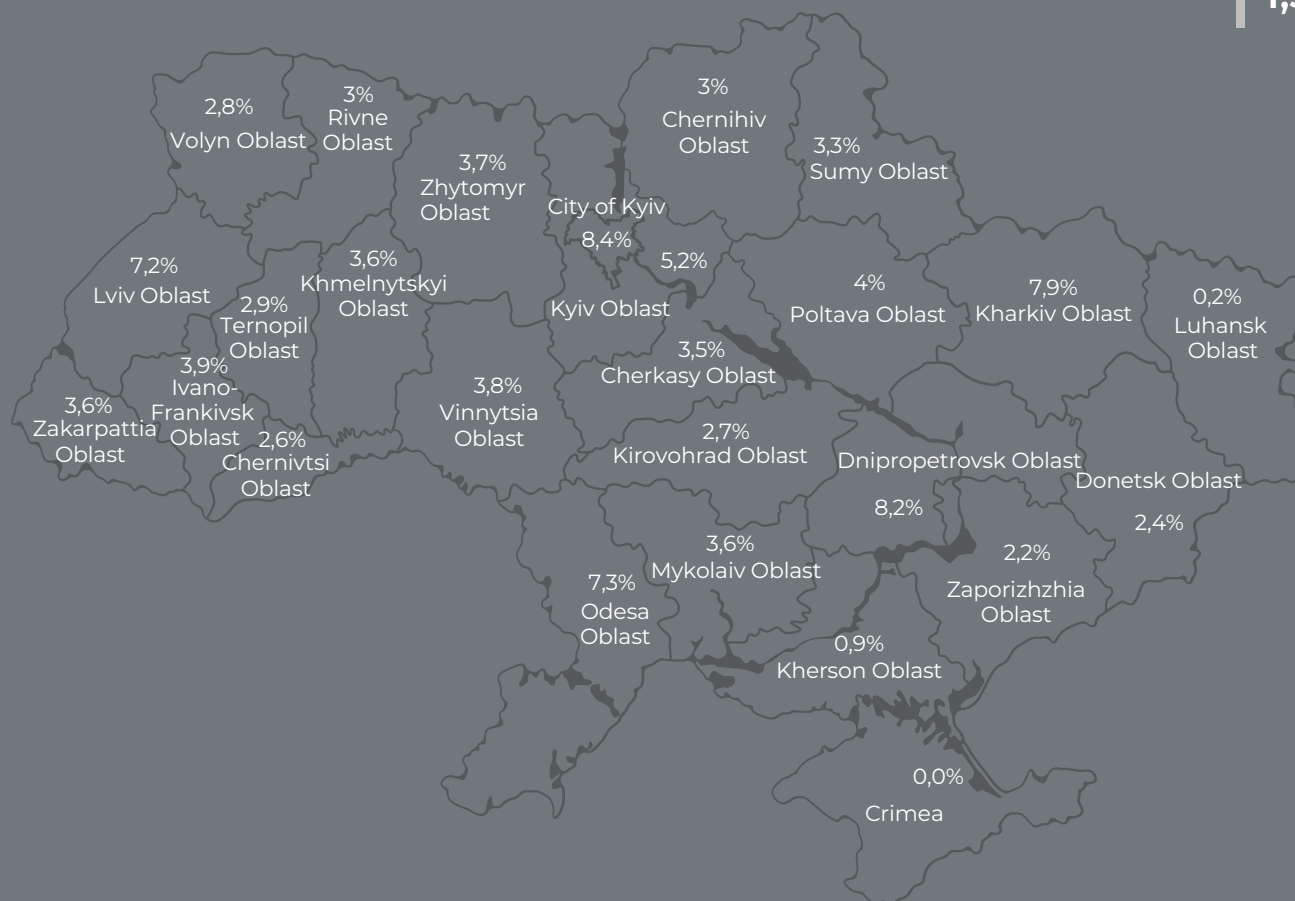
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I moved here after February 24, 2022, but for a different reason and I am not an IDP / 'displaced person'

2%

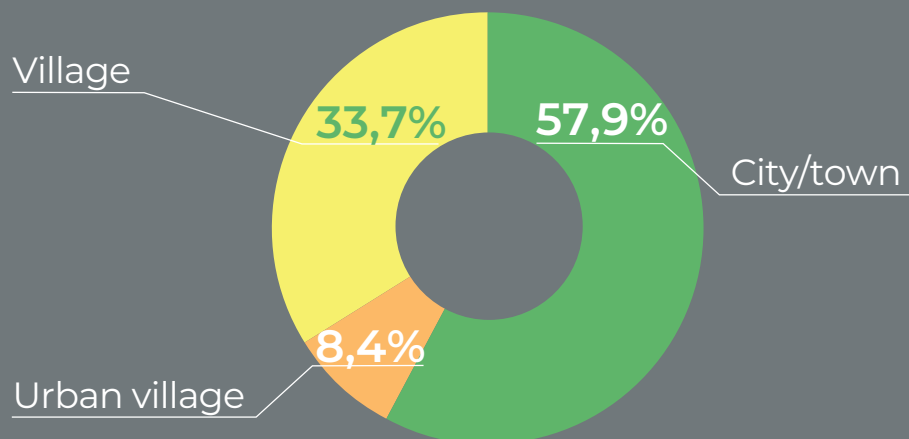
Refusal to answer

1,3%



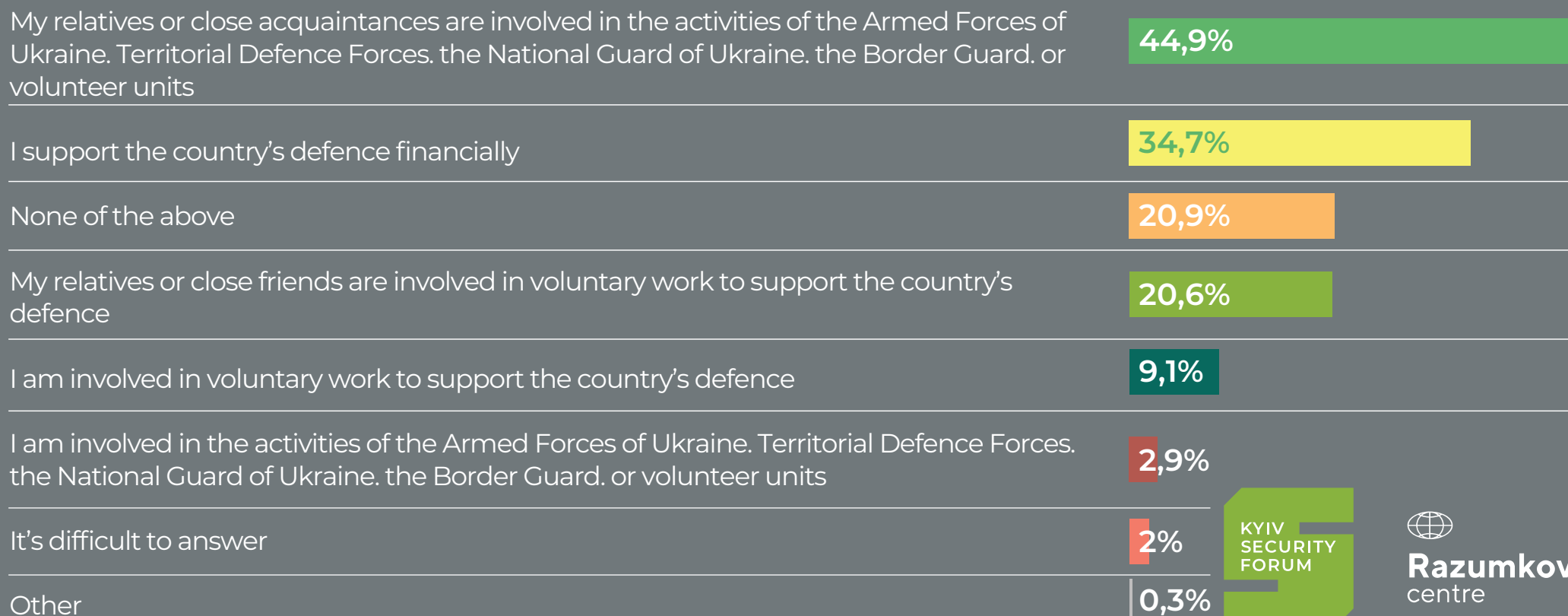
In which region did you live before February 24, 2022?





In what type of settlement did you live before February 24, 2022?

Do you actively participate in defending the country? (all the necessary answer options)



Were you involved in combat operations between 2014 and 2026

(as part of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the National Guard of Ukraine, Territorial Defence Forces, the Border Guard, or volunteer units)?

No. I was not a combatant

92%

I was a combatant between 2022 and 2026

3,3%

I was a combatant between 2014 and 2021

1,4%

I was a combatant both between 2014 and 2021
and between 2022 and 2026

0,4%

It's difficult to answer, refusal no answer

2,9%



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