



Survey of Iraqi Public Opinion

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Methodology in Brief

- Face-to-face interviews conducted between March 23 – March 31, 2006
- All field work conducted by an Iraqi polling firm and employed more than 150 trained interviewers around the country
- Interviews conducted in all 18 governorates.
- A total sample of 2,804 valid interviews were obtained from a total sample of 3,000 rendering a response rate of 93 percent
- The overall margin of error for this survey is +/- three percent
- Please contact IRI if more detailed methodological information is required



Demographics in Brief

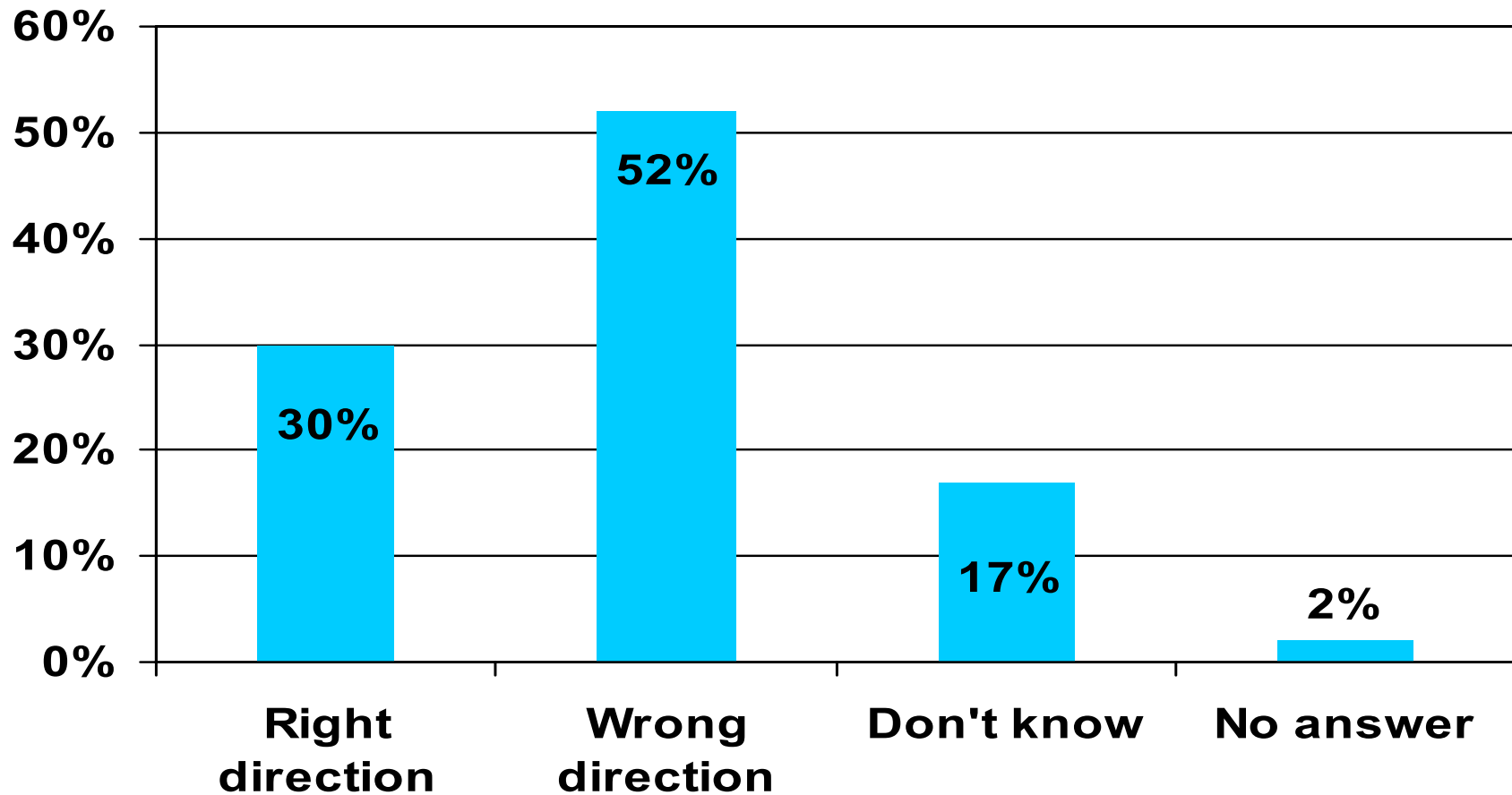
- Representative of 18 of Iraq's 18 provinces—percentage of sample range from three percent in Dohuk and Erbil to 25 percent in Baghdad
- Ethnic distribution: Arabic (85%), Kurdish (14%), Turkmen (less than 1%), Chaldo-Assyrian (less than 1%), other (less than 1%)
- Urban sample accounts for 67 percent of respondents and rural respondents comprise remaining 33 percent
- Male to female ratio is 50 to 50, respectively
- Age distribution: 18-24 (20%), 25-34 (31%), 35-44 (23%), 45-54 (15%), 55+ (11%)



General Public Outlook

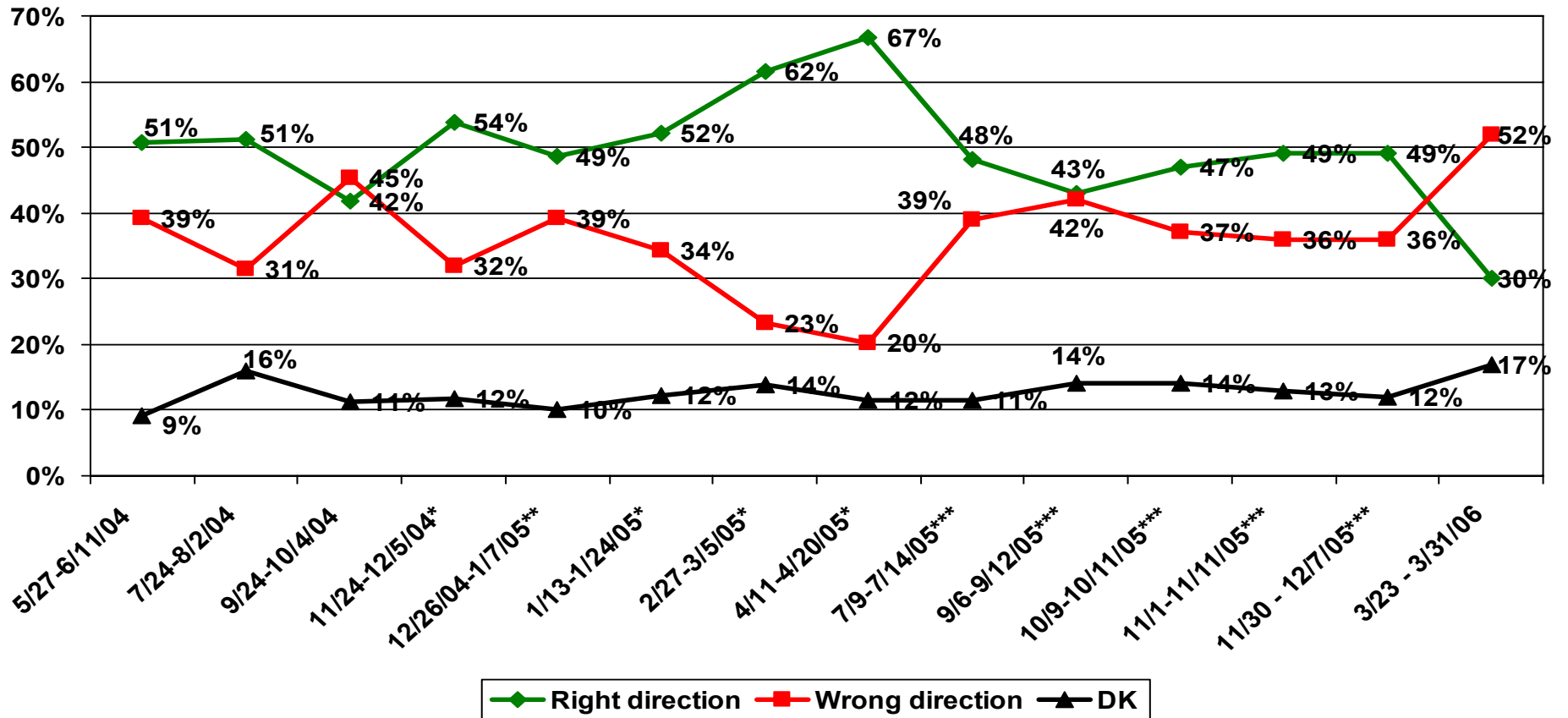
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Trends: May 2004 – March 2006



* Does not include Mosul, Anbar and Dohuk / **Does not include Mosul and Dohuk/ ***Does not include Anbar

Why do you feel that Iraq is generally heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right Direction

Freedom and democracy	35%
Elected national government	28%
Increasing wages	10%
Getting rid of former regime	9%
Improving security situation	5%

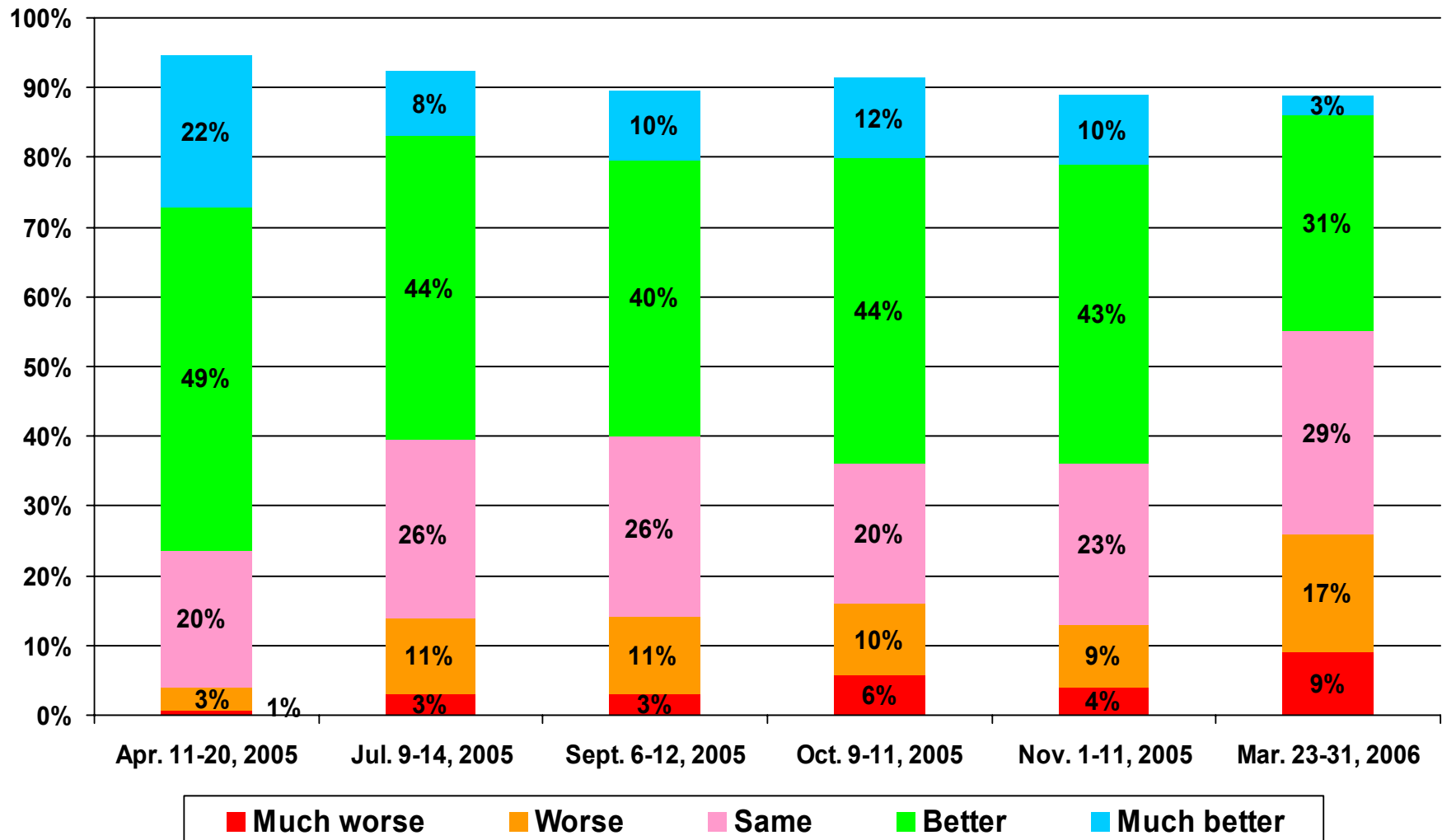
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Wrong Direction

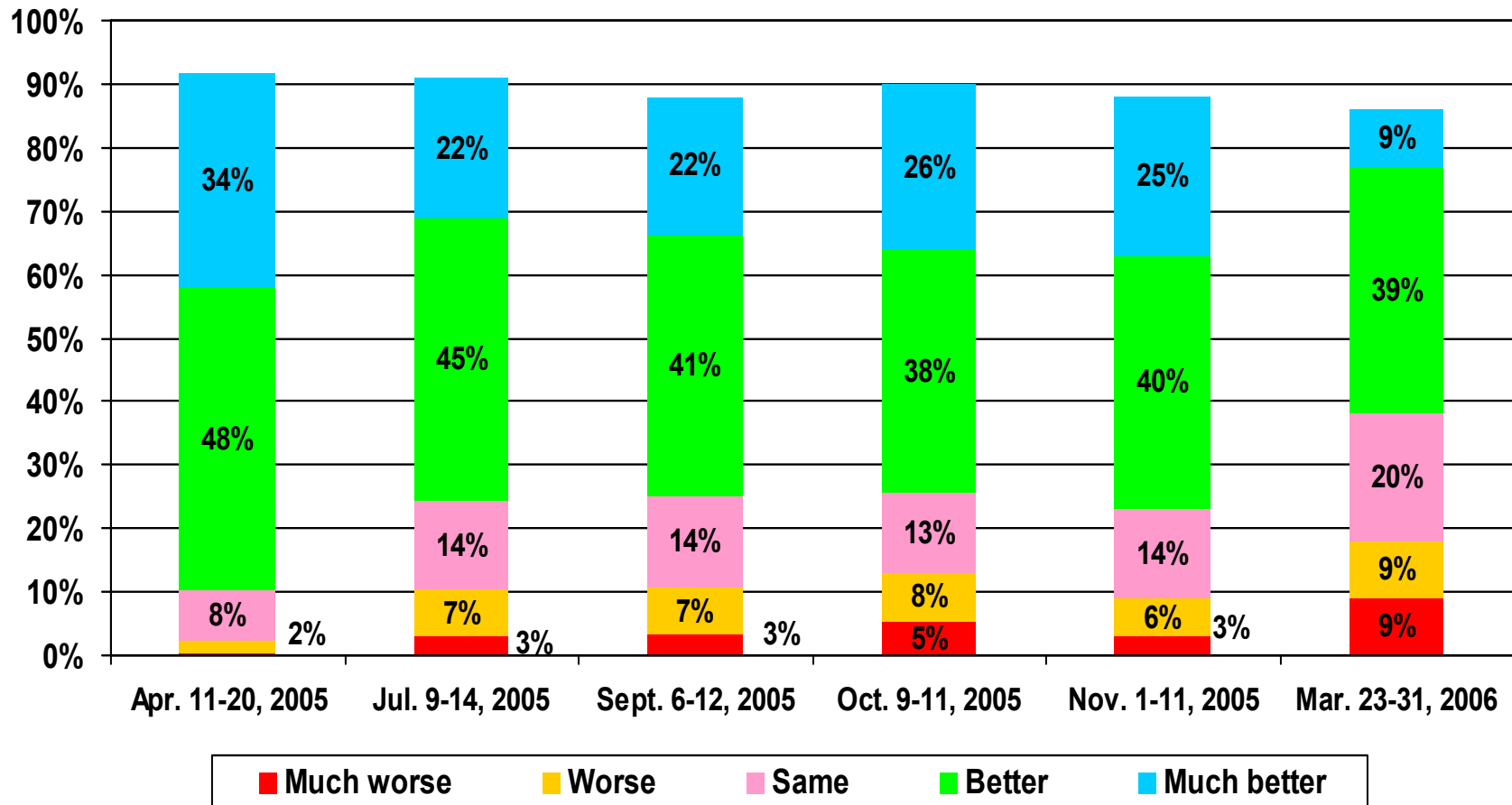
Bad security situation	45%
Presence of occupation	17%
Inactive government	16%
Militias and parties	4%
Unavailability of services	4%

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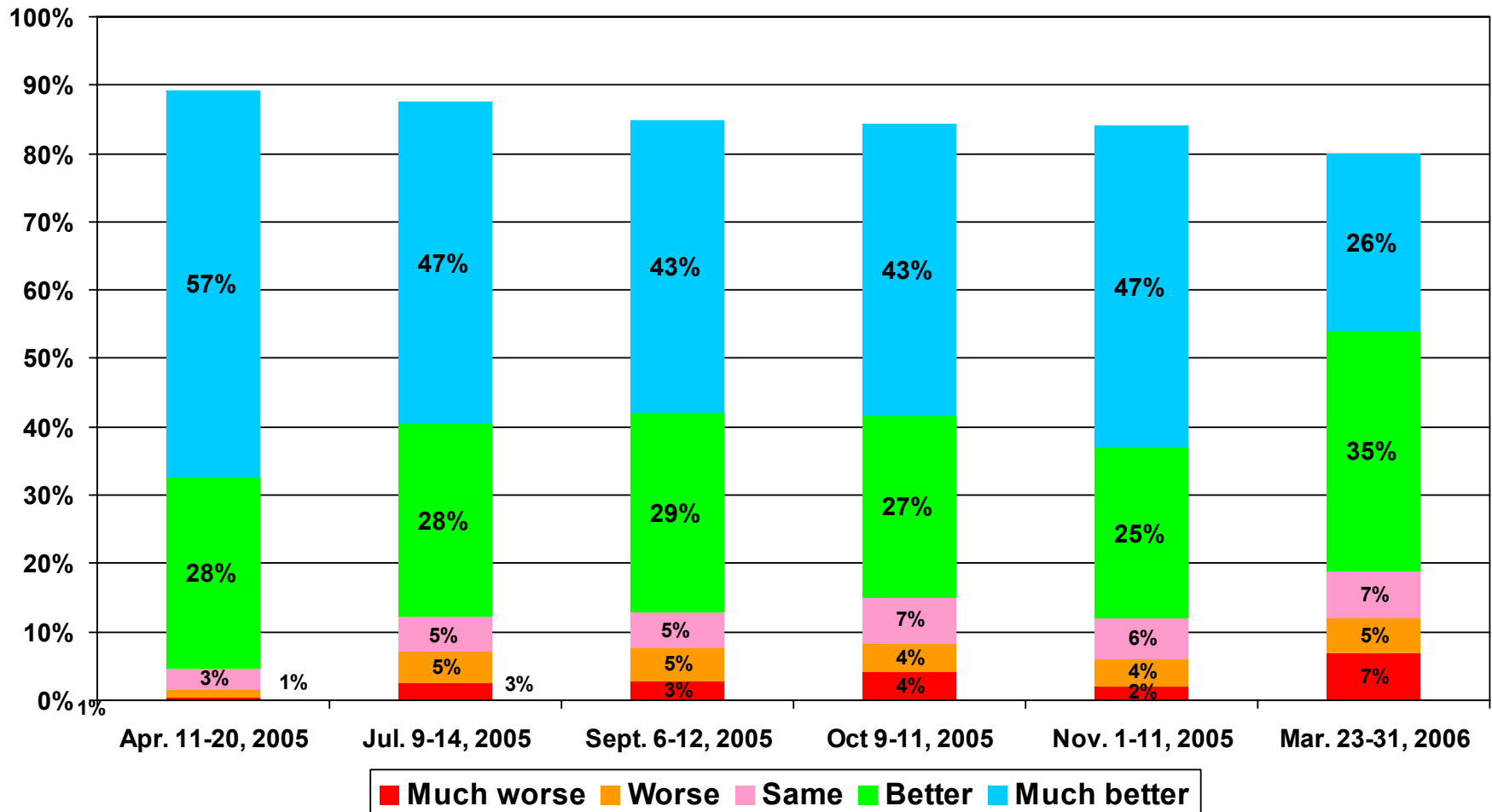
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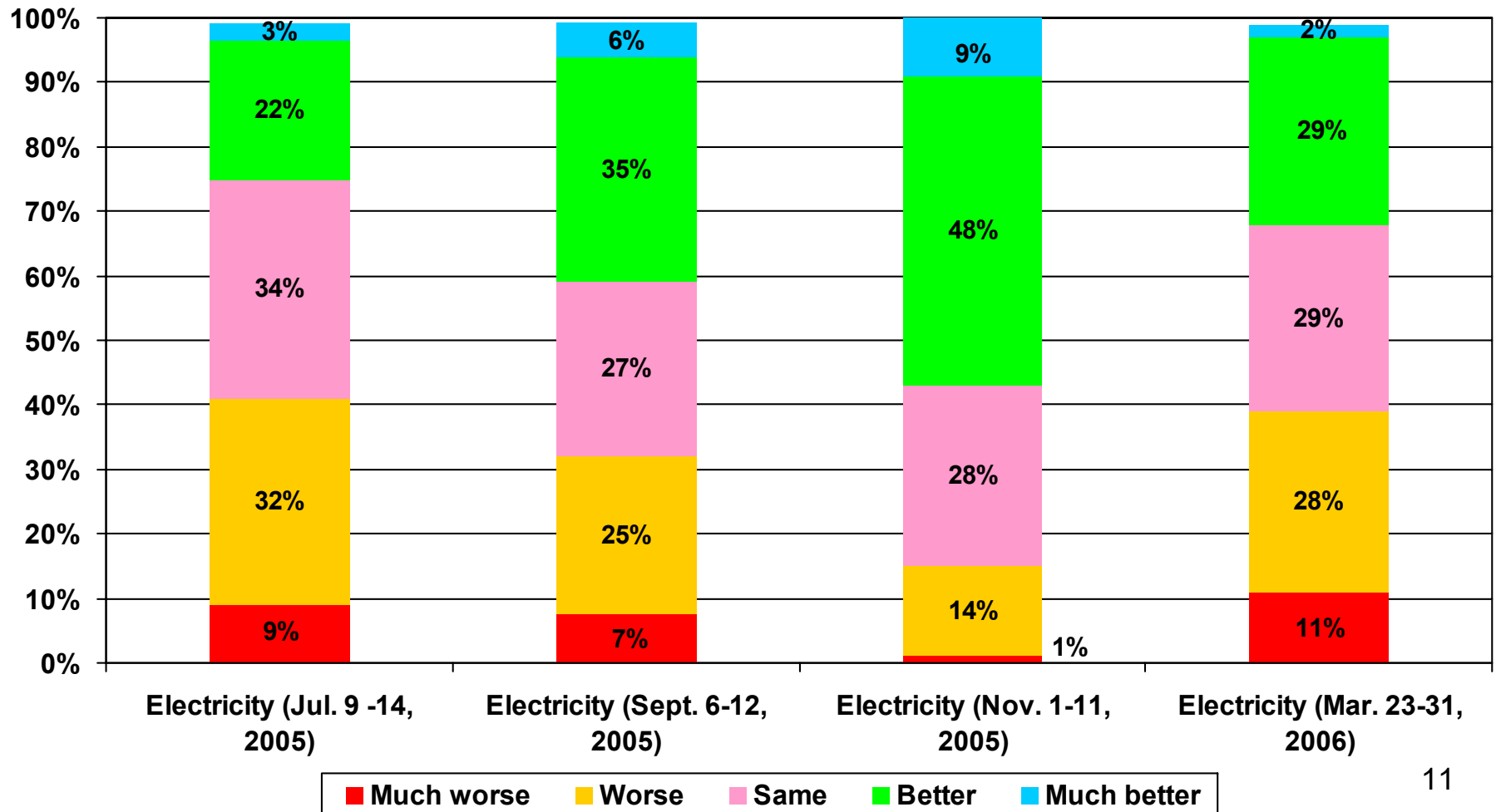
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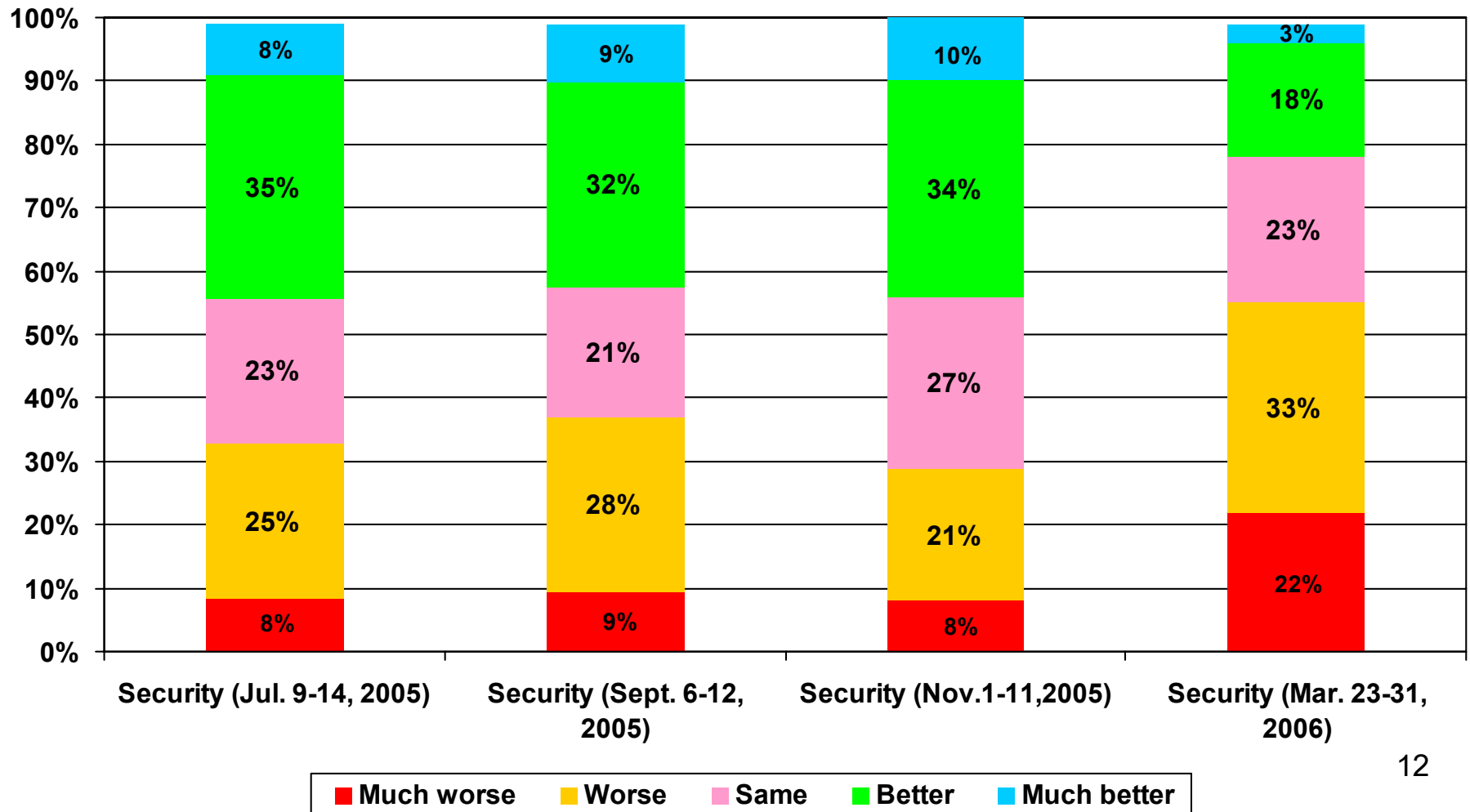
TREND: Thinking about the future, do you feel that things will be better, the same or worse in five years?



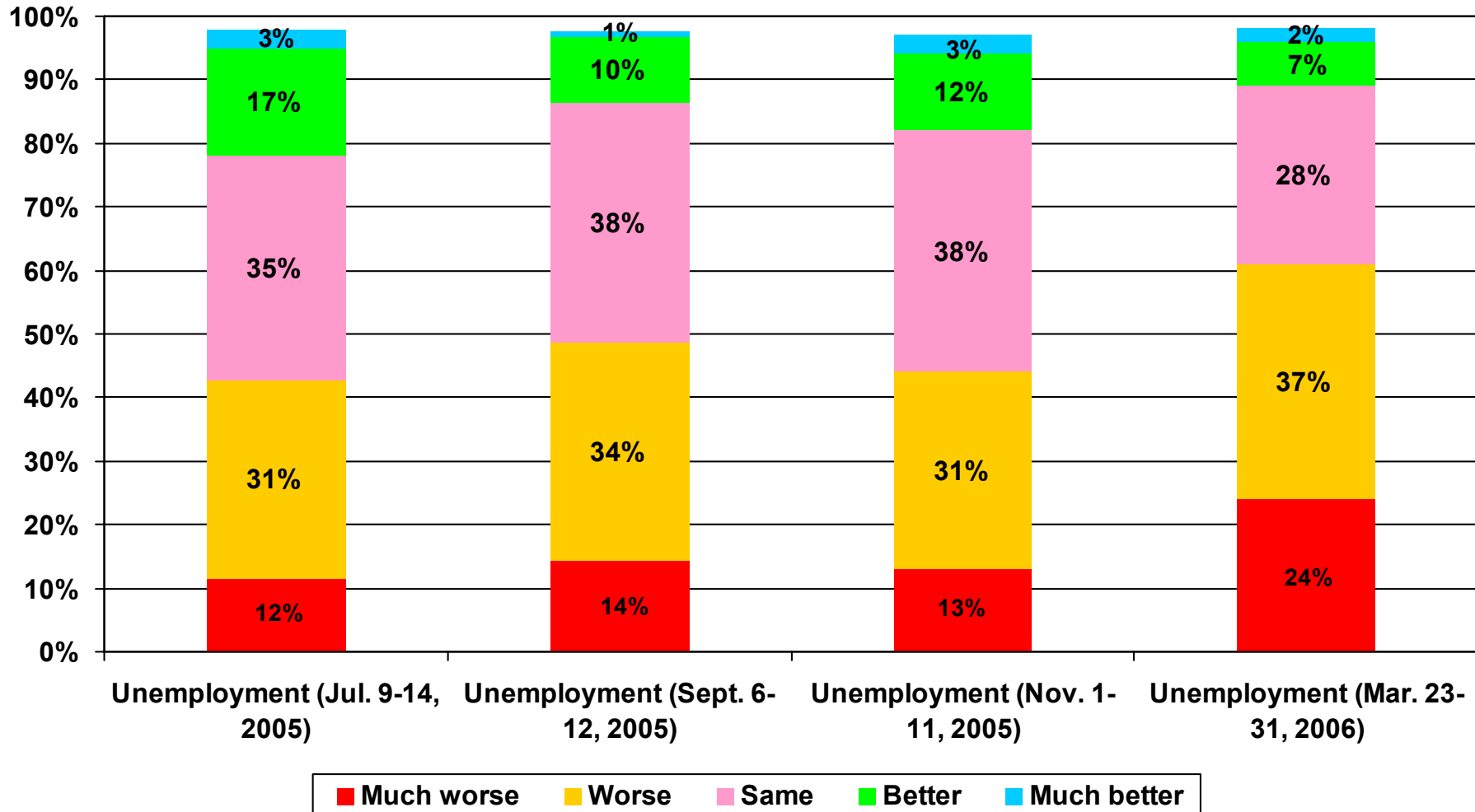
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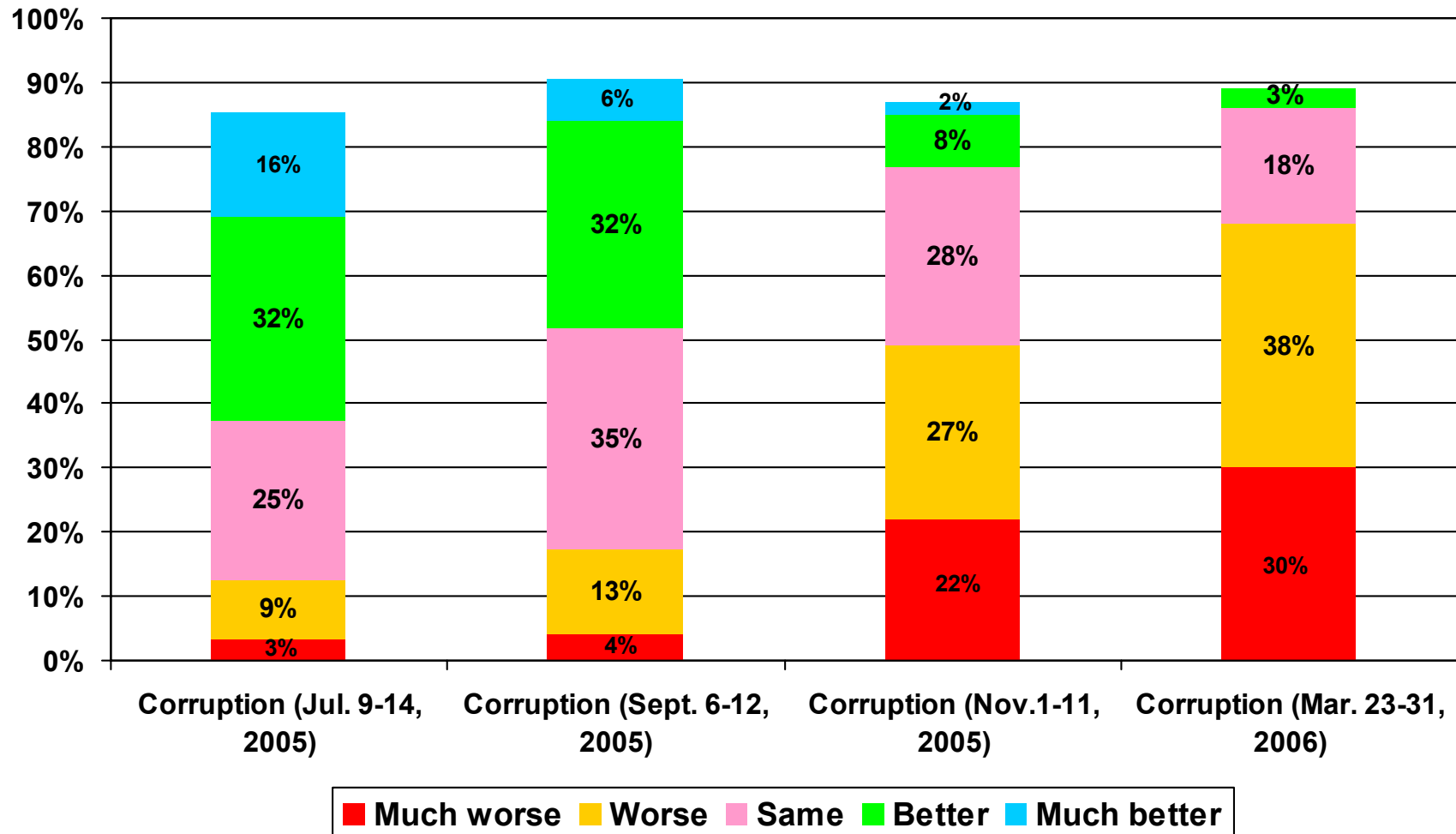
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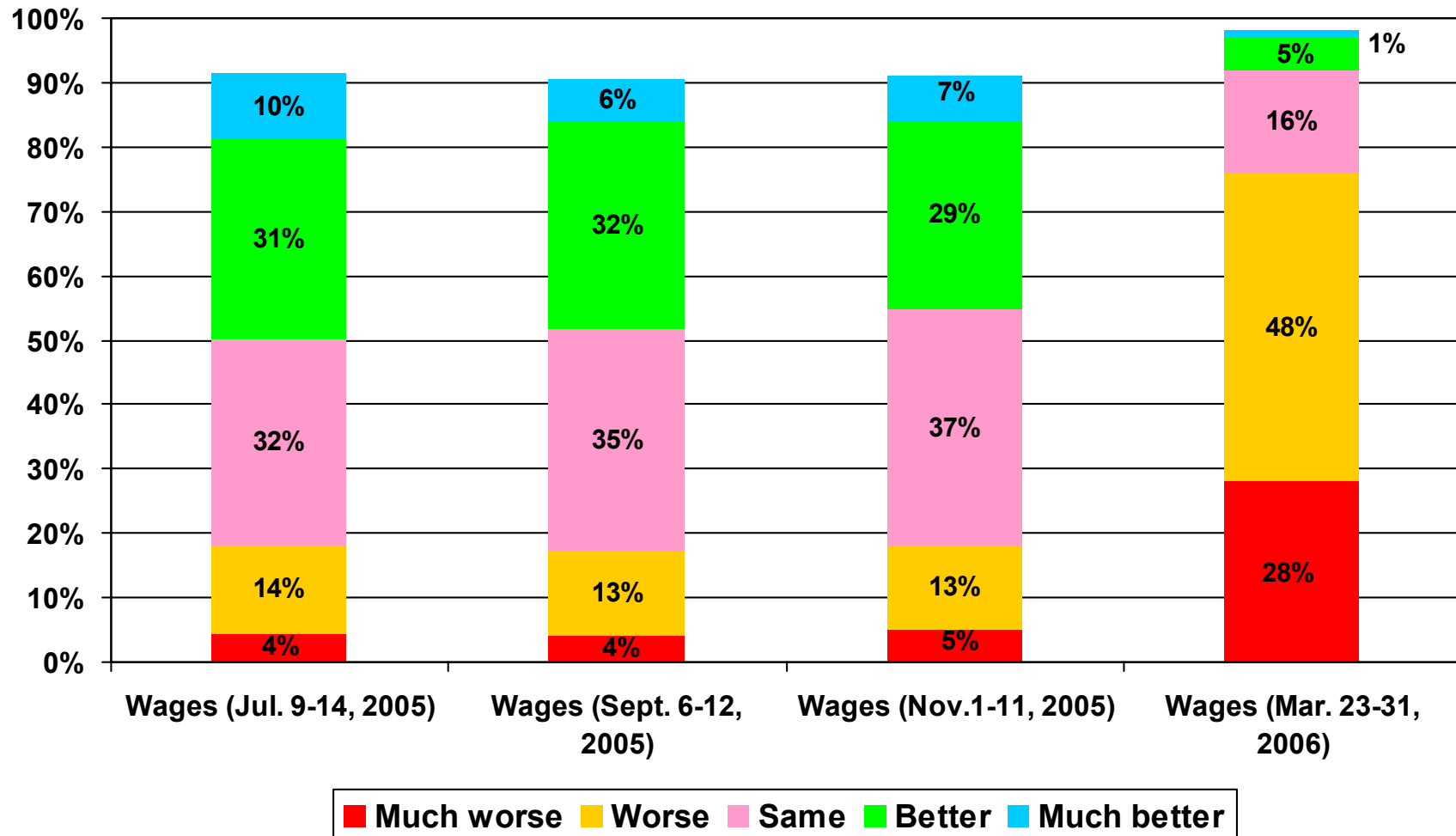
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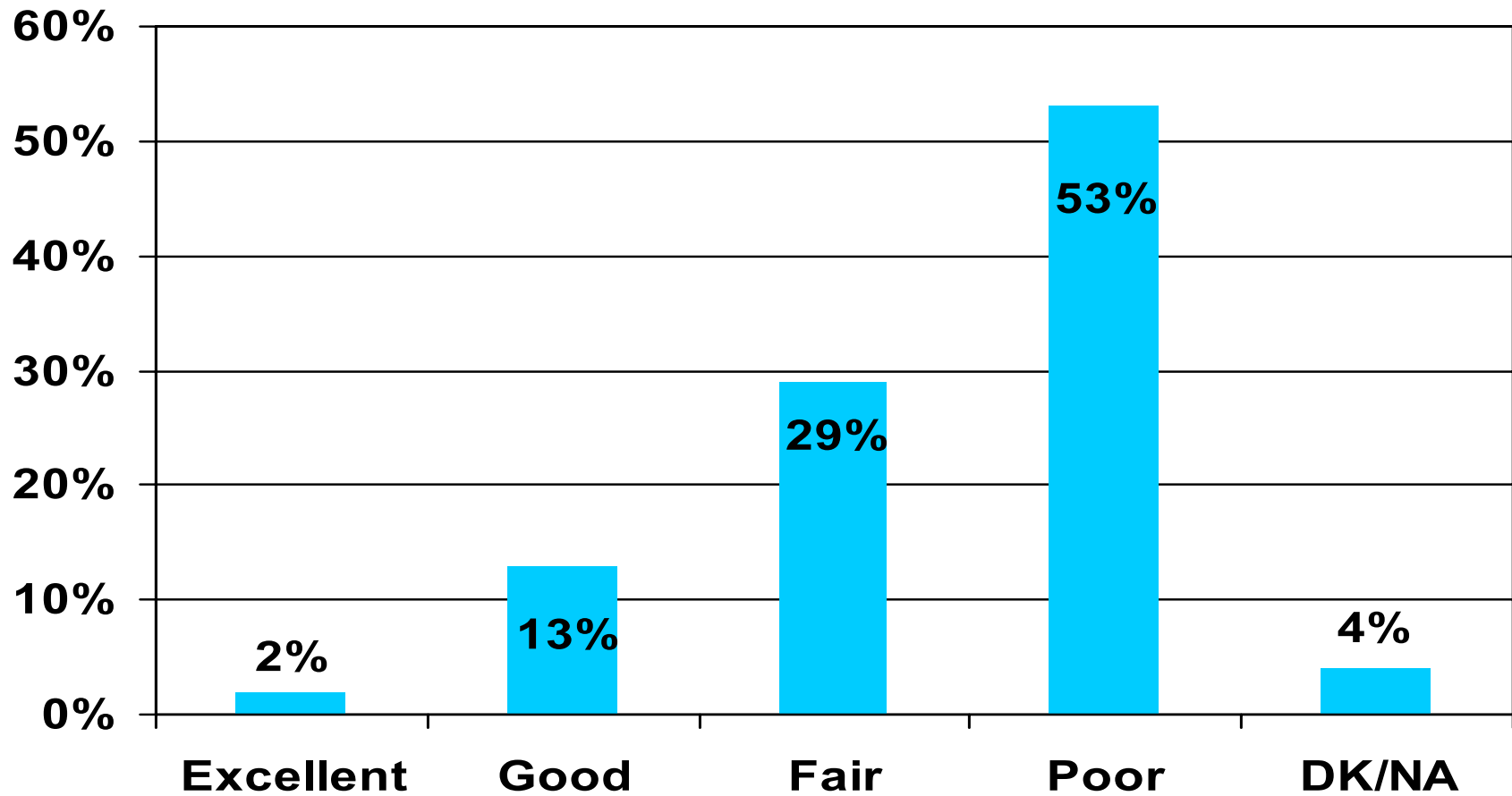
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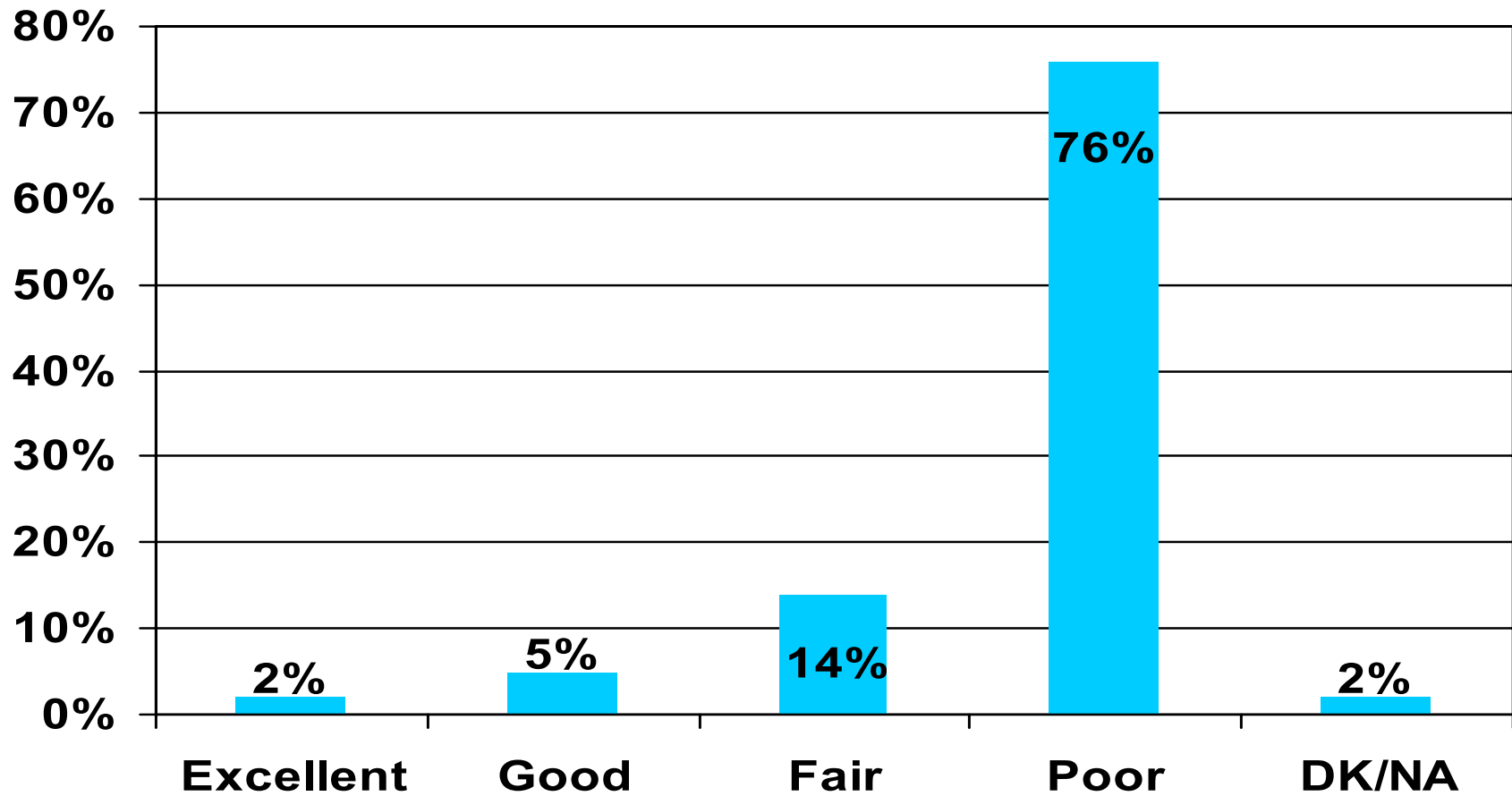
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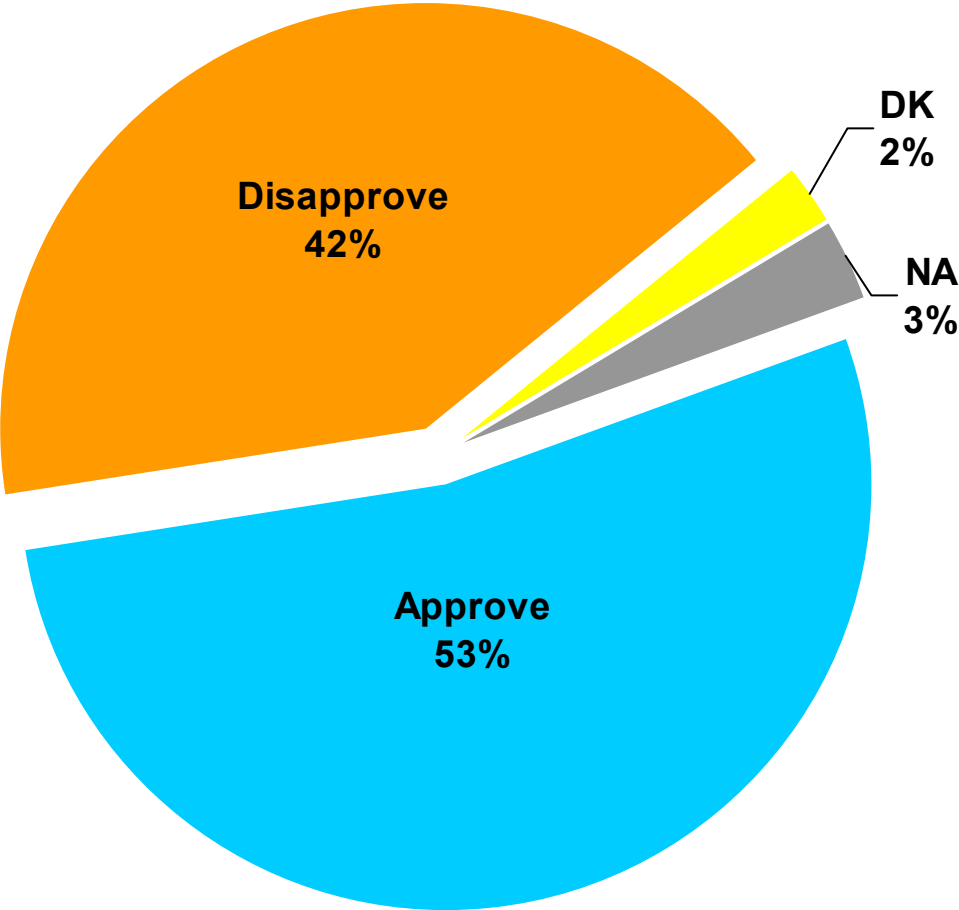
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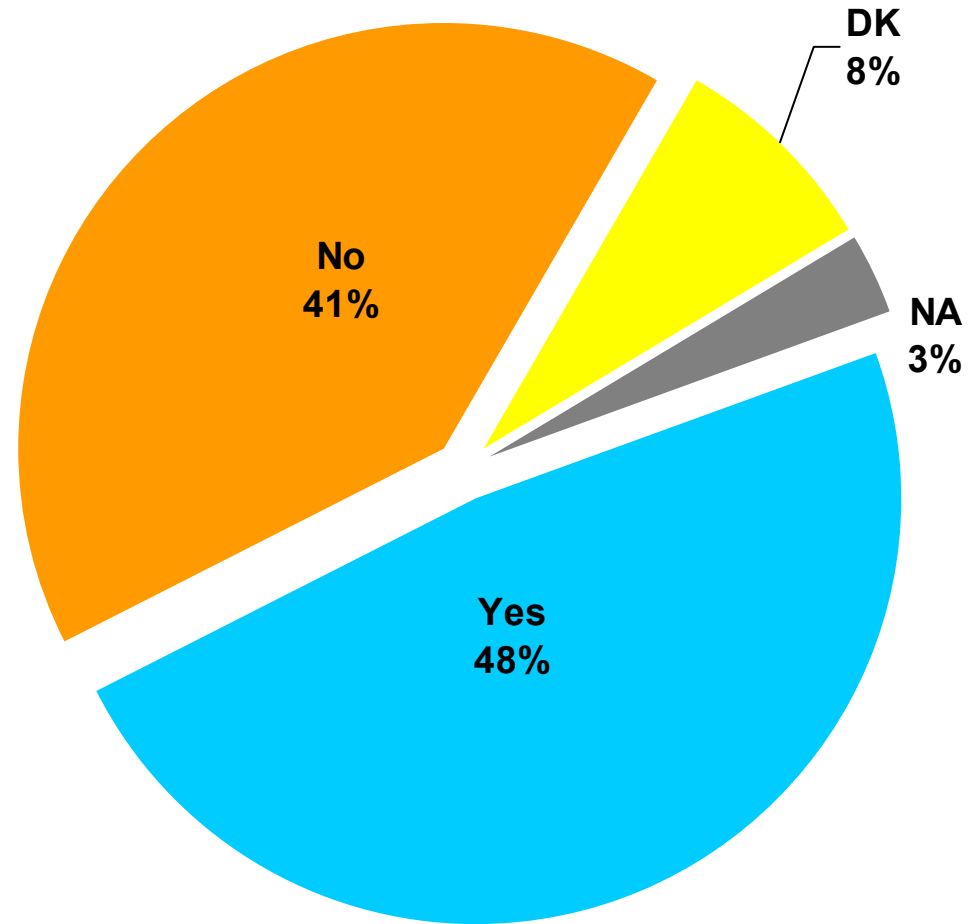
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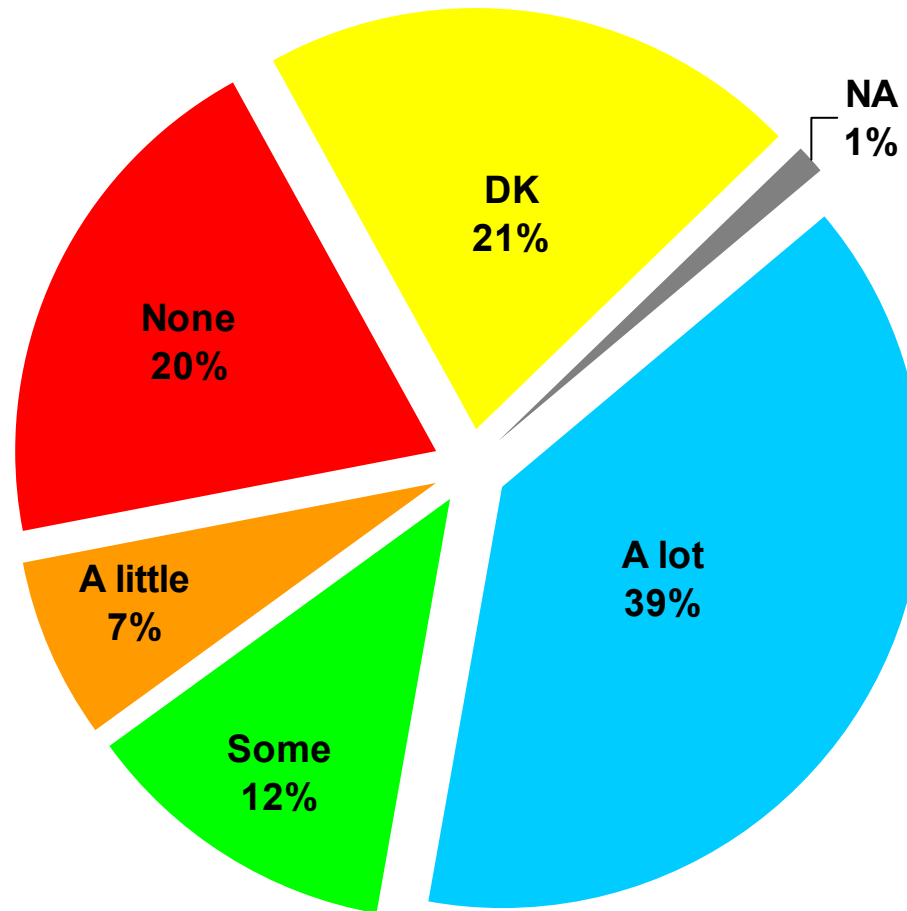
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dr. Ibrahim Jaafari is handling his job as Prime Minister?



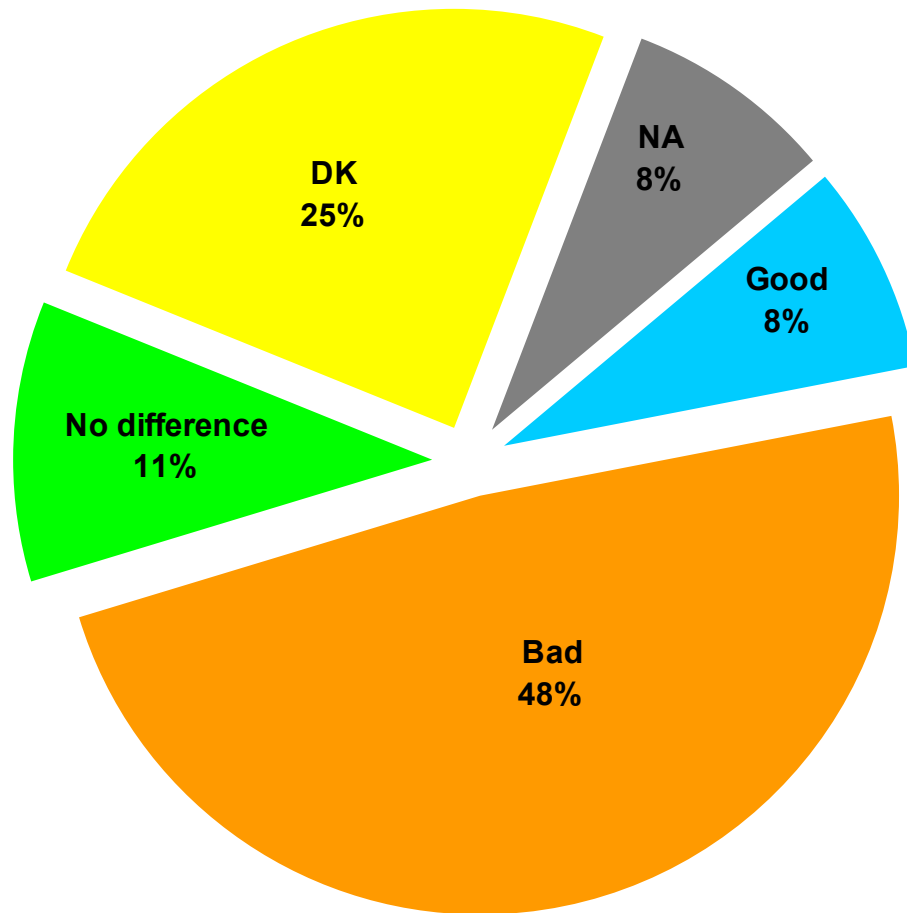
Do you want Dr. Ibrahim Jaafari to serve another term as Prime Minister?



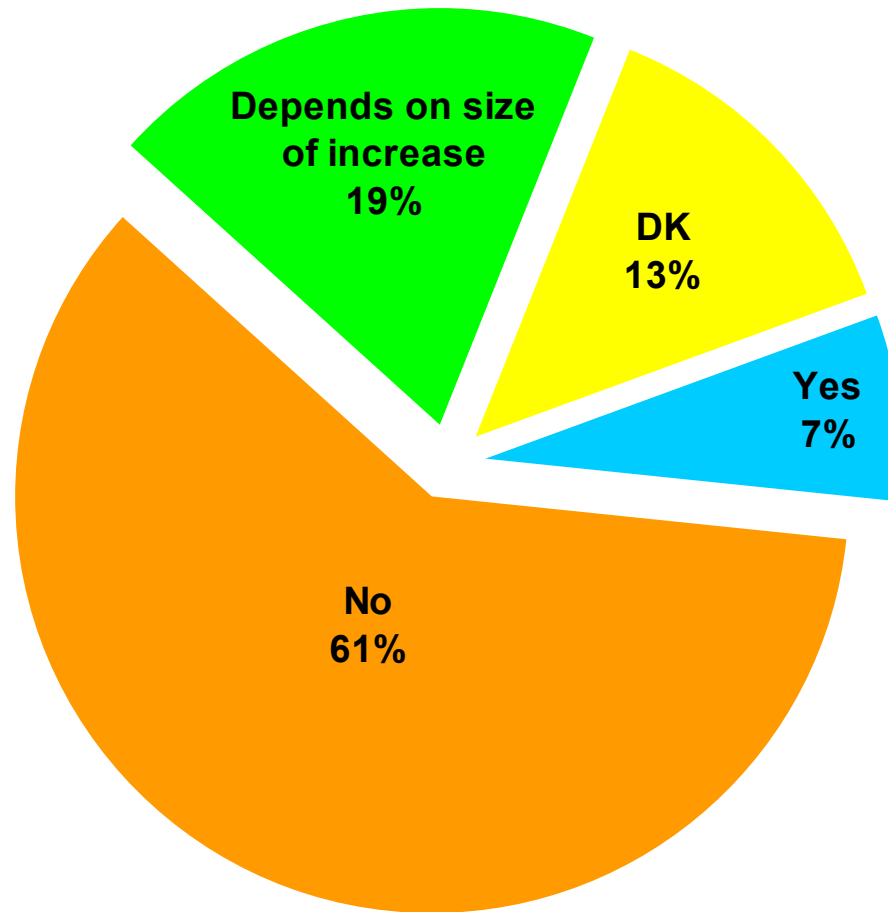
How much influence do you think Iran currently exercises over Iraqi politics and government?



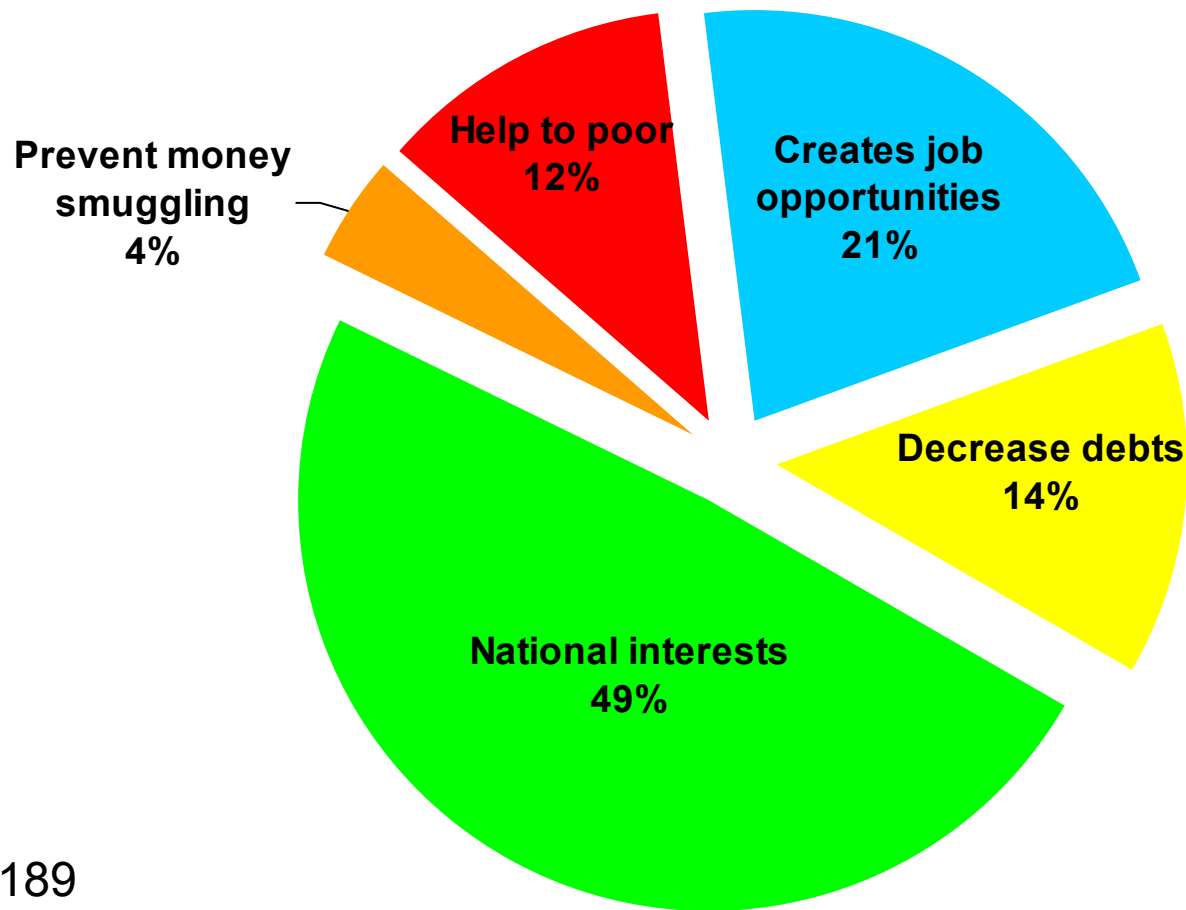
Do you think that Iranian influence over Iraqi politics and government is good or bad for Iraq?



The Iraqi government currently provides cheap fuel to all Iraqis. Would you be willing to accept a small increase in the price of fuel in exchange for a large reduction in Iraq's international debt, an increase of several hundred thousand new jobs for Iraqis, and significantly improved government services for the poorest Iraqis?

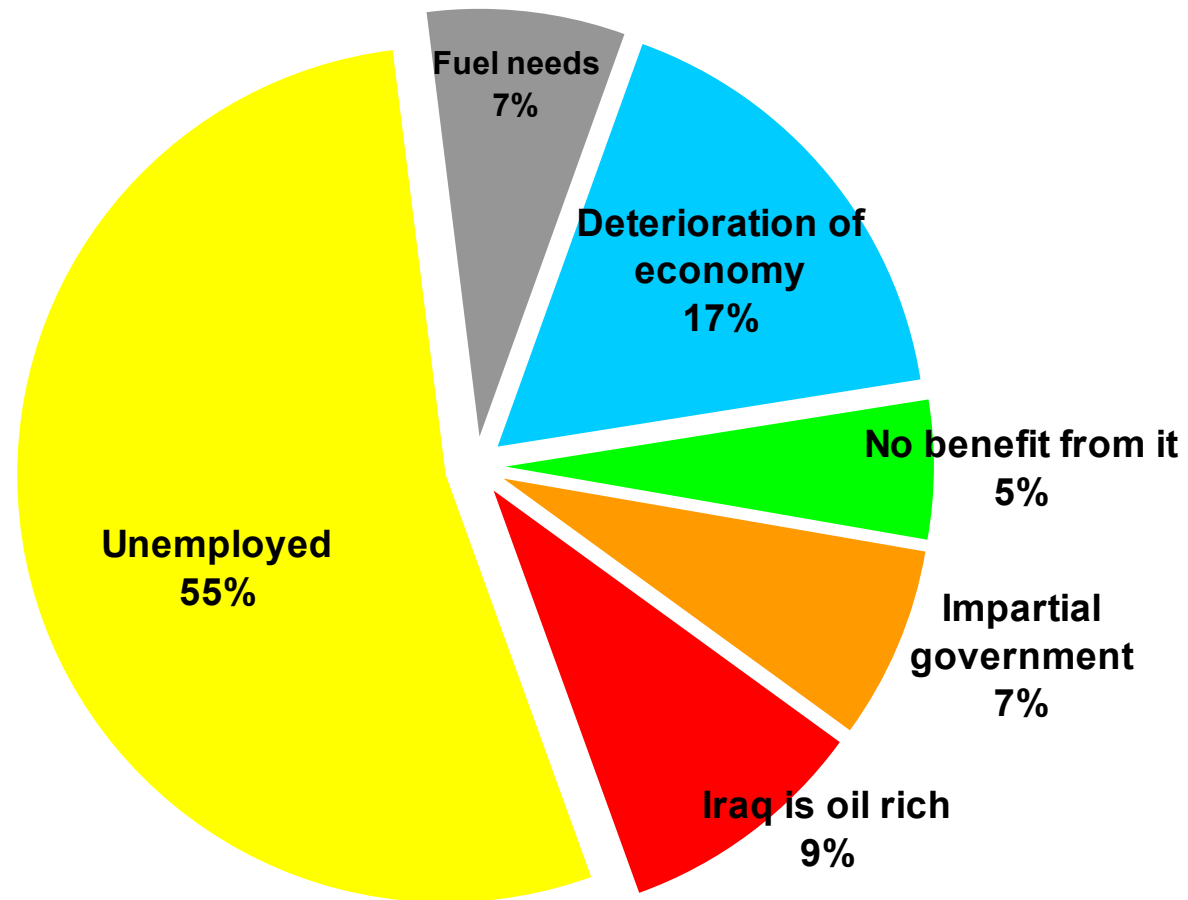


Why are you willing to accept a small increase in the price of fuel in exchange for a reduction in Iraq's international debt, an increase of several hundred thousand new jobs for Iraqis, and significantly improved government services for the poorest Iraqis?



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Why are you *not* willing to accept a small increase in the price of fuel in exchange for a reduction in Iraq's international debt, an increase of several hundred thousand new jobs for Iraqis, and significantly improved government services for the poorest Iraqis?



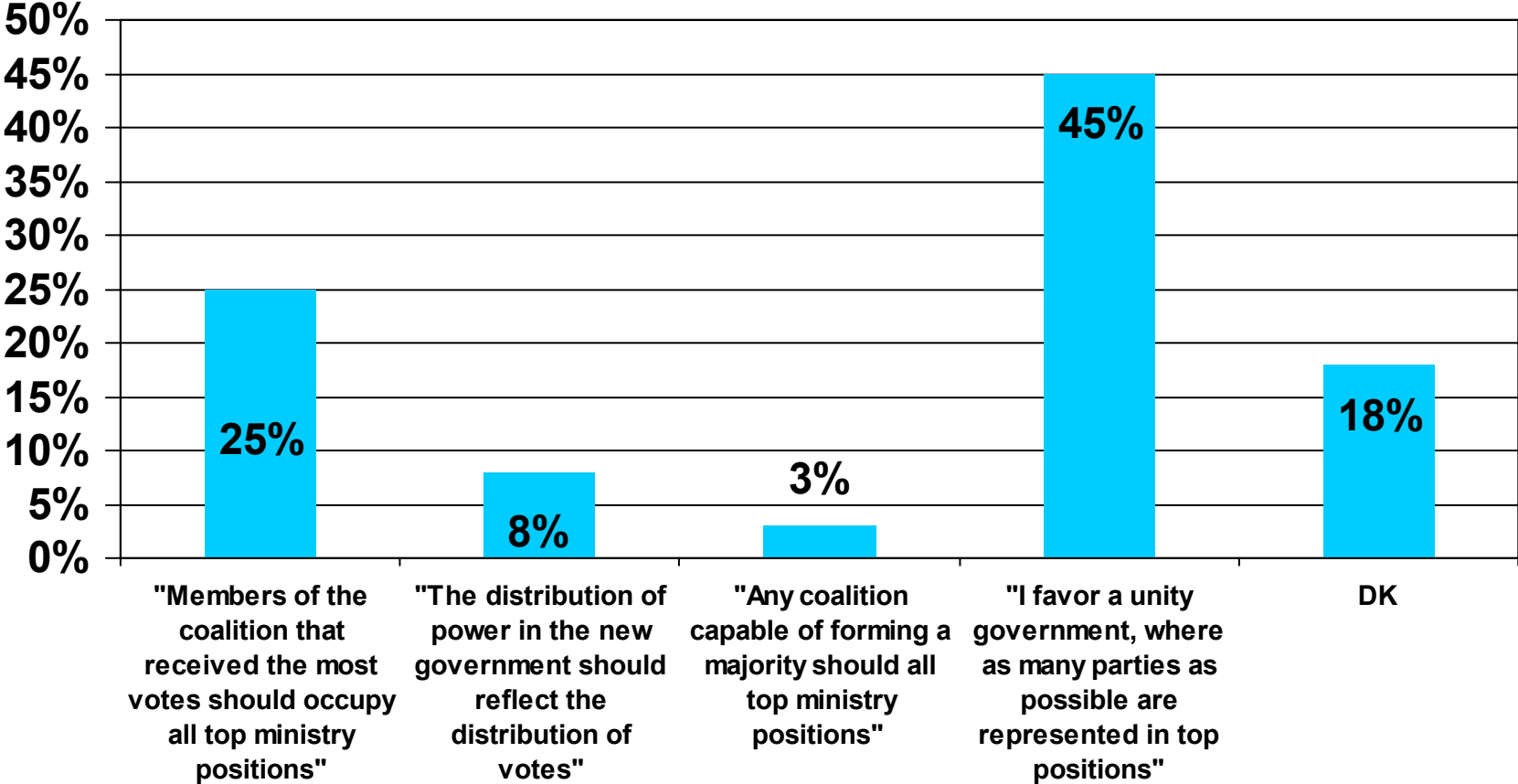
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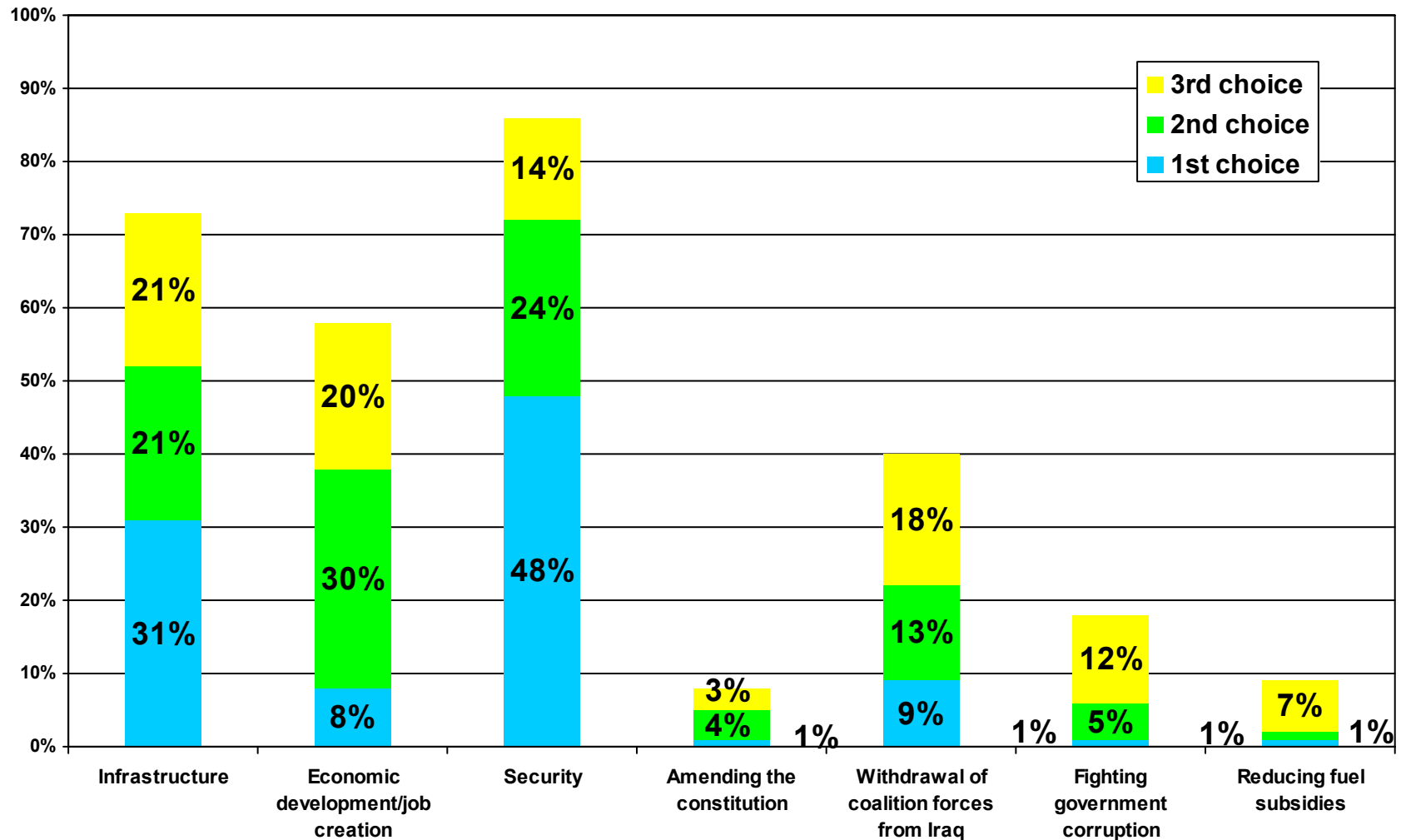
Looking Ahead to Future Political Events

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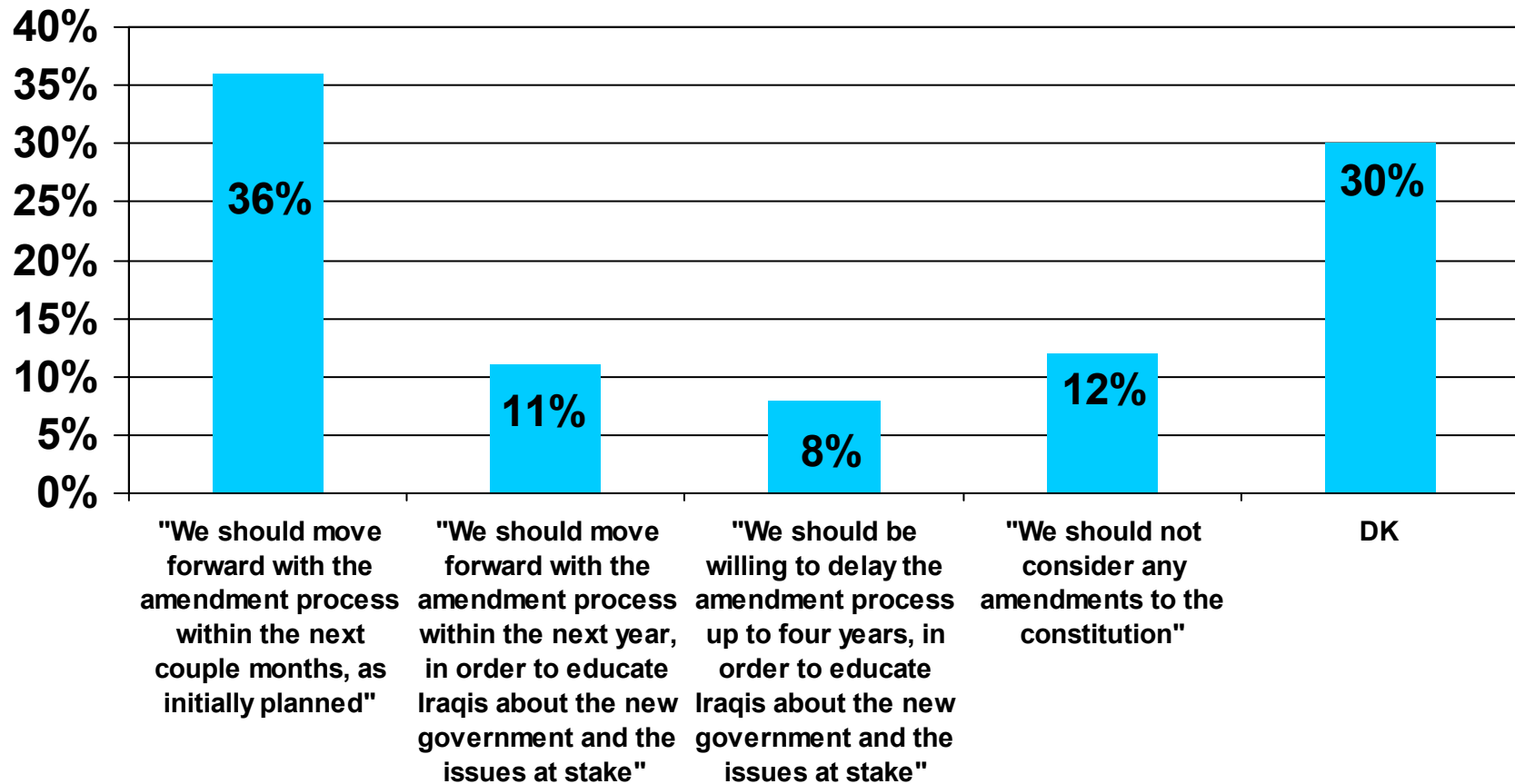
Which of the following statements best describes your opinion regarding the structure of the Iraqi government currently being formed?



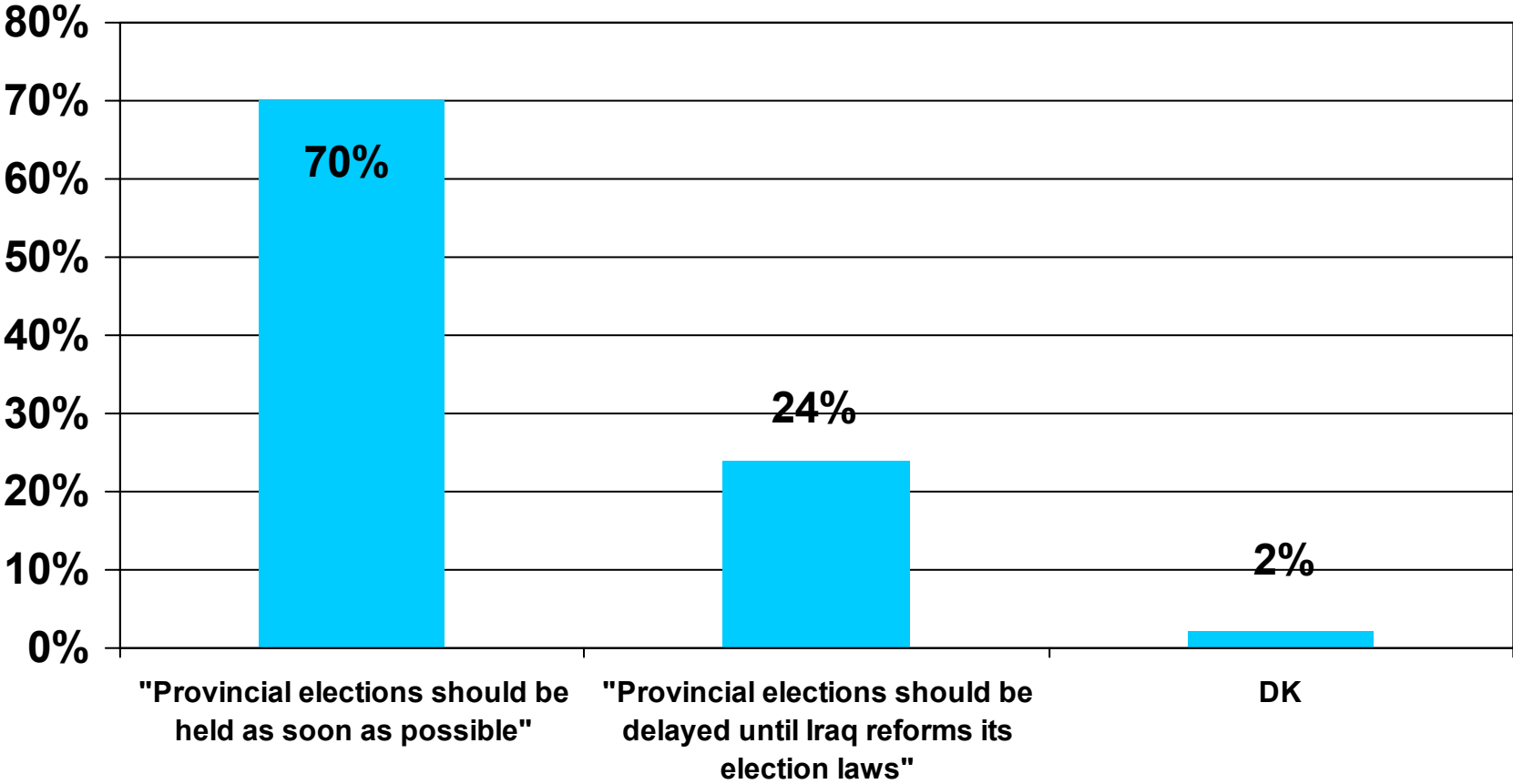
Which issues should be highest priority in the new Iraqi government?



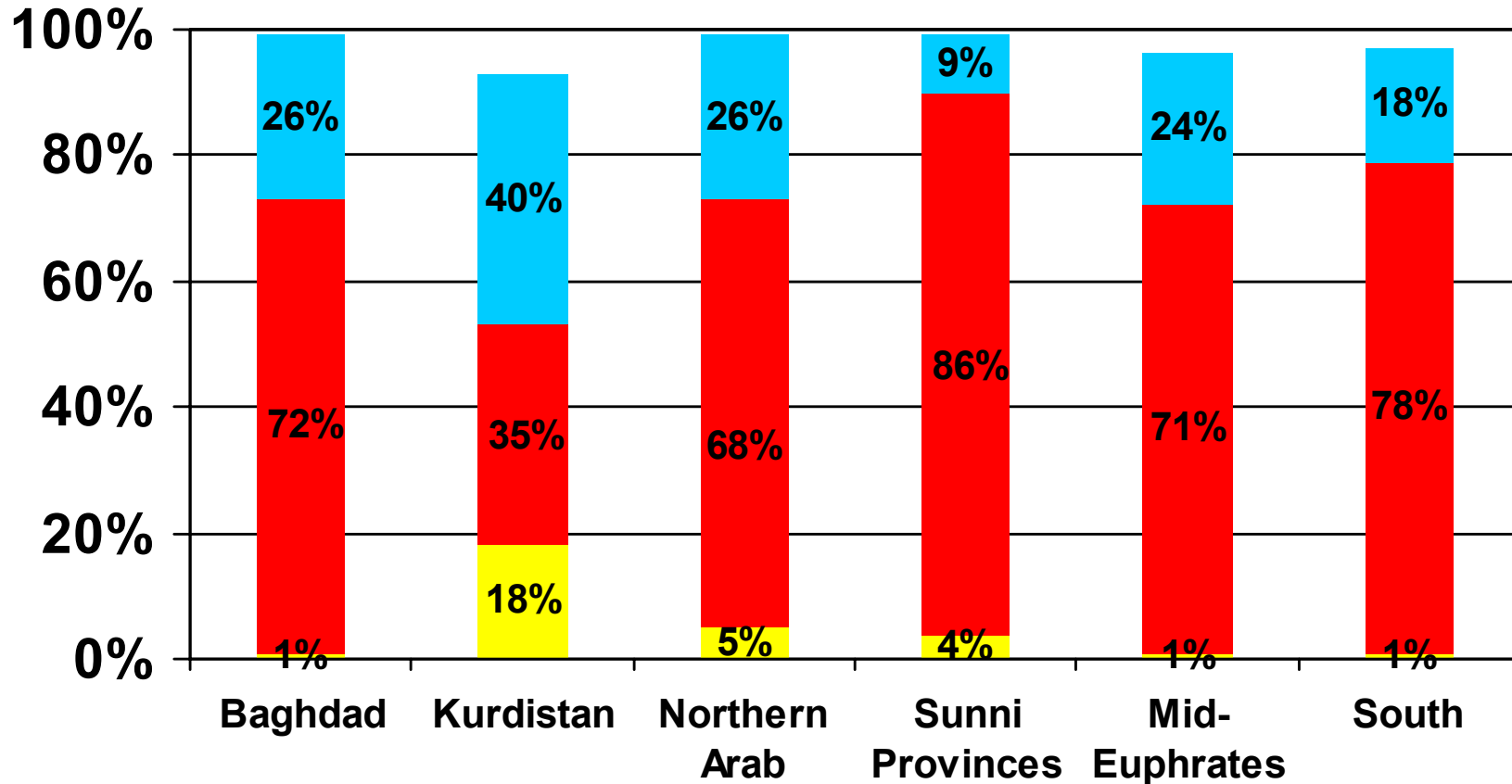
Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion on a timetable for the proposed constitutional amendment process?



Please tell me which statement best represents your opinion about provincial elections, even if neither is completely correct.

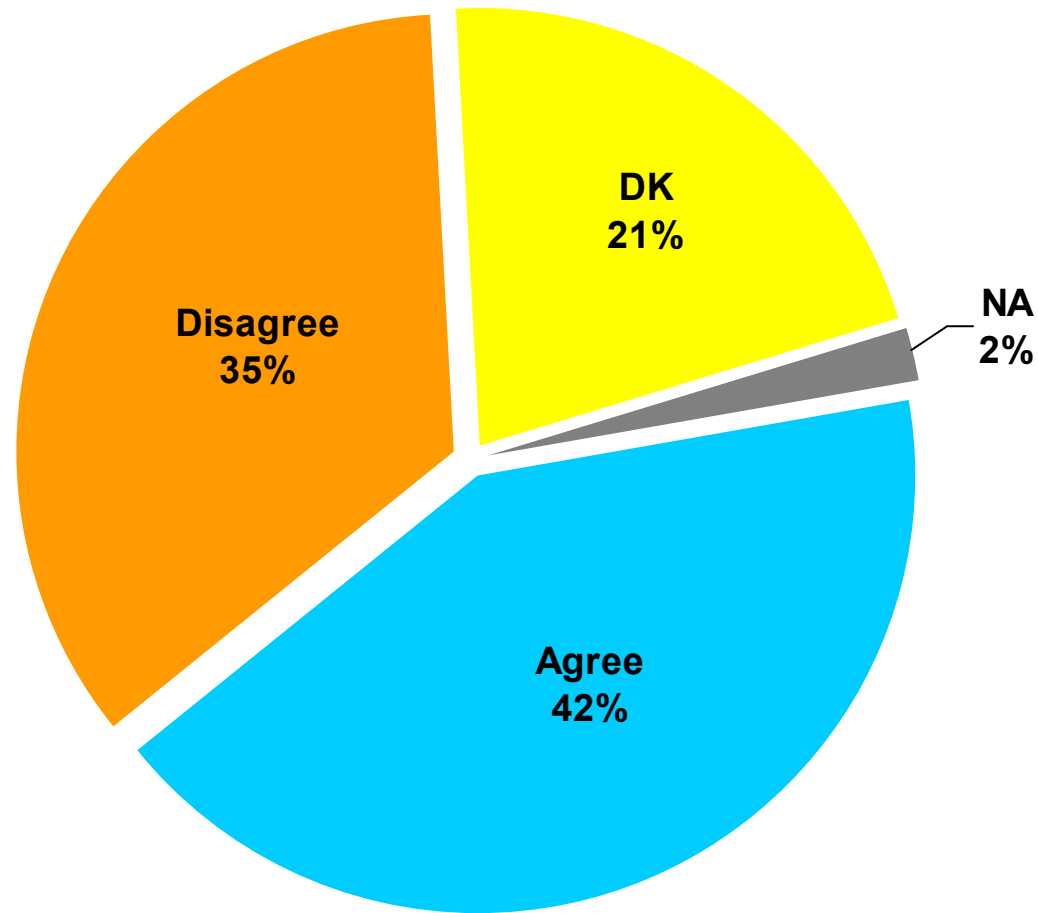


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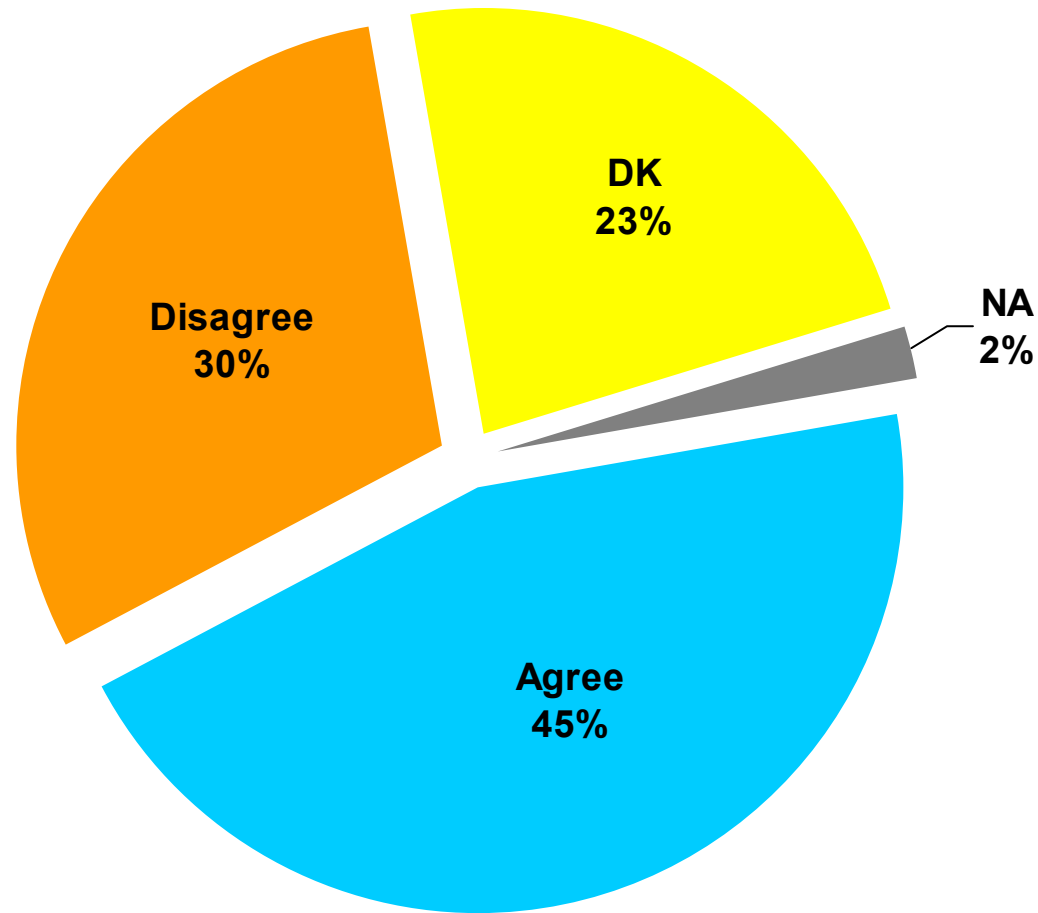


■ "Provincial elections should be delayed until Iraq reforms its election laws"
■ "Provincial elections should be held as soon as possible"
■ DK

Looking ahead to Iraq's next election cycle, tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:
"Politicians should make stronger appeals based on religion or ethnicity."

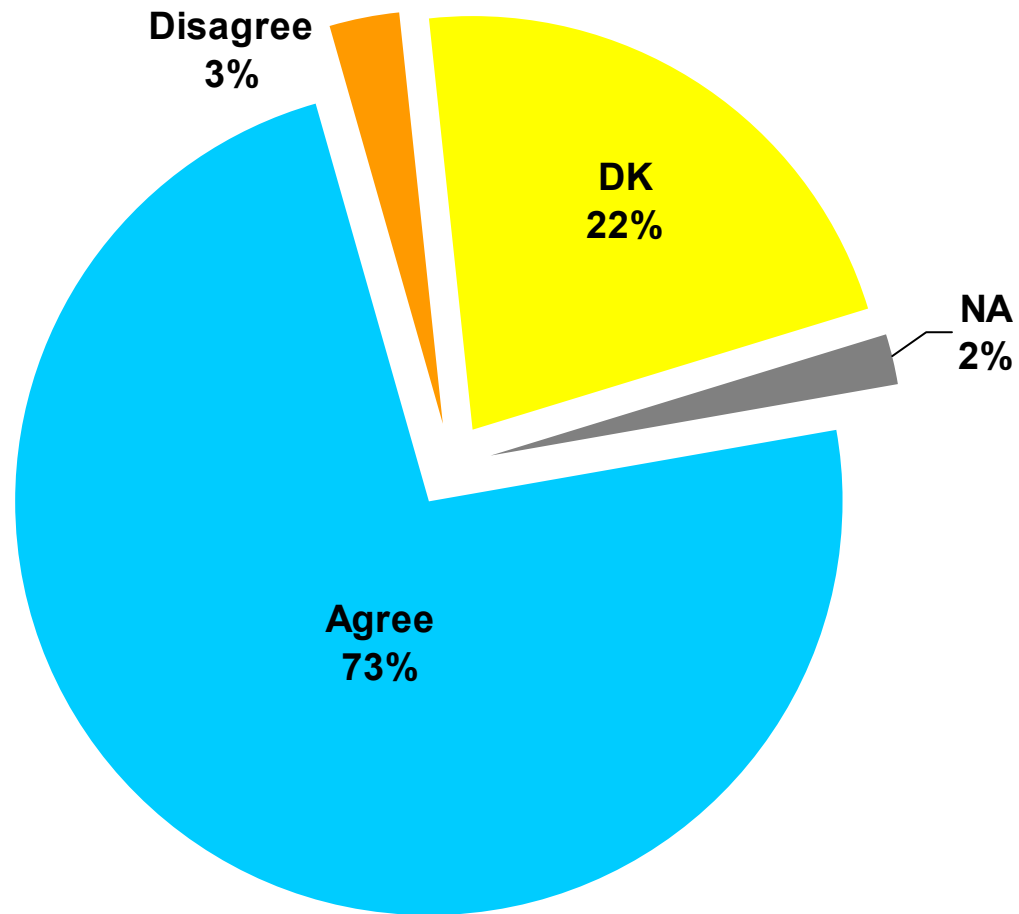


Looking ahead to Iraq's next election cycle, tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:
"Politicians should not campaign at all on the basis of religion or ethnicity."

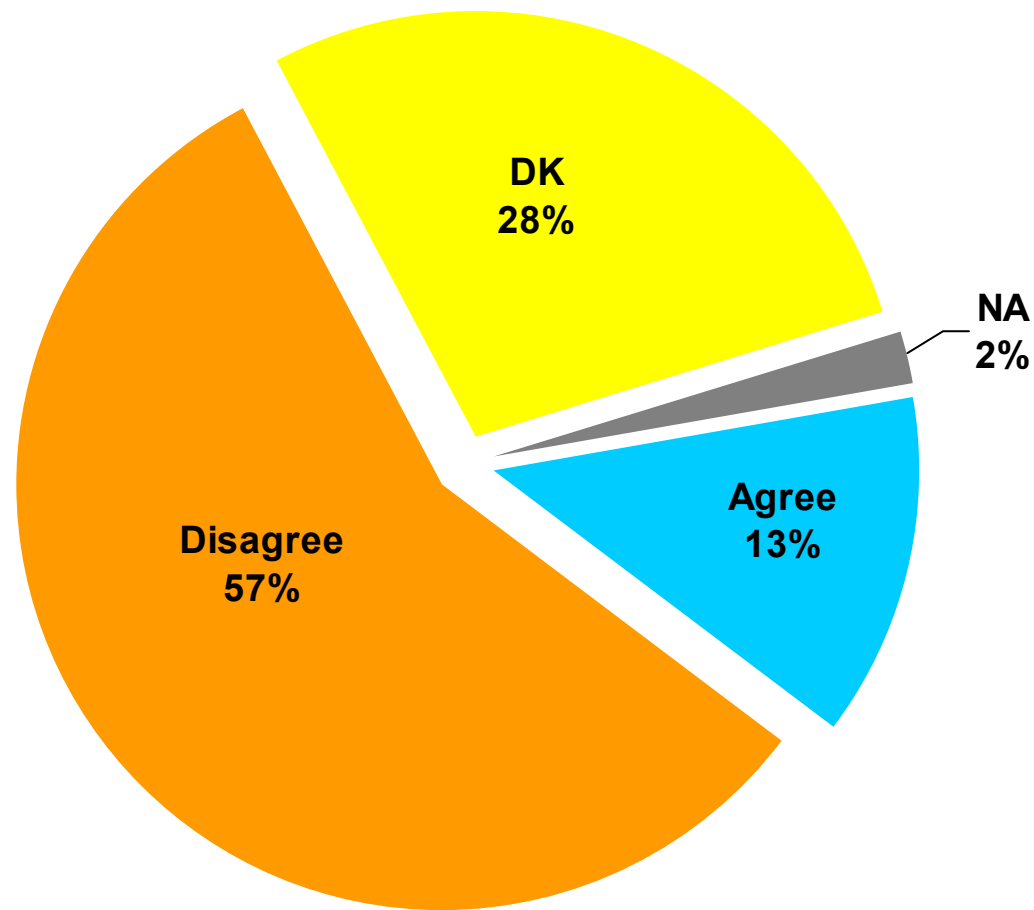


Looking ahead to Iraq's next election cycle, tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"Politicians need to do a better job letting voters know where they stand on key issues such as security and the economy."



Looking ahead to Iraq's next election cycle, tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:
"Politicians should promise to reward their strongest supporters with government jobs and contracts."

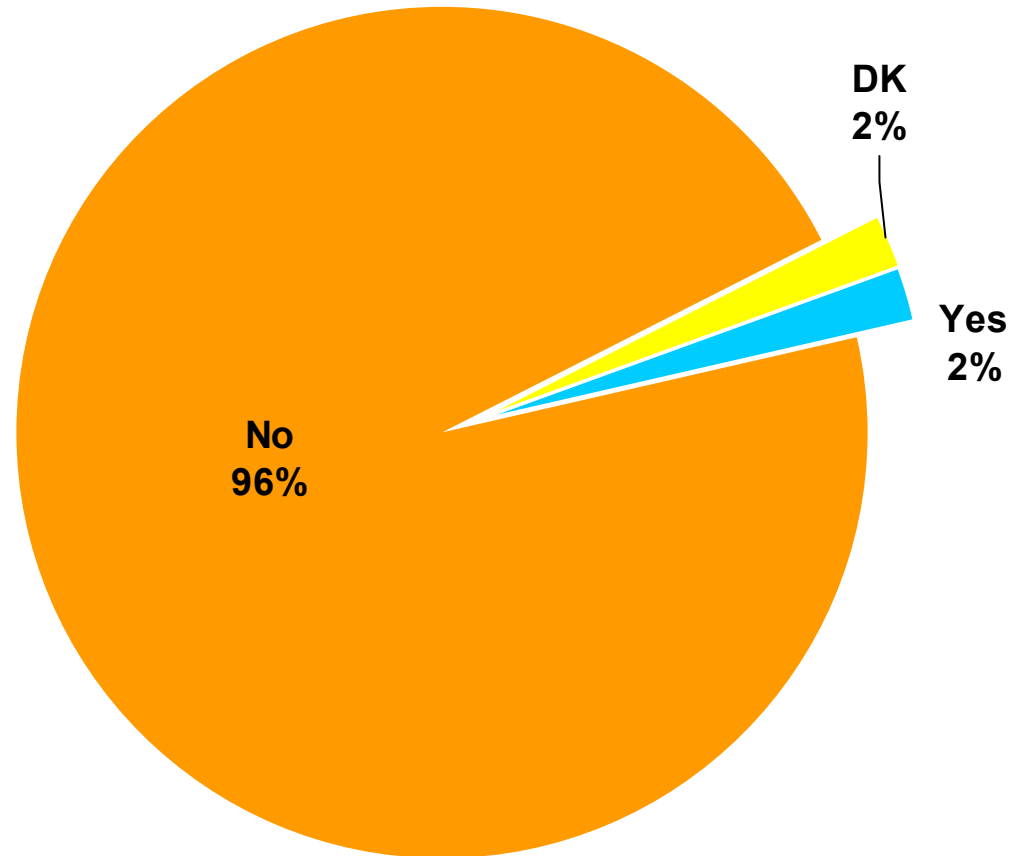




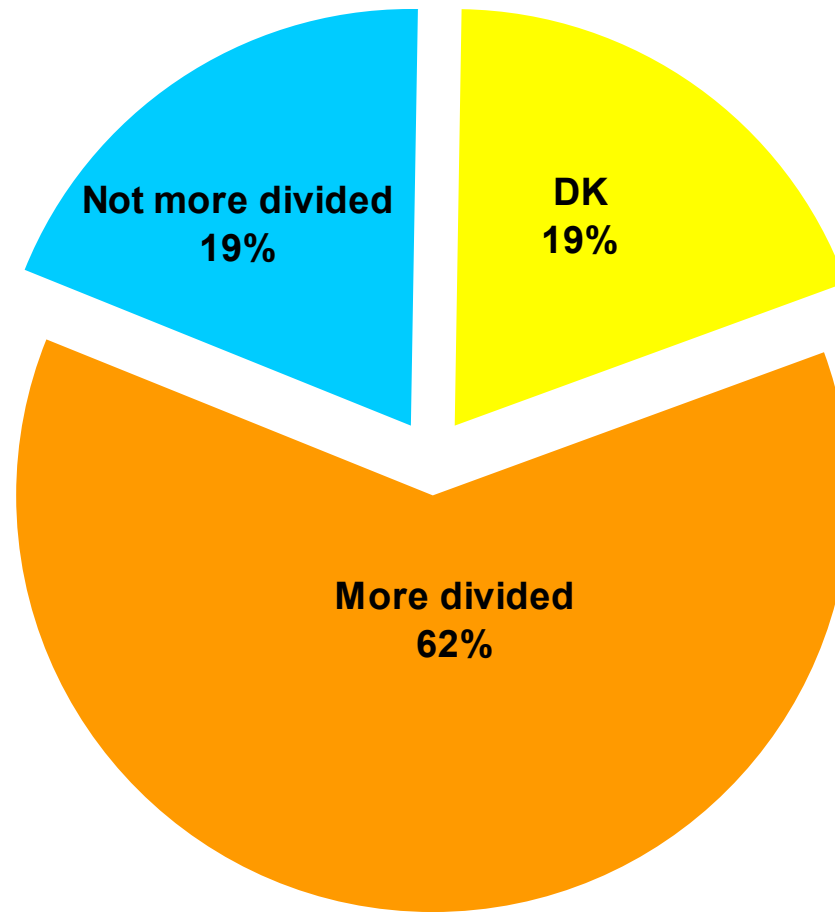
Attitudes Towards Political Division and Security

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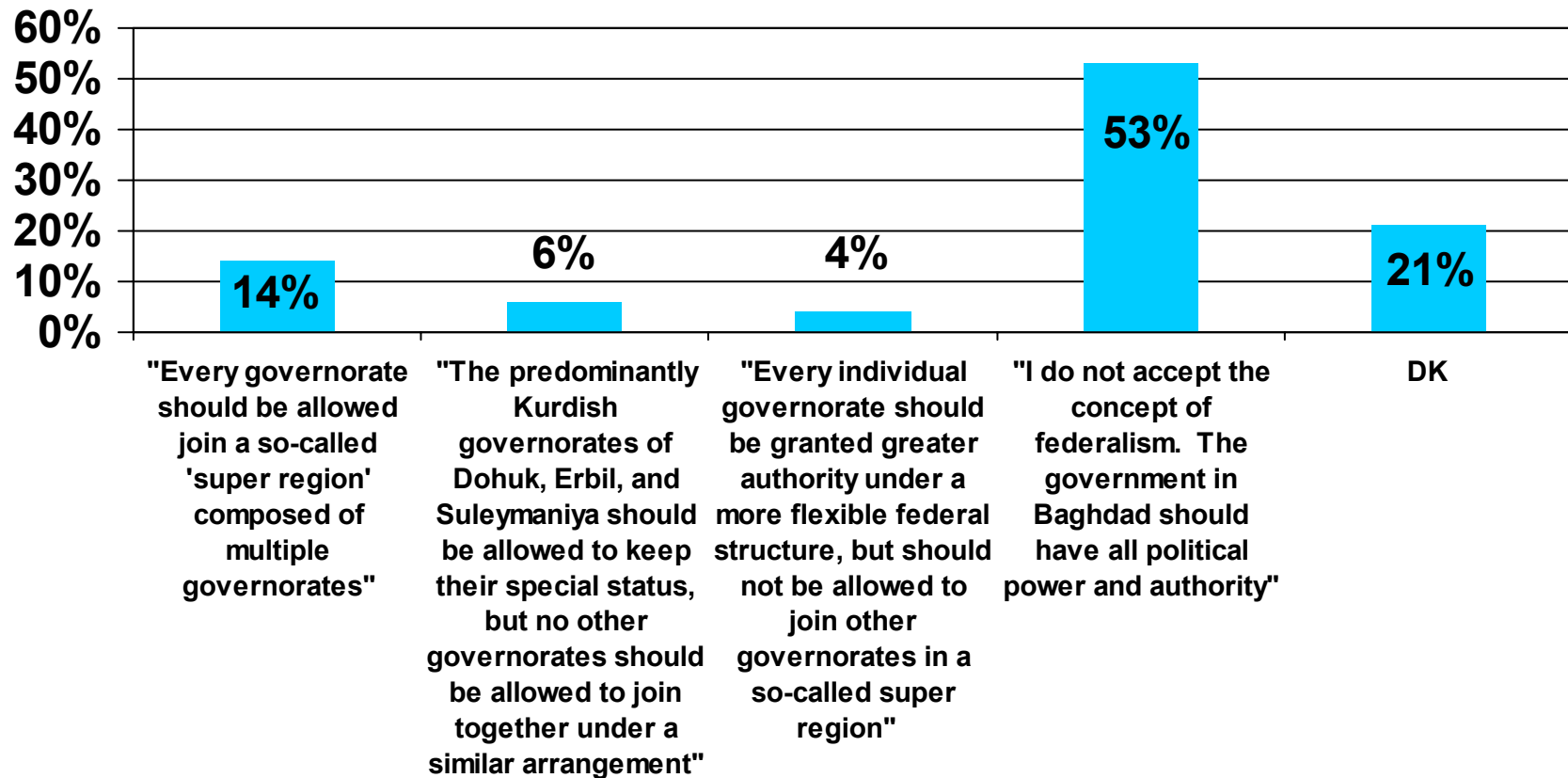
Do you think the recent attack on the mosque in Samarra is an acceptable form of political expression?



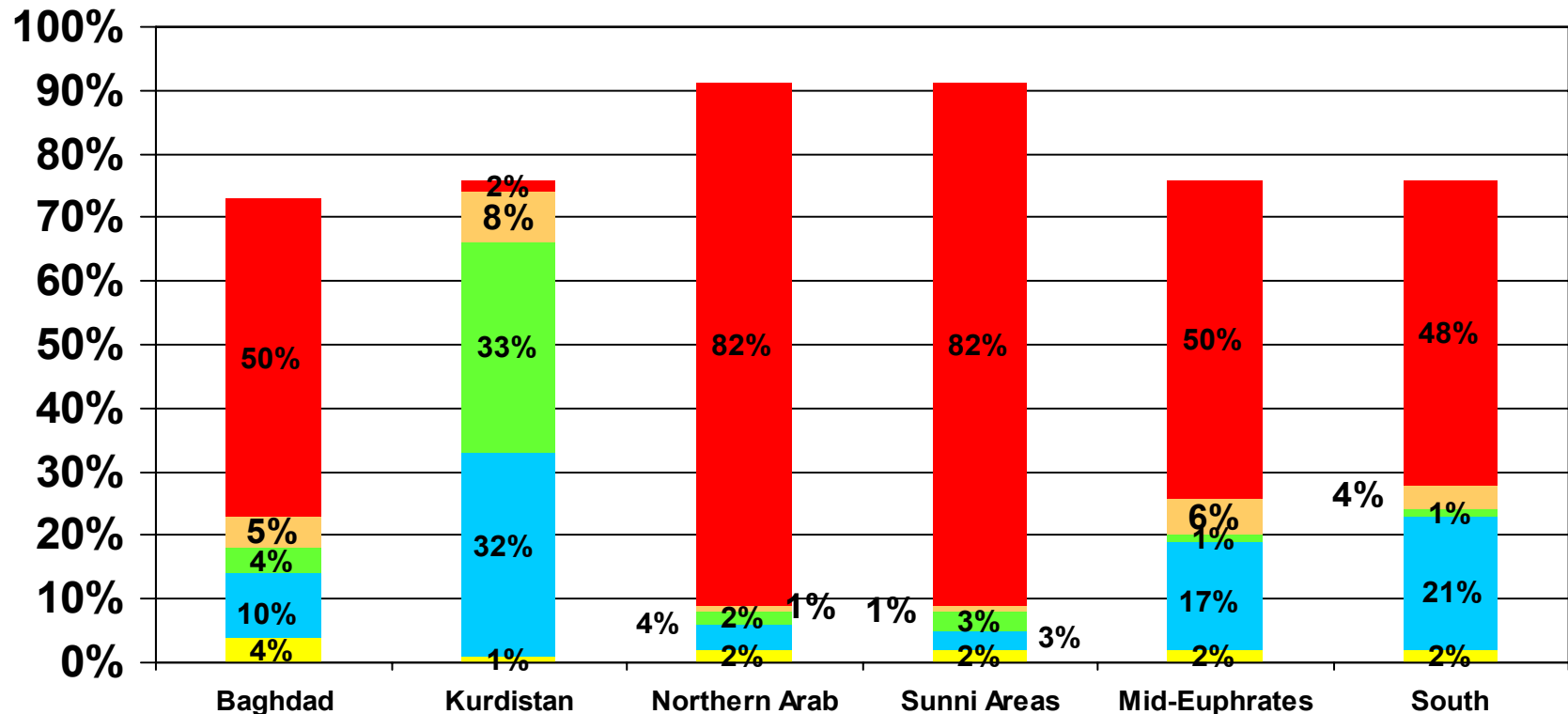
Do you think Iraq is more politically divided today than in the past, or not?



Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion on the issues of federalism in Iraq?

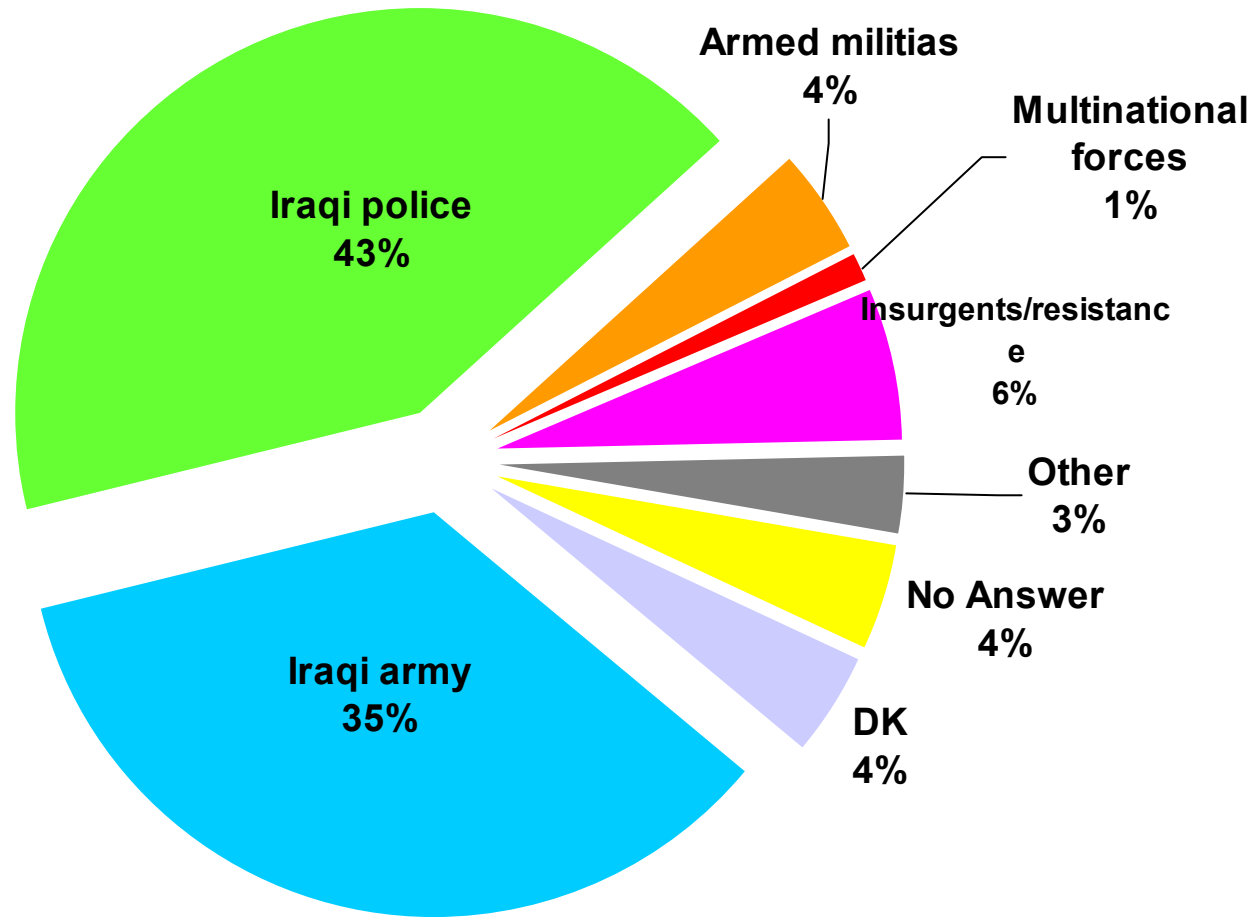


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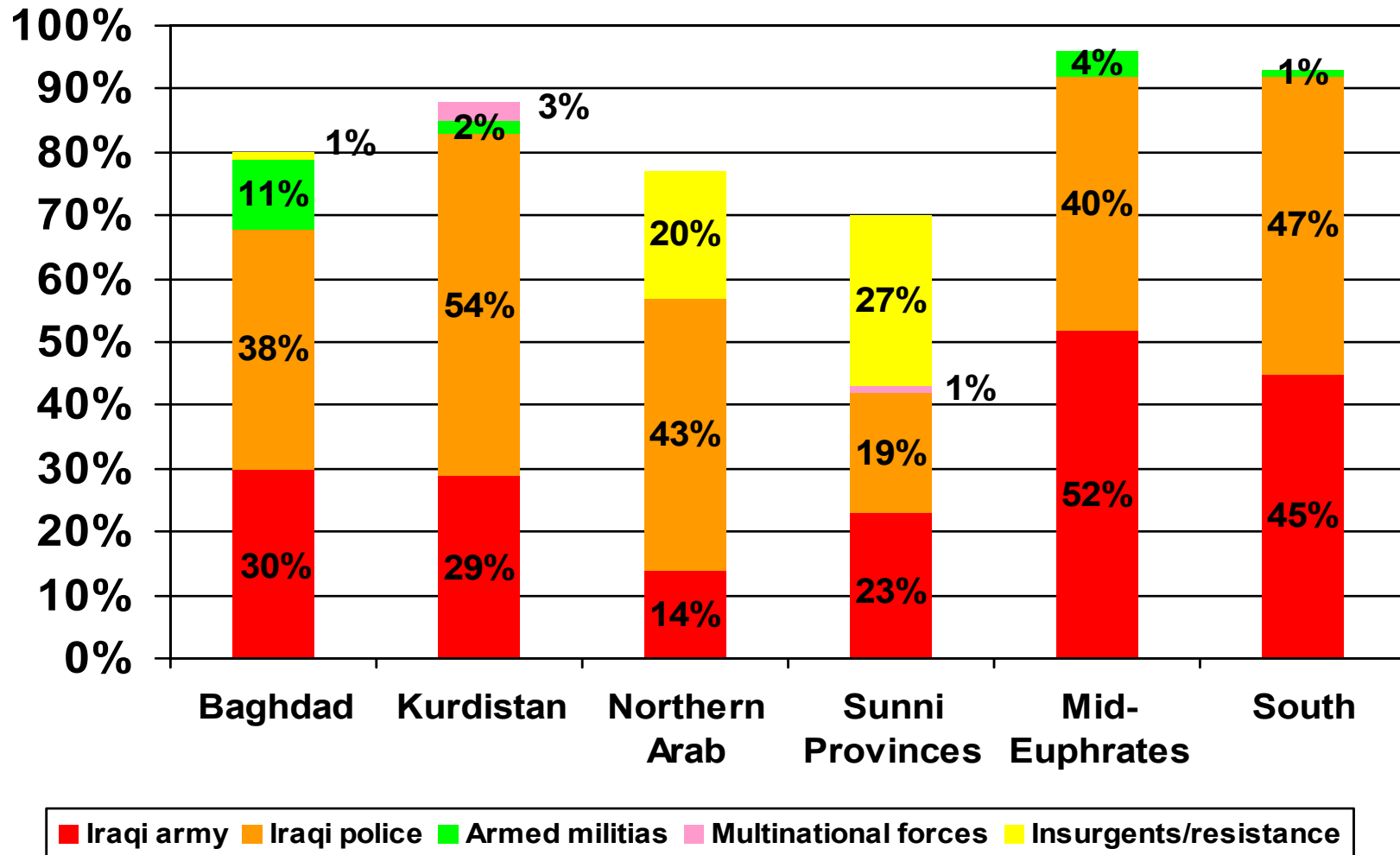


- "I do not accept the concept of federalism. The government in Baghdad should have all political power and authority"
- "Every individual governorate should be granted greater authority under a more flexible federal structure, but should not be allowed to join other governorates in a so-called super region"
- "The predominantly Kurdish governorates of Dohuk, Erbil, and Suleymaniya should be allowed to keep their special status, but no other governorates should be allowed to join together under a similar arrangement"
- "Every governorate should be allowed join a so-called "super region" composed of multiple governorates"
- NA

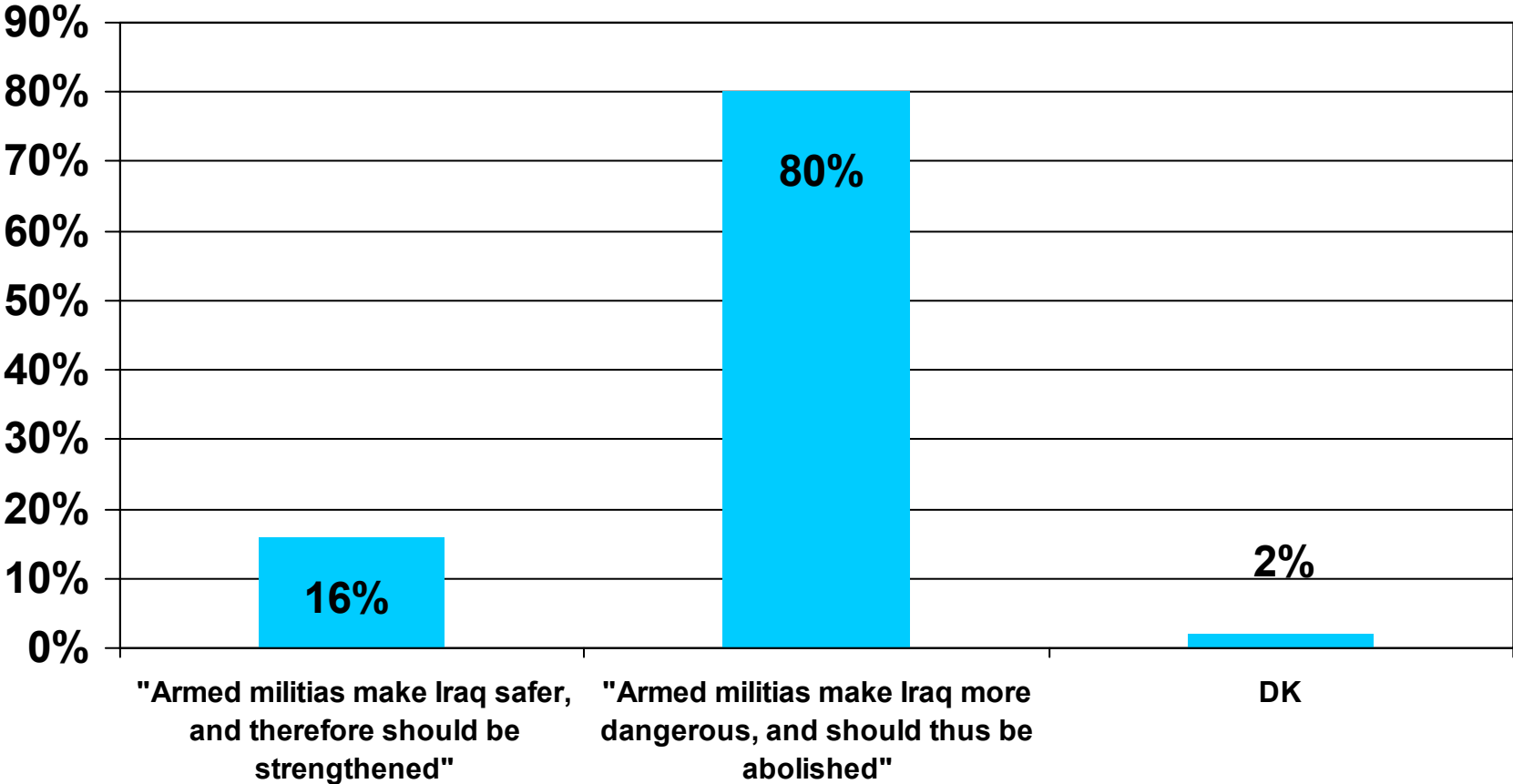
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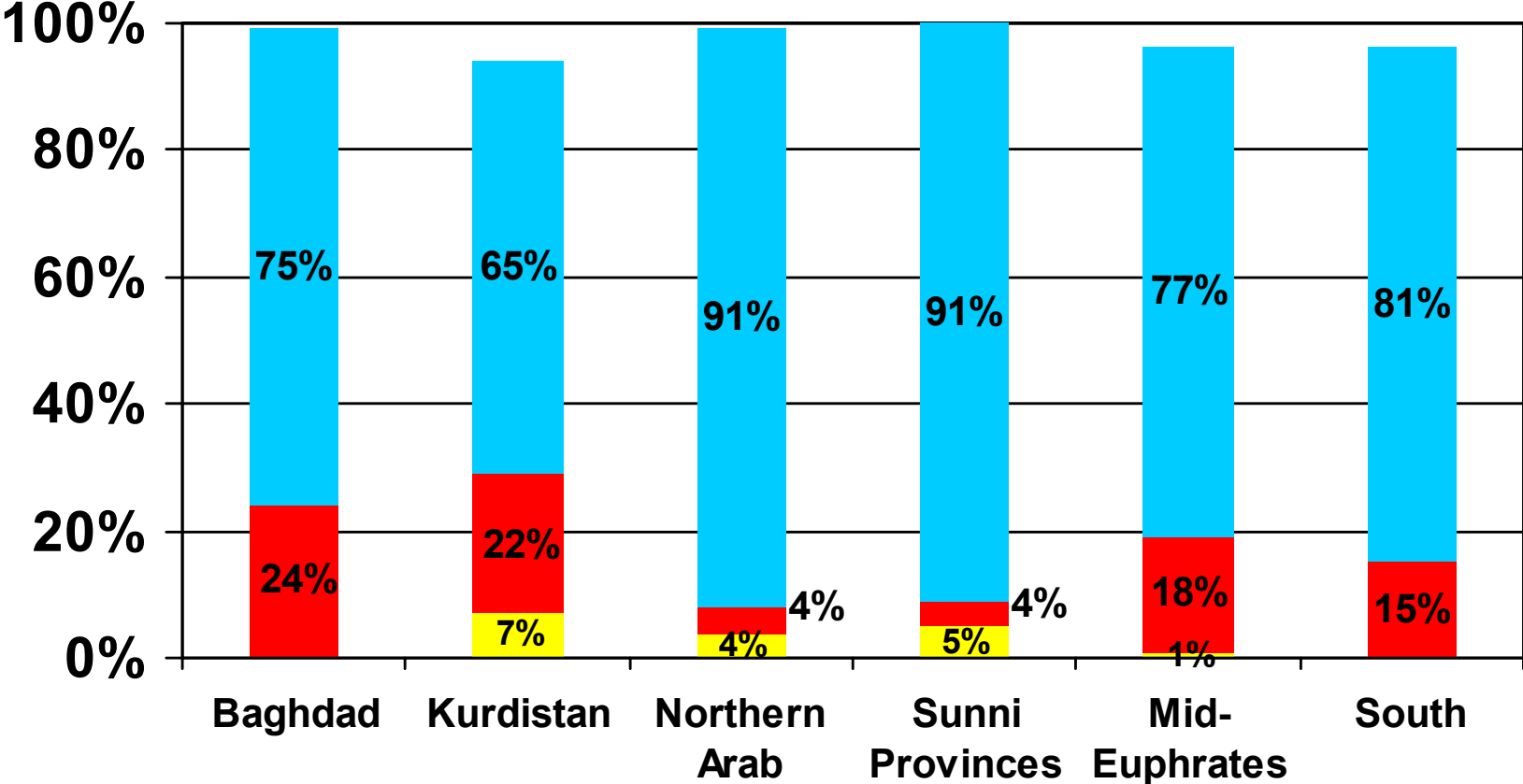
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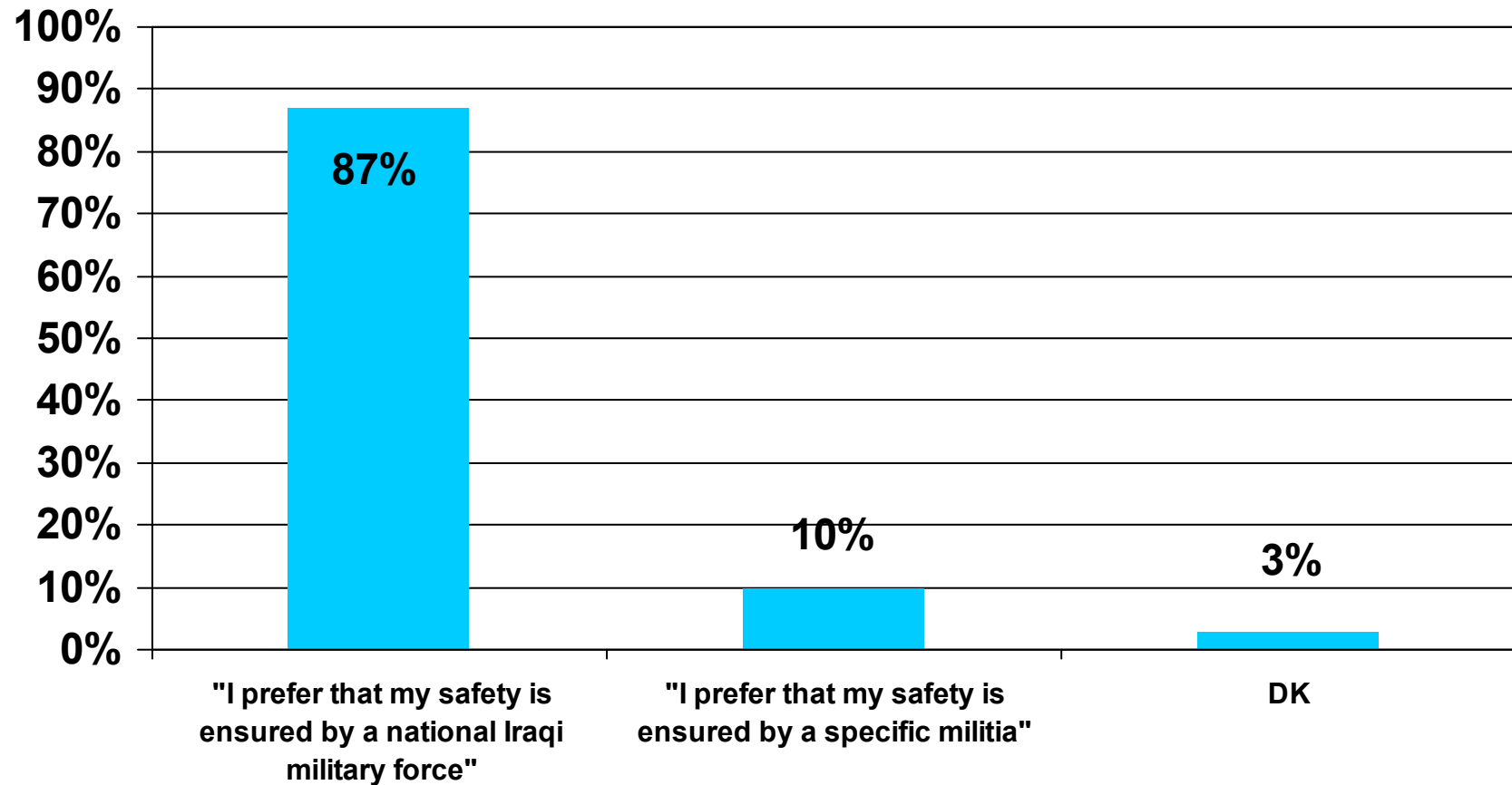


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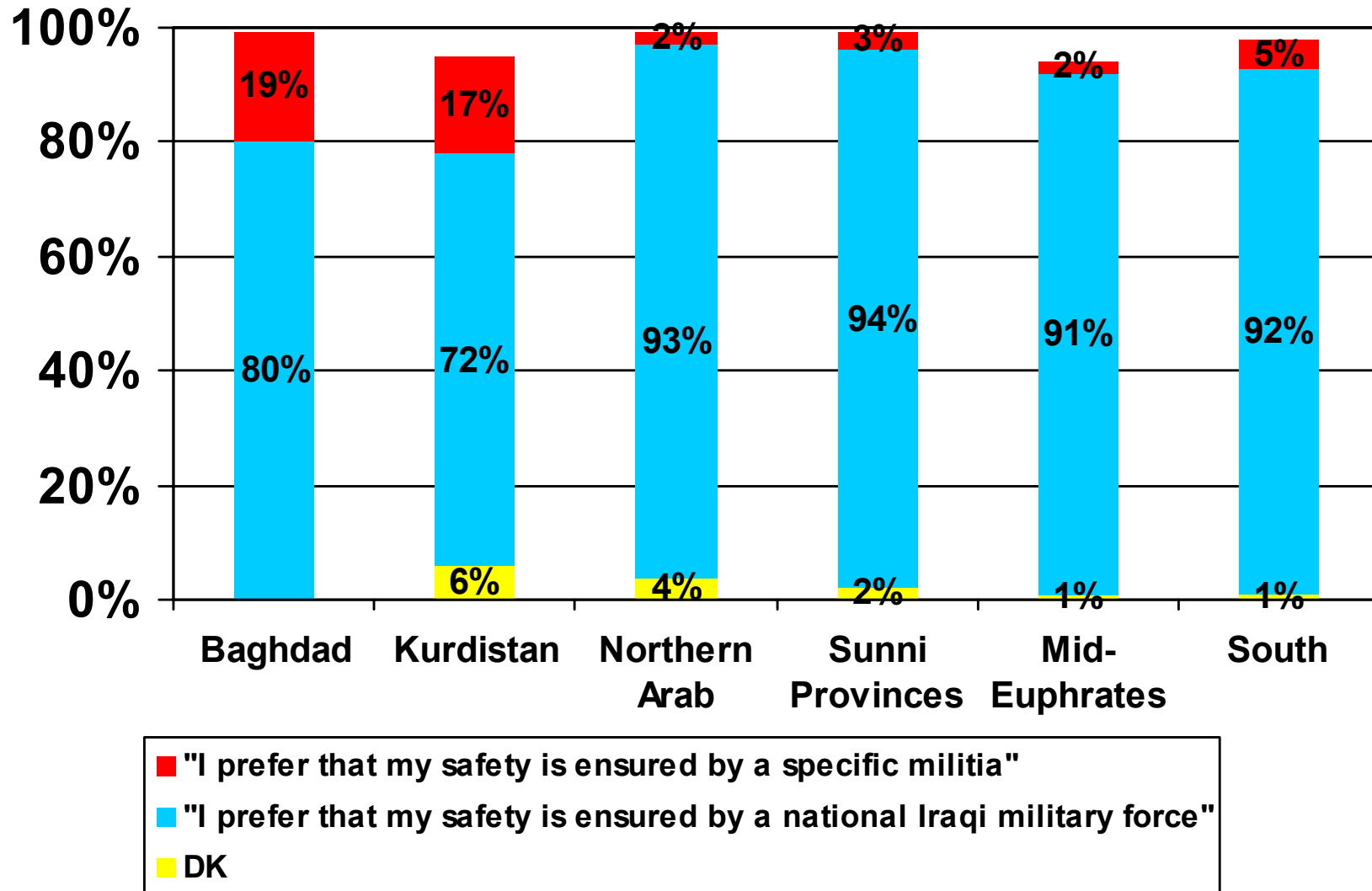


■ "Armed militias make Iraq more dangerous, and should thus be abolished"
■ "Armed militias make Iraq safer, and should therefore be strengthened"
■ DK

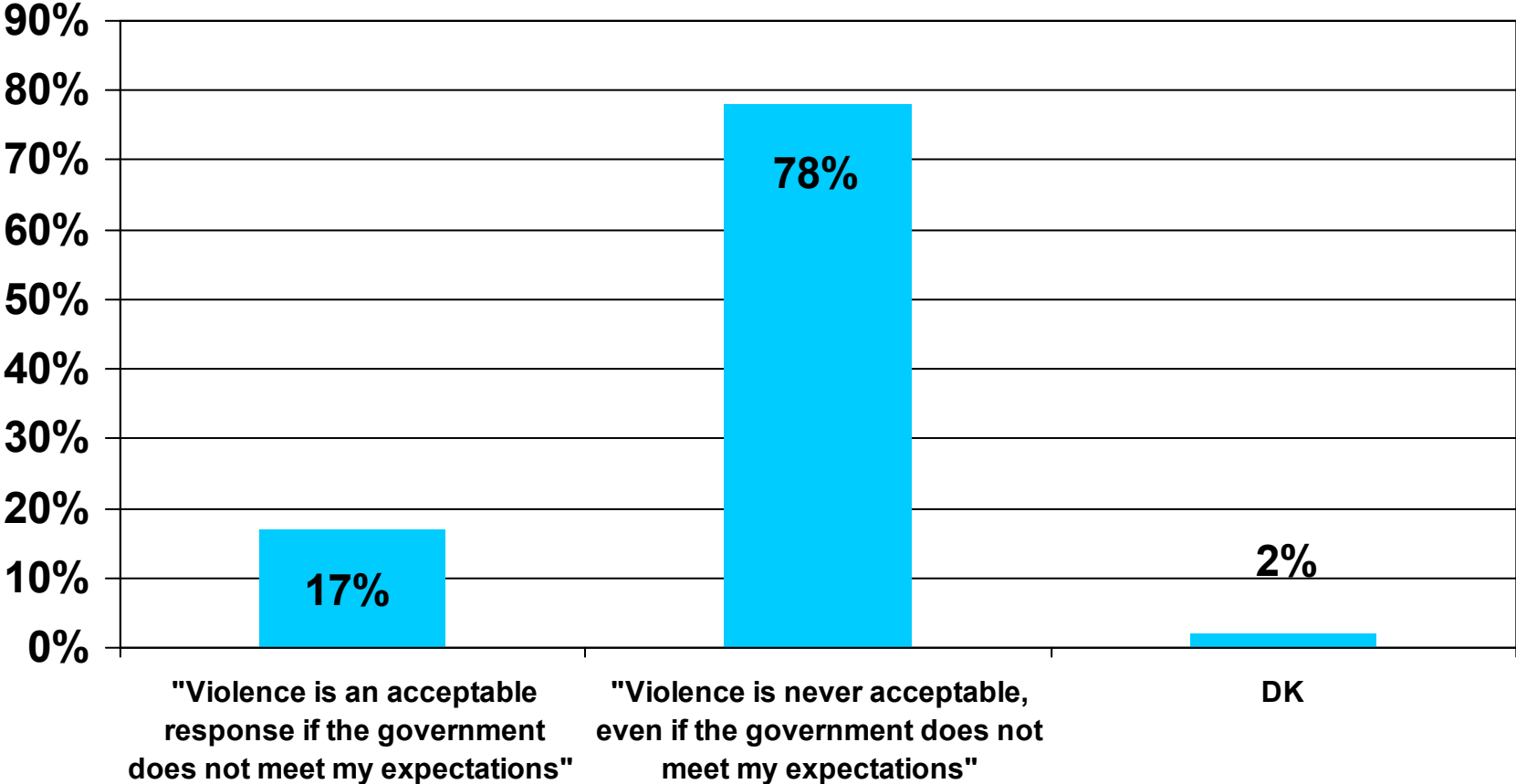
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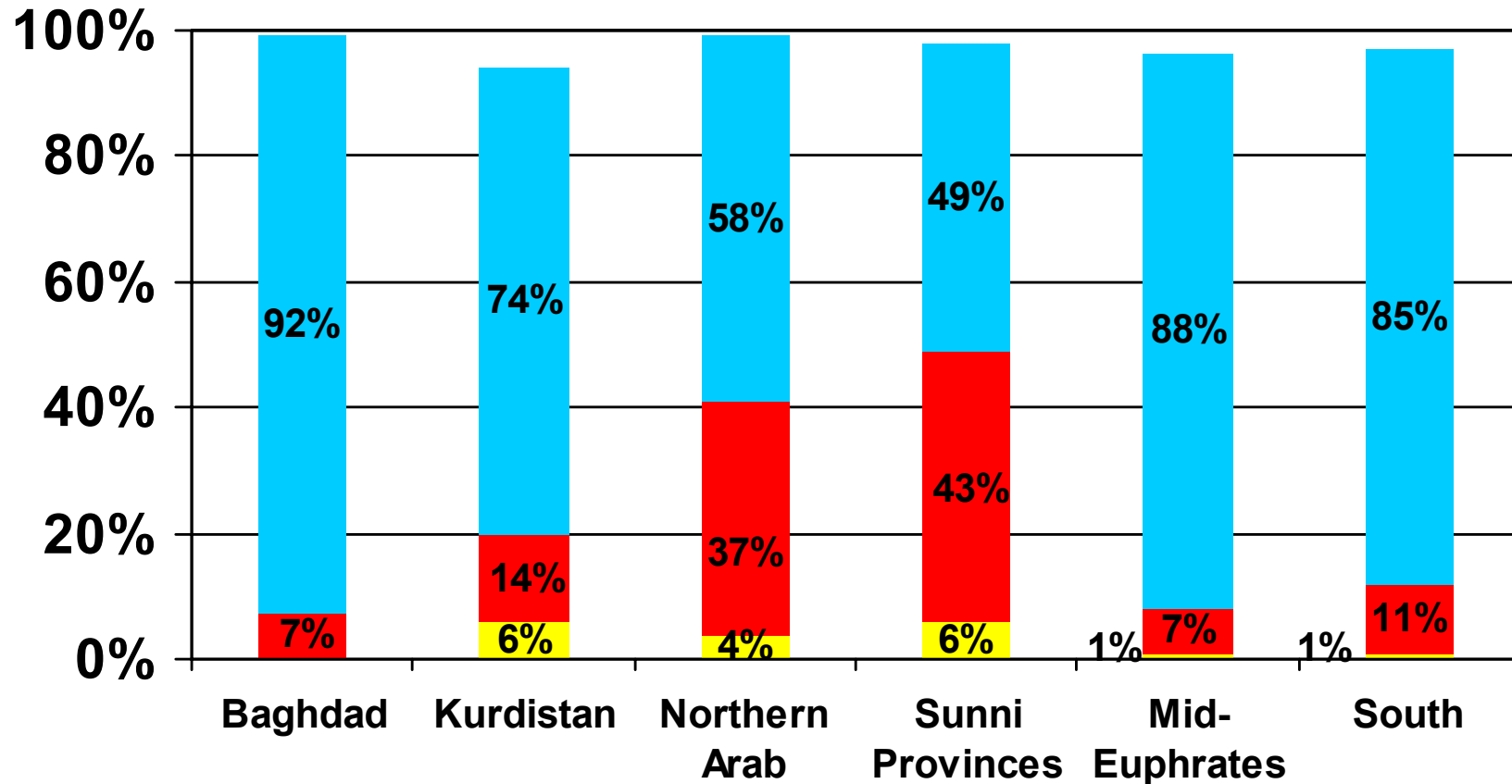
Please tell me which statement best represents your opinion about the military, even if neither is completely correct.



Please tell me which statement best represents your opinion about violence, even if neither is completely correct.

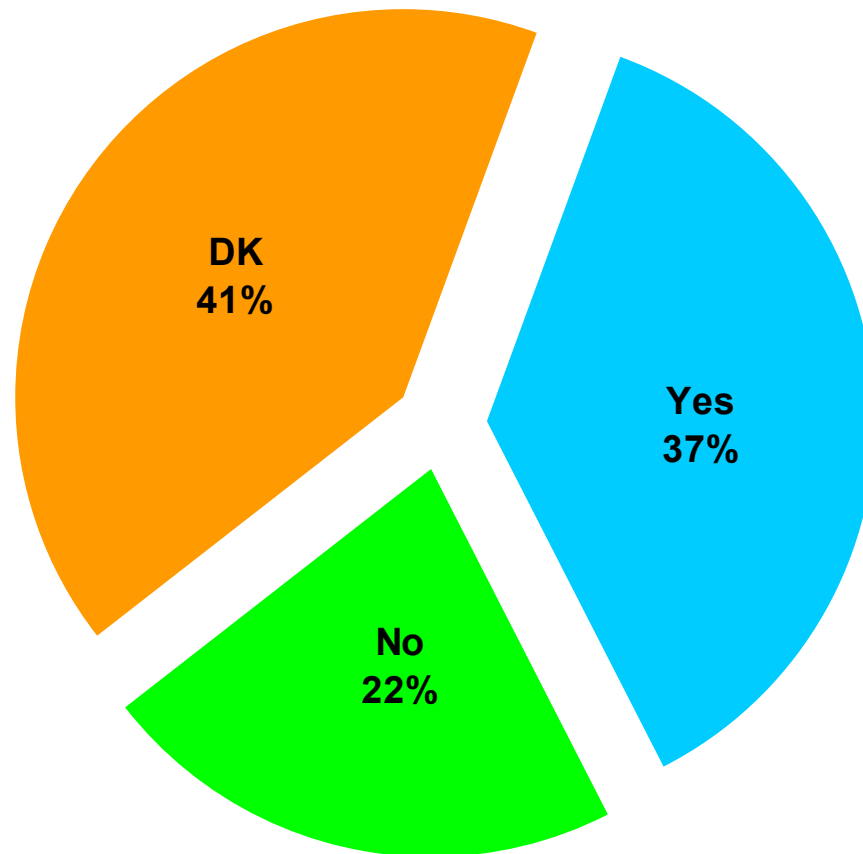


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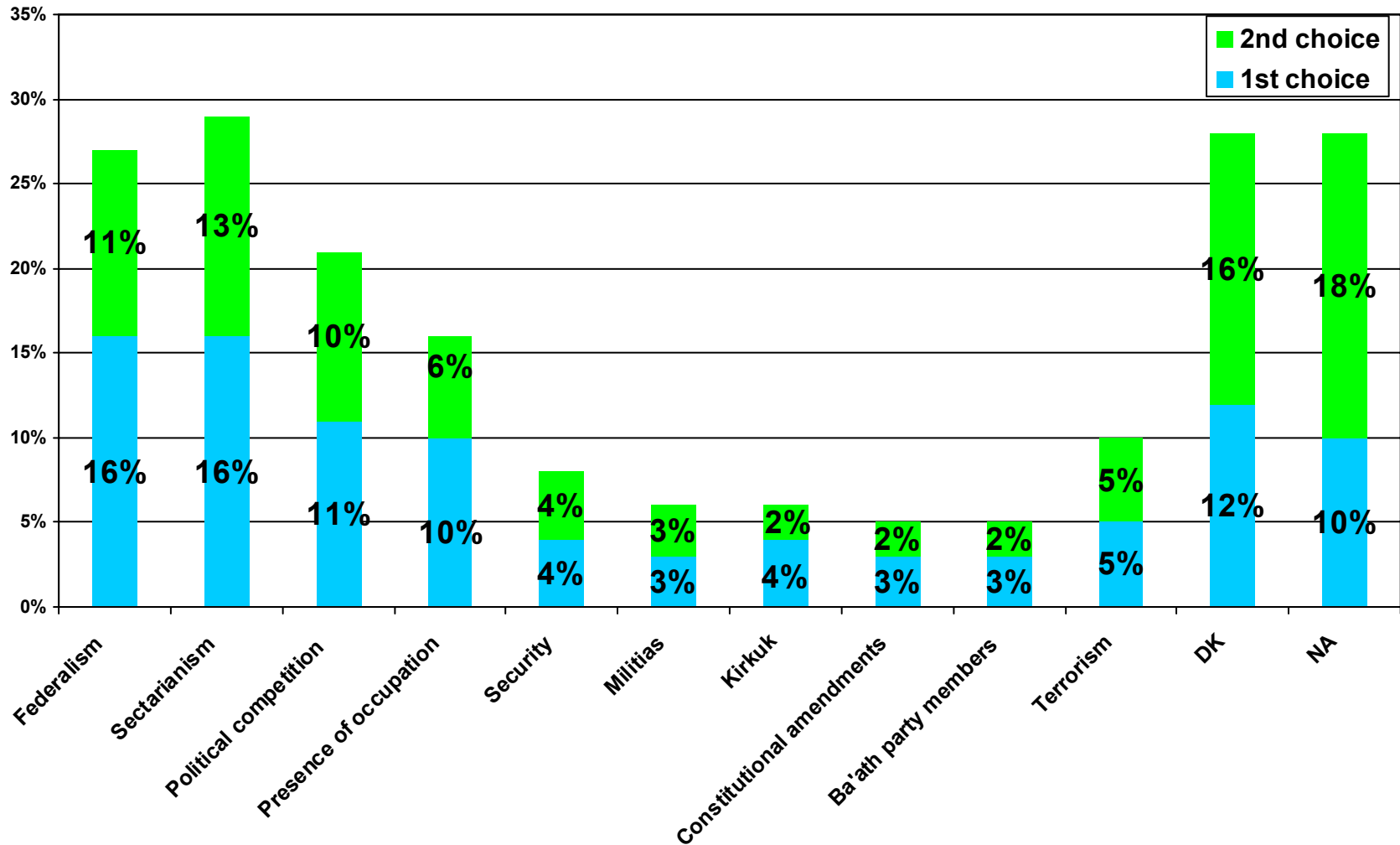


■ "Violence is never acceptable, even if the government does not meet my expectations"
■ "Violence is an acceptable response if the government does not meet my expectations"
■ DK

Do you think there are substantial obstacles to national reconciliation in Iraq?



If you think there are substantial obstacles to national reconciliation, what are the top two issues that stand in the way of national reconciliation in Iraq?

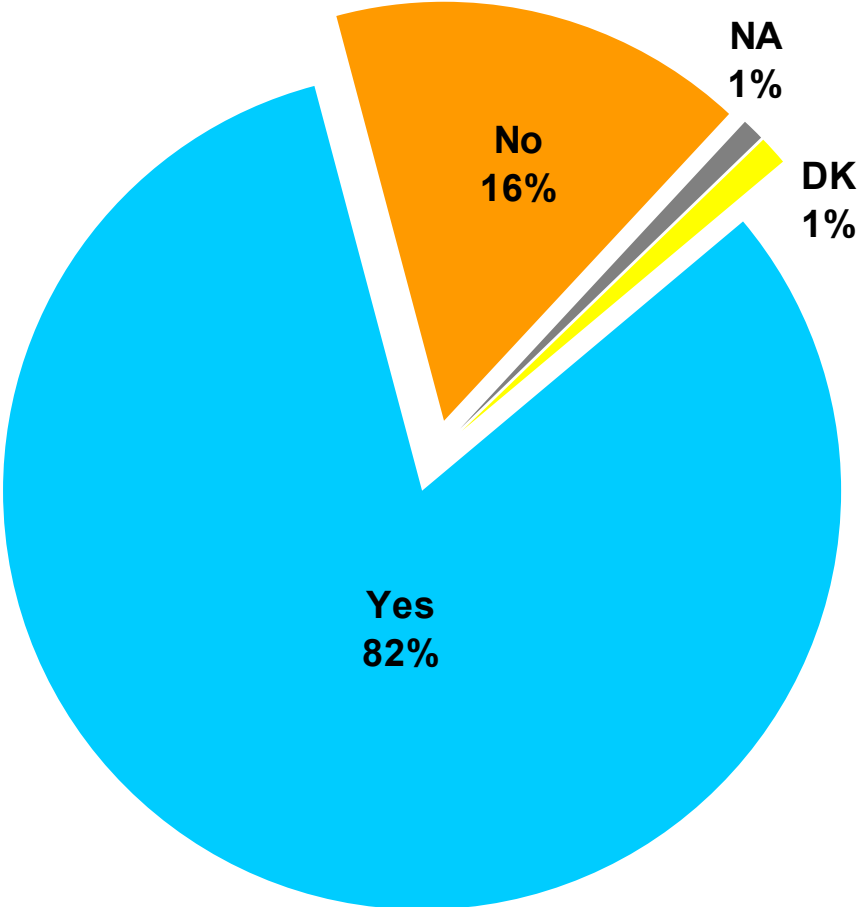




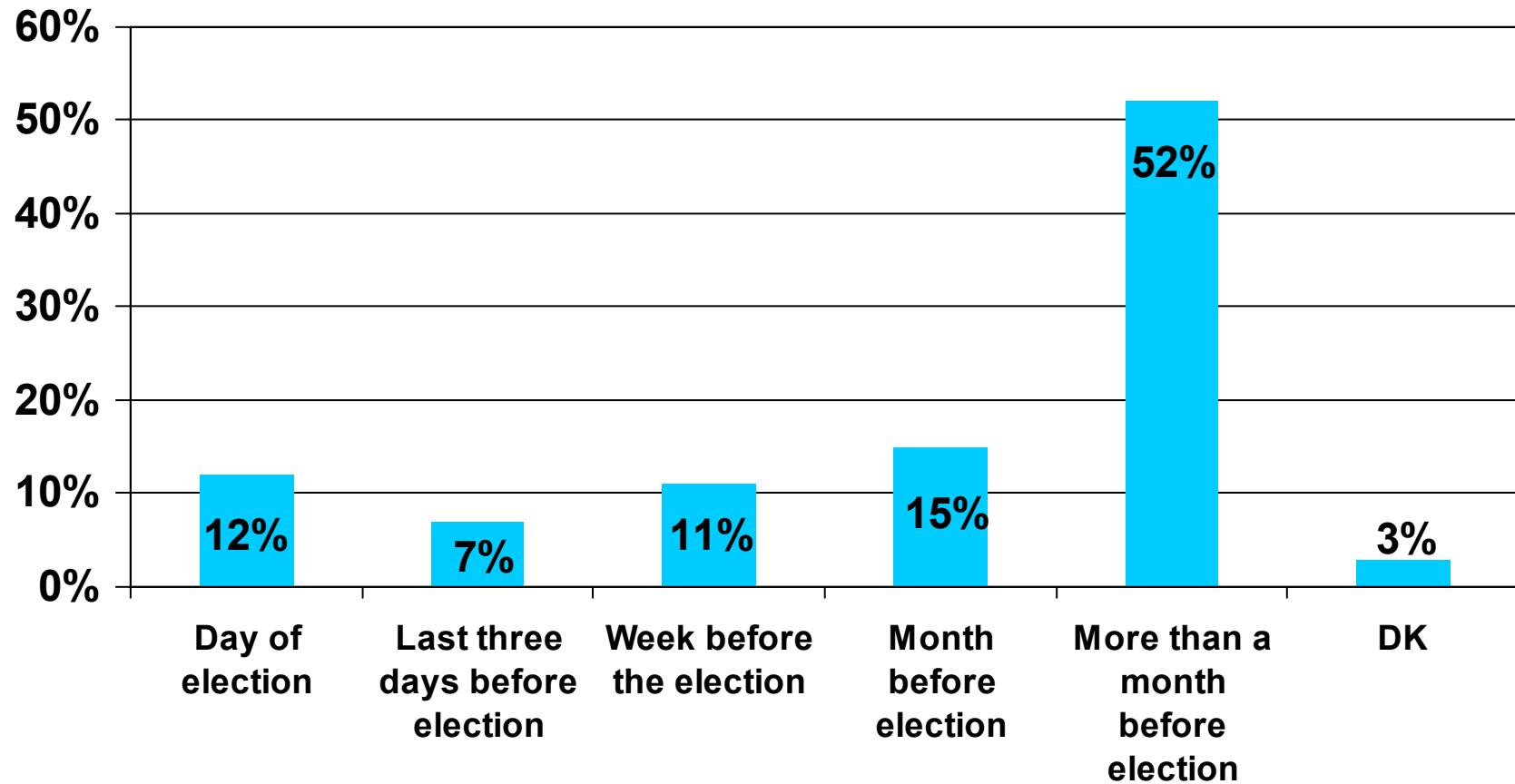
Attitudes Towards the December 2005 Elections

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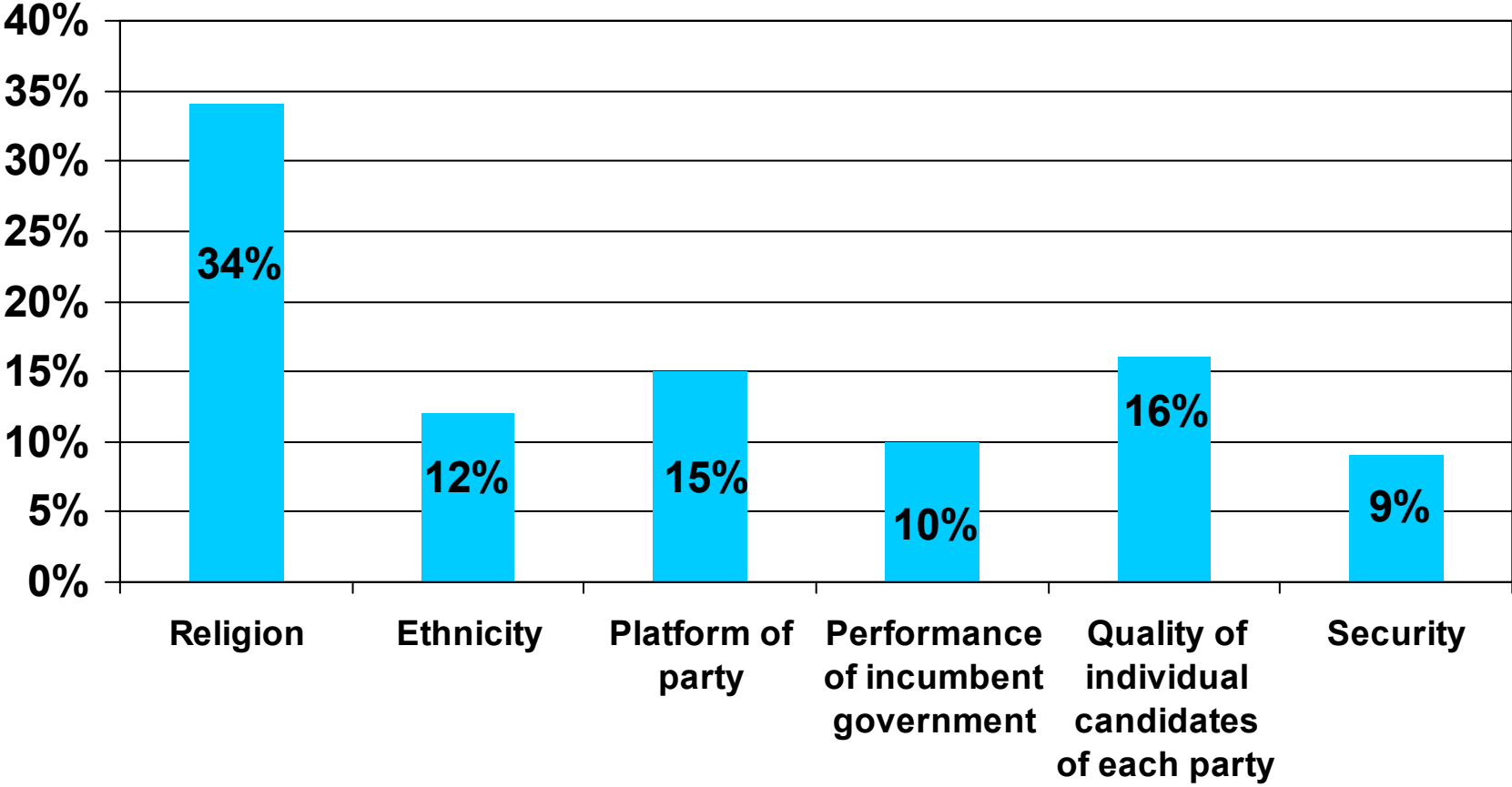
In December 2005, Iraqis elected representatives of a new national assembly. Did you vote?



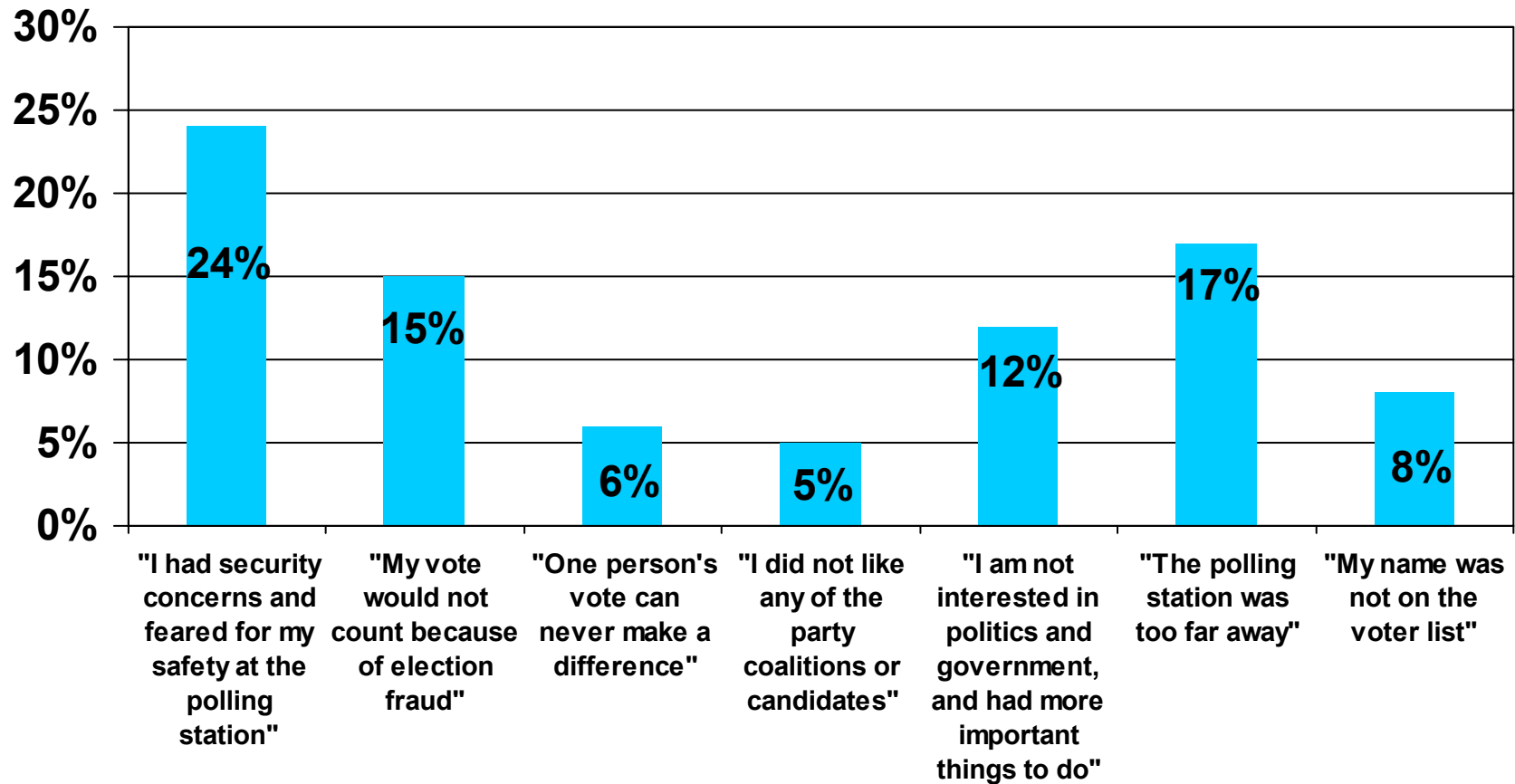
When did you decide how you would vote in the December 2005 election?



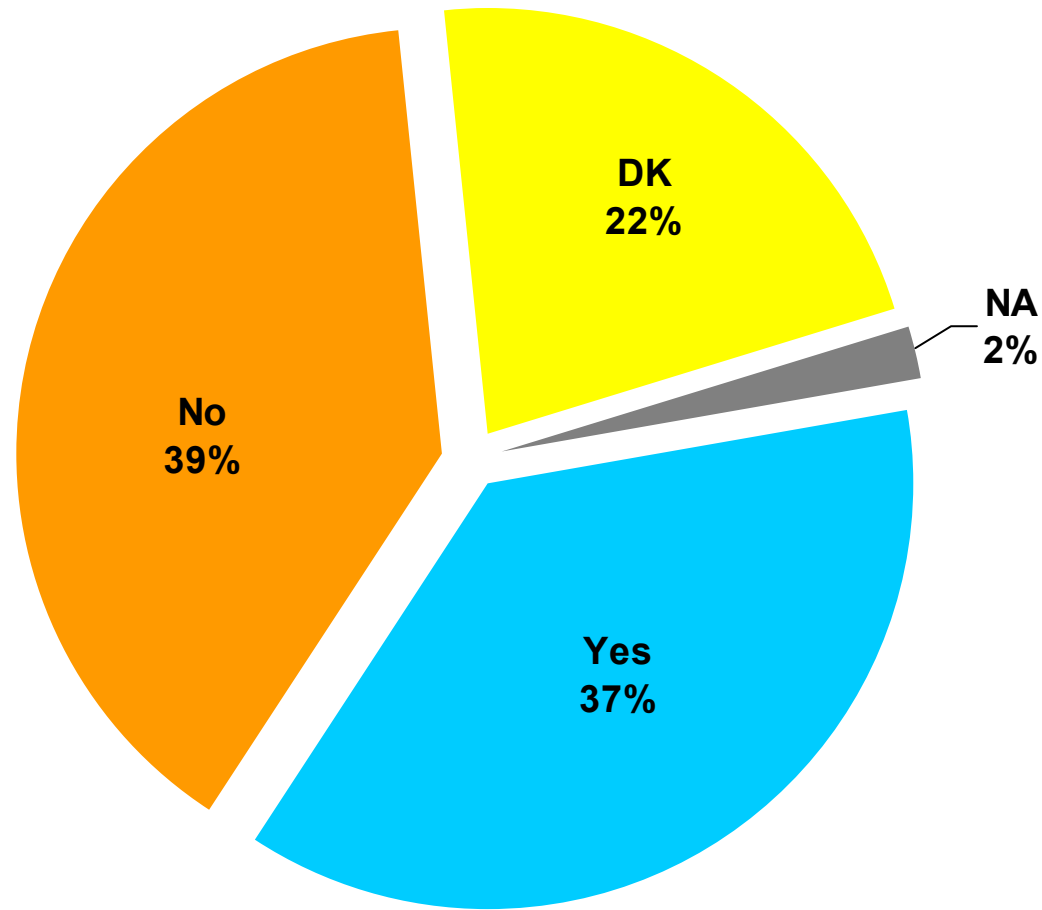
What factor had the greatest influence on your vote in the December 2005 elections?



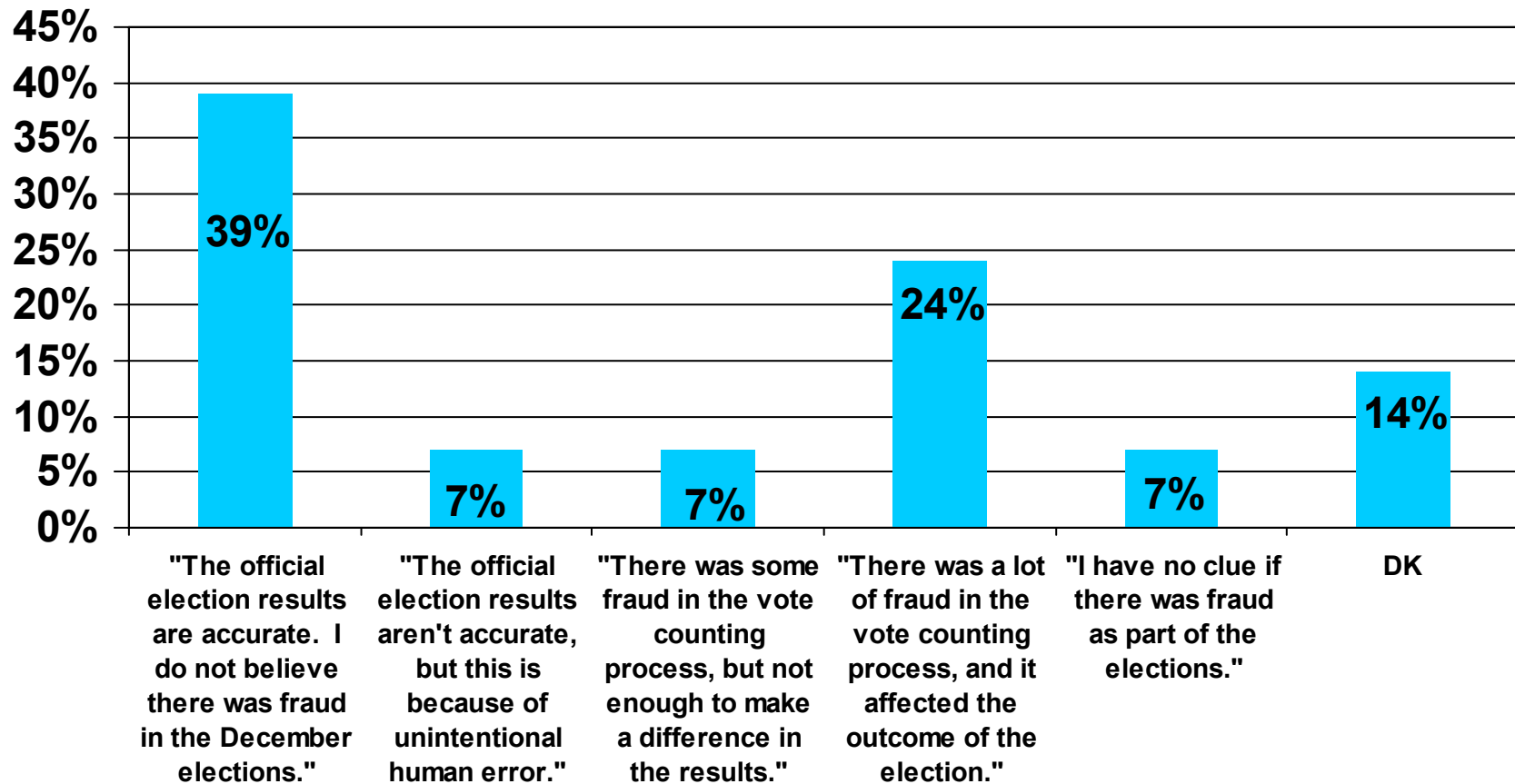
Which statement most accurately describes your reason for not voting on December 15, 2005?



Do you believe that, during the December 2005 election campaign, Iraq's political leaders did an effective job explaining and debating issues most important to Iraq's future?



Which of the following statements best describes your opinion on the question of possible fraud in the December 2005 elections?



Based on its performance last year, how much confidence do you have in the ability of the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraqi (IECI) to administer elections fairly and accurately?

