



CAUCASUS

BAROMETER

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WHAT IS CAUCASUS BAROMETER?

- The Caucasus Barometer (CB) is a nationwide household (HH) survey, usually conducted every two years by the South Caucasus offices of CRRC-Armenia and CRRC-Georgia (until 2015, also CRRC-Azerbaijan).
- The main goal of the Caucasus Barometer survey is to provide the general public, researchers, journalists, and policymakers with high-quality data on socio-political and economic trends in the South Caucasus.
- In Armenia, the CB in 2024 was co-financed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.
- Caucasus Barometer data is protected under copyright.

USE OF CB DATA

When using CB data, it is mandatory to cite the source in the following format, which complies with international referencing standards:

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Caucasus Barometer]". Retrieved from
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GEOGRAPHICAL AND POPULATION COVERAGE

- The 2024 CB survey was conducted among the adult population (aged 18 and over) in both rural and urban areas across 10 regions of the Republic of Armenia and Yerevan, from July 27 to October 10, 2024.
- All interviews were administered face-to-face, using the Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) method.

SAMPLING

- Respondents in both countries were selected using the Multi-stage Stratified Cluster sampling method.
- The sampling frame was based on the precincts from the 2021 snap parliamentary elections.
- The sample size (1561 respondents) was determined based on the following factors: the number of population subgroups to be represented, the target sampling error threshold, and the available resources.
- The sample size for each individual stratum was calculated using a 95% confidence interval. The margin of error was +/- 2.5%.

SAMPLING

- The sample of primary sampling units from each geographic substratum using a probability proportional to size (PPS) method was drawn.
- The households were selected using the random step principle, with a predetermined starting point, step direction, and step size.
- Respondents were selected using a Kish grid.
- The survey results are representative of the adult population (18 years and older) of Armenia.

DATA PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS

1. Cleaning

Comprehensive data cleaning efforts were undertaken to identify and correct inconsistencies where possible. Using the CAPI system helps prevent the entry of incorrect or ambiguous codes.

2. Recoding

Open-ended questions requiring text responses were recoded and aligned with numerical codes.

DATA PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS

3. Weighting

The data were weighted at two levels: household and individual.

For weighting at the household level, the following criteria were used:

- Total population in the precinct
- Total number of the precincts in the substratum
- Number of the sampled precincts in the substratum
- Total population in the substratum

For weighting at the individual level, the following criteria were used

- Household weight
- Number of adult members in the HH
- Total number of individuals in the given age-gender group

DATA PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS

4. Application of Statistical Tests

During the descriptive analysis of the CB data conducted in 2024, the Chi-square test was used to identify statistical significance.

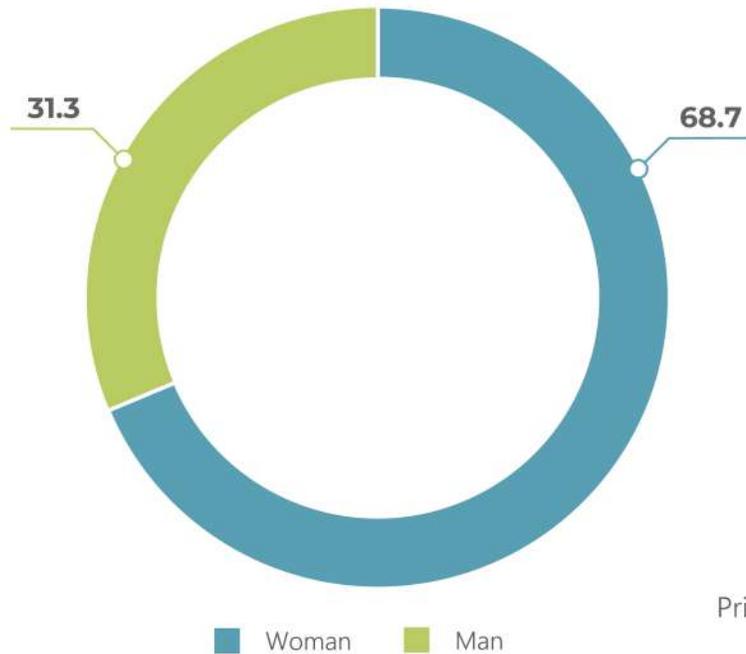
5. Analysis of the options “I refuse to answer” (RA) and “I find it difficult to answer” (DK)

The DK and RA options are not included in cases where those are the least weighted and where the question measures respondents' opinions.

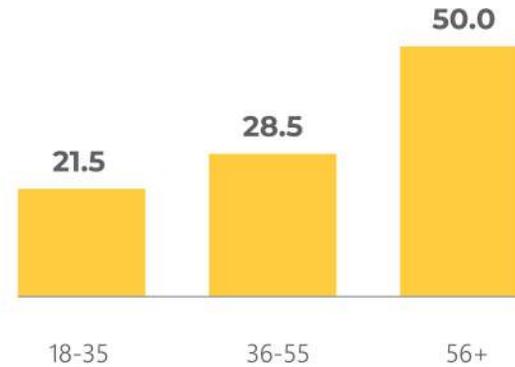
6. Descriptive analysis

Descriptive analysis was conducted to summarize the main characteristics of the data, primarily through frequency counts and percentage distributions.

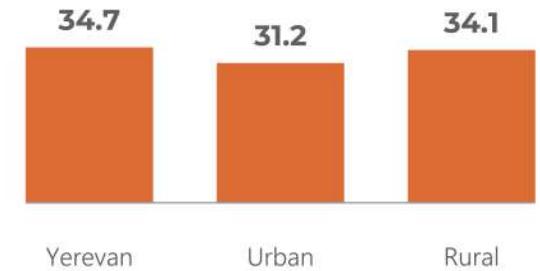
Gender (%) N=1561



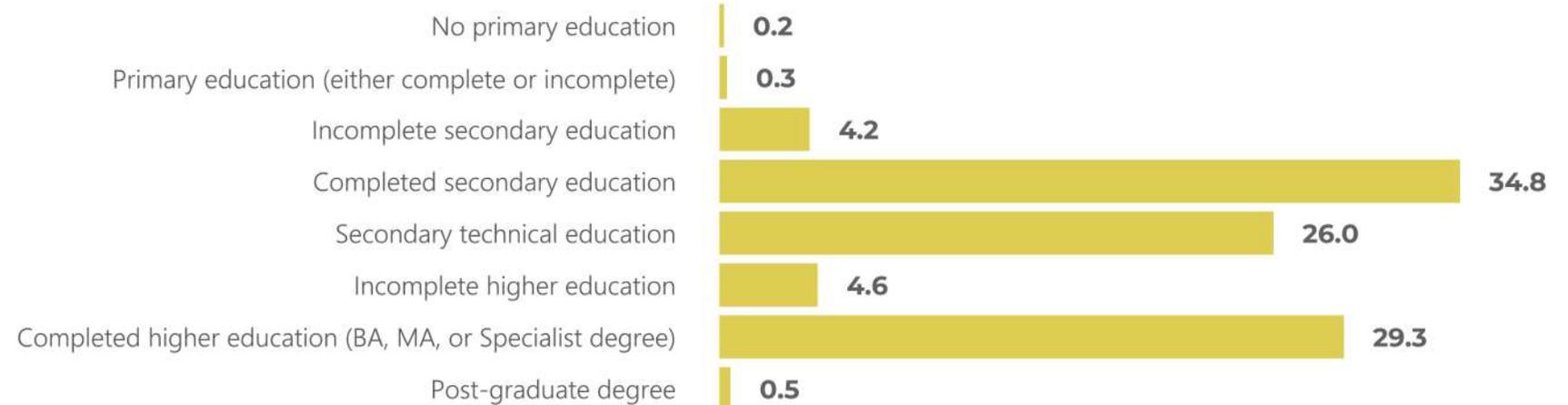
Age (%) N=1561



Settlement (%) N=1561



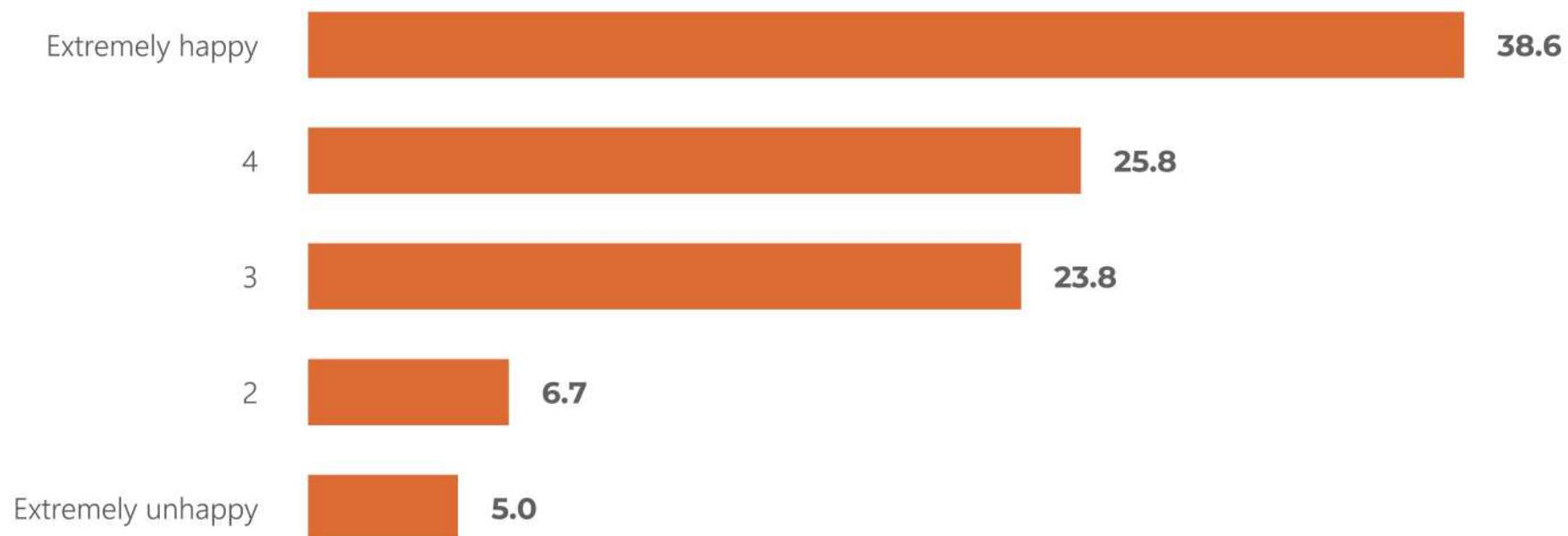
Education (%) N=1561





Culture, Values, Attitudes

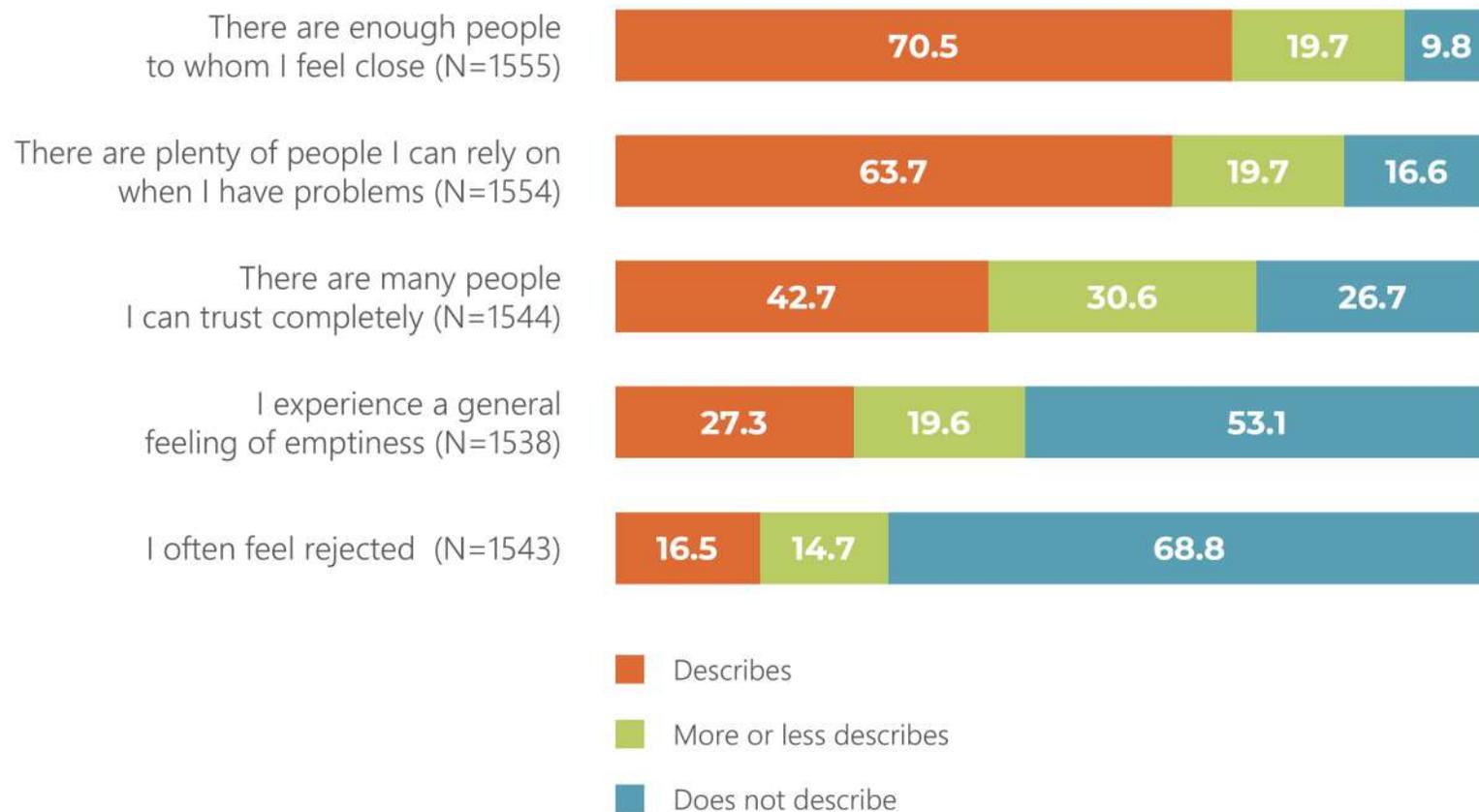
Overall, how happy would you say you are? (%) N=1534



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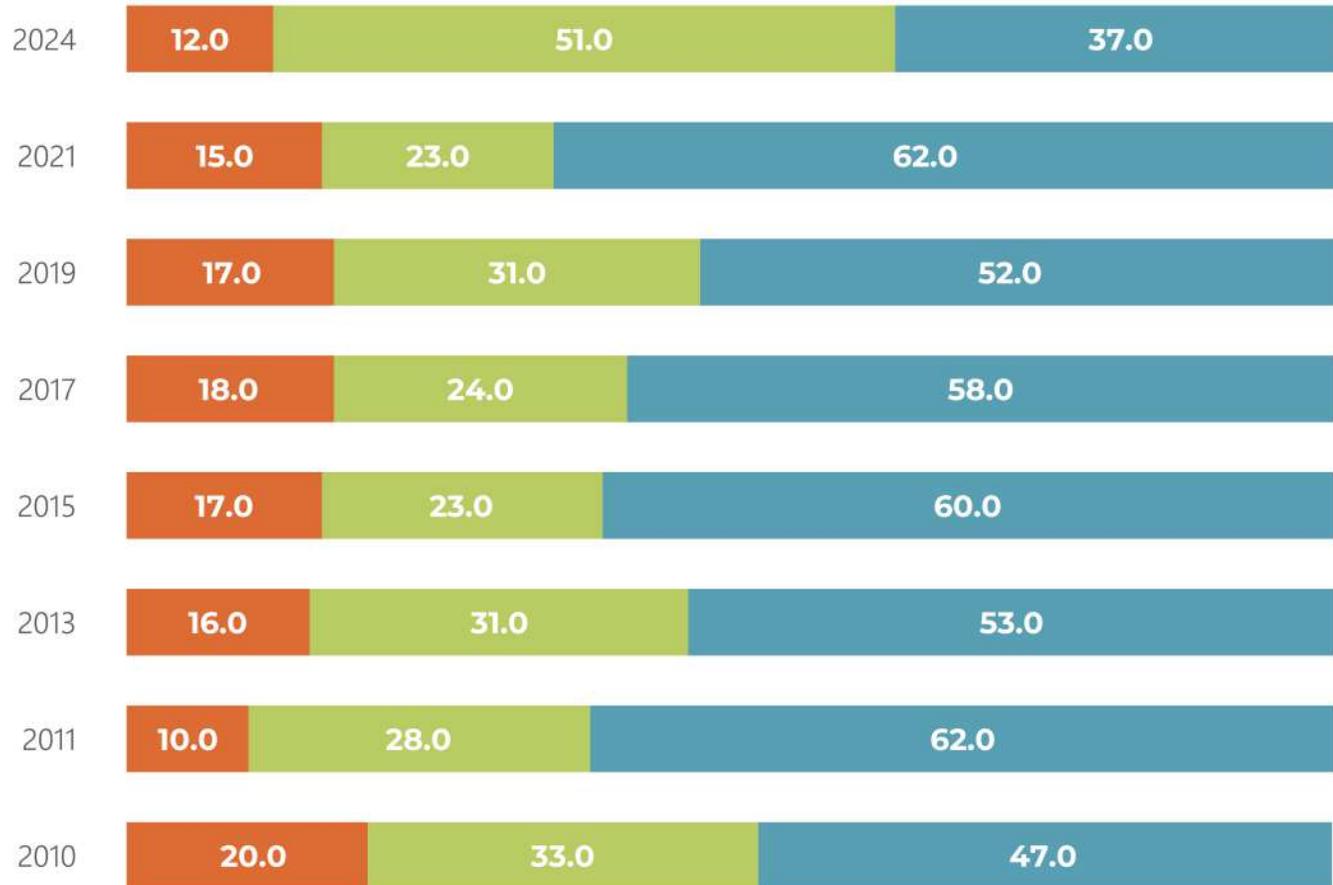
Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

For each of the following statements, please tell me whether it describes your feelings, more or less describes your feelings, or does not describe your feelings. (%)



Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

Most people can be trusted vs You can be too careful (%)

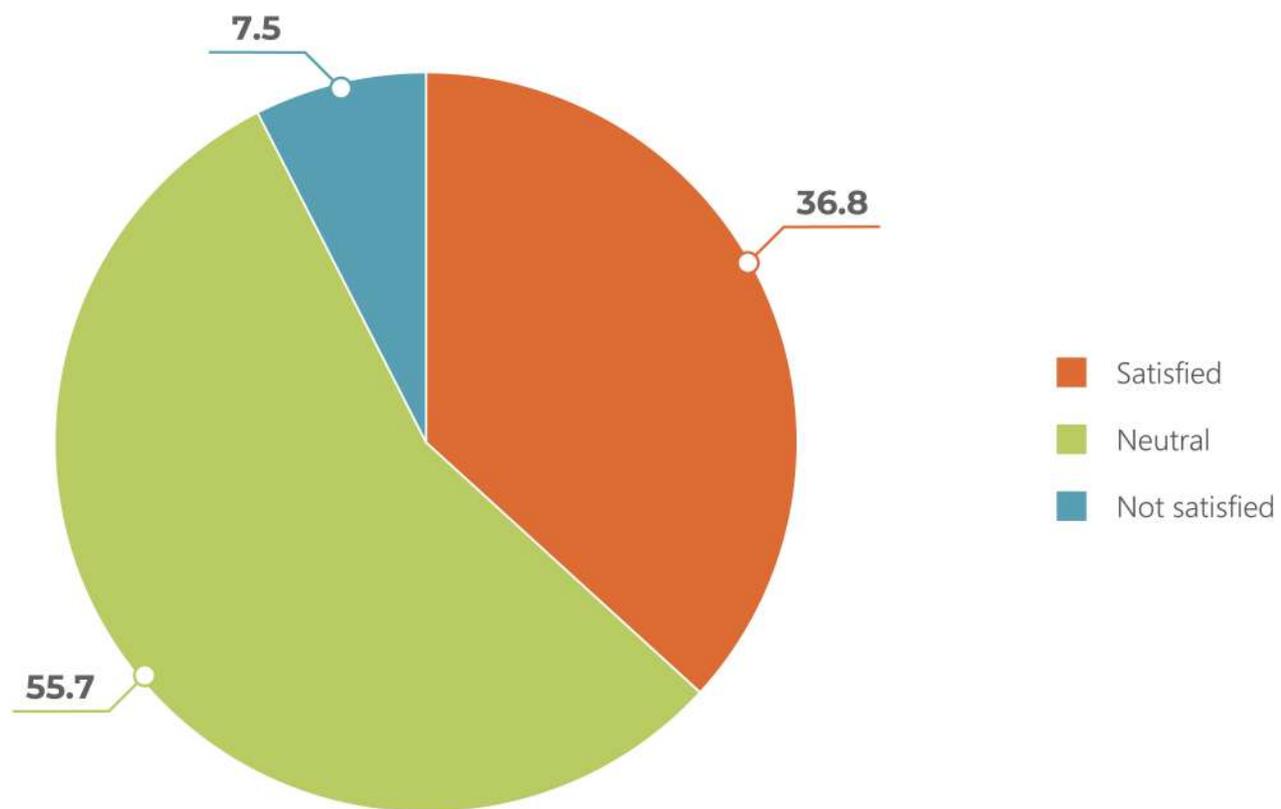


- Most people can be trusted
- Neutral
- You can be too careful

The question was recoded from a 10-point scale to a 3-point scale.

RA and DK options are not included.

All things considered, how satisfied are you with your own life as a whole nowadays? (%) N= 1552

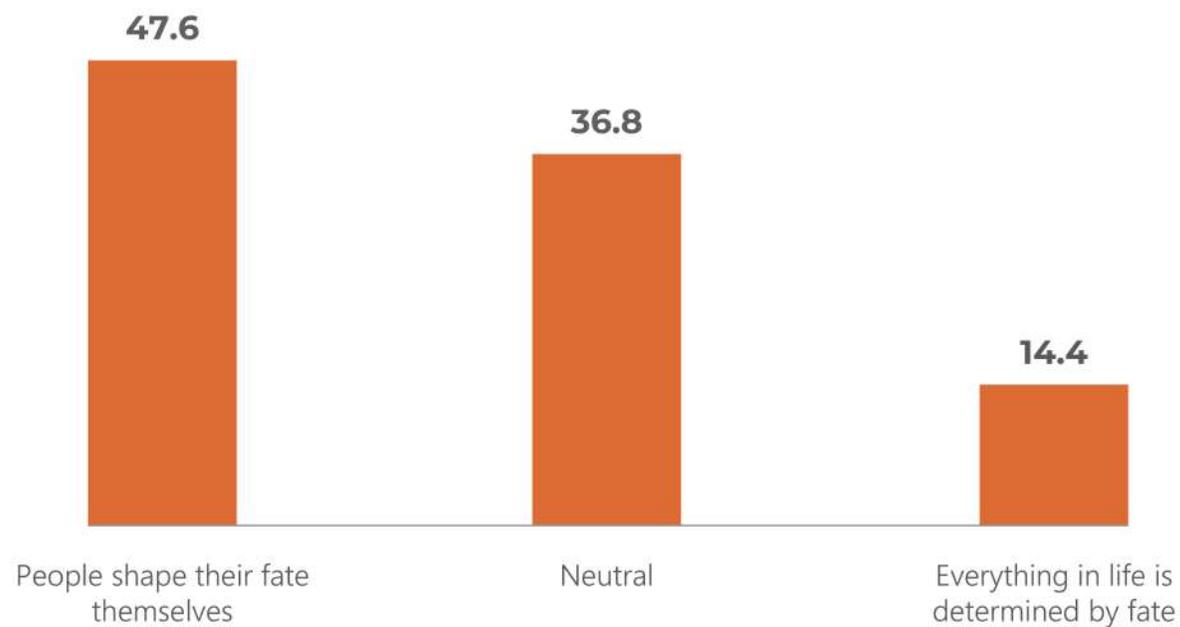


The question was recoded from a 10-point scale to a 3-point scale.

RA and DK options are not included.

Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

Please tell me which comes closest to your view? (%) N=1517

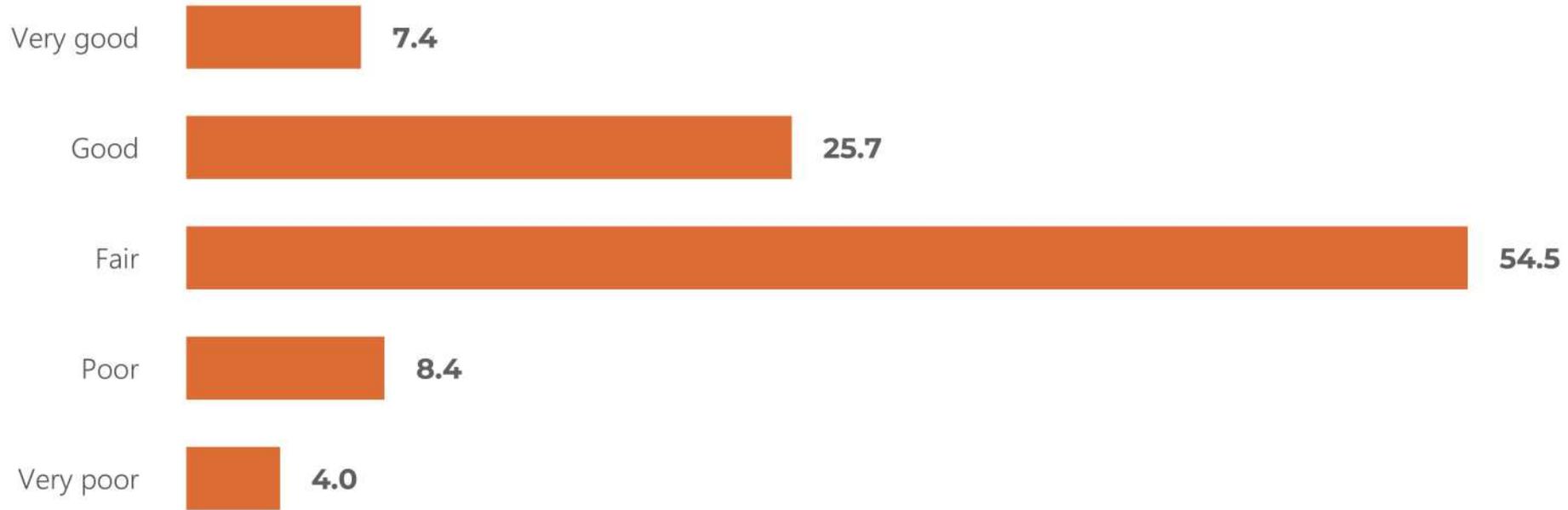


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Overall, how would you rate your health? (%) N=1556



RA and DK options are not included.

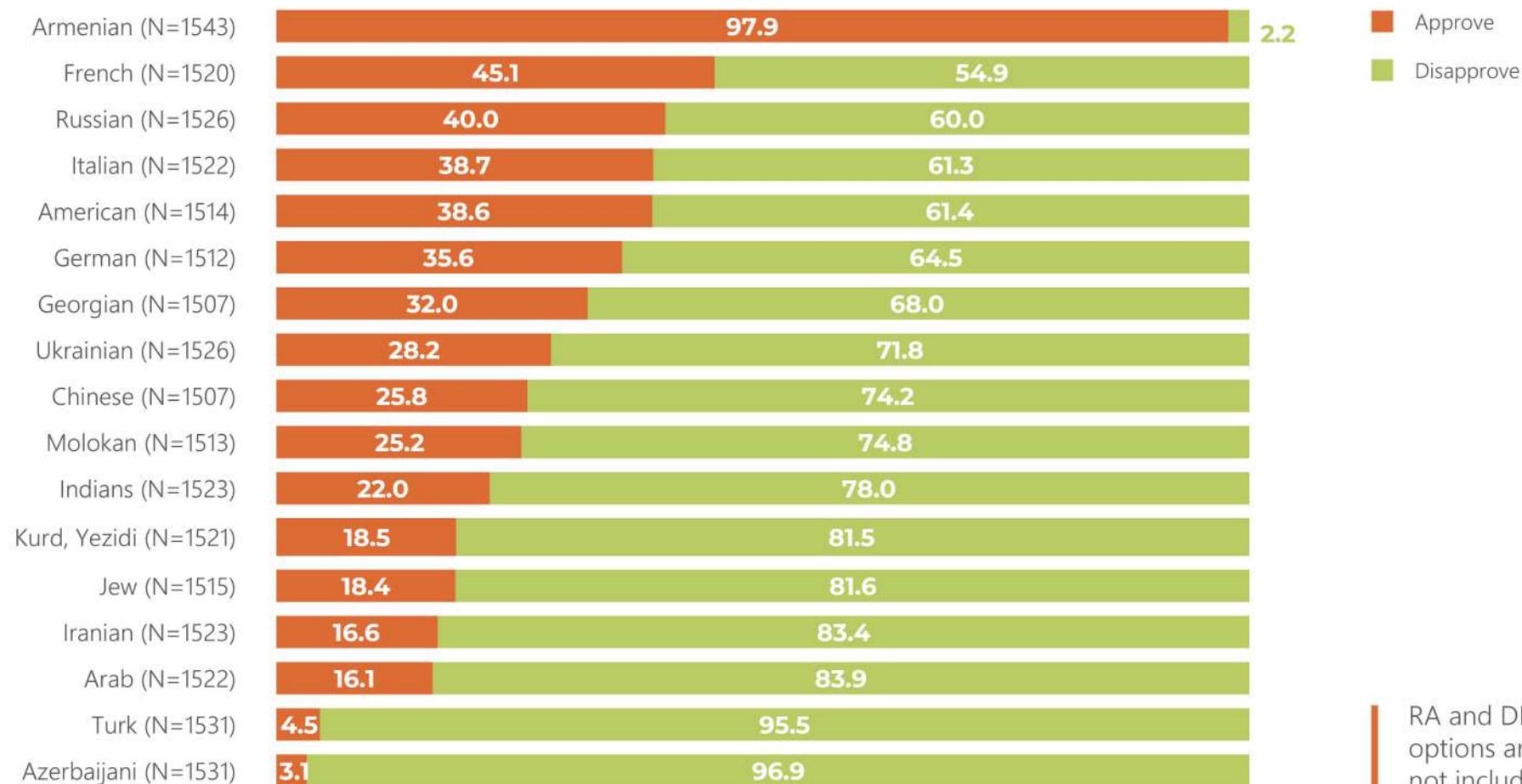
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Now I am going to read out a list of nationalities. Can you please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of people of your ethnicity doing business with a/an... (%)



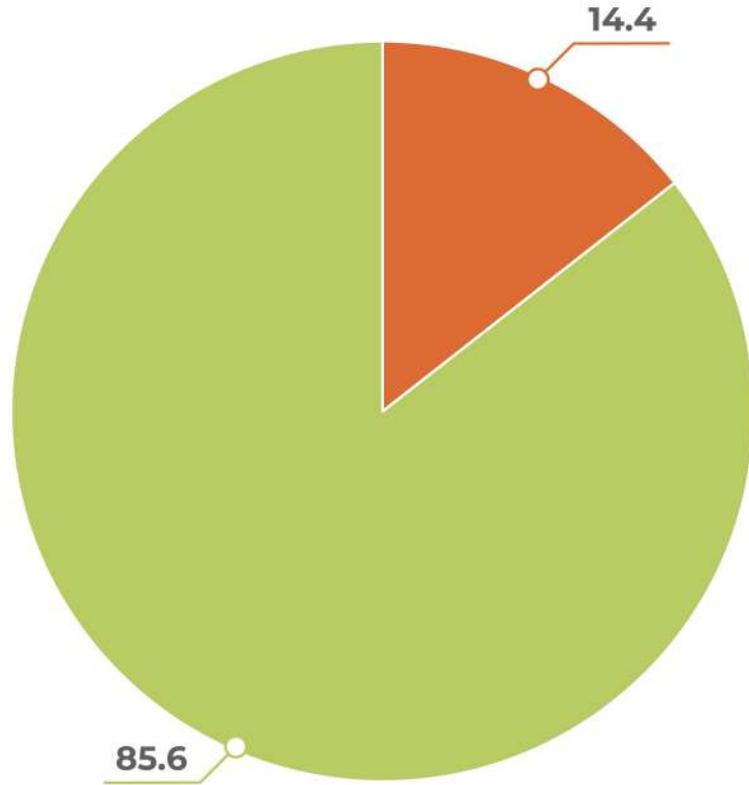
Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

Would you approve or disapprove of women of your ethnicity marrying a/an ... (%)



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Can you please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of people like you doing business with a sexual minority person? (%) N=1465

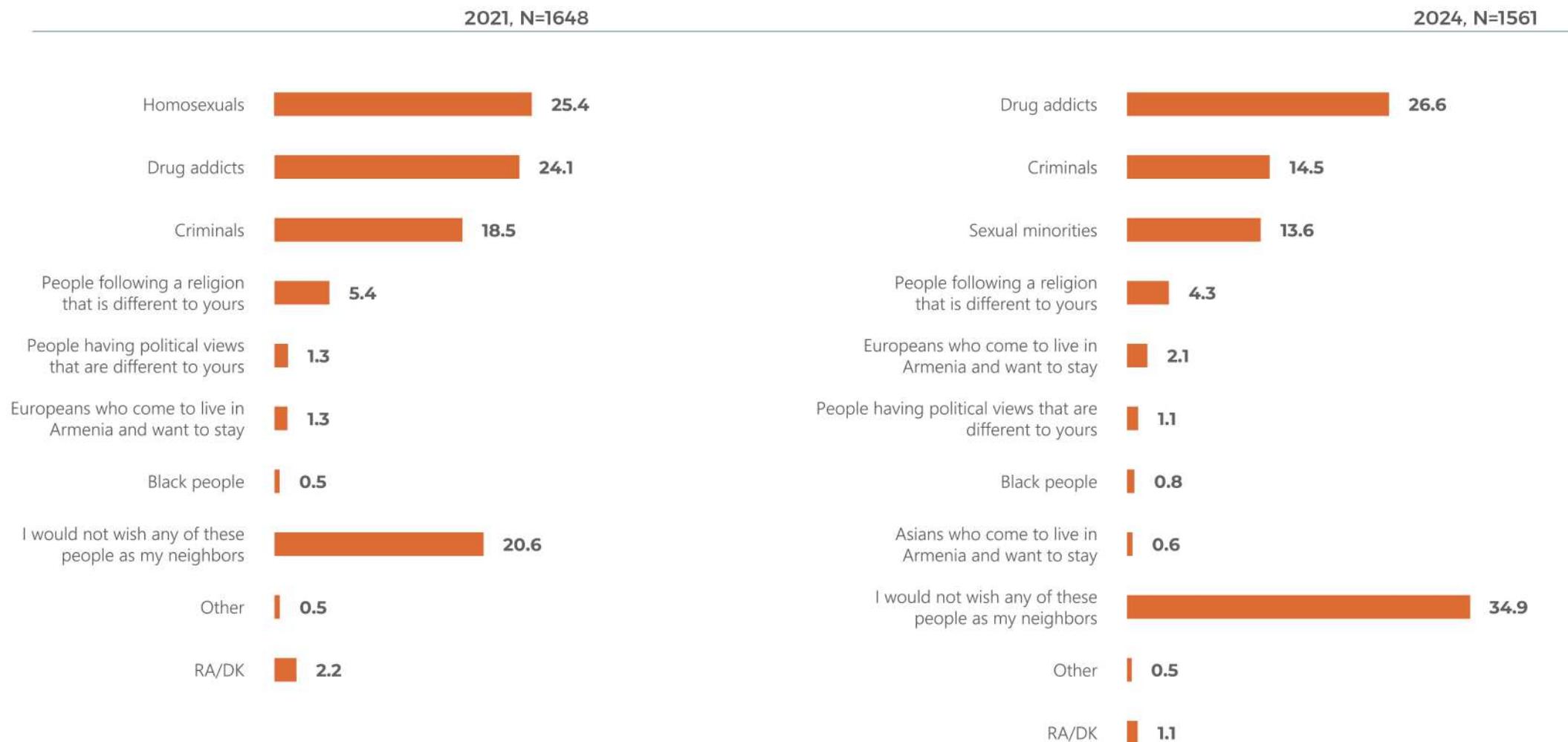


Yes
No

RA and DK options are not included.

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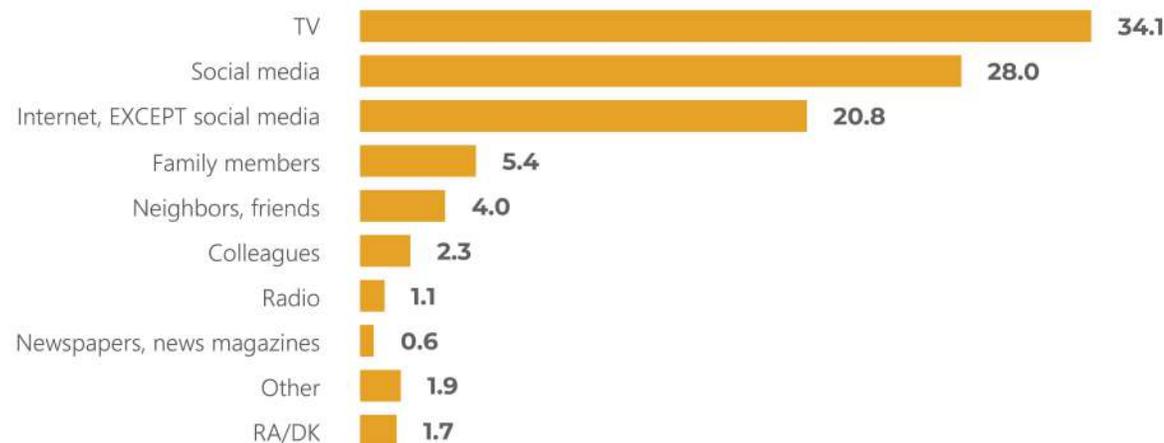
Which of these people would you not wish to have your neighbors most? (%)



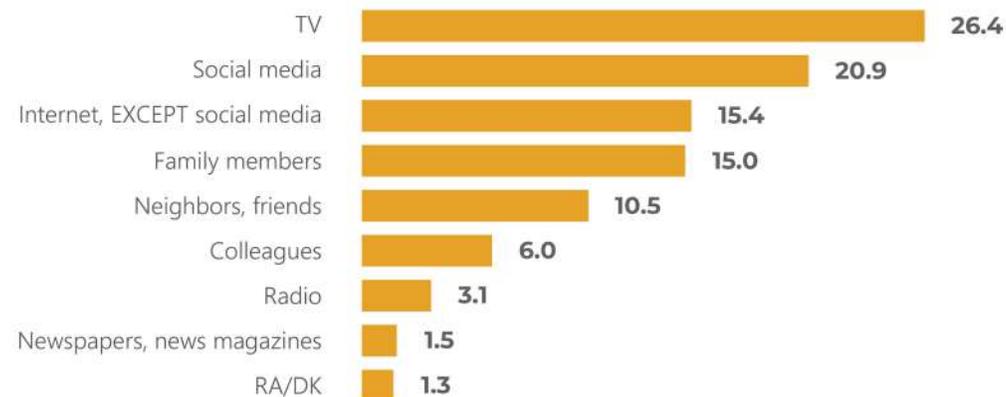


Media and the Internet

What are your main sources of information for receiving news about Armenia's current events? Please tell me, which is your first main source of information. (%) N=1561

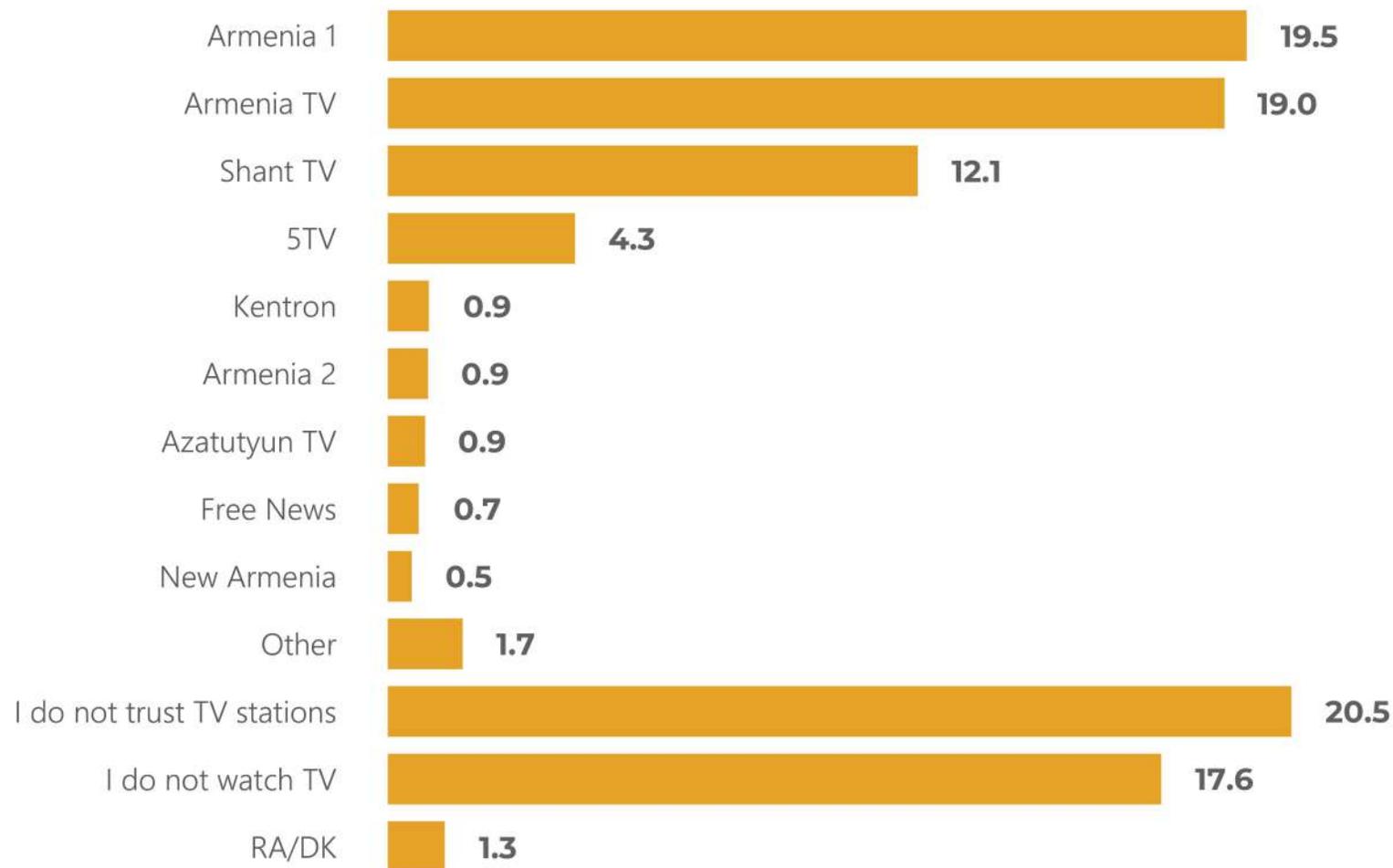


And what is your second main source of information about Armenia's current events? (%) N=1561



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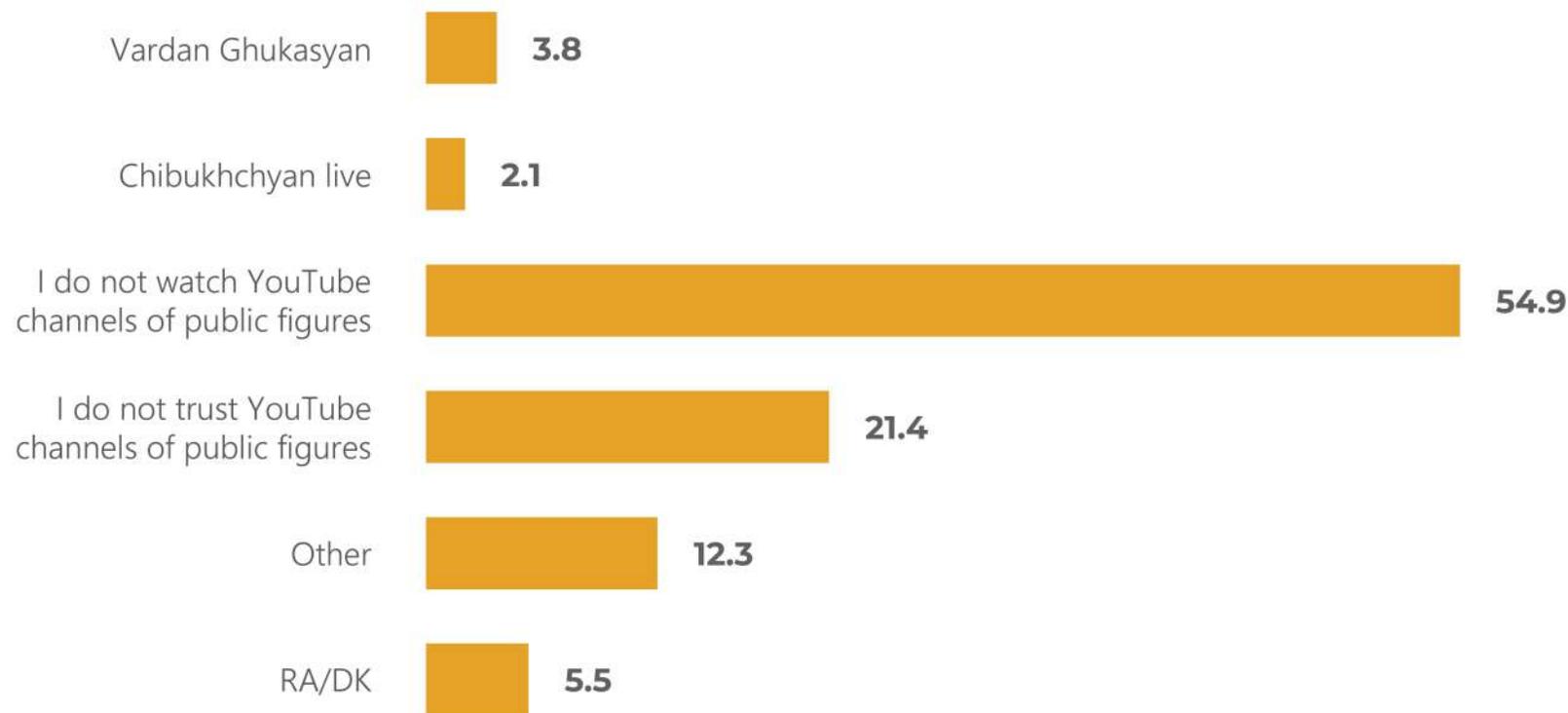
Which TV station, if any, do you trust the most for news on politics and events in Armenia? (%) N=1561



Responses below 0.5% were grouped under the "Other" category, including Yerkir-Media, A-TV, RTR Planeta, Shoghakat, Fortuna TV, 21 TV, Tsayg, and Fastsports.

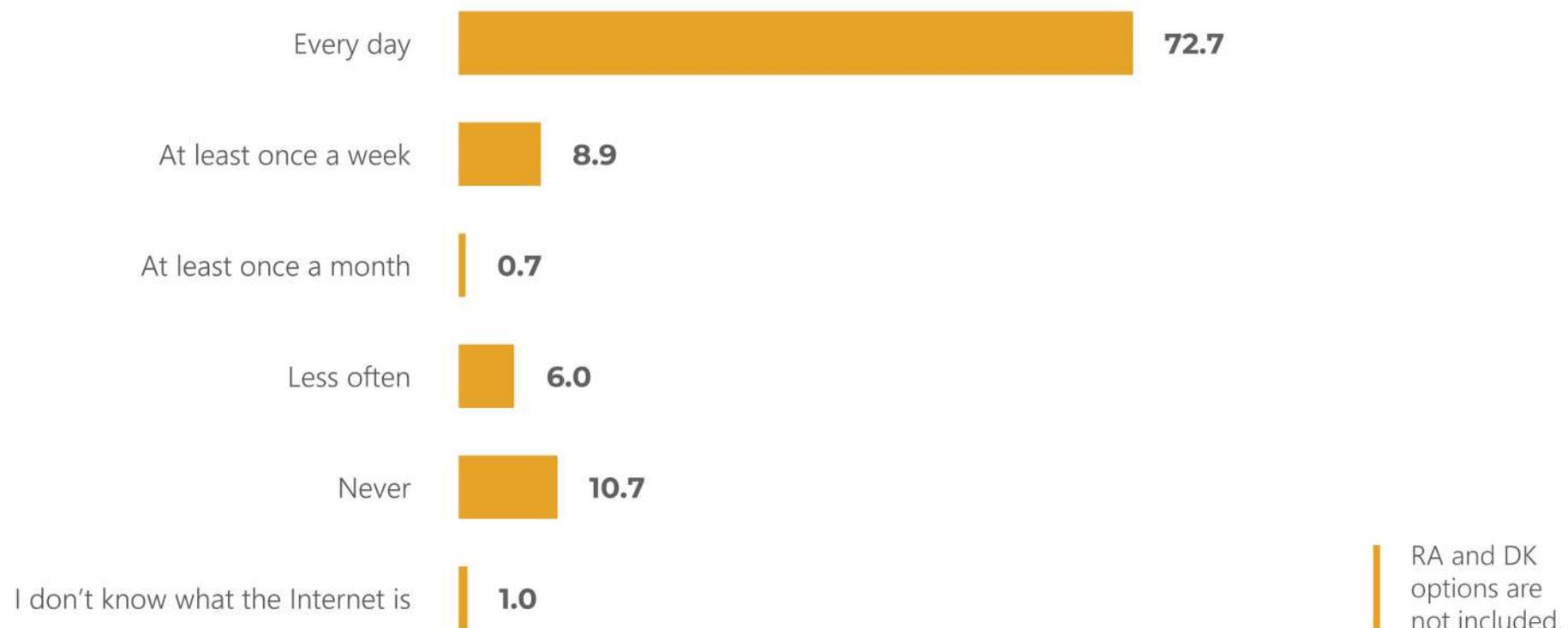
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Which public figure's Youtube channel, if any, do you trust the most for content on politics and events in Armenia? (%) N=1561



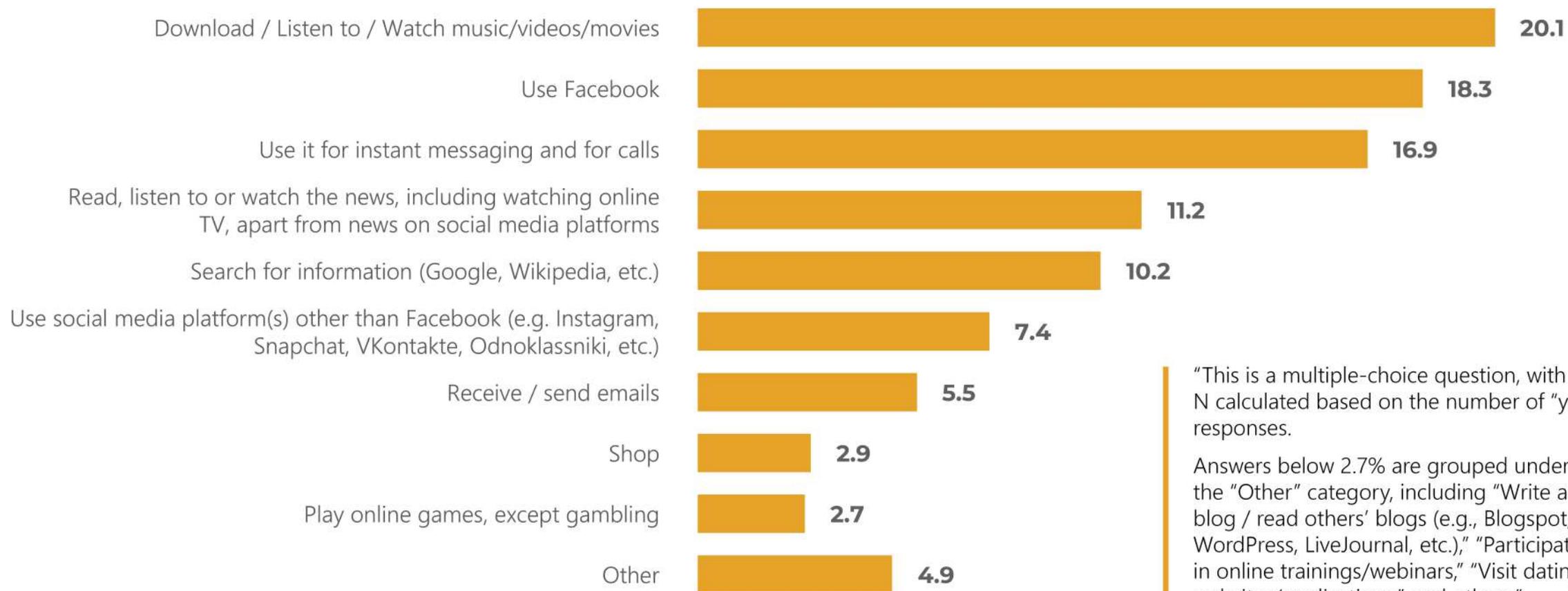
Responses below 2.1% were grouped under the "Other" category, including "Abraham Gasparyan," "Davit Grigoryan," "Nikol Pashinyan," and others.

Could you please tell me how often do you use the Internet? (%) N=1559



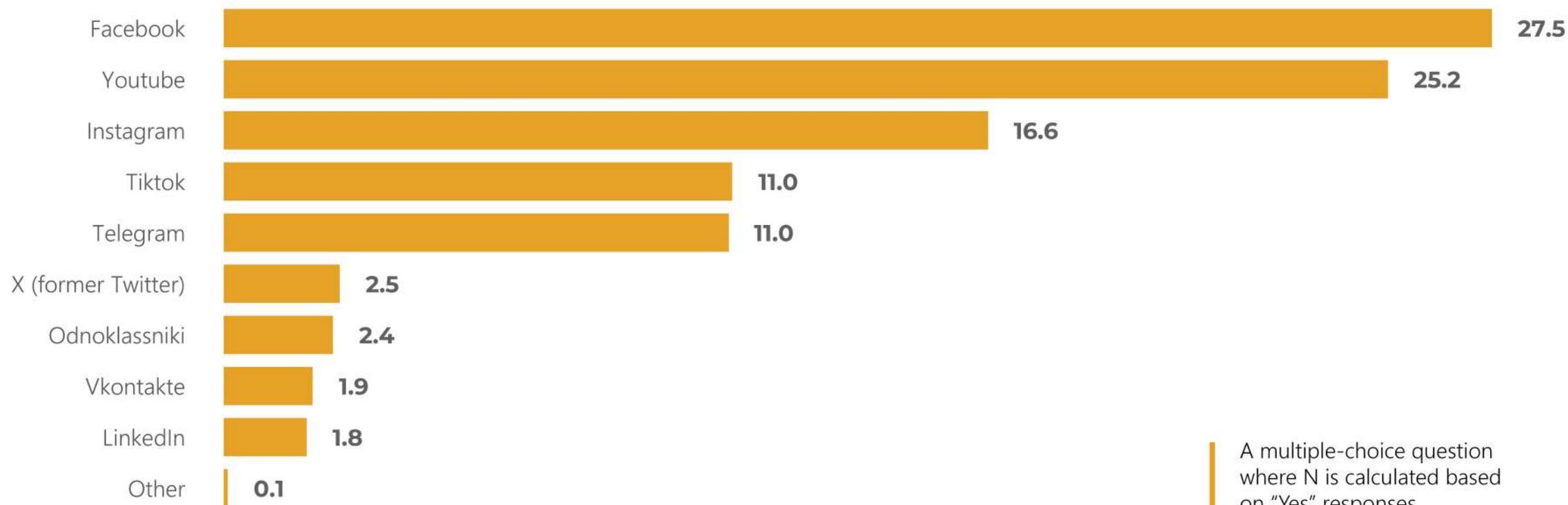
Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

Which of the following do you do most frequently when you are browsing the Internet? (%) N=3218



Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

Do you use the following social media platforms and applications. (%) N=3824

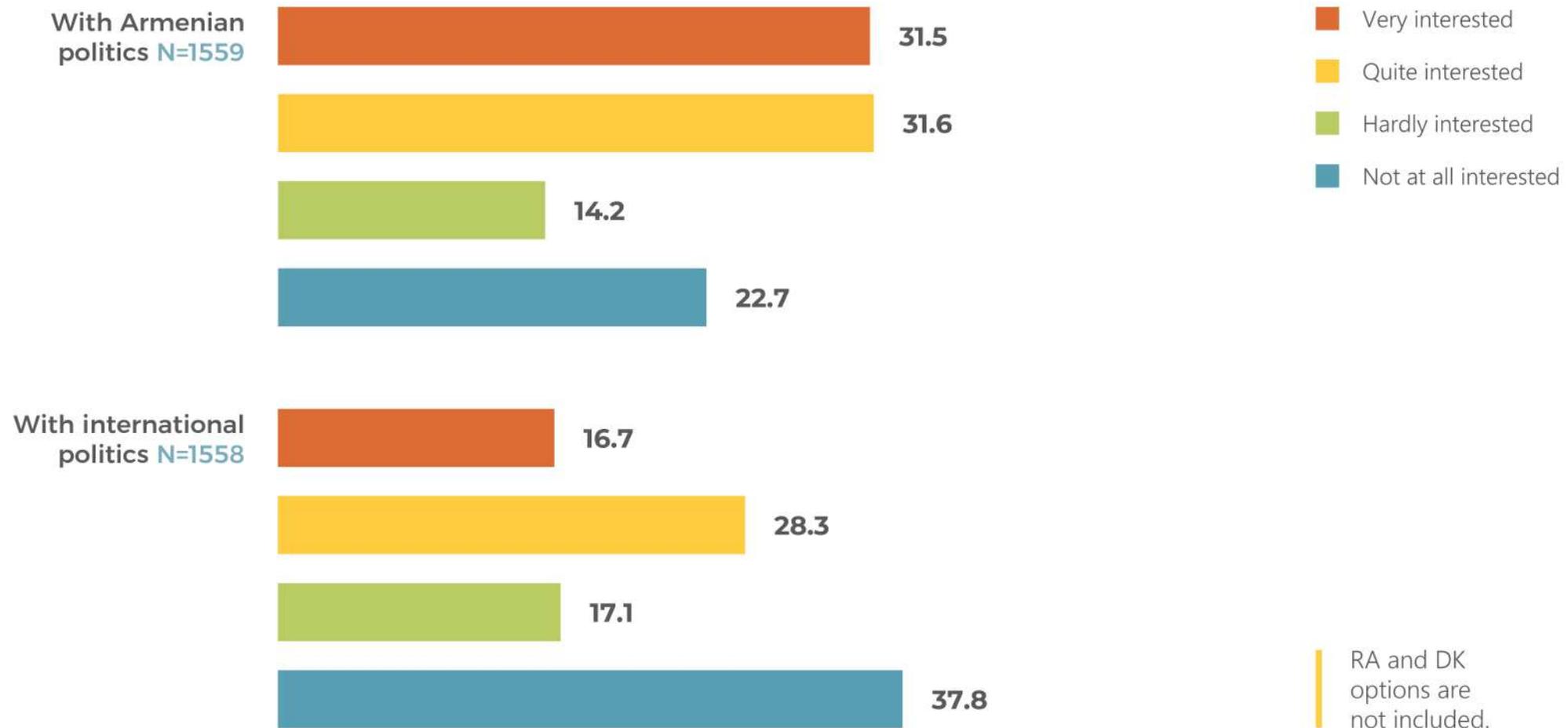


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Politics, Power, Democracy

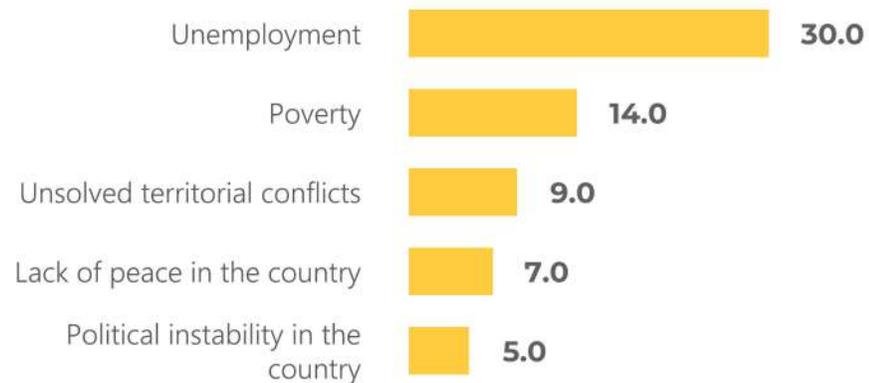
How interested would you say you are... (%)



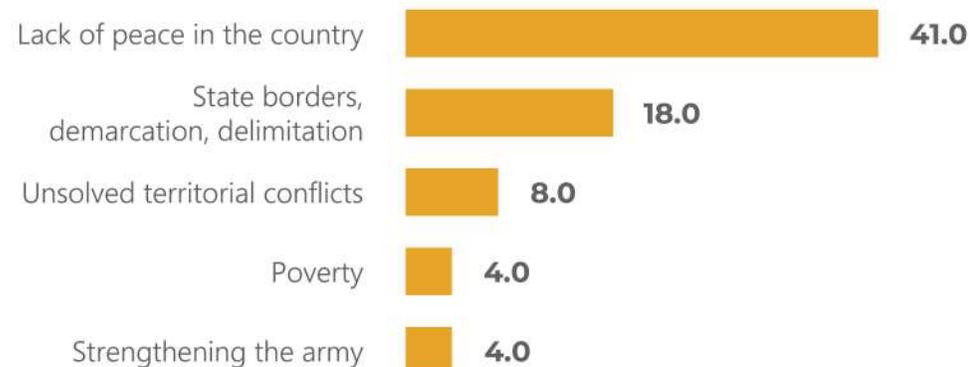
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The 5 most important issues facing Armenia. (%)

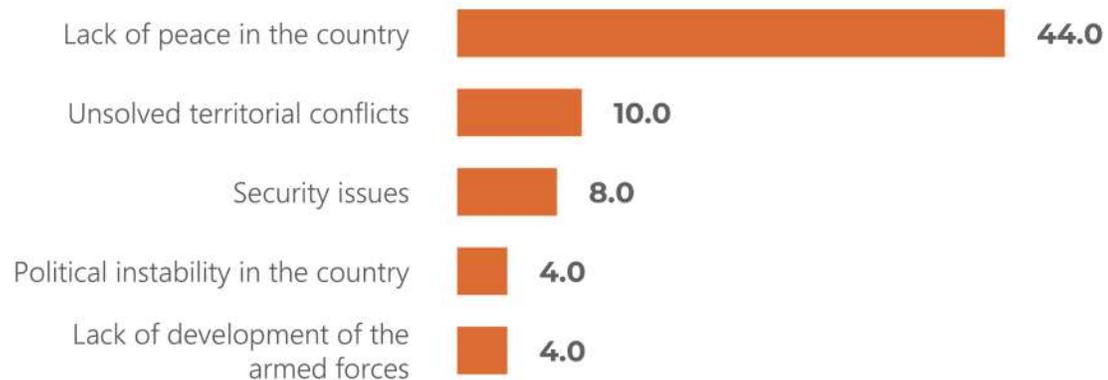
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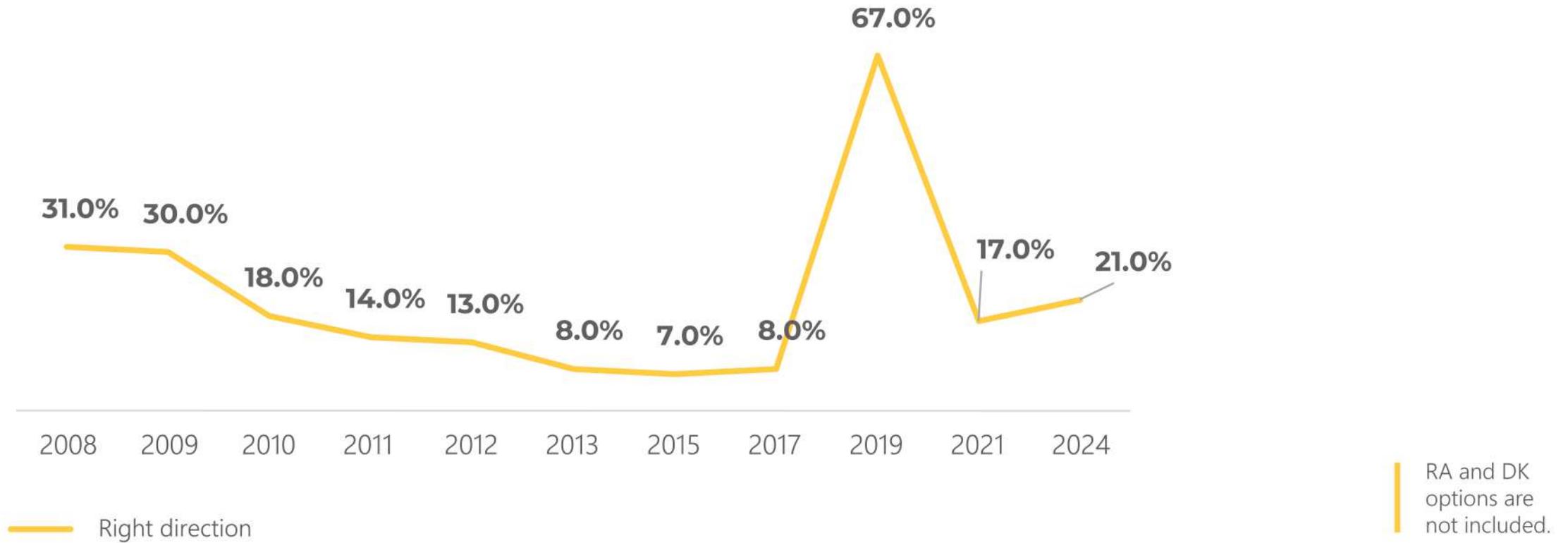
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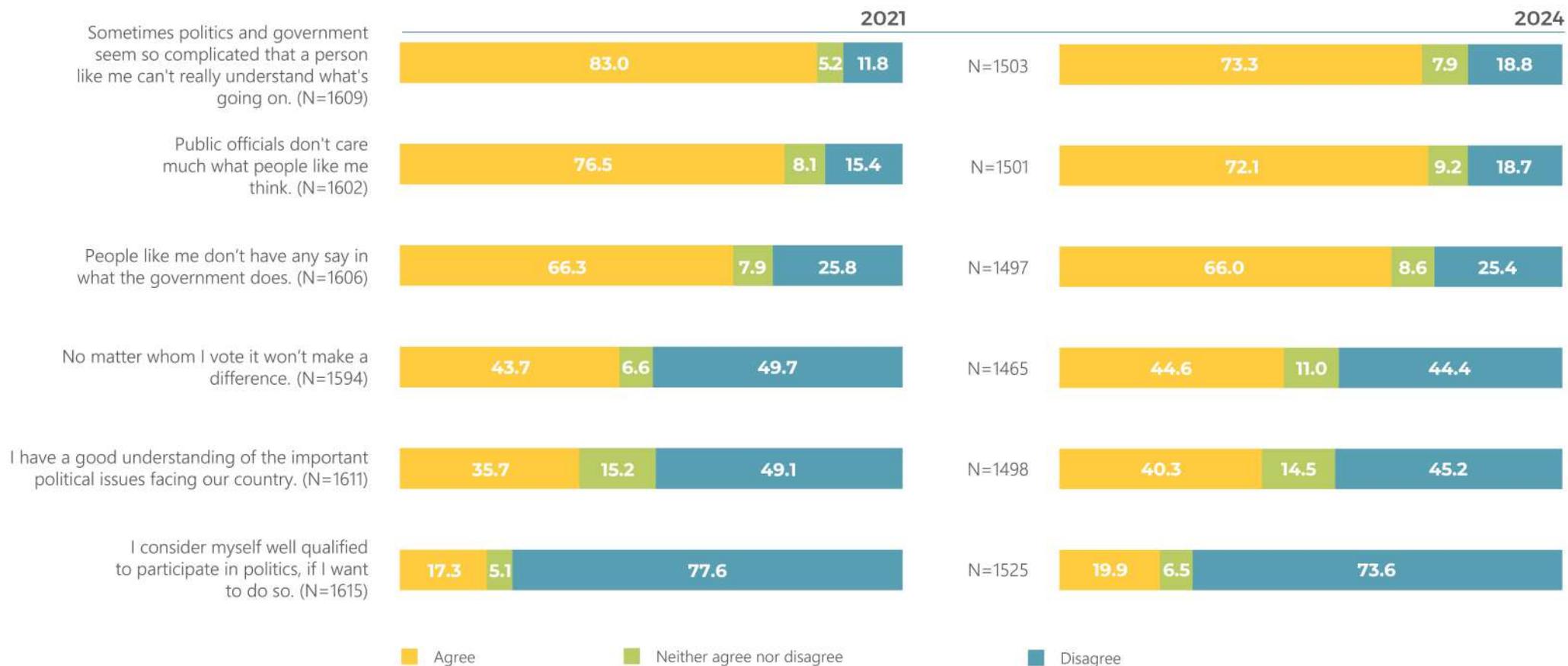
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There are different opinions regarding the direction in which Armenian domestic politics are going. (%)



Please tell me, to what extent do you agree or disagree to the following statements. (%)

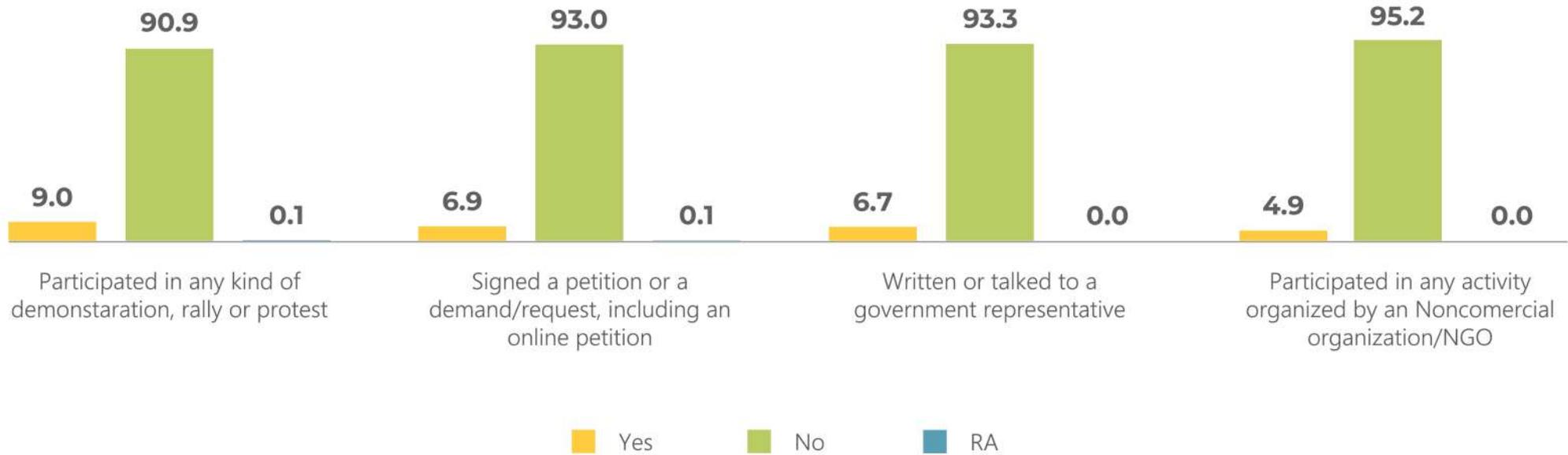


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The initial options were: Fully disagree, Rather disagree, Neither agree nor disagree, Rather agree, Fully agree.

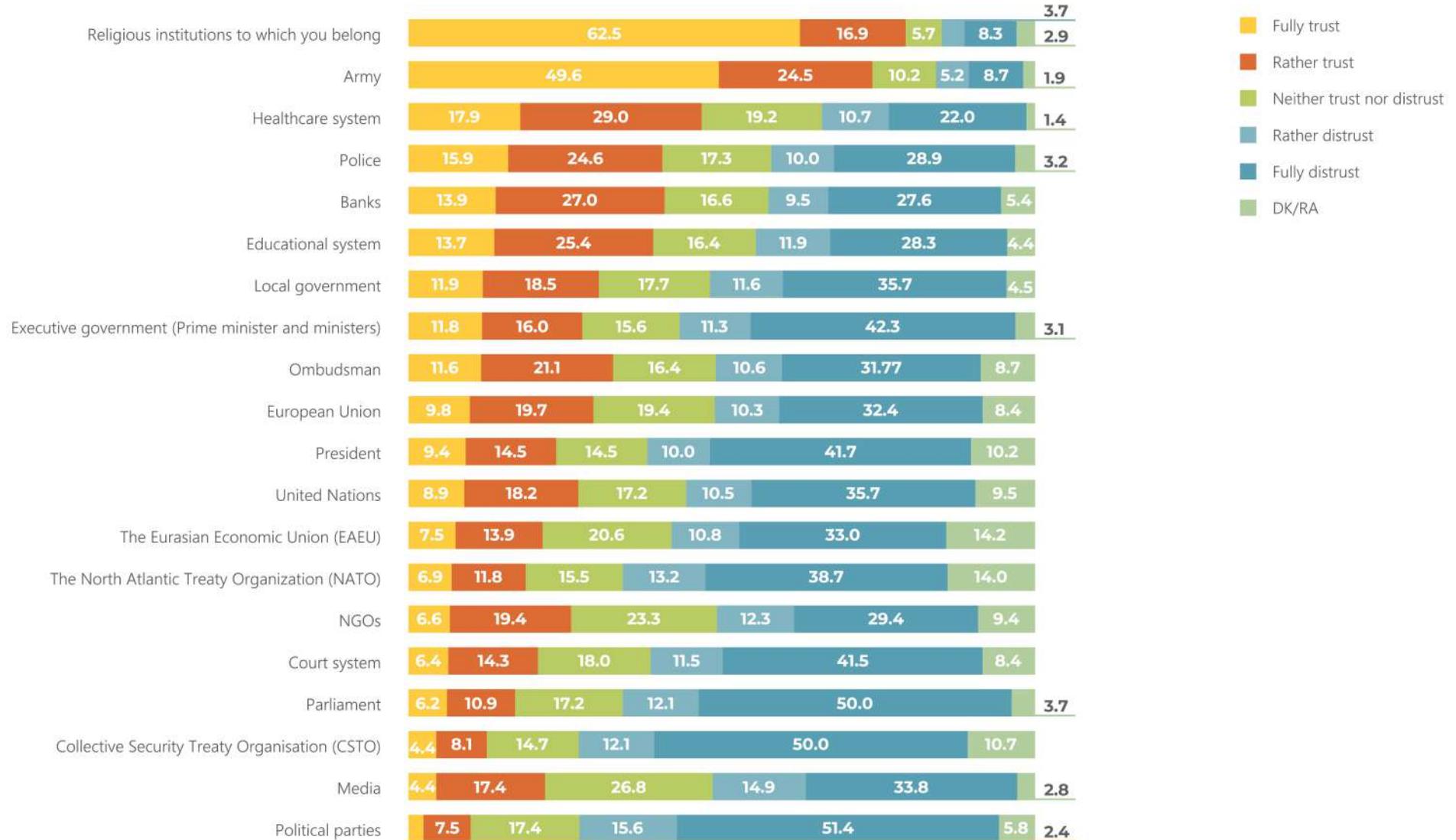
During the last 12 months, have you...? (%) N=1561



Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

2024

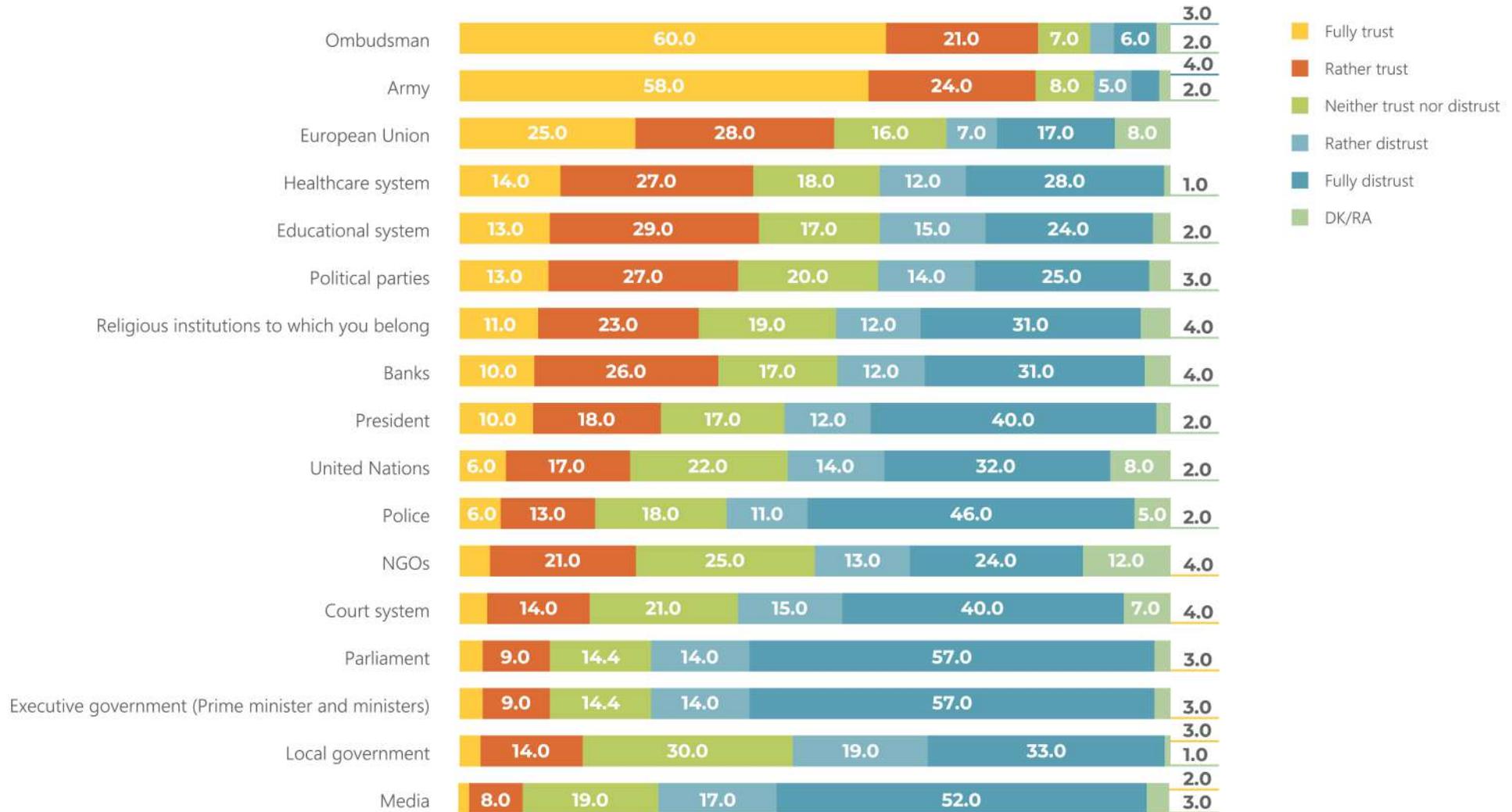
How much do you trust or distrust... (%) N=1551



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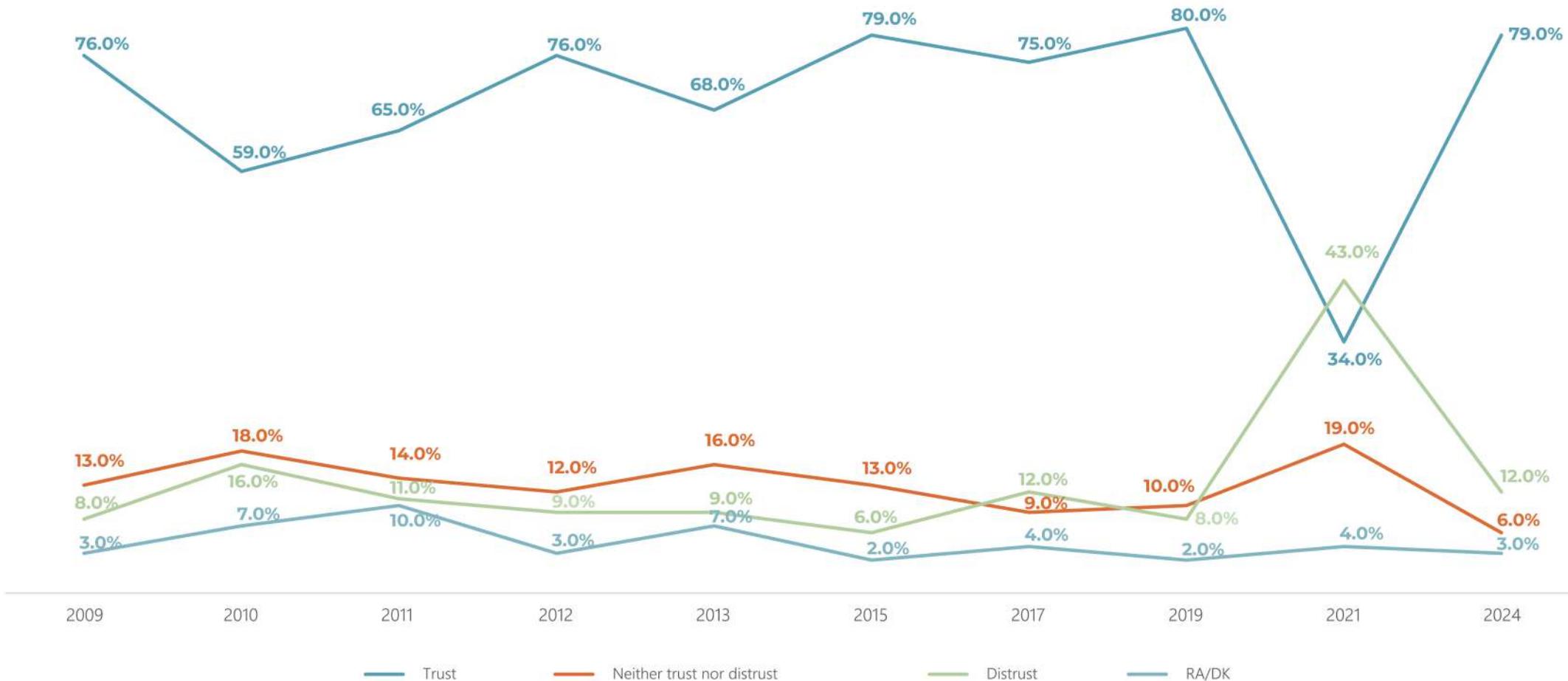
2021

How much do you trust or distrust... (%) N=1648



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How much do you trust or distrust Religious institutions to which you belong? (%)



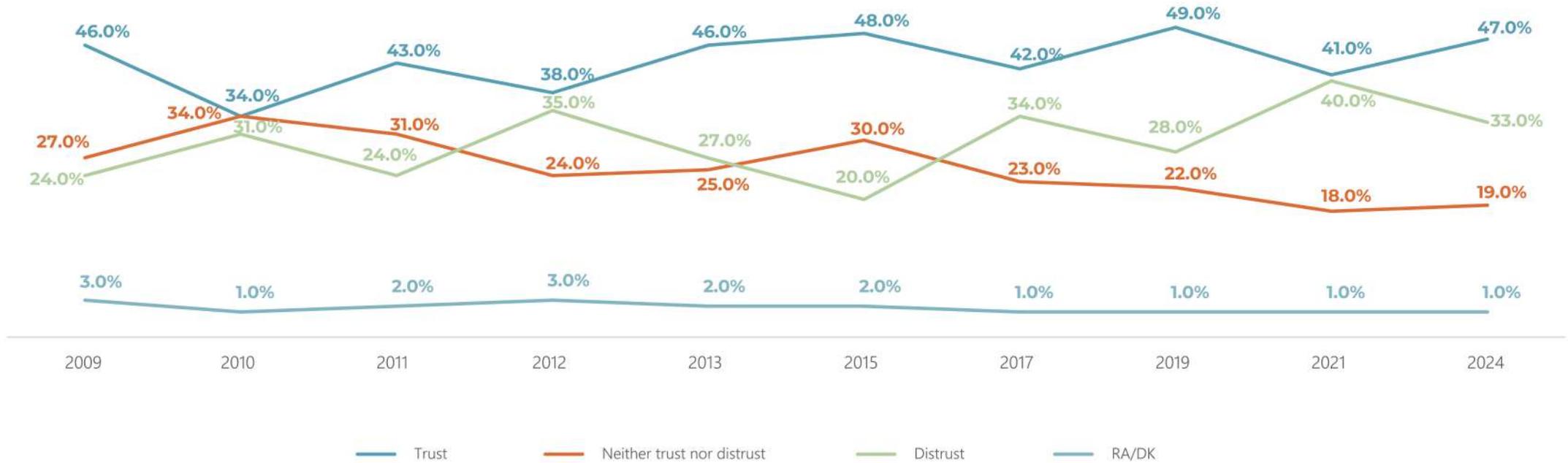
The question was recoded from a 5-point scale to a 3-point scale

How much do you trust or distrust Army? (%)



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How much do you trust or distrust Healthcare system? (%)



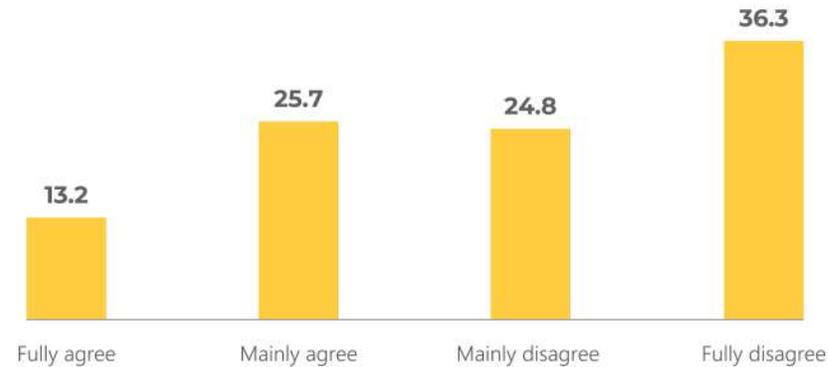
The question was recoded from a 5-point scale to a 3-point scale.

In Armenia today, do you think or not that people like yourself have the right to openly say what they think? (%) N=1517



RA and DK options are not included.

Under the present government in Armenia, do you completely agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or completely disagree that people like yourself are treated fairly by the government? (%) N= 1444

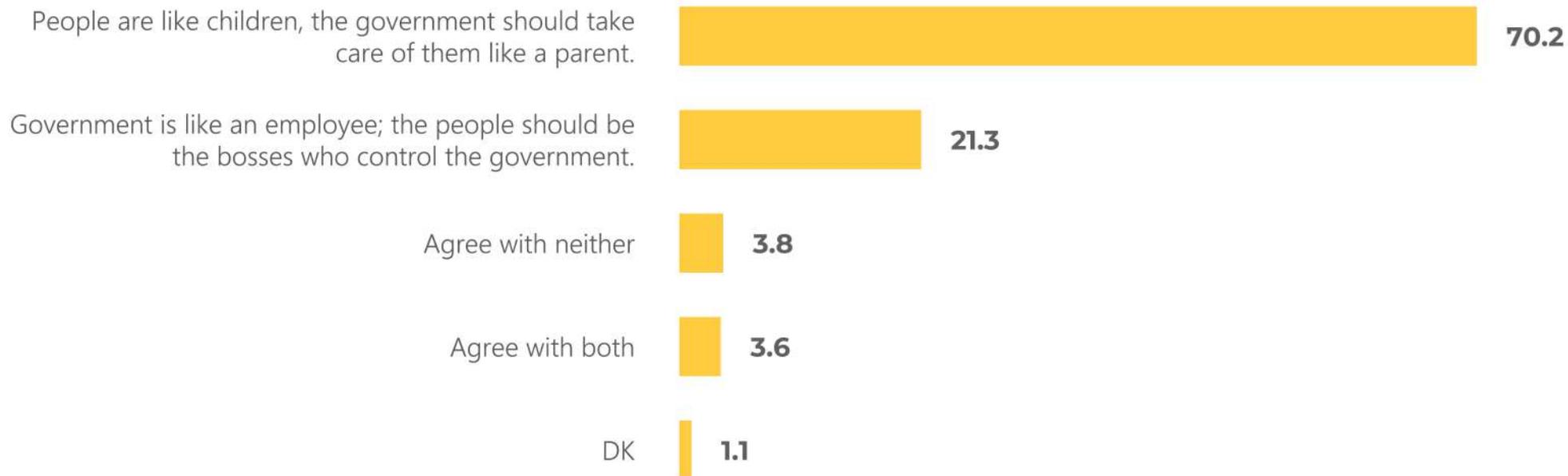


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Please tell me which of the following statements do you agree with? (%) N=1561

2024



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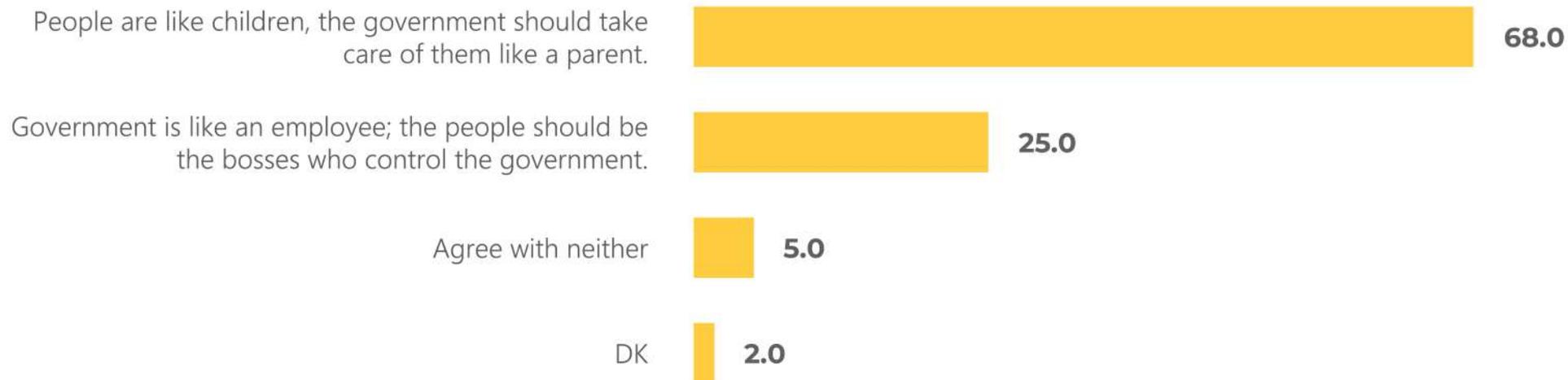
The original response options were:

1. "I completely agree with the 1st point of view", 2. "I agree with the 1st point of view", 3. "I agree with the 2nd point of view"
4. "I completely agree with the 2nd point of view", 5. "I disagree with neither point of view", 6. "I agree with both points of view", 7. "RA", 8. "DK"

For recoding, responses 1 and 2 were grouped as "People are like children; the government should take care of them like a parent." while responses 3 and 4 were grouped as "Government is like an employee; the people should be the bosses who control the government."

Please tell me which of the following statements do you agree with? (%) N=1648

2021



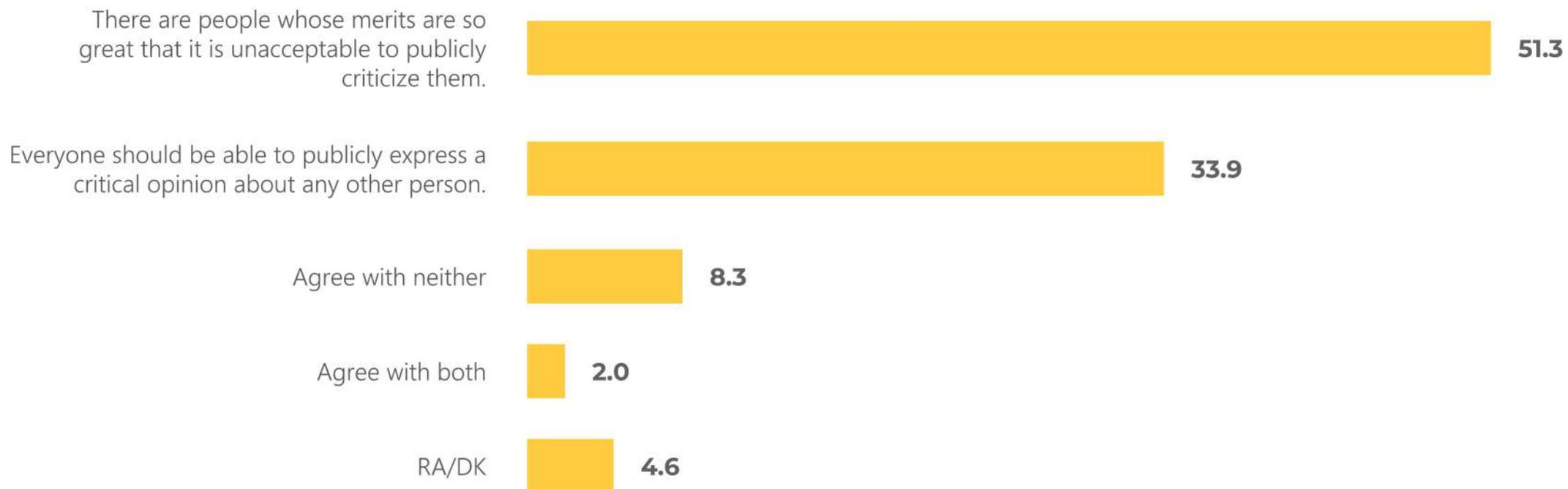
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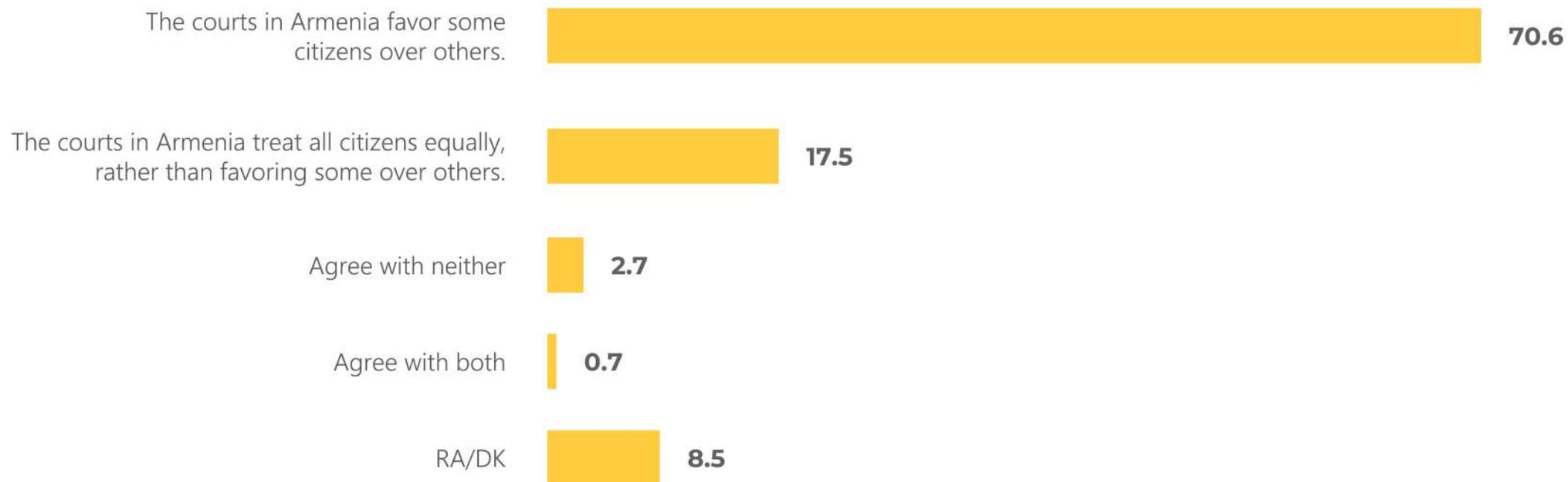
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For recoding, responses 1 and 2 were grouped as "There are people whose merits are so great that it is unacceptable to publicly criticize them." while responses 3 and 4 were grouped as "Everyone should be able to publicly express a critical opinion about any other person."

Please tell me which of the following statements do you agree with? (%) N=1561



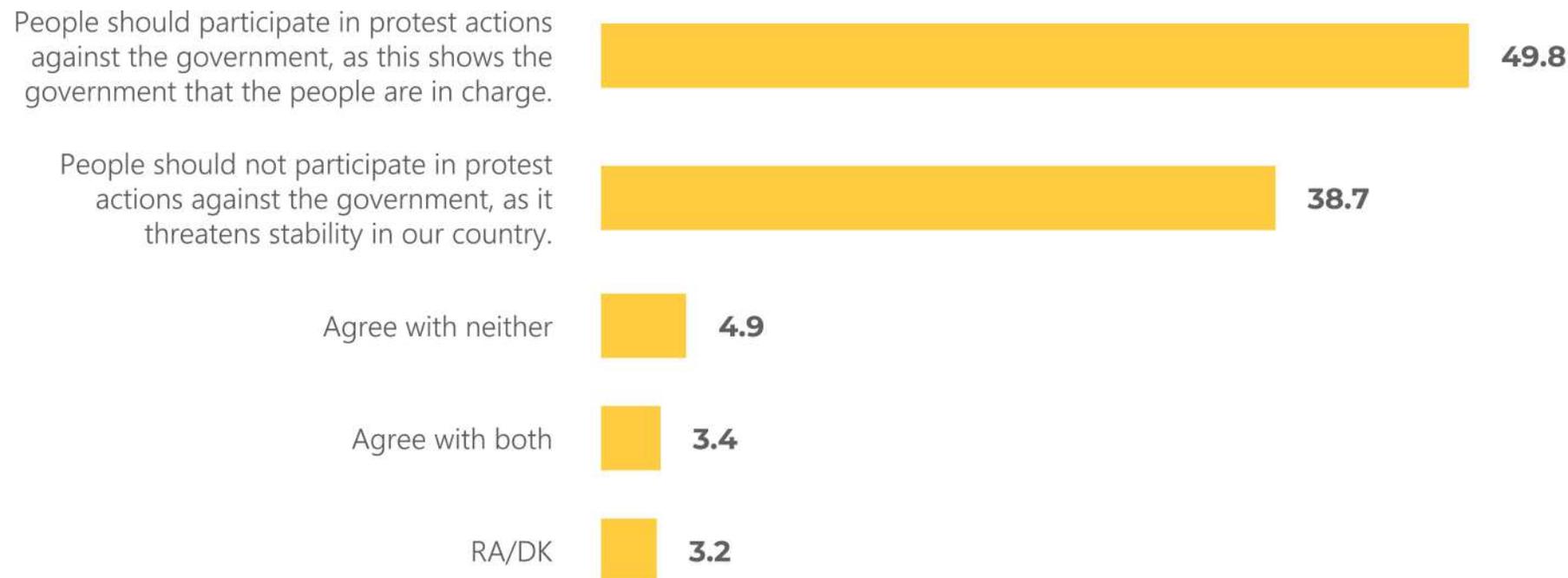
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For recoding, responses 1 and 2 were grouped as "The courts in Armenia favor some citizens over others. " while responses 3 and 4 were grouped as "The courts in Armenia treat all citizens equally, rather than favoring some over others. "

Which of the following statements do you agree with? (%) N=1561



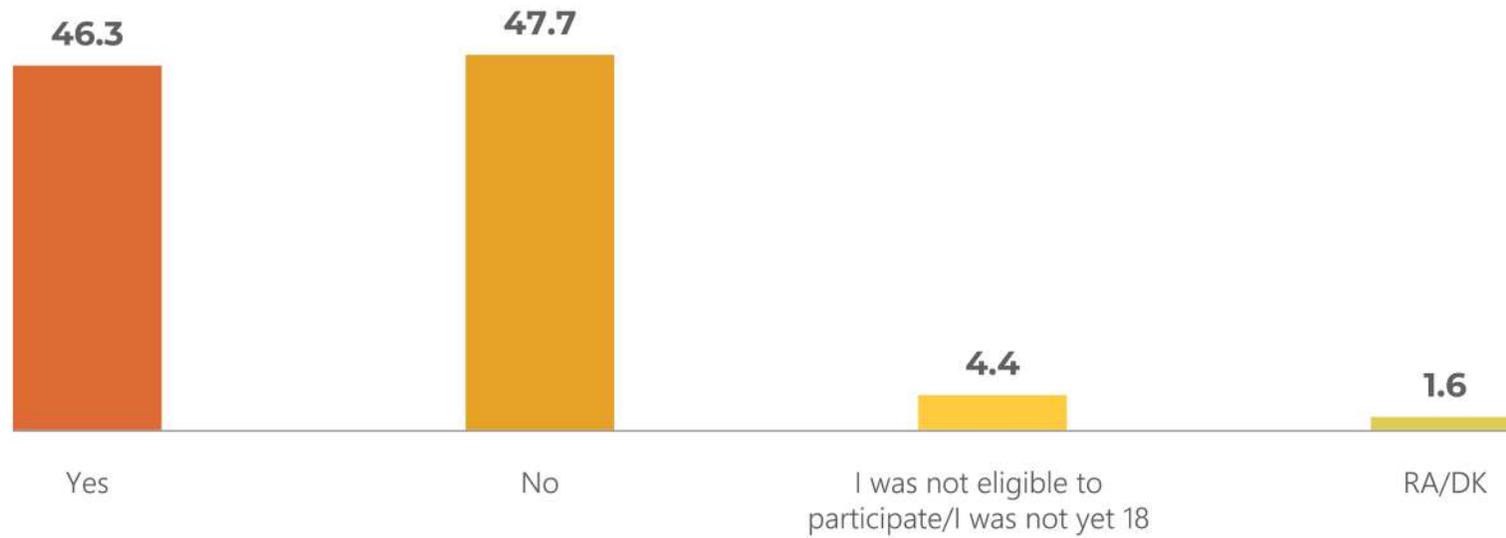
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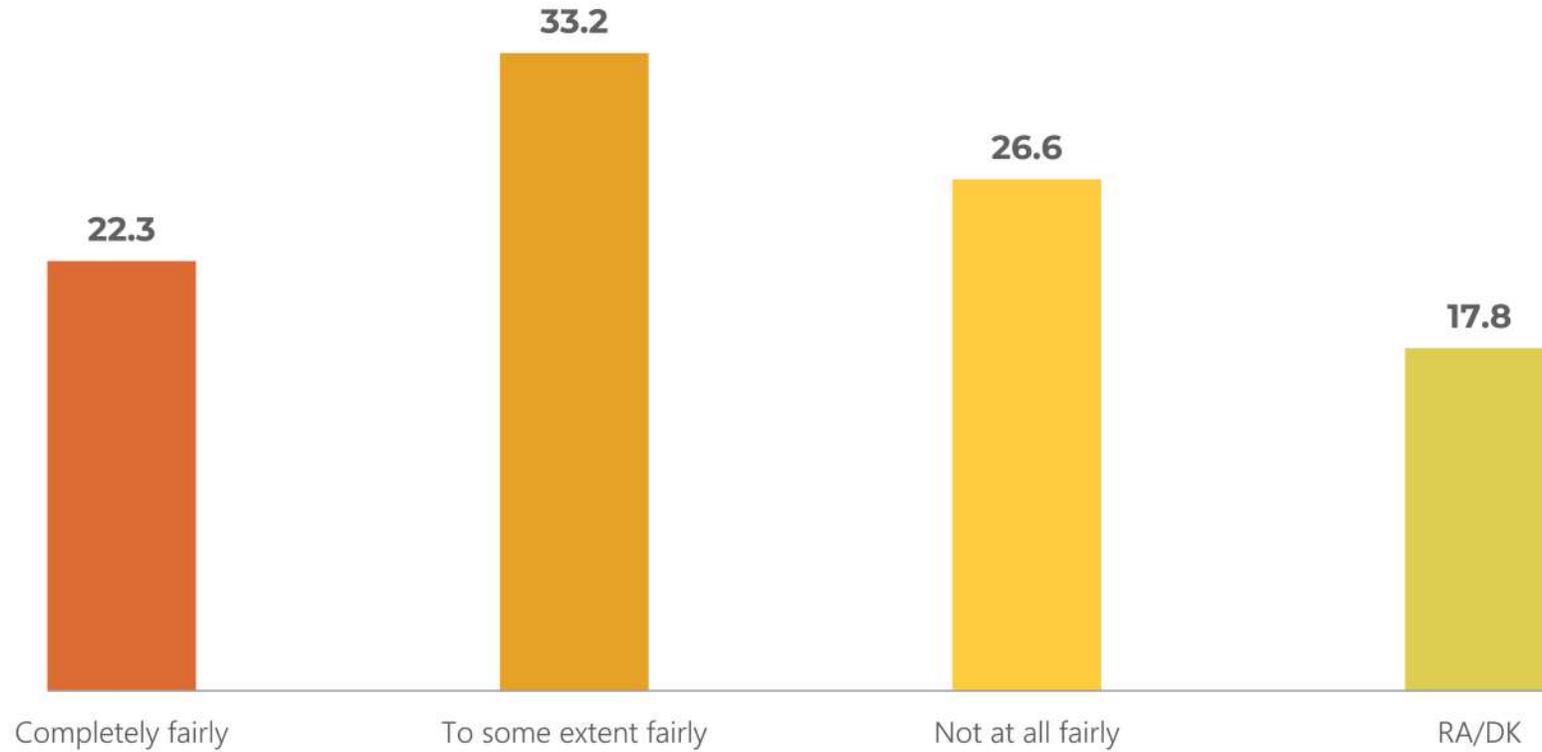
For recoding, responses 1 and 2 were grouped as "People should participate in protest actions against the government, as this shows the government that the people are in charge." while responses 3 and 4 were grouped as "People should not participate in protest actions against the government, as it threatens stability in our country."

Did you participate in the last parliamentary elections, which were held on June 20, 2021? (%) N=1561



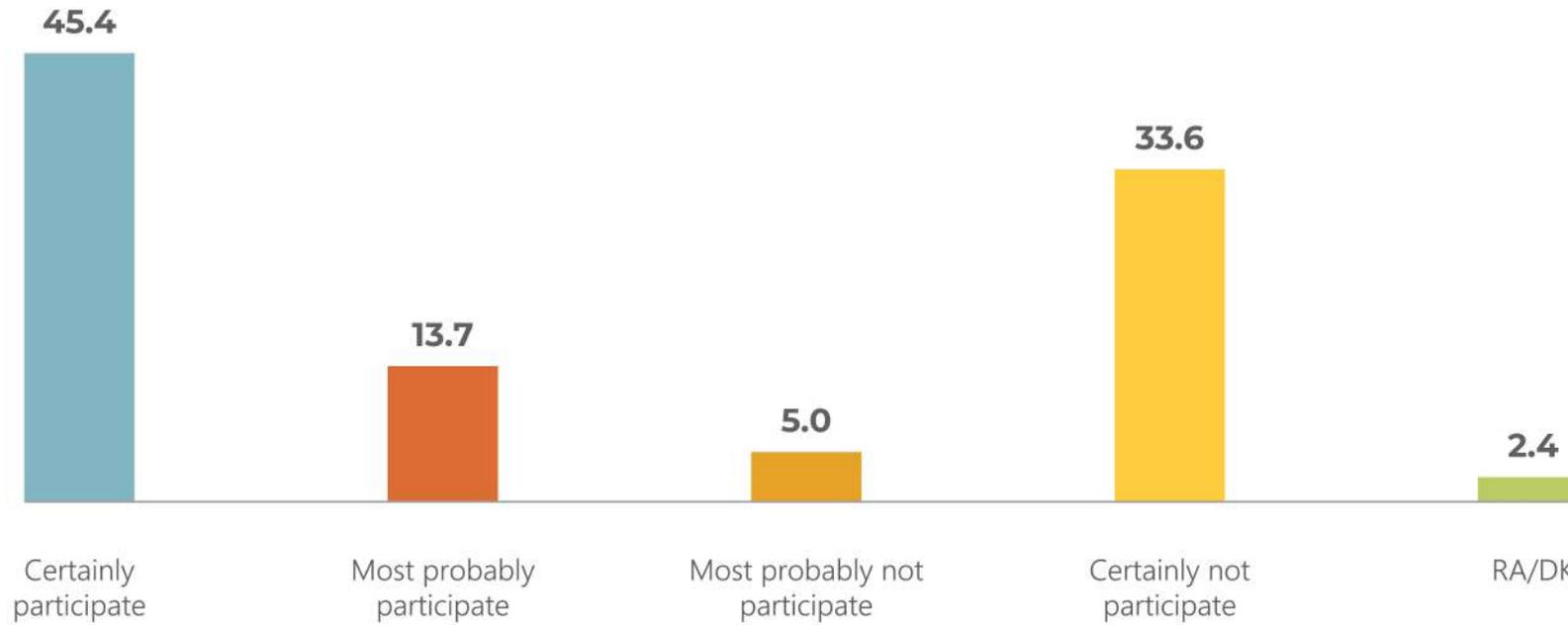
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Would you say that those parliamentary elections were conducted ... (%) N=1561



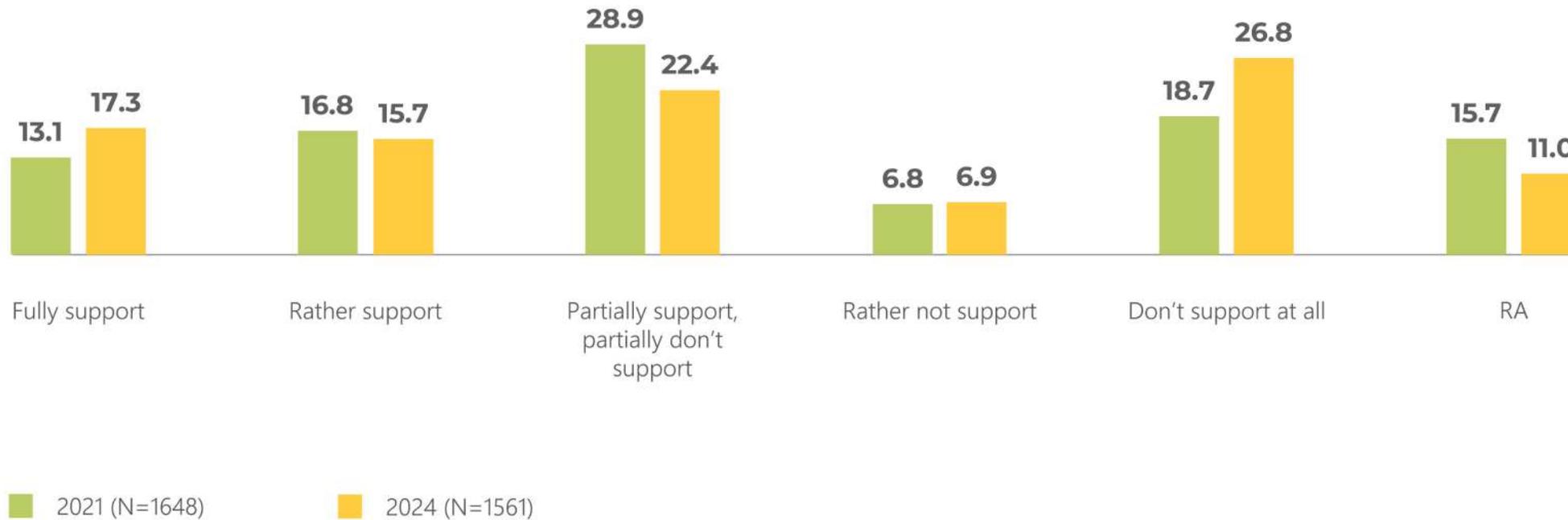
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If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, would you participate in the elections or not? Would you ... (%) **N=1561**

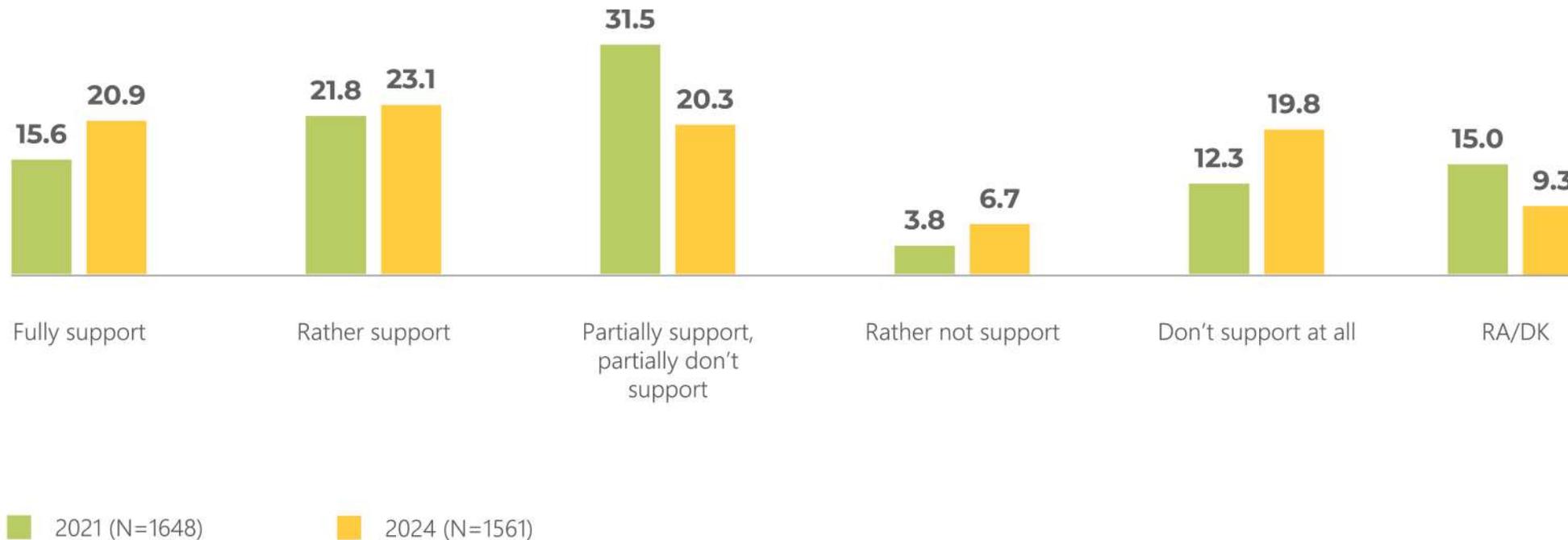


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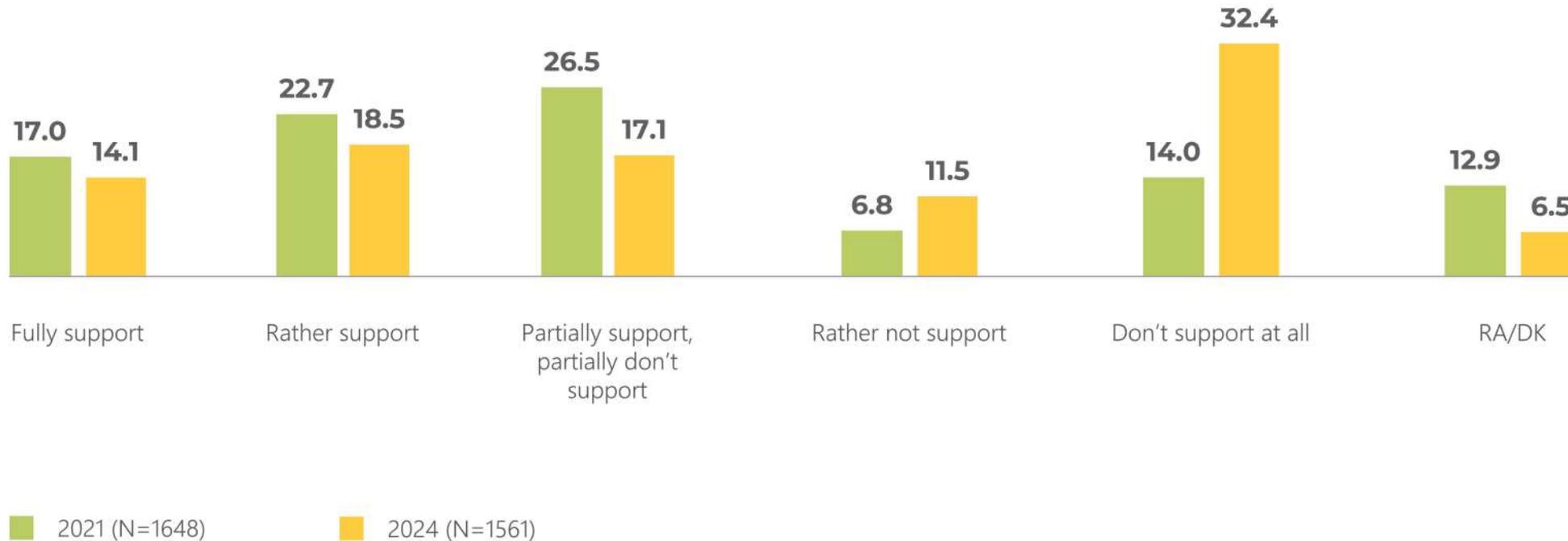
To what extent would you support Armenia's membership in NATO? (%)



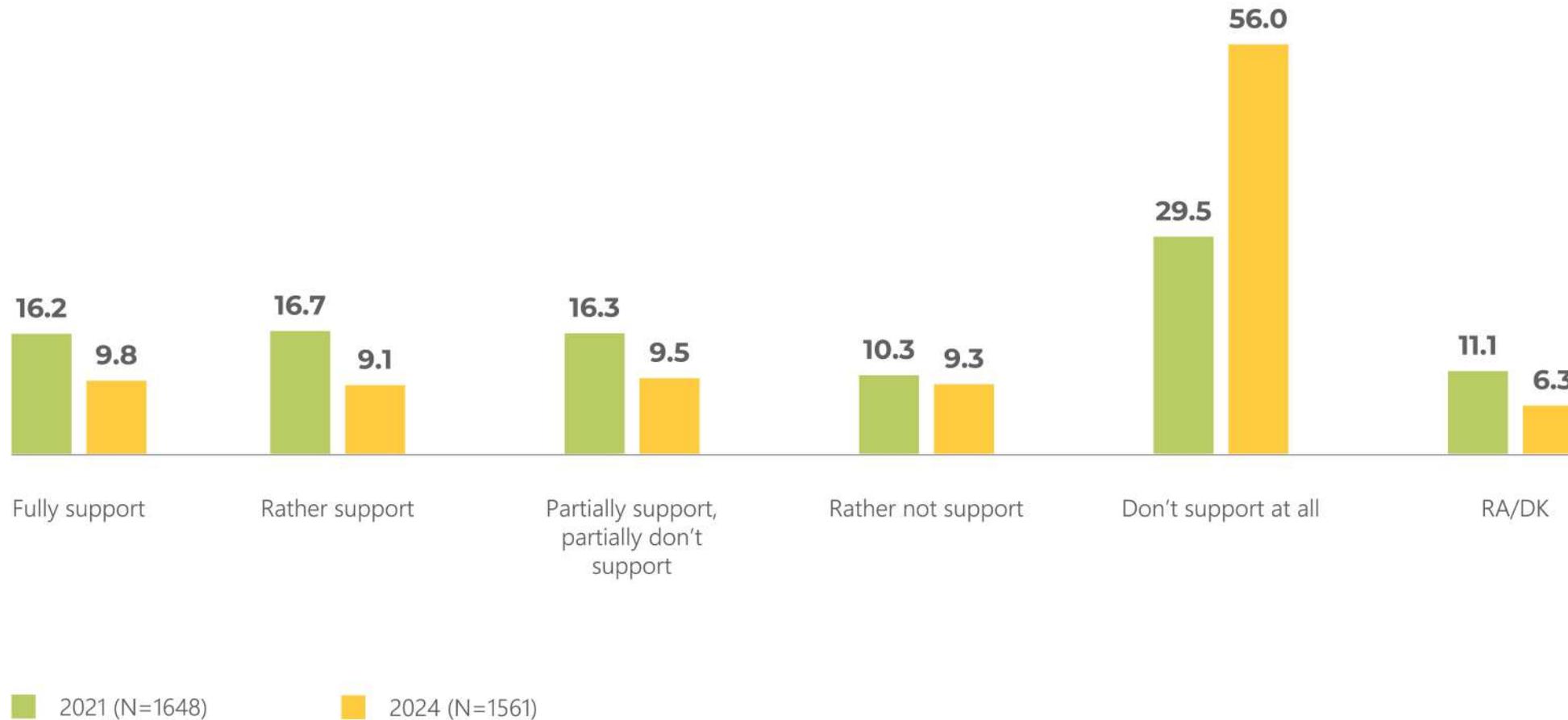
To what extent would you support Armenia's membership in the European Union? (%)



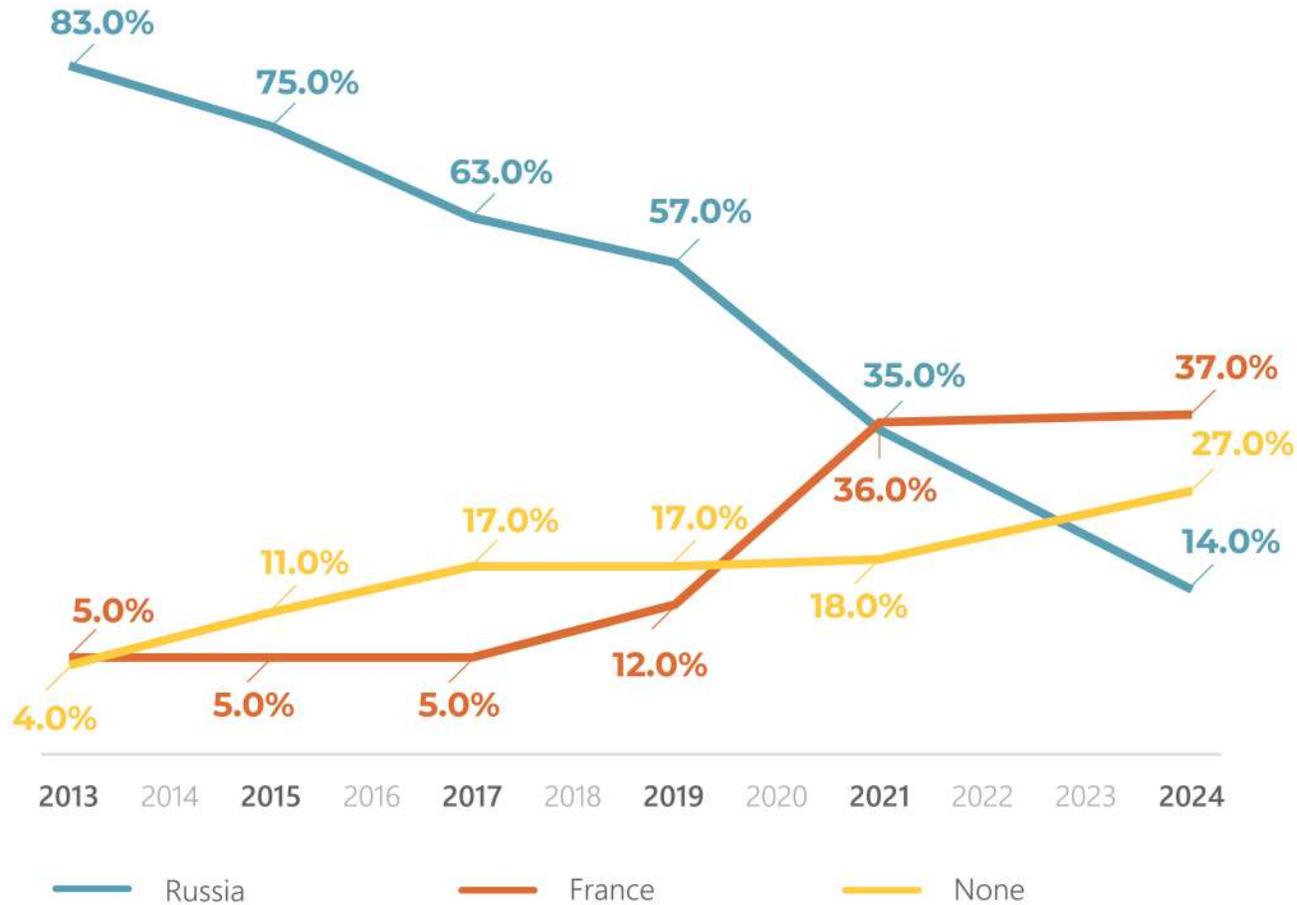
To what extent do you support Armenia's membership in the Eurasian Economic Union? (%)



To what extent do you support Armenia becoming a part of the Union State together with Russian Federation and Belarus? (%)

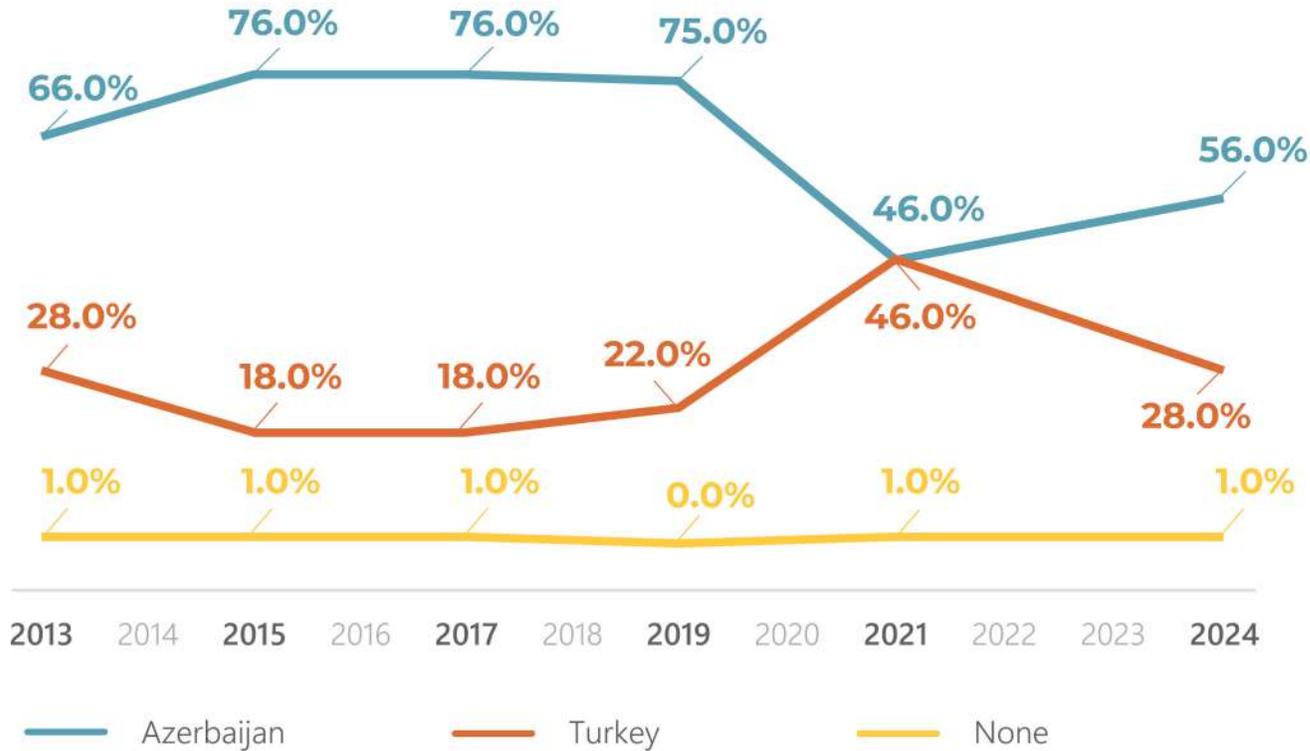


In your opinion, which country is currently the main friend of Armenia?



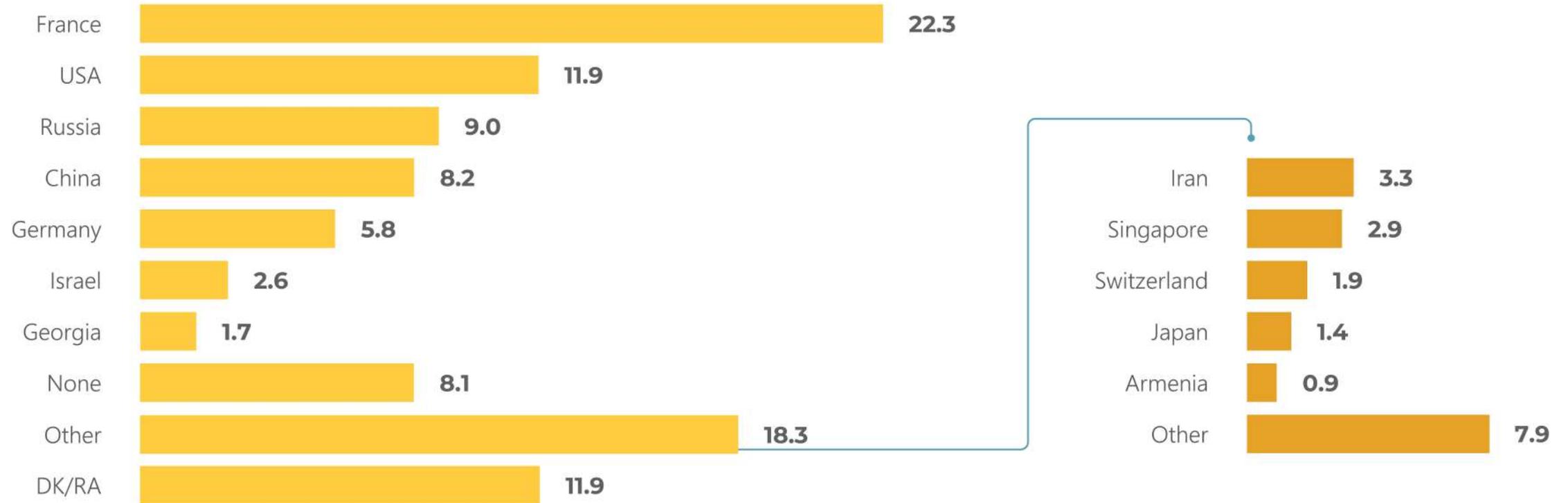
Only the response options with the highest share are shown. "Other," "RA" and "DK" options are not included.

In your opinion, which country is currently the main enemy of Armenia?



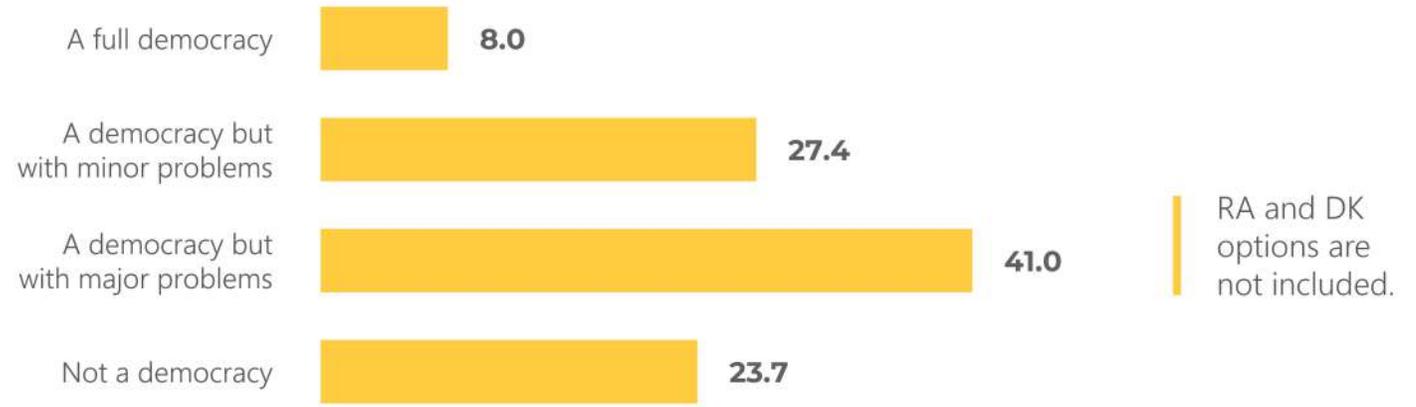
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In your opinion, which country is a model for development for Armenia? (%) N=1345

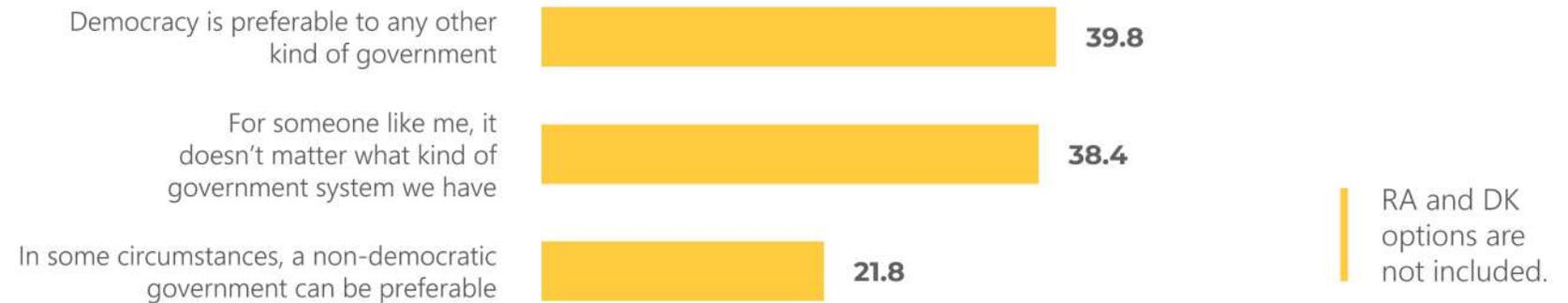


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In your opinion, how much of a democracy is Armenia today? (%) N=1494

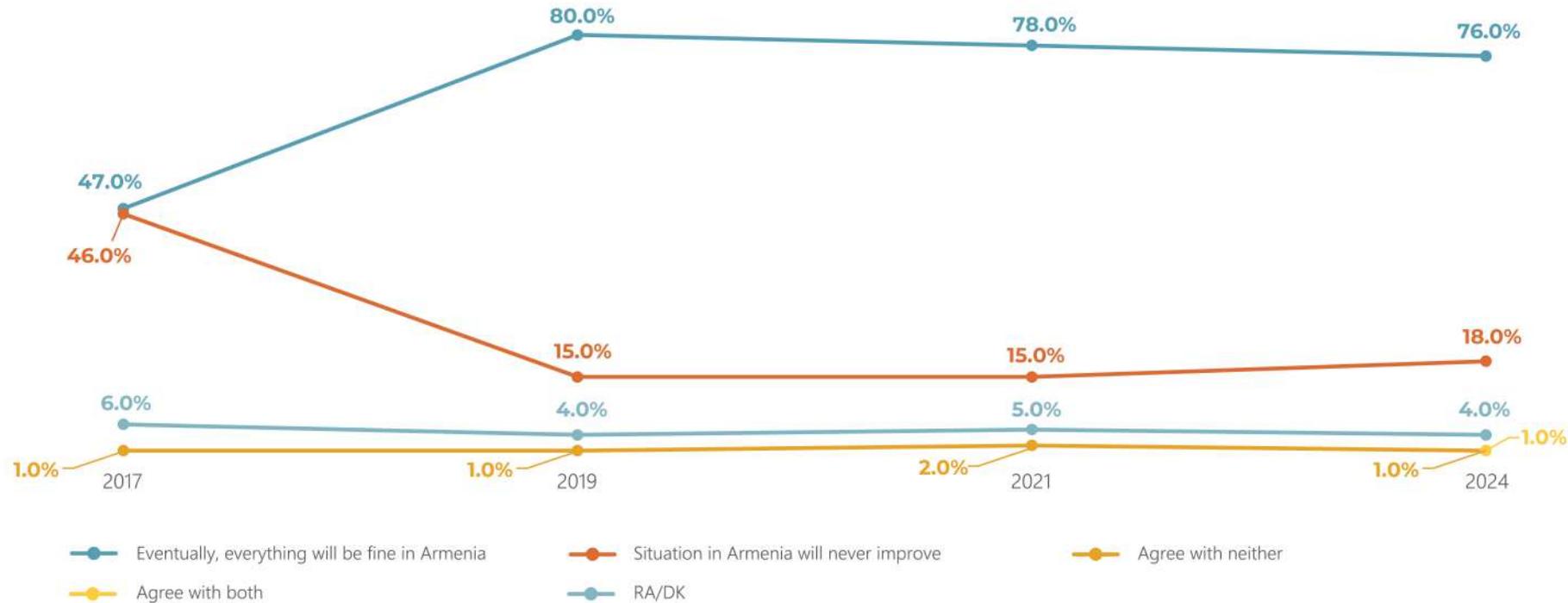


Which of these three statements is closest to your opinion? (%) N= 1424



Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

Please tell me which of the following statements you agree with and to what extent?



The question has been recoded. The original response options were:

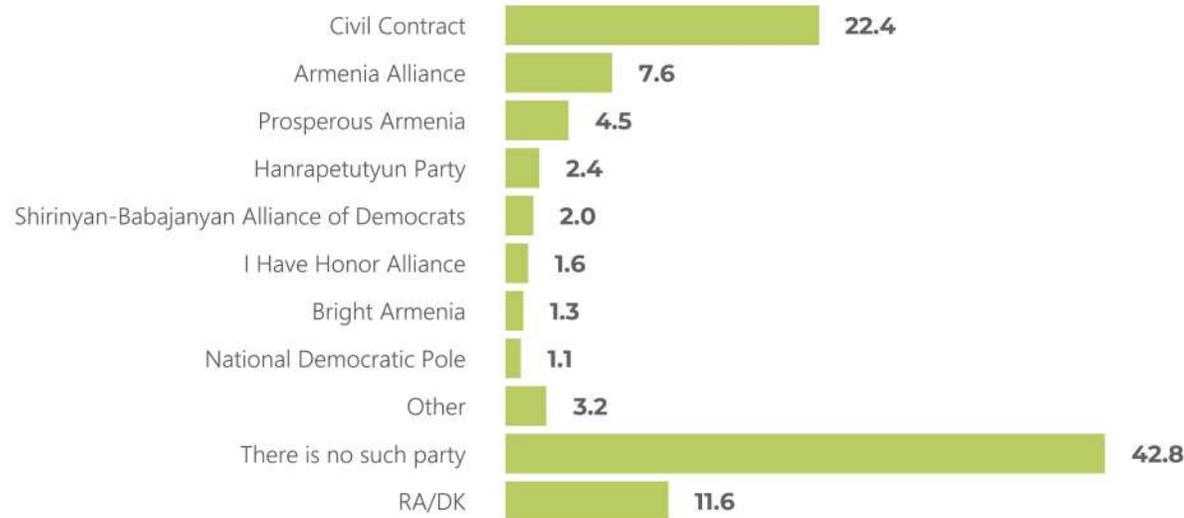
1. "I completely agree with the 1st point of view",
2. "I agree with the 1st point of view",
3. "I agree with the 2nd point of view",
4. "I completely agree with the 2nd point of view",
5. "I disagree with neither point of view",
6. "I agree with both points of view",
7. "RA",
8. "DK"

For recoding, responses 1 and 2 were grouped as "Eventually, everything will be fine in Armenia" while responses 3 and 4 were grouped as "Situation in Armenia will never improve"

The "Agree with both" option was introduced in 2024, meaning data from previous years is unavailable for this category.

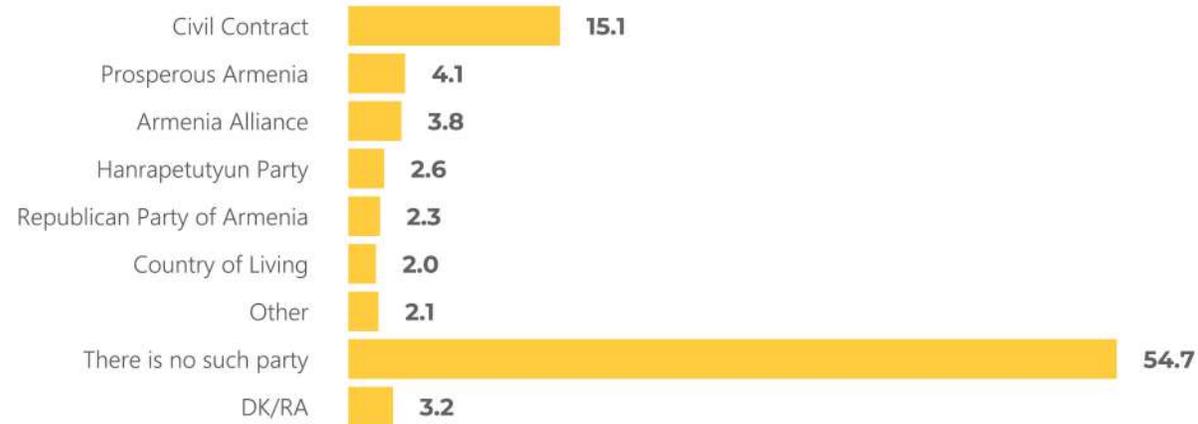
There are a number of political parties in Armenia. Which political party is closest to you? (%)

2021
N=1648



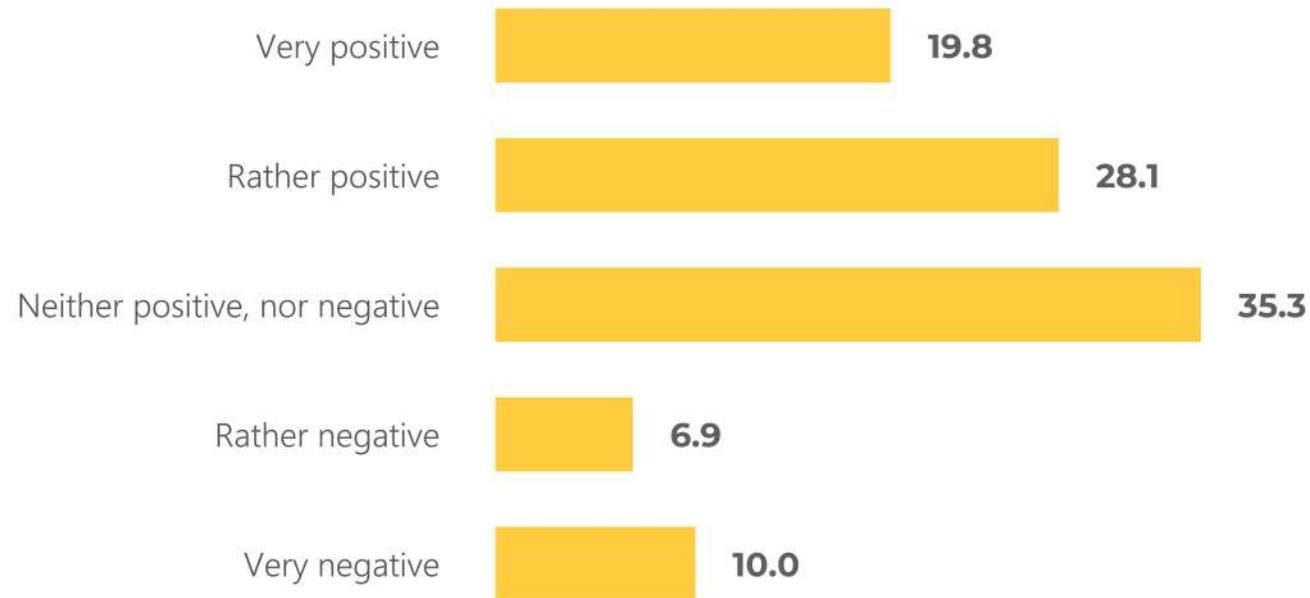
Responses below 1% are combined into the "Other" option.

2024
N=1561



Responses below 2 percent were combined into the "Other" option.

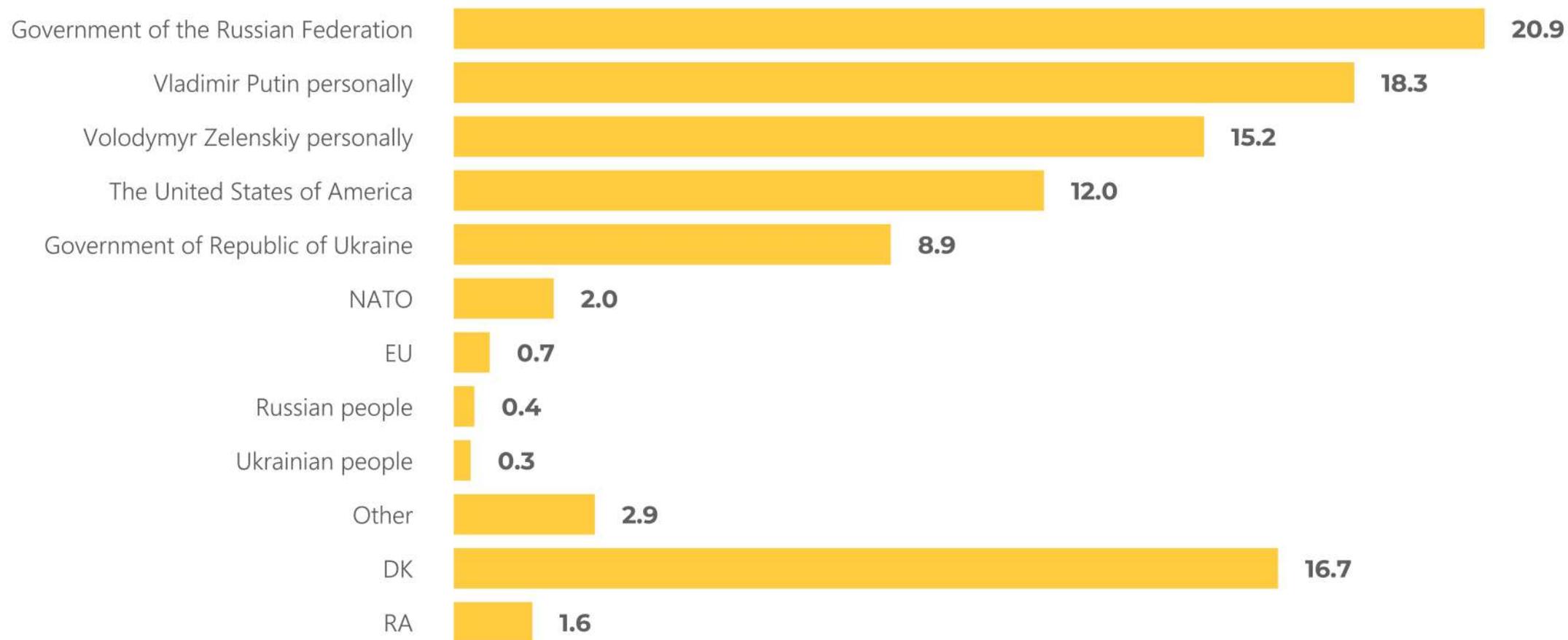
Overall, what is your attitude towards the Russian migrants who moved to Armenia since the war situation in Ukraine started in 2022? (%) **N=1505**



RA and DK options are not included.

Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

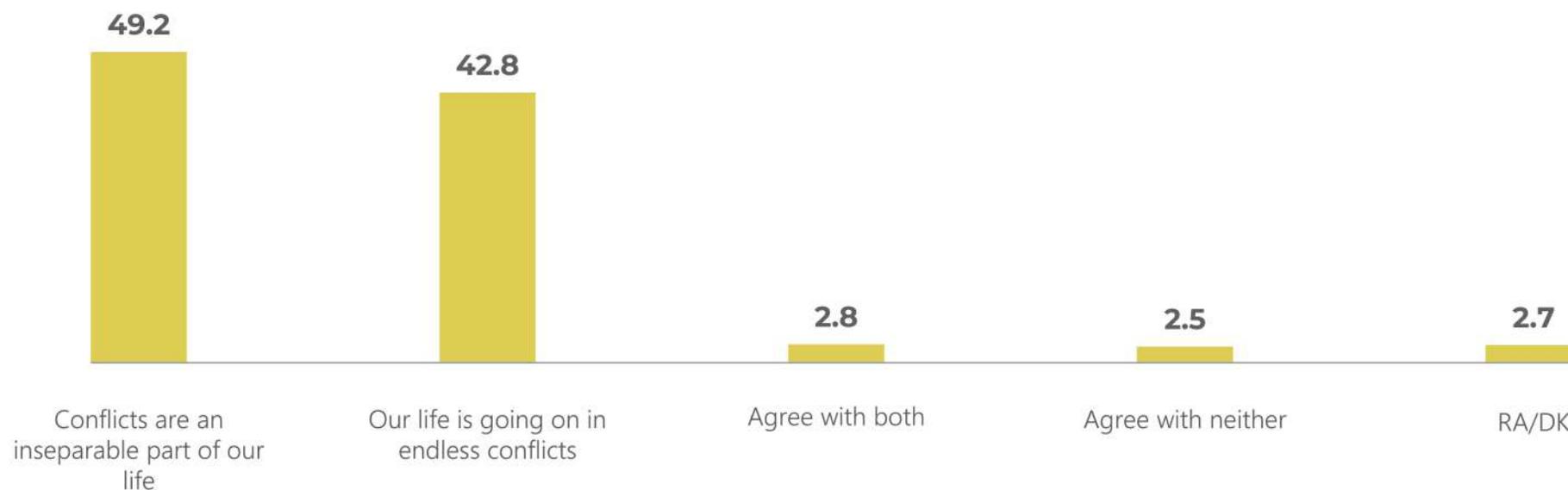
In your opinion, who holds the most responsibility for the war in Ukraine? (%) N=1561



Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

War & Peace

Please tell me which of the following statements you agree with? (%) N=1561

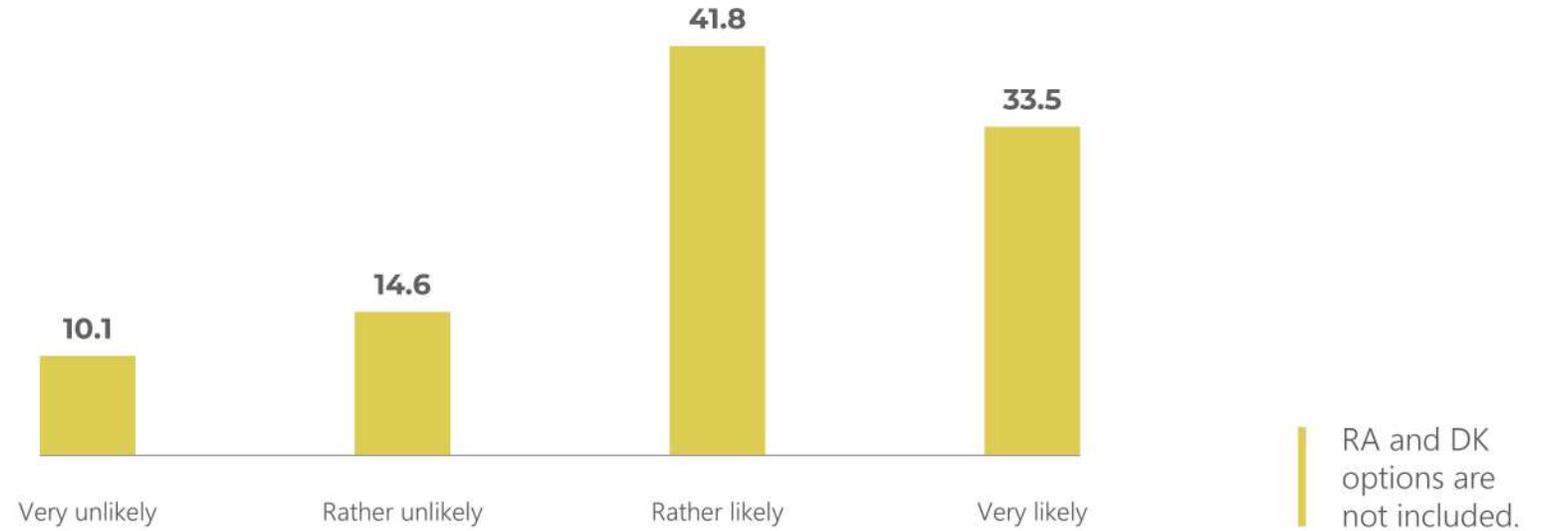


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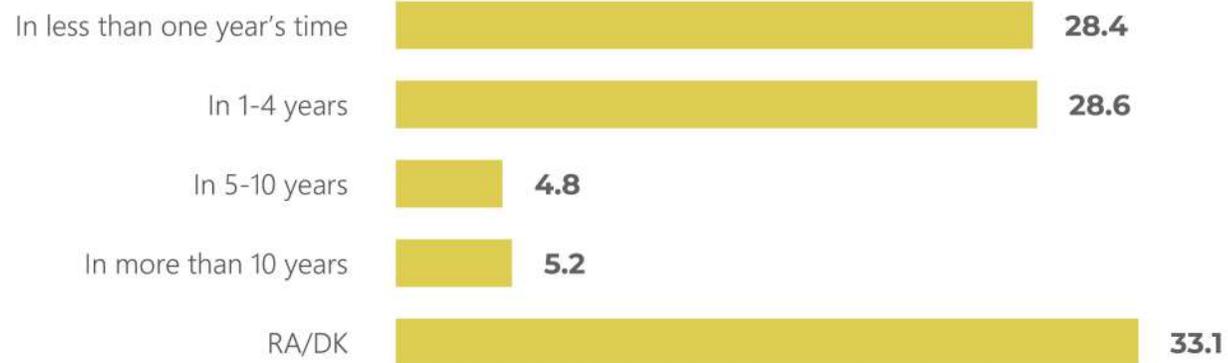
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For recoding, responses 1 and 2 were grouped as "Conflicts are an inseparable part of our life," while responses 3 and 4 were grouped as "Our life are spent in endless conflicts."

In your opinion, how likely or unlikely is it that Armenia gets involved in any war? (%) **N=1441**

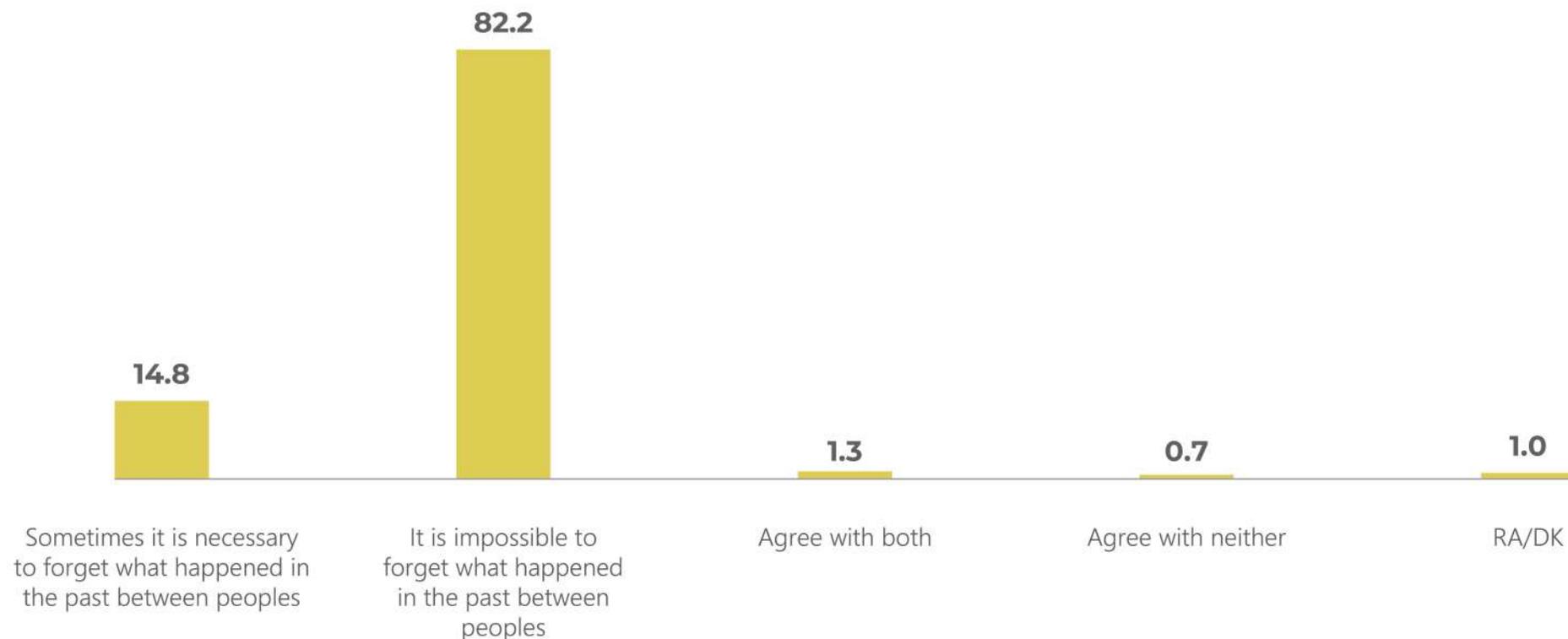


In your opinion, when would that probably happen? (%) **N=1040**



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Please tell me which of the following statements you agree with? (%) N=1561

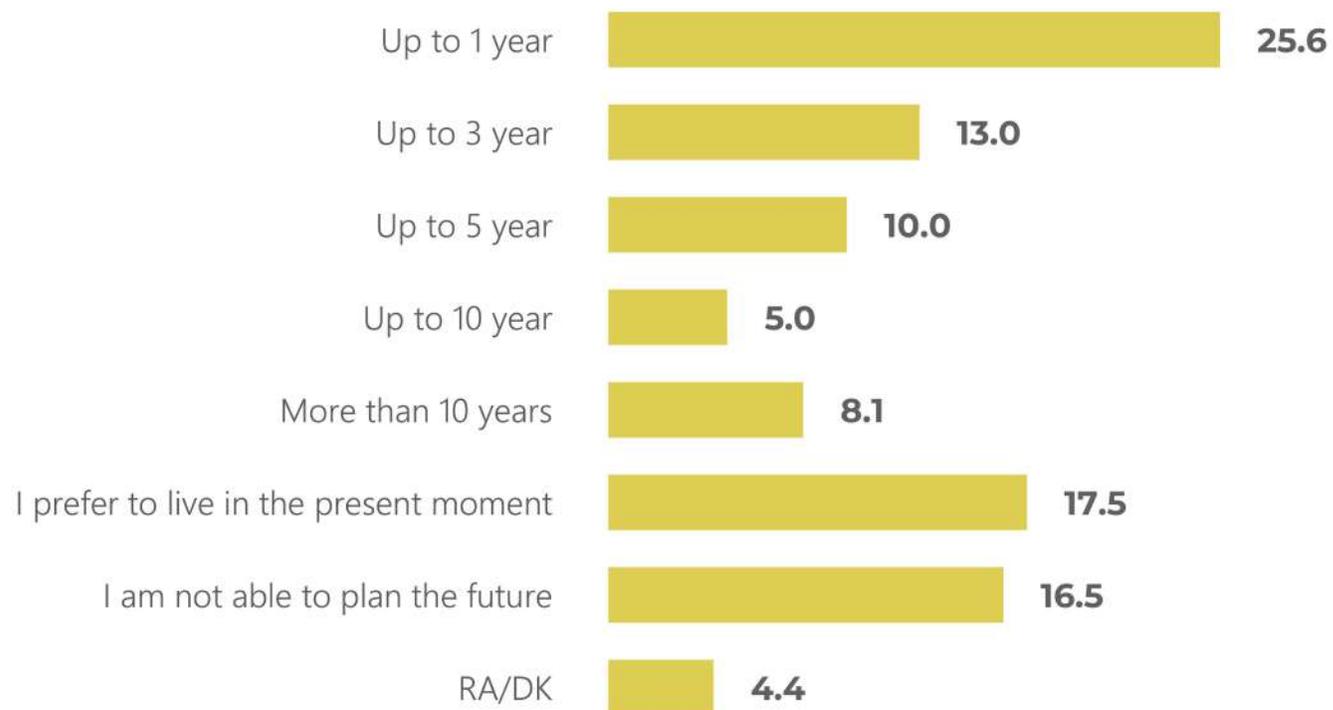


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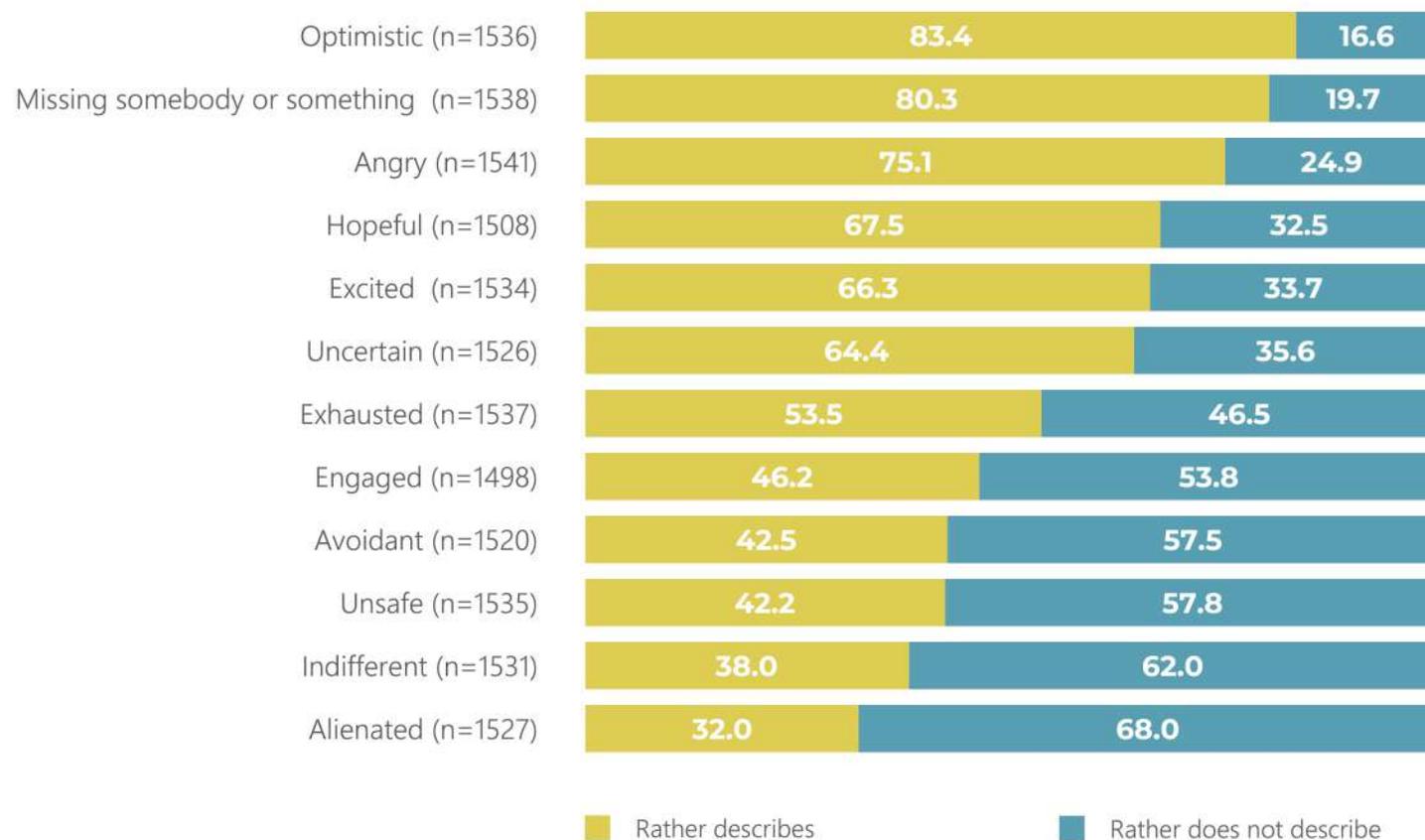
For recoding, responses 1 and 2 were grouped as "Sometimes it is necessary to forget what happened in the past between peoples," while responses 3 and 4 were grouped as "It is impossible to forget what happened in the past between peoples."

When thinking about the future, for what period are you able to plan your life? (%) N=1560



Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

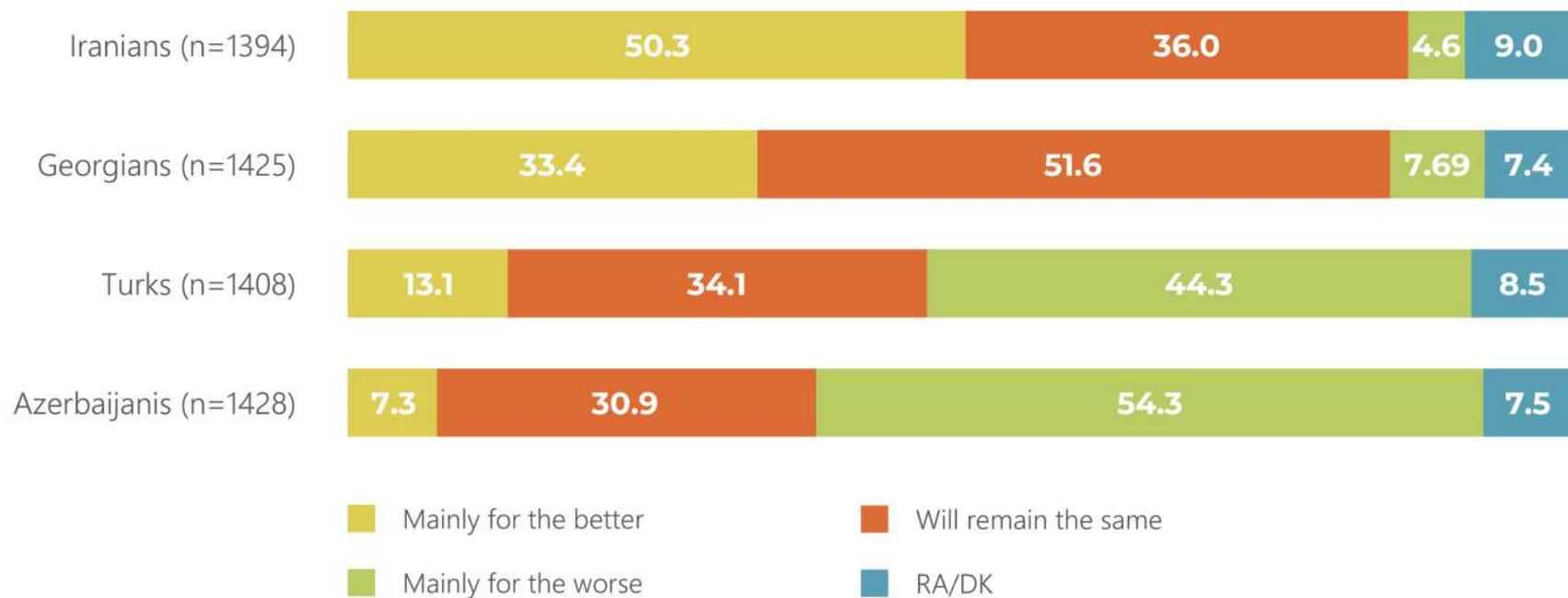
I will now list a few feelings, please, indicate whether each rather describes your recent emotional state or rather does not describe. (%)



RA and DK options are not included.

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Now I will read out the people living in Armenian neighbouring countries. For each, please tell me whether you think the relations with them will develop mainly for the better, for the worse, or remain the same in the near future. (%)

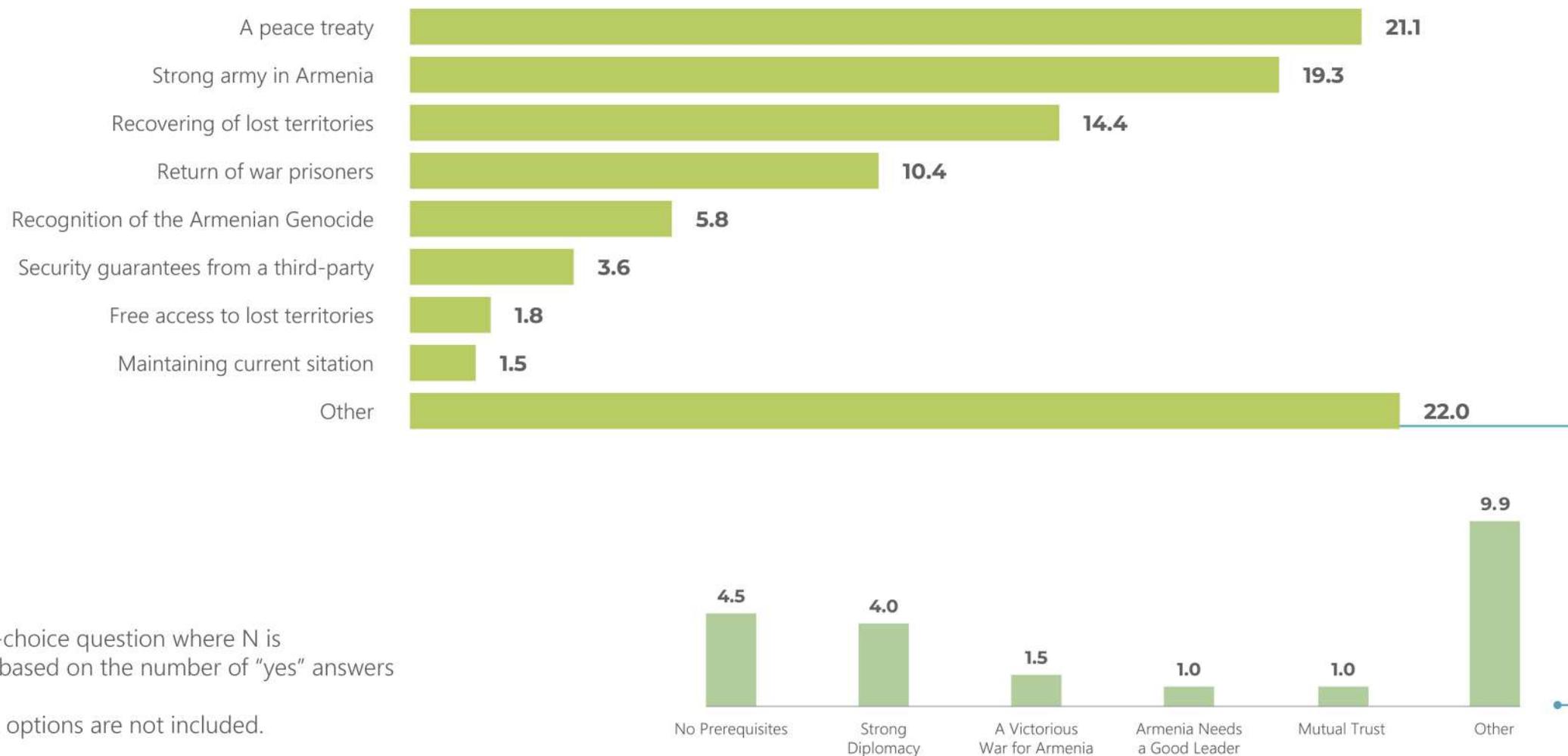


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Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

What do you think are the prerequisites for peace in Armenian-Azerbaijani relations? (%) N=1672

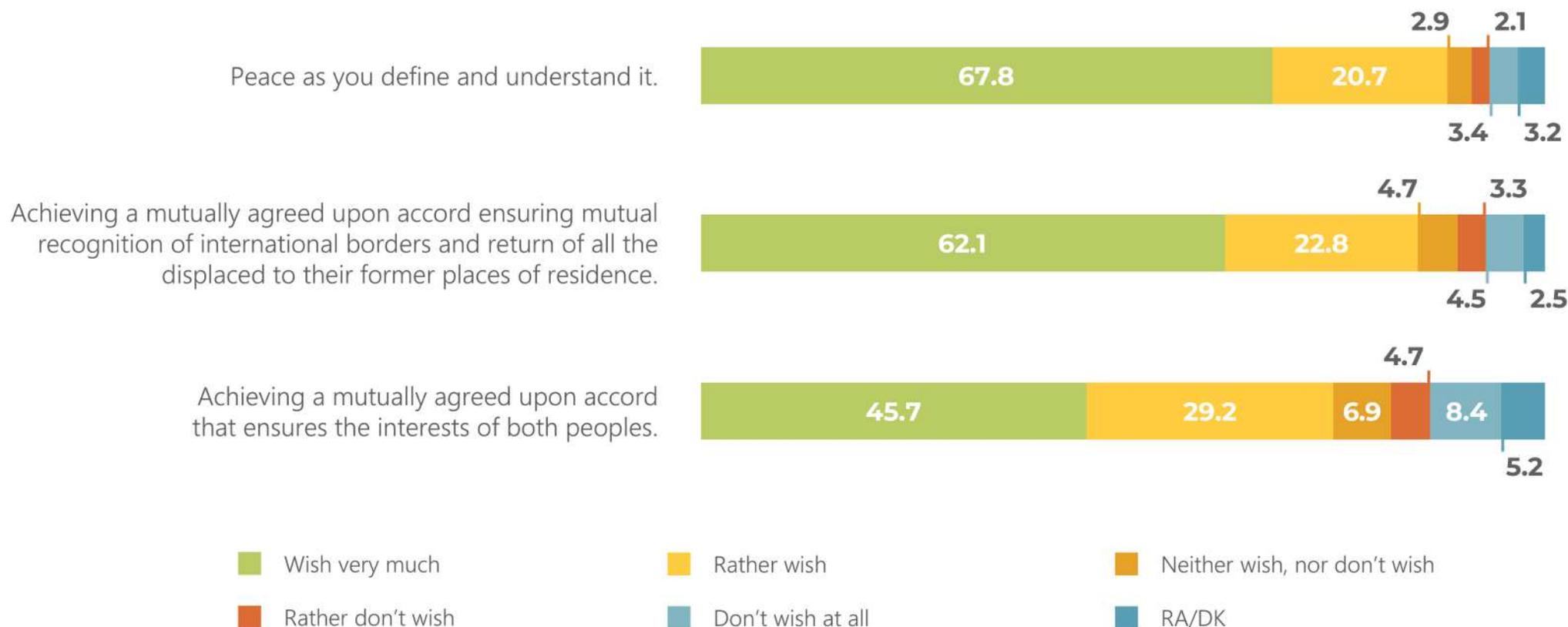


A multiple-choice question where N is calculated based on the number of "yes" answers

RA and DK options are not included.

Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

I will now read out three definitions of peace around the Nagorno-Karabakh issue. Please, indicate on a 5-point scale the extent to which you would wish each of these definitions to materialize? (%) N=1561



Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

Thinking about the same definitions of peace, please, indicate on a 5-point scale the extent to which you expect each of these definitions will likely materialize? (%) N=1561

Achieving a mutually agreed upon accord ensuring mutual recognition of international borders and return of all the displaced to their former places of residence.



Peace as you define and understand it.



Achieving a mutually agreed upon accord that ensures the interests of both peoples.



Expect very much

Rather expect

Neither expect, nor do not

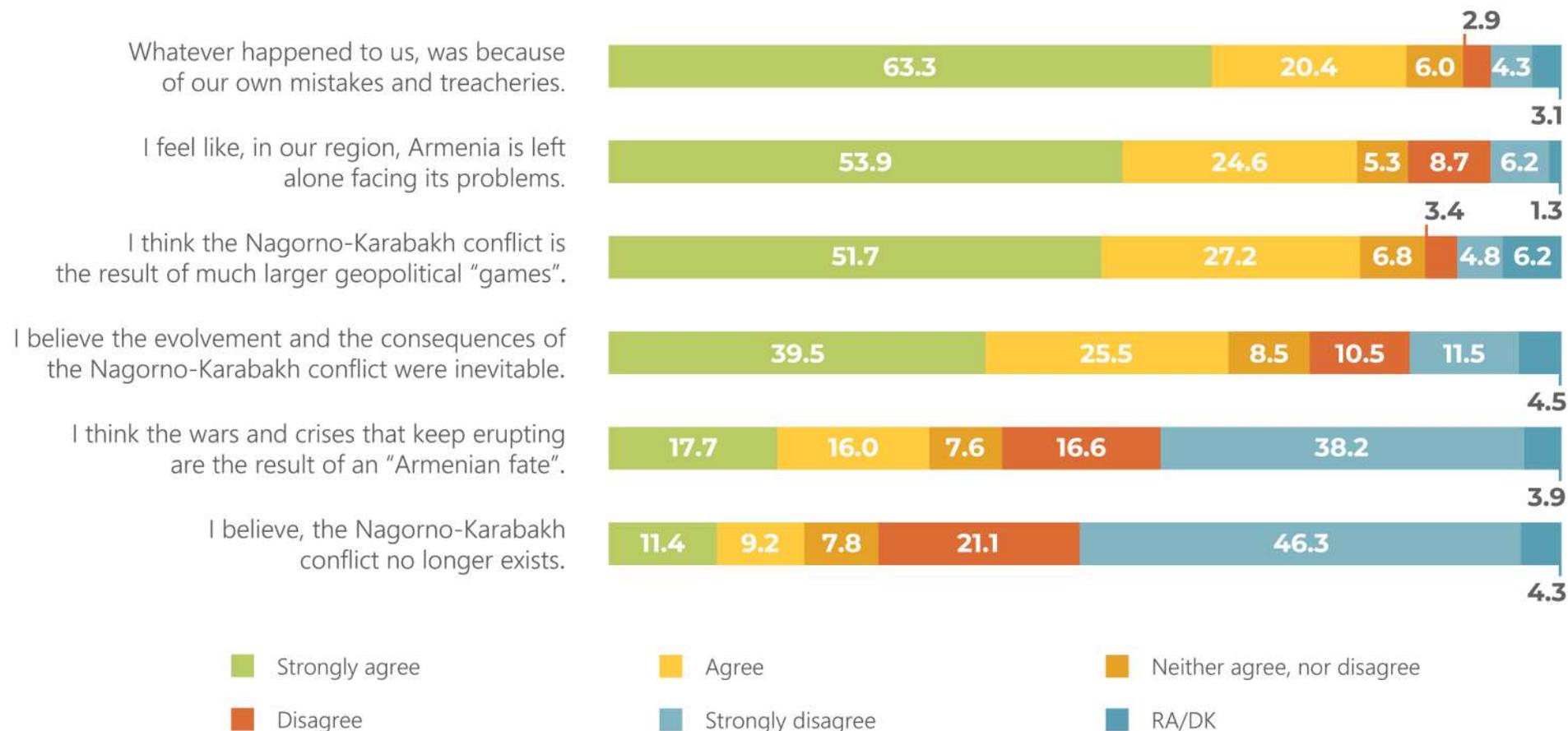
Rather not expect

No expectation at all

RA/DK

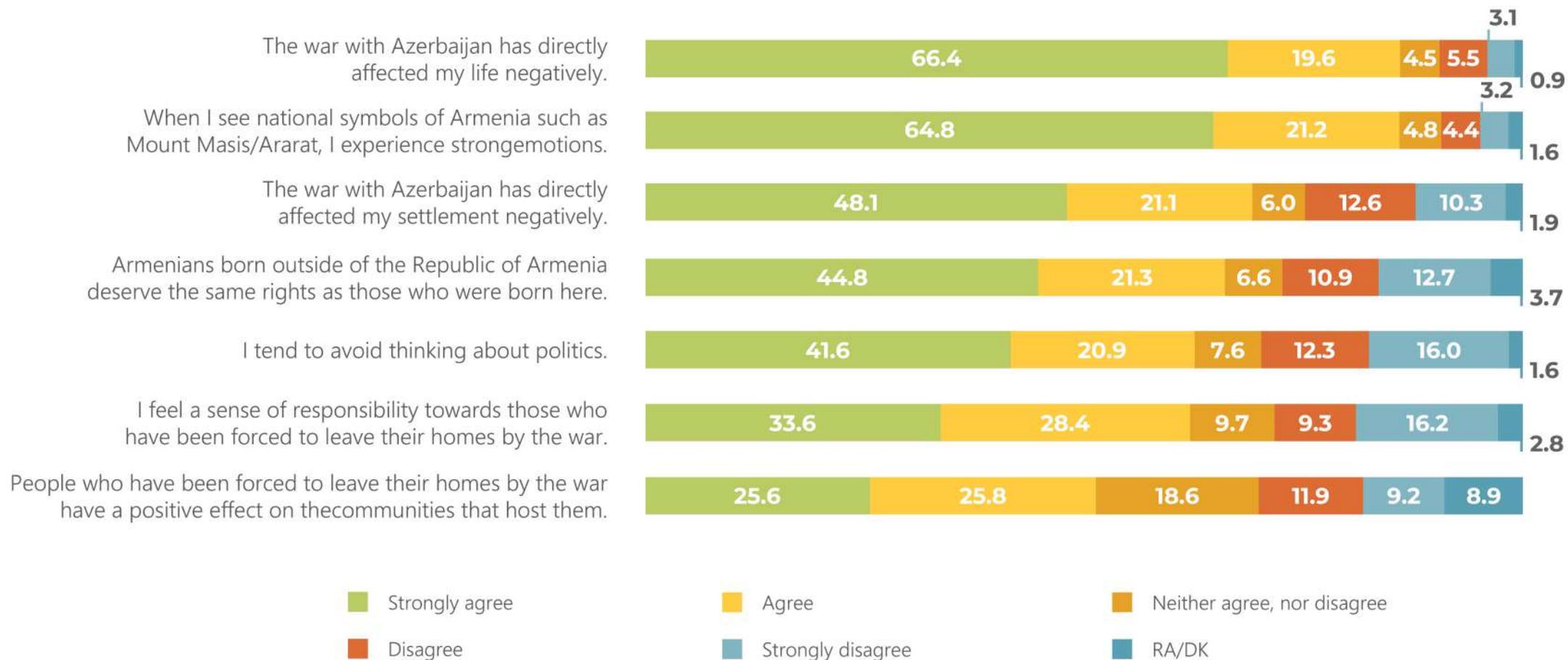
Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

I will now read out several statements about the situation in Armenia after the recent events surrounding the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. For each of them, please, indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree. (%) **N=1551**



Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

How much do you agree with each of the following statements? (%) N=1551

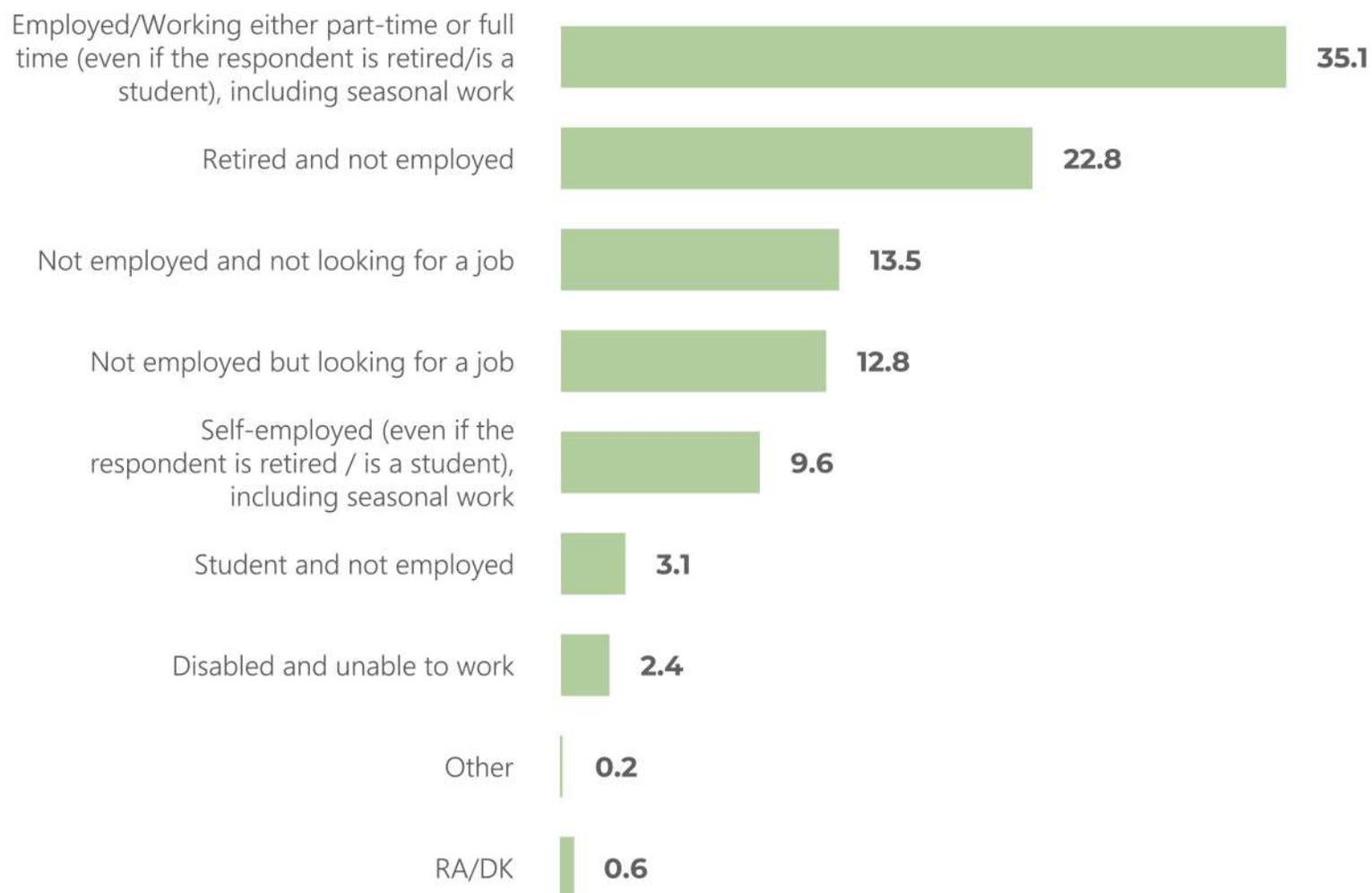


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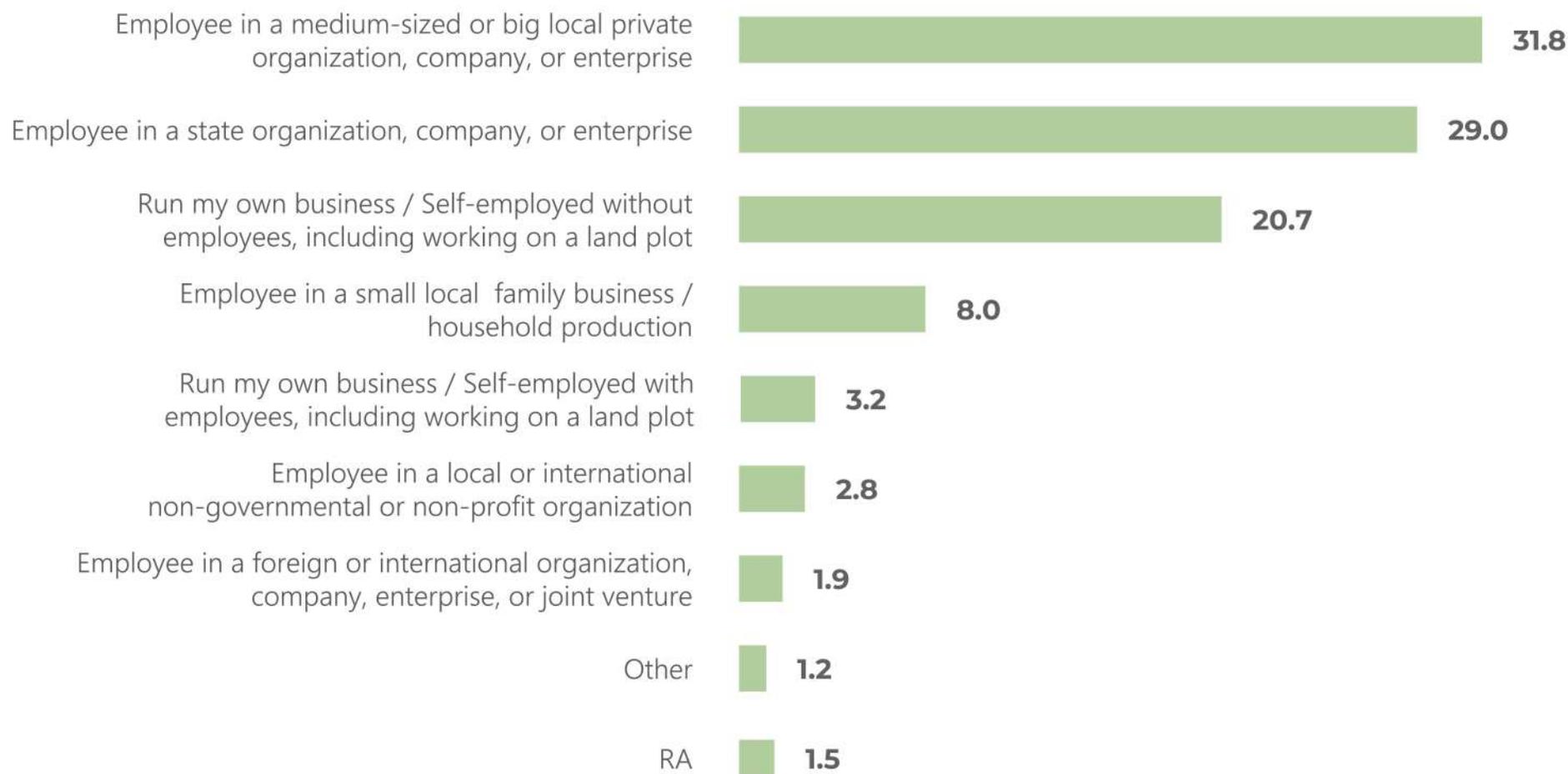
Economics and Employment

Which of the following best describes your situation? Please think about the activity or situation which is primary for you. (%) N=1532



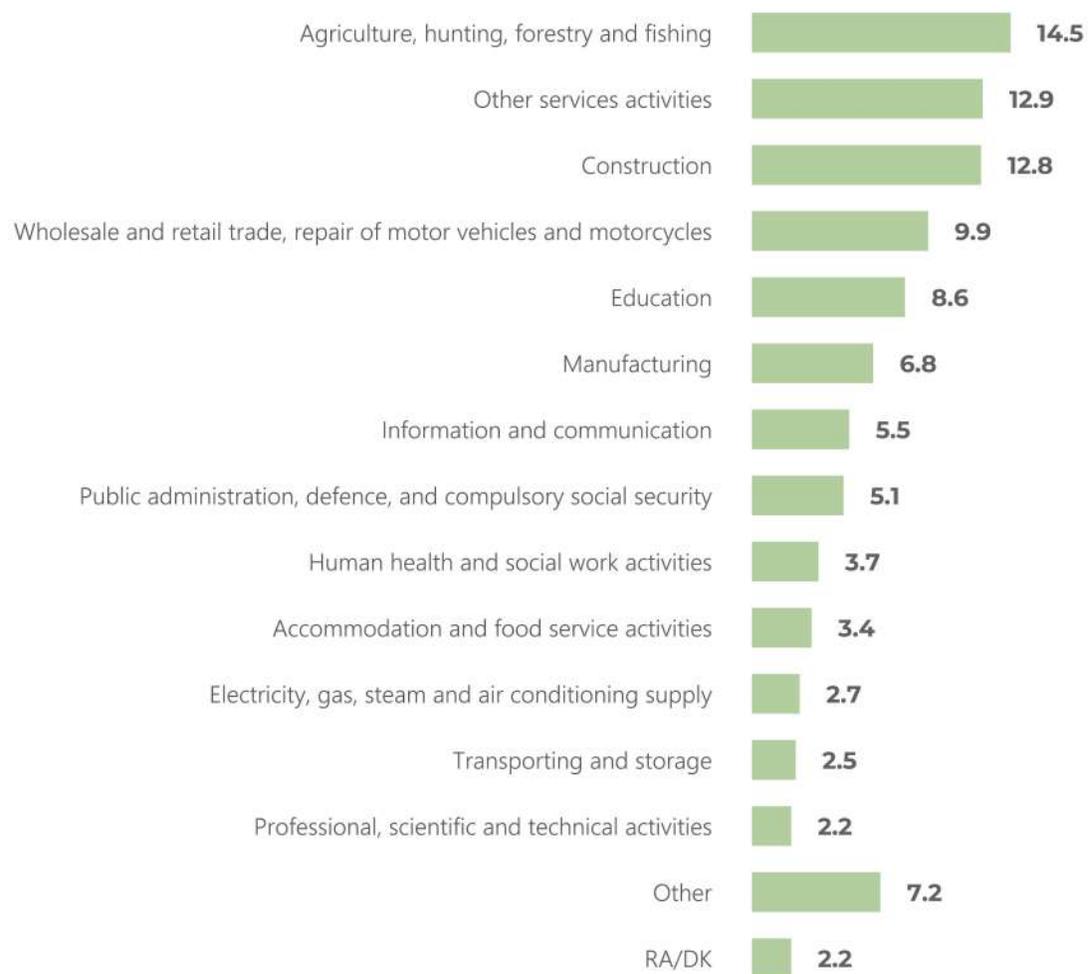
Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

Speaking about your primary place of employment only, which of the following best describes your status and the type of workplace? (%) N=582



Statistical significance was determined using the Chi-square test.

Which of the following best describes the sector in which your primary work is in? (%) N=582



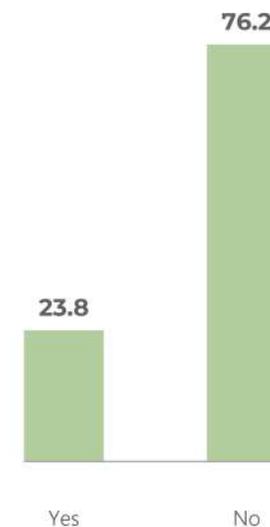
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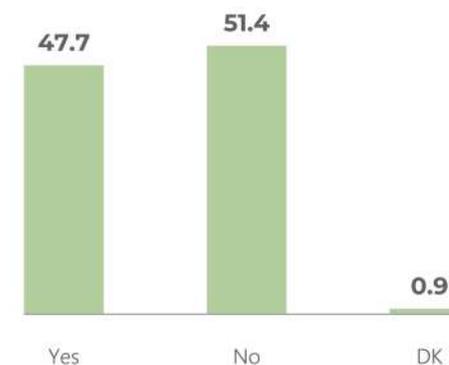
The years of not working for those without a job. (%) N=881



Have you actively looked for a job during the past four weeks, or not? (%) N=687



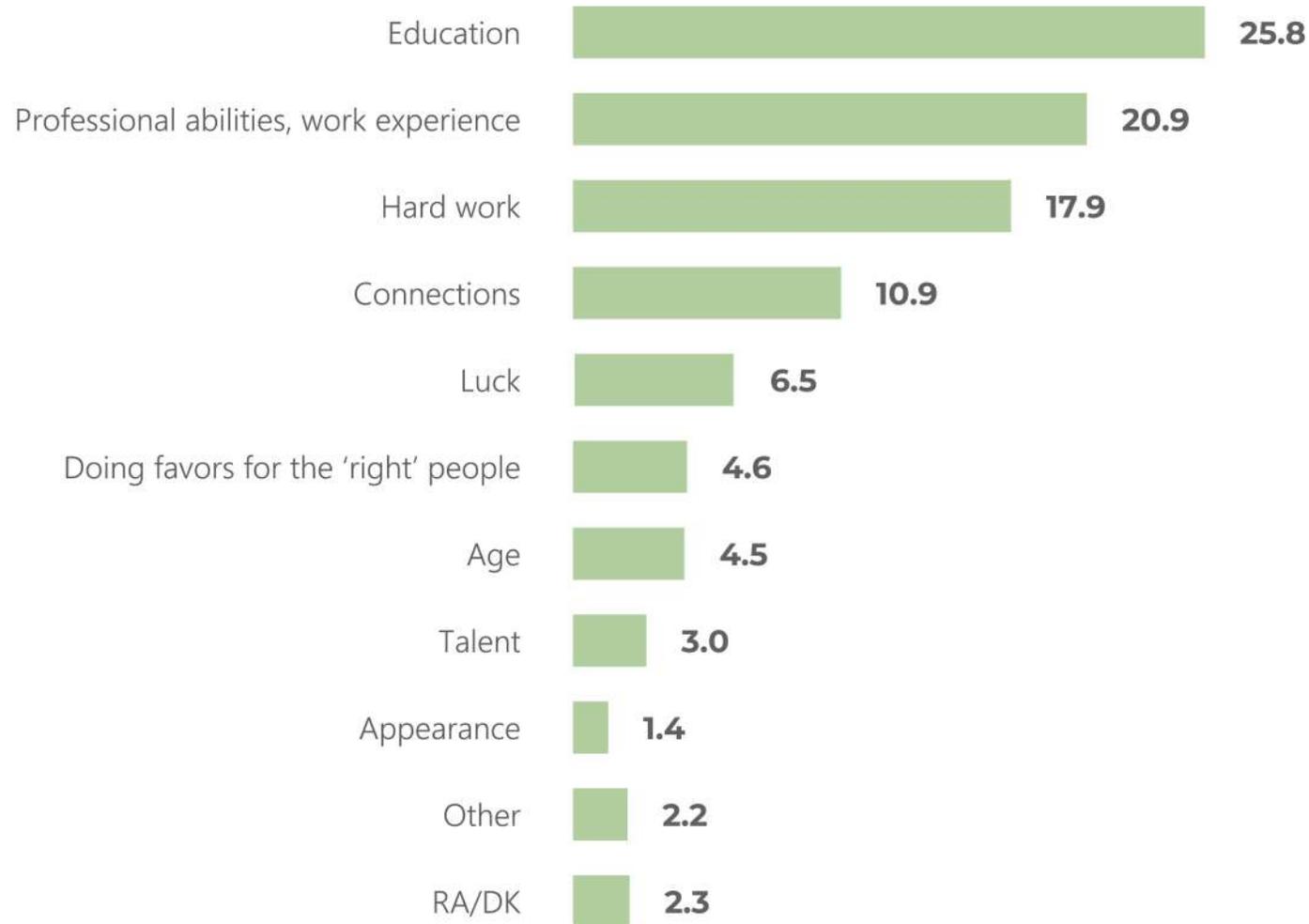
If a suitable job were available, would you be able to start working within the next 14 days? (%) N=905



The open-ended question "Since when have you been unemployed?" was recoded into categorical time intervals. The question was asked only to unemployed respondents.

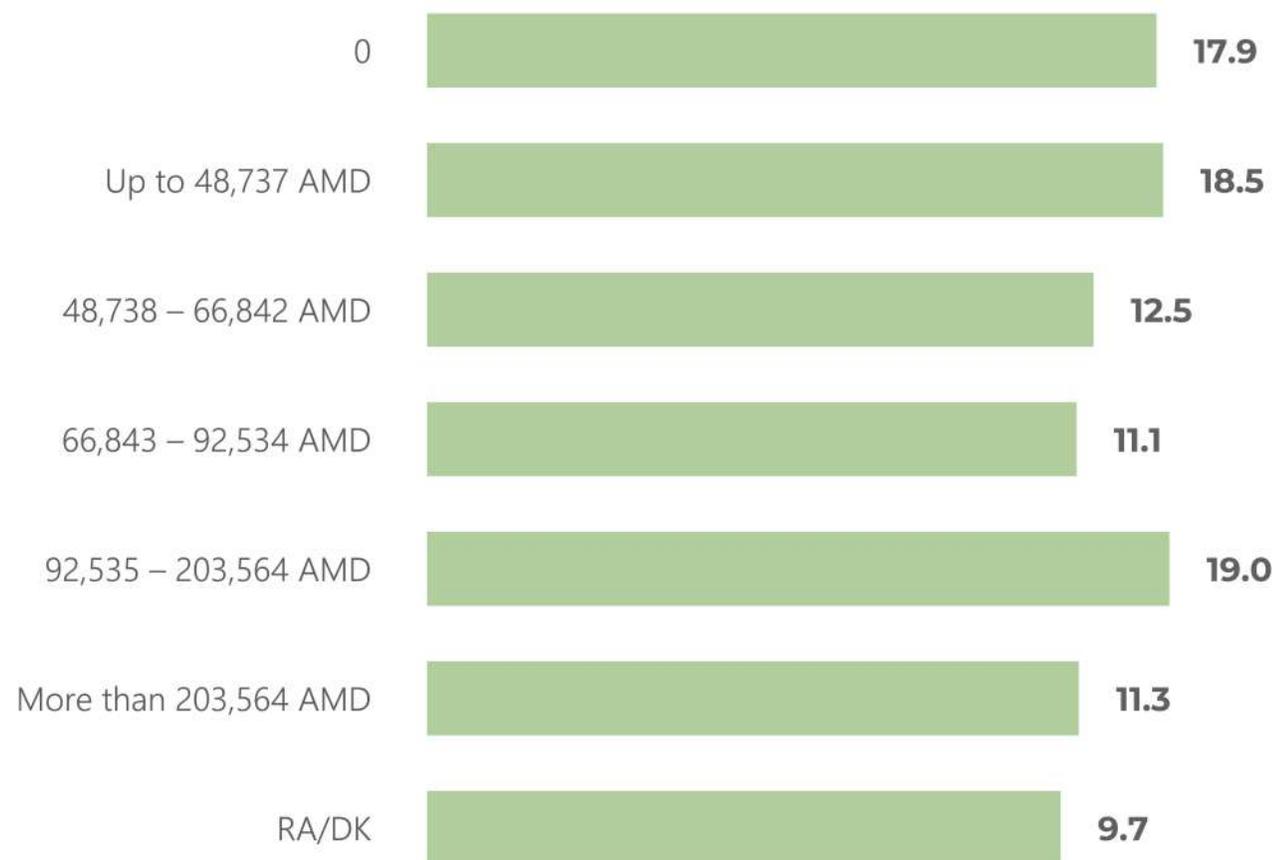
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Which of the following factors do you consider most important for getting a good job in Armenia? (%) N=1561

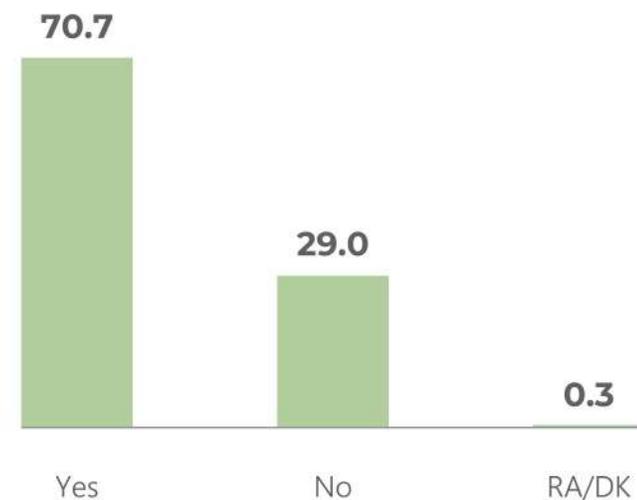


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The amount of your personal income last month. (%) N=1561



Do you have a bank account or a bank card? (%) N=1561

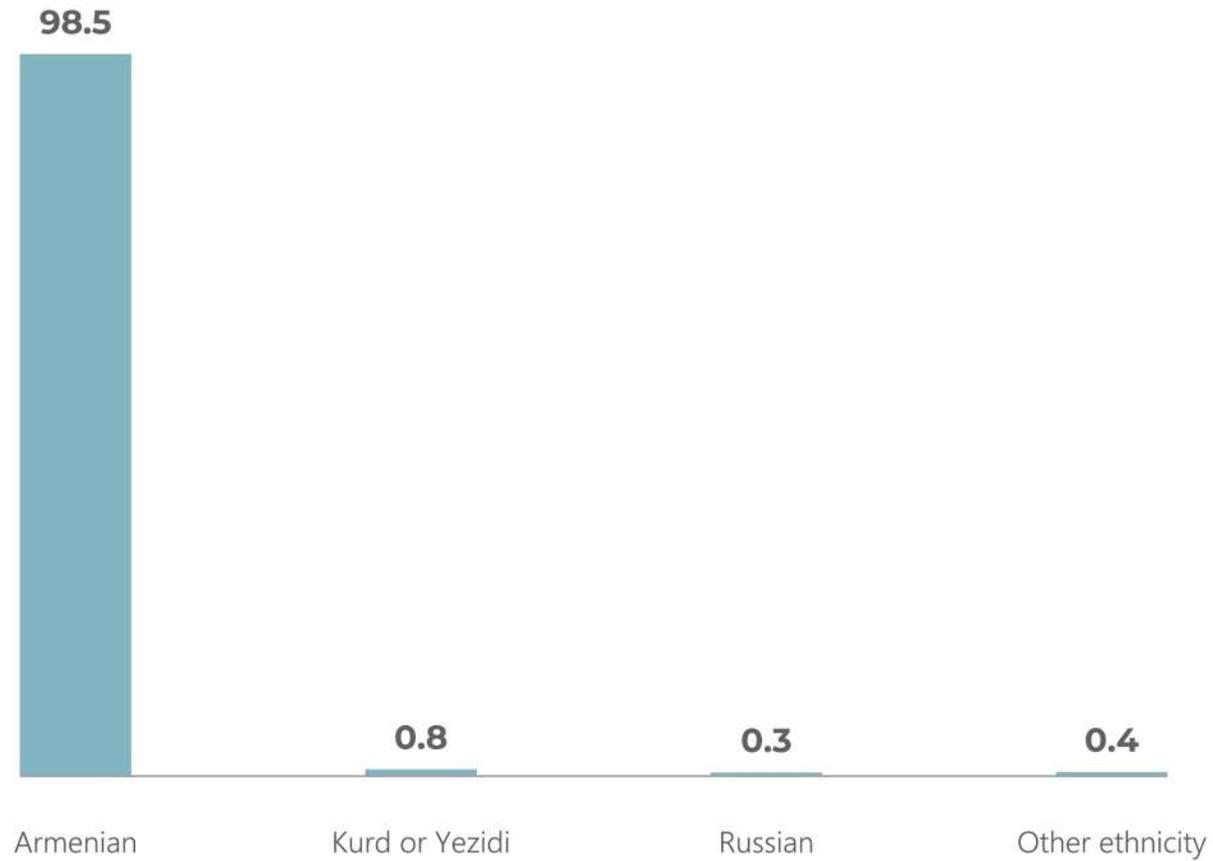


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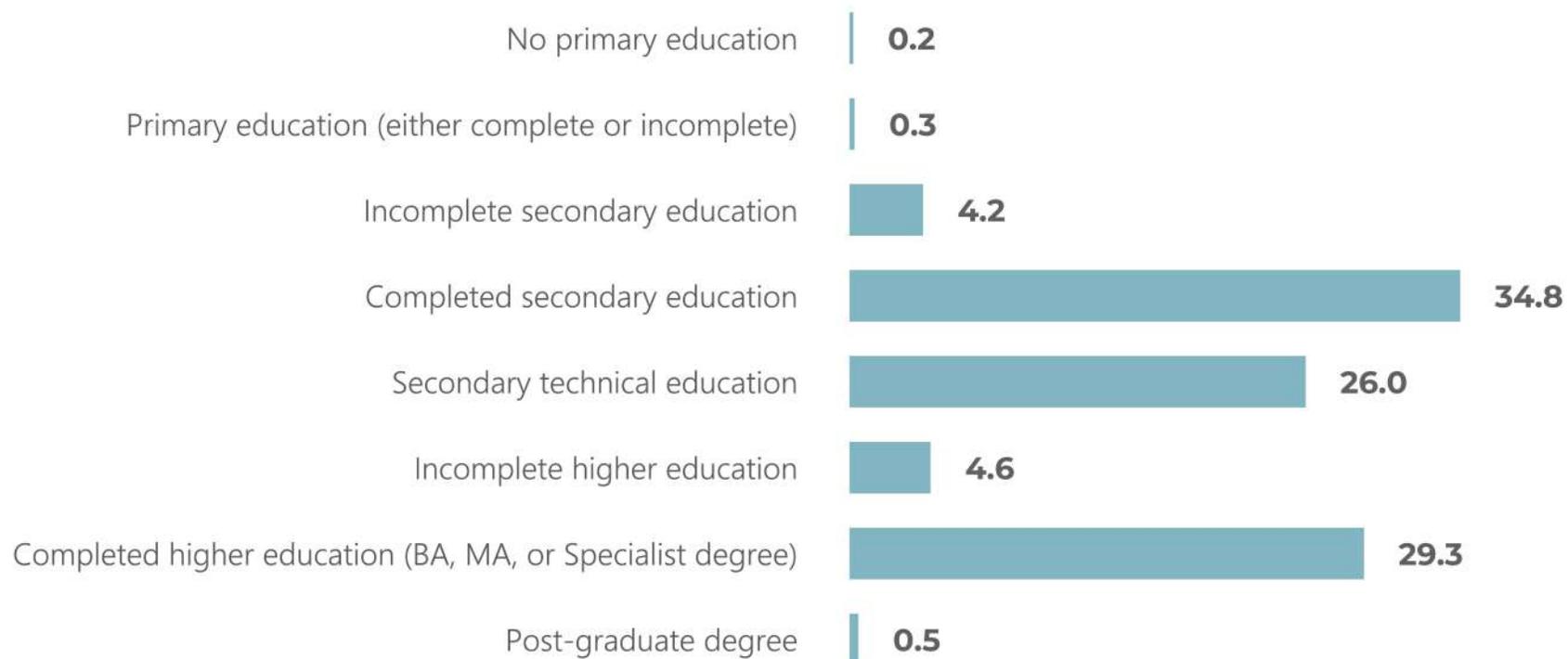
Demographic questions

Which ethnic group do you consider yourself a part of? (%) N=1561



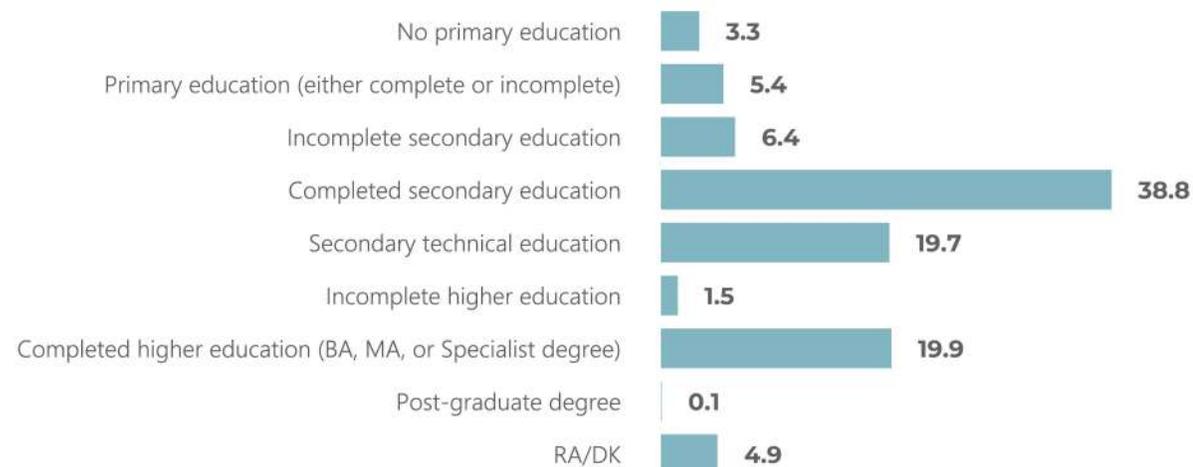
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What is the highest level of education you have achieved to date? (%) N=1561

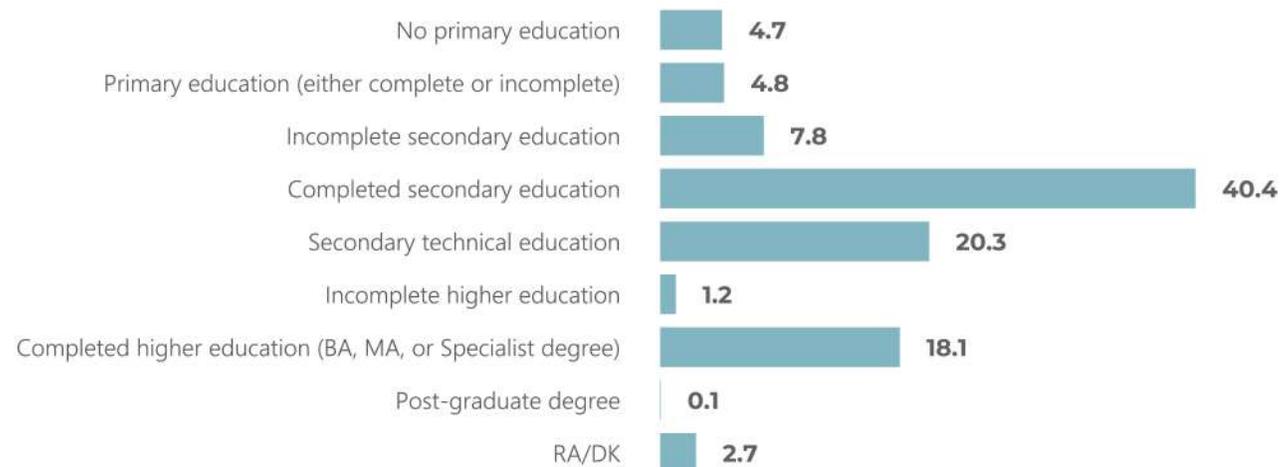


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What is the highest level of education your father has achieved? (%) N=1561

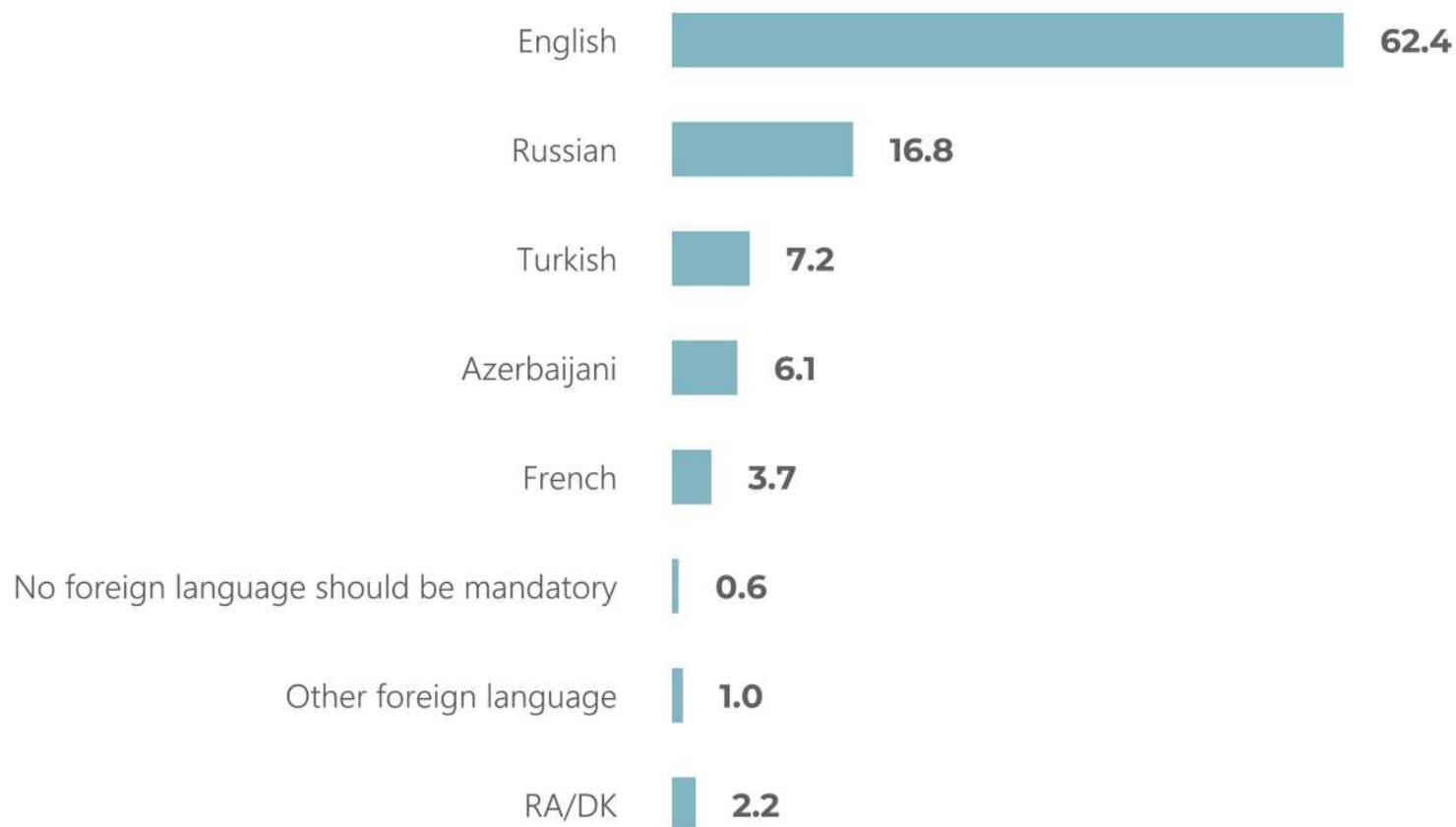


What is the highest level of education your mother has achieved? (%) N=1561



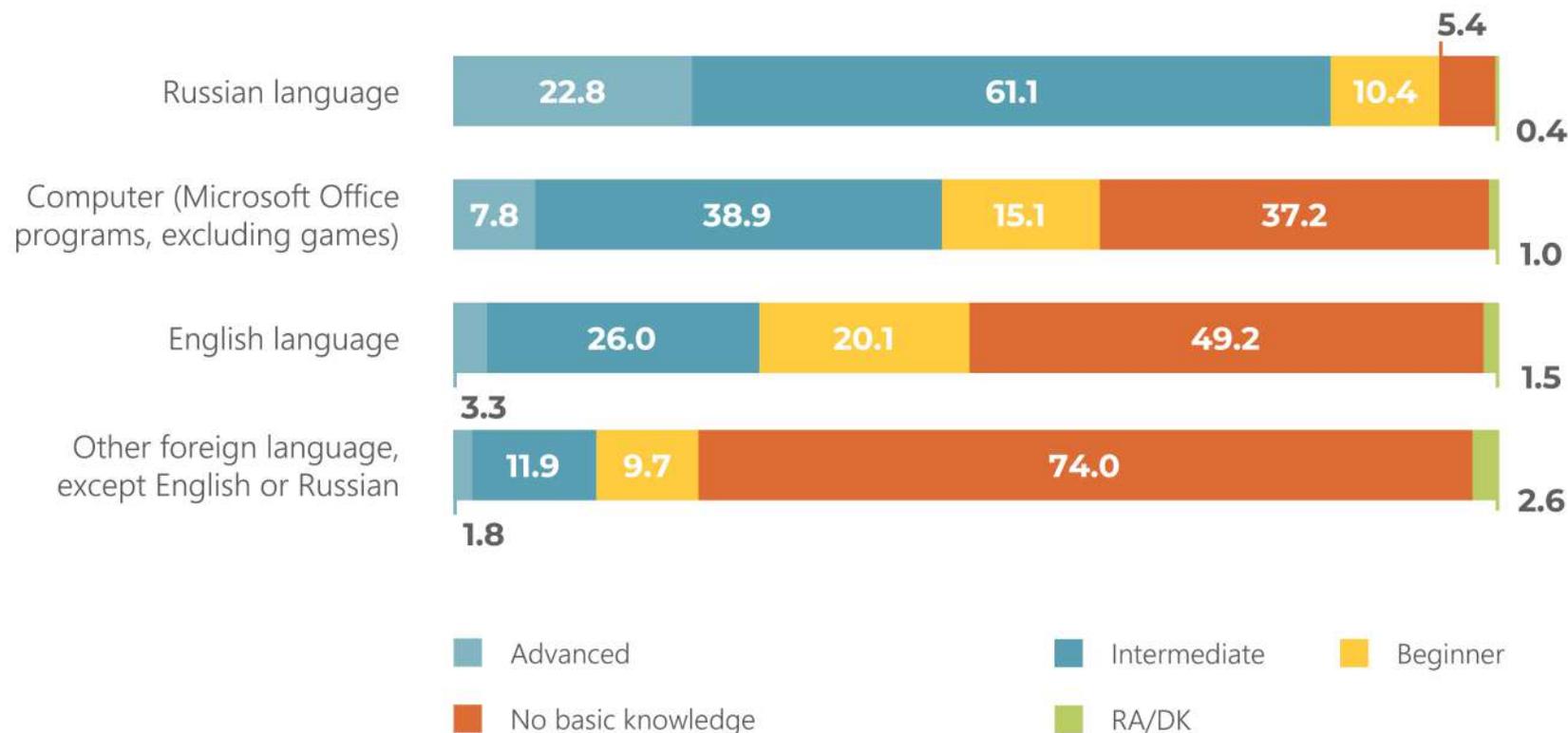
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Which foreign language, if any, do you think should be mandatory in secondary schools of Armenia? (%) N=1561



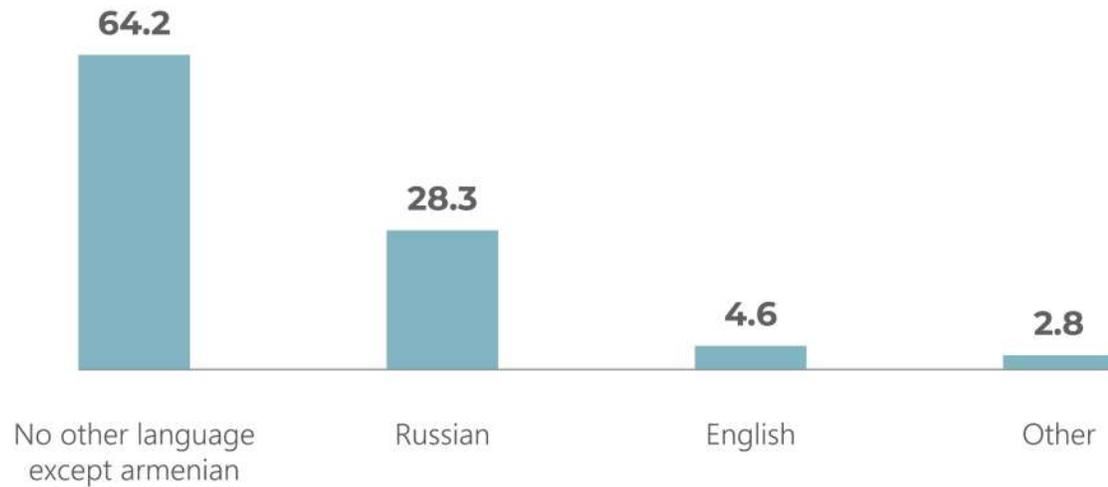
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Please tell me which one of these levels best describes your ability in the following. (%) N=1551



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What other languages other than armenian do you use in your everyday life, such as to talk with your family members, friends and neighbors, or to do business? (%) **N=1558**

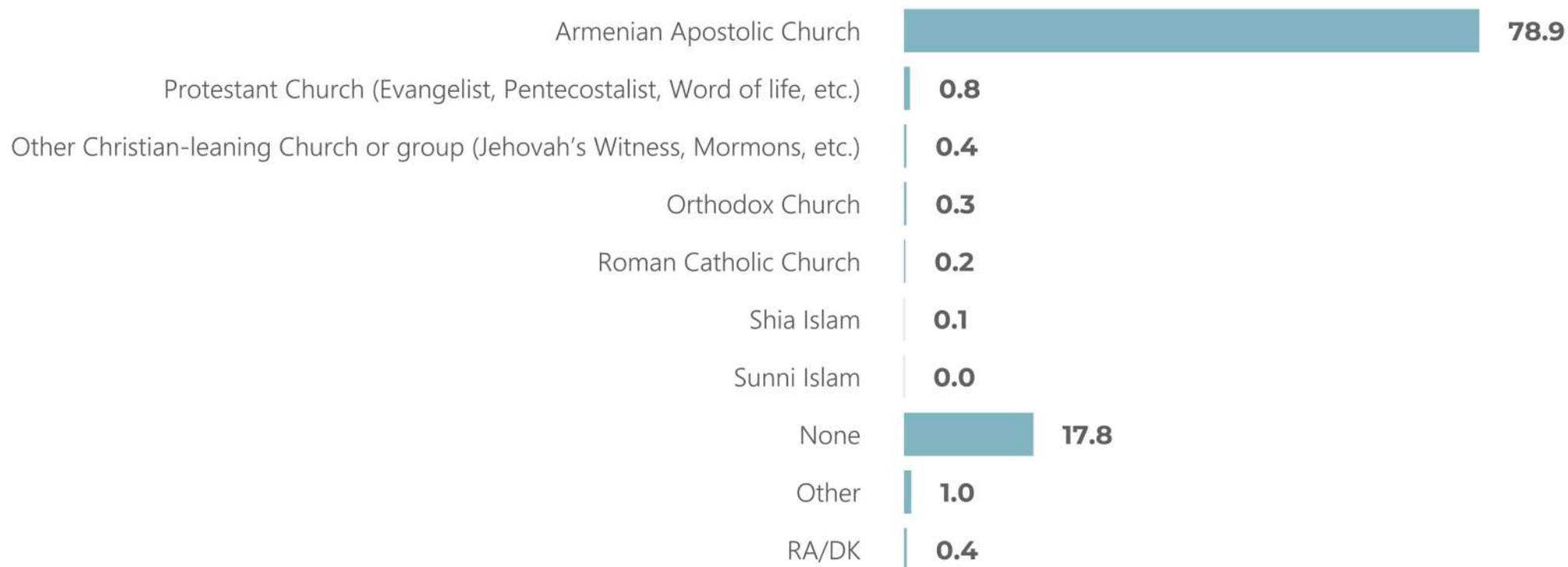


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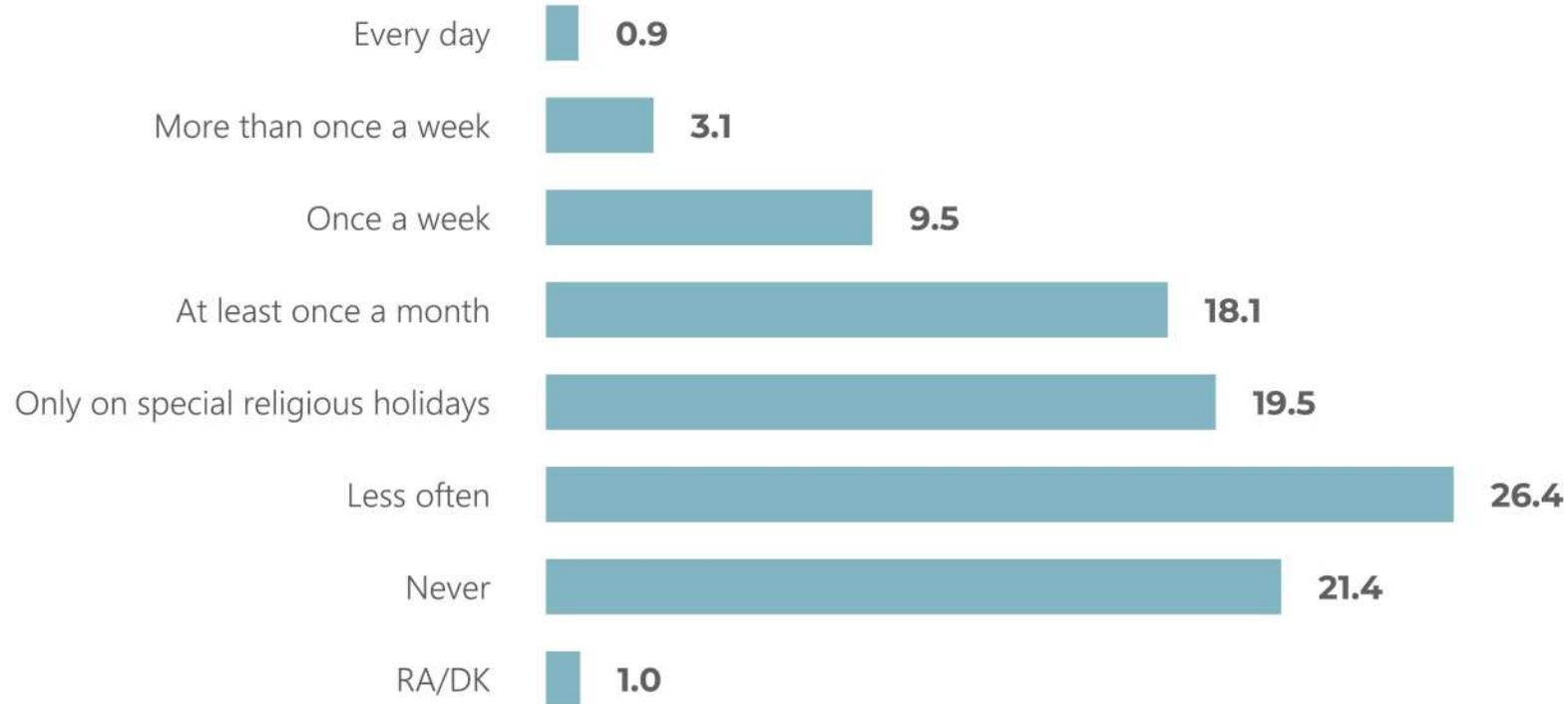
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Which religion or denomination, if any, do you consider yourself belonging to? (%) N=1561



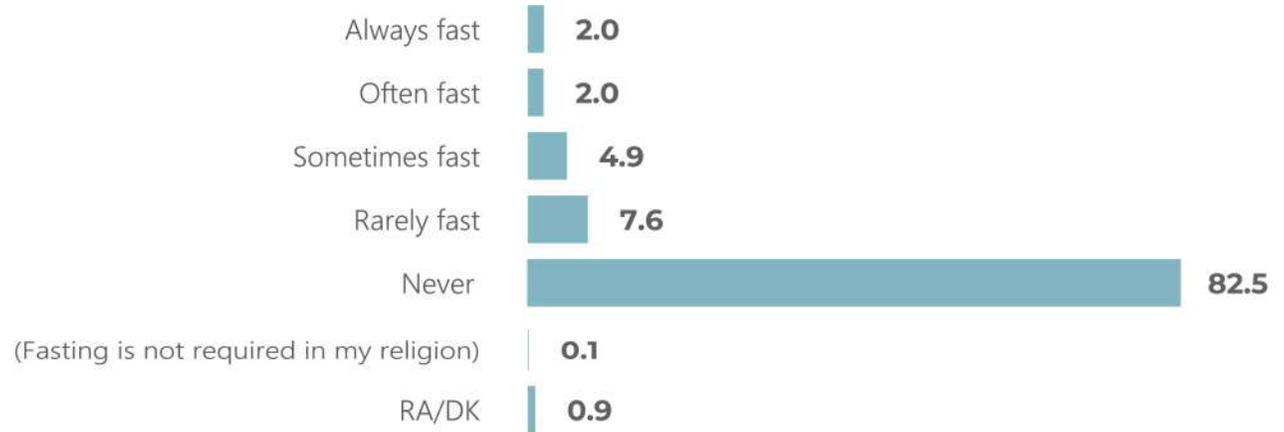
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How often do you attend religious services nowadays? (%) N=1282

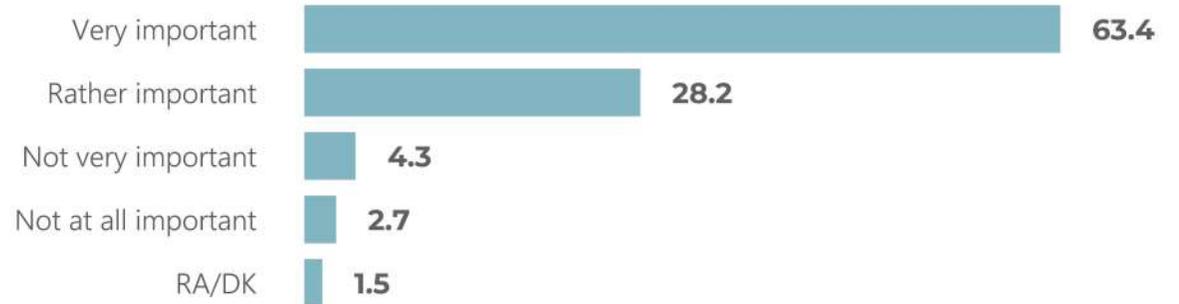


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How often do you fast when it is required by your religion? (%) N=1282



How important is religion in your daily life? (%) N=1282



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If you had a chance, would you leave Armenia forever to live somewhere else? (%)



Do you have a family member or close relative currently living abroad, outside the borders of Armenia? (%) N=1560

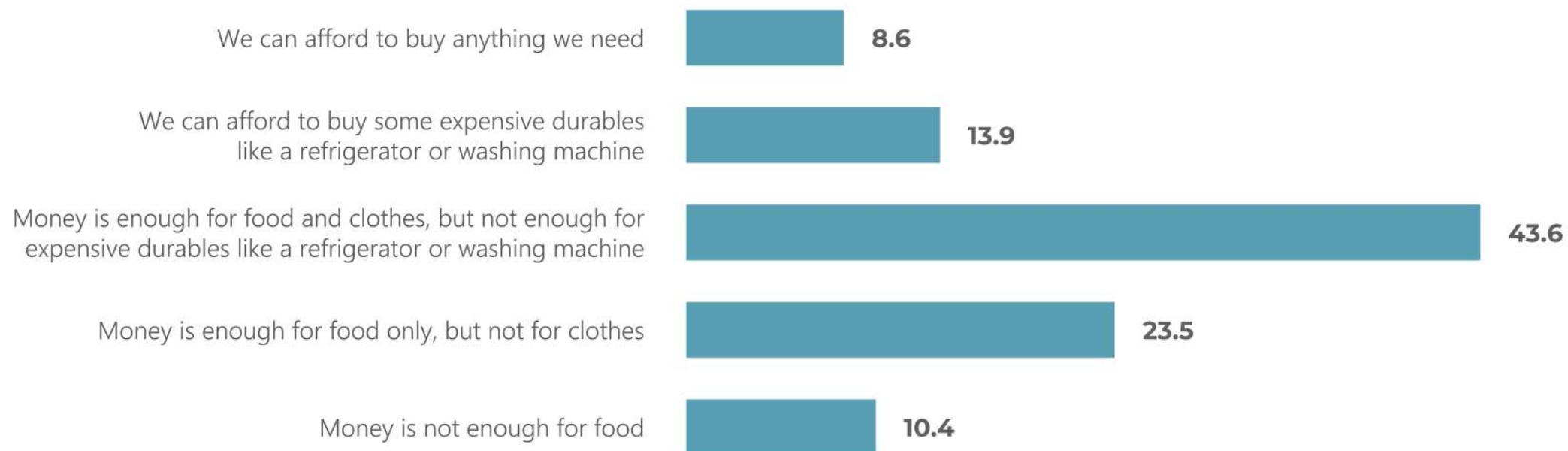


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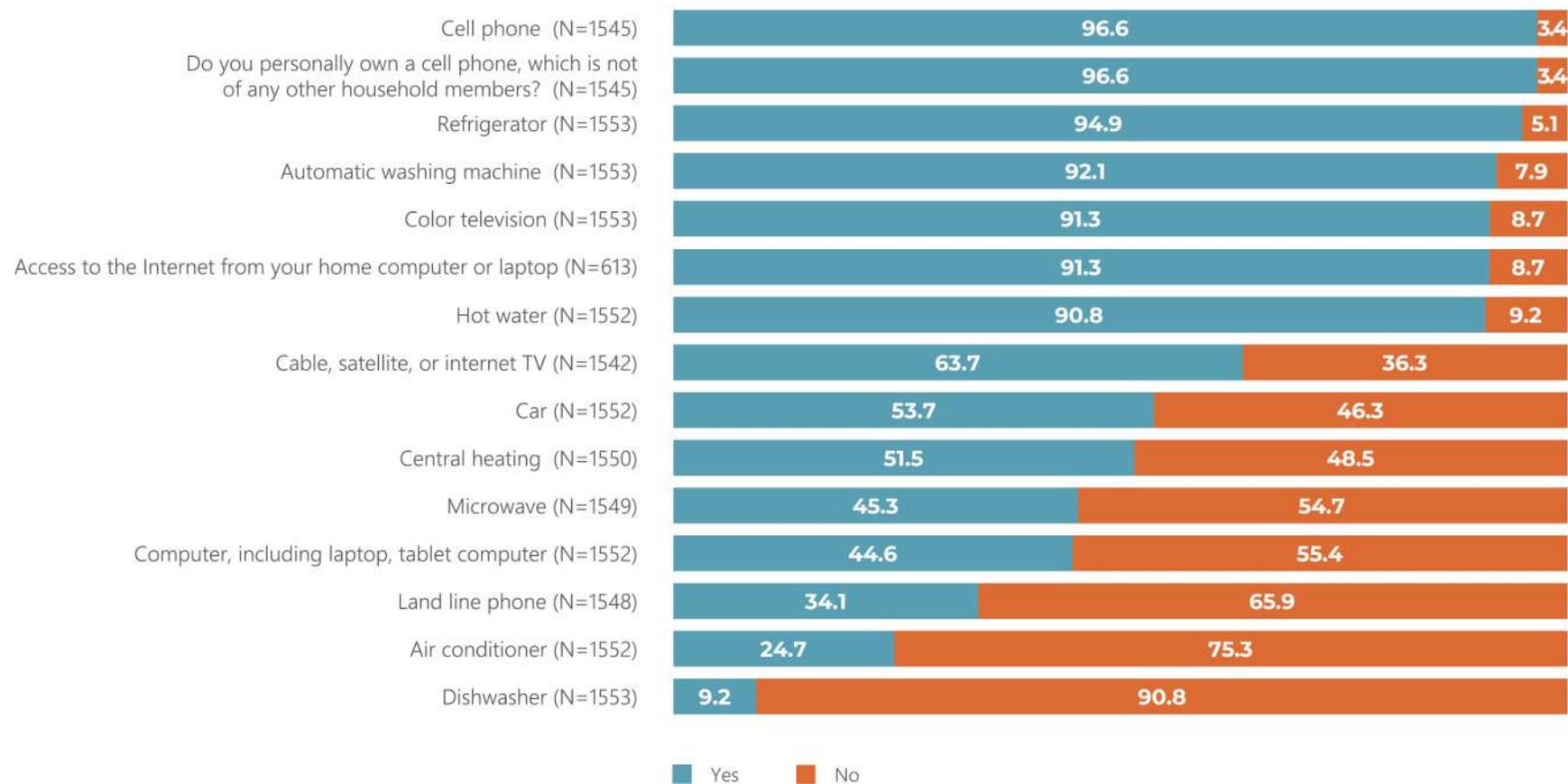
Household's Economic Situation

Which of the following statements best describes the current economic situation of your household? (%) N=1534



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Now, I will name several household items and amenities. Please note that we are only interested in items that your household owns and that are in normal working order. Please tell me whether or not your household (including yourself) owns ... (%)

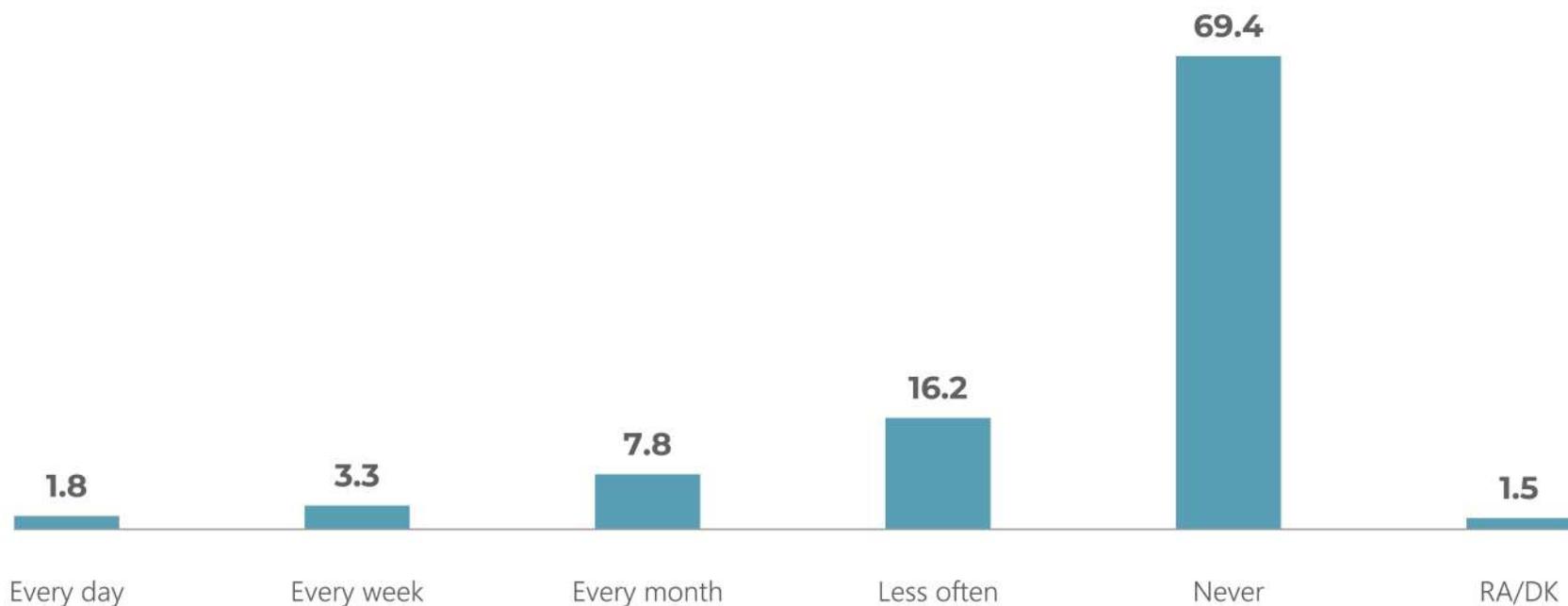


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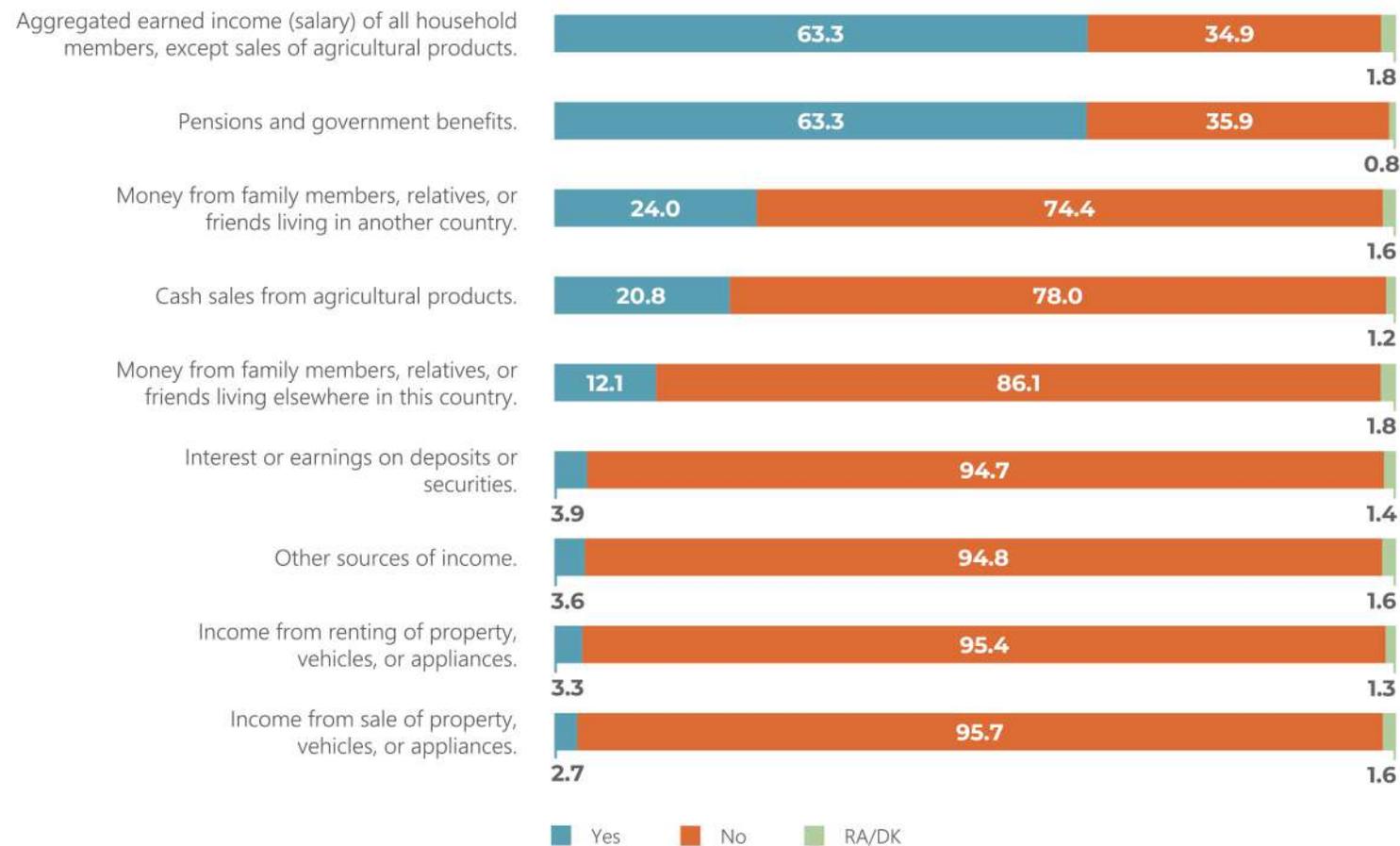
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Speaking about the past 12 months, how often did it happen that you did not have enough money to buy the food you or your family needed? (%) **N=1556**



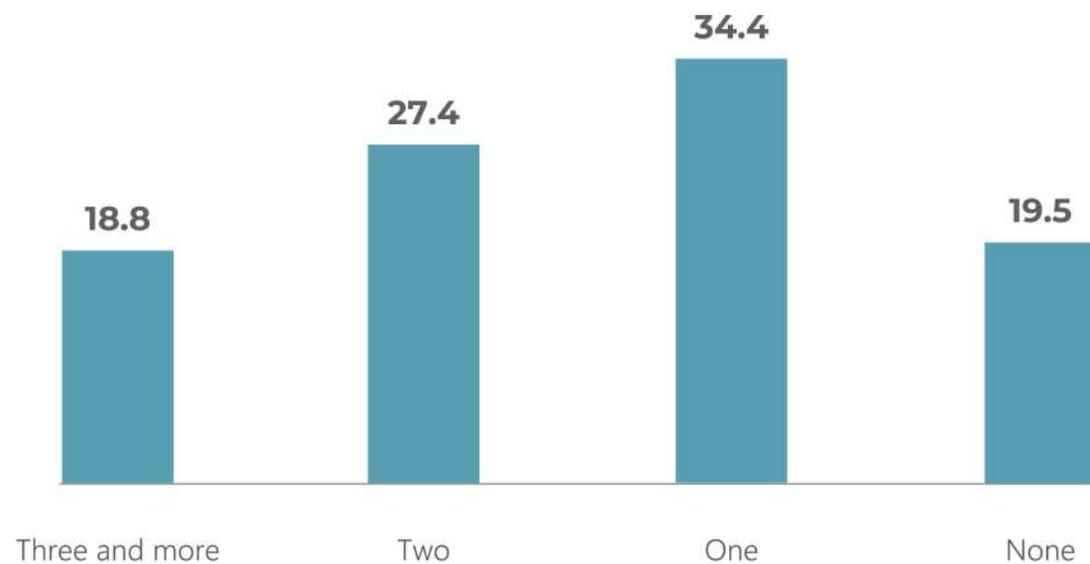
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I will read out several possible sources of income and please, tell me whether your household had monetary income from each of these sources in the last 12 months. Please think about the income of all members of your household. (%) **N=1556**



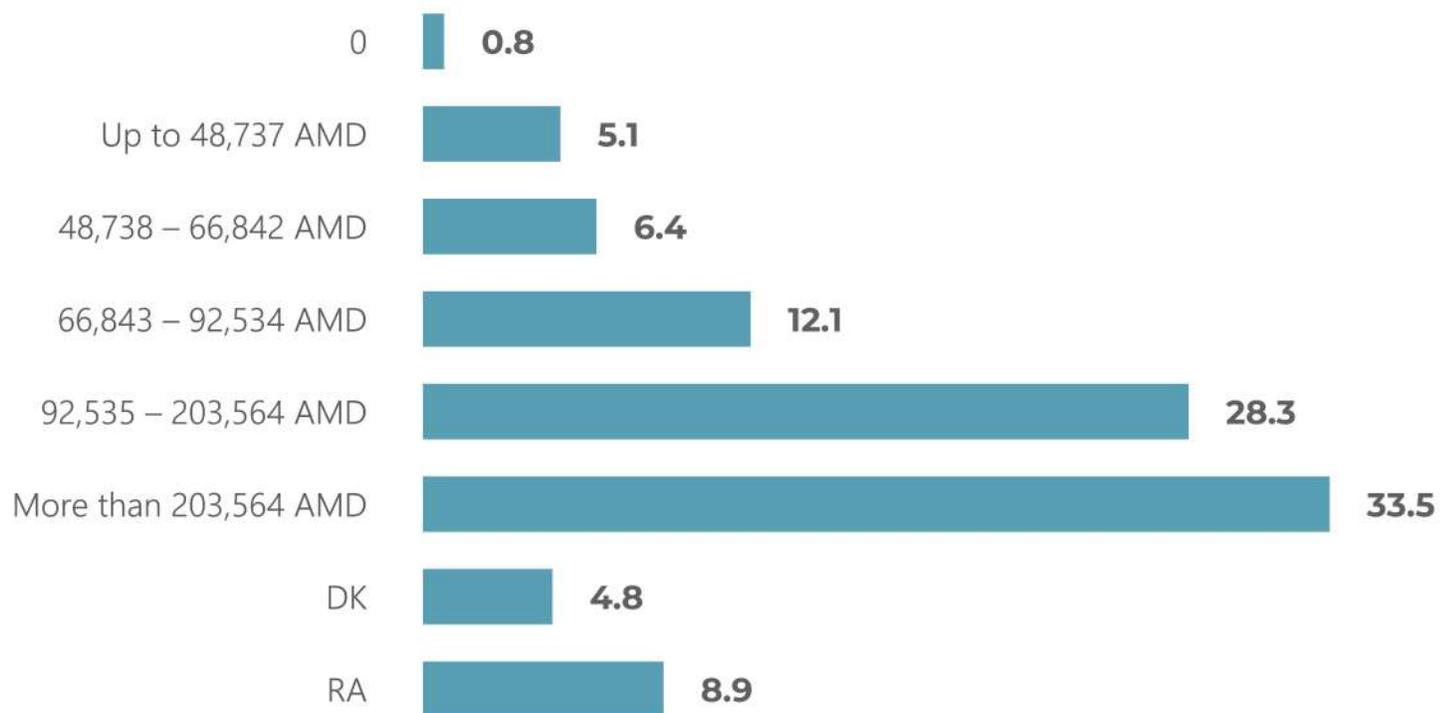
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How many people (including you) in your household are currently employed? (%) N=1542



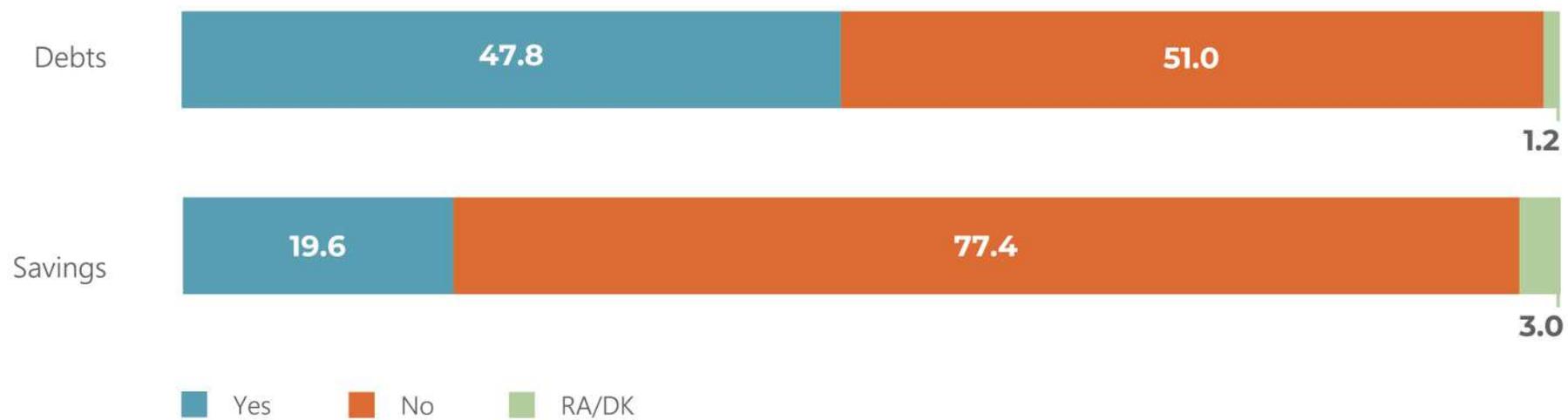
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Household income is a sum of monetary income of all household members. (%) N=1556



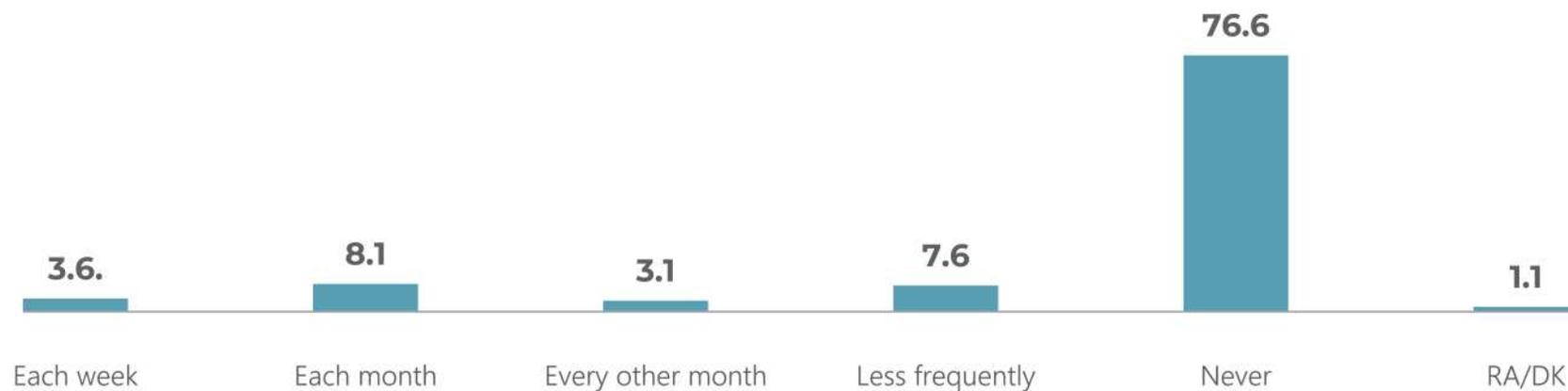
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Does your household currently have...? (%) N=1556



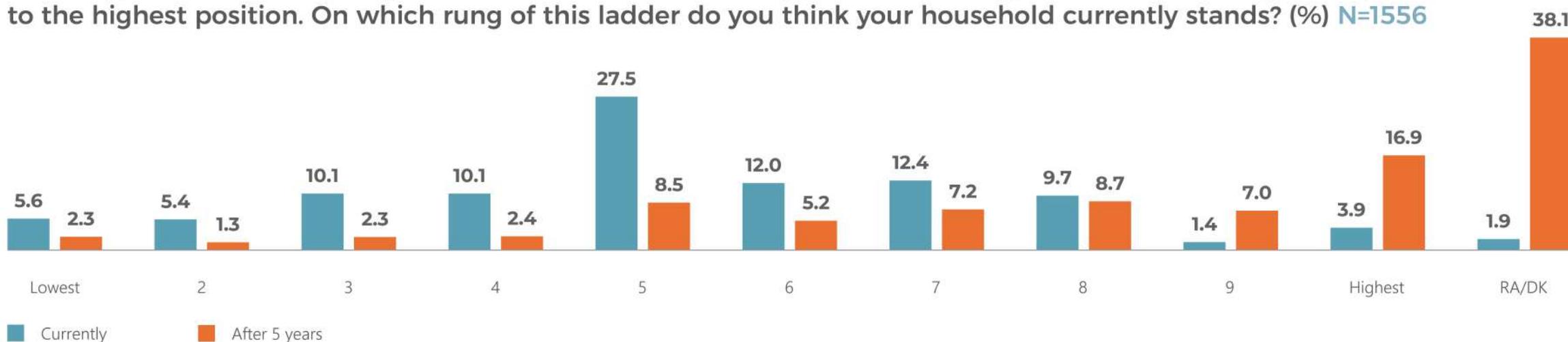
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In the past 6 months, how often has your household borrowed any money to buy food? Have you borrowed money ... (%) **N=1556**

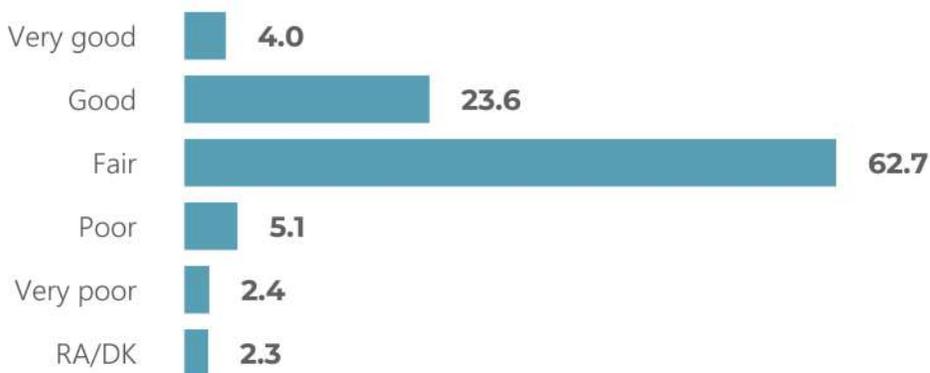


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Let's imagine there is a 10-step ladder reflecting the economic standing of all households in Armenia today. The first rung of this ladder corresponds to the lowest economic position in society, while the 10th rung corresponds to the highest position. On which rung of this ladder do you think your household currently stands? (%) **N=1556**



Relative to most of the households around you, would you describe the current economic condition of your household as ... (%) **N=1556**



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