



# CONCEPTS OF DEMOCRACY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN BULGARIA

(NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE SURVEY  
RESULTS)

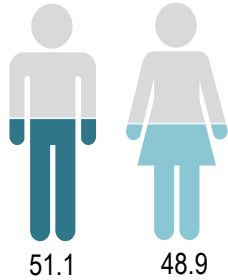
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# SURVEY CHARACTERISTICS

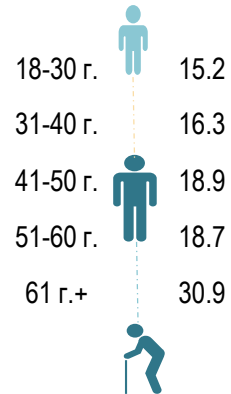


# SAMPLE STRUCTURE (%)

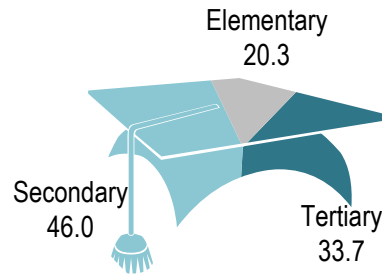
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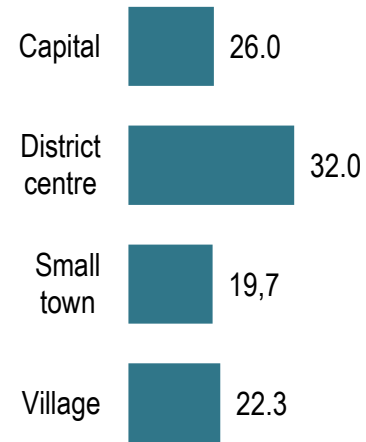
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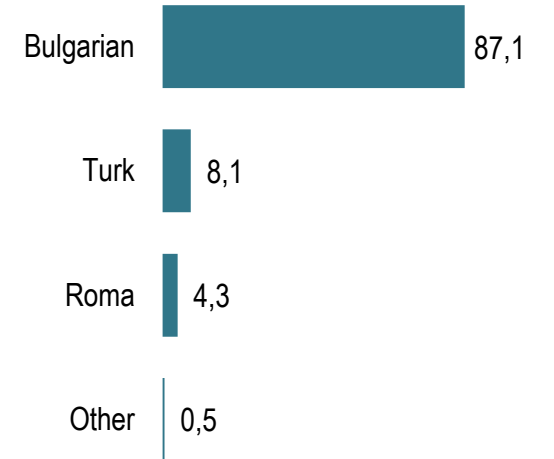
## EDUCATION



## TYPE OF SETTLEMENT



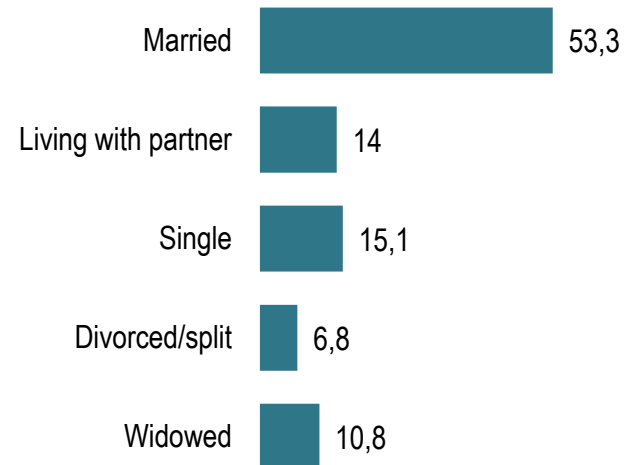
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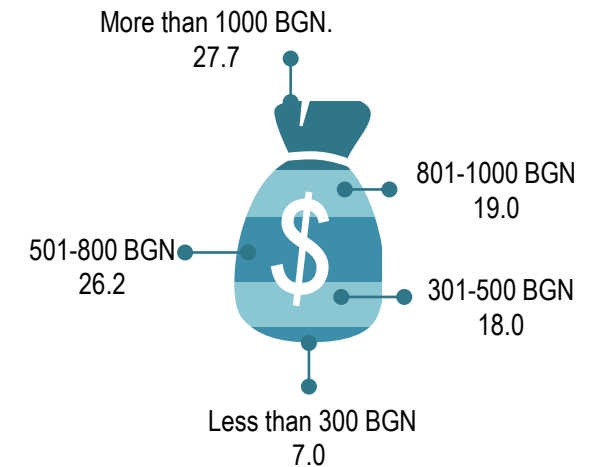
## SOCIAL GROUP

Student	3.5
Worker (manual labour)	16.5
Employee (non-manual labour)	32.7
Intellectual, freelancer	4.9
Business owner /self-employed/	6.8
Farmer	0.6
Unemployed	6.2
Retired	24.7
Housewife	2.3
Other	1.8

## CIVIL STATUS



## APPROXIMATE MONTHLY INCOME DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:



# INTRODUCTION

In November 2022 the Alpha Research sociological agency conducted a national representative survey of the adult population in the country, commissioned by the Heinrich Boell Foundation Office Thessaloniki Greece, which aimed to study:

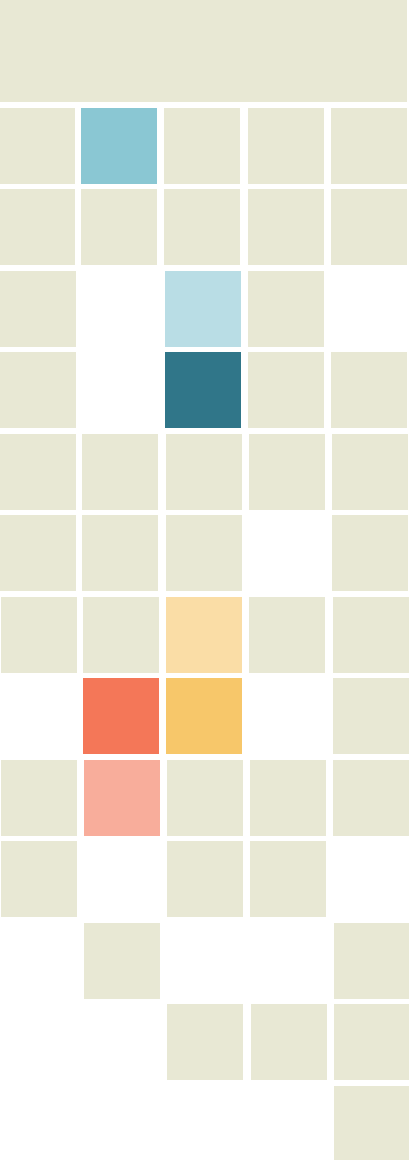
- Level of peoples' participation in decision making processes, in civil society groups etc.
- Capture the reasons of participating
- Explore if and how this fluid and volatile political situation affects peoples' life
- Which are the most important problems
- Explore if environmental issues play a role in peoples' lives and to what extent
- Between regions (urban vs rural) and explore if there is a divergence on the feedback received plus questions on energy poverty and energy communities
- If and how the Ukrainian war (in)directly affected their lives

In order to achieve the set objectives, we reviewed the social and political context, globally and nationally. The leading factors are the war in Ukraine, the energy and economic crisis and the political instability in Bulgaria.

# INTRODUCTION

The conducted survey corresponds to the set objectives and the socio-political context. The survey tools and its analysis are structured in several thematic fields:

- Politics – attitudes to various problems; attitudes to politicians and political parties; perceptions and expectations regarding the political instability; value orientation to ideologies and beliefs
- The war in Ukraine – general attitudes; Bulgaria's position; repercussions on people's daily lives; regional aspects and perspectives
- Civil activism/participation – objective information and attitudes
- Ecology and environment – attitudes to environmental problems and initiatives
- Energy poverty – difficulties experienced by the households and possible solutions

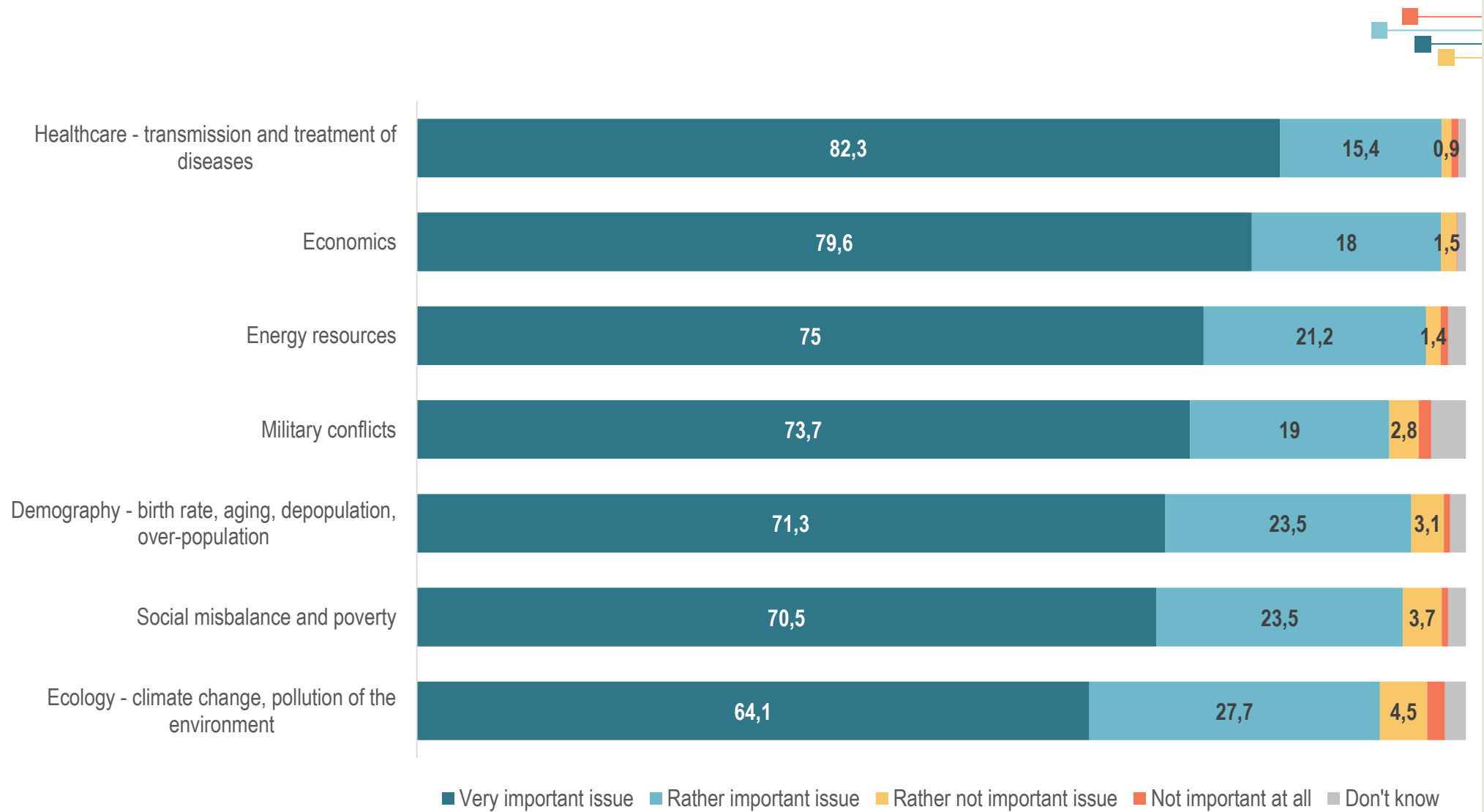


# *POLITICS*

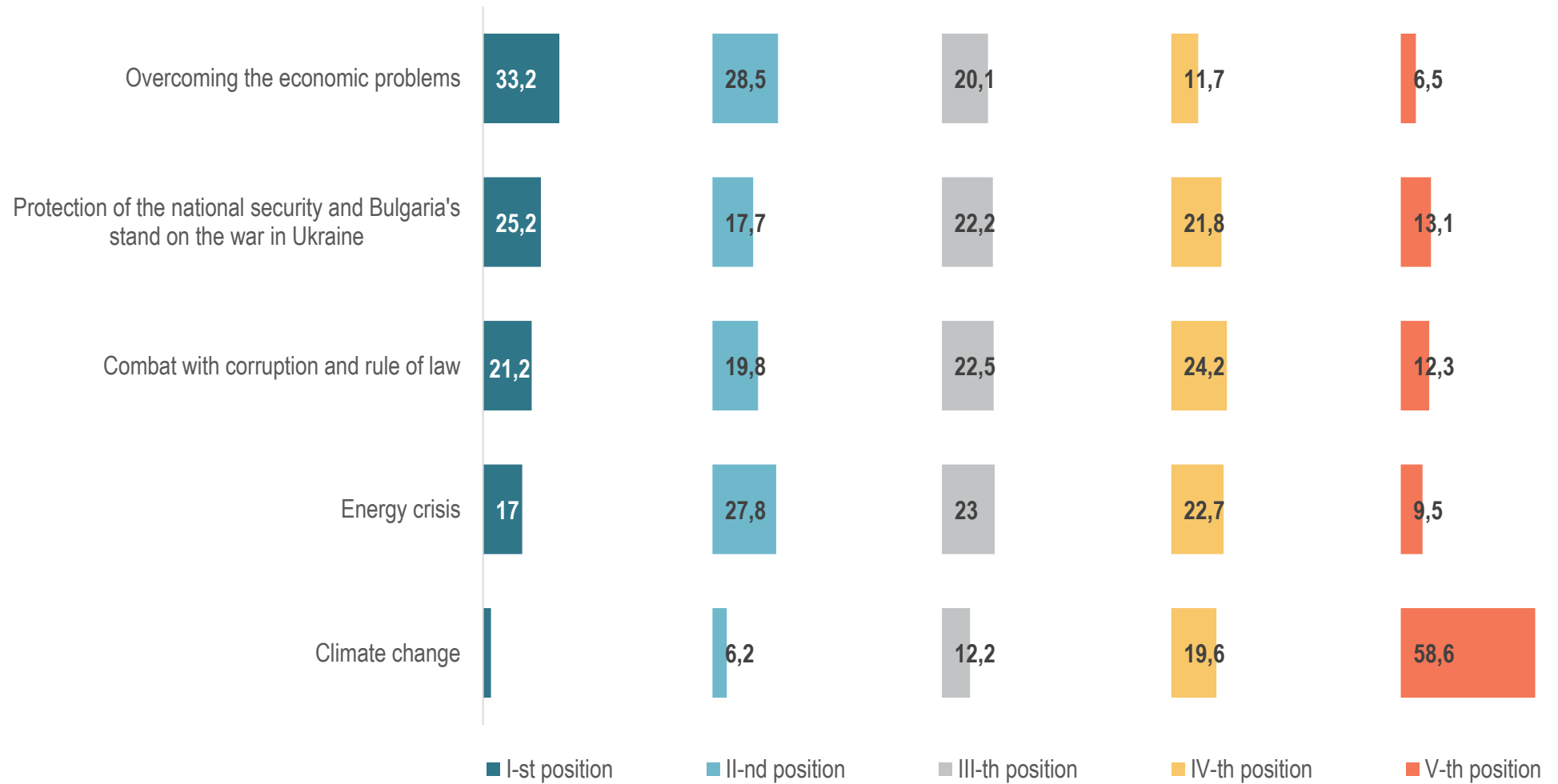
## **PROBLEMS, INSTABILITY, ATTITUDES TO POLITICAL PARTIES**



# WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE GLOBAL ISSUES IN THE FOLLOWING SPHERES? (%)

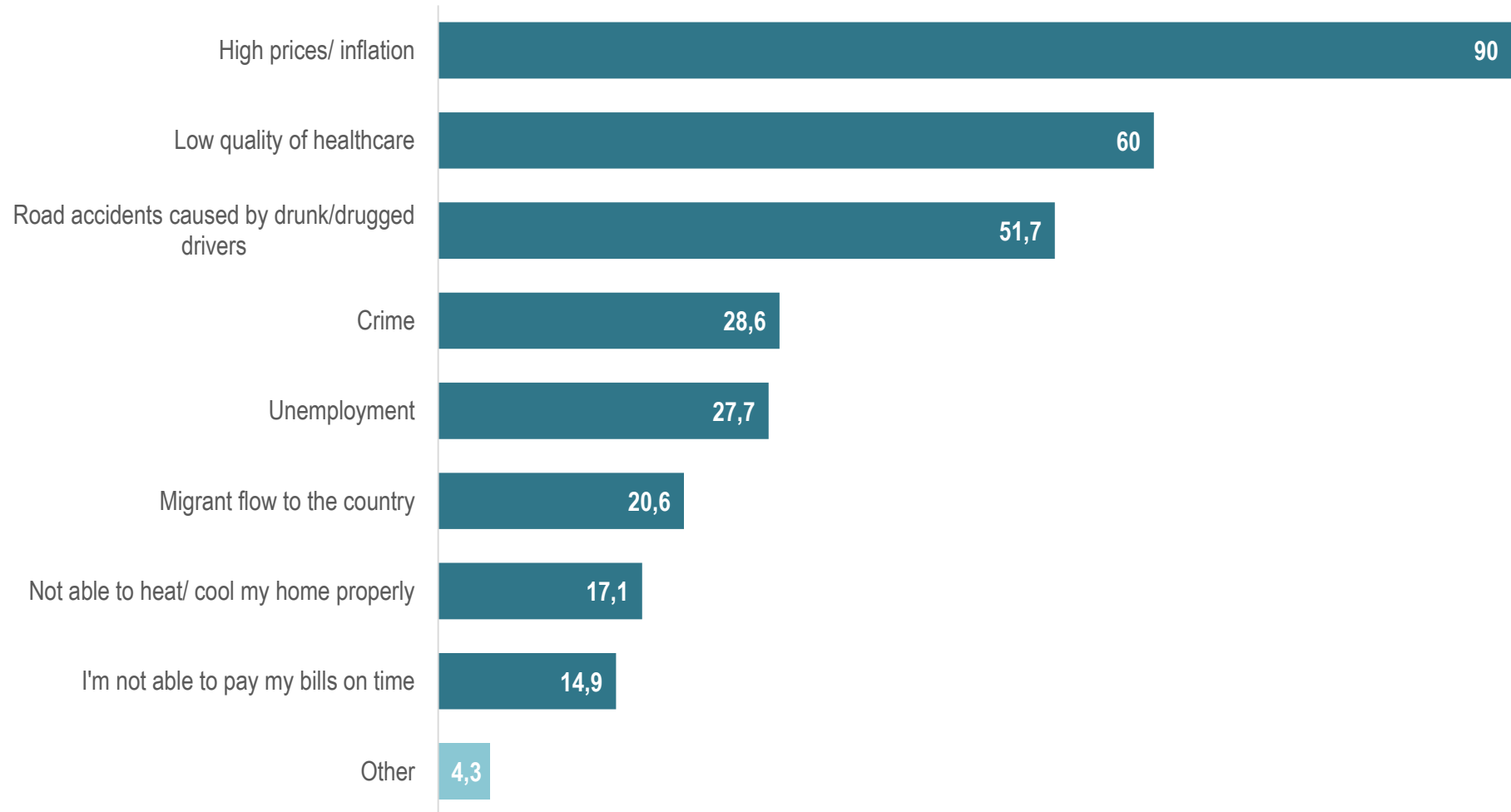


# HOW WOULD YOU RANK THE FOLLOWING TOPICS IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE FOR BULGARIA? (%)

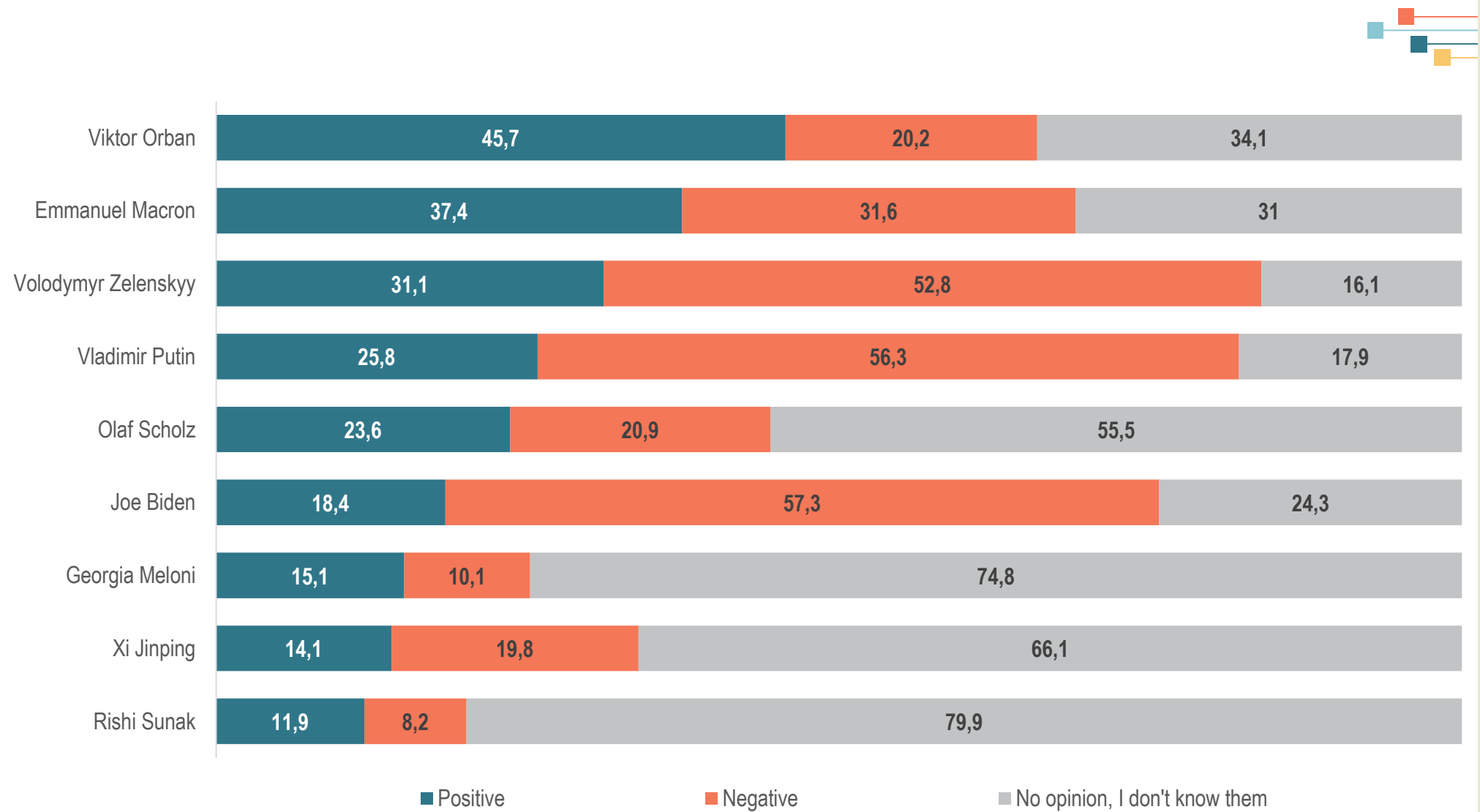




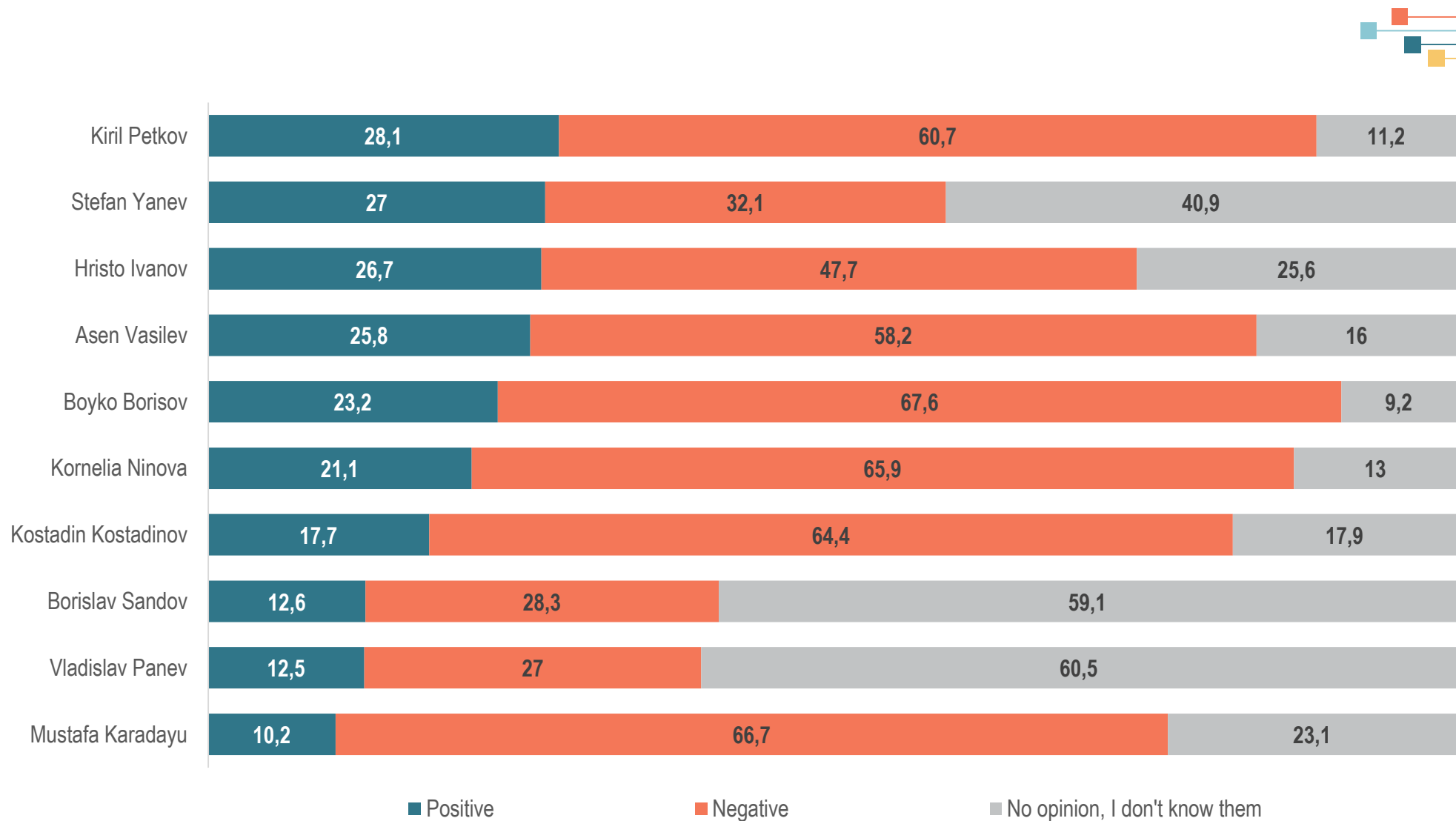
# WHAT ARE THE MAIN PROBLEMS YOU FACE NOWADAYS? (%)



# WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF EACH OF THE LISTED POLITICIANS? (%)

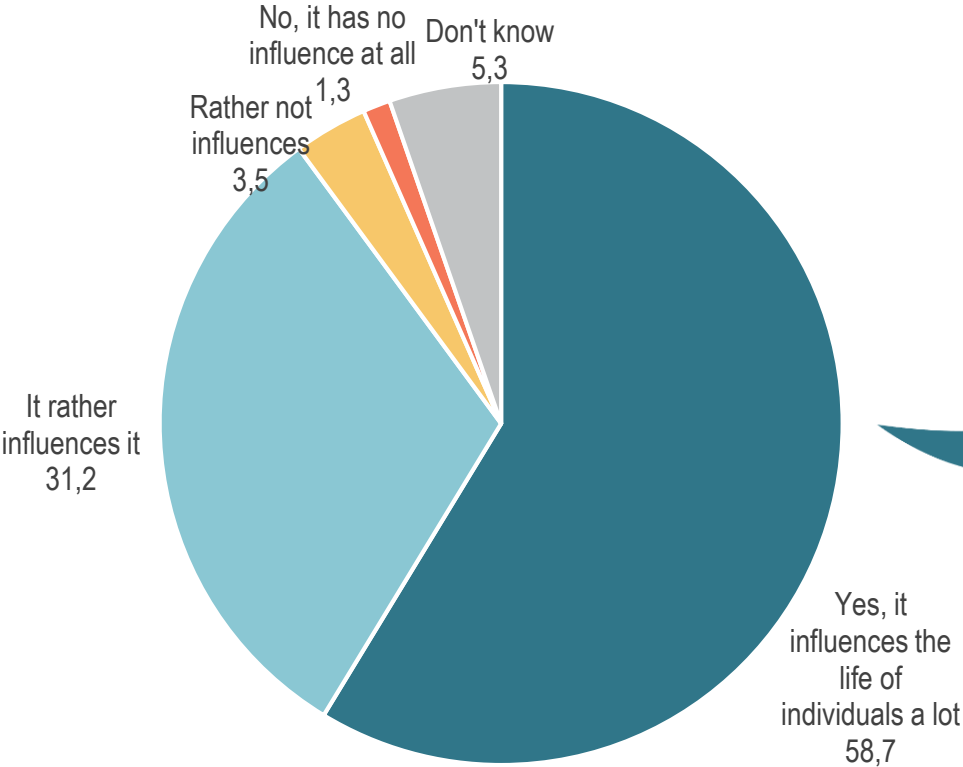


# AND WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF EACH OF THE LISTED BULGARIAN POLITICIANS? (%)



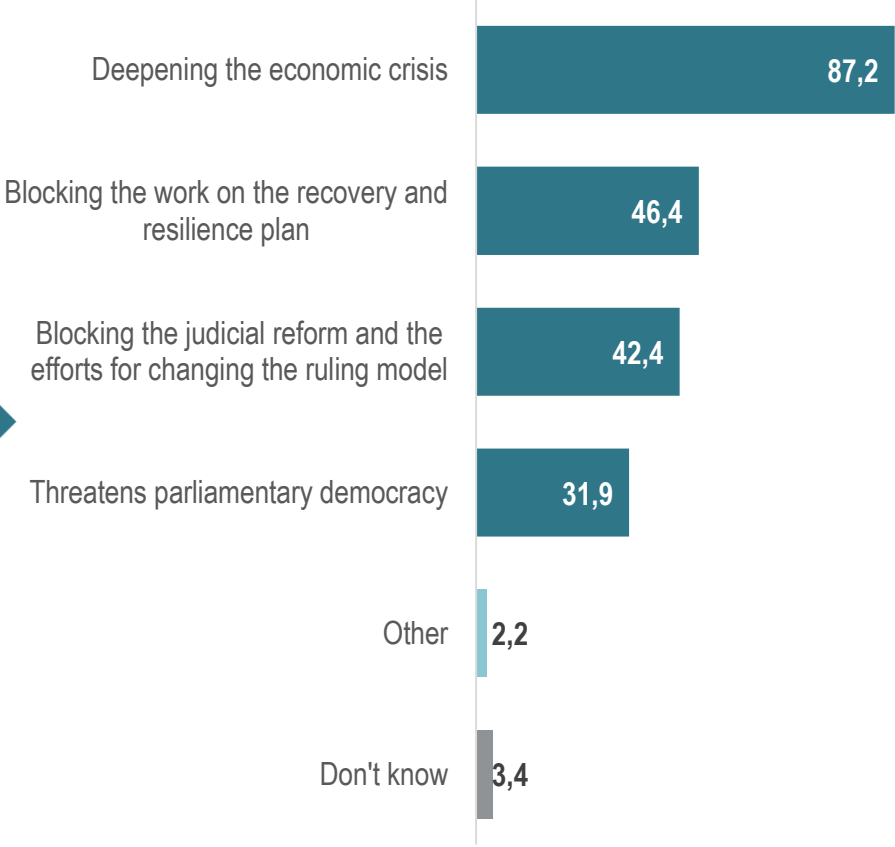
# POLITICAL INSTABILITY

DO YOU THINK THAT THE POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN THE COUNTRY INFLUENCES THE LIFE OF THE INDIVIDUALS? (%)



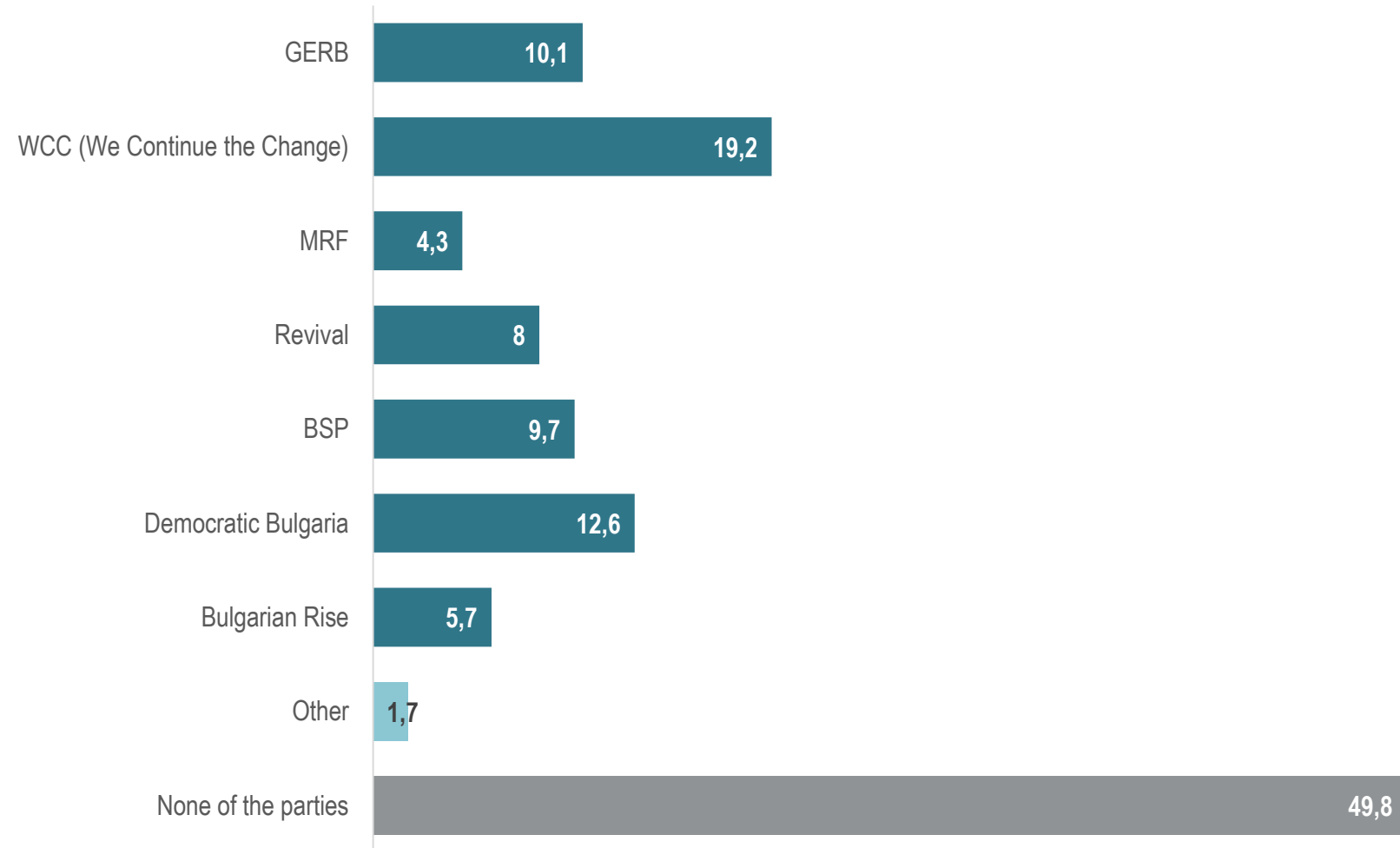
Base: N=1000

YOU SAID THE POLITICAL INSTABILITY INFLUENCES THE LIFE OF INDIVIDUALS. PLEASE, LET ME KNOW HOW IT AFFECTS IT? (%)



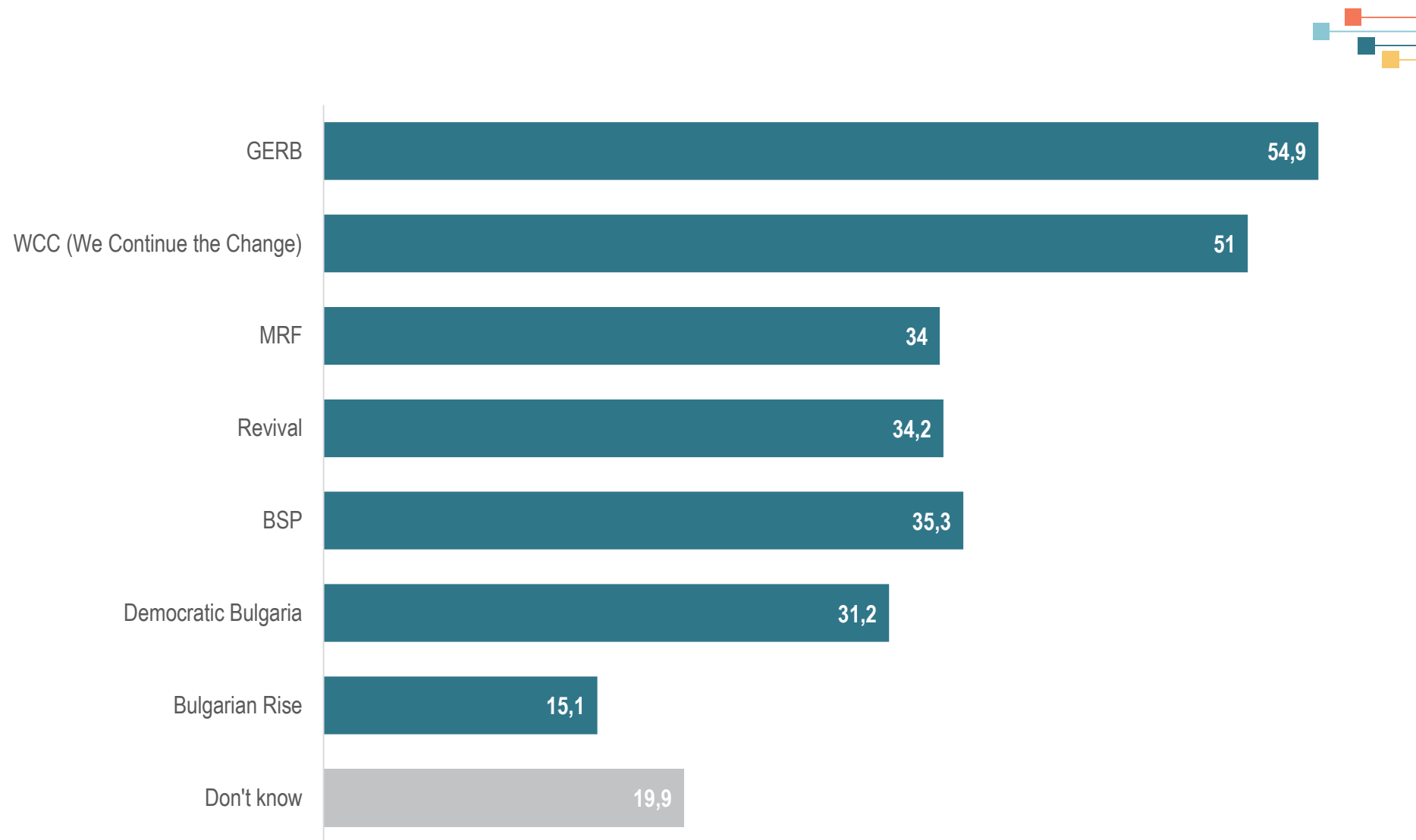
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# IN YOUR OPINION, WHICH POLITICAL PARTY(IES) IS FIGHTING AGAINST CORRUPTION AND FOR RULE OF LAW? (%)



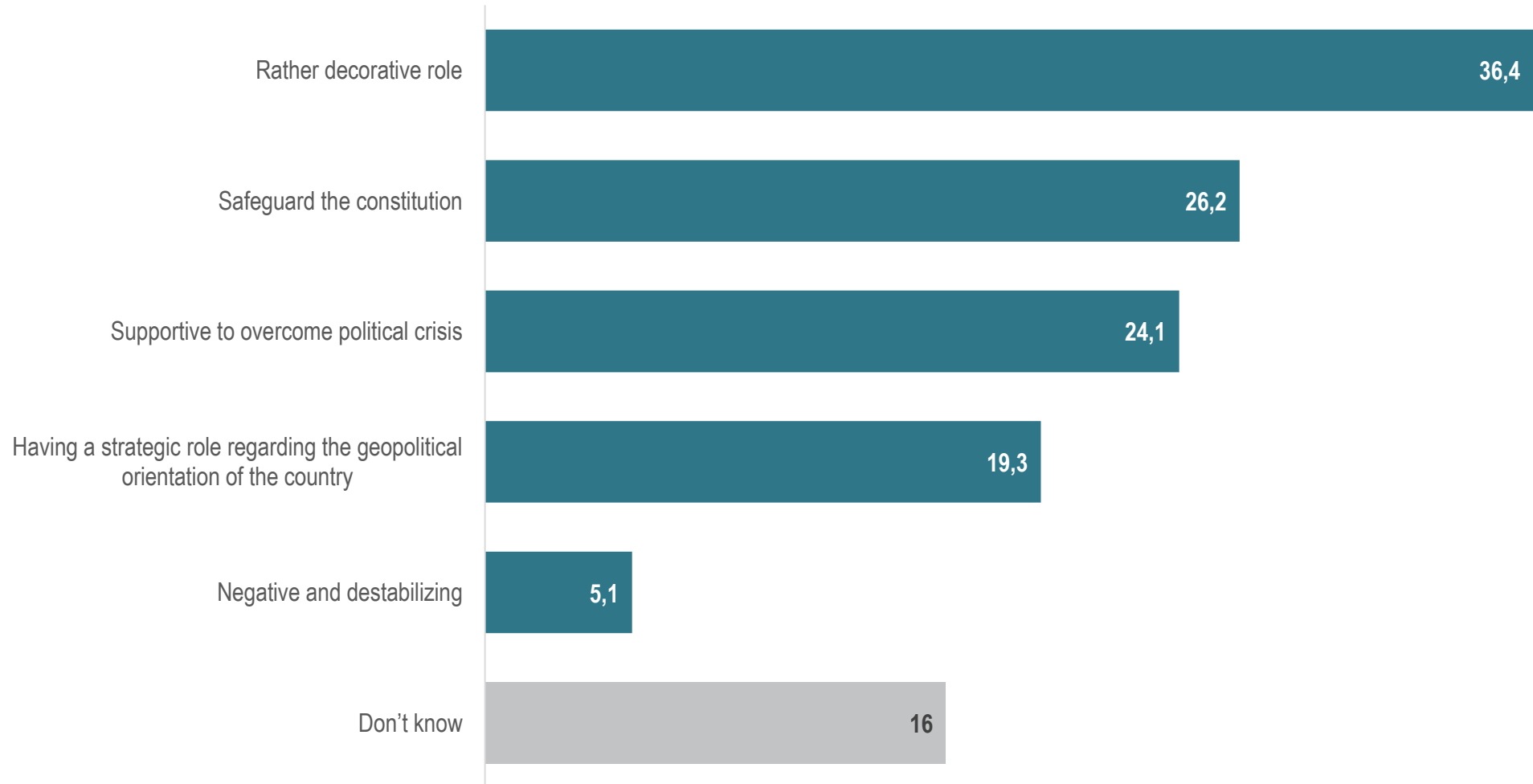
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# WHICH OF THE PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE PARLIAMENT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN THE COUNTRY NOWADAYS? (%)

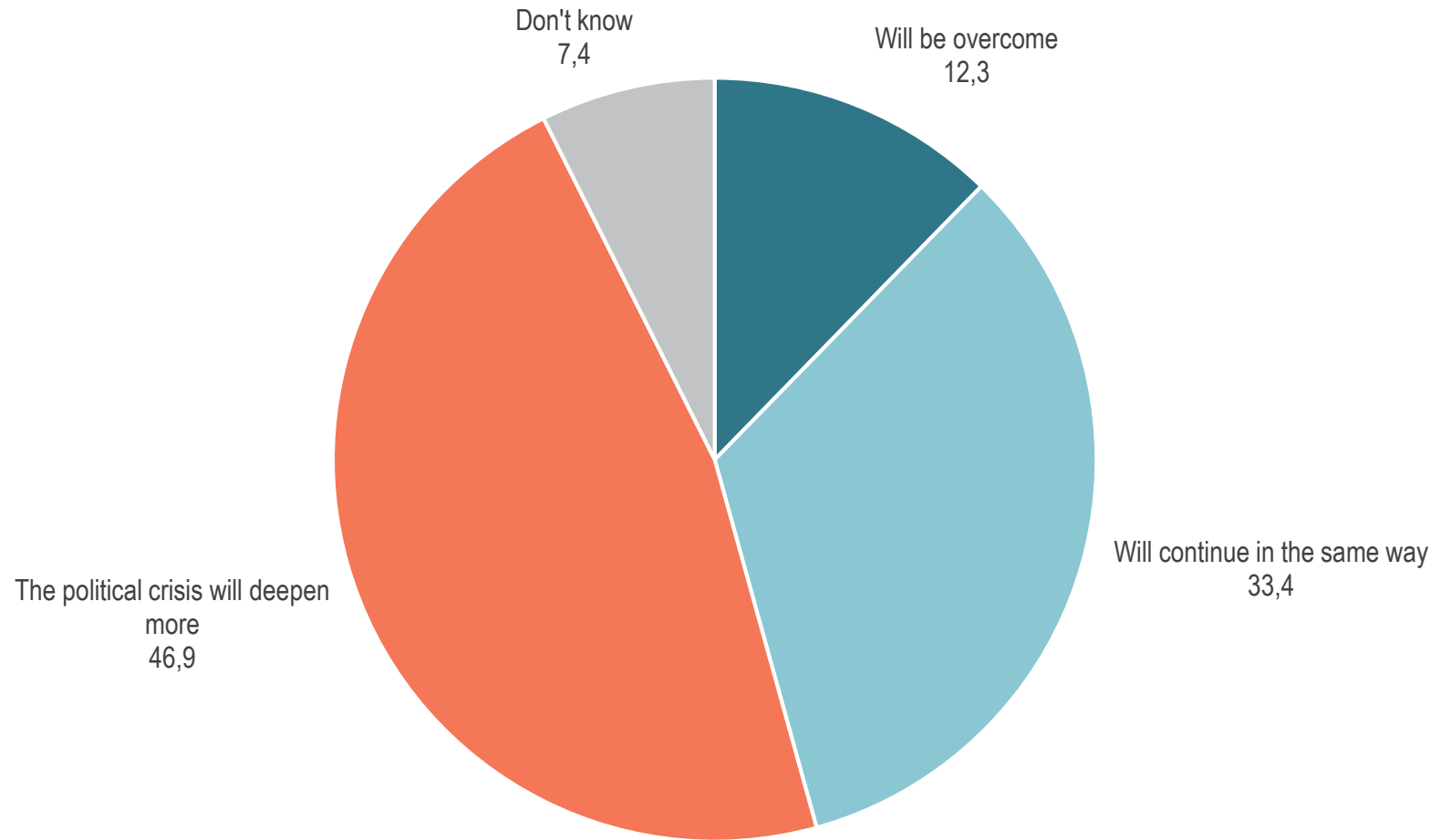


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# AND WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL LIFE? (%)

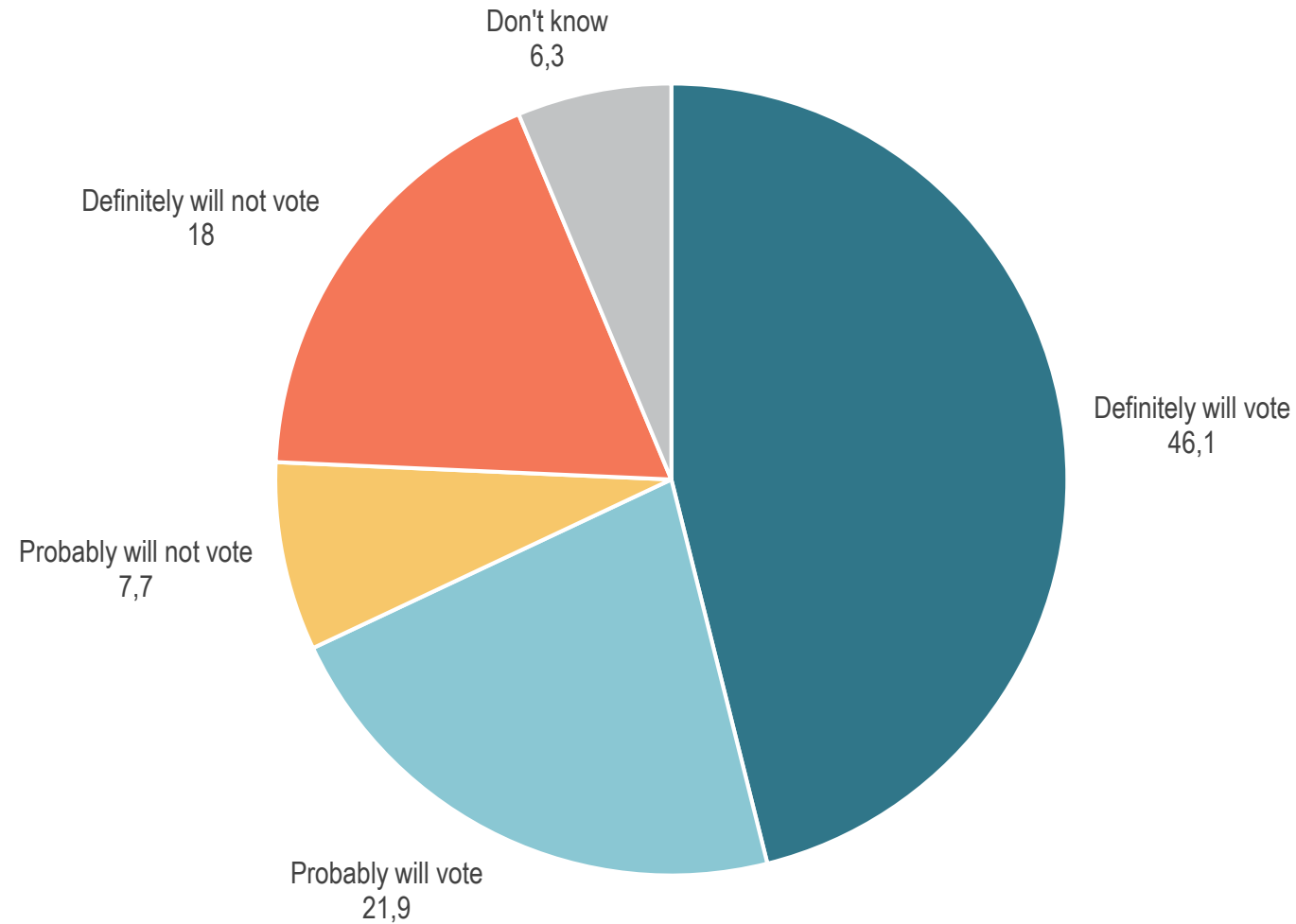


# HOW DO YOU EXPECT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY TO EVOLVE? (%)



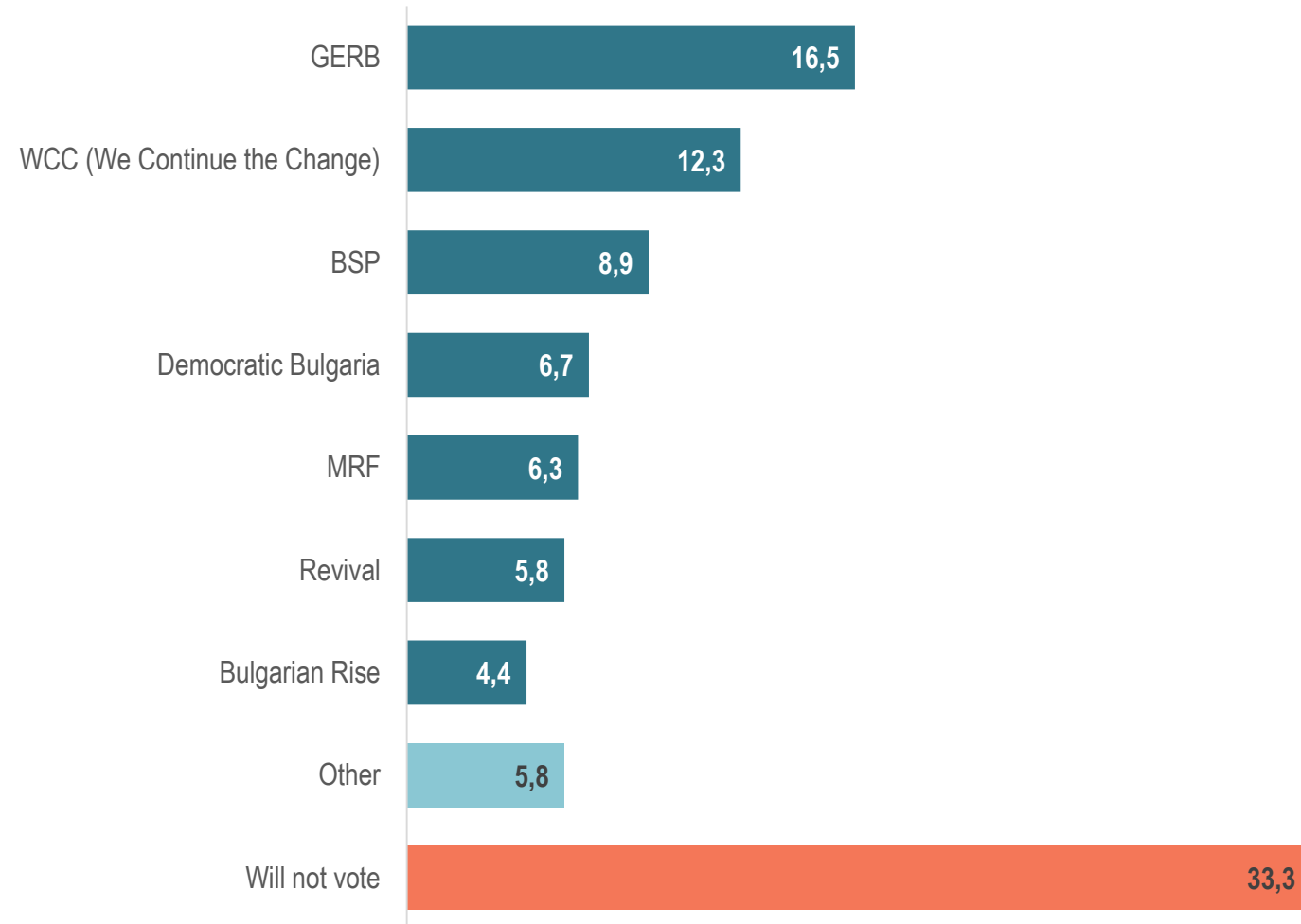


# IF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE BULGARIAN PARLIAMENT WAS NEXT SUNDAY, HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO VOTE IN? (%)

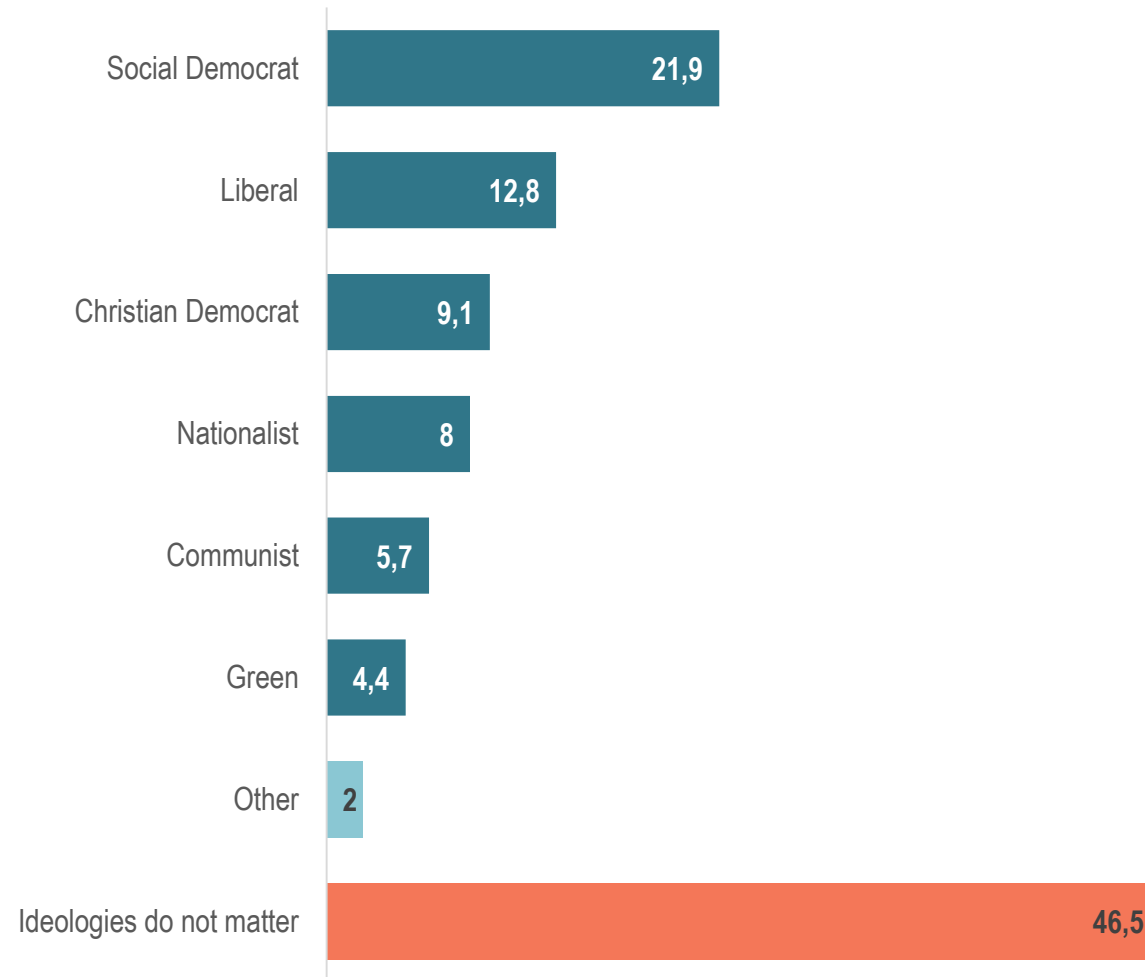
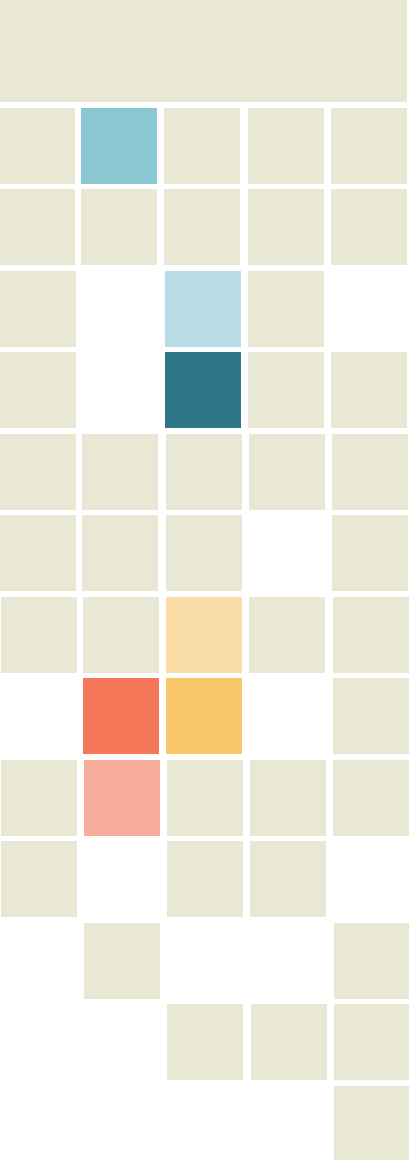


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# IF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE BULGARIAN PARLIAMENT WAS NEXT SUNDAY, HOW WOULD YOU VOTE? (%)



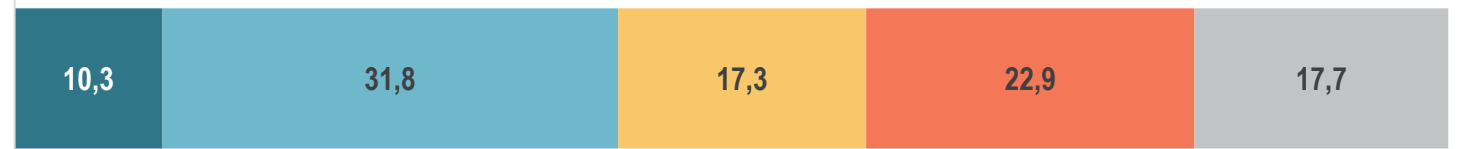
# WHICH OF THE LISTED IDEOLOGIES DO YOU CONSIDER CLOSER TO YOUR POINT OF VIEW? (%)



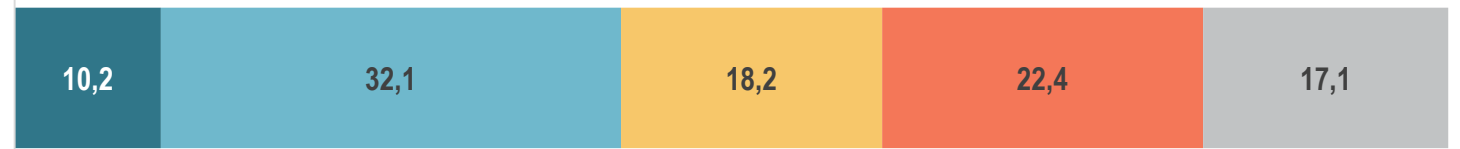
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# DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS? (%)

LGBTQI persons should have access to equal rights



LGBTQI persons should be able to express freely and to live their lives as they wish



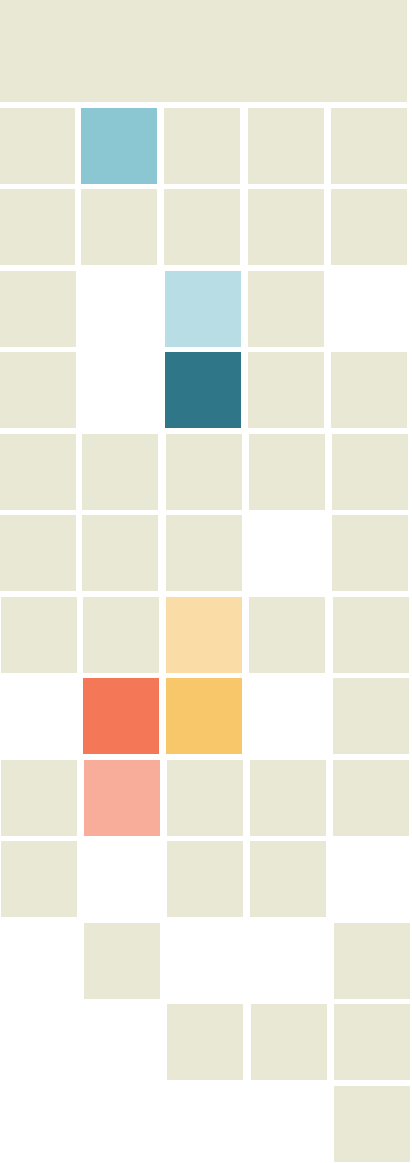
The man is the only responsible to earn the household's income



Women should stay home and take care of children and of everyday chores



■ Completely agree   
 ■ Rather agree   
 ■ Rather disagree   
 ■ Completely disagree   
 ■ Don't know

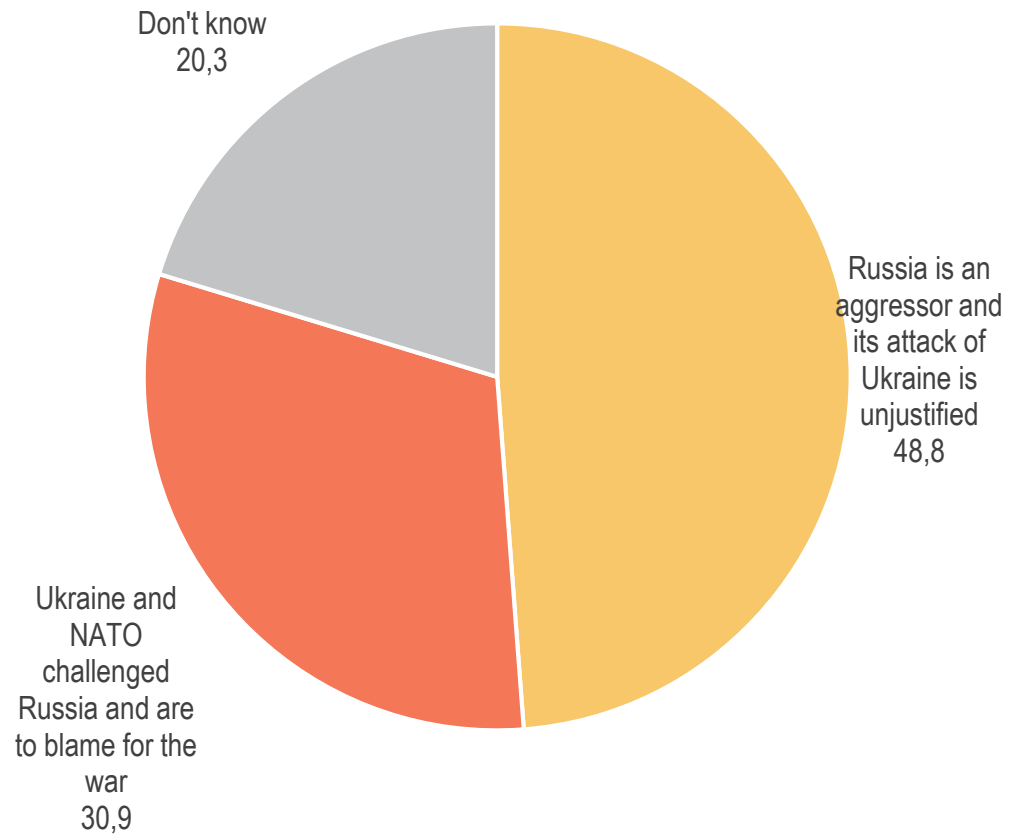


# THE WAR IN UKRAINE

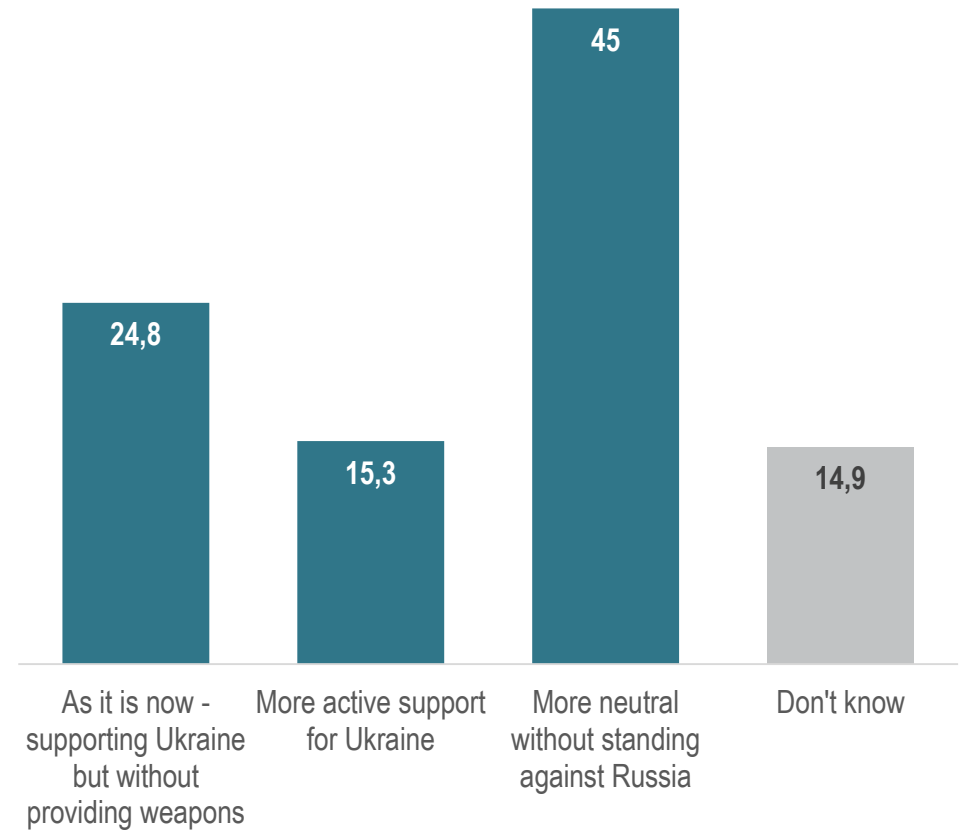


# THE WAR IN UKRAINE

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THE WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE? (%)



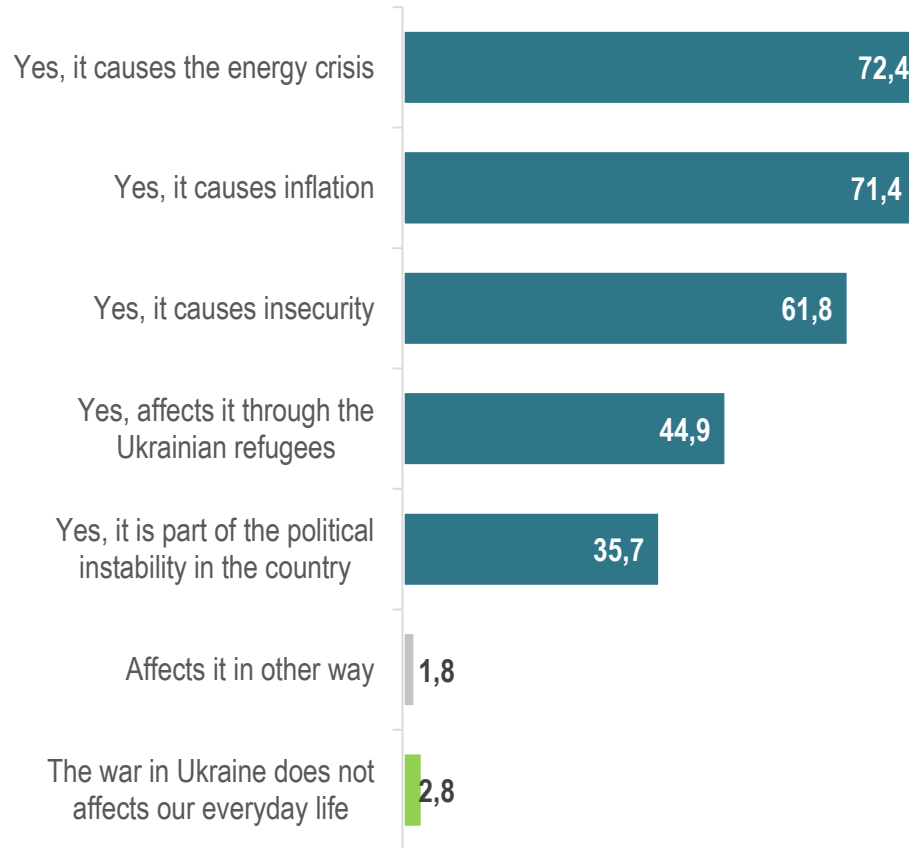
WHAT SHOULD BE BULGARIA'S STAND WITH REGARD TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE? (%)



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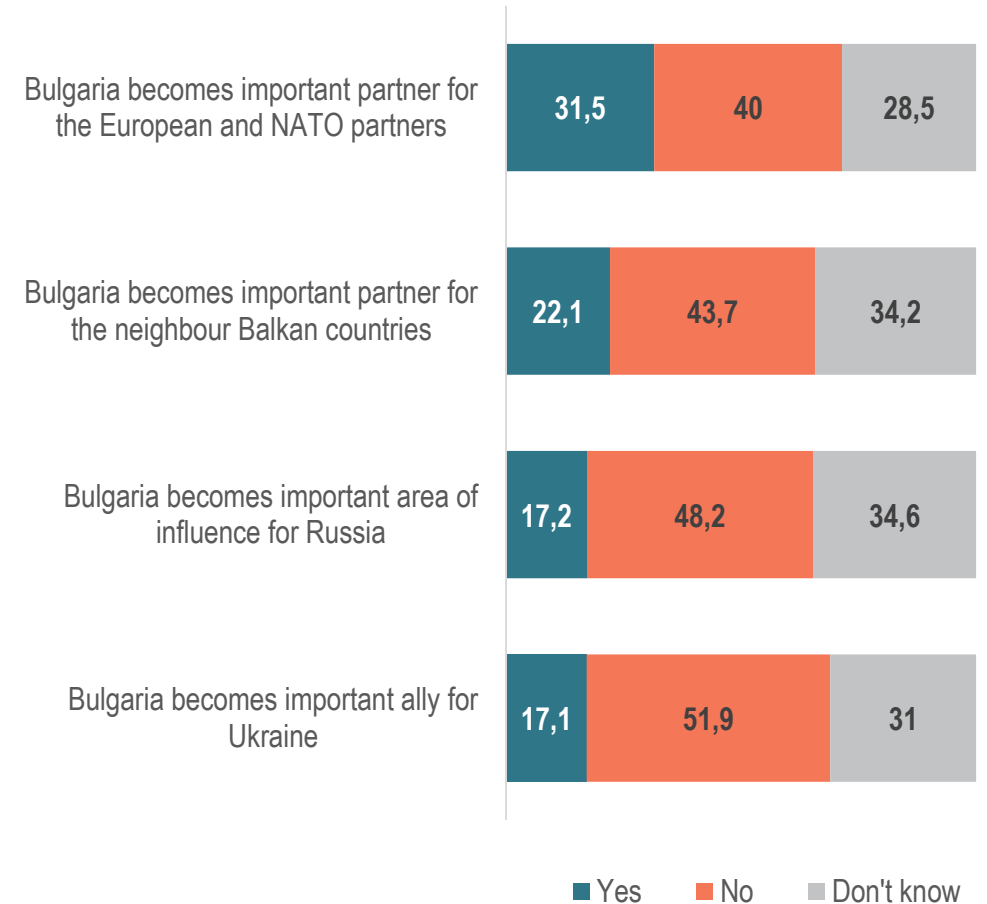
# THE WAR IN UKRAINE

DOES THE WAR IN UKRAINE AFFECT PEOPLES' EVERYDAY LIFE IN BULGARIA AND IF YES HOW? (%)



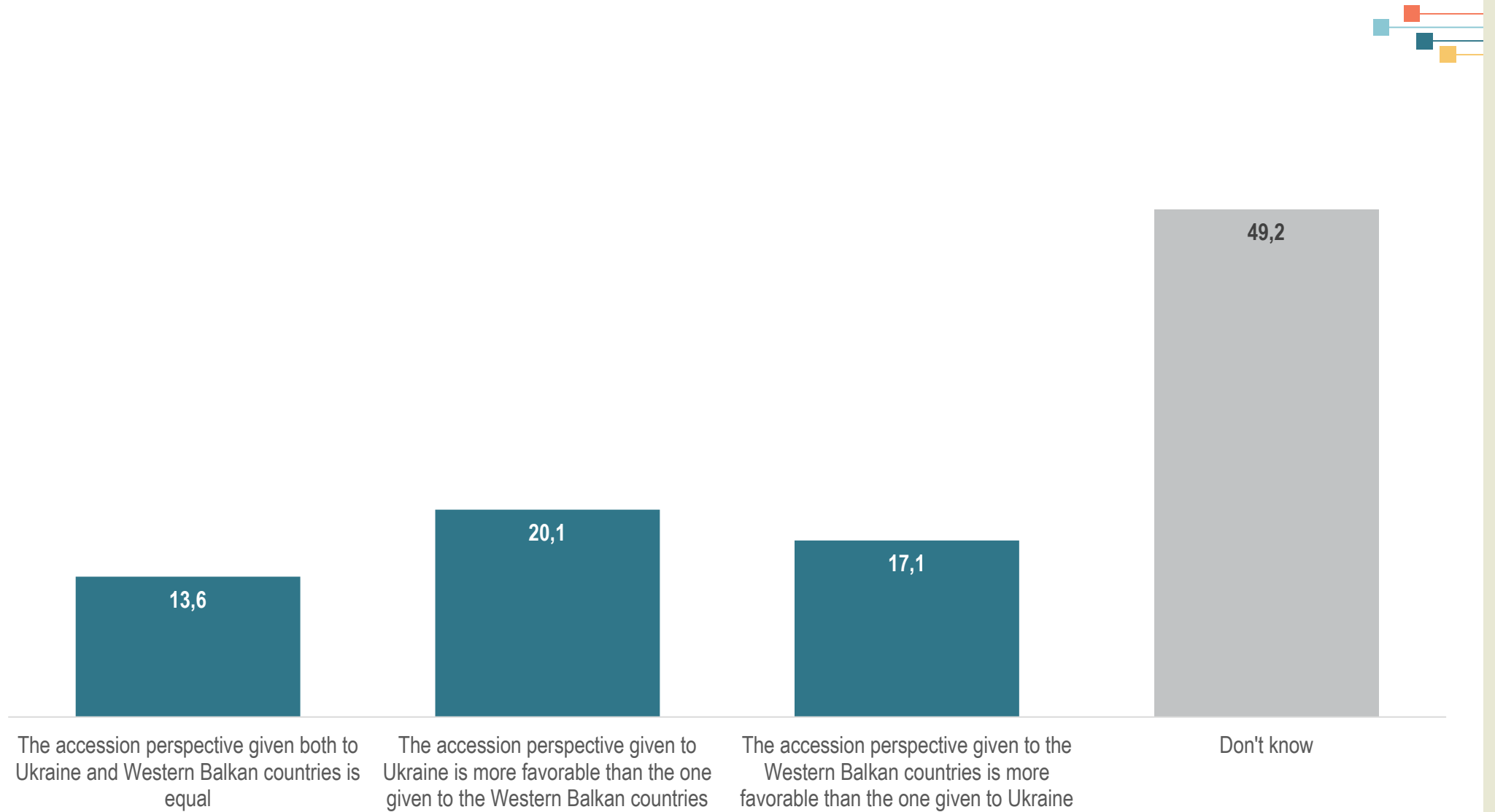
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DOES THE WAR IN UKRAINE AFFECTS BULGARIA'S ROLE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD? (%)

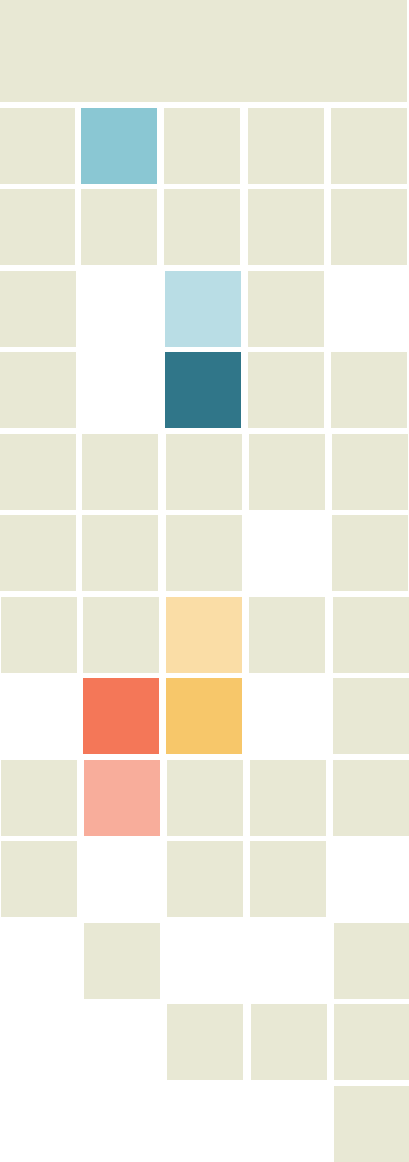


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# WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THE ACCESSION PERSPECTIVE GIVEN TO UKRAINE IN RELATION TO THAT GIVEN TO COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES? (%)







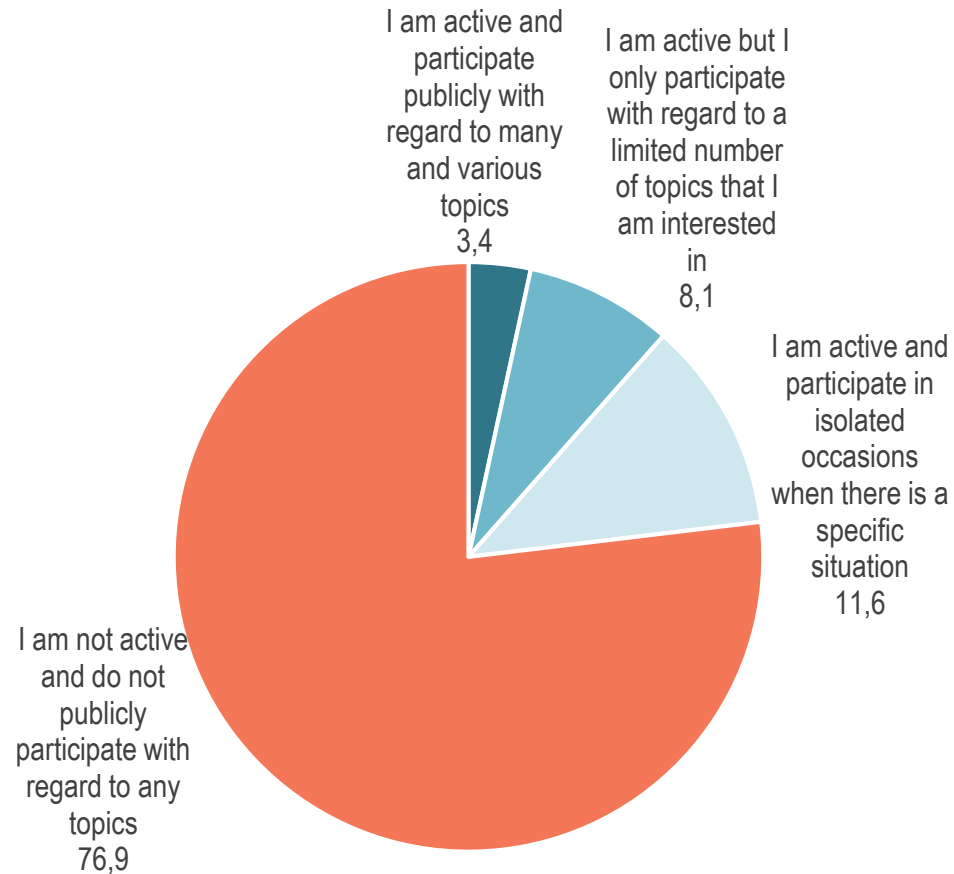
## *CIVIL ACTIVITY*

# MEASUREMENT OF PARTICIPATION AND STANCES TOWARDS THE RULE OF LAW

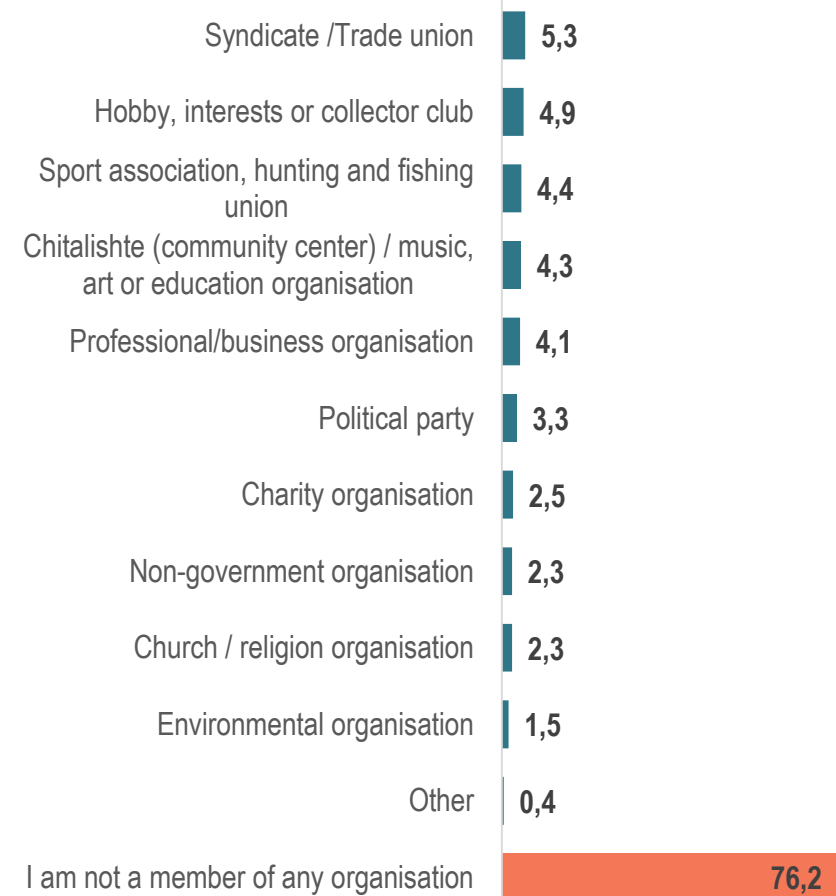


# CIVIL ACTIVITY

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE YOUR CIVIL ACTIVITY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING VARIOUS TOPICS OF PUBLIC SIGNIFICANCE? (%)



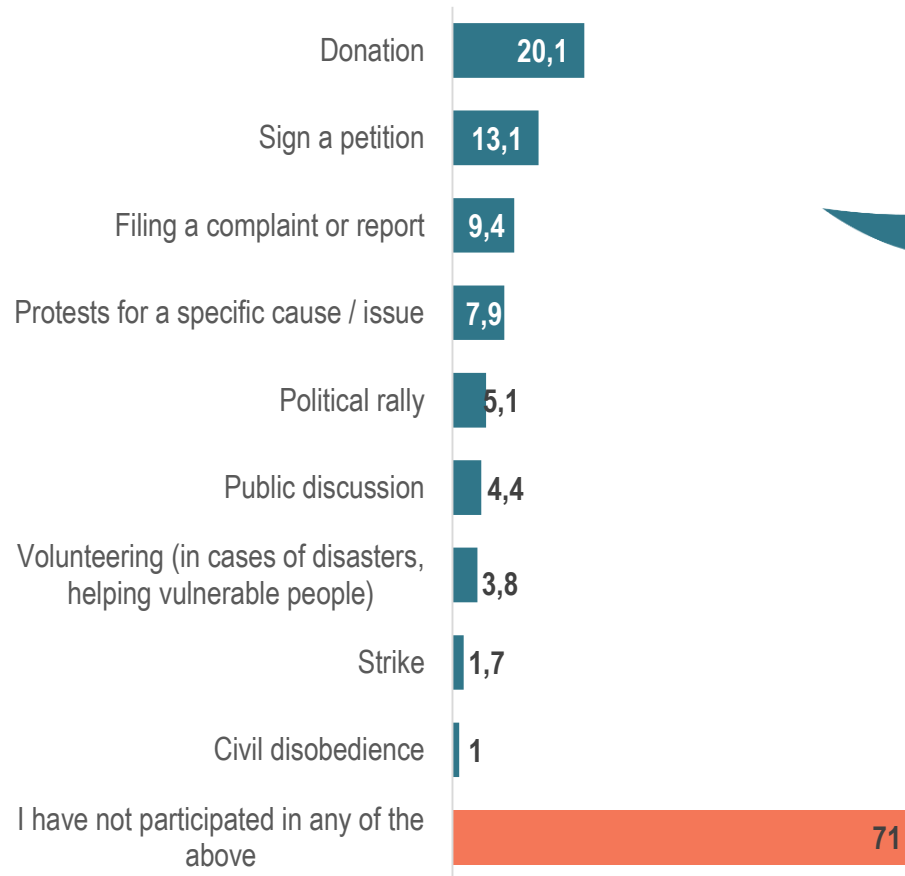
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS? (%)



>1 answer, Base: N=1000

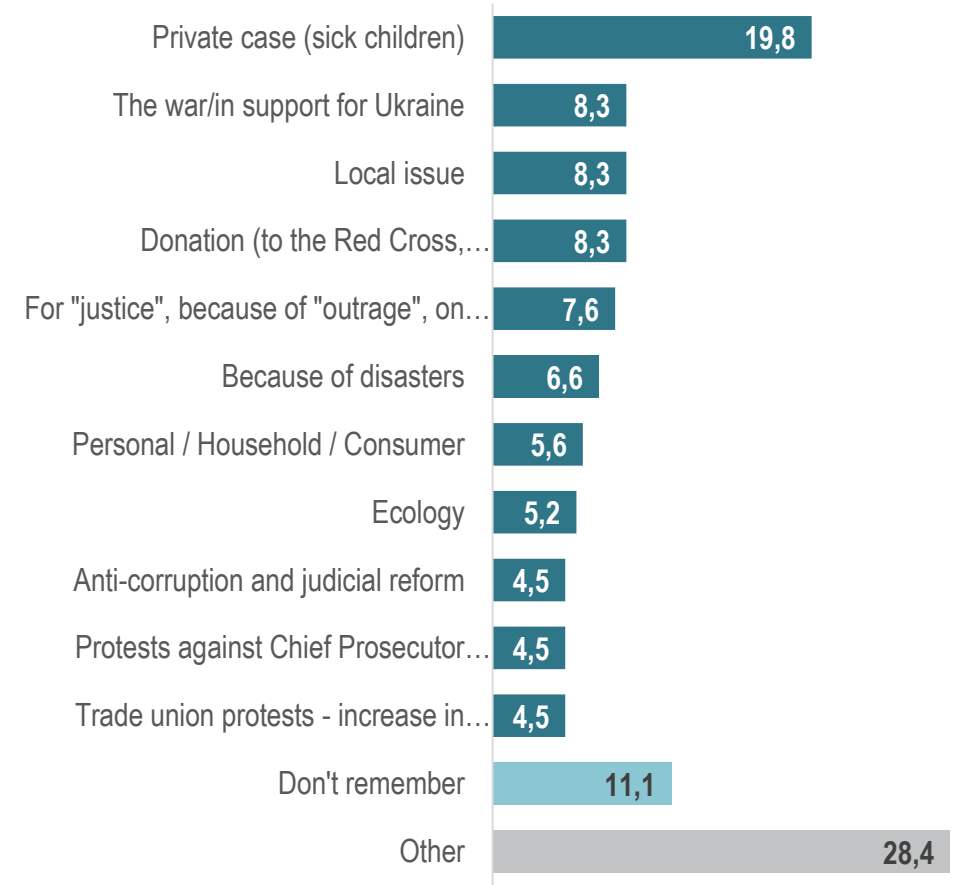
# CIVIL ACTIVITY

HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE PAST 2-3 YEARS? (%)



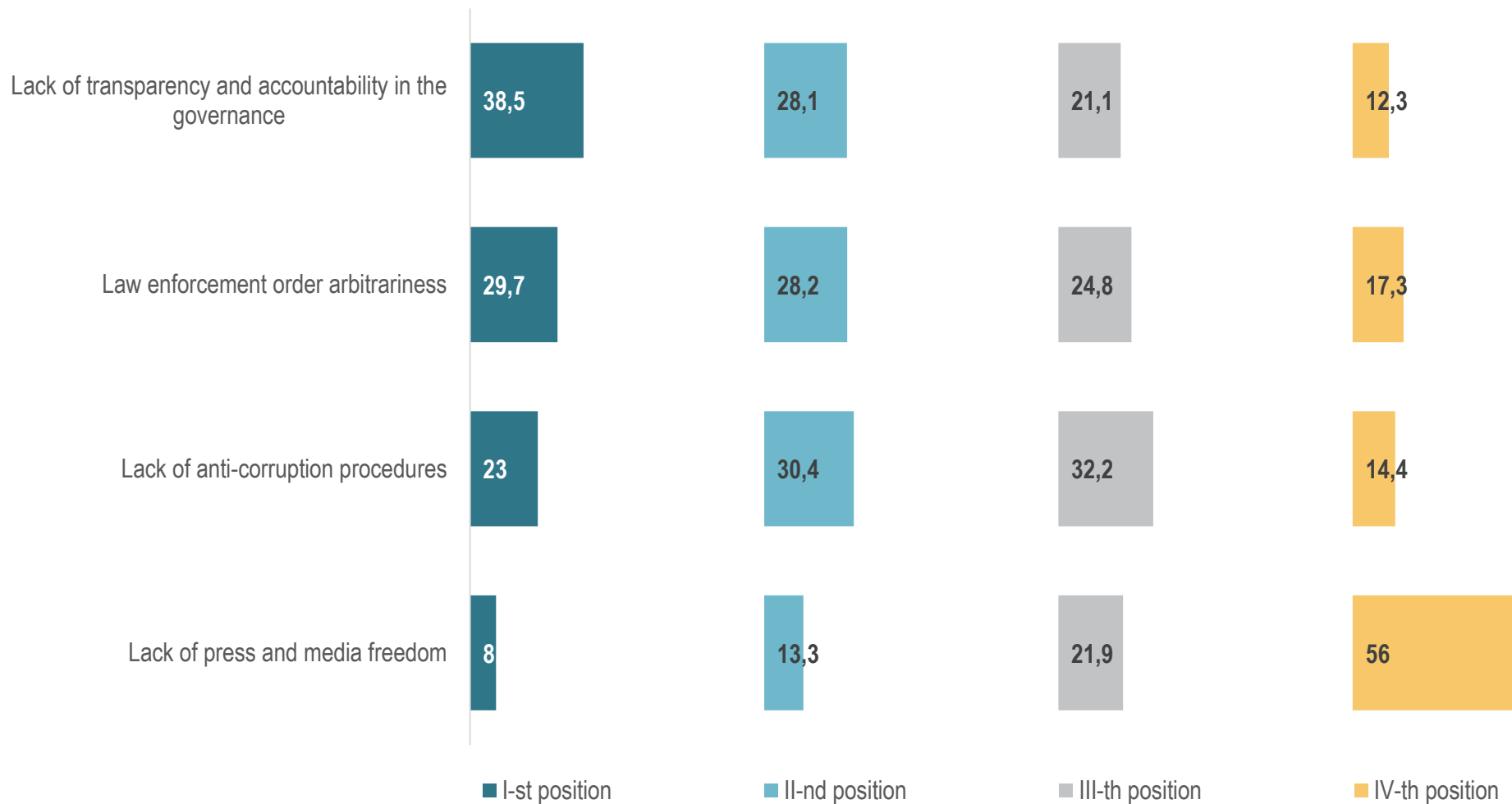
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WHICH EXACT TOPIC/ TOPICS MADE YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE?

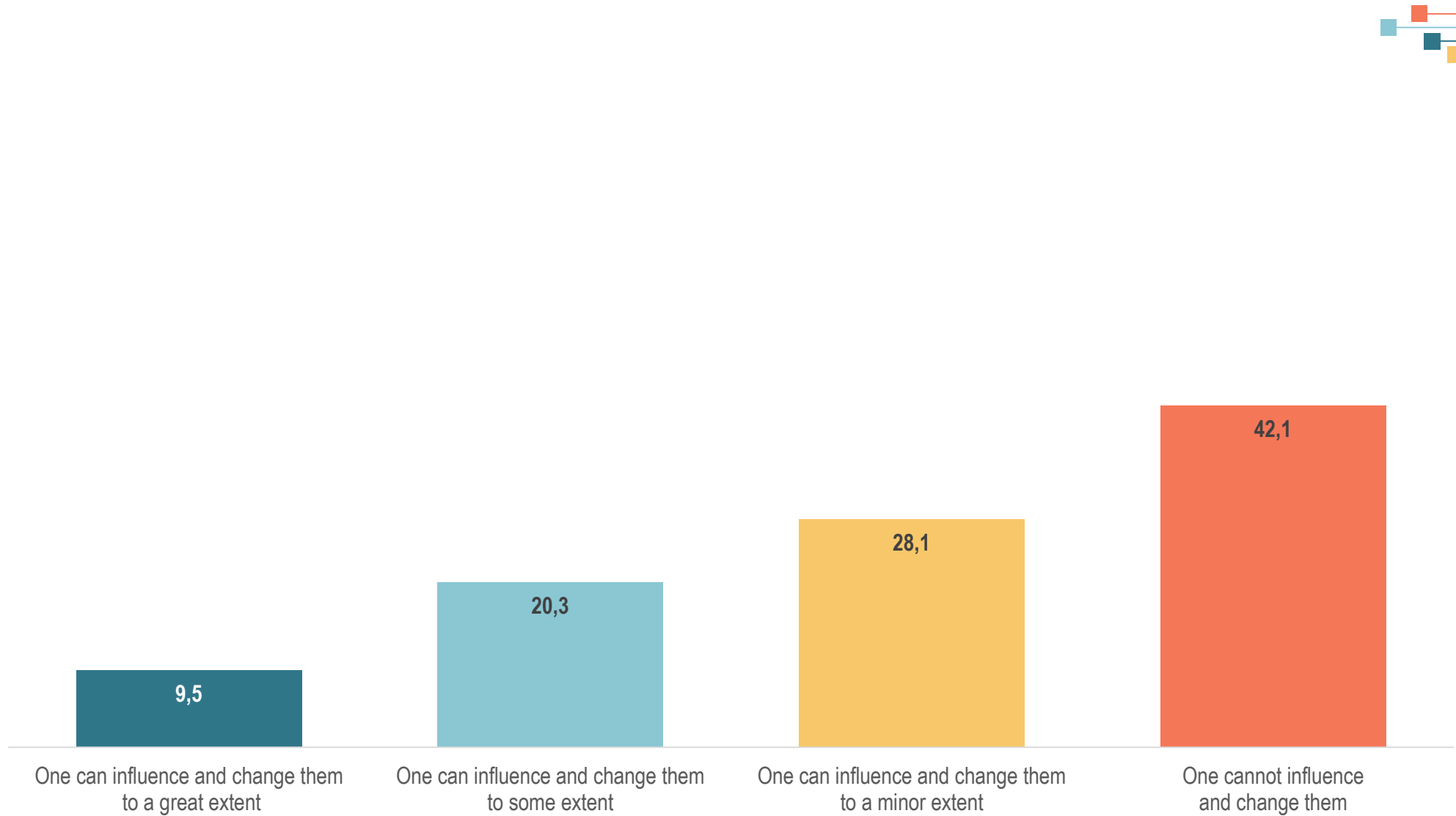


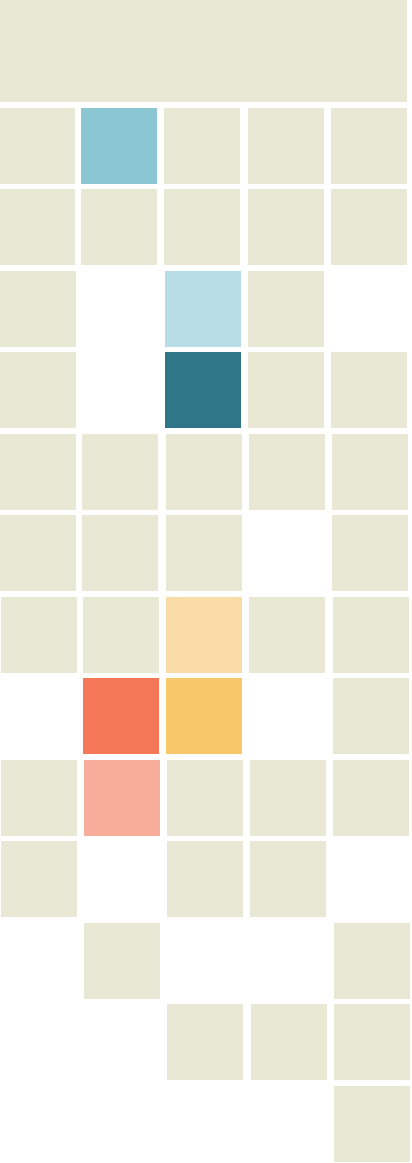
> 1 answer, Base: N=290

# WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES REGARDING THE RULE OF LAW DO YOU FIND MOST CHALLENGING FOR BULGARIA? (%)



# HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK A SINGLE PERSON CAN INFLUENCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC PROCESSES AND SPECIFIC CASES? (%)



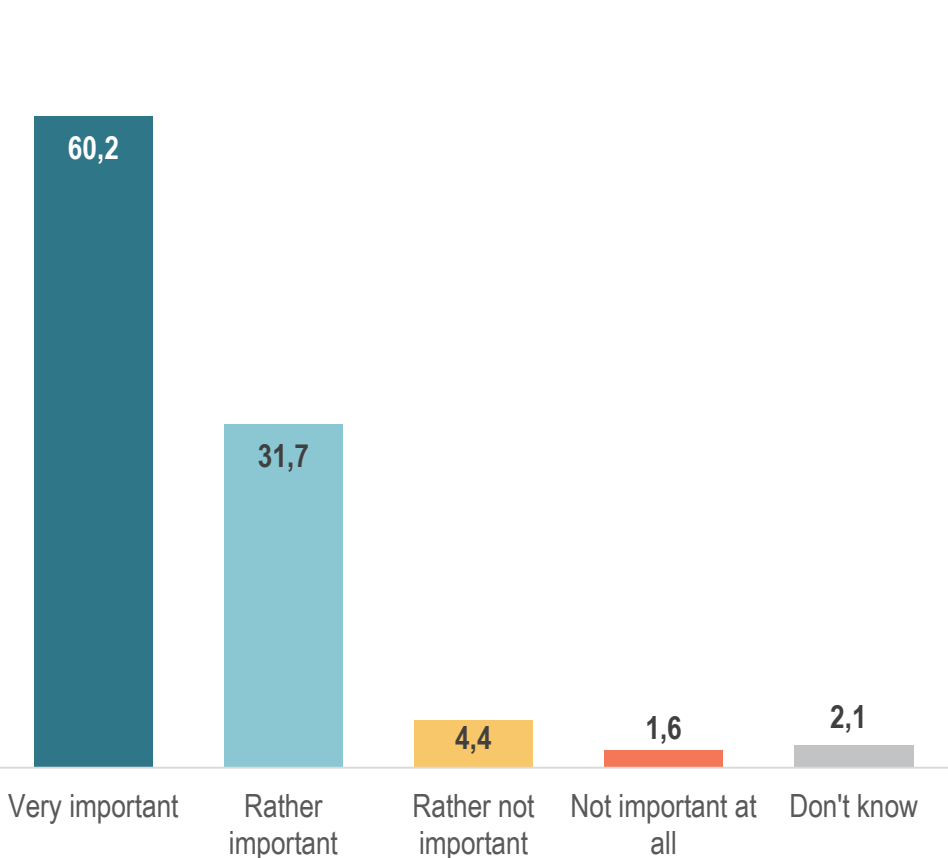


# ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

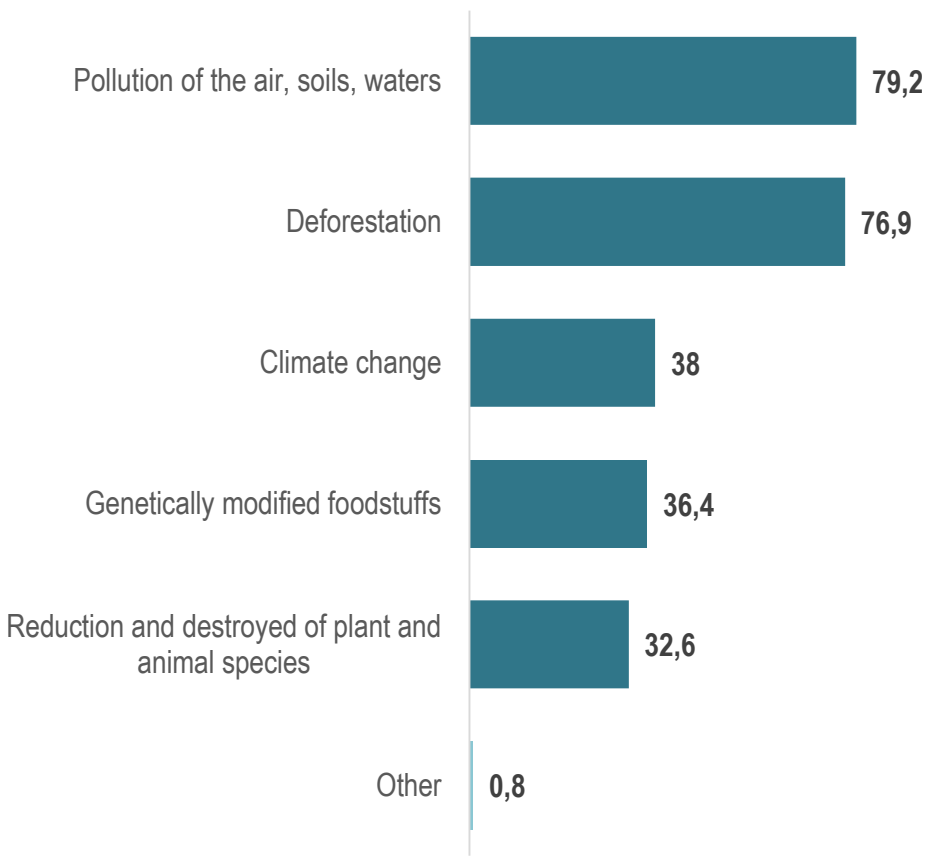


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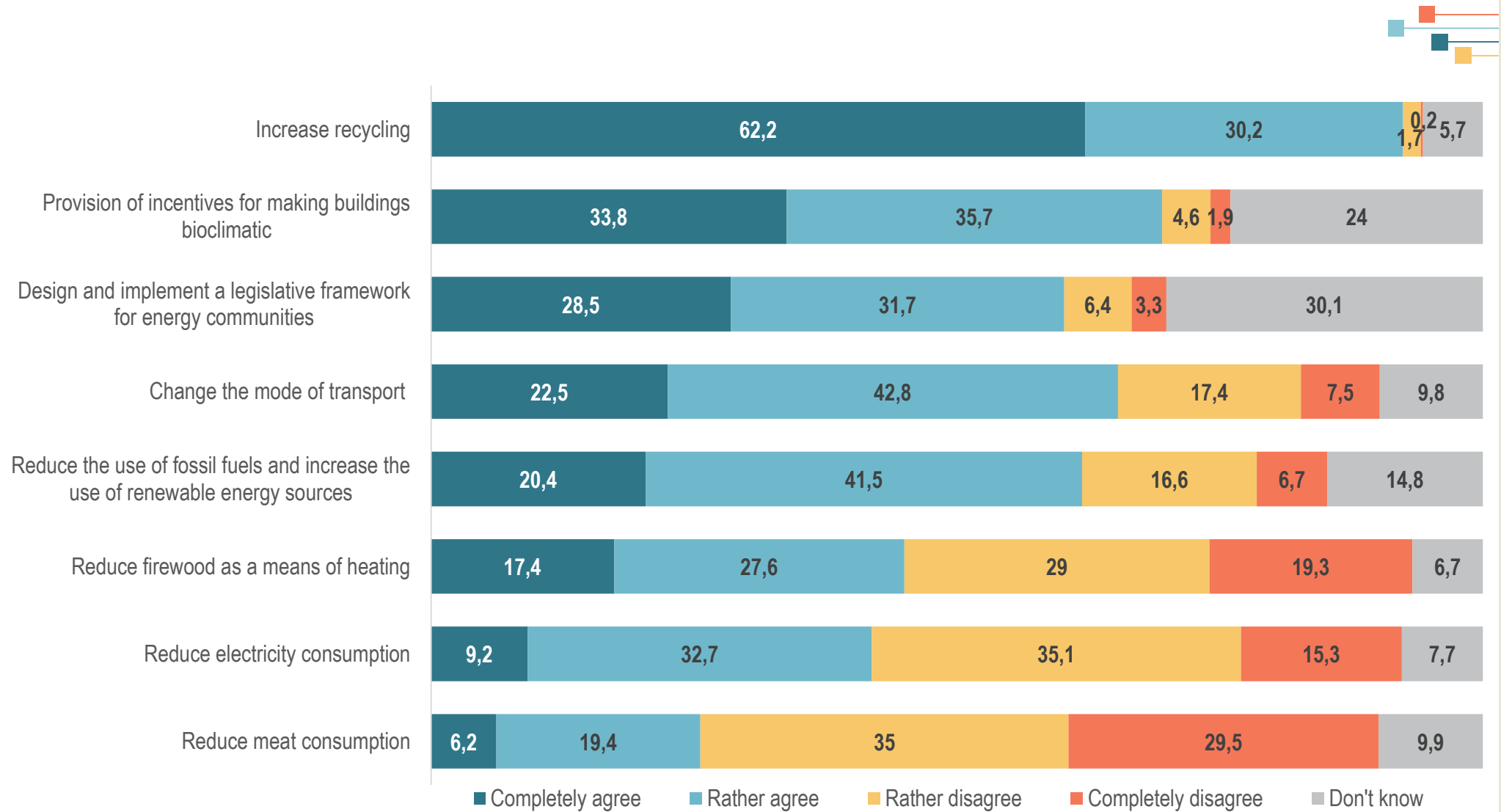
IN YOUR OPINION HOW IMPORTANT ARE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE LIFE OF PEOPLE? (%)



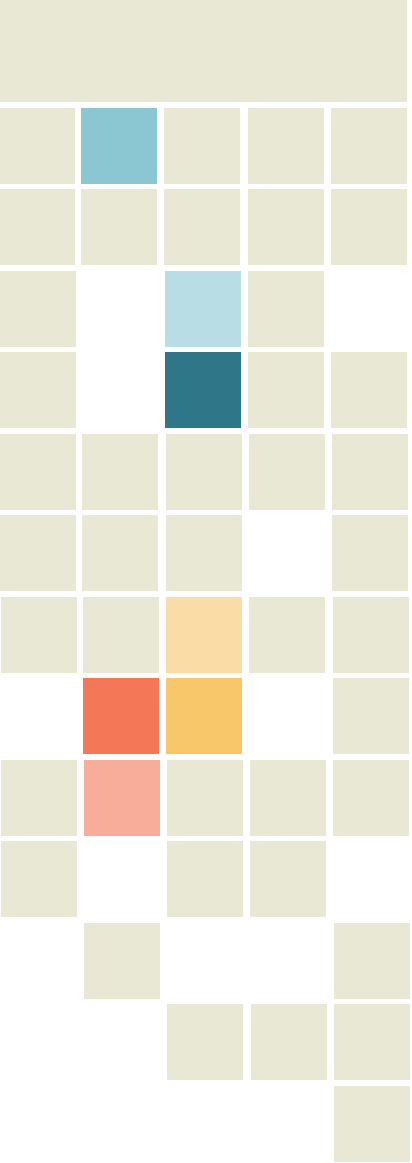
WHICH DO YOU THINK ARE THE MAIN PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD OF ECOLOGY AND PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT? (%)



# DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING? (%)



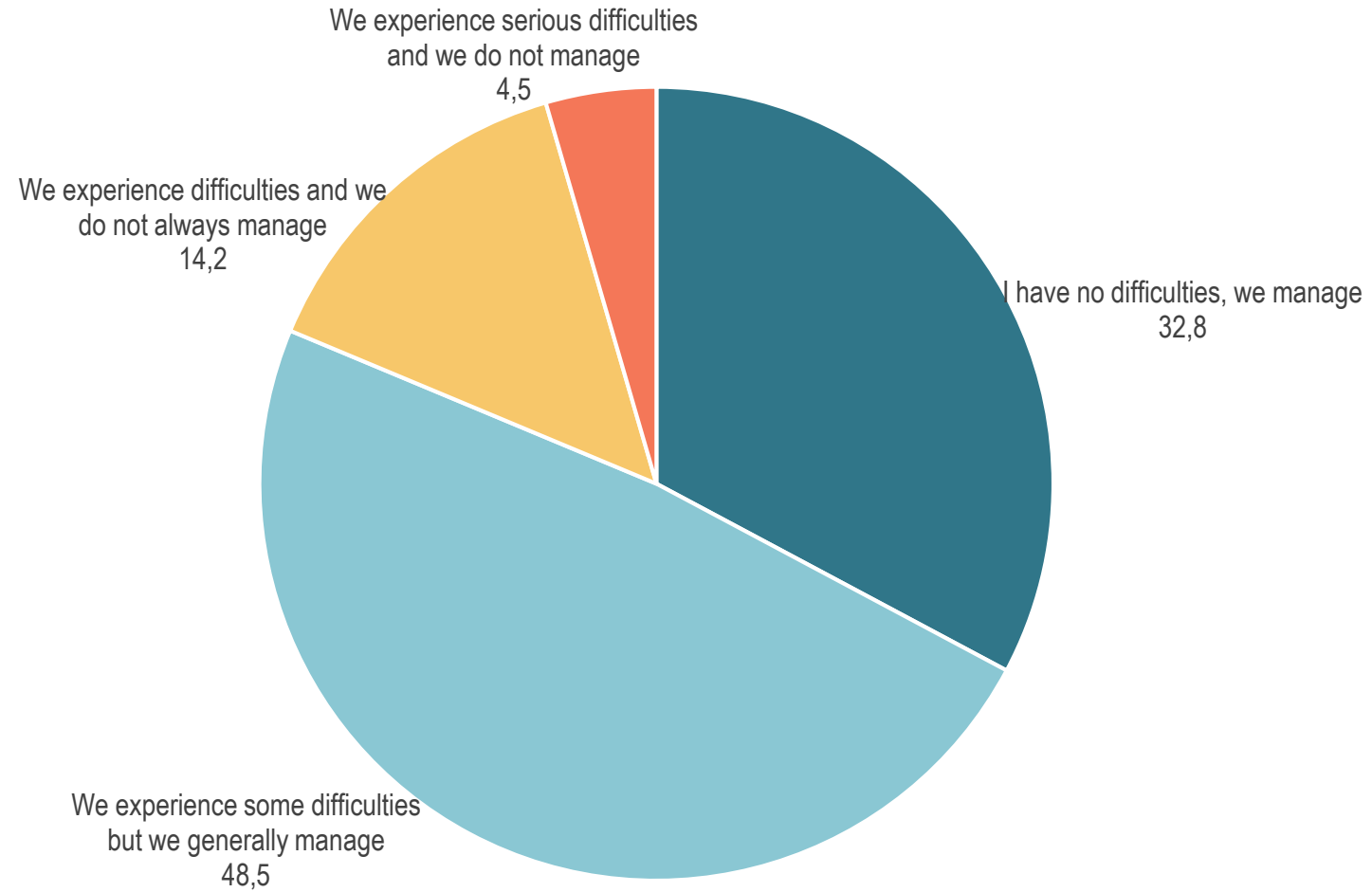




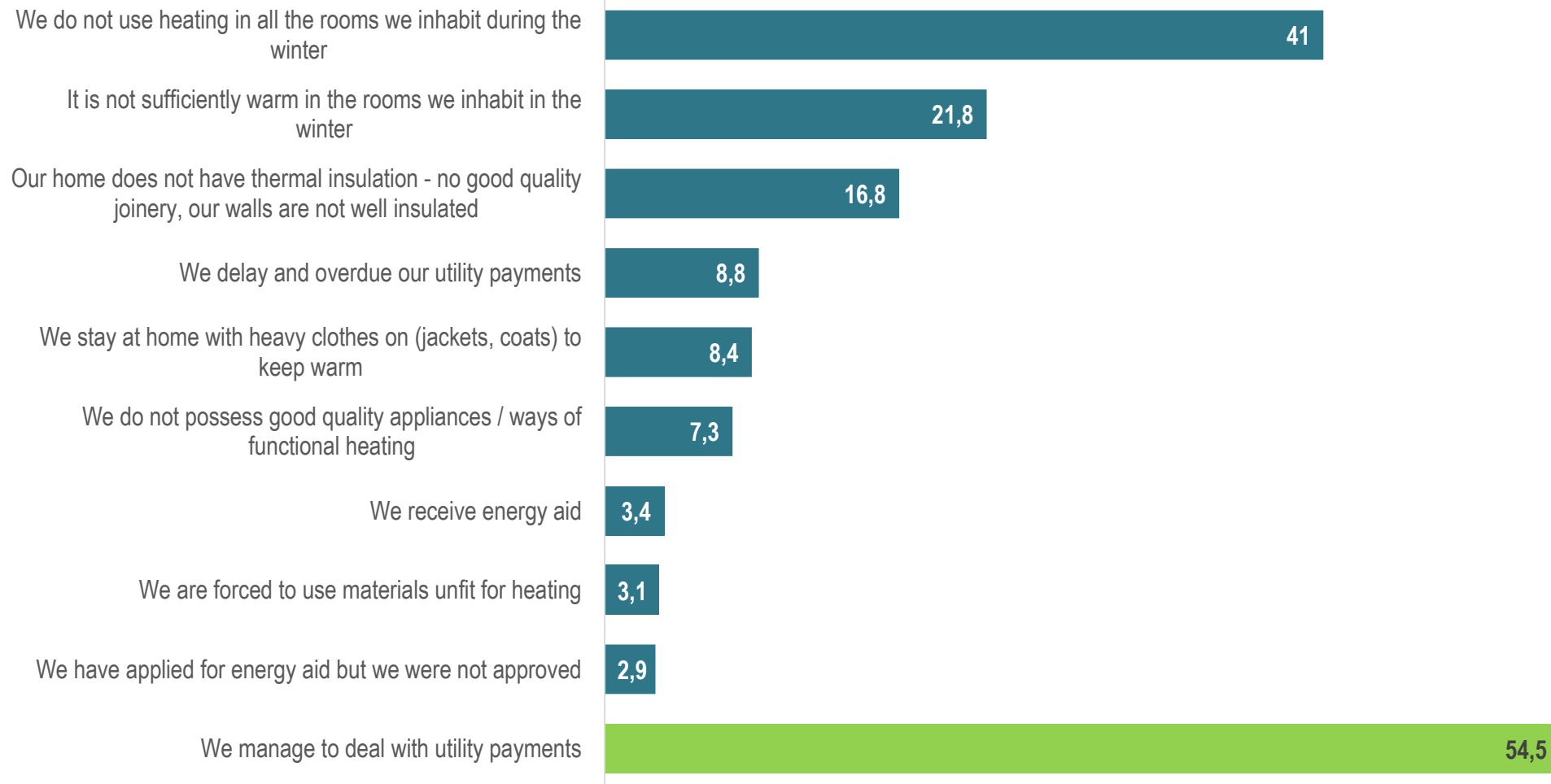
# ENERGY POVERTY



# DO YOU EXPERIENCE ANY DIFFICULTIES HEATING YOUR HOME IN THE WINTER AND COOLING IT DOWN IN THE SUMMER? (%)

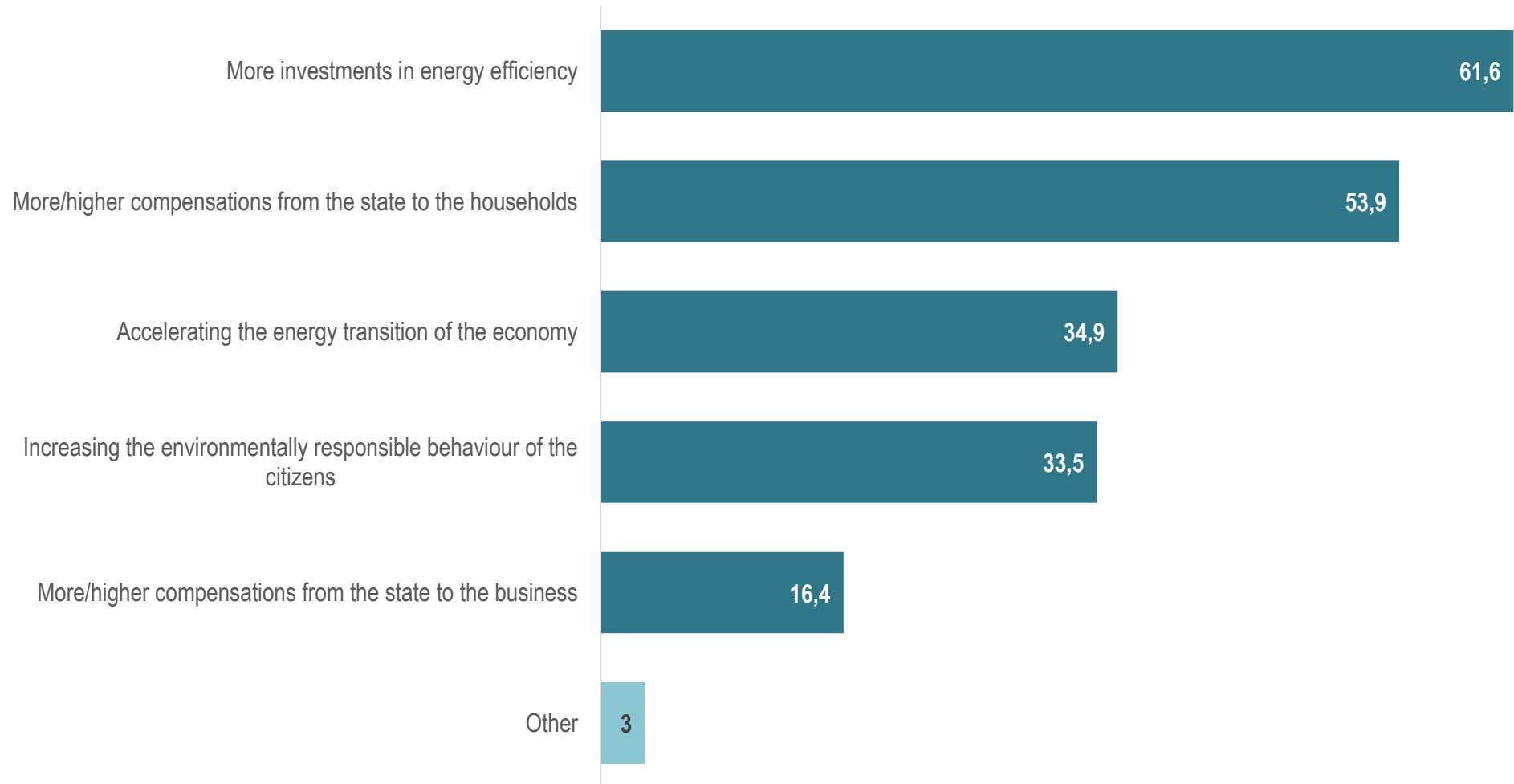


# WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IS TRUE FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD? (%)

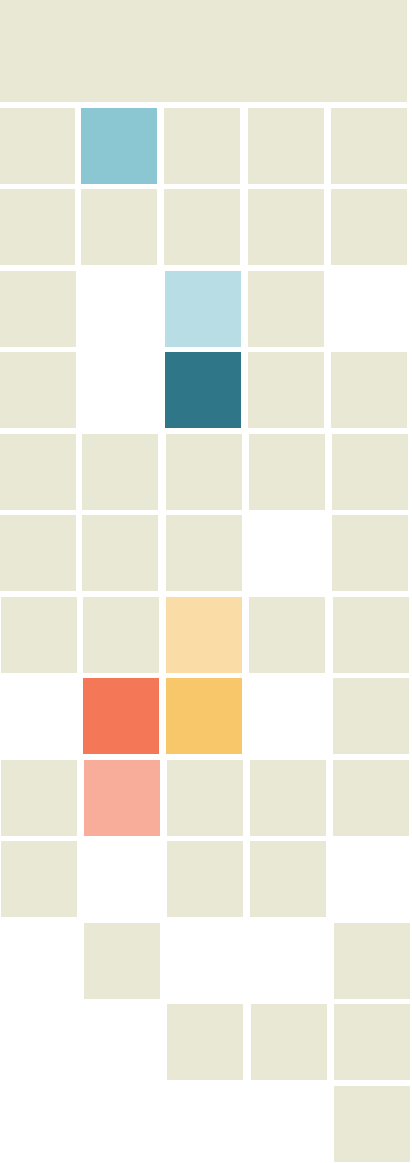


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# WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE SOLUTION TO ENERGY POVERTY? (%)



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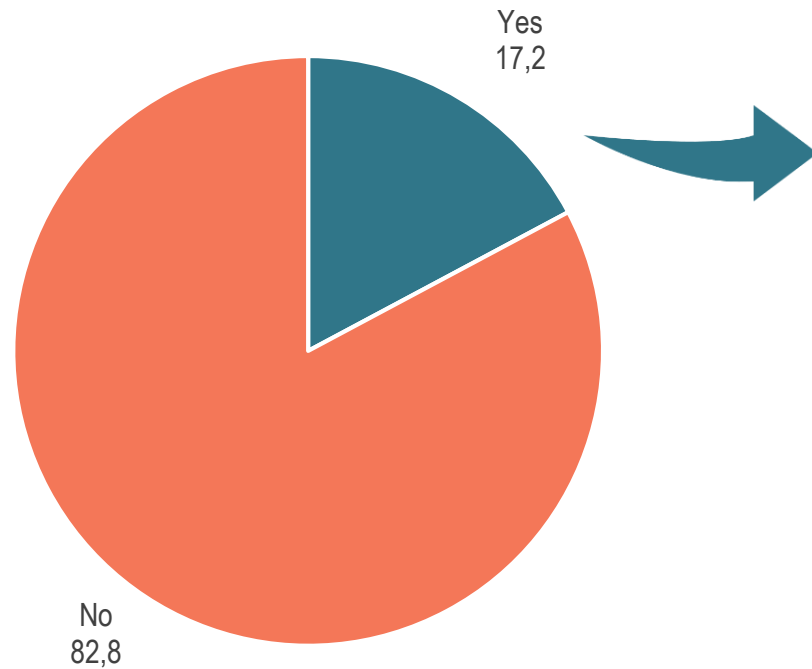


# LIFE ABROAD

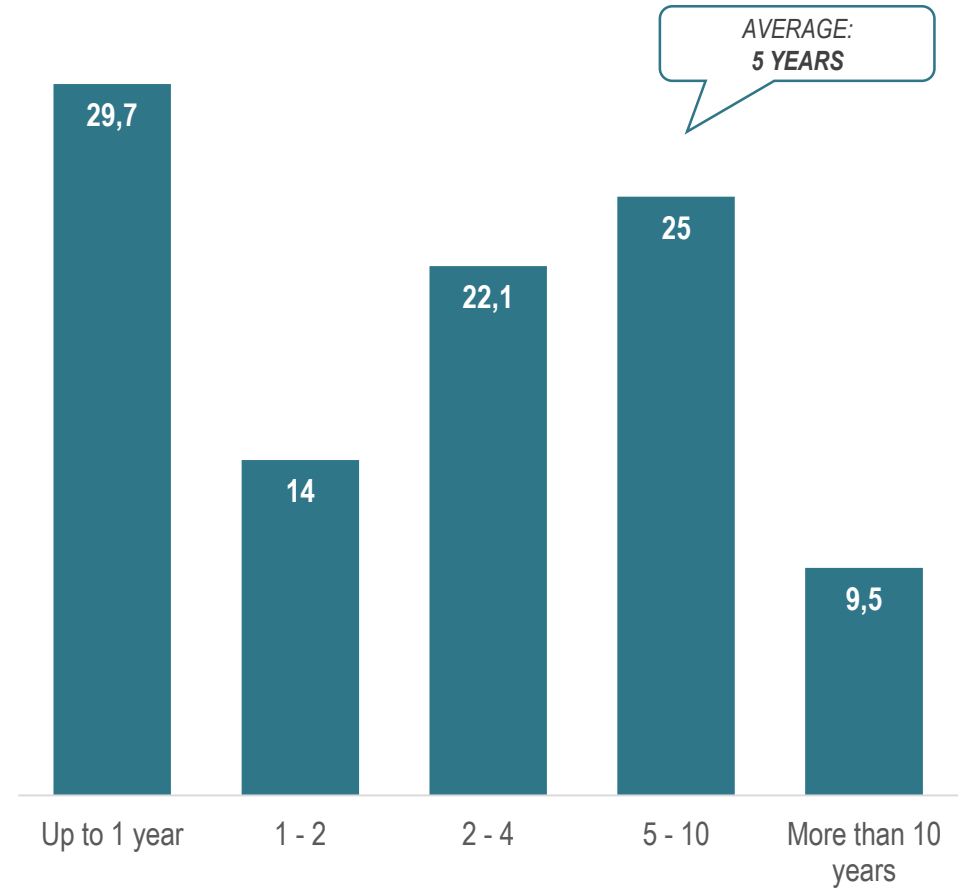


# LIFE ABROAD

HAVE YOU EVER LIVED SOMEWHERE ELSE EXCEPT BULGARIA? (%)



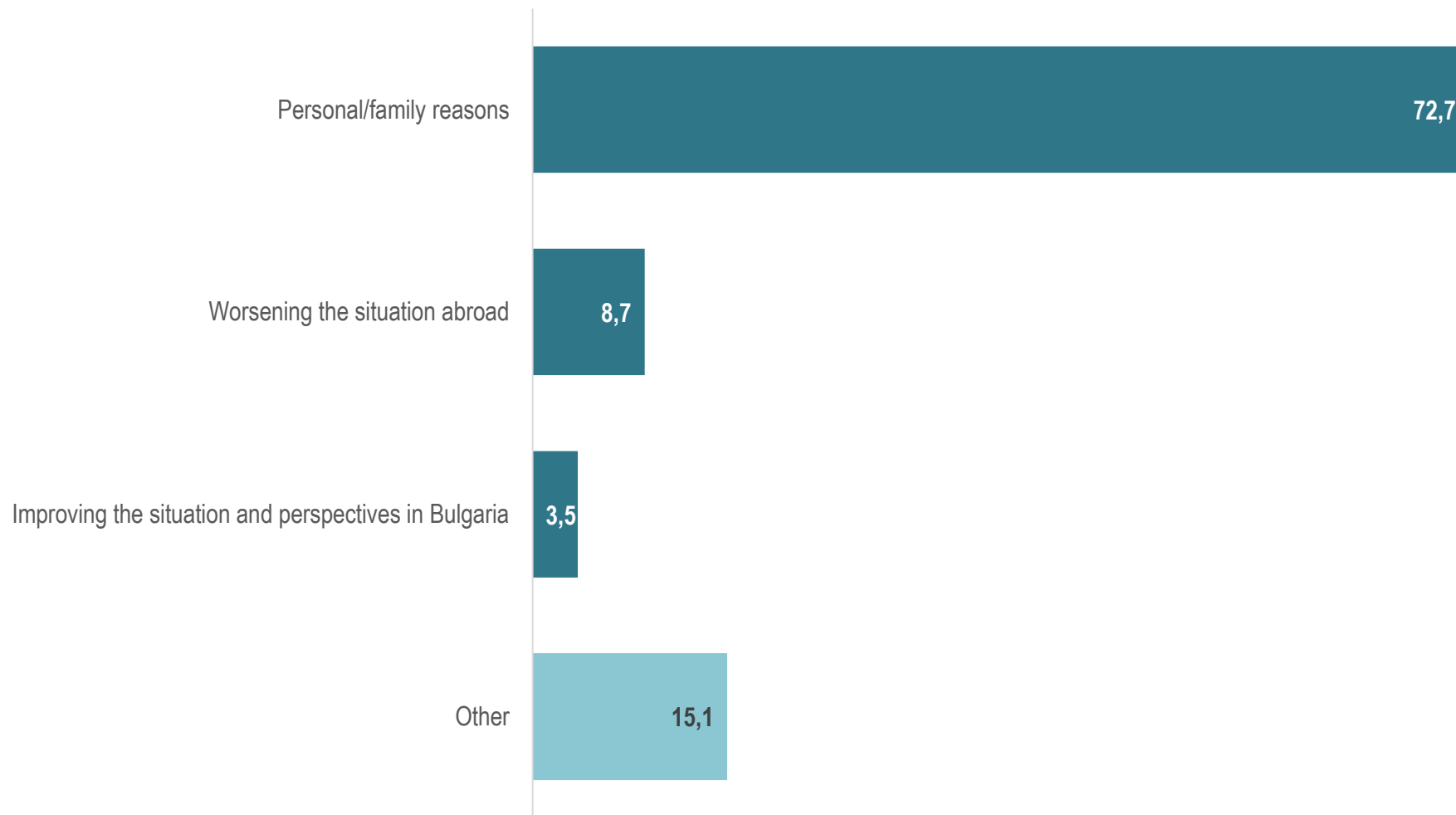
FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED ABROAD? (%)



Base: N=1000

Base: N=172

# WHAT MADE YOU RETURN? (%)





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