

# Armenia National Voter Study

March 16-25, 2007



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Armenian Sociological Association  
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# INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

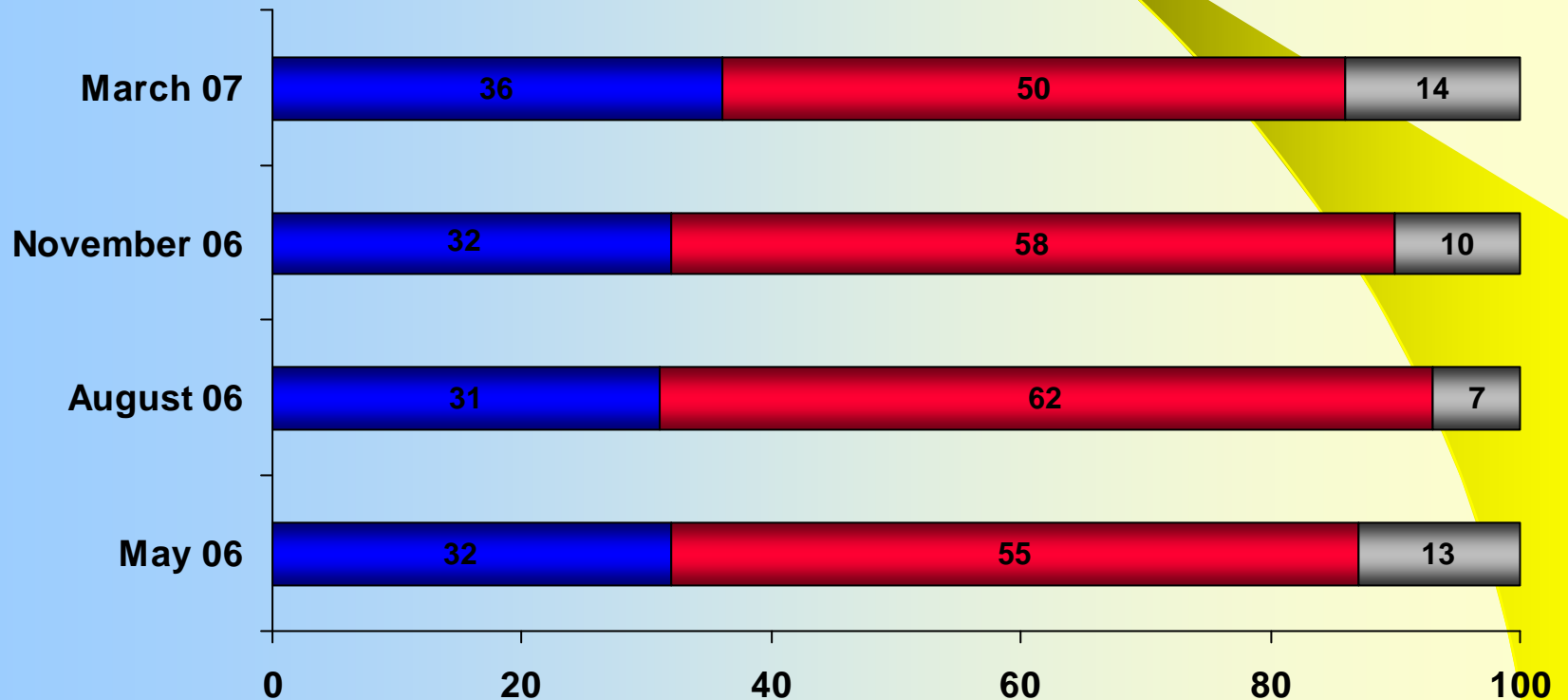
- This national representative survey was conducted on March 16-25, 2007.
- 1,200 Armenian residents aged 18 years and older were interviewed face-to-face. The margin of error does not exceed three percent.
- The survey was carried out on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- It was funded by the United States Agency for International Development. The study was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene).
- The fieldwork was carried out by the Armenian Sociological Association (ASA).

# MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

# Mood of the country: 50 percent of Armenians think that the country is on the wrong track, while 36 percent think that the country is going in the right direction

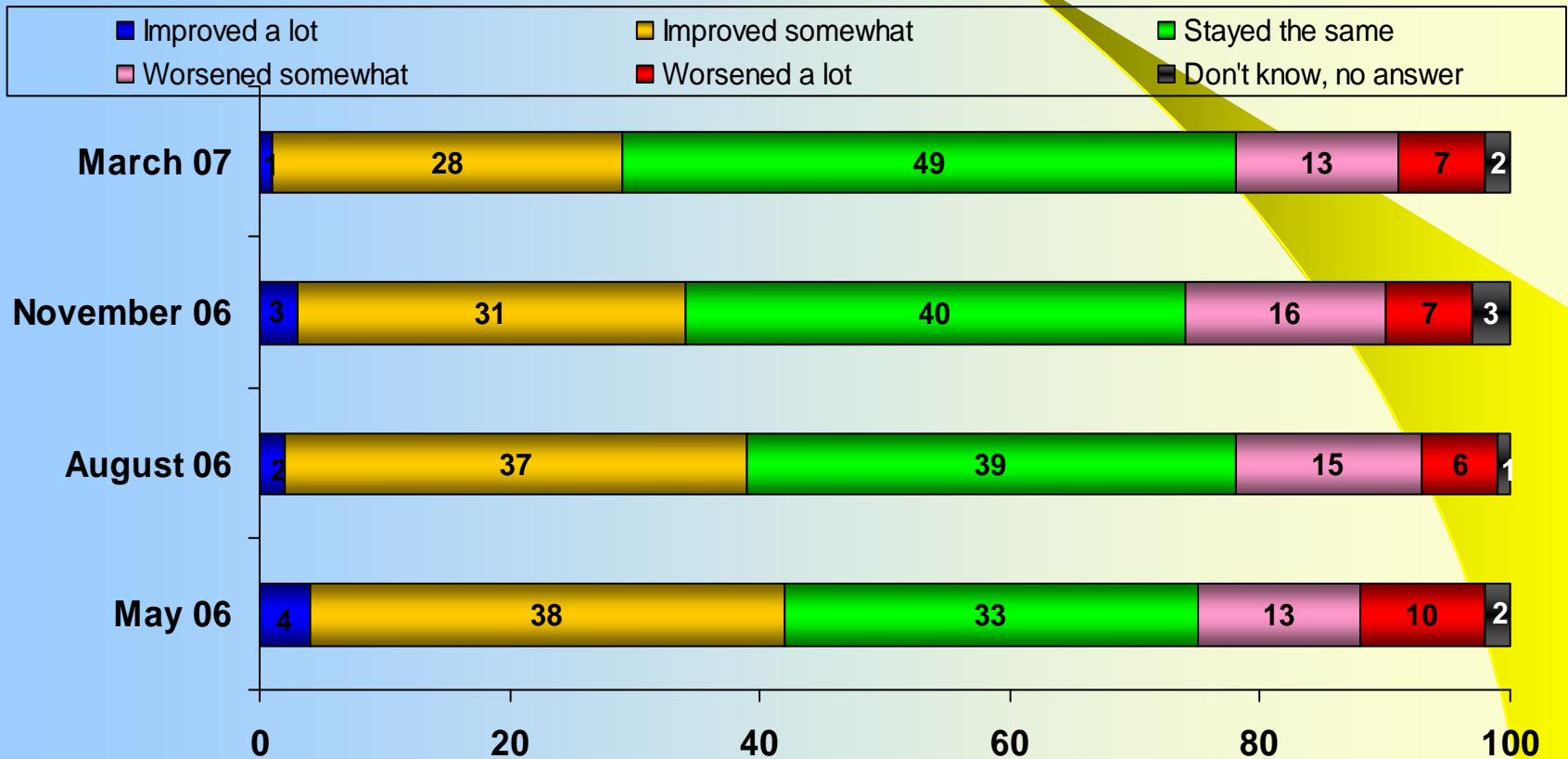
Do you think that things in Armenia are going in the....

■ Right direction ■ Wrong direction ■ Don't know, no answer



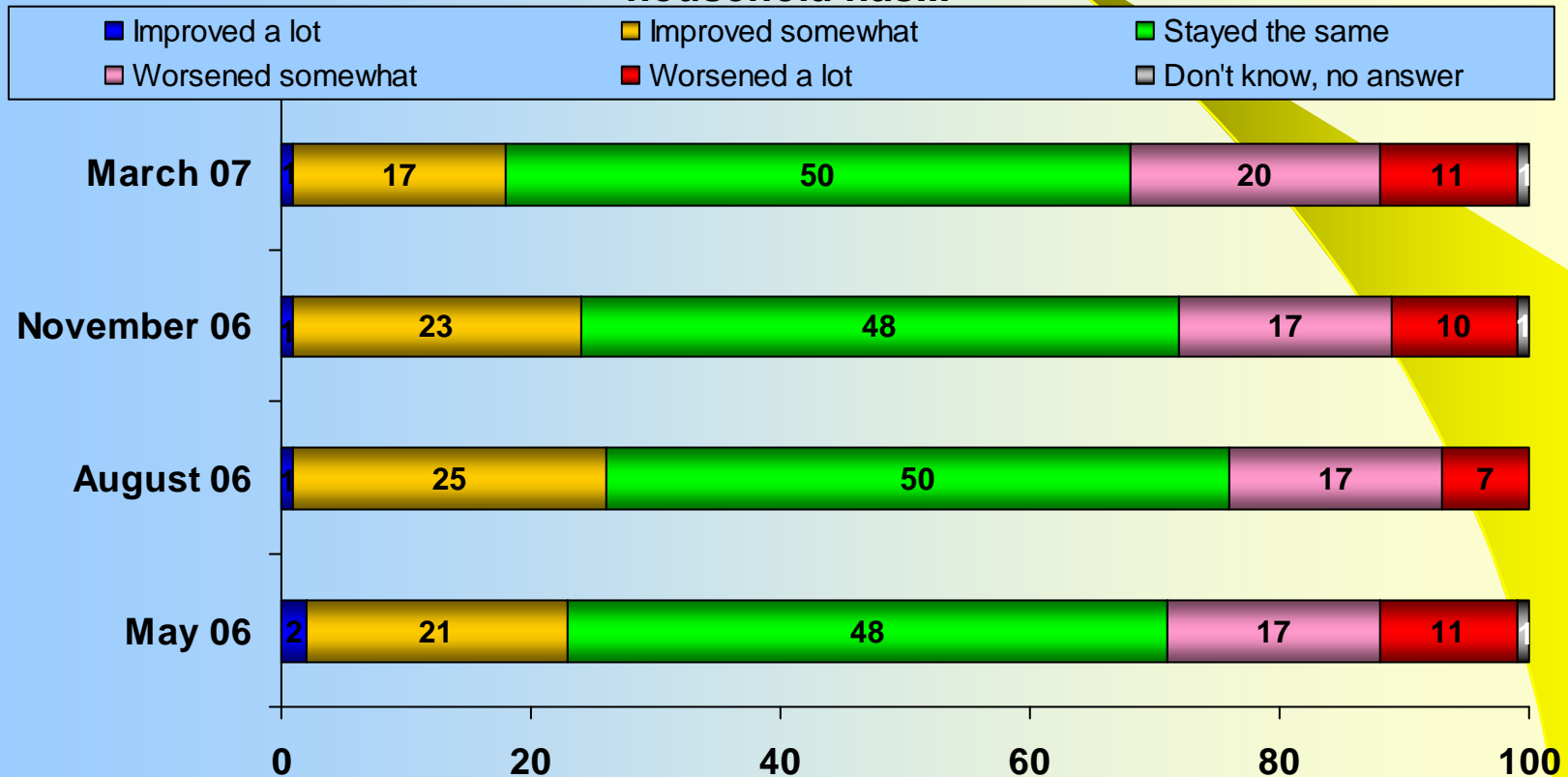
# Mood of the country: 29 percent of Armenians see improvement in the country's economy, while 20 percent think it is declining

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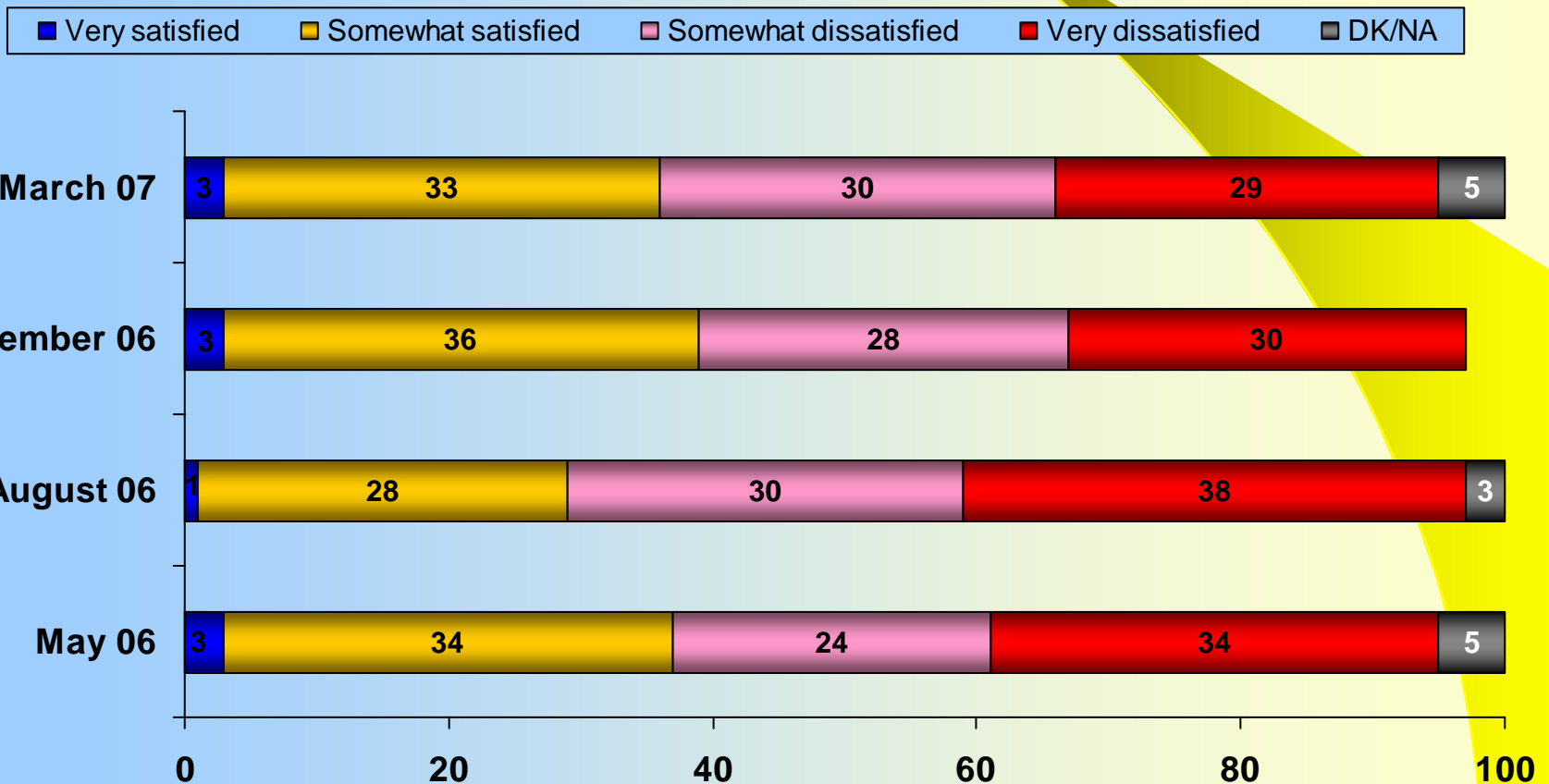
# Mood of the country: 18 percent of Armenians say their household's financial situation has improved, while 31 percent say it has declined

Over the last three months, the financial situation of your household has...



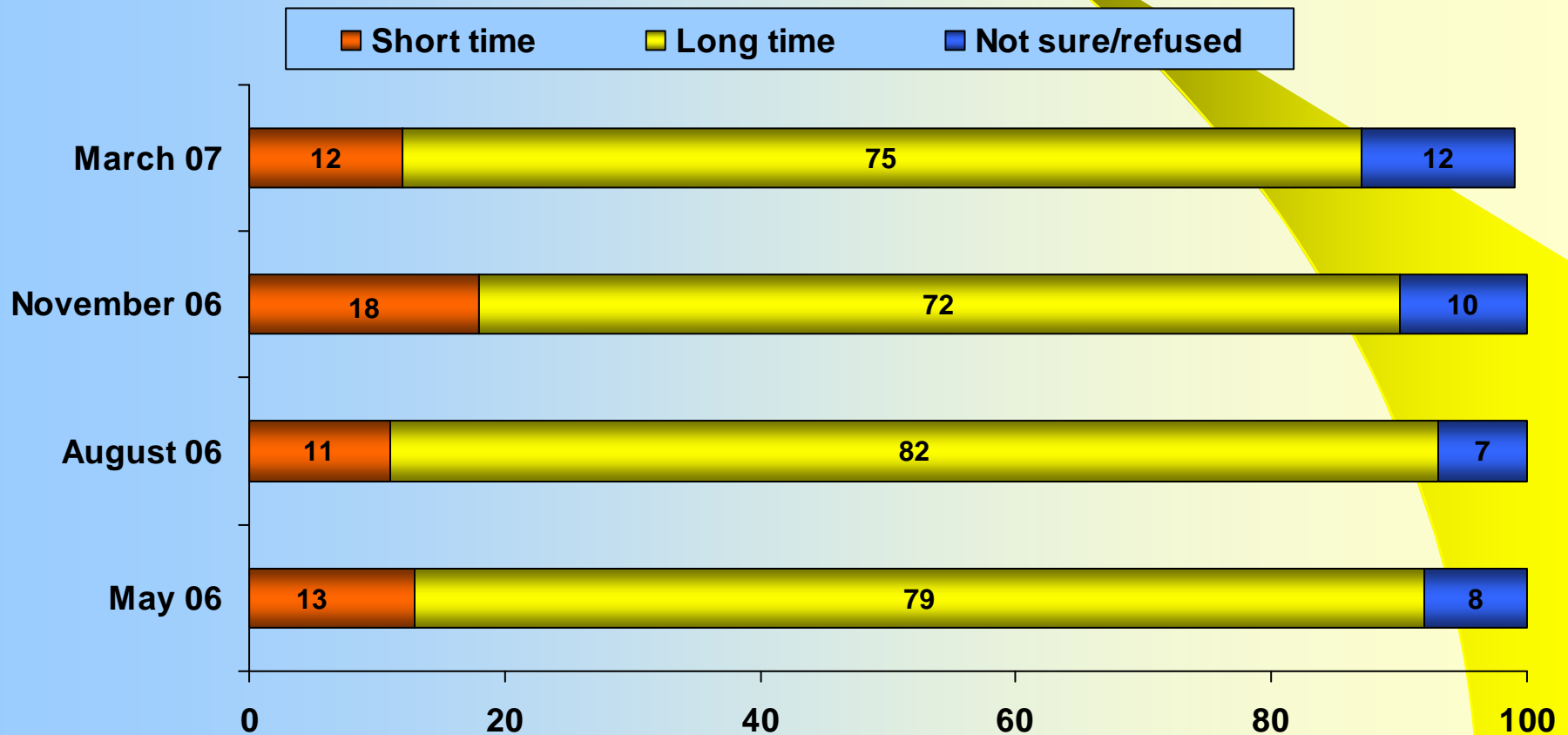
# Mood of the country: 36 percent of Armenians are satisfied with the development of democracy, while 59 percent are not

How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Armenia?



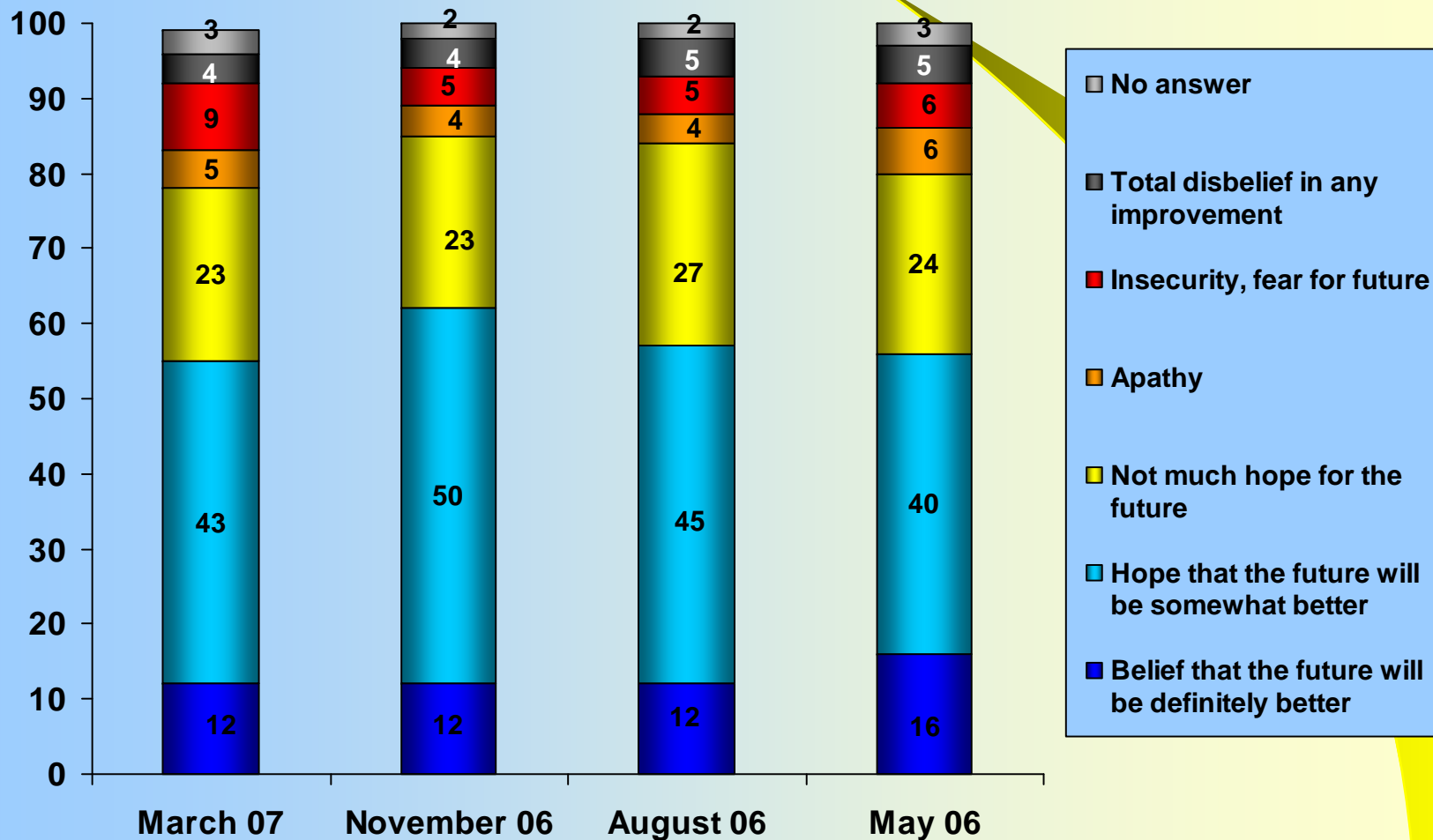
# Mood of the country: An overall majority of Armenians think that it will take a long time to improve things in their country

Do you believe that things will get better in a short time, or will it take a long time for things to get better in the country?

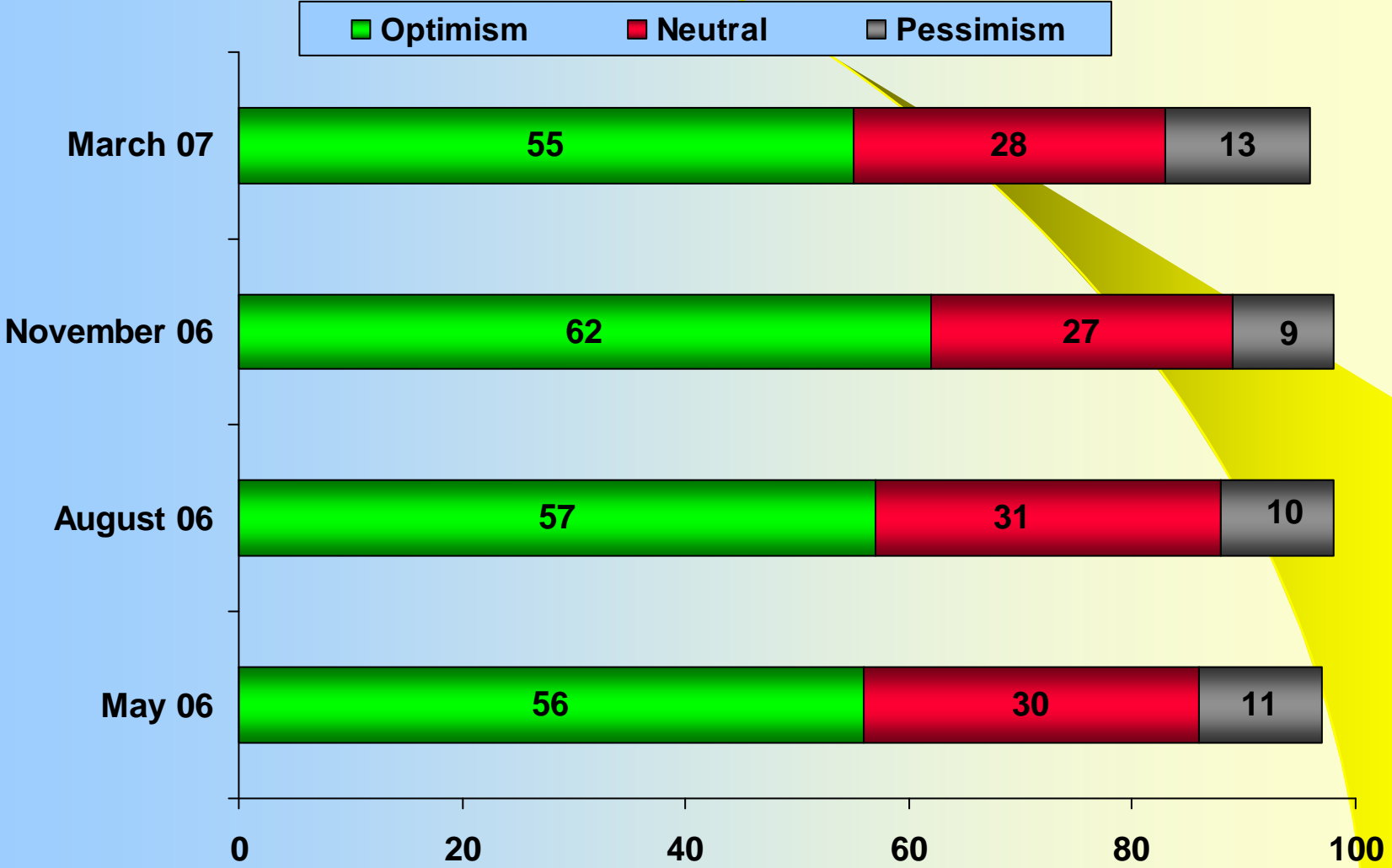




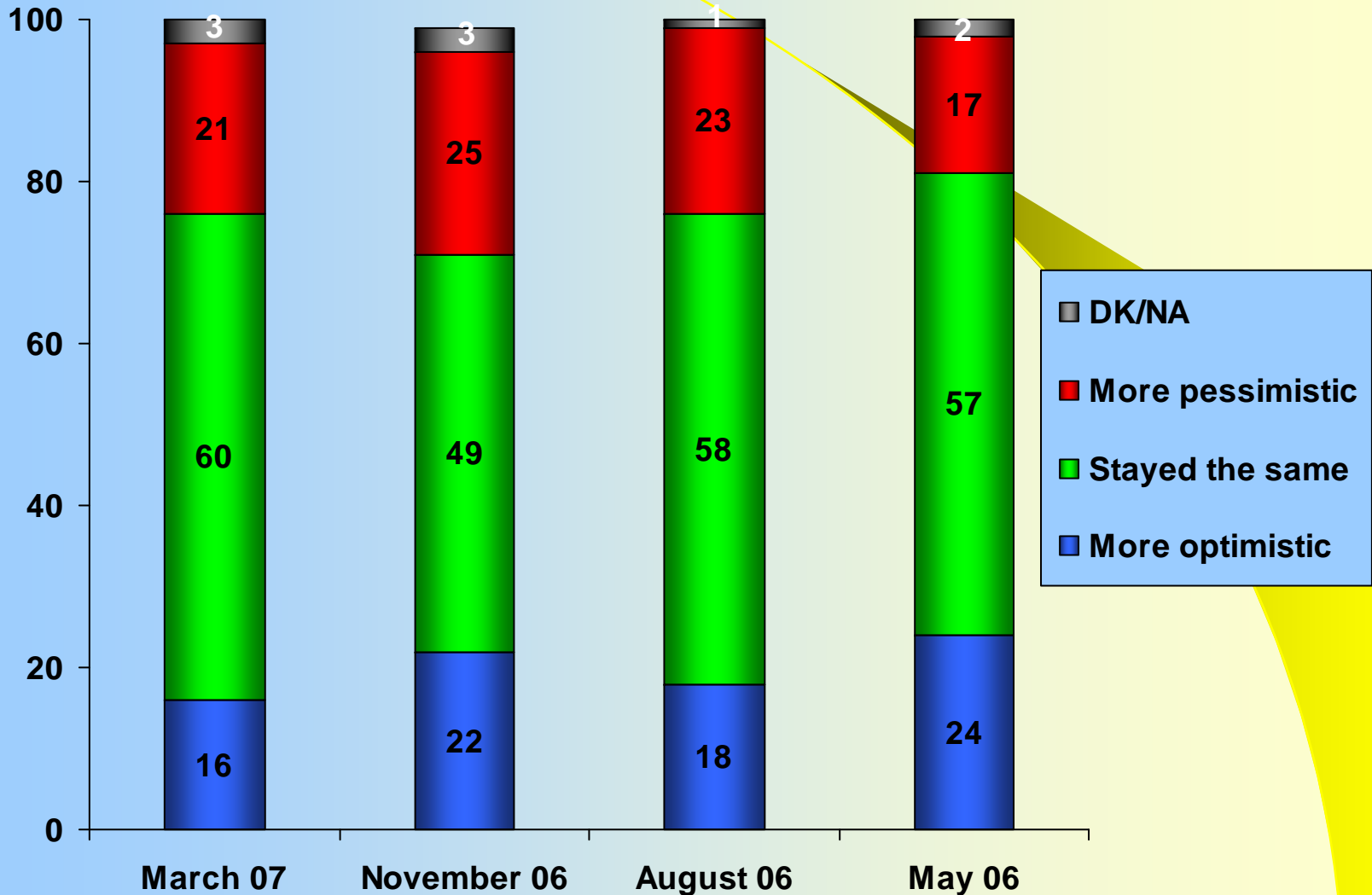
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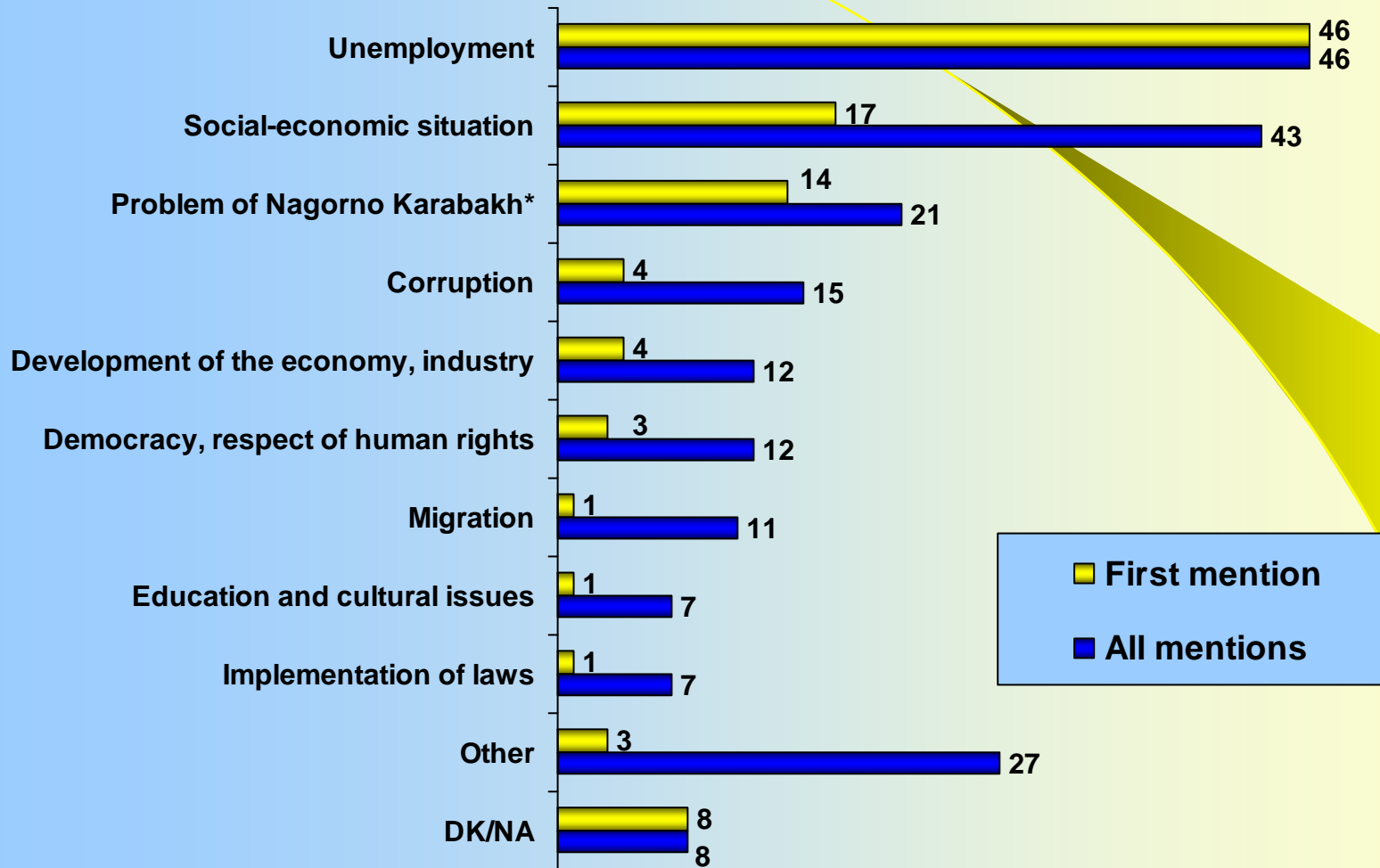


# Over the last year attitude towards the way things are developing in Armenia has become:



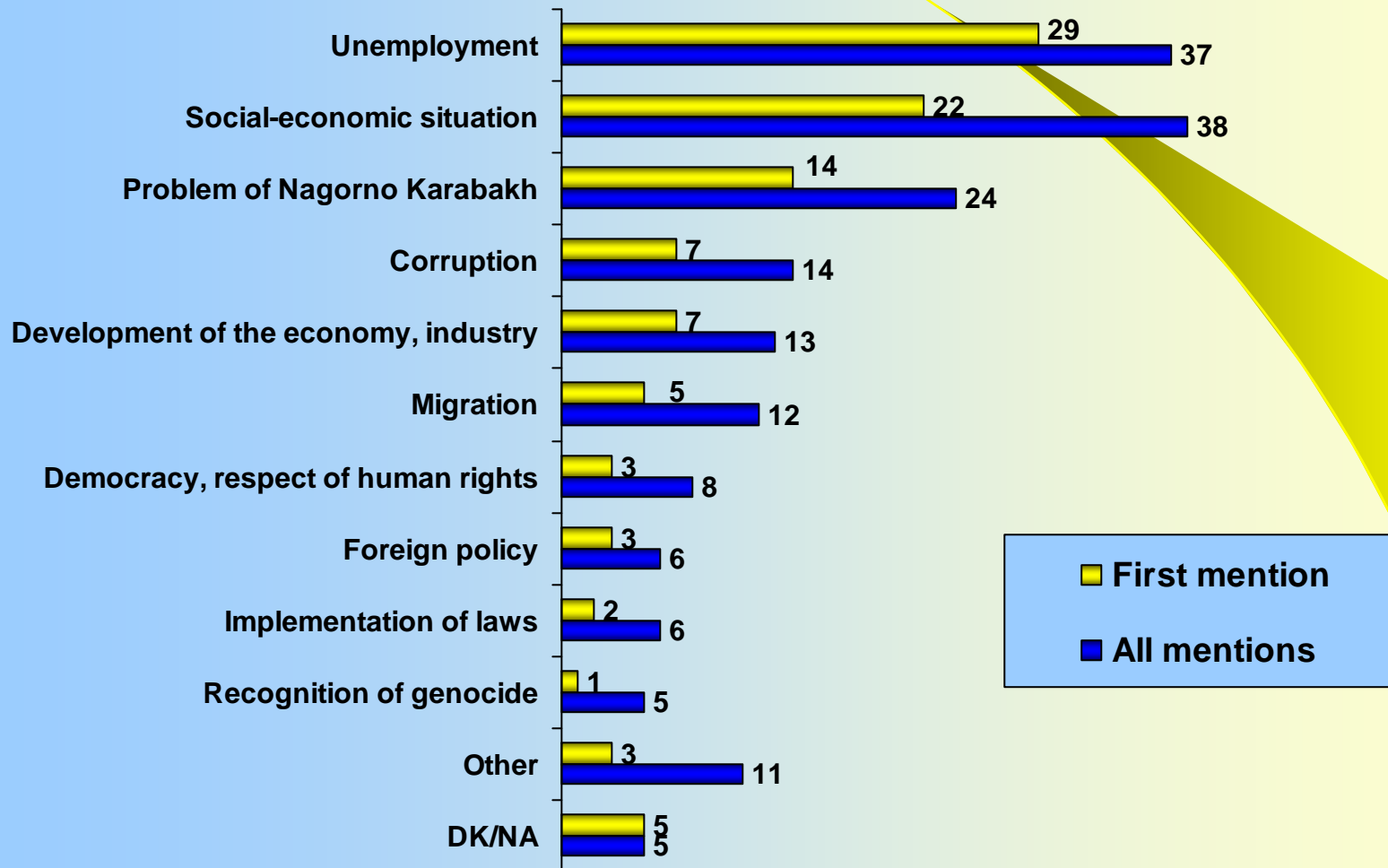
# ISSUES

# Most important issues facing Armenia March 2007 (%)

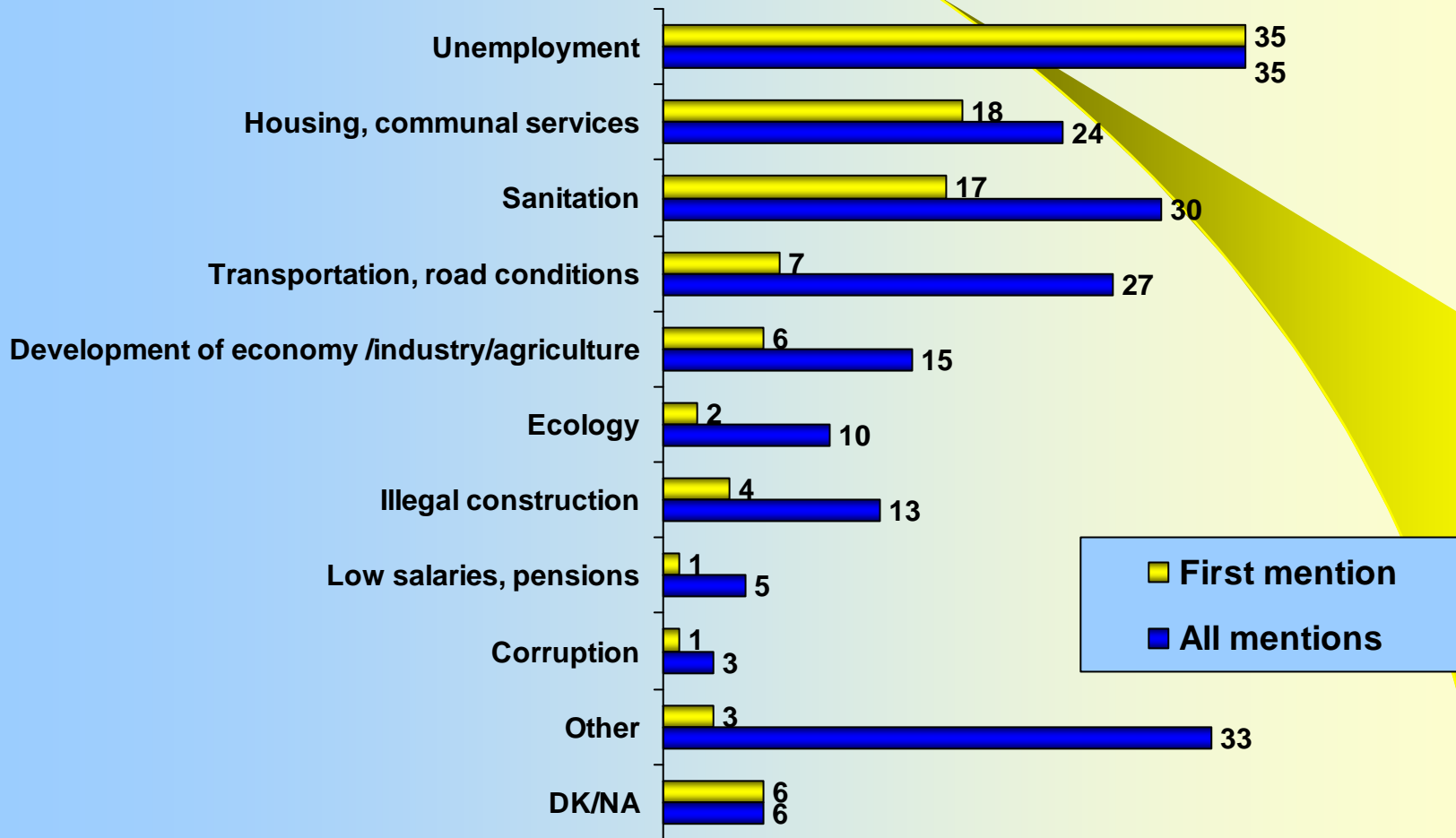


\* Between 1991-1994 Armenia and Azerbaijan engaged in military conflict for possession of this disputed territory

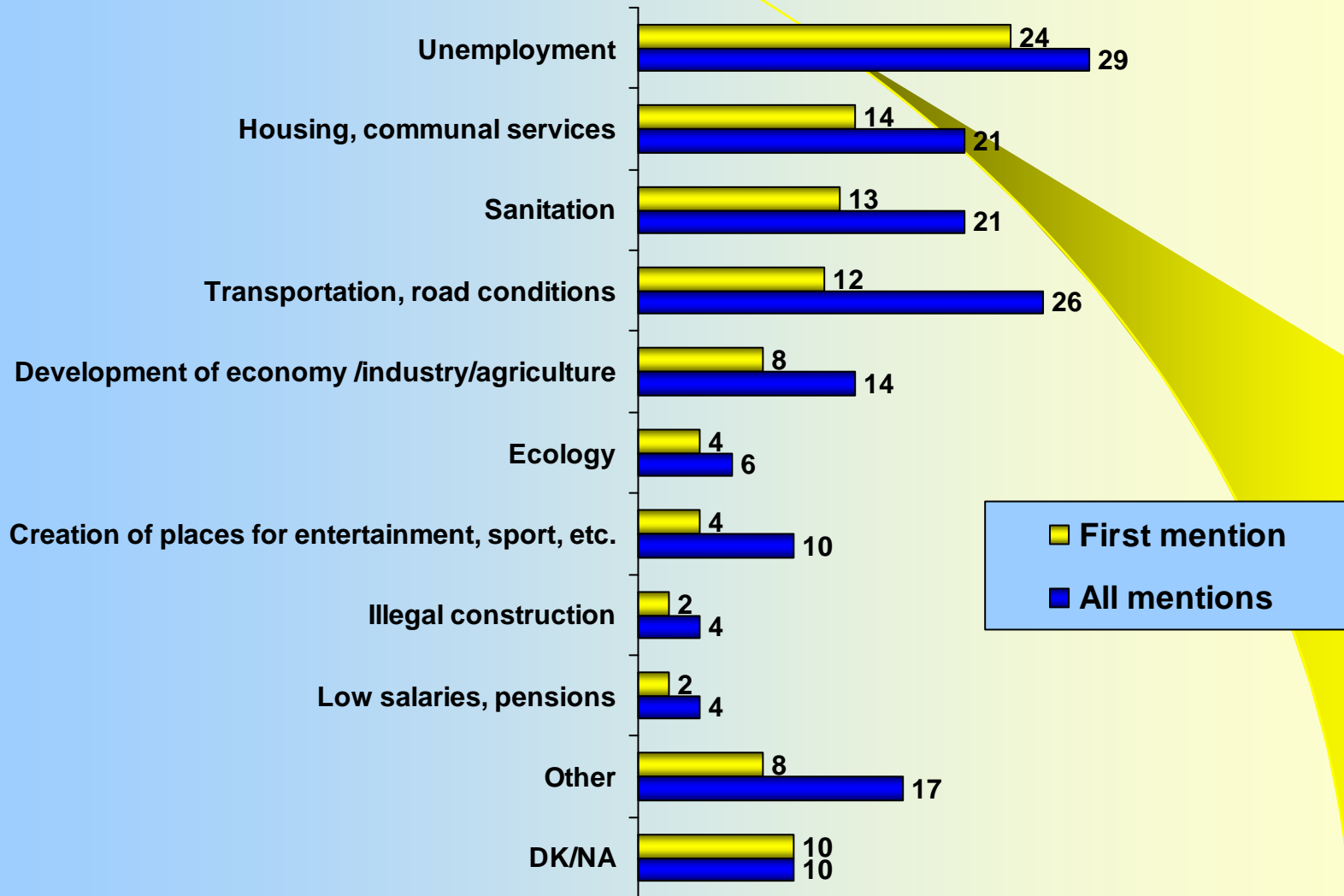
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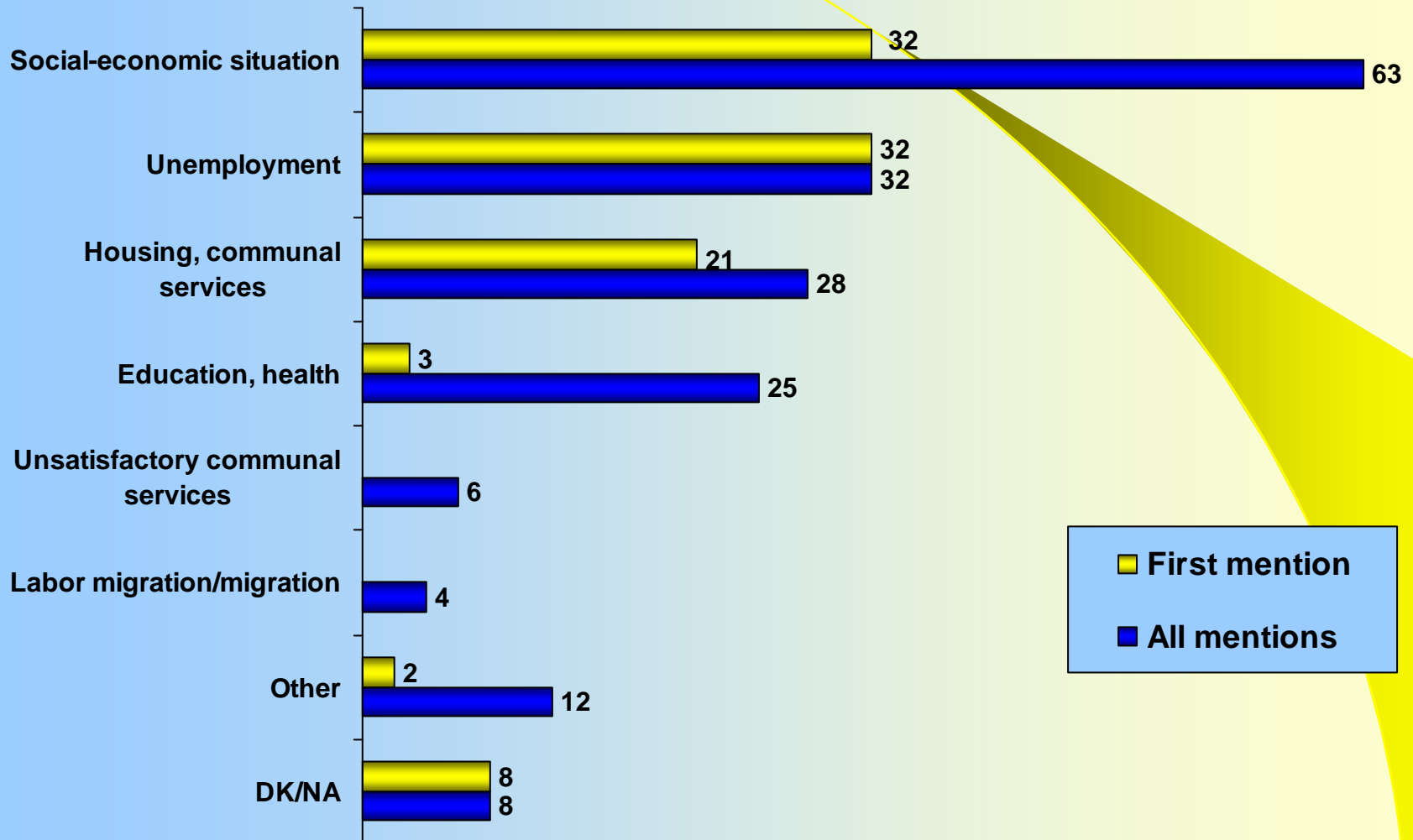


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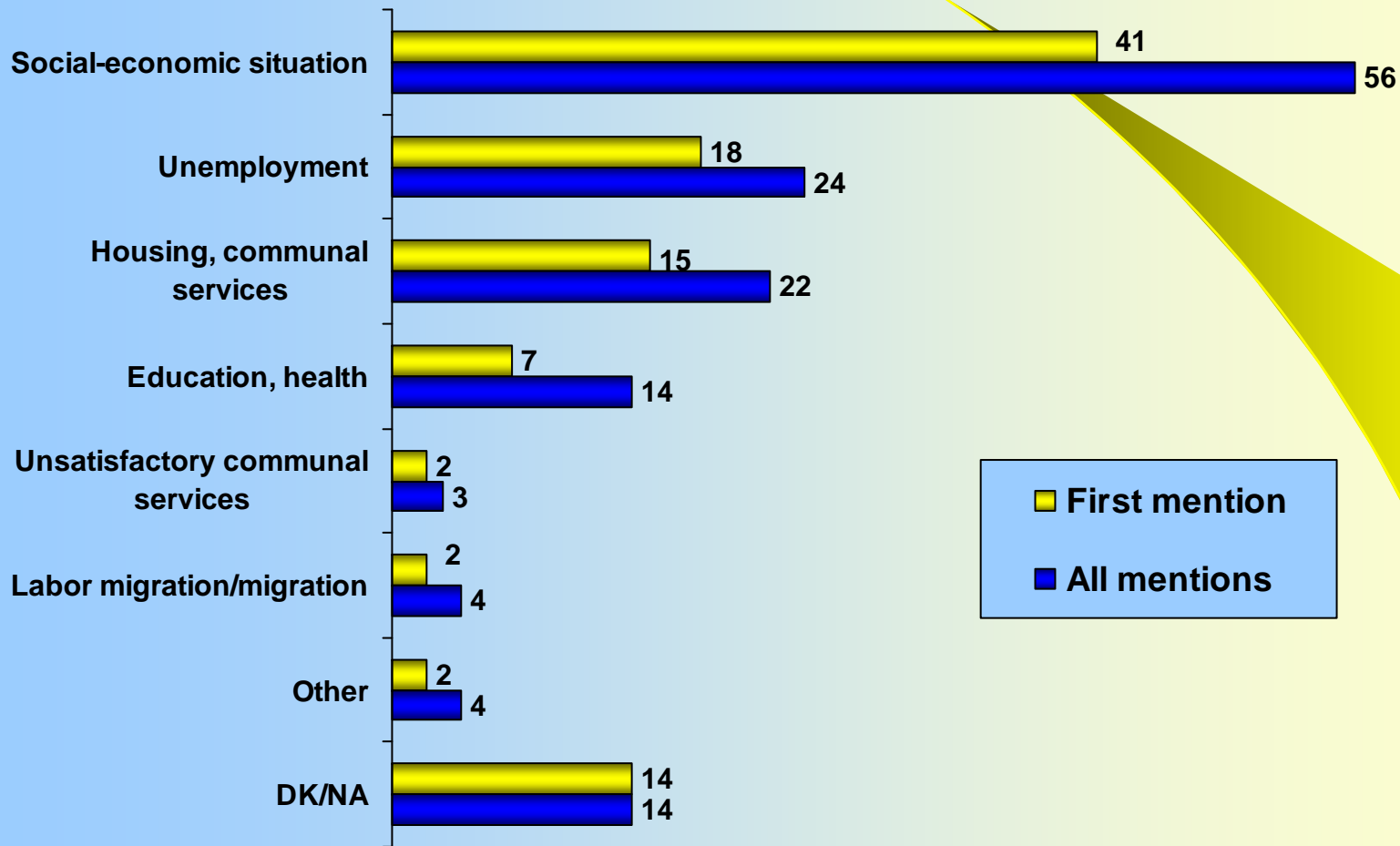




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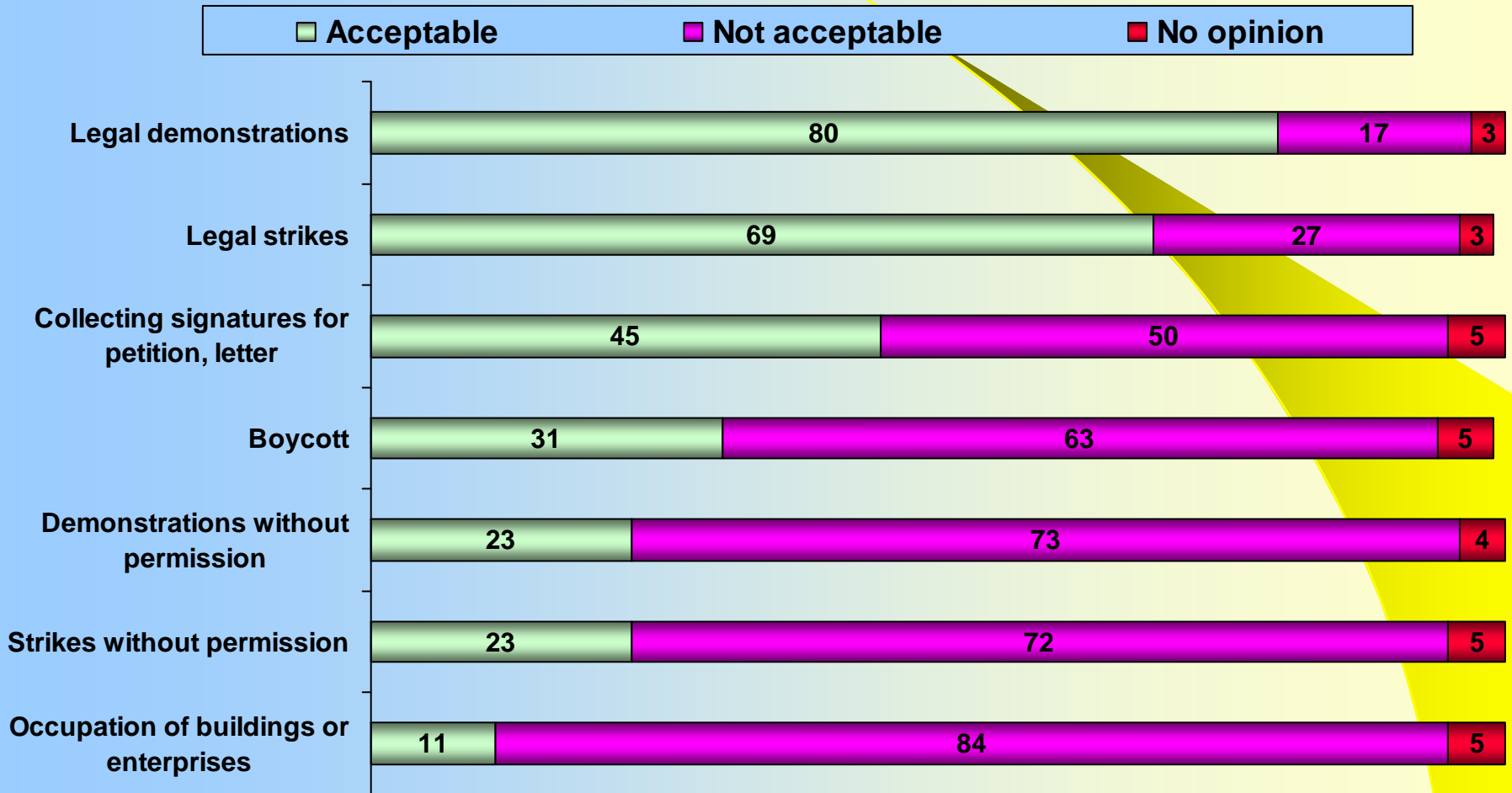
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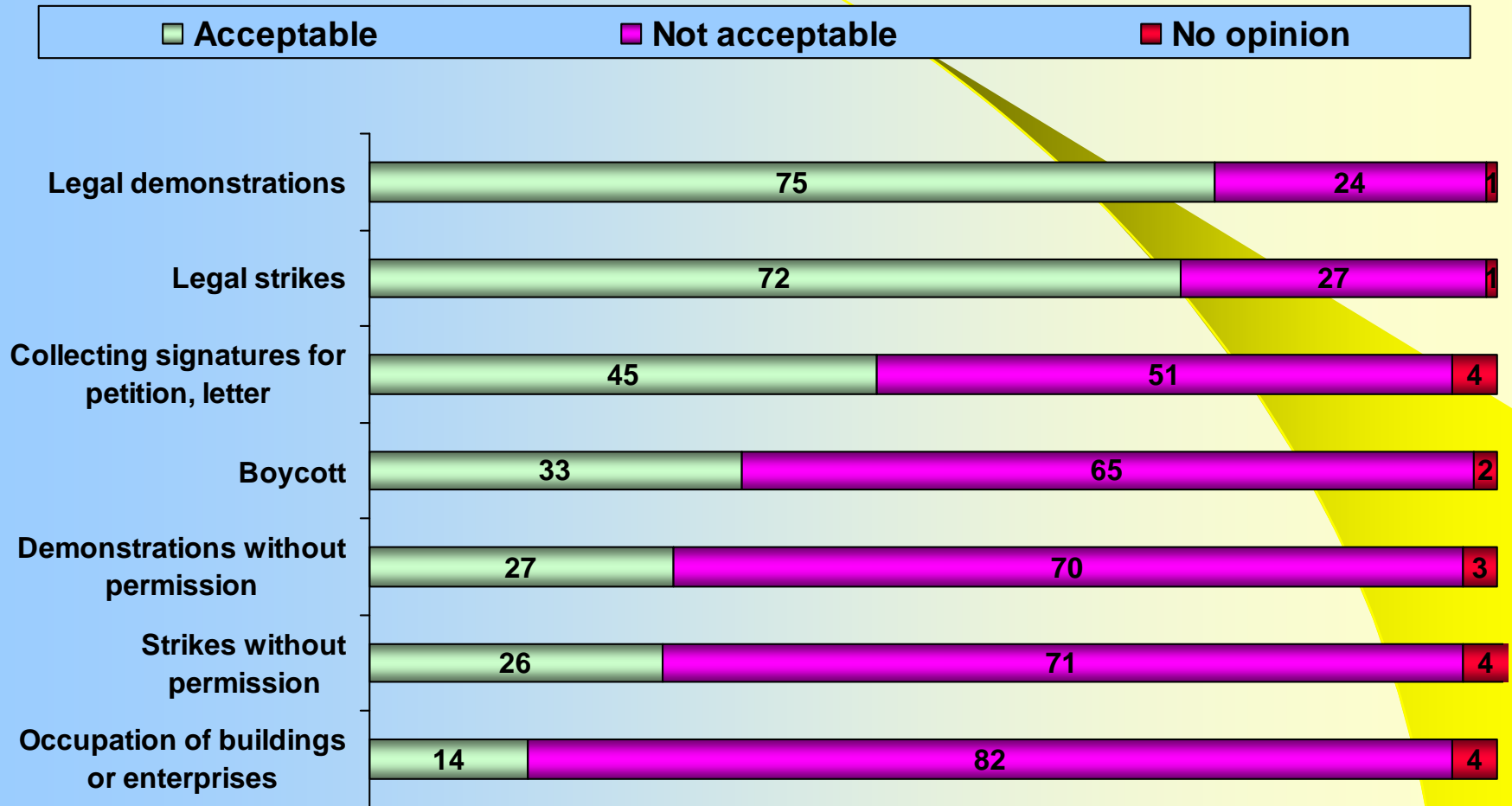
# Issues

- At the personal/household level social issues are most pressing.
- At the community level the most important problem is unemployment.
- At the national level social problems and territorial integrity /security issues are most important.

# Acceptability of forms of social protest March 2007 (%)

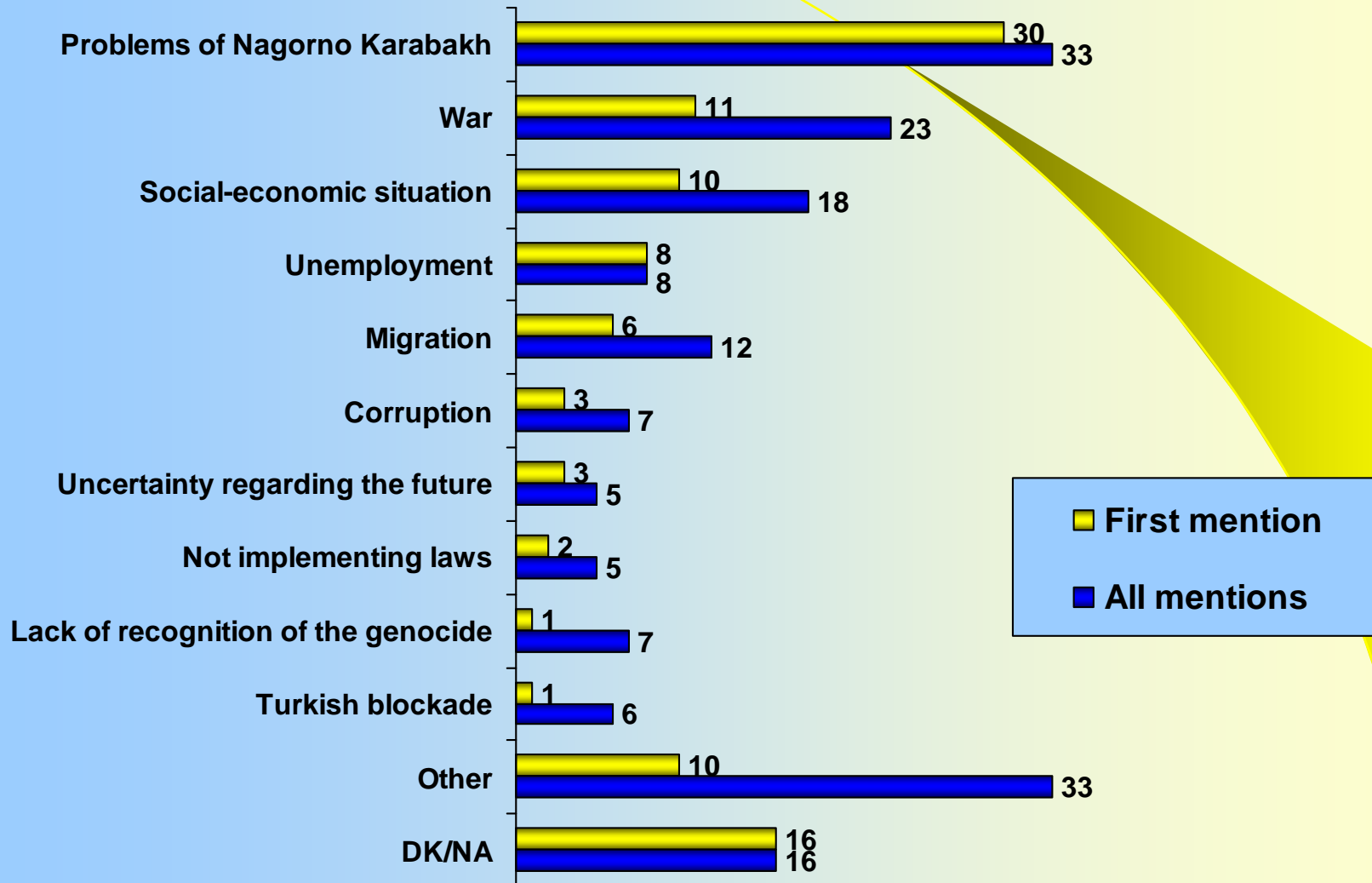


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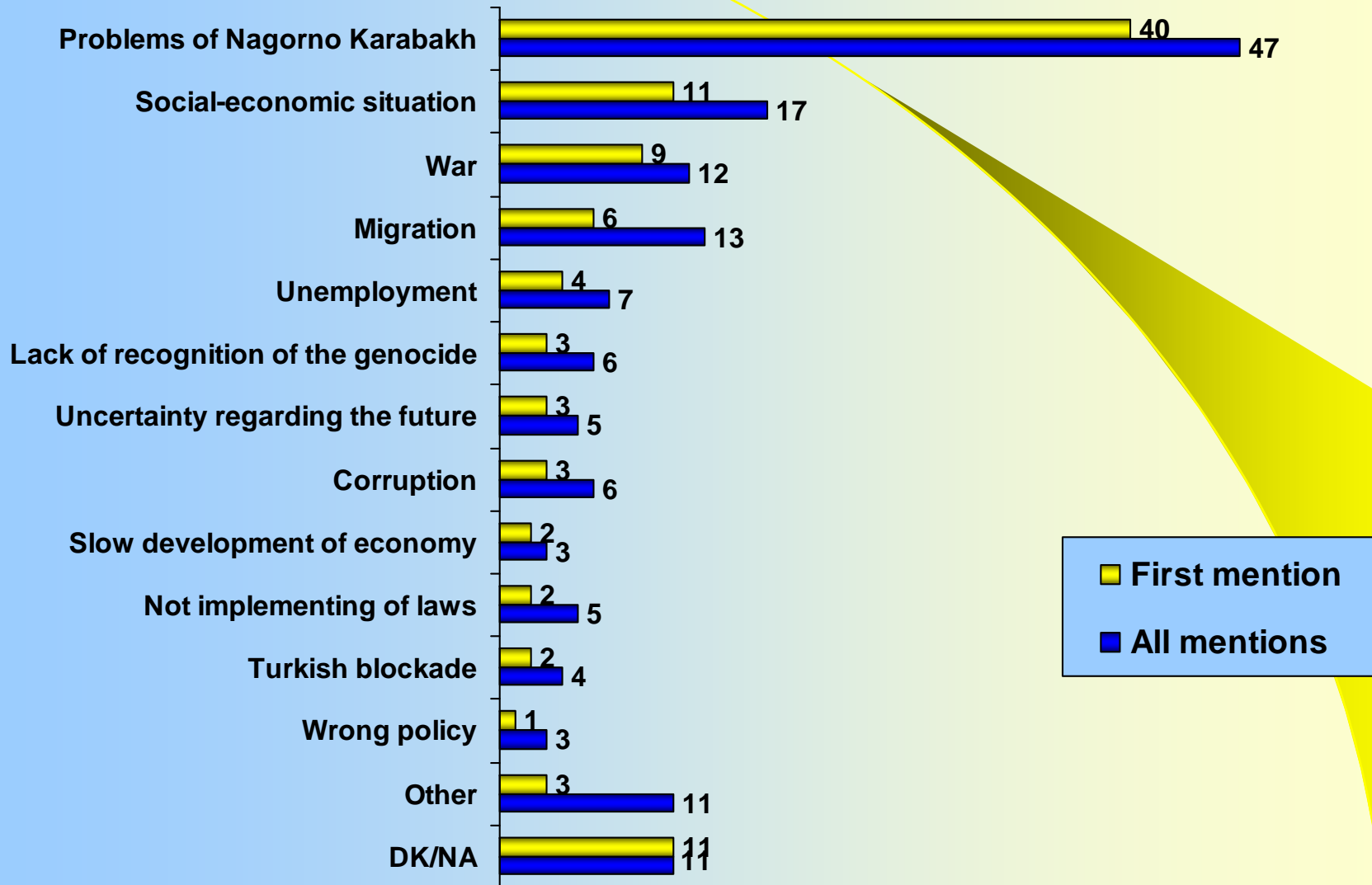


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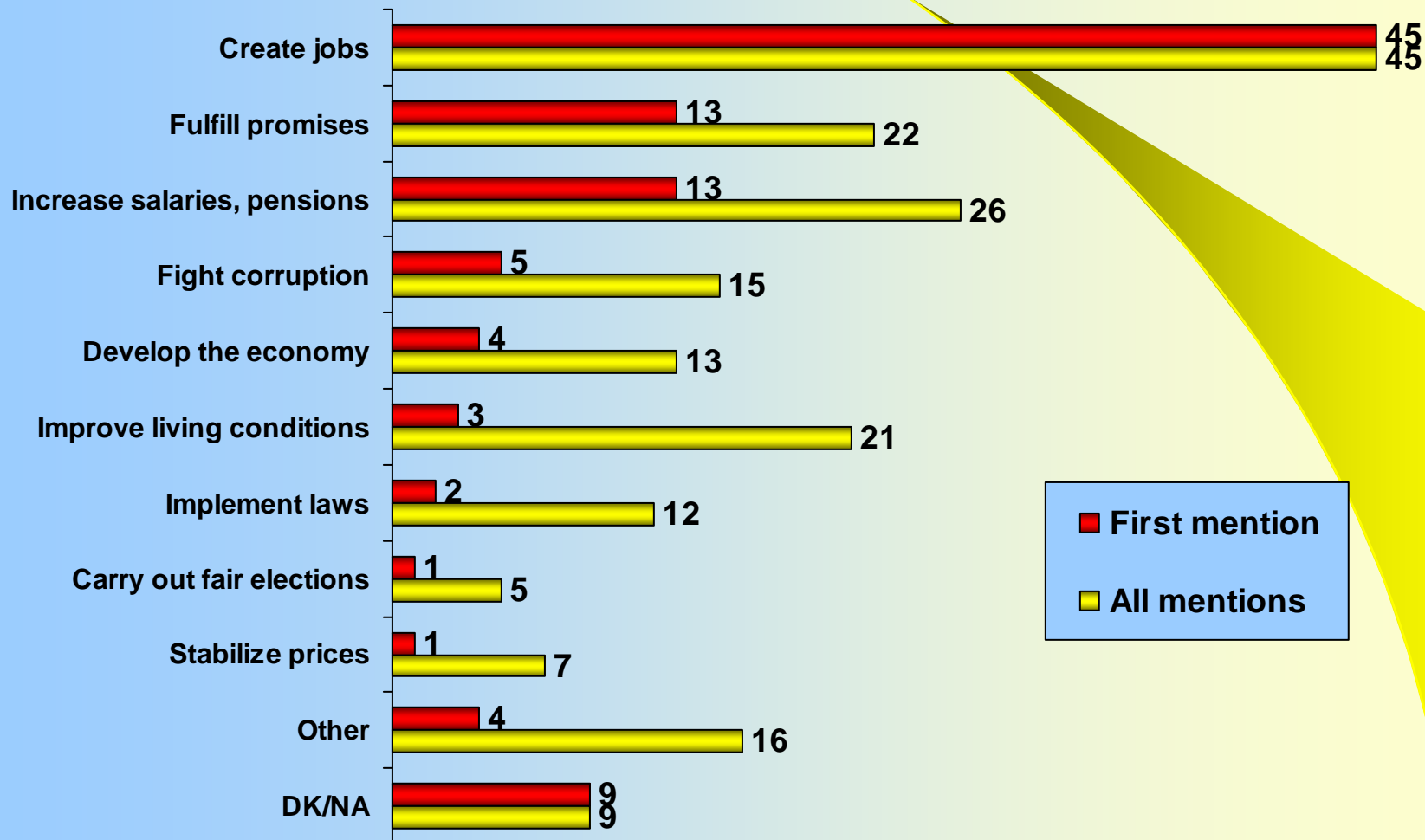
- The biggest fears are related to instability and security. The territorial integrity of the country, war, social instability (social-economic problems, unemployment) and migration are the biggest fears of the people.



# POLITICS

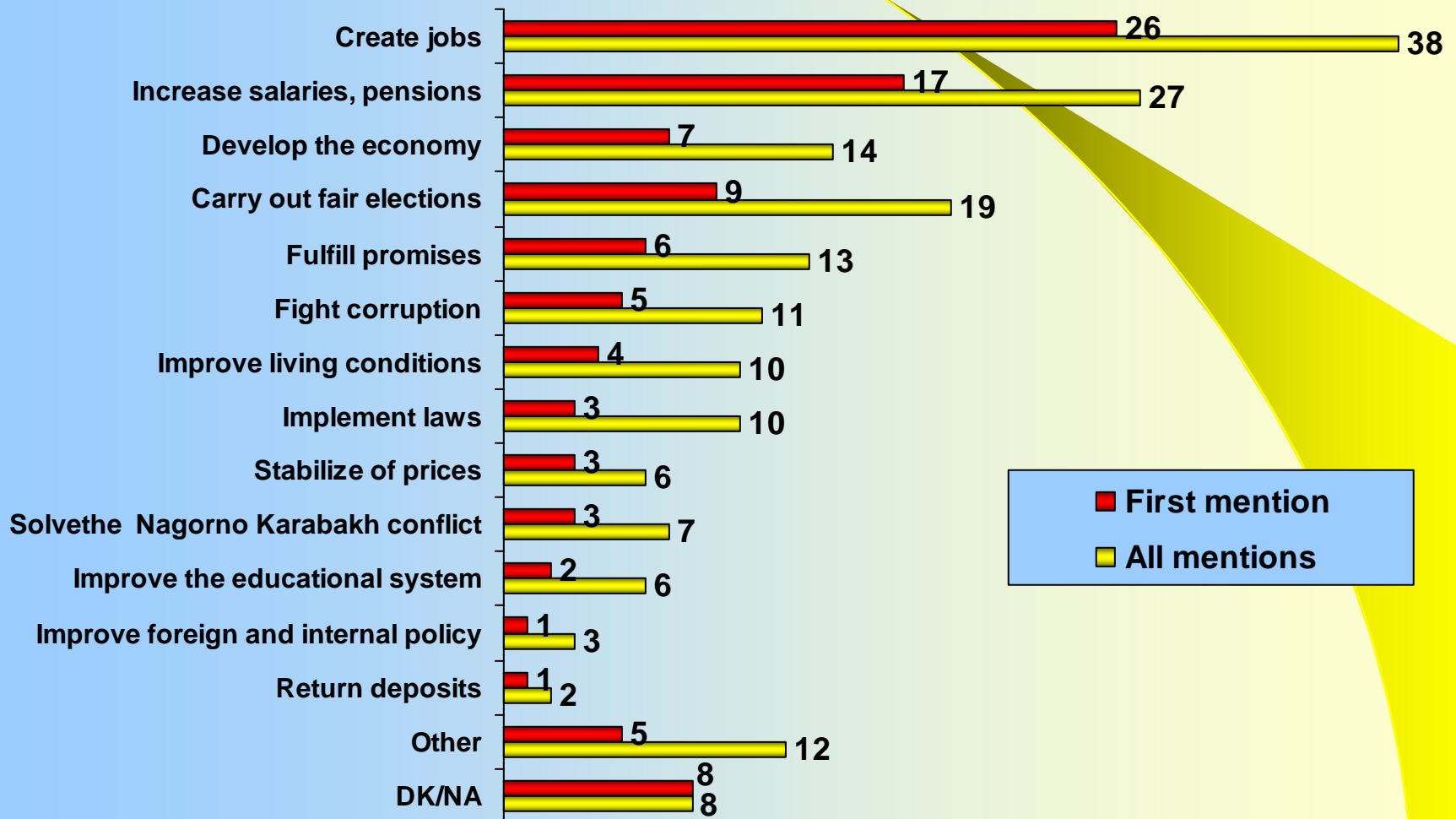
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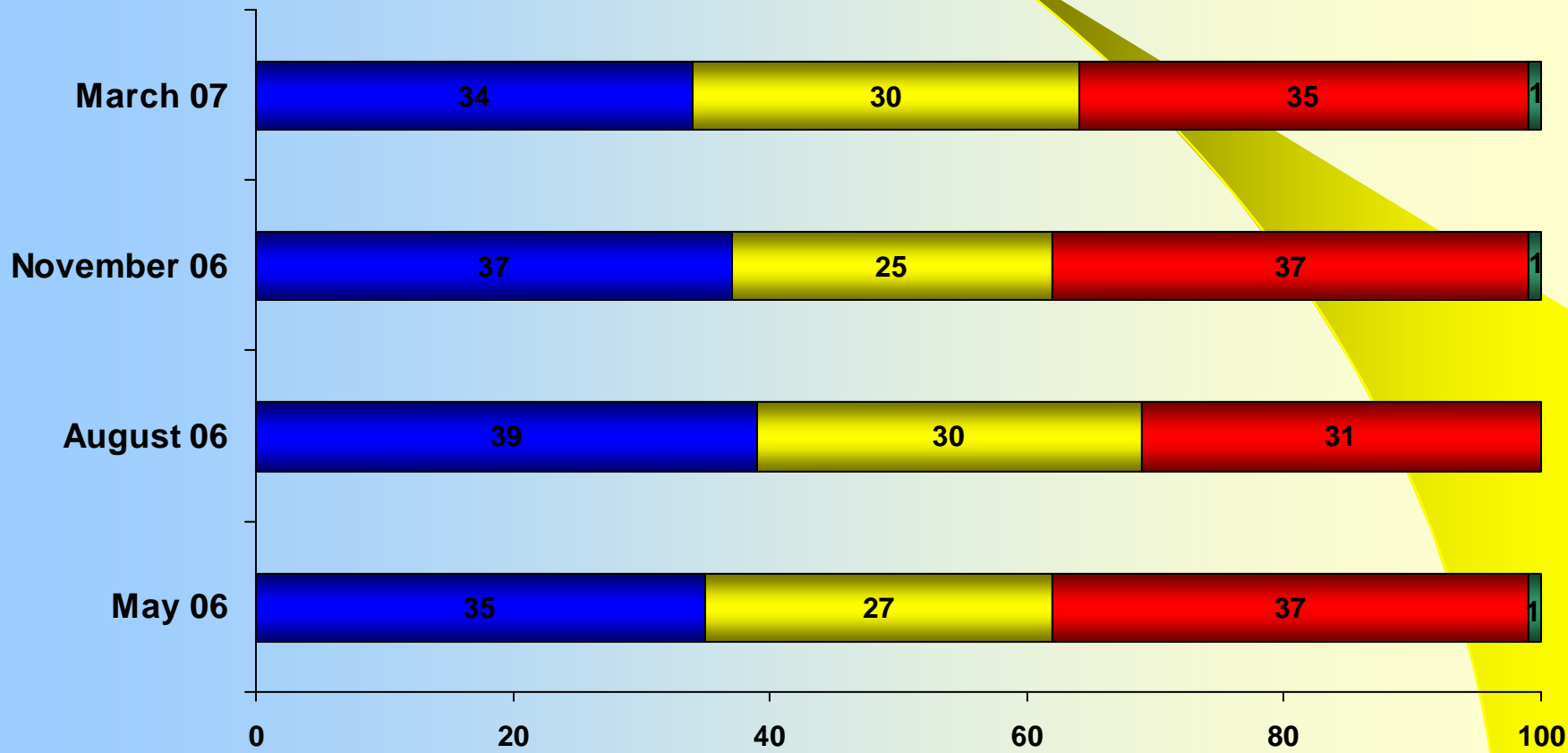


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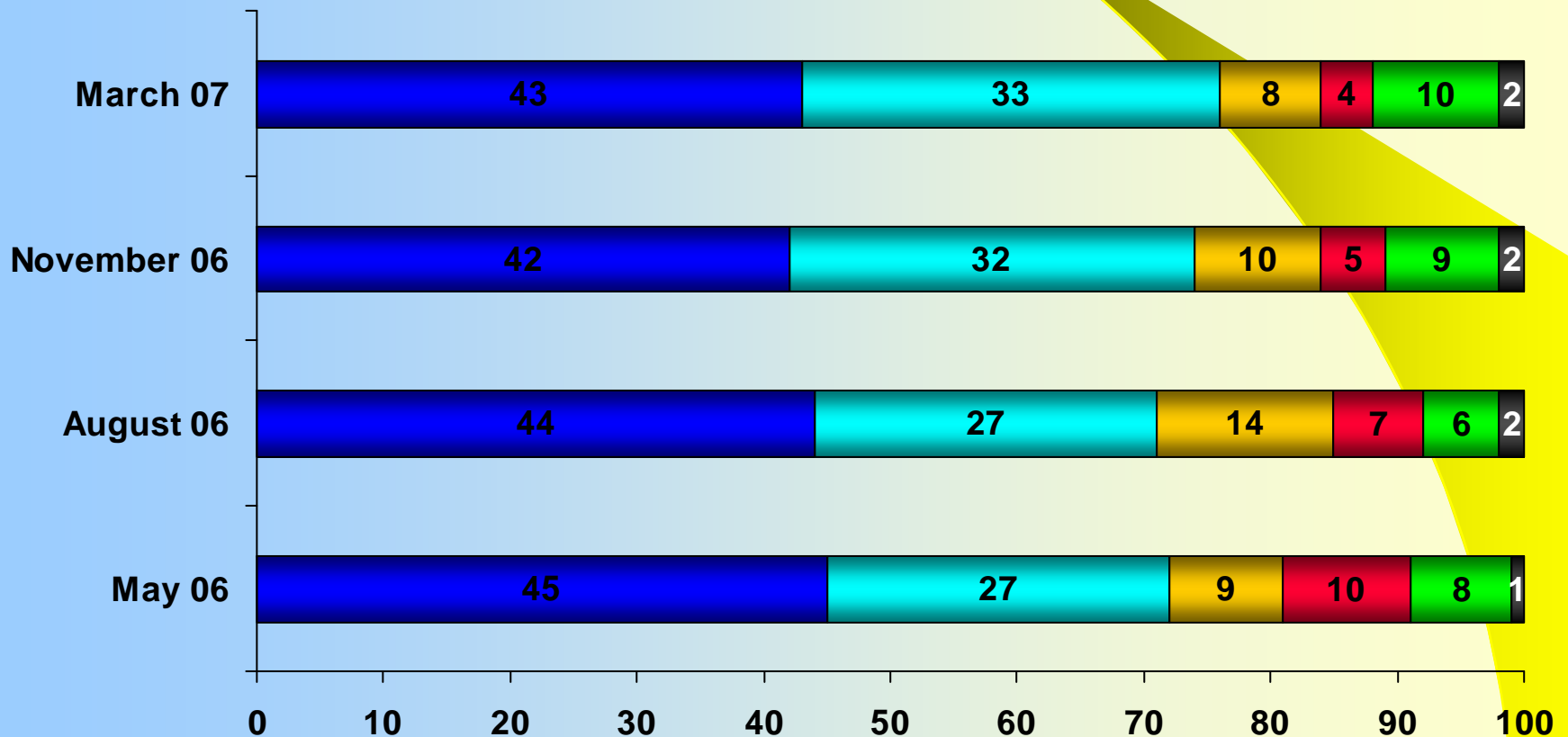


# Interest in Politics (%)



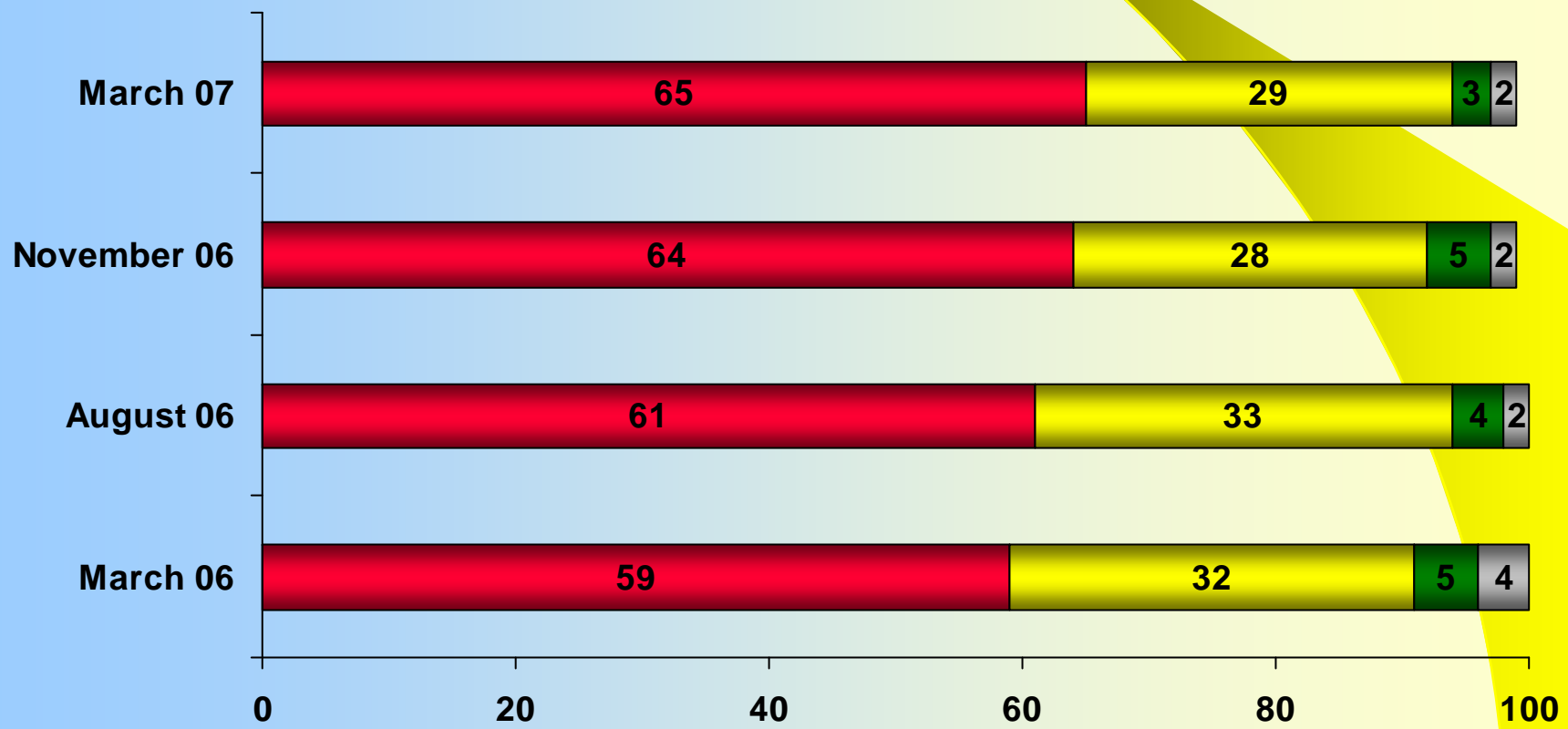
# Do you plan to vote in the next parliamentary elections?

■ Definitely yes ■ Probably yes ■ Probably no ■ Definitely no ■ Have not decided yet ■ DK/NA



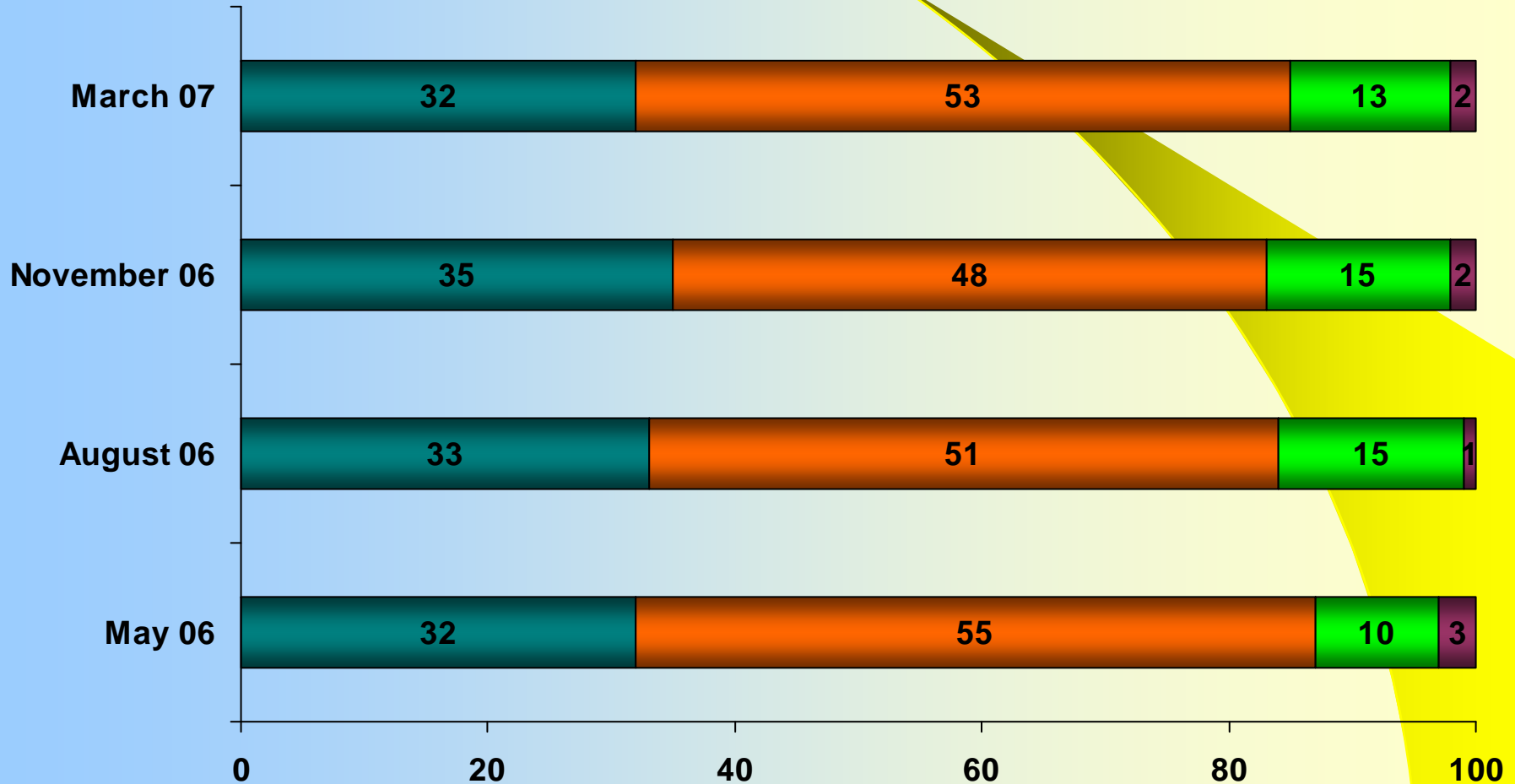
# When considering which party to vote for, what is more important?

■ Leader is more important   ■ Party is more important   ■ None   ■ No answer

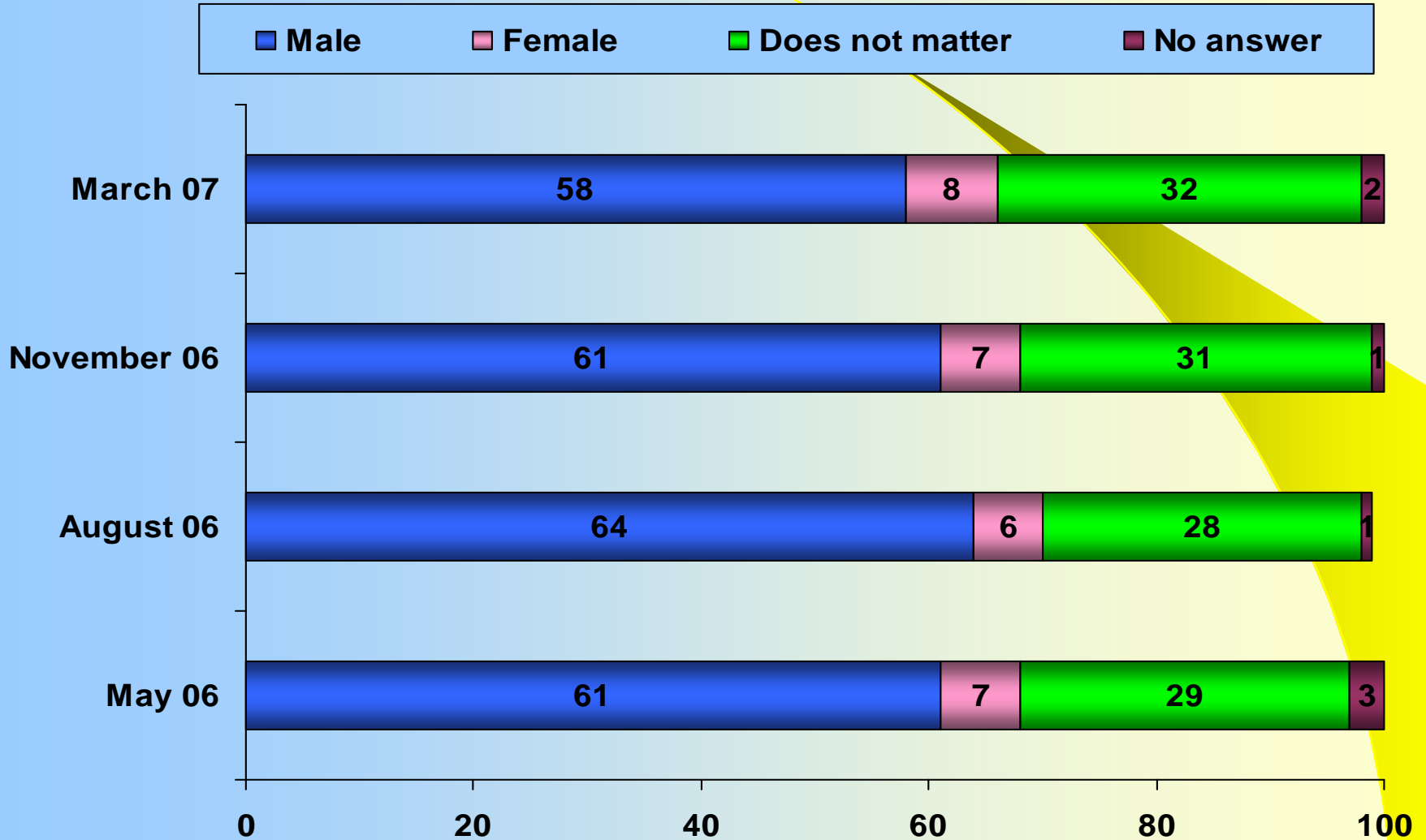


# All other things equal, would vote for:

More active, younger candidate   More experienced, older   Does not matter   No answer

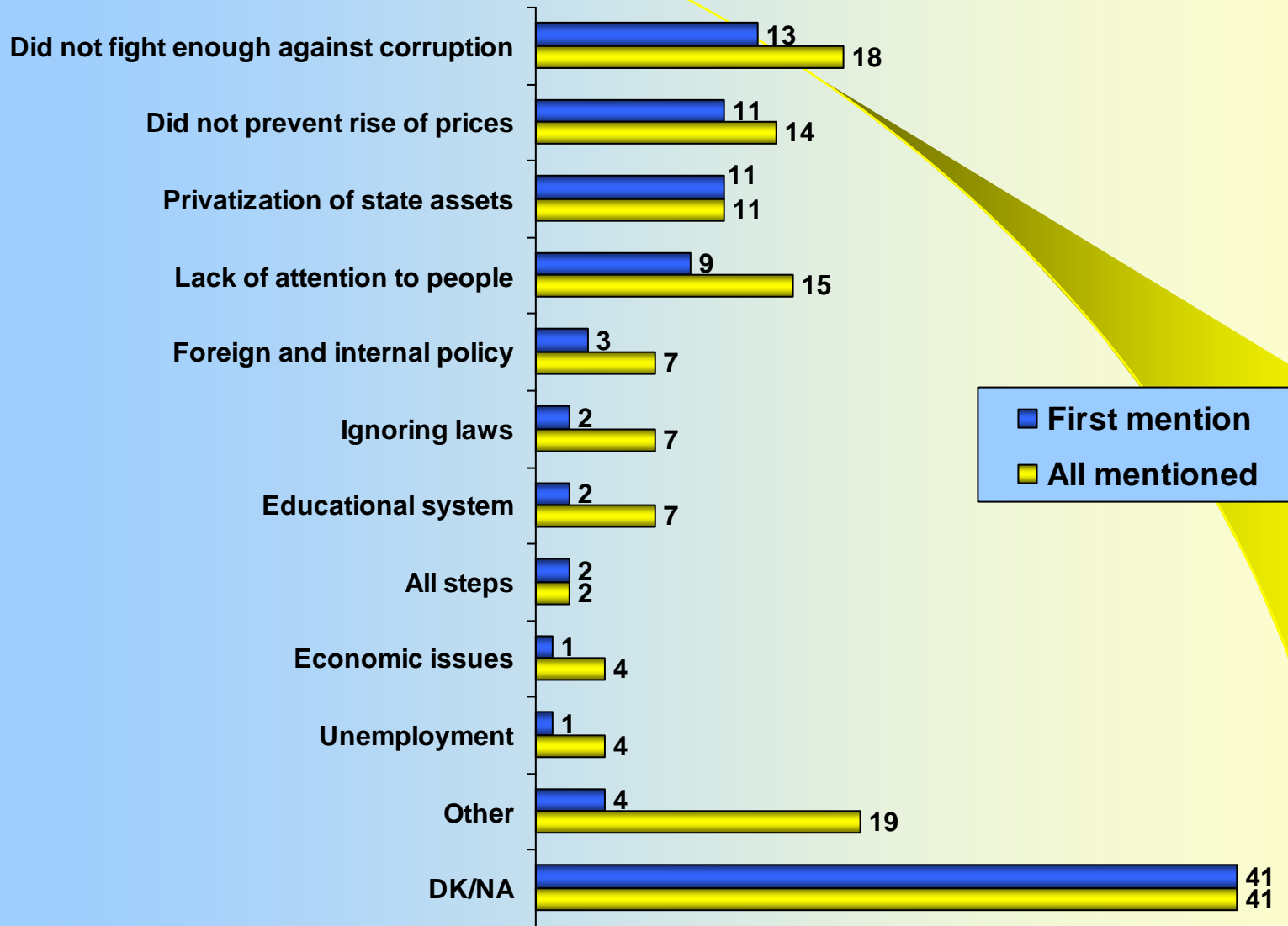


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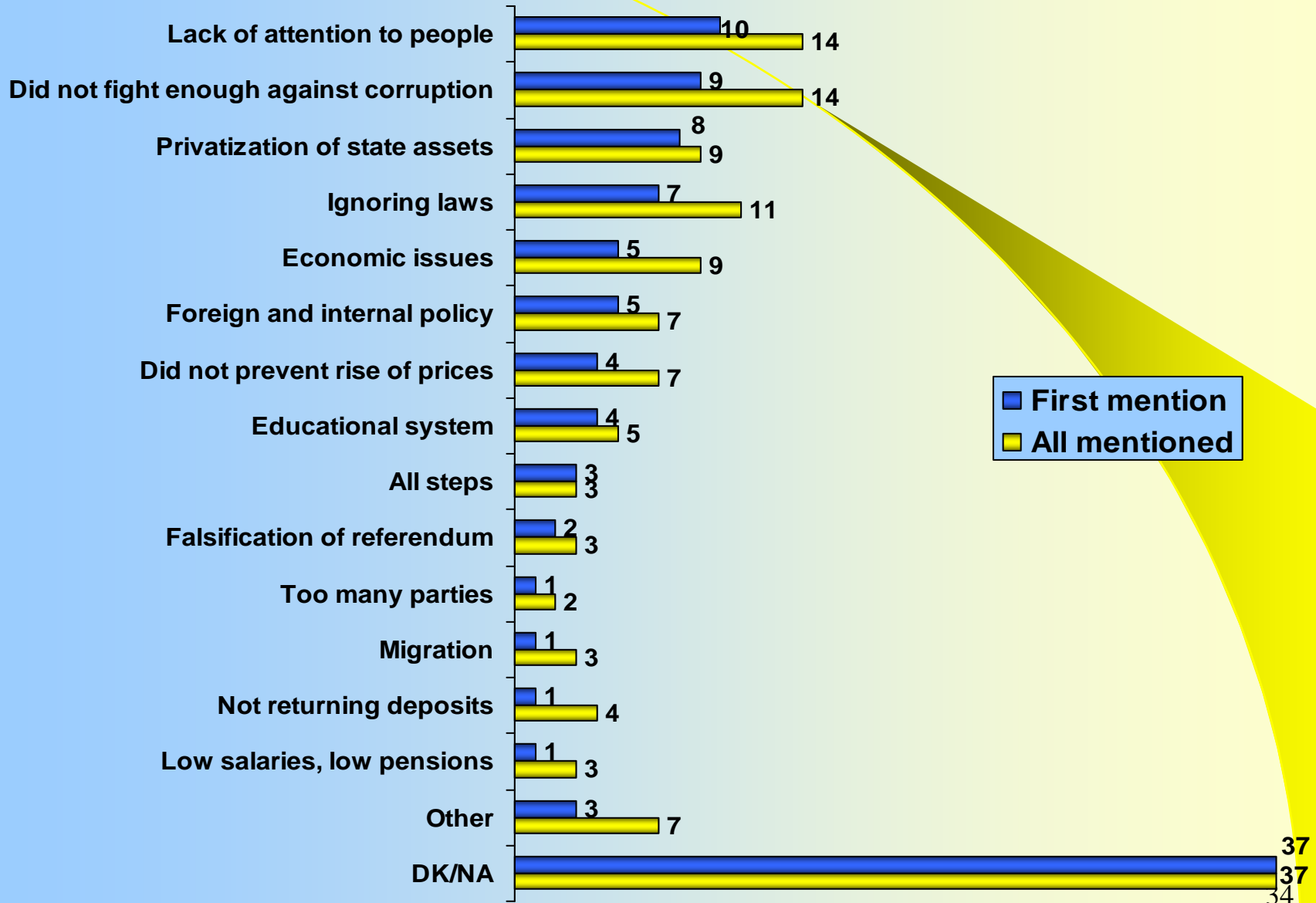




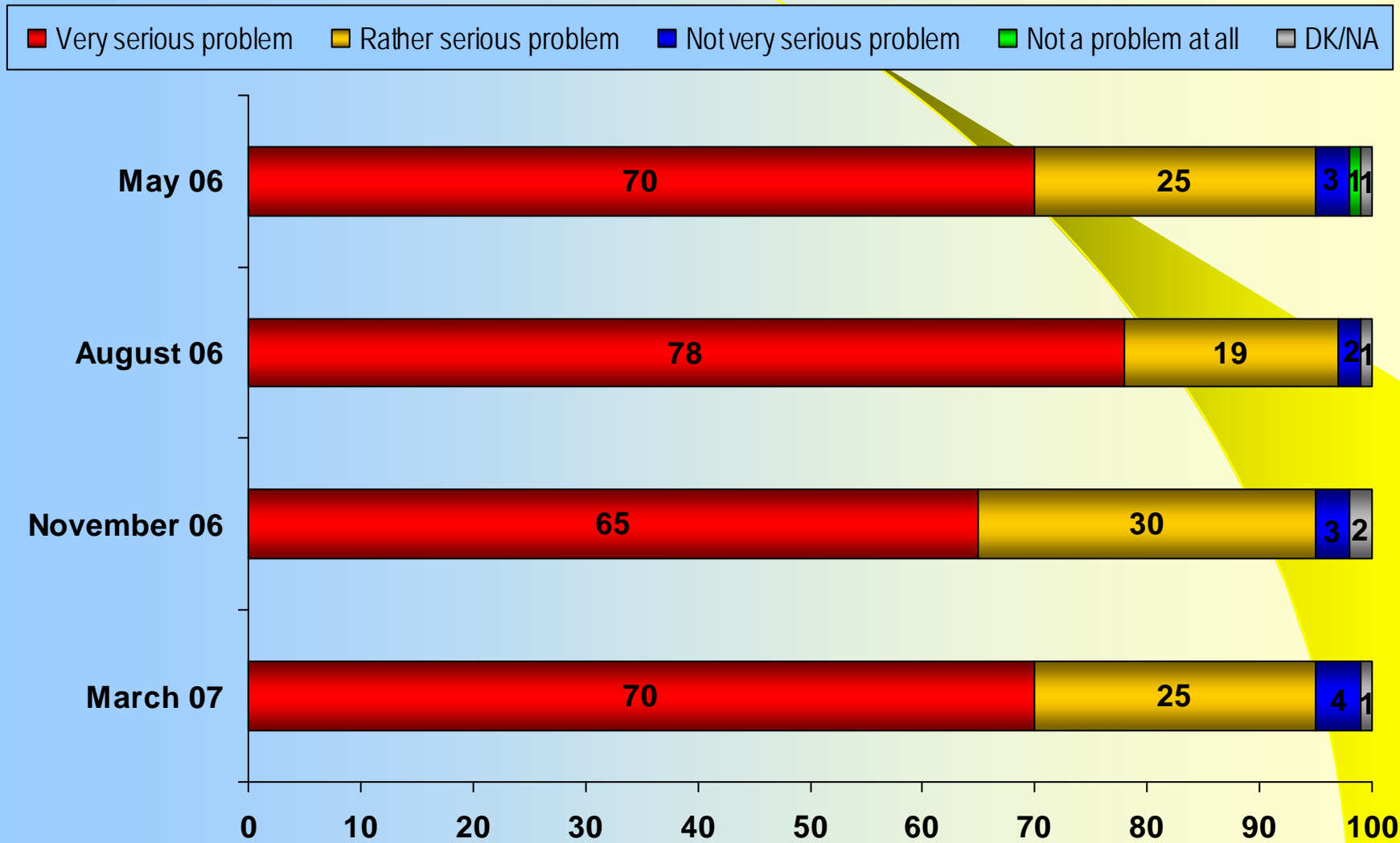
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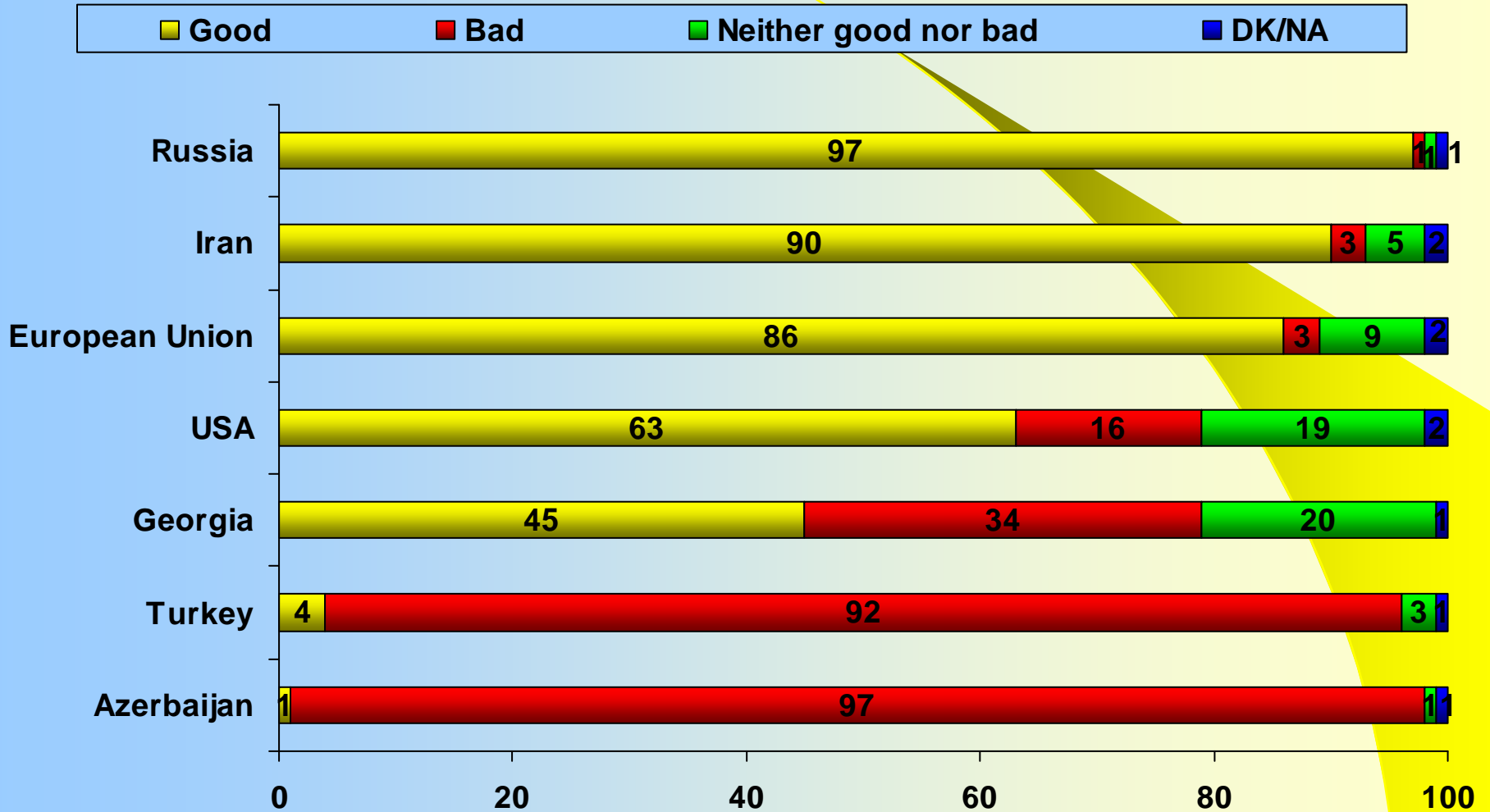


# The wrongdoing and corruption of political leaders and authorities is... (%)



# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

# Evaluation of relations with... March 2007 (%)



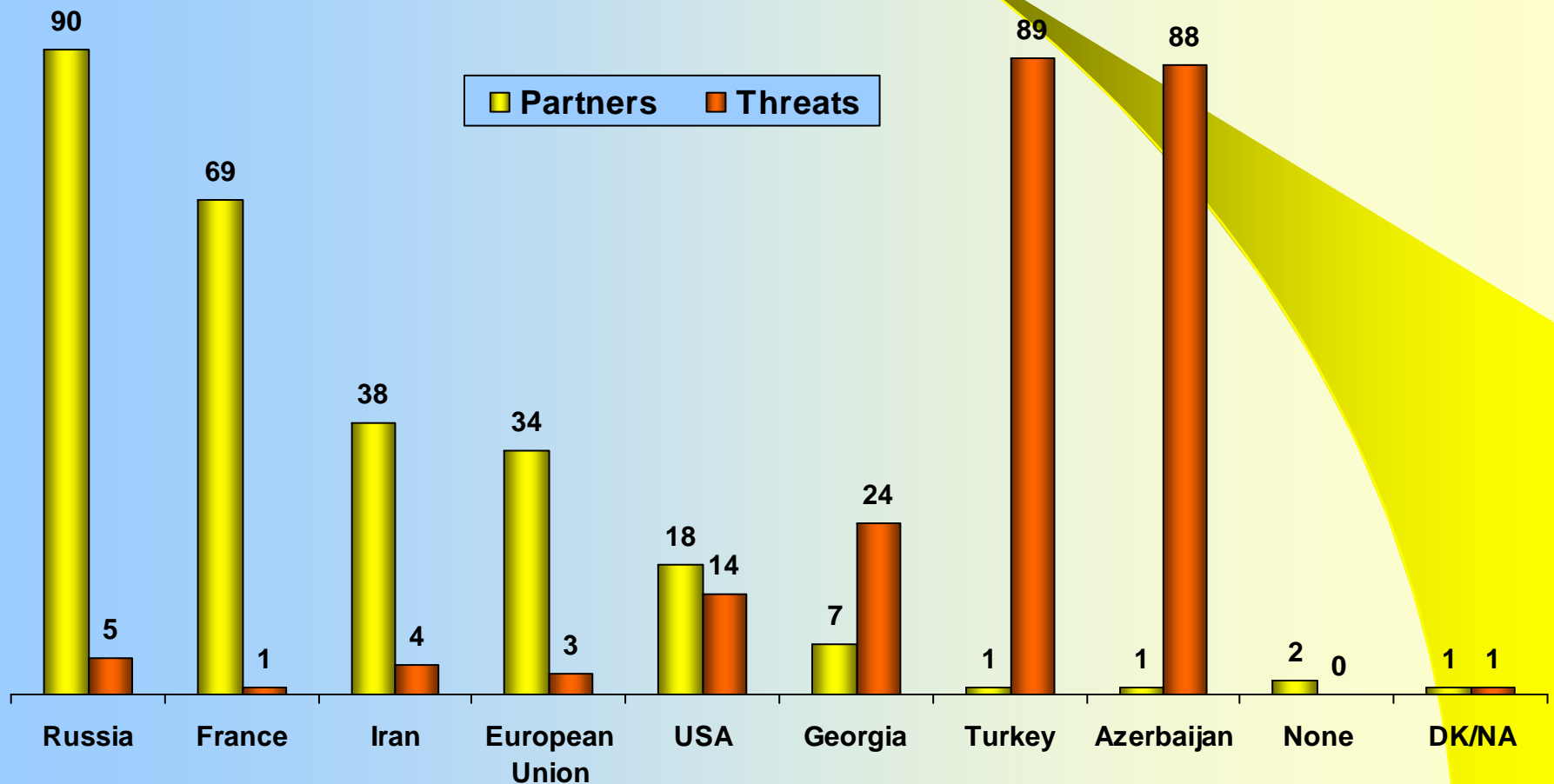
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# International Relations: Partners and Threats

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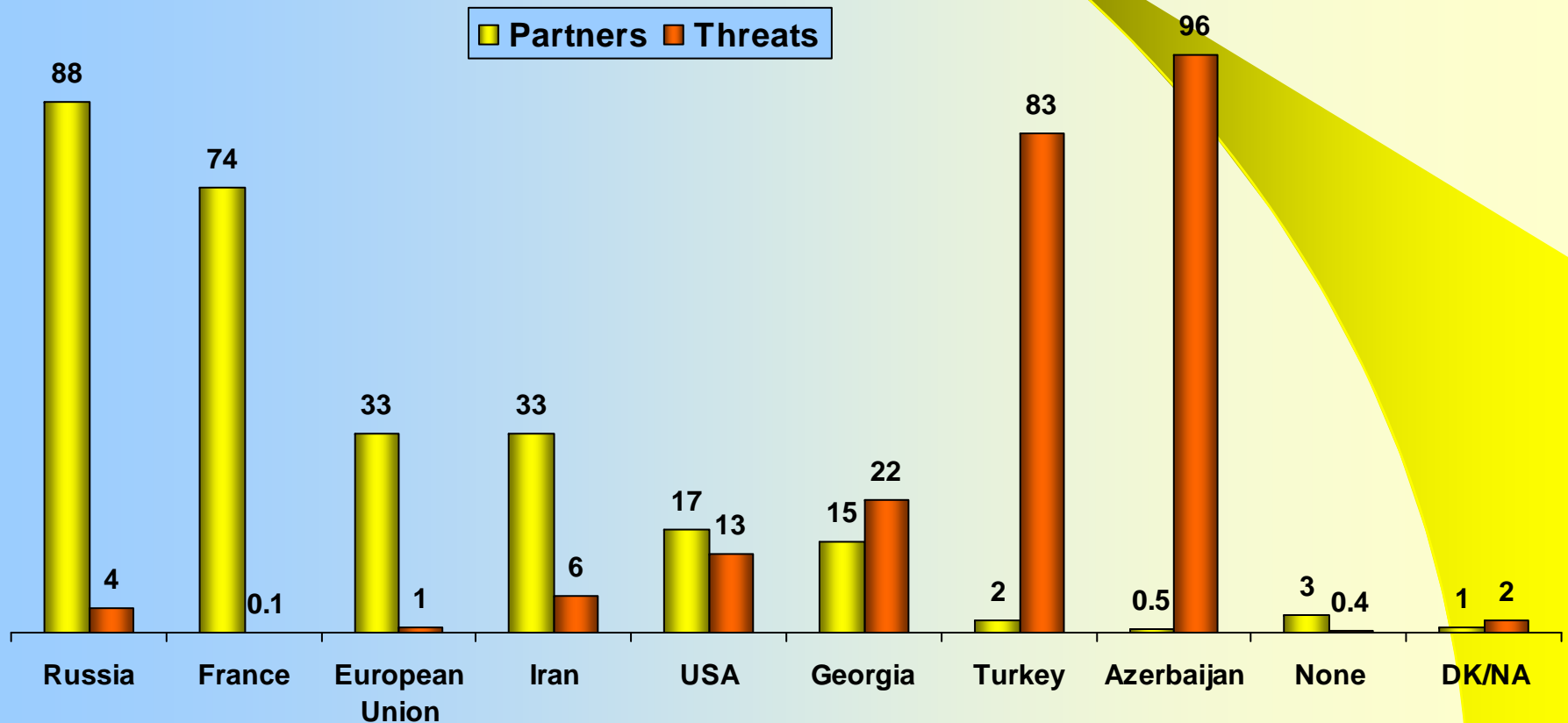
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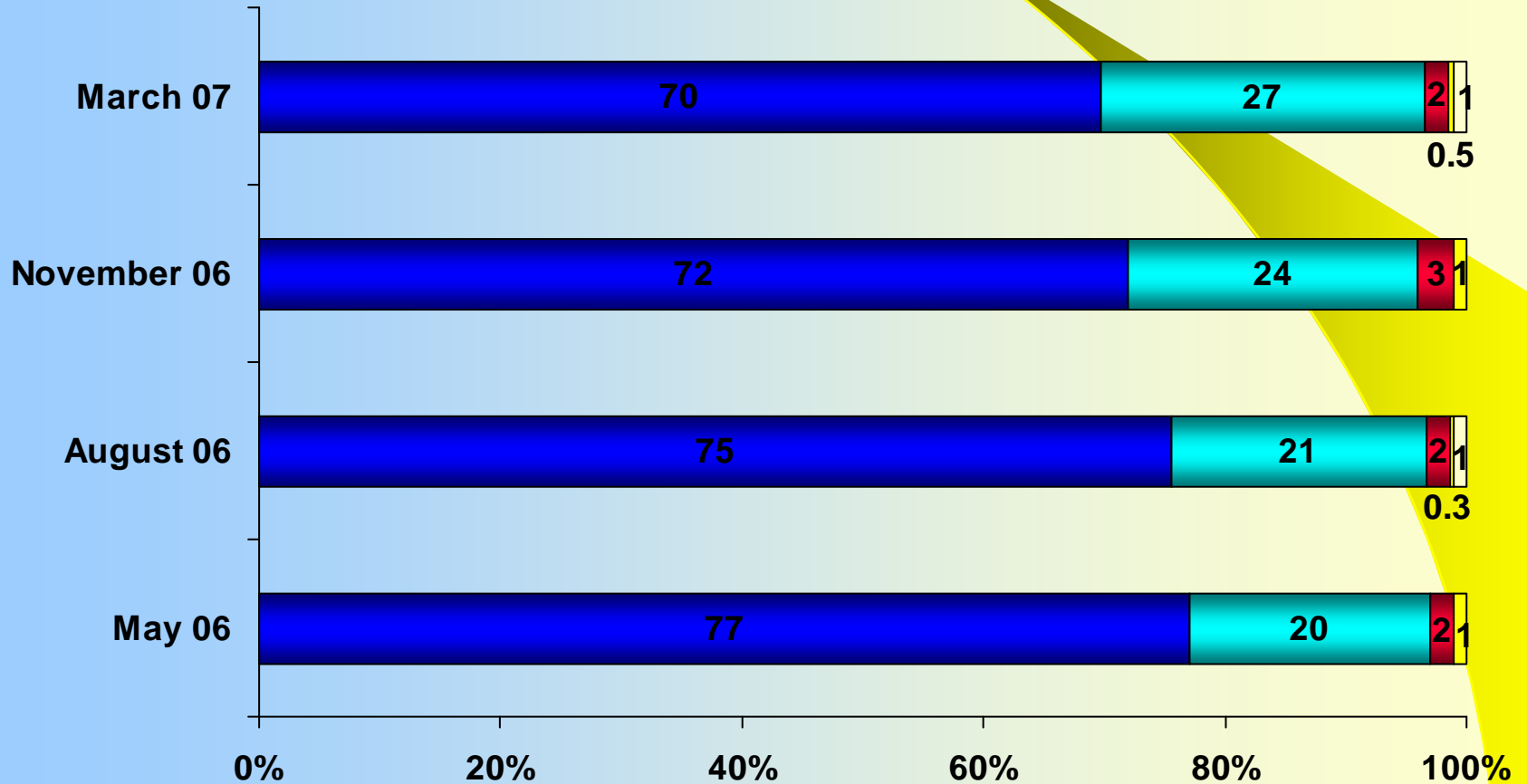
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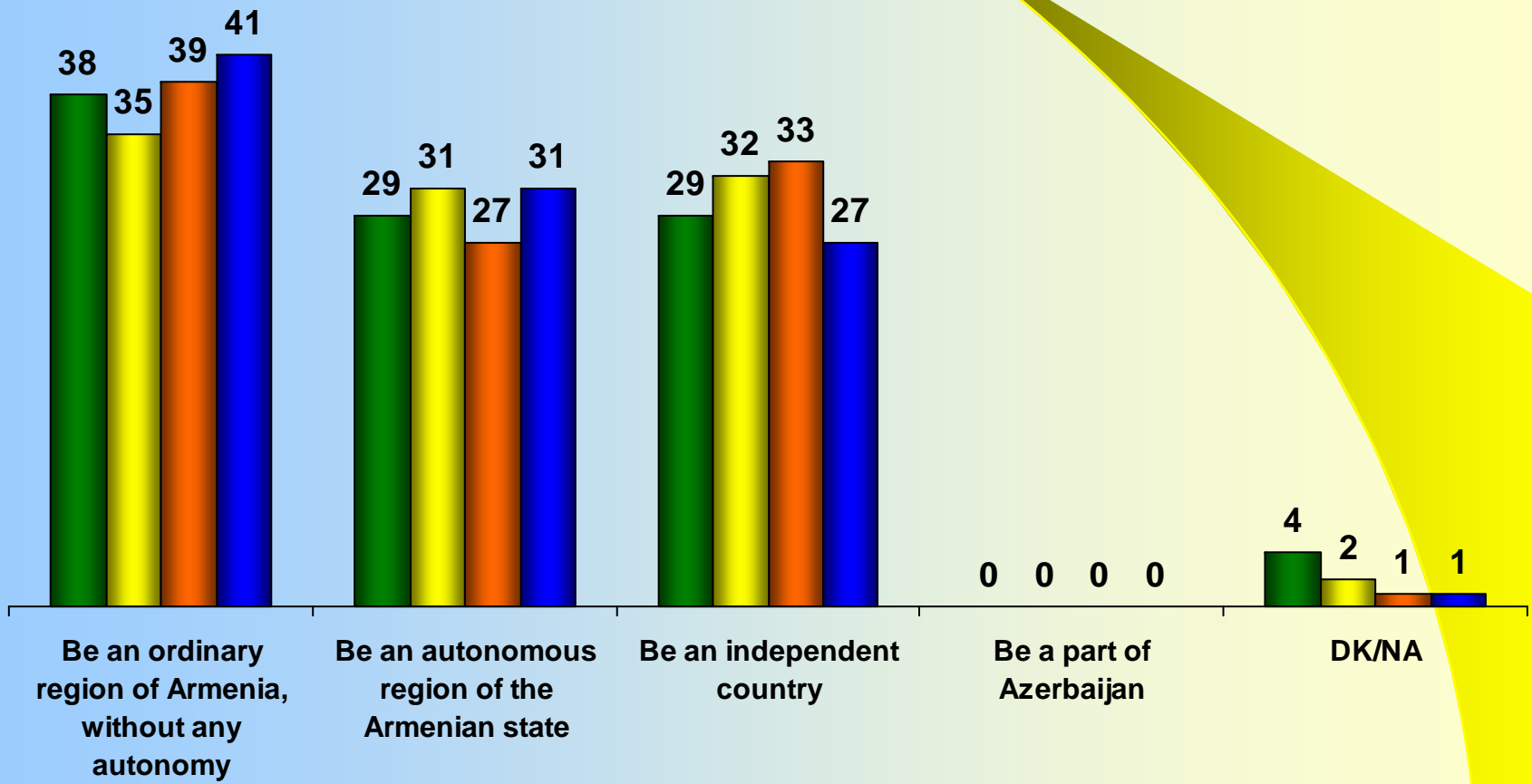
# How important is it for Armenia to solve the problems related to Nagorno Karabakh in the near future? Is it.... (%)

■ Very important ■ Rather important ■ Not very important ■ Not at all important ■ DK / NA



# Thinking about the future of Nagorno Karabakh, do you think it should... (%)

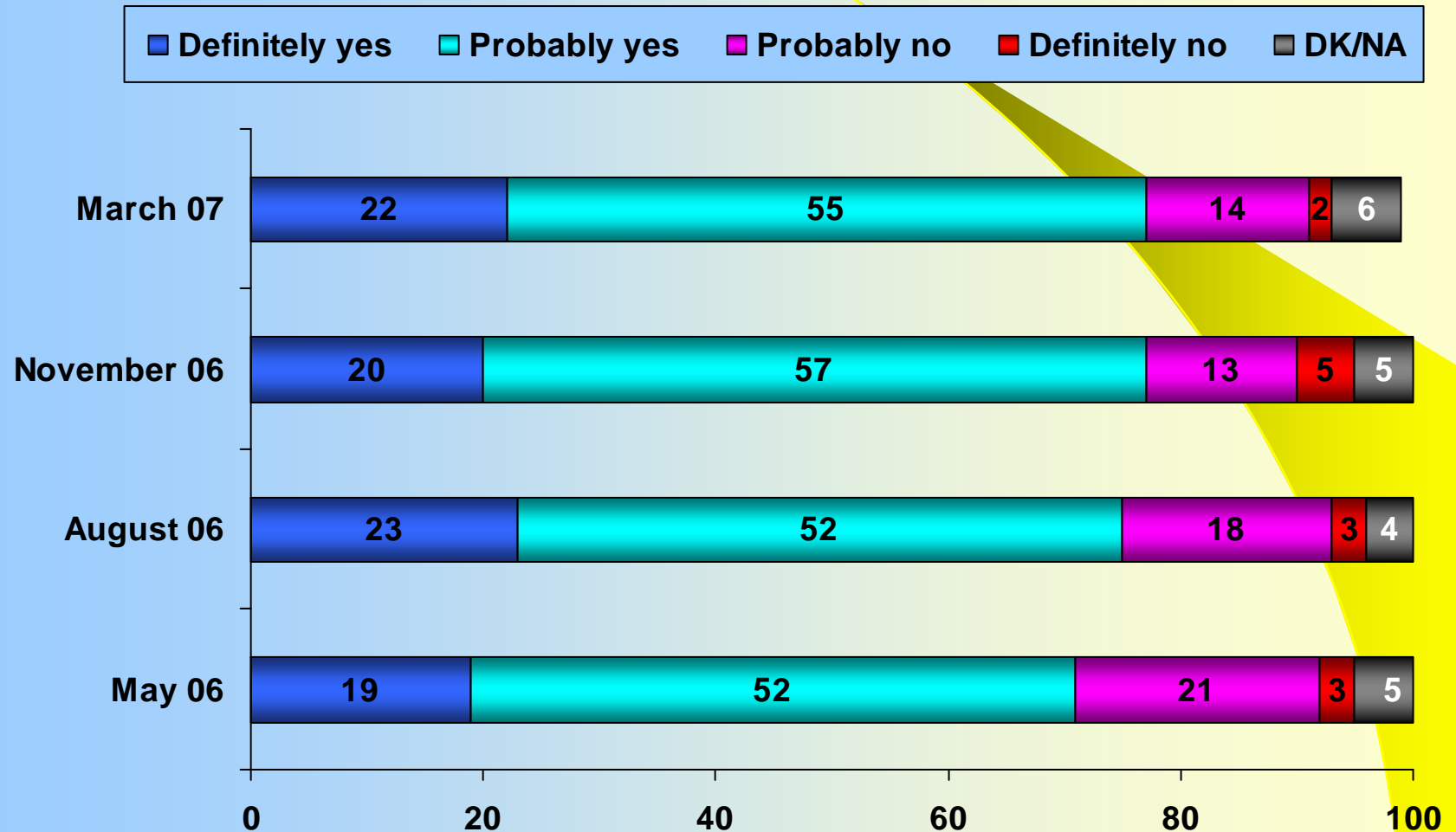
■ March 07     
 ■ November 06     
 ■ August 06     
 ■ May 06



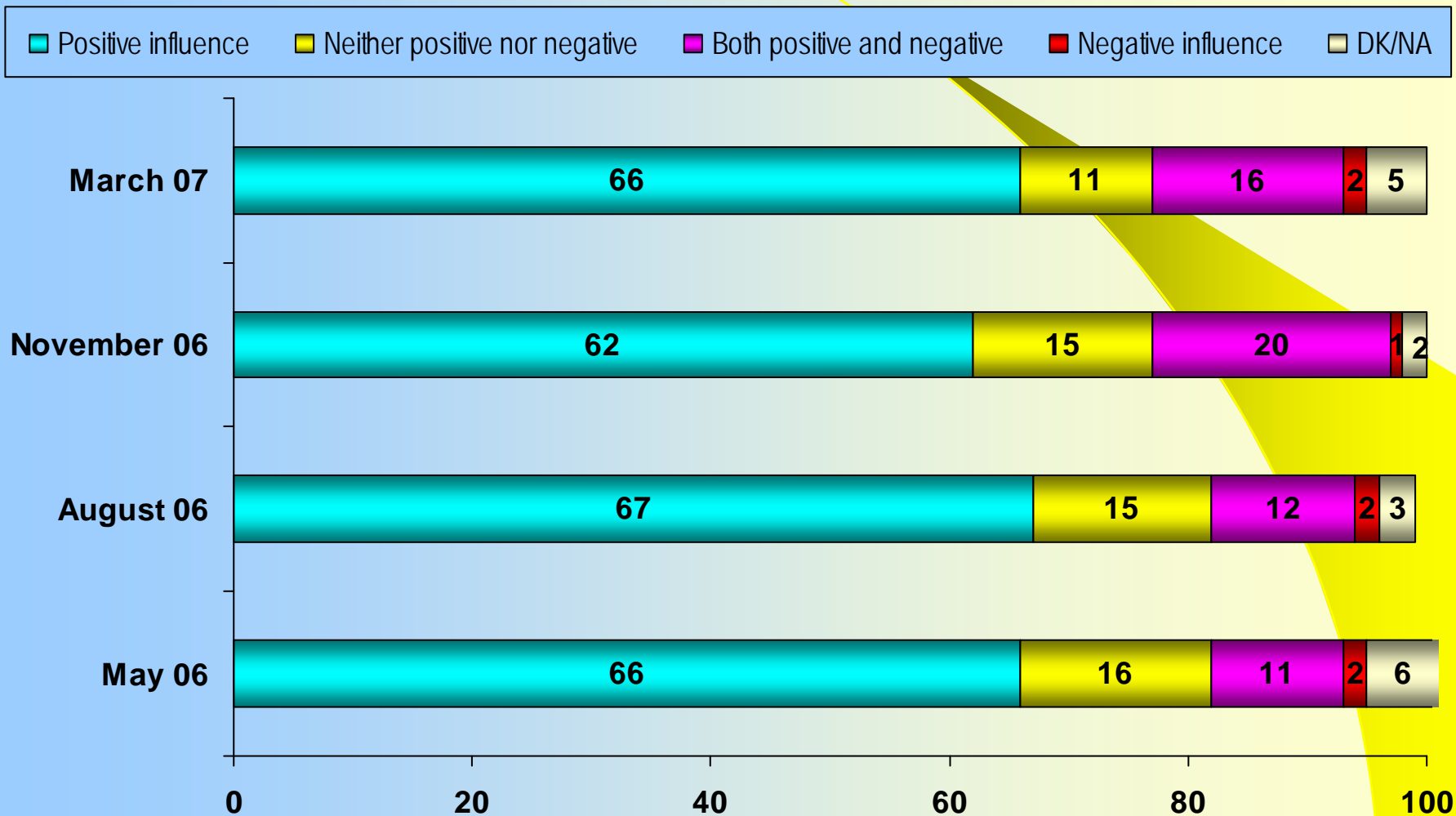
# Do you think that the current situation in regard to the status of Nagorno Karabakh should be resolved through negotiations and peaceful means, or should some force be used if necessary? (%)



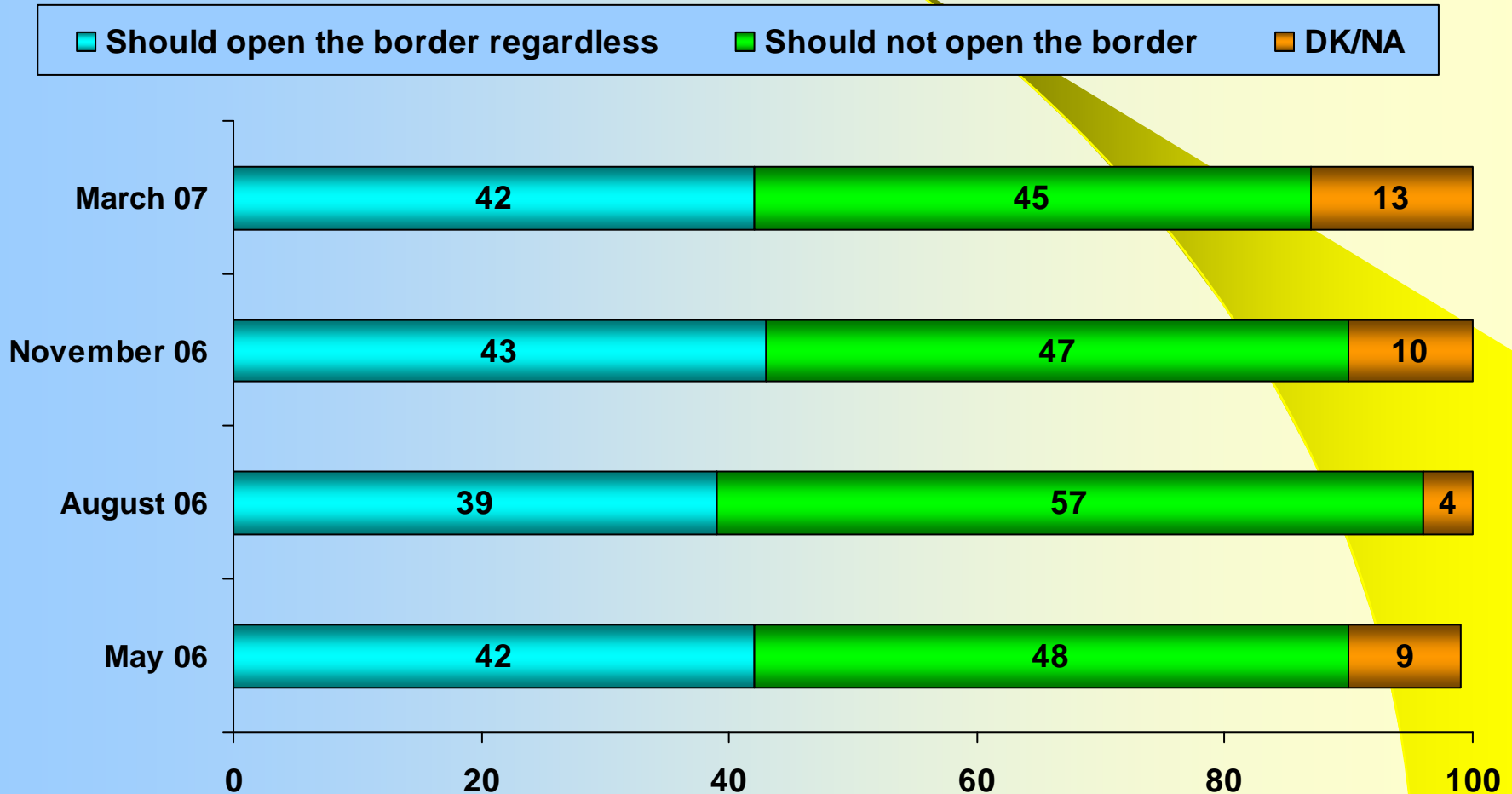
# Do you think that a peaceful settlement on Nagorno Karabakh can be reached with Azerbaijan without military force being used?



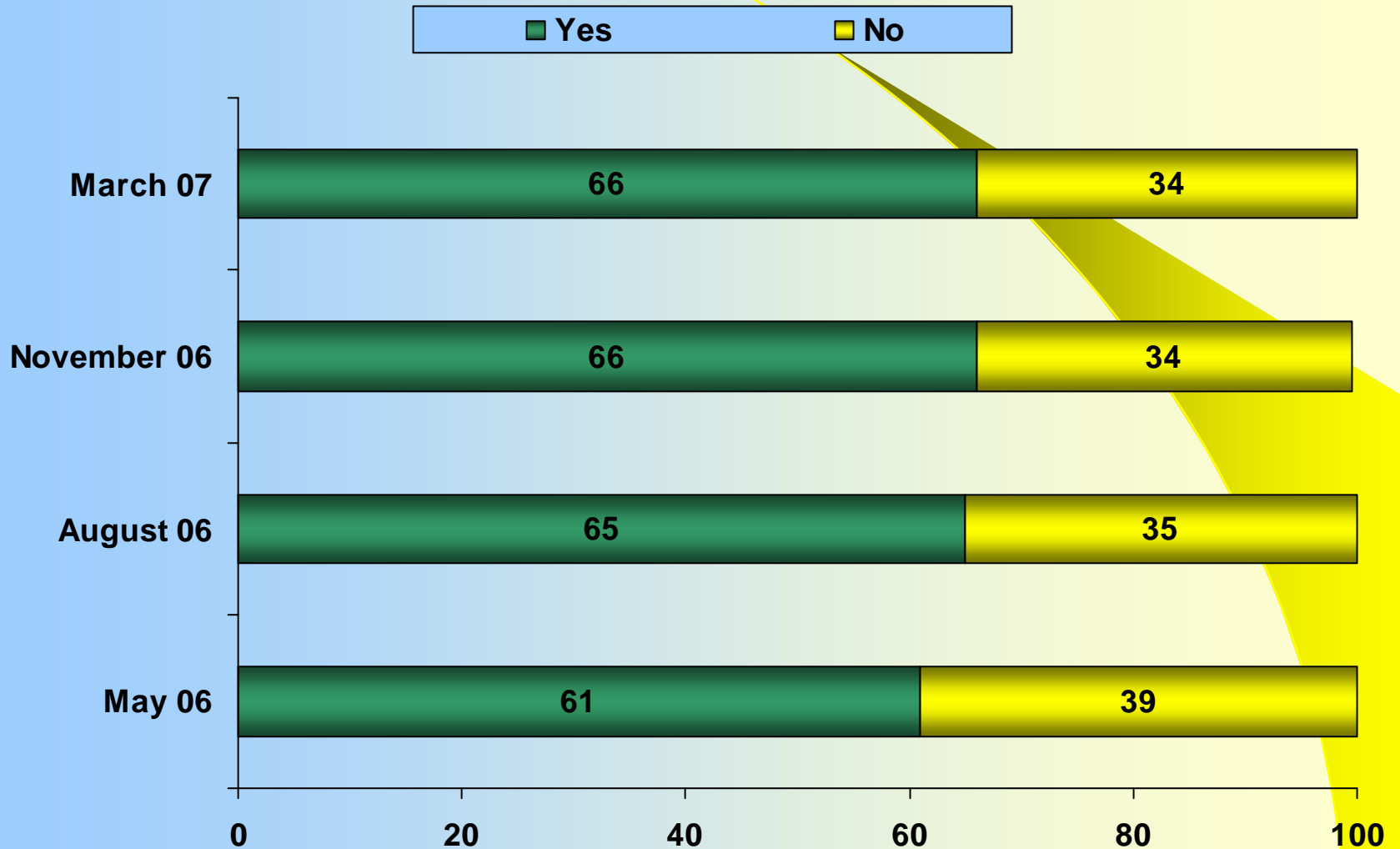
# In your opinion, does the presence of a Russian military base in Armenia have a positive or negative influence on Armenian independence and stability in the country?



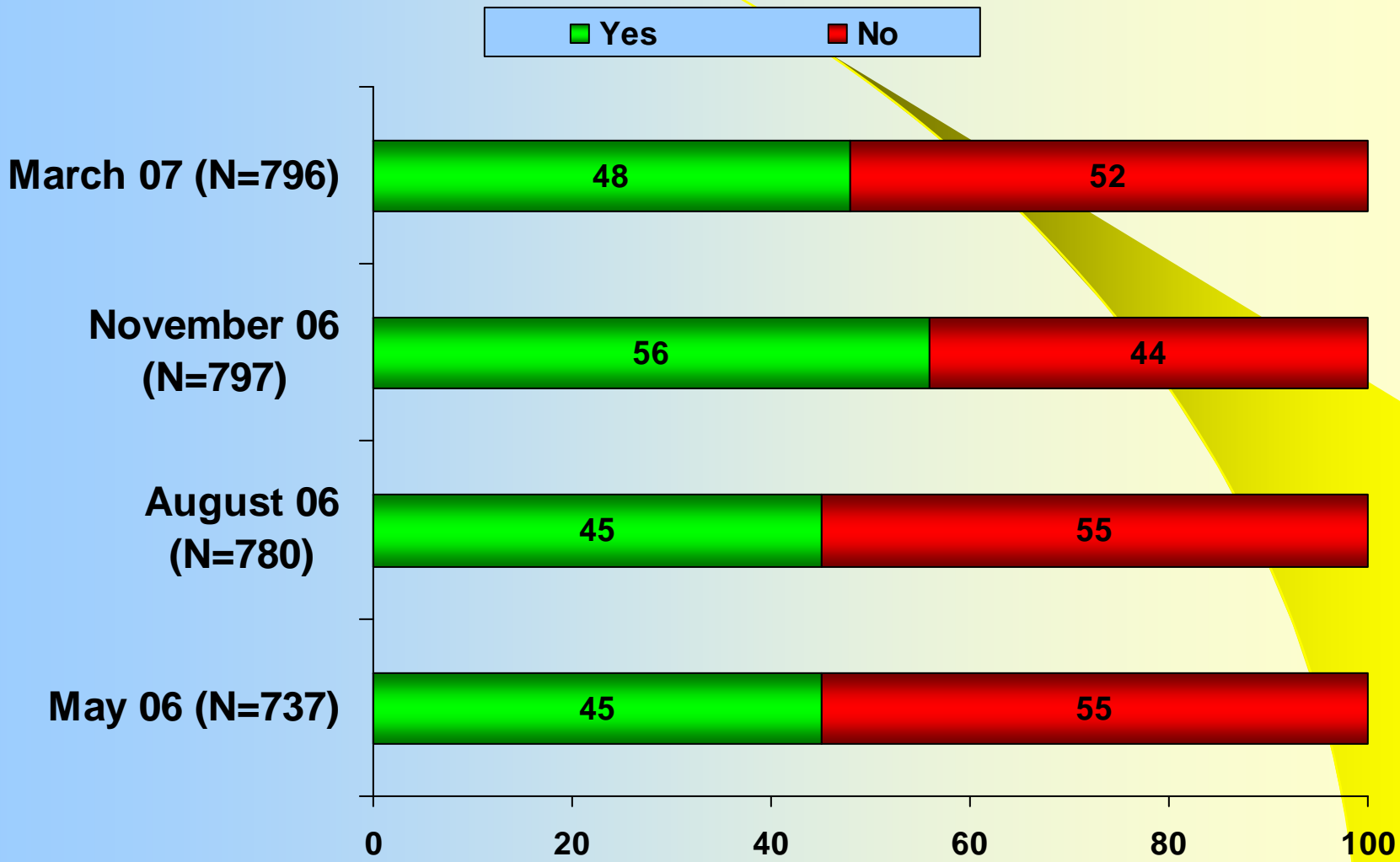
# Should the government of Armenia agree to open the border for trade, etc., with Turkey even if the Turkish government does not recognize the genocide?



# Do you have friends or relatives working abroad?

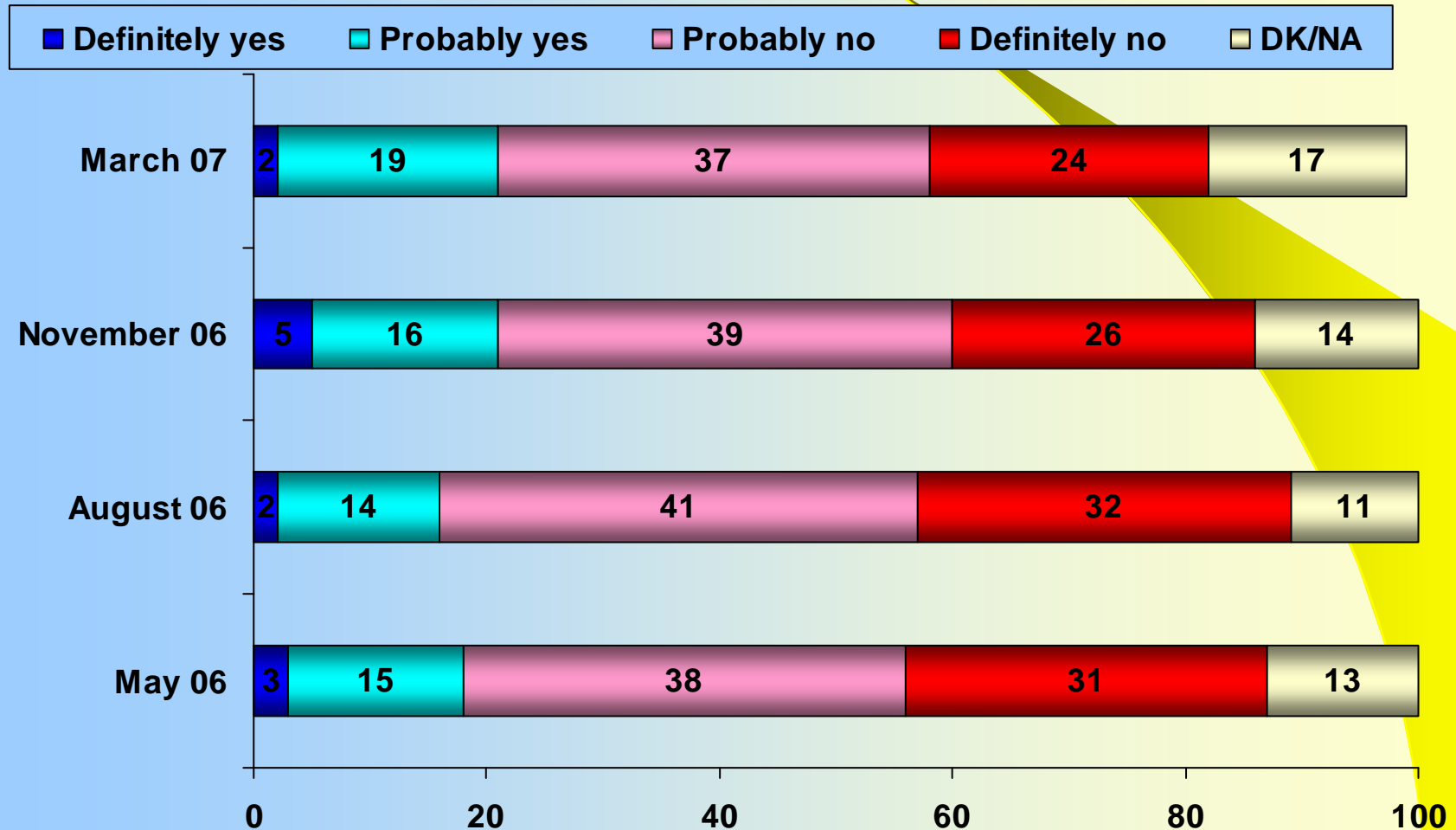


# Do you personally benefit from remittances being sent from friends or relatives working abroad? (those who have friends or relatives abroad, %)



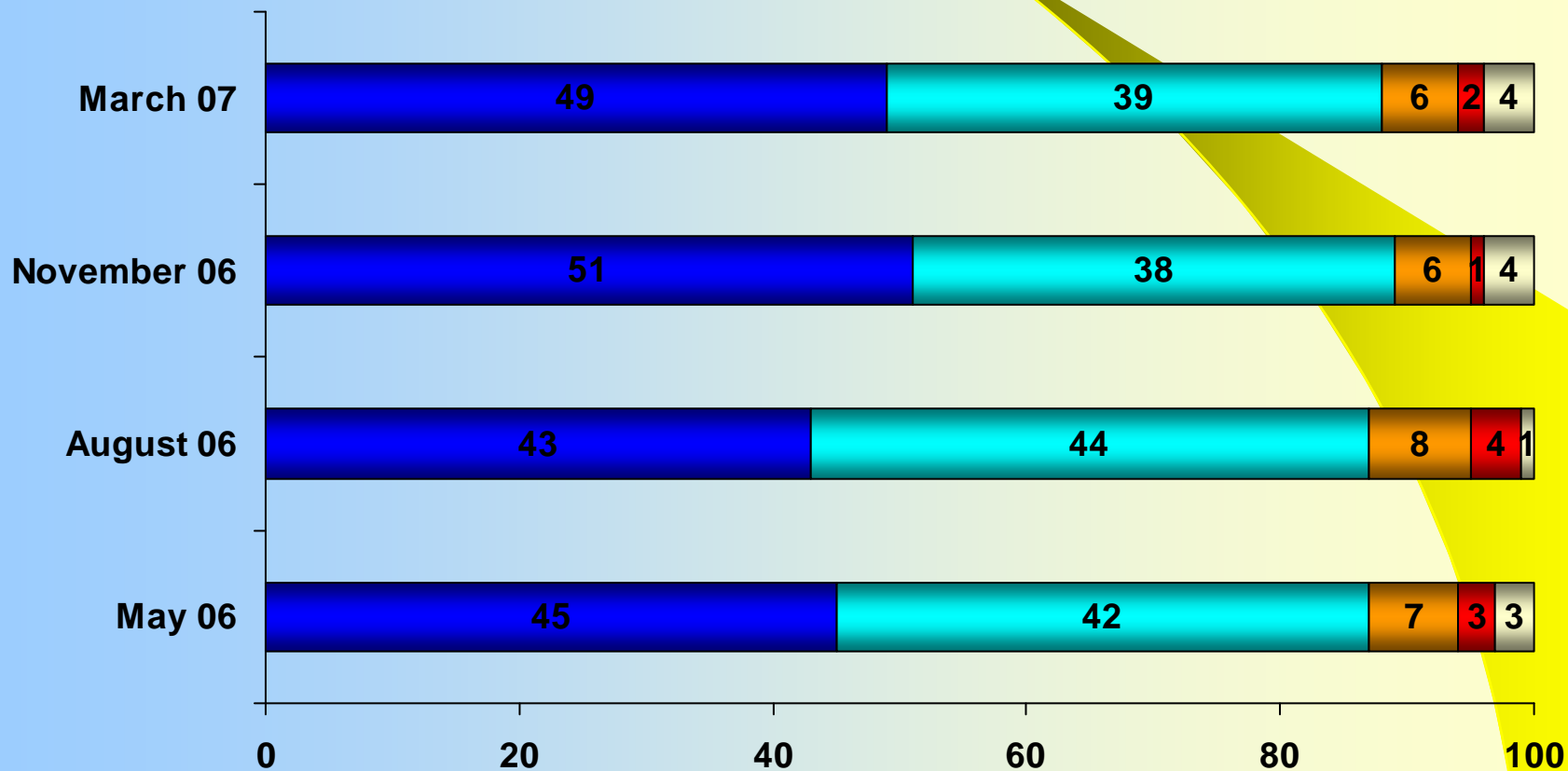


# Is a peaceful revolution, like what happened in other Commonwealth of Independent States countries, likely in Armenia? (%)



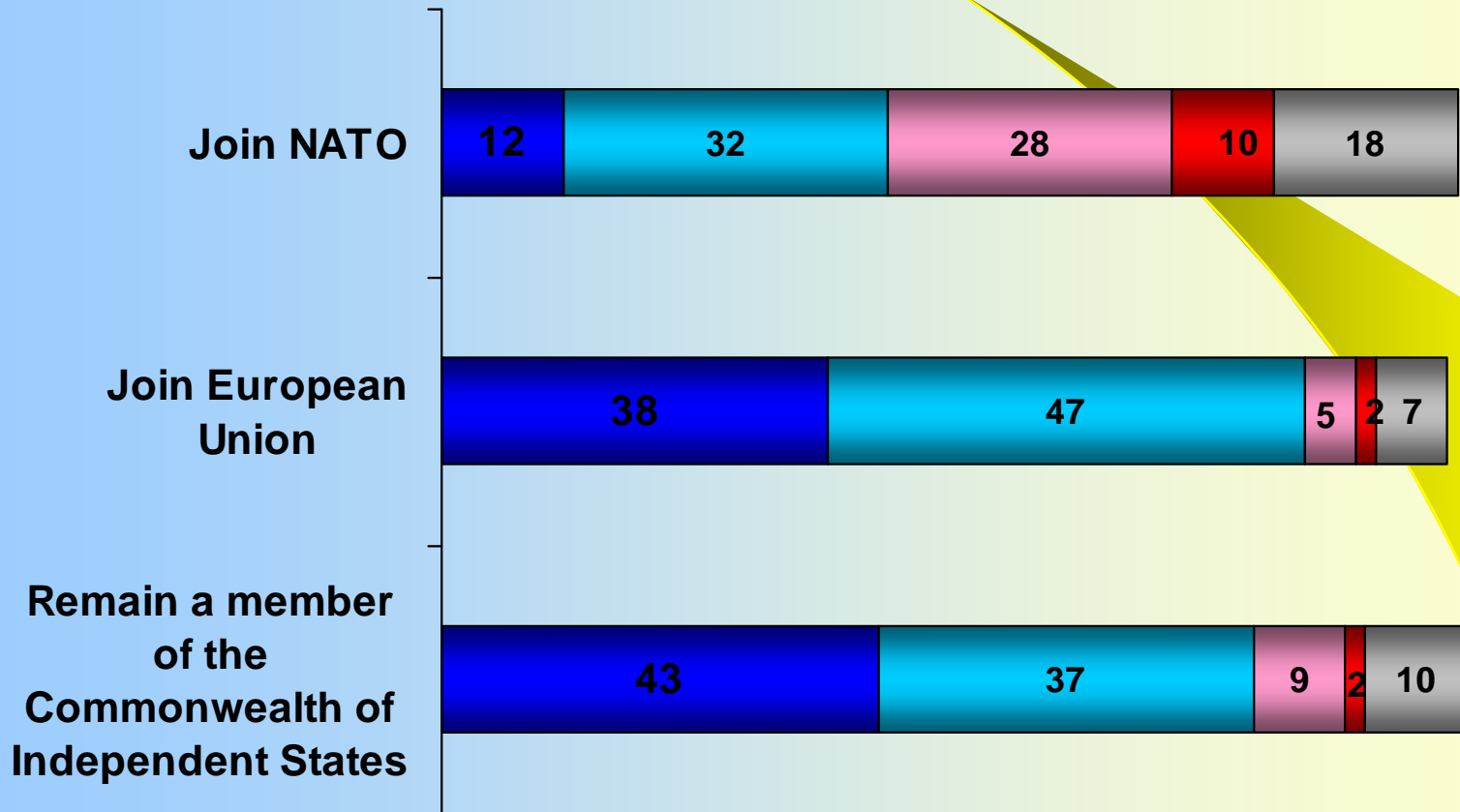
# Do you think Russia is a trustworthy ally of Armenia? (%)

■ Definitely yes  
 ■ Probably yes  
 ■ Probably no  
 ■ Definitely no  
 ■ DK/NA



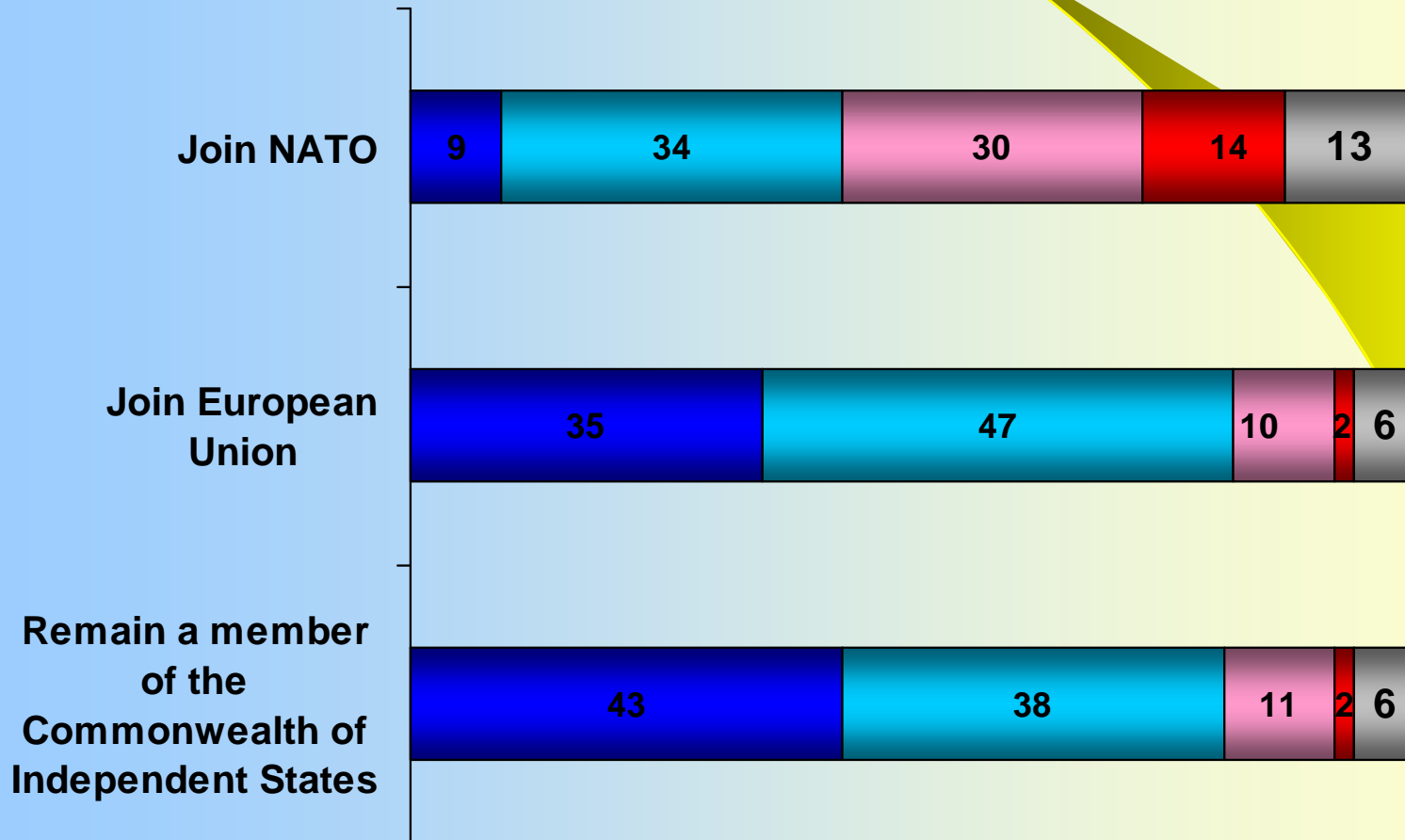
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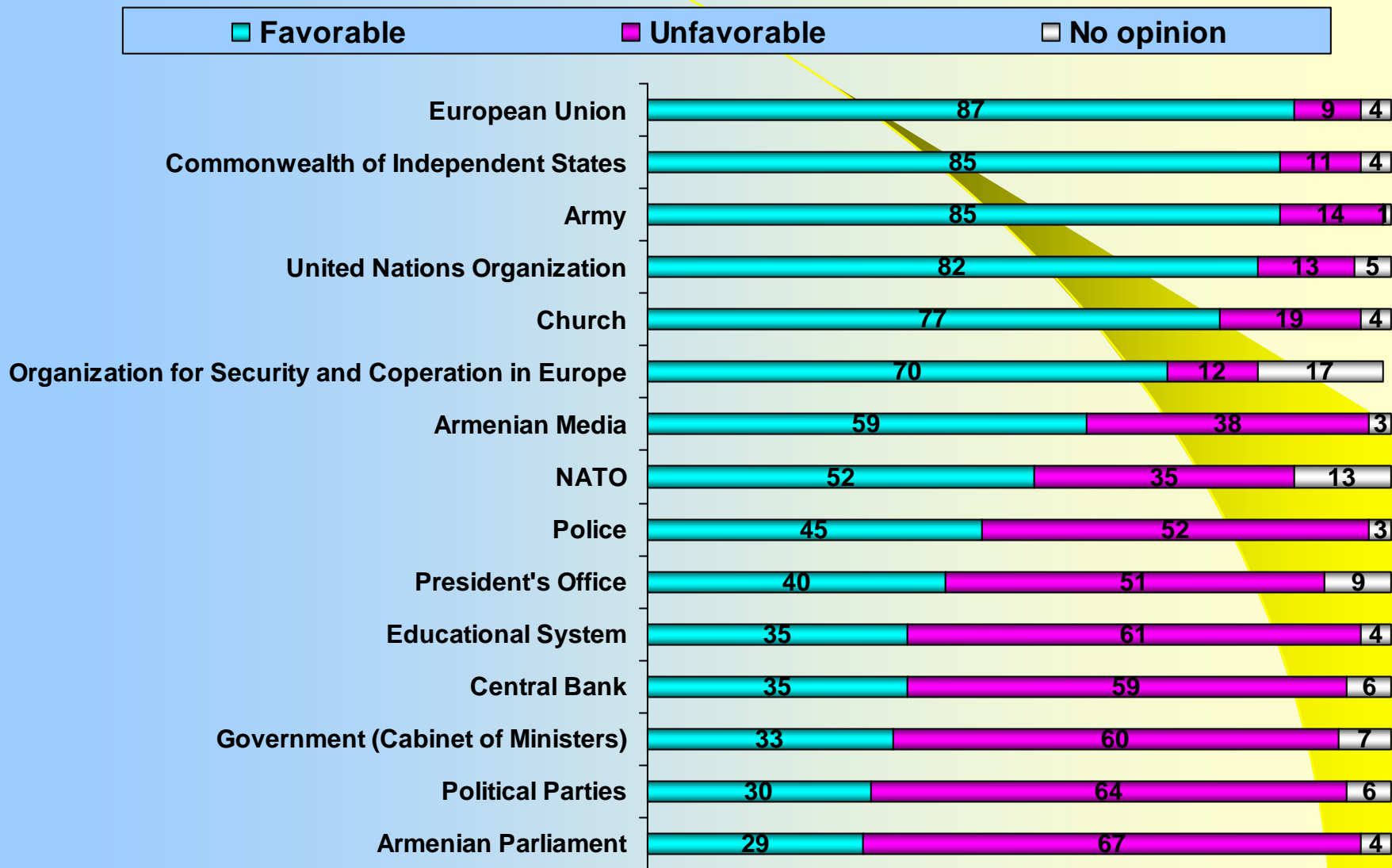
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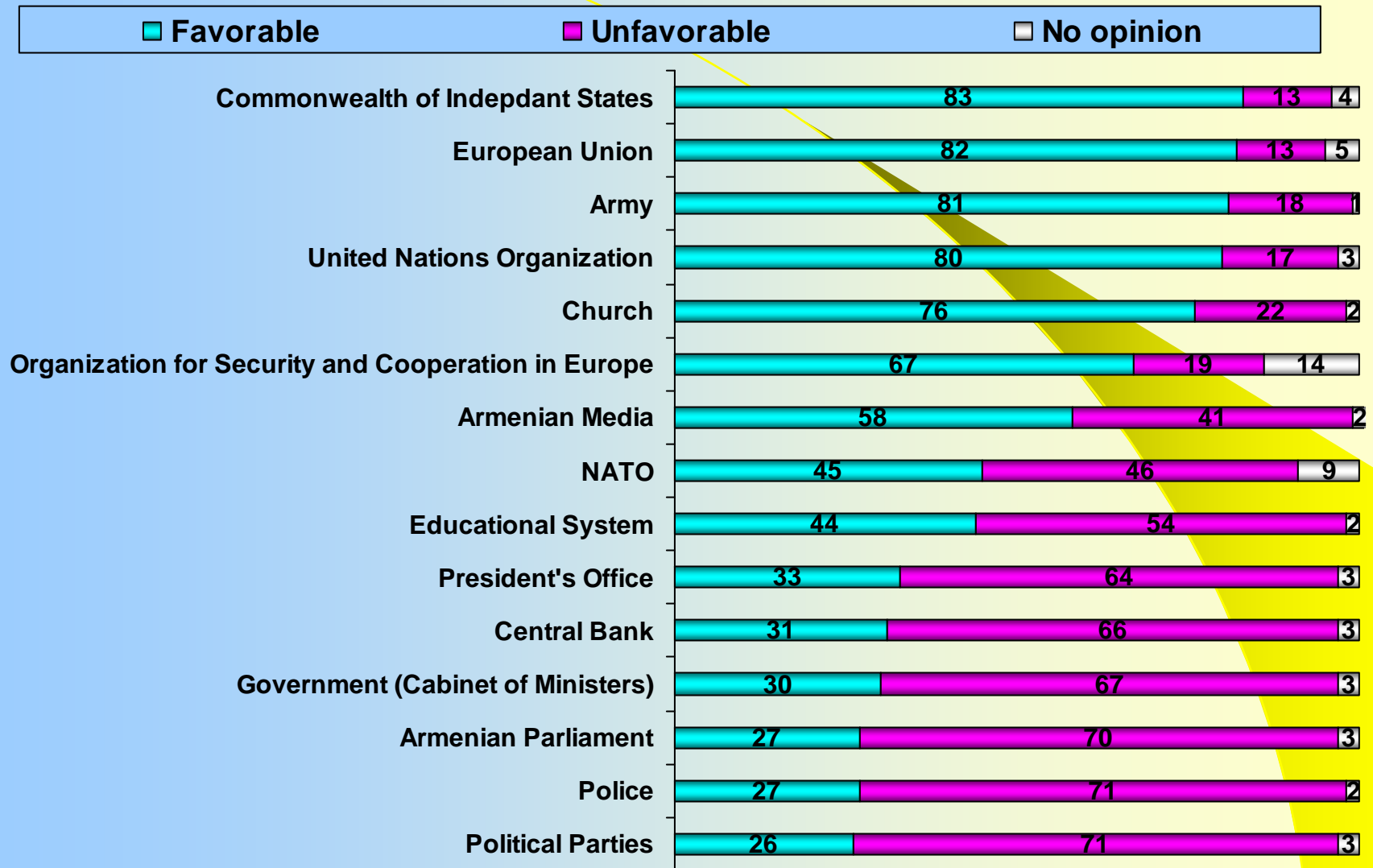


# INSTITUTIONS

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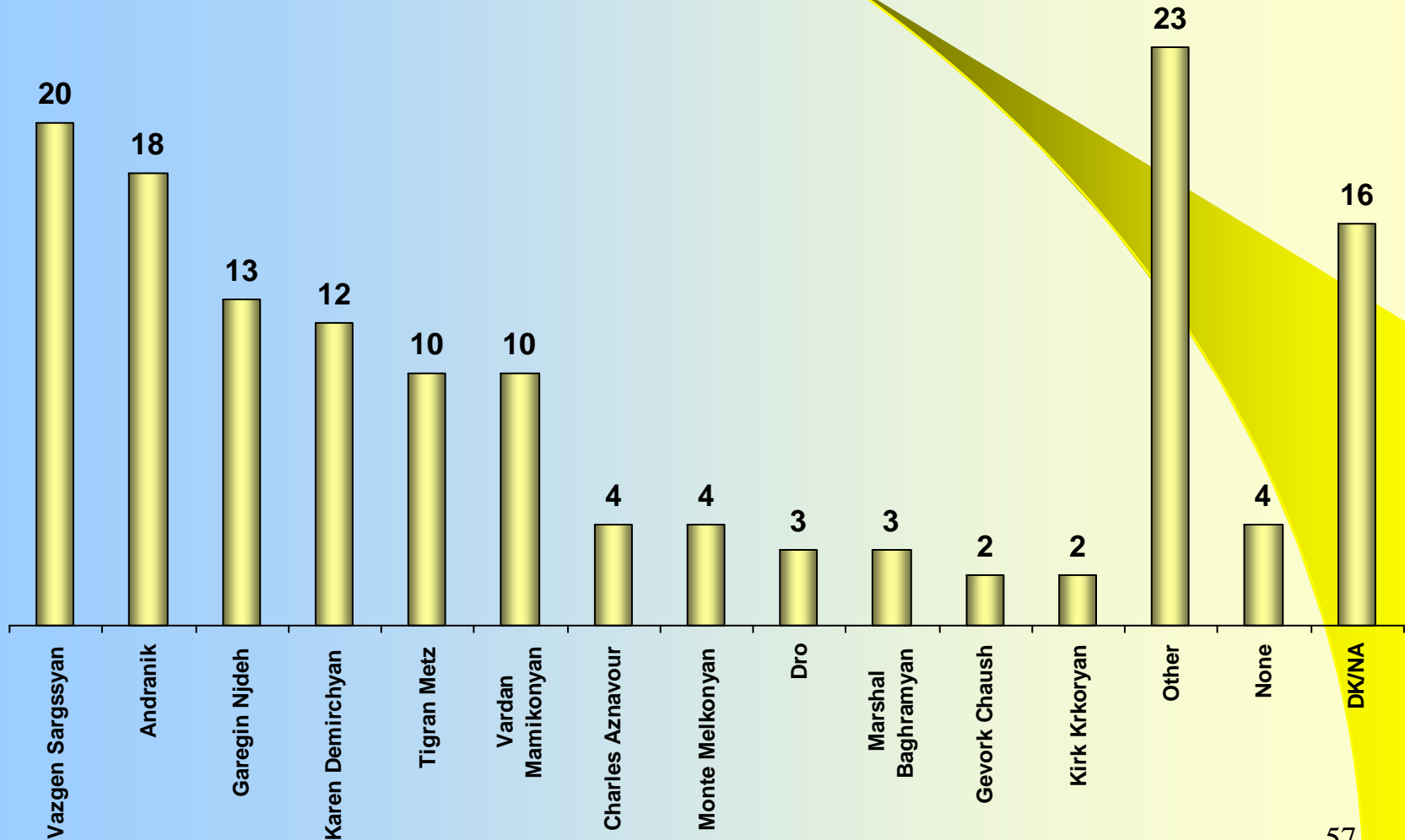
# HEROES OF OUR TIMES



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Of the prominent Armenian people and characters in Armenian history and folk culture, who is most suitable to be a national hero or leader in the present? (Open-ended question, %).

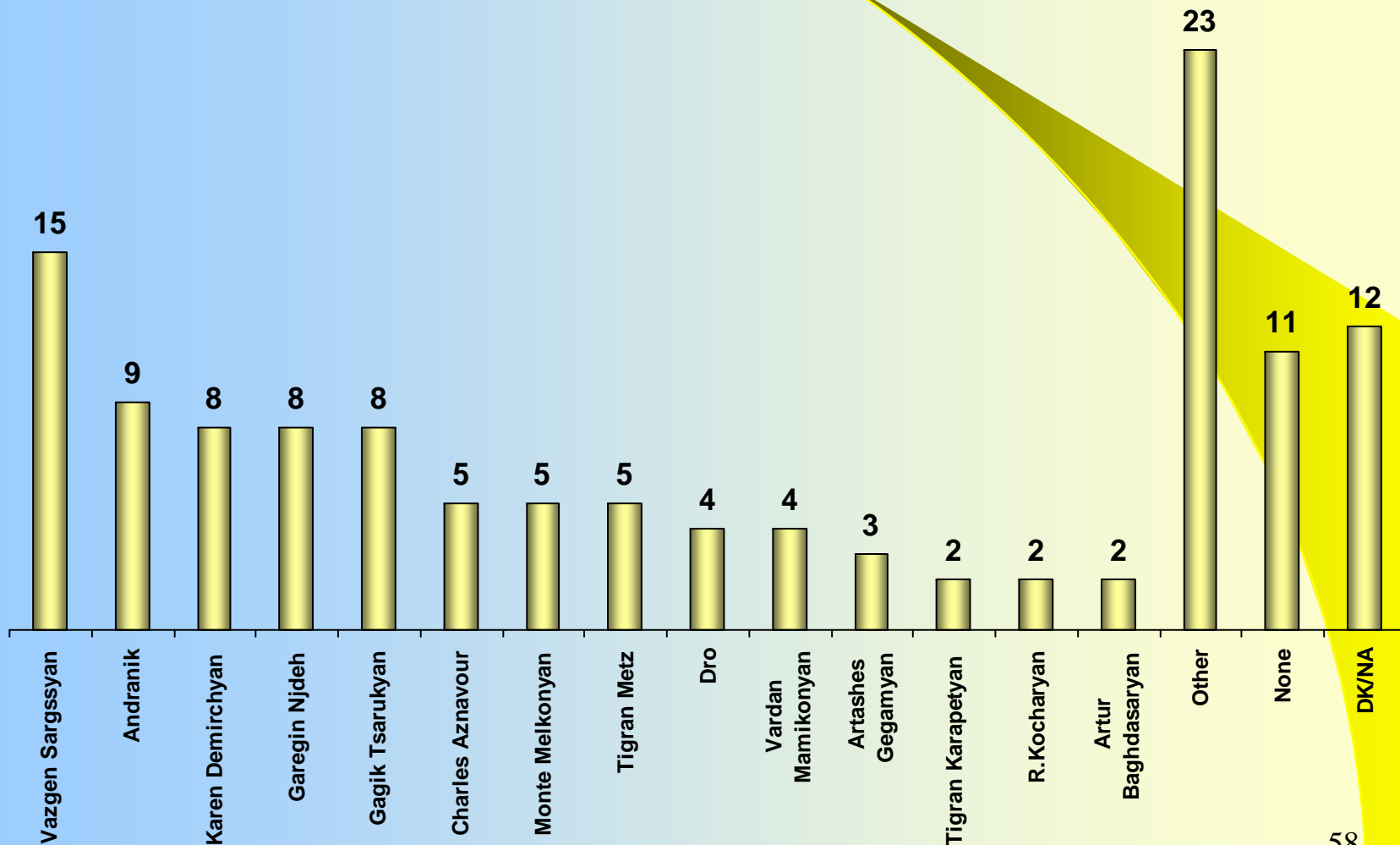
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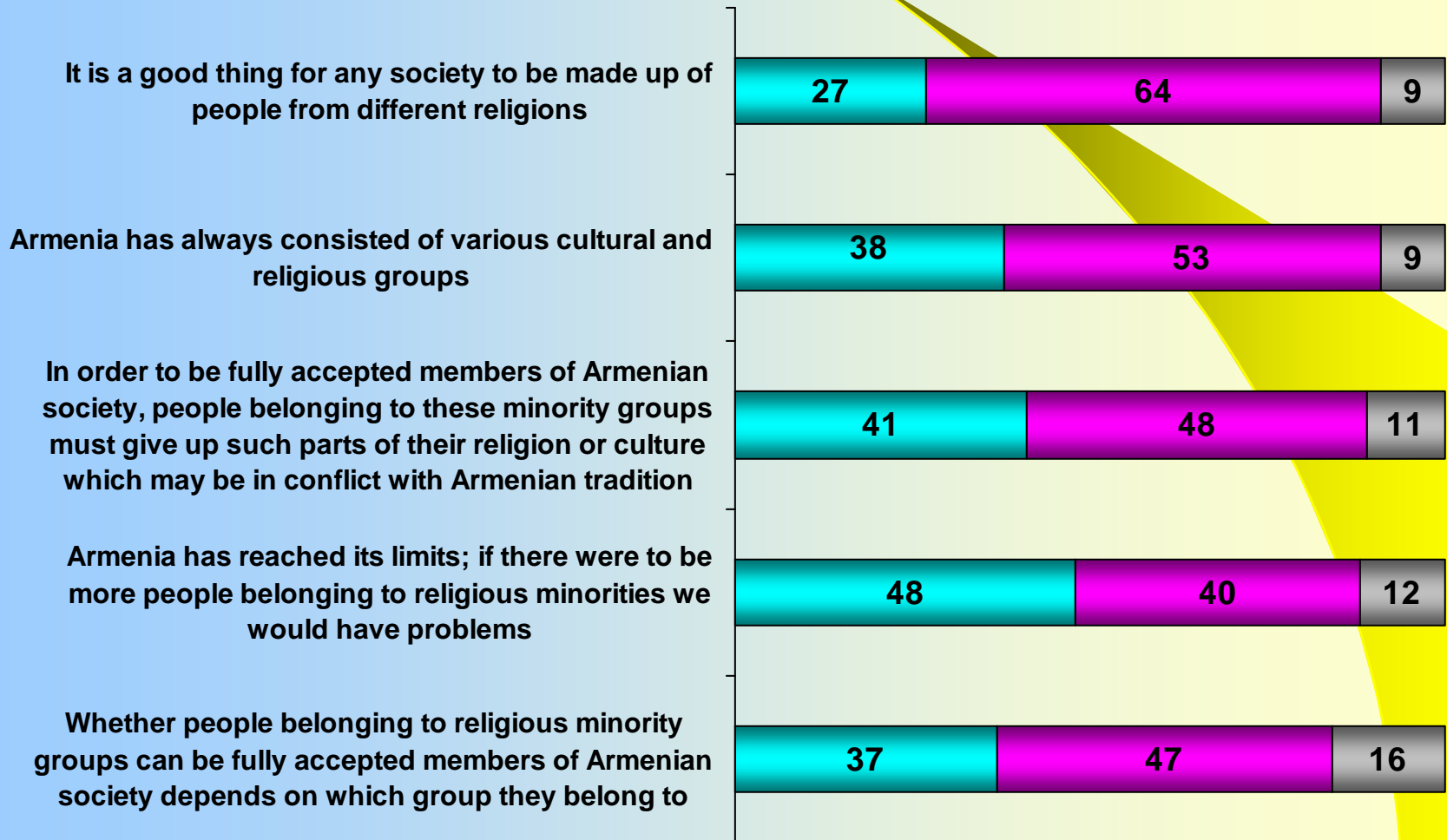
# Tolerance

## March 2007 (%)

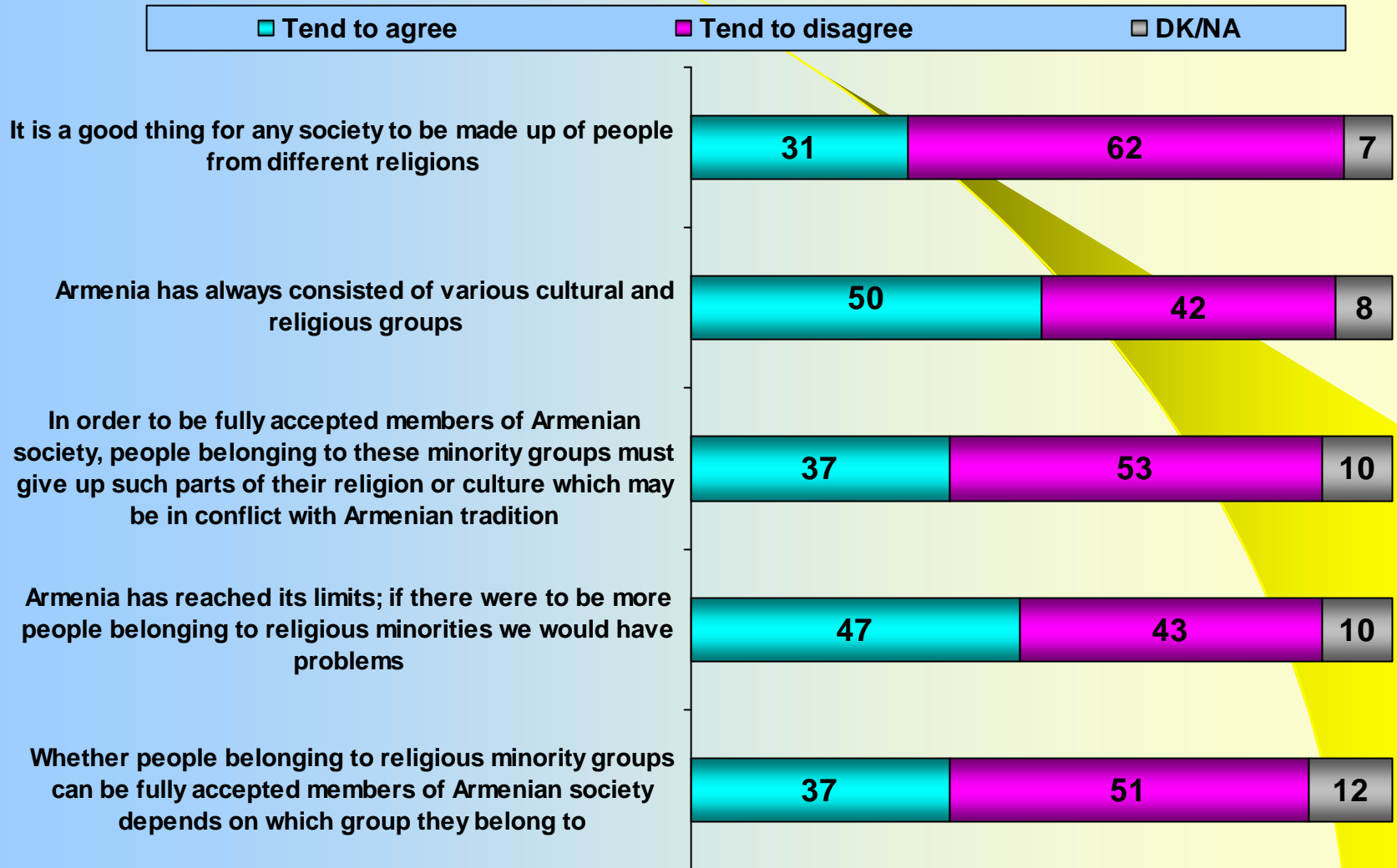
■ Tend to agree

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■ DK/NA

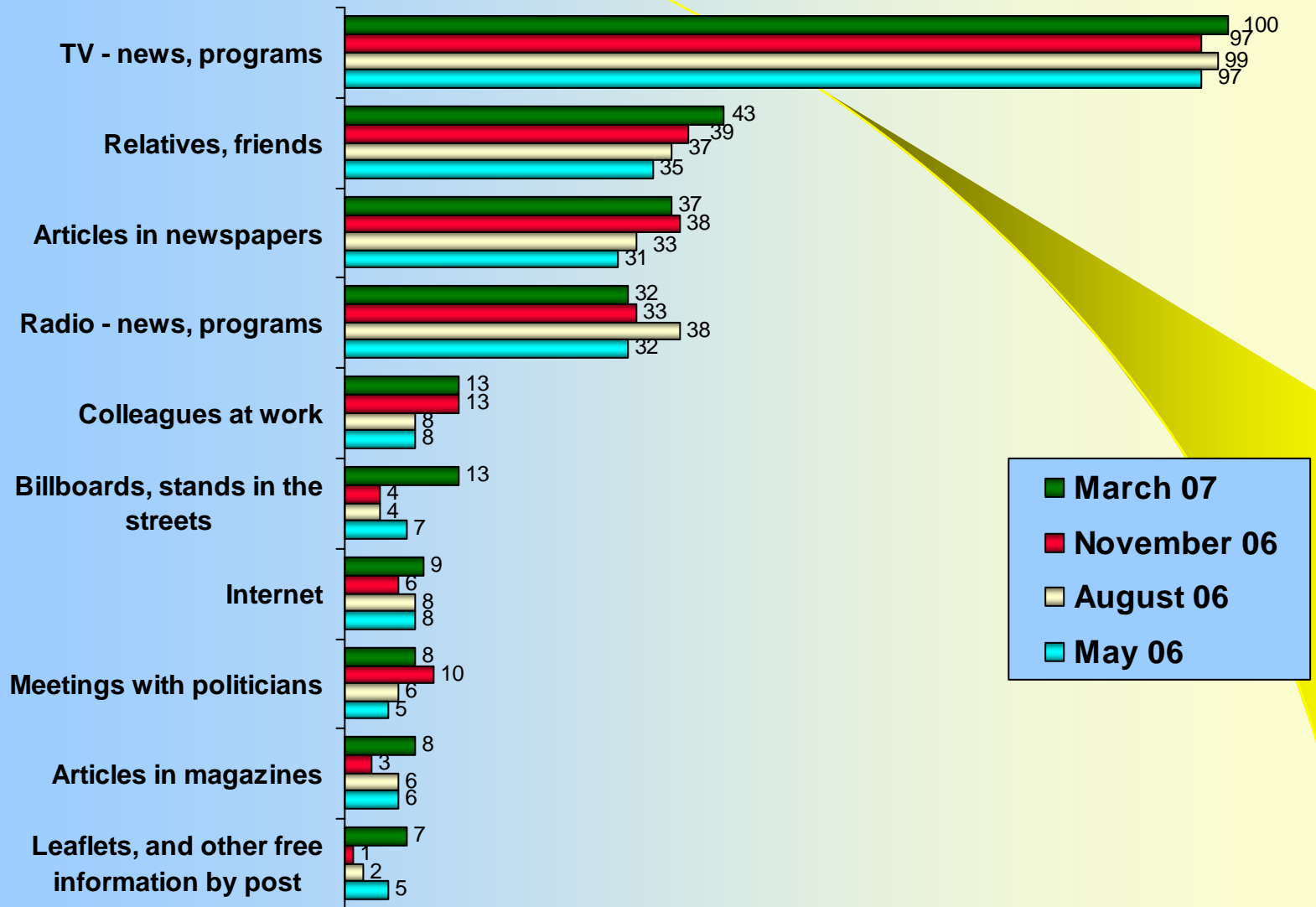


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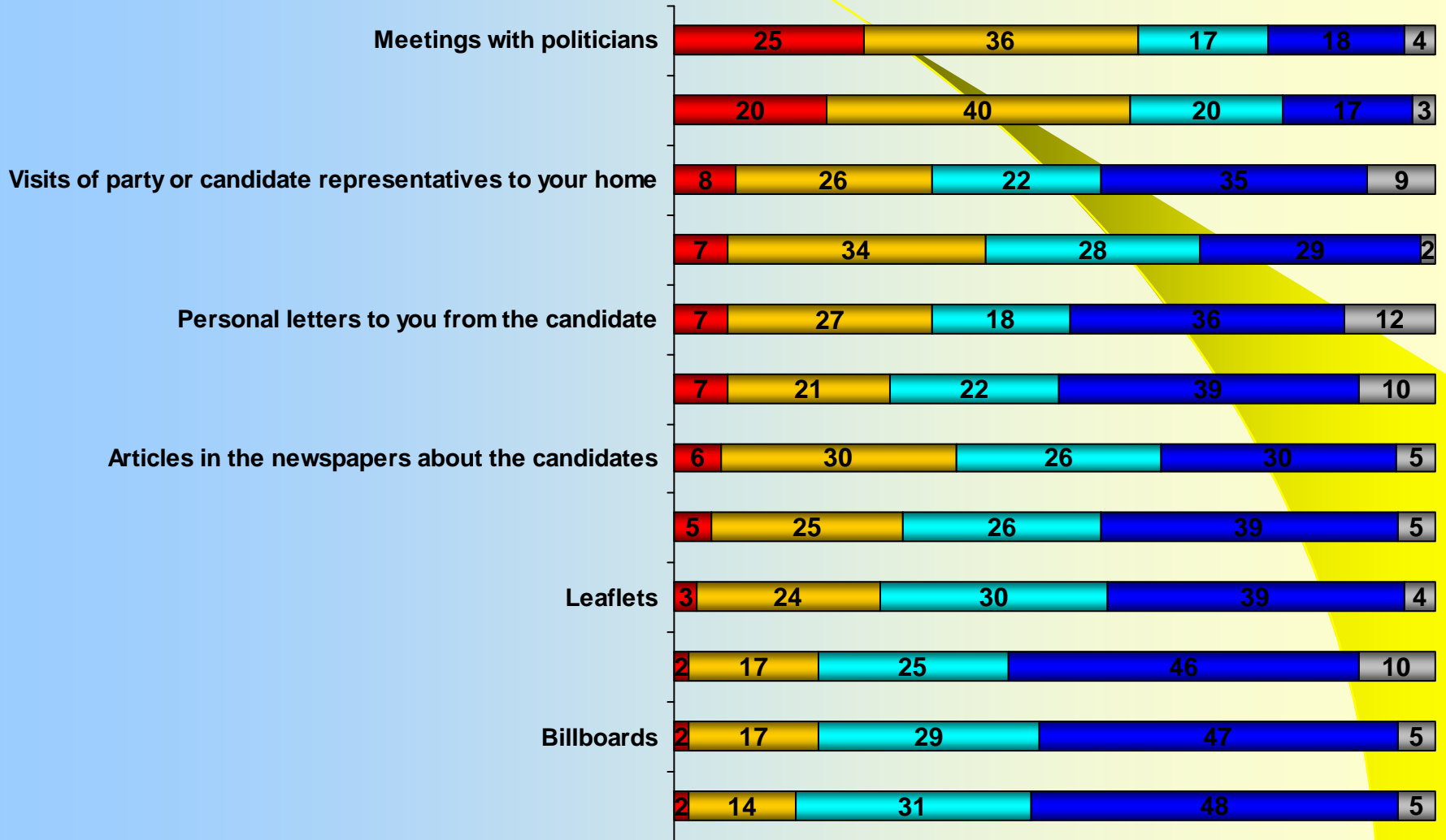
# Sources of Political Information (%)



# Sources of Information in Election Campaigns

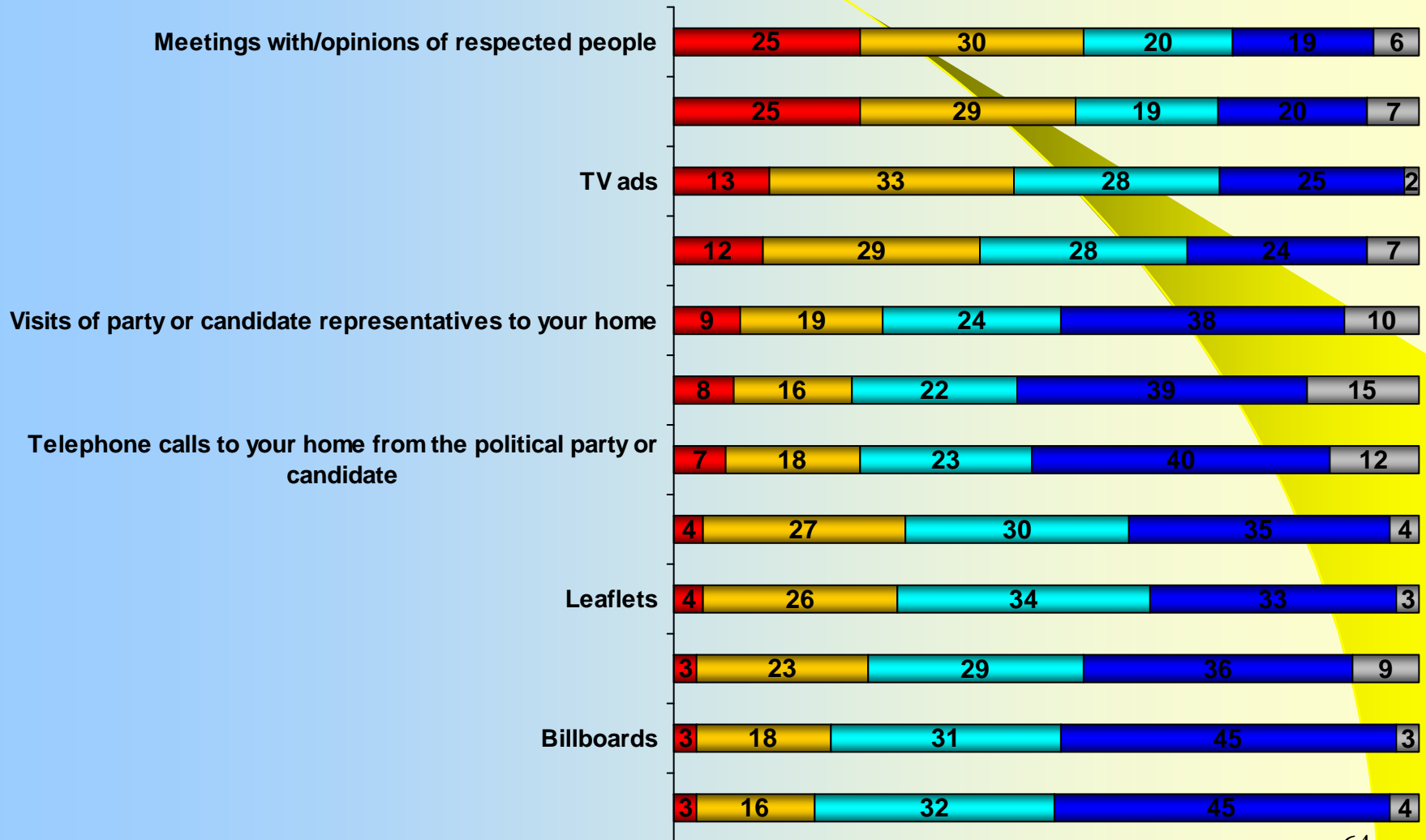
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■ Great influence 
 ■ Some influence 
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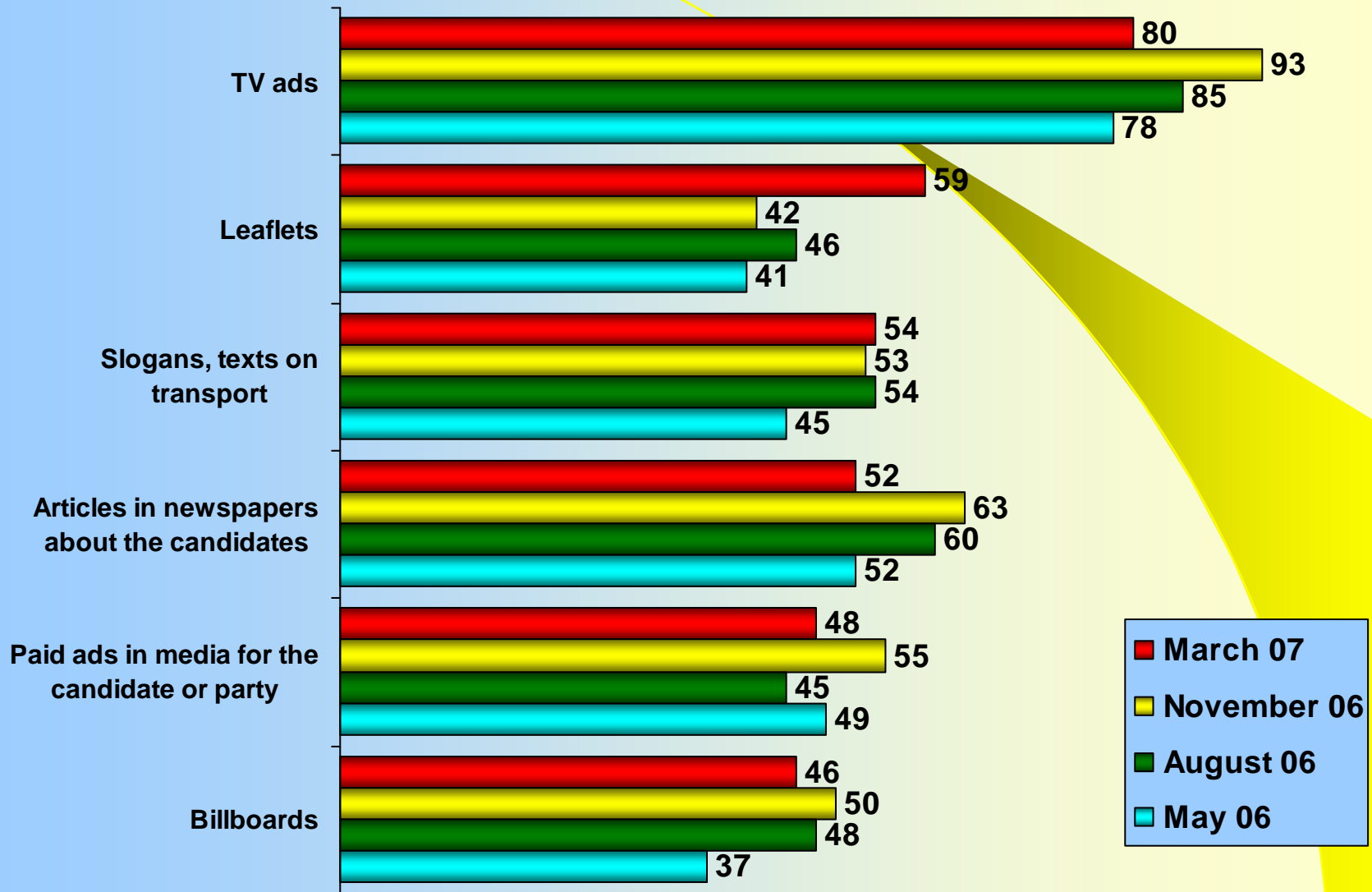
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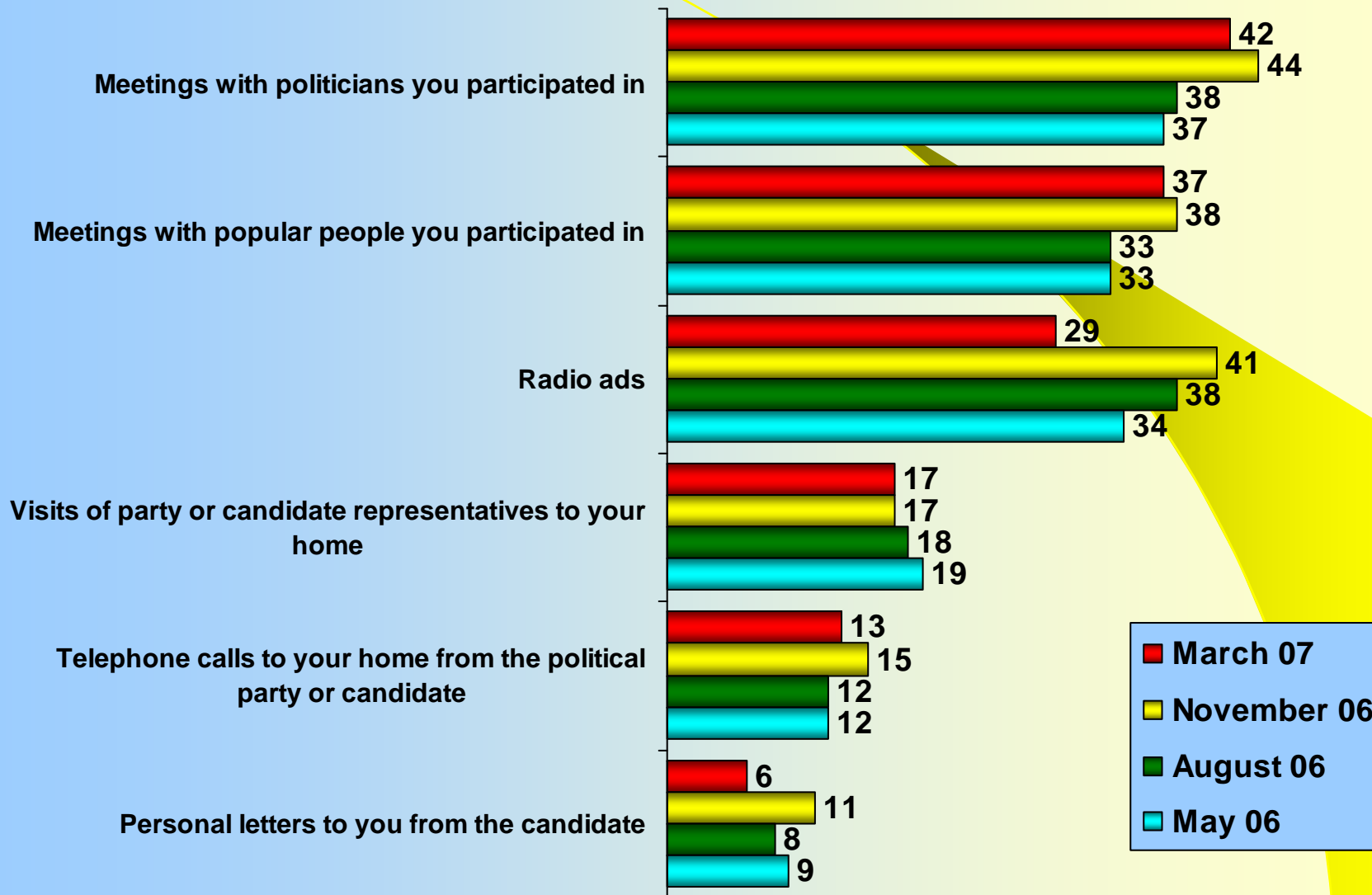




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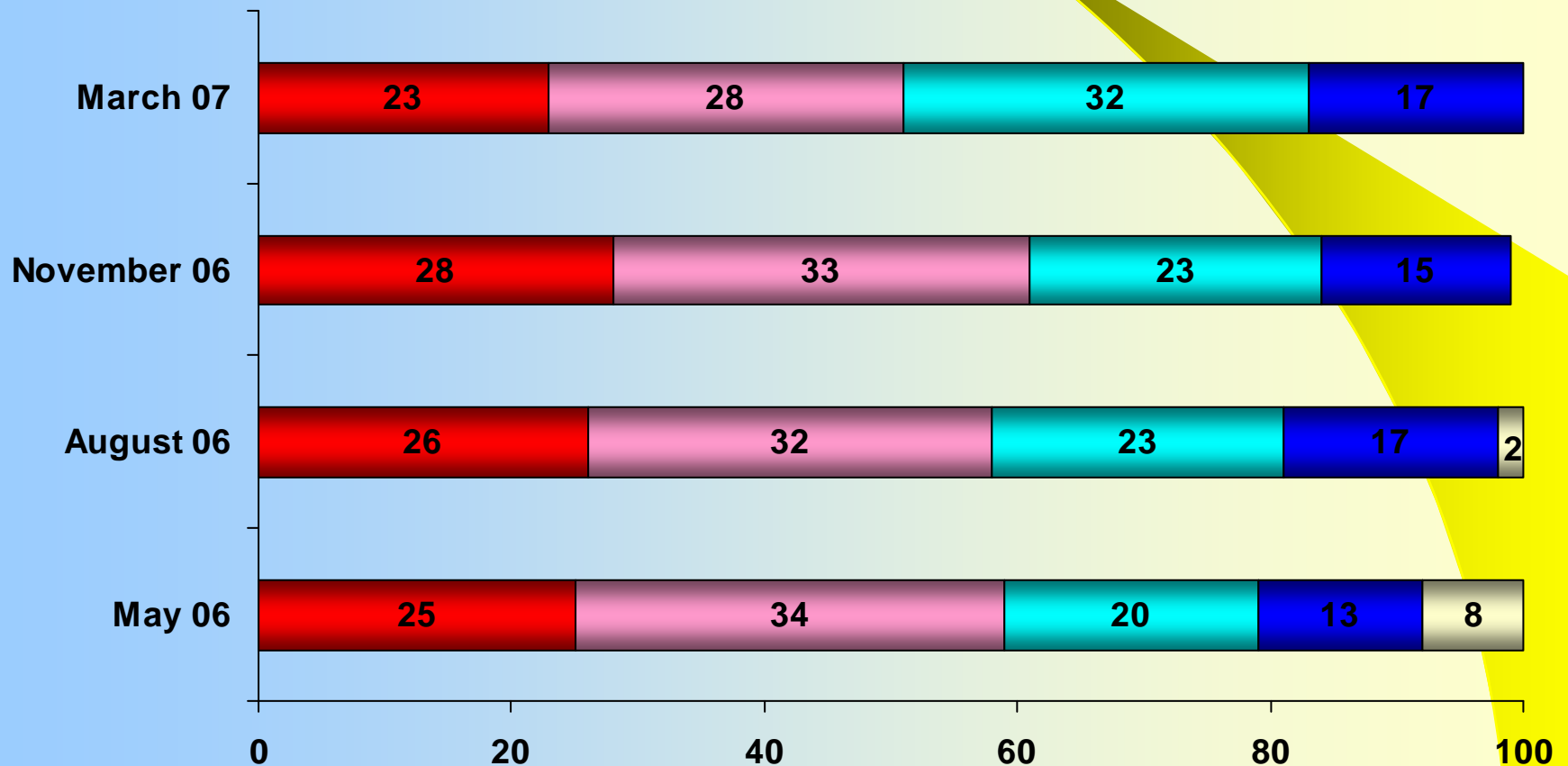


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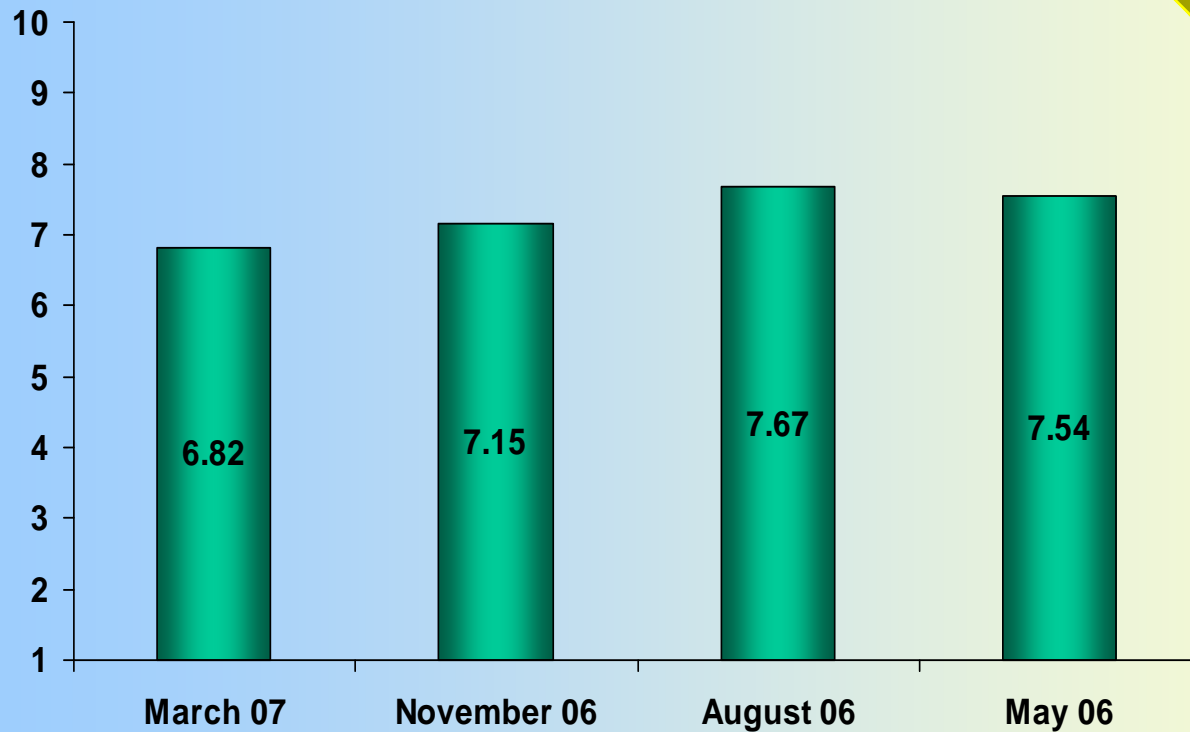
# In your opinion, are people in Armenia afraid to openly express their political views?

■ Majority are afraid ■ Many are afraid ■ Some are afraid ■ Nobody is afraid ■ DK/NA



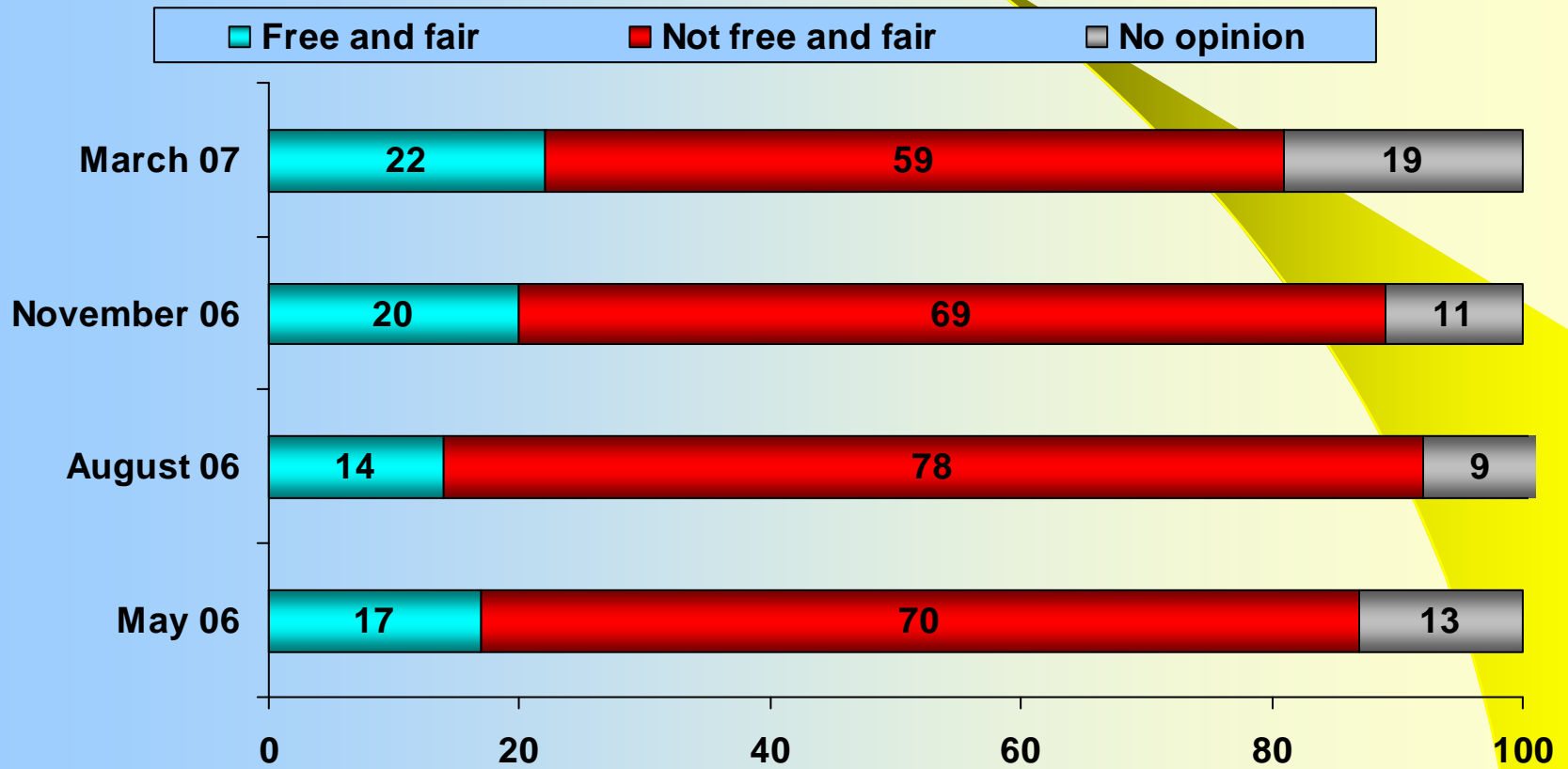
# Trust in Elections

How fraudulent was the referendum of 2005?  
(10 - very fraudulent, 1 - not at all fraudulent)



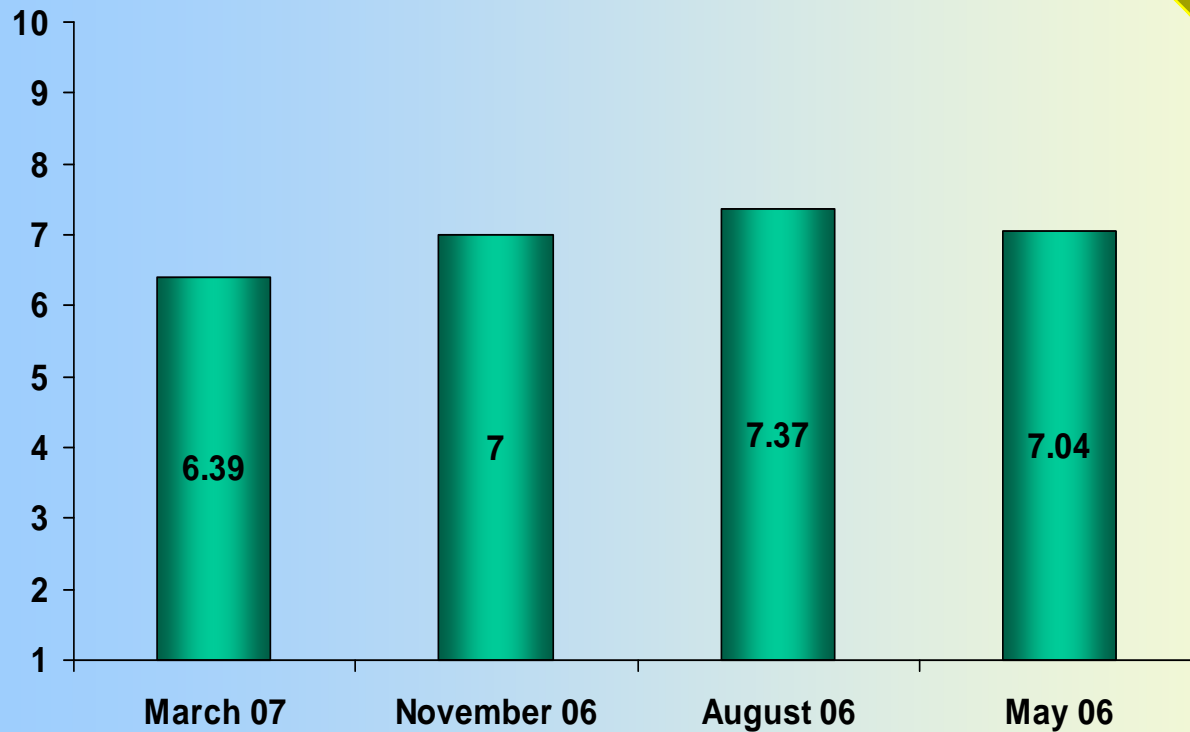
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The next parliamentary elections will be (%)



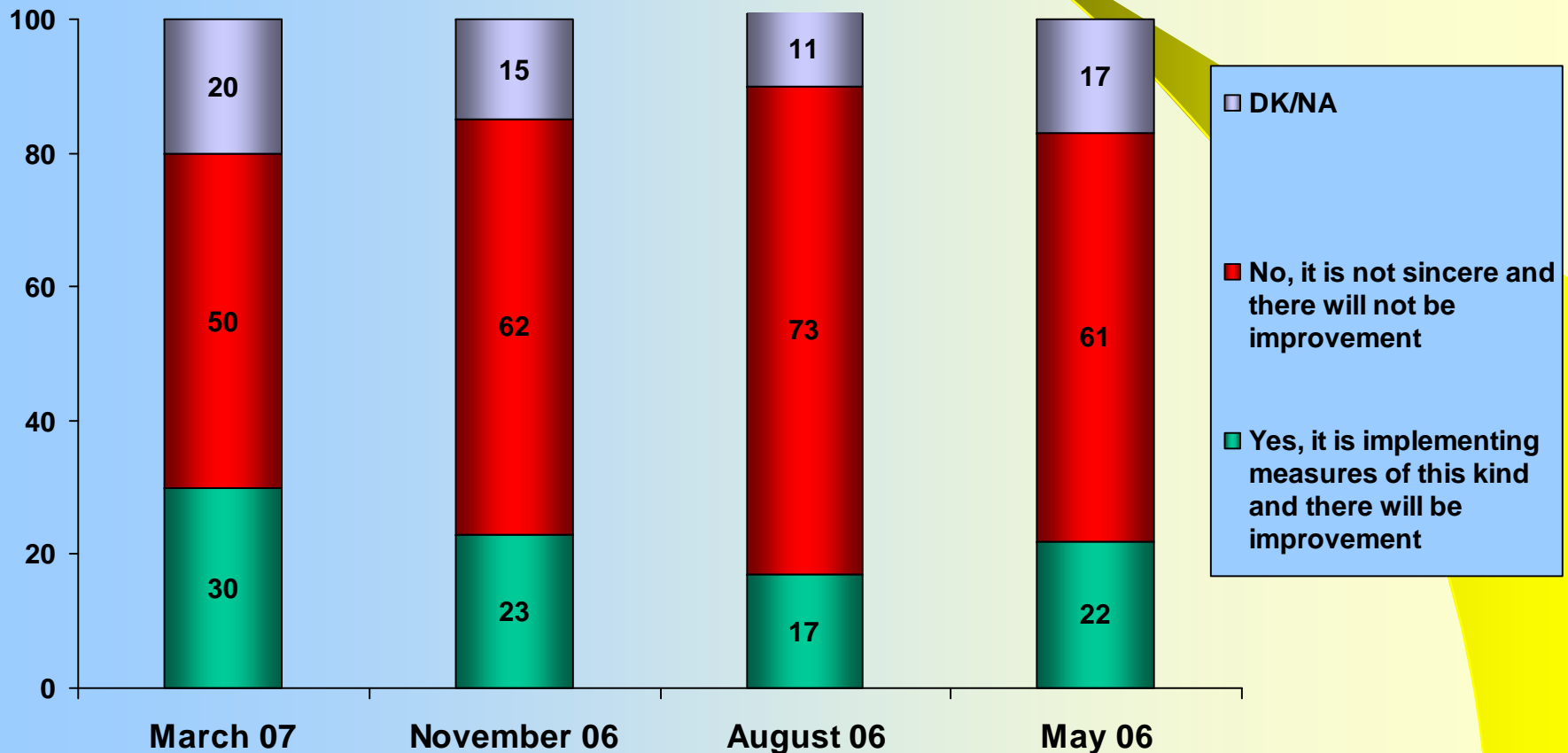
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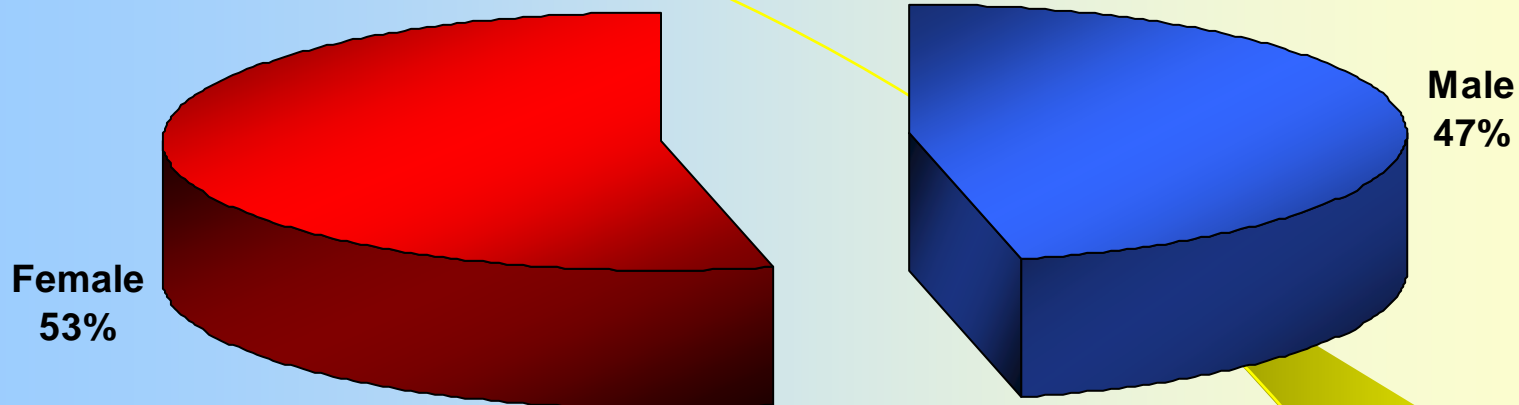
Do you think that the Armenian government is implementing anti-fraud measures for the parliamentary elections and that they will indeed be free and fair?



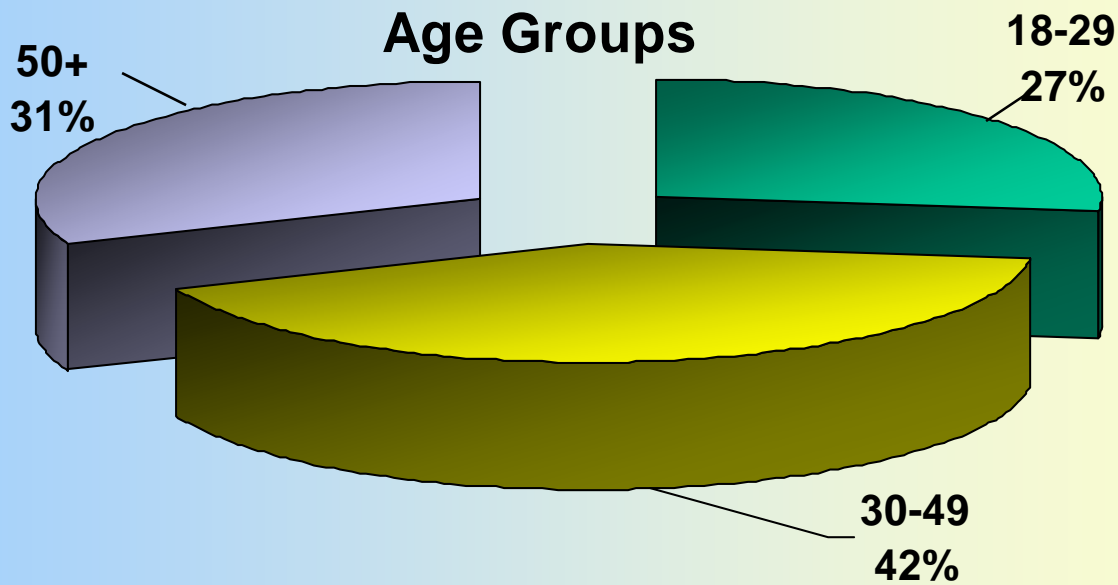
# **SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS**



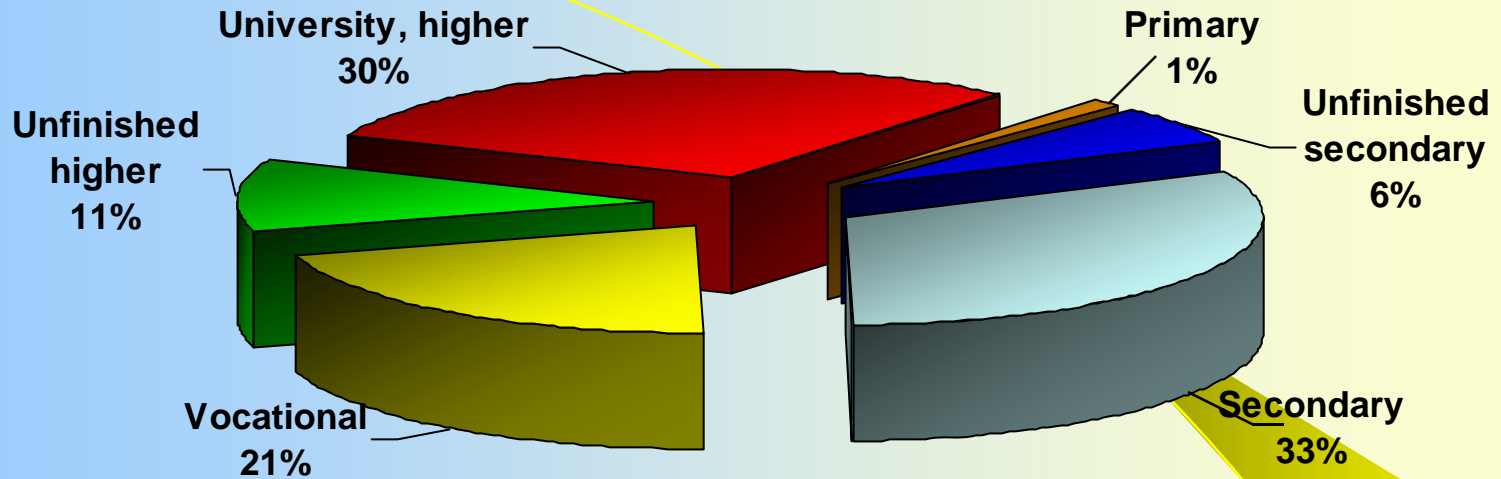
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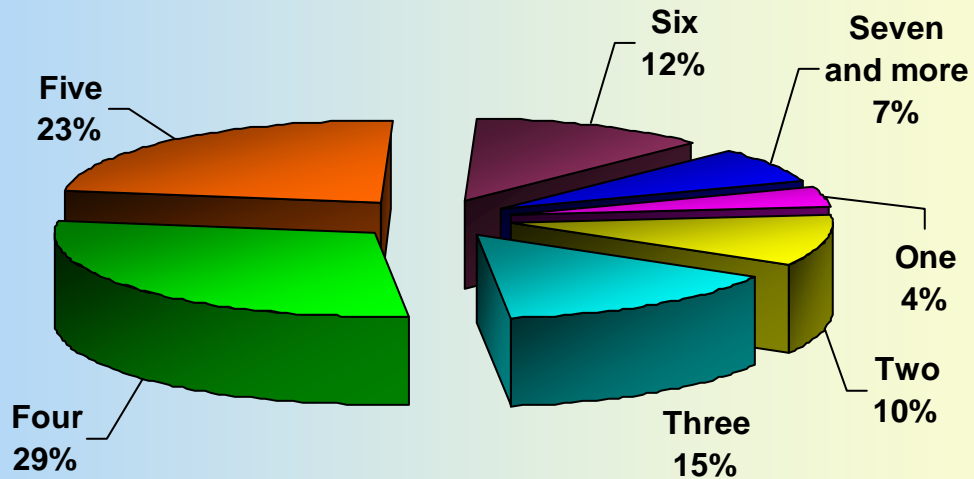
## Age Groups



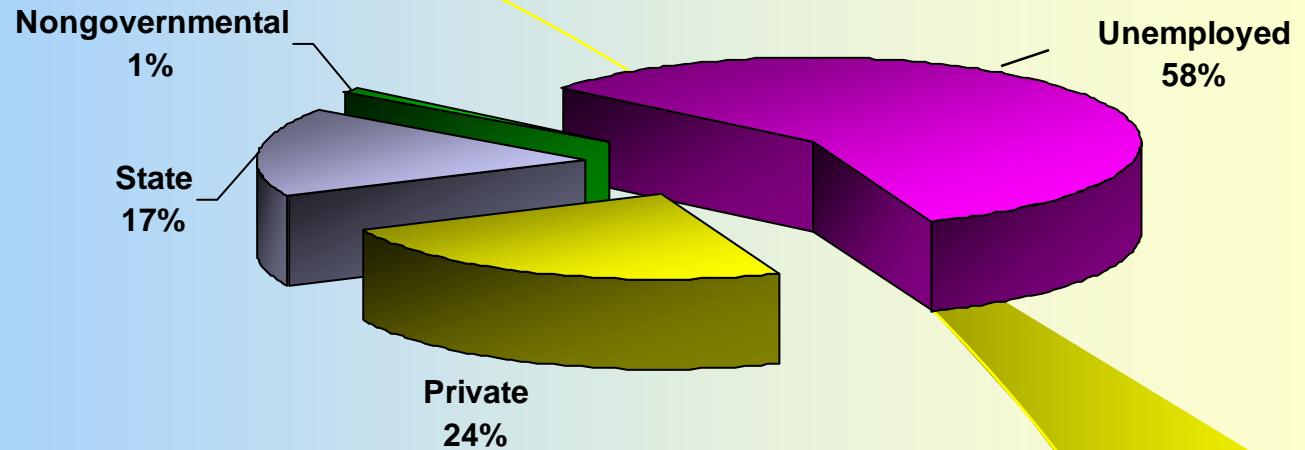
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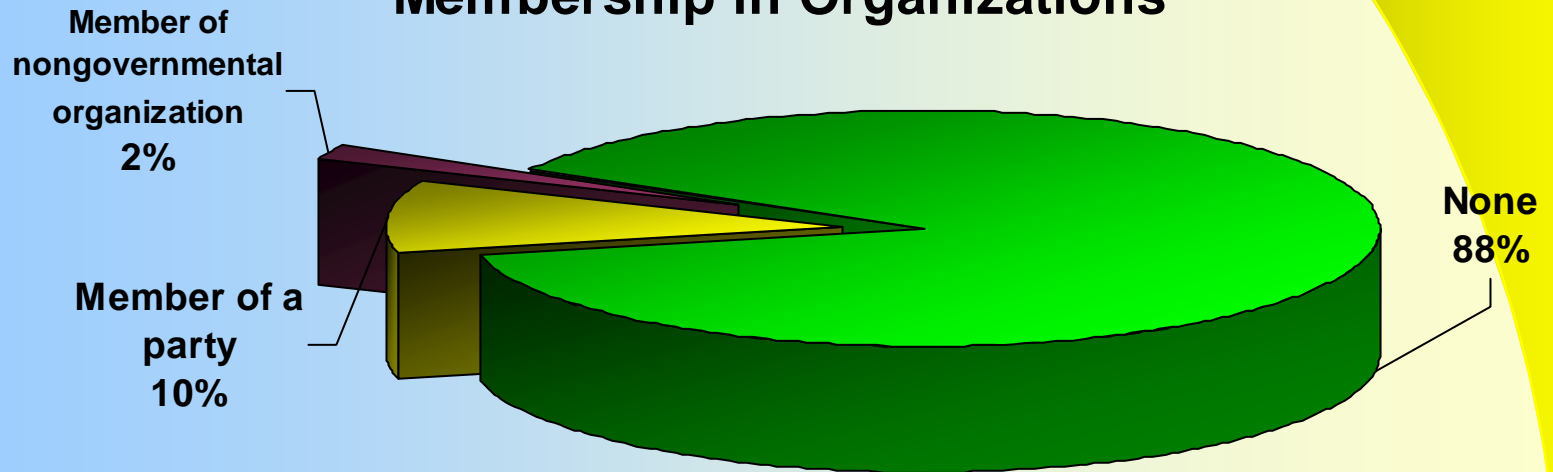
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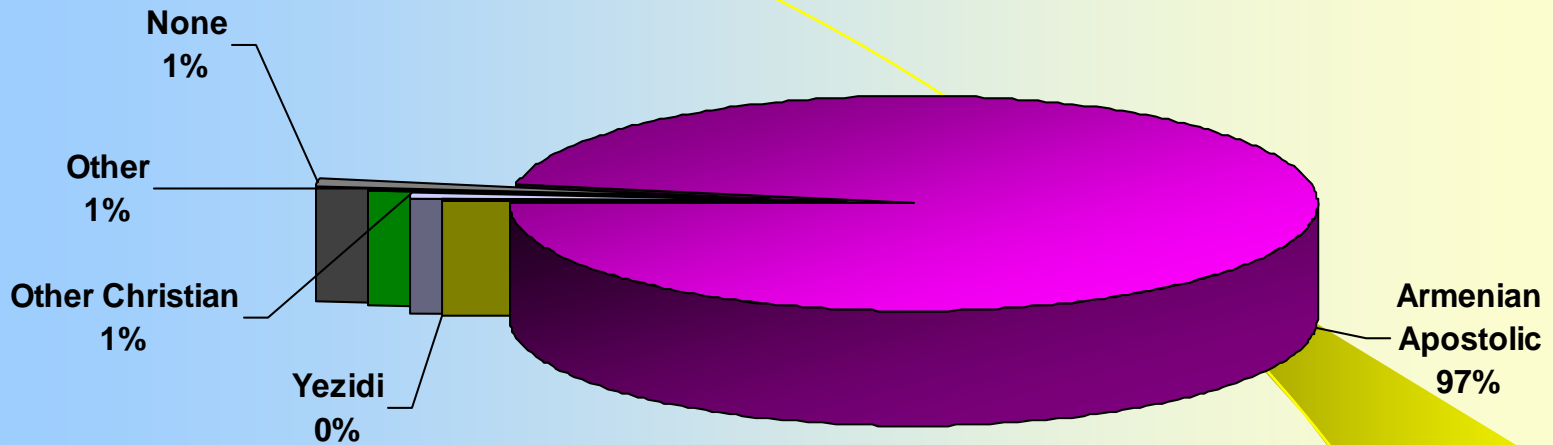
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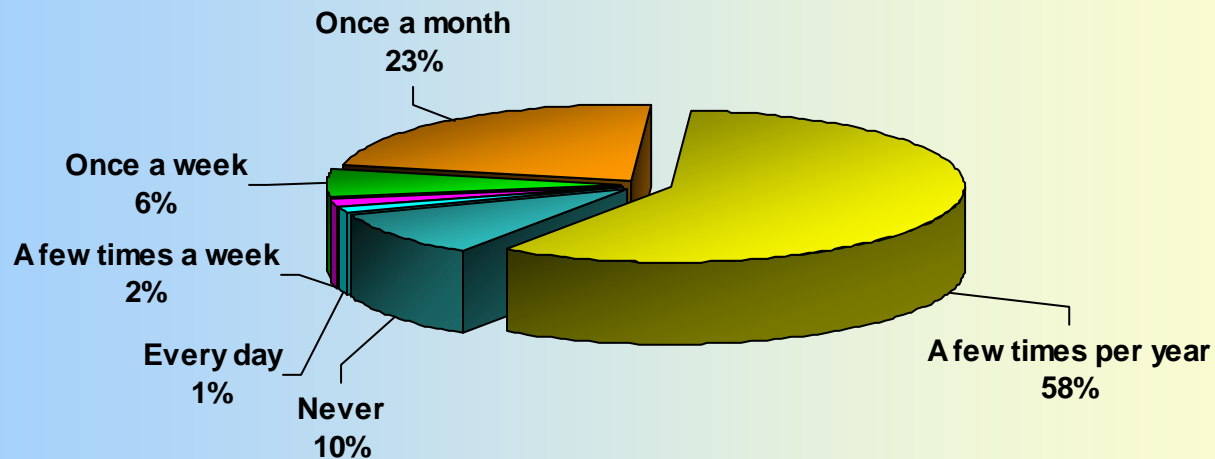
## Membership in Organizations



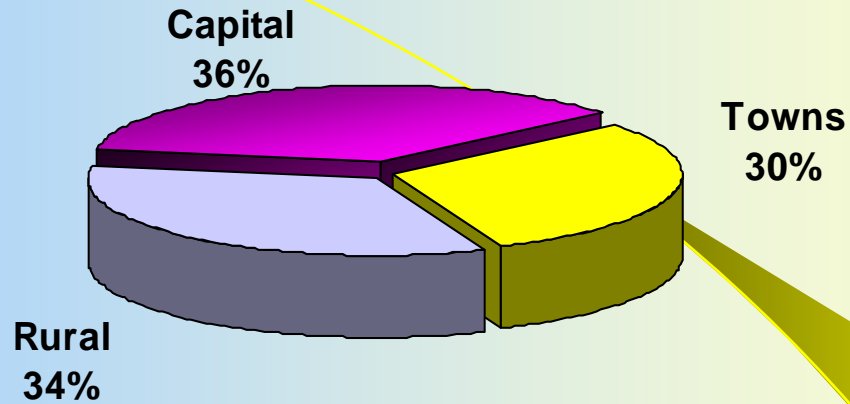
## Religion



## Attendance of Religious Service



## Area of Residence



## Regions

