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Ukraine Post-Parliamentary National Survey

October 2019





Methodology

- Fieldwork from September 29 to October 15, 2019.
- 2,002 respondents throughout Ukraine, excluding areas of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts and the Autonomous Region of Crimea.
- Margin of Error: 2.19 percent.
- Where applicable, data is compared to IFES' pre-election survey conducted between December 8-30, 2019 (2,004 respondents) and post-presidential survey conducted between May 19 and June 1, 2019 (2,003 respondents).





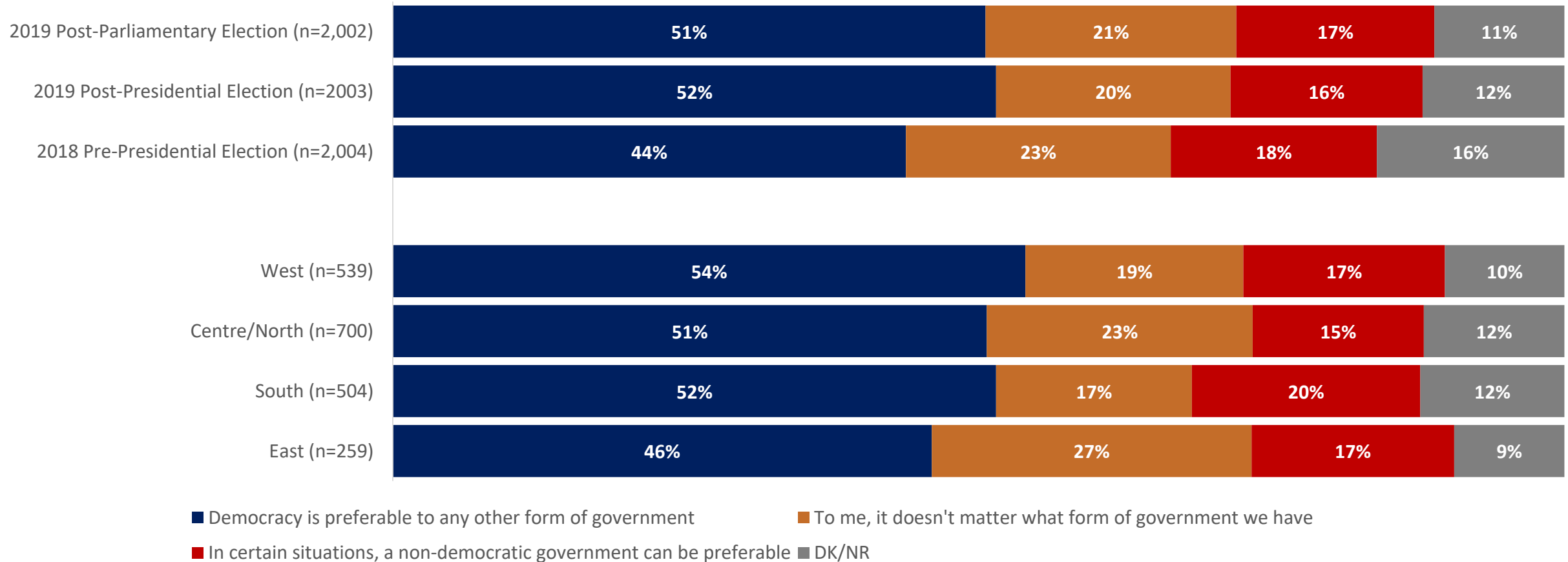
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Perceptions of Democracy





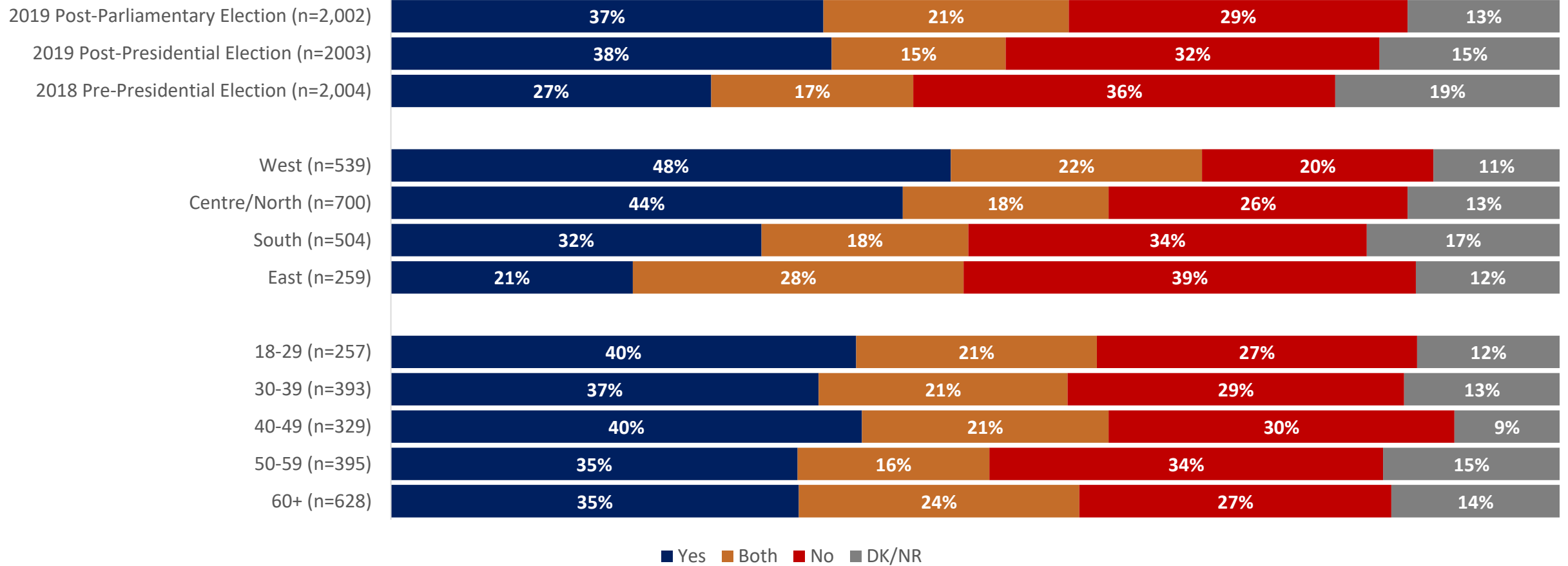
Support for democracy remains increased following the 2019 elections



"Please tell me which of these three statements is closest to your own opinion:"



Perceptions of Ukraine as a democracy remain high following the 2019 parliamentary election



"Is Ukraine a democracy?"



Significantly more positive attitudes towards voting and citizen influence after the elections

All Ukrainian citizens have an equal right to vote in elections.



Change in agreement since Dec. 2018

Politicians do not understand people like me



+8%

Voting gives people like you a chance to influence decision-making in our country.



-3%

I have a role to play in solving problems in my country



+19%

It does not matter how I vote, nothing will change



+22%

People like you can have influence on decisions made by the government.



-14%

Politicians can be trusted to fulfill their promises



+15%

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ DK/NR

+9%

"Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements:" (n=2,002)



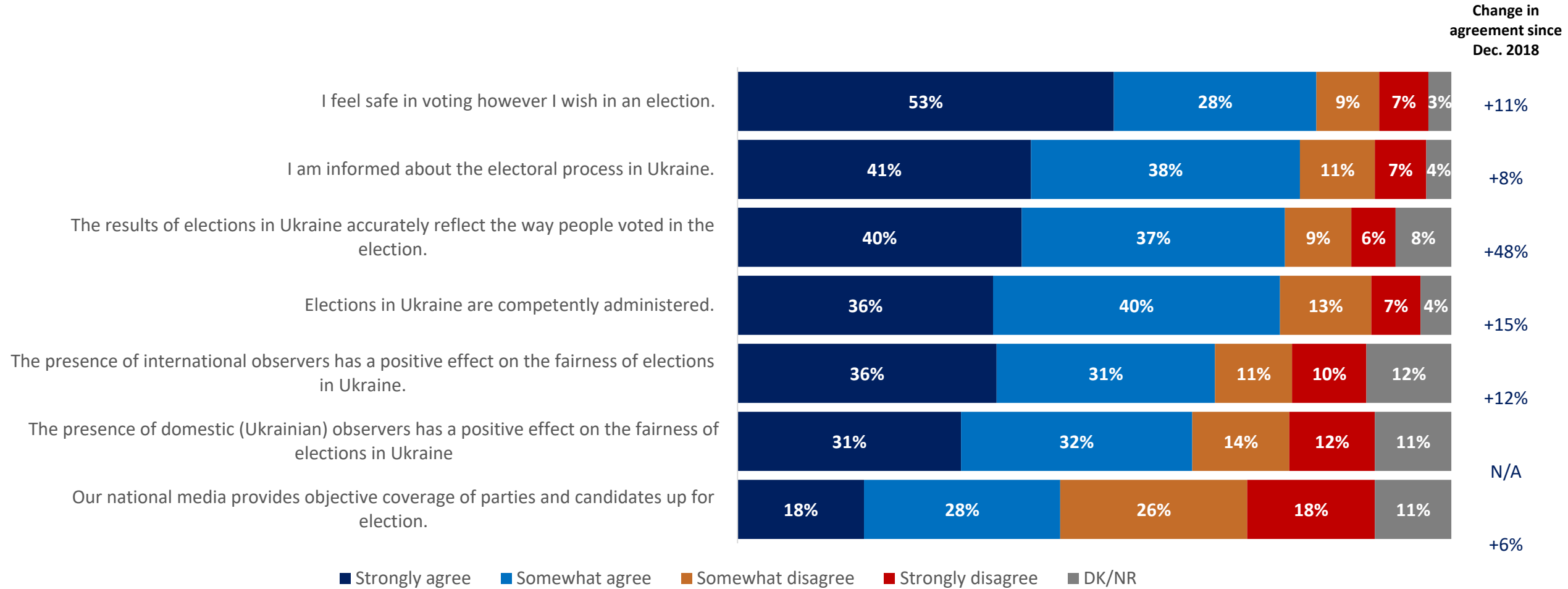
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Attitudes towards Elections





Attitudes towards elections in Ukraine significantly more positive after the elections

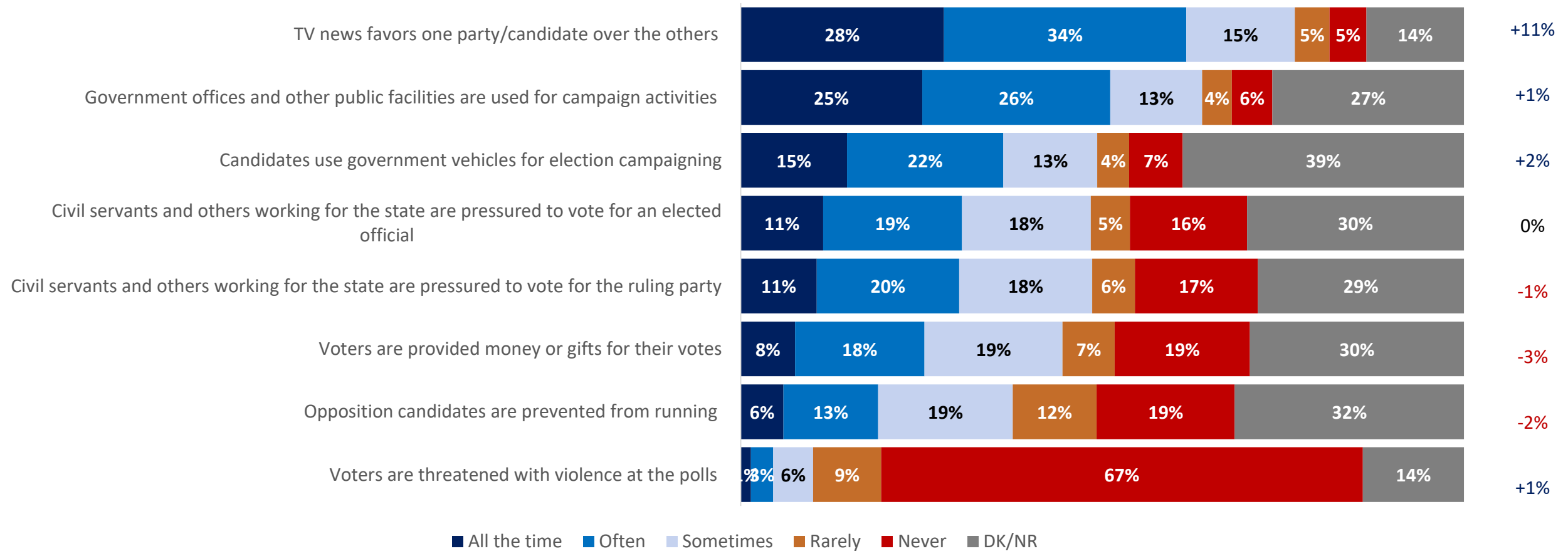


"Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements about elections in Ukraine:" (n=2,002)



...Although citizens also note that some issues remain with the conduct of elections

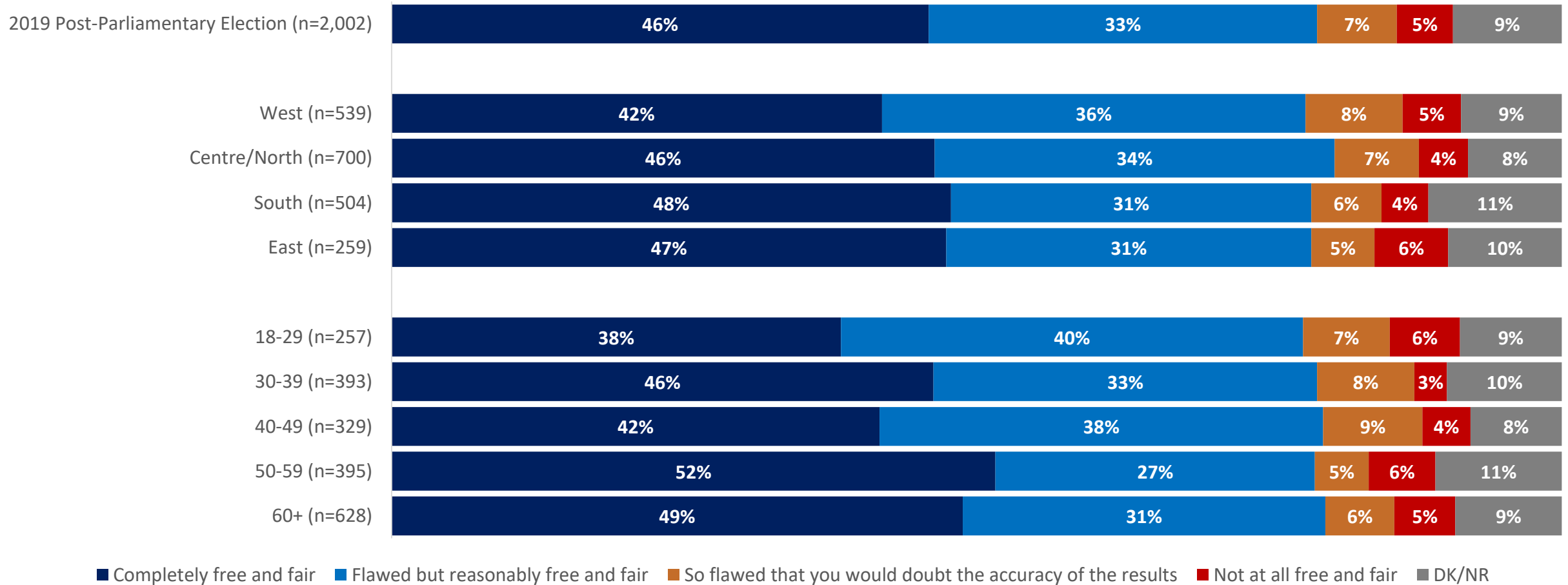
Change in those saying all the time or often since Dec. 2018



"In your view, how frequently do the following things occur in Ukrainian elections?" (n=2,002)



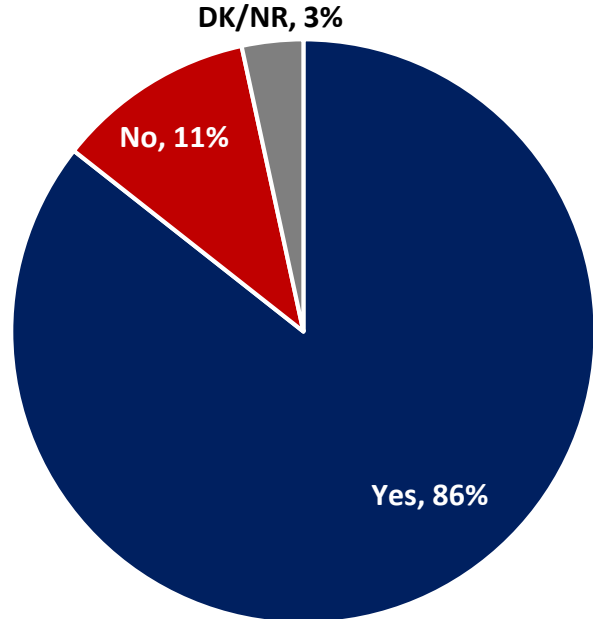
Generally positive attitudes on credibility of the 2019 parliamentary elections



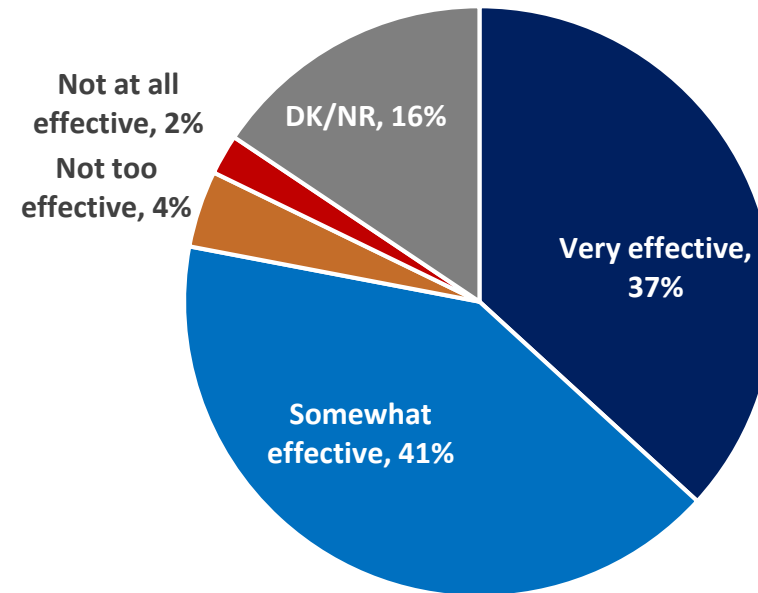
"Now thinking about the 2019 parliamentary elections in Ukraine, how free and fair were the parliamentary elections in Ukraine?"

Presence of security officials on Election Day is seen as effective in keeping order

“During the 2019 parliamentary elections, did you see any police or security officials at your polling station?” (n=1,471)



“To what extent do you think that the police and security services were effective in ensuring security and order during the 2019 parliamentary election?” (n=2,002)





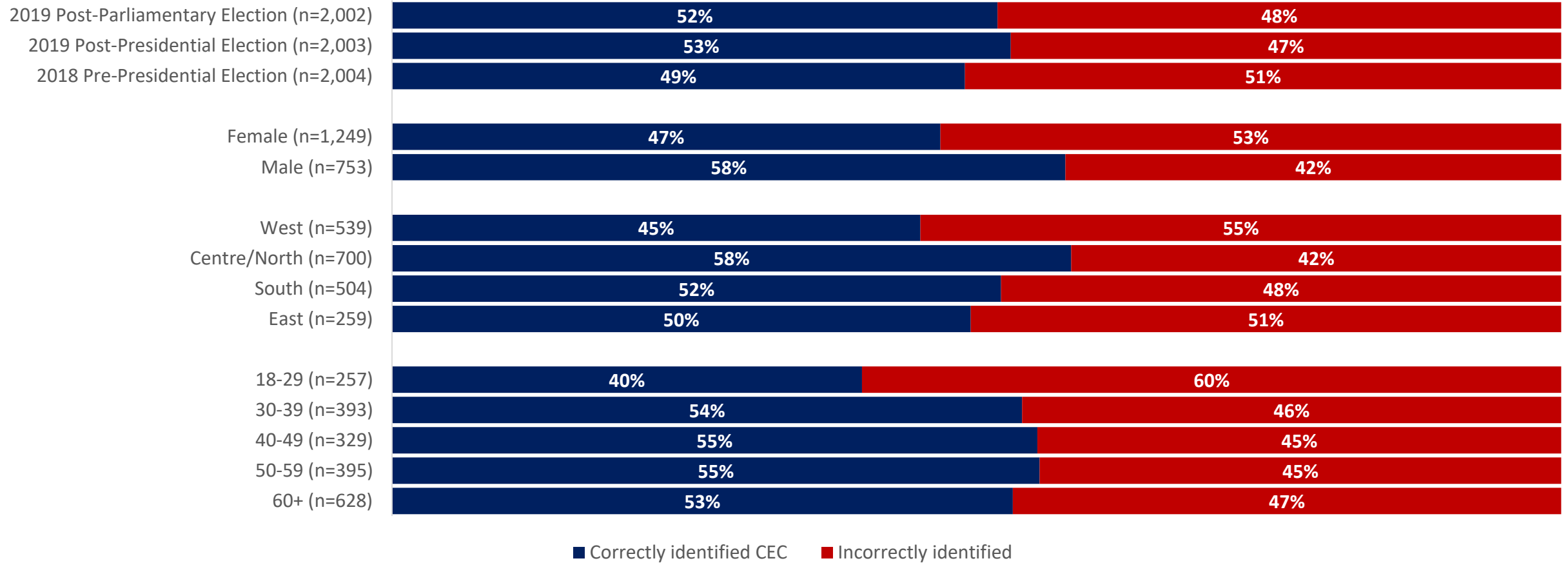
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Attitudes and Perceptions of the CEC





Over half of Ukrainians able to identify the CEC as body responsible for elections

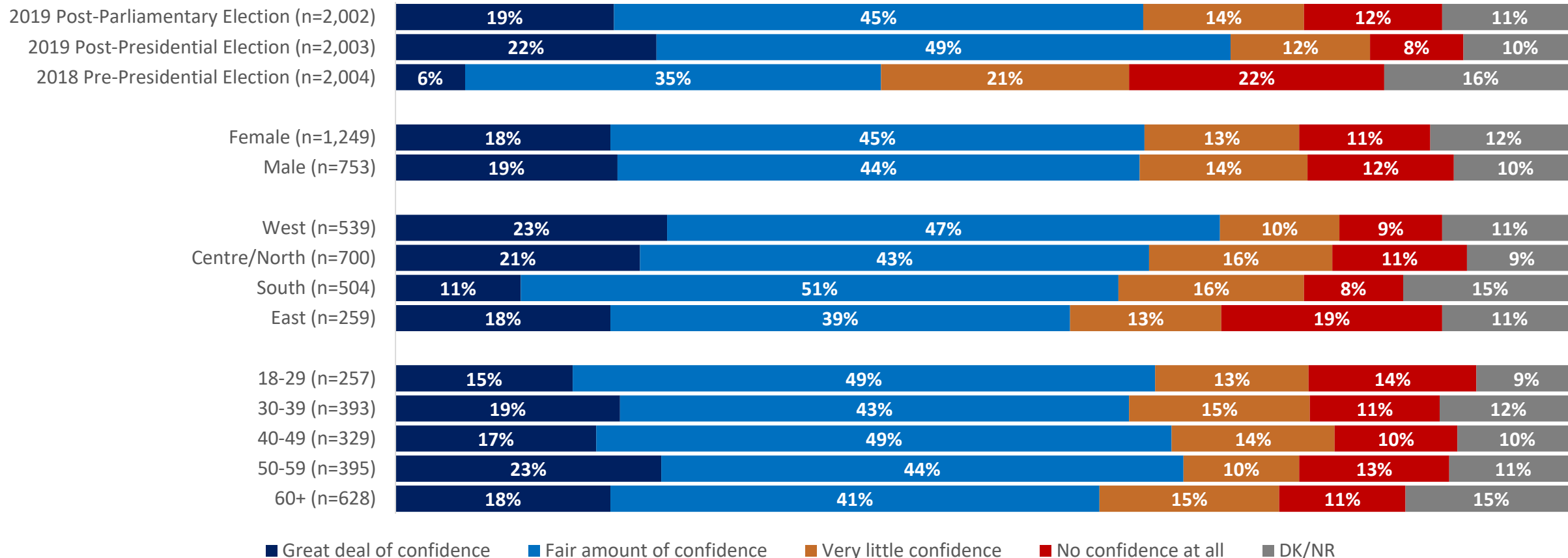


"Do you know which body is responsible for conducting national elections in Ukraine? [If yes] Which body is that?"





Significant increase in confidence in the CEC to organize elections since 2018



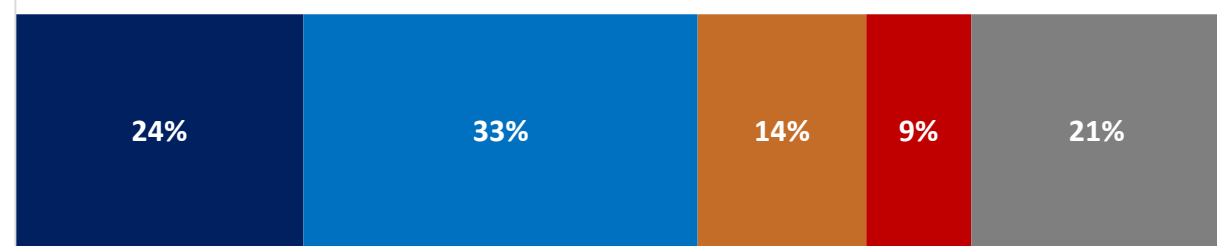
"As you may know, the Central Election Commission (CEC) is the body responsible for conducting national elections in Ukraine. How much confidence do you have in the ability of the CEC to organize credible elections?"



Assessments of the CEC

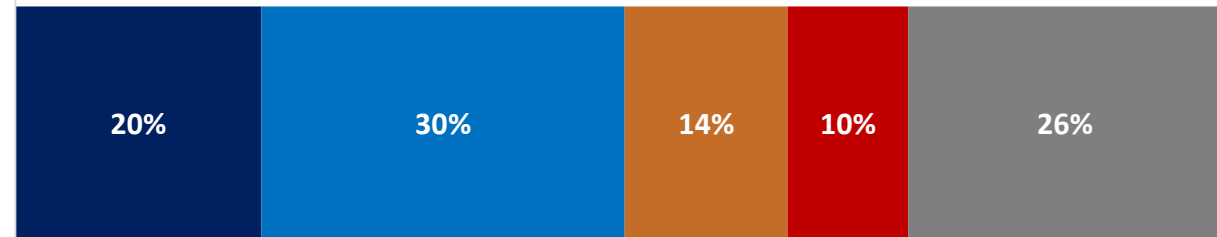
Change in
agreement since
Dec. 2018

The CEC provides clear and understandable information to the public about the election process in Ukraine



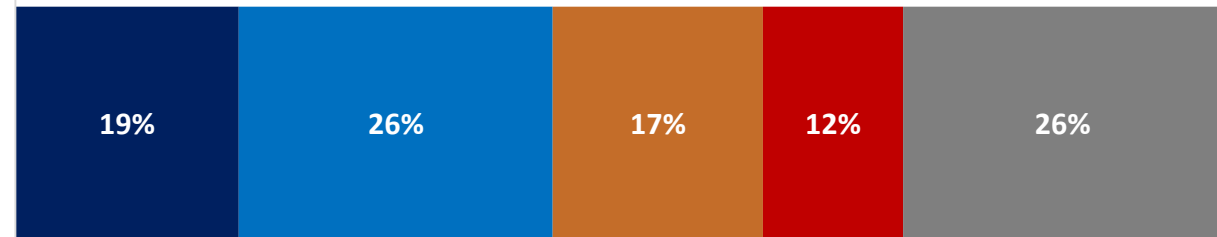
N/A

The CEC provides regular updates and information on its work to the public



N/A

The CEC is impartial in administering elections in Ukraine.



+7%

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ DK/NR

"To what degree do you either agree or disagree with the following statements about the work of the CEC of Ukraine?" (n=2,002)



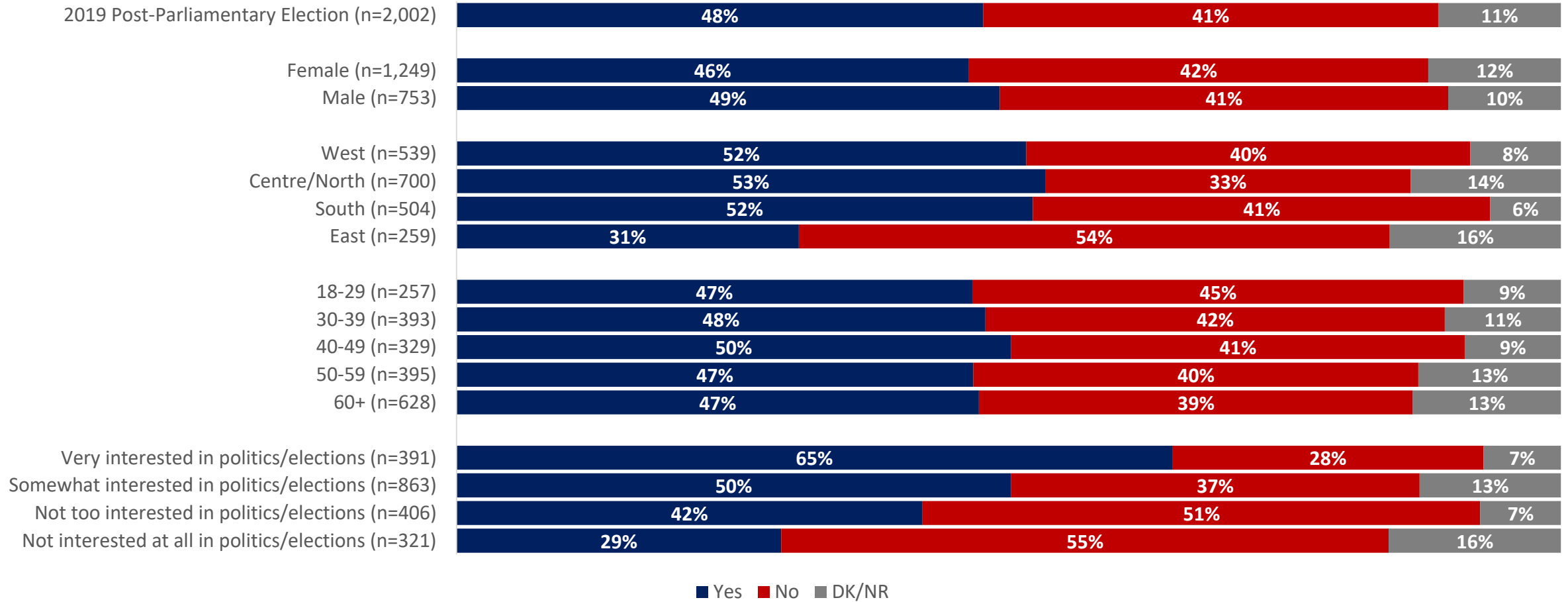
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Information on Elections





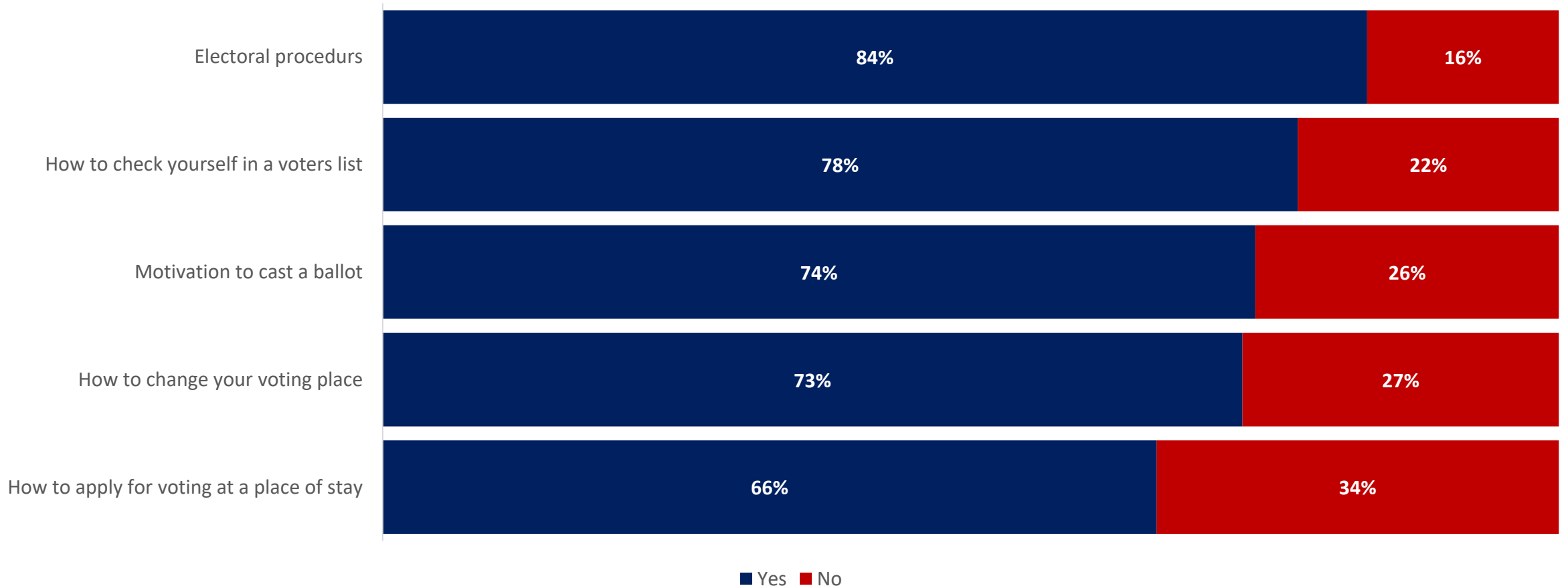
Just under half of Ukrainians received information on the elections



"In the period leading up to the parliamentary elections, did you see, hear, or read any information on the election process or election procedures?"



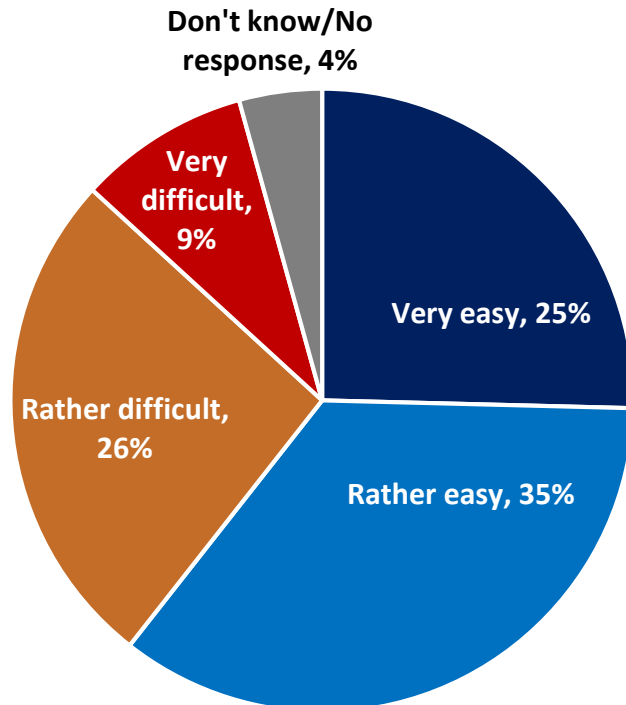
Areas of information on the 2019 parliamentary elections (among those exposed to information)



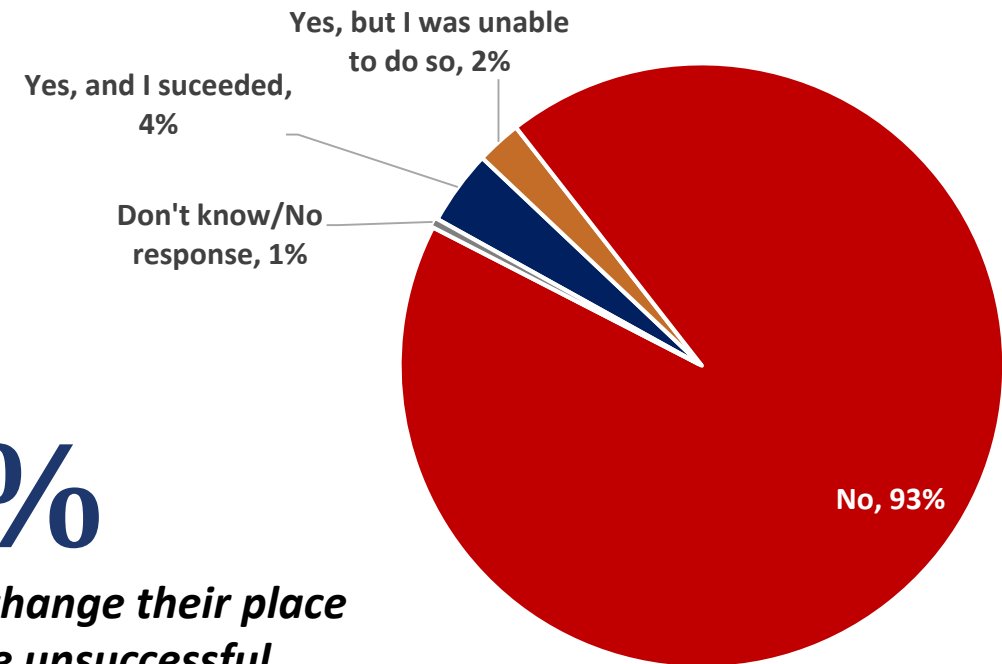
"Please tell me if you saw any information on the election process on this topic:" (n=1,008)

Few voters attempted to change place of voting, with mixed rates of success

"In your opinion, how easy is the procedure for changing the place of voting?" (n=91)



"Did you personally try to change your place of voting for the 2019 parliamentary election?" (n=1,427)



38%

of those who tried to change their place of registration were unsuccessful.



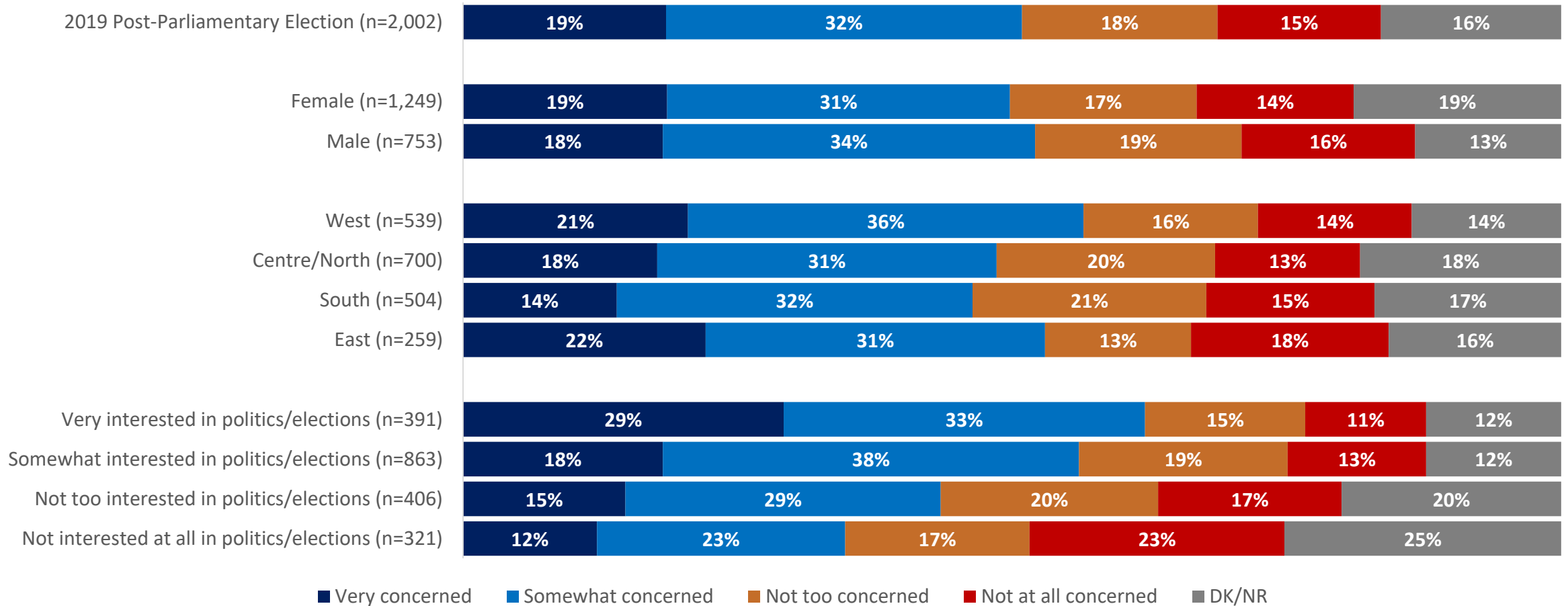
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Misinformation in Ukrainian elections





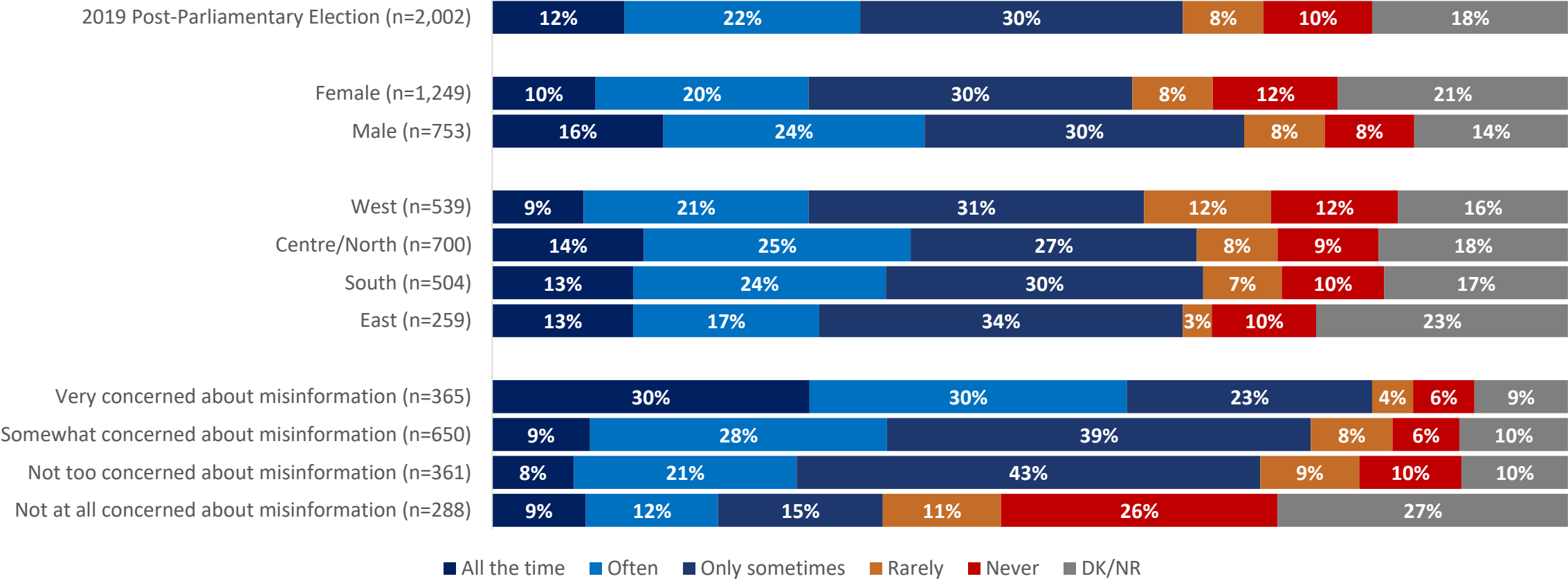
Over half of Ukrainians express concern about accuracy of information surrounding elections



“As you may know, Ukrainians received information from a large variety of sources about political parties and candidates in the run-up to the 2019 elections. How concerned are you that some of the news and information you may have received was not reliable or accurate?”



Most Ukrainians report having come across factually incorrect information about political parties and candidates



“How often did you come across news of information about political parties and candidates that you believe misrepresented reality or was factually incorrect?”





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Perceptions of Campaign Finance and Abuse of State Resources





Importance of information on campaign financing has increased

2019 Post-Parliamentary Election (n=2,002)



2019 Post-Presidential Election (n=2,003)



2018 Pre-Presidential Election (n=2,004)



Female (n=1,249)



Male (n=753)



18-29 (n=257)



30-39 (n=393)



40-49 (n=329)



50-59 (n=395)



60+ (n=628)



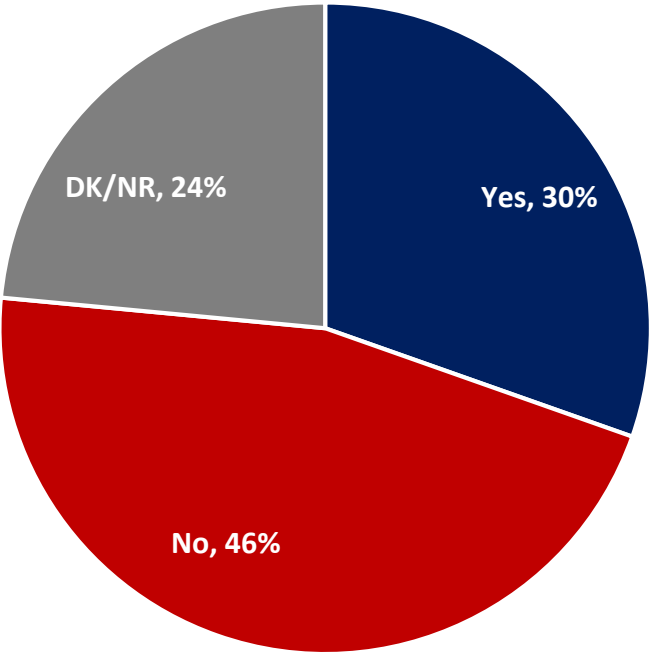
■ Very important ■ Somewhat important ■ Not too important ■ Not at all important ■ DK/NR

“How important is it for you to receive information about the financing of political parties and candidates when you are making your electoral choices?”

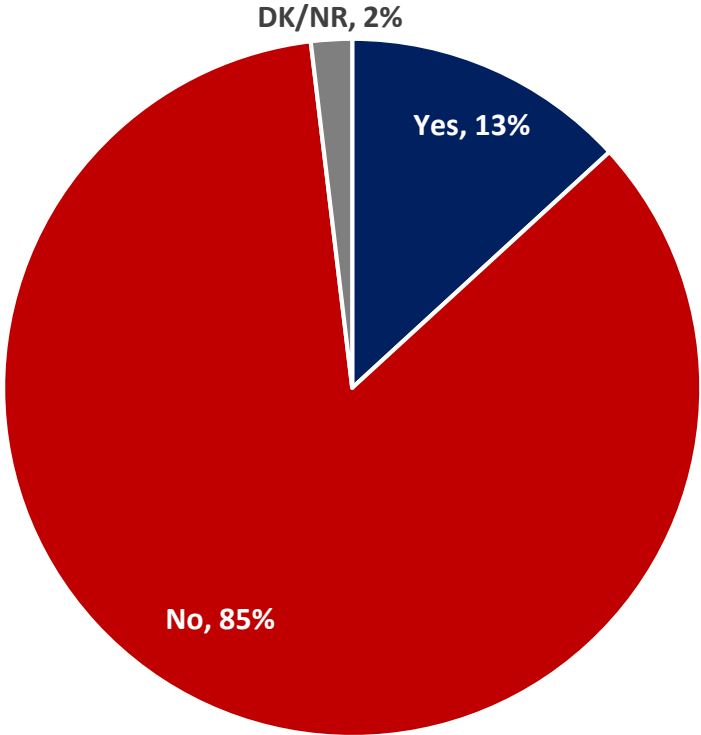


Increased awareness of submission of financial reports to the CEC and the NAPC (+16% since 2018 survey), but limited use

“Are you aware that during the 2019 parliamentary elections all candidates submitted their financial reports to the CEC and NAPC?” (n=2,003)

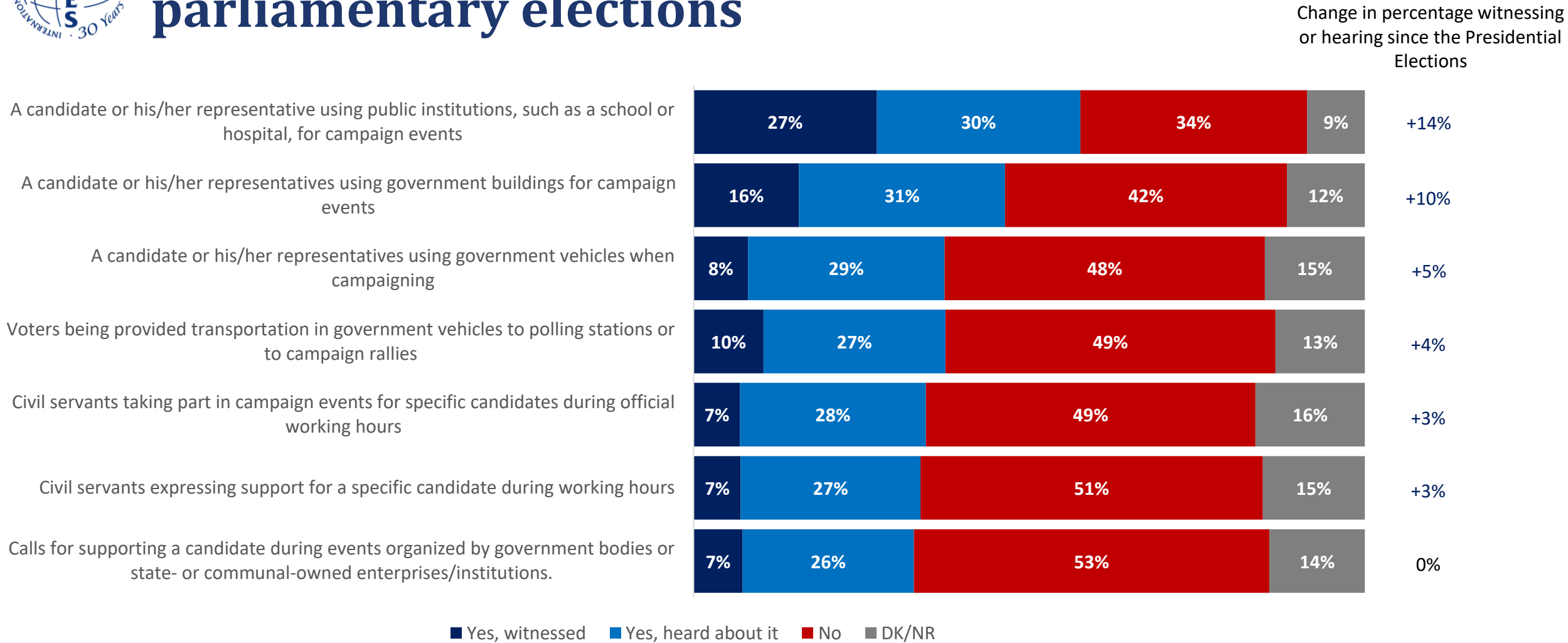


“Have you seen these reports?” (n=590)





Abuse of state resources more visible during the parliamentary elections



"Did you personally witness or hear about any of the following things during the 2019 parliamentary elections?" (n=2,003)



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Inclusion of Marginalized Groups in the Elections Process





Increased support for gender quotas for Ukrainian elections

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Strongly support Somewhat support Somewhat oppose Strongly oppose DK/NR

“To what extent do you support or oppose special measures aimed at promoting the participation of women in politics such as specifying a specific percentage of seats in party lists for women?”





Voters see less importance in gender in selecting candidate

2019 Post-Parliamentary Election (n=2,002)



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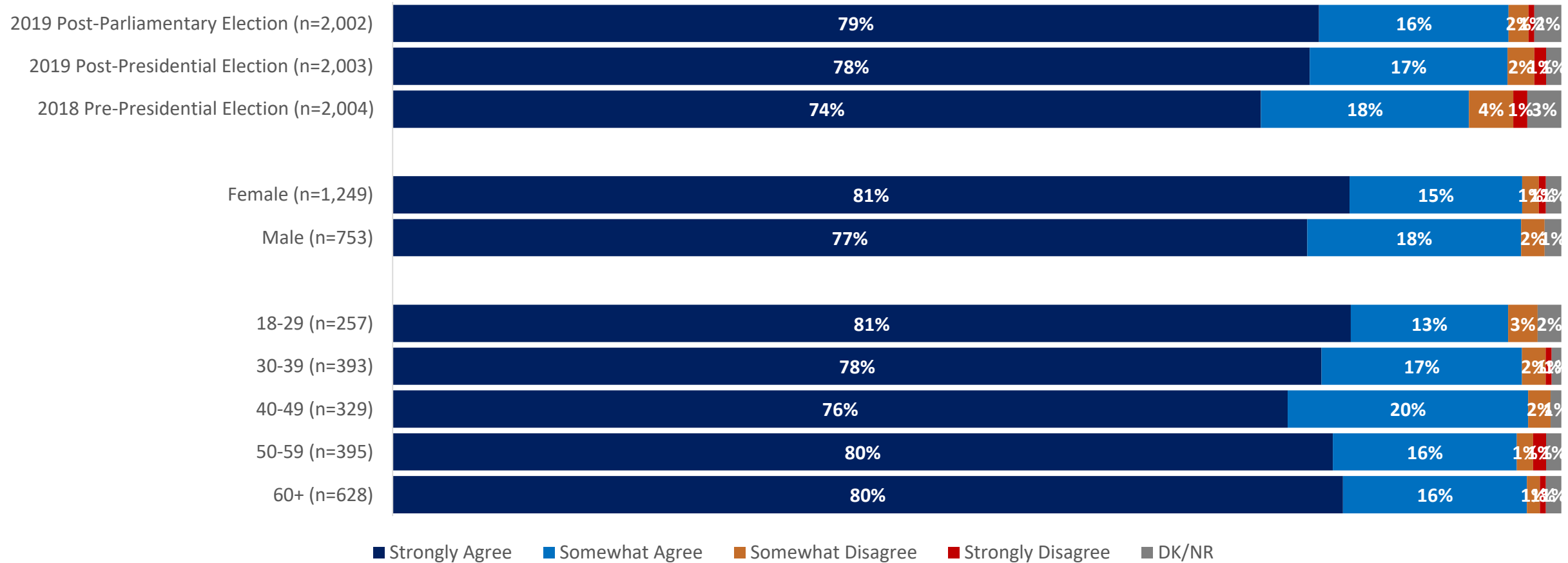


■ Male Candidate ■ Female Candidate ■ No Difference Between Male and Female Candidate ■ DK/NR

"If you have a choice between a woman candidate and man candidate with equal credentials, who would you likely support?"



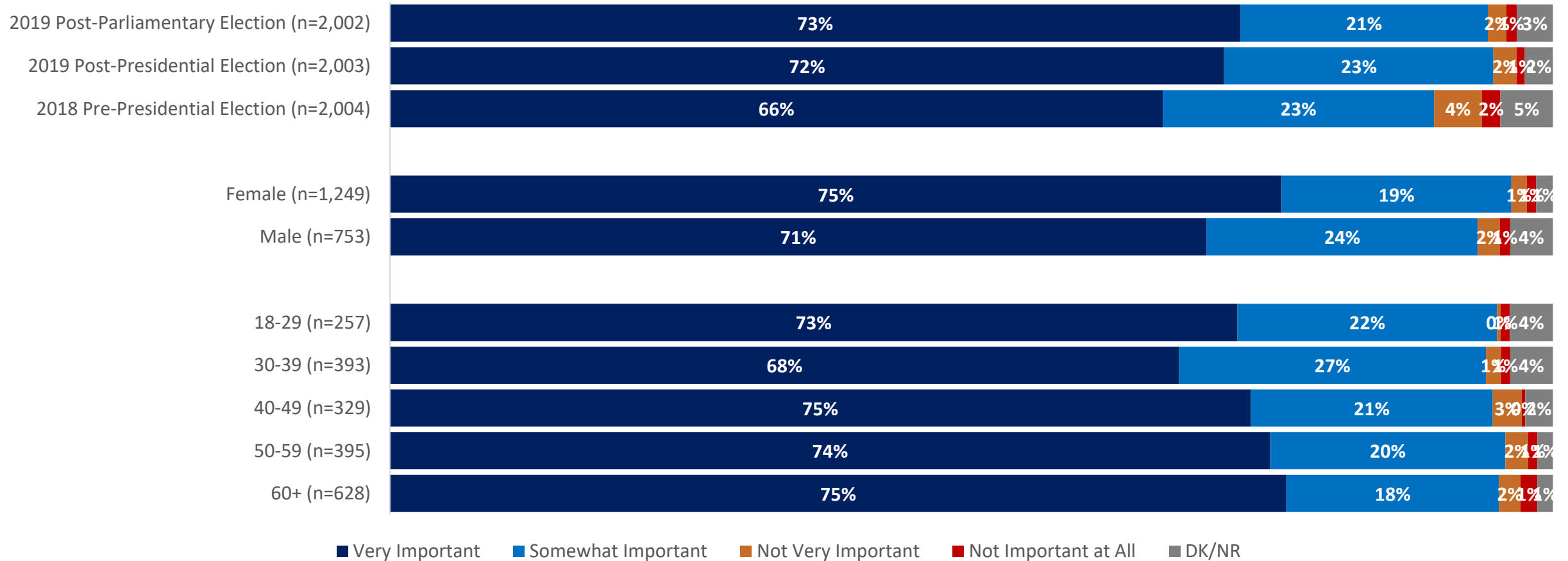
Continued strong support for persons with disabilities to have equal electoral rights



"Overall, do you agree or disagree that people with disabilities should have the same electoral rights as other citizens?"



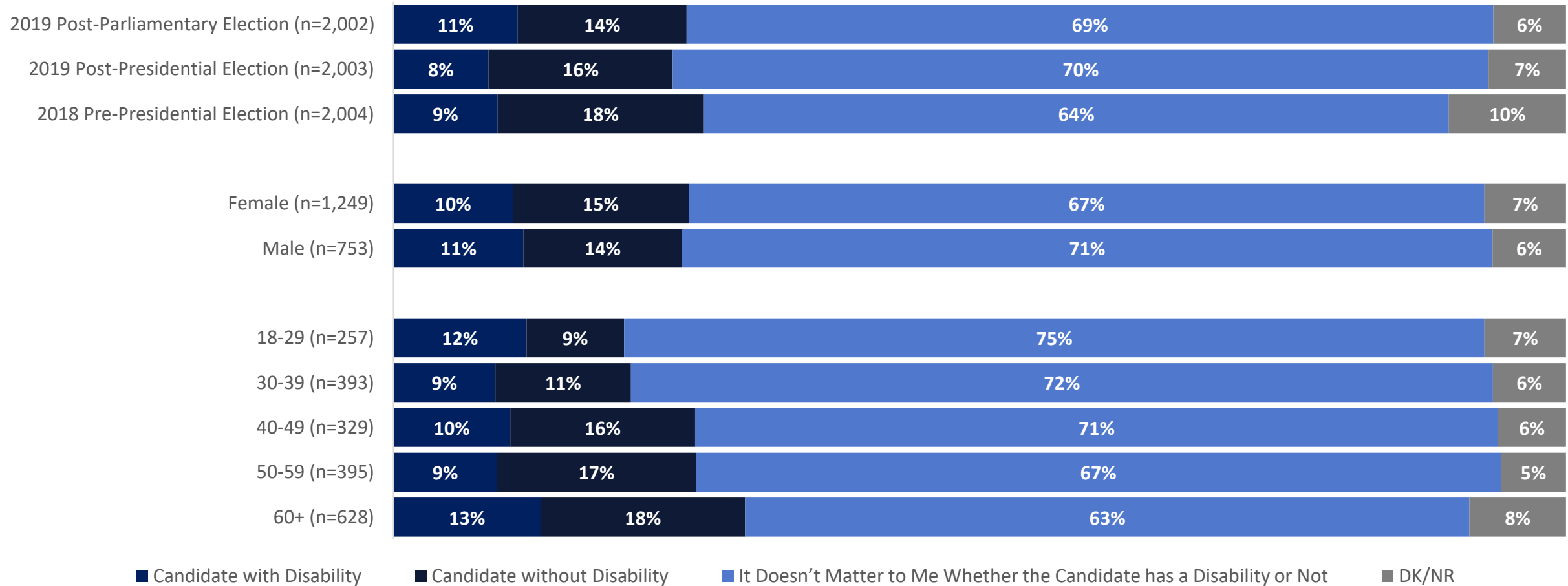
Widely held belief that participation of persons with disabilities is important in Ukraine



"Do you believe it is important or not important for people with disabilities to participate as voters in elections in Ukraine?"



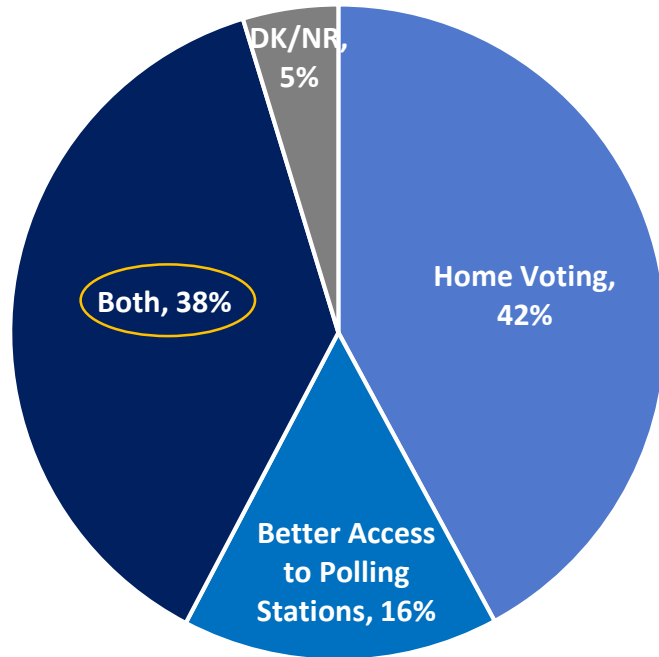
Disability status of a candidate is unlikely to impact voting choice



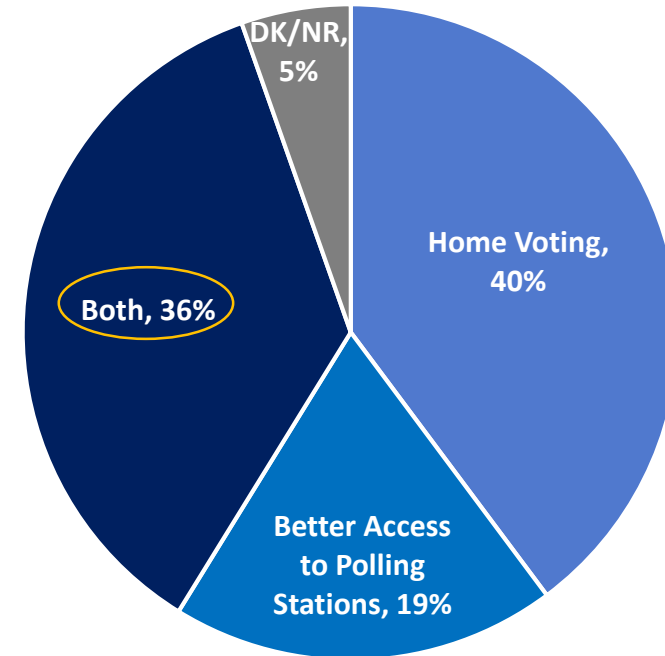
"If you have a choice between a candidate with a disability and candidate without a disability, both with equal credentials, who would you likely support?"

Slightly increased support for multiple methods of voting for elderly Ukrainians and persons with disabilities

2019 Survey Results (n=2,002)



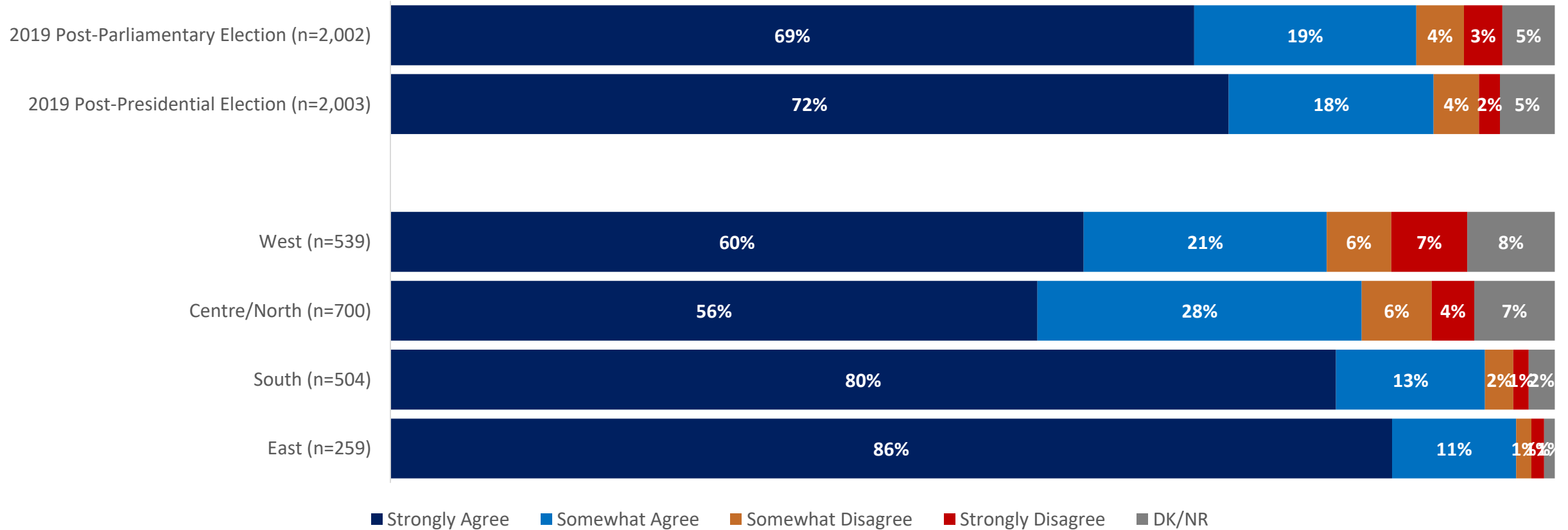
2018 Survey Results (n=2,004)



“Elderly voters/voters with disabilities can vote via home voting. Some people suggest that election authorities should improve access to polling stations so that they can vote at the polling stations. Which approach is better?”



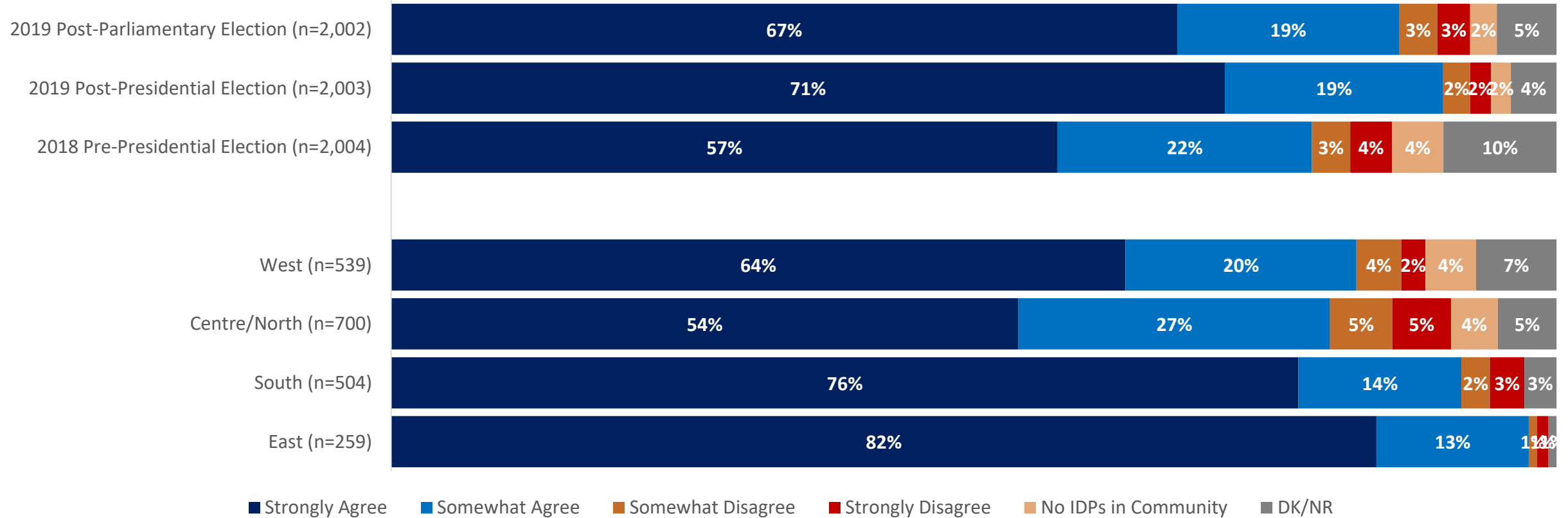
Widespread agreement on electoral rights for IDPs, although support increases nearer to the contact line



"Overall, do you agree or disagree that IDPs should have the same electoral rights as other citizens?"



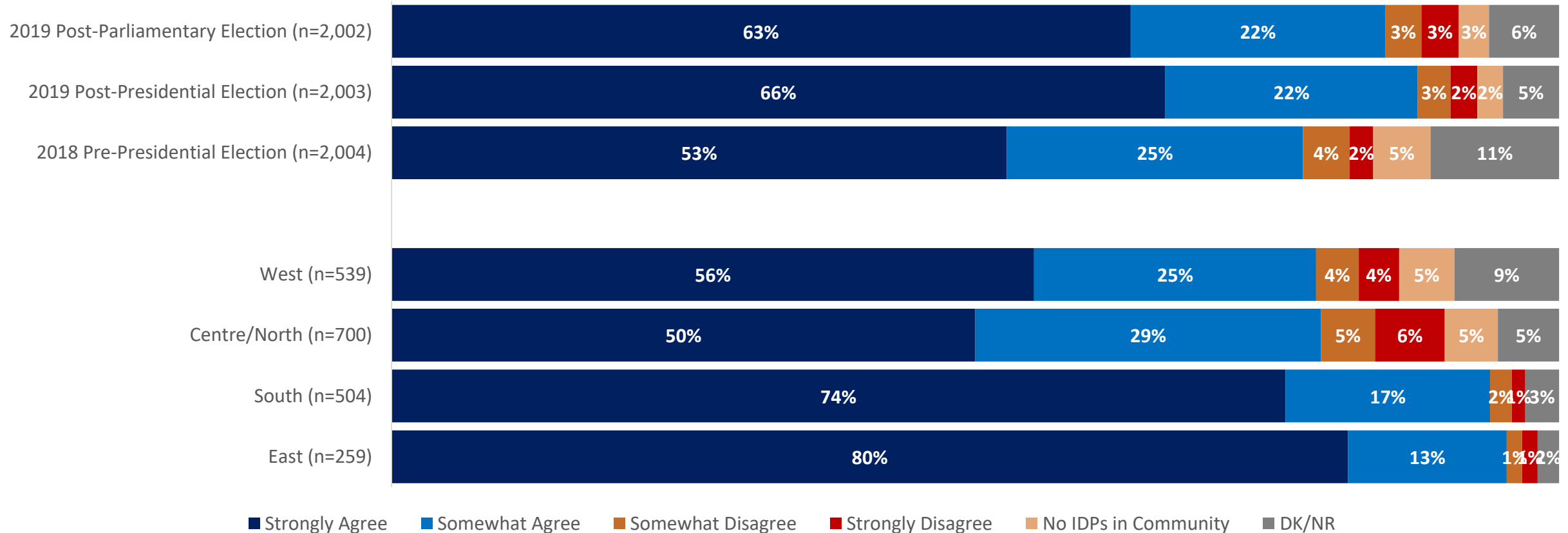
Increased agreement for IDPs to vote in local elections where they currently live



"Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: IDPs living in my community should have the opportunity to participate as voters in local elections where they currently live"



Increased support for IDPs to participate politically in new communities



"Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: IDPs in my community should participate in matters affecting their new community, such as public hearings"



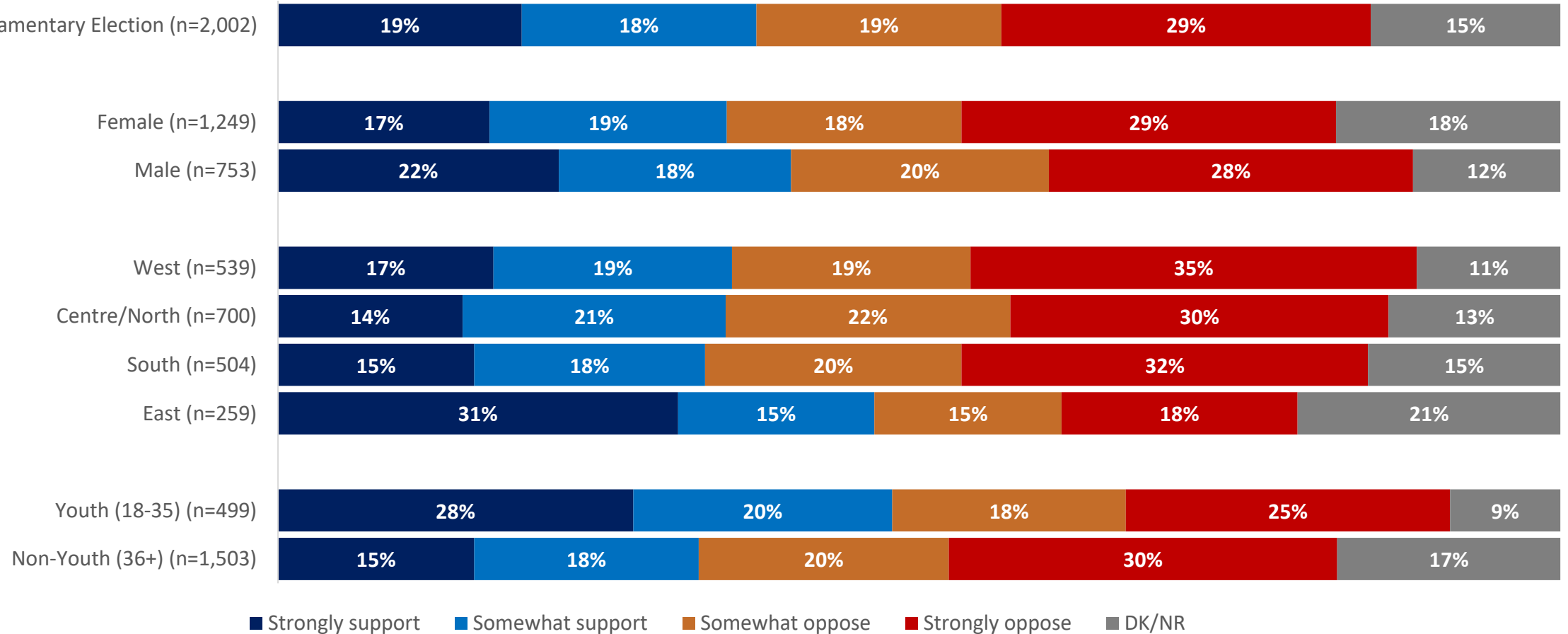
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Attitudes towards internet voting





Variance in support for internet voting in Ukraine

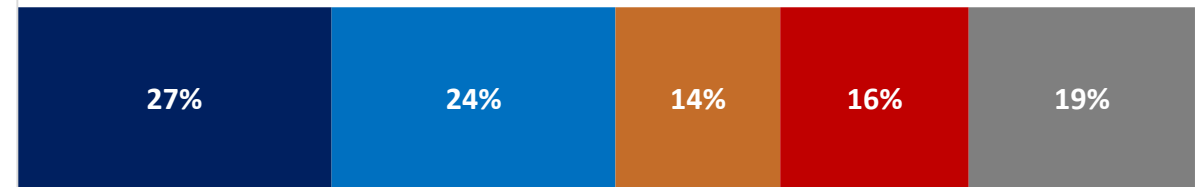


"Do you support introduction of internet voting for elections in Ukraine?"

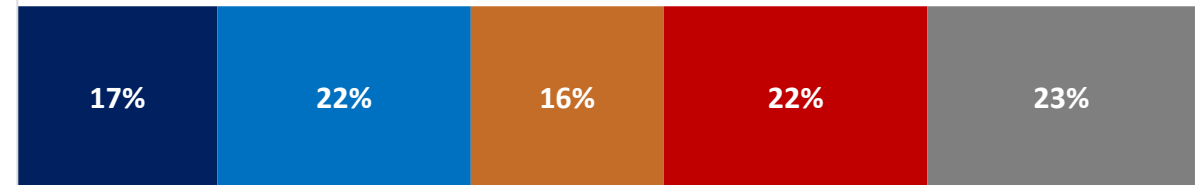


Ukrainians express concerns over the security of internet voting

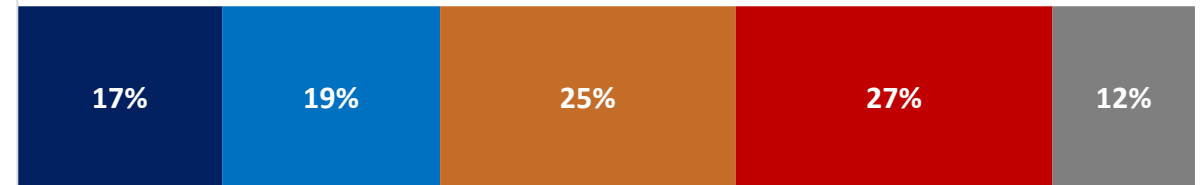
Internet voting does not fully guarantee privacy when voting e.g. people could look at your computer or mobile device



I would accept the results of an election using Internet voting



The Internet has sufficient guarantees to make me feel secure if I voted online



I think that voting by internet is safe from tampering and manipulation by malicious actors



■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ DK/NR

"Please indicate the level of your agreement or disagreement with the following statements:" (n=2,002)





Younger Ukrainians are more willing to accept results using internet voting, but also express skepticism over privacy

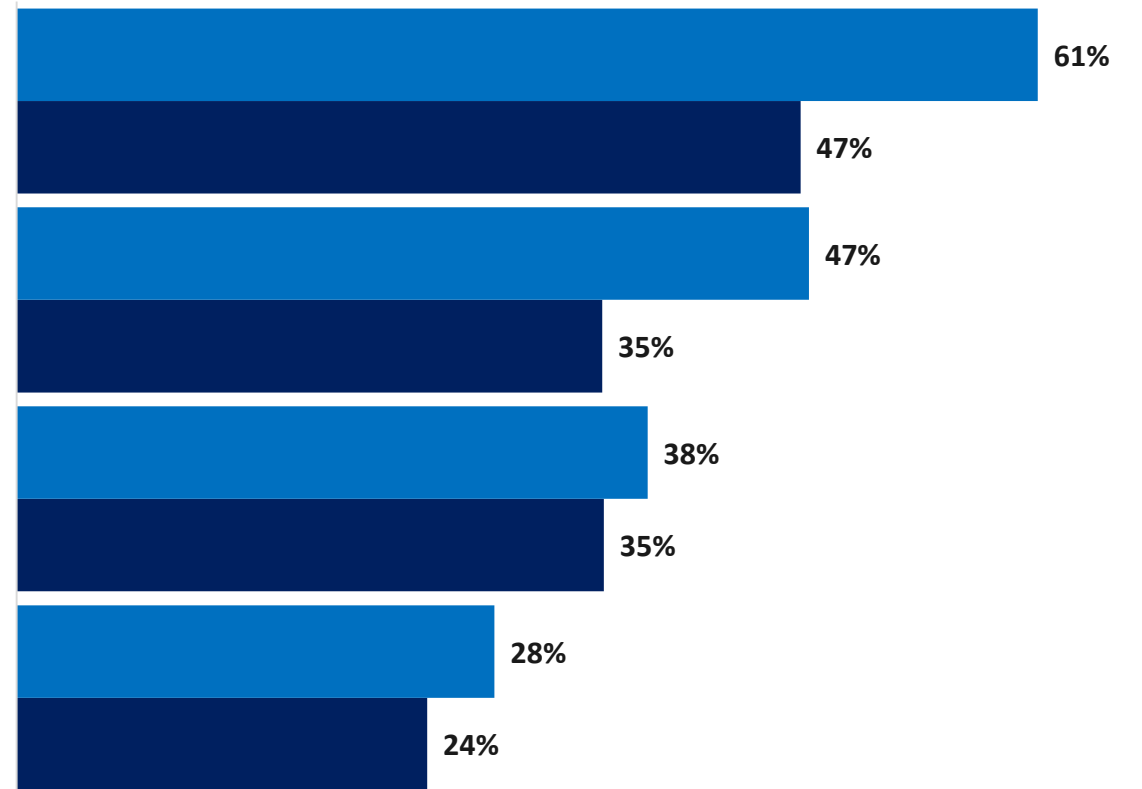
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■ Youth (18-35) ■ Non-Youth (36+)



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