

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR PERCEPTIONS IN CENTRAL ASIA

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CAB SURVEY

- Since 2017 across ALL Central Asia
- Twice a year: Fall and Spring
- 12 Waves + ongoing Wave 13
- Sample sizes of 1500 - 2000
- TAPI and CATI methods
- 70% Core & 30% New Questions



METHODOLOGY

Wave 11

SRS ~1500 respondents
Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan,
Uzbekistan

May - June 2022

CATI

MoE

$\pm 2,53\%$



Wave 12

SRS ~1500 respondents
Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan

Nov-Dec 2022

CATI

WHAT DO WE ASK?

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Overall attention to the war

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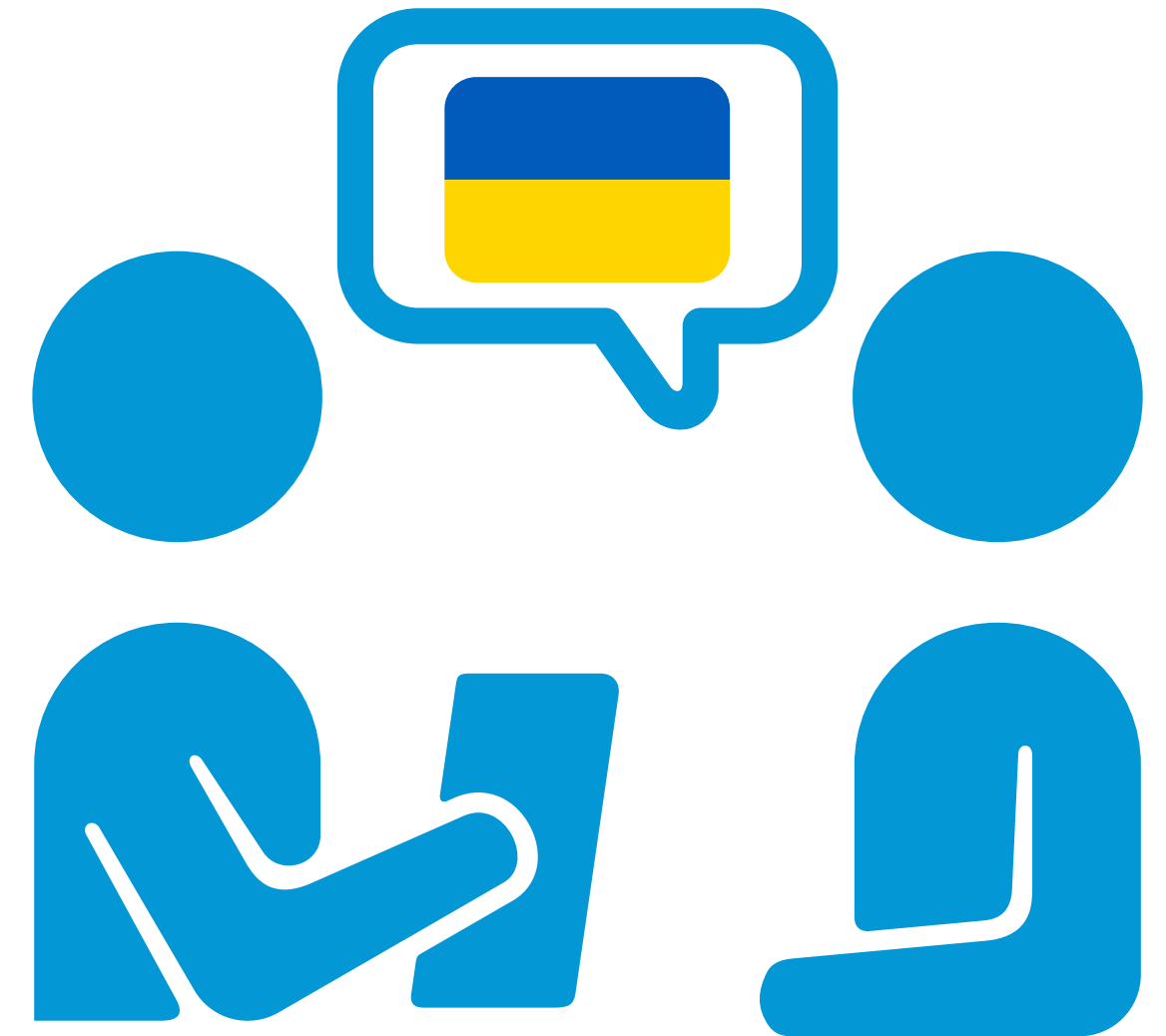
Who is responsible, and is the SMO justified?

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The consequences for respondent's country?

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How the war will end?

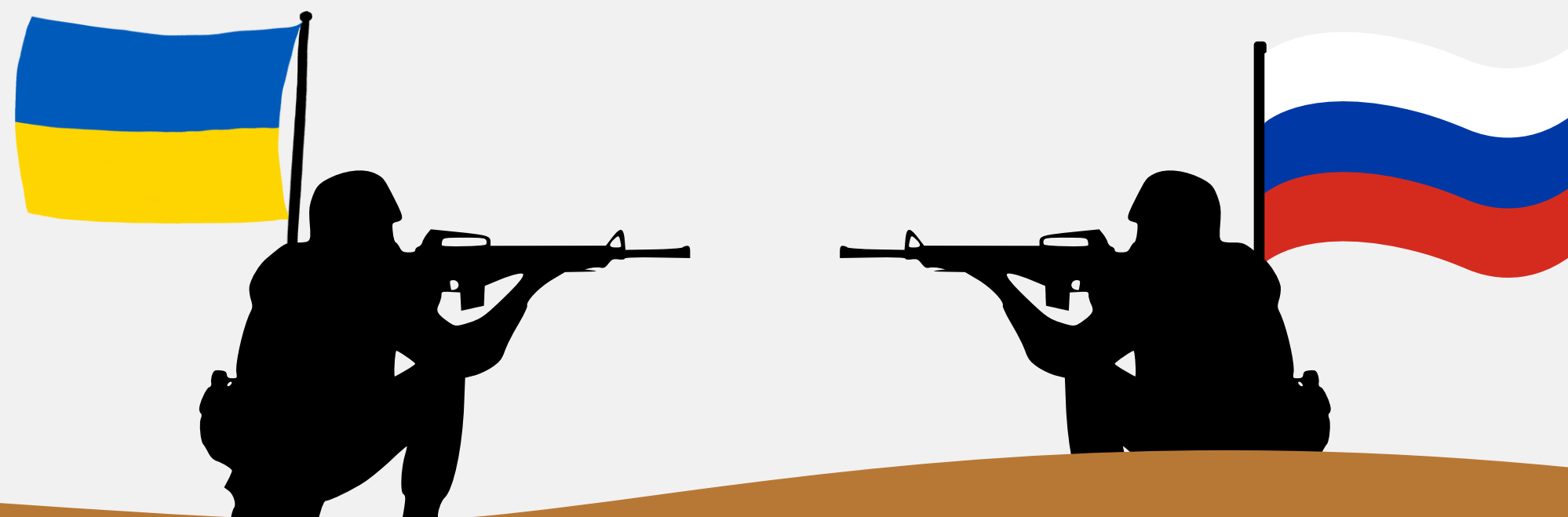


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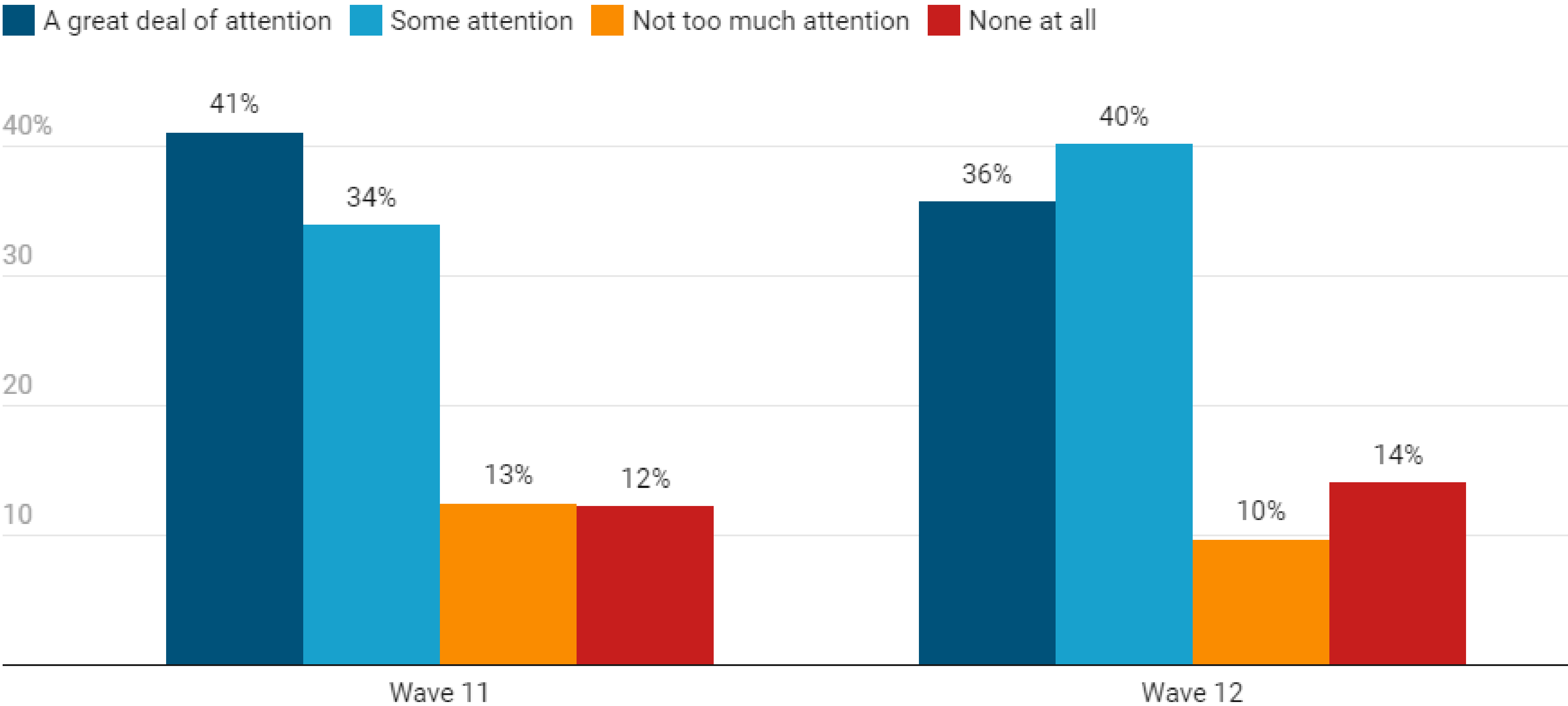
Overall attention to the war

QUESTION

- **How much attention are you paying to the situation in Ukraine?**

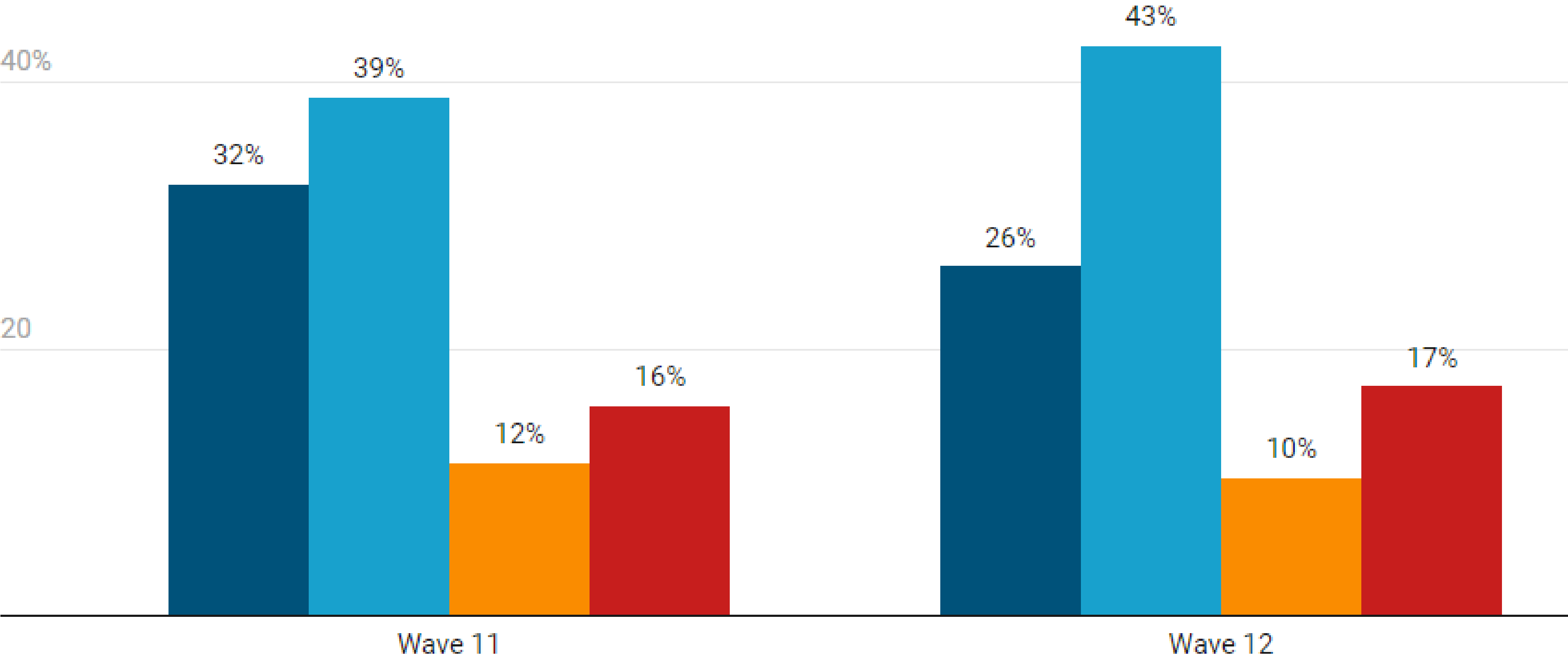


Kyrgyzstan: How much attention are you paying to the situation in Ukraine?

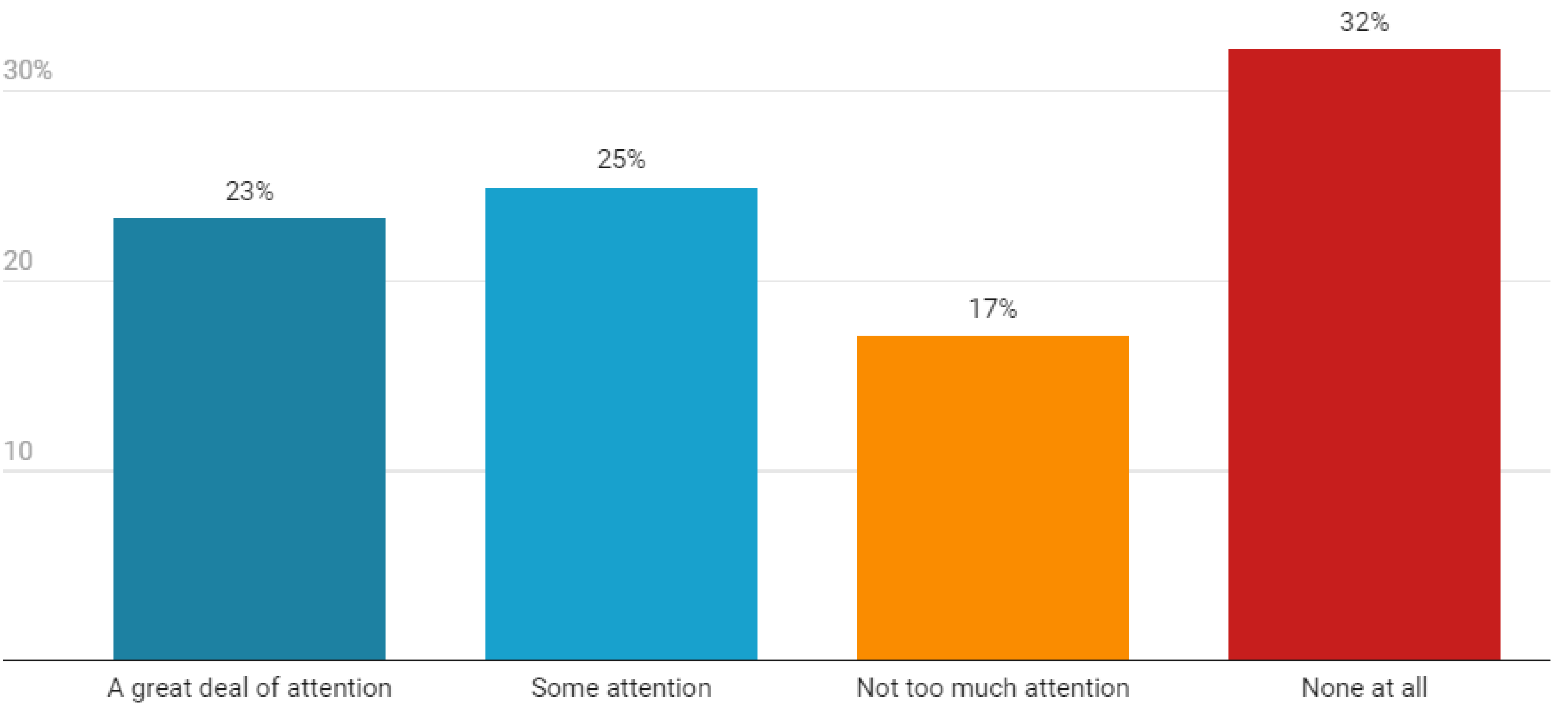


Kazakhstan: How much attention are you paying to the situation in Ukraine?

A great deal of attention Some attention Not too much attention None at all

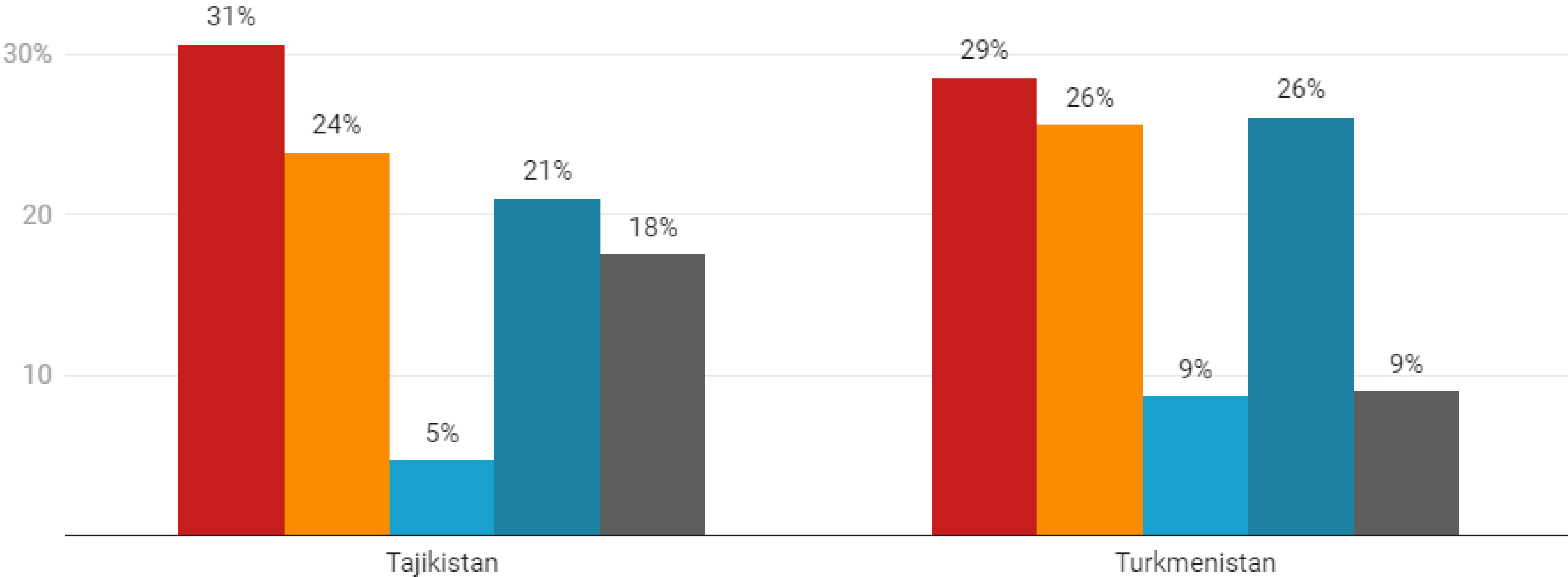


Uzbekistan Spring 2022: How much attention are you paying to the situation in Ukraine?



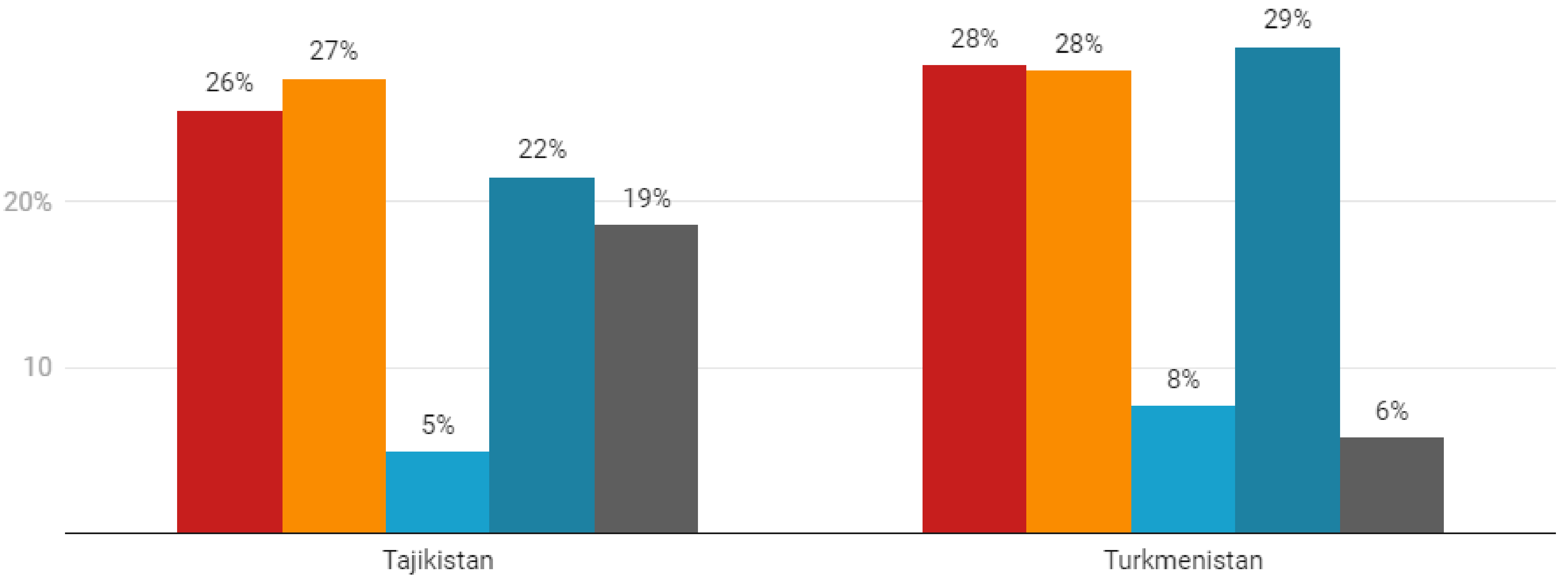
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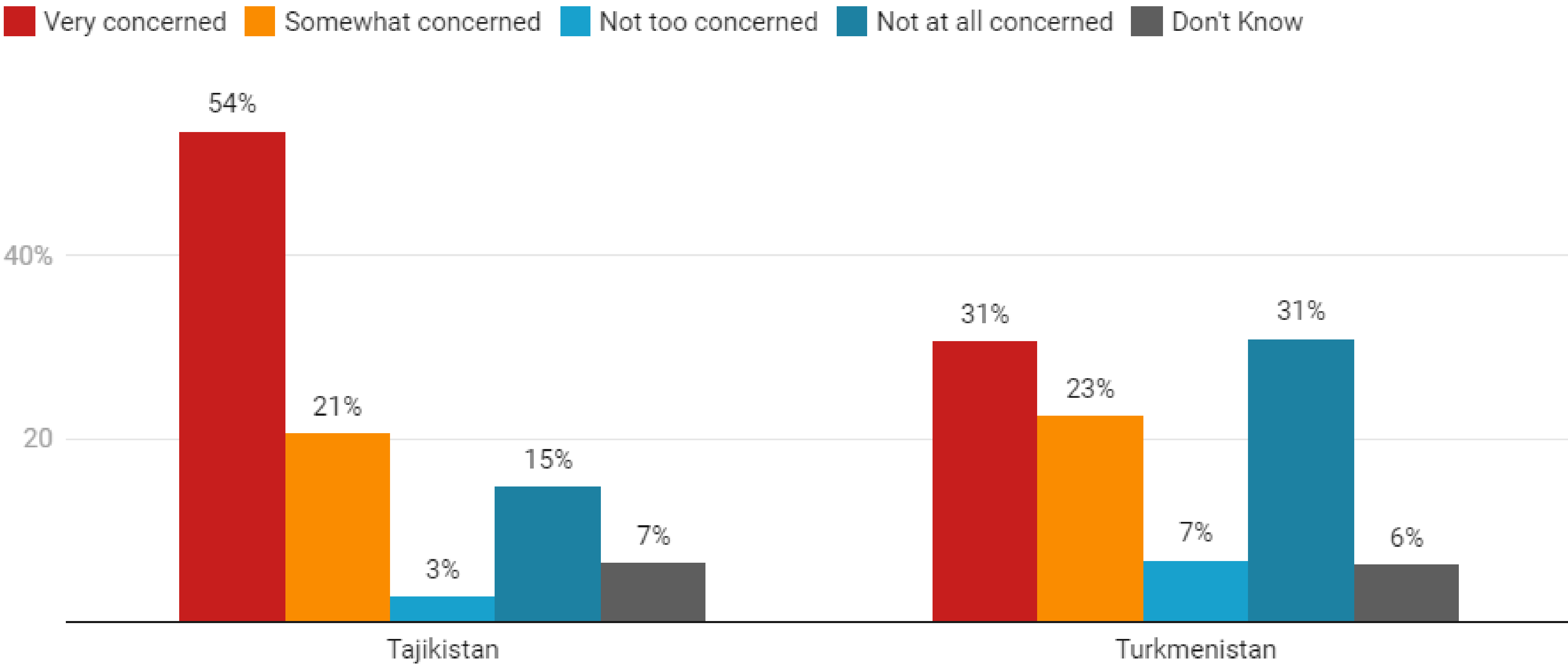


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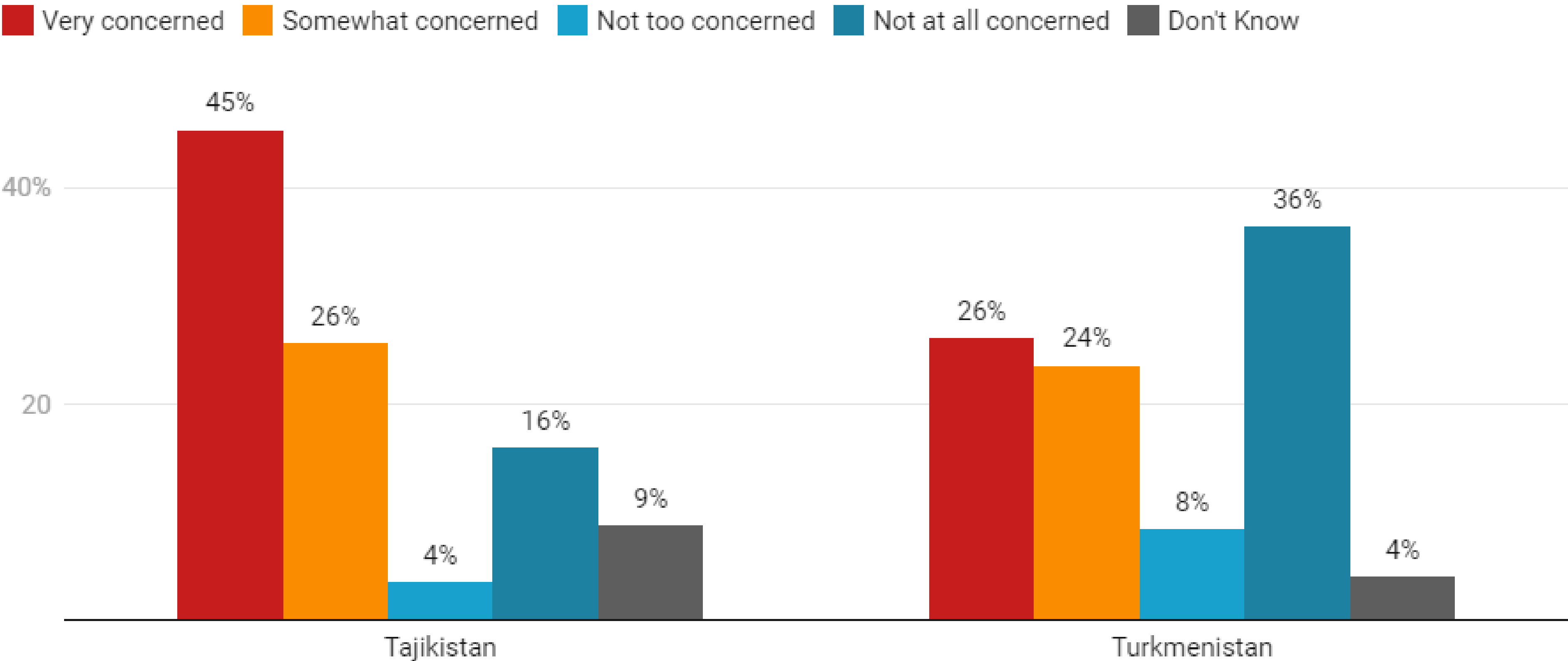
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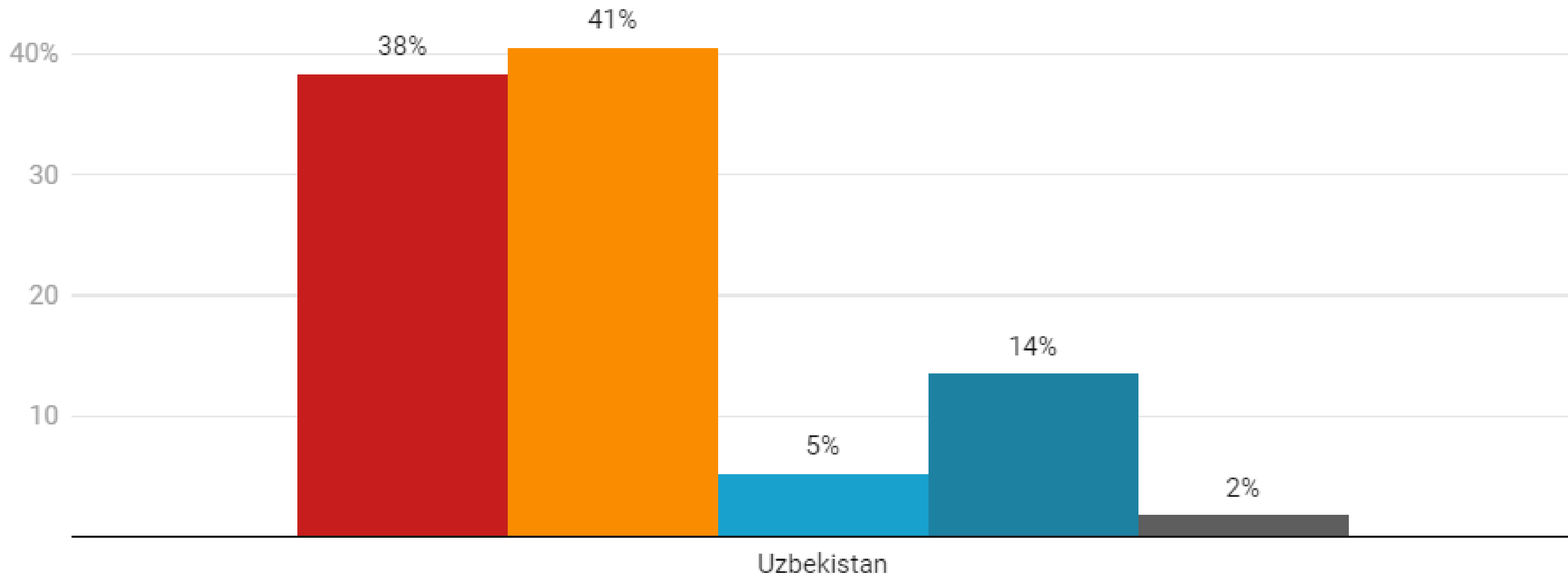


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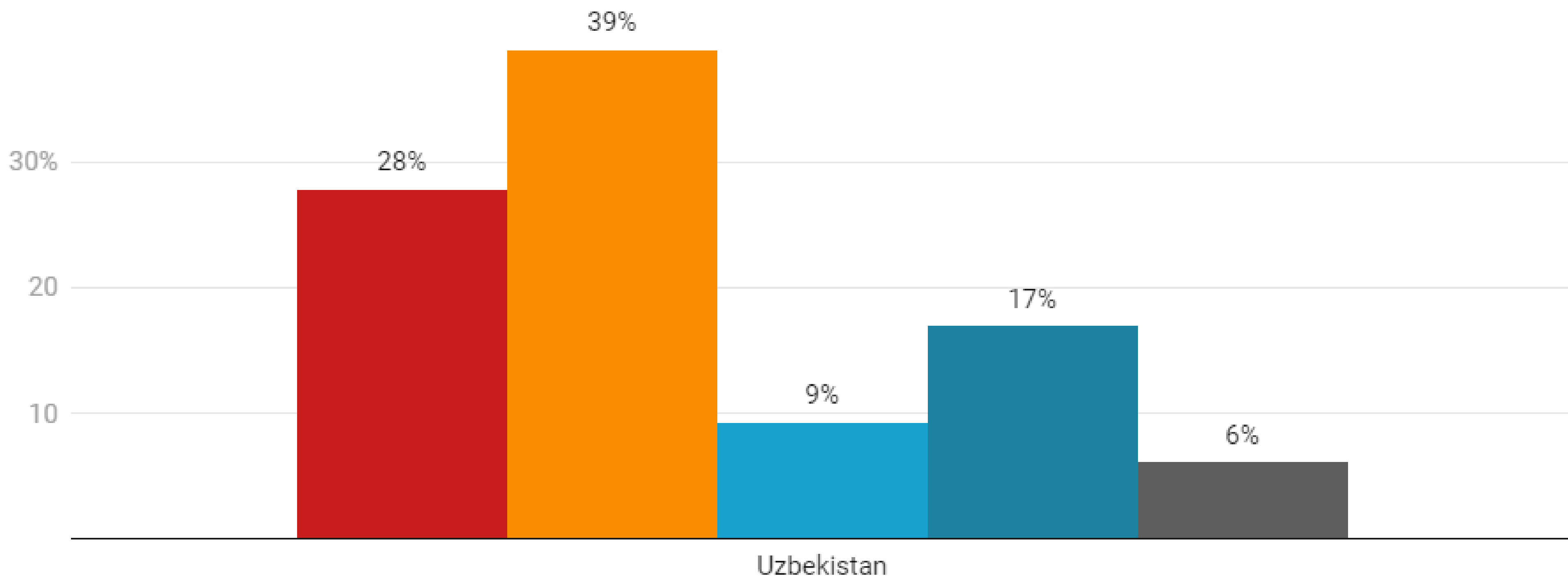
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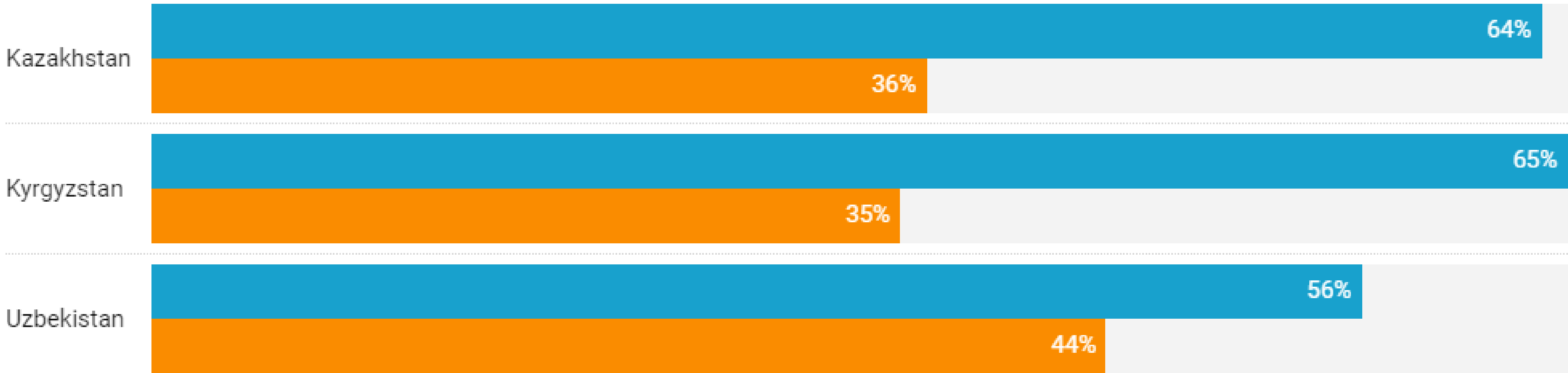
QUESTIONS:

- **In your view, who is mainly responsible for the situation in Ukraine?**
- **To what extent do you think Russia's special military operation in Ukraine is justified or unjustified?**



Now I am going to name some countries for each one, can you please let me know if you watch news and/or entertainment from that country? Russia

Yes No



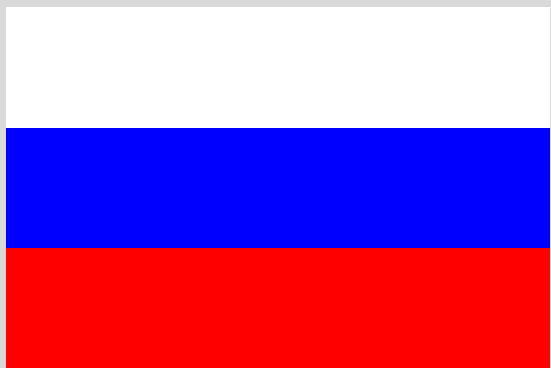


Wave 11: In your view, who is mainly responsible for the situation in Ukraine?

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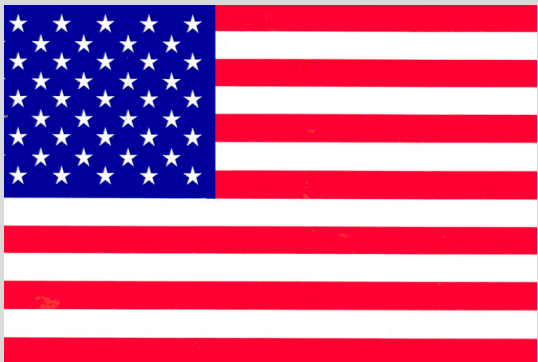
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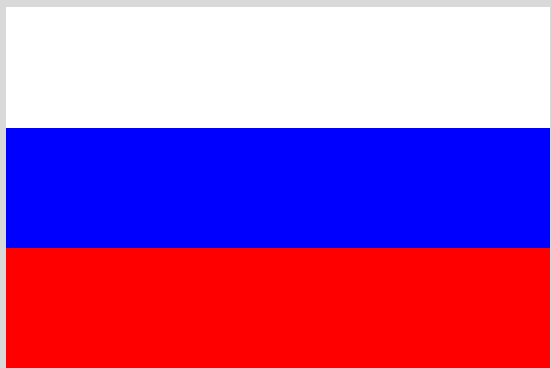


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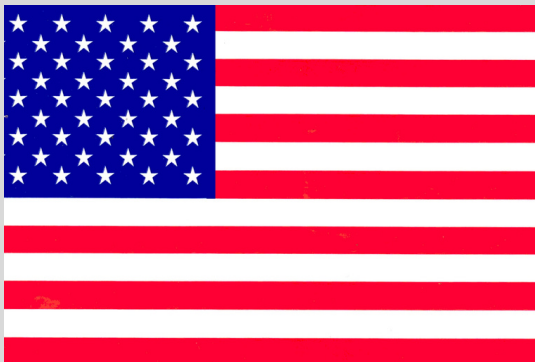
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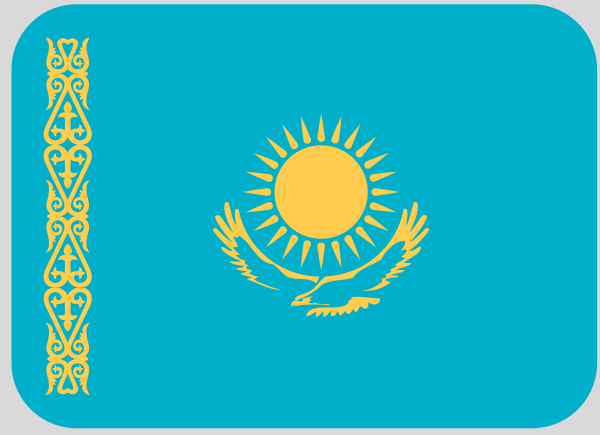
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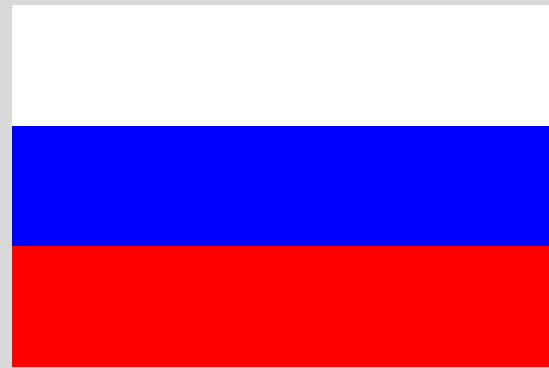


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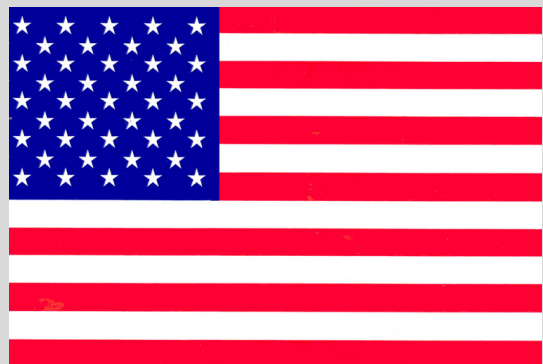


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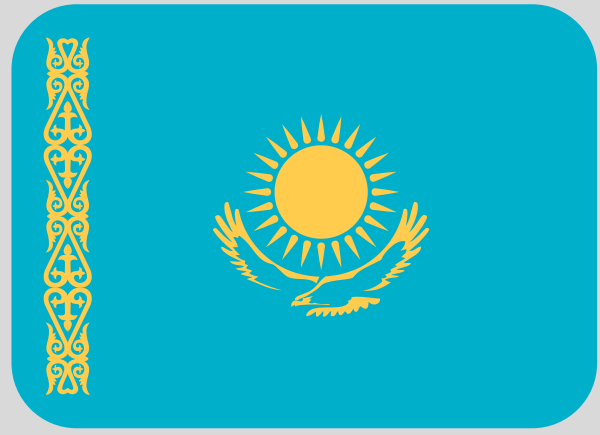


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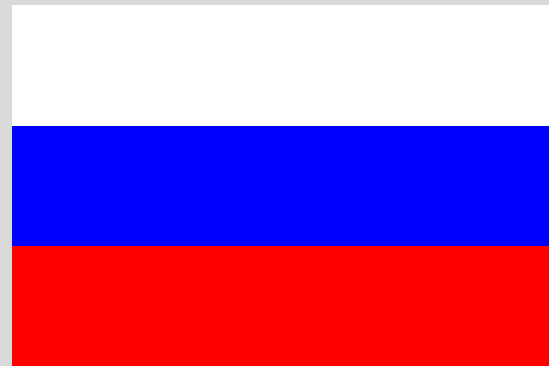


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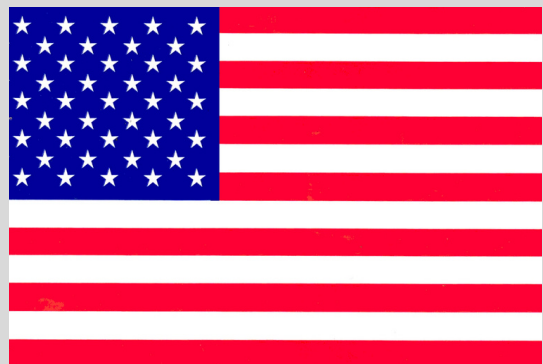
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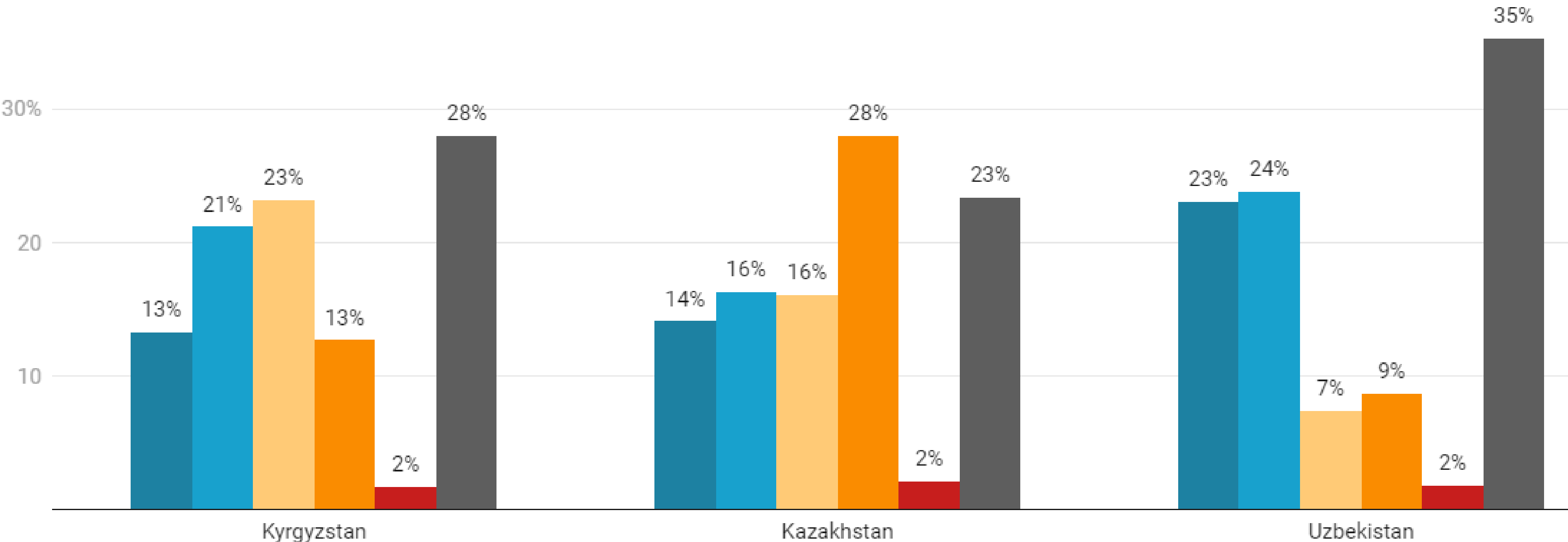
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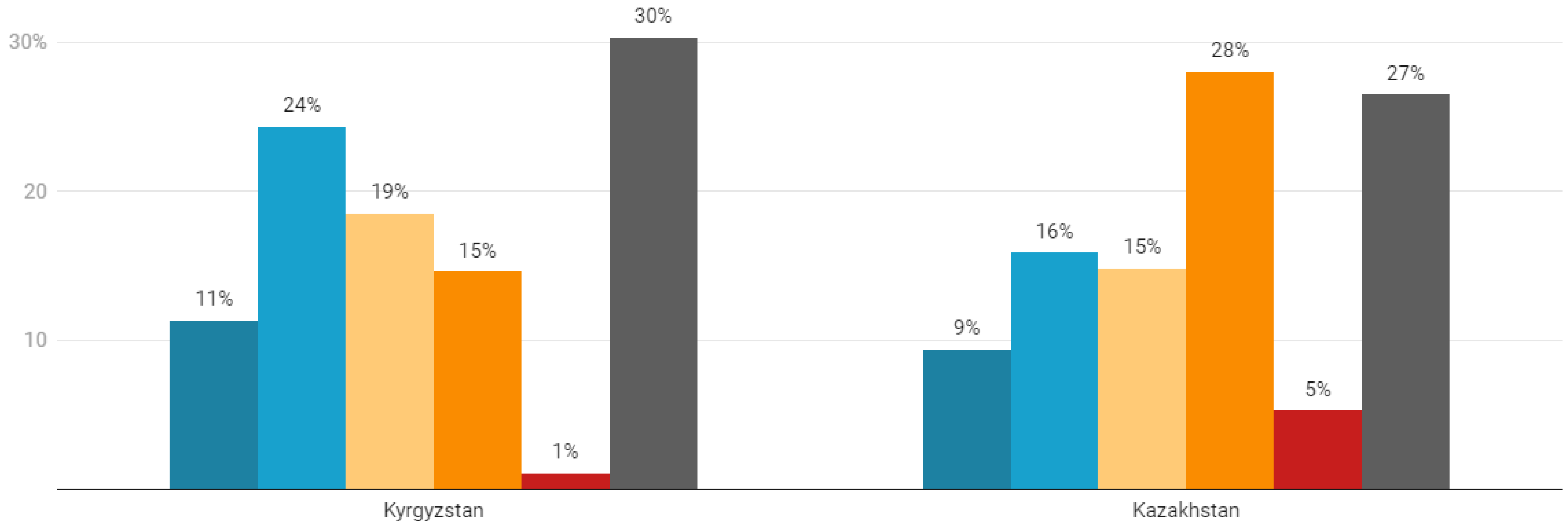
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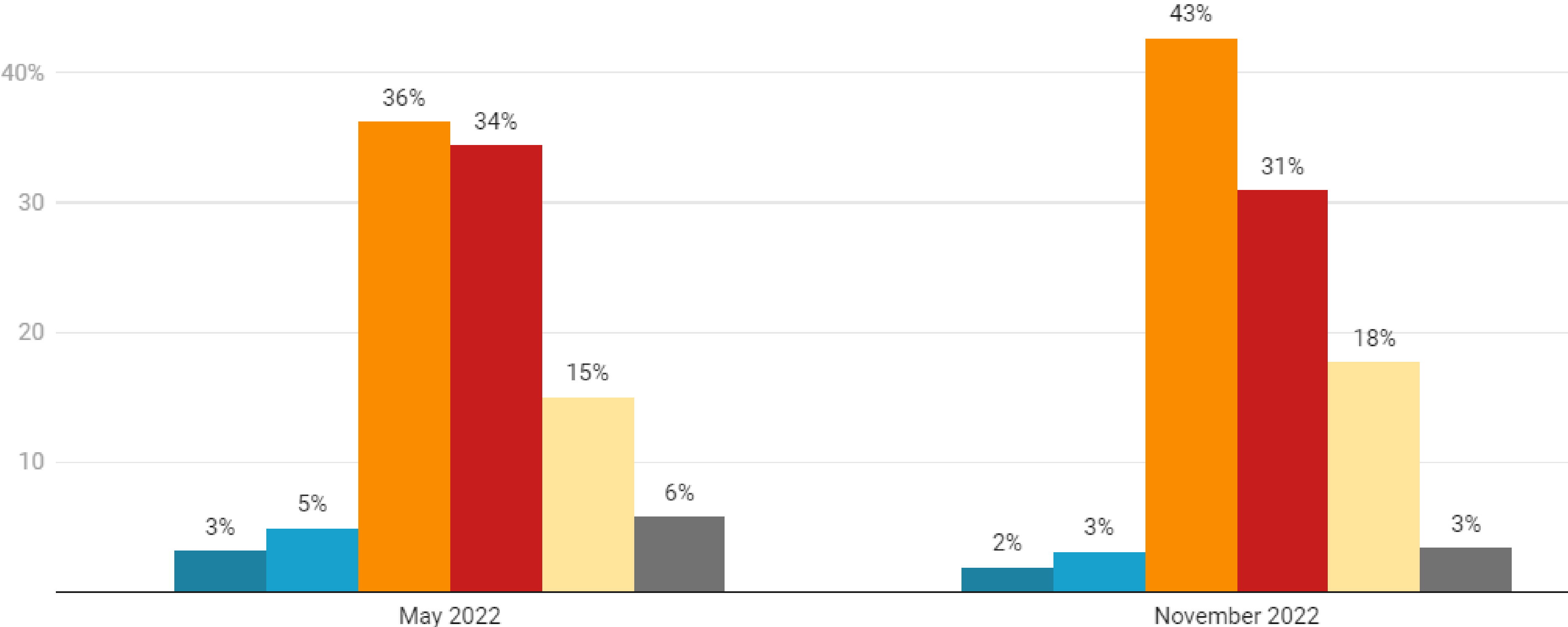
QUESTION

- Do you think the situation in Ukraine will have a positive impact on our country, a negative impact, or no impact at all?
- KAZ/KRG: In your opinion, what negative consequences for our country may arise from the situation in Ukraine? First Mention

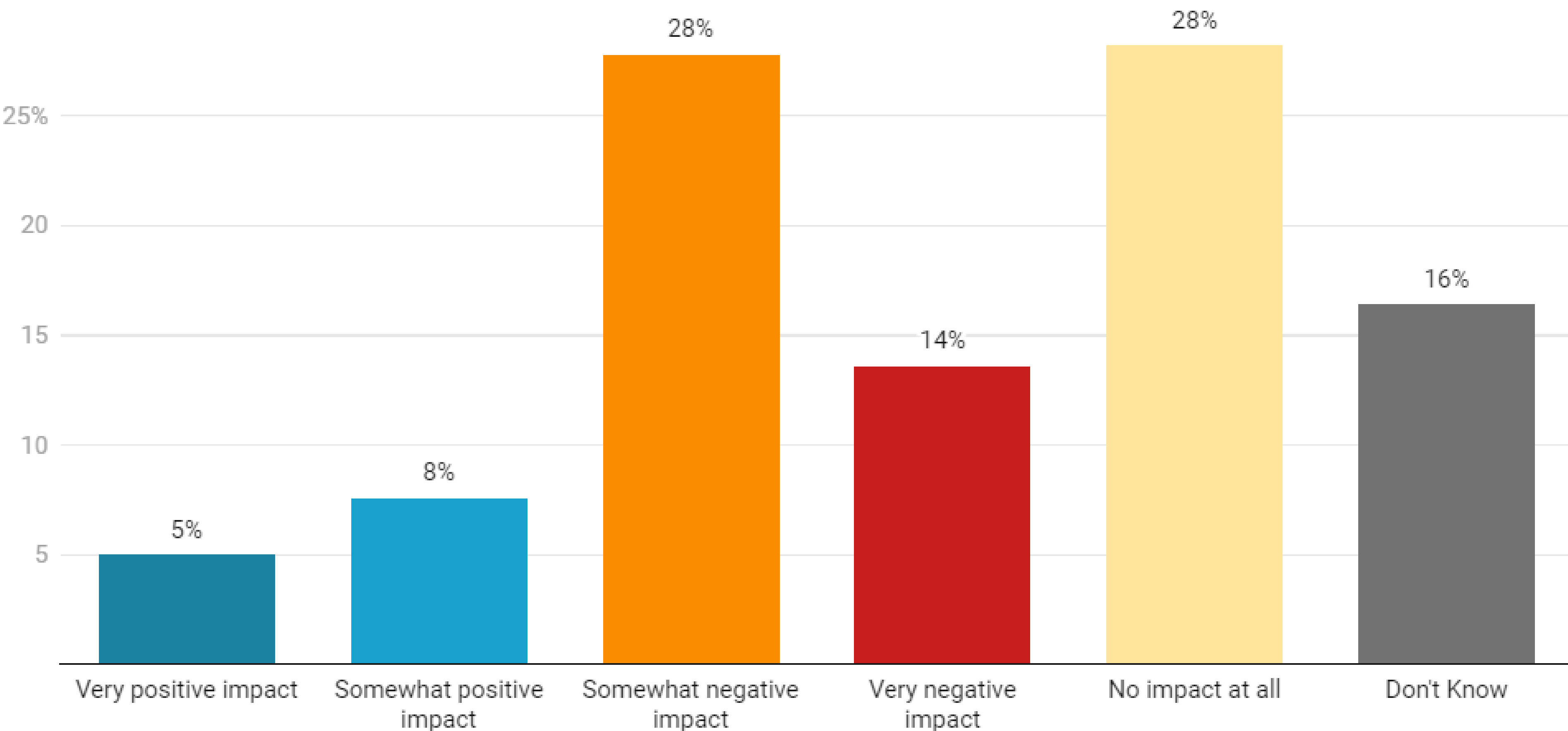


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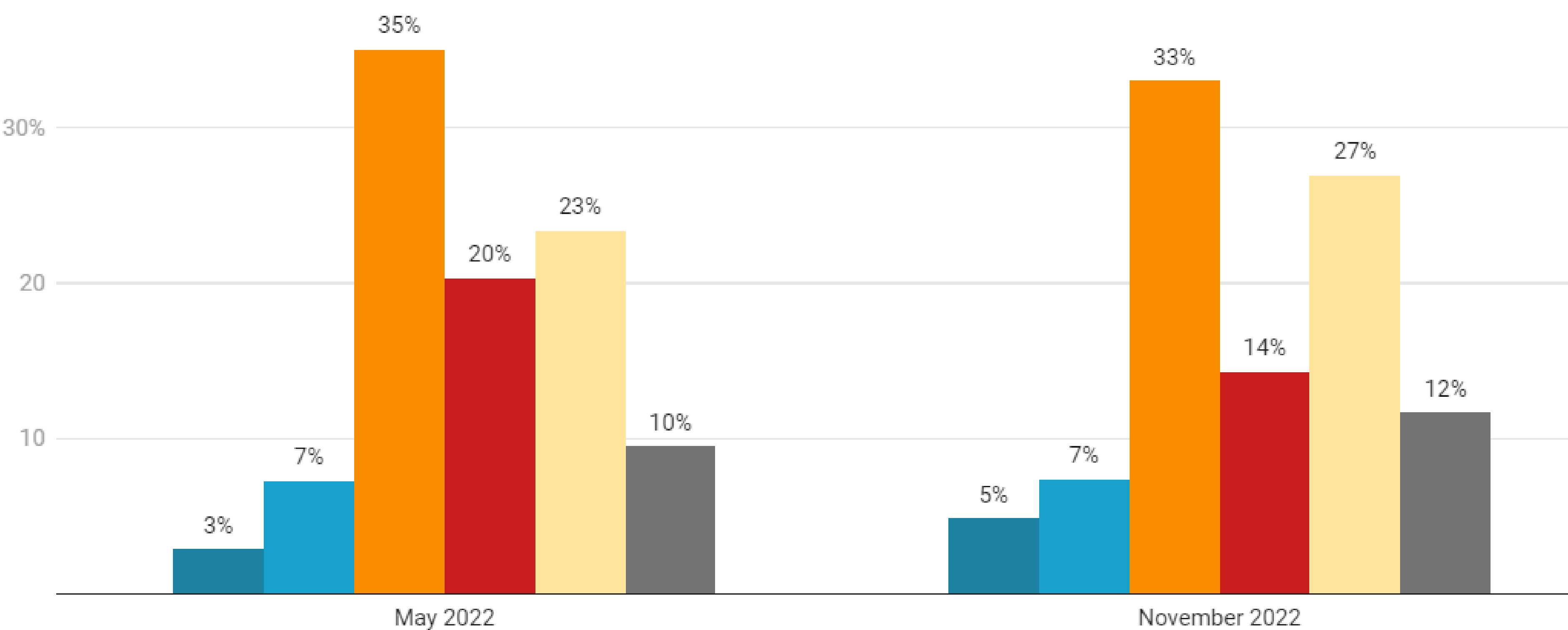


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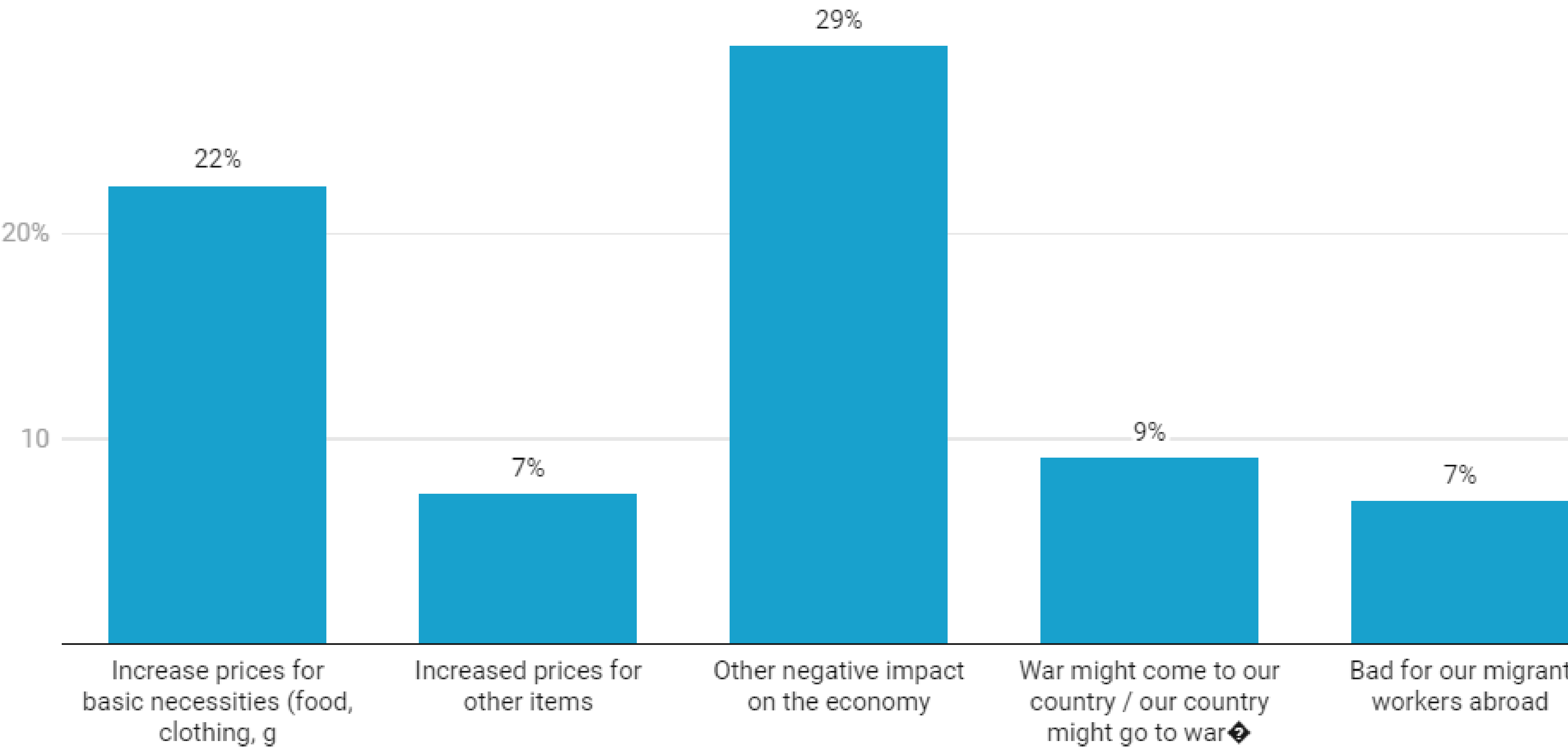


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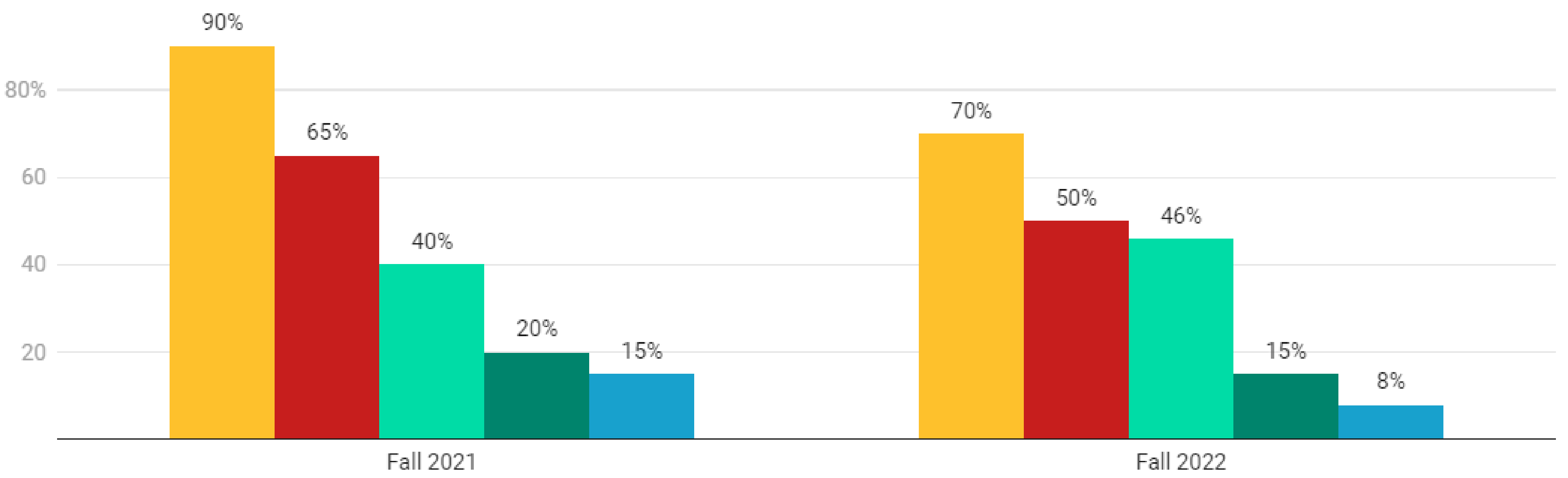


Perceptions of the migration to Russia after the war



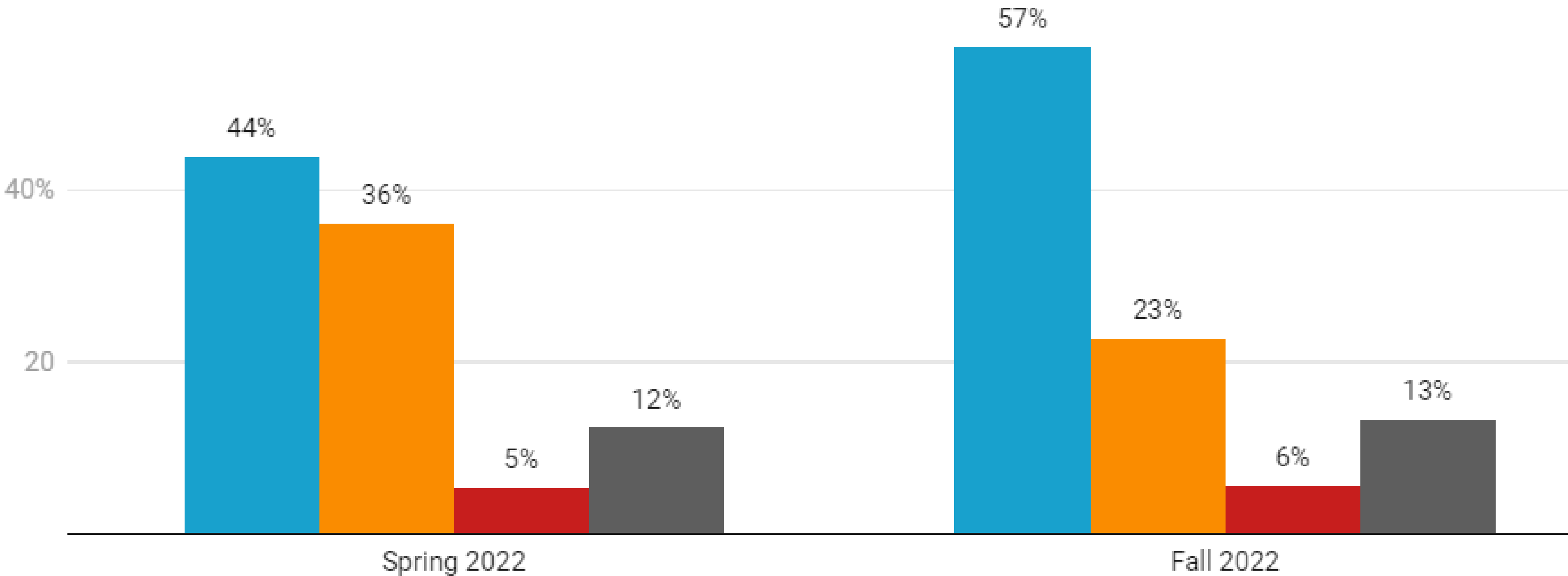
What would you say is the most attractive country for labor migration for our country's labor migrants? - Russia

Tajikistan Kyrgyzstan Uzbekistan Turkmenistan Kazakhstan



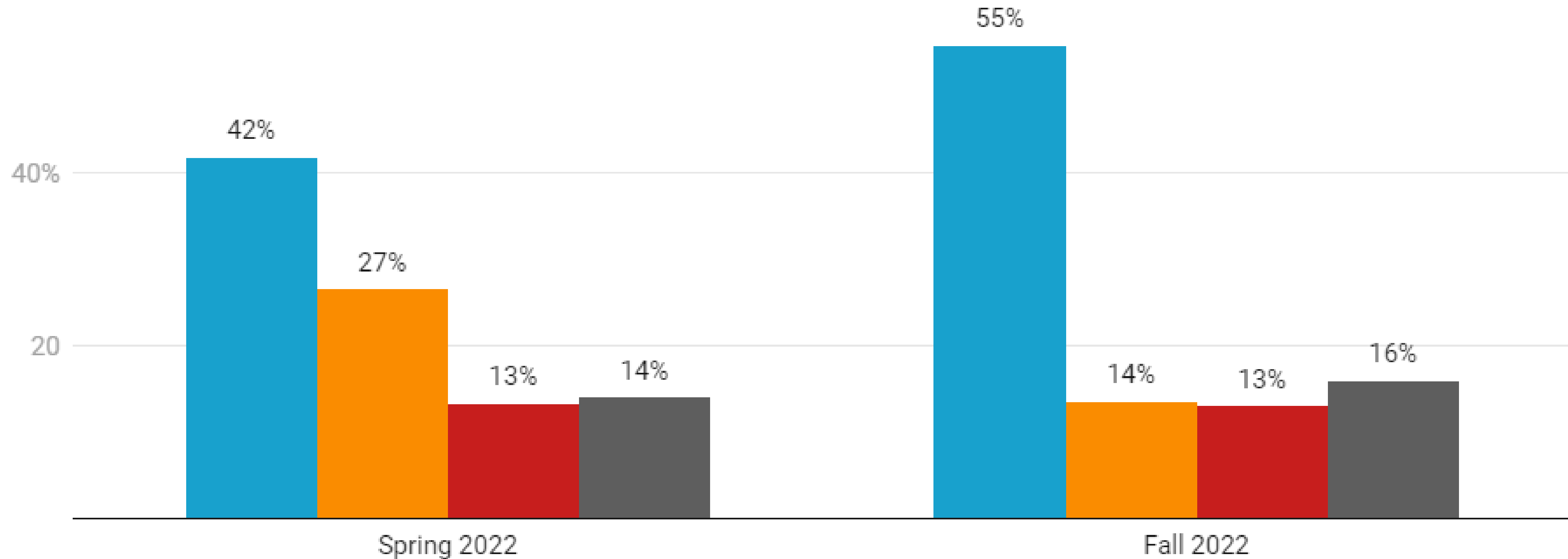
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Researchers need to consider the self-censorship bias in an authoritarian context, especially with politically sensitive questions as the questions on Ukraine are

"15% in Uzbekistan, 40% in Kazakhstan, 25% in Kyrgyzstan felt uncomfortable when surveyed"

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