

# THE REAL SOUTH AFRICA

Race, Reality, and Reasons for Hope



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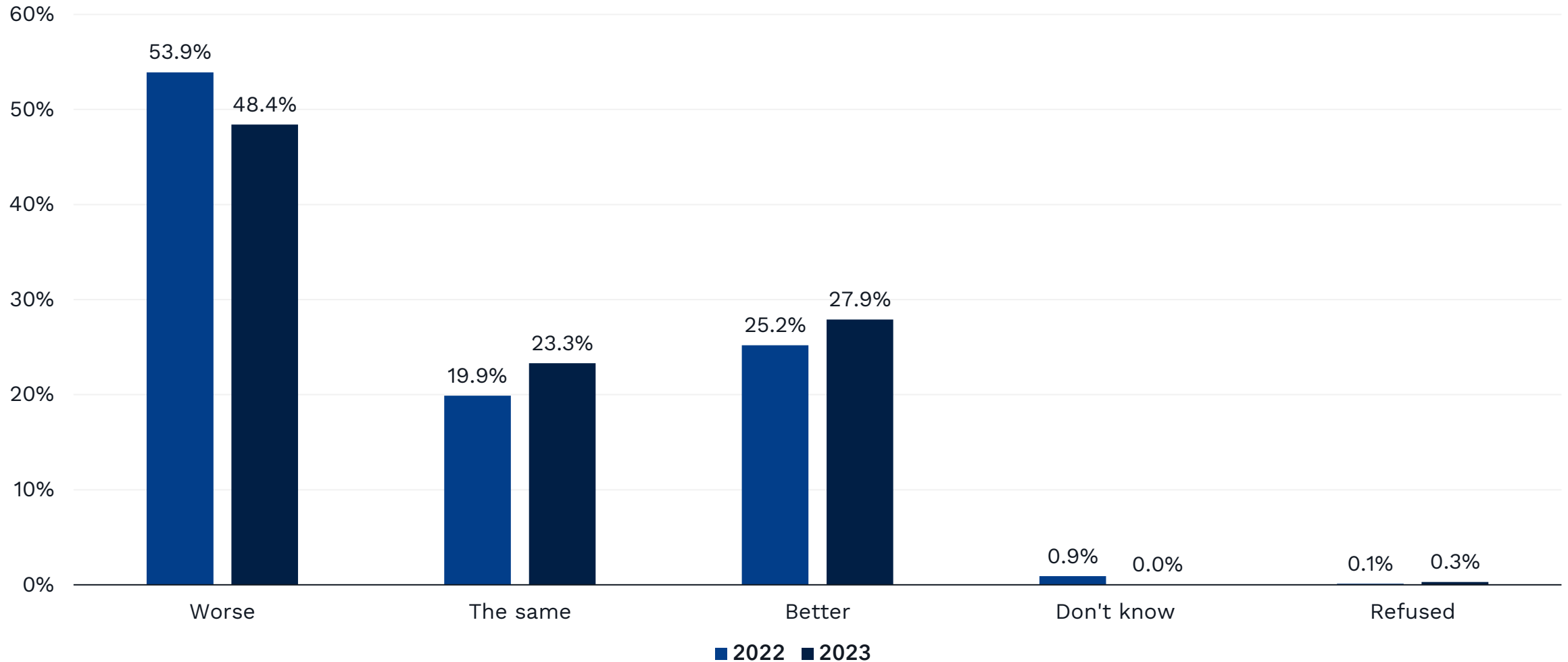
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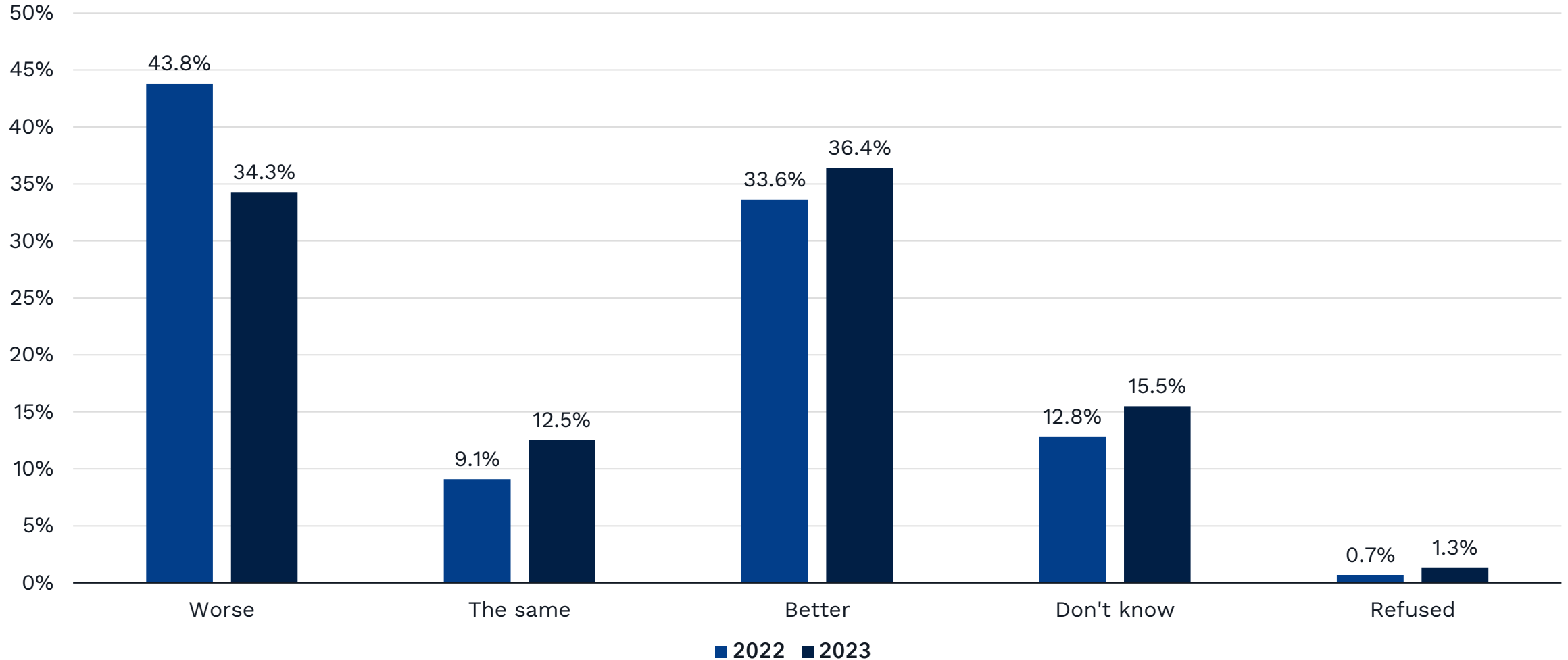
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Life in South Africa

# Is your life better, the same as or worse than 5 years ago?



# Do you think life 5 years from now will be better, the same or worse than today?



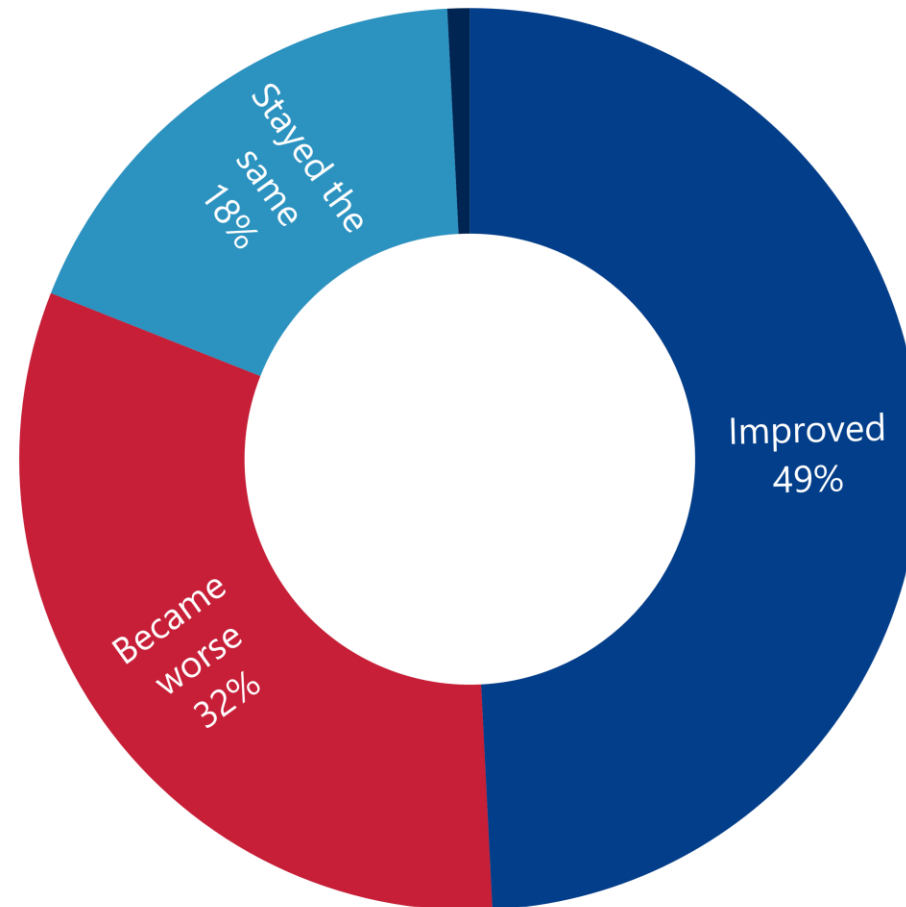


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Race relations

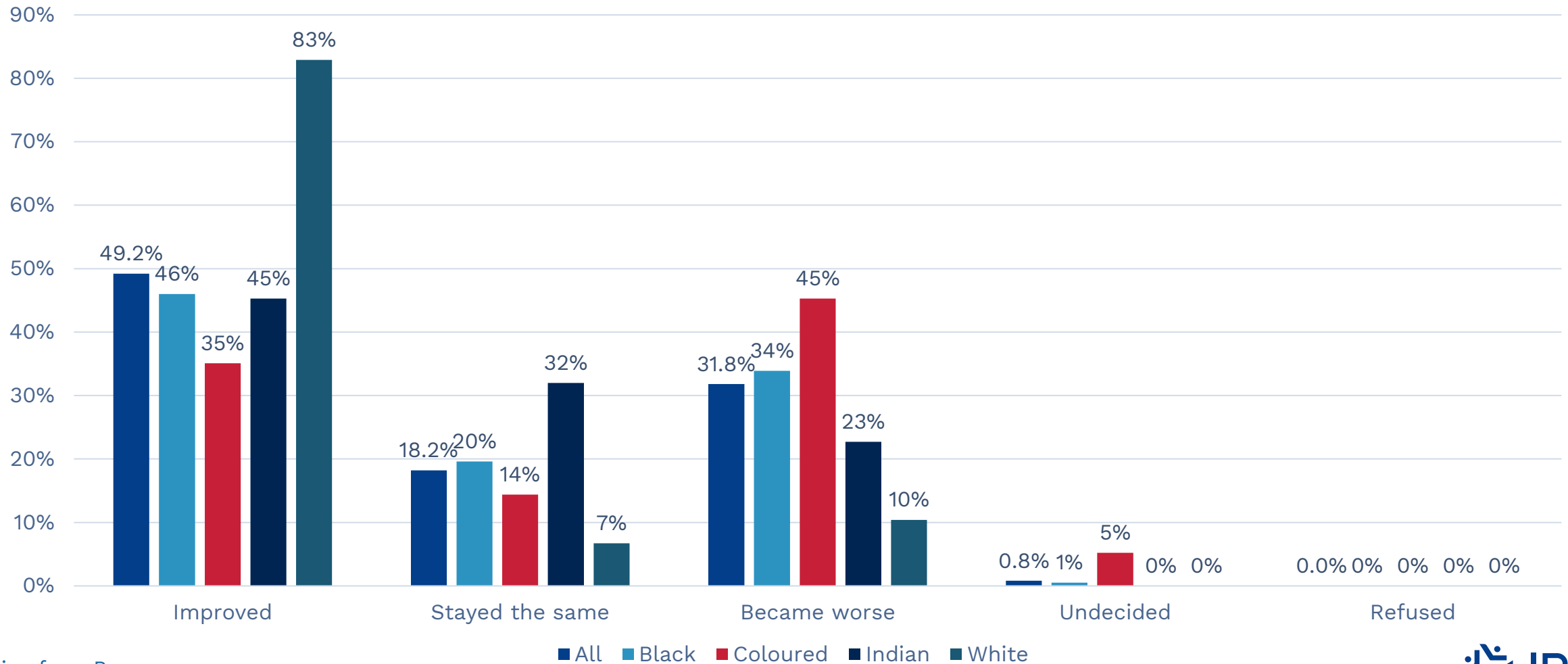
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■ Improved ■ Stayed the same ■ Became worse ■ Undecided ■ Refused

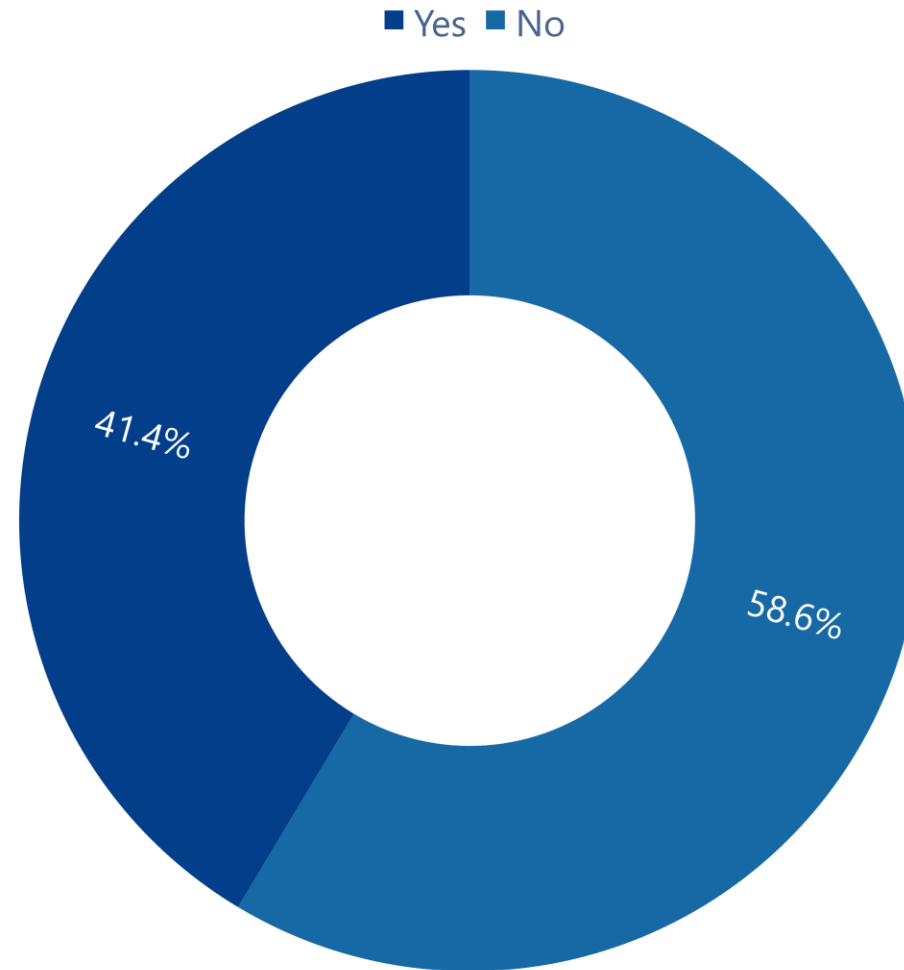




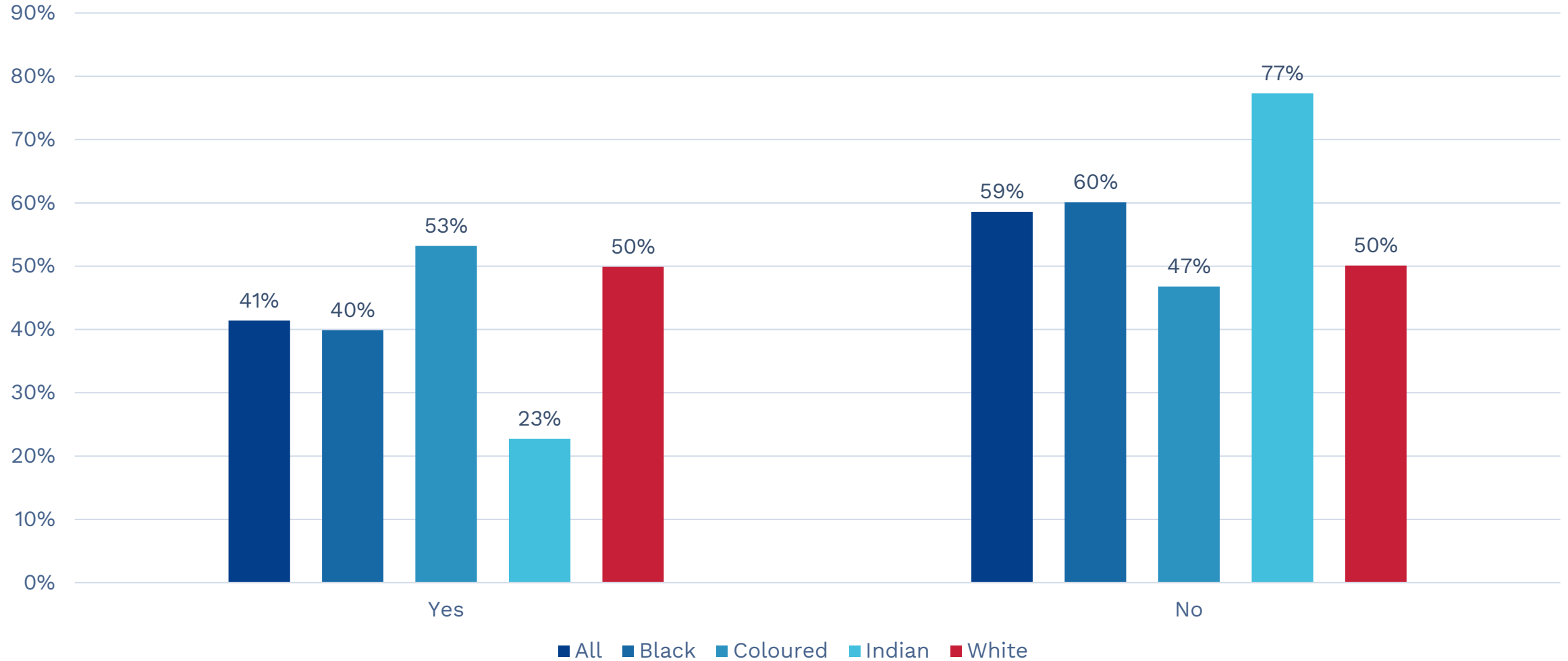
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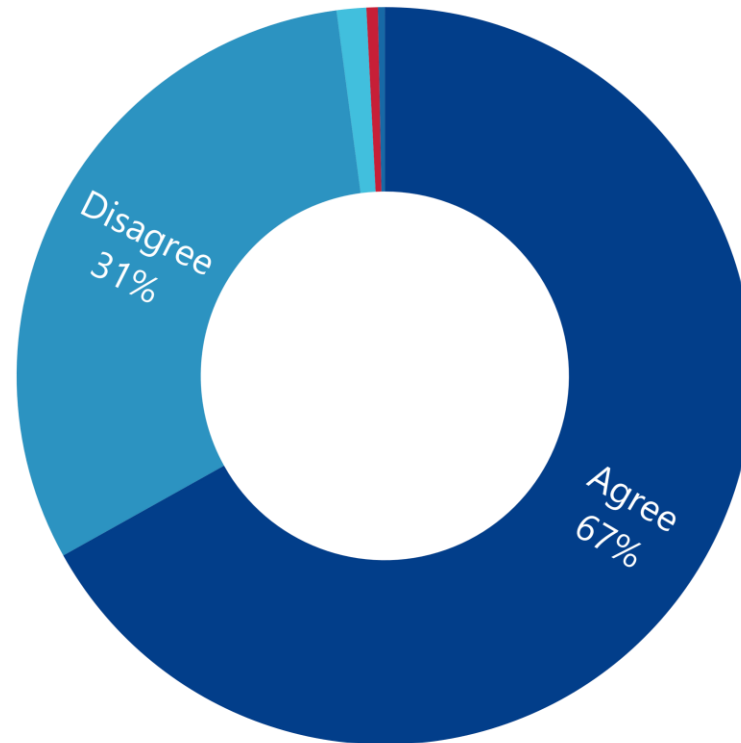


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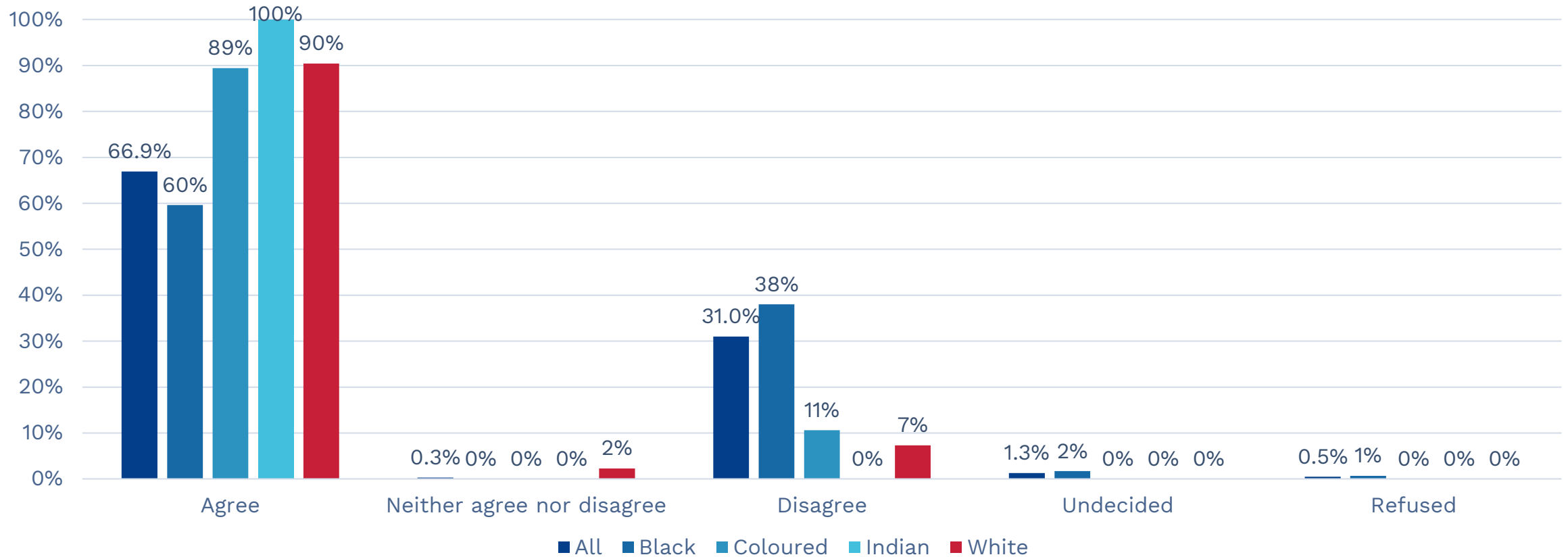


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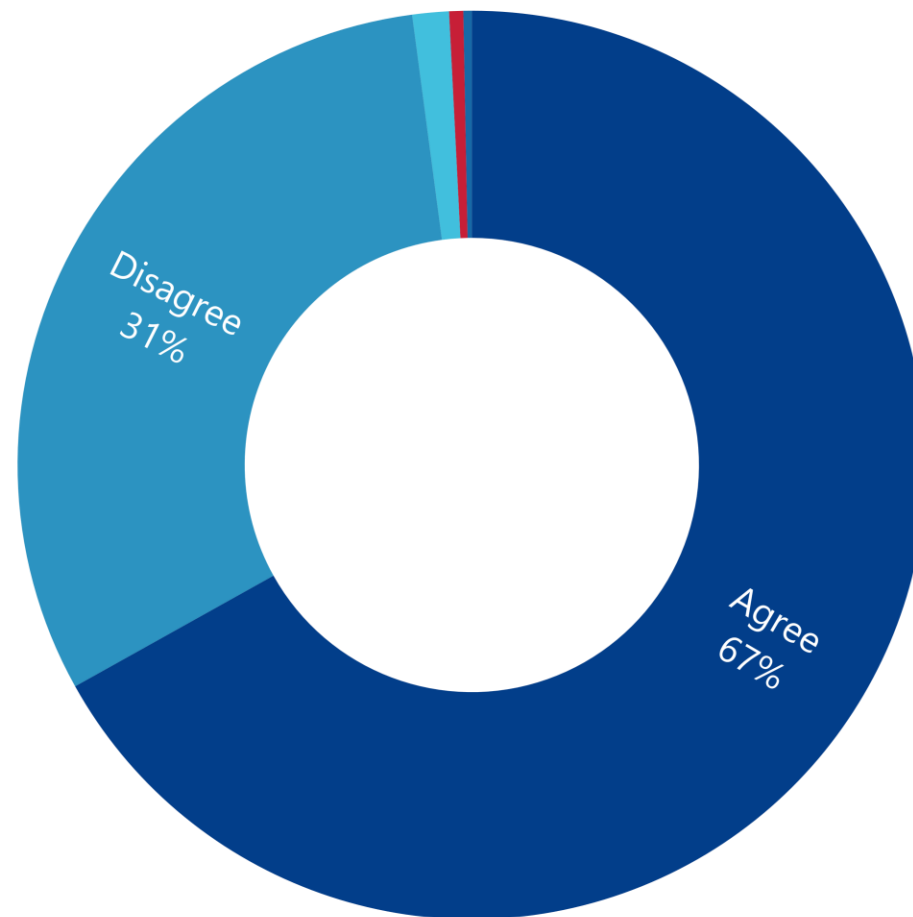


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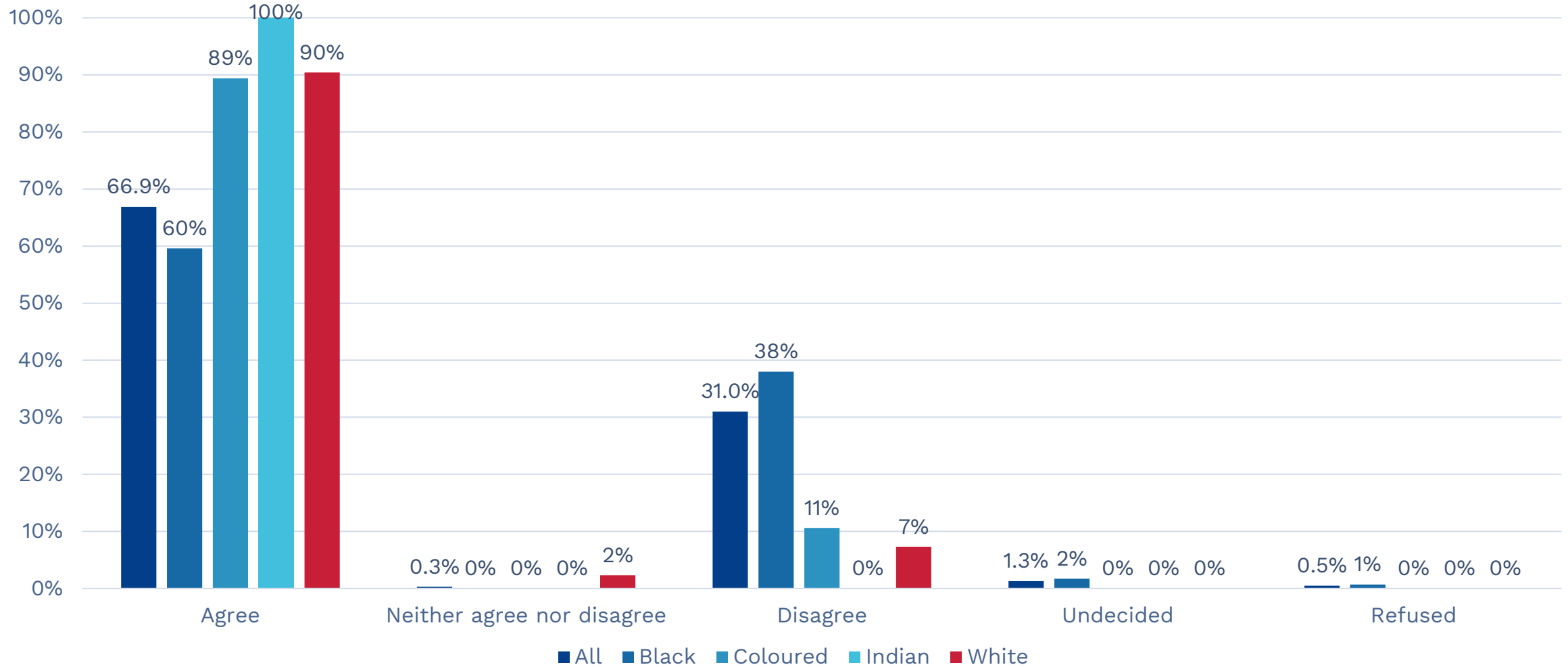


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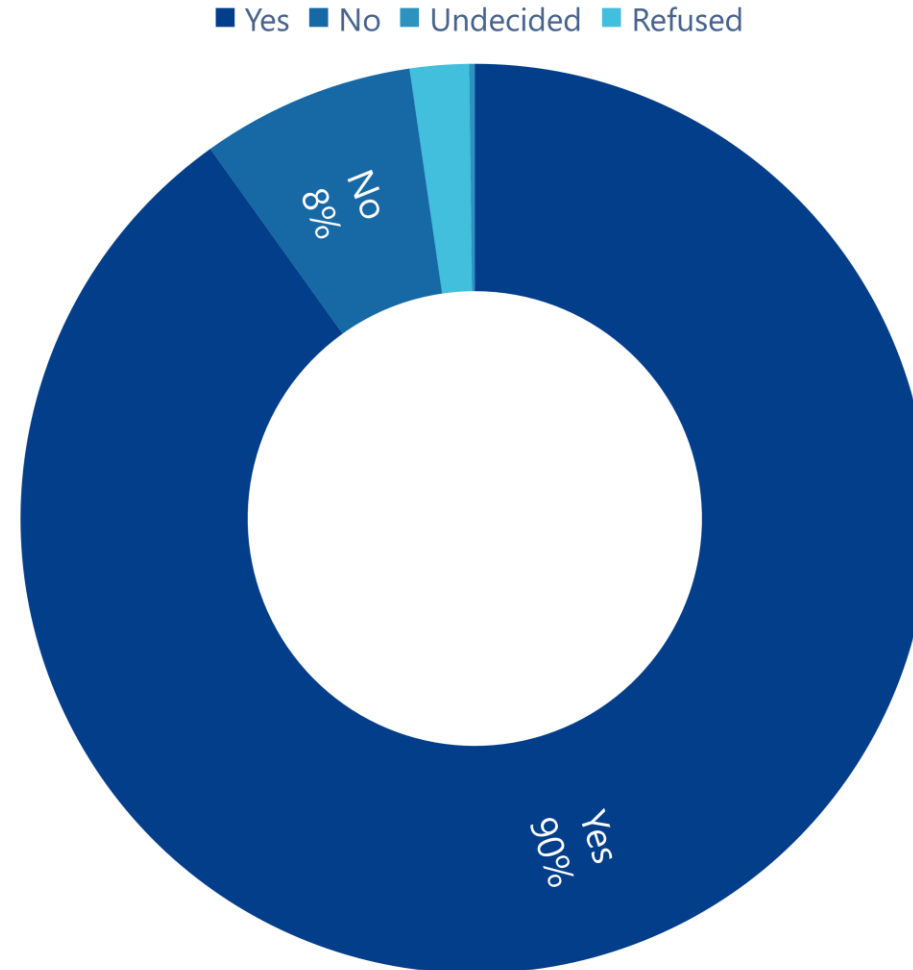
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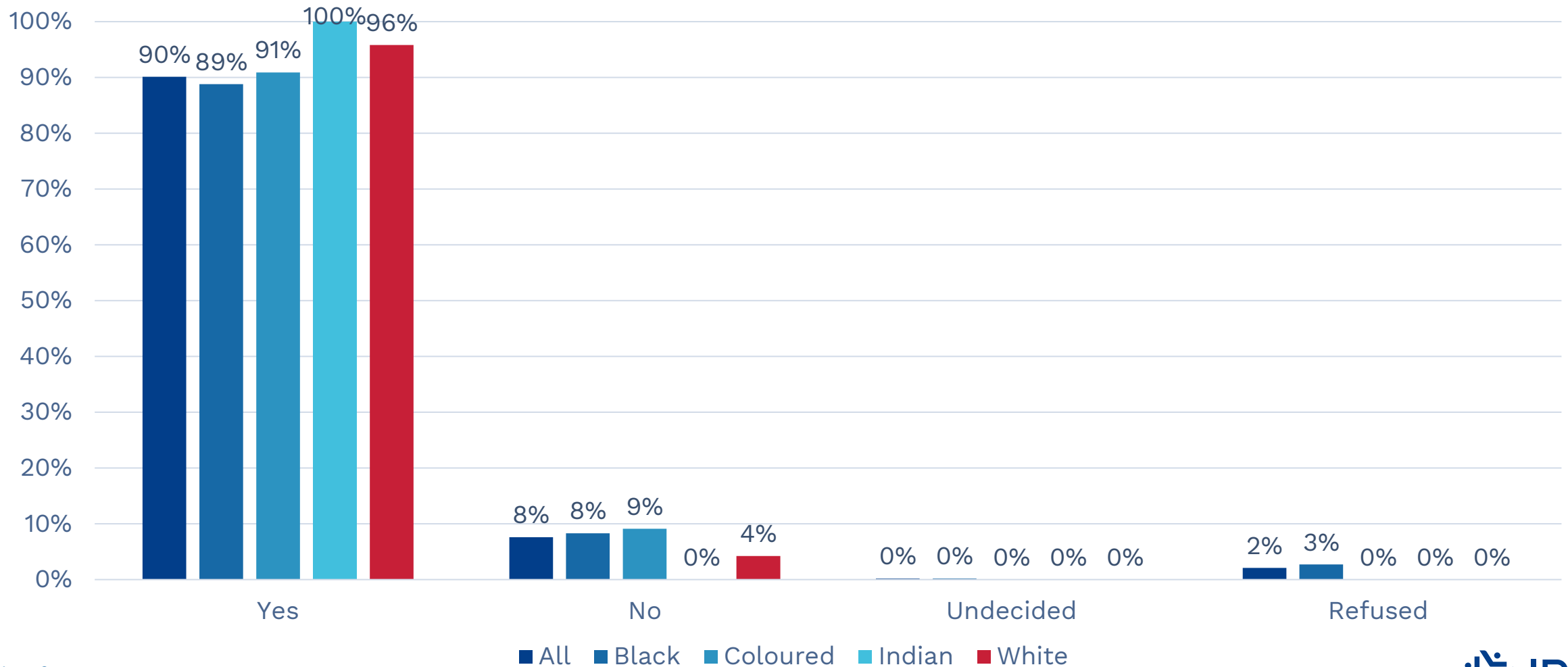


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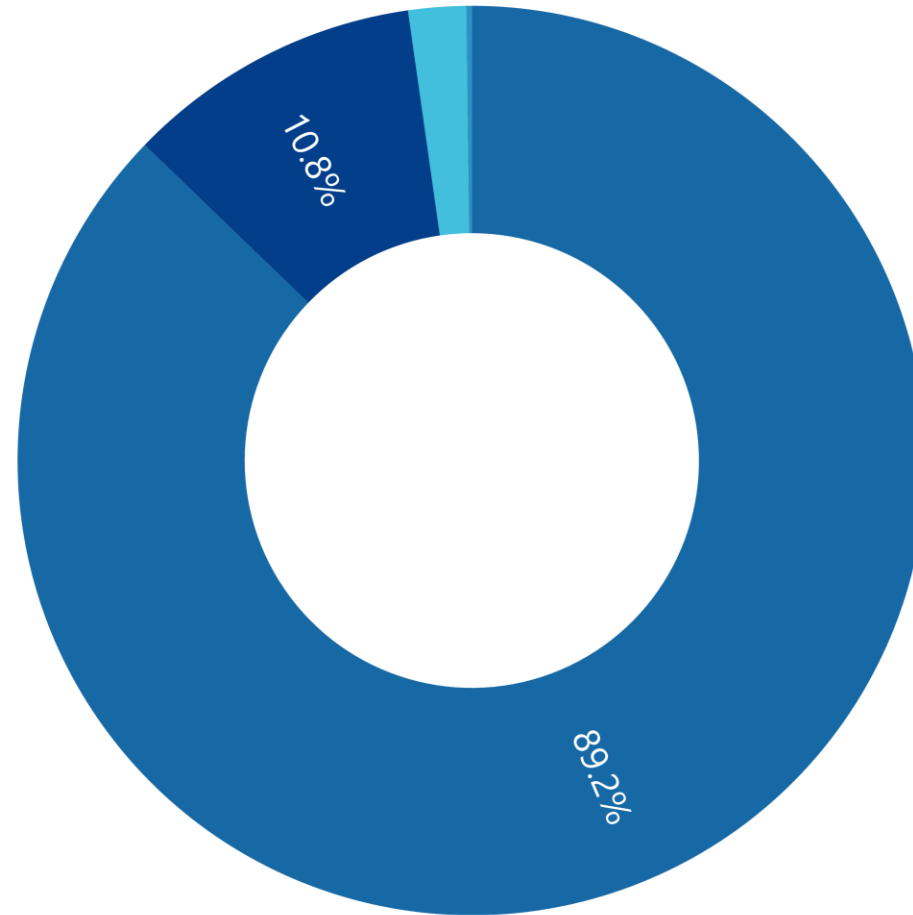


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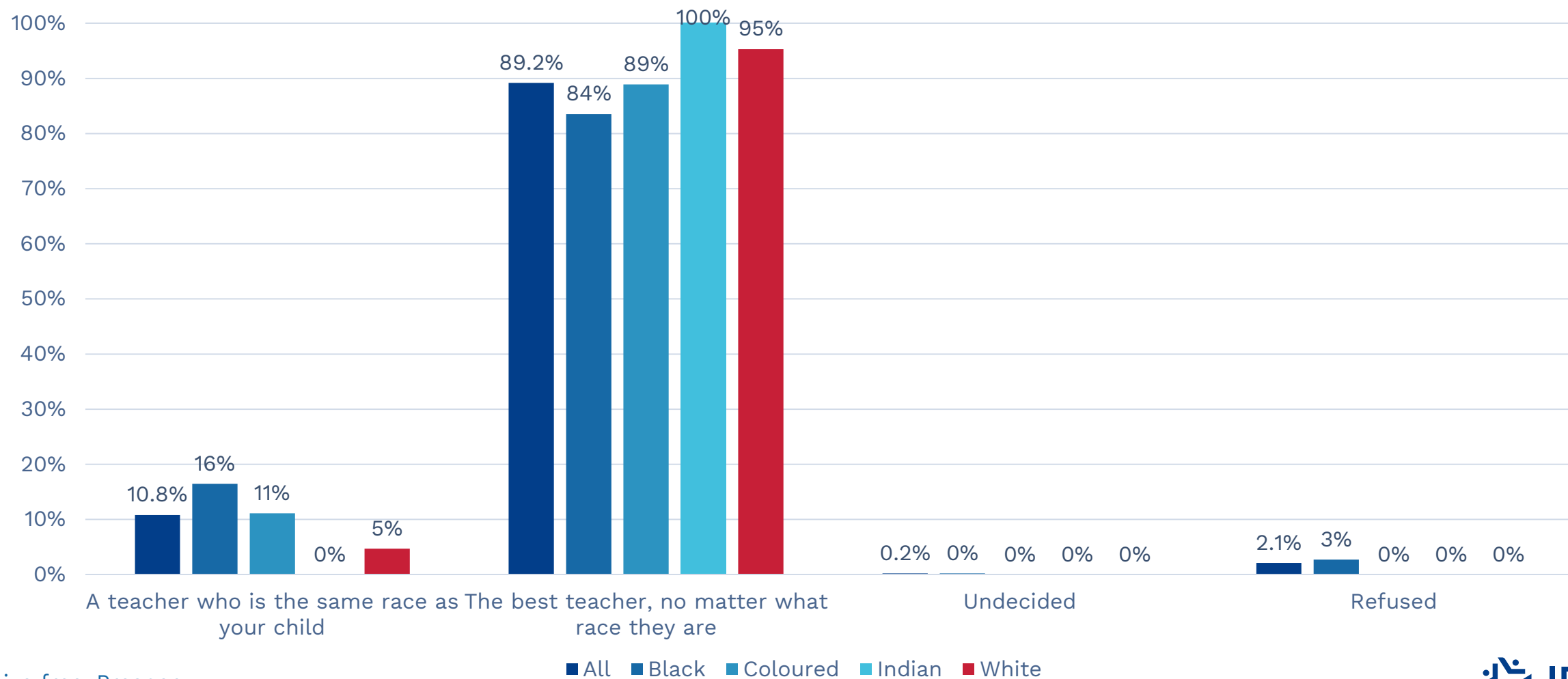


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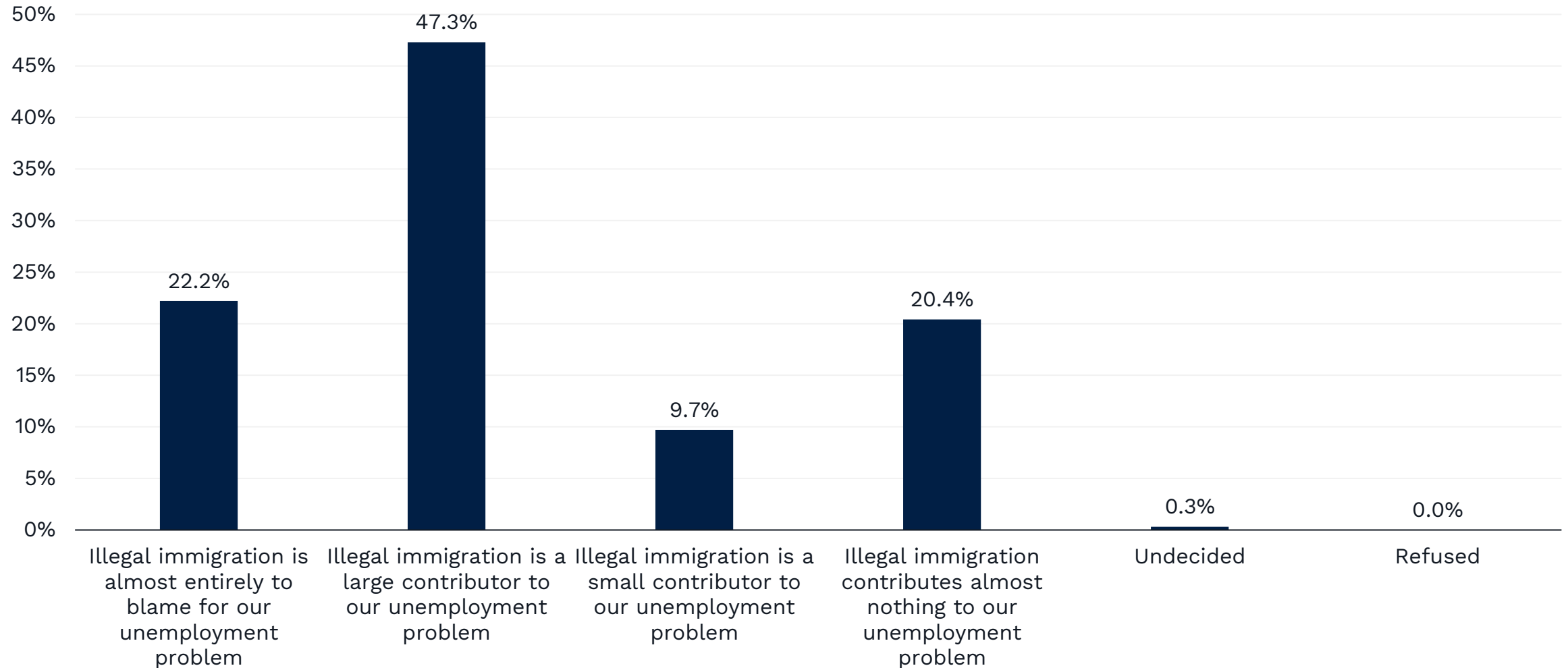
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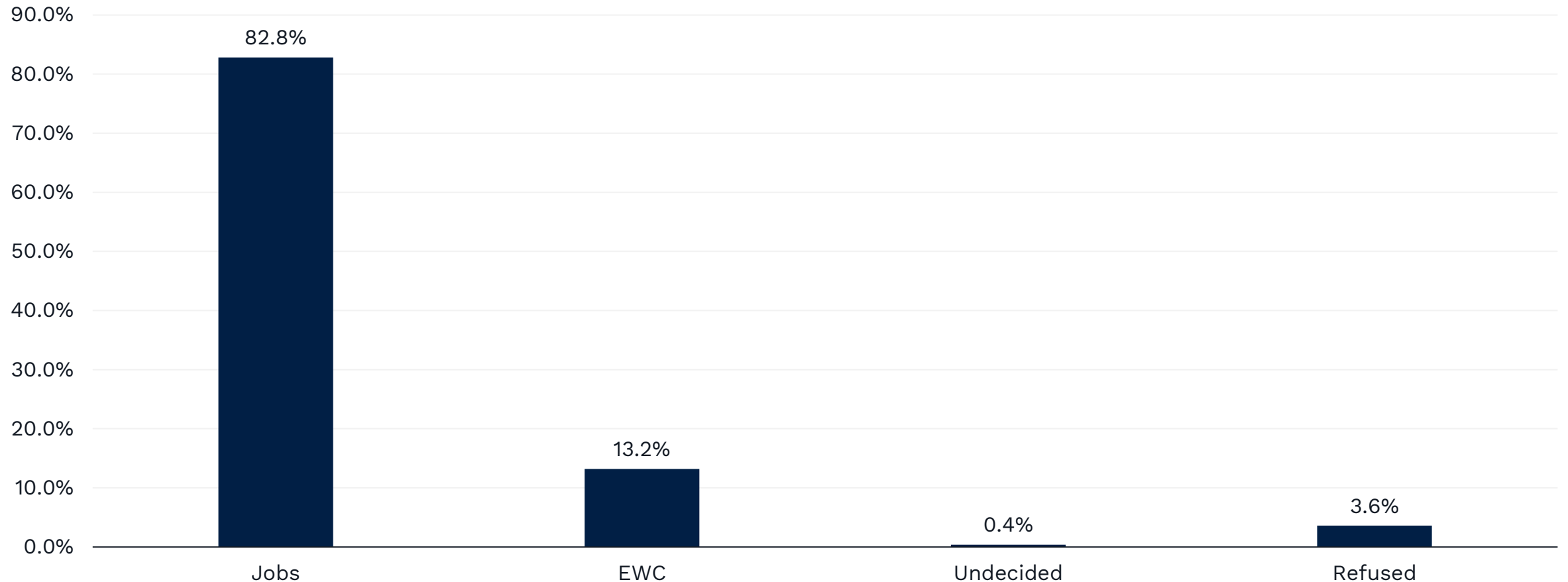
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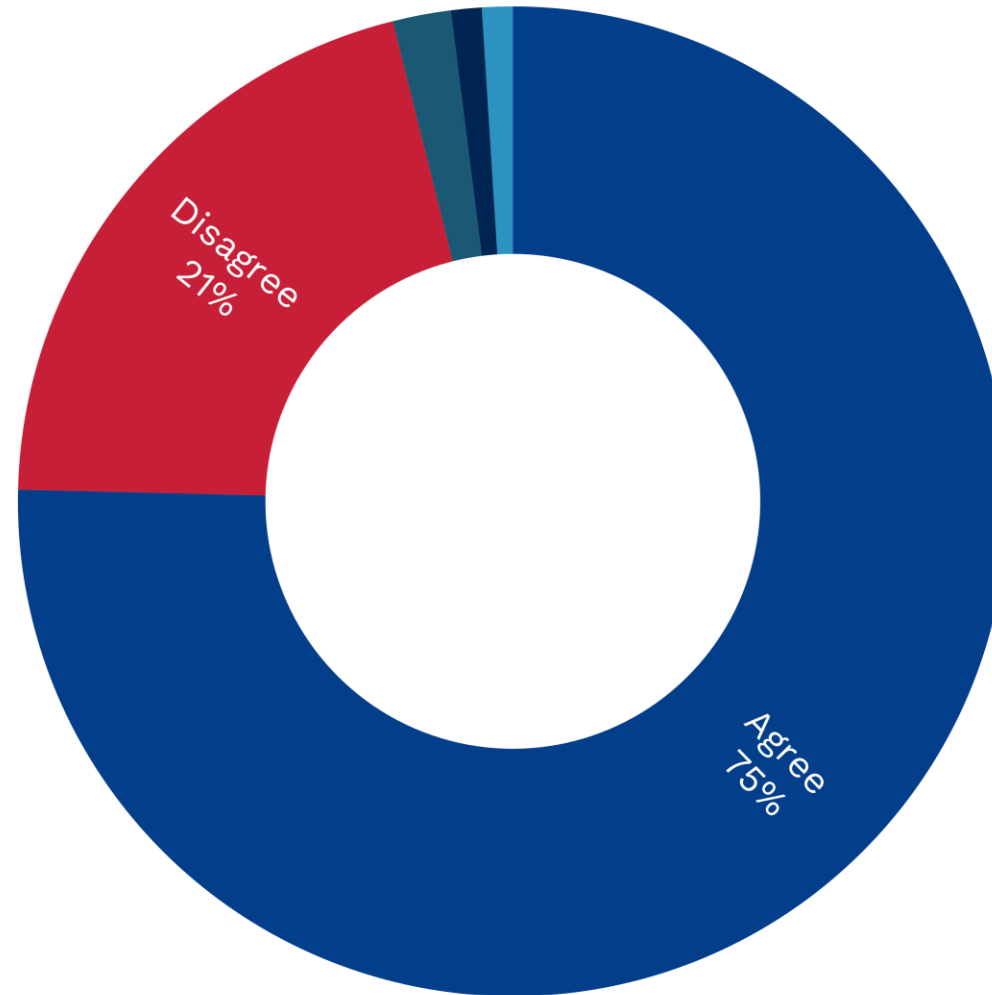
# What impact does illegal immigration have on SA's unemployment numbers?



# Do you prefer a political party which promises faster economic growth and more jobs or one which promises land expropriation without compensation as redress for past wrongs?



# Will better education and more jobs decrease inequality within South Africa?



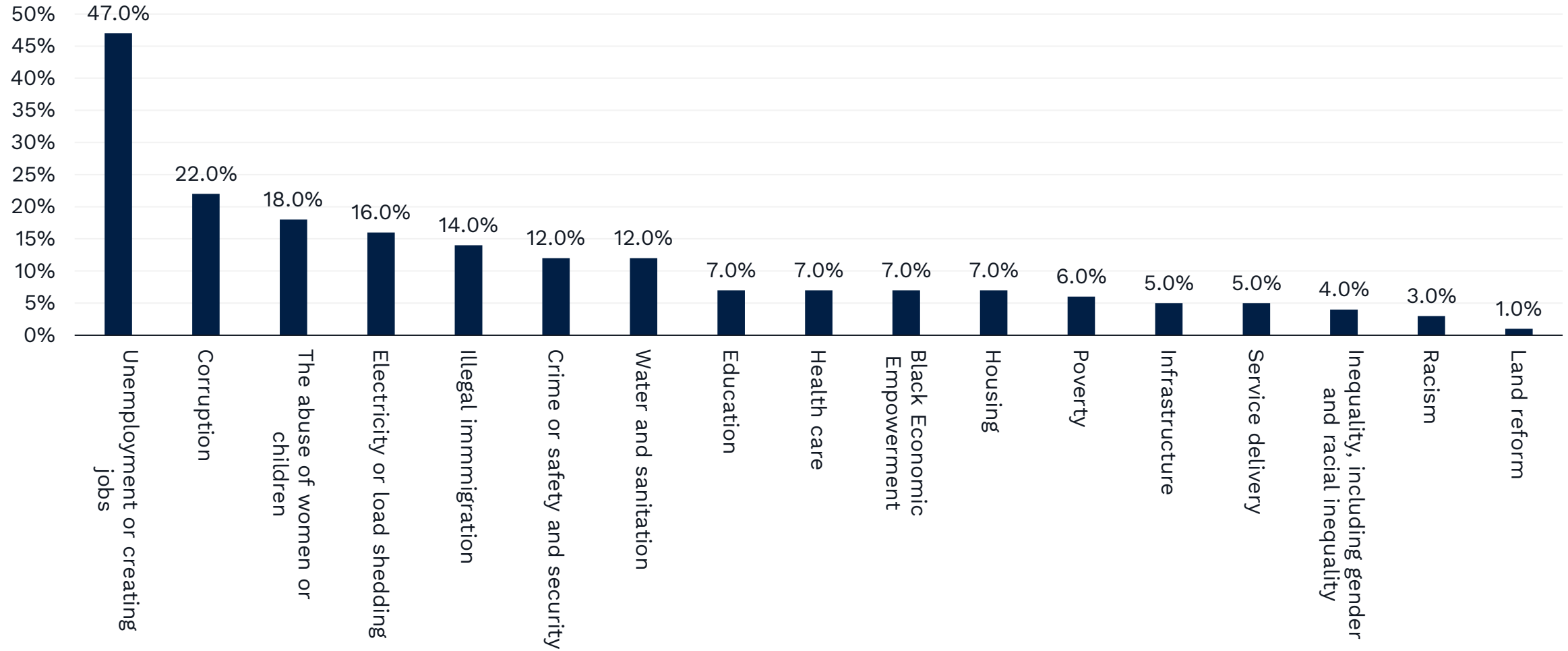


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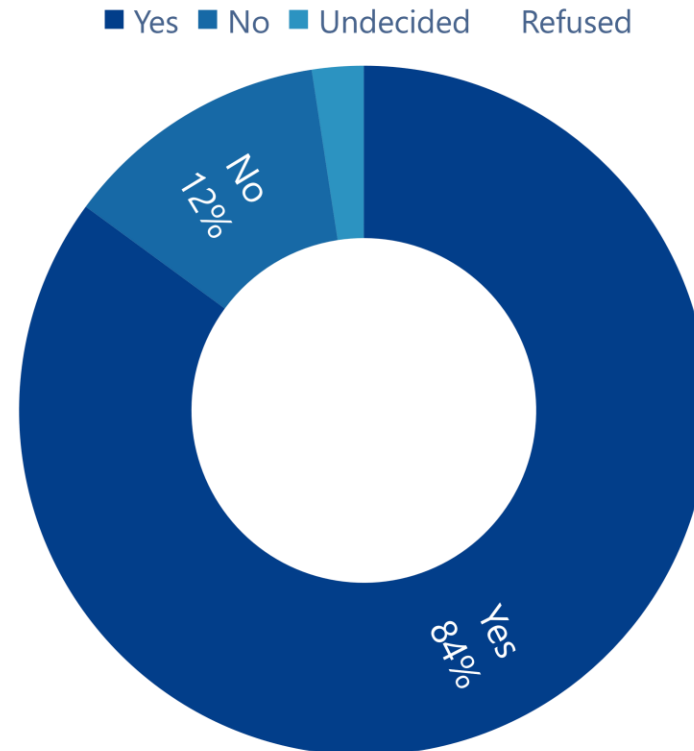
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# What should the top two priorities of the government be?

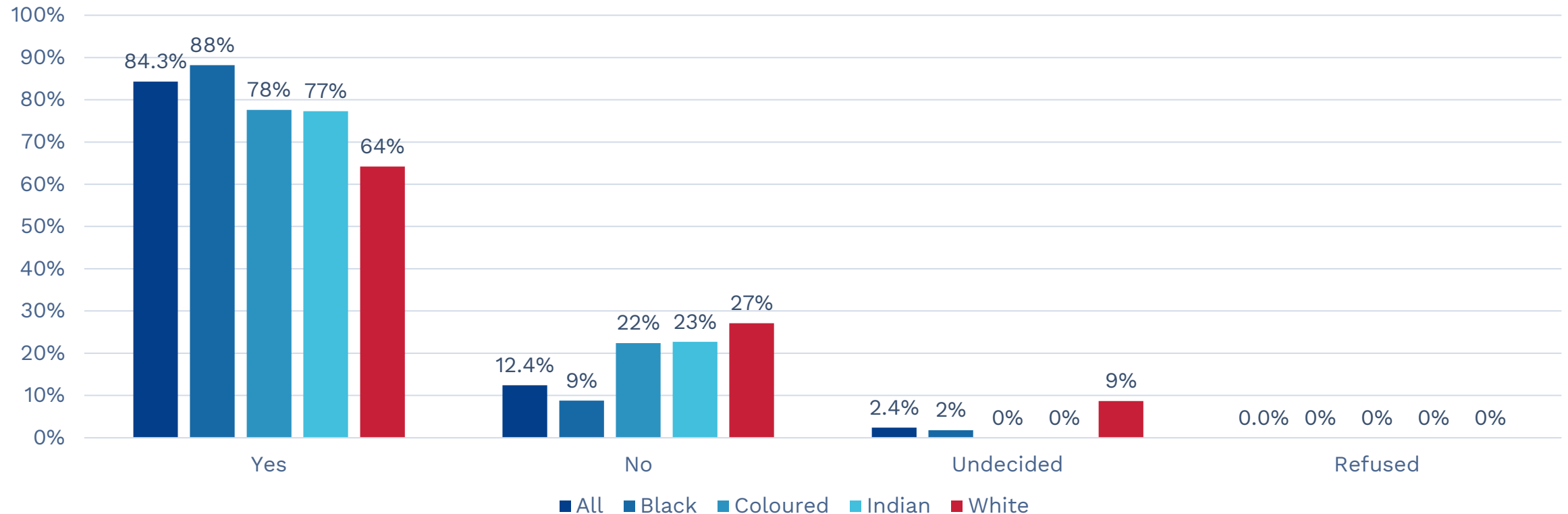




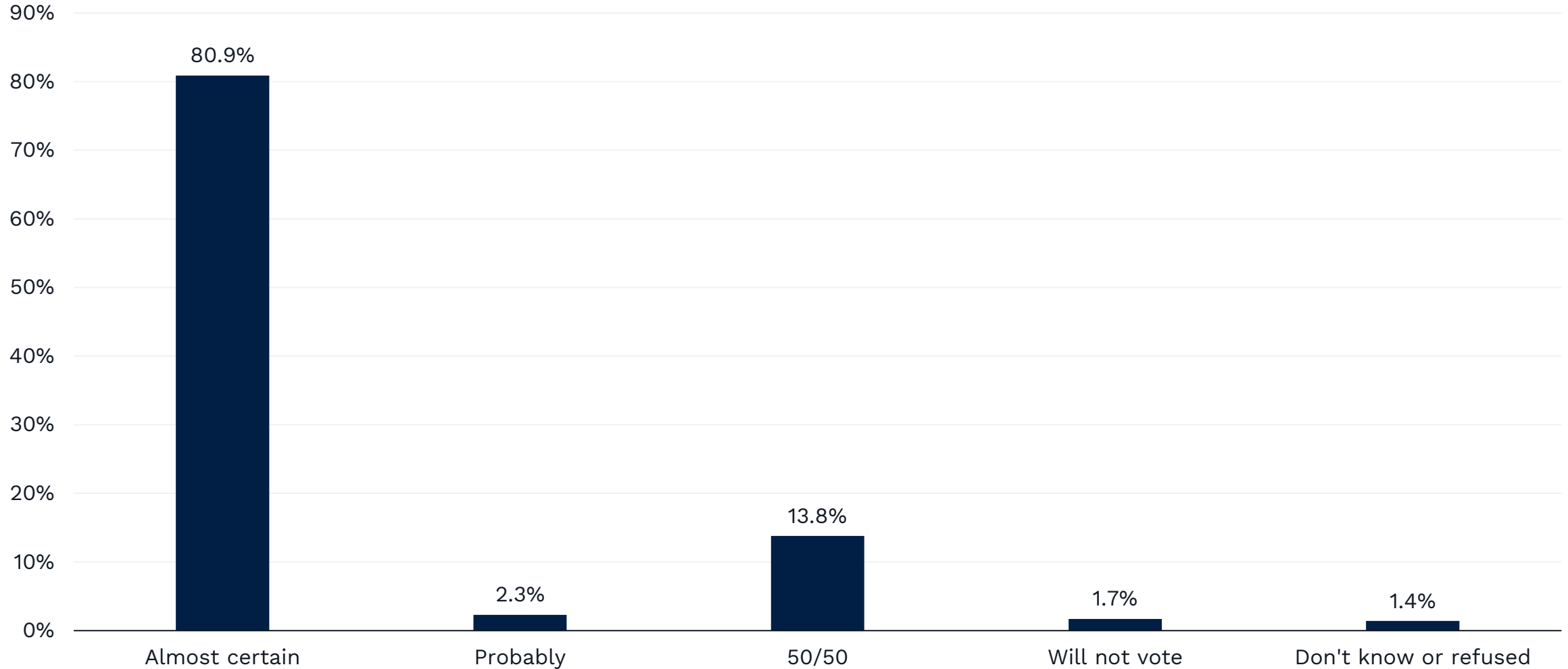
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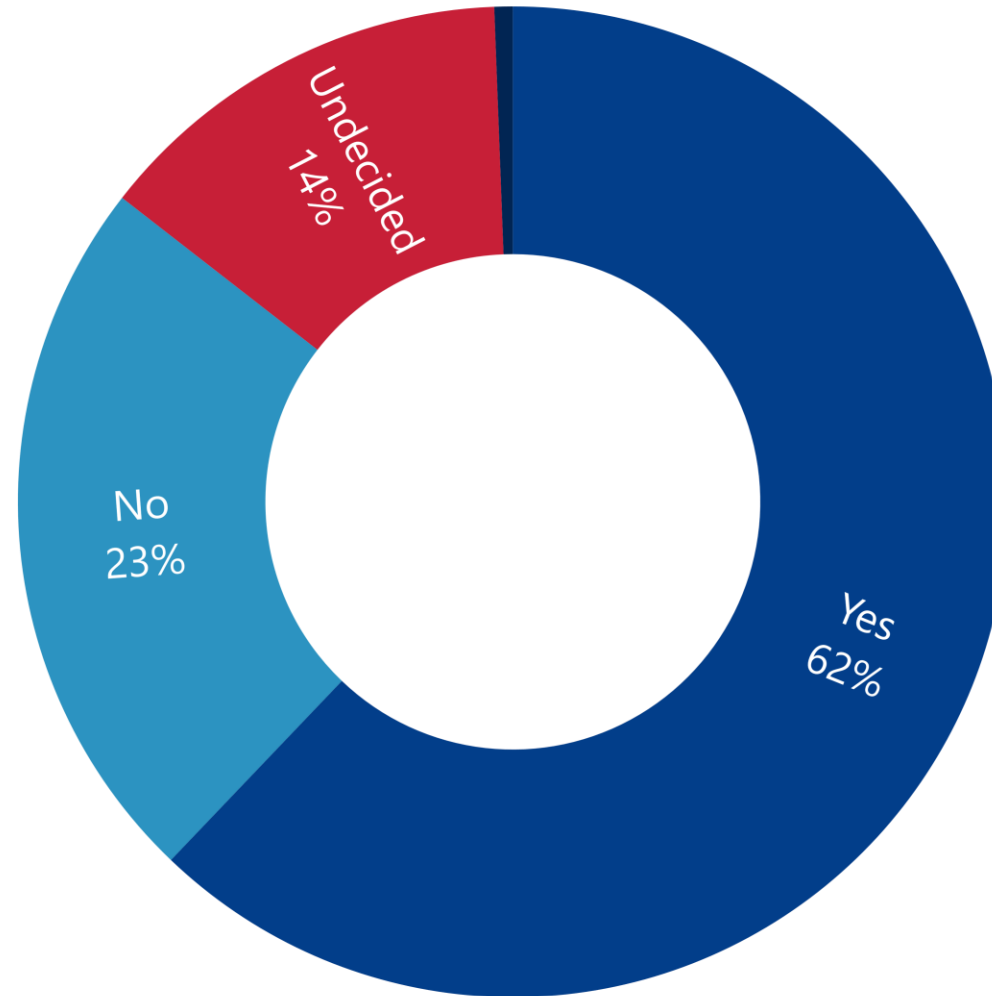
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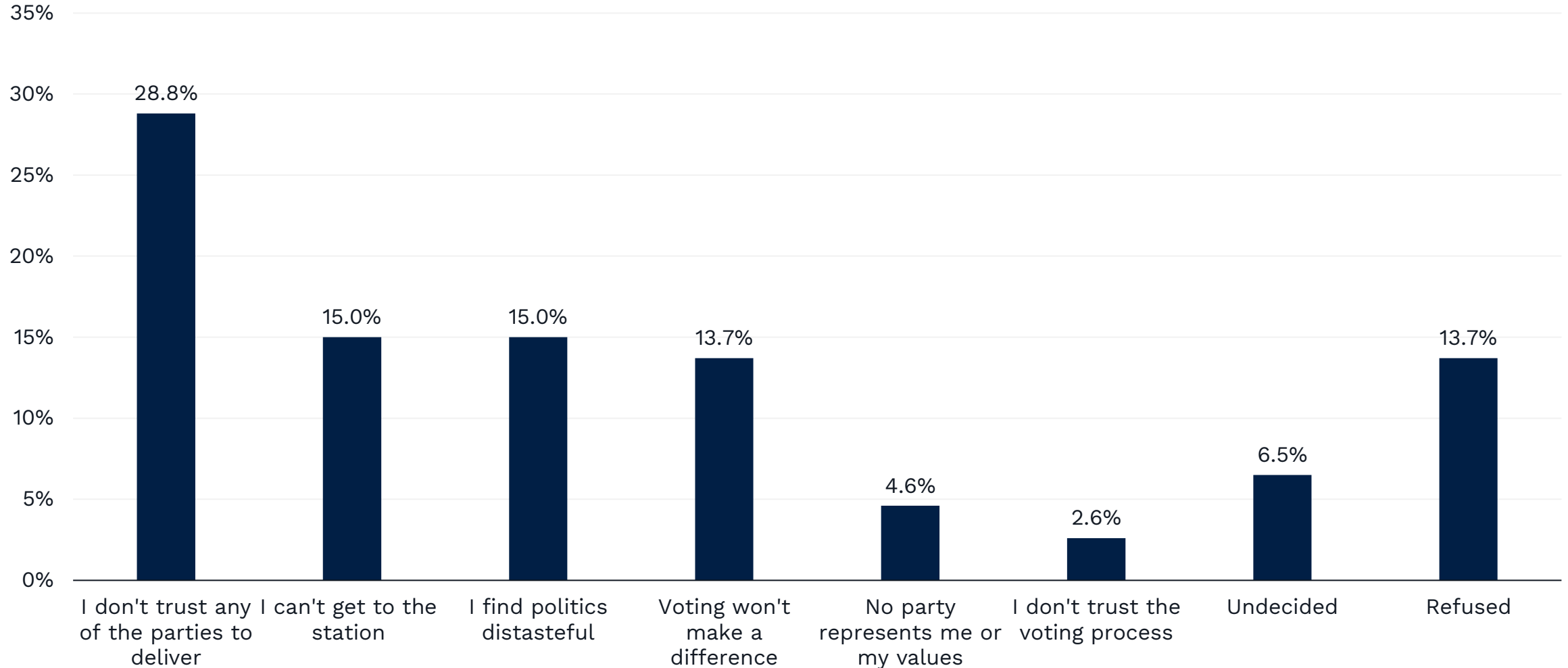
# What are the chances of you voting in the 2024 general elections?



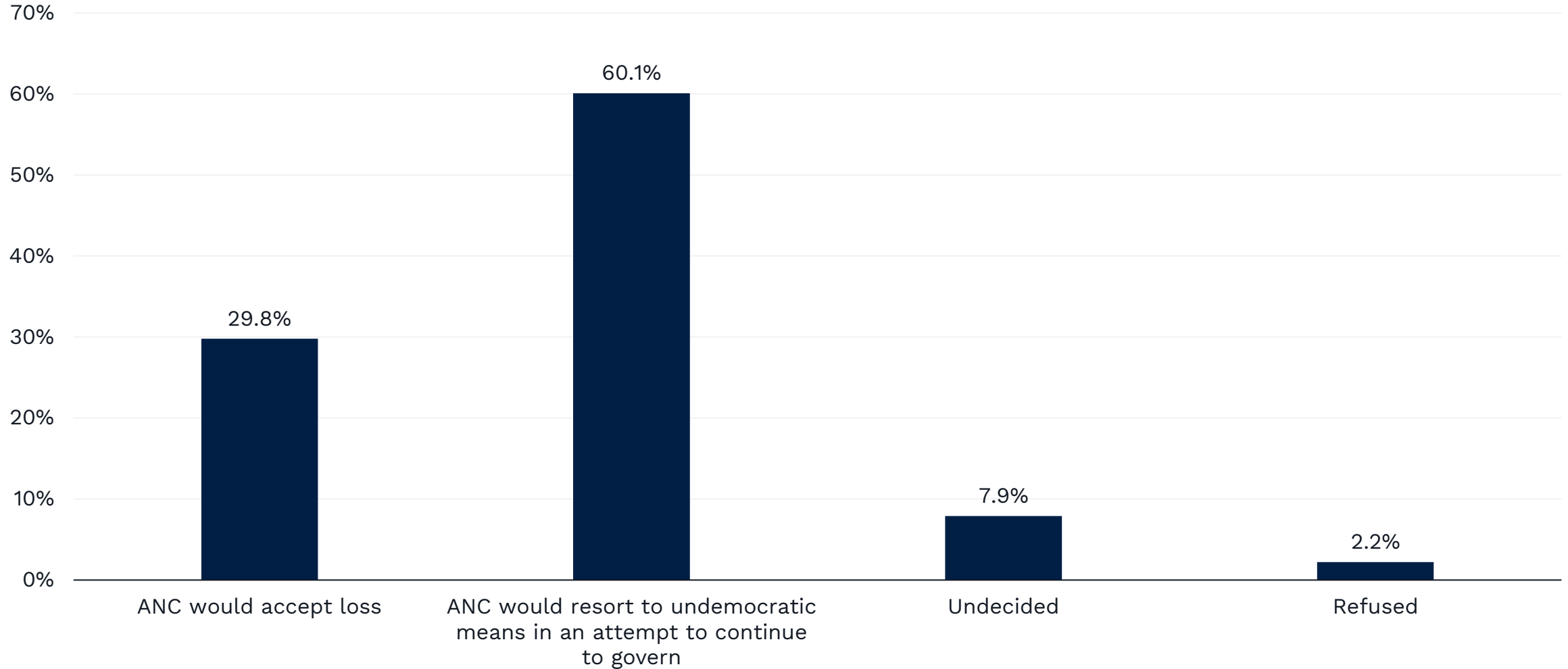
# Will the 2024 national elections be free and fair?



# Reasons for not voting in the 2024 general elections



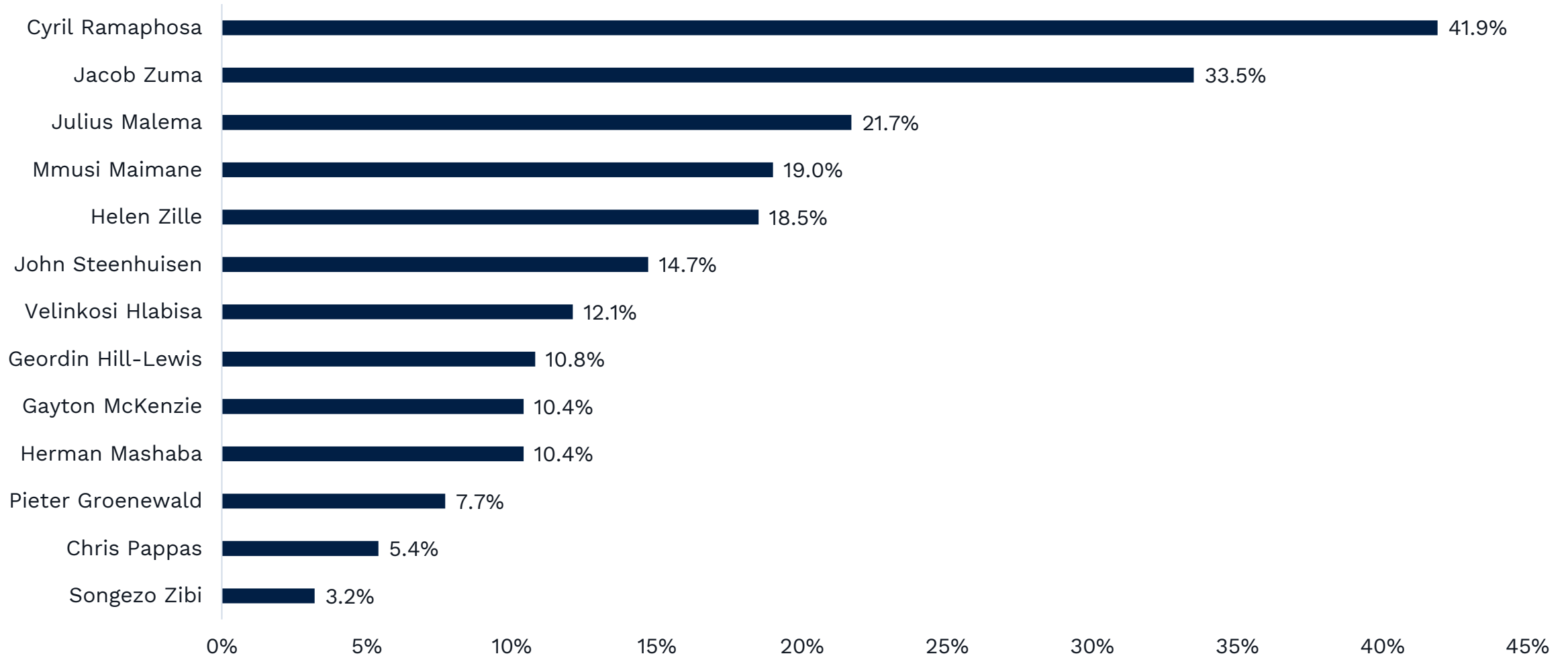
# What reaction are you anticipating from the ANC, should they lose the 2024 election?



# By-elections (since 2021 LGE)

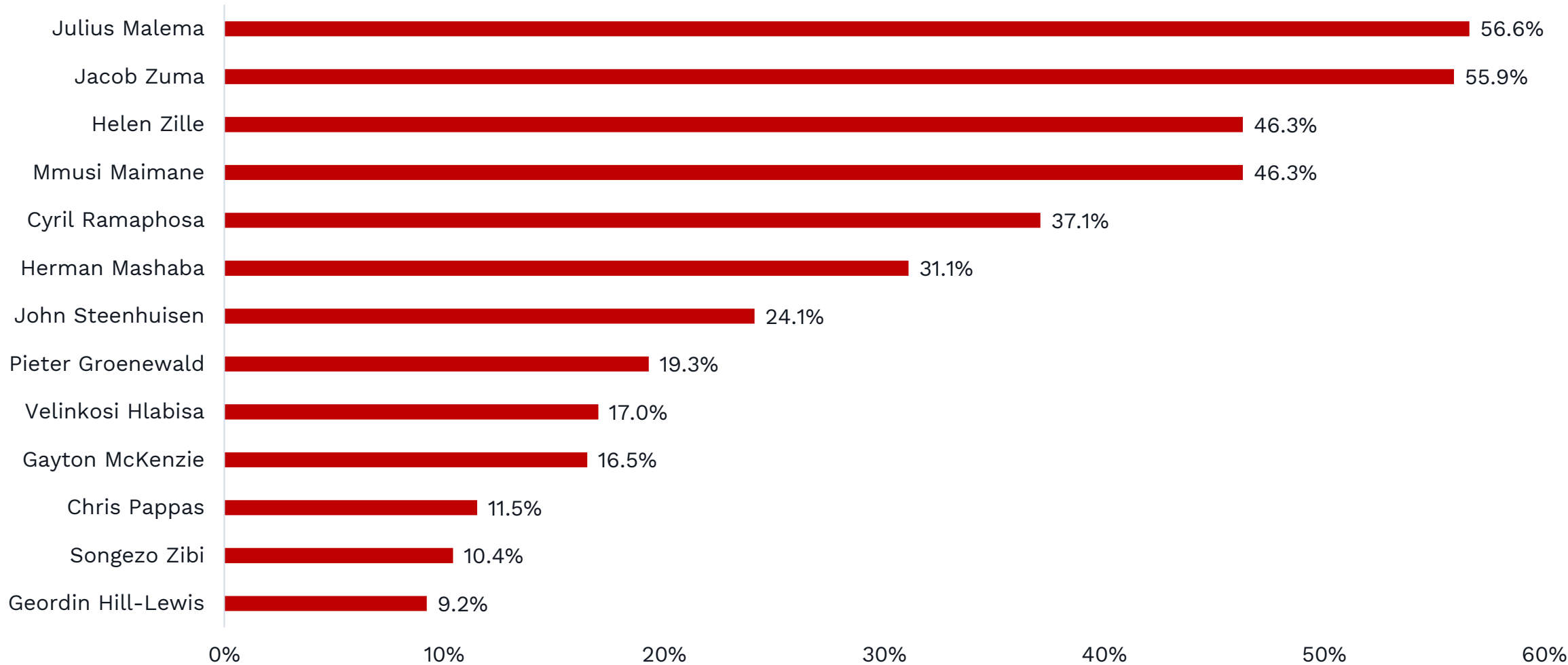
	Hold	Gain	Loss	Net
ANC	87	7	23	-16
IFP	12	12	2	10
NFP	1	1	0	1
African United Movement	0	1	1	0
Independent	0	2	3	-1
DA	35	4	5	-1
EFF	1	9	0	9
PA	0	4	1	3
KGP	0	0	1	-1
Al Jama-ah	0	0	1	-1
FF+	0	1	1	0
TSSA	1	0	0	0
CRFA	1	0	0	0
GOOD	0	0	3	-3

# Leaders' favourability

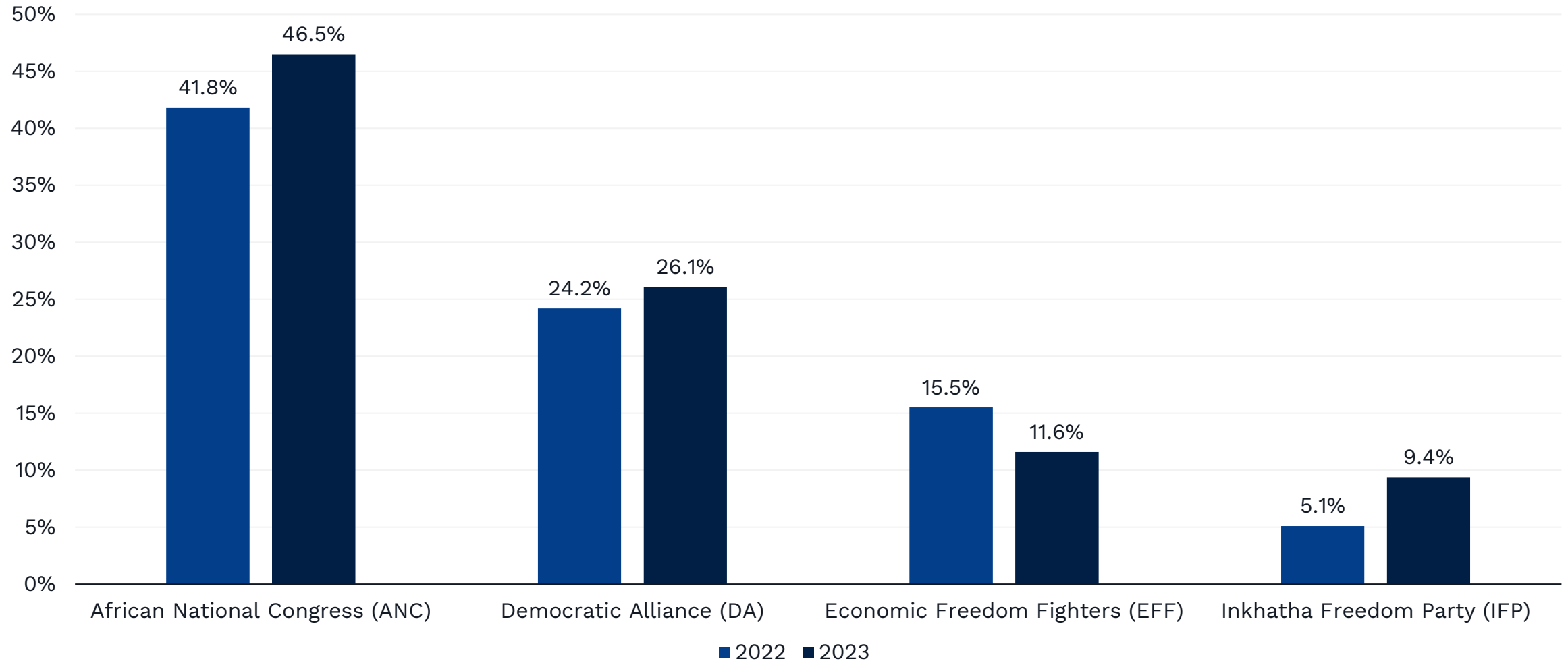




# Leaders' unfavourability



# If the general election was today, who would you vote for?



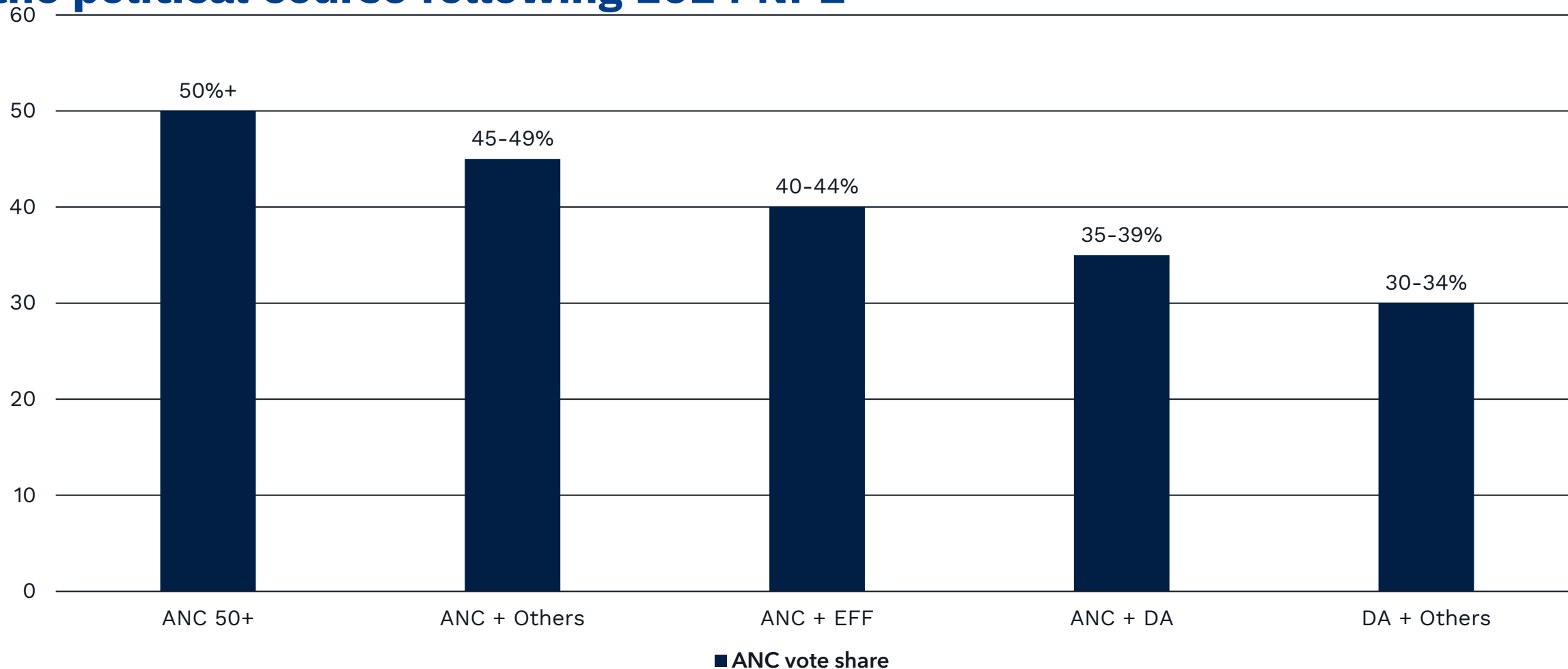


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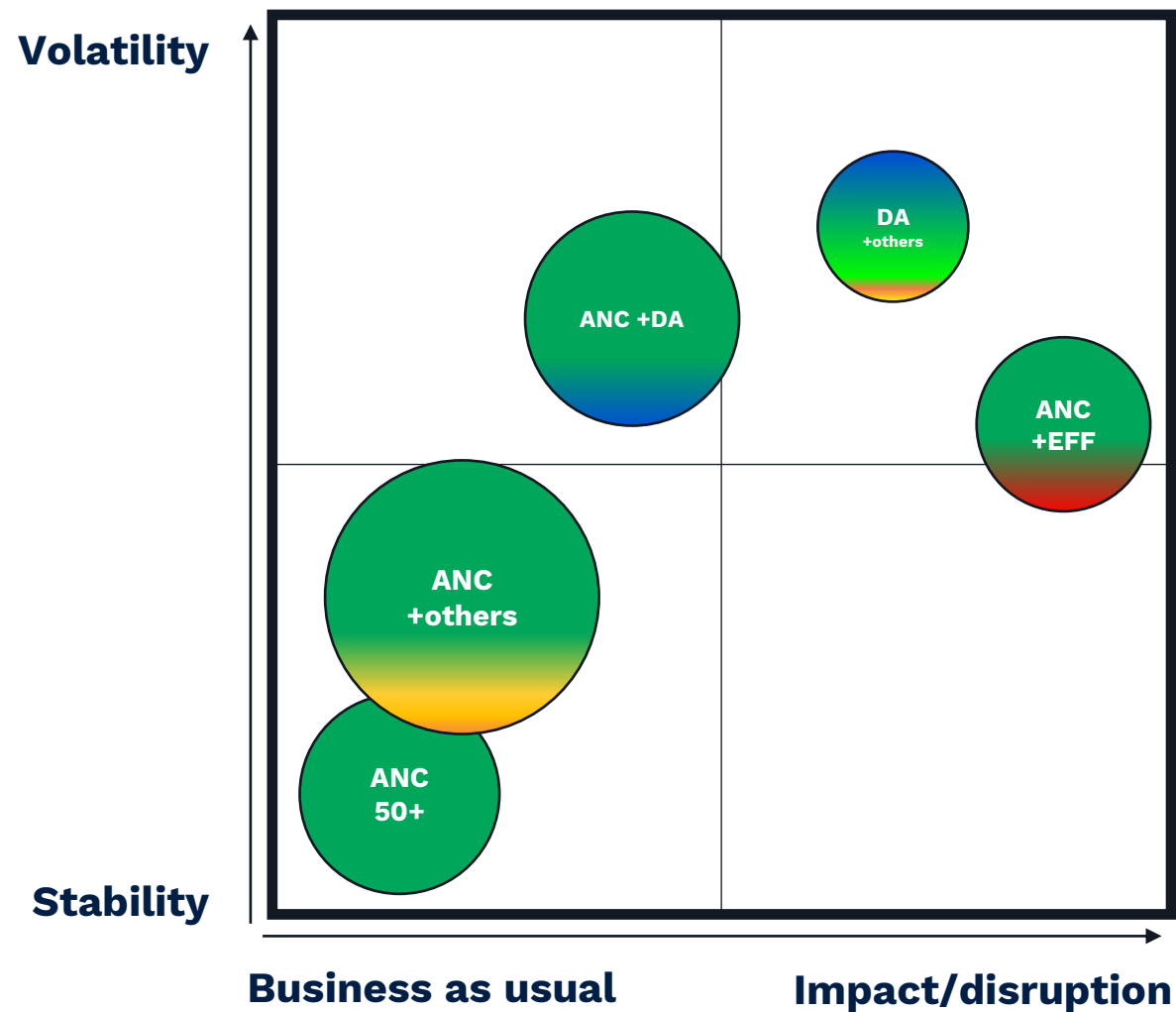
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# How the ANC's 2024 performance is likely to set the political course following 2024 NPE



# Key political scenarios for 2024



## Key takeaways

- **Race relations in South Africa are sound**, but with underlying negative shifts amongst races excluded from government policies like BEE
- South Africa is in the era of **coalitions for the foreseeable future**
- Increased **uncertainty** the likely driver of upsurge in anti-illegal immigrant convictions
- South Africans are driven by concerns over **opportunities** and **safety**
- The socio-political landscape of South Africa offers close to a **blank slate for change**



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