

Palestinian Opinion Poll
Gaza, Political Prospects, Outgoing and
Newly-Appointed Government, Elections and
Political Support

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Methodology

- The Arab World for Research and Development (AWRAD) conducted this survey. A total of 1,500 computer-assisted face-to-face interviews were conducted by a team of gender-balanced career enumerators, each with a minimum of five years of experience in data collection. AWRAD's field team covered all 16 governorates of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in its sample. In the West Bank, fieldwork was completed in a single phase from April 30 to May 9. In Gaza, the poll was conducted across two phases: the first from May 1 to 9 and the second from May 21 to 26. Between May 3 and 15, nearly 600,000 people were displaced from Rafah to Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah due to fighting in the Rafah governorate, and heightened escalation in Jabalia in northern Gaza also occurred, rendering much of these areas inaccessible for fieldwork.
- Face-to-face interviews had a median duration of 18 minutes, with a response rate of 94%. The poll results are based on a random, representative sample of 1,500 adult Palestinians (18 years and older), inclusive of both males and females. The overall margin of error (MoE) is $\pm 3.3\%$, with disaggregation by region and gender enabling MoEs of up to $\pm 5.0\%$. In designing its methodology, sample, and fieldwork plan, AWRAD prioritized the safety of its team without compromising the scientific rigor of the poll.
- AWRAD's sample was stratified by governorate and type of population. The number of sites by region and type of dwelling was proportional to the estimated population sizes. Population types varied by territory: in the West Bank, the strata included urban, rural, and camp populations; in the Gaza Strip, the strata included residents in households, formal shelters, and informal shelters. Gender balance was ensured through field sampling quotas.
- The sample size calculation was based on the official PCBS 2023 mid-year population projections based on the 2017 National Population Census.
- Multiple data sources on population movement in Gaza were analyzed to ensure the accuracy of sampling. These included publications on population movements by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), which utilized satellite imagery from UNOSAT. Each selected EA was compared against UNOSAT imagery, and estimates of tent coverage were independently produced by AWRAD. Population figures per governorate and municipality in Gaza were triangulated with data independently produced by the Gaza NowPop Project at the University of Oxford.
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- Quality assurance was applied through direct field supervision, covering 20% of interviews at the field level. Callback validation of select questions was conducted with 17% of the sample. Data quality control included checks on question and questionnaire duration, mapping data collection maps per enumerator to ensure conformity to sampling procedures, as well as analysis of key questions and demographic markers. Data quality control was conducted two days after the beginning of data collection, at the 33%-mark, 67%-mark, and 100%-mark.

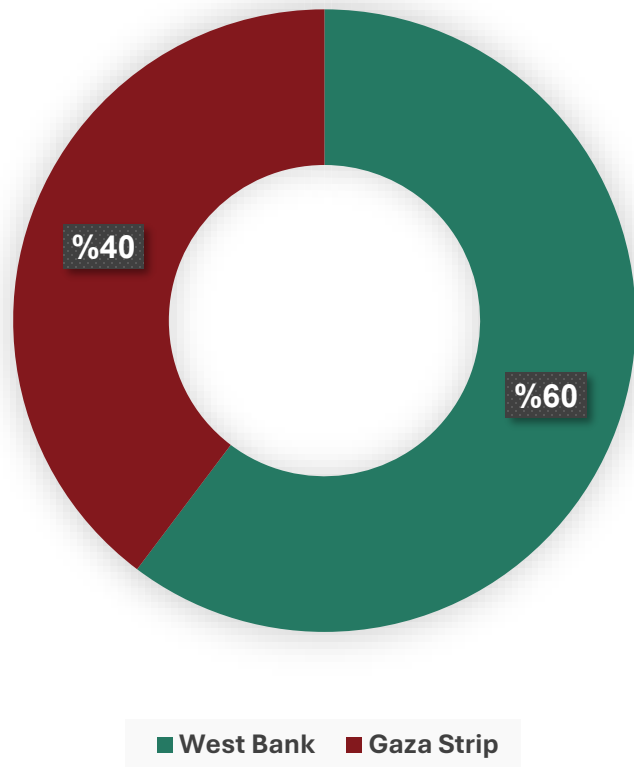
Methodology

- The survey data was weighted to regional PCBS statistics for the West Bank and Gaza in terms of age, gender, and educational attainment. Age and gender adjustments were based on data from the PCBS 2023 Statistical Yearbook and educational attainment adjustments were based on 2022 PCBS data. This weighting aimed to minimize potential biases and enhance reliability.
- A two-step clustered sampling approach was adopted across the surveyed territories:
 - 1. First Level: Random selection of 116 Enumeration Areas (EAs) from the official 2023 PCBS EA maps. In Gaza, inaccessible, vacant, and areas with active military operations were excluded during data collection. A map of included and excluded enumeration areas is highlighted in the Enumeration Maps in Annex 3 of the [Poll Report](#). This selection yielded 69 EAs within the West Bank and 47 within the Gaza Strip.
 - 2. Second Level: Within each EA, households were randomly selected using GIS methods. This process involved systematically selecting 13 households through a random walk starting at a randomly selected GIS point. In the second wave where an EA in Gaza included multiple population strata (households, makeshift tent shelters, and official shelters), two to three GIS points were randomly selected within the EA to ensure coverage of each stratum.
- Enumerators are trained to select and follow systematic random samples. In residential areas of the West Bank and Gaza, enumerators use a systematic count interval to sample every 10th household. In Gaza, all multi-story buildings were treated as one unit, and only one interview was conducted in that building regardless of how many households it holds. Similarly, in informal shelters (tents and makeshift displacement camps) in Gaza, every 10th tent is sampled. In formal shelters within school buildings (classrooms) or shelter buildings (rooms), enumerators count every 5 classrooms or rooms and sample a household within that classroom. The count is done without regard to the number of families within a classroom or room. In rooms with multiple families, the family positioned at 9 o'clock relative to the entrance is selected first, followed by the family at 12 o'clock in the second instance, and then the family at 3 o'clock in the third instance, ensuring systematic randomization.
- Once at the household, tent, or shelter room, enumerators utilize Kish tables to ensure the random selection of respondents. Respondent selection is determined through a Kish table listing all family members aged 18 and older from the eldest to the youngest, maintaining a 50/50 gender split.

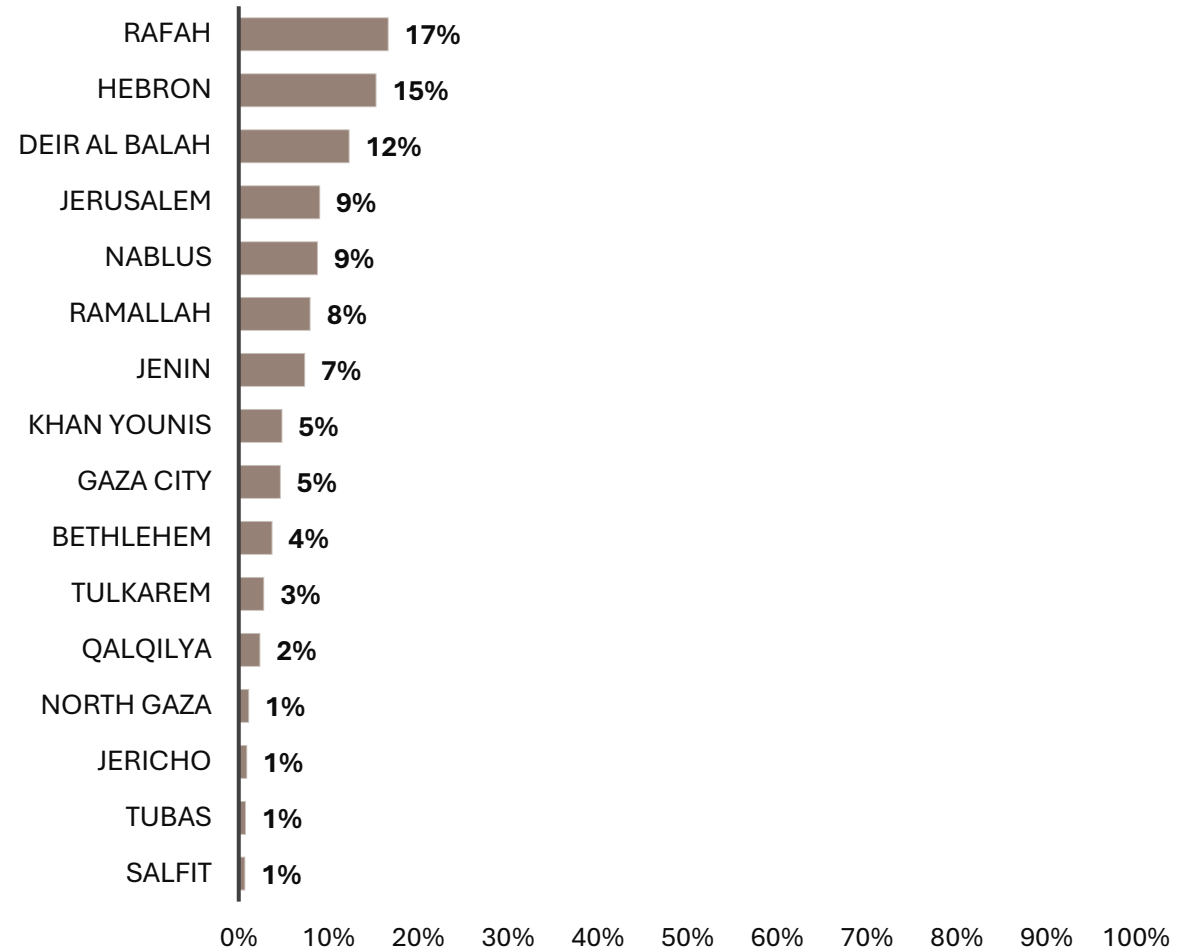
SECTION ONE
Sample Distribution

Distribution by region and governorate of present residence

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

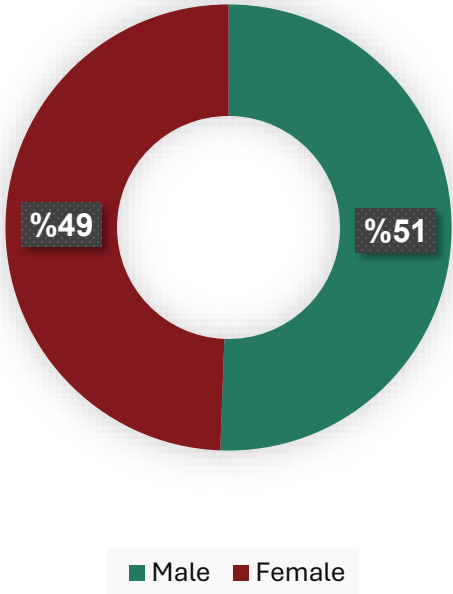


GOVERNORATE OF PRESENT RESIDENCE

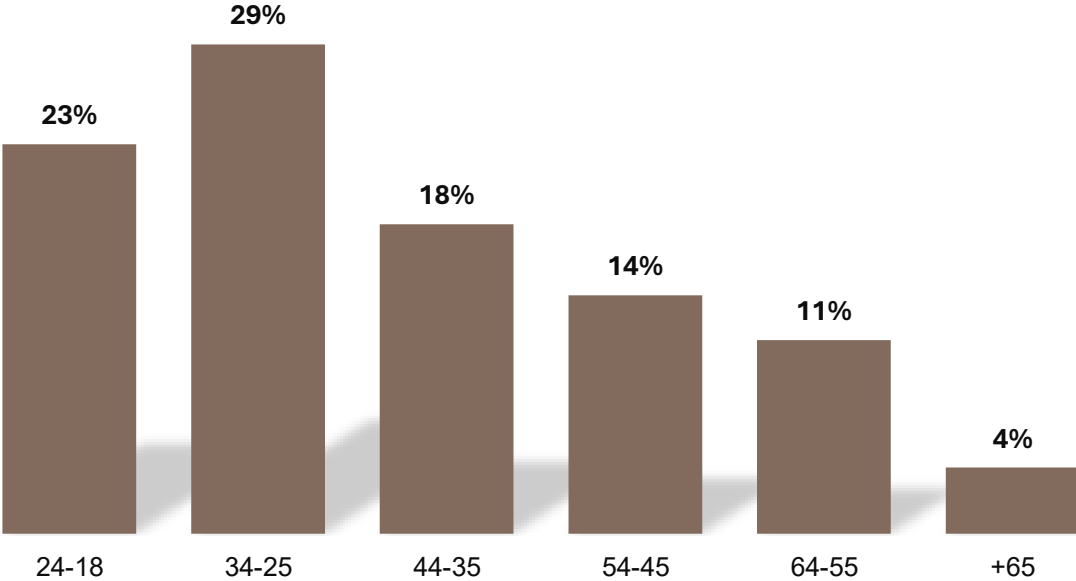


Distribution by gender and age of respondent

GENDER OF RESPONDENT

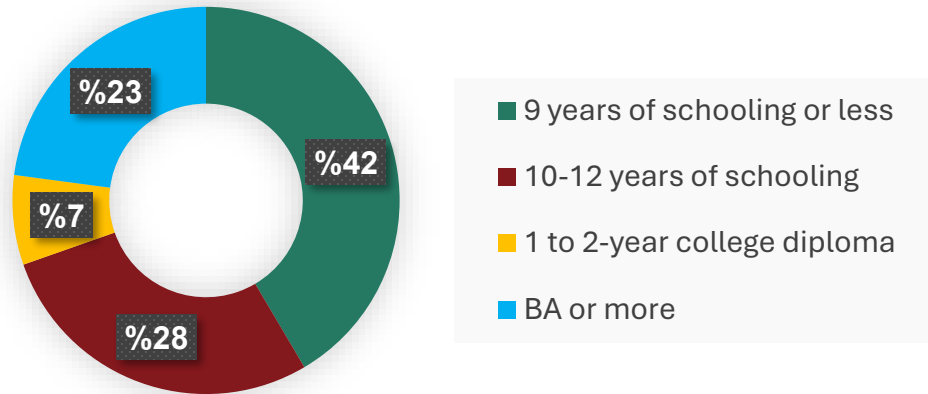


AGE DISTRIBUTION

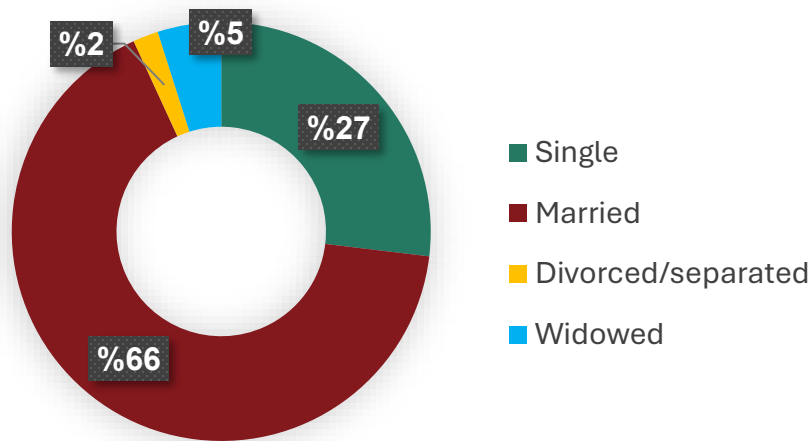


Distribution by educational attainment, marital status, and profession

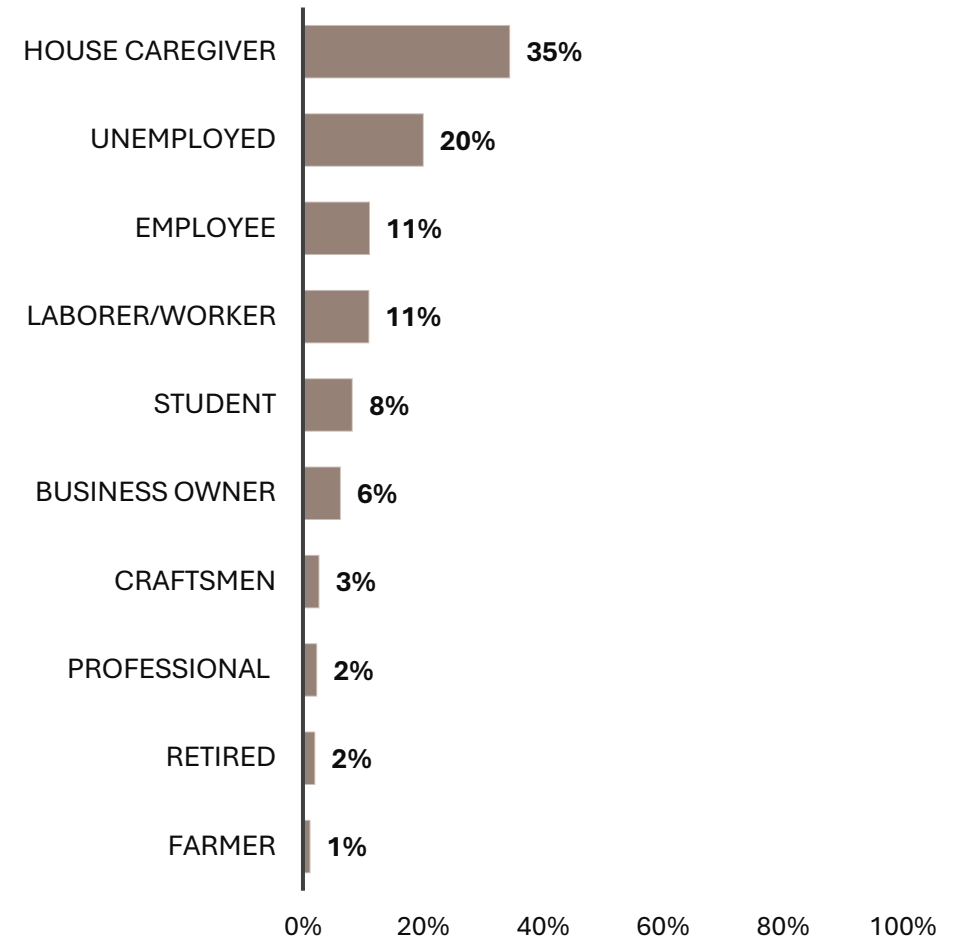
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



MARITAL STATUS

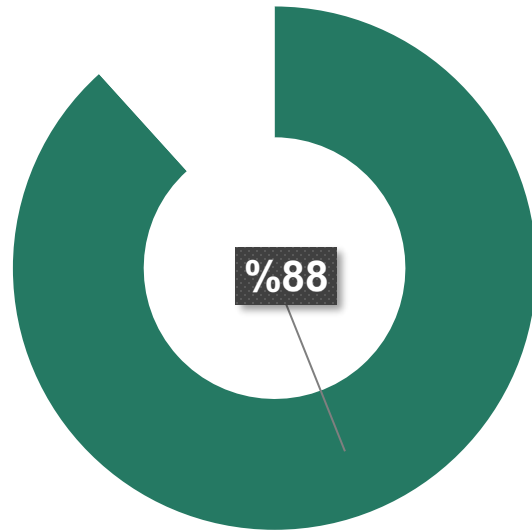


EMPLOYMENT STATUS OR PROFESSION: SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE

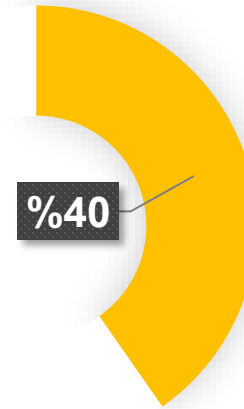


Distribution by refugee status and displacement

**PERCENTAGE OF
DISPLACED BY THE WAR IN GAZA
(GAZA RESPONDENTS ONLY, N= 595)**



**PERCENTAGE OF REFUGEES
(ALL SAMPLE)**

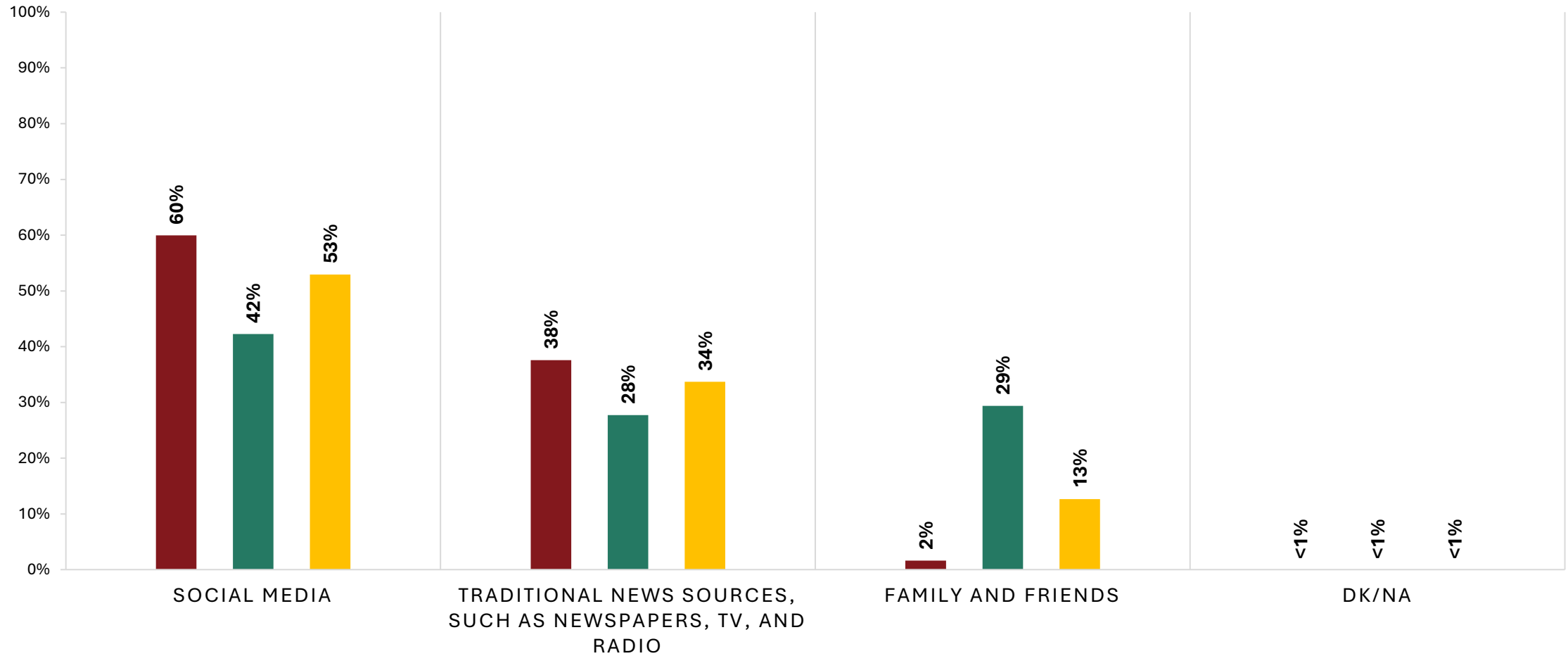


SECTION TWO
News and Information Sources

Primary source of news

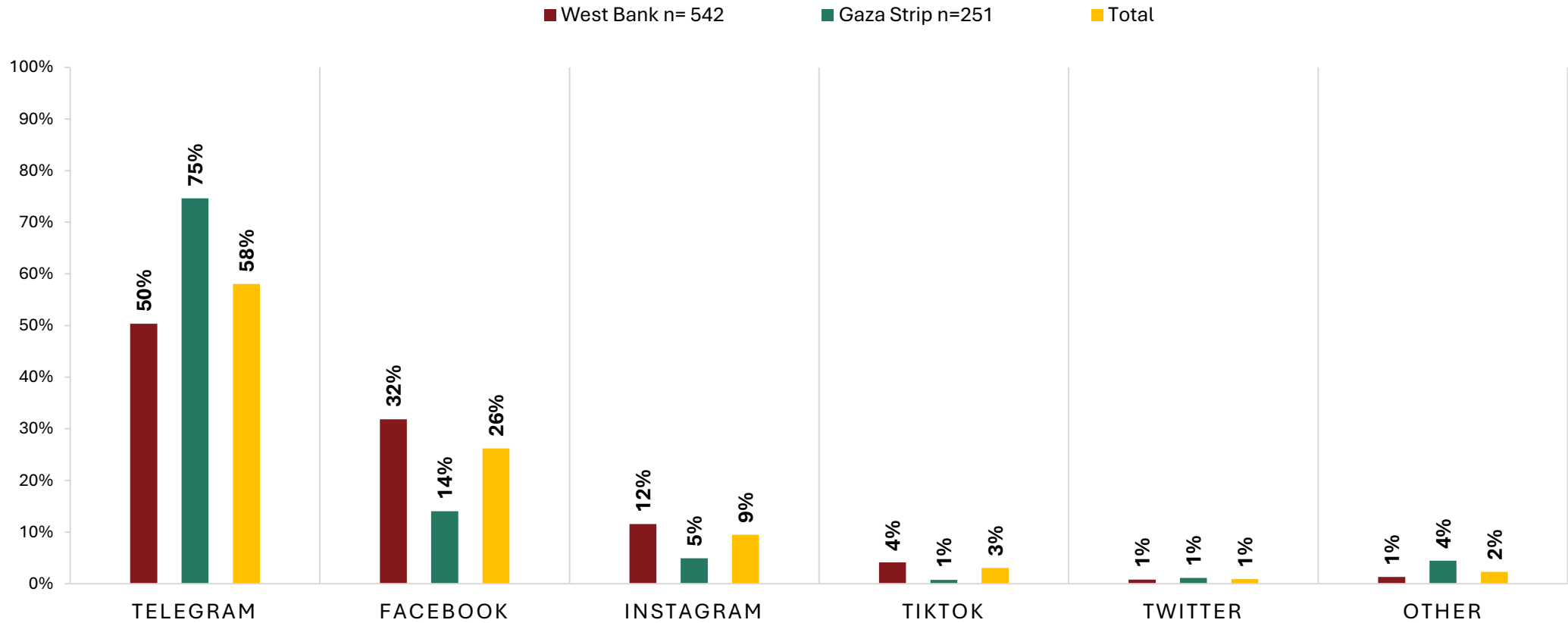
WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY SOURCE OF NEWS AND INFORMATION?

■ West Bank ■ Gaza Strip ■ Total



Preferred social media outlet

**AMONG SOCIAL MEDIA USERS:
WHICH SOCIAL MEDIA SITES DO YOU USE TO RECEIVE NEWS AND
INFORMATION?**



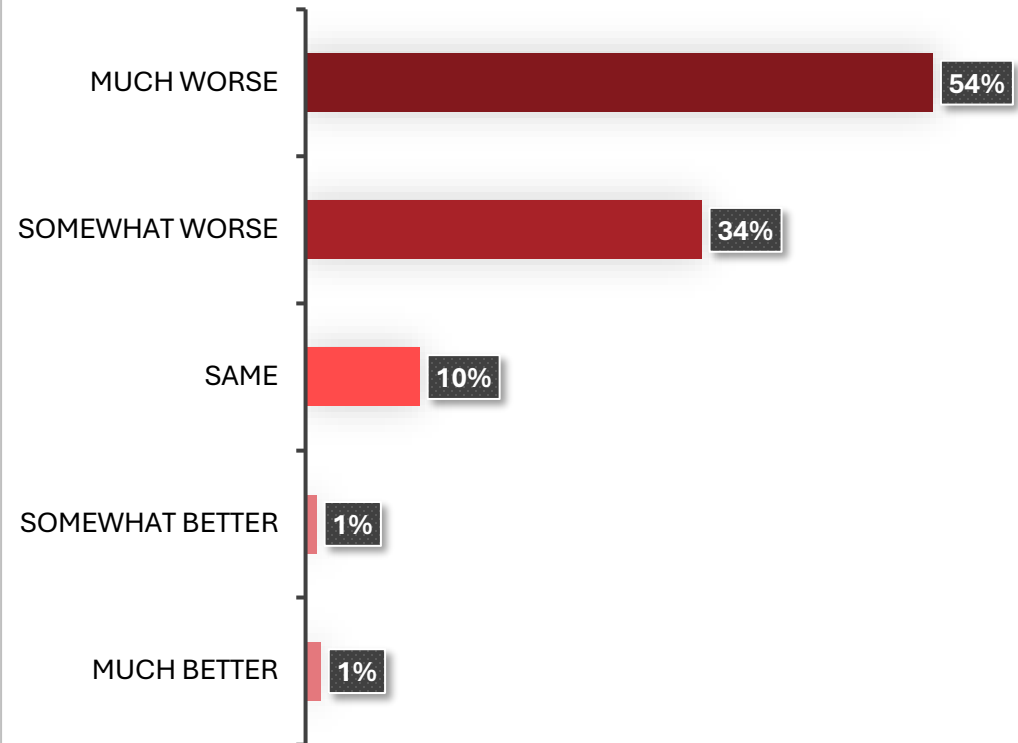
SECTION THREE

Assessment of Present Conditions and Future Outlook

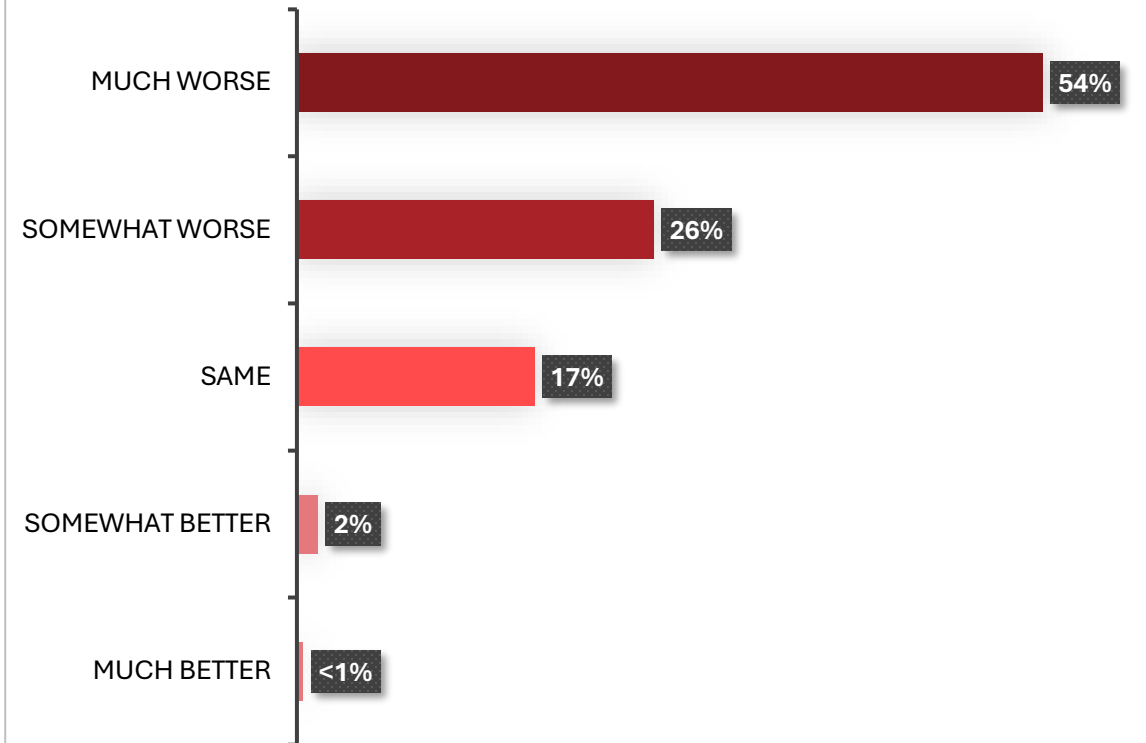
Economic and security conditions

(West Bank respondents only n = 903)

IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S ECONOMIC SITUATION BETTER OR WORSE THAN IT WAS A YEAR AGO?

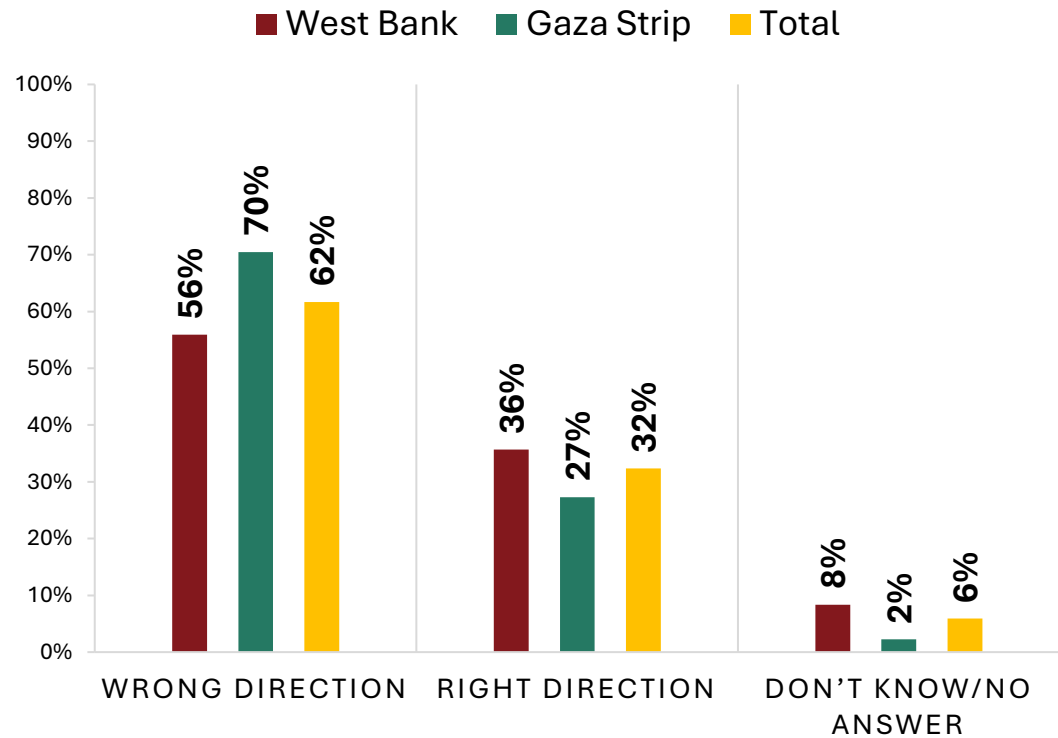


DO YOU FEEL THAT SECURITY IN YOUR REGION IS BETTER OR WORSE THAN IT WAS A YEAR AGO?

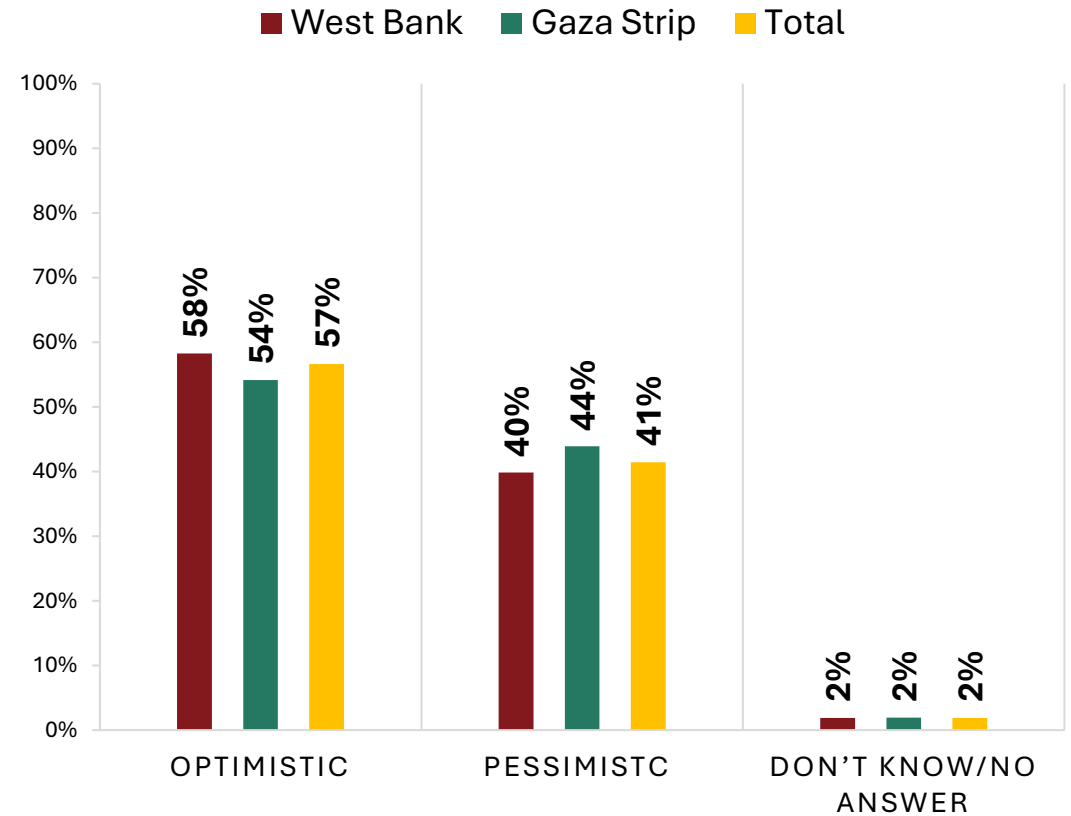


View of Present conditions and future outlook

WOULD YOU SAY THAT THINGS IN PALESTINE ARE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR THE WRONG DIRECTION?



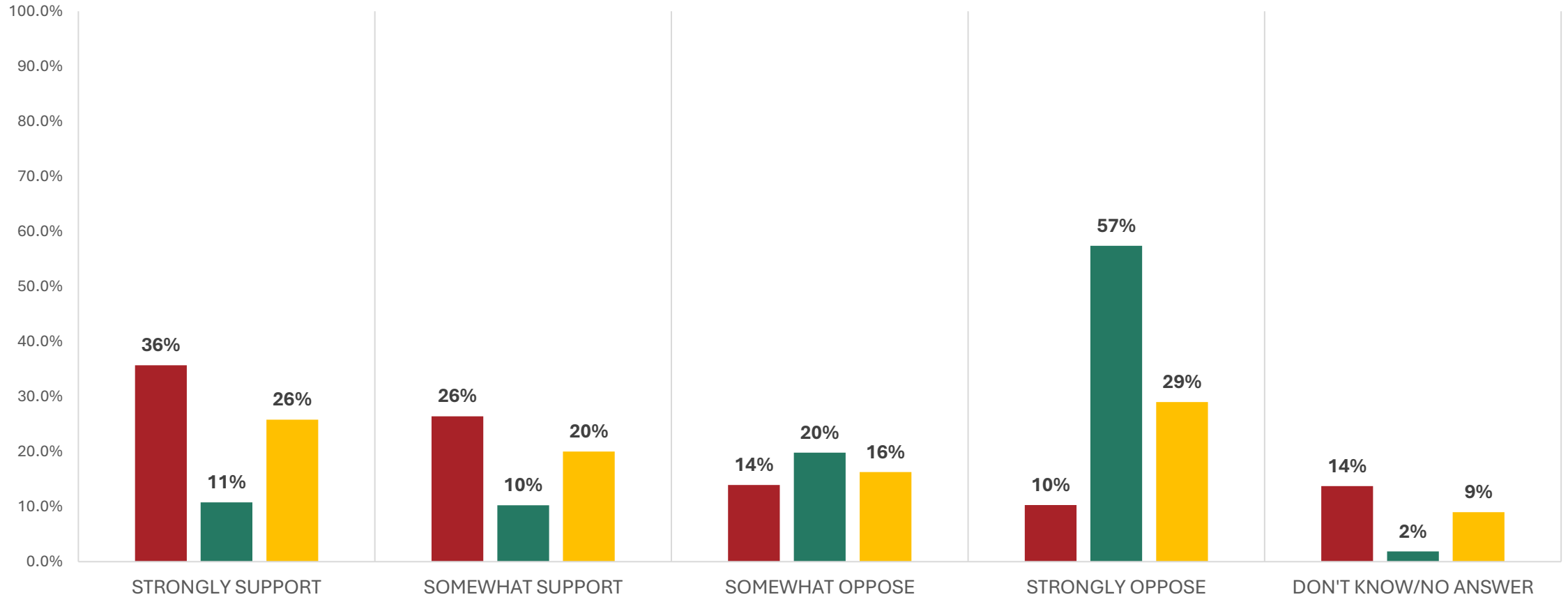
ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC OR PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE?



Support for War Decision

AT THE PRESENT TIME, WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE DECISION BY PALESTINIAN ARMED GROUPS LED BY HAMAS TO LAUNCH THE ATTACK ON OCTOBER 7TH?

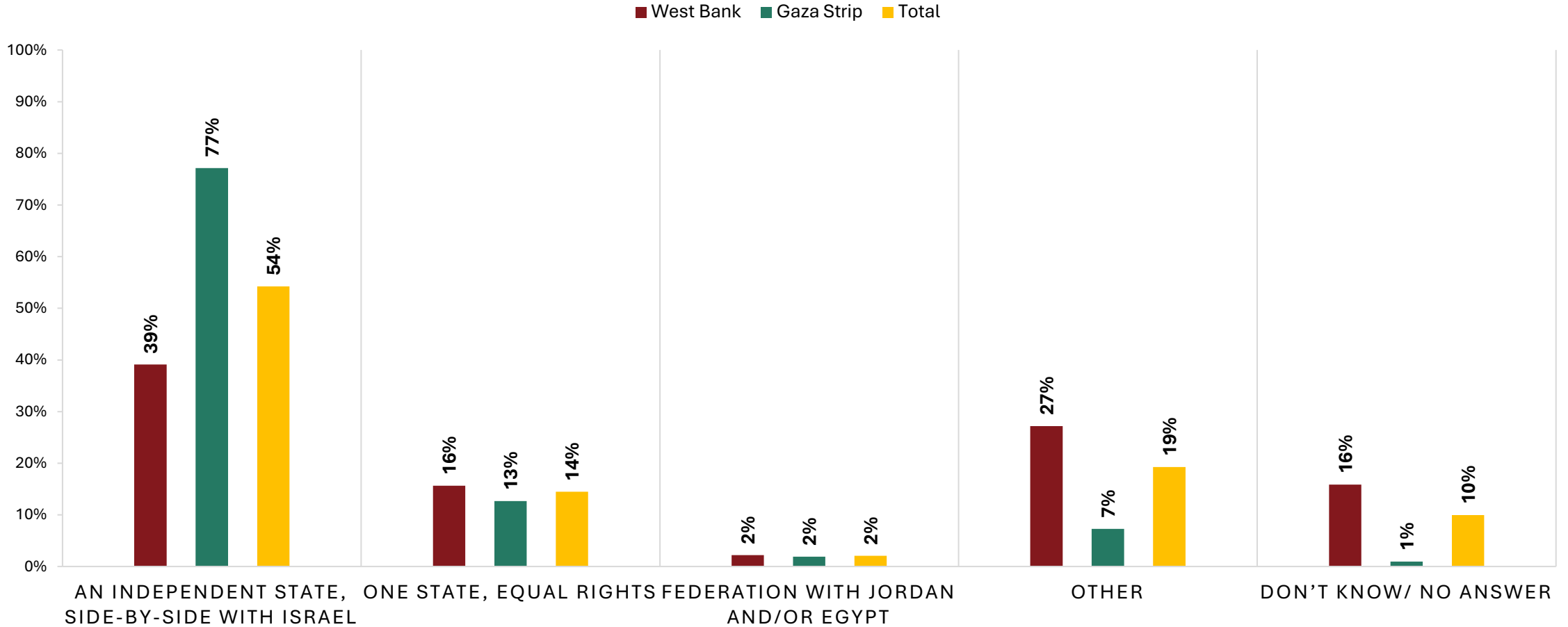
■ West Bank ■ Gaza Strip ■ Total



SECTION FOUR
Peace Process and Prospective Solutions

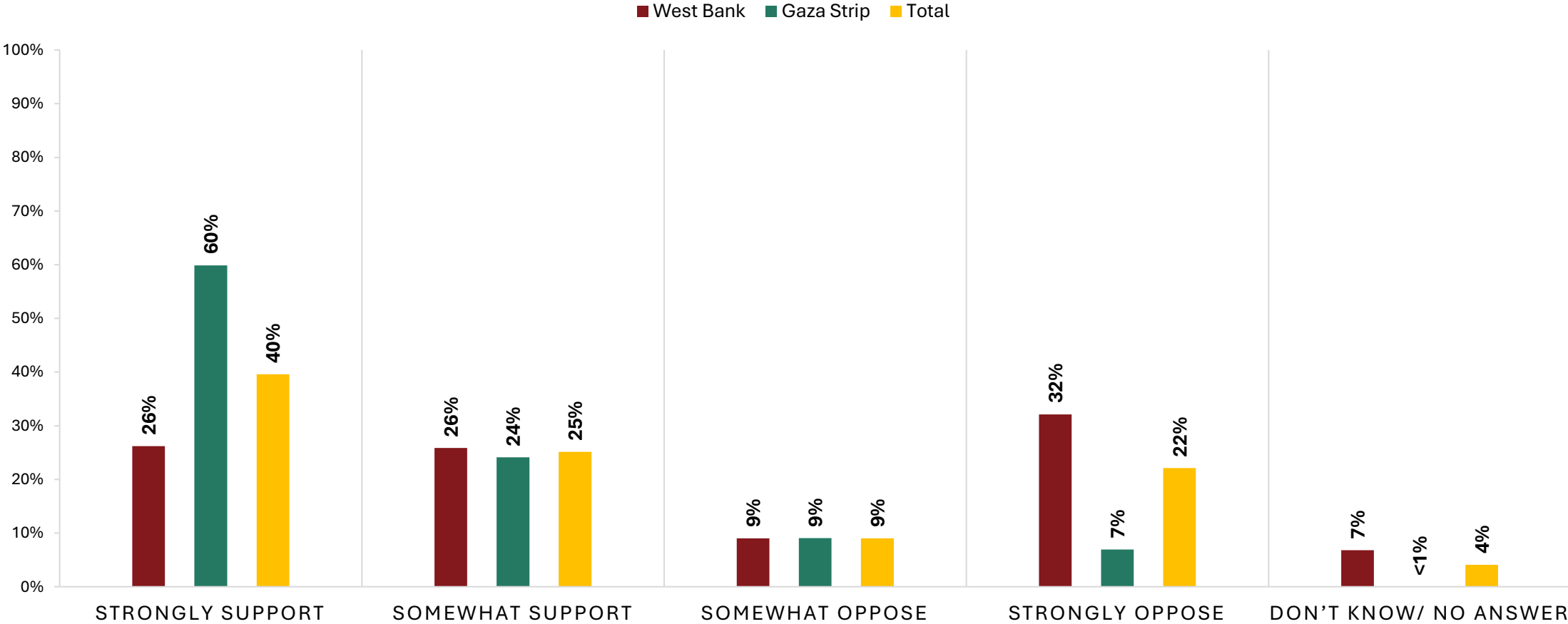
Views of a final-status solution

IF PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING AS VIABLE OPTIONS, WHICH WOULD YOU MOST PREFER TO ACHIEVE AN END TO THE CURRENT CRISIS?



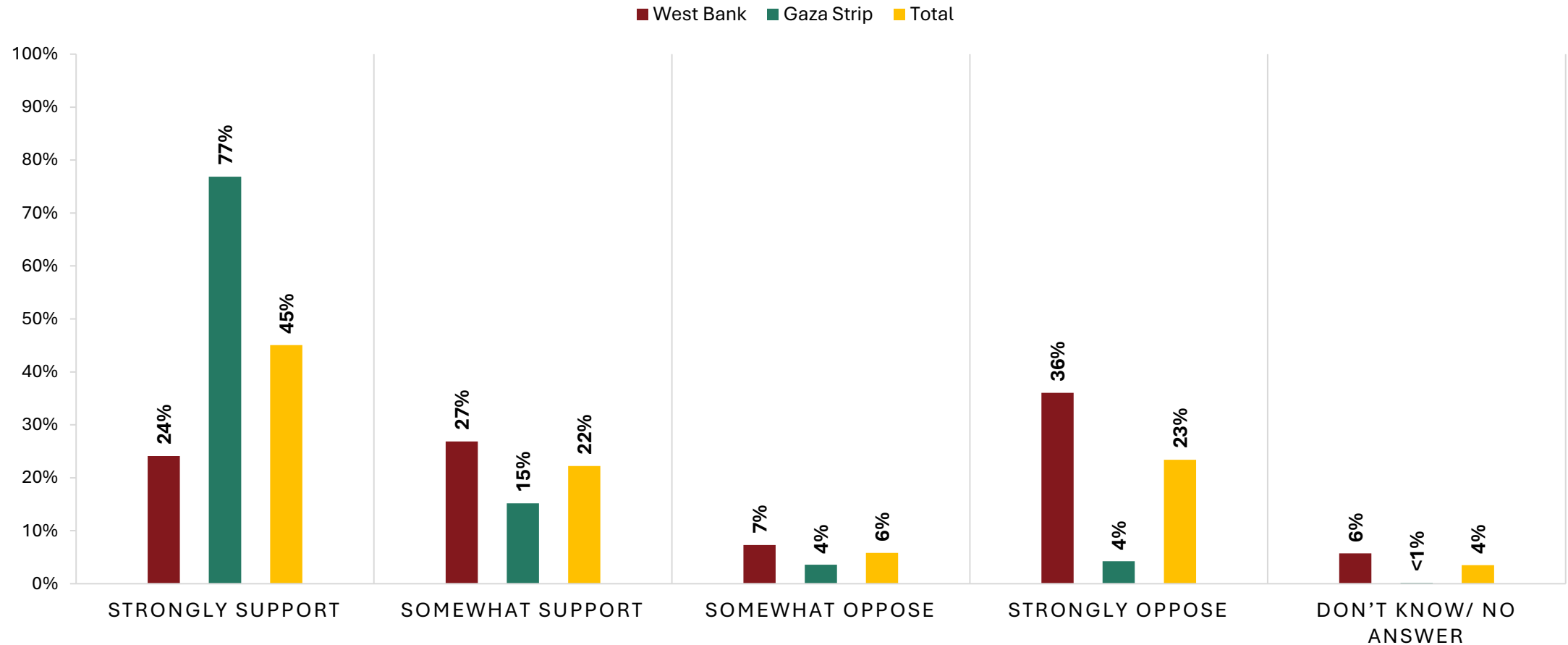
Support for negotiations and a meaningful peace process

IF A MEANINGFUL PROCESS LEADING TO A PALESTINIAN STATE SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH ISRAEL WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT CRISIS, WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE PROCESS?



Support for negotiations and a meaningful peace process

WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE IF PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP WERE TO REENTER NEGOTIATIONS, BACKED BY THE ARAB STATES, WITH ISRAEL TO ACHIEVE AN INDEPENDENT STATE?



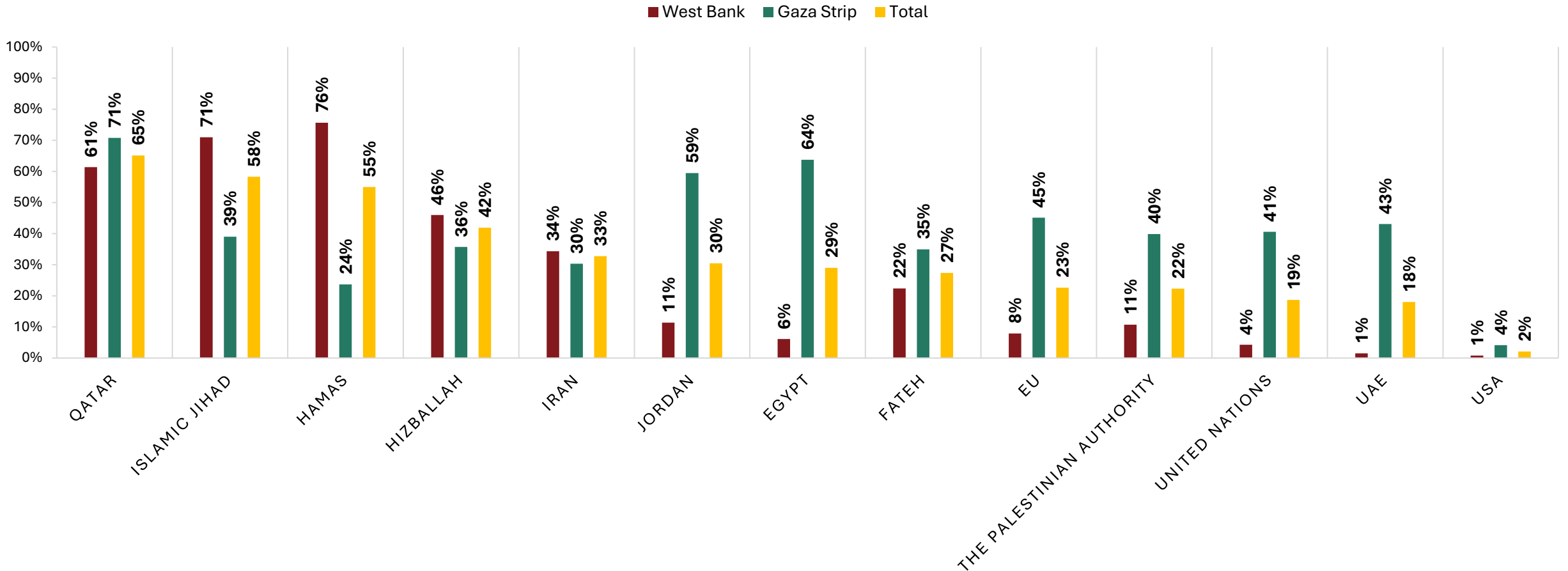
SECTION FIVE

Gaza - The Day After: Assessment of the Role of Key Actors, Humanitarian Assistance, and Governance

Positive Assessments of Key Actors by Region

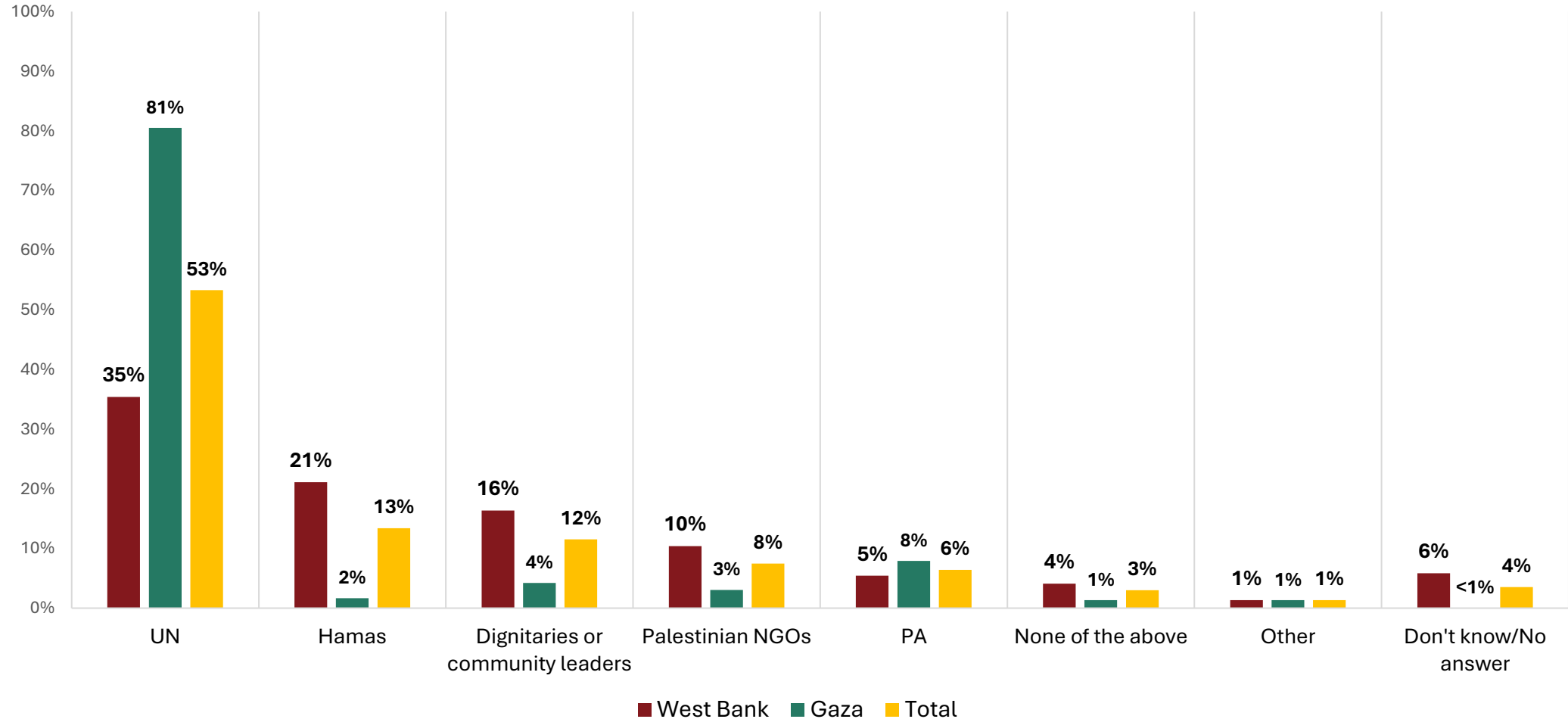
Positive Assessments are merged for key actors (Very Positive and Somewhat Positive)

HOW DO YOU VIEW THE ROLE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES OR ACTORS IN TERMS OF THEIR POSITIONS OR ACTIONS RELATED TO THE ONGOING WAR IN GAZA?



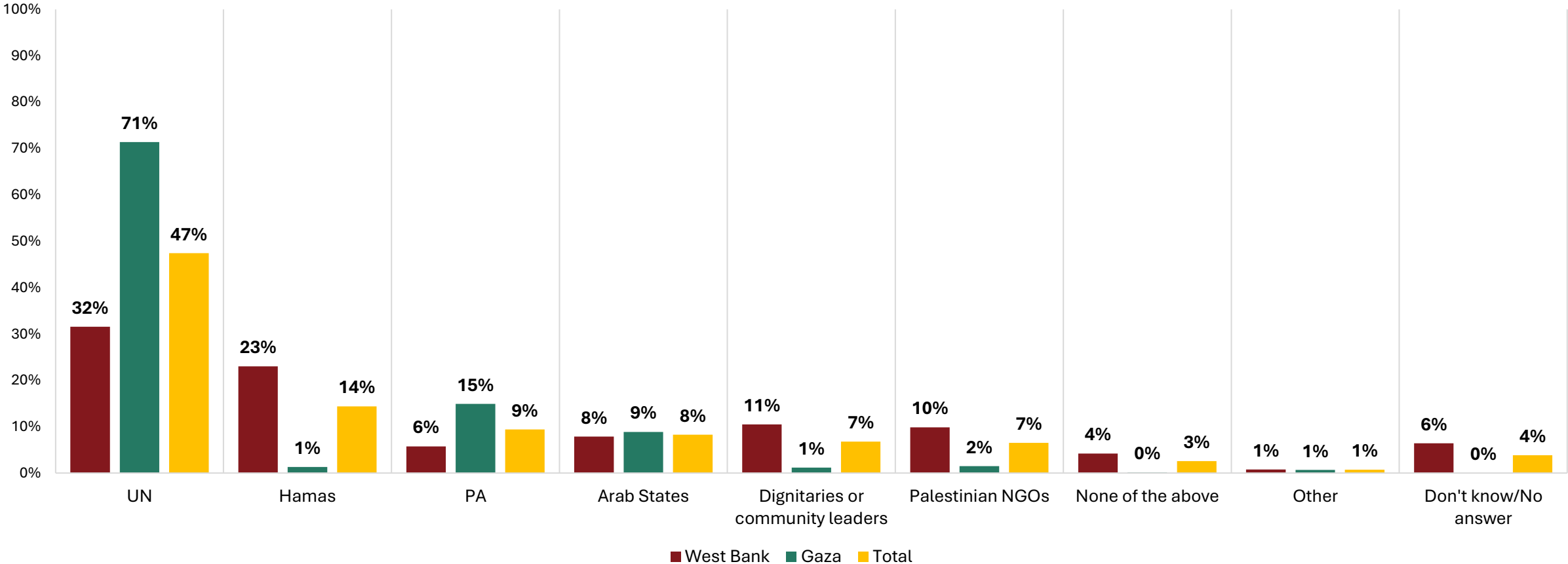
Trust levels in actors to lead the provision humanitarian assistance to Gaza

WHICH AMONG THE FOLLOWING DO YOU TRUST THE MOST TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GAZANS AT THIS TIME?



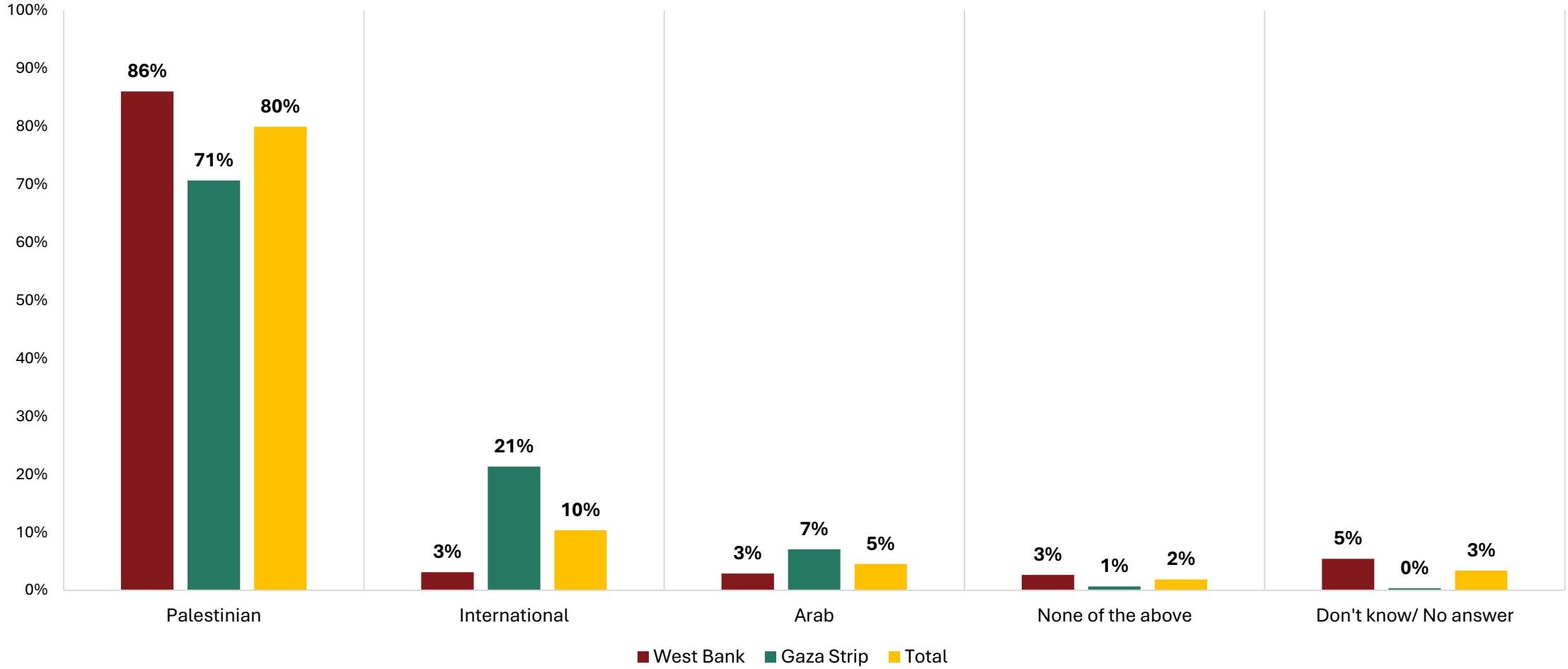
Trust levels in actors to lead recovery and rebuilding efforts in Gaza by region

WHICH AMONG THE FOLLOWING DO YOU TRUST THE MOST TO LEAD RECOVERY AND REBUILDING EFFORTS IN GAZA AFTER THE CONFLICT?



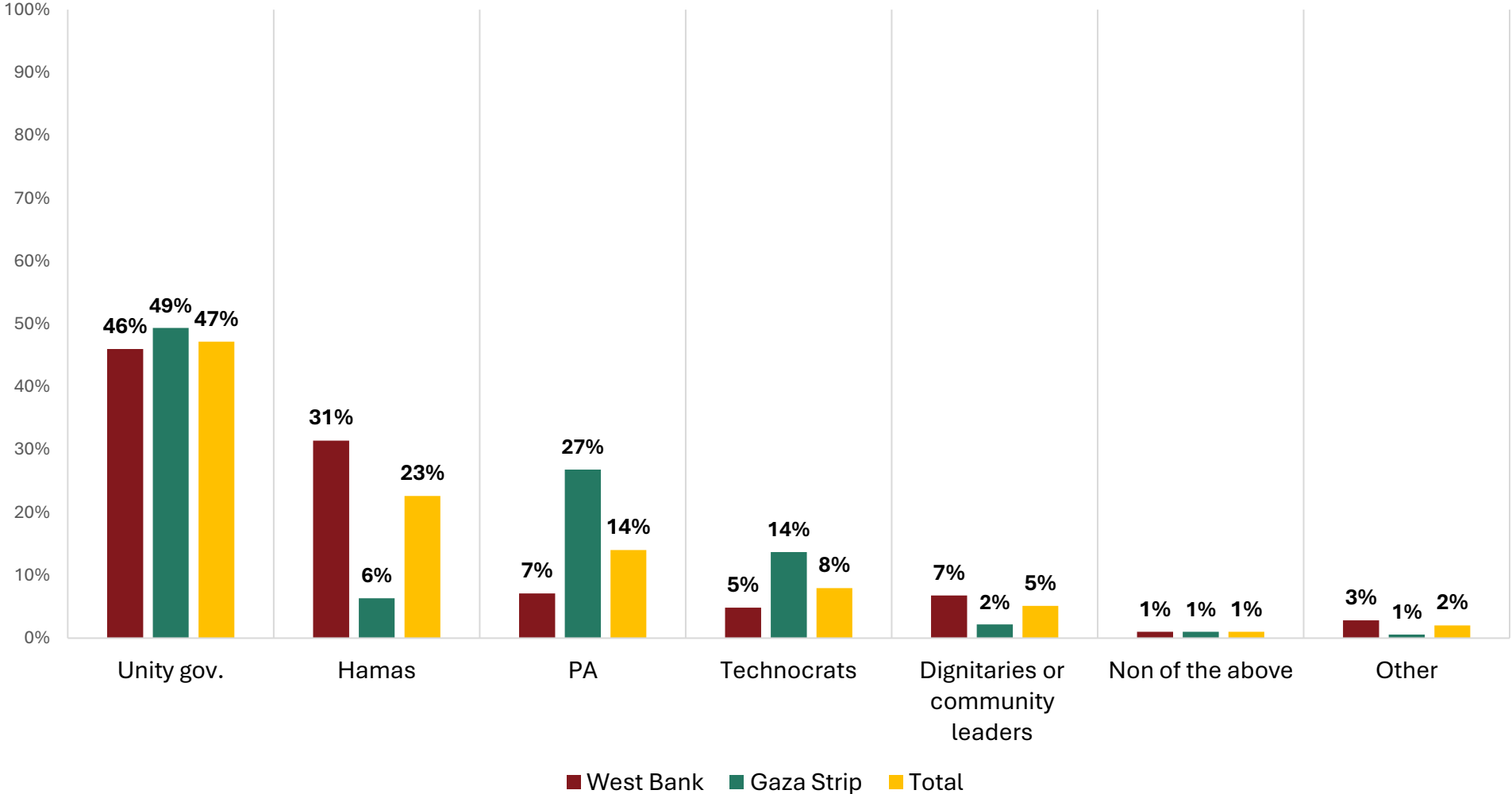
Support levels for varying governance arrangements in Gaza by region

WHICH AMONG THE FOLLOWING DO YOU TRUST THE MOST TO PROVIDE THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT IN GAZA?



Most trusted Palestinian actors for leading the government in Gaza

WHICH AMONG THE FOLLOWING PALESTINIAN ACTORS DO YOU TRUST THE MOST LEADING THE GOVERNANCE OF GAZA?



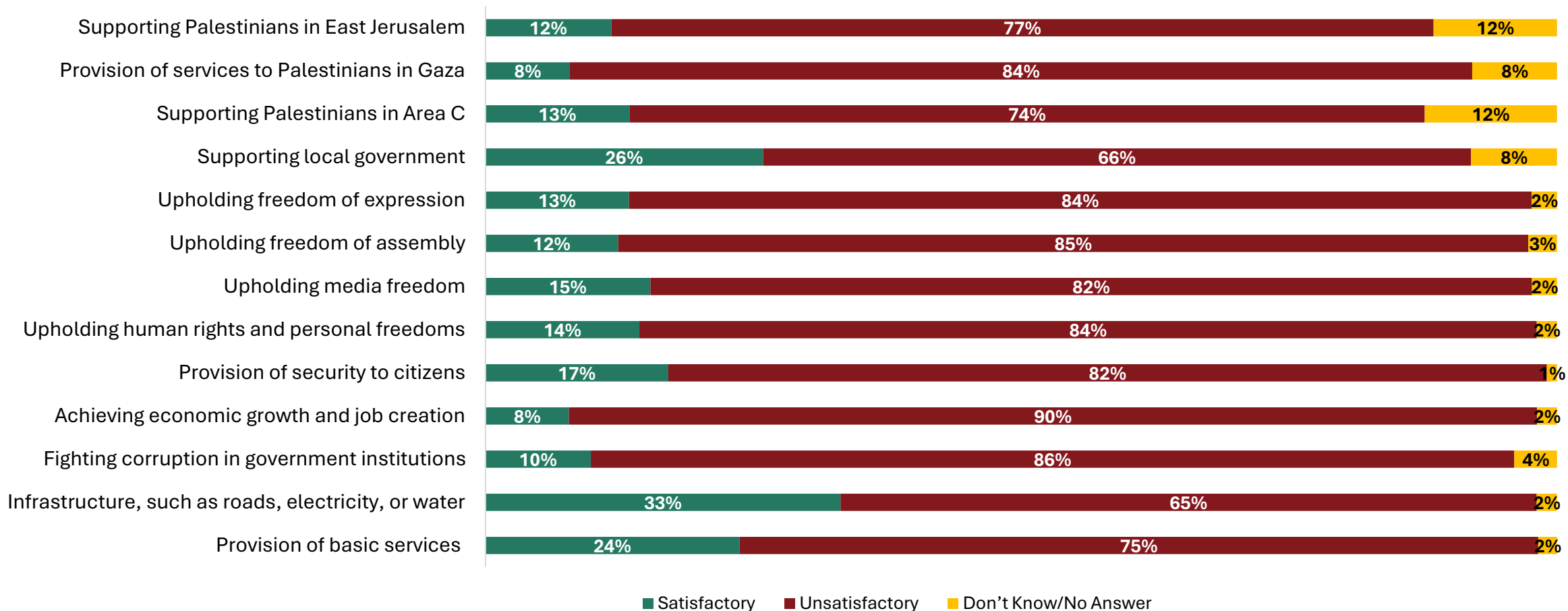
SECTION SIX

Assessment of the Outgoing Government and Local Councils (West Bank only)

Evaluation of the Outgoing Government's Performance in Key Areas

(West Bank respondents only n = 903)

PLEASE ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OUTGOING GOVERNMENT, LED BY DR. MOHAMMAD ISHTYEH, IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF LIFE?

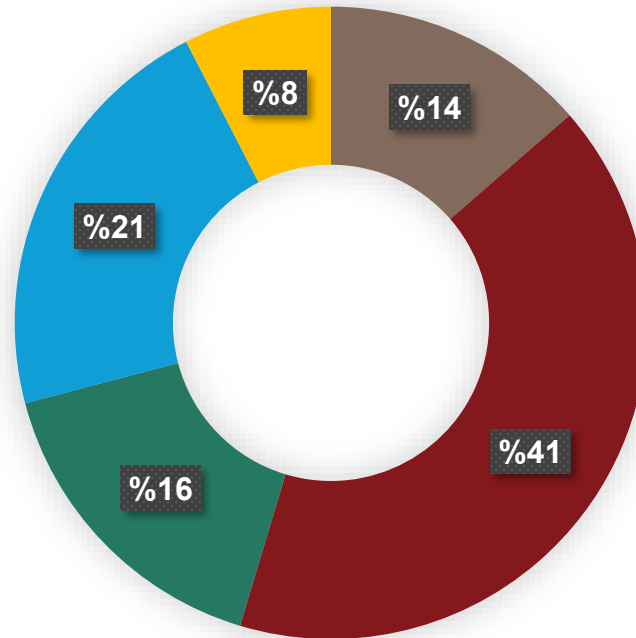


Assessment of the performance of local councils

(West Bank respondents only n = 903)

HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL, WHICH COULD BE THE MUNICIPALITY, VILLAGE COUNCIL, OR THE CAMP POPULAR COMMITTEE IN WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMPS? WOULD YOU SAY THAT ITS PERFORMANCE is:

■ Very satisfactory ■ Somewhat satisfactory ■ Somewhat unsatisfactory ■ Very unsatisfactory ■ Don't Know

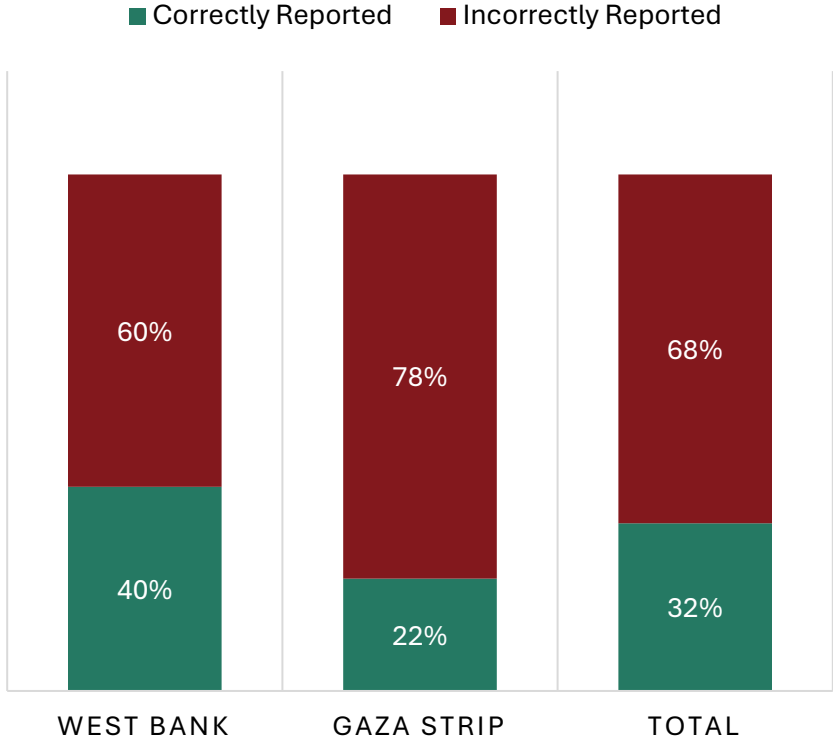


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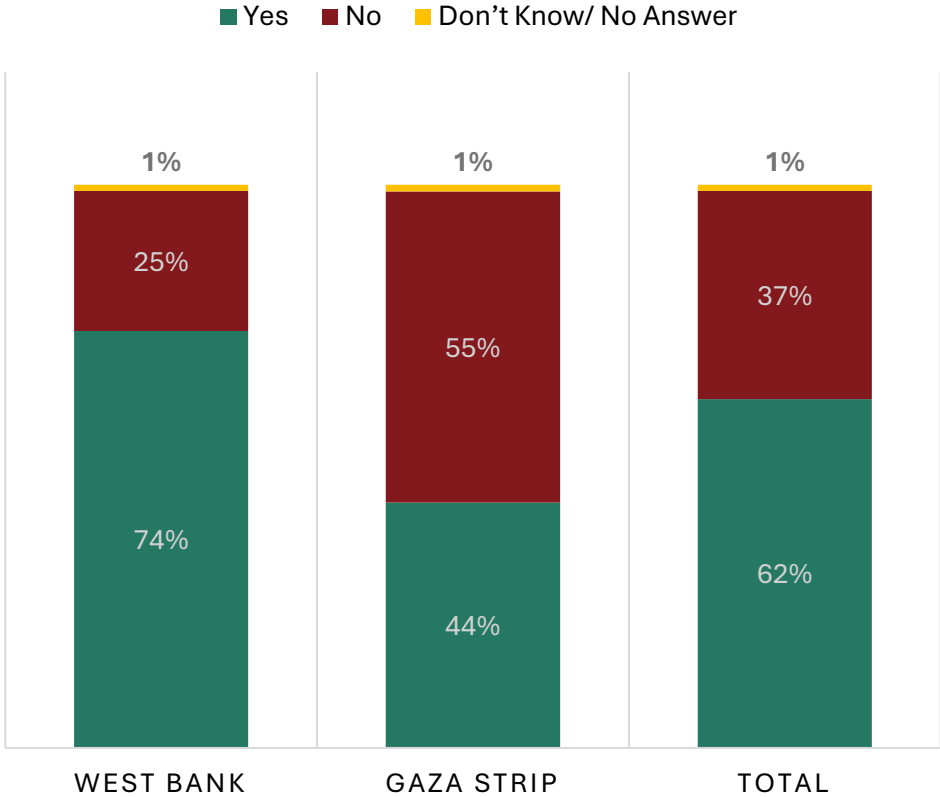
The Newly-Appointed Palestinian Government

Awareness and perceptions of recent changes in Palestinian government

COULD YOU TELL US THE NAME OF THE NEW PRIME MINISTER? (PERCENTAGE ACCURATELY CITING THE NAME)

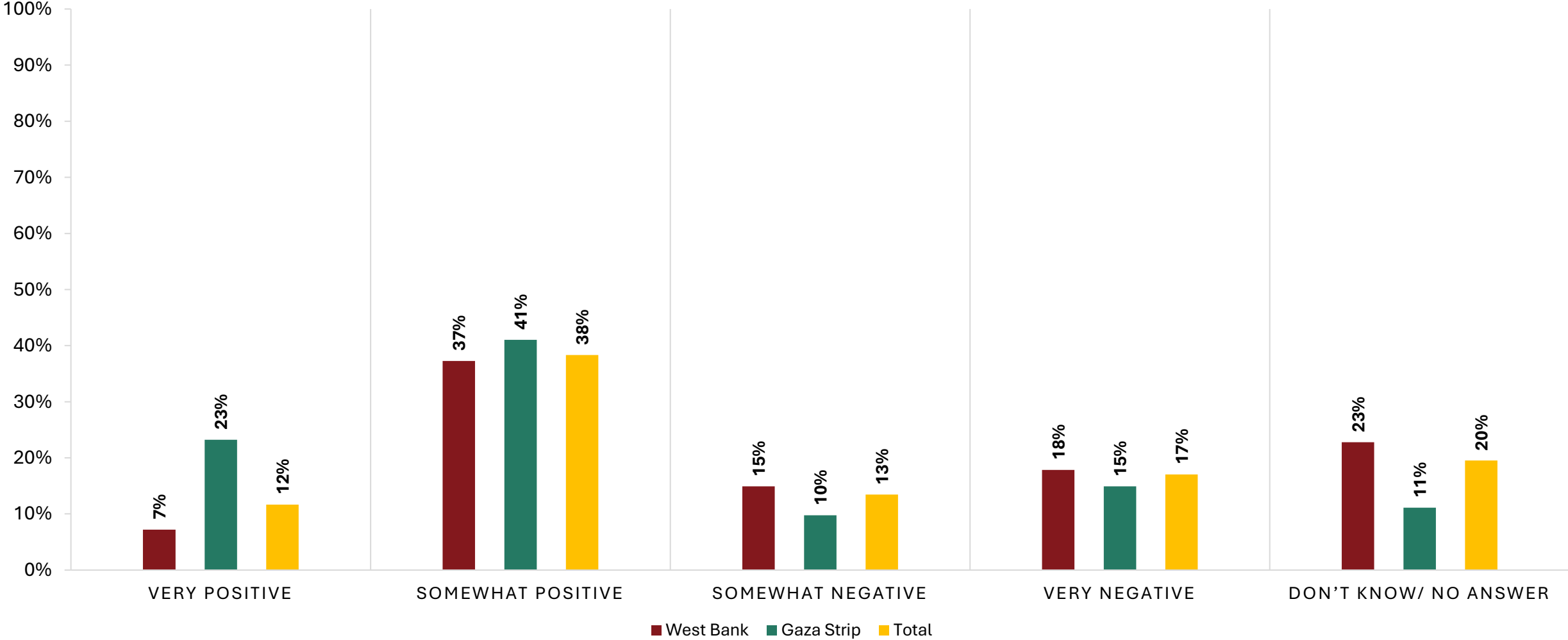


ARE YOU AWARE OF THE RECENT CHANGE IN PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT?



Awareness and perceptions of recent changes in Palestinian government

DO YOU CONSIDER THE RECENT CHANGE IN PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENT? (AMONG THOSE WHO ARE AWARE OF THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT (N=929). WB N=669, GAZA N=260)

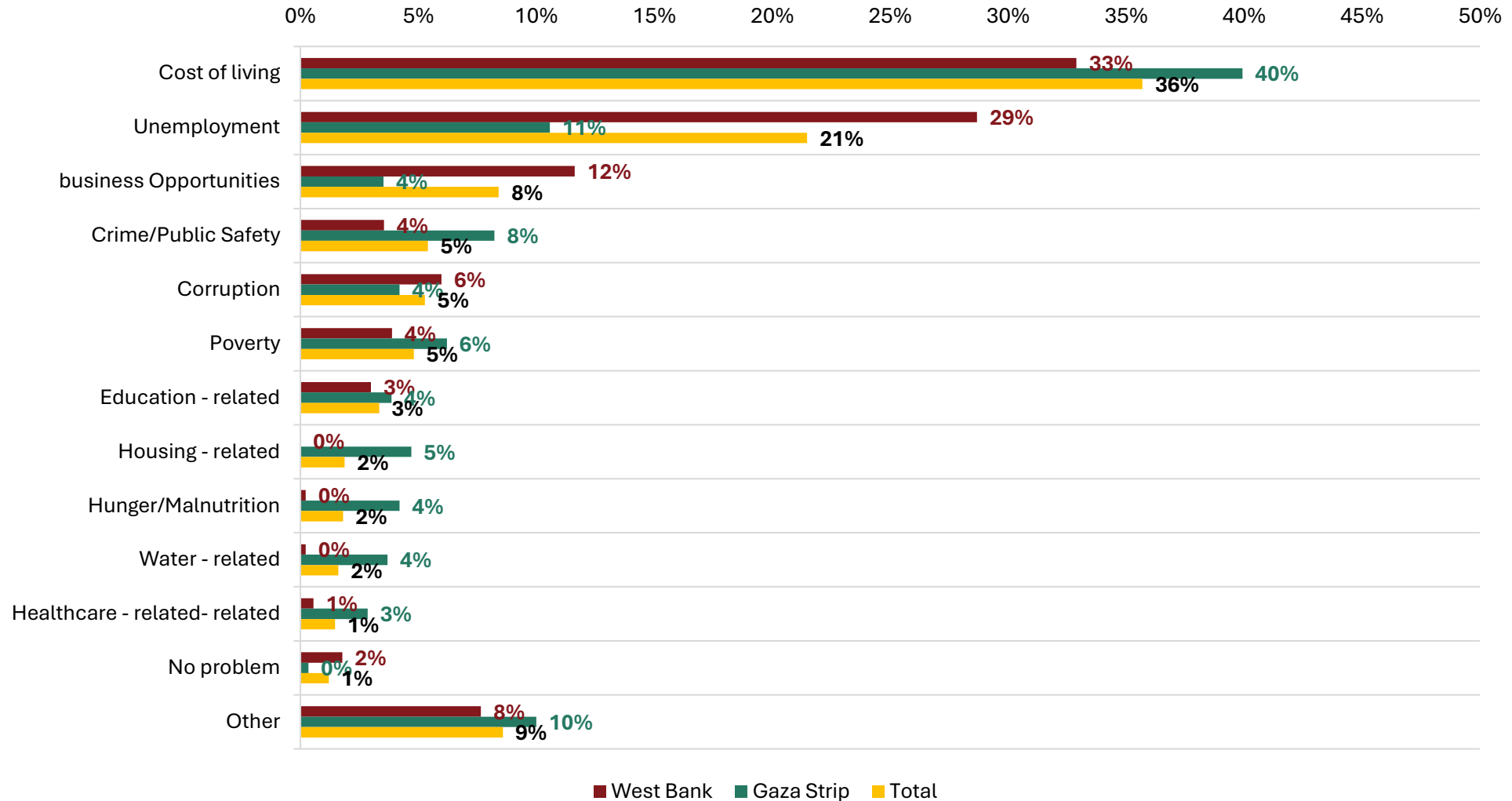


SECTION EIGHT

Challenges and Priorities for the New Palestinian Government

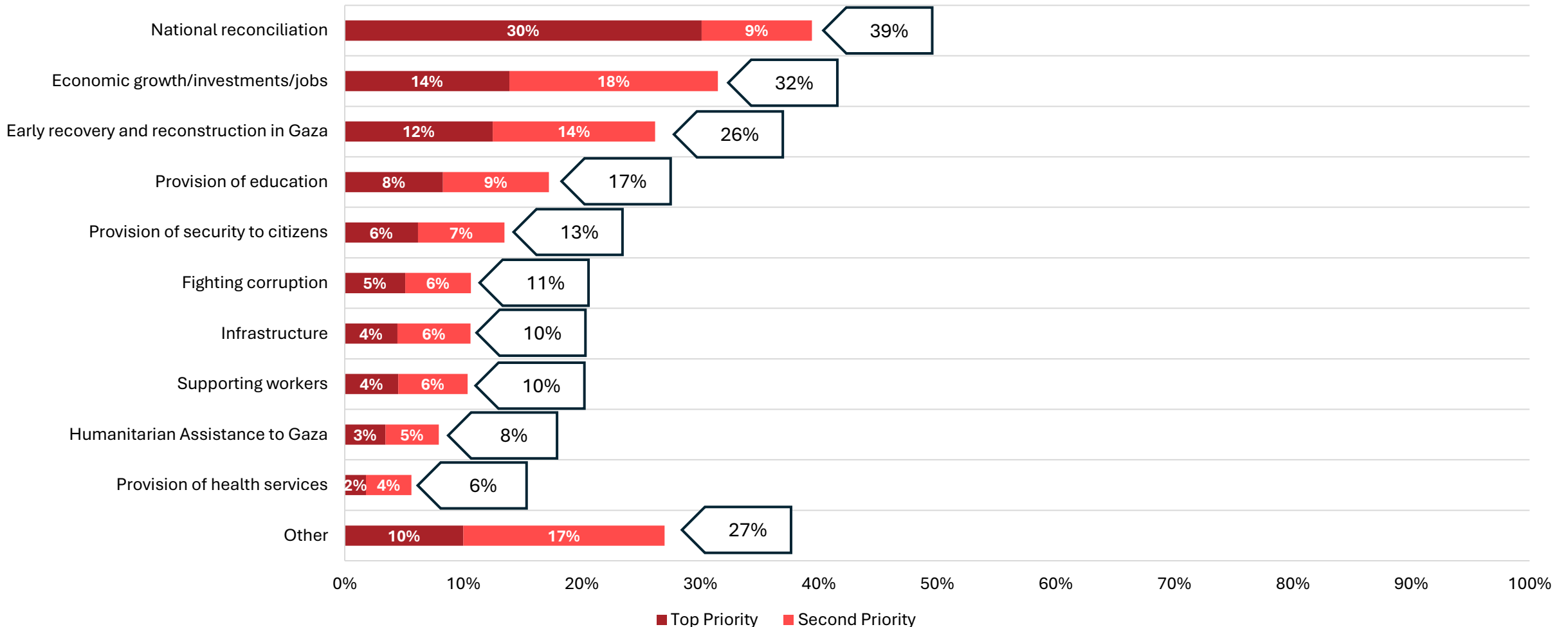
Most important problems currently faced by respondents:

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM YOU ARE CURRENTLY FACING?
SPONTANEOUS



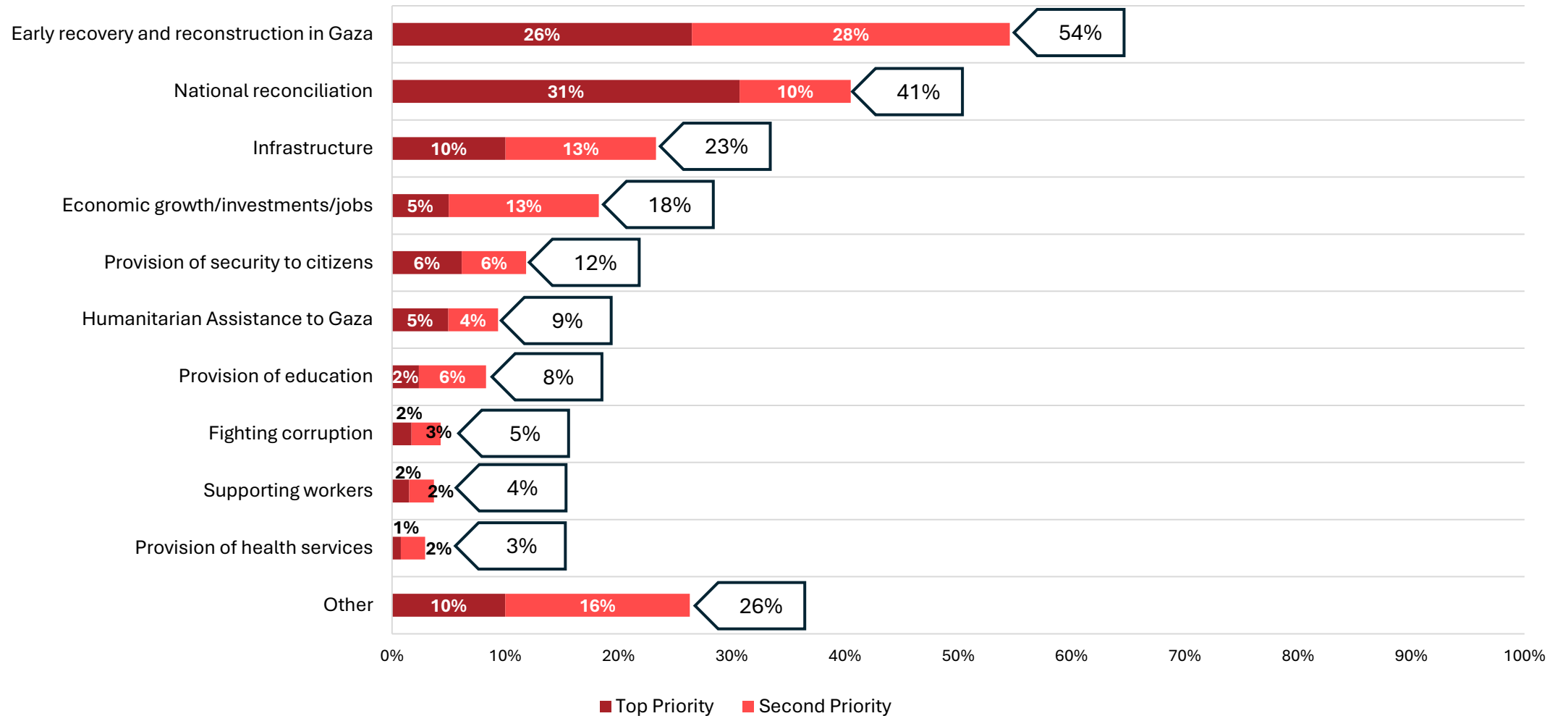
Views on top and second priorities for the new Palestinian government

TOP AND SECOND PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT FOR **TOTAL** RESPONDENTS



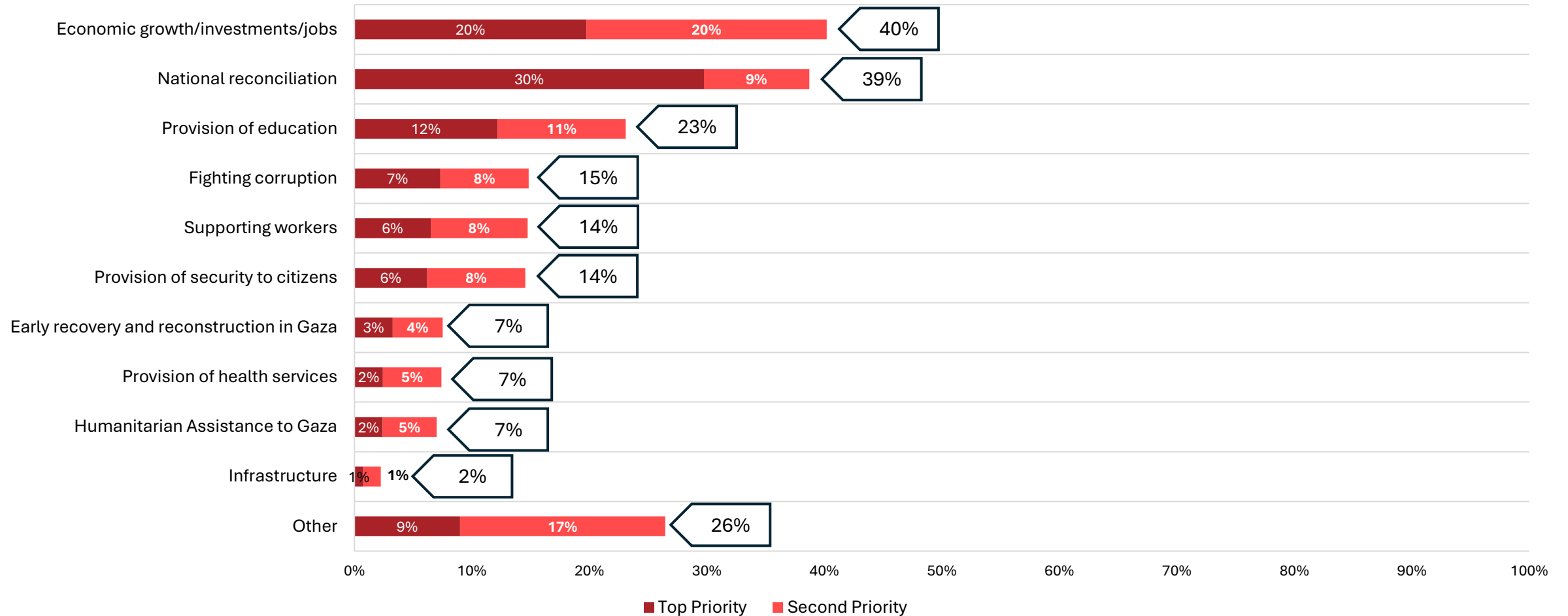
Views on top and second priorities for the new Palestinian government

TOP AND SECOND PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT FOR GAZA STRIP RESPONDENTS



Views on top and second priorities for the new Palestinian government

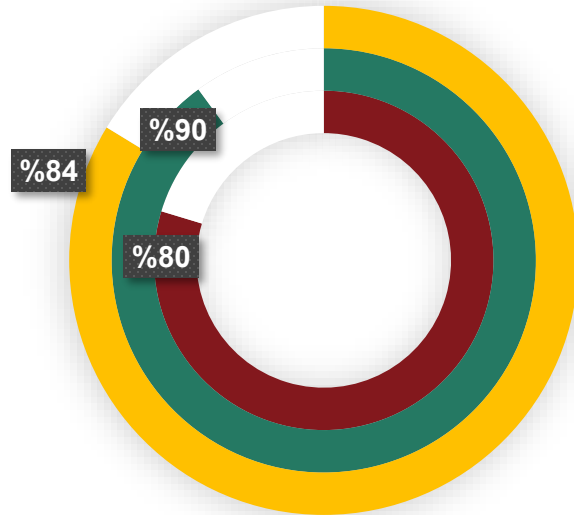
TOP AND SECOND PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT FOR WEST BANK RESPONDENTS



SECTION NINE
Presidential Election

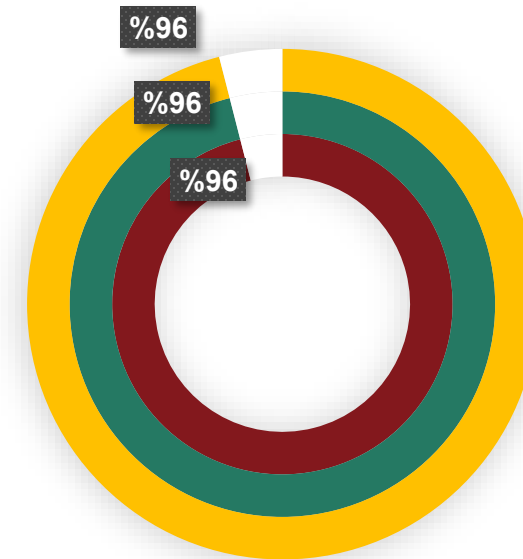
Support for holding presidential election

AFTER THE WAR, DO YOU SUPPORT HOLDING A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?



IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD THE ELECTION BE HELD IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM.

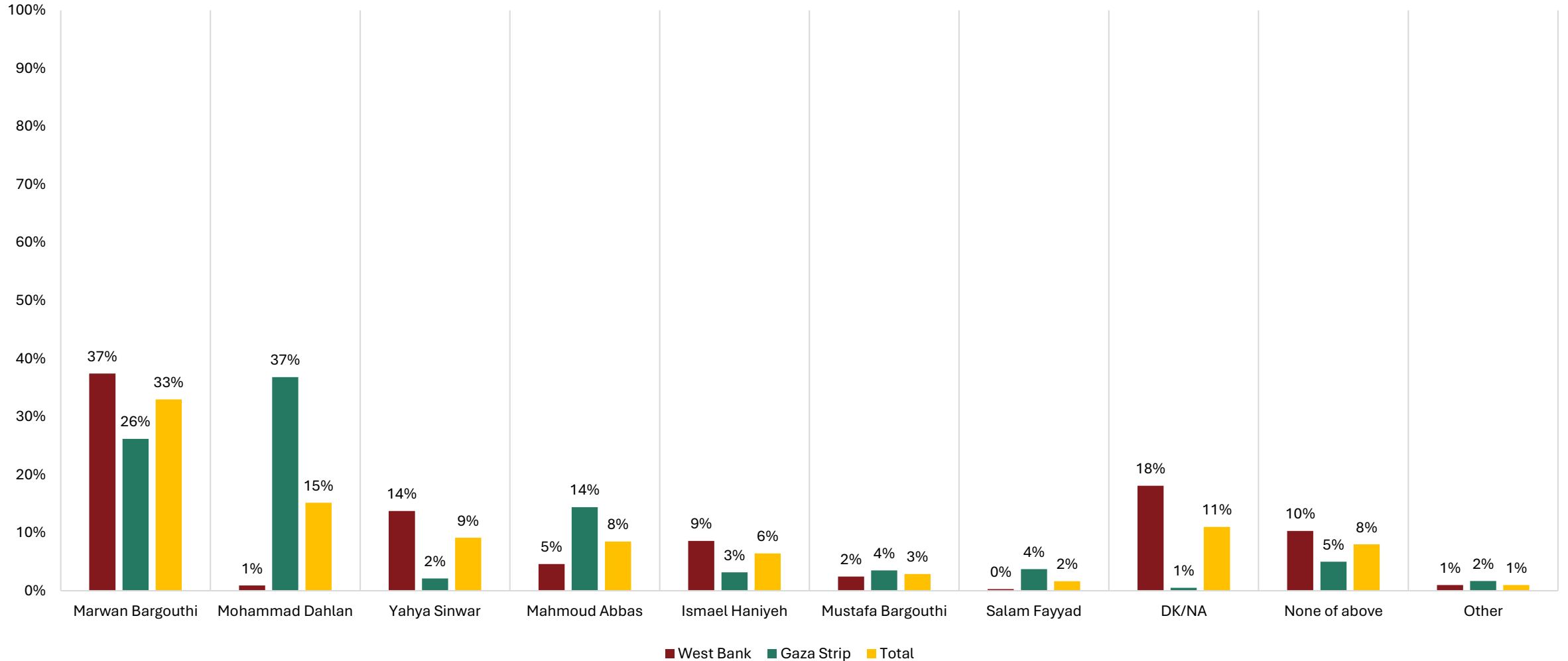
(N=1,256, WEST BANK =720, GAZA =536)



■ West Bank ■ Gaza Strip ■ Total

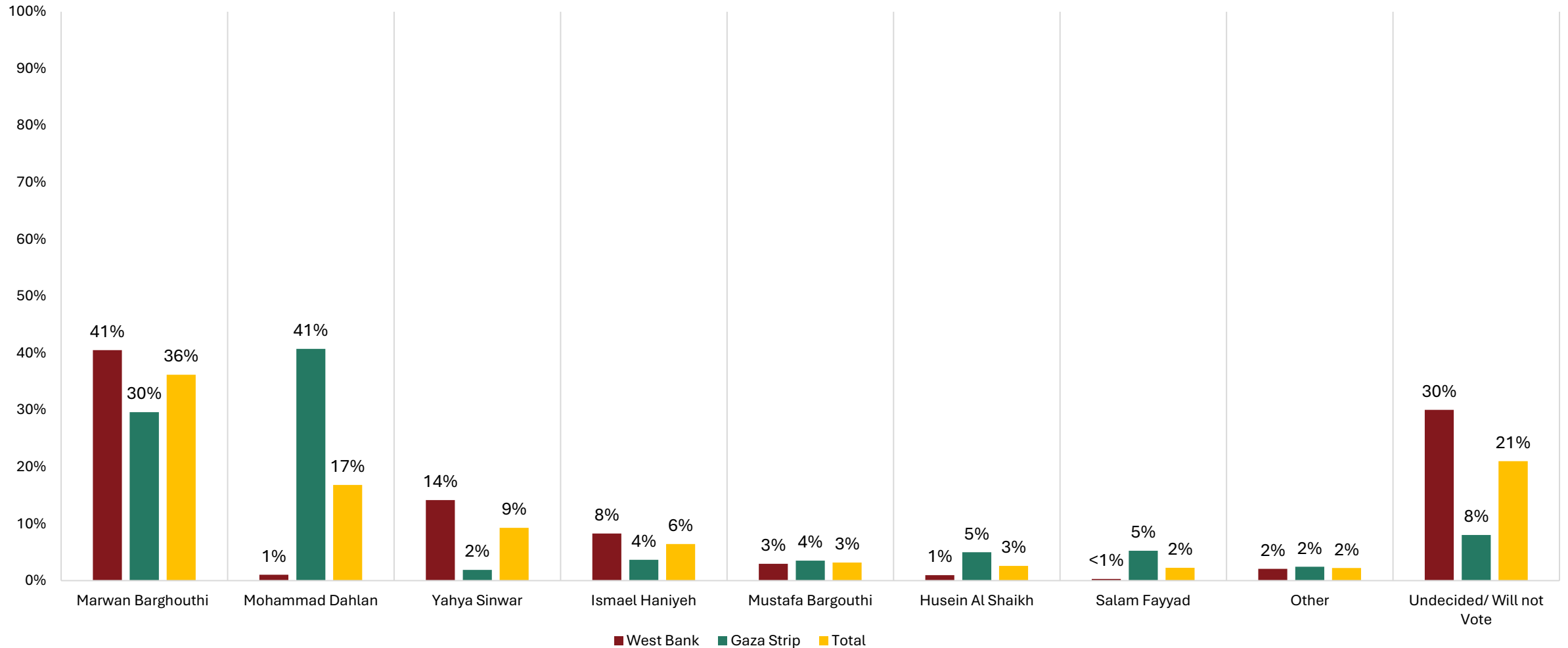
Support for potential presidential candidates

WHO DO YOU BELIEVE WOULD SERVE AS A GOOD NEXT PRESIDENT FOR PALESTINE/PA? SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE

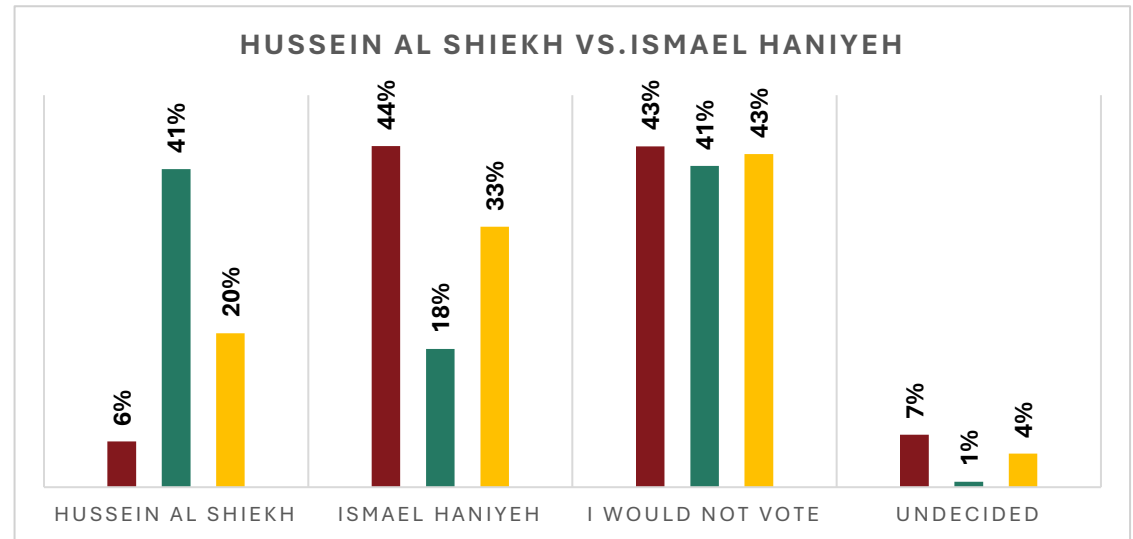
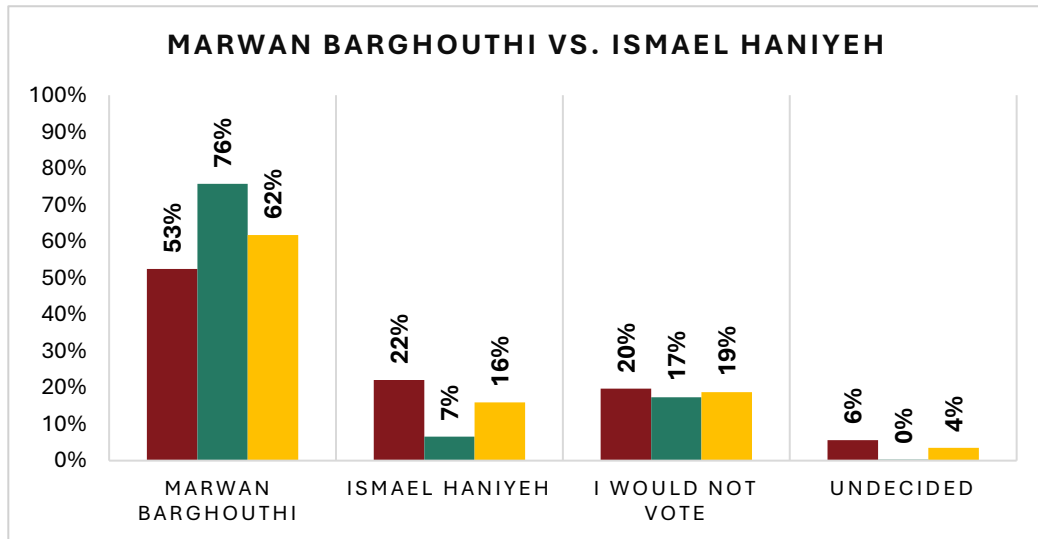
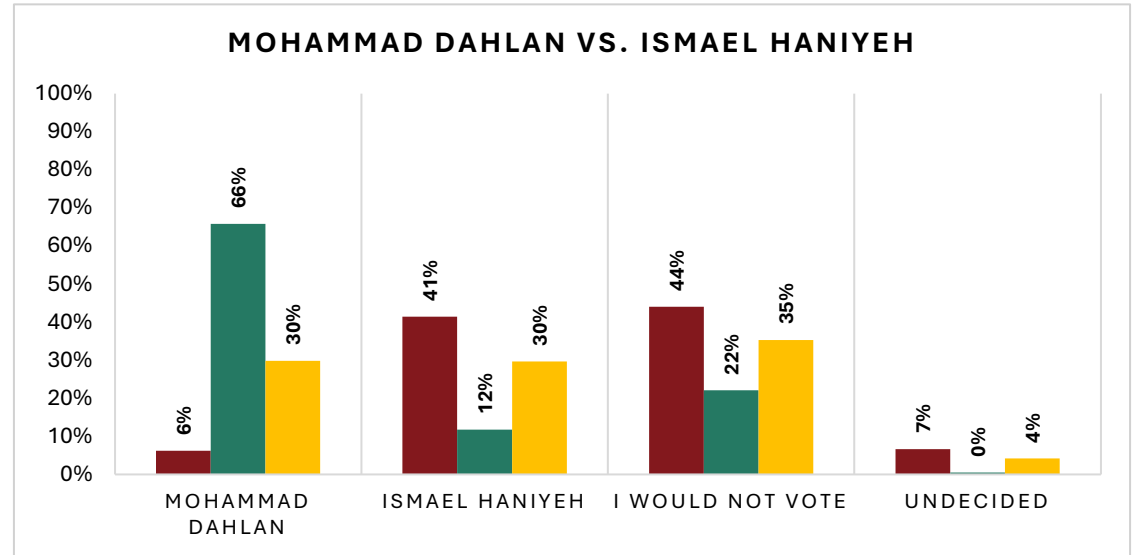
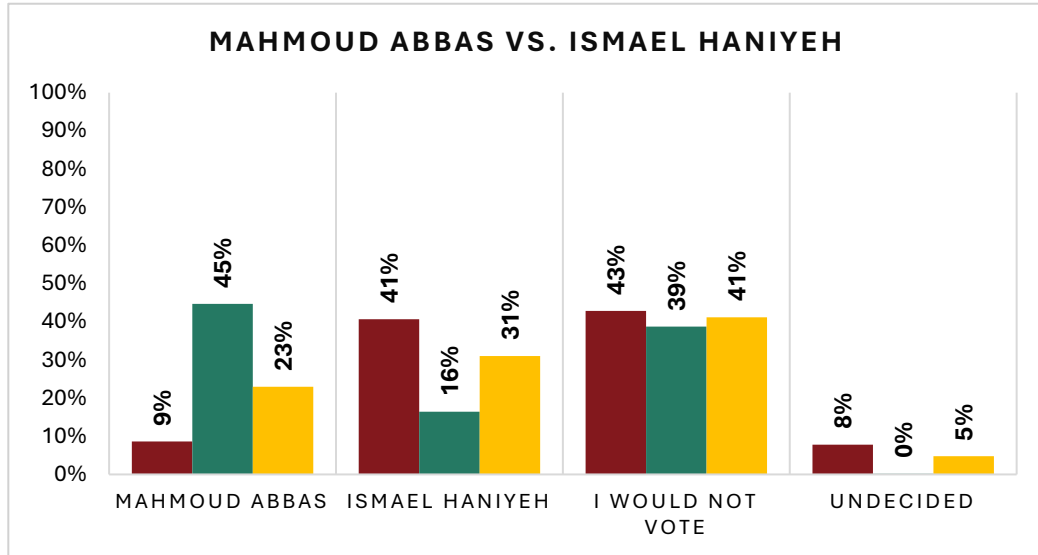


Preferred candidates for the next Palestinian president

IF PRESIDENT ABBAS DECIDED NOT TO RUN FOR ELECTION, WHO WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE MOST?



In case of the following two-way races, who would you elect?

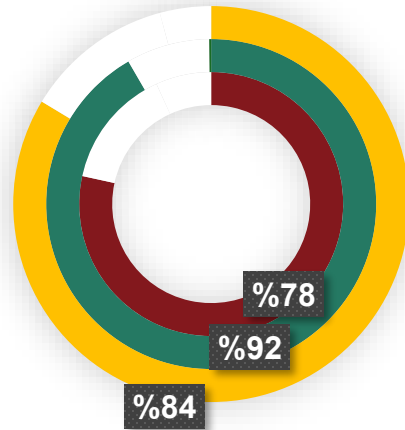


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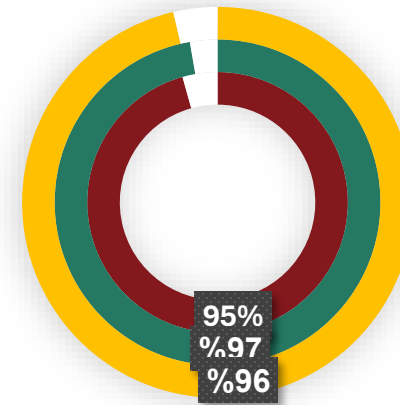
SECTION TEN
Legislative/Parliamentary Election

Support for holding legislative/parliamentary election

AFTER THE WAR, DO YOU SUPPORT HOLDING A LEGISLATIVE/PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION AMONG PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP?



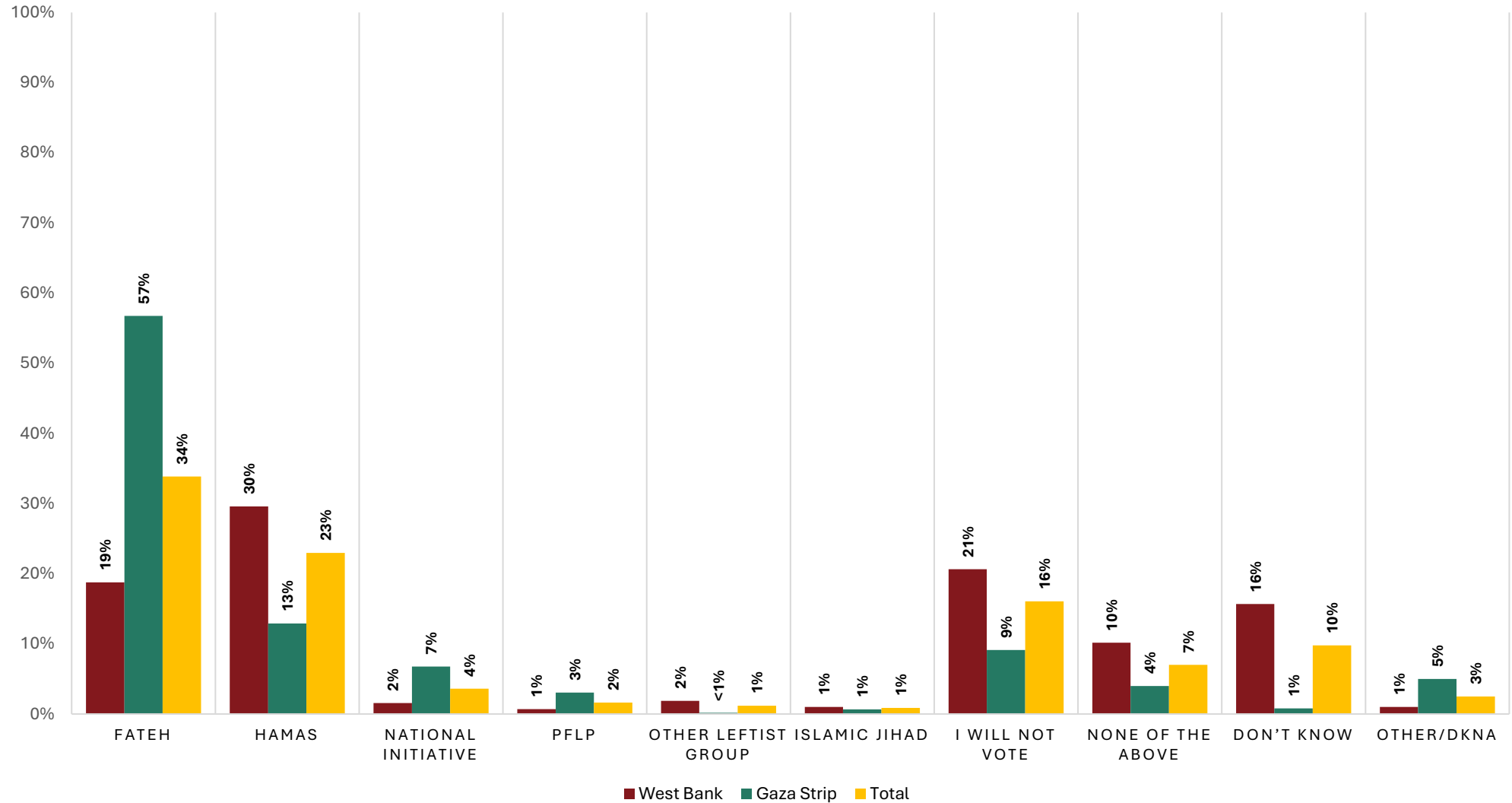
IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD THE ELECTION BE HELD IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM.
(N=1,255). WEST BANK = 709, GAZA = 546.



■ West Bank ■ Gaza Strip ■ Total

Preferred Political Party in an Upcoming Legislative Election

(Among those who support having an election n=1,255). West Bank = 709, Gaza = 546.

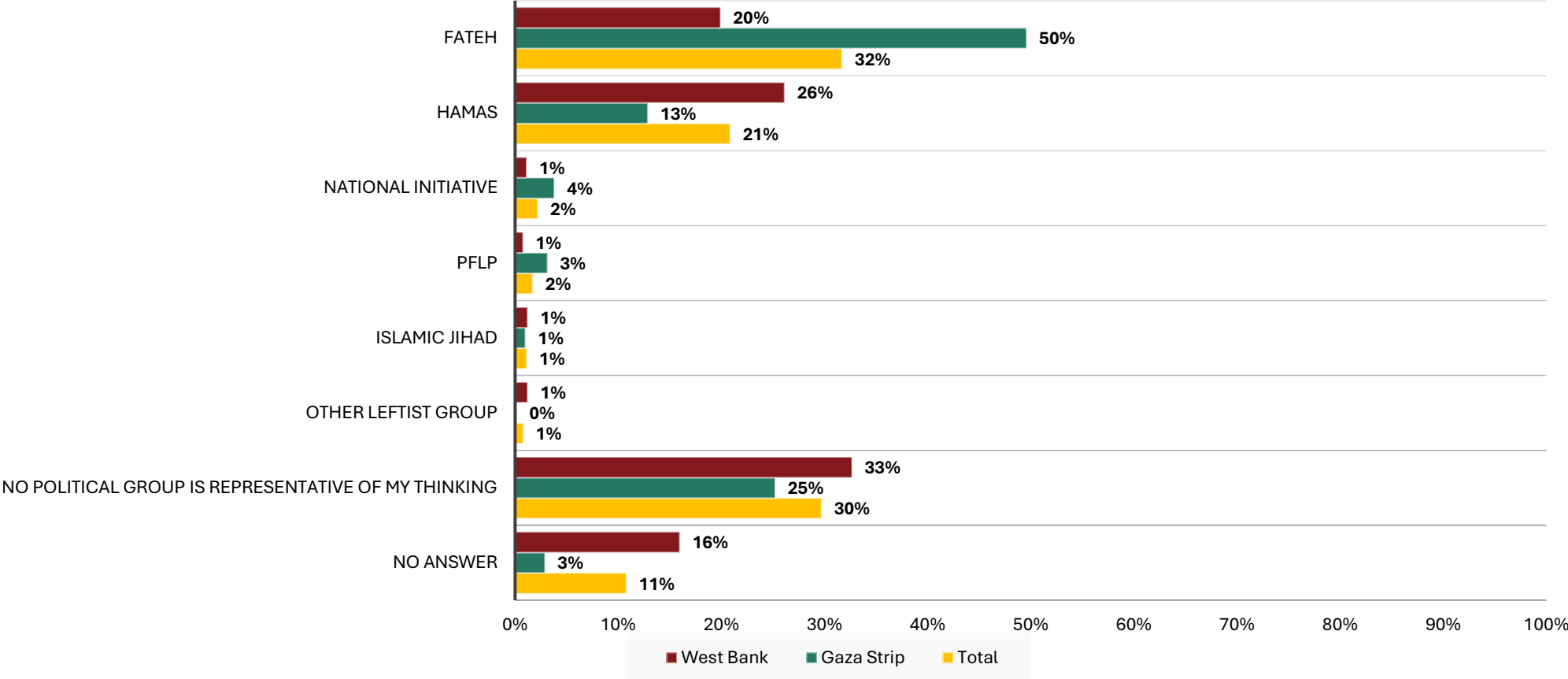


SECTION ELEVEN

POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC THINKING

Political group closest to representing the political, social and economic views of respondents

REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU WOULD VOTE FOR IN THE QUESTIONS ABOVE, WHICH POLITICAL GROUP IS MOST REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC THINKING?





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