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FREEDOM PERCEPTION OF RUSSIAN POPULATION

Russian citizens on individual
freedom, the state and society...

Presentation of the opinion poll results conducted between 28th of July and 2nd of August 2016 among the population of the Russian Federation.

The presentation also refers to the results of the sociological survey conducted by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation Office in Istanbul and Metropoll Strategic and Social Research in June 2016 on the topic «In search of liberal ideas and values in Turkey».



61,7%

Have primary
or secondary
basic/professional
education

73,0%

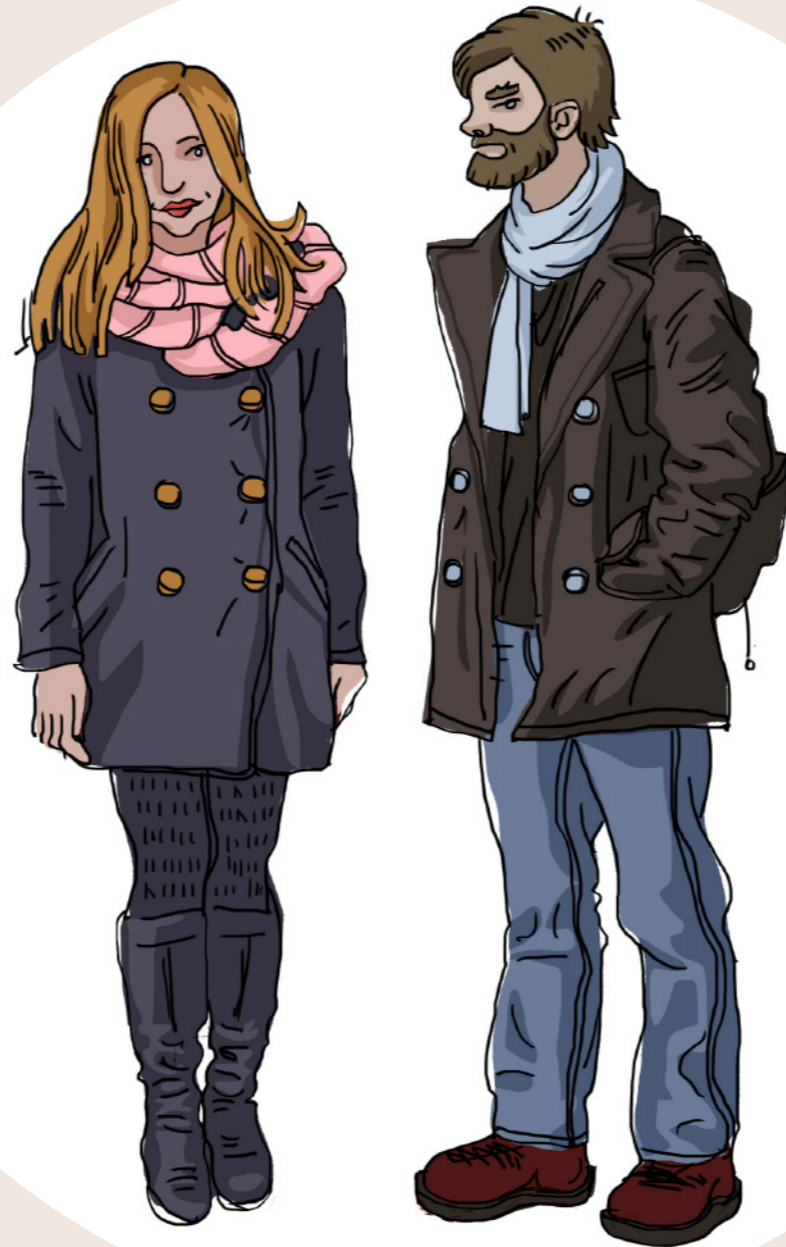
Get a salary of up to
30.000 rubles (415 Euro)
per month

56,1%

Work, are informally
occupied,
do a part-time job

32,1%

Retired



73,9%

in a city or similar
settlement

70,7%

Live with a family
of 2-4 people

25,7%

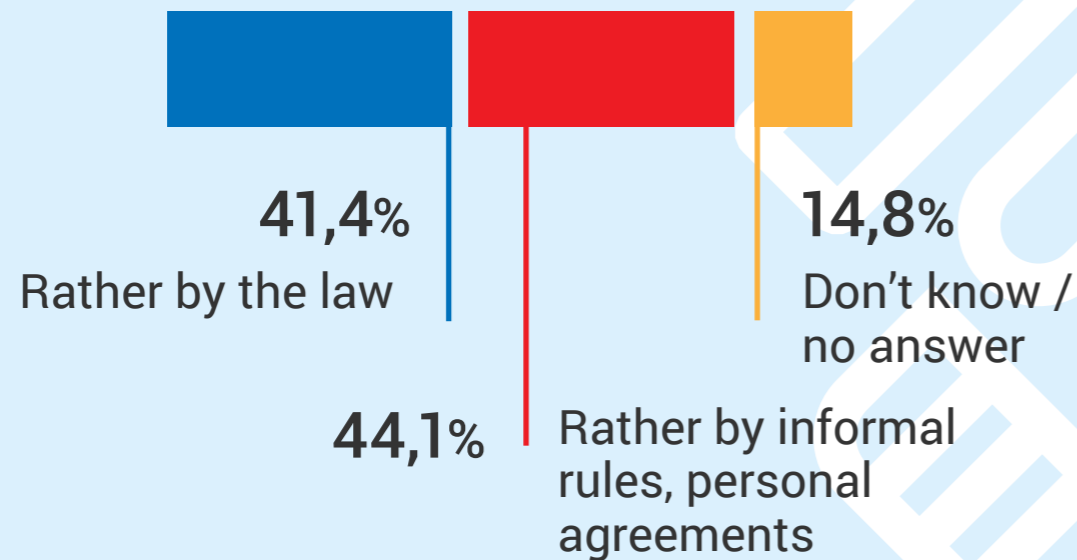
Have an international
passport

**LAWS,
CONTROL**

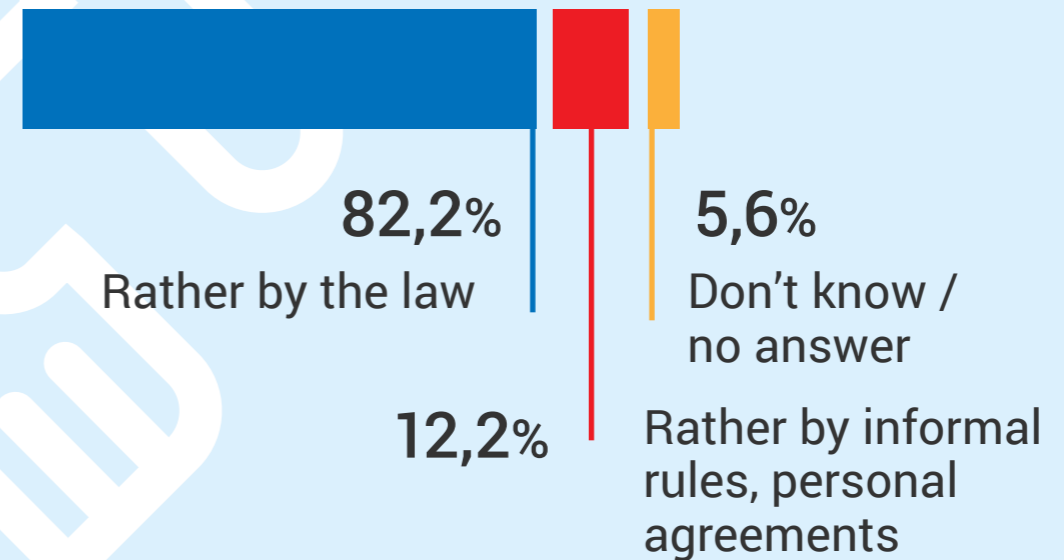




Do you think the majority of people in Russia live rather by the law or rather by informal rules, personal agreements?



Do you personally live rather by the law or rather by informal rules, personal agreements?

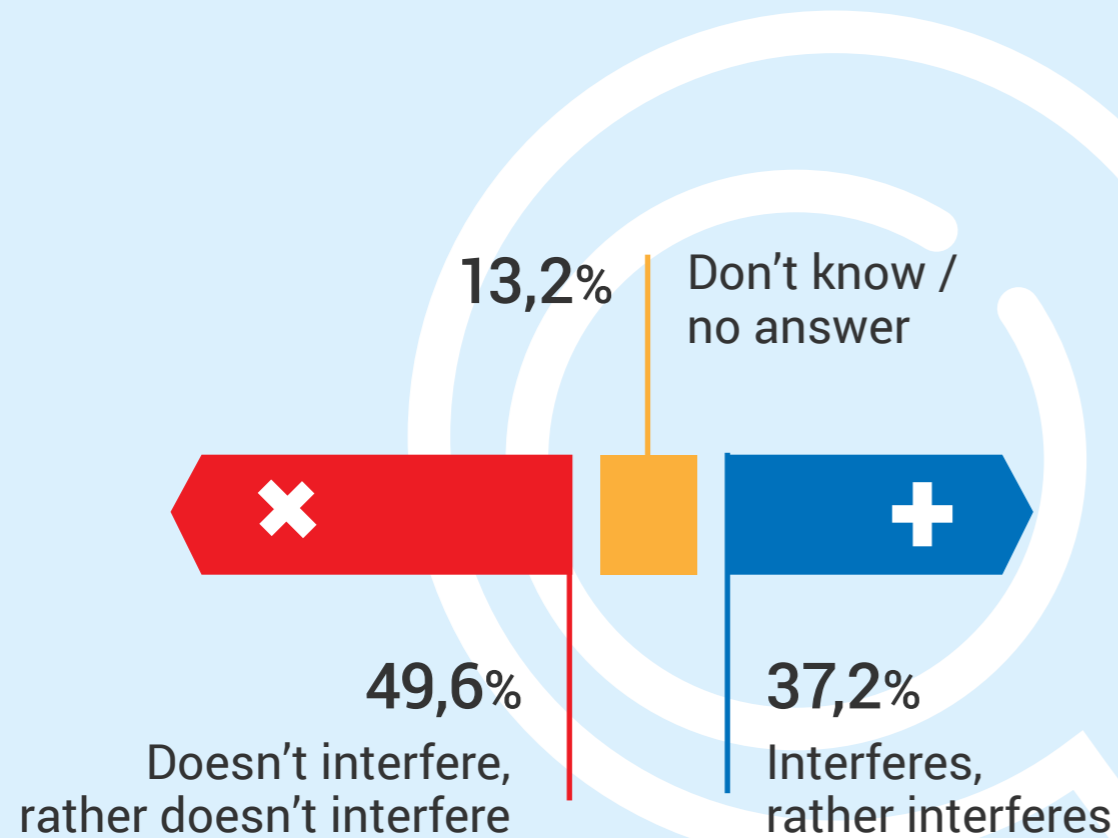


15% believe that if the law is bad it is not necessary to follow it

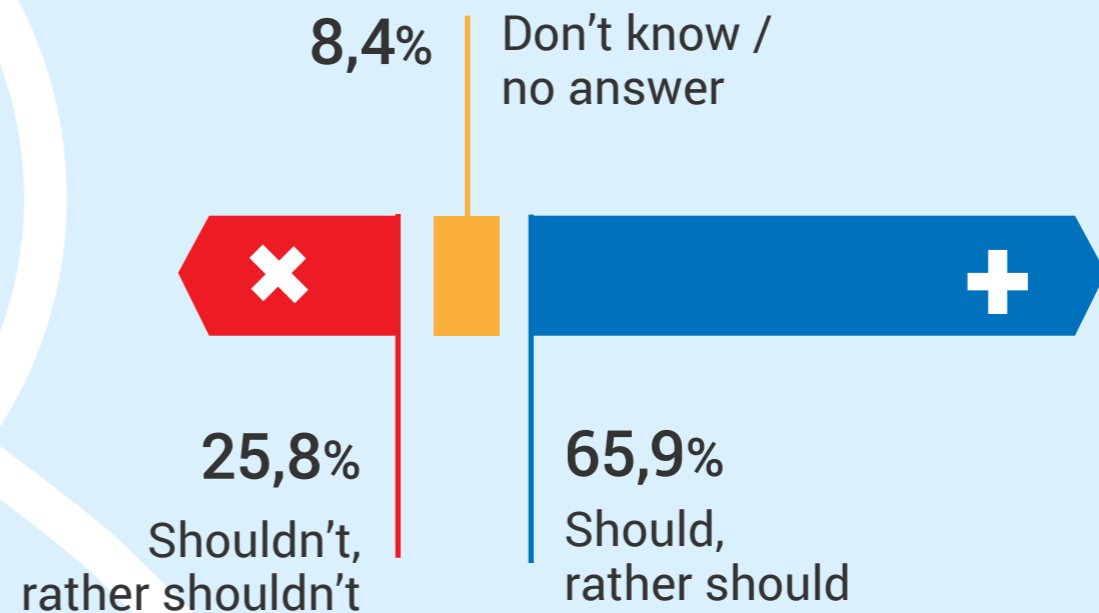
80% think that every law should be followed



Do you think that the Russian state interferes or doesn't interfere in the private life of its citizens?

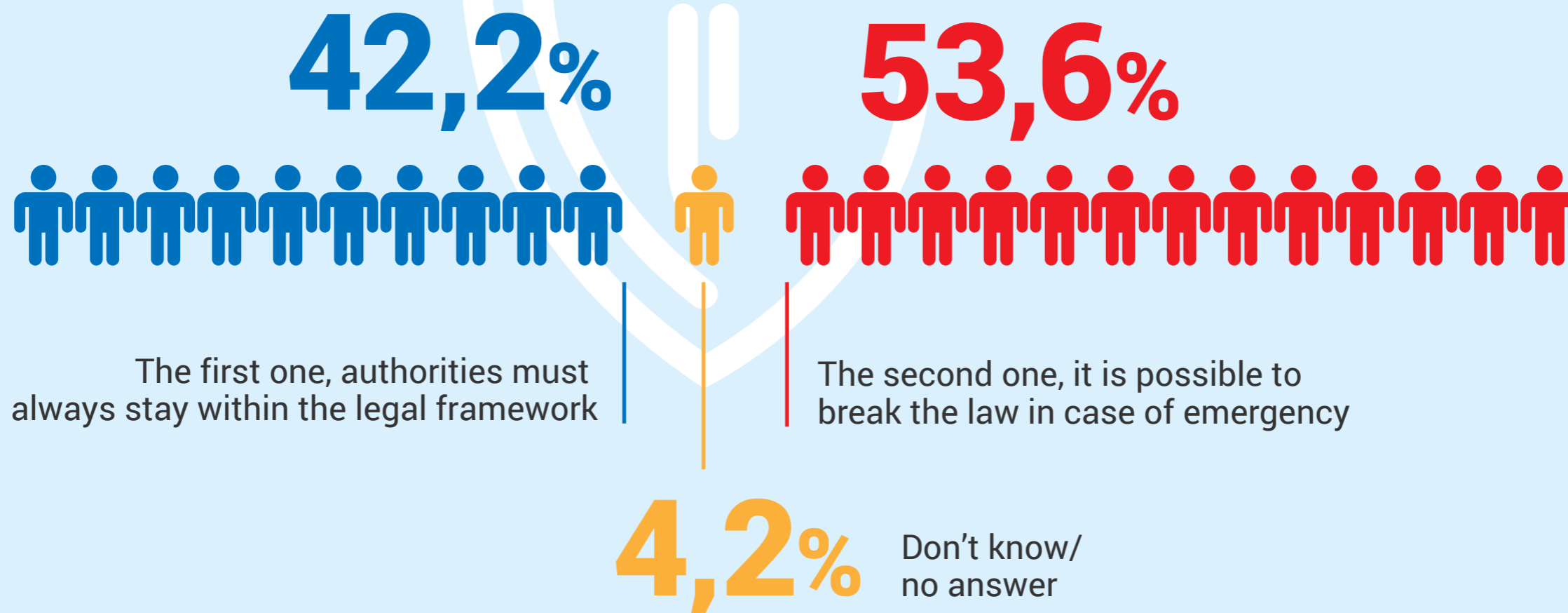


Do you think that the state should or shouldn't collect personal data of its citizens for the sake of security?



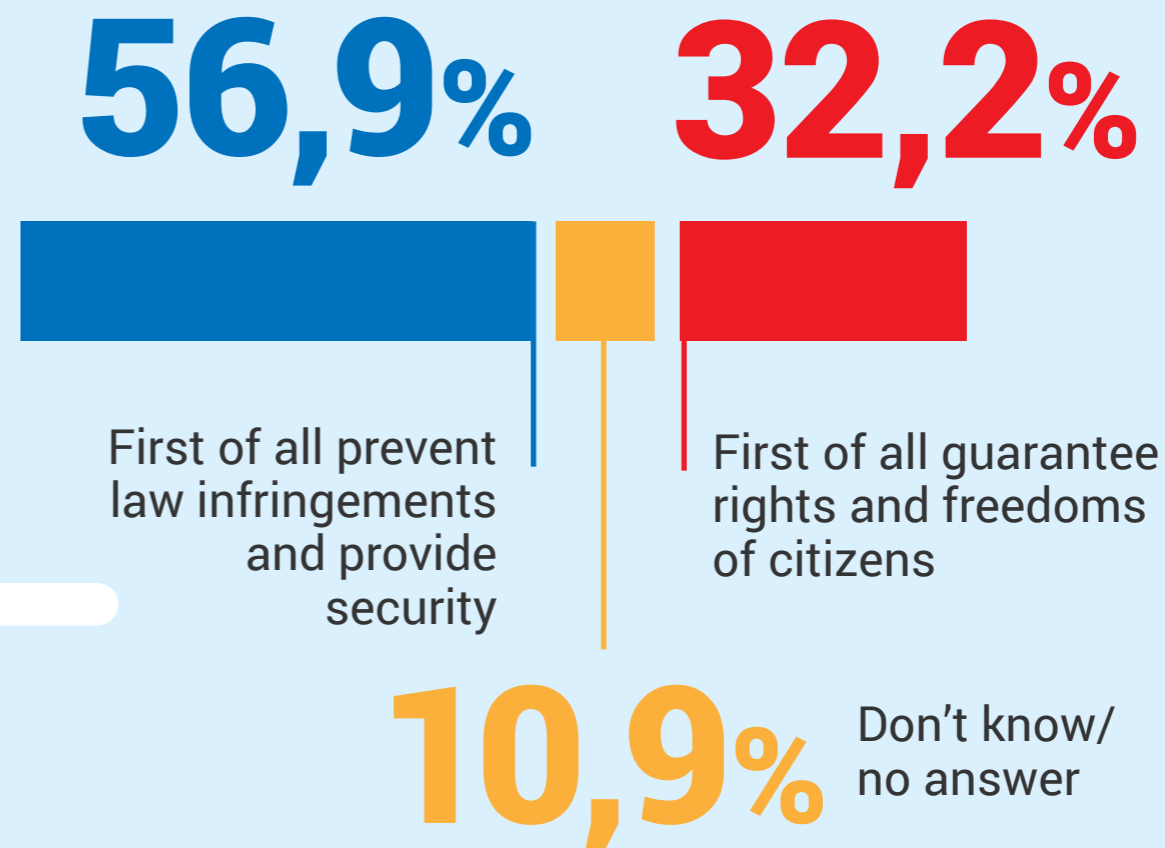
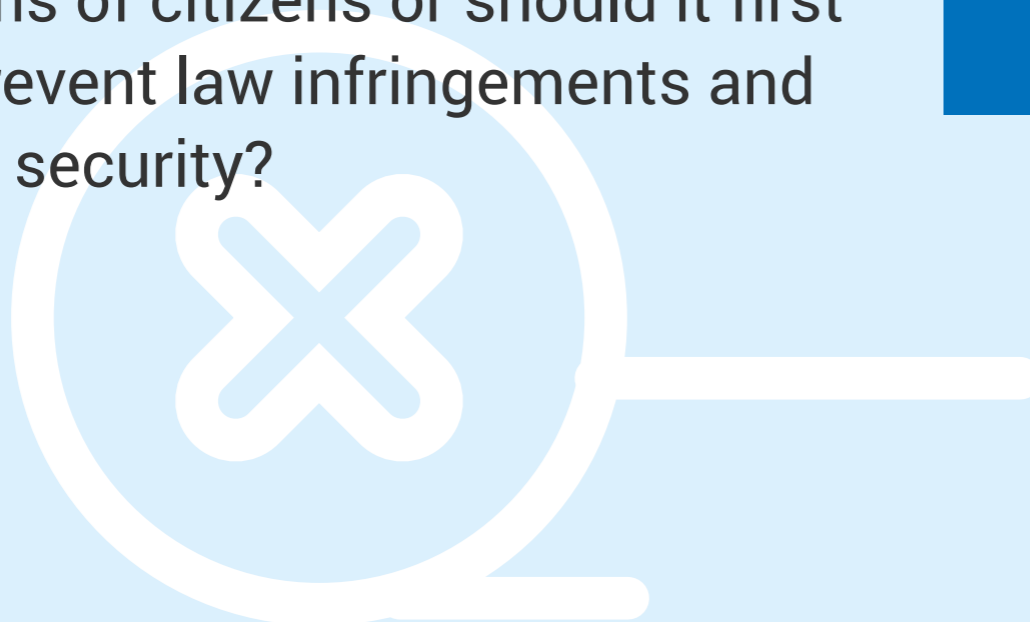


Some people think that authorities should stay within the legal framework while fighting terror. Others believe that in emergency situations it is possible to break the law. Which of the two opinions would you support?

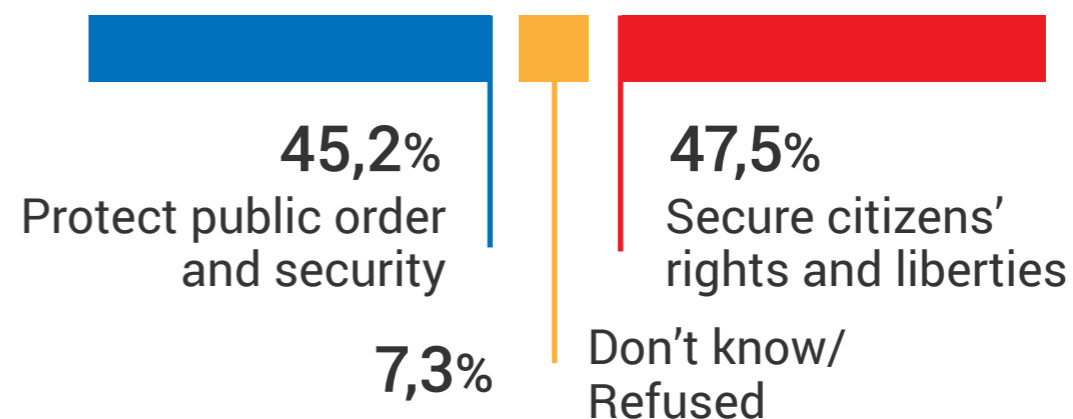




What is your opinion, should the state first of all guarantee rights and freedoms of citizens or should it first of all prevent law infringements and provide security?



Which of the following are the priority duties of the state?

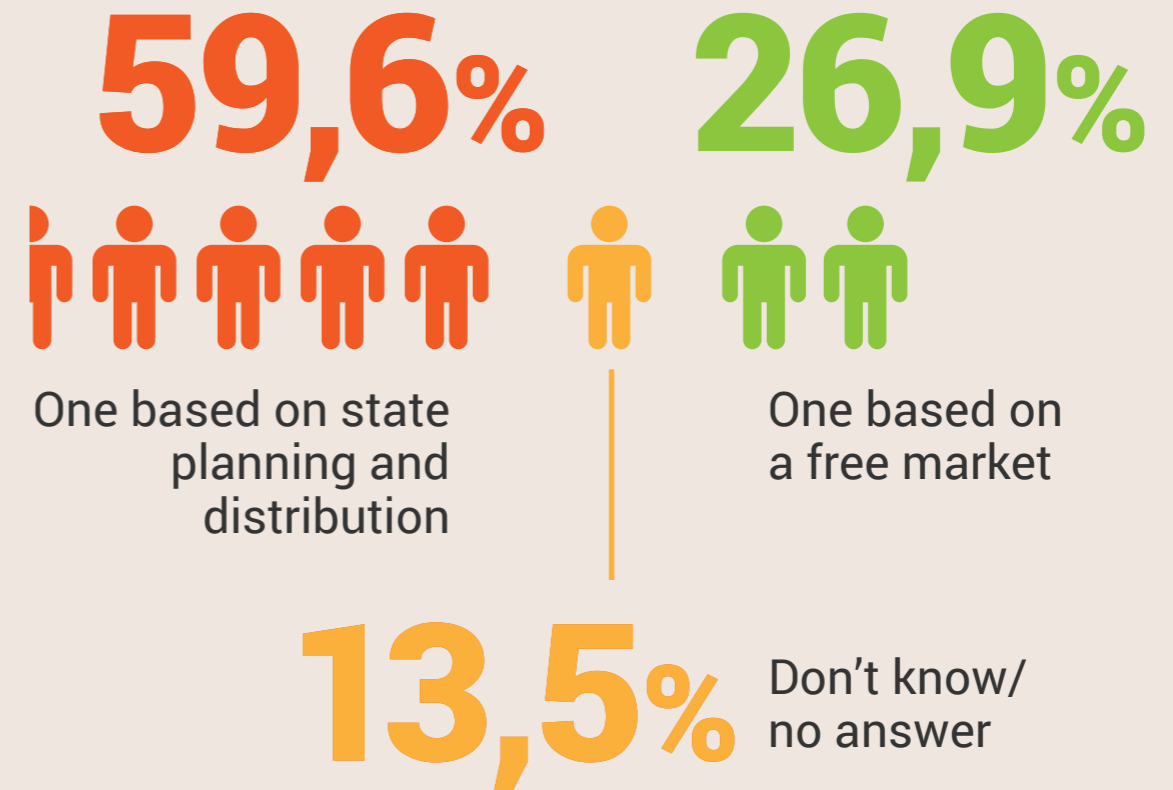


ECONOMY





Which economic system seems to you better: one based on state planning and distribution, or one based on a free market?

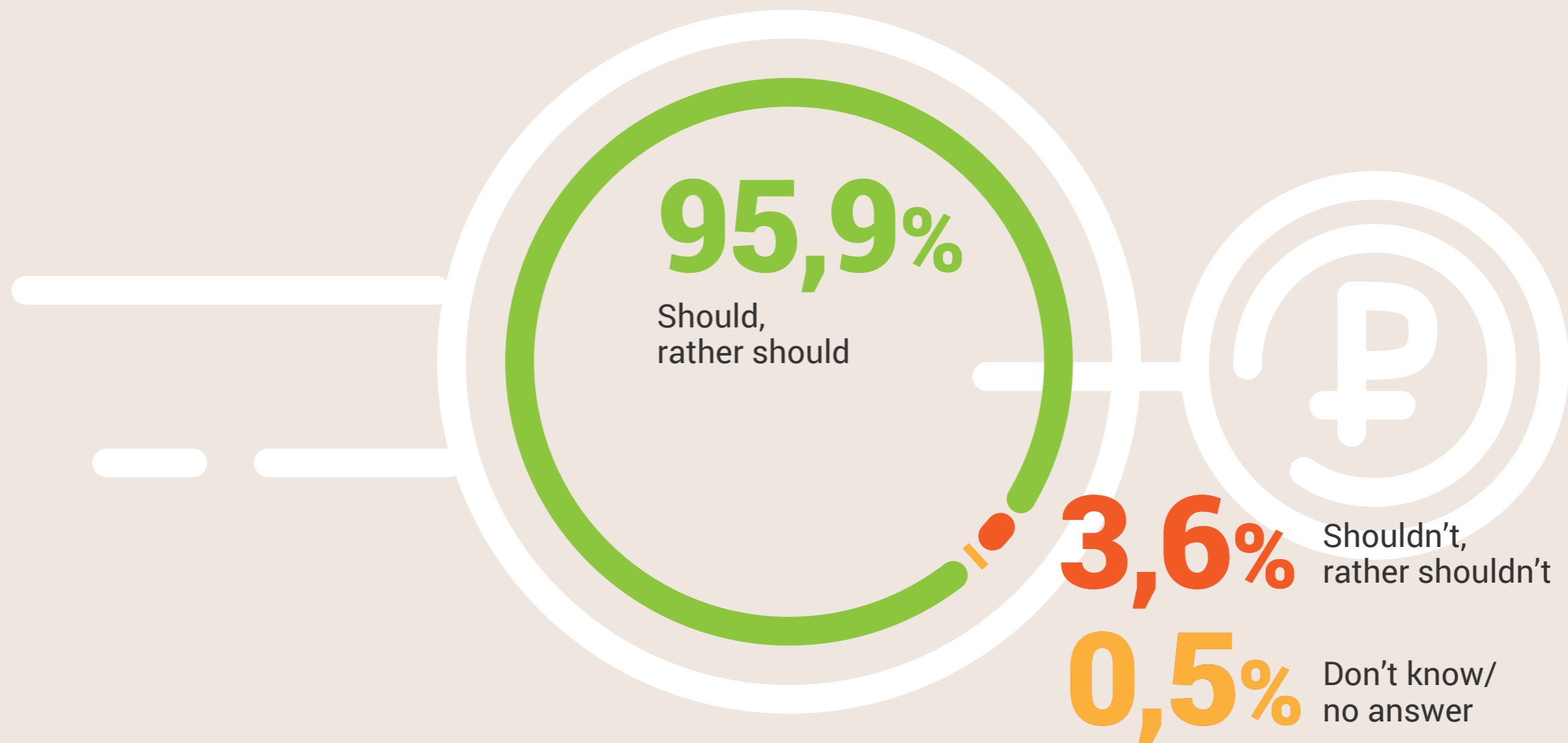


Which of the following economic models is most effective for economic development according to your assessment?

- 37,9% A free market economy in which everyone is free to do business
- 25,2% A state-run economy
- 31,0% Economic model in which some investments are made by the state but allowing free enterprise
- 6,0% Don't know / Refused

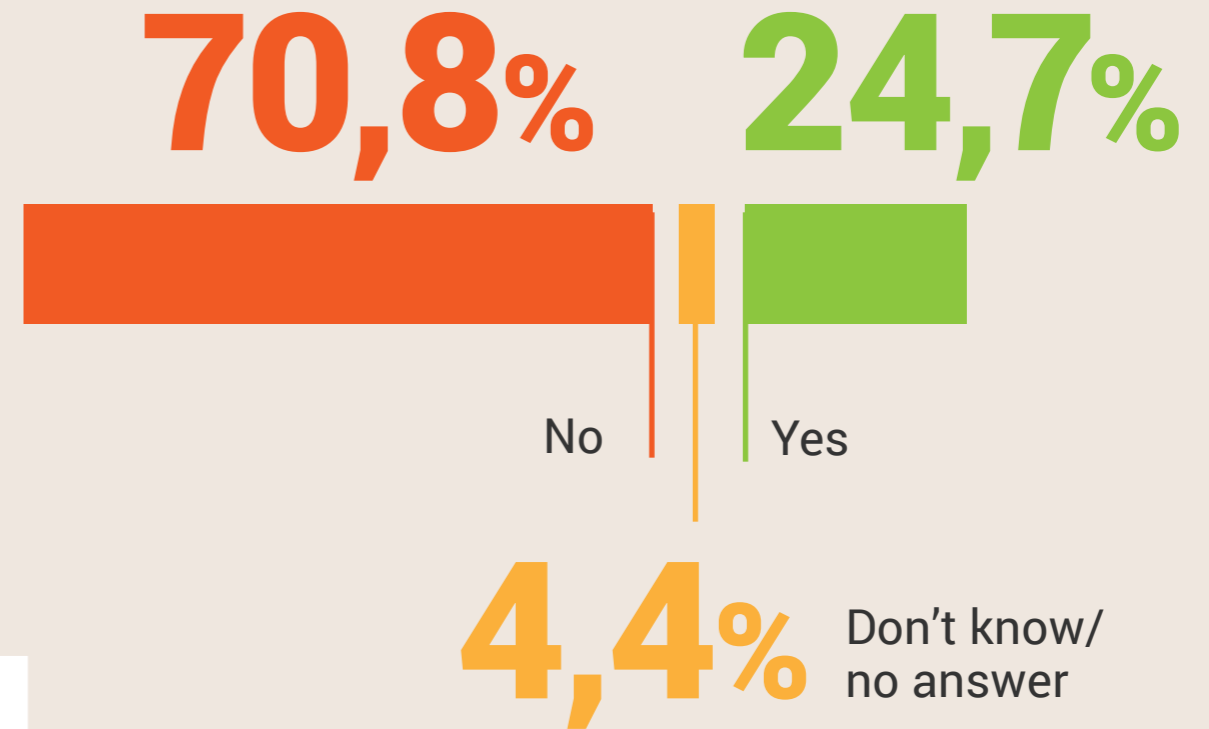
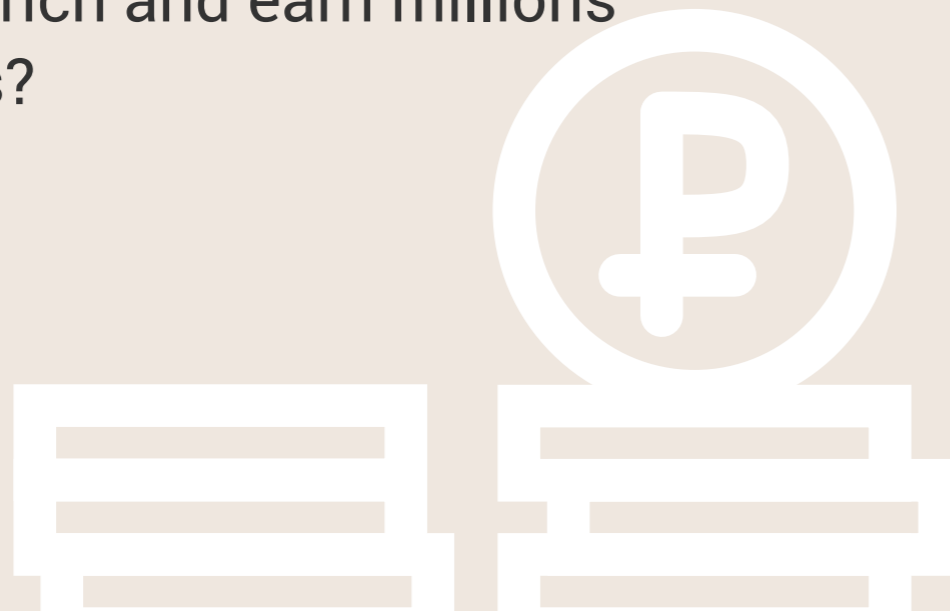


What is your opinion, should or should not the state control prices of basic food products (e.g., bread, milk, meat, etc.)?





Do you believe it is possible in today's Russia to honestly become rich and earn millions of rubles?



How Do People Become Rich?

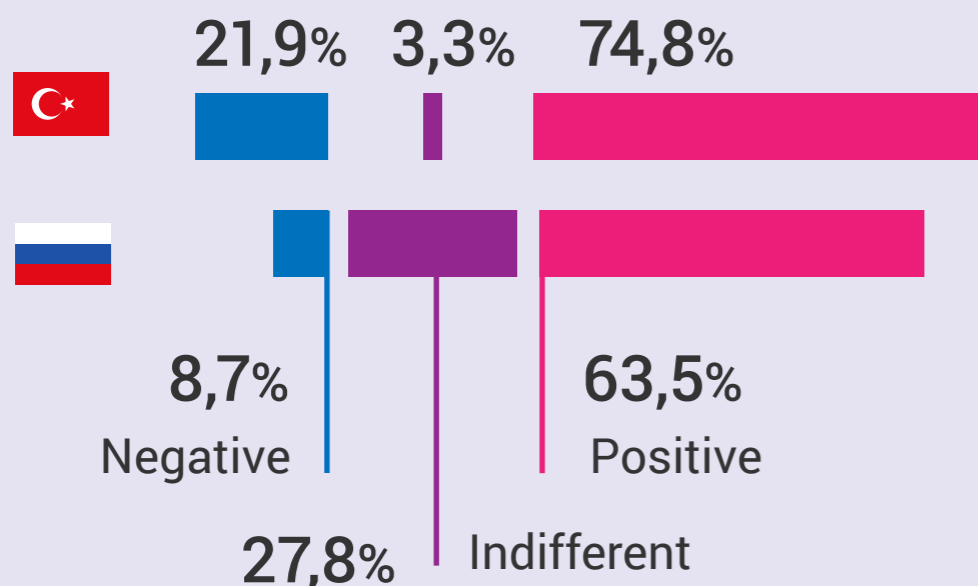
- 51,1% By working honestly
- 21,8% With the help of the state
- 20,9% Through corruption and irregularities
- 6,2% Don't know/ Refused

GENDER



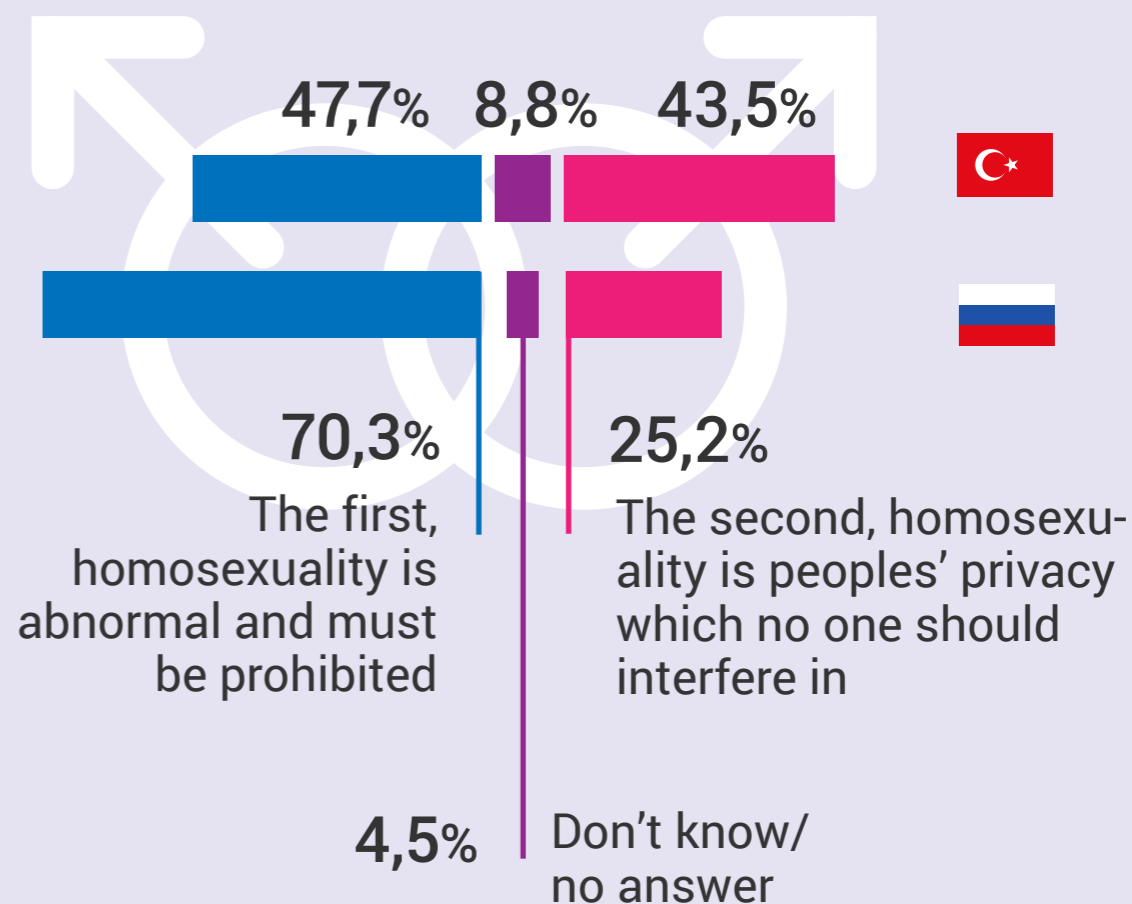


What is your opinion about the case that the wife earns more than the husband – positive, negative or indifferent?



57,8% answered that women would ask their husbands for permission to work.

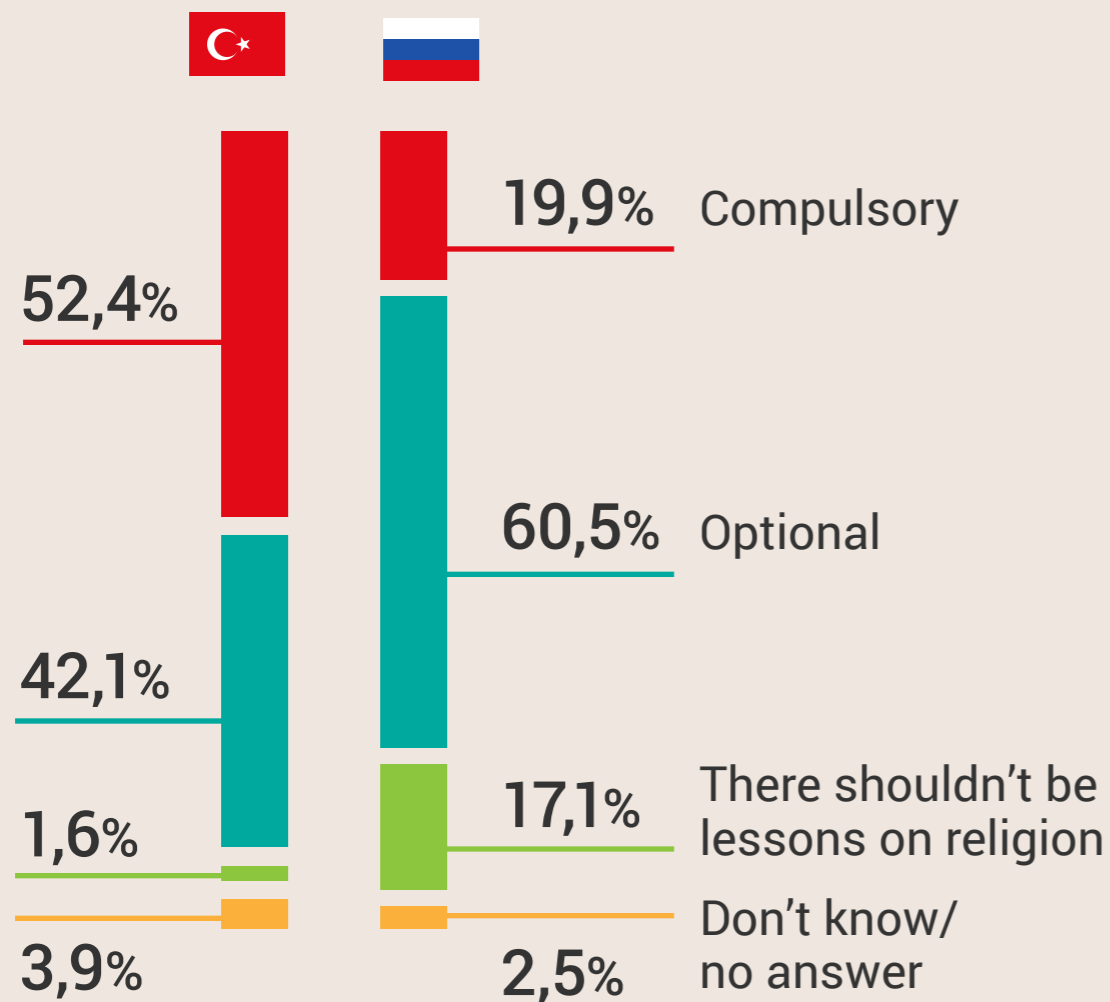
Someone would think that homosexuality is abnormal and hence it must be prohibited. Others believe that homosexuality is peoples' privacy which no one should interfere in. Which statement, the first or the second one, would you agree with?



RELIGION



Do you believe that lessons on religion should be compulsory in schools for all, optional or should not exist at all?



Do you think that the policy of our government should or shouldn't be coordinated with the Russian Orthodox Church as the largest religious confession in Russia?

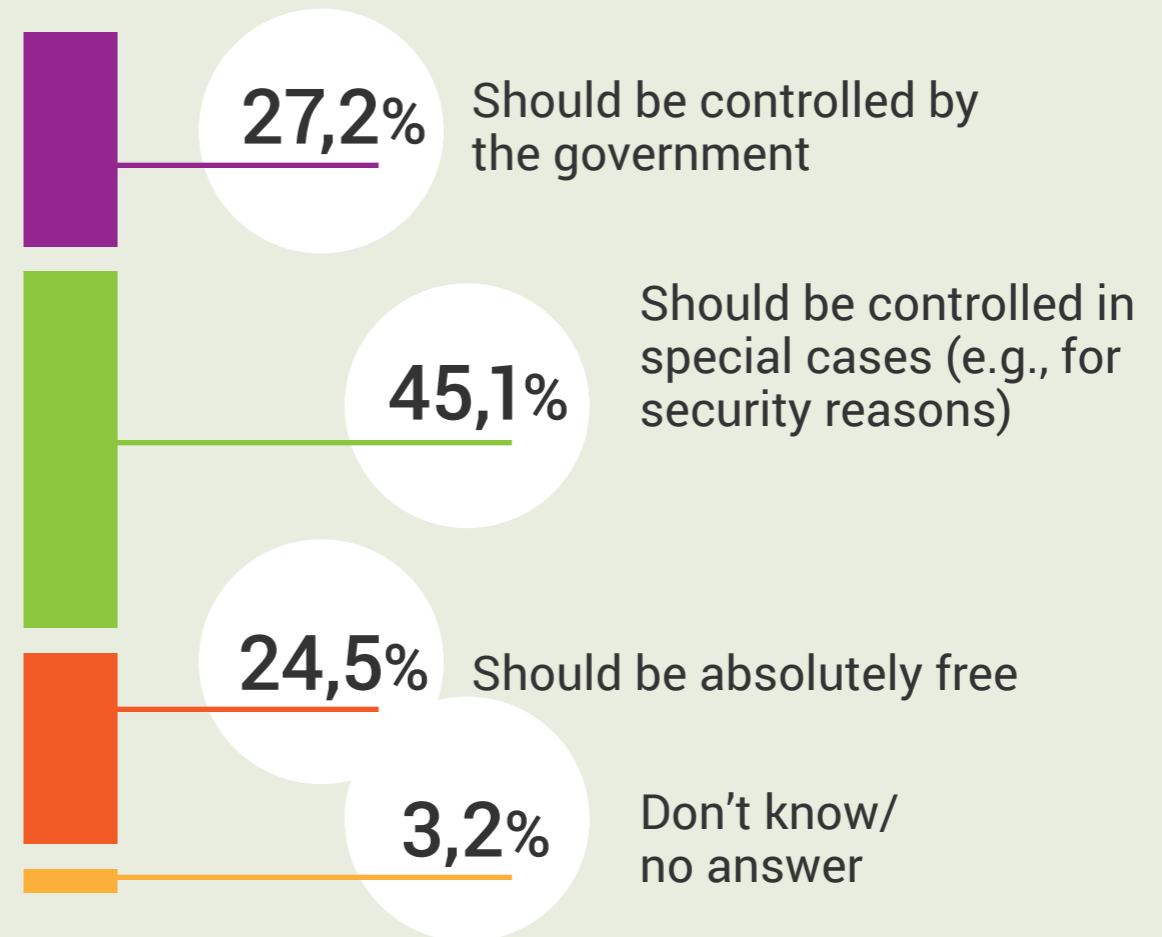
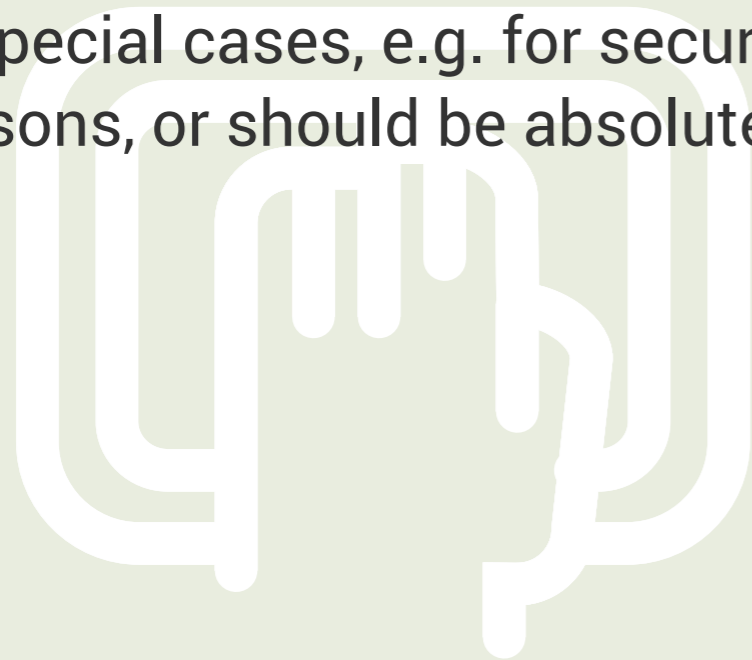


FREEDOM OF SPEECH

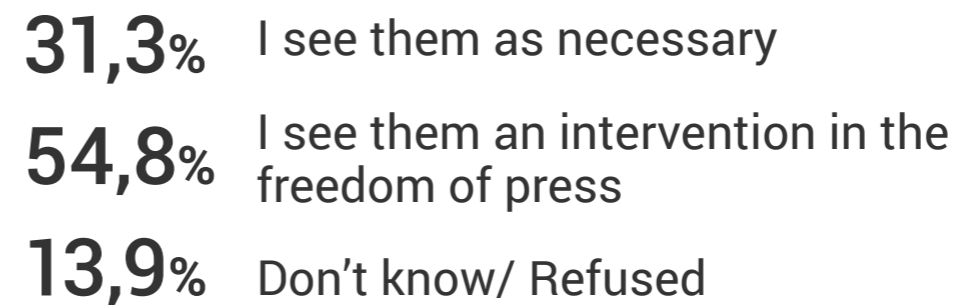




Do you think that the mass media should always be controlled by the government, should be controlled only in special cases, e.g. for security reasons, or should be absolutely free?



How do you see bans imposed on media in some situations, for example, for public security purposes?





If your opinion is not concurrent with the opinion of the majority, you are normally afraid or not afraid to express it?



Towards friends,
relatives



Towards
neighbors,
colleagues



Towards
strangers

AFRAID,
RATHER AFRAID

NOT AFRAID,
RATHER NOT AFRAID

DON'T KNOW/
NO ANSWER

10,0%

86,5%

3,5%

14,1%

82,0%

3,9%

41,1%

50,4%

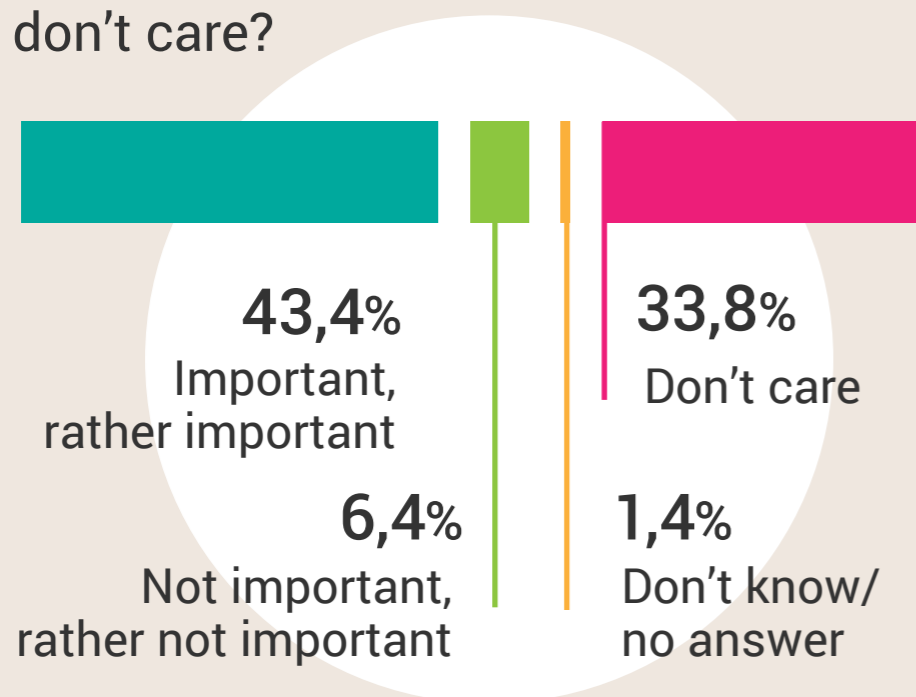
8,5%

DEMOCRACY

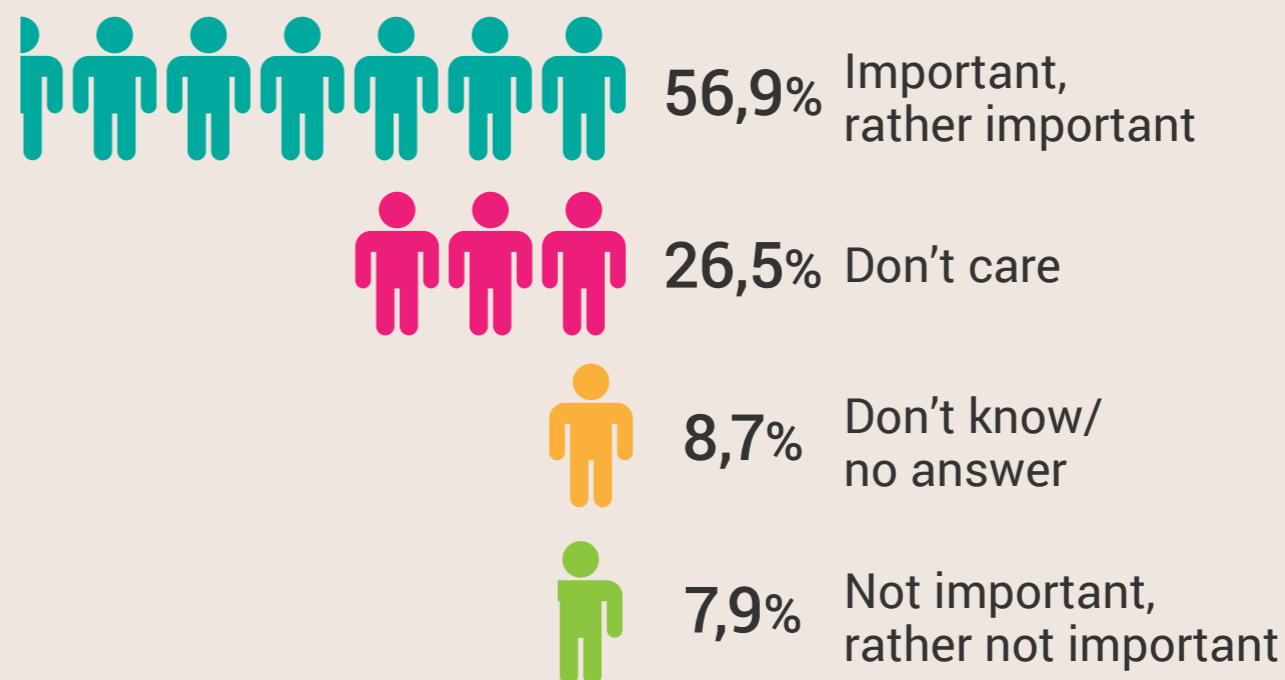




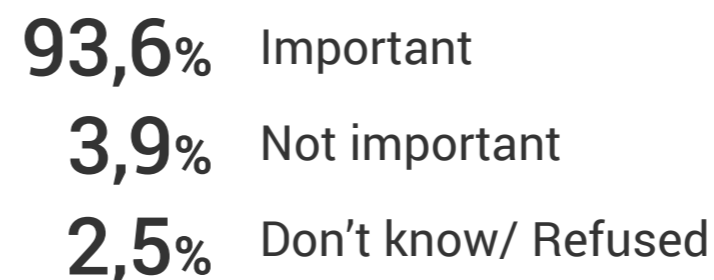
Do you believe that it is important or not for the majority of Russians that there should be democracy in Russia, or they don't care?



Is it important or not for you personally that there should be democracy in Russia, or you don't care?



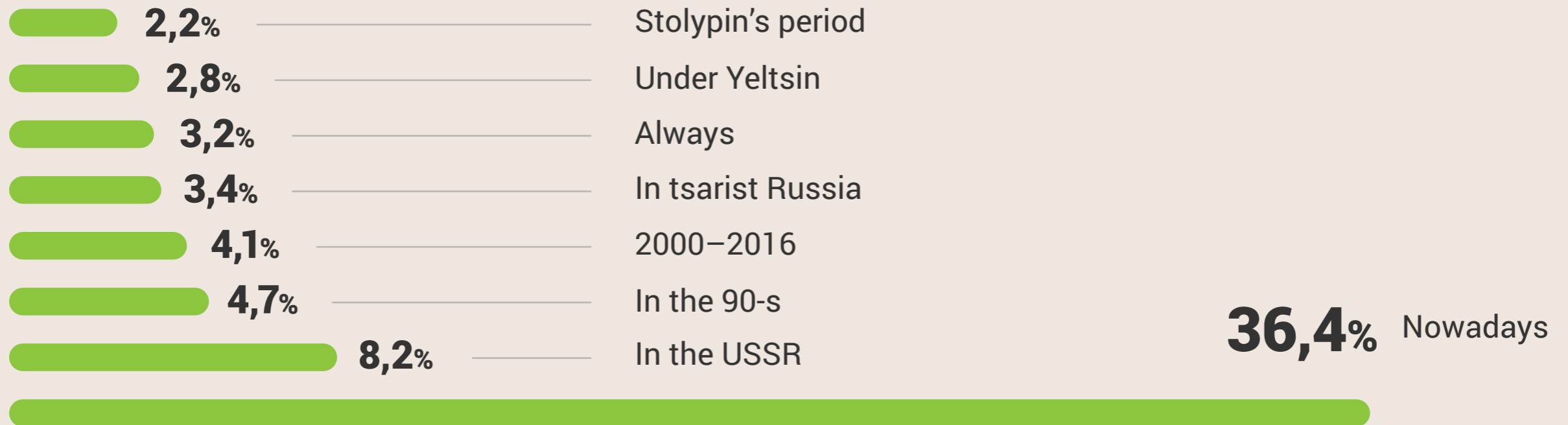
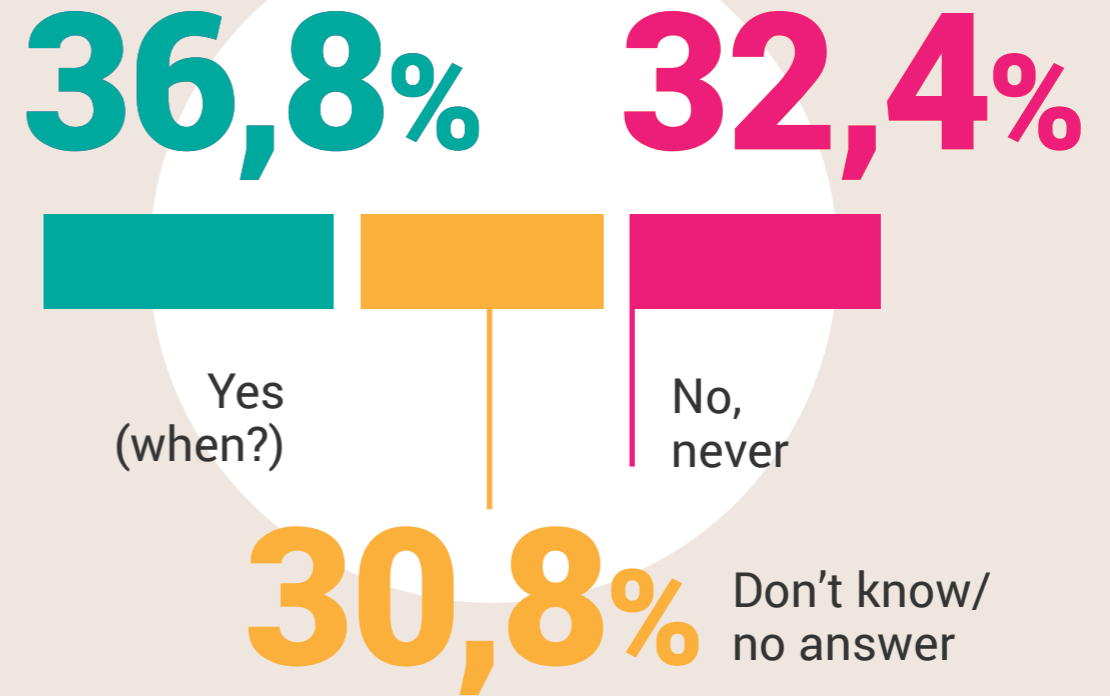
How important is it to live in a country with a democratic government?





Has there ever been democracy in Russia? If yes, then when?

When there was democracy in Russia?



**FUTURE:
FEARS,
EXPECTATIONS**





What are in your opinion the priority tasks for Russia for the coming few years?

71,5%

Economic development and welfare

59,5%

Security and order

20,9%

Human rights and freedoms

28,8%

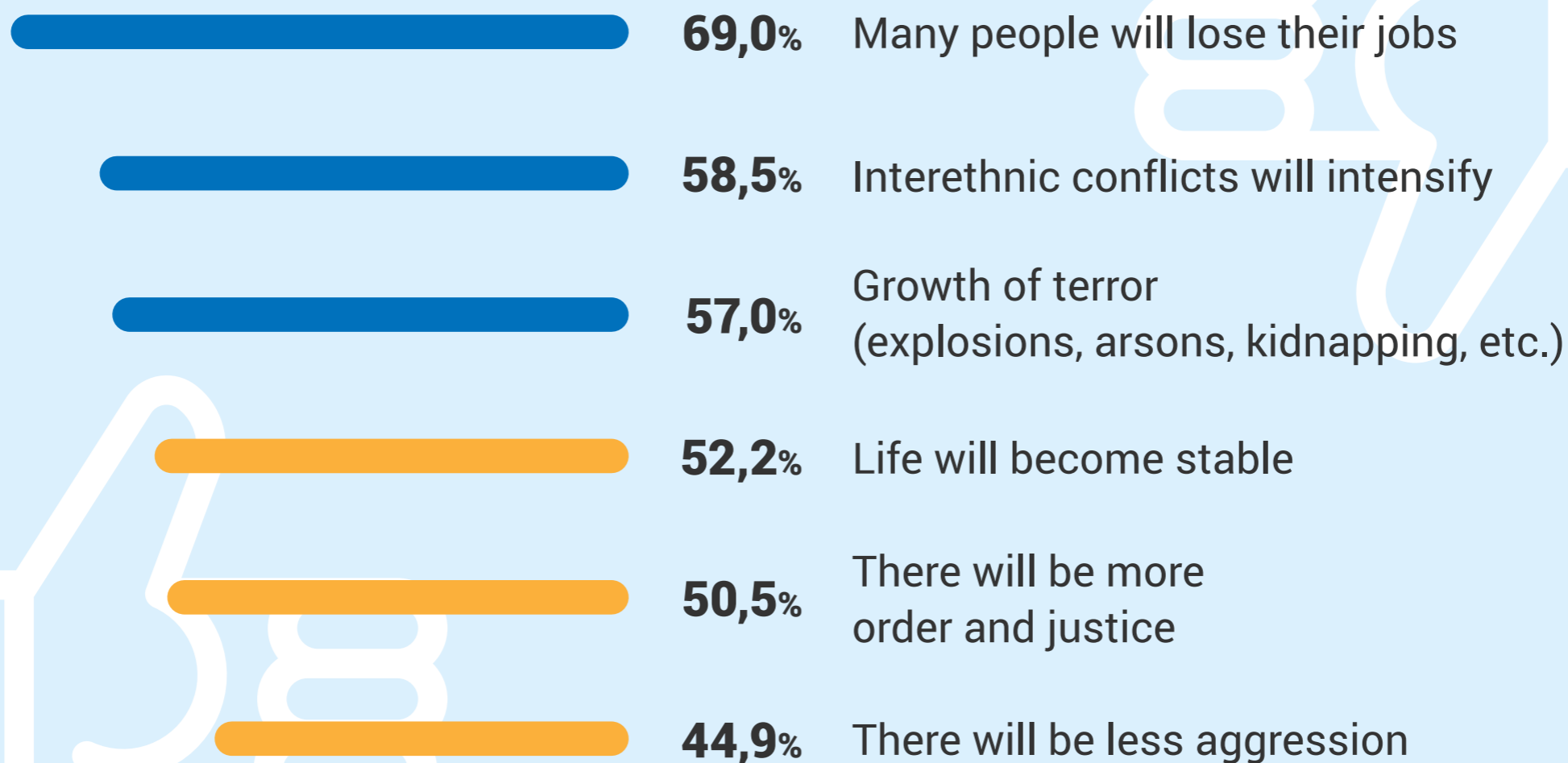
Strengthening of relations with other countries

1,3%

Don't know / no answer

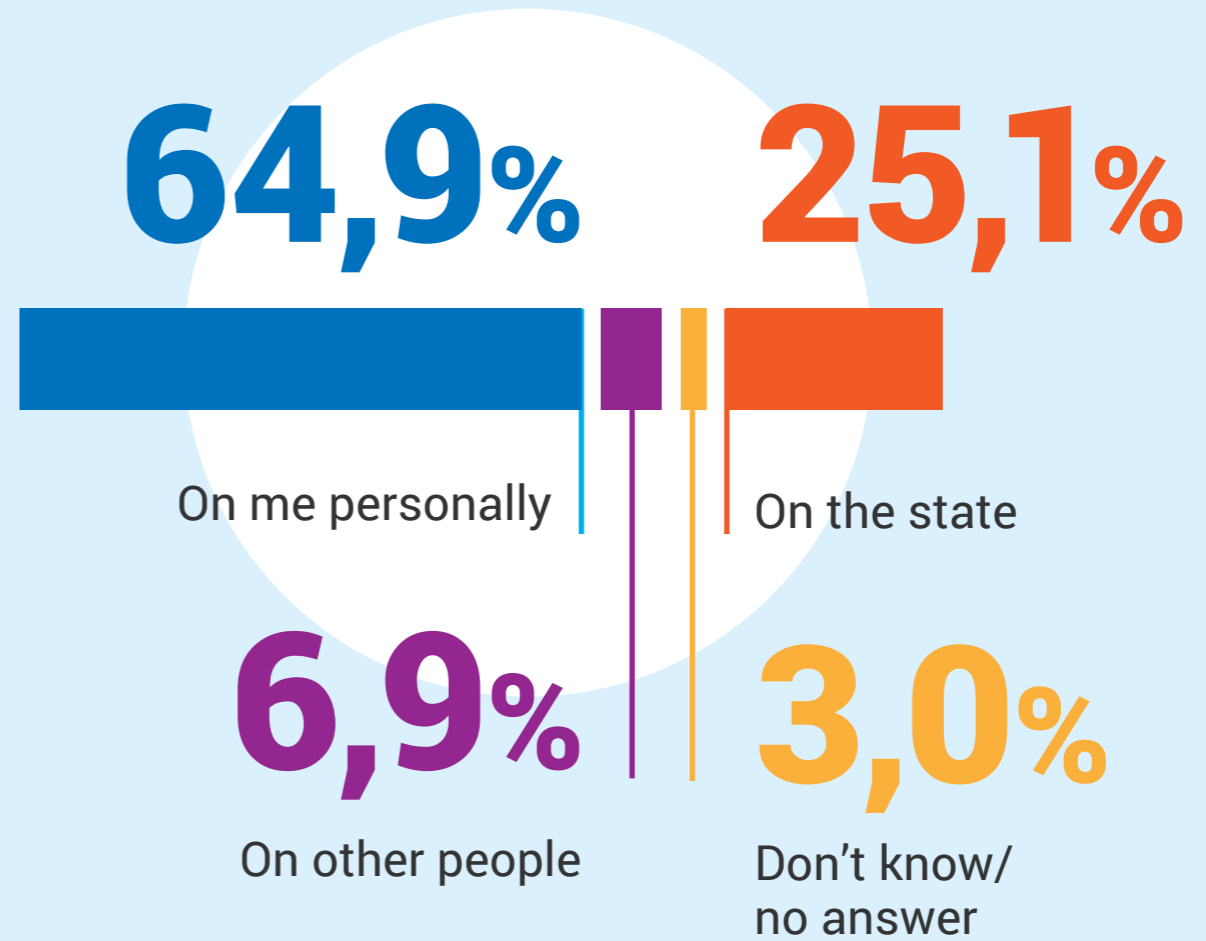
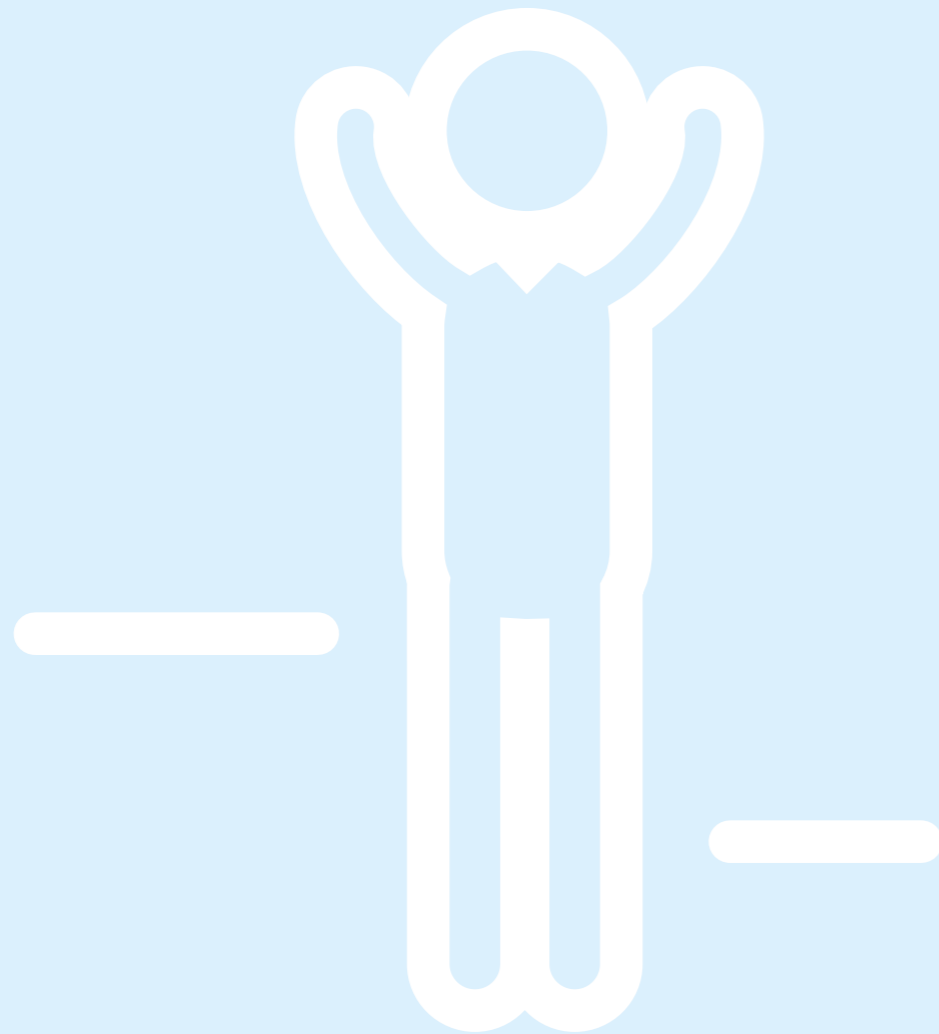


Do you think the following events are likely to happen in Russia in the next 5 years?





Does your life mostly depend on you personally, on the state or on other people?



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