

THE CITIZENS ON THE SERBIAN-ALBANIAN RELATIONS AND THE REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION

SECURITY RESEARCH FORUM BELGRADE- PRISHTINA-TIRANA

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On the Project

- Security Research Forum Belgrade-Prishtina-Tirana is a joint project of the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy, the Kosovar Center for Security Studies (KCSS) and the Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM), three independent think-tanks from Belgrade, Prishtina and Tirana, specialised in security issues
- The project aims to initiate research-based discussion on possible ways to improve the relations among Serbia, Kosovo and Albania. The debate should include think-tanks, academia, politicians and the media.

On the public opinion survey

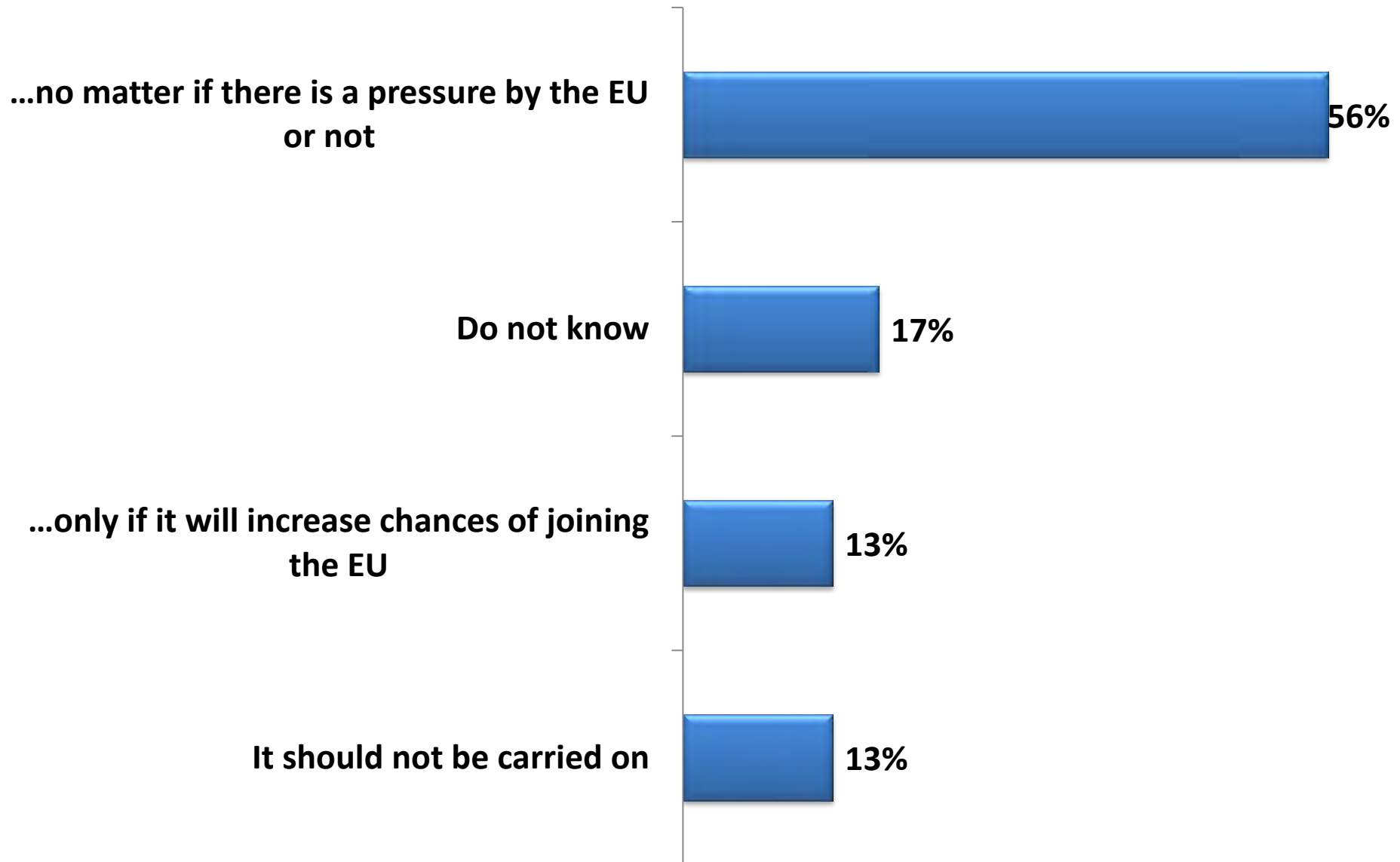
- The survey was based on the same questionnaire and conducted in Serbia, Kosovo and Albania during the first three weeks of October 2013.
- The survey covered representative samples of citizens. In Serbia, a number of 1200 citizens was interviewed, including a sub-sample of 200 citizens in Southern Serbia (the municipalities of Preshevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja). The survey in Kosovo encompassed 1119 respondents including 100 ethnic Serbs residing in Northern Kosovo. In Albania, 1100 citizens were interviewed.

THE PUBLIC OPINION IN SERBIA

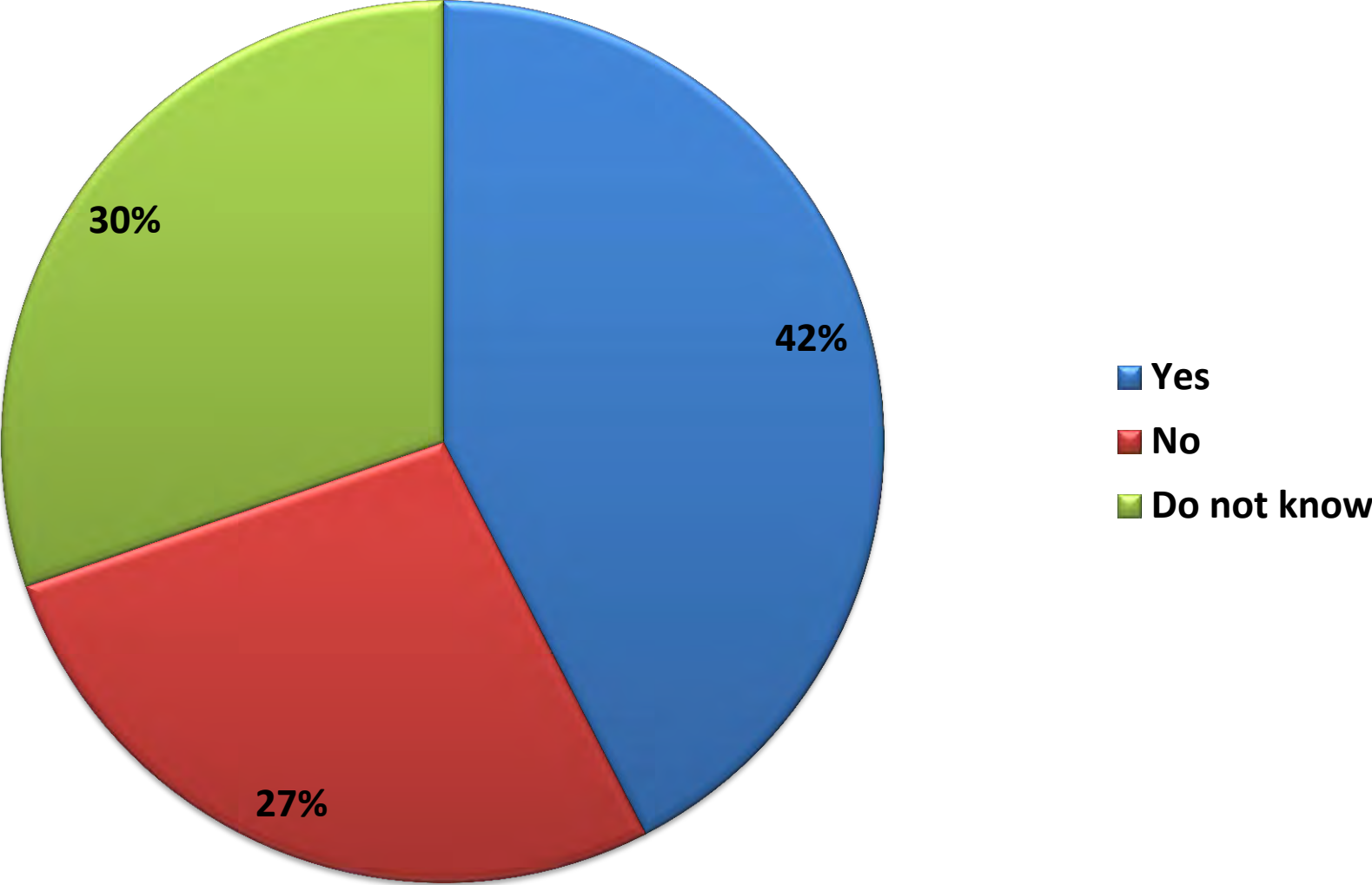
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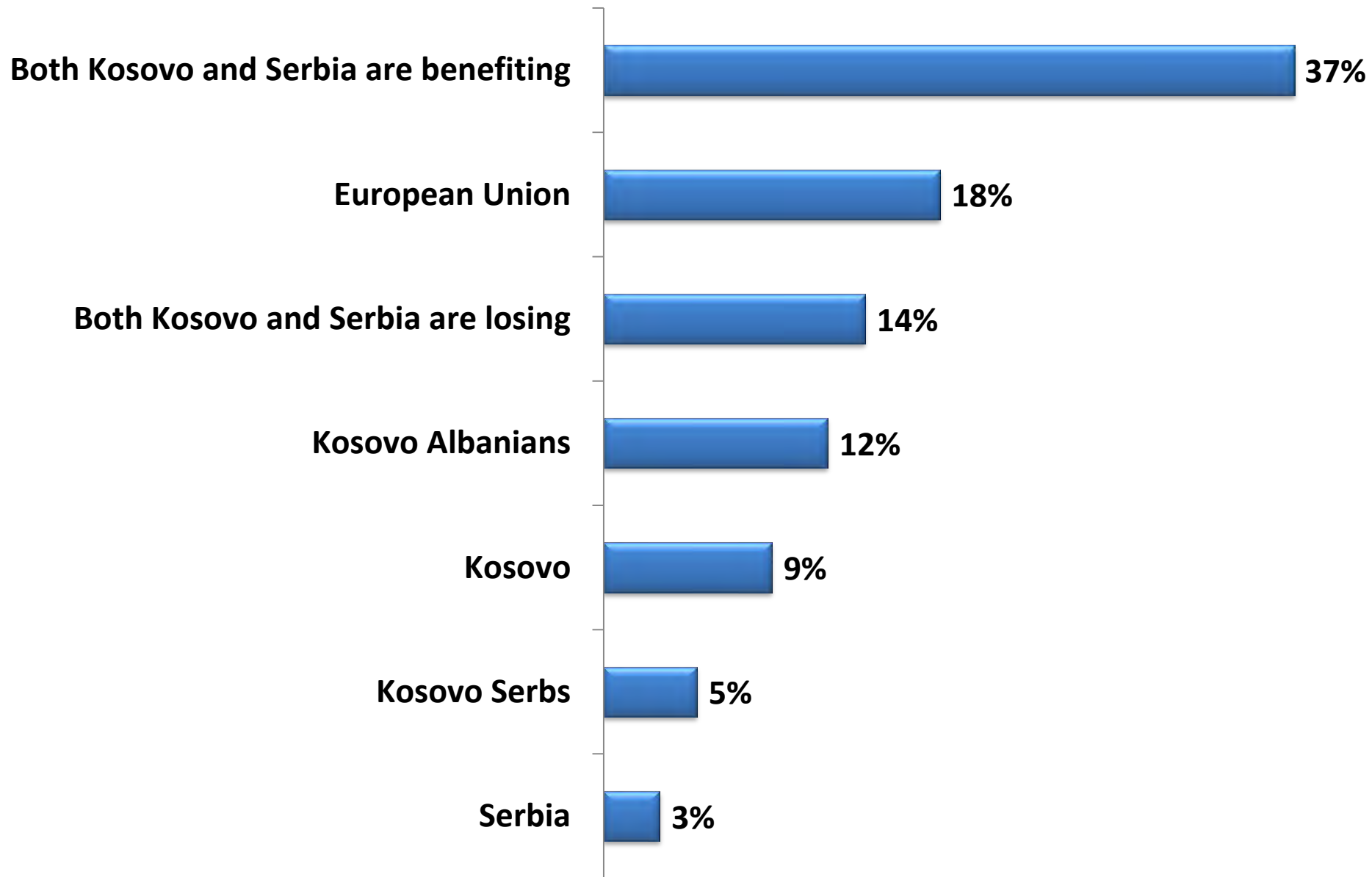
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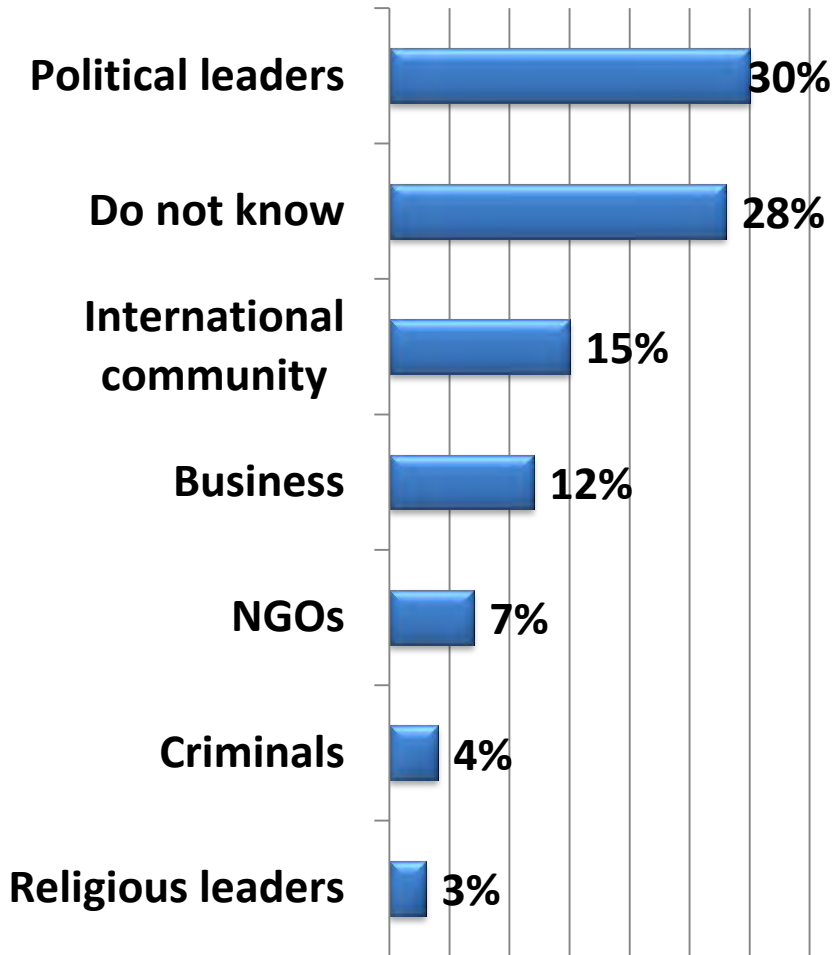
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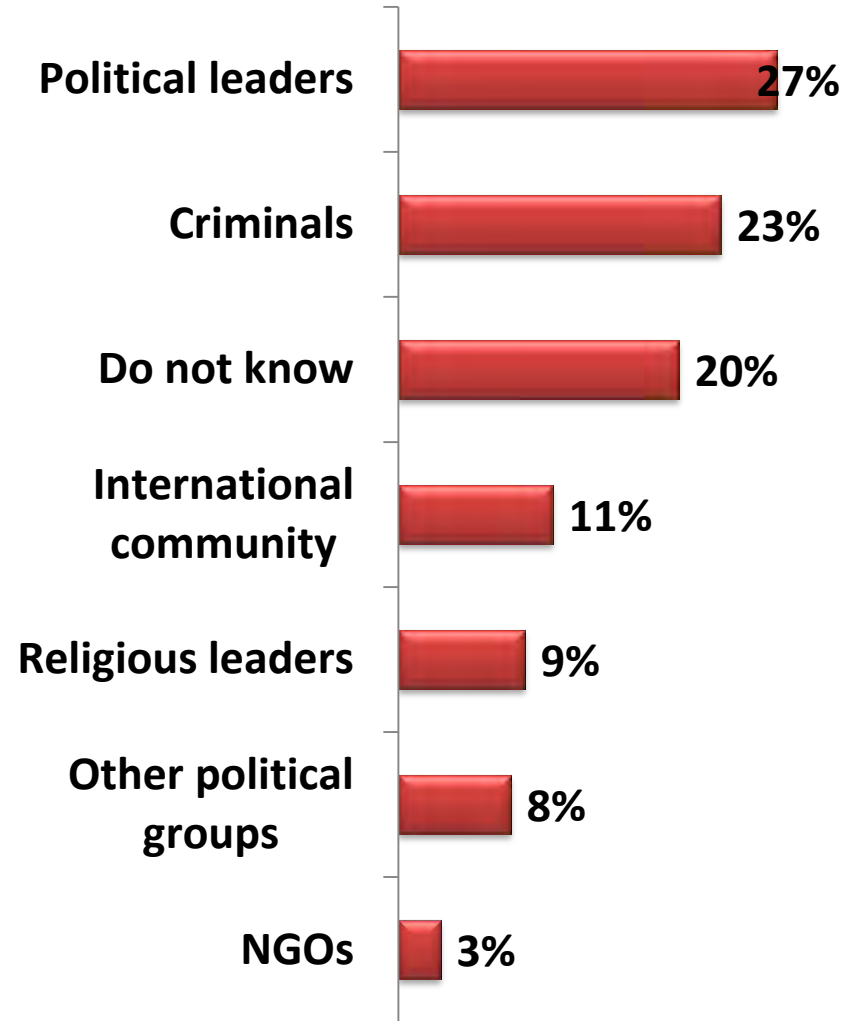
Who is benefiting most from the ongoing dialogue between Prishtina and Belgrade?



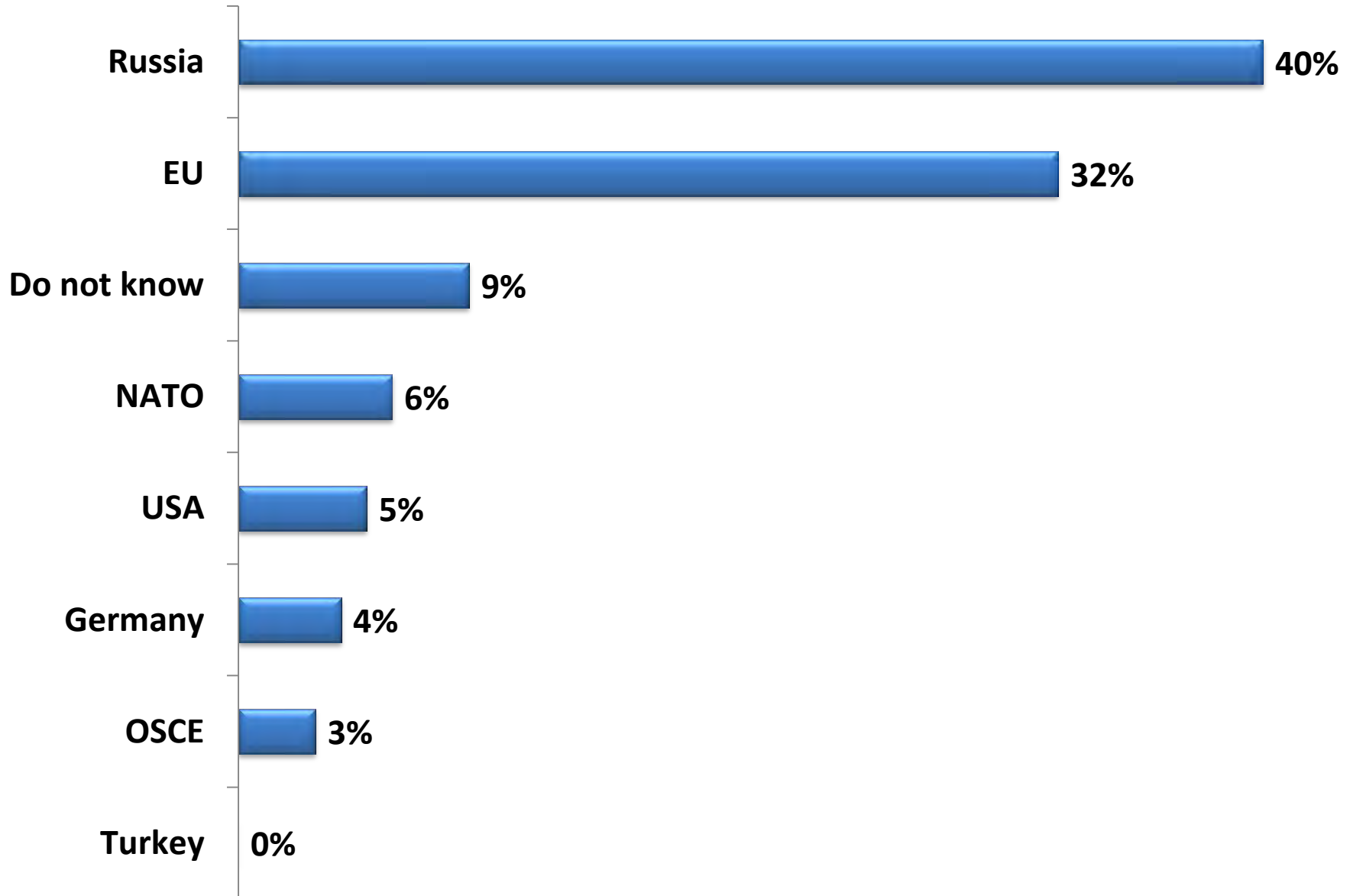
Who is contributing most to the inter-ethnic in Kosovo and the South of Serbia?



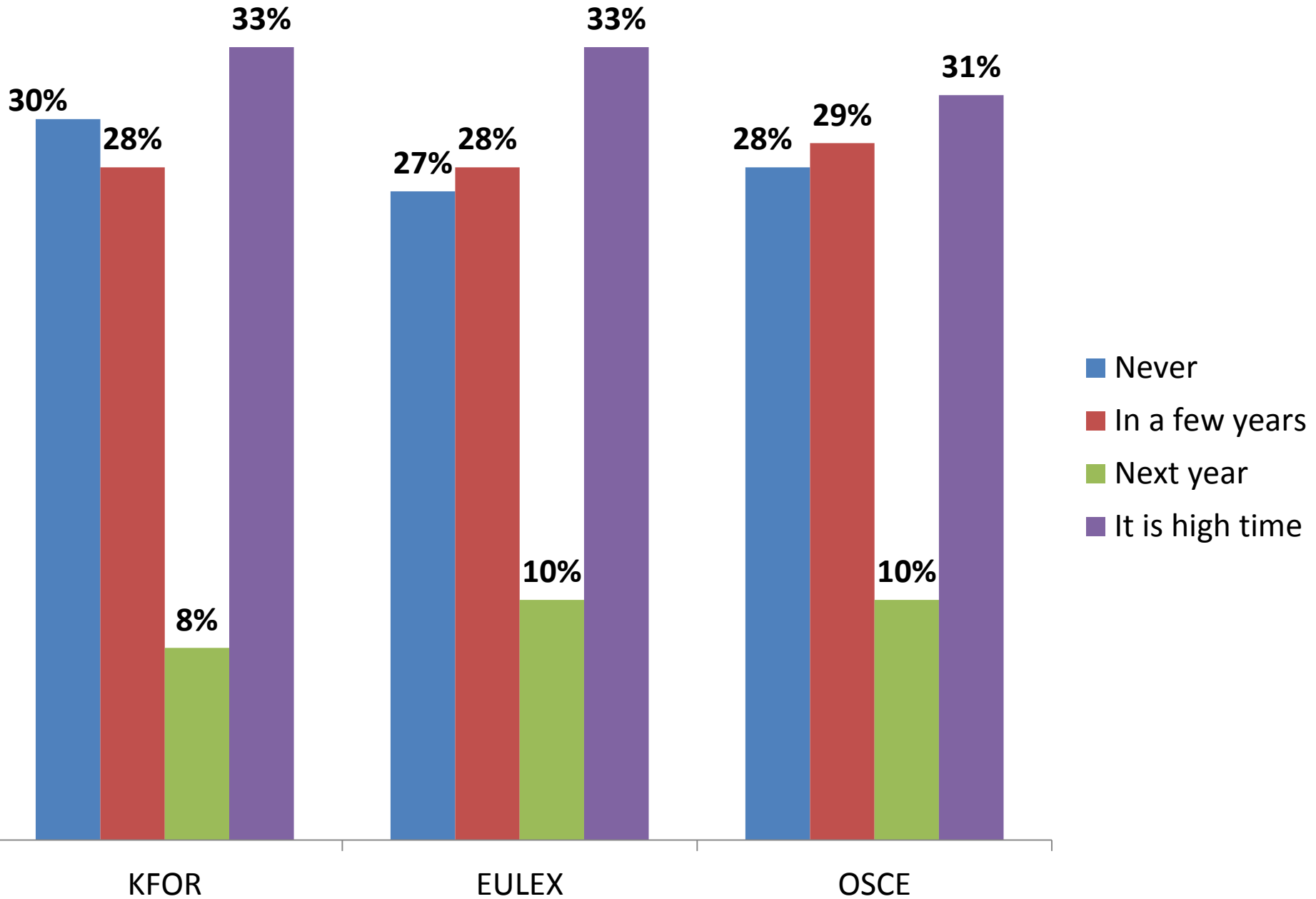
Who is most harming the inter-ethnic cooperation?



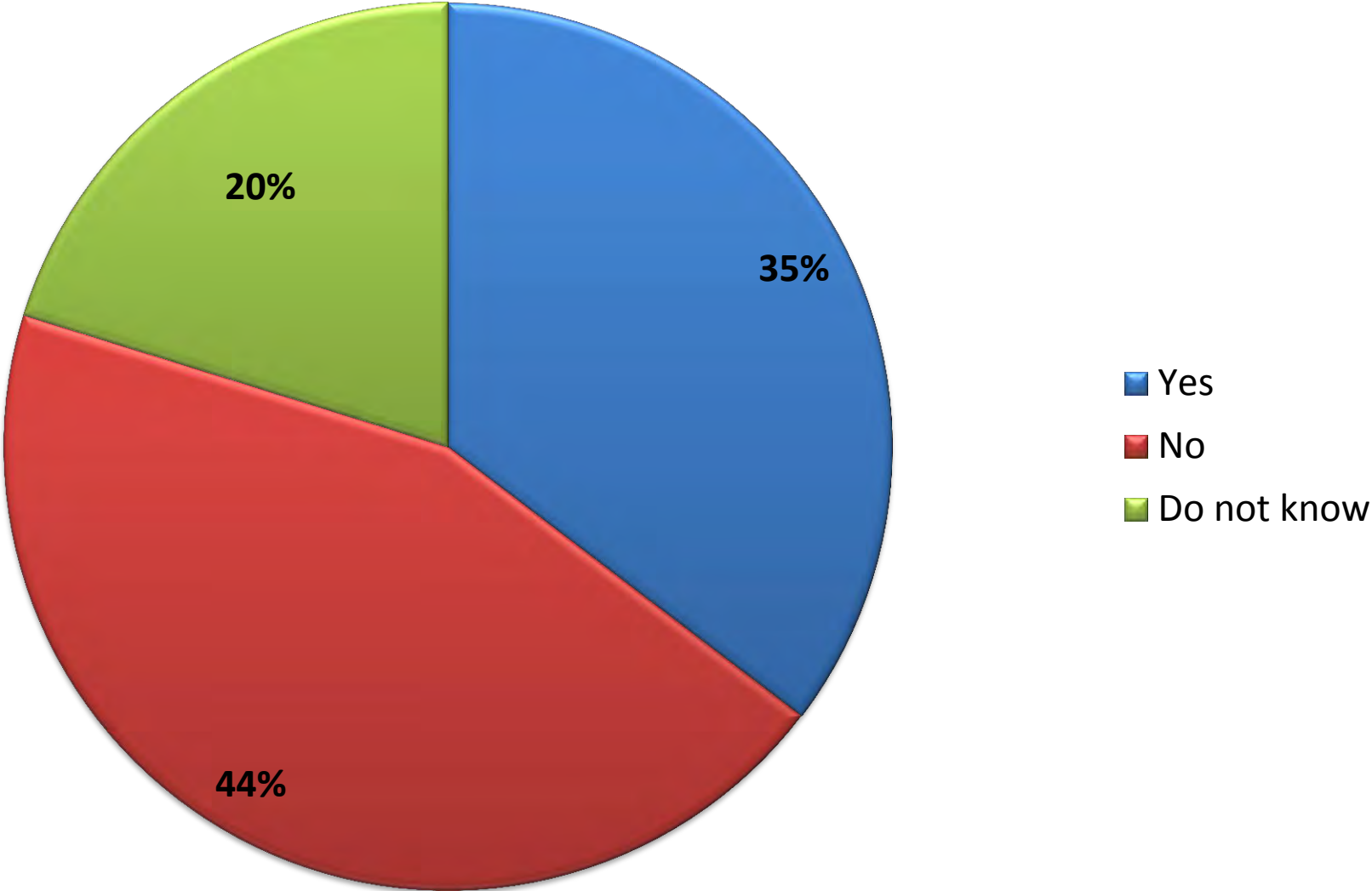
Which international actor has contributed most to stability and security in the region?



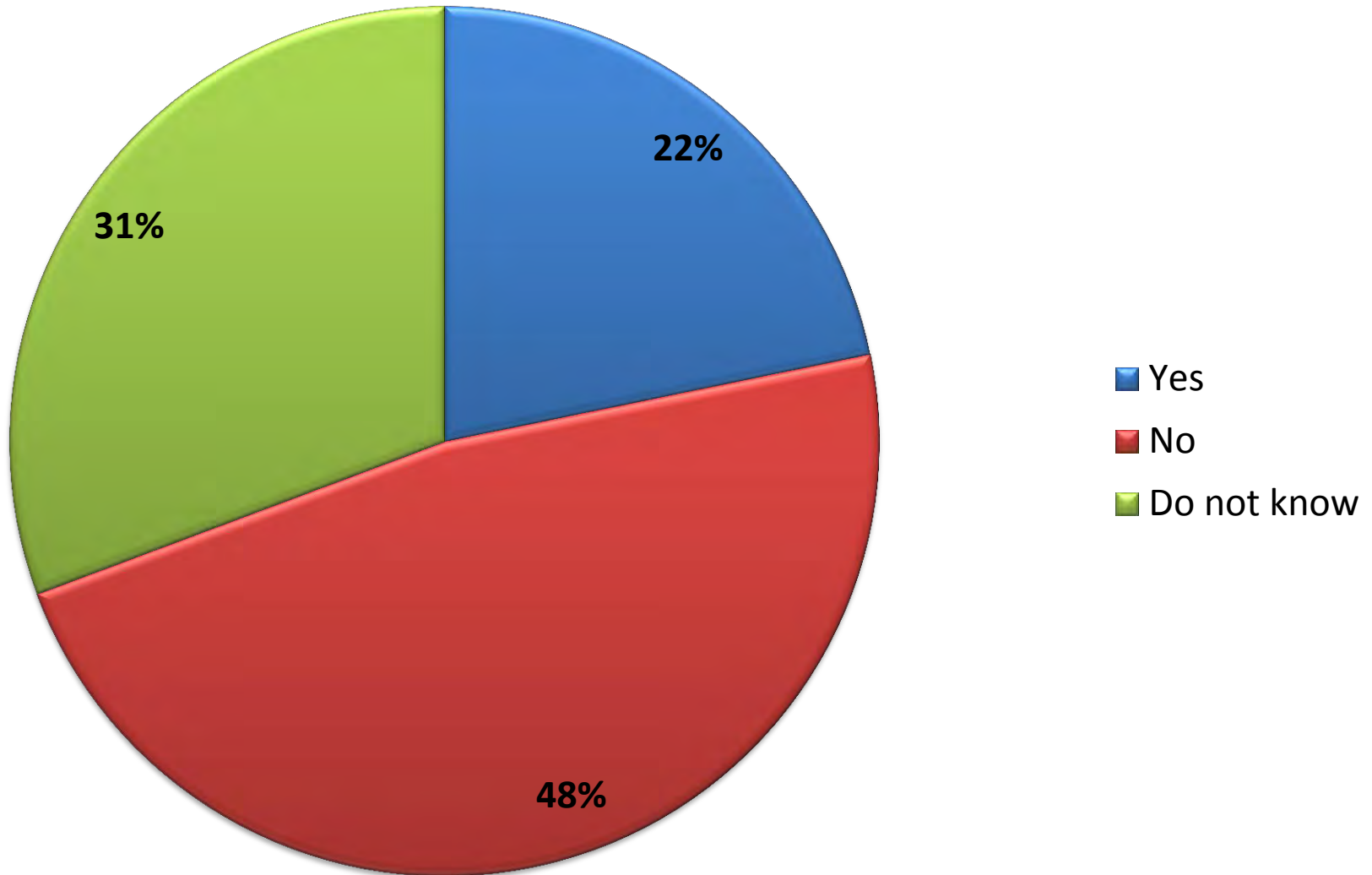
When should the following actors withdraw from Kosovo?



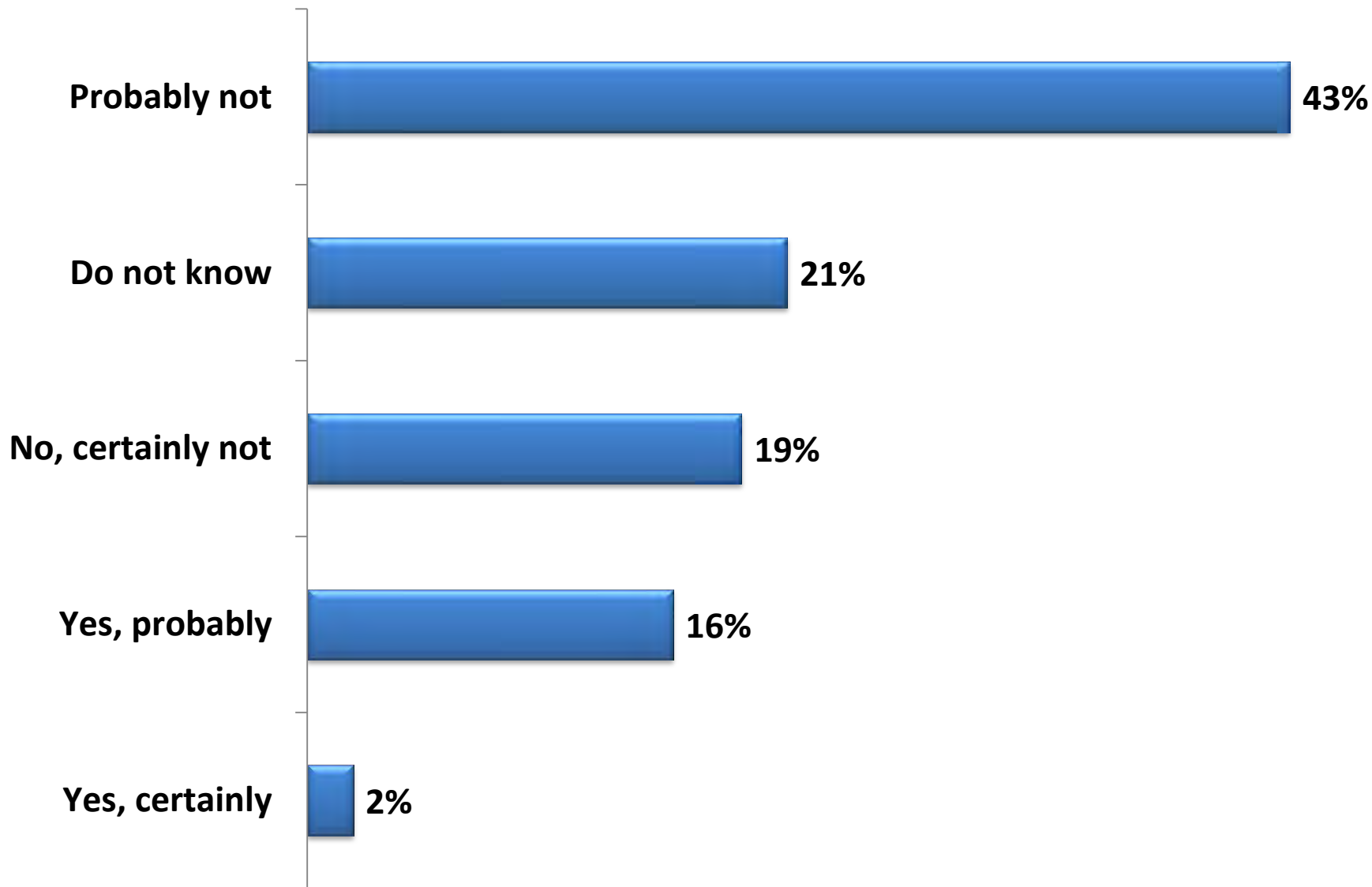
Do you believe the international community in Kosovo has contributed in fostering inter-ethnic relationship?



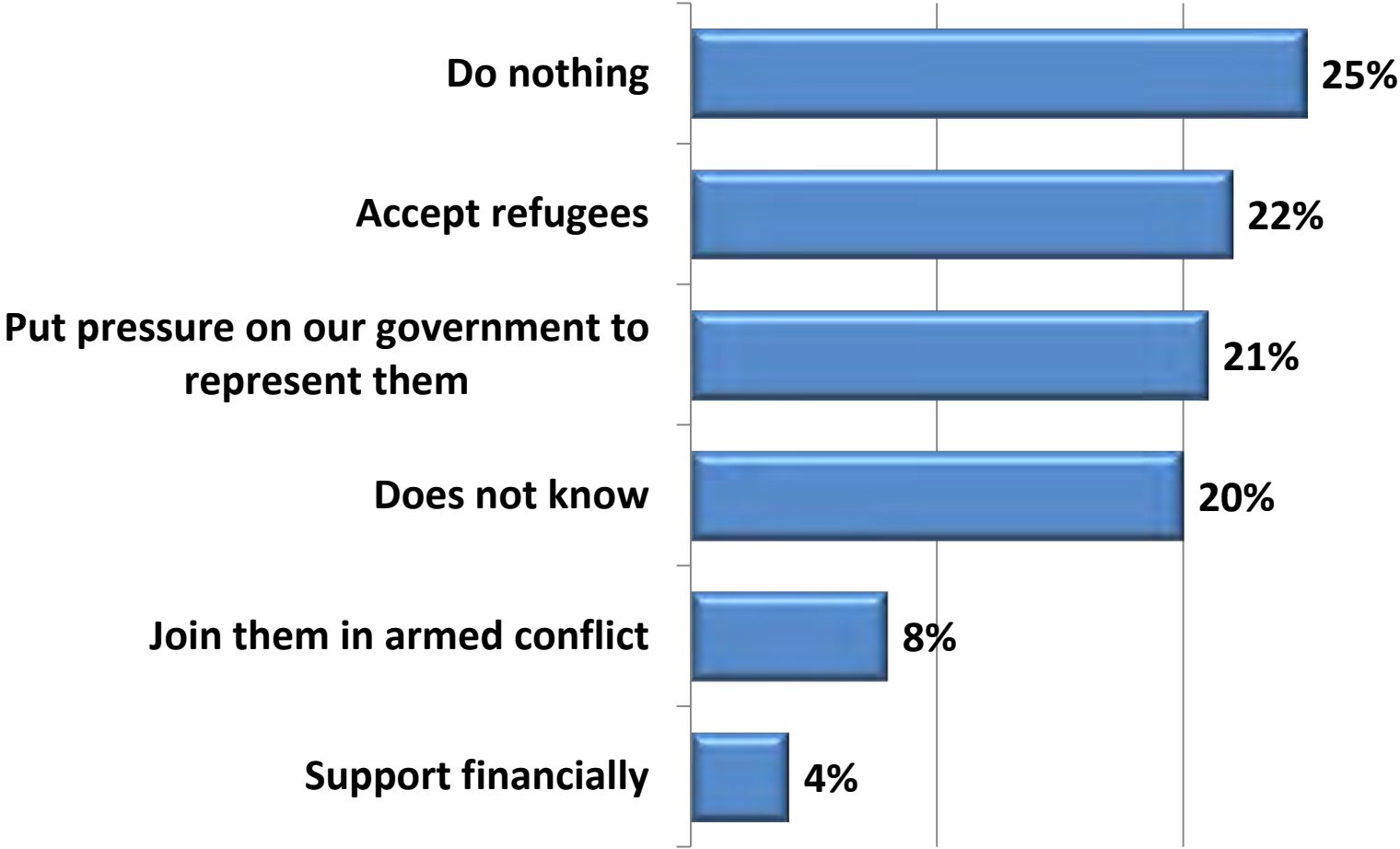
Do you expect there will be a violent escalation among different ethnic groups in Kosovo/Serbia next year?



Looking at the next five years, do you think there is a chance that there will be an armed conflict somewhere in the Balkans?

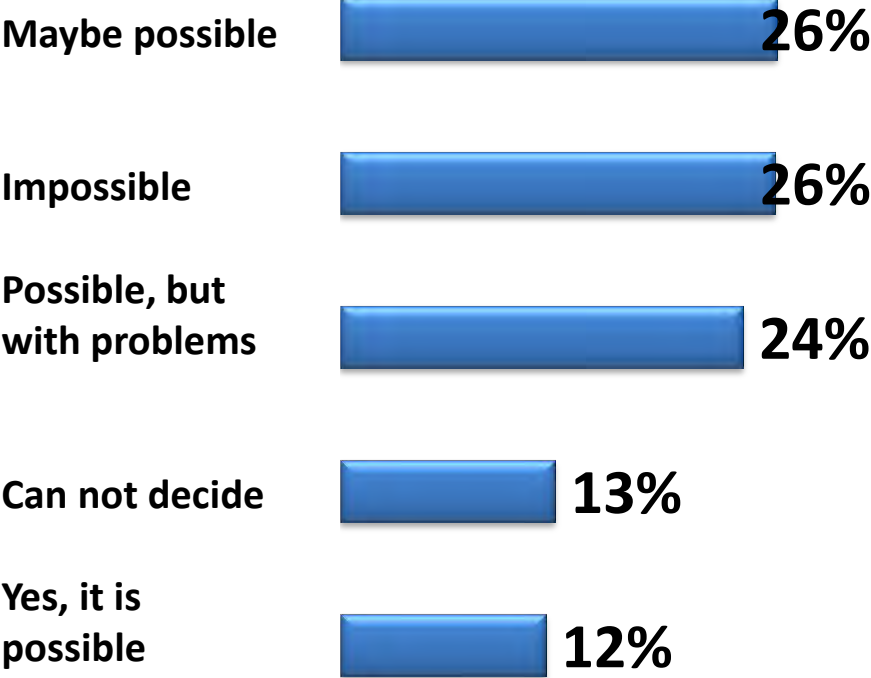
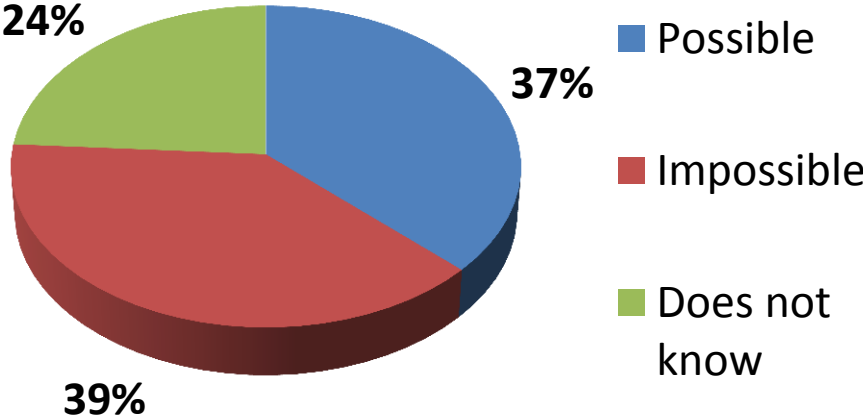


If Serbs living in another country of the region would be affected by conflict, you would...?

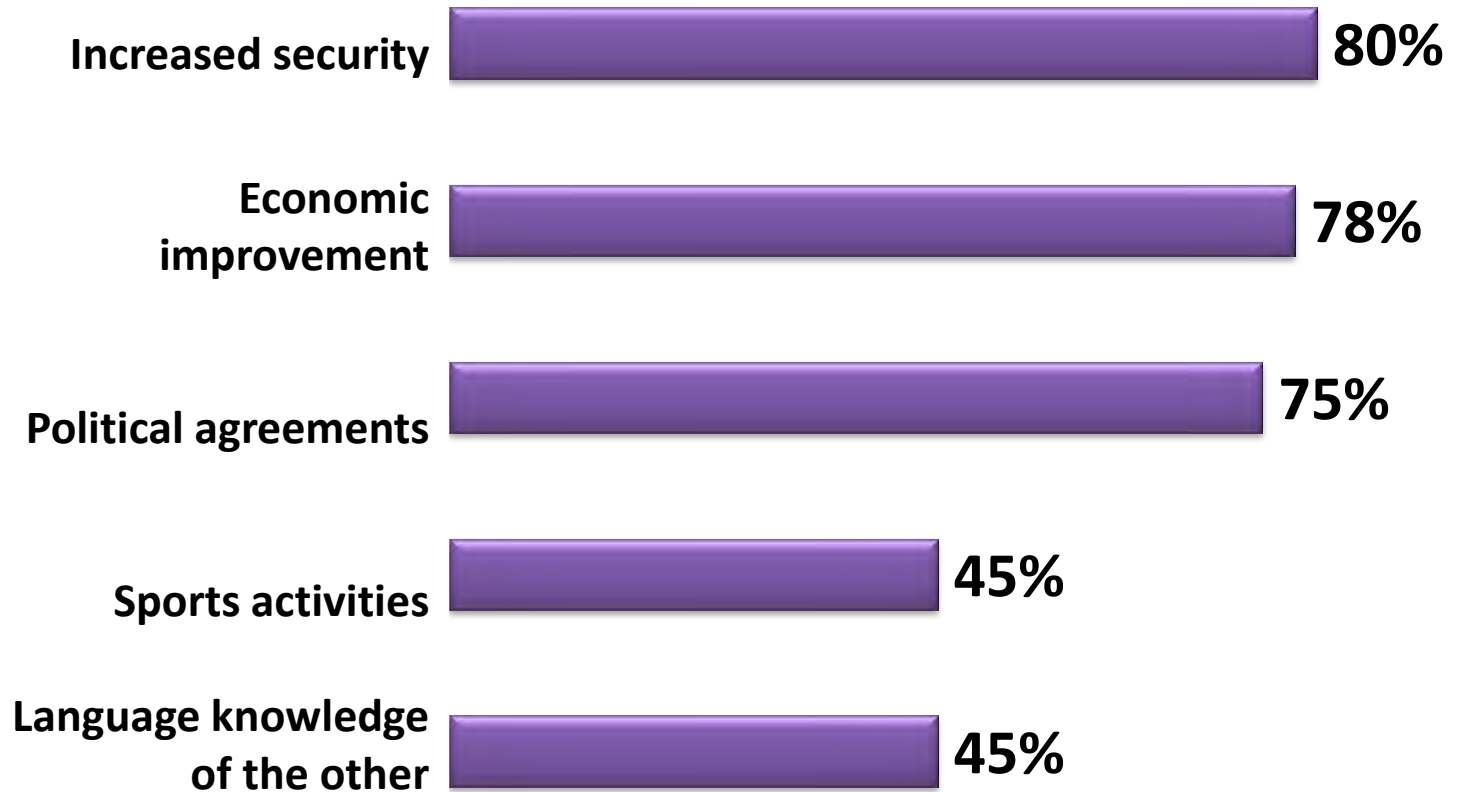


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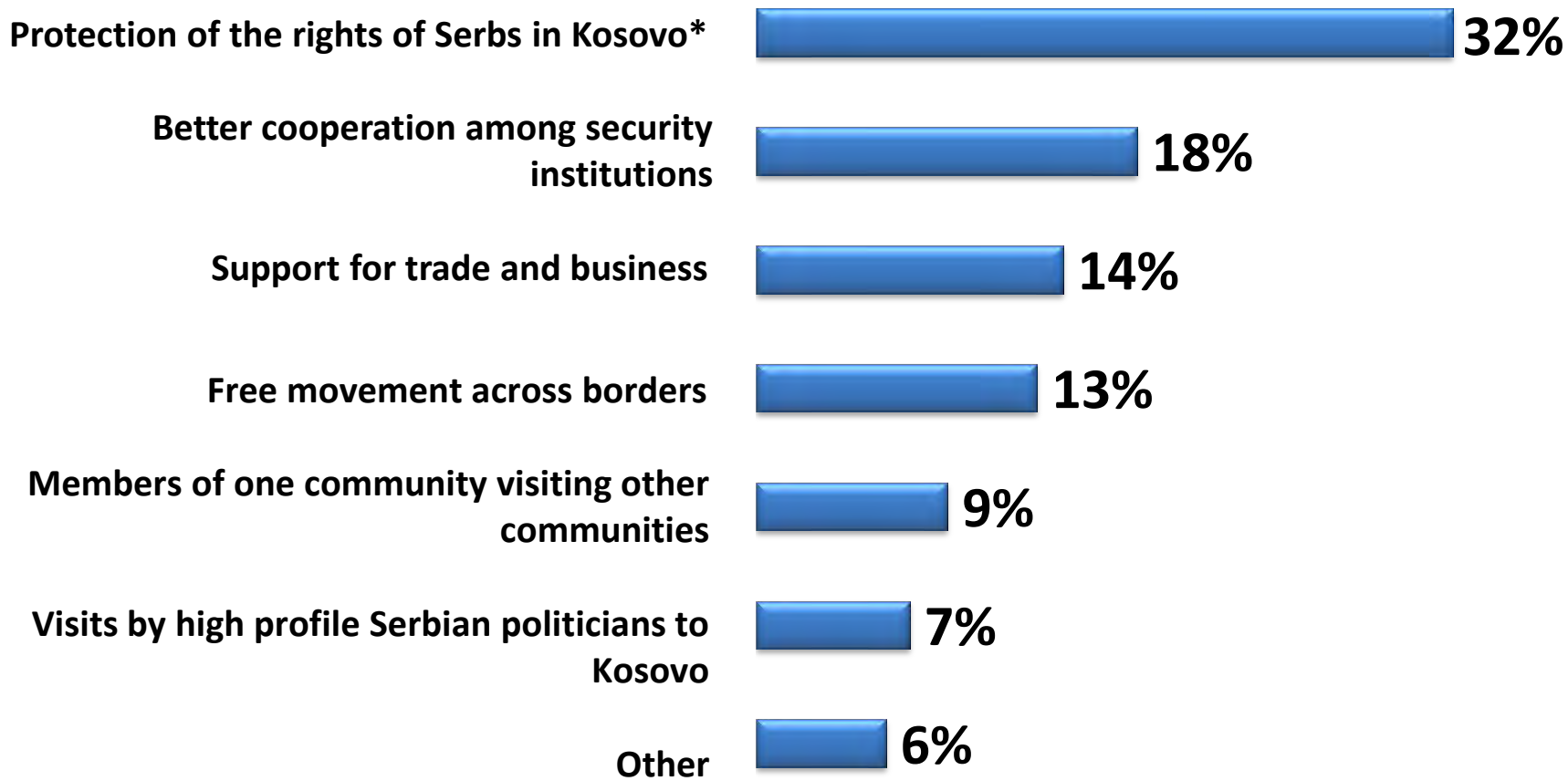
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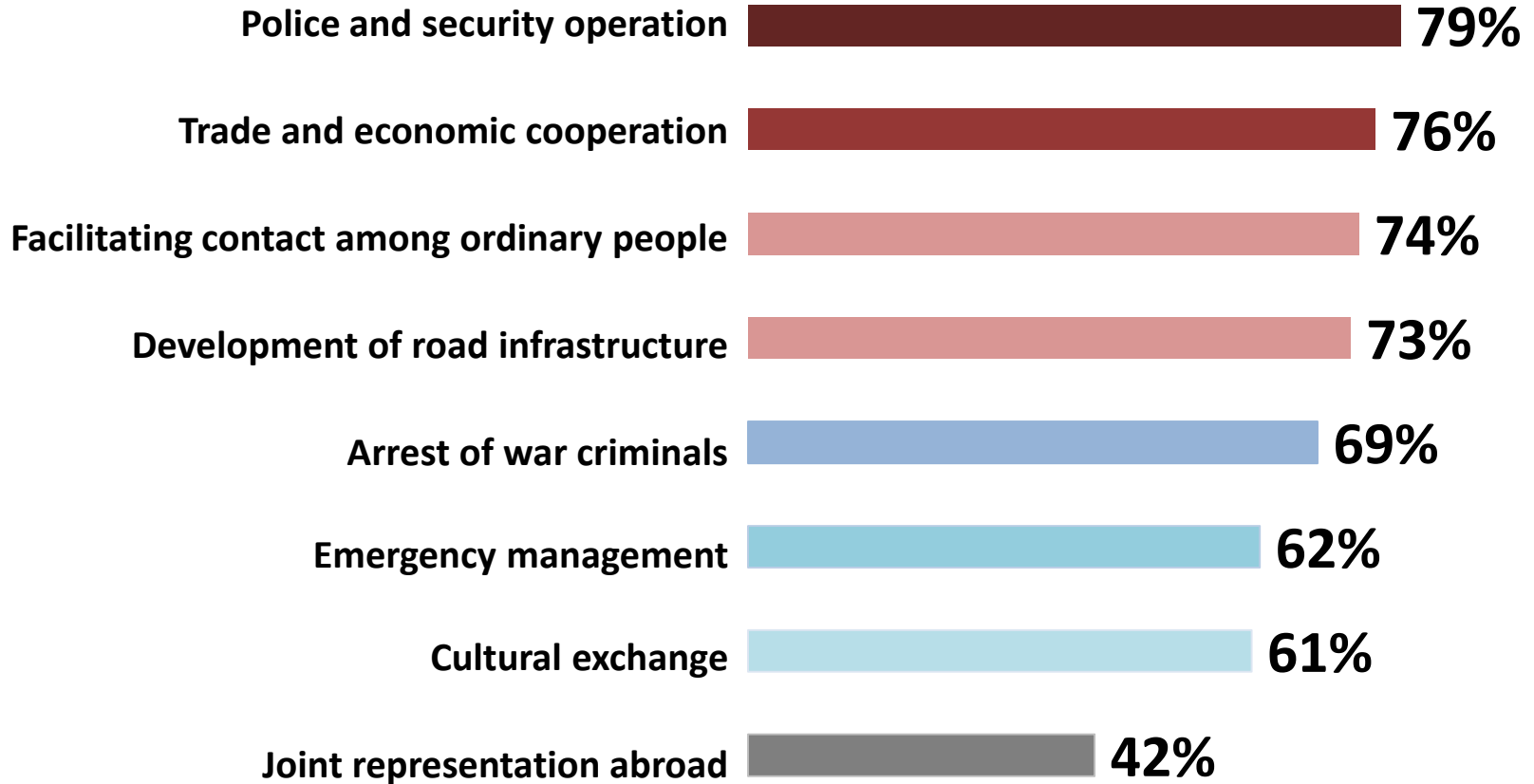
What is important for improving interethnic relations between Serbs and Albanians?



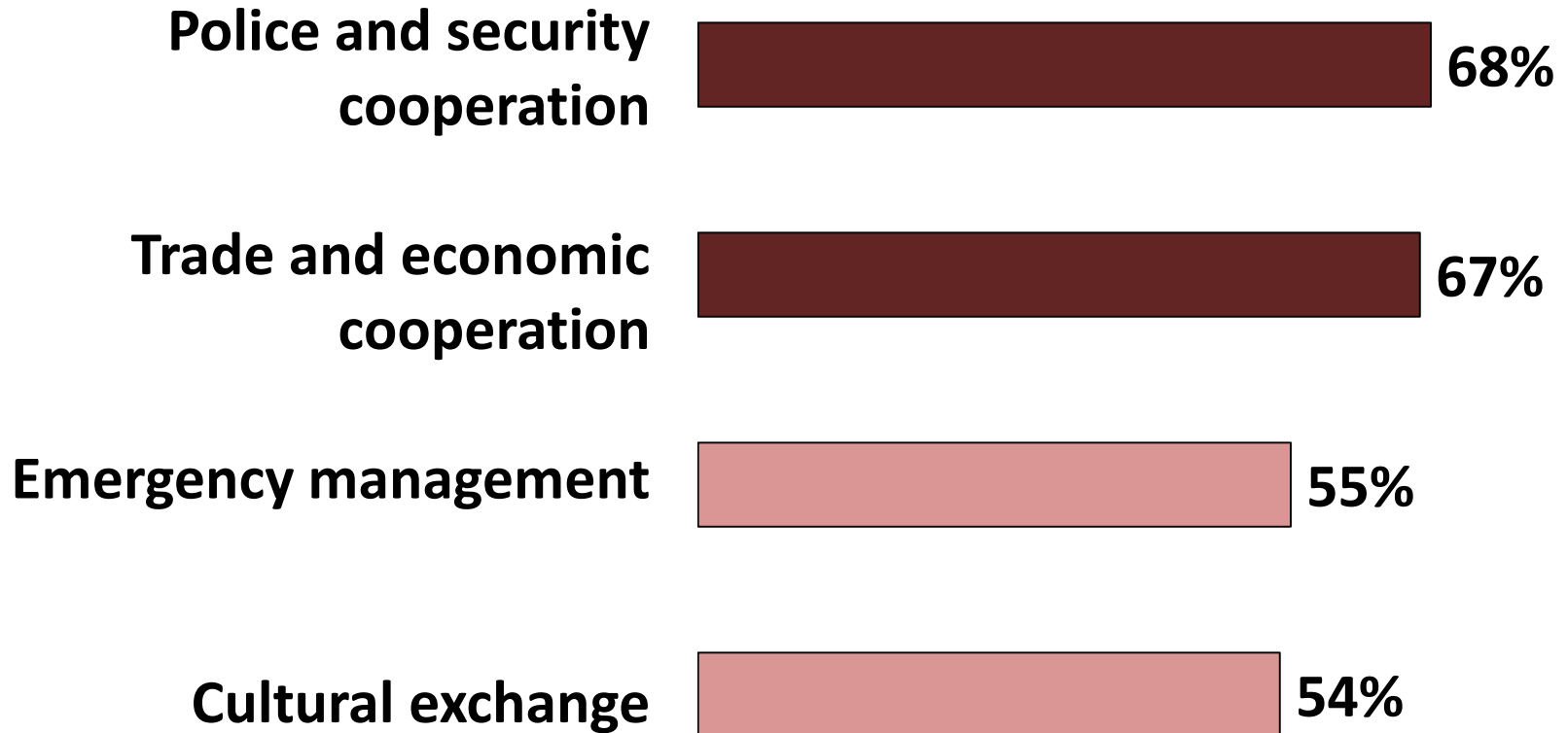
Measures for increasing trust and confidence between ethnic groups



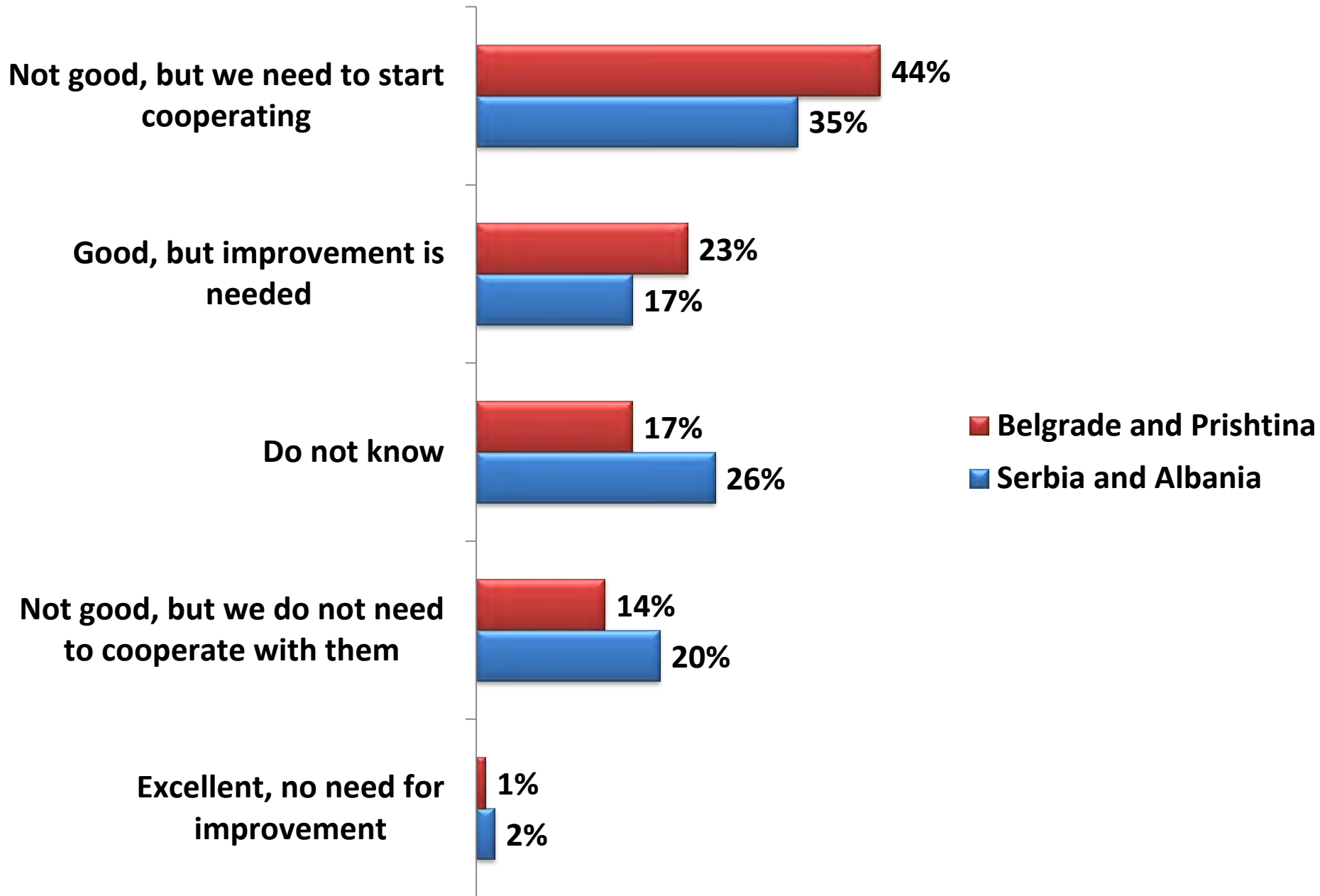
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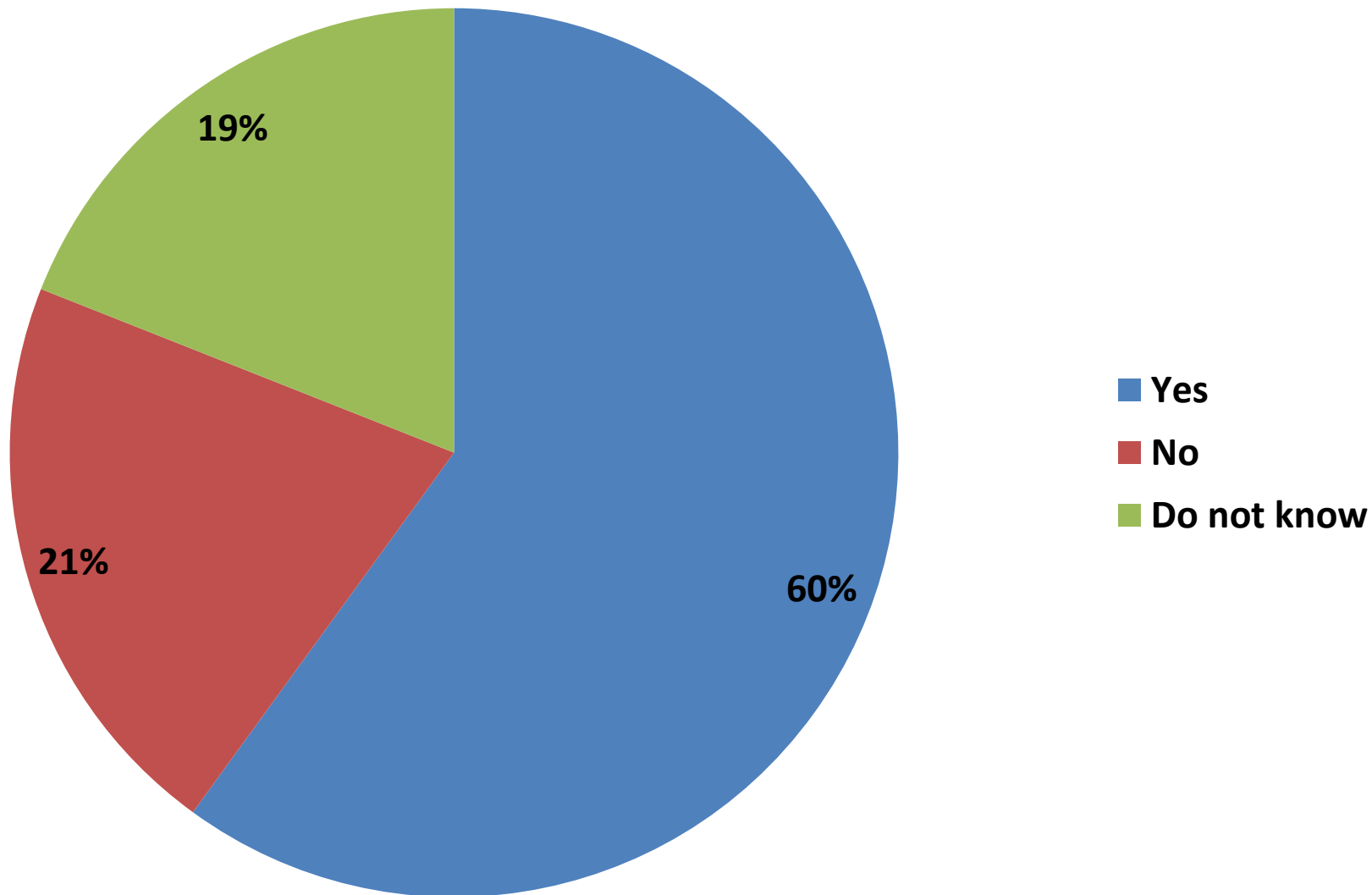
Priorities for cooperation between Serbia and Albania



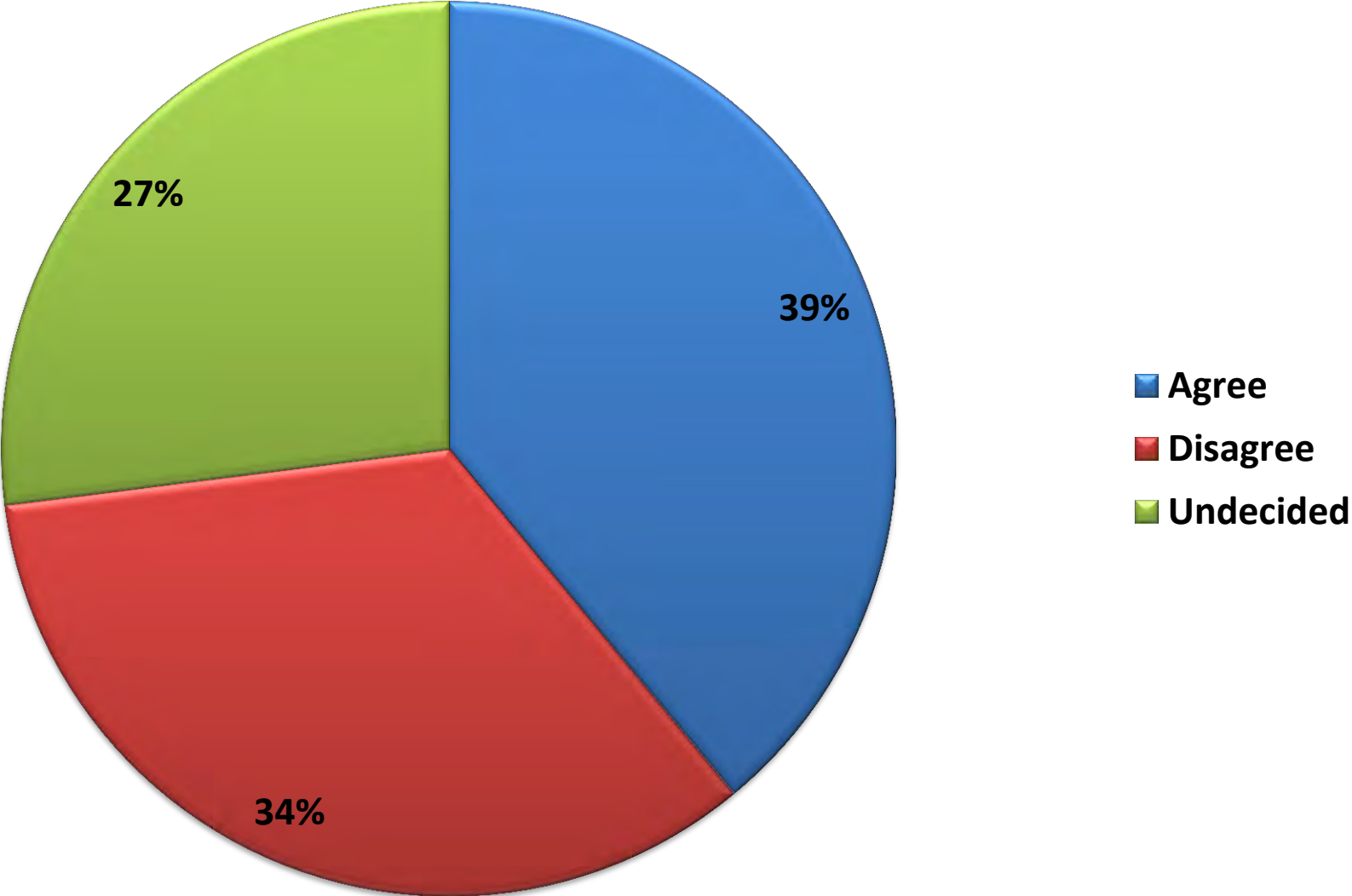
How would you evaluate security cooperation between...?



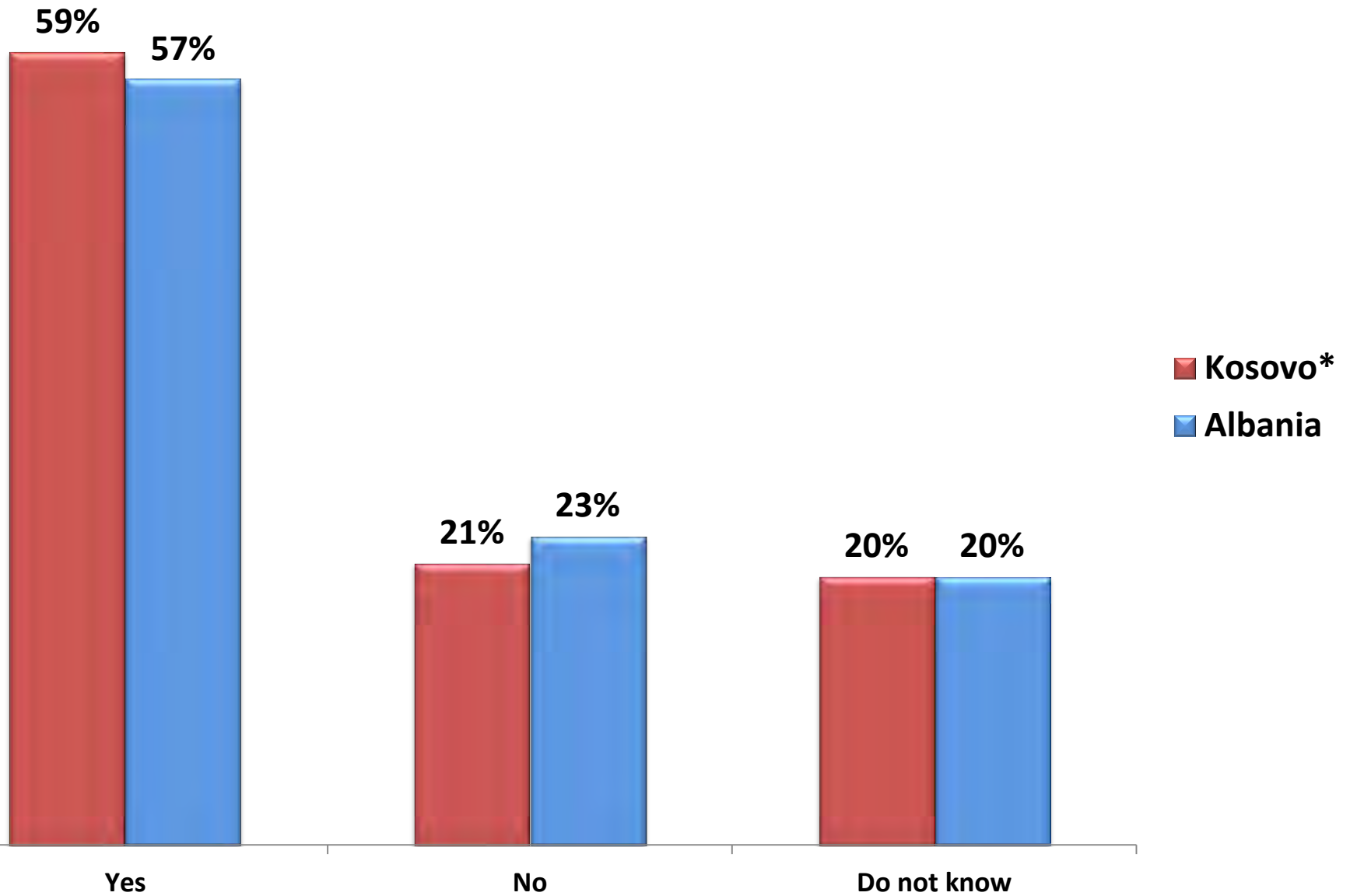
Should there be joint border patrols between Kosovo Police and Serbian Police?



Kosovo*, Serbia and Albania shall jointly be part of the regional security trainings?



In case of natural hazards, Serbia should accept assistance from...

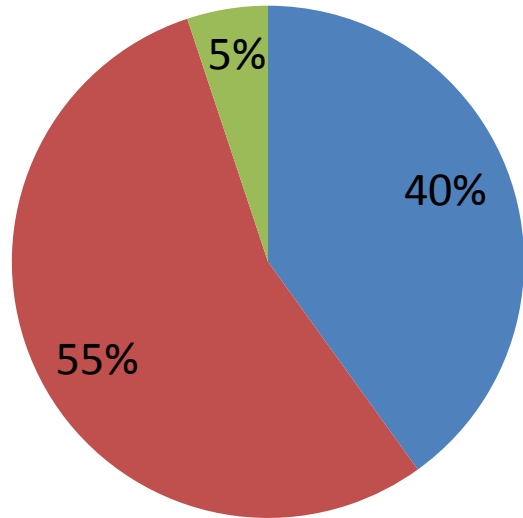


PUBLIC OPINION IN KOSOVO

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Would you mind living next to a Serbian family?

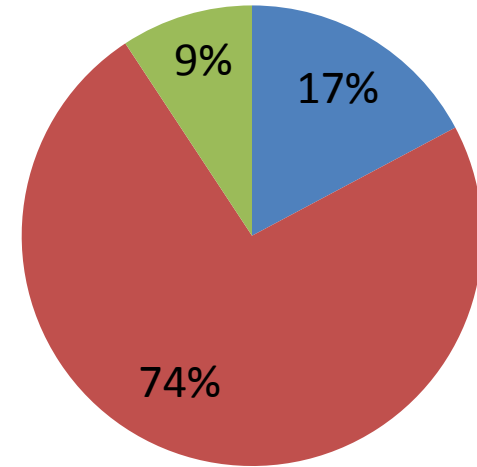


■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

General public perception

Slightly positive attitude among Albanians/Pessimistic among Serbs

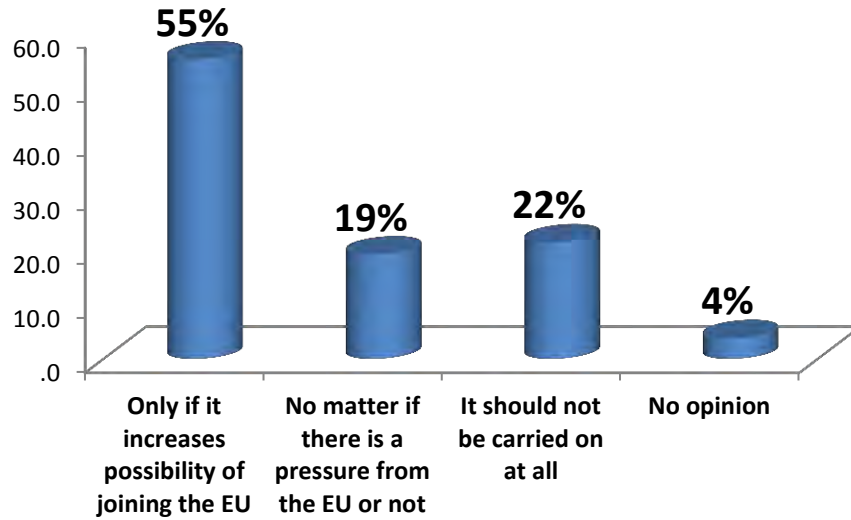
People who lived before together had less problem to do the same



■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

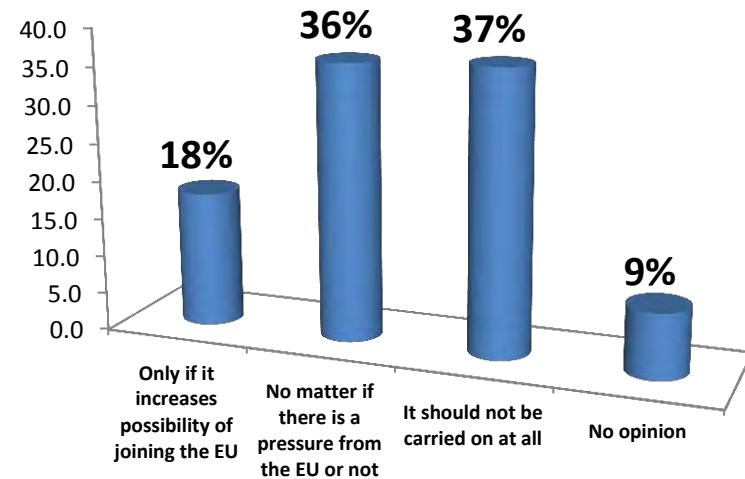
Perceptions of Serbs (the opposite)

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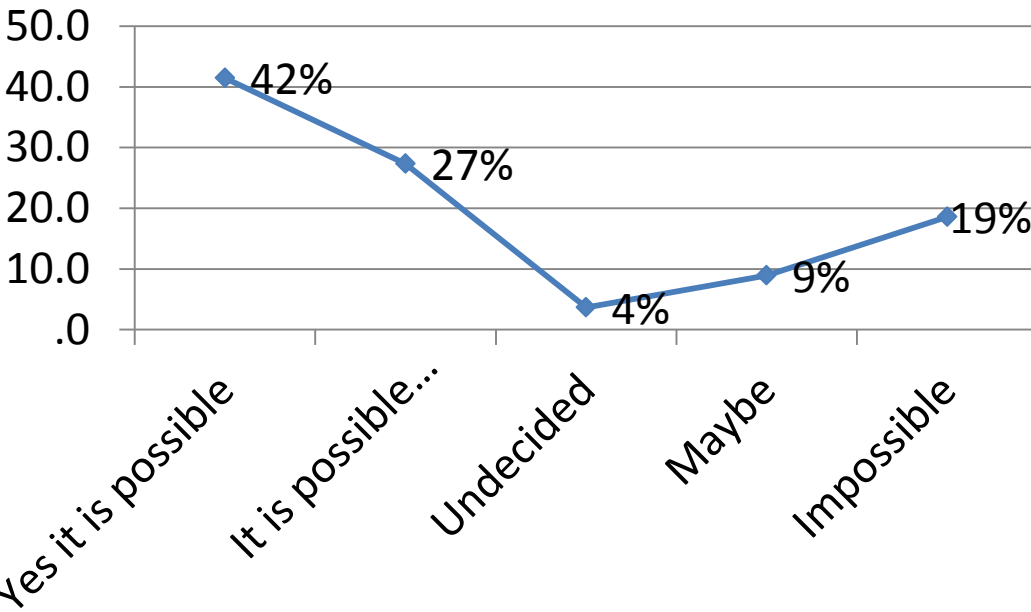


Public Perception in General

Perception of Serbs

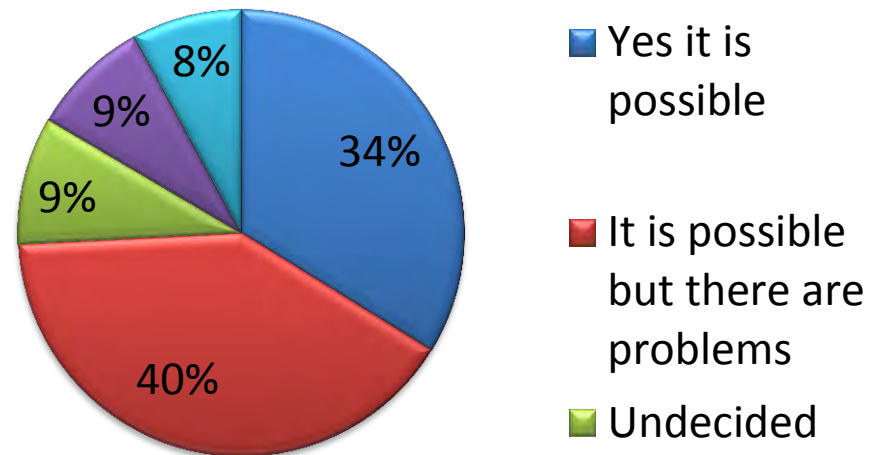


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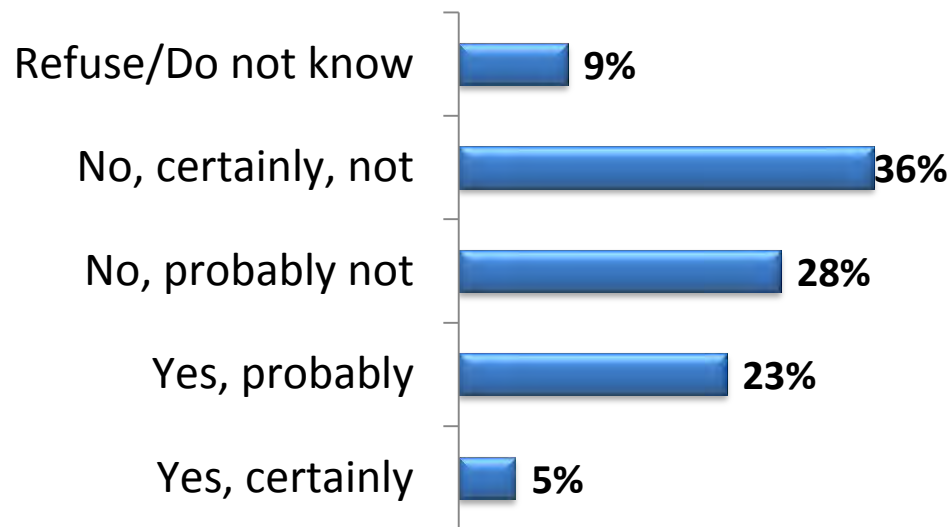


General Table

Perception of Serbs

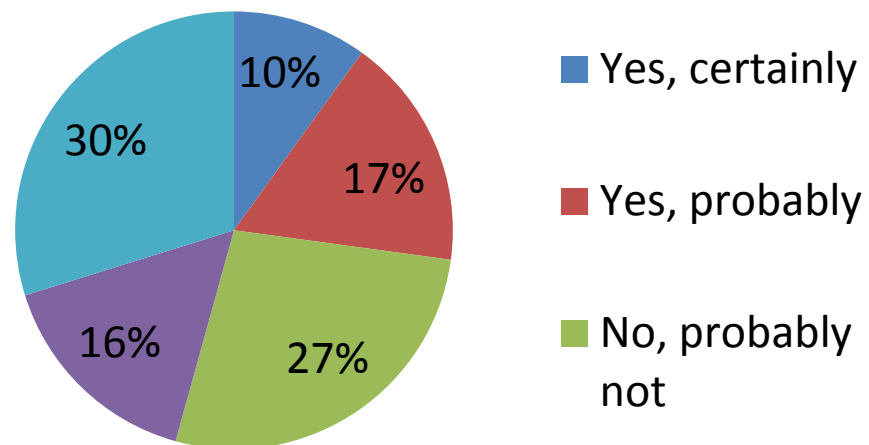


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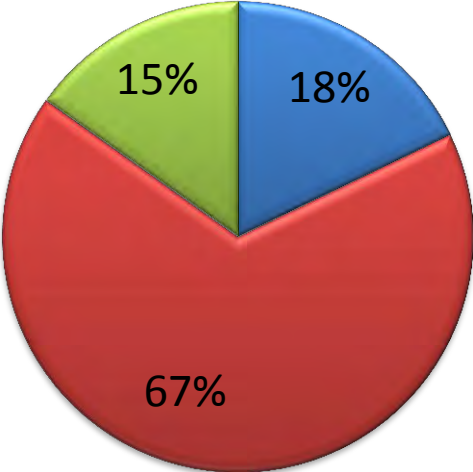
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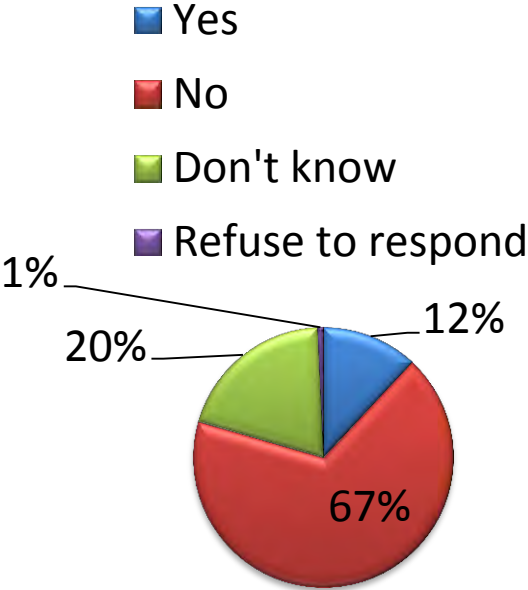


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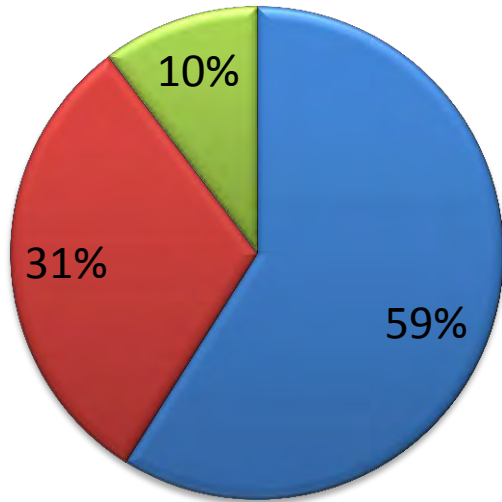
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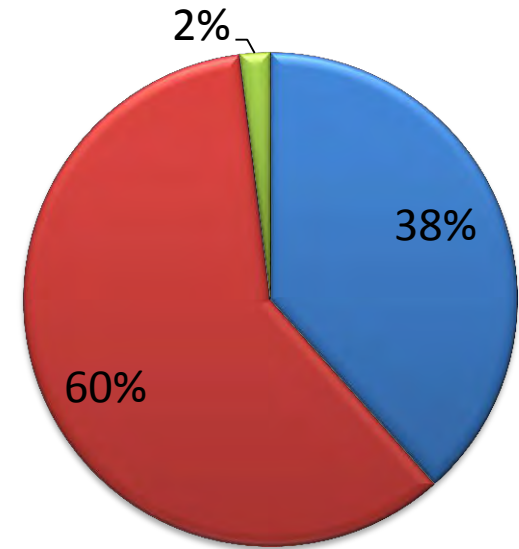
Optimistic feature: Both communities having similar opinion

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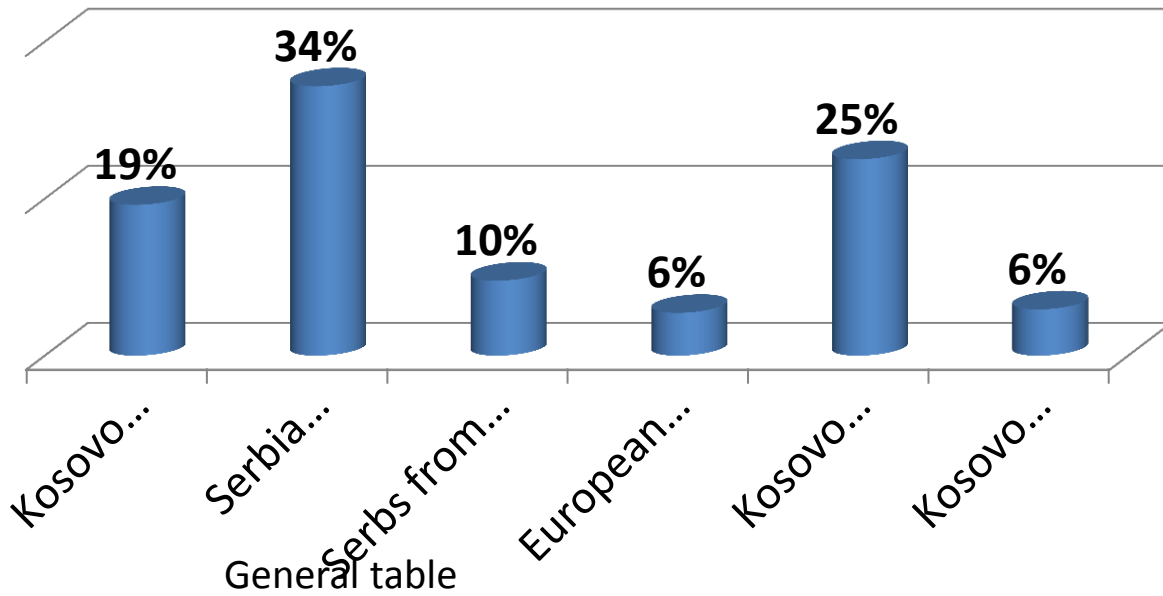
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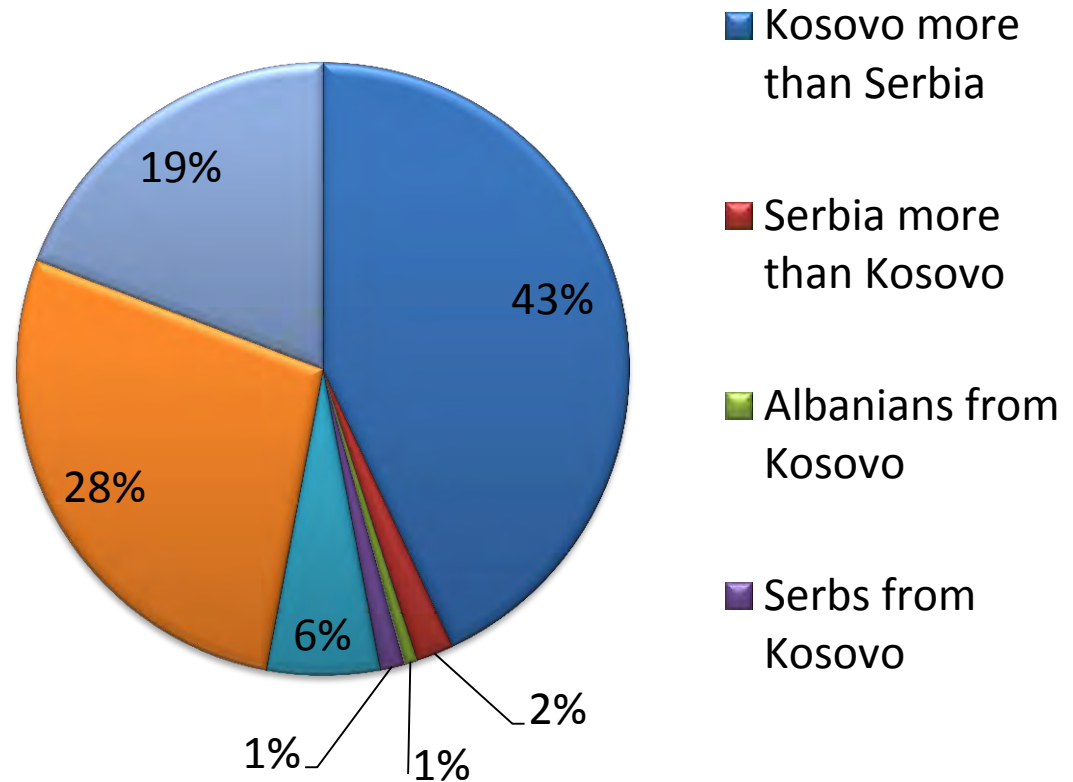
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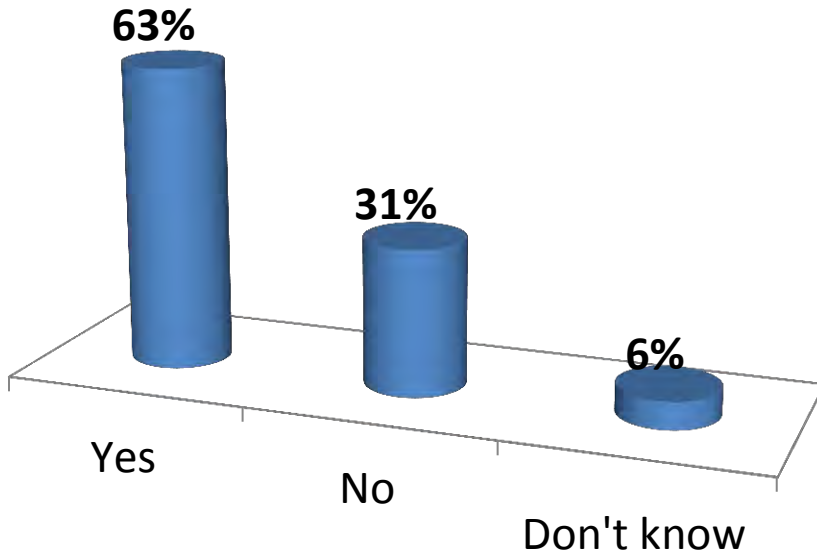
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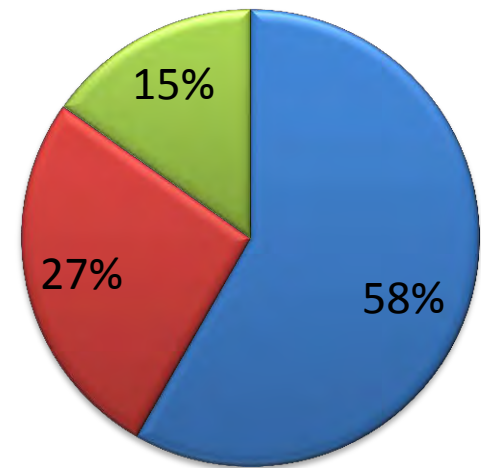
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Optimistic finding by both communities

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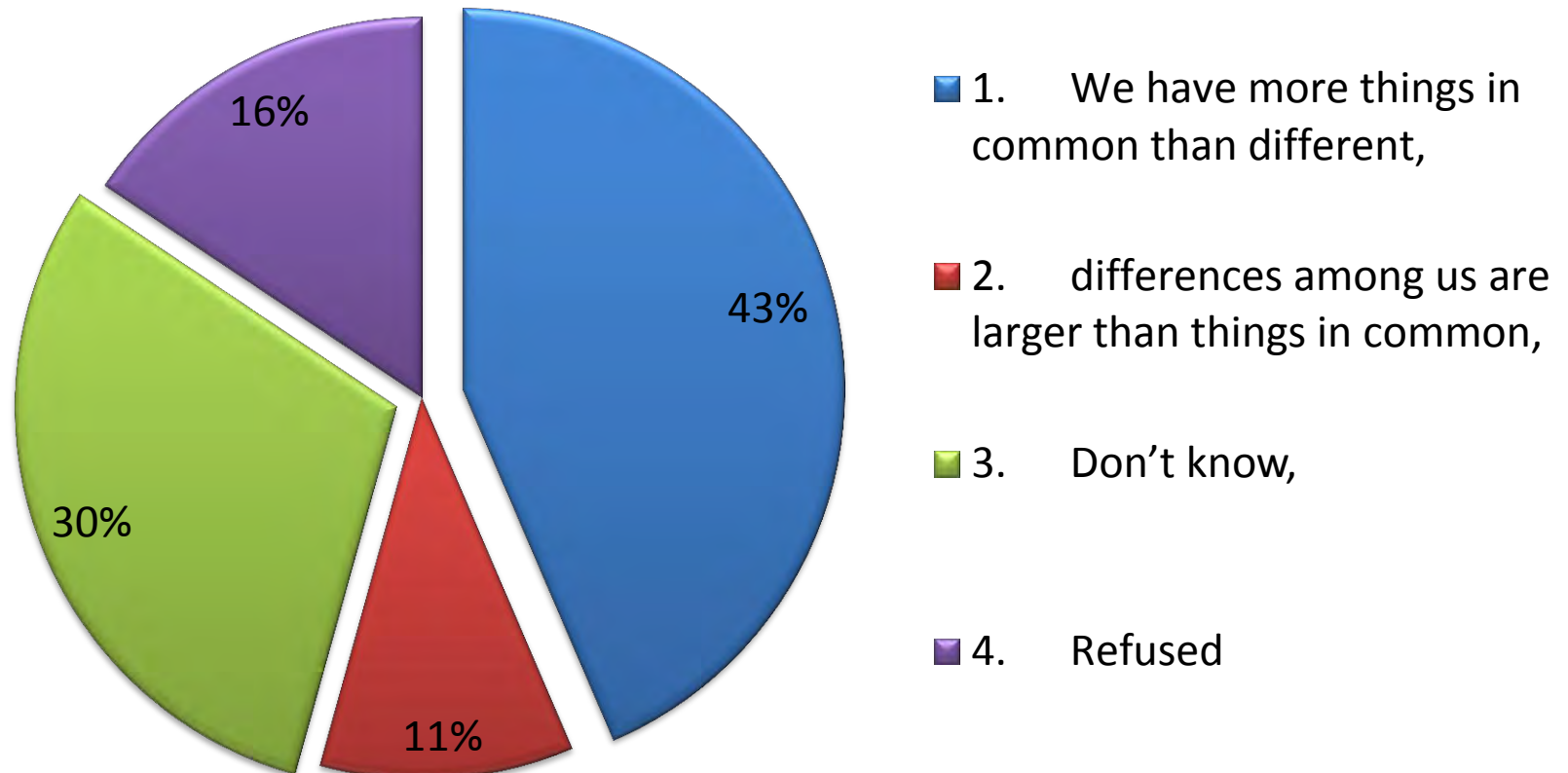
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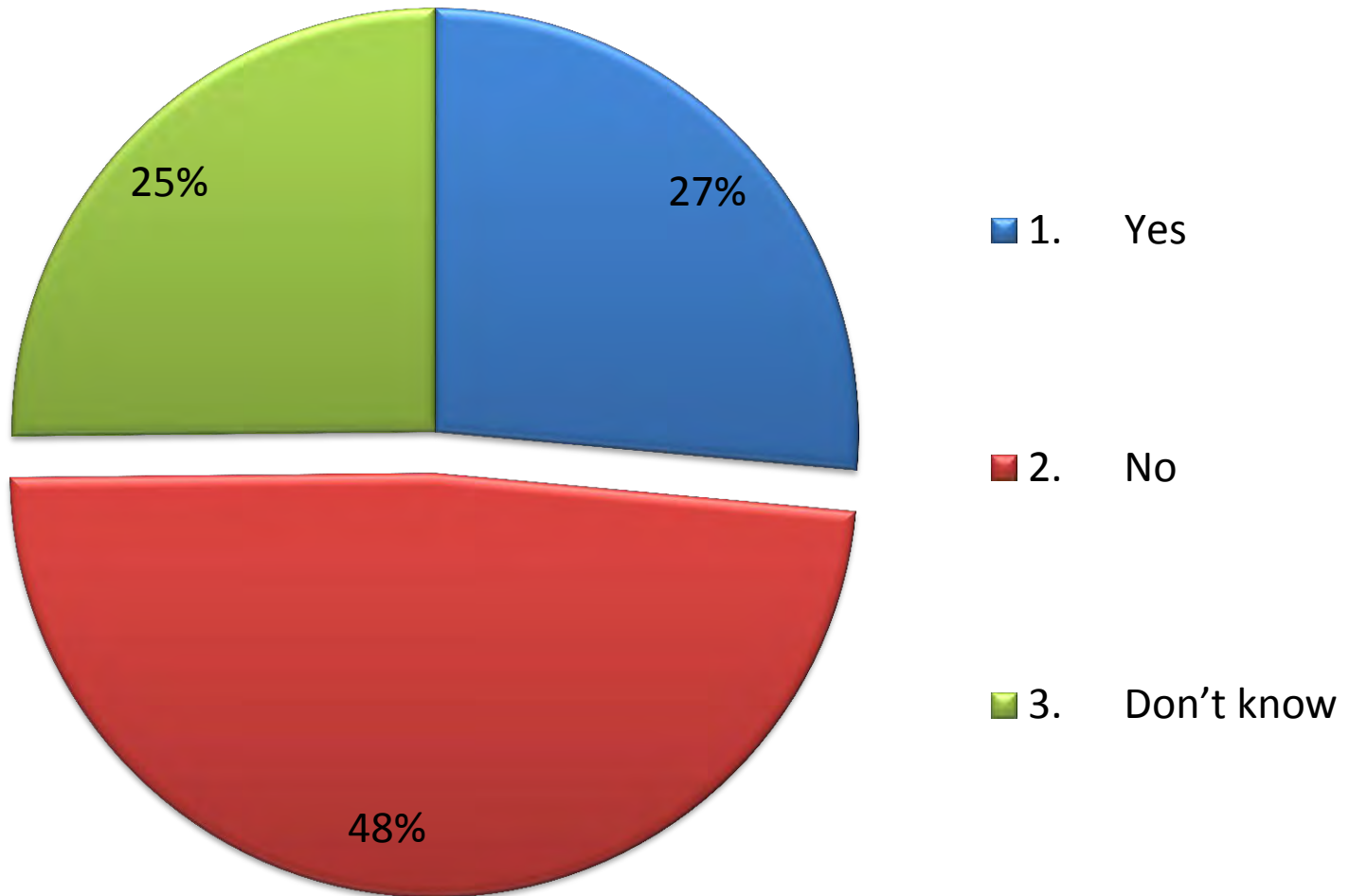
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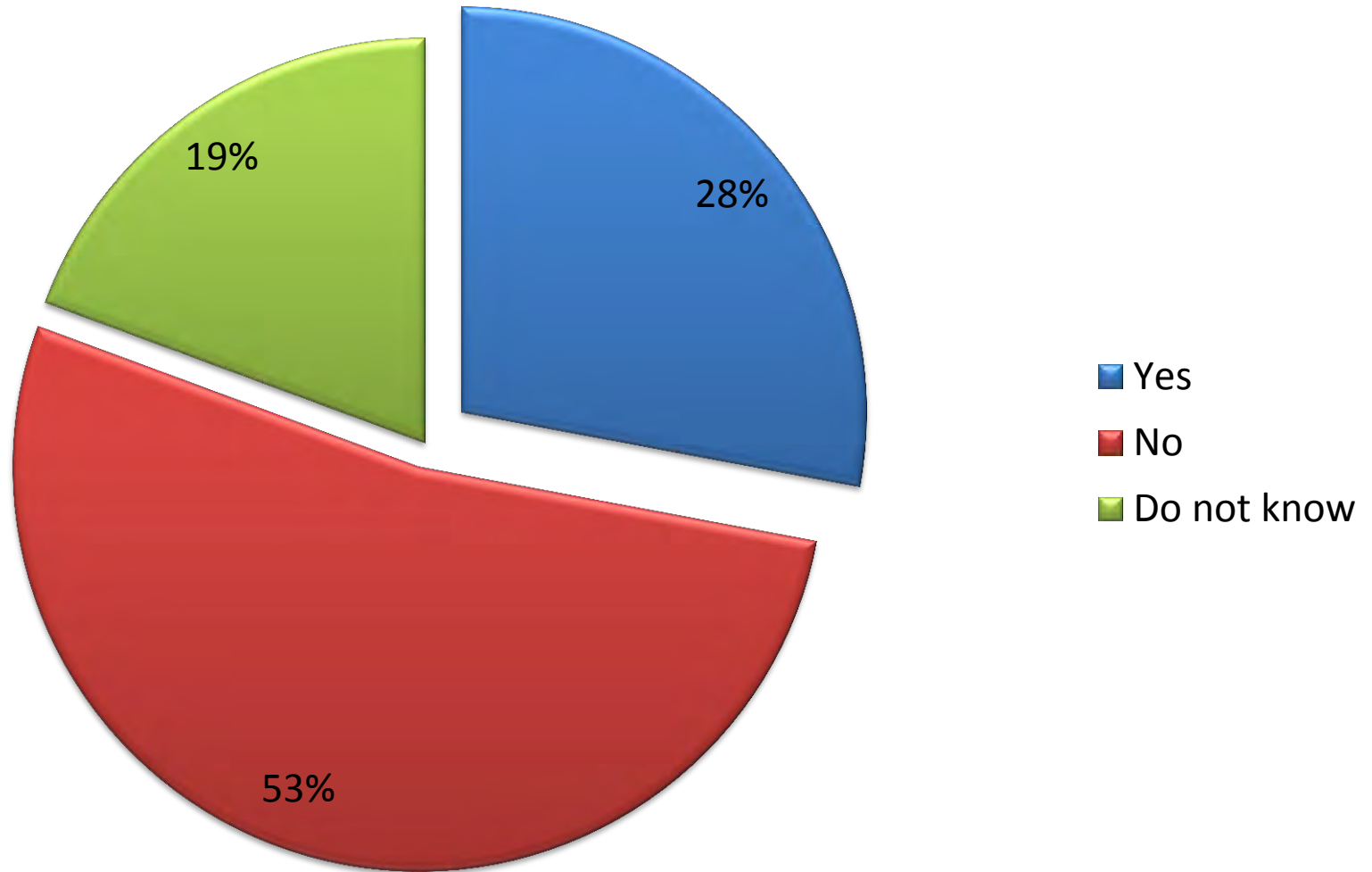
Thinking about this meeting/talking with the Serb what was your impression about him/her



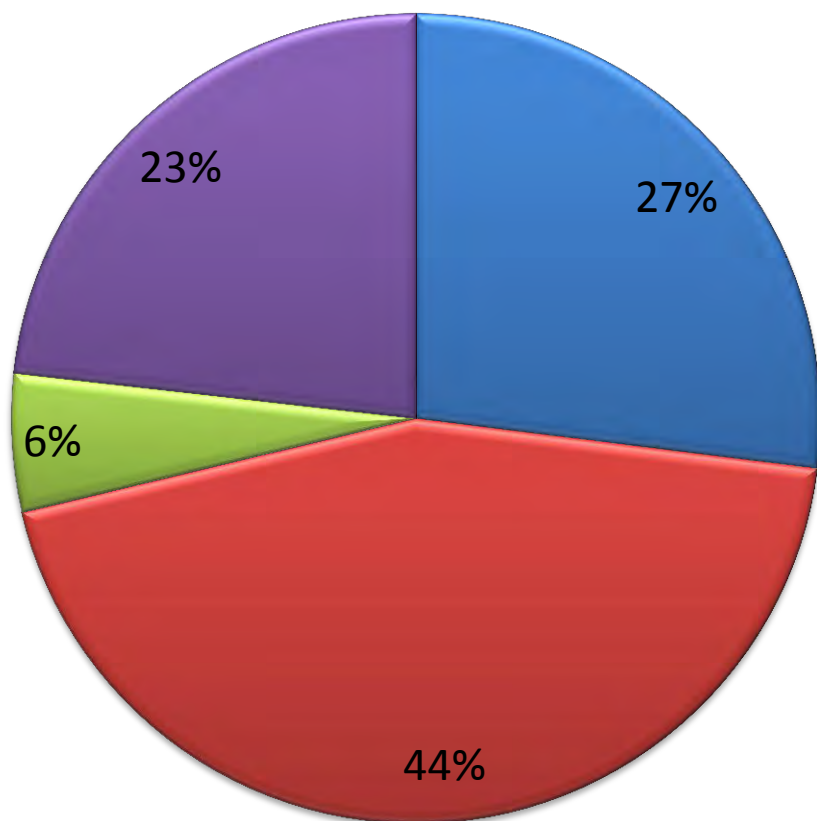
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Would you marry or allow member of your family to marry a Serb

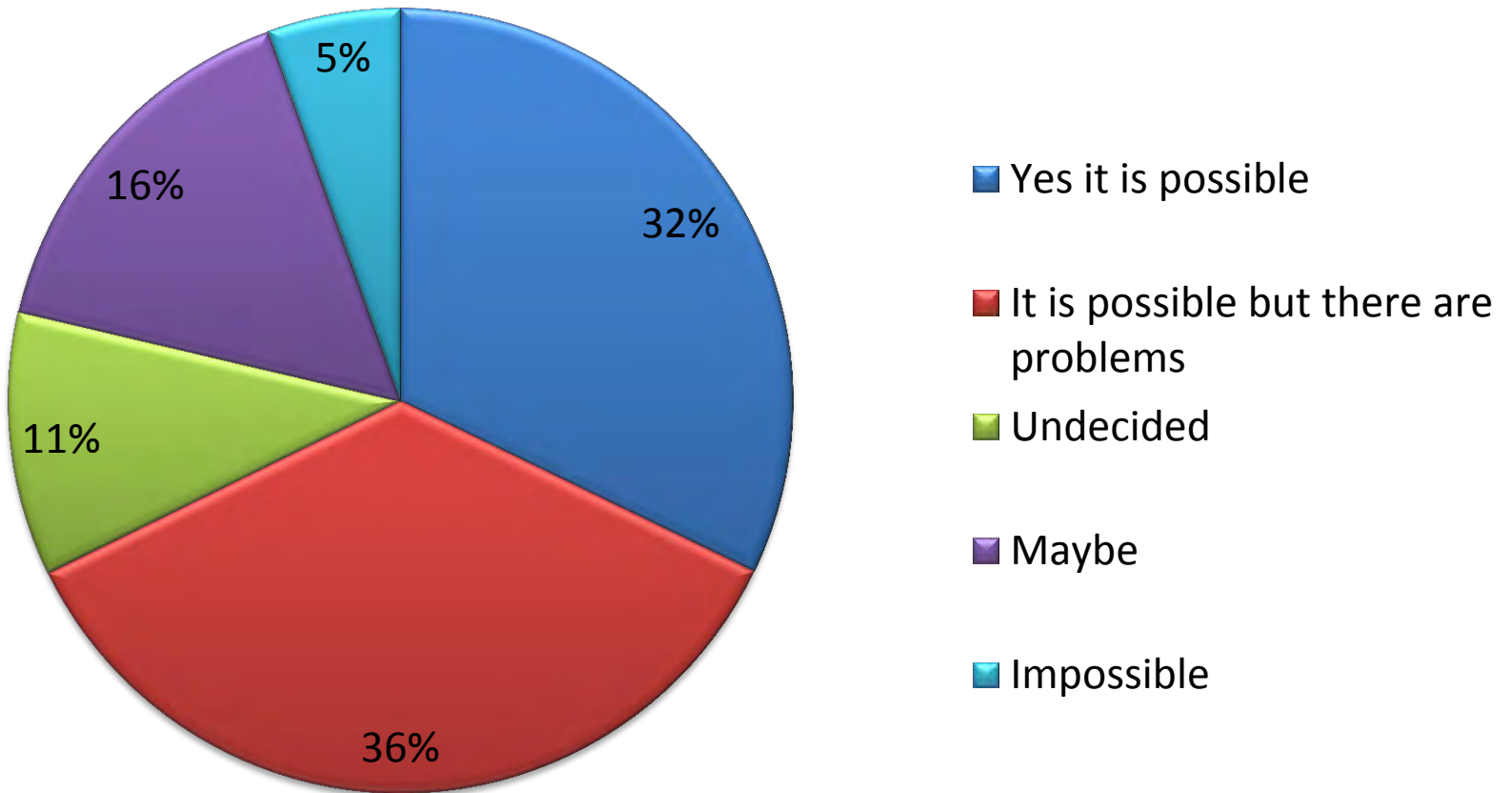


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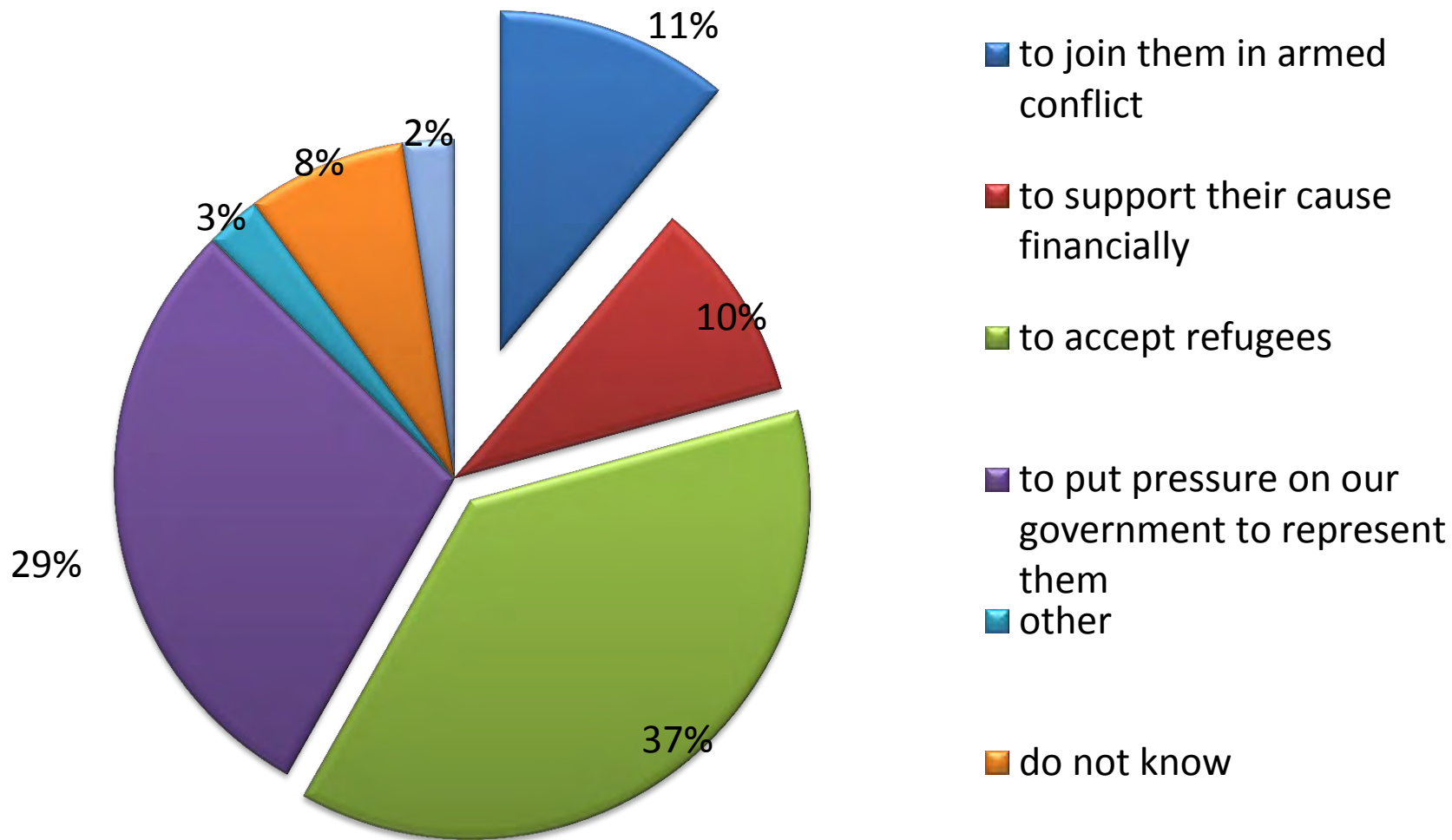


- 1. Only if it increases possibility of joining the EU
- 2. No matter if there is a pressure from the EU or not
- 3. It should not be carried on at all
- 4. No opinion

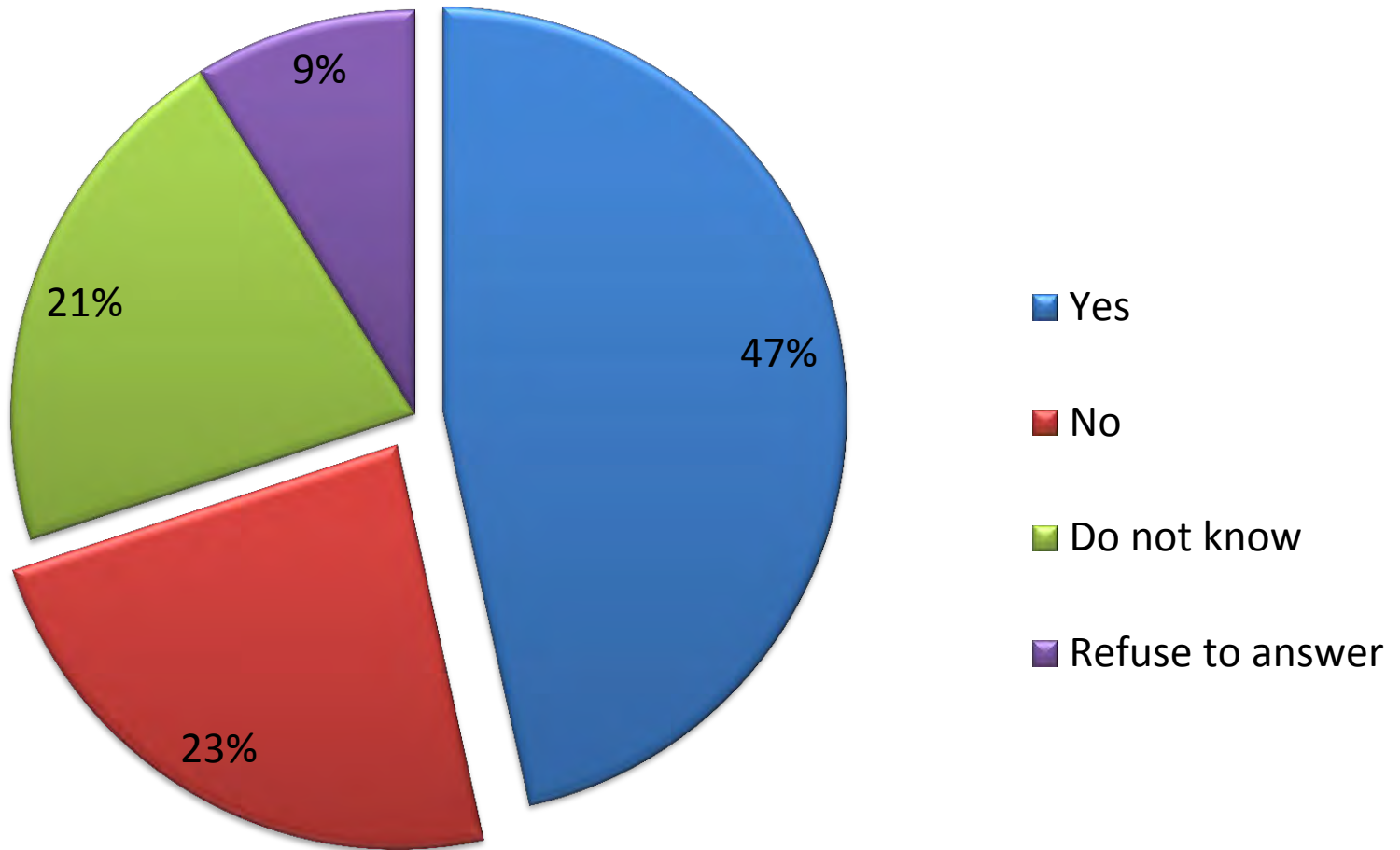
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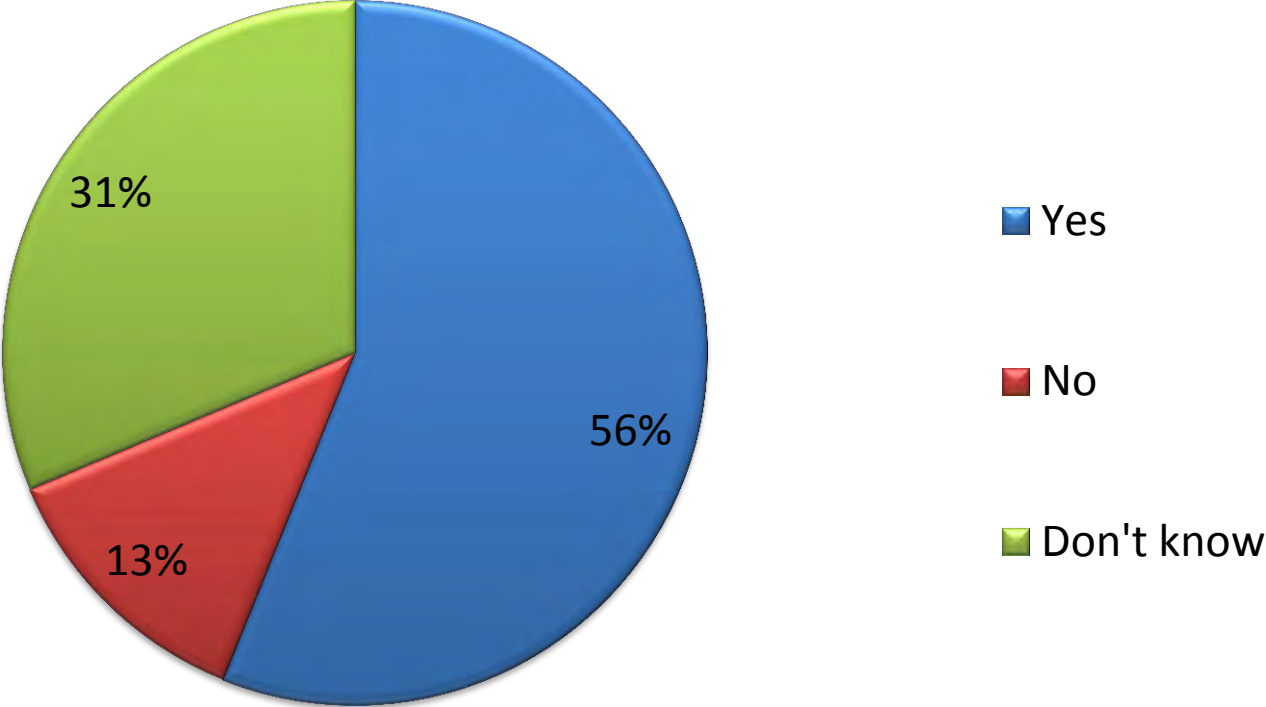
If Albanians living in another country of the region would be affected by conflict, would you be ready?



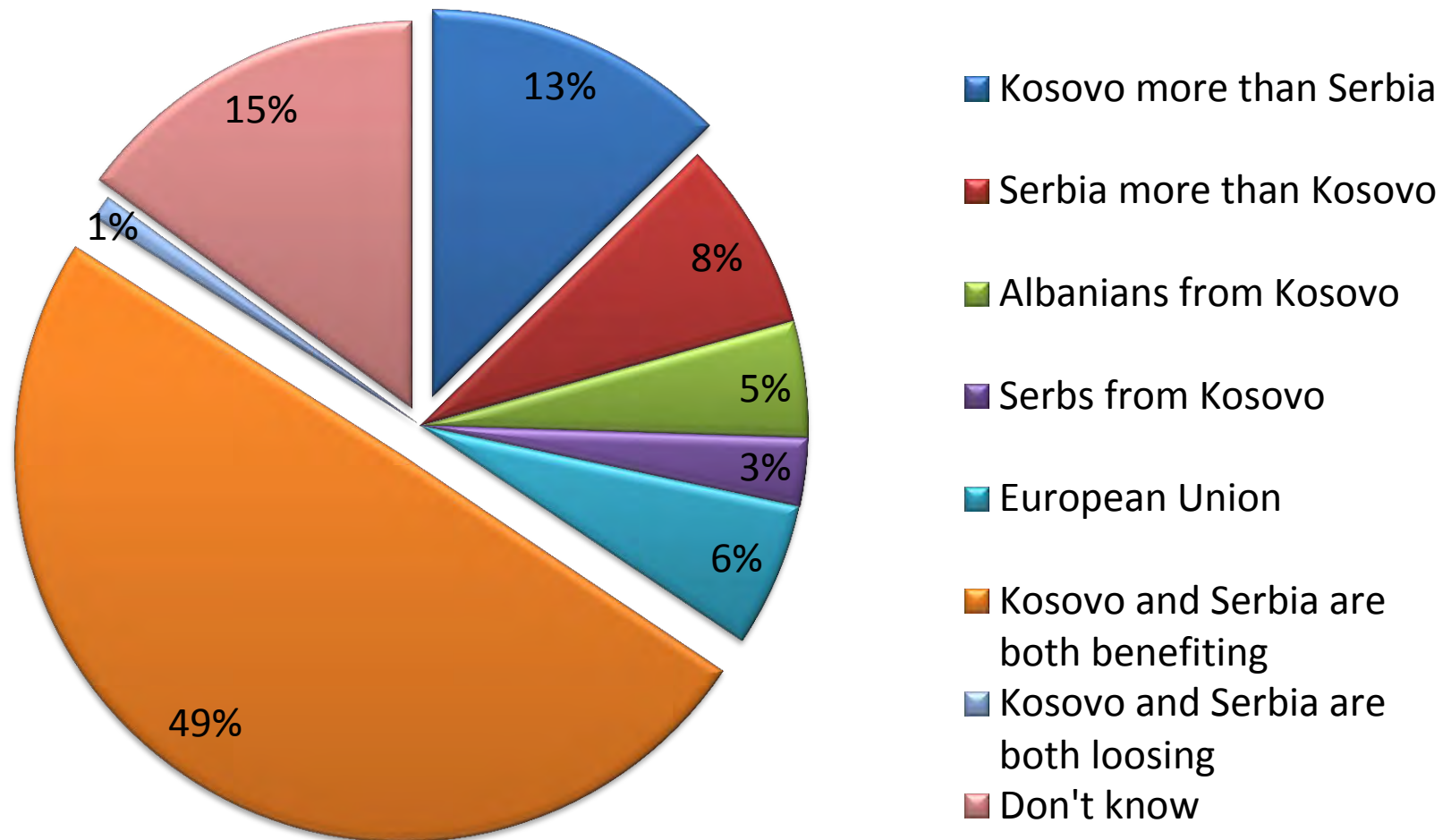
Would you personally support the creation of greater Albania?



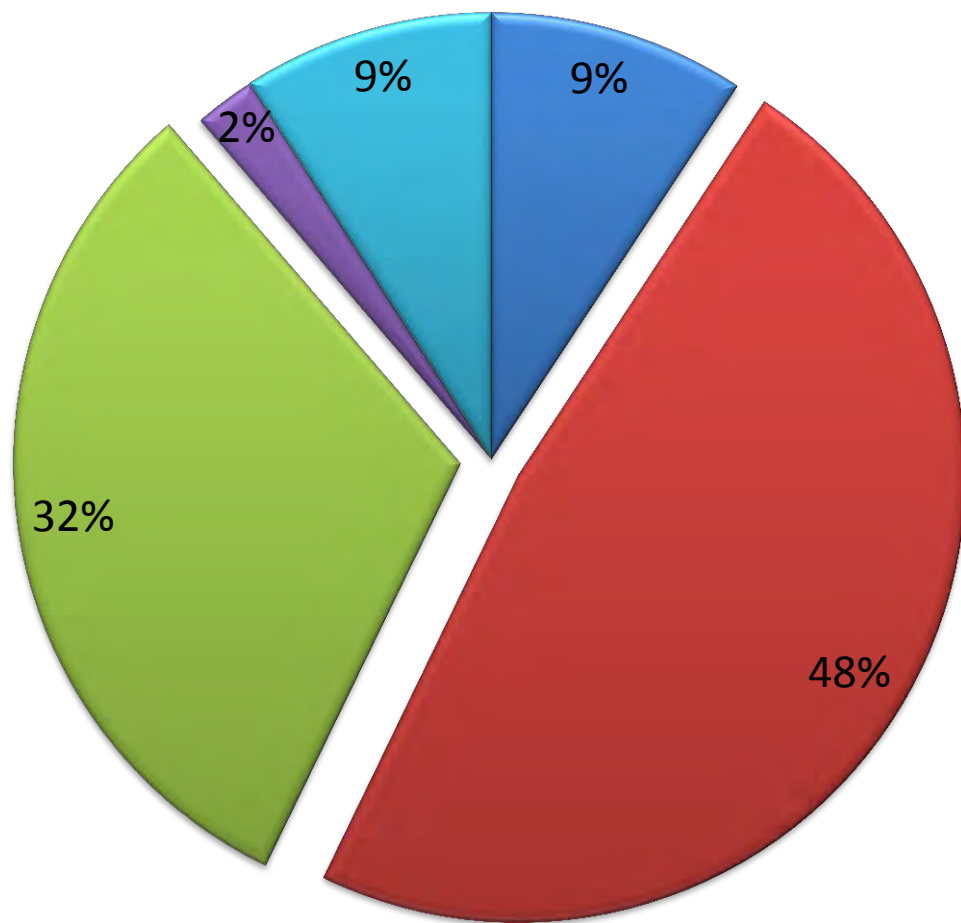
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With which of the sentences do you agree when it comes to developing security cooperation with Serbia?



- Our cooperation is not good but we don't need to cooperate with them;
- Our cooperation is not good, we need to start building good cooperation;
- Our cooperation is good but further improvement is needed;
- Our cooperation is excellent, there is no need for further improvement;
- Don't know