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Public Opinion in Ukraine 2014

Findings from the IFES
2014 survey in Ukraine

Fieldwork conducted
from April 8-15, 2014

Sample size, n=2039

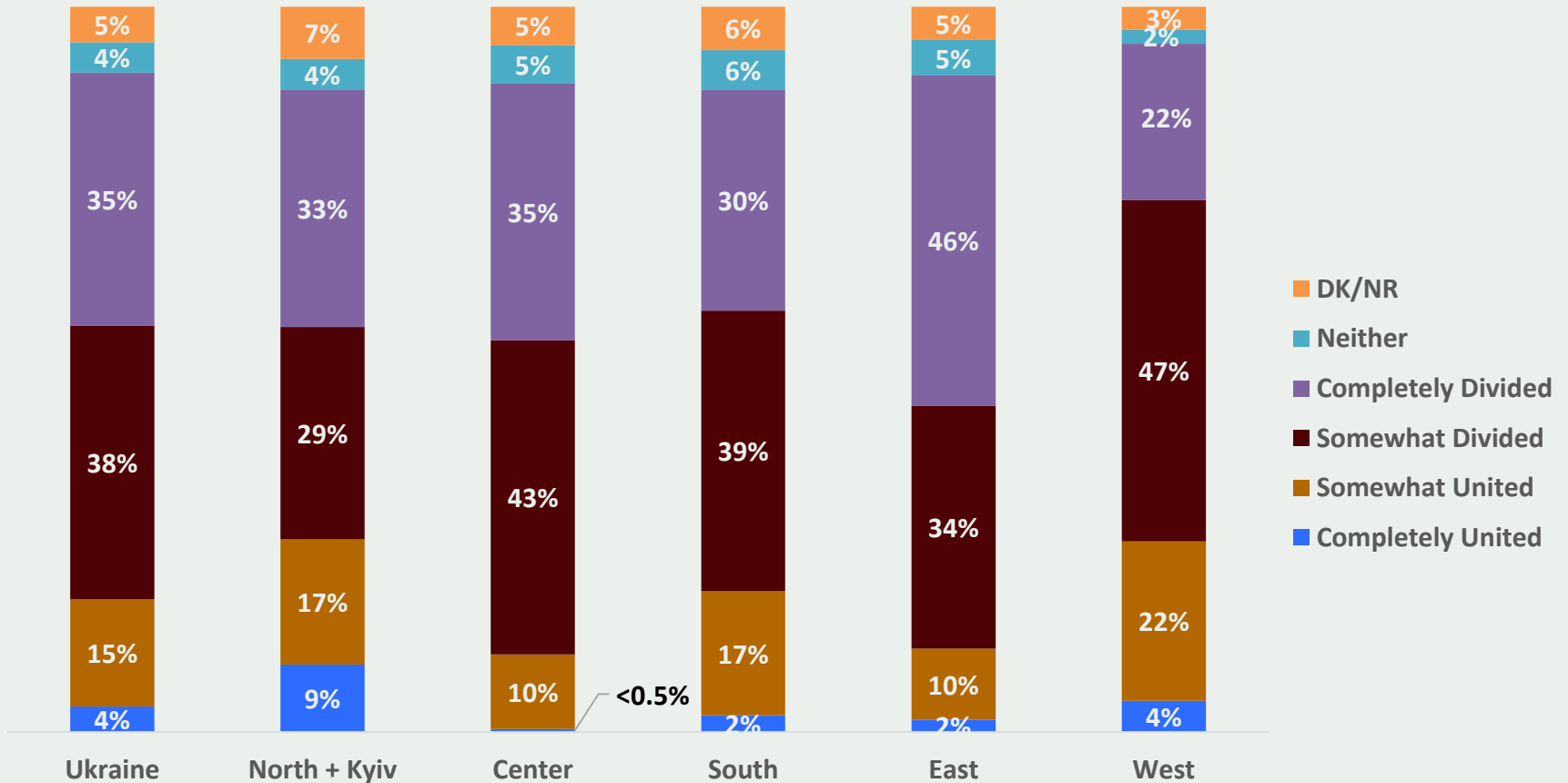
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Methodological Details

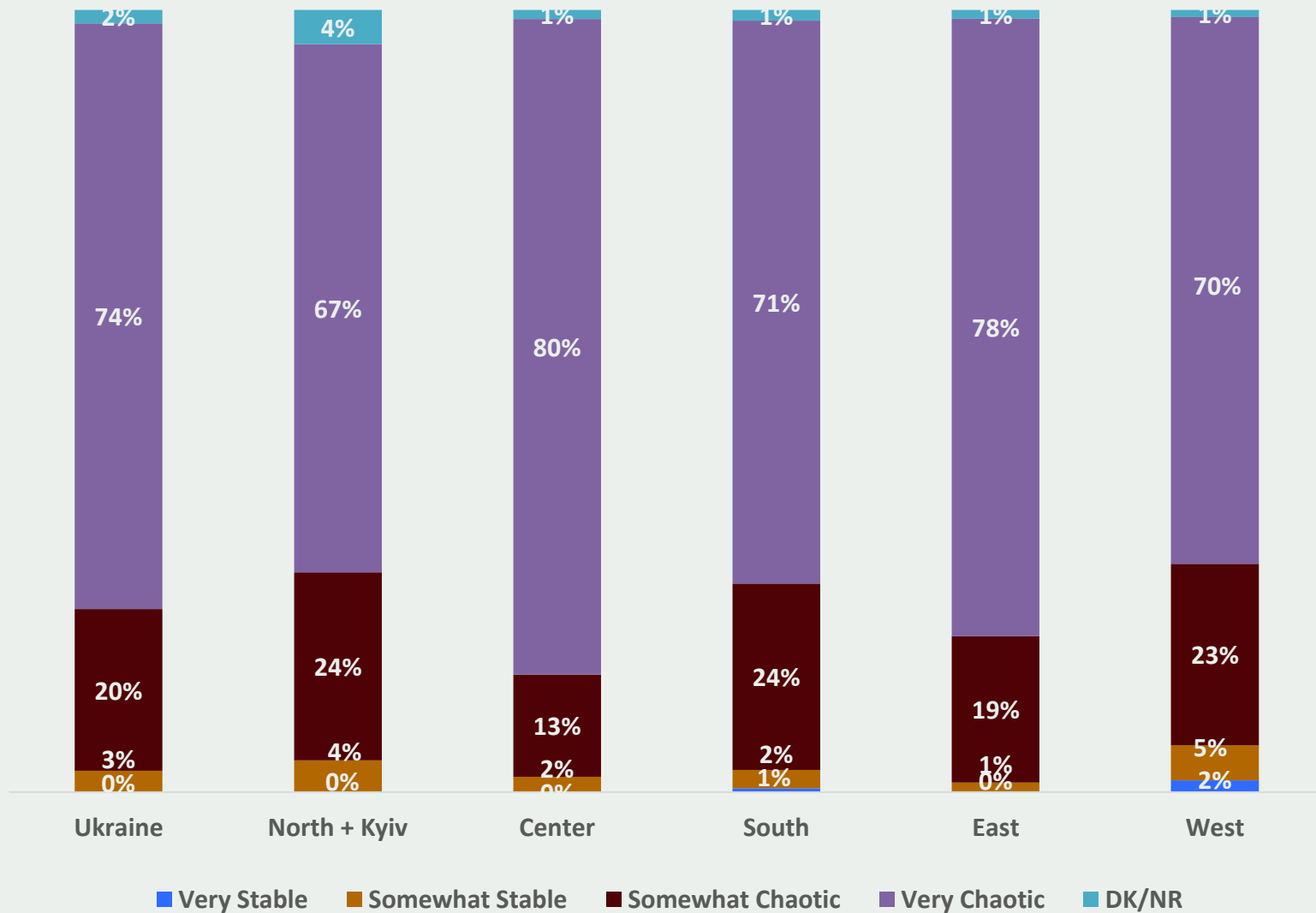
Sample size:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 respondents representing the voting-age population in Ukraine (18 years+).
Margin of error:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\pm 2.2\%$ within a 95% confidence interval.
Sample area coverage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All the administrative divisions of Ukraine; observations were allocated proportionately at the national level with an over-sample of observations in Kyiv.
Fieldwork dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 8-15, 2014
Survey firm:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IFES contracted with the Kiev International Institute of Sociology (KIIS) to conduct fieldwork and data processing for the survey.
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provided funding for this survey.
Weights:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data was weighted by age, region and gender to bring the realized sample in line with target population parameters in order to be nationally representative of the adult (18+) population of Ukraine.

Unity in Ukraine



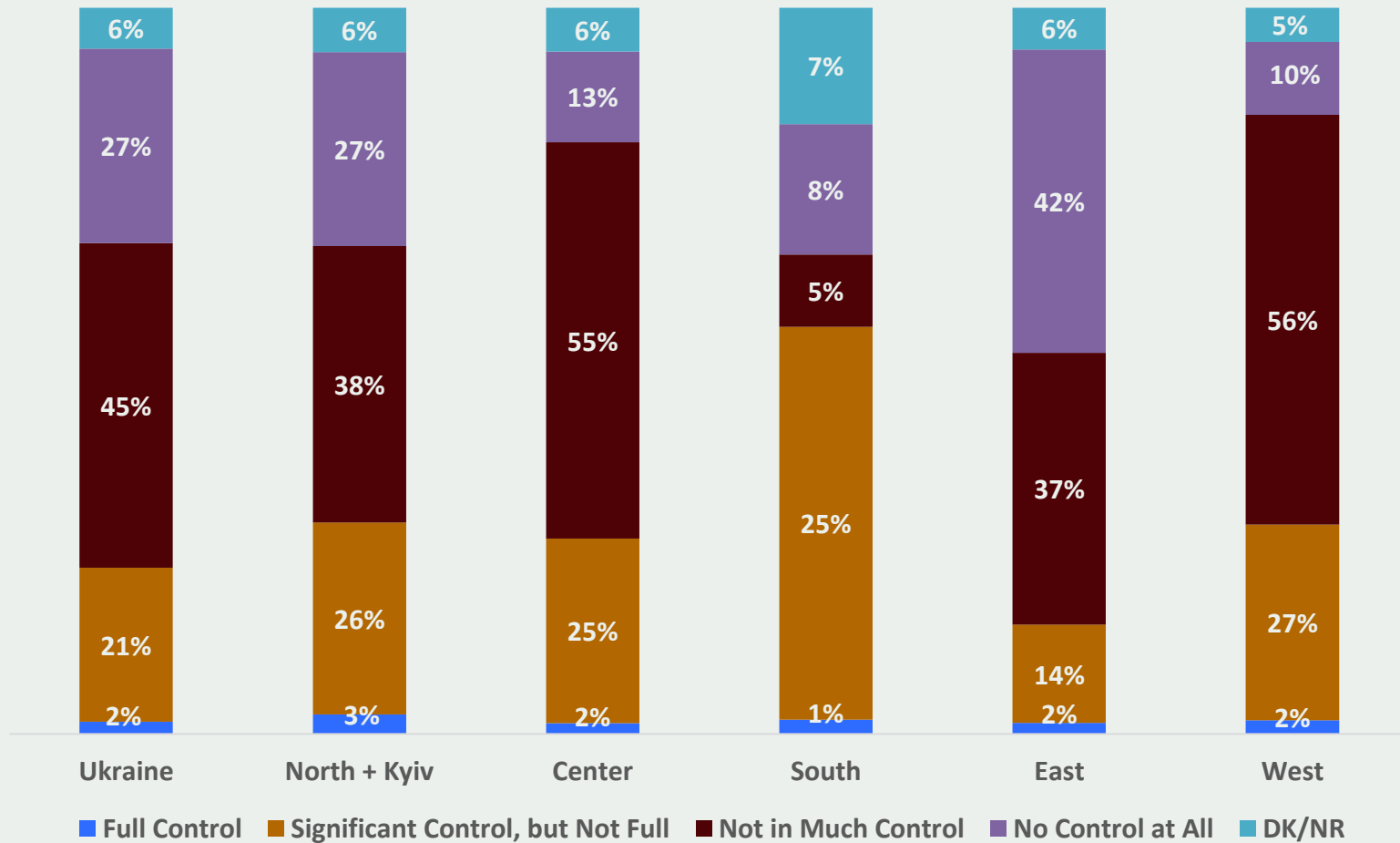
"Please tell me how you would characterize the current situation in Ukraine with regard to the unity of division of the country? Do you think Ukraine is currently..." (n=2,039)

Stability of Current Situation in Ukraine



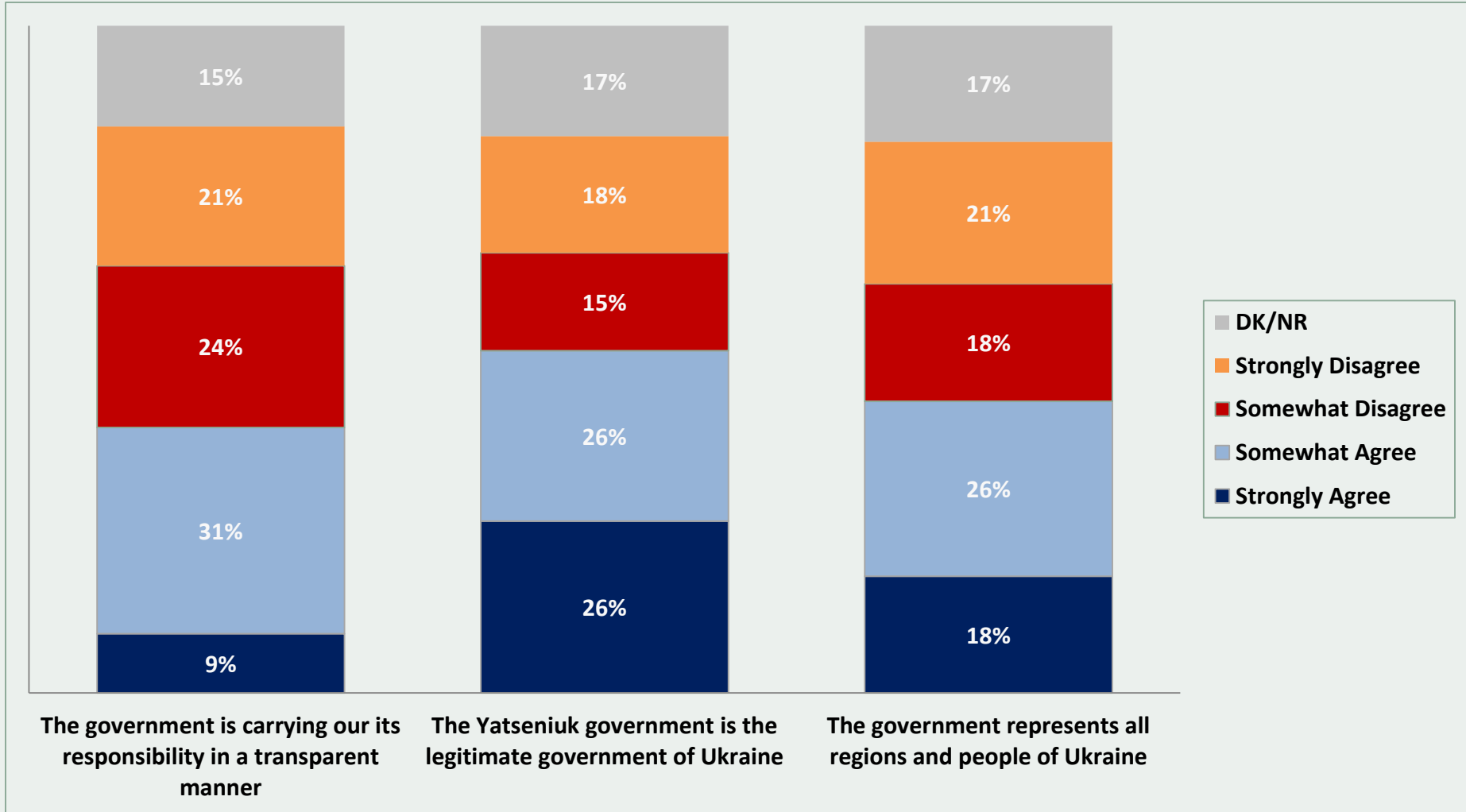
"And how would you characterize the current situation in Ukraine in terms of stability? Do you think the current situation in Ukraine is..." (n=2,039)

Level of Control Exercised by Ukrainian Government



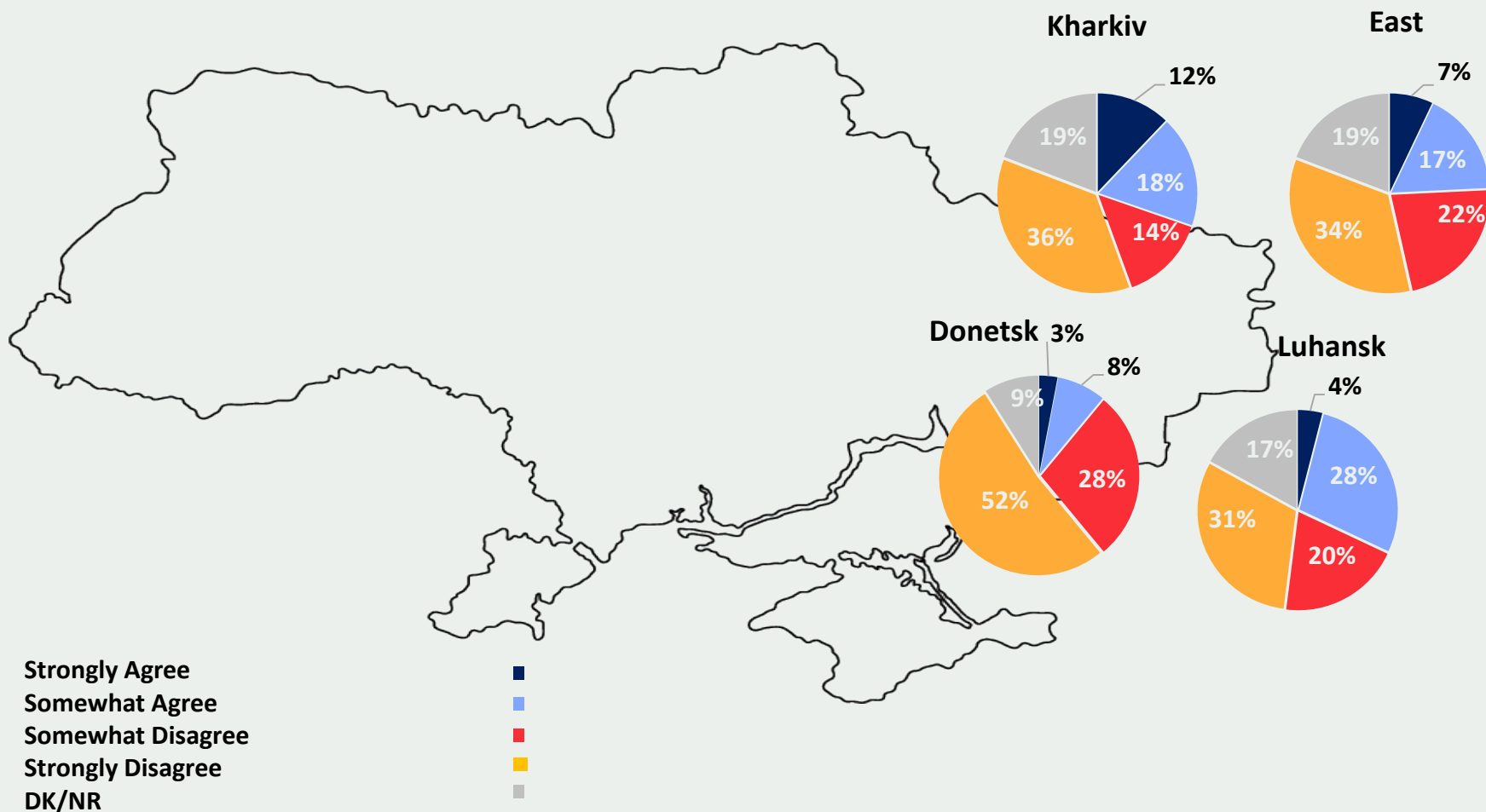
"How much control do you think the current Ukrainian government exercises in the country?" (n=2,039)

Government of Prime Minister Yatseniuk



“Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about the current government led by Prime Minister Yatseniuk?” (n=2,039)

Legitimacy of Yatseniuk Government (in the East)



Does Government Represent All Ukraine? (in the East)

Who does the government represent (n=526):

Western Ukraine (51%)

Oligarchs (41%)

Maidan (20%)

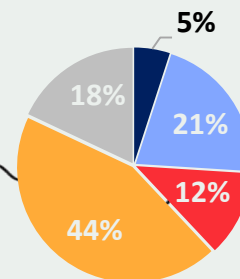
Nationalists (18%)

Kyiv (16%)

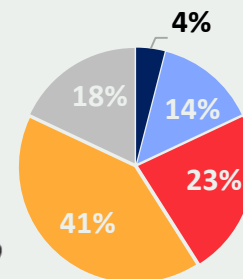
Central Ukraine (14%)

Radicals/Fascists (13%)

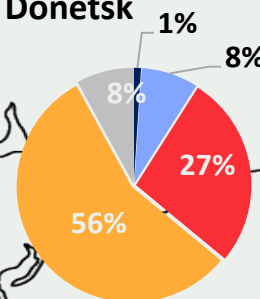
Kharkiv



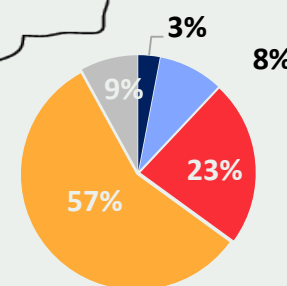
East



Donetsk



Luhansk

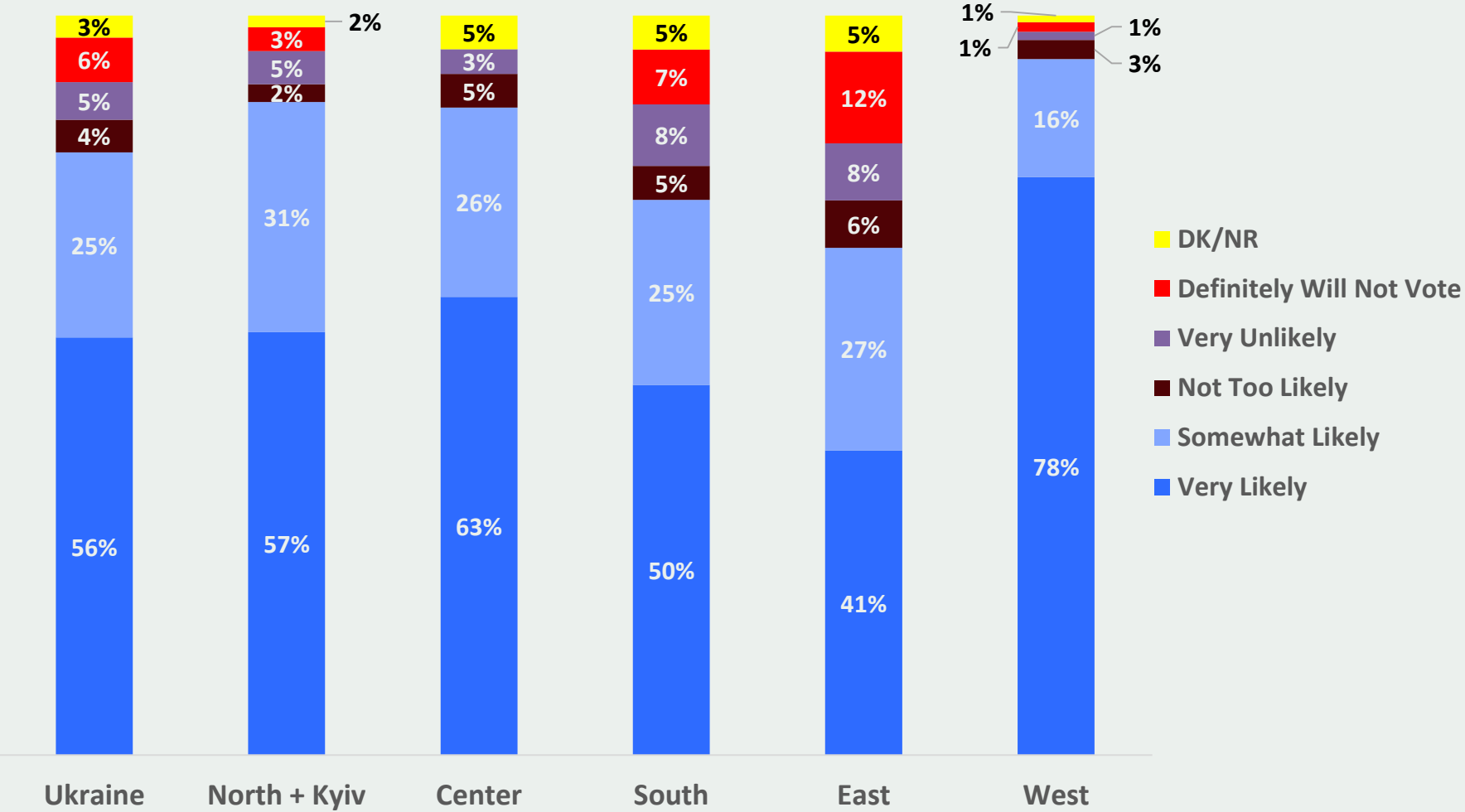


Strongly Agree
Somewhat Agree
Somewhat Disagree
Strongly Disagree
DK/NR



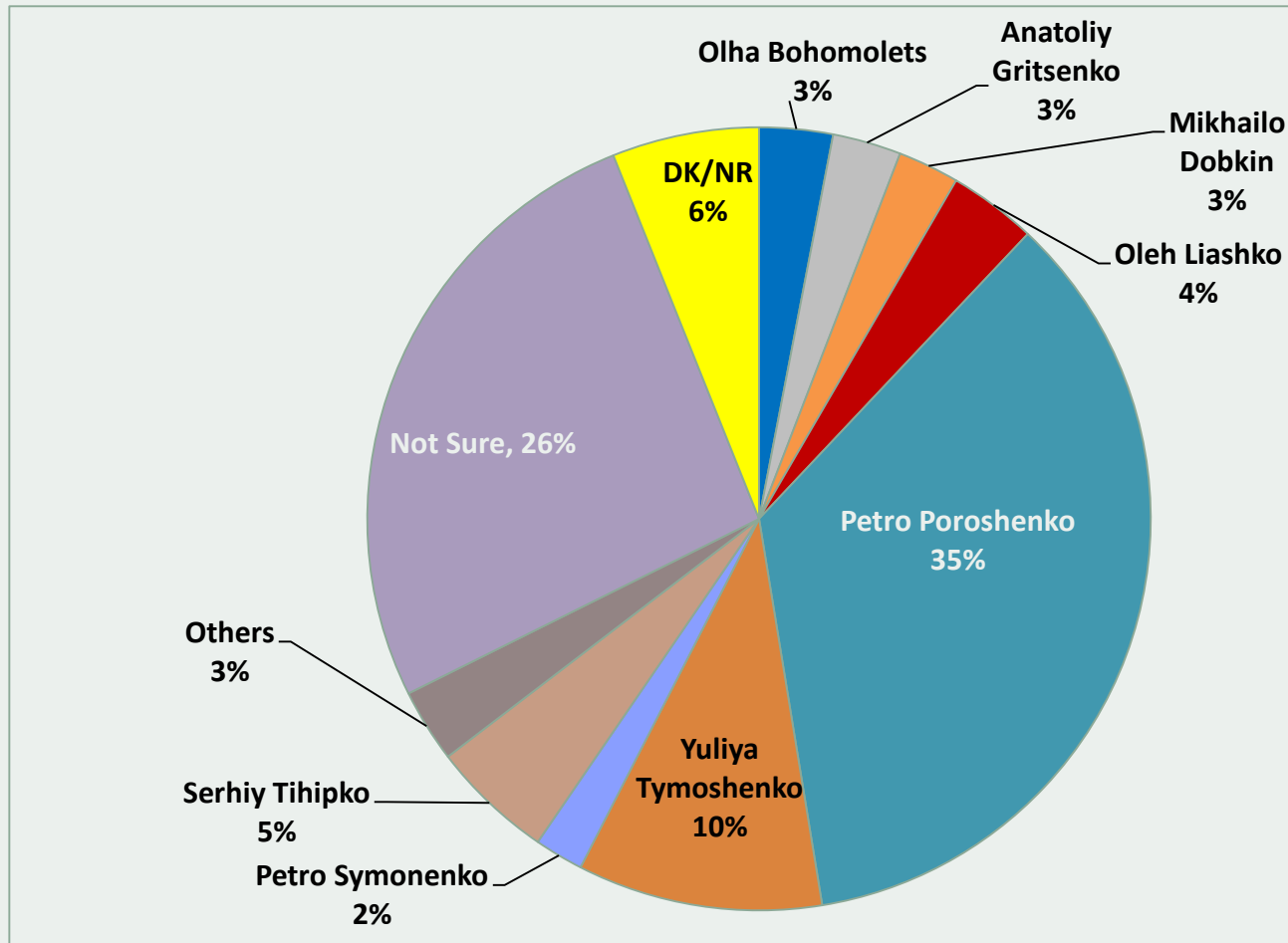
"If Presidential election were held today, in your opinion would they be:" (n=2,040)

Likelihood of Voting in Presidential Election



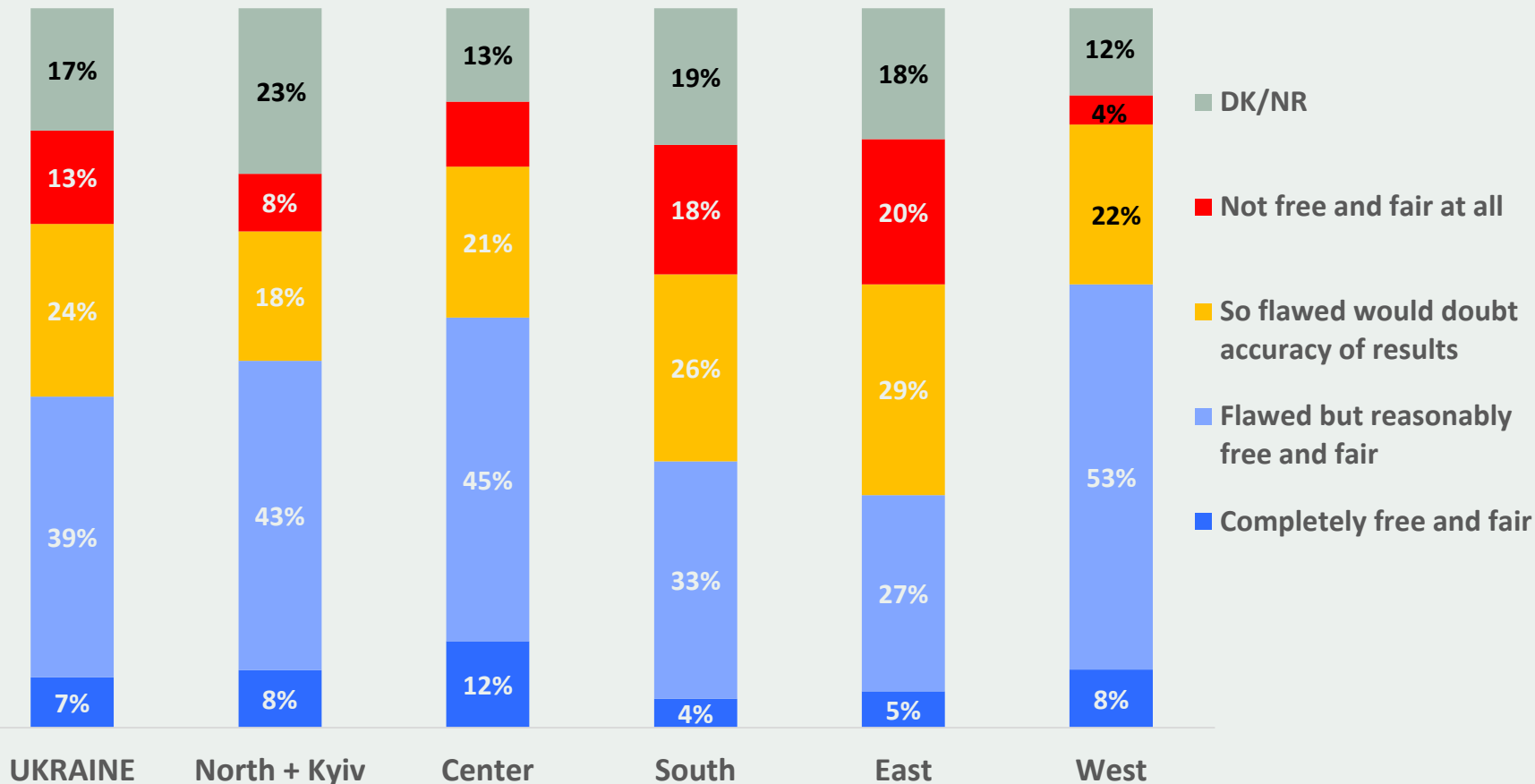
"How likely are you to vote in the May 25 presidential elections?" (n=2,039)

Presidential Election Preference among Likely Voters



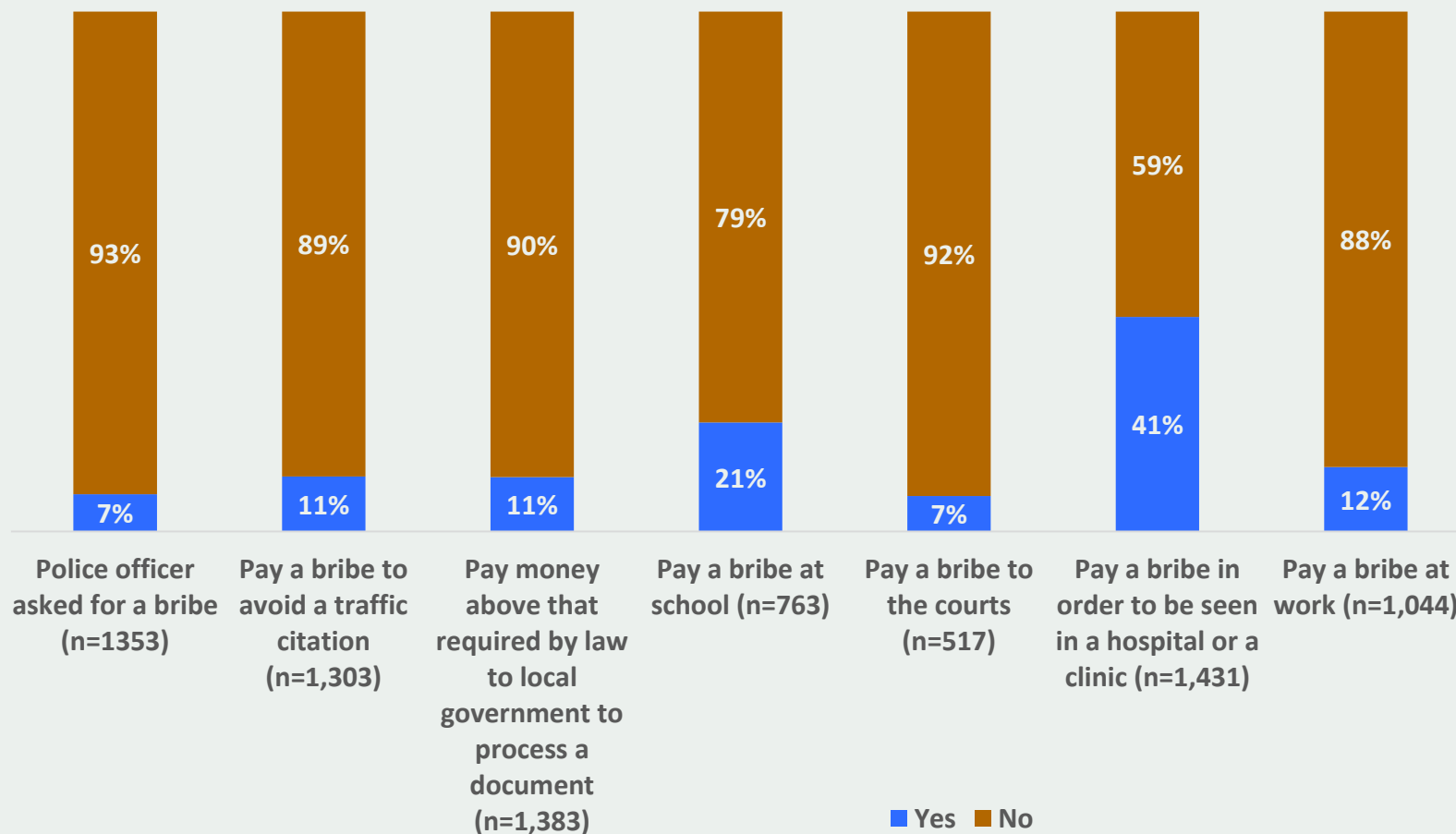
"If the presidential elections were held today, which declared candidate would you vote for?"

Perceived Integrity of Presidential Election



"How likely are you to vote in the May 25 presidential elections?" (n=2,039)

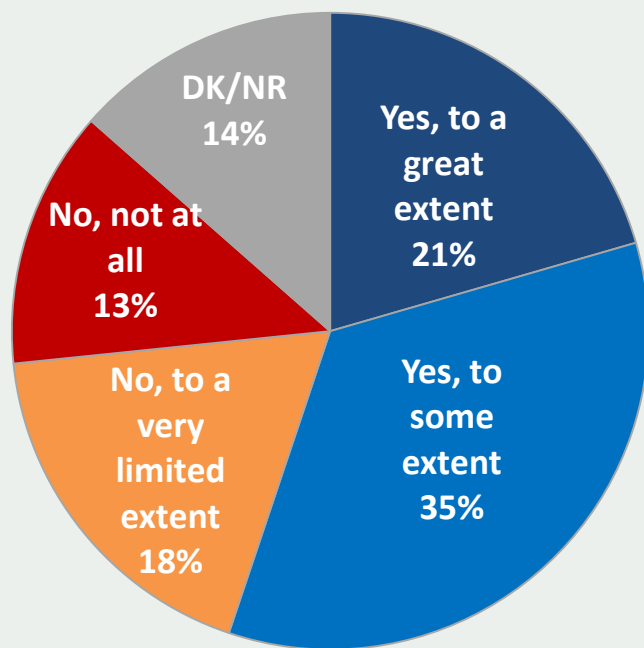
Experiences with Corruption in Ukraine



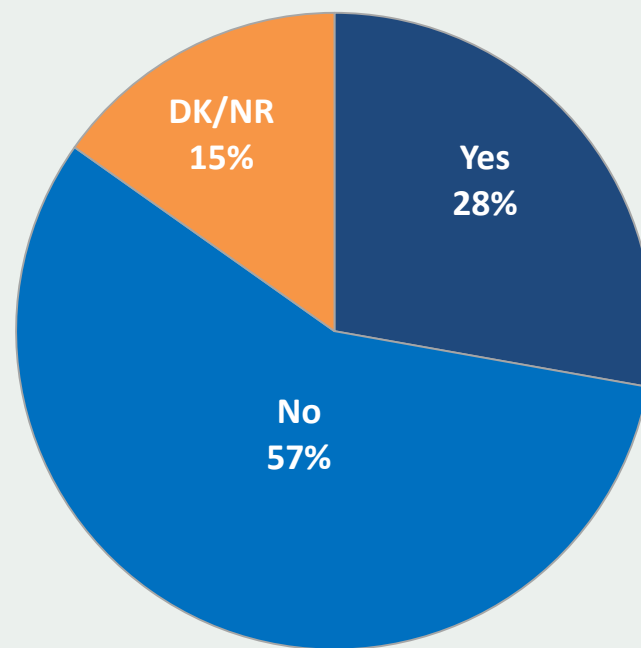
“Now we want to talk about your experience with things that happen in everyday life. In the last twelve months have you...”

Corruption in Ukraine

“Do you agree or disagree with this statement: ‘Ukrainians consider corruption as a fact of life.’?” (n=2,039)



“Do you think that given the way things are in Ukraine, sometimes paying a bribe is justified?” (n=2,039)



What Can be Done about Corruption?



Survey

*Do you think it is possible for ordinary people to live a life in Ukraine without corruption or bribery?
[If Yes] What actions or policies do you think can be taken by the government to achieve this?*

- No (26%)
- Don't know (29%)

Yes

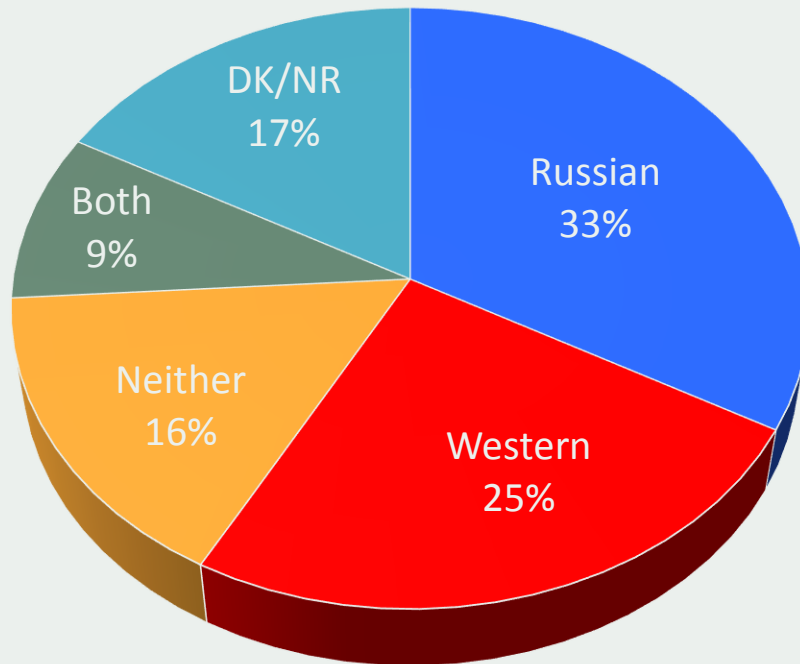
- Strict punishment for corruption (29%)
- More transparency (26%)
- Change those in power to those who will fight corruption (10%)
- Changes in legislation (10%)
- Change people's attitudes toward corruption (9%)
- Ban corruption officials from public office (7%)
- Better salaries for public officials (5%)
- Other (9%)

Focus Groups:

- Better salaries
- Sufficient legislation
- Independent authority to pursue corruption
- Public information/socialization
- Punishment for public officials, especially higher levels
- Several mentions of examples set by Georgia (electronic records) and Belarus (strict punishments)

- People will not stop paying bribes because it is necessary, and they need to see some action by the government to show that it is serious

Values Most Closely Associated with Ukrainian Way of Life



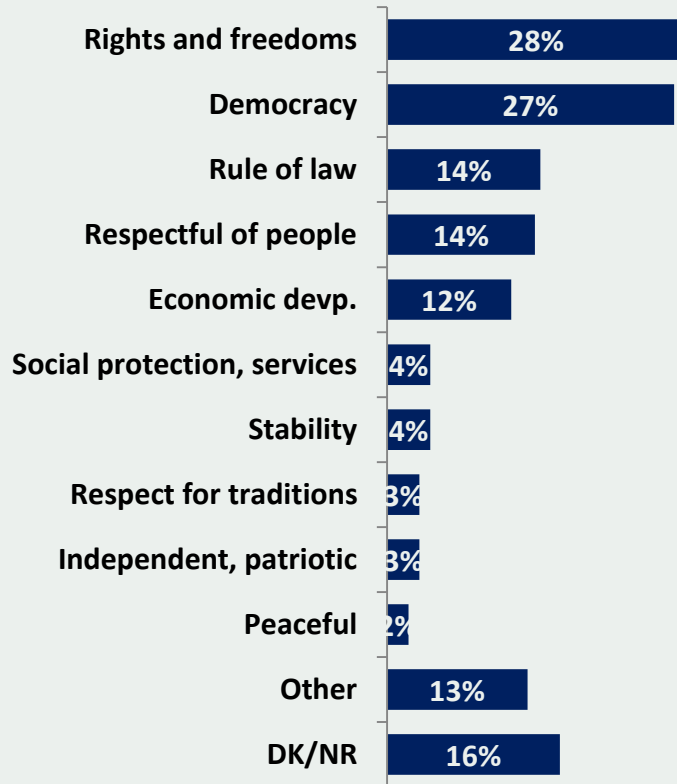
Differences by Region

East –	51R	9W	11B
North –	25R	25W	6B
Center –	37R	26W	6B
South –	44R	12W	14B
West –	7R	53W	18B

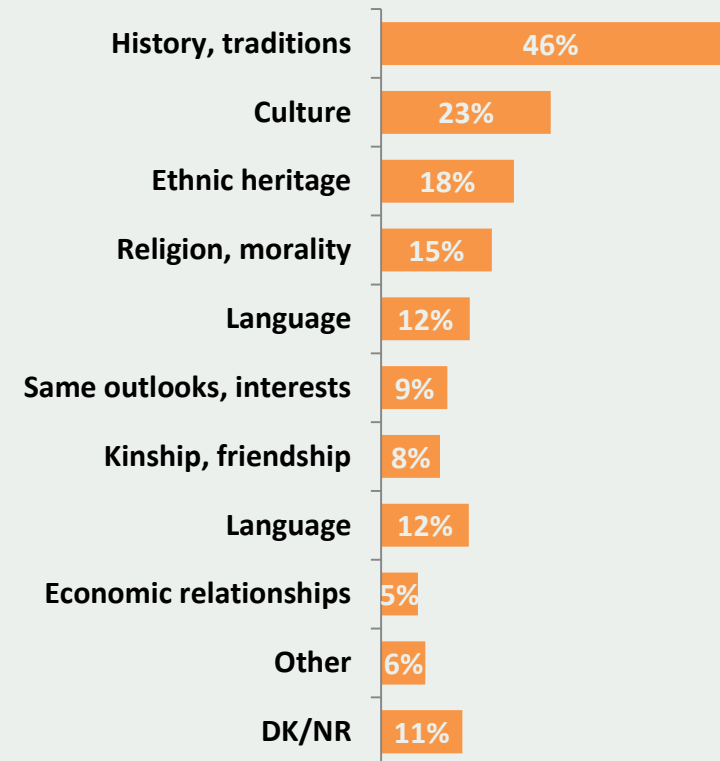
“When you think of the Ukrainian way of life, do you associate it more closely with Western values or with Russian values?” (n=2,039)

Values Ukraine Shares with Russia/West

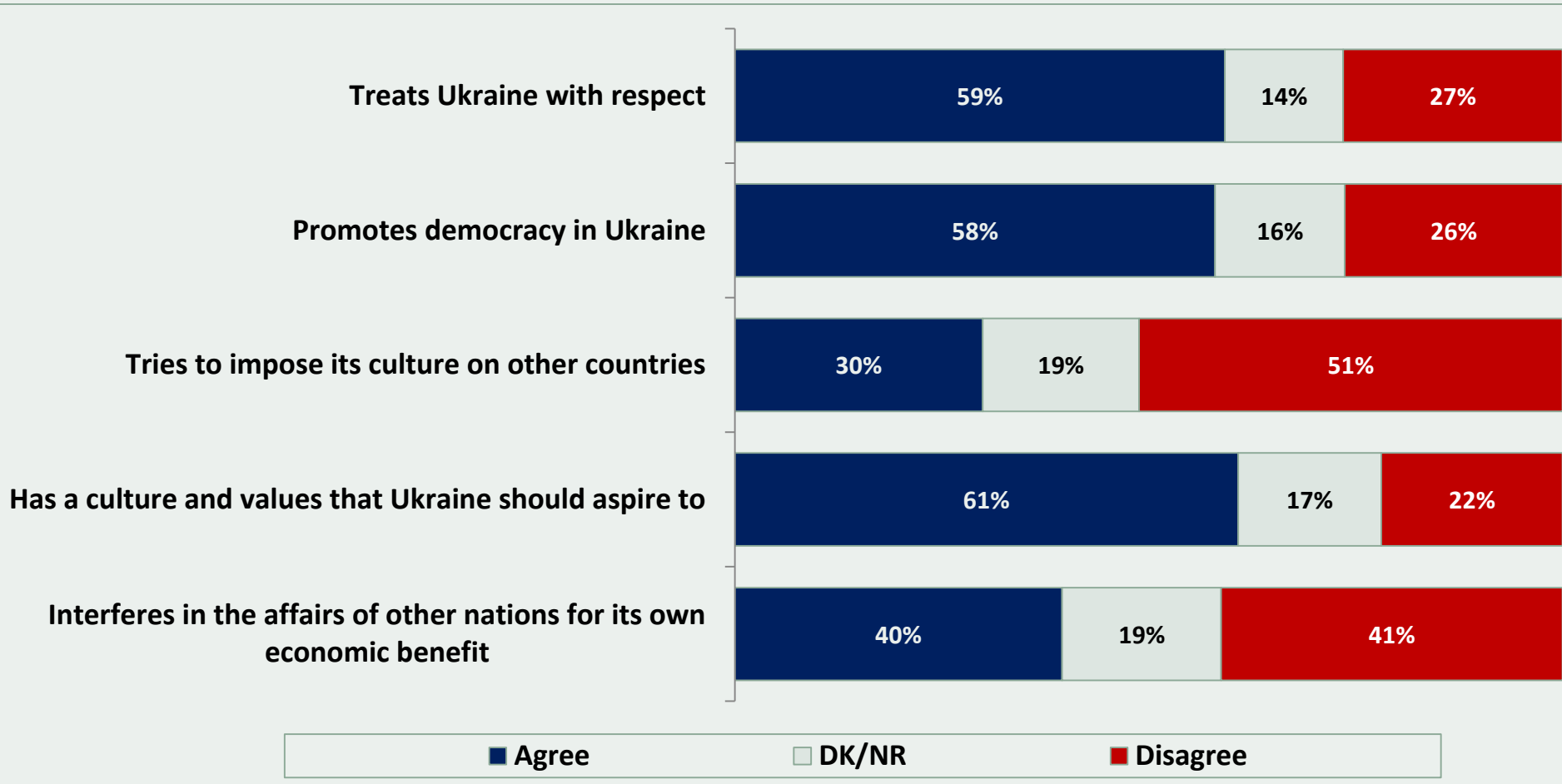
“What values does Ukraine share with the West?”
(n=499)



“What values does Ukraine share with Russia?”
(n=675)

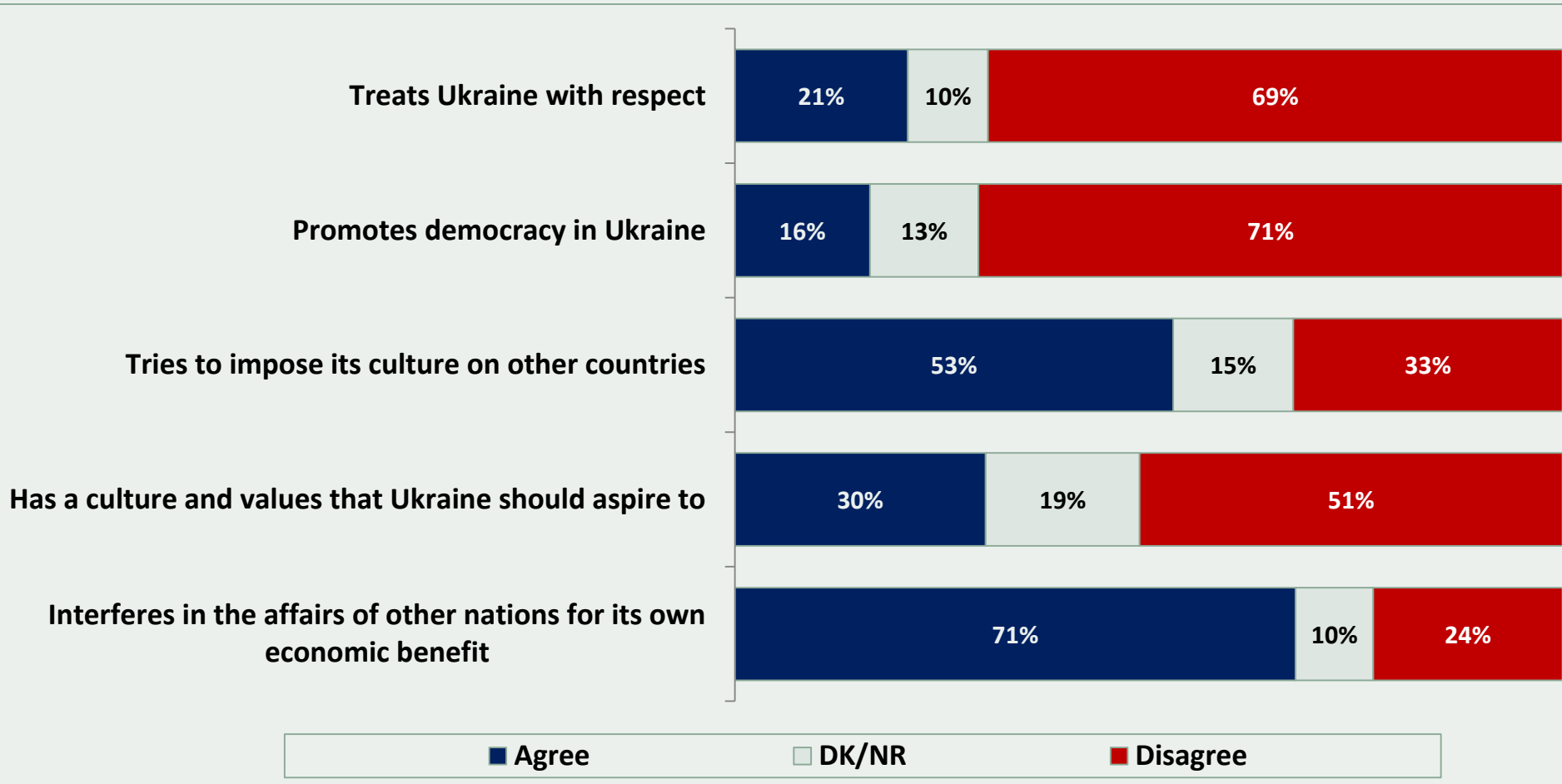


Opinions on the European Union



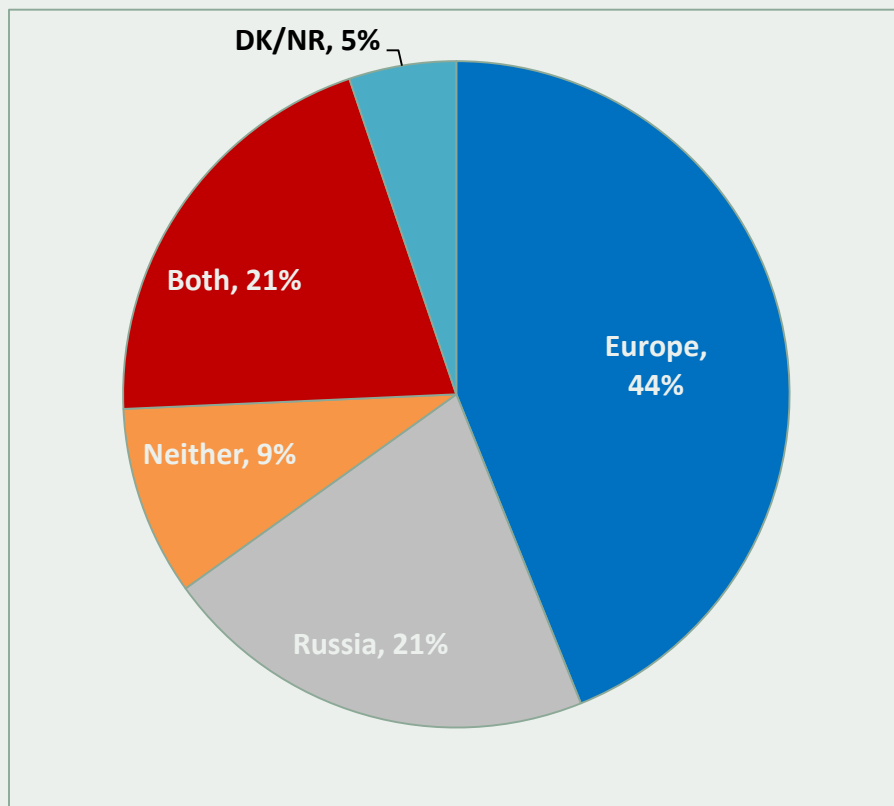
"I'll read you several statements, and you tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each. To what extent to you agree or disagree that the EU...?"

Opinions on Russia



"I'll read you several statements, and you tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each. To what extent to you agree or disagree that Russia...?"

Future Orientation of Ukraine



West – Eur. (82%), Rus. (2%), Both (9%)

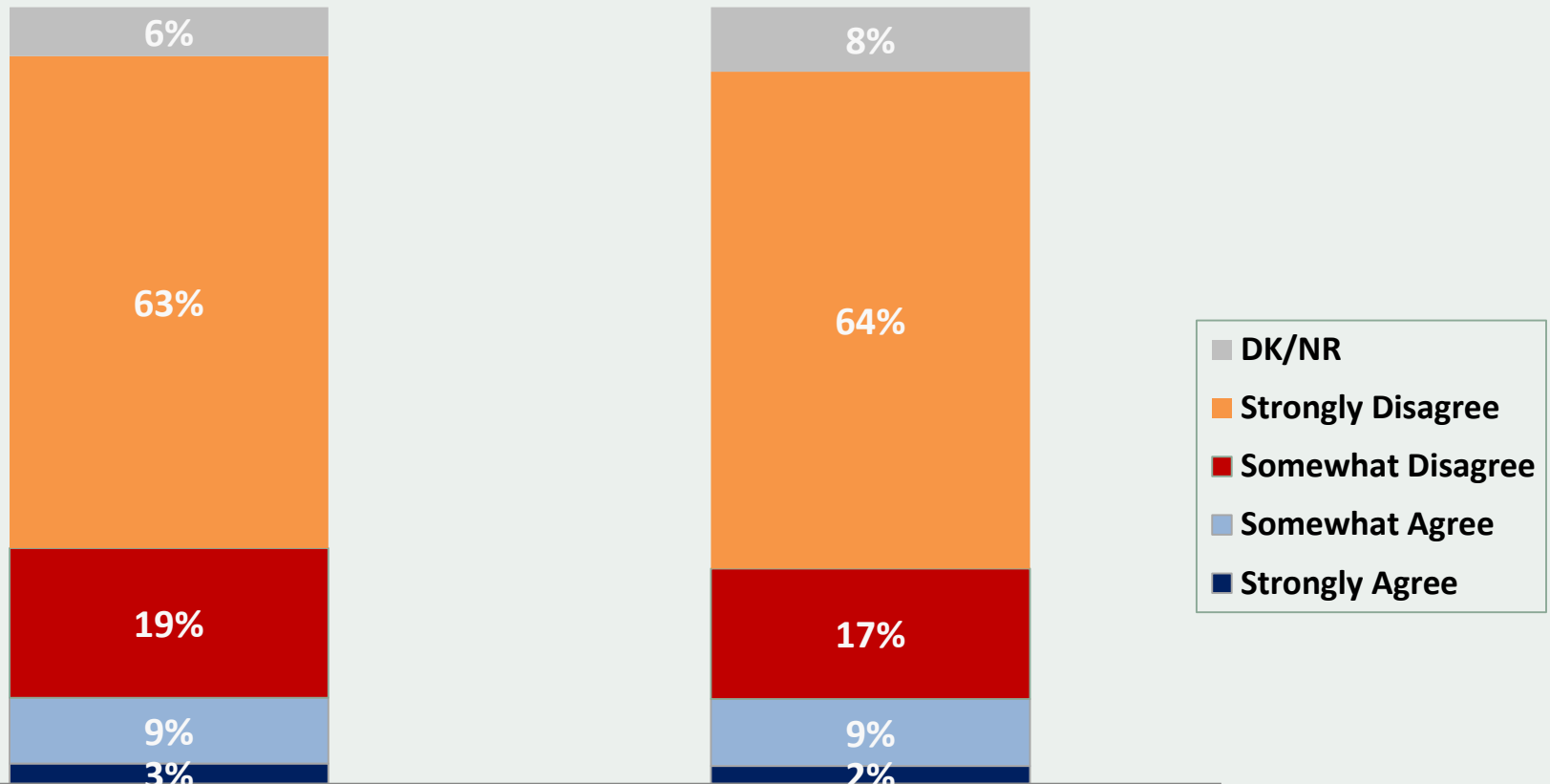
Center - Eur. (59%), Rus. (4%), Both (17%)

North - Eur. (50%), Rus. (8%), Both (22%)

East - Eur. (16%), Rus. (46%), Both (26%)

South - Eur. (27%), Rus. (24%), Both (28%)

Opinions on Discrimination against Russian Language in Ukraine

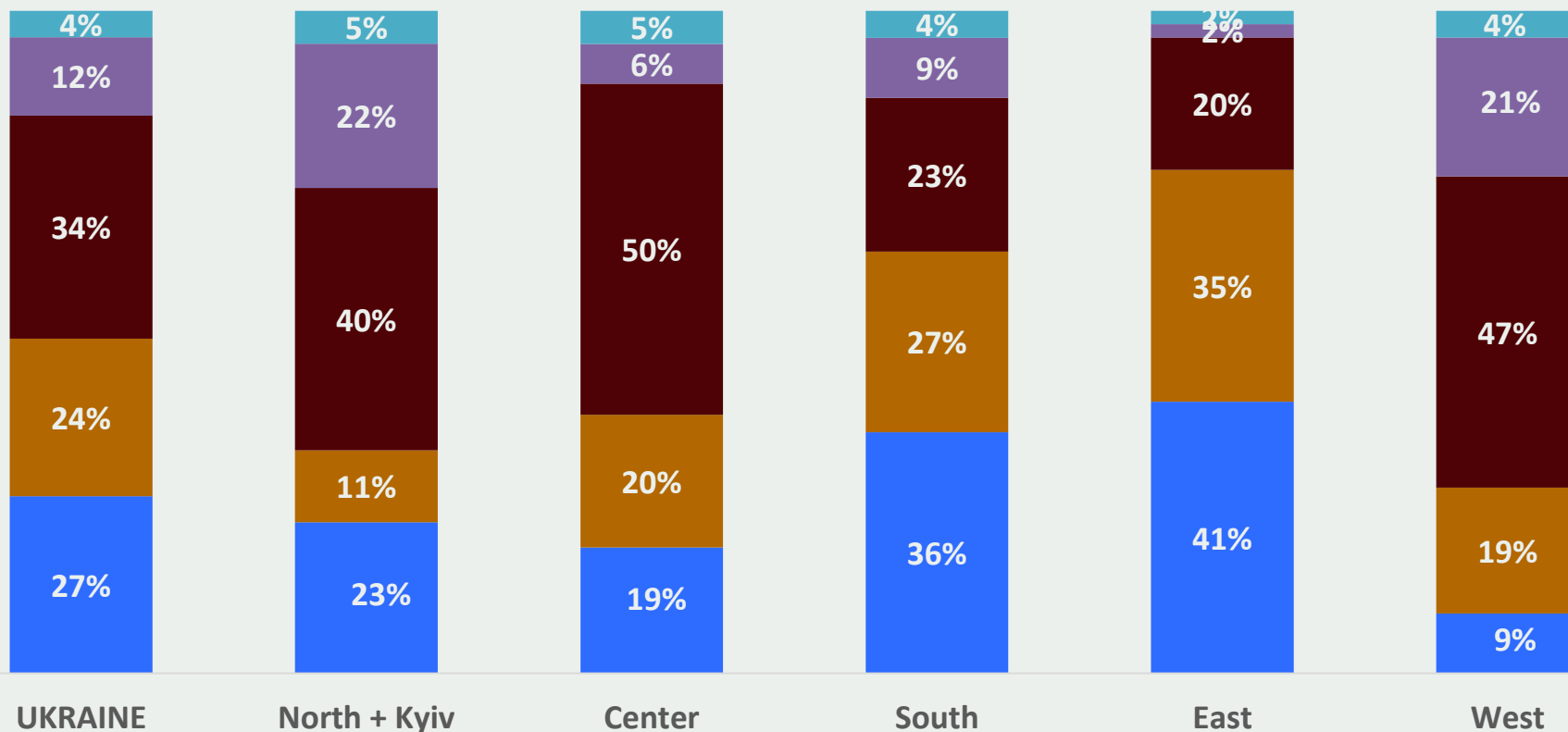


The Russian language is discriminated against in Ukraine

Some government services are not provided for Russian speakers in Ukraine (e.g. schools, public service jobs, etc.)

"Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:" (n=2,039)

Status of Russian Language in Ukraine



■ DK/NR

■ Russian should have no official status in Ukraine

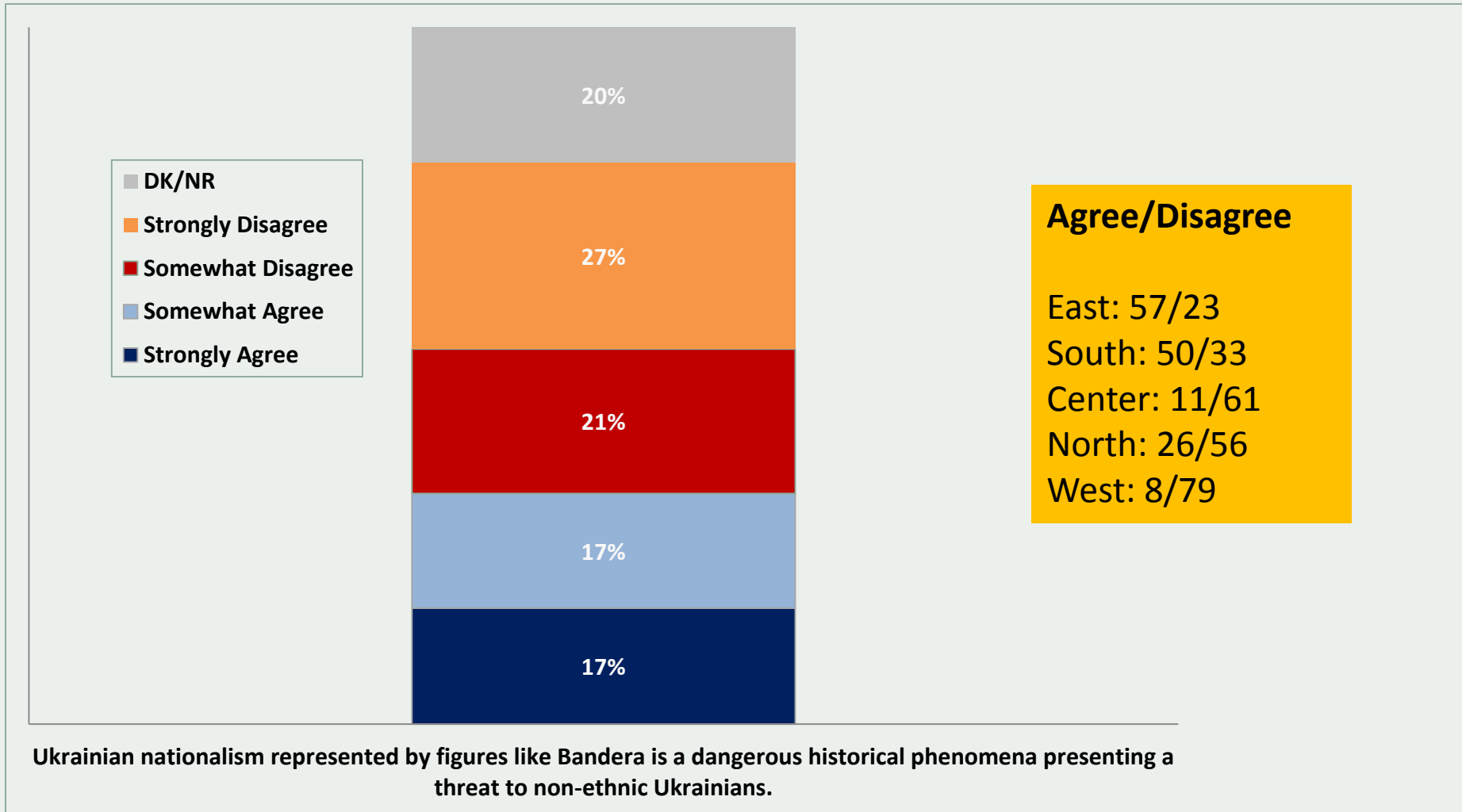
■ Russian should not be recognized as an official language, but the state should make Russian language services available

■ Russian should be recognized as an official regional language

■ Russian should have the status of an official language

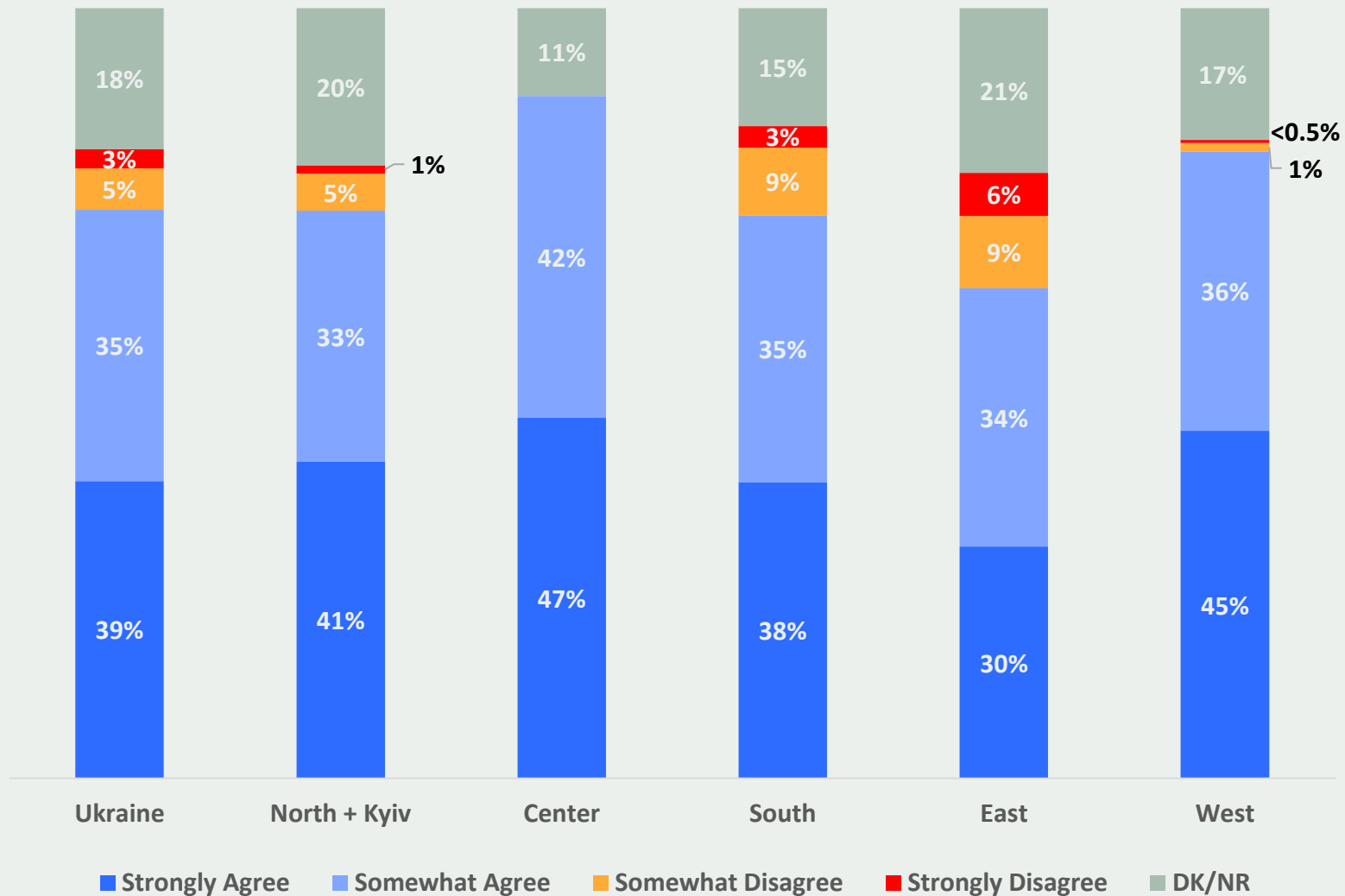
"A lot of discussion has been given to the status of Russian as a language in Ukraine. Which of the following do you think is the appropriate status of the Russian language in Ukraine?" (n=2,039)

Ukrainian Nationalism



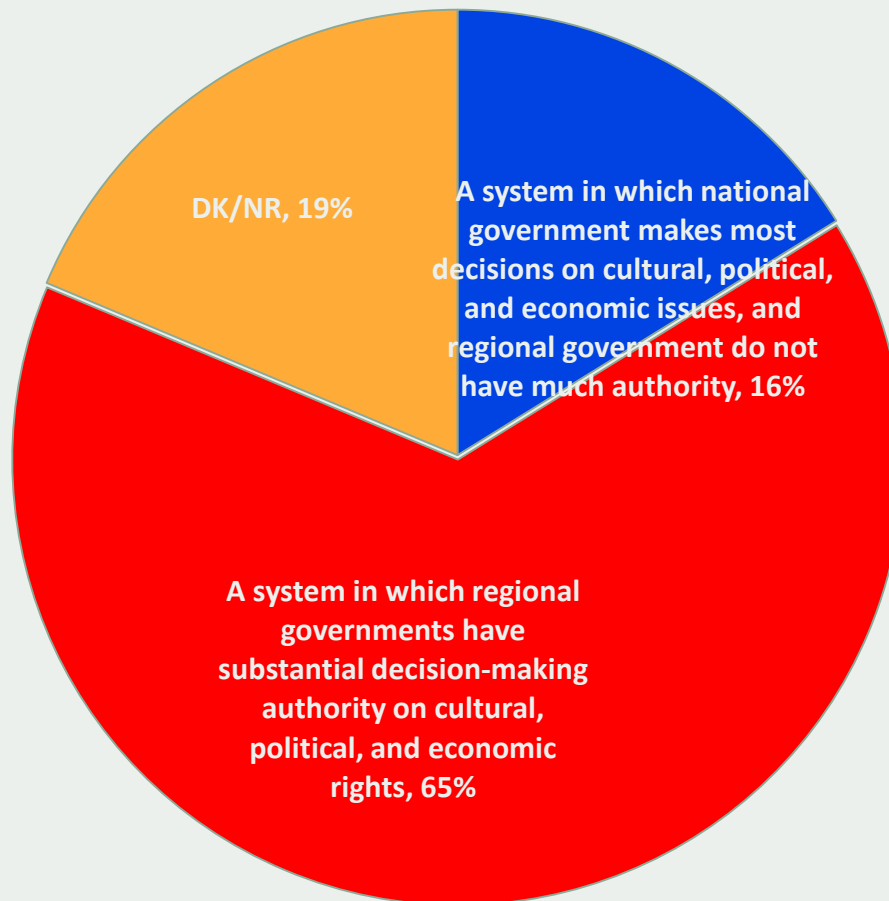
"Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:" (n=2,039)

Opinion on Whether Current Divisions in Ukraine will be Overcome



"Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Although recent events have brought out divisions between different groups of people in Ukraine, we all still live in one country and will be able to repair our divisions in the long run.'" (n=2,039)

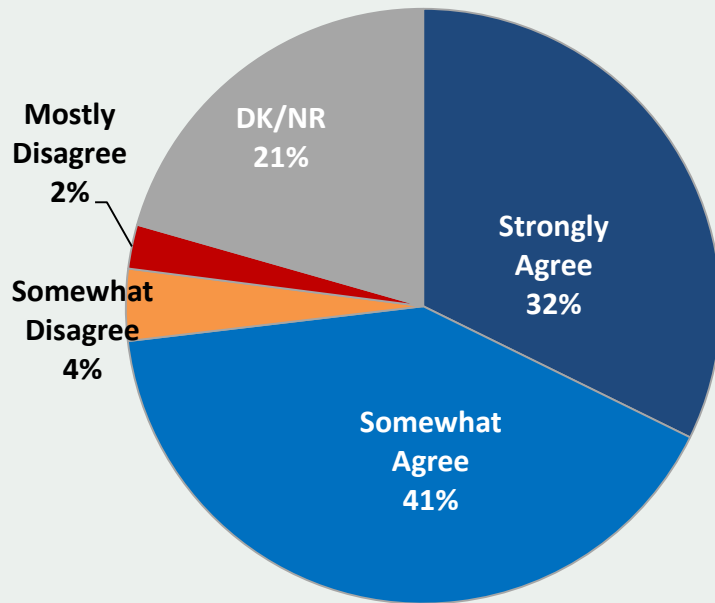
Best Type of Governance for Ukraine



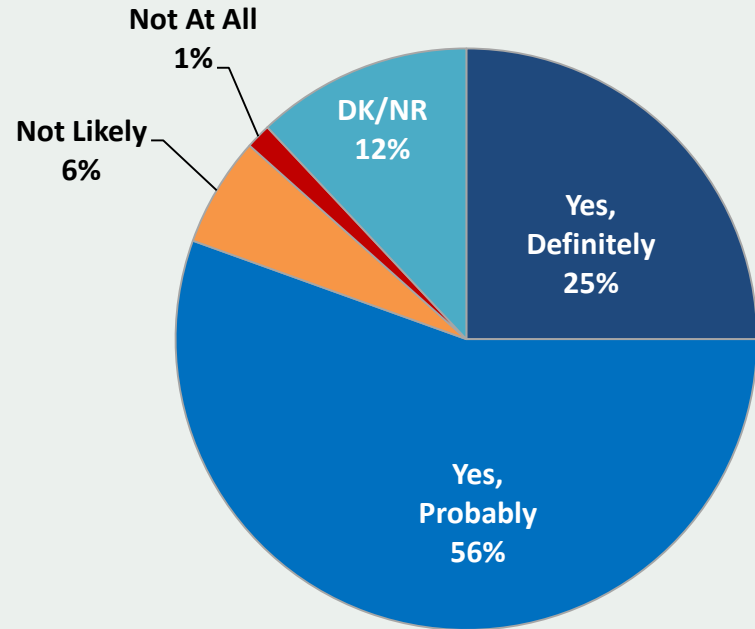
"Which of these two kinds of system of government do you think is best for Ukraine:..." (n=2,039)

Opinions on More Powers for Oblast and Resolution of Differences

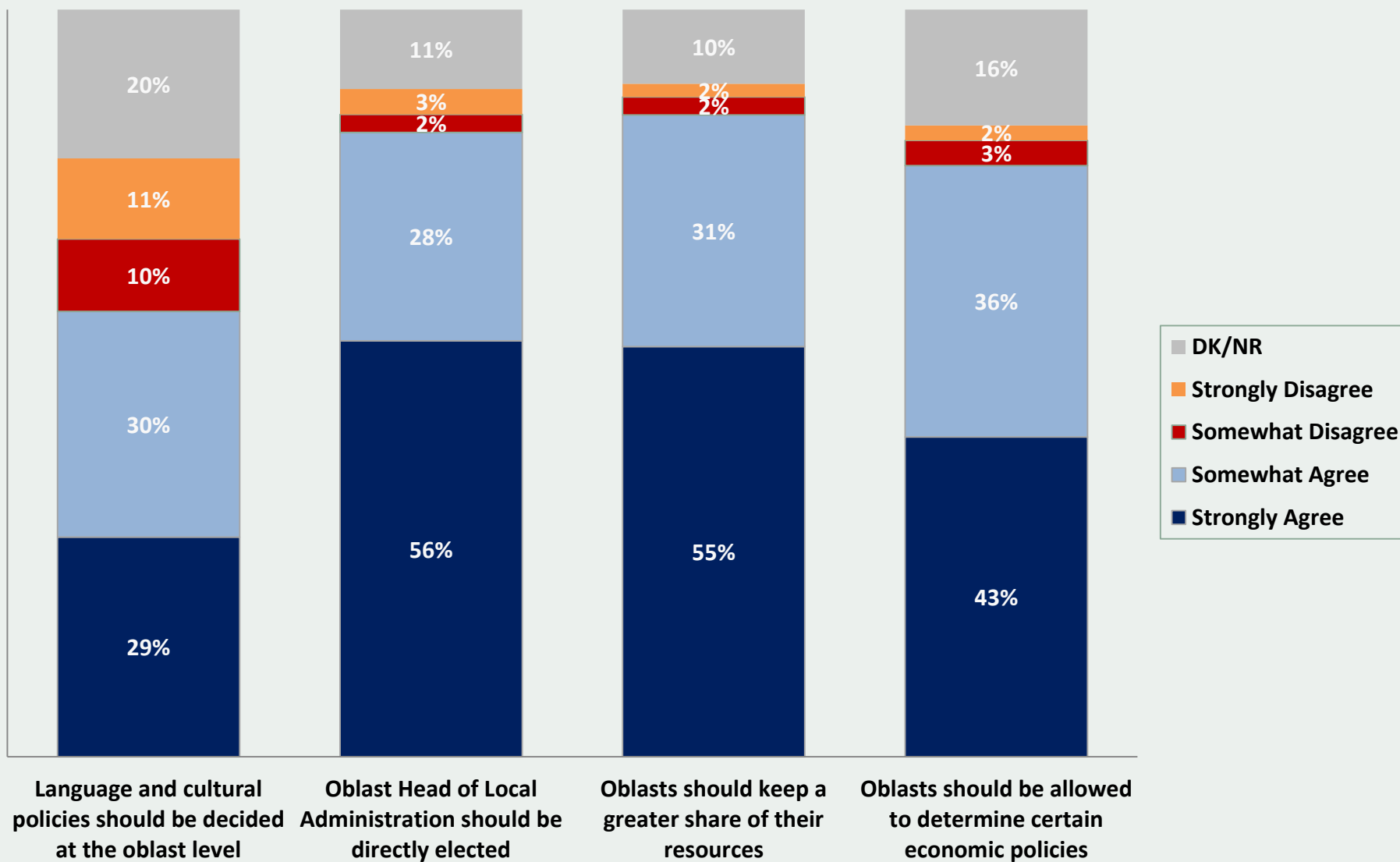
“There has been recent discussion of changing the political system in Ukraine to one in which each oblast government would have more control over decision-making on important cultural, political, and economic issues within the oblast. Do you agree or disagree with this approach” (n=2,039)



“Do you think this system of government can help to resolve differences between different regions of Ukraine?” (n=2,039)



Opinions on Level of Responsibility for Oblasts



"Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following actions to reform governing structures in Ukraine:"