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# Nigeria Post-Election Survey

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# Survey Overview and Specifications

## Objectives

- Examine perceptions of the integrity of the 2019 elections, the electoral process and Election Day experiences
- Measure awareness of and trust in the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)
- Measure exposure to voter education and information campaigns and knowledge of electoral procedures

## Sample Design

- Sample size: 2,736 respondents (adults 18 years or older)
- The margin of error is  $\pm 1.87\%$
- Nationally representative of Nigeria's 36 states and Abuja, stratified by urban and rural settlements and Nigeria's six geopolitical zones, using probability proportionate to size sampling techniques

## Survey Implementation

- IFES contracted survey firm Practical Sampling International (PSI) to implement the survey
- IFES' Center for Applied Research and Learning designed survey methodology and provided field oversight for setup and pretest

## Survey Dates

- Data collection took place from July 29-August 25, 2019

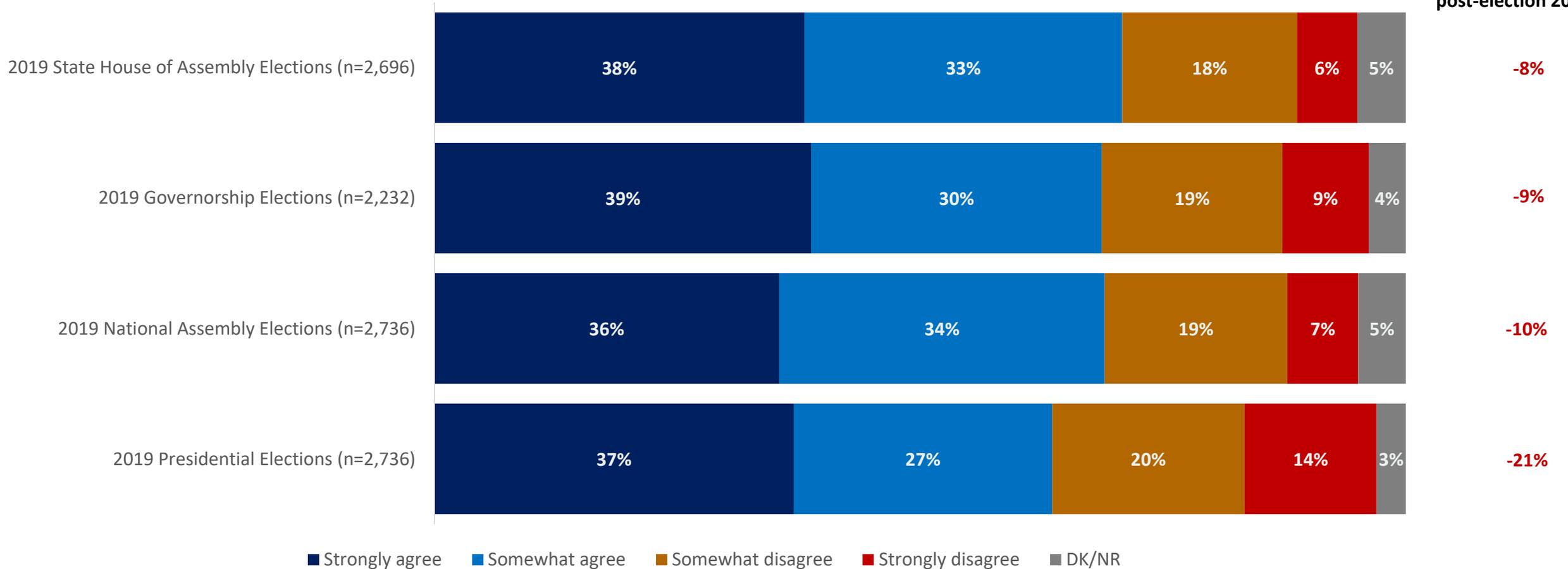


# Views on Elections and Democracy



# Perceived Fairness of Elections

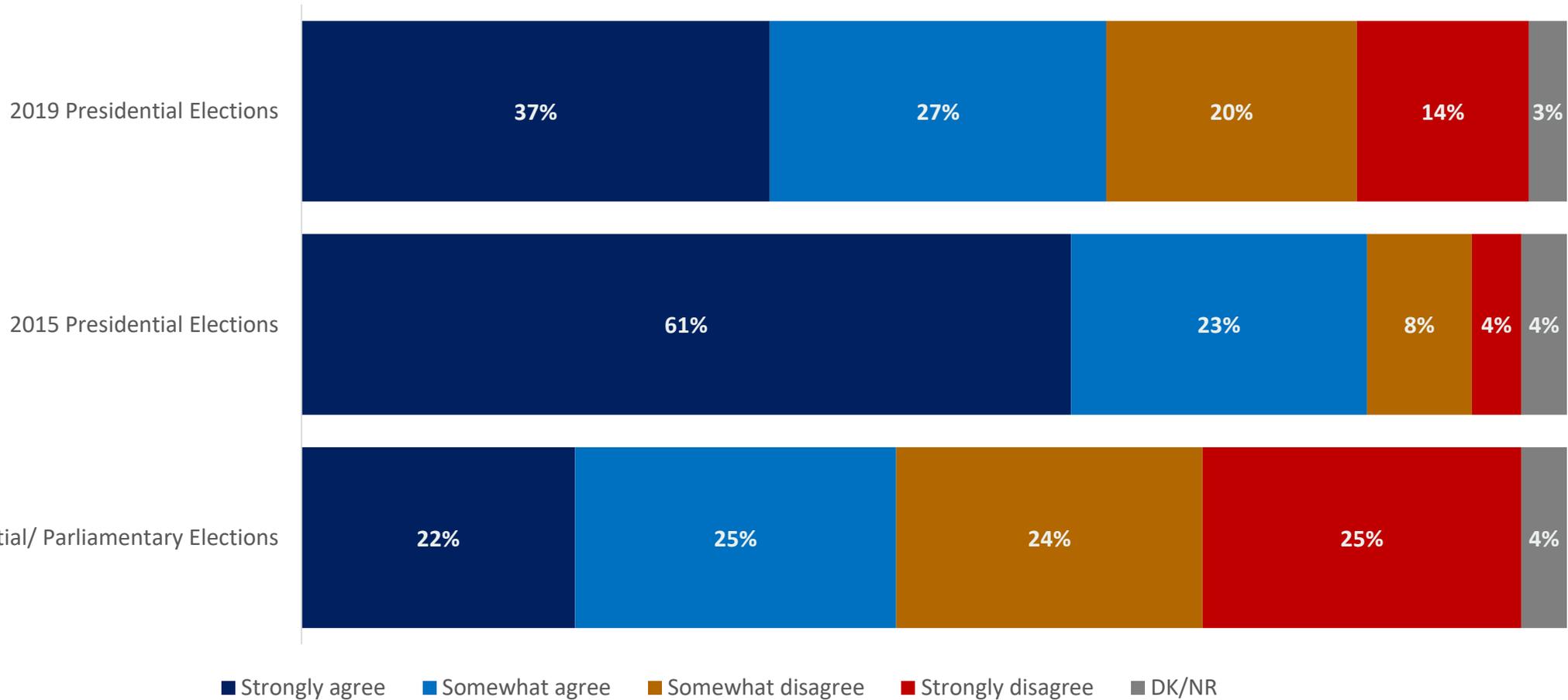
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*“How free and fair do you think \_\_\_\_\_ was? Do you think they were completely free and fair, somewhat free and fair, not too free and fair, or not at all free and fair?”*

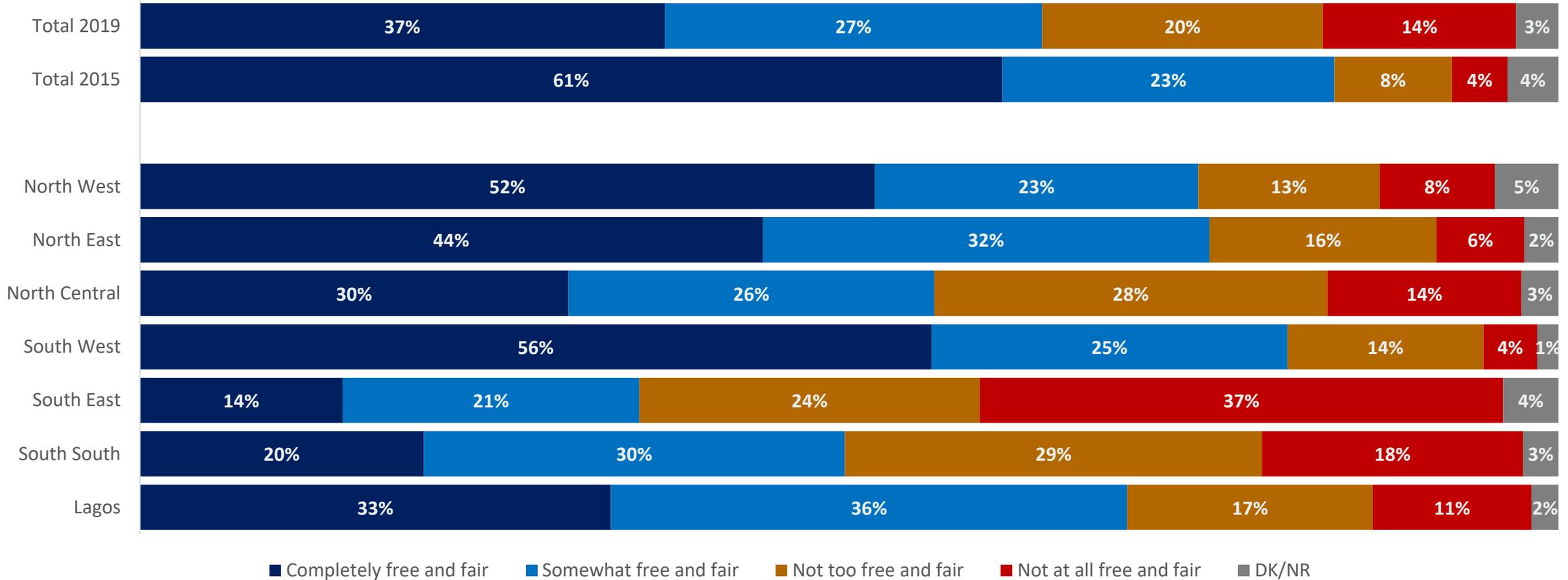


# Perceived Fairness of Elections (Trend)



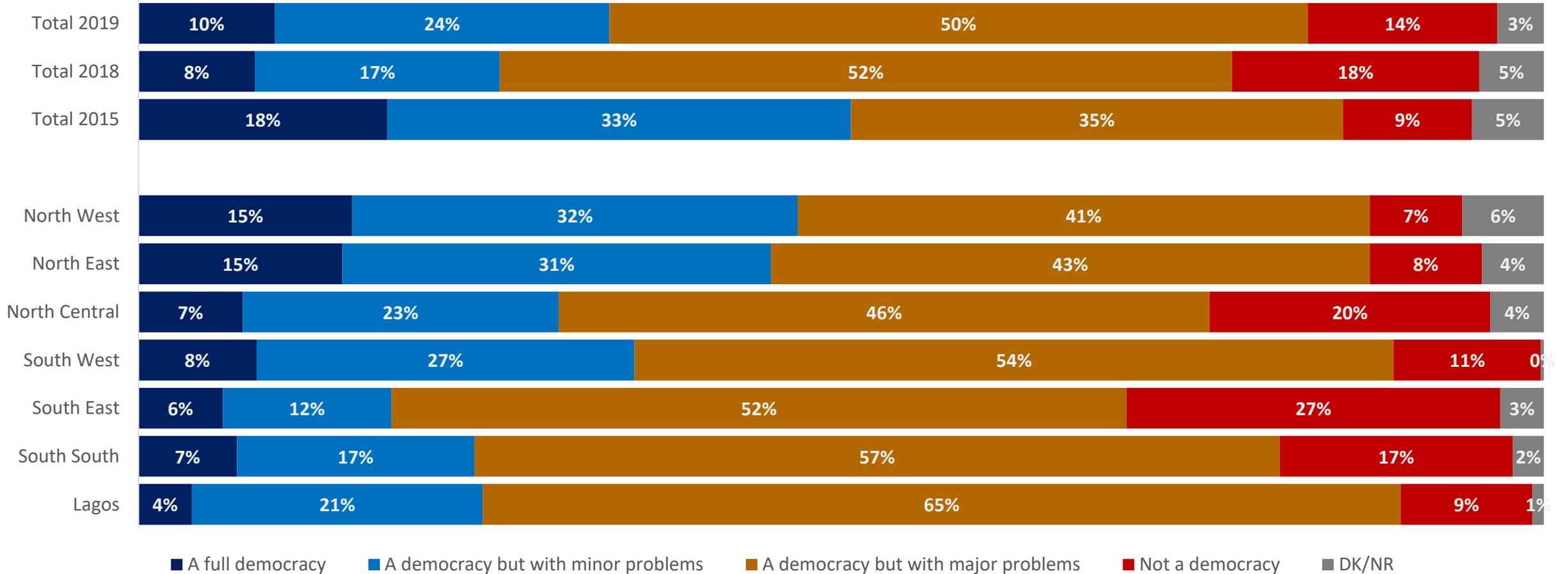


# Regional Differences in Perceived Fairness of Presidential Election



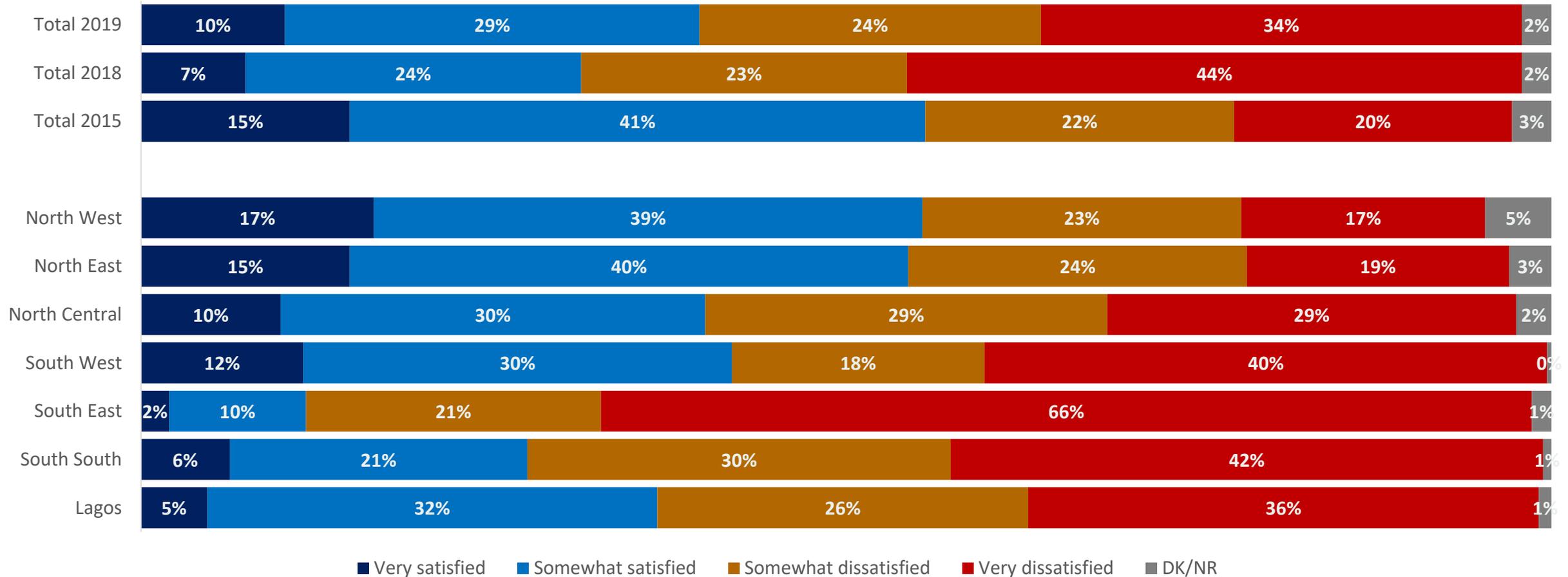
“How free and fair do you think the 2019 presidential elections were?” (n=2,736)

# Perception of Democracy



*"In your opinion, how much of a democracy is Nigeria today?" (n=2,736)*

# Satisfaction with Democracy

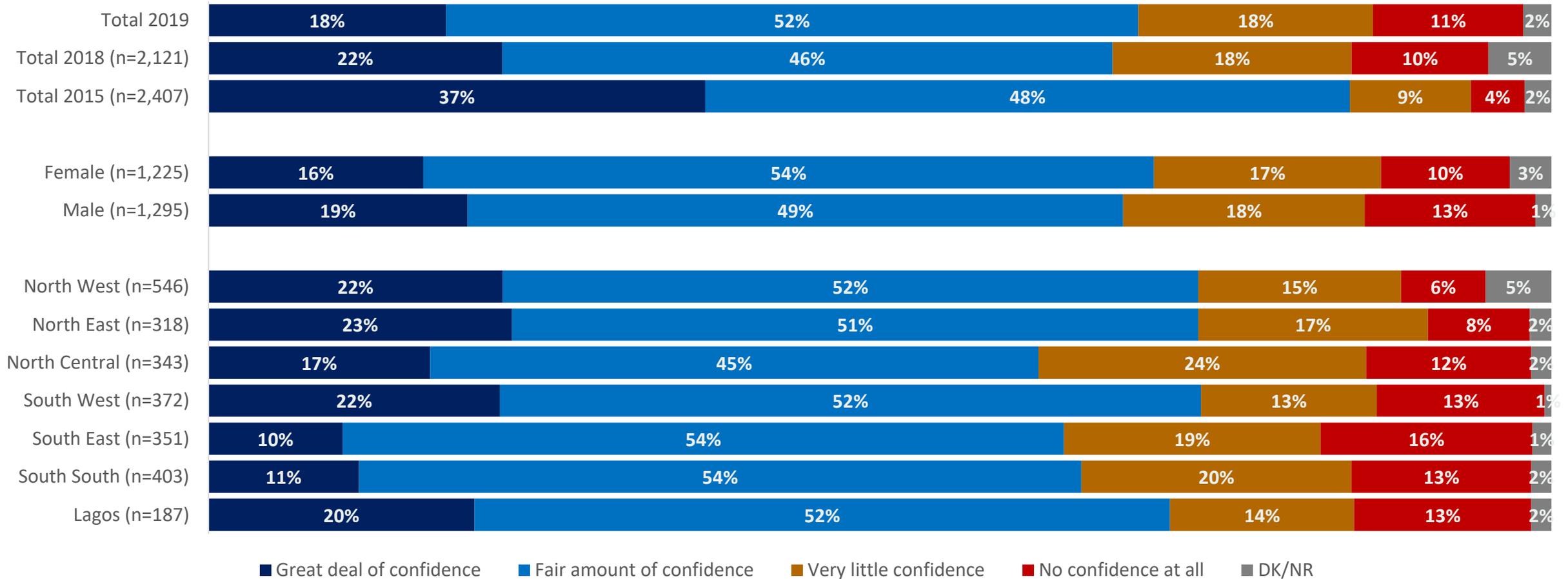


*"How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy works in Nigeria?" (n=2,736)*



# Views on INEC

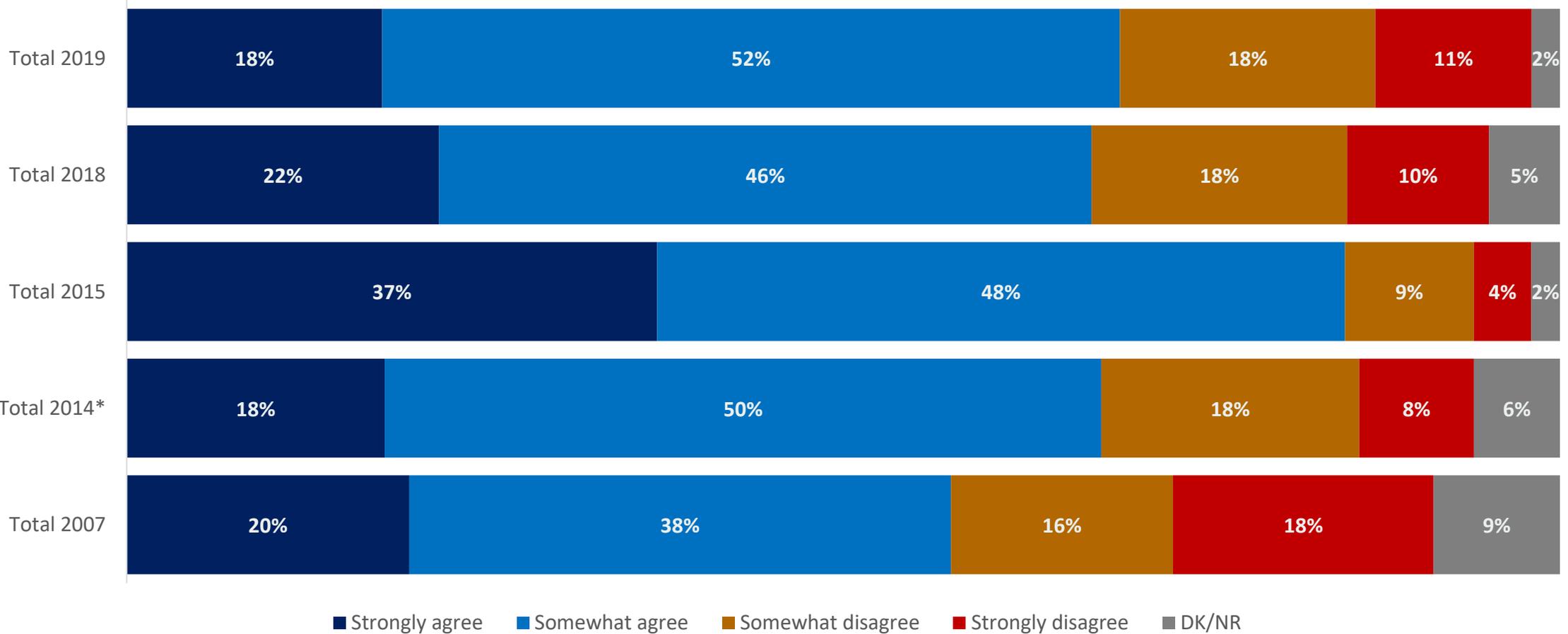
# Confidence in INEC



“How much confidence do you have in the ability of INEC to organize credible elections? Do you have...” (n=2,520)



# Confidence in INEC (Trend)





# INEC's Professionalism, Transparency and Independence

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somewhat agree since  
post-election 2015

INEC was efficient in the distribution of Permanent Voter Cards ahead of the 2019 elections



-1%

INEC staff were competent in managing electronic card readers



-6%

INEC was professional in organizing the 2019 elections.



-17%

INEC staff were competent in managing the voter registration process during the 2019 elections



-8%

INEC was transparent and informed the public and the media about its activities during the 2019 elections.



-16%

INEC performed its duties with honesty and integrity during the 2019 elections.



-20%

INEC is an independent institution that is not influenced by political considerations.



-20%

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ DK/NR

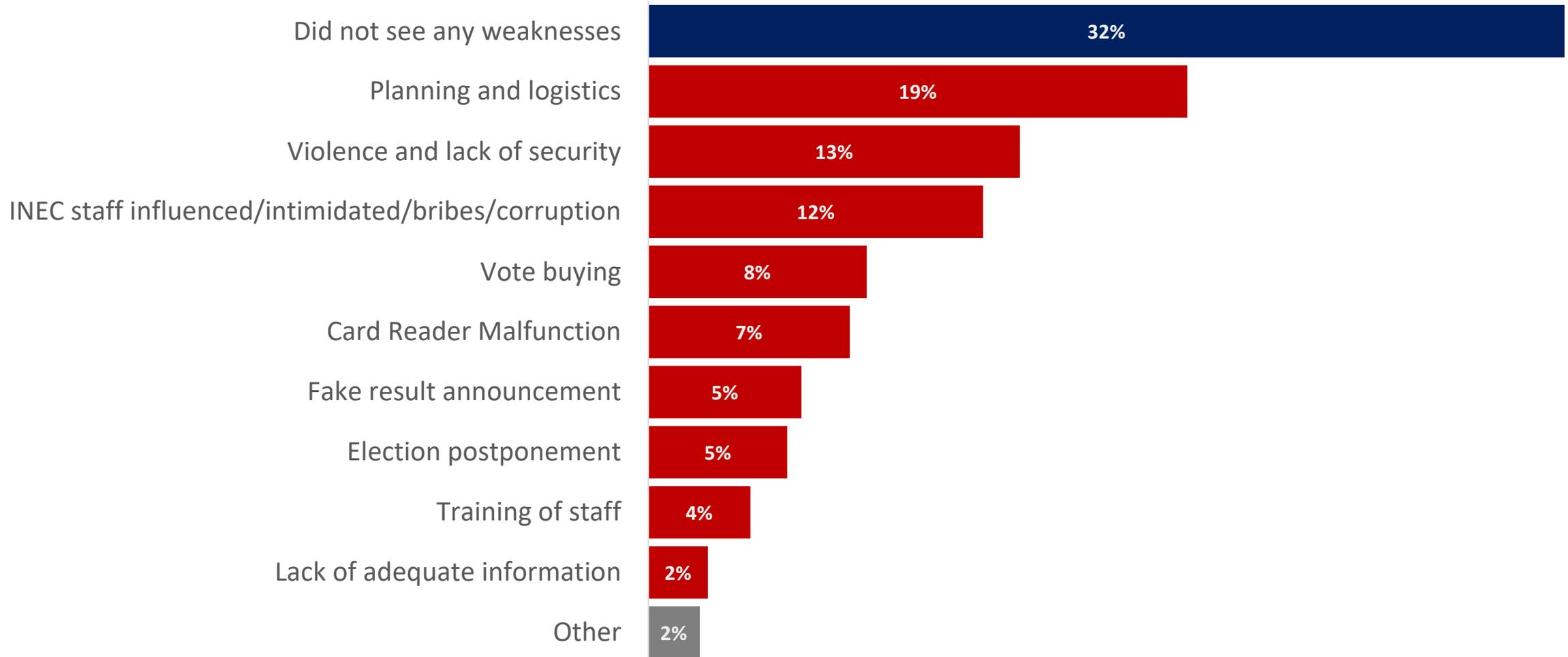
*“Listed below are statements about INEC. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of these statements” (n=2,520)*



# Views on the Election Process



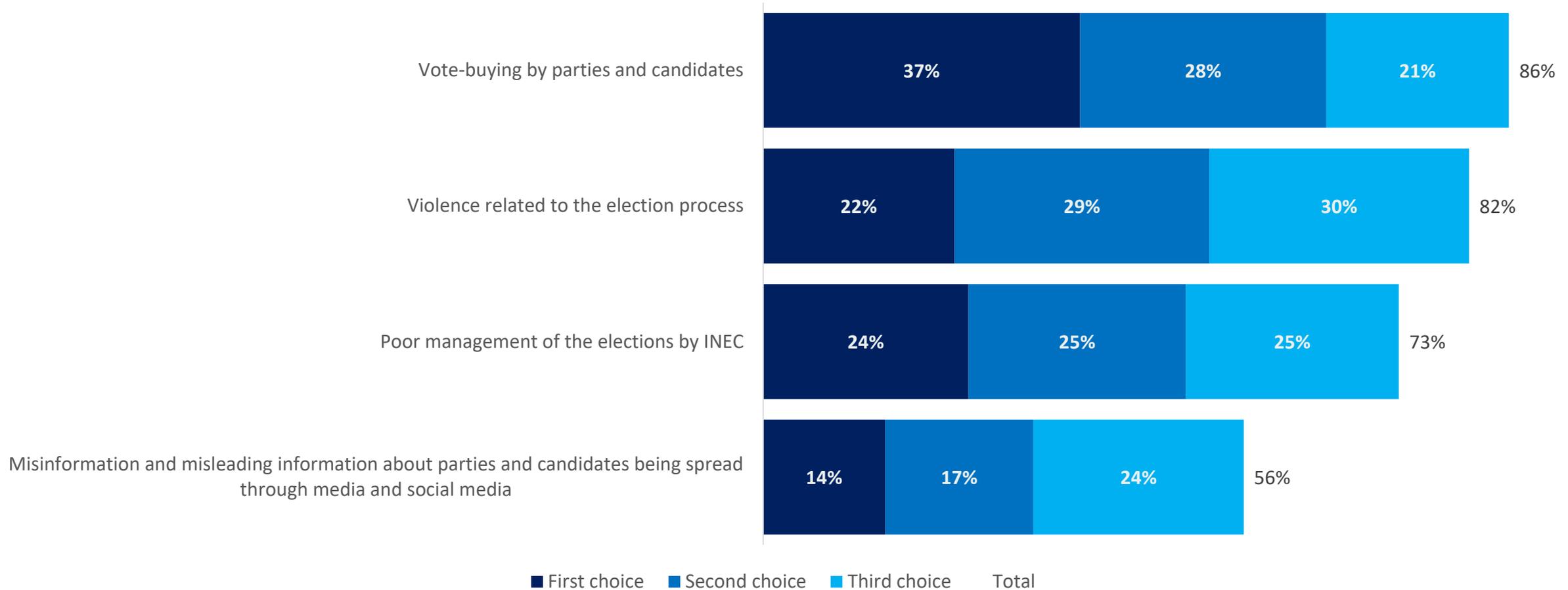
# Electoral Weaknesses – Unprompted Responses



*"Please tell me what are the main weaknesses, if any, about the process of the 2019 Presidential and National Assembly elections in Nigeria?" (n=2,736)*

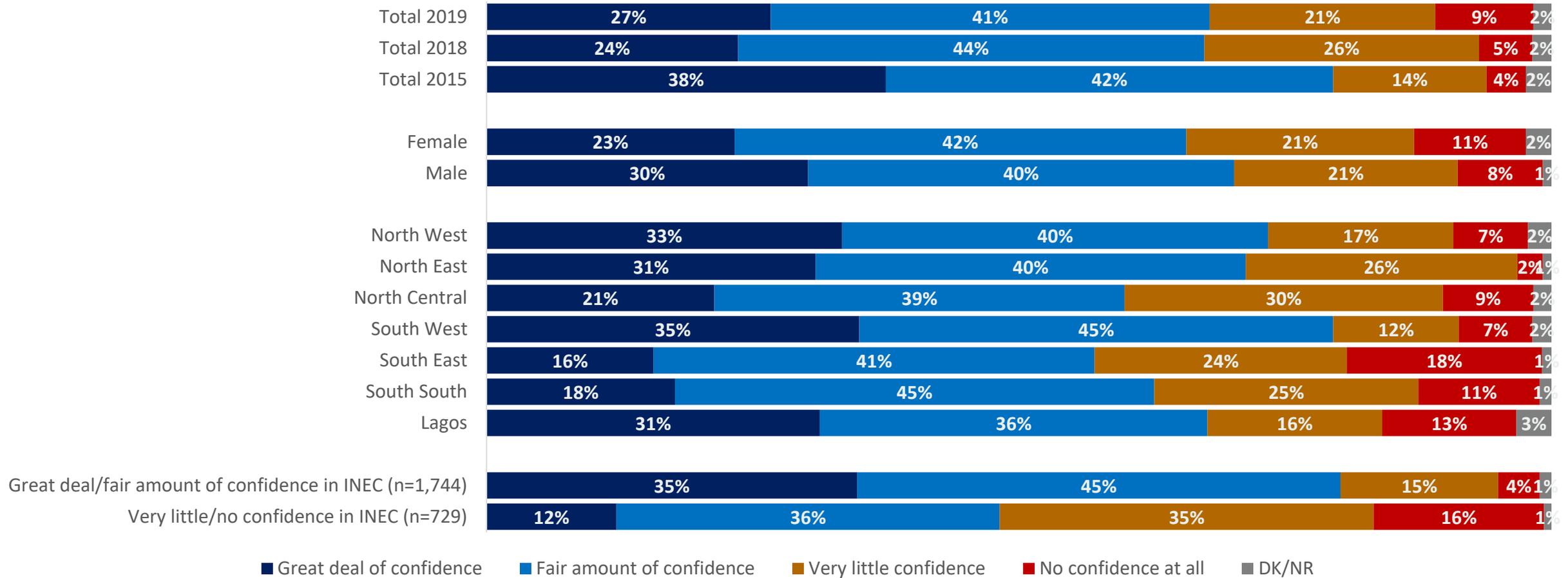


# Threats to the Integrity of Elections – Prompted Rank Order



*"In your view, which of these is the biggest threat to the integrity of elections in Nigeria? And which is the second biggest threat? And which is the third biggest threat?" (n=2,736)*

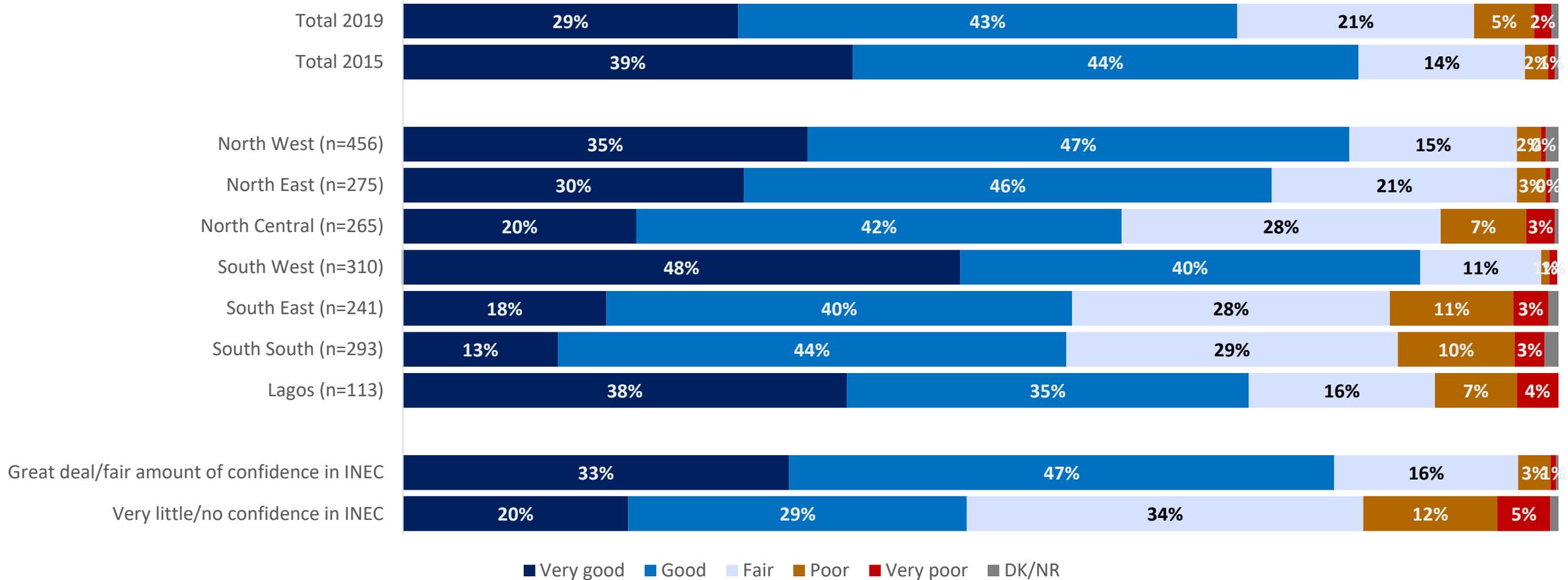
# Confidence in Voter Register



“How much confidence do you have in the voter registration process in Nigeria? Do you have...” (n=2,736)



# Perceptions Among Voters of the Voting Experience

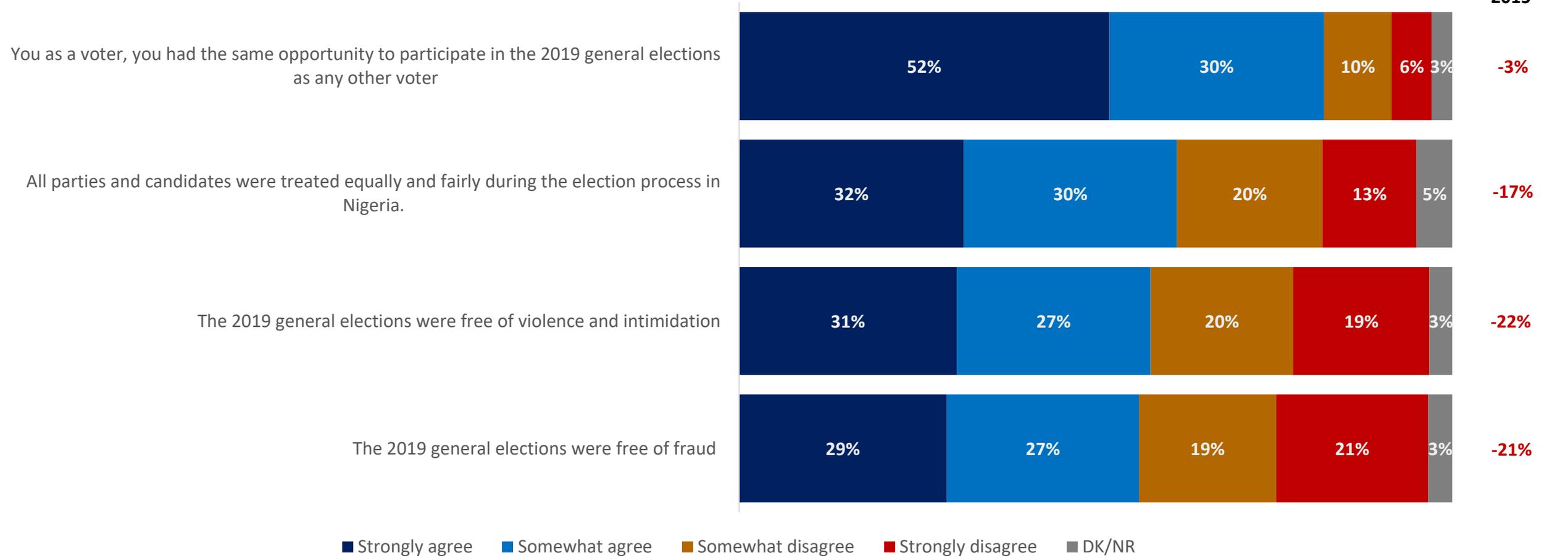


*"How would you rate your overall voting experience? Would you rate it as..." (n=1,953)*



# Views on Conduct of 2019 Elections, Compared with 2015

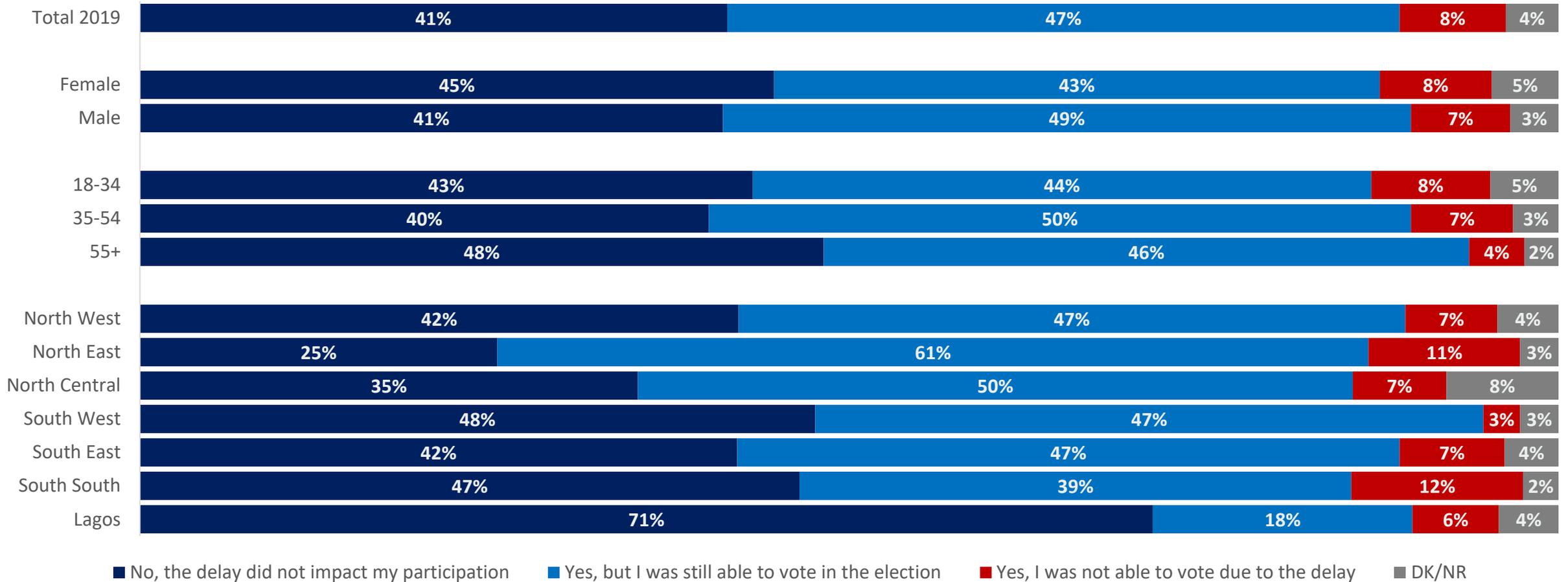
Change since post-election 2015



“Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements about the 2019 general elections in Nigeria?” (n=2,736)



# Impact of Delay of Elections on Ability to Vote

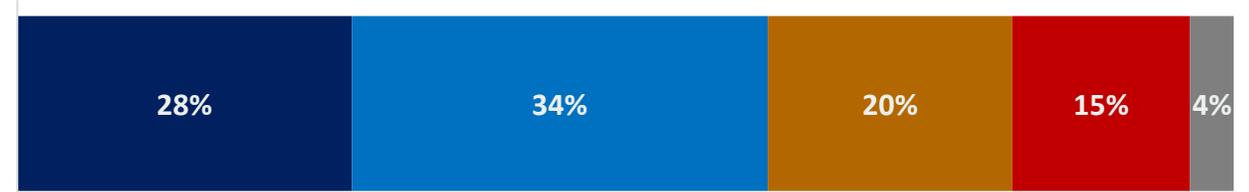


*"As you may know, the 2019 presidential and gubernatorial elections were delayed by one week. Did this delay of the elections impact your participation in the election?" (n=2,736)*



# Impact of Delay of Elections on Perceptions of Integrity

INEC's decision to delay the 2019 presidential and gubernatorial elections negatively impacted my perceptions of the integrity of the elections



INEC's decision to delay the 2019 presidential and gubernatorial elections was communicated clearly to all Nigerian citizens



INEC's decision to delay the 2019 presidential and gubernatorial elections was not influenced by political considerations



You understand the reasons why INEC decided to delay the 2019 presidential and gubernatorial elections



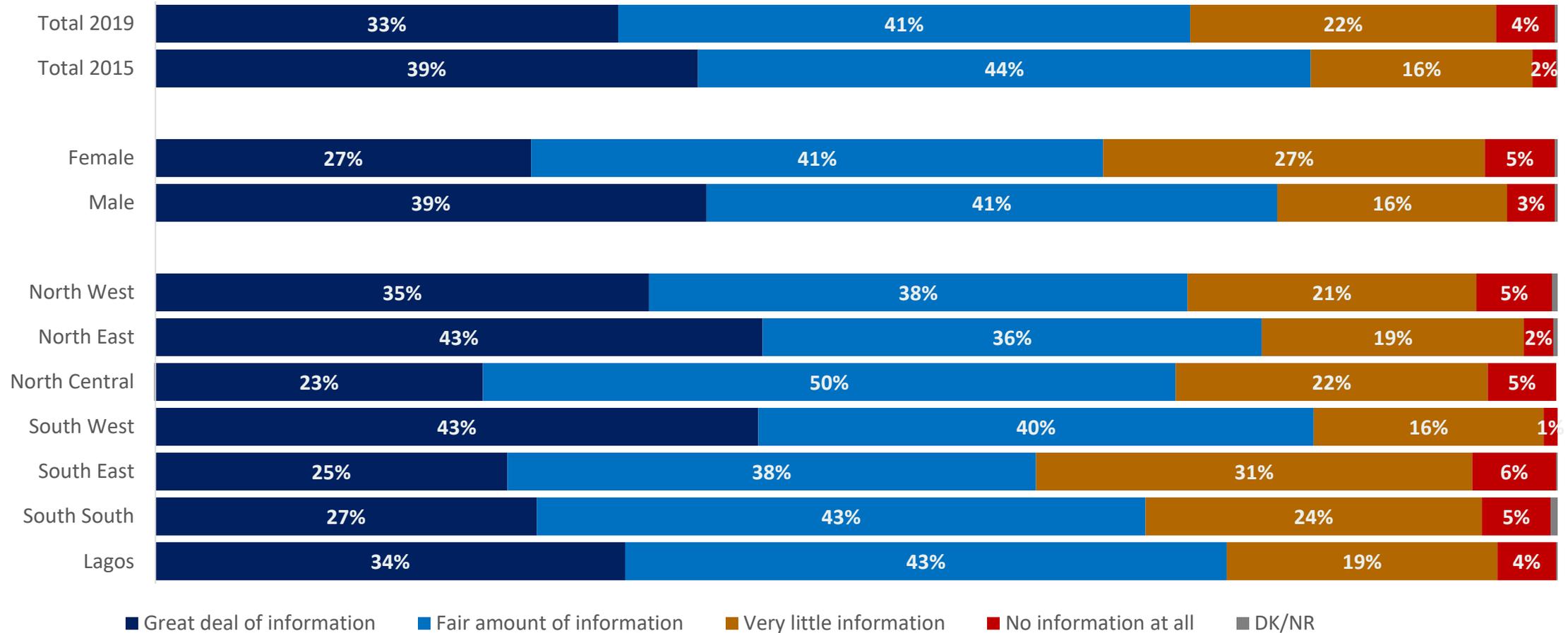
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*"Please tell me to what degree that you either agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the 2019 general elections:"*  
(n=2,736)



# Information on Elections

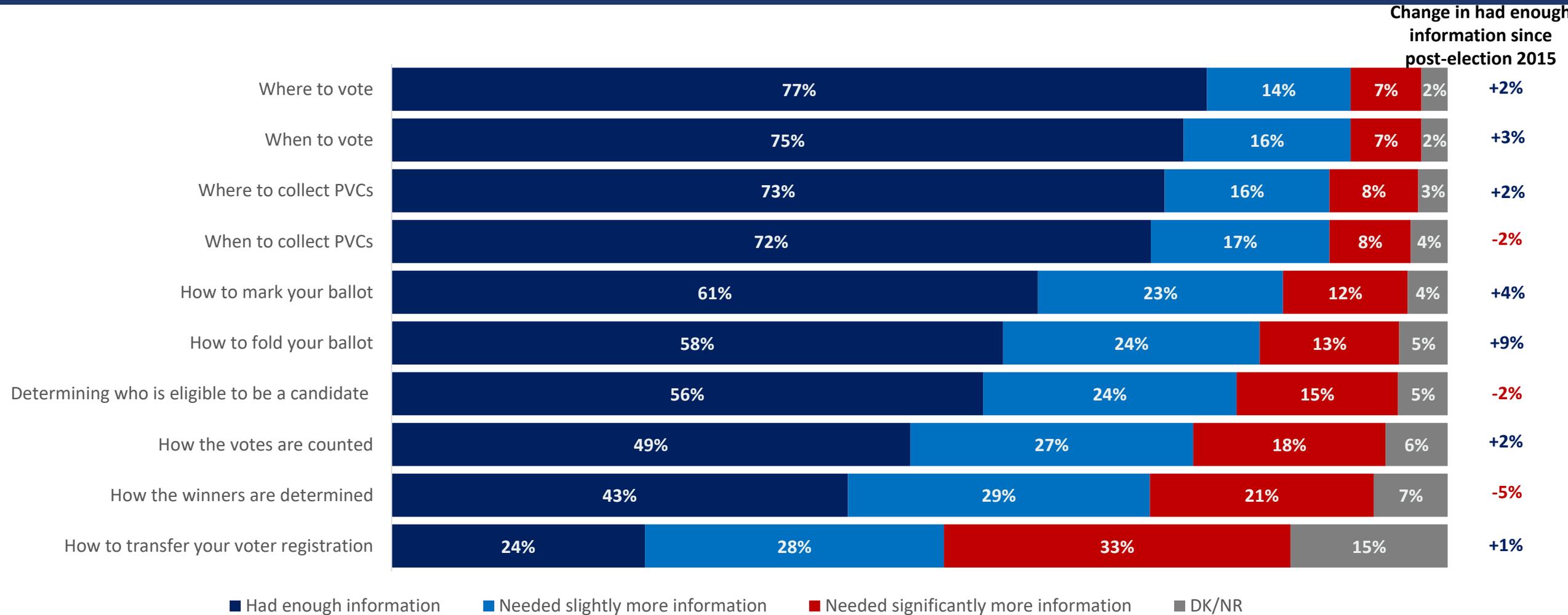
# Levels of Information About 2019 General Elections



“How much information did you have about the 2019 elections in Nigeria?” (n=2,736)



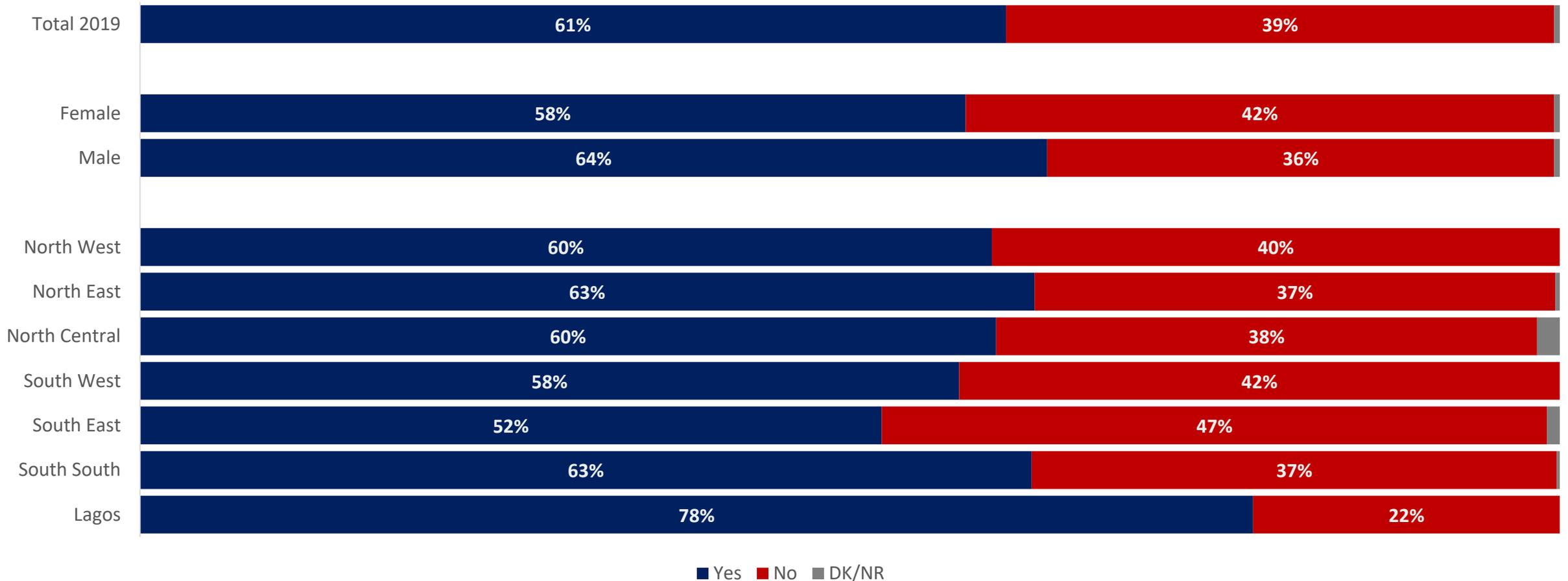
# Levels of Information on Elections



*“Ahead of the 2019 elections, did you feel you had enough information or needed more information on the following aspects of the process of the 2019 general elections?” (n=2,736)*



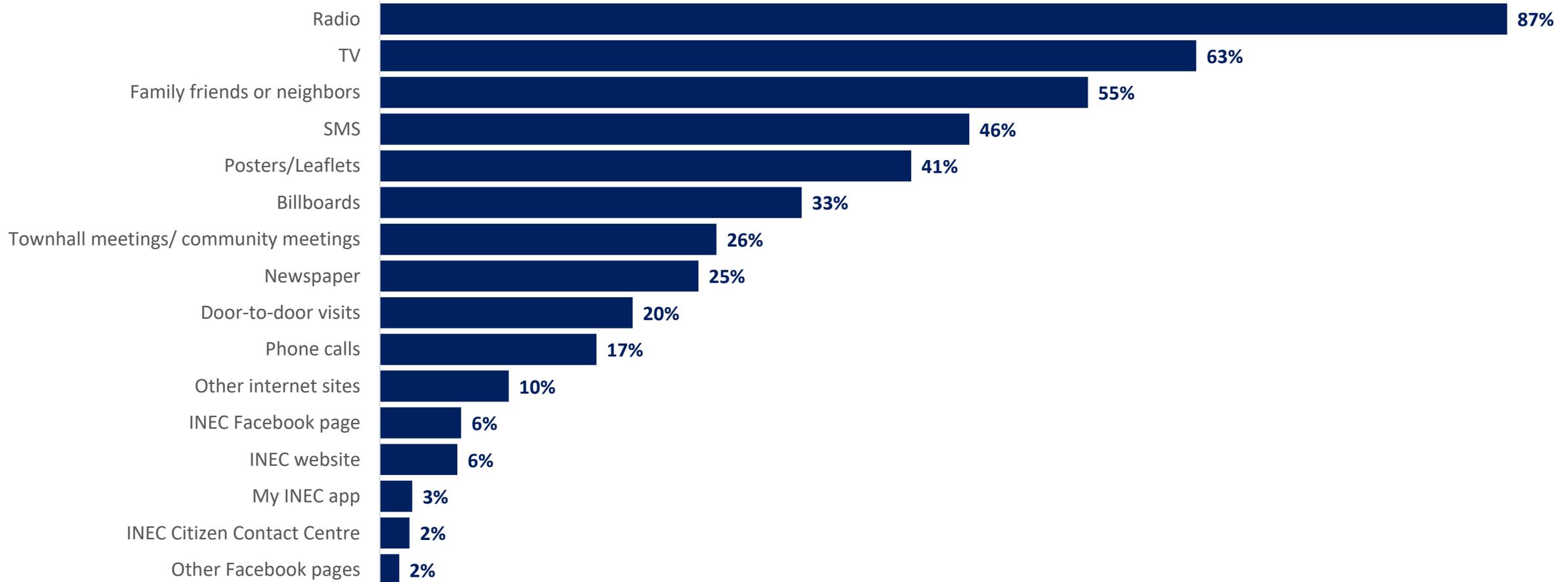
# Exposure to INEC Voter Education Messages



*"In the few weeks before the 2019 presidential and National Assembly elections, did you see or hear any INEC voter education messages informing you about the elections?" (n=2,736)*



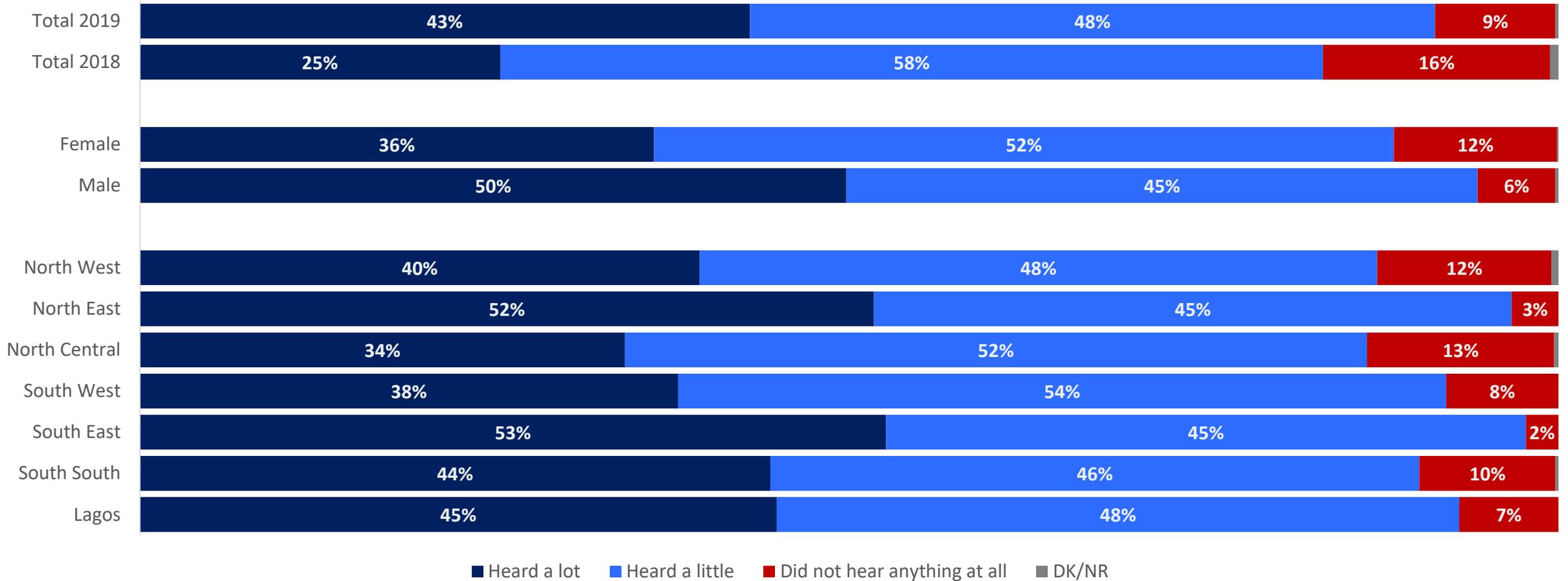
# Media Sources Utilized to Learn About Nigerian Elections



*"Through which information sources did you see or hear these INEC messages?" (n=1,709)*



# Levels of Awareness of INEC



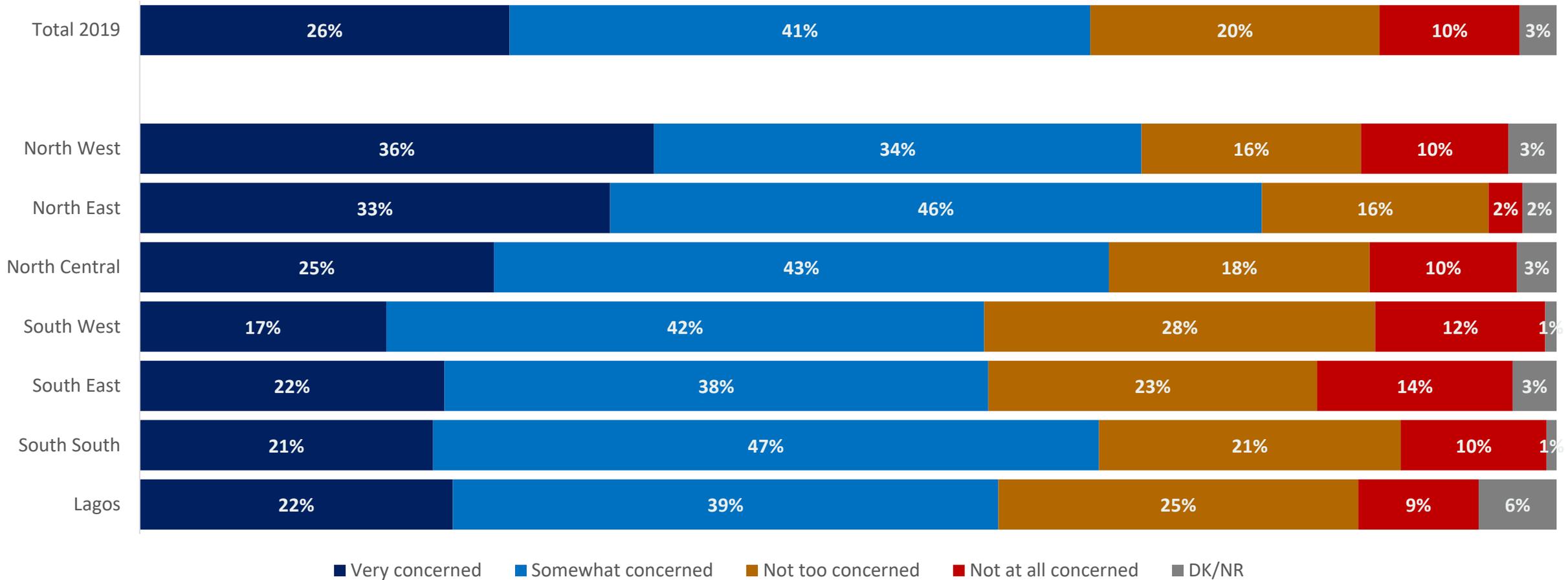
*“How much have you heard about INEC (Independent National Electoral Commission) that is responsible for conducting general elections in Nigeria? Have you...” (n=2,736)*



# Views on Disinformation

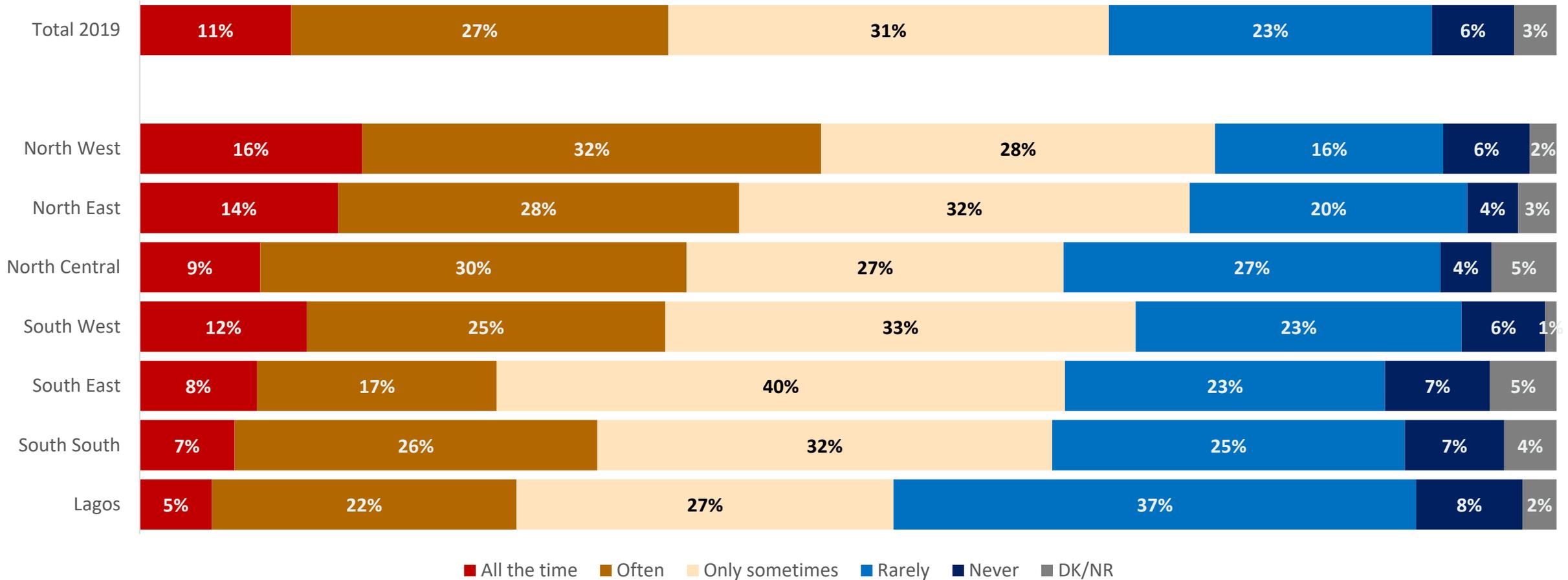


# Perceived Accuracy of Information



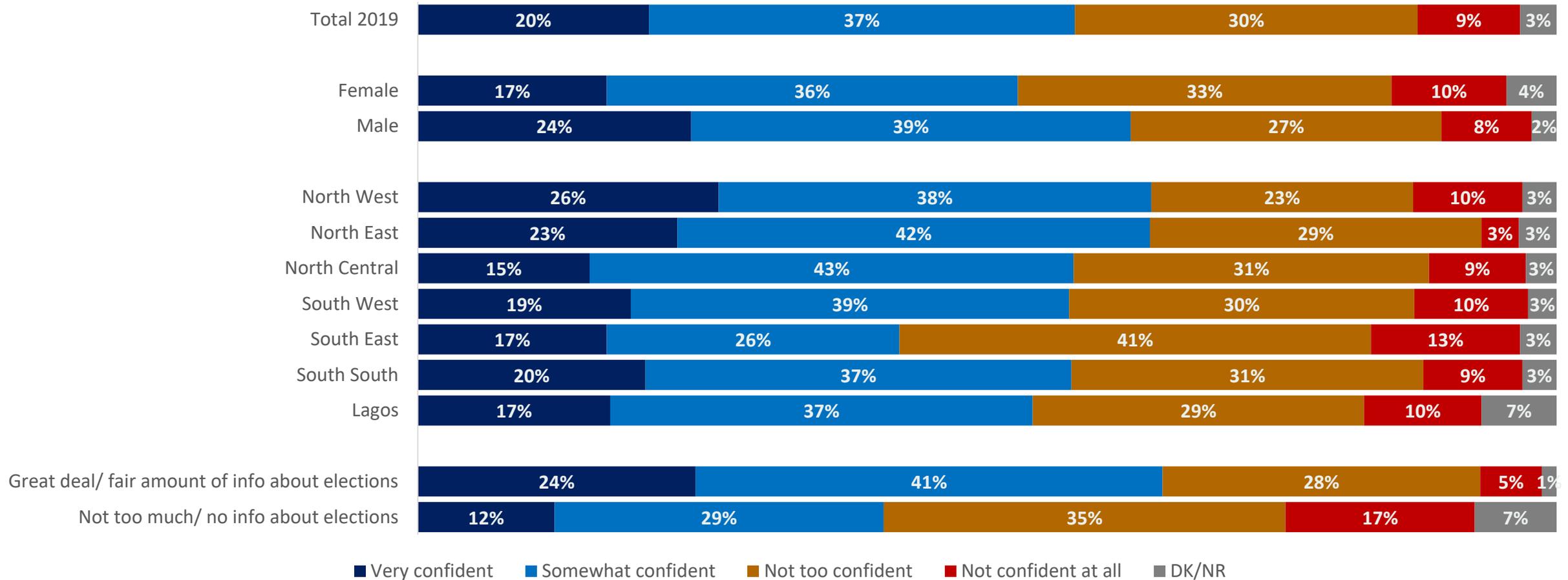
*"How concerned are you that some of the news and information you may have received before the election was not reliable or accurate?"*  
(n=2,736)

# Personal Exposure to Misinformation



*"How often did you come across news or information about political parties and candidates that you believe misrepresented reality or was factually incorrect?" (n=2,736)*

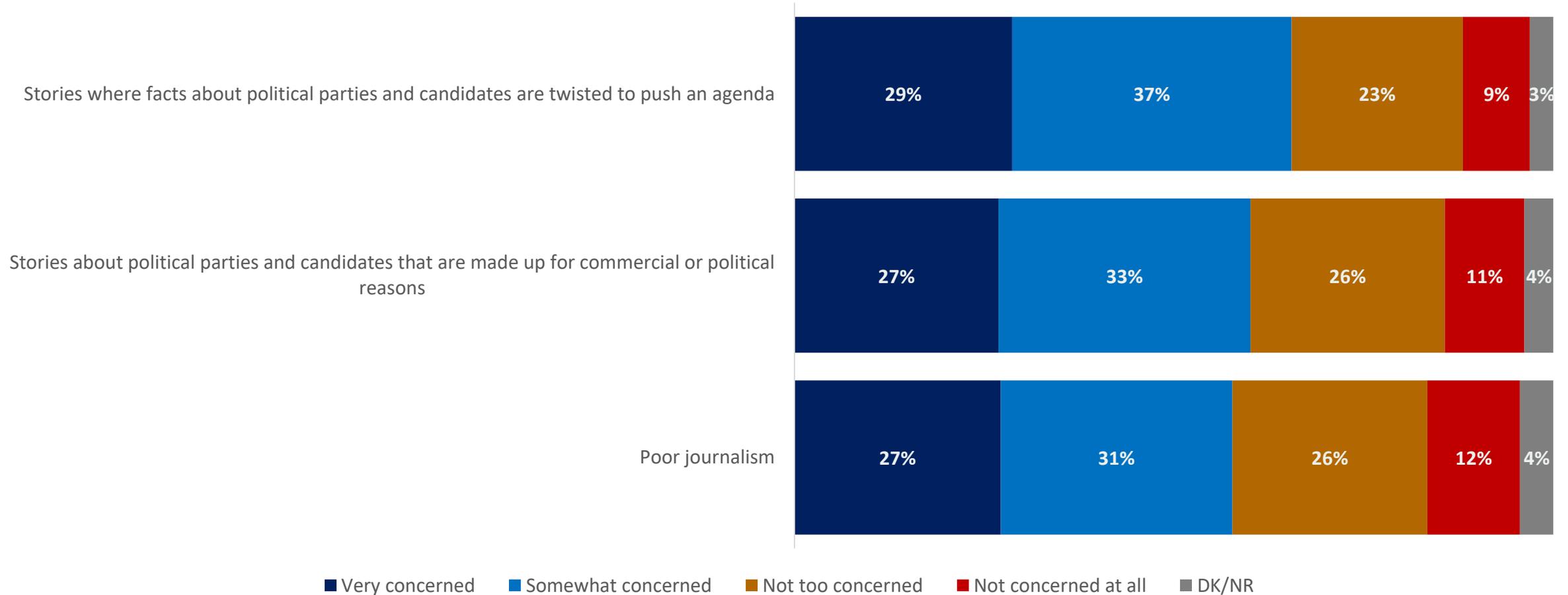
# Confidence to Identify Misinformation



*“How confident are you that you can identify news and information that is specifically designed to misinform people?” (n=2,736)*



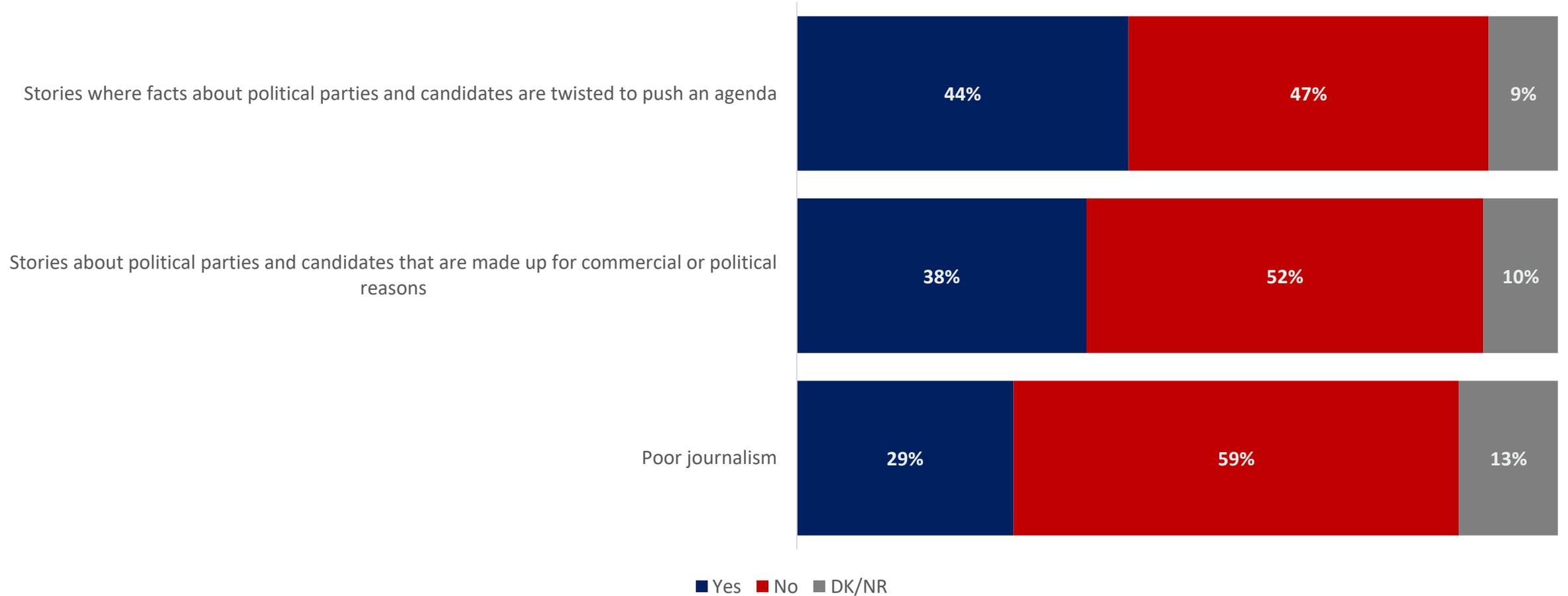
# Concerns over Spread of Misinformation Around Elections



*"To what extent, if at all, are you concerned about the following occurring during the election process in Nigeria?" (n=2,736)*



# Prevalence of Misinformation and Disinformation Prior to the 2019 Elections



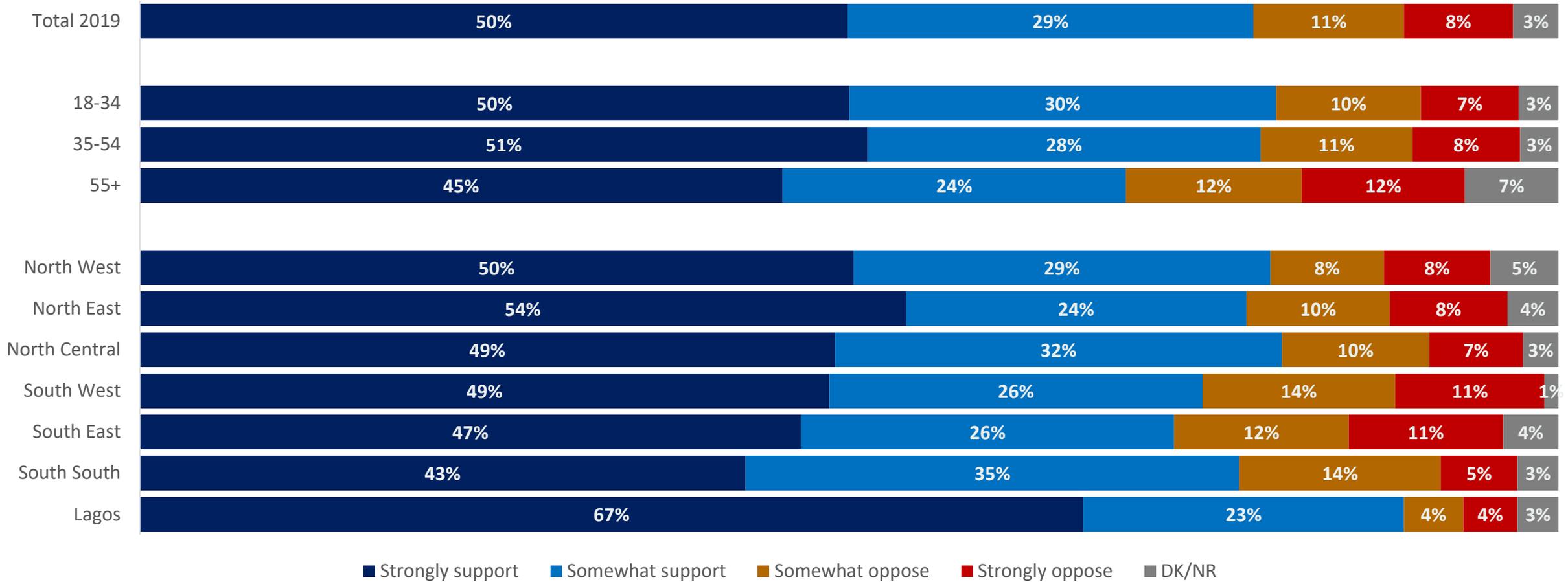
*"In the month before the election, did you personally come across the following?" (n=2,736)*



# Views on Electoral System



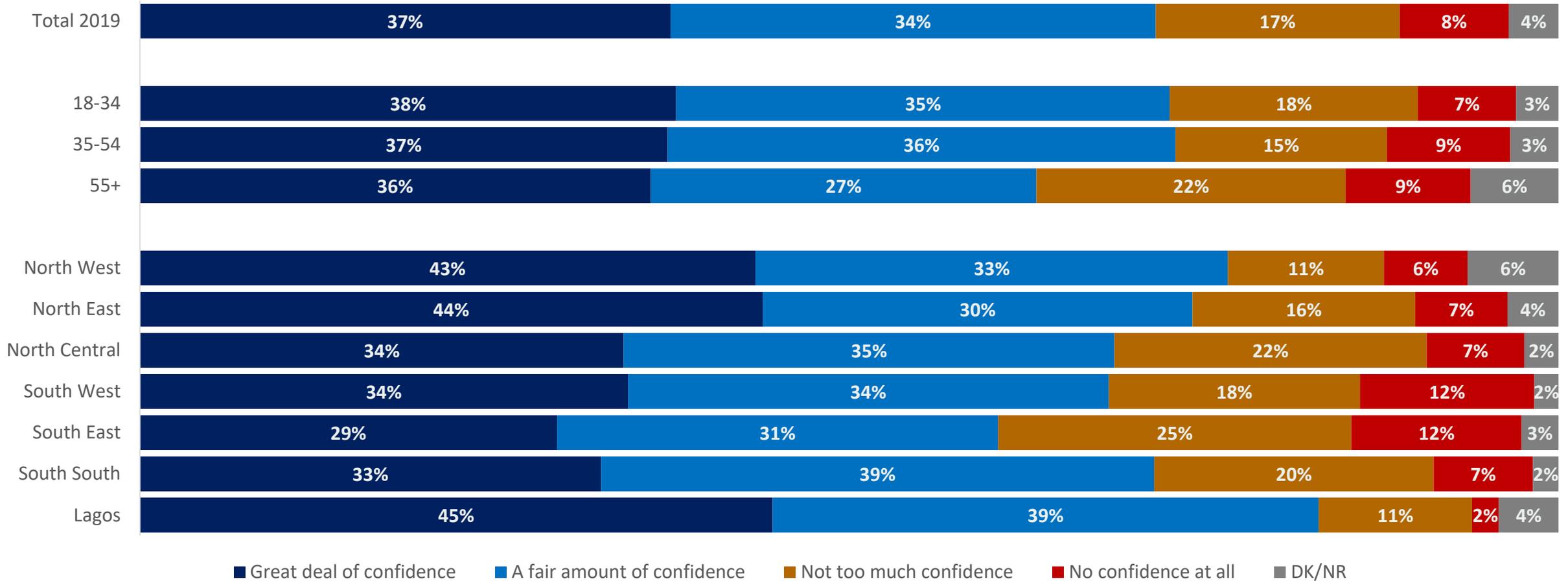
# Support for Use of Electronic Voting Machines



*“What is your view on the use of electronic voting machines for voters to cast their votes in the next Nigerian election? Do you...?” (n=2,736)*



# Confidence in Adopting Electronic Transfer of Results

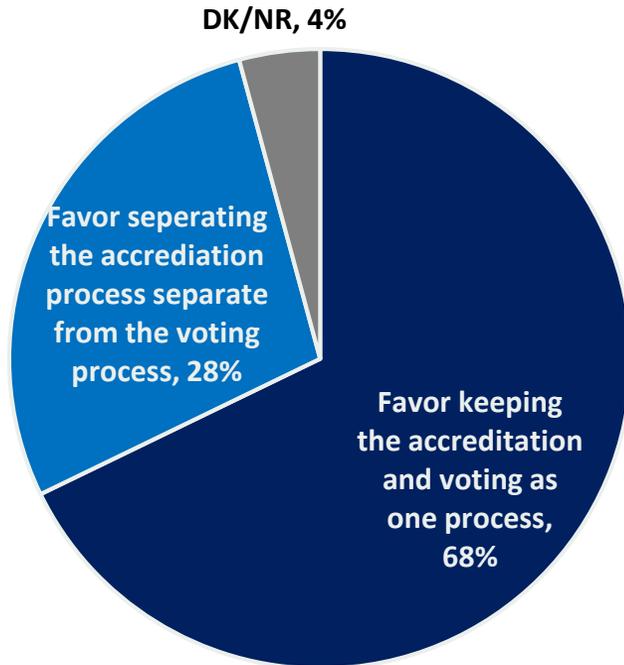


*“Some countries utilize a system to electronically transfer election results from polling stations to a centralized location. What is your view on Nigeria adopting such a system? Do you have...?” (n=2,736)*

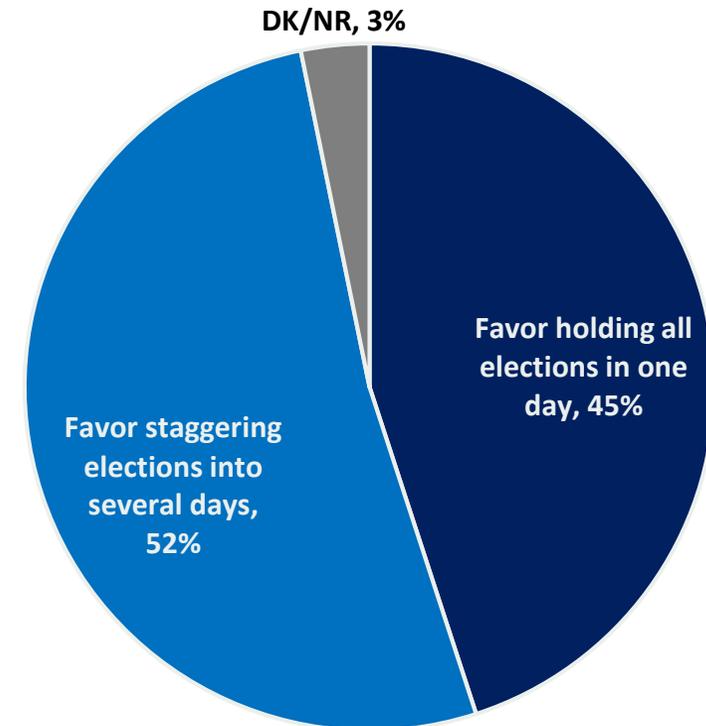


# Attitudes on Changing Accreditation and Voting Procedures

*“Thinking of the accreditation and voting procedures, do you favor keeping the two processes combined into one as it is practiced now, or separating the accreditation process from the voting process for future elections?” (n=1,953)*



*“And do you favor holding all elections in one day or staggering elections into several days as it is practiced now?” (n=1,953)*





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