

# PRIORITIES FOR FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND THE ATTITUDES OF SERBIAN CITIZENS

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## About the research:

▶ The public opinion survey, conducted by the public opinion research agency CeSID DOO and Transparency Serbia, was carried out between March 13 and 24, 2025, on the territory of the Republic of Serbia, excluding Kosovo and Metohija. The research was conducted on a representative sample of 1,000 adult citizens of Serbia. The research instrument used was a questionnaire developed in cooperation with the client, consisting of 60 variables. Citizens were interviewed using two research techniques – CATI (telephone interviews) and CAPI (fieldwork), i.e., direct contact with the respondent.

## Priorities:


▶ The priorities for fighting corruption were formulated by Transparency Serbia based on the findings of the National Integrity System study, published in 2024, as part of the regional Transparency International project.

<https://www.transparentnost.org.rs/en/projects/286-eu-za-vladavinu-prava-angazovanje-gradjana-za-javni-integritet-na-zapadnom-balkanu-i-turskoj>

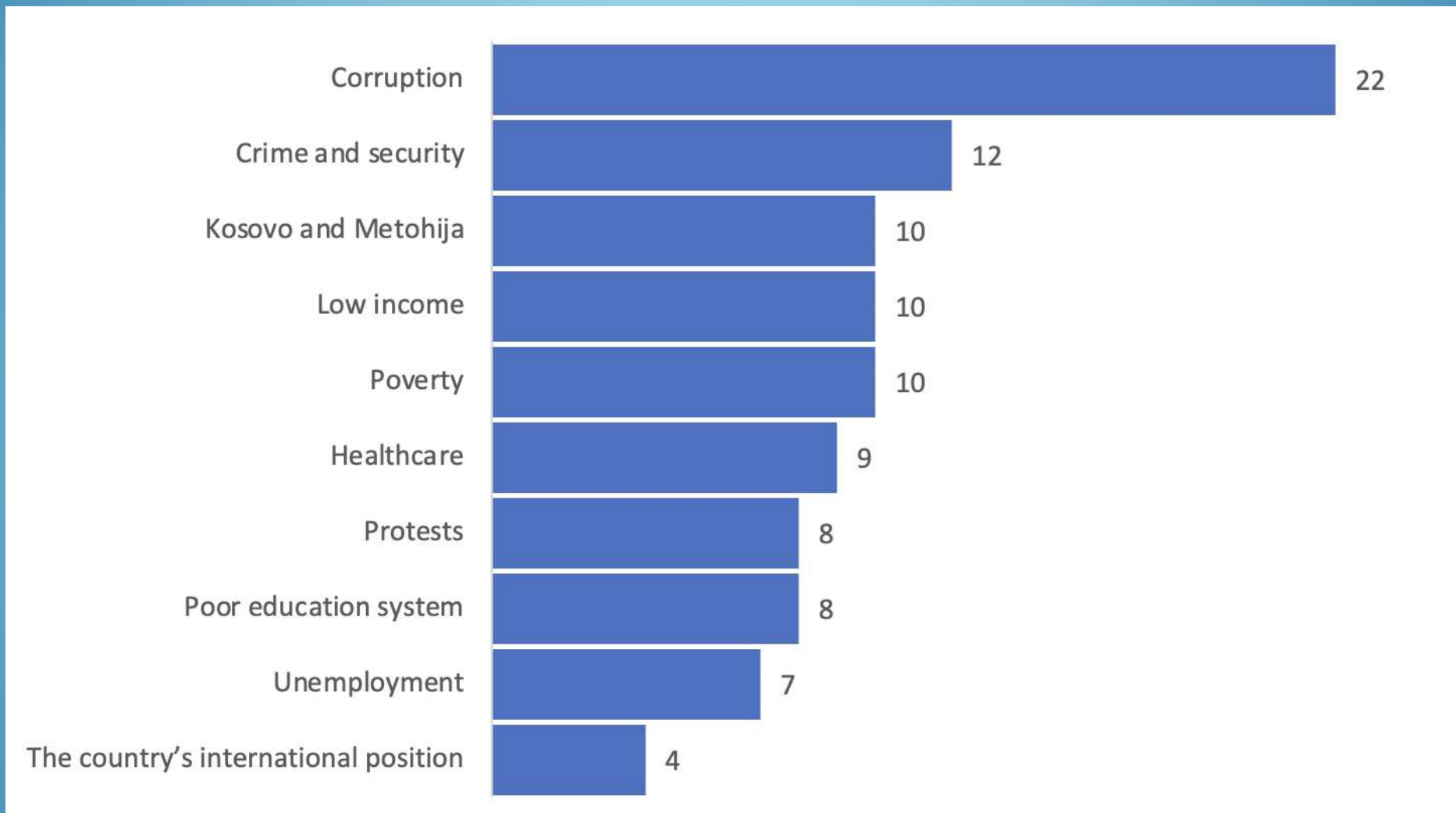


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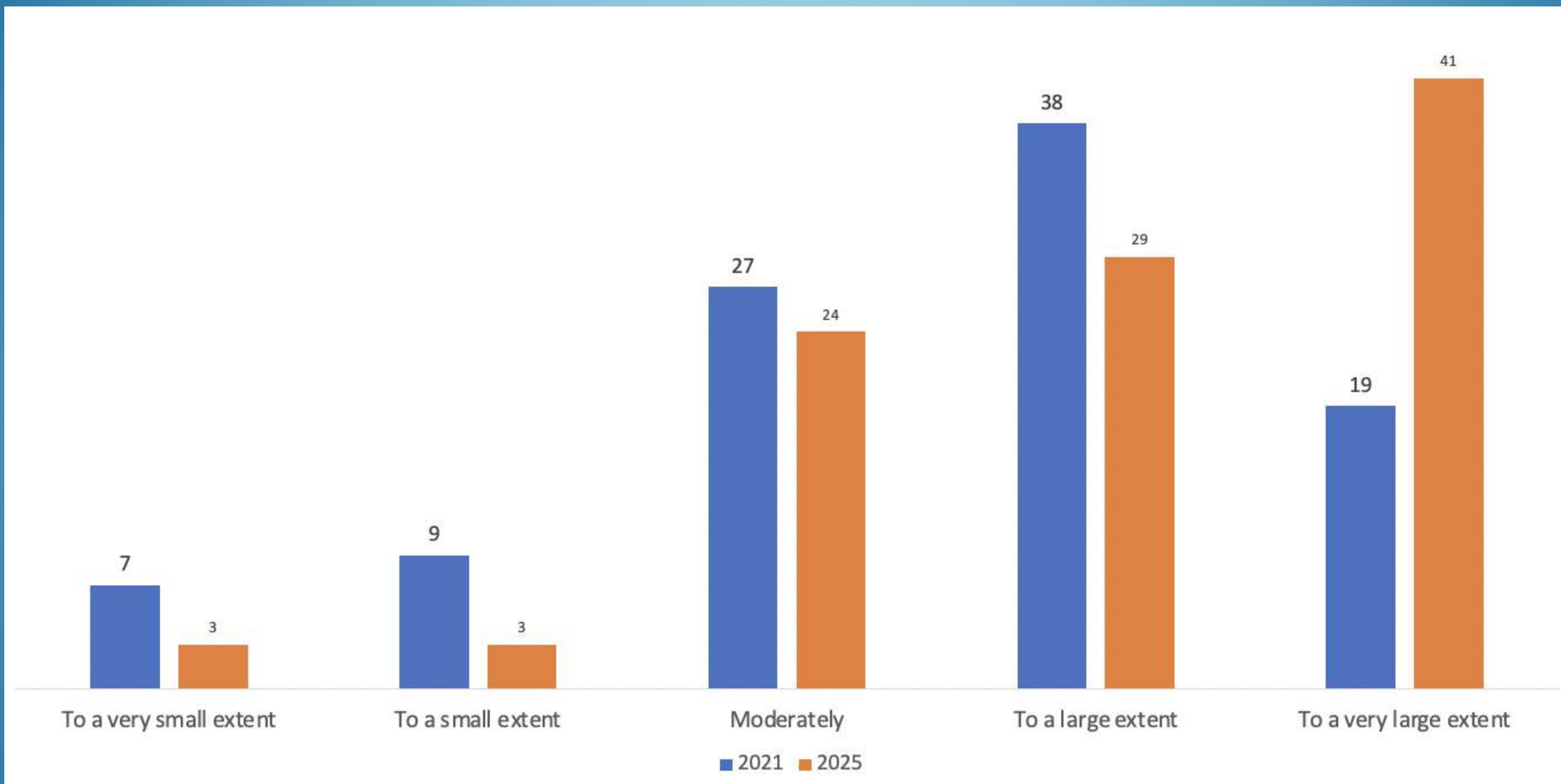
**CORRUPTION IN SERBIA – WHAT IS THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM, IS IT INCREASING OR DECREASING, HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE GOVERNMENT, AND WHAT ARE THE CITIZEN'S EXPECTATIONS?**



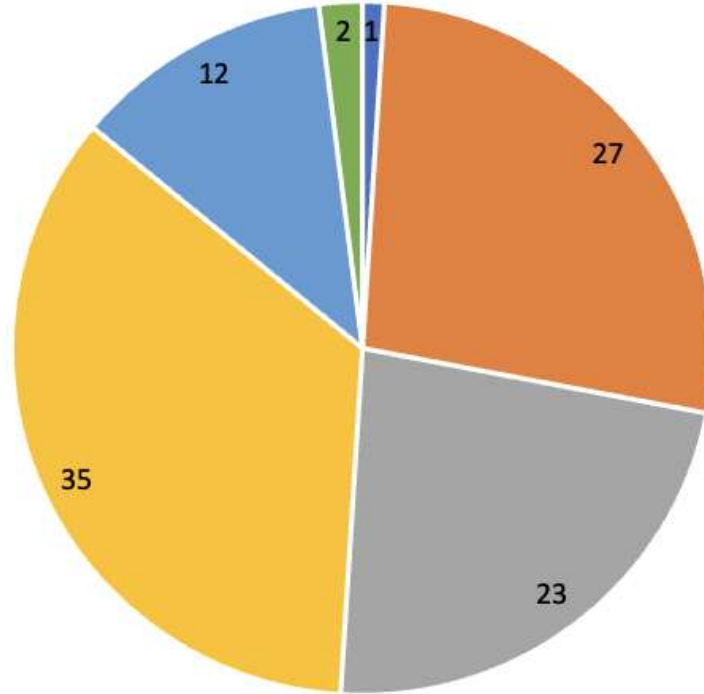
# CORRUPTION AS THE MAIN PROBLEM OF THE COUNTRY IN THE EYES OF THE CITIZENS



## To what extent is corruption widespread in Serbia?

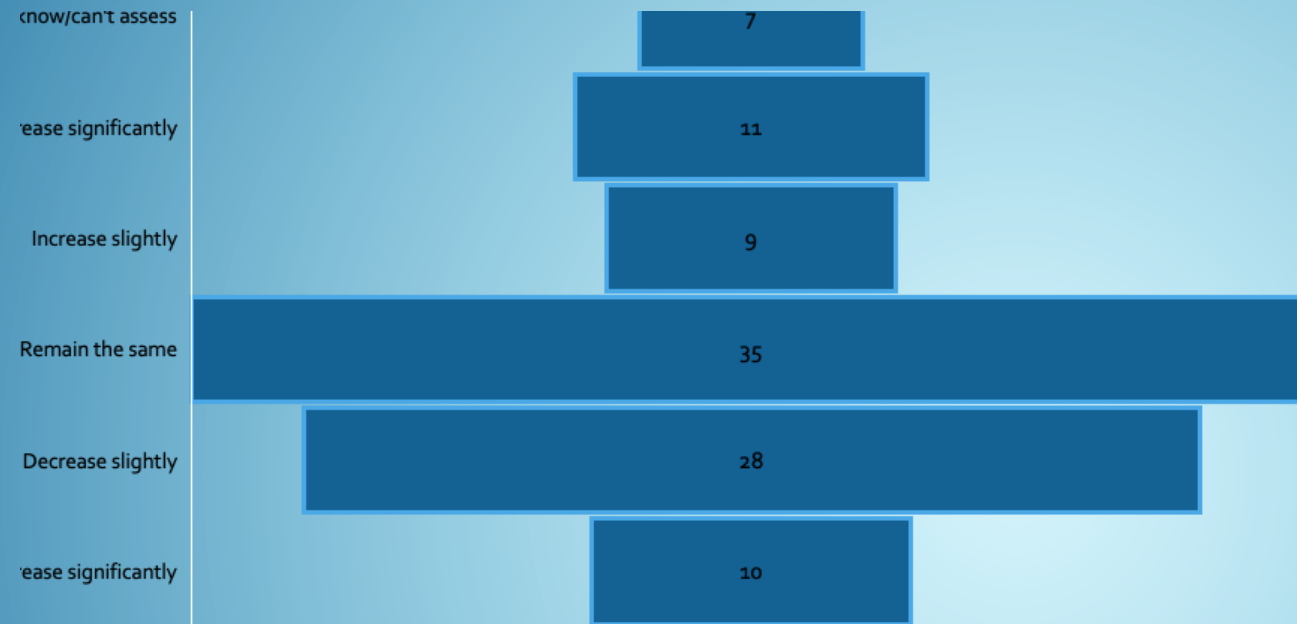


Has the level of corruption decreased or increased in the past year?

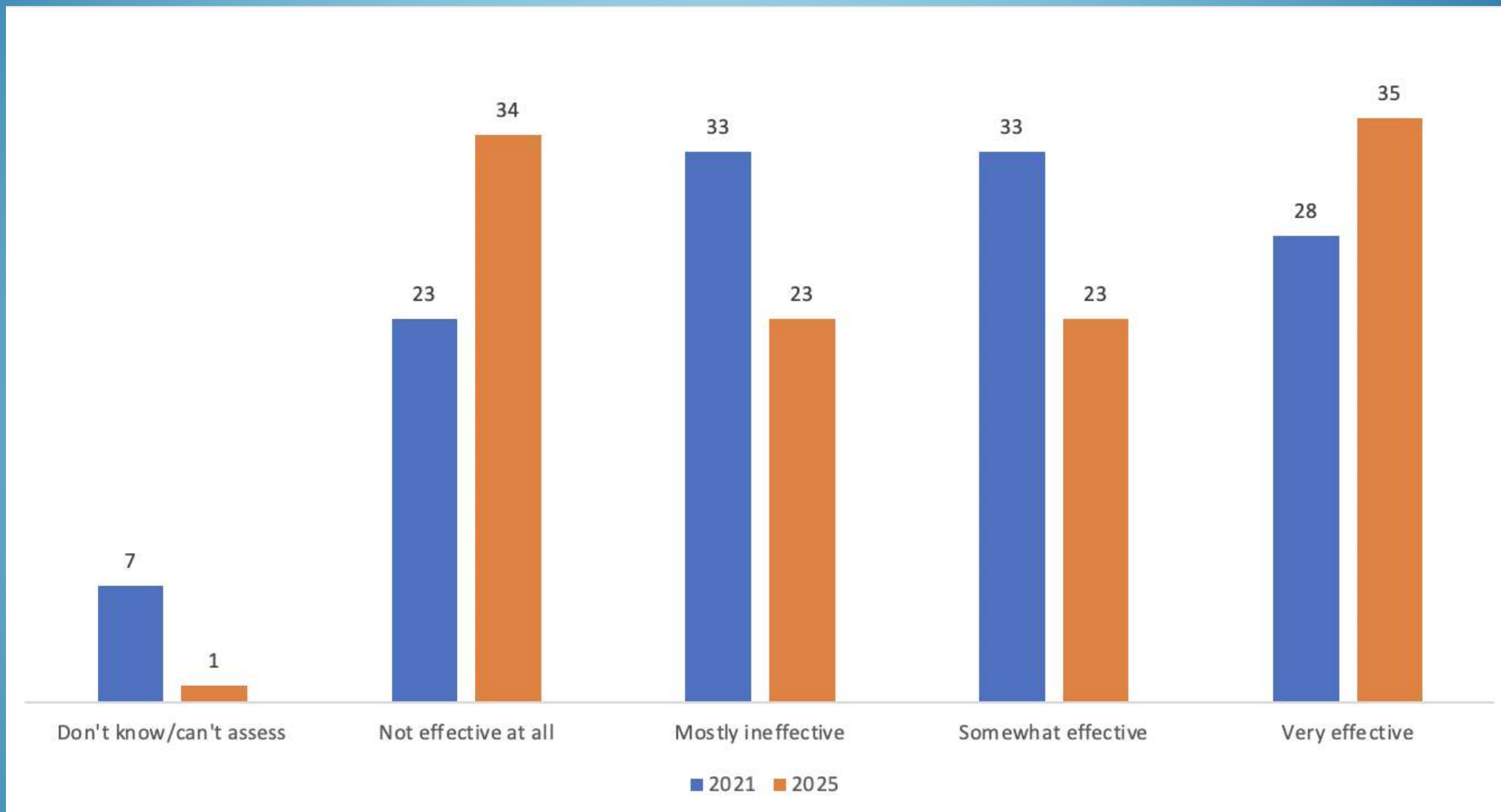


- Don't know/can't assess
- It has increased significantly
- It has increased slightly
- It remained the same
- It has decreased slightly
- It has decreased significantly

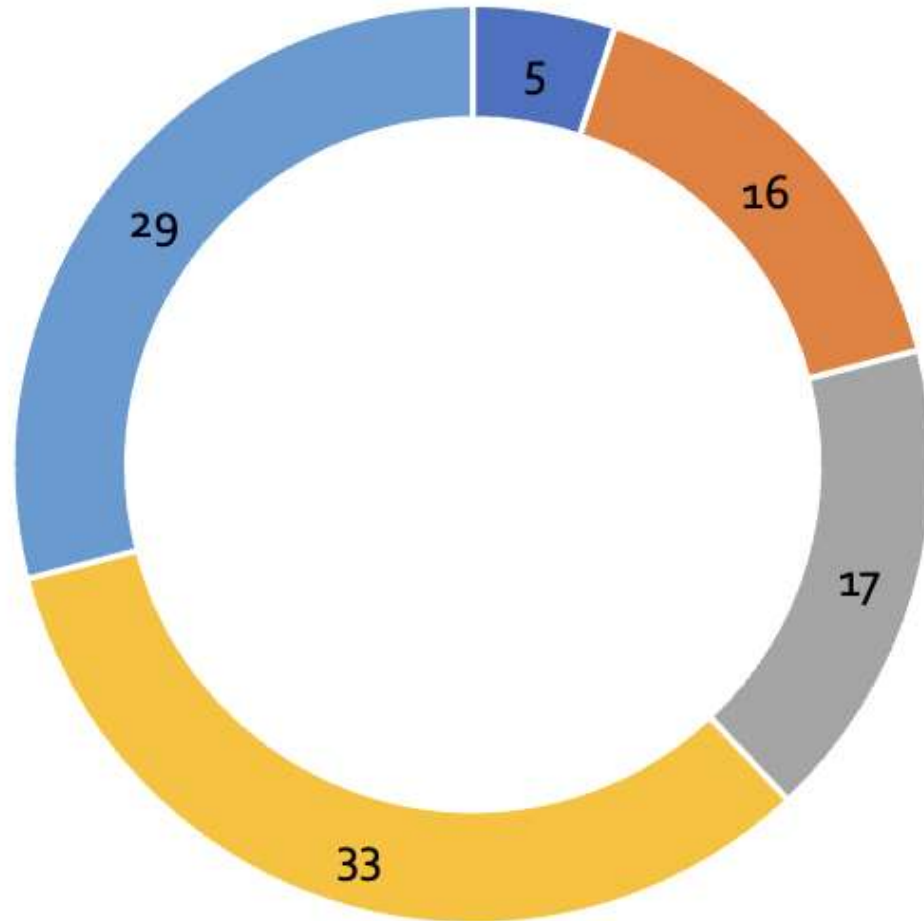
# Expectations – Do you think that in the next year the level of corruption will...?



## How effective is the Government in fighting corruption?



## Does Serbia have an anti-corruption strategy?

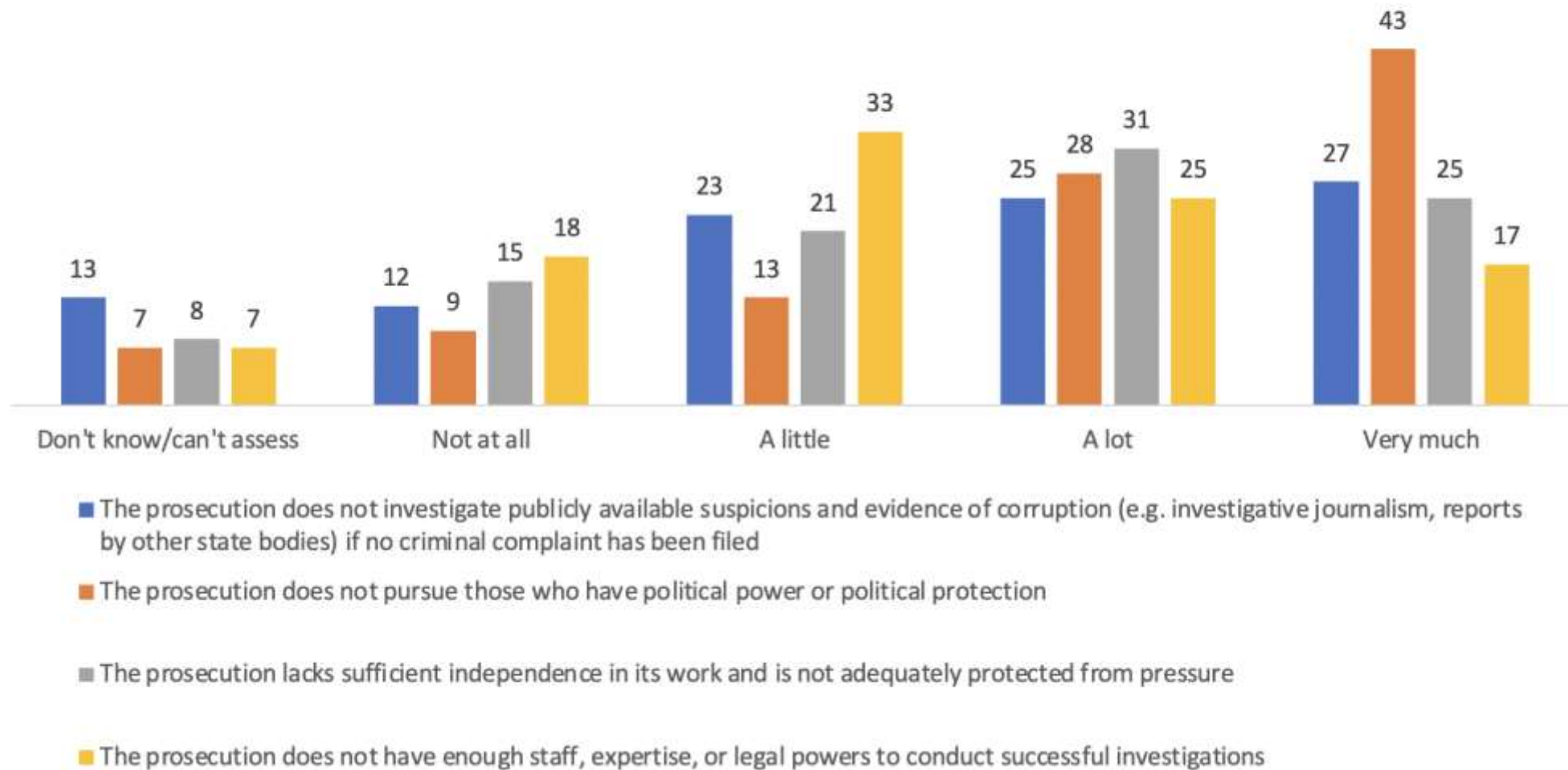


- Don't know/can't assess
- Yes, it is being implemented and producing results
- Yes, but corruption is not decreasing because the Strategy does not address key issues
- Yes, but it is not being implemented
- It doesn't exist at all

WHY IS THERE NO MORE CORRUPTION  
INVESTIGATIONS?



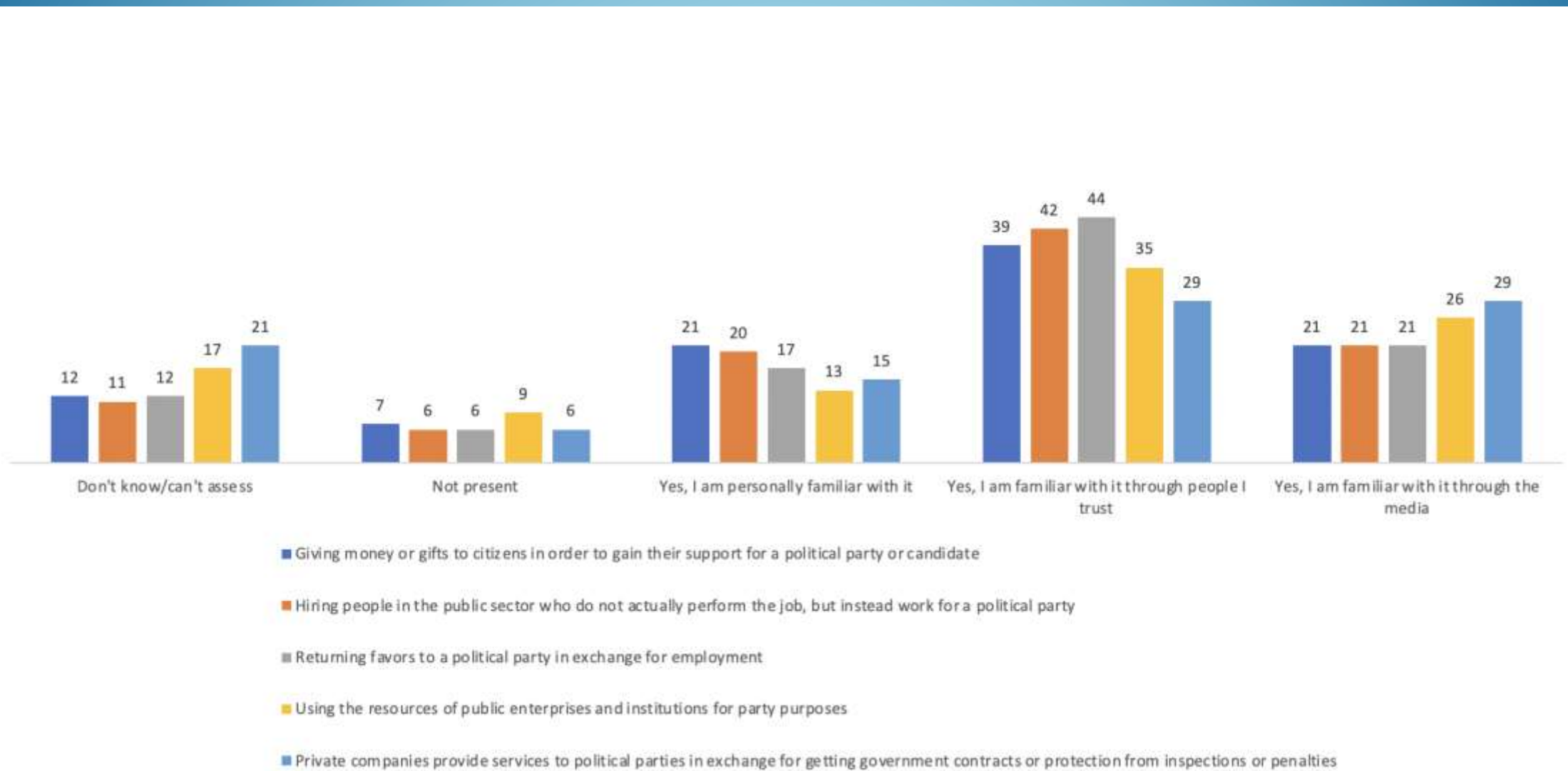
## What affects the performance of the prosecution negatively?



# PREVALENCE OF CERTAIN FORMS OF POLITICAL CORRUPTION



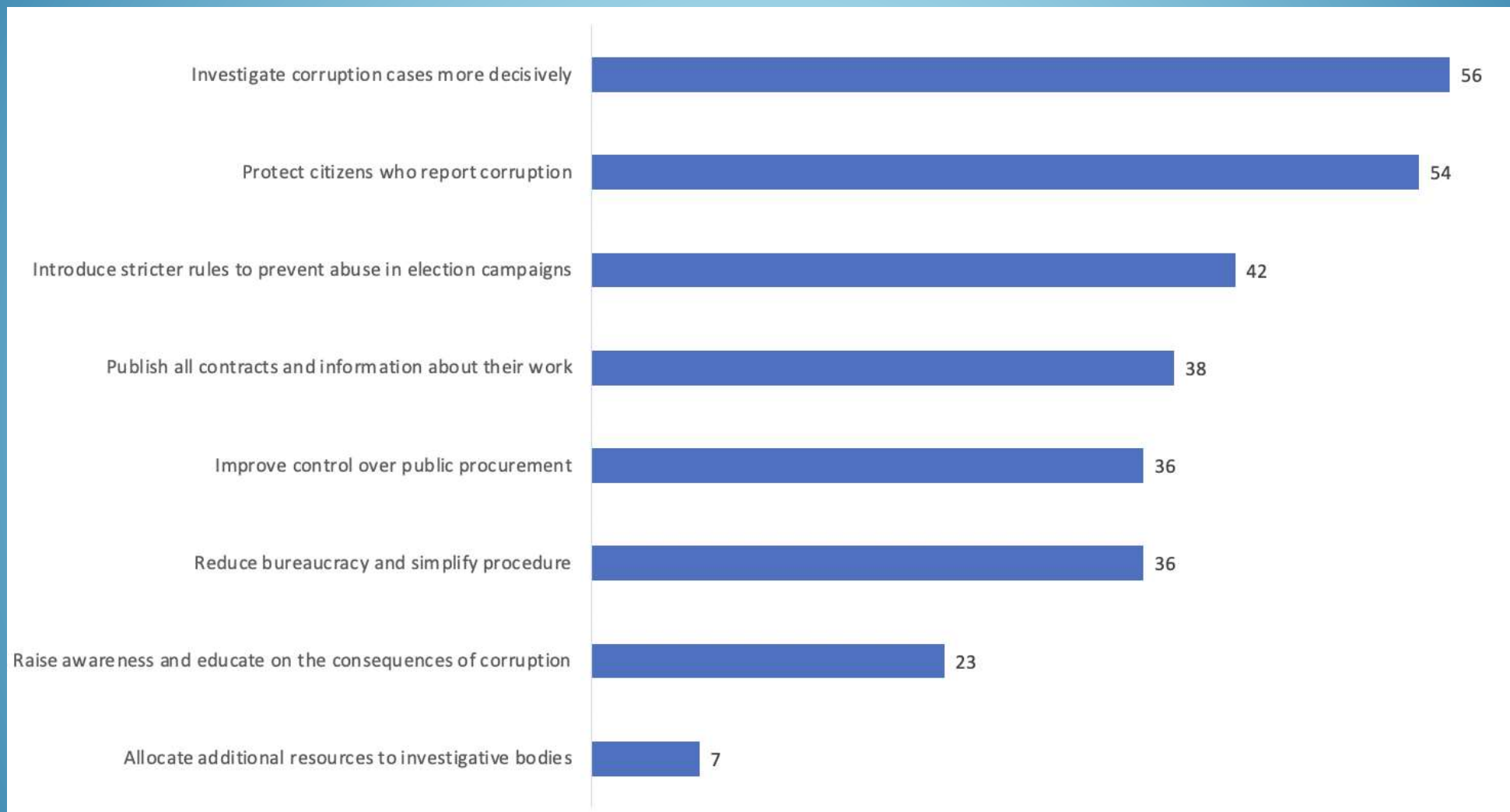
## Prevalence of certain types of political corruption



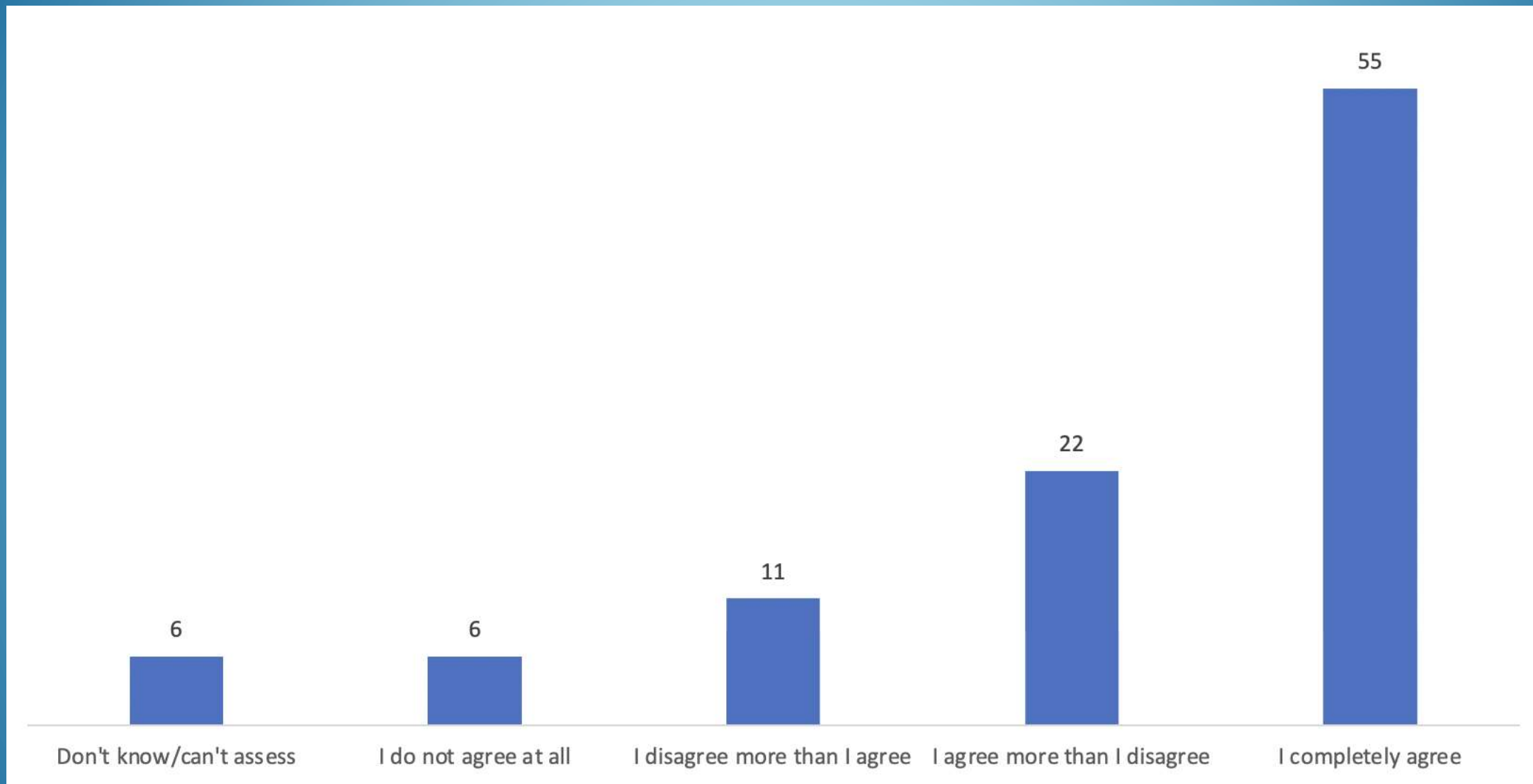
# PRIORITIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION



## What should state authorities do? (two answers)



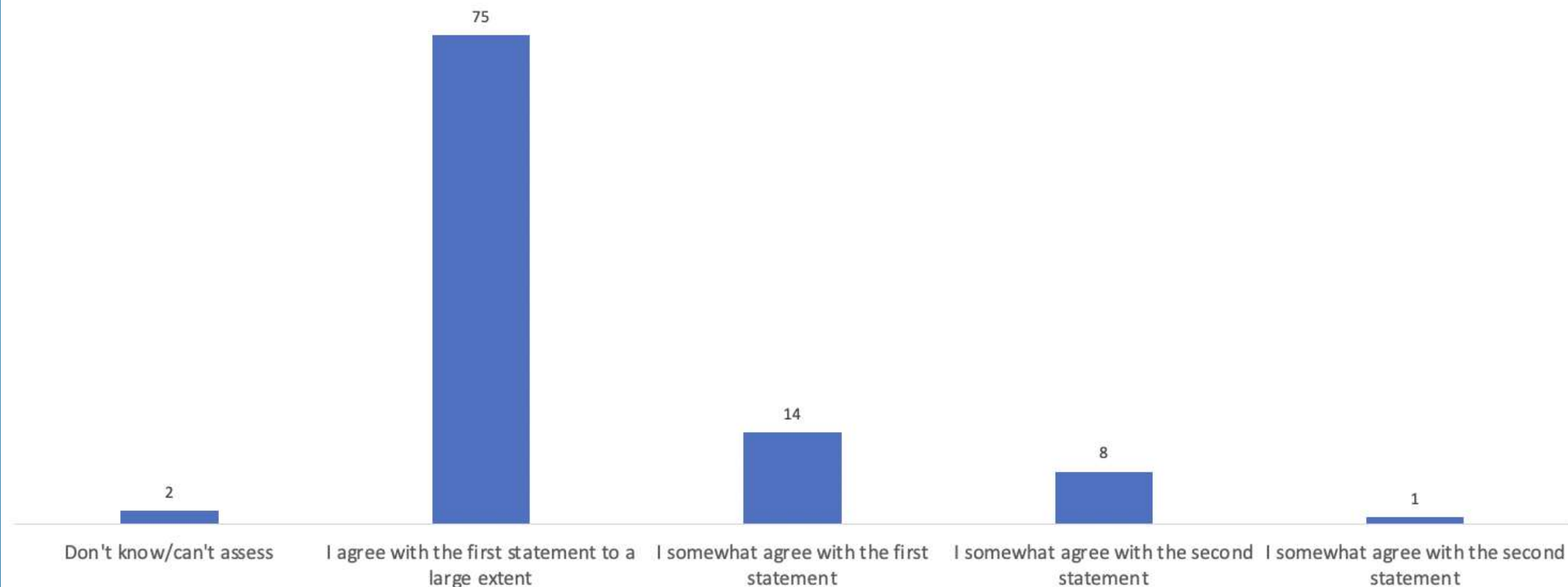
# Should the Government publish contracts even when the foreign partner objects?



## What do citizens support? Public tenders for all projects or direct agreements?

FIRST: The highest possible level of competition should always be ensured when selecting a contractor for major public works (e.g. highways, power plants).

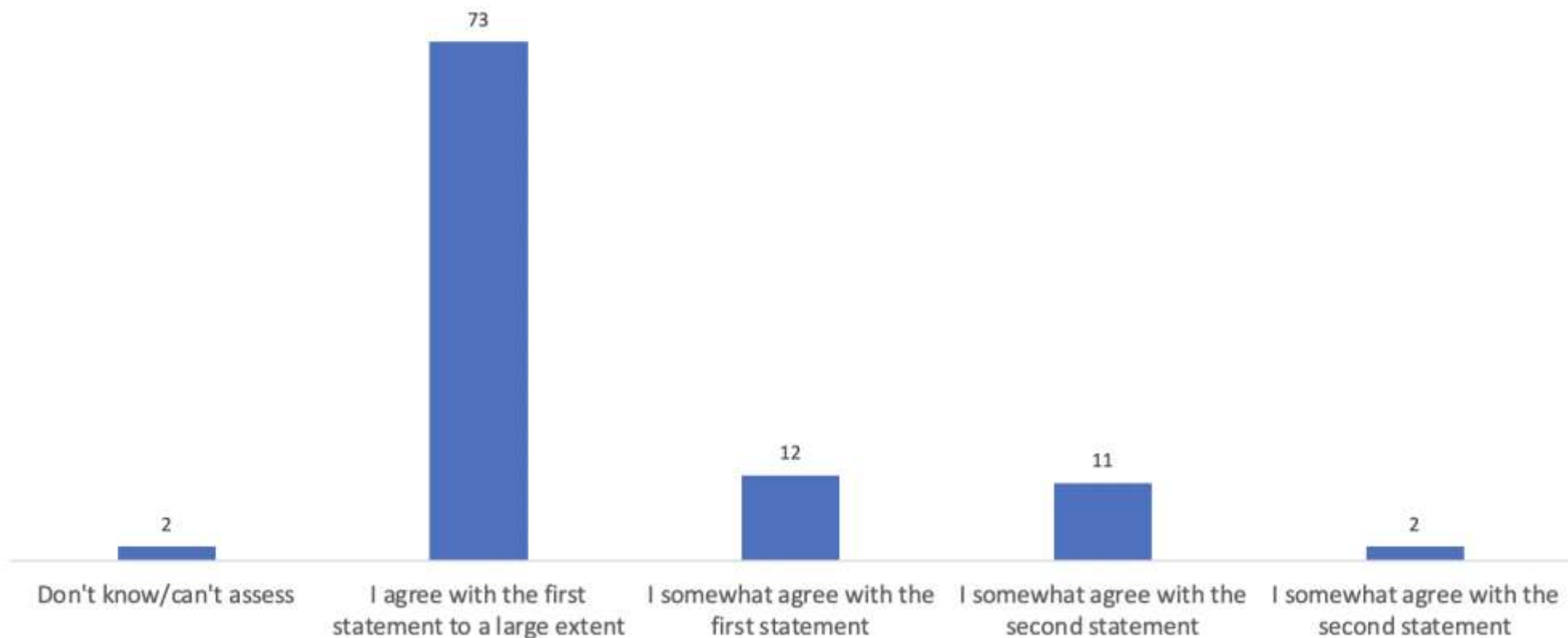
SECOND: It is justified for the government to directly award a contract to a company from another country without a tender, due to that country's political support, even if we end up paying a higher price.



## Special laws for individual projects – yes or no?

FIRST: The state should apply the same rules (on procurement, construction, environmental protection, etc.) to all construction projects.

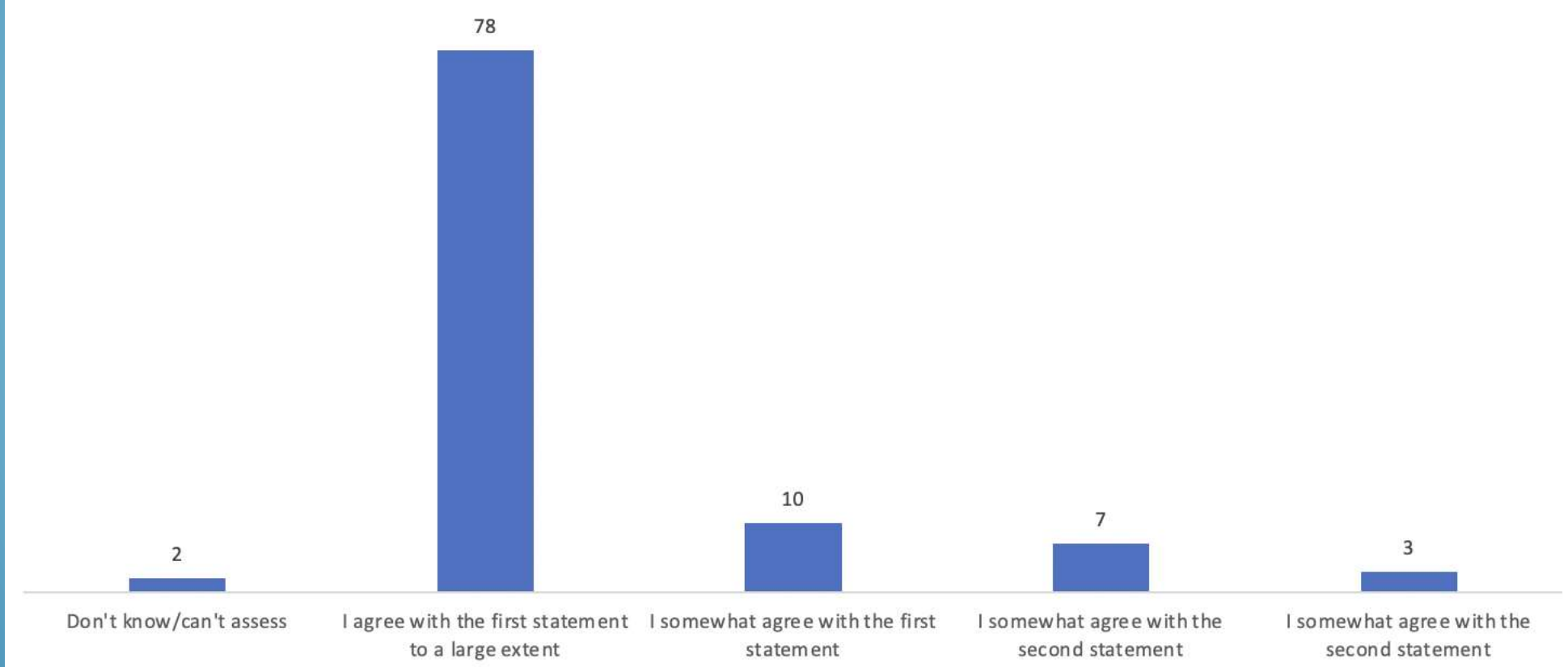
SECOND: It is justified not to apply certain rules (on procurement, construction, environmental protection, etc.) to the largest projects if the government deems it necessary



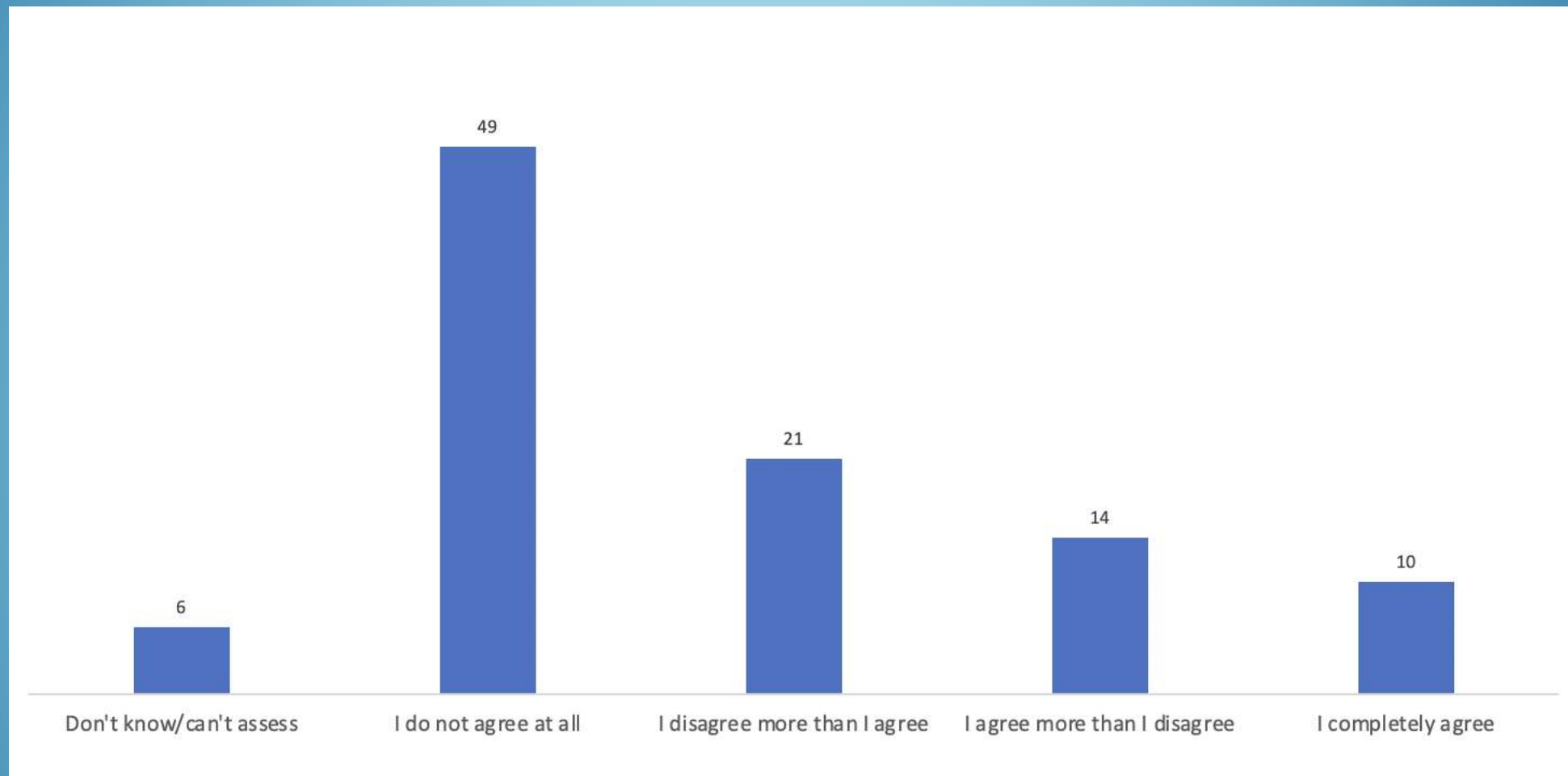
# What do citizens support? Professional management or acting (interim) appointments?

FIRST: Public administration and state-owned enterprises should be managed by professionals selected through public competitions, as prescribed by law

SECOND: Public administration and state-owned enterprises should be managed by acting directors, because that way the government has better control over them



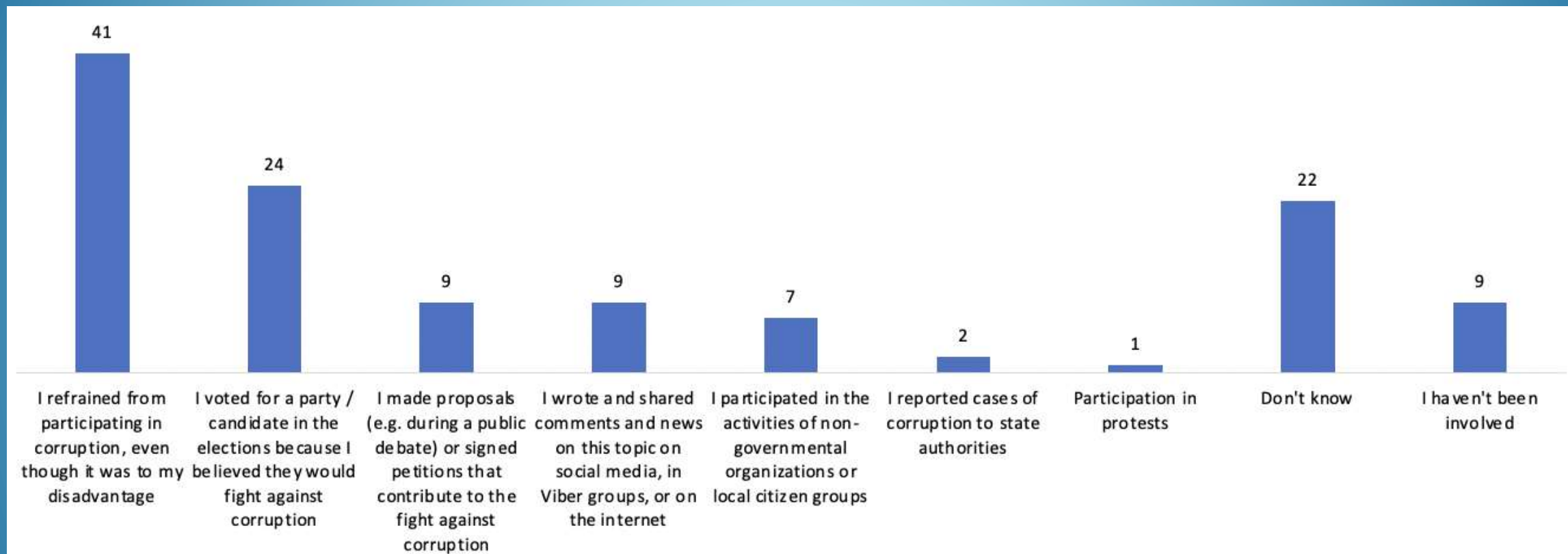
The only solution to prevent political abuse of public enterprises is their privatization?



WHAT CITIZENS DO, AND WHAT THEY  
ARE WILLING TO DO



## What have citizens done so far?



## What are citizens willing to do?

