

National Survey

July 2016

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The main conclusions

- Most Romanians feel that the country is heading in the wrong direction (62% in July as compared to 56% in January).
- Satisfaction about the standard of living is increasing (53% were content, as compared to 48% in December, the same level that had been recorded in October 2015)
- Trust in the main political leaders stabilizes: Iohannis registers 36%, Ponta and Ciolos - 30-31%, Băsescu – 18%
- PSD moves towards attracting 41% of the votes, PNL moves towards 31%, the distance between the top two competitors and the rest is significant.
- PMP crosses the 5% threshold. USB/R and UDMR are close to this limit, whereas ALDE seems to have fallen under the representation threshold.
- Regarding the relation with Russia:
 - There is fear of war, but it is not acute, especially in the context of the appreciation for the Deveselu shield and the perception of an immediate NATO back-up in the case of a prospective armed conflict.
 - Putin is seen as less credible than Obama.
 - Even though generally Russia is not liked, the majority opinion favors a prudent approach of the relation with this state, of increased economic exchange and even of admiration for the “defensive” line taken by the Kremlin.
- Romanians prefer an increased influence of the EU, rather than of the US.
- Fear of Muslims has increased twofold in four years, reaching 60%, the arrival of Syrian immigrants being clearly rejected.

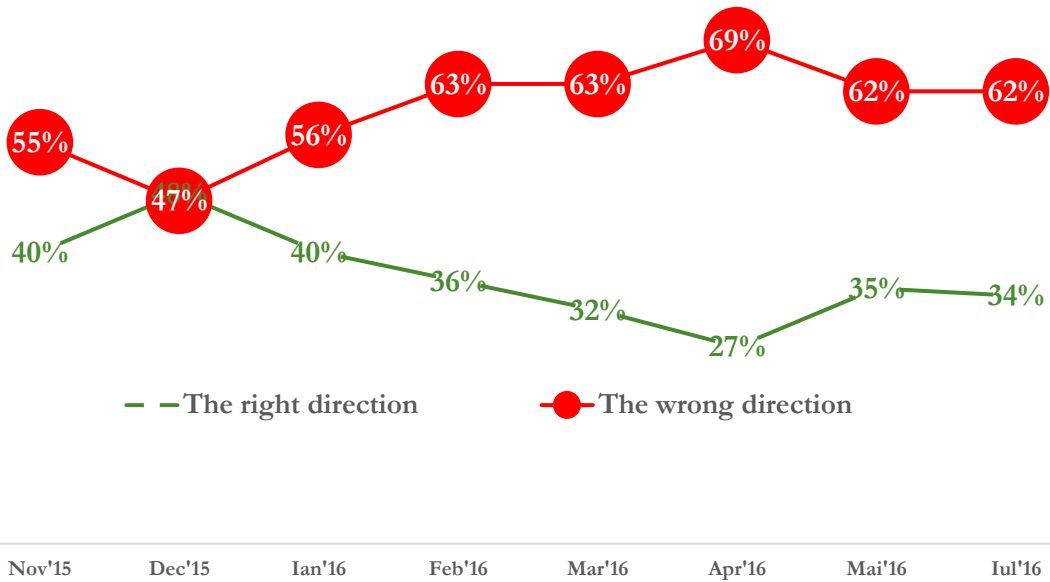
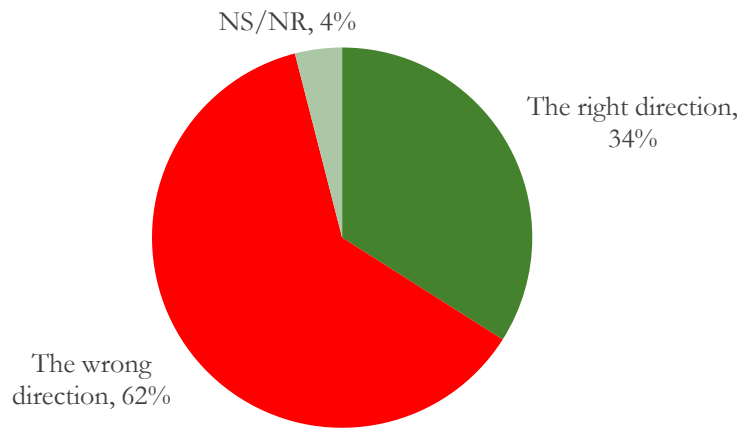
Methodology

- National poll, representative for the adult and non-institutionalized population of Romania.
- Data were collected between 18 and 22 July 2016.
- Multi-stage cluster sample, with a probabilistic selection of persons.
- The sample was validated based on the INS 2009 data, as well as the 2002 population census.
- 800 interviews were collected via the CATI method.
- A $\pm 4\%$ margin for error, on a 95% probability level.

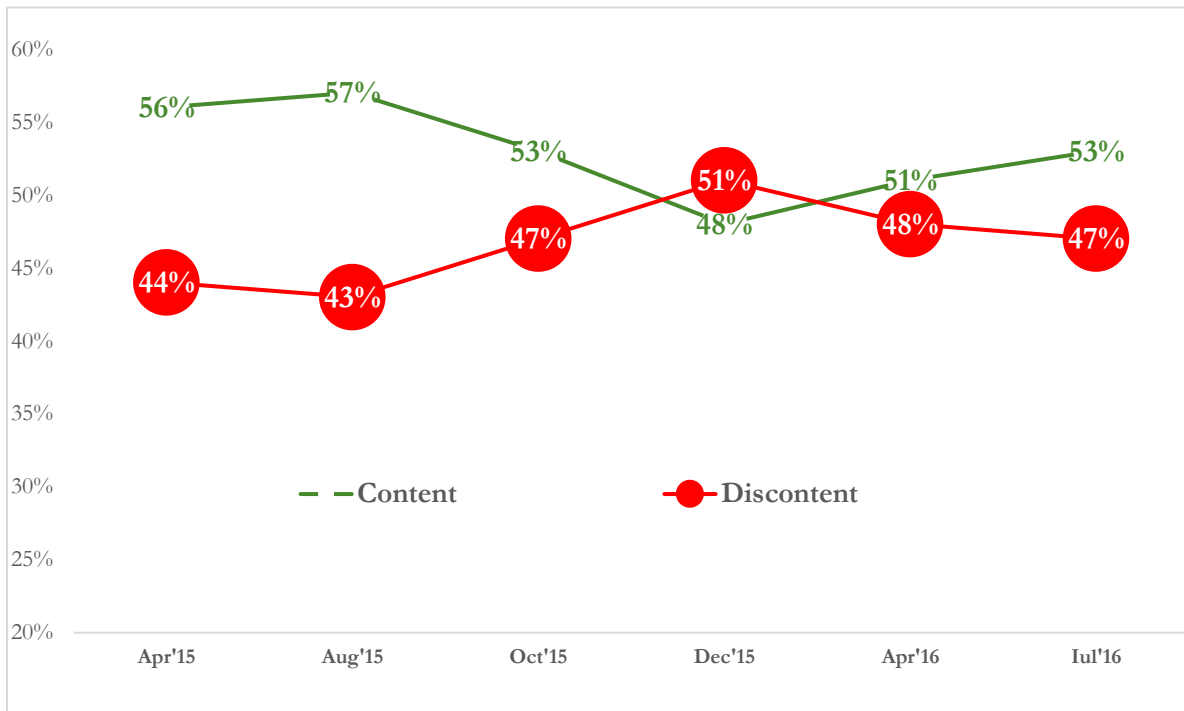
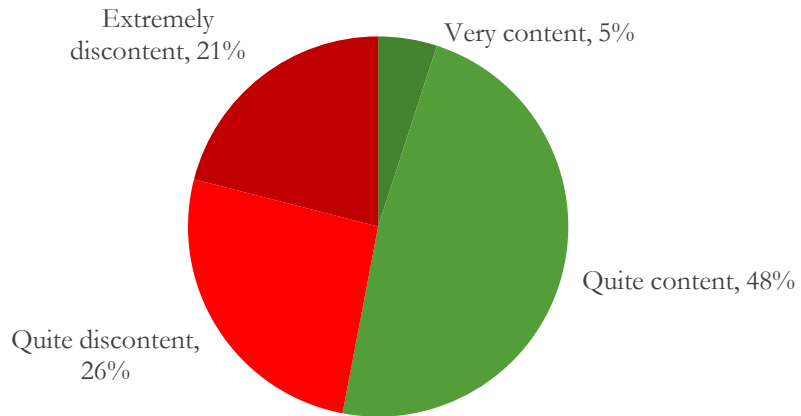
The Main Findings

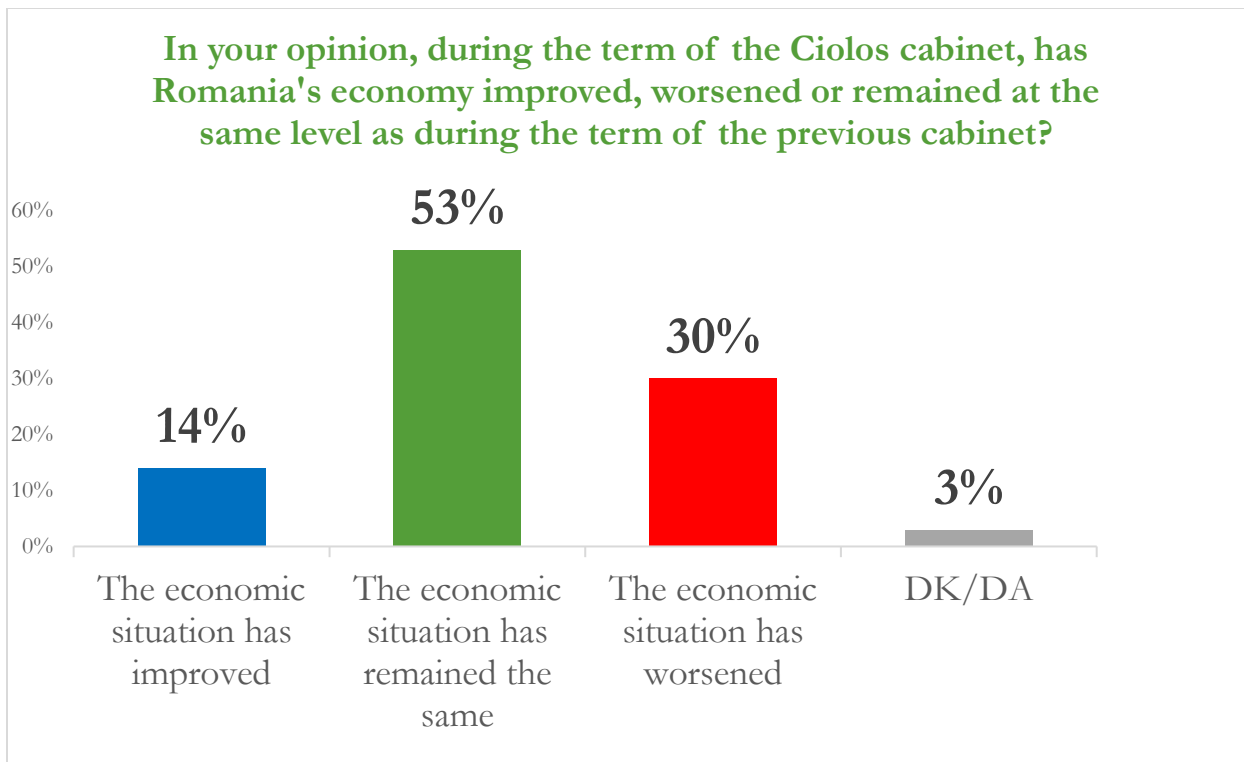
Direction and perception of the economy

The direction the country is heading

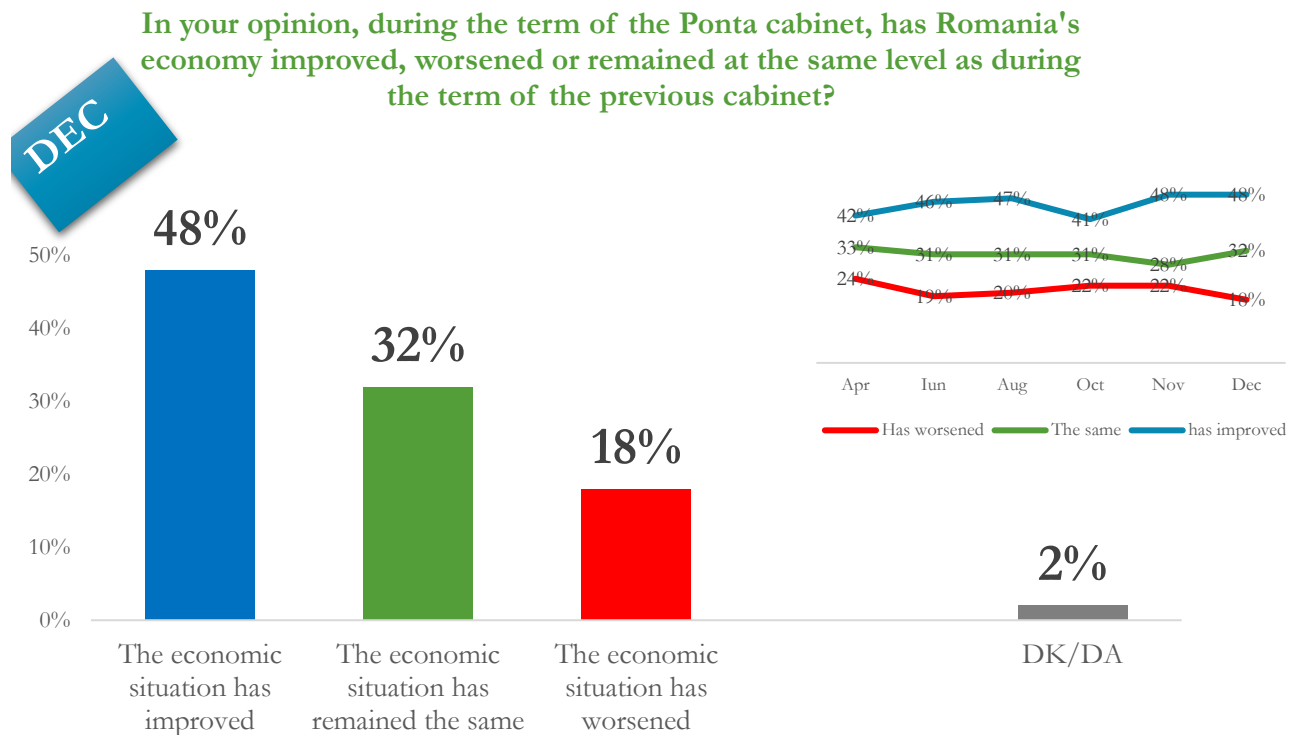


How content are you in general with your standard of living?



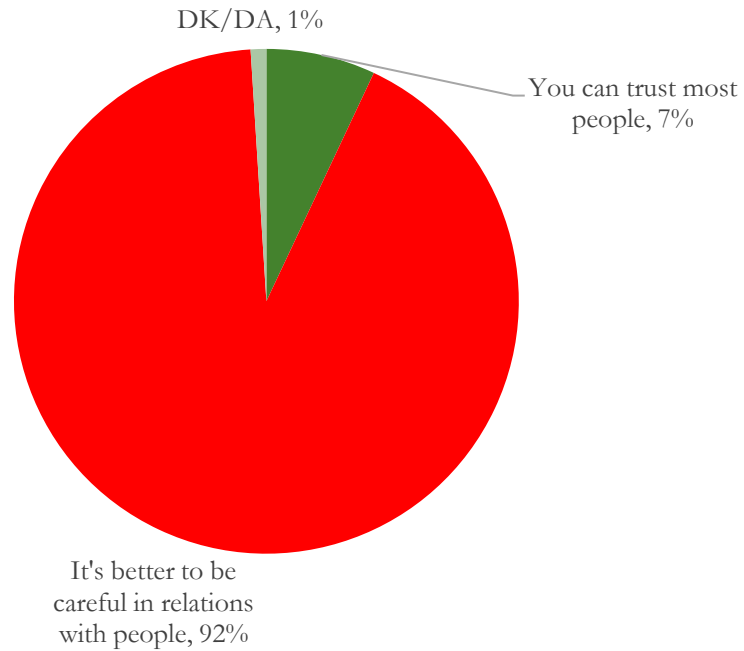


Comparatively, in December 2015, the opinion about the Ponta cabinet was the following:

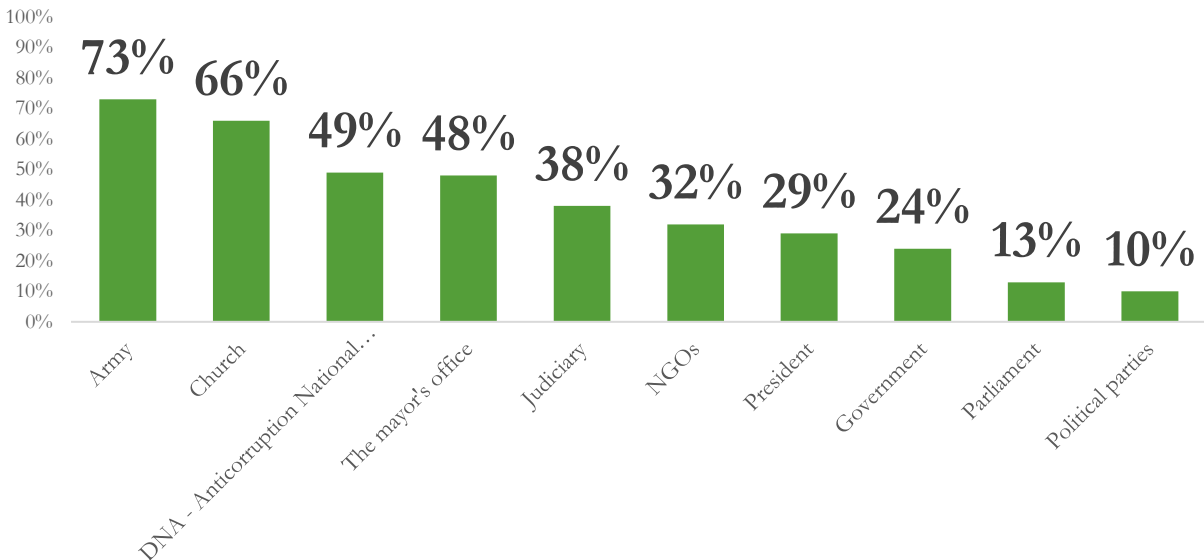


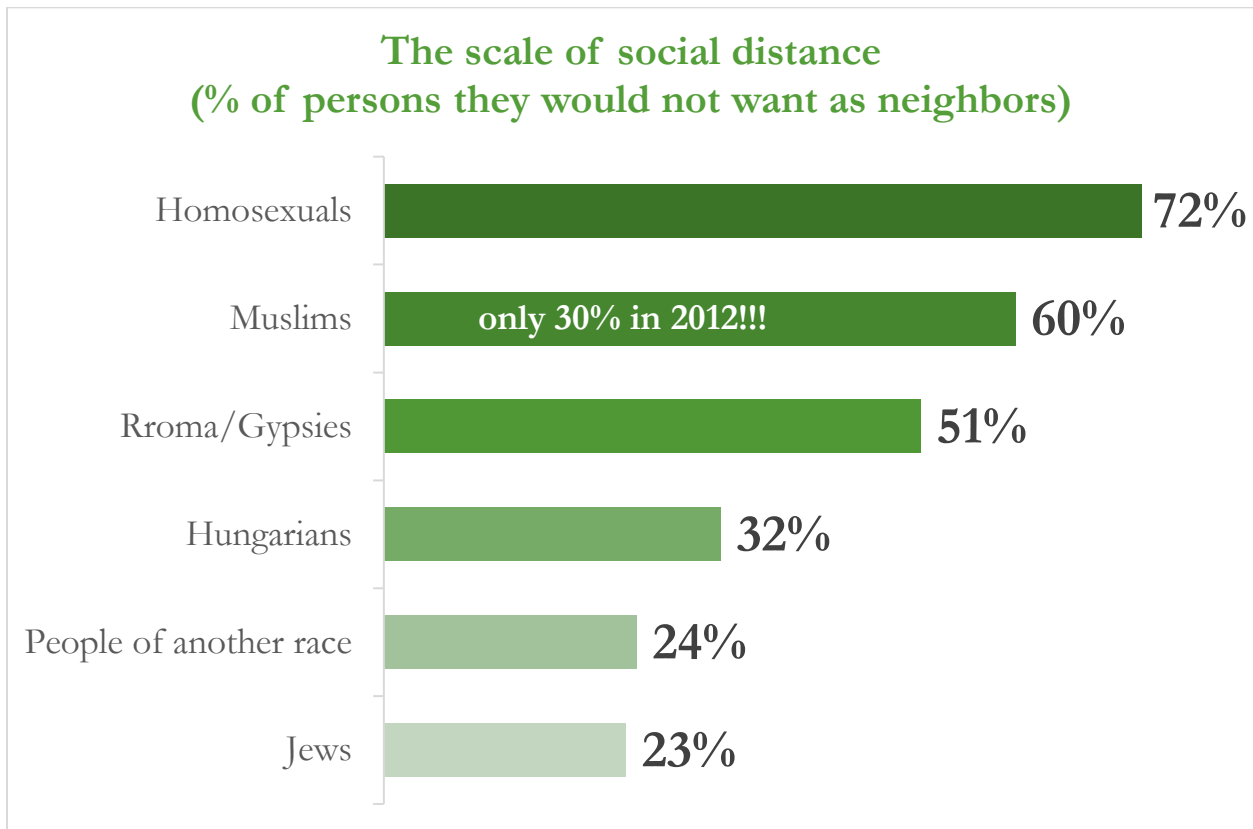
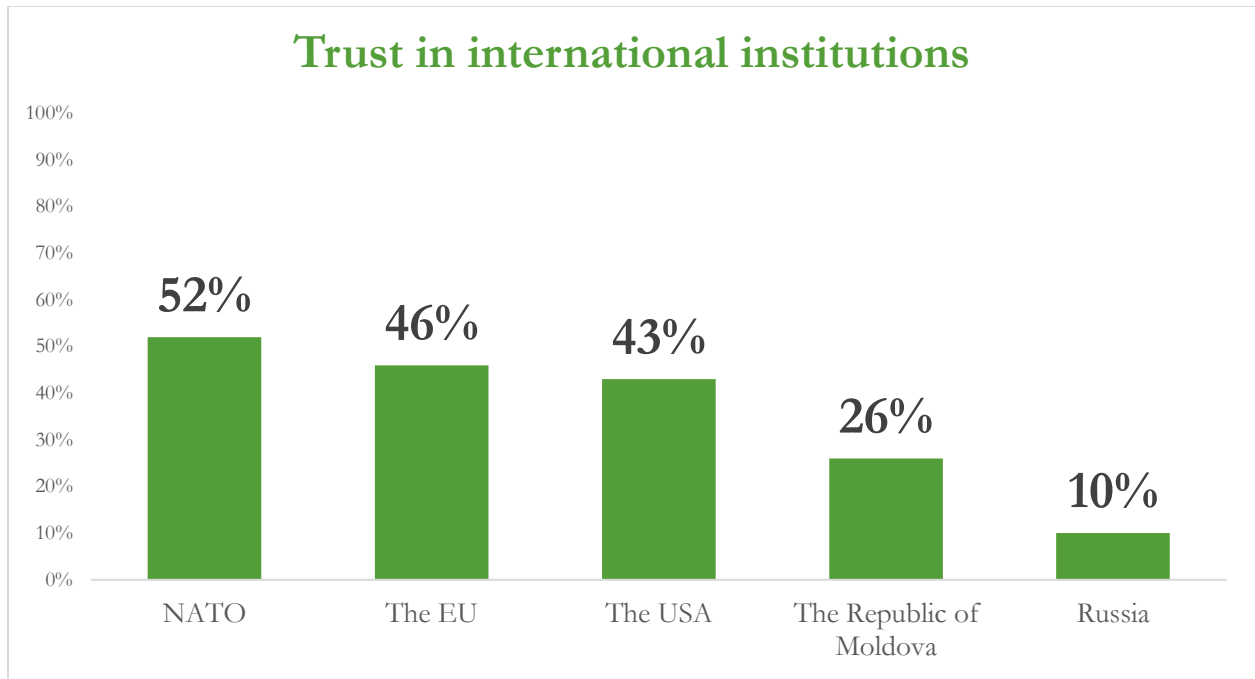
Social capital, community and civic participation

Please tell me which of the following statements fits best with what you believe

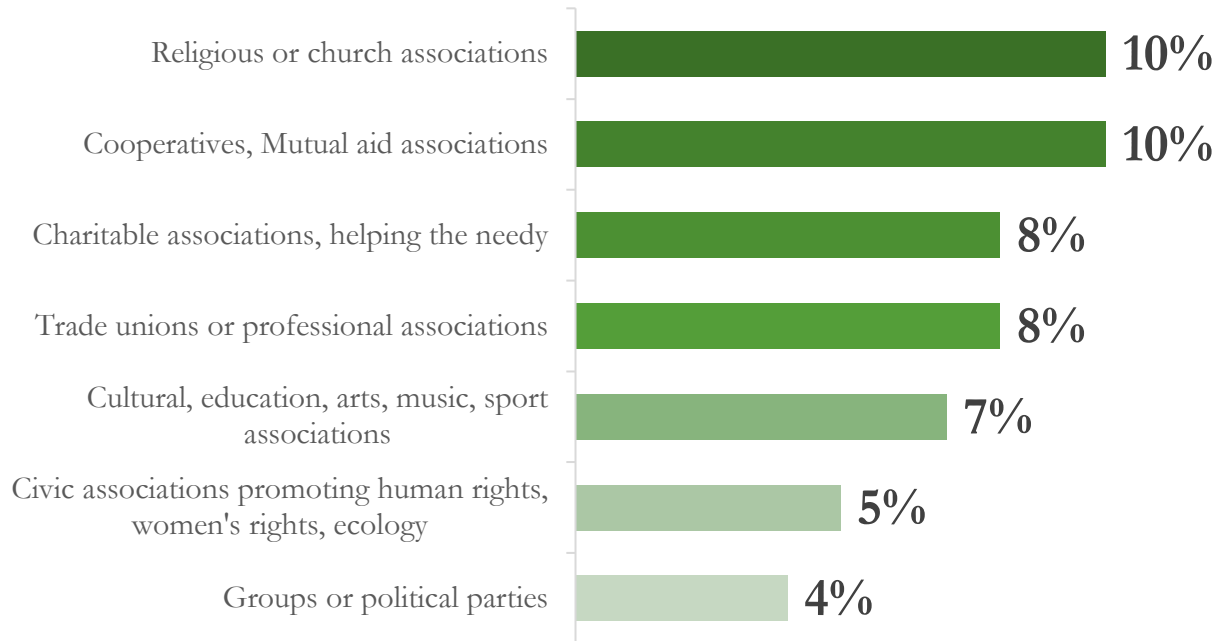


Trust in national institutions

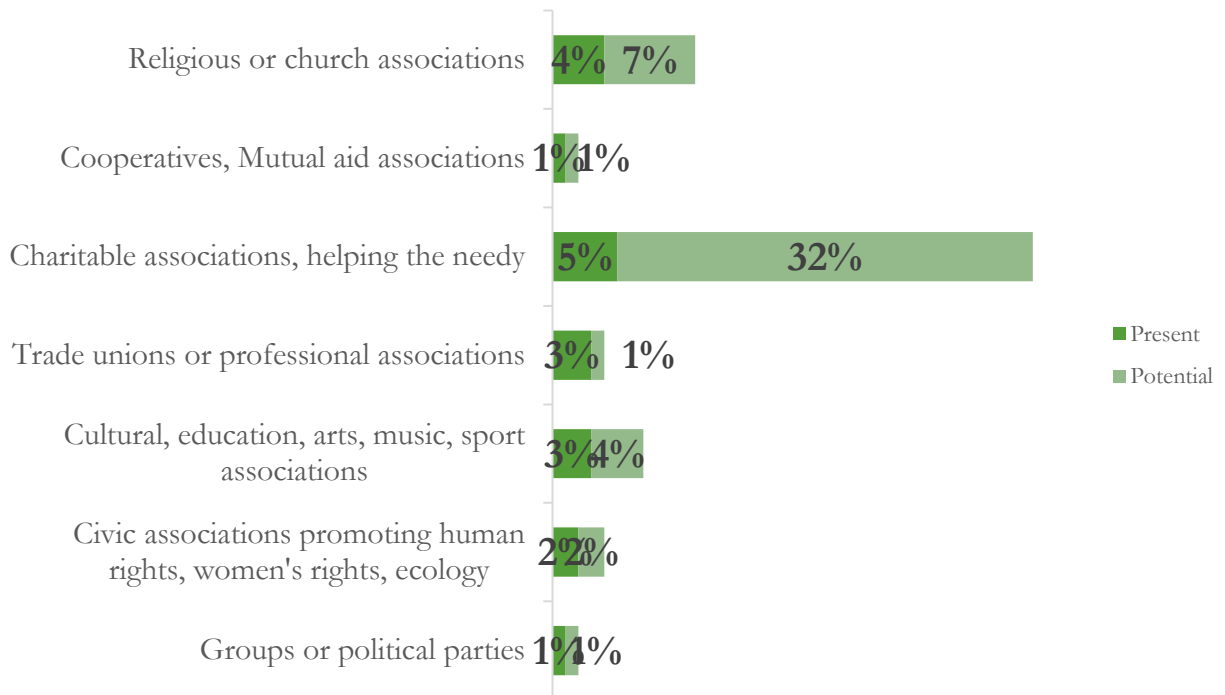


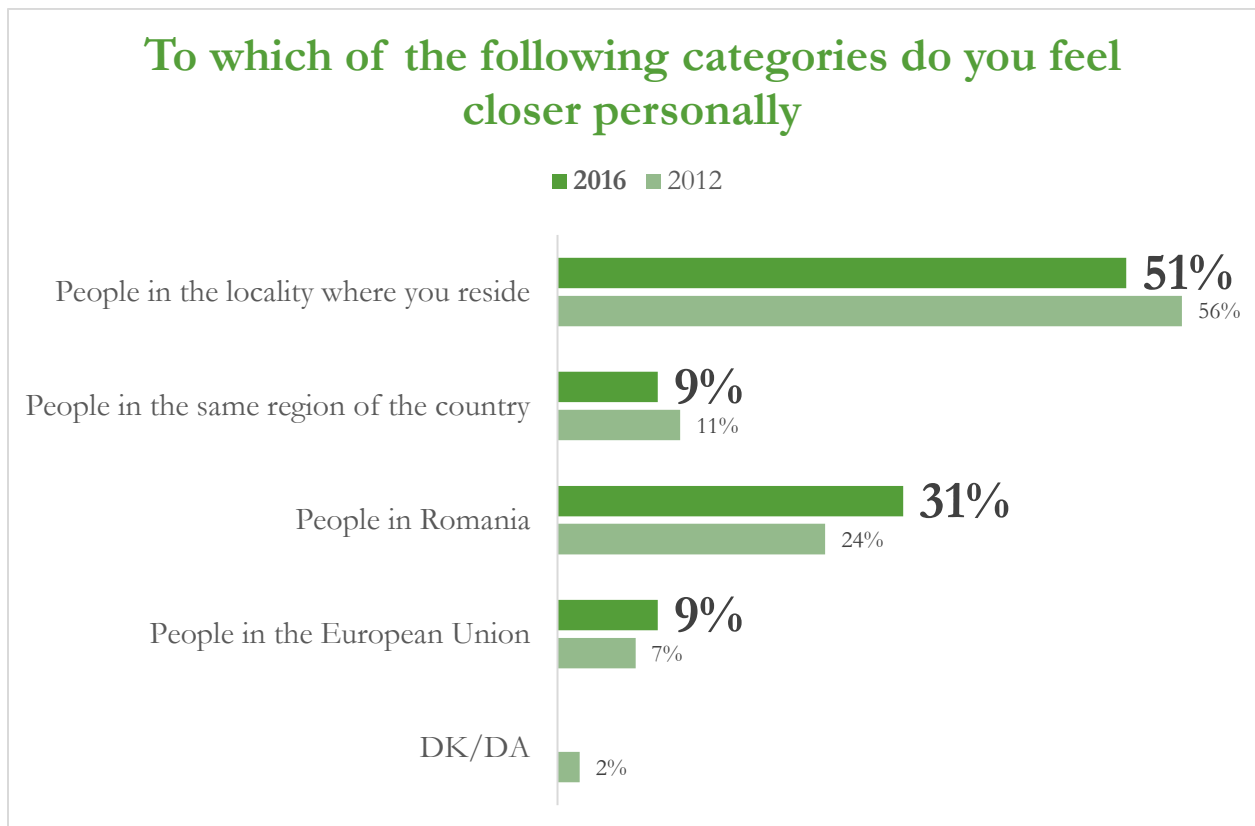
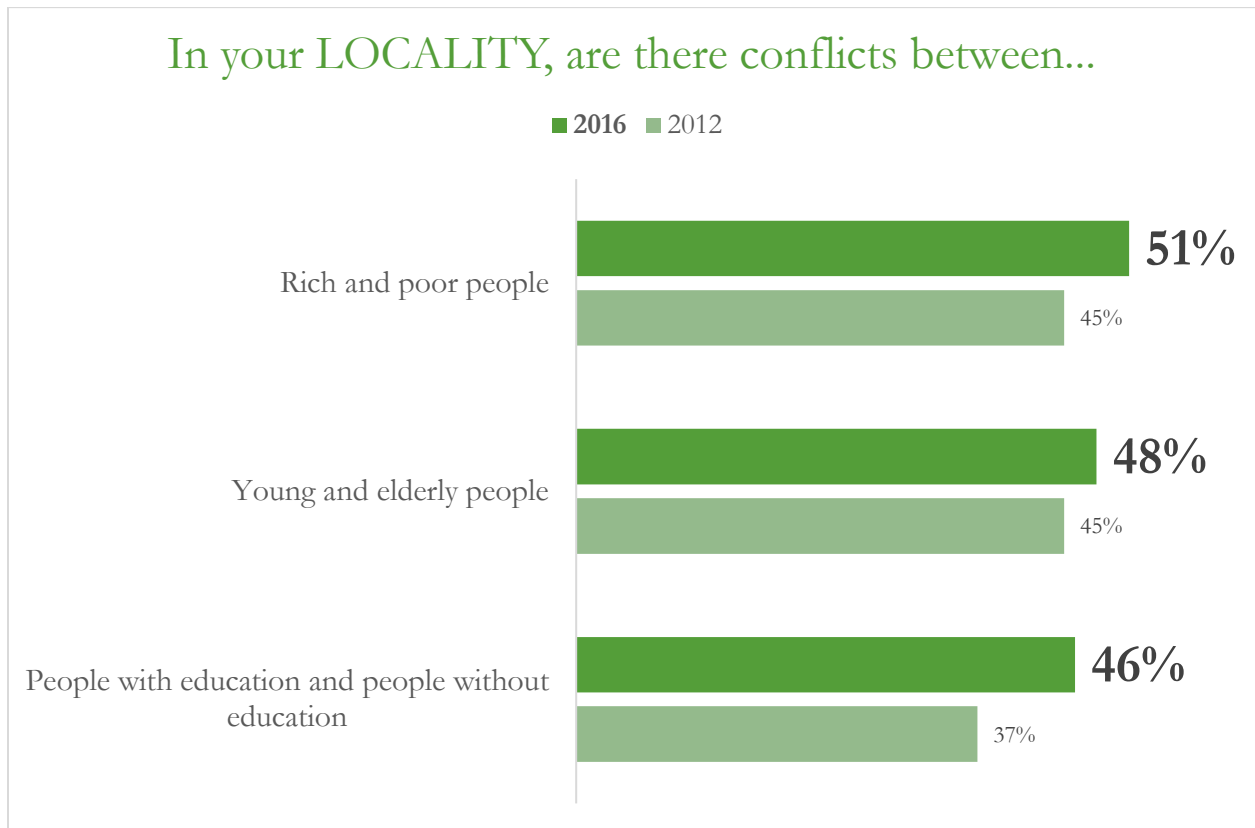


Association (% people who are members in an organization...)



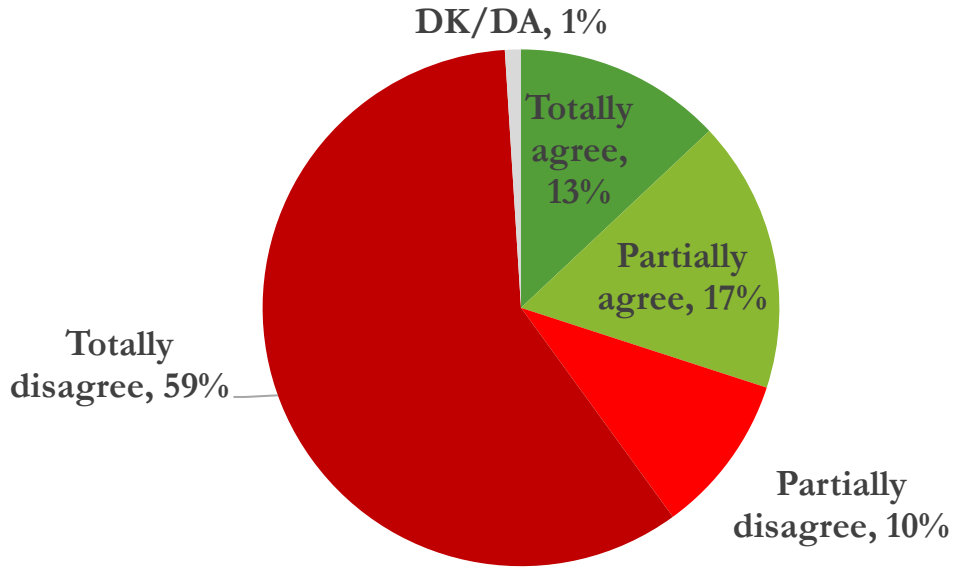
Present and potential level of volunteering



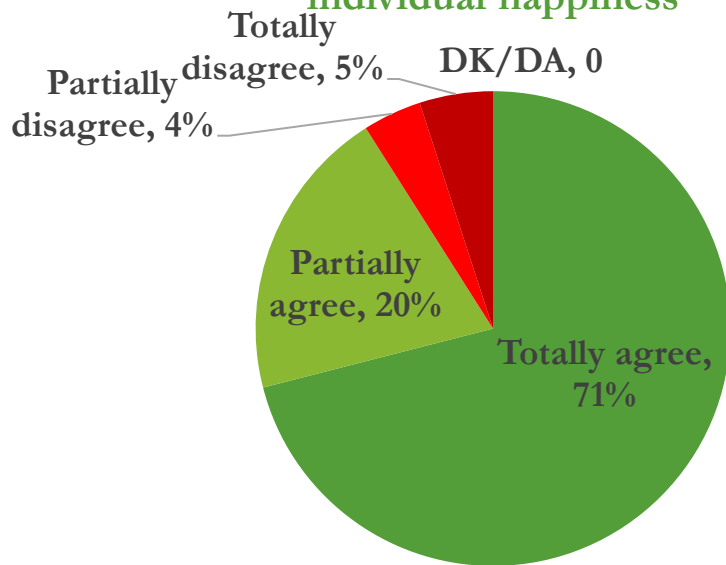


Statements

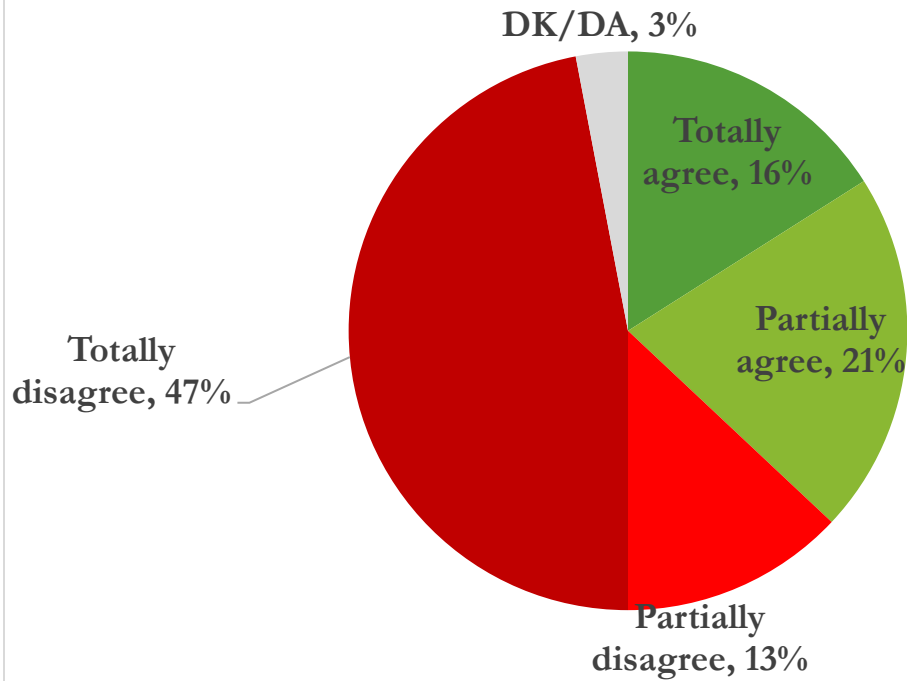
I agree that people of the same sex in Romania, forming a couple, can legally marry or enter a civil partnership recognized by the state



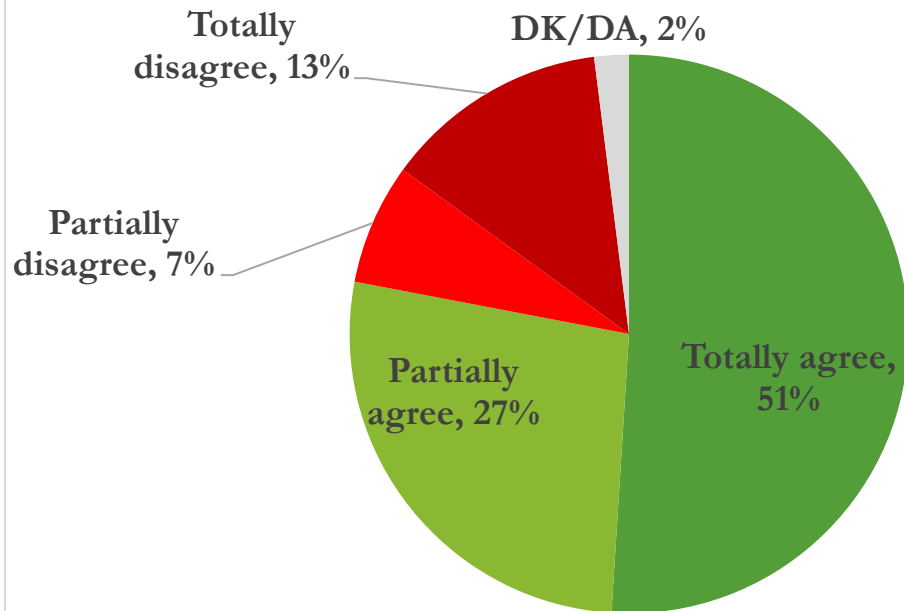
I believe that the traditional family, based on the marriage between a man and a woman is the most important thing in a society, more important than individual happiness



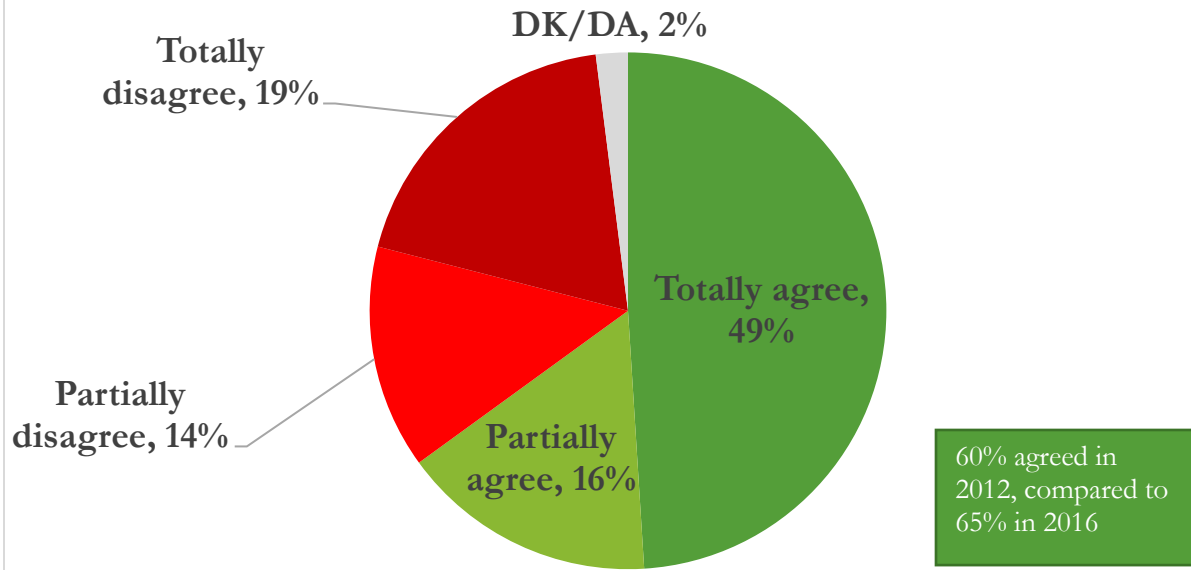
The Orthodox Church IS NOT very important in my life



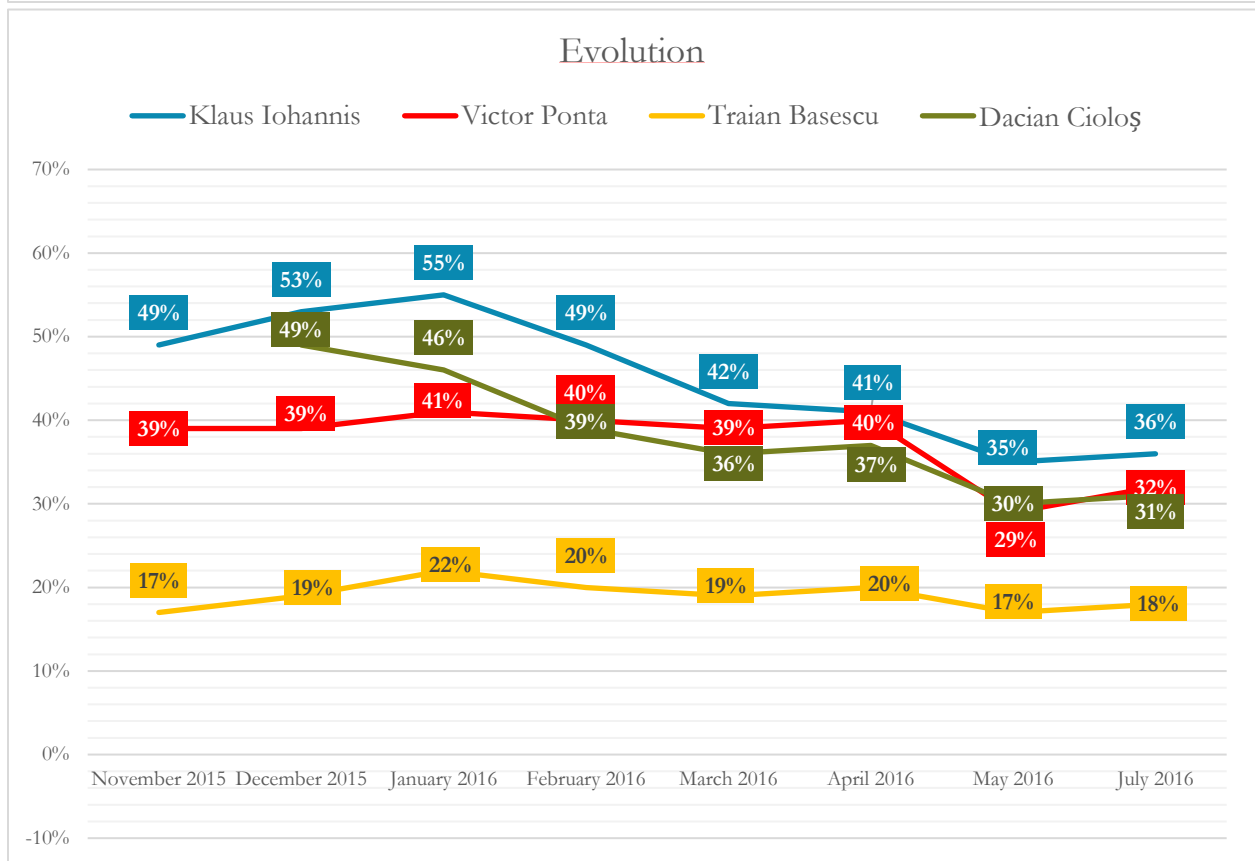
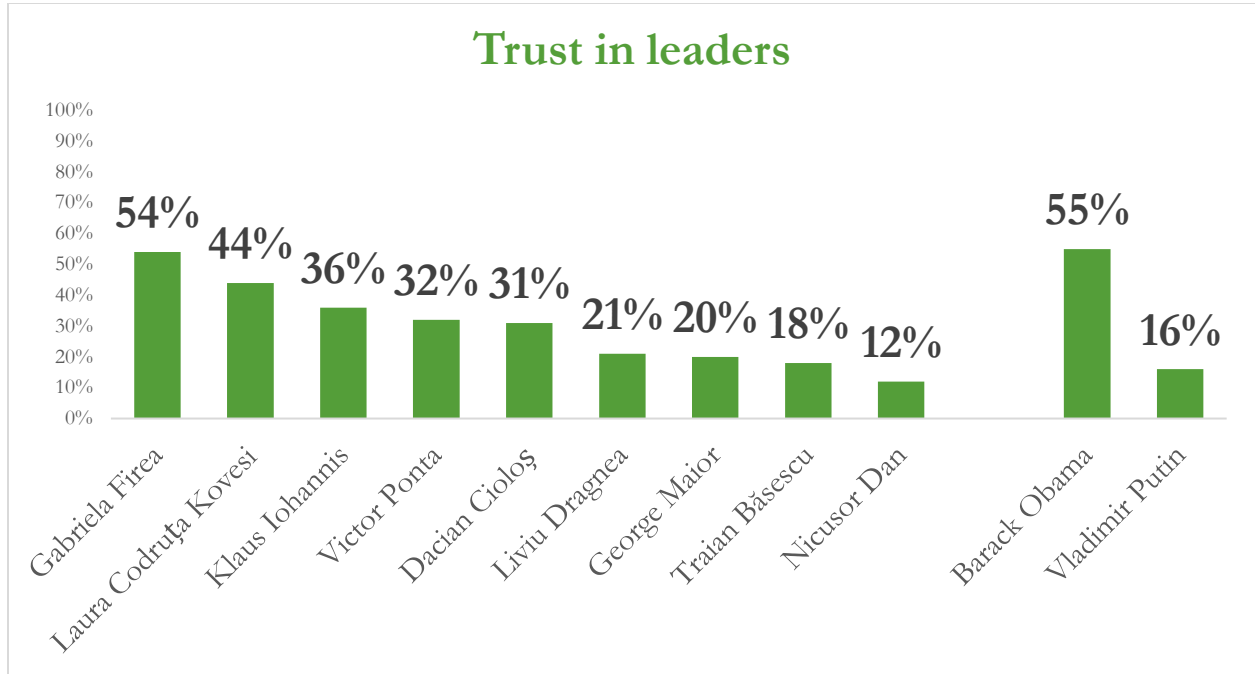
The role of the Orthodox Church in Romanian society should be higher than it currently is

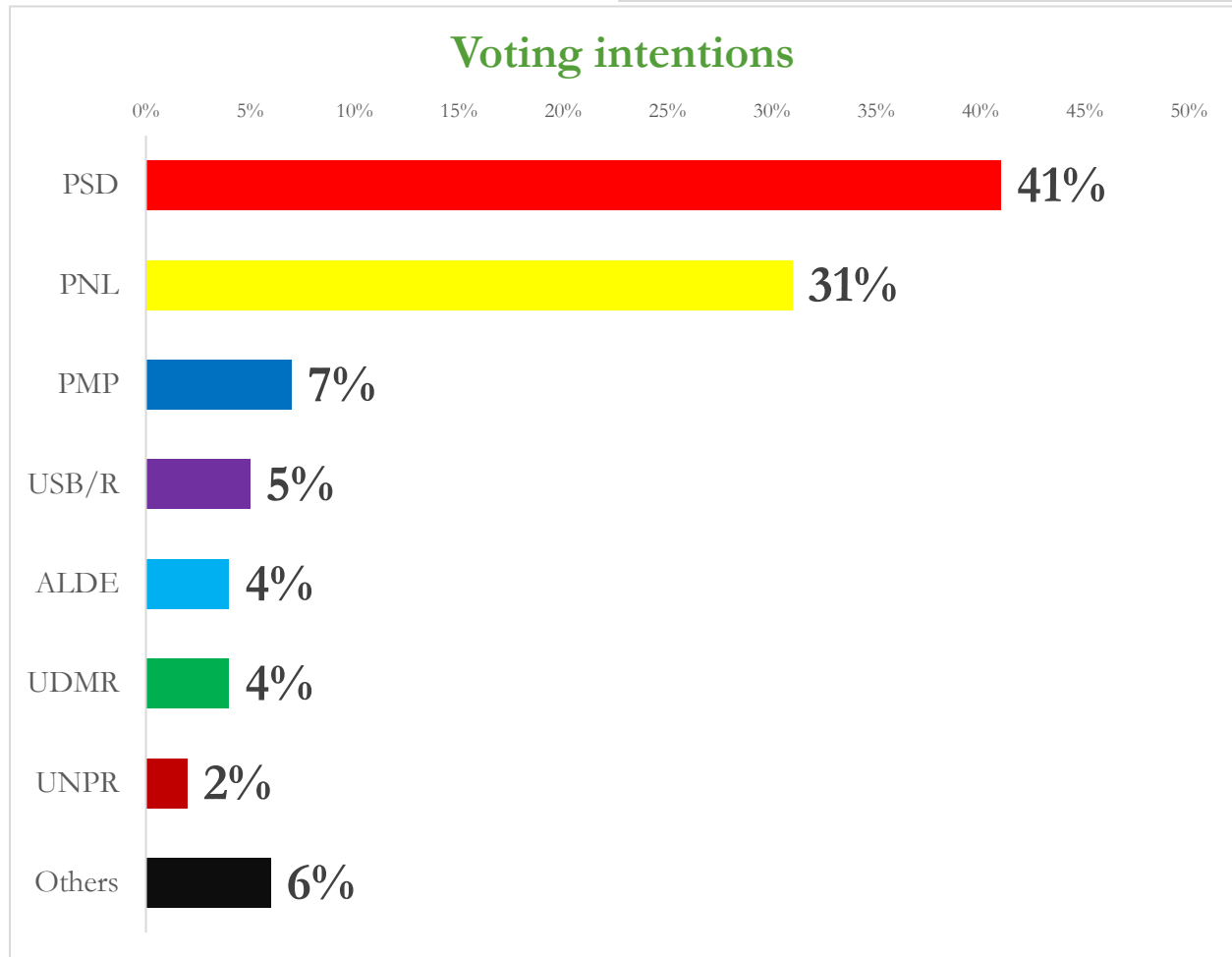
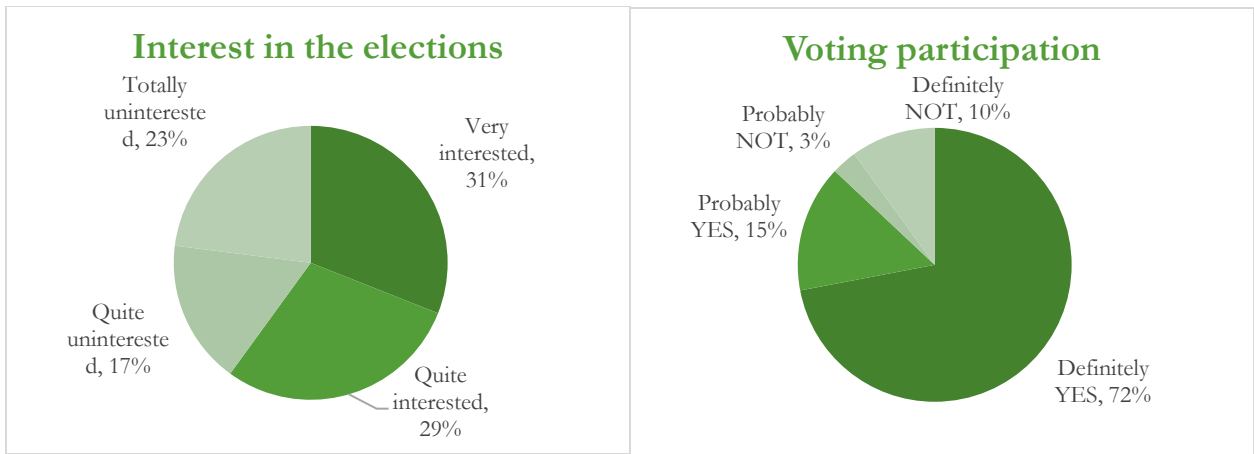


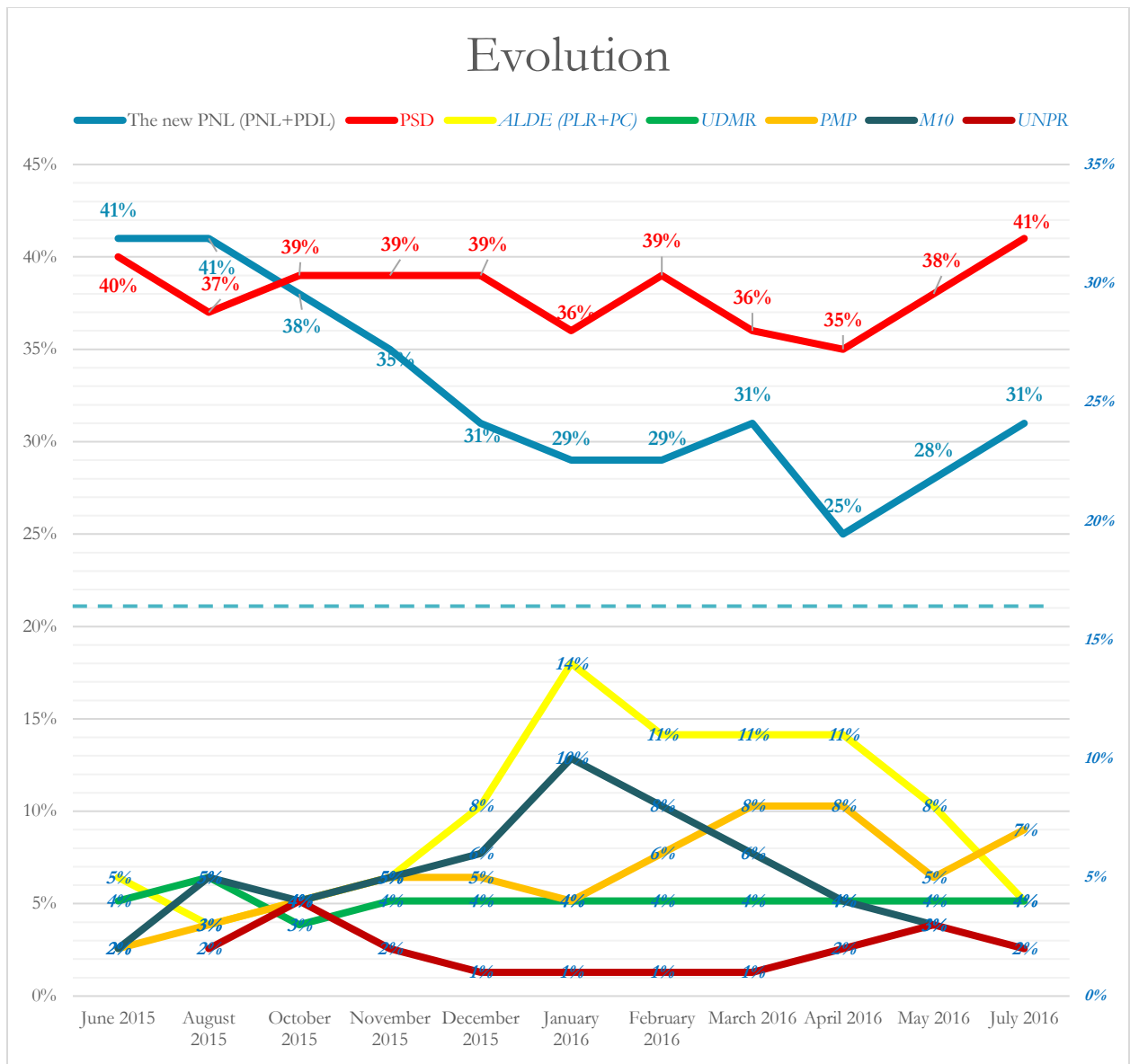
It is better that in the country's leadership there is a single determined leader rather than more people with different ideas



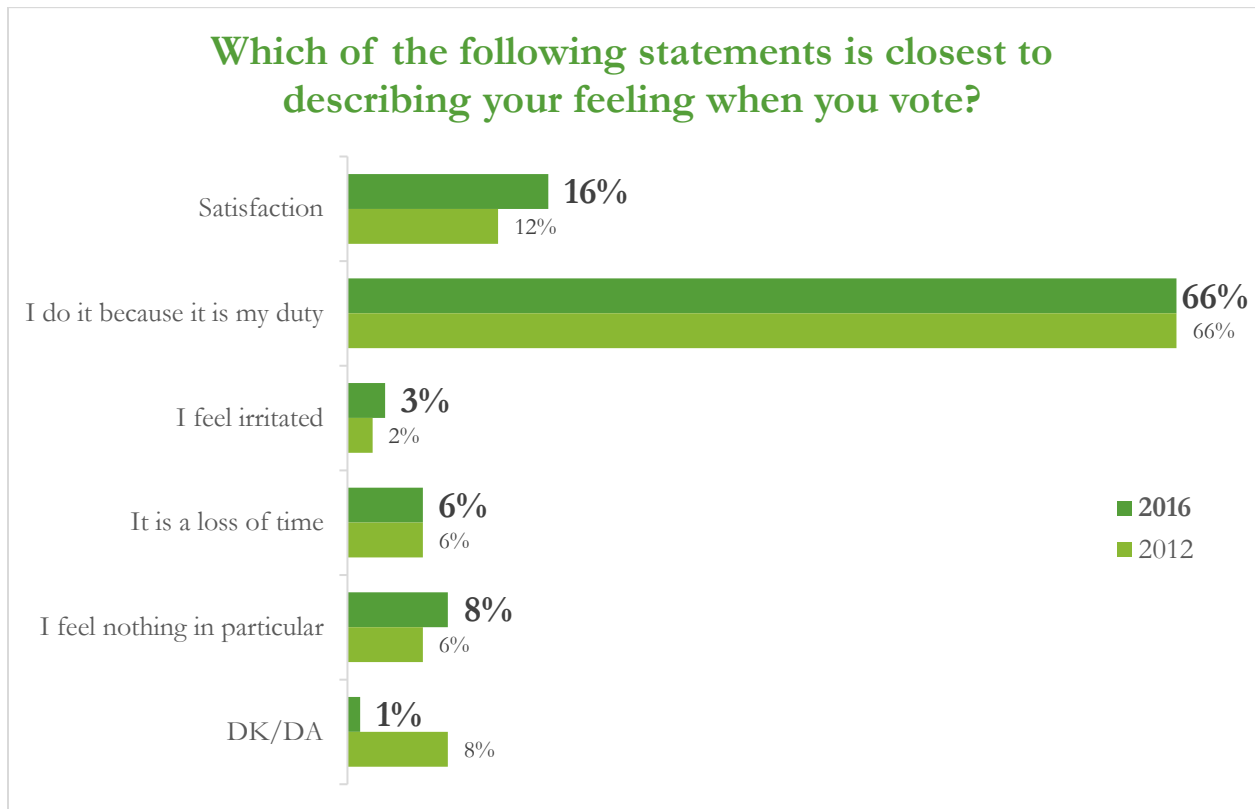
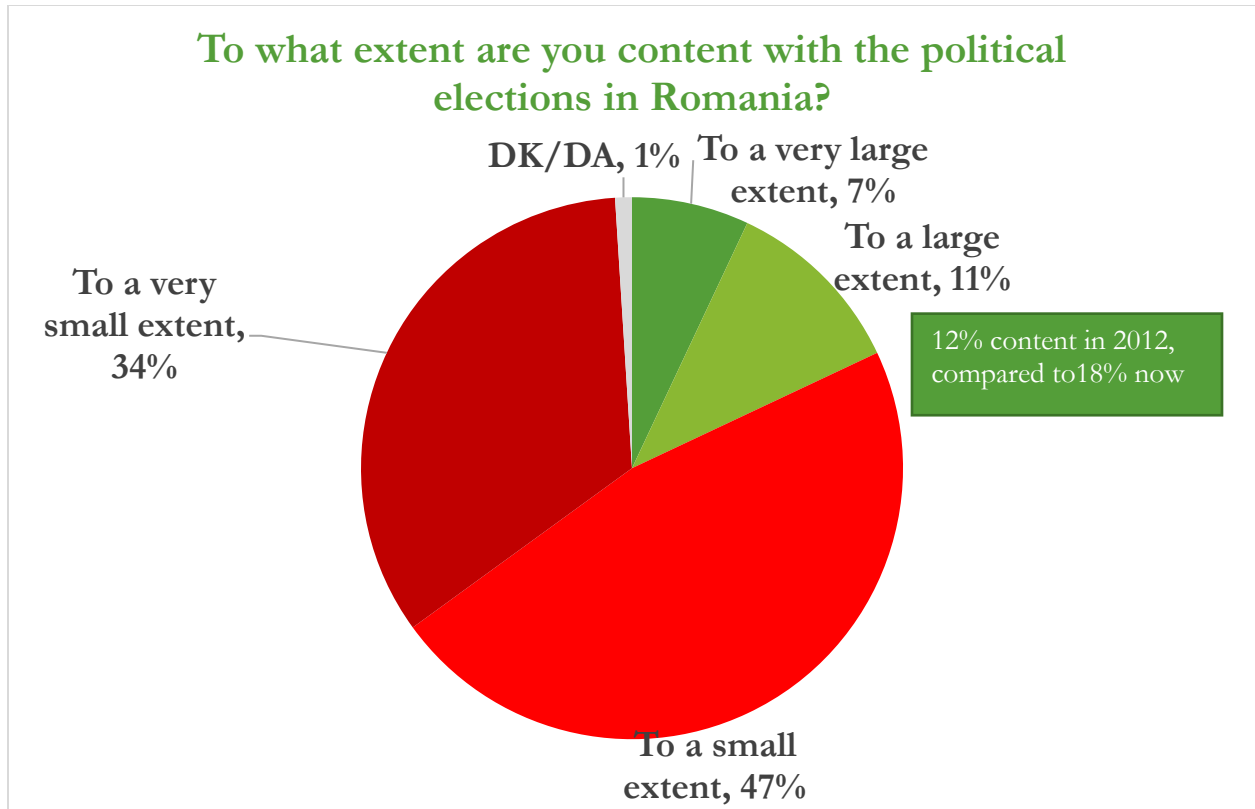
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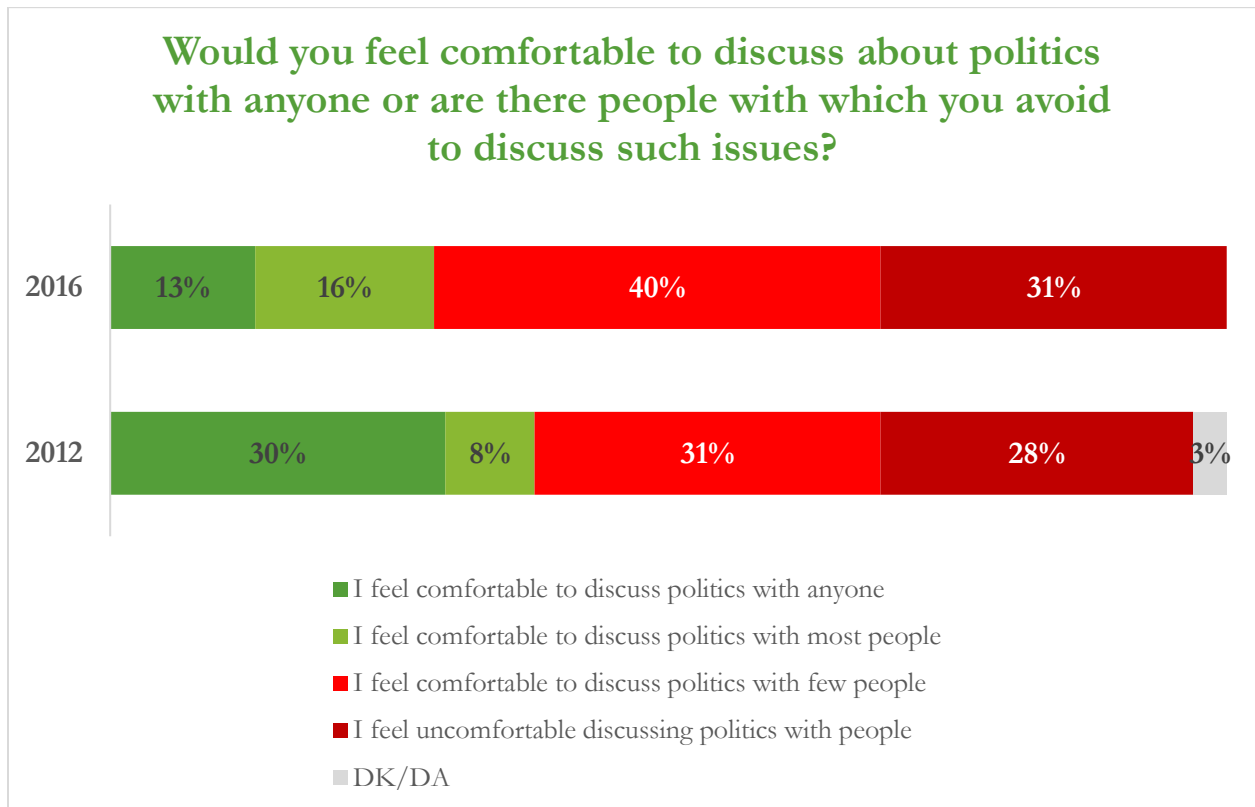
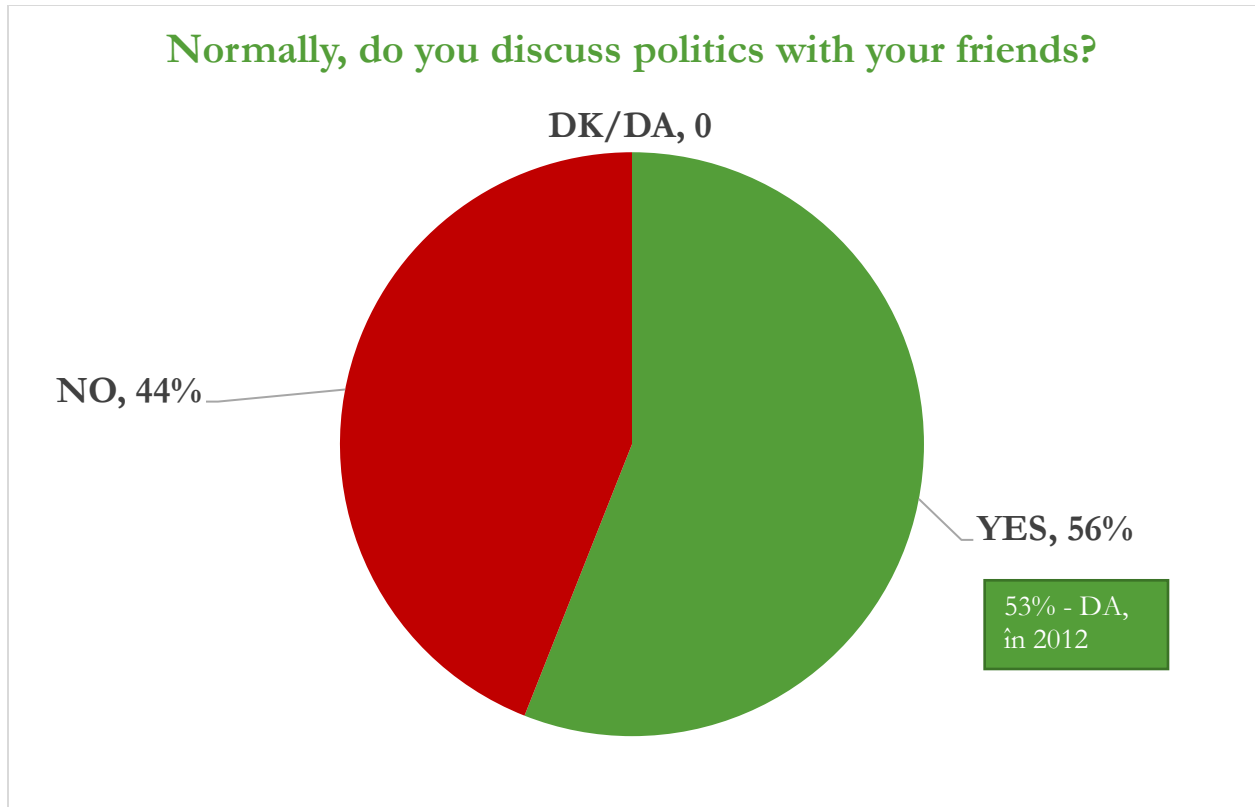


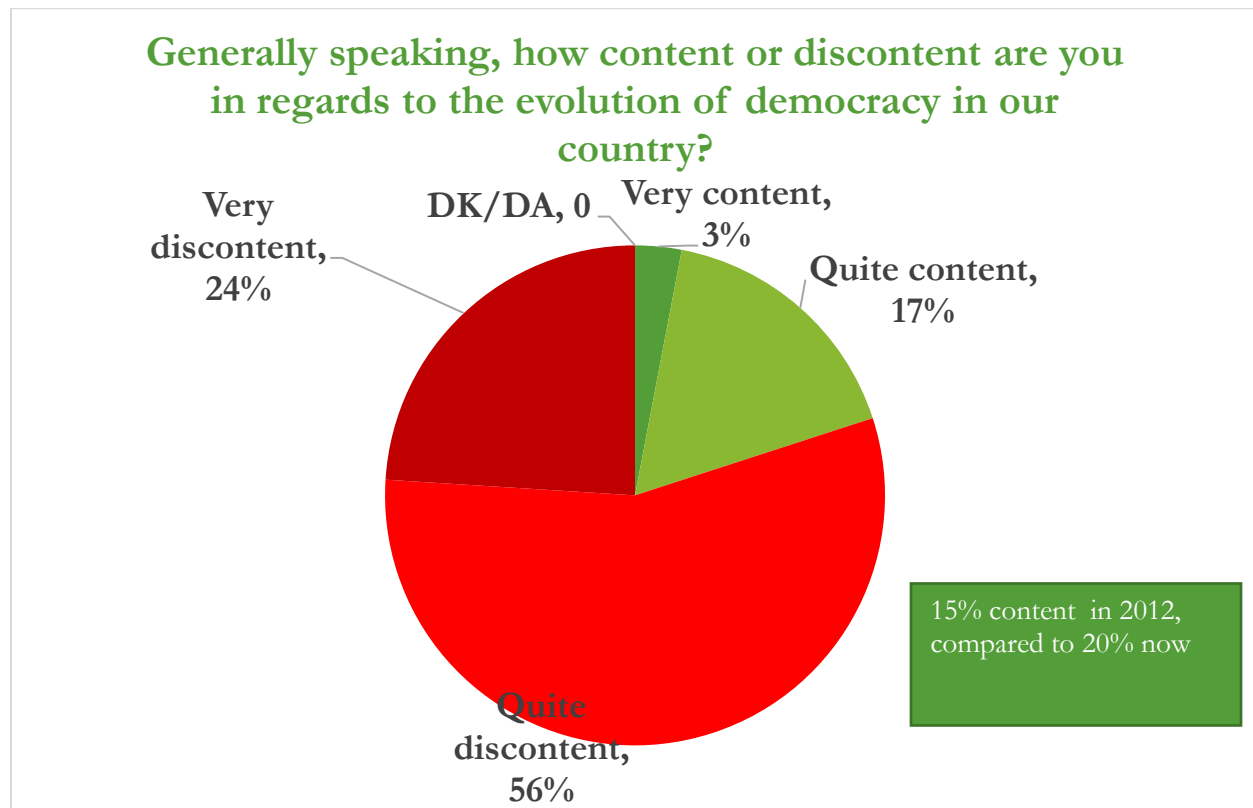
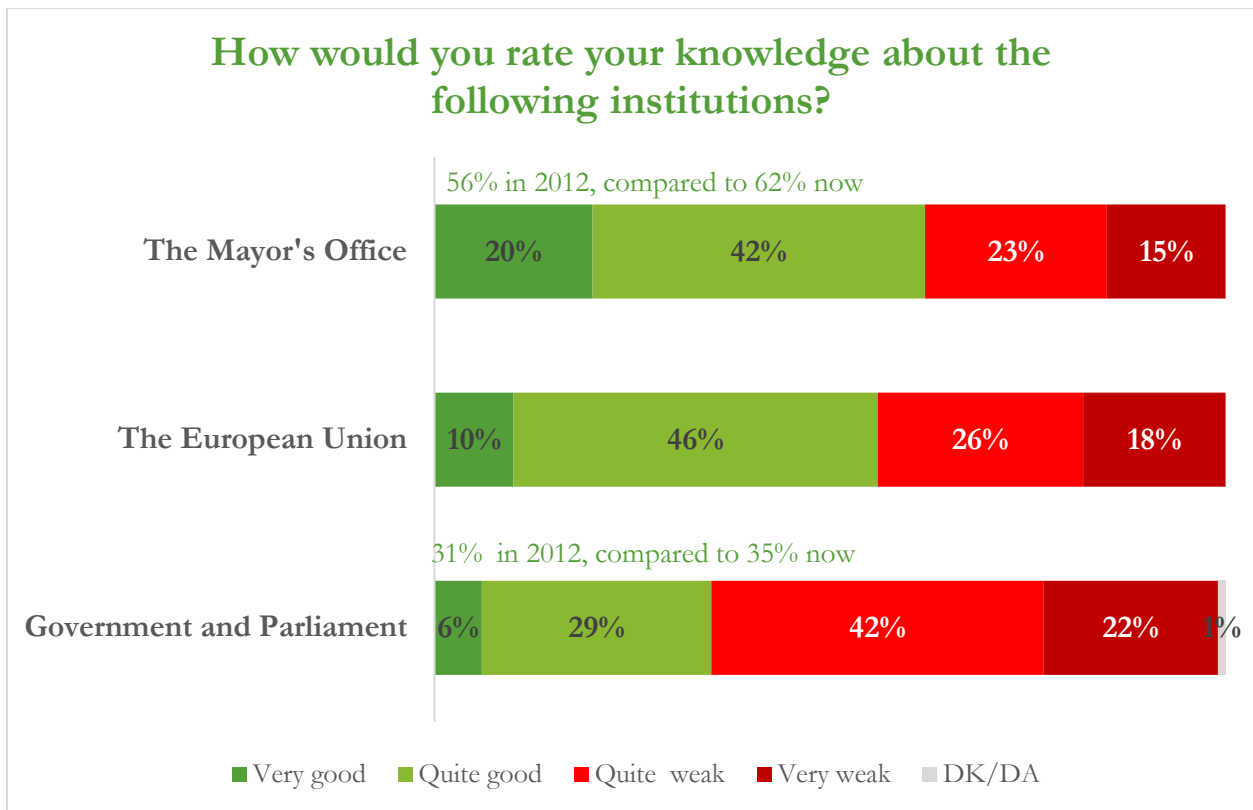


Opinions about elections

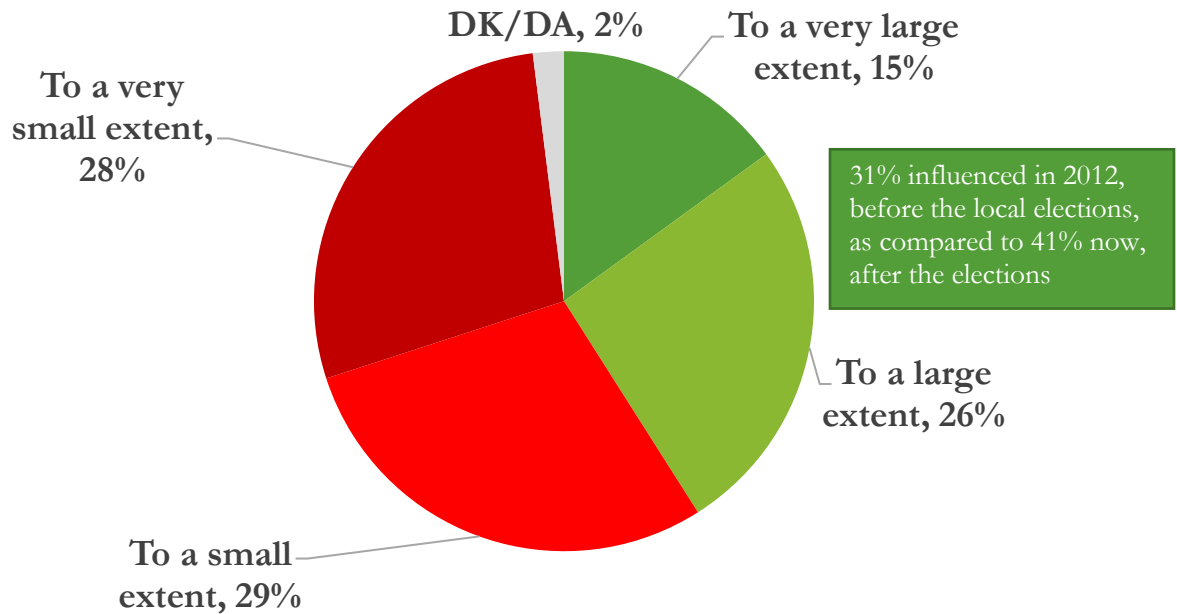


Political participation

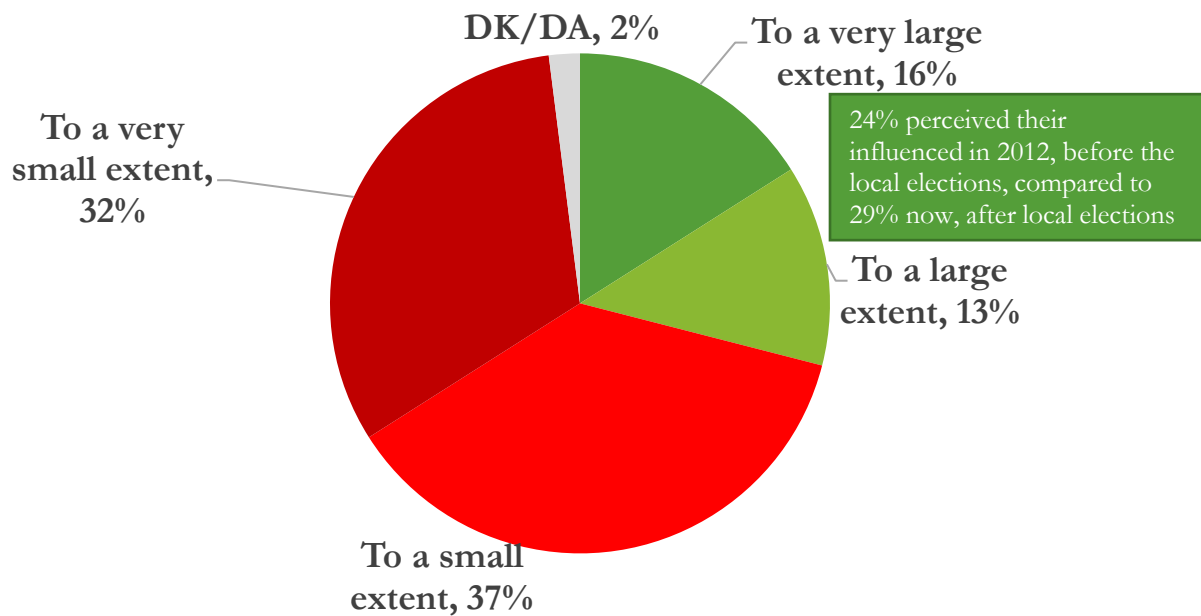




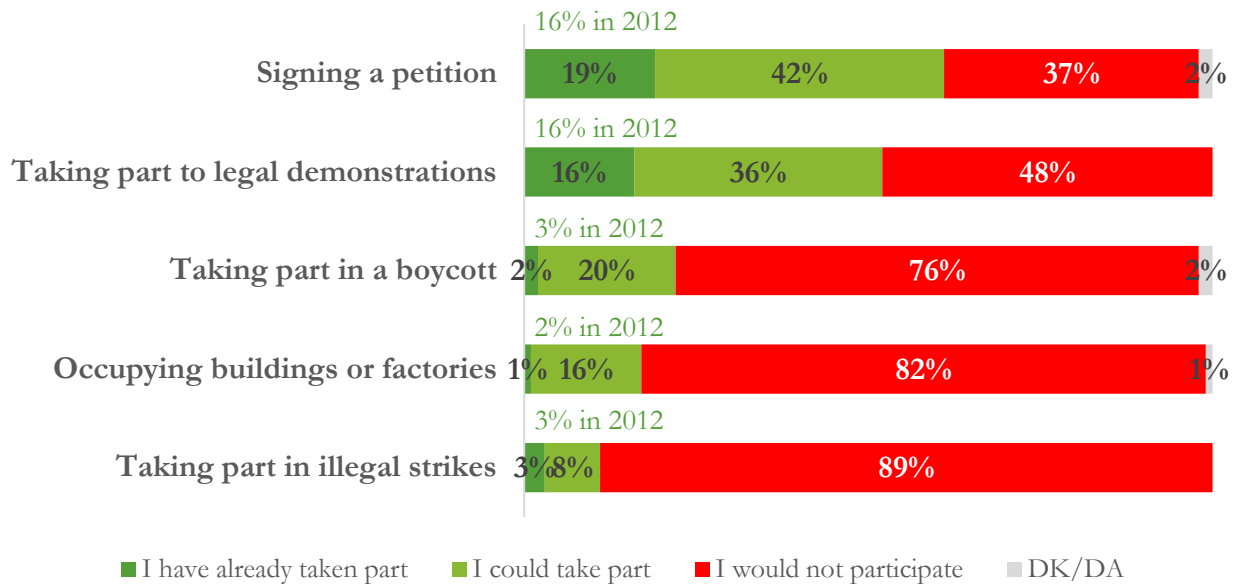
To what extent do you believe people like you can influence the important decisions taken for your locality?



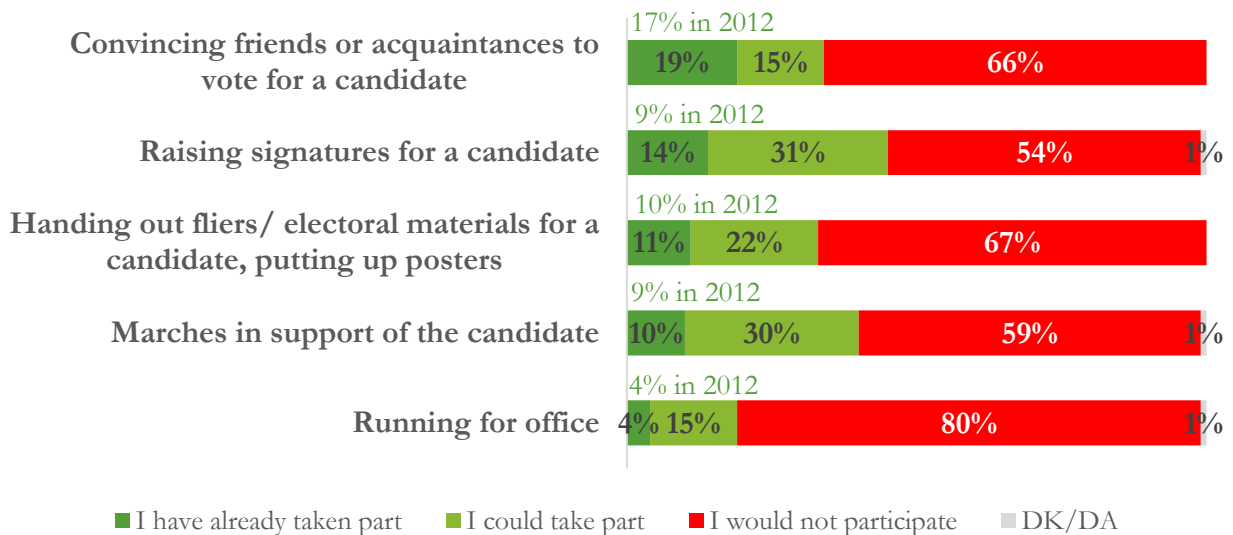
To what extent do you believe people like you can influence the important decisions taken for your the whole country?



I will read you a list of protest actions people can take part in. I would like you to tell me whether you have taken part already in such actions, or whether you are willing or under any circumstances you will not take part in such actions

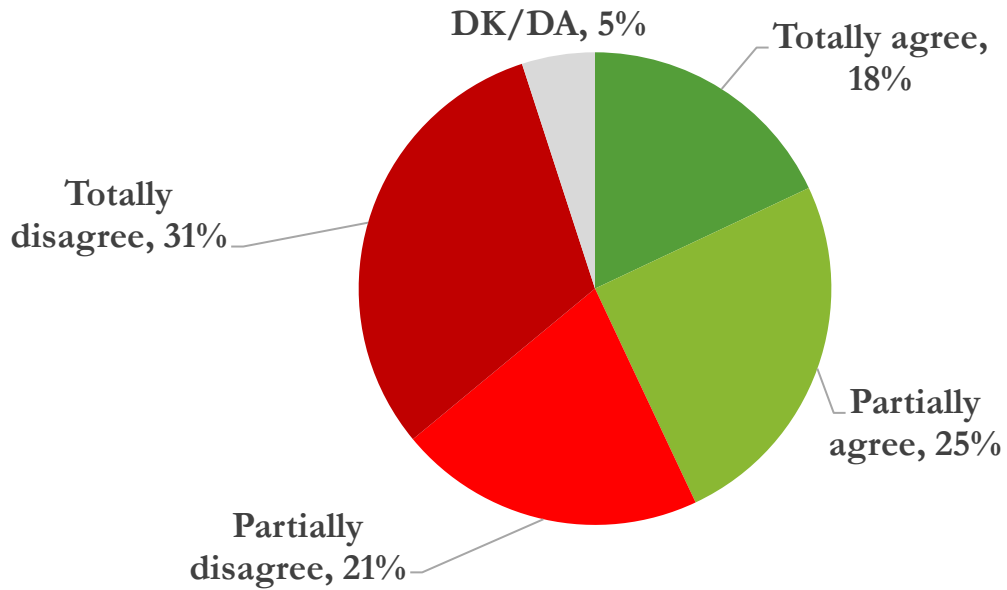


I will read you a list of actions people can take part in during electoral campaigns. I will ask you to tell me if you have already taken part in such actions, if you are willing to take part or if you aren't, under any conditions willing to participate

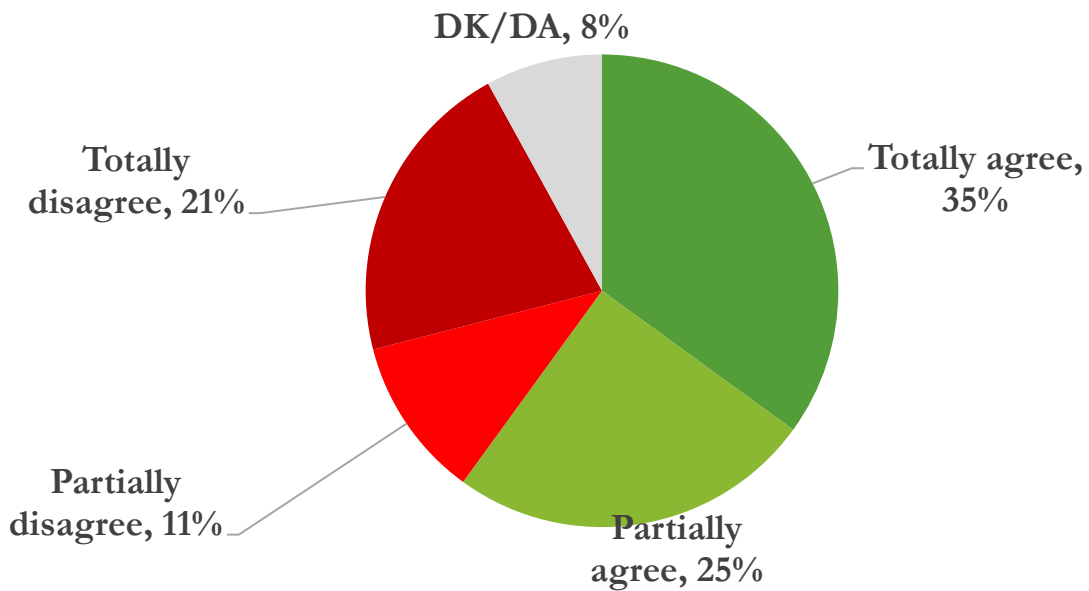


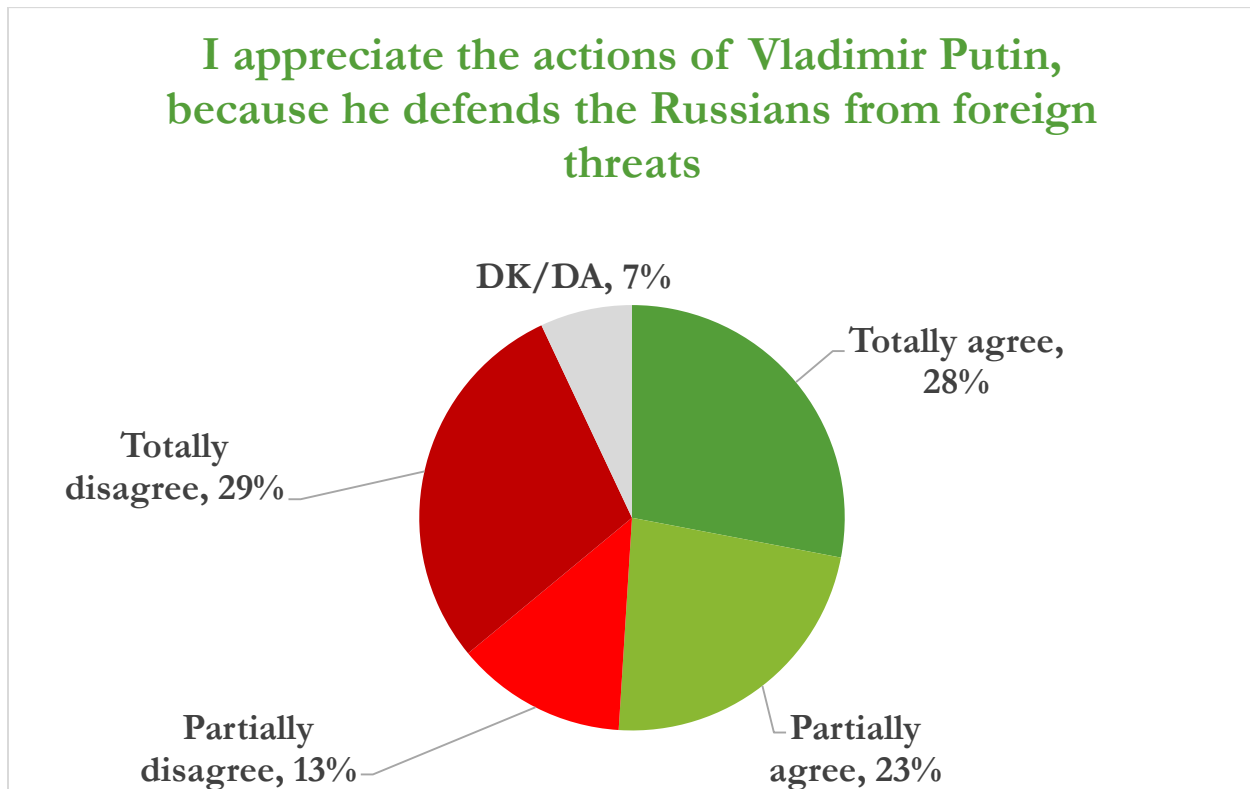
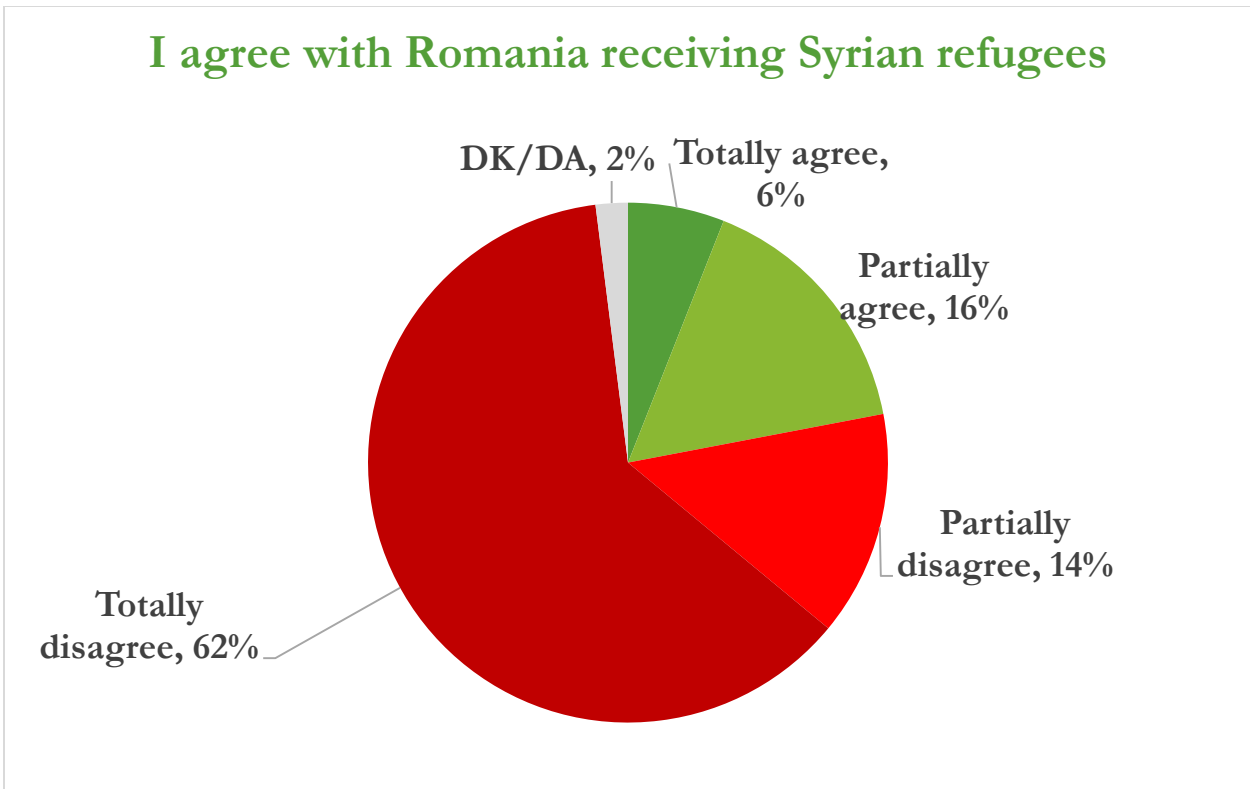
Russia

I am very interested in the situation in Crimea and in Ukraine

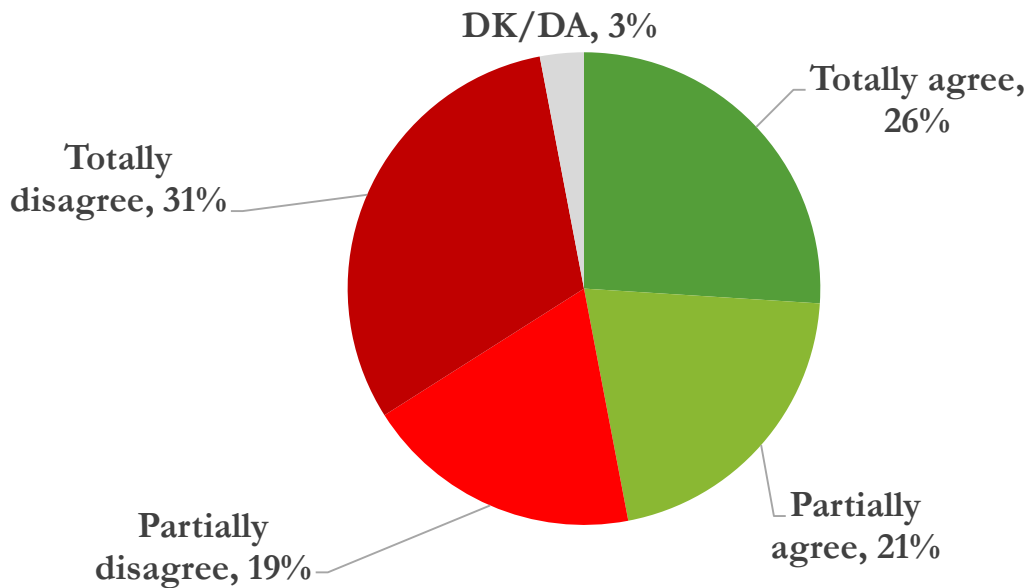


The placement of the anti-missile shield at Deveselu is a good thing

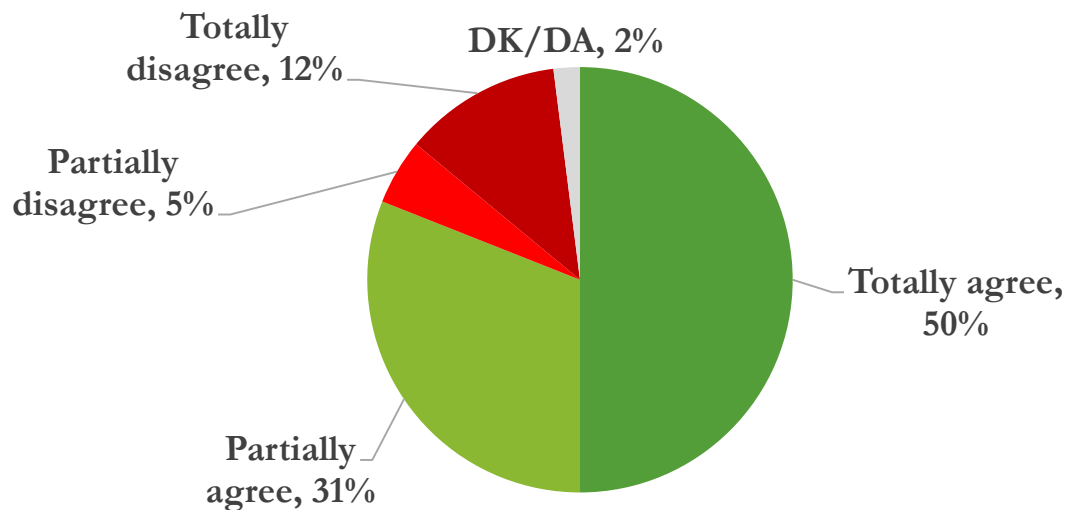




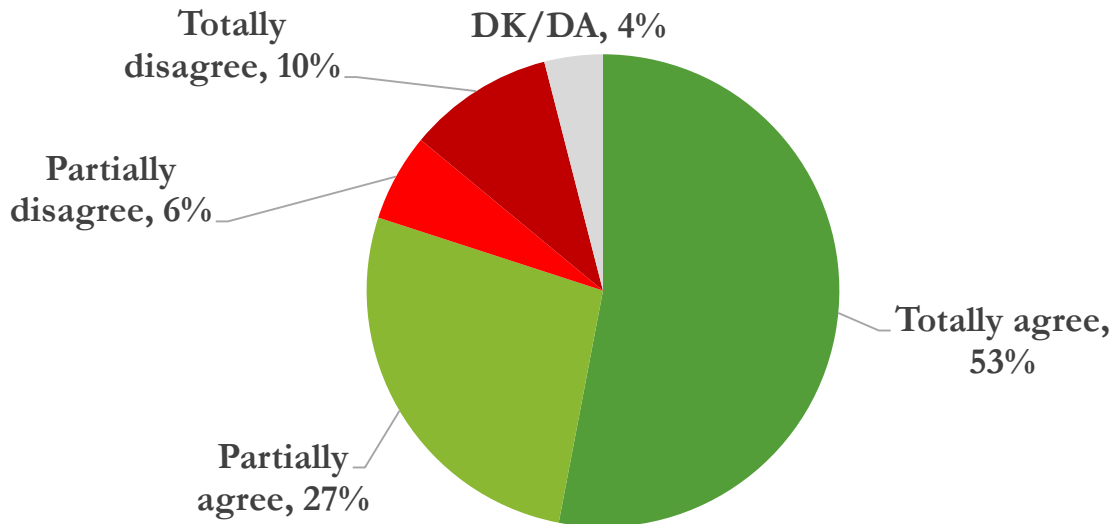
I am very concerned with the threats made by Vladimir Putin



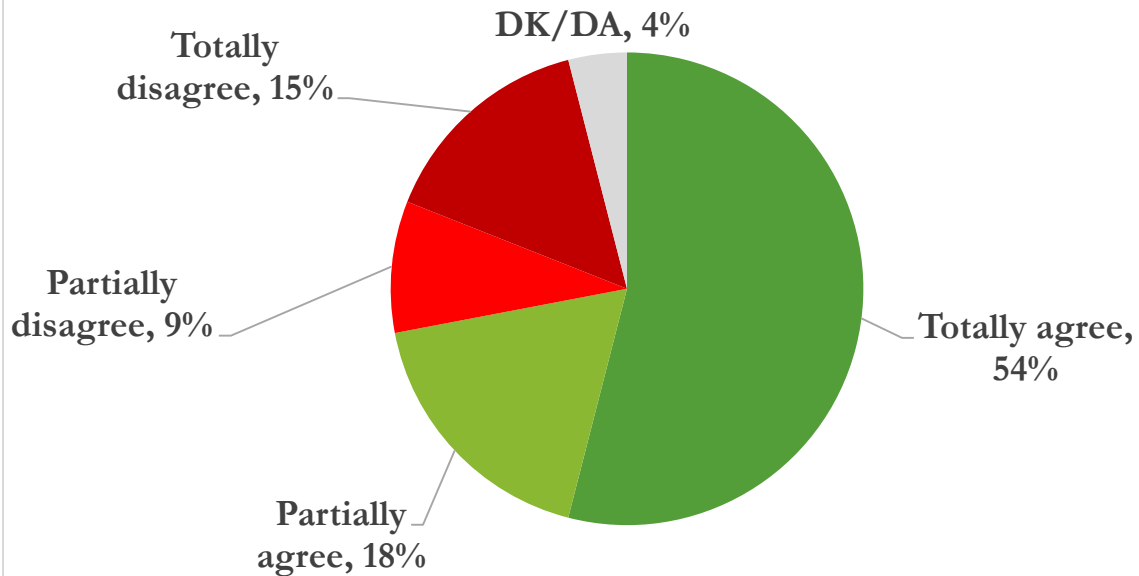
Romania must improve its relations with Russia and the two countries need to cooperate more in the economic area



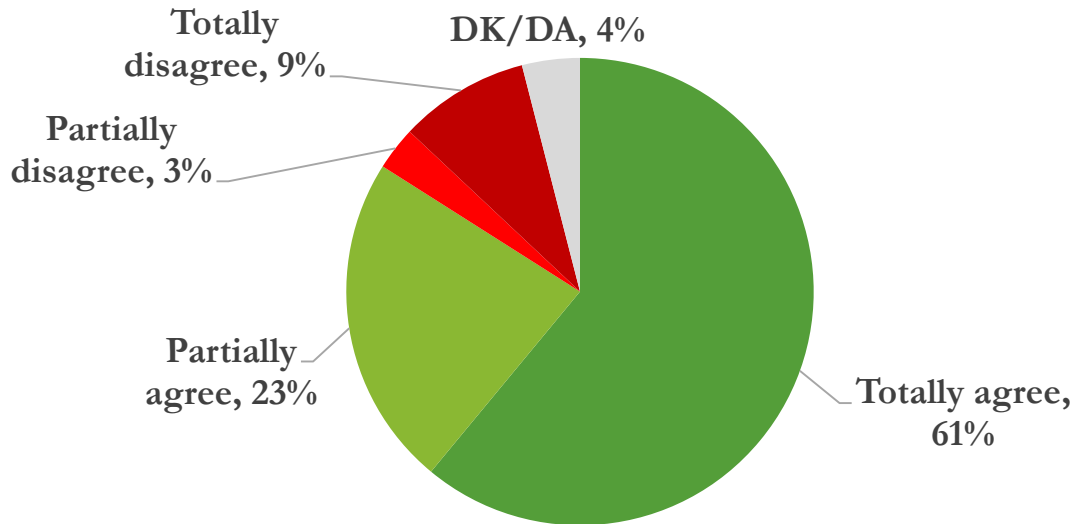
It is important to help the Republic of Moldova to get closer to the Western countries



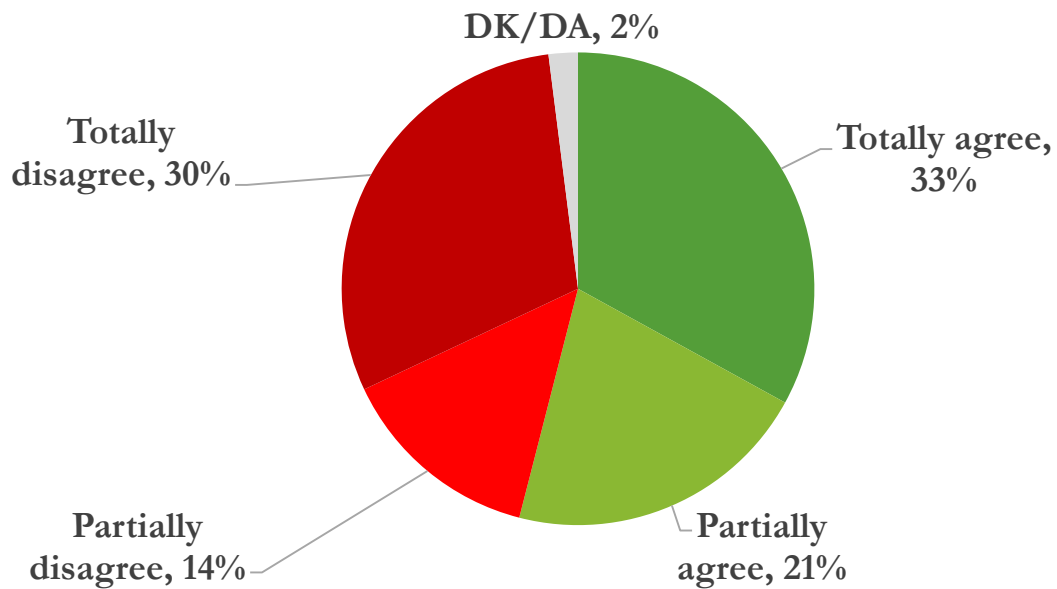
It is essential that Romania becomes energy independent, even by exploiting shale gas



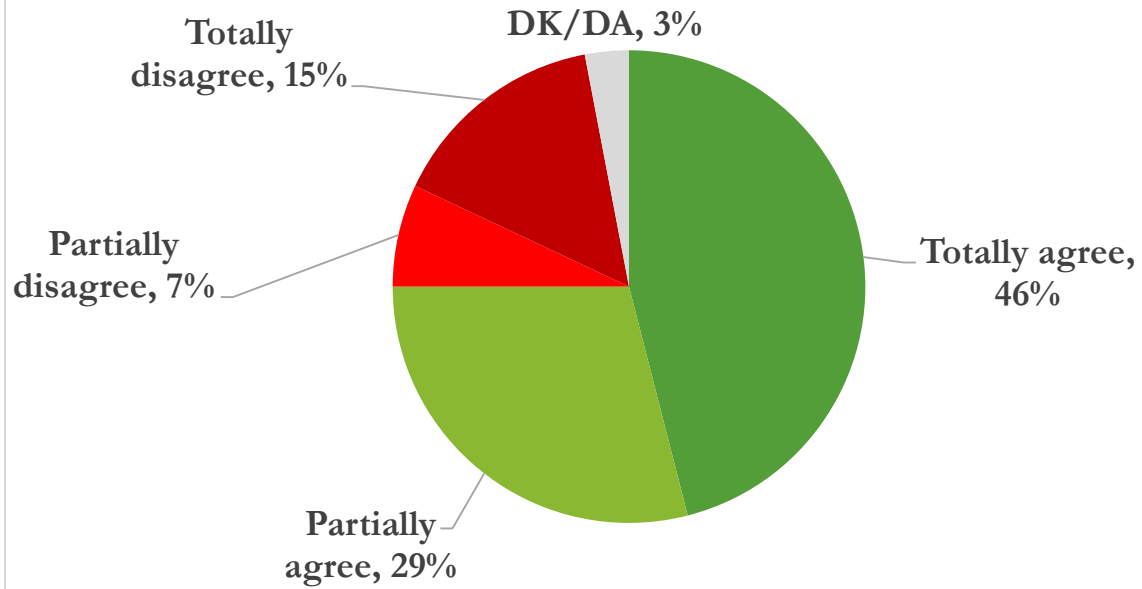
Even if we will not become energy-independent very soon, it is better to look for renewable sources of energy rather than exploit shale gas



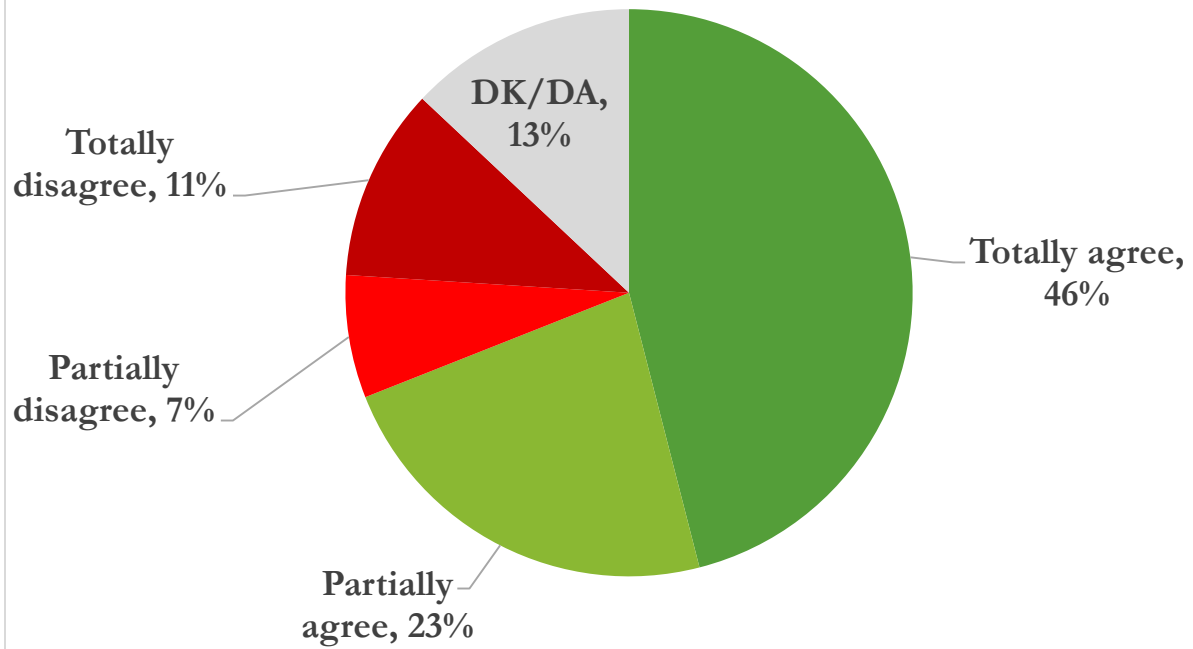
I am afraid Russia will attack Romania, as it has done with Ukraine



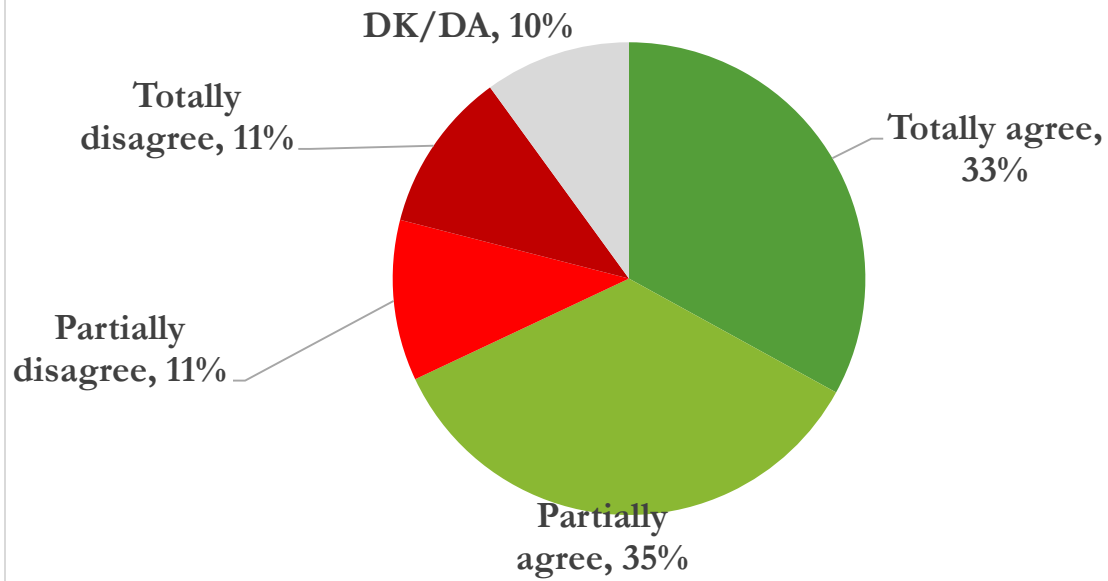
I trust NATO countries to immediately help Romania, if we are attacked by Russia



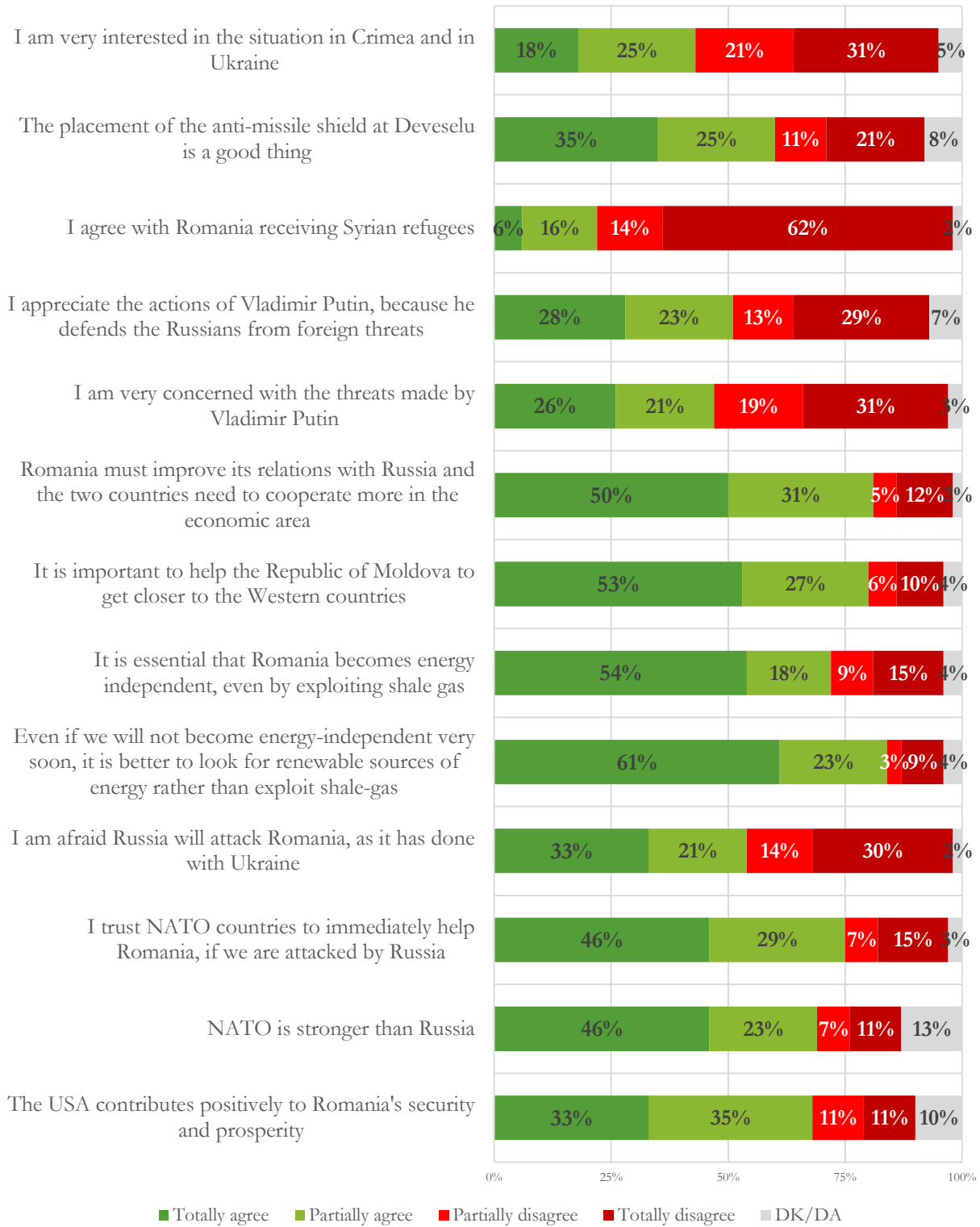
NATO is stronger than Russia

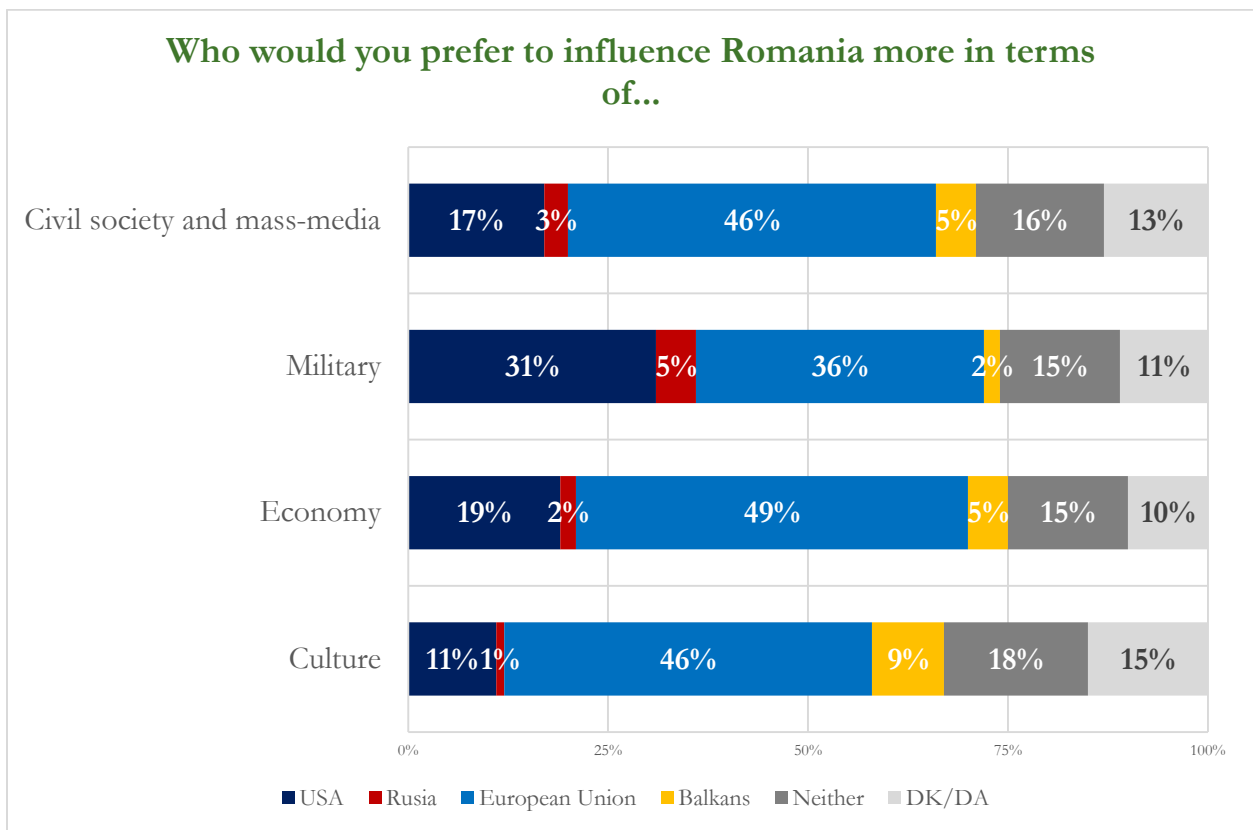
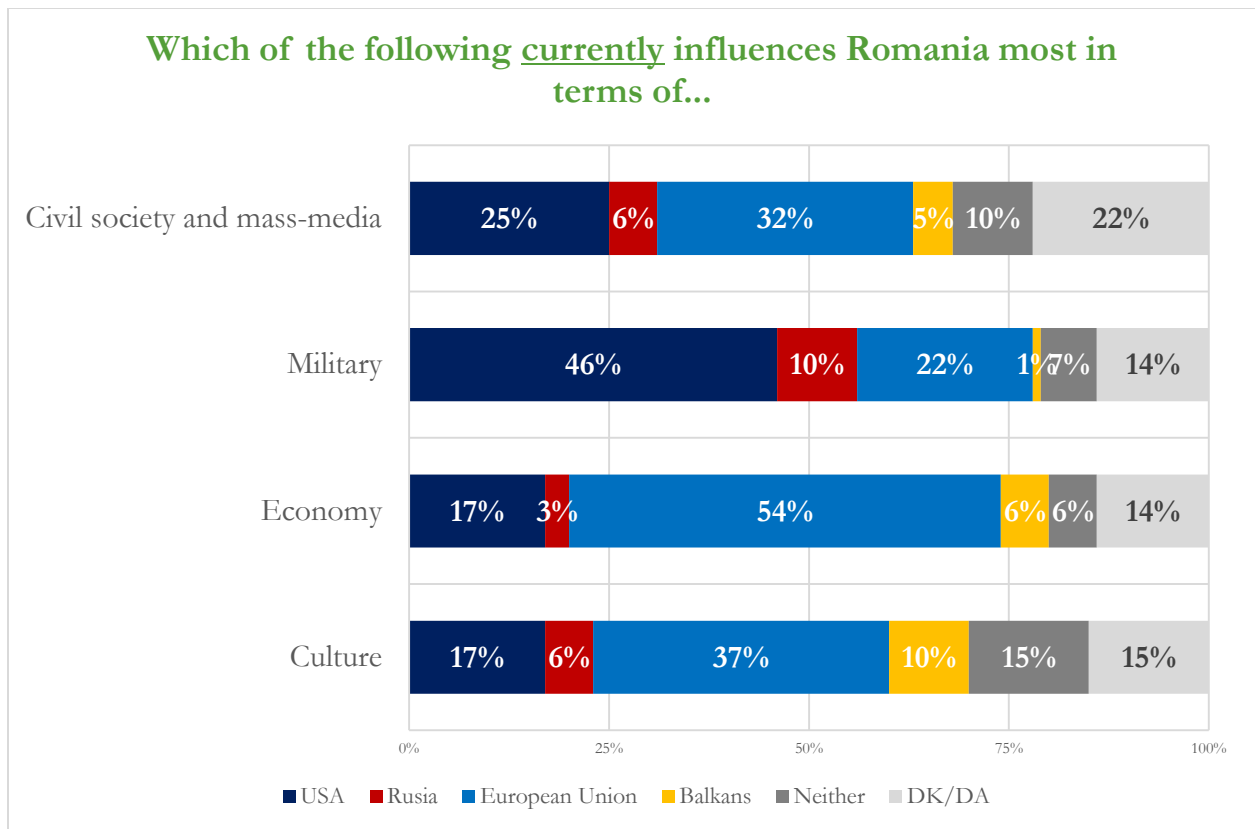


The USA contributes positively to Romania's security and prosperity



STATEMENTS - SYNTHESIS





Media consumption and socio-demographic data

