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# Survey of Iraqi Public Opinion

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## Methodology in Brief

- Face-to-face interviews were conducted April 11 – April 20, 2005.
- All field work was conducted by an Iraqi polling firm employing more than 200 trained interviewers across the country.
- Interviews occurred in 15 of 18 governorates, excluding Dohuk, Ramadi and Mosul for security reasons.
- A total sample of 2,705 valid interviews were obtained from a total sample of 3,000 rendering a response rate of 90.17 percent.
- The overall margin of error for the survey is +/- 2.75 percent.
- Please contact IRI if more detailed methodological information is required.

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## Demographics in Brief

- Representative of 15 of Iraq's 18 provinces—percentage of sample ranging from 4.0 percent in Umara to 30.7 percent in Baghdad
- Urban sample accounts for 67.3 percent of respondents and rural respondents made up the remaining 32.7 percent
- Male to female ratio of 52.1 percent to 47.9 percent, respectively
- Ethnic distribution: Arabic (81.5%), Kurdish (16.0%), Turkman (1.8%), Chaldo-Assyrian (0.4%), No Answer (0.3%)
- Age distribution: 18-24 (17.7%), 25-34 (29.5%), 35-44 (25.8%), 45-54 (14.9%), 55 and over (12.0%)
- Religious Distribution: Sunni Muslim (27.0%), Shia Muslim (59.8%), Only Muslim (12.3%), Christian and other sects (0.9%)

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# Survey Results

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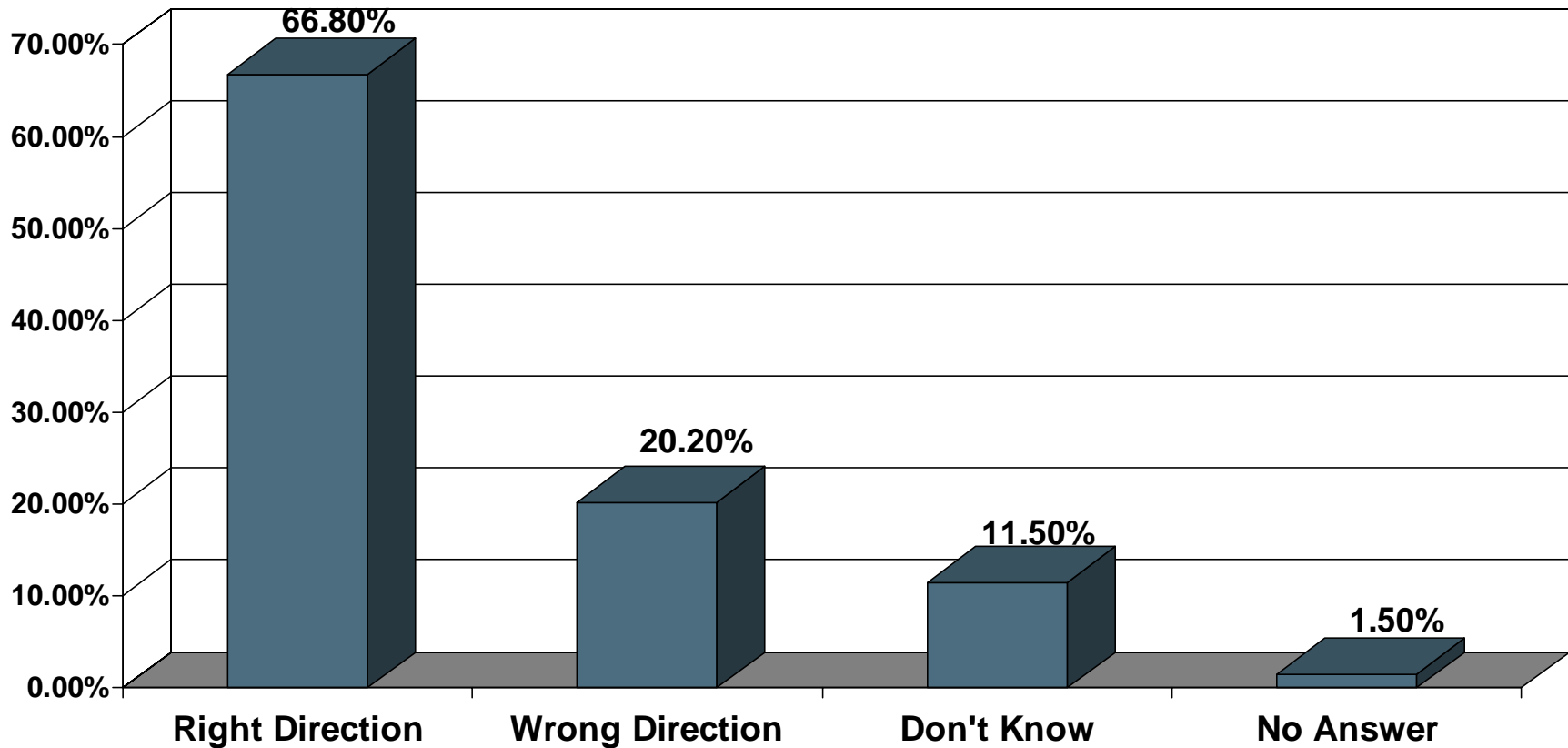
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# General Political Environment

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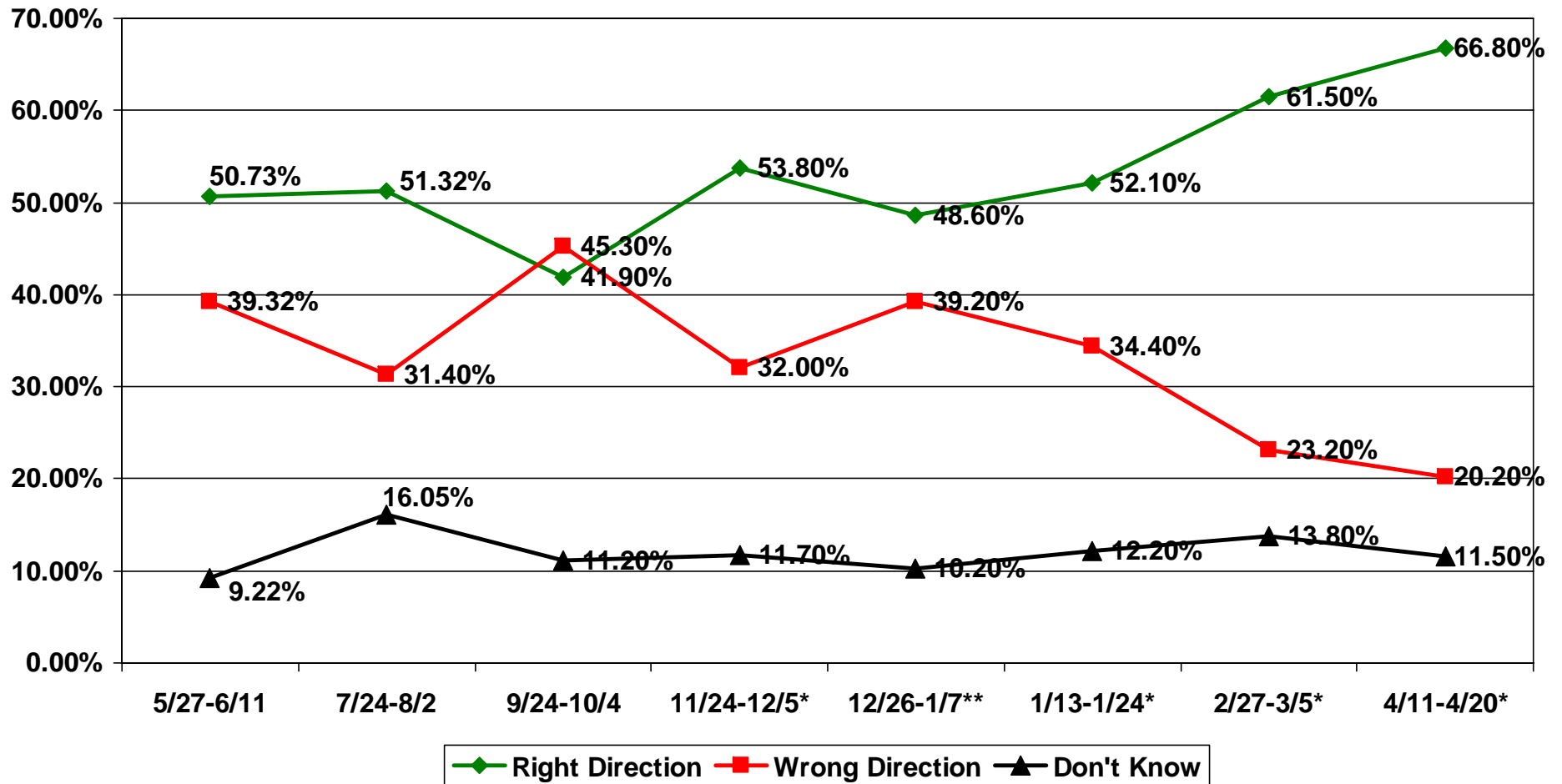


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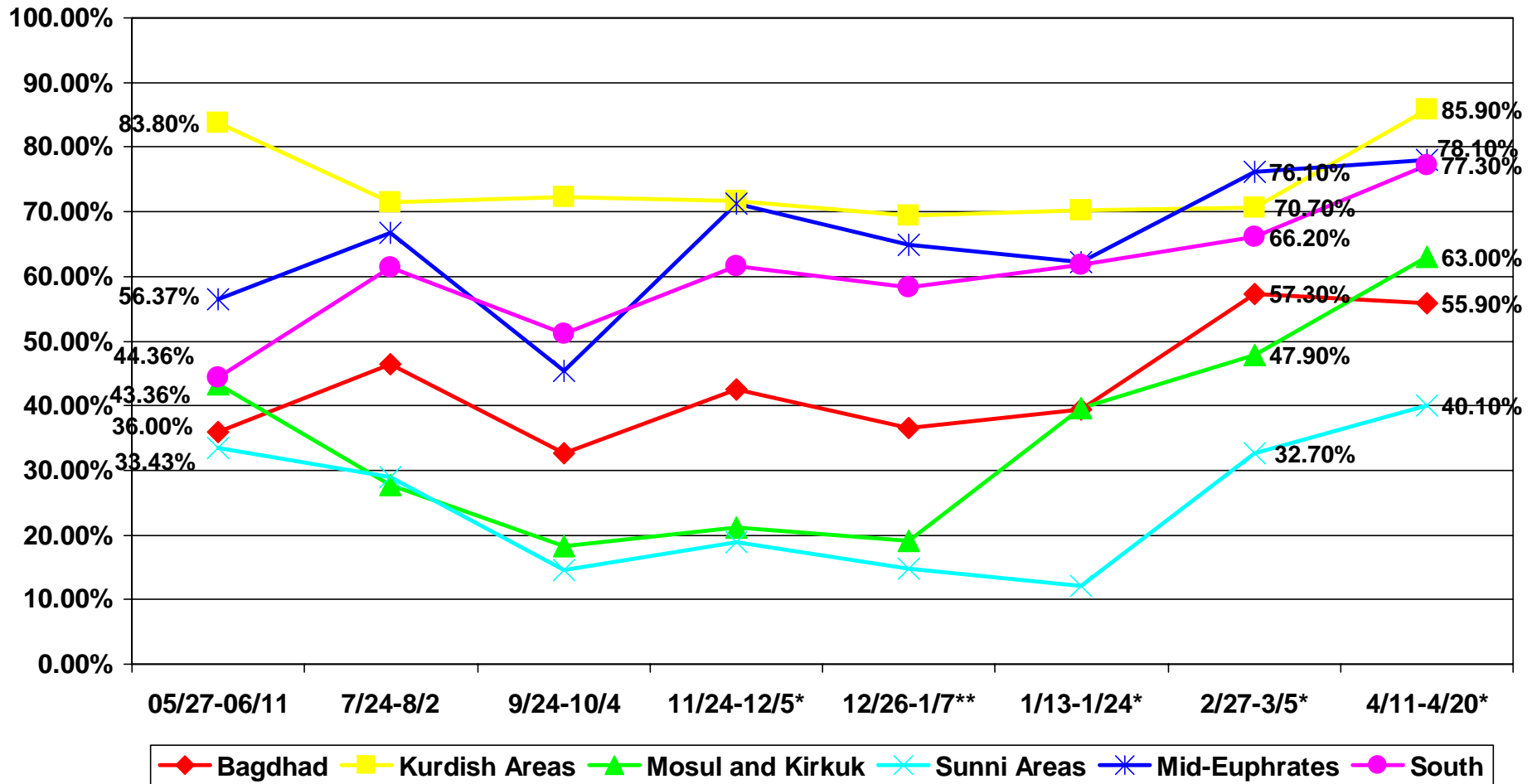
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*Trends: May 2004 – April 2005*



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## Right Direction: Regional Trends



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## Why do you think Iraq is heading in the right/wrong direction?

### Right Direction

<b>Establishment of a Government</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
<b>Higher Standard of Living</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
<b>Improving Security Situation</b>	<b>11.0%</b>
<b>Democracy</b>	<b>10.2%</b>
<b>Increased Freedoms</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
More Advantages	9.4%

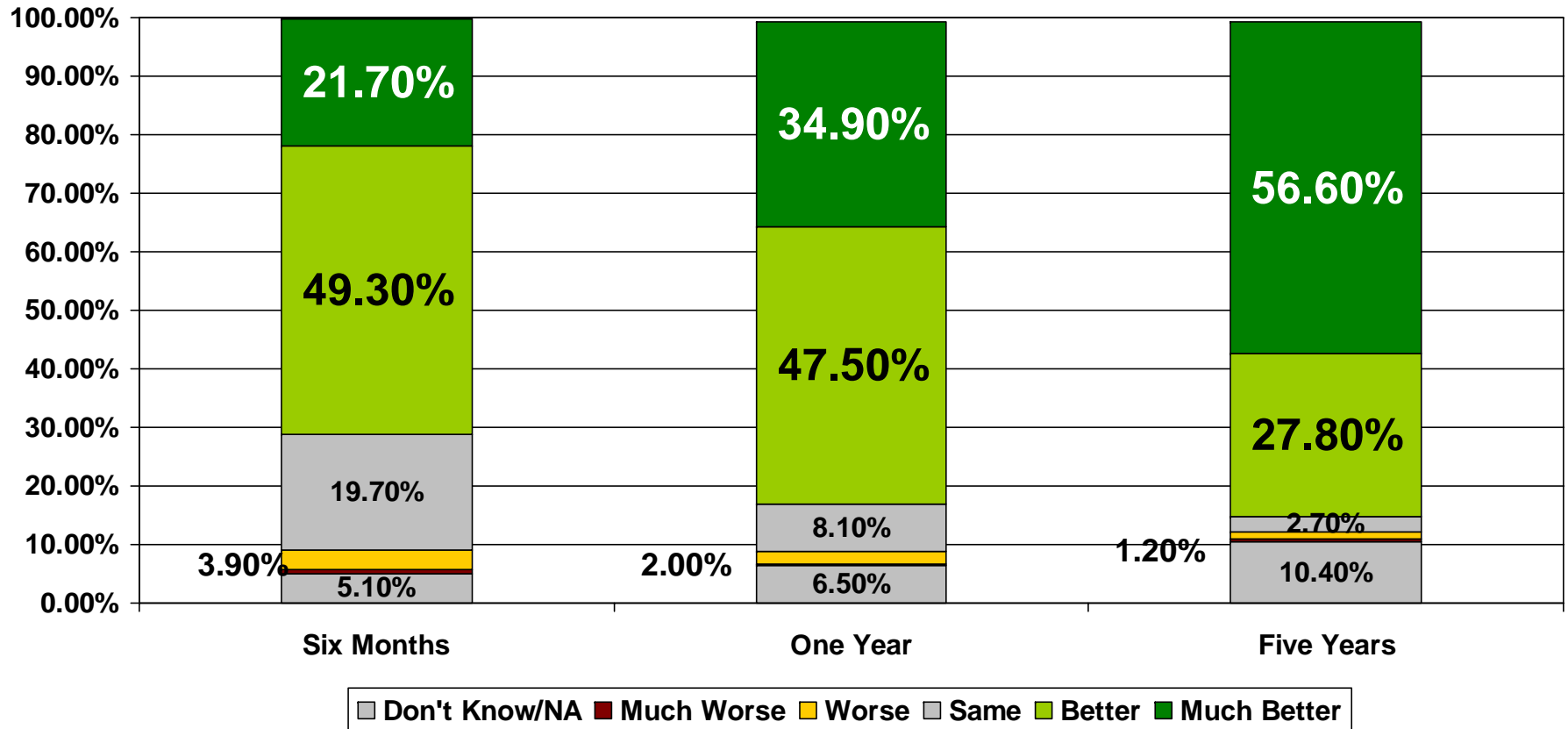
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### Wrong Direction

<b>Security</b>	<b>33.9%</b>
<b>Presence of Occupation</b>	<b>17.8%</b>
<b>Disturbances/Violence</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
No Changes	8.2%
Terrorism	6.0%
Government Not Established	4.6%

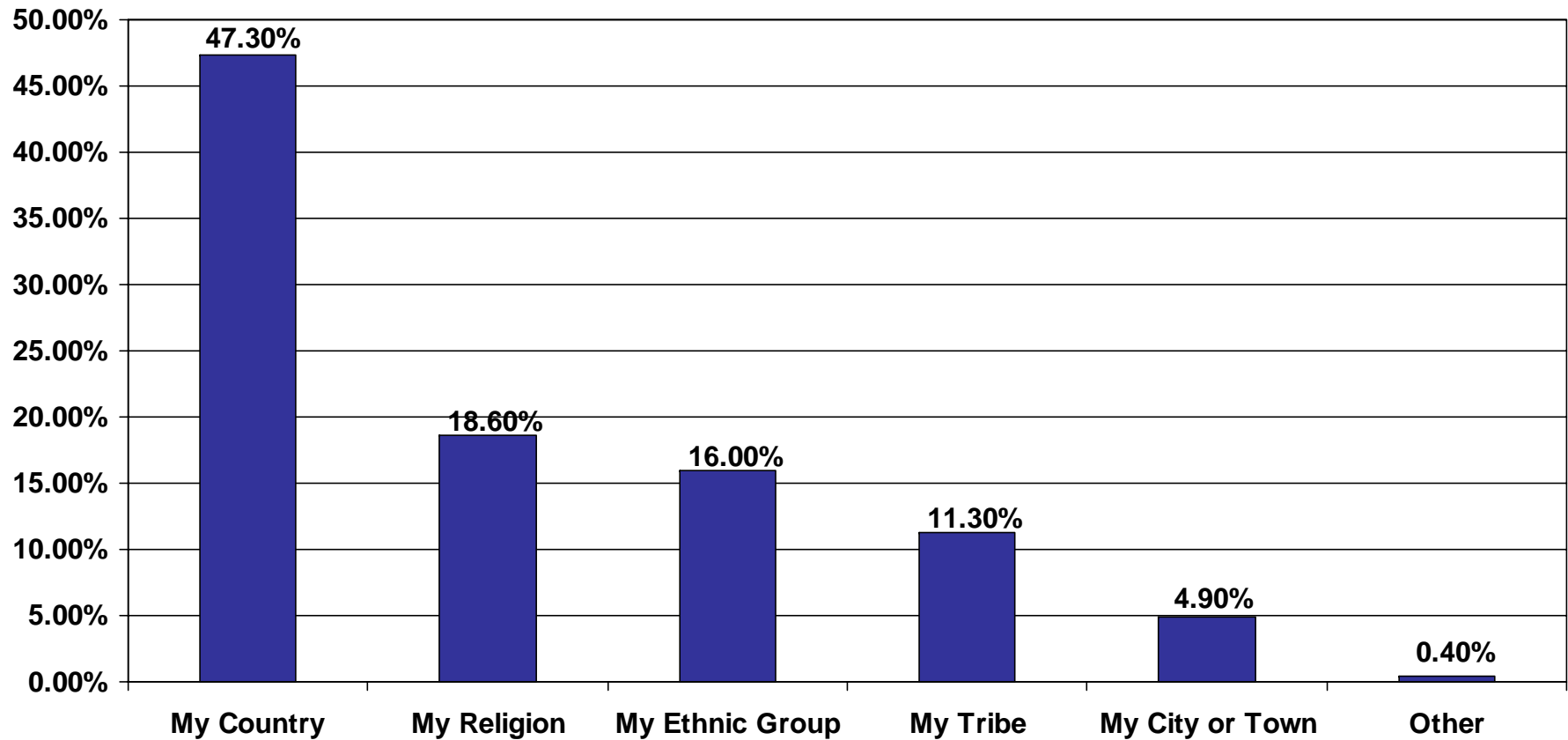
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Thinking about the future, do you feel that things will be better, the same or worse in:



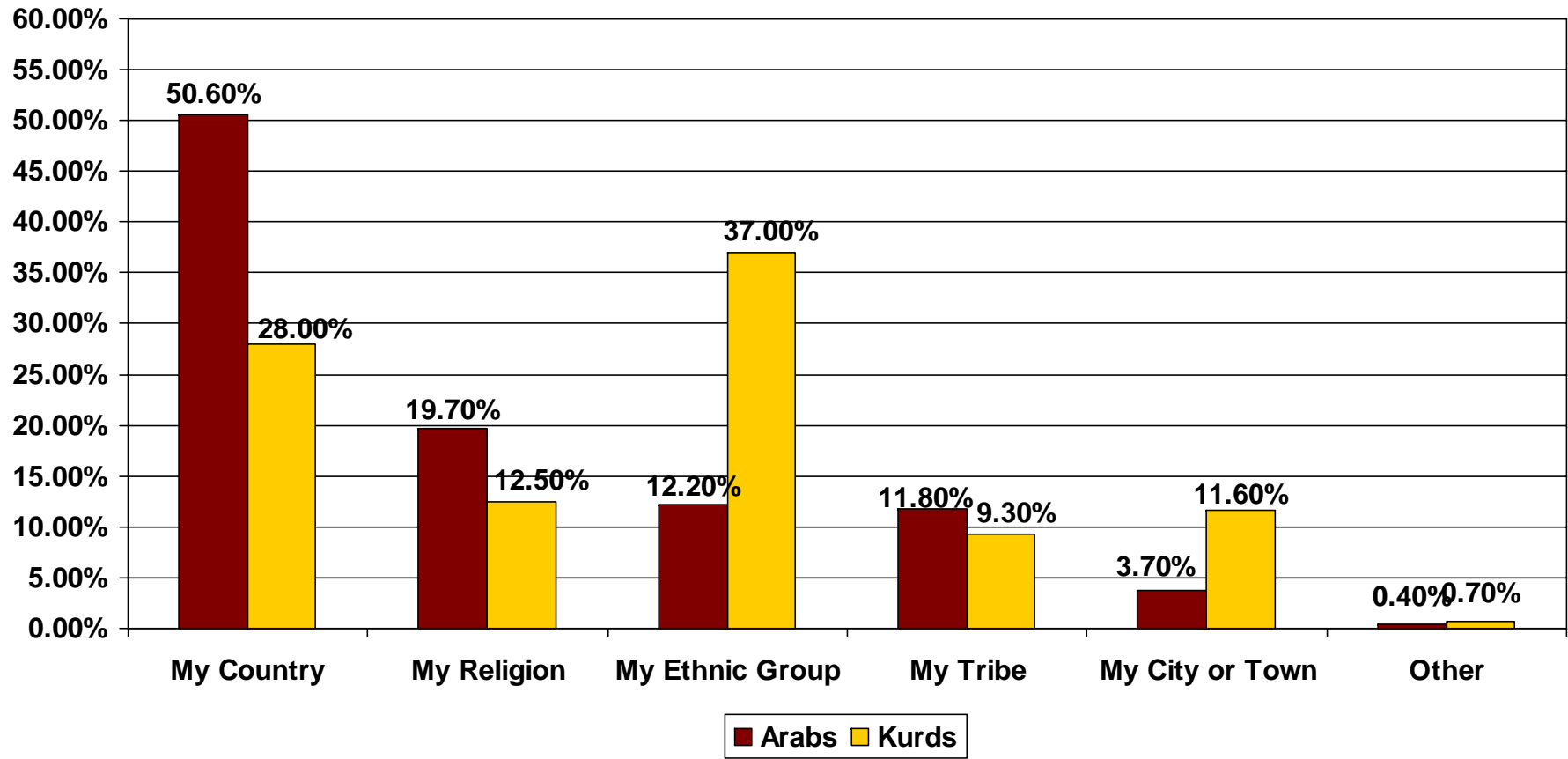
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From among the following, which do you feel you most strongly identify?



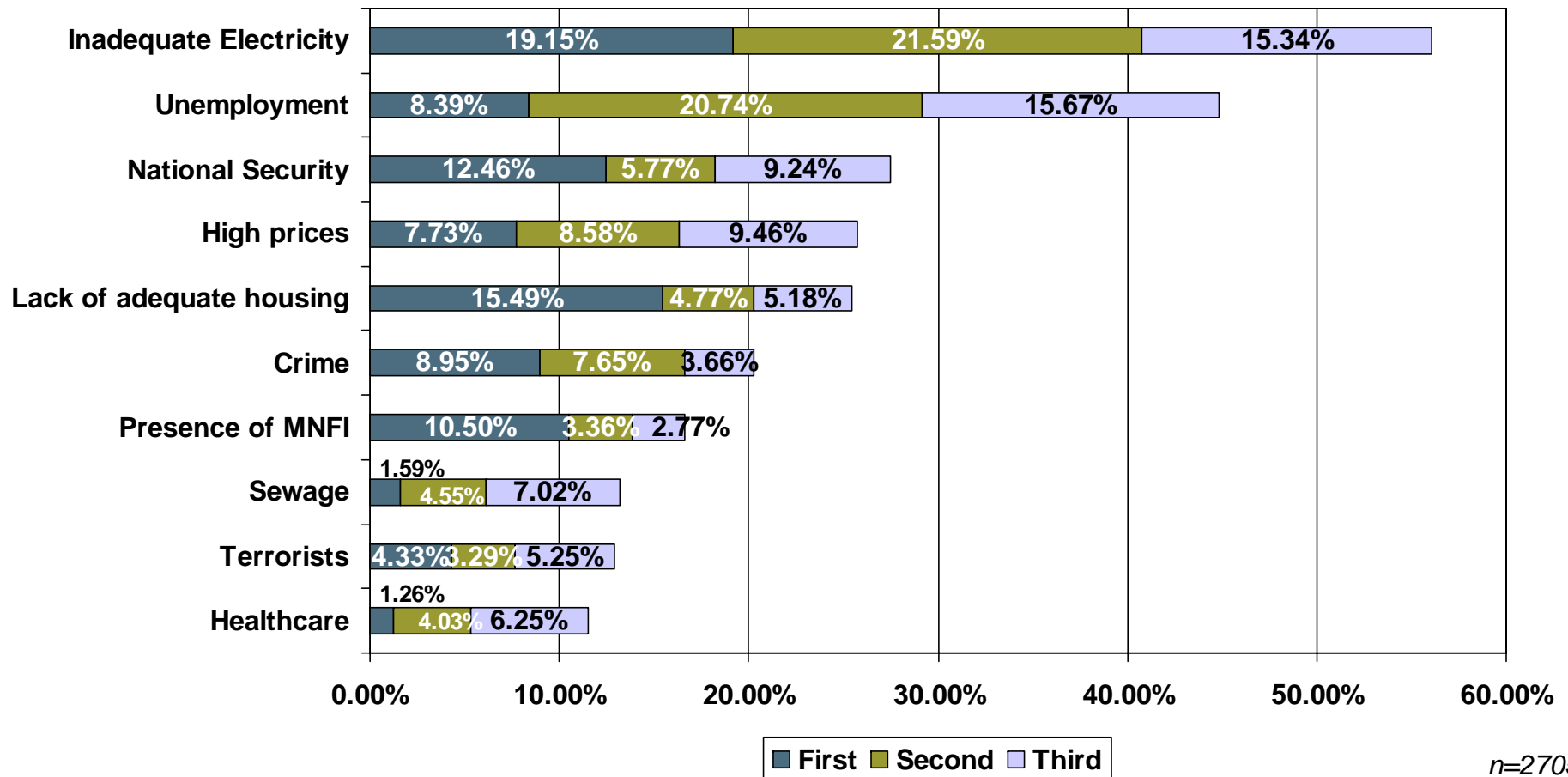
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From among the following, which do you feel you most strongly identify?  
*Iraqi Arabs and Kurds*

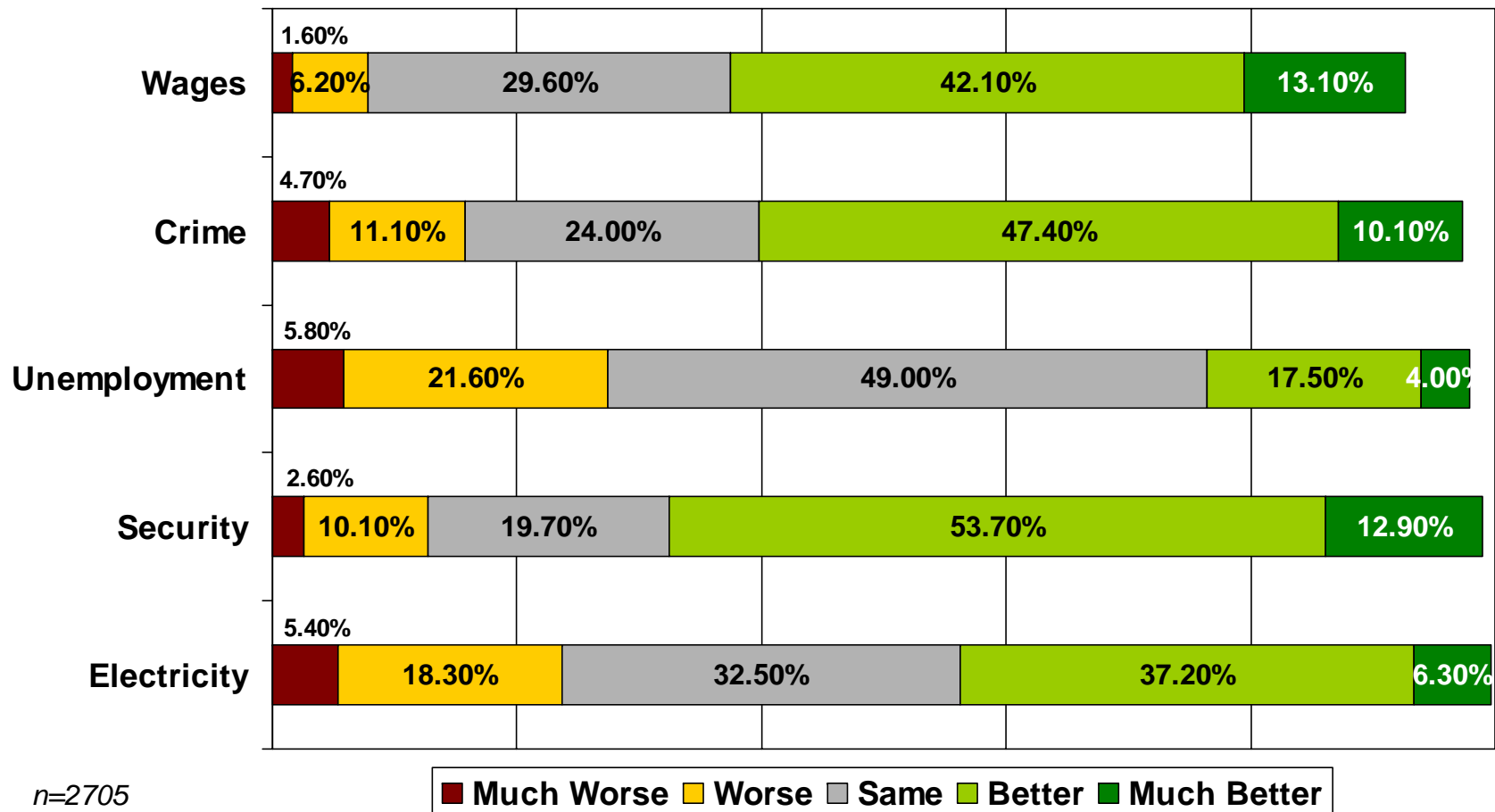


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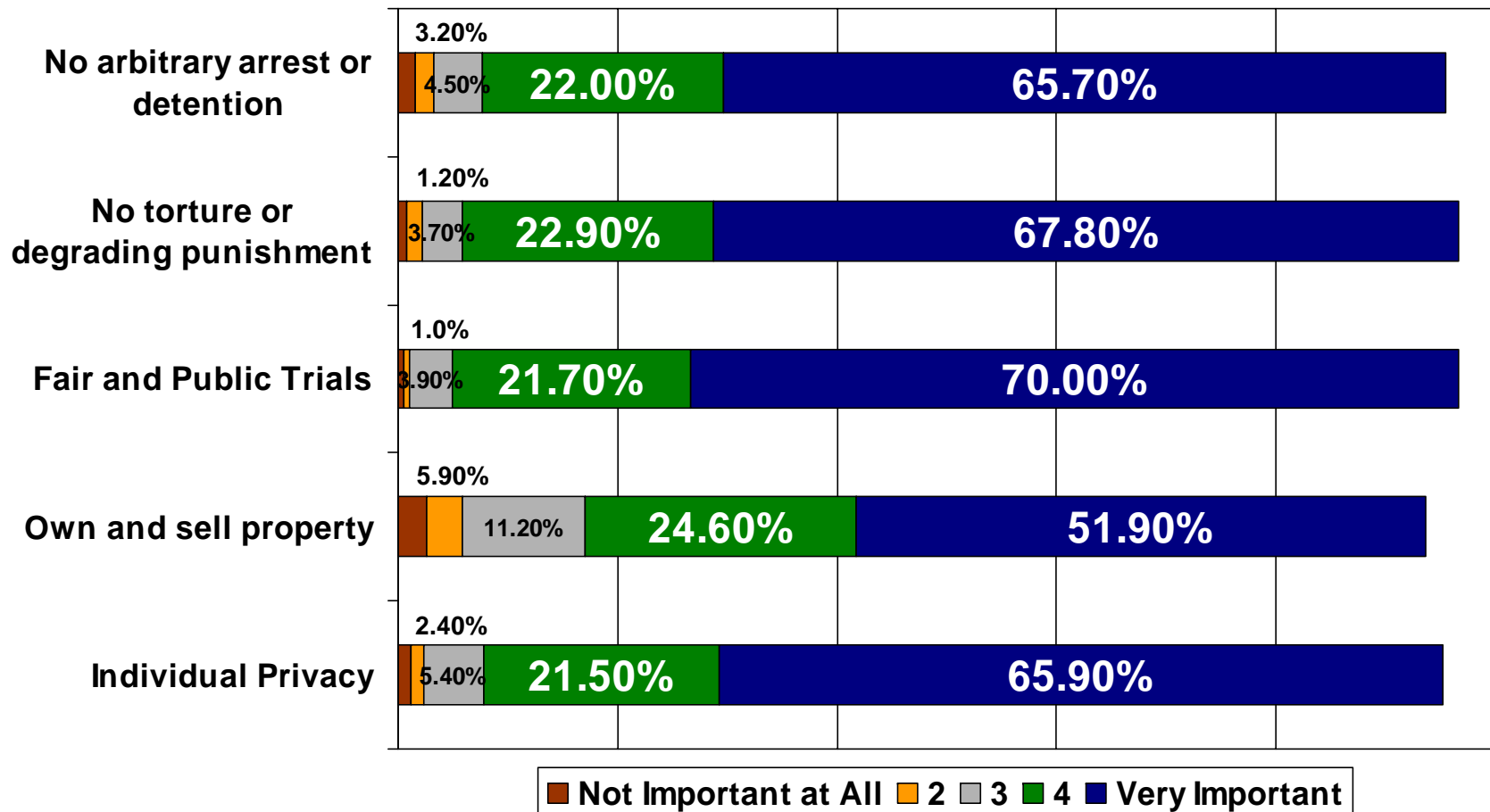
In order of importance, which of the following do you feel is the most important issue requiring a political or governmental solution?



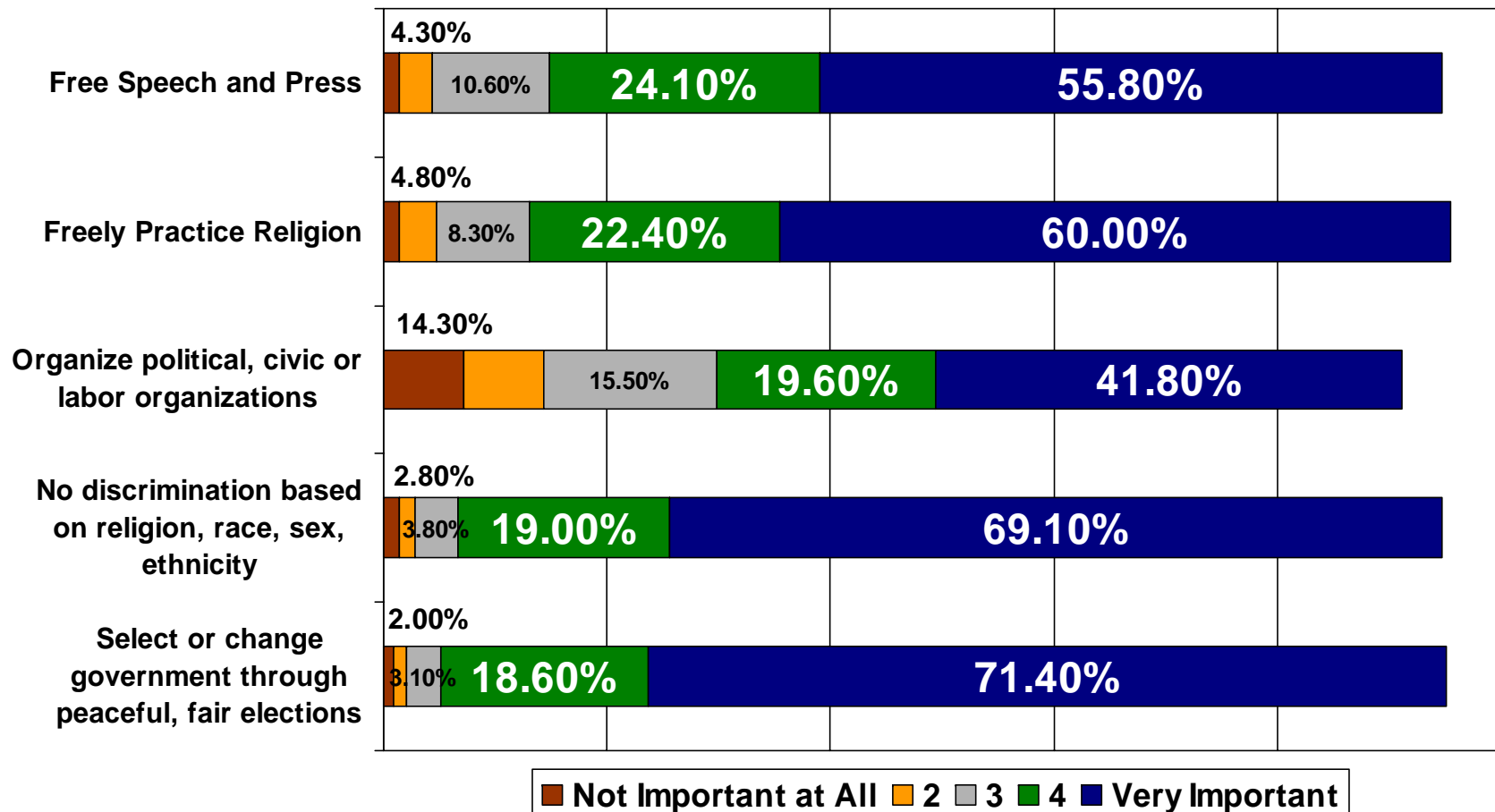
For each of the following issues, please tell me whether you feel that the situation has gotten better, worse or stayed the same over the last three months.



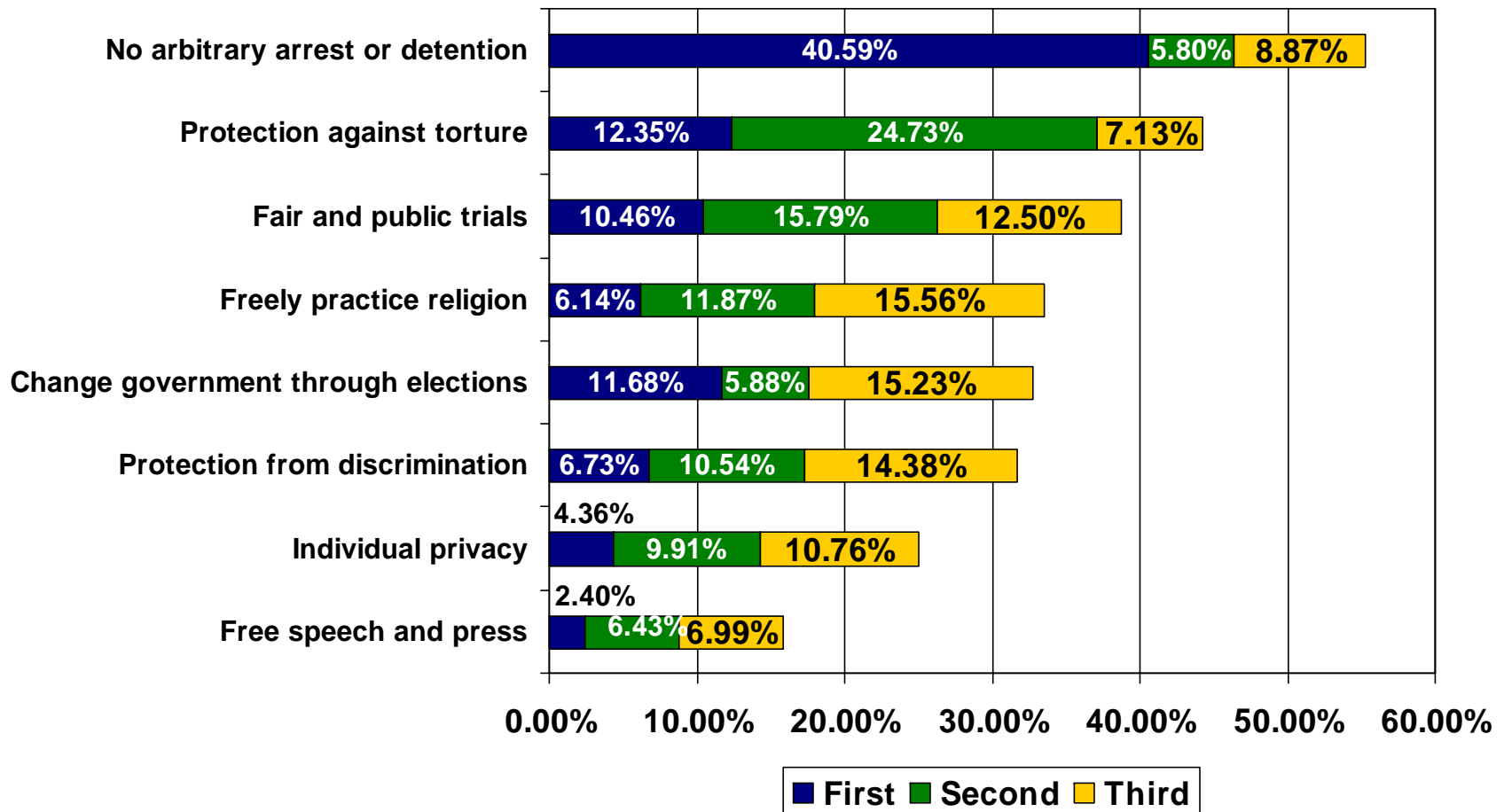
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Again on the topic of human rights, what do you believe the three most important protections are that should be included in the new constitution?



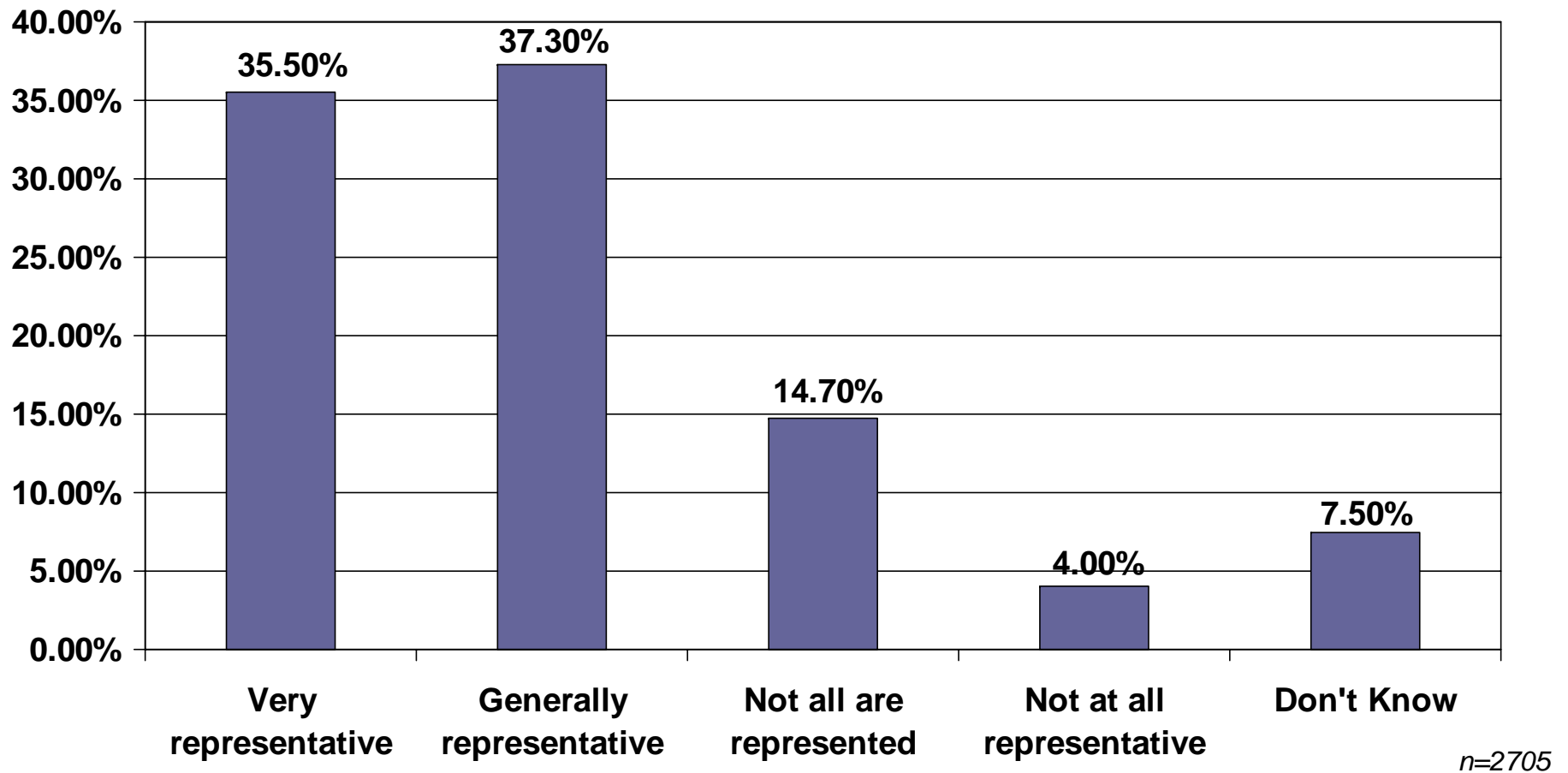
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# Iraqi Transitional Government

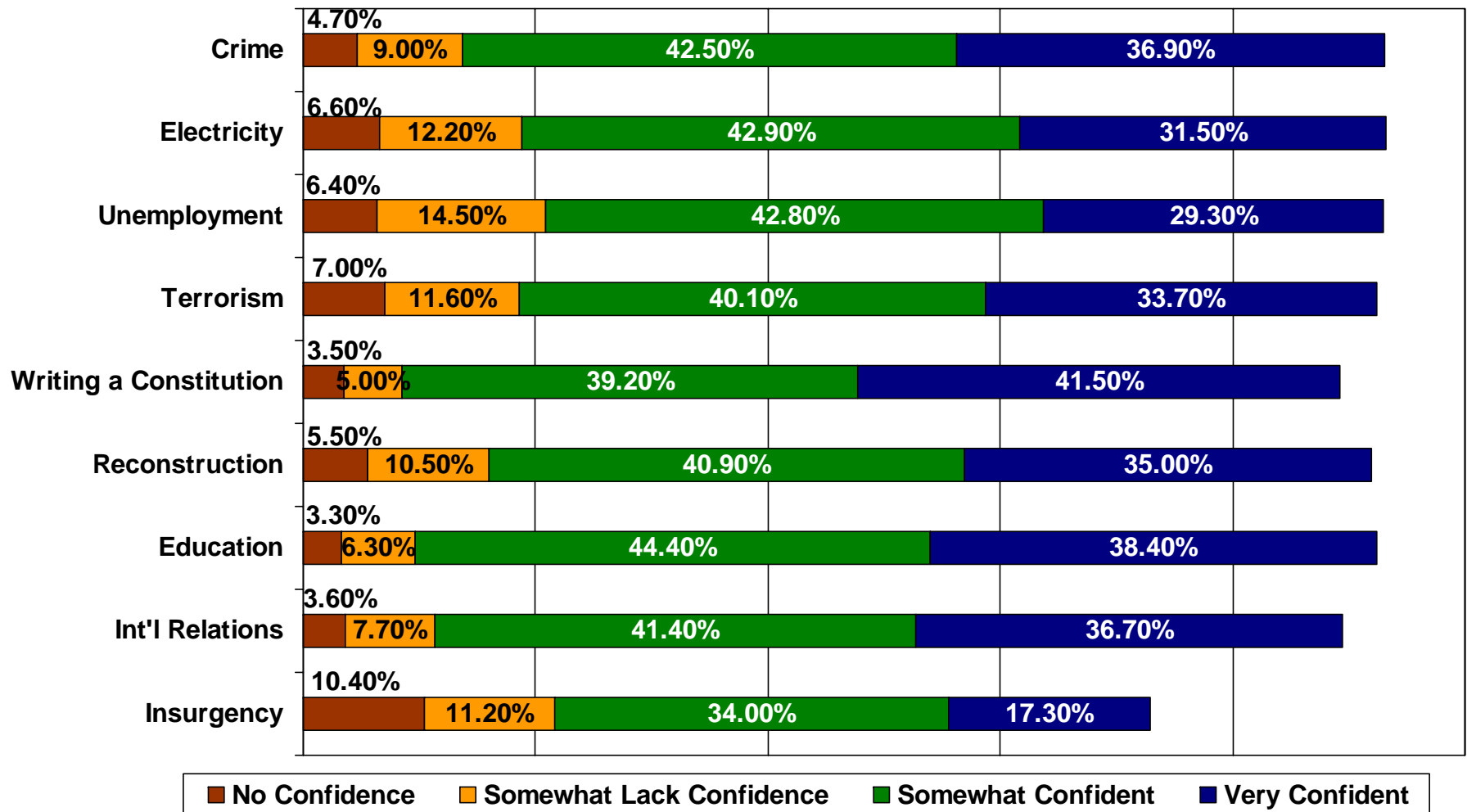
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Do you feel that the new Iraqi Transitional Government is representative of the Iraqi people as a whole?



Thinking about the concerns of many Iraqis, what level of confidence do you have in the ITG to effectively address each of the following?



On what issue do you feel Prime Minister Jaffari will be most effective? Least effective?

**Most Effective**

**Least Effective**

<b>Don't Know</b>	<b>41.4%</b>
<b>Security</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
Terrorism	6.5%
All Issues	4.3%
Drafting a Constitution	3.8%
Foreign Relations	3.7%

<b>Don't Know</b>	<b>58.9%</b>
<b>Security</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
Reconstruction	3.1%
Rebuilding Infrastructure	2.8%
Unemployment	2.3%

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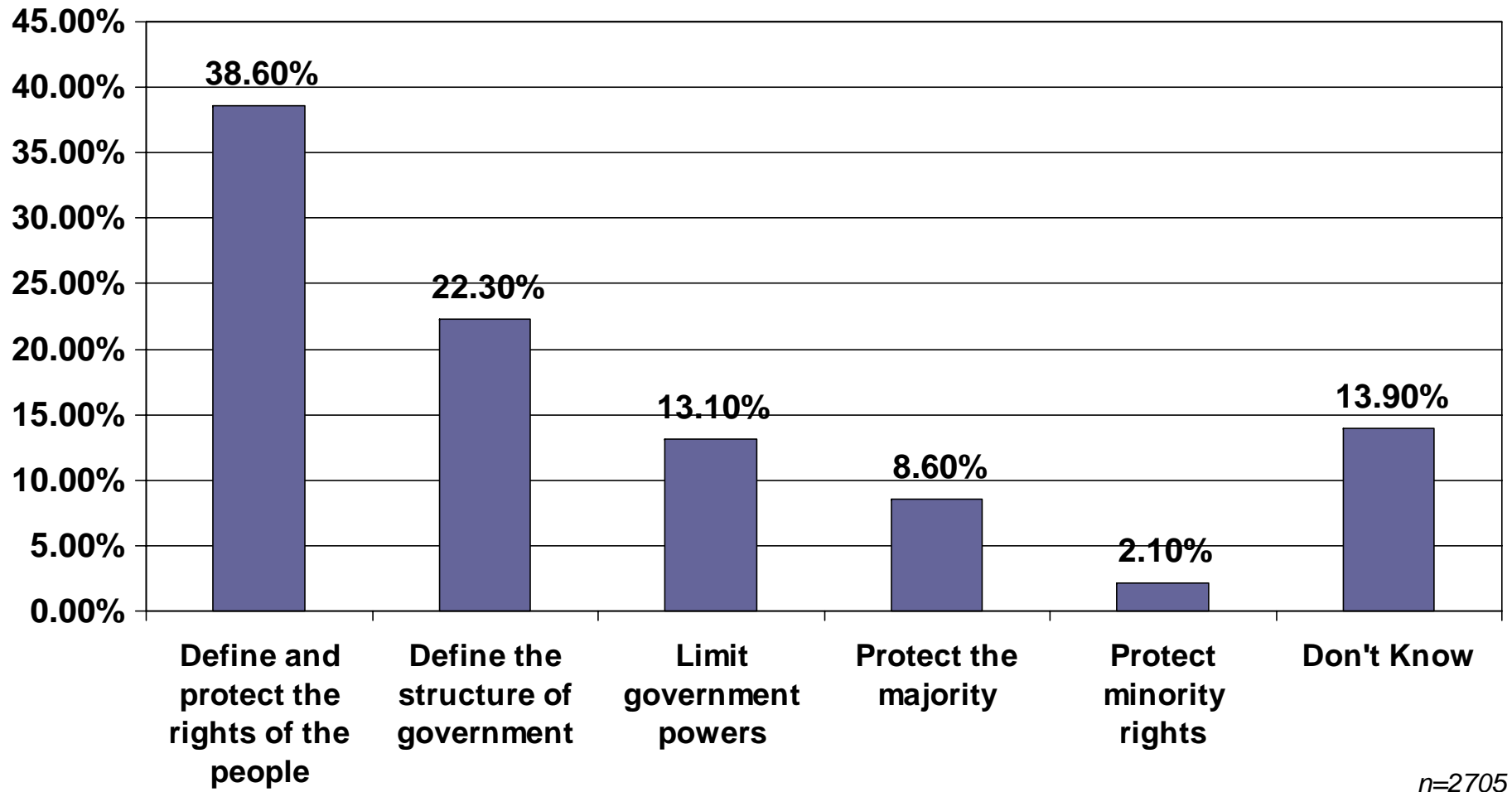
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# Constitution: Awareness and Expectations

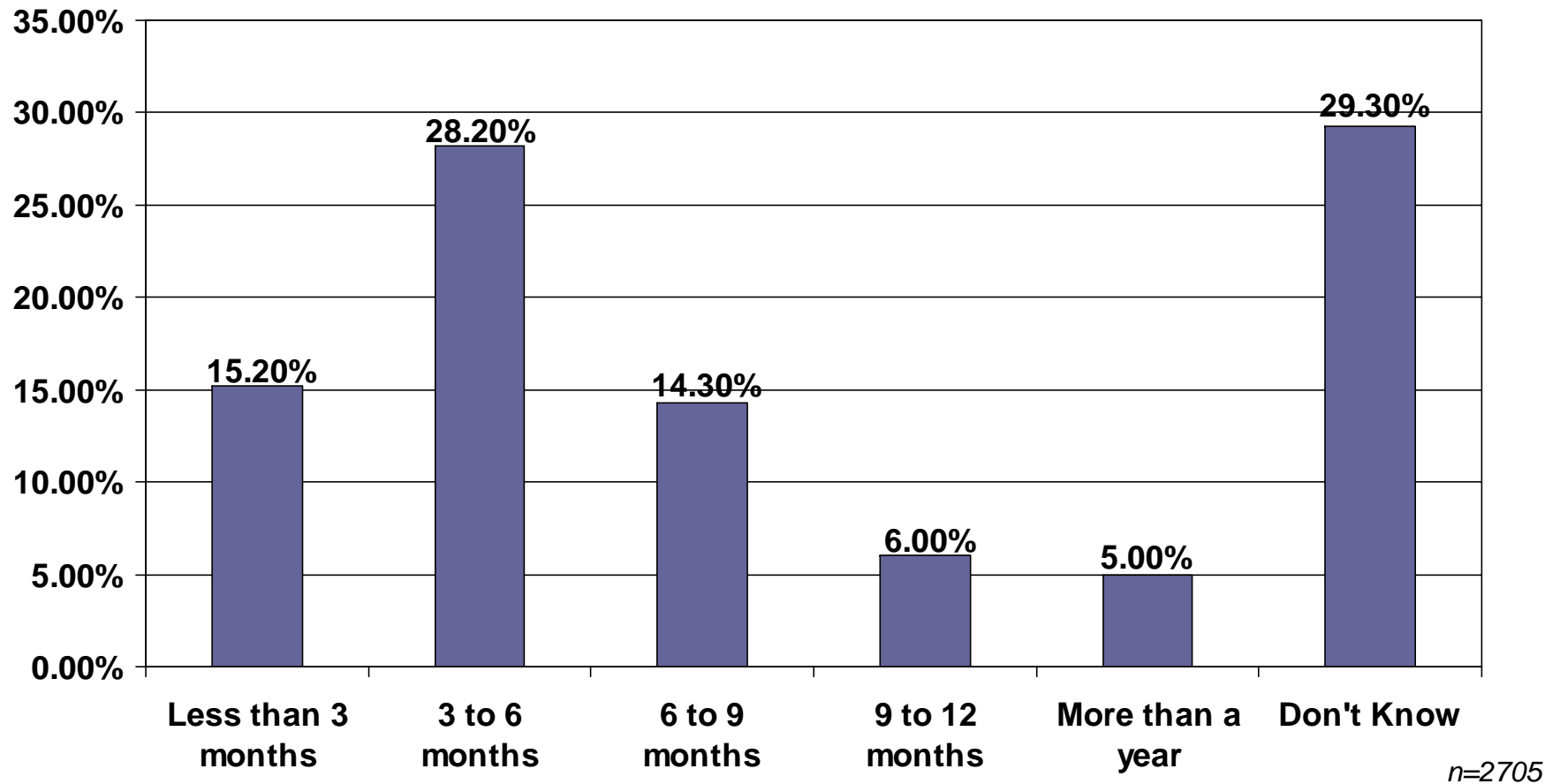
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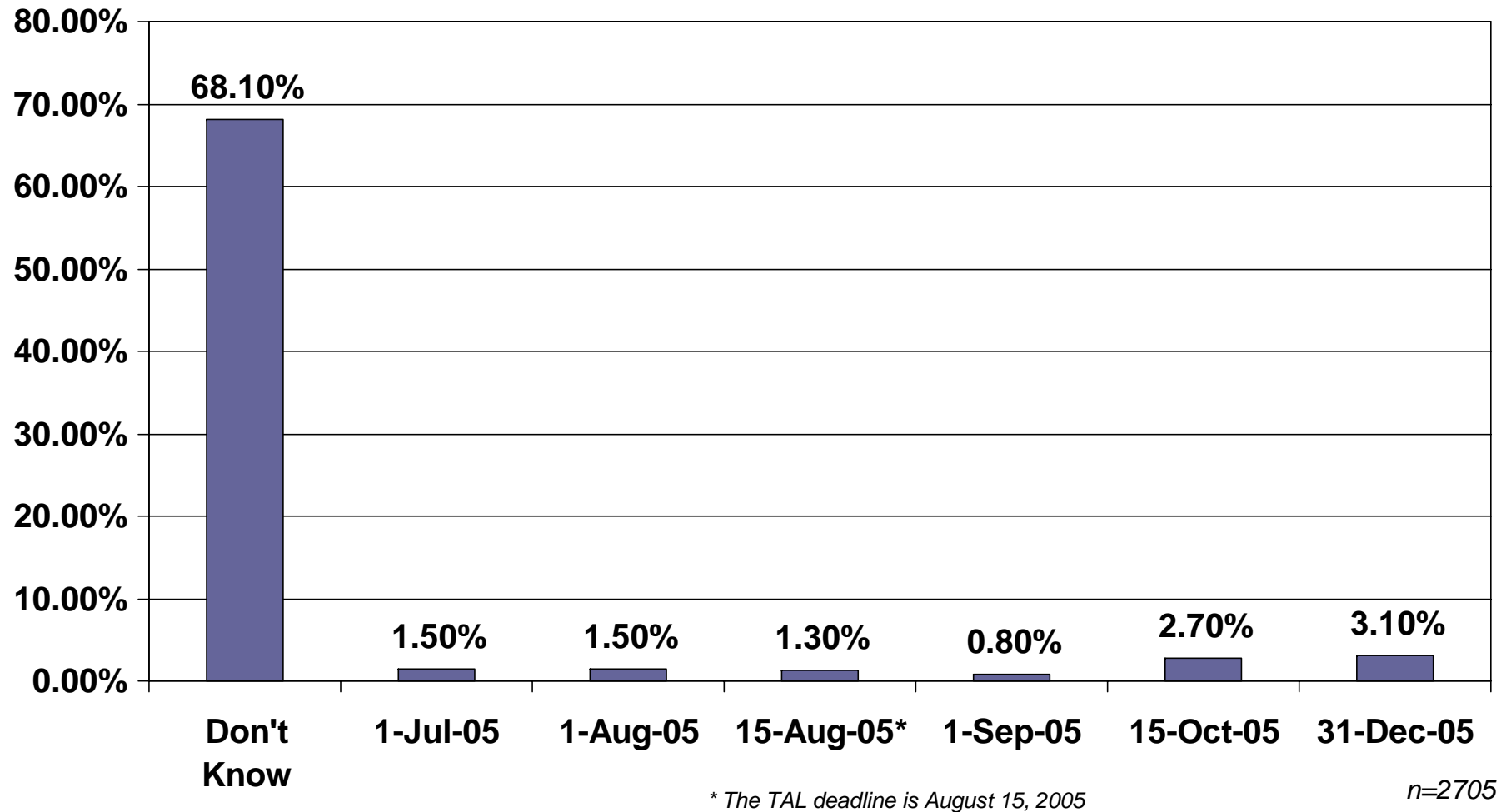
## What do you feel is the primary purpose of a constitution?



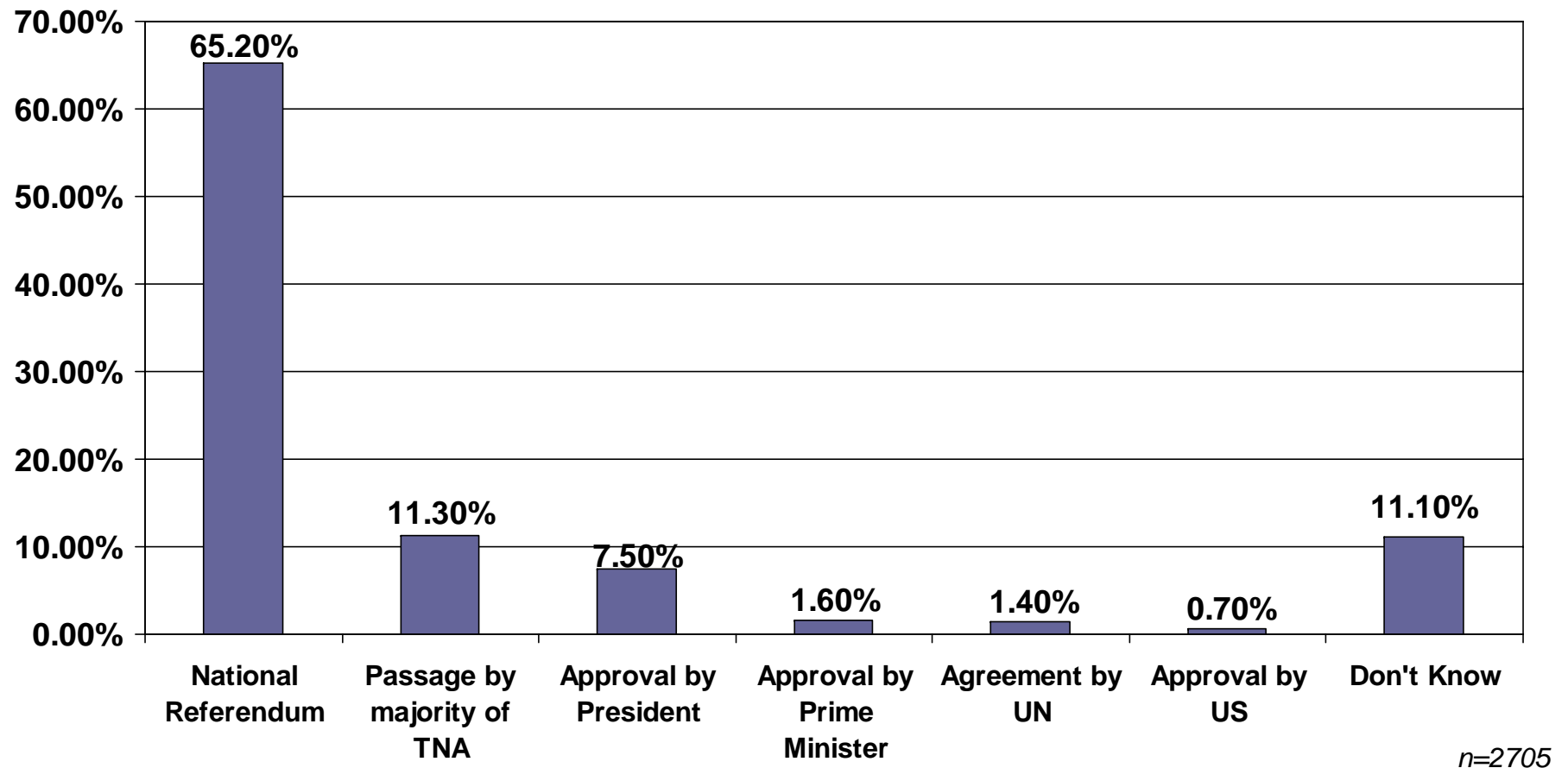
# How long do you think it should take the Transitional National Assembly to write the constitution?



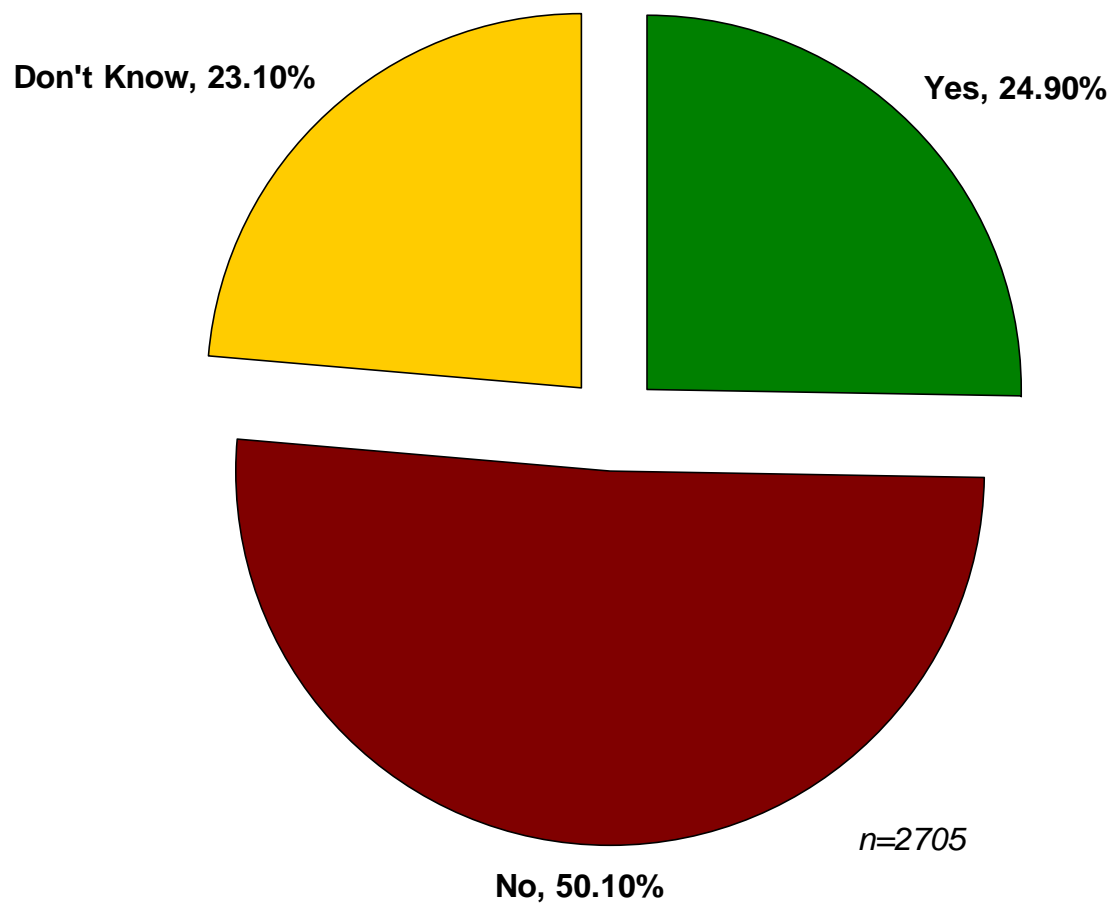
By what date does the TAL mandate that the TNA complete a final draft of the constitution?



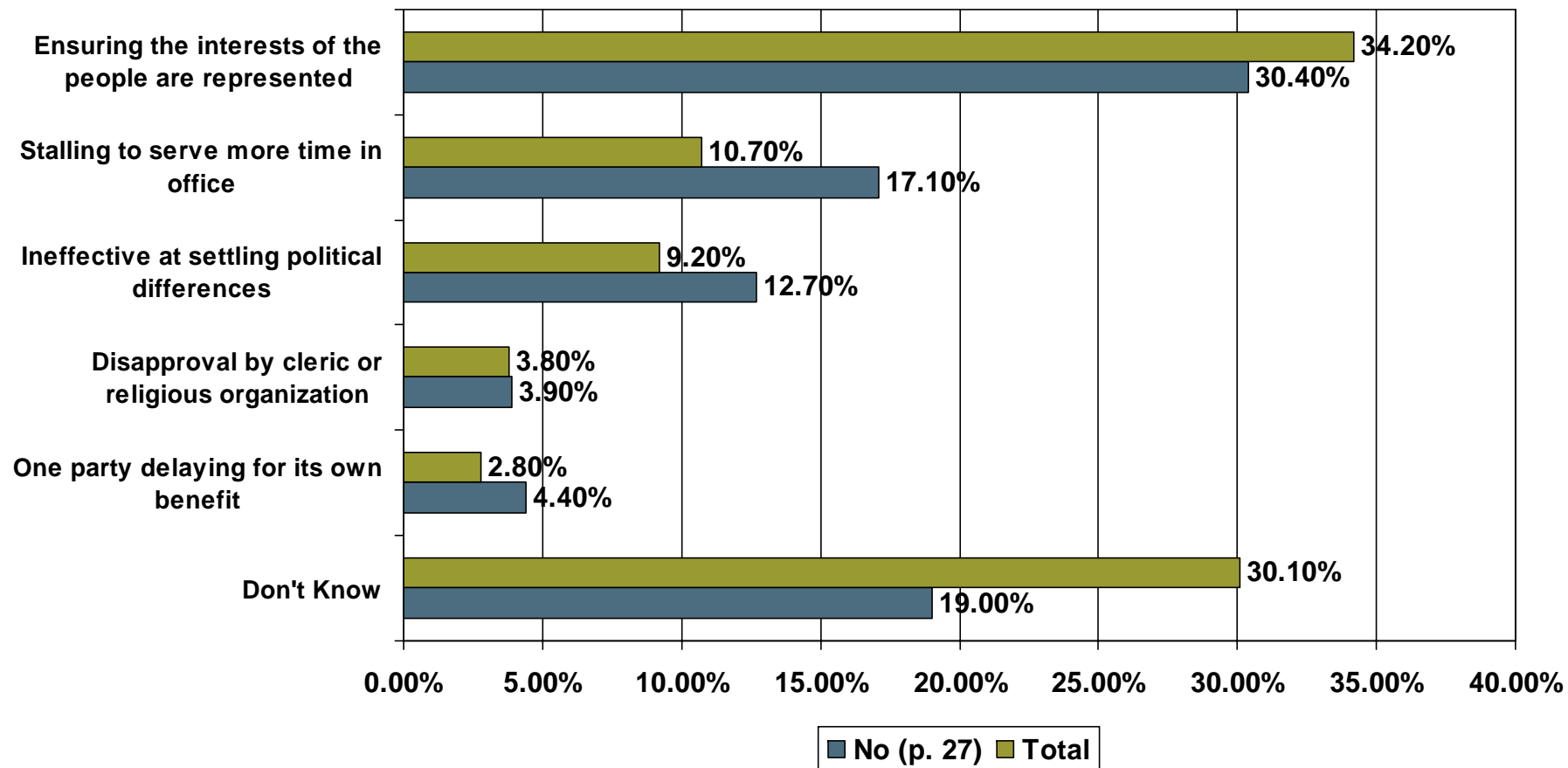
# Once a draft constitution is written, how will that document be established as the permanent constitution for Iraq?



Would it be appropriate for the TNA to implement the six-month delay allowed for by the TAL if constitutional issues remain?

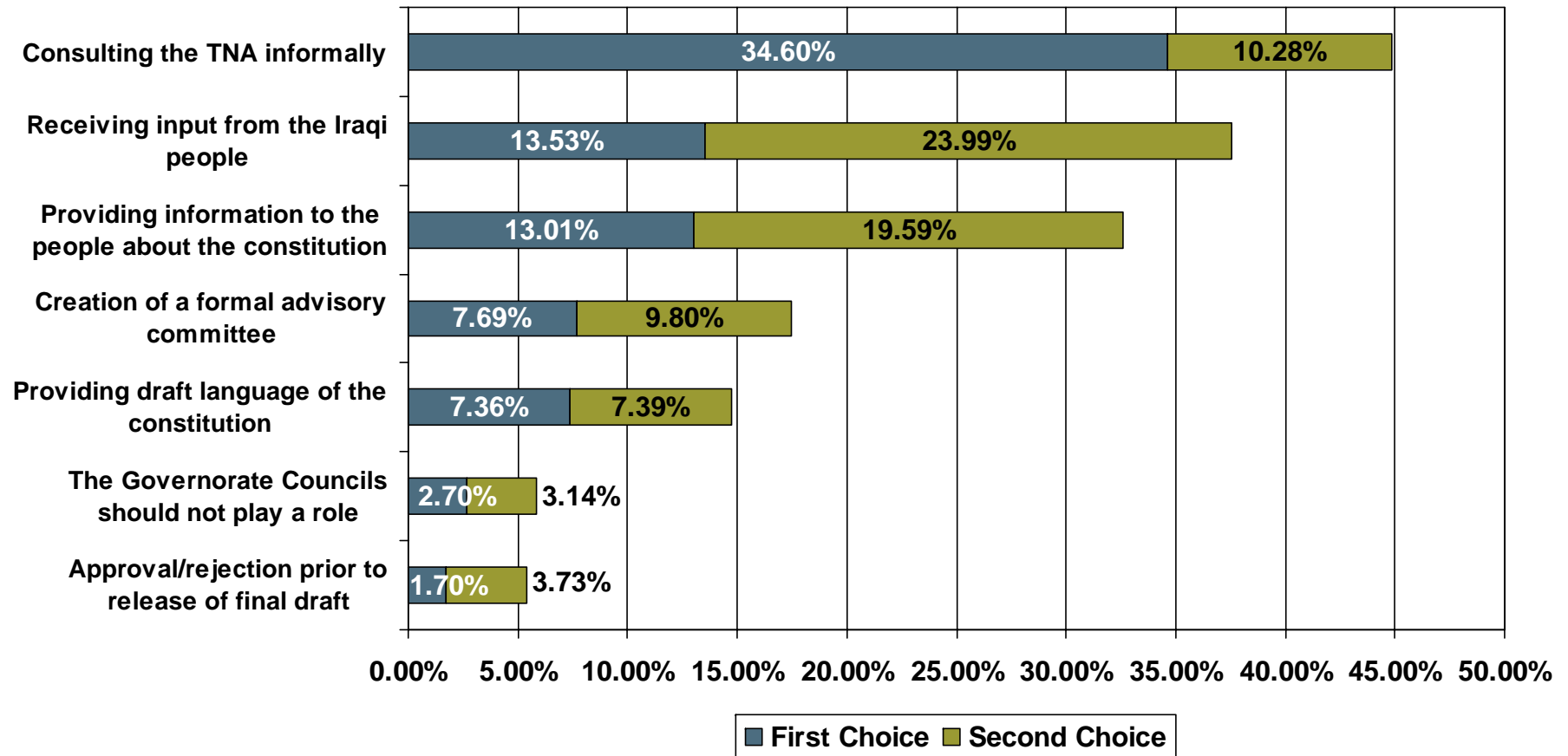


## Which of the following do you think would be the most likely cause for a delay?



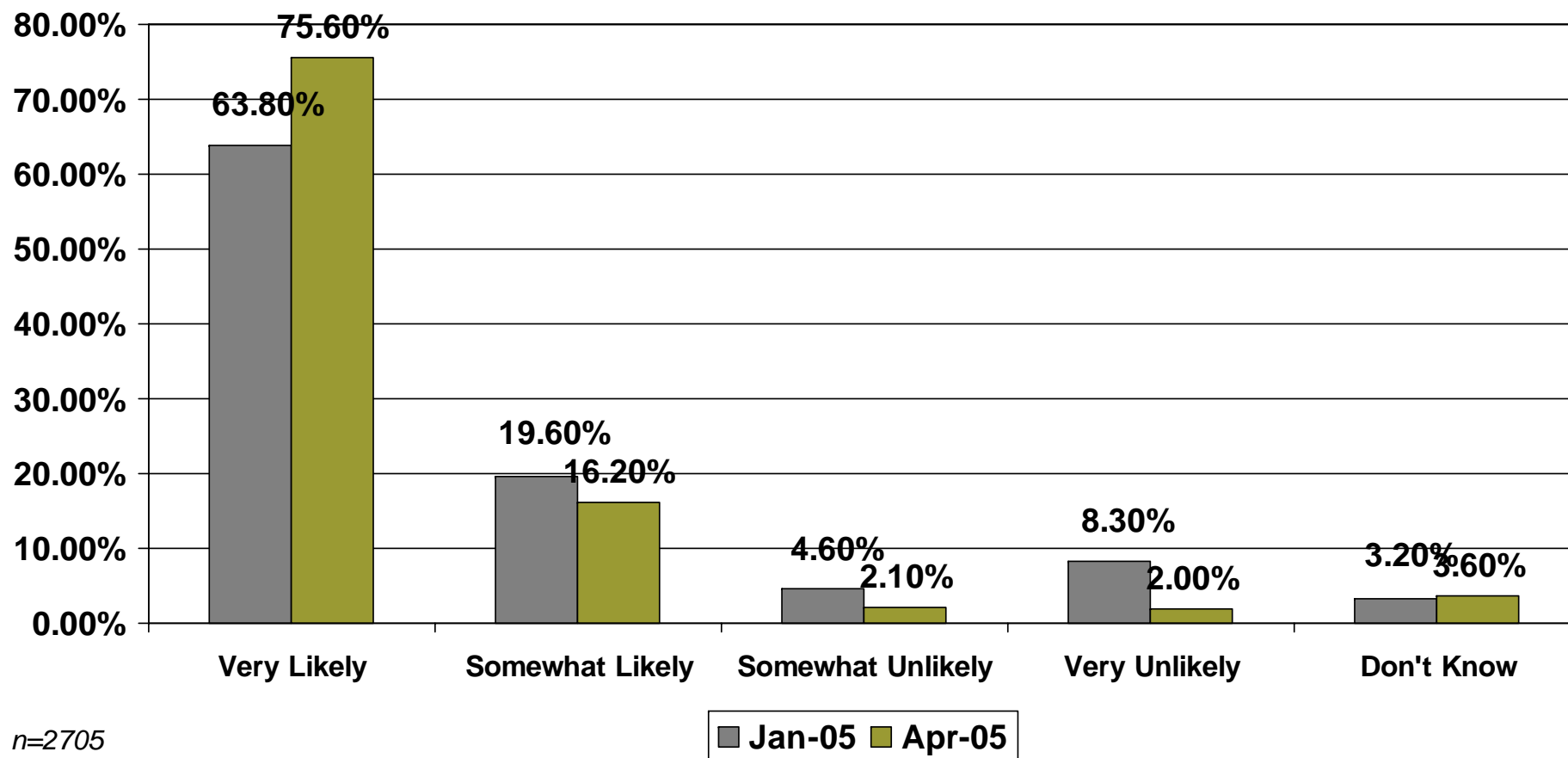
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# What would be the most appropriate role for Iraq's newly elected Governorate Councils in writing the constitution?

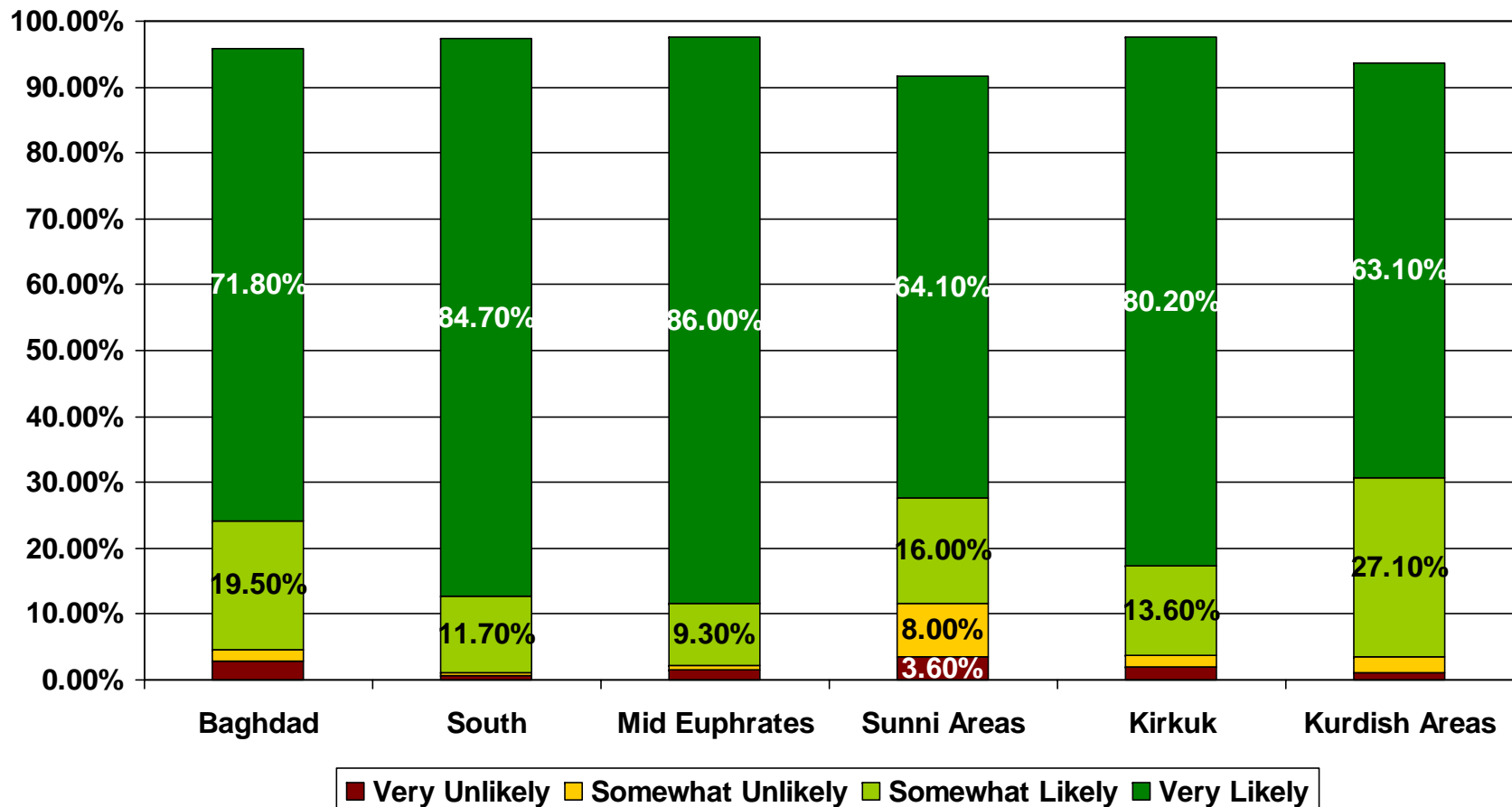


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*Comparison with January 2005 Poll*



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By Region



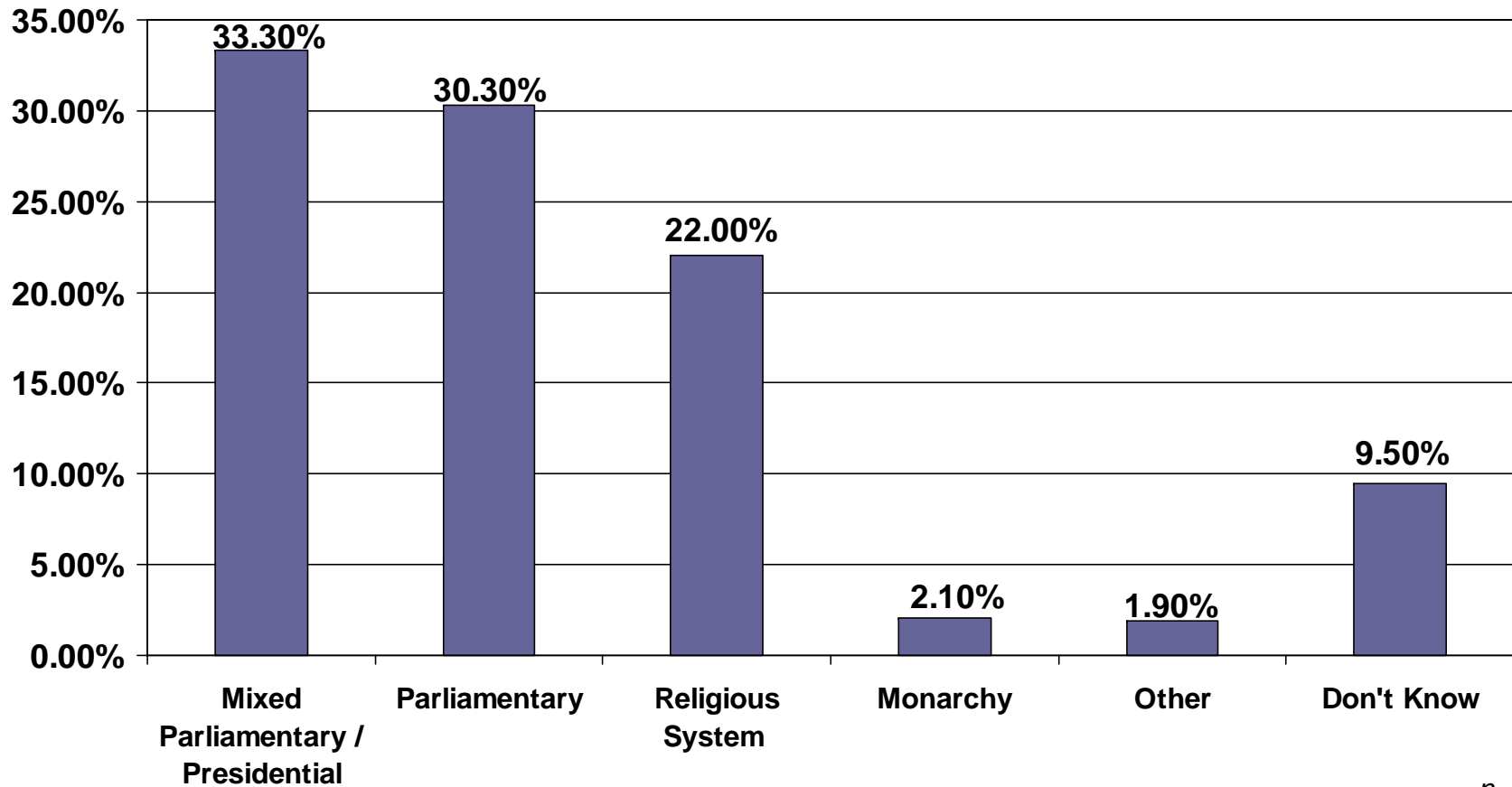
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# Constitution: Government Structure

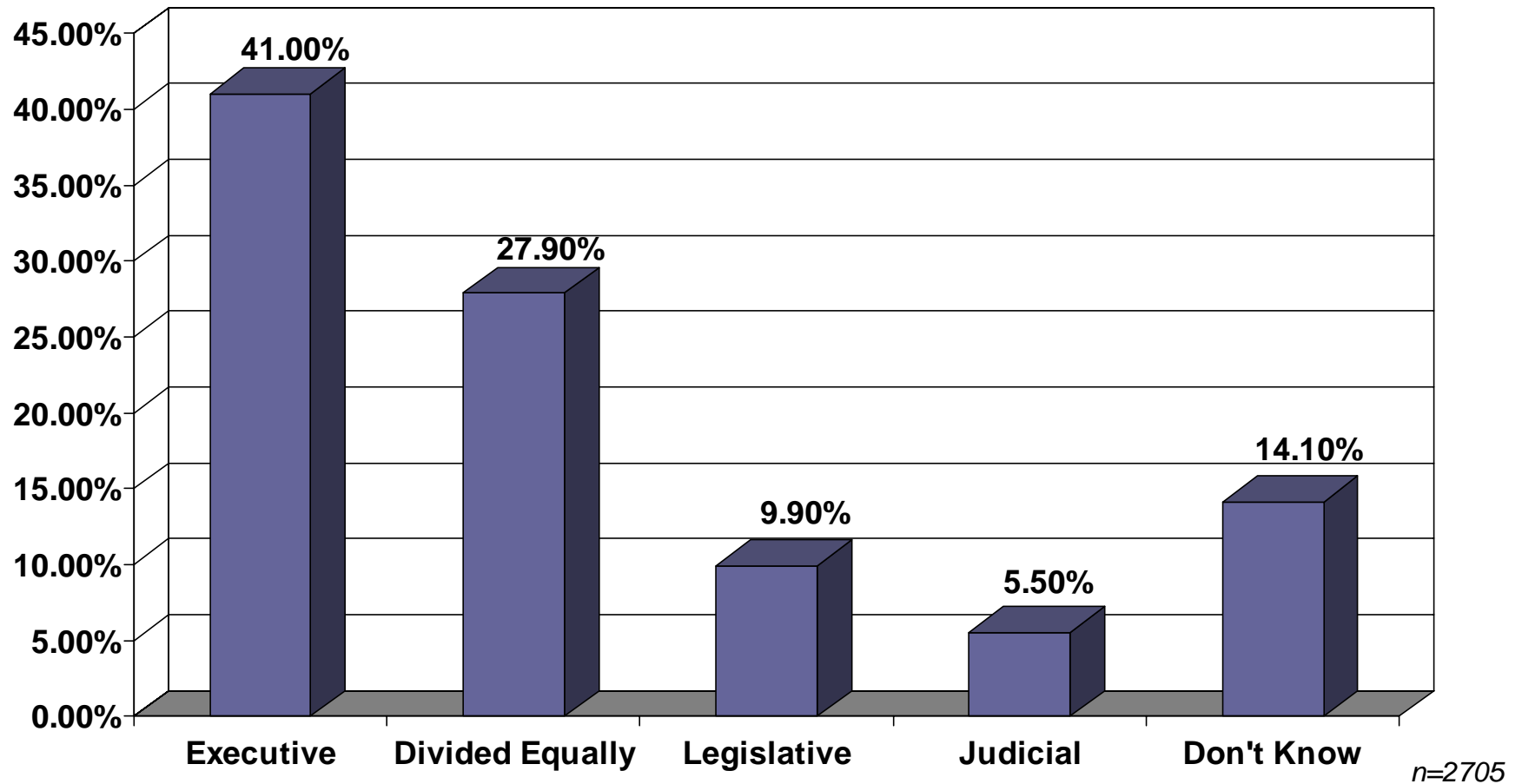
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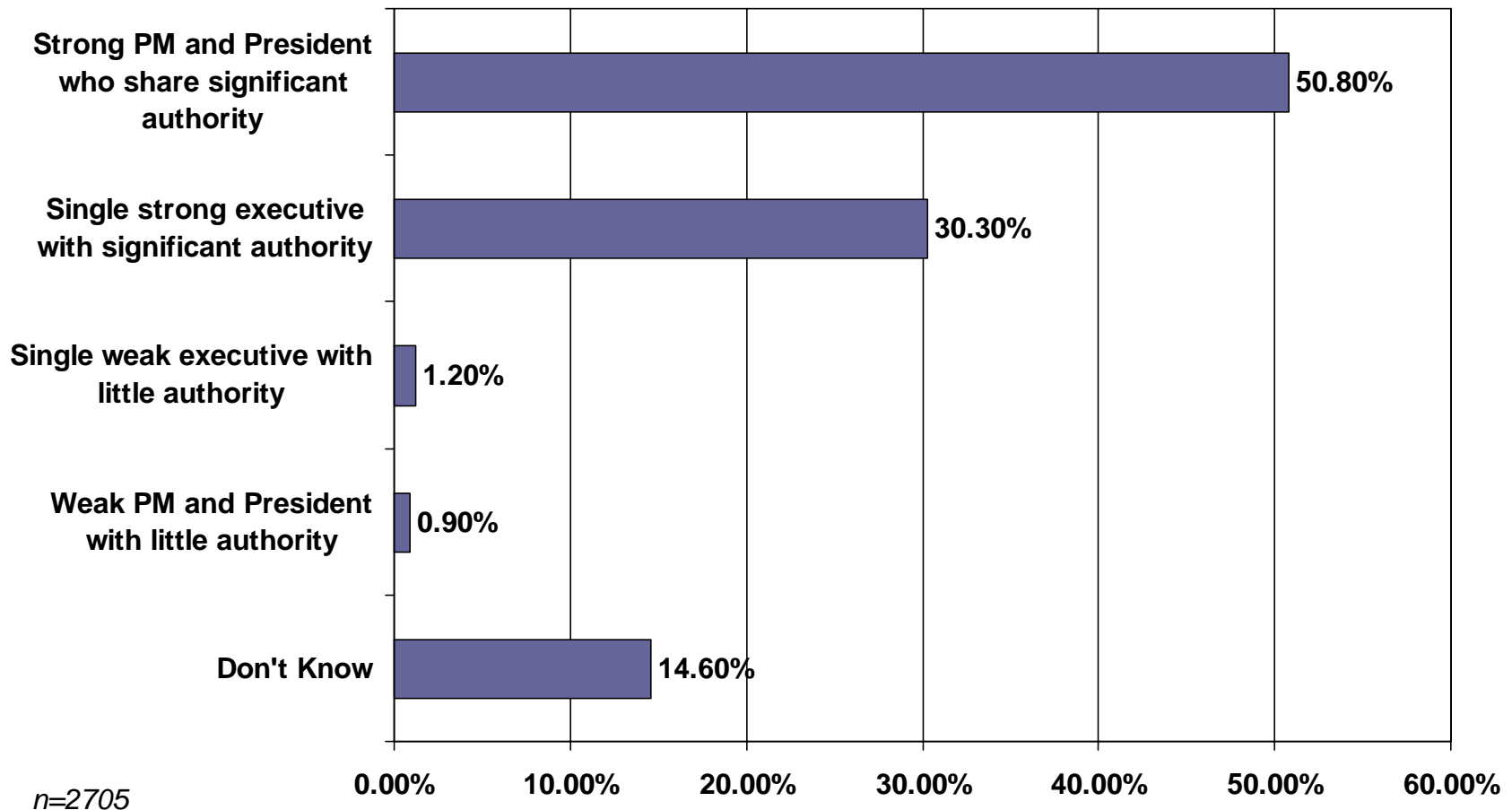
# Which do you think would be the most appropriate system for a future Iraqi government?



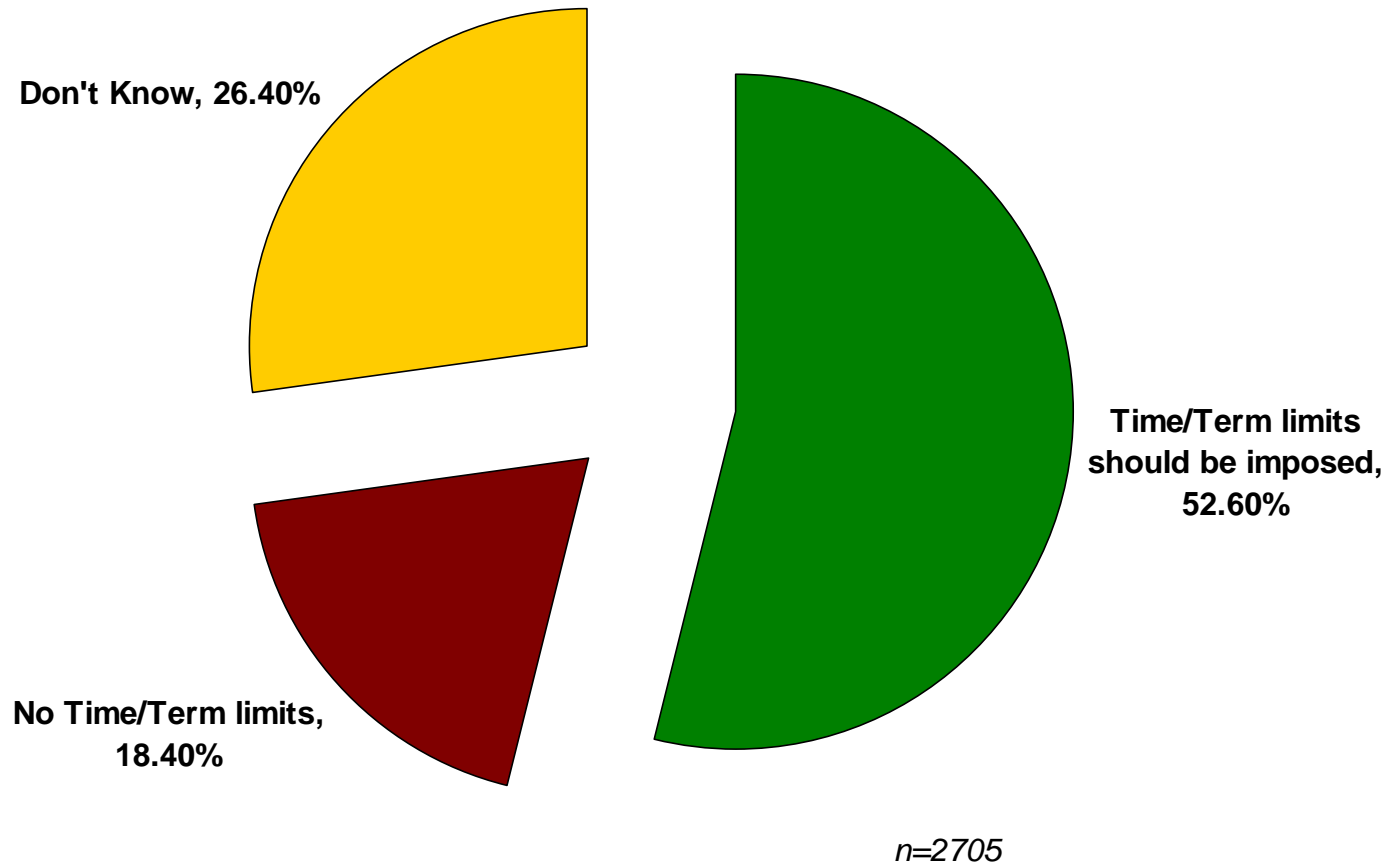
Which of the three branches of government do you think should exercise the most power or influence in Iraq's future government?



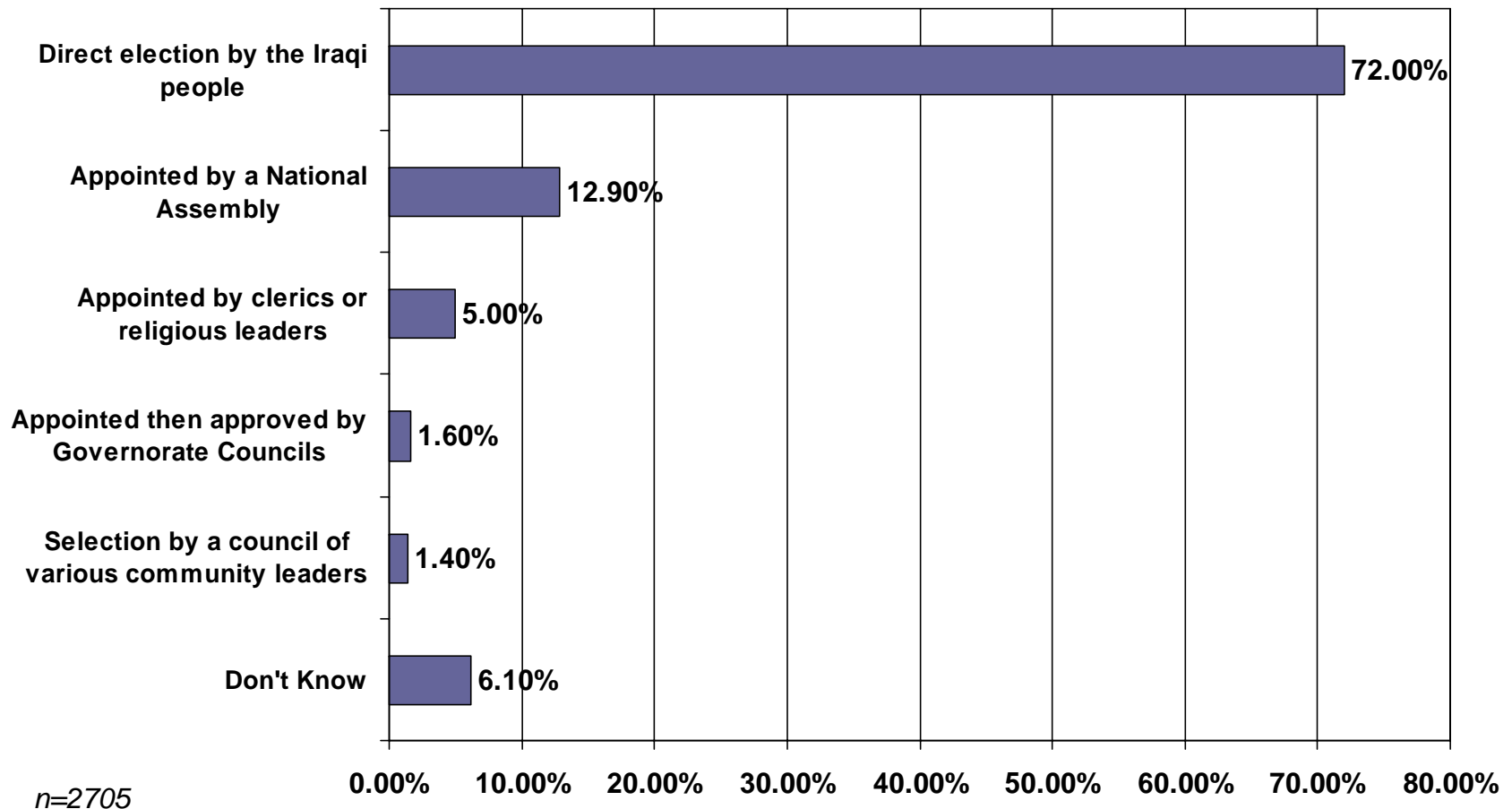
Thinking about the position of the executive, which of the following would you prefer?



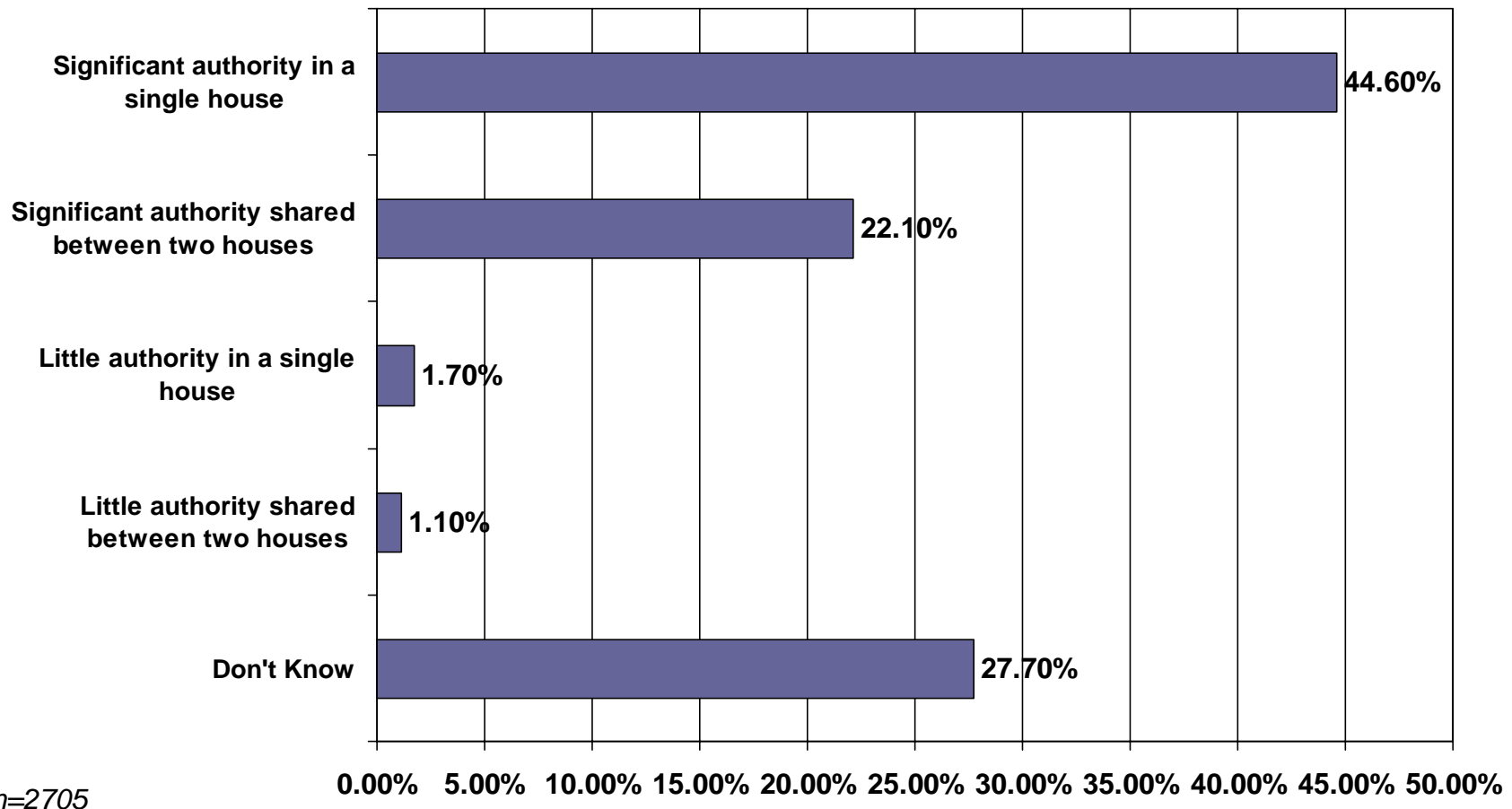
Which of the following would you prefer to see in Iraq's constitution in regards to time limits for the executive?



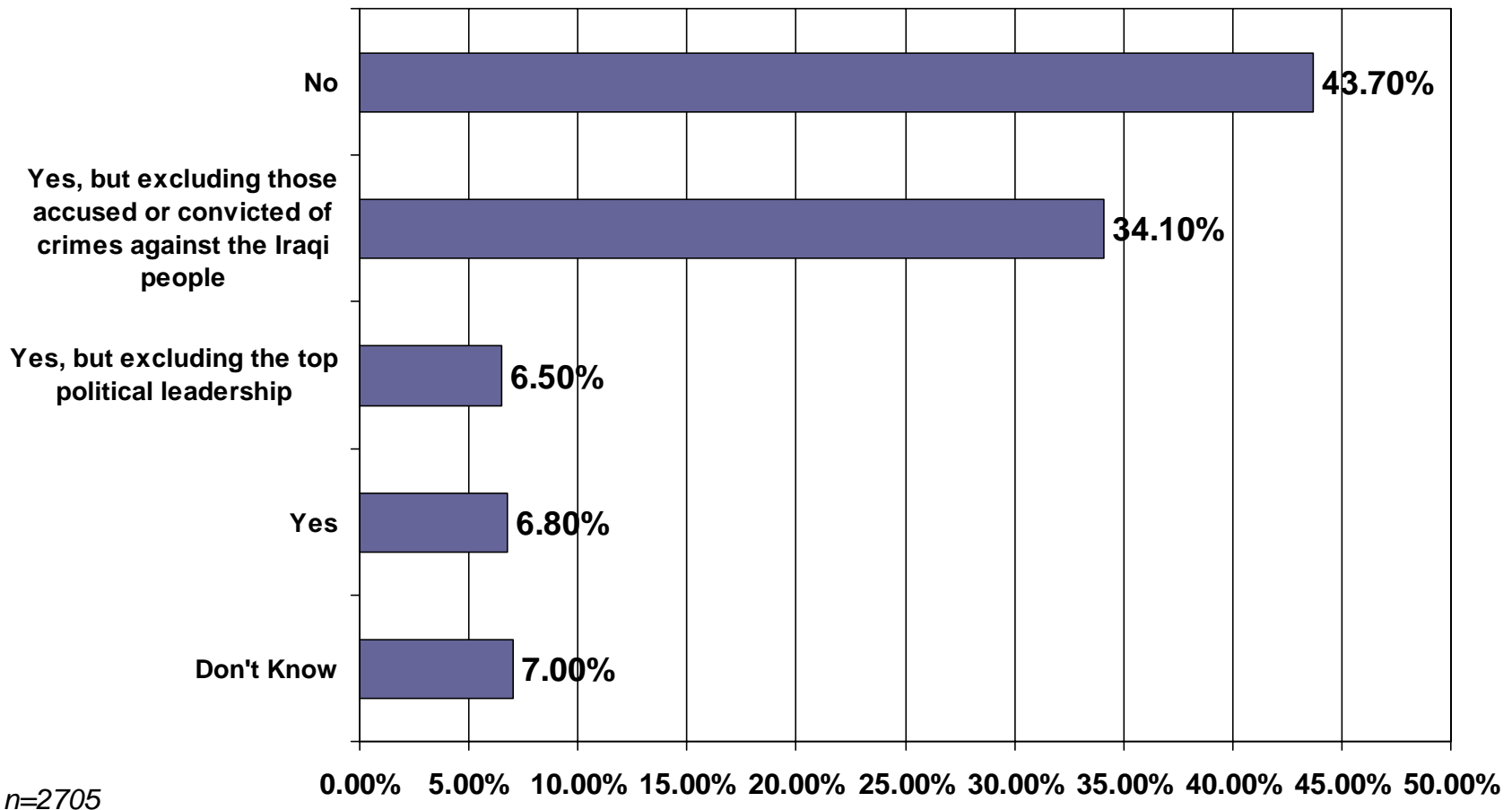
Were Iraq to have a presidential system, which of the following methods would you prefer to select the president?



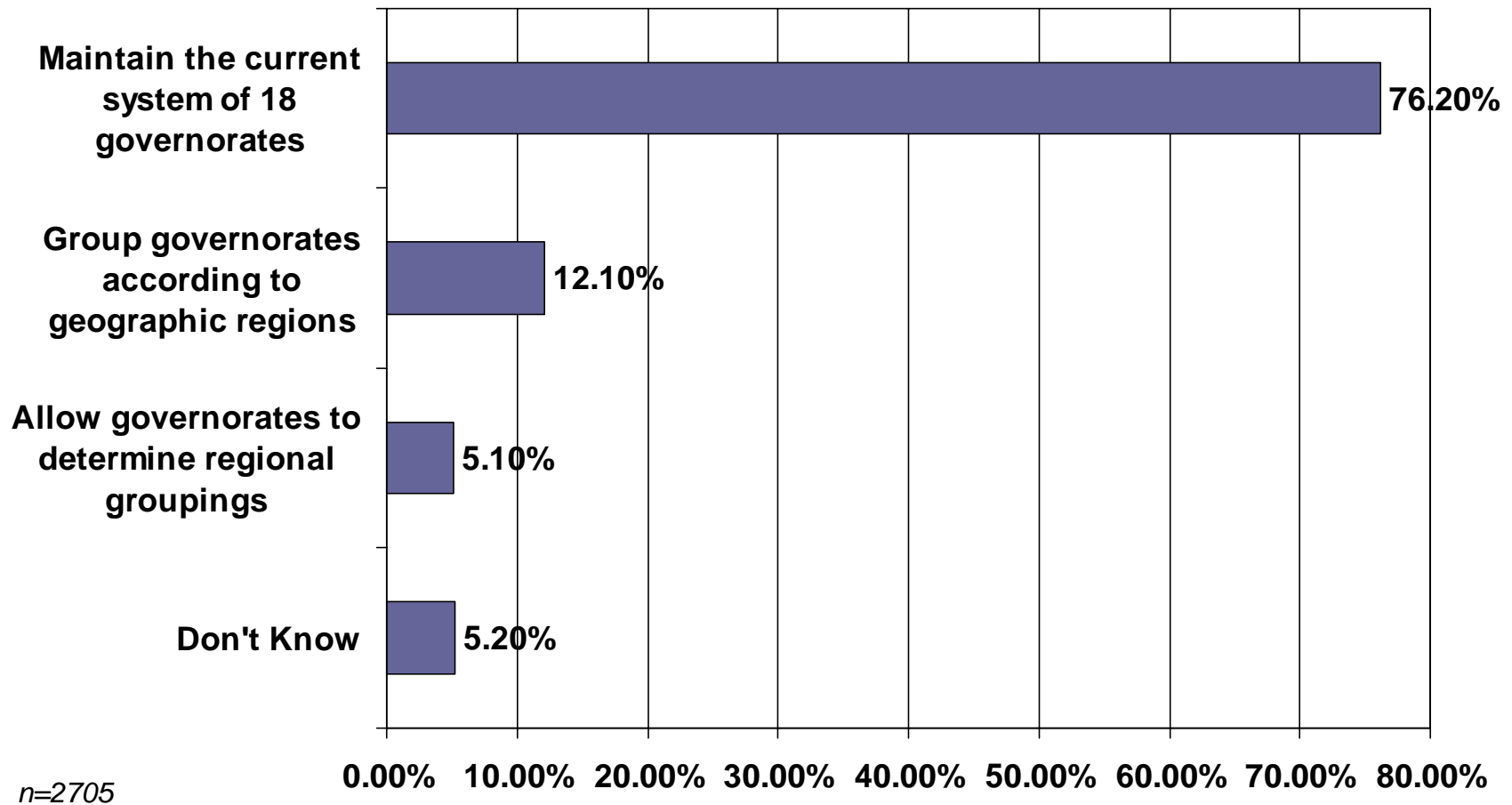
Thinking about Iraq's future legislature, which of the following do you think would be most effective for Iraq?



# Do you think that ex-Ba'ath party members should be allowed to hold office in a future government?



# Which would be the best way to organize the structure of the national and governorate levels of government?



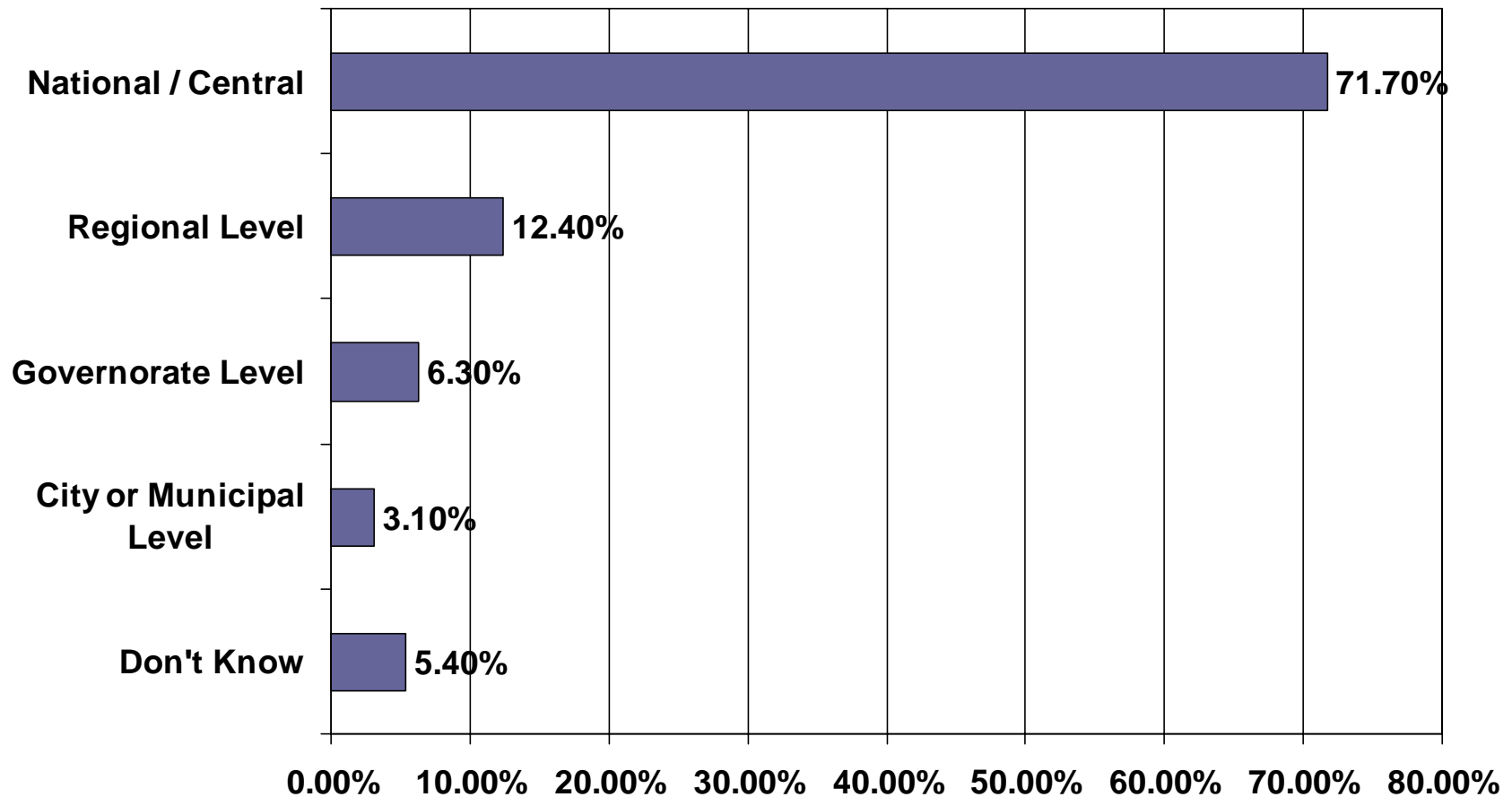
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# Constitution: Federalism and Decentralization

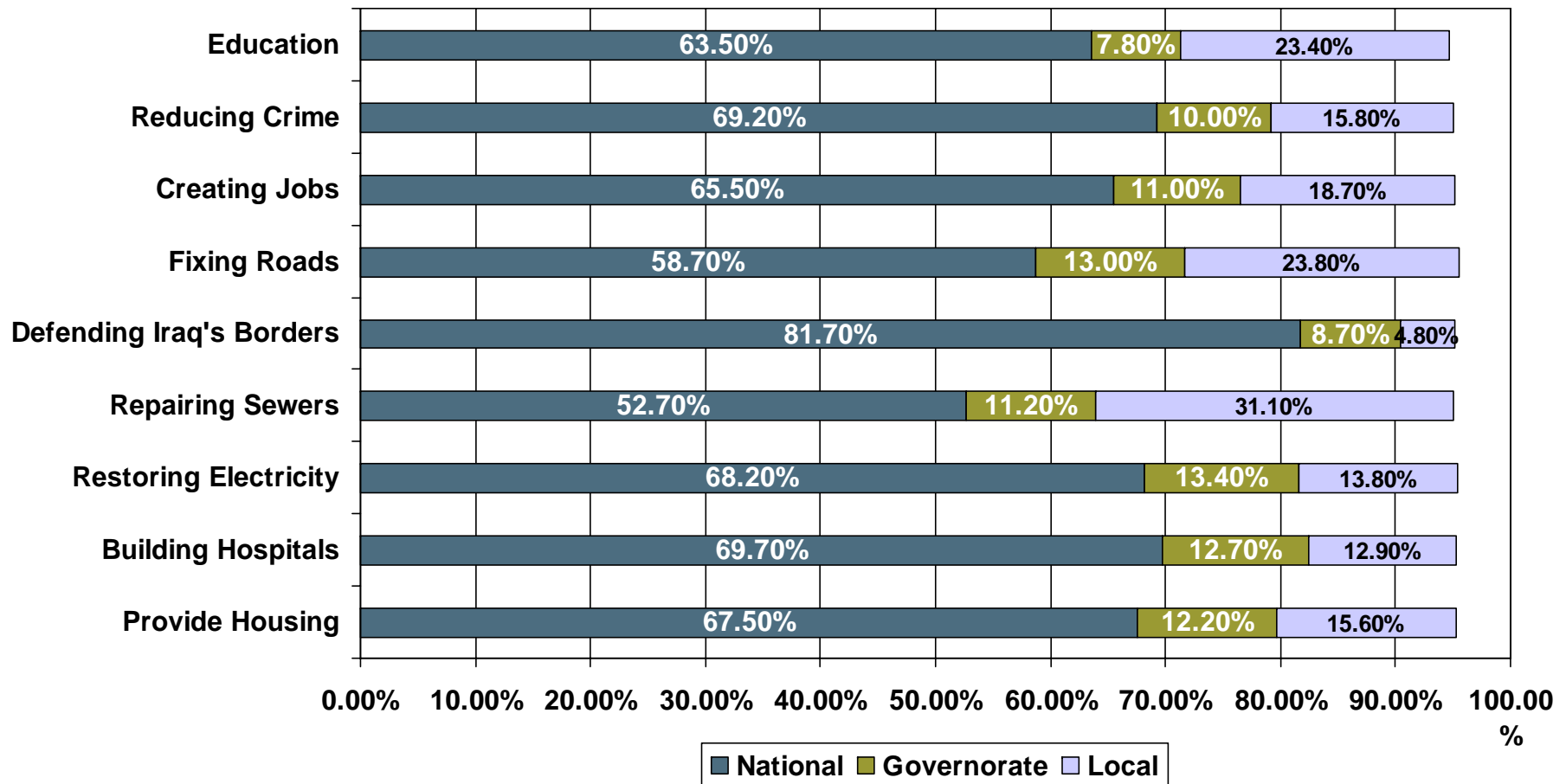
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Which of the following levels of government do you feel would most effectively spend public funds (taxes) to the benefit of you, your family and neighbors?

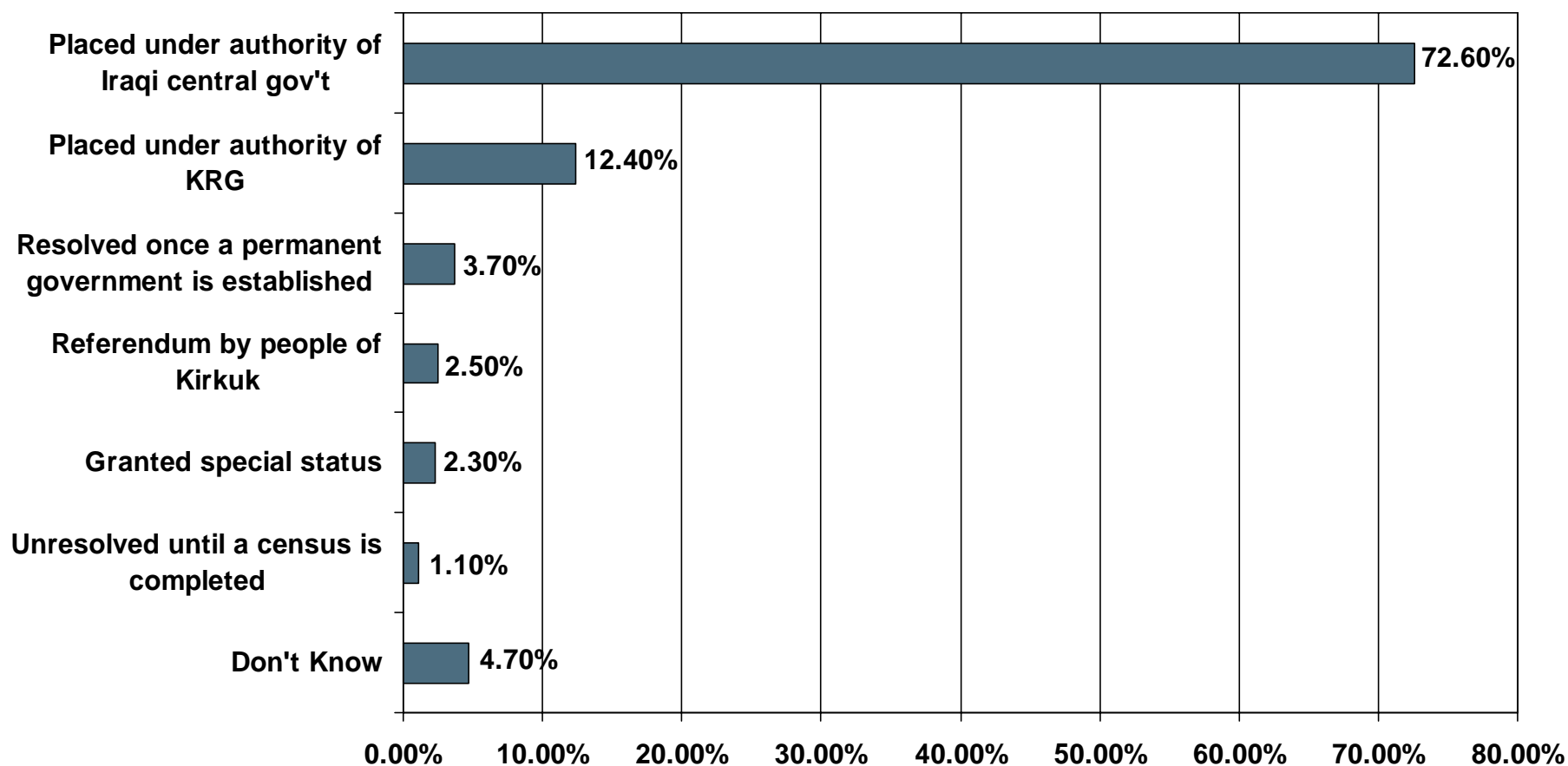


For each of the following issues, please tell me which level of government you think would best be able to provide an effective solution:



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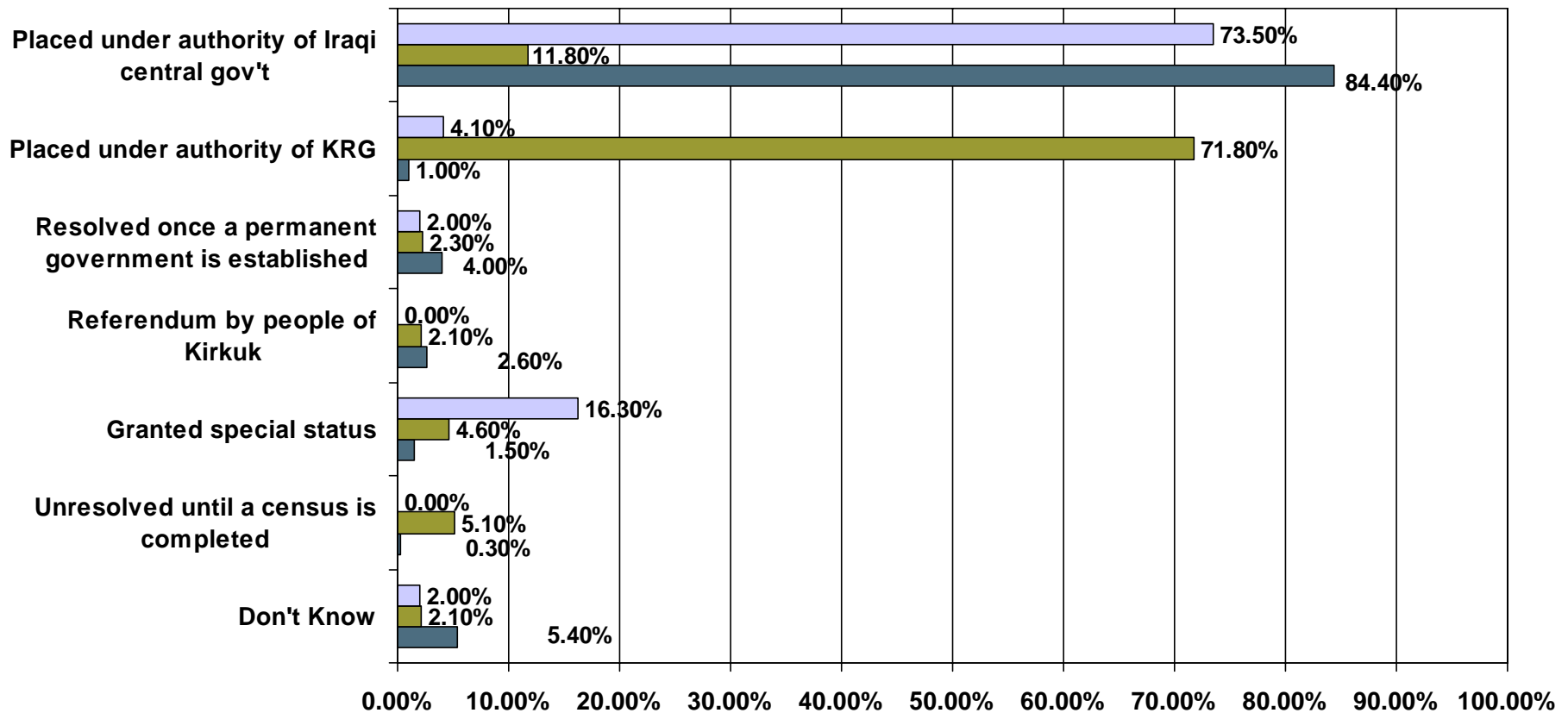
## Which of the following do you think is the most appropriate solution to resolving the status of the city of Kirkuk?



\*KRG—Kurdistan Regional Government

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Which of the following do you think is the most appropriate solution to resolving the status of the city of Kirkuk?  
*By Ethnic Group*



\*KRG—Kurdistan Regional Government

■ Arabs ■ Kurds ■ Turkman

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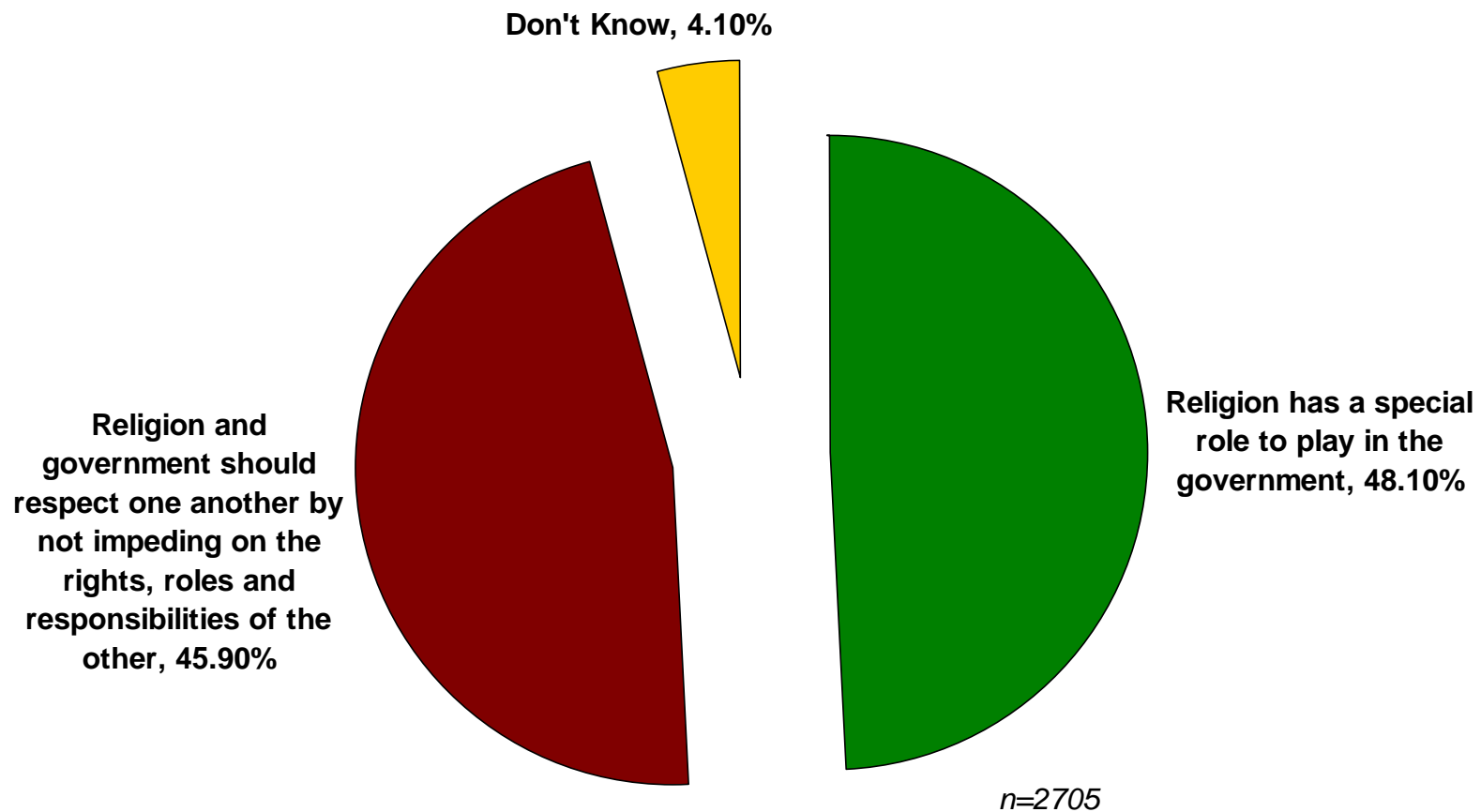
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# Constitution: Role of Religion

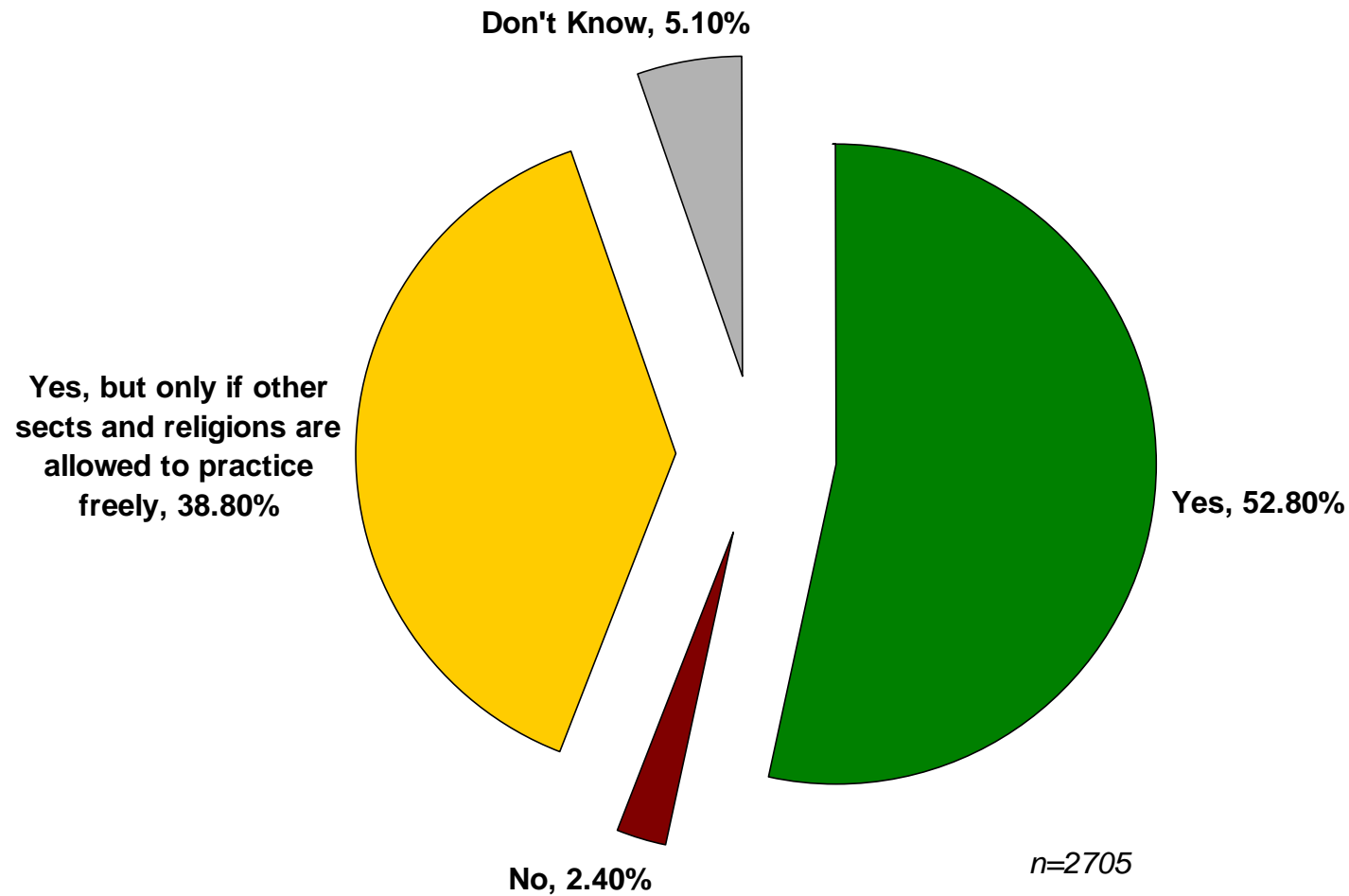
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Some people say that religion has a special role to play in the government today, while others believe that religion and the government should respect one another but remain separate. Do you believe that:

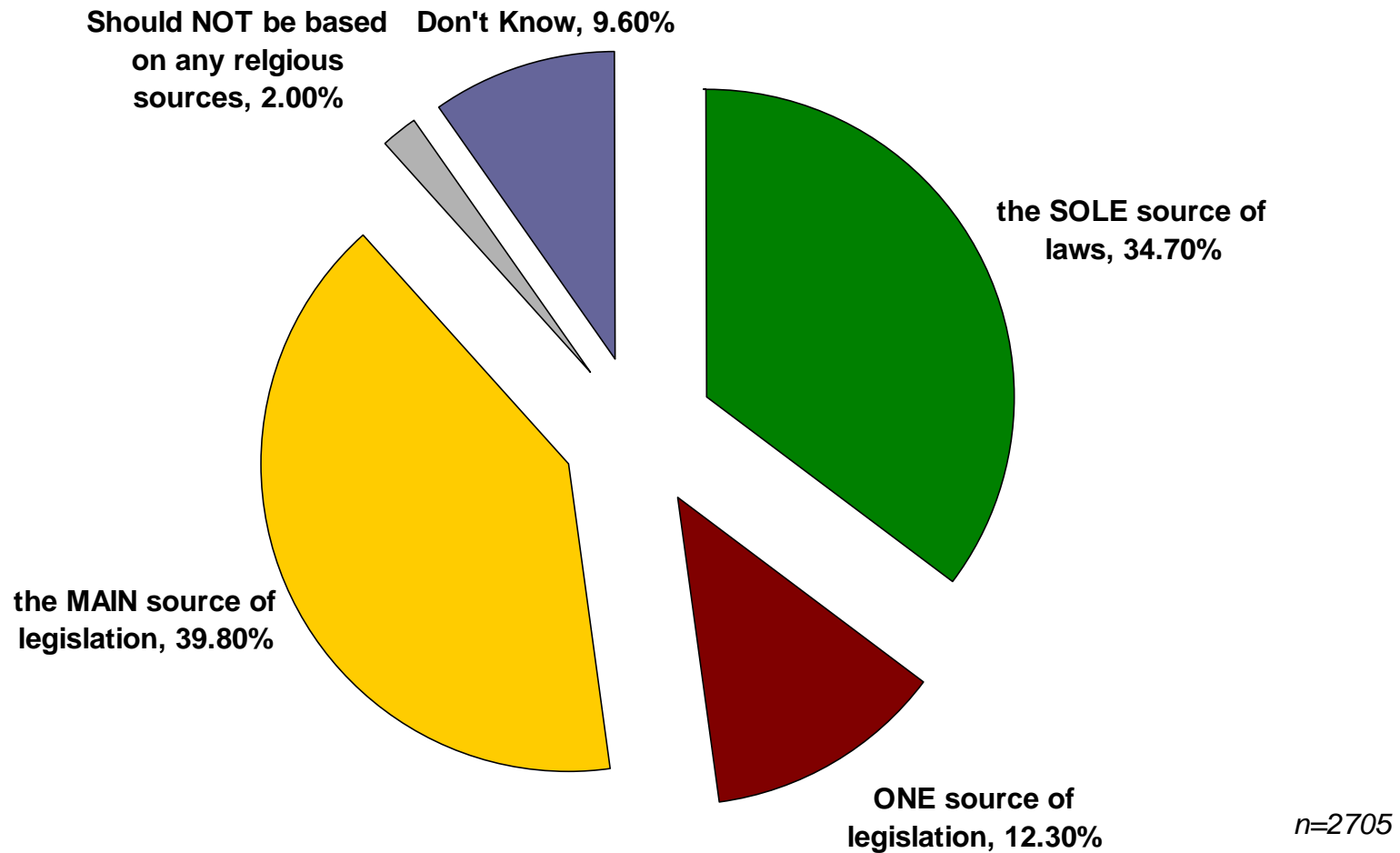


# Do you think that the new constitution should make Islam the official religion of Iraq?

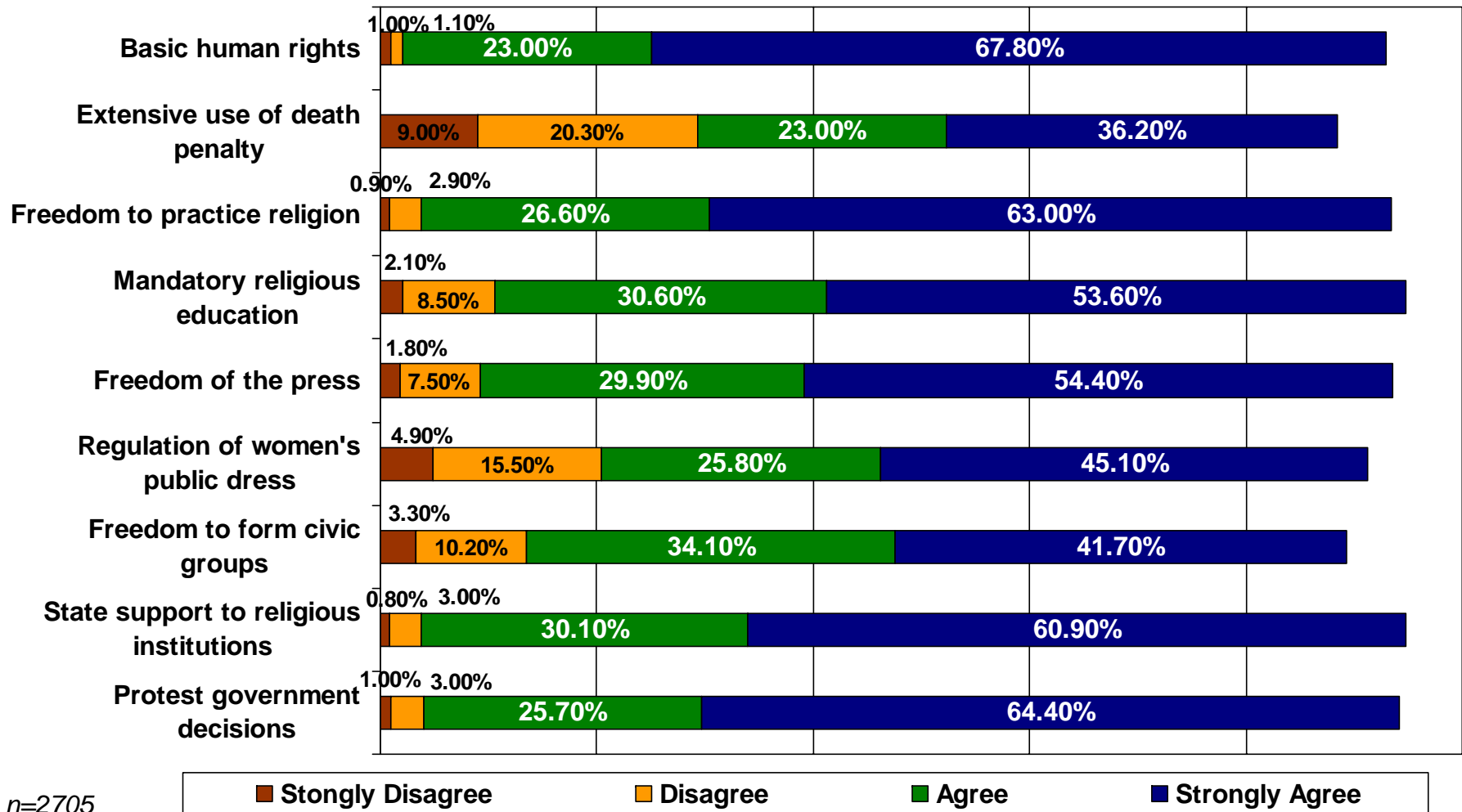


Which of the following statements most closely fits your view of the role of Islam in the creation of laws and legislation?

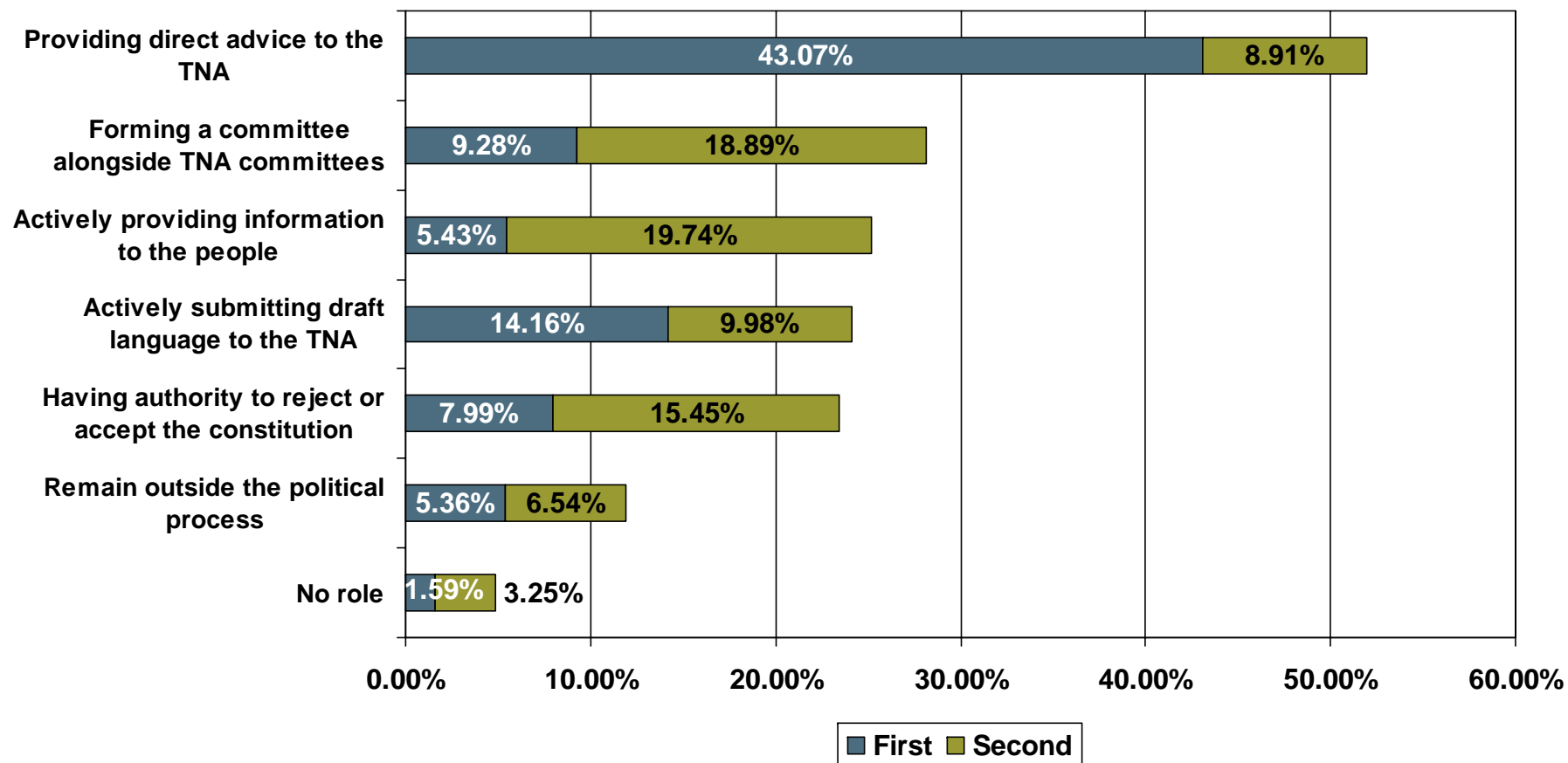
*Islam should be . . .*



Please tell me whether or not you agree or disagree that each of the following should be part of the constitution?



## What do you feel is the most appropriate role for clerics and religious organizations in drafting the new constitution?



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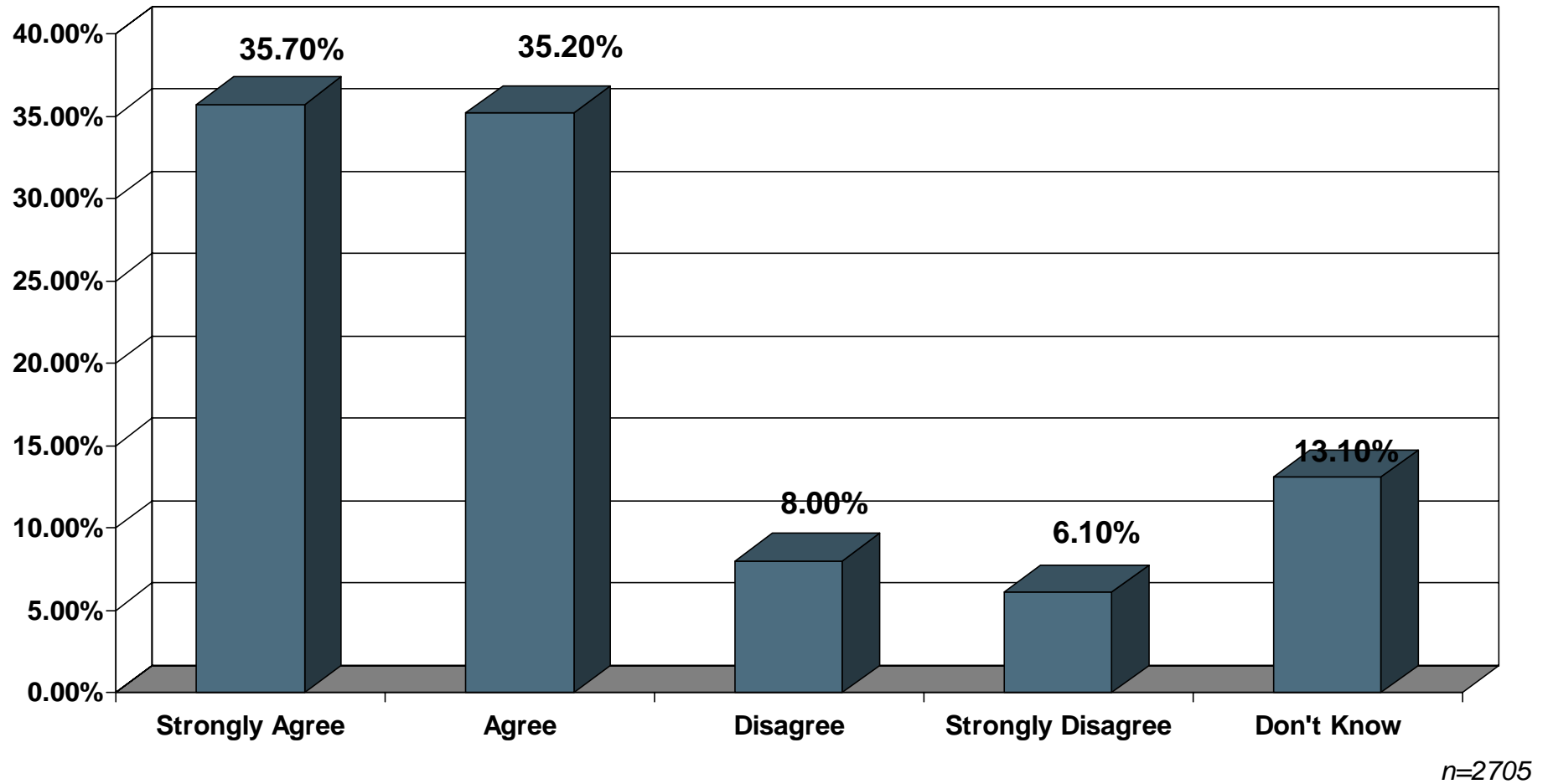
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# Constitution: Sunni and Minority Participation

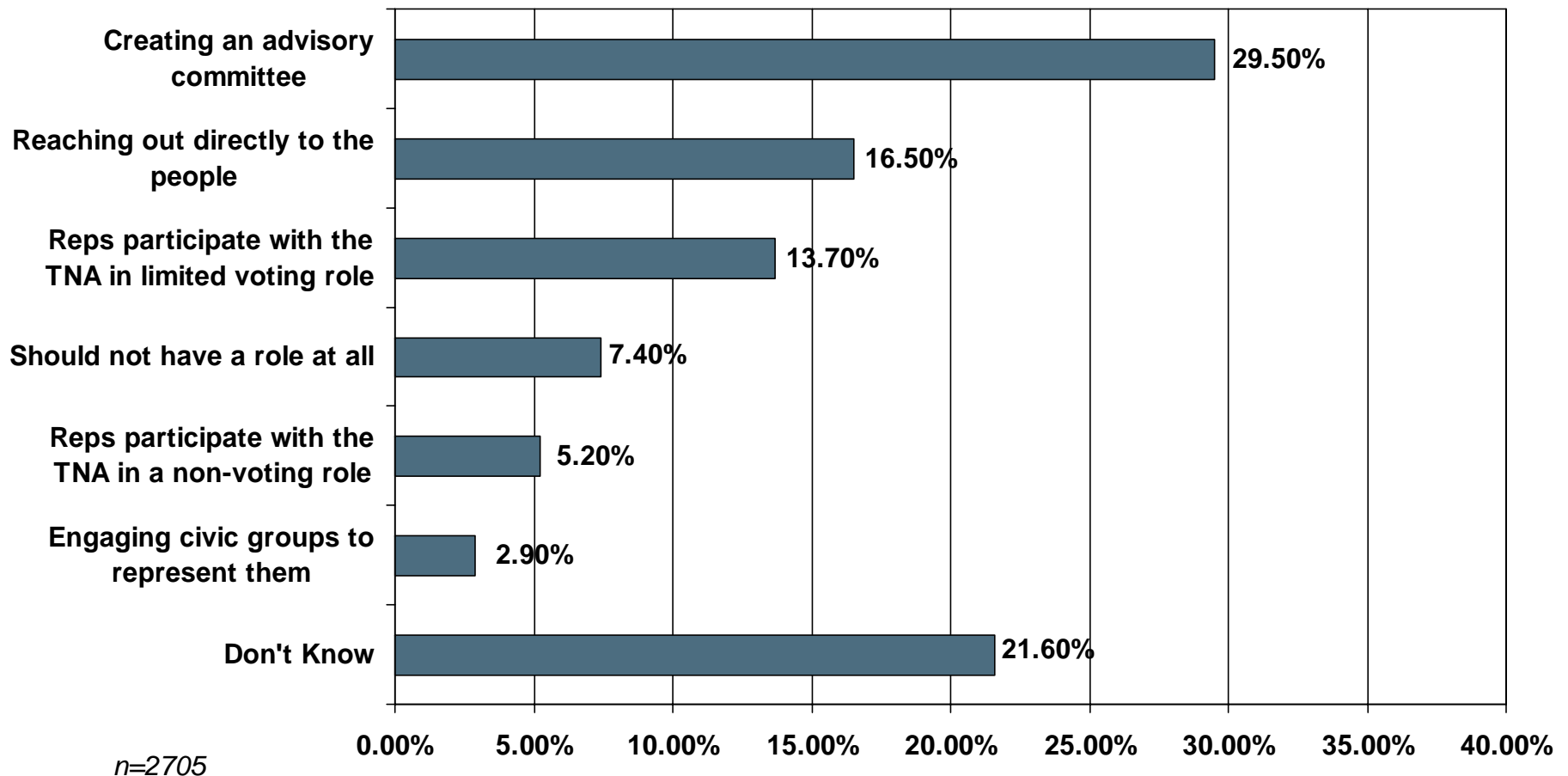
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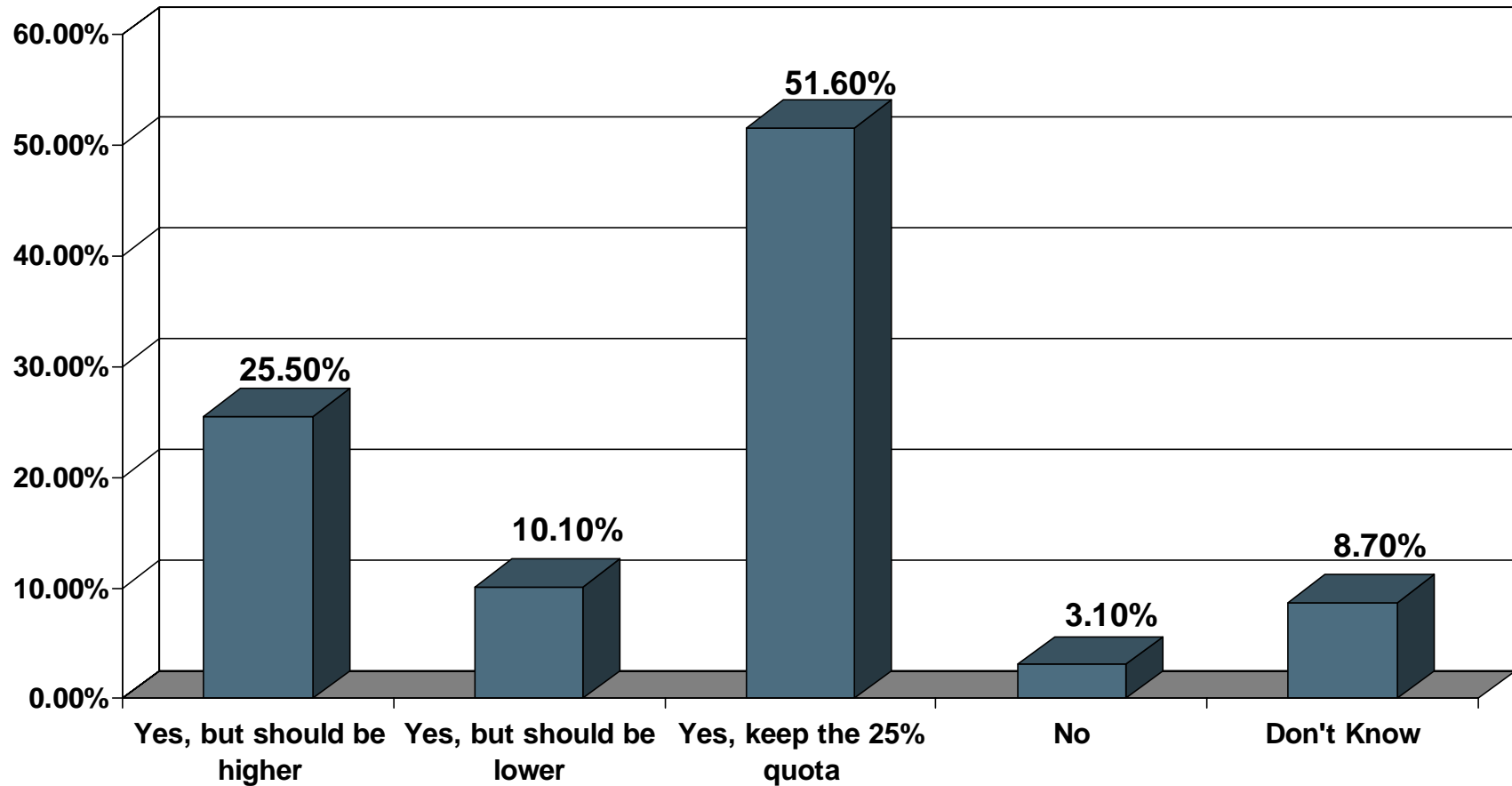
To what extent do you agree or disagree that the people or groups who could not (or did not) participate in the January 30 election have the right to contribute to writing the constitution?



# In what way do you think it would be most appropriate for these groups to contribute to the process?

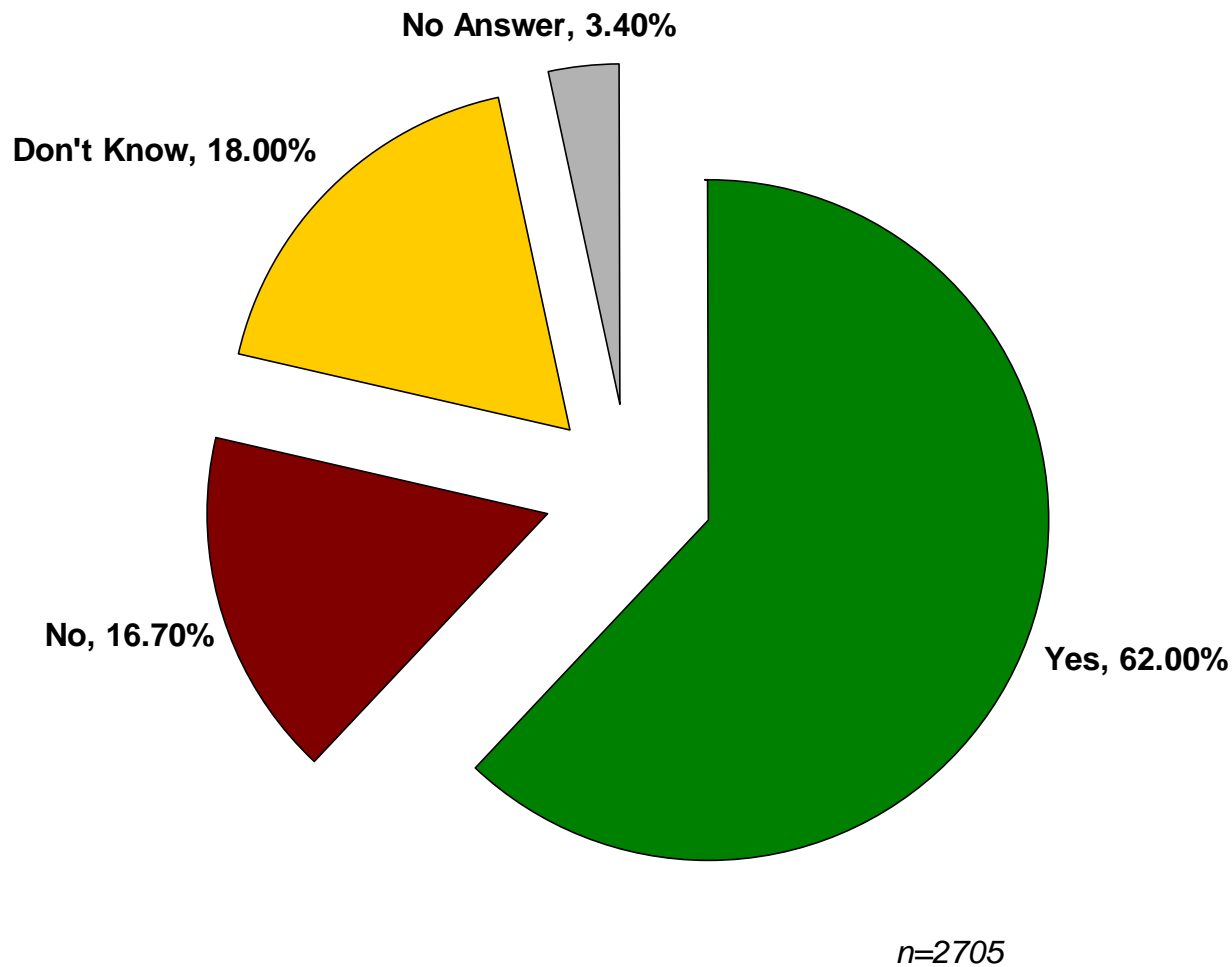


Do you think that the new TNA should keep the 25 percent quota for women in the National Assembly in the new constitution?



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# Do you think that the new constitution should reserve national assembly seats for Iraq's minority groups?



# Do you think that Iraq's minorities should be given the constitutional right to reject certain legislation?

