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Afrobarometer Round 5 Uganda Survey Results

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The AFROBAROMETER

- A comparative series of national public opinion surveys that measure public attitudes toward democracy, governance, the economy and market reform, leadership, identity and other issues
- Three key objectives:
 - 1) Produce **scientifically reliable data** on public opinion in Africa
 - 2) Strengthen **institutional capacity** for survey research in Africa
 - 3) **Disseminate and apply results** (to decision makers, policy advocates, civic educators, journalists, researchers, donors, and ordinary Africans)



Afrobarometer Coverage

- Round 1, 1999-2001, 12 countries
 - Southern Africa: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe
 - West Africa: Ghana, Mali, Nigeria
 - East Africa: Tanzania, Uganda
- Round 2, 2002-2003, 16 countries; added
 - Cape Verde, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal
- Round 3, 2005-2006, 18 countries; added
 - Benin, Madagascar
- Round 4, 2008-2009, 20 countries; added
 - Burkina Faso, Liberia
- Round 5, 2011 – 2012, 35 countries (To add 15 countries)



Afrobarometer Methodology

- Respondents are all adult (18+) citizens of Uganda
- Nationally representative sample distributed with probability proportionate to population size
 - **Random** selection of
 - Enumeration Areas
 - Households
 - Respondent within household
 - Every adult has an equal chance of selection
- Face-to-Face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice
- Rigorous double-blind translation process that ensures that equivalence of meaning is maintained across languages

Afrobarometer in Uganda

- Five rounds of surveys completed
 - Round 1 May-June 2000, n=2271;
 - Round 2 August-September 2002, n=2400;
 - Round 3 April-May 2005, n=2400;
 - Round 4 July-September 2008, n=2432;
 - Round 5 December 2011-February 2012, n=2400;
 - Two extra surveys in November-December 2010 (n=2000) and January 2011).

The Uganda R5 survey

- Nationally representative sample size of 2400 adults, based on UBOS 2002 census data and related 2011 projections
- Face-to-face interviews were conducted with Ugandan citizens of voting age between 2nd December/2011 and 27th February 2011.
- Survey reached 75% (84 of 112) of Uganda's districts across all four administrative regions and reaching both urban and rural areas
- A total sample of 6200 interviews were conducted; 2400 being the official AB sample and 3800 being additional interviews conducted in USAID Uganda Mission Focus districts. However Results presented here are based only on the official AB sample
- The questionnaire was translated into 14 local languages. Luganda, Runyankole-Rukiga, Runyoro-Rutooro, Lugbara, Alur, Luo, Ateso, Ngakirimojong, Lumasaba. Madi, Lugwere, Kupsabiny Lusoga and Japdhola.
- Local funding provided by USAID Uganda Mission and external central funding provided by the AB network group of donors
- All field work was conducted by Wilsken Agencies Ltd.
- The overall margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 2 percent.

Sample Breakdown

N = 2400	% (weighted)		% (Weighted)
Gender		Education	
Male	50	No formal education	12
Female	50	Primary	40
Residence Locale		Secondary	33
Urban	14.2	Post Secondary	15
Rural	85.8	Age	
Region		18 - 24	21
Central	22	25 - 34	37
West	25	35 - 44	21
North	22	45 - 54	12
East	25	55 - 64	5
Kampala	6	65+	4
		Religion	
		Christian	88
		Muslim	12
		Other	1

RESULTS

Is the country going in the wrong or right direction?

POPULAR PERCEPTIONS ON GOVERNMENT
EFFECTIVENESS

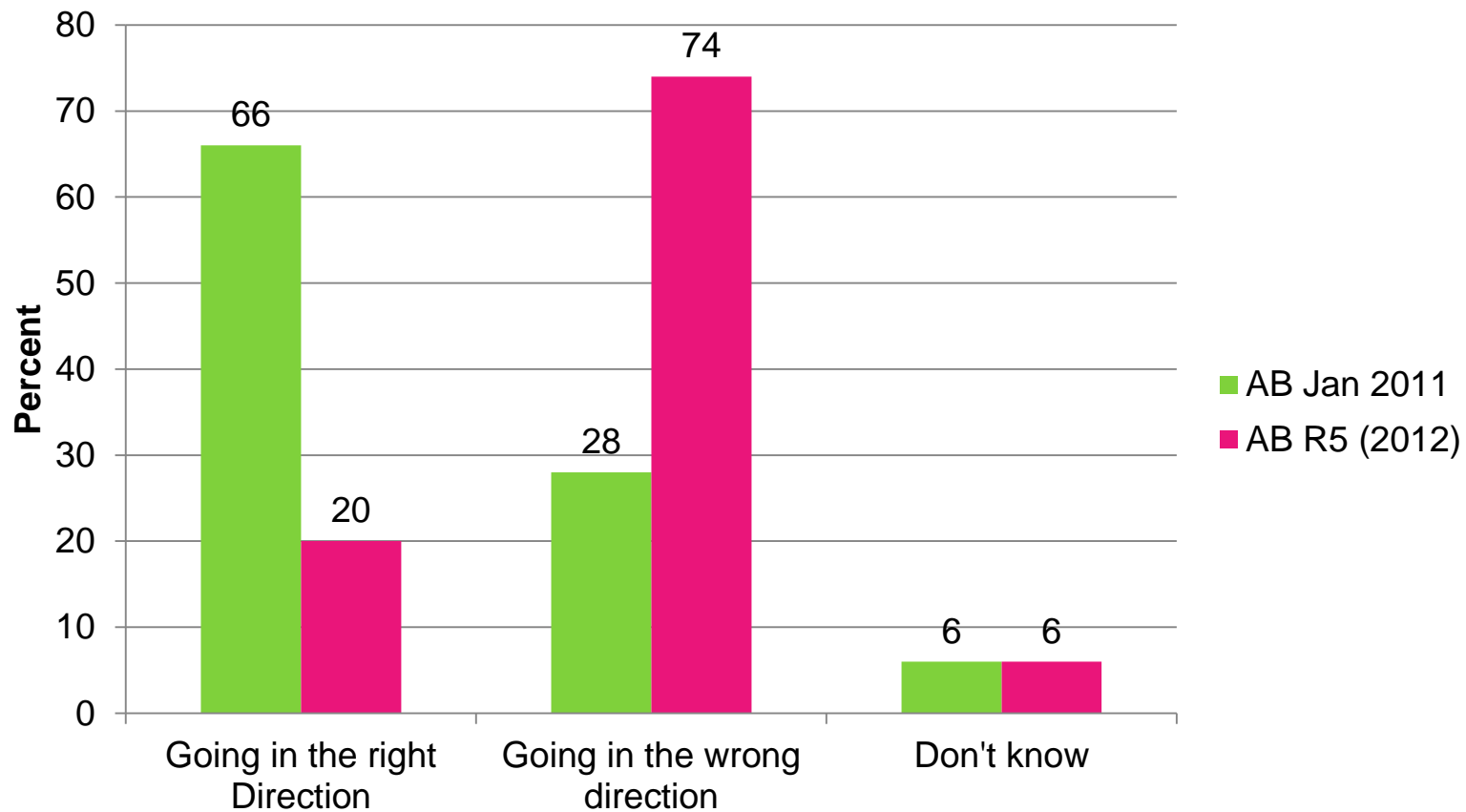
KEY FINDINGS, I

- *74% think the country is going the wrong direction (a complete reversal of the Jan 2011 pre-election perception of the same). This perception cuts across political party lines, region, urban-rural divide and gender*
- *This perception may be fueled largely by evaluations of deteriorating economic conditions and government handling of economic related services.*
- *But other factors may also be at work: perception of government effectiveness in addressing social services and infrastructure needs also show slow but steady declines over the last ten years.*

KEY FINDINGS, II

- *There are large declines in ratings of government performance in handling social services, including health and education as well as infrastructure issues like water, roads and electricity.*
- *However, perceptions of corruption in government show no consistent trends over time.*
- *State legitimacy remains high, but continued perceptions of inadequate government performance may threaten this patience.*
- *Trust in Parliament and Opposition Parties has increased slightly. Since these are institutions that have been more critical of government policy, this increase may be linked to decreasing popular satisfaction with government policy performance.*

As regards the overall direction of the country, would you say that the country is going in the wrong direction or going in the right direction?

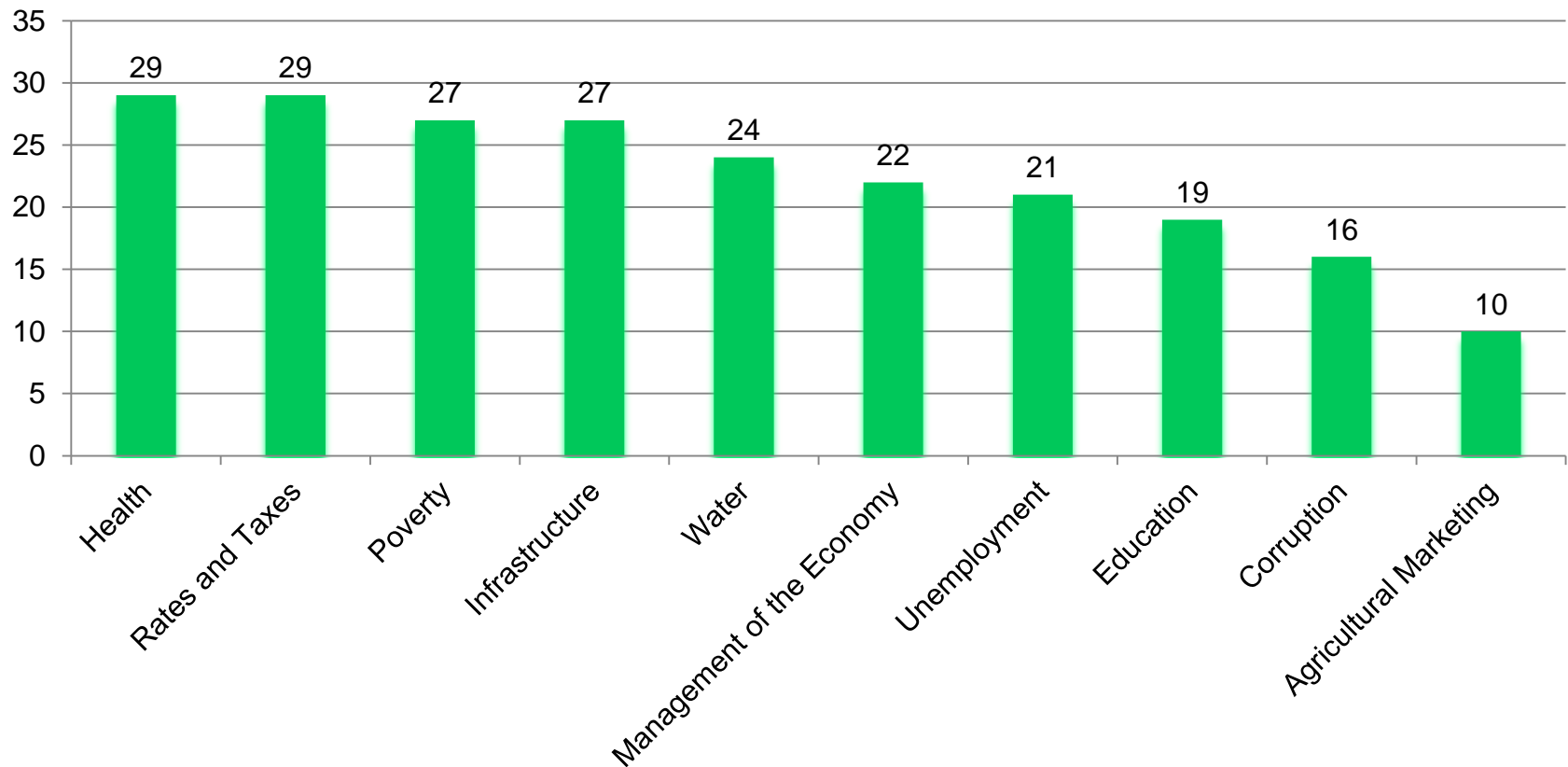


n=2400

Besides declining economic concerns and evaluations, what else might explain this finding?

Policy Priorities: Most Important Problems that Government Should Address

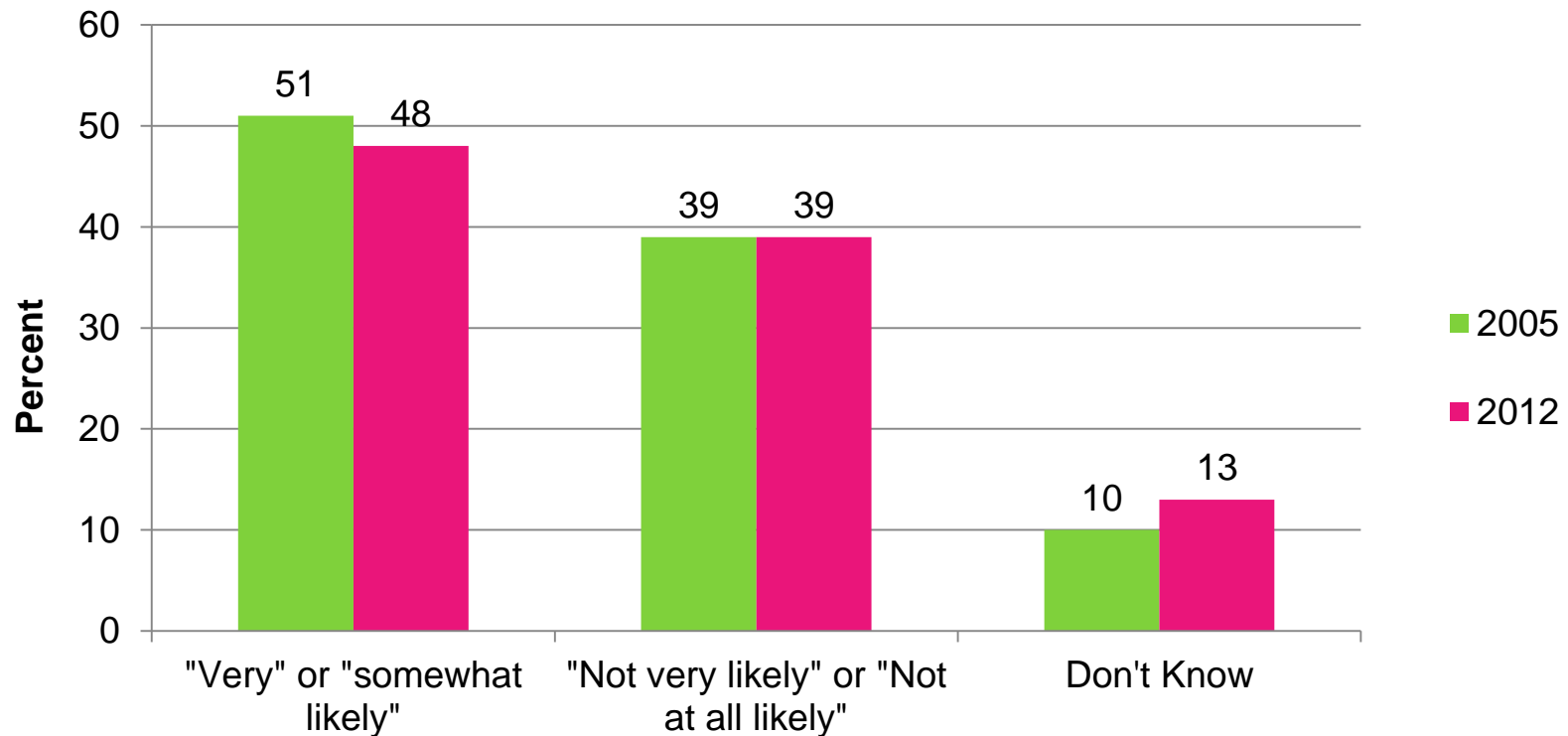
Most Important Problems that the Government Should Address: Top 10 Priorities [Percent Mention]



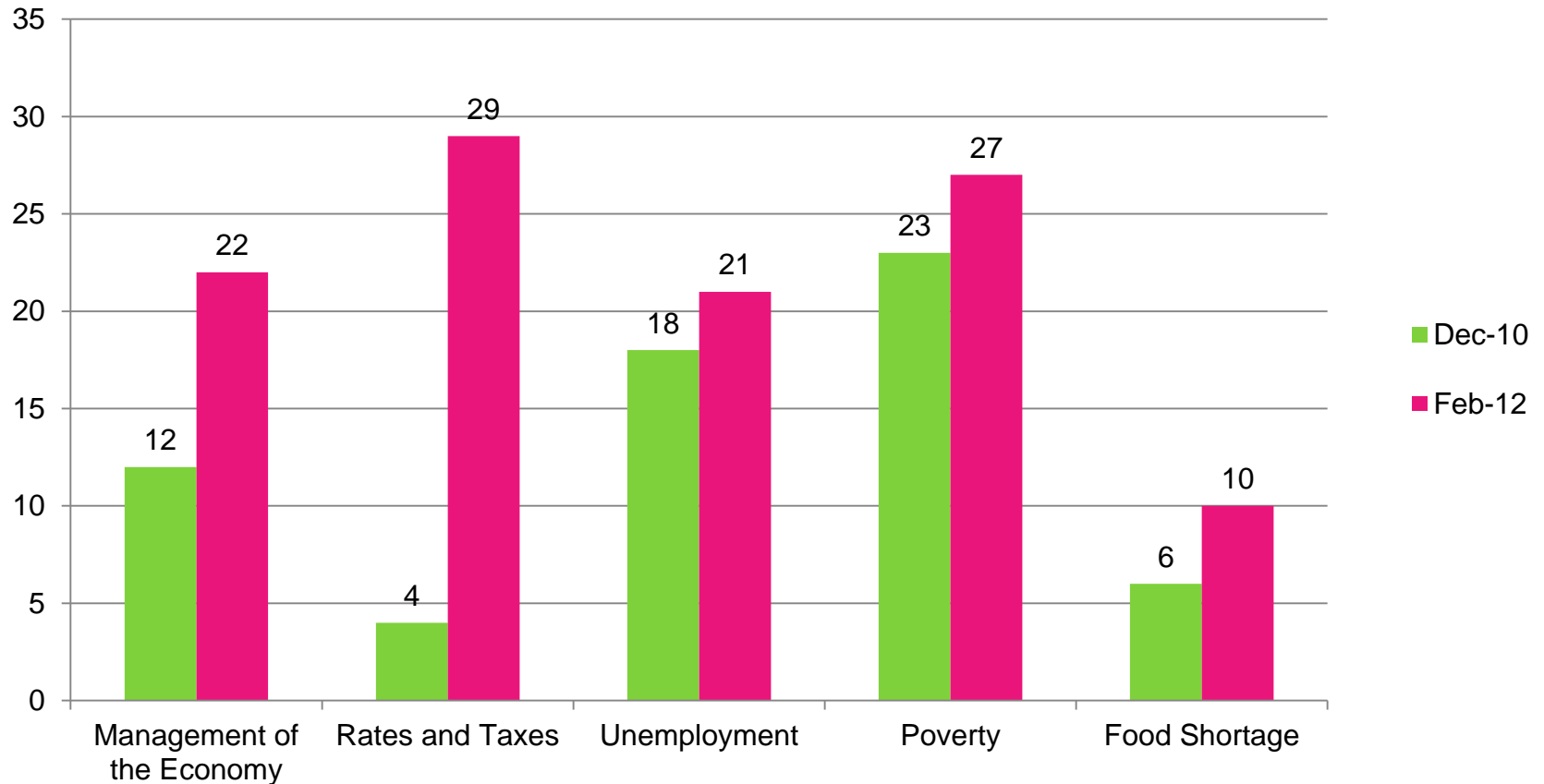
- *In your opinion, what are the three most important problems facing this country that government should address? (percent mentioning issues as one of three responses)*

Belief in state capacity to solve most important problems

Taking the problem that you mentioned first, how likely do you think that government will solve this problem in the next five years?

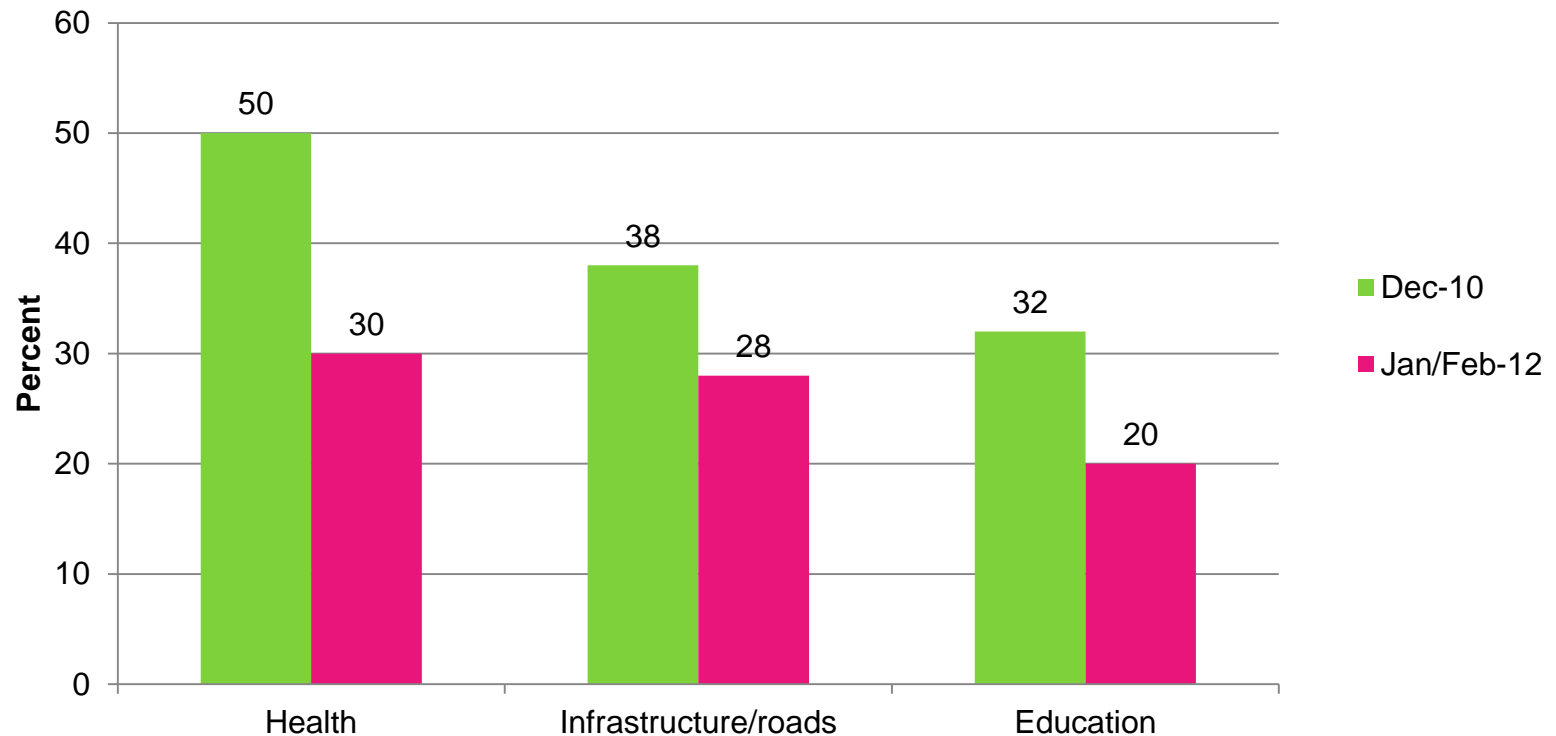


Changing Priorities: Increasing Importance of Economic Issues



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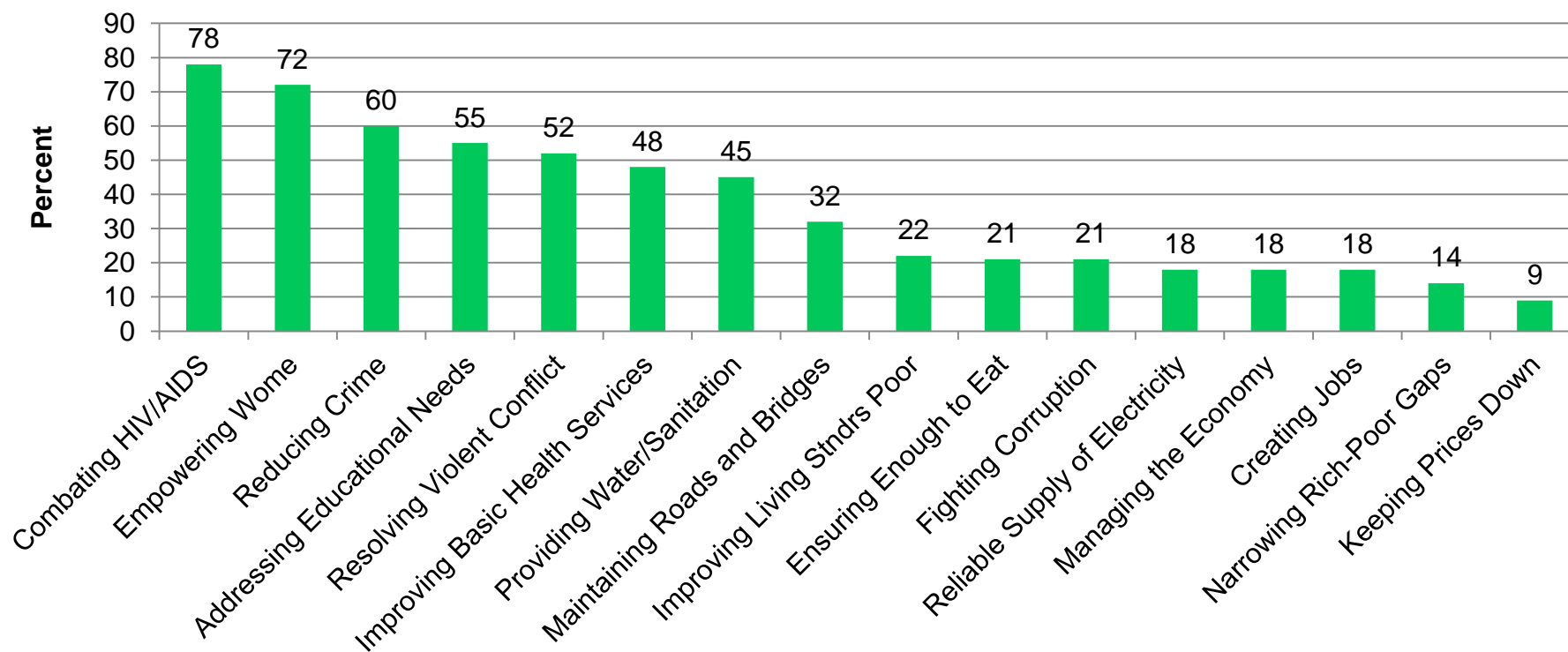
Changing Priorities: Declining Emphasis on Social Services



In your opinion, what are the three most important problems facing this country that government should address?

Government Effectiveness: Public Assessment of Government Performance ratings on Key Issues

Percent saying the government is handling the issues “very well” or “fairly well”

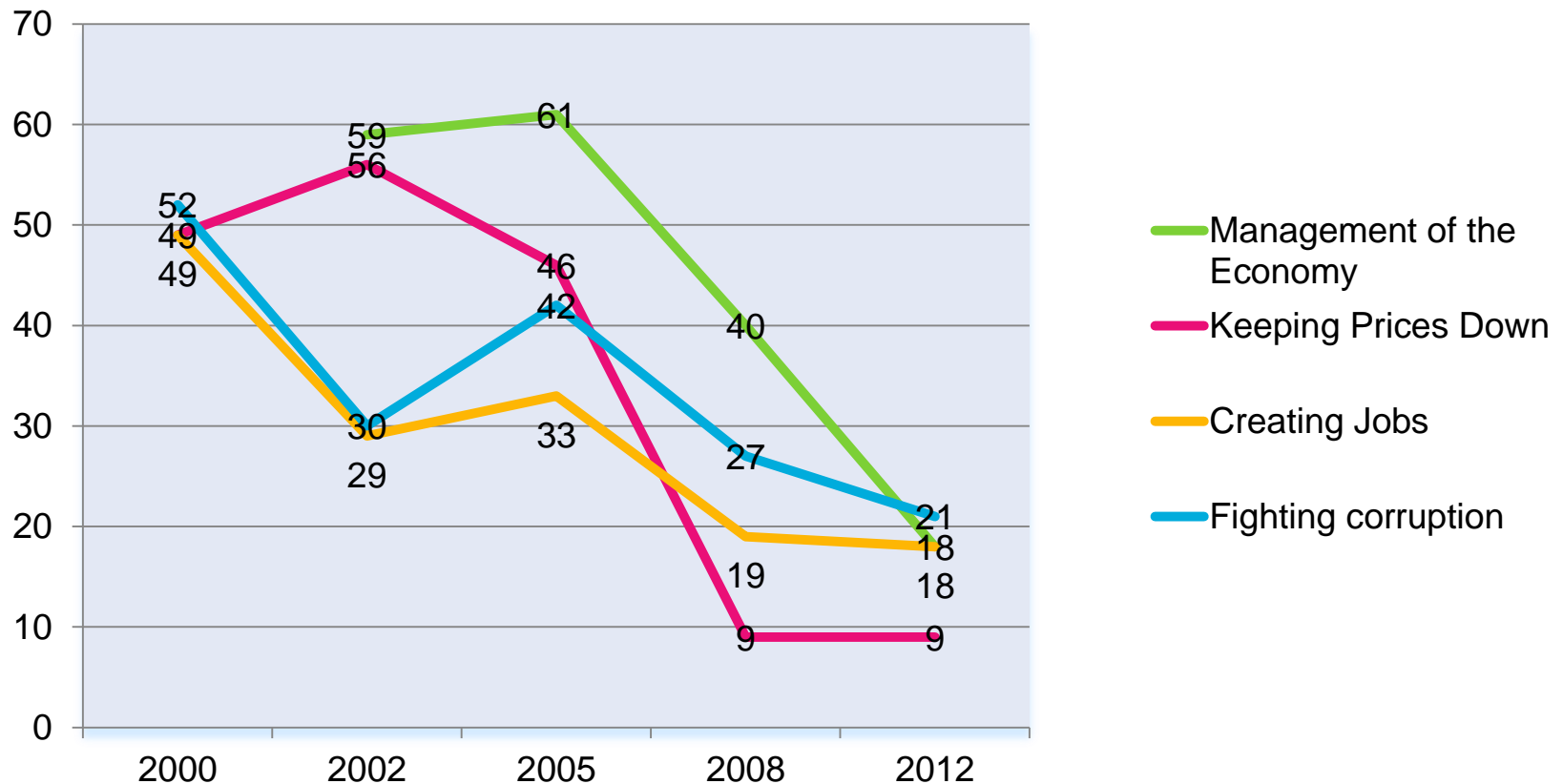


- *How well or badly would you say that the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't heard enough to say?*

Declining Ratings of Government Effectiveness over the past ten years

Ratings of Government Performance on Economic Issues.

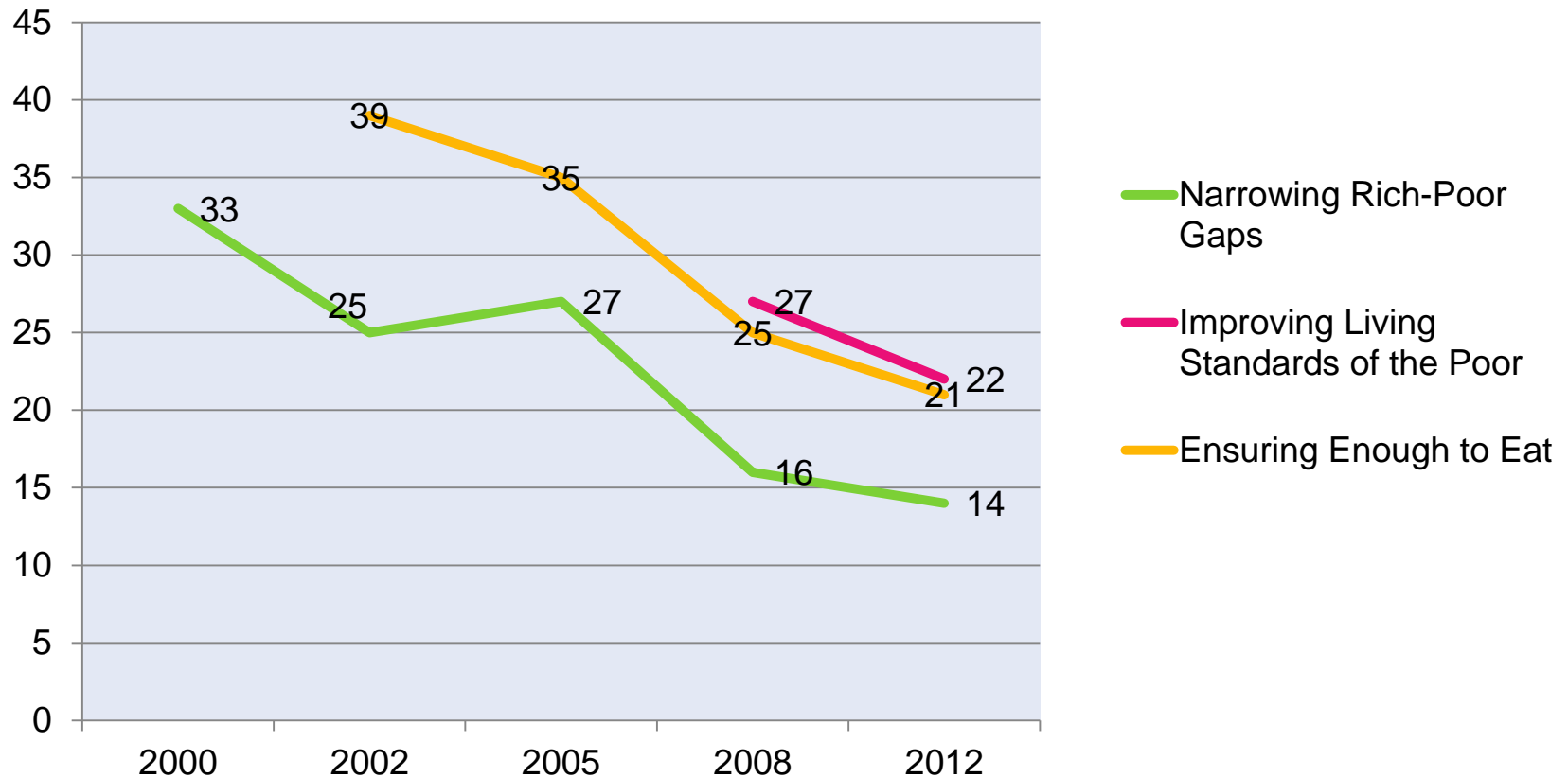
Over time trend 2000-2012 (Percent 'Very well' or 'Fairly well')



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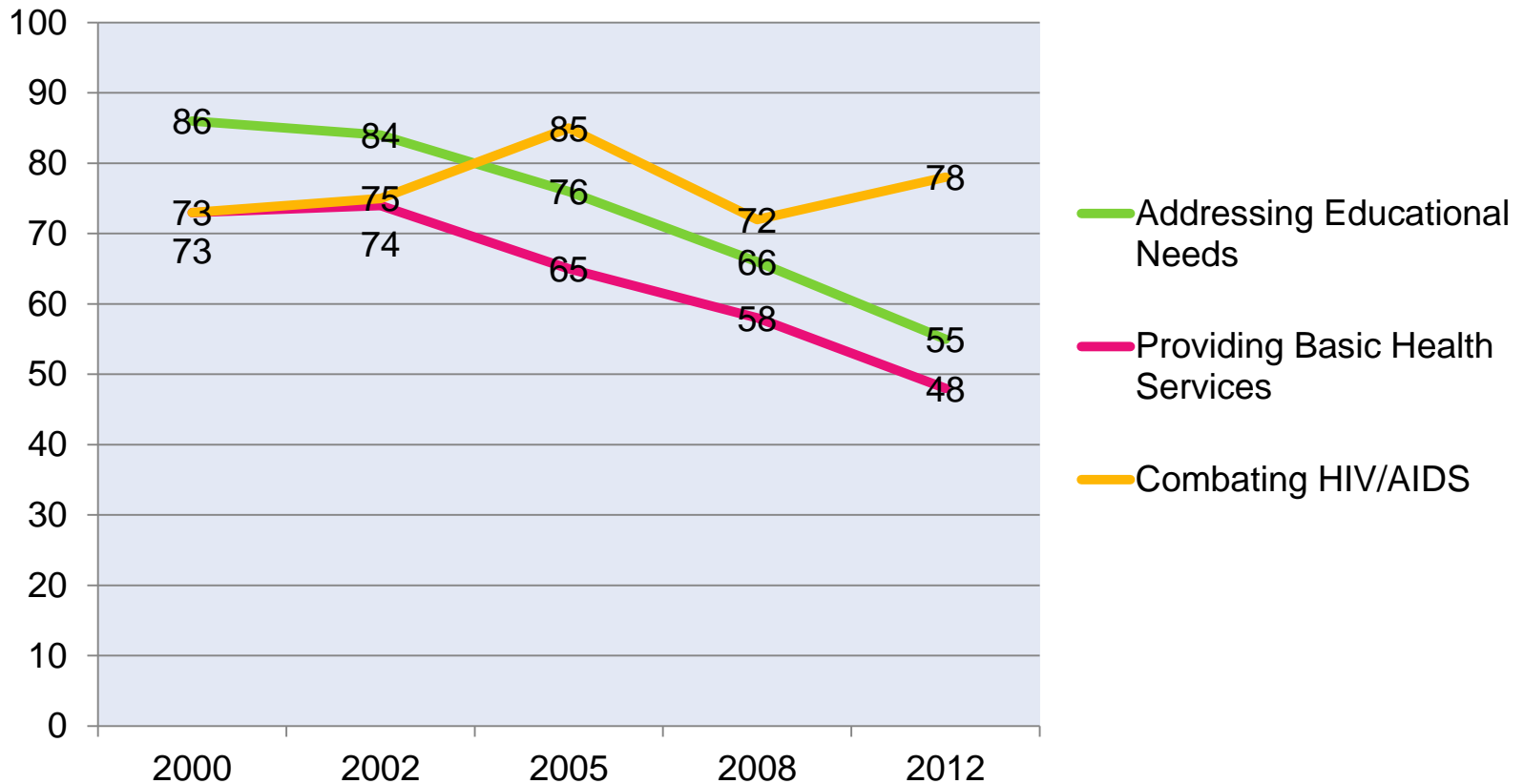
Ratings of Government Performance on Fighting Poverty.

Over time trend 2000-2012 (Percent 'Very well' or 'Fairly well')



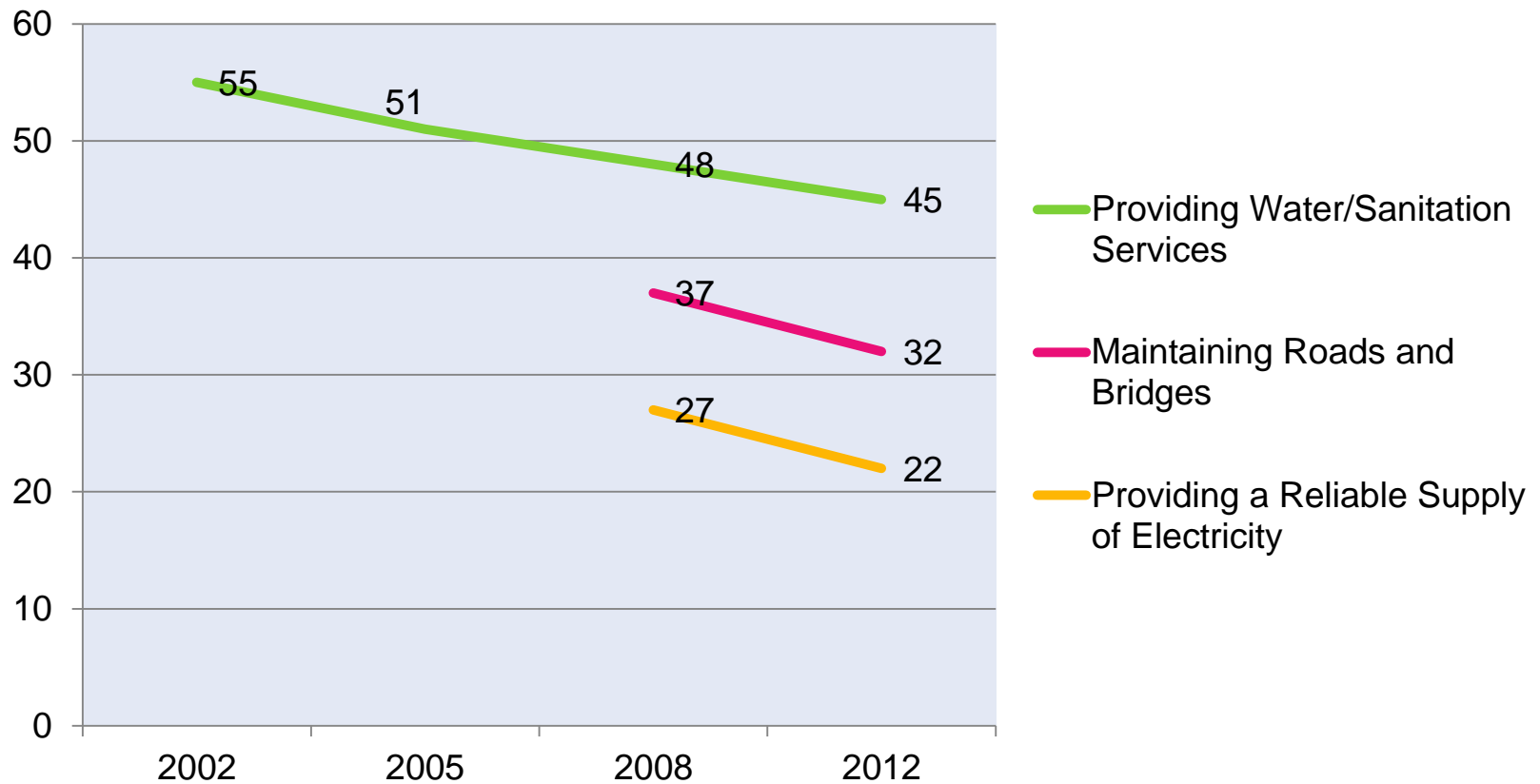
- *How well or badly would you say that the current government is handling the following matters?*

Ratings of Government Performance on Social Services. Over time trend 2000-2012 (Percent 'Very well' or 'Fairly well')



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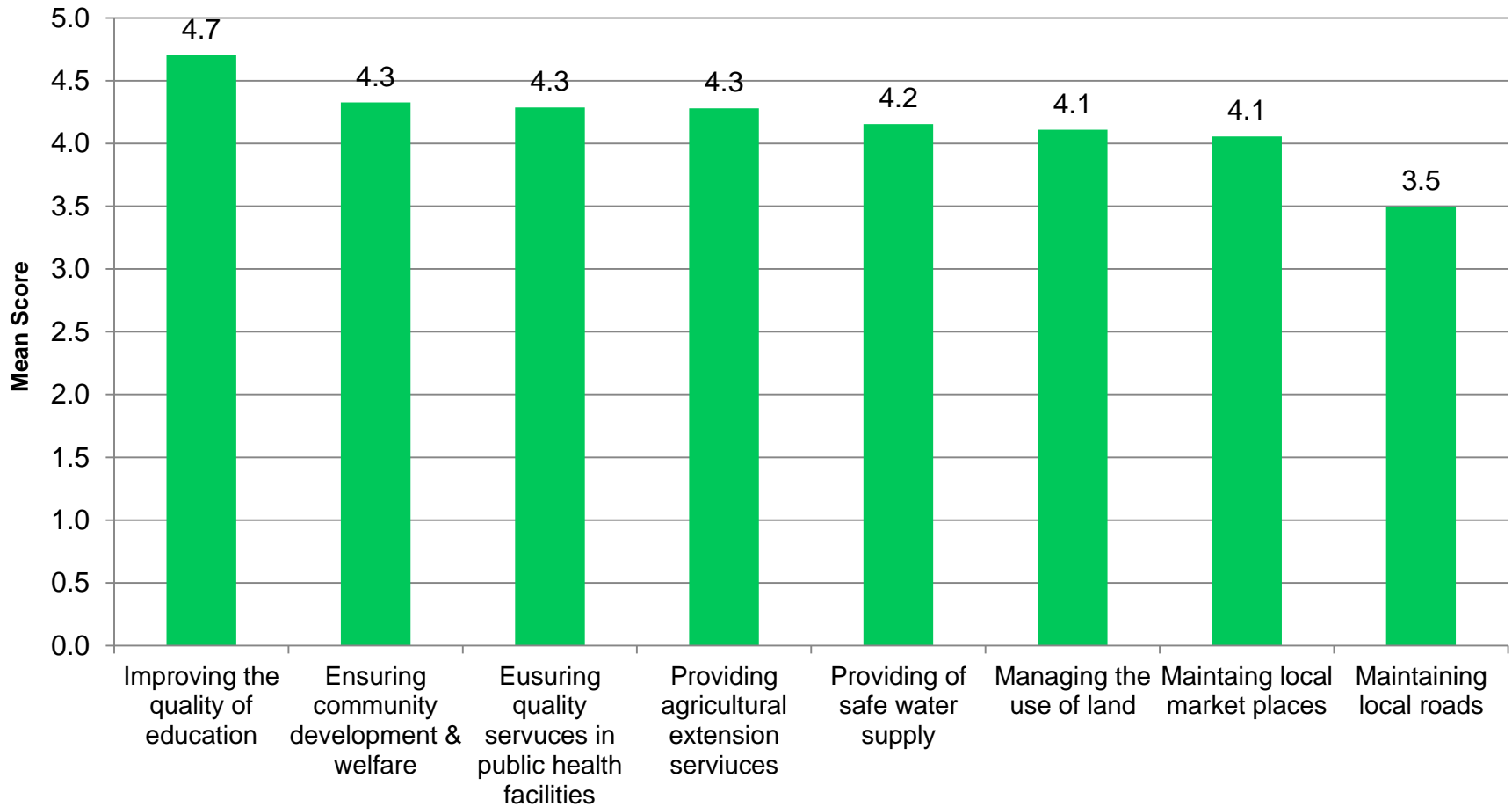
Ratings of Government Performance on Infrastructure. Over time trend 2002-2012 (Percent 'Very well' or 'Fairly well')



- *How well or badly would you say that the current government is handling the following matters?*

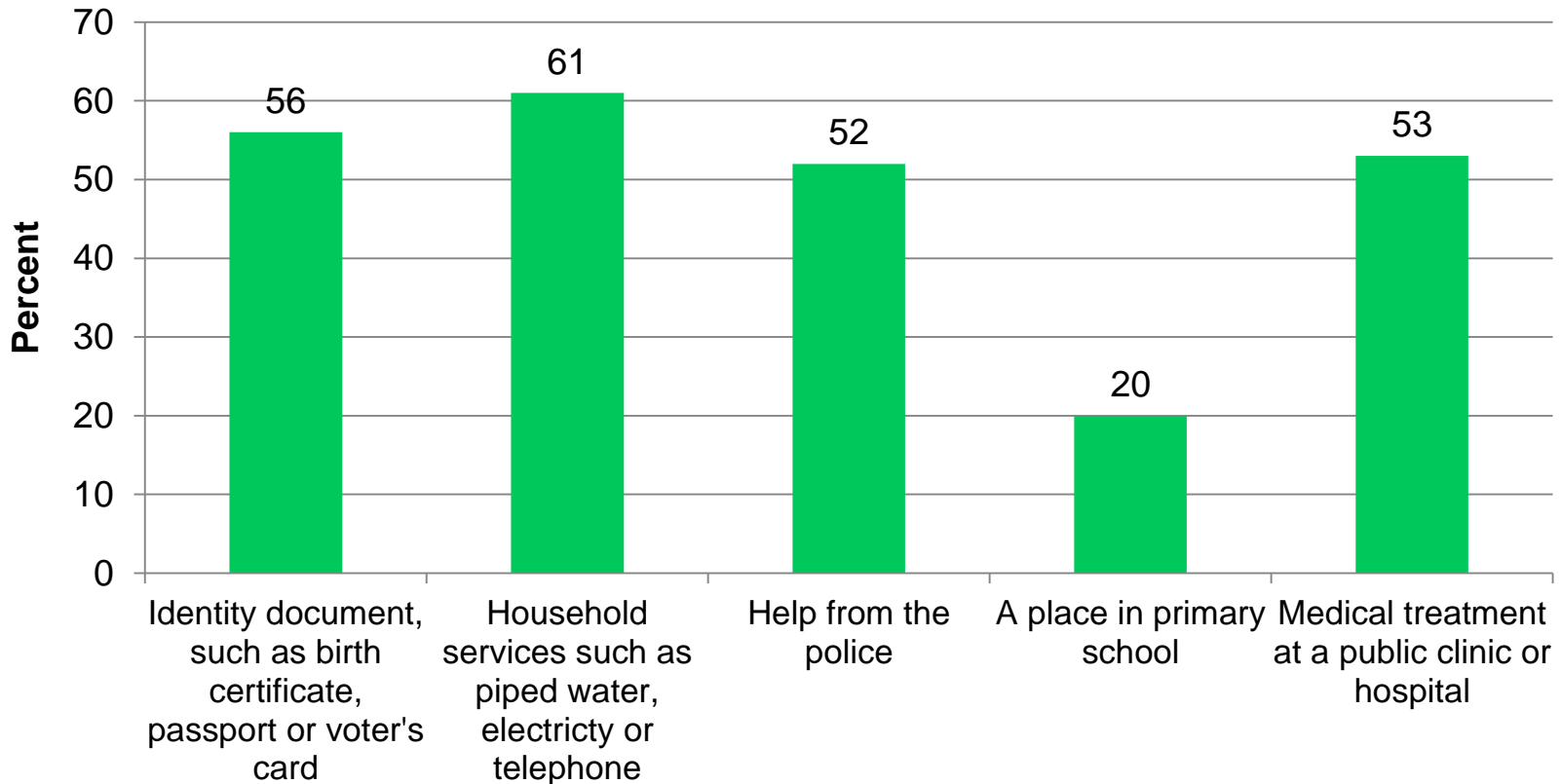
Quality of Service Delivery by Local Government

On a scale between 0 and 10, where 0 means very poor and 10 means very good, how do you rate the performance of your district administration in the following areas. [Mean score per service area]



Ease of access to state services

Percent saying 'Very difficult' or 'Difficult'

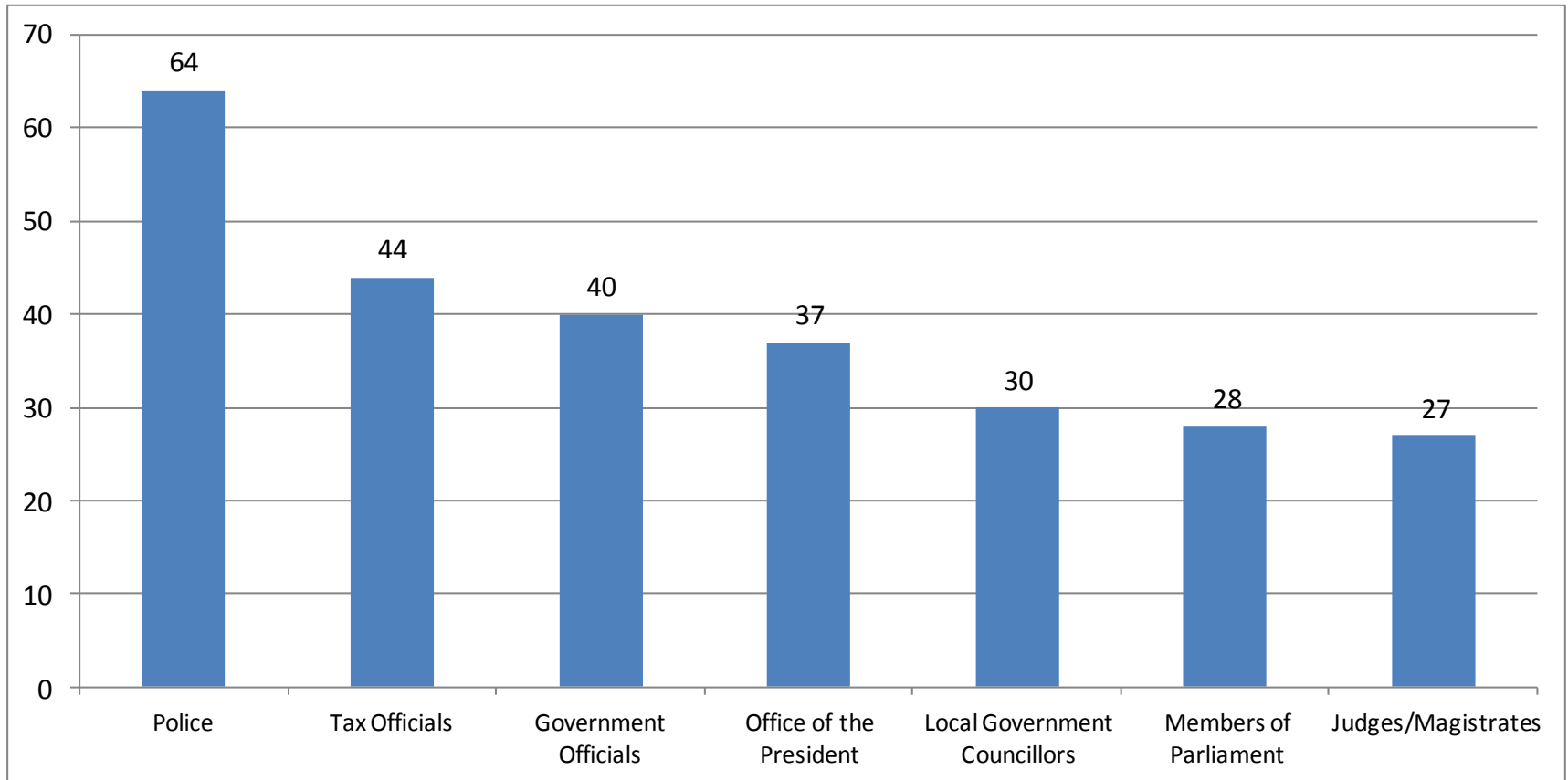


- *Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to obtain the following services from government? Or do you never try to get these services from government?*

Perceptions of corruption

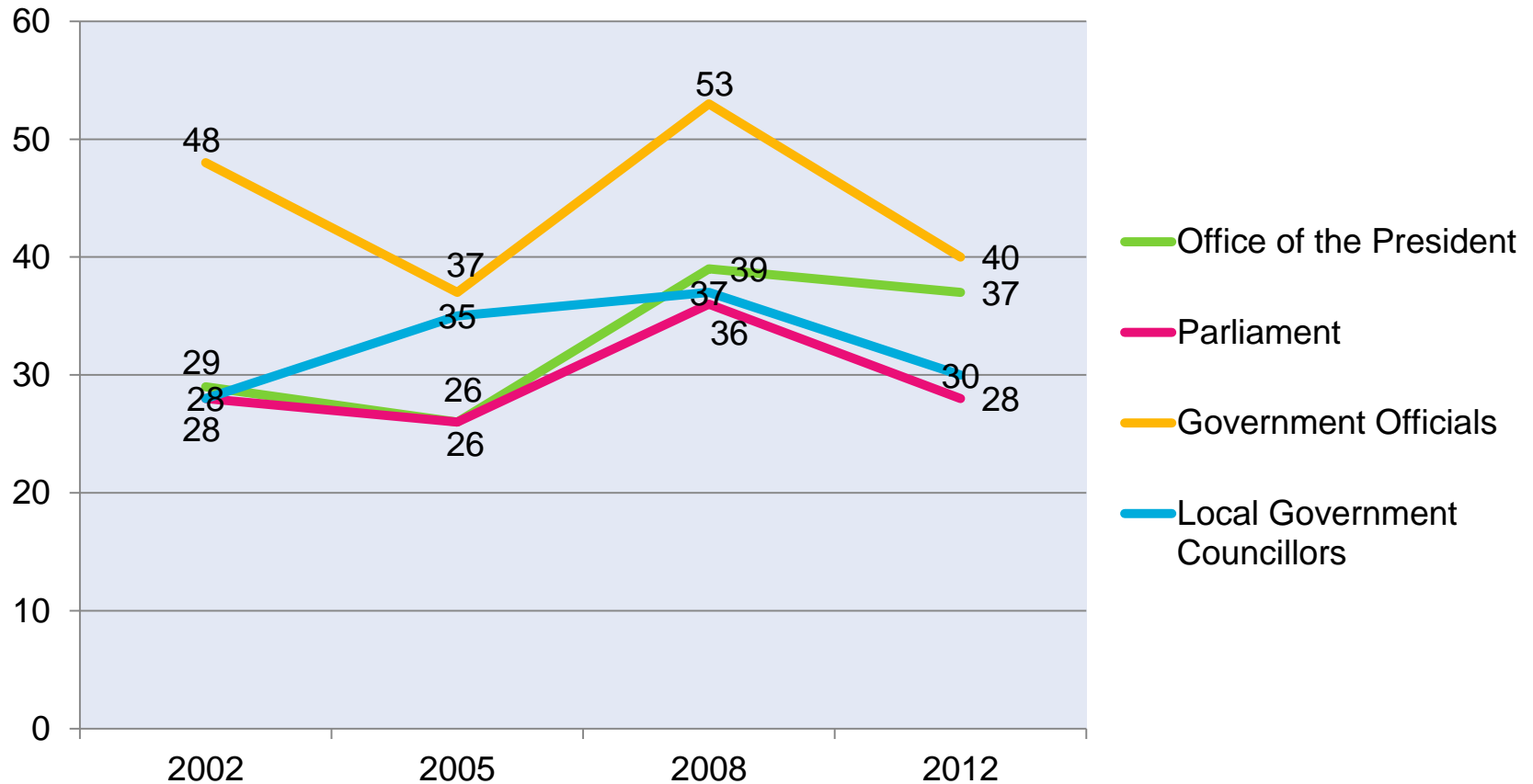
Perceived Corruption in State Institutions

Percent saying “all” or “most” are corrupt, 2012



- *How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say?*

Perceptions of Corruption in state institutions and officials. Over time trend 2002 – 2012



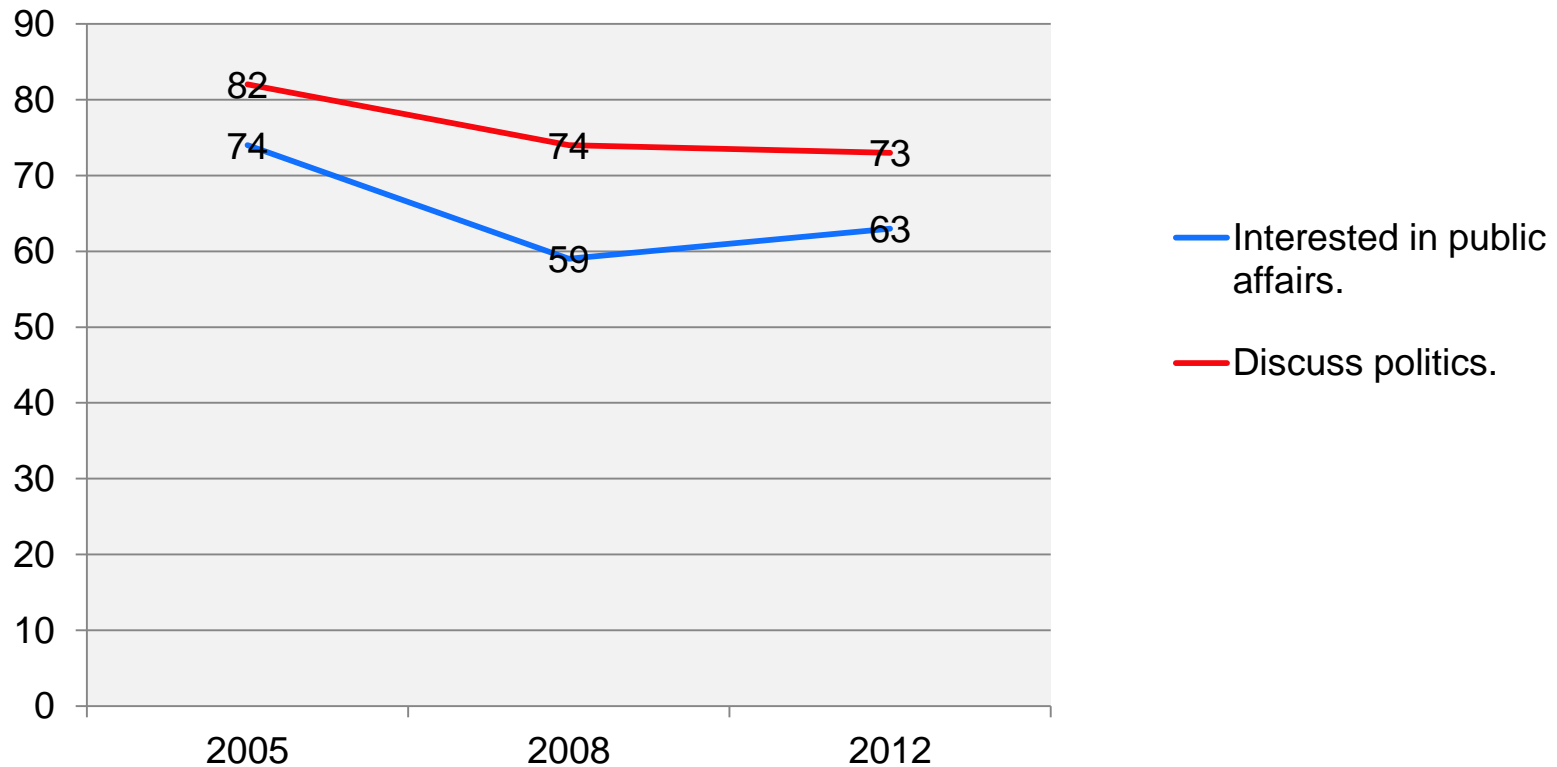
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Implications.

What are the negative ratings of government responsiveness translating into?

Is this translating into disengagement with the state

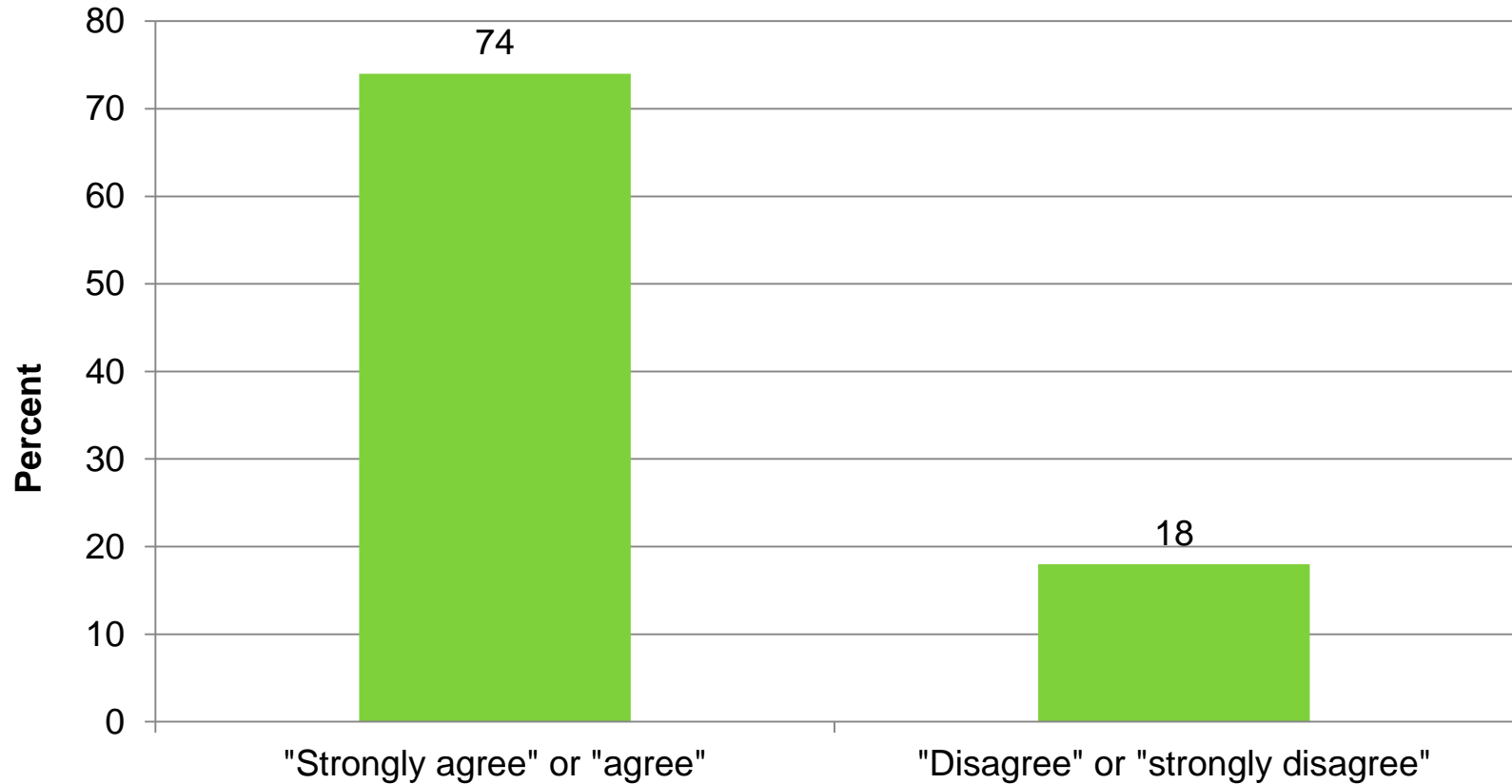
Interest in Politics. Over time trend 2005 - 2012



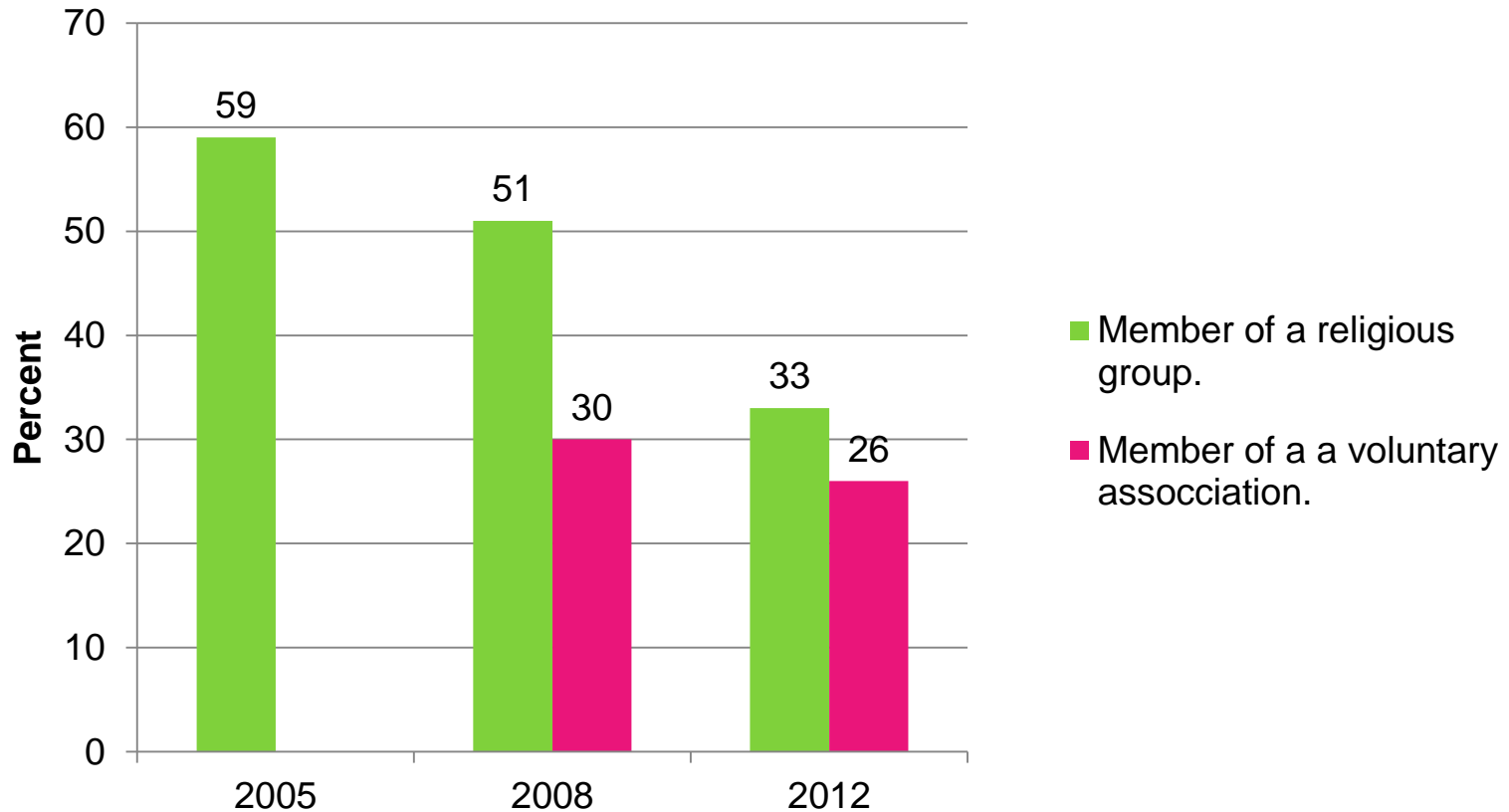
- *How interested would you say you are in public affairs? (percent 'very' or 'somewhat' interested)*
- *When you get together with your friends or family, would you say you discuss political matters? (percent 'frequently' or 'occasionally')*

Civic Competence

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what is going on"

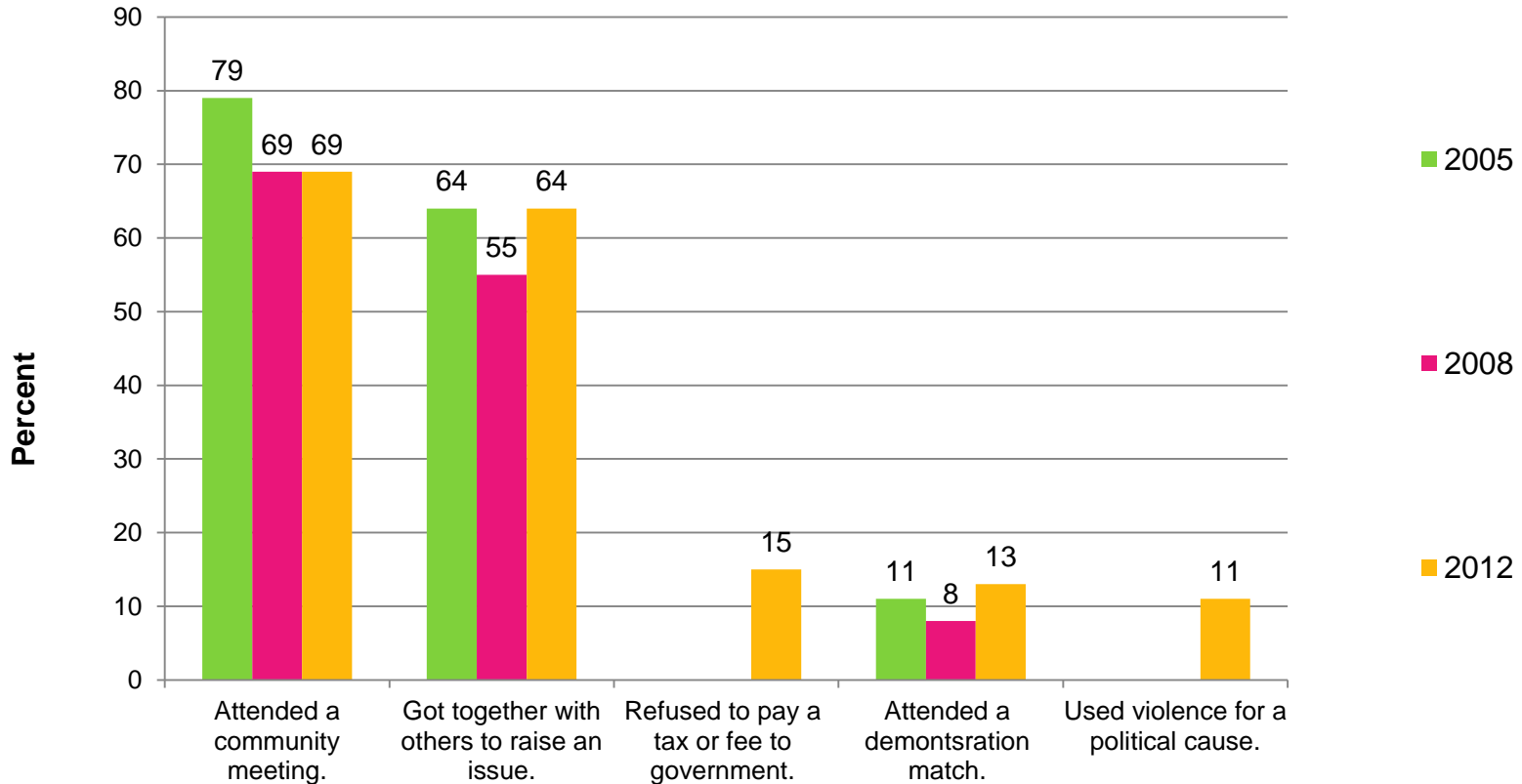


Association membership



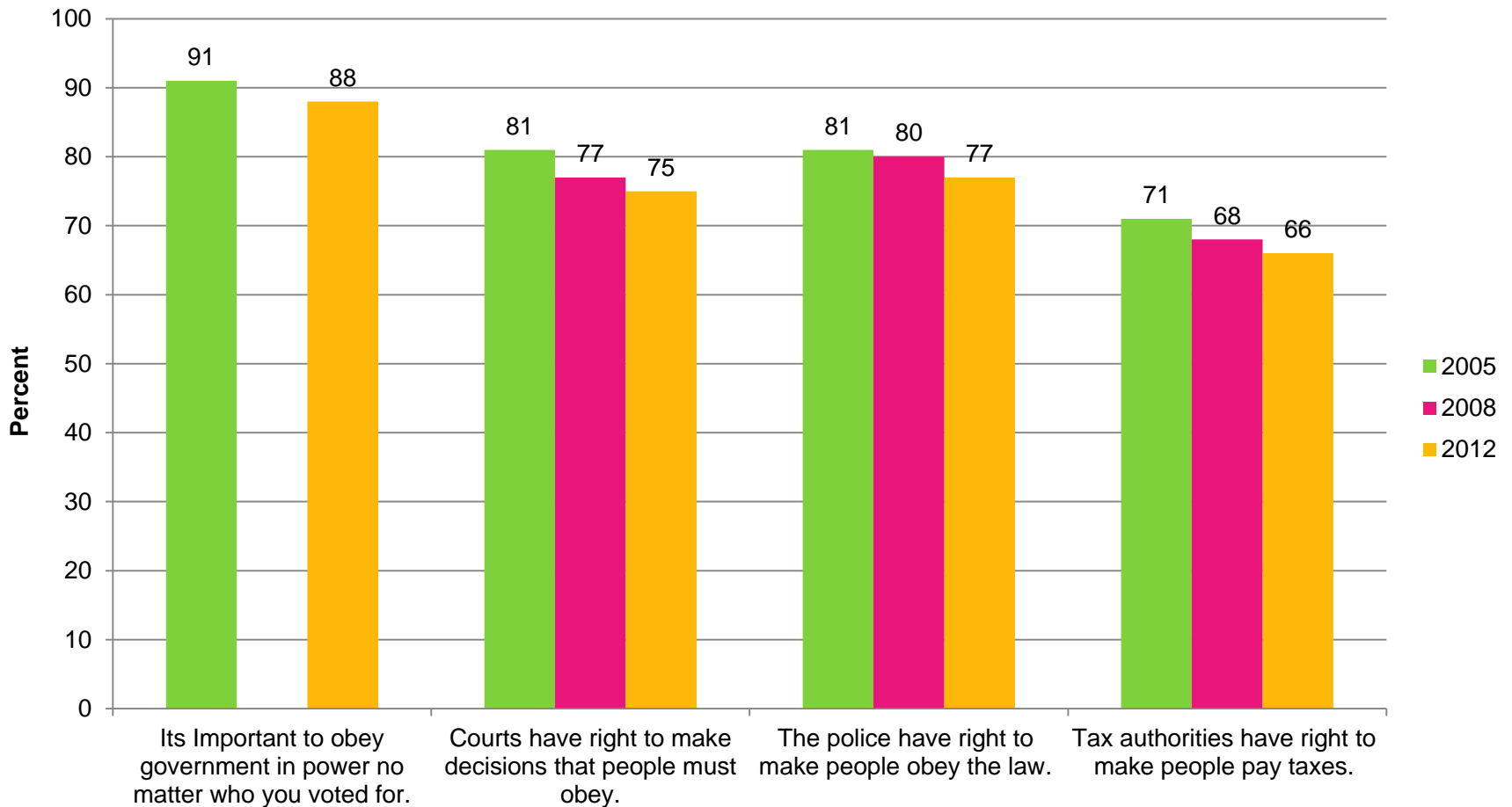
- *Now I am going to read out a list of groups that people join or attend. For each one, could you please tell me whether you are an official leader, an active member, an inactive member, or not a member? (percent 'official leader' or 'active member')*

Community participation



- *Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year? (percent 'once or twice', 'several times' or 'always')*

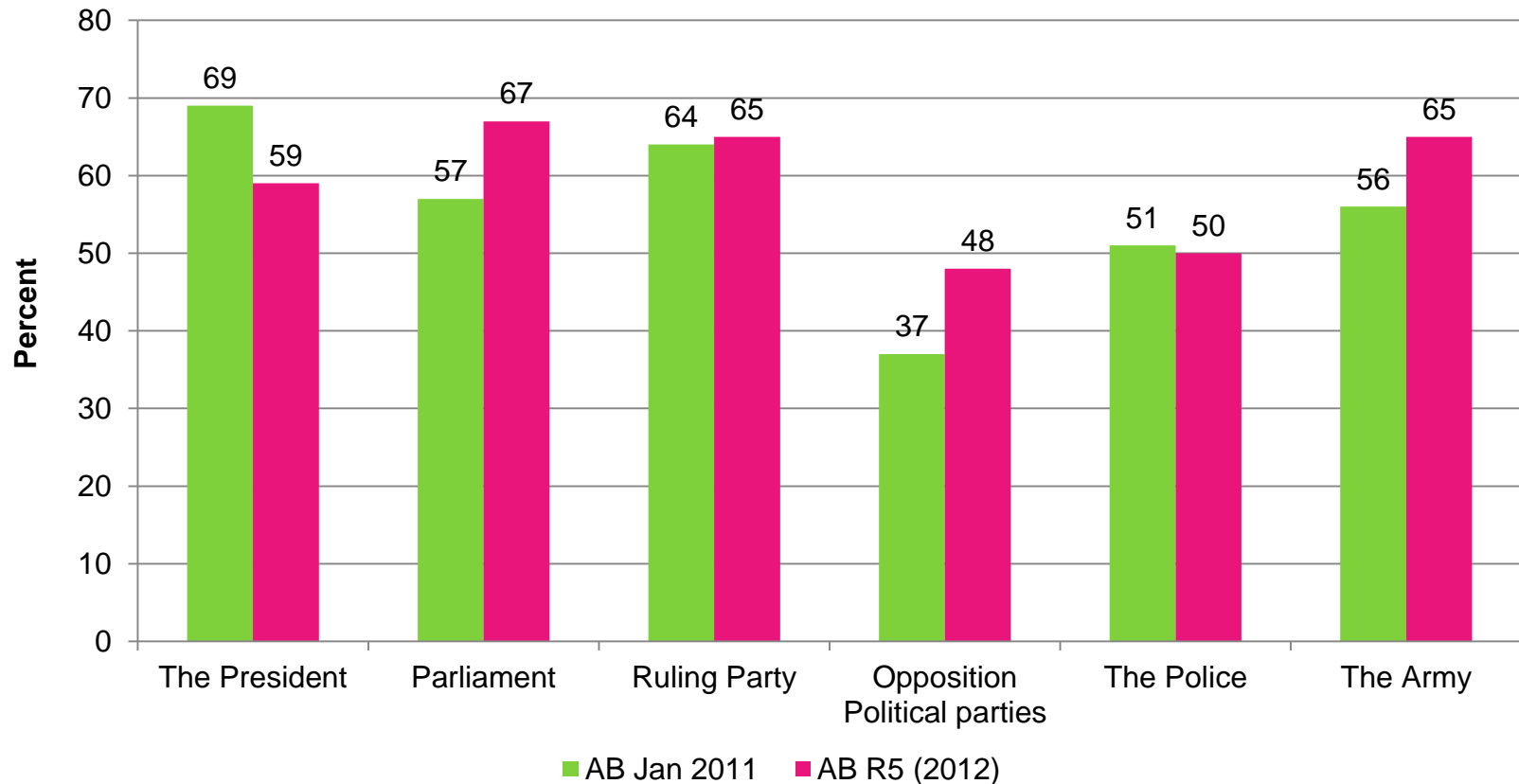
State legitimacy



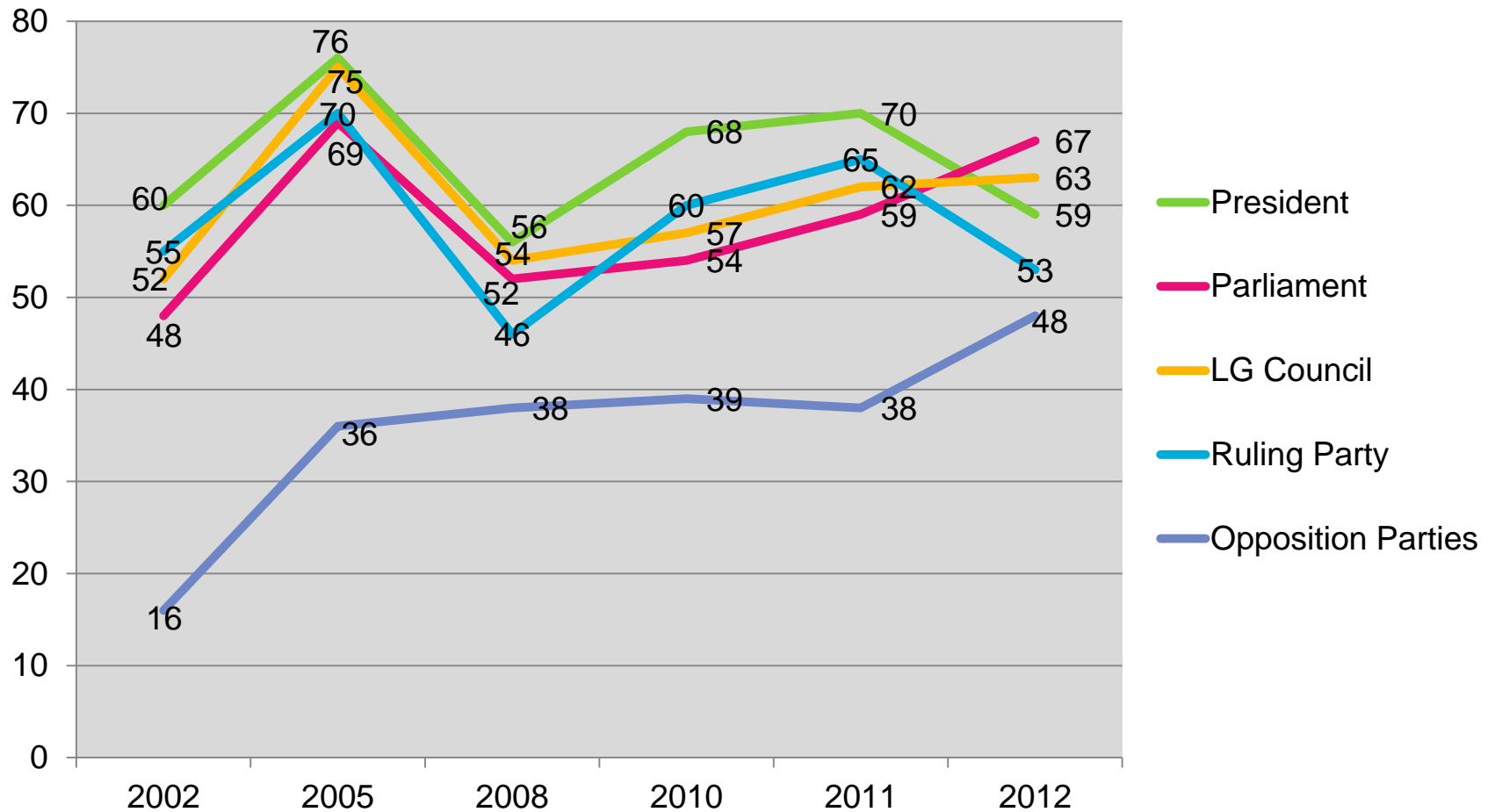
- *For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree (percent 'agree' or 'agree very strongly').*

Trust in State Institutions

How much do you trust each of the following? [Percent trust 'somewhat' or 'a lot']

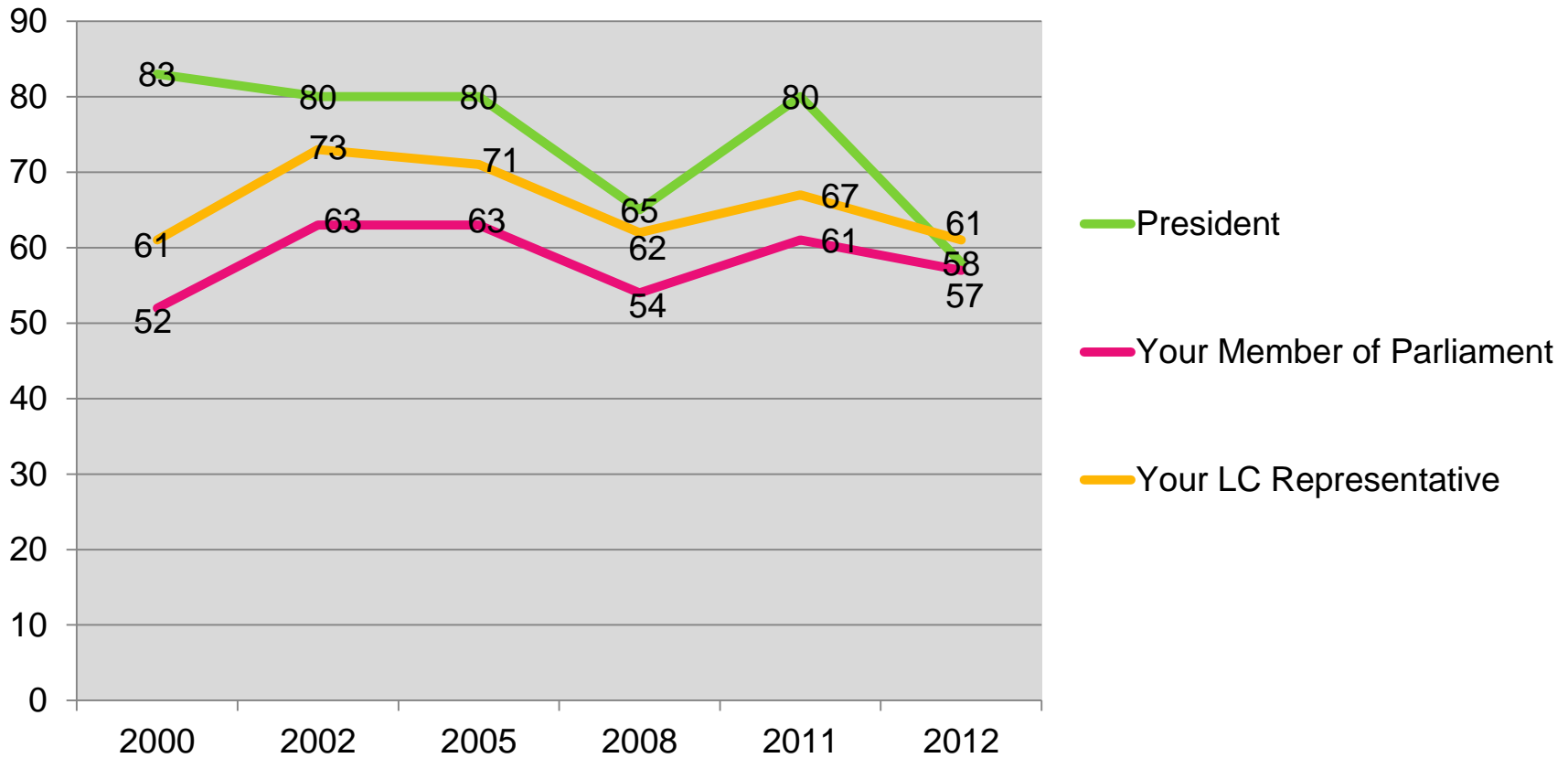


Trust in State Institutions. Over time Trend 2002 - 2012



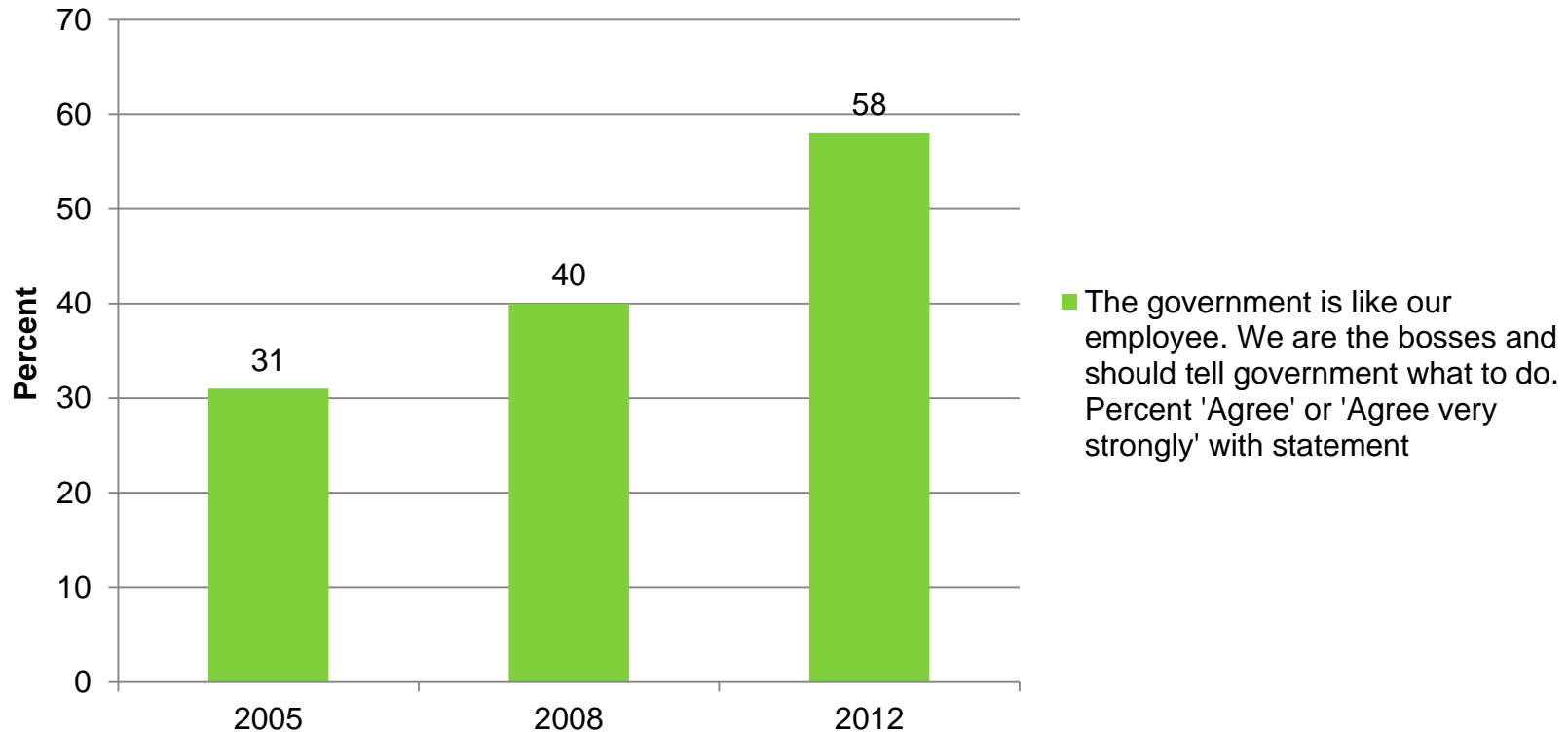
- *How much do you trust each of the following or haven't heard enough about them to say? (percent 'somewhat' or 'a lot')*

Performance Approval Ratings. Over time Trend 2000 - 2012



Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say? (percent 'approve' or 'strongly approve')

Demand for responsiveness/accountability.



Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2

- *Statement 1: The government is like a parent. It should decide what is good for us.*
- *Statement 2: The government is our employee. We are the bosses and should tell government what to do.*

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