



Trust in institutions , government performance and elections

Findings from Afrobarometer Round 6 Surveys in BOTSWANA

At a Glance

- **Trust in Institutions**: Trust in institutions has declined for most institutions whilst opposition parties have shown an upward trend since 2008.
- **Government Performance**: Batswana say that government performance has declined on 13 matters surveyed.
- **Approval of Leaders**: The president has the highest approval rating on job performance (79%), followed by traditional leaders at 74%. Ratings for elected leaders are just above 50%.
- **Voting**: Political opposition is a viable alternative government.

What is Afrobarometer?

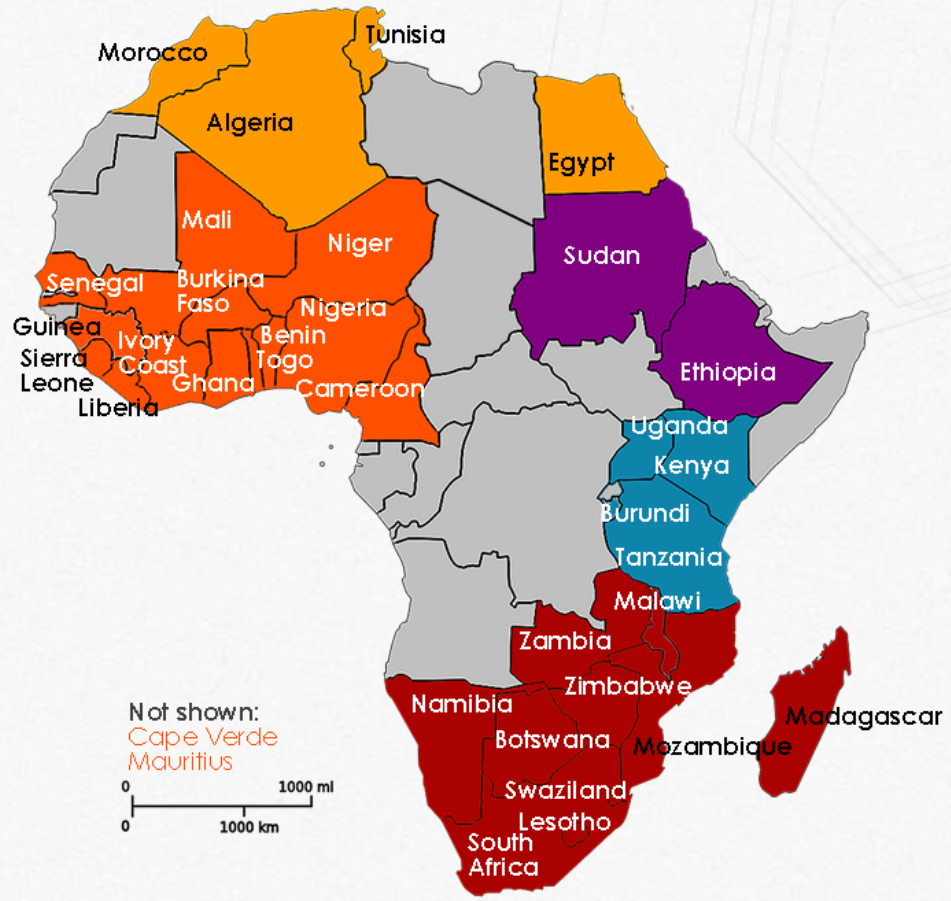


- An African-led, non-partisan survey research project that measures citizen attitudes on democracy and governance, the economy, civil society, and other topics.
- Started in 12 countries in 1999, expanded to 35 African countries in Round 5 (2011-2013).
- **Goal:** To give the public a voice in policymaking by providing high-quality public opinion data to policymakers, policy advocates, civil society organizations, academics, news media, donors and investors, and ordinary Africans.
- National Partners in each country conduct the survey. In Botswana, Afrobarometer Round 6 survey was conducted by Star Awards.



Where Afrobarometer works

Face-to-Face Interviews | 35 Countries
Surveys by state, region

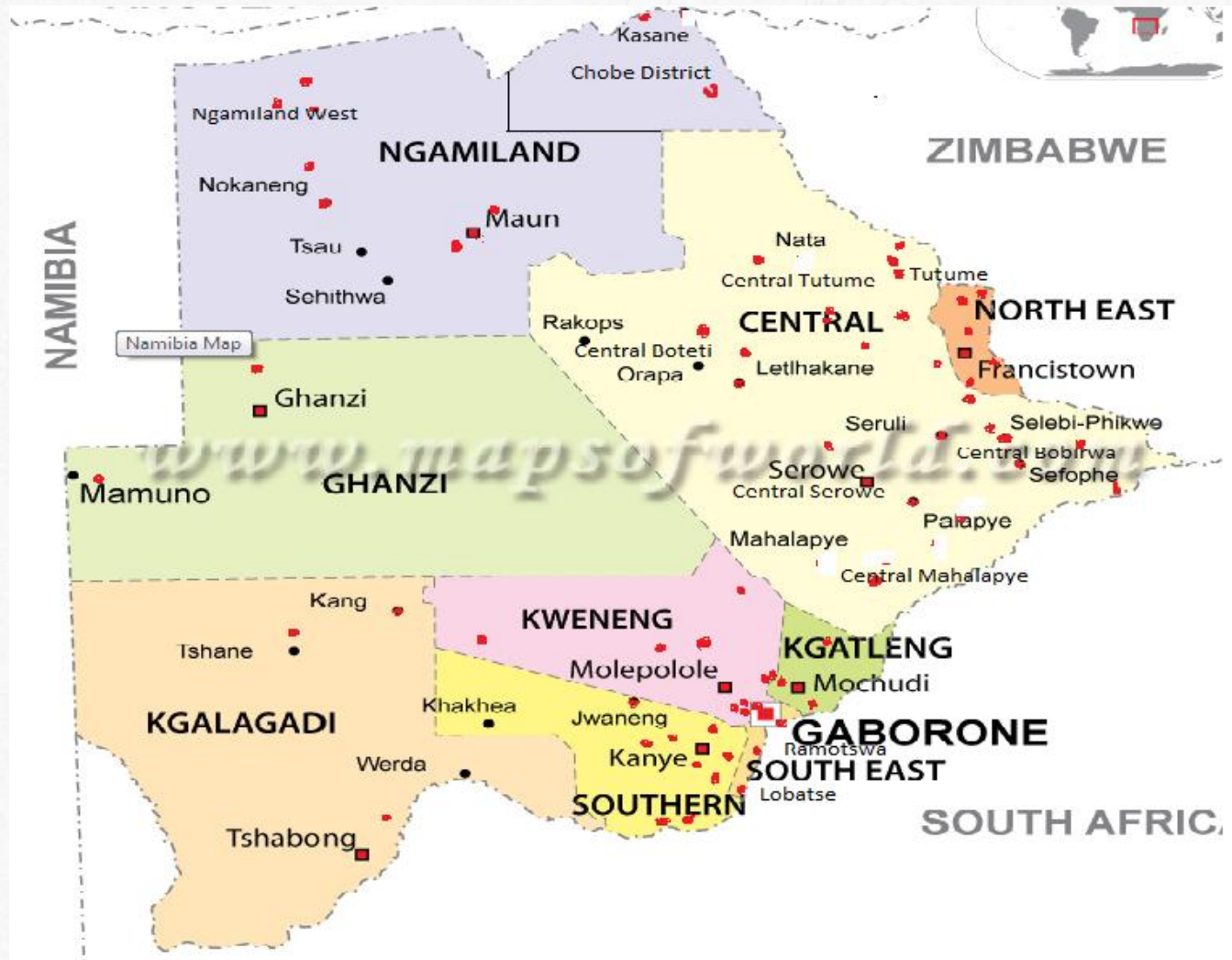


Methodology

- Nationally representative sample of adult citizens
 - ❑ All respondents are *randomly* selected.
 - ❑ Sample is distributed across **districts** and urban/rural areas in proportion to their share in the national population.
 - ❑ Every adult citizen has an *equal* chance of being selected.
- Face-to-face interviews In the language of the respondent's choice .
- Standard questionnaire allows comparisons across countries and over time.
- Sample size in Botswana of 1,200 adult citizens yields a **margin of error of +/-3% at a 95% confidence level.**
- Fieldwork for Round 6 in Botswana was conducted between **28 June** and **13 July 2014.**



Enumerator Map



Survey Demographics



	Unweighted	Weighted
Gender		
Male	50%	50%
Female	50%	50%
Location		
Urban	21%	20%
Semi-urban	43%	43%
Rural	37%	37%
Education		
No formal schooling	14%	14%
Primary	20%	21%
Secondary	44%	44%
Post secondary	22%	22%



Survey Demographics



Age

	Unweighted	Weighted
18 to 29	36%	36%
30 to 49	39%	40%
50 to 64	16%	16%
65+	9%	9%

Employment

No (not looking)	25%	25%
No (looking)	43%	44%
Yes, part time	8%	8%
Yes, full time	23%	24%





RESULTS





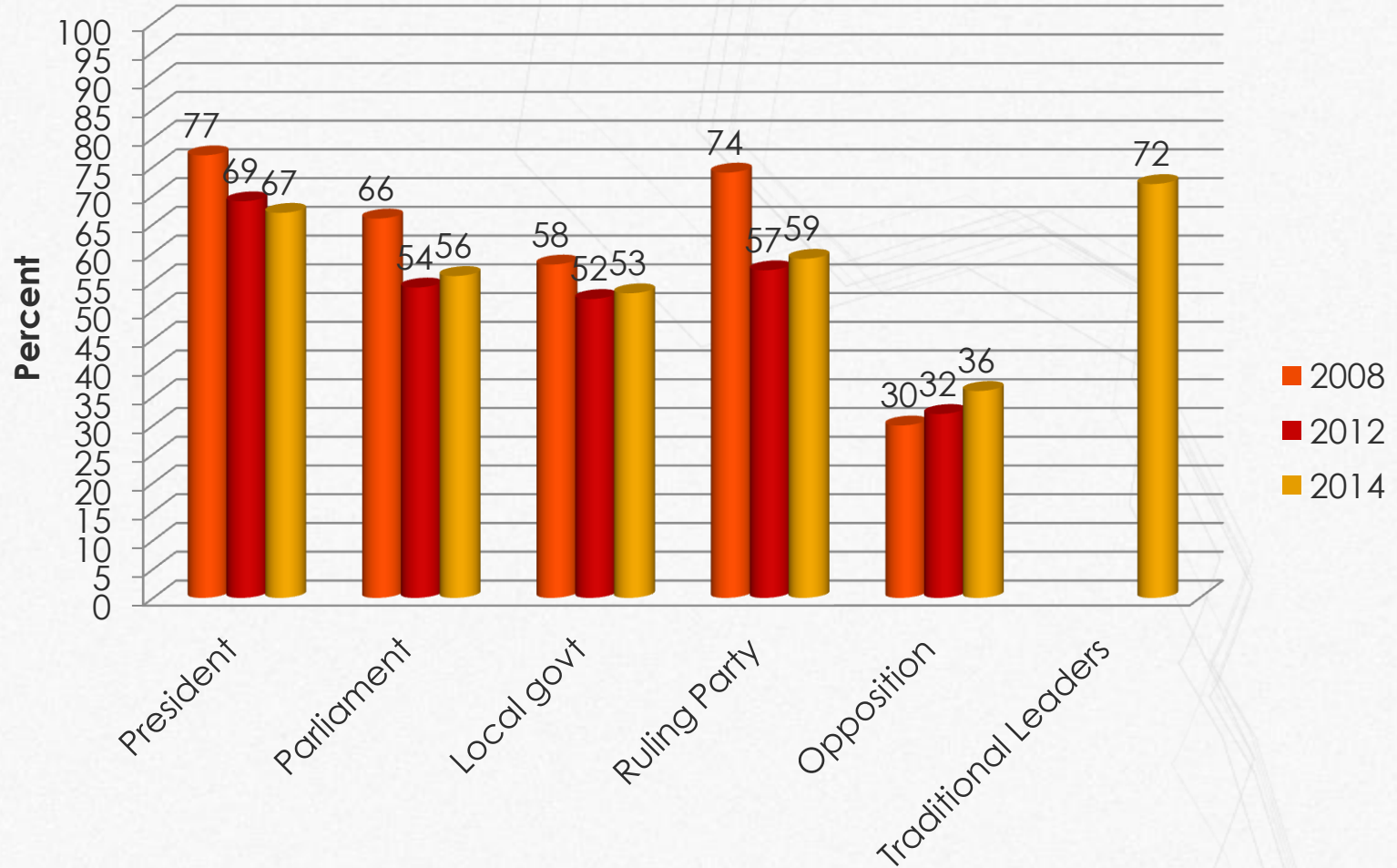
LEVEL OF TRUST BY THE PEOPLE OF INSTITUTIONS

Key Findings

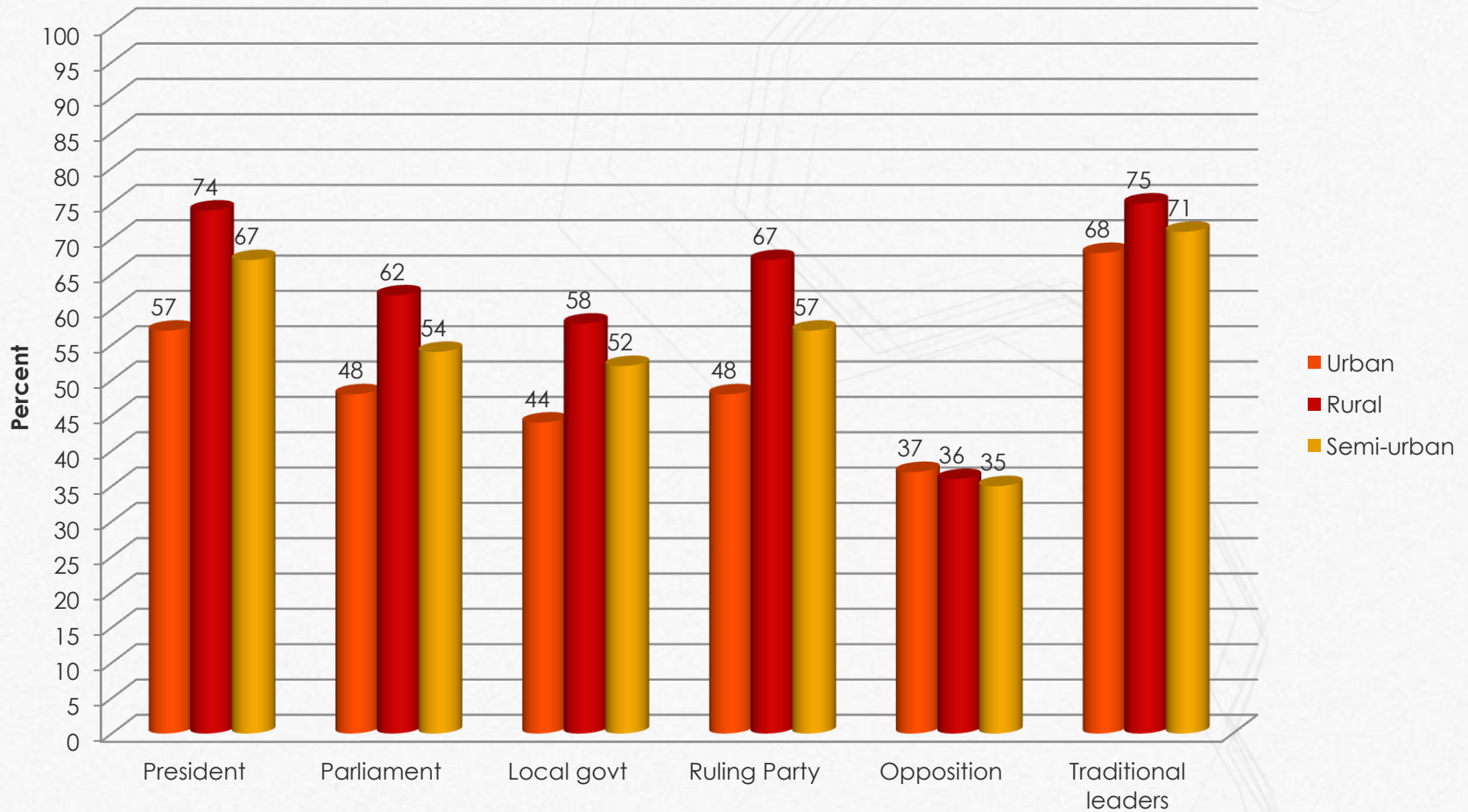


- Trust of the President has declined from 69% in 2012 to 67% in 2014.
- Trust of Parliament has increased from 54% in 2012 to 55% in 2014.
- Trust of the ruling party stands at 59% from 57% in 2012
- Local government is at 53% from 52% in 2012.
- Trust of opposition parties remains low but has increased to 37% in 2014 from 32% in 2012 .
- Trust on traditional leaders is the highest at 72%.

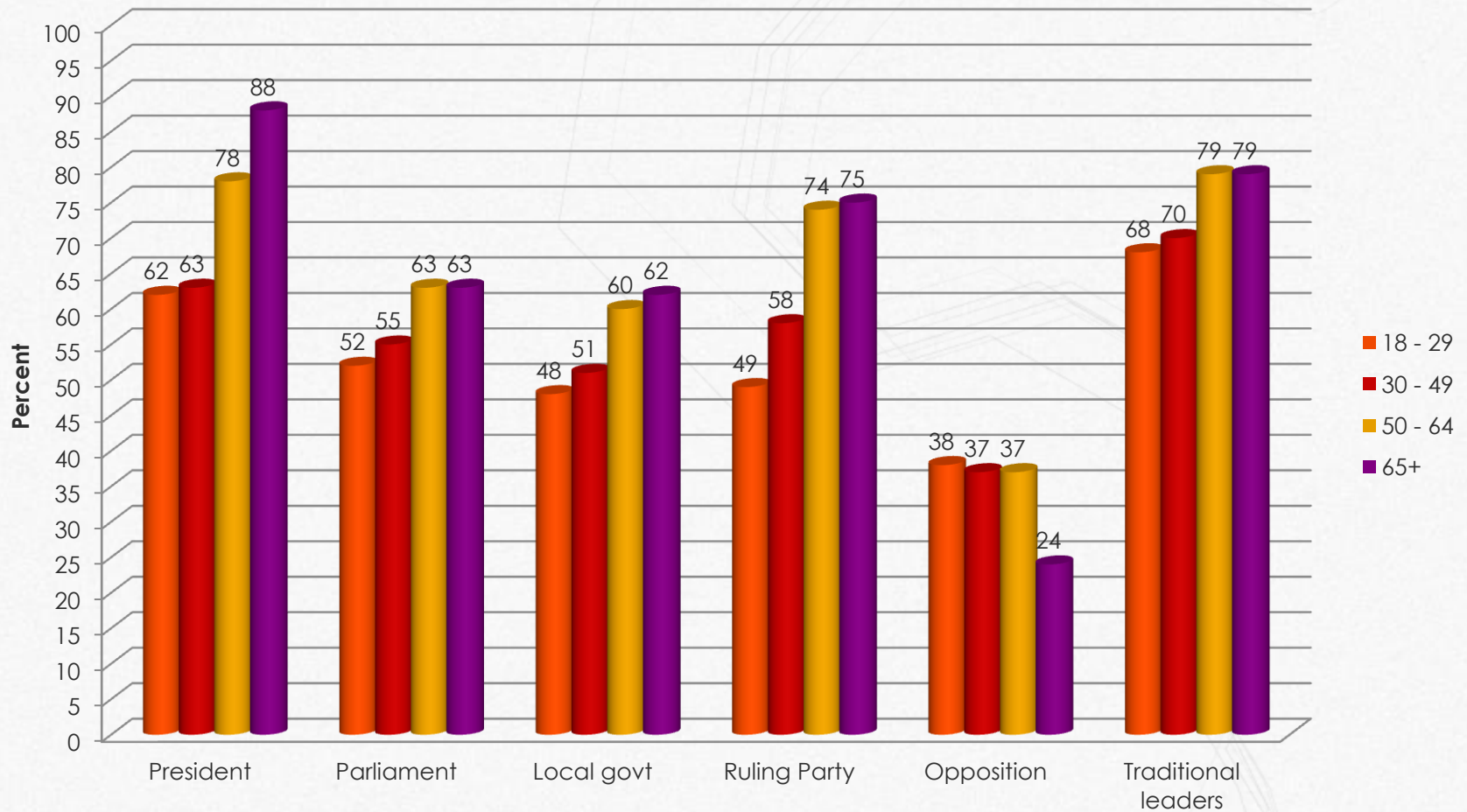
Trust of Institutions



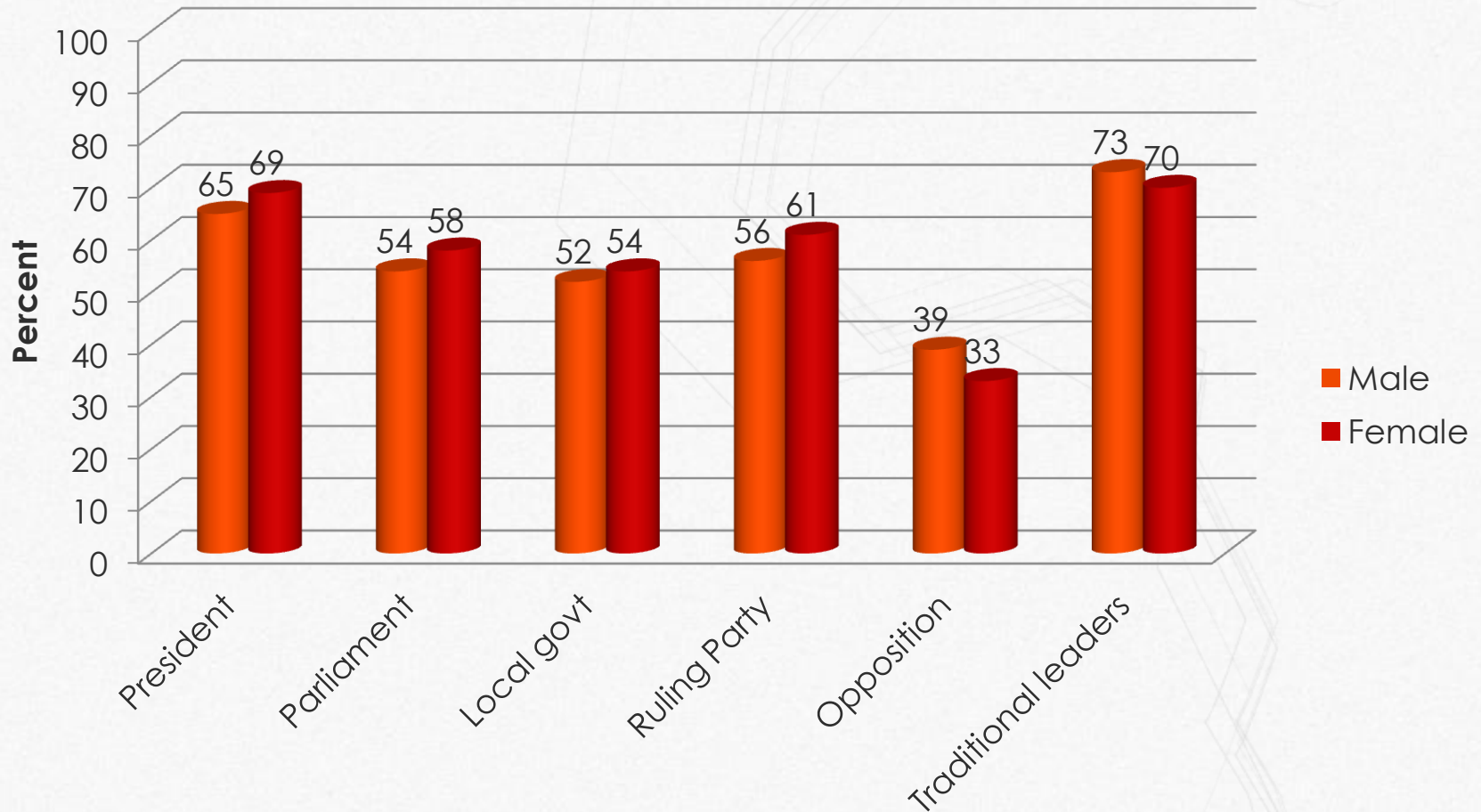
Trust of institutions by location



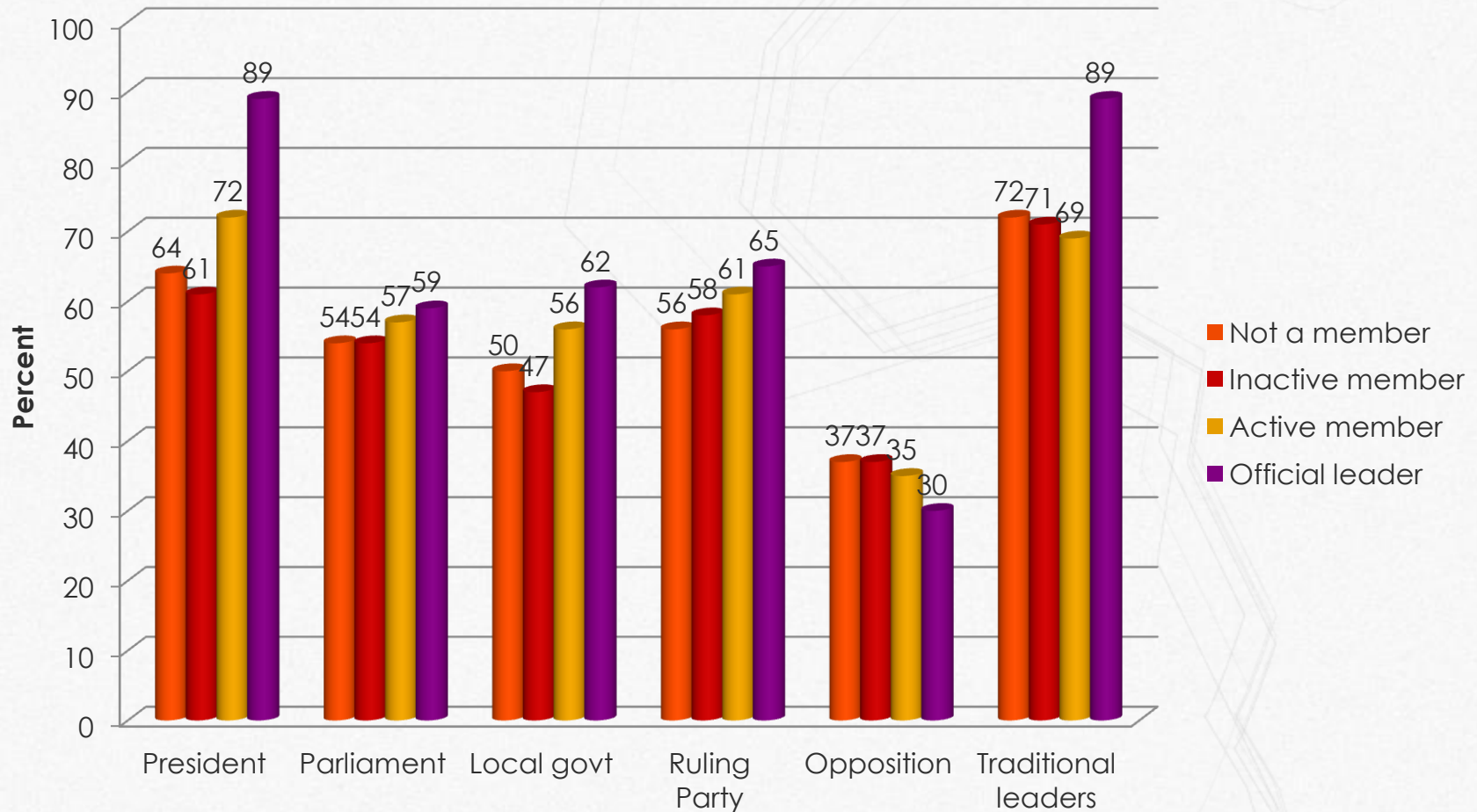
Trust of institutions by age group



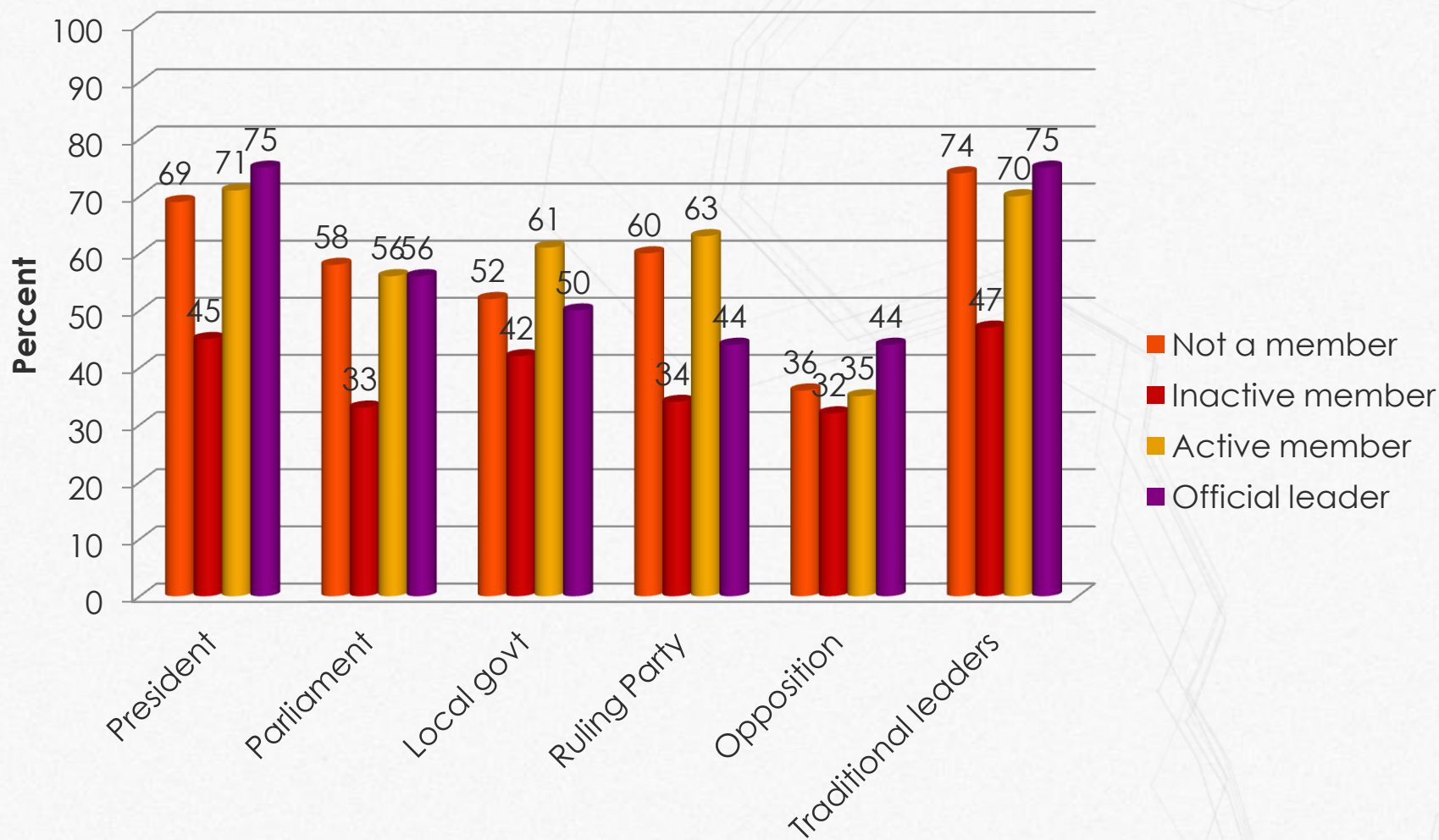
Trust of institutions by sex of respondent



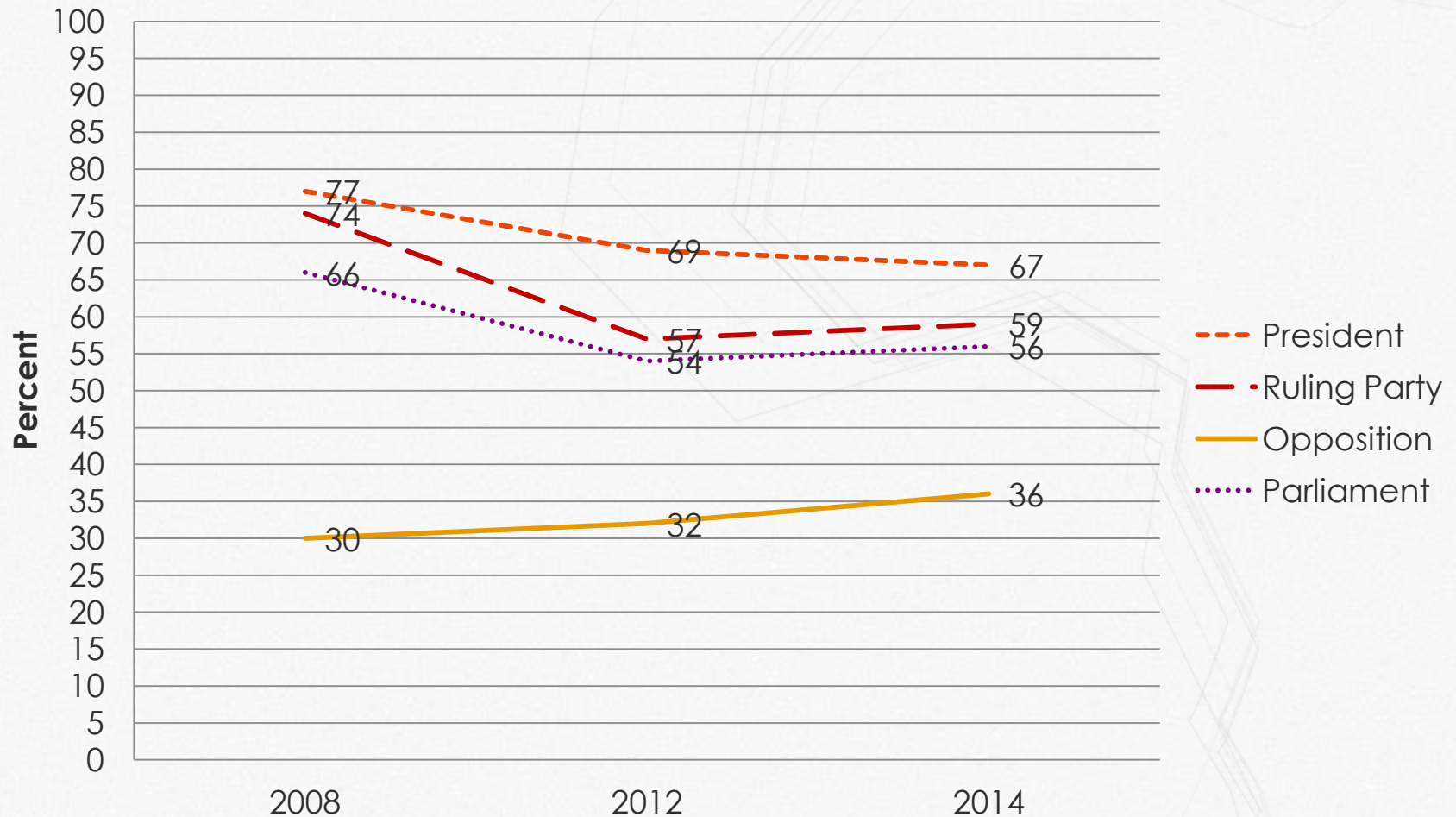
Trust of institutions by membership of religious group



Trust of institutions by membership of voluntary association or community group



Trust of institutions over time





HANDLING OF MATTERS BY THE GOVERNMENT

Key Findings

- Managing the economy is at 64%, a drop of 3% from 2012.
- Addressing education needs is at 70%, a drop of 12% from 2012.
- Providing water and sanitation is at 61%, a decline of 6%
- Fighting corruption is at 53%, a decline of 9%
- Providing reliable supply of electricity is at 61%, a drop of 4%

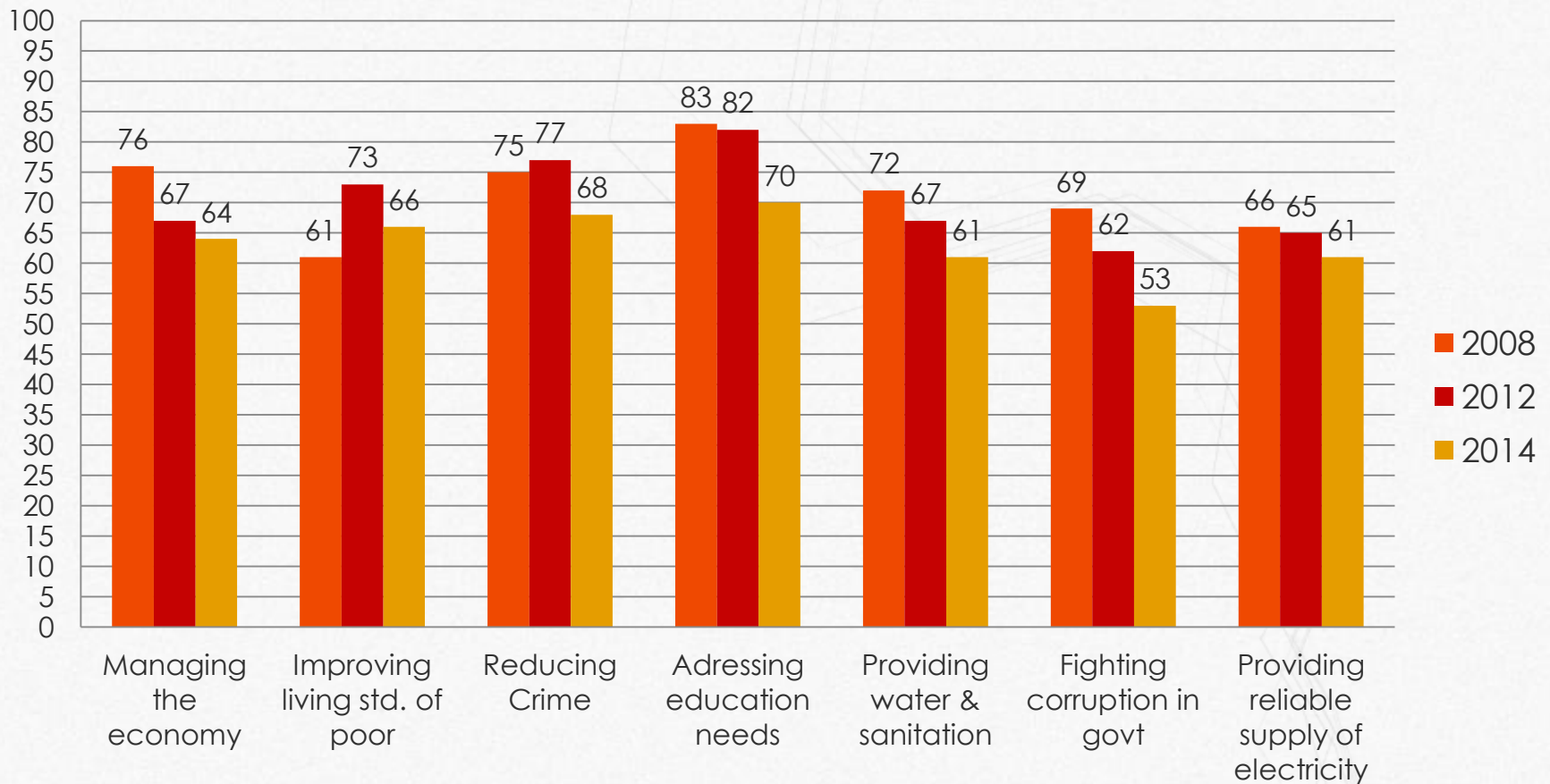
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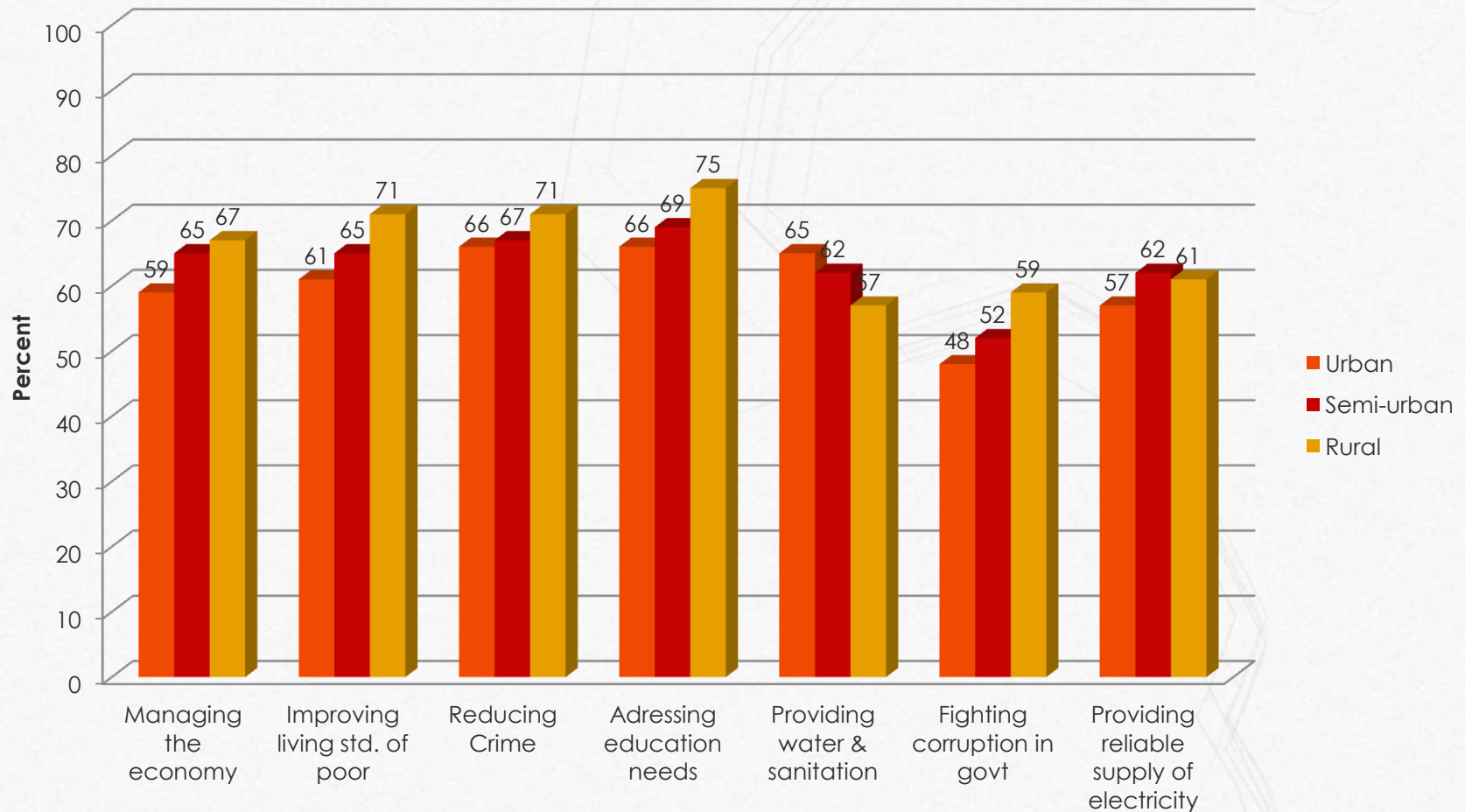


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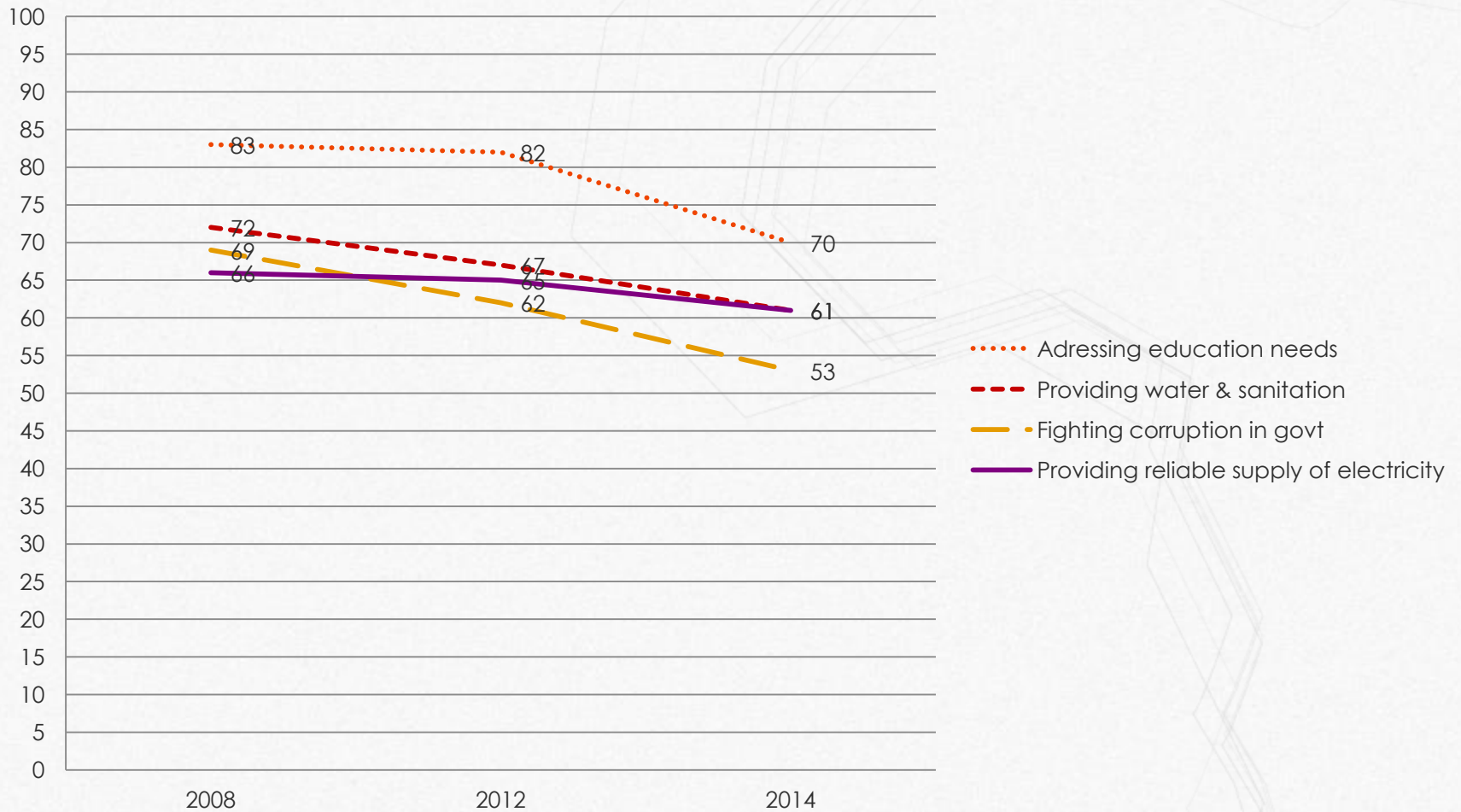
Current government performance on handling important matters



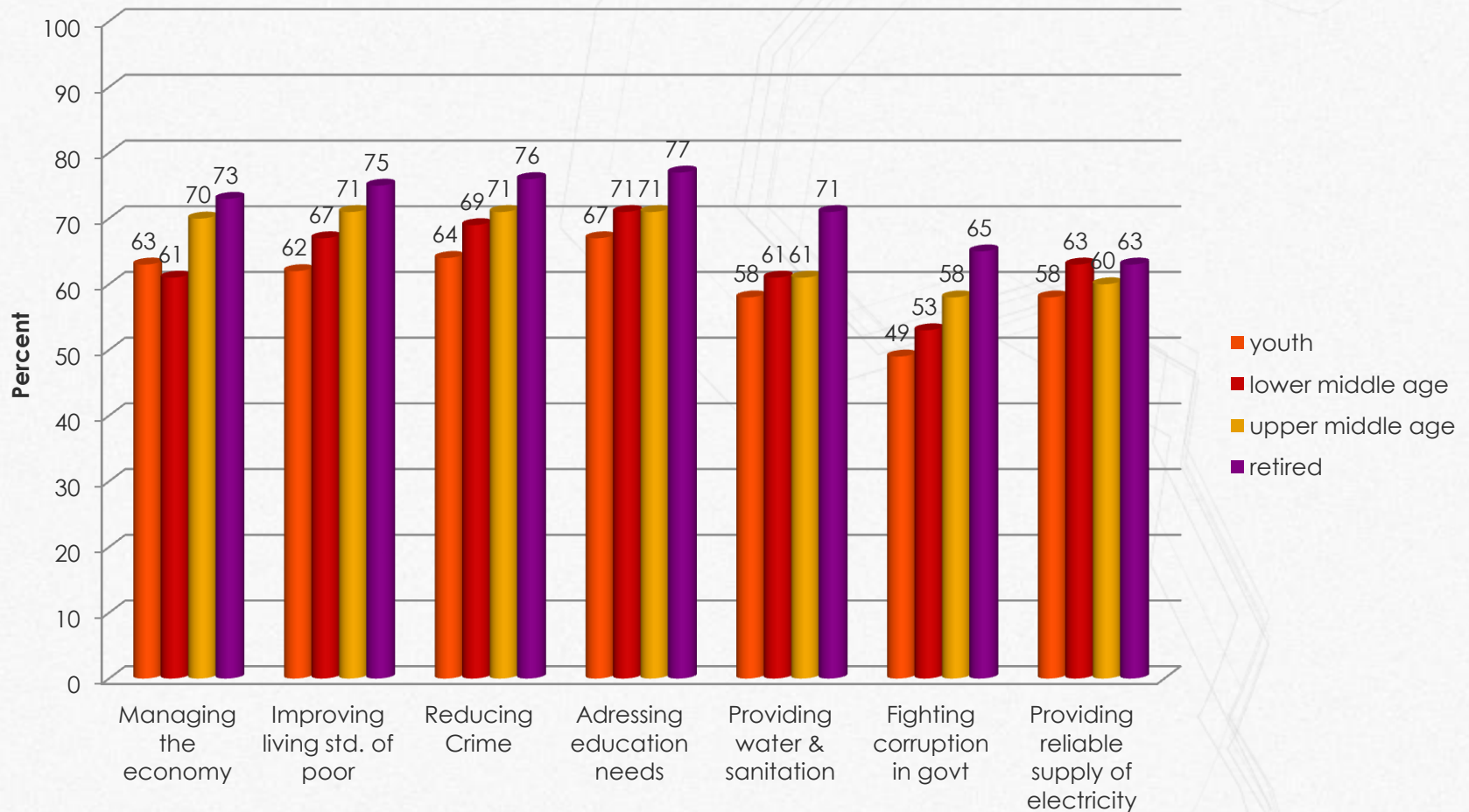
Government performance by location



Government performance over time



Government performance by age





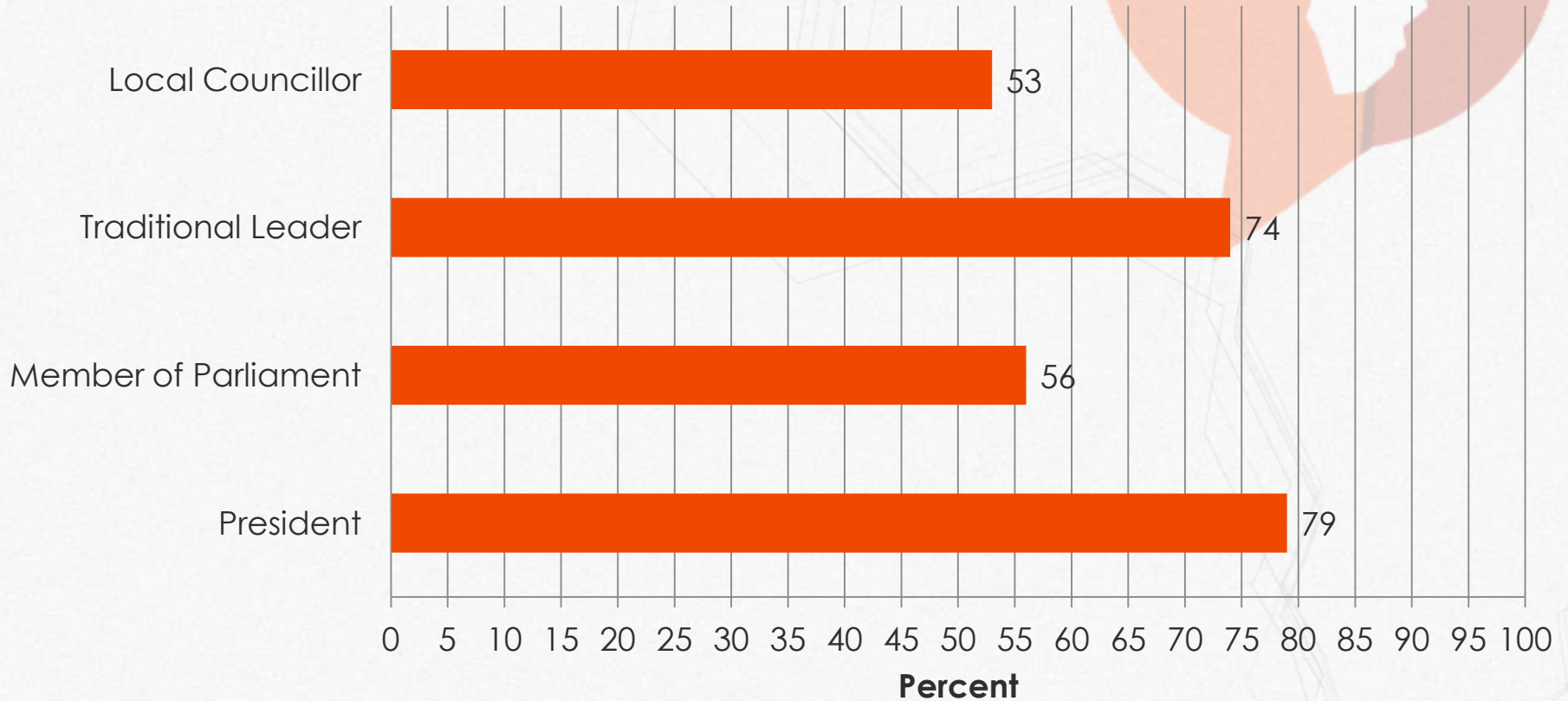
APPROVAL RATING ON THE PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Key Findings

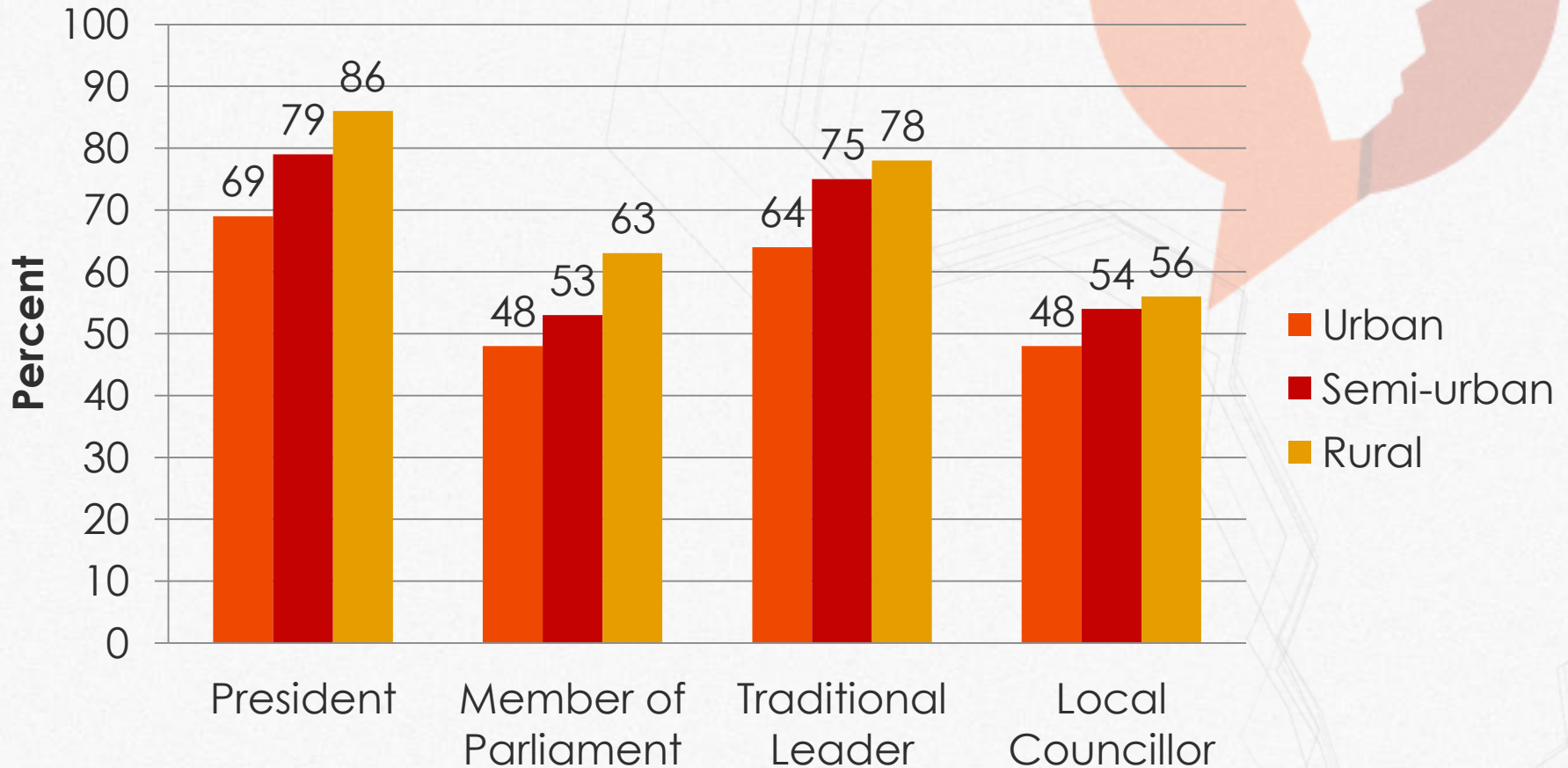
- Job performance approval of the President is the highest at 79%
- Traditional leaders - 74%
- Member of Parliament – 56%
- Local councillor - 53%



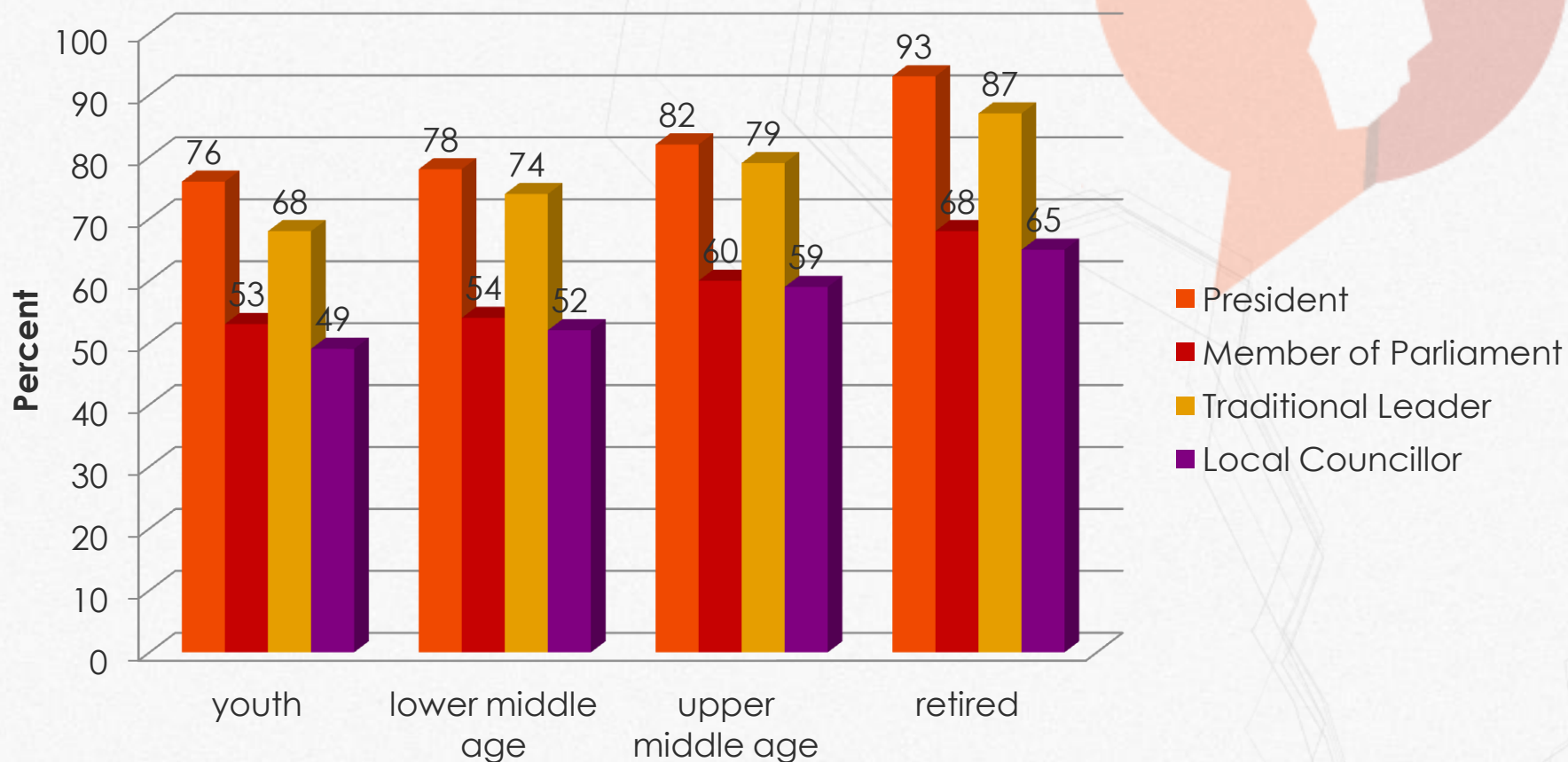
Job Performance approval



Job performance approval by location



Job performance by age



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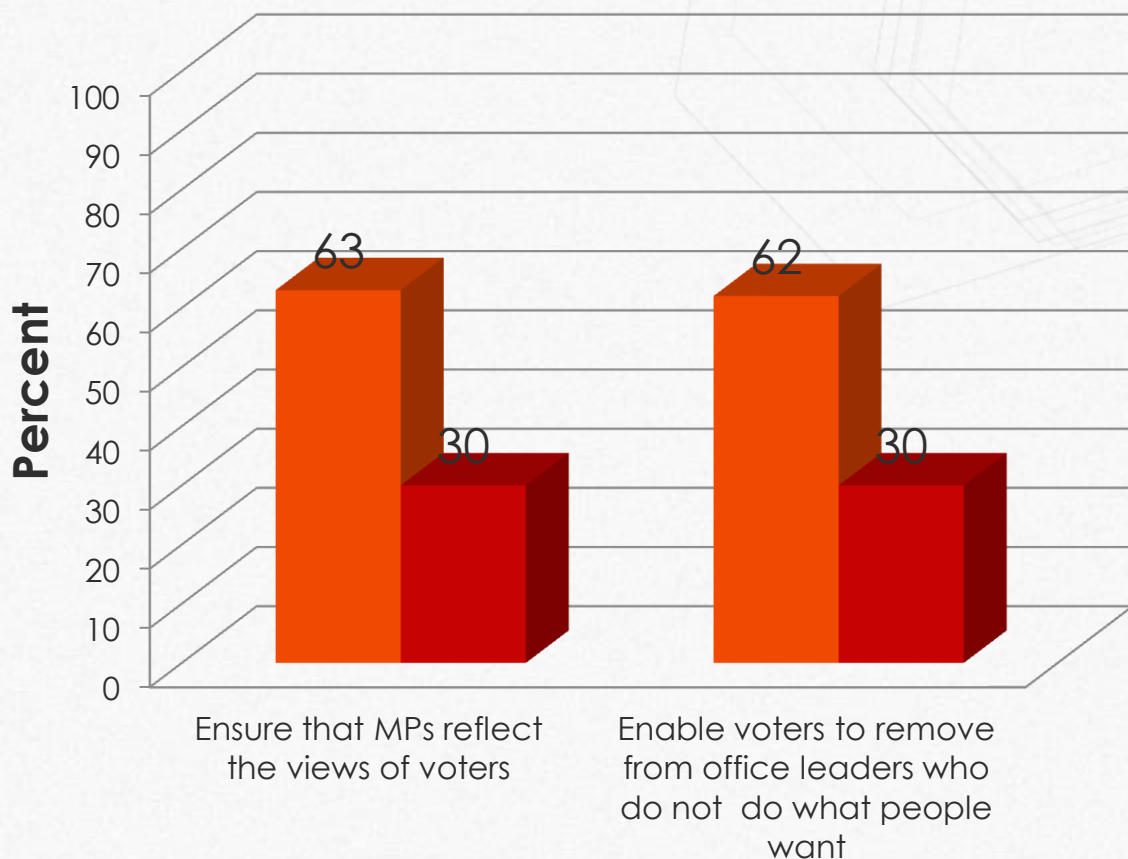
ELECTIONS IN BOTSWANA

Key Findings

- Batswana believe that leaders of political parties are more concerned with serving their own political ambitions (65%), compared to 29% who believe that they serve the people.
- Less than half (44%) of Batswana believe that the opposition presents a viable alternative compared to 37% who disagree.
- Less than half (48%) agree with direct election of the president whilst 52% want president to be elected by Parliament.
- If elections were held in June/July the BDP would win elections. 52% of Batswana would vote for the BDP, followed by 20% for the BCP and UDC comes third with 13%, combining votes polled for the BNF and BMD.



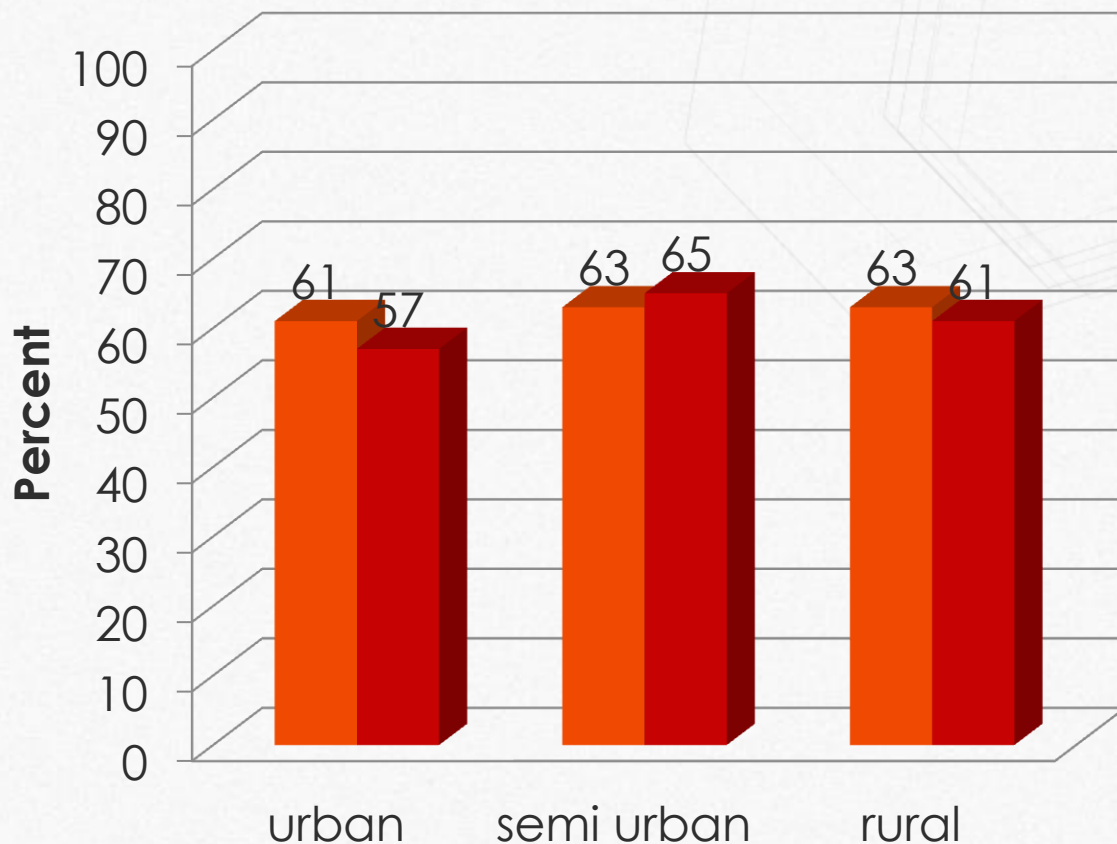
How well do elections work in practice



- very well/ well
- not very well/not at all well



How well do elections work by location

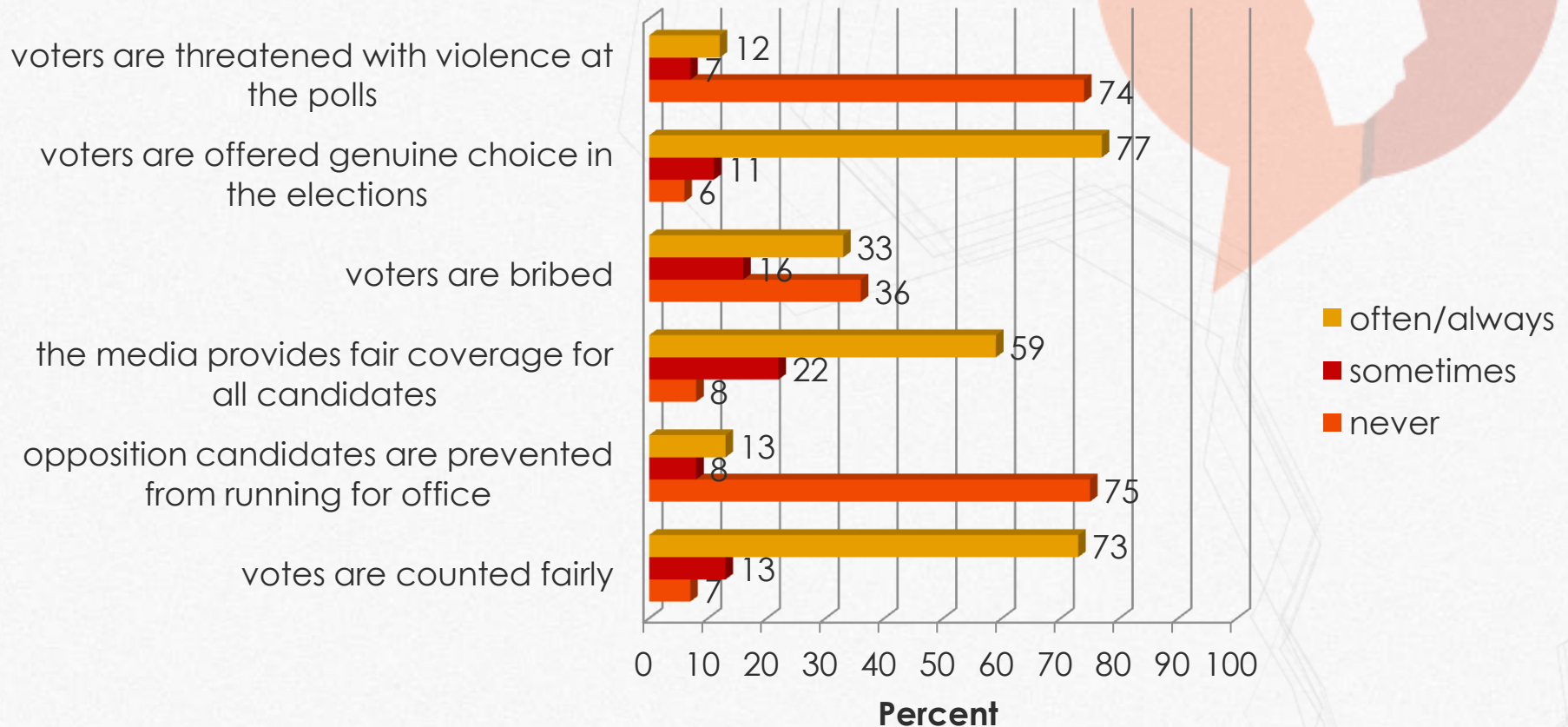


■ Ensure that MPs reflect the views of voters

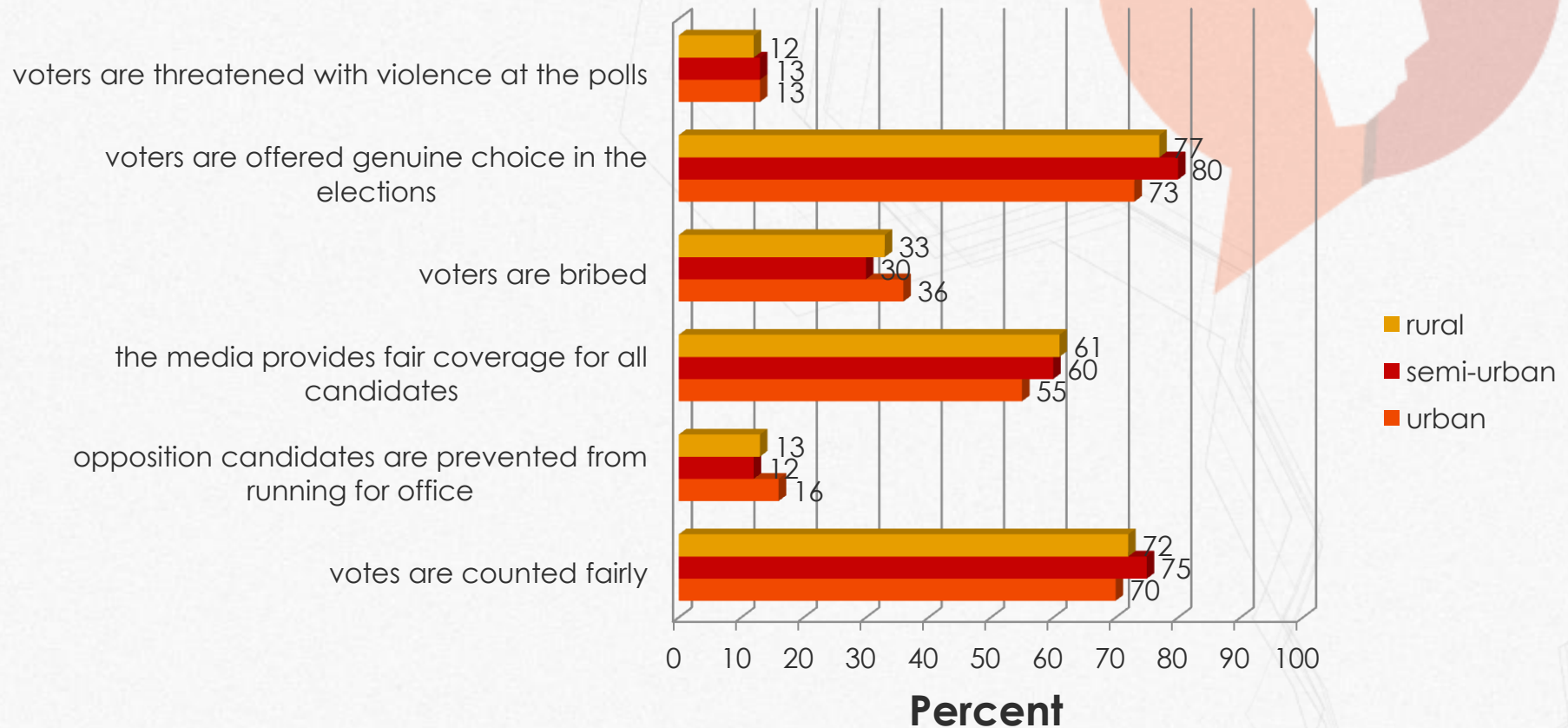
■ Enable voters to remove from office leaders who do not do what people want



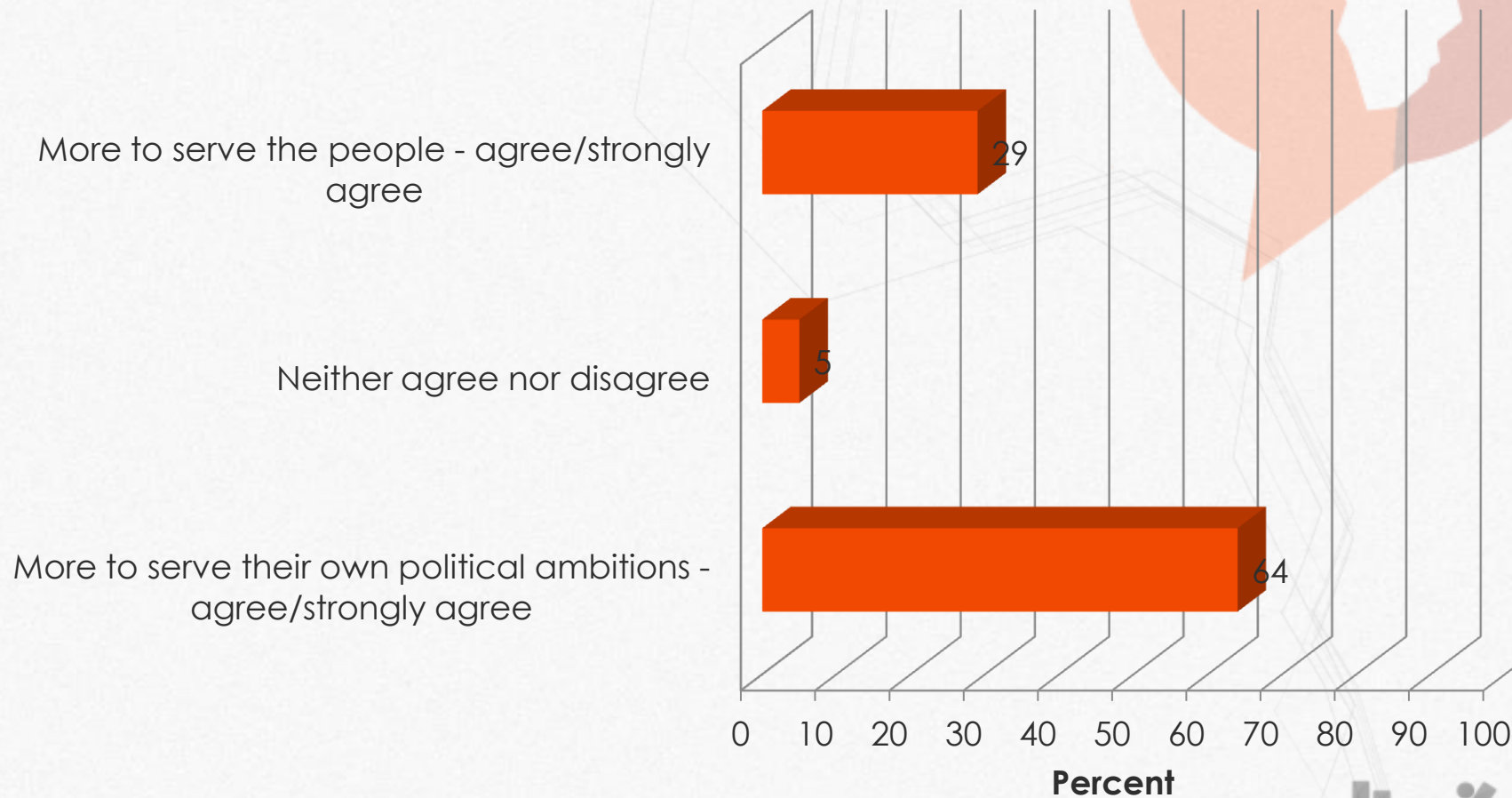
How often do the following occur



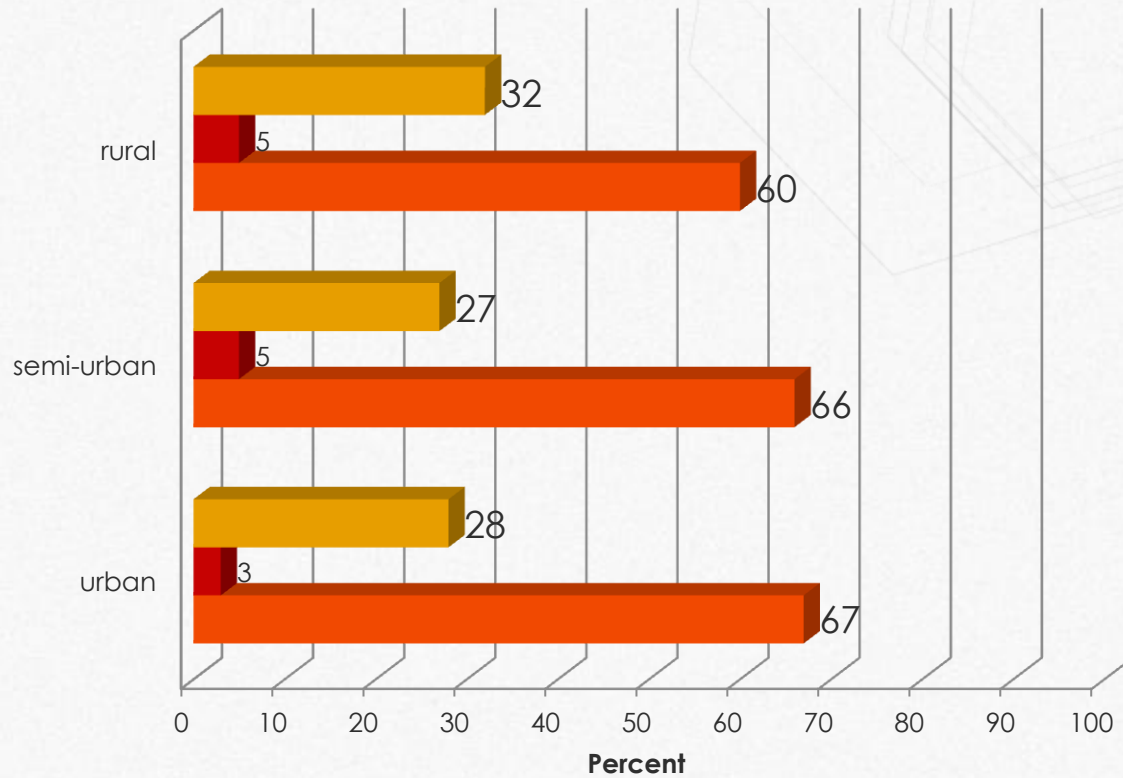
How often do the following occur by location



In whose Interest



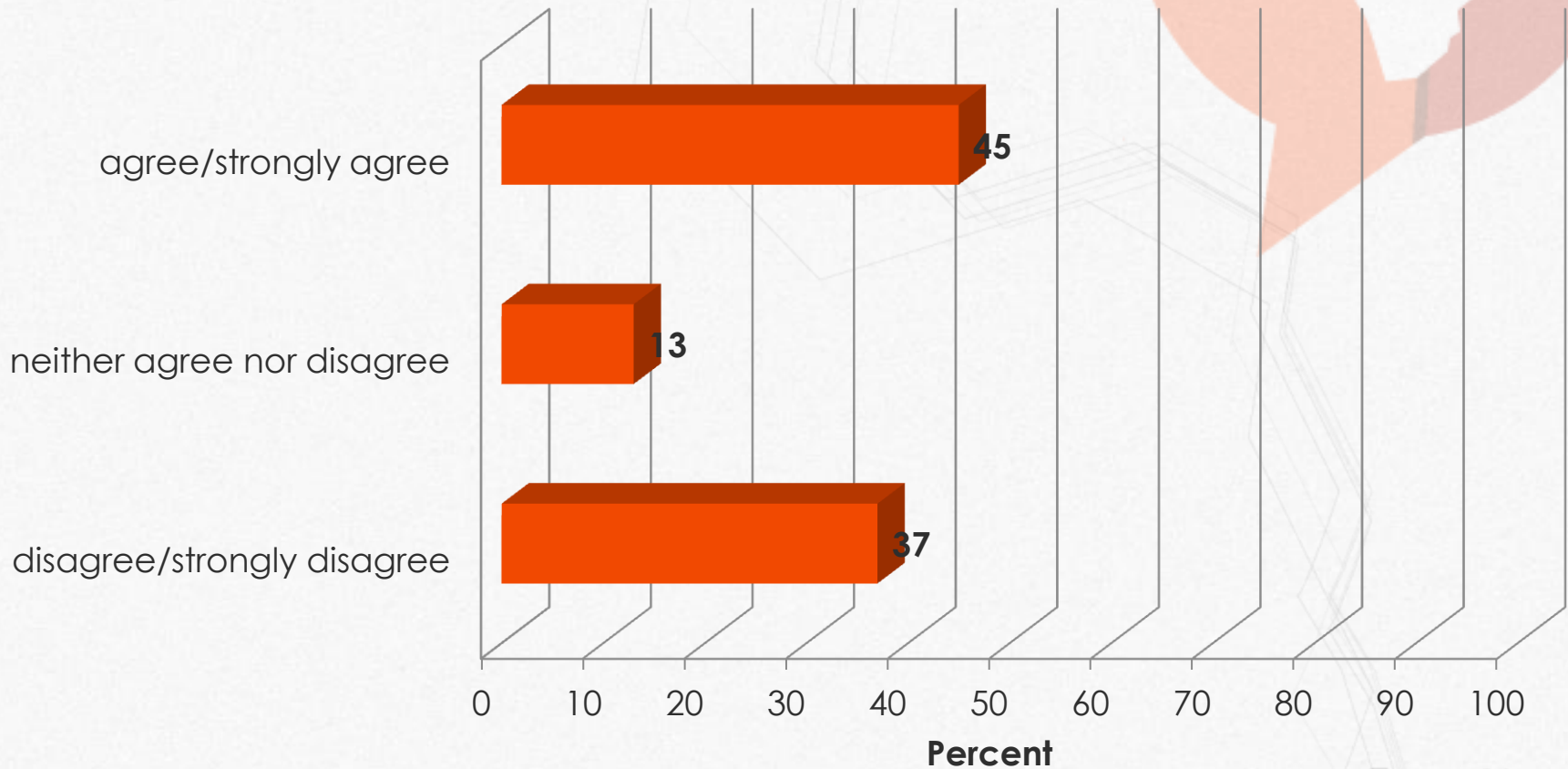
In whose interest by location



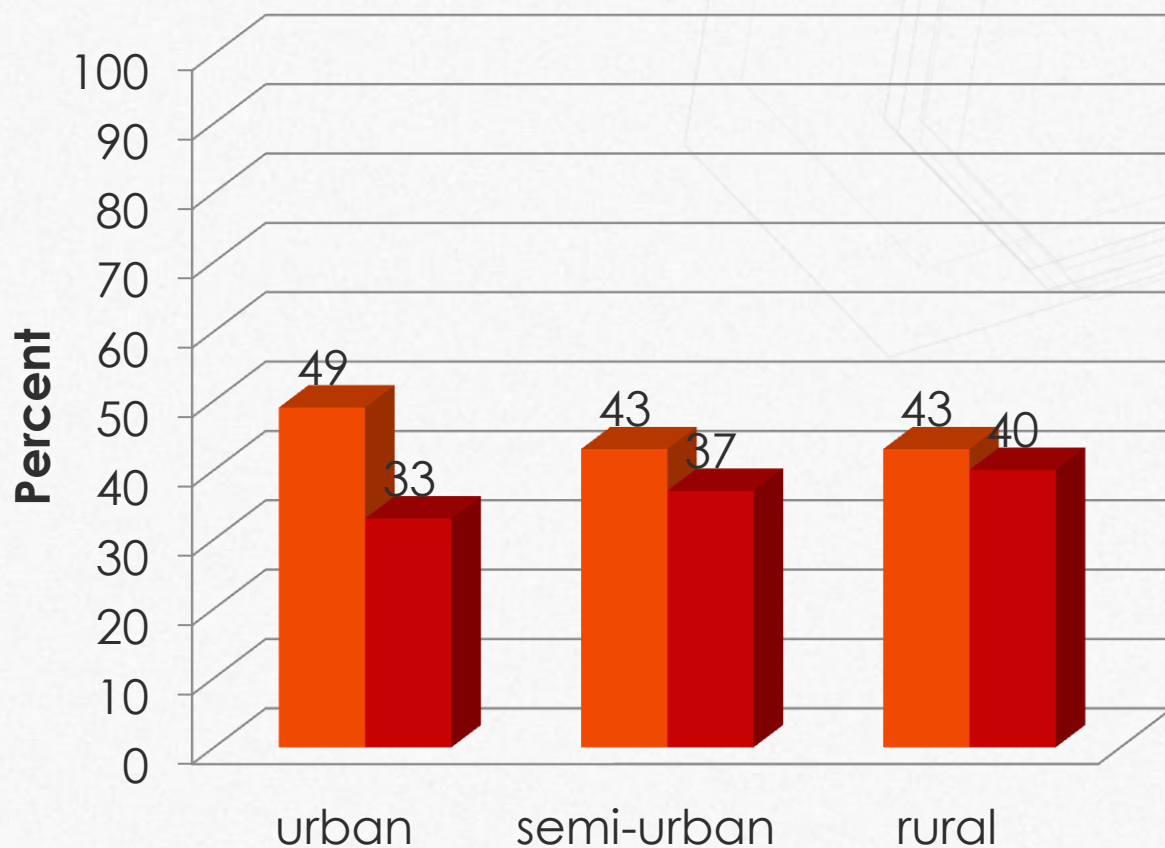
- More to serve the people - agree/strongly agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- More to serve their own political ambitions - agree/strongly agree



Political opposition is a viable alternative



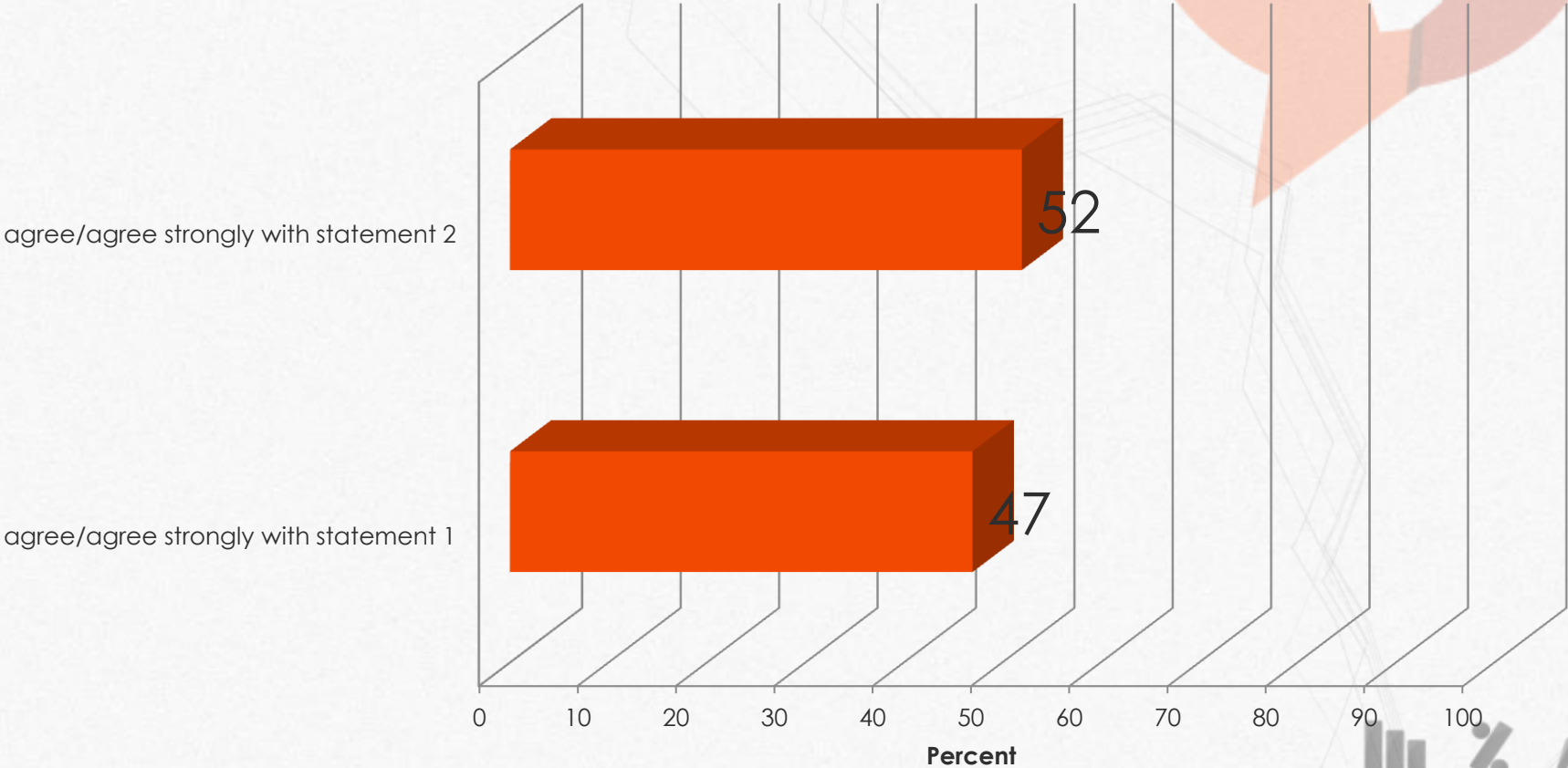
Viable alternative by location



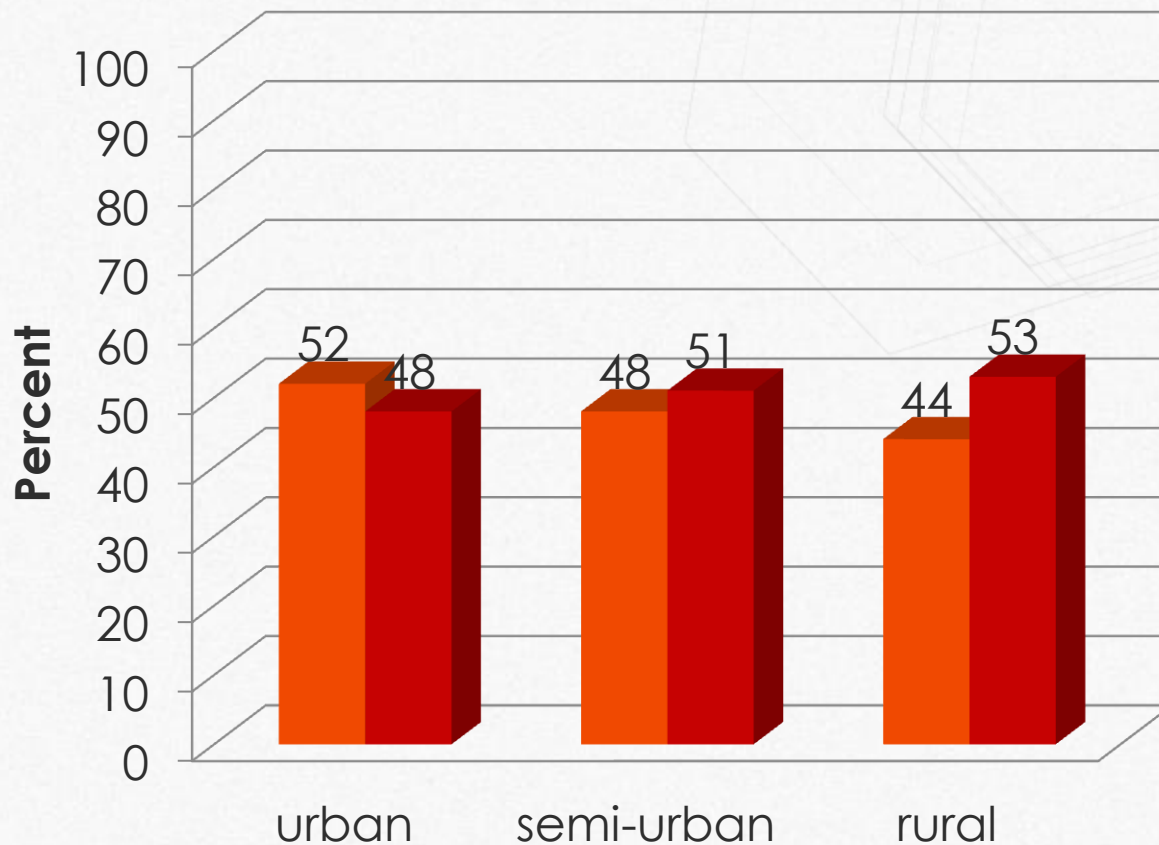
- agree/strongly agree
- disagree/strongly disagree



Direct election of President

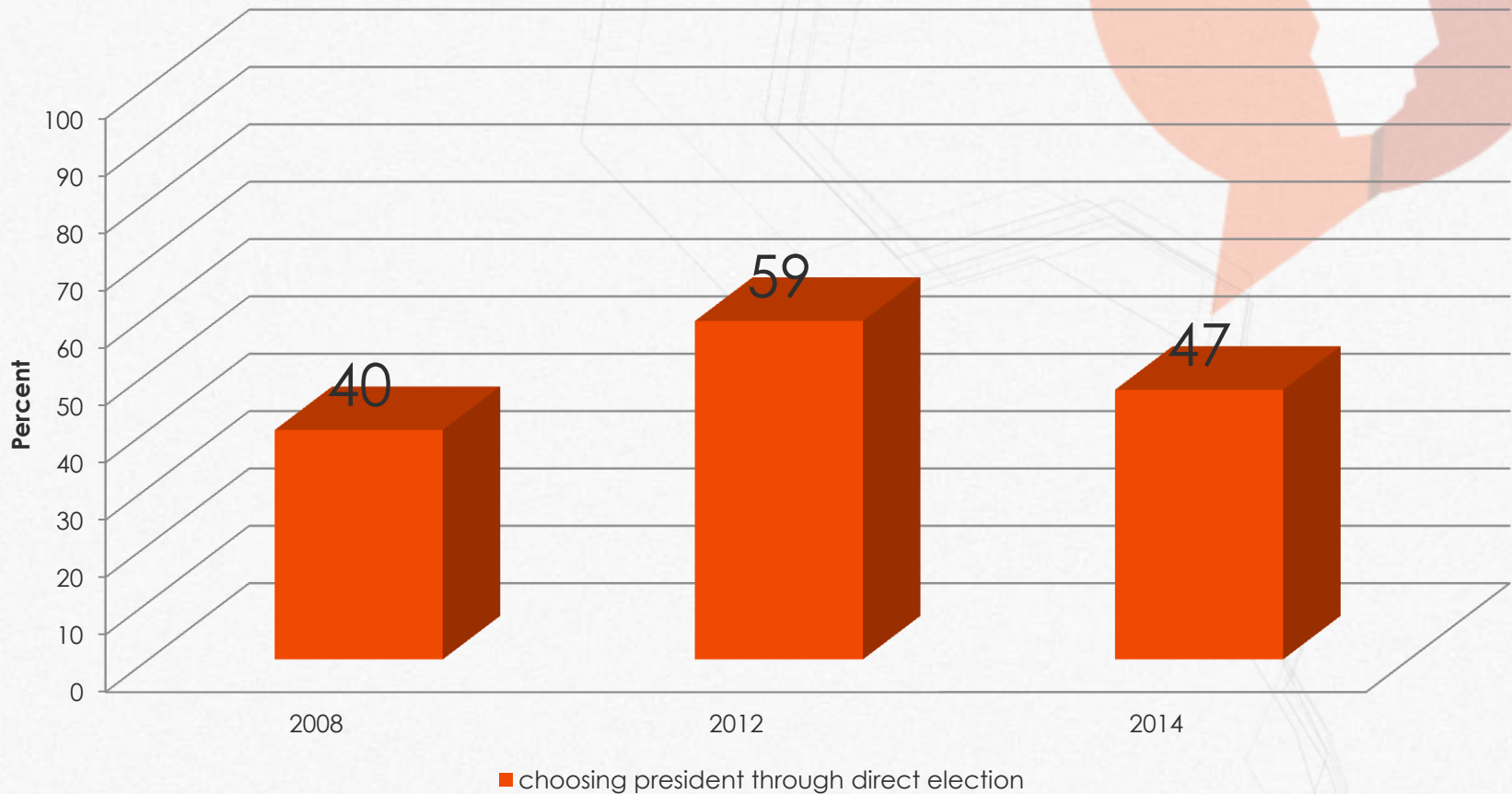


Direct election of President by location

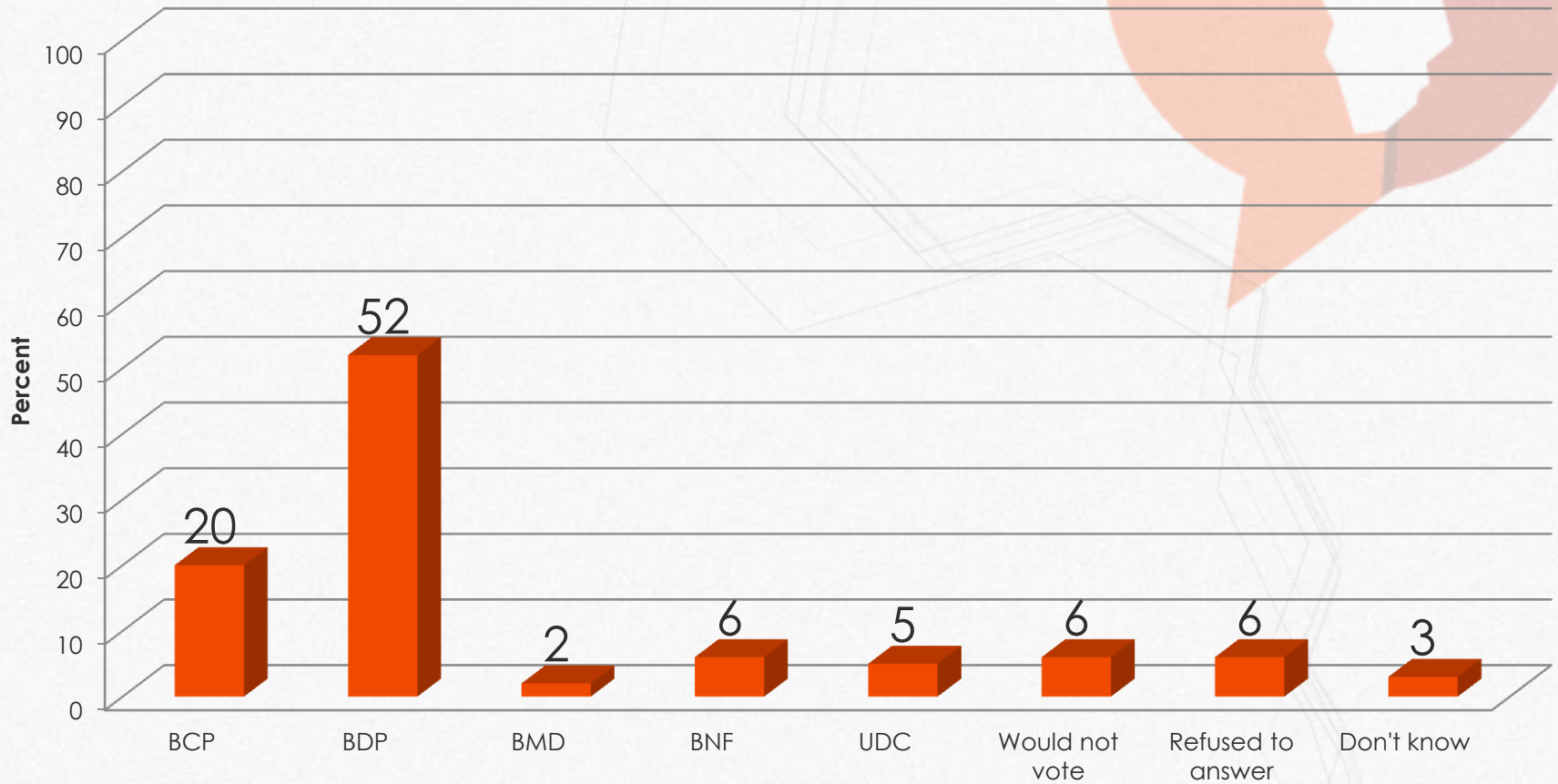


- agree/strongly agree with statement 1
- agree/strongly agree with statement 2

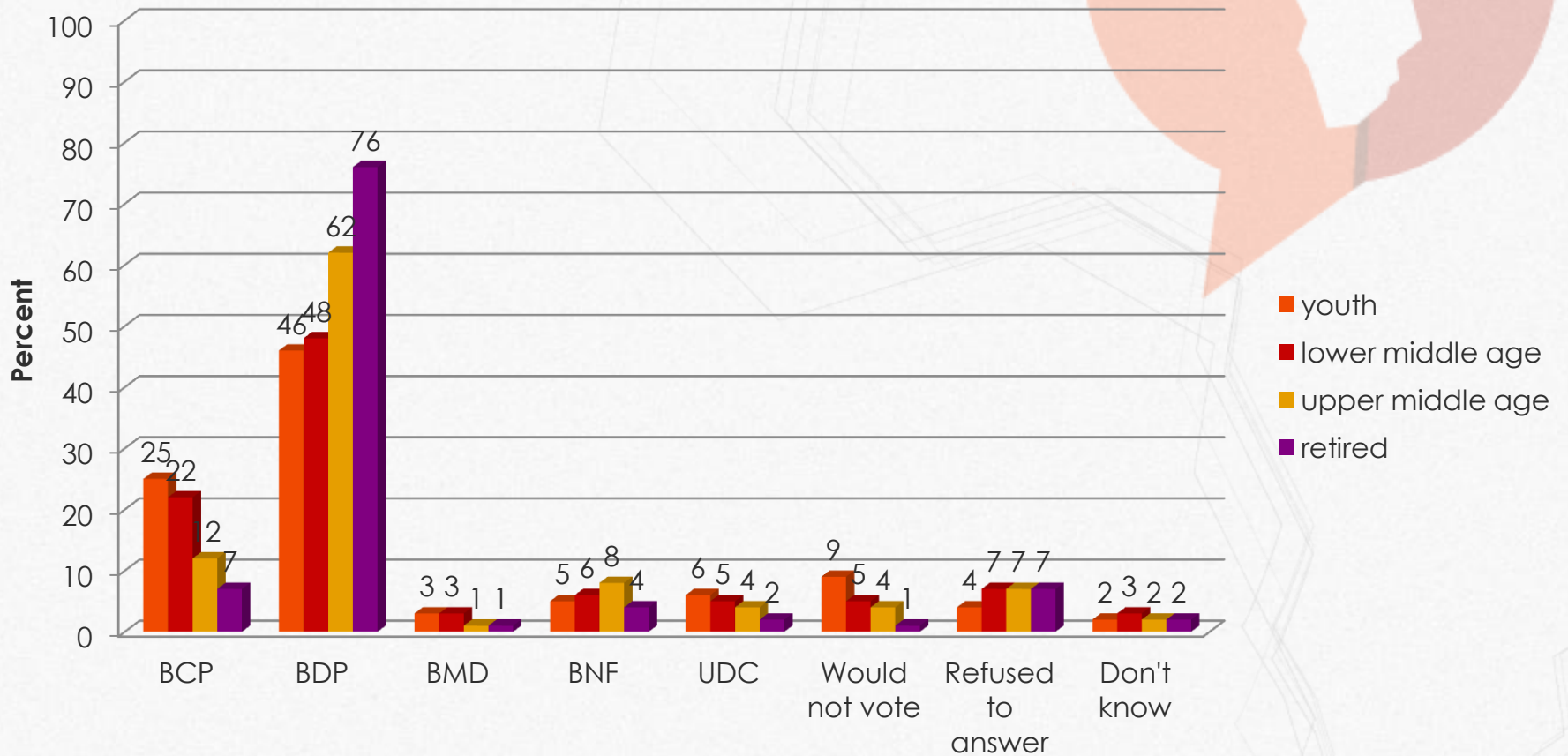
Direct election of President over time



Voting Intentions



Voting intentions by age





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