



Mauritians trust most institutions but still think corruption exist within them

Findings from the Afrobarometer Round 6 Survey in Mauritius

At a Glance

- **A majority of Mauritians trust office bearers and institutions:** More than 50% of Mauritians trust most institutions and office bearers except for the ruling party and opposition political parties.
- **A majority of Mauritians think corruption exist in most institutions:** a majority Mauritians (76.3% on average) believe that corruption is present in all institutions mentioned in the survey,
- **None of the respondents had to report a case of corruption yet they think that people do not report for fear of retaliation:** 45% of respondents feel one would not report cases of corruption for fear of consequences (retaliation)

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 **Mauritius**, Afrobarometer Round 6 survey was conducted by **StraConsult**.

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 (**English, French** or **Creole**).
- Standard questionnaire allows comparisons across countries and over time.
- Sample size in **Mauritius** of **1200** adult citizens yields a margin of error of +/-**3%** at a 95% confidence level.
- Fieldwork for Round 6 in **Mauritius** was conducted between **27 June and 27 July 2014**.



FINDINGS



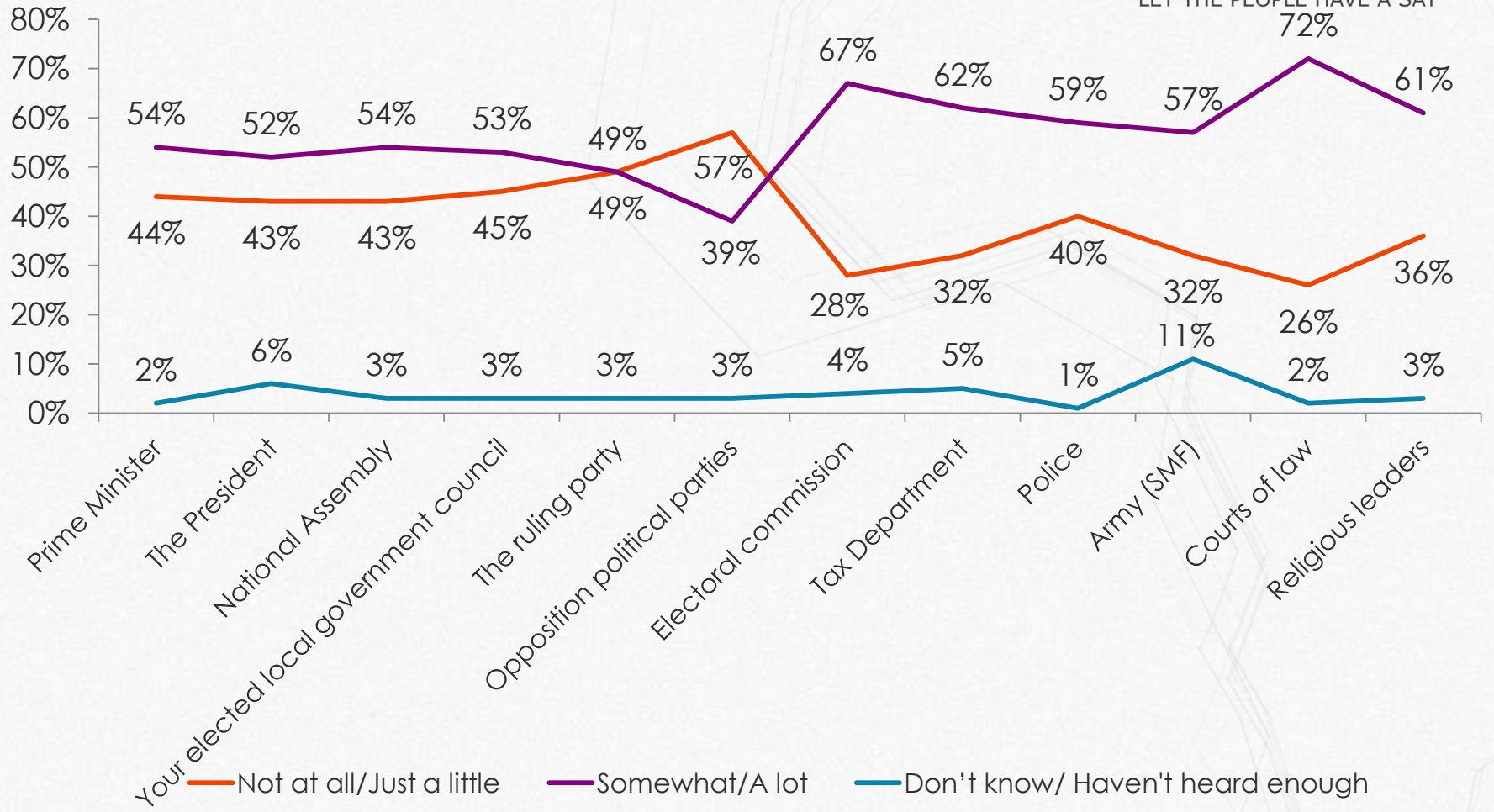
TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS

Key Findings

- A majority of Mauritians trust most institutions including the police.
- Political figures and political institutions receive lower levels of trust as compared to other institutions.
- Opposition parties are the only one not to be trusted by a majority (57%).
- In the previous survey of 2012, all institutions enjoyed trust from the majority.

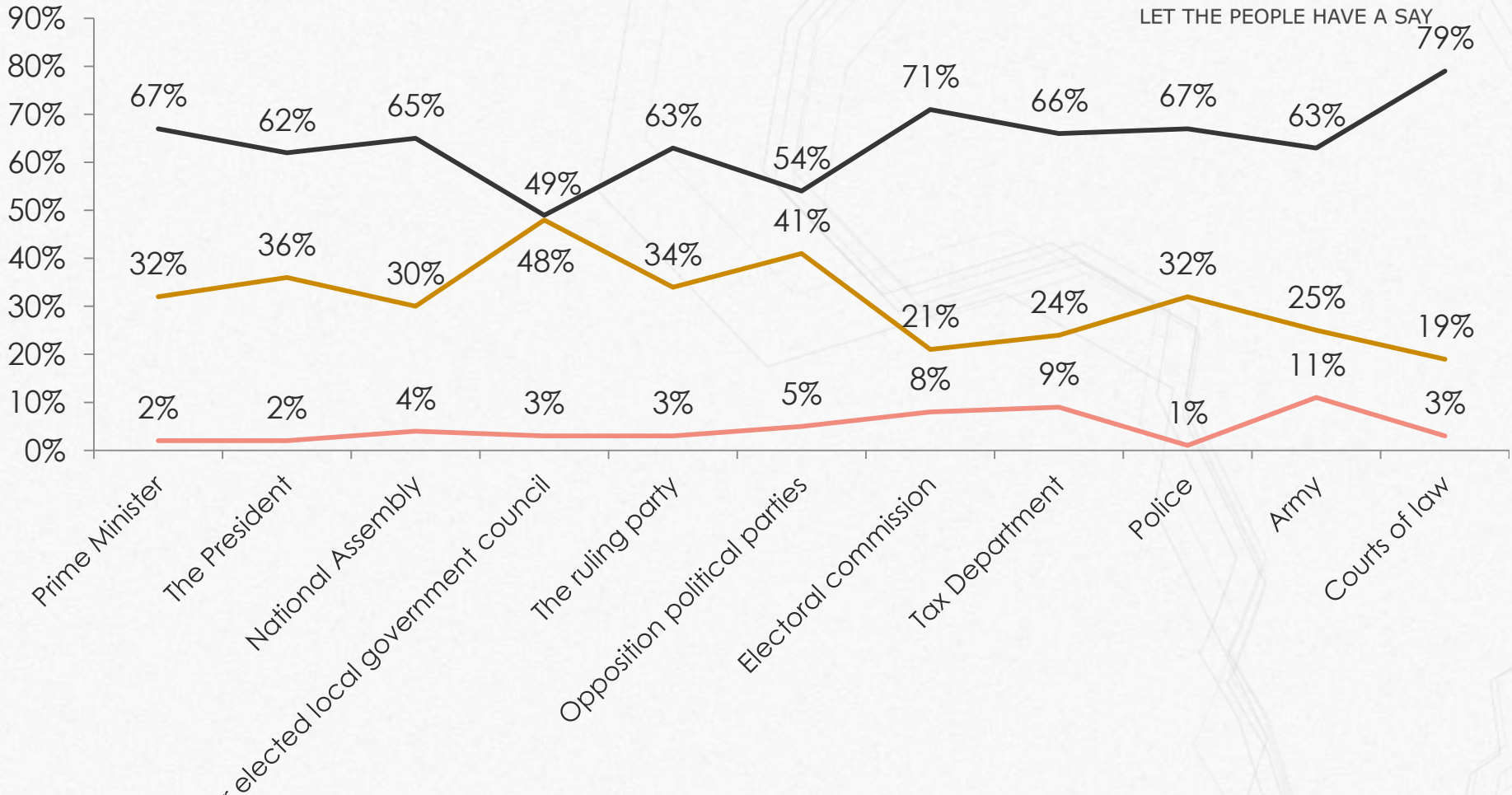
Trust in Institutions 2014

Q. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say?



Trust in Institutions 2012

Q. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say?



— Not at all/Just a little
 — Somewhat/A lot
 — Don't know/ Haven't heard enough



PERCEPTION OF CORRUPTION

Key Findings

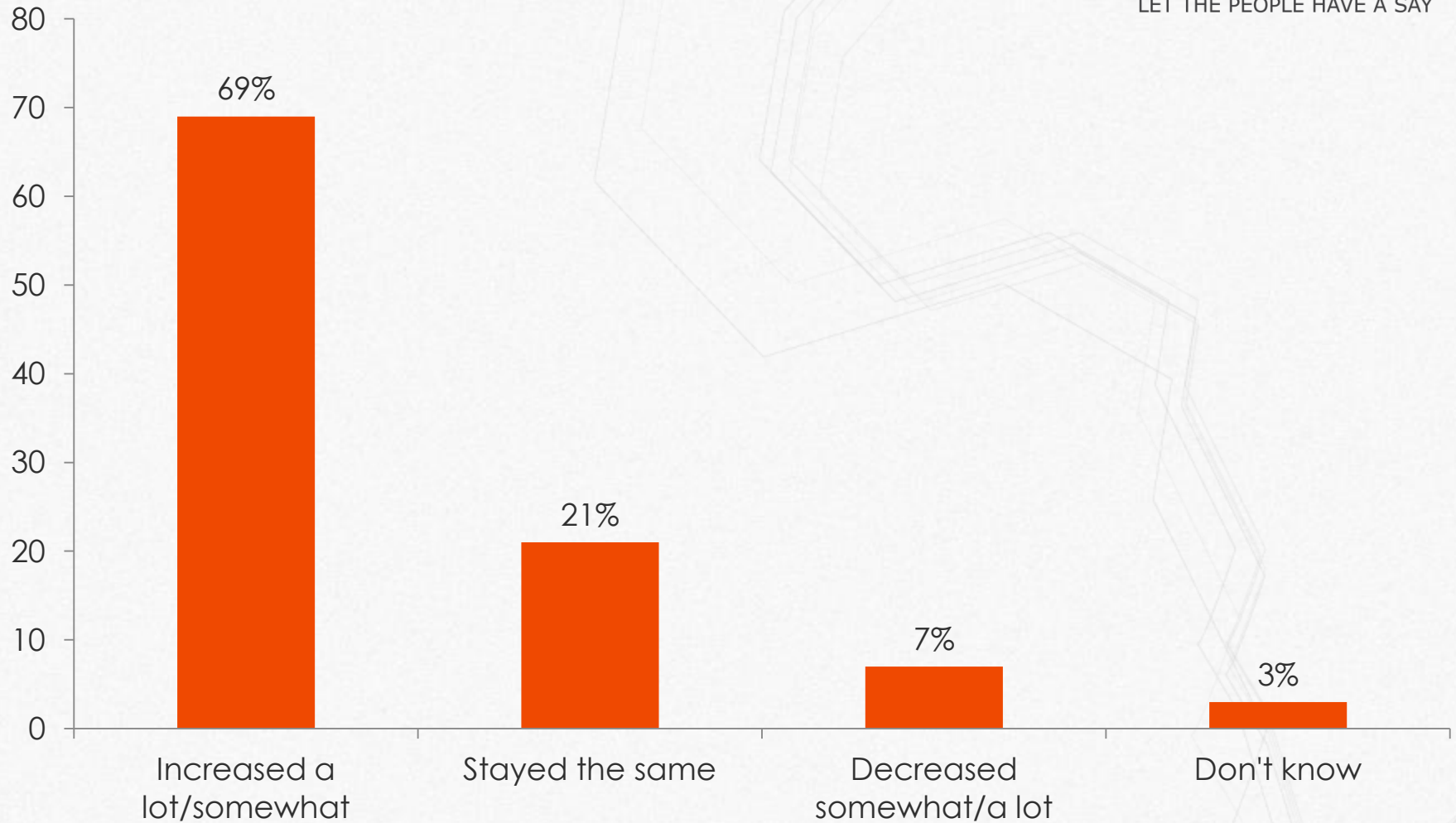
- Almost 7 in 10 (69%) Mauritians feel that level of corruption has increased in Mauritians over the past year.
- Though a majority of Mauritians say they trust institutions in general, a majority thinks corruption exists in all spheres.
- More than 70% of respondents believe that some government officials and municipal/district councilors are corrupt.

Key Findings

- 70% of respondents believe that some police officers are corrupt. This is surprising when considering that 59% of respondents say they trust the police.
- No great change between 2012 and 2014
- None of the respondents has ever paid a bribe to get services from key public institutions.
- 45% of respondents feel one would not report cases of corruption for fear of retaliation.

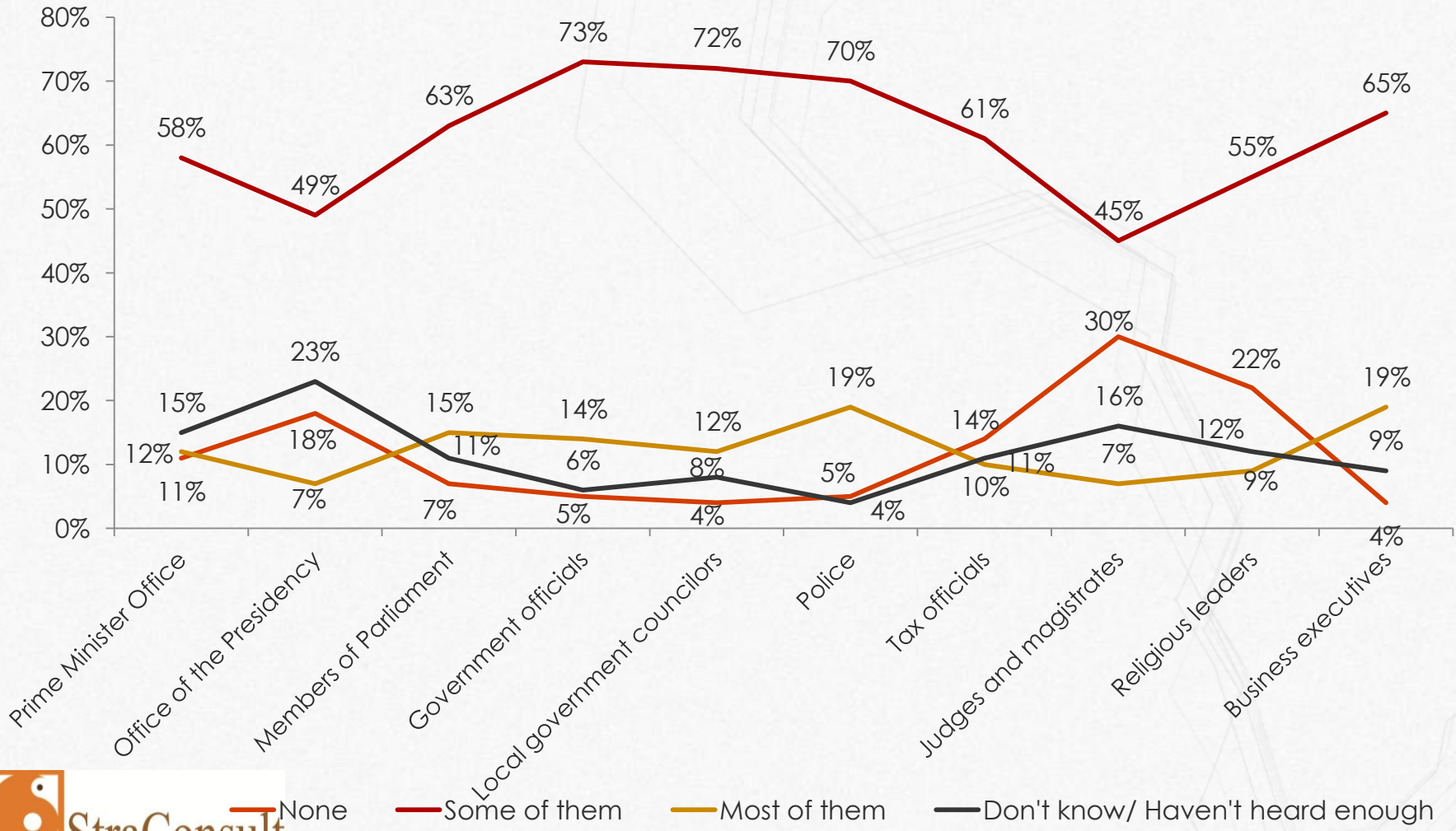
Extent of Corruption over past year

Q: In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?



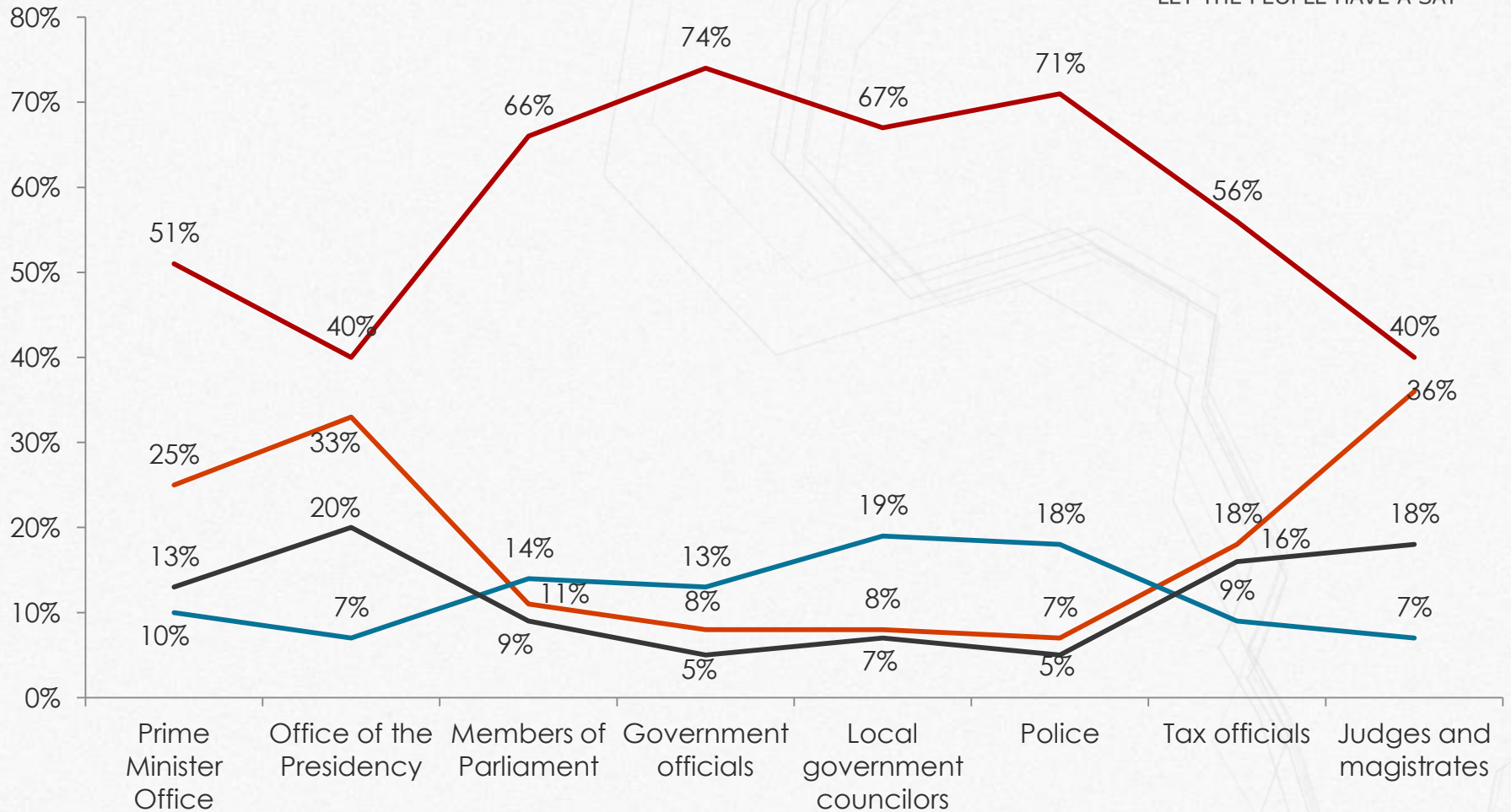
Level of Corruption in Institutions 2014

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



Level of Corruption in Institutions 2012

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



Reasons for not reporting corruption

Q: Some people say that many incidents of corruption are never reported. Based on your experience, what do you think is the main reason why many people do not report corruption when it occurs?





CONCLUSIONS

Major Findings

- Mauritians trust office bearers and institution
- Mauritians have less trust in officers of these institutions and think some of them are corrupt
- A majority thinks that corruption has increased over the past year though none of the respondents has had to pay a bribe to get access to a public service.
- Respondents feel that people would not report cases of corruption for fear of consequences (retaliation)

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