



# Democracy and Tolerance Capacity Research Project

Results from First Poll in Macedonia

IFIMES, December 2010

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# About the Project

- The Democracy and Tolerance Capacity Research Project is an effort to ascertain the capacity of post-transition countries for sustainable democratic development. The project consists of a series of polls, each aimed at measuring the specific democratic discourse, tolerance capacity, and confidence in institutions among the general population. The project targets post-transition countries, part of which is Macedonia. Other polls will include other countries from Southeast Europe and former Soviet Union states.
- After the series of polls has been completed, IFIMES will work together with the NGO sector in each post transition country to establish a series of projects specifically designed to address identified weaknesses in each development society.

# About IFIMES

- IFIMES - International Institute for Middle-East and Balkan studies, based in Ljubljana - Slovenia, gathers and selects various information and sources on key conflict areas in the world. Based on the selected information, the Institute analyses mutual relations among parties with an aim to promote the importance of global conflict resolution of the existing conflicts and the role of preventive actions against new global disputes. Idea to establish IFIMES Institute is a reflection of our common reality and the needs of the world to reach for common solutions - now more than ever in the past. Common interests and bonds among different policies, nations, religions, world regions and diverse interest parties in the unipolar world are essential. Constant search for differences and rejections is like searching for a needle in a pack of hay, while insisting on cooperation and respect for diversity provides a chance to create a better world.
- The area of research and work of IFIMES Institute is the Middle East (Gulf states) and the Balkans (South-Eastern Europe), where relations among different entities are based on religious, ethnic, national and racial grounds. Associates of the Institute are respected experts, scientists, managers, journalists and researchers, who are introducing younger colleagues from all over the world to work, with a purpose of additional education, promotion of knowledge and scientific achievements with an emphasis on the political and economic connections within the region, among the regions and on the global level.
- The IFIMES Institute is through organizing seminars, symposiums, conferences, round tables, (with participants from various interest groups: scientists, politicians, managers, representatives of religious institutions, journalists, artists and others), performing analyses, studies and projects, as well as through its own publications presenting the results of its work and achievements, also targeting leading international media.
- IFIMES will in the future cooperate with relevant institutions from the USA, EU, Gulf states and countries from South-Eastern Europe on projects, studies and analyses prepared individually or based on specific demands from a known party. The activities of IFIMES are especially directed towards the areas of international (foreign) politics and economy, international relations, counseling the state institutions, companies and individuals and more.
- IFIMES is searching for and recommending political solutions to the governments of the world, especially and foremost for the regions of the Balkans and the Middle East. The International Institute IFIMES is a partner of: World Security Network, New York Globalvision News Network, New York Mejdunarodniyi obchestveniyi fond »Eksperimentalniyi tvorcheskiyi centr«, Kurginyana Center, Moscow
- The Global Development Network from Washington has marked the relevancy of the researches performed by the International Institute IFIMES with the relevancy rate of 93,00%.

# Poll Methodology (Macedonia)

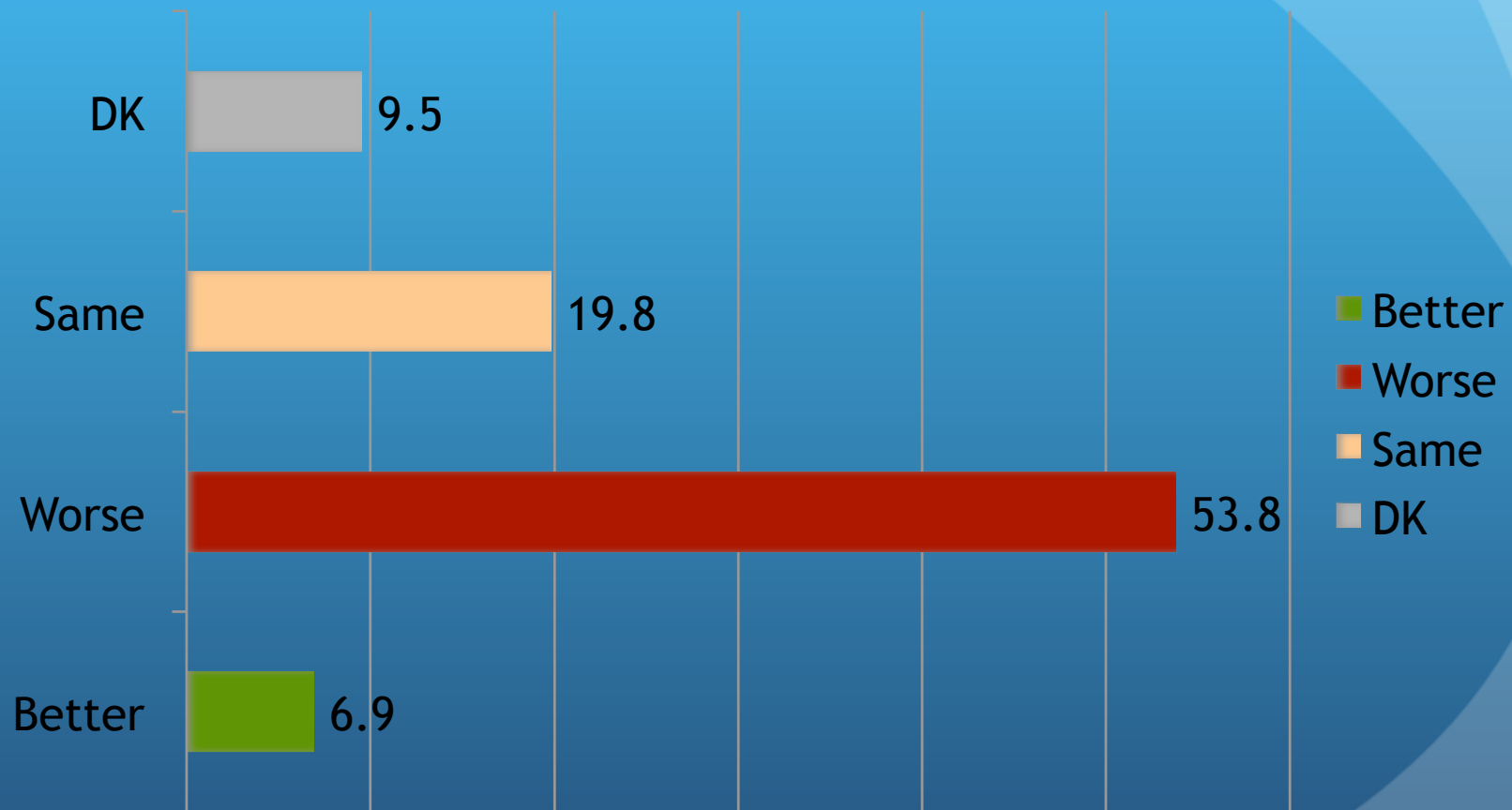
- Poll Conducted during 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> December 2010
- Method: Telephone Survey
- Sample size: 1,204 respondents
- Sample composition: Random nationally representative sample, stratified
- Sampling error:  $\pm 3\%$
  
- NOTE: Respondent refusal rate at 37.6%

# POLL RESULTS

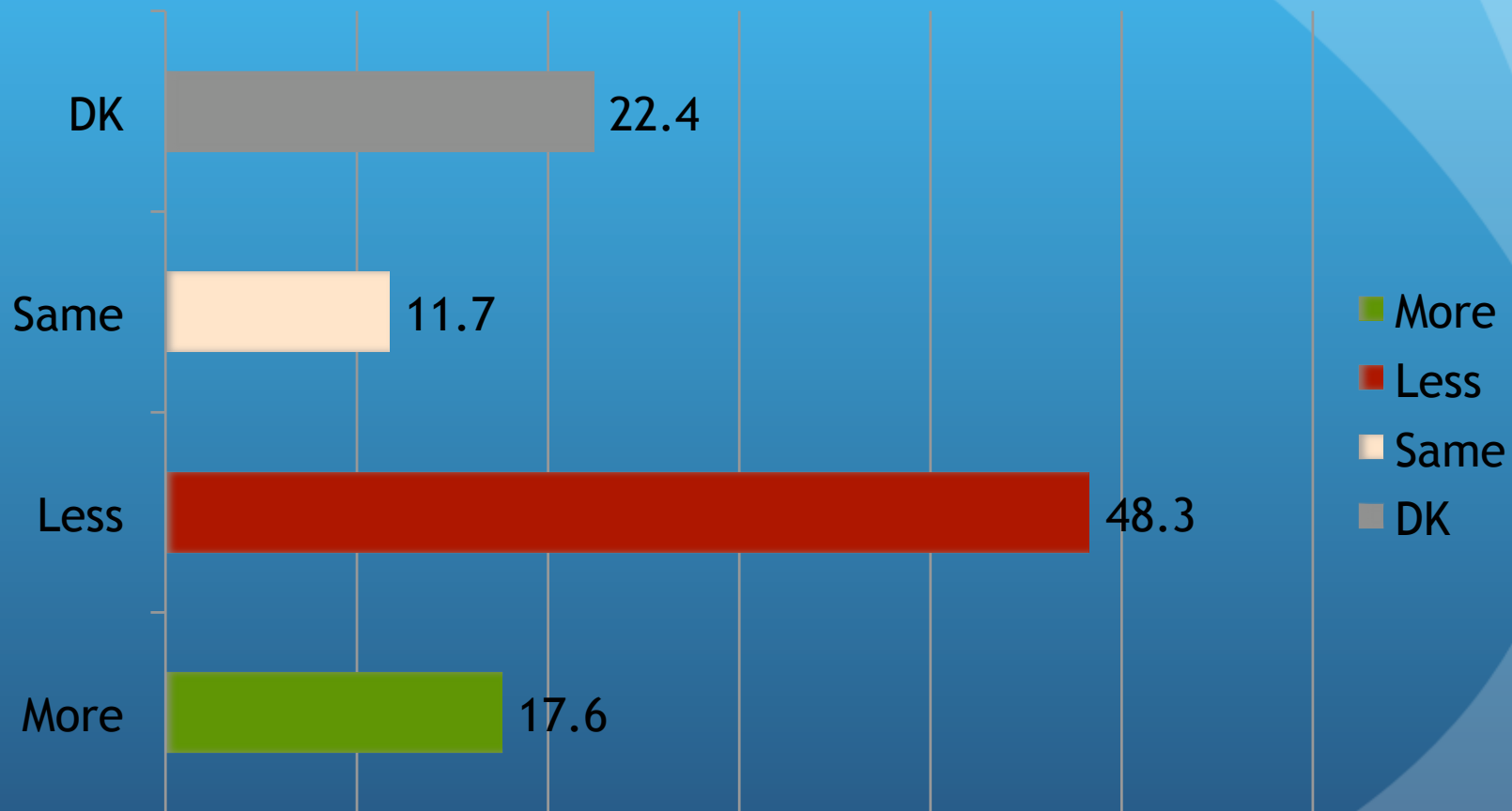
# Question batteries

- General preferences
- Issue-specific preferences
- Political party & leaders preferences
- General democracy preferences
  - Democracy
  - Corruption
  - Media

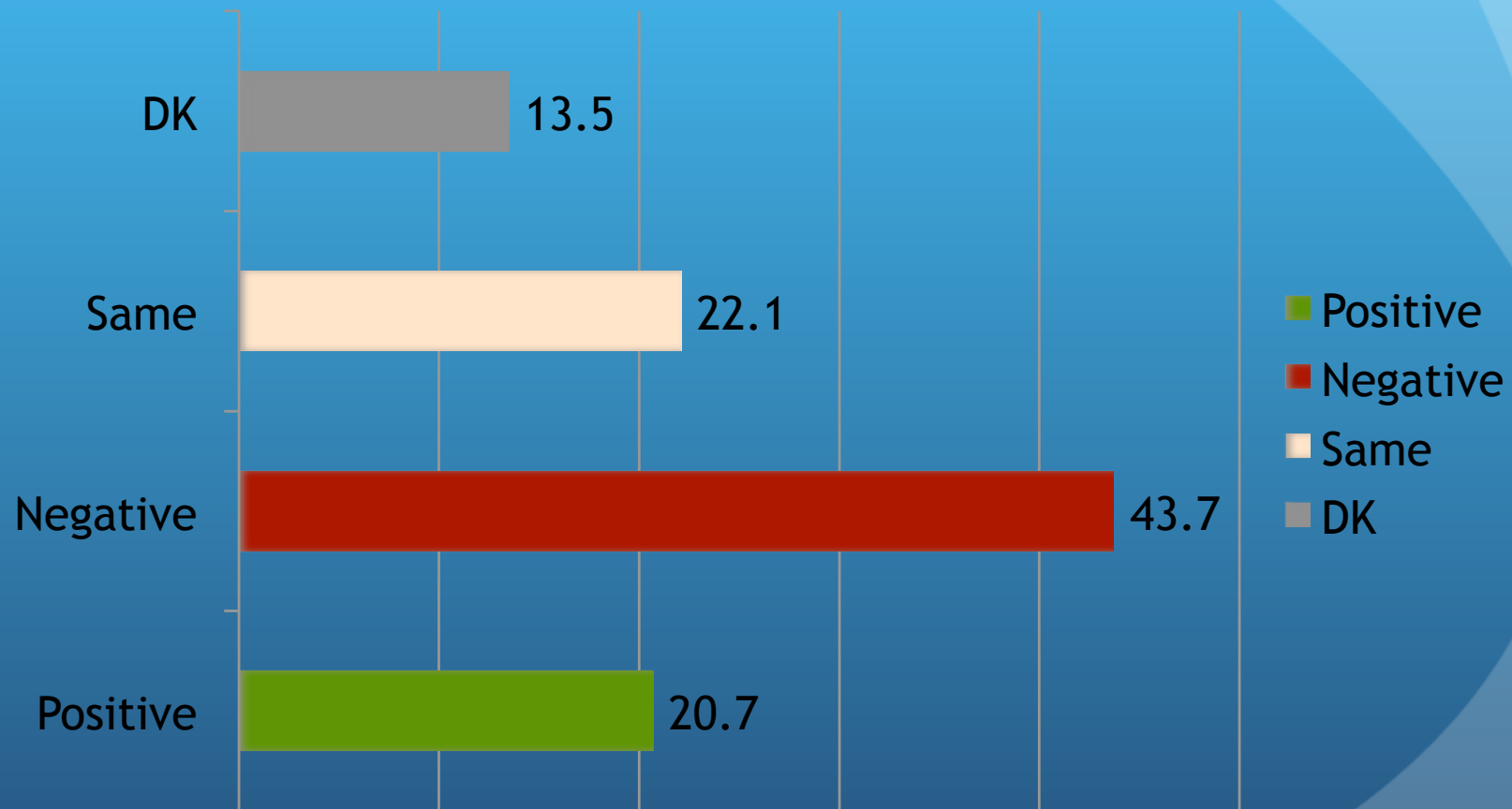
# Compared to last year, do you live better or worse? (% of all)



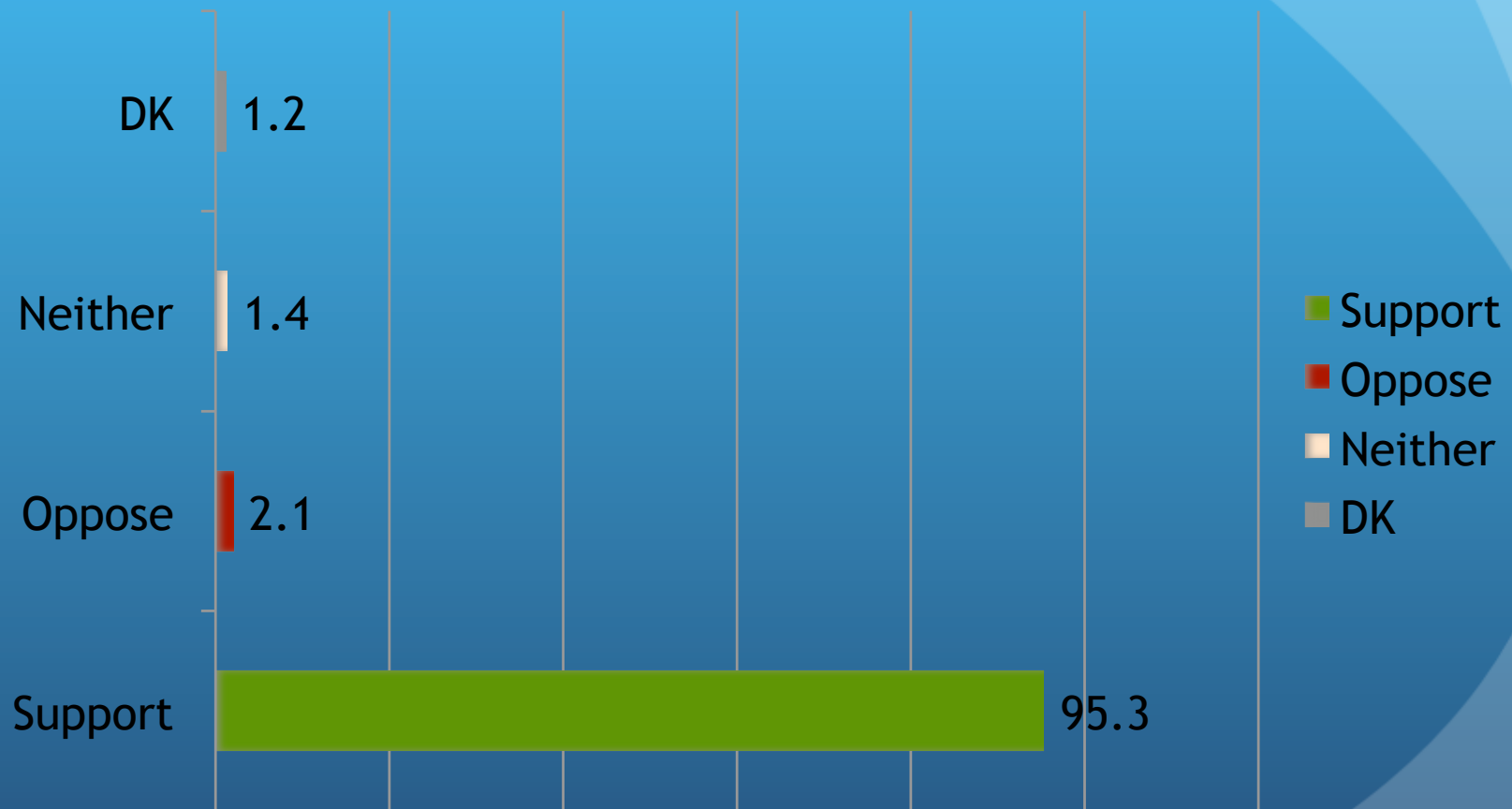
Compared to last year, would you say that democracy has improved or worsened in your country? (% of all)



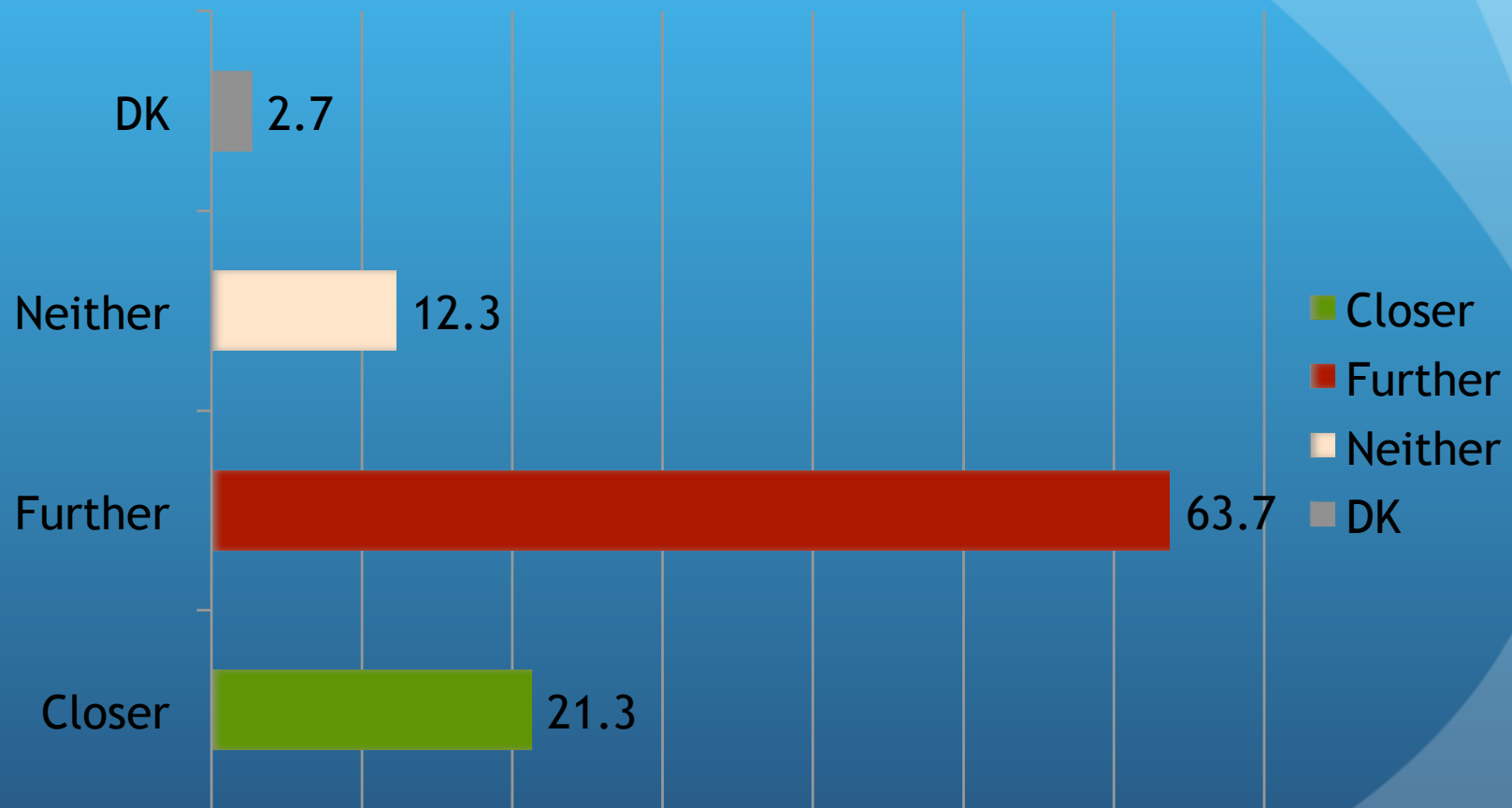
# Is FYR Macedonia generally moving in a positive or negative direction? (% of all)



# Do you support or oppose your country's aspirations toward NATO/EU? (% of all)

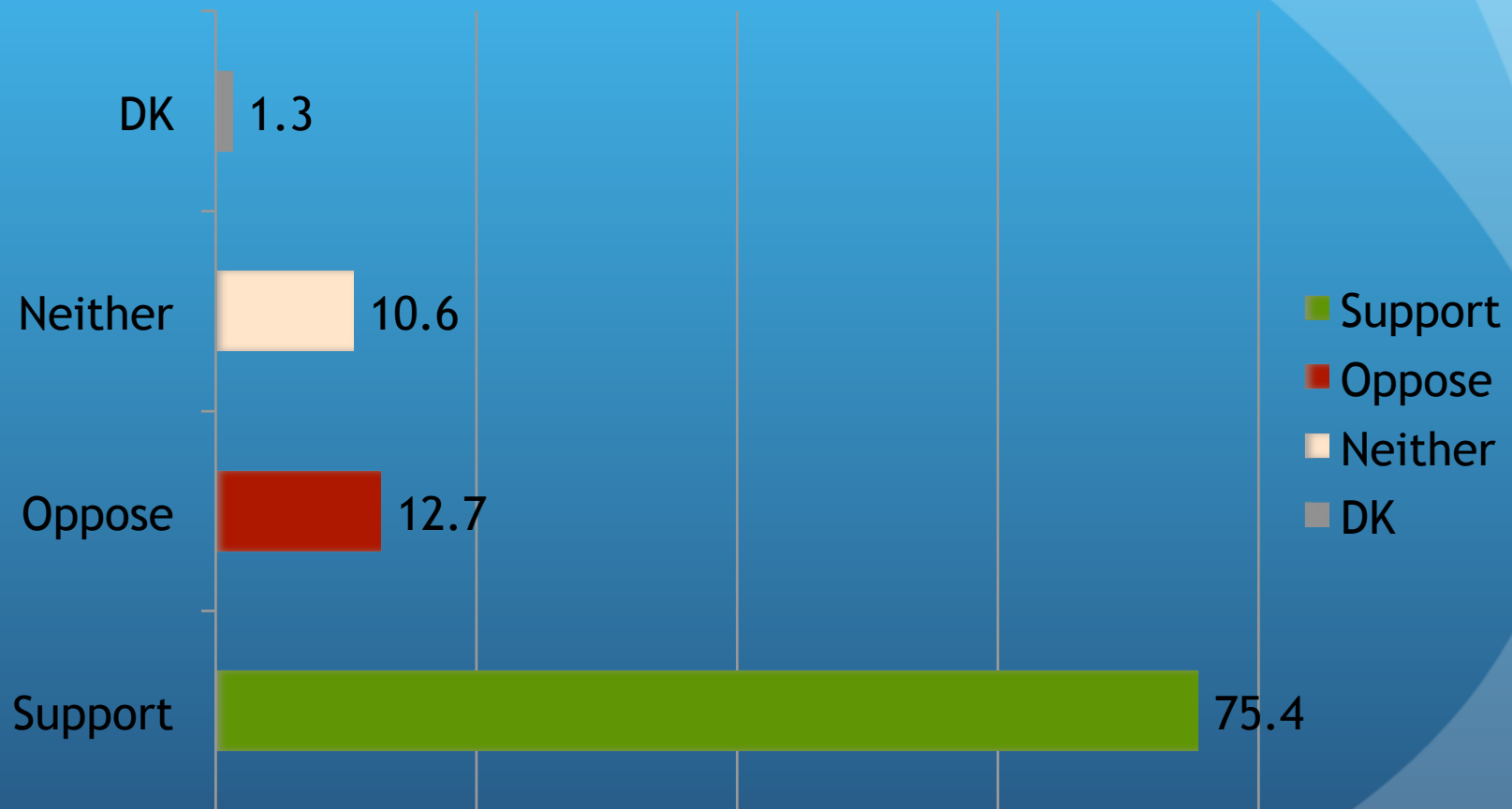


# Is FYR Macedonia closer or further from NATO/EU compared with 4 years ago? (% of all)

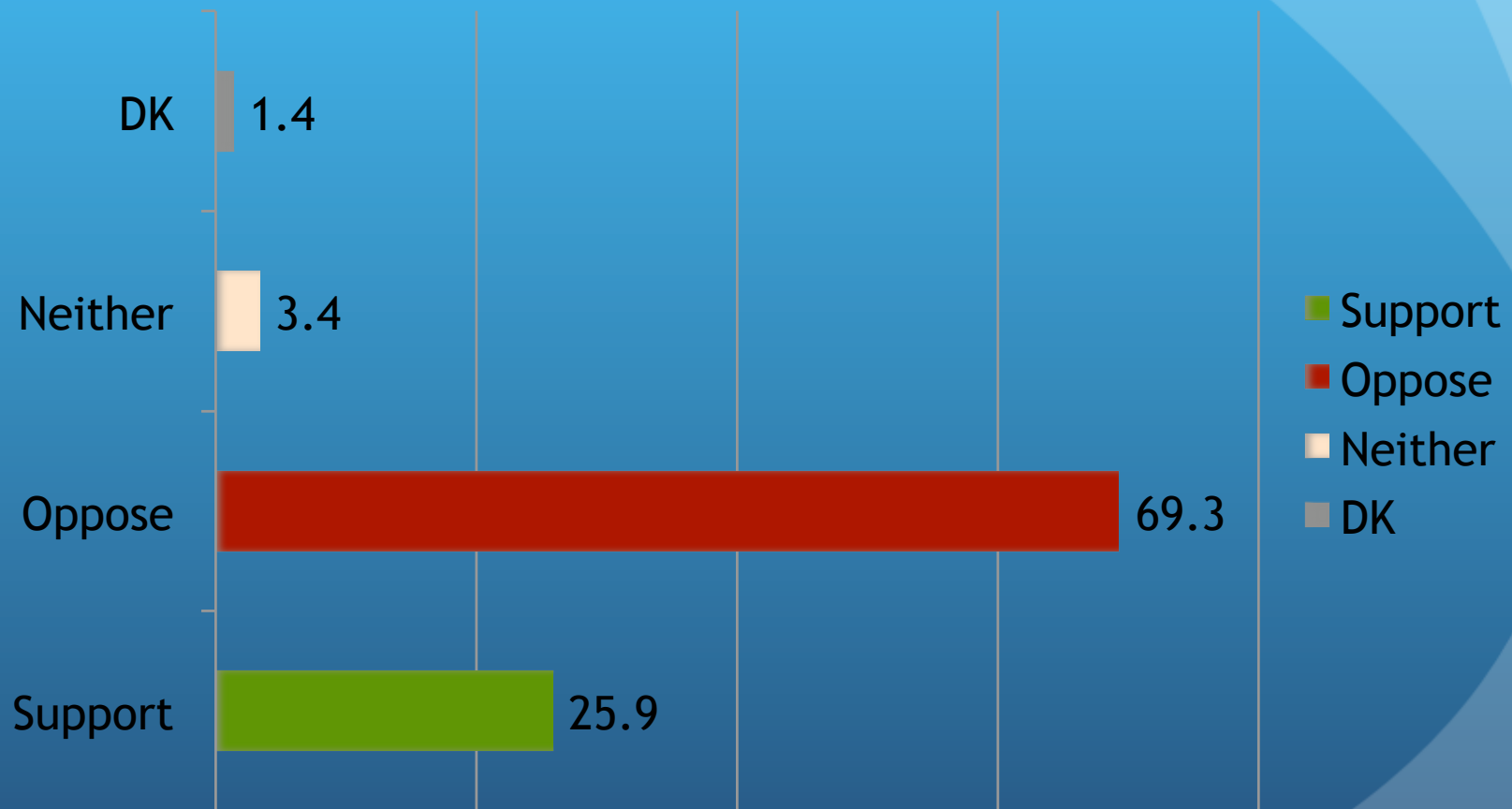


# Issue-Specific Preferences

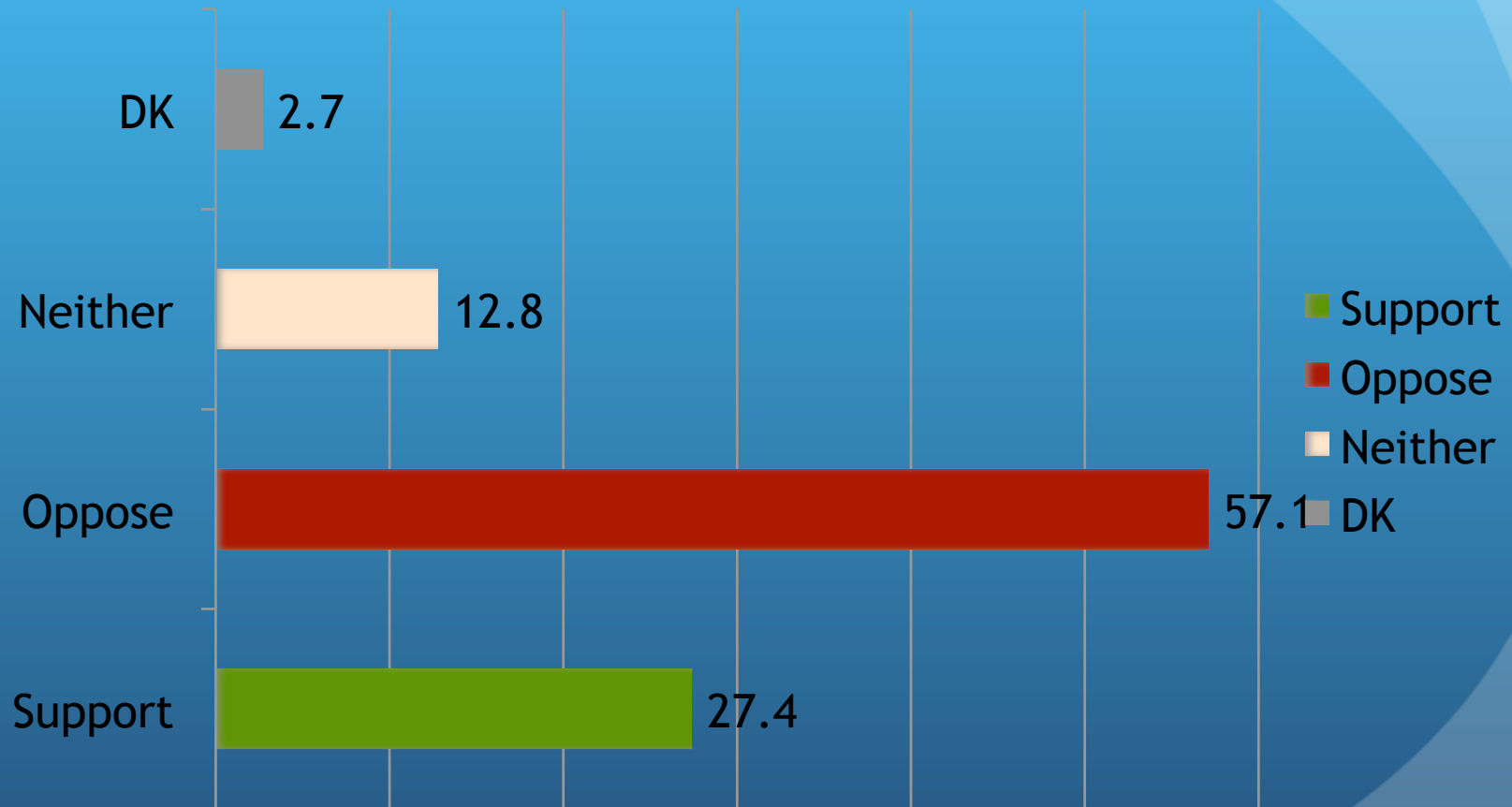
## Do you support or oppose the Ohrid Framework Agreement? (% of all)



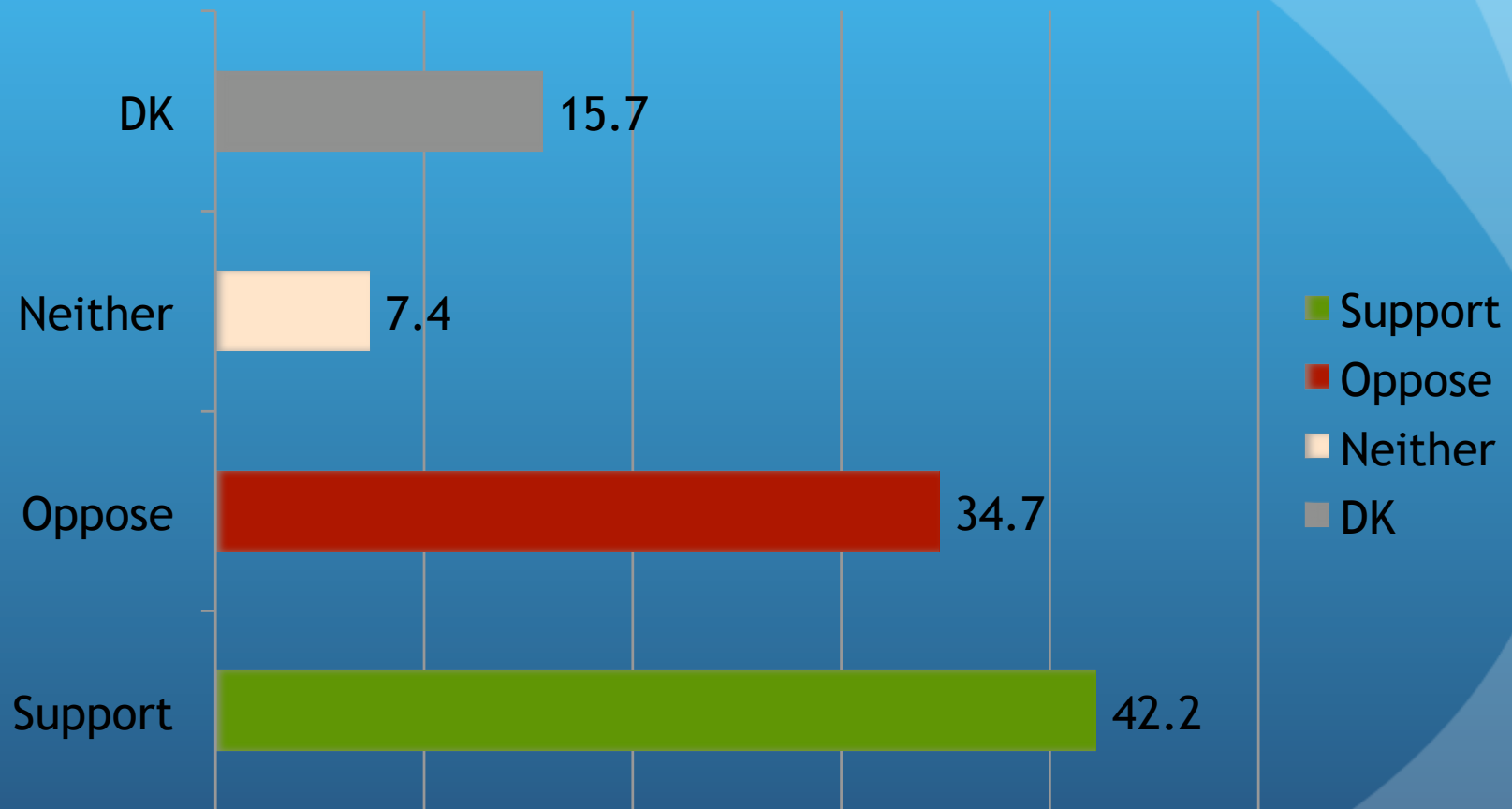
# Do you support or oppose the “Skopje 2014” Project? (% of all)



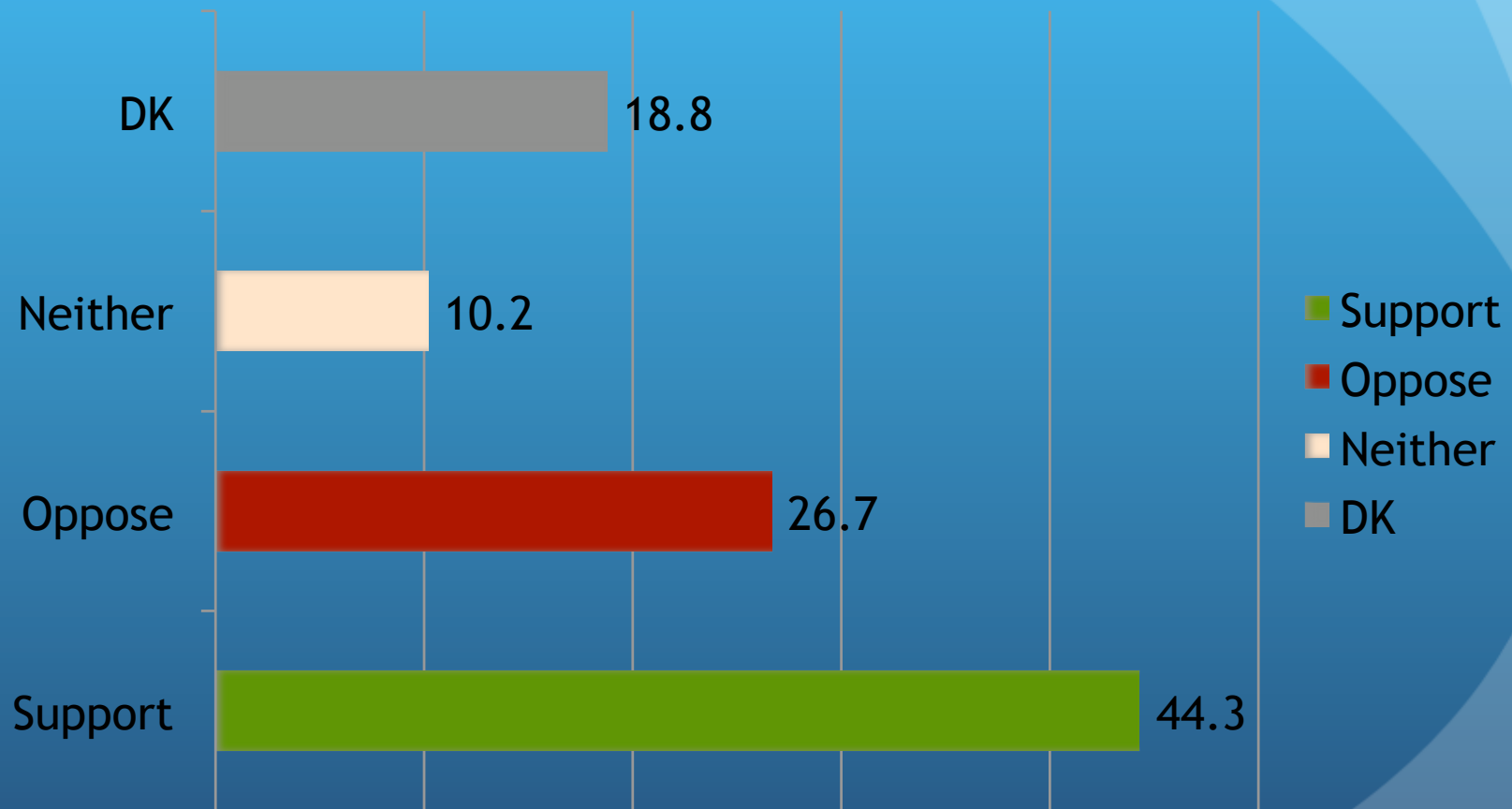
# Do you support or oppose the so-called “antiquization”? (% of all)



Would you support a resolution of the name dispute if it meant conserving your national identity? (% of all)

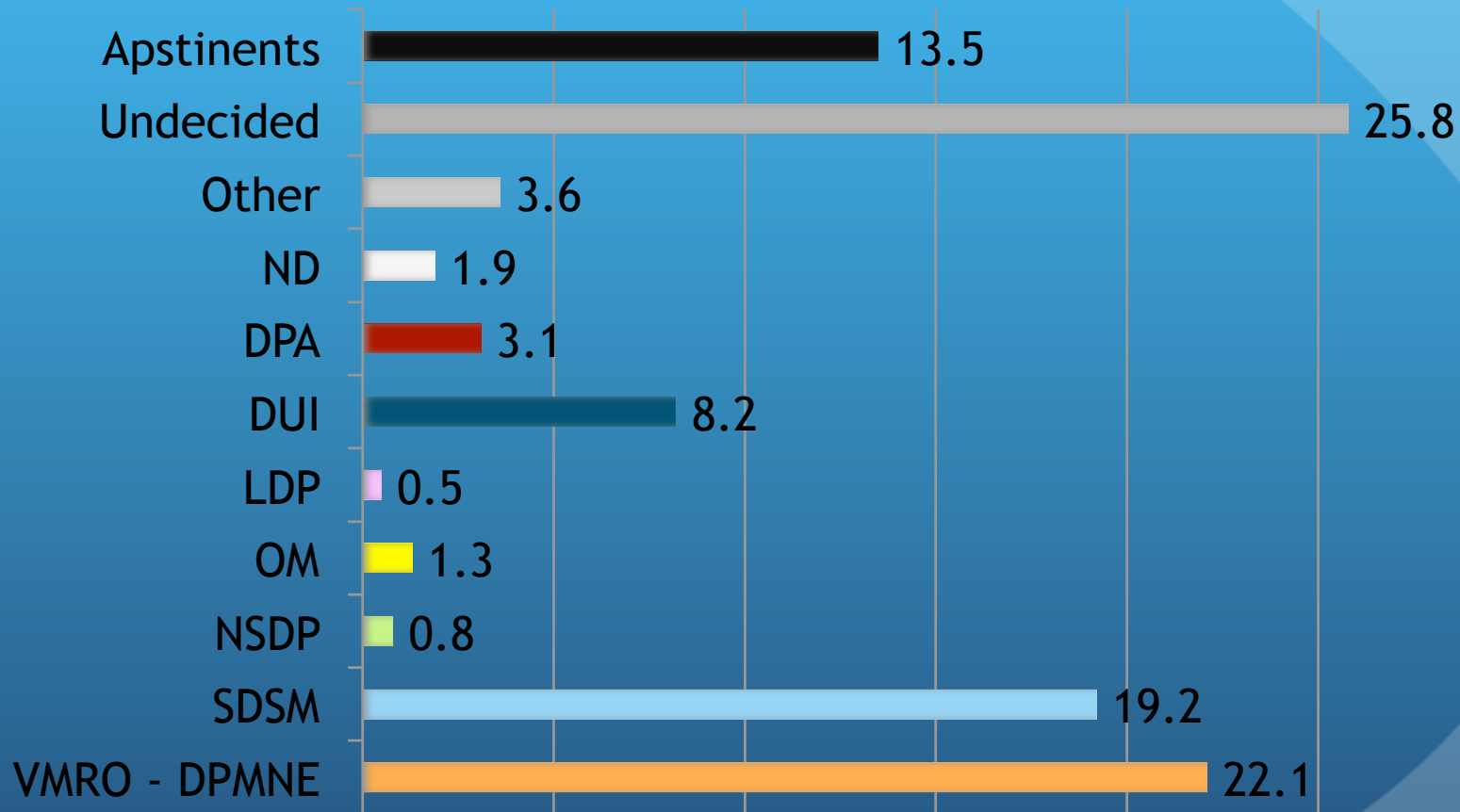


Would you support a resolution of the name dispute if it meant no changes to the Constitution? (% of all)

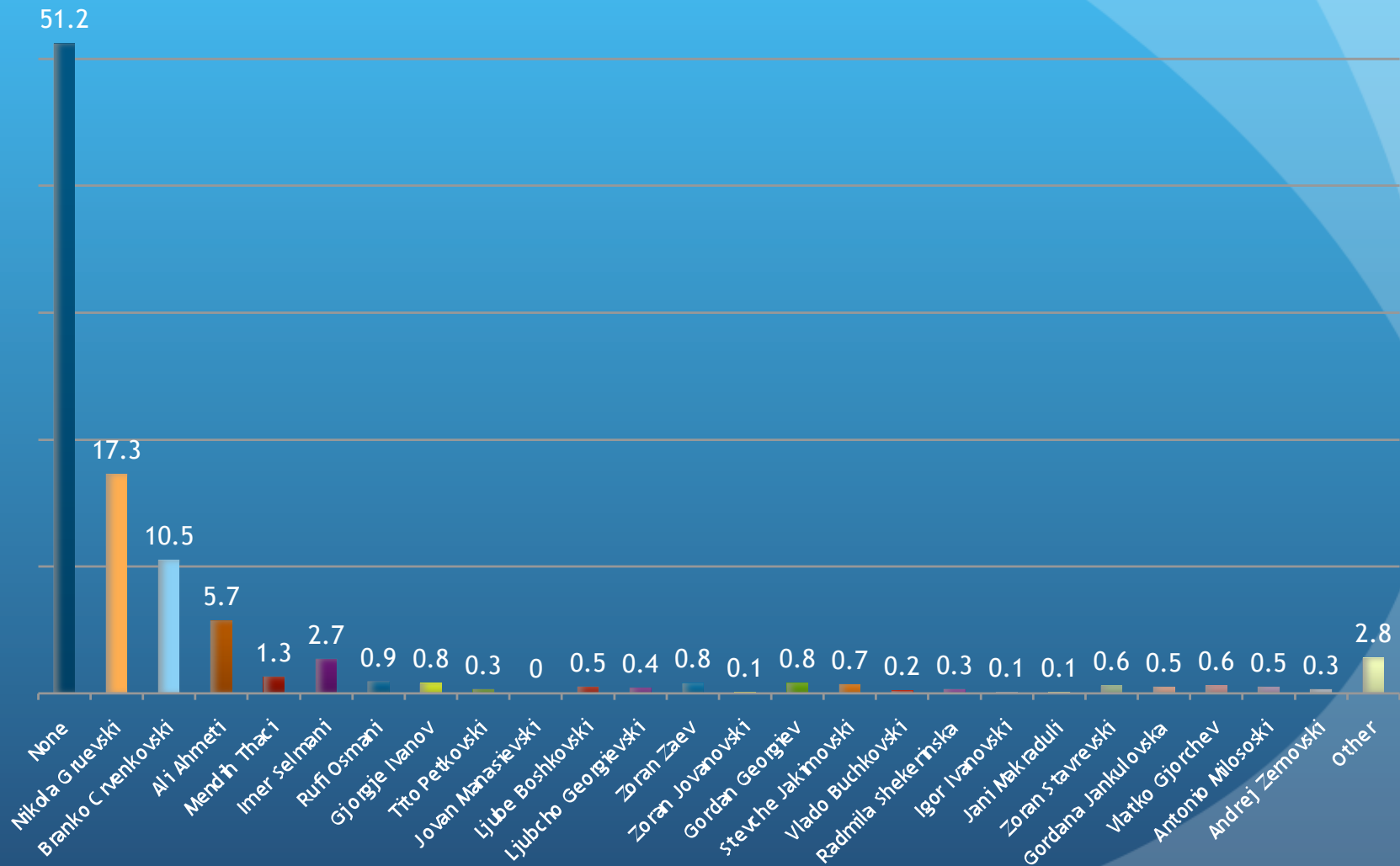


# Party & Leader Preferences

If elections were held tomorrow, which party would you most likely support? (% of [likely to vote])

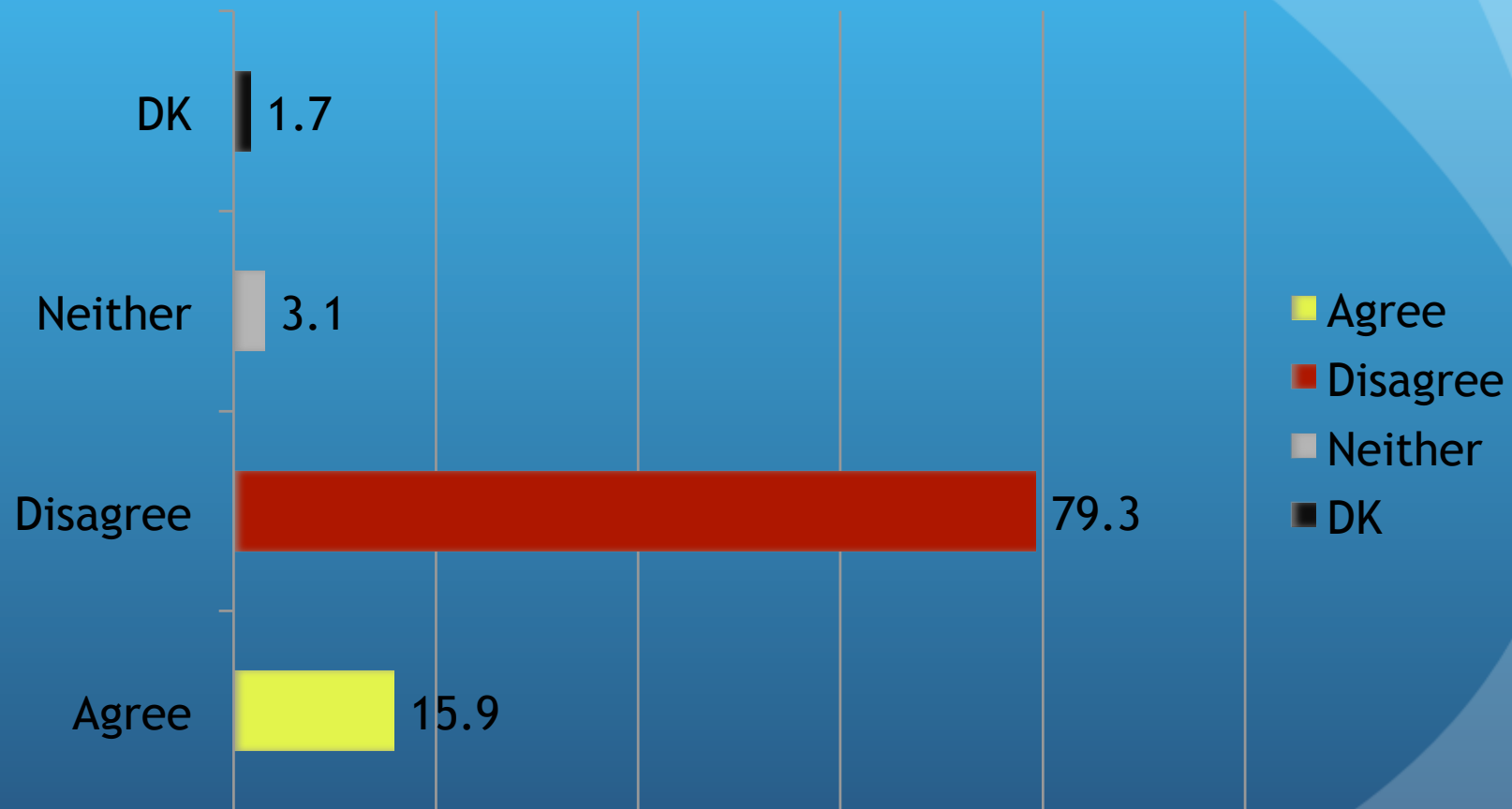


# Which politician do you trust the most? (% of all)

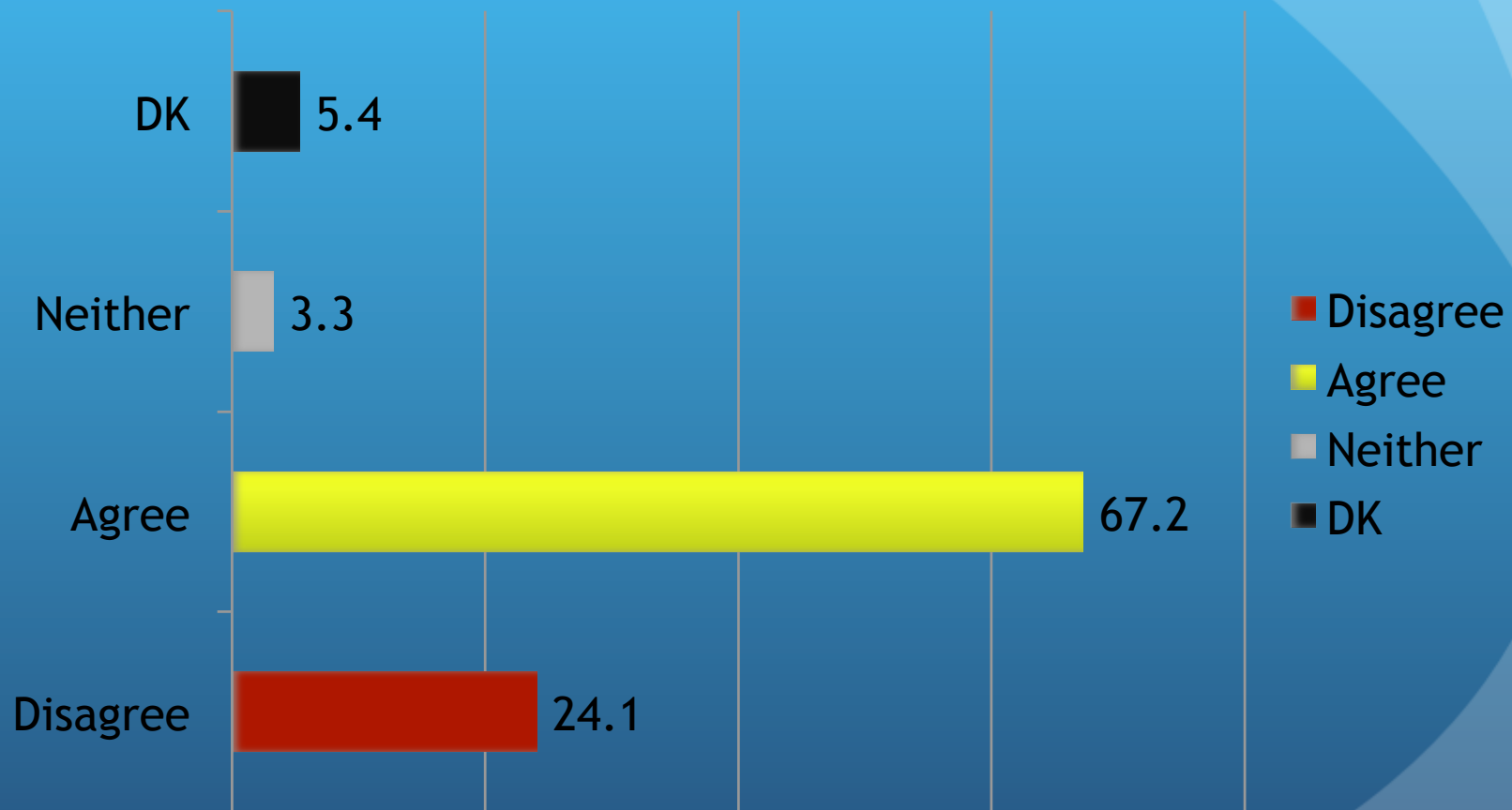


# General Democracy Preferences

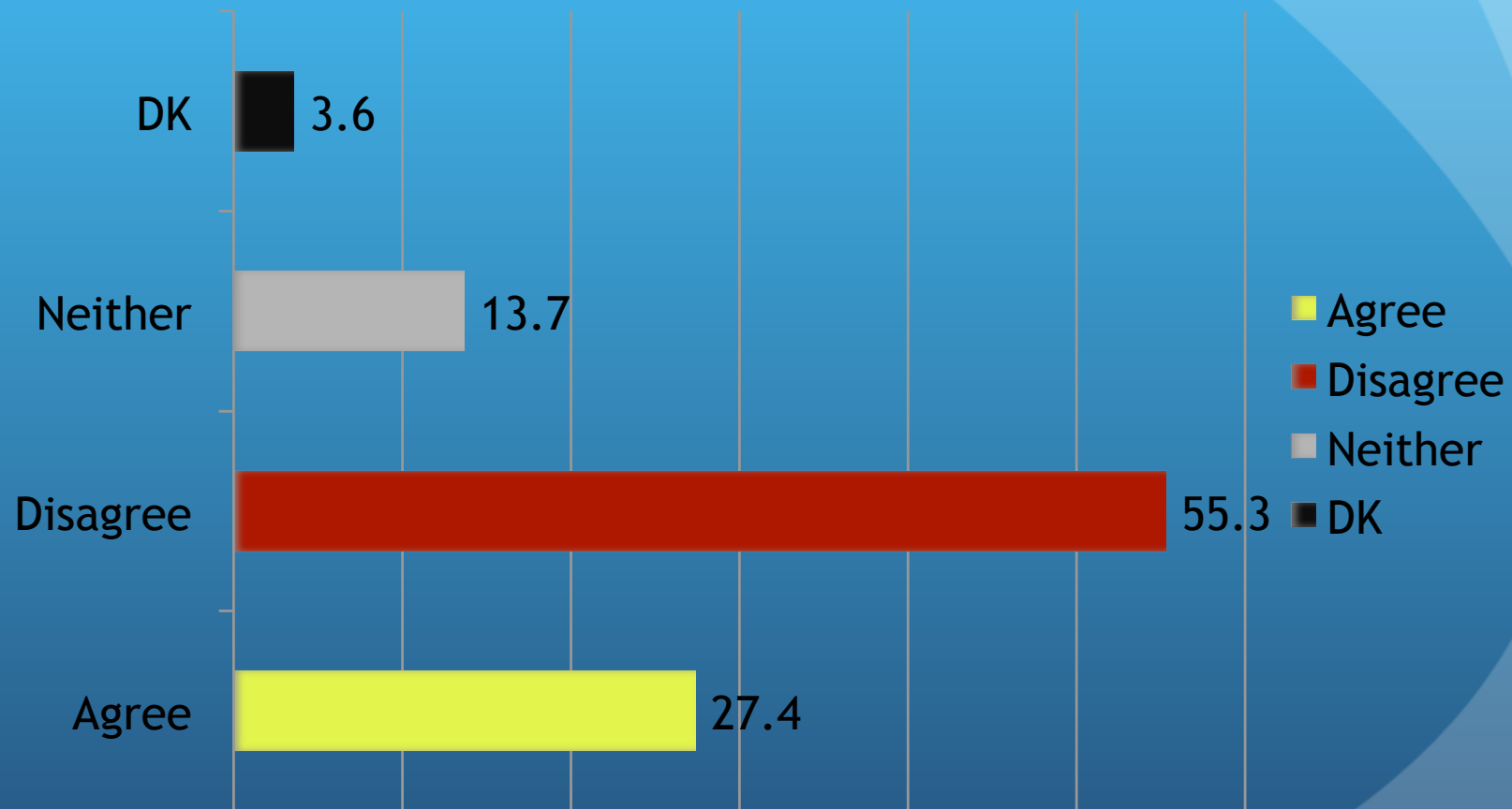
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (% of all)  
**The fight against corruption has been successful.**



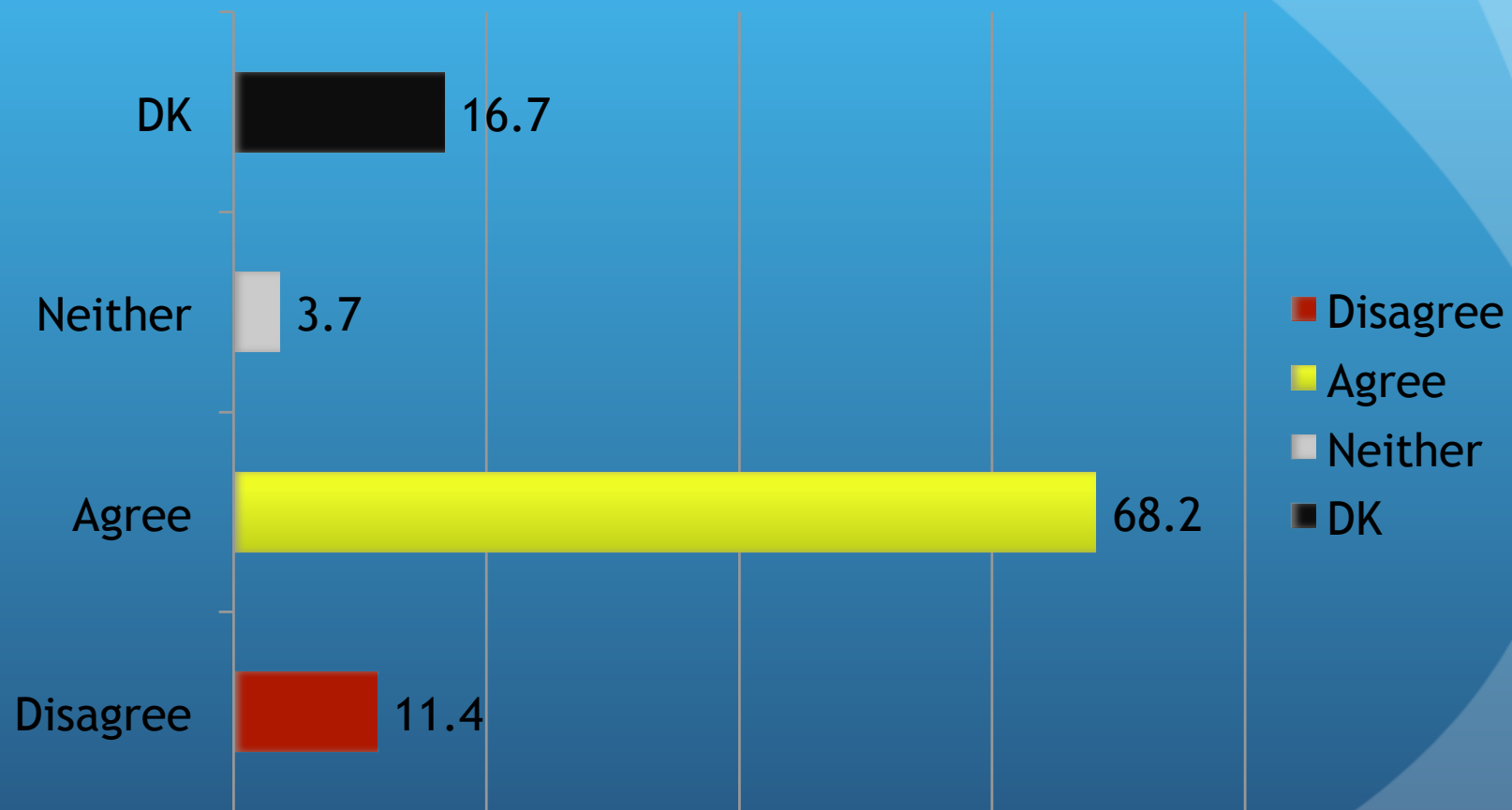
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (% of all)  
**Human rights are not being respected by institutions.**



Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (% of all)  
**The Government is doing enough to fight the global economic crisis.**



Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (% of all)  
**Media are generally oppressed by institutions.**



**END**