



National Security Barometer

Nationally representative opinion poll

Data collected during February – March 2026

Samples for each of the two collection waves from February 23-27 and March 3-13, 2026: 1100 respondents, error $\pm 2.9\%$

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BAROMETRUL SECURITĂȚII NAȚIONALE | 2026

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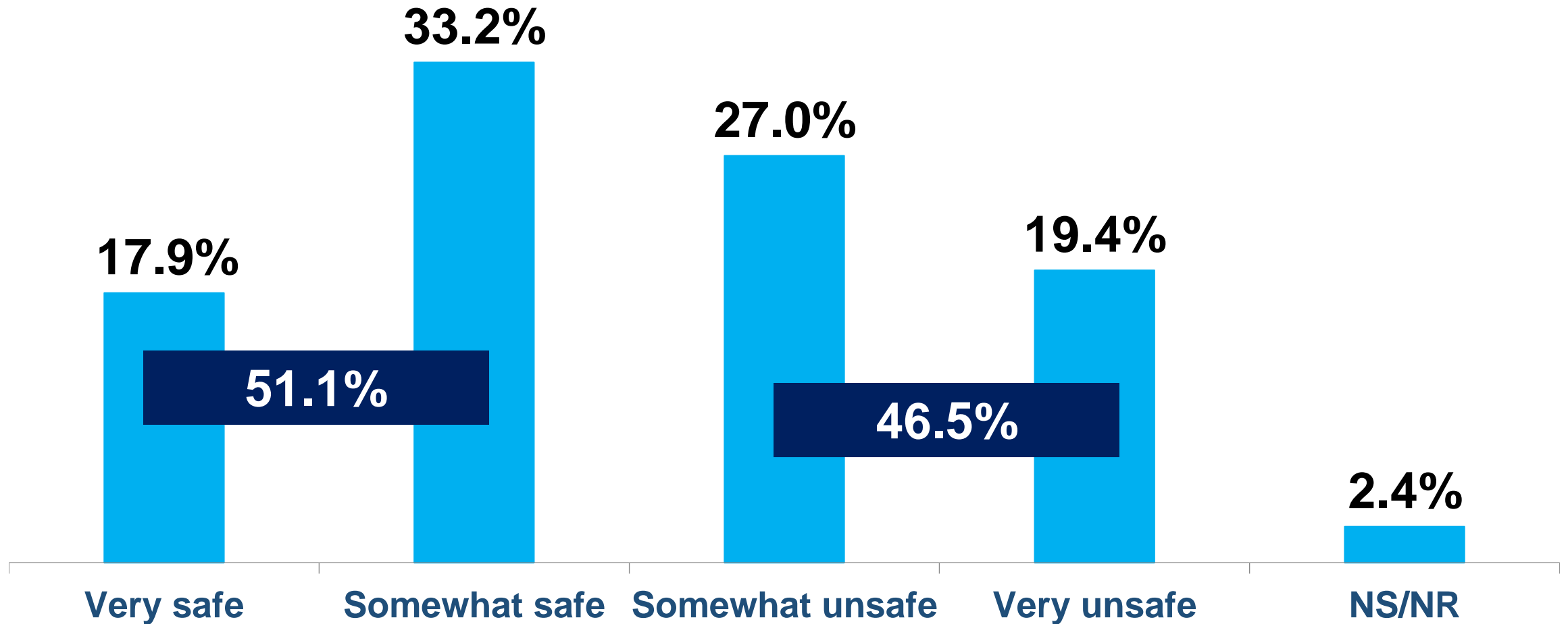
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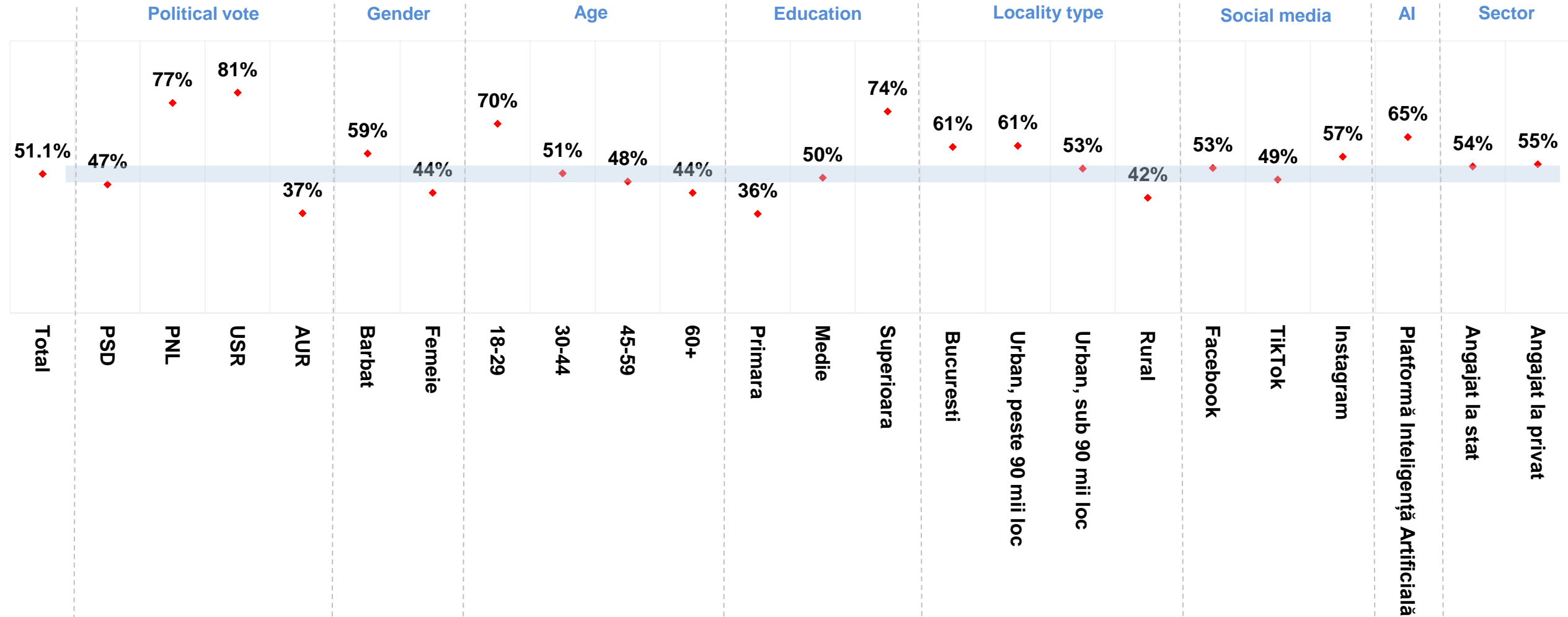
- The research conducted by INSCOP Research at the request of Strategic Thinking Group included two waves of collection, during February 23-27, 2026, and March 3-13, 2026, respectively.
- Research method: interview via questionnaire
- The data were collected using the CATI method (telephone interviews), and the sample size was 1100 people for each survey.
- The samples are representative of significant socio-demographic categories (gender, age, occupation) for the non-institutionalized population of Romania, aged 18 and over.
- The maximum permissible error of the data is $\pm 2.9\%$, at a confidence level of 95%.

Romania's security level

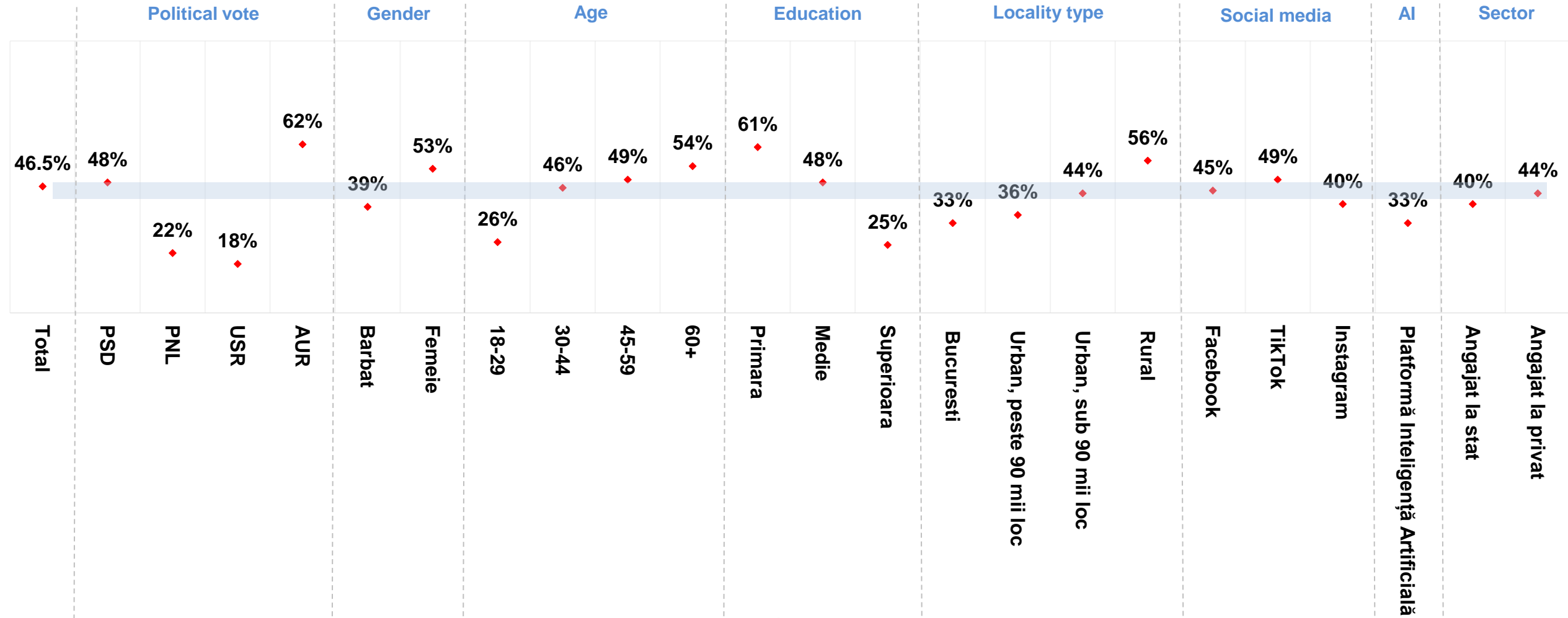
Do you consider Romania, at present, to be a safe or unsafe country in terms of national security?
(% total sample)



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(% very safe and somewhat safe)

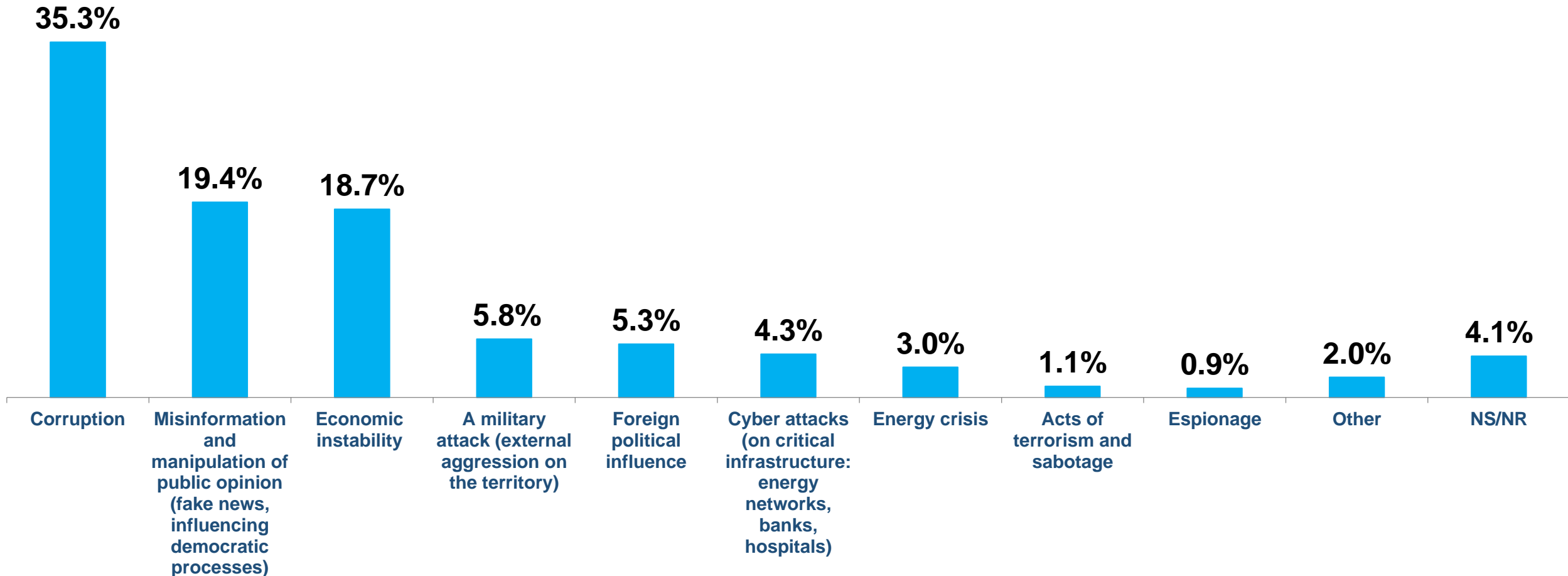


Do you consider Romania, at present, to be a safe or unsafe country in terms of national security?
(% somewhat unsafe and very unsafe)



Threats to national security

In your opinion, which of the following is currently the main threat to Romania's national security?
(% total sample)

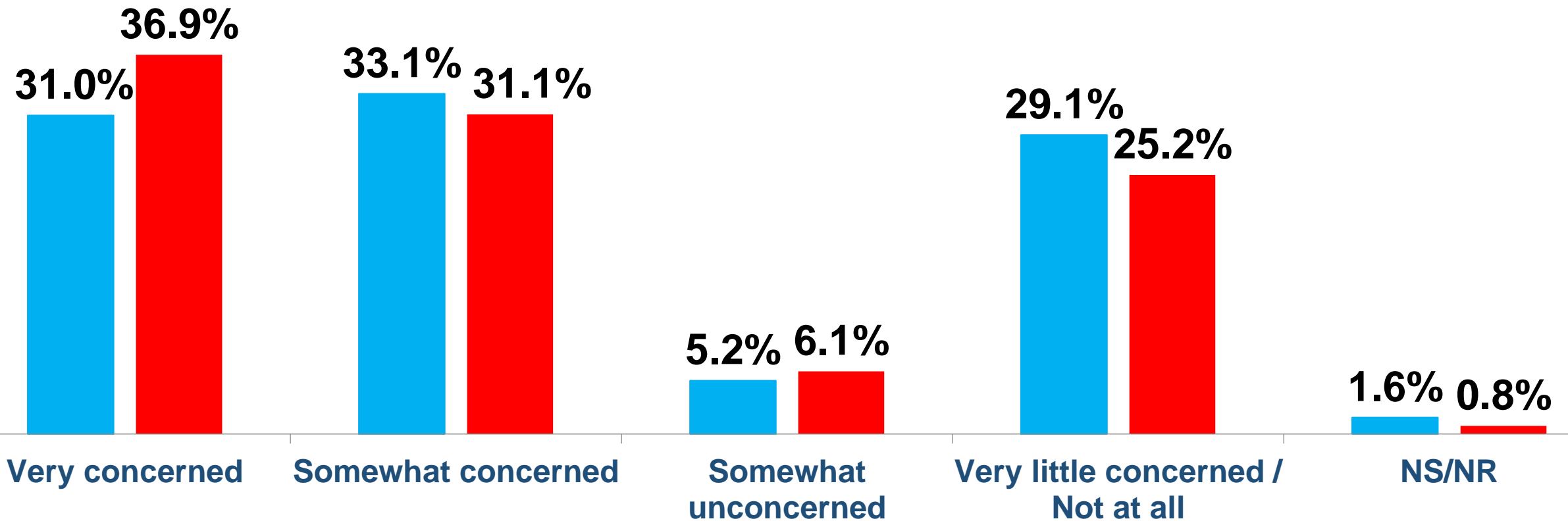


Romania's involvement in a war

How concerned are you about the possibility of Romania's involvement in a war in the coming years? (*% total sample*)

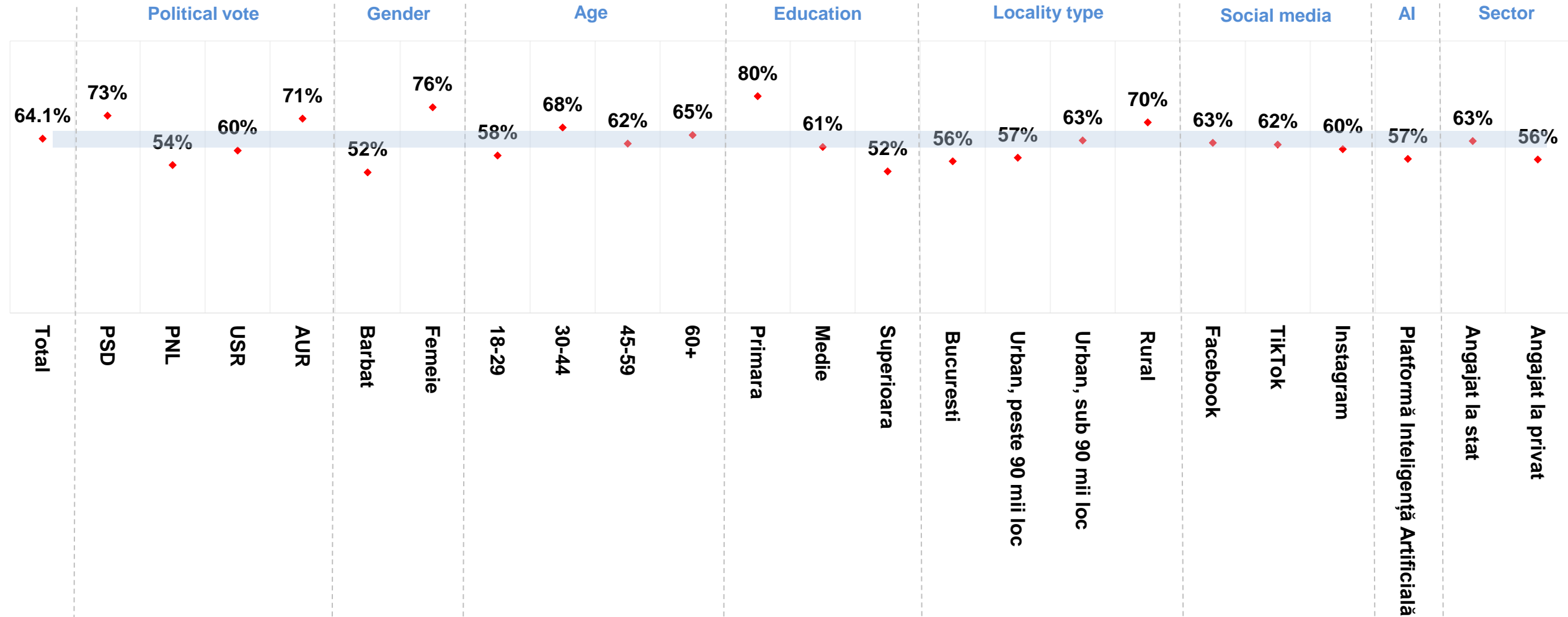
■ 23-27 February (before the attack on Iran)

■ 3-13 March (after the attack on Iran)



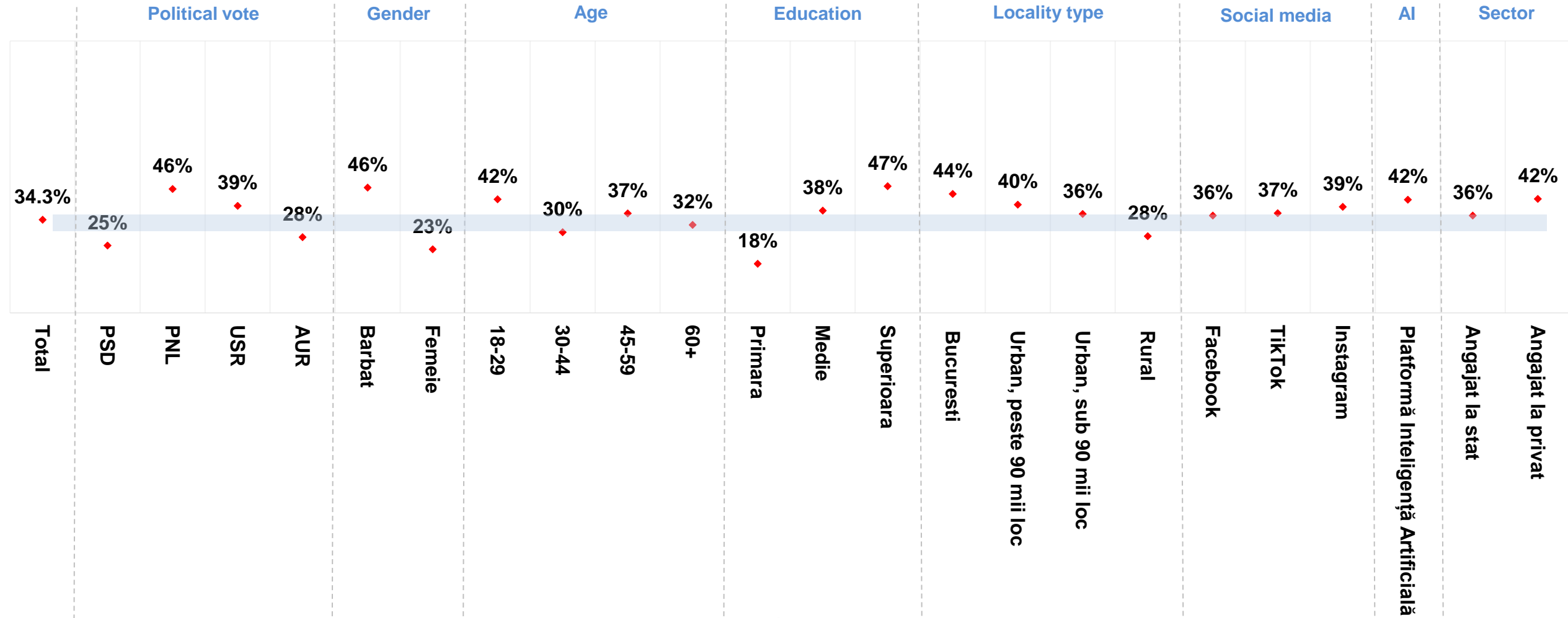
Romania's involvement in a war - Profile

How concerned are you about the possibility of Romania's involvement in a war in the coming years?
(% very concerned and somewhat concerned)



Romania's involvement in a war - Profile

How concerned are you about the possibility of Romania's involvement in a war in the coming years?
(% somewhat unconcerned and very little concerned/not at all)



Topics related to conflicts and other global themes. Last 30 days

Sentiment Drivers ?

keywords ordered by hits

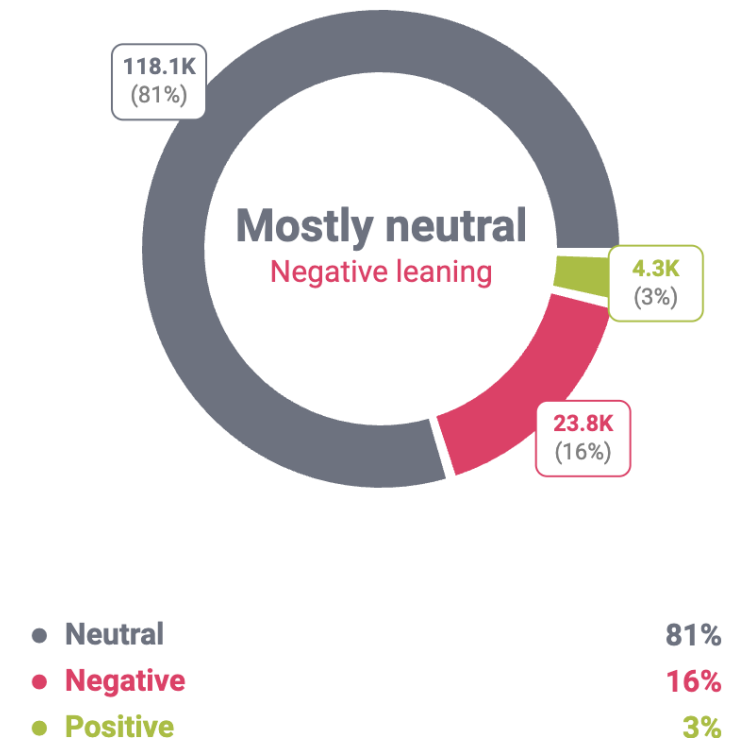
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Orientul Mijlociu Ungaria **Nicusor Dan** Zelenski **SUA** Federatia Rusa UE AUR **Ali Khamenei** George Simion
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Keywords in news and posts, and their tone! More negative than positive is written about the USA and Donald Trump. Effect = weakening of trust in these actors. The tone remains dominantly negative towards Israel in recent months

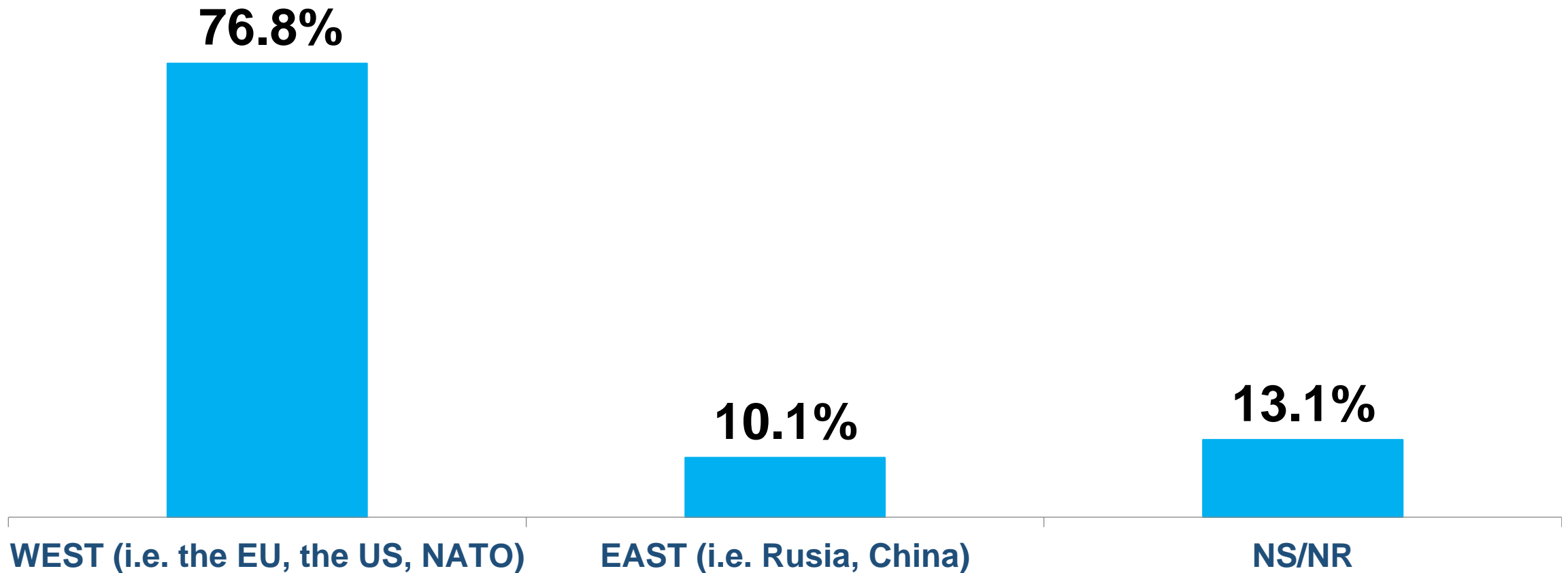
Tone distribution

within 146089 hits



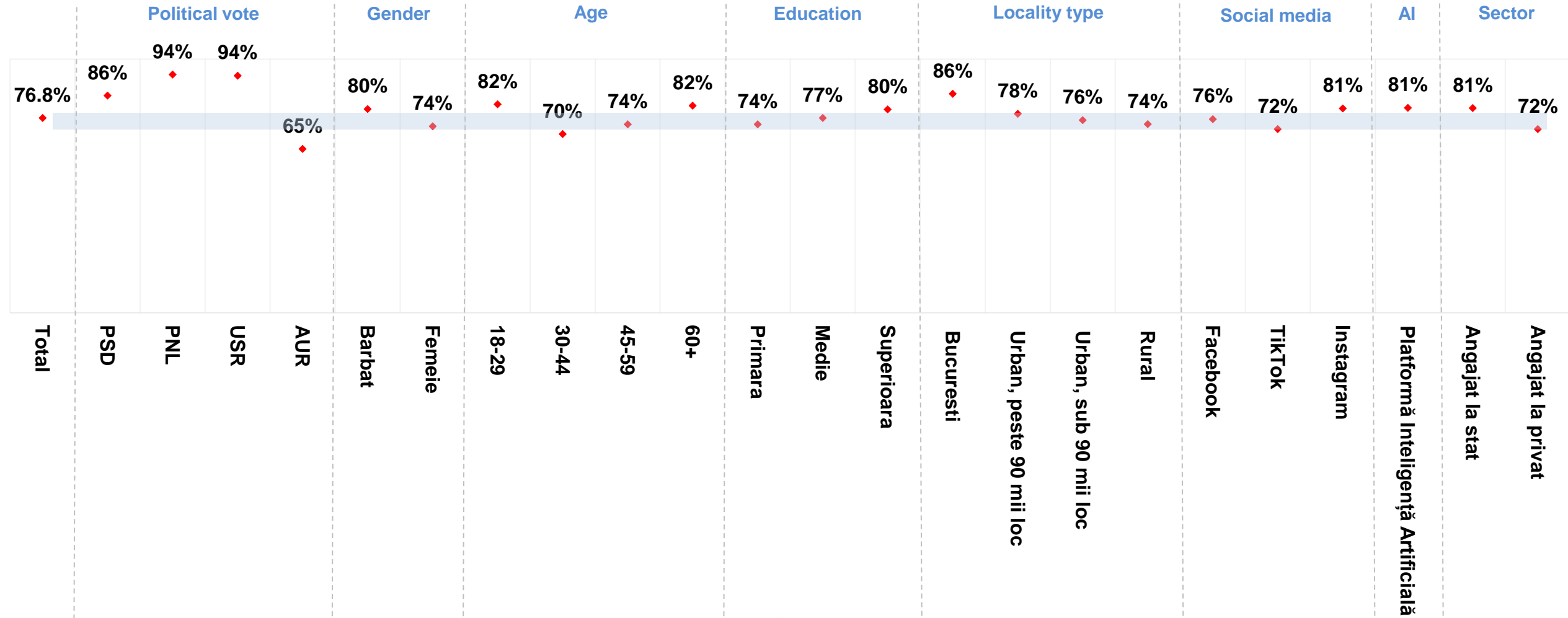
Political and military alliances

In your opinion, what direction should Romania take in terms of political and military alliances?
(% total sample)



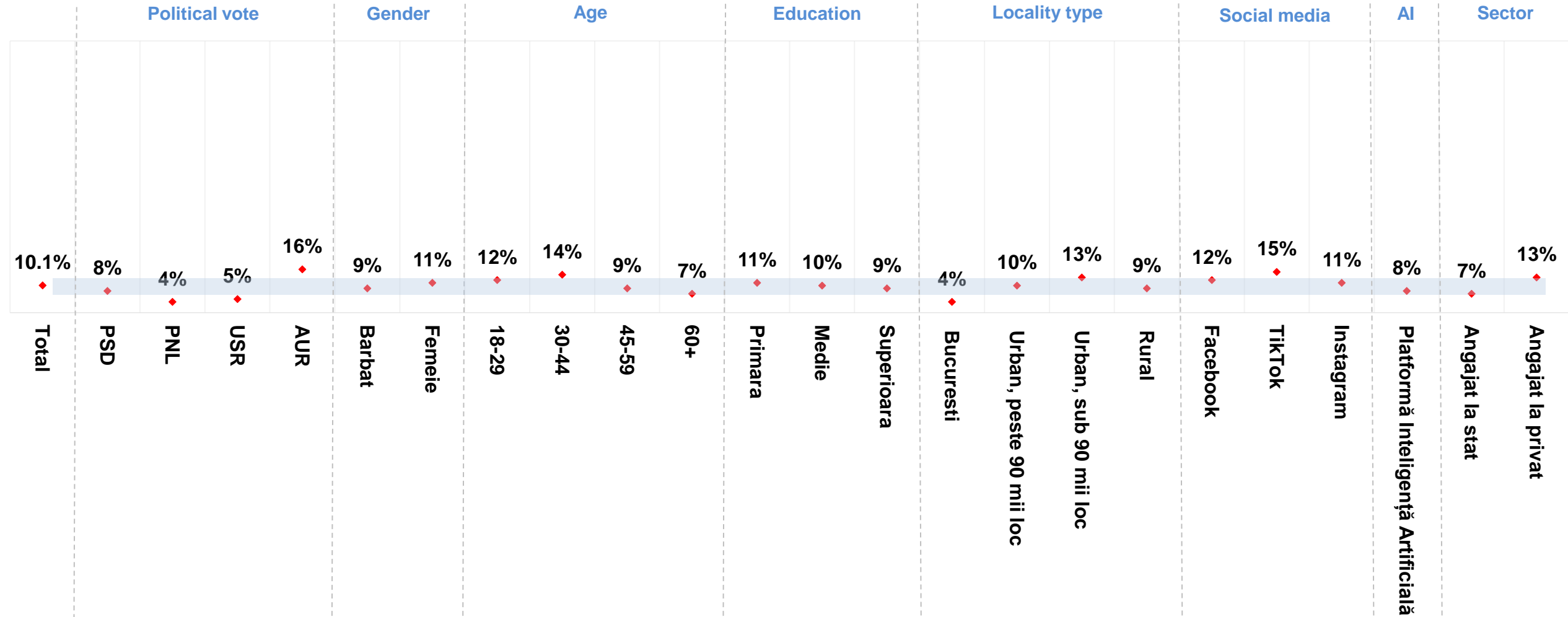
Political and military alliances - Profile

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 (% West)



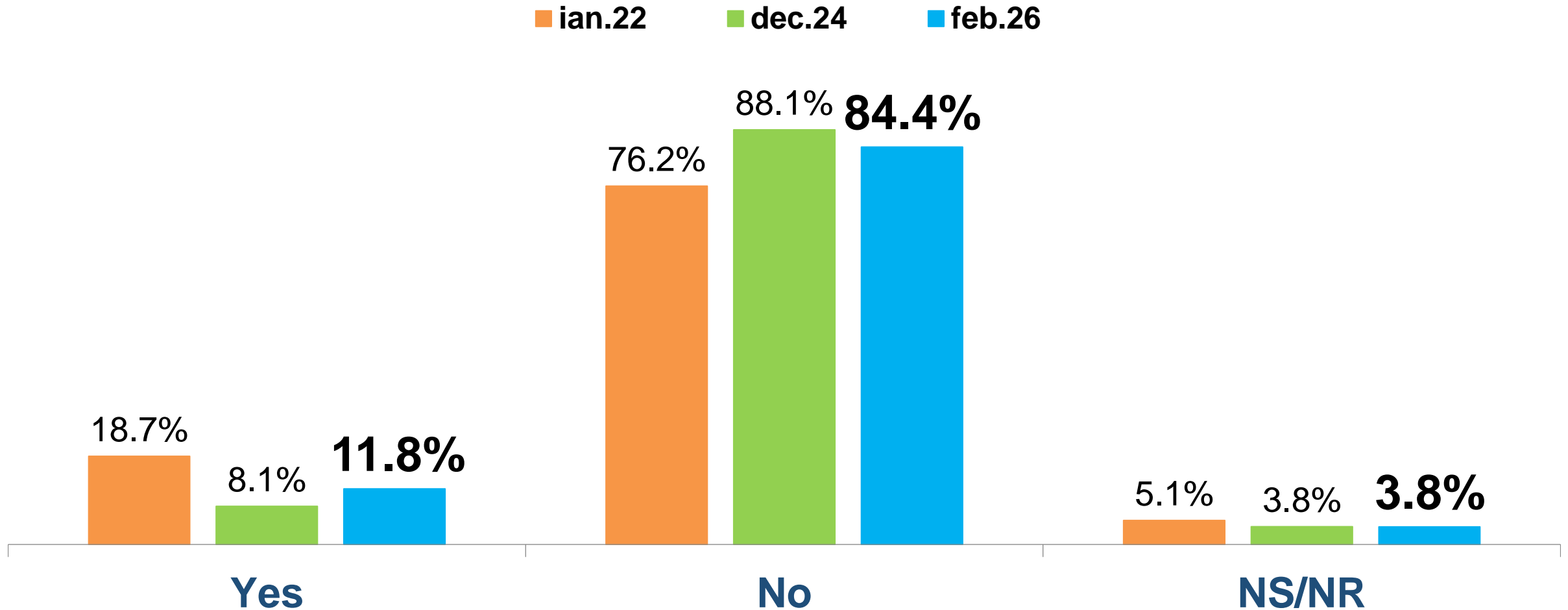
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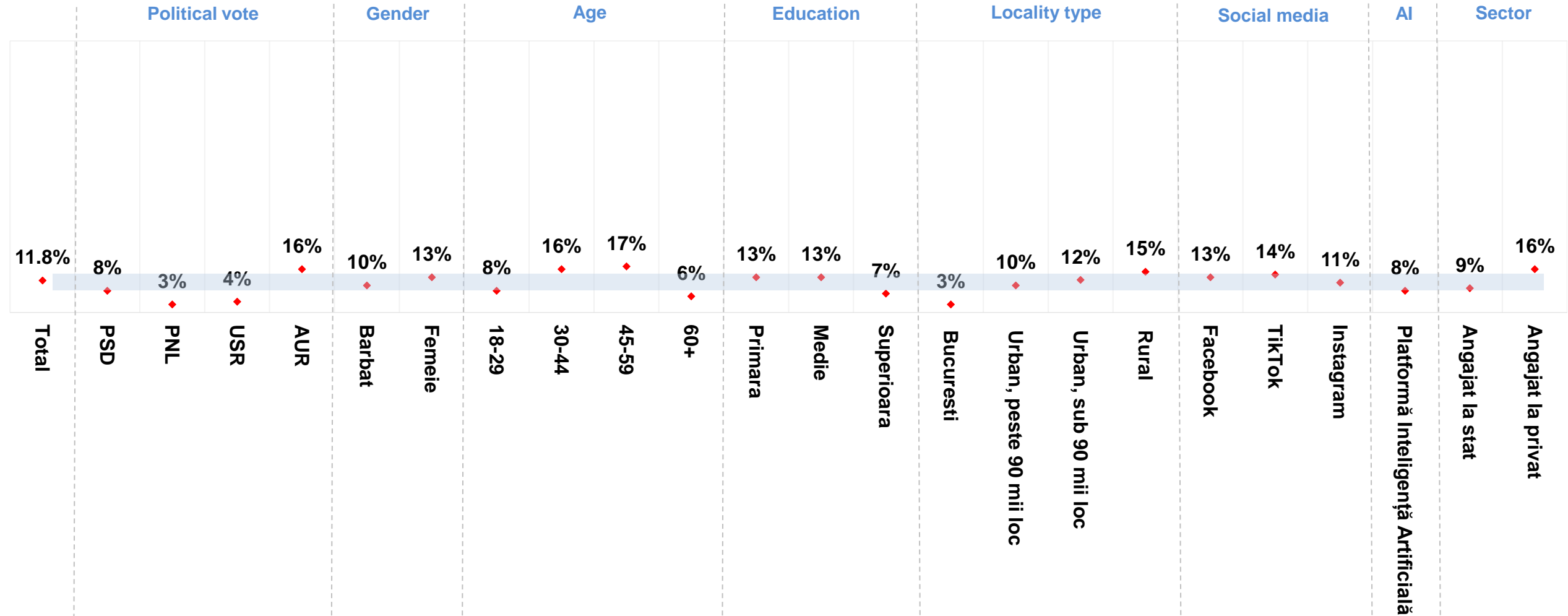
Romania's withdrawal from NATO

Do you personally believe that Romania should leave NATO or not? (*% total sample*)



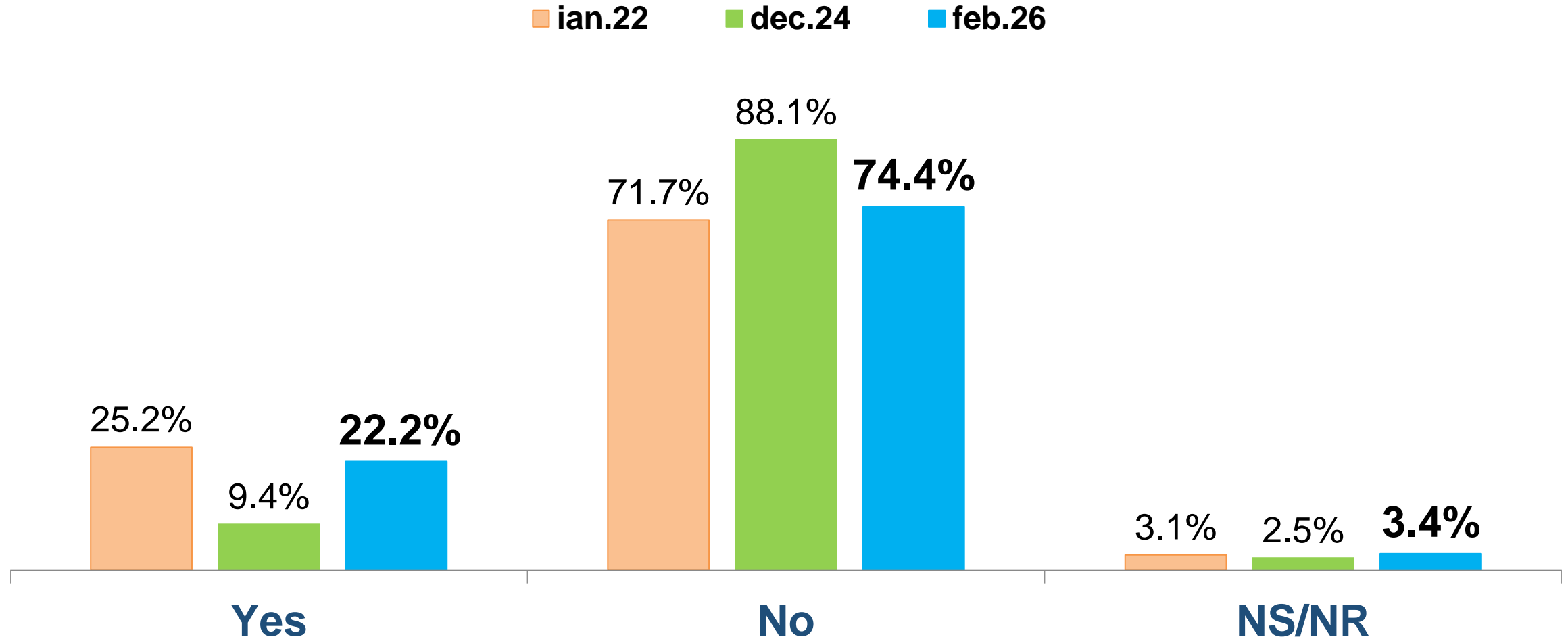
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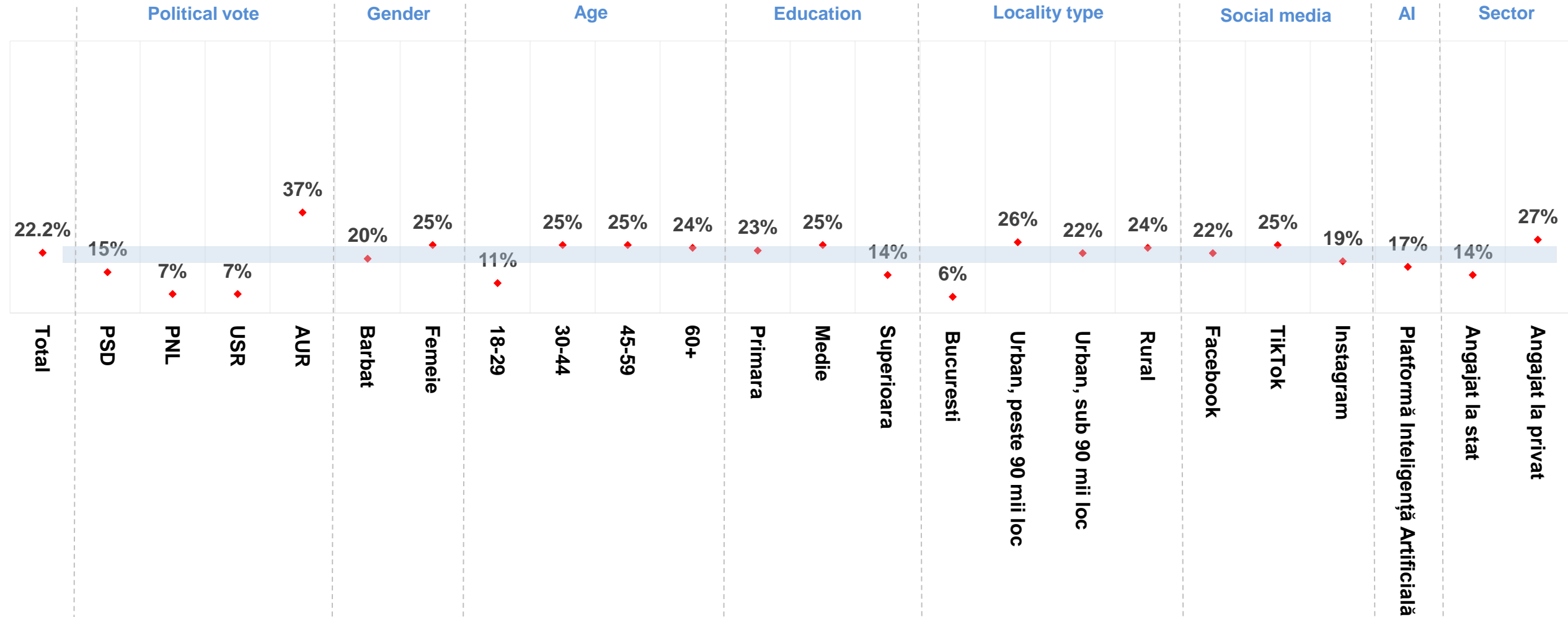
Romania's exit from the European Union

Do you personally believe that Romania should leave the European Union or not? (*% total sample*)



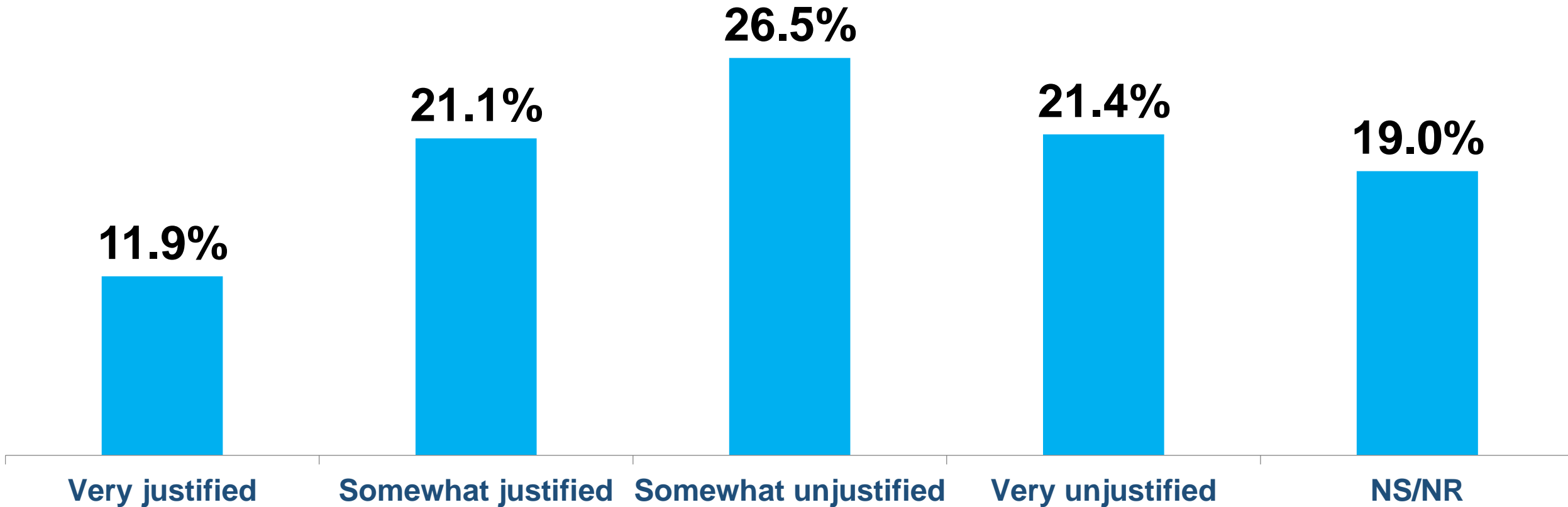
Romania's exit from the European Union - Profile

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Military actions against Iran

Regarding the situation in Iran, some people believe that Iran’s nuclear program poses a major threat to the world. Others believe that Iran has the right to possess nuclear weapons for self-defense. In this context, do you consider the military actions taken by the U.S. and Israel against Iran to be justified or unjustified? (*% total eșantion*)



Iran

Total Hits

94.1K

- 52.5K web
- 38.1K facebook
- 1.6K youtube
- 1.8K tiktok

Impact (reach)

1.3B

- 1.1B web
- 124.3M facebook
- 37.6M youtube
- 36.9M tiktok

Weekly Trend

-19.8%

- 19% web
- 20% facebook
- 23% youtube
- 38% tiktok

Tone

Mostly neutral
Negative leaning (-0.3)

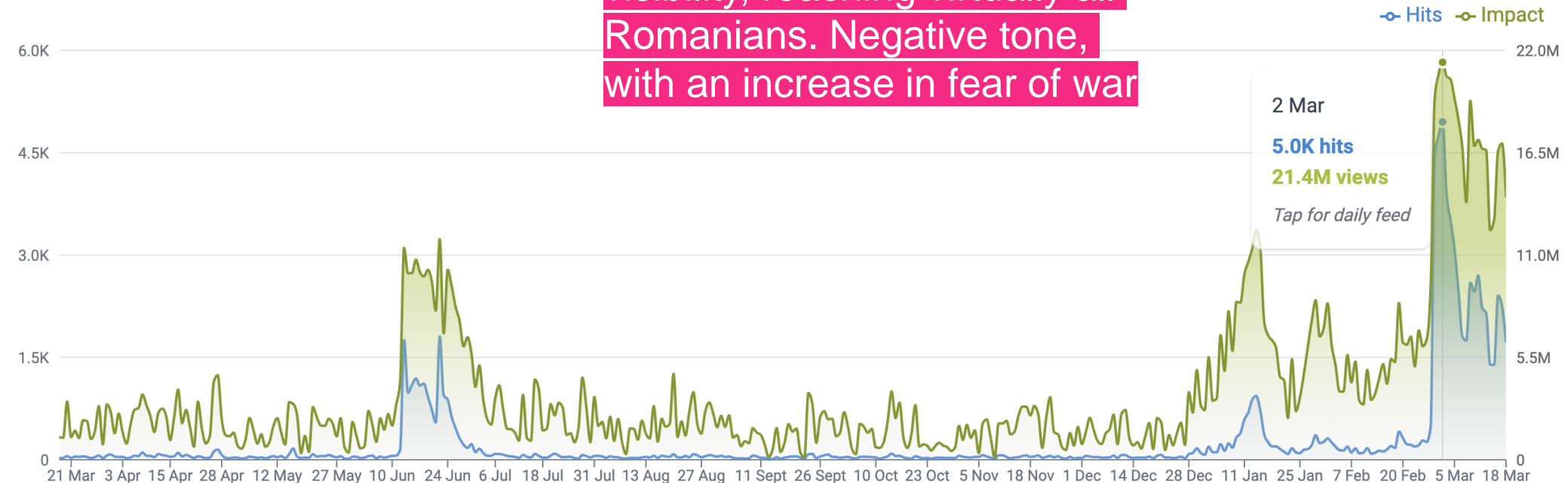
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- 0.34 facebook
- 0.27 youtube
- 0.44 tiktok

Impact Analysis

Iran

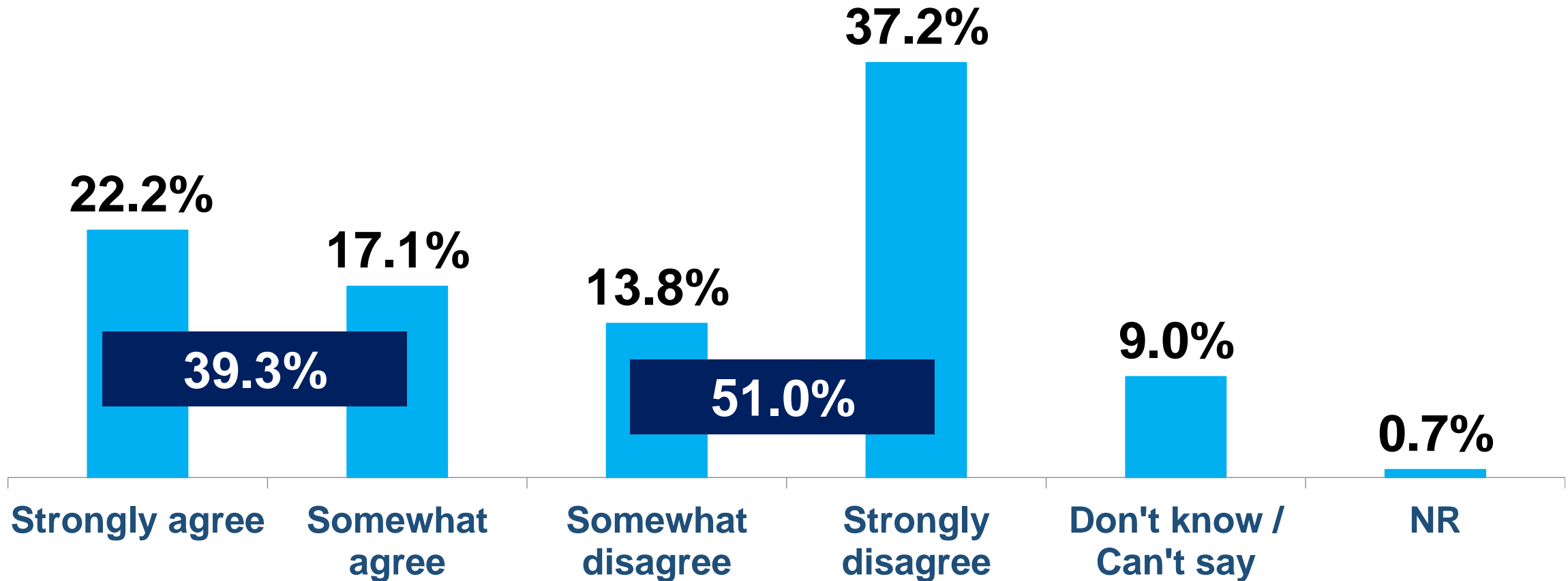
94,055 hits and 1,327,646,145 views over a 366 day period

The situation in Iran brings high visibility, reaching virtually all Romanians. Negative tone, with an increase in fear of war



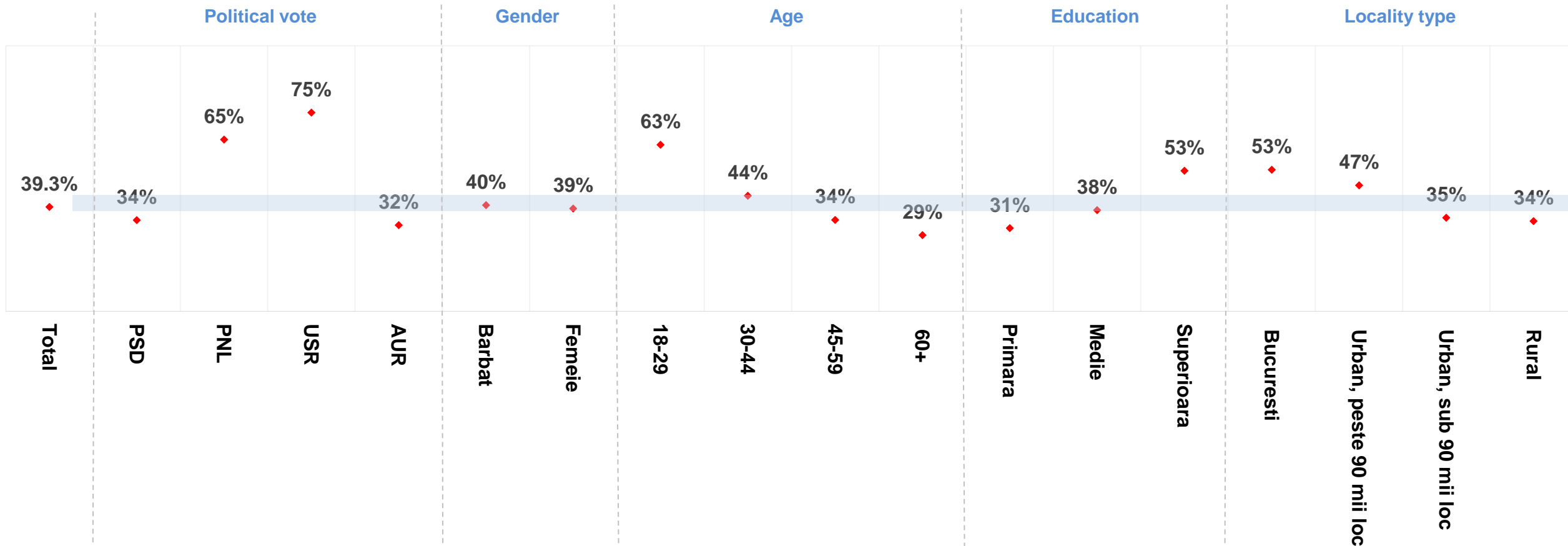
France's "Nuclear Umbrella"

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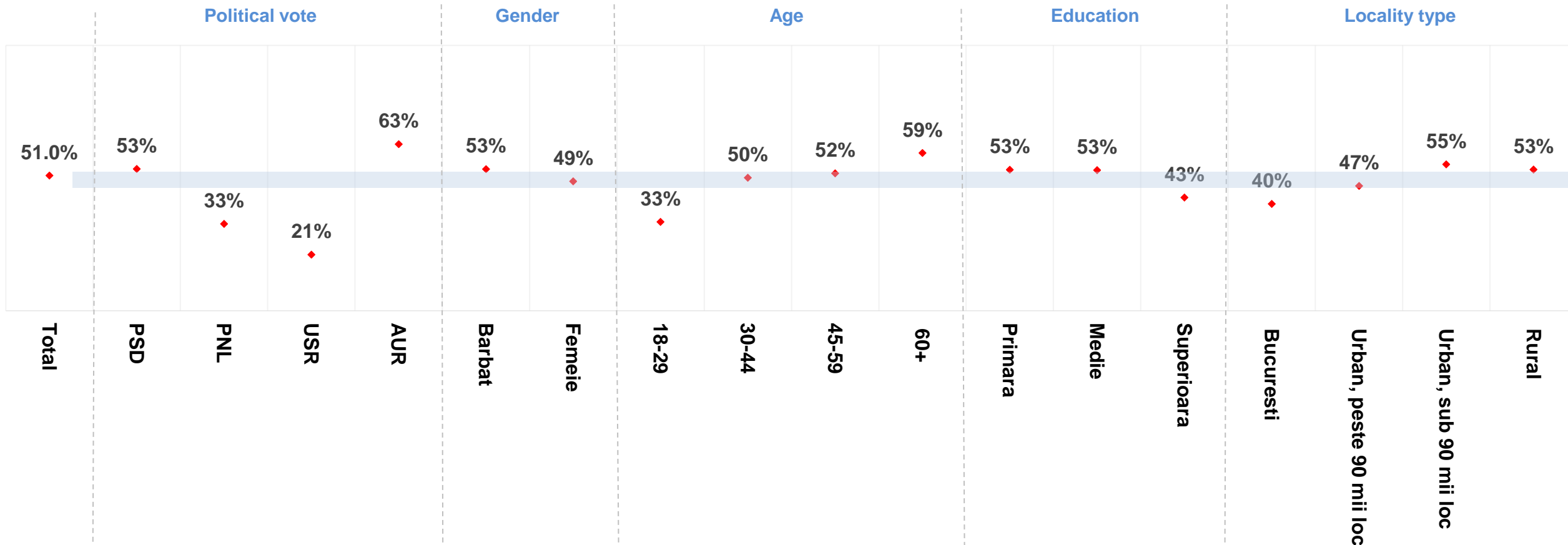
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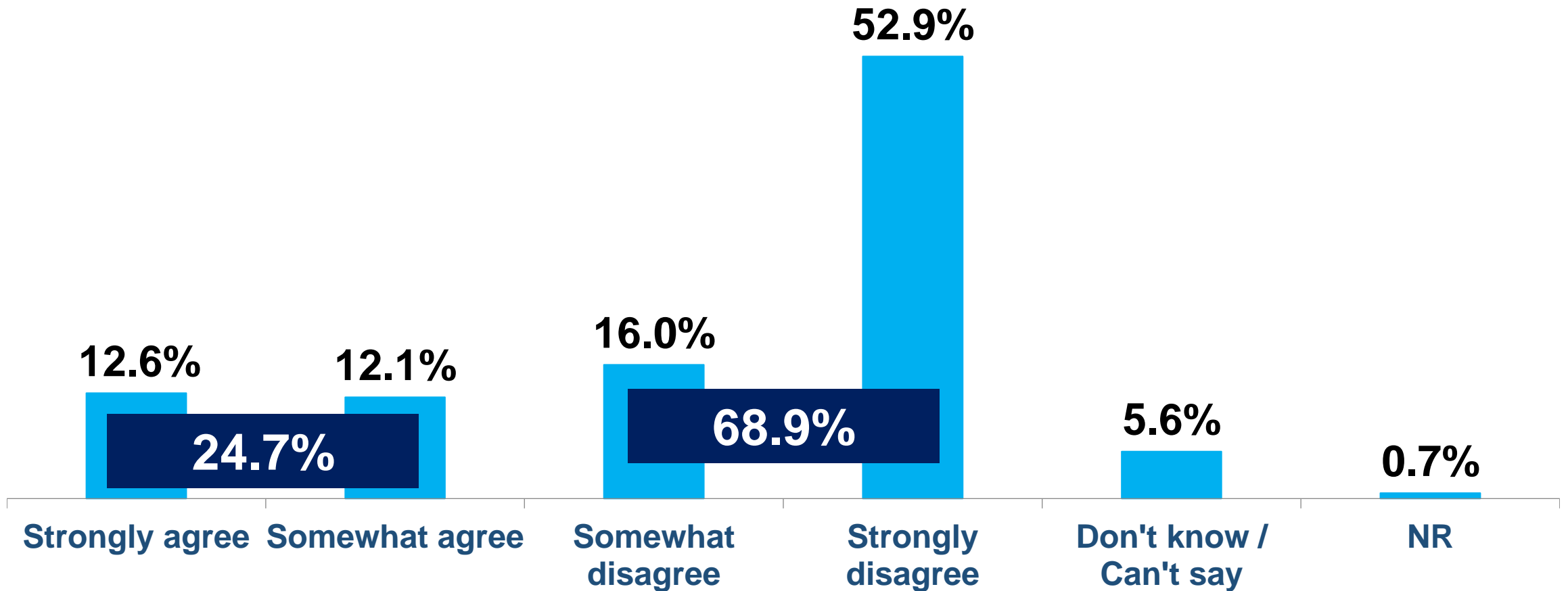
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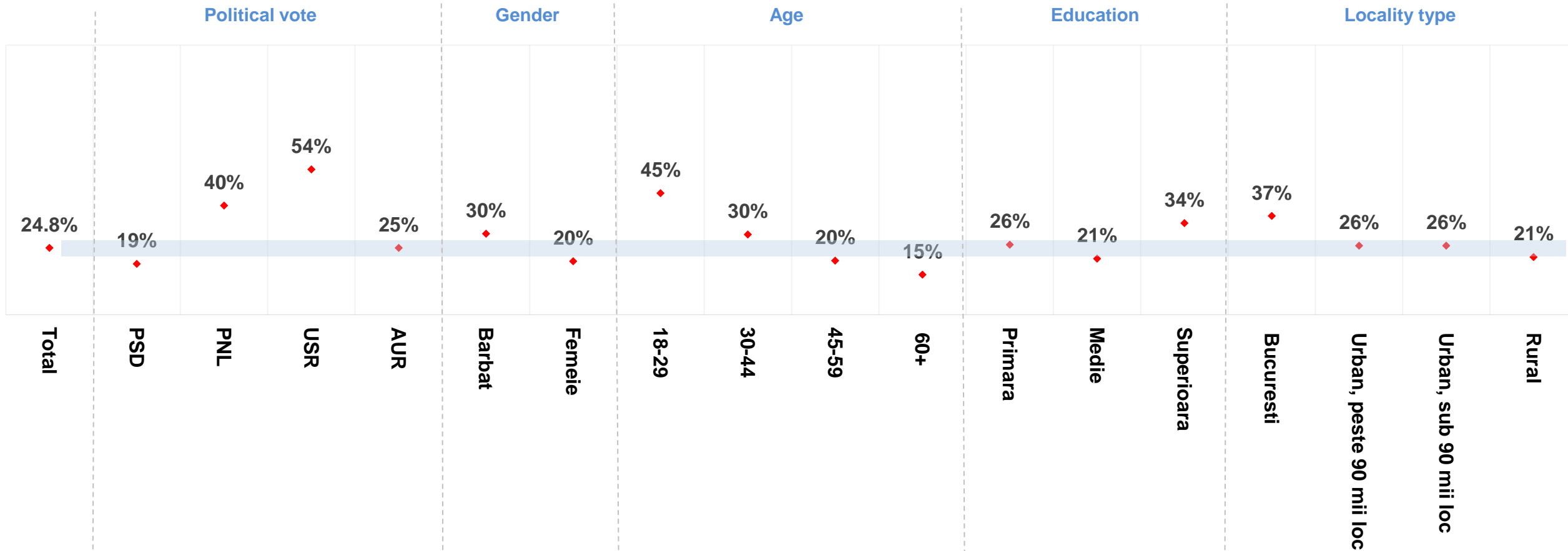
Hosting of French nuclear weapons

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the deployment of French nuclear weapons on Romanian territory? (*% total eșantion*)



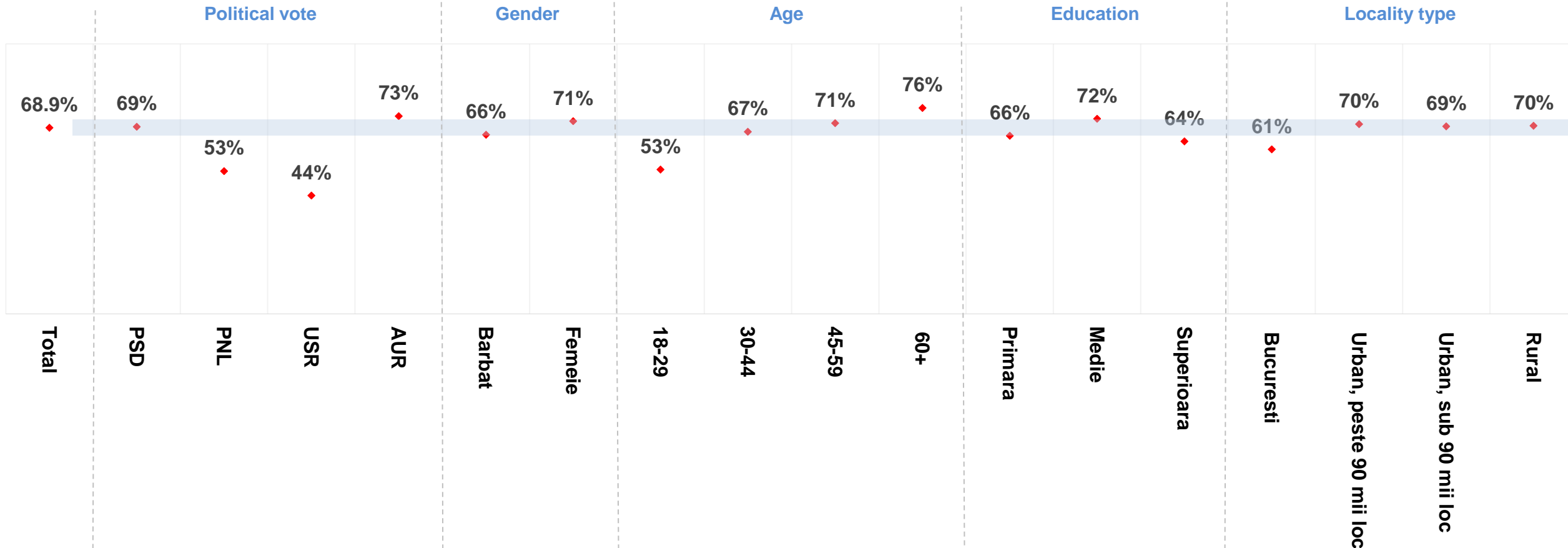
Hosting of French nuclear weapons - Profile

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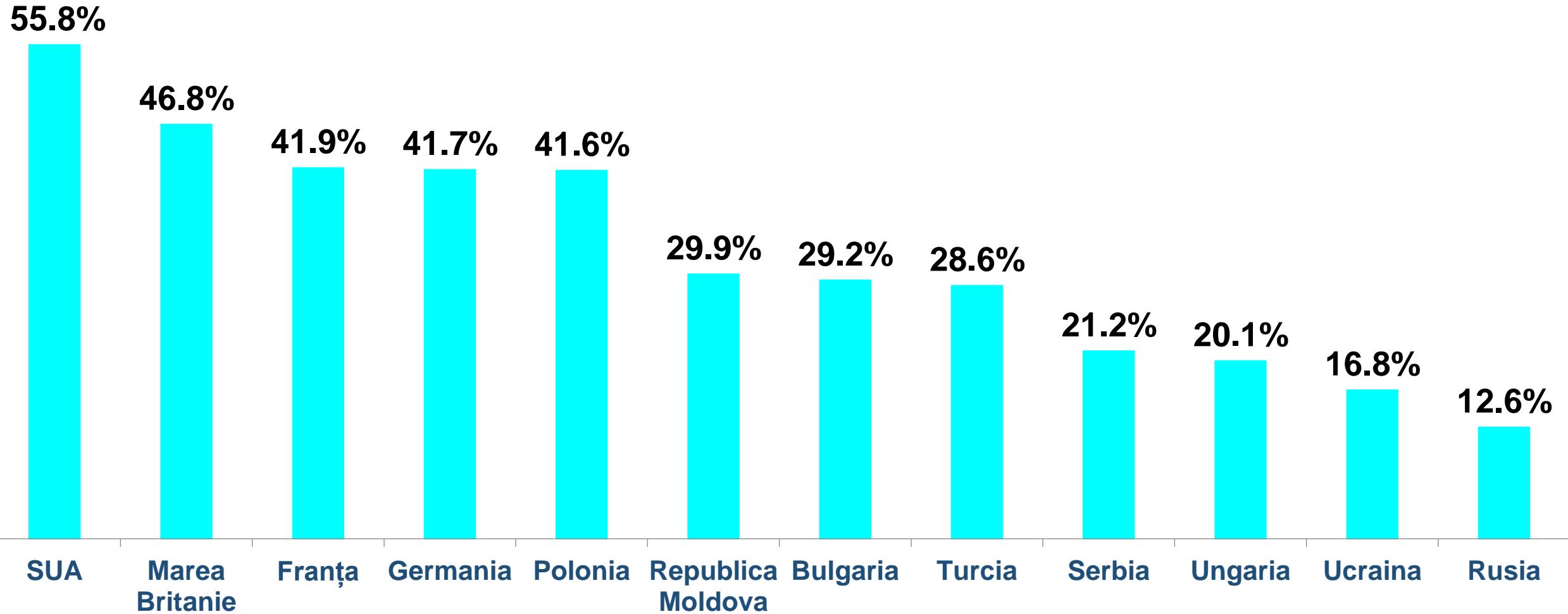
Hosting of French nuclear weapons - Profile

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the deployment of French nuclear weapons on Romanian territory? (*% Disagree*)



Trust in countries

How much trust do you have in the following countries? (*% very much and quite a lot*)













Major geopolitical players

Vulnerability: the tone that is starting to be rather negative, in mentions of the US in Romania, compared to European states, or even compared to China

Summary

over a 365 day period

Report	Hits	Impact	Sentiment ↓	Trend
● FRANCE	111.1K 	2.8B 	Mostly neutral Balanced (-0.05)	↘ -26% weekly
● EU	184.7K 	3.0B 	Mostly neutral Negative leaning (-0.17)	↗ +1% weekly
● NATO	68.3K 	1.8B 	Mostly neutral Negative leaning (-0.18)	↗ +1% weekly
● USA	431.7K 	4.6B 	Mostly neutral Negative leaning (-0.19)	↘ -31% weekly
● RUSSIA	263.0K 	3.8B 	Mostly neutral Negative leaning (-0.41)	↘ -2% weekly

Visibility of major geopolitical actors **NewsVibe**

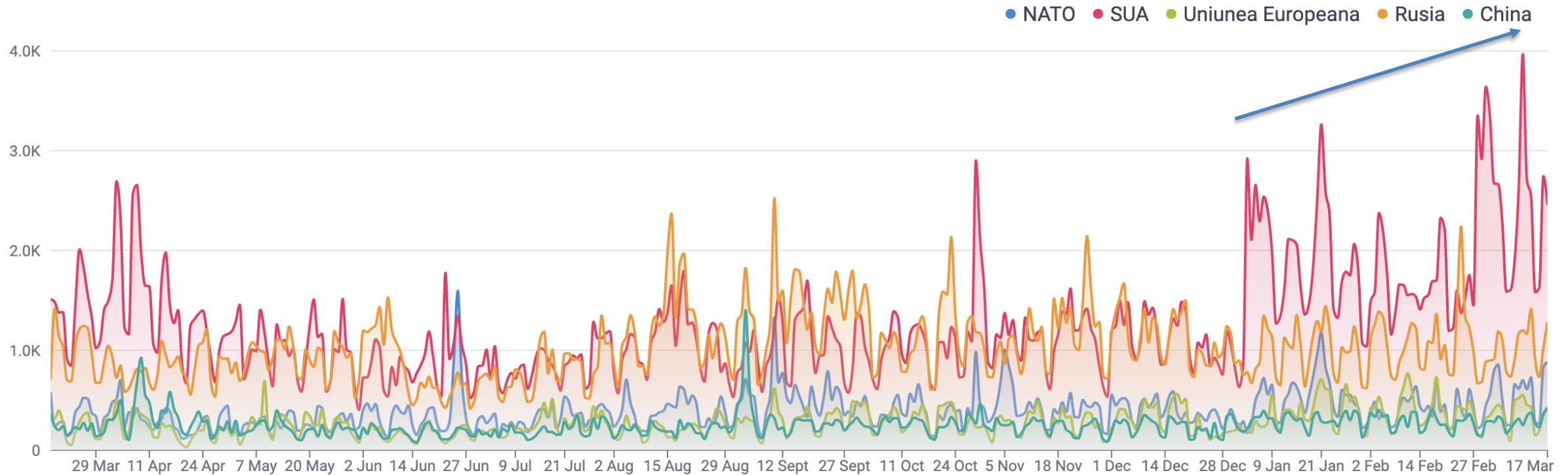
Note the extensive increase in US visibility in 2026, with a negative tone



- REPORTS
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- COMPARE

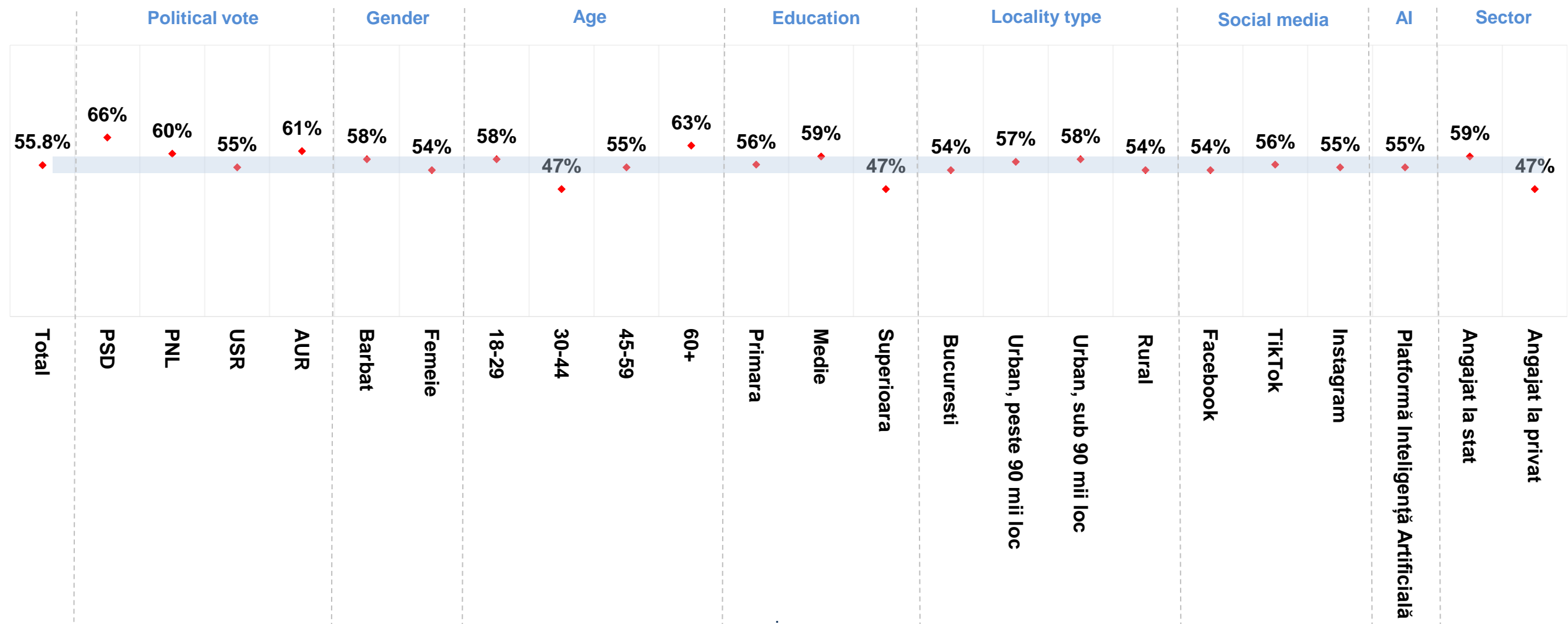
Hits Comparison

over a 365 day period



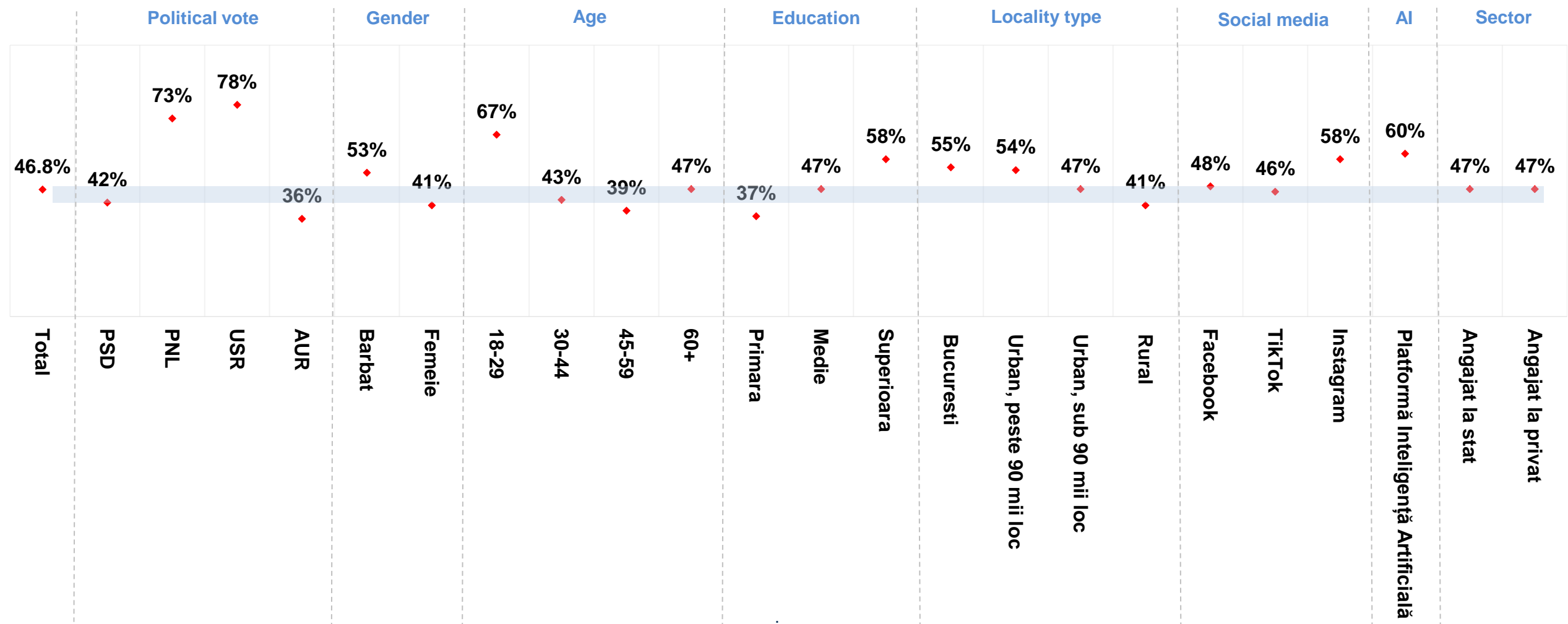
Trust in countries - Profile

How much trust do you have in the following countries? **USA** (% very much and quite a lot)



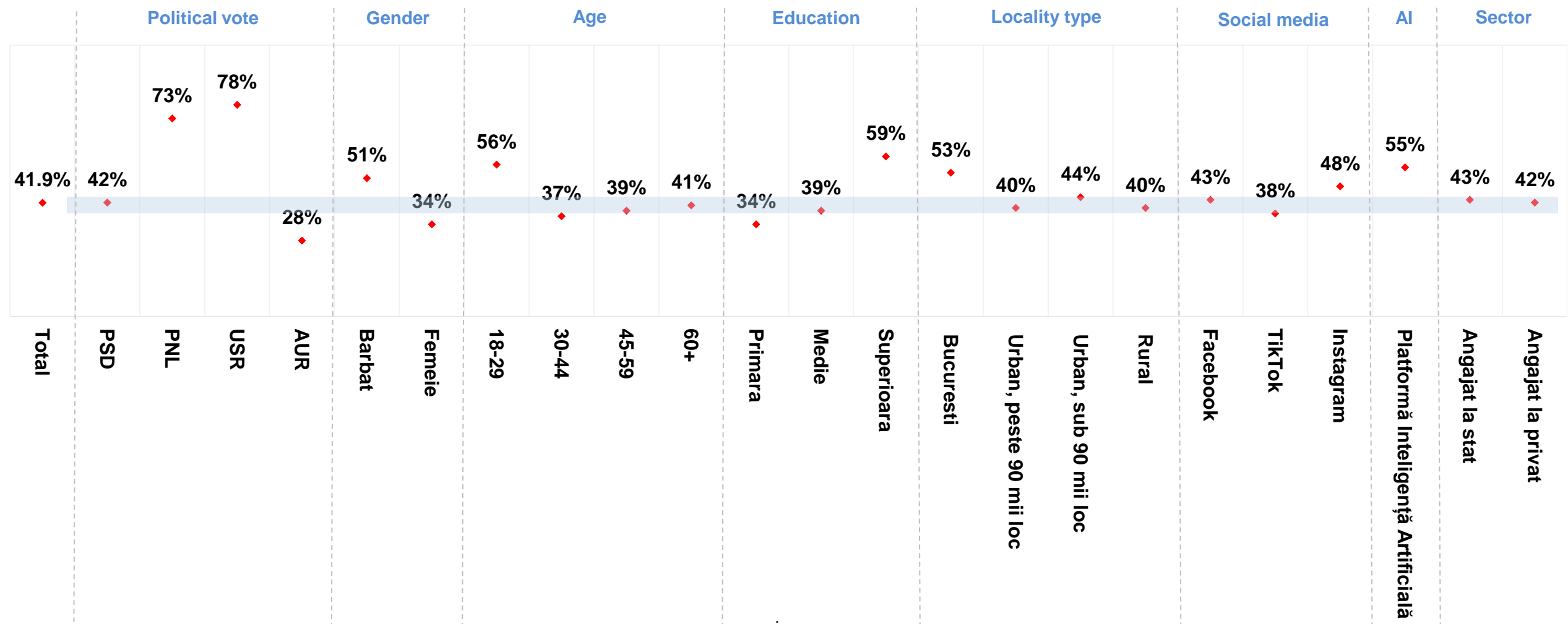
Trust in countries - Profile

How much trust do you have in the following countries? **United Kingdom** (*% very much and quite a lot*)



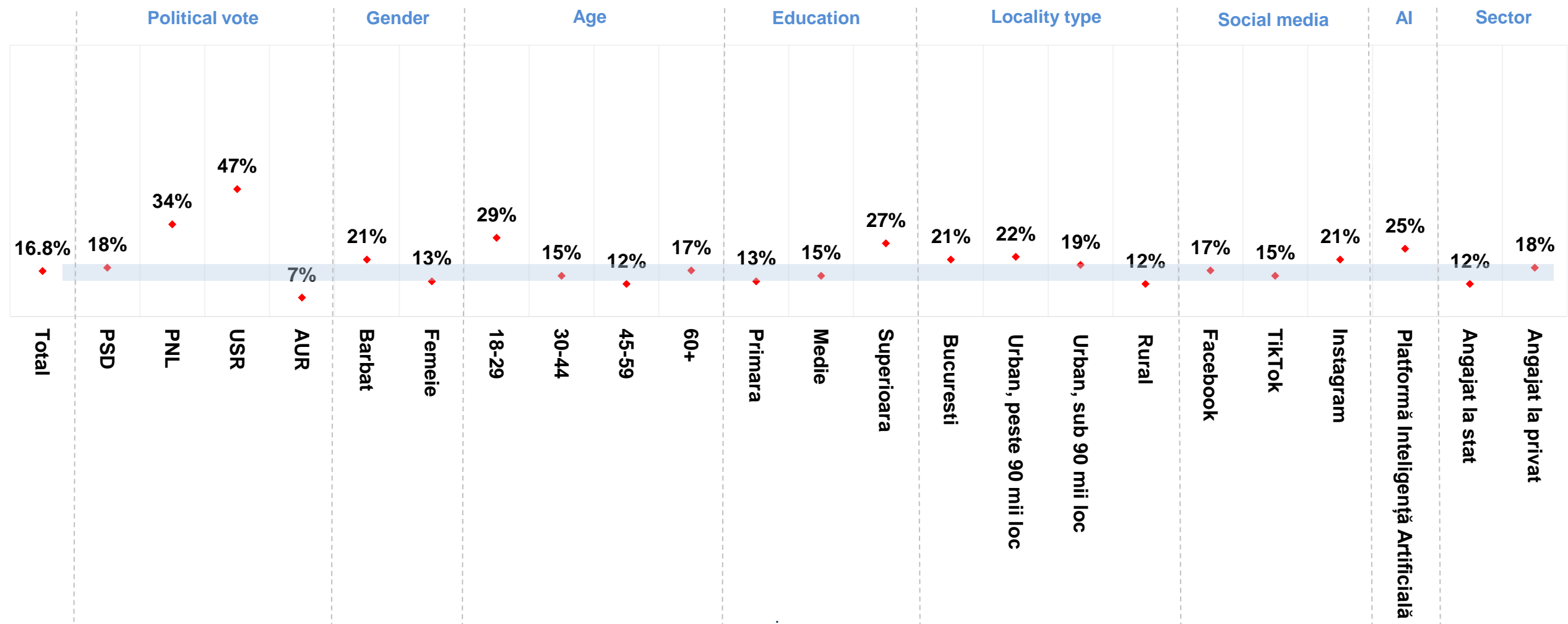
Trust in countries - Profile

How much trust do you have in the following countries? **France** (*% very much and quite a lot*)



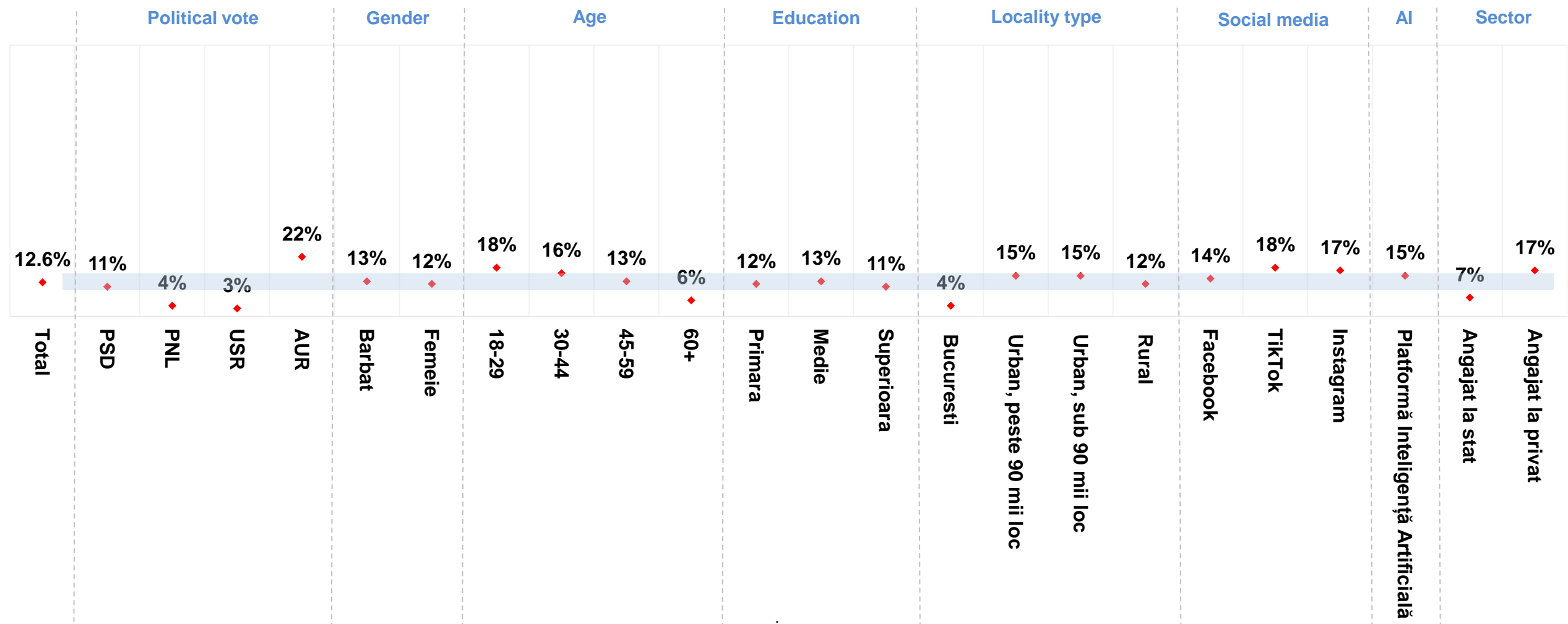
Trust in countries - Profile

How much trust do you have in the following countries? **Ukraine** (% very much and quite a lot)



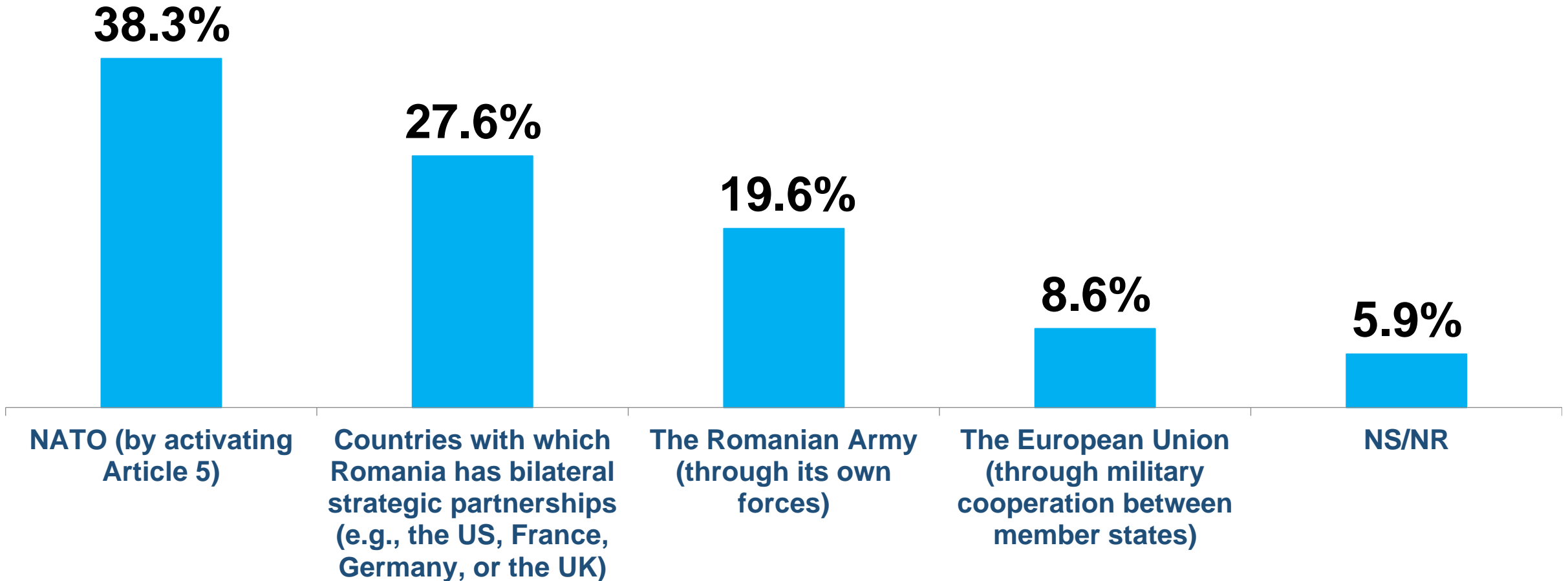
Trust in countries - Profile

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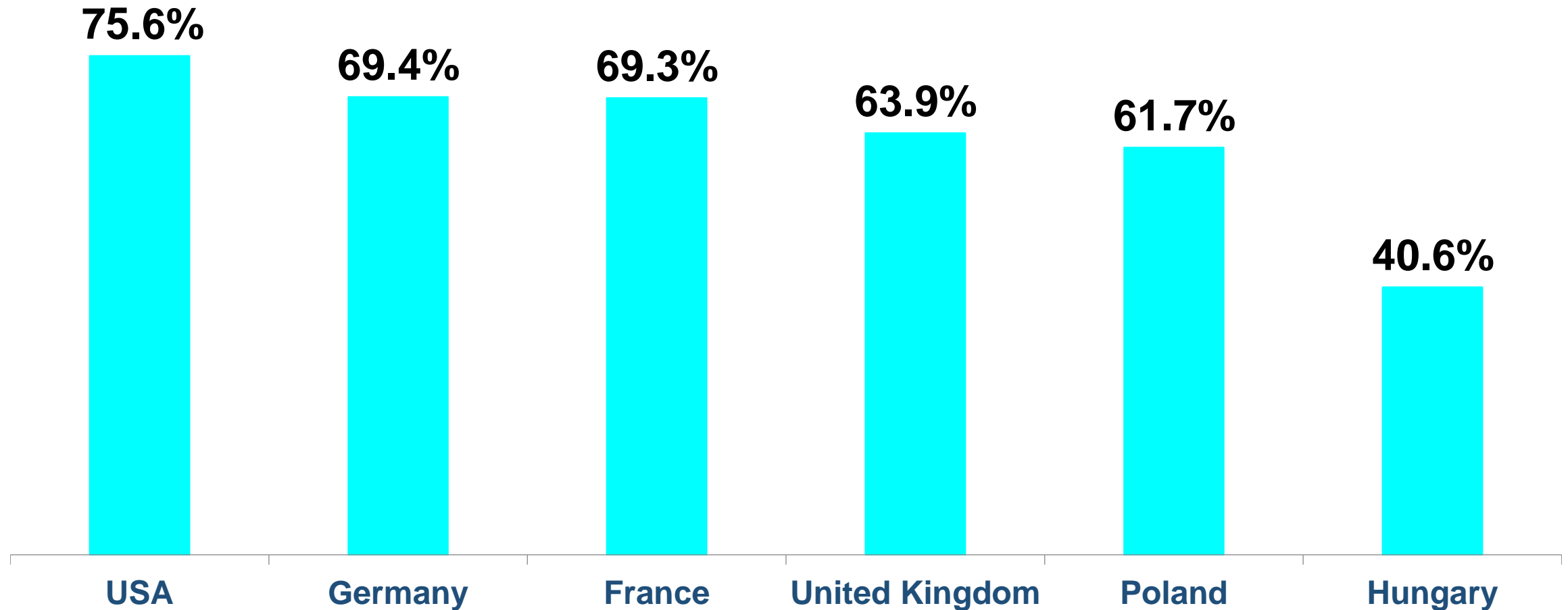
Who would play the leading role in repelling an attack?

In the event of an armed conflict on Romanian territory, which of the following do you think would play the leading role in repelling the attack? (*% total sample*)



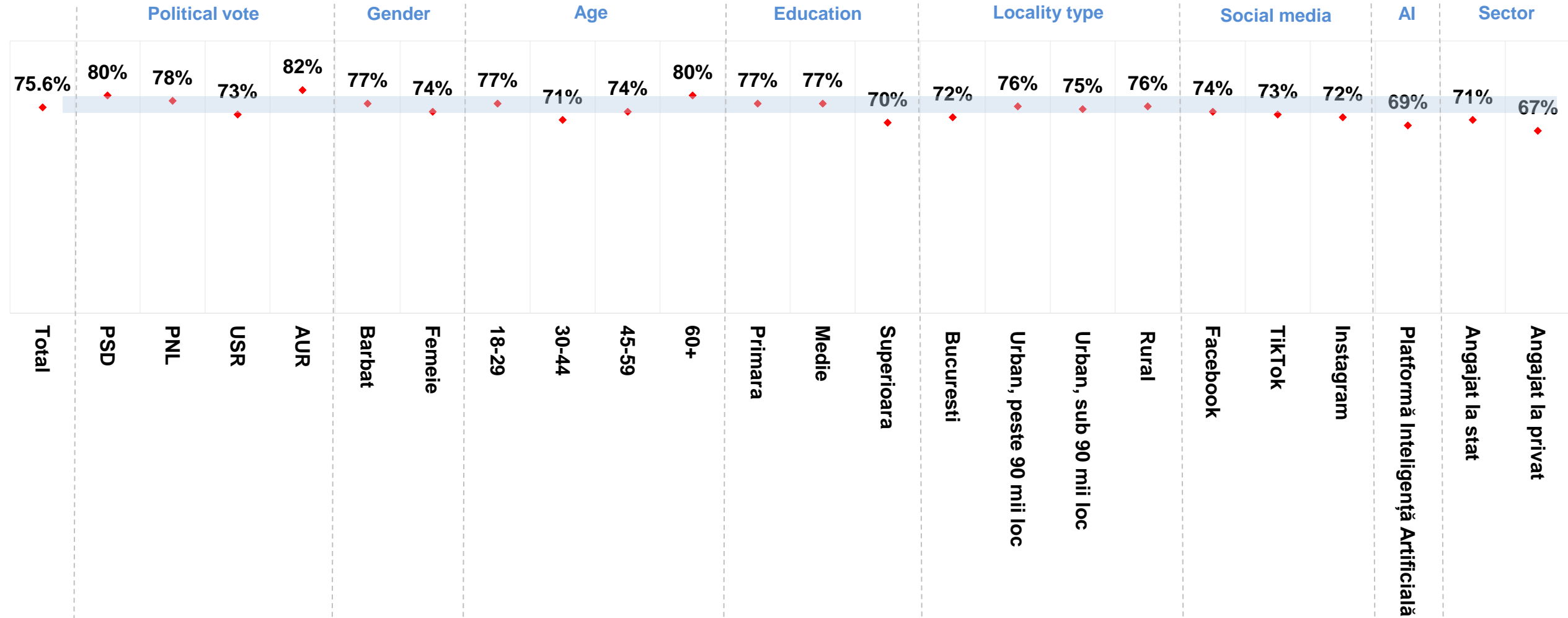
Compliance with Article 5 of the NATO

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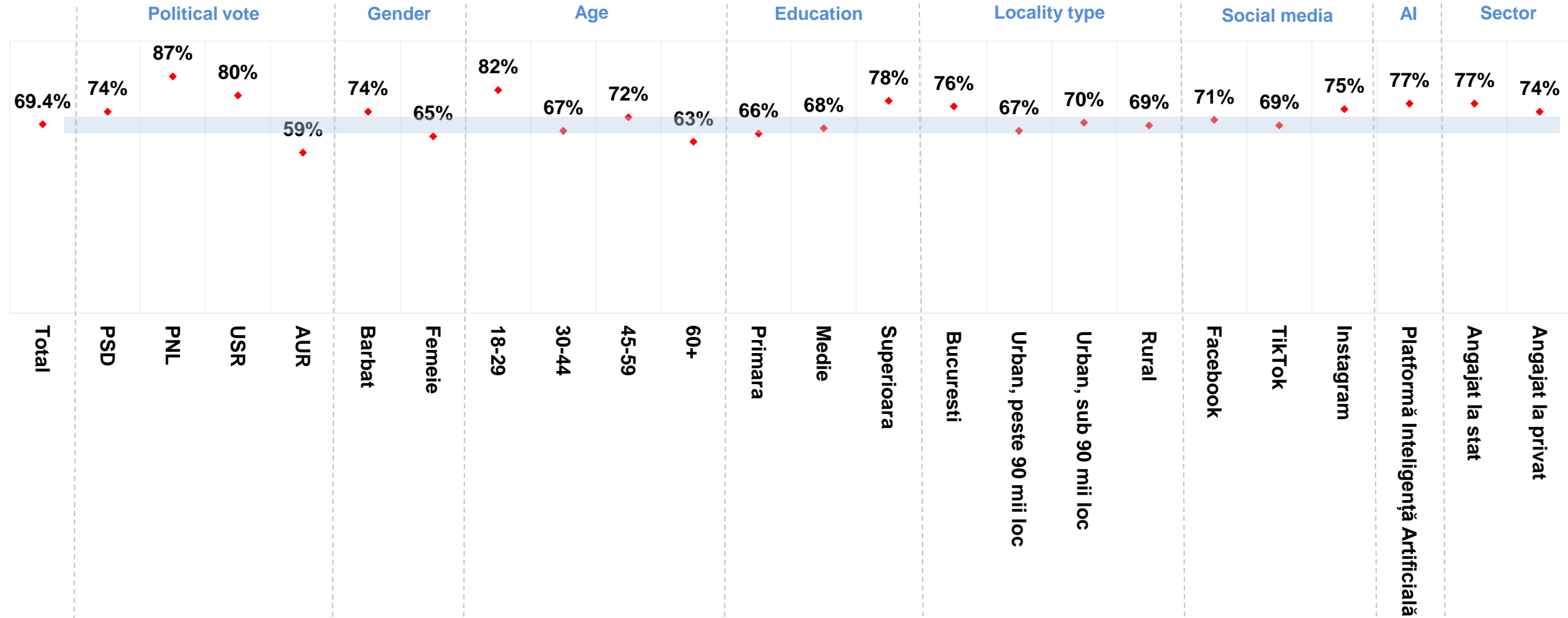
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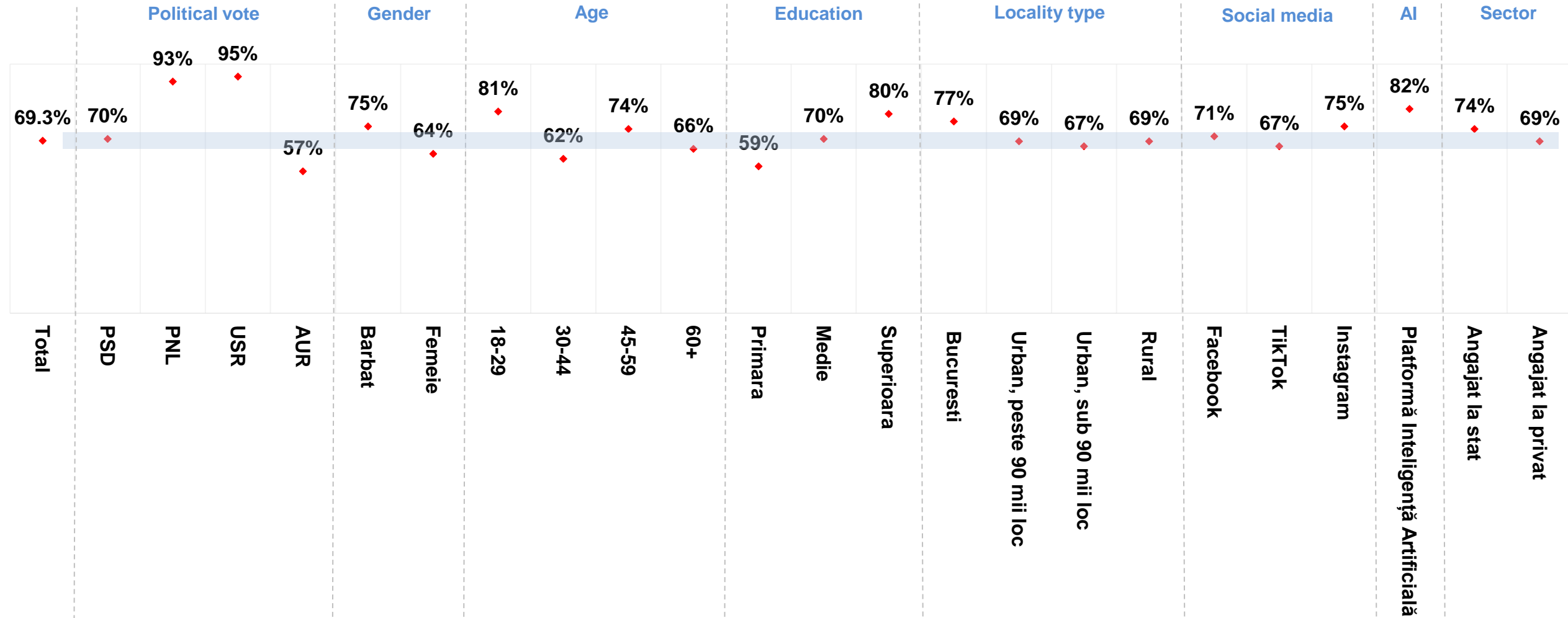
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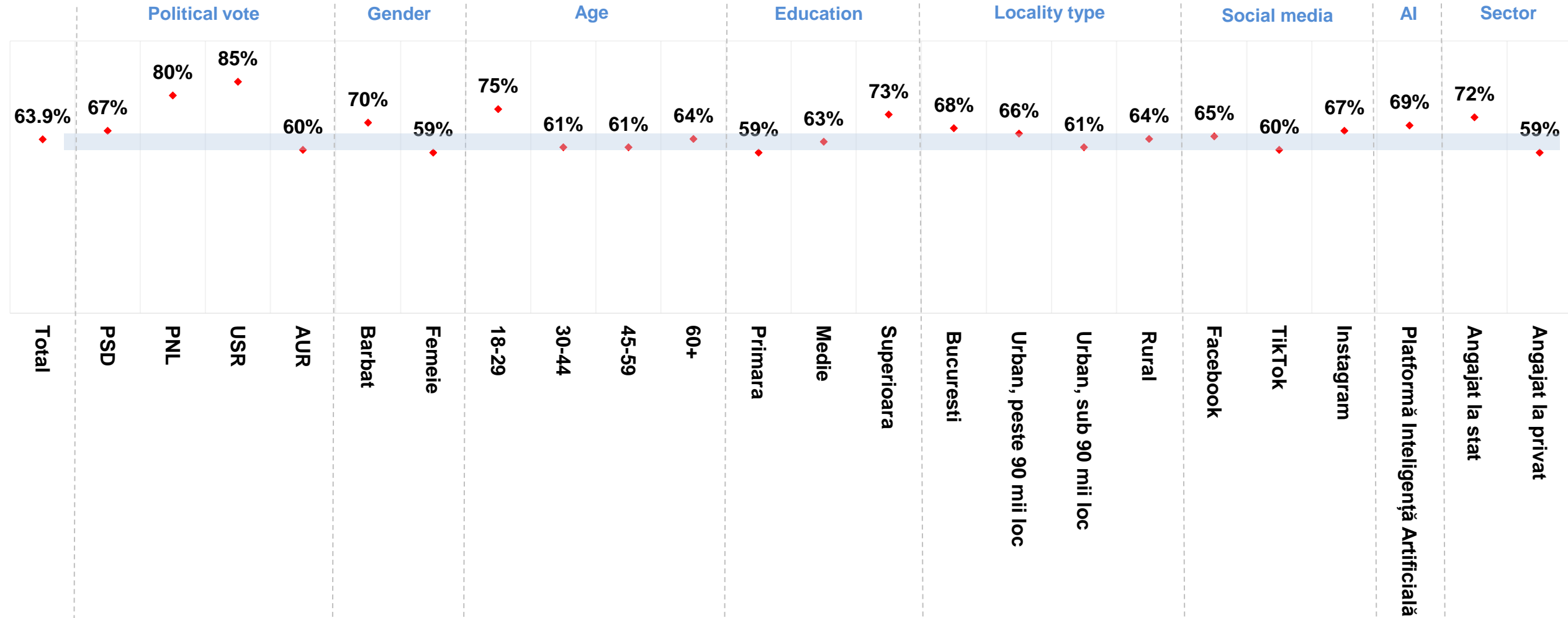
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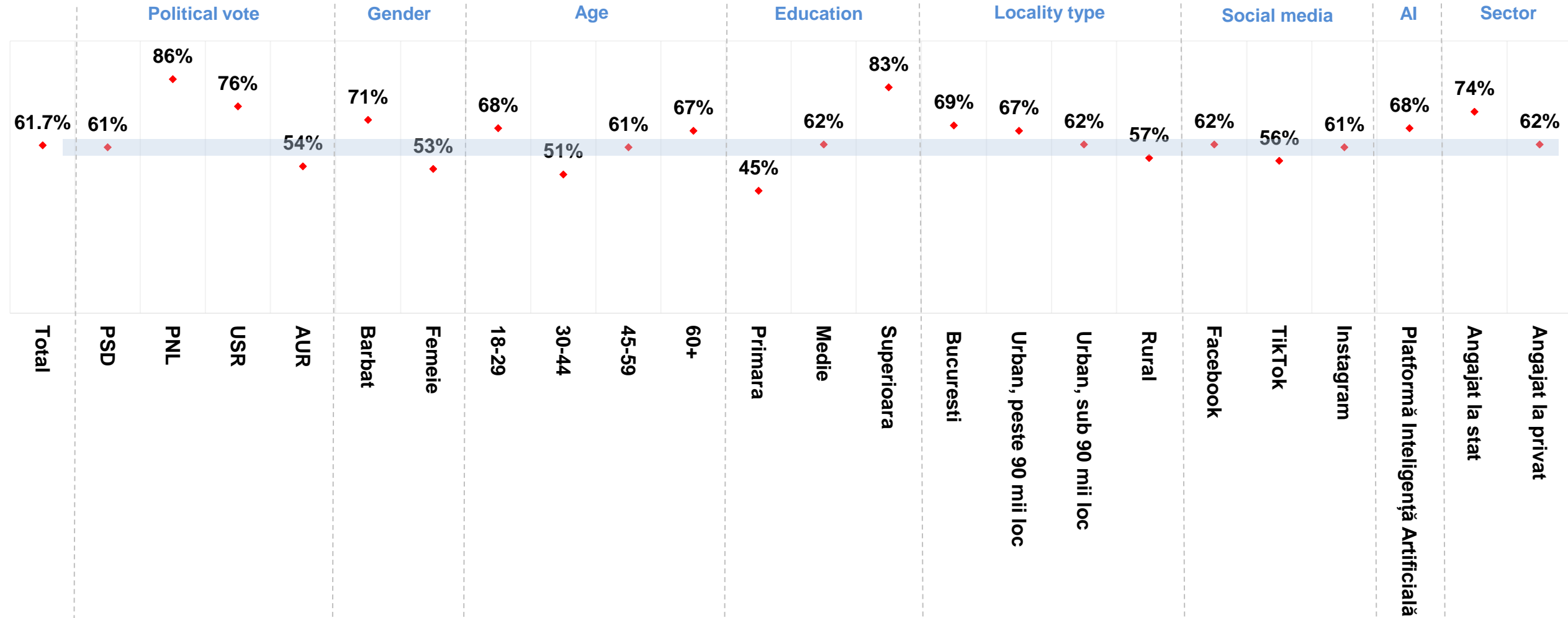
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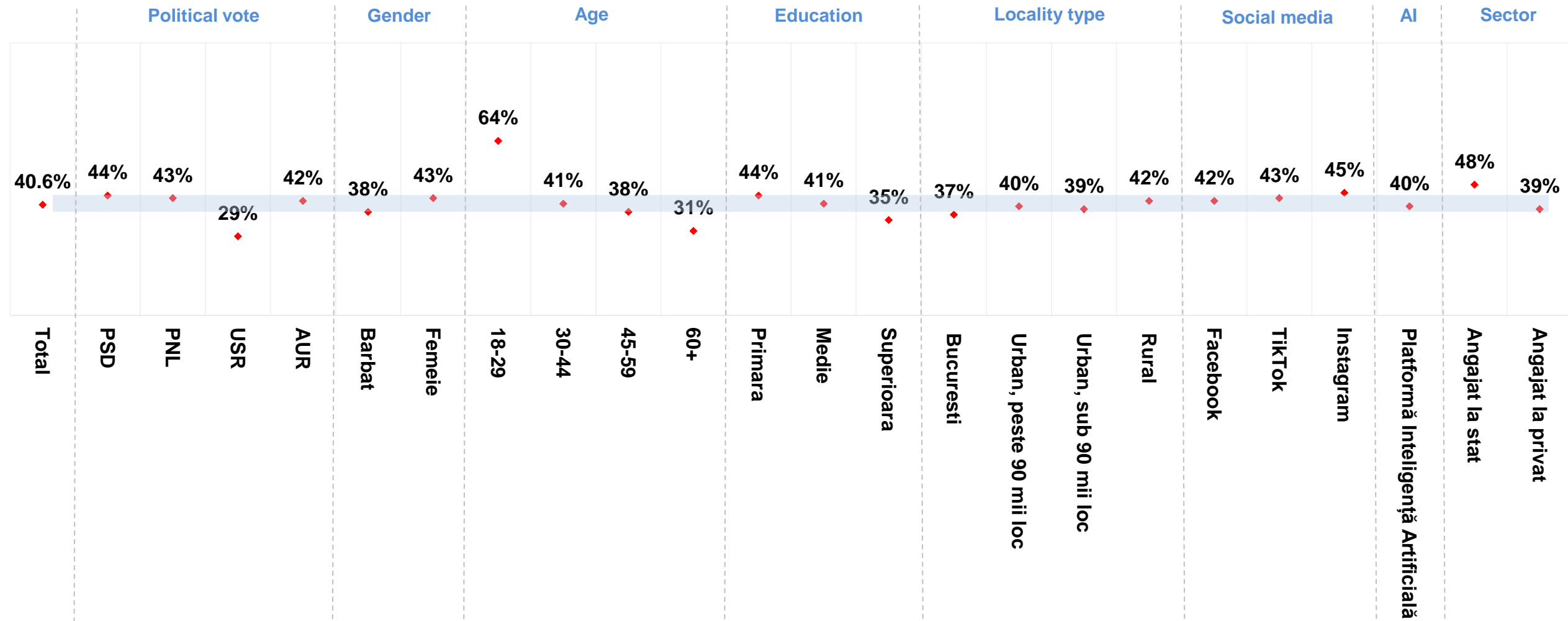
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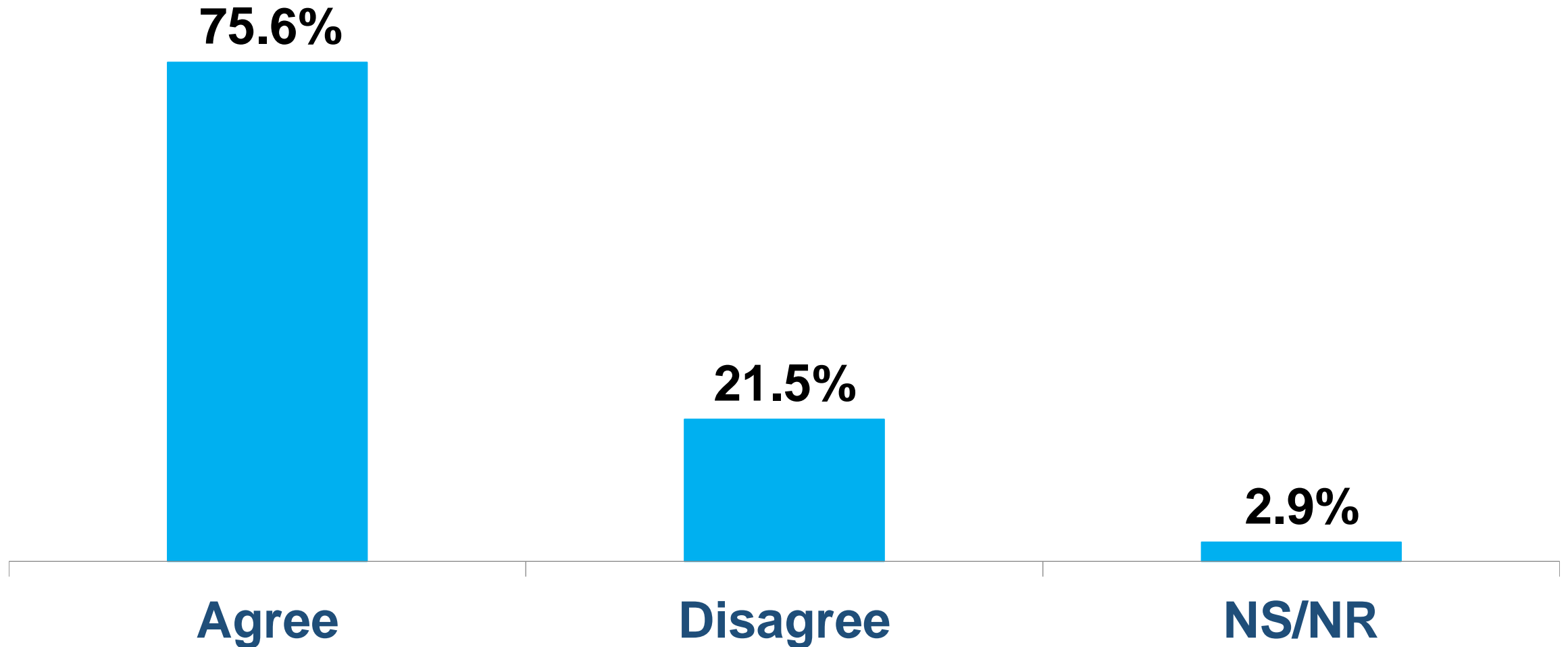
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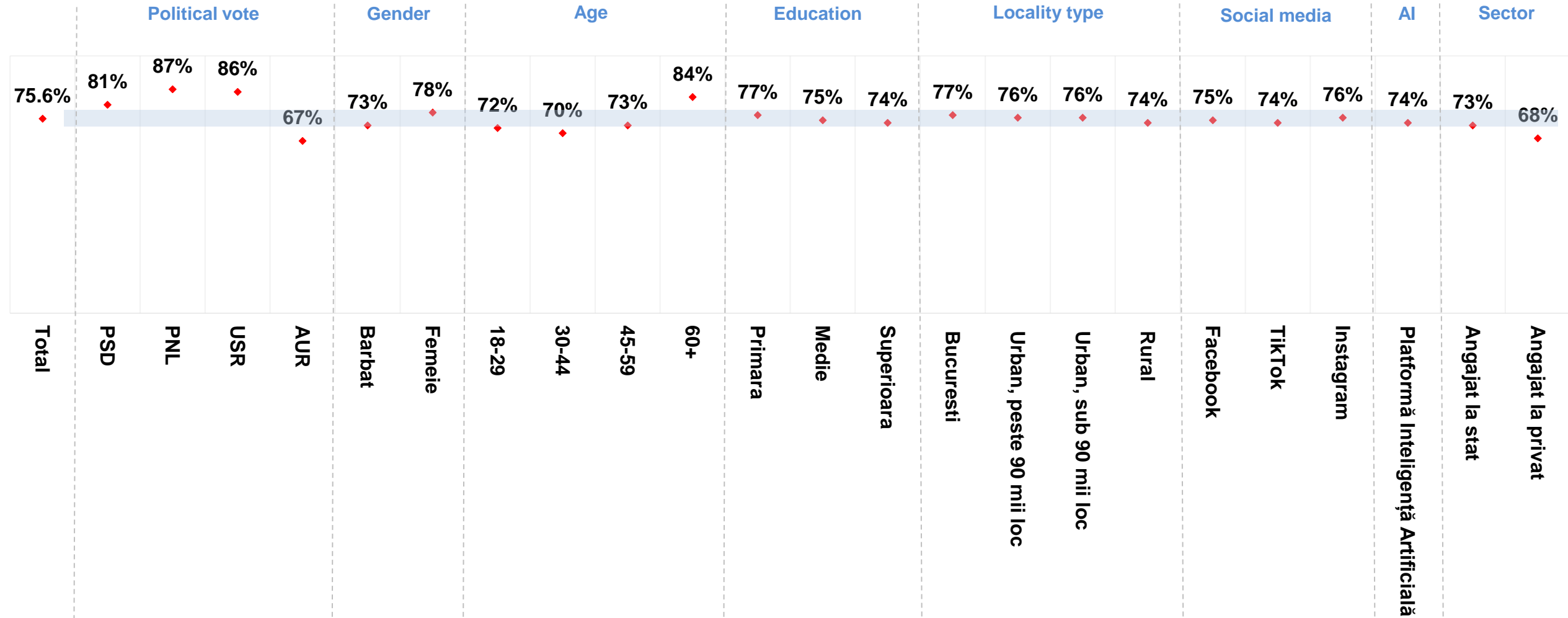
Increase in defense spending

Personally, do you agree or disagree with Romania significantly increasing its defense spending in order to defend its sovereignty in the event of military aggression? (*% total sample*)



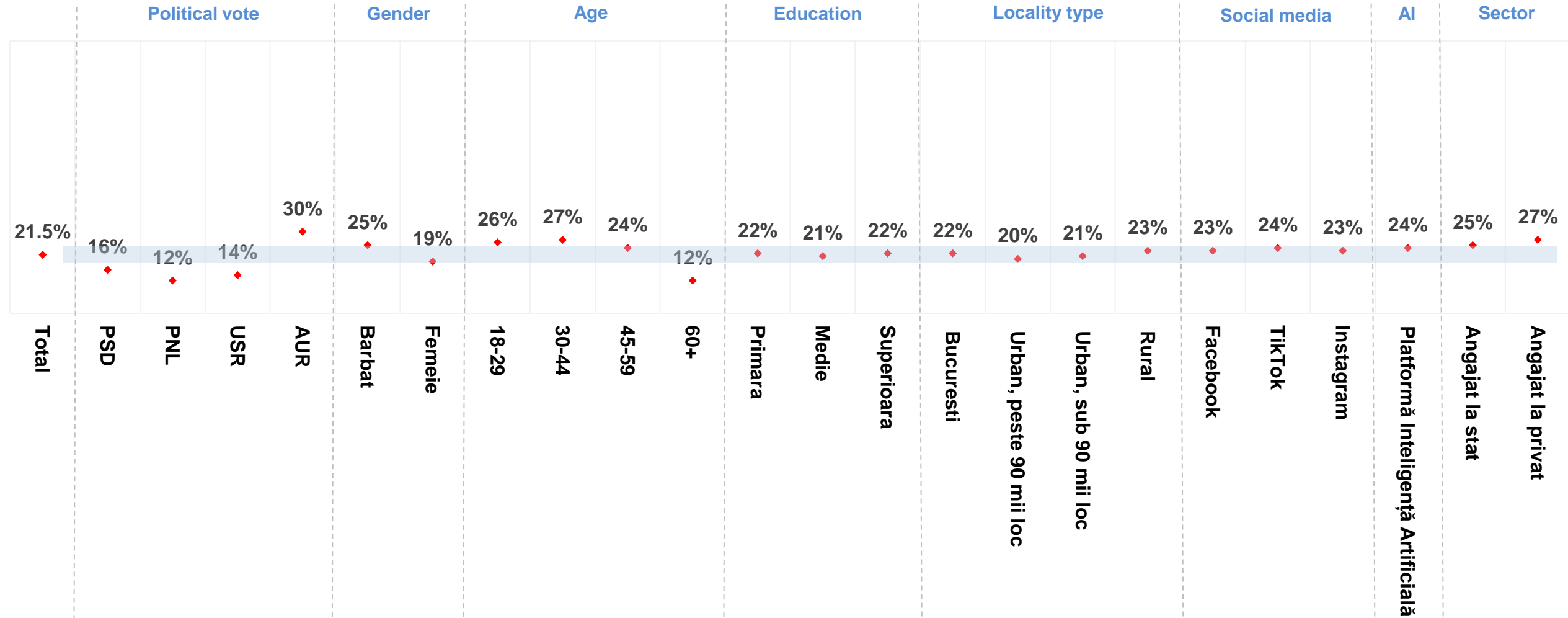
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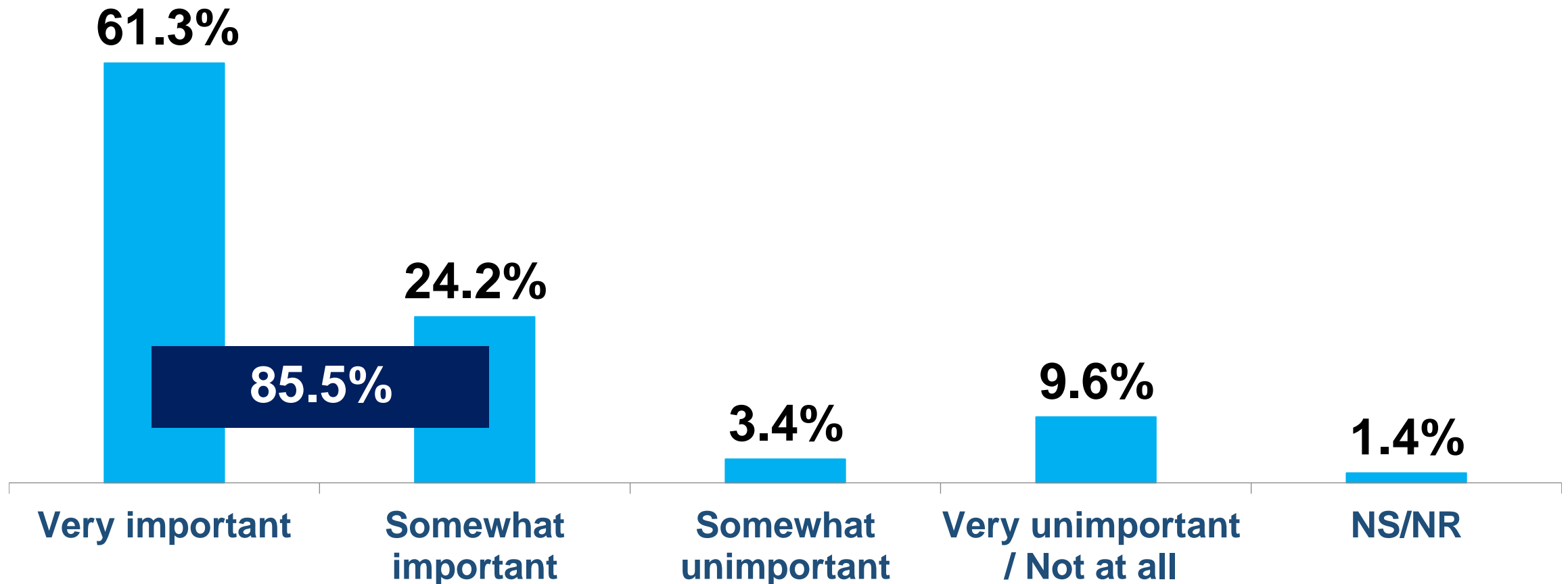
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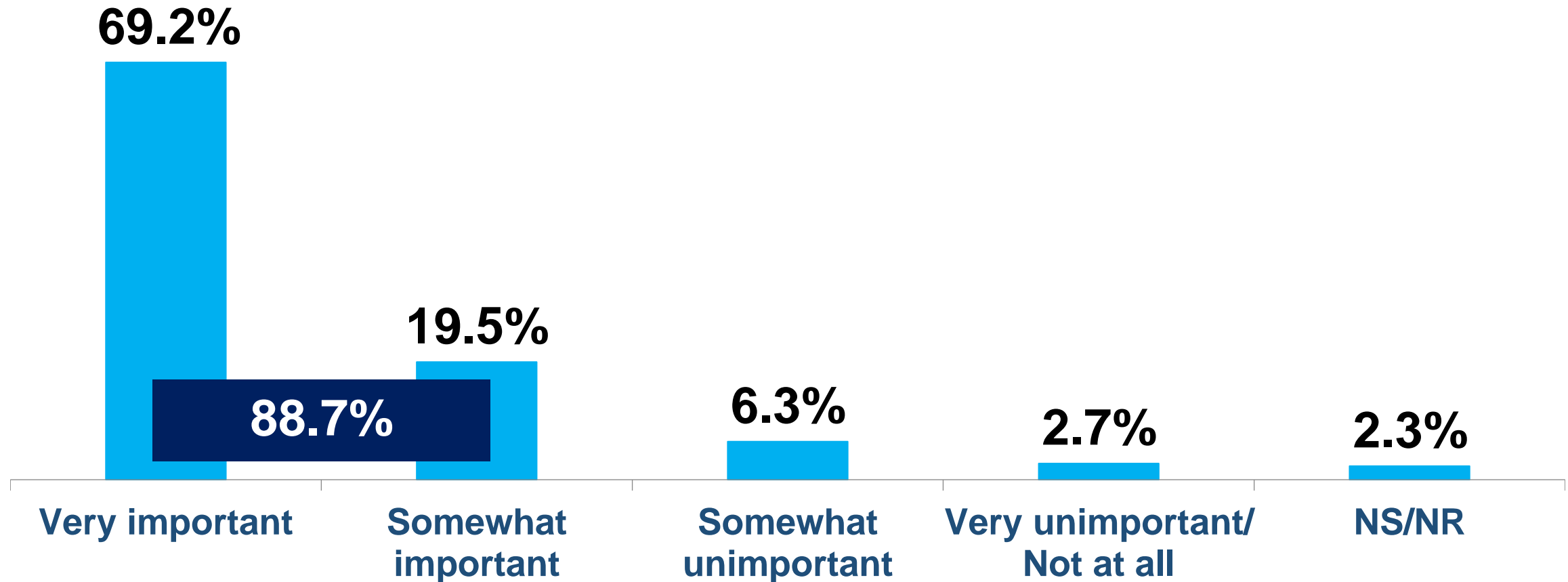
The importance of investment in the defense industry

How important is it for you that the state supports investment in the defense industry?
(% total sample)



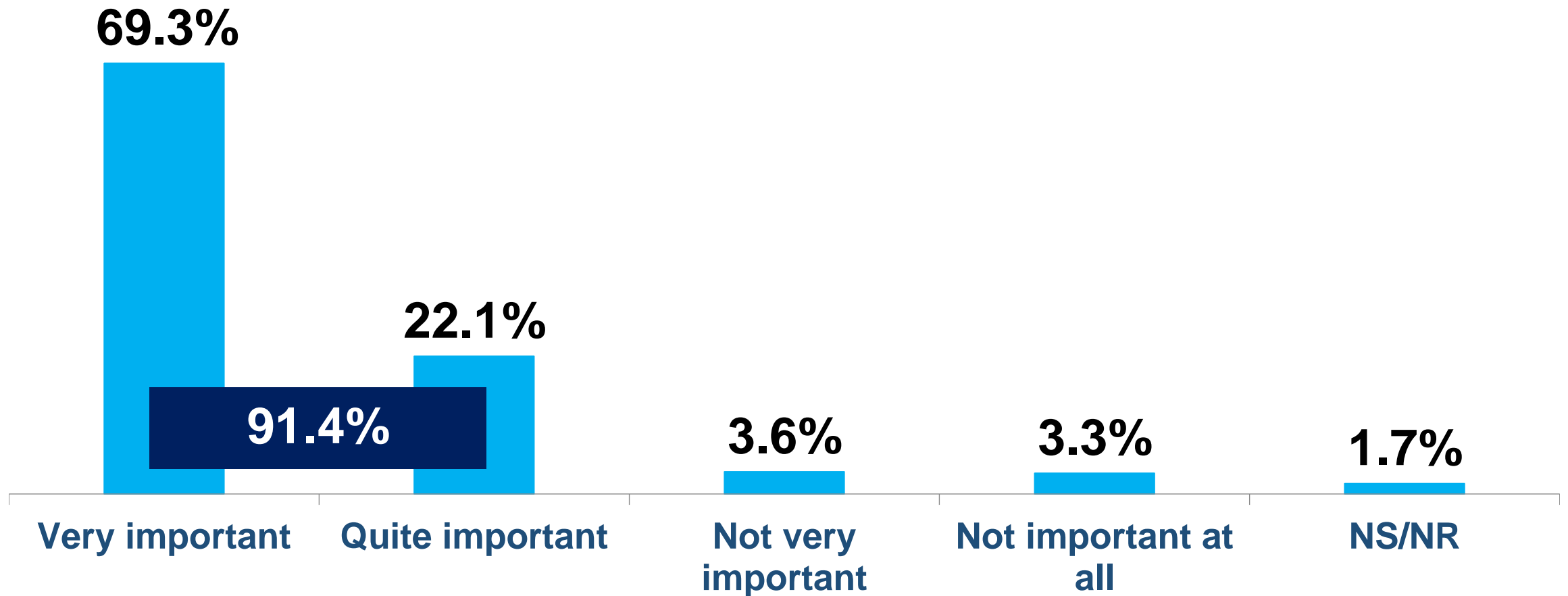
Arms production in Romania

How important do you consider the production of weapons and military equipment in Romania to be, rather than importing them? (*% total sample*)

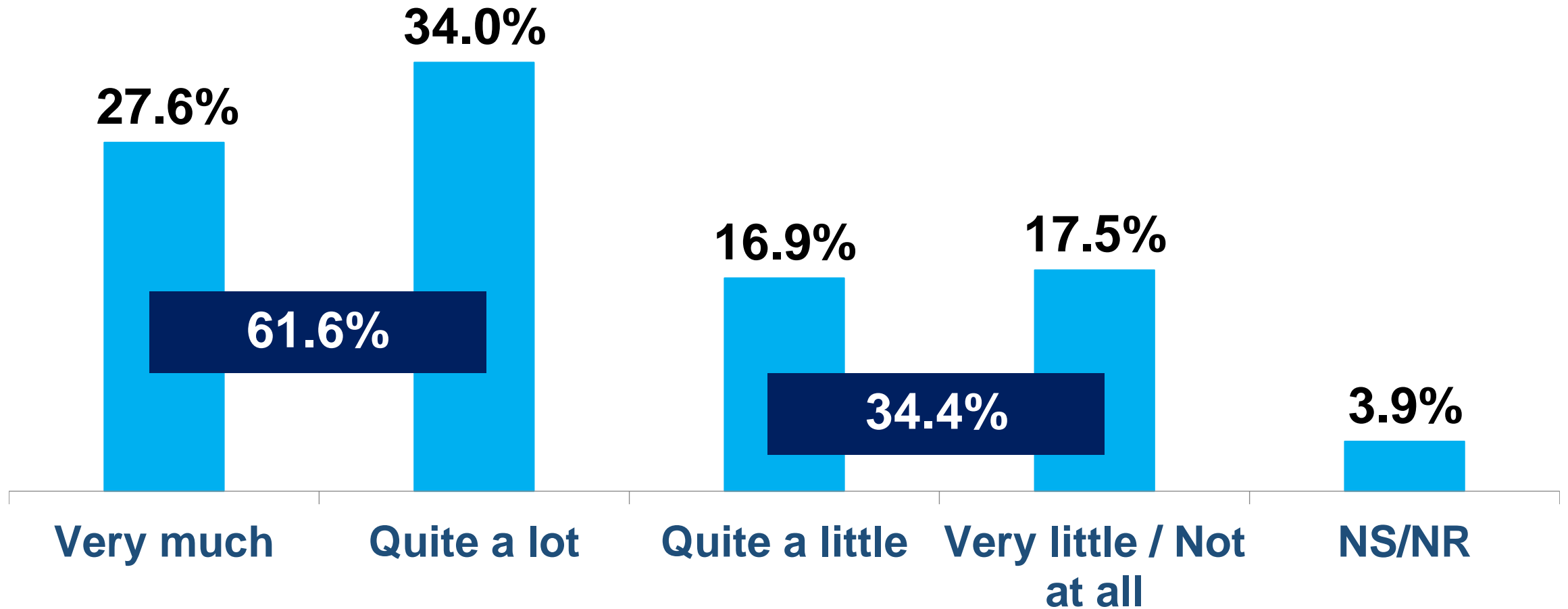


Development of industrial and technological capabilities

How important do you consider it for Romania to develop its internal industrial and technological capabilities in the defense sector, in terms of production, maintenance, and innovation? (*% total sample*)

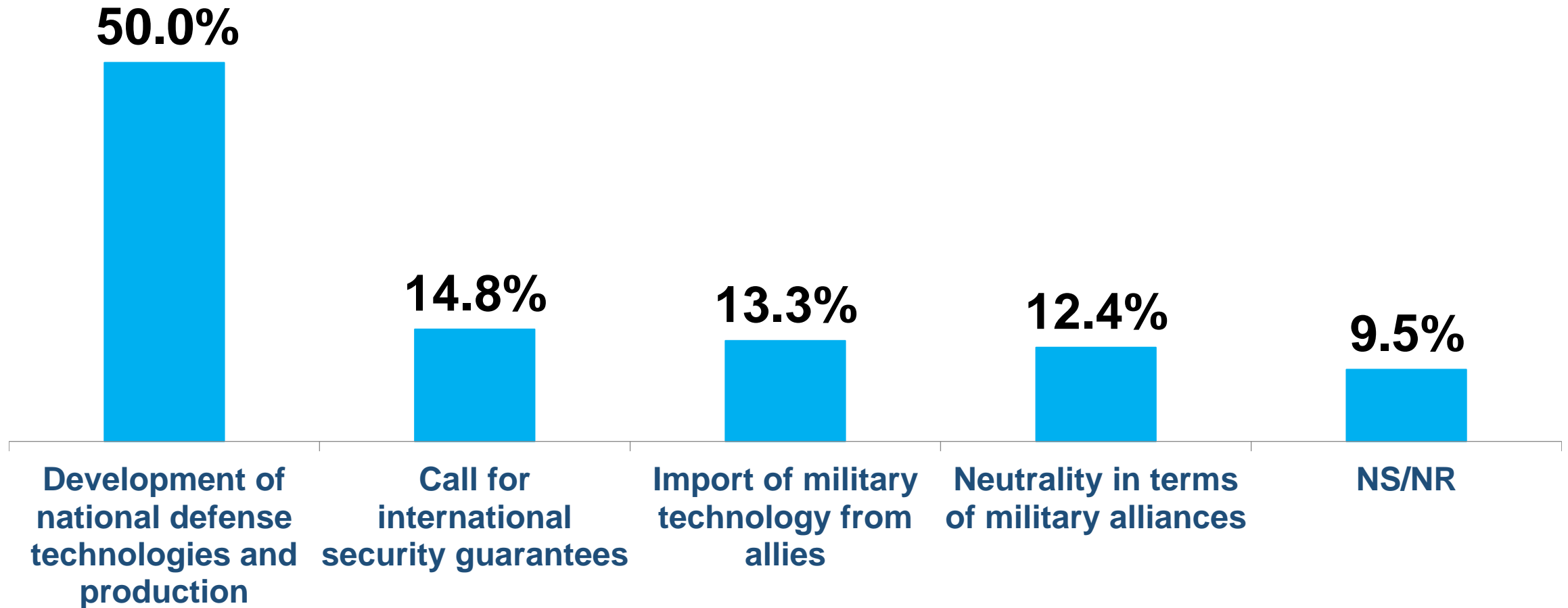


How confident are you in the ability of the private sector in Romania to develop modern military technologies (e.g., drones, electronic systems, military software)? *(% total sample)*



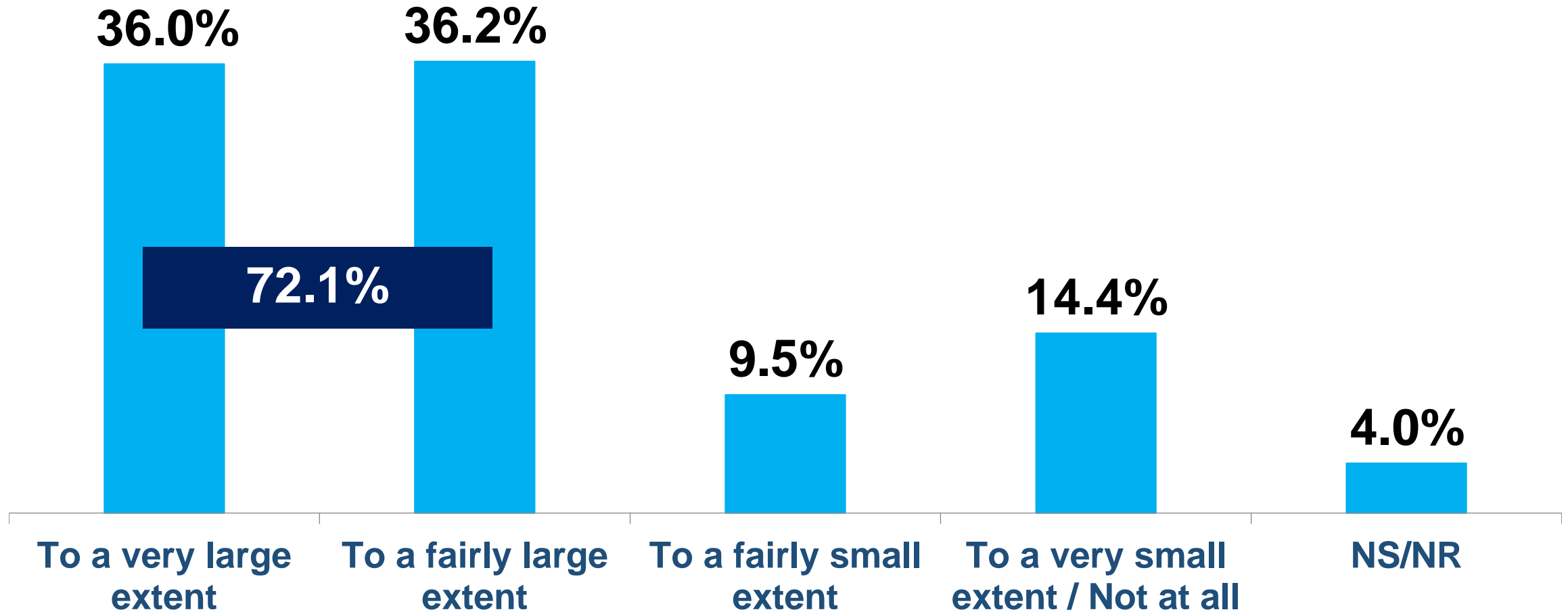
Solutions for ensuring national security

In your opinion, what is the most important solution for ensuring Romania's national security? (%
total sample)

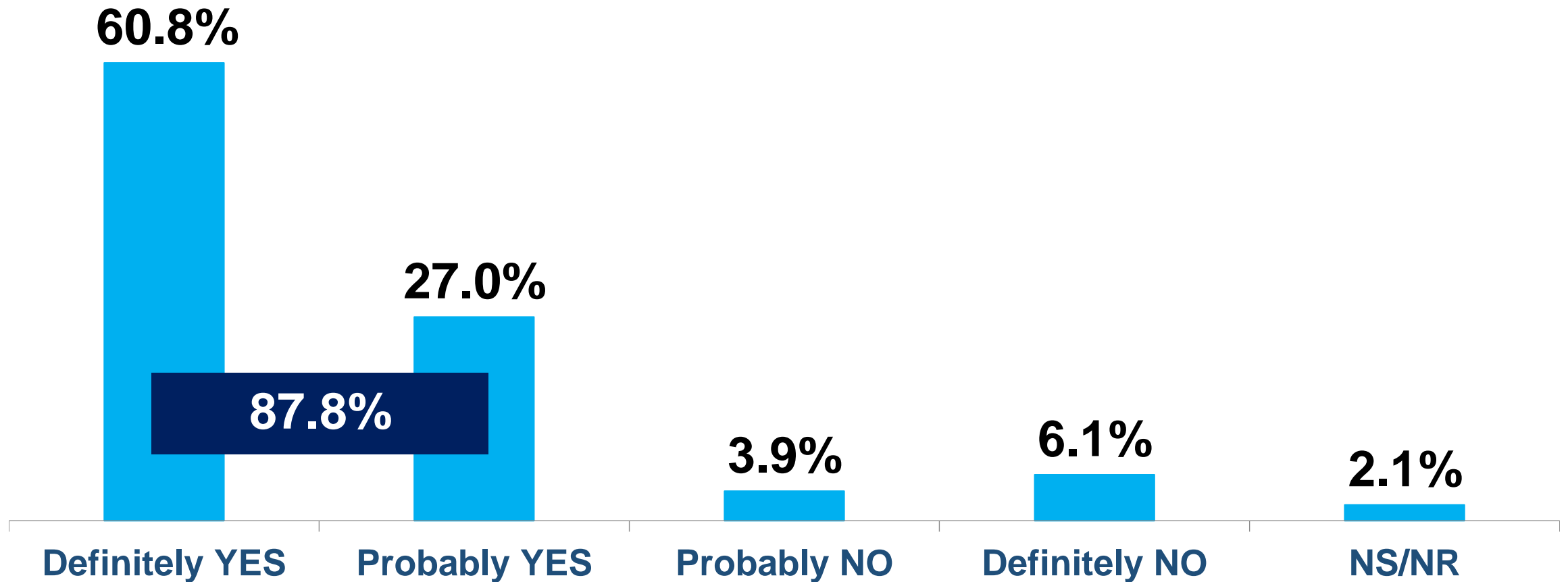


Integration of drones into defense capabilities

To what extent do you agree or disagree with investments for the integration of unmanned aerial systems (drones) into Romania's defense capabilities? *(% total sample)*

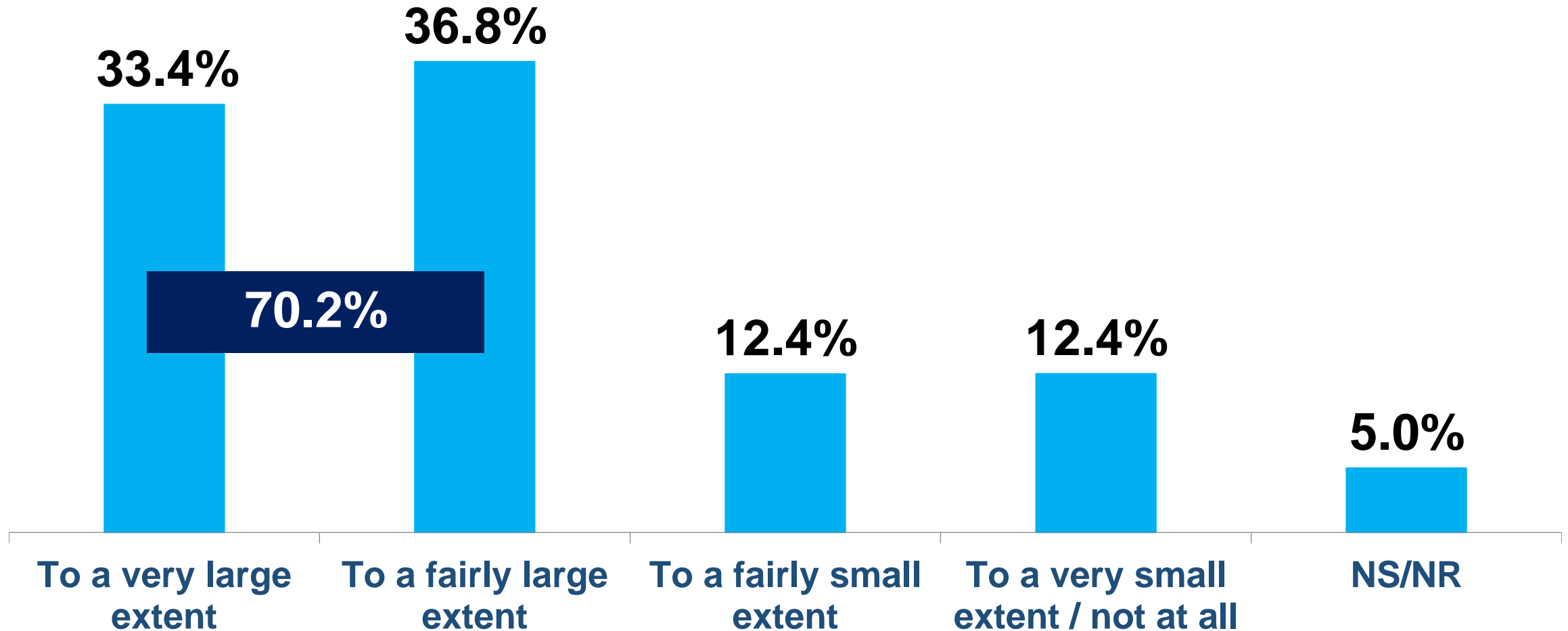


Do you think the Romanian state should support private or public companies that invest in modern military technologies? (e.g., drones, electronic systems, military software) *(% total sample)*



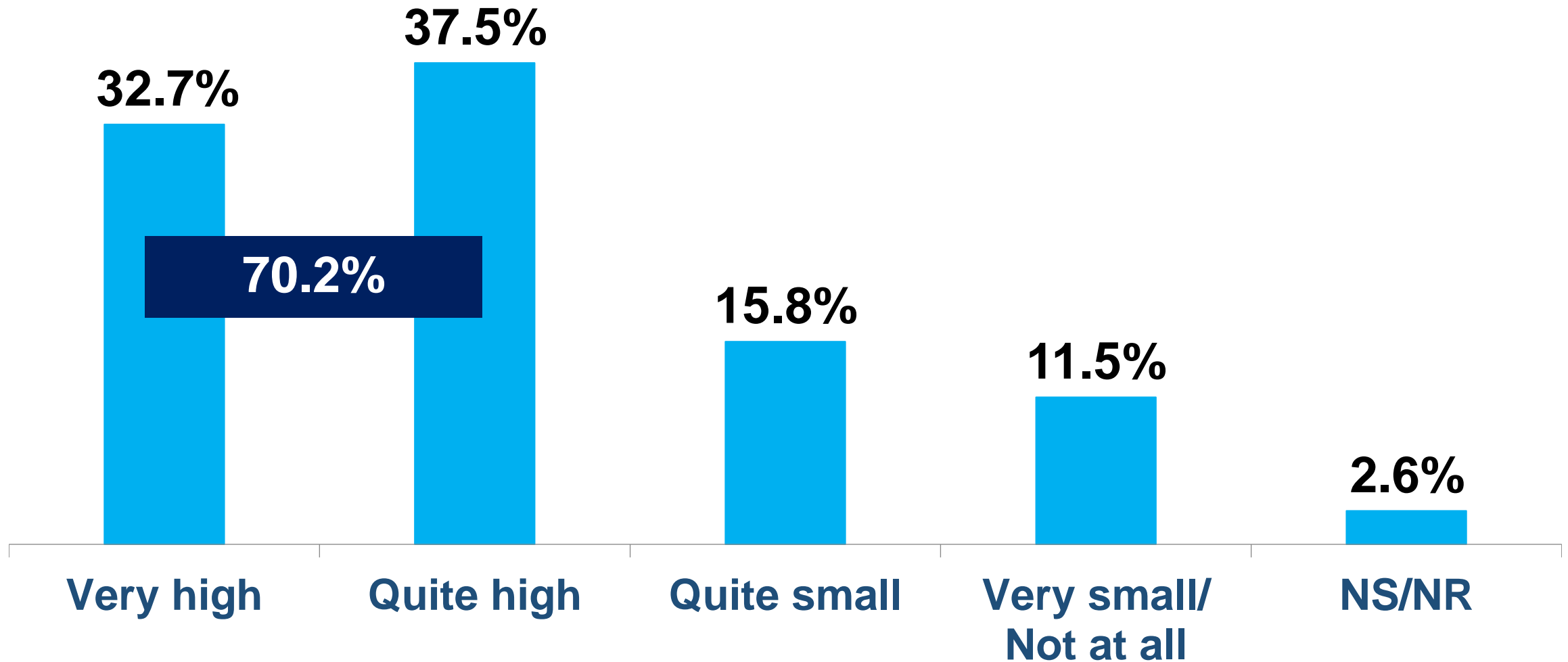
Perception of hybrid warfare

To what extent do you consider that Romania is currently affected by hybrid warfare actions (disinformation, economic pressure, cyber attacks)? *(% total sample)*



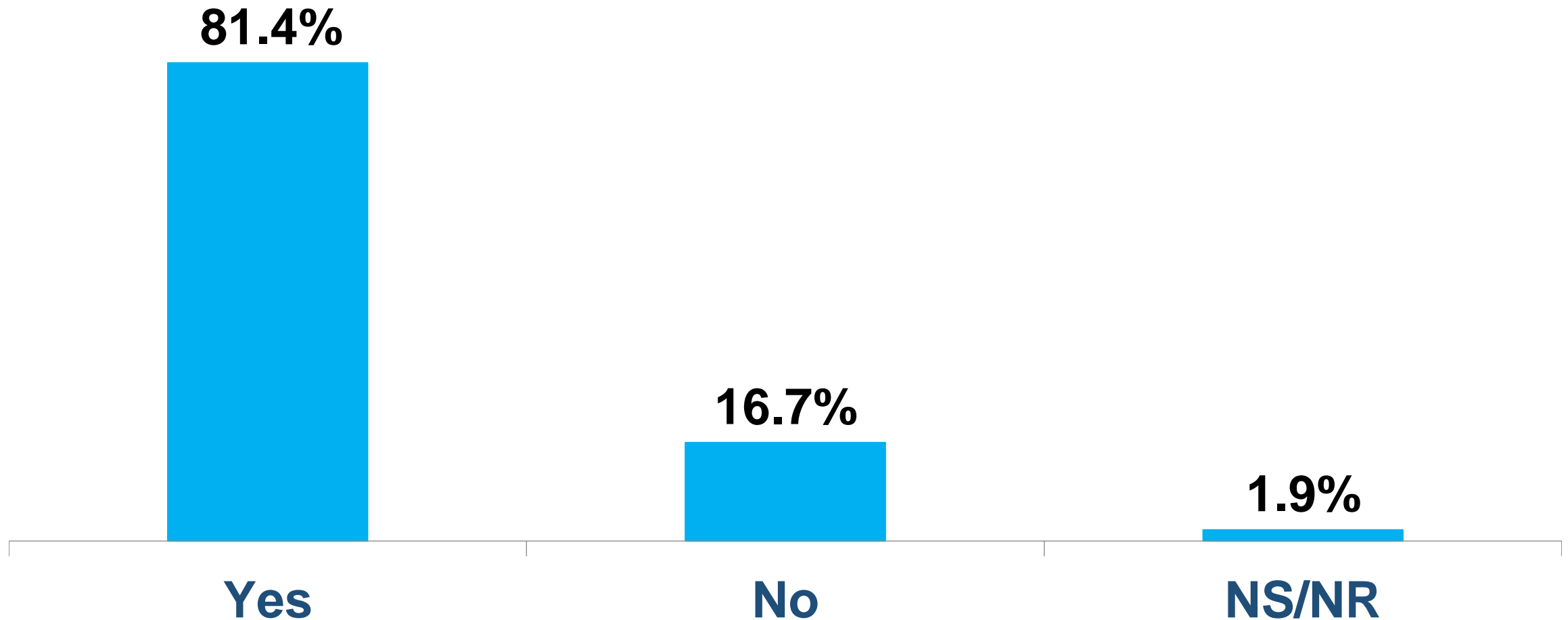
Risk of cyber attacks

How high do you consider the risk of serious cyber attacks on public institutions in Romania to be?
(% total sample)



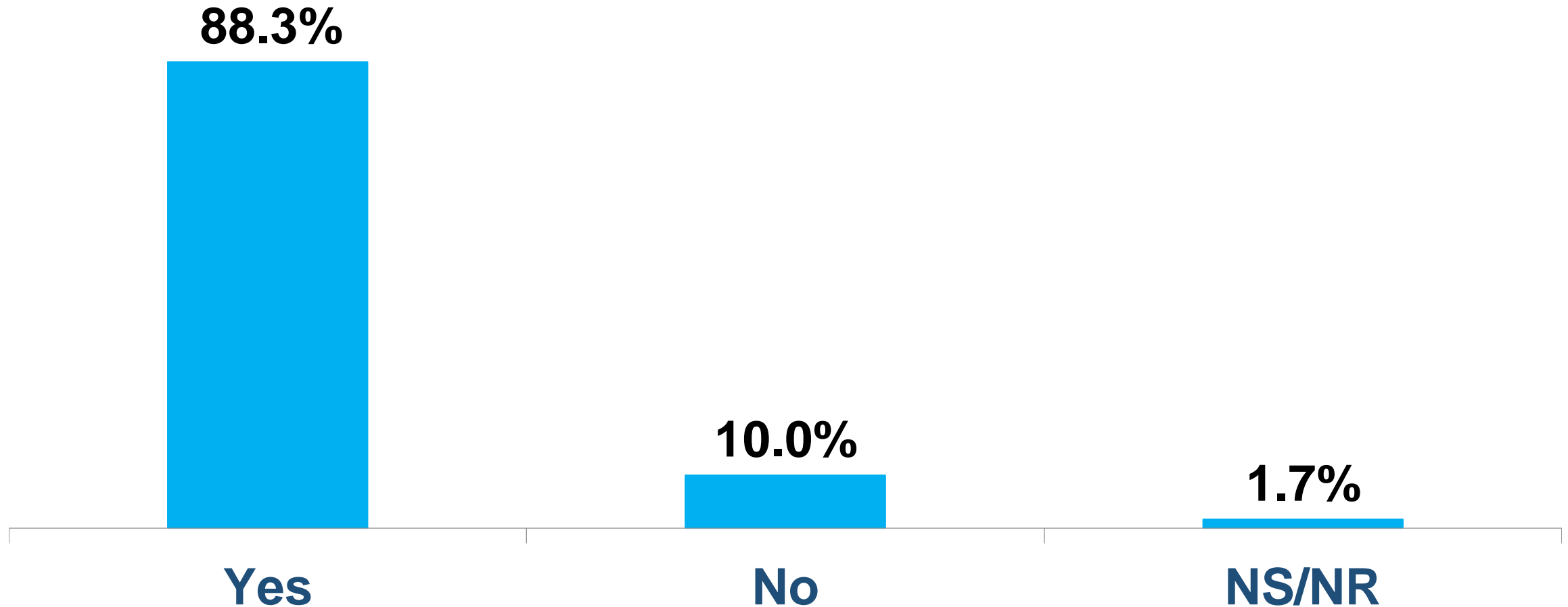
Crisis preparedness programs

In your opinion, should the state provide citizens with the following types of crisis preparedness programs: **Courses for drone operators in high schools and technical colleges** (% total sample)



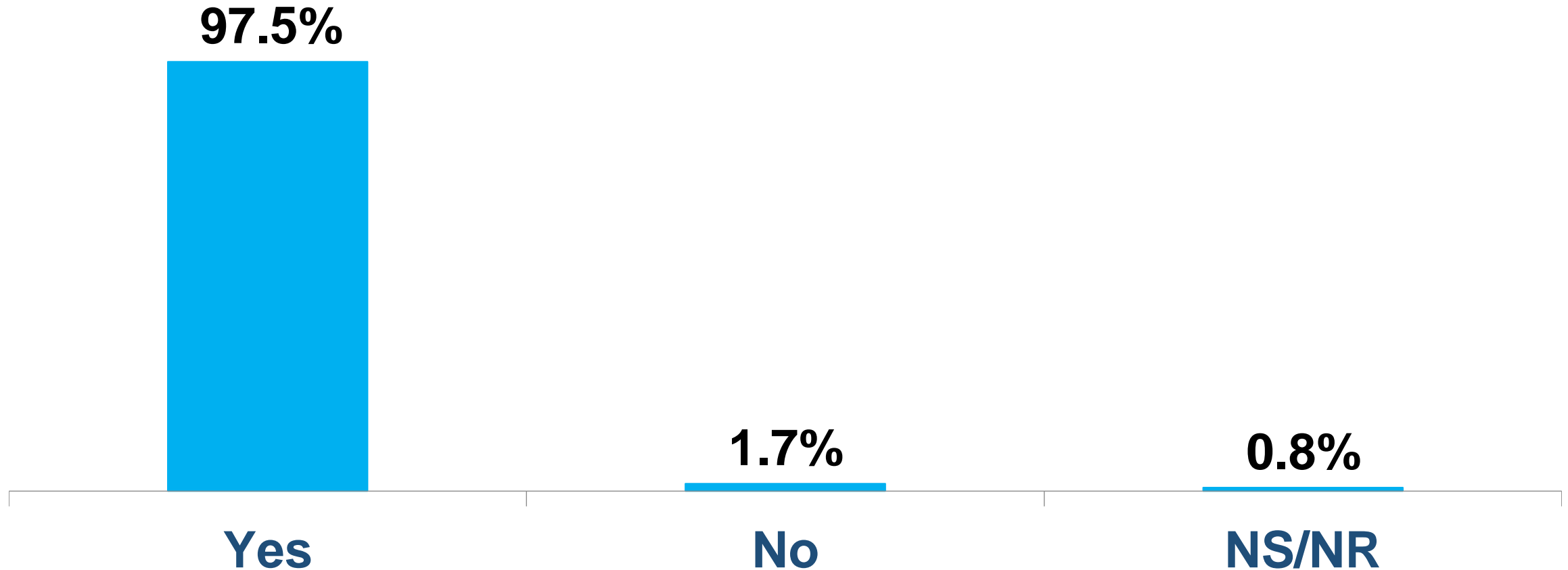
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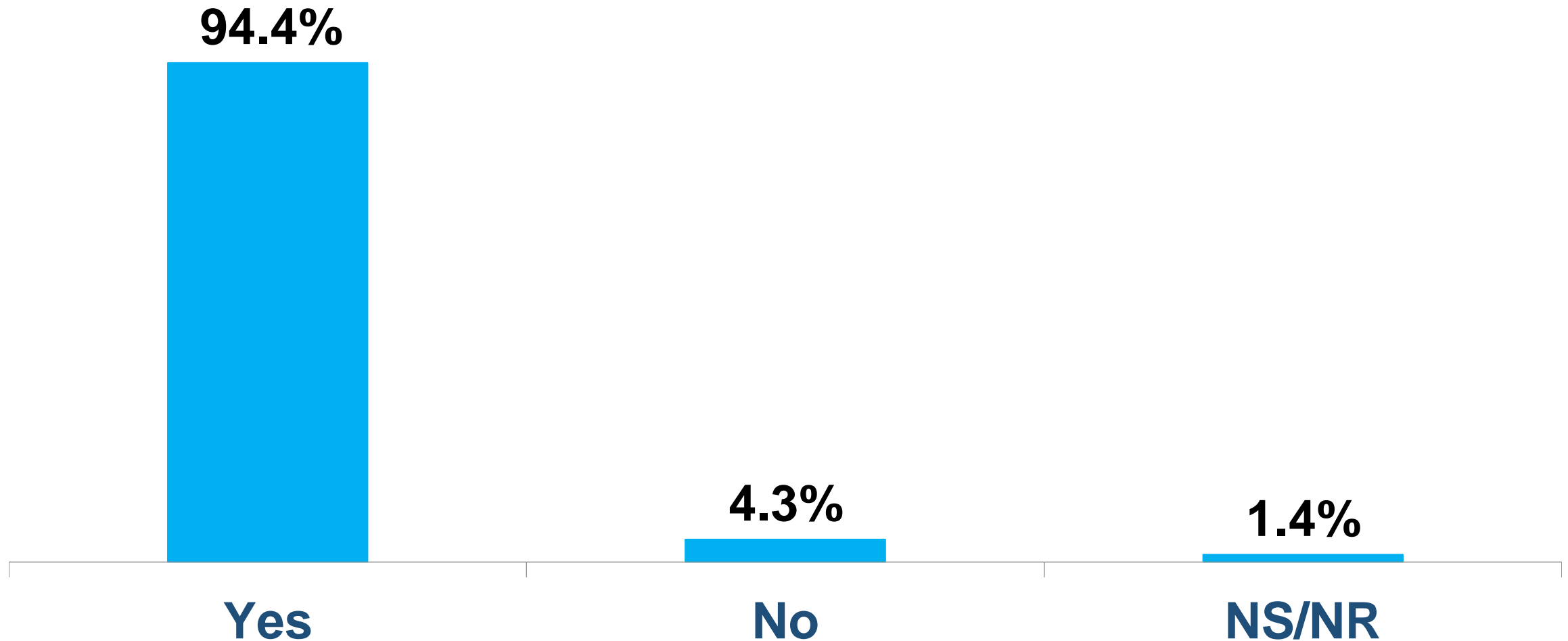
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In your opinion, should the state provide citizens with the following types of crisis preparedness programs: **First aid measures** (% total sample)



Crisis preparedness programs

In your opinion, should the state provide citizens with the following types of crisis preparedness programs: **Emergency evacuation procedures** (% total sample)



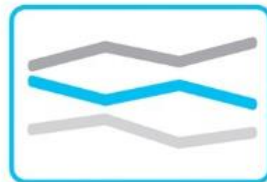
Thank you!

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