



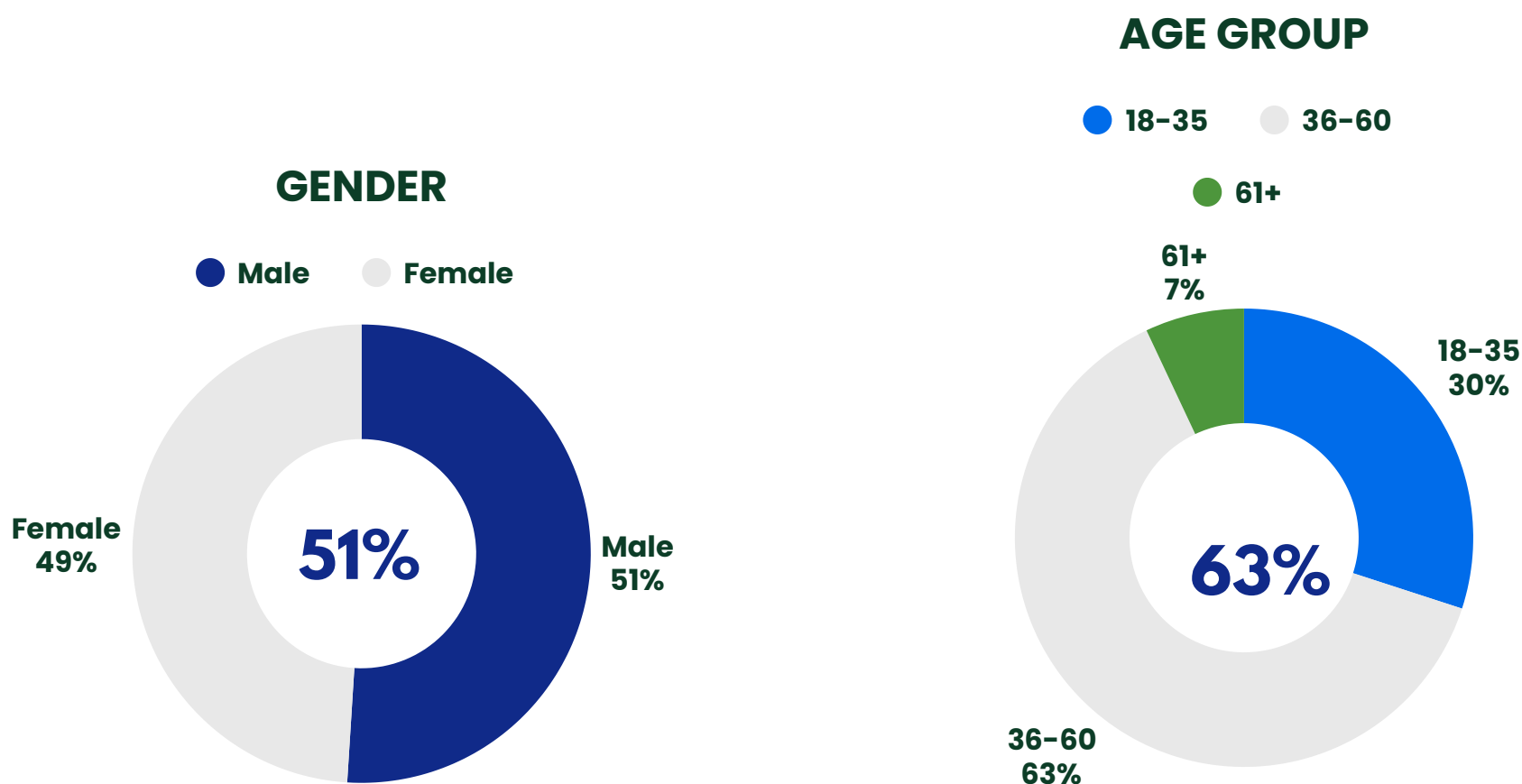
PUBLIC PERCEPTION POLL ON THE SPECIAL SEATS BILL IN NIGERIA: A DIGEST

BACKGROUND ON THE SPECIAL SEATS BILL SURVEY

A June 2025 nationwide survey, commissioned by the Policy and Legislative Advocacy Centre (PLAC), revealed low awareness of the Special Seats Bill before the 10th National Assembly, but a strong support for its objective – improved women participation in governance. The findings highlight perspectives from Nigerians’ on women’s political representation, the perceived benefits of the Bill, and strategies for building broader acceptance.

RESPONDENTS’ SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC

NATIONWIDE (N = 3,083)



[HB. 1349]

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO PROVIDE FOR SEAT RESERVATION FOR WOMEN IN THE NATIONAL AND STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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Hon. Jafaru Gambo Leko	Hon. Francis Waive

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of

Nigeria as follows-

1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (in
- 2 this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill.

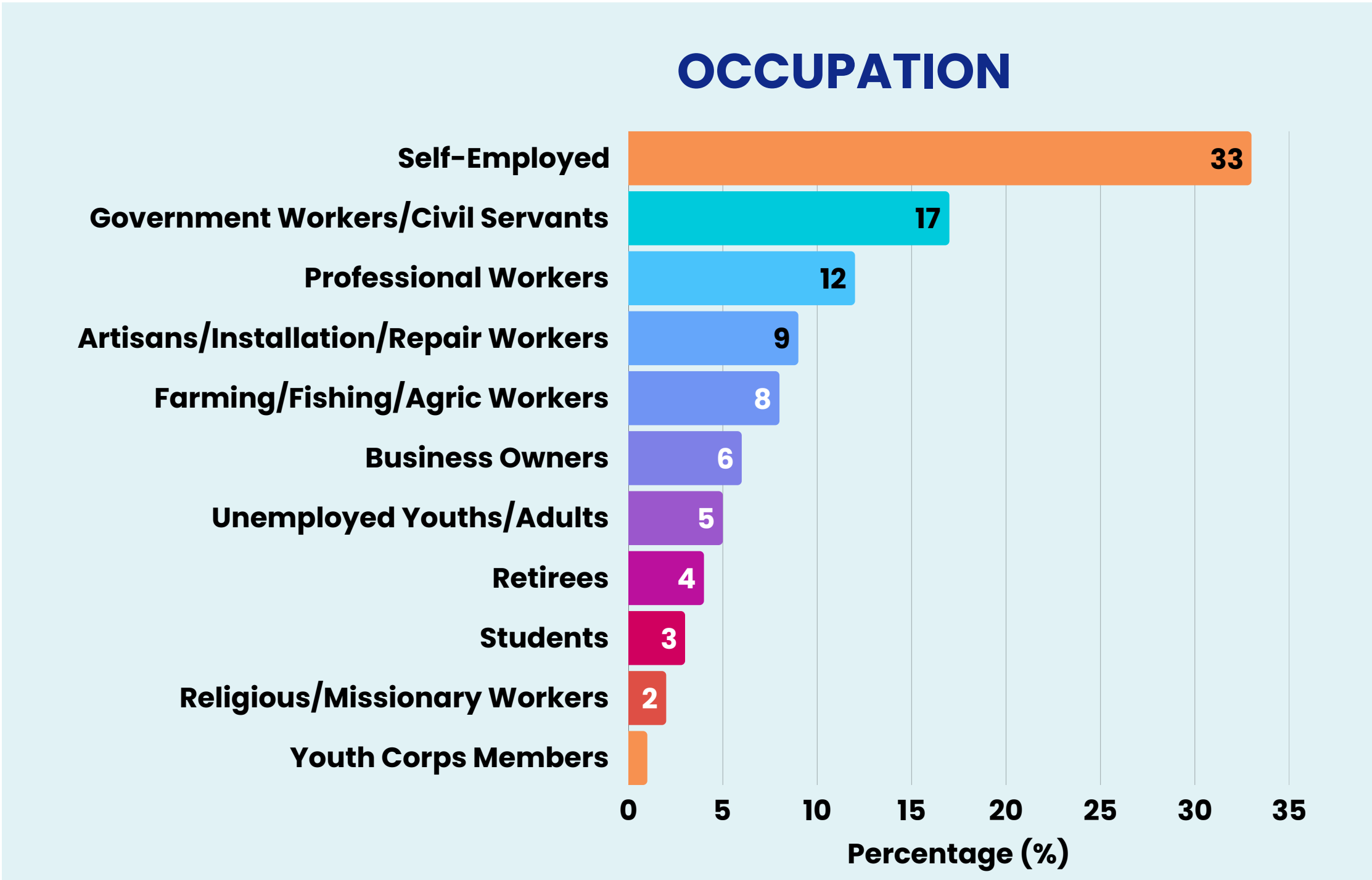
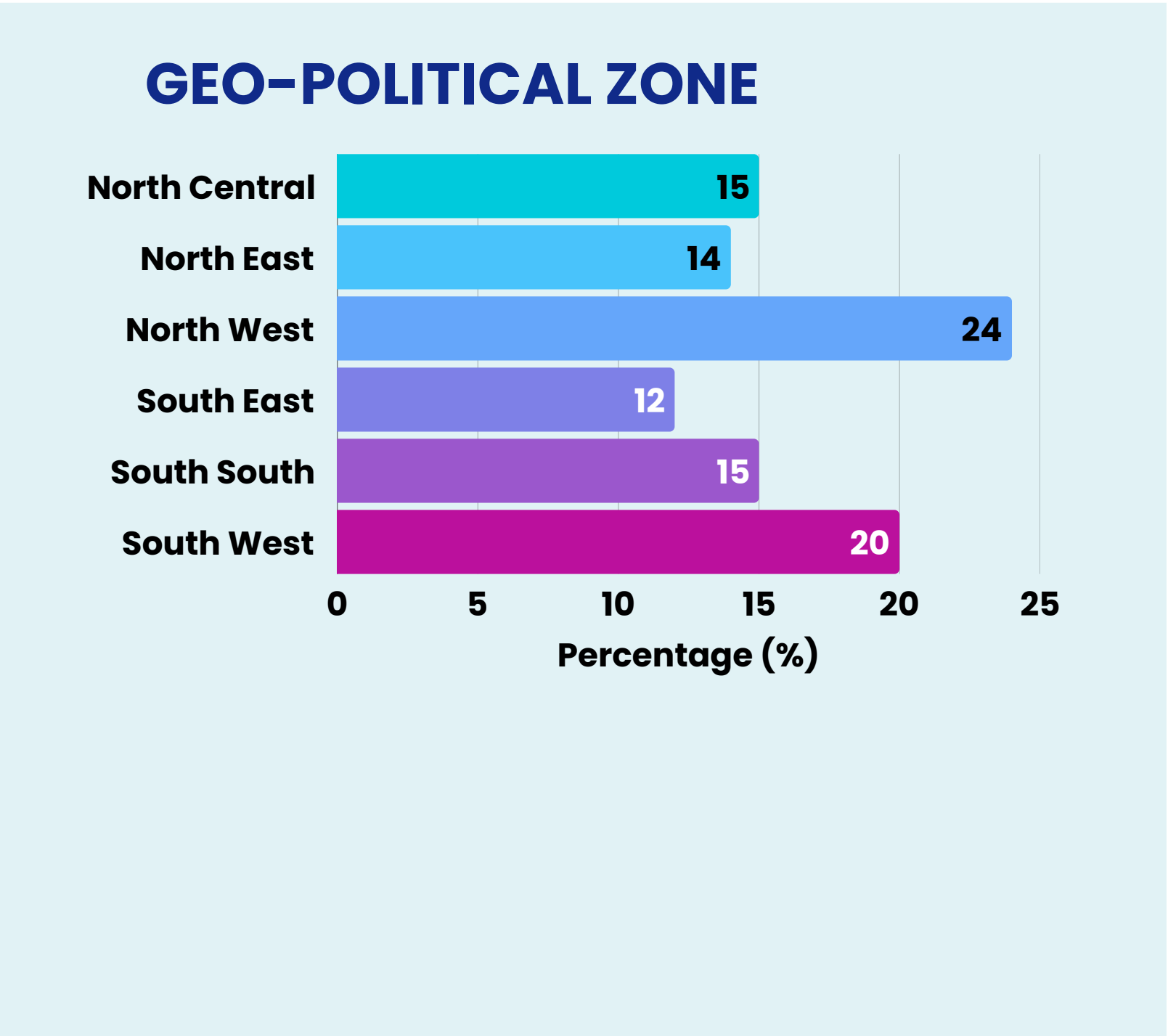
Alteration of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999

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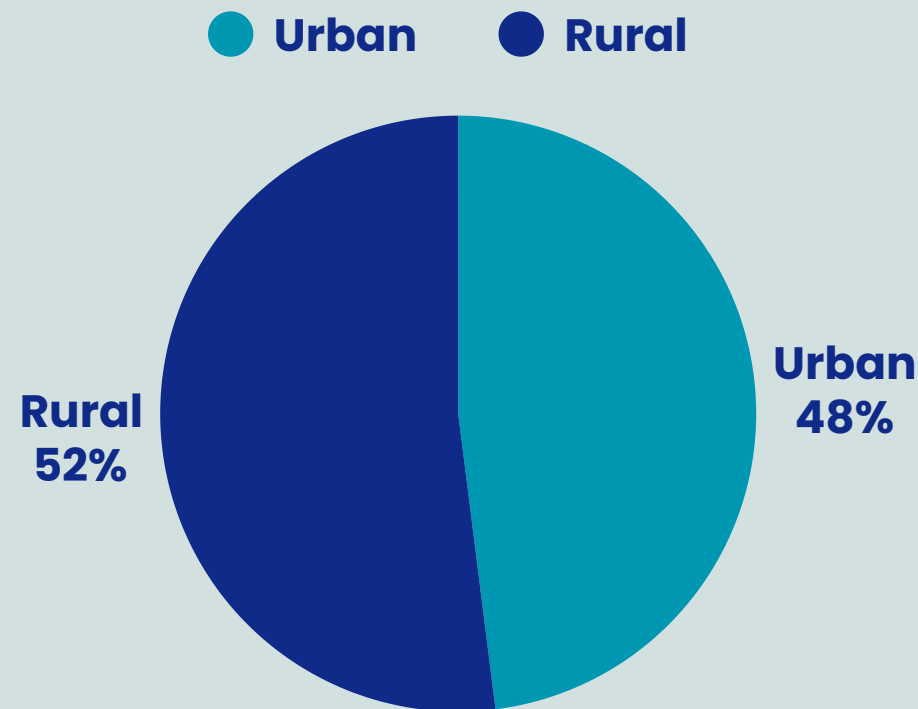
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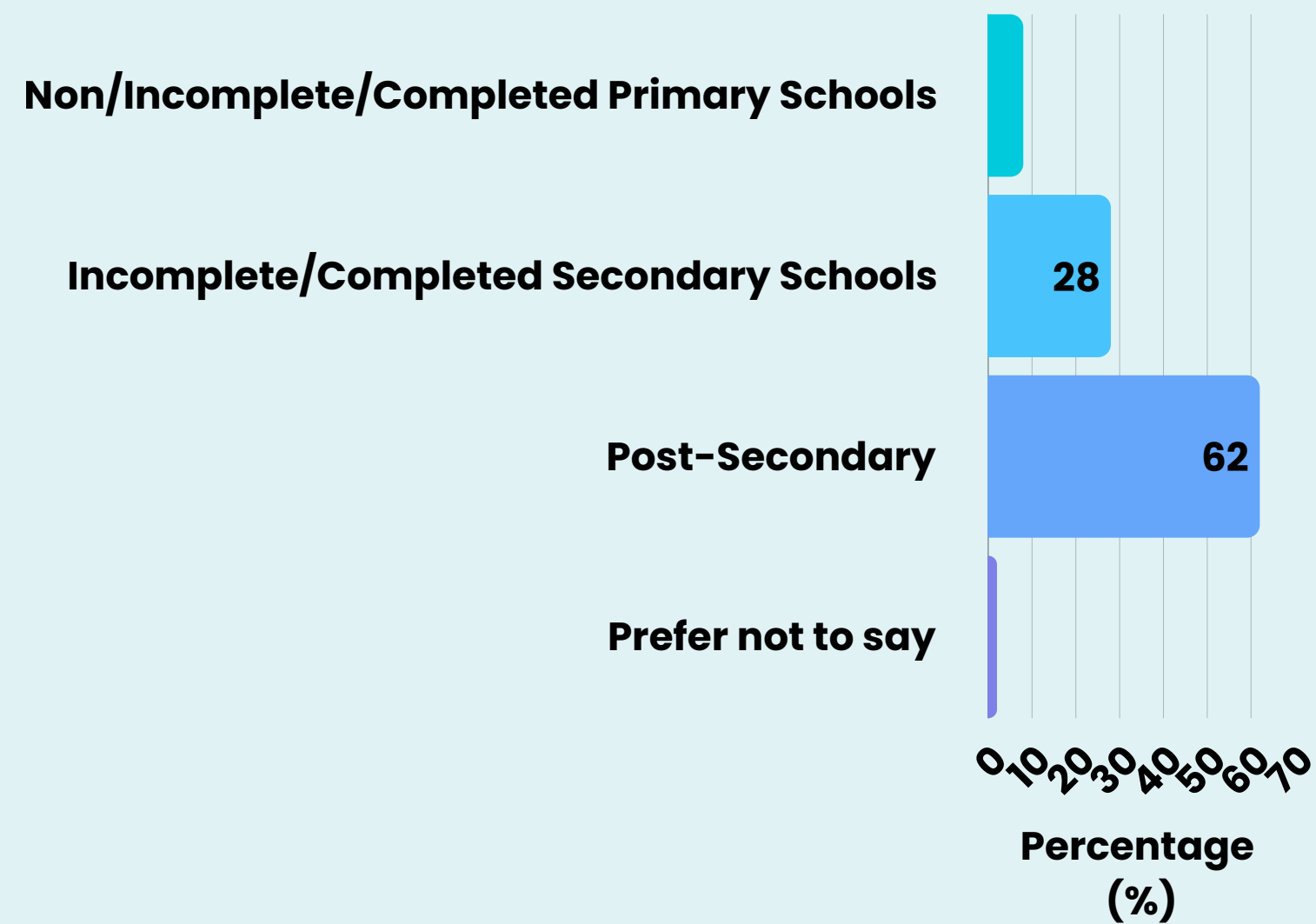


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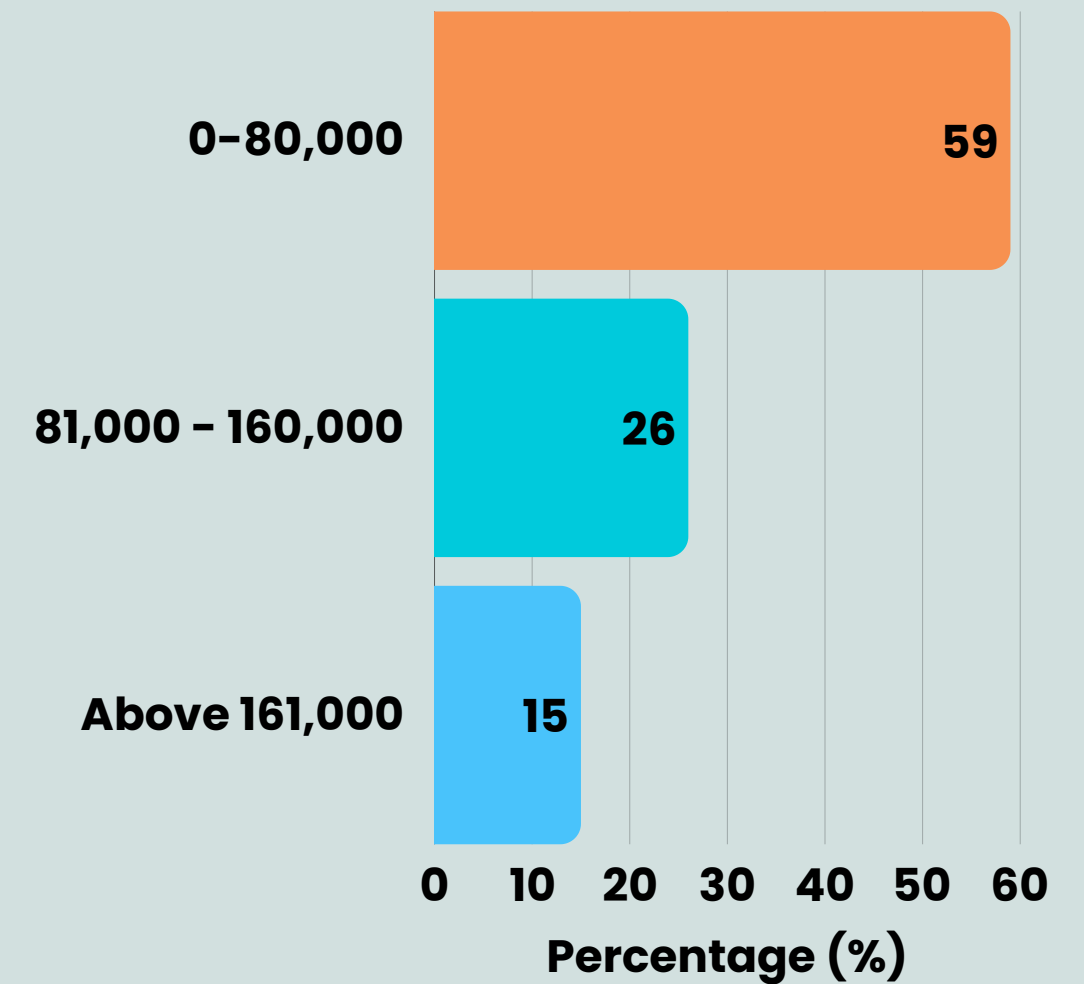
SETTLEMENT



LEVEL OF EDUCATION



HOUSE HOLD INCOME (NAIRA)



METHODOLOGY

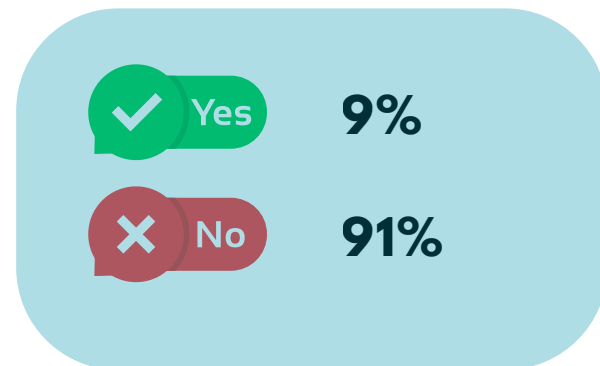
- The poll was conducted in June 2025 via telephone interviews using a fully structured questionnaire to capture the required information from respondents.
- A nationwide sample of 3,083 Nigerians aged 18 years and above, representing the six geo-political regions, 36 states, and the FCT, participated in the survey.



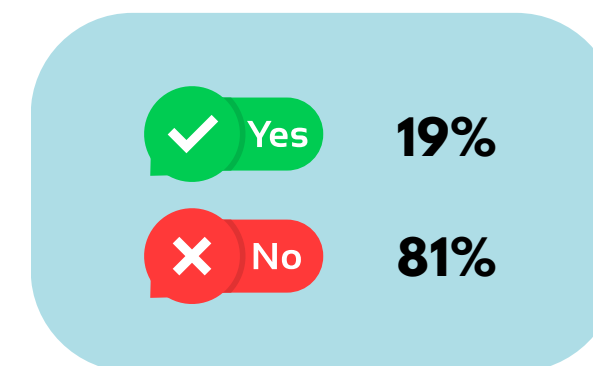
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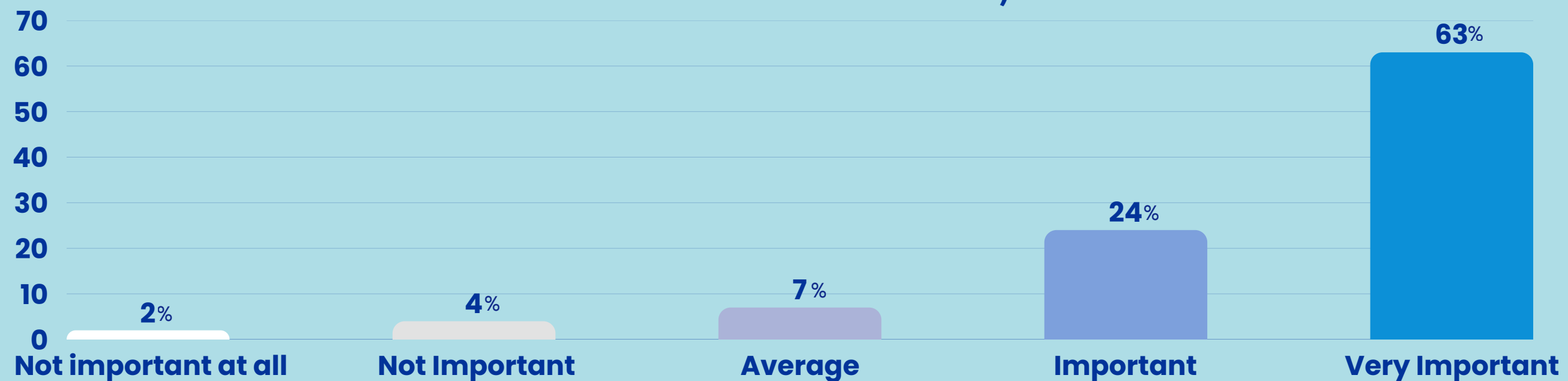
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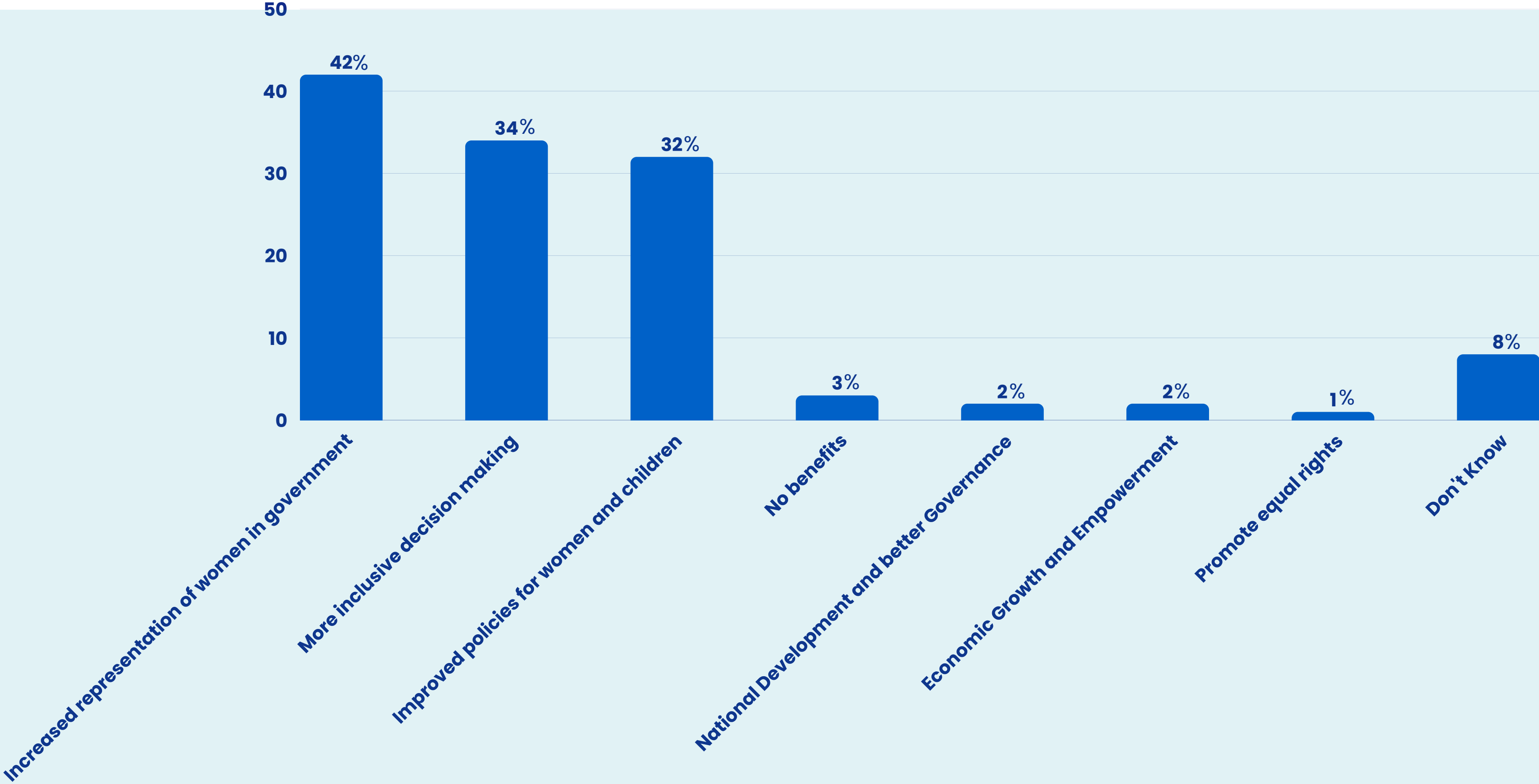
KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIAL SEATS ALLOCATION (AMONG RESPONDENTS FAMILIAR WITH THE SPECIAL SEATS BILL) - NATIONWIDE



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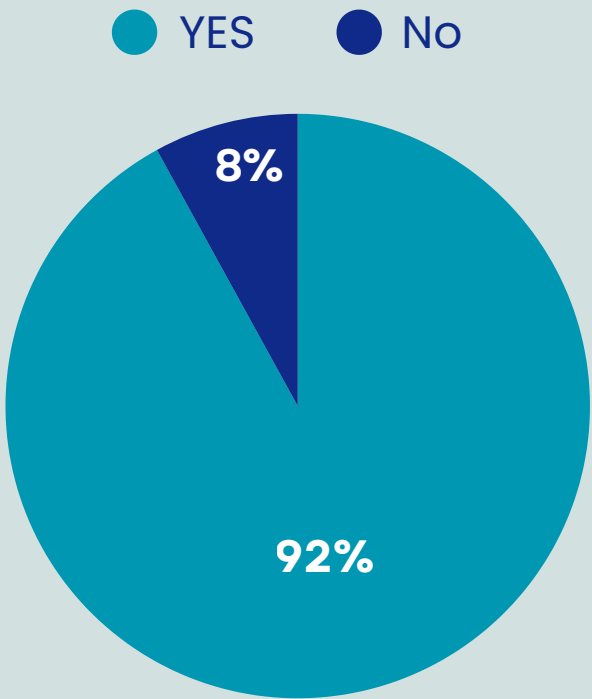


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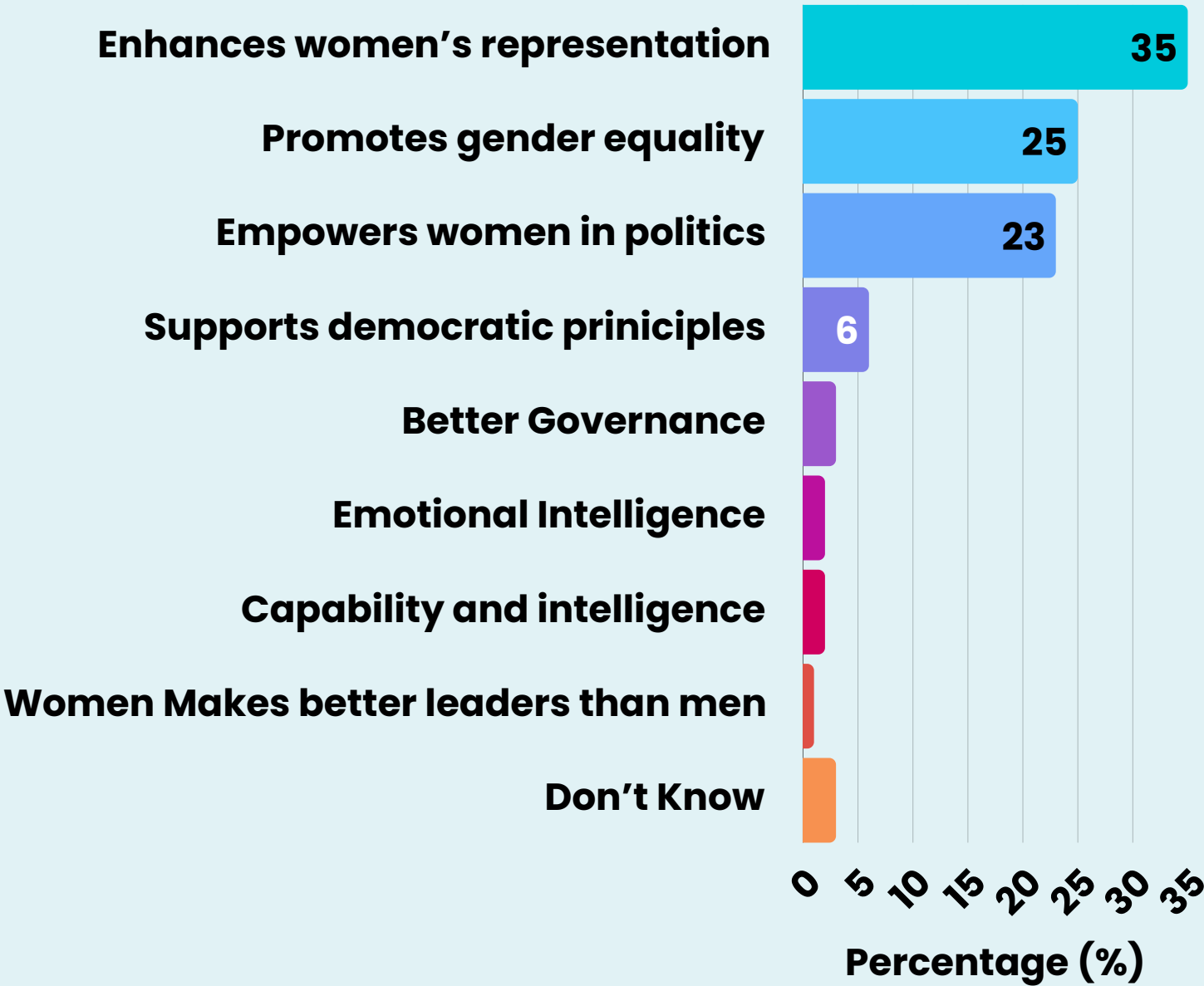


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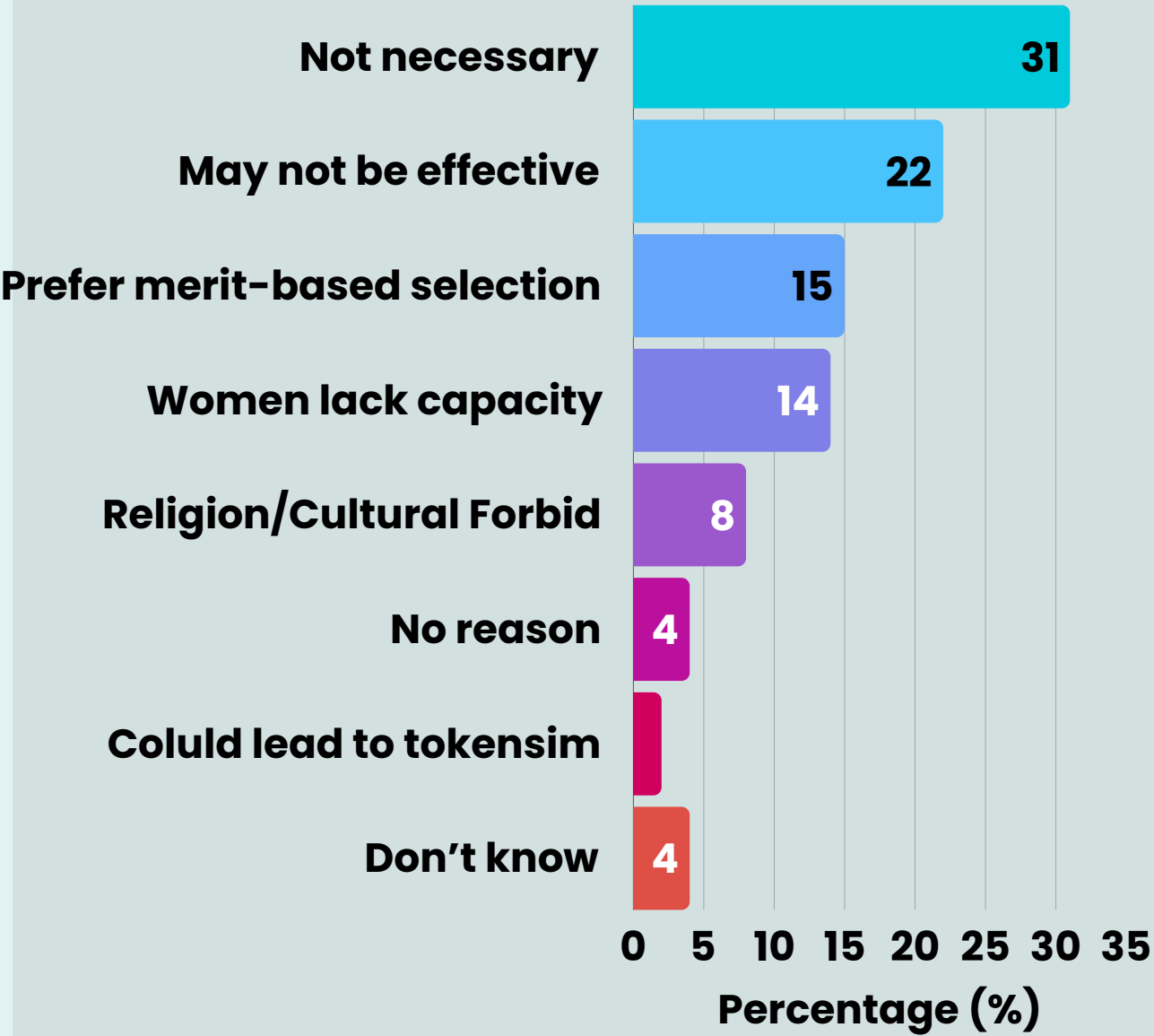
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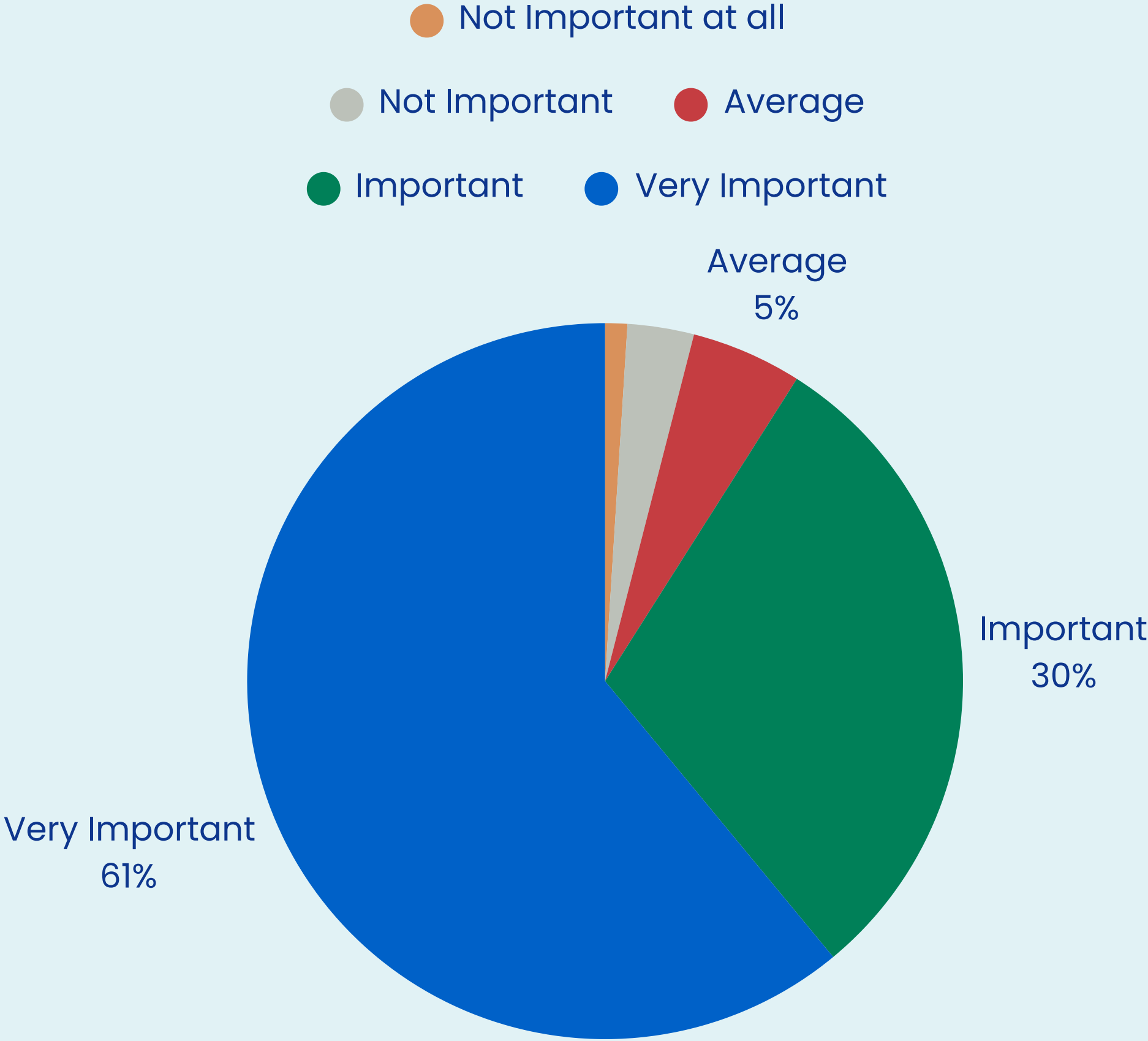
REASON FOR SUPPORTING THE BILL



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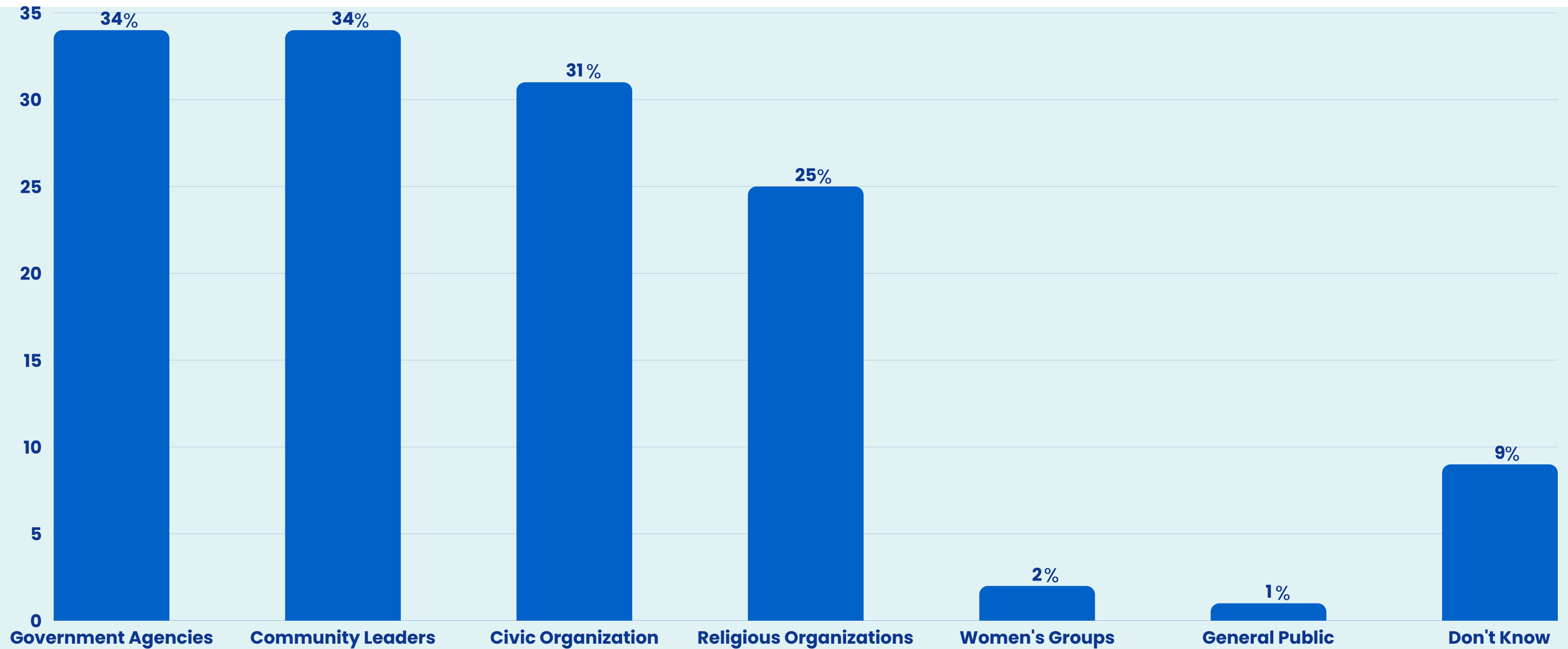


PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT



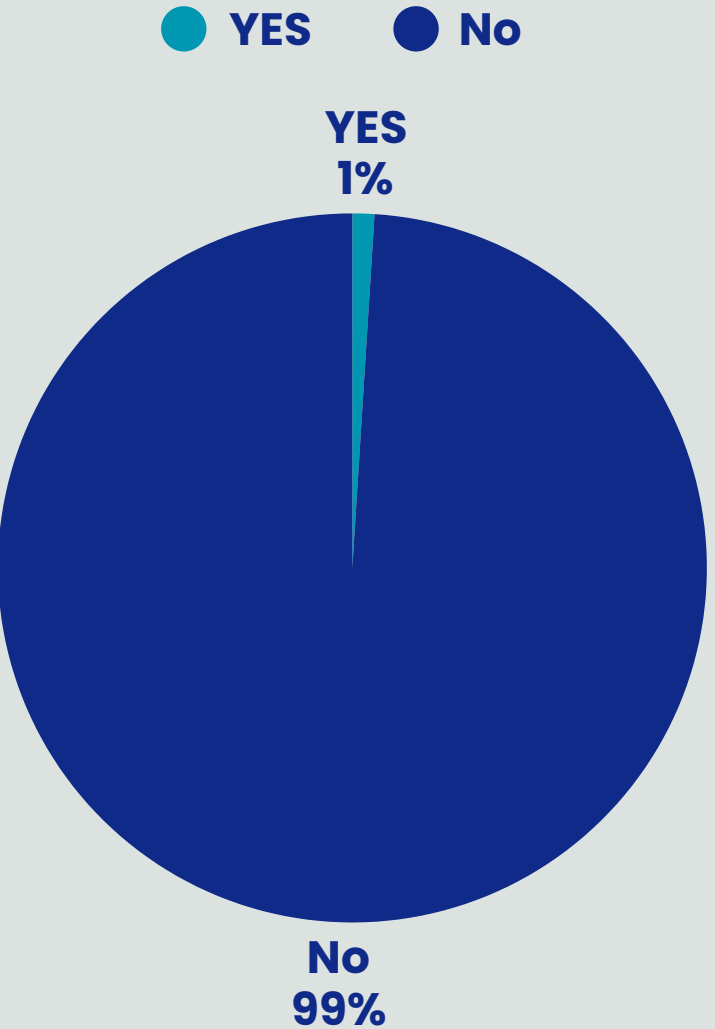
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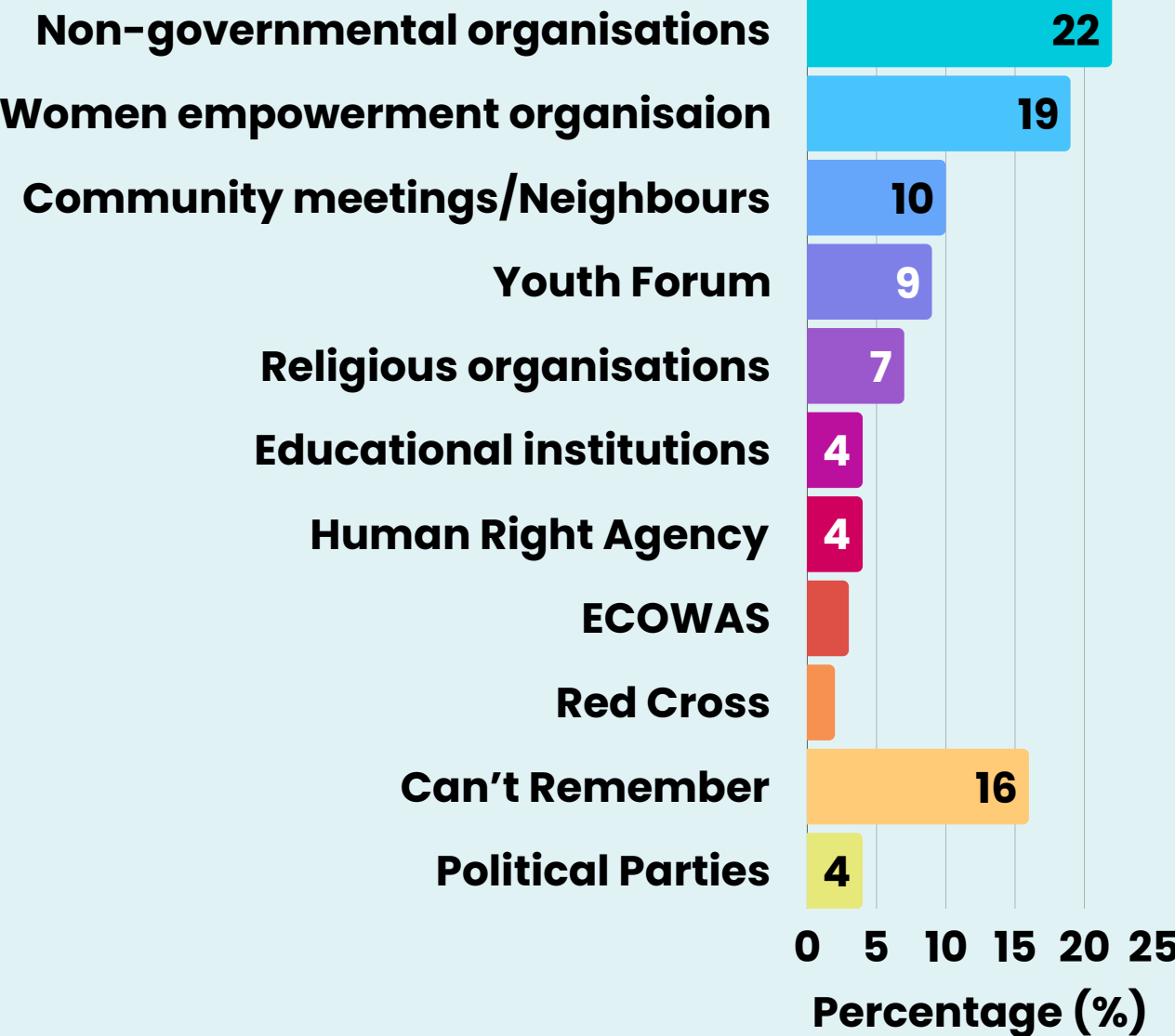


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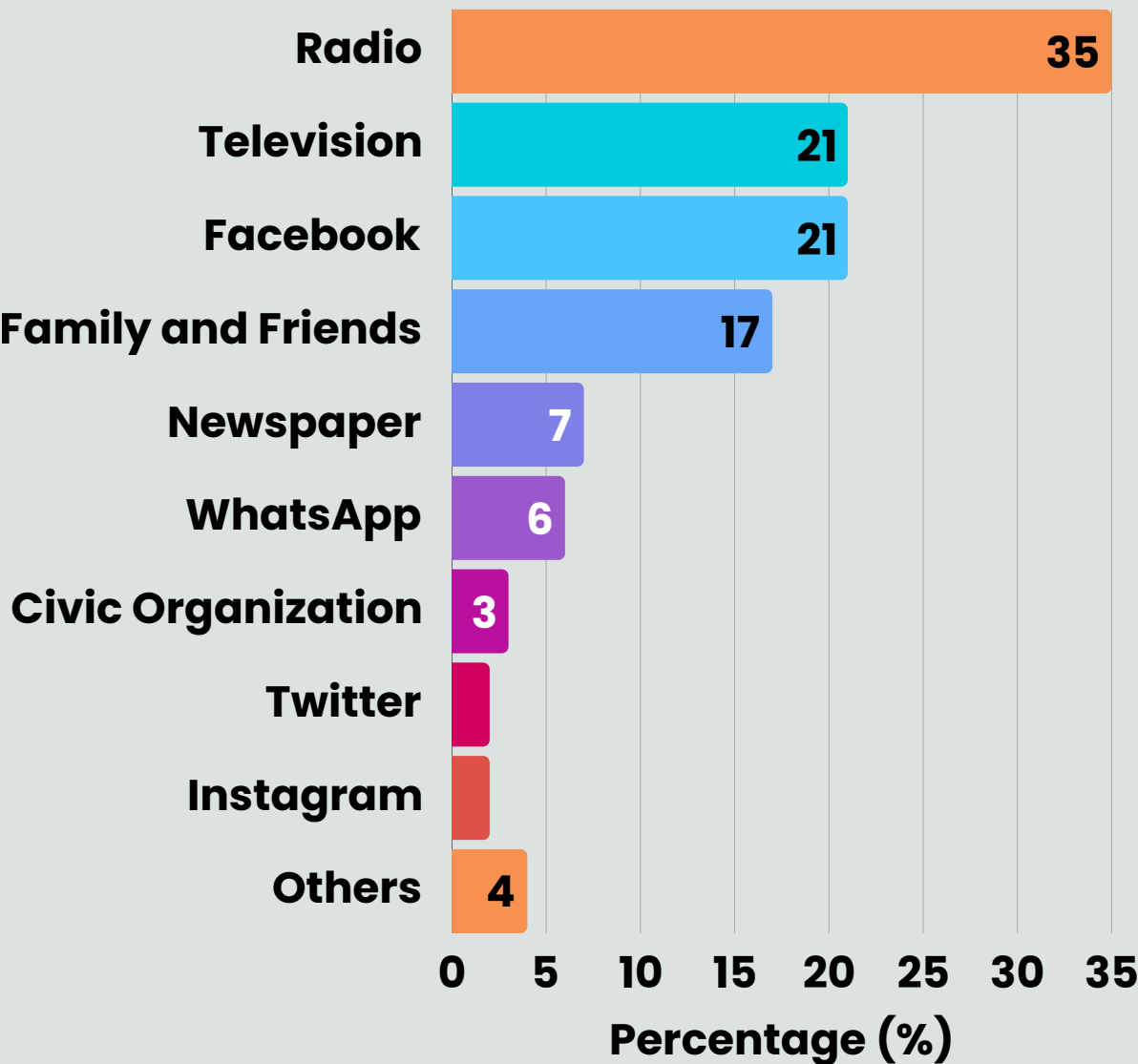
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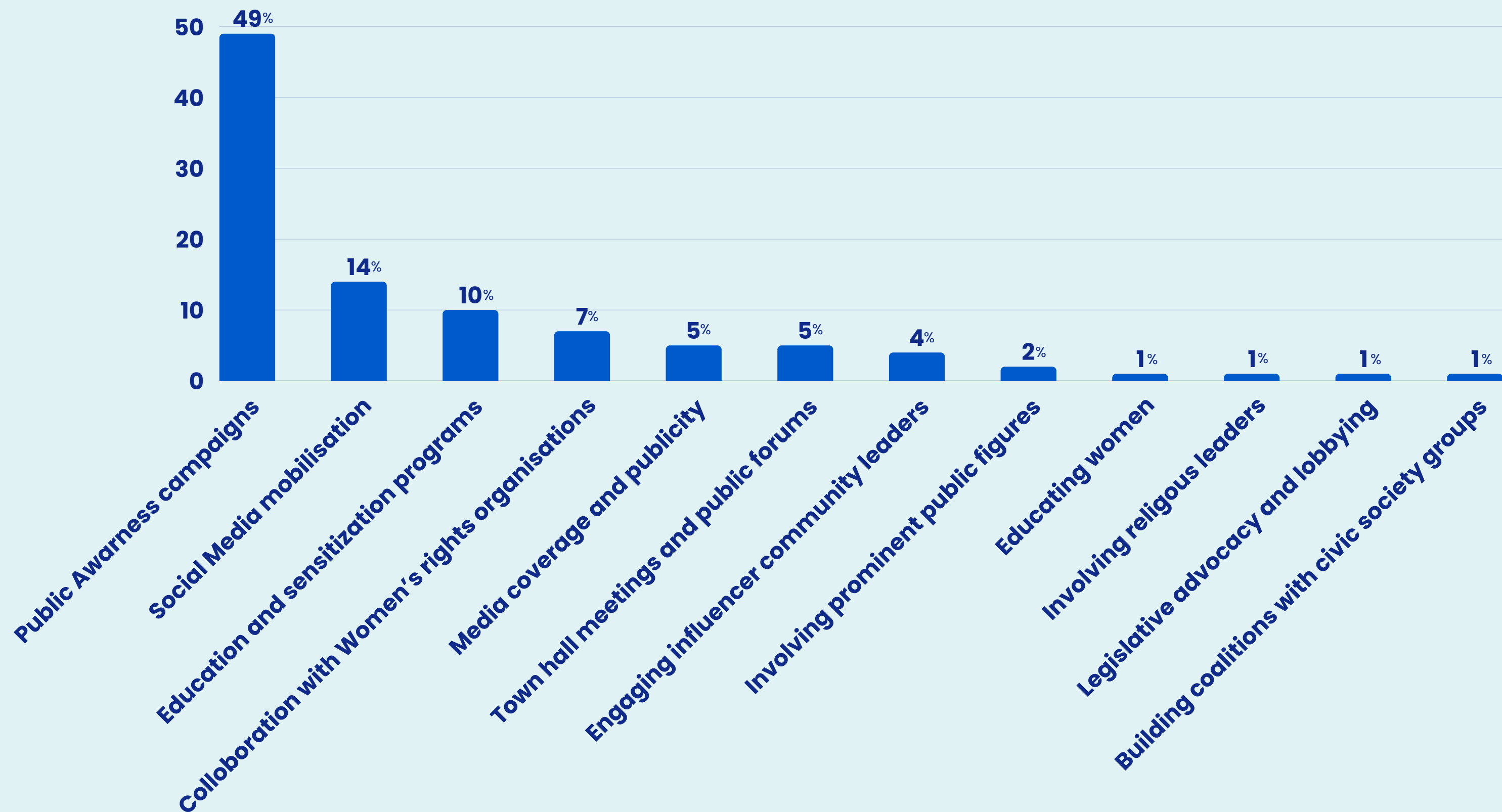
ORGANISATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR AWARENESS FORUMS



SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE BILL



EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR ADVOCACY ON THE BILL



TAKEAWAY



As of mid-2025, survey respondents overwhelmingly supported the concept and purpose of the Special Seats Bill (92% in favour). However, awareness remained low and participation in conversation minimal. Going forward, sustained public education and stronger institutional engagement will be key to translating this support into concrete legislative action.

ABOUT PLAC

Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC) is a non-governmental organization committed to strengthening democratic governance and citizens' participation in Nigeria. PLAC works to enhance citizens engagement with state institutions, and promote transparency and accountability in policy and decision-making process.

The main focus of PLAC's intervention in the democratic governance process is on building the capacity of the legislature and reforming the electoral process. Since its establishment, PLAC has grown into a leading institution with capacity to deliver cutting-edge research, policy analysis and advocacy. PLAC receives funding support from donors and other philanthropic sources.



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