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JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND EUROPEAN VALUES

AN INFOGRAPHIC ON THE STATE
OF RULE OF LAW AND
EUROPEAN
VALUES IN THE EU AND
NEIGHBOURING STATES

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01

Research

We investigate the state of the rule of law and European values in EU Member States and neighbouring countries, and their deterioration in times of crisis via empirical research.

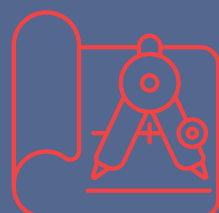


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Measurement

We measure the state of the rule of law and European values in relation to indicators pertaining to:

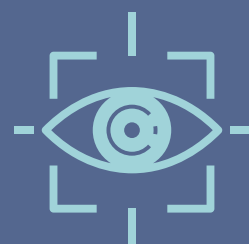
- civic engagement;
- democratic governance;
- functionality of justice;
- democratic values.



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Tracking

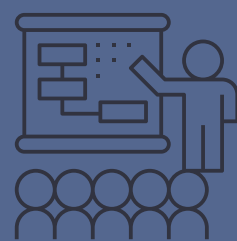
We track changes to the rule of law and democratic values in an interactive dashboard.



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Training and Workshops

We provide training and workshops for civil society organisations, academics, professionals, students, and the general public on a variety of themes.



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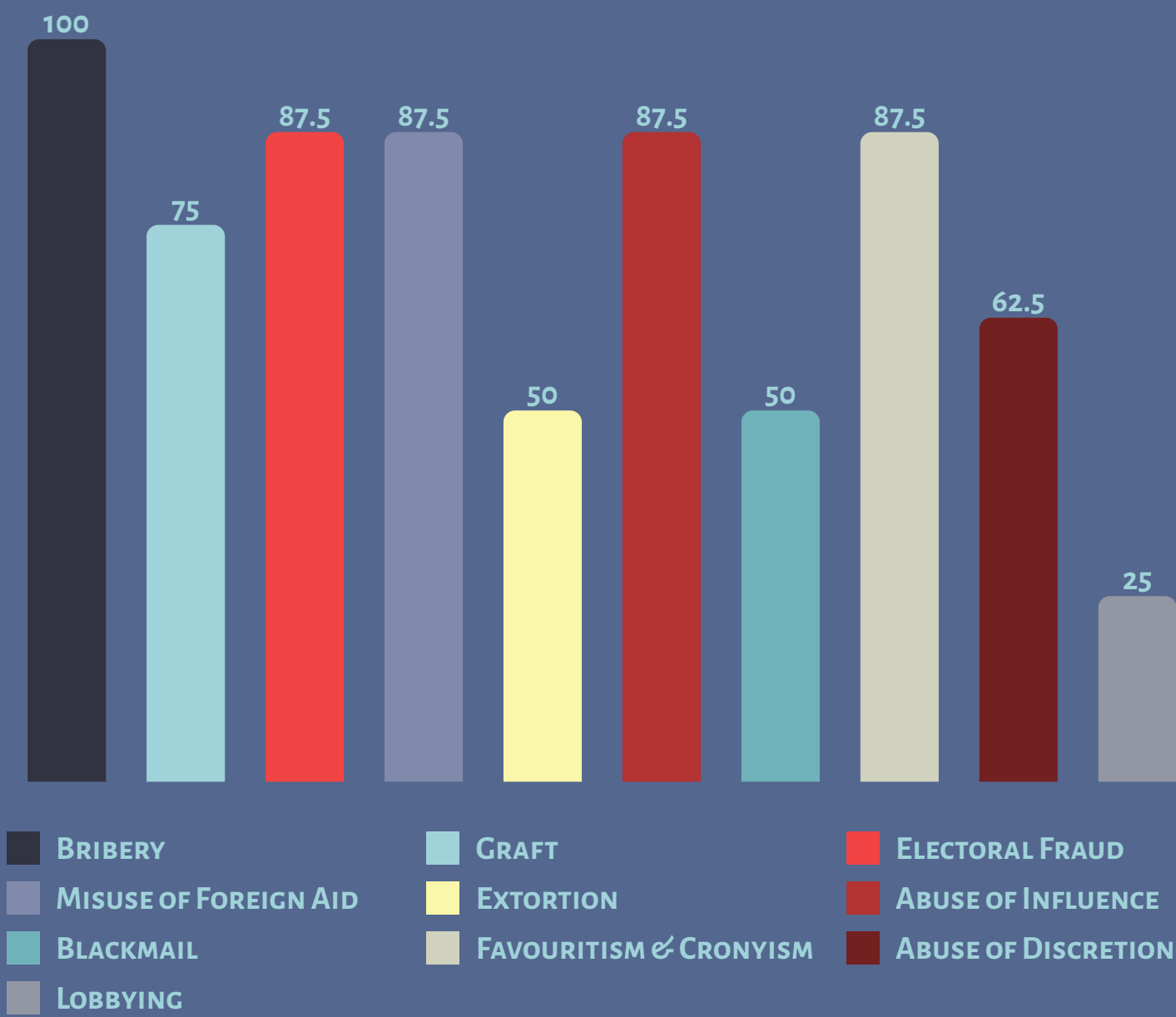
Recommendations and Policy-Making

We publish recommendations for protecting the rule of law and European values and collaborate with policy-makers and civil society organisations towards their implementation.

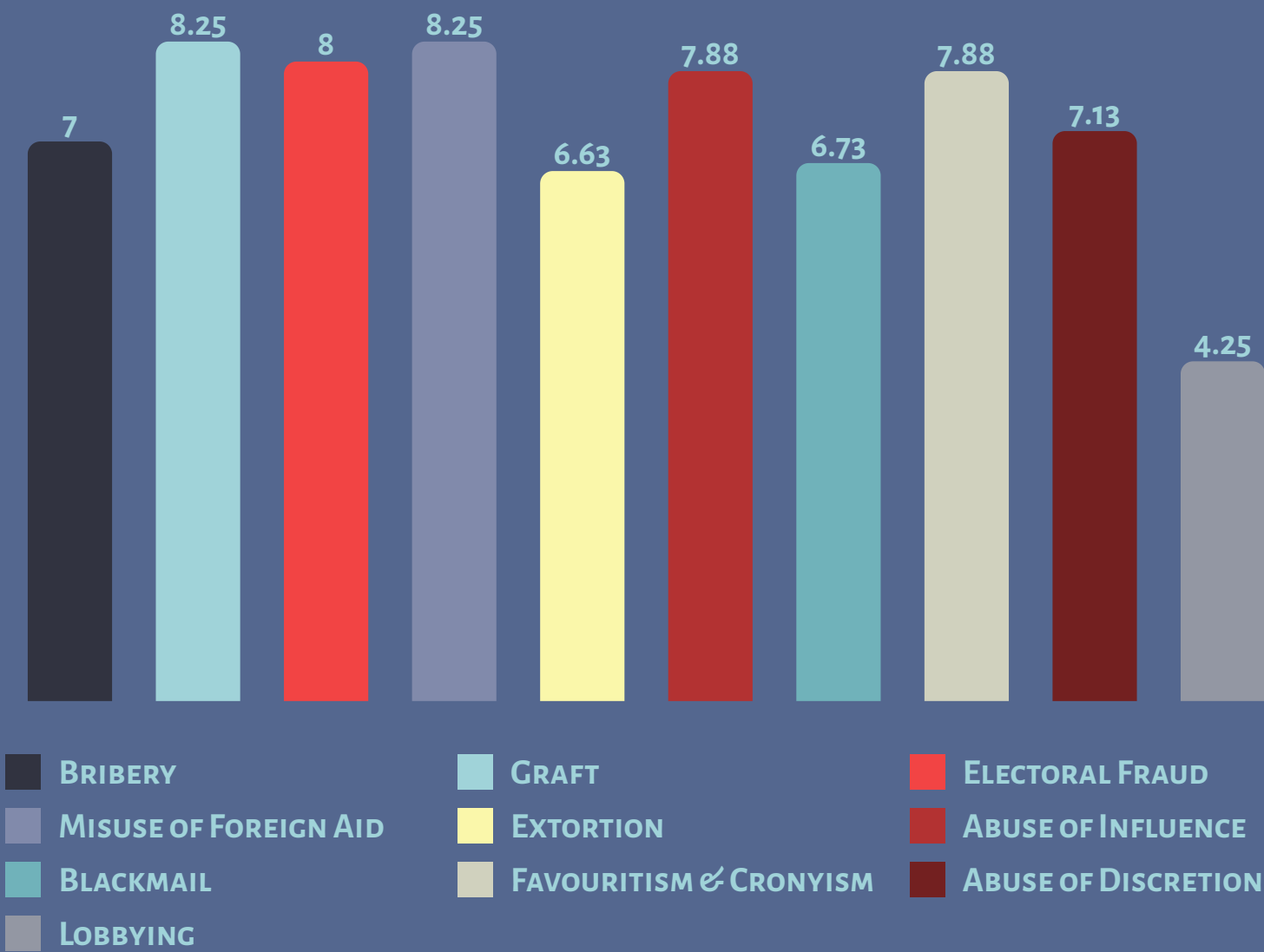


CORRUPTION

WHICH BEHAVIOURS CONSTITUTE CORRUPTION?

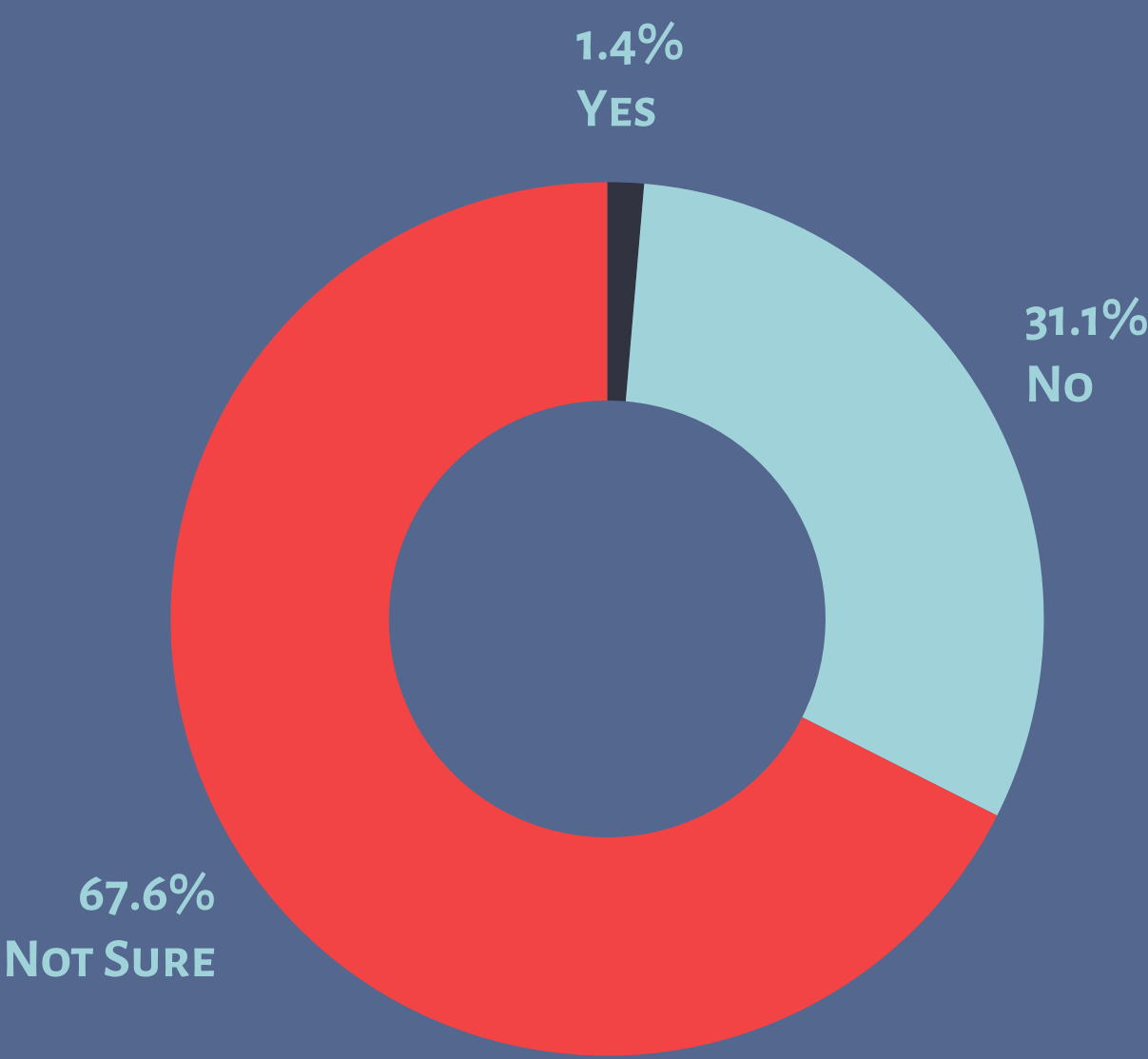


ON A SCALE FROM 1-10, WHICH BEHAVIOURS POSE MORE OF A THREAT TO SOCIETY?

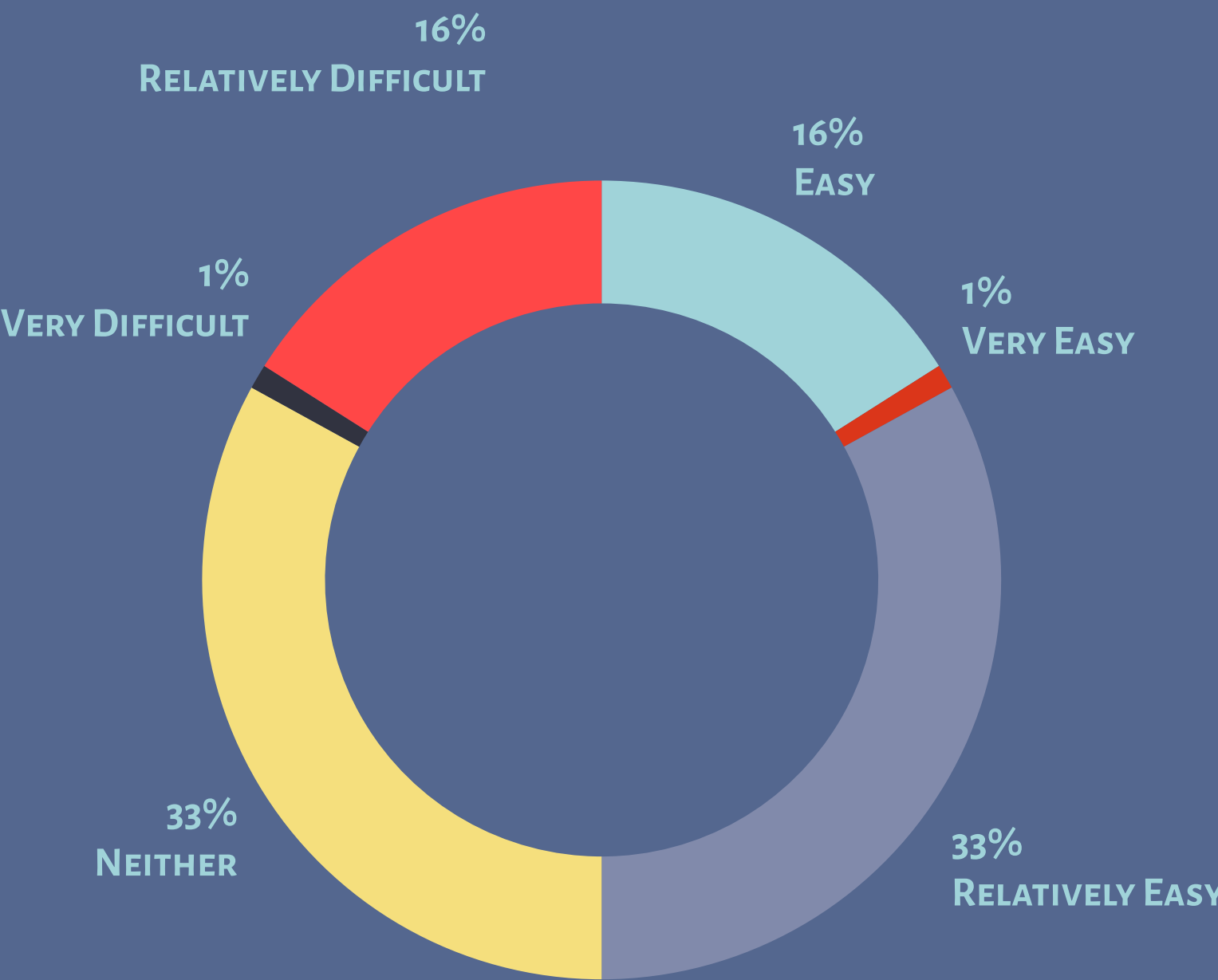


TRANSPARENCY

ARE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS CLEARLY
PUBLICISED?

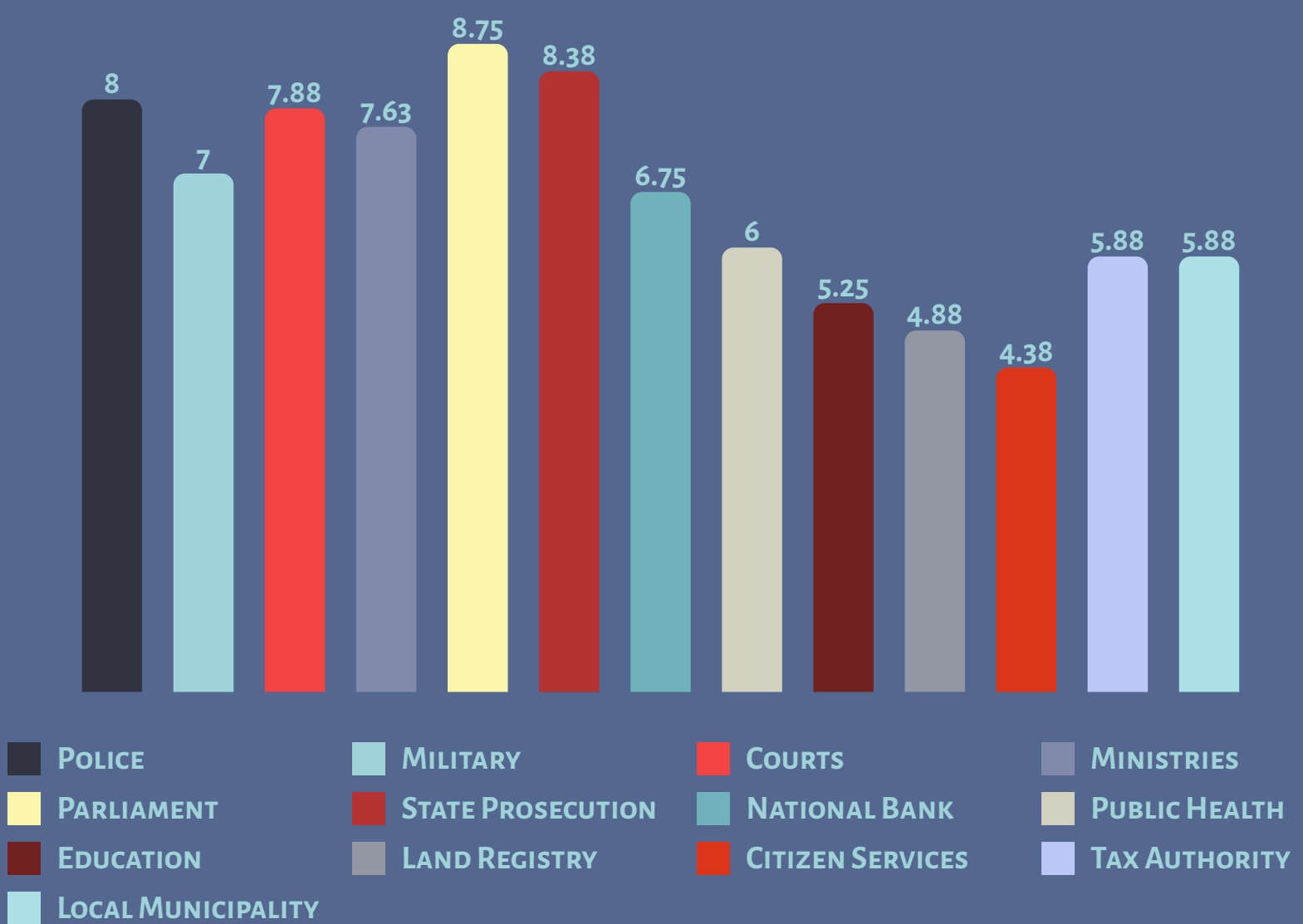


HOW EASY IS IT TO FIND INFORMATION
ON THE GOVERNMENT'S WEBSITE?

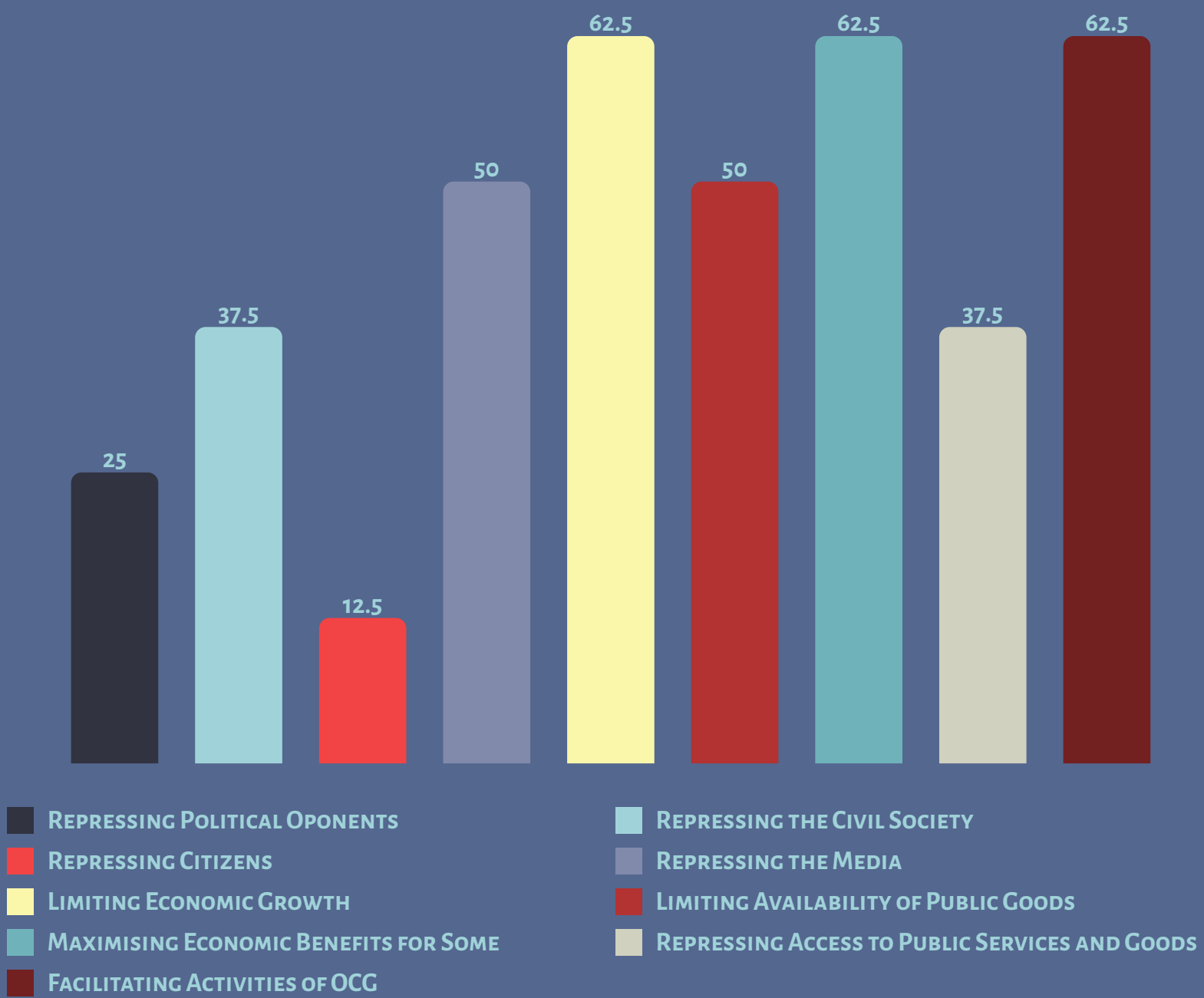


CORRUPTION

ON A SCALE FROM 1-10, IN WHICH INSTITUTION DOES CORRUPTION POSE MORE OF A THREAT TO SOCIETY?

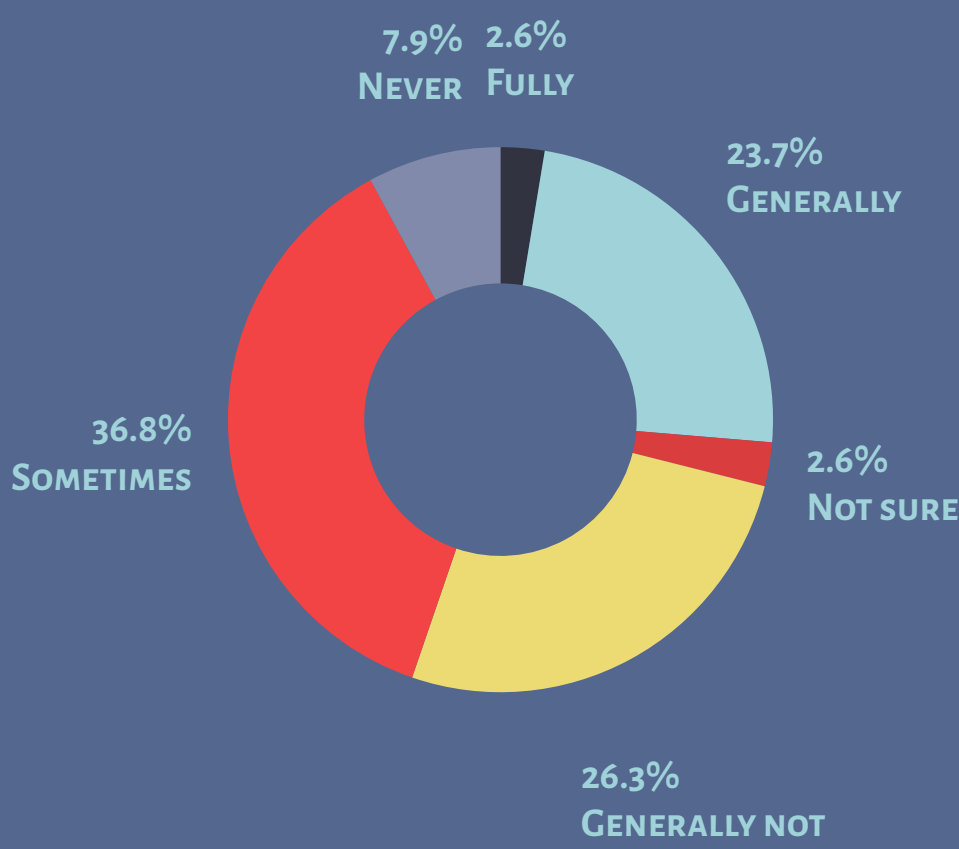


WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DOES CORRUPTION CONTRIBUTE TO IN YOUR COUNTRY?



REPRESENTATION

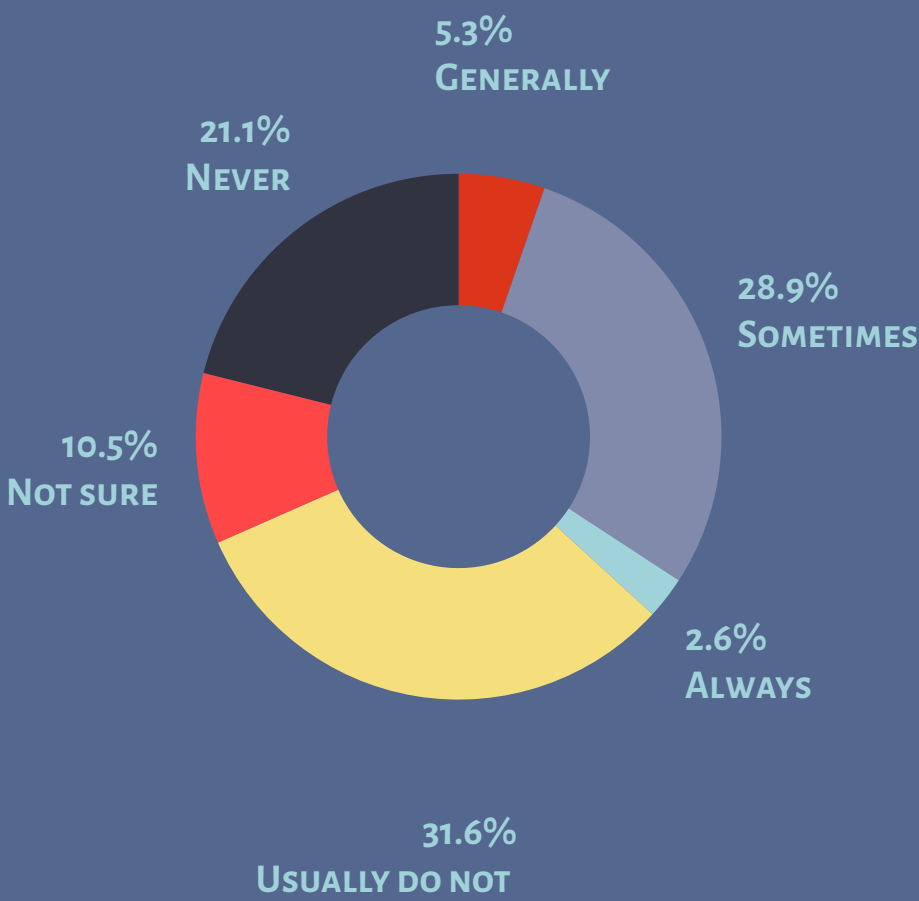
TO WHAT EXTENT ARE YOUR INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THE PARLIAMENT?



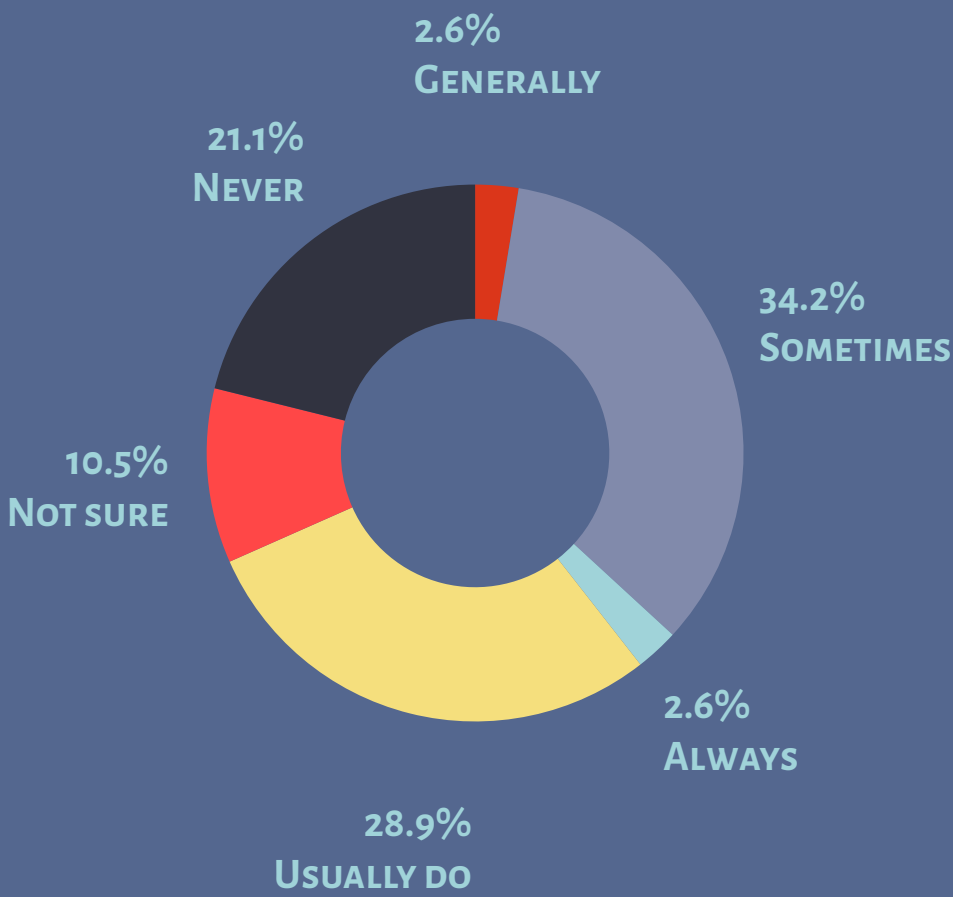
"POLITICIANS ARE TOO INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING OPINIONS THAT SATISFY THEIR OWN INTERESTS OR THE INTERESTS OF THE ELITE - WHETHER THAT BE FOR MONEY OR POWER"

TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOUR WISHES SHAPE THE PARTLIAMENT'S ACTIONS?

"IT'S GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THOSE THAT ACTUALLY WANT TO DO PUBLIC SERVICE WILL NEVER MAKE IT TO THE POSITIONS IN WHICH THEY CAN (FOR POLITICAL/NEPOTISTIC REASONS)."



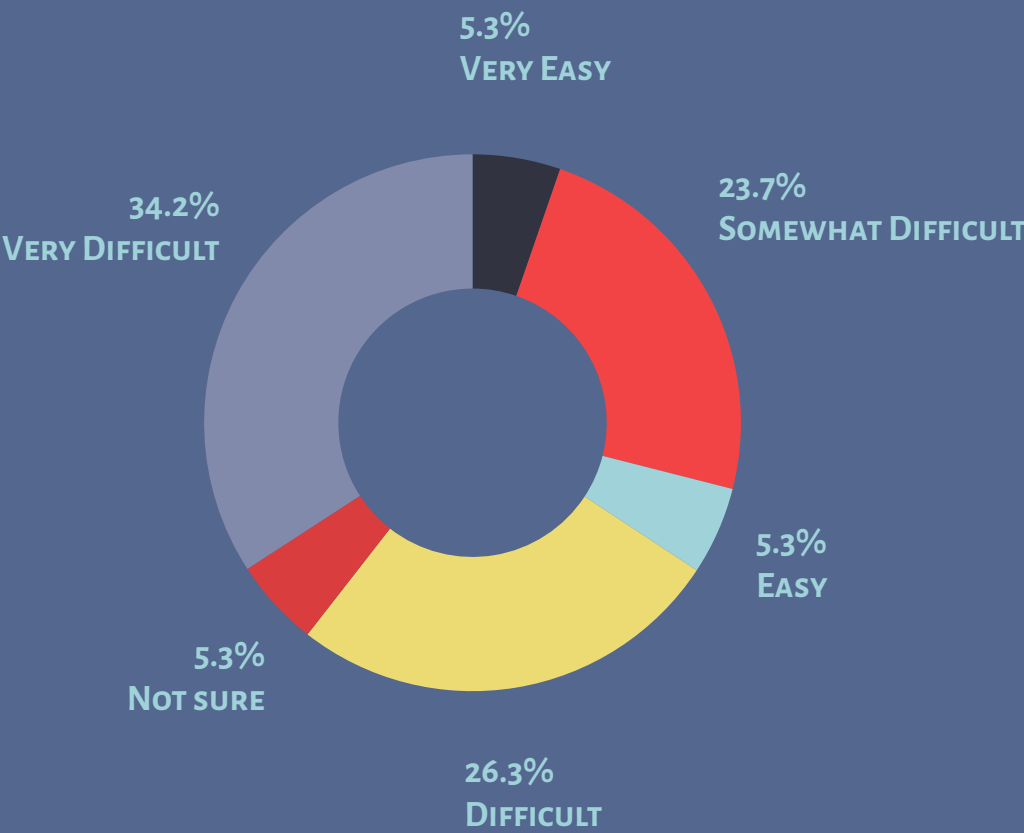
TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOUR WISHES SHAPE THE ACTIONS OF YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT?



"LOCAL GOVERNMENT...STILL SUFFERS FROM THE SAME NEPOTISTIC AND CORRUPT ATTITUDE...WHILE OFFICERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL REGION, THEY'RE STILL SUBJECT TO BACKCHANNEL DEALING BETWEEN POWERFUL STAKEHOLDERS WHO DON'T GENERALLY HAVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AT HEART"

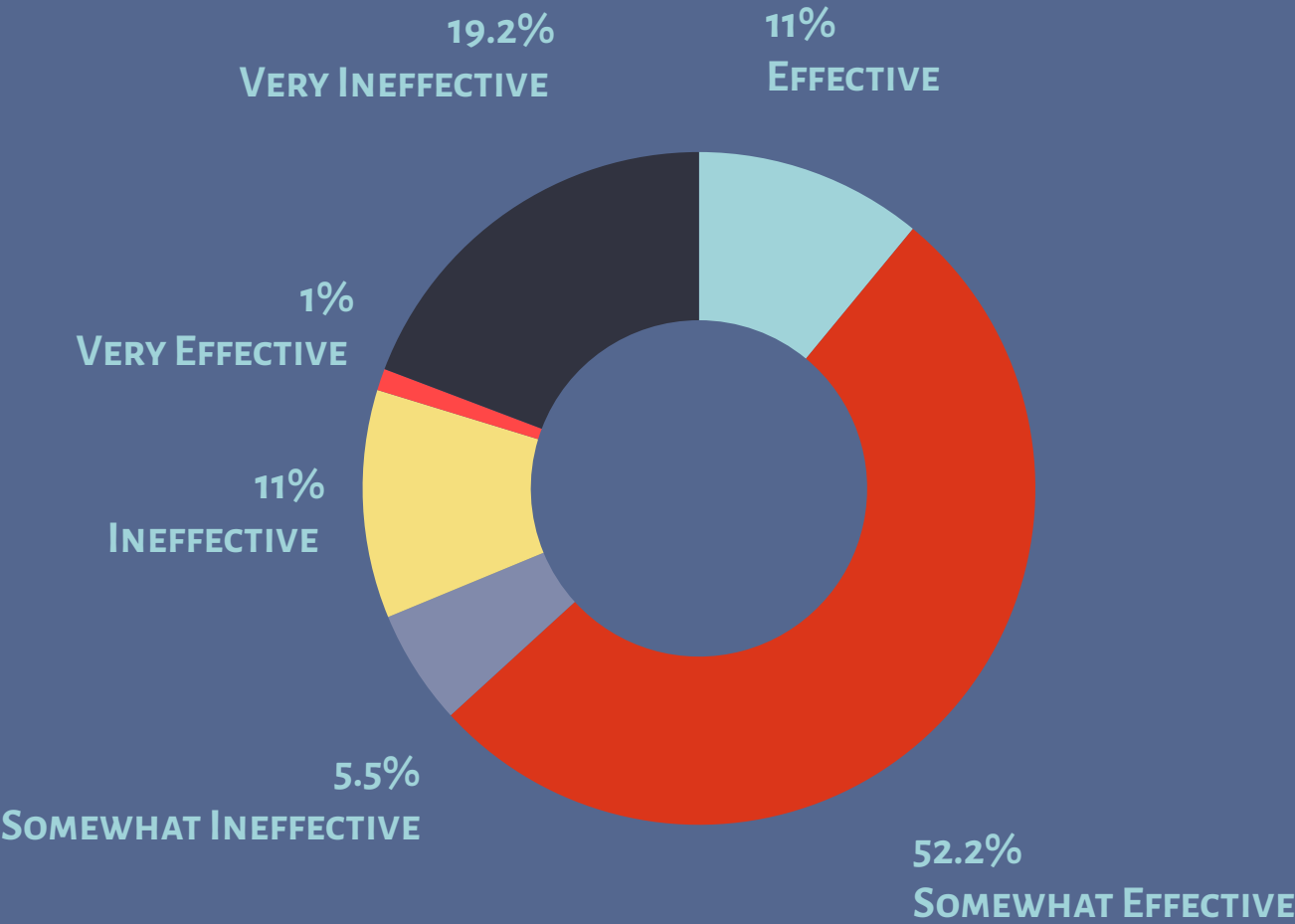
ACCESS TO JUSTICE

TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU THINK THAT
TAKING A CASE TO THE COURT WILL BE EASY?

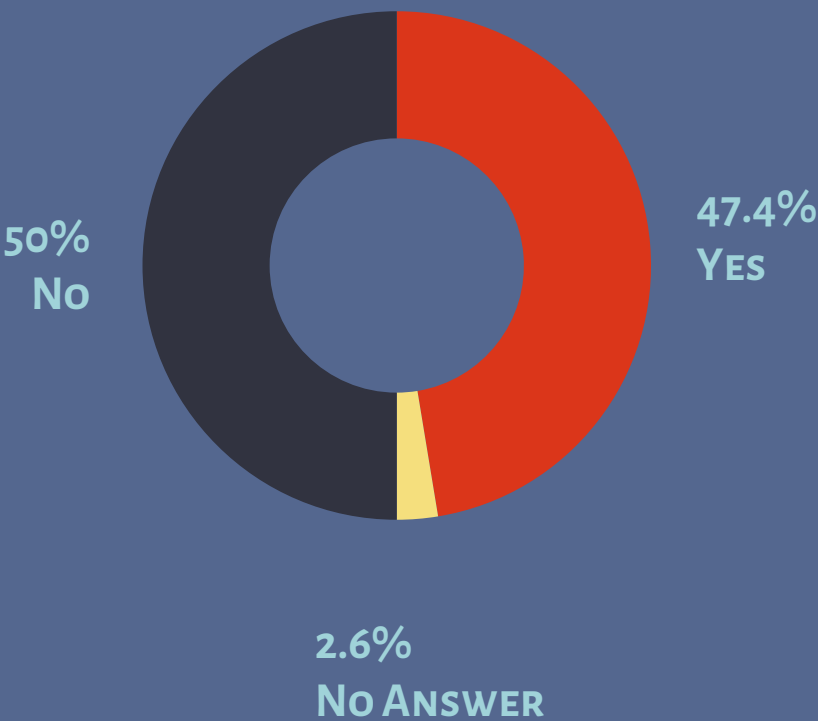


"LENGTHY PROCEEDINGS"
"POSTPONEMENT OF CASES"
"EXPENSIVE"
"COMPLEX PROCEEDINGS"
"LOW CHANCE OF SUCCESS"
"LACK OF TRANSPARENCY"
"FEAR OF RETALIATION"

TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU THINK THAT
TAKING A CASE TO THE COURT WILL BE
EFFECTIVE?

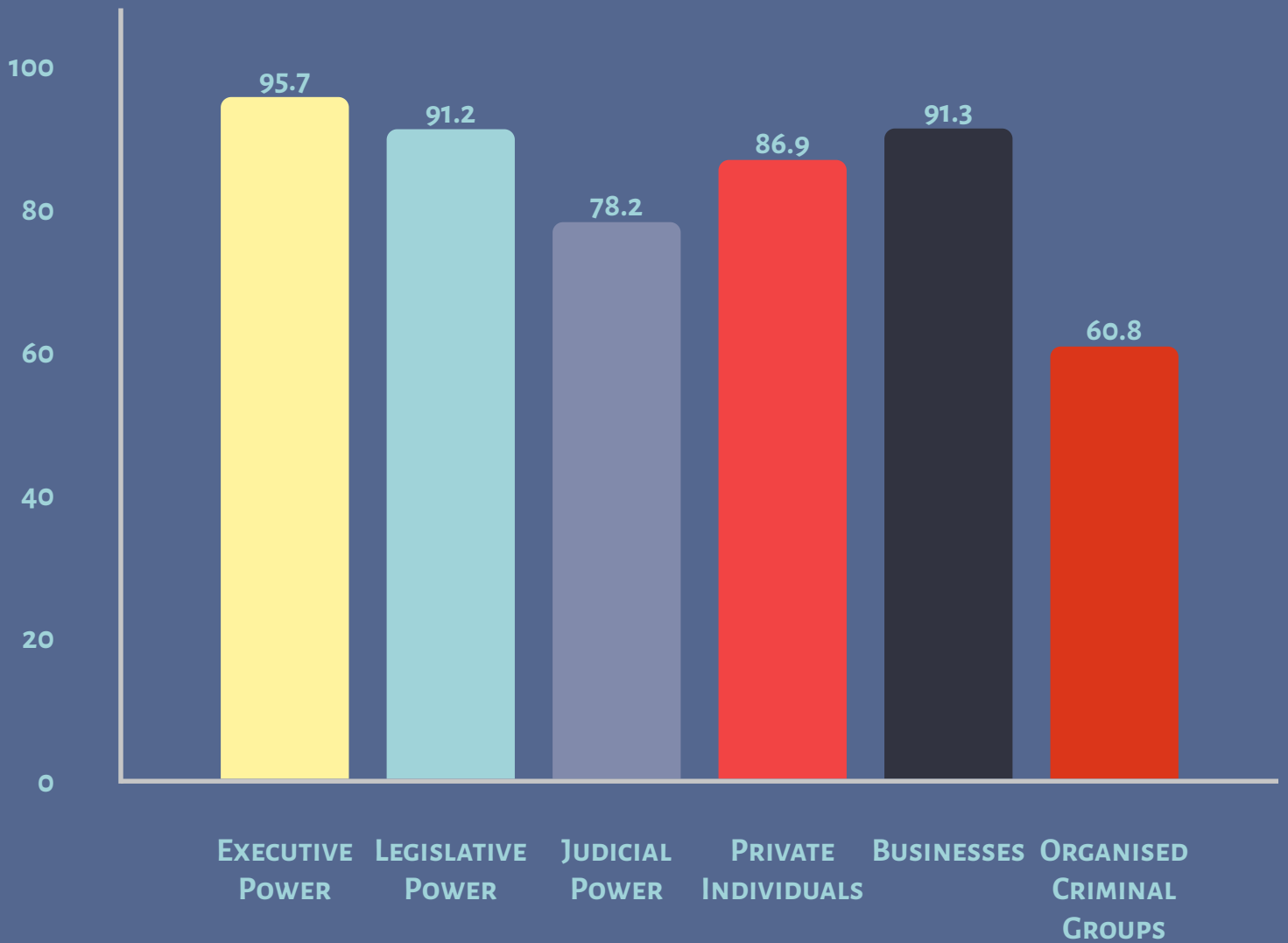


HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT PURSUING
A CASE IN COURT BUT EVENTUALLY DECIDED
NOT TO?



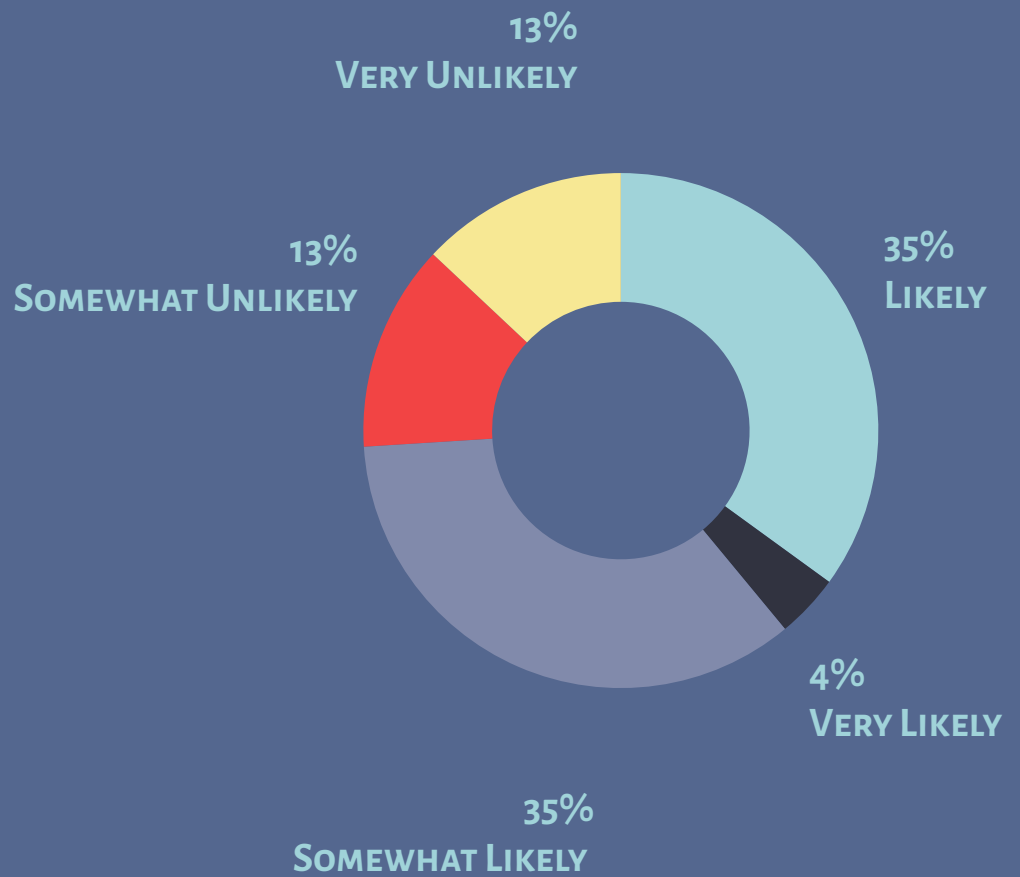
MEDIA

INFLUENCE ON THE MEDIA



LIKELIHOOD THAT DOMESTIC MEDIA HOLD THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISIONS AND ACTIONS TO ACCOUNT

"MEDIA SOMETIMES SUPERFICIALLY COVERS MORE PROBLEMATIC ISSUES BUT RARELY POINTS OUT OBVIOUS MISTAKES OR PROBLEMS BY THE GOVERNMENT OR THE DISAPPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC, LIKELY DUE TO SOME FEAR OF CENSORSHIP"



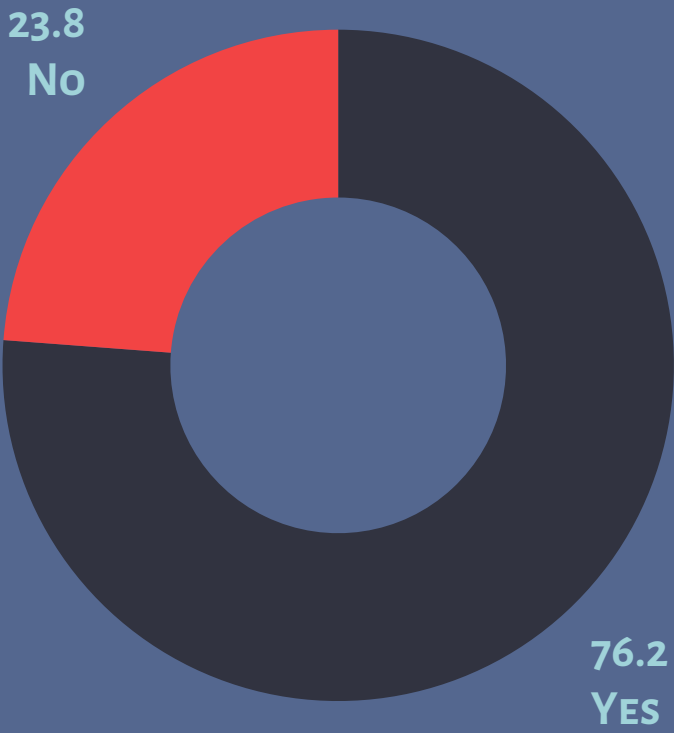
FREEDOM TO CRITIQUE THE STATE



"PREVIOUS RECORDS SHOW THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT TAKE KINDLY TO OFFICIAL MEDIA OUTLETS OUTRIGHT QUESTIONING THEIR DECISIONS"

DISINFORMATION

DO YOU TAKE ANY ACTIONS TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION YOU ENGAGE WITH IN DOMESTIC NEWS MEDIA?



- ACTIONS:**
- CROSS-REFERENCING INFORMATION;
 - FINDING THE “ORIGINAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION”;
 - CHECK TRUSTED JOURNALISTS’ AND “REPORTERS’ SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES”;
 - READING THE ACADEMIC PUBLICATION THAT THE NEWS PUBLICATION REFERENCES (WHERE APPLICABLE);
 - ASKING AN EXPERT ON THE MATTER OR CONSULTING AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON THE SUBJECT MATTER.

INTERNATIONAL VS. DOMESTIC NEWS MEDIA

IS LESS LIKELY TO BE INFLUENCED BY THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE



IS LESS LIKELY TO BE CENSORED



IS LESS LIKELY TO BE BIASED WHEN REPORTING ON EVENTS IN MY COUNTRY



IS MORE INCLUSIVE IN REPORTING



IS QUICKER TO REPORT ON ISSUES OF INTEREST



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