



Russian Society Monitoring

MIRROR OF RUSSIA

Wave
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Dynamics of Change: December, 2022 - April, 2023

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Research Methodology



Survey methodology: CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interview) – telephone survey on an interactive structured questionnaire using software for conducting sociological surveys.

Field dates: 10-24.04.2023

Sample size: 1600 respondents

Sample type: The sample is proportionally stratified according to the characteristics “8 federal districts of the Russian Federation” and “type of settlements” (urban/rural population; for the Central Federal District - Moscow and St. Petersburg / other urban population / rural population).

For each stratum, gender and age quotas were calculated – men/women in separate age groups (18-24 years old, 25-34 years old, 35-44 years old, 45-59 years old, 60 years and older).

The sample reproduces the geographic parameters and sex and age proportions of the general population - all adults (18 years and older) residents of the Russian Federation*.

The statistical error with a probability of 0.95 does not exceed 2.5%.

*Official statistics on the population of the federal districts of the Russian Federation and the age and sex composition are taken from open Internet sources.

RESEARCH SUMMARY



Russians are against the introduction of electronic summonses and do not support the second wave of mobilization.

The Institute for Conflict Studies and Analysis of Russia (ICARUS) conducted a monthly sociological survey as part of the monitoring of Russian society called "Mirror of Russia".

The fifth wave of the survey was conducted from April 10 to 24, 2023, using the CATI method (Computer Assisted Telephone Interview), a telephone survey using interactive structured questionnaires with the help of special software for sociological surveys. A total of 1,600 respondents were interviewed.

Main results of the fifth wave of the survey:

The majority of Russian citizens (58%) are against equating electronic summons for military conscription with traditional paper summonses in terms of legal force.

At the same time, 69% of respondents support the introduction of a unified register of military conscripts in Russia, and **54% advocate for implementing restrictive measures against citizens who evade military service.**

An absolute majority of supporters of restrictive measures primarily support a ban on leaving the country for such citizens.

60% of Russians are against the second wave of partial mobilization in their country, while only a third of respondents support this measure.

The majority of Russians reject the simultaneous mass conscription. It has been confirmed by surveys conducted in January and March this year.

RESEARCH SUMMARY



The proportion of Russian citizens who believe that the "SMO" should end no later than six months from now has reached 41%, up from 31% in December 2022. The number of supporters of an indefinite war to achieve all objectives decreased significantly, from 48% in December to only 13% in April. At the same time, only a few percent believe that all the war's objectives have been achieved, while 46% believe they have been partially achieved. Three-quarters of Russians would support ending the "Special Military Operation" tomorrow. That's a figure that has not dropped below 69% since December 2022.

The number of respondents with close relatives or acquaintances killed in the war increased from 44% in February to 46% in April. The slow but steady growth of the proportion of respondents who have lost relatives, friends, or acquaintances in the war is a trend inherent in each survey wave. The proportion of respondents who have mobilized relatives or acquaintances since March 2022 has mostly stayed the same in the last month and remains at the rate of 68% due to the absence of active mobilization measures in Russia during the period mentioned.

The number of Russians who believe that their army is directly opposed to the Ukrainian military, which is supplied by Western countries, and the number of those who are confident that Russian soldiers are directly fighting NATO forces are almost the same: 46% and 43%, respectively. Only 2% are confident that the Russian Federation is only fighting against the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

RESEARCH SUMMARY



A majority (58%) of respondents say that direct involvement in the "SMO" should not be a mandatory condition for holding high positions in Russia. At the same time, a third of respondents support introducing such a condition.

However, a majority of Russians (63%) are confident that participants of the "SMO" can criticize the flaws and mistakes of the military commandment in combat operations. In addition, 59% believe that Vladimir Putin is well informed about the progress of the "Special Military Operation". This confidence among Russians has remained unchanged since December 2022.

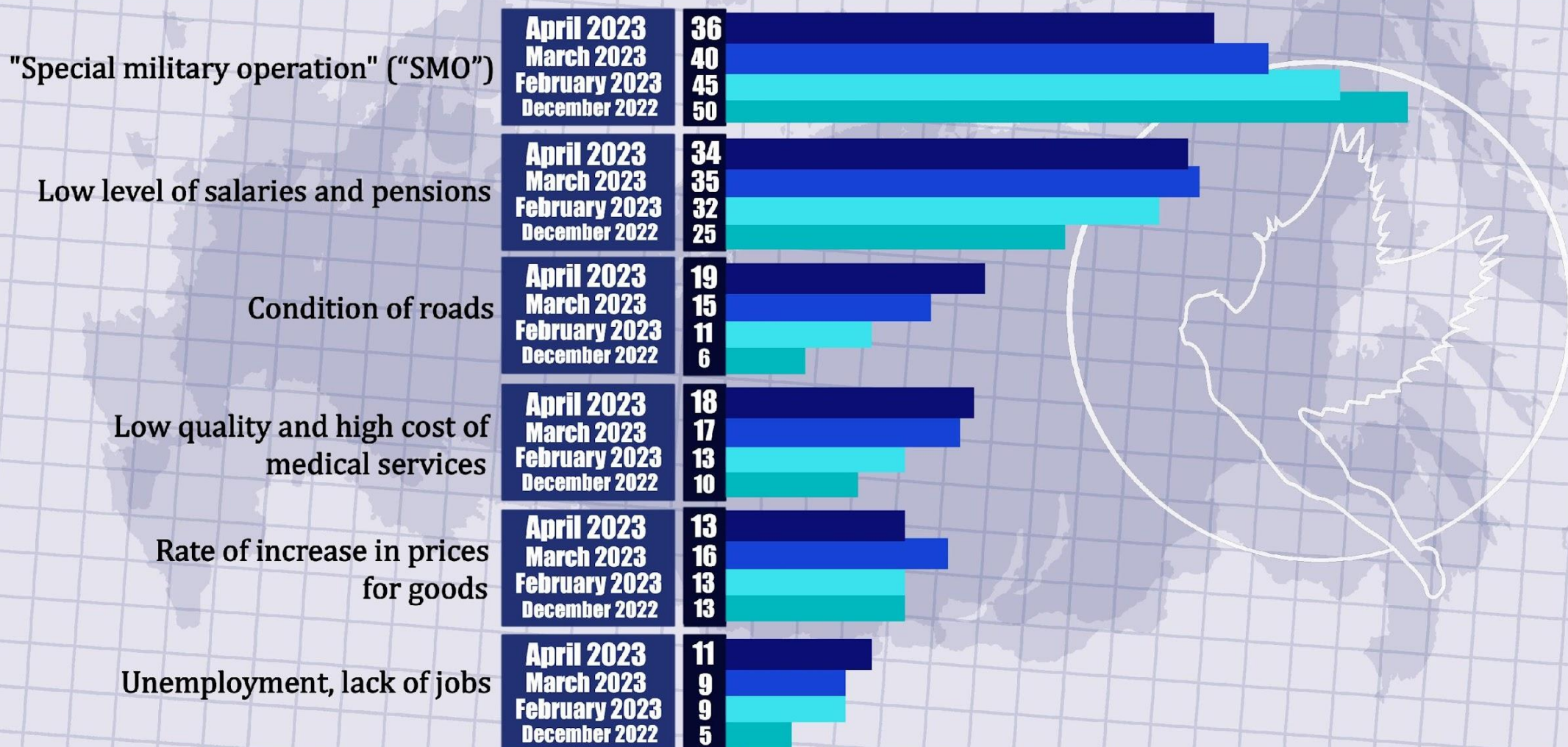
THE MOST URGENT PROBLEMS IN RUSSIAN SOCIETY



What are the most urgent problems in the Russian Federation today?

- Dynamics of attitudes, %

Respondents could choose more than one answer

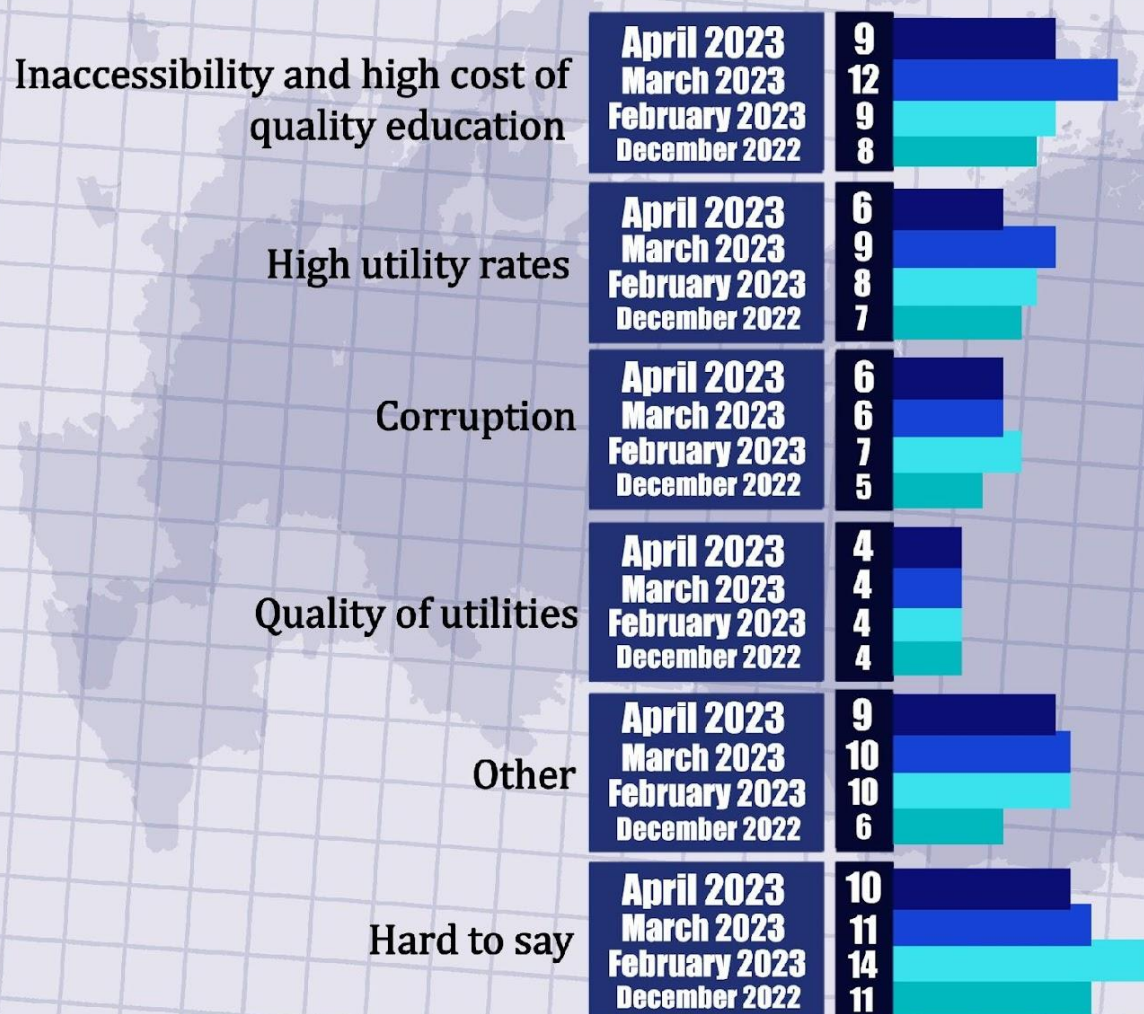


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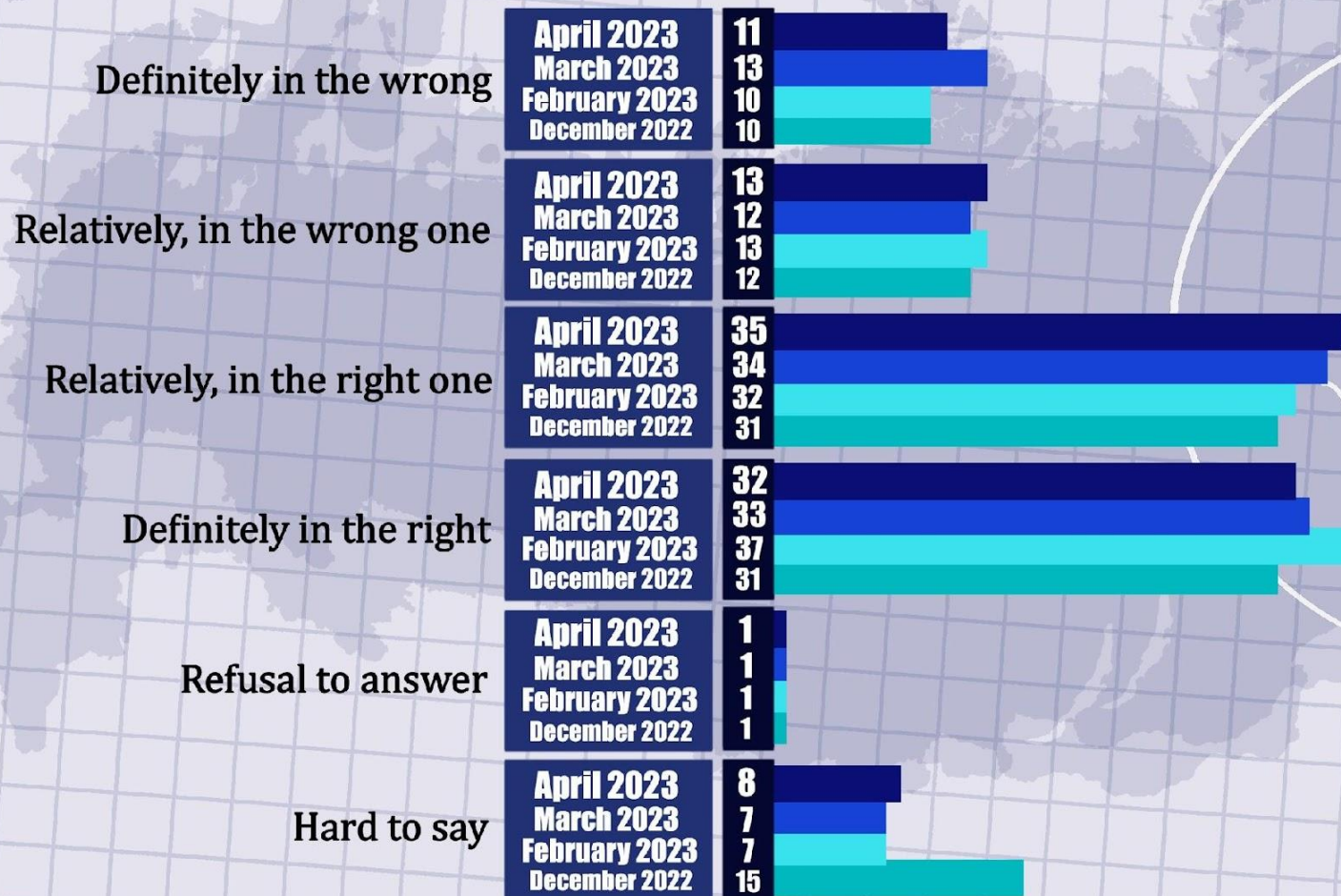
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ASSESSMENT OF EVENTS IN RUSSIA



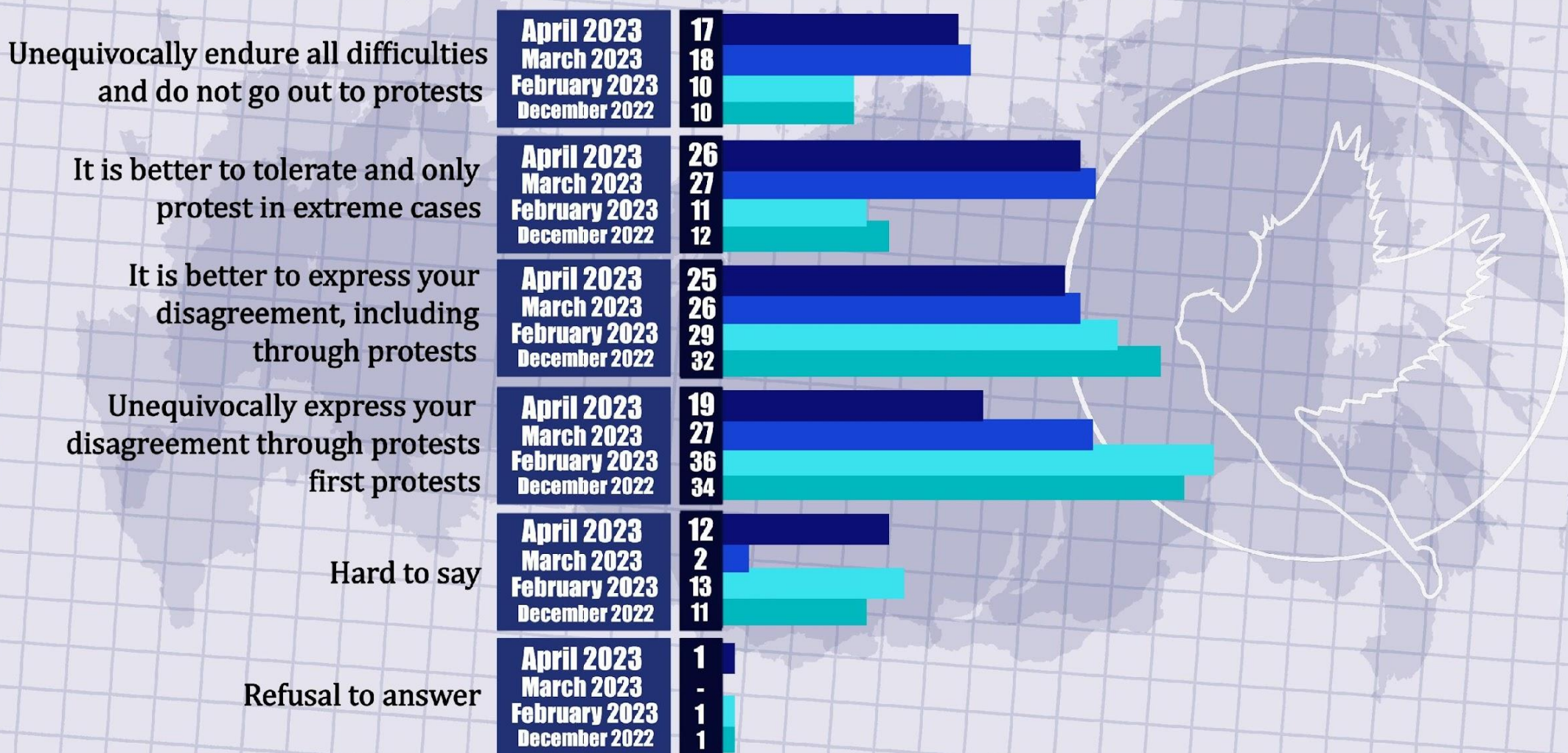
Do you think that events in the Russian Federation are developing in the right or wrong direction? - Dynamics of attitudes, %



READINESS FOR PROTESTS



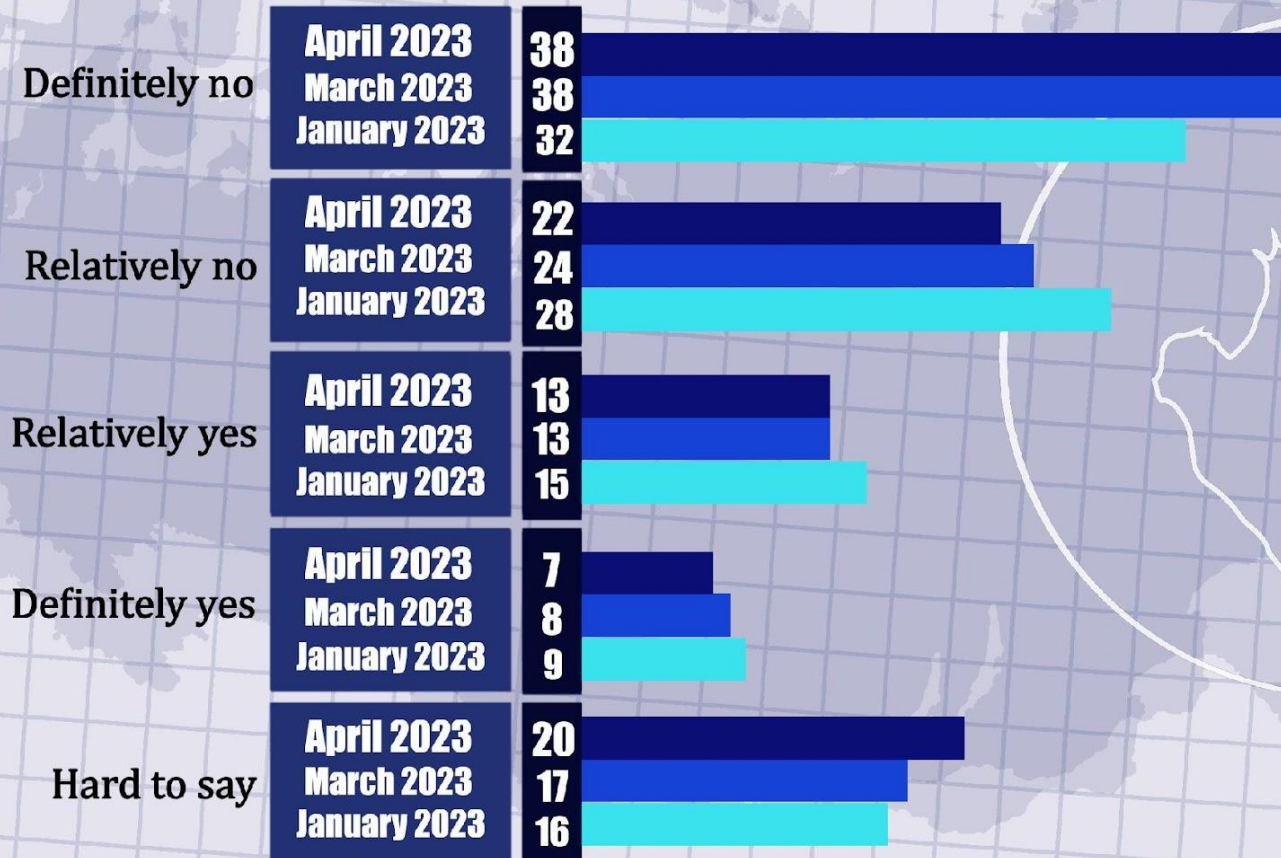
In your opinion, is it better to tolerate social and economic problems or to express disagreement with them? - Dynamics of attitudes, %



ASSESSMENTS OF THE "SMO"



In your opinion, is it necessary to conduct another wave of partial mobilization? - Dynamics of attitudes, %

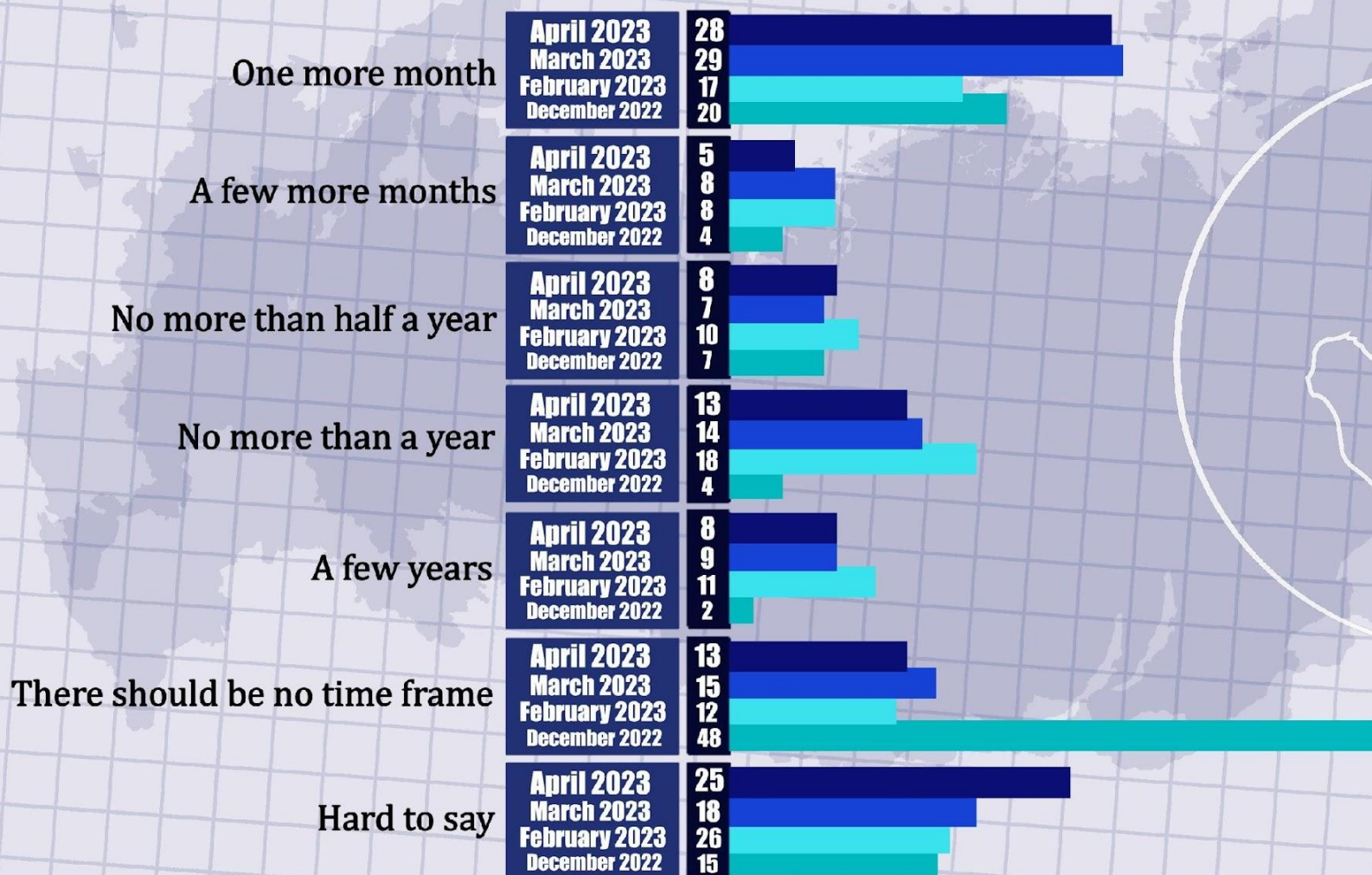


ASSESSMENTS OF THE "SMO"



What should be the maximum time frame for the "SMO" in Ukraine?

- Response dynamics, %

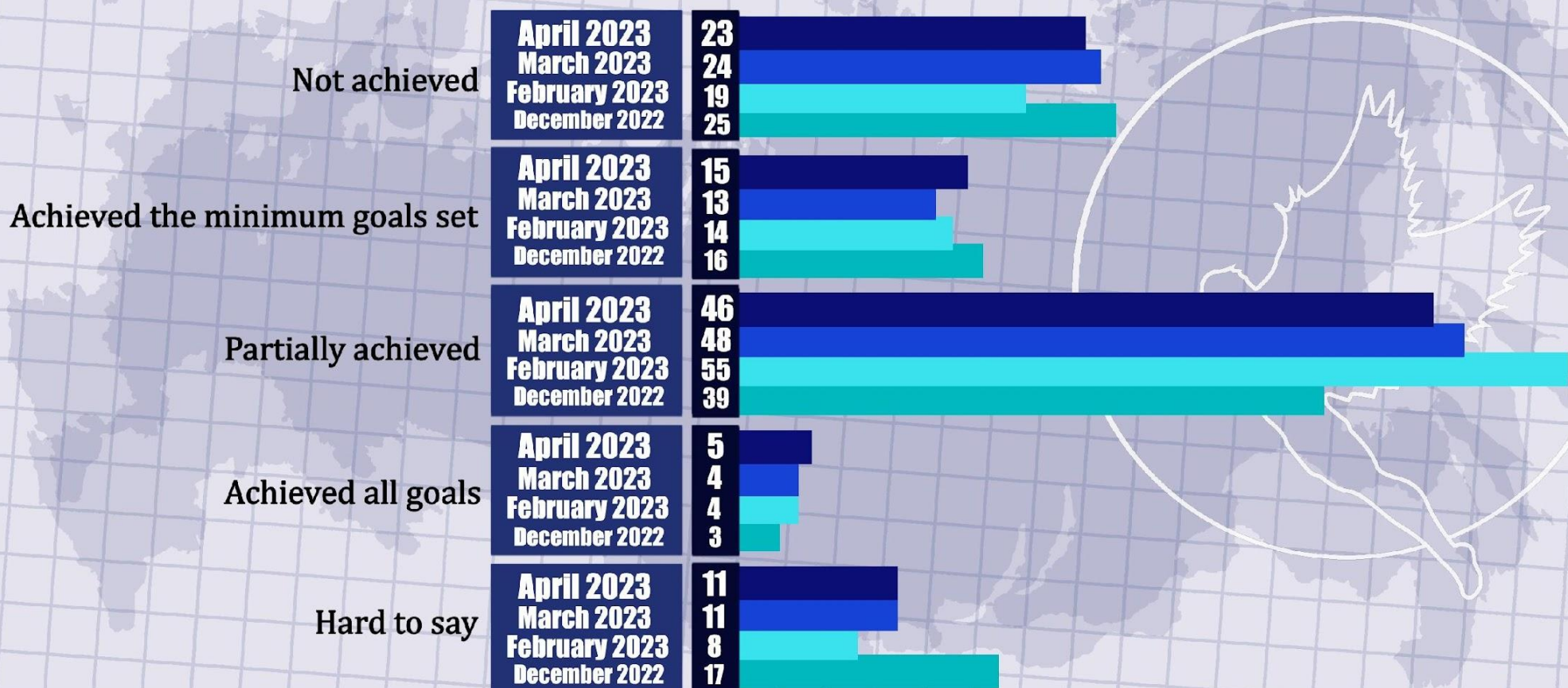


ASSESSMENTS OF THE "SMO"



In your opinion, has the "SMO" achieved its goals in Ukraine?

- Response dynamics, %

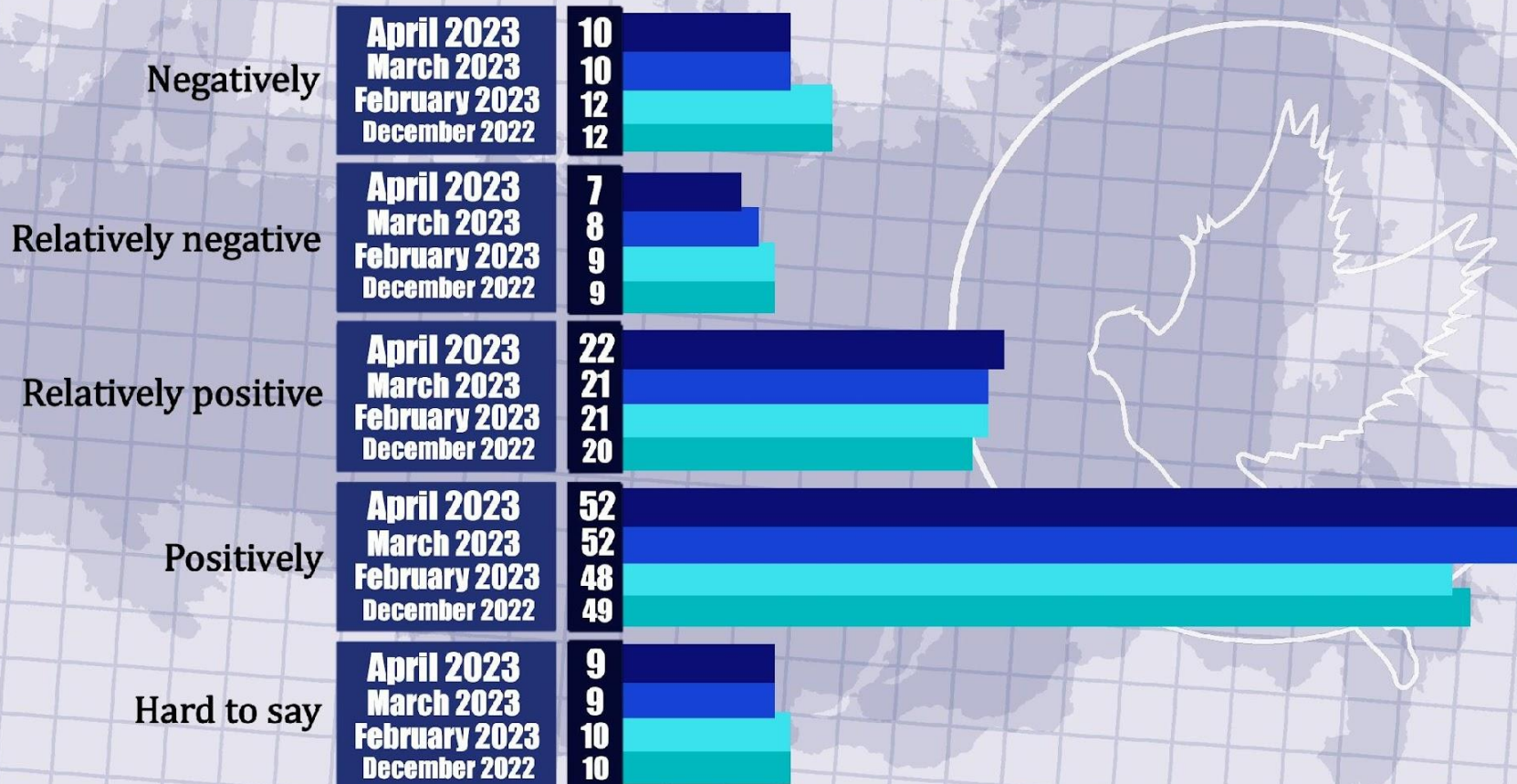


ASSESSMENTS OF THE "SMO"



How would you react if the "SMO" in Ukraine ended tomorrow?

- Response dynamics, %

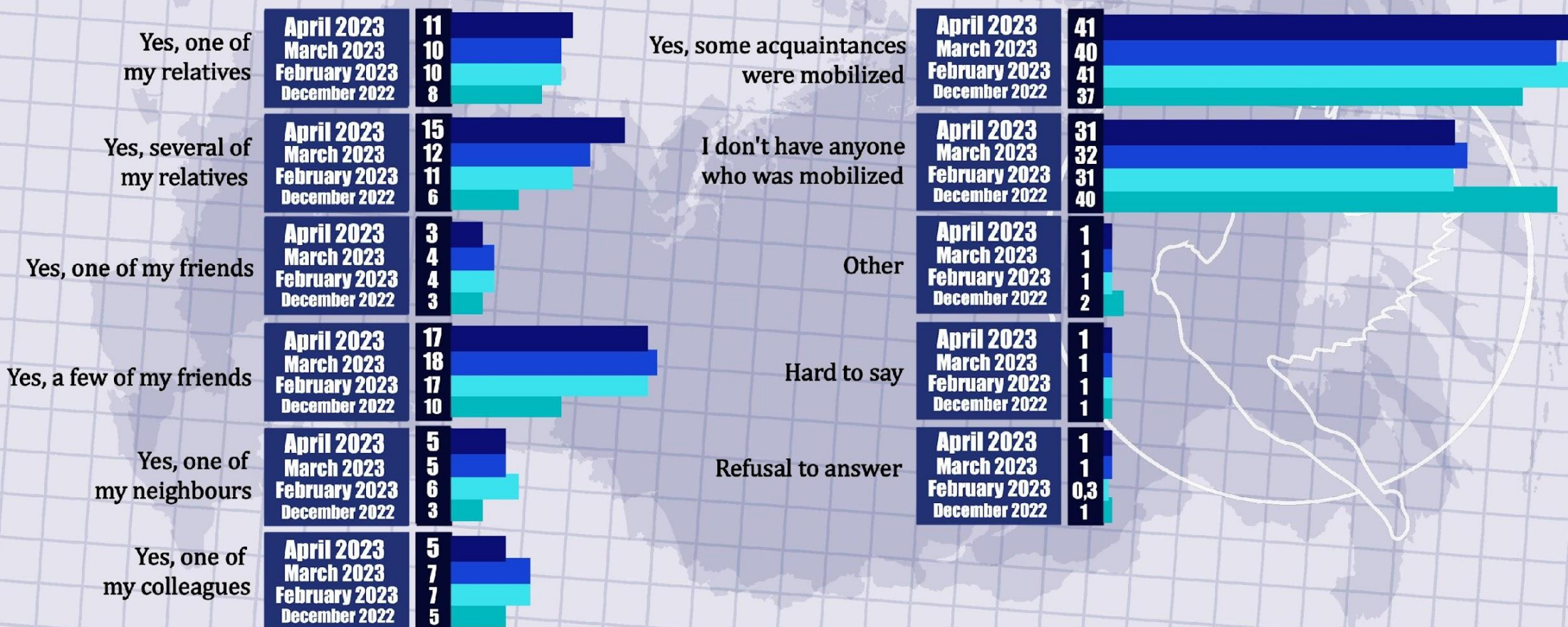


EXPERIENCE OF THE "SMO"



Among your relatives and acquaintances, are there those who have been mobilized since the beginning of the "Special Military Operation" in Ukraine (February 2022)?

- Dynamics of attitudes, % Respondents could choose more than one answer

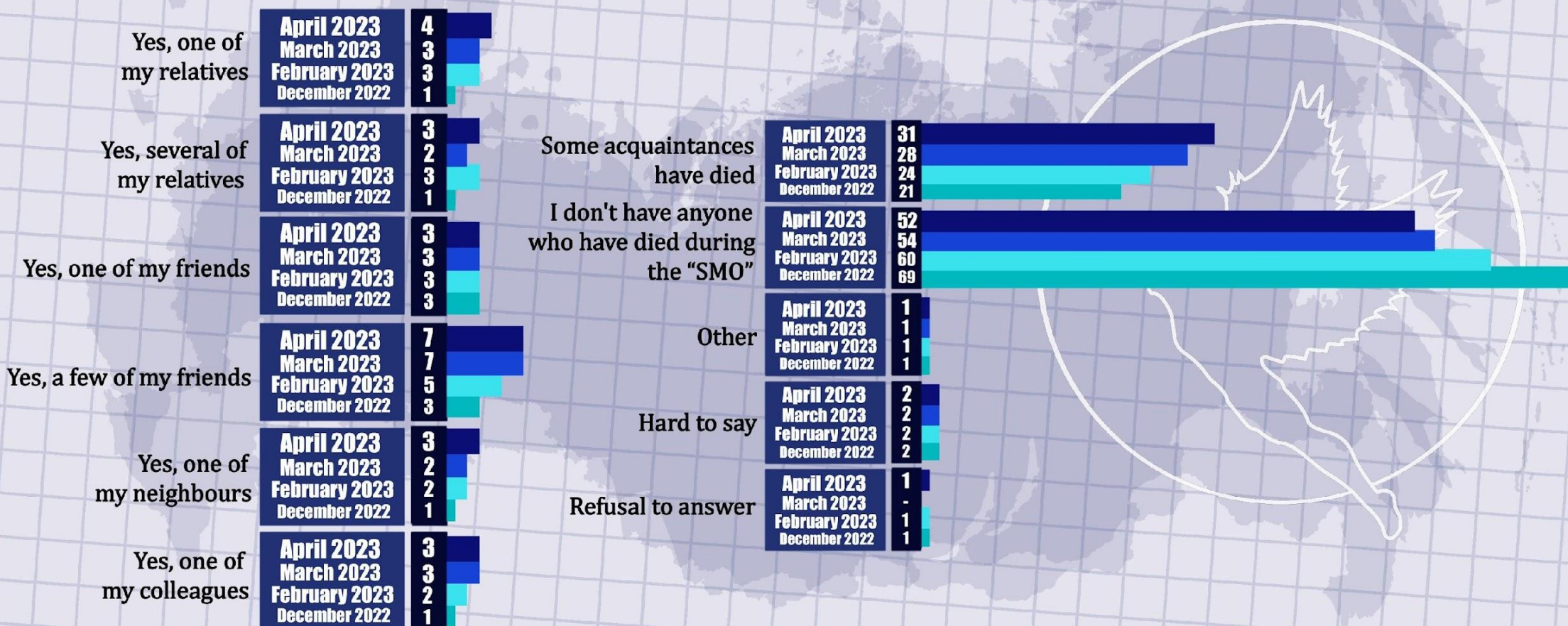


EXPERIENCE OF THE "SMO"



Among your relatives and acquaintances, are there those who died during the "Special Military Operation" in Ukraine (since February 2022)?

- Dynamics of attitudes, % Respondents could choose more than one answer



"SMO" AND AUTHORITIES



In your opinion, who mainly opposes the Russian Federation during the "SMO" in Ukraine? - Response dynamics, %

Primarily the Armed Forces of Ukraine,
being supplied by Western countries
and NATO



Primarily NATO troops



Primarily the Armed Forces of Ukraine



Other



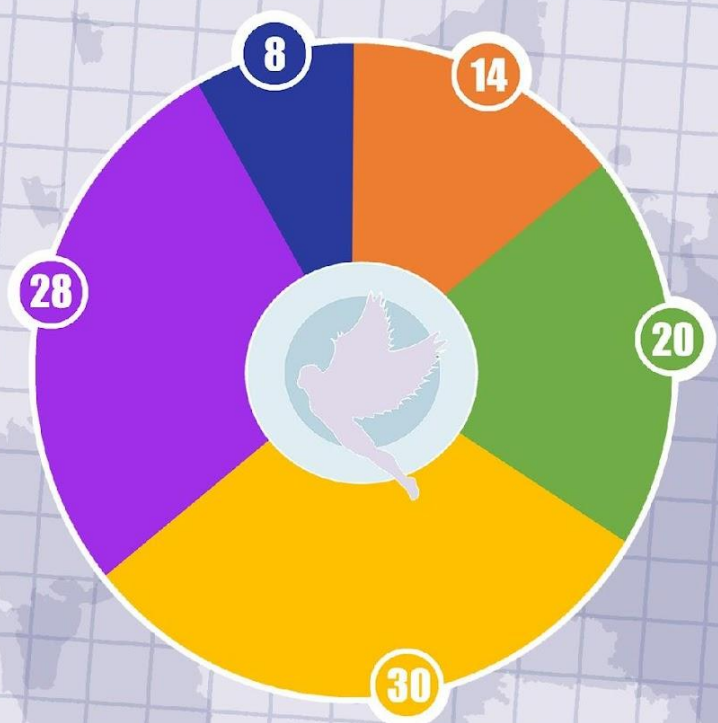
Hard to say



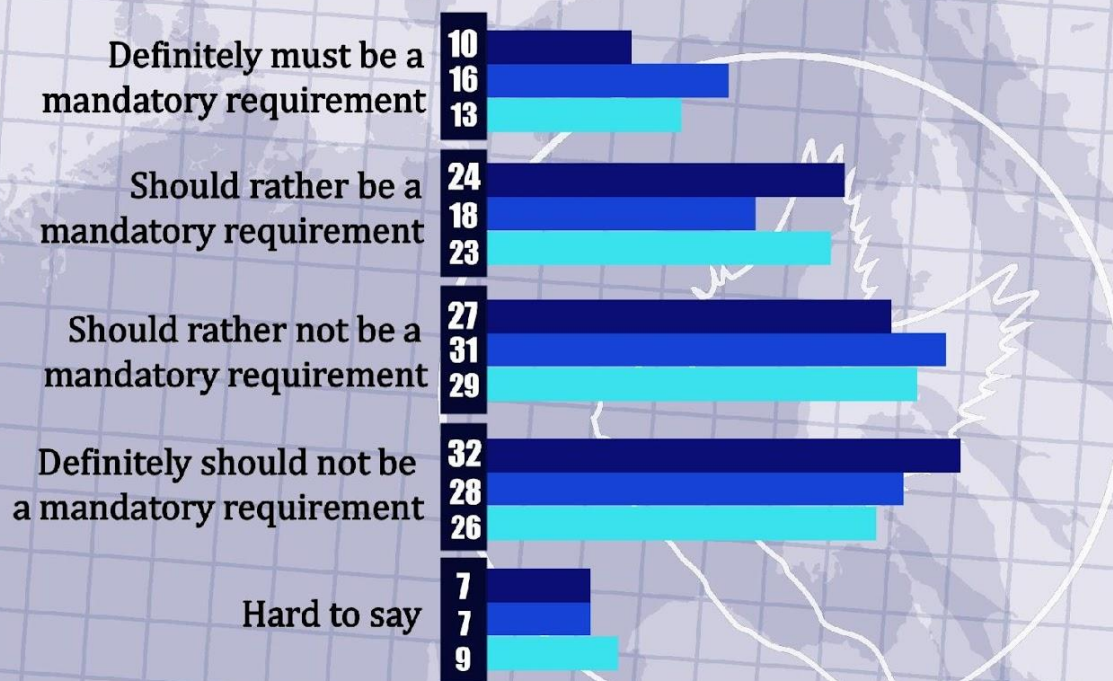
"SMO" AND AUTHORITIES



In your opinion, should direct participation in the "SMO" be a mandatory requirement for occupying high positions in the Russian Federation?, %



- Definitely must be a mandatory requirement
- Should rather be a mandatory requirement
- Should rather not be a mandatory requirement
- Definitely should not be a mandatory requirement
- Hard to say

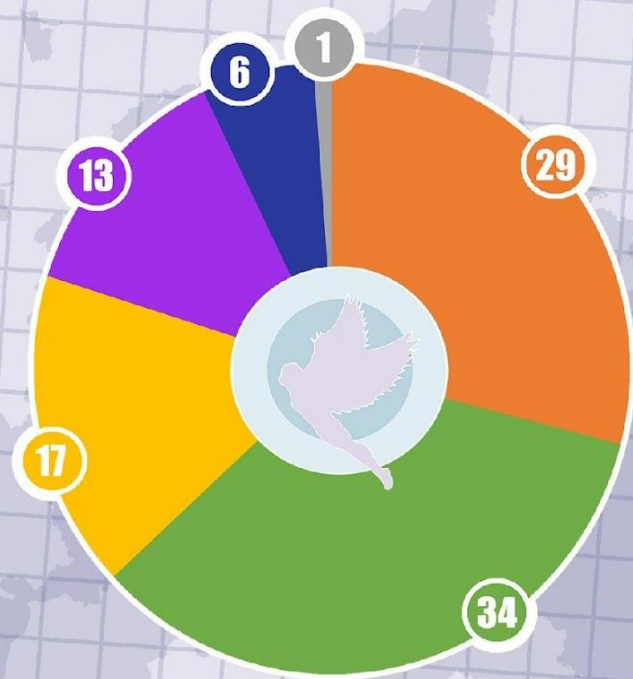


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- The middle age (31-54 years old) N = 767
- The older generation (55+ years old) N = 577

"SMO" AND AUTHORITIES



Can the participants of the "SMO" criticize the flaws and mistakes of its commandment during combat operations?, %



- Definitely can, they have the right to do so
- Relatively can indicate some flaws and mistakes
- Relatively cannot, except in extreme cases
- Definitely cannot, it plays into the hands of the enemy
- Hard to say
- Refusal to answer

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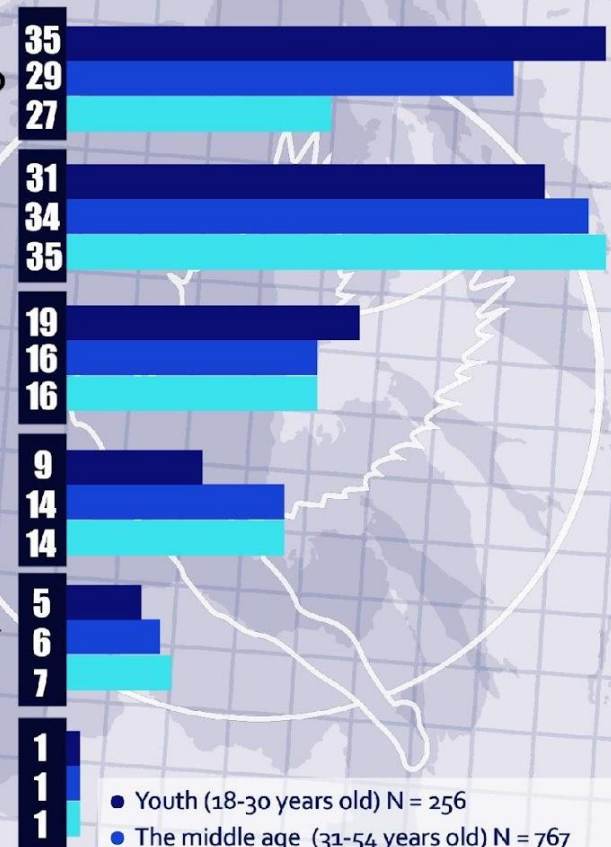
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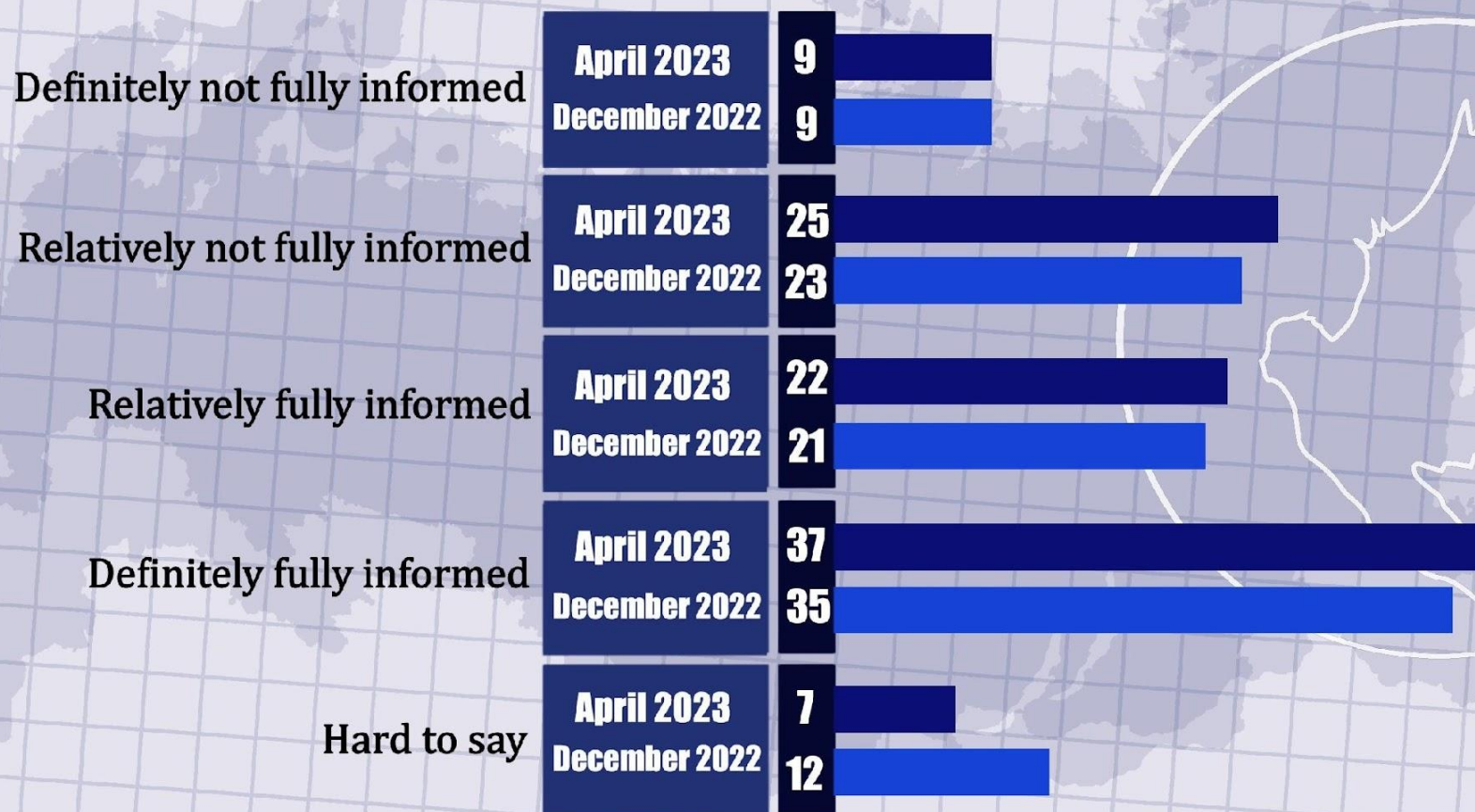


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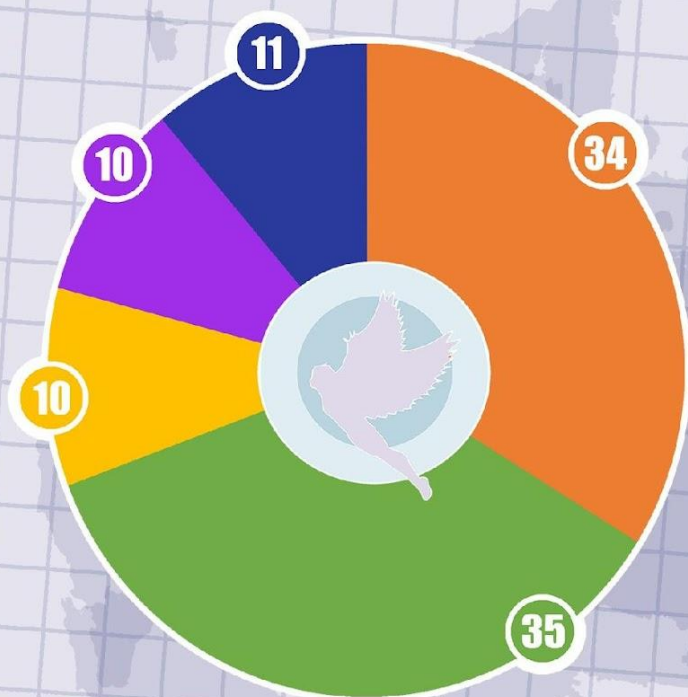
What is your opinion on whether President Vladimir Putin is fully aware of the current developments of the "SMO" in Ukraine? - Dynamics of attitudes, %



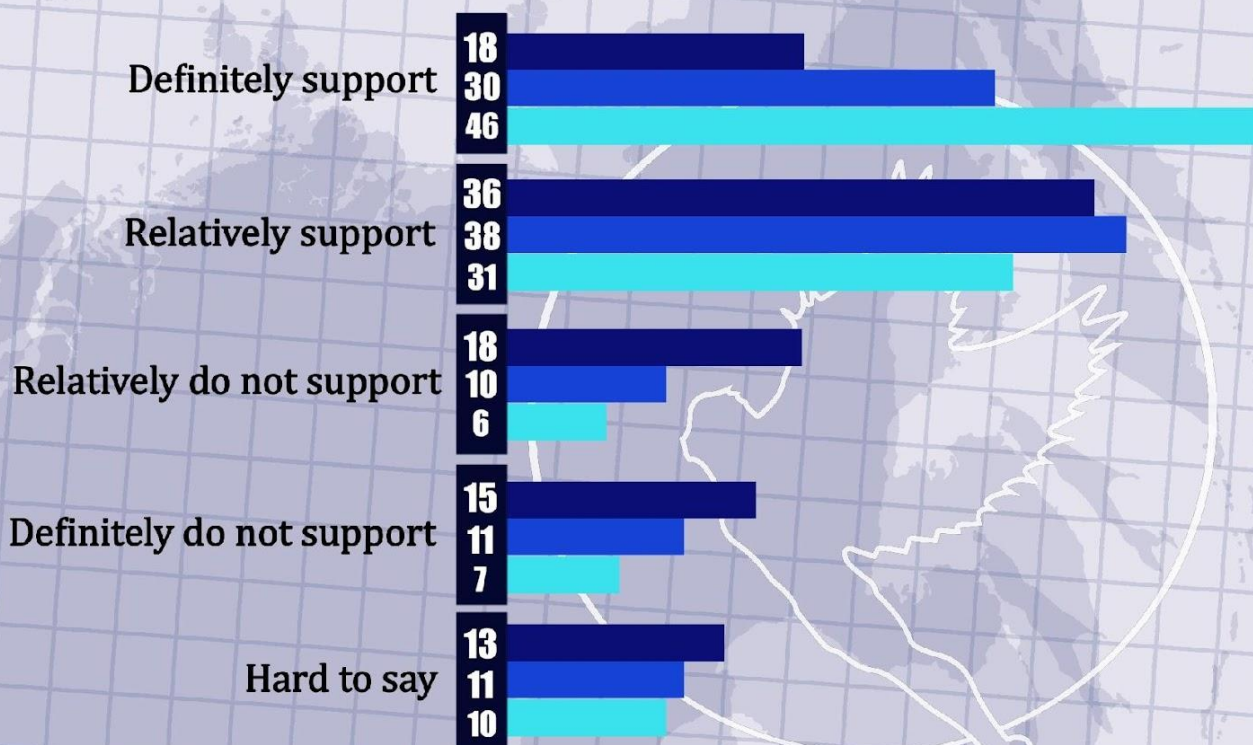
REGISTRY OF MILITARY CONSCRIPTS



Do you support the introduction of a single registry for military conscripts in the Russian Federation?, %



- Definitely support
- Relatively support
- Relatively do not support
- Definitely do not support
- Hard to say

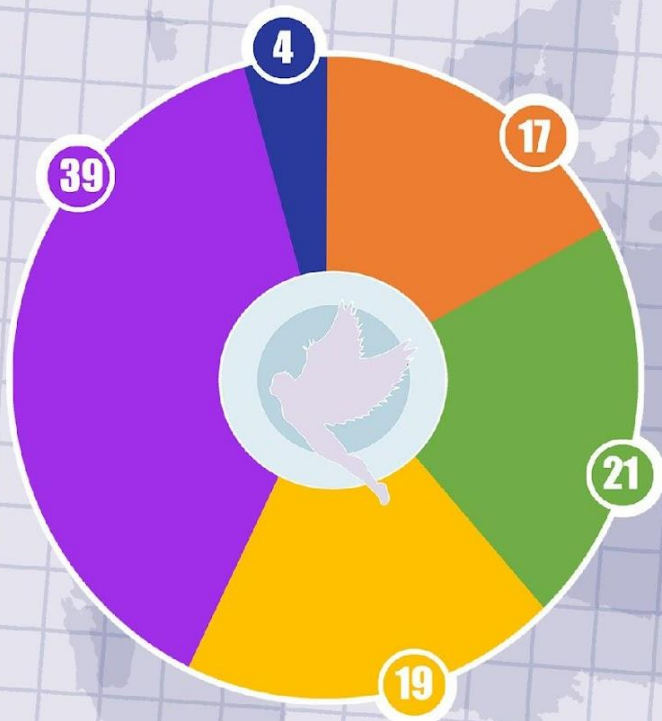


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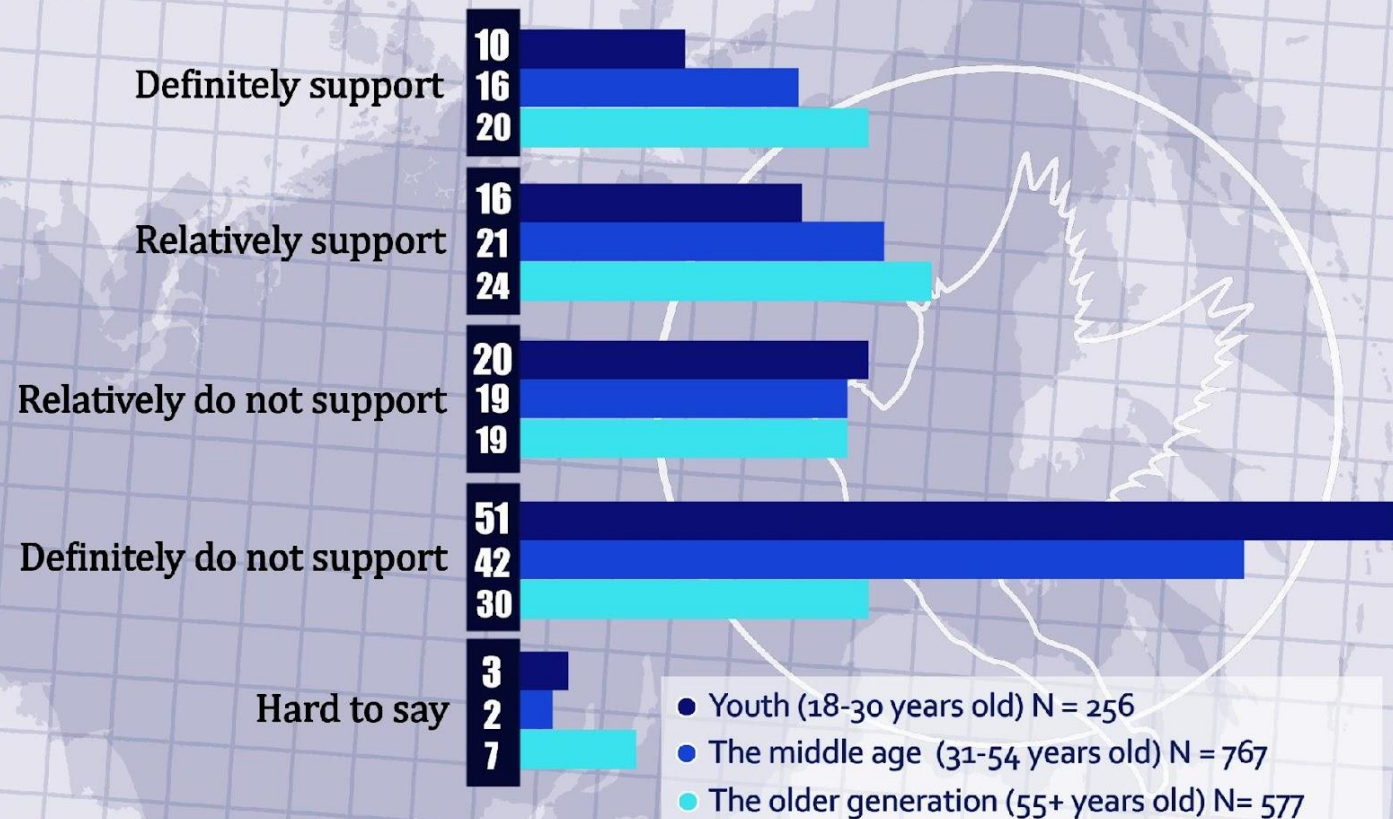
REGISTRY OF MILITARY CONSCRIPTS



Do you support the introduction of electronic summons and their legal equivalency to paper summons?, %



- Definitely support
- Relatively support
- Relatively do not support
- Definitely do not support
- Hard to say

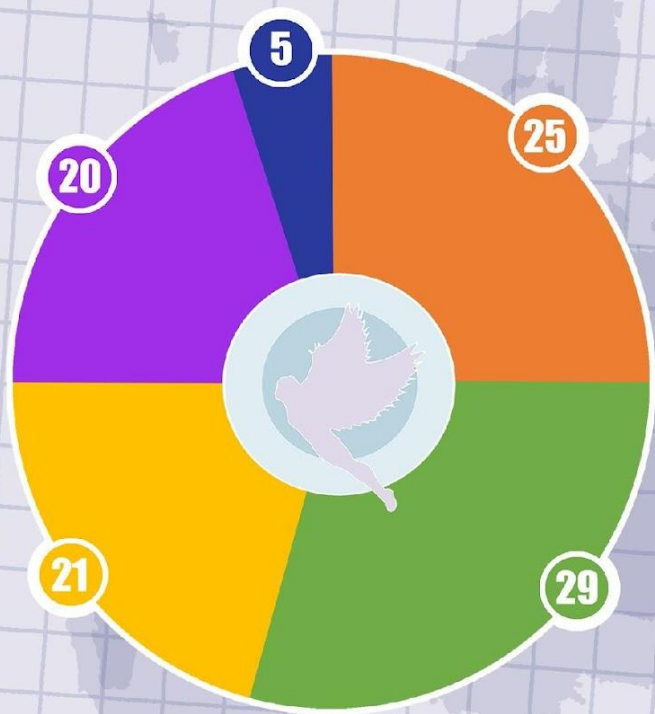


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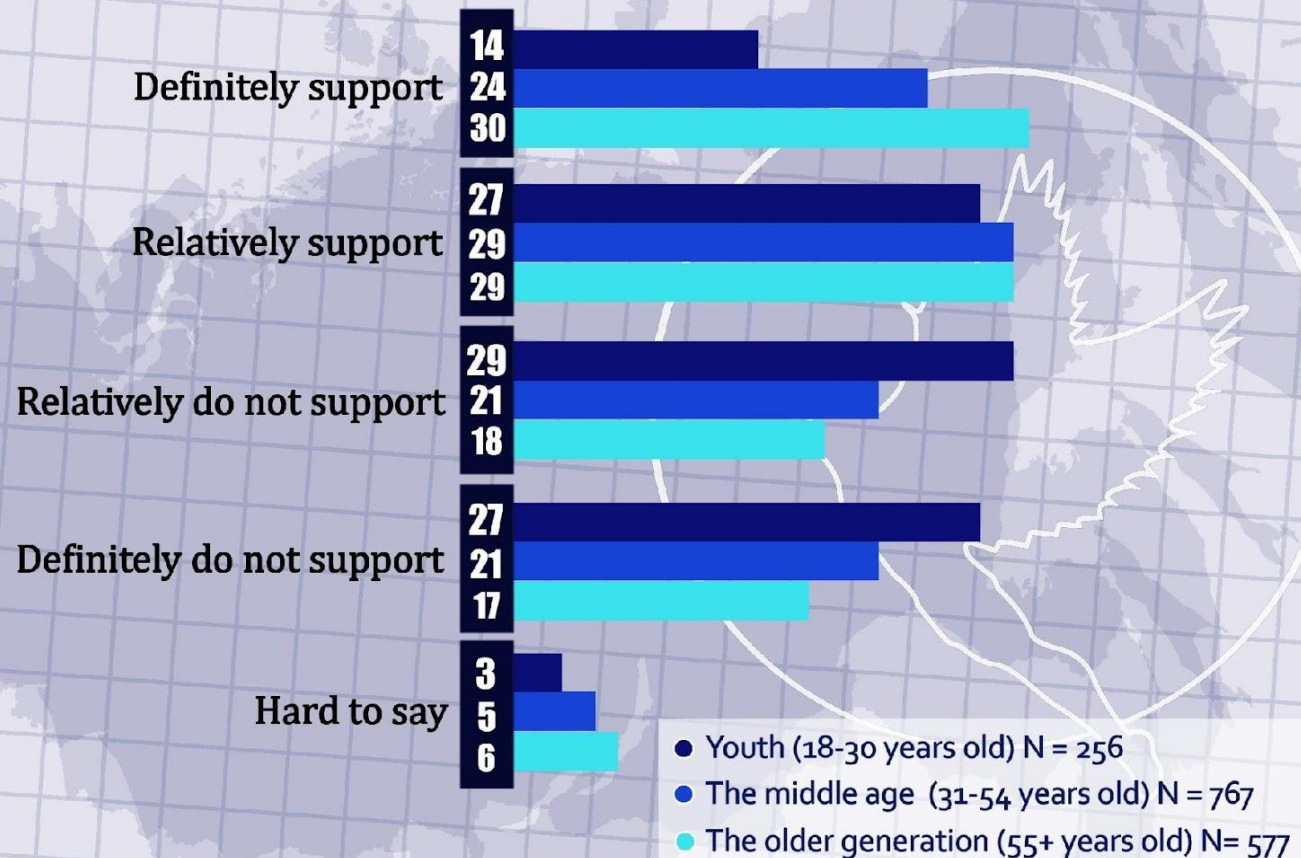
REGISTRY OF MILITARY CONSCRIPTS



Do you support the introduction of restrictive measures for military conscripts who are suspected of evasion by military enlistment offices?, %



- Definitely support
- Relatively support
- Relatively do not support
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- Hard to say



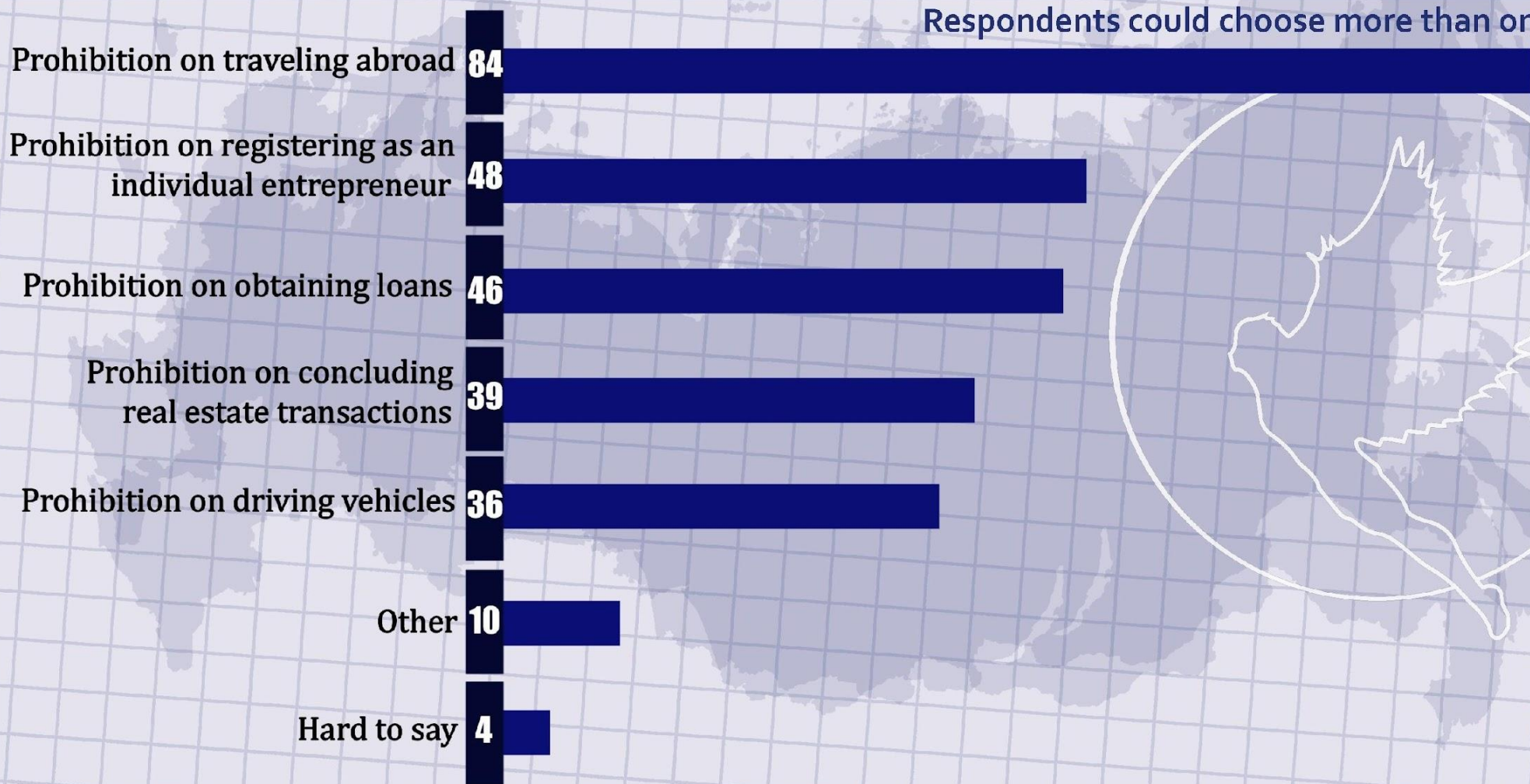
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If you support the introduction of restrictive measures for military conscripts who are suspected of evasion by military enlistment offices, what should these measures be ?, %

Respondents could choose more than one answer

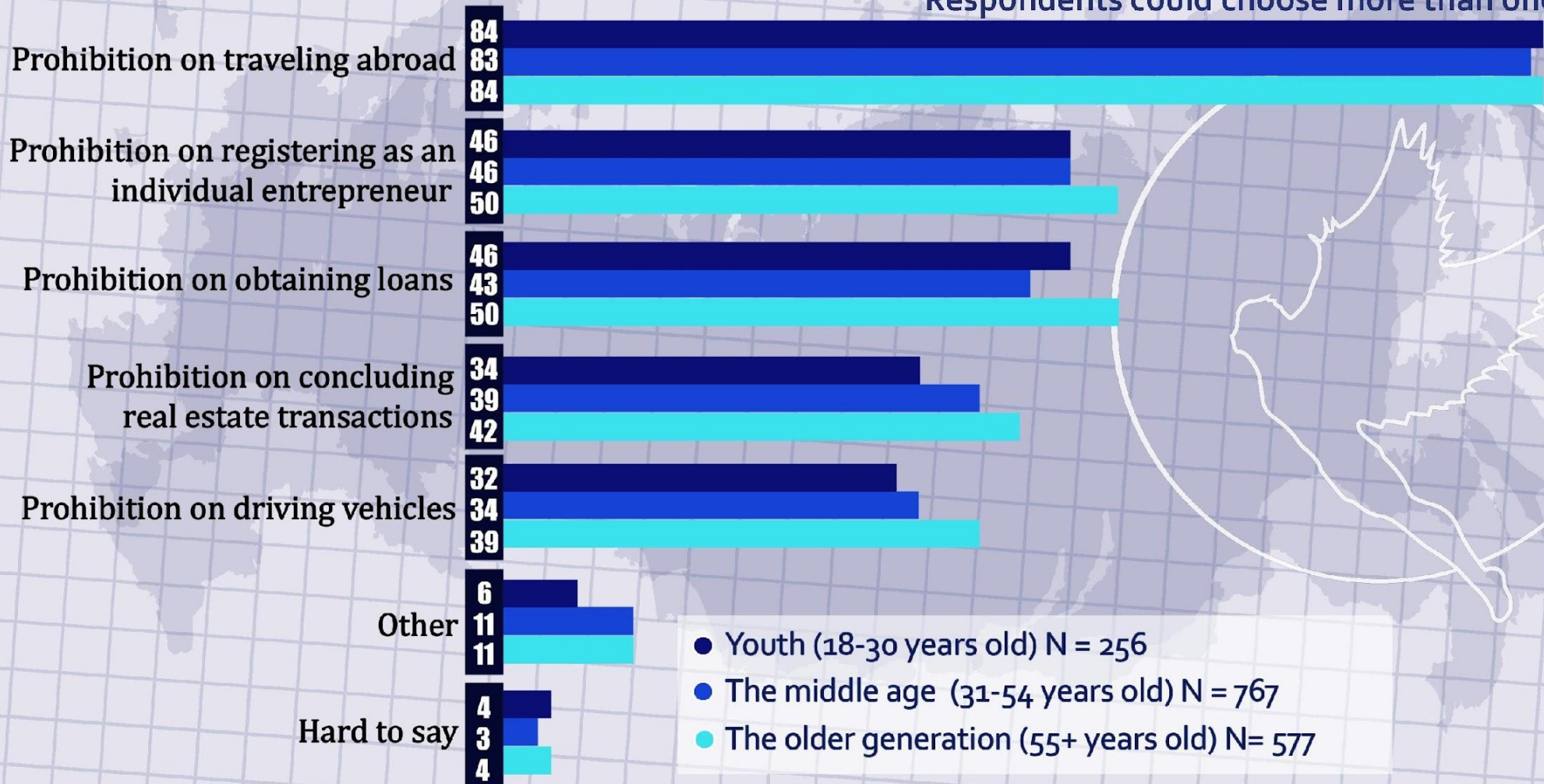


REGISTRY OF MILITARY CONSCRIPTS



Age characteristics of the respondents selecting the restrictive measures for military conscripts who are suspected of evasion by military enlistment offices, %

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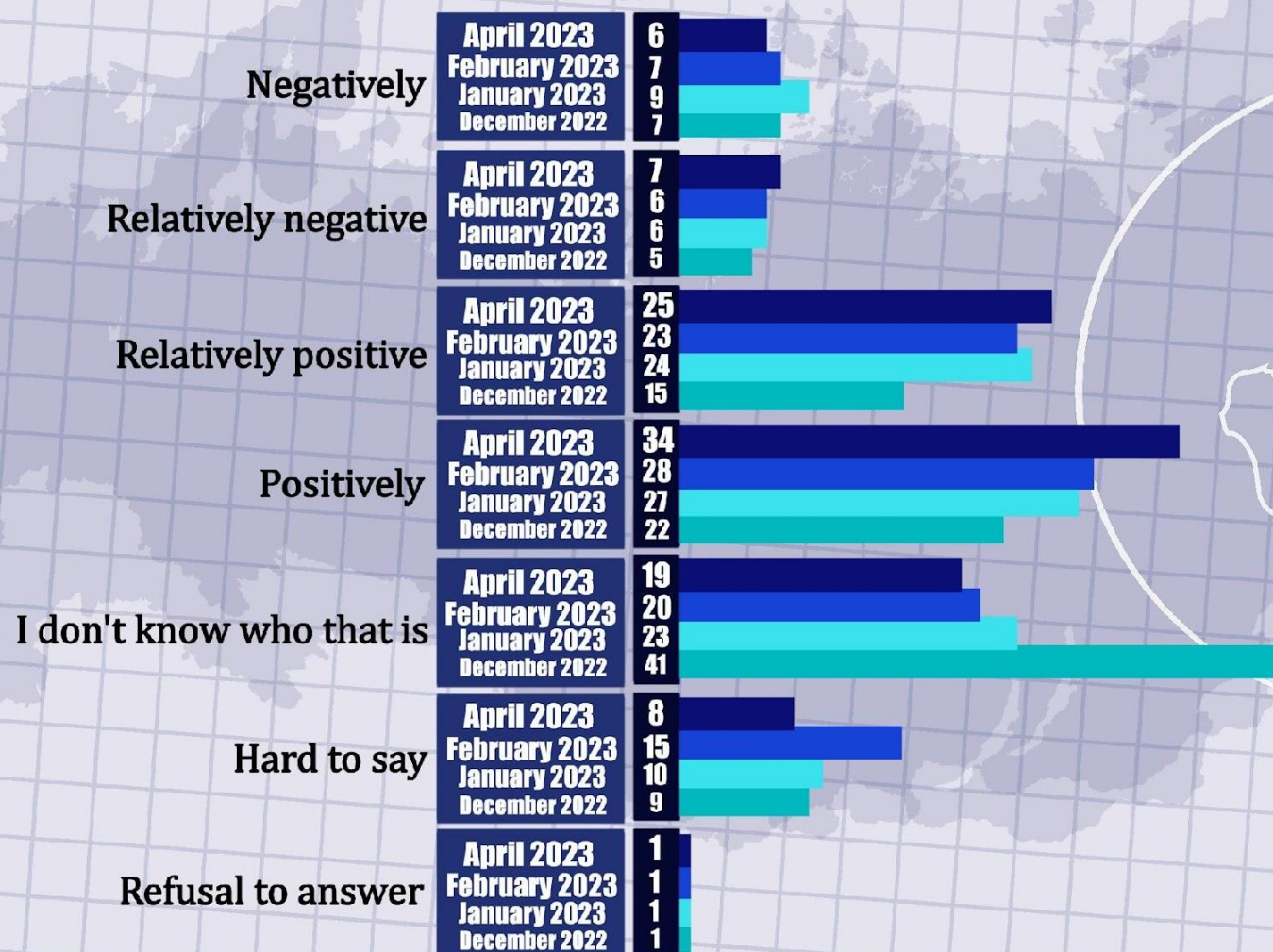


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ASSESSMENT OF MILITARY OFFICERS AND POLITICIANS



How do you rate the owner of the Private Military Company "Wagner" - Evgeniy Prigozhin?
- Response dynamics, %

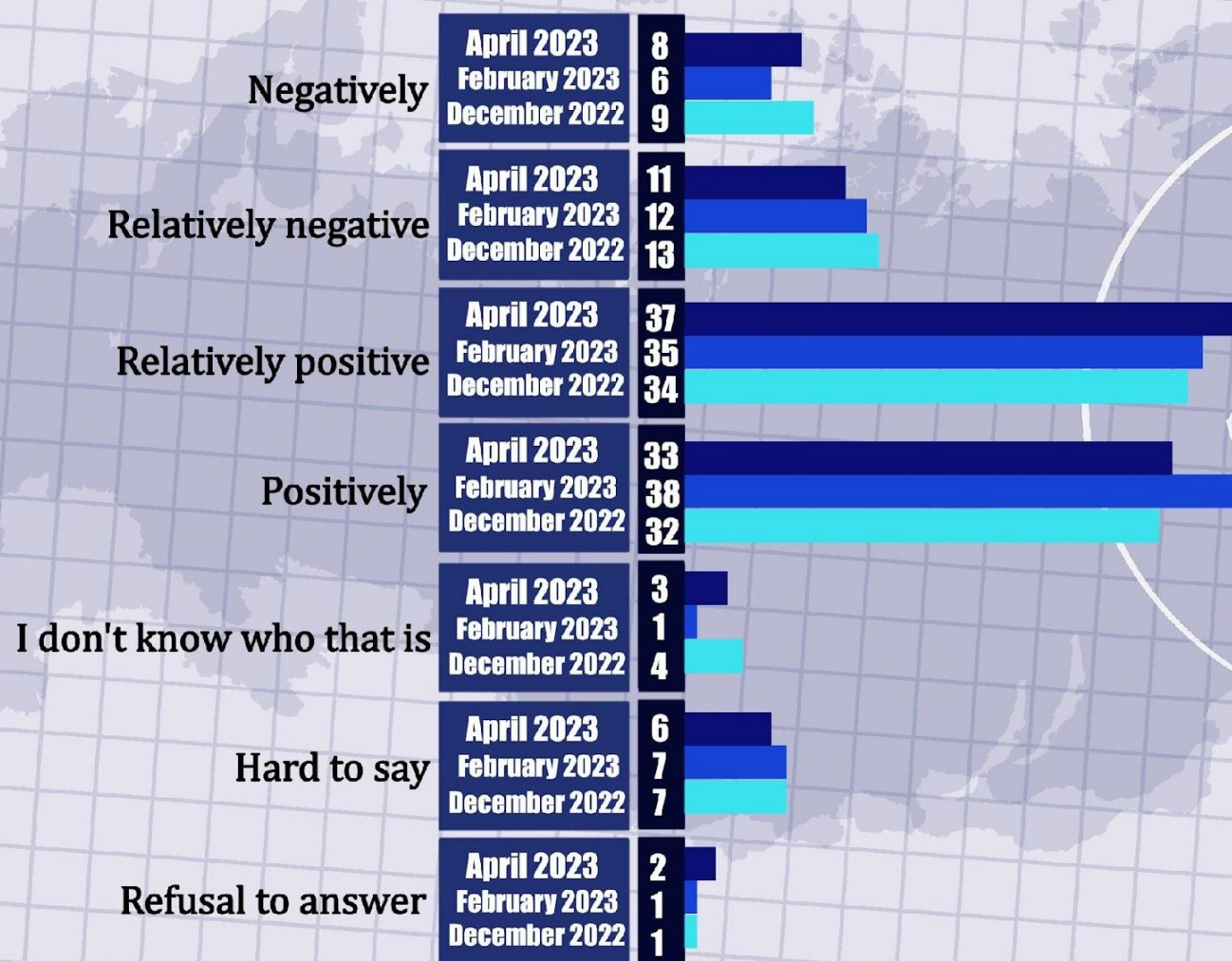


ASSESSMENT OF MILITARY OFFICERS AND POLITICIANS



How do you rate the Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation - Sergei Shoigu?

- Response dynamics, %



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