



Russian Society Monitoring

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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: 7 - 21.06.2023

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 believe that Ukraine itself blew up the Kakhovka dam and frequently discuss among each other the counteroffensive of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

The Institute for Conflict Studies and Analysis of Russia (IKAR) conducted a monthly sociological survey called "Mirror of Russia". The sixth wave was conducted on a nationwide sample during June 7 -June 21, 2023. The survey's methodology is the CATI method (Computer Assisted Telephone Interview), a telephone survey using interactive structured questionnaires using special software for sociological surveys.

A total of 1,600 respondents were interviewed.

Main results of the sixth wave of the survey:

More than three-quarters (79%) of Russian citizens would not support the decision to blow up the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to slow down the advance of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. 7% of respondents support such a step.

At the same time, it's important to note that the majority of Russians (65%) believe that Ukraine itself blew up the Kakhovka dam. Only 5% believe that Russia did it, and another 5% think the dam collapsed on its own. The reluctance of Russian citizens to acknowledge Russia's responsibility for blowing up the Kakhovka dam can likely be extrapolated to their unwillingness to recognize any responsibility in case of a possible accident at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant.

Only 14% of Russians believe that their country should participate financially in restoring Ukraine's destroyed infrastructure under any circumstances. At the same time, 54% believe that the Russian Federation should finance the restoration of Ukraine only on its occupied territories. Another 19% agree with this only in case of the occupation of the entire Ukrainian territory.

This data correlates with the results of an April survey when about three-quarters of Russians spoke out against paying reparations to Ukraine after the war.

RESEARCH SUMMARY



Russian society frequently discusses the counteroffensive of the Ukrainian Armed Forces: 24% of respondents discuss it with their close ones and acquaintances every day, and 18% several times a week. At the same time, 16% do not talk about it at all.

Meanwhile, 33% stated that they are afraid of the counteroffensive of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and 52%, on the contrary, are not afraid of it.

In case of a successful counteroffensive by the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Russians comparatively more often (38%) spoke about the need of starting peace negotiations with Ukraine.

Among other options for Russia in case of a successful Ukrainian offensive, the most frequently mentioned were: 20% believe that "Special Military operation" should be continued without any changes, another 20% advocate for shifting the country's economy to a war footing, 17% consider it necessary to carry out a new wave of partial mobilization.

Only 14-15% of Russian citizens have not heard about drone attacks on the territory of Russia and, in particular, against Moscow. The remaining respondents either know about it in detailed manner (32%) or are at least partially informed (54%).

Russians name the Russian Ministry of Defence, Russian air defence forces, and the local authorities, as responsible for allowing such attacks. At the same time, every fifth respondent believes that no one should be blamed.

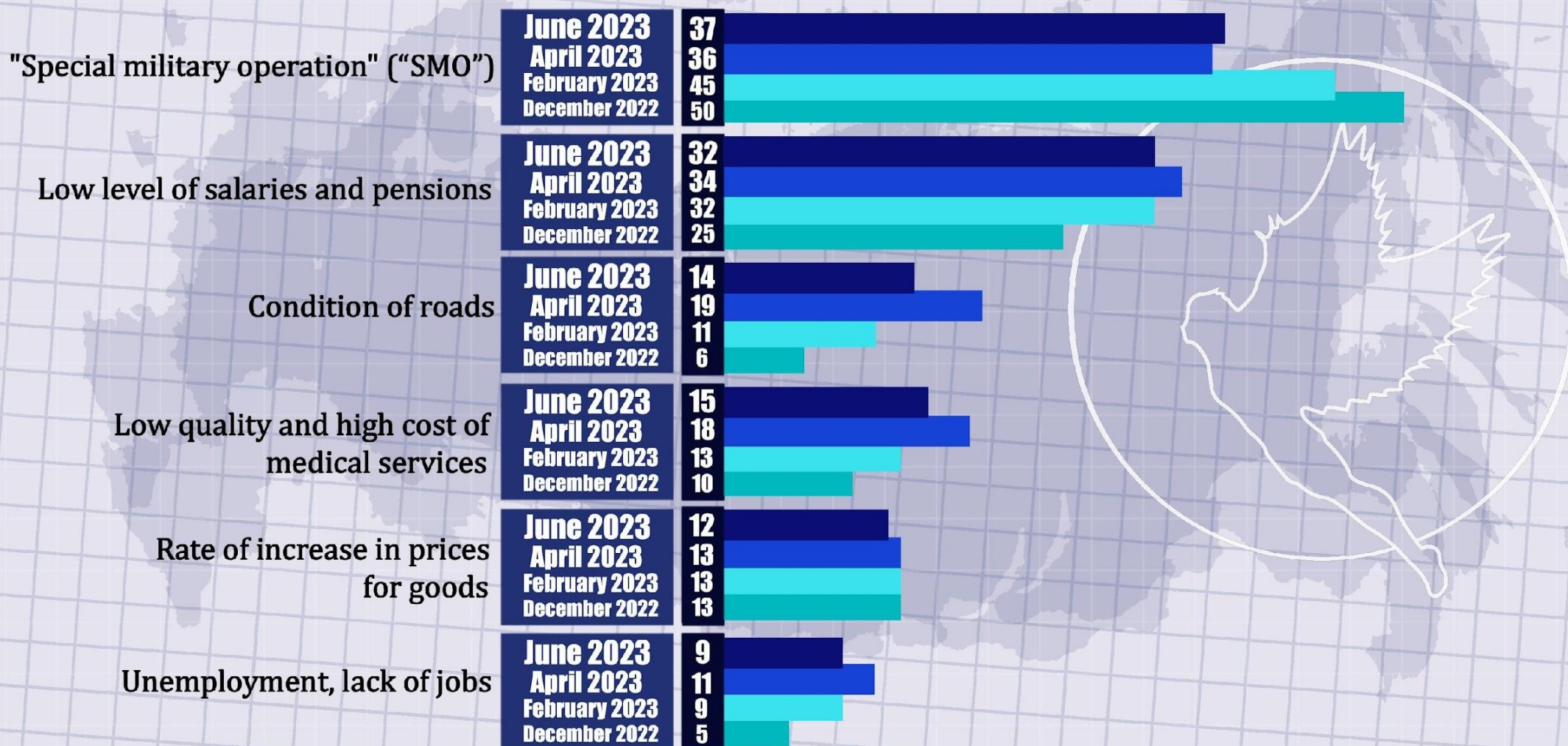
Support of possible military aggression against the Baltic countries has remained virtually unchanged among Russians over the past six months. Only 14% would not support the so-called "SMO" against Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia under any circumstances. Whereas 52% would support it in case of an attack by the Baltic countries on Russia, 23% would support it in favour of the Russian-speaking population being oppressed in these countries. Another 18% would consider recognition of the Baltic countries' regimes as Nazi by Russia as such a reason.

THE MOST URGENT PROBLEMS IN RUSSIAN SOCIETY



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

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

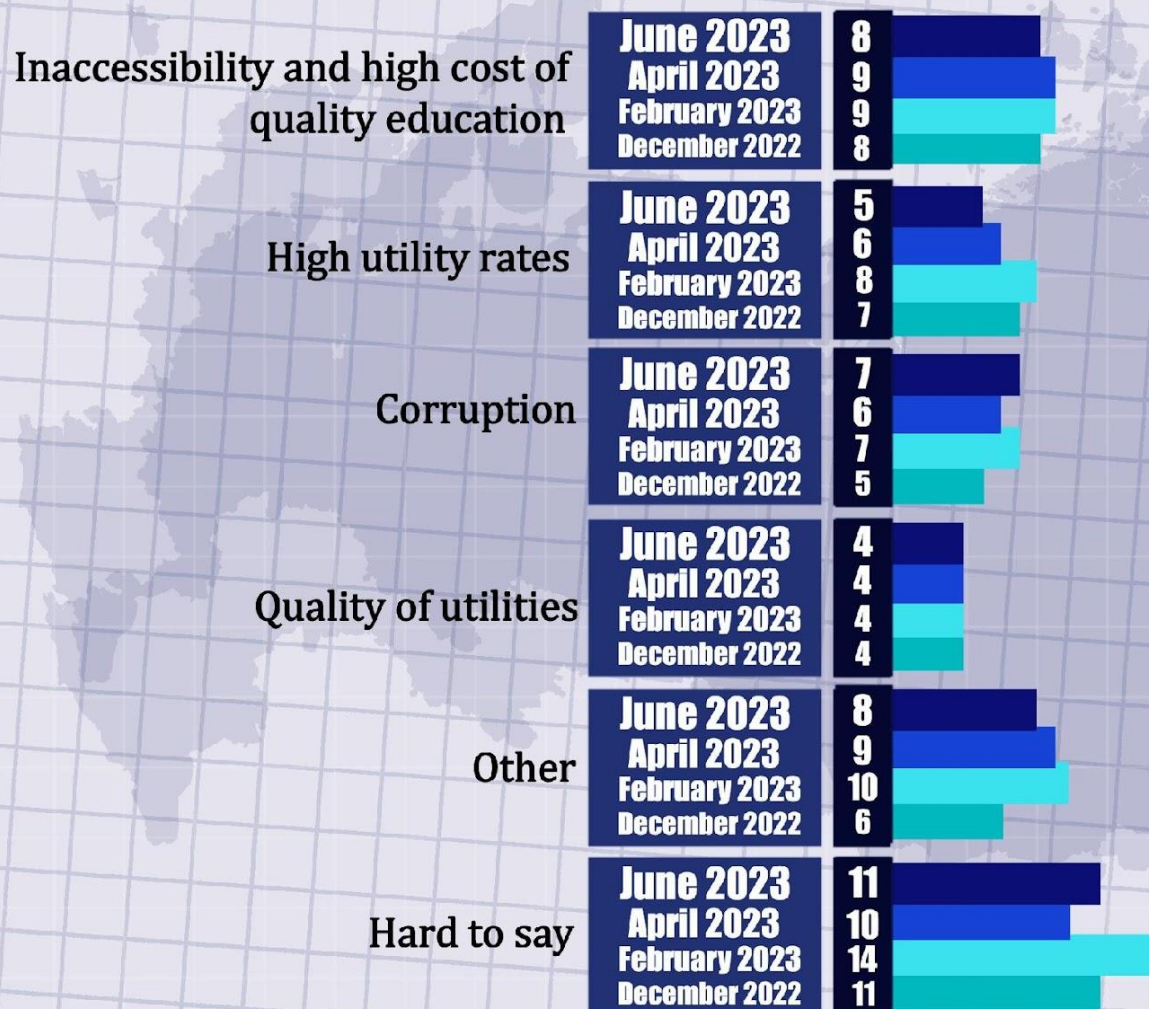


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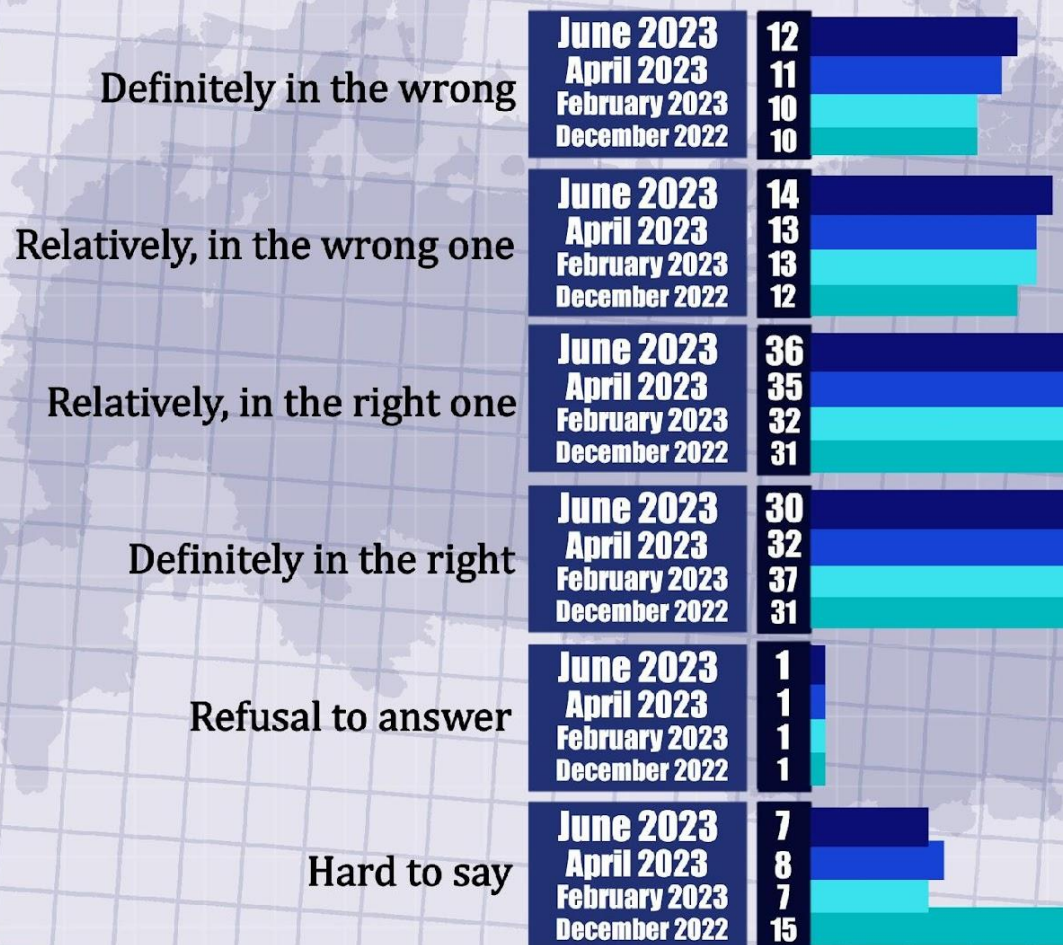
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ASSESSMENT OF EVENTS IN RUSSIA



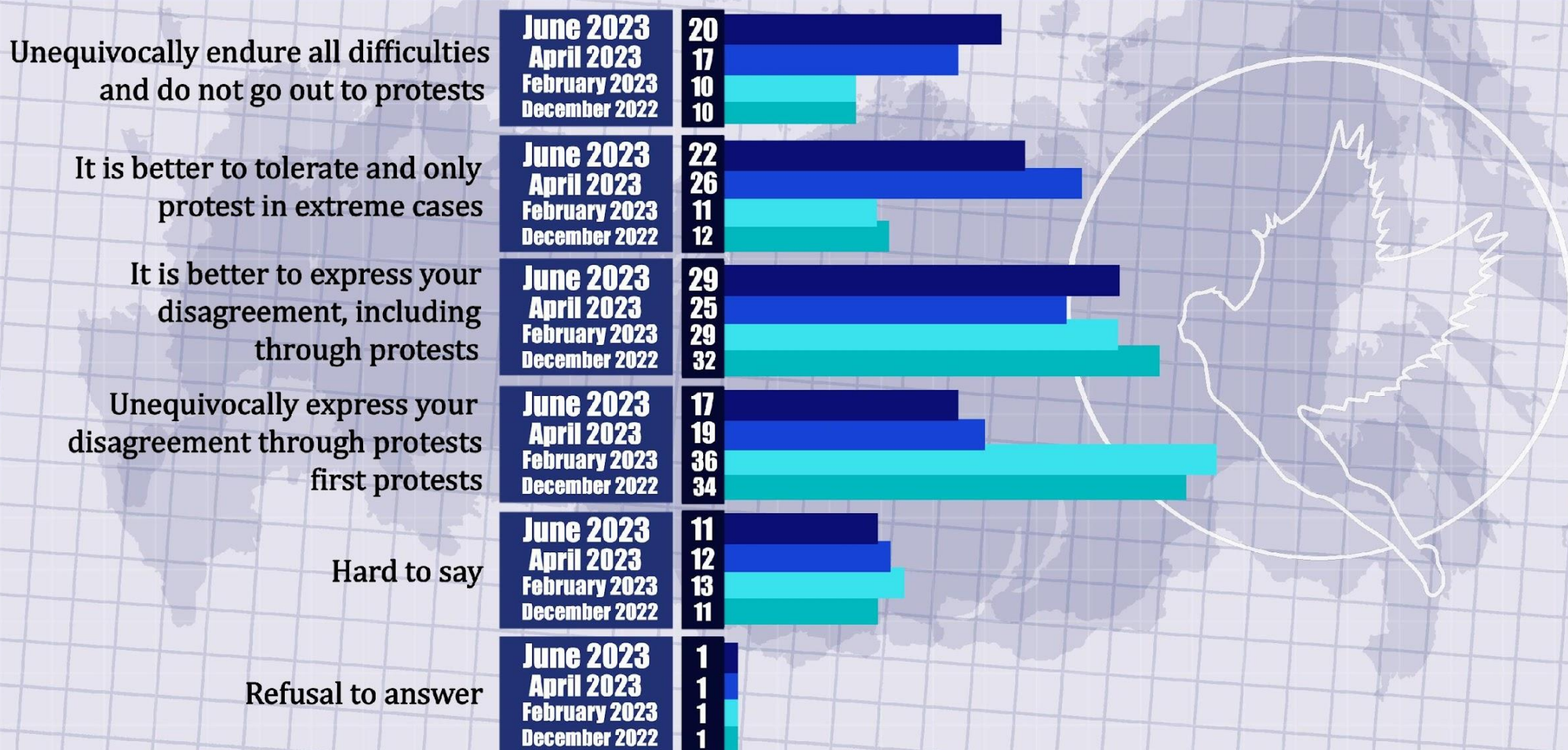
Do you think that events in the Russian Federation are developing in the right or wrong direction? - Dynamics of attitudes, %



READINESS FOR PROTESTS



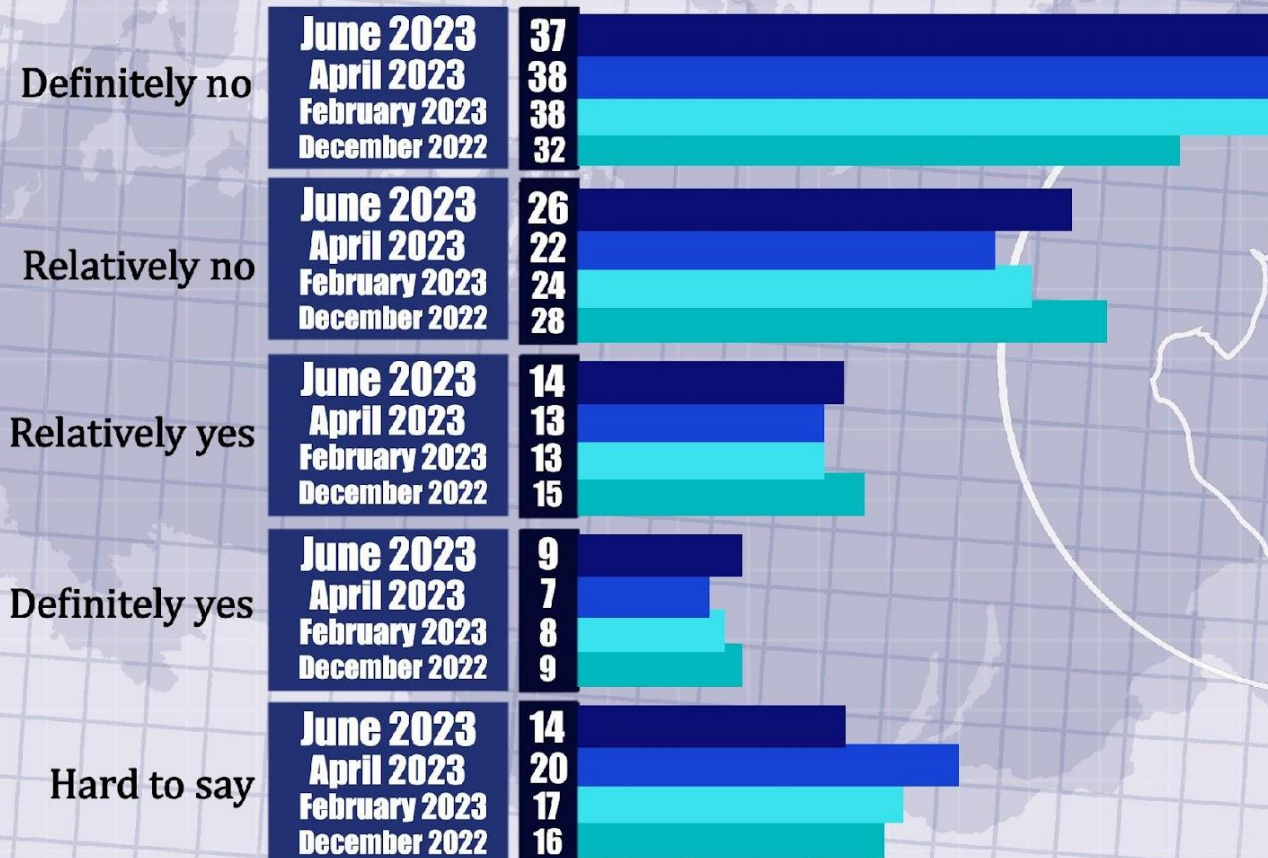
In your opinion, is it better to tolerate social and economic problems or to express disagreement with them? - Dynamics of attitudes, %



ASSESSMENTS OF THE "SMO"



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

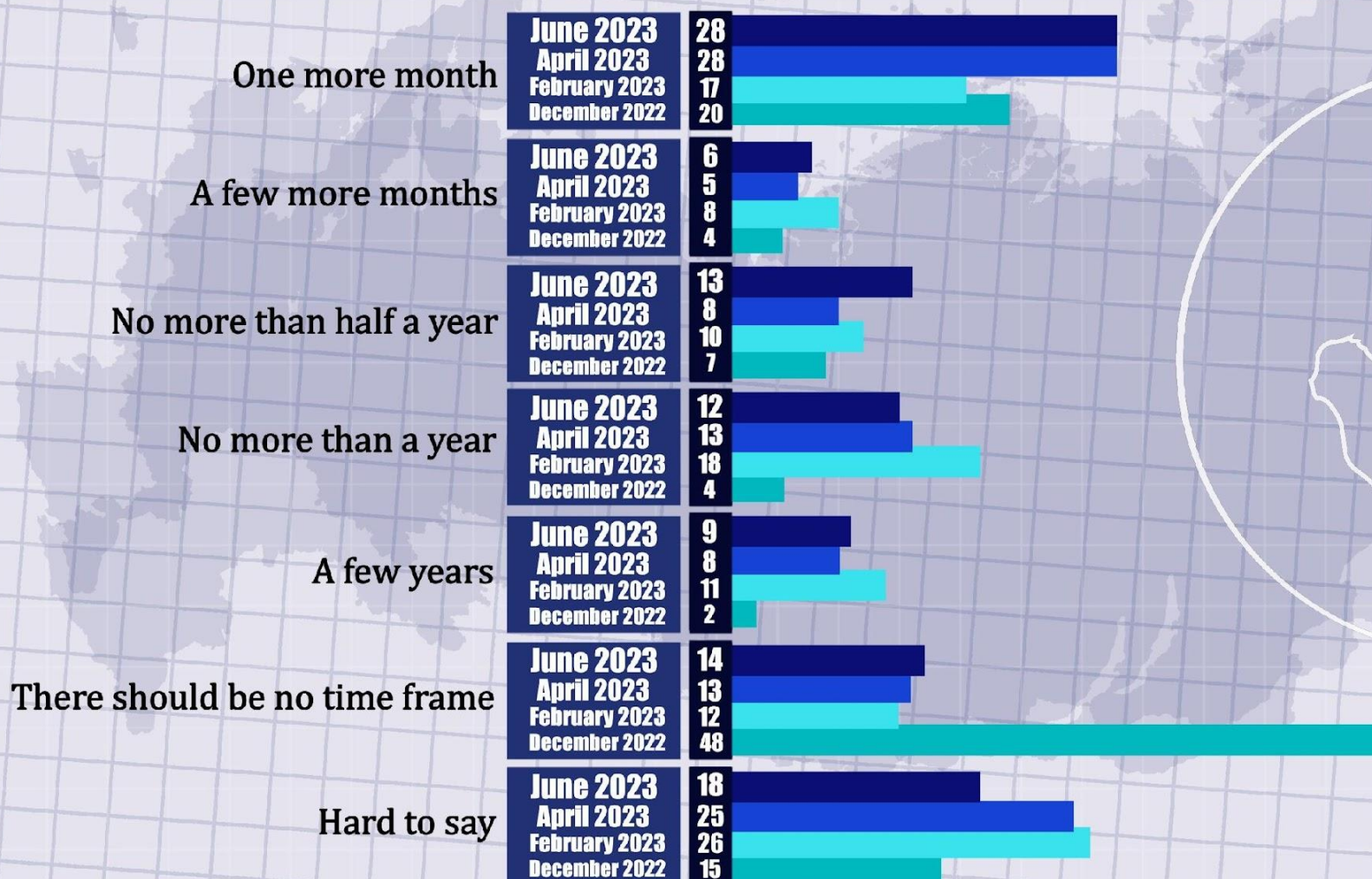


ASSESSMENTS OF THE "SMO"



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

- Response dynamics, %

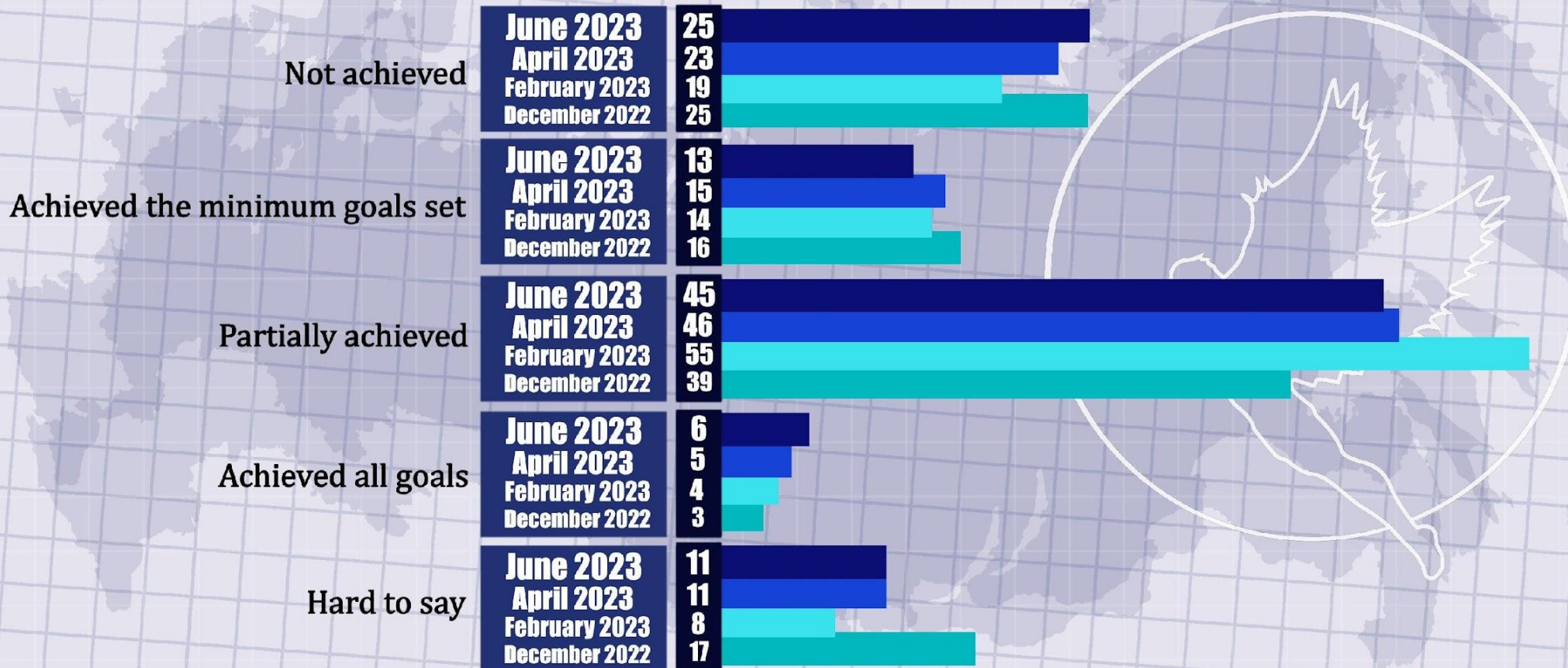


ASSESSMENTS OF THE "SMO"



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

- Response dynamics, %

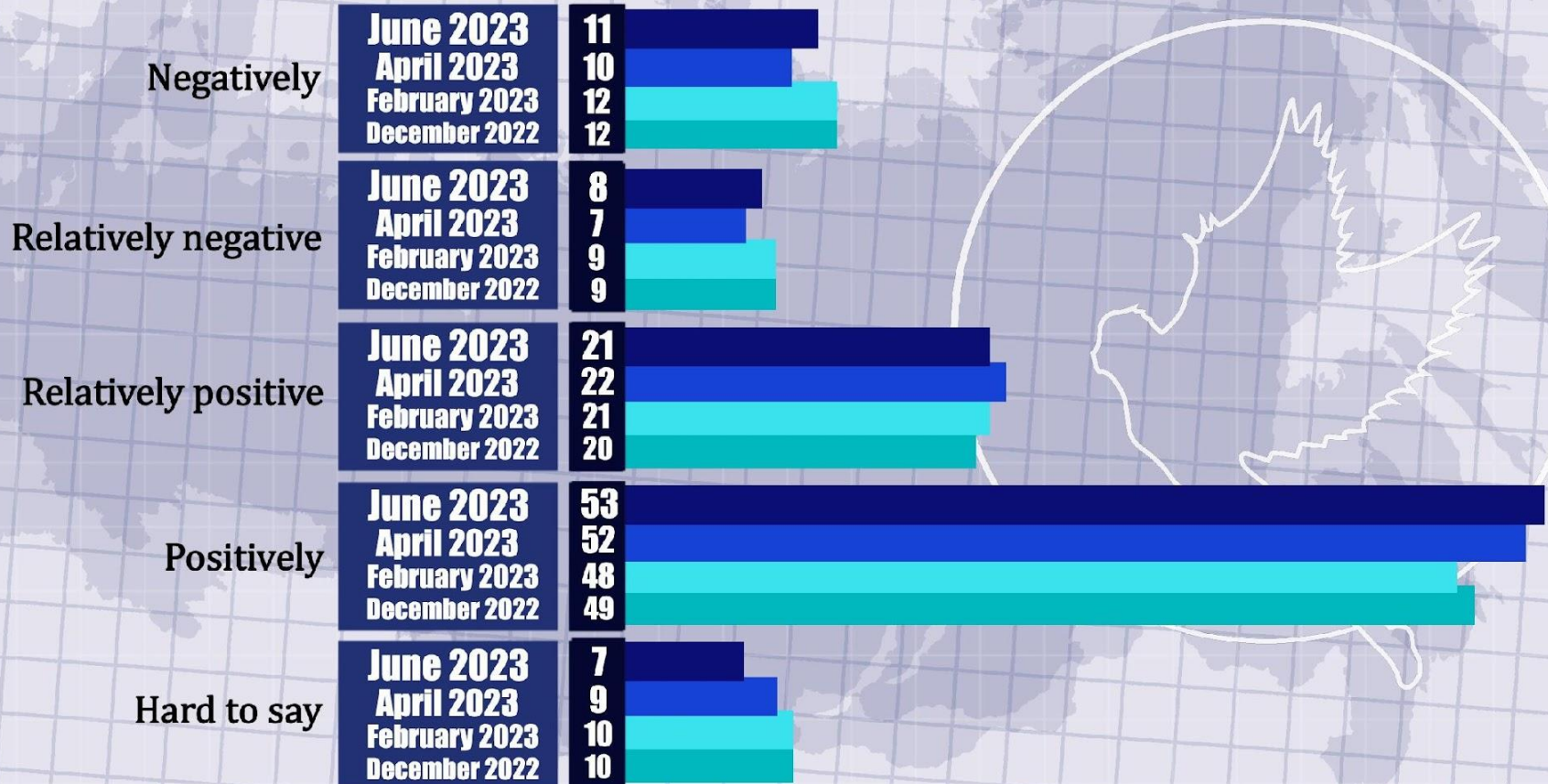


ASSESSMENTS OF THE "SMO"



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

- Response dynamics, %

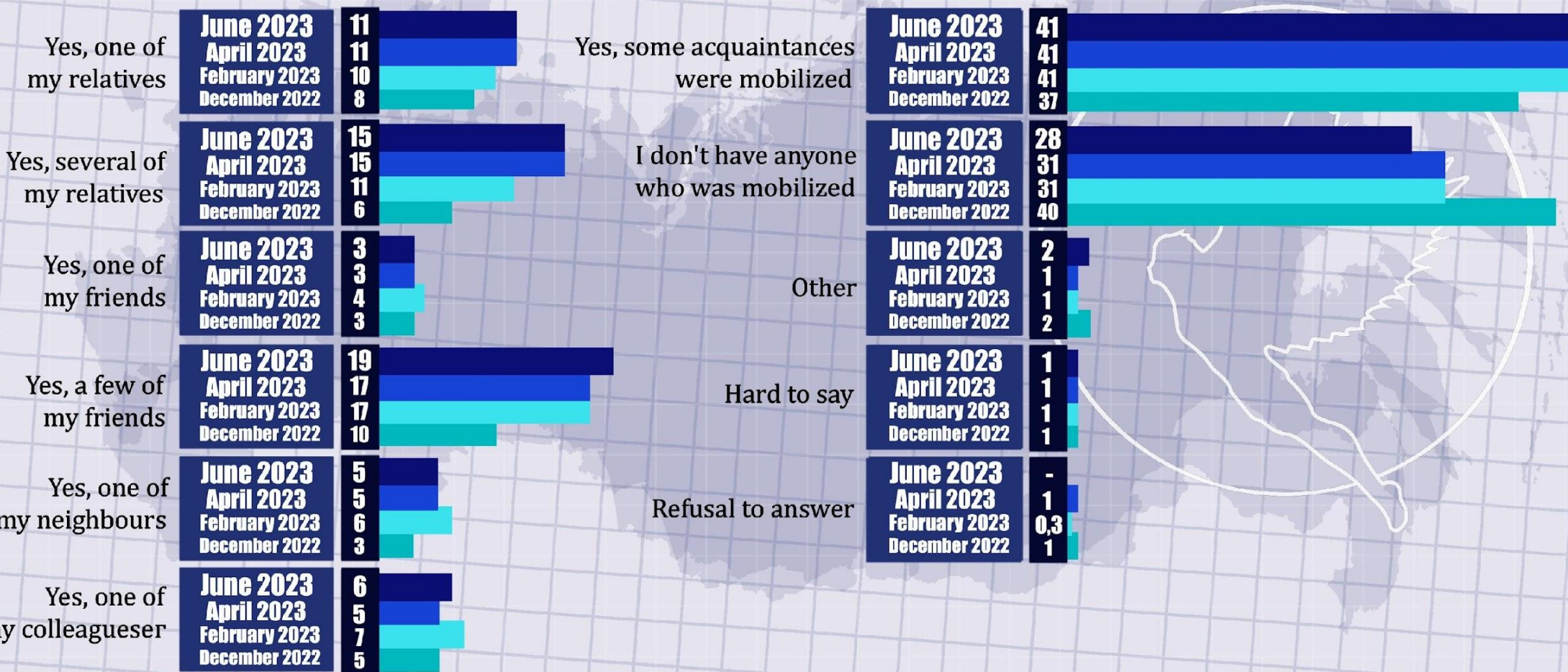


EXPERIENCE OF THE "SMO"



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

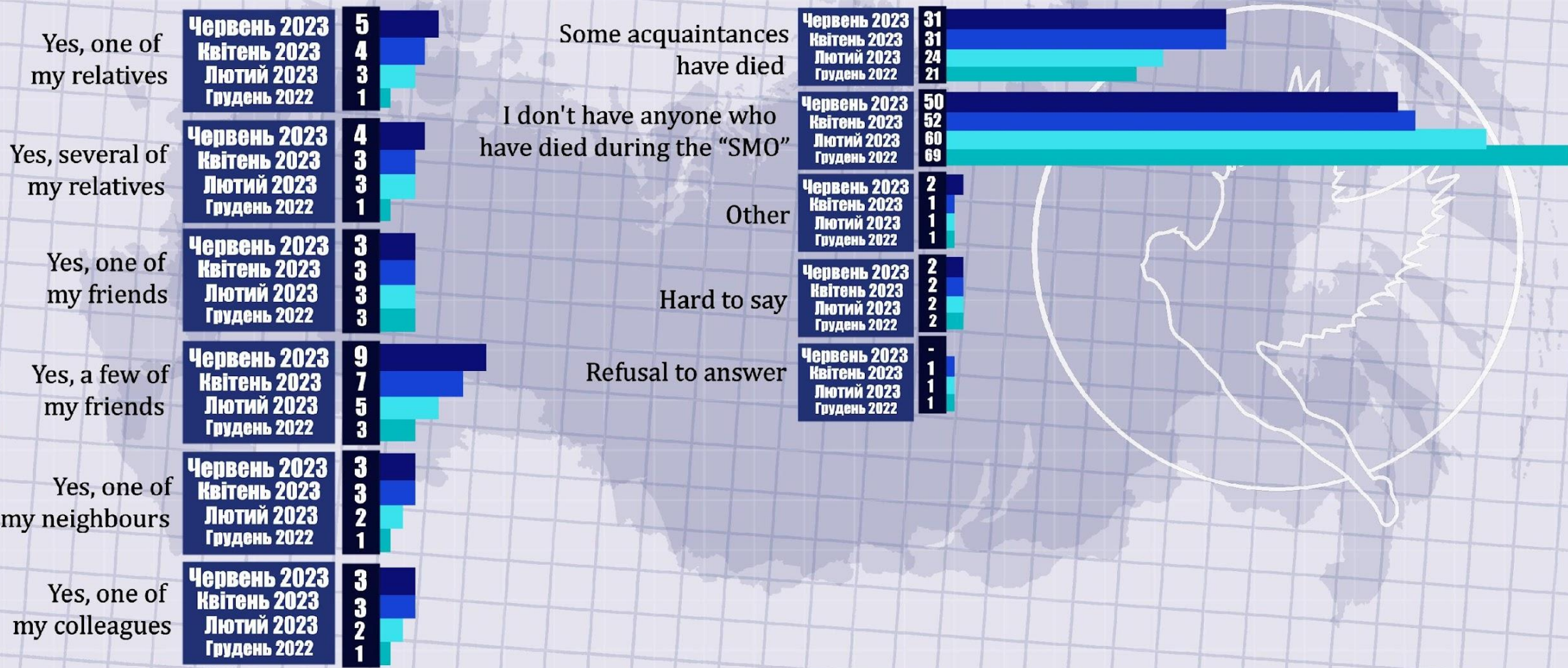
- Dynamics of attitudes, % Respondents could choose more than one answer



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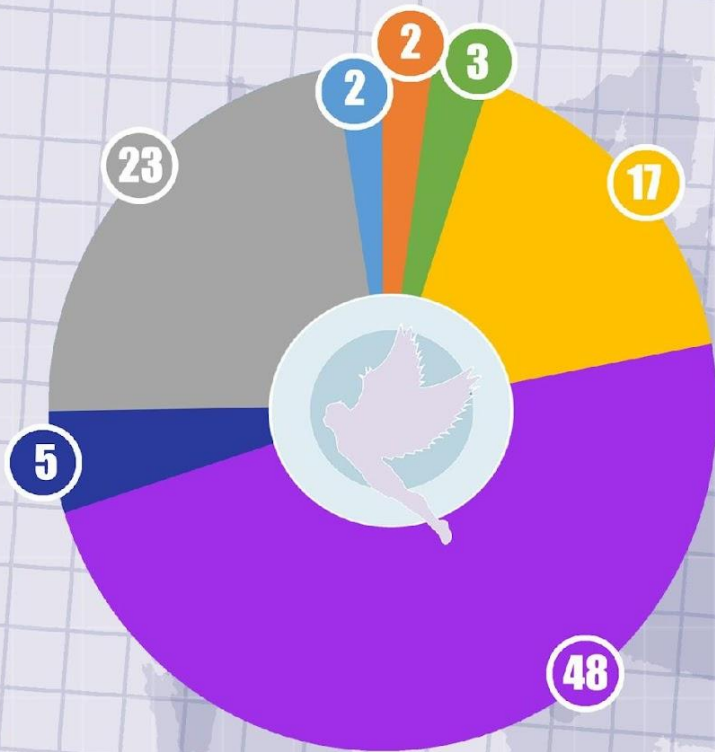
Among your relatives and acquaintances, are there those who died during the "Special Military Operation" in Ukraine (since February 2022)?



ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE KAKHOVKA DAM

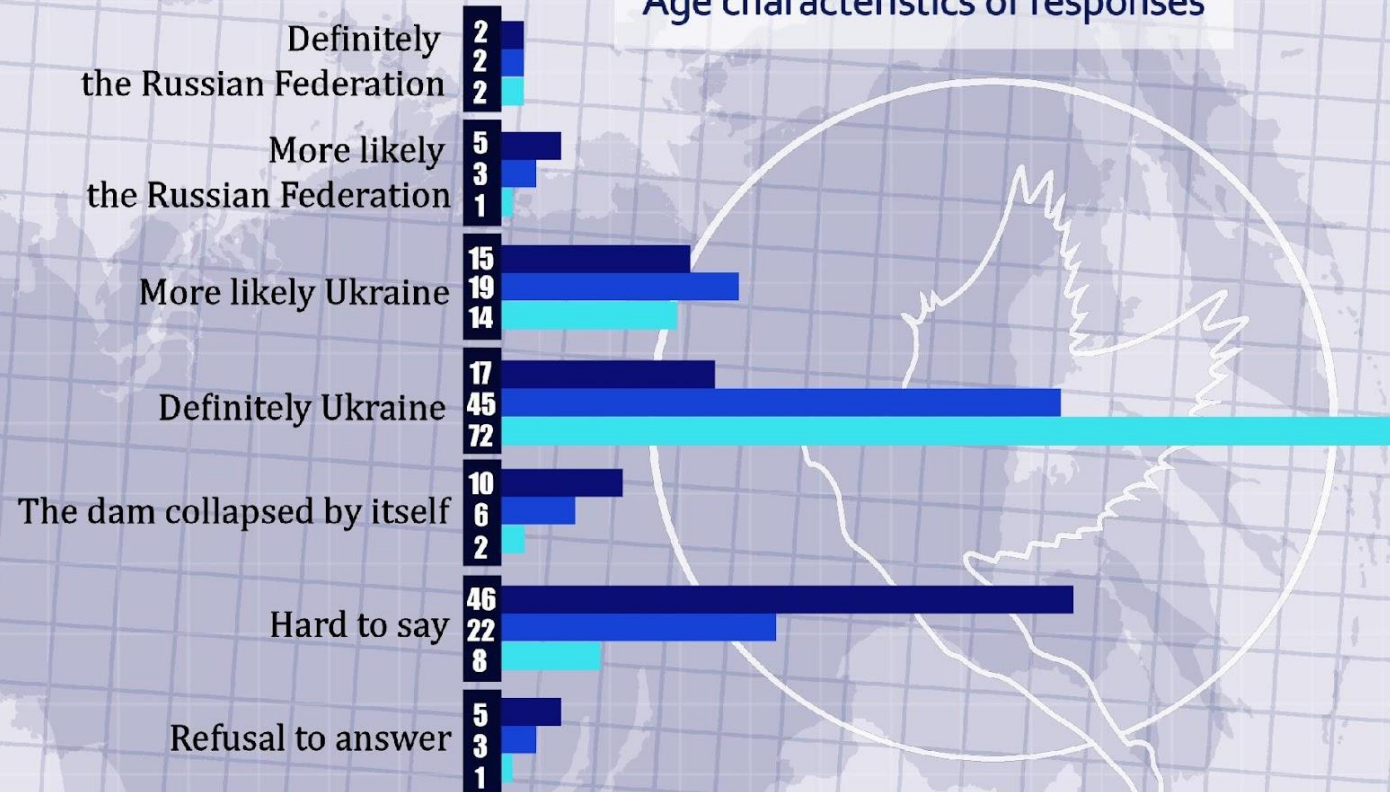


In your opinion, who is responsible for the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam?, %



- Definitely the Russian Federation
- More likely the Russian Federation
- More likely Ukraine
- Definitely Ukraine
- The dam collapsed by itself
- Hard to say
- Refusal to answer

Age characteristics of responses

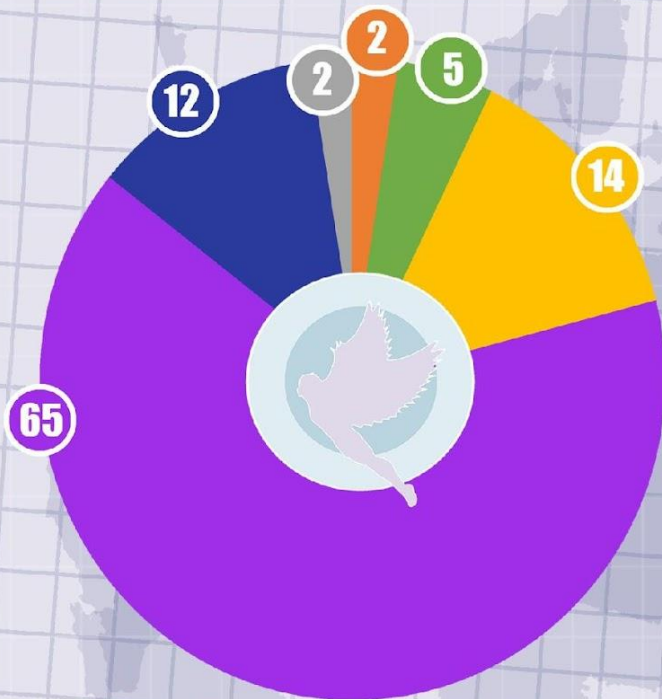


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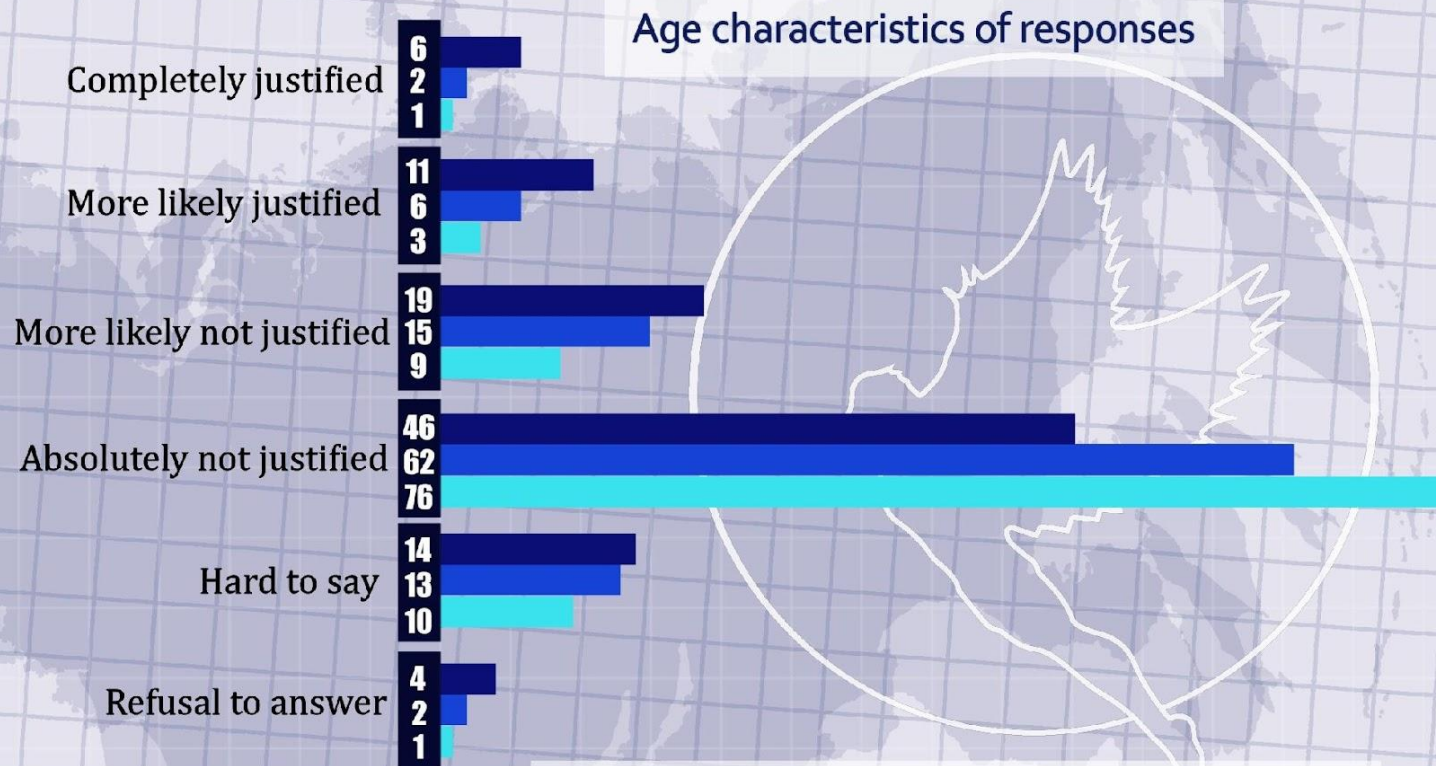
ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE KAKHOVKA DAM



If it is necessary to slow down the advance of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, would the destruction of the Zaporizhia Nuclear Power Plant be justified to You?, %



- Completely justified
- More likely justified
- More likely not justified
- Absolutely not justified
- Hard to say
- Refusal to answer

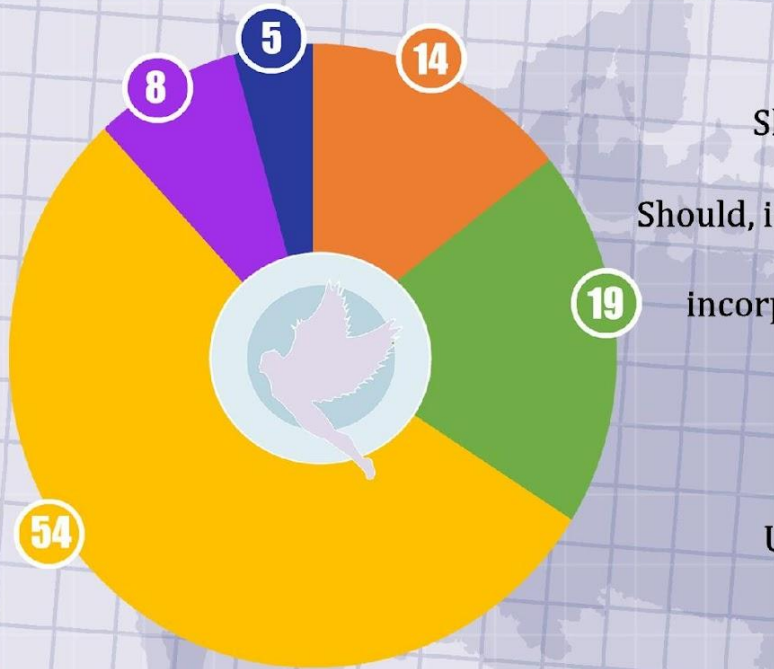


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RESTORATION OF UKRAINE

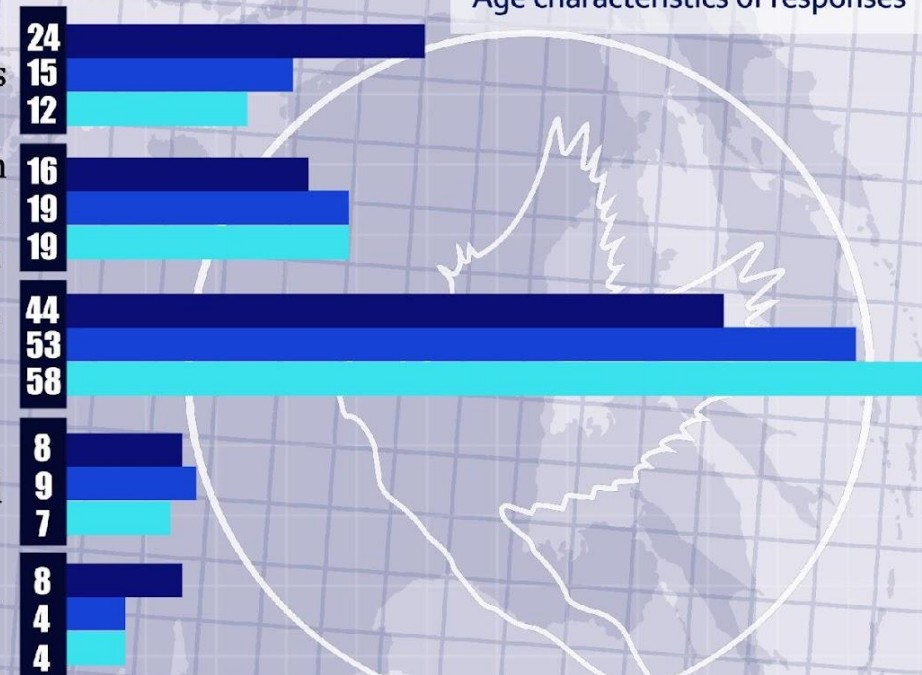


How do you think, should Russia take part in financing the restoration of Ukraine's infrastructure after the end of the military conflict?, %



- Should under any circumstances
- Should, in case of successful completion of the military conflict and incorporation of Ukraine into Russia
- Should only on the territories incorporated into Russia
- Under no circumstances should
- Hard to say

Age characteristics of responses

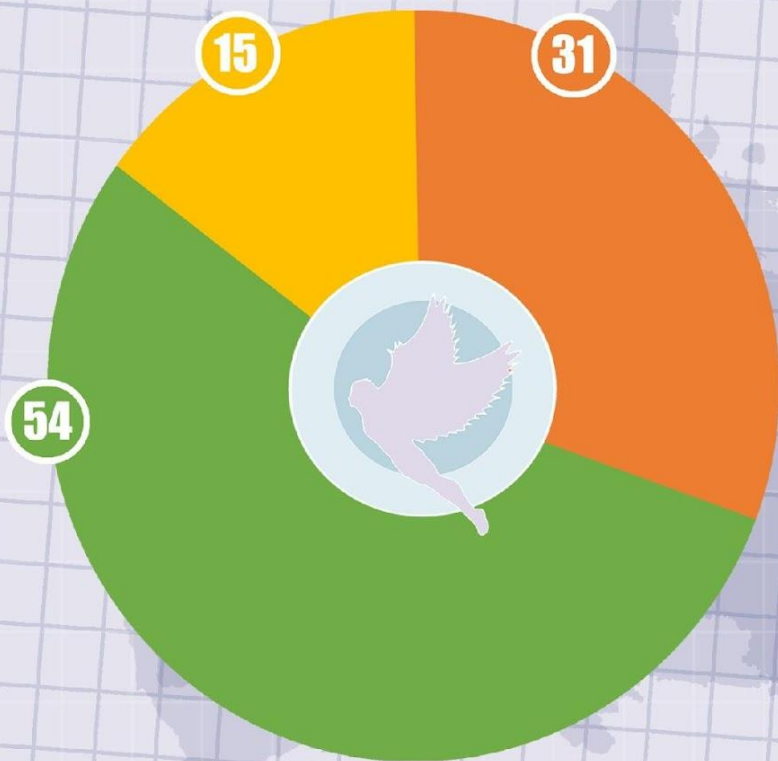


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DRONE ATTACKS



How well-informed are you about the drone attacks on the Russian Federation launched from Ukraine?, %



- Well-informed, I follow these events
- Partially informed, in general terms
- I know nothing about it

Age characteristics of responses

Well-informed, I follow these events

Partially informed, in general terms

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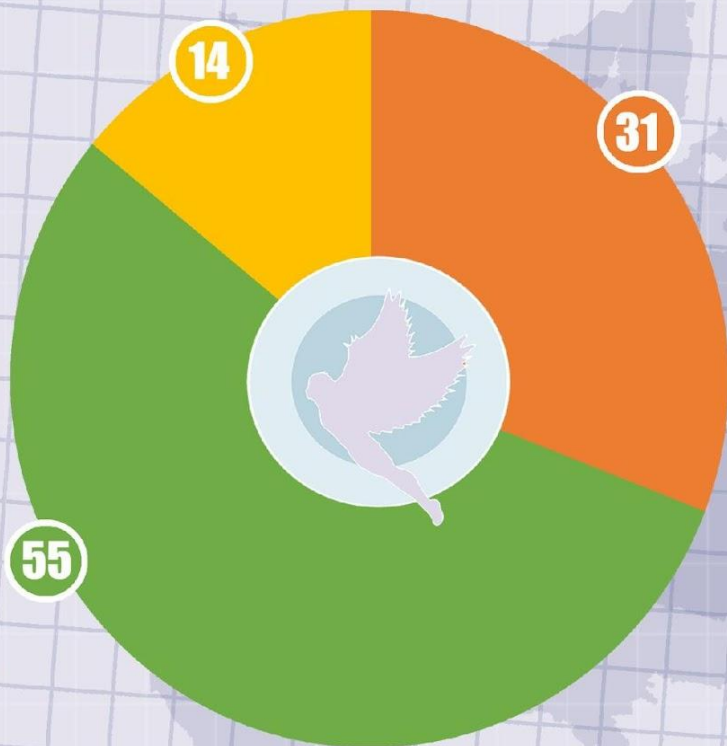


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DRONE ATTACKS



How well-informed are you about the drone attacks on Moscow and the Moscow region launched from Ukraine?, %



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- I know nothing about it

Age characteristics of responses



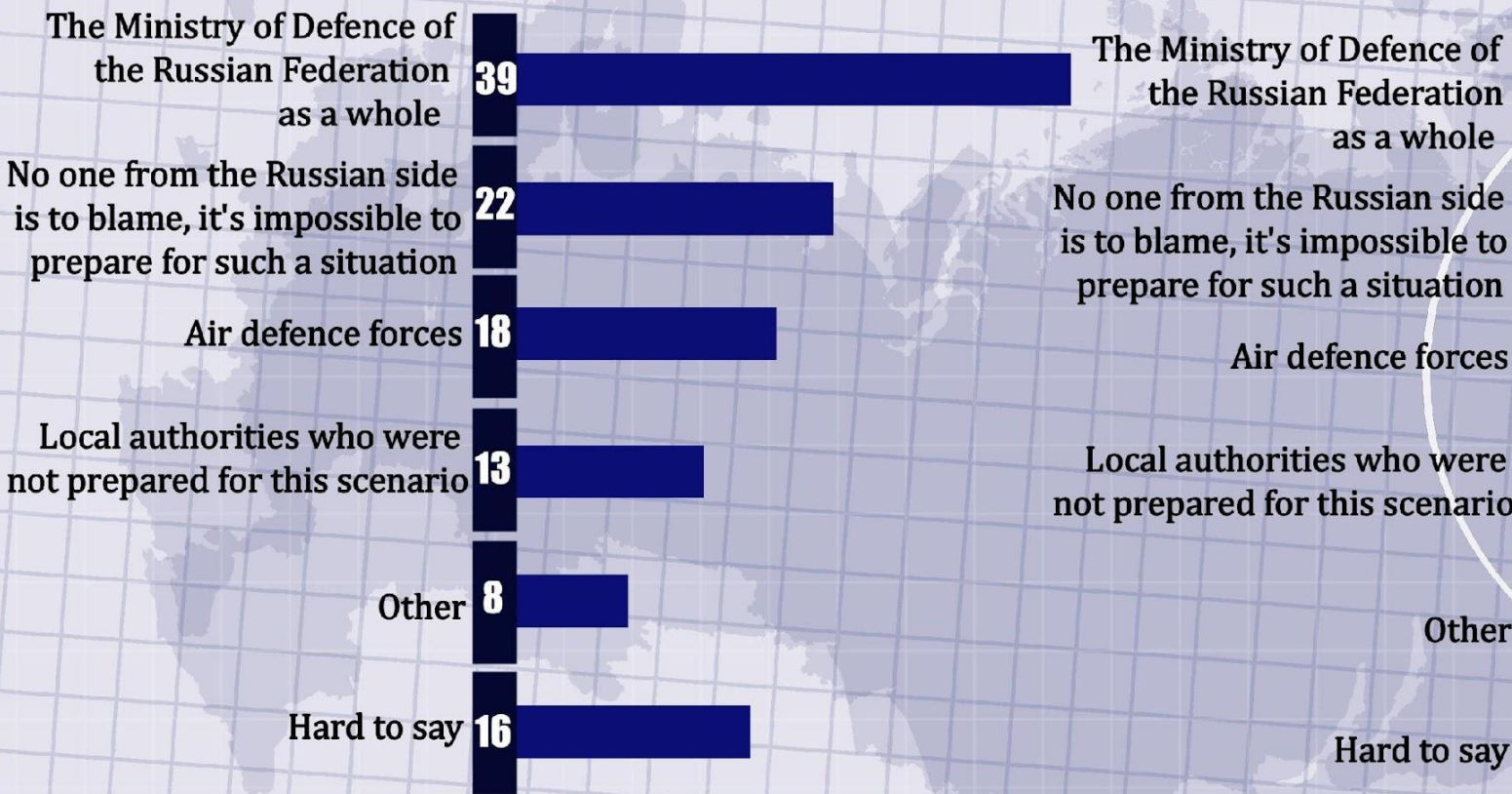
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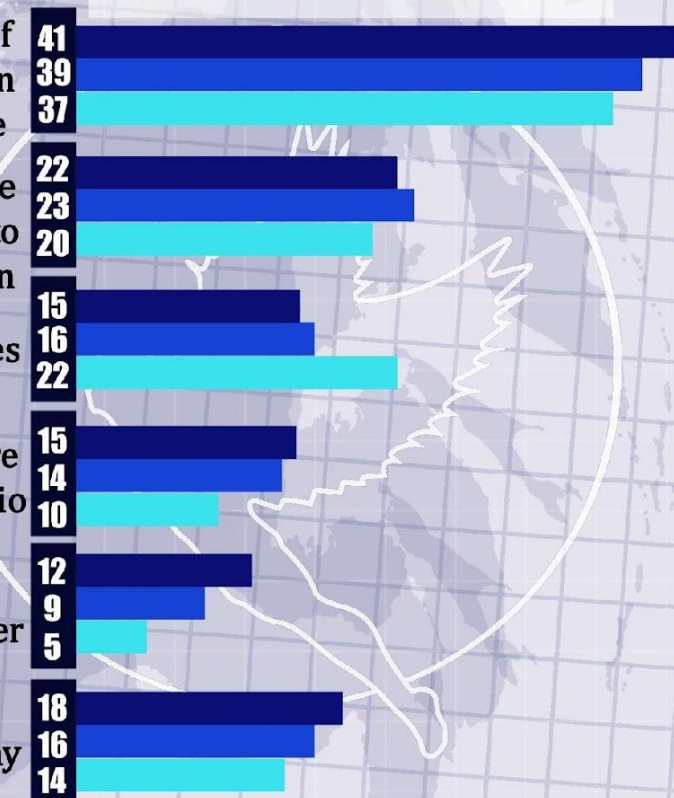


In your opinion, who is responsible for the current situation?, %

Respondents could choose more than one answer



Age characteristics of responses



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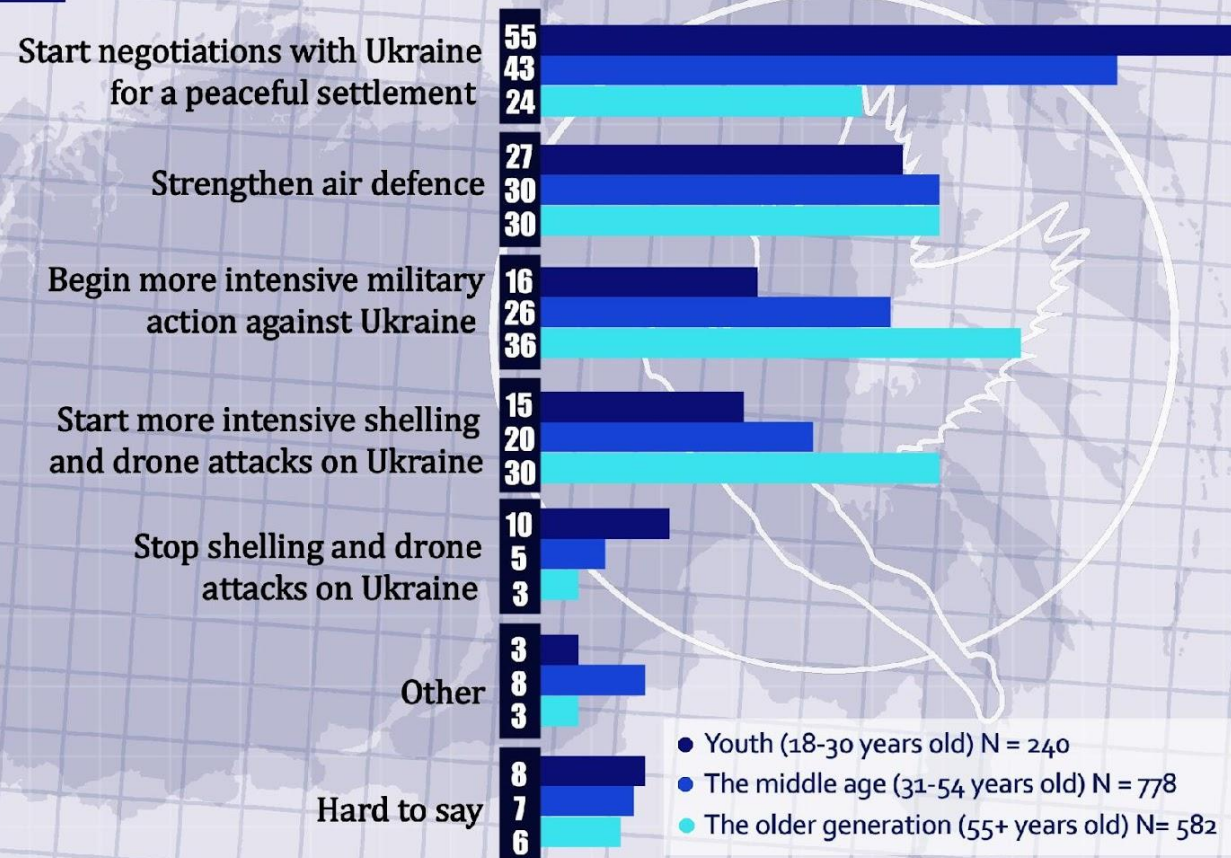


What should the Russian authorities do in this situation?, %

Respondents could choose more than one answer



Age characteristics of responses

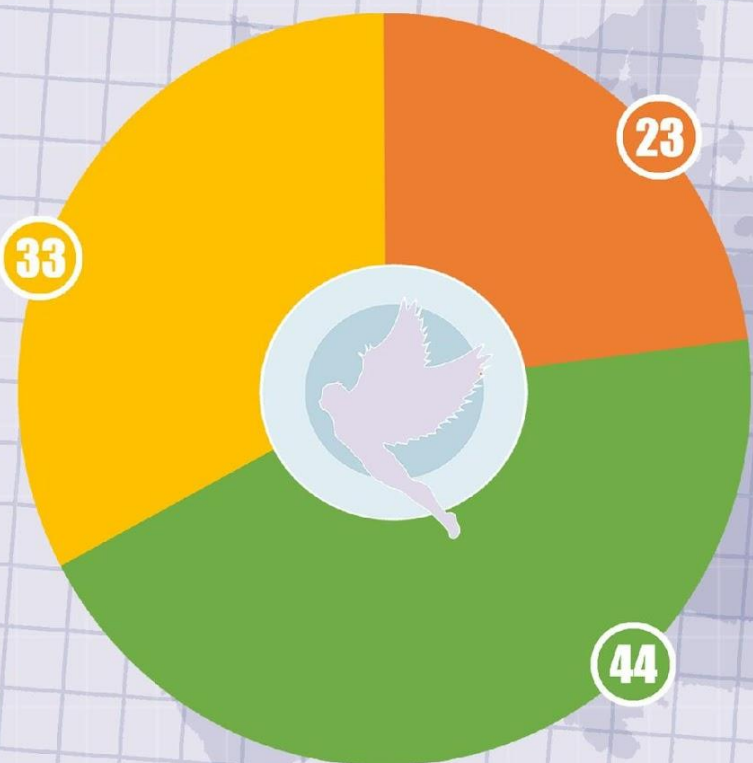


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RAIDS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



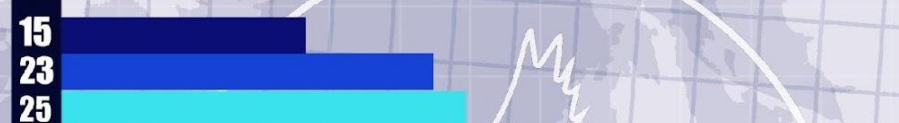
How well informed are you of the raids in the Belgorod region, including the city of Shebekino, by the so-called Russian Volunteer Corps?, %



- Well-informed, I follow these events
- Partially informed, in general terms
- I know nothing about it

Age characteristics of responses

Well-informed, I follow these events



Partially informed, in general terms



I know nothing about it



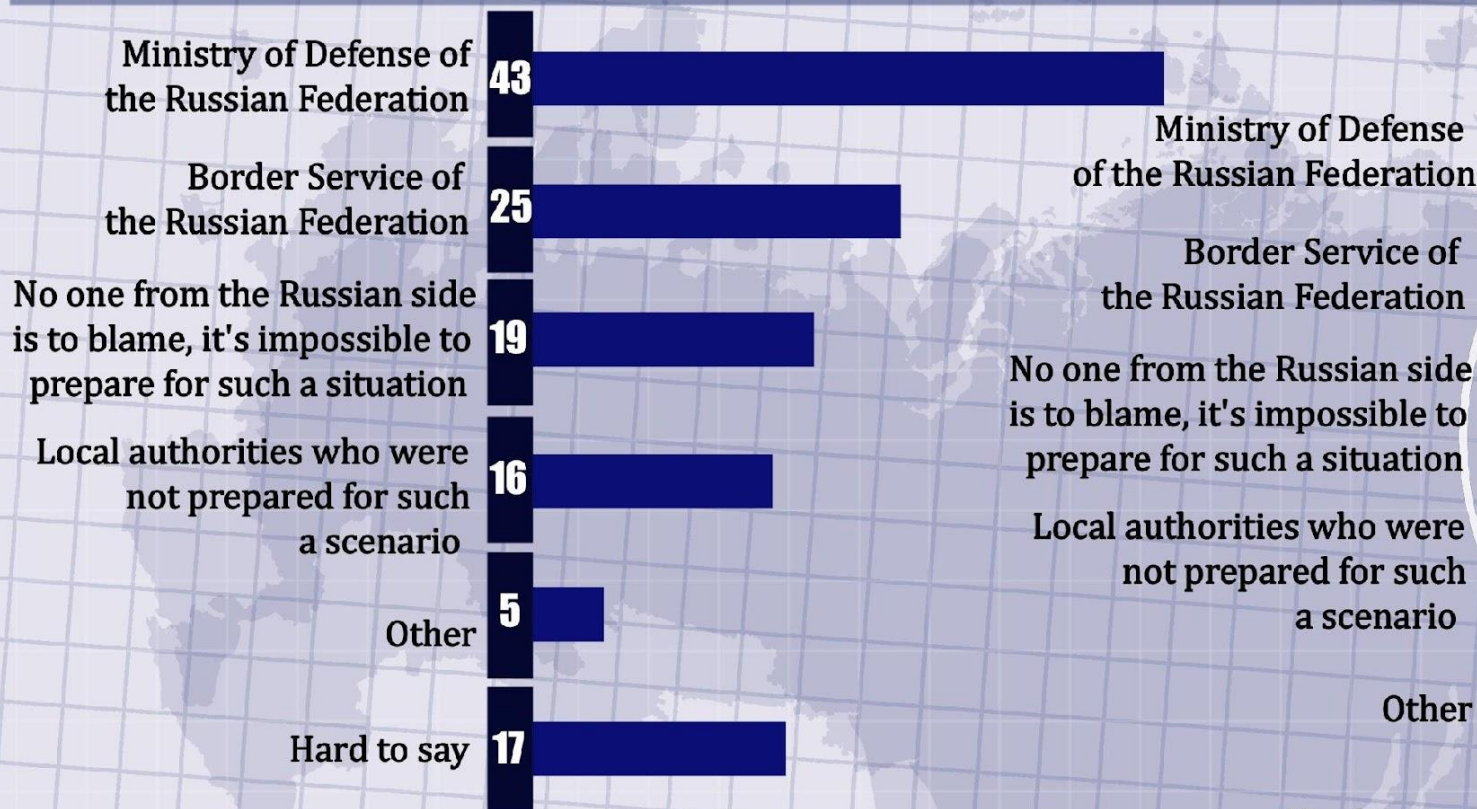
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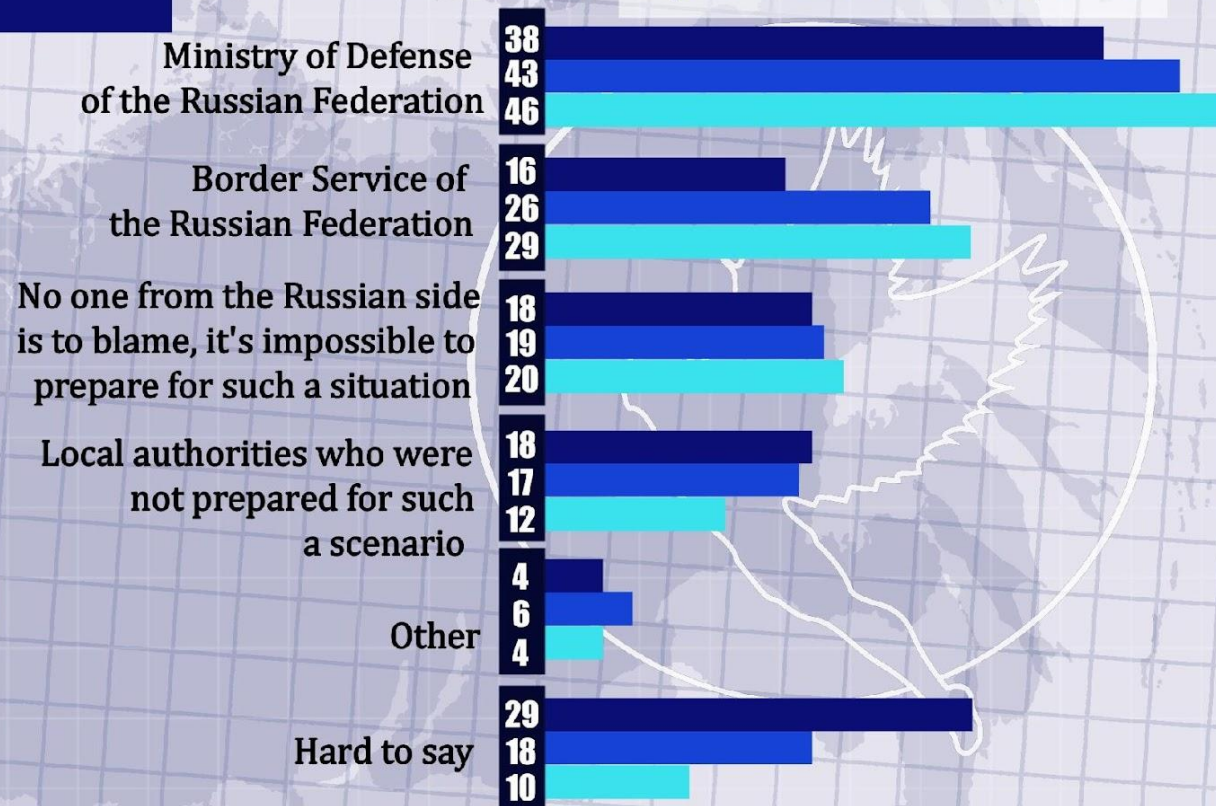


Who do you think is responsible for the current situation?, %

Respondents could choose more than one answer



Age characteristics of responses



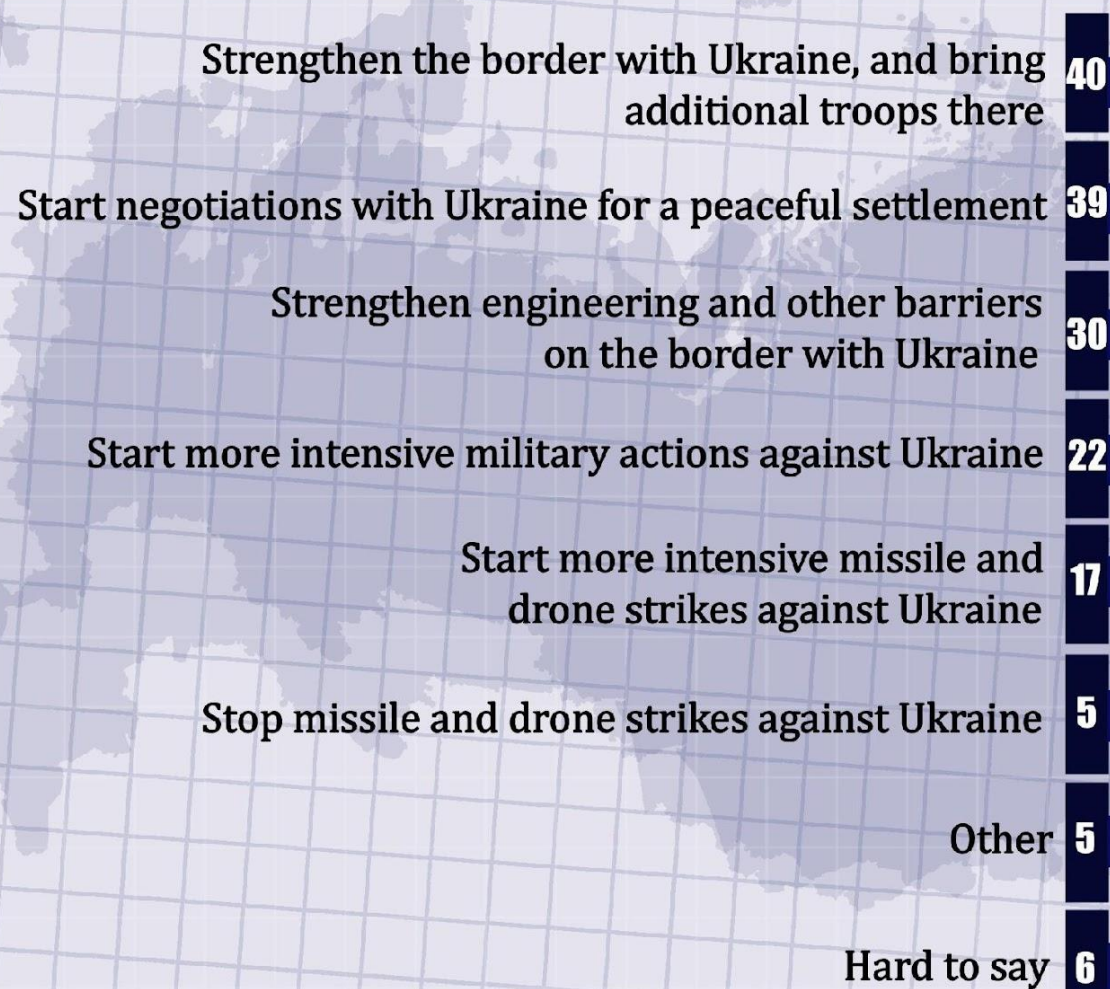
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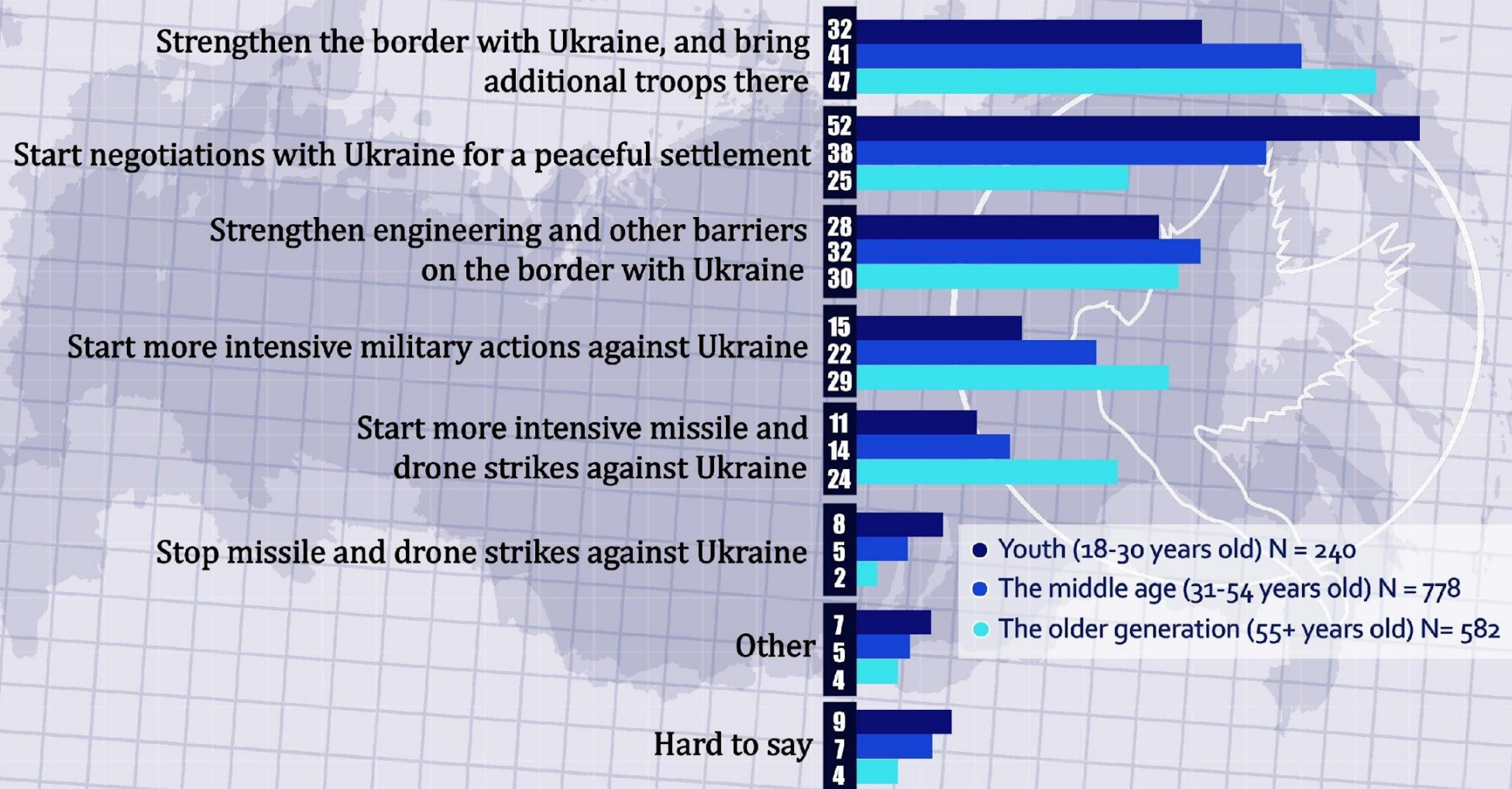
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RAIDS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



AGE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONSES



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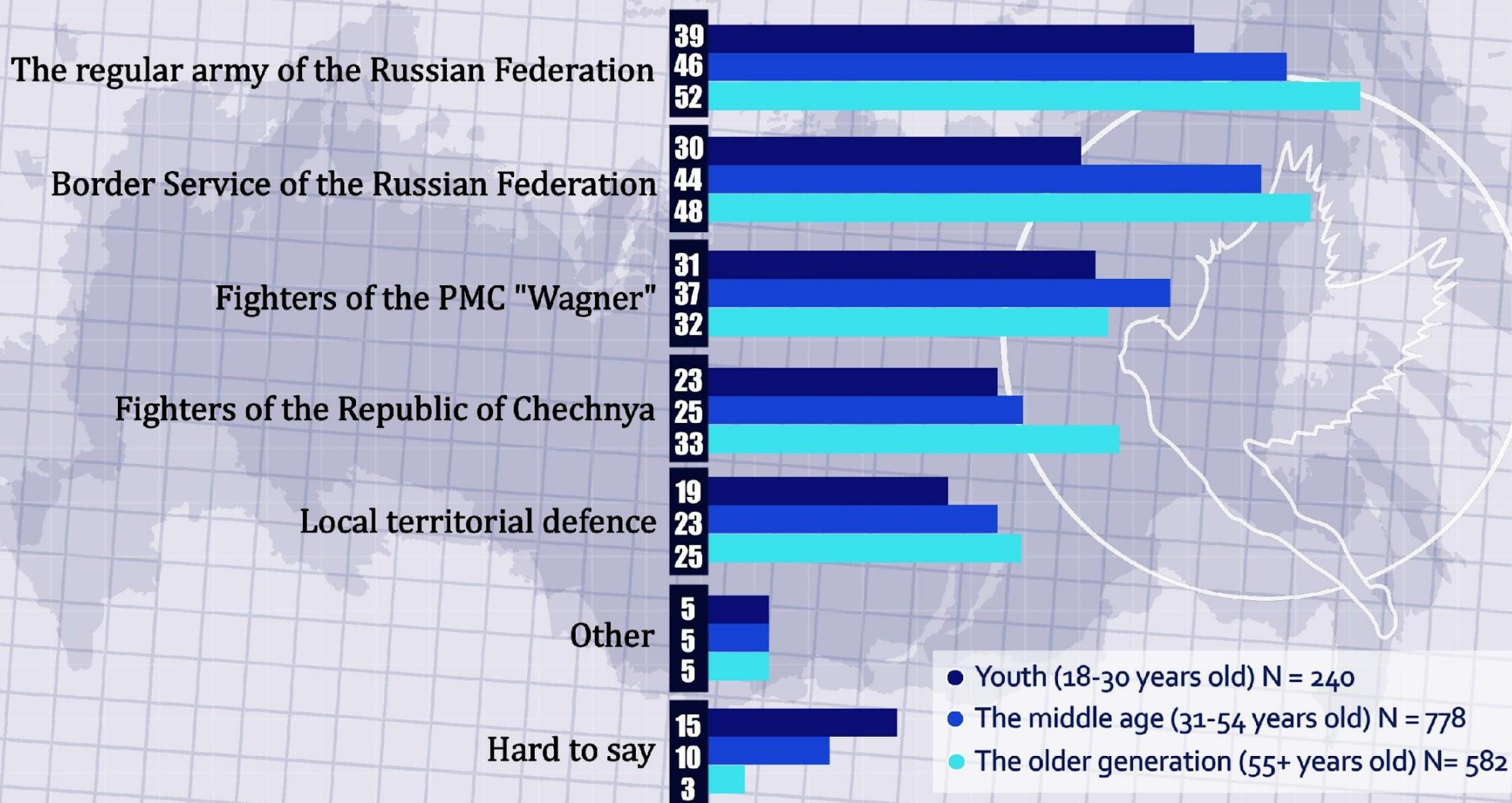
Who do you think could more reliably protect the Russian regions bordering Ukraine?, %
Respondents could choose more than one answer



RAIDS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



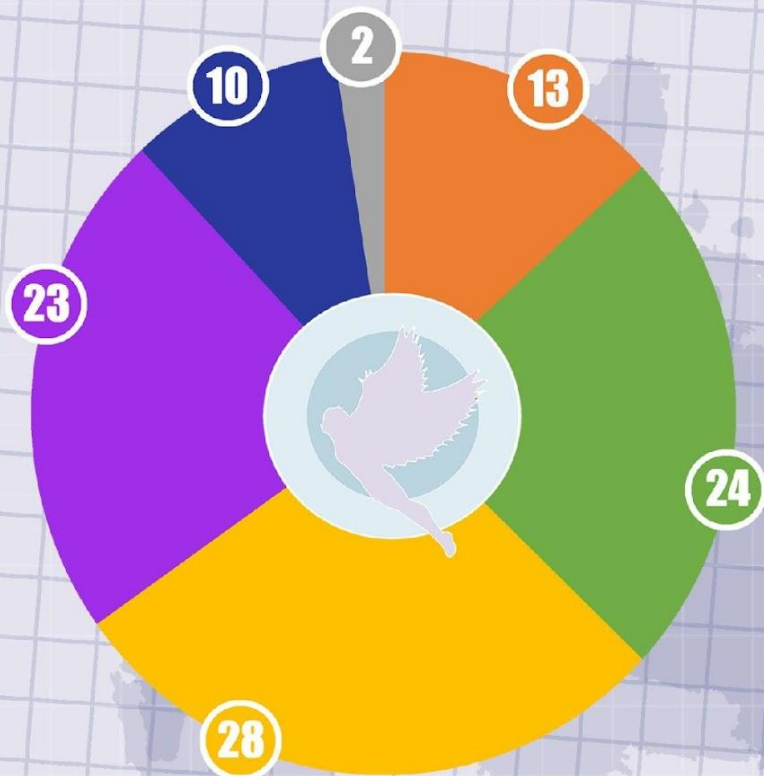
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COUNTEROFFENSIVE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE

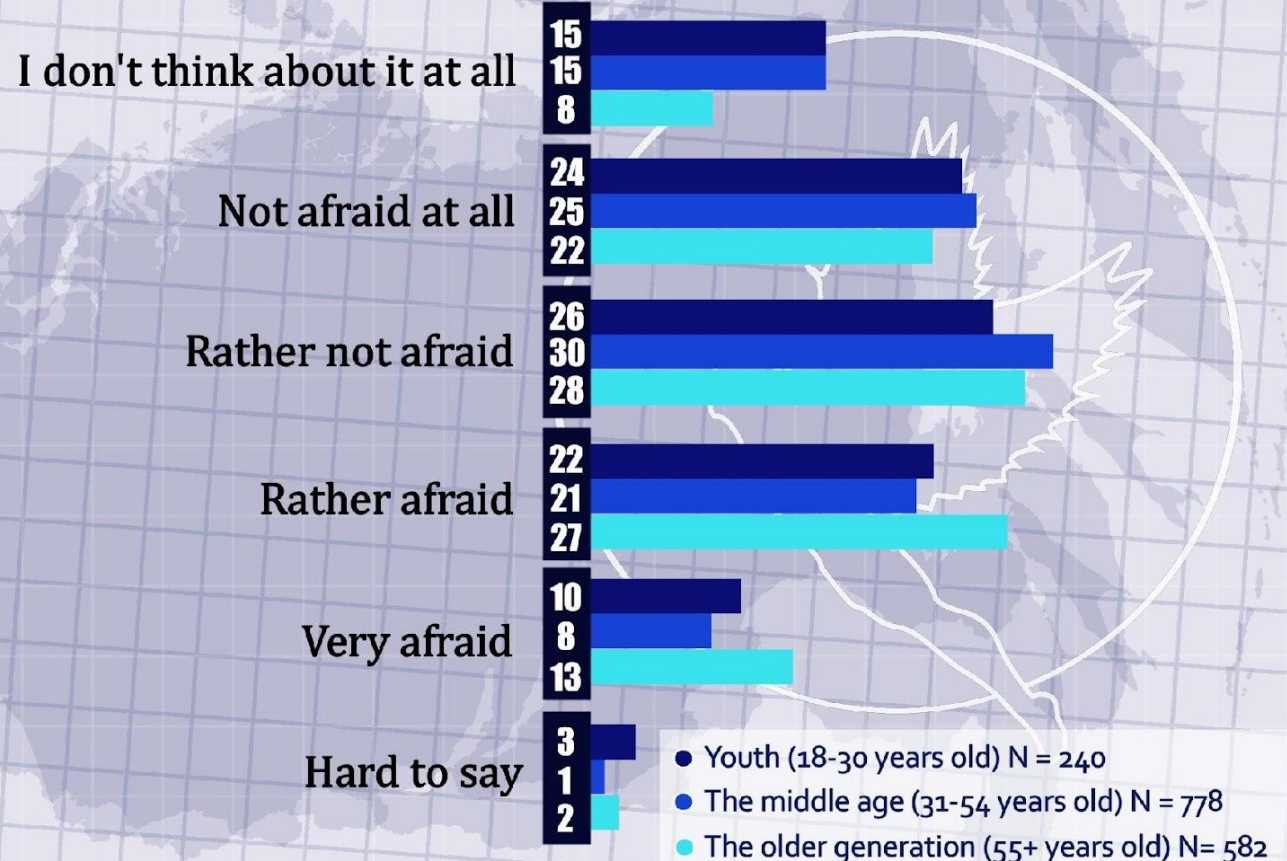


How much do you fear a counteroffensive by the Armed Forces of Ukraine?, %



- I don't think about it at all
- Not afraid at all
- Rather not afraid
- Rather afraid
- Very afraid
- Hard to say

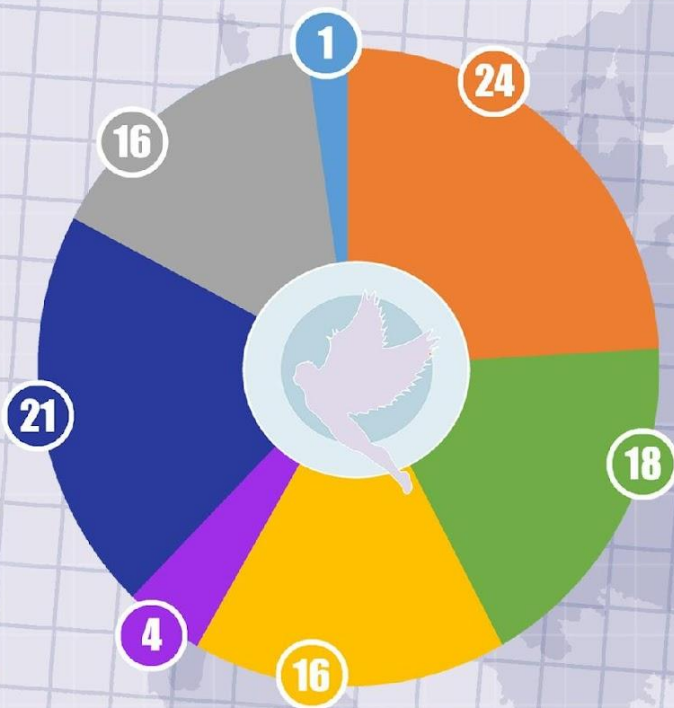
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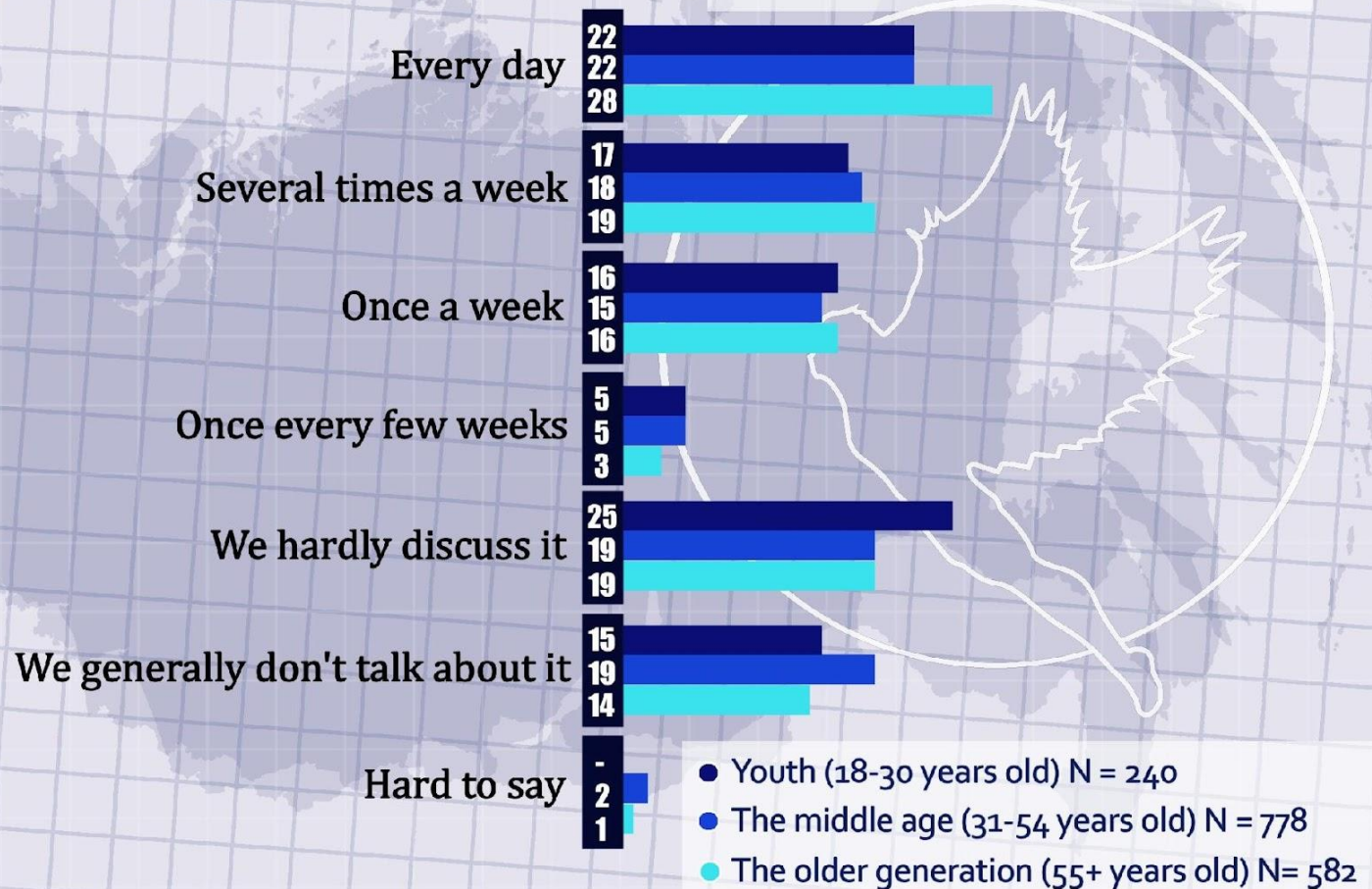


How often do you discuss the counteroffensive of the Armed Forces of Ukraine with close ones or acquaintances (neighbours, colleagues, etc.)?, %



- Every day
- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Once every few weeks
- We hardly discuss it
- We generally don't talk about it
- Hard to say

Age characteristics of responses



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COUNTEROFFENSIVE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE



In case of the significant success of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (for example, cutting off the land corridor to Crimea), what should the Russian government do?, %

Respondents could choose more than one answer



COUNTEROFFENSIVE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE



AGE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONSES

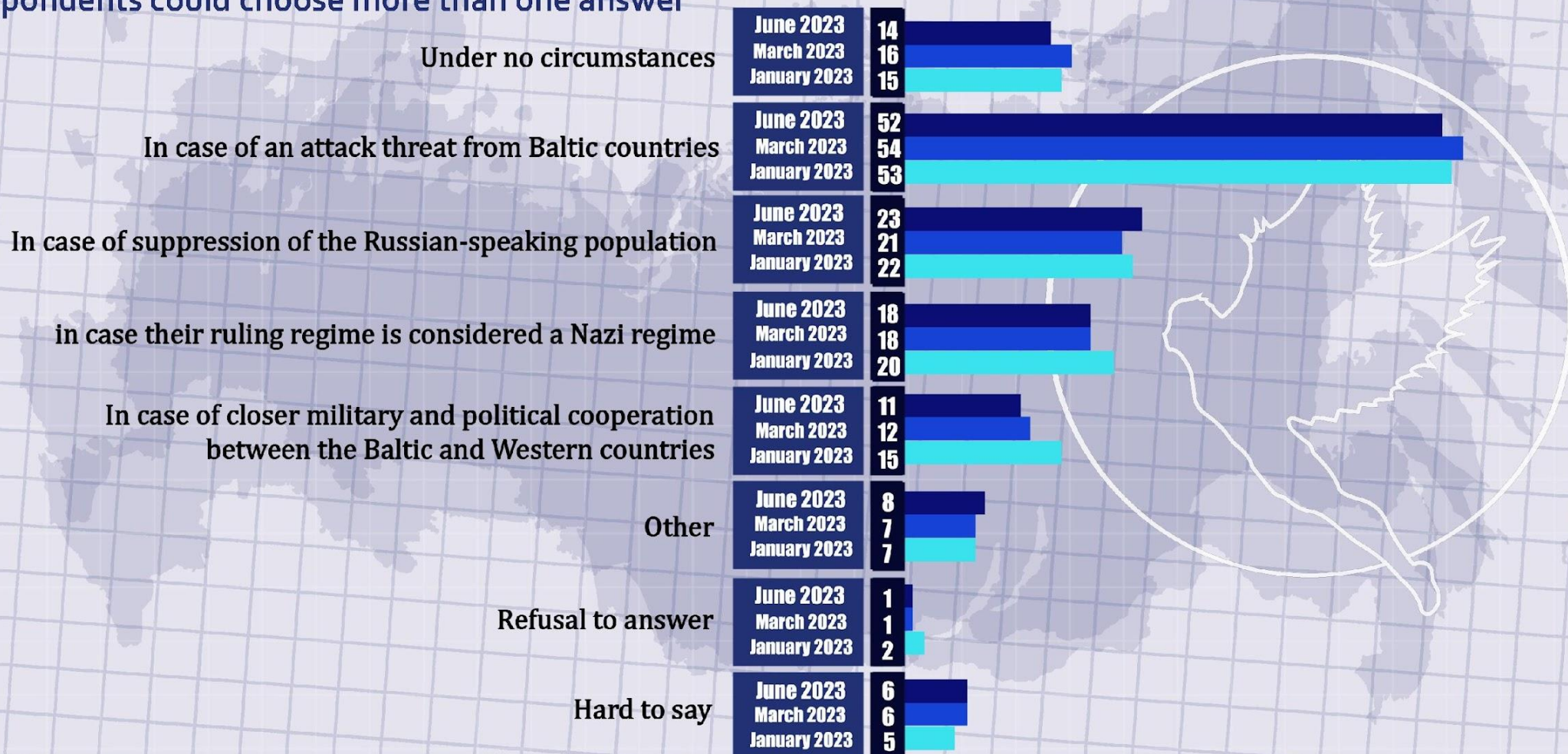


READINESS OF RUSSIAN SOCIETY FOR MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST NATO COUNTRIES



Under what circumstances would you support the launch of "Special Military Operation" against the Baltic countries (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia)? - Dynamics of attitudes, %

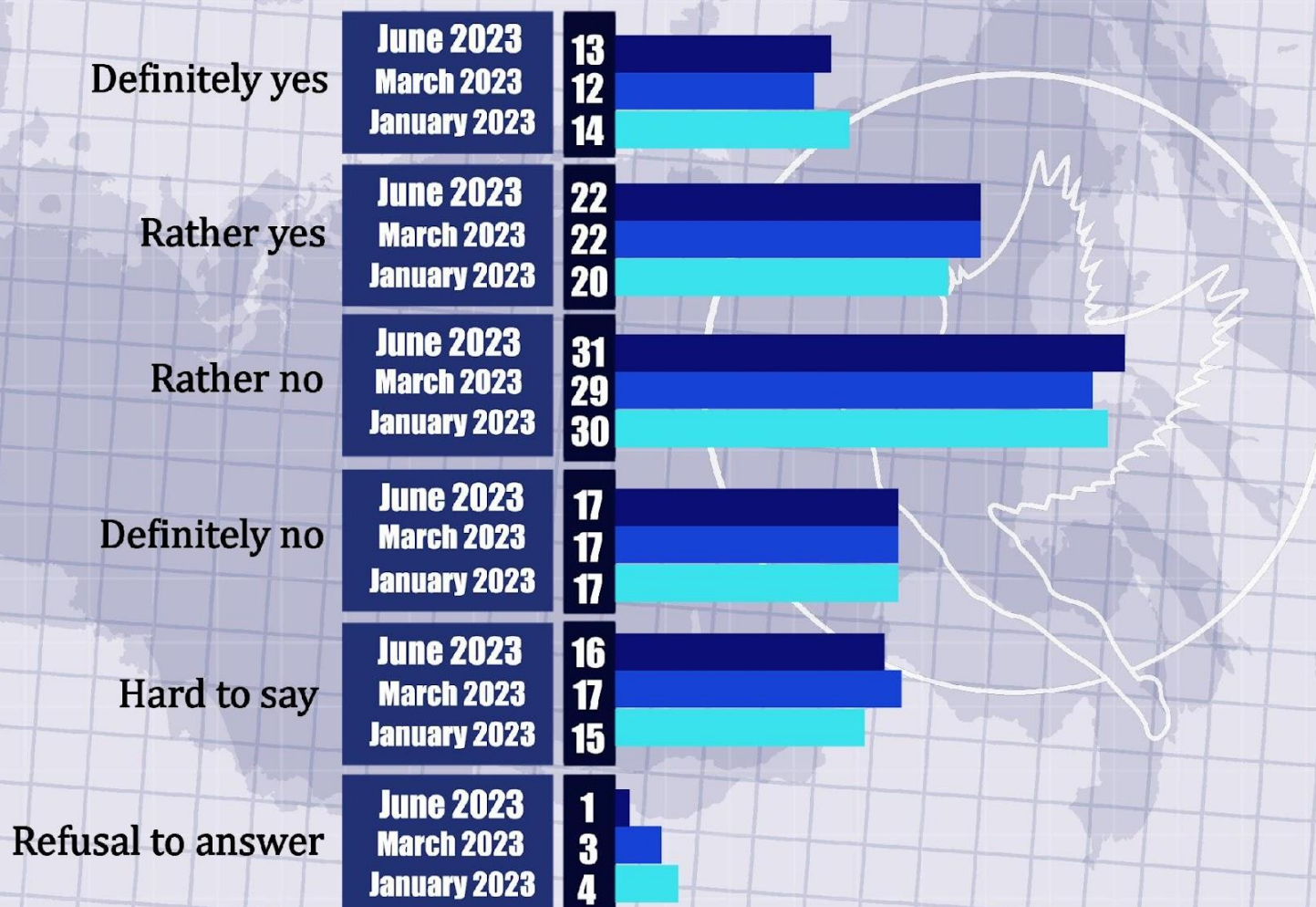
Respondents could choose more than one answer



READINESS OF RUSSIAN SOCIETY FOR MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST NATO COUNTRIES



Do you see such conditions for Russia to launch "Special Military Operation" against the Baltic countries (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia) for today? - Dynamics of attitudes, %



READINESS OF RUSSIAN SOCIETY FOR MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST NATO COUNTRIES



Under what circumstances would you support the launch of “Special Military Operation” aiming occupation of the Suwalki Corridor and connection of Kaliningrad Oblast to the territory of the Union State (Russia and Belarus)? - Dynamics of attitudes, % Respondents could choose more than one answer



READINESS OF RUSSIAN SOCIETY FOR MILITARY AGGRESSION AGAINST NATO COUNTRIES



Under what circumstances would you support the launch of “Special Military Operation” aiming occupation of the Suwalki Corridor and connection of Kaliningrad Oblast to the territory of the Union State (Russia and Belarus)? - Dynamics of attitudes, % Respondents could choose more than one answer

In case of an economic blockade by EU countries on Kaliningrad Oblast

As a response to Western countries and NATO support of Ukraine

Other

Hard to say

Refusal to answer

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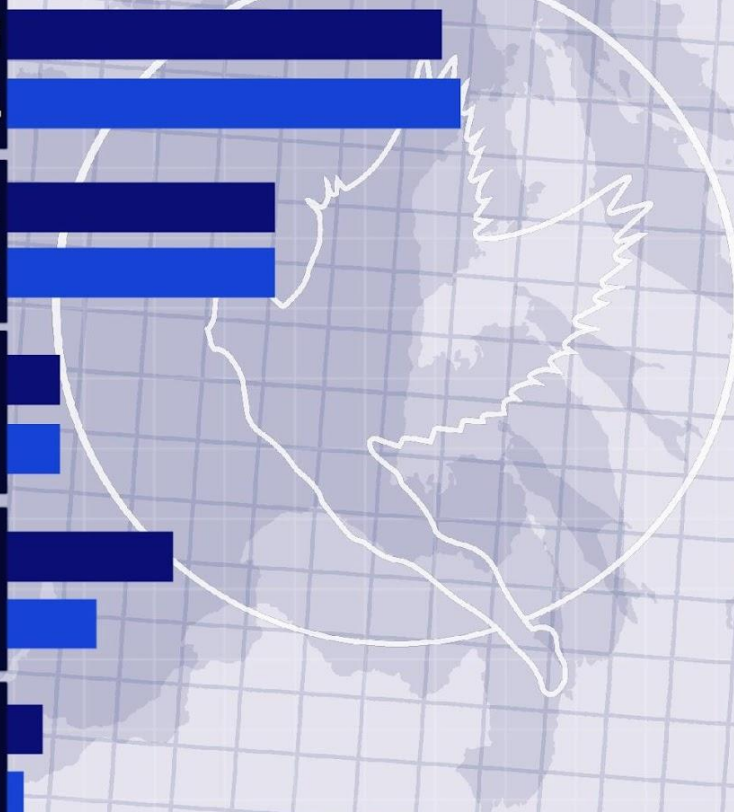
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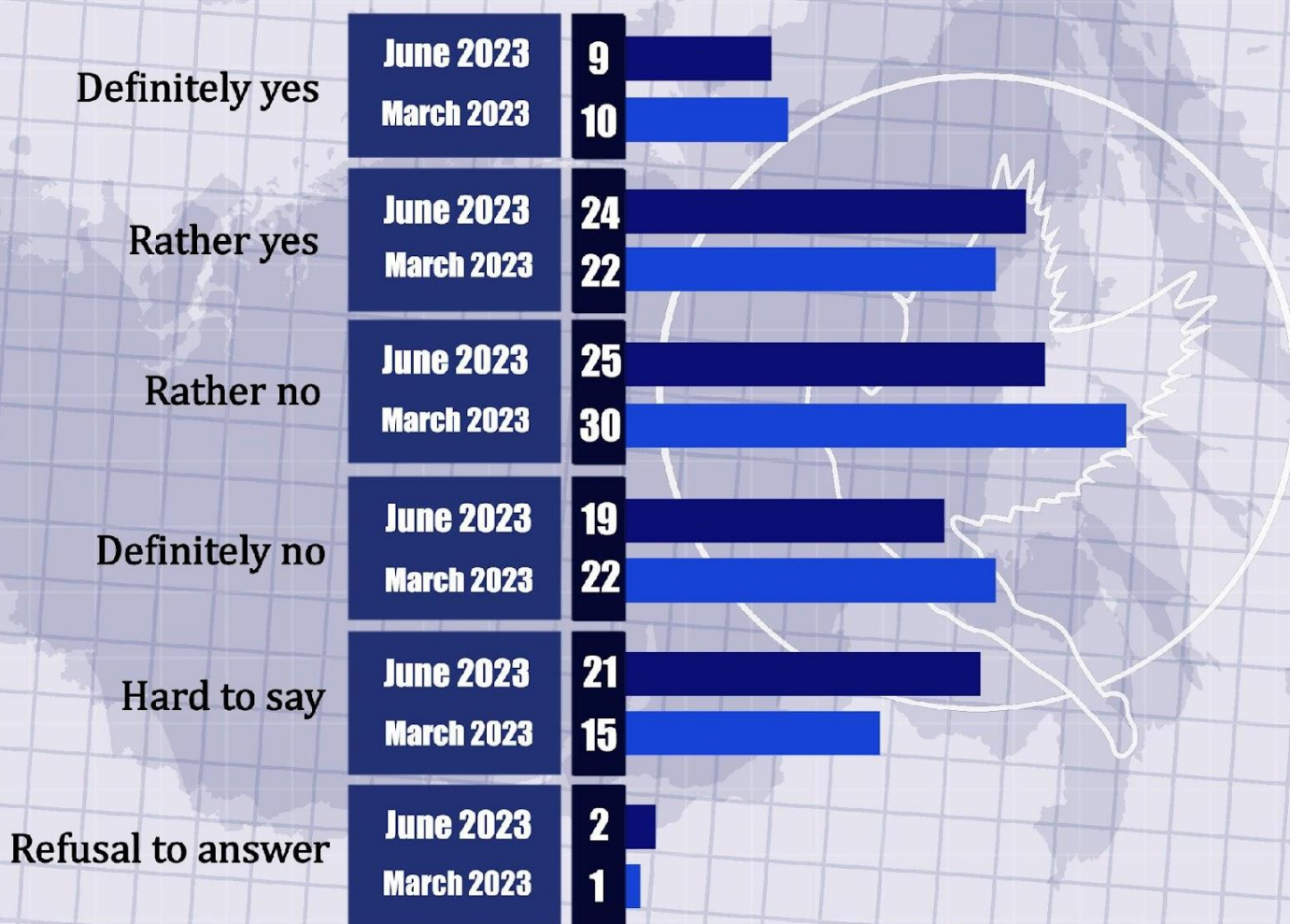


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