



Update on the Political Landscape

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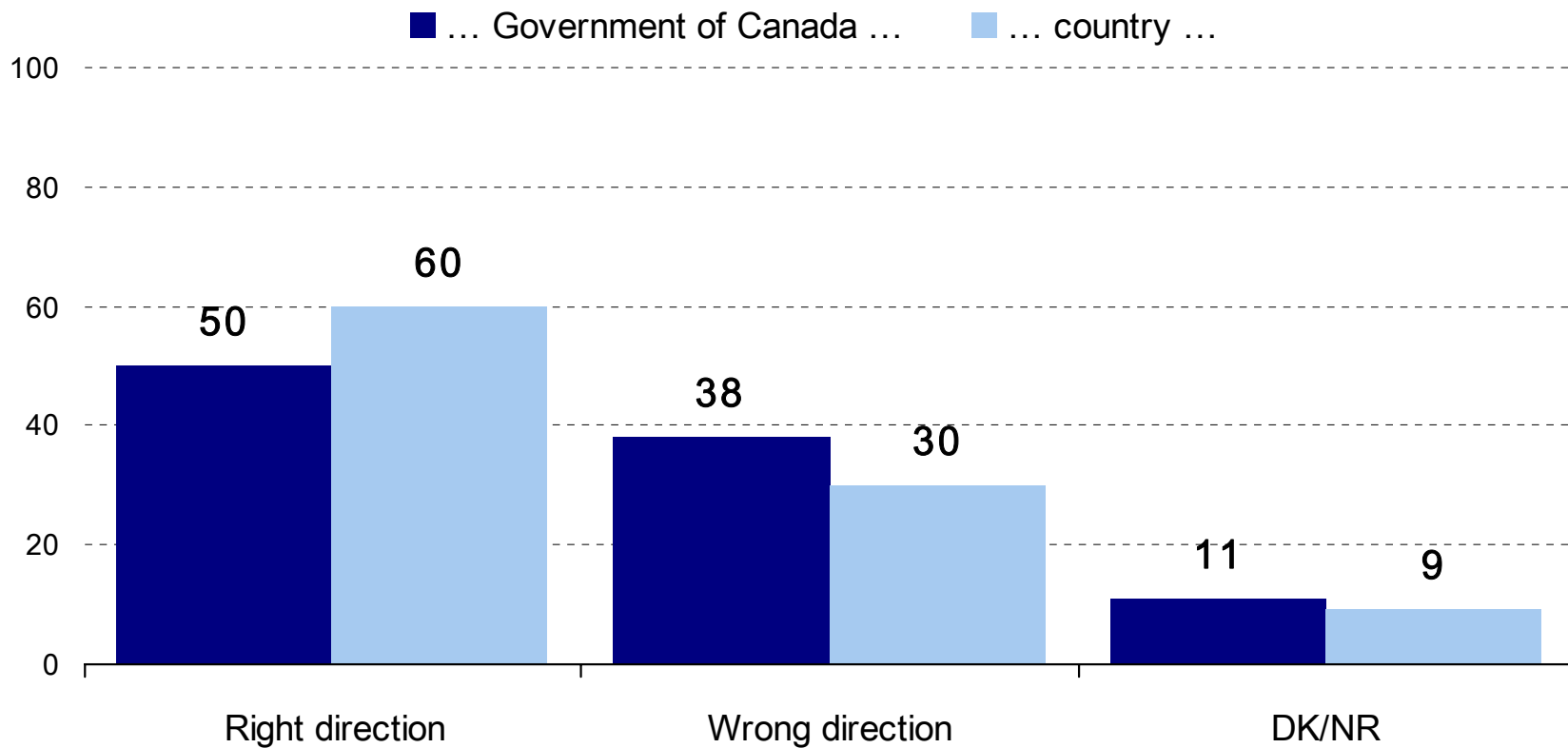
Methodology

- Telephone survey of the general public
 - 1,004 interviews with a national random sample of Canadians 18 years of age and older
 - ✓ Interview period: September 12 to September 14, 2006
 - ✓ National results valid within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20
 - The margin of error increases when the results are sub-divided
 - It should also be noted that the refusal rate and other measurement errors could also increase the margin of error
 - All the data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional, gender and age composition reflects that of the actual population of Canada according to Census data.
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General outlook

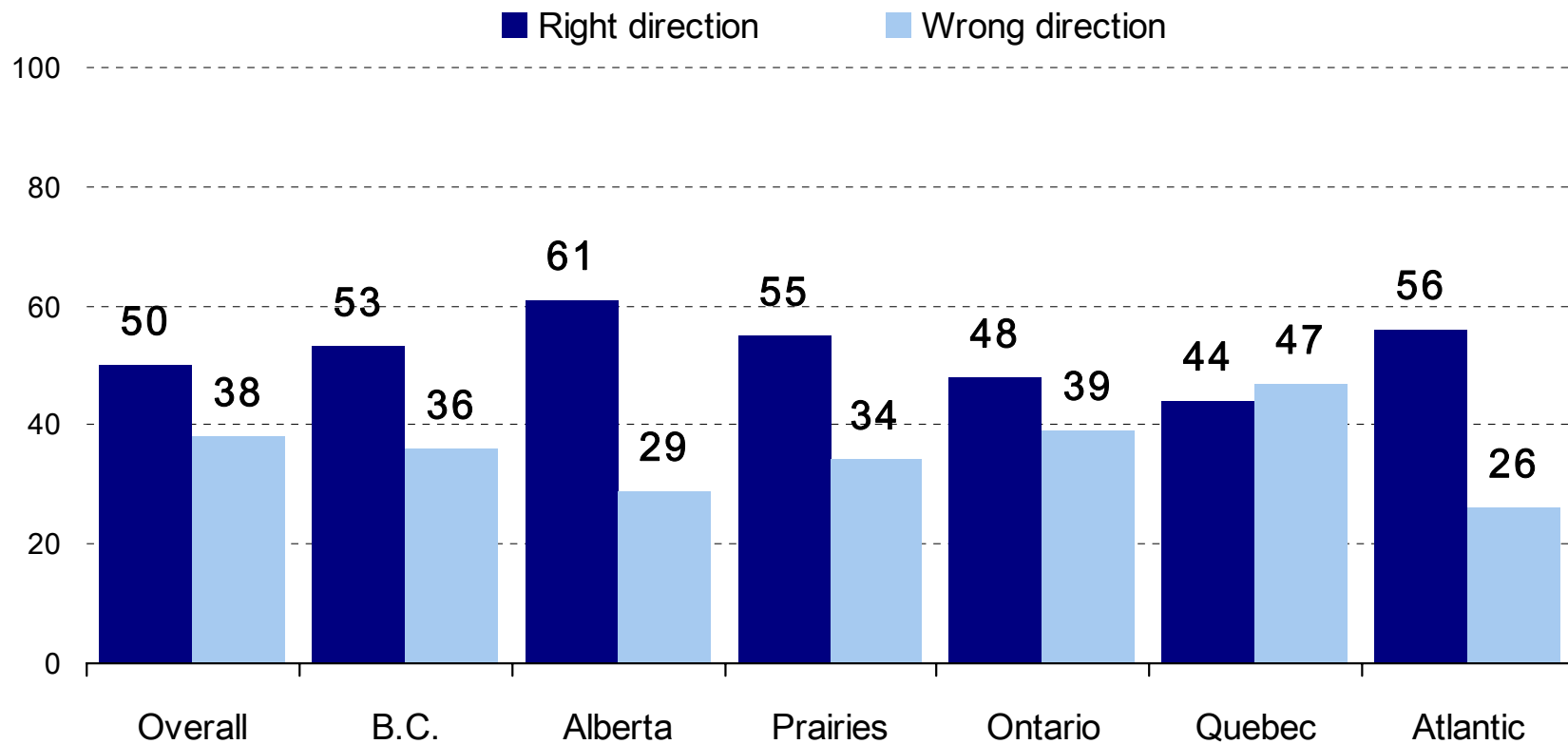
Direction of Government/country

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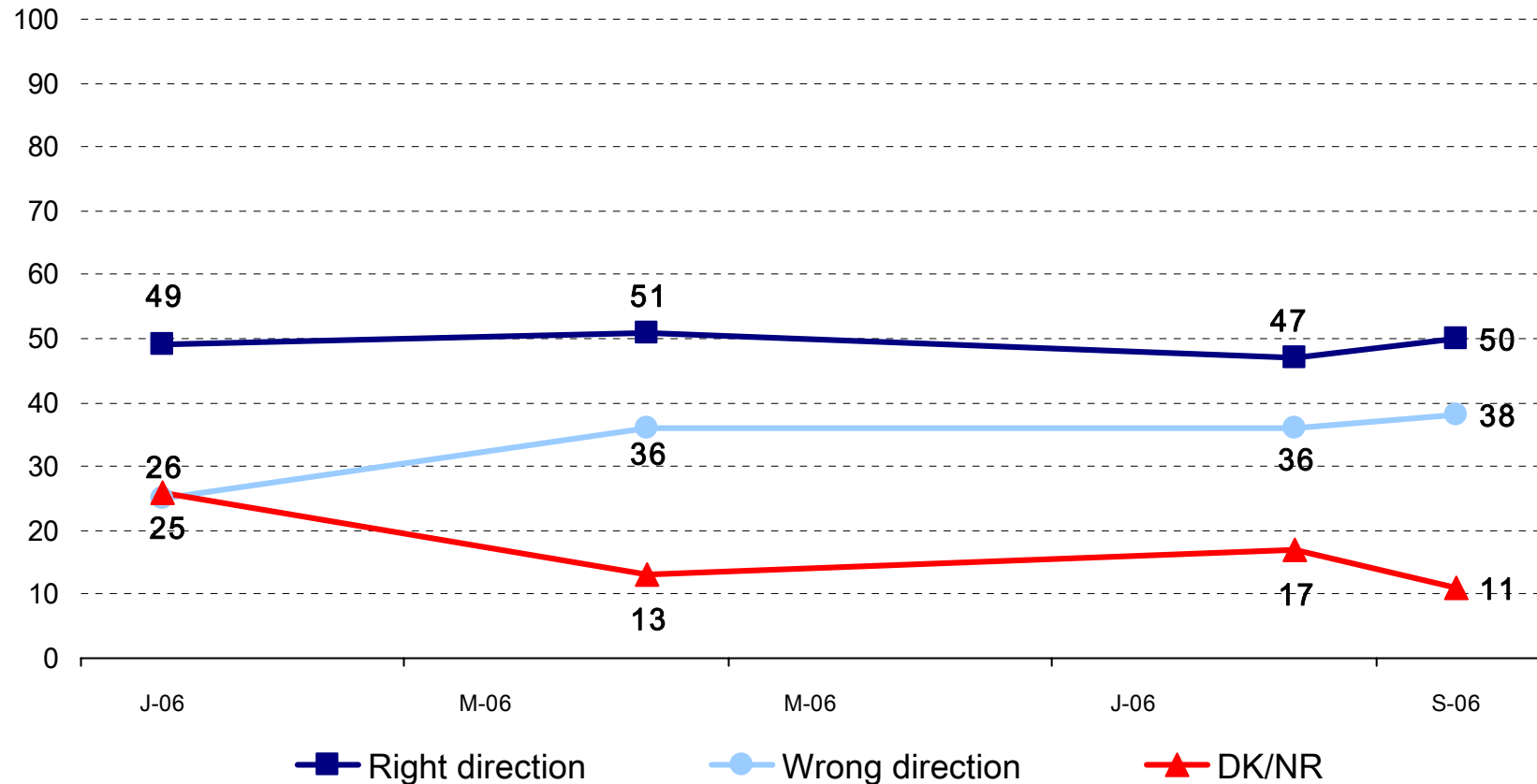
Direction of Government by region

Q: All things considered, would you say that the Government of Canada is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?



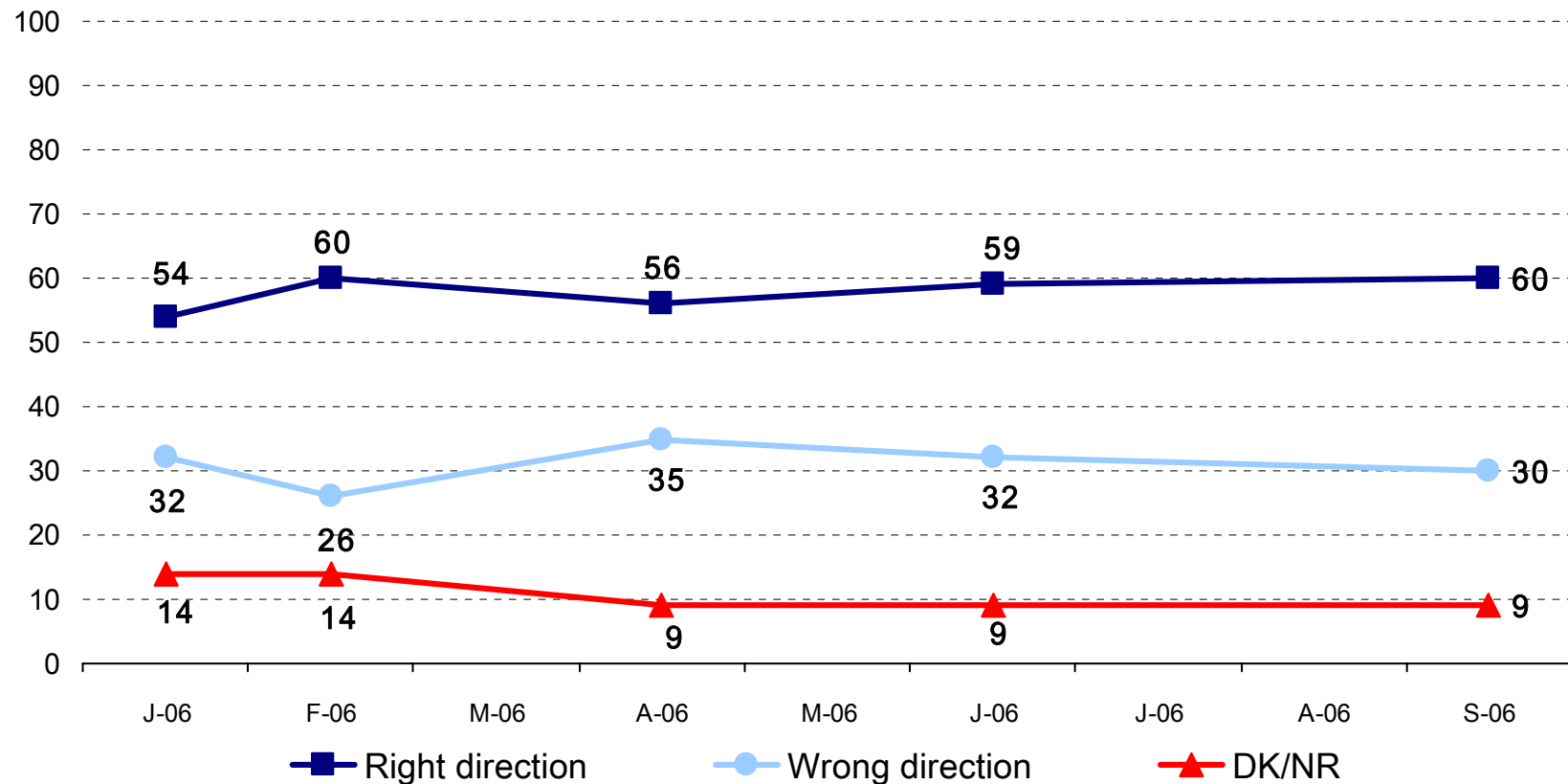
Tracking direction of Government since the election

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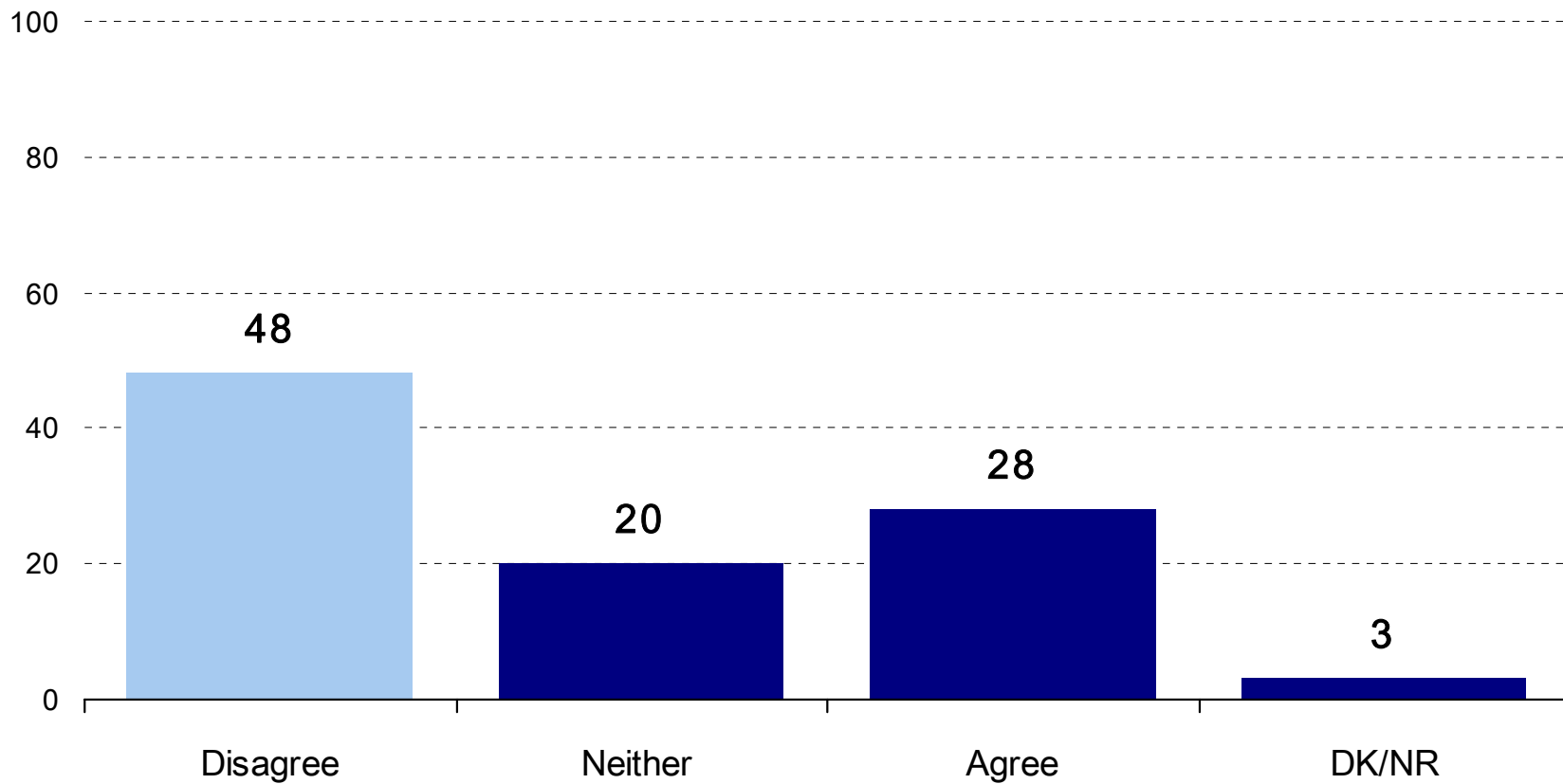
Tracking direction of country since the election

Q: All things considered, would you say that the country is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?



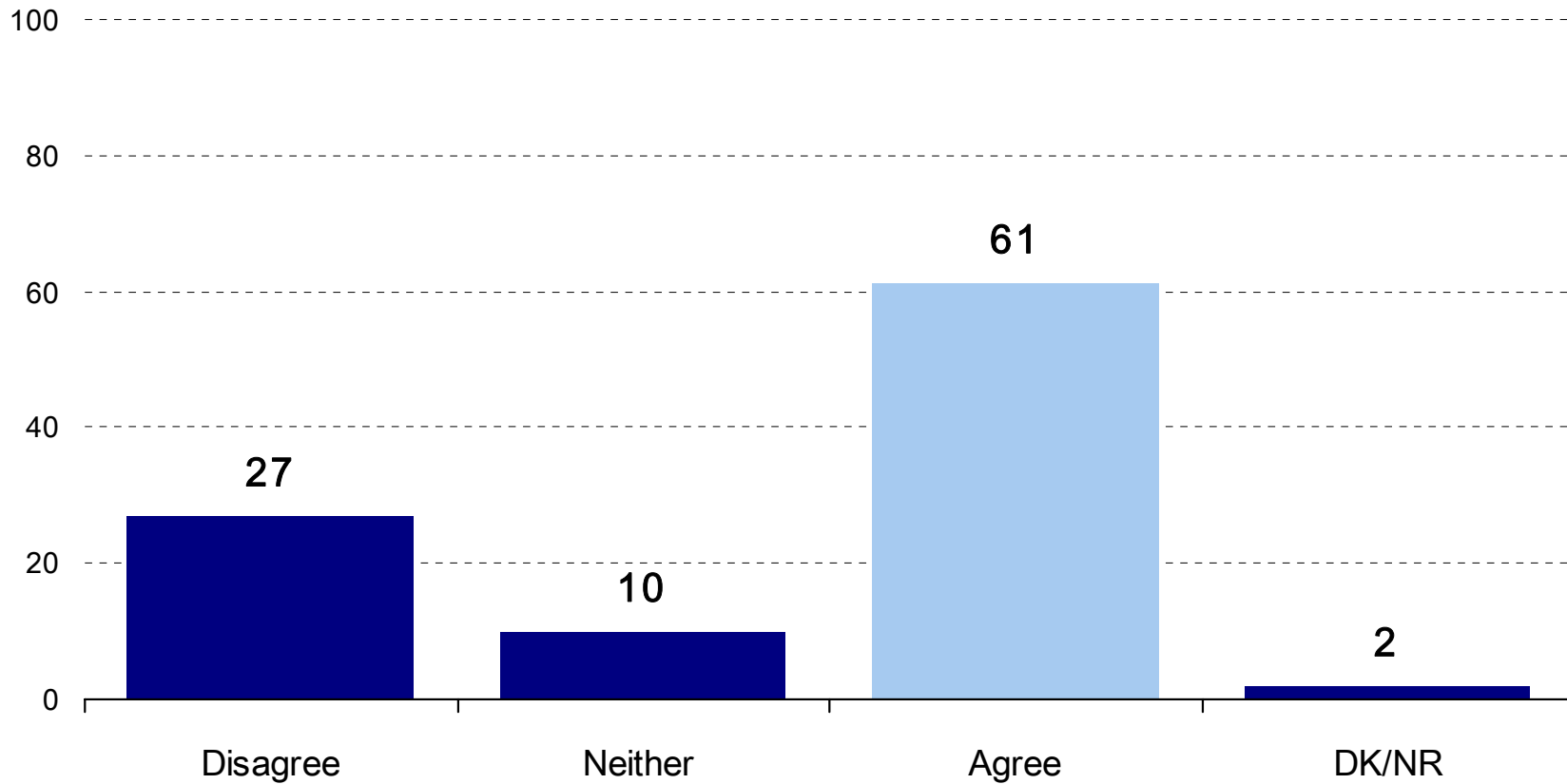
Collapse of the housing market?

Q: I am worried that there could be a collapse in the value of houses in the next year.



Unprecedented environmental catastrophe?

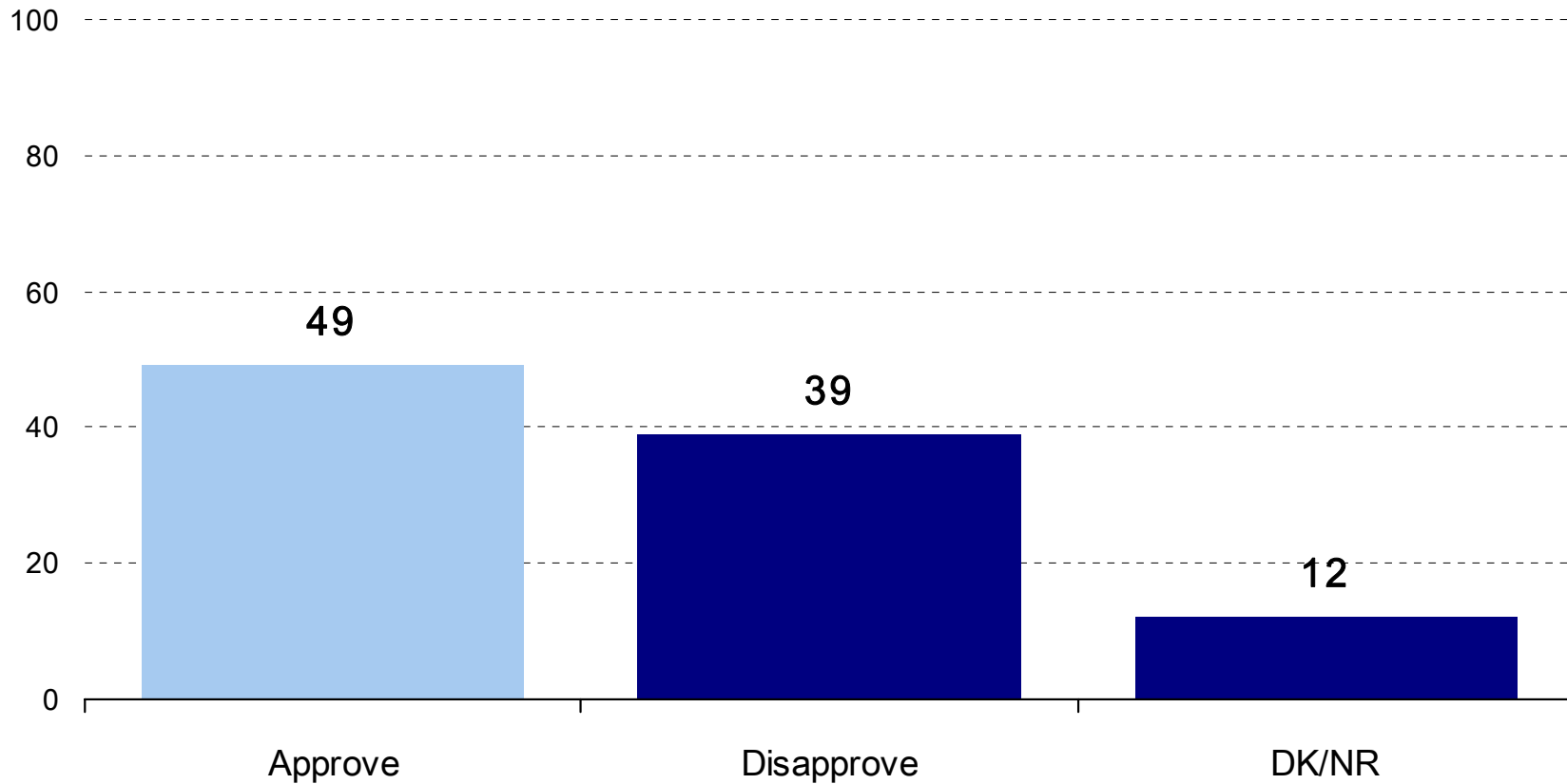
Q: I am really worried that the world is headed for an unprecedented environmental catastrophe within the next decade or so.



Evaluating the current government

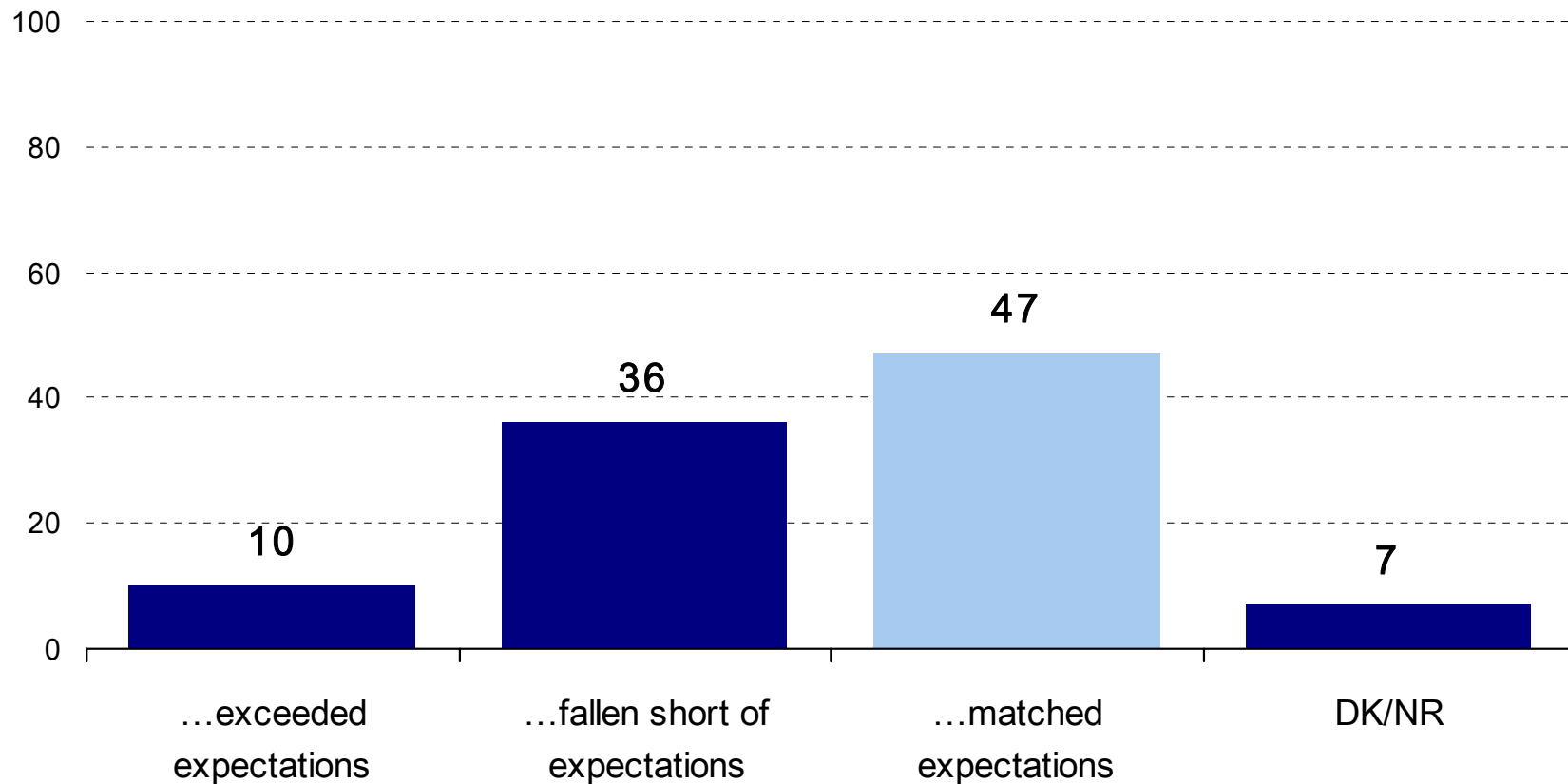
Approval ratings for Stephen Harper

Q: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Stephen Harper is handling his job as Prime Minister?



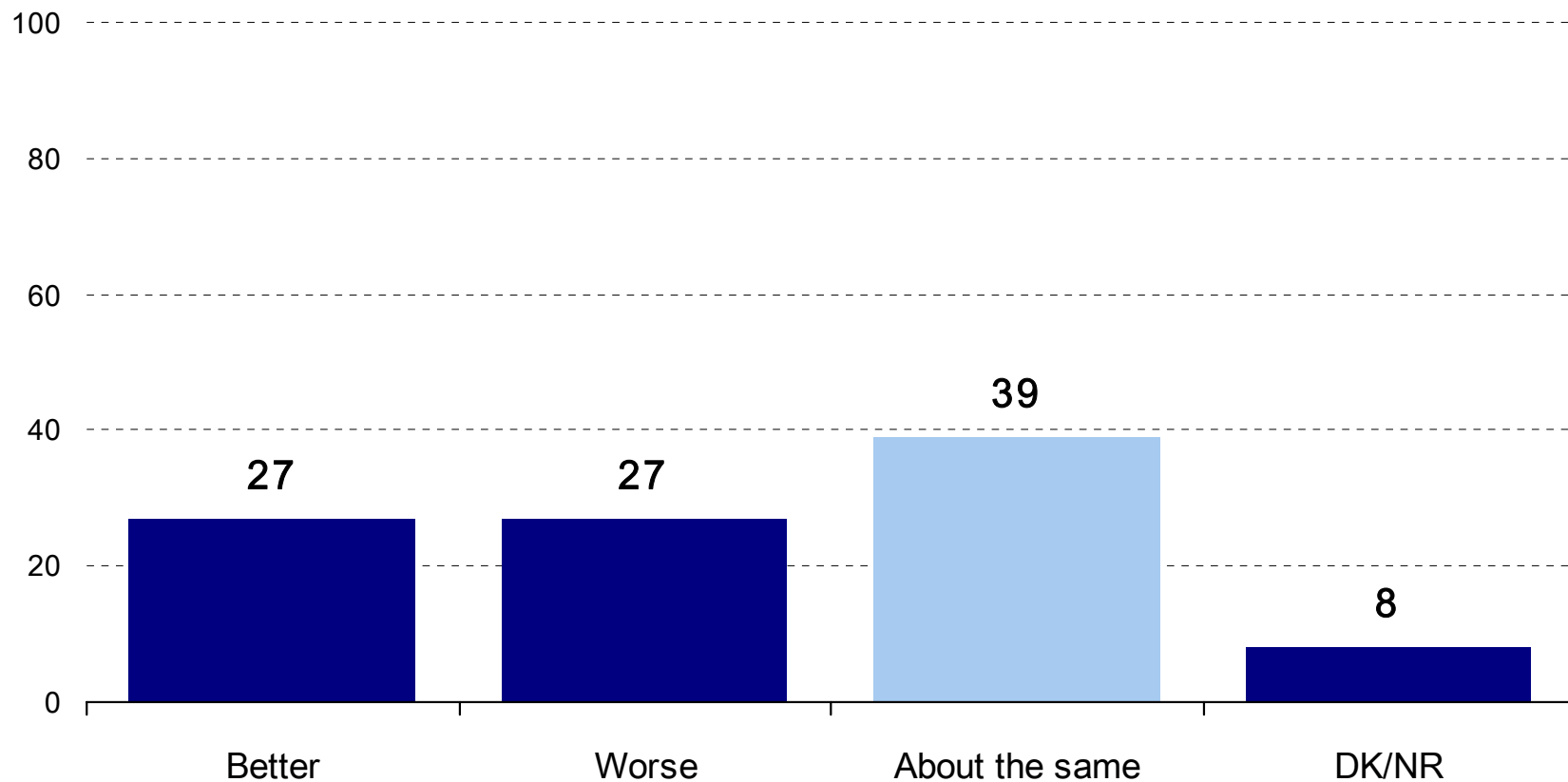
Harper seen as meeting expectations

Q: Thinking about the government of Stephen Harper and the Conservatives, would you say that so far it has...



Minority status seen as neither a hindrance nor a help in performance

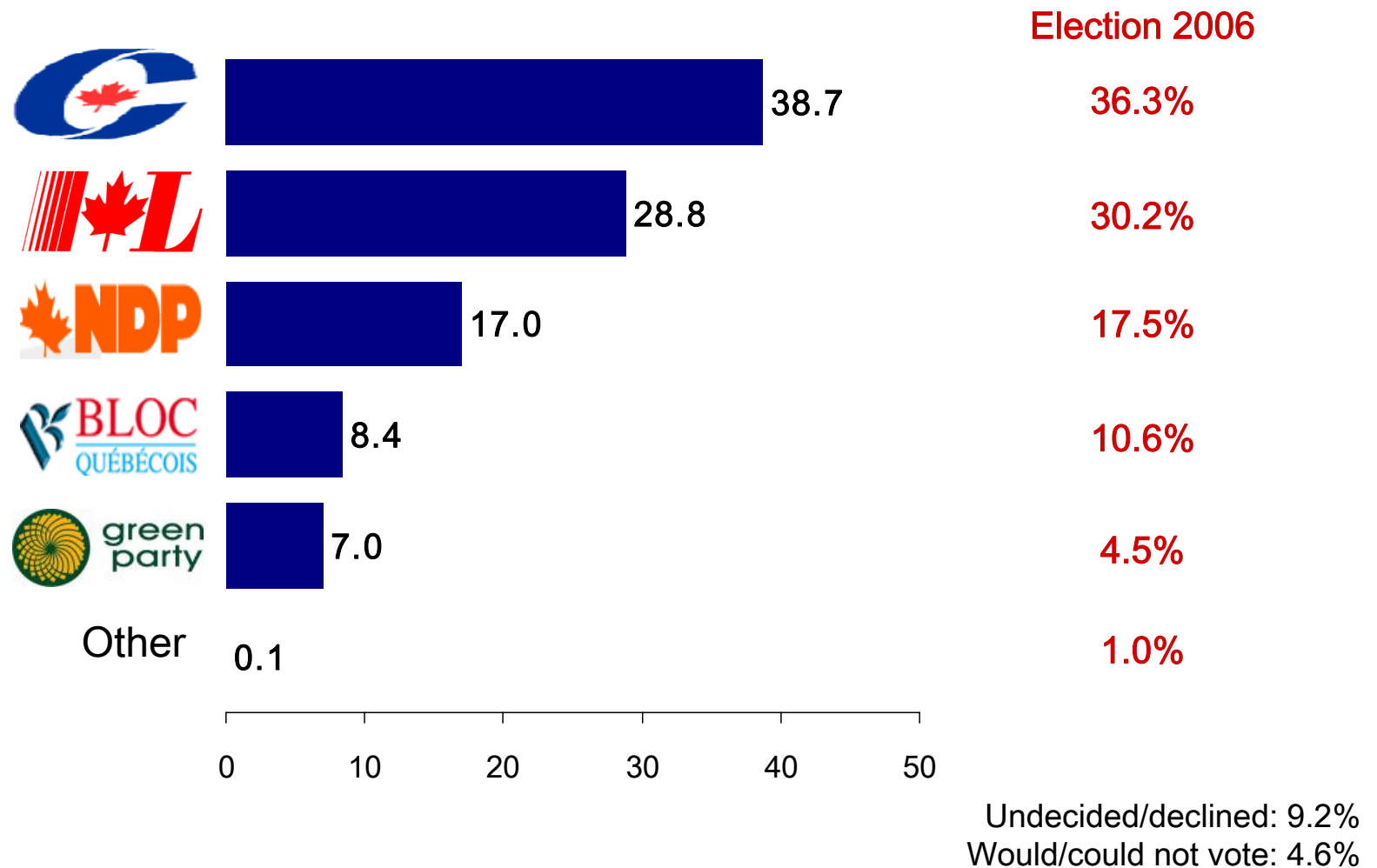
Q: And do you feel their performance would be better, worse or about the same if they held a majority of seats in Parliament?



The next election

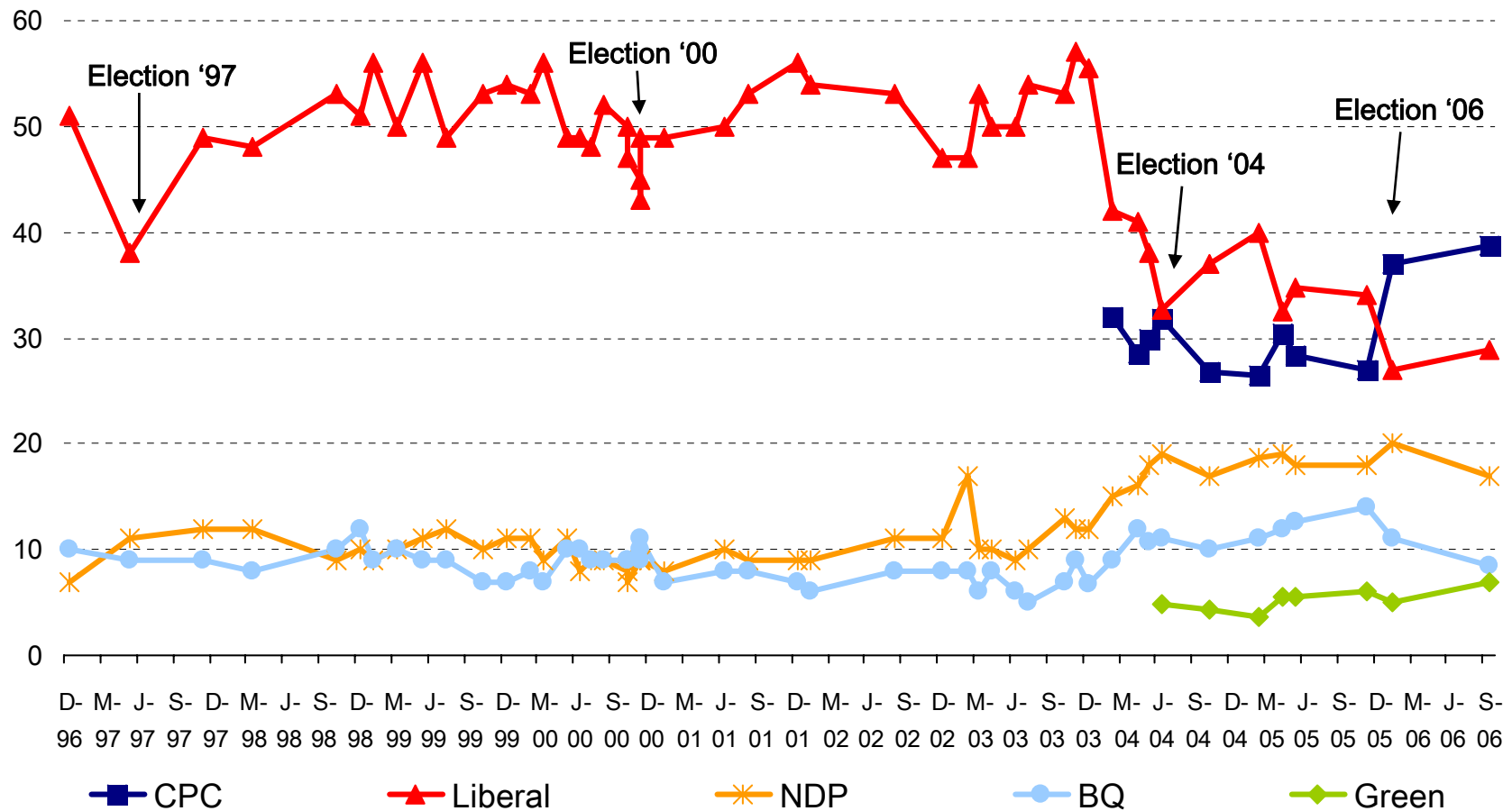
Federal voting intentions

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National federal vote intentions: long-term trend

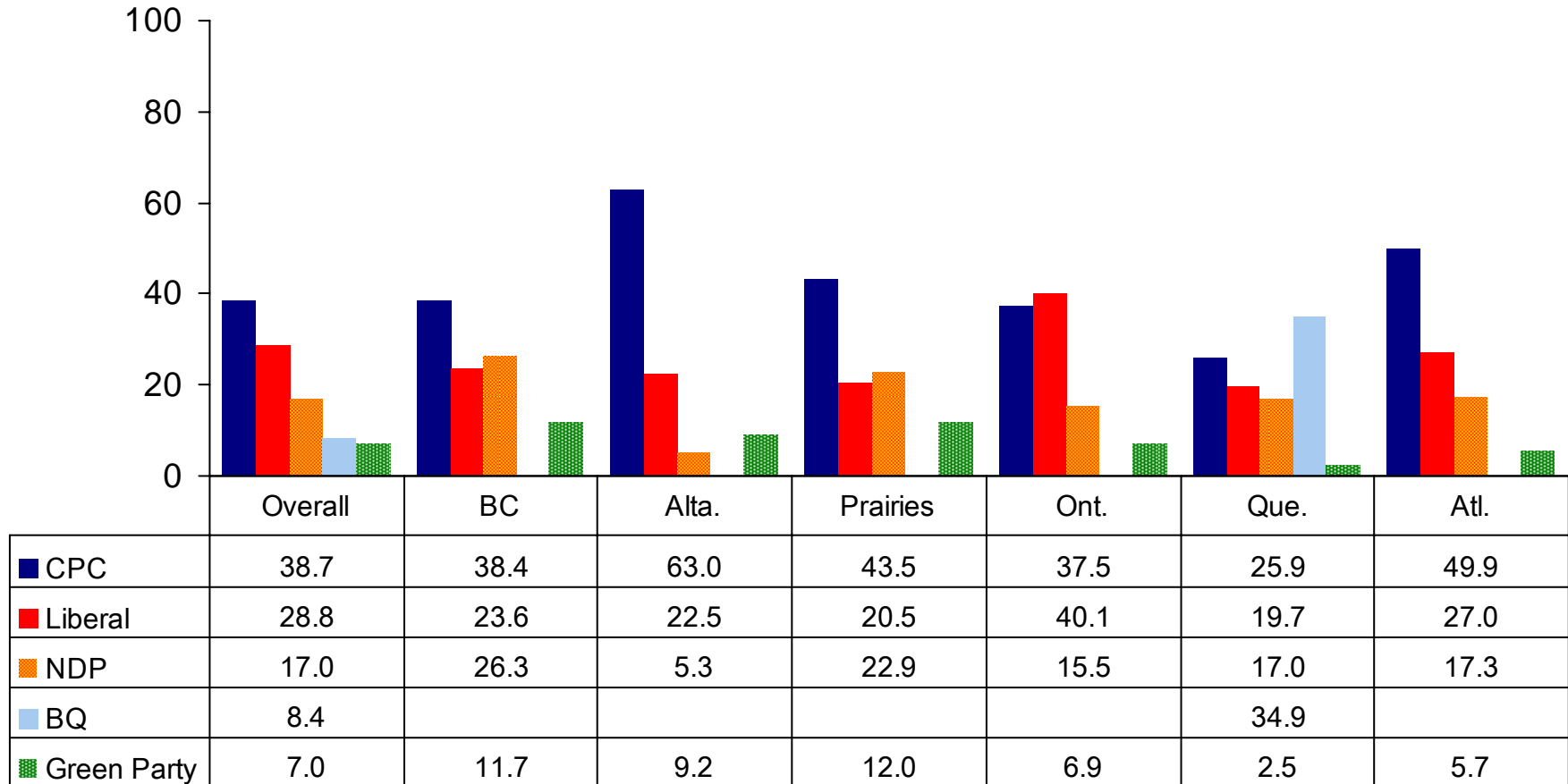
Q: If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?



Base: Decided voters only (includes "leaners"); most recent data point Sep. 06 n=848

Federal voting intentions: regional

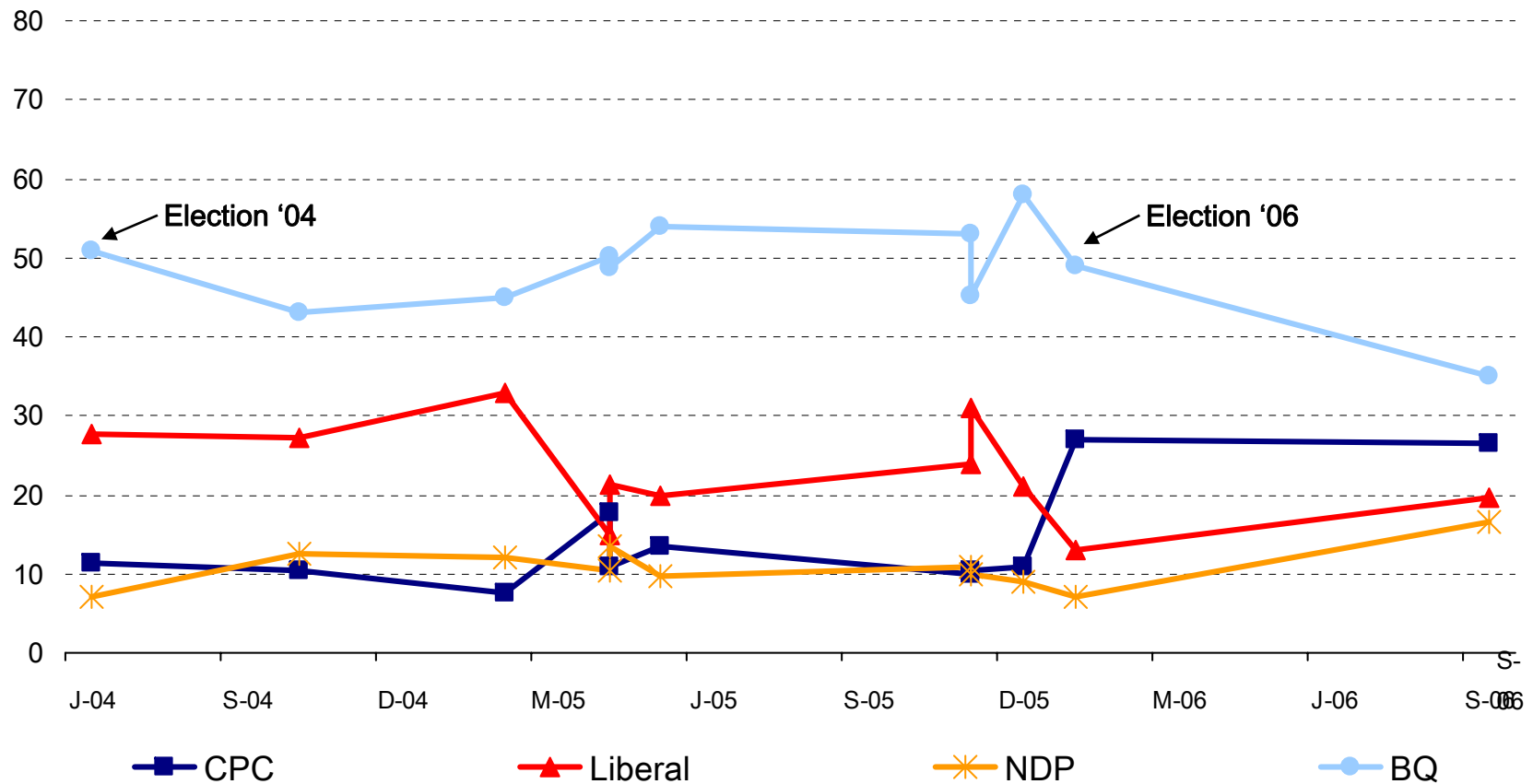
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Quebec federal vote intentions: trend since 2004 election

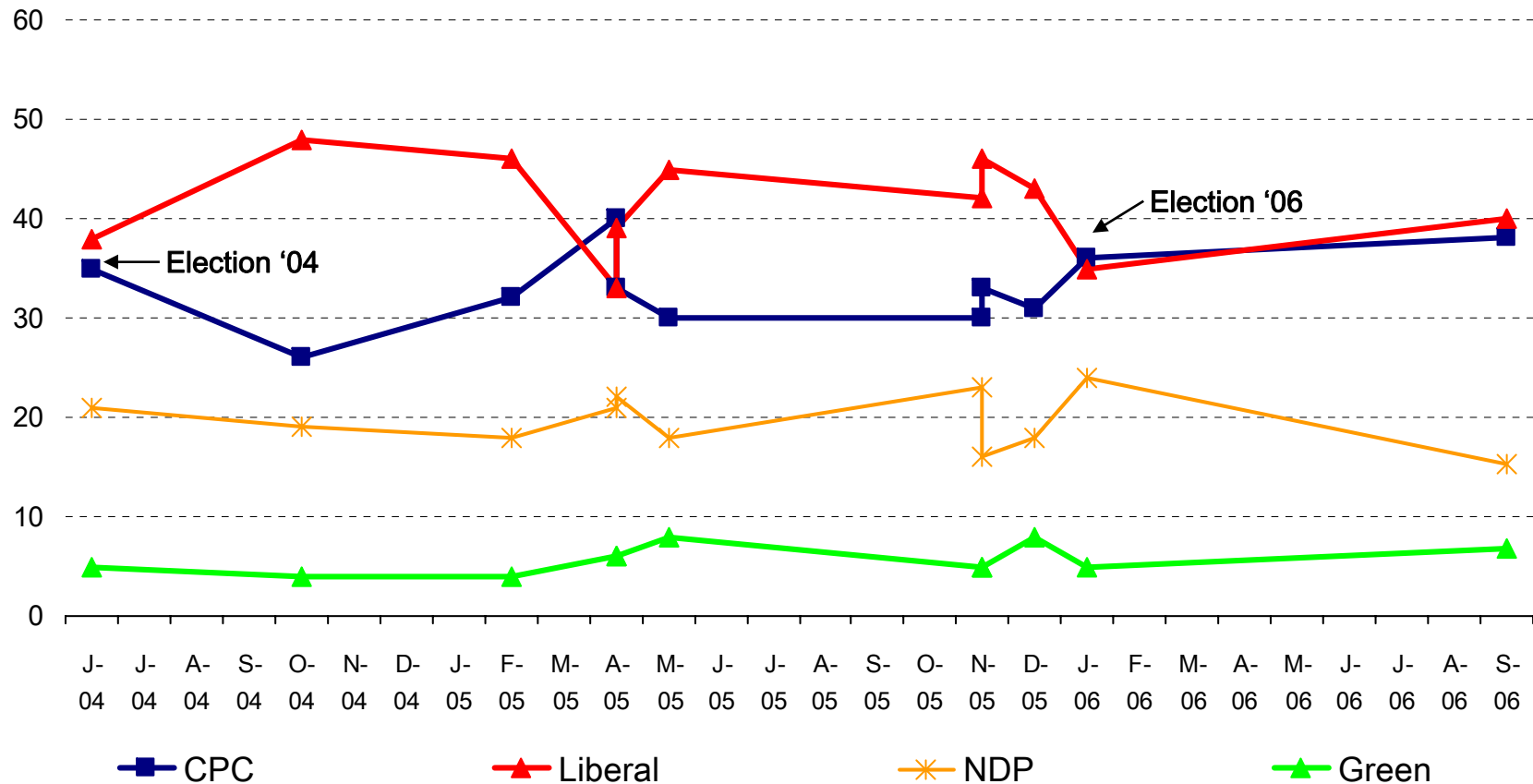
Q: If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?



Base: Quebec decided voters only (includes "leaners"); most recent data point Sep. 06 n=197

Ontario federal vote intentions: trend since 2004 election

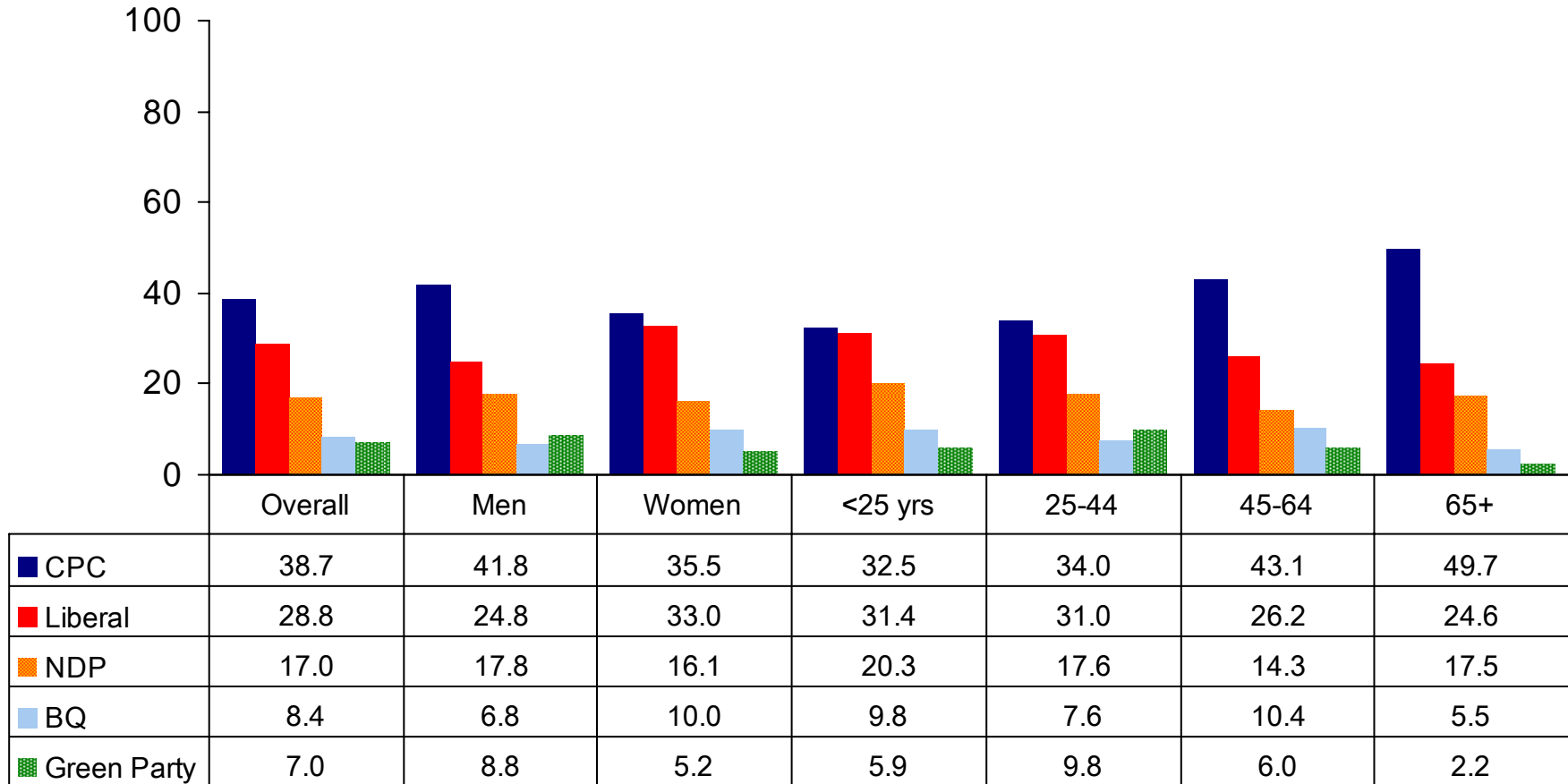
Q: If a federal election were held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?



Base: Ontario decided voters only (includes "leaners"); most recent data point Sep. 06 n=324

Federal voting intentions: gender and age

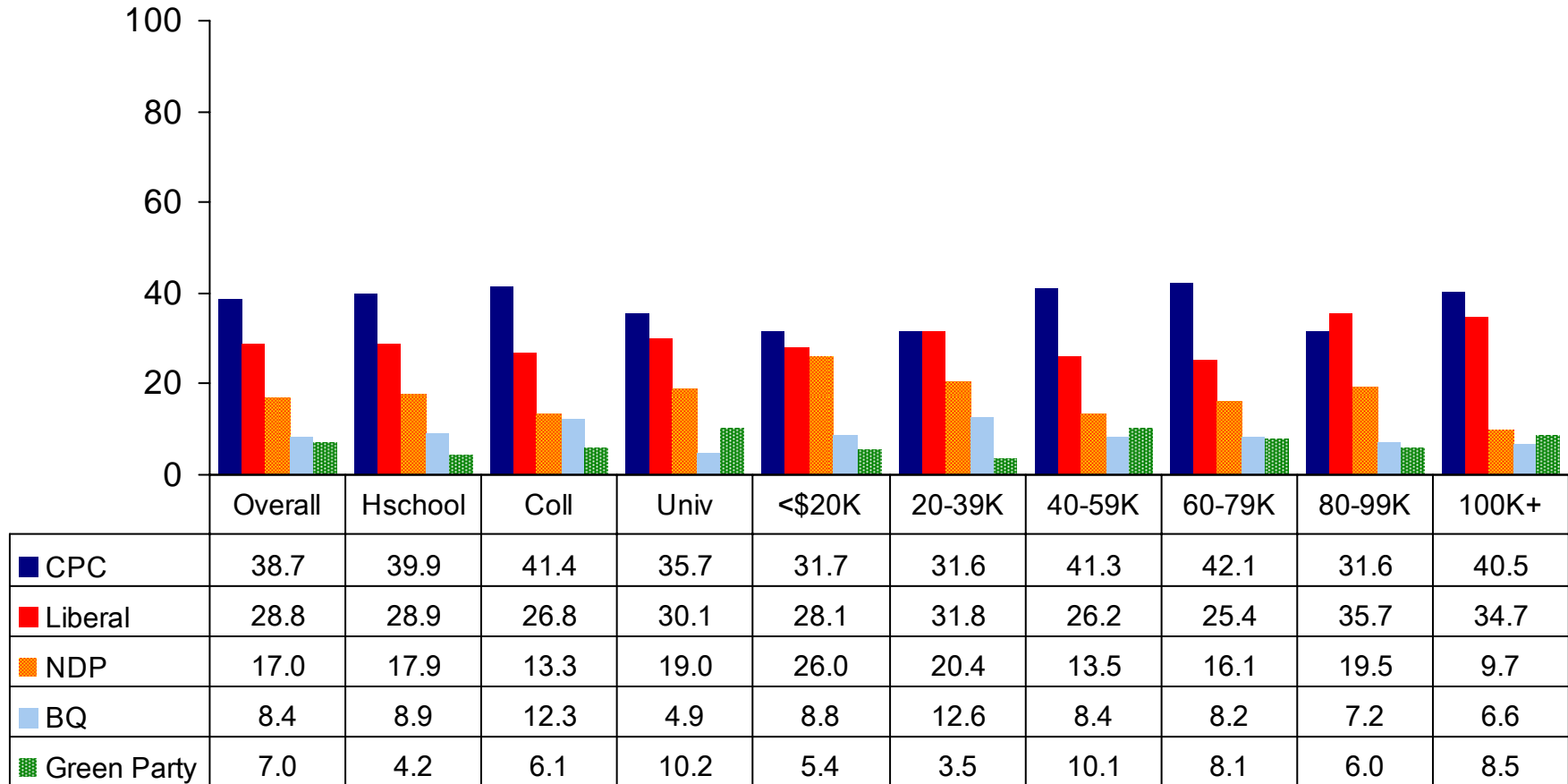
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Federal voting intentions: education and income

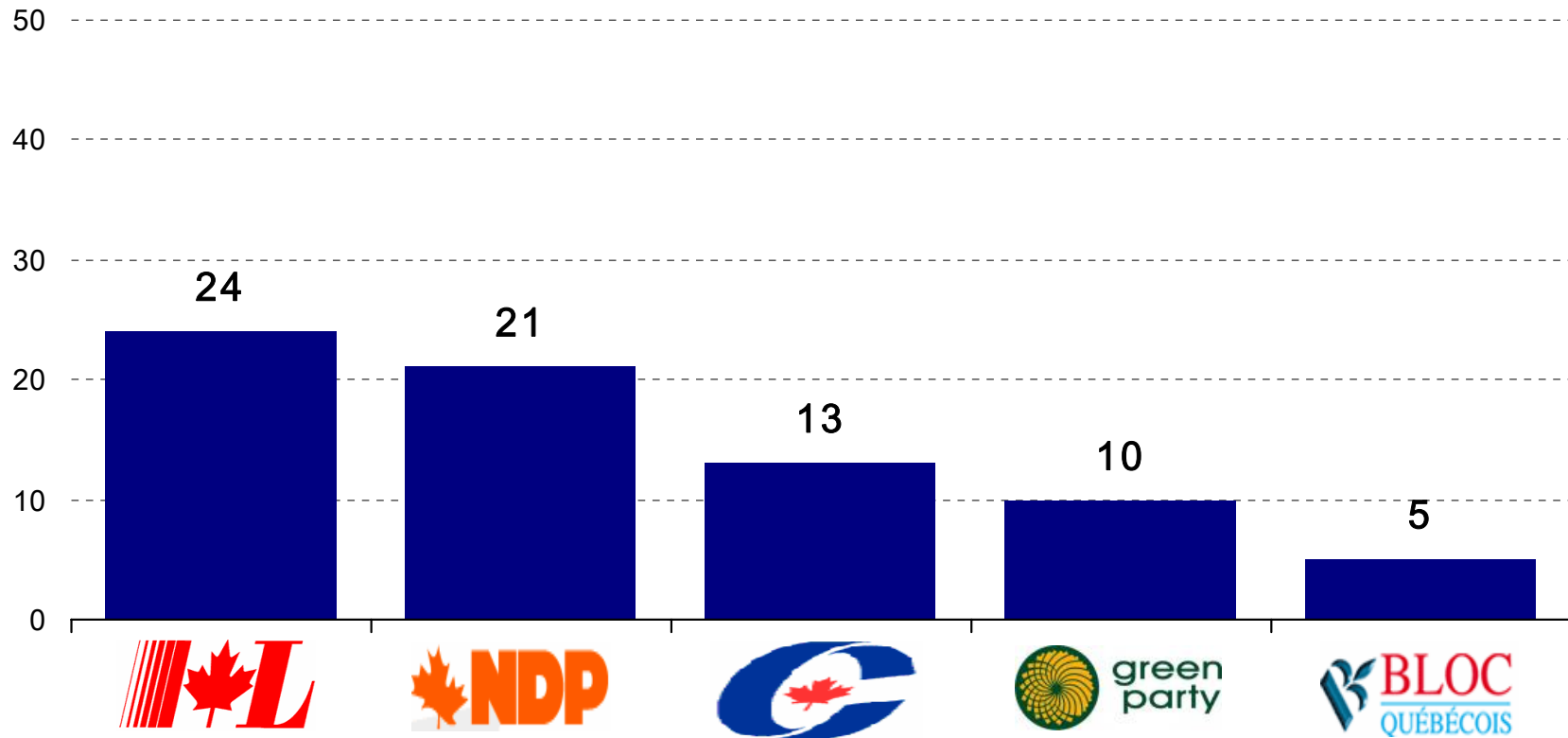
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Liberals second choice among voters

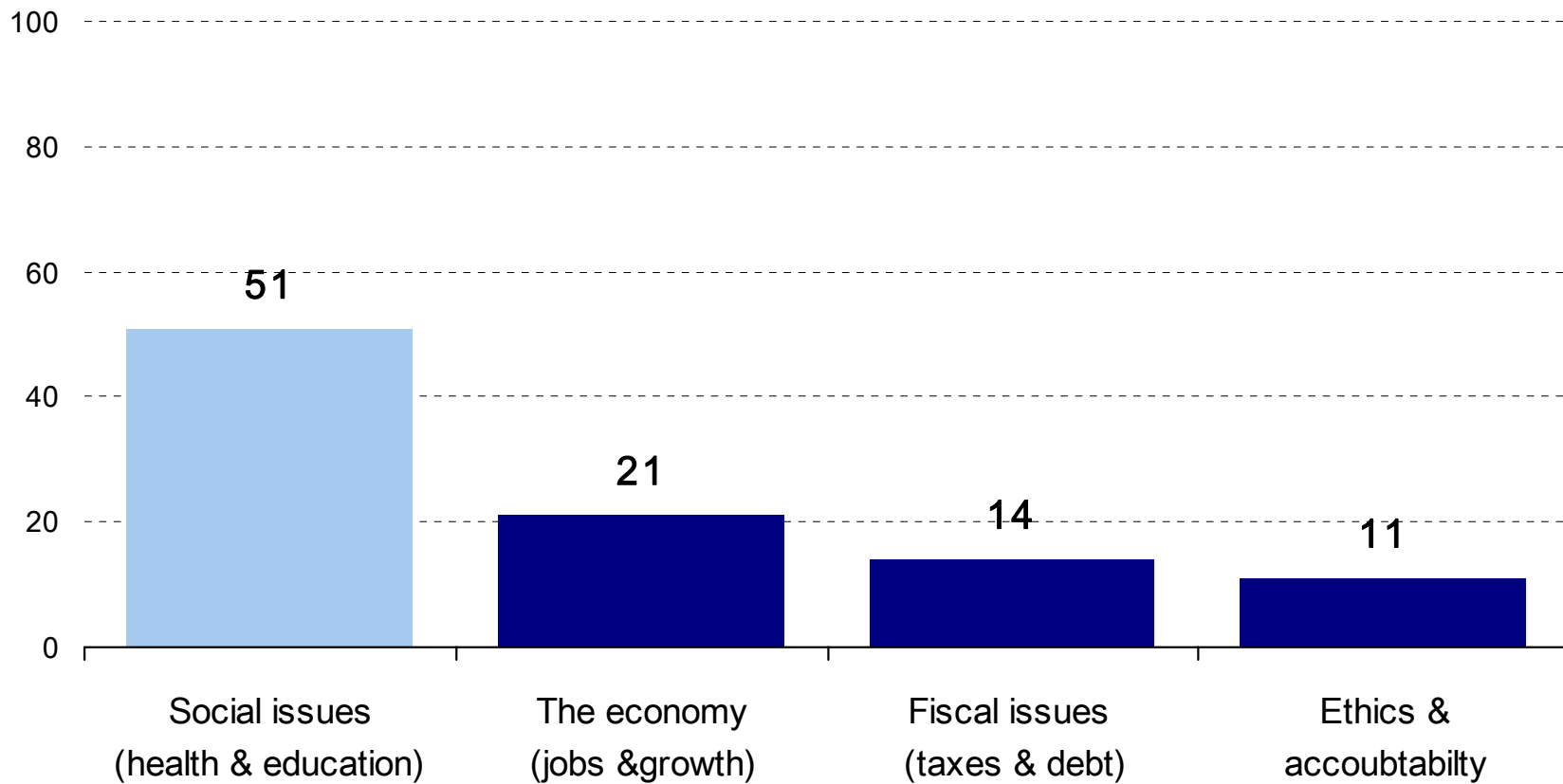
Q: If you were to change your mind, which party would be your second choice?



Undecided/declined: 12%
Will not change mind: 16%

Most important issue

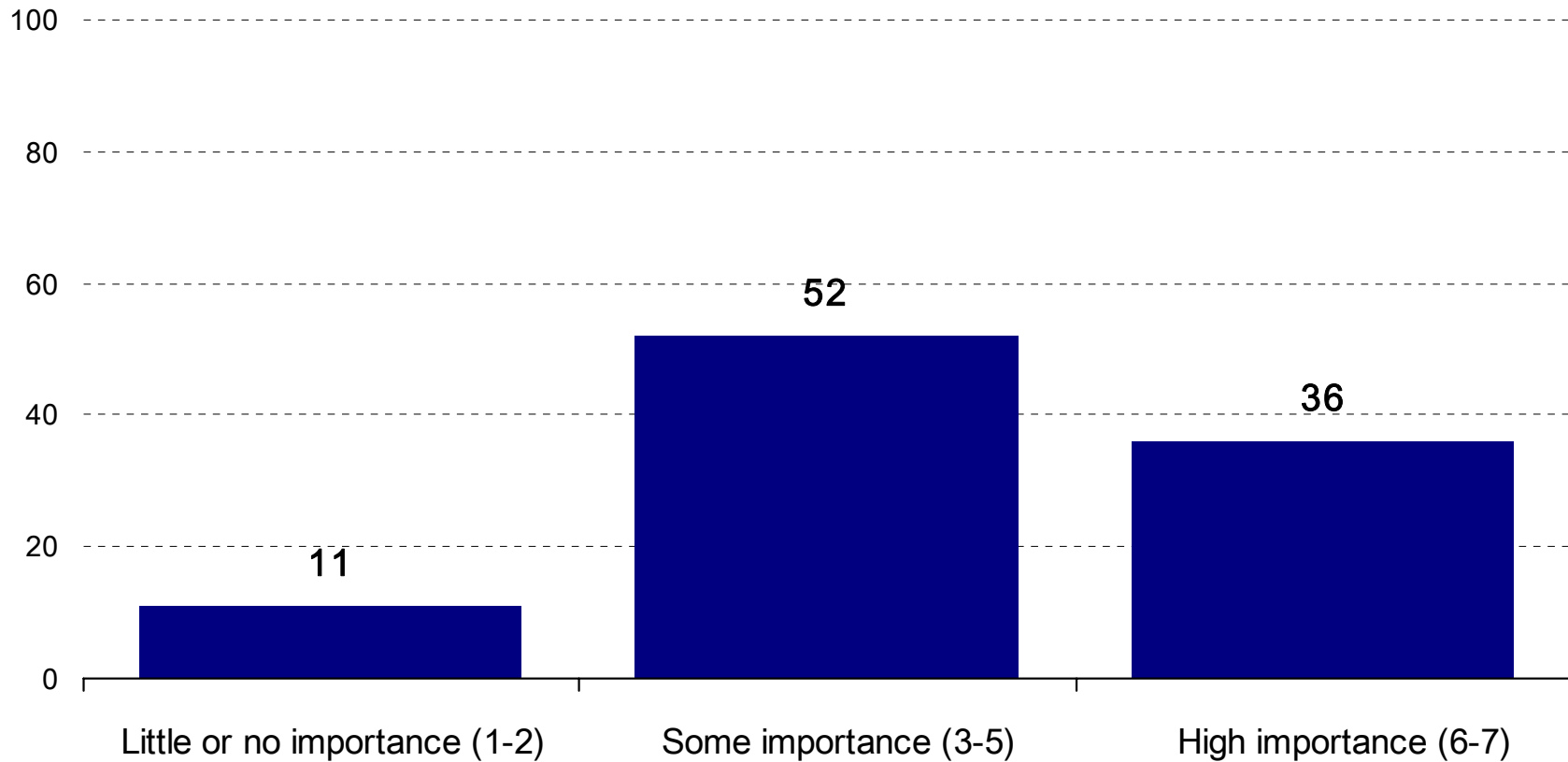
Q: Which of the following do you think should be the most important issue for the next federal election?



Canada-US relations

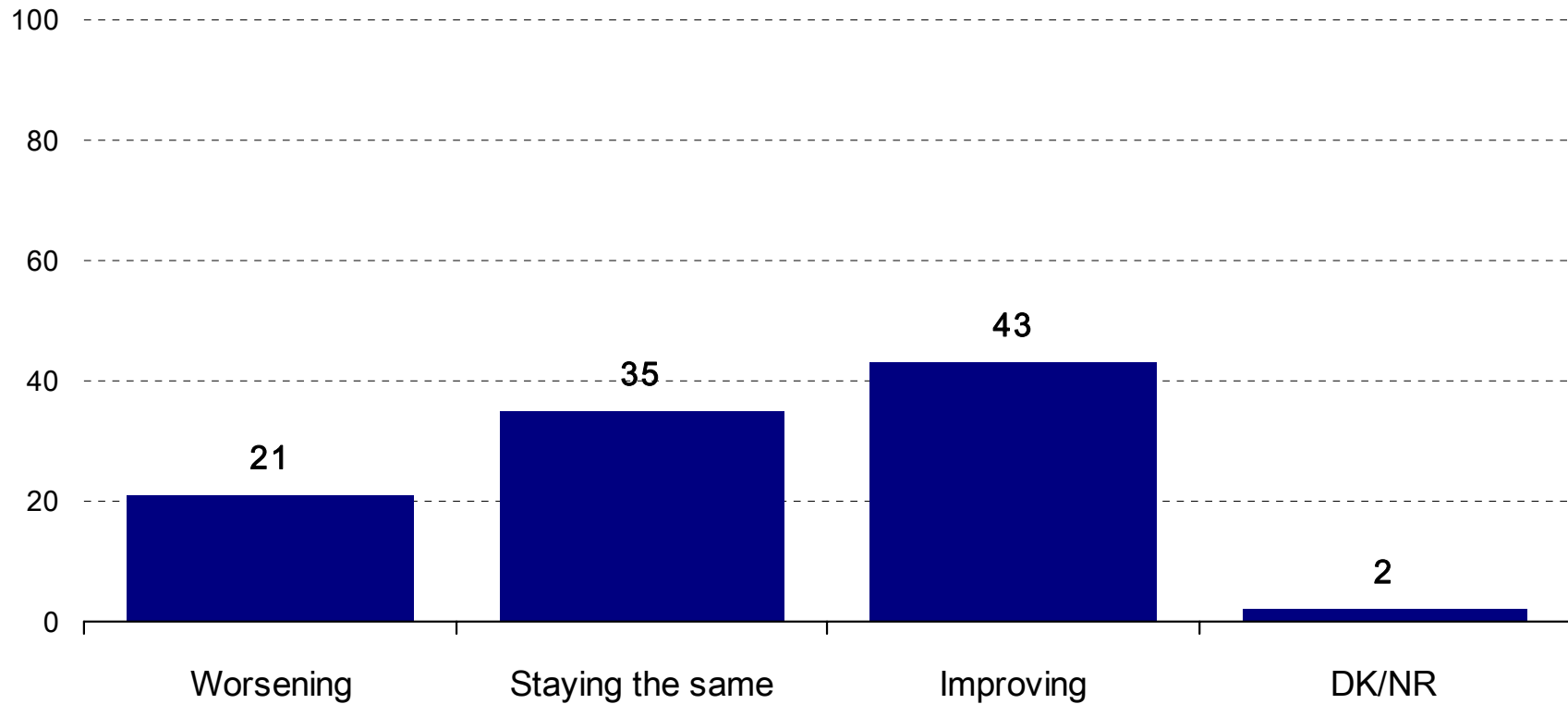
Importance of improving Canada-US relations

Q: How important do you think it is to improve the quality of Canada-U.S. relations?



Canada-US relations seen as improving

Q: All things considered, do you think relations between Canada and the U.S. are improving or worsening?



Strong support for improved relations

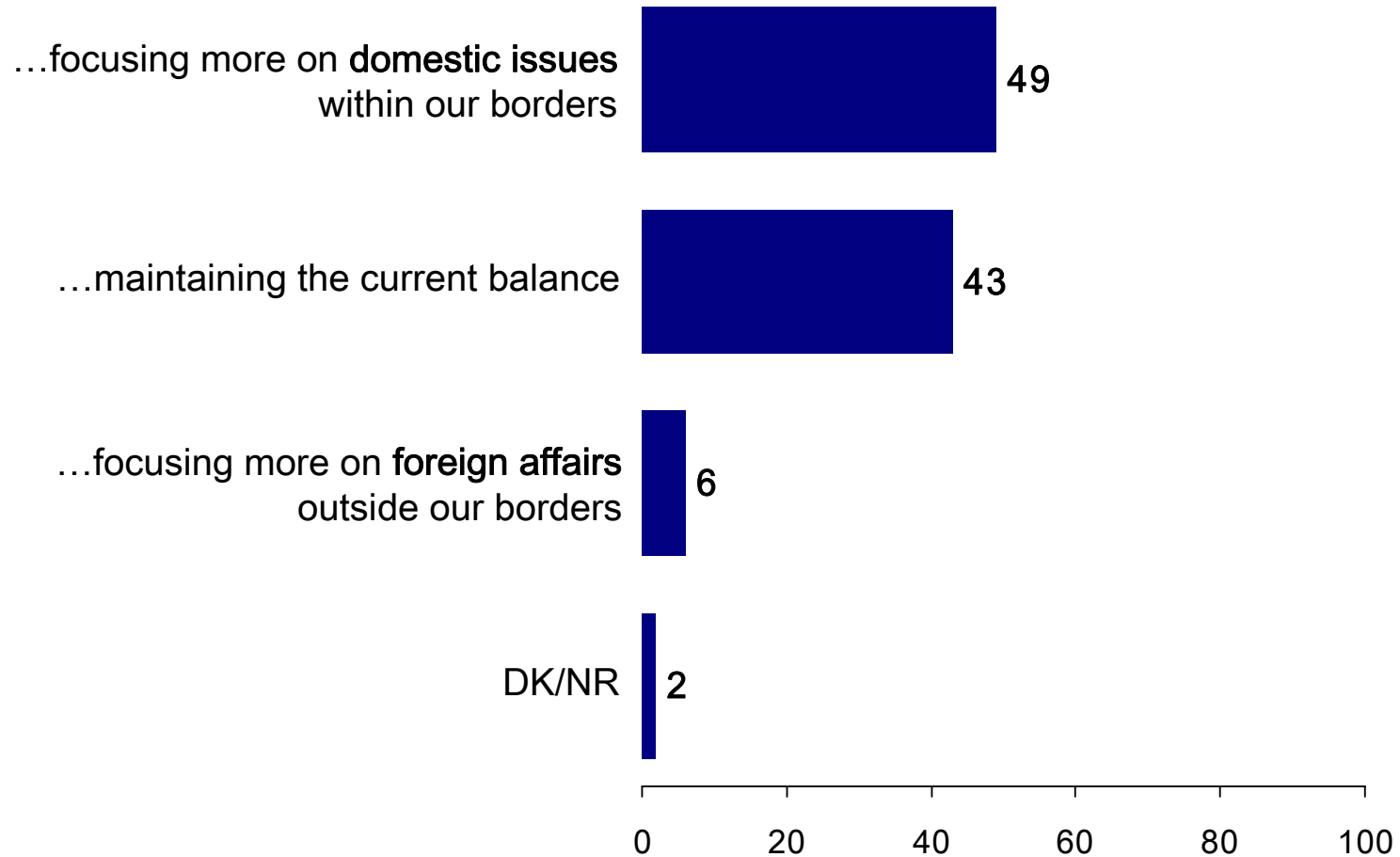
Q: And would you say this is a good or a bad thing?

	See relations as “improving”	See relations as “worsening”
Good thing	73	12
Neither	8	12
Bad thing	17	73
DK/NR	2	2

Foreign policy and Afghanistan

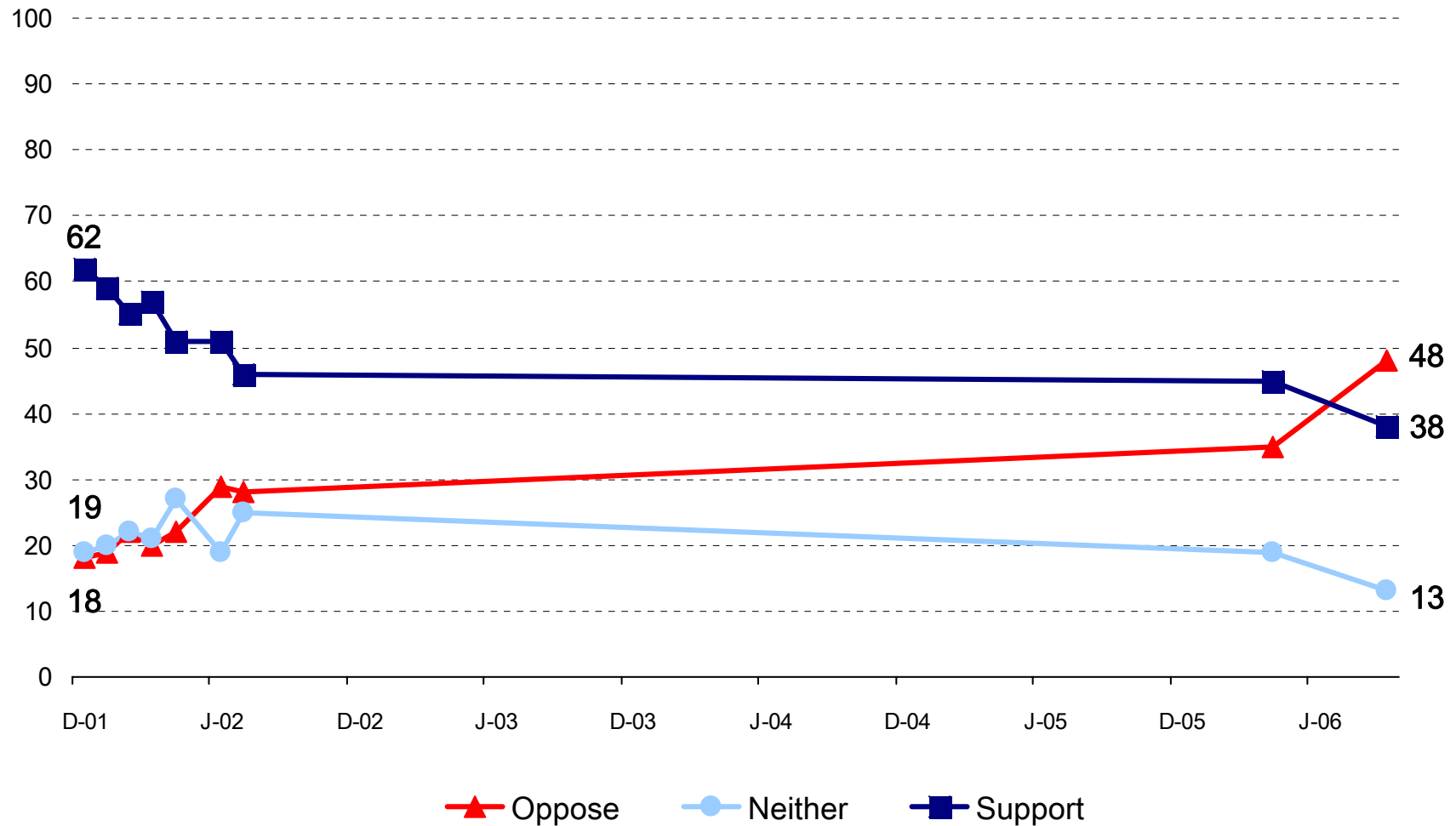
Growing isolationism in Canada?

Q: Given our current values and interests, do you think Canada should be...



Support for Canadian military participation in Afghanistan

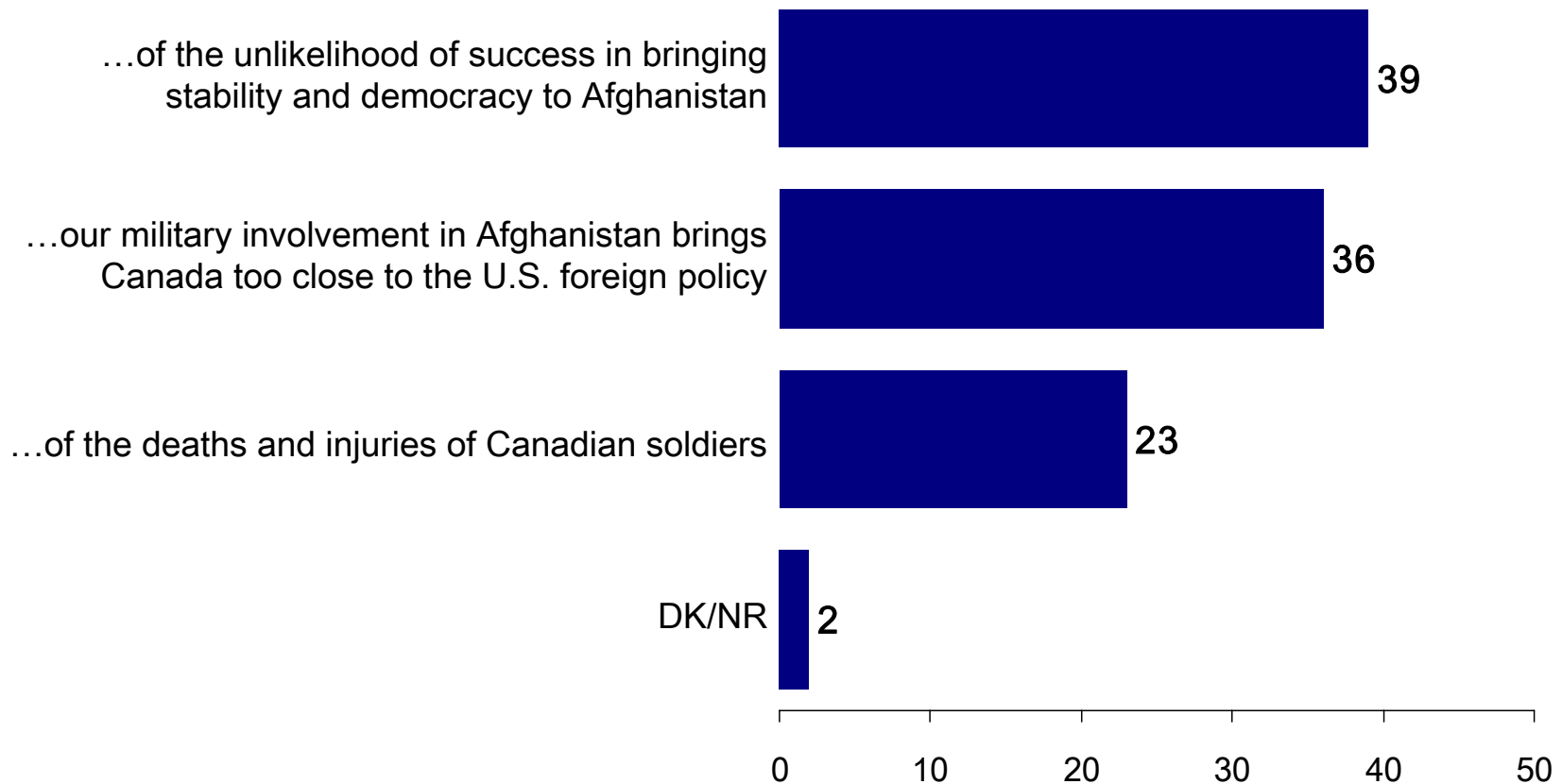
Q: Do you support or oppose Canadian military participation in Afghanistan?



Base: All Canadians; most recent data point Sep. 06 n=1004

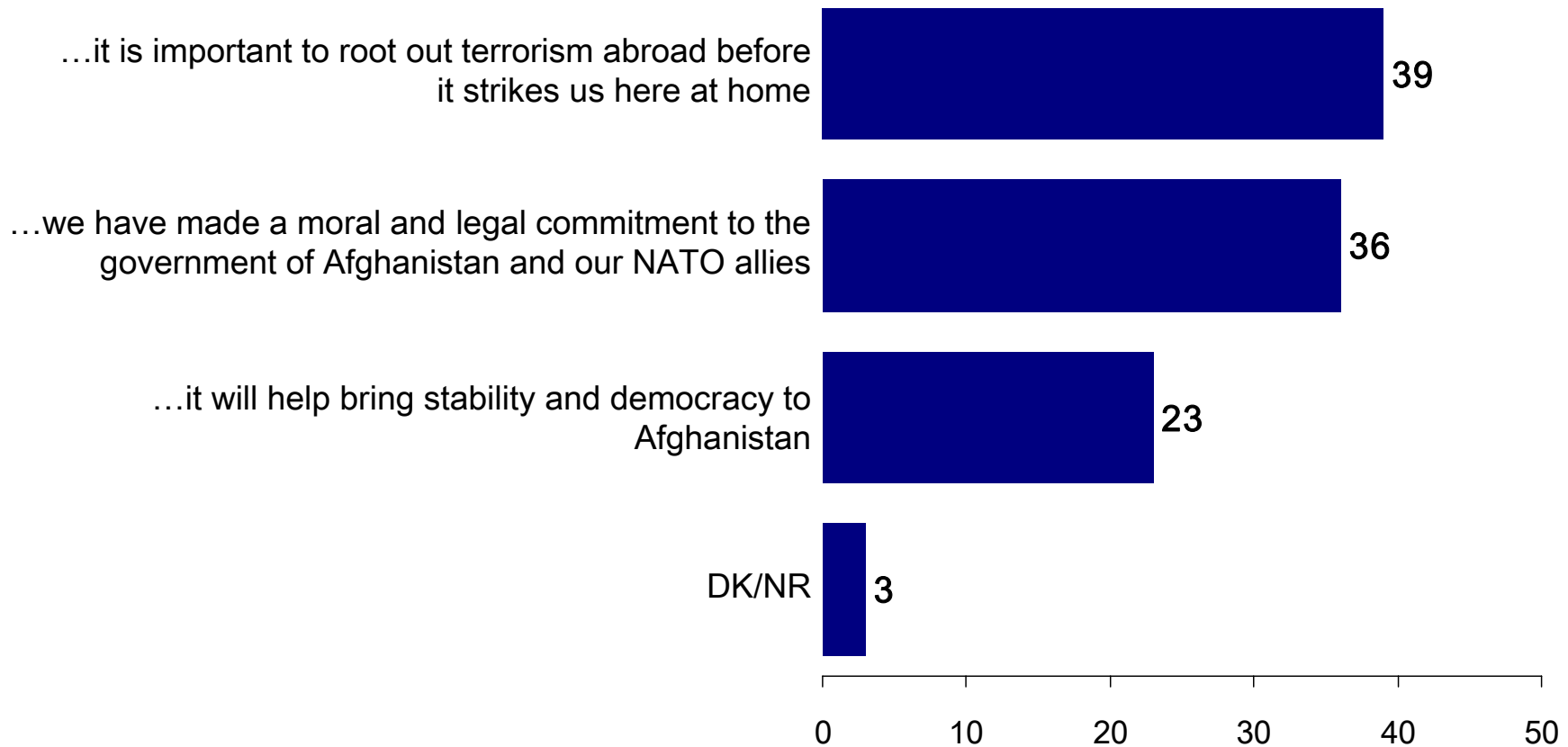
Reason for opposition to Afghanistan mission (opponents only)

Q: Would you say you oppose Canadian military participation primarily because...



Reason for support of Afghanistan mission (supporters only)

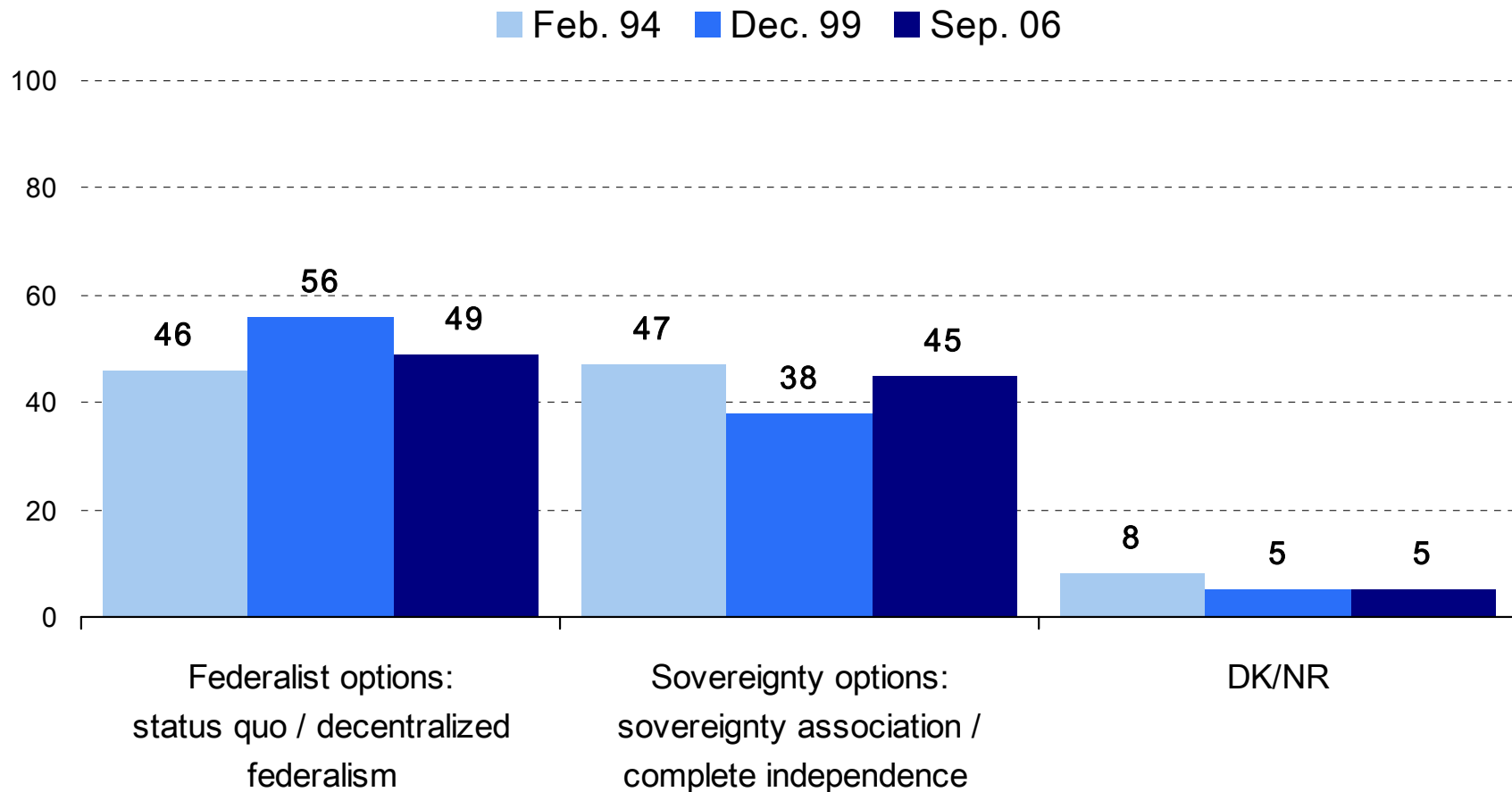
Q: Would you say you support Canadian military participation primarily because...



Quebec's place in Canada

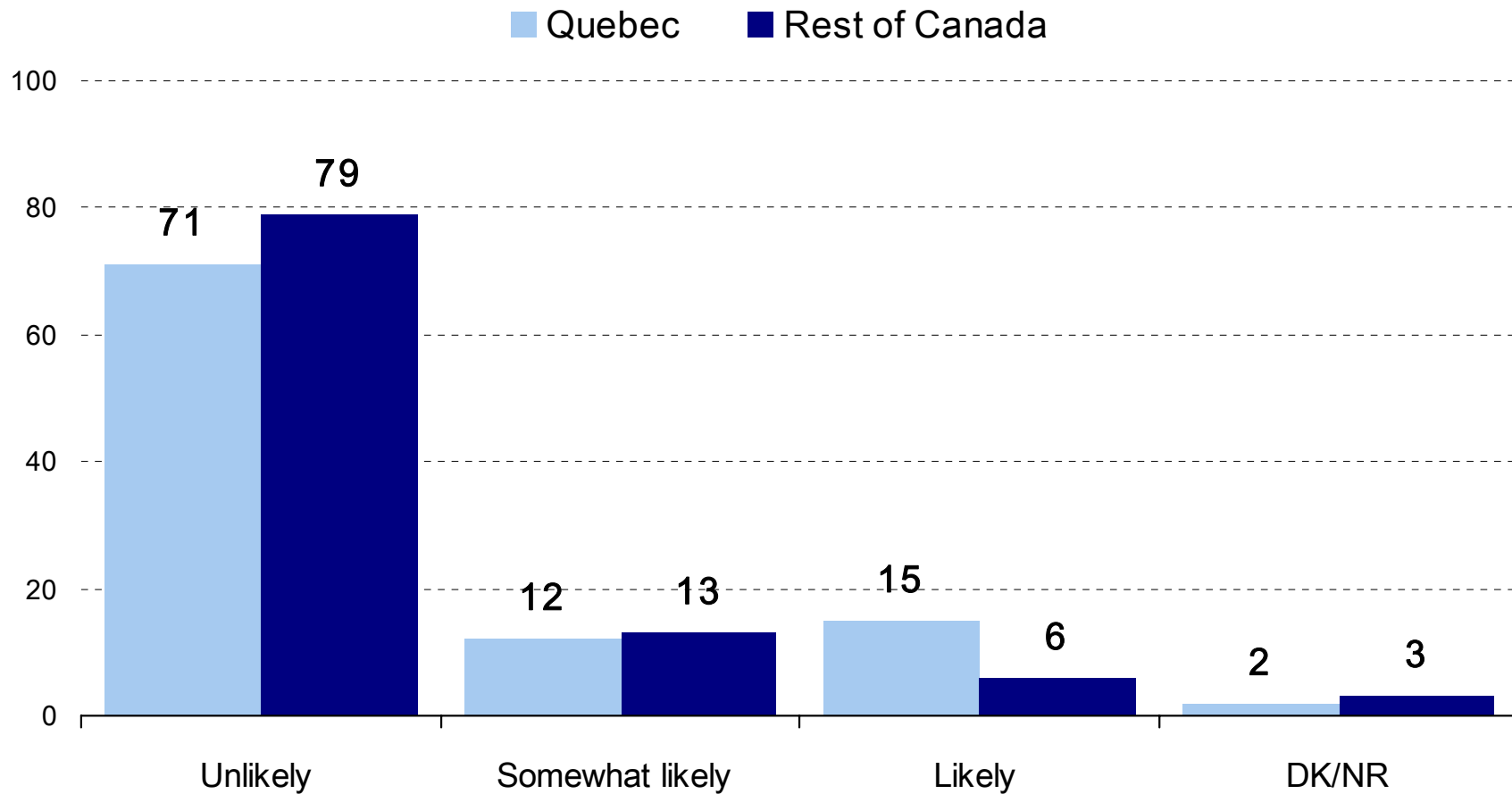
Preference for Quebec's political status

Q: Ideally, which of the following four options would you prefer for Quebec?



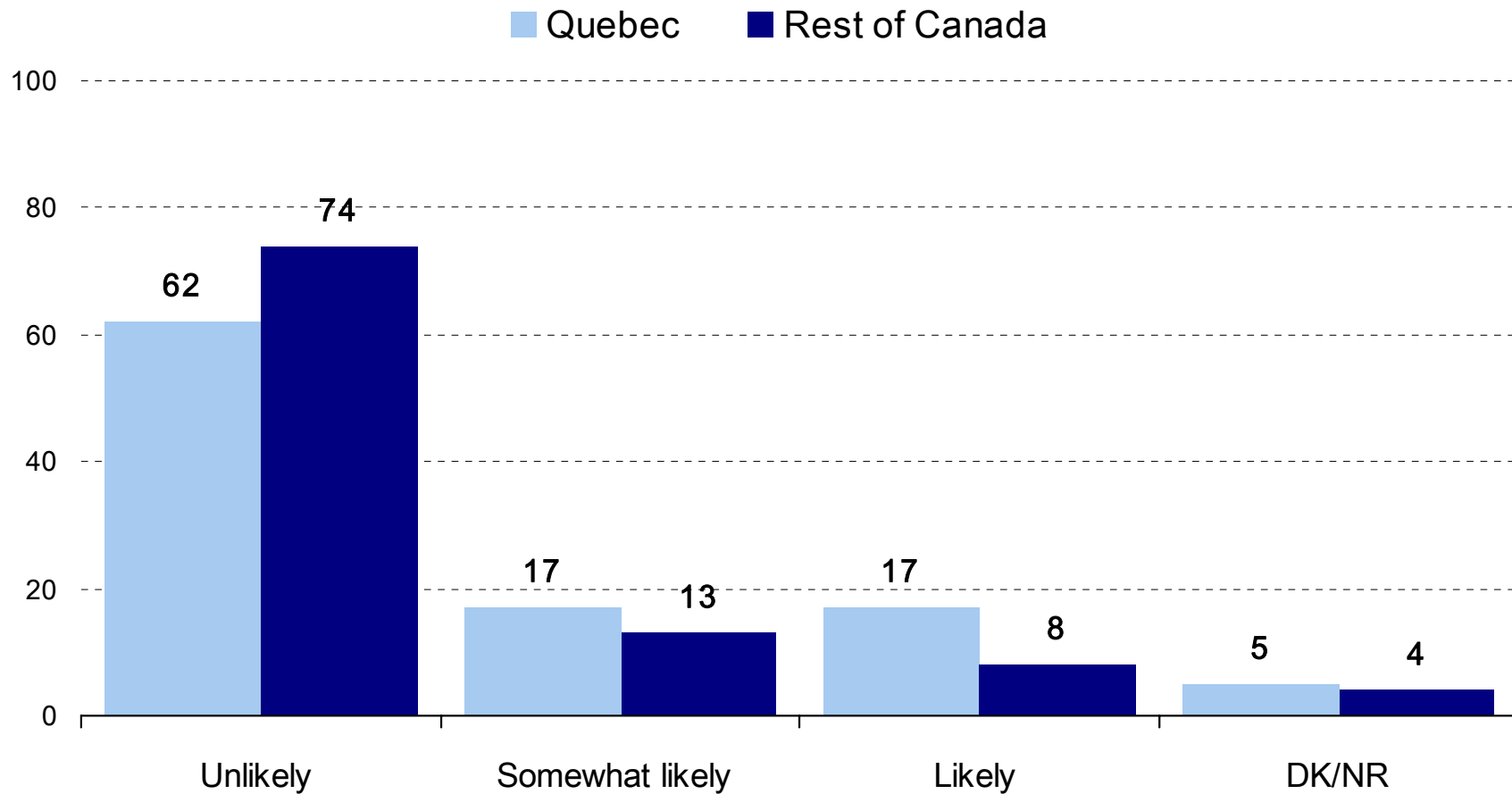
Likelihood of Quebec separation in next 2 years

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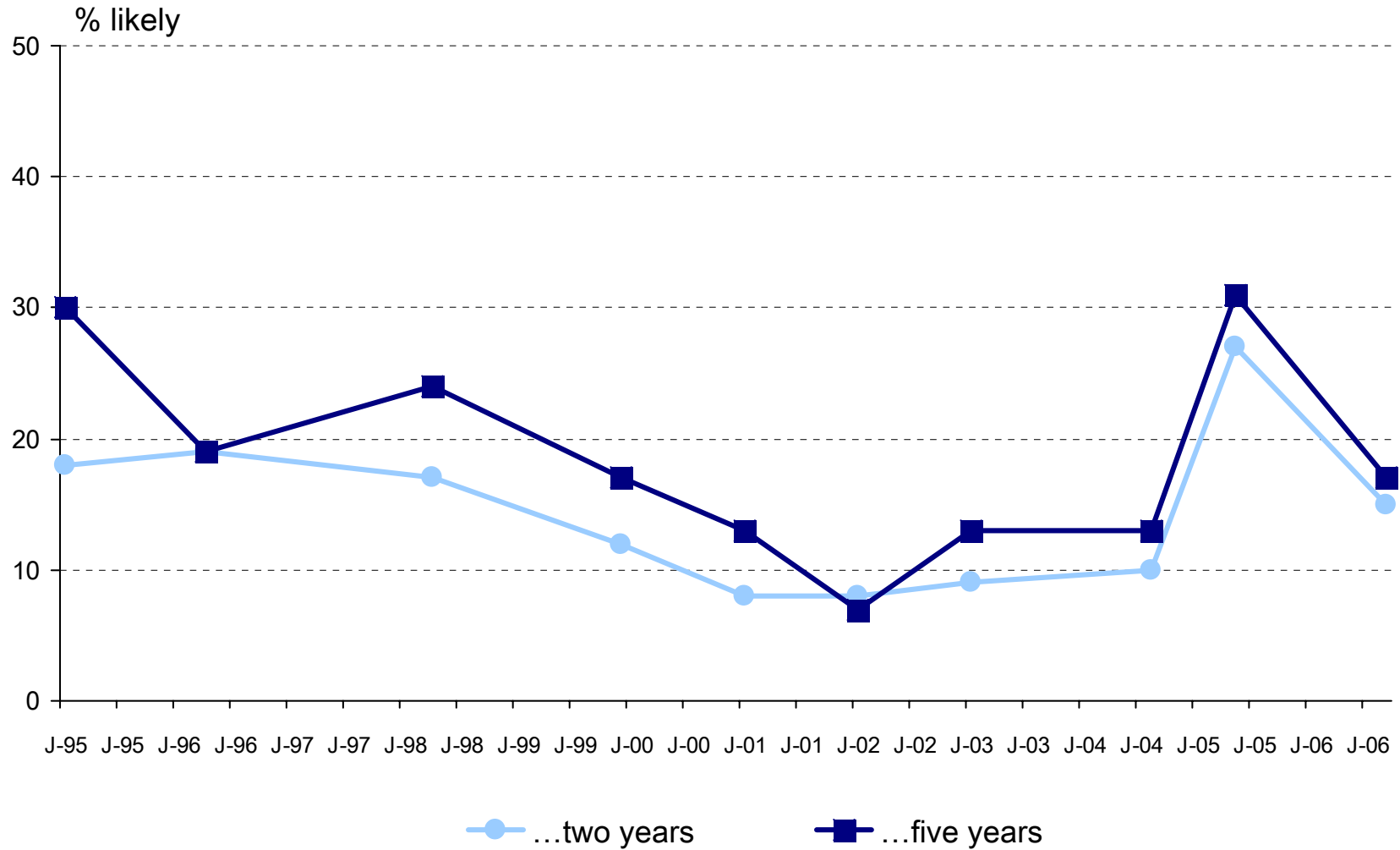
Likelihood of Quebec separation in next 5 years

Q: What is the likelihood that Quebec will separate from the rest of Canada in the next five years?



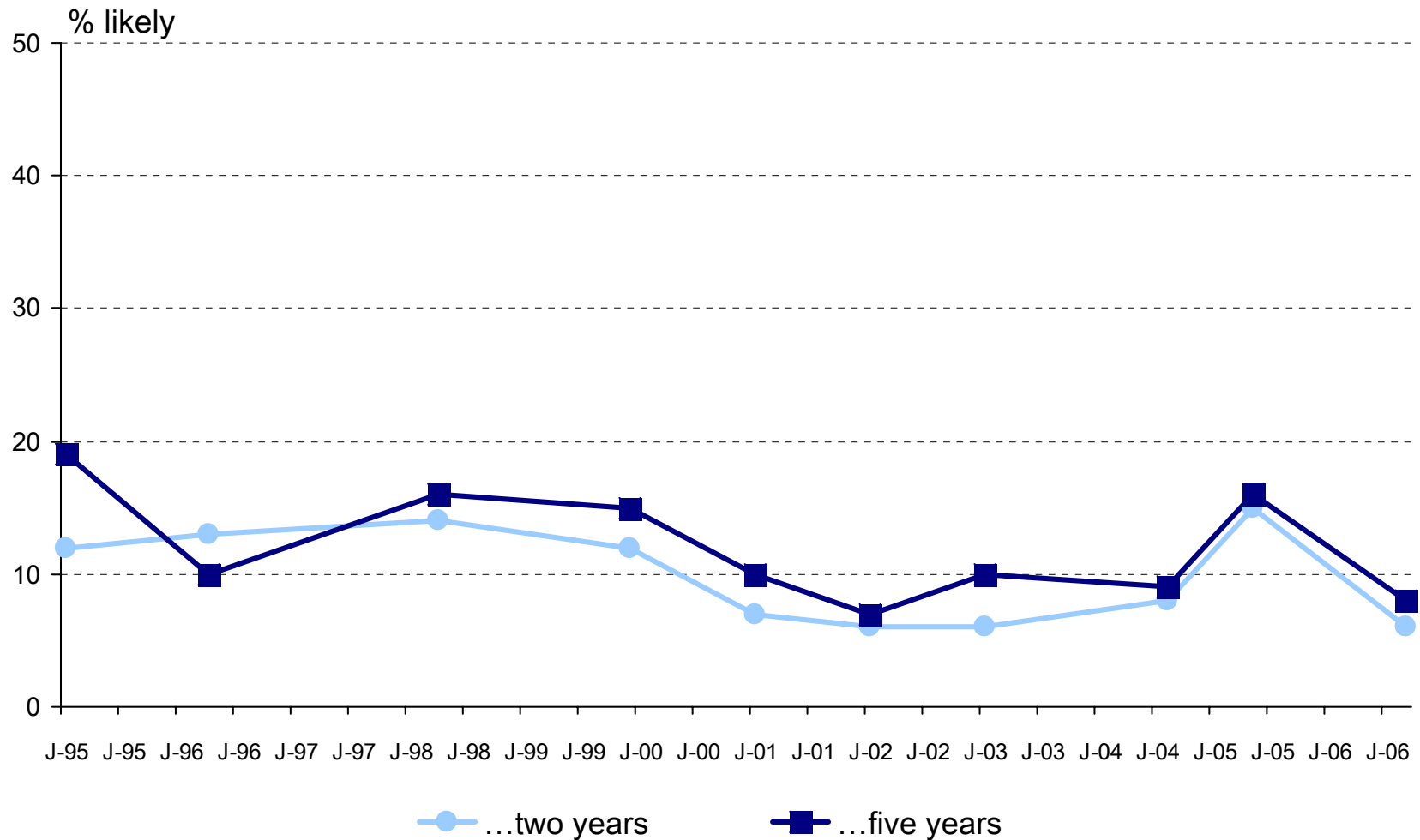
Tracking likelihood of Quebec separation (Quebec only)

Q: What is the likelihood that Quebec will separate from the rest of Canada in the next ...?



Likelihood of Quebec separation (Rest of Canada)

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