

# The Case of Ukraine and Its Lessons: From ENP to EU Accession

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# The shift from ENP to EU Enlargement Policy as both realist/pragmatic and normative/value-based

False dichotomy?

- the support of the normative world order as a rules-based order - is pragmatic
- key concept of the realist paradigm – “national interest”. For democracies national interests include (support of) democracy, rule of law, human rights, and democratic values as core principles

+ The difference in EU response for 2008 / 2014 and 2022

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- Ukraine's accession has a major potential to strengthen the security and defence policy and geopolitical weight of the EU itself.
- As the threat of Russia's military aggression is perceived as real – there is a need for EU's stronger defence and military policies and joined programmes including their “hard power” aspects.
- Russia's defeat and restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity as preconditions for restoring the broken rules-based order in Europe and beyond.
- EU membership would ensure sustainable security for Ukraine. If Ukraine advances on the EU accession path, its recovery will be more sustainable and its economy – more attractive to EU investors. Economically developed and sustainable and thus secure Ukraine is vital for improving the shared security of Eastern Europe.

# Support for Ukraine's accession to the EU

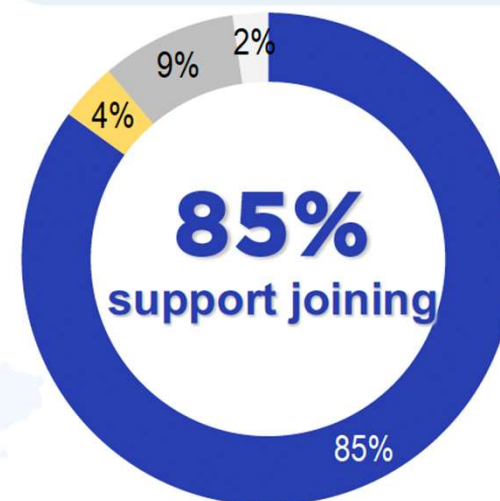
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## Ukrainians in Europe



Region	In favor of joining the EU	Against joining the EU	I will not vote	No answer
Southern Europe	85	4	5	7
Northern Europe	84	4	6	6
Western Europe	83	3	6	8
Eastern Europe	83	4	5	8

## Ukraine



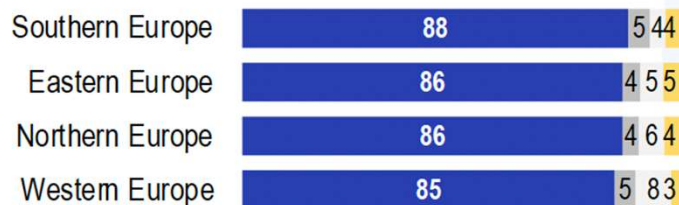
Region	In favor of joining the EU	Against joining the EU	I will not vote	No answer
West	90	6	2	2
Center	87	10	2	1
Kyiv	86	5	4	6
South	80	10	4	6
East	80	13	3	4

Sociological group "Rating", June-July 2023, N=2000 (CAWI) + 2000 (CATI)

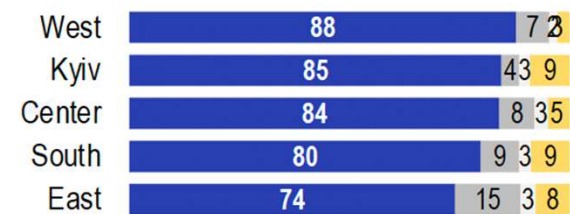
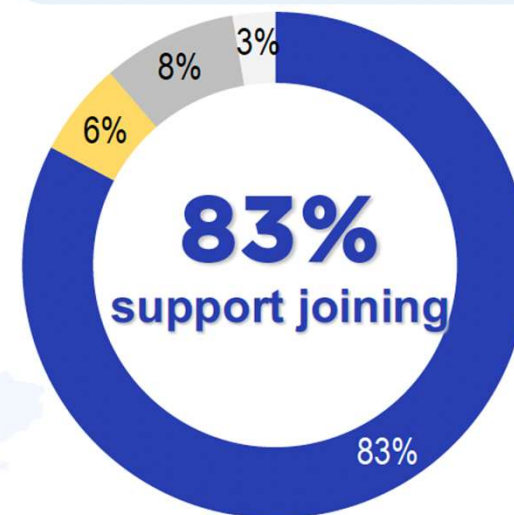
# Support for Ukraine's accession to the NATO

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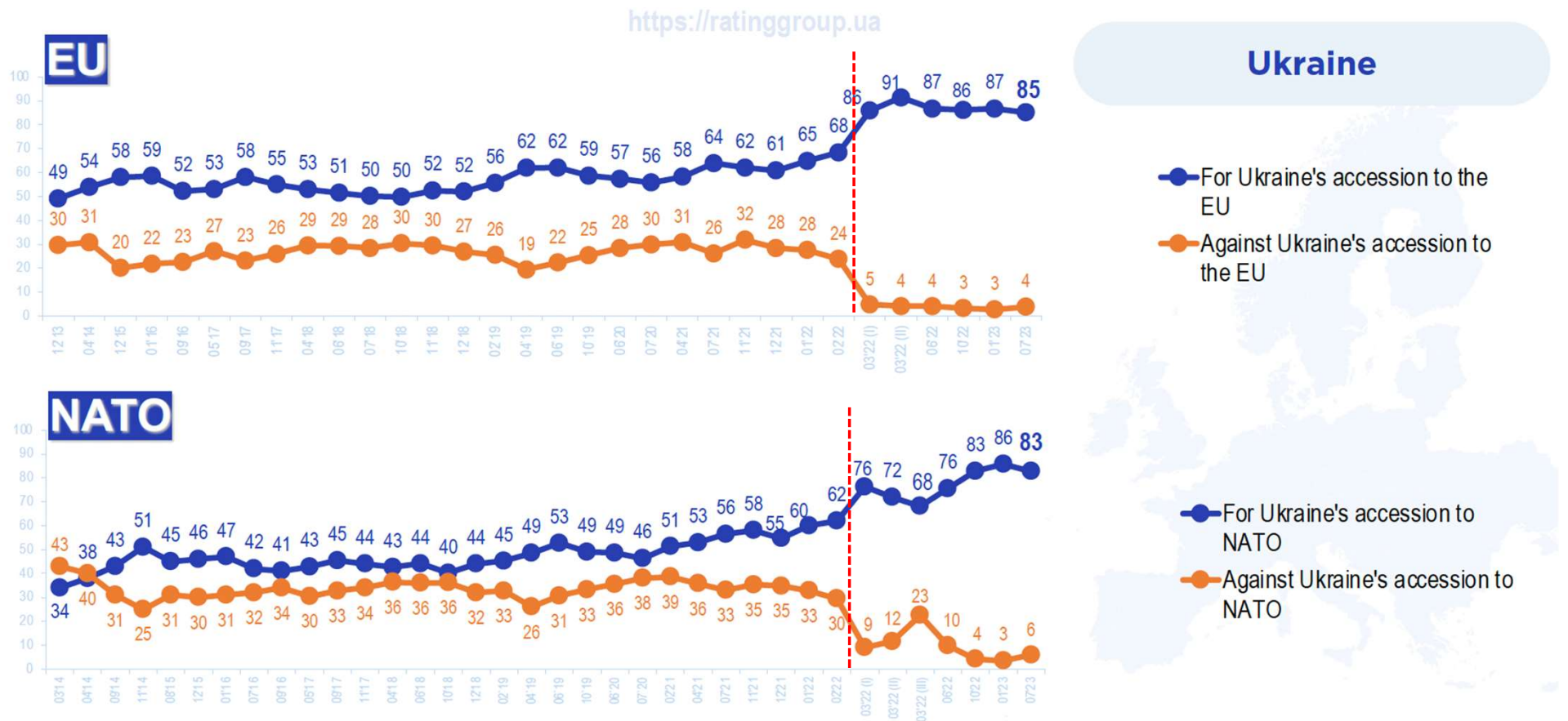


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# Dynamics of support for joining unions



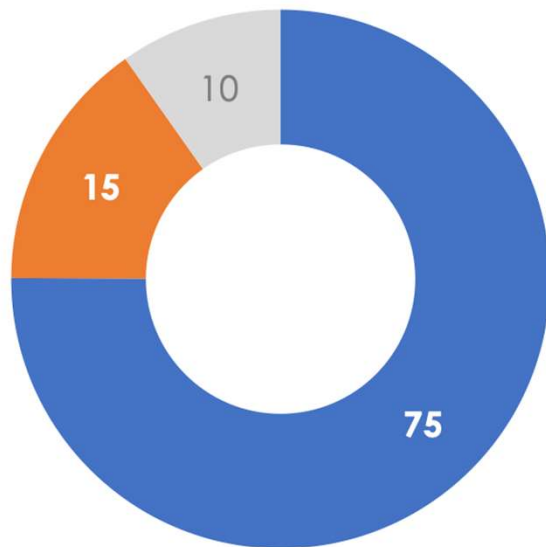
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# Usefulness and sufficiency of EU support

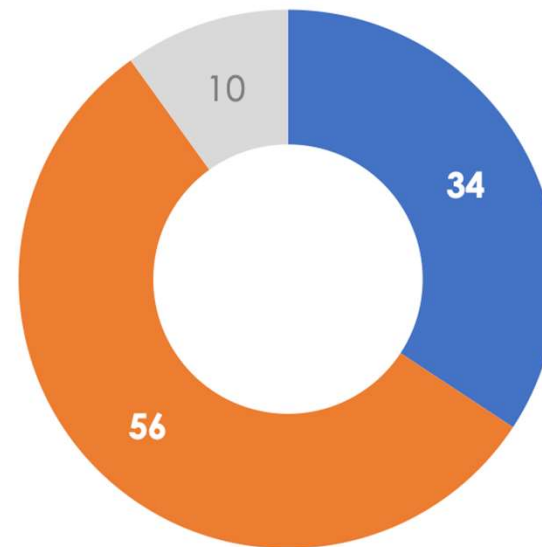
How do you evaluate the usefulness of EU efforts to support Ukraine?

How do you evaluate sufficiency of EU efforts to support Ukraine?

- Useful
- Not useful
- Hard to answer / refuse

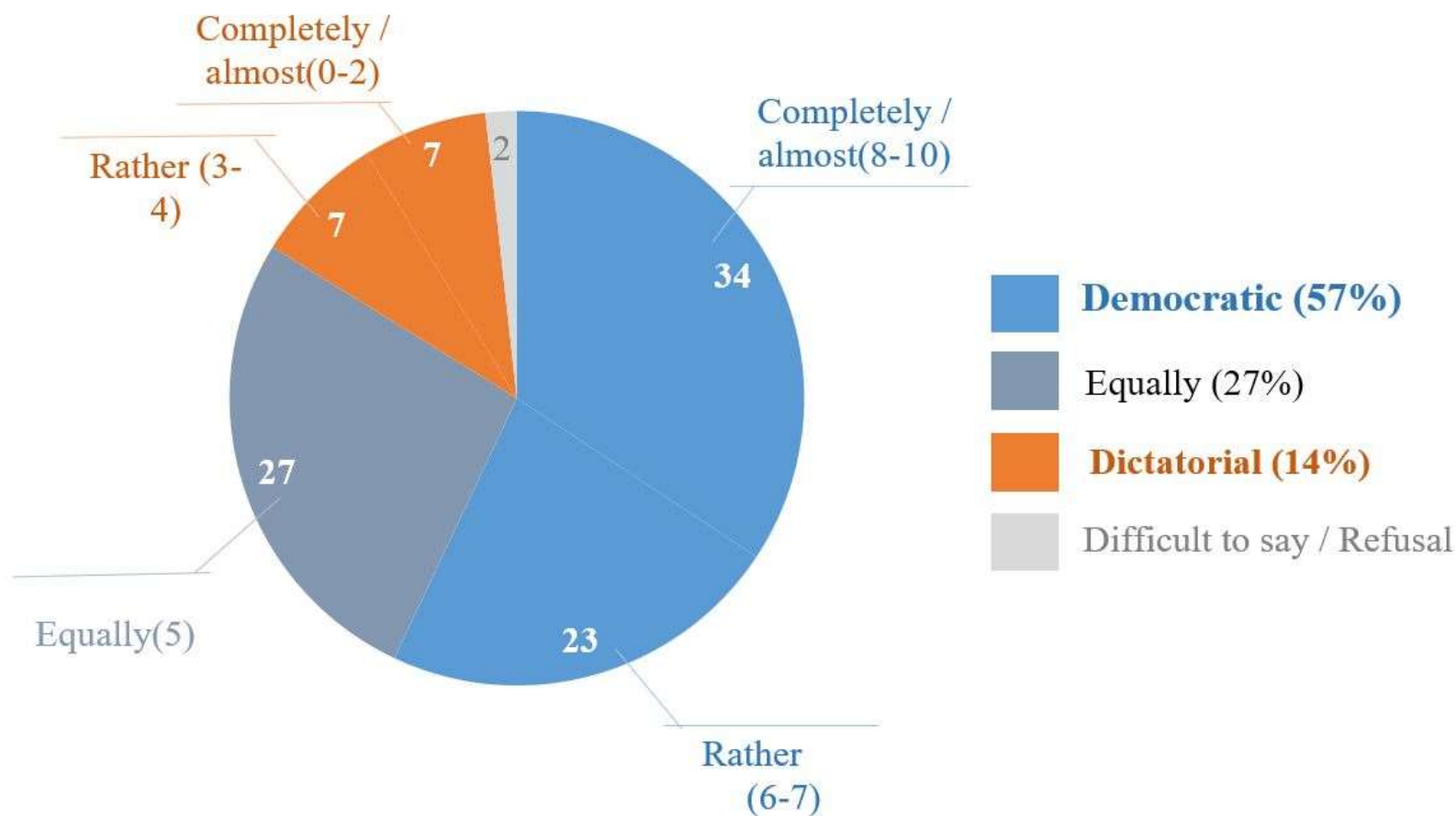


- Sufficient
- Insufficient
- Hard to answer / refuse



KIIS, September 2023, N=2005

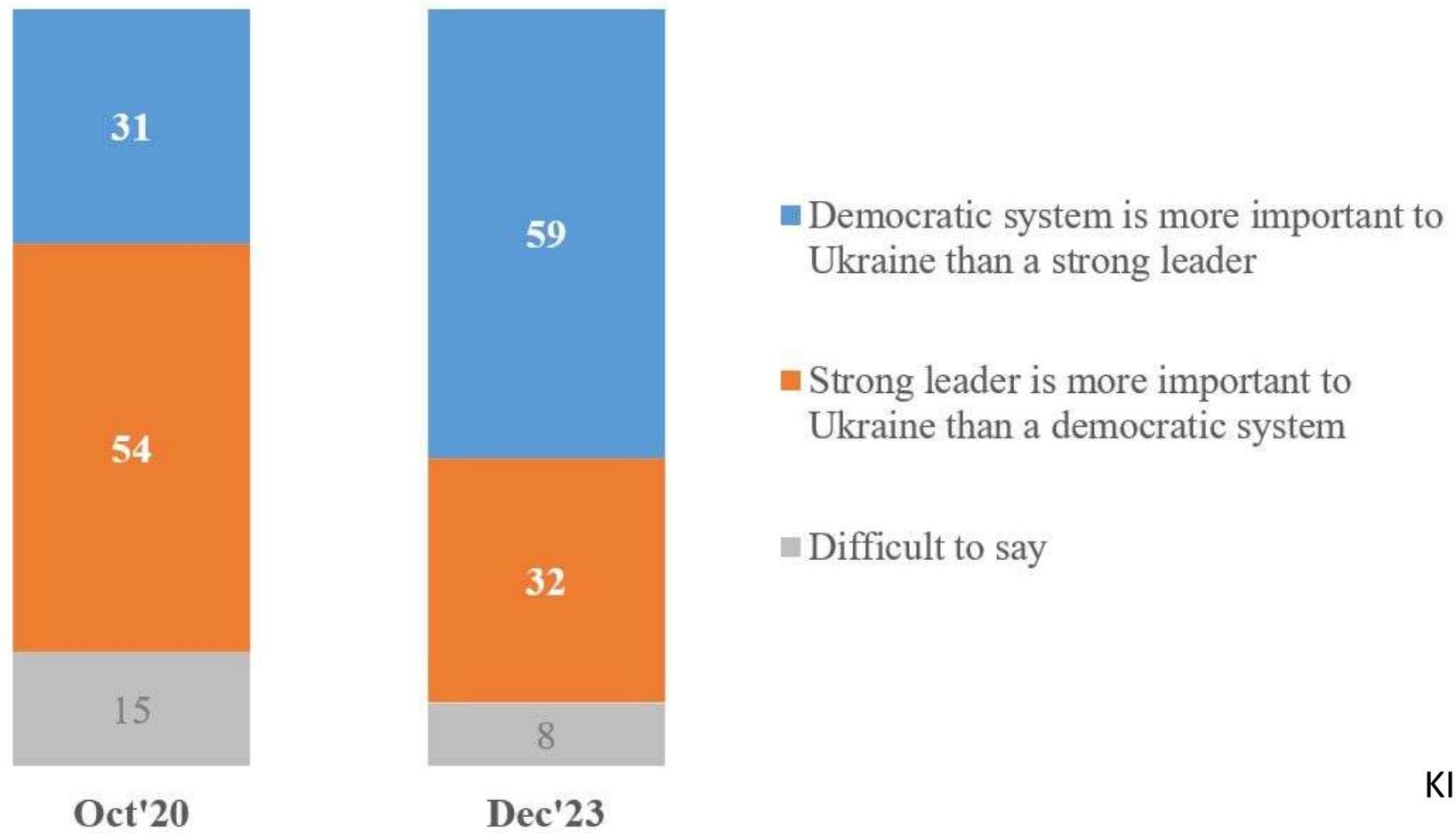
# How would you rate the level of democracy in Ukraine in general (not taking into account the temporary restrictions due to martial law)?



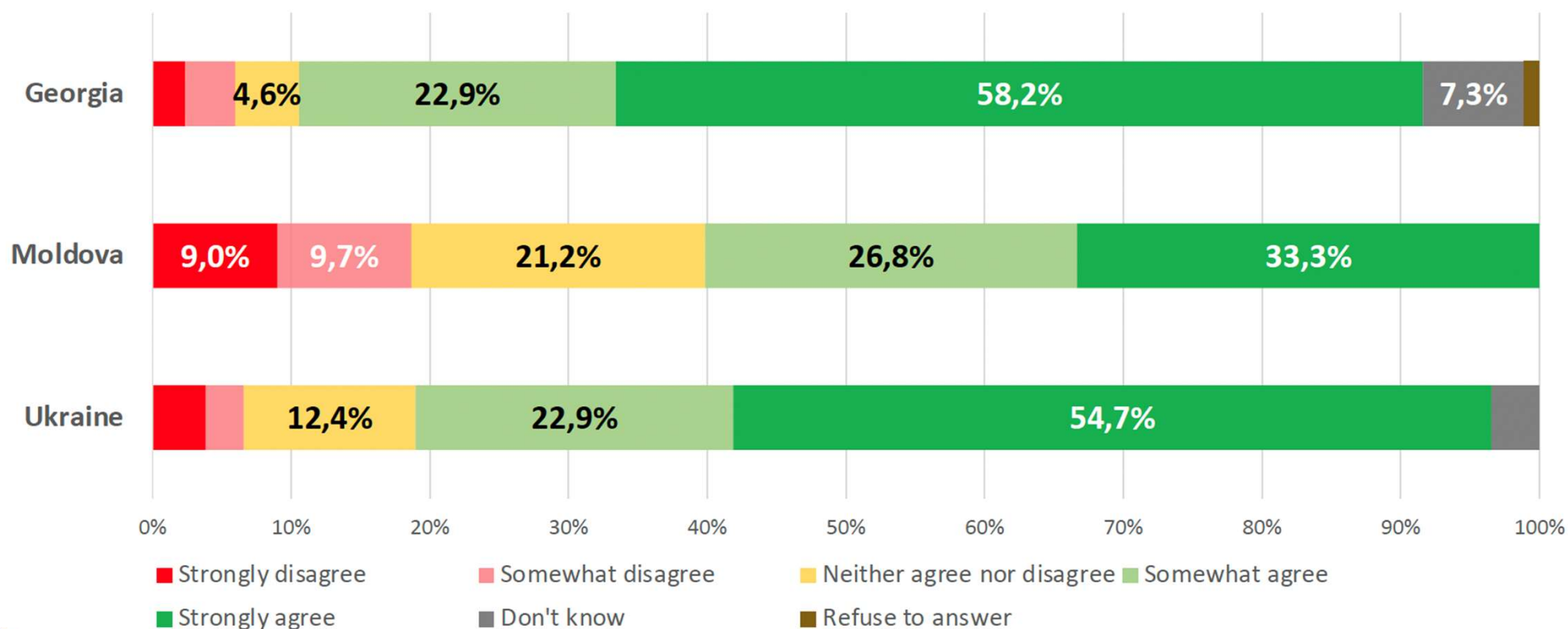
Rate from 0 to 10, where 0 is "Ukraine is a complete dictatorship", 5 is "equal democracy and dictatorship" and 10 is "Ukraine is completely democratic".



# Chose between statements:

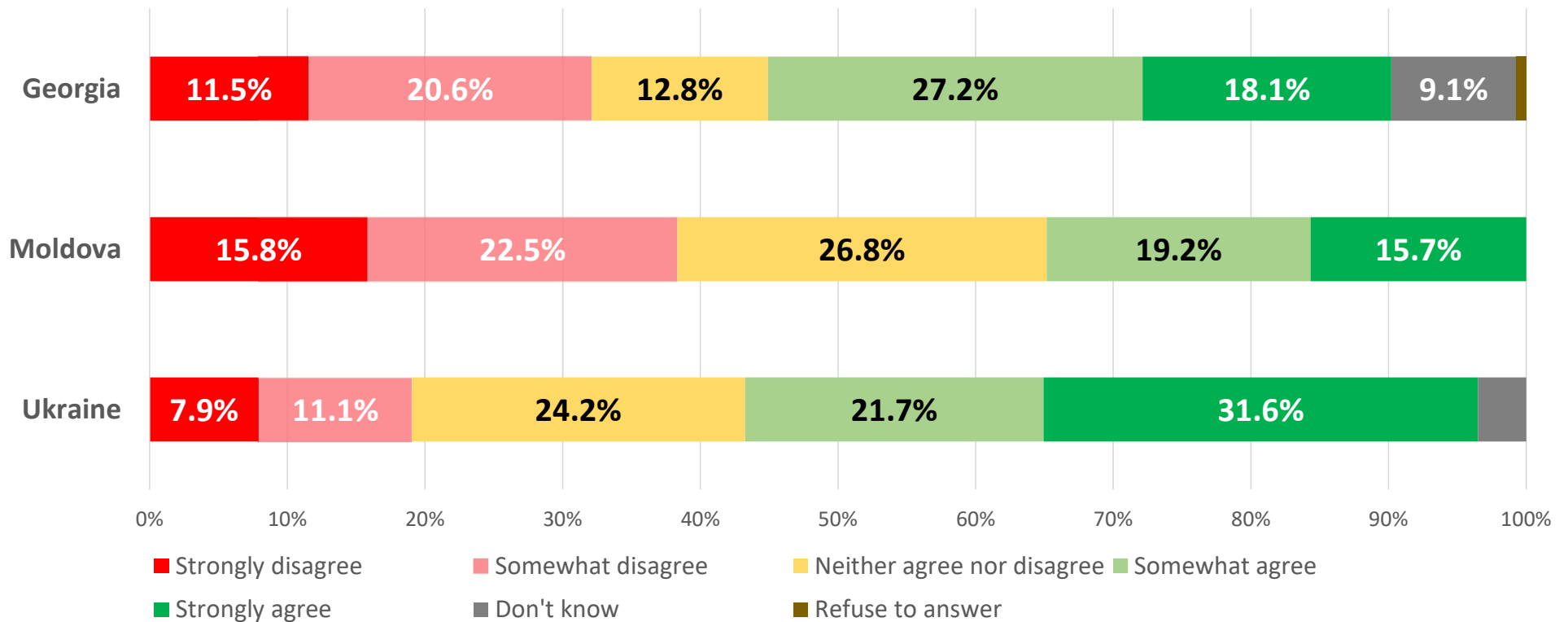


# Democracy is the best political system for the development of our country

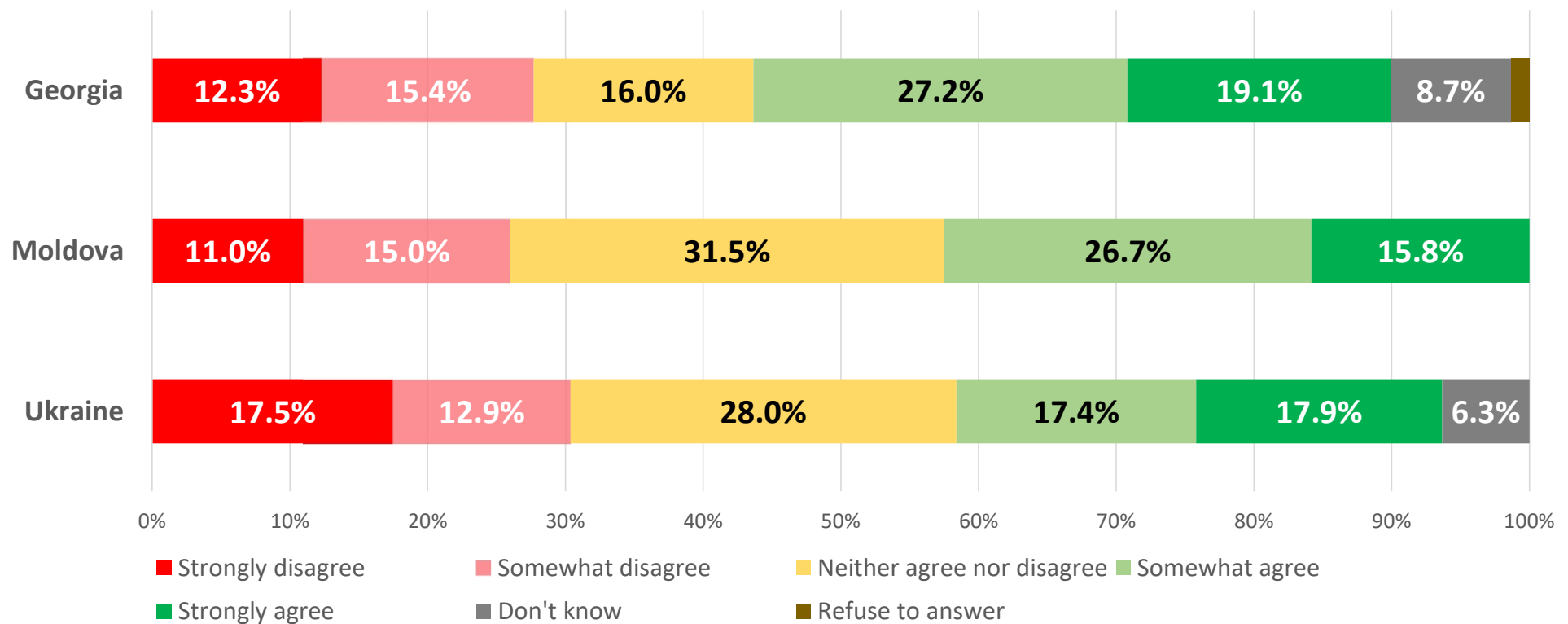


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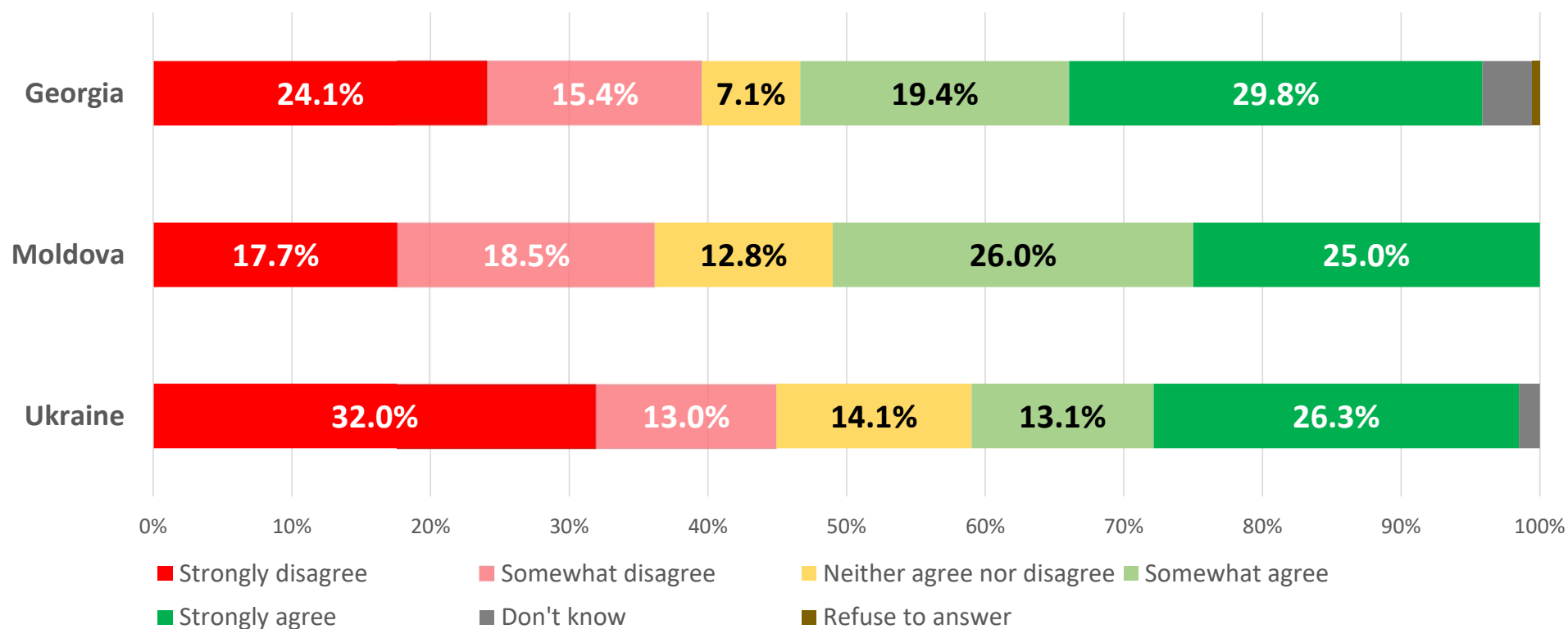
# Democracy has deep roots in our country



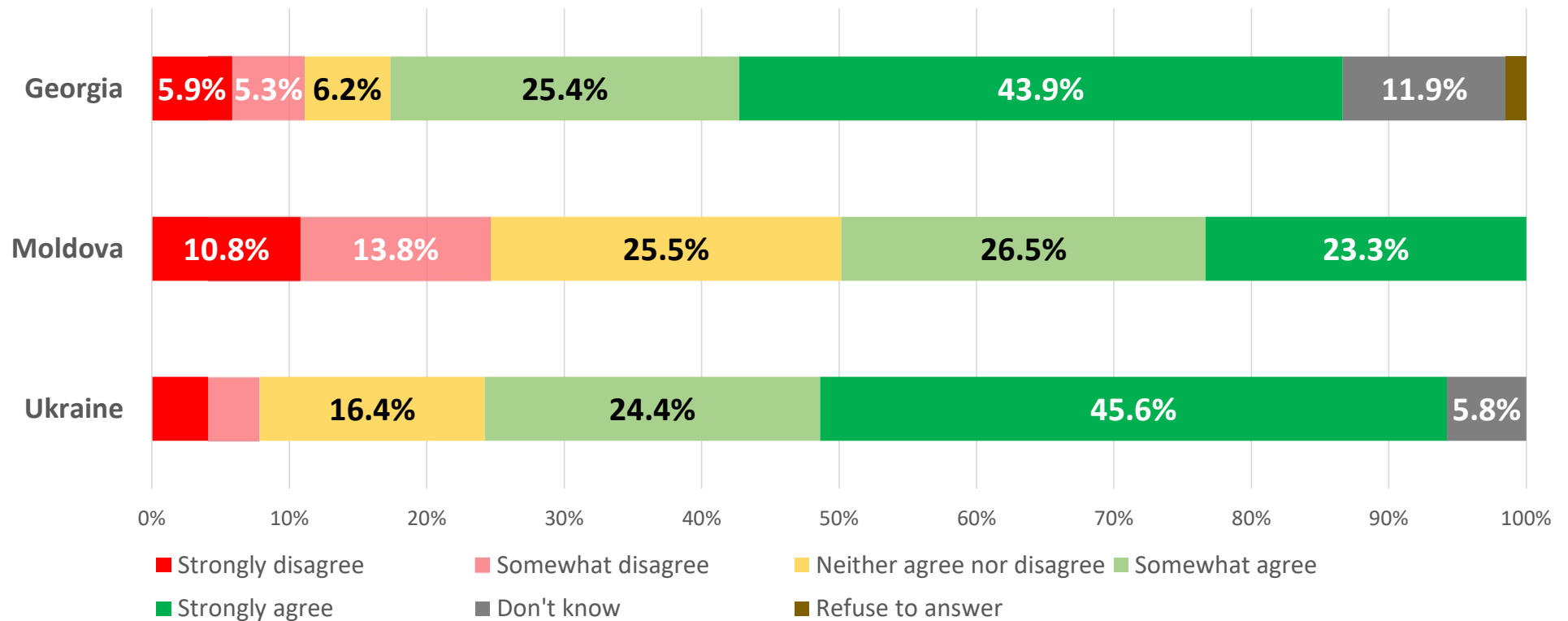
# Democratic values are less important than security for my country



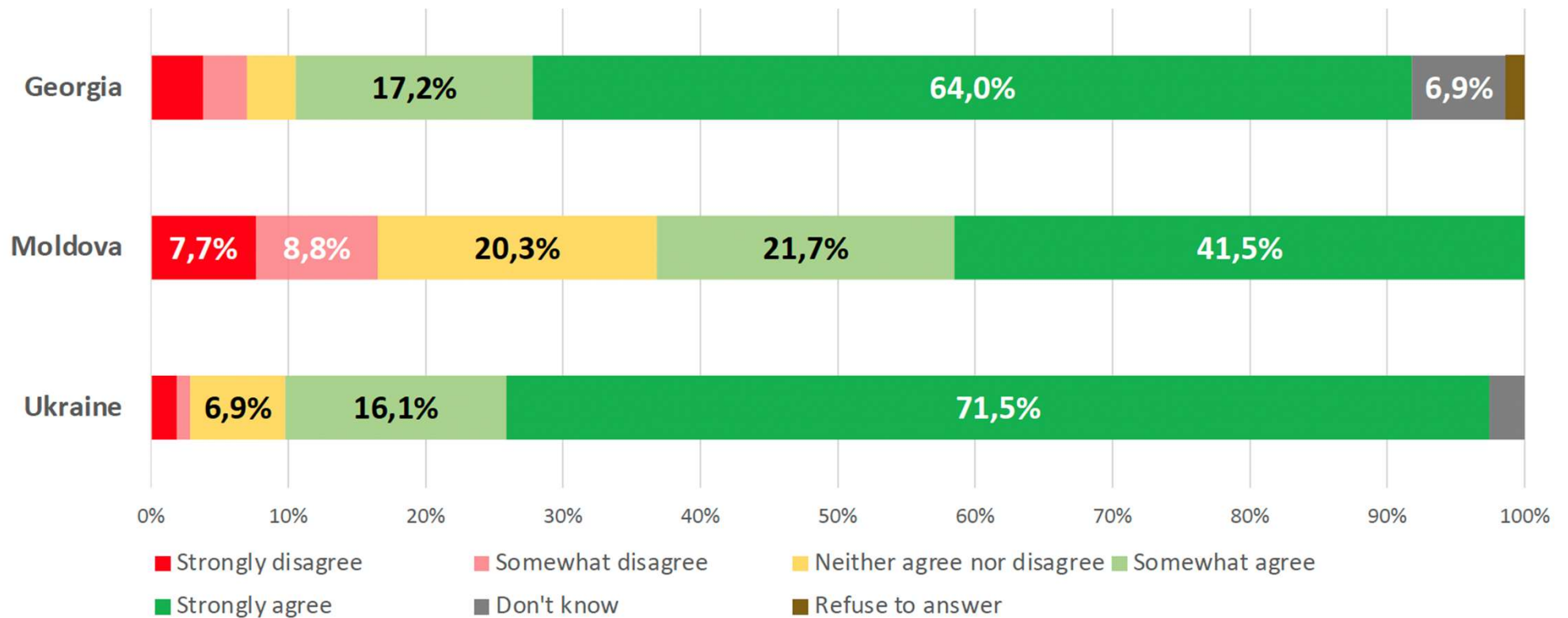
# If the country is doing well economically, I don't care who is in power



# The EU demands our government to be more democratic

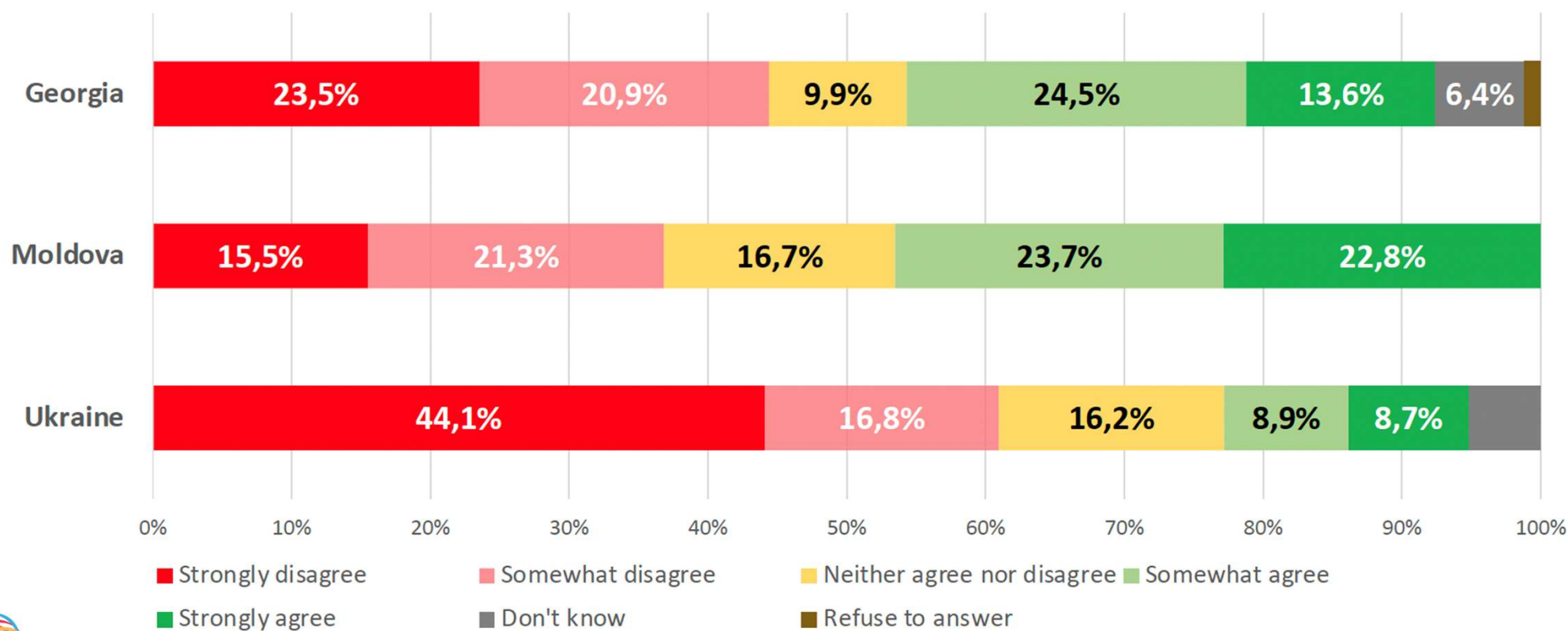


# I share European values of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law, and human rights



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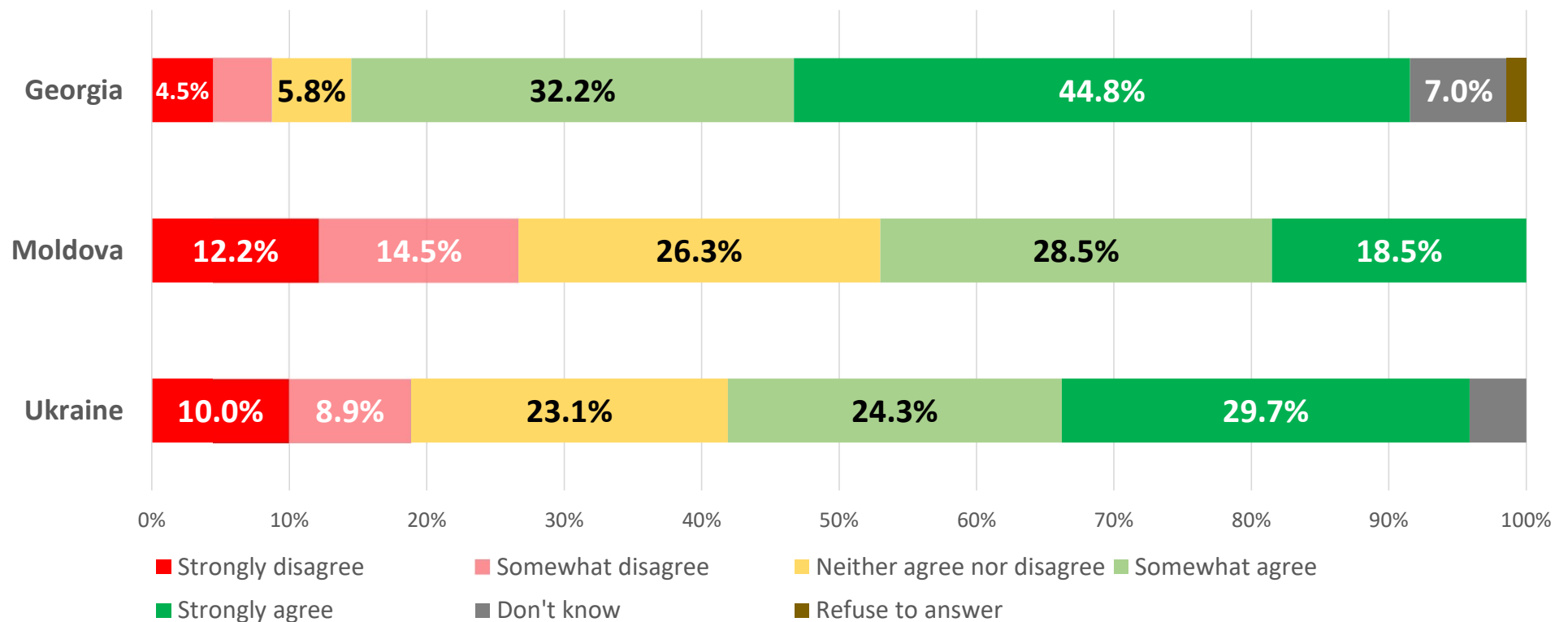
# Traditional values of my country are threatened by European values



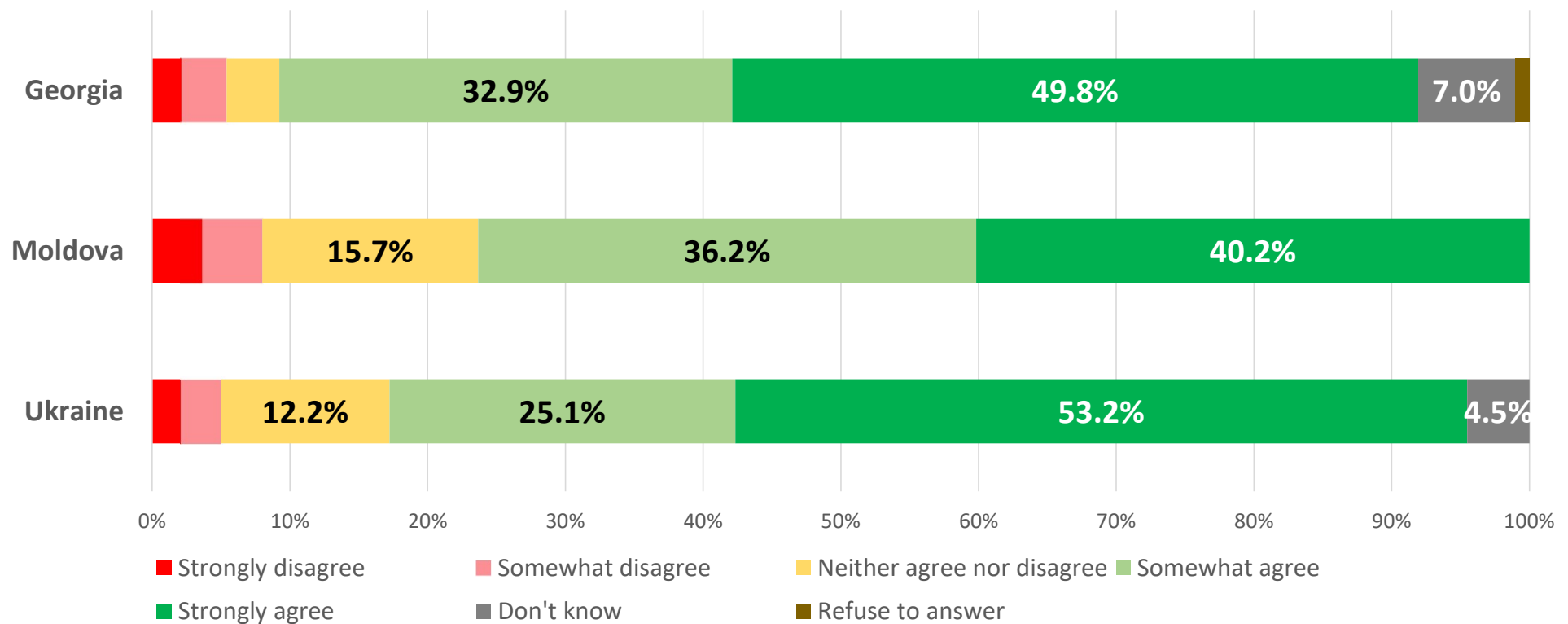
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# Empowering local governments improves democracy in our country



# Grassroots traditions are important for a democracy



# If Democracy is Existential for EU so is its Support (DS), including in ENP

## **Implications:**

- Does ENP countries understand the (support of) democracy and democratic practices and values as existential?
- How do EU policies of DS may help? Support for CSO, democratic initiatives, and democratic practices, particularly grassroots / local level and support for independent media.
- “The return to the value-based approach” combined with leverages
- Country-specific policies of DS