



# *Voices of Syria Project*

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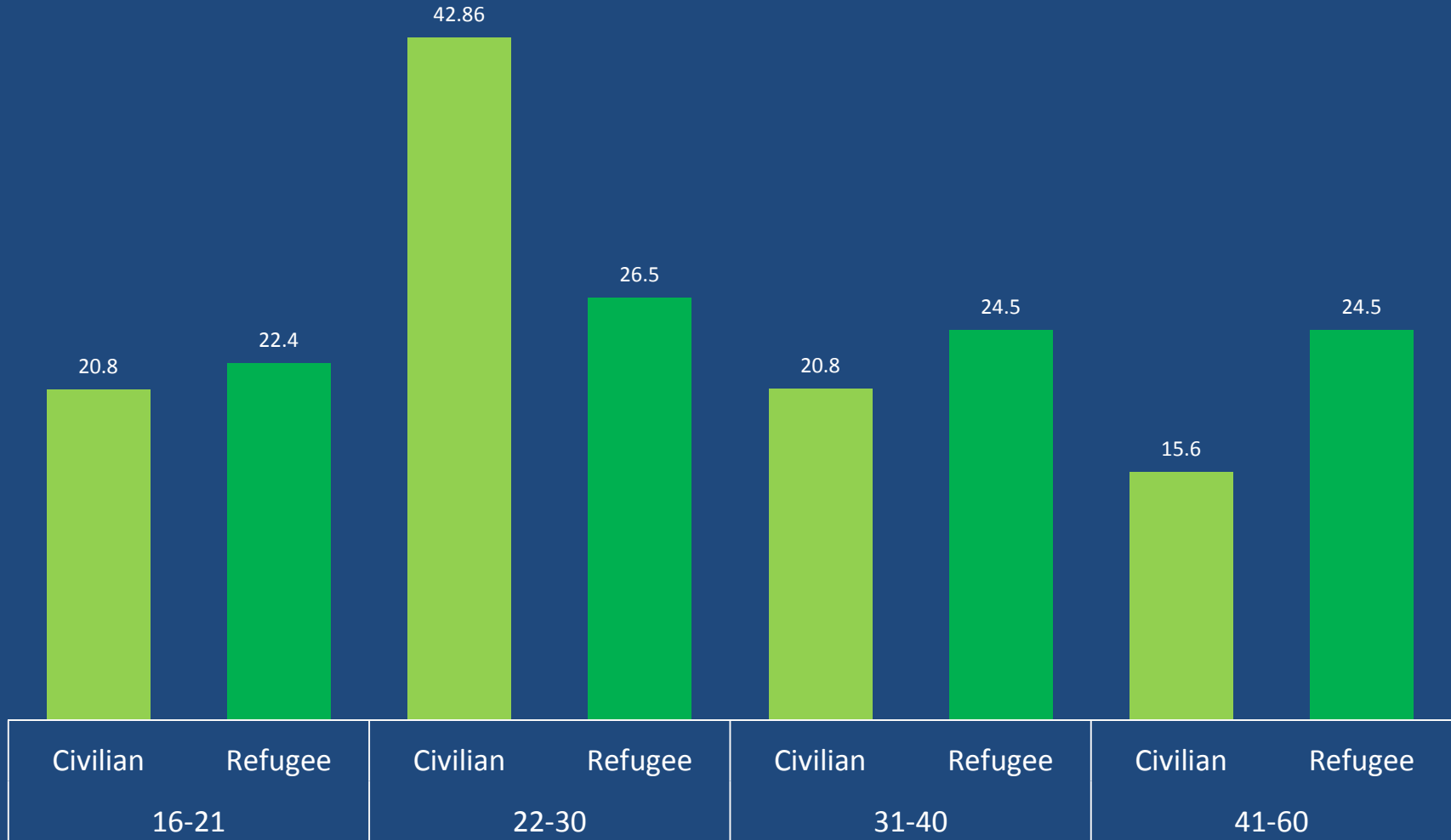
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# Methodology

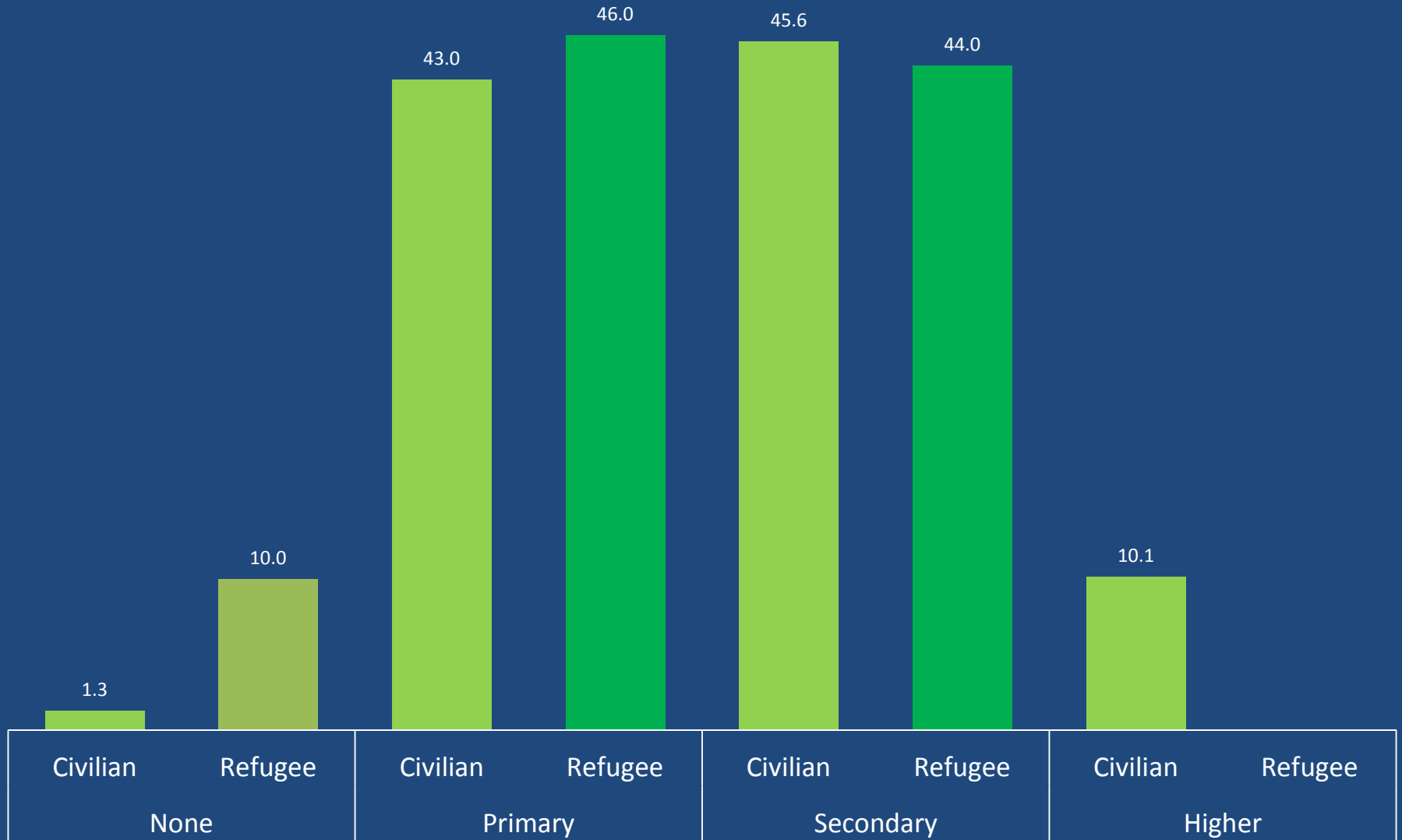
- Unknown population parameters and security concerns preclude random sampling
- We rely on non-probability, cluster sampling
- No more than 5 per cluster, 1 per household
- Interviews in Aleppo and Idlib (August-December 2013)
- Interviews in Killis Turkey (January 2013)
- N = 150

# Demographics

## Respondents Age Group (Civilians inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad)



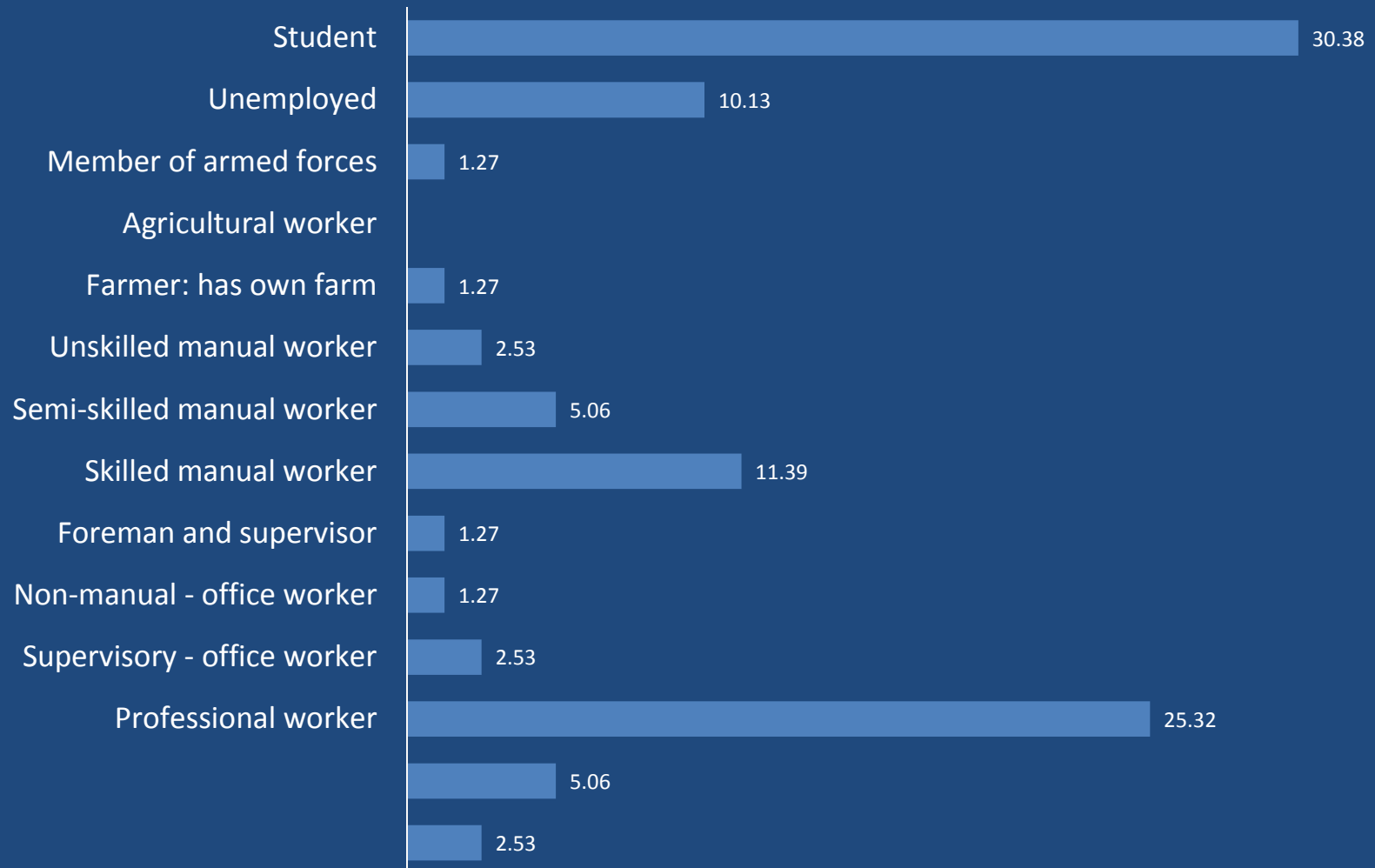
## Respondents Education Levels (Civilians inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad)





## Occupation Before War (Civilians inside Syria)

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## Occupation Before War (Refugees Abroad)

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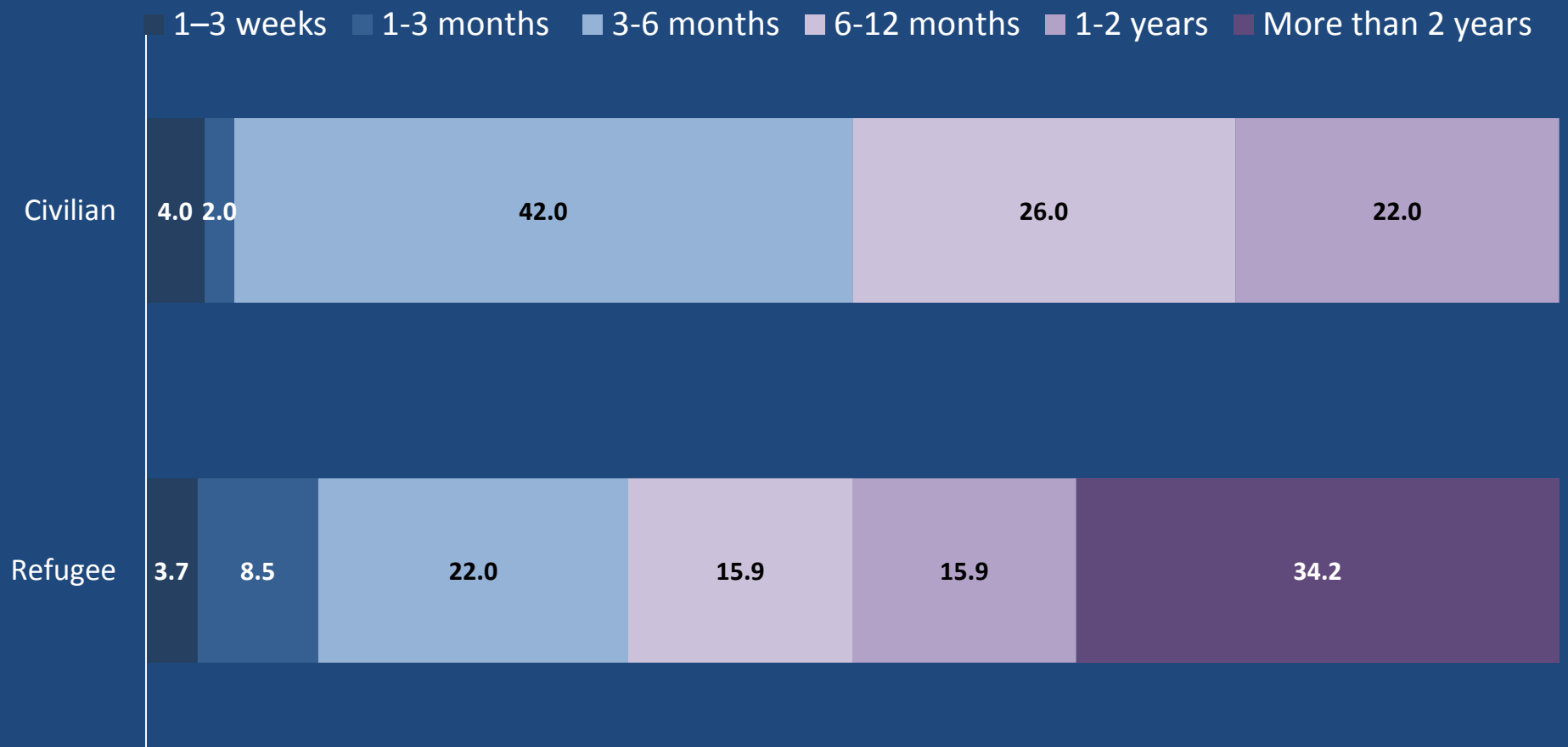


Displacement



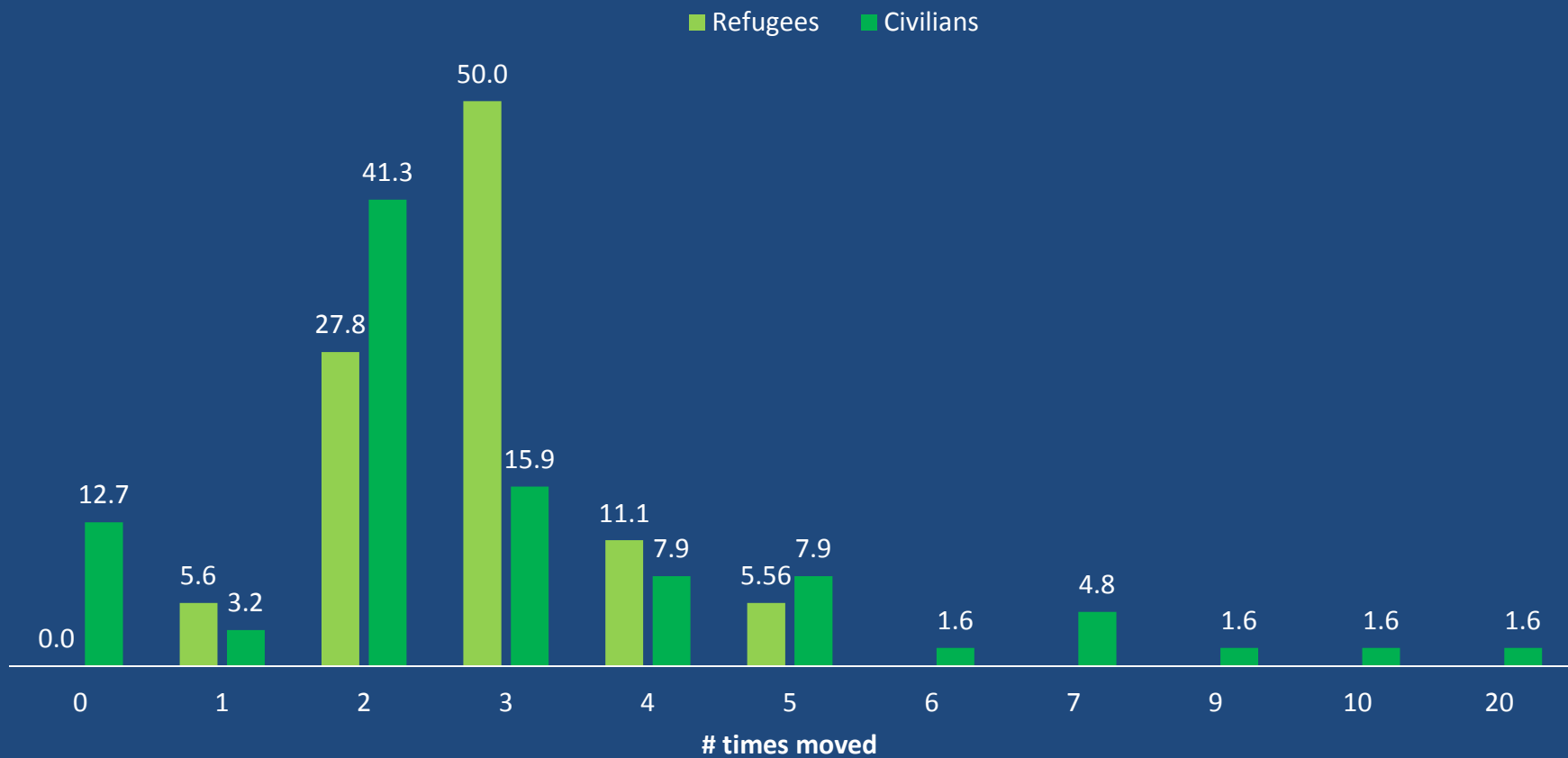
## Time at Current Location (Civilians inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad)

*Q: How long have you been in the location where you are currently living/seeking shelter?*



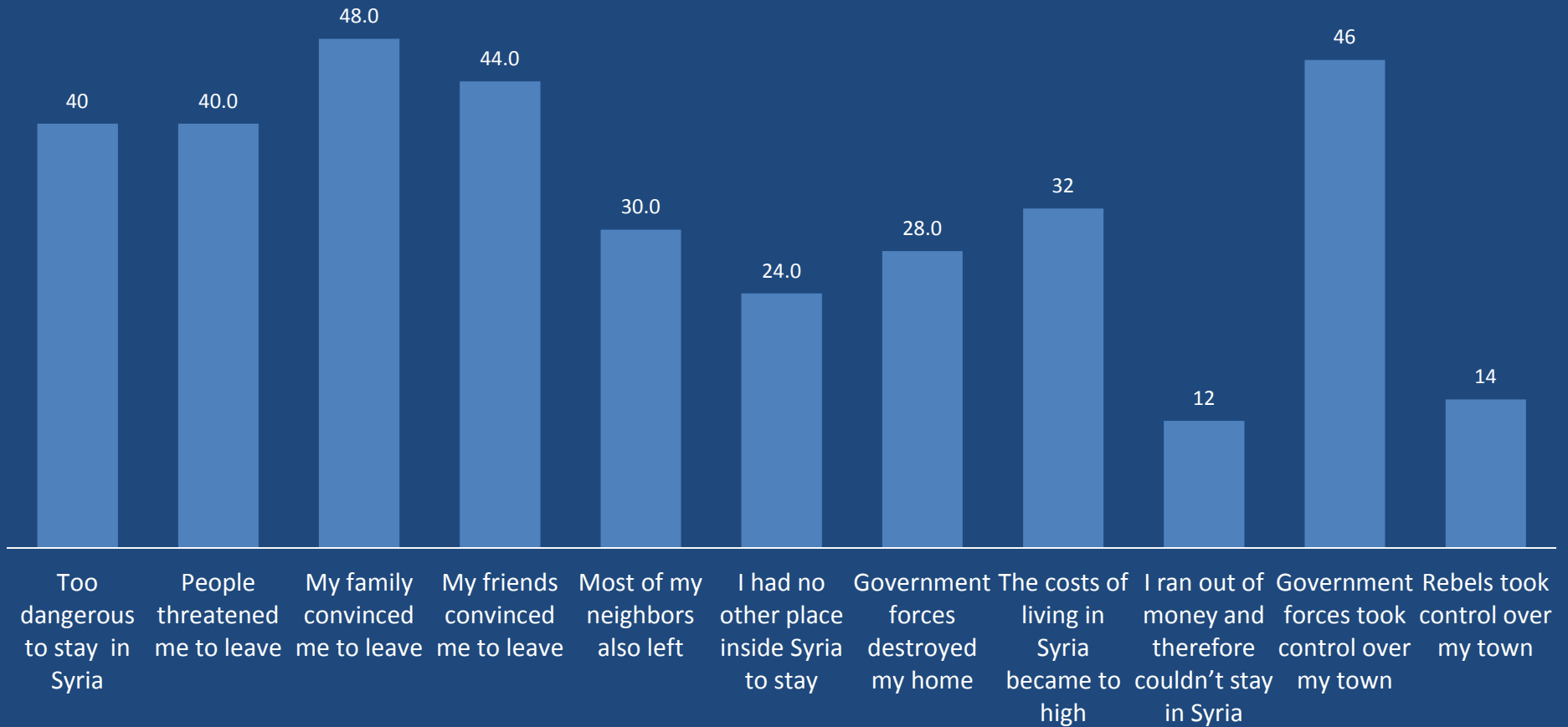
## Displacement by Conflict (Civilians inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad)

Q: How many times have you moved since the war began?



## Explaining Decision to Leave Syria (refugees only)

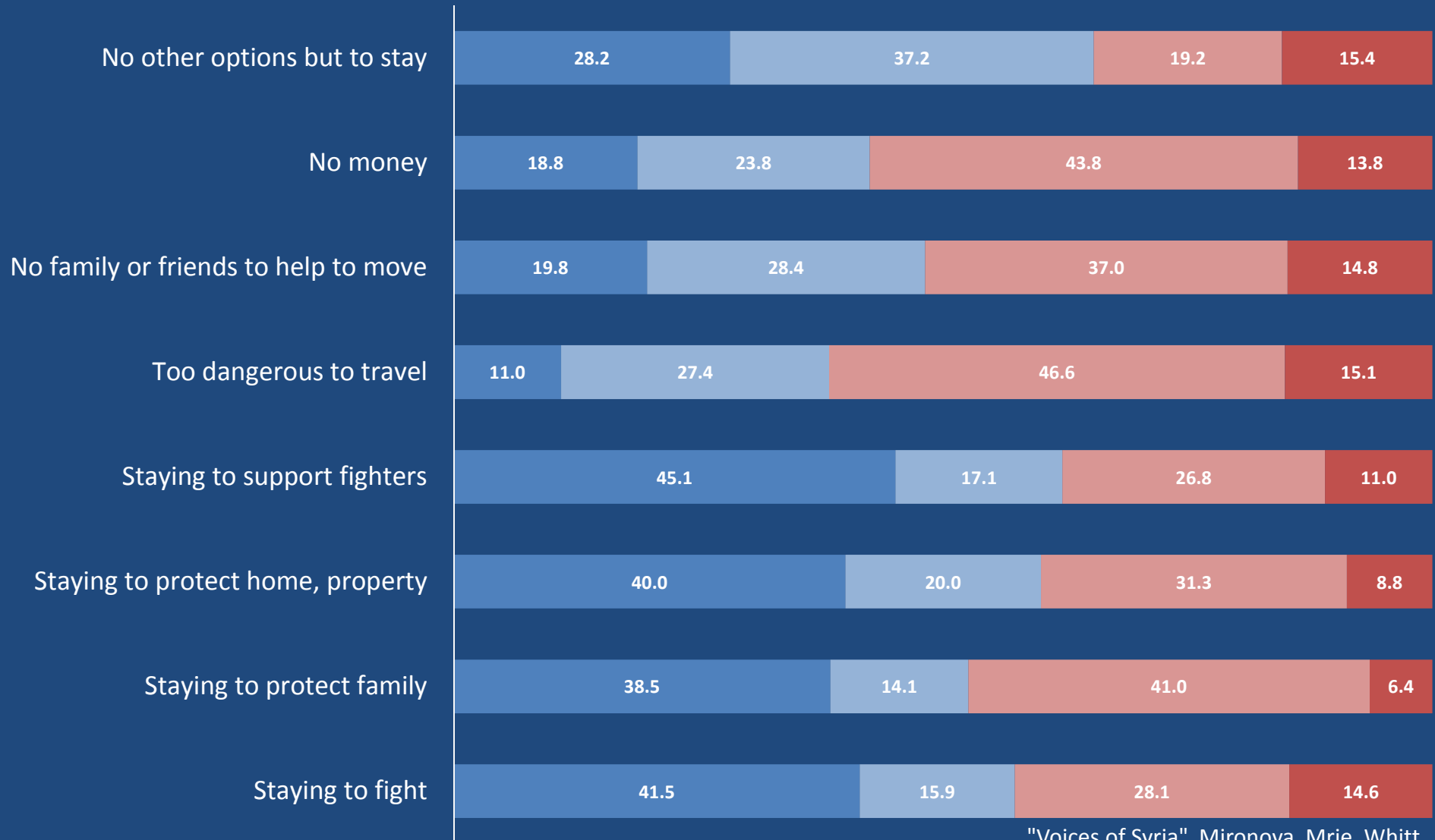
Q: Why did you leave Syria? (Indicate all that apply, %)



## Reasons for Staying in Current Location (Civilians)

Q: Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements.

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree

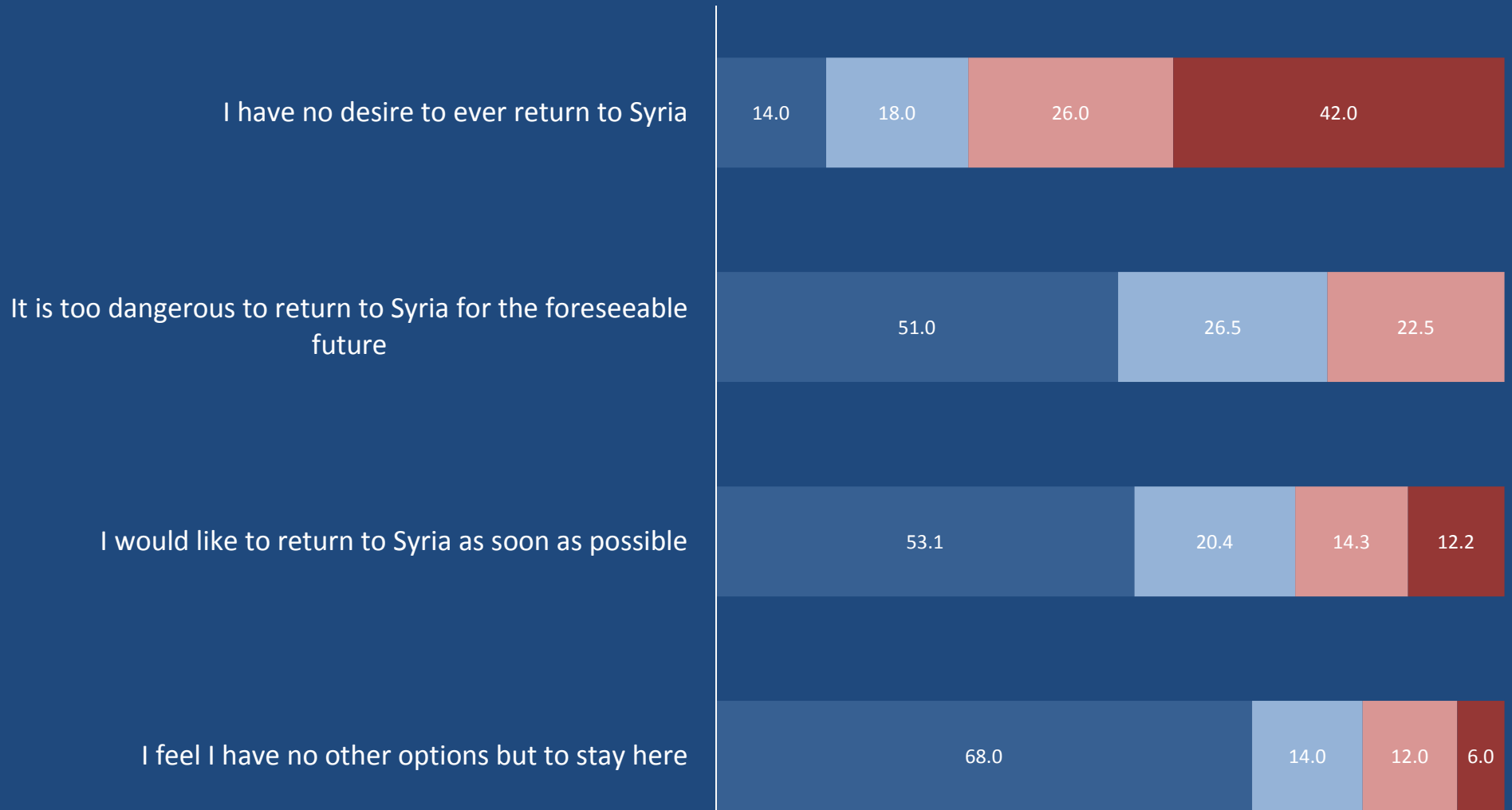


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### Return Expectations (Refugees only)

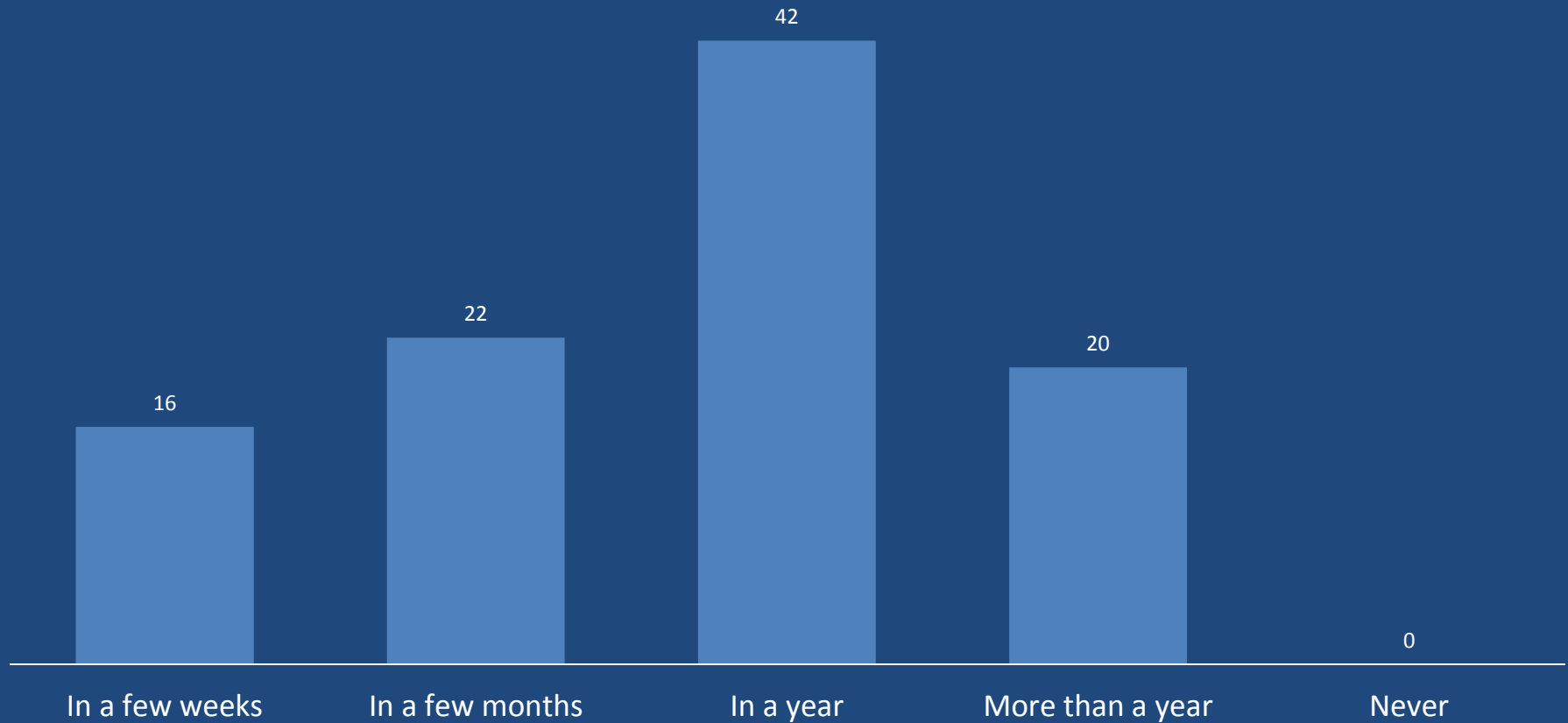
Q: Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements

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## Likelihood of Return to Syria (Refugees only)

*Q: Given the way things are now , when do you think you will be able to return to Syria ?*



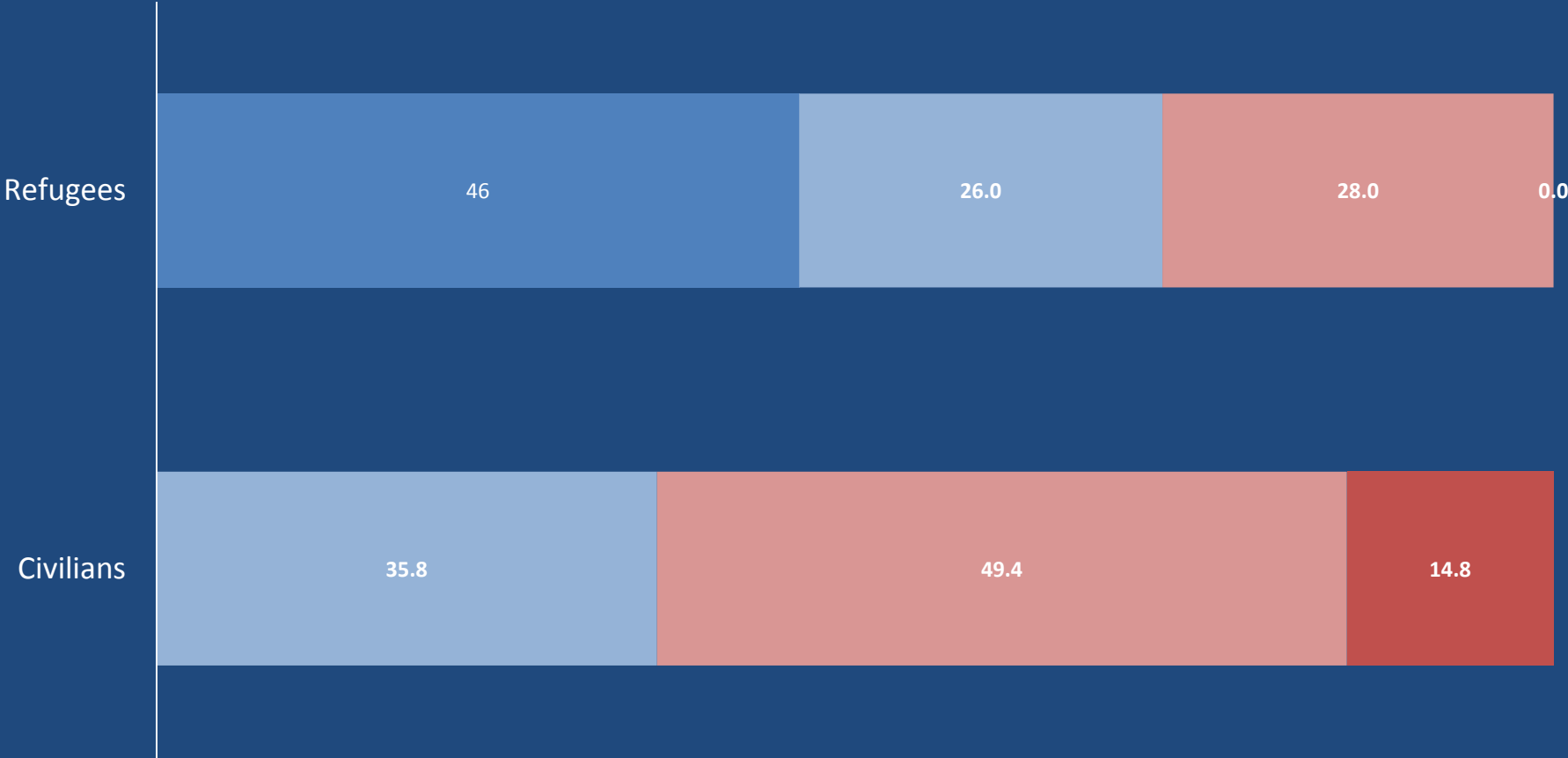
# Safety and Security



## Safety in Current Location

Q: How safe do you feel in your current location today?

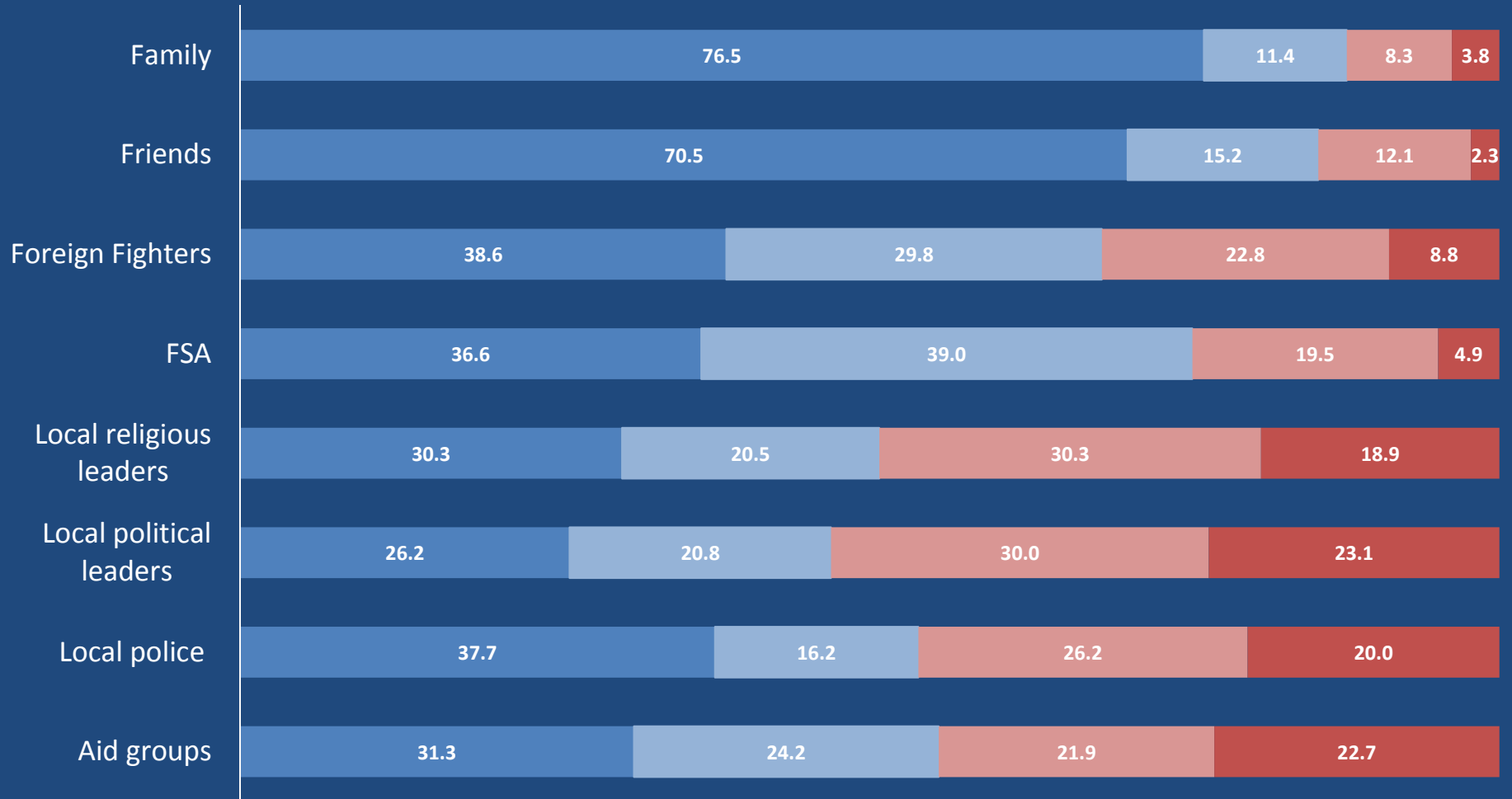
Very safe   Somewhat safe   Not very safe   Not safe at all



## Who keeps you safe? (Civilians inside Syria only)

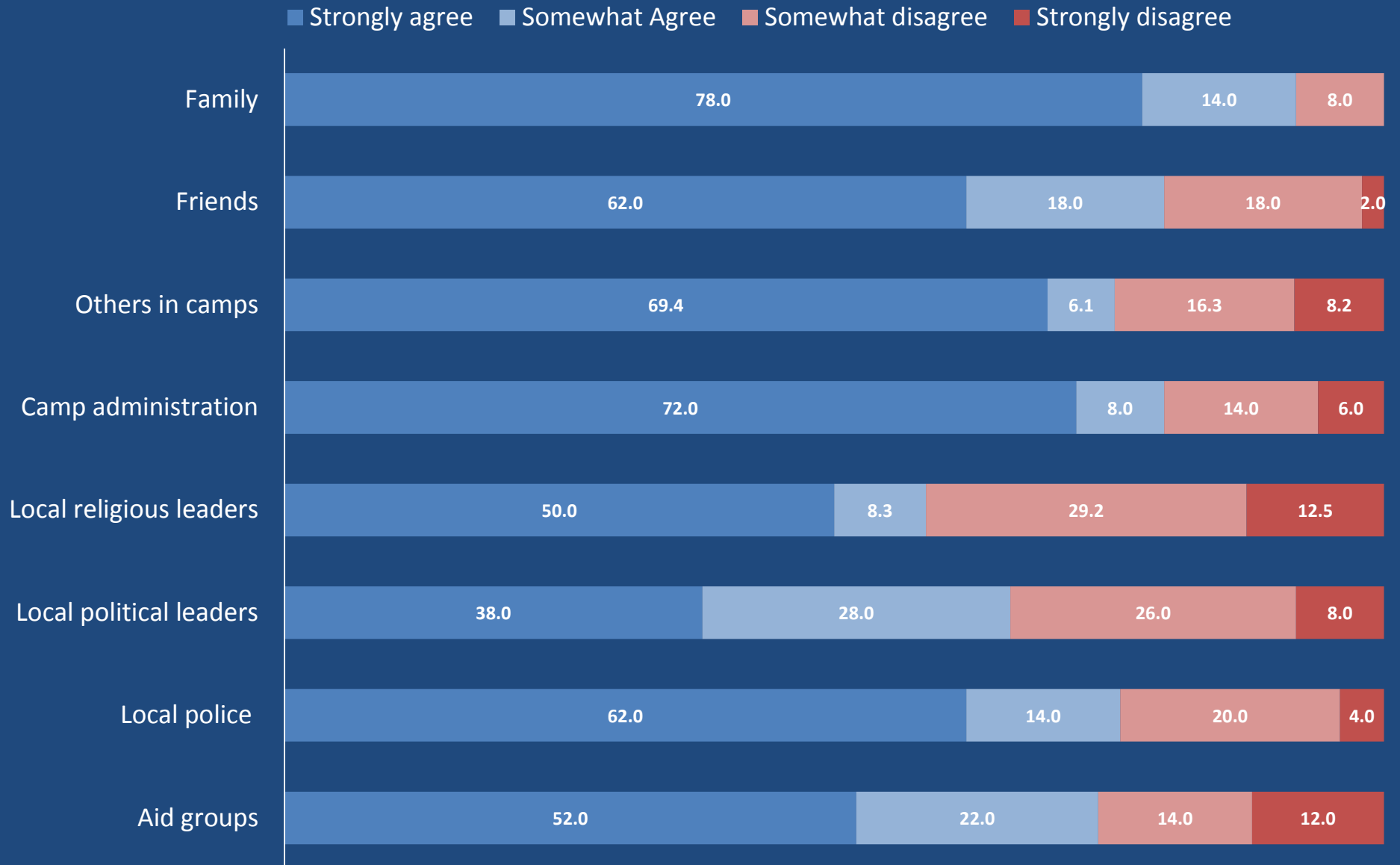
Q: How much confidence do you have in the following to help keep you safe?

■ A great deal    ■ A fair amount    ■ Not very much    ■ None at all



## Who keeps you safe? (Refugees only)

Q: How much confidence do you have in the following to help keep you safe?

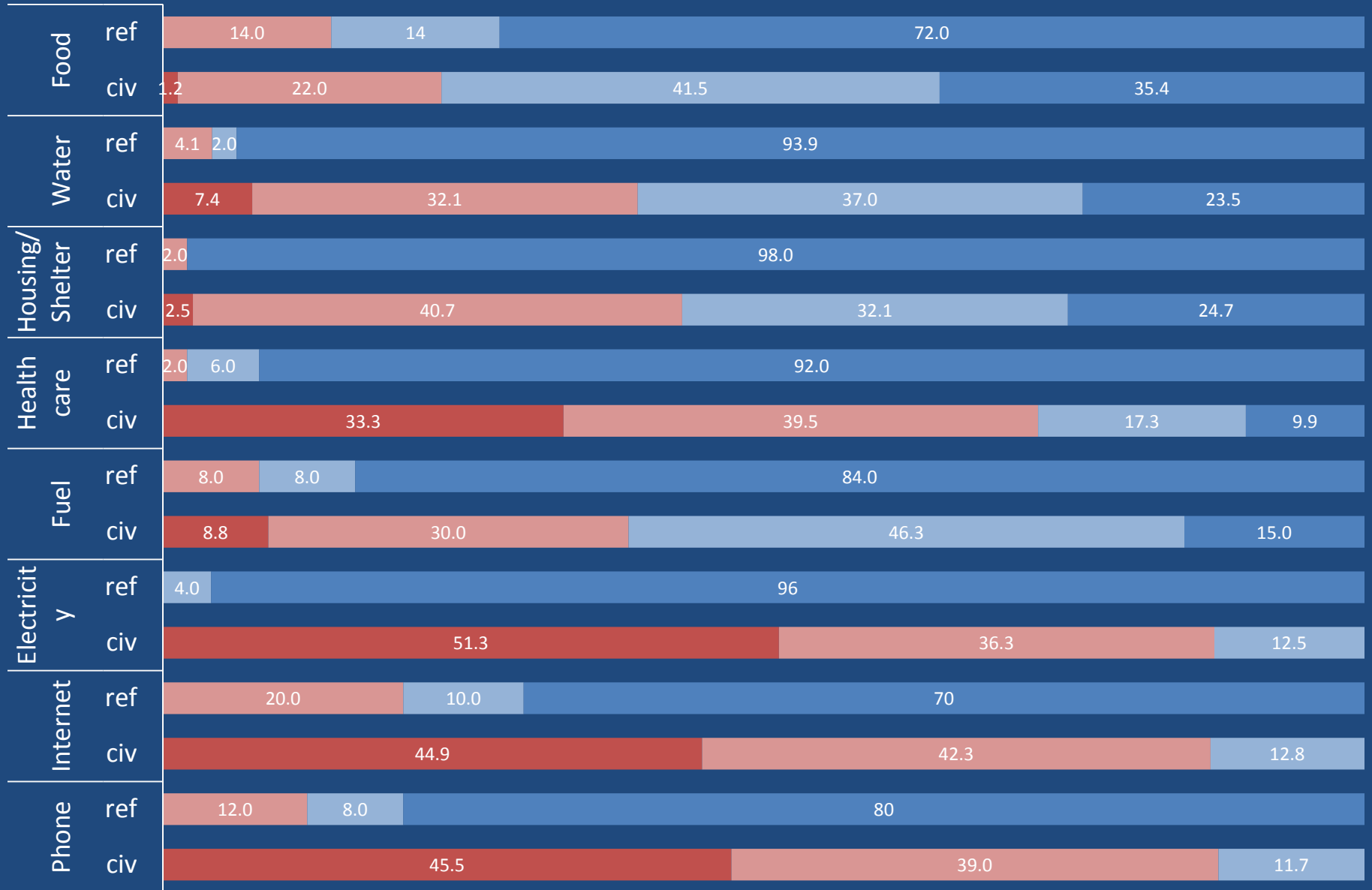


# Basic Needs

# Access to Basic Necessities: Civilians inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad

Q: How would you describe your ability to gain access to the following ?

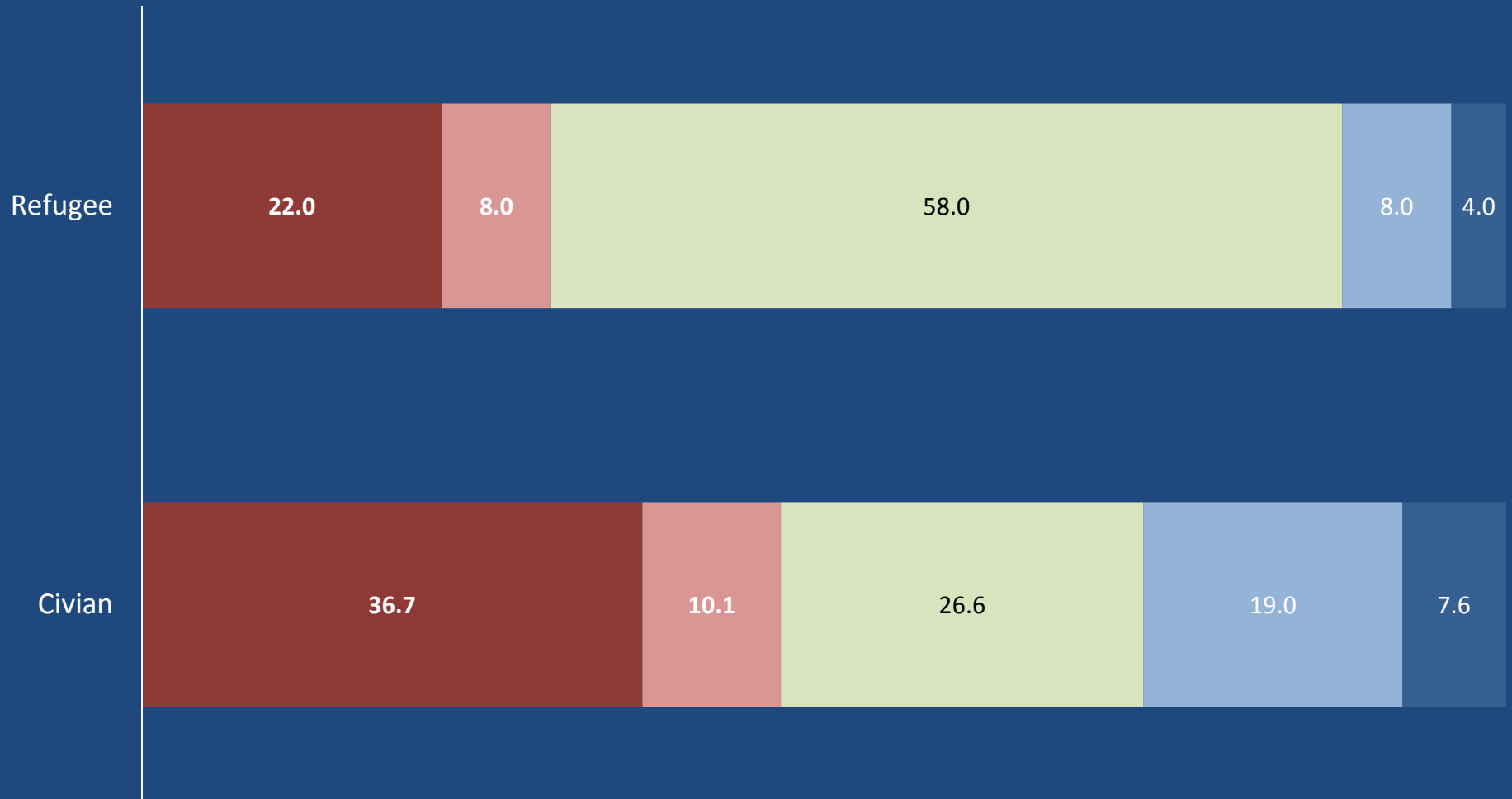
None at all    Very Limited    Somewhat limited    Generally good



## Assessment of Current Conditions (Civilians inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad)

Q: Compared to 12 months ago, do you think conditions here have:

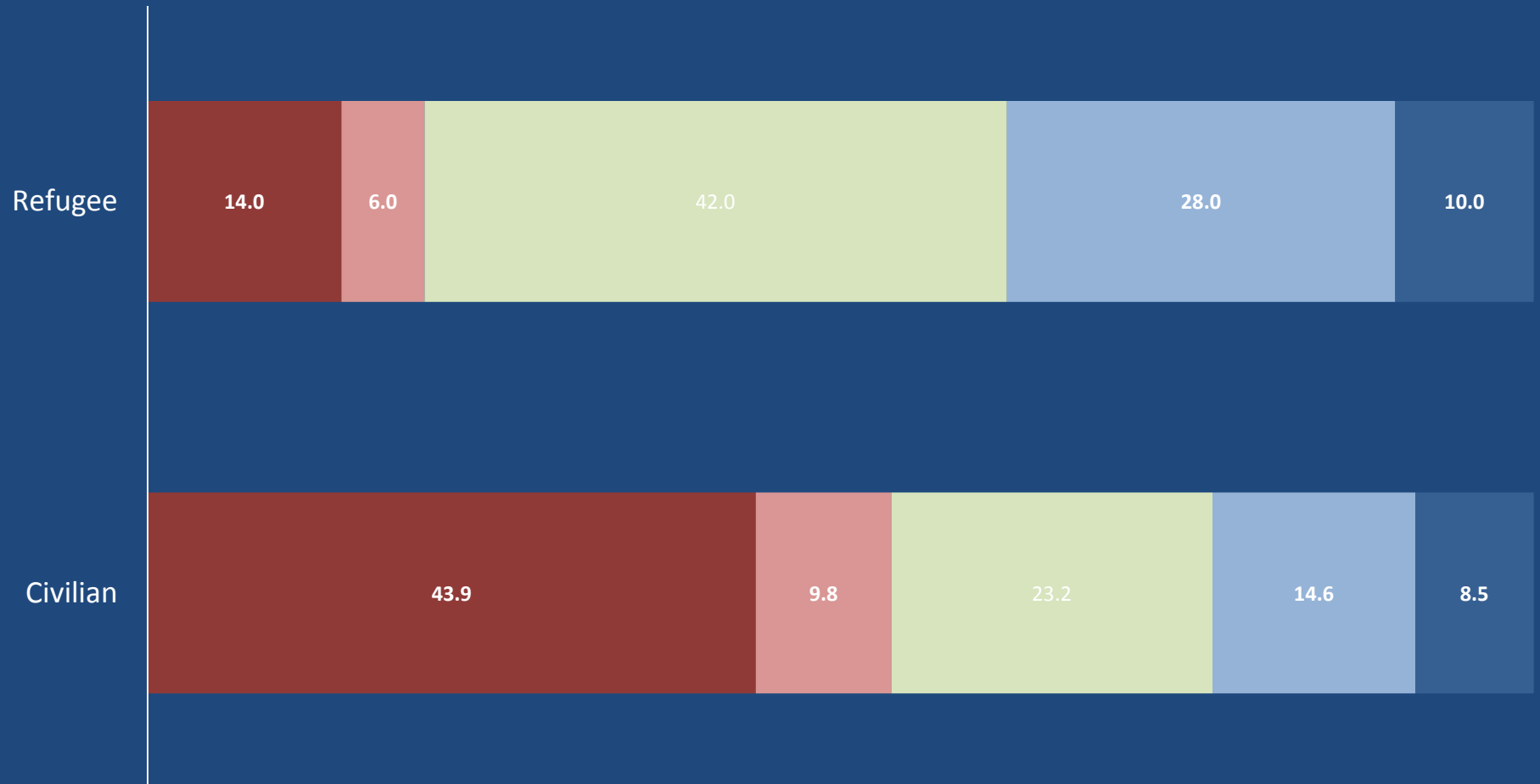
■ Got a lot worse ■ Got a little worse ■ Stayed the same ■ Got a little better ■ Got a lot better



## Expectations for the Future (Civilians inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad)

Q: And over the next 12 months, do you expect conditions here to ... ?

■ Get a lot worse ■ Get a little worse ■ Stay the same ■ Get a little better ■ Get a lot better

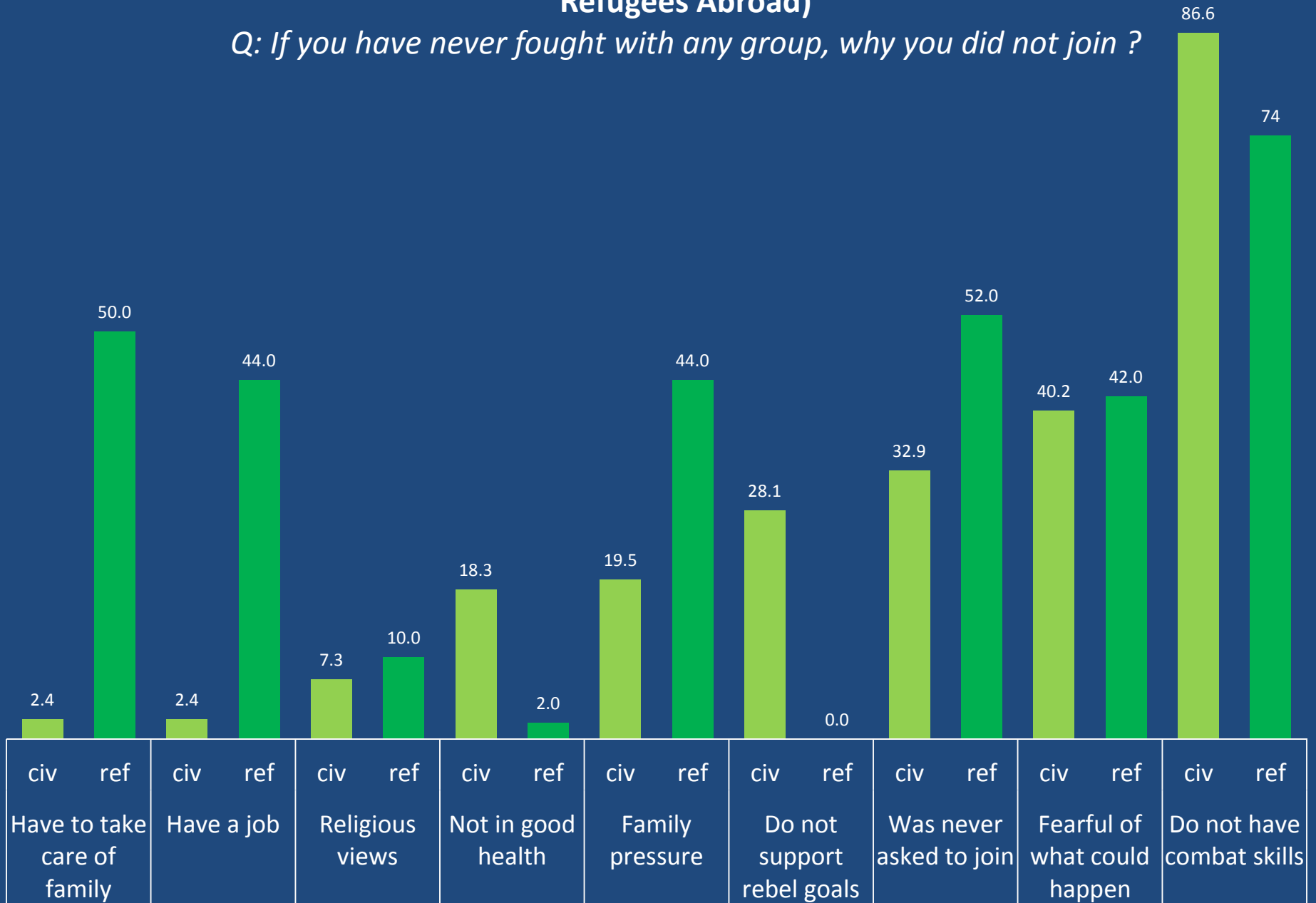




# Rebel Recruitment

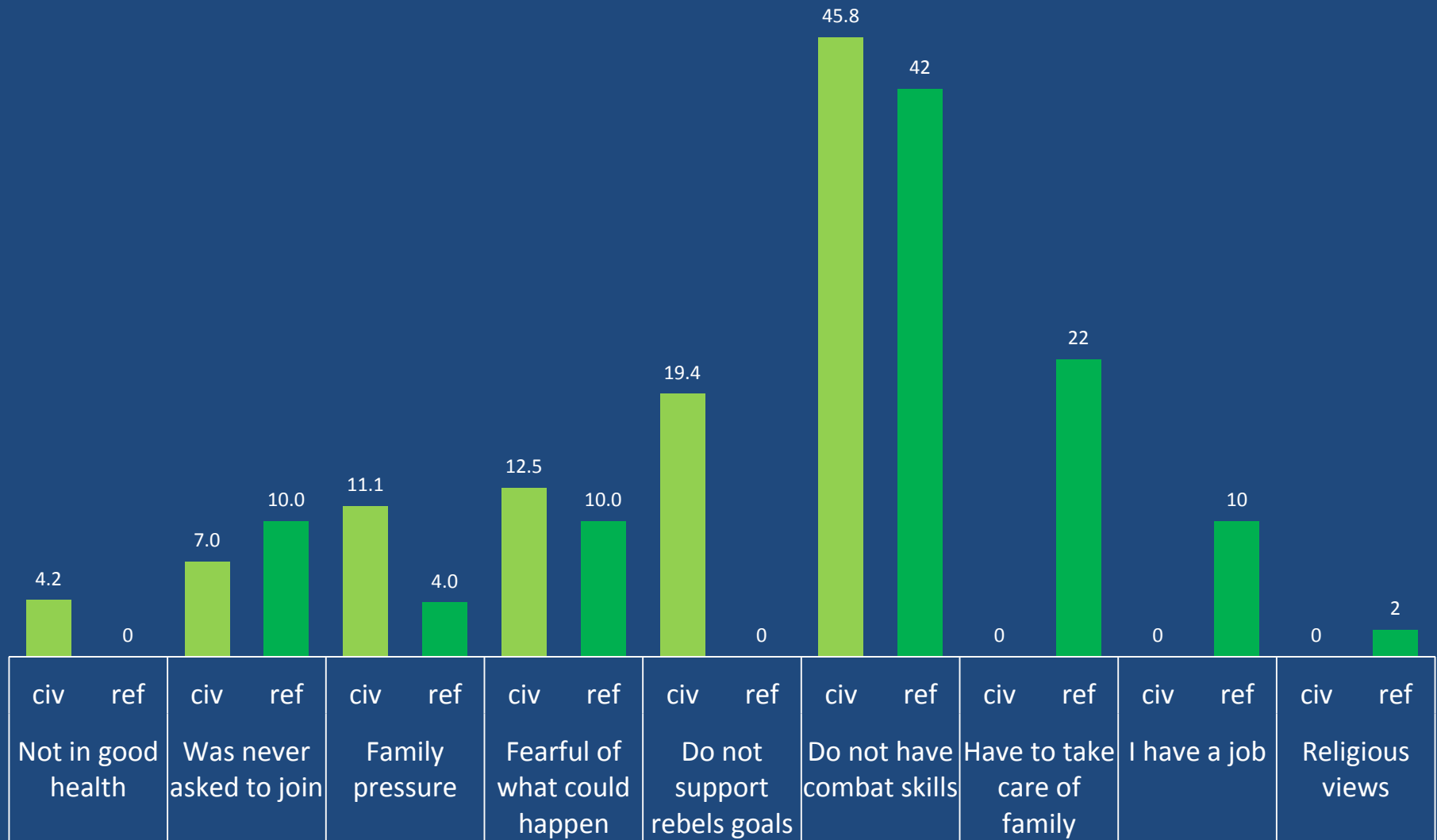
## Explaining Decision NOT to join rebel groups (Civilians inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad)

Q: If you have never fought with any group, why you did not join ?



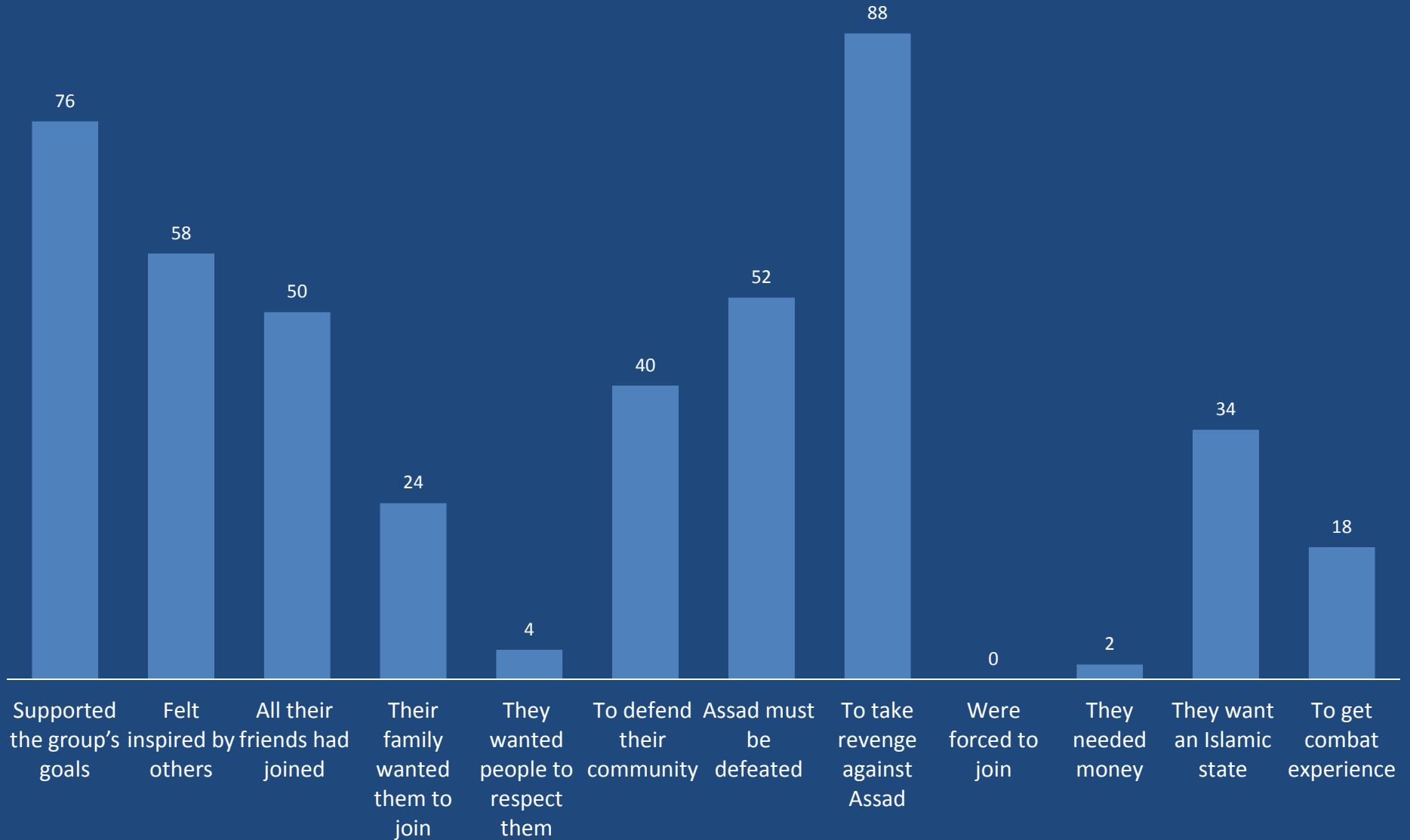
## Main Reason Given for NOT Joining Rebel Groups (Civilians Inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad)

*Q: And what is the main reason for not joining rebel groups?*



## Explanations Offered for Why People Join FSA (Refugees only)

Q: Why do you think others joined the FSA? (indicate all that apply, %)



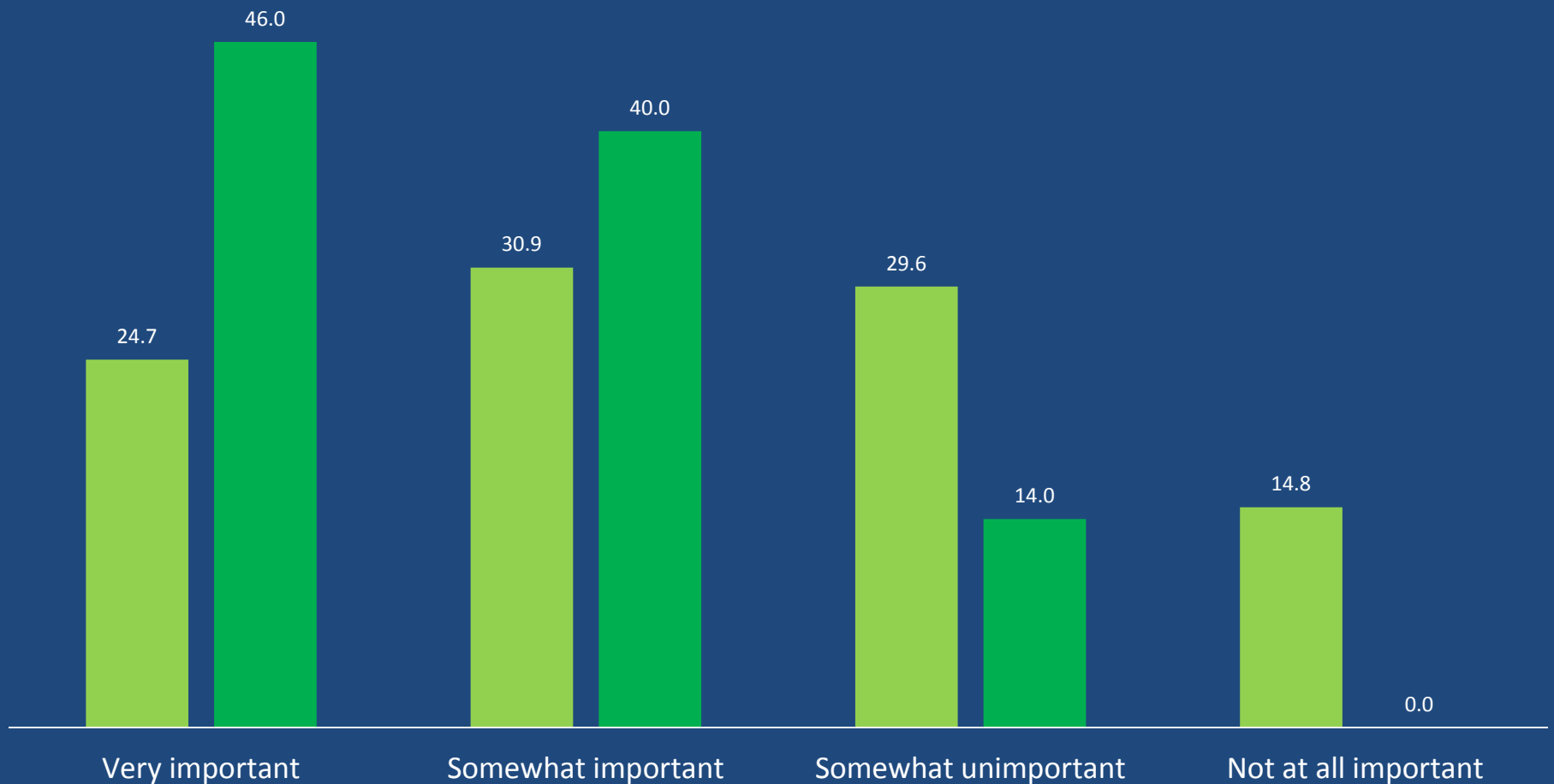
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Religion

## Importance of Religion (Civilians inside Syria vs. Refugees Abroad)

Q: In general, how important are your religious beliefs to you in your daily life ?

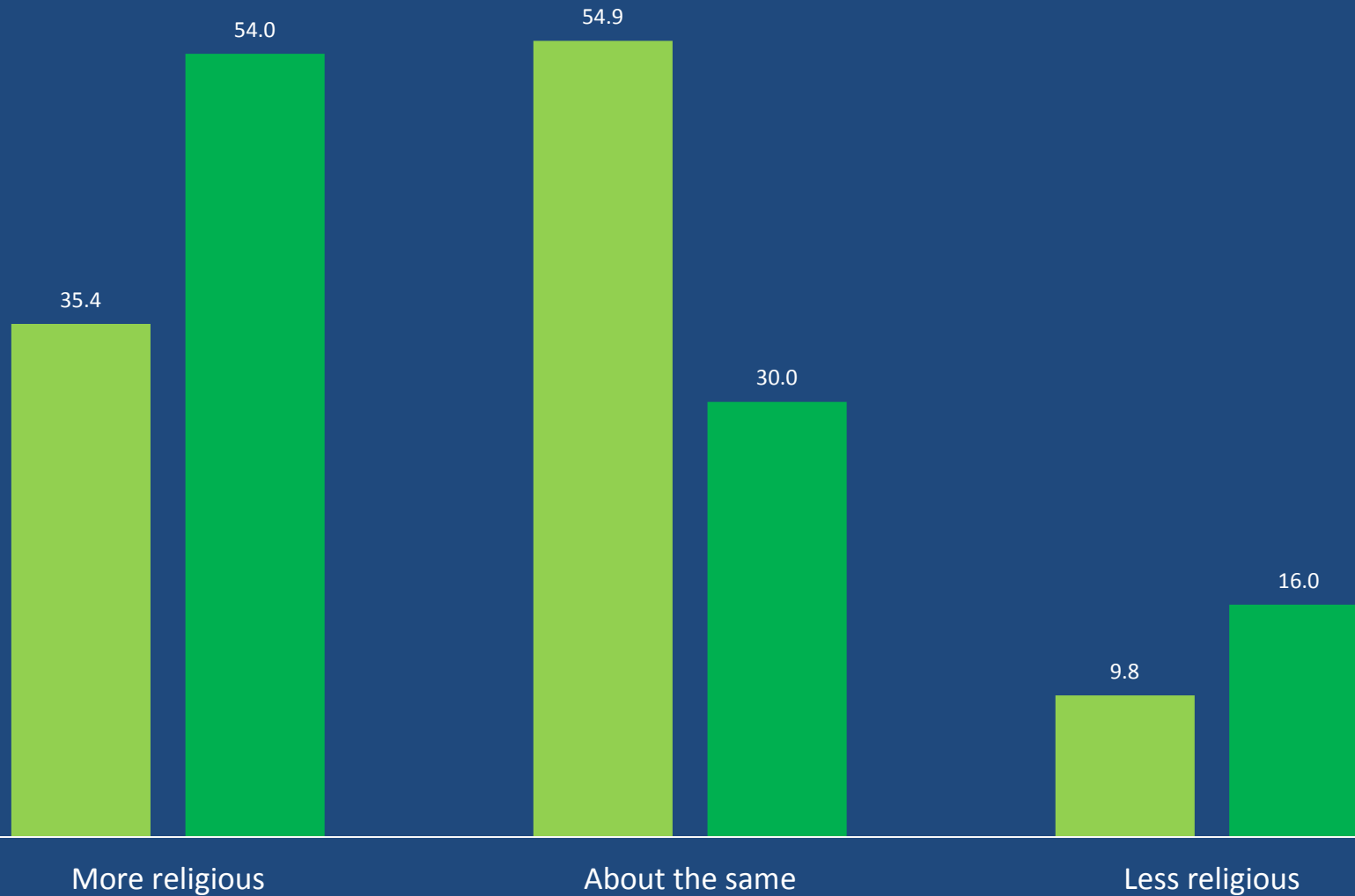
■ Civilians ■ Refugee



## Change in Religiosity Since the Beginning of the War

Q: Since the war started do you think you have become more religious, less religious, or are about the same ?

■ Civilians ■ Refugee



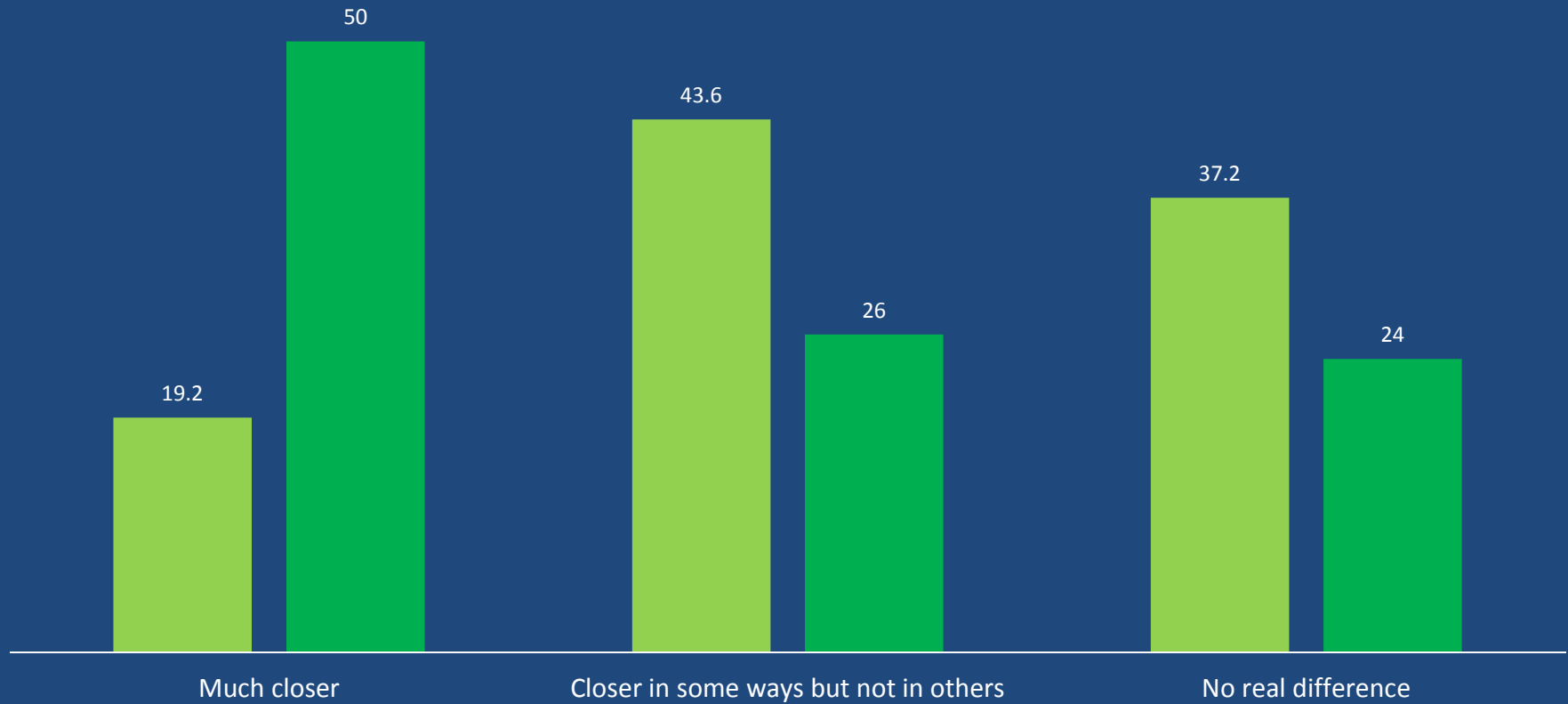
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## Salience of Sectarian Divisions

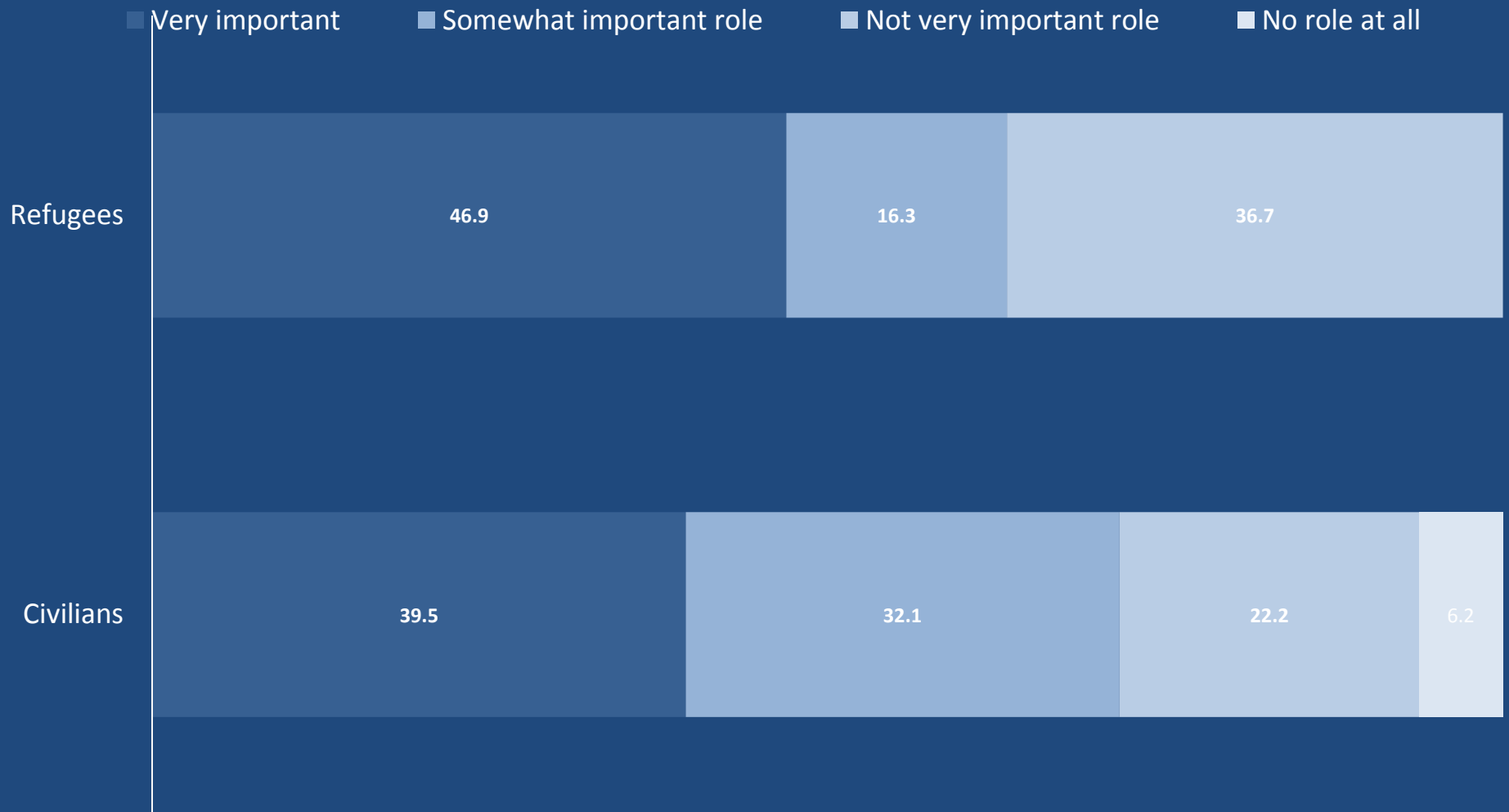
*Q: In general, how close do you feel to people of your religion compared to other people in Syria ?*

■ Civilians ■ Refugees



## Role of Religion in Syria's Future Politics

*Q: In your opinion, what role should religion play in Syrian politics in the future ?*

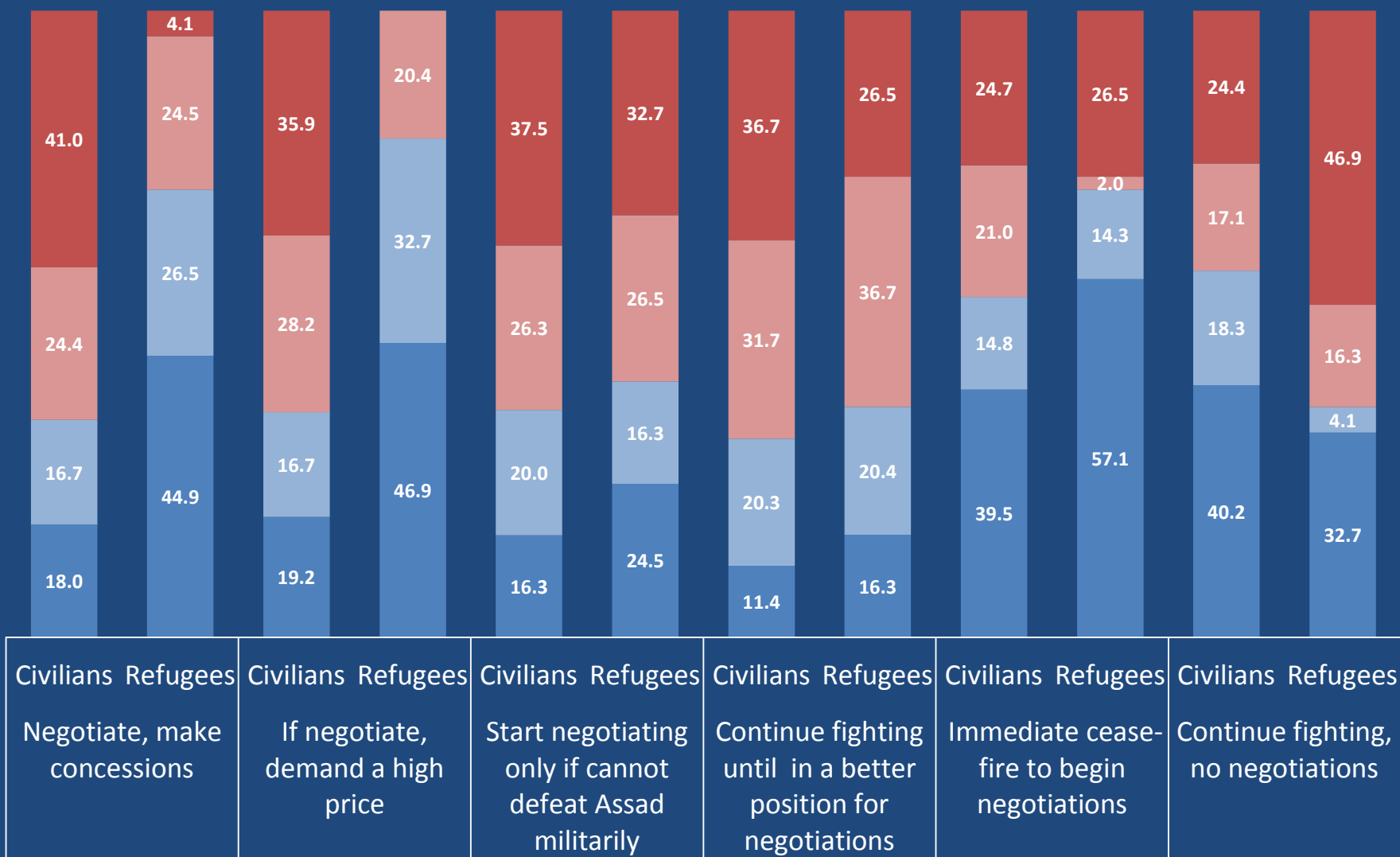


# Political views

## Views on Negotiations with Assad

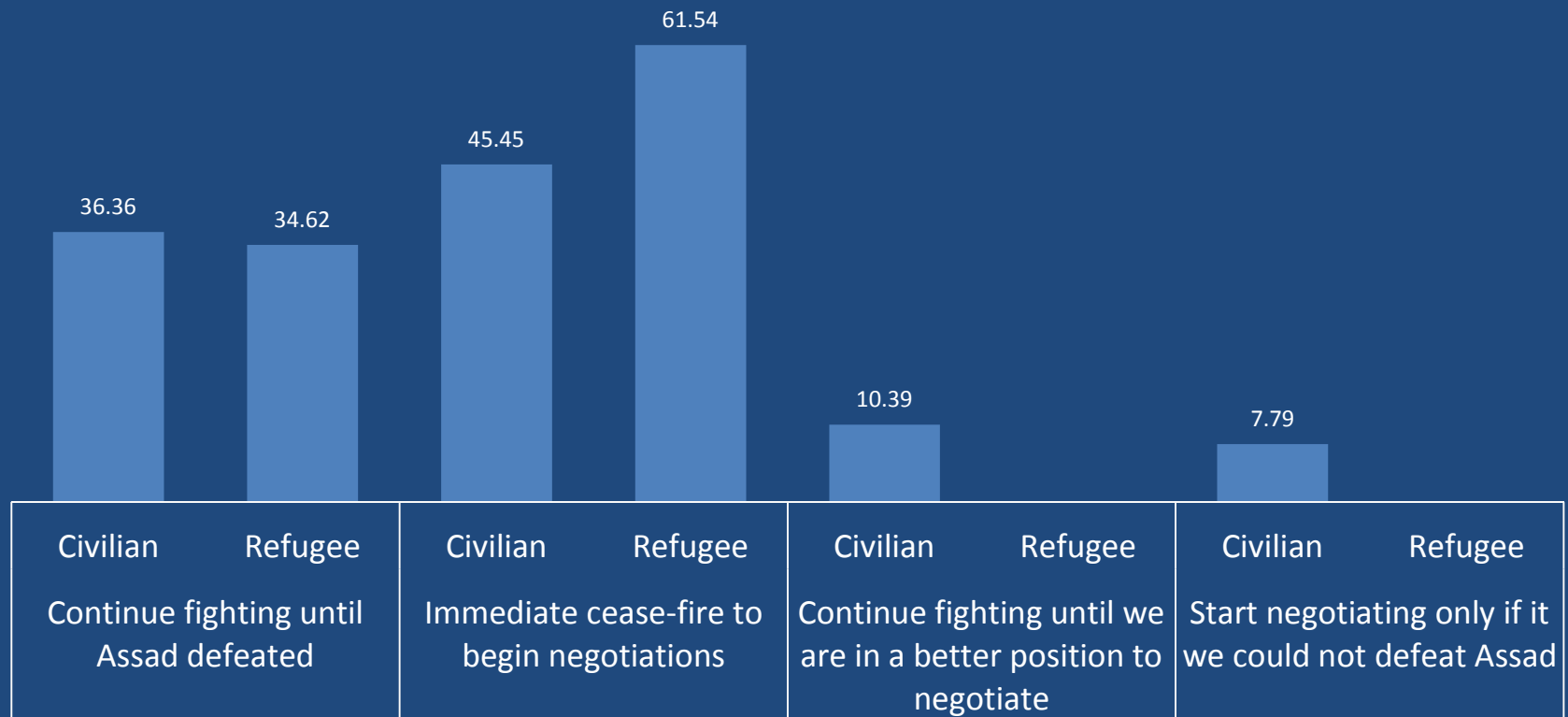
Q: Tell me whether you strongly support, somewhat support, or strongly oppose the following (%)

Strongly support    somewhat support    somewhat oppose    strongly oppose



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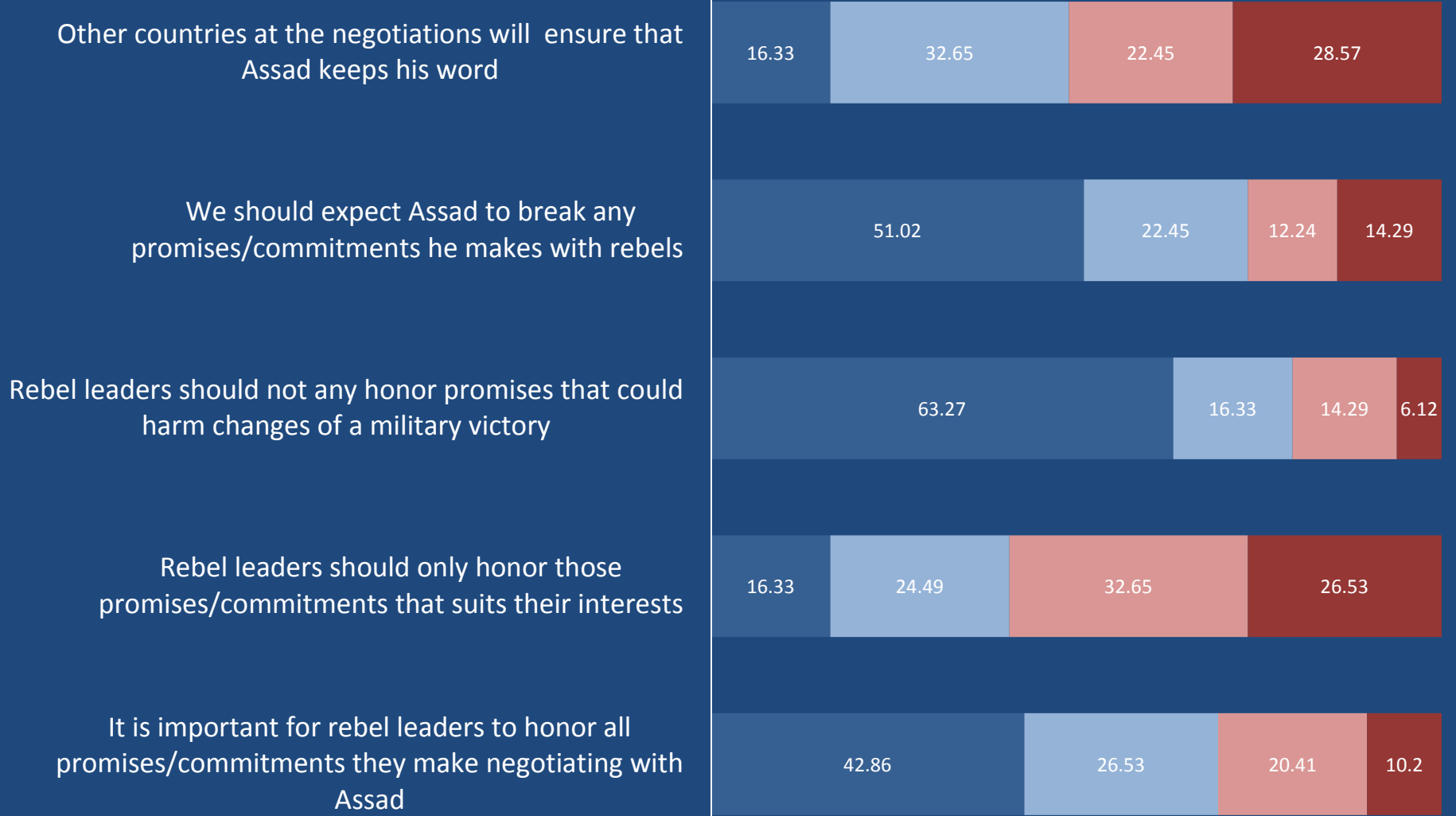
Q: Which of these options do you support the most?



## Honoring Commitments Made During Negotiations (Refugees only)

Q: Tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following:

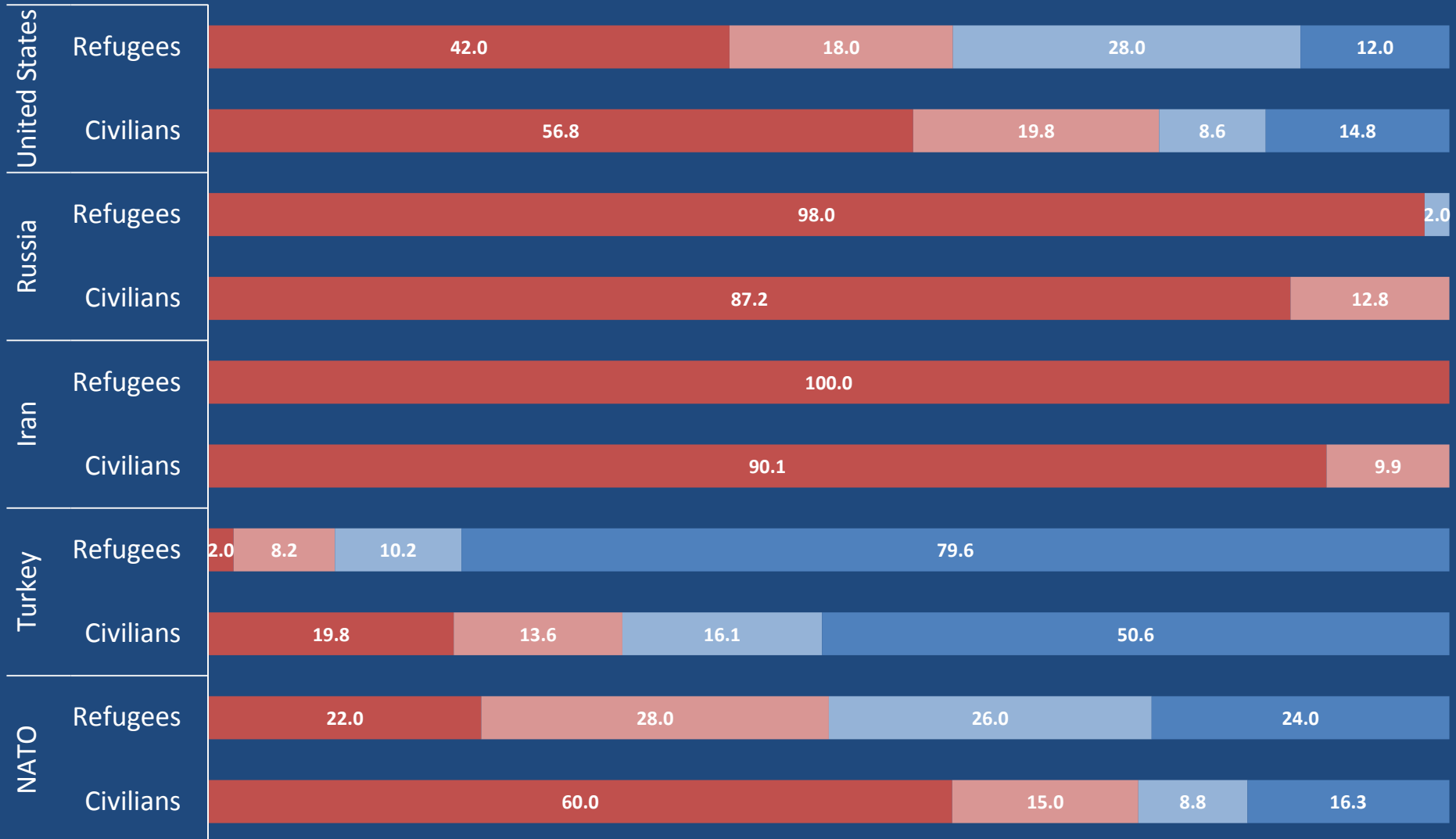
■ strongly agree   
 ■ somewhat agree   
 ■ somewhat disagree   
 ■ strongly disagree



## Views of Other Countries

*Q: Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable view of the following:*

■ Very Unfavorable   
 ■ Somewhat unfavorable   
 ■ Somewhat favorable   
 ■ Very Favorable

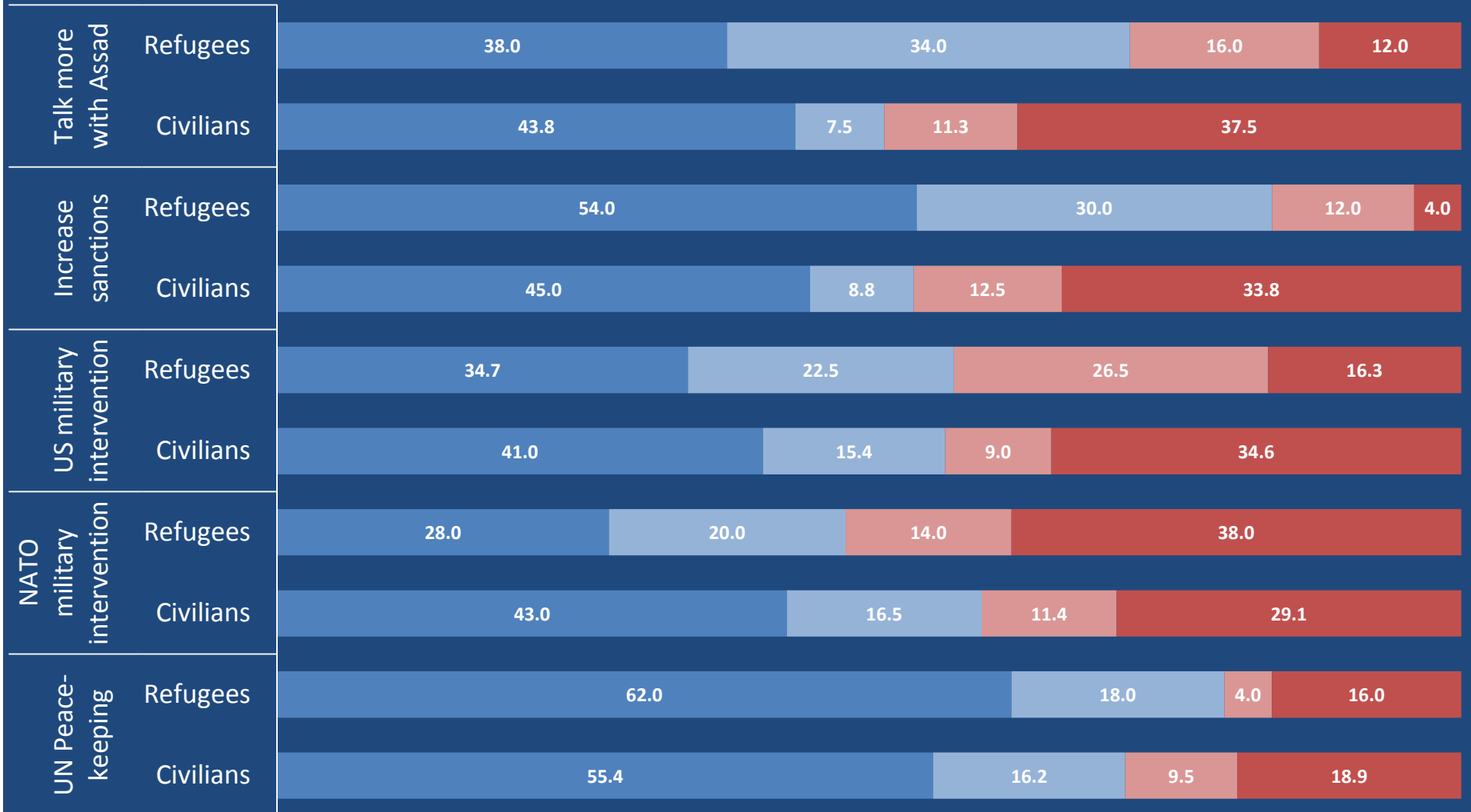




## Views on Outside Intervention in Syrian Conflict

*Q: There is often discussion about the role of what other countries could do to bring an end to the Syrian conflict. To what extent do you support the following? (%)*

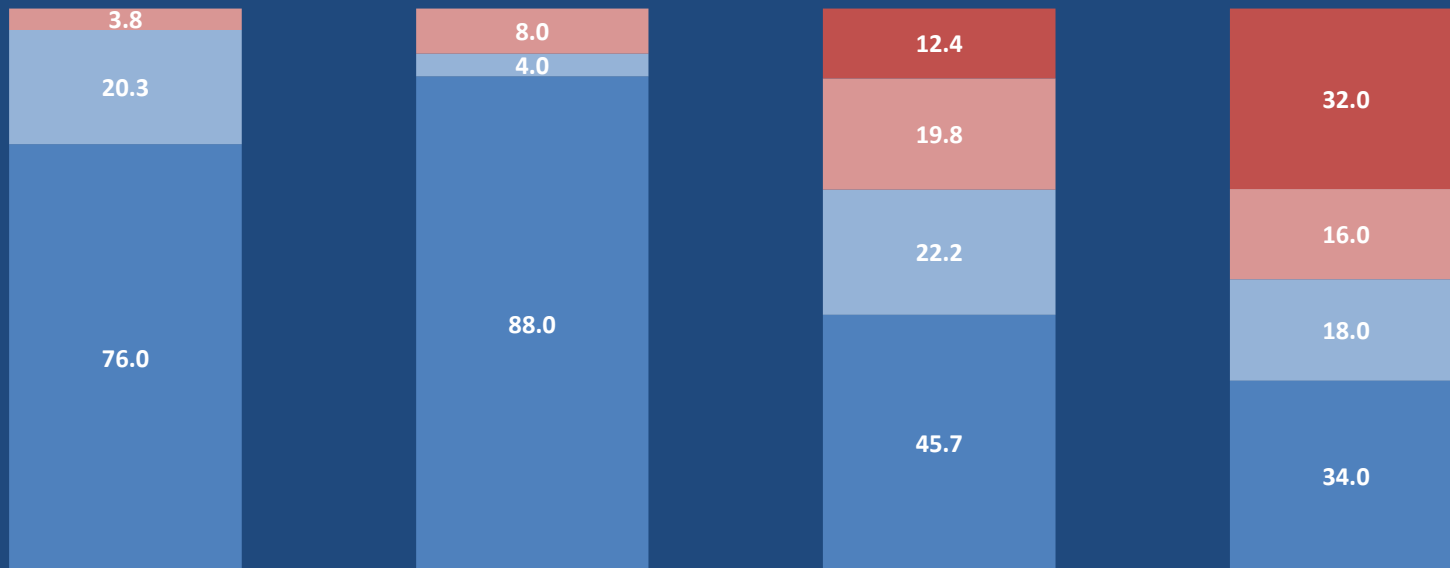
■ Strongly support   ■ somewhat support   ■ somewhat oppose   ■ strongly oppose



## Views on Syrian Unity

*Q: To what extent do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements*

■ strongly agree   ■ somewhat agree   ■ somewhat disagree   ■ strongly disagree

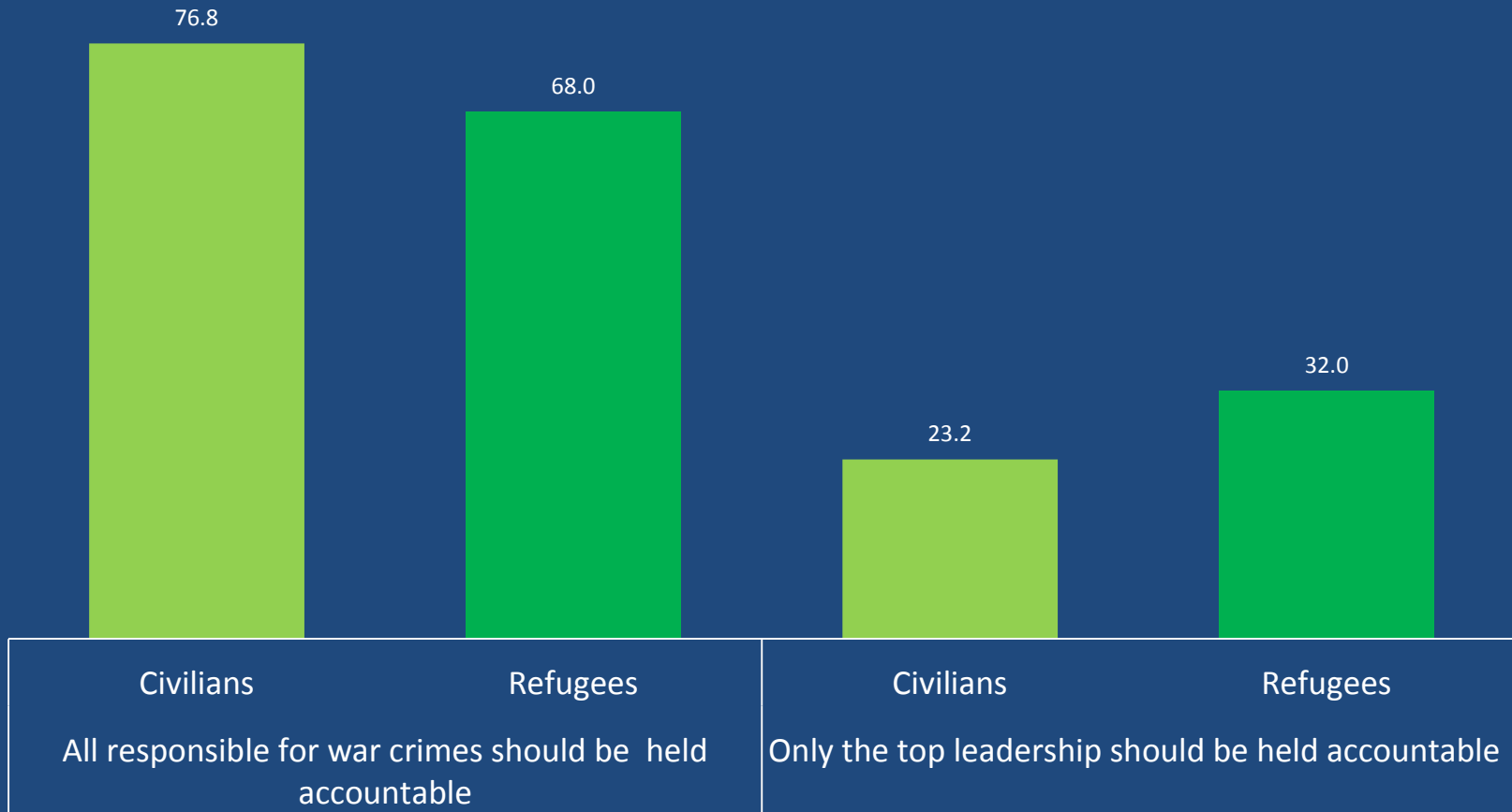


Civilians  
Refugees  
It is essential that Syria remains a unified state

Civilians  
Refugees  
Parts of Syria should be allowed more regional autonomy

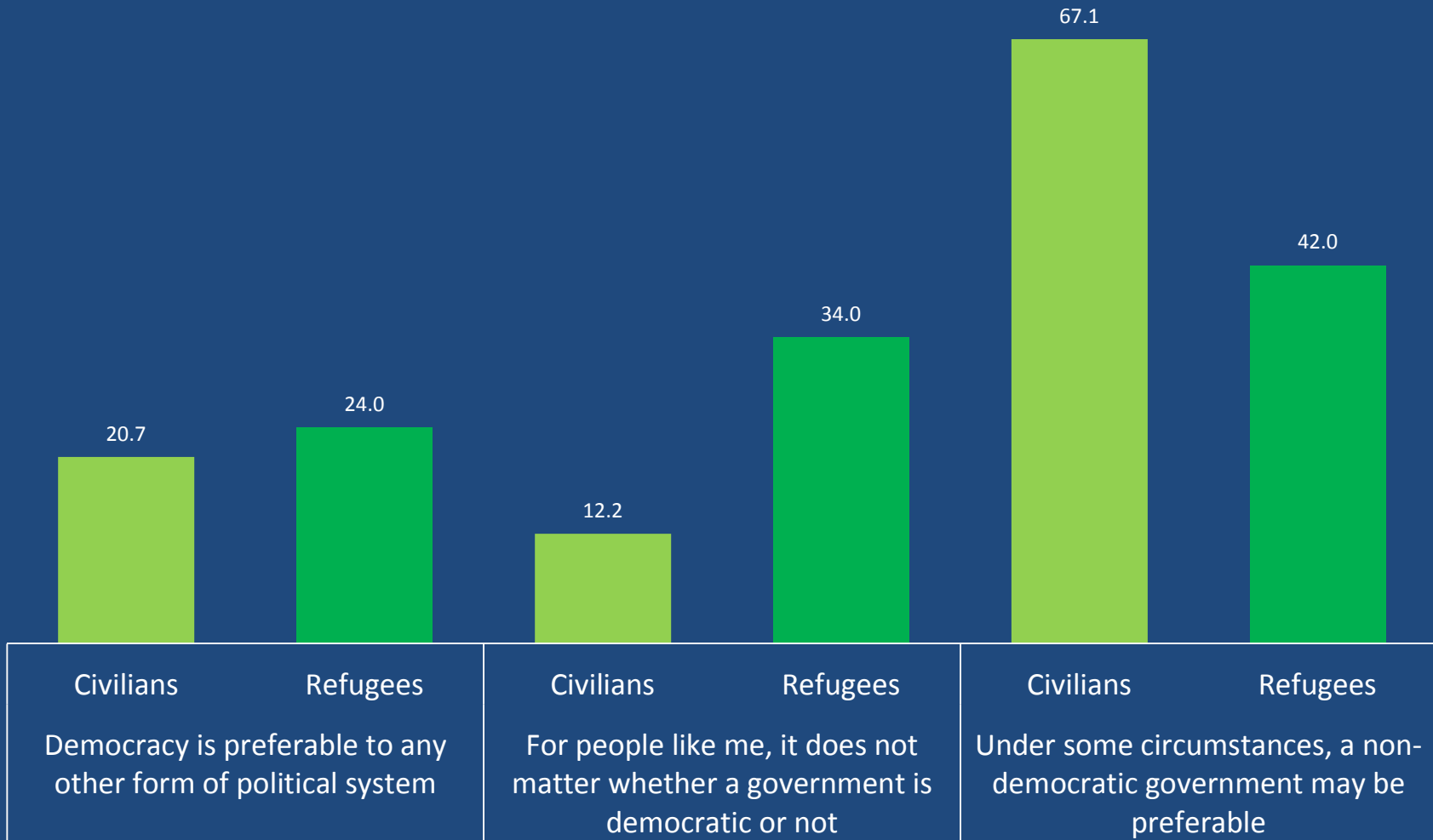
## Accountability for War Crimes

*Q: Which of these two statements comes closer to your own view?*



## Support for Democracy

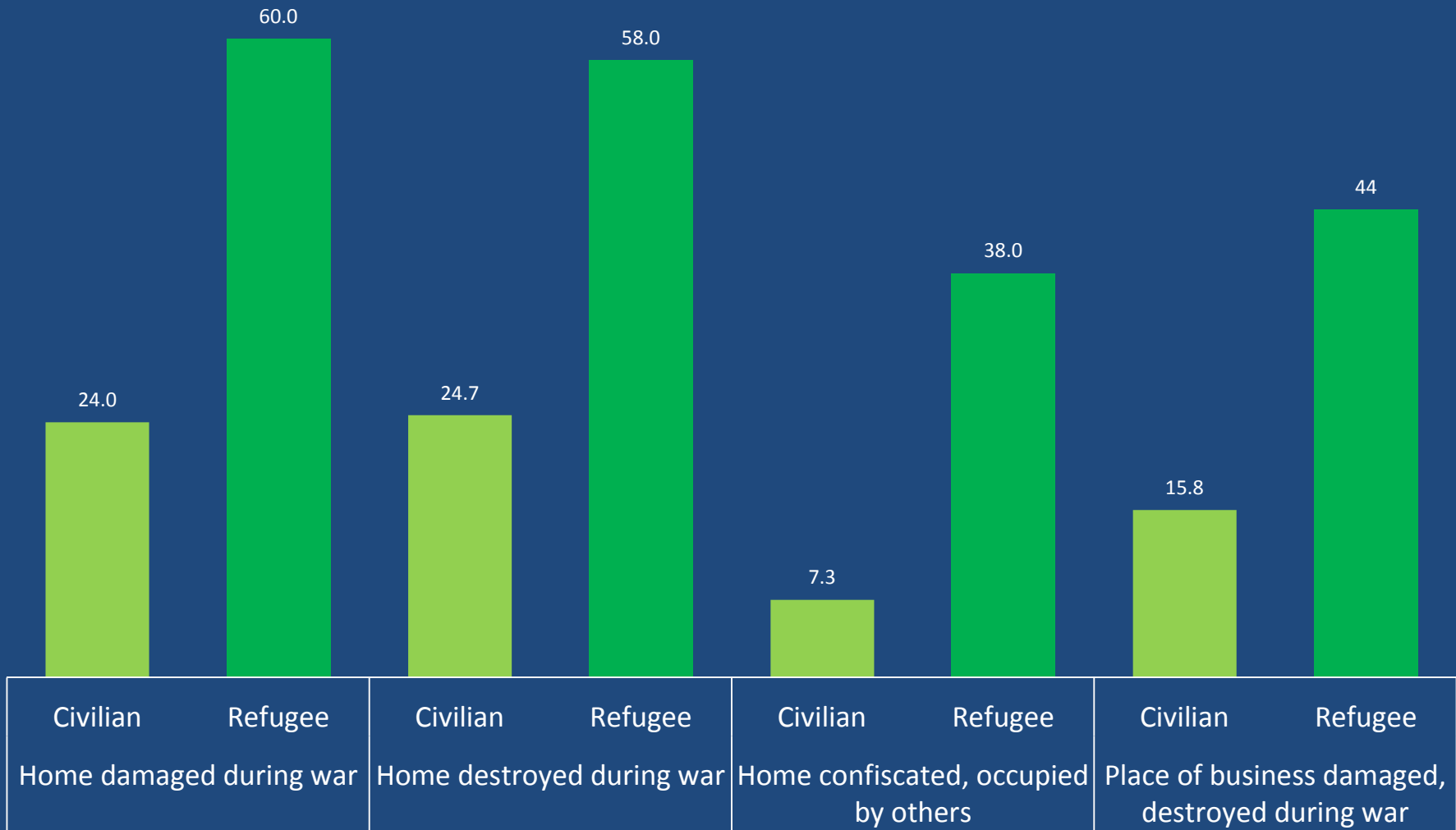
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# Victimization

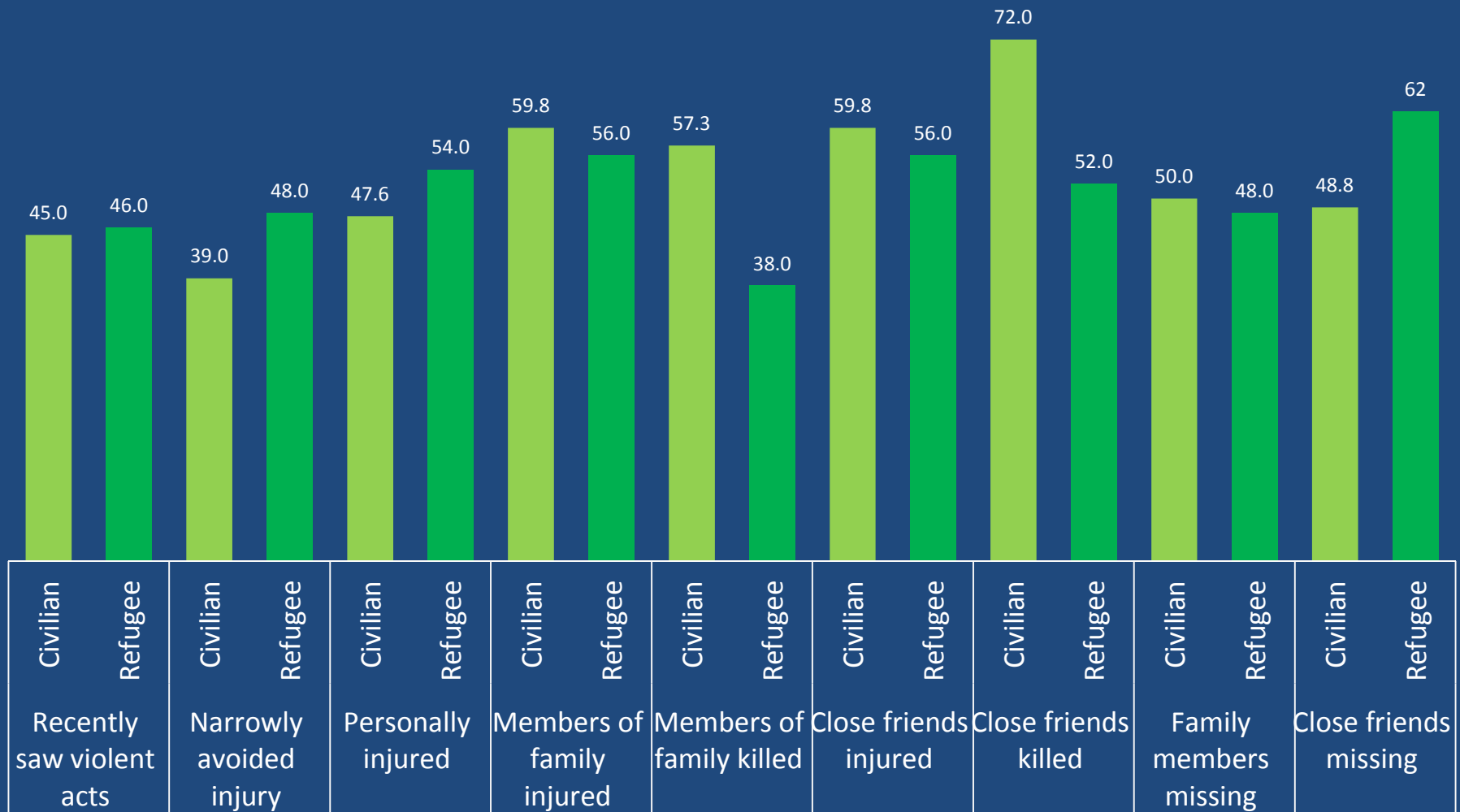
## Displacement by Violence

*Q: Please indicate which of the following applied to you*



## Victimization by Violence

*Q: In addition, many peopel have been killed, injured, and suffered the loss of family member and close friends. Please indicate which of the following applied to you ? (%)*

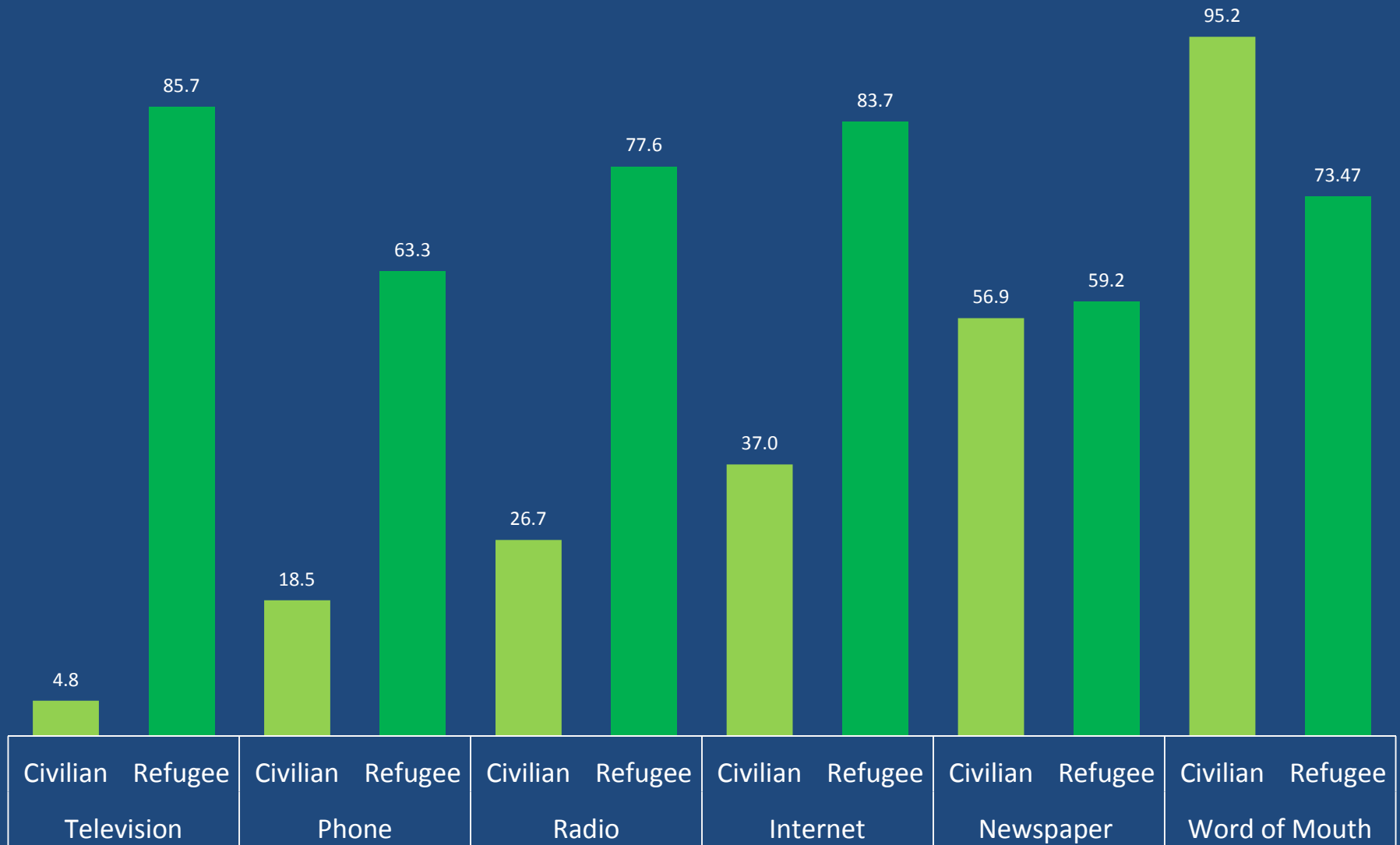


# Mass Media



## Sources of Information

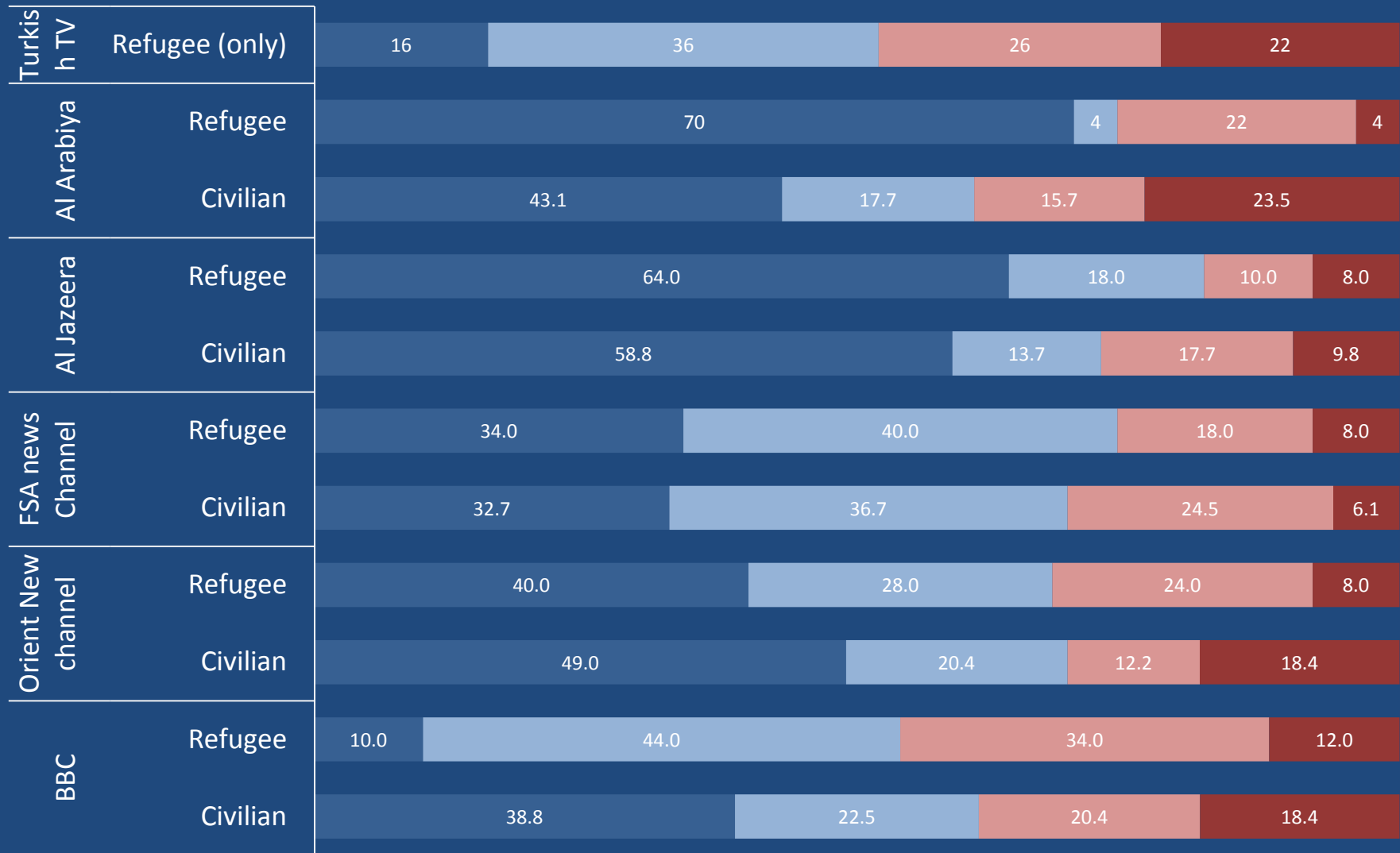
Q: What are your most important sources of information ?  
(Select all that apply, % choosing each option)



## Trust in Major Media Outlets' Syria Coverage

Q: How much do you trust the following news sources for objective reporting about what is happening daily in Syria ?

■ Highly Trust ■ Somewhat Trust ■ Somewhat Distrust ■ Highly Distrust

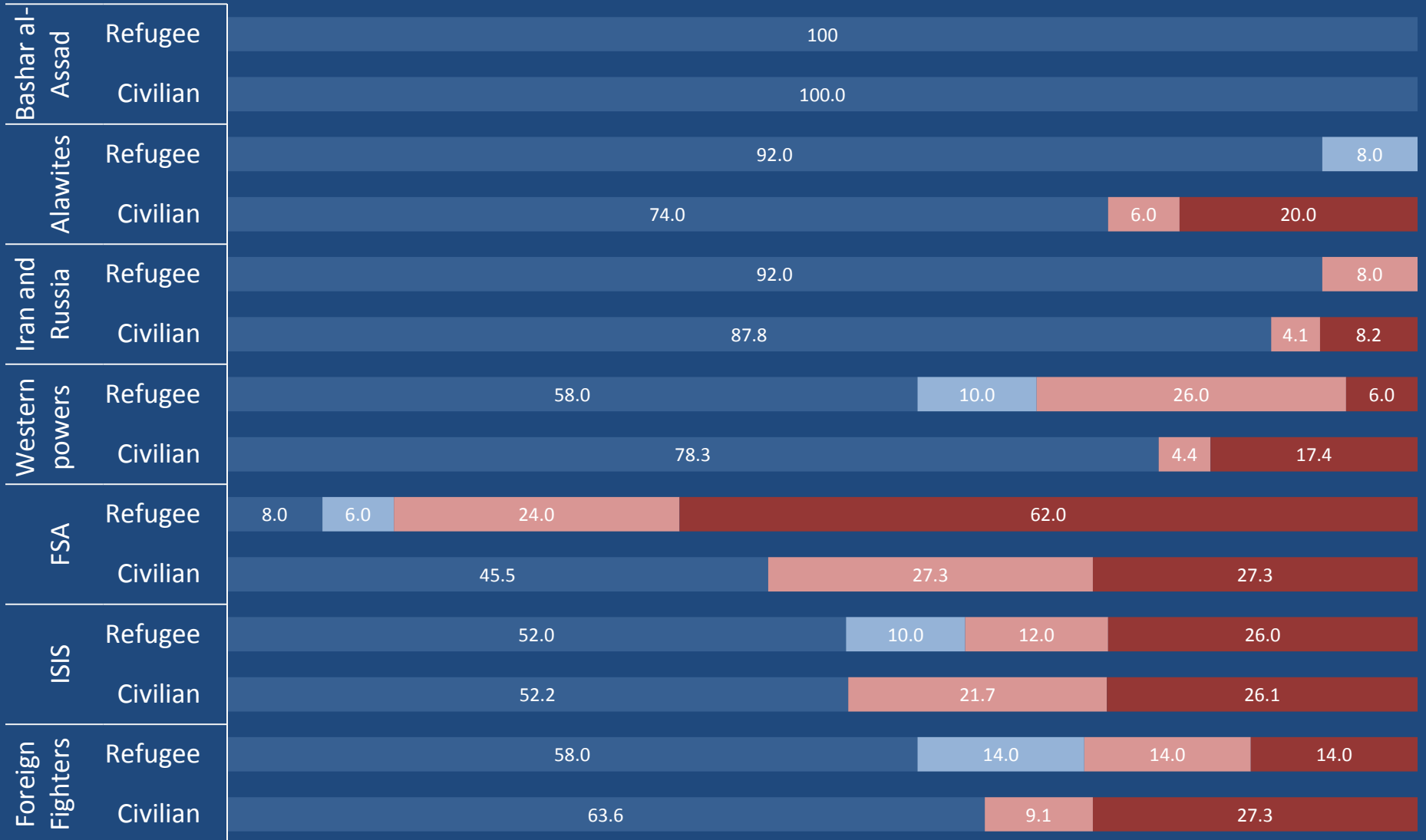


# Assigning Blame for the Conflict

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Q: In your opinion, who deserves the blame for the protracted conflict in Syria ?

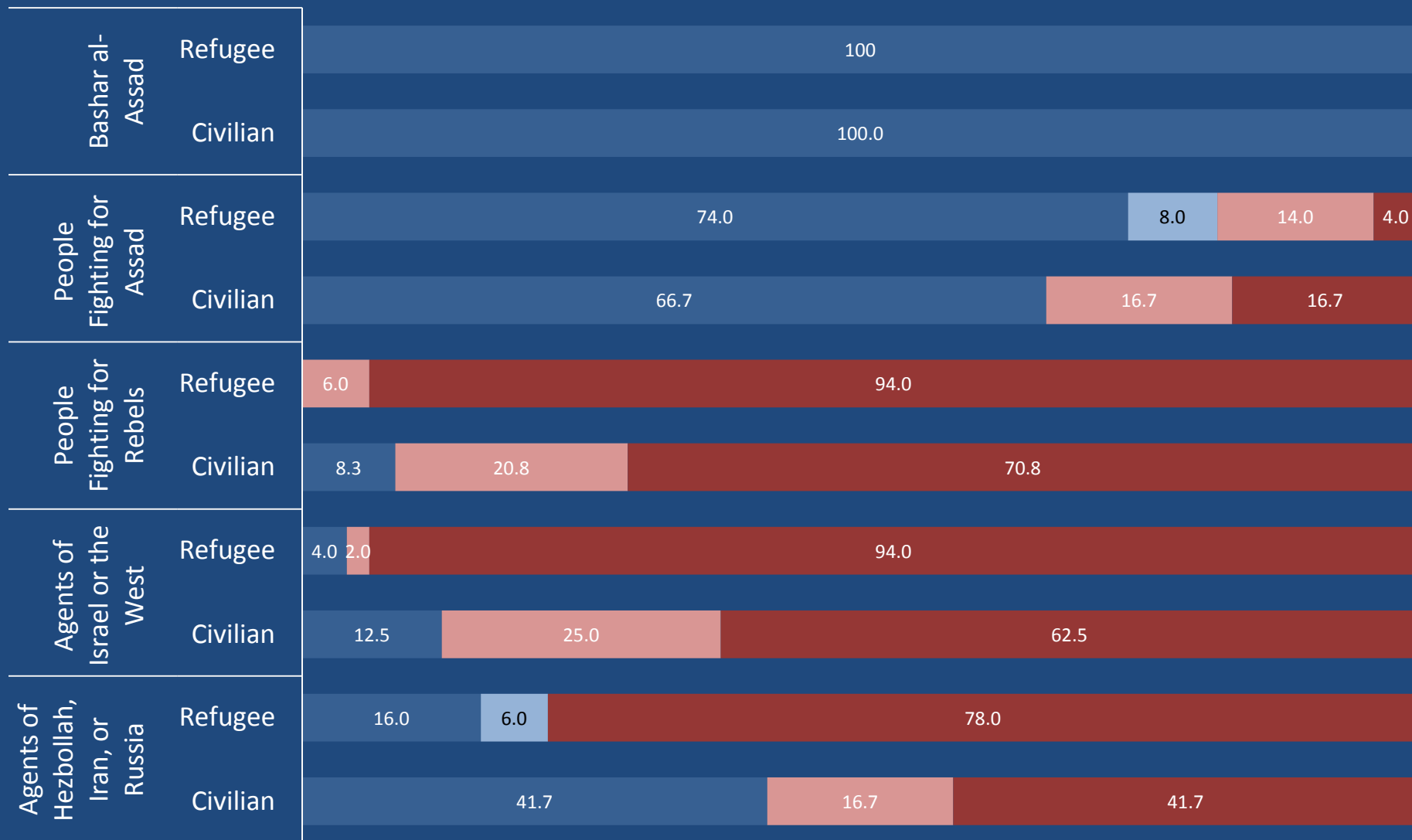
Strongly Agree   Somewhat Agree   Somewhat Disagree   Strongly Disagree



## Assigning Blame for chemical Weapons Attacks

Q: In your opinion, who is responsible for the chemical attack in Ghouta ?

Strongly Agree   Somewhat Agree   Somewhat Disagree   Strongly Disagree

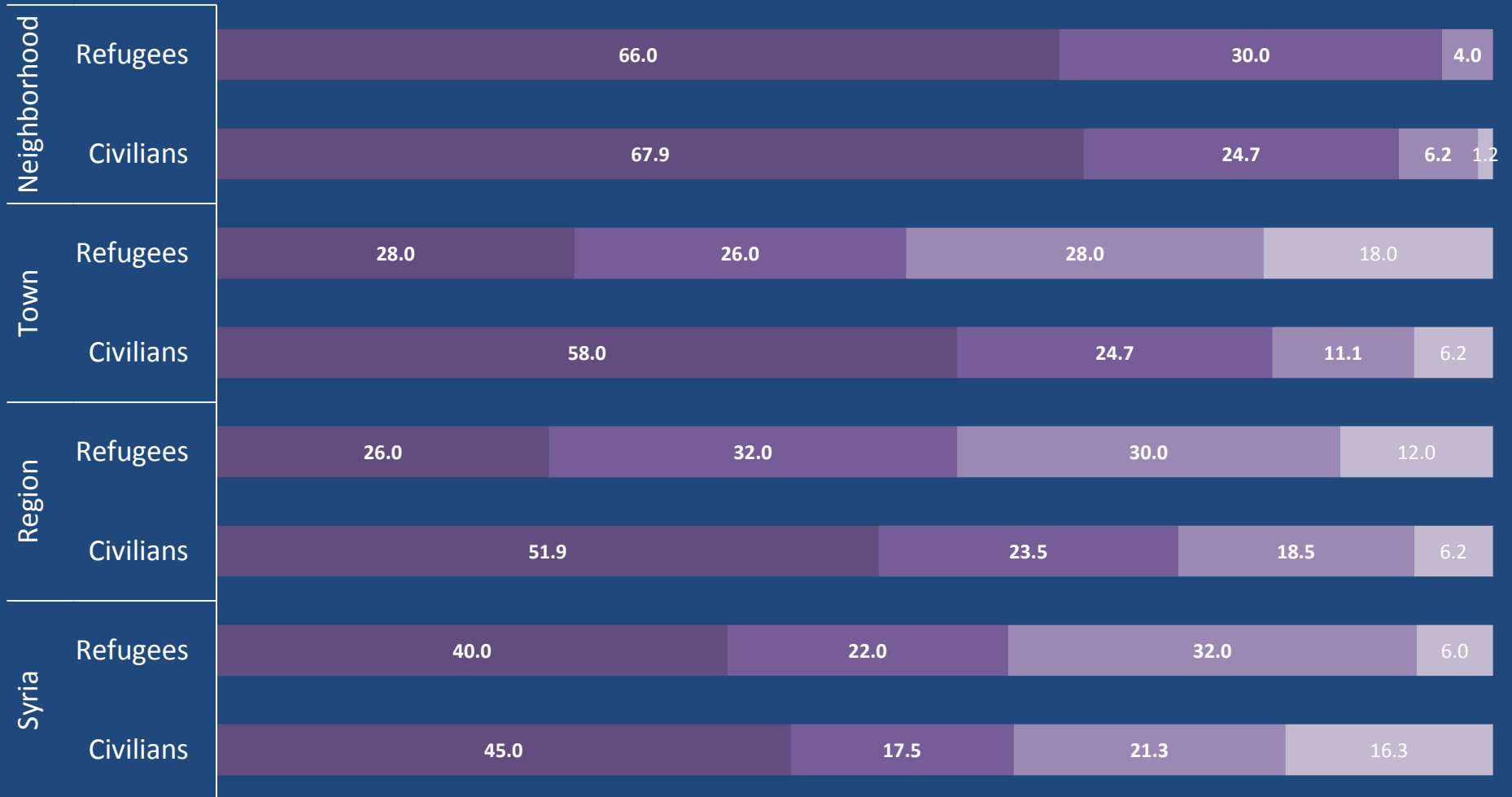


# Social Capital

## Social Distance by Location

Q: In general, how close do you feel to other people in the following locations ?

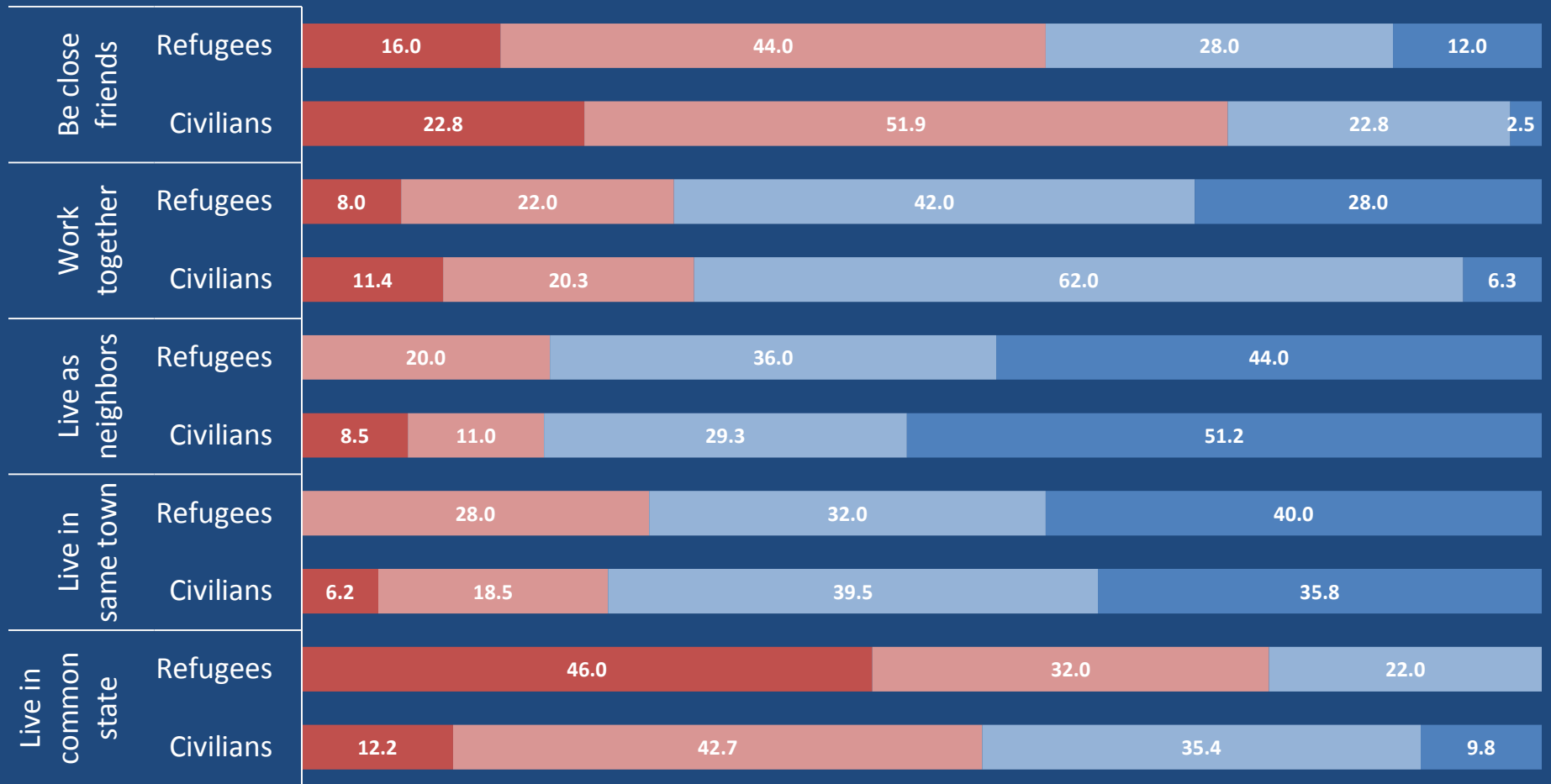
Very Close   Somewhat Close   Not Very Close   Not Close at all



## Views on Reconciliation After Violence I

Q: Giving the way things are now, to what extent do you think Syrians on different sides of this conflict will be able to do the following:

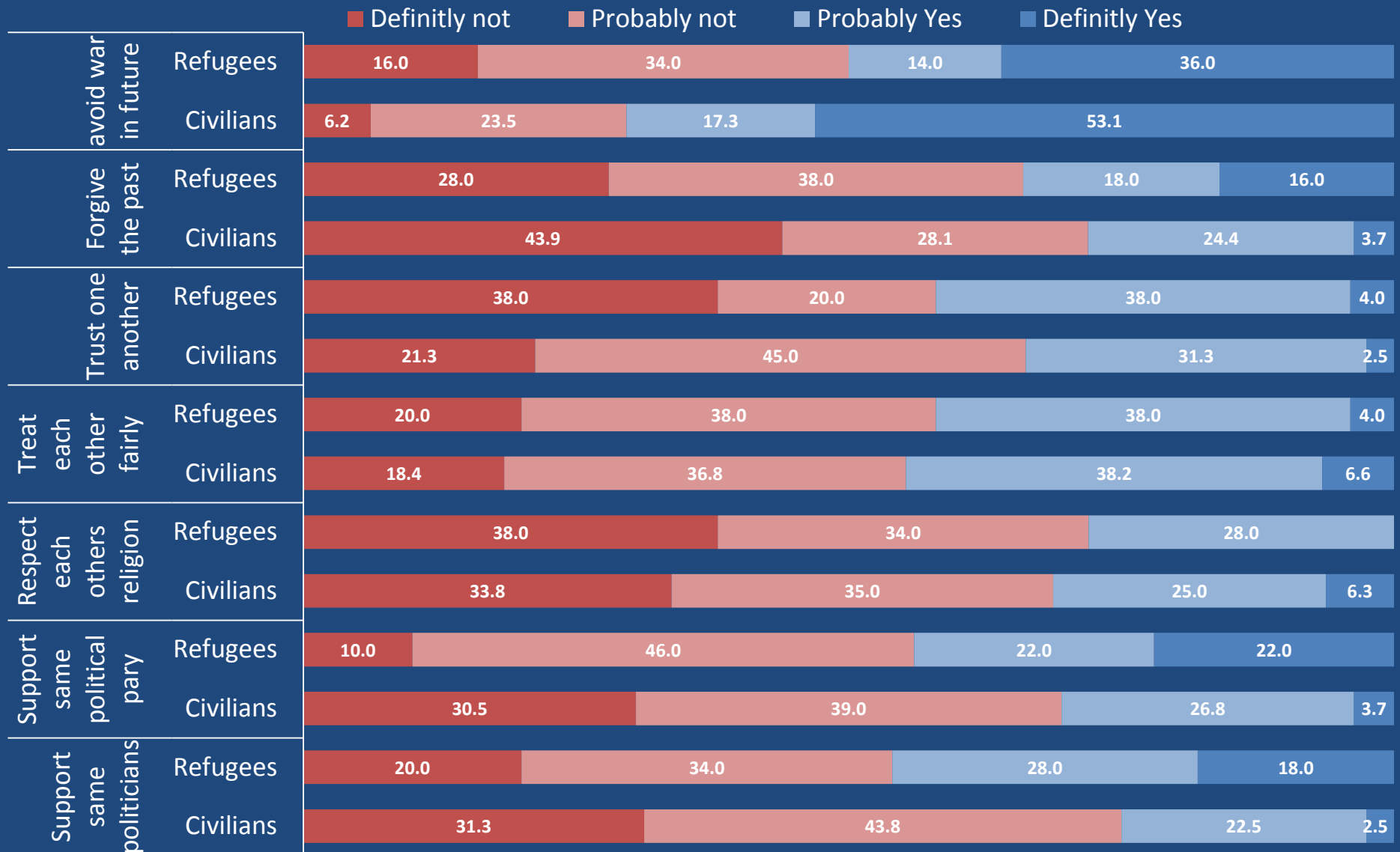
Definitely not   Probably not   Probably Yes   Definitely Yes





## Views on Reconciliation After Violence II

Q: Giving the way things are now, to what extent do you think Syrians on different sides of this conflict will be able to do the following:



## Reconciliation with Alawite Minority

*Q: What about Alawati people of Syria who are supporting Assad? Do you think it will be possible to do the following again after the war? (%)*

Definitely Not   Probably Not   Probably Yes   Definitely Yes

