

“Voices of Syria” Project

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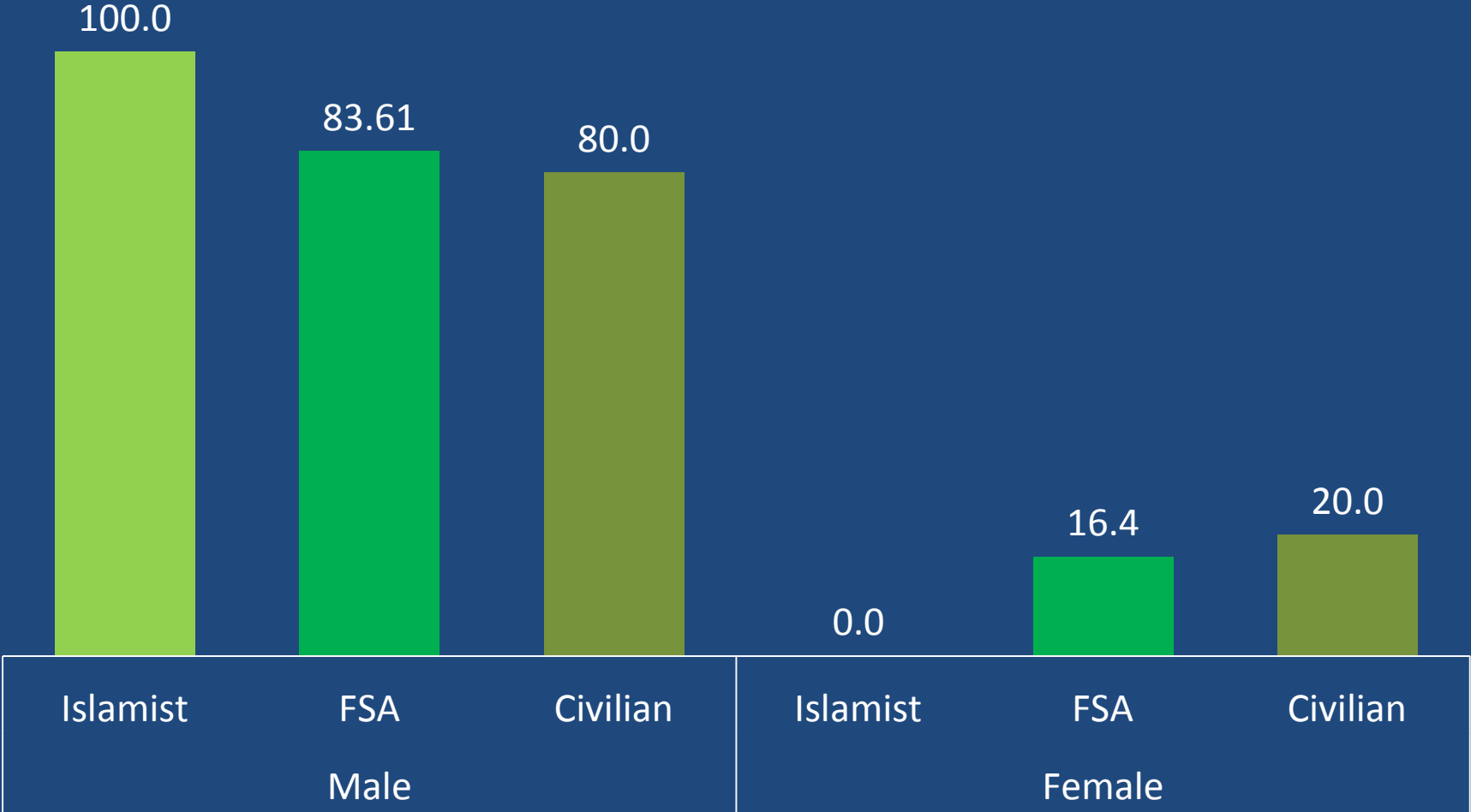
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Methodology

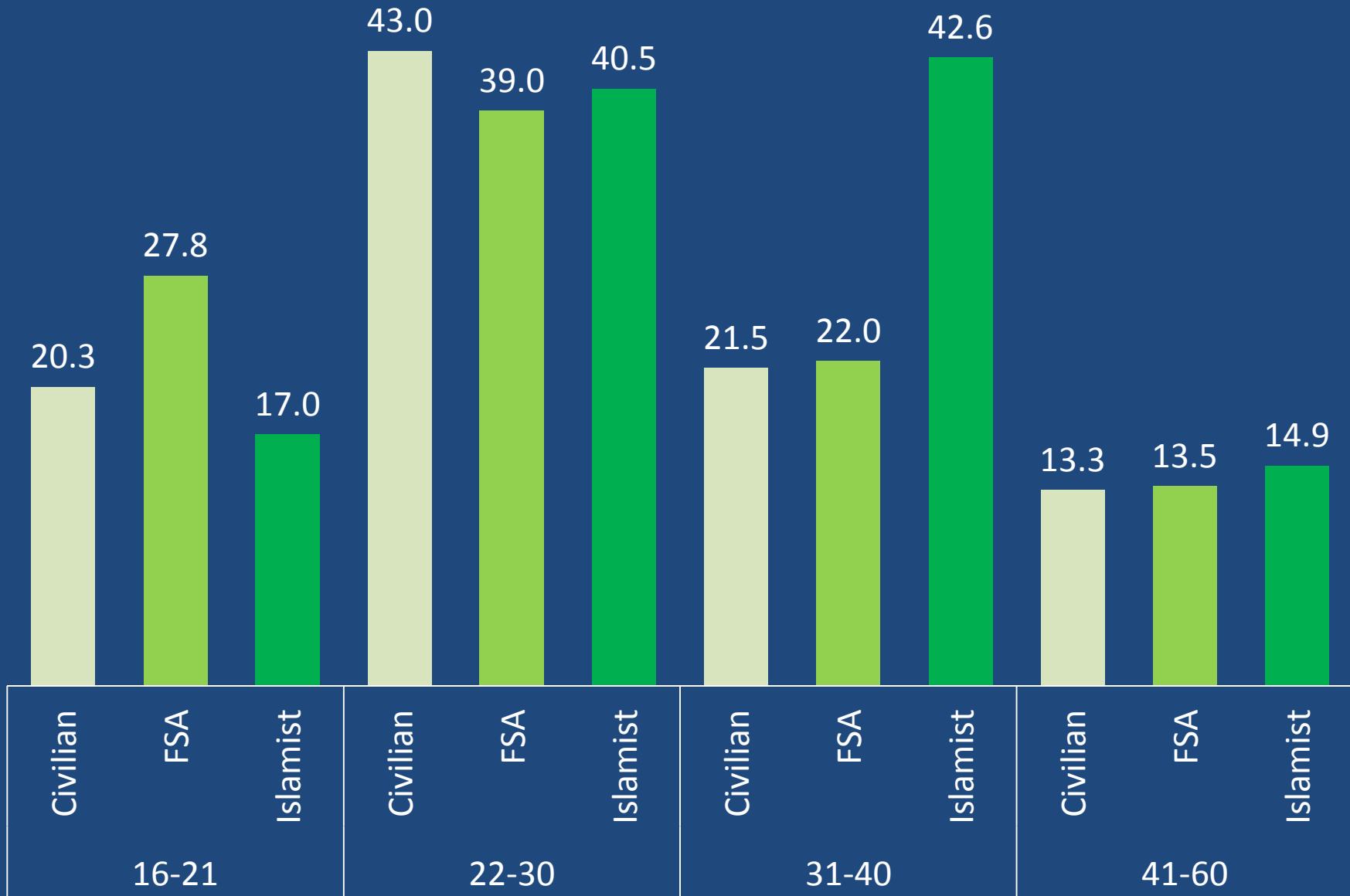
- Unknown population parameters and security concerns preclude random sampling
- We rely on non-probability, cluster sampling
- No more than 5 per cluster, 1 per household
- Civilian/FSA interviews in Aleppo and Idlib (August 2013-December 2013)
- Refugee Interviews in Turkey (Jan- April 2014)
- Islamist fighters, mostly from Islamic Front (May 2014)
- N = 310

Demographics

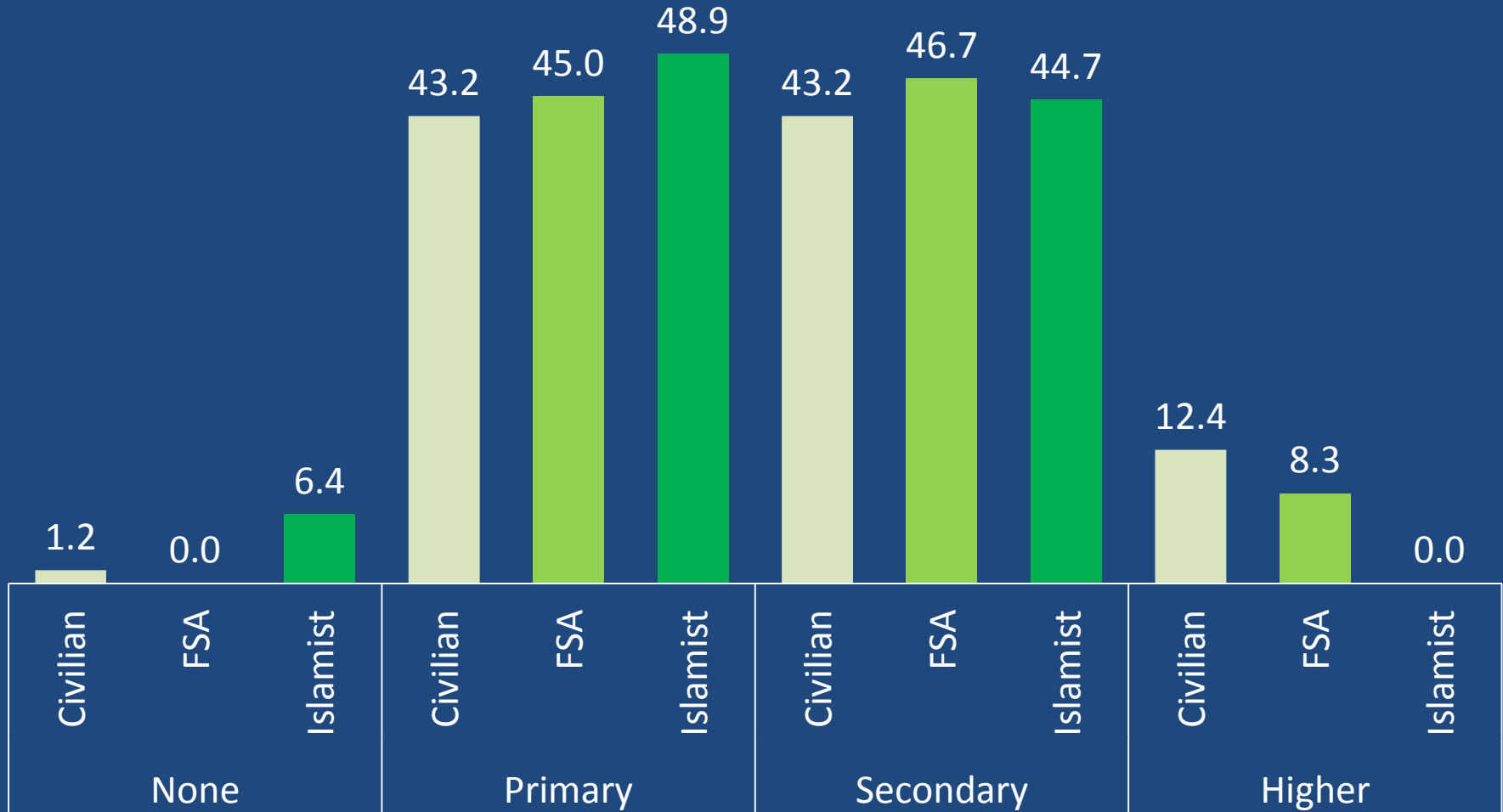
Respondents Gender



Respondents Age Group



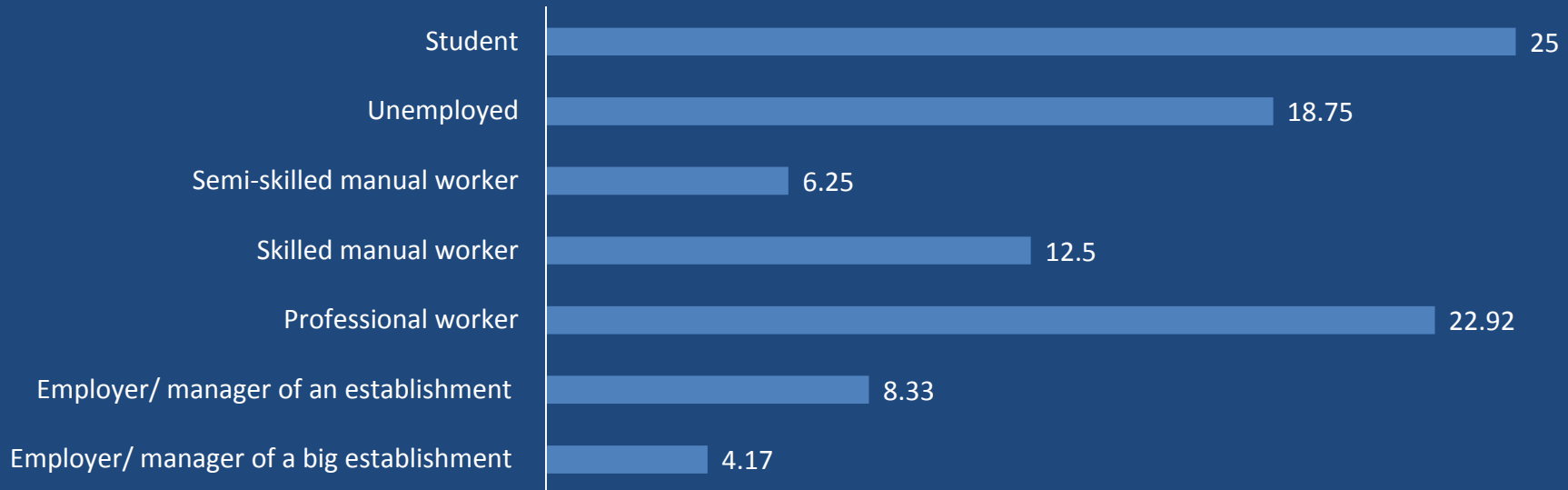
Respondents Education Levels



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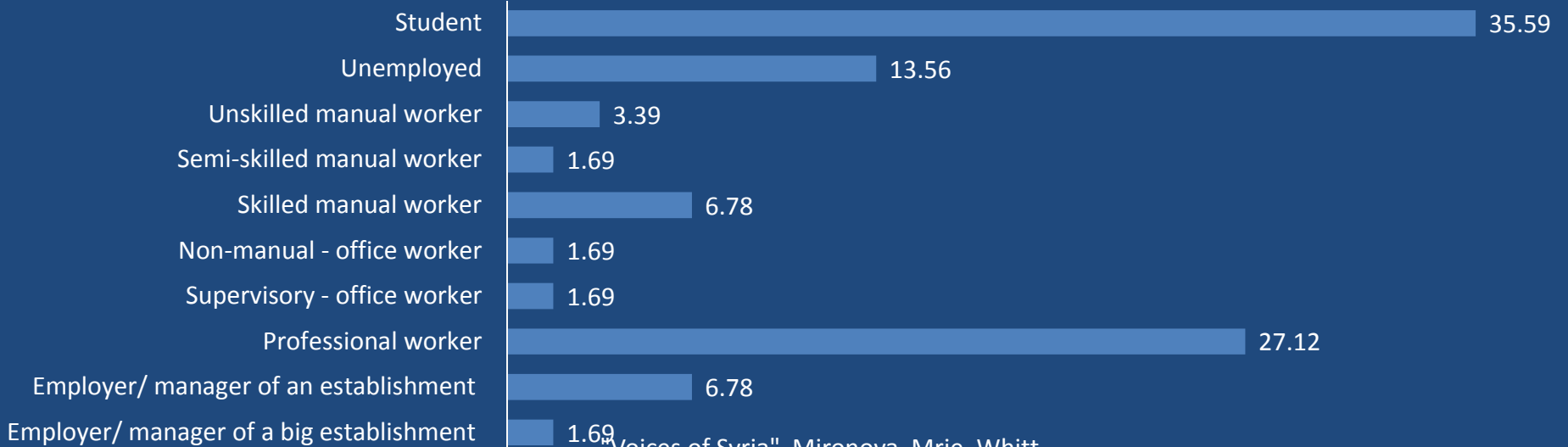
Occupation Before the War (Islamists)

Q: What type of work were you doing before the war began ?



Occupation Before War (FSA)

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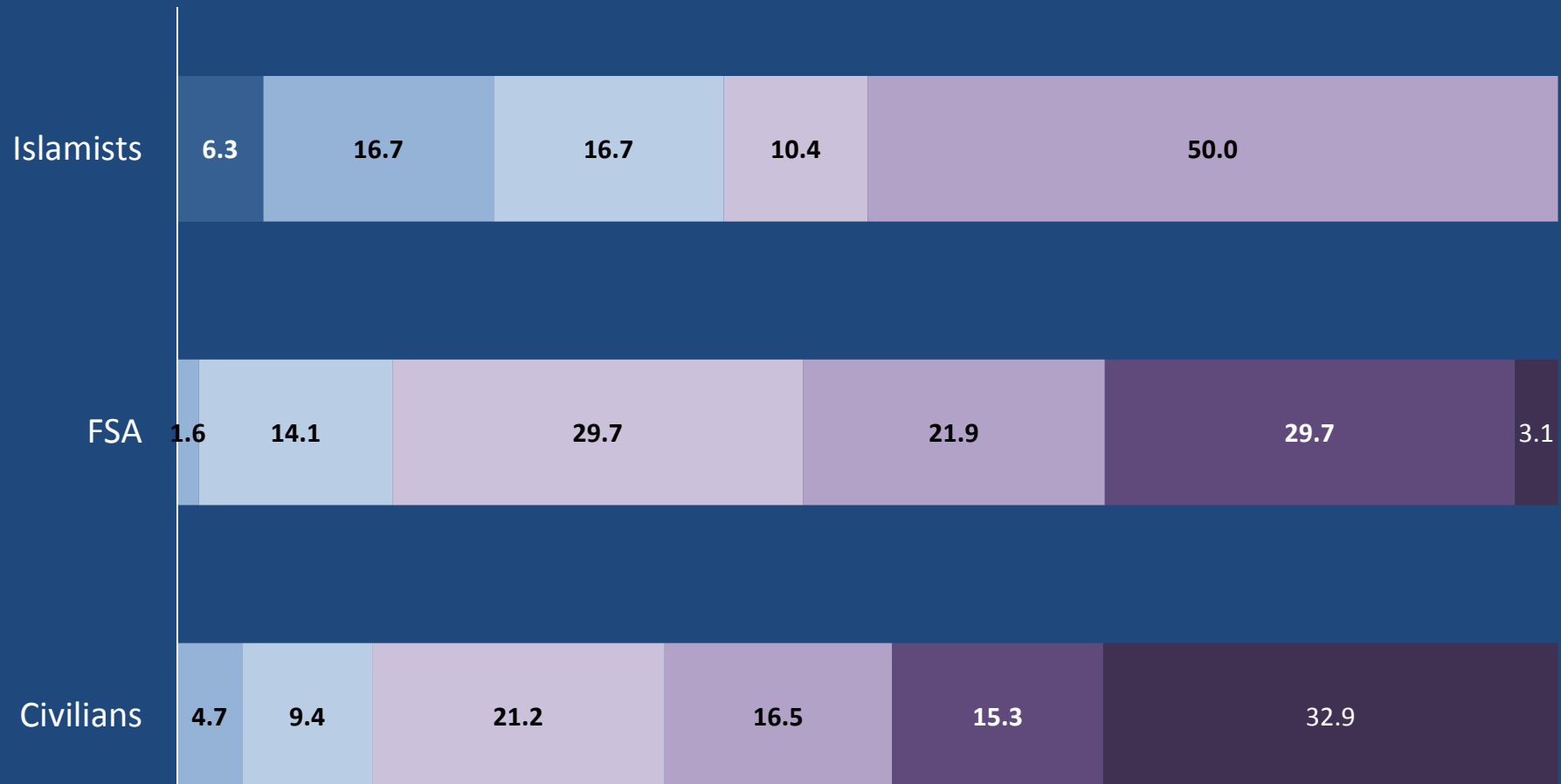


Displacement

Time at Current Location

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

■ Less than a week ■ 1–3 weeks ■ 1-3 months ■ 3-6 months
■ 6-12 months ■ 1-2 years ■ More than 2 years

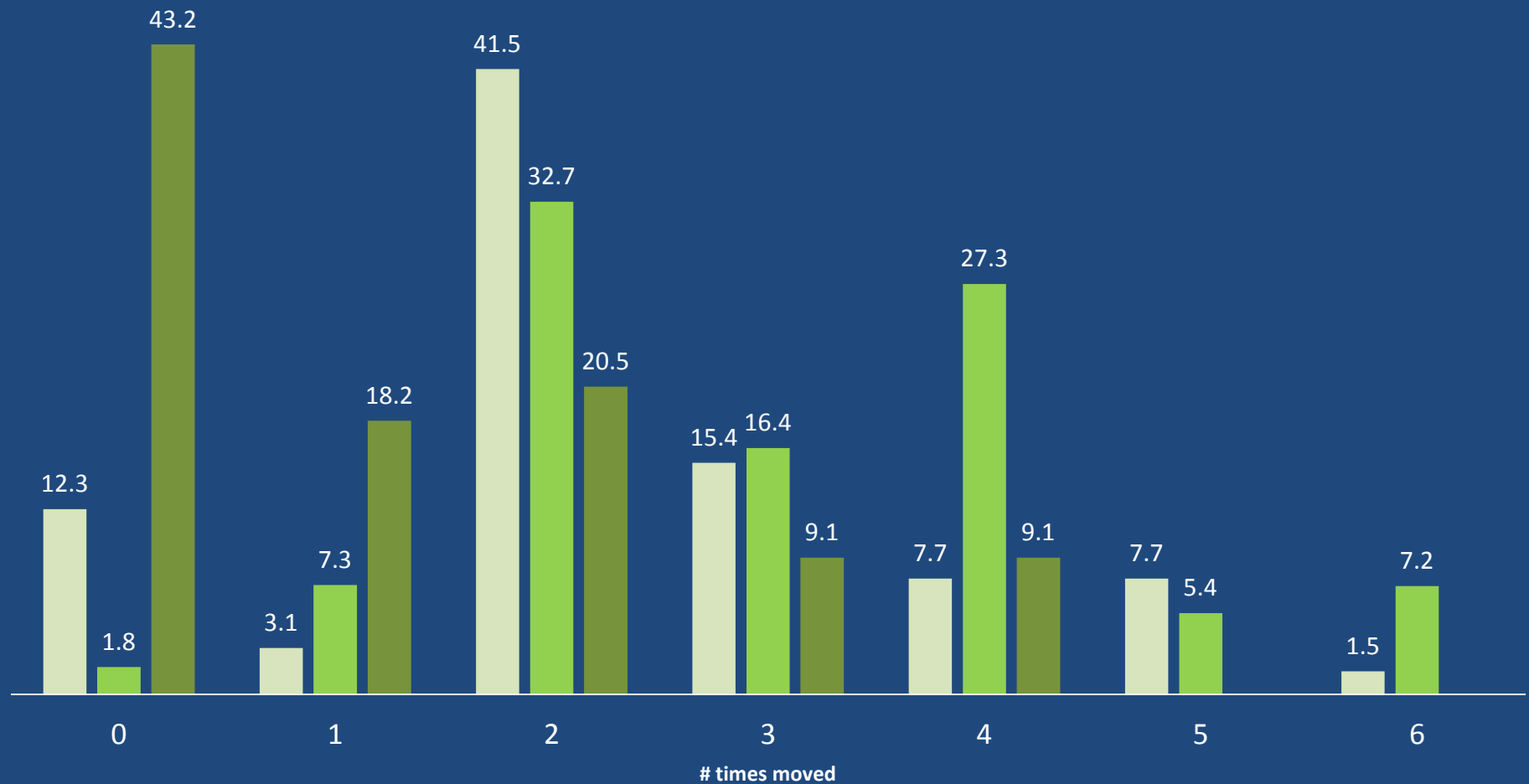


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Displacement by Conflict

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

■ Civilians ■ FSA ■ Islamist



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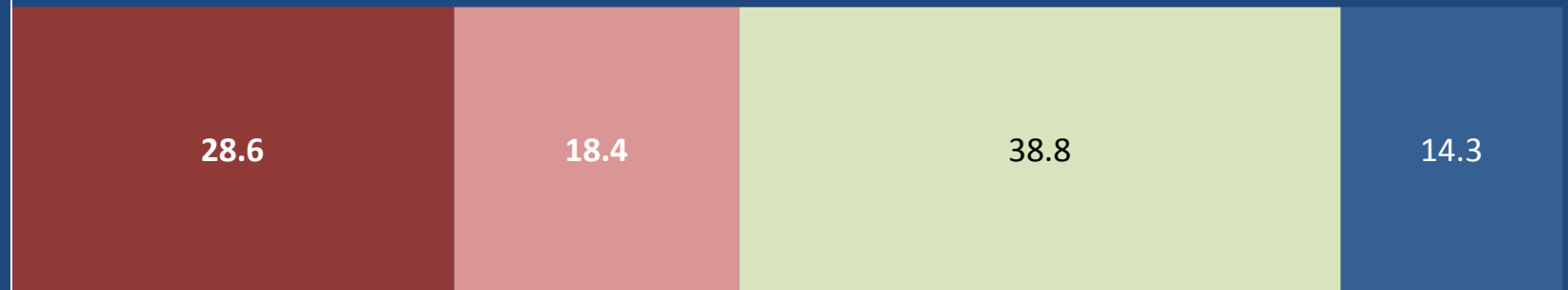
Safety and Security

Assessment of Current Conditions

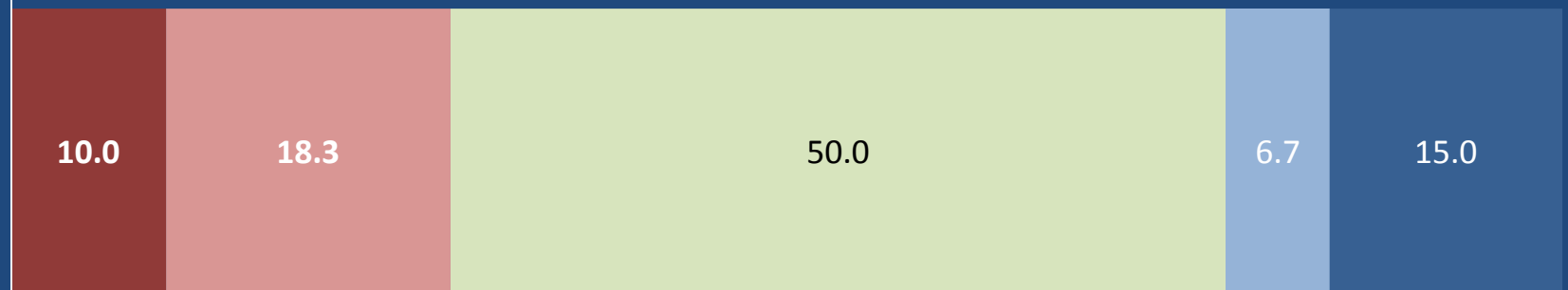
Q: Compared to 12 months ago, do you think conditions here have:

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

Islamist



FSA

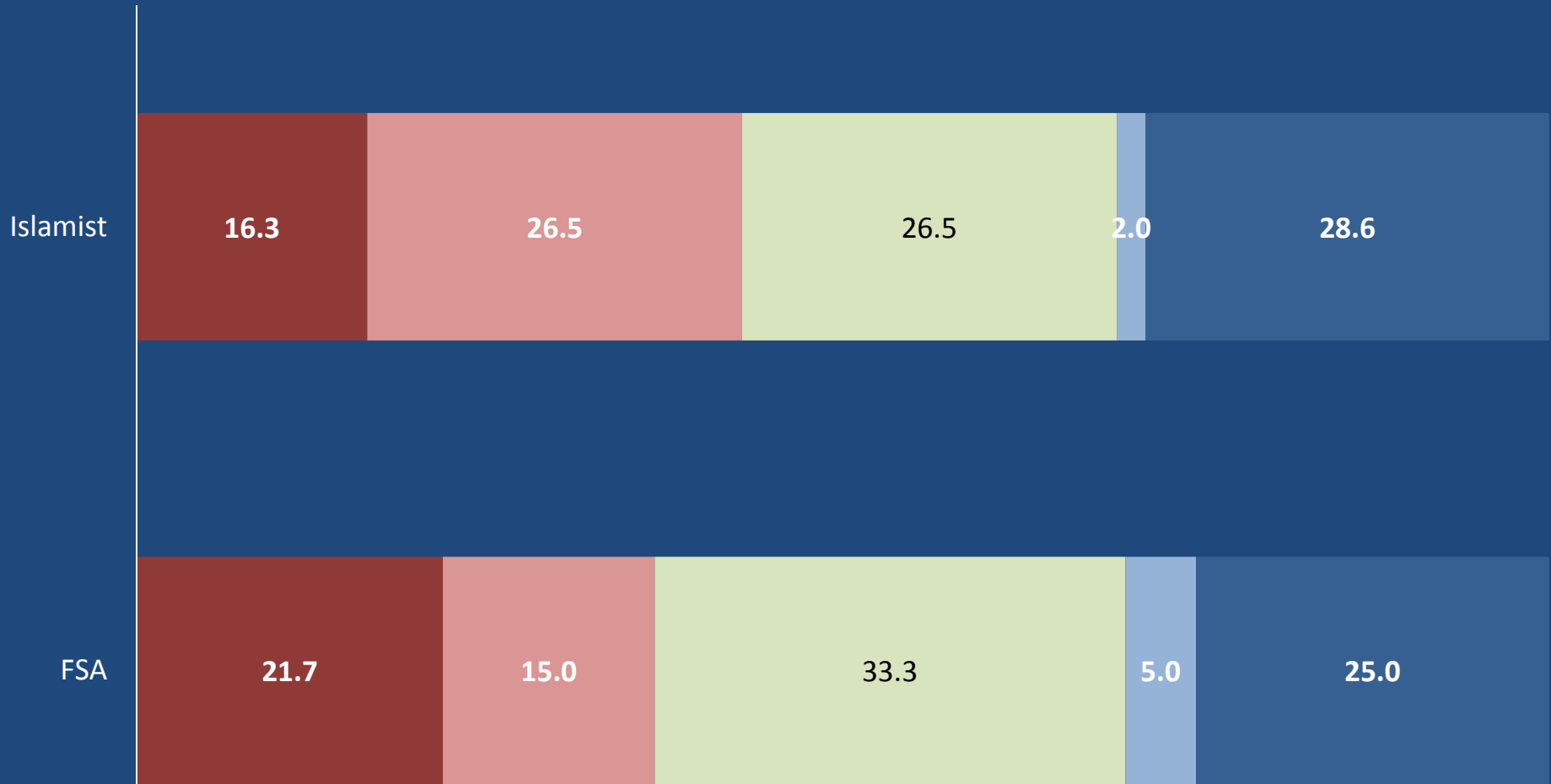


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Expectations for the Future

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

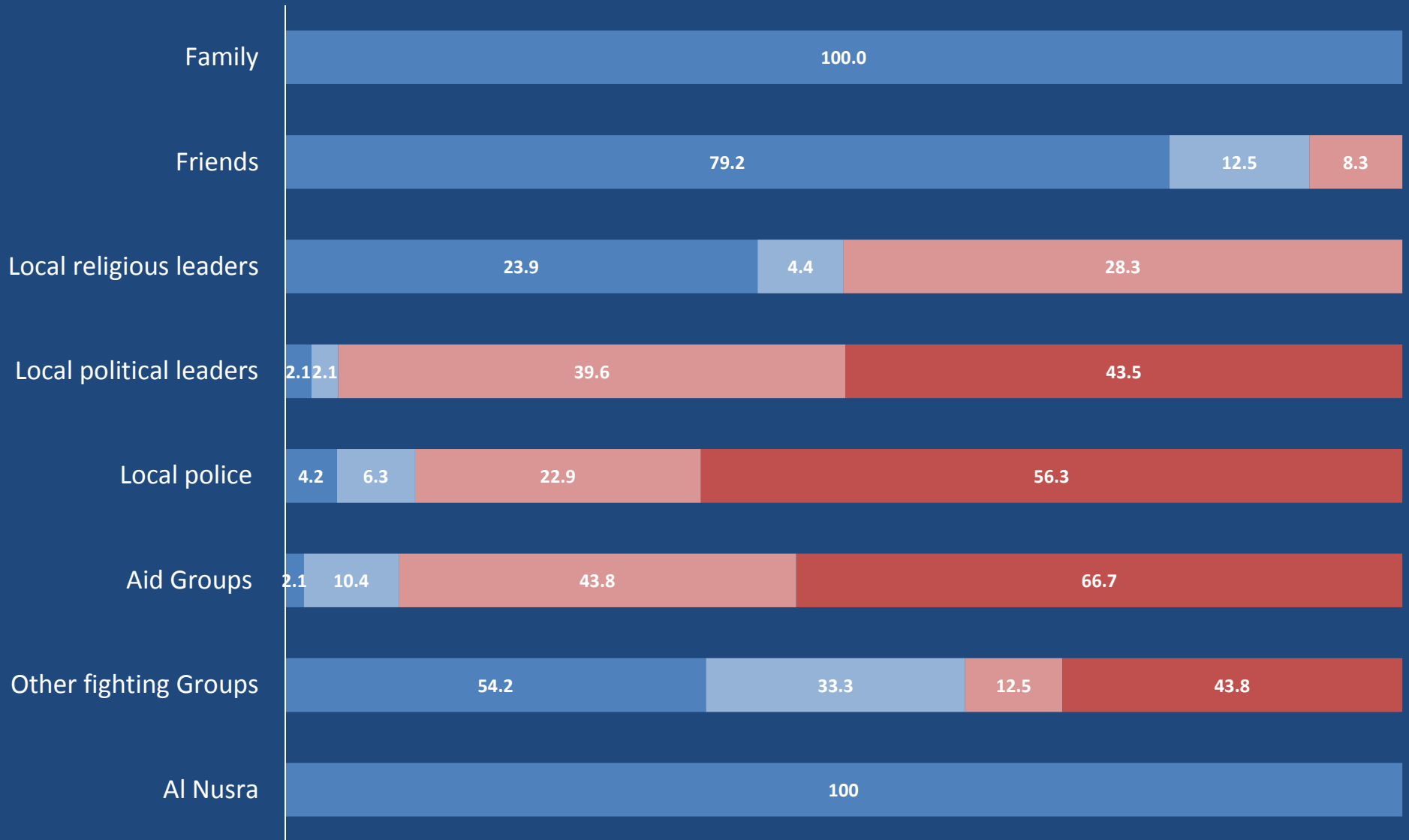


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Reliance on Others for Safety and Security (Islamists only)

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

Strongly agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree

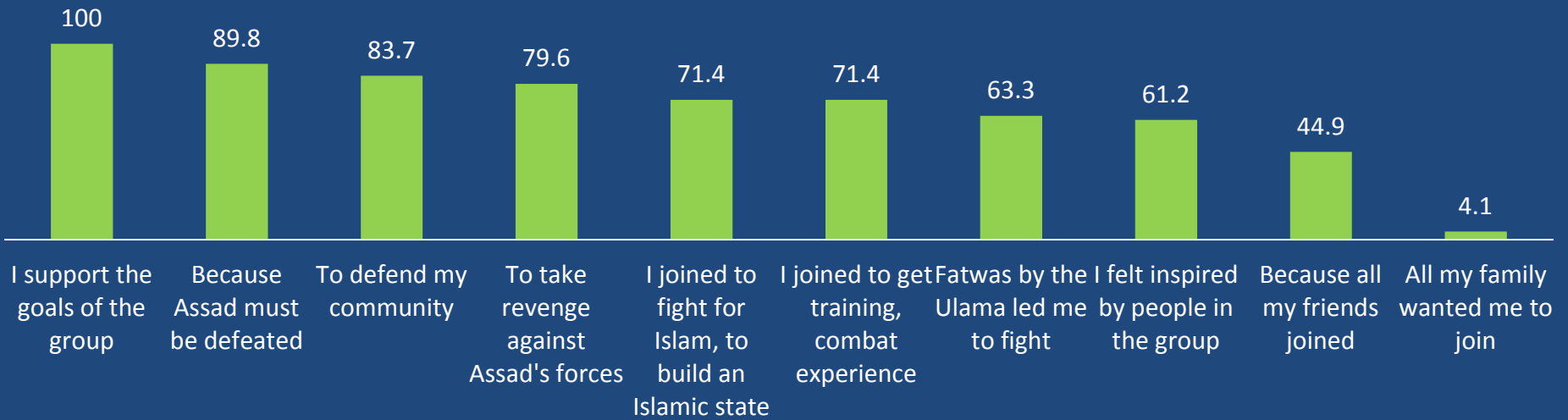


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Rebel Recruitment

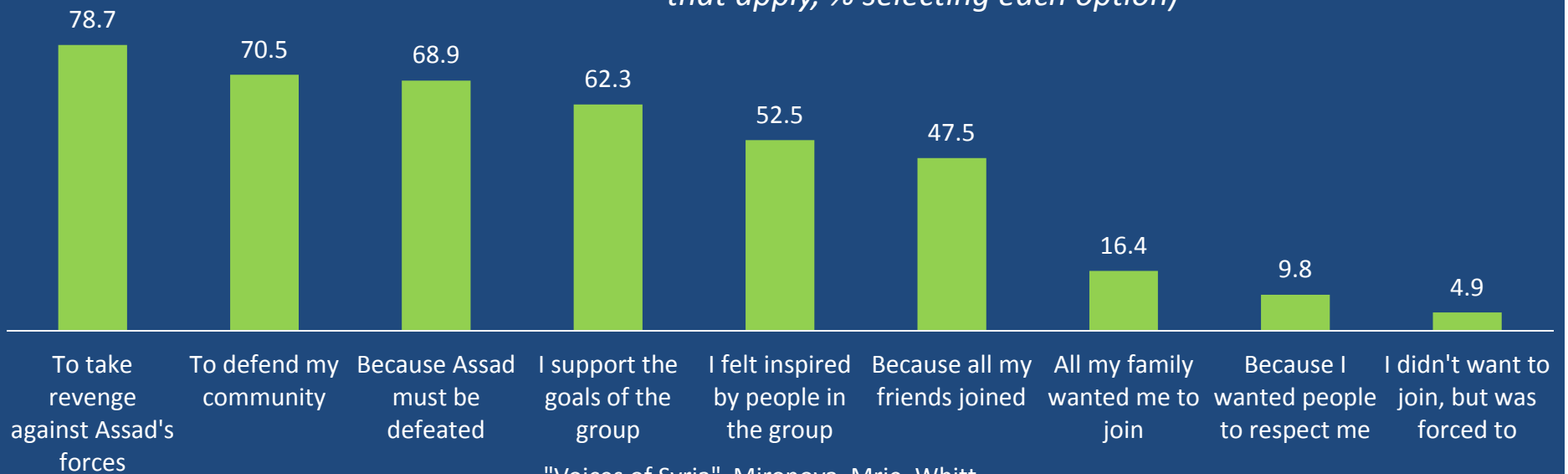
Reasons Given for Joining Rebel Groups (Islamists)

Q: If you are currently fighting or have fought, why did you join? (select all that apply, % selecting each option)



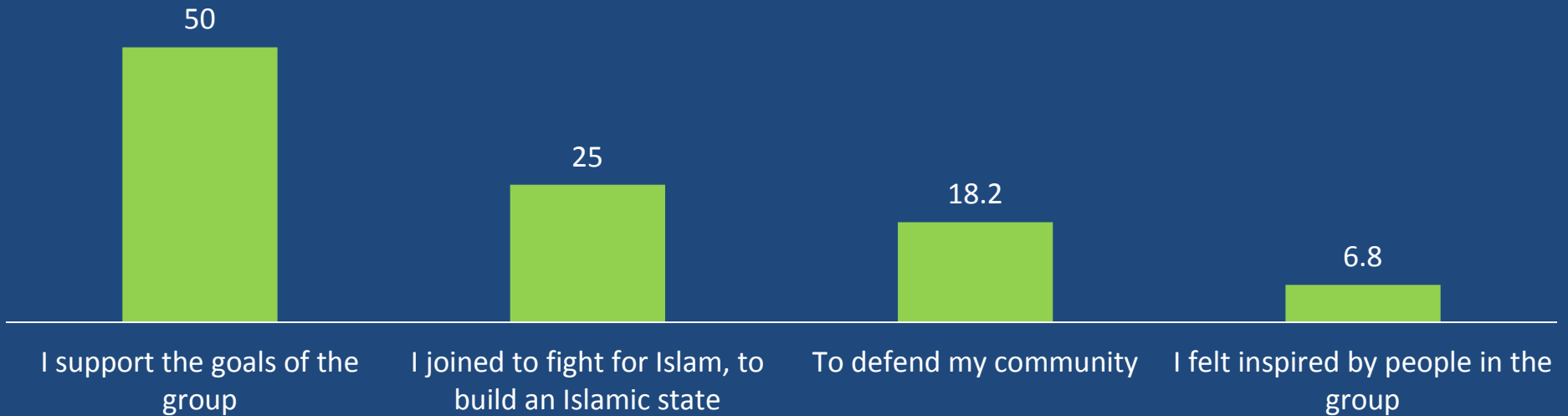
Reasons Given for Joining Rebel Groups (FSA)

Q: If you are currently fighting or have fought with the FSA, why did you join? (select all that apply, % selecting each option)



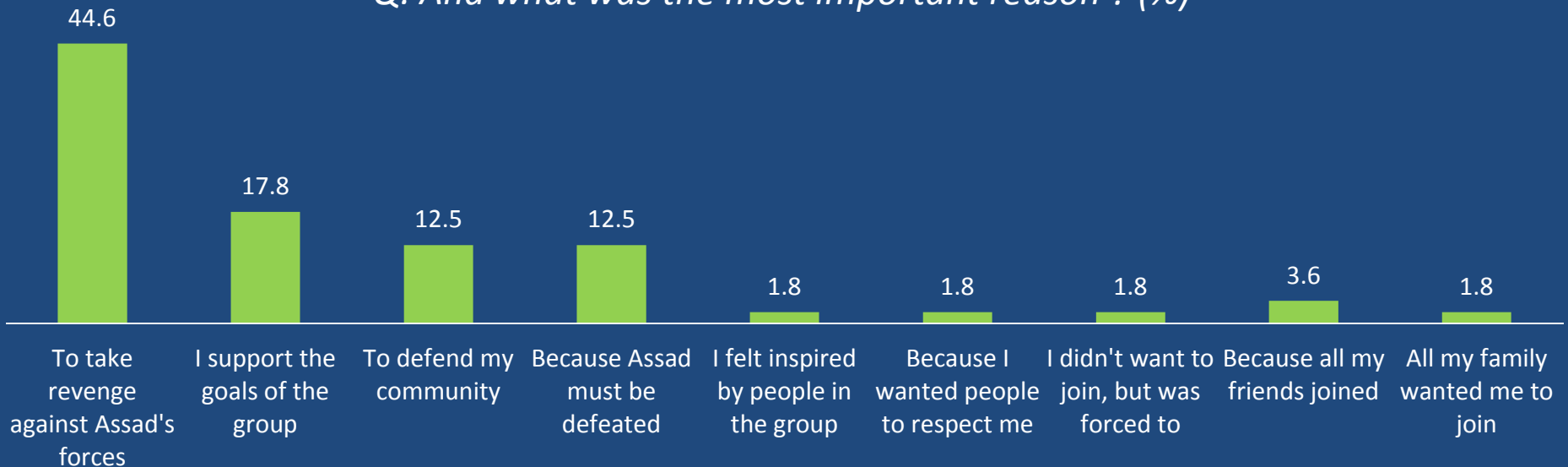
Main Reason Given for Joining Rebel Groups (Islamists)

Q: And what was the most important reason ? (%)



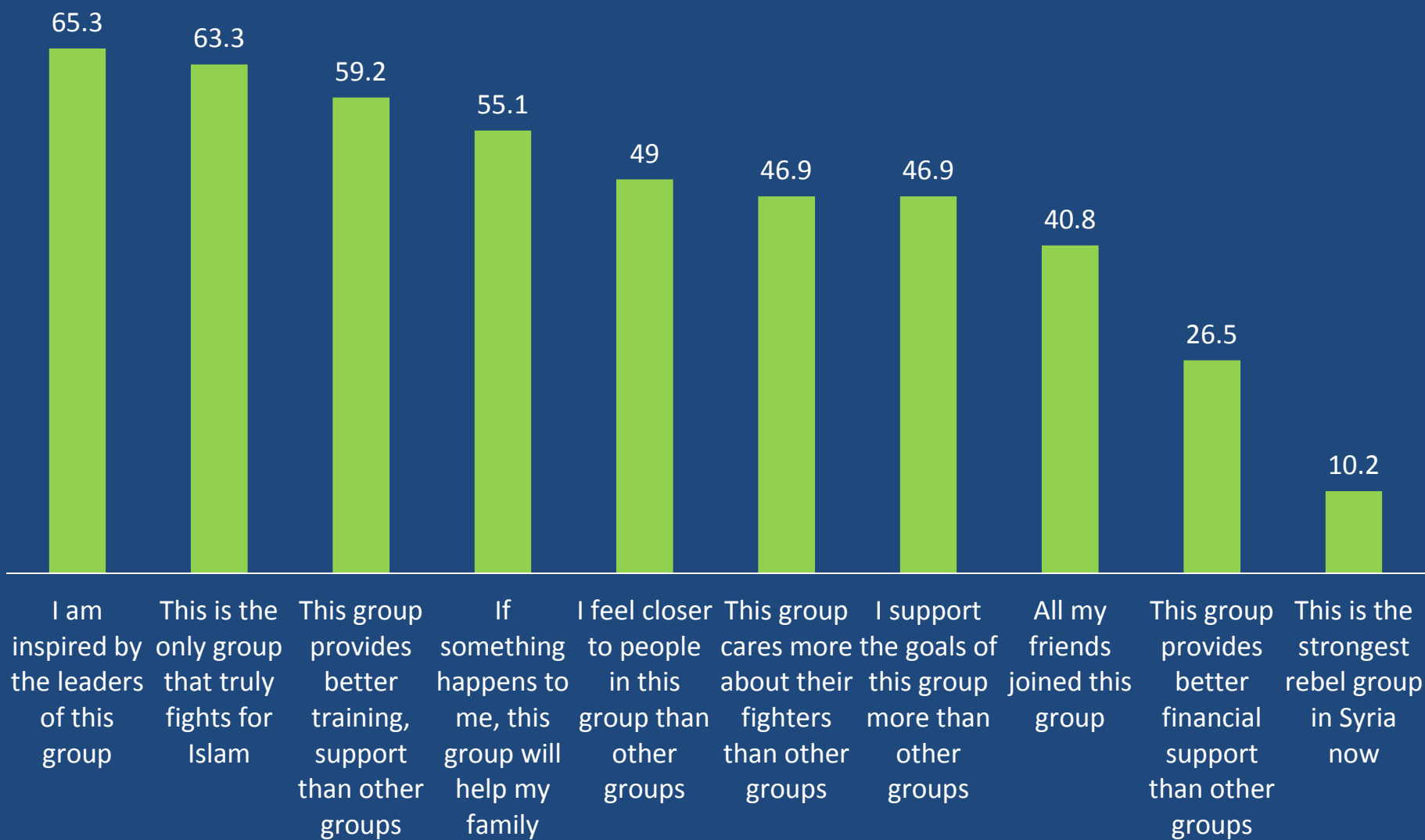
Main Reason Given for Joining Rebel Groups (FSA)

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Reasons Given for not Joining Other Groups (Islamists)

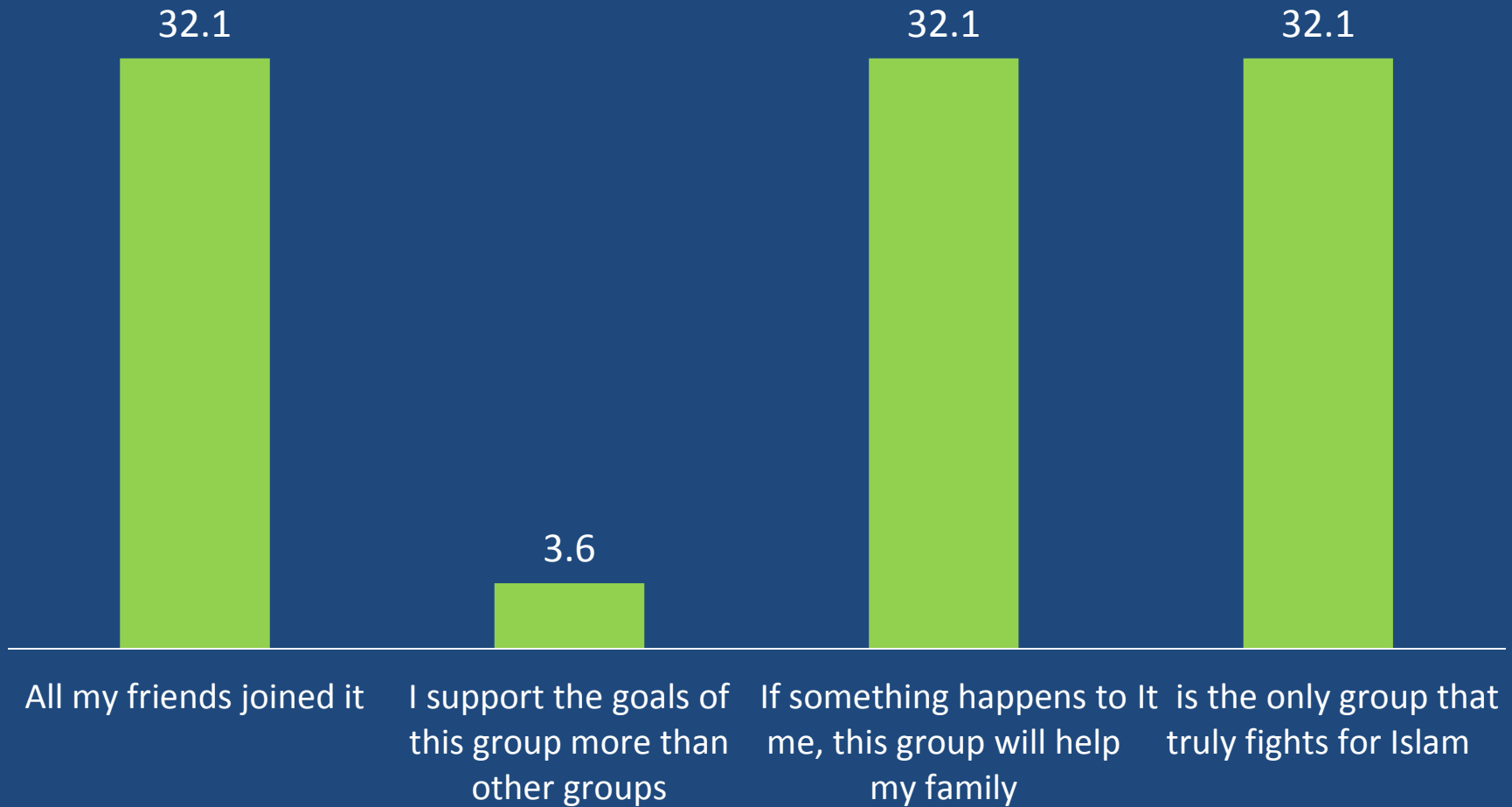
Q: Why did you join this group as opposed to FSA or other rebel groups?



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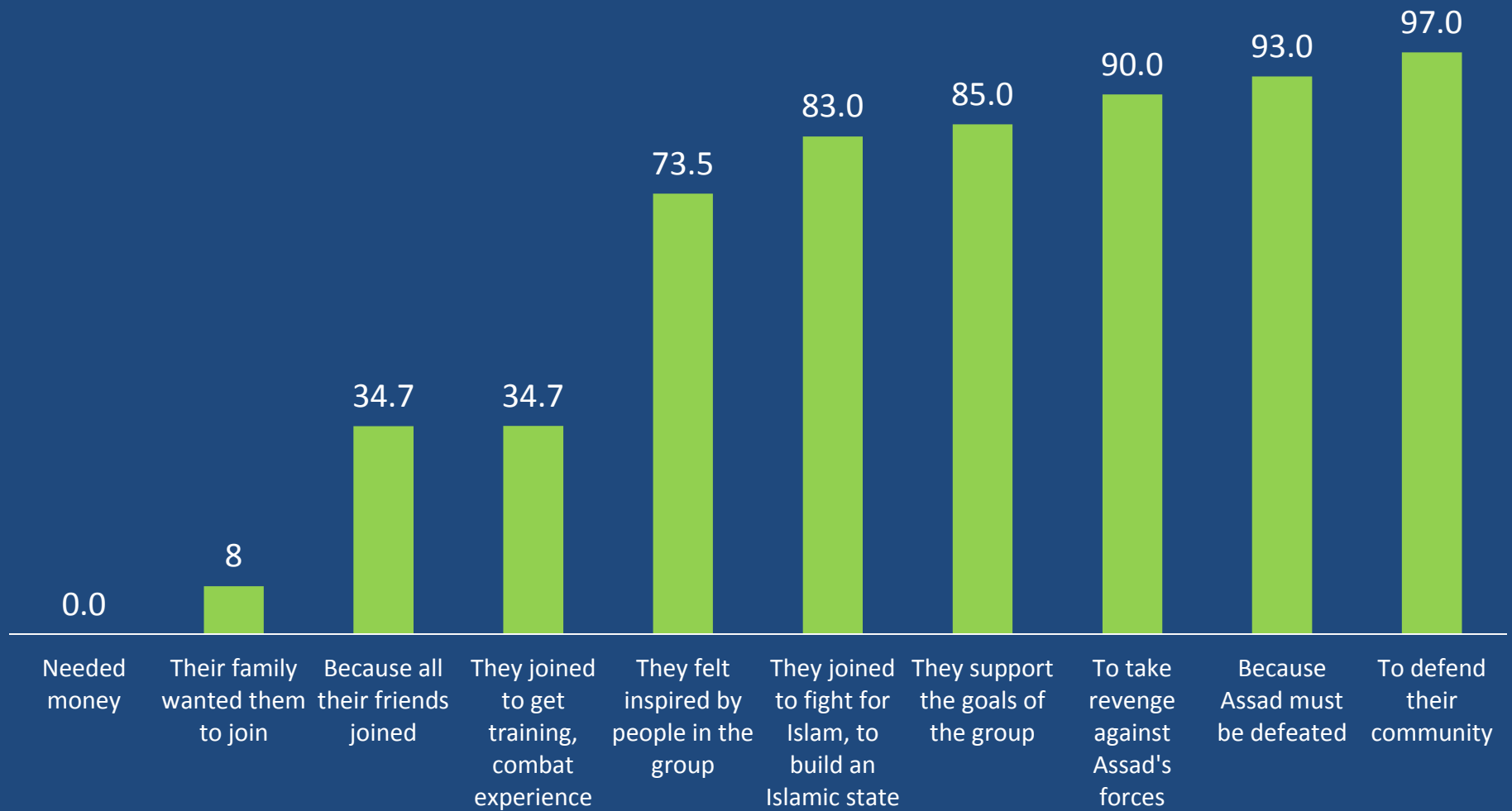
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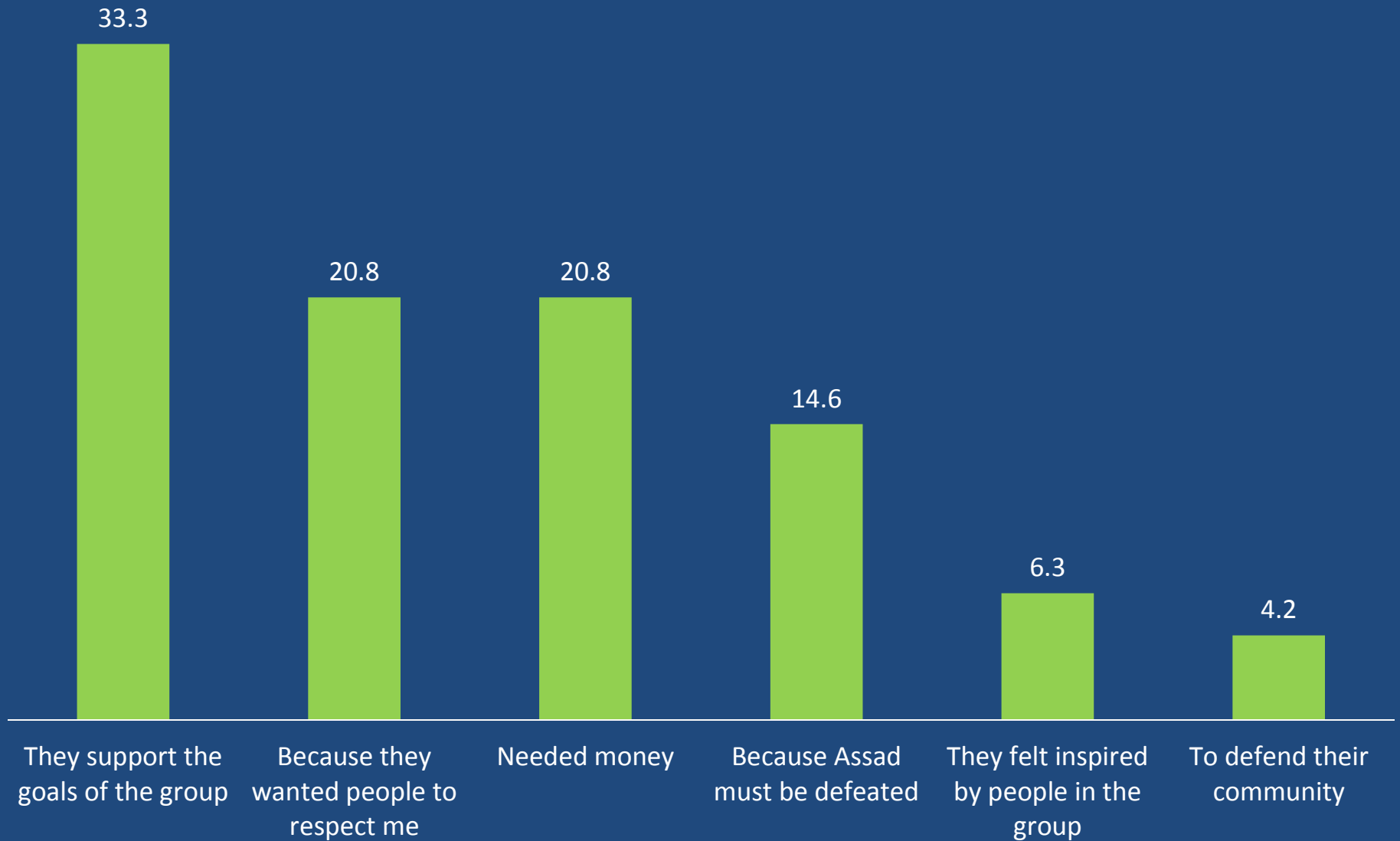
Reasons Given For Why Others Joined Your Group (Islamists)

Q: Why do you think most people join your group ? (select all that apply, % selecting each option)



Main Reason Given For Why Others Joined Your Group (Islamists)

Q: And what was the most important reason ? (%)

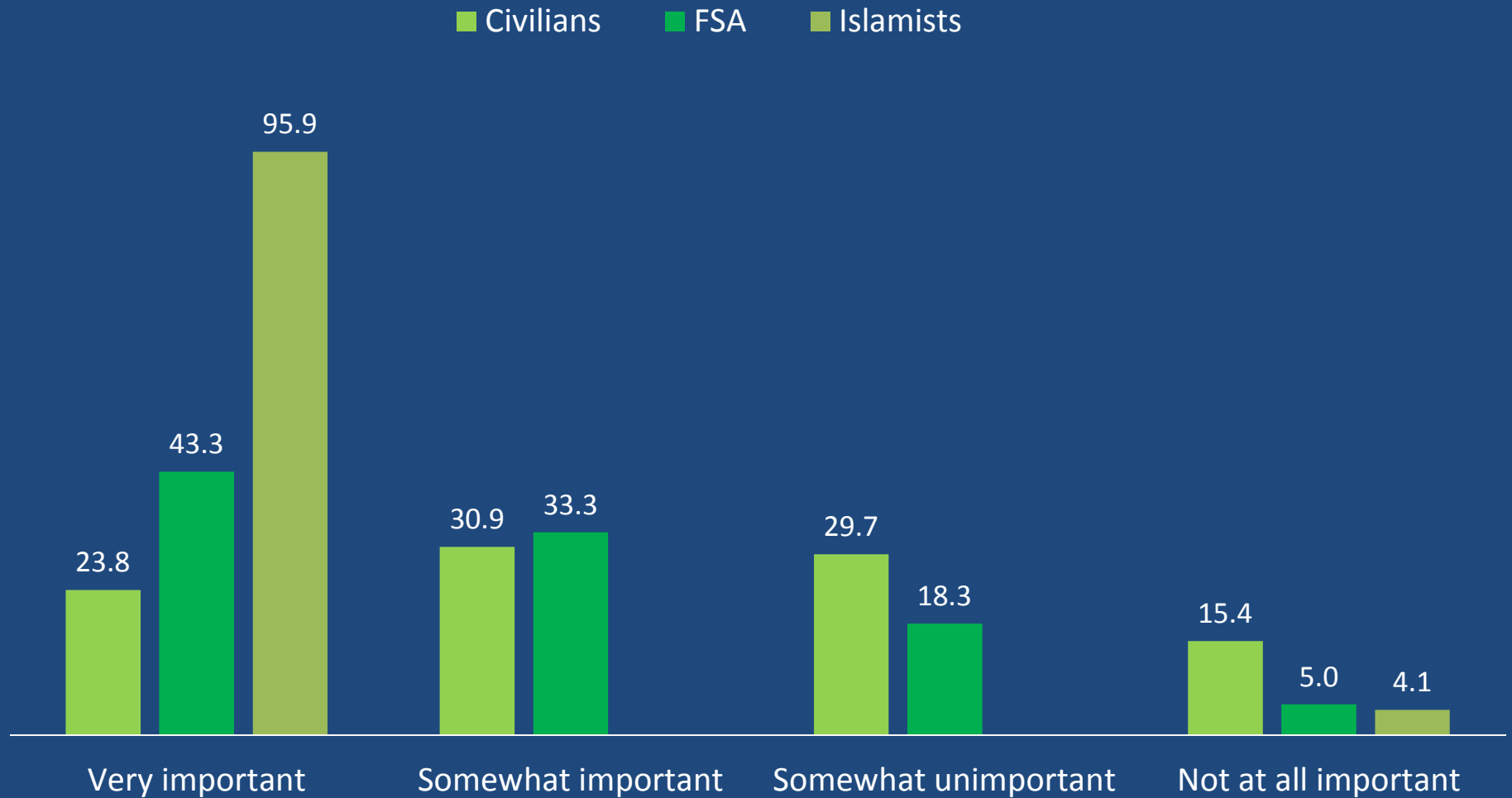


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Religion

Importance of religion

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

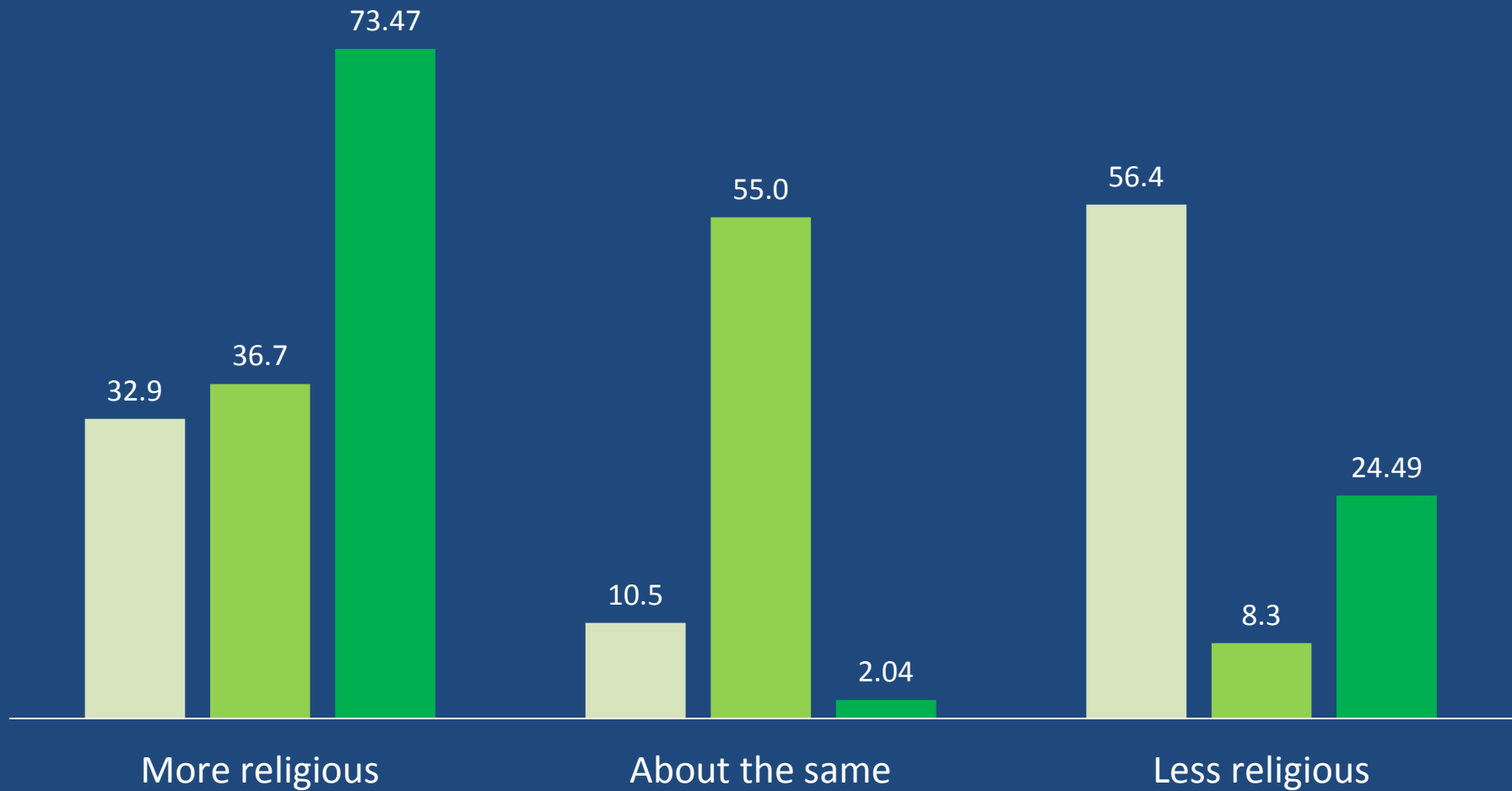


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Change in Religiosity Since the Beginning of the War

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

■ Civilian ■ FSA ■ Islamist

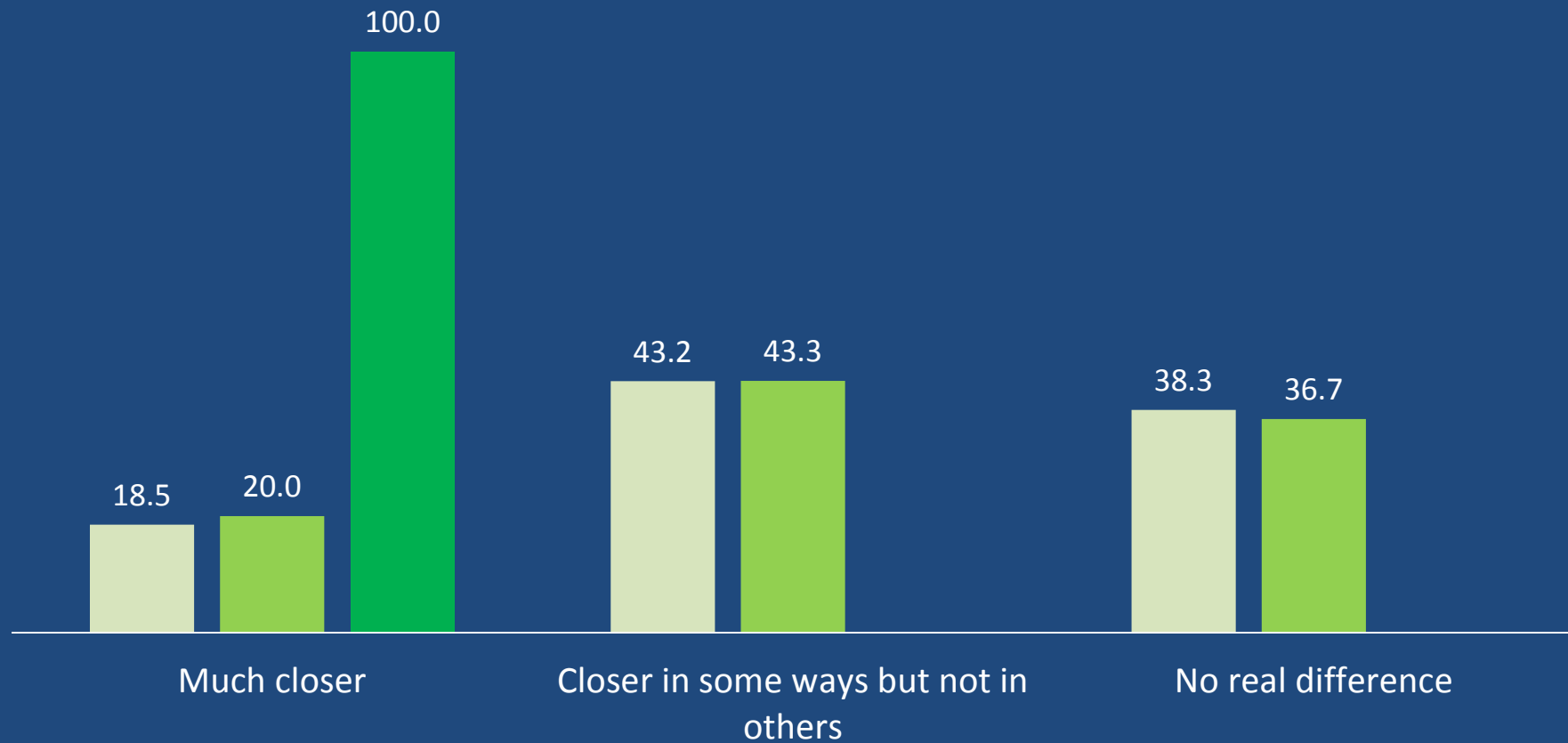


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Saliency of Sectarian Divisions

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

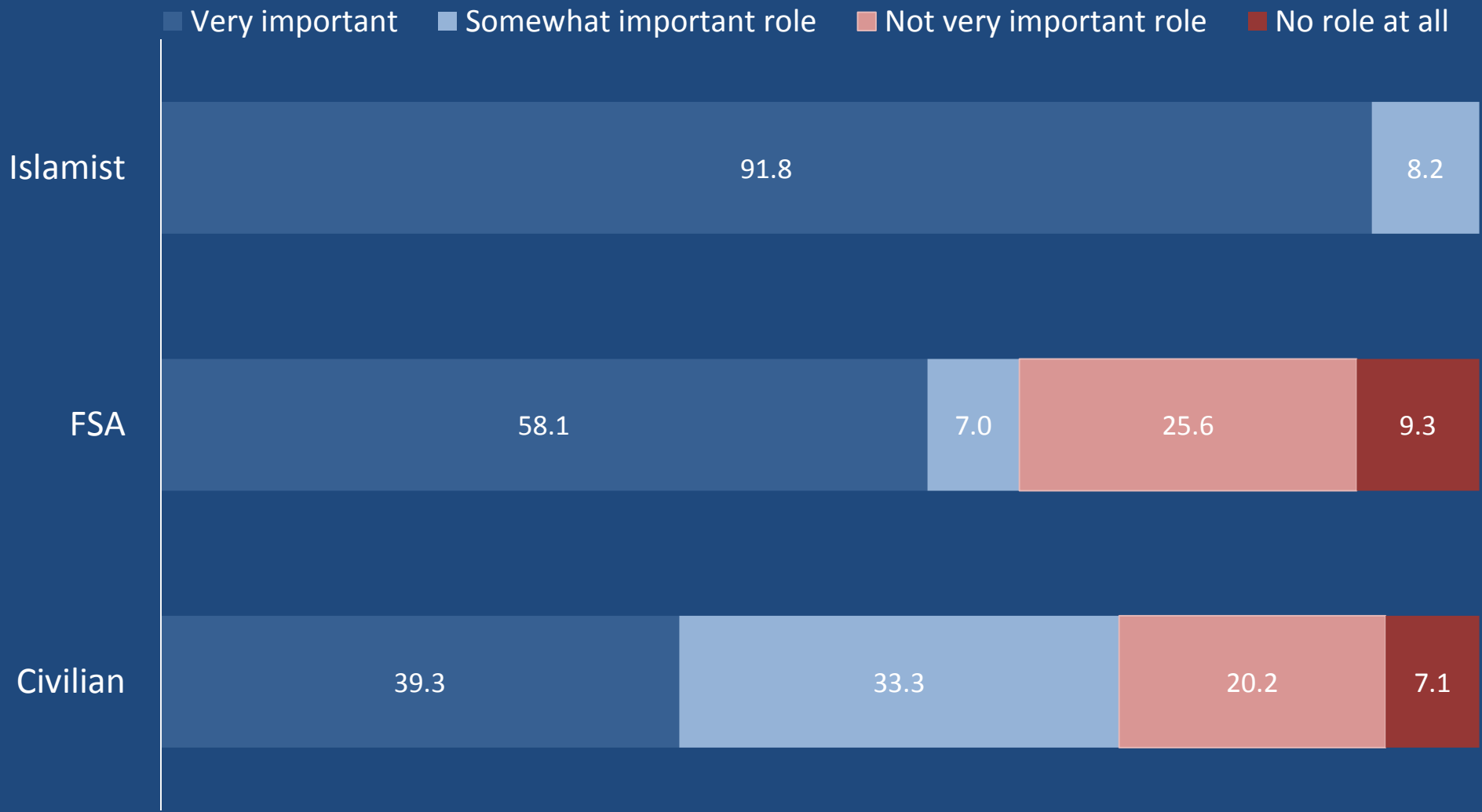
■ Civilian ■ FSA ■ Islamist



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Role of Religion in Syria's Future Politics

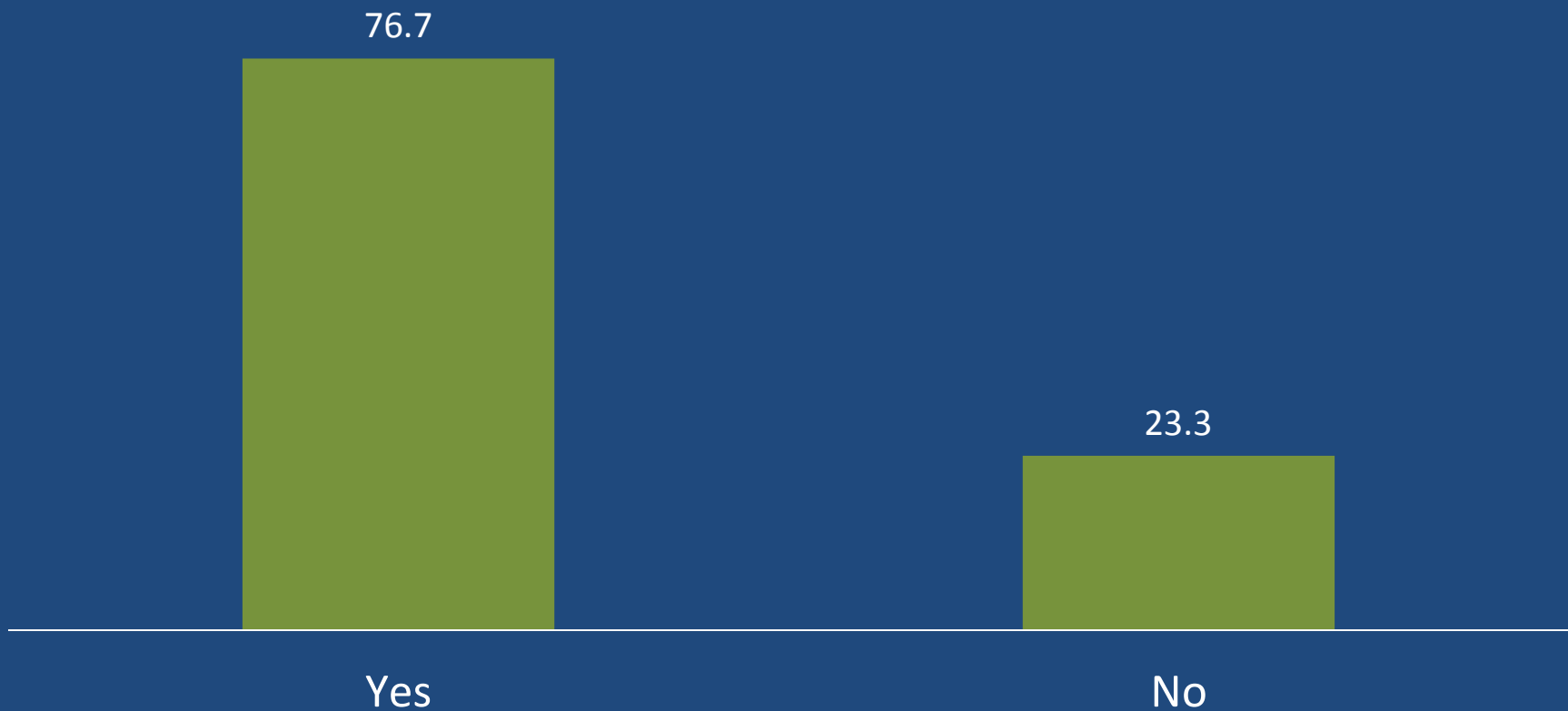
Q: In your opinion, what role should religion play in Syrian politics in the future ?



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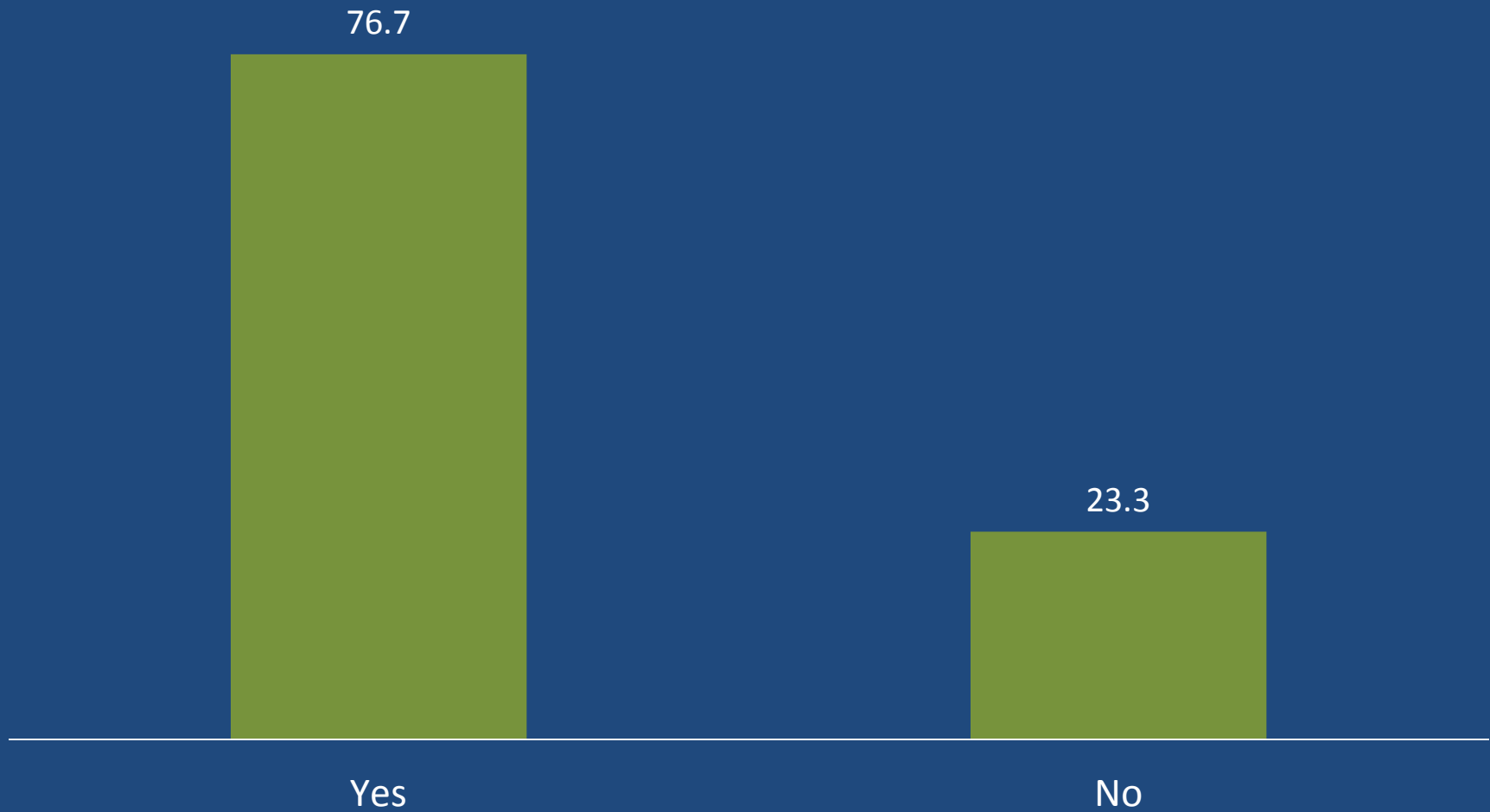
Jihad and war in Syria (Islamists)

Q: Do you believe that the war in Syria today is a Jihad according to Islamic law ?



Jihad Means Revenge (Islamists)

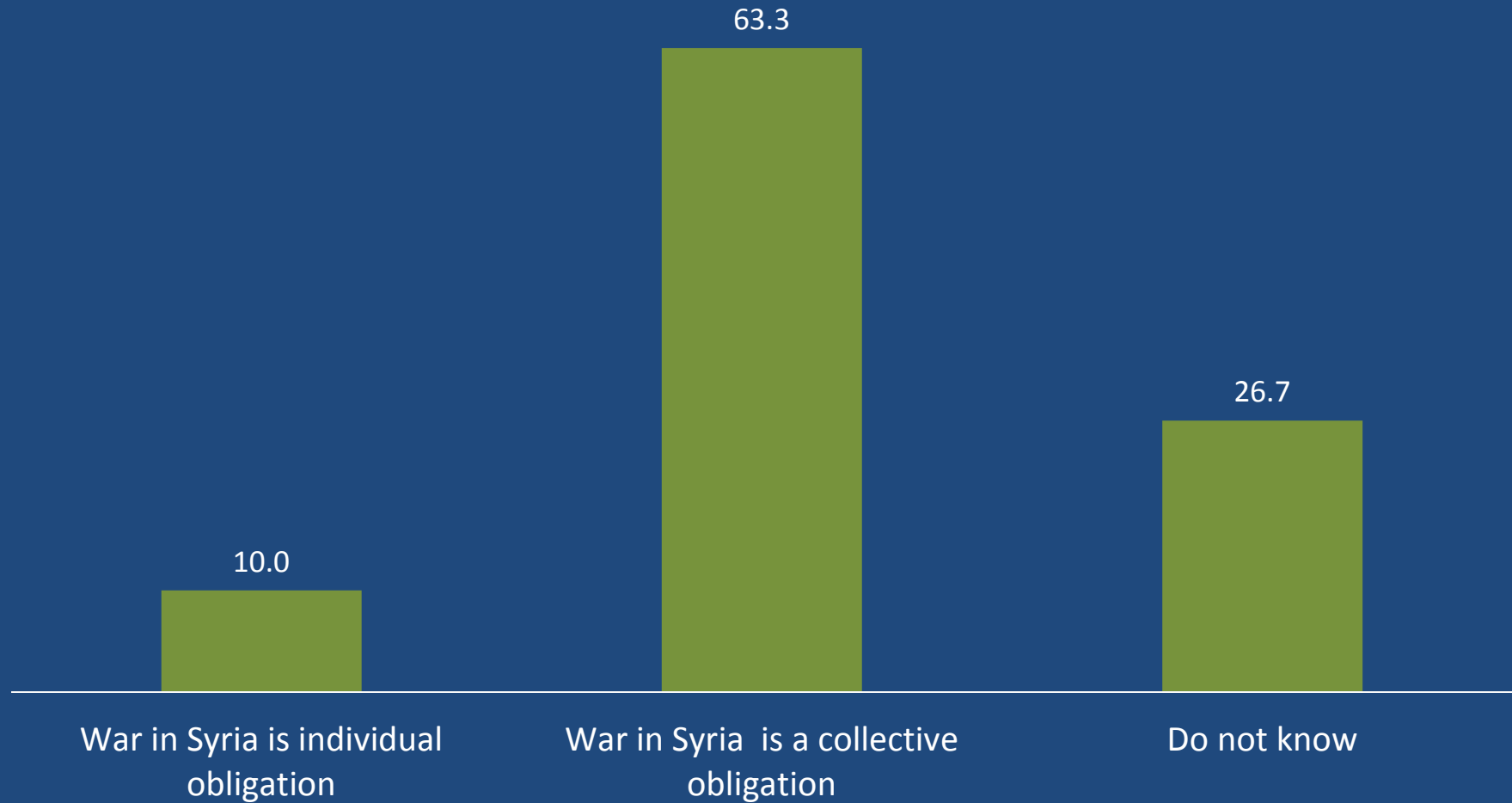
Q: do you believe that Jihad is in some ways about taking revenge?



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Who has to fight in Syria (Islamists)

Q: *Is the Syrian Jihad fard ayin (an individual obligation) or fard kifayya (a collective obligation)?*



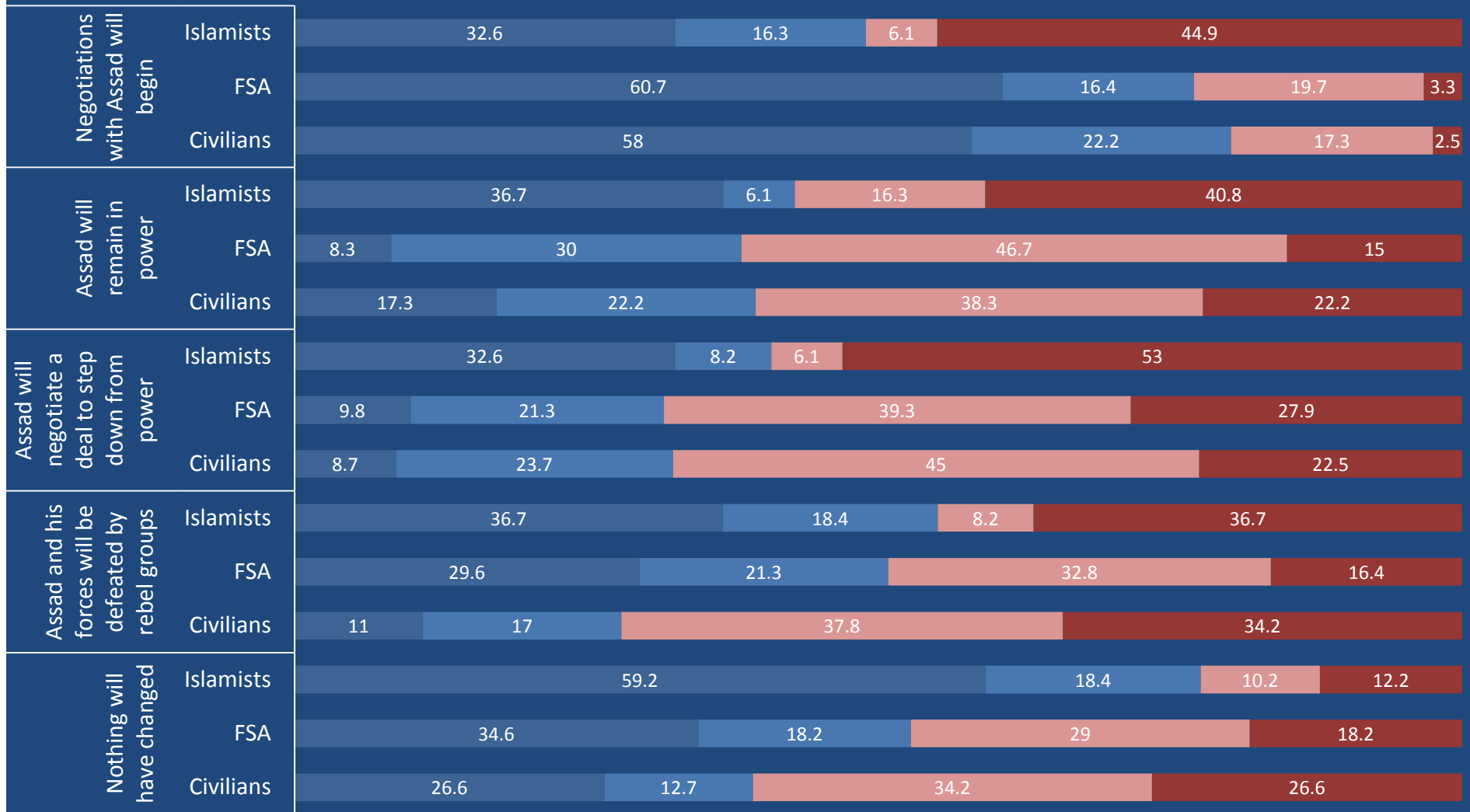
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Political views

Future Expectations

Q: How likely the following is to happen within the next year ?

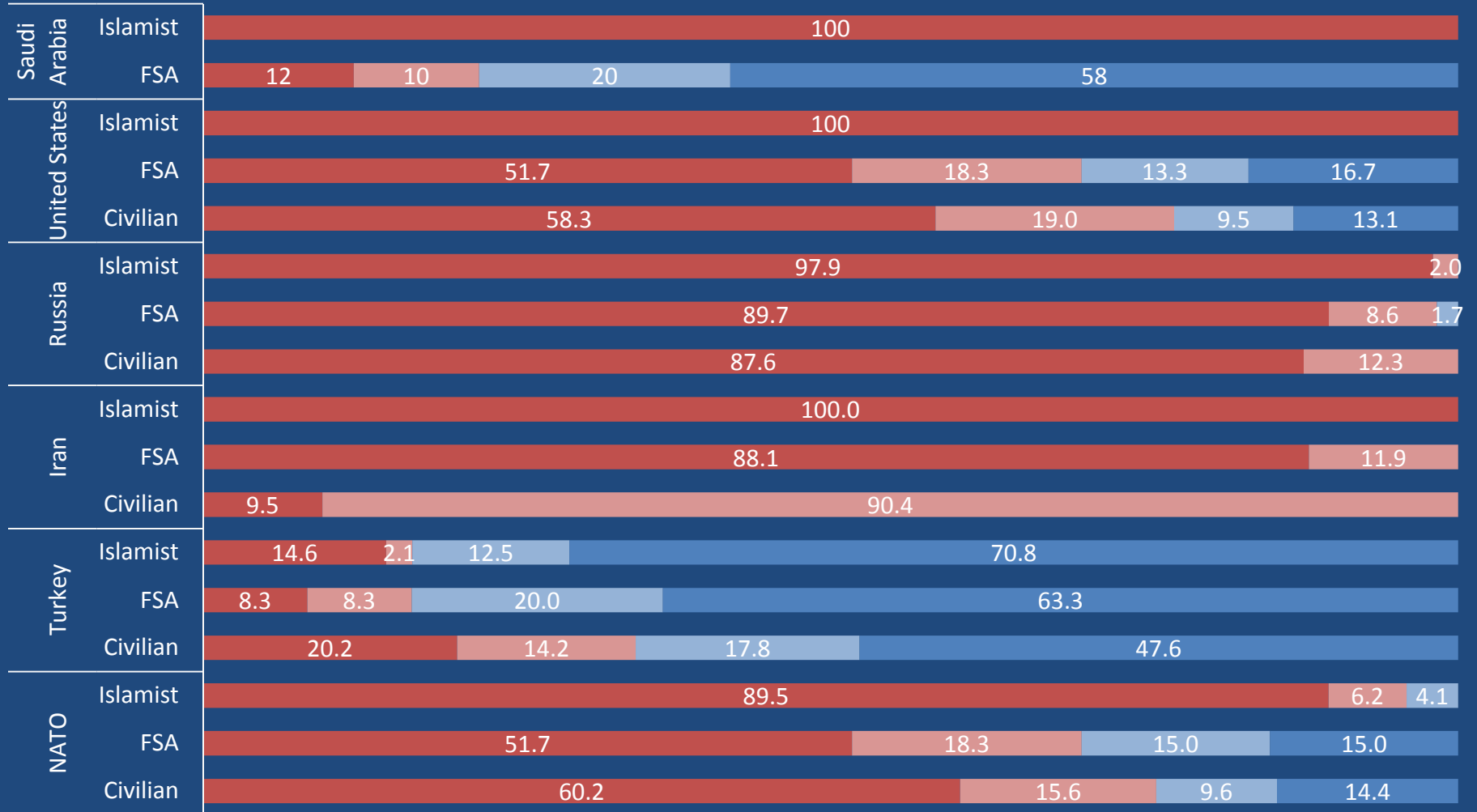
■ Very Likely
 ■ Somewhat Likely
 ■ Not Very Likely
 ■ Not At All Likely



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:

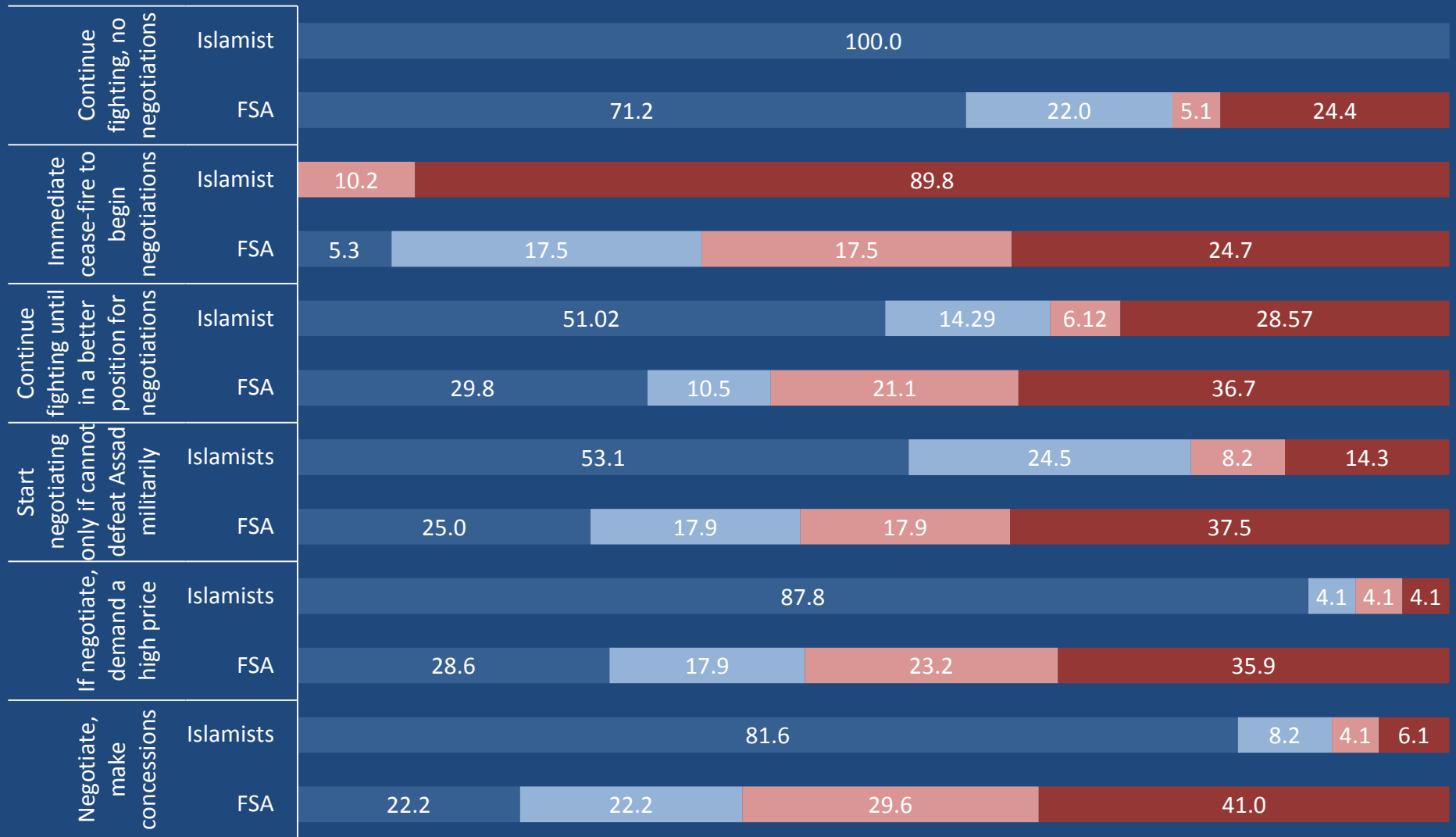
Very Unfavorable Somewhat unfavorable Somewhat favorable Very Favorable



Views on Negotiations with Assad

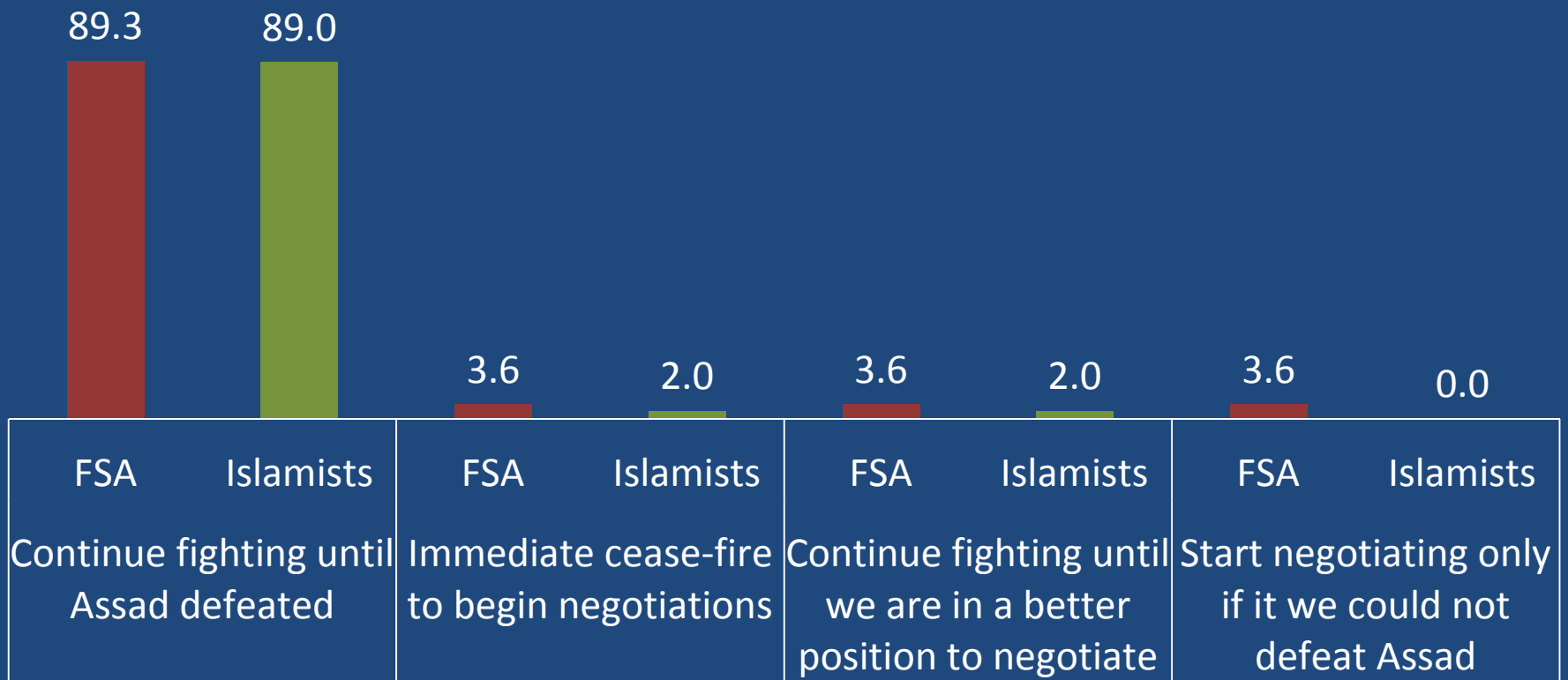
Q: Tell me whether you strongly support, somewhat support, or strongly oppose the following (%)

Strongly support somewhat support somewhat oppose Strongly oppose



Views on negotiations with Assad

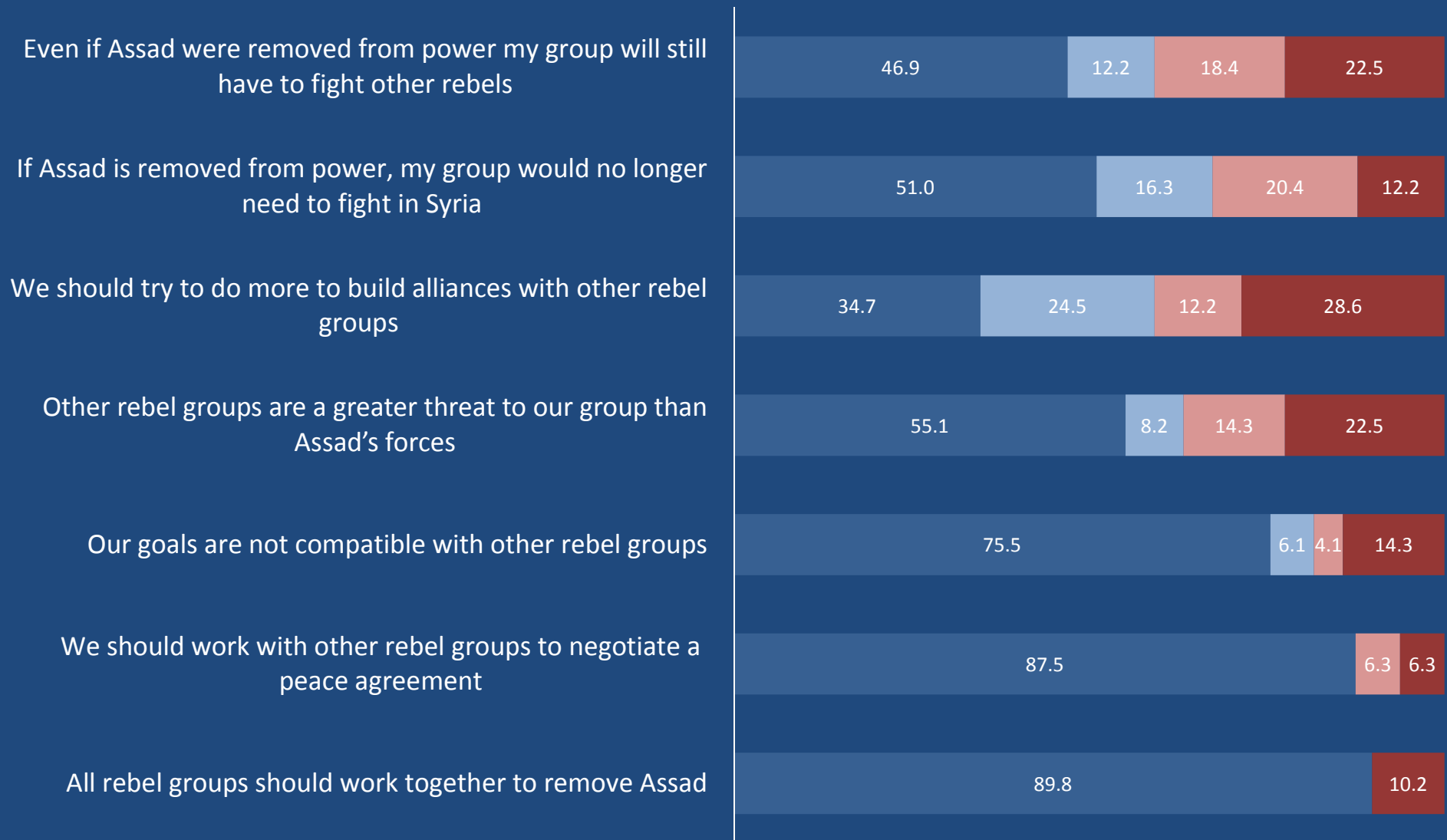
Q: Which of these options do you support the most



Rebel Groups Cooperation (Islamists)

Q: Please tell me the extent to which you agree with the following statements

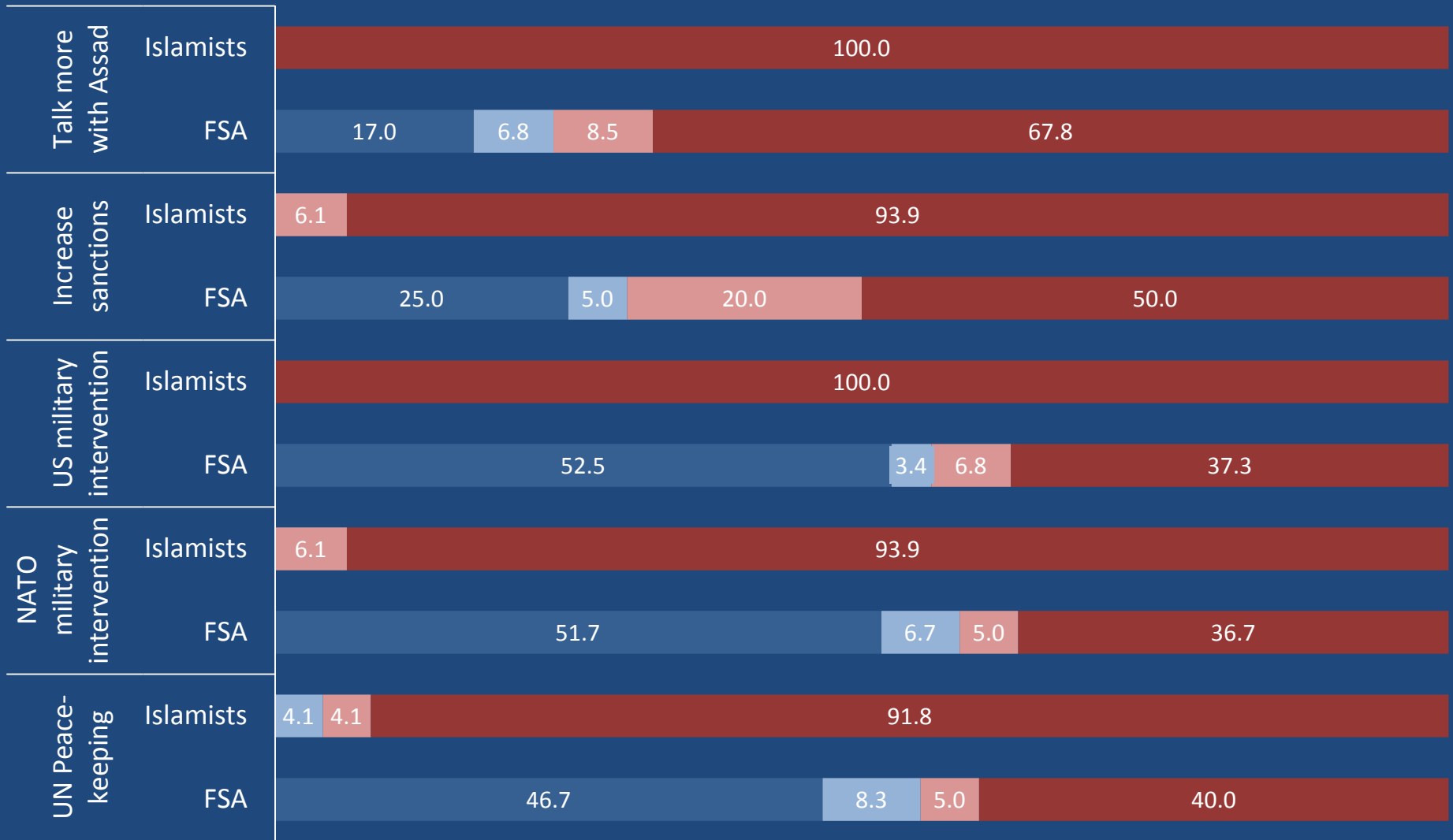
■ Strongly agree
 ■ somewhat agree
 ■ somewhat disagree
 ■ strongly disagree



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? (%)

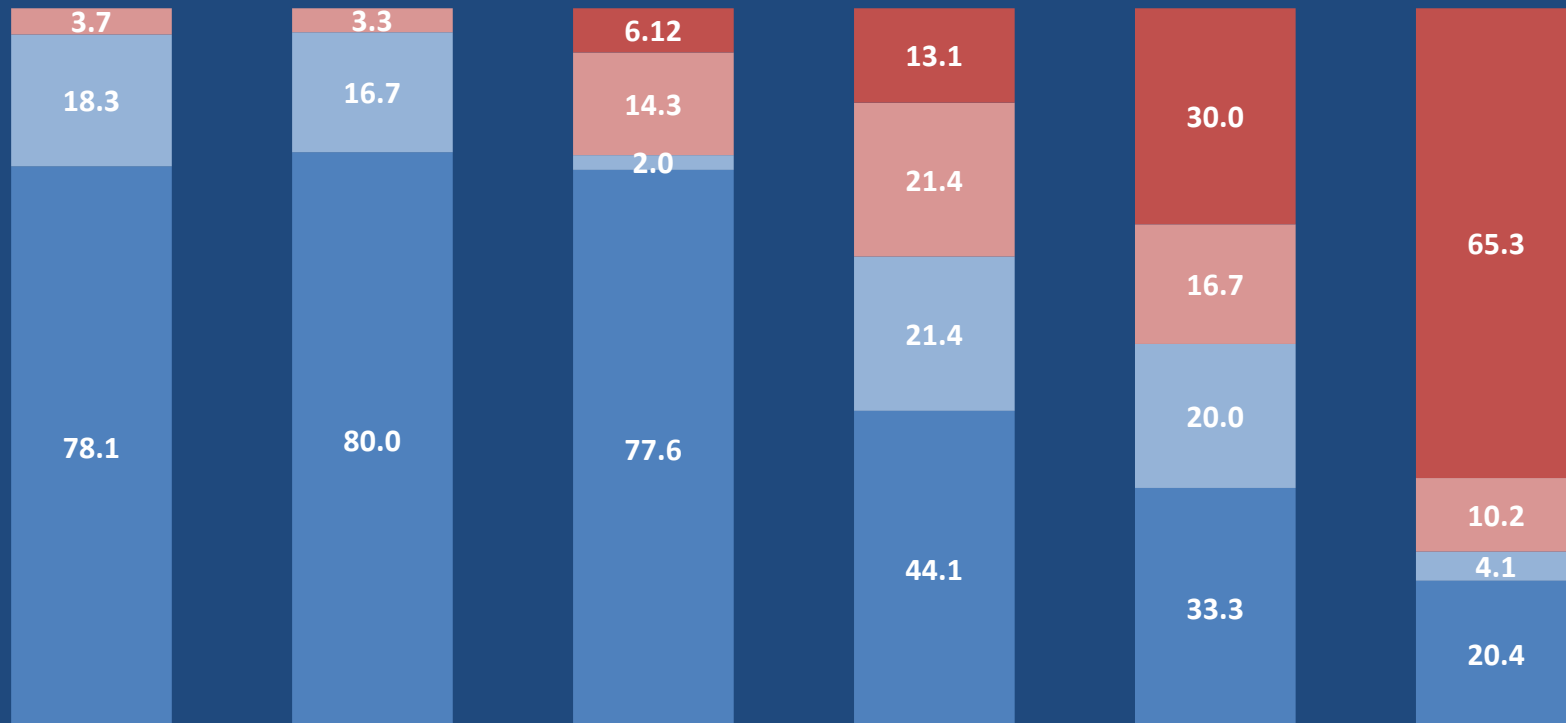
■ Strongly support ■ somewhat support ■ somewhat oppose ■ strongly oppose



Views on Syrian Unity

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

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



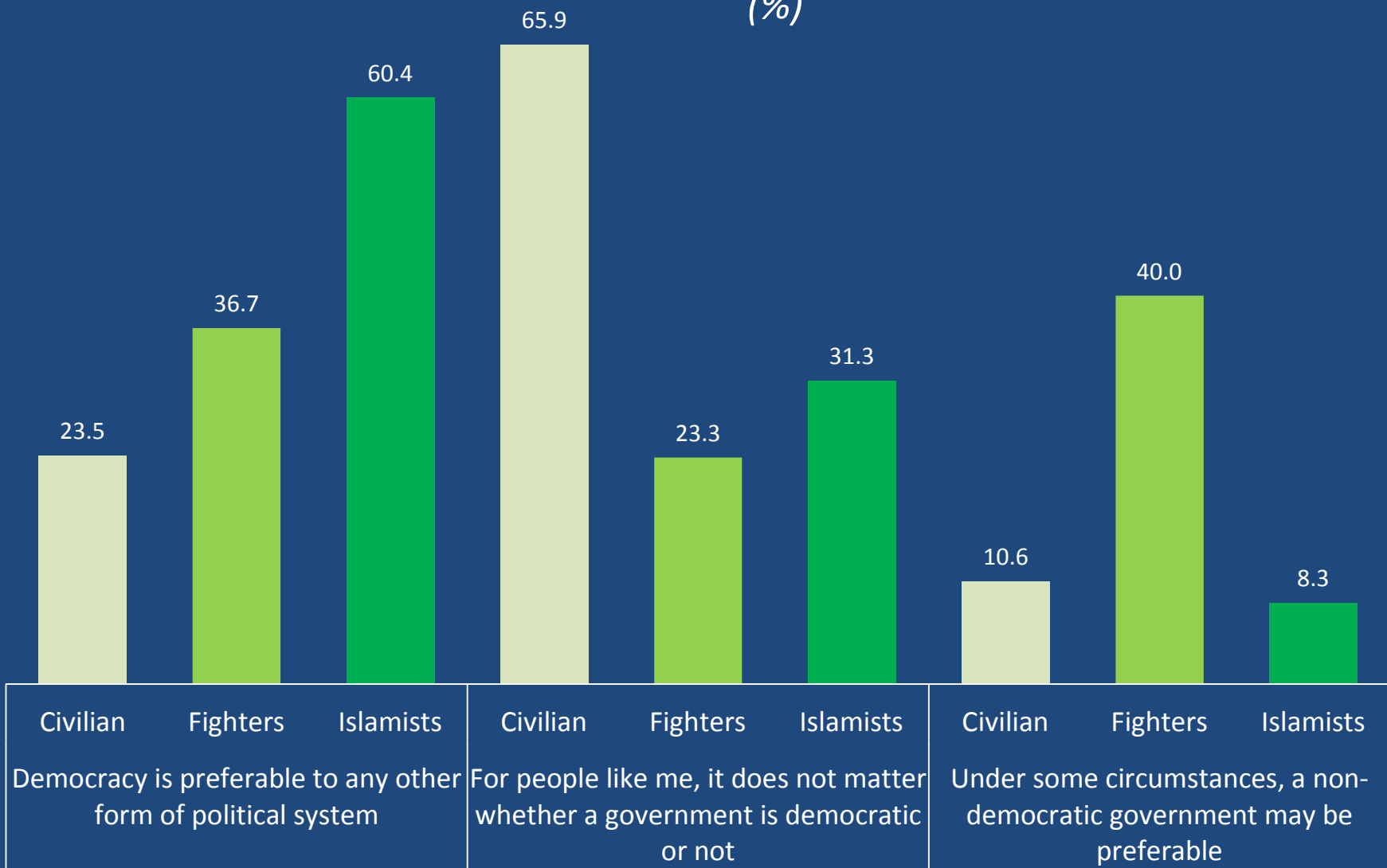
Civilians FSA Islamists
It is essential that Syria remains a unified state

Civilians FSA Islamists
Parts of Syria should be allowed more regional autonomy

Support for Democracy

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

(%)

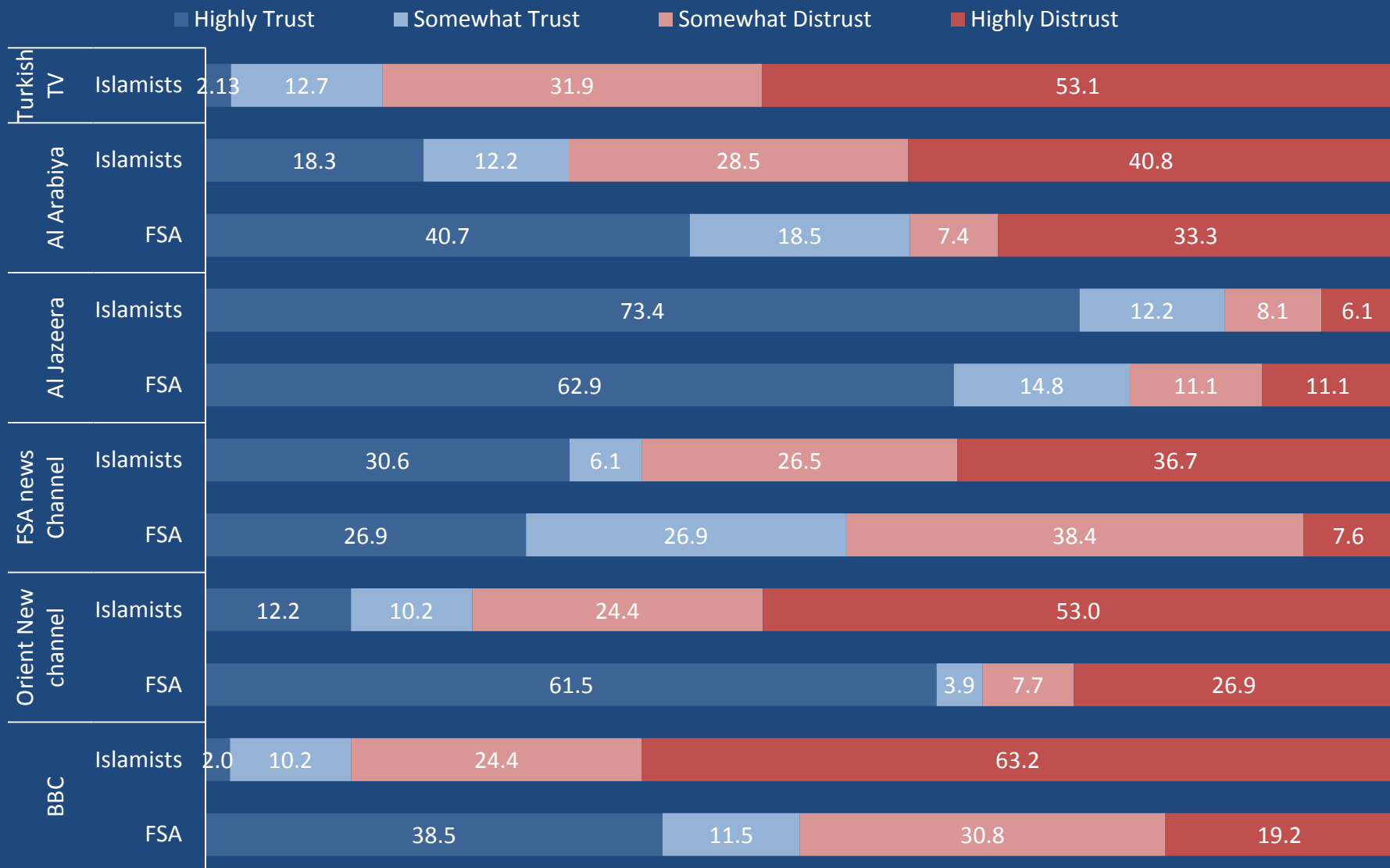


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Mass Media

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? (%)



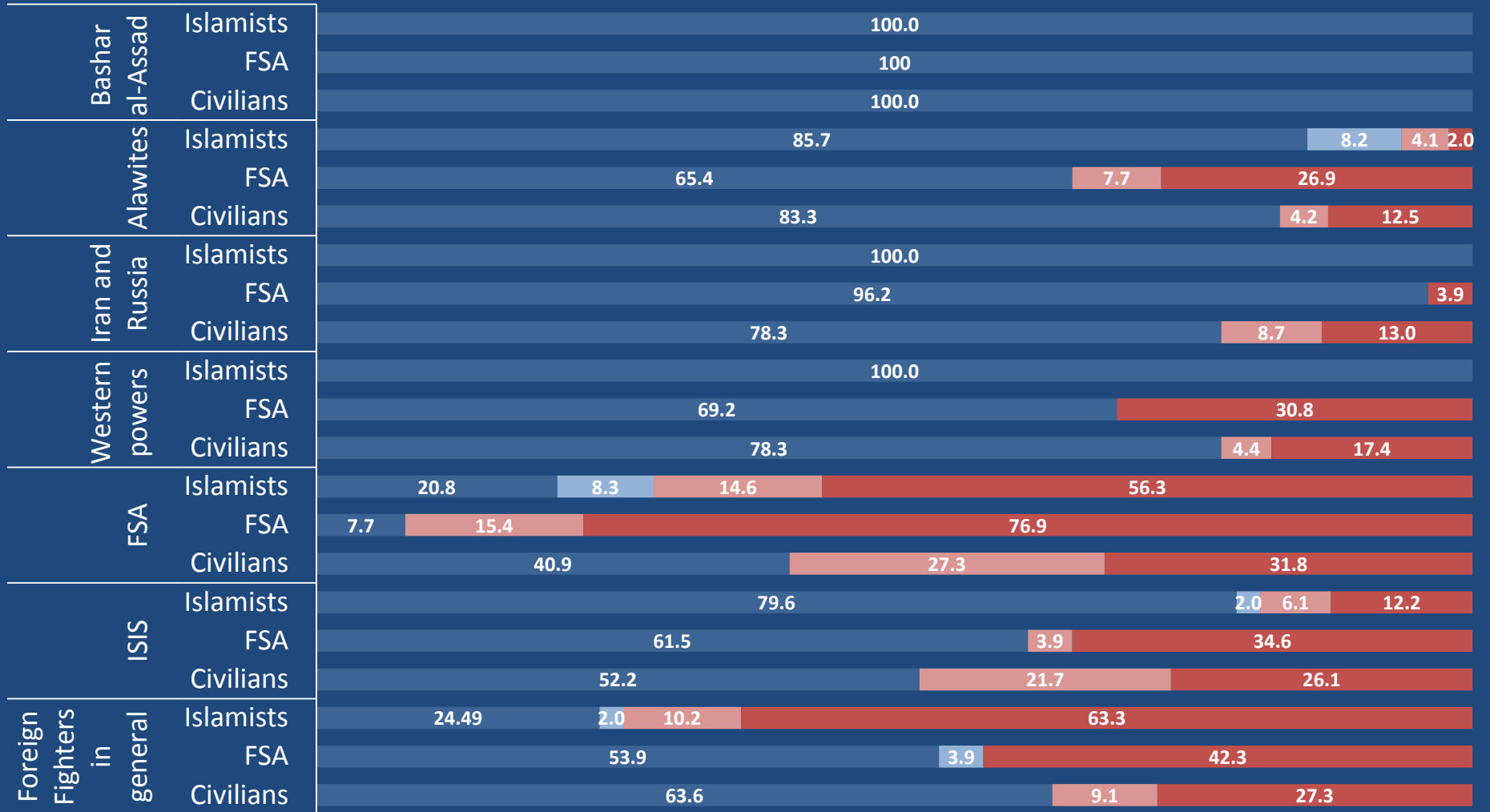
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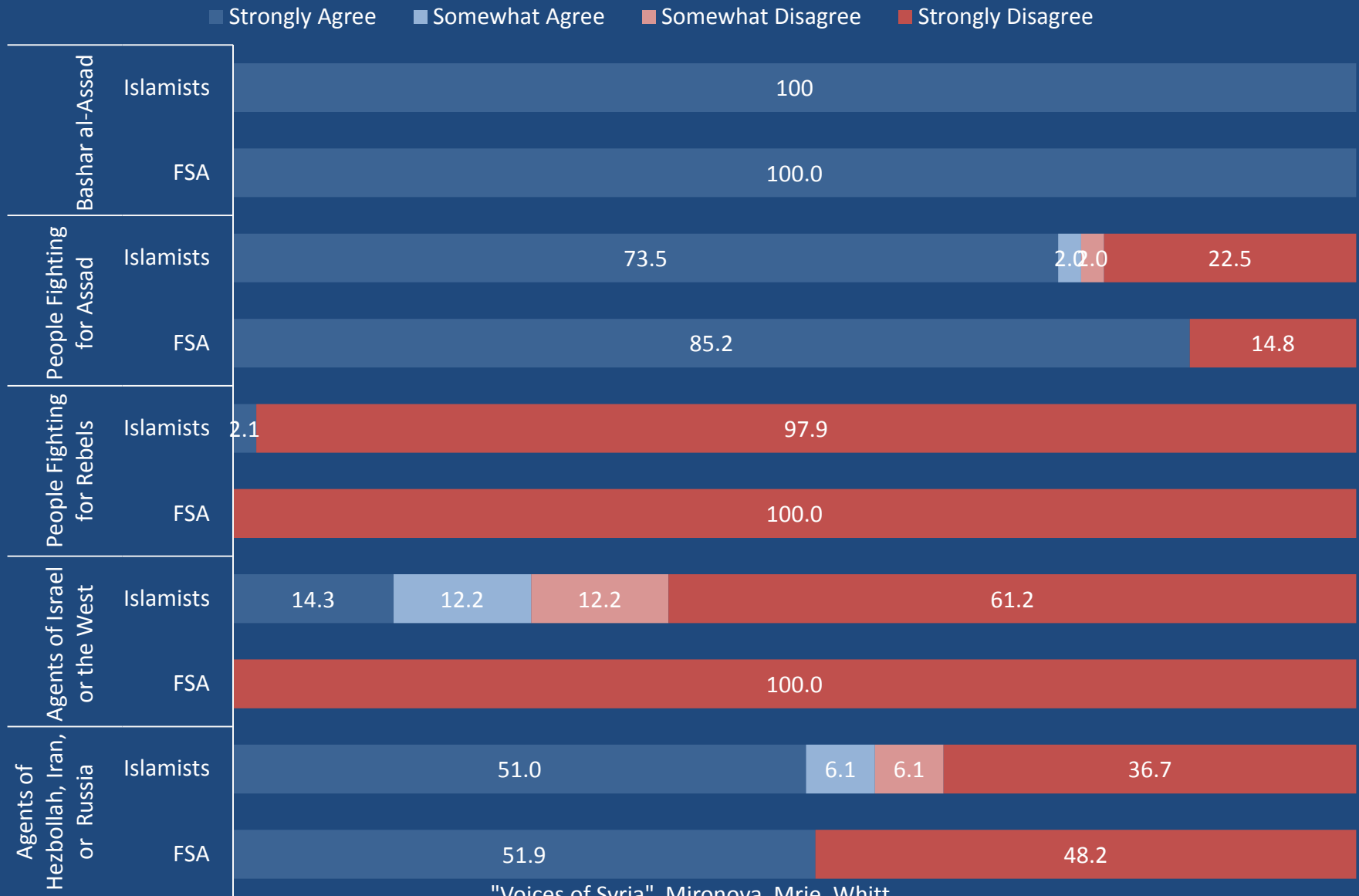
Q: In your opinion, who deserves the blame for the protracted conflict in Syria ?

■ 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?

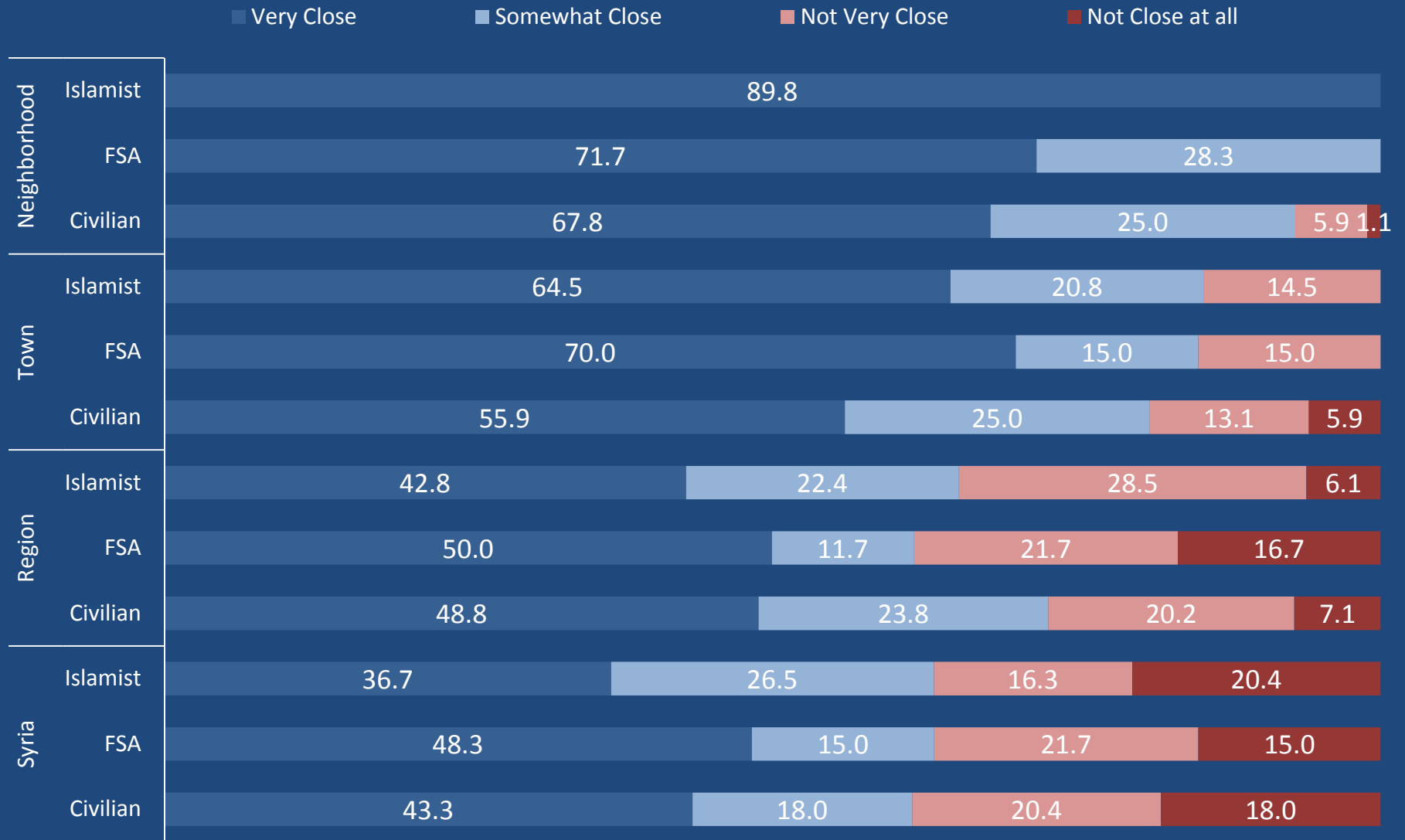


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Social Capital

Social Distance by Location

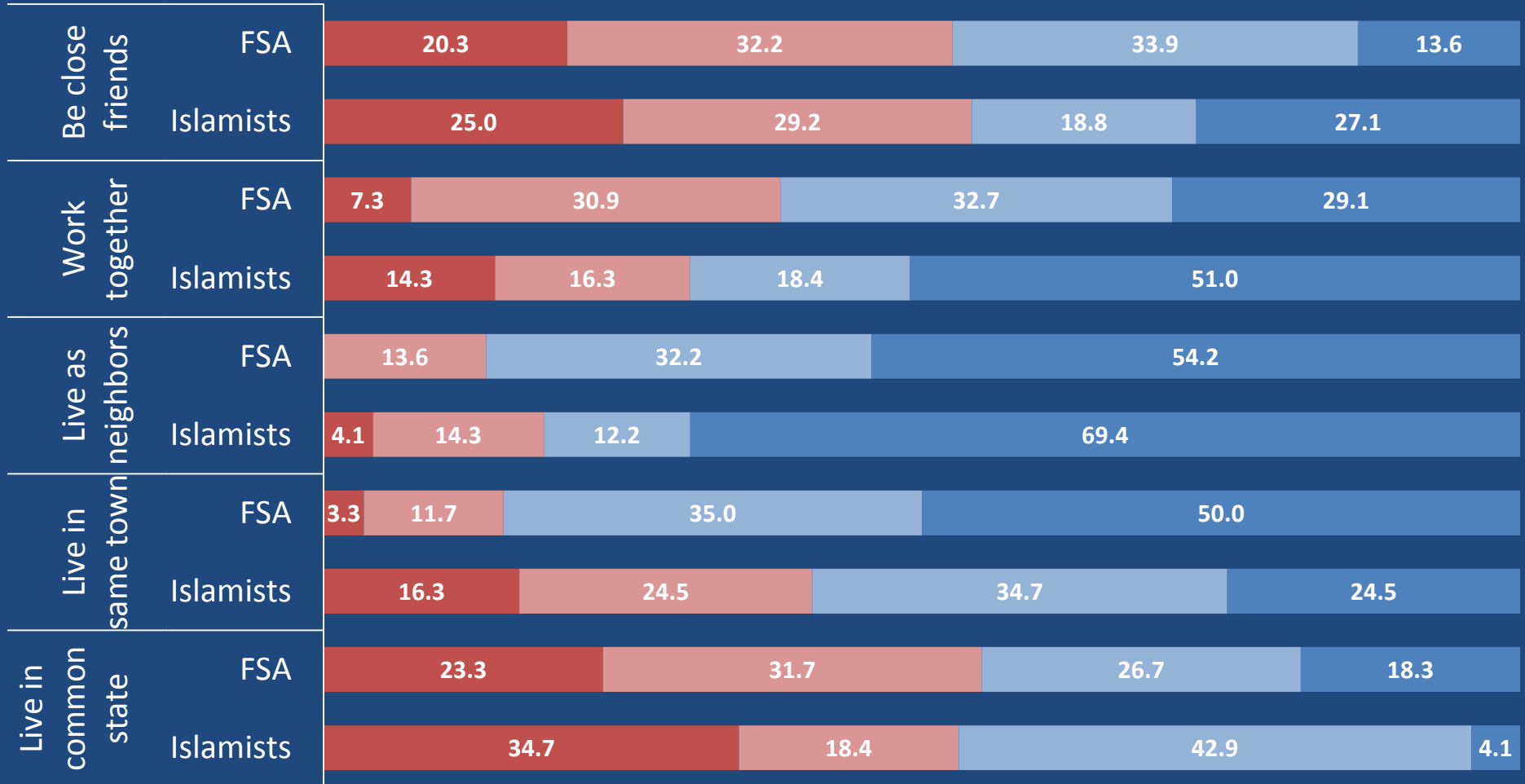
Q: In general, how close do you feel to other people in the following locations ?



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:

Definitely not Probably not Probably Yes Definitely Yes

