

Survey of South African Voter Opinion

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Methodology



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- Nationally representative phone survey of South Africa.
- Utilised random digit dialing (RDD) methodology.*
- Weighted to national statistics on gender, age and province.
- Only registered voters.
- N = 1506.
- Margin of Error: 3% at the 95% confidence interval.
- Fieldwork: 12-28 February 2024.
- 15-minute questionnaire.
- The results have been modelled on the basis of the 66% turnout of the last General Election in 2019.

*Selecting telephone numbers at random from the universe of possible numbers in South Africa

2024 General Election



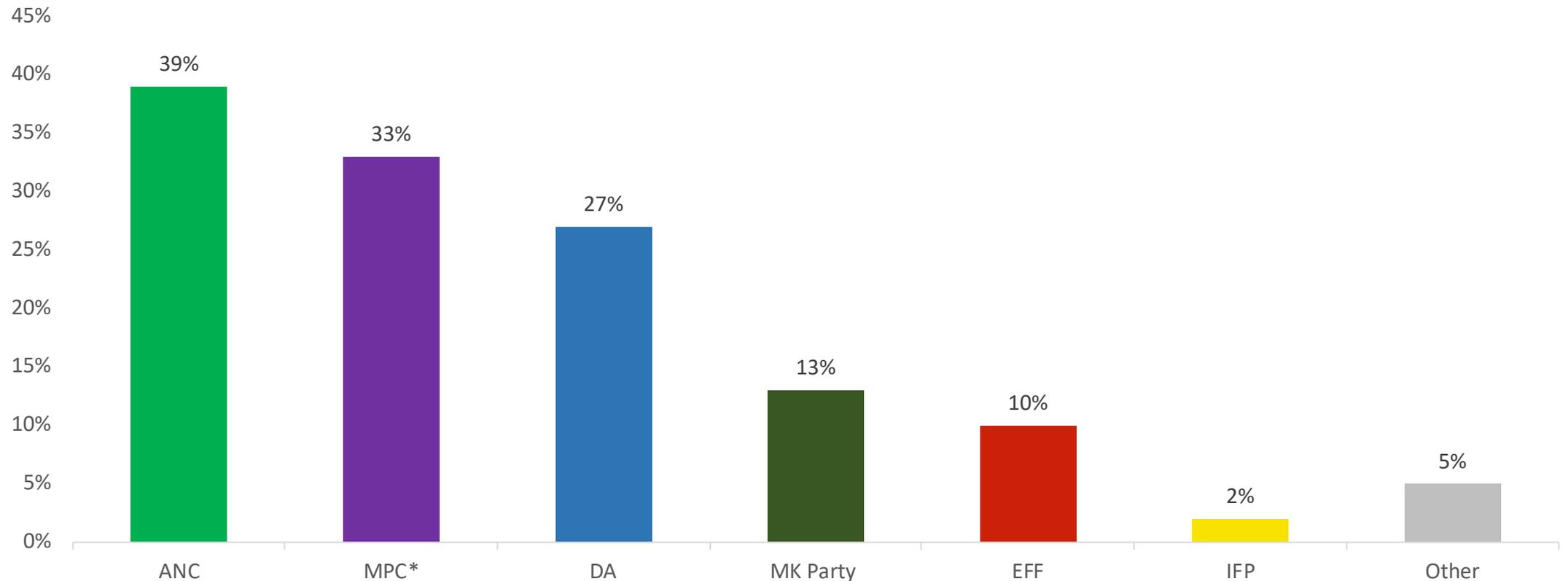
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The ANC wins 39% of the vote, DA 27%, and MK Party 13%. The MPC* wins 33%



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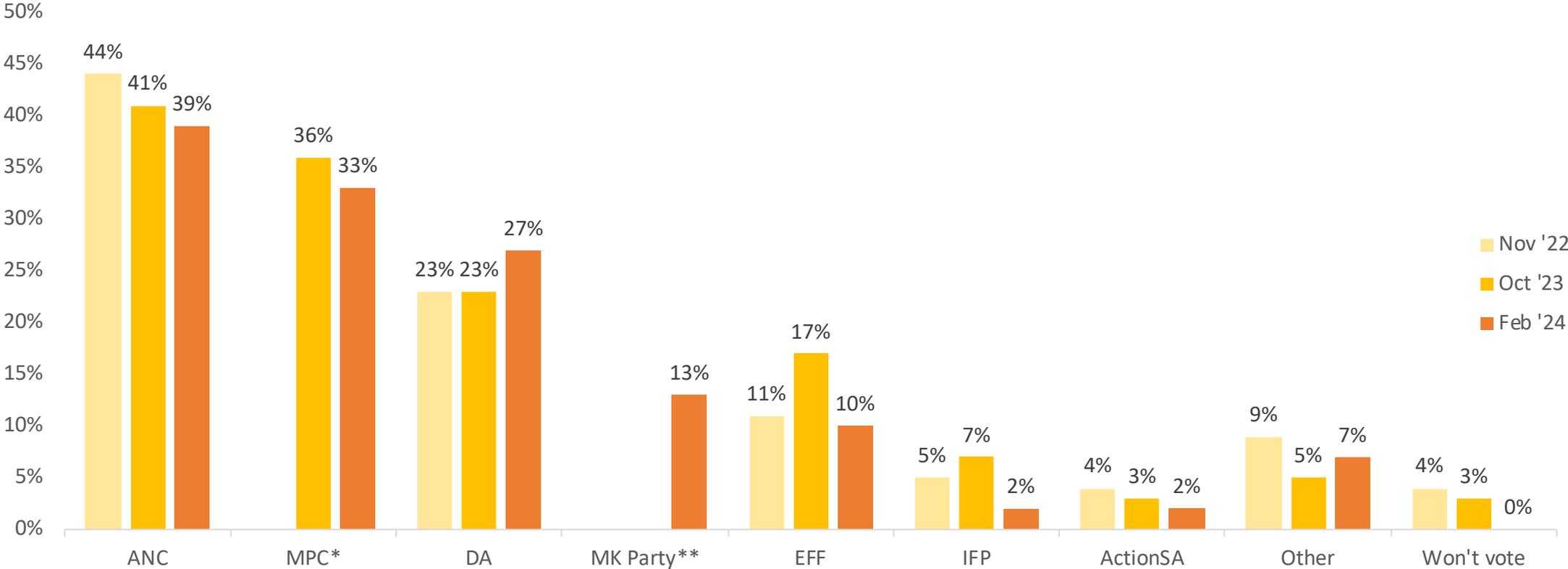


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The DA is the only party to increase its share since last year



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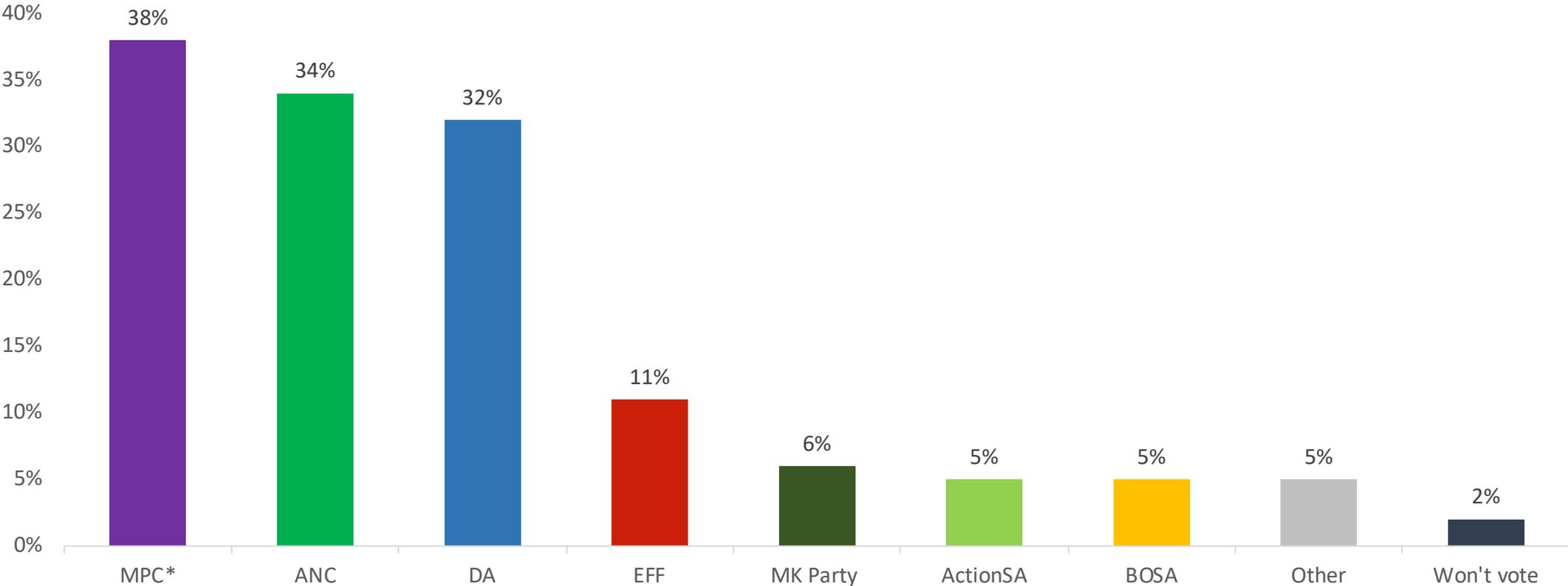


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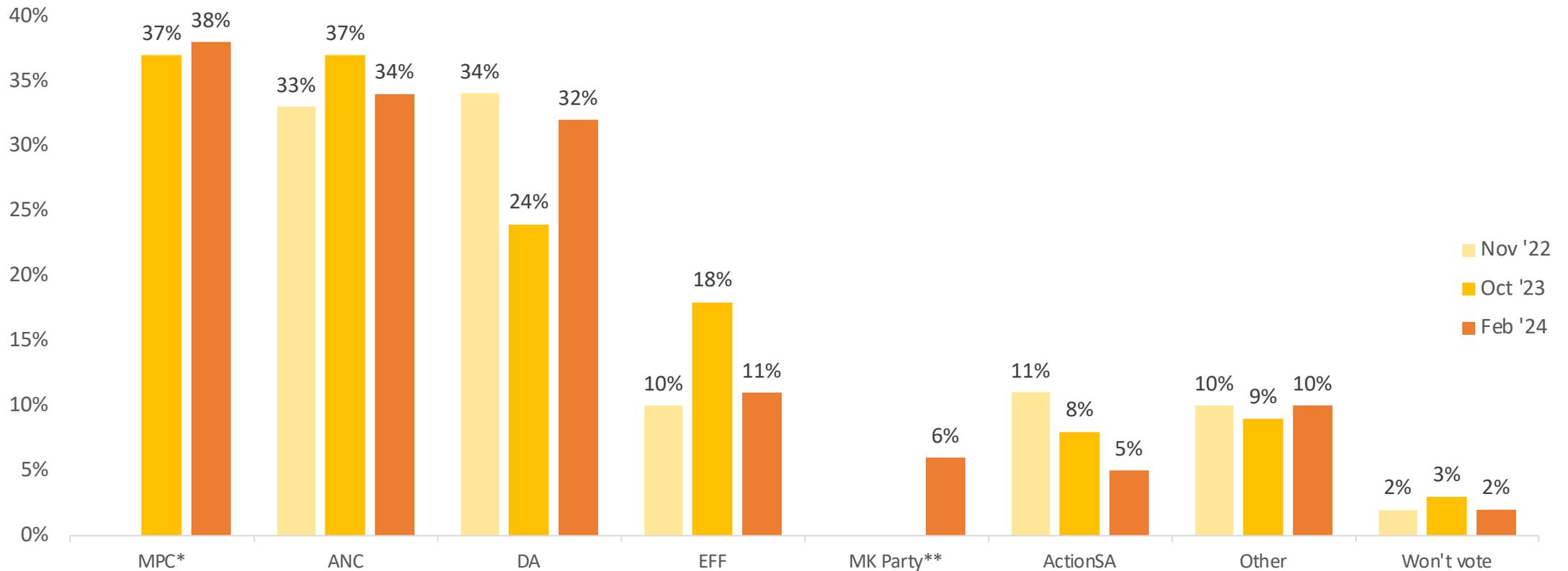


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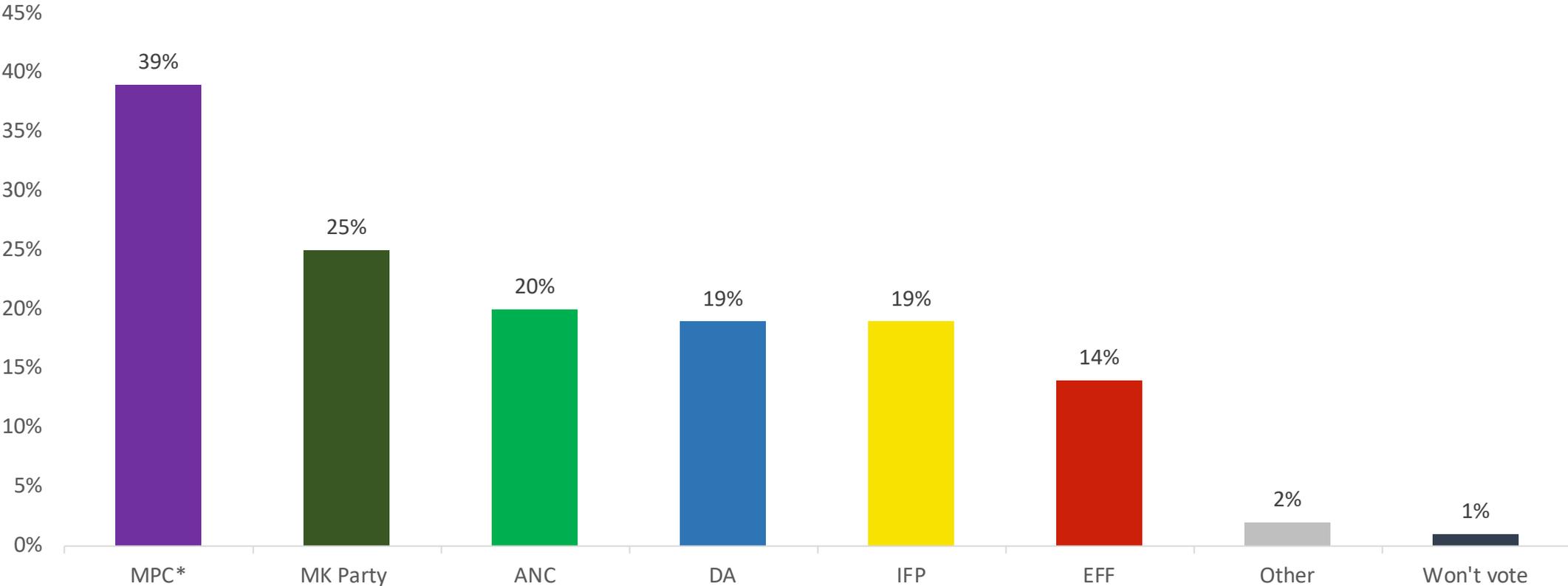
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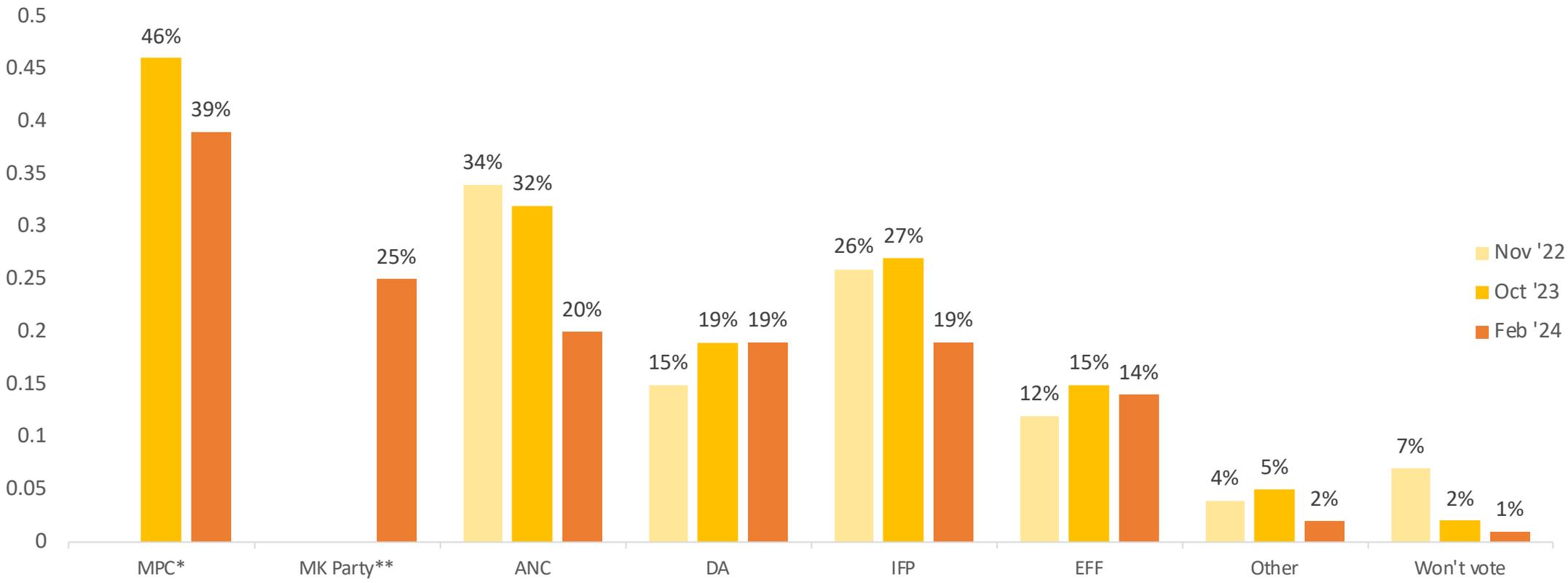


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Between October 2023 and February 2024 in KZN the ANC dropped 12 points and the IFP eight



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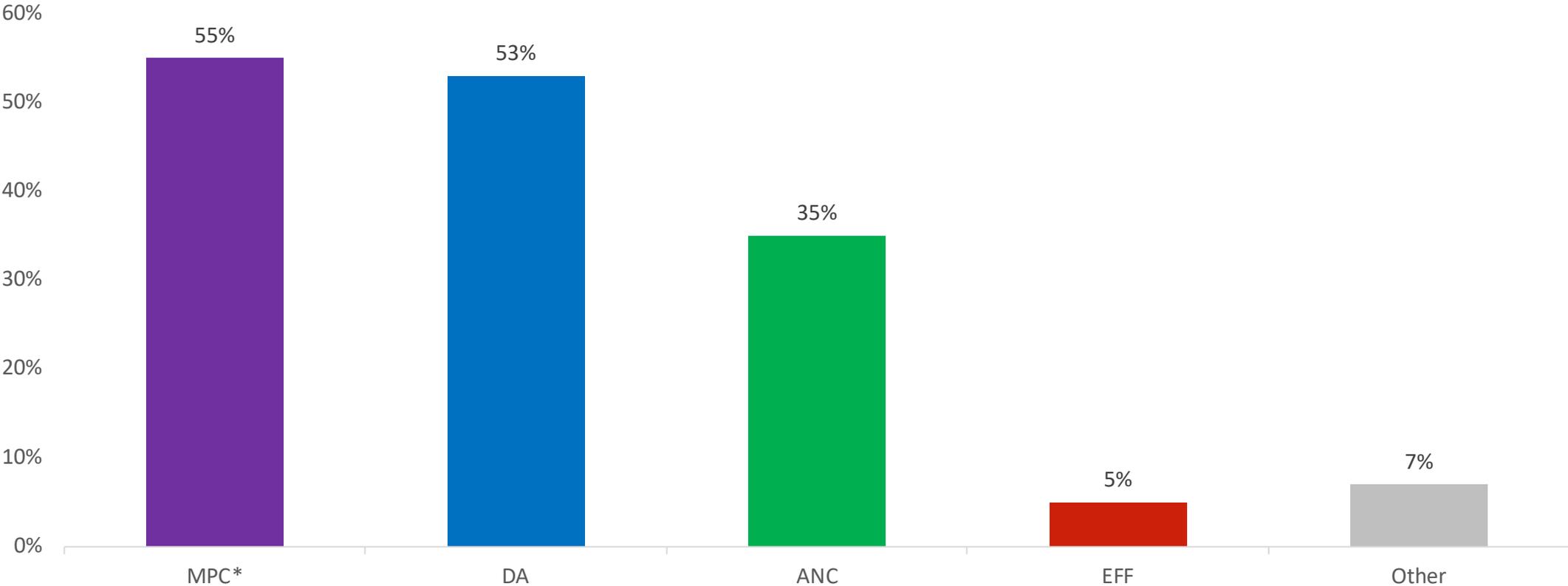


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In the Western Cape, the DA is polling at 53% and the ANC at 35%



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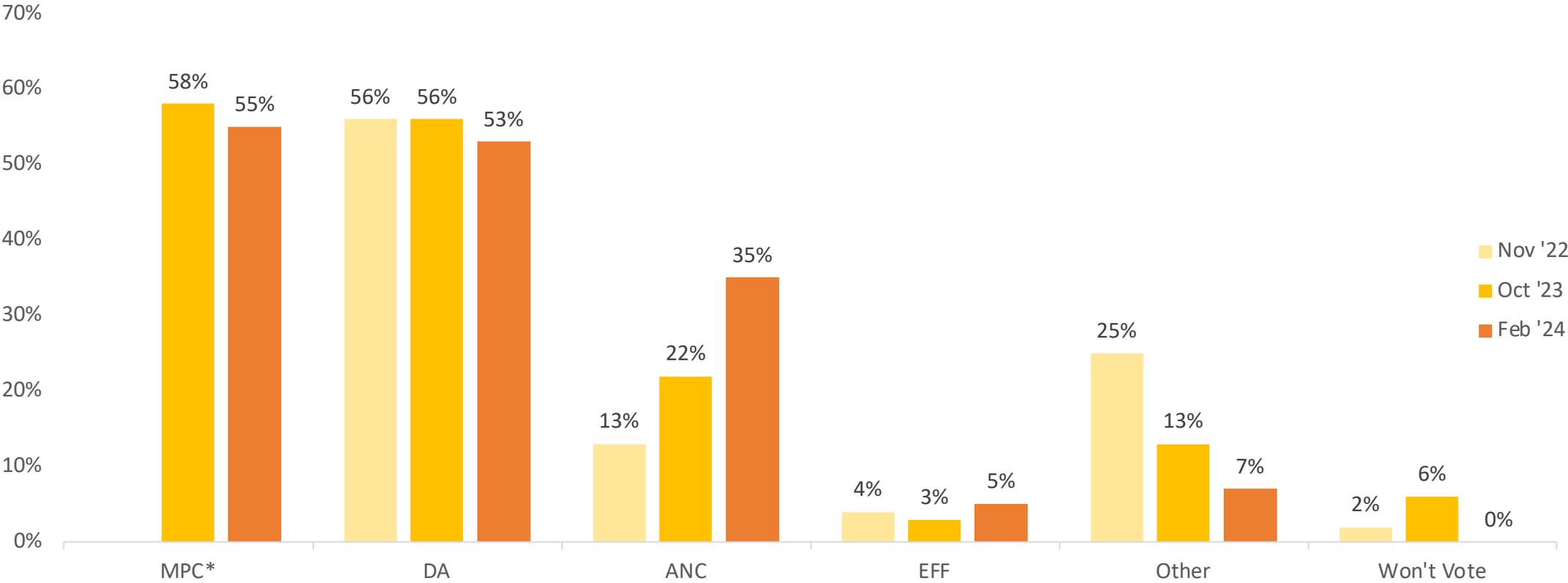


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In the Western Cape, the ANC gained 13 points and the EFF gained two since October 2023, while the DA lost three



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Governance

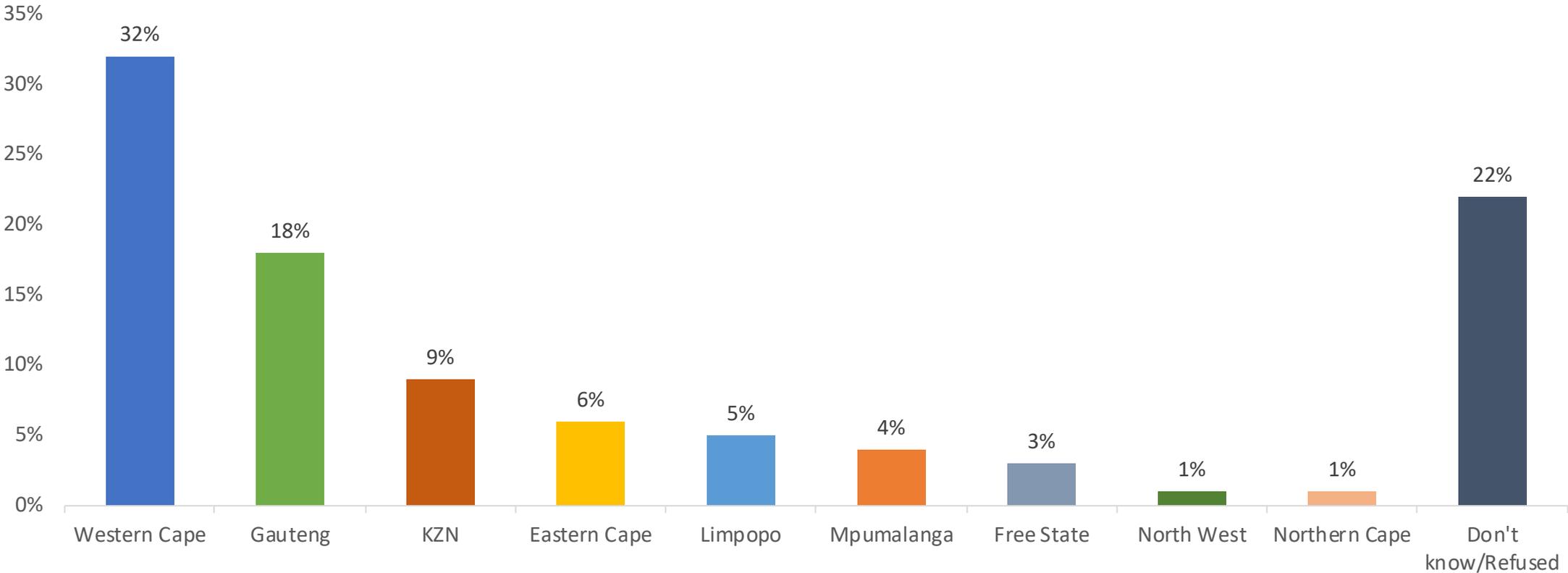


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32% indicate that the Western Cape, where 12.5% of the population lives, is South Africa's best governed province



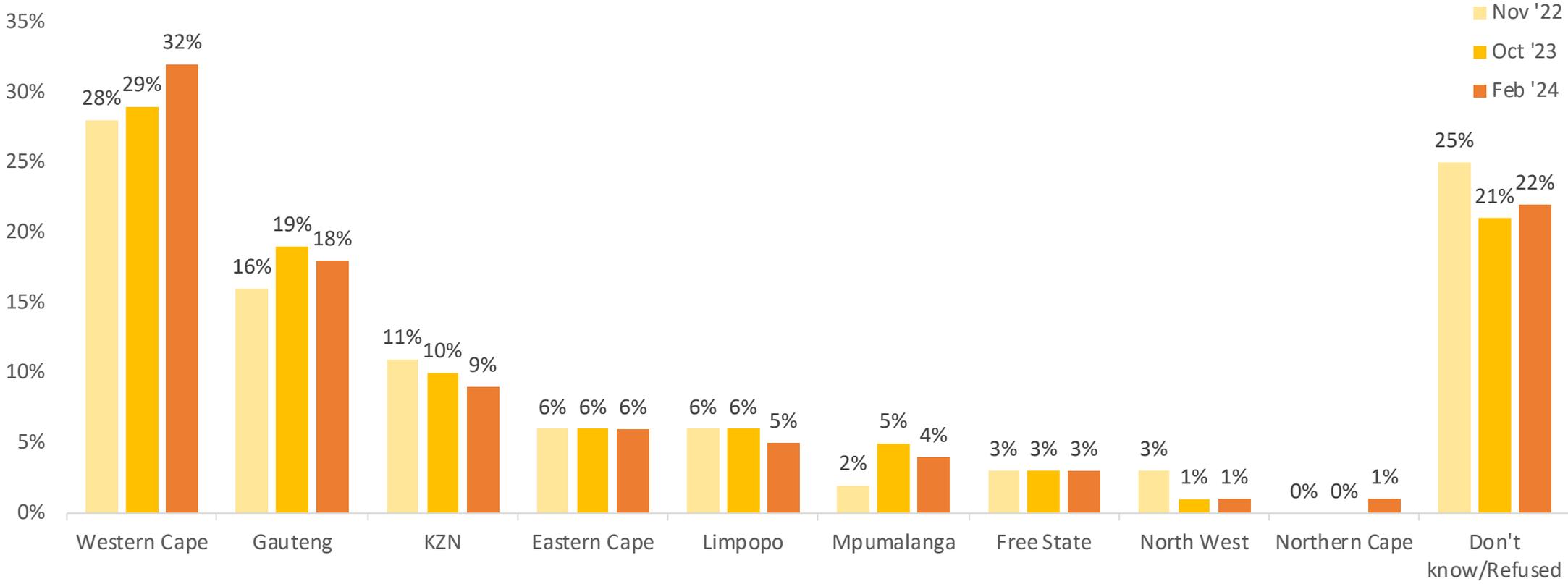
Which province do you believe is best governed?



The Western Cape is the only province which more people believe is better governed since last year



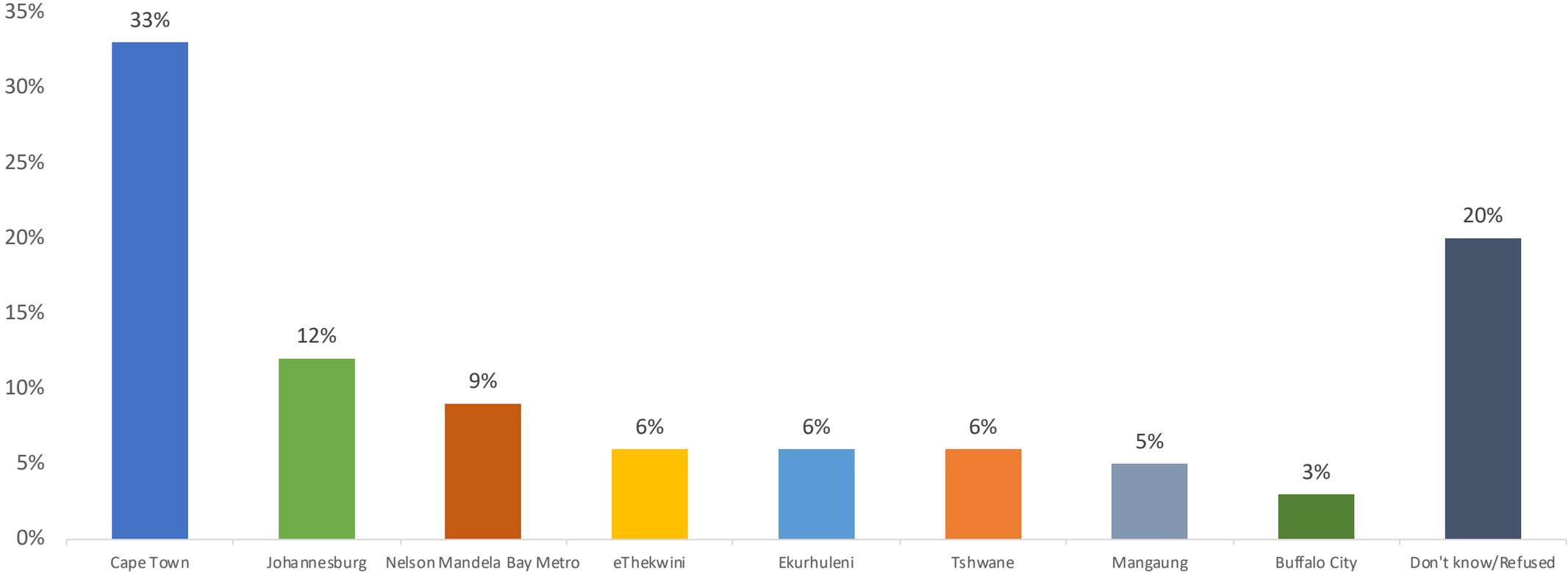
Which province do you believe is best governed?



One third believe the City of Cape Town, where 8.1% of the SA population lives, is the country's best governed metro



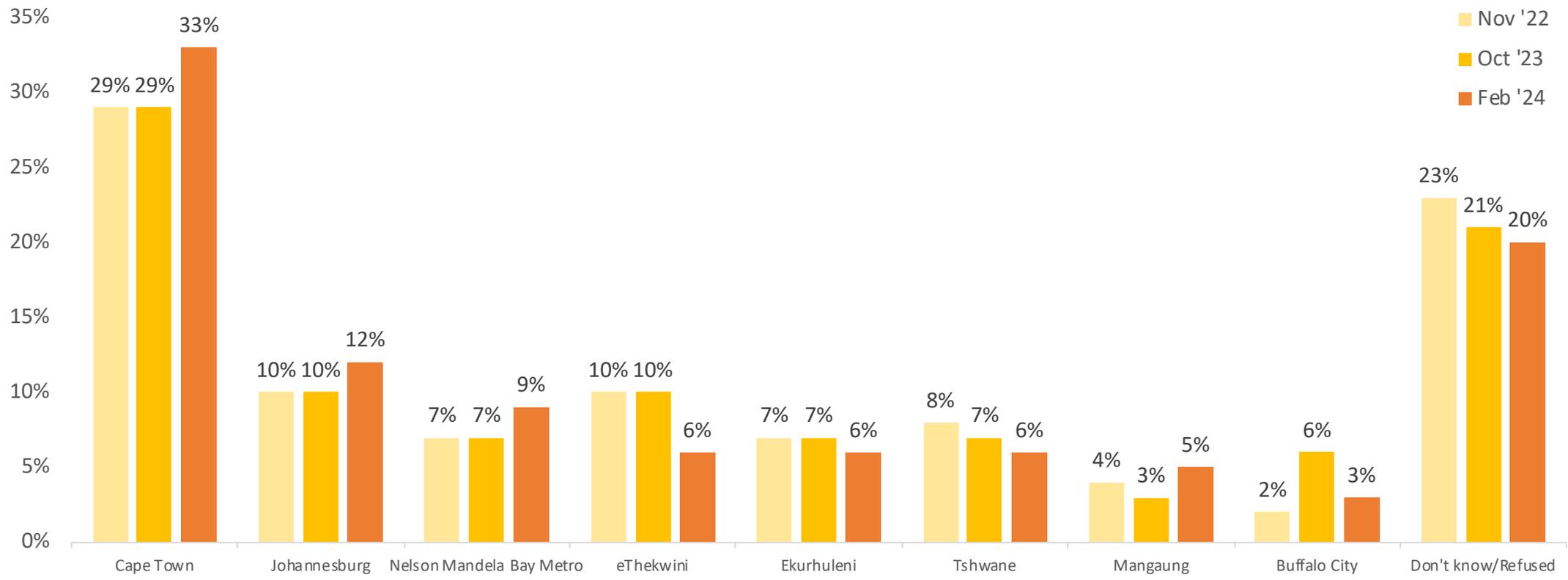
Which metro do you believe is best governed?



Cape Town's standing as the best governed metro continues to grow



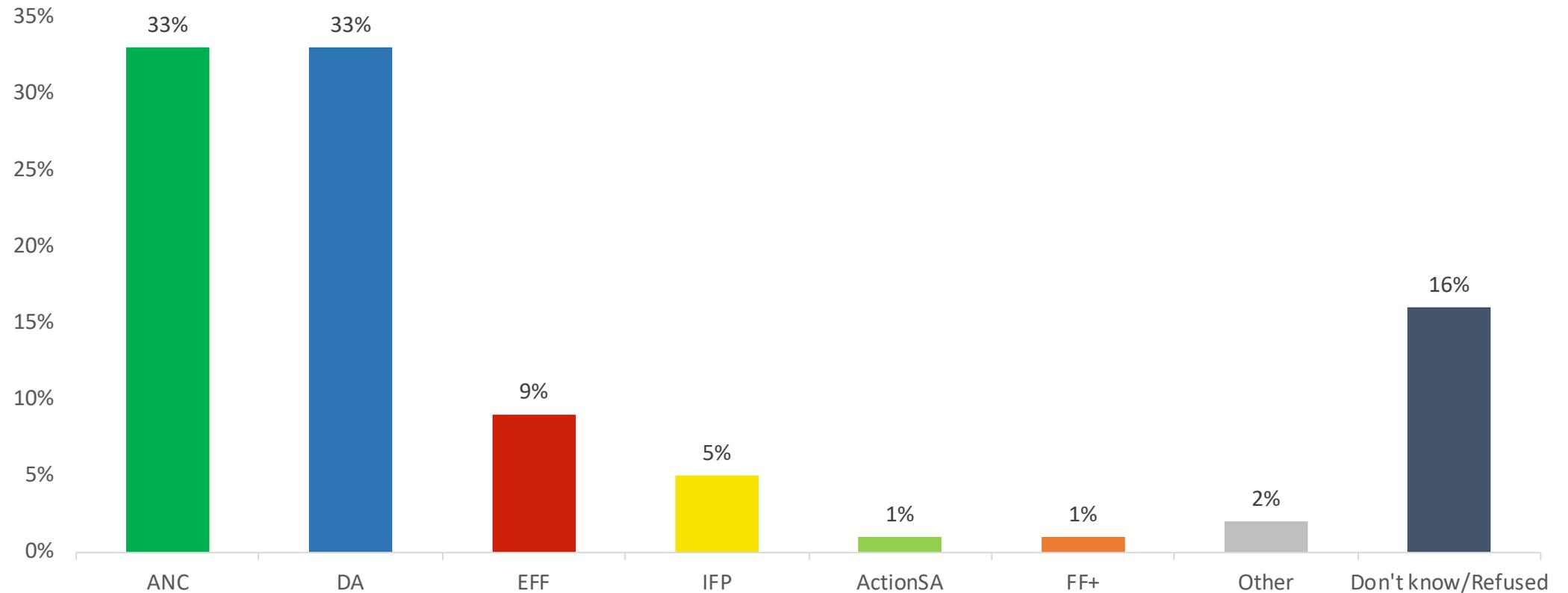
Which metro do you believe is best governed?



The DA's reputation at governing has climbed to equal that of the ANC



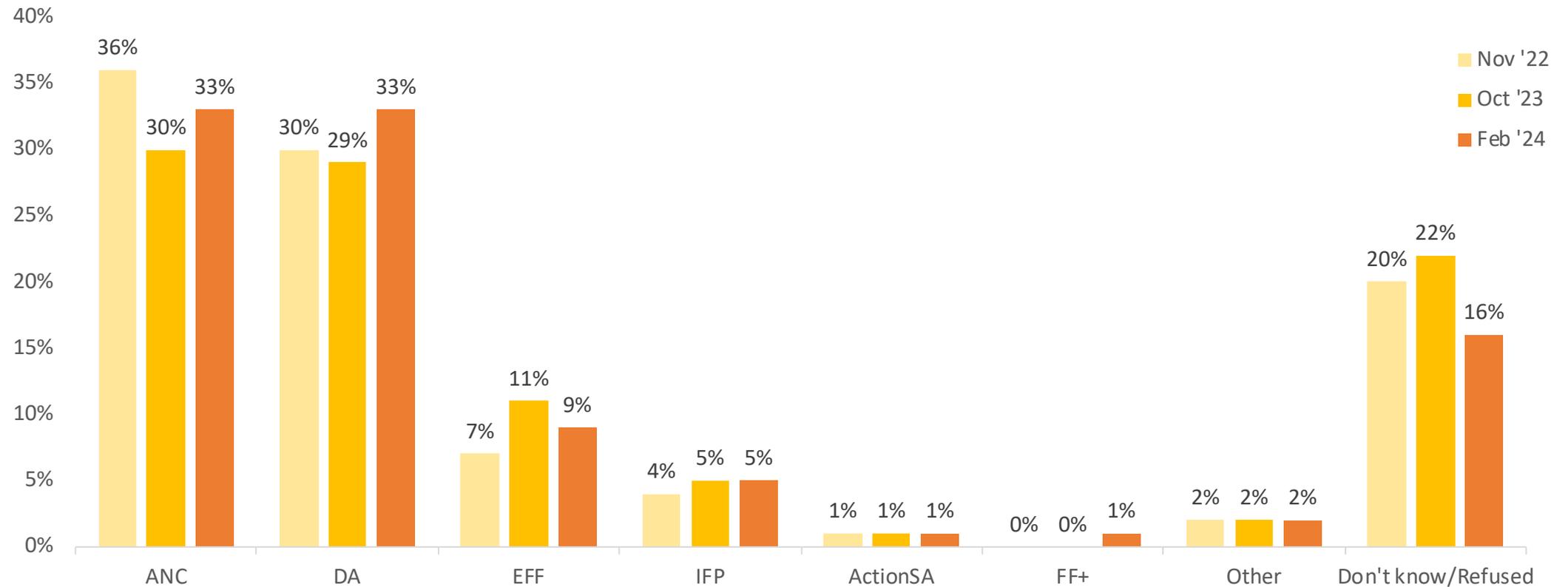
Which party do you believe is the most effective at governing?



Both the DA and ANC have improved their standing as the most effective parties at governing since last year



Which party do you believe is the most effective at governing?



Favourabilities

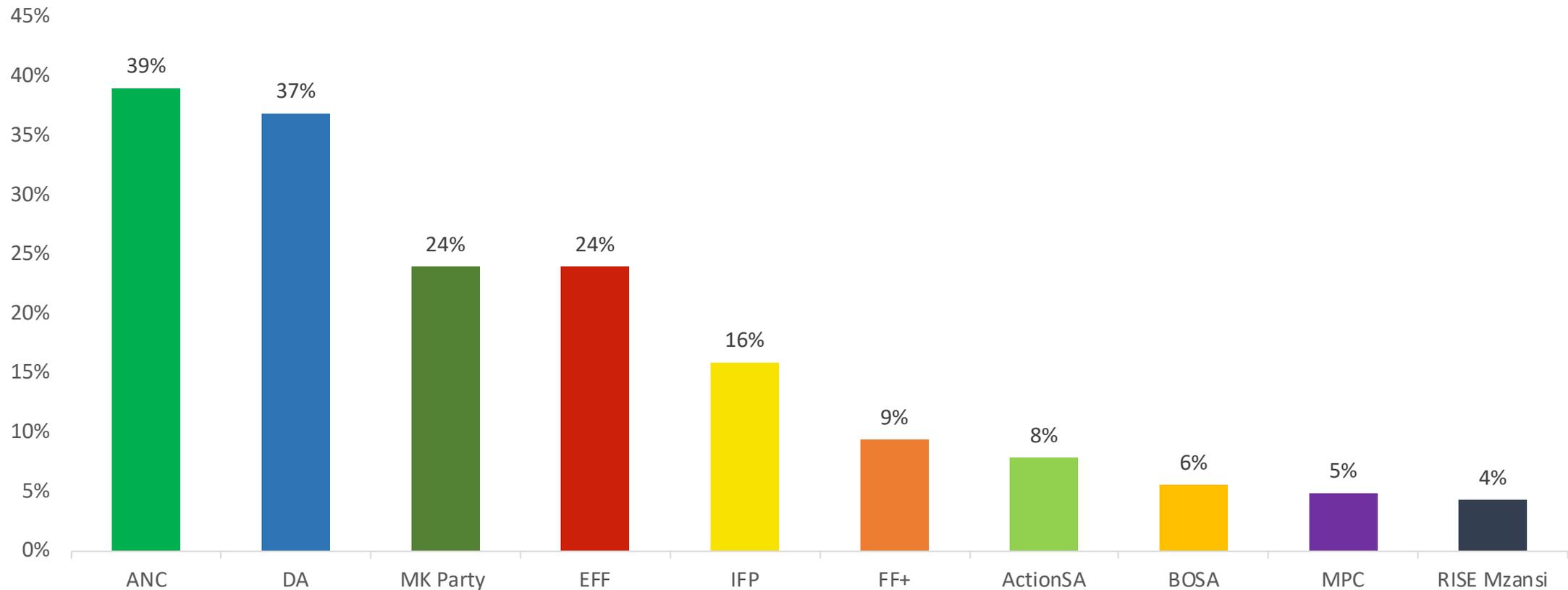


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The ANC (39%) and the DA (37%) are viewed the most favourably



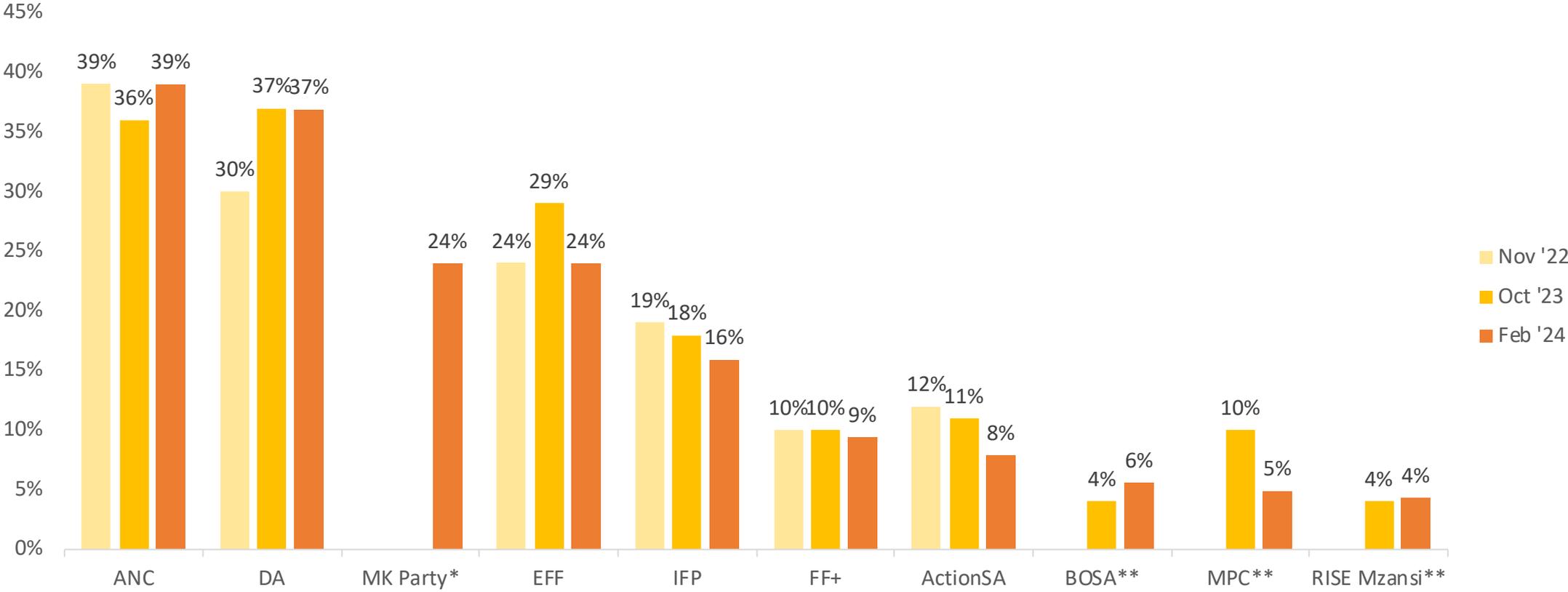
Strongly and somewhat favourable: Political parties



The EFF and MPC dropped five points in positive favourability compared to last year, while the ANC gained three points



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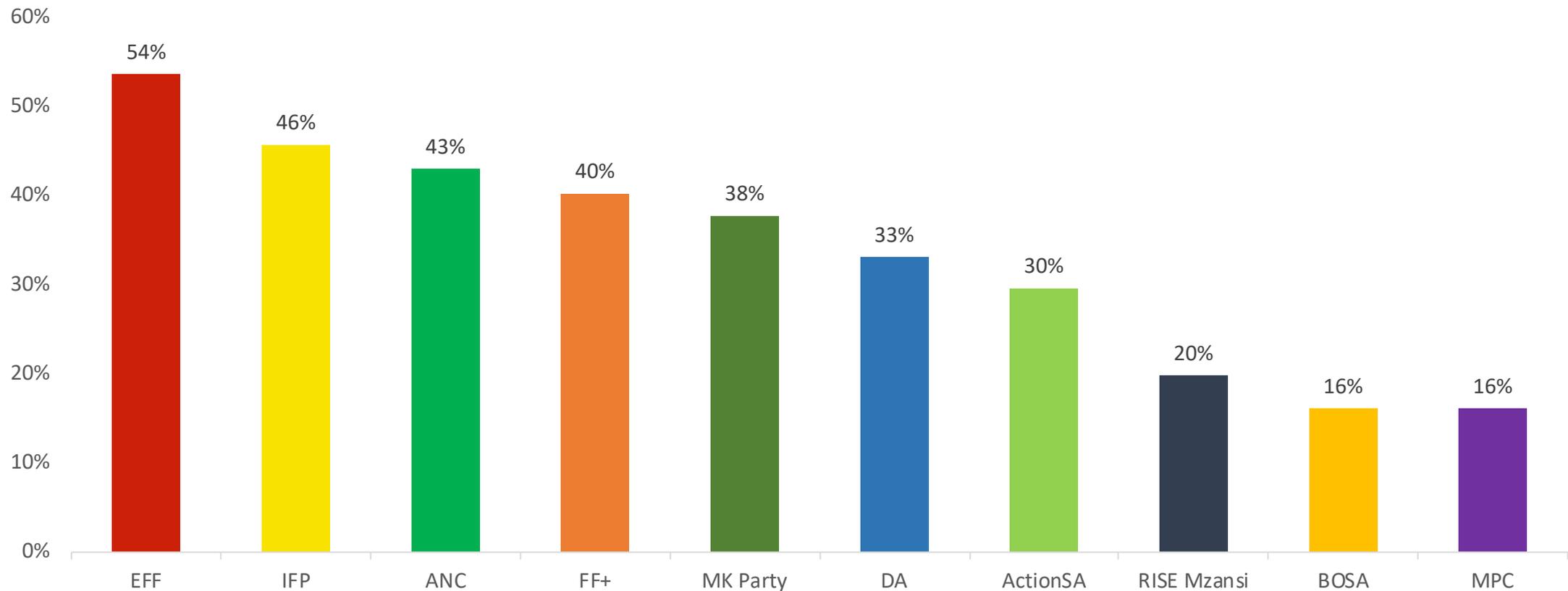


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The EFF is viewed the most unfavourably amongst those tested



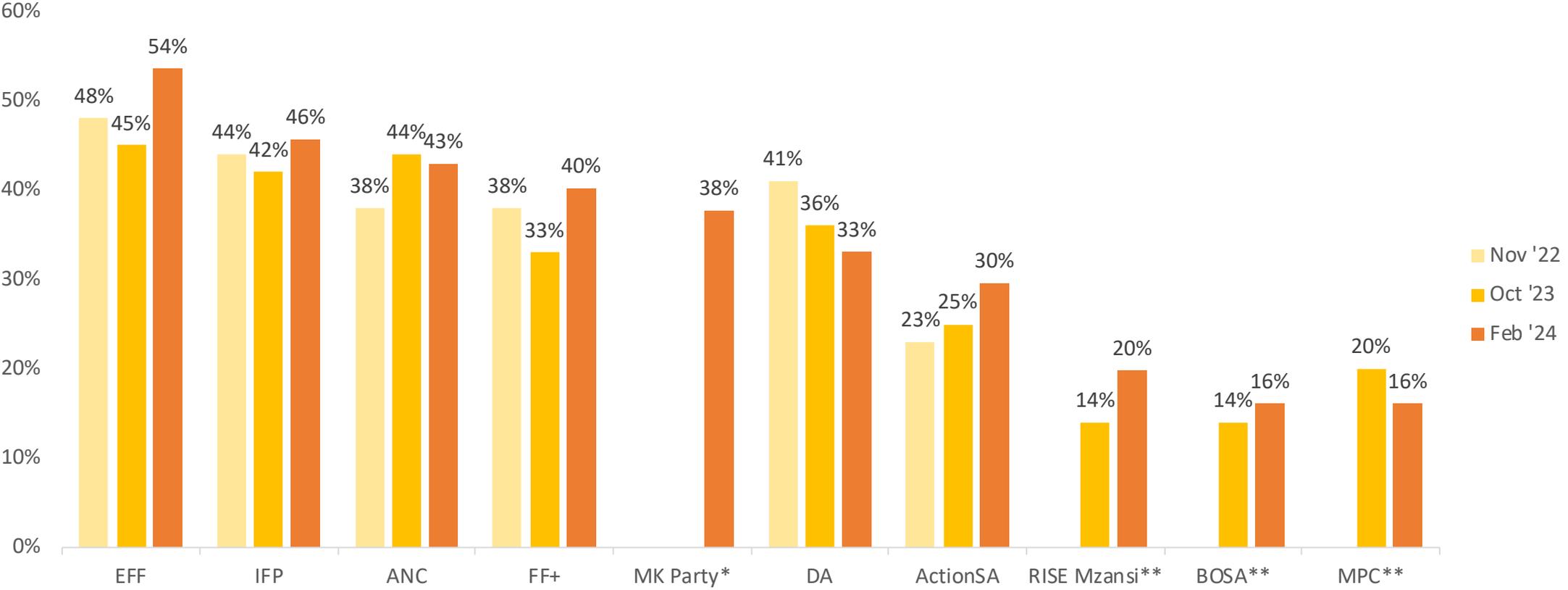
Strongly and somewhat unfavourable: Political parties



The EFF, FF+ and ActionSA are viewed more unfavourably than last year



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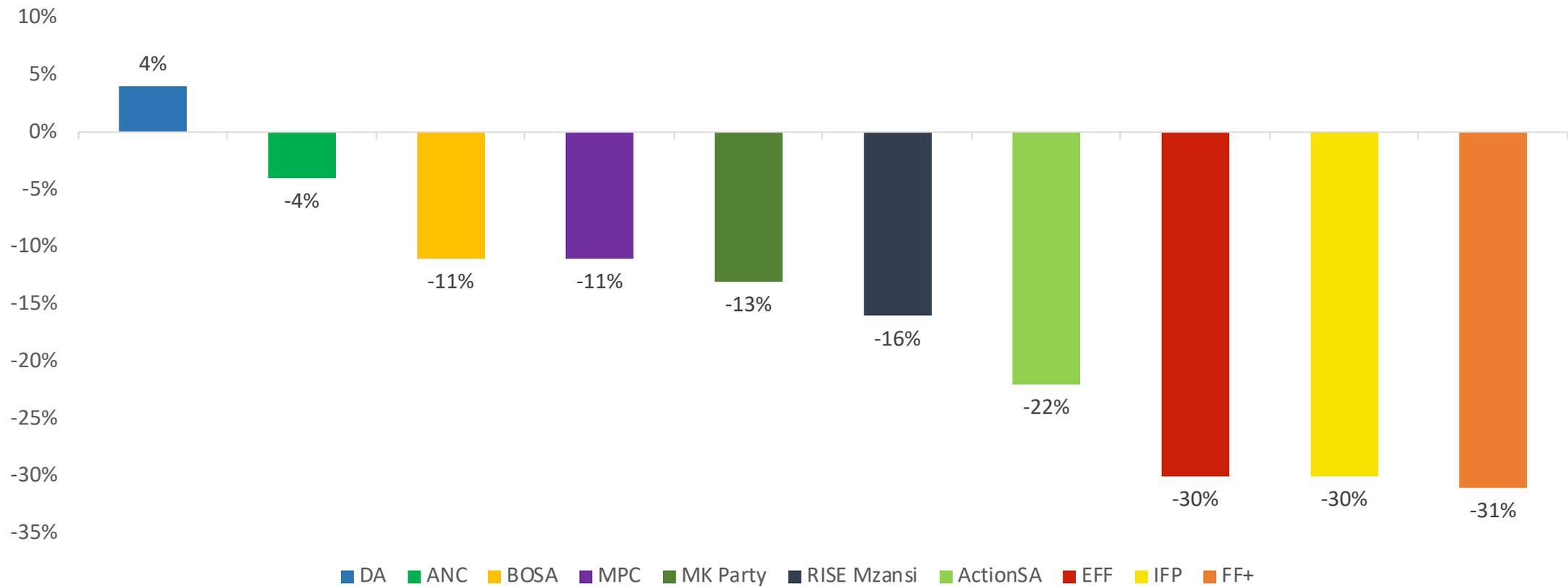
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The DA rises to score the highest net favourability (4%), with the EFF (-30%), IFP (-30%) and FF+ (-31%) all scoring the lowest



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Net favourability: Political parties



The DA's net favourability has increased by 15 points since November 2022, while the ANC has dropped by five points



Net favourability: Political parties



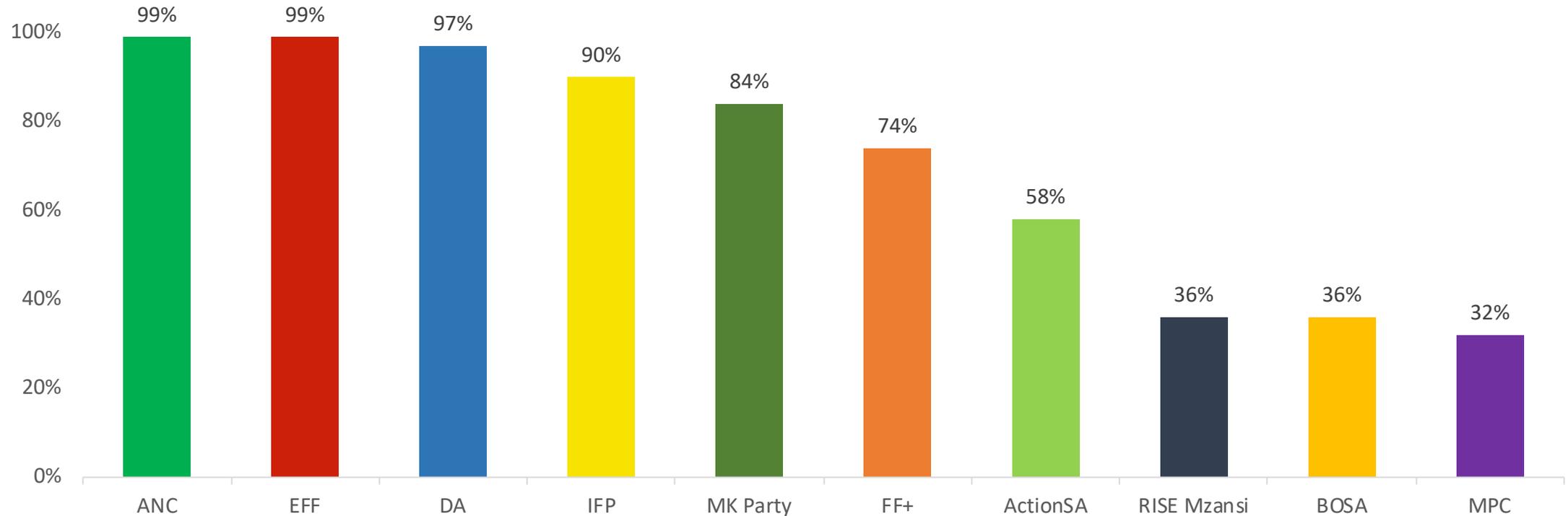
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The ANC, EFF and DA score the highest in name recognition, while the MPC* scores the lowest



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Familiarity: Political parties

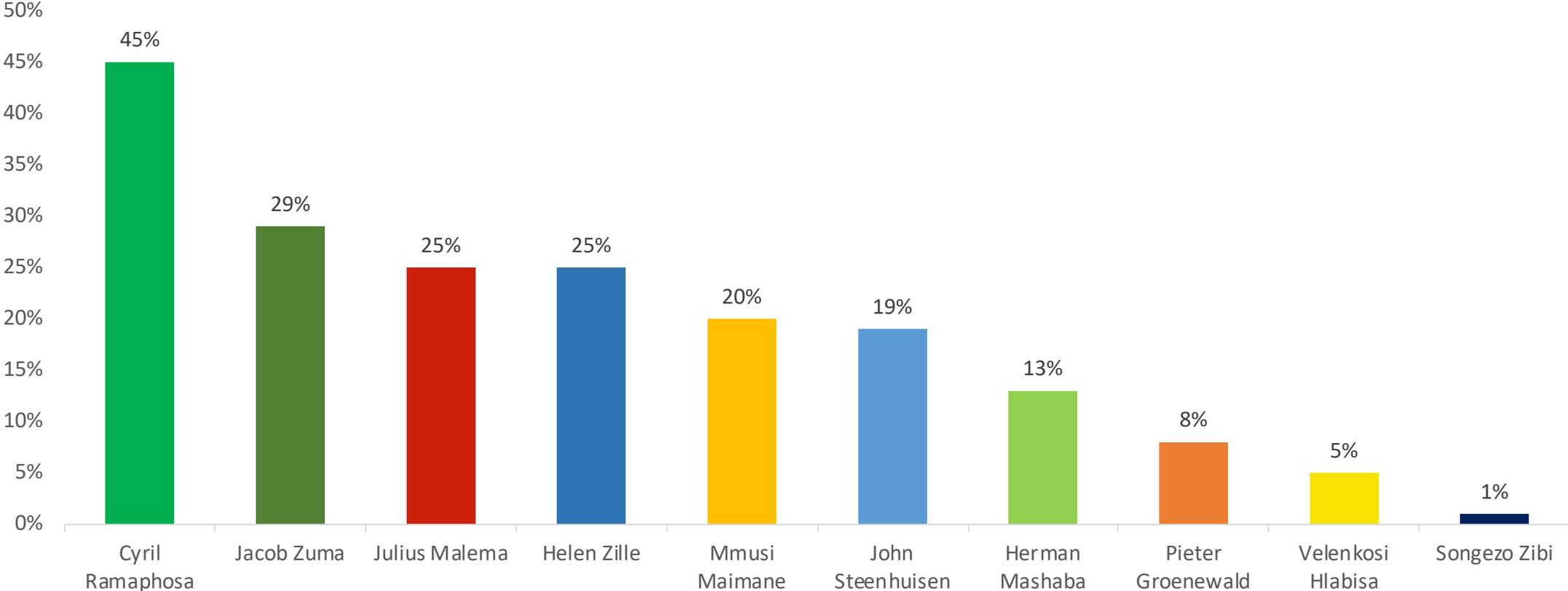


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Cyril Ramaphosa enjoys the highest positive favourability rating of politicians tested, followed by Jacob Zuma



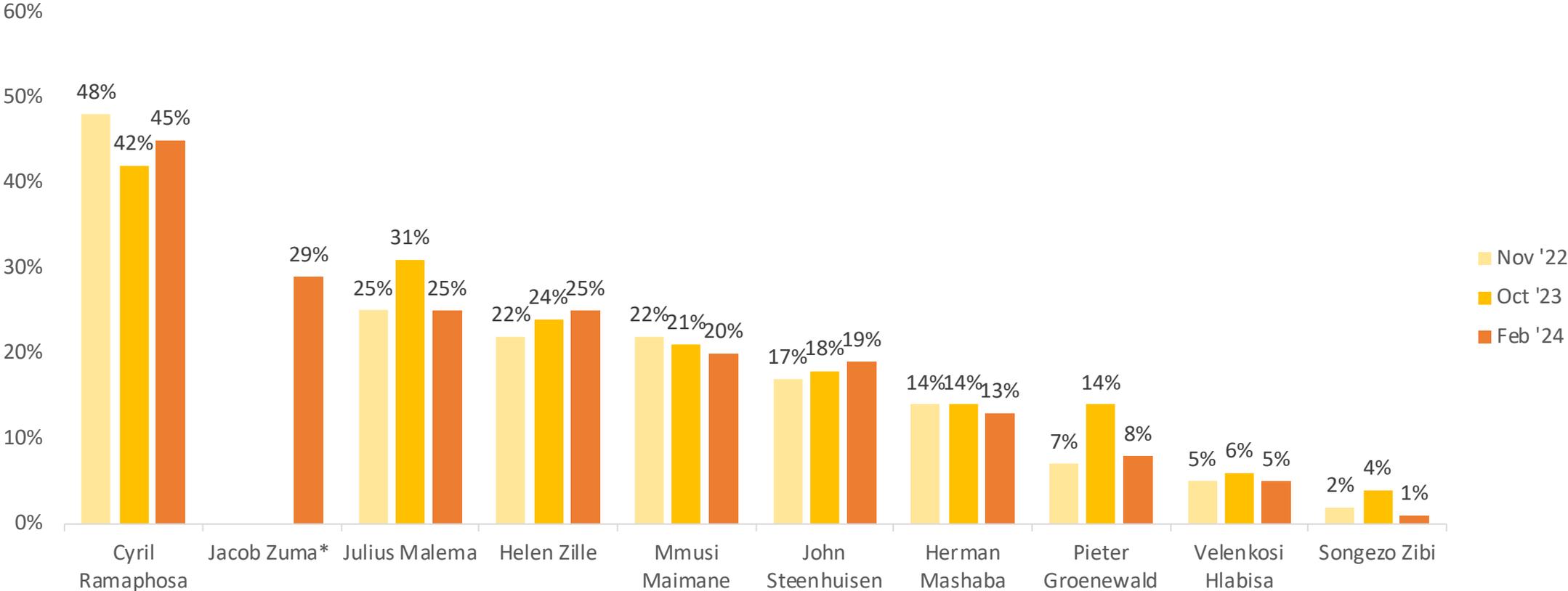
Strongly and somewhat favourable: Public figures



Julius Malema dropped six points in positive favourability compared to last year, while Cyril Ramaphosa gained three points



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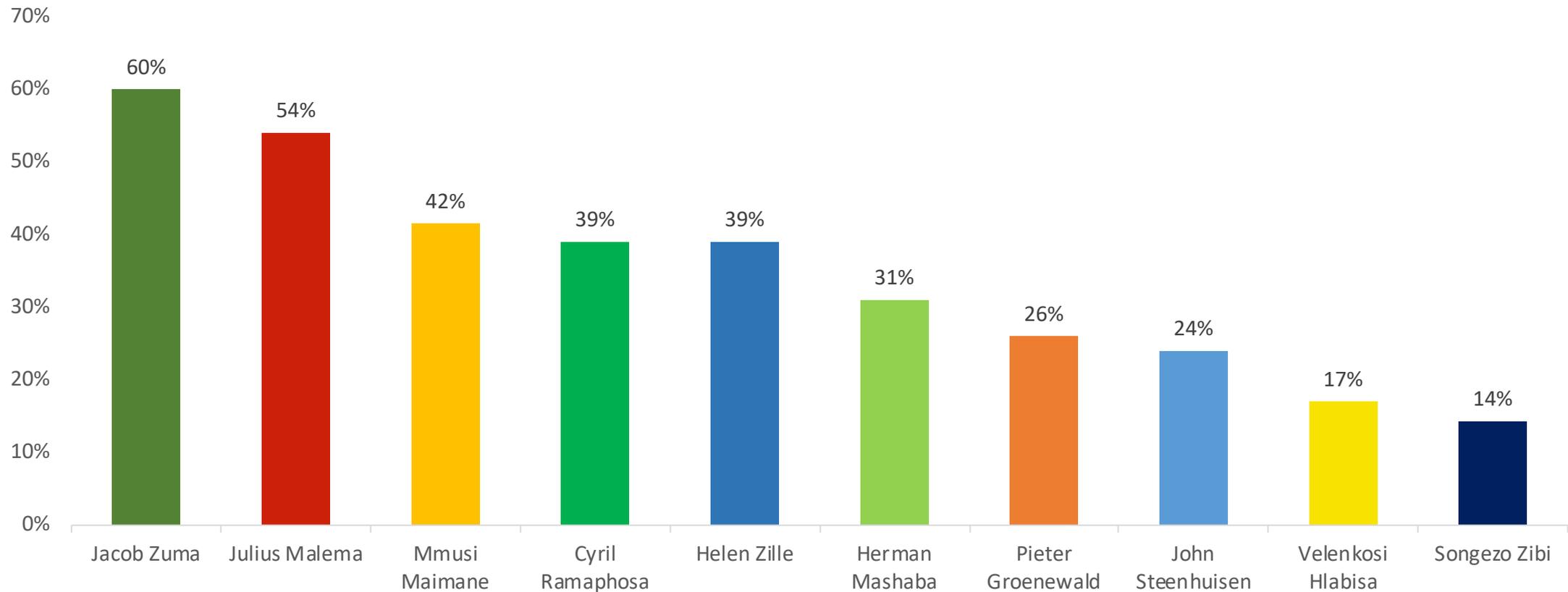
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Jacob Zuma is viewed most unfavourably amongst politicians tested, followed by Julius Malema



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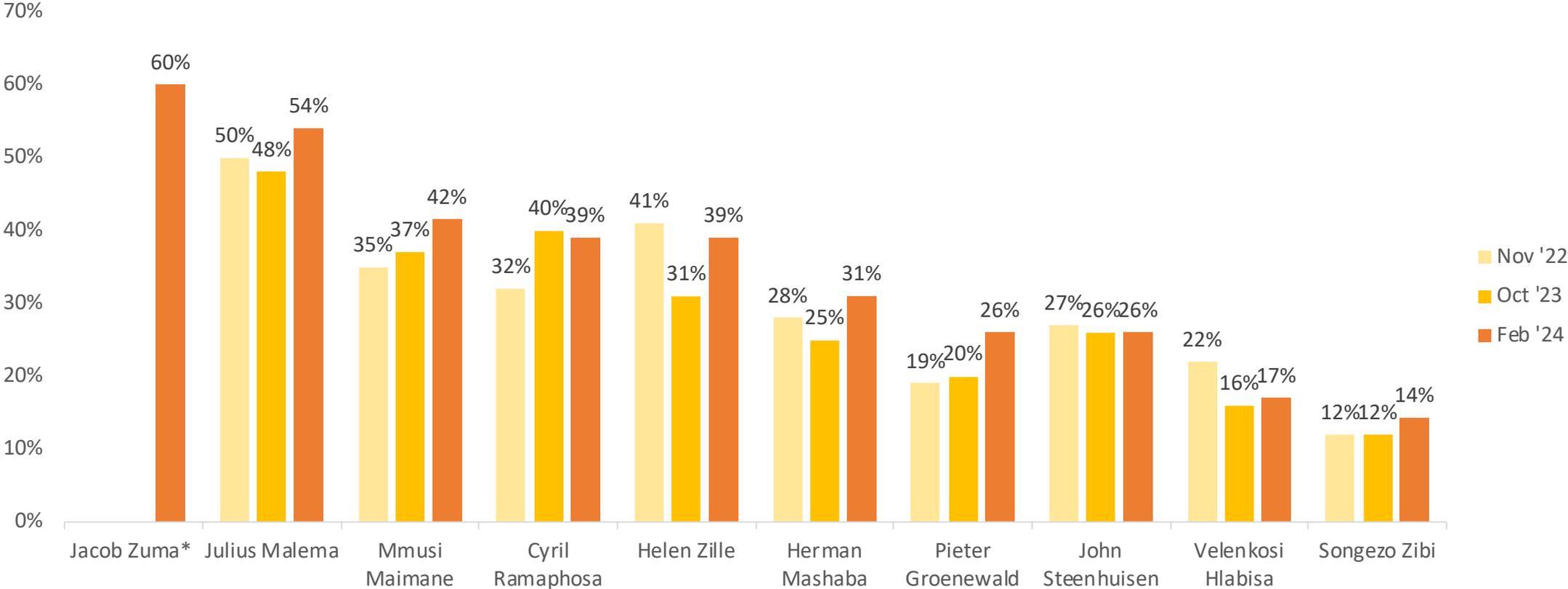
Strongly and somewhat unfavourable: Public figures



Julius Malema, Mmusi Maimane, Helen Zille, Herman Mashaba and Pieter Groenewald are all viewed more unfavourably than last year



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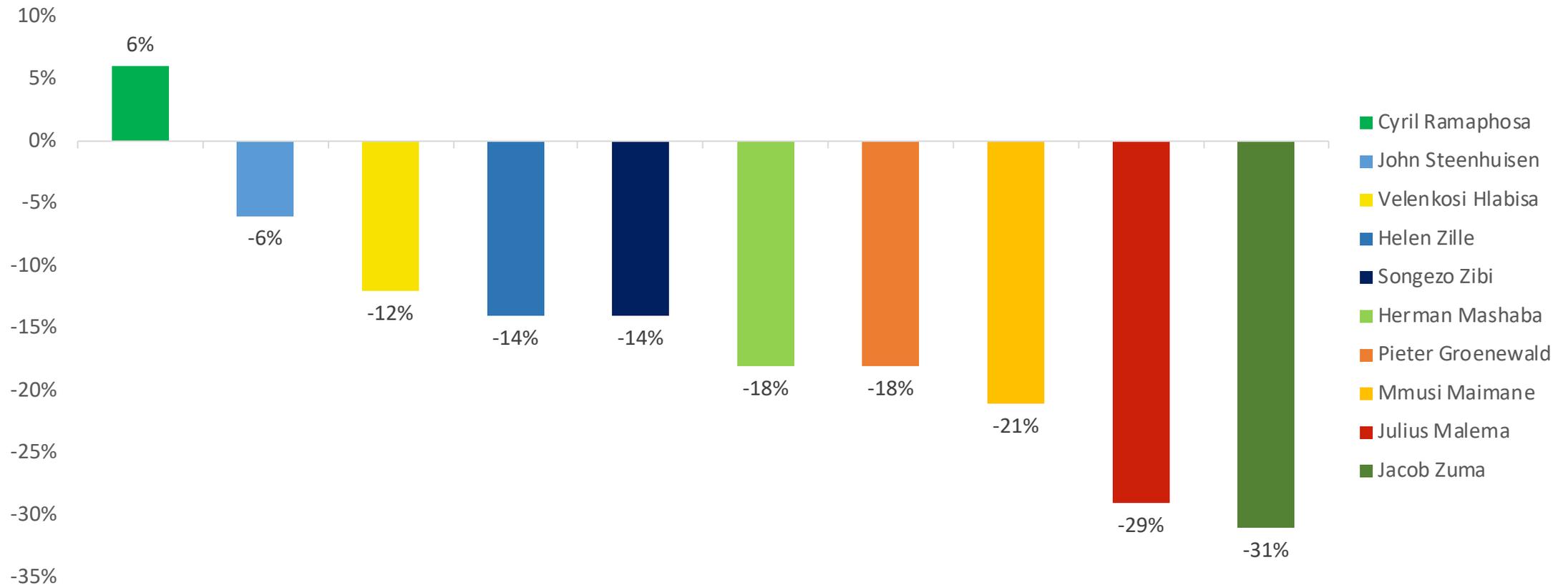


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Cyril Ramaphosa scored the highest net favourability (6%) just ahead of John Steenhuisen (-6%), with Jacob Zuma the lowest (-31%)



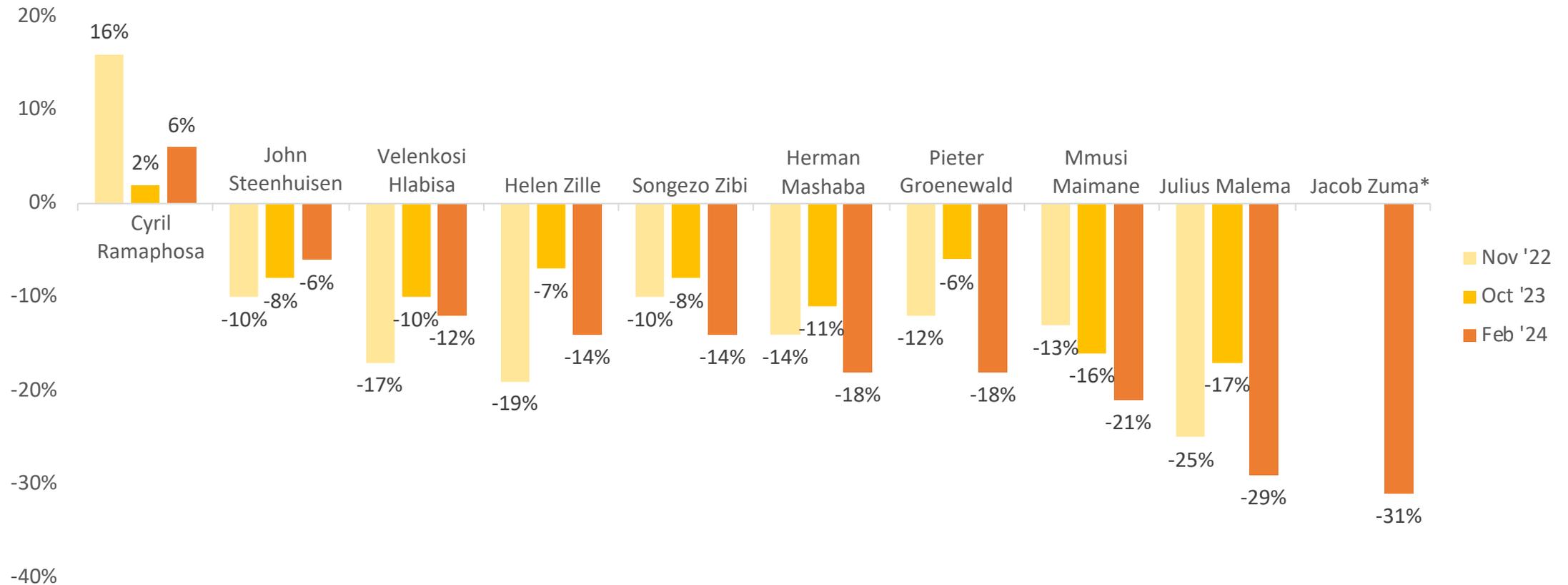
Net favourability: Public figures



John Steenhuisen's net favourability has steadily increased since 2022, while that of many, including Cyril Ramaphosa, Mmusi Maimane and Julius Malema, has fallen



Net favourability: Public figures

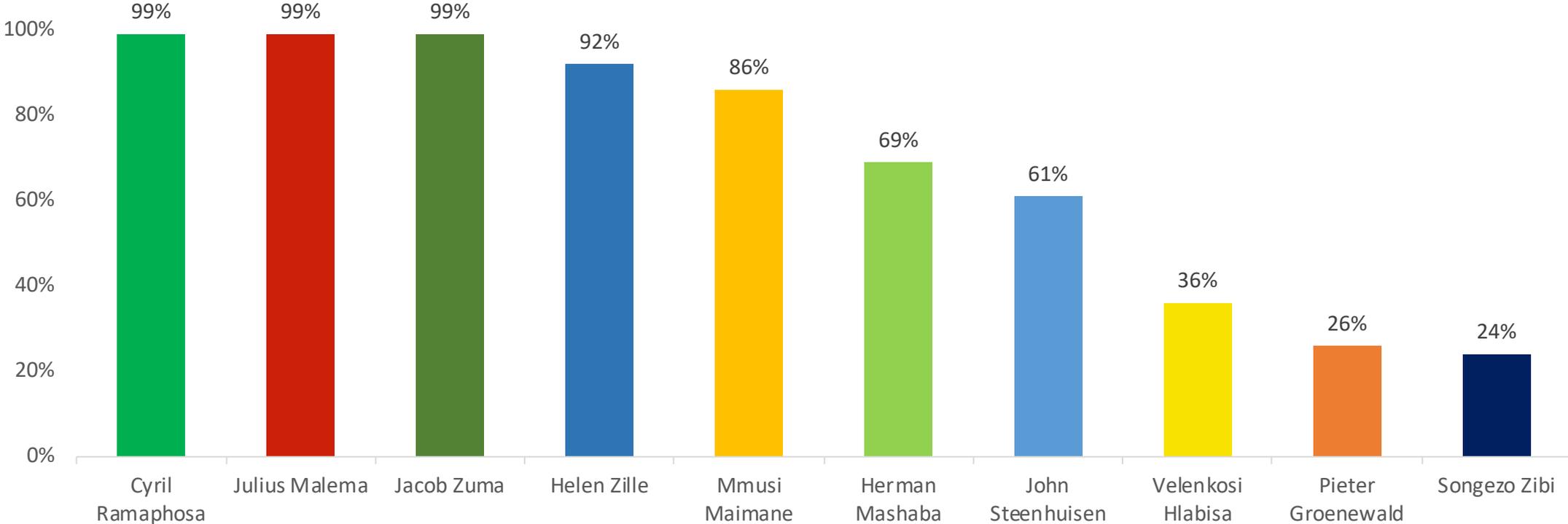


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Cyril Ramaphosa, Julius Malema and Jacob Zuma have the most recognised names



Familiarity: Public figures



Issues

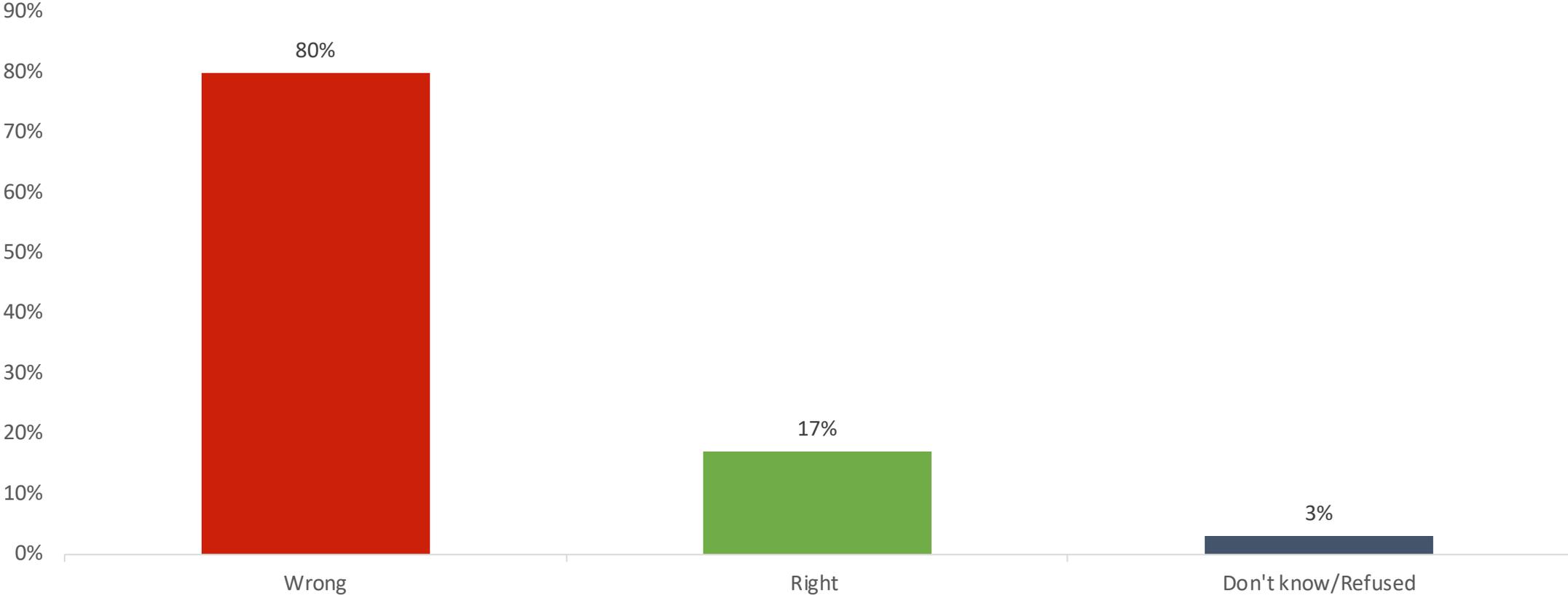


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Four in five respondents believe South Africa is heading in the wrong direction



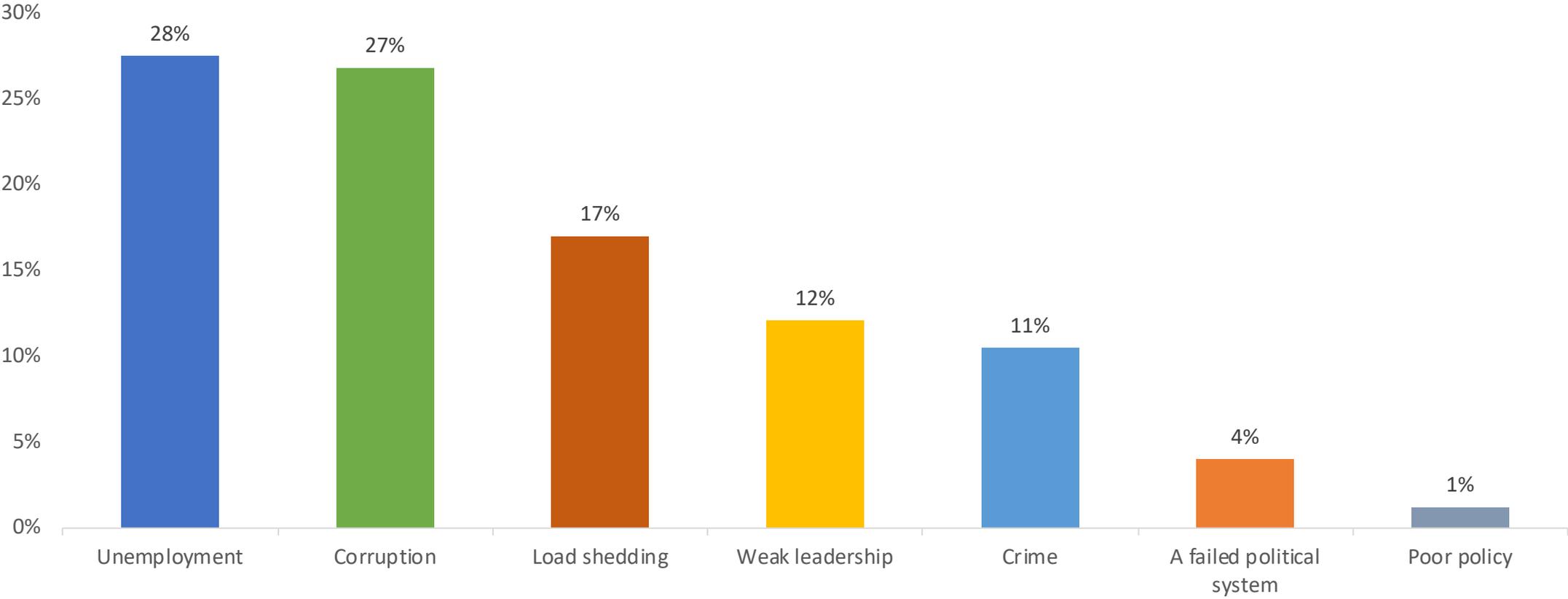
Are things in South Africa going in the right or wrong direction?



Unemployment (28%) and corruption (27%) are cited as South Africa's biggest problems



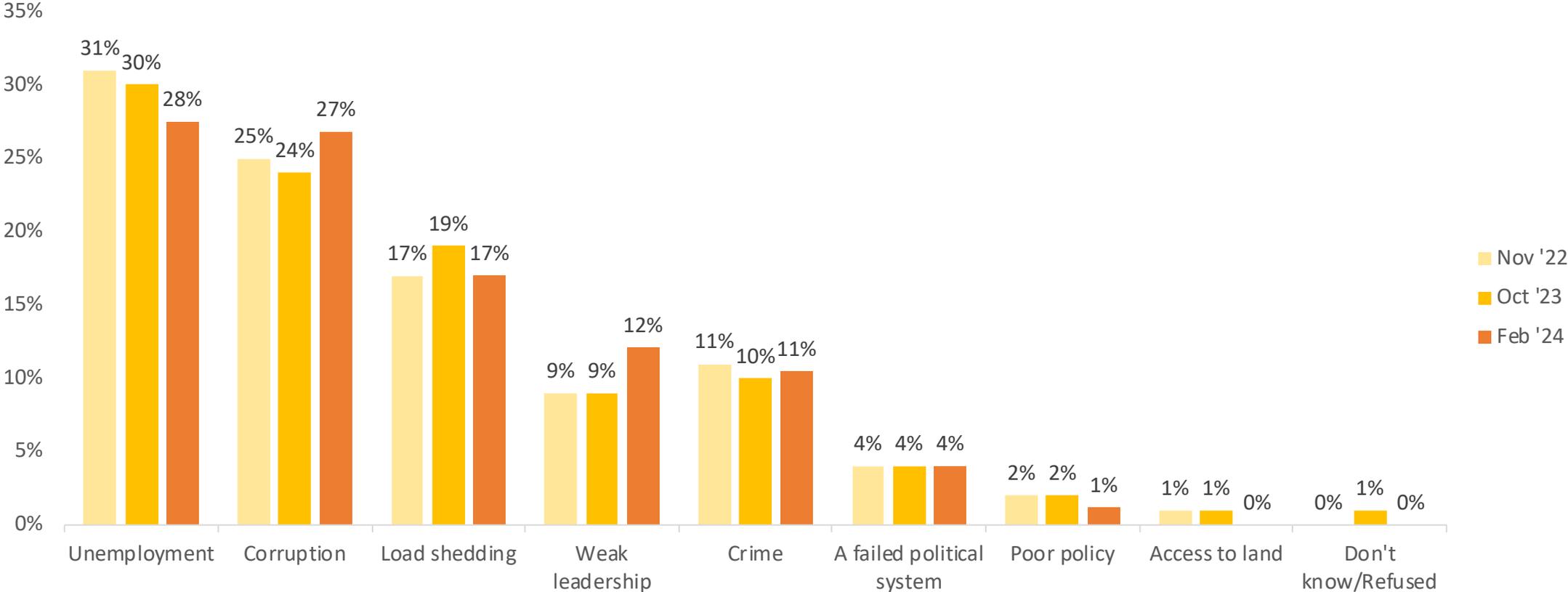
What do you think is the biggest problem facing South Africa right now?



Weak leadership has overtaken crime as one of the country's top four problems, while concern about corruption rises



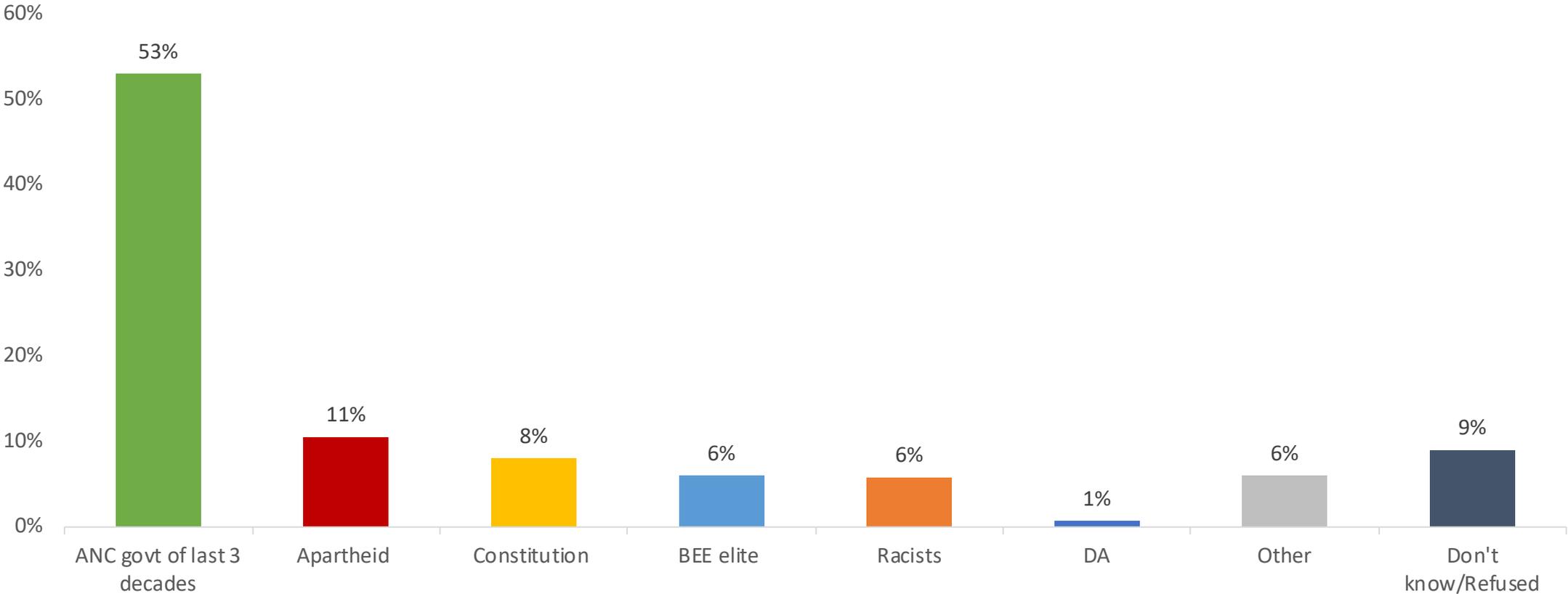
What do you think is the biggest problem facing South Africa right now?



Over half of respondents believe the ANC government of the last three decades is to blame for the country's problems



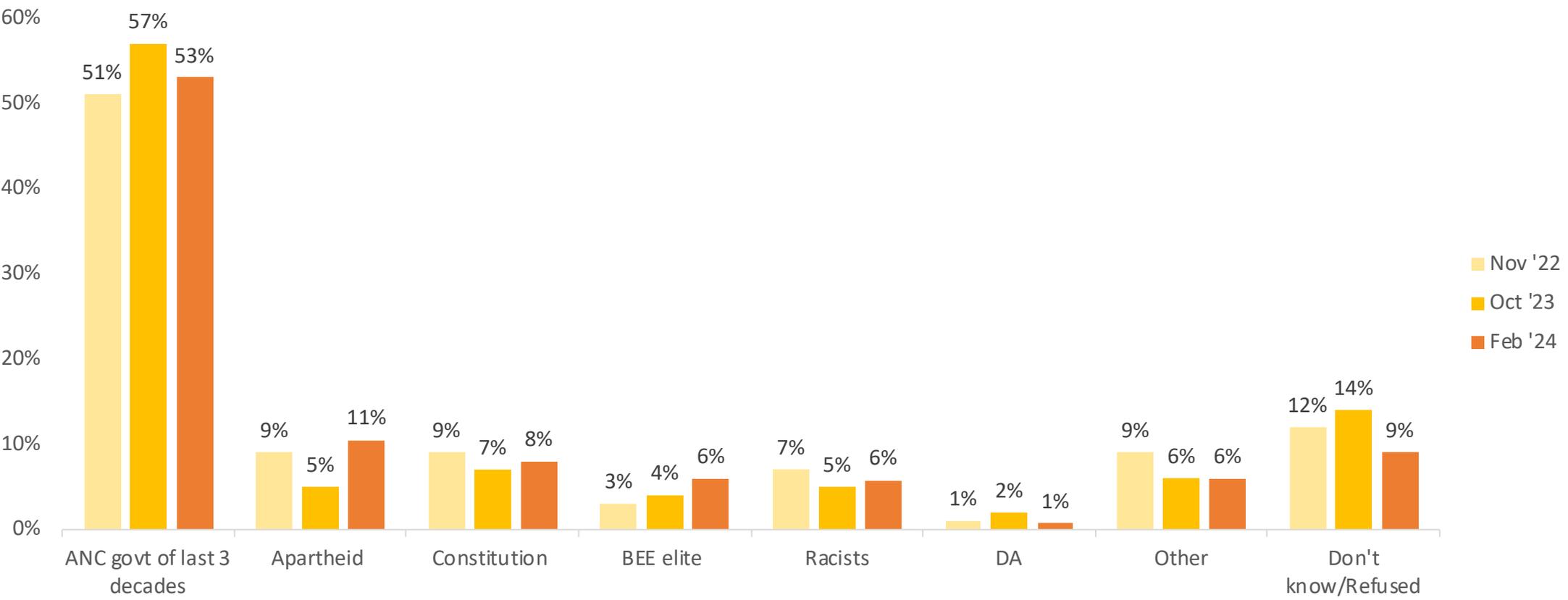
Who or what is most responsible for this problem?



The ANC government has consistently been held responsible for the country's problems



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Coalitions

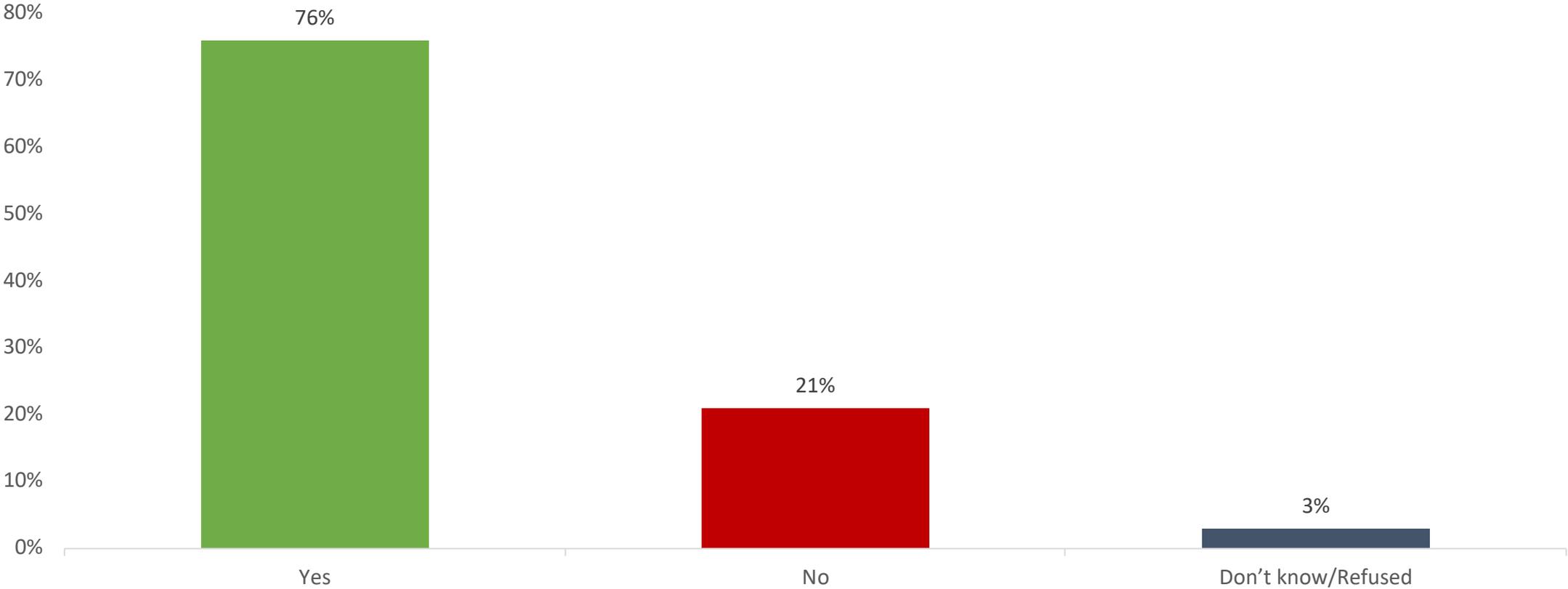


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Over three-quarters of respondents would be happy to see a coalition govern South Africa



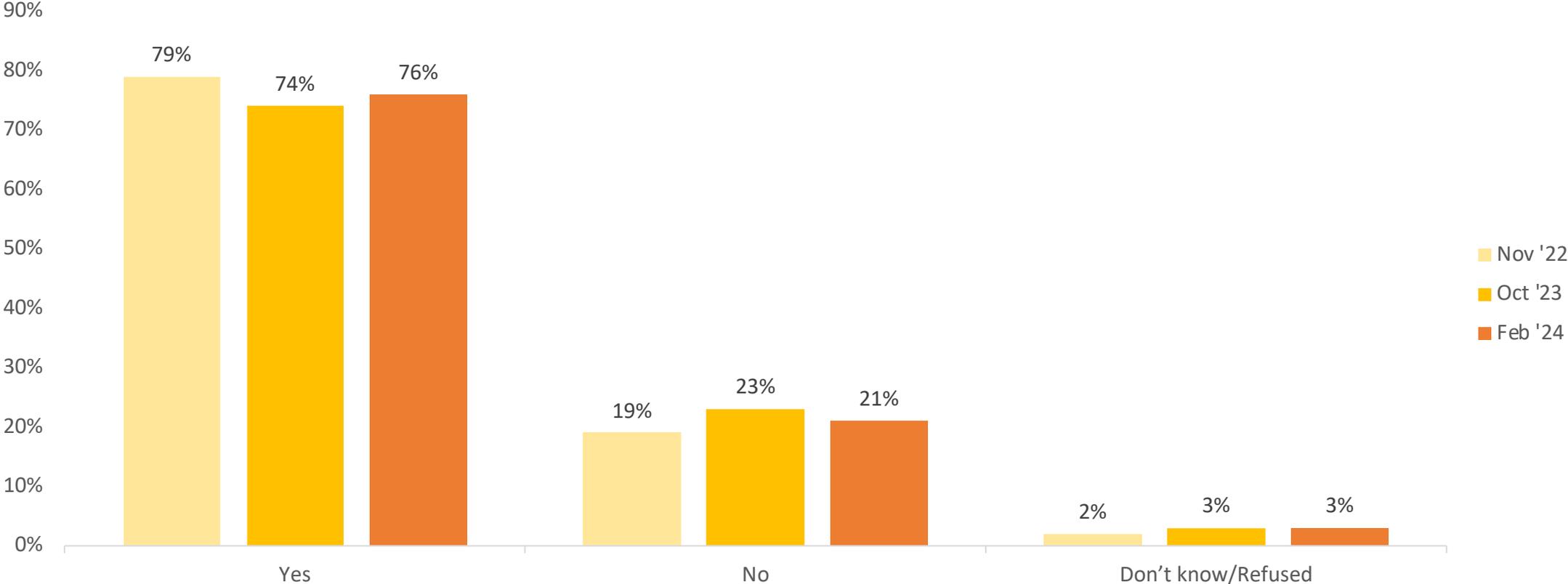
Would you be happy to see a coalition of parties govern South Africa?



There has been consistent support for a coalition government since November 2022



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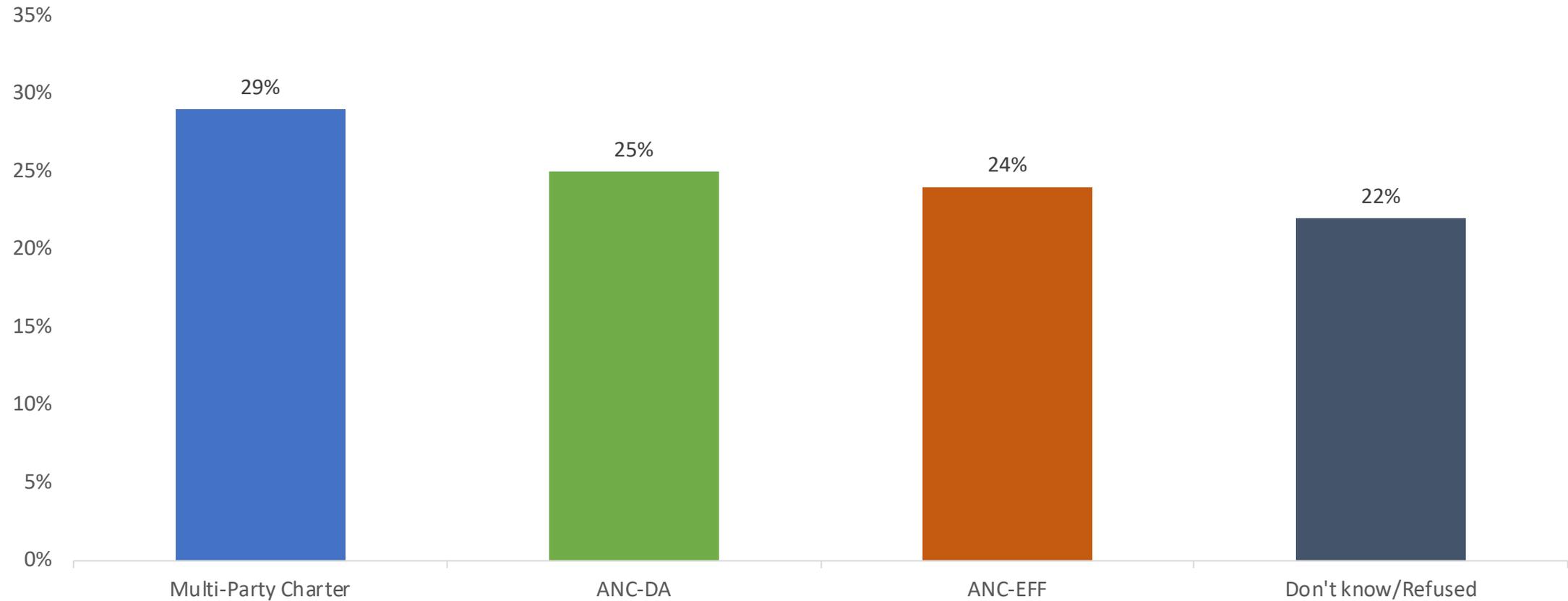


The Multi Party Charter (MPC)* is favoured over other options



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Which coalition would you prefer to govern the country?

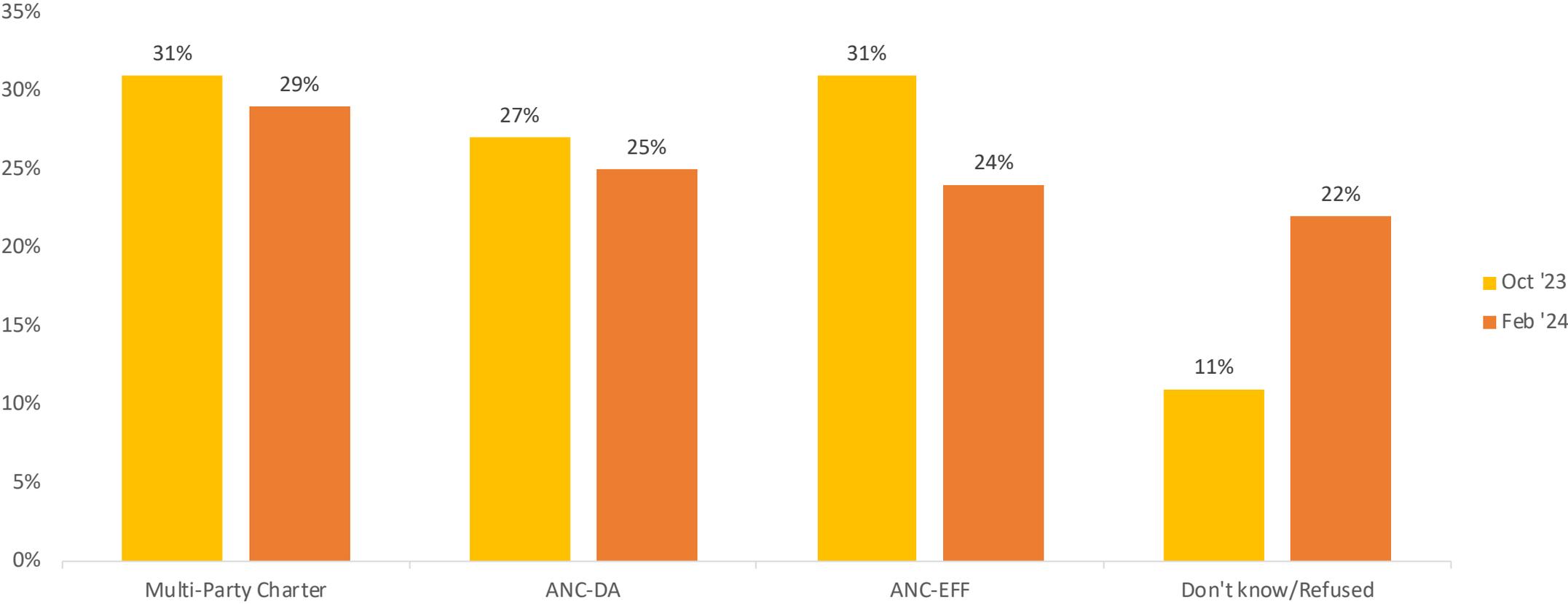


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Preference for an ANC-EFF coalition has dropped seven points since October 2022



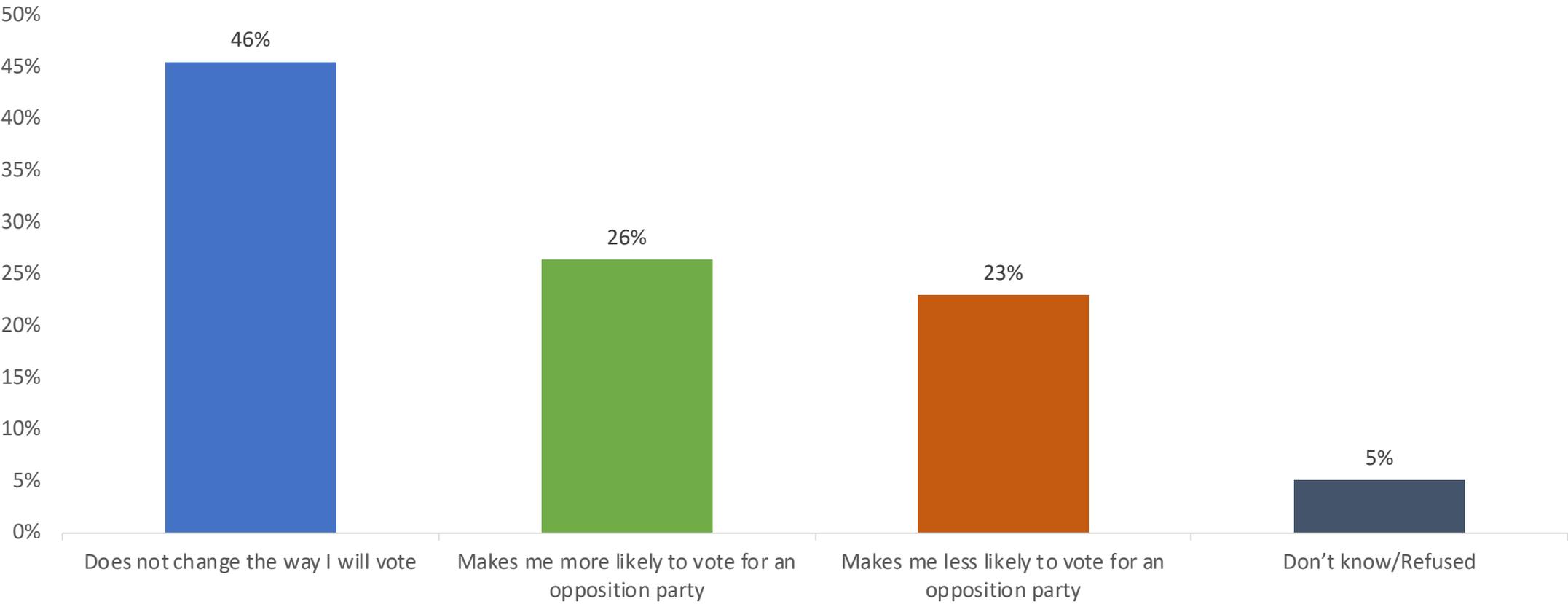
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Over a quarter of South Africans are more likely to vote for the opposition since the MPC's launch



The launch of the Multi-Party Charter



Foreign Policy

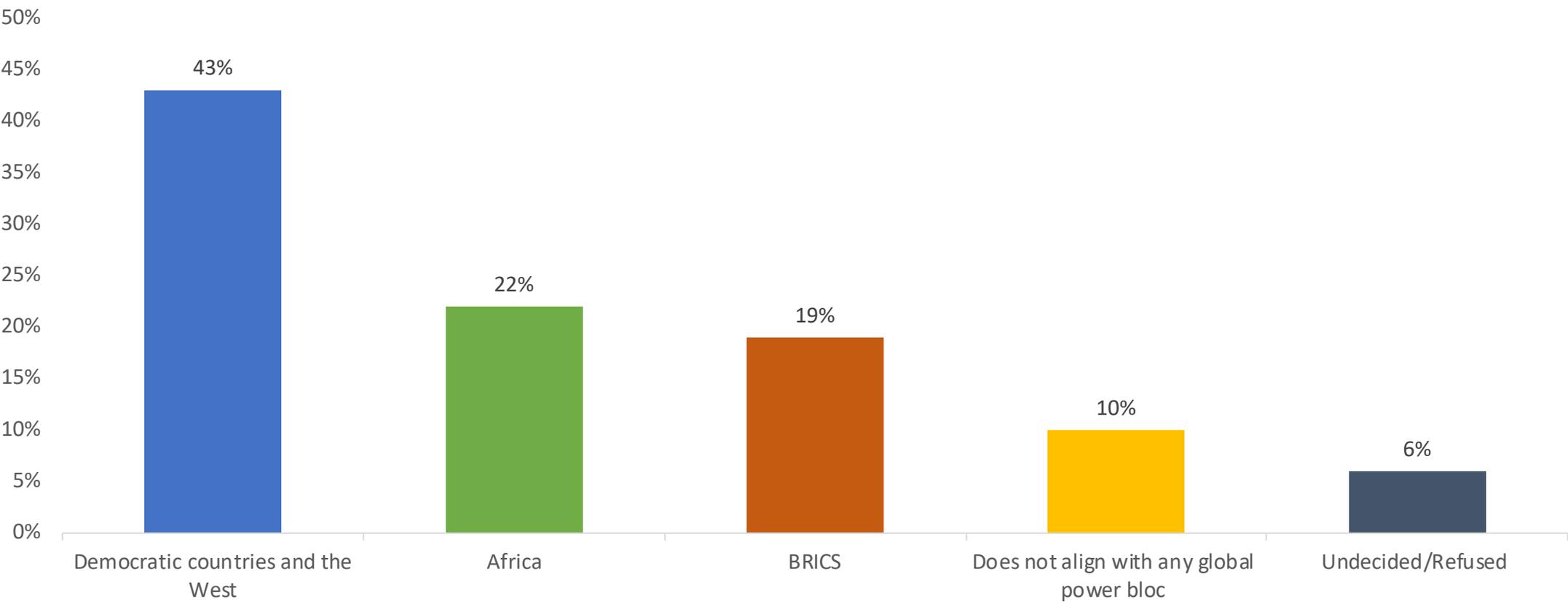


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Respondents overwhelmingly favour the West and other democratic countries over BRICS



South Africa's economy will do best if it aligns itself with

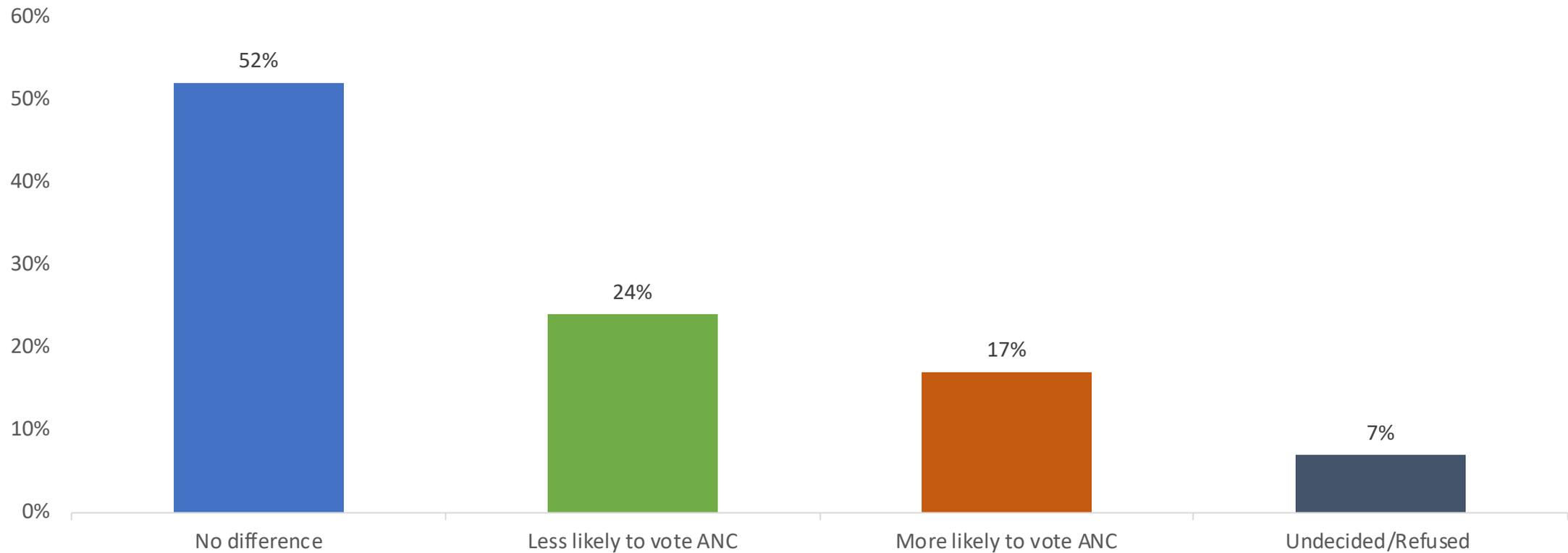


The ANC's stance on the Russia/Ukraine conflict is alienating one quarter of voters



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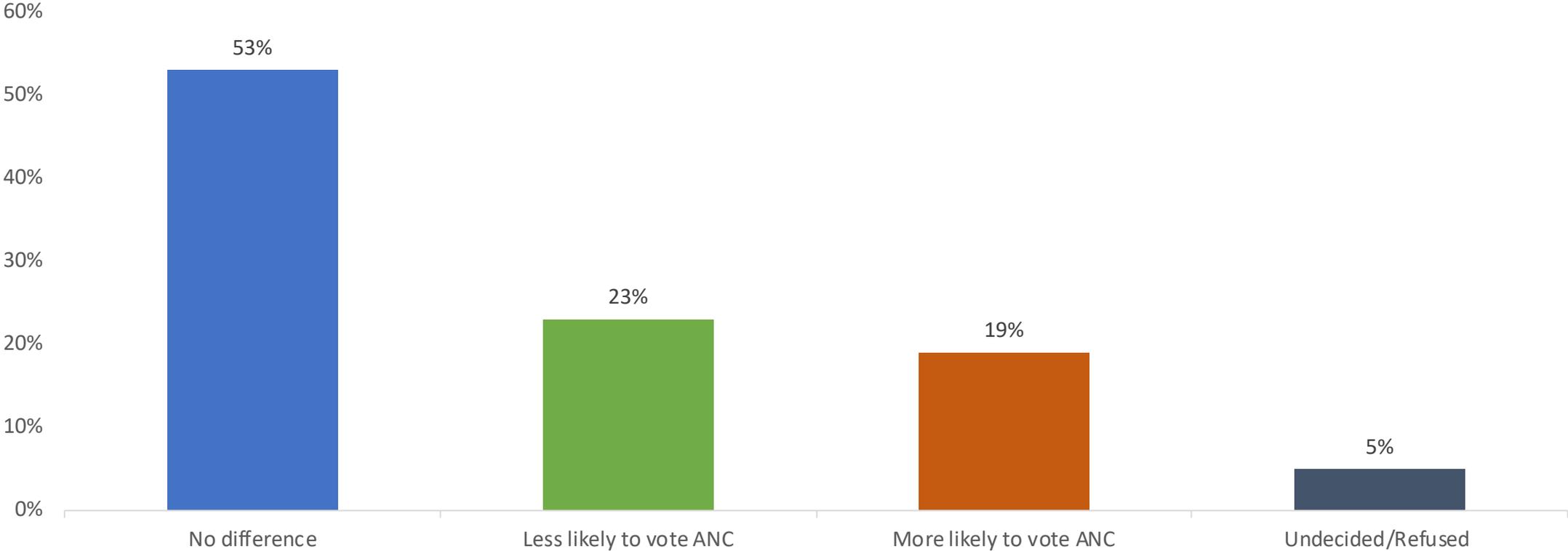
Does South Africa's policy on the Russia/Ukraine conflict make you more or less likely to vote for the ANC?



23% of voters are less likely to vote for the ANC given its stance on the Israel/Hamas conflict



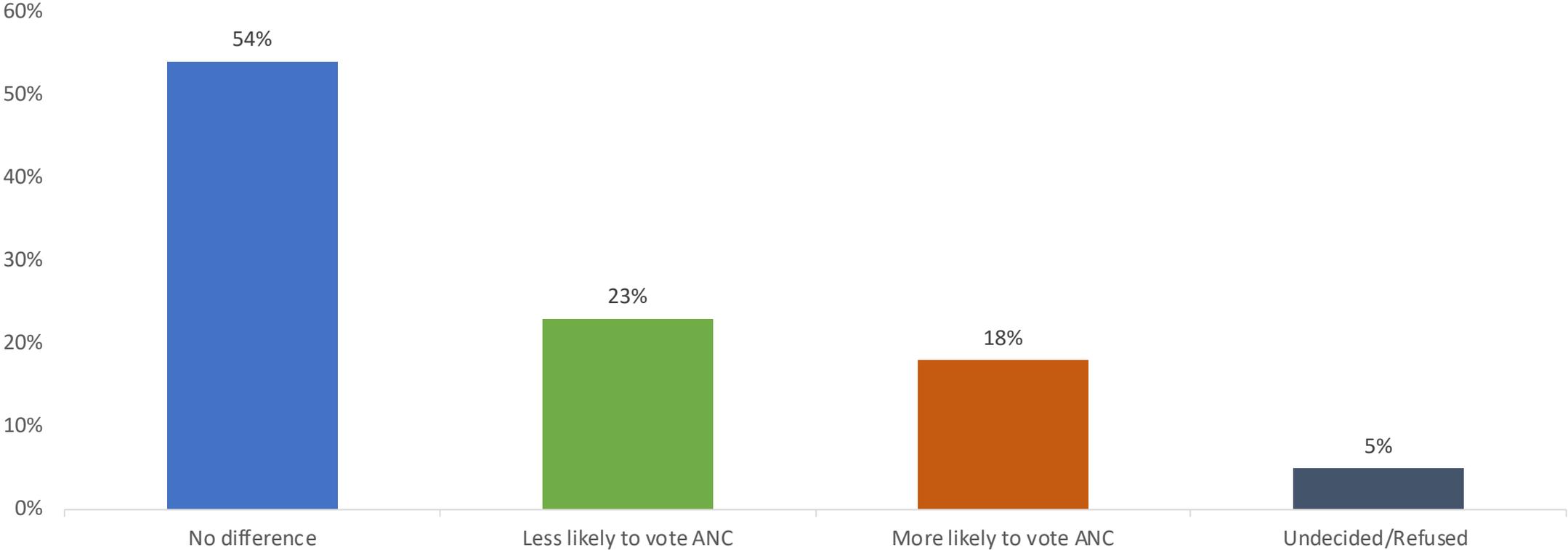
Does South Africa's policy on the Israel/Hamas conflict make you more or less likely to vote for the ANC?



The ANC's Zimbabwe policy will cost it more votes than it gains



Does South Africa's policy on Zimbabwe make you more or less likely to vote for the ANC?

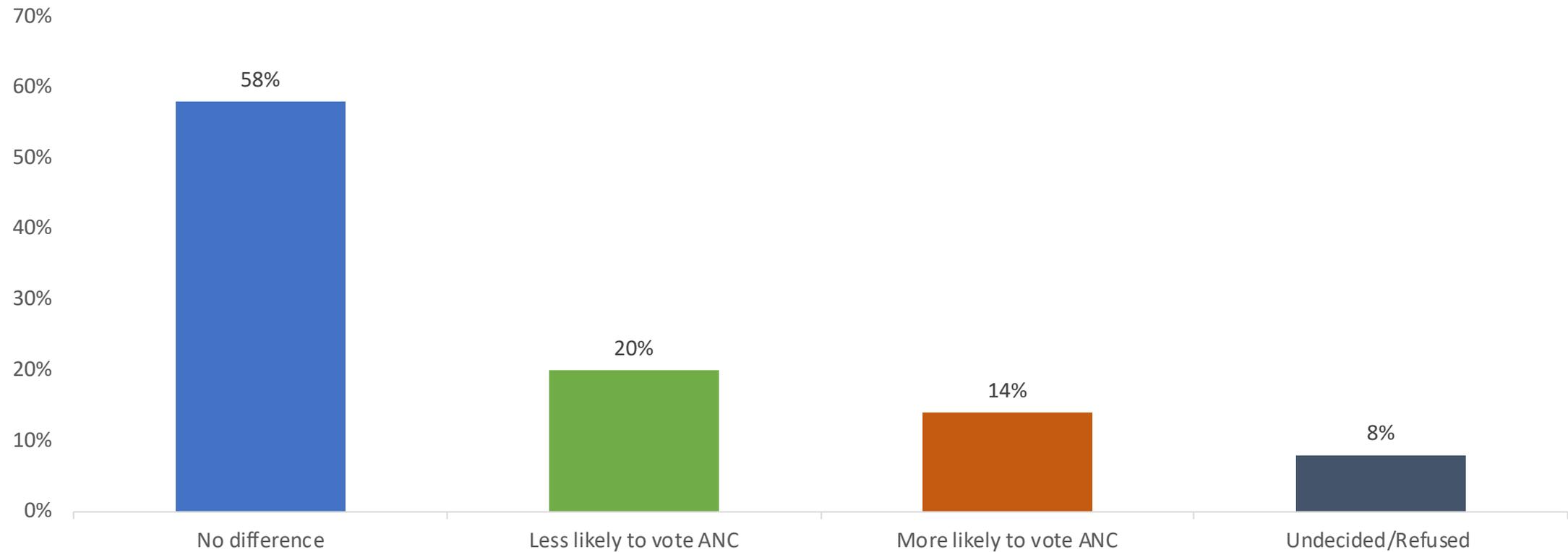


The ANC's stance on Sudan is also not popular with voters



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Domestic Policy

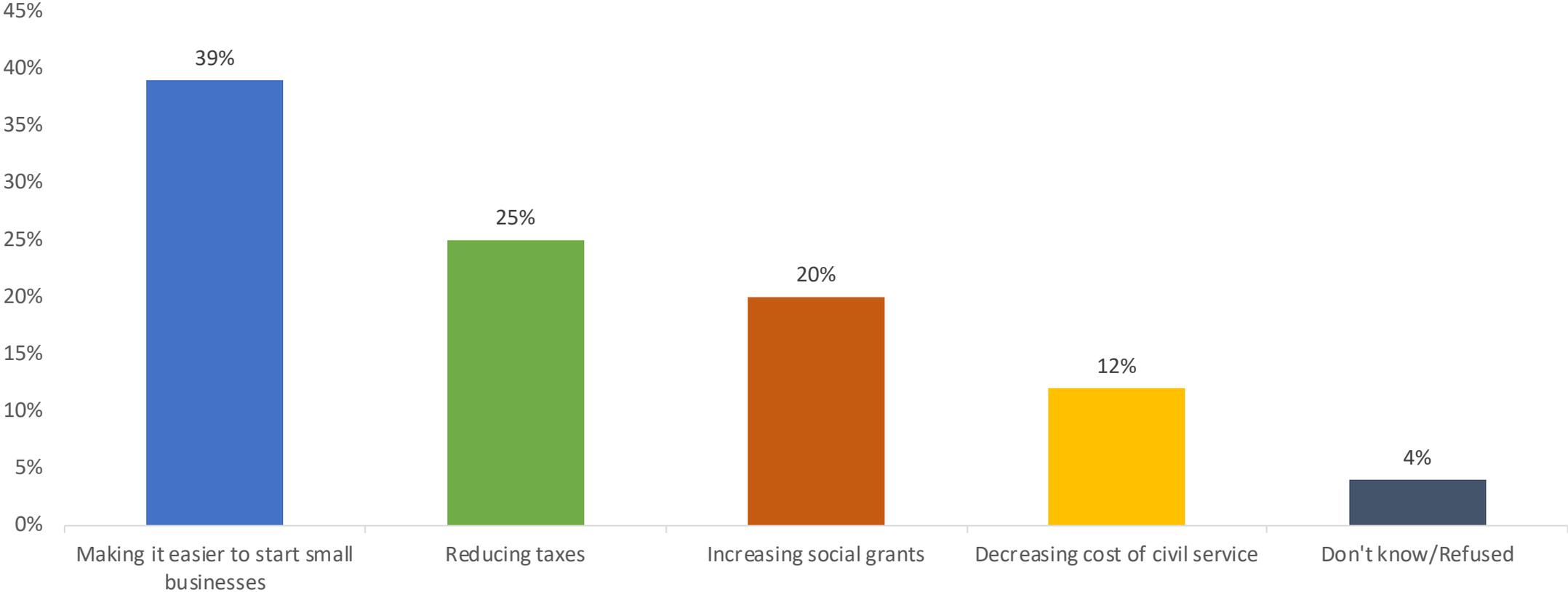


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South Africans favour small business as the route to wealth creation



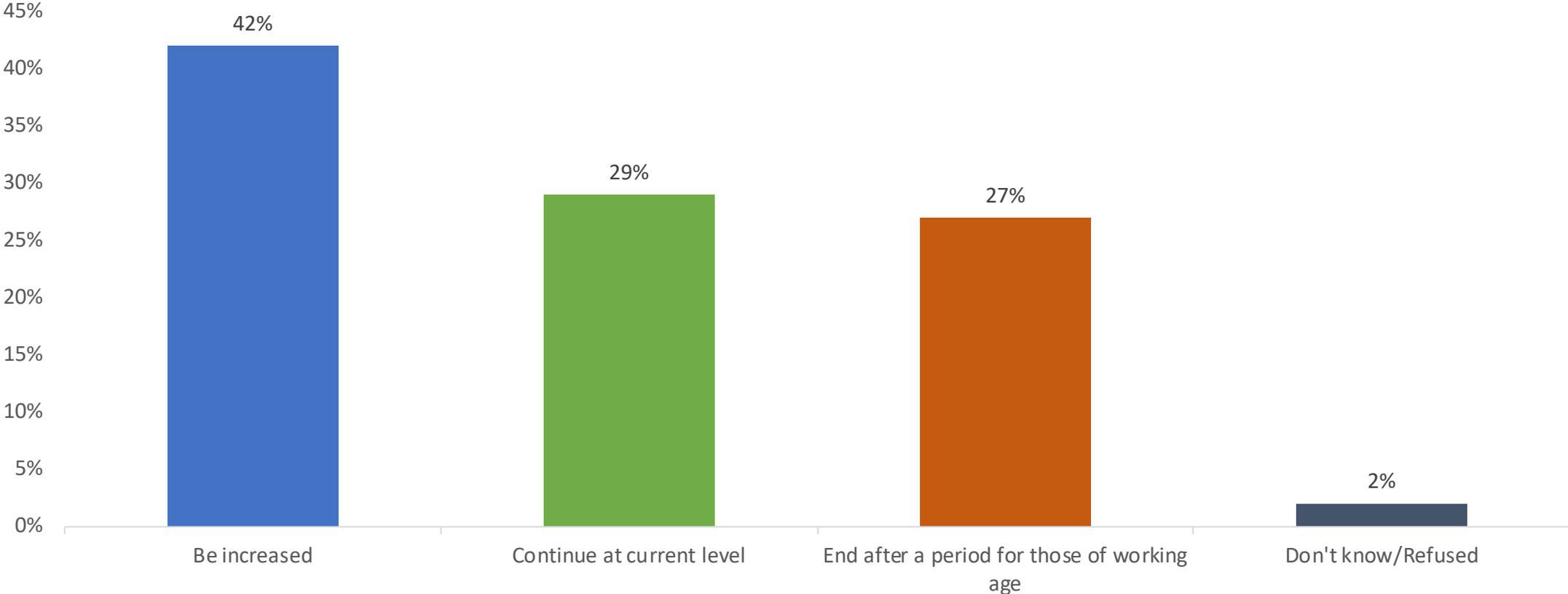
The best way for the government to put more money in people's pockets is by



Most South Africans believe social grants should be increased



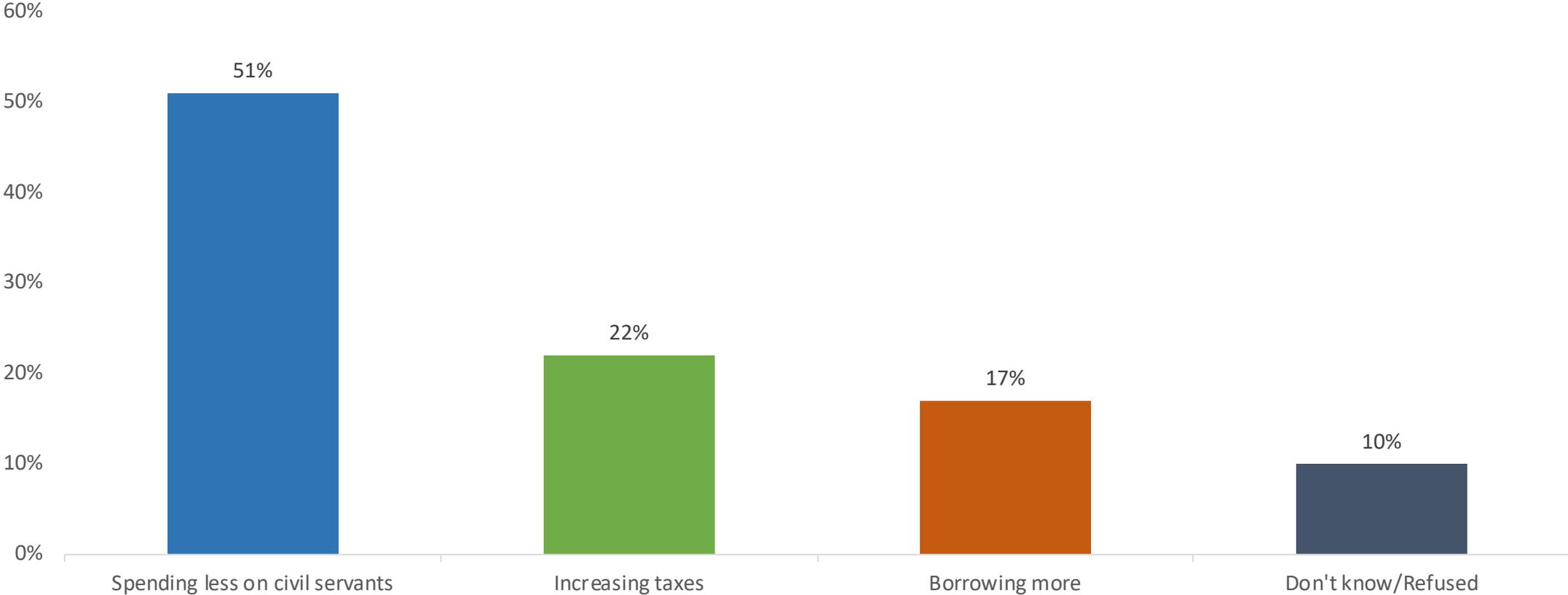
Social grants should



Social grant increases should be funded by cutting spending on civil servants



The best way for the government to increase social grants is by



More South Africans favour cutting civil servant numbers than their salaries and perks



The best way for the government to decrease the cost of the civil service is by

