



Attitudes of Ukrainian Society toward Migration: Results of a Nationwide Survey

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Research Parameters

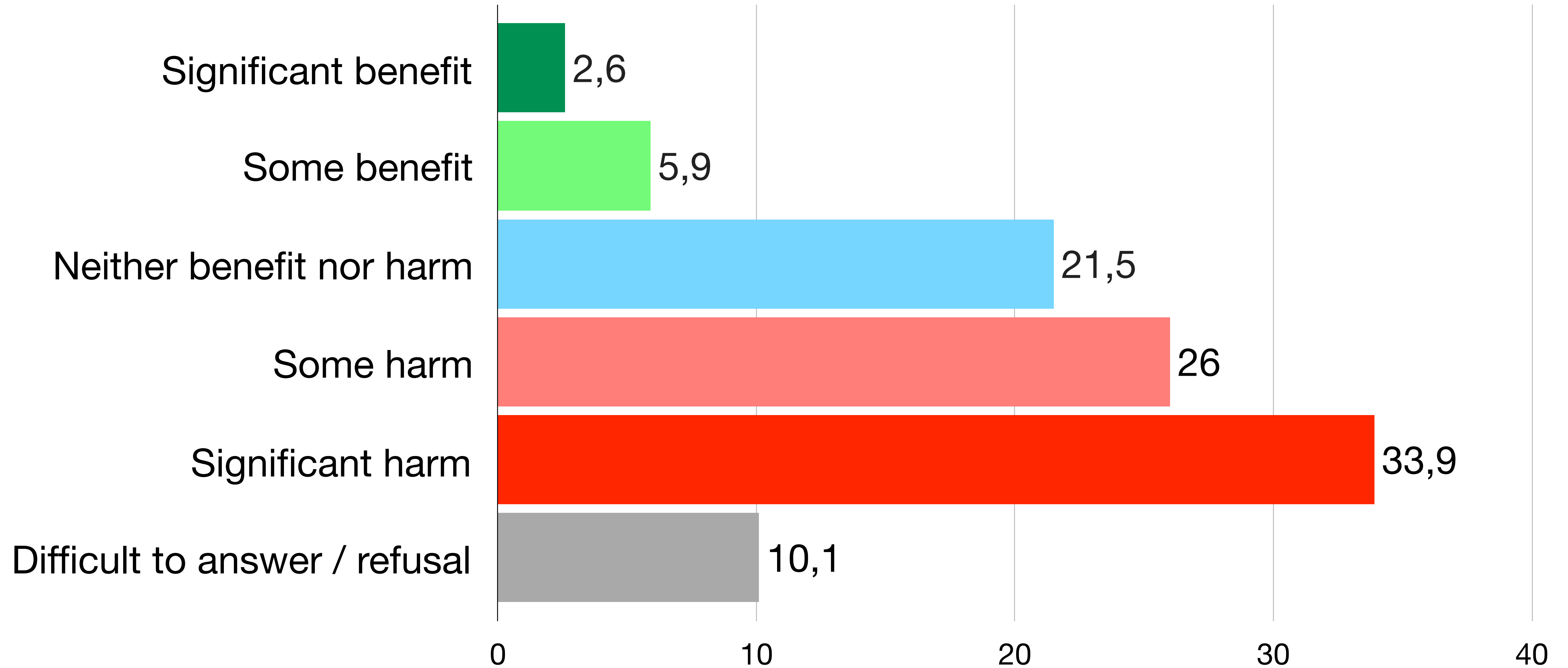
- The survey instrument was developed by researchers from the GRIT Committee of the World Association for Public Opinion Research. Additional questions reflecting Ukrainian migration specifics were added by Serhii Dembitskyi and Olga Burova (Institute of Sociology of NAS of Ukraine).
- The survey represents the adult population of Ukraine (18+), excluding the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and temporarily occupied territories of Southern and Eastern Ukraine.
- The survey was conducted using computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI) based on a random sample of mobile phone numbers.
- Fieldwork period: December 4–17, 2025.
- The sampling error for 1007 respondents with a 95% confidence level and a design effect of 1.1 does not exceed 3.2%.
- Sample characteristics:
 - Average age: 48.2 years
 - Gender: Men – 44.0% Women – 56.0%
 - Type of settlement: Regional center – 41.2% Other city – 32.0% Village – 26.8%
 - Education: Secondary or lower – 14.8% Vocational/secondary specialized – 35.3% Higher education – 49.1%
 - Internal migration: No migration – 69.8% Moved and returned – 17.8% Moved – 12.3%



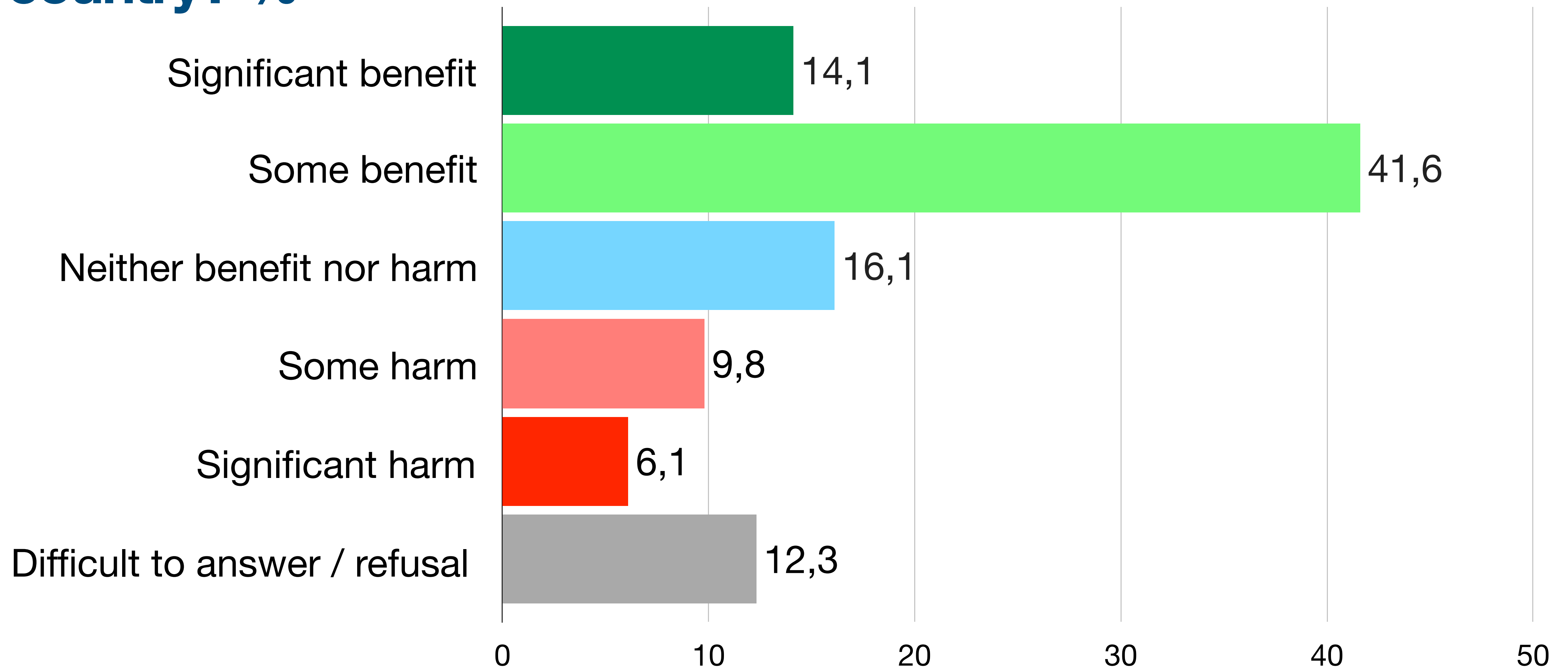
Donors, Implementers and Partners

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- The survey underlying this report was conducted by the Center for Sociological Surveys of the Institute of Sociology of NAS of Ukraine within the research project: “National Resilience of Ukraine during the Russian-Ukrainian War: Social Configurations”. Funding was provided by the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine under the program: Support for priority scientific research and scientific-technical developments important for the state (Budget program 6541230).
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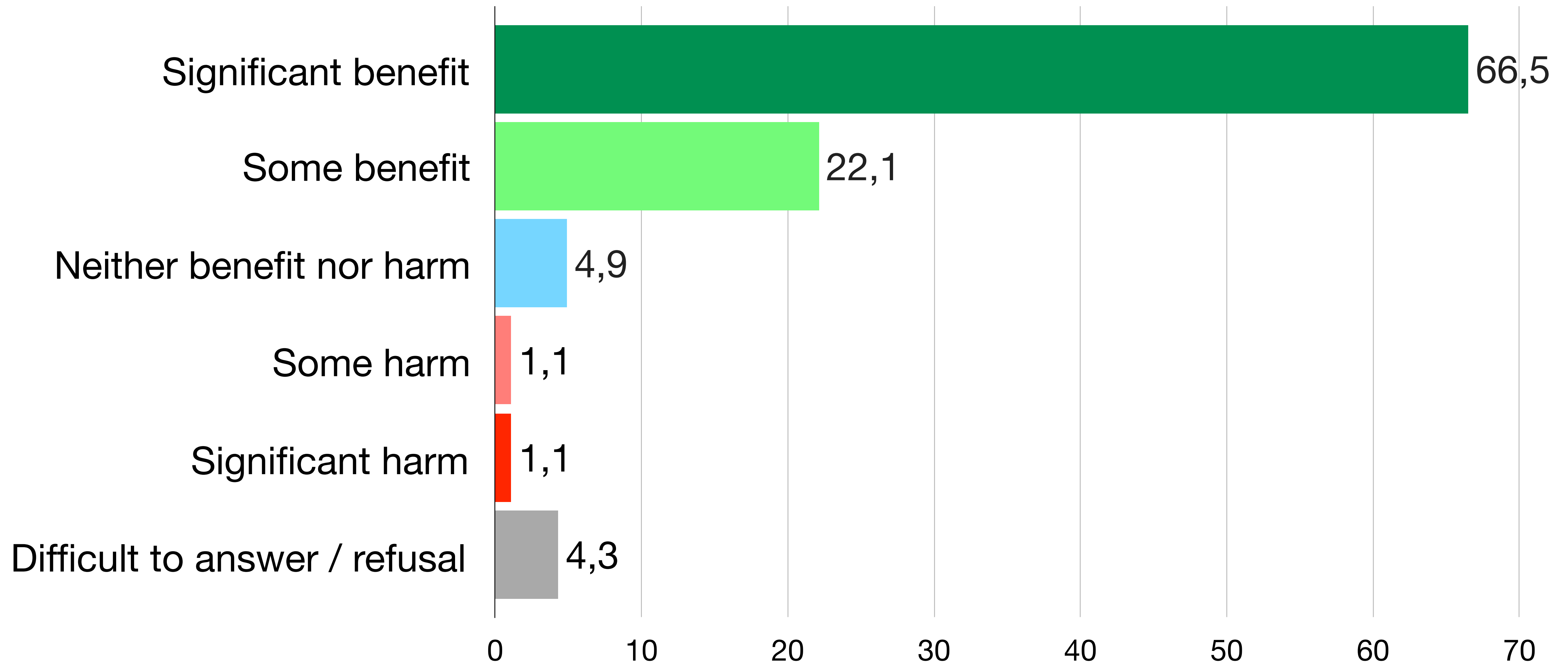
Overall, do you think that people leaving Ukraine brings benefits or harm to the country? %



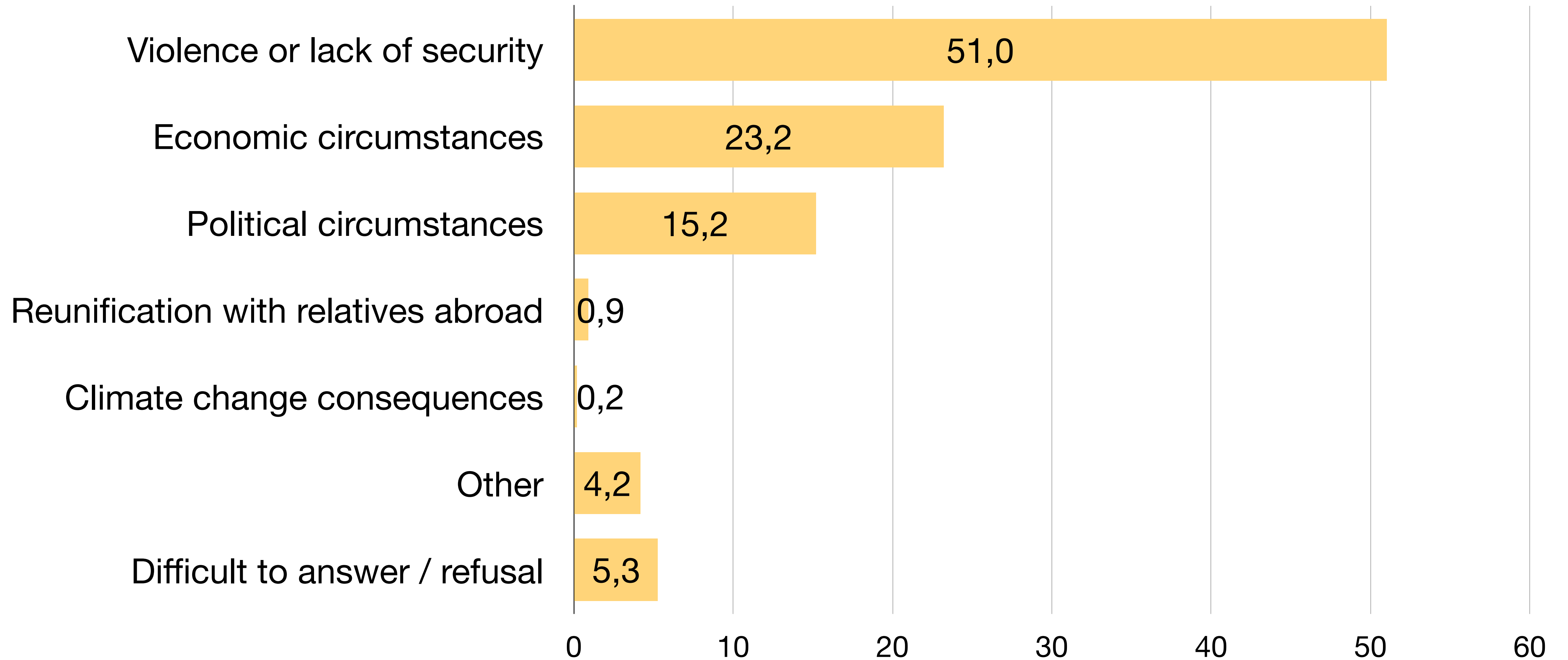
When people from other countries (non-Ukrainians) come to live in Ukraine, does this bring benefits or harm to our country? %



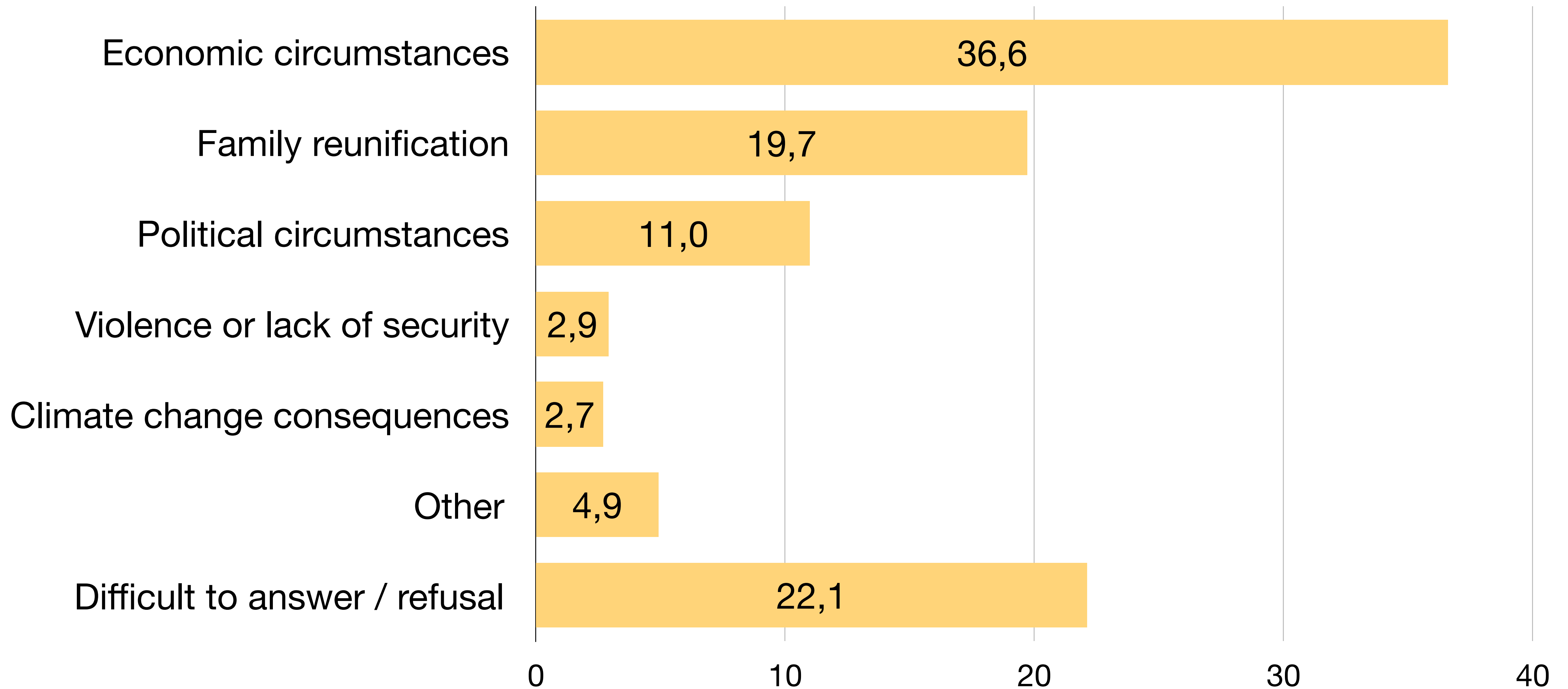
When Ukrainians return to Ukraine, does this bring benefits or harm to the country?%



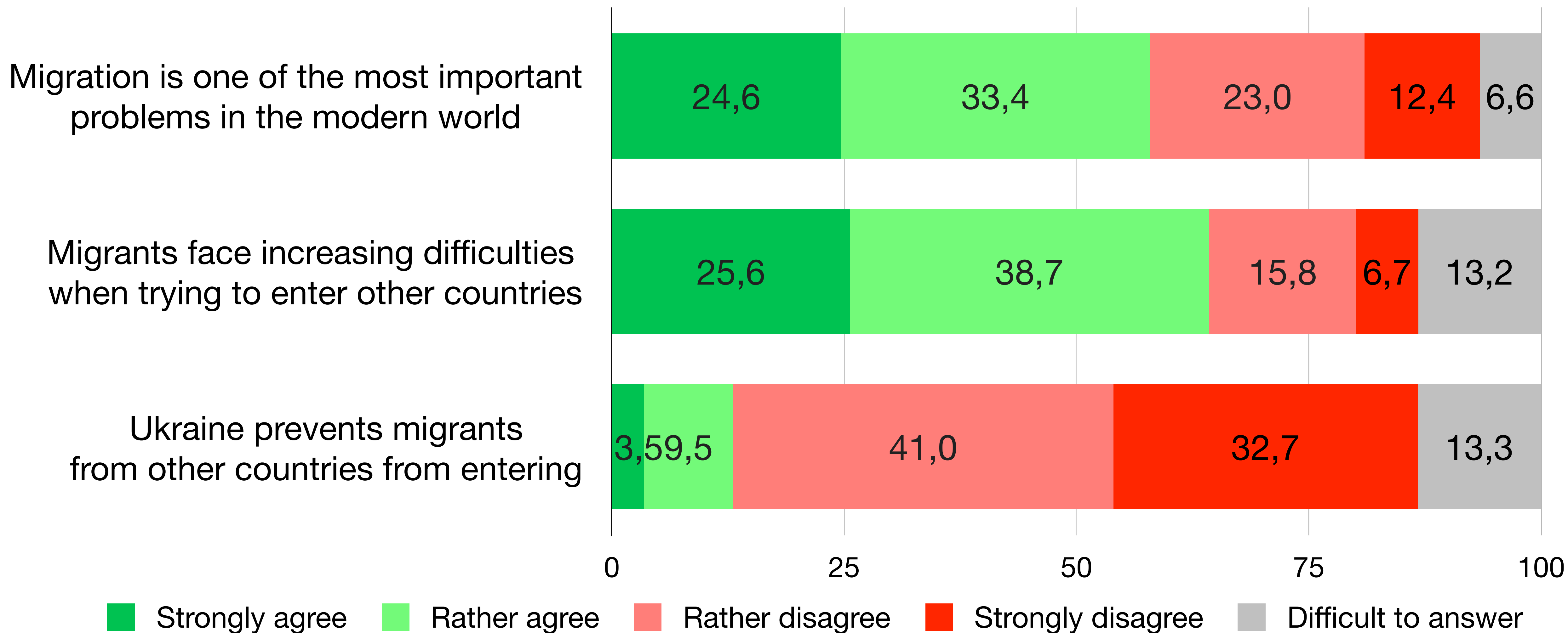
What do you think is the main reason why people leave Ukraine for other countries?%



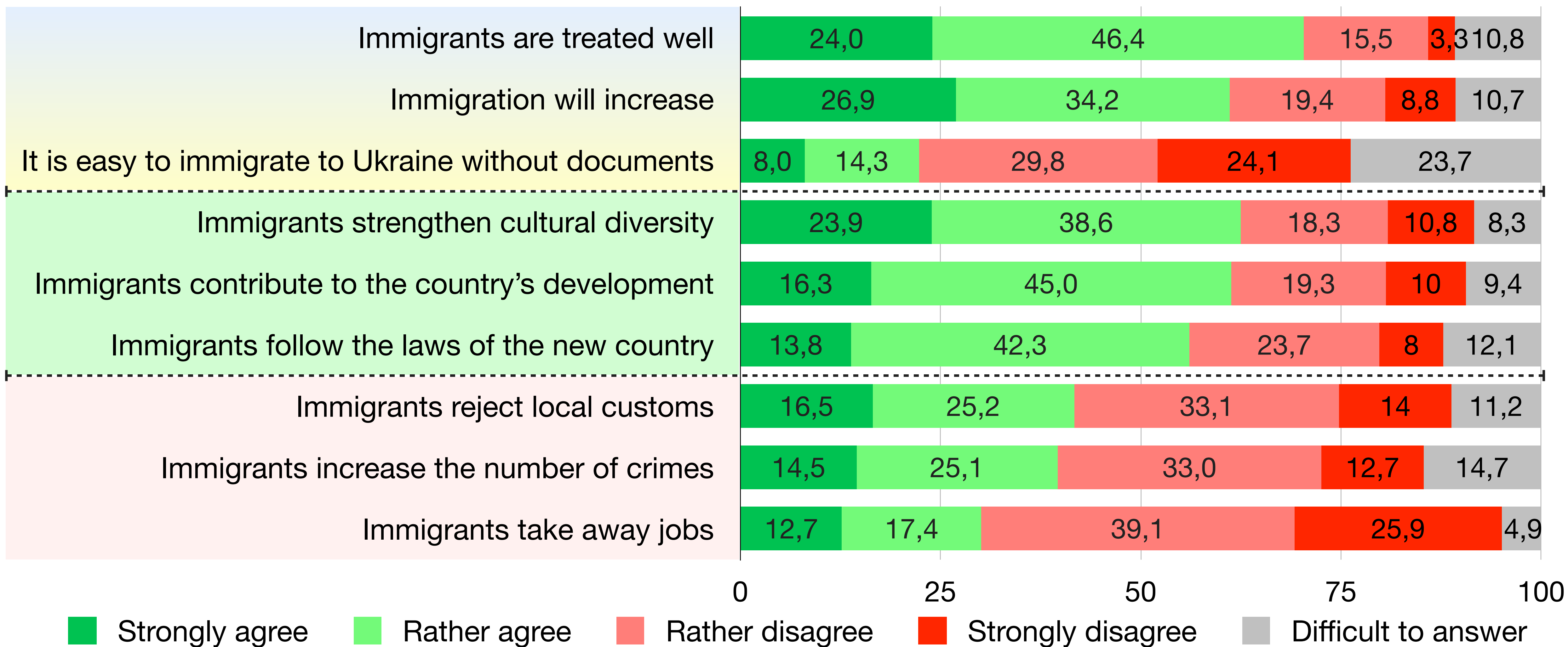
What is the main reason why people from other countries (non-Ukrainians) come to live in Ukraine?%



Statements evaluated by respondents %



Agreement/disagreement with statements about immigrants (non-Ukrainians coming to Ukraine to live or work) %



Respondent categories based on attitudes toward immigrants

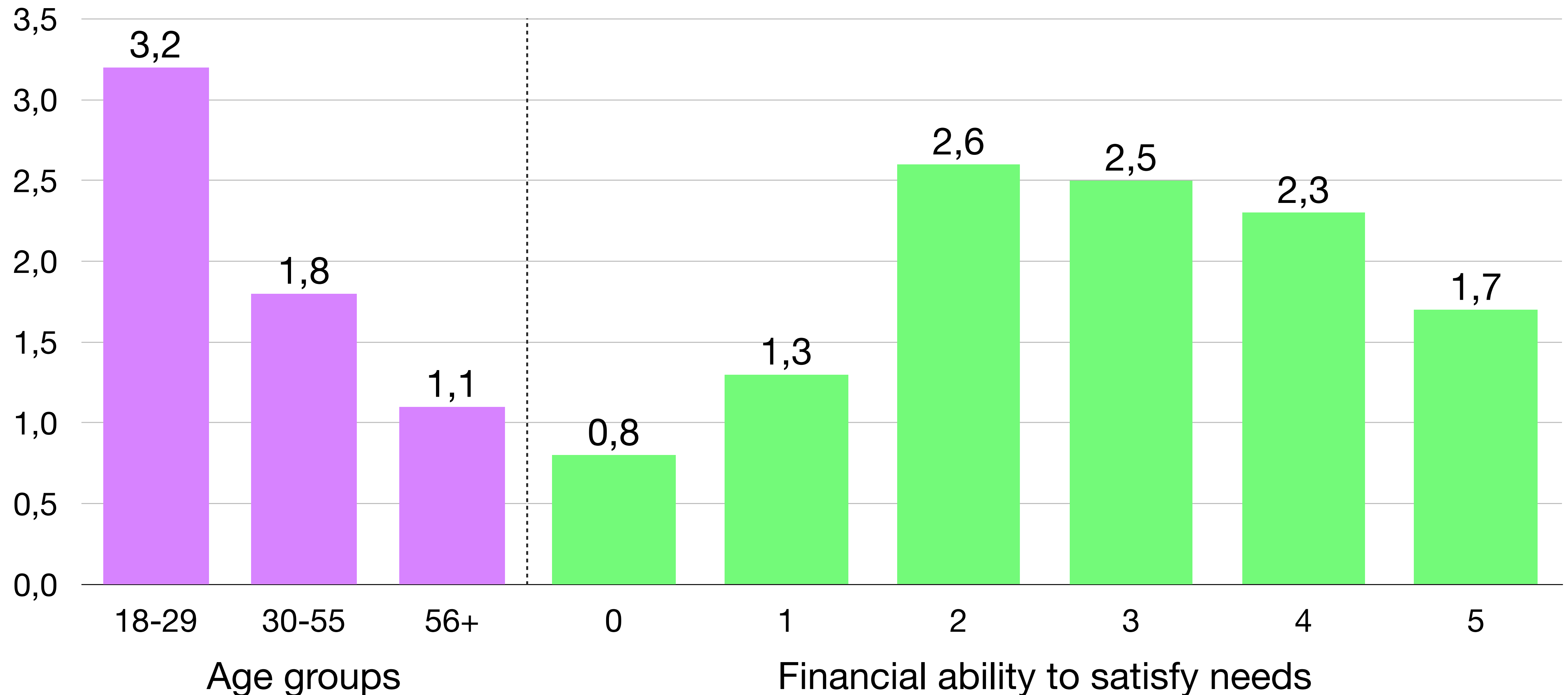
Disagreement - agreement with negative statements

Disagreement - agreement
with positive statements

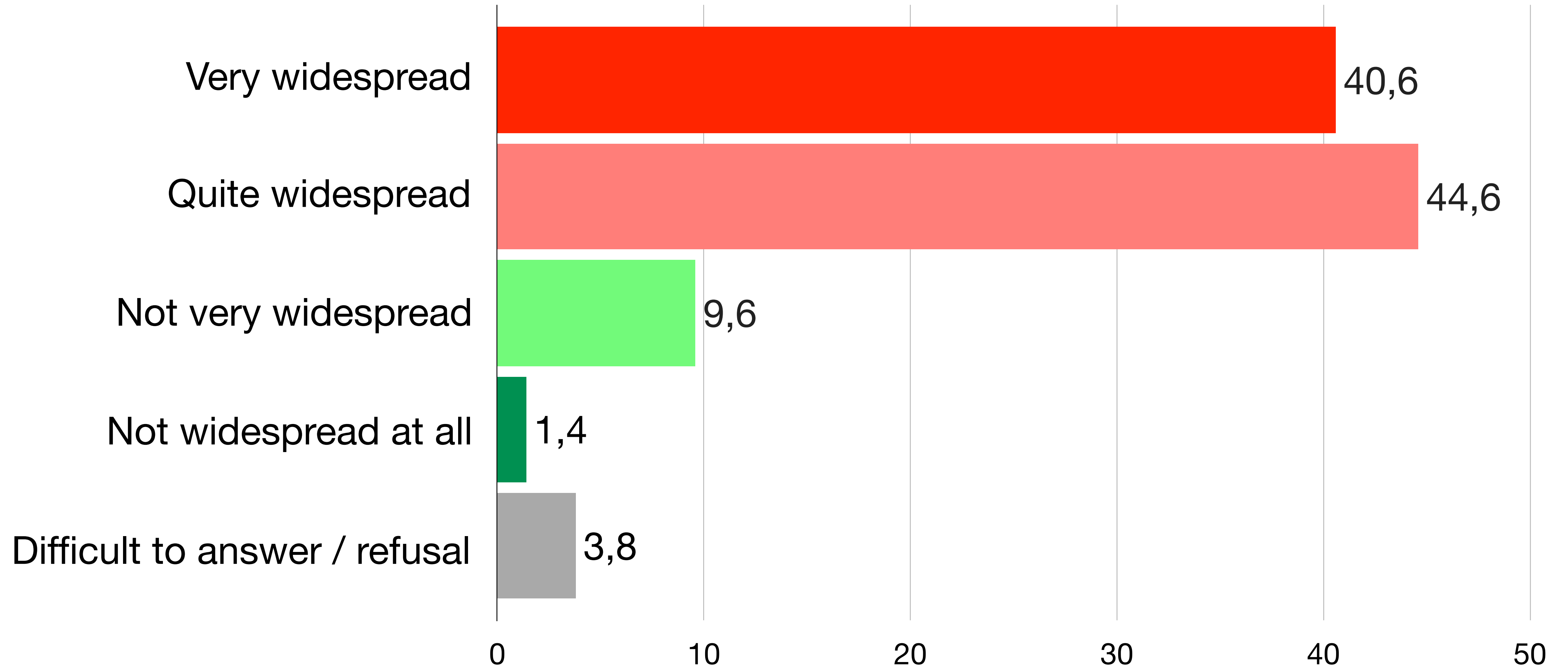
<p>Disagree with negative statements, disagree with positive statements 9,0 %</p>	<p>Neutral towards negative statements, disagree with positive statements 2,7 %</p>	<p>Agree with negative statements, disagree with positive statements 14,8 %</p>
<p>Disagree with negative statements, neutral towards positive statements. 4,1 %</p>	<p>Neutral towards negative statements, neutral towards positive statements 1,1 %</p>	<p>Agree with negative statements, neutral towards positive statements 3,9 %</p>
<p>Disagree with negative statements, agree with positive statements 42,8 %</p>	<p>Neutral towards negative statements, agree with positive statements 5,1 %</p>	<p>Agree with negative statements, agree with positive statements 16,6 %</p>

Attitudes toward immigrants in key groups (mean values on a scale from -12 to +12).

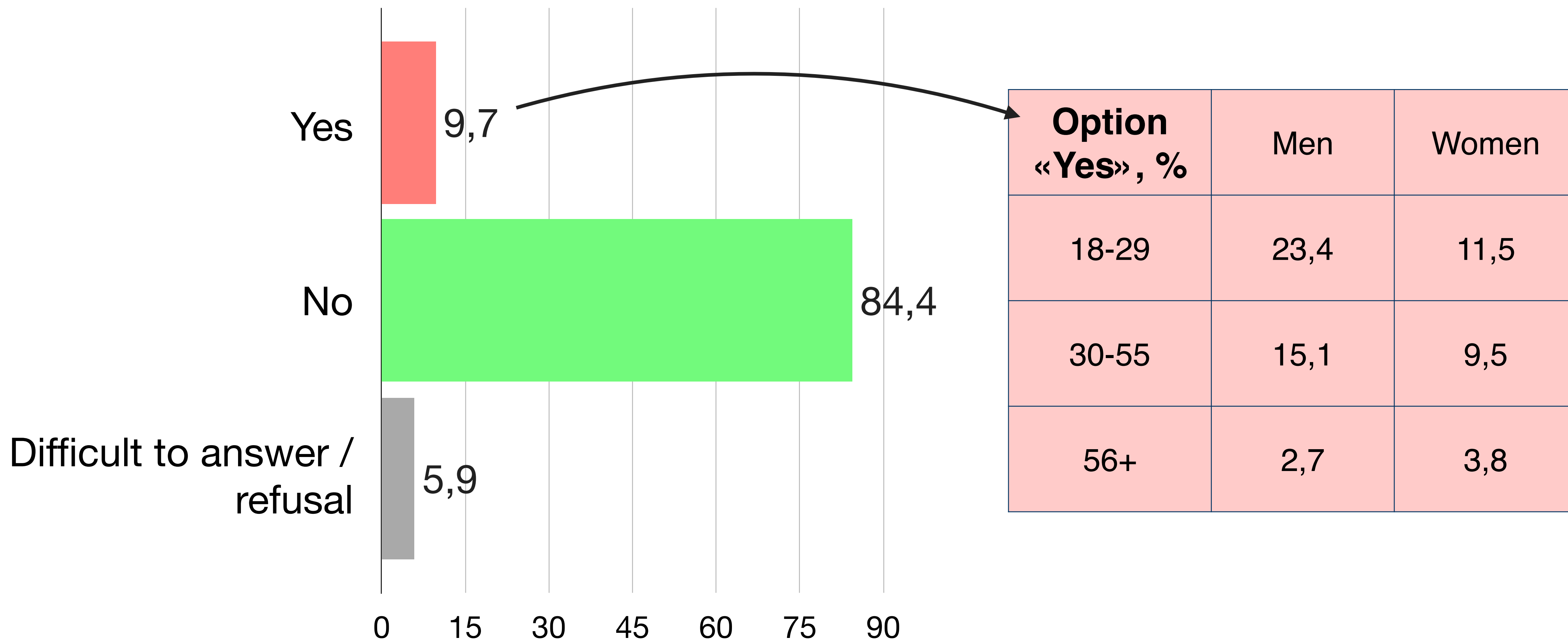
Across all groups, including different age groups and levels of financial well-being, the average values remain positive.



How widespread do you think the departure of Ukrainians to other countries for living is?%



Do you plan to leave for another country to live or work within the next three years? %



Conclusion

- Ukrainians tend to evaluate emigration processes negatively and immigration processes positively. Importantly, they welcome not only the return of Ukrainians from abroad (which they associate with significant benefits), but also the arrival of other immigrants to live in Ukraine (which they associate with some benefits).
- Among the main reasons why Ukrainians leave the country, respondents mention lack of security (51.0%) and economic circumstances (23.2%). At the same time, in their view, immigration to Ukraine among non-Ukrainians is mainly driven by economic circumstances (36.6%) and family reunification (19.7%).
- When evaluating migration as a broader phenomenon, respondents mostly agree that migration is an important issue in the modern world and that migrants face increasing difficulties when trying to enter other countries. At the same time, an absolute majority of respondents do not believe that Ukraine prevents migrants from entering the country.
- This perception is also reflected in Ukrainians' own attitudes: they generally share positive views about the consequences of immigrants arriving in Ukraine, while tending not to share negative views on this issue. It is also important that most Ukrainians expect immigration to increase.
- Despite the widespread perception that Ukrainians often leave the country to live abroad (85.2% believe this is widespread), only about one in ten respondents reports having such plans themselves.