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MCA political developments, BN reforms, PKFZ and perceptions on Pakatan Rakyat

Peninsular Malaysia Opinion Poll
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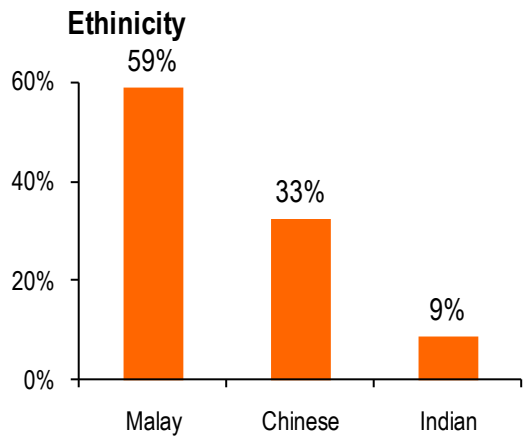
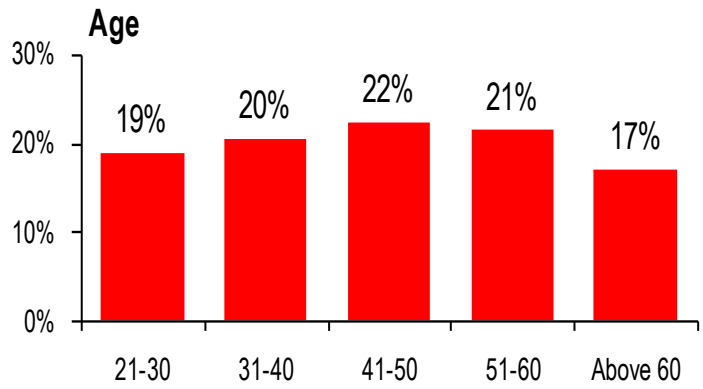
Methodology

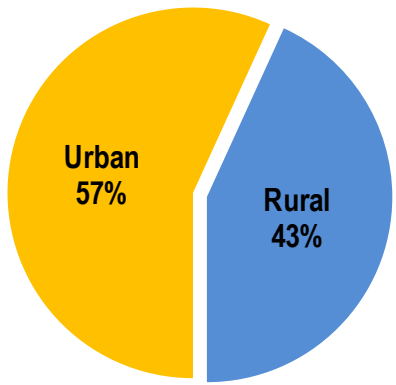
- 846 randomly selected **Malaysian adults aged 21+** were interviewed via telephone for the survey
- Respondents were selected via random stratified sampling method along the lines of state of residence, ethnicity, gender and age
- Survey was carried out between 29 September – 4 October 2009
- Survey margin of error estimated at ±3.4%
- Important events during survey period: Padang 7.6 magnitude earthquake, Bagan Pinang By-election Nomination, on-going developments surrounding approaching MCA EGM, developments surrounding approaching UMNO General Assembly

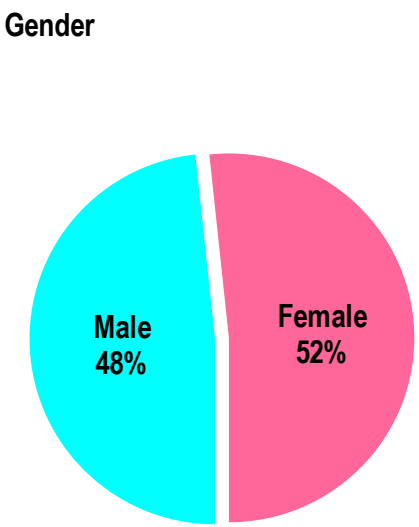
Note: Total percentages presented may or may not add up to 100% due to rounding up of figures.

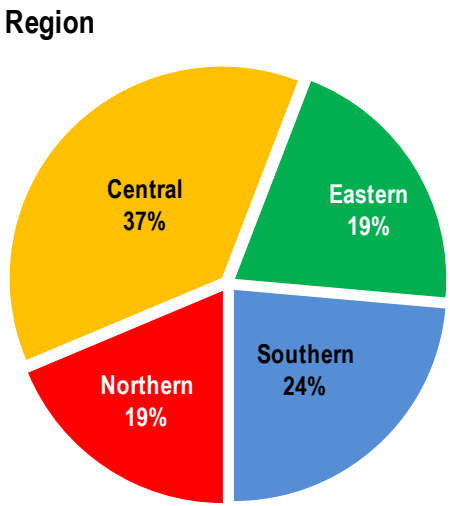
Respondent Profile – pt1











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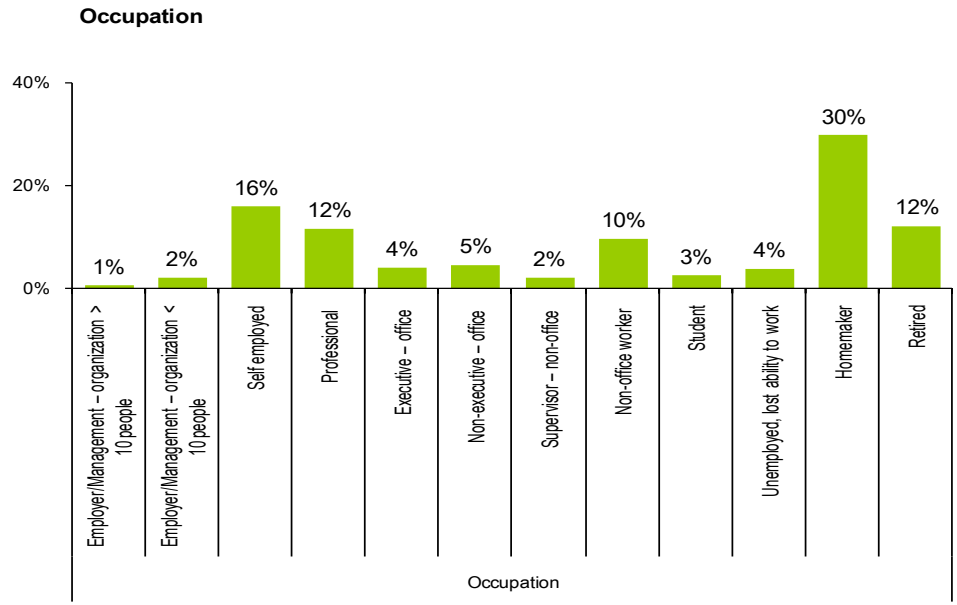

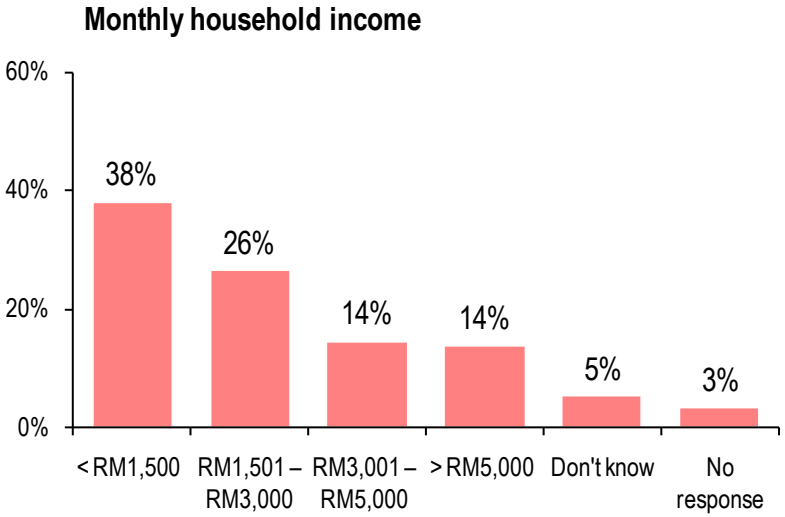

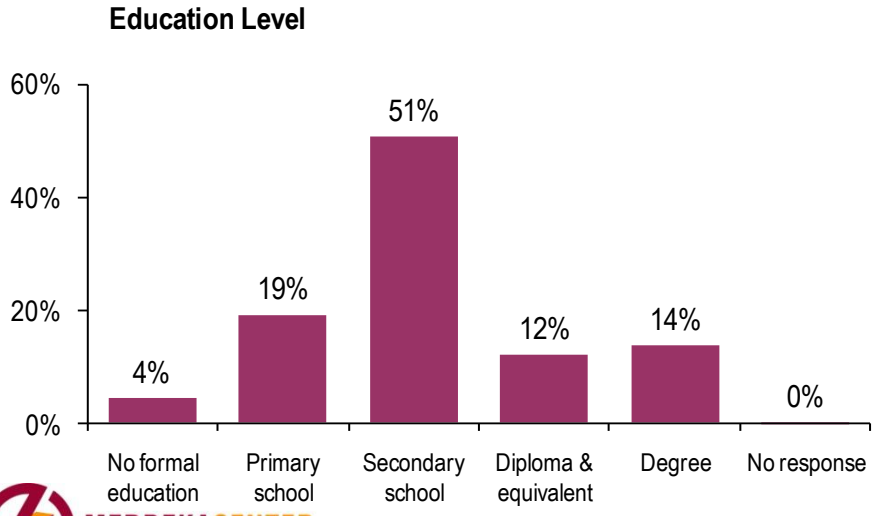

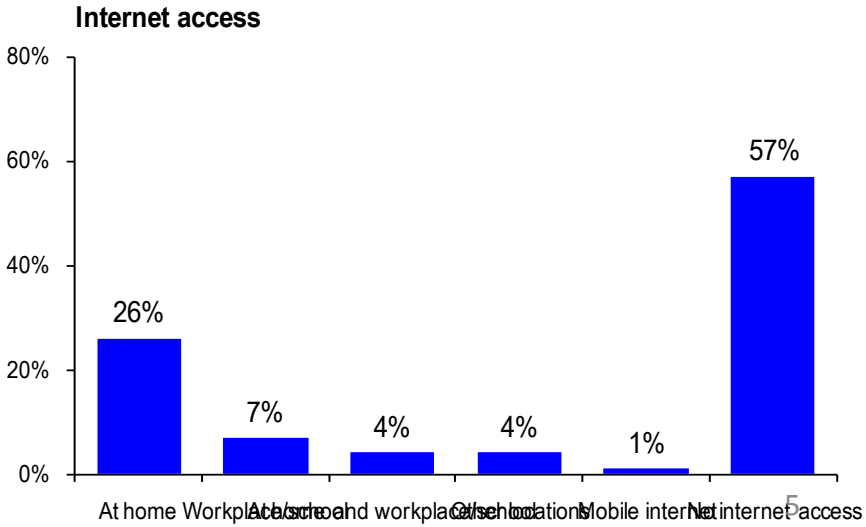

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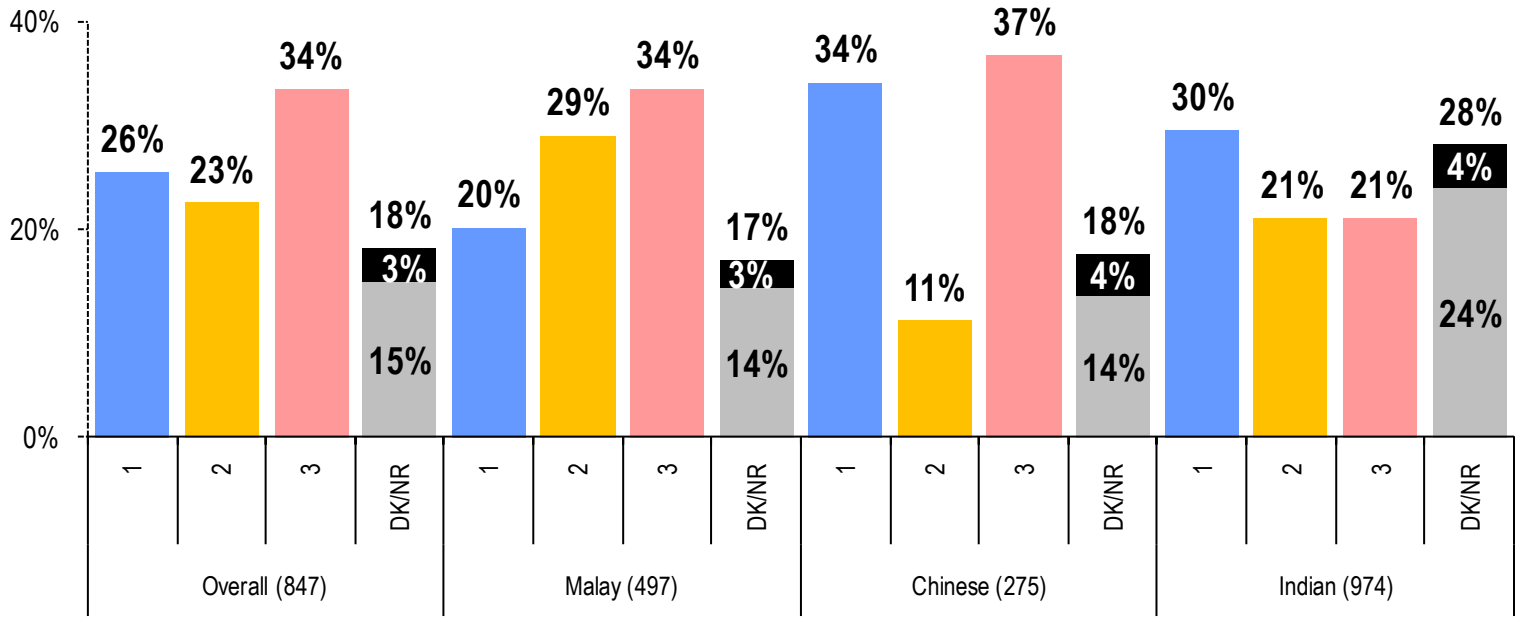
Perceptions on BN Reforms

View on BN component parties' reform

What is your view on reforms with regards to the individual component parties in BN?



1 Reforms in UMNO and other component parties are equally important
2 Unless other component parties reform extensively, changes in UMNO will mean little
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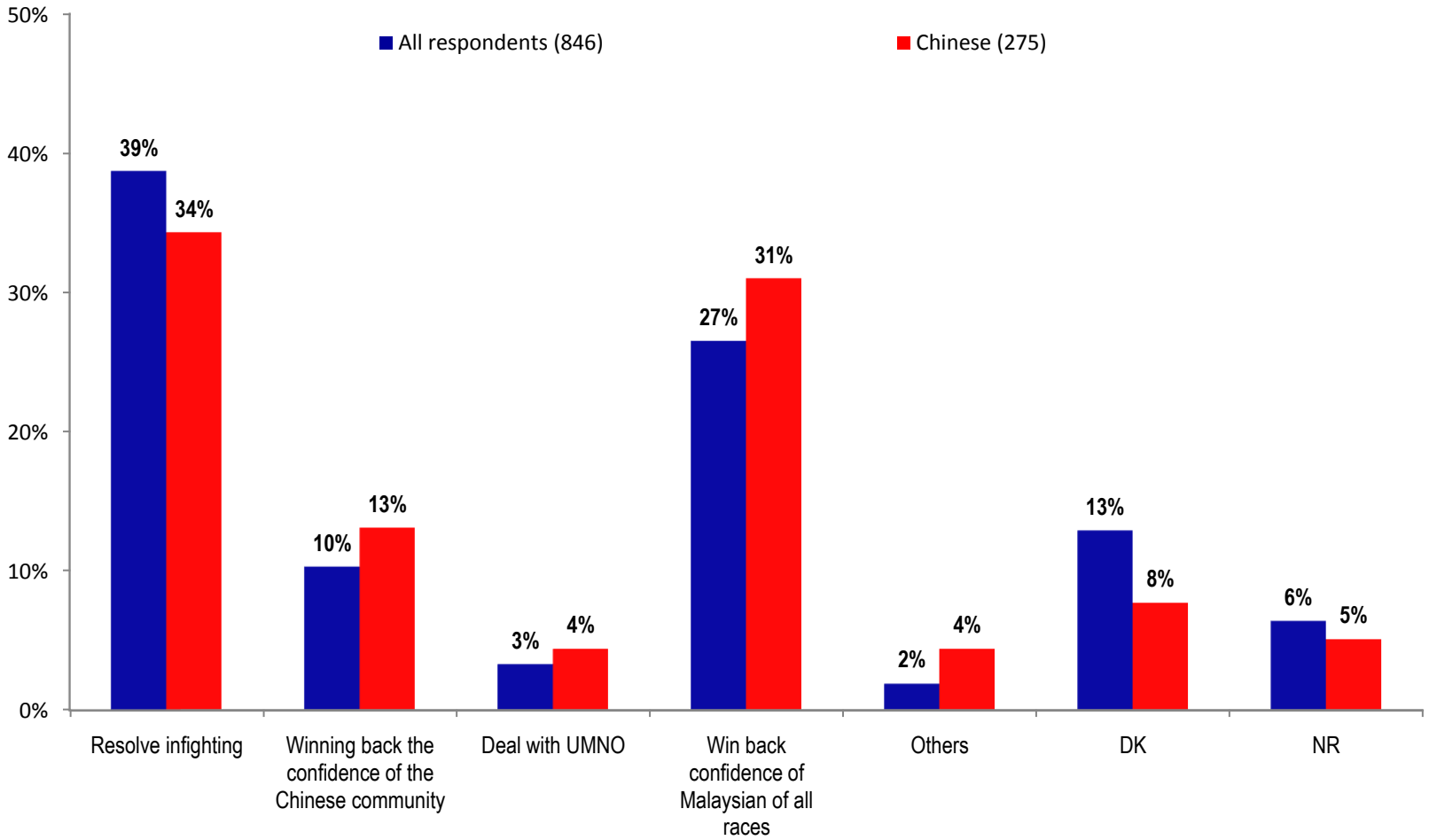
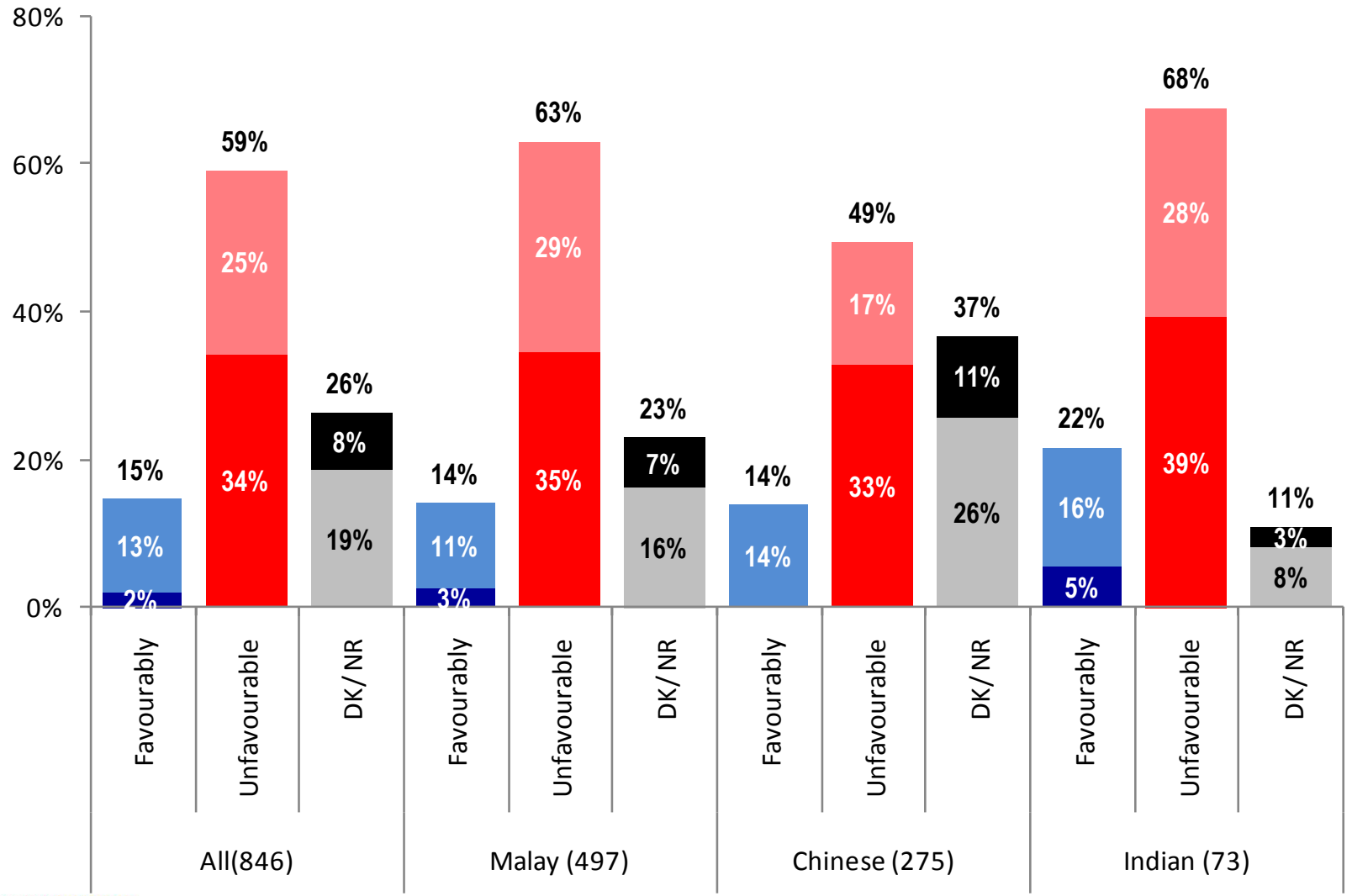
Focus on MCA party reforms

What do you think should MCA leaders pay attention to? (all respondents & Chinese only)



Perception on MIC after party elections

How do you perceive the MIC after its recent party elections?



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Perceptions on MCA Leaders and Political Developments

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MCA Leadership- pt1

Who do you think should lead the MCA?

	Malay (497)	Chinese (273)	Indian (74)	Total (844)
Ong Tee Keat	22.7%	32.2%	16.2%	25.2%
Chua Soi Lek	5.8%	5.1%	8.1%	5.8%
Kong Chor Ha	1.6%	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%
Liow Tiong Lai	5.8%	3.7%	2.7%	4.9%
Ng Yen Yen	1.8%	4.4%	0.0%	2.5%
Wee Ka Siong	1.2%	3.7%	1.4%	2.0%
Others	2.2%	3.3%	4.1%	2.7%
Don't know	51.9%	35.5%	63.5%	47.6%
No response	6.8%	11.0%	2.7%	7.8%
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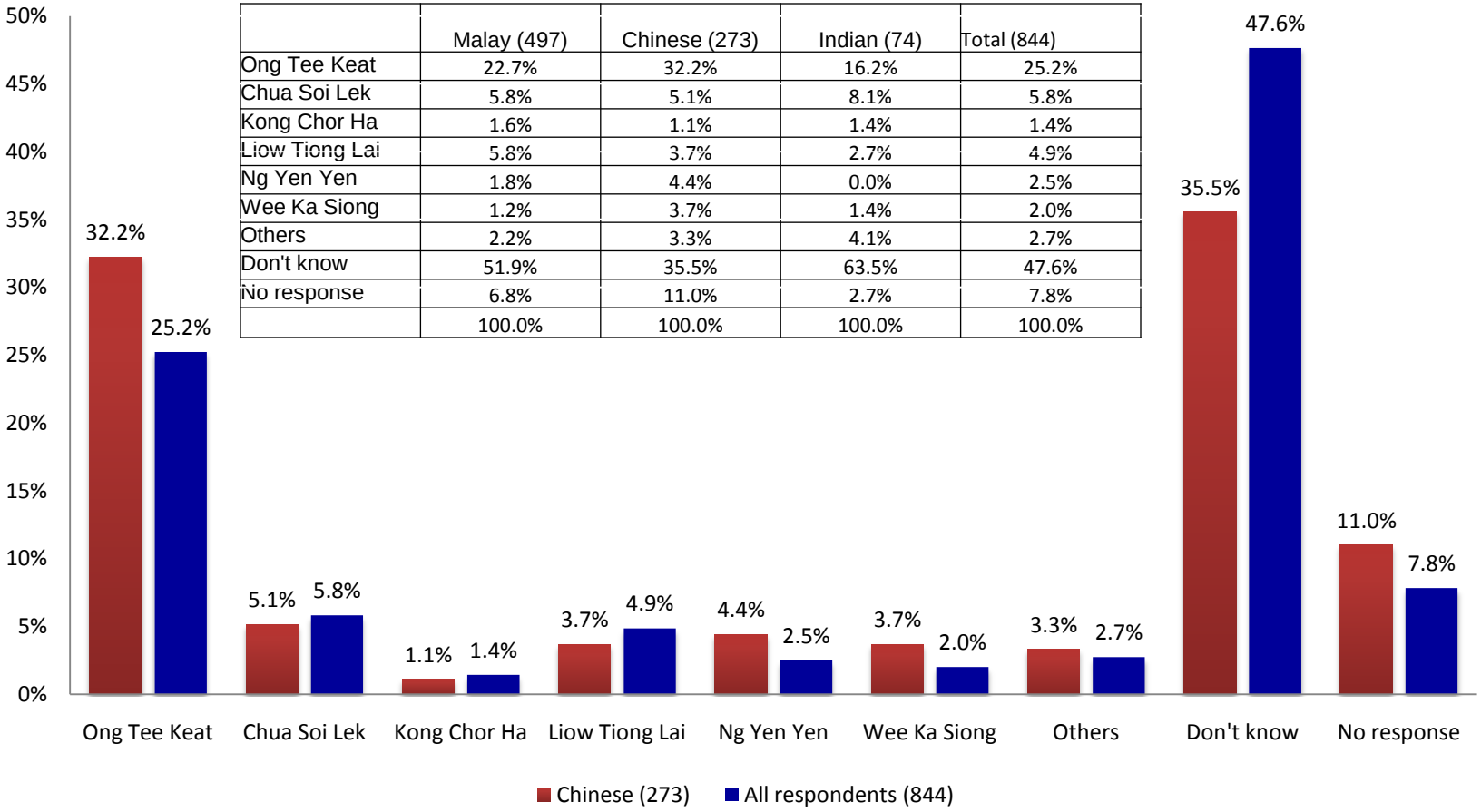

MCA Leadership - pt2

Who do you think should lead the MCA (excluding those who "don't know" and did not respond)?

	Malay (205)	Chinese (146)	Indian (25)	Total (376)
Ong Tee Keat	55.1%	60.3%	48.0%	56.6%
Chua Soi Lek	14.1%	9.6%	24.0%	13.0%
Kong Chor Ha	3.9%	2.1%	4.0%	3.2%
Liow Tiong Lai	14.1%	6.8%	8.0%	10.9%
Ng Yen Yen	4.4%	8.2%	0.0%	5.6%
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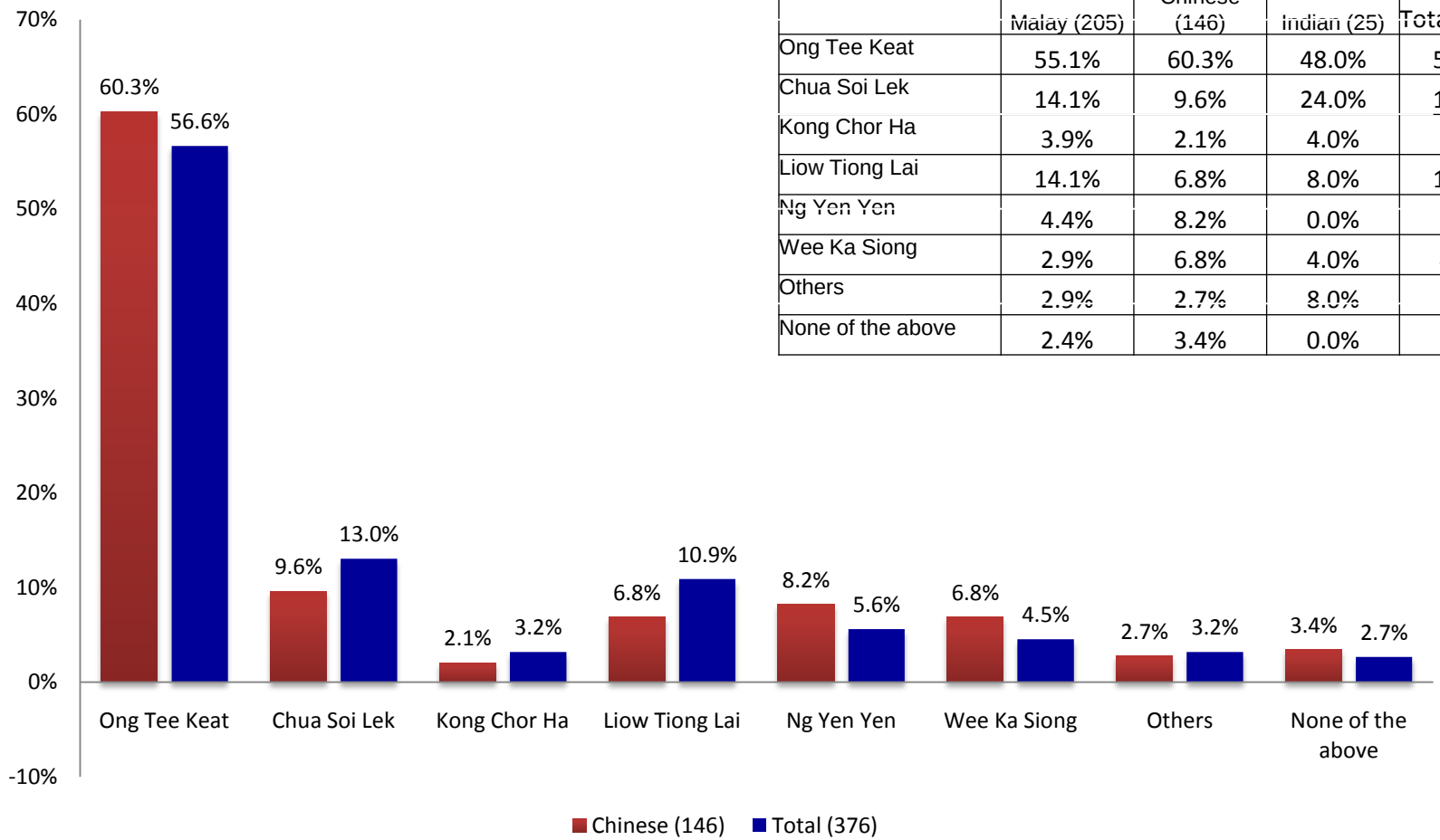
Others	2.9%	2.7%	8.0%	3.2%
None of the above	2.4%	3.4%	0.0%	2.7%



Confidence in MCA Leaders – pt1

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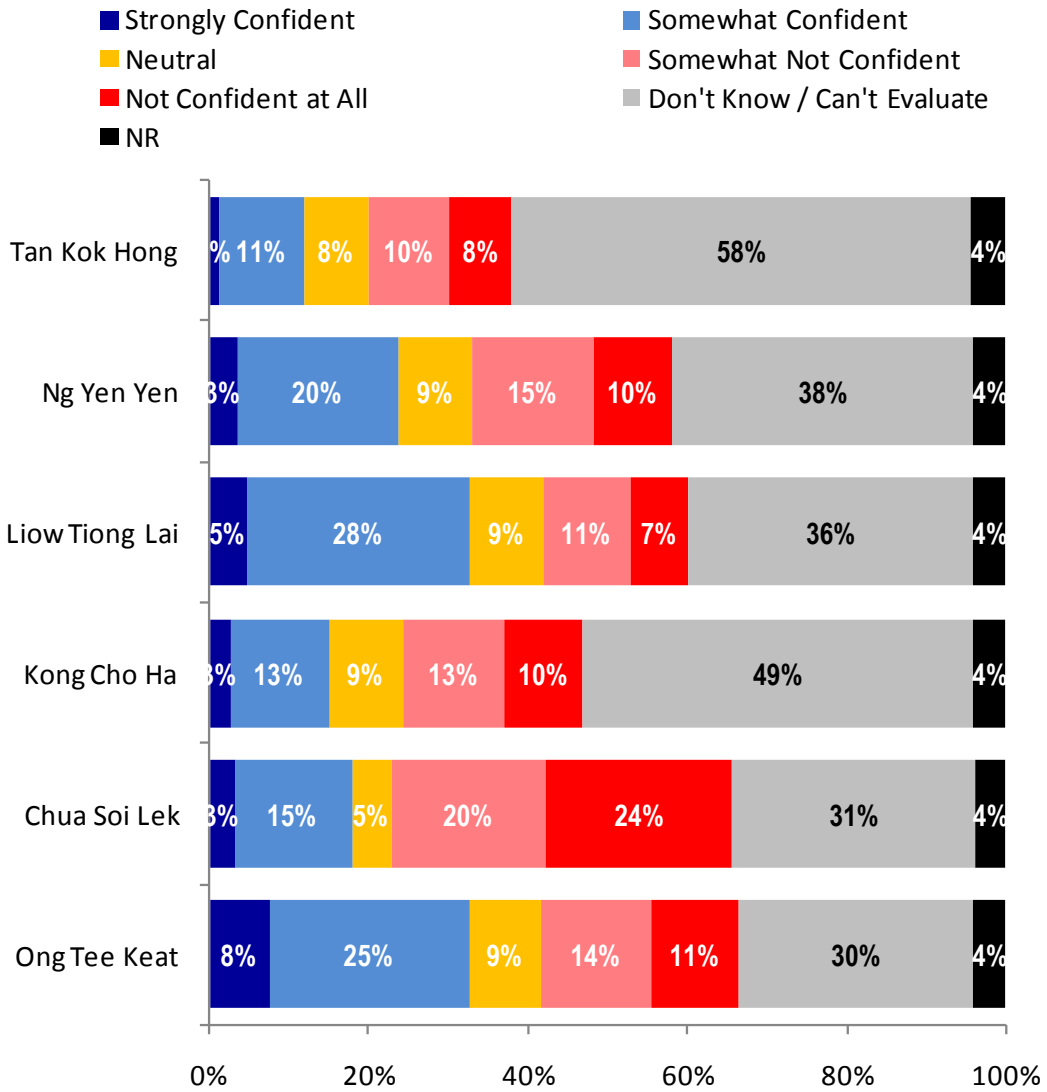
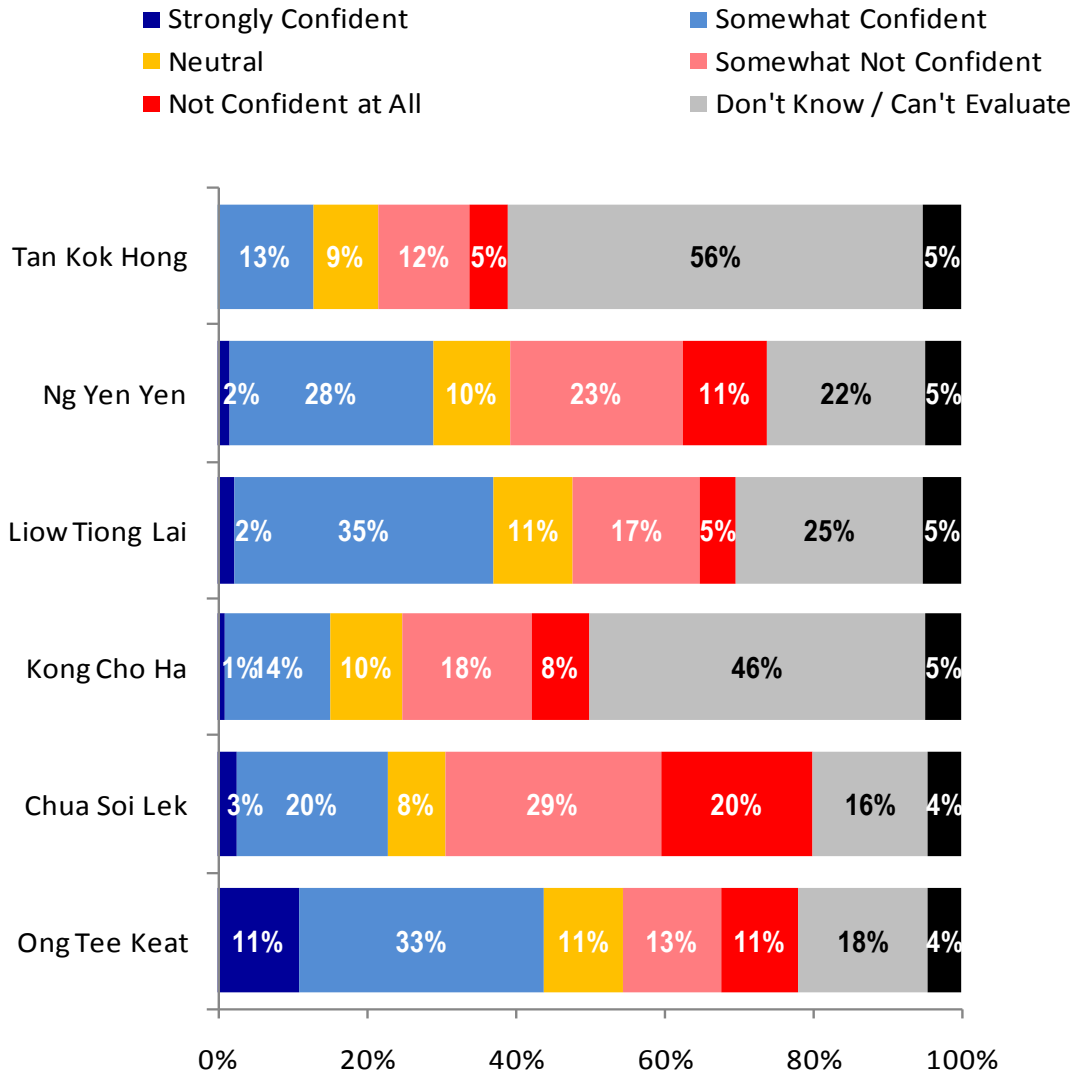


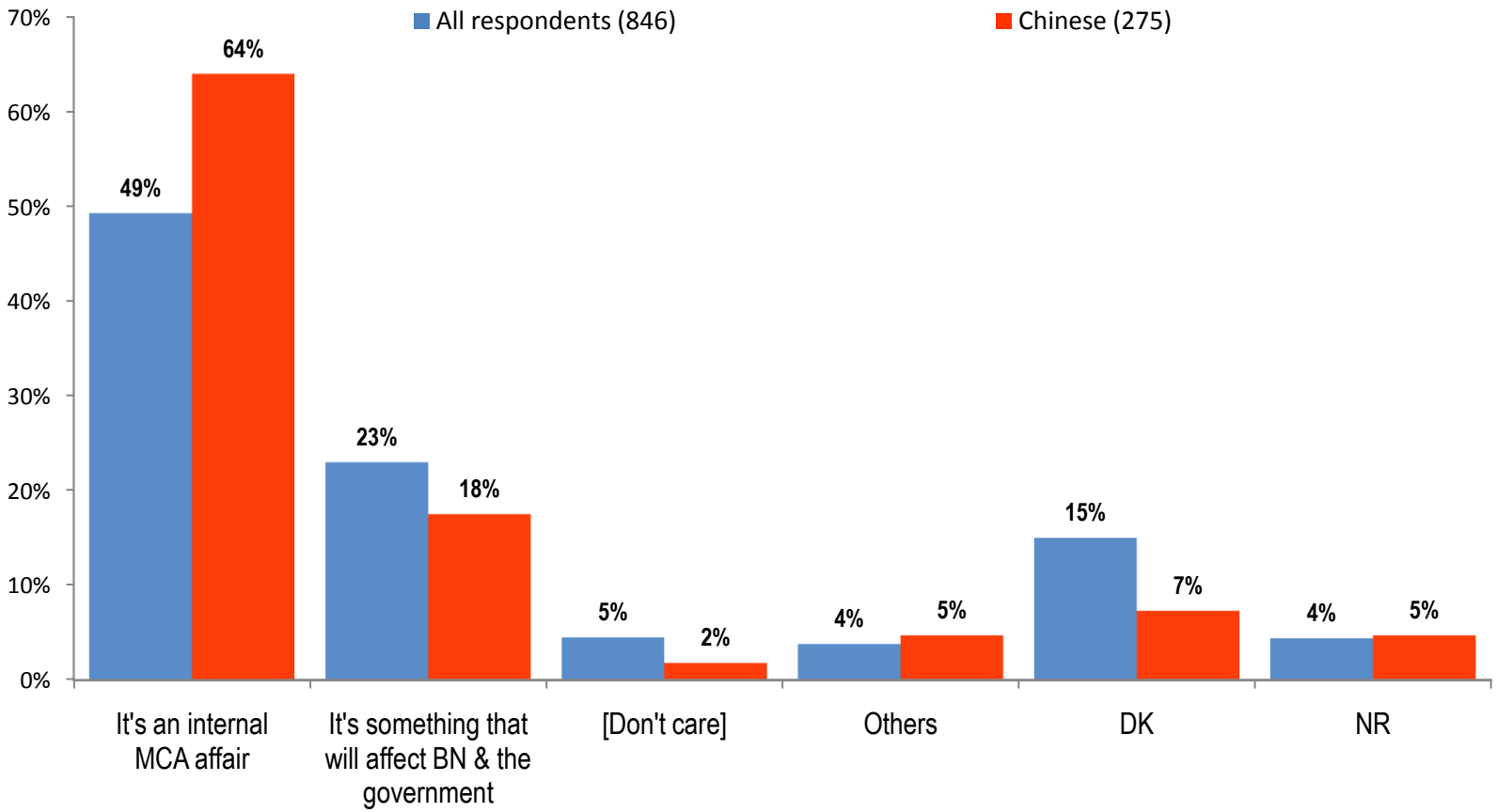
Confidence in MCA Leaders – pt2

How do you view the following MCA personalities, … (Chinese Respondents only, n=276)



Perception on MCA issues

Of the two statements provided, which one is closest to your view on the problems experienced by the MCA? (All respondents & Chinese only)



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Perceptions on Pakatan Rakyat

Viability of Pakatan Rakyat at Federal level

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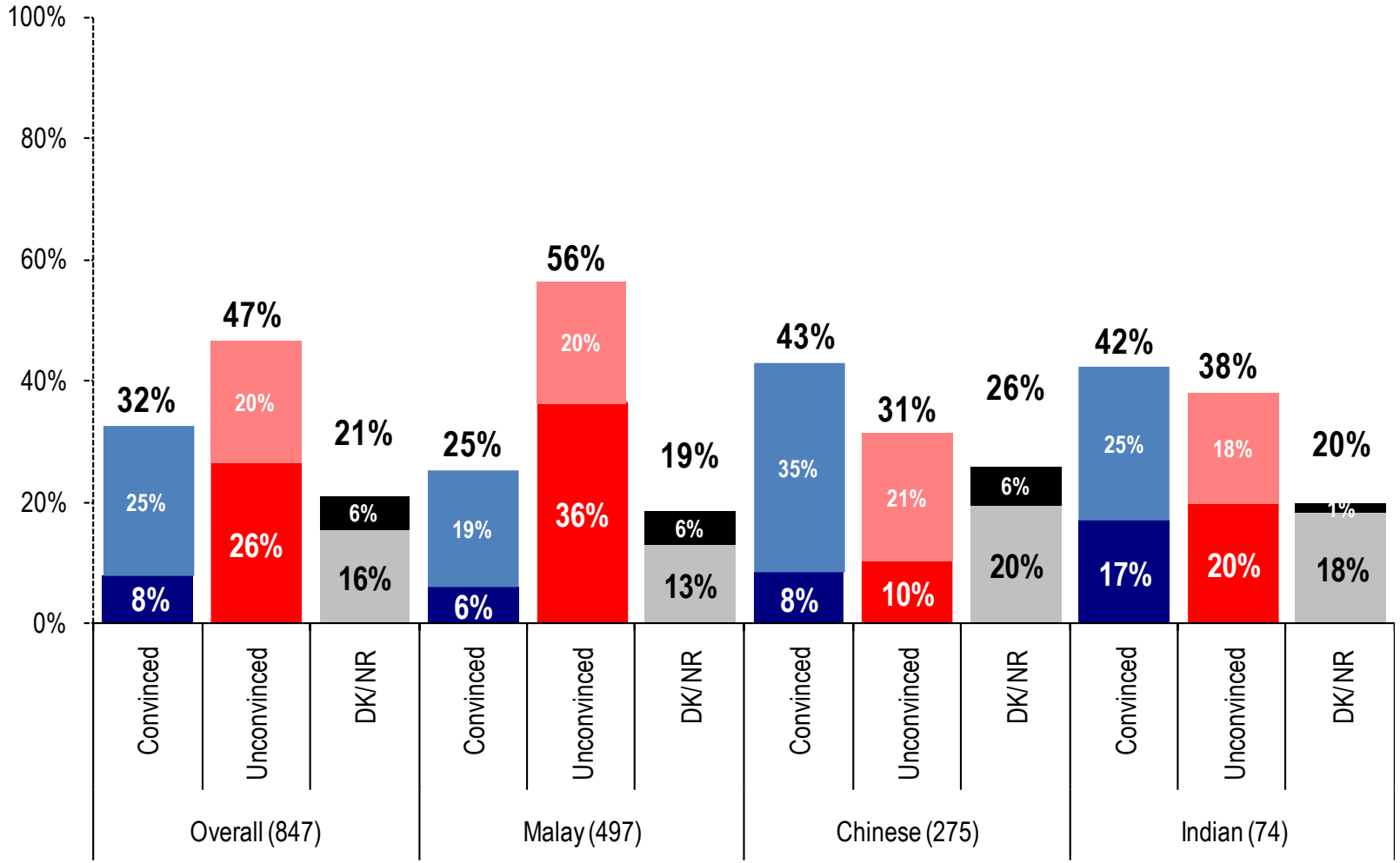

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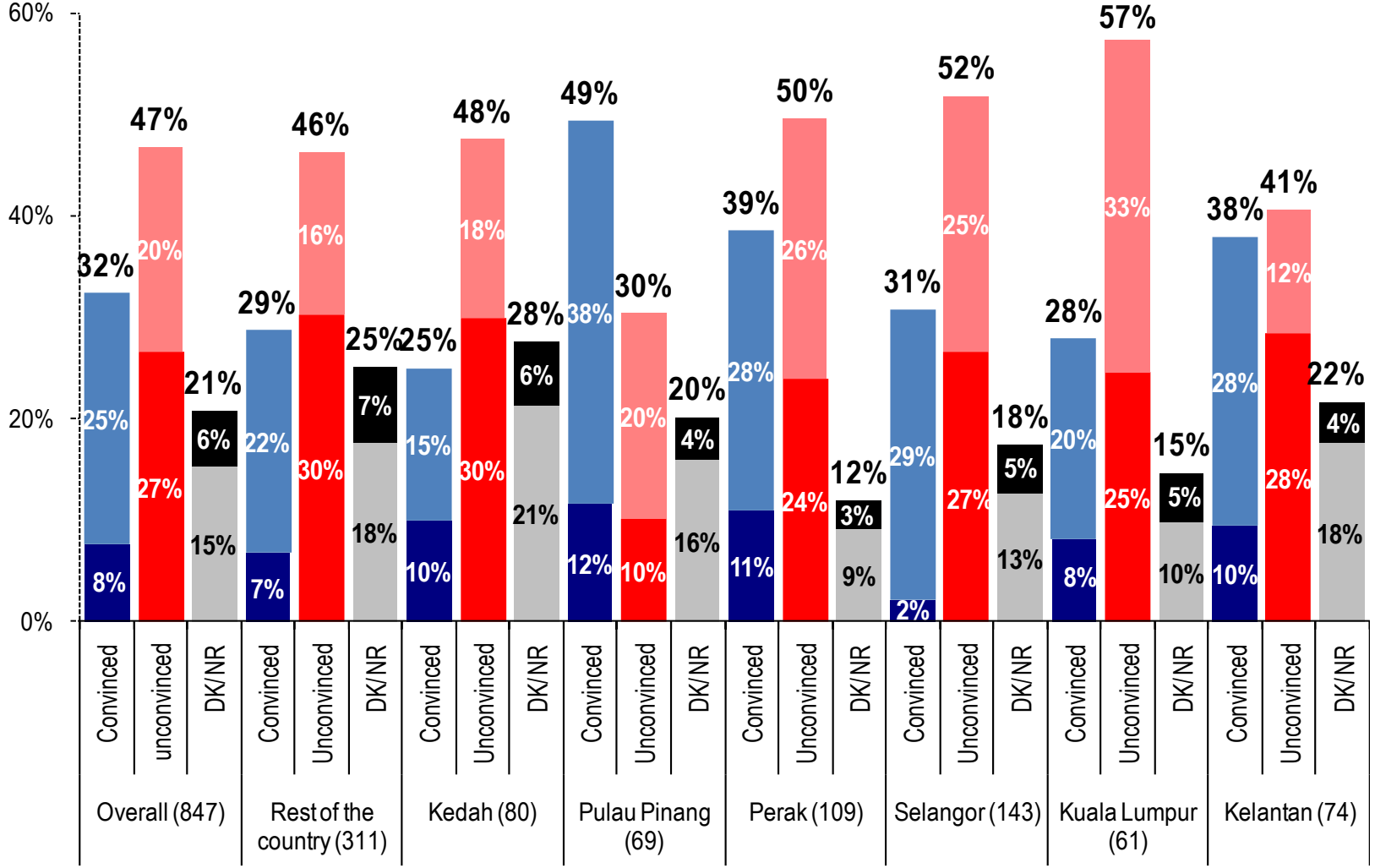
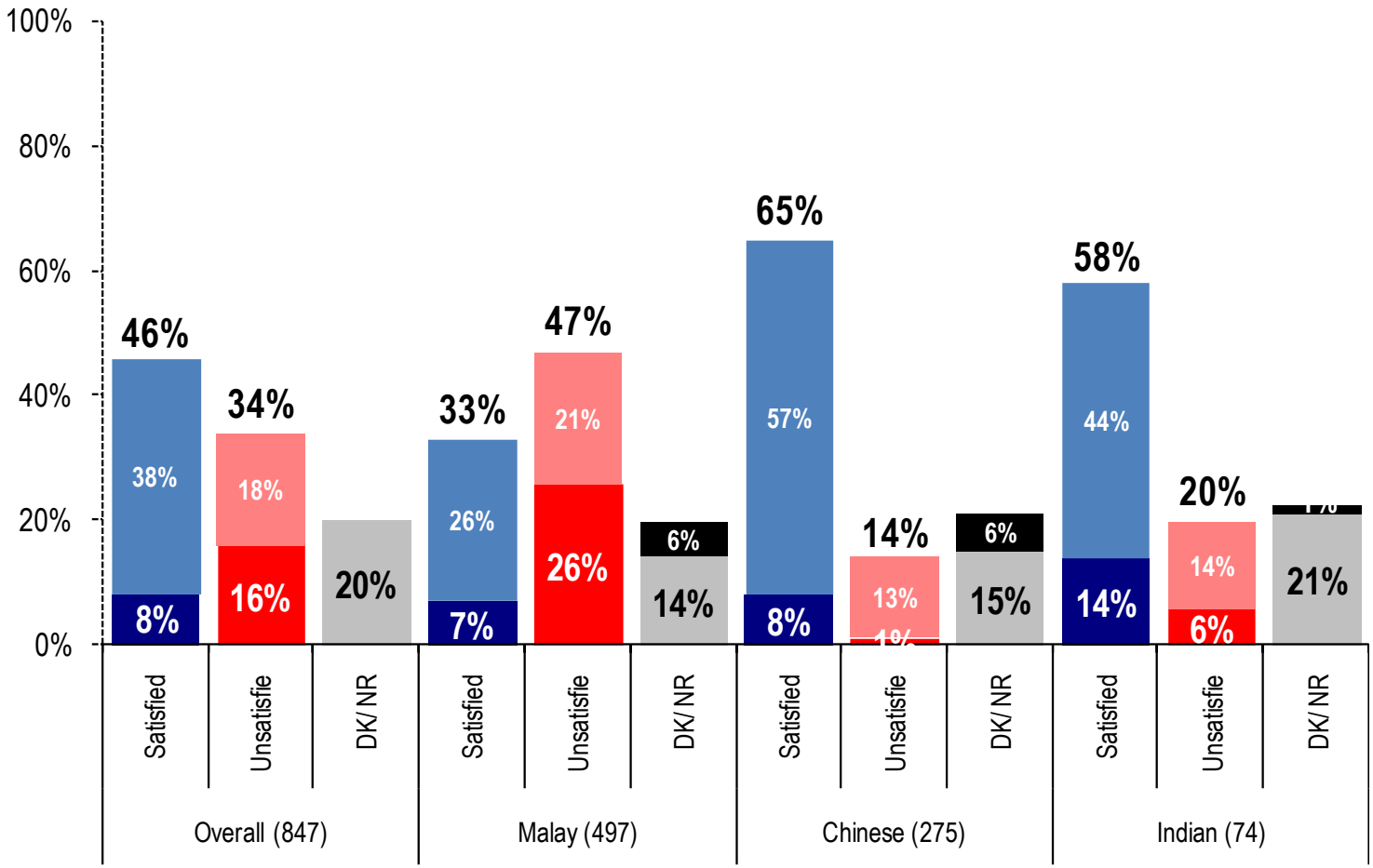


Viability of Pakatan Rakyat at State Level

How satisfied or not satisfied are you with the performance of the four Pakatan Rakyat state governments (Selangor, Pulau Pinang, Kelantan & Kedah)? (along respondent's ethnic background)



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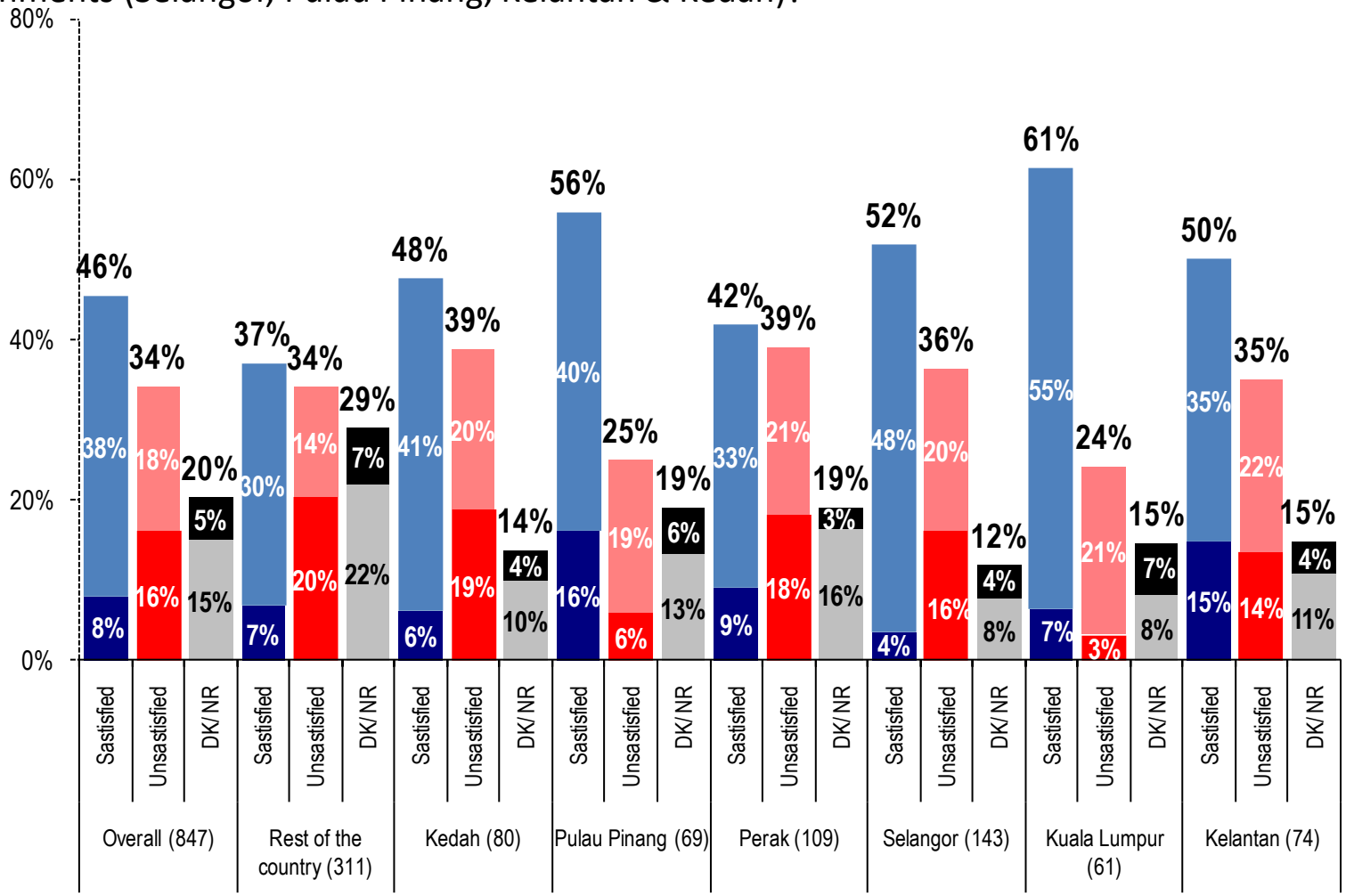

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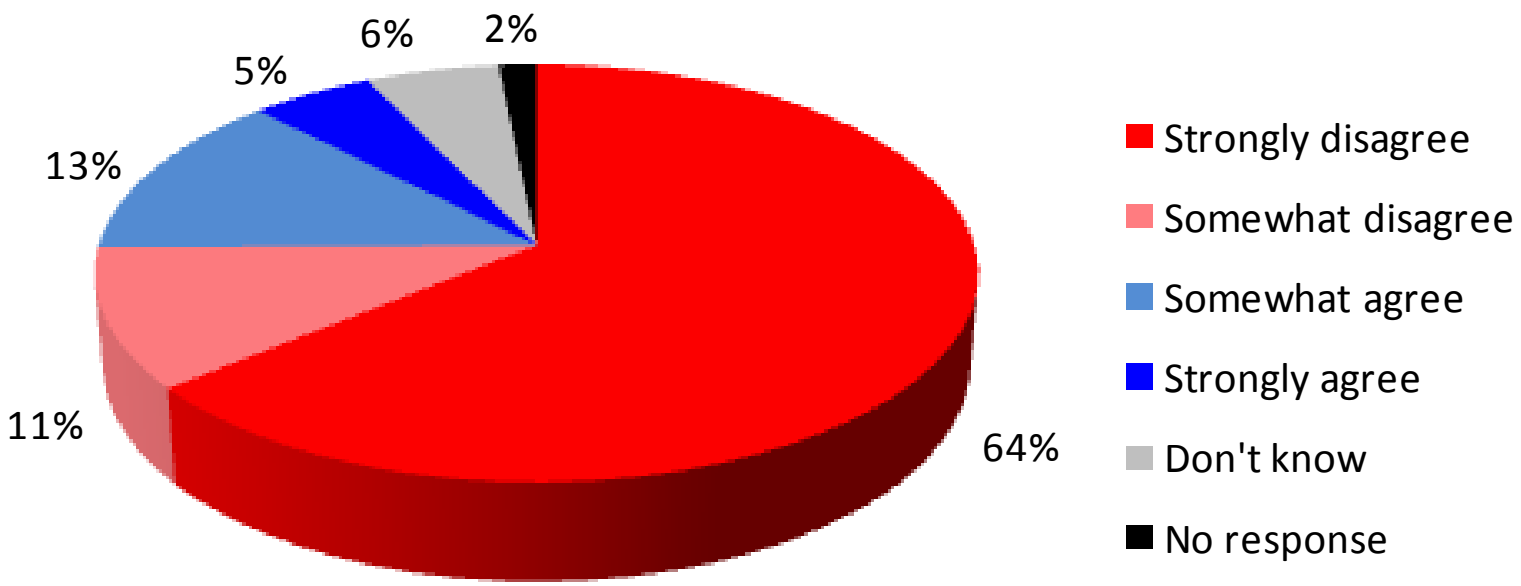
Perceptions on Political Leaders

Acceptance of leaders tainted with sex scandals

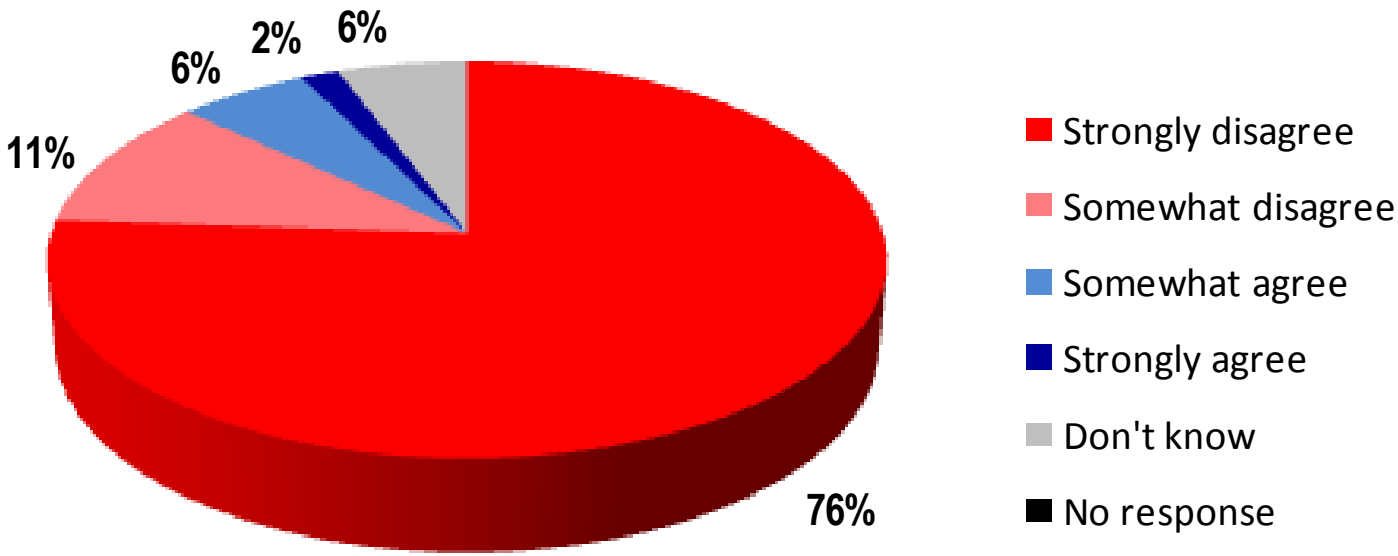
Do you agree or disagree that a leader tainted by sex scandal can lead a major political party?



All respondents, n = 846

Acceptance of leaders tainted with money politics

Do you agree or disagree that a leader charged with money politics in party election should be allowed to stand in by-election or general election?



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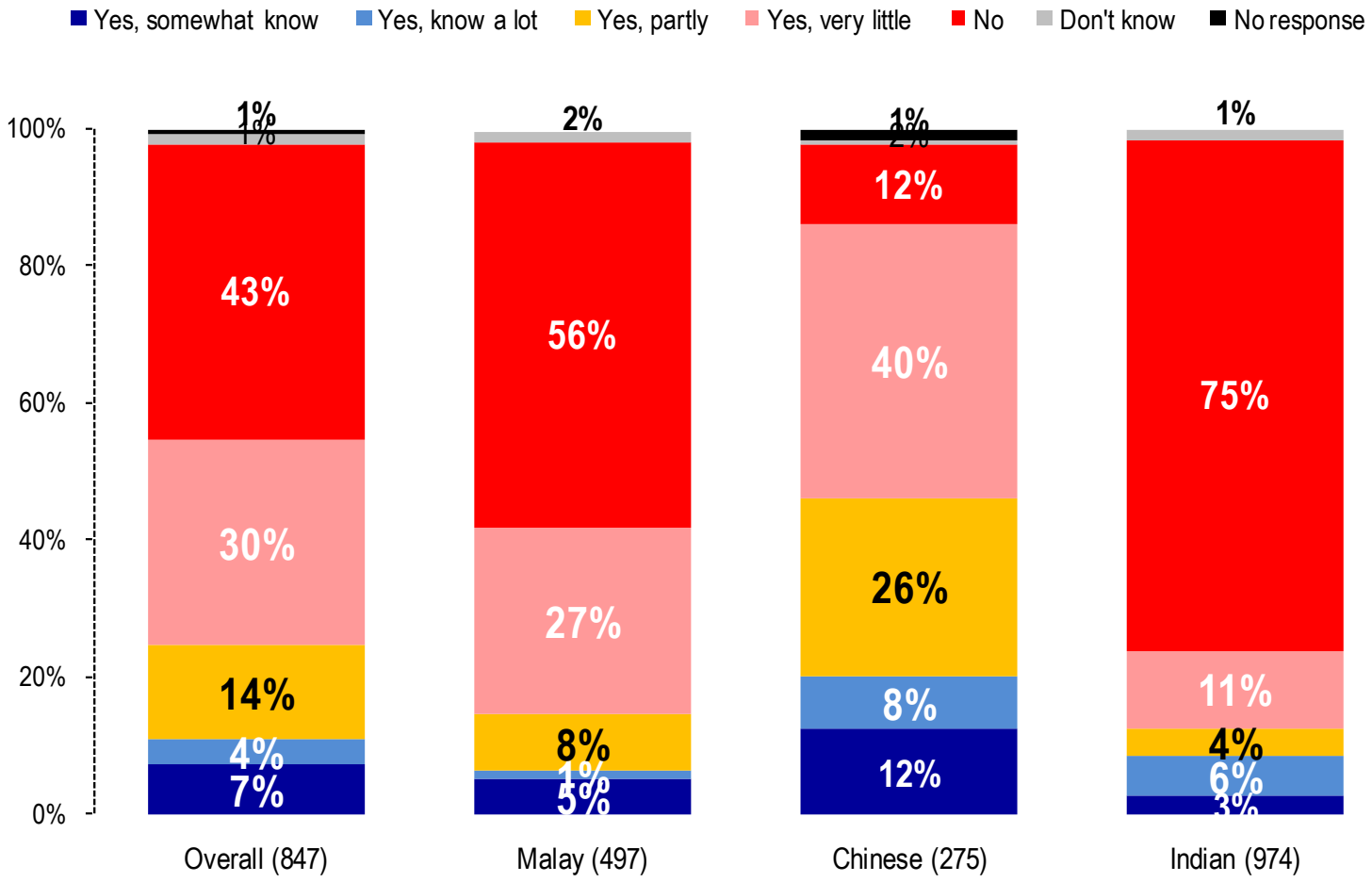
Perceptions on the PKFZ

Awareness of PKFZ problem

Have you heard of the Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) problem?



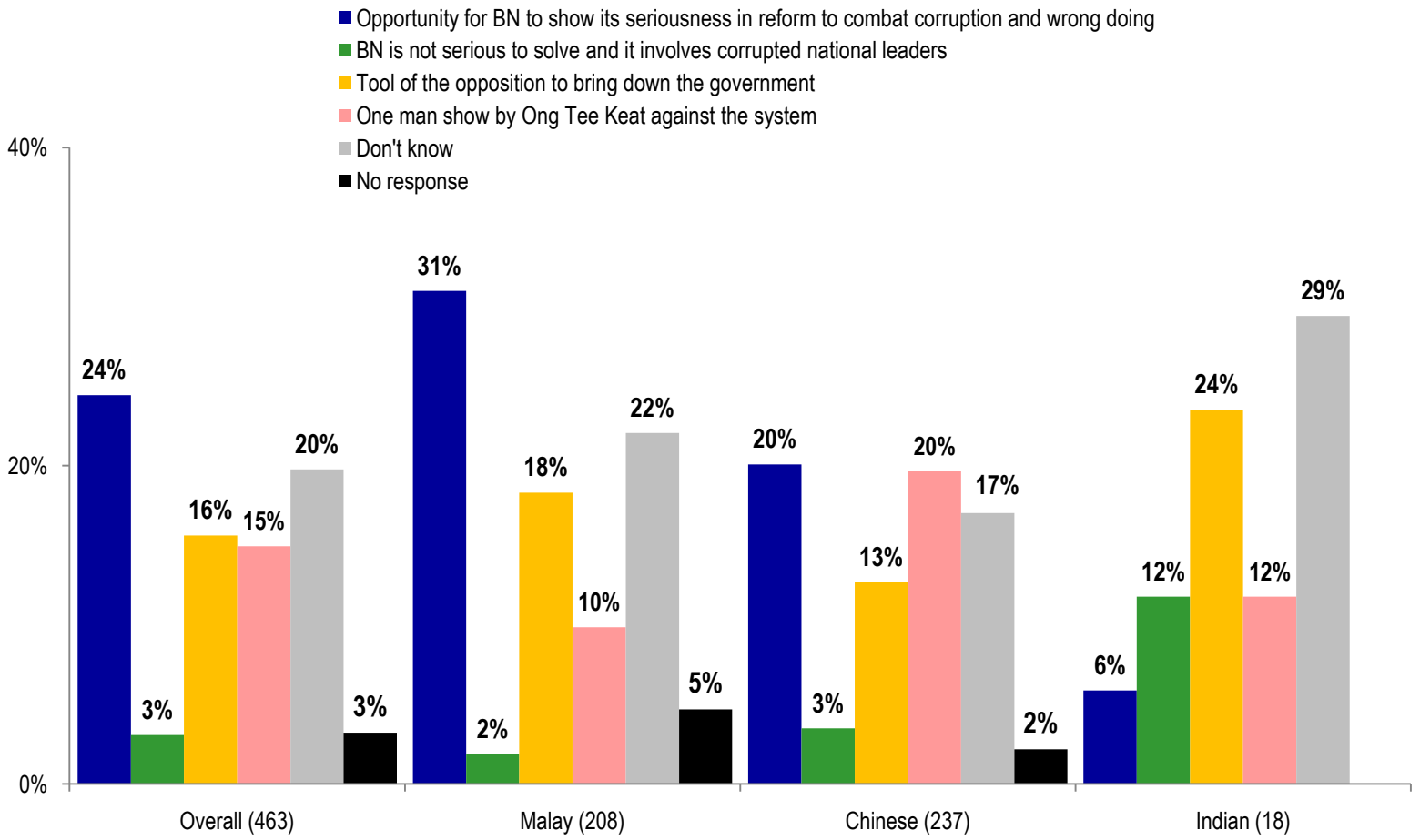
Source of Information about PKFZ problem

What is your main source of information about the PKFZ problem?

(among those who know PKFZ problem, n=463)

	Overall (463)	Malay (208)	Chinese (237)	Indian (18)
Mainstream printed and online media	82%	76%	88%	76%
Alternative printed media	2%	4%	0%	6%
Alternative online media	6%	8%	3%	12%
Talks and forums	1%	2%	0%	0%
Discussion with others	4%	4%	5%	0%
Others	2%	1%	2%	6%
Don't know	2%	3%	0%	0%
No response	2%	2%	1%	0%

Government handling of the PKFZ problem

How do you view the government's handling of the PKFZ problem?

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