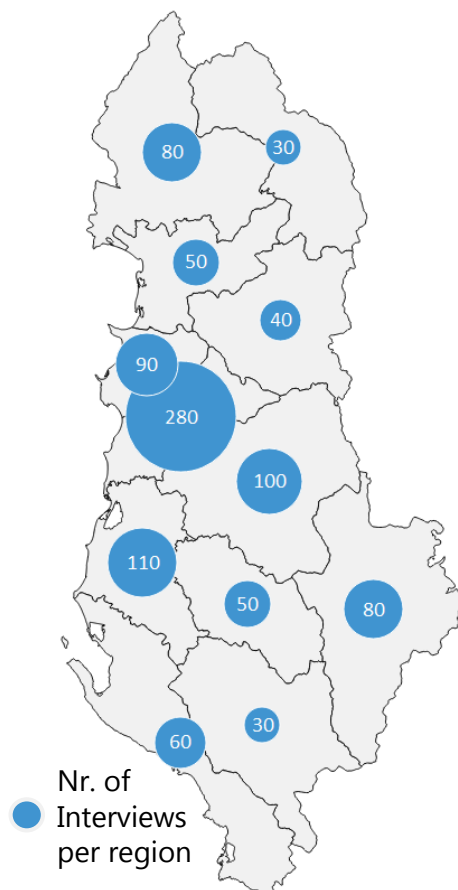


# JUDICIAL REFORM IN ALBANIA: KNOWLEDGE, SUPPORT AND EXPECTATIONS



# Sample distribution



- 1000 interviews
- Representative of the General Population 18+
- Random Selection
- Face-to-Face
- National Sample
- Time of Fieldwork  
January-February, 2016
- Margin of error  $\pm 3.1$ , with a 95% Confidence Interval

# Objectives

- Evaluate Albanian citizens' knowledge on the process leading to the reform of the judiciary in the country
- Evaluate citizens' perception on the process leading to the reform of the judiciary in the country
- Measuring citizens' support on the current process leading to the reform of the judiciary in the country
- Evaluate Albanian citizens' expectations from the reform of the judiciary in the country



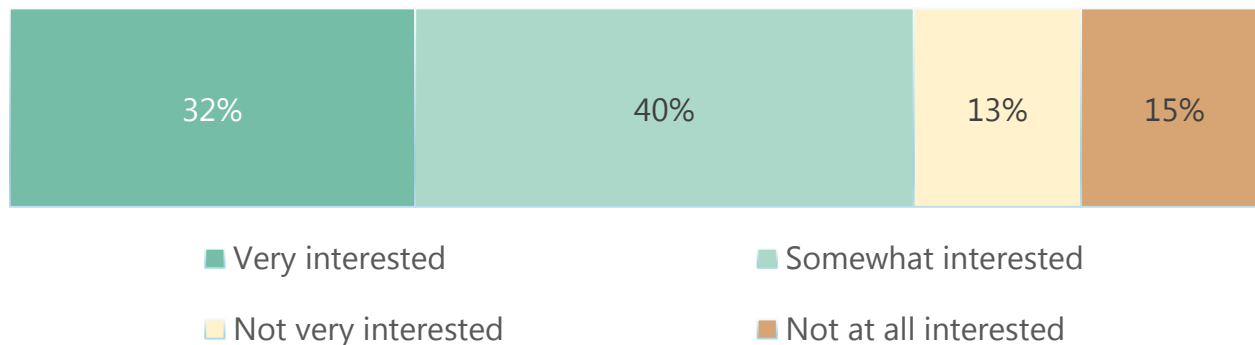
# SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE FINDINGS



# How interested you are on political, social and economic developments in the country?

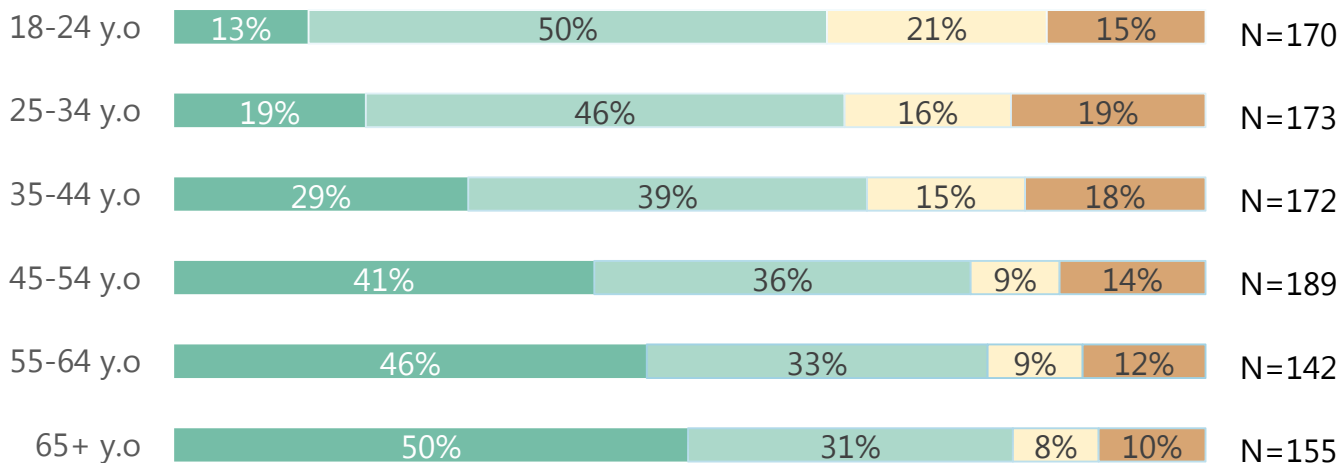
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## Overall



- Almost 1 in 3 Albanians (32%) claim to be very interested in political, social and economic developments in the country.

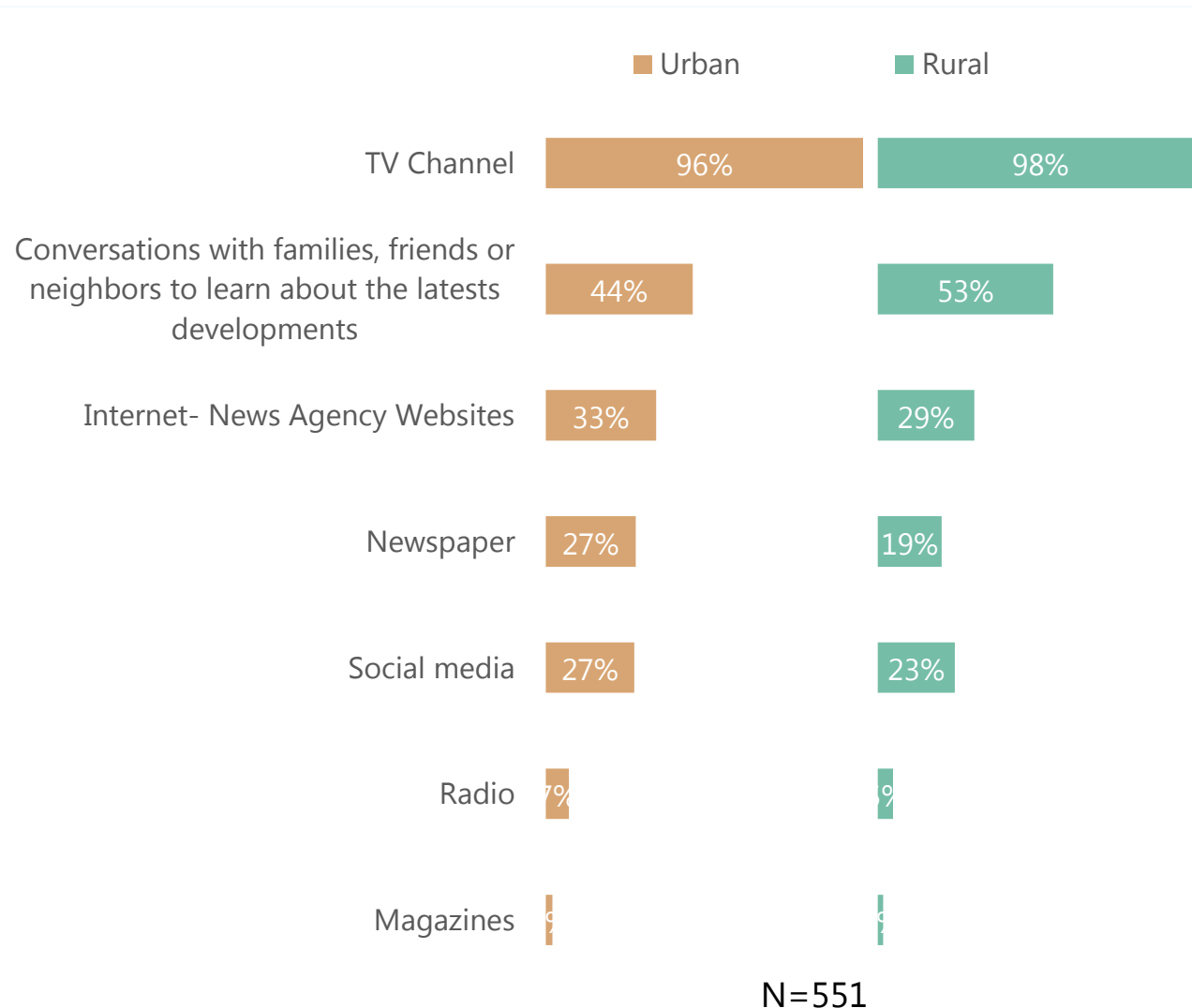
## By Age-group



- Interest in political and social developments increases with age. Young people claim to be less interested in this regard.

# What sources do you usually use to get your news?

## By Area



- Albanian citizens rely on the TV as the main source of information on (about 97%). Conversations with friends and family follow in second place, mentioned by (48%) of respondents.

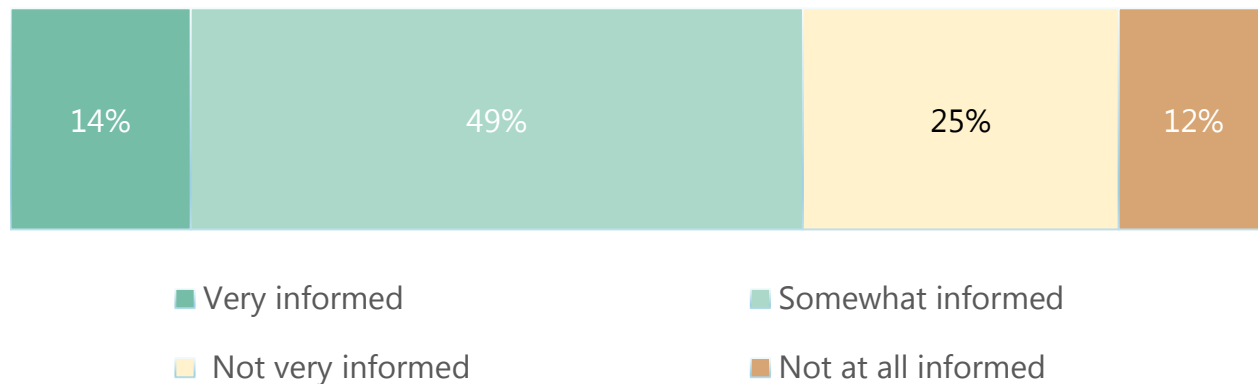
- Internet and Social media are becoming more important for getting information/news. They are mentioned as sources by respectively 31 and 25% of respondents.

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# How informed would you say you are on the Judicial Reform which is currently being discussed in Albania?

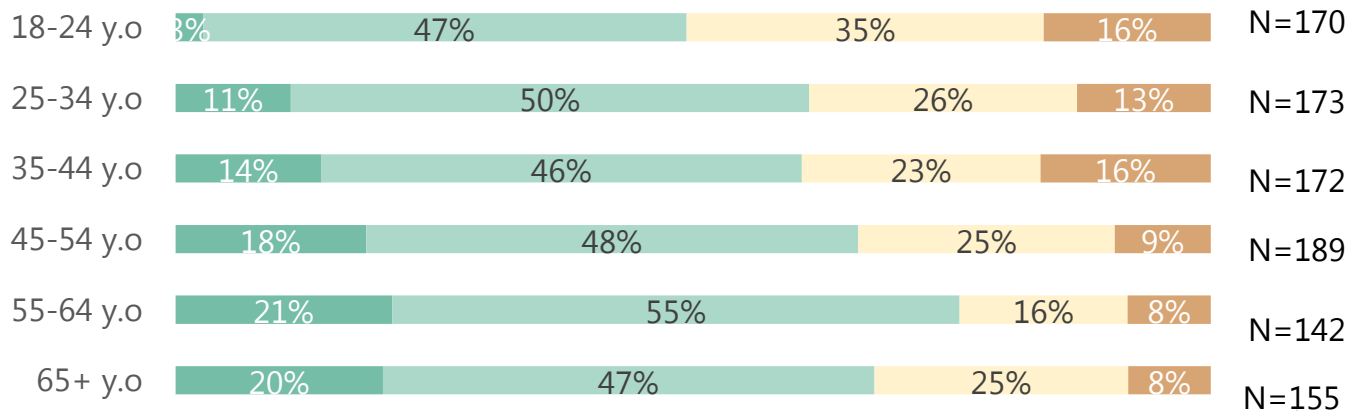
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## Overall



- Asked how informed they are on the Judicial Reform, only 14% of the respondents claim to be "very informed", and about 50% claim to be "somewhat informed" on the topic. On the other hand, about 37% of citizens claim to not be informed on the reform.

## By Age-group



- Younger citizens seem to be less informed.

- Focus group discussions also confirm the fact that despite the fact that they might have heard of the reform, they have little if not information on its details.

# To what extent do you support/oppose the need for a current Judicial reform in Albania?

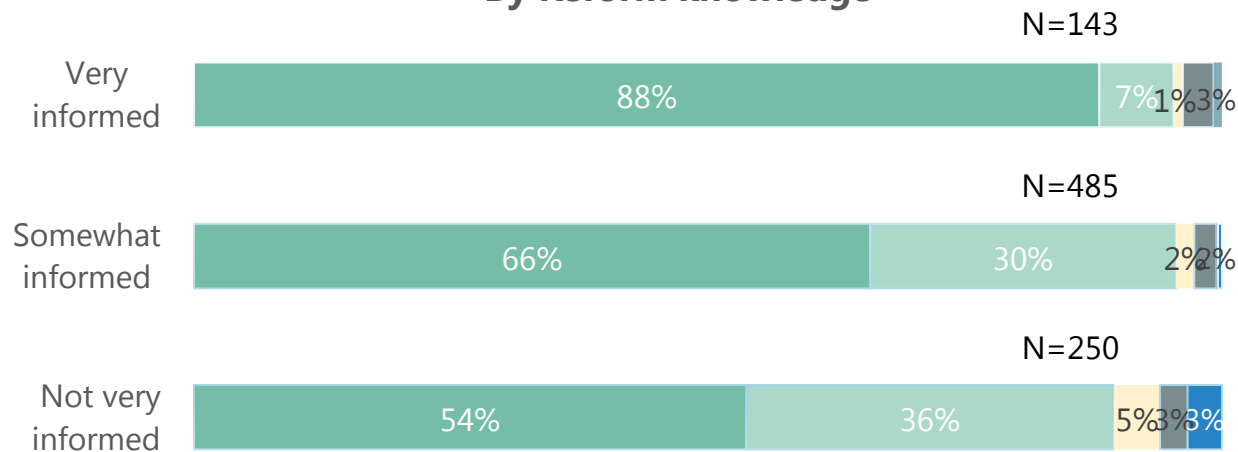
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## Overall



- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't Know

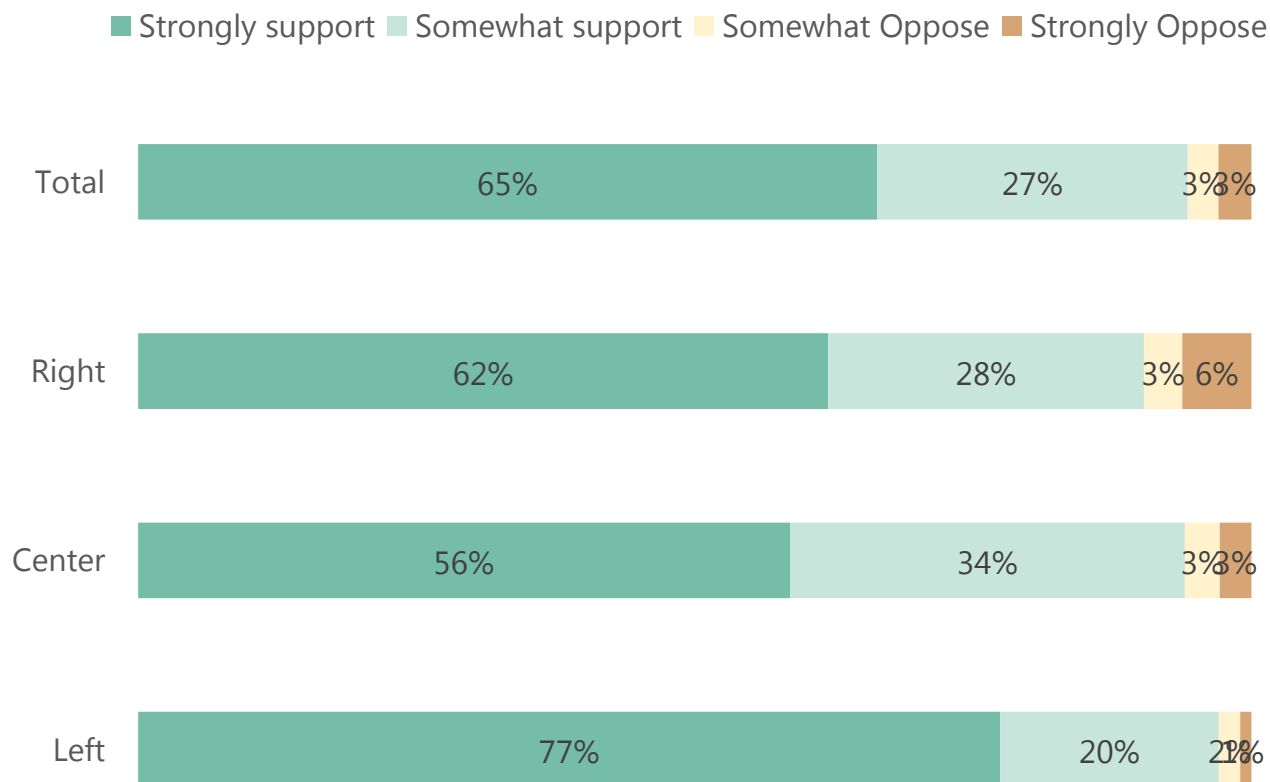
## By Reform knowledge





# To what extent do you support/oppose the need for a current Judicial reform in Albania?

## By Political Belief



■ In terms of political beliefs, survey findings show in generally the majority of citizens support the need for a reform, regardless of their political beliefs.

### ■ Note:

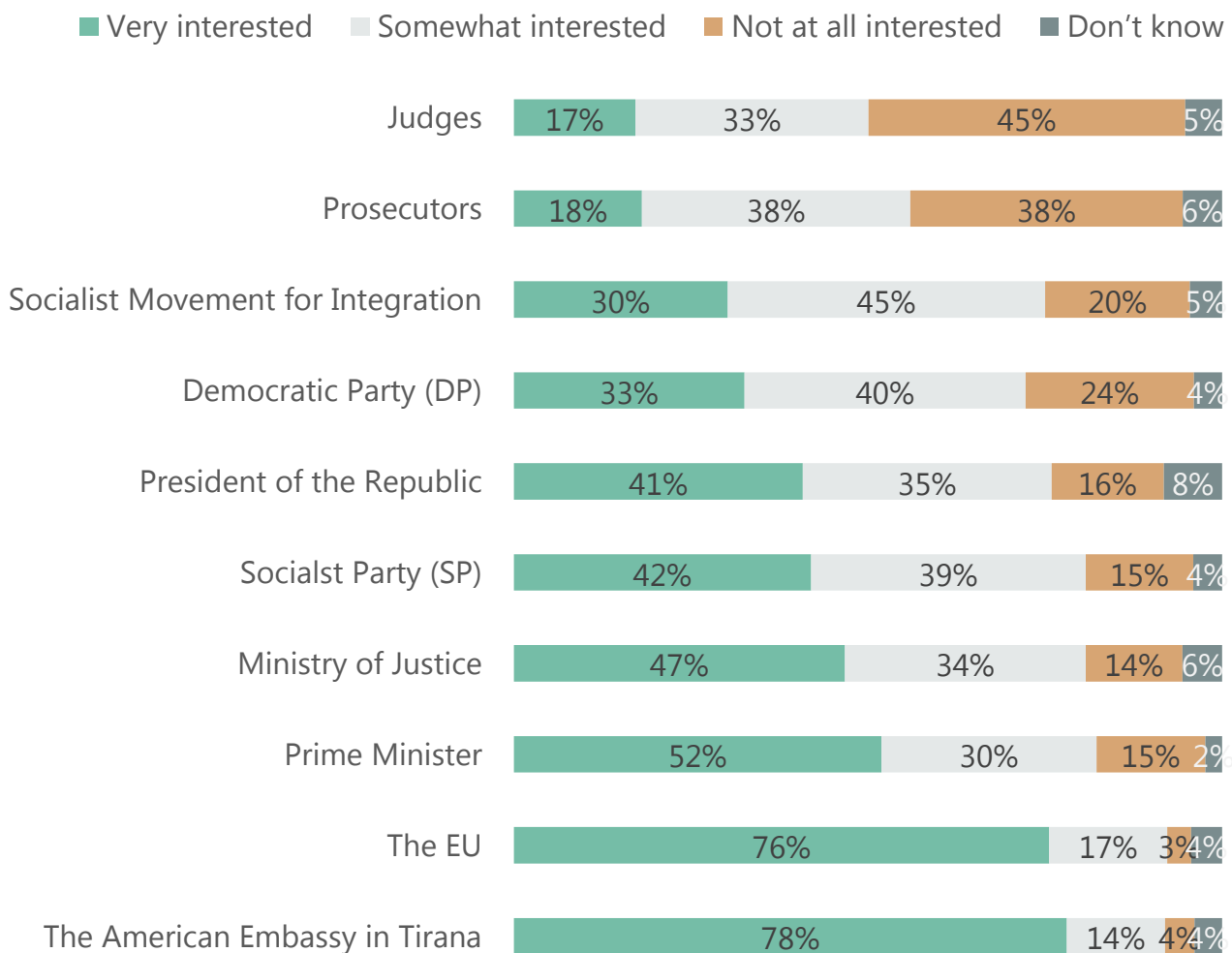
In order to evaluate respondents' standings in terms of their political beliefs, they were asked the following question:

**On a scale from 1-10 where 1=completely to the left and 10=completely to the right in terms of your political beliefs, where would you say you stand?**

Findings were then categorized as follows:

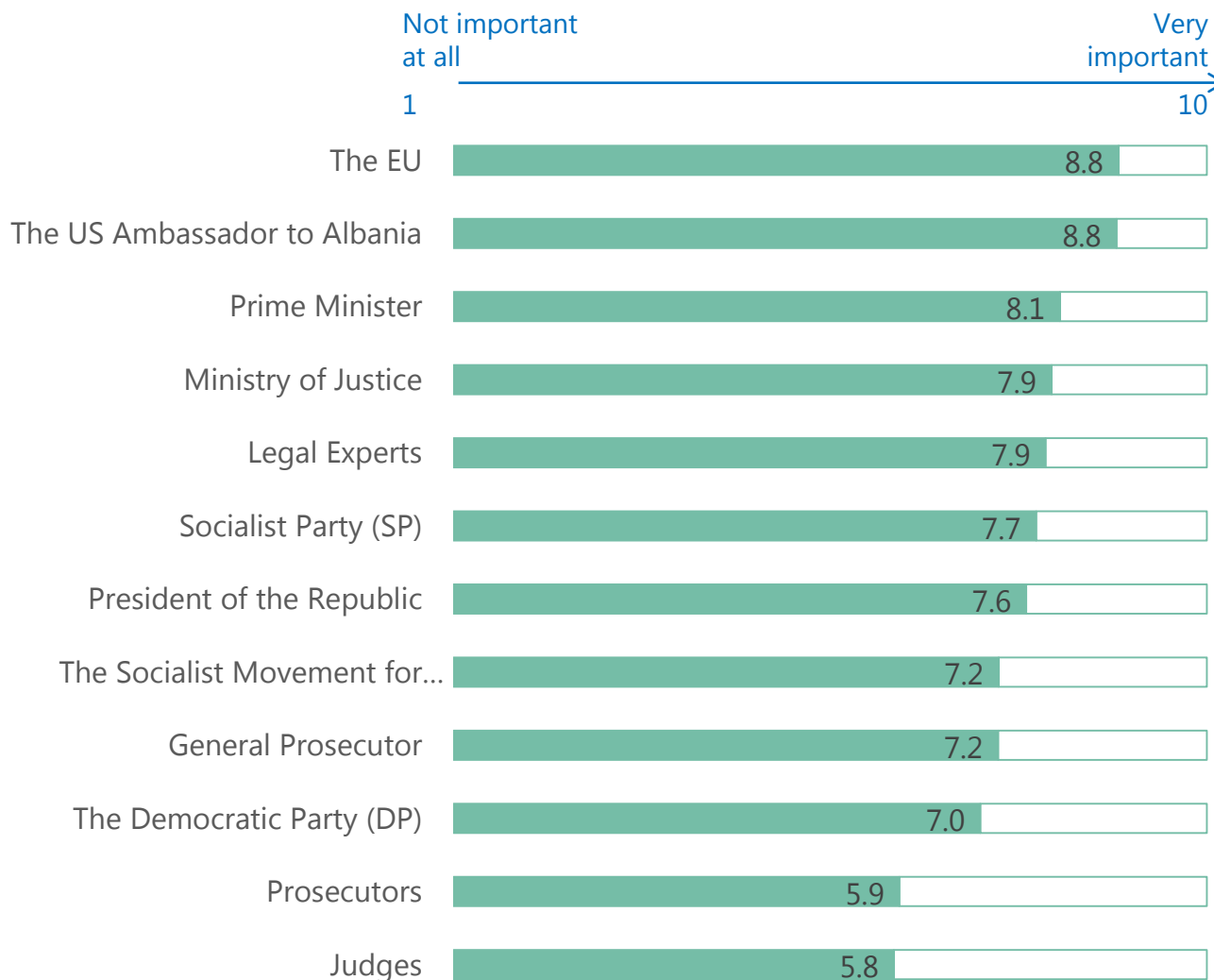
- **1-4 Left**
- **5-6 Center**
- **7-10 Right**

# Based on what you know, or what you have heard, would you say that the following institutions are interested in changing the current Judiciary system in Albania?



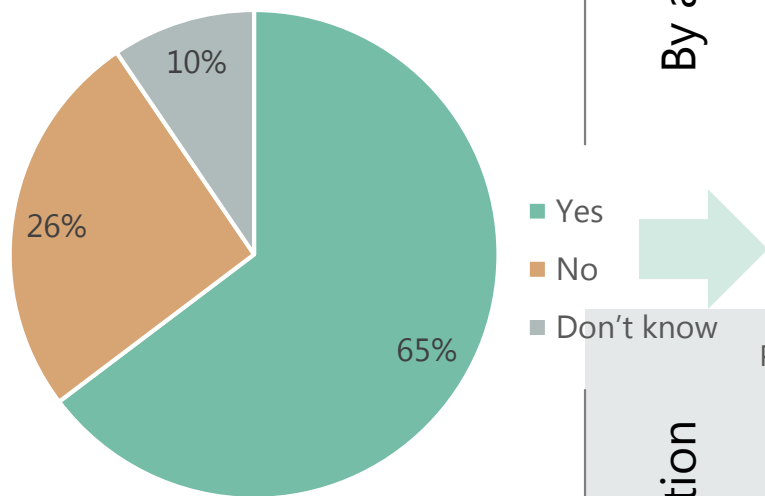
- Based on findings from the survey, citizens believe judges and prosecutors are those groups least interested in reforming the current judiciary in Albania.
- Meanwhile, international institutions such as the EU and the American Embassy are those most interested in reforming the judiciary.

Based on what you know, or what you have heard, is the approval of the judicial reform by the following institutions **important for you**? (On a scale from 1-10 where 1= not at all important and 10= very important)

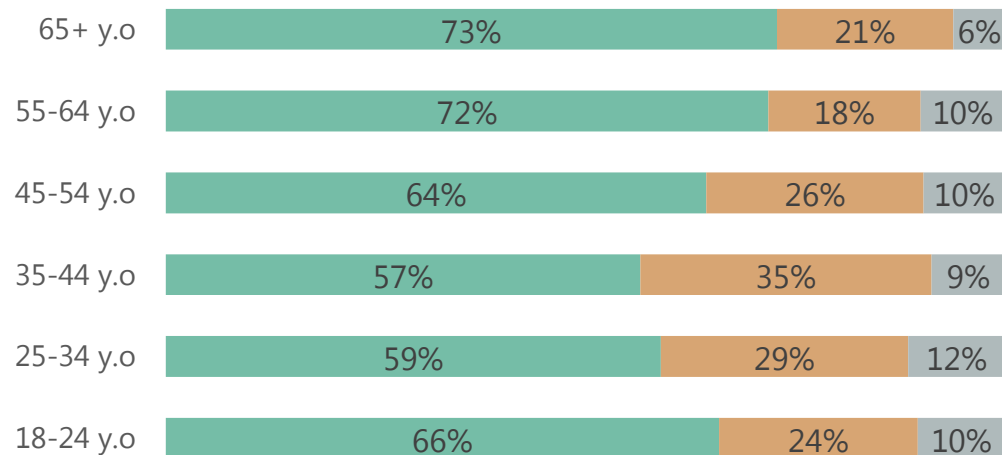


- Respondents were asked to evaluate how important the approval of each of the institutions listed is for the judiciary reform on a scale from 1 to 10 where 1= “not important at all” and 10= “very important”.
- Findings are in line with the perceived level of interest on the reform for each institution: The EU, and the American Embassy in Albania score the highest with 8.8 out of 10 each.
- Meanwhile, judges and prosecutors score respectively 5.8 and 5.9 out of 10.

# Do you think the Judicial Reform will be approved in the Albanian parliament within 2016?

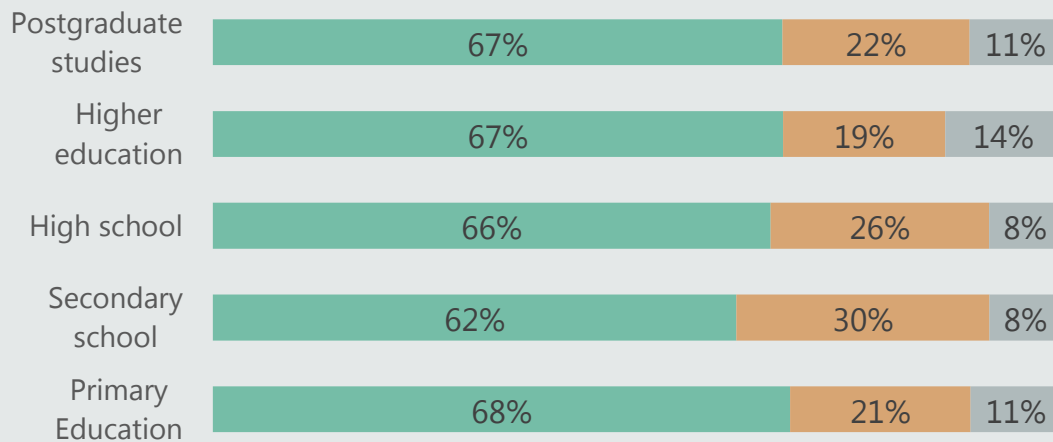


## By age



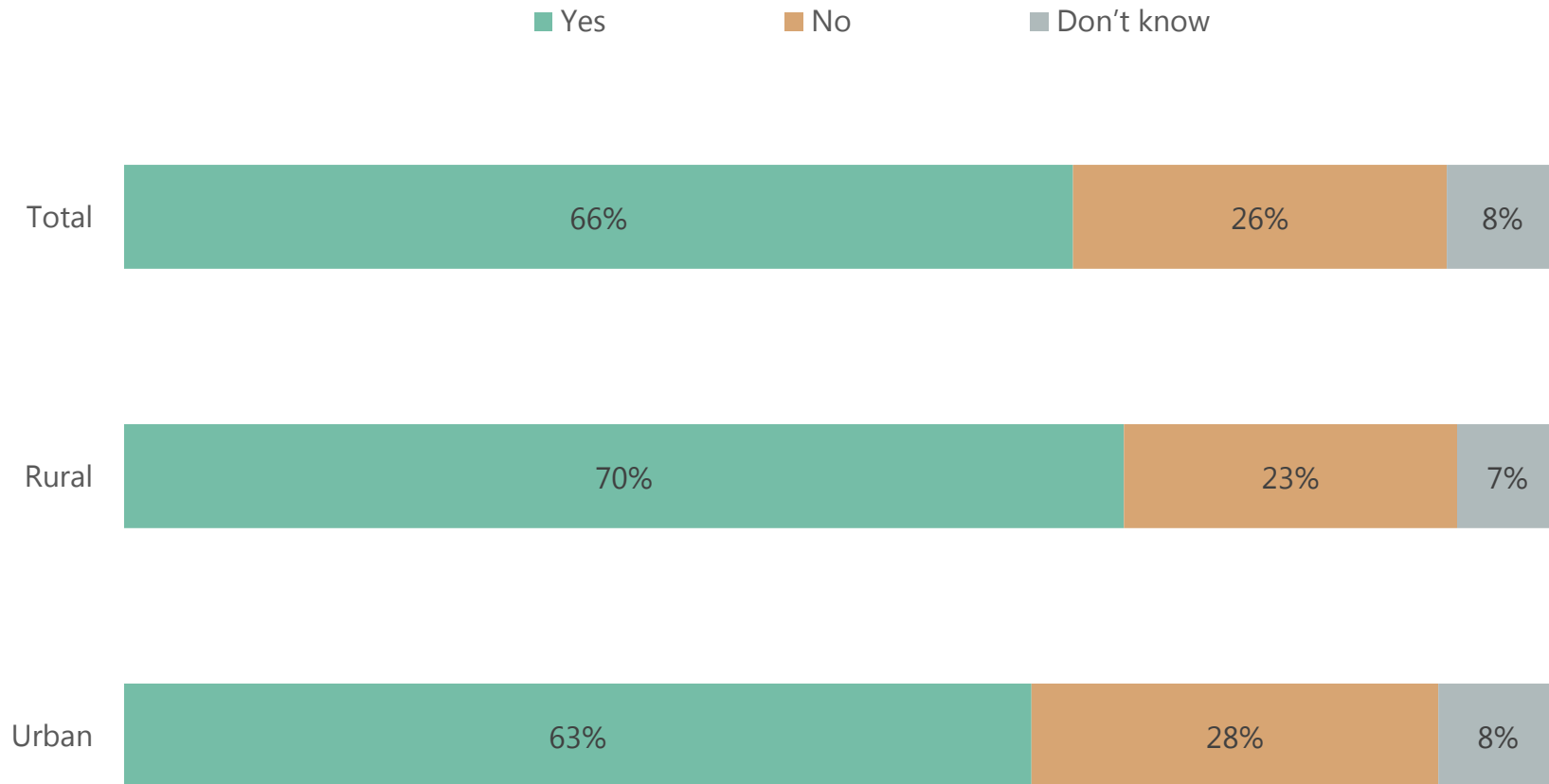
■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

## By education



# Do you think there will be any groups/organizations/individuals who will try to stop the Judicial Reform from being approved in Parliament?

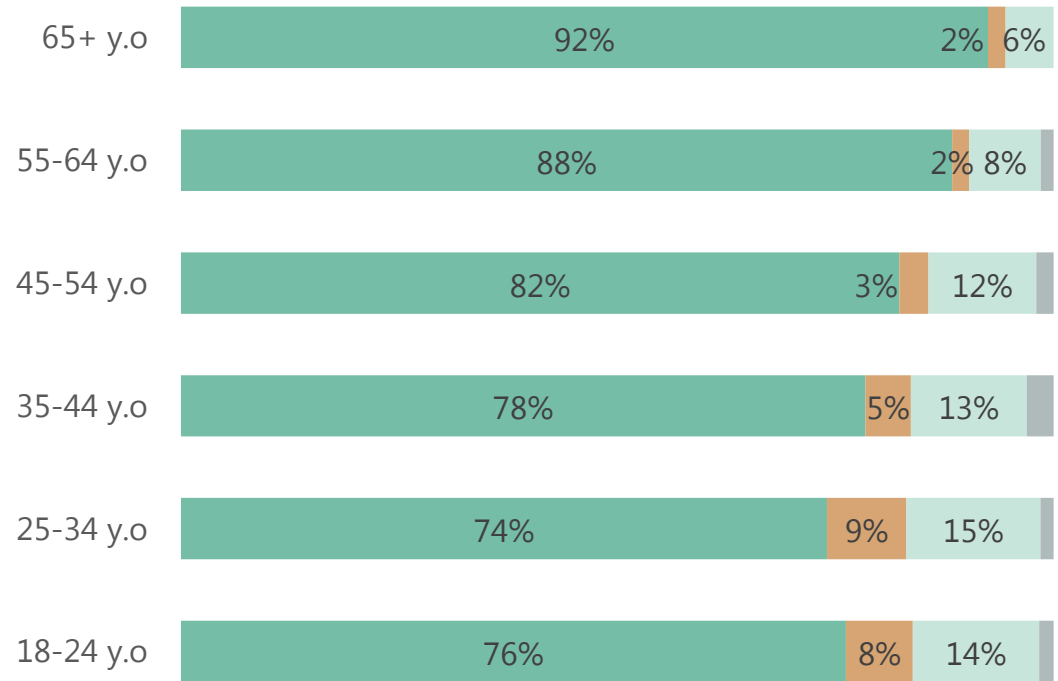
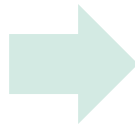
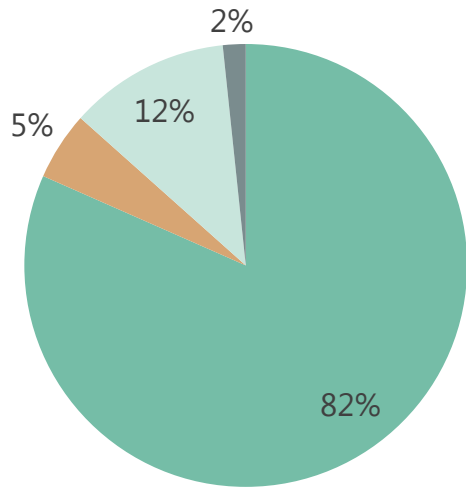
( N=1000 )



# If the Judicial Reform does not pass in Parliament, and if a referendum were to be held on it tomorrow, would you vote:

( N=1000 )

- Yes
- No
- I do not have the sufficient information to decide now
- Don't know



# Which of the following statements do you agree with when it comes to your expectations from the implementation of the Judicial Reform in Albania?

( N=1000 )

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Don't know

The Judicial Reform will not be effective, because people within the system are corrupted and therefore changing the system is not a guarantee for its improvement



There are far too many influential groups/organizations/individuals who are afraid of the Judicial Reform and therefore the reform will not be passed in parliament.



The Judicial reform in Albania will eventually be a result of political negotiations which will greatly harm its effectiveness and success on the ground



The implementation of the Judicial Reform in Albania would get rid of corrupt judges and prosecutors in Albania, increasing public trust in the system



The current proposed draft of the Judicial Reform in Albanian has all the necessary premises to be succesful, but it is unlikely that it will be properly implemented.

