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VENEZUELA CRISIS: WHO IS TO BLAME AND WHAT TO DO?

January 30, 2019

More than half of Russians (57%) show interest in what is happening in Venezuela. Russians consider that the current situation has resulted from provocations of other countries, in particular, the U.S.A (20%). Respondents mainly express negative attitudes towards the protesters: 12% distrust them, 11% condemn them.

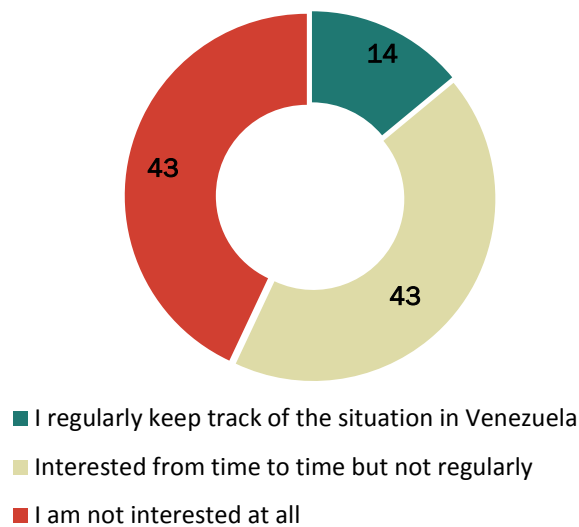


Figure 1. Do you personally have any interest in what is happening in Venezuela, or not? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

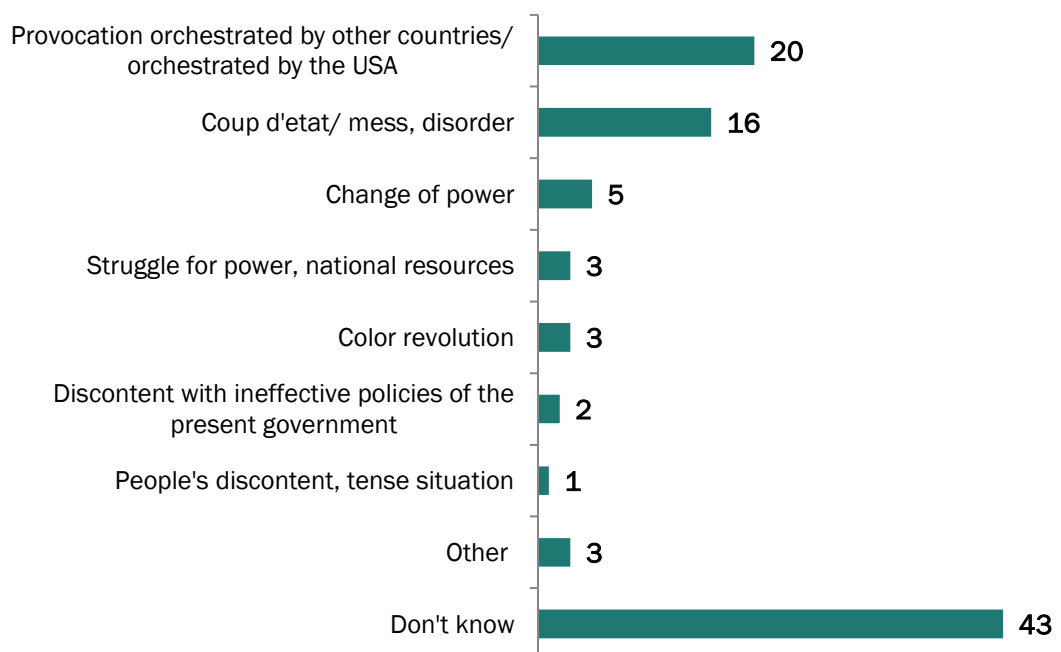


Figure 2. How would you describe what is currently happening in Venezuela? (open-ended question, not more than 3 answers % of those who have interest in the situation)

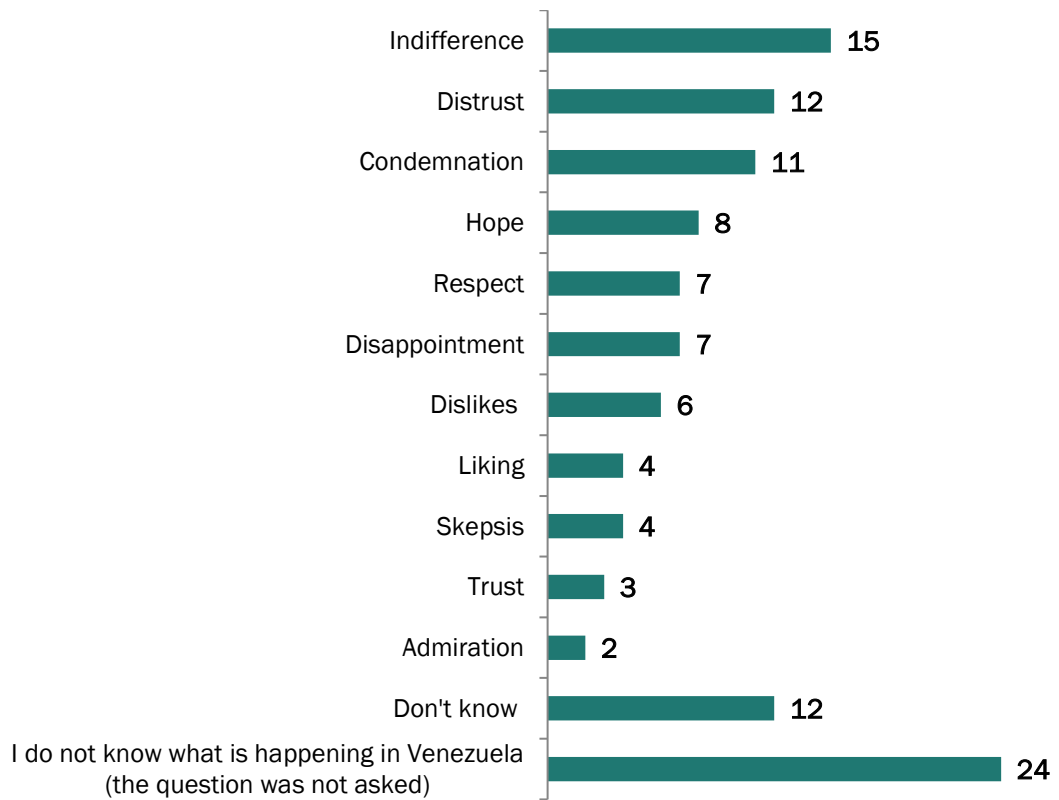


Figure 3. What feelings, emotions do you express towards the protesters? (closed-ended question, up to 2 answers, % of total respondents)

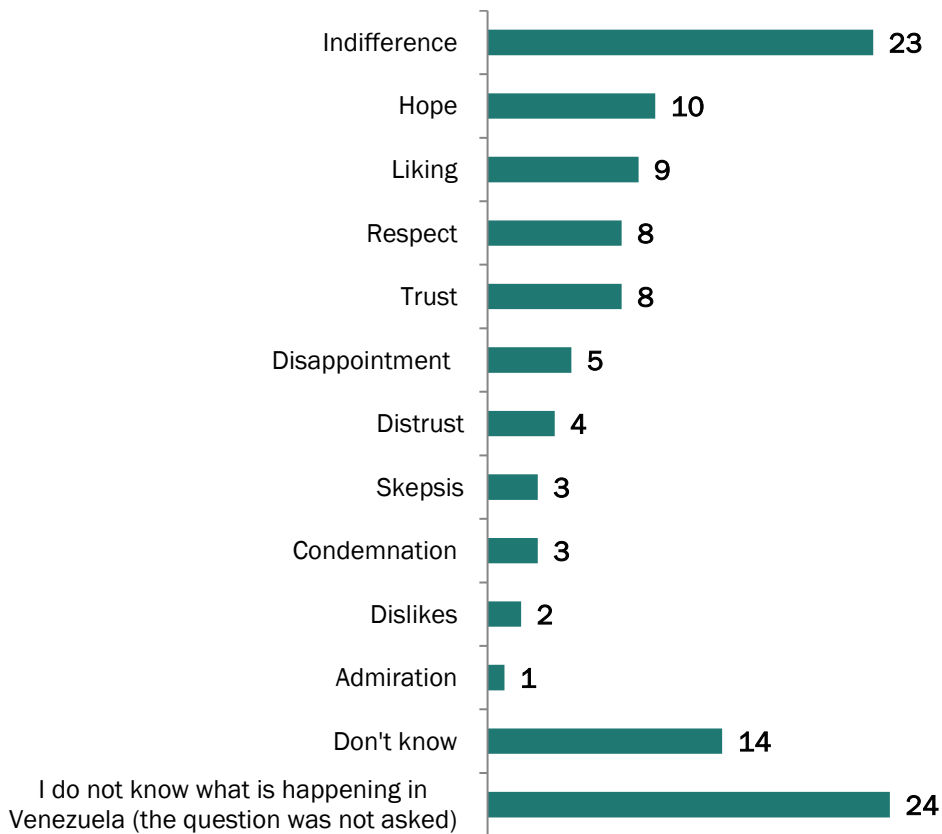


Figure 4. What feelings, emotions do you express towards the Venezuelan government and president Maduro? (closed-ended question, up to 2 answers, % of total respondents)

TERRITORIAL DISPUTE IN RUSSIAN-JAPANESE TALKS: OPINIONS OF THE KURIL RESIDENTS

January 29, 2019

The survey involved the Kuril residents aged 18 and over. The survey was telephone-based and carried out using random sampling (207 respondents) from a complete list of landline and mobile phone numbers operating on the Kuril Islands. The margin of error at a 95% confidence level does not exceed 6.8%.

Ninety-nine percent of the Kuril residents are aware that Japan demands the return of the southern Kuril Islands. Most of respondents (93%) oppose the handover of the islands. Eighty-six percent of respondents consider that there is no point in continuing the talks with Japan on the issue.

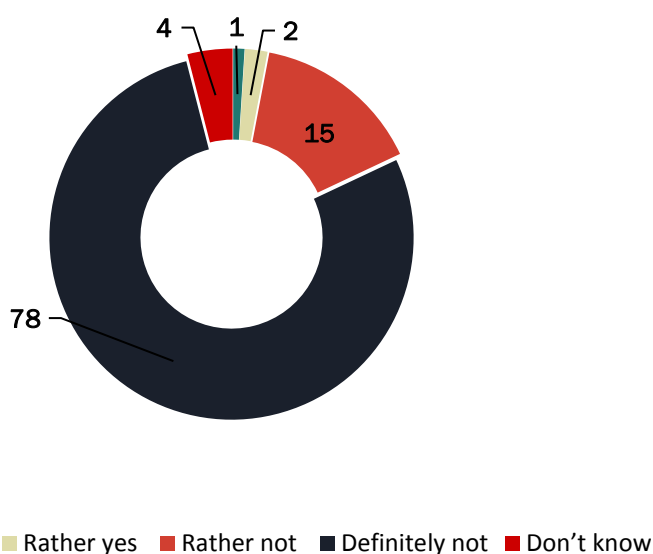


Figure 5. In your opinion, should Russia transfer the southern Kuril Islands to Japan to sign a peace treaty and to develop the bilateral relations? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents – Kuril residents)

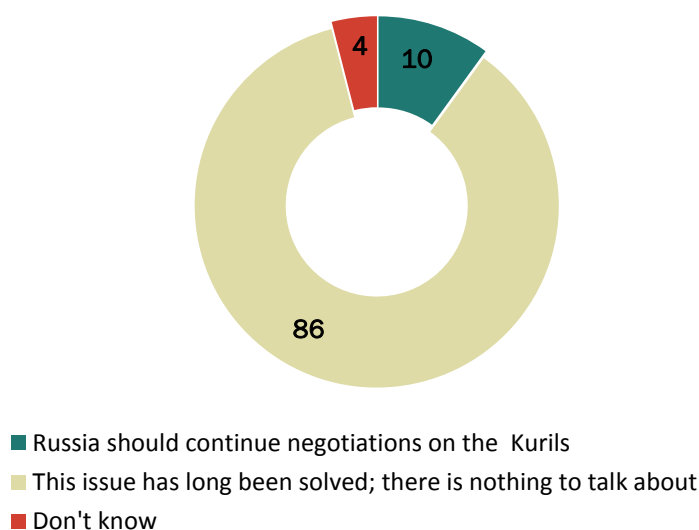
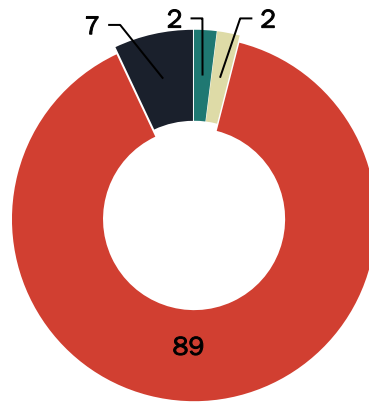


Figure 6. In your opinion, should Russia continue discussing the Kuril issue with Japan, or do you think that this issue has long been solved, and there is nothing to talk about? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)



- To hand over the four Kuril Islands
- To hand over to Japan only two of the four Kuril Islands
- Not to transfer any disputed islands to Japan
- Don't know

Figure 7. In your opinion, how the Russian authorities should act in this situation? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

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EURASIAN INTEGRATION: FORMS, OBJECTIVES, AND CONSEQUENCES

January 23, 2019

Seventy-six percent of Russians are aware of the Eurasian Economic Union. Principally, Russians would like to see the EAEU as an entirely new organization with its specific features and mission (39%). The main objective of the organization is business and trade (51%).

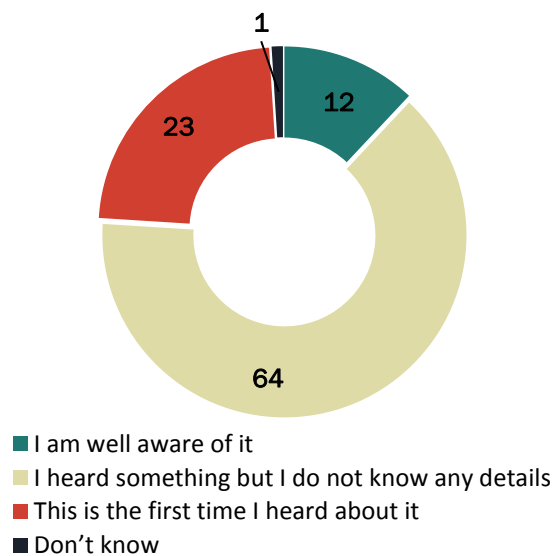


Figure 1. Do you personally know/have you heard/do you hear for the first time about the Eurasian Economic Union? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

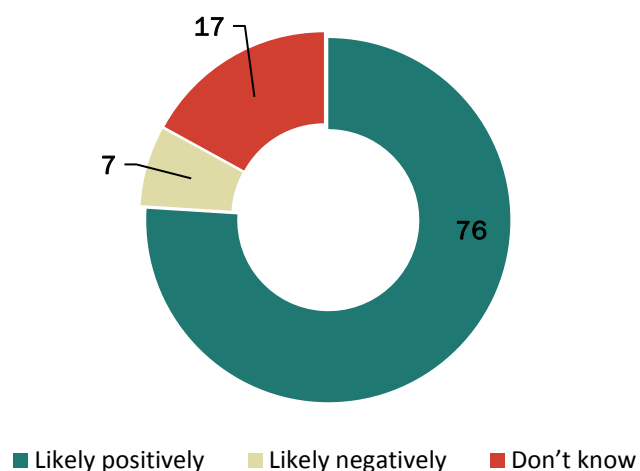


Figure 2. In 2014, a treaty to establish the Eurasian Economic Union was signed in Astana; Russia became a member of the Union. How do you perceive the establishment of such Union? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

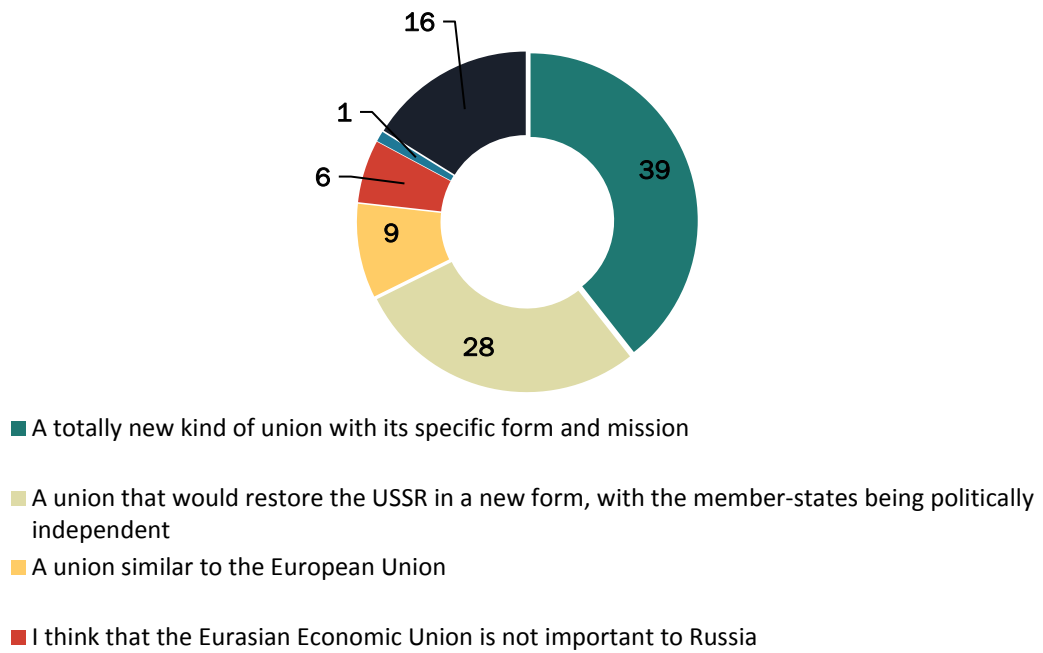


Figure 3. What kind of union would you like the Eurasian Economic Union to be? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

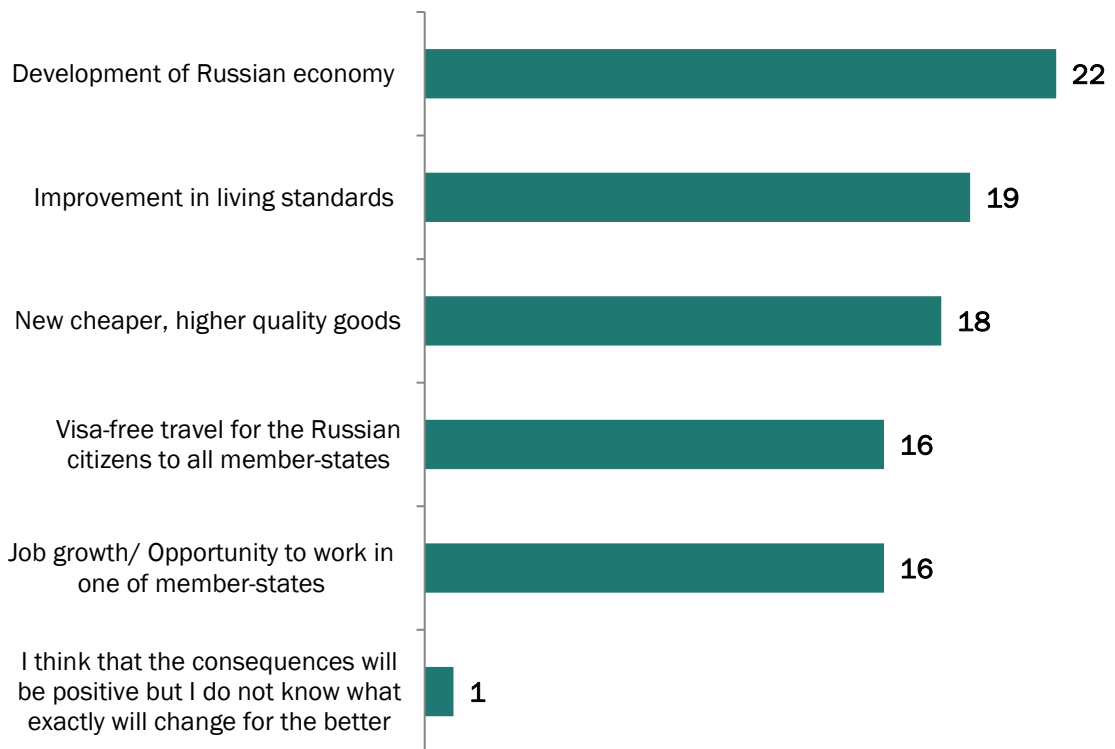


Figure 4. In your opinion, will the Eurasian Economic Union activities have any consequences personally for you and your family? If yes, would there be negative or positive consequences? What kind of positive consequences? (closed-ended question, any number of answers, % of those who consider that the EAEU activities will have positive consequences – 40%)

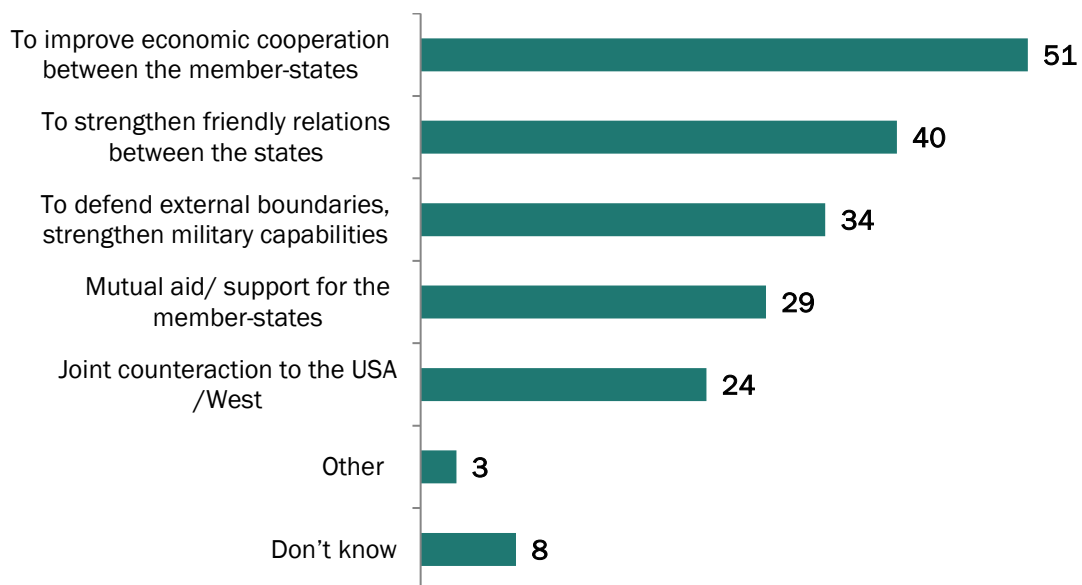


Figure 5. In your opinion, what are the objectives of the Eurasian Economic Union? (closed-ended question, up to 3 answers, % of total respondents)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RUSSIA: RUSSIAN ATTITUDES, BARRIERS

February 16, 2019

Eighty-nine percent of Russians perceive positively private entrepreneurship. Sixty-two percent of respondents believe that it is impossible to run a business in Russia. The main obstacles when starting a business are high taxes (25%) and bureaucracy (22%).

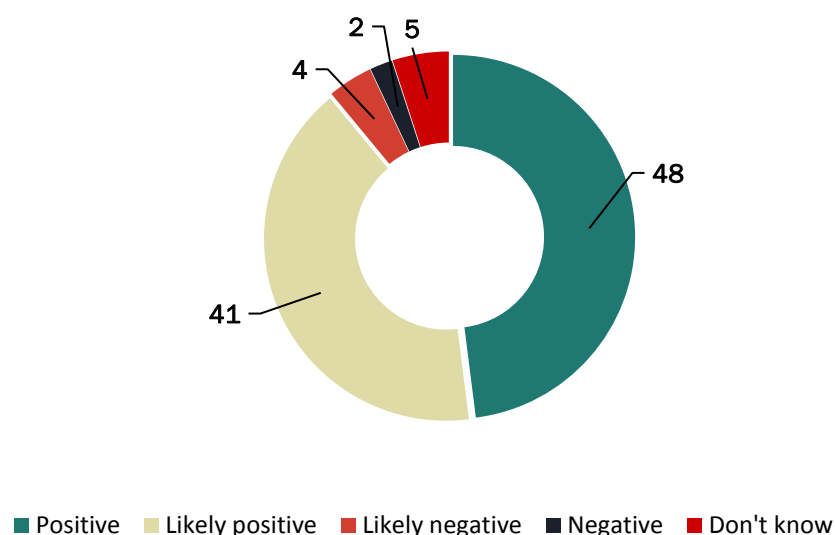


Figure 6. What attitudes do you generally have towards people who run their own business (small or medium-sized business)? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

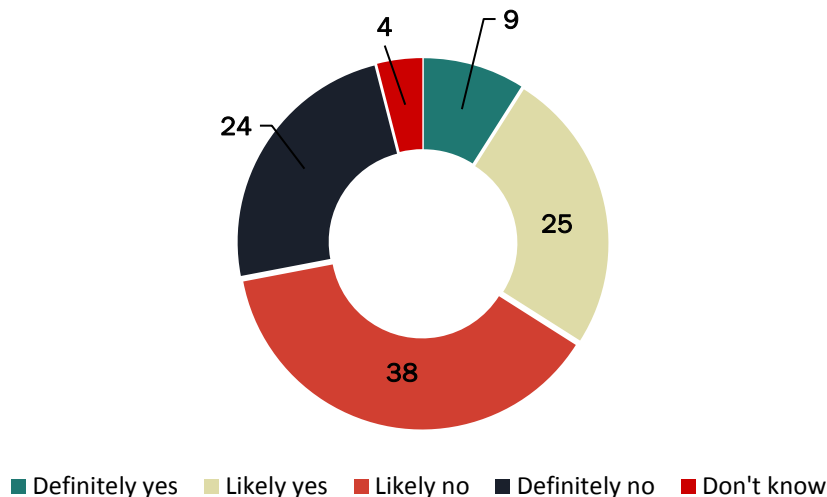


Figure 7. In your opinion, is it possible to run a business in Russia without hiding taxes and deceiving anyone? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)

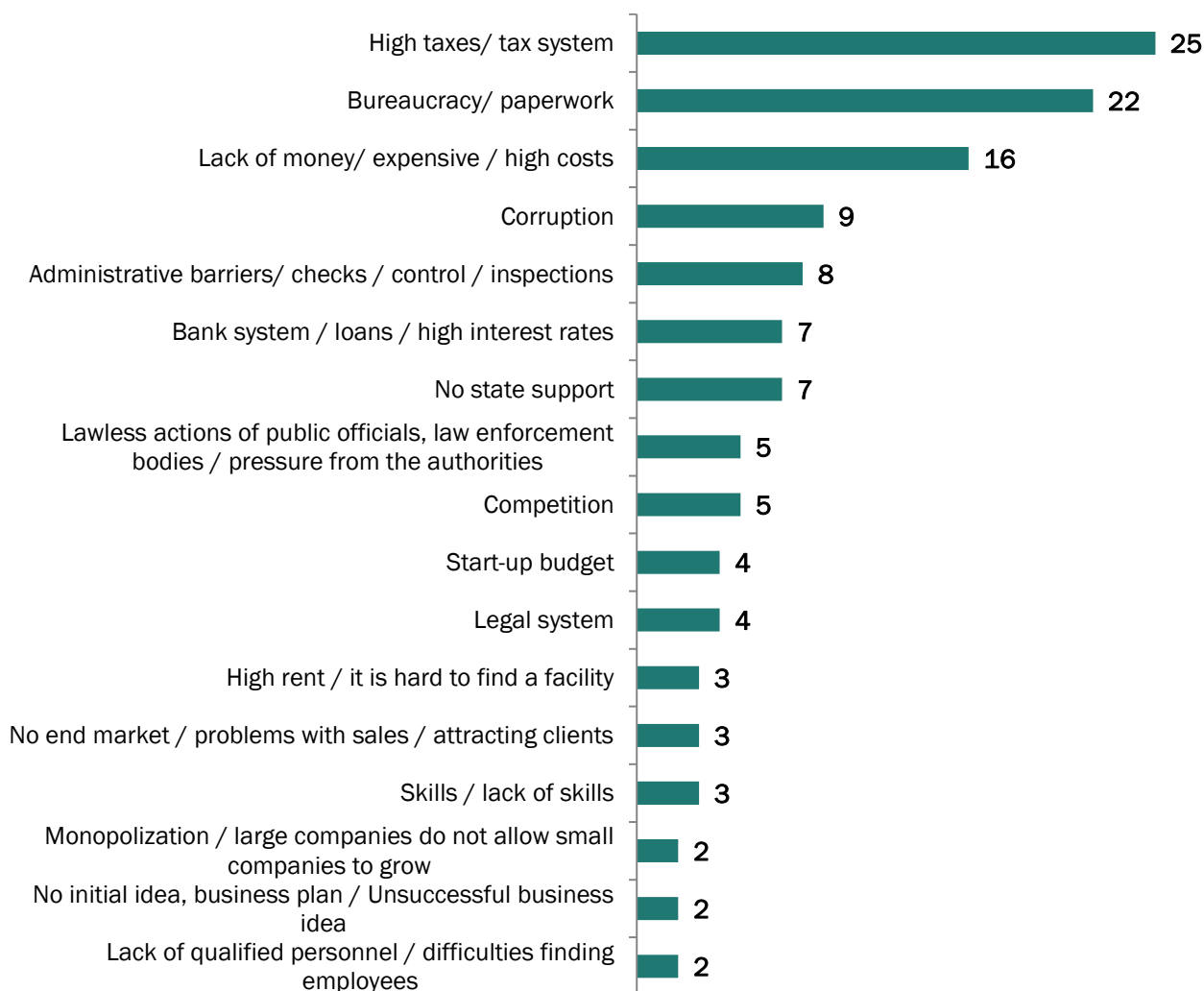


Figure 10. In your opinion, what are the main problems for people starting their own business? (open-ended question, not more than 5 answers, % of total respondents, shown are answers of at least 2% of respondents)

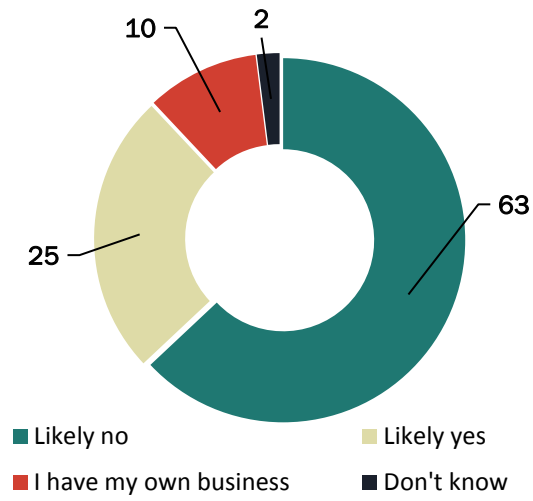


Figure 11. Have you ever wanted to start your business, to become an entrepreneur? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of total respondents)