

# Collective Memory, National Identity, and Contemporary Georgian Perspectives on Stalin and the Soviet Past

## SURVEY DATA RESULTS

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# 1. Survey methodology

**Conducting organization:** The Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC) – Georgia

**Fieldwork timing:** April-May, 2015

**Sample design:** Stratification and clustering

**Representativeness:** A nationally representative sample of the Georgian-speaking population in Georgia

**Selection of households:** Random route sampling

**Selection of respondents:** Kish table

**Substitution of households and respondents:** Not substituted

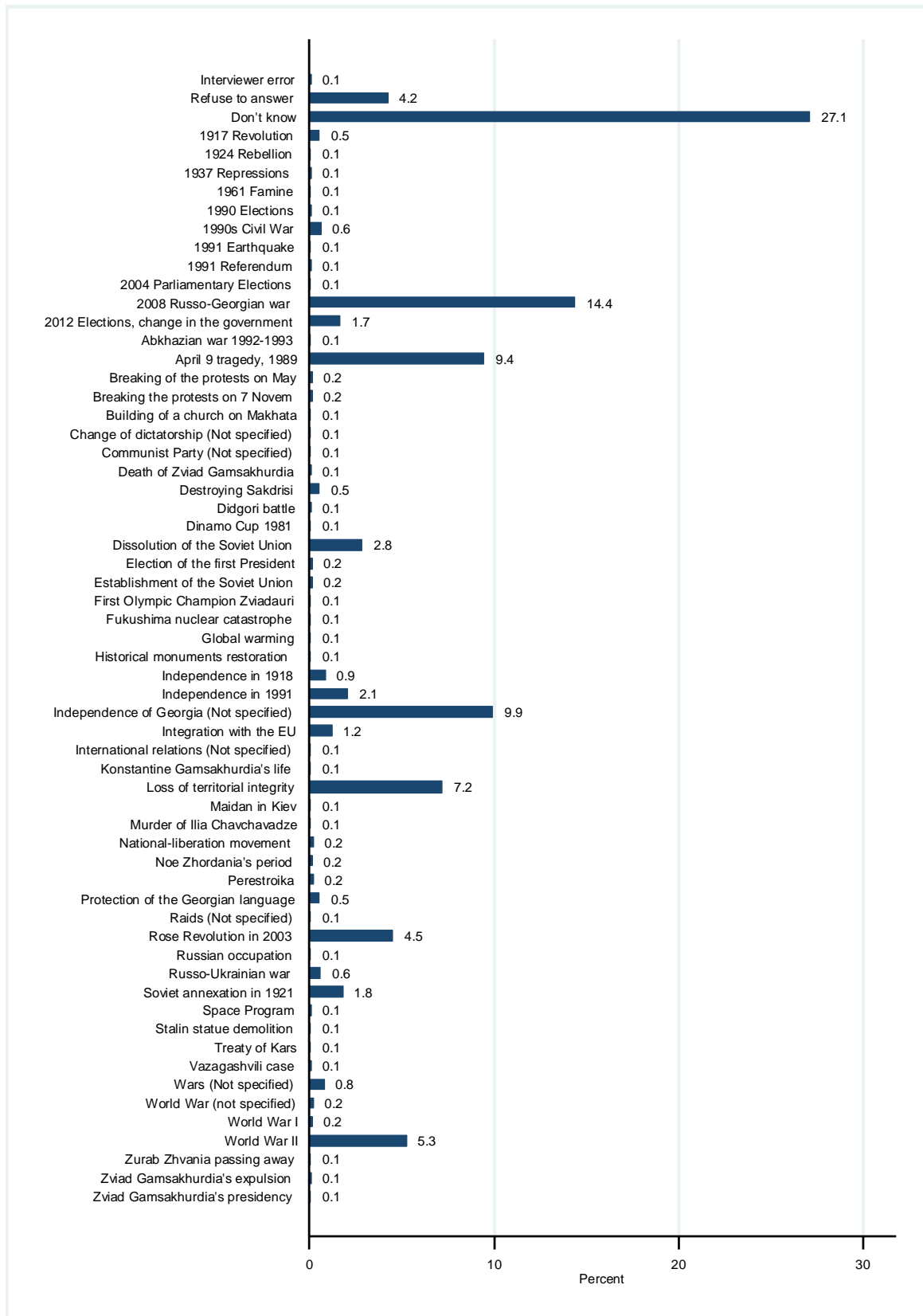
**Mode of interview:** Face-to-face

**Number of completed interviews:** 1,864

**Survey average margin of error:** 1.9%

## 2. Events, Heroes and Villains

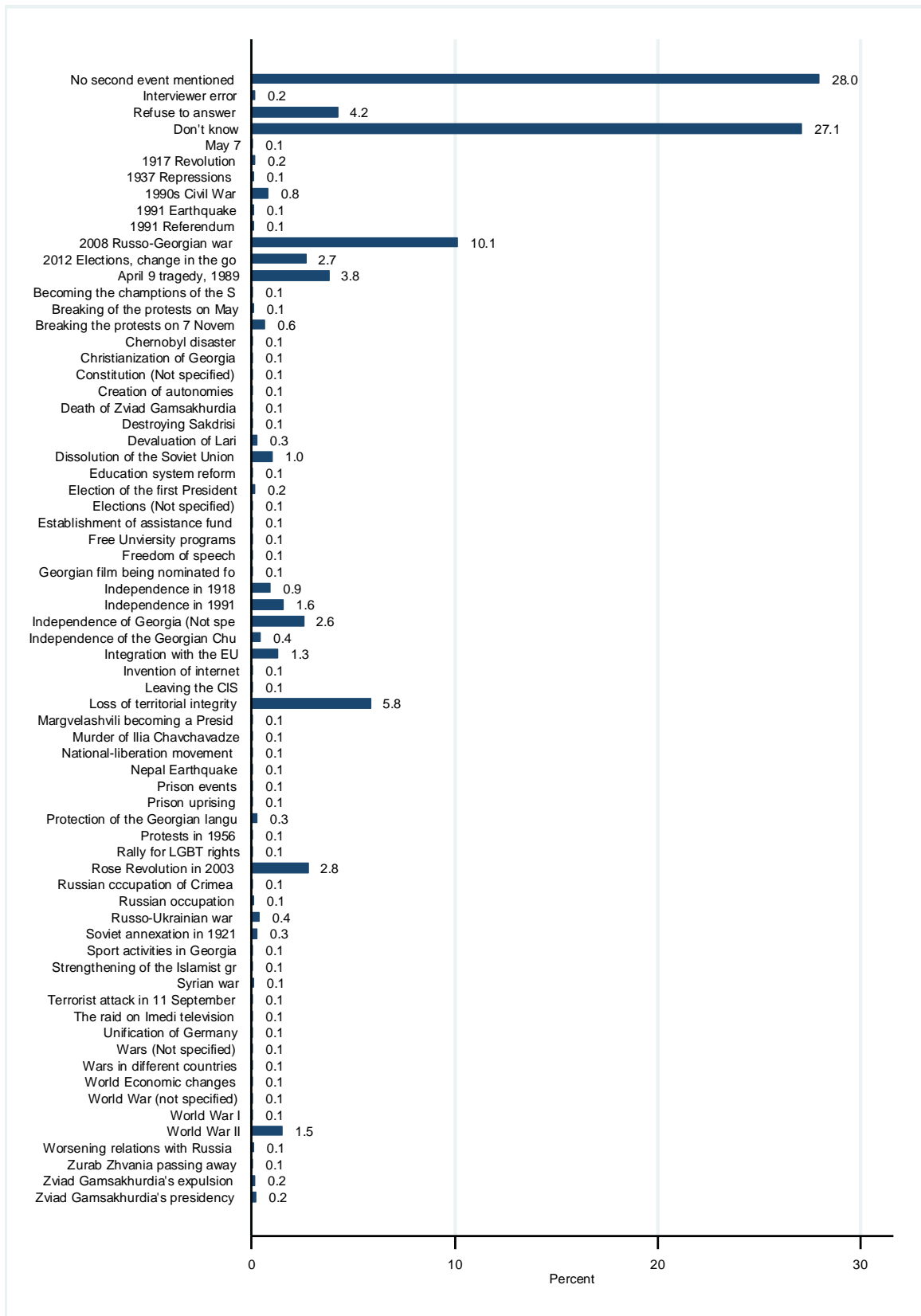
Figure 1: Most important event since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century  
(Open-ended question – first mentioned event)



Number of respondents: 1,864.

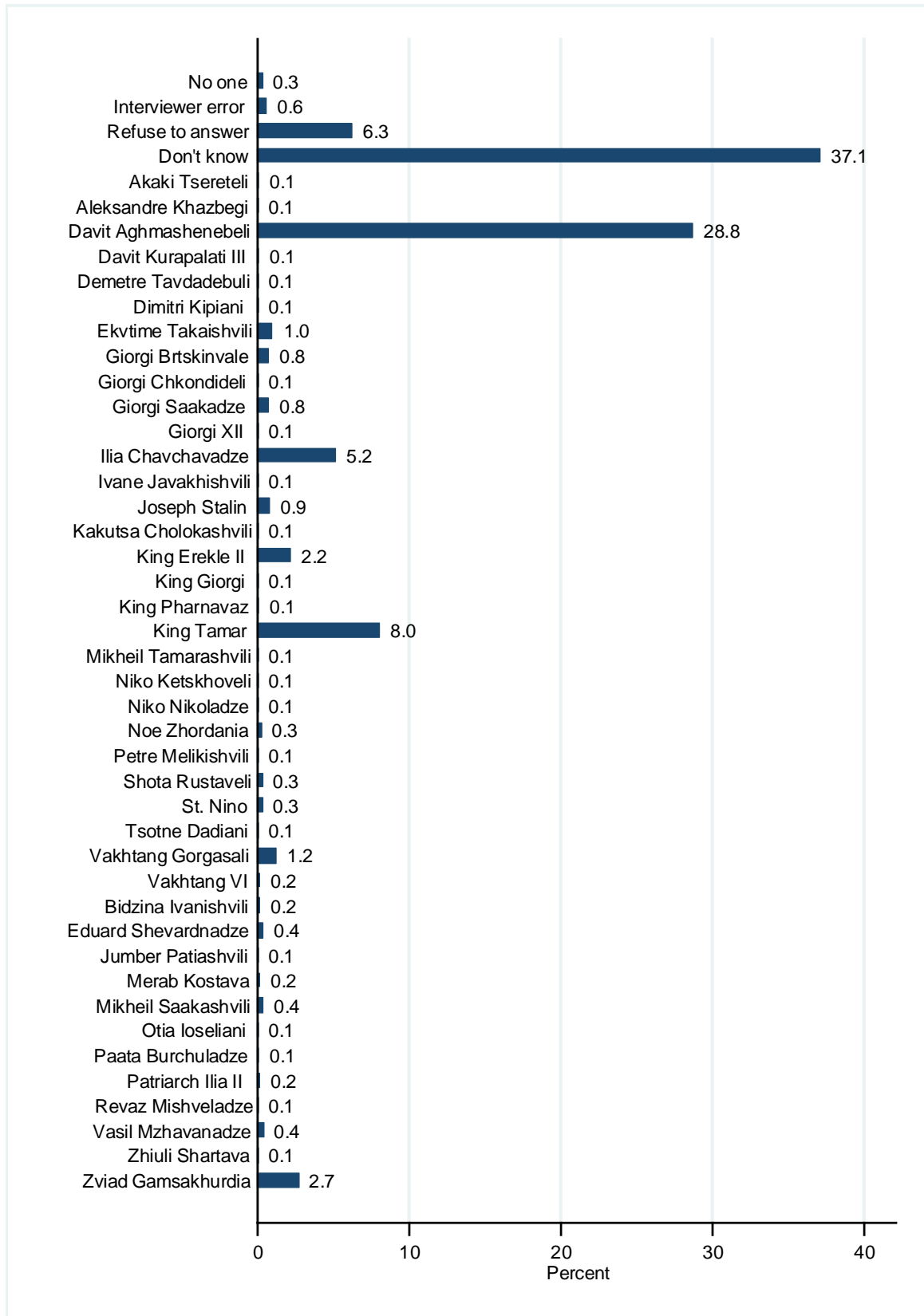


Figure 2: Most important event since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century  
(Open-ended question – second mentioned event)



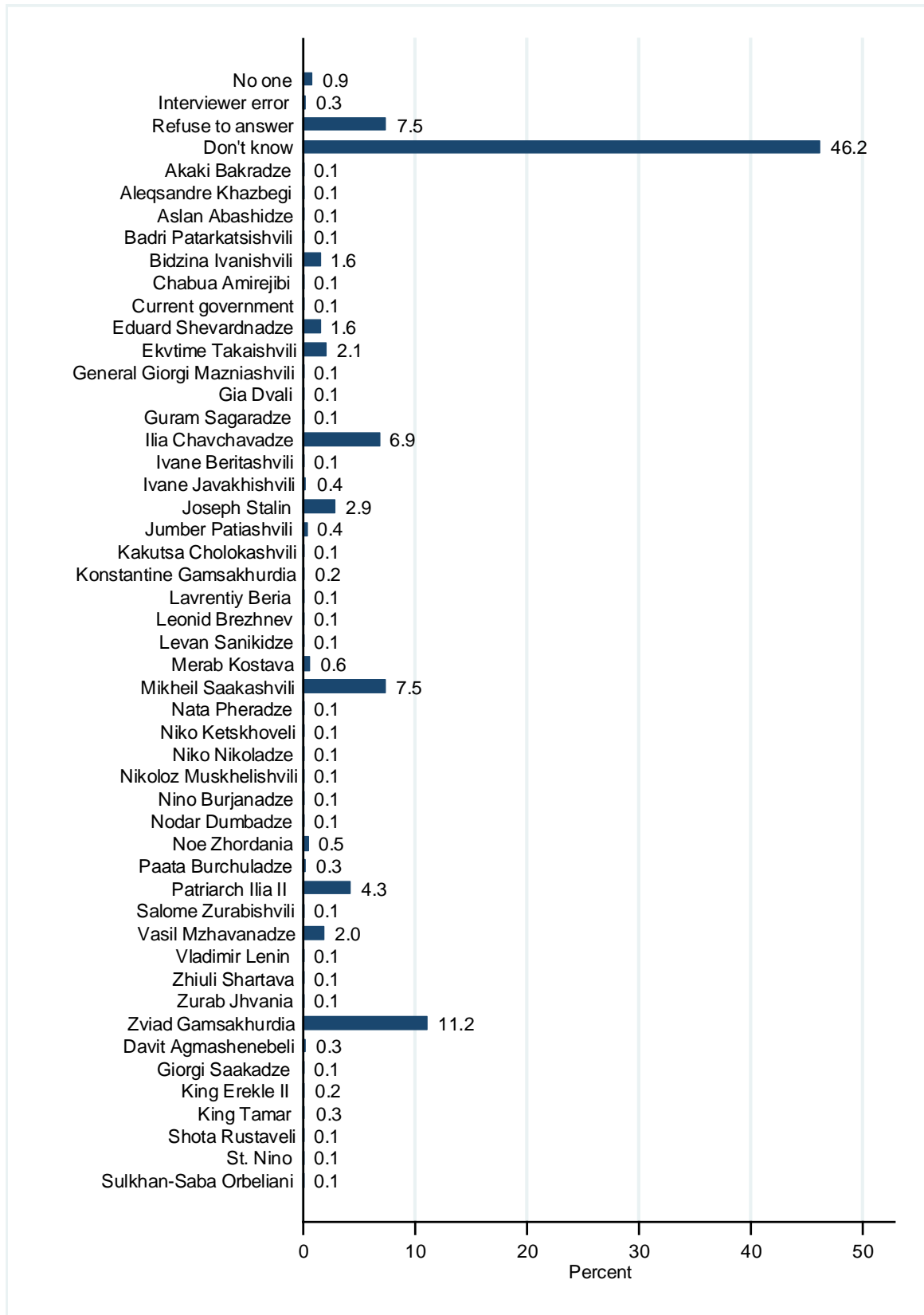
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Figure 3: Figure bringing the greatest good to Georgia before the 20<sup>th</sup> century  
(Open-ended question)



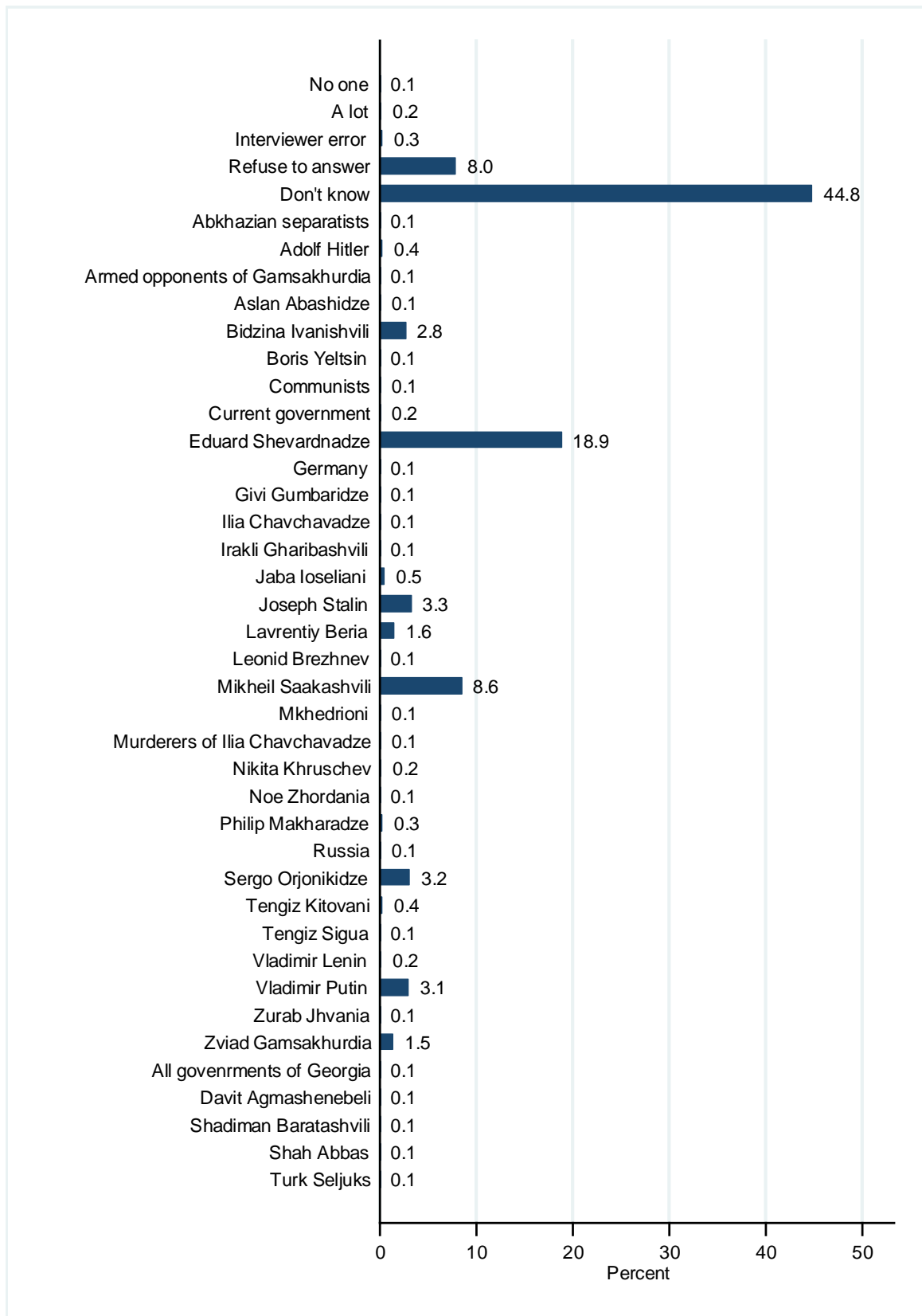
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Figure 4: Figure bringing the greatest good to Georgia since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (Open-ended question)



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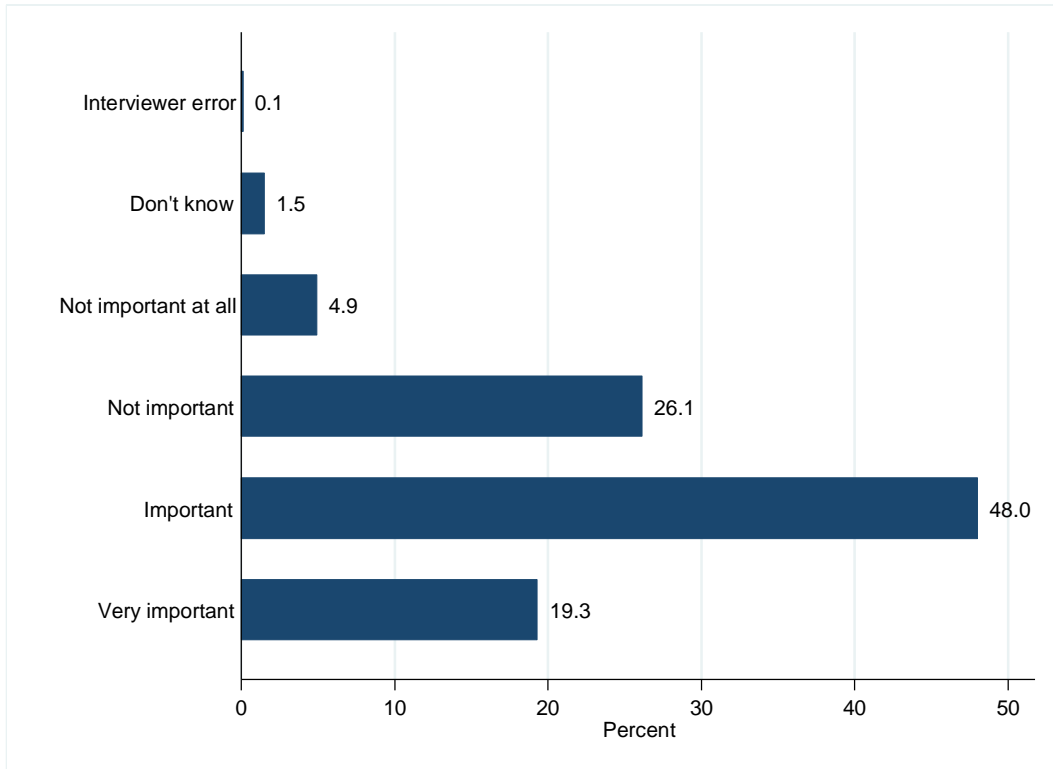
Figure 5: Figure bringing greatest harm to Georgia since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century  
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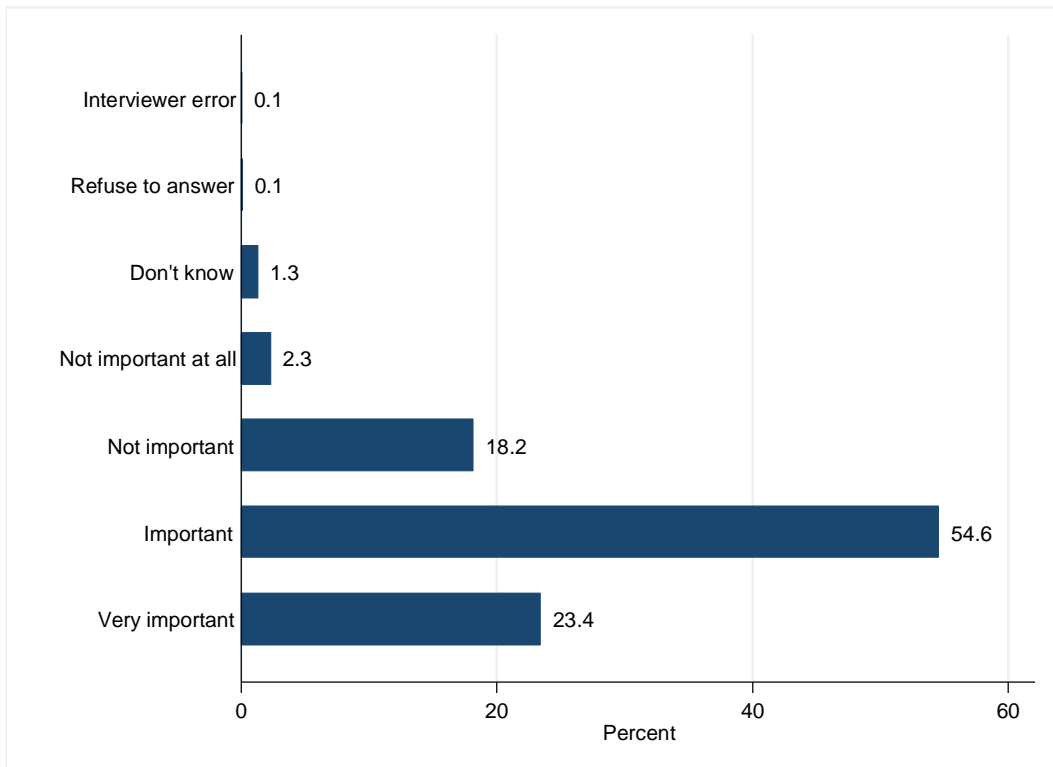
# 3. National Identity

Figure 6: Important for being considered Georgian – to be born in Georgia



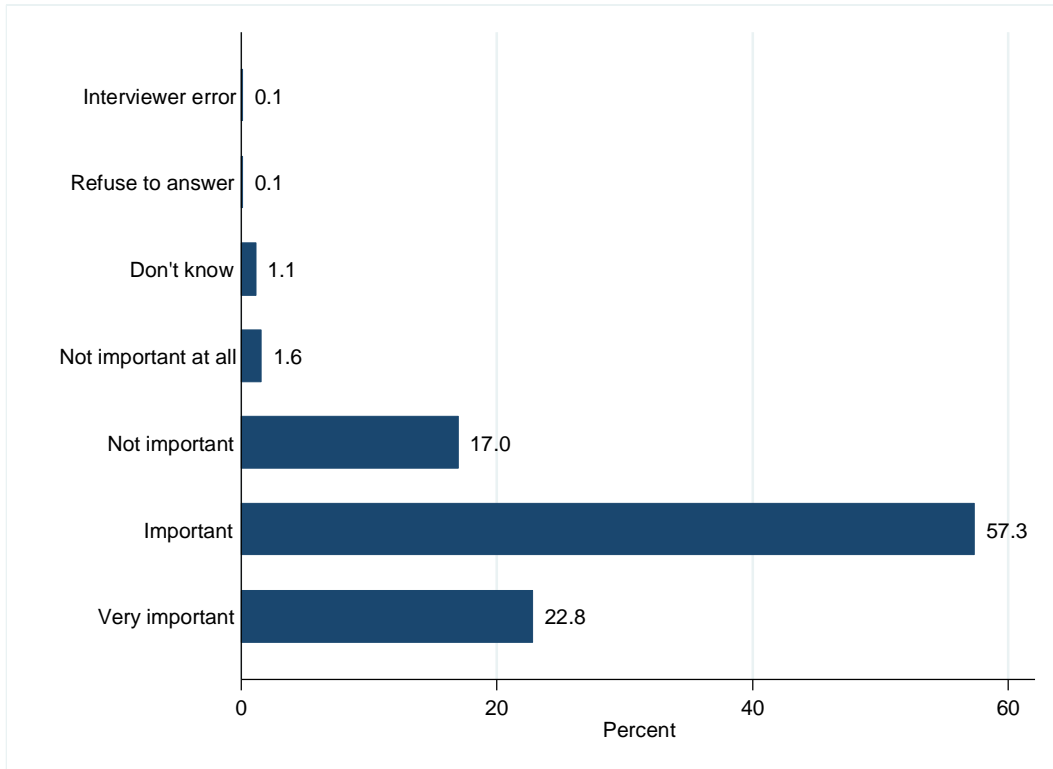
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Figure 7: Important for being considered Georgian – to have Georgian Citizenship



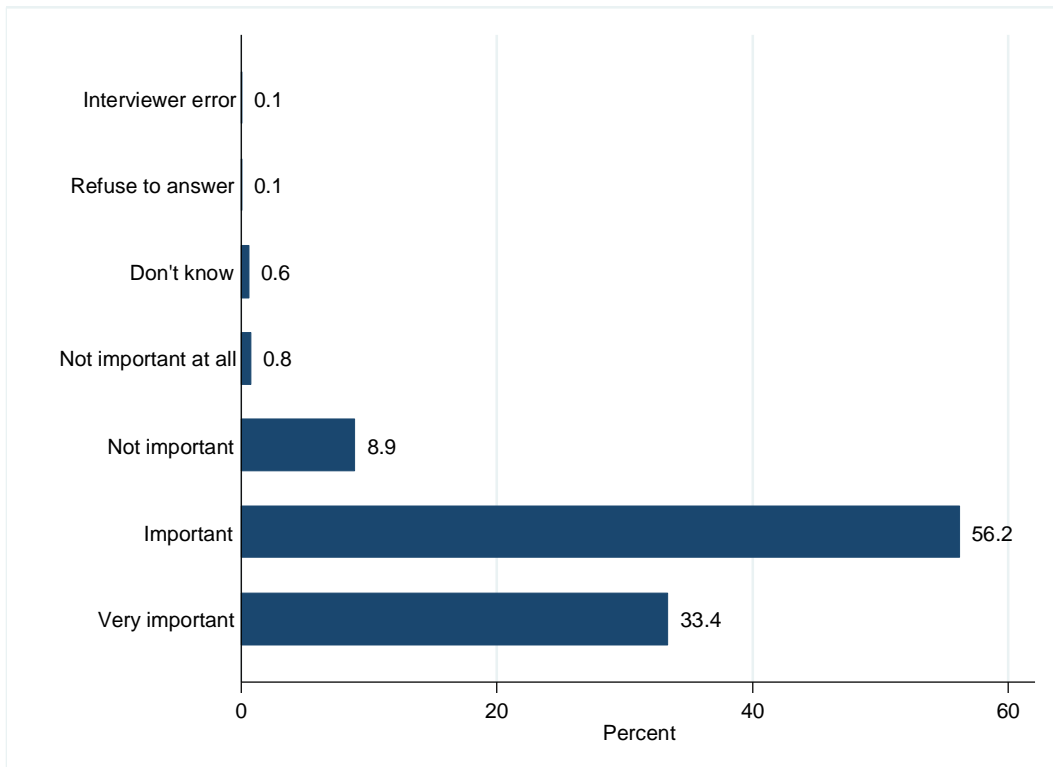
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Figure 8: Important for being considered Georgian – to have spent greatest part of life here



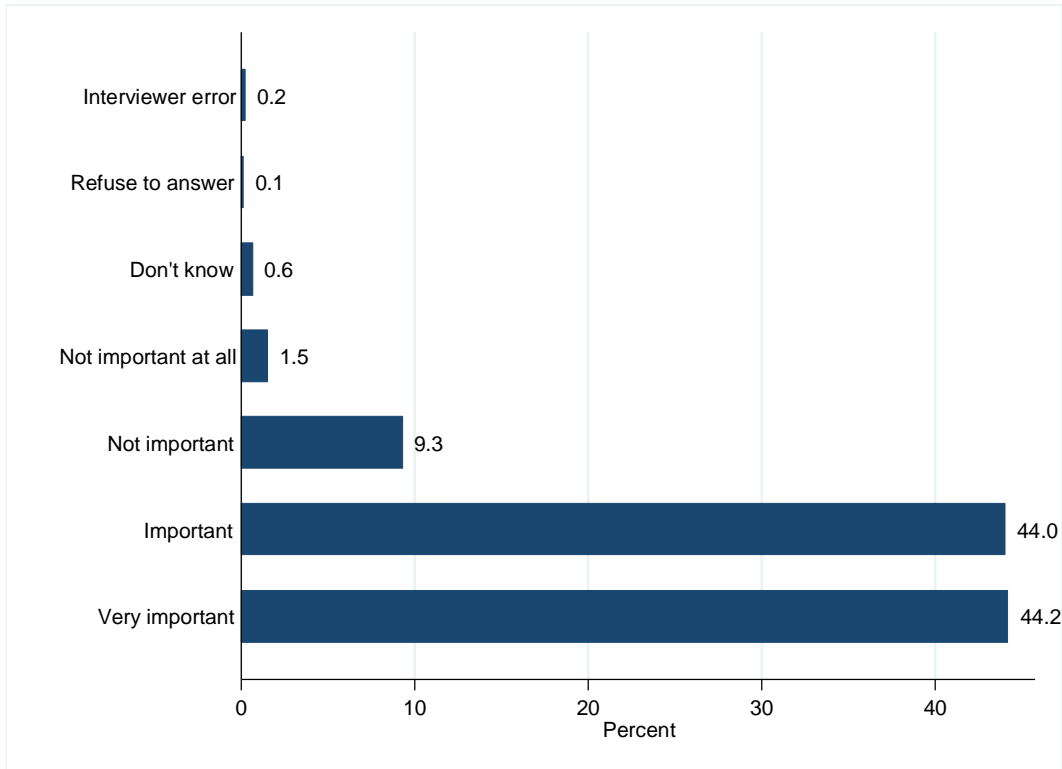
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Figure 9: Important for being considered Georgian – to speak fluent Georgian



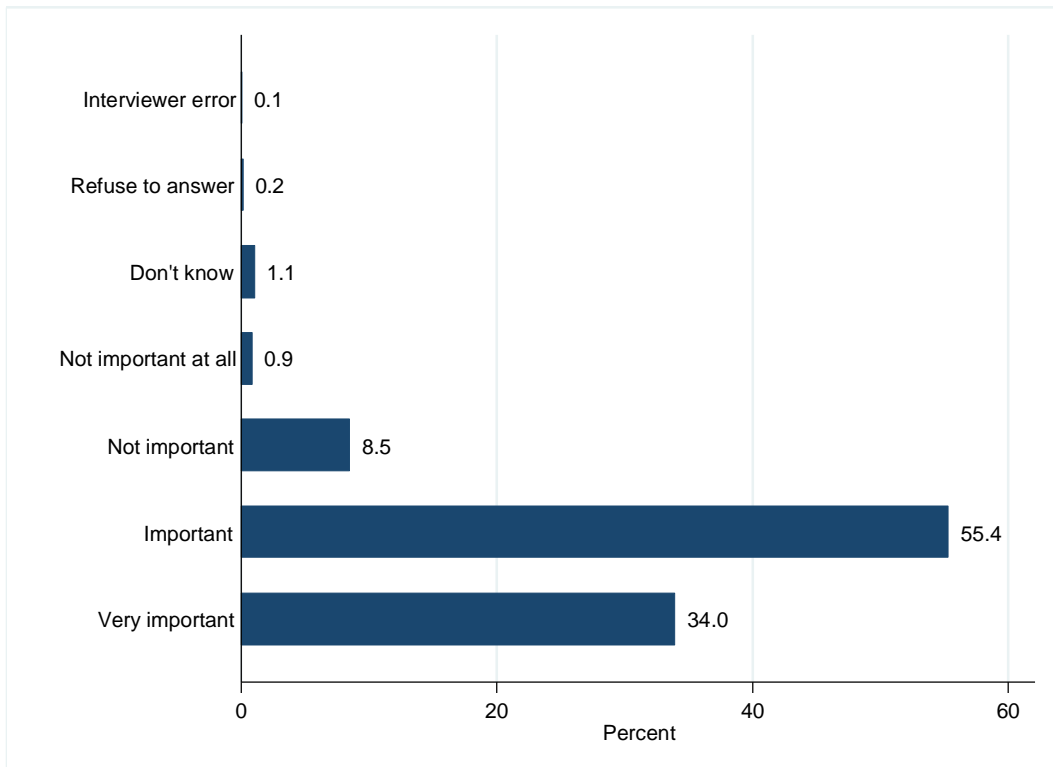
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Figure 10: Important for being considered Georgian – to be Orthodox Christian



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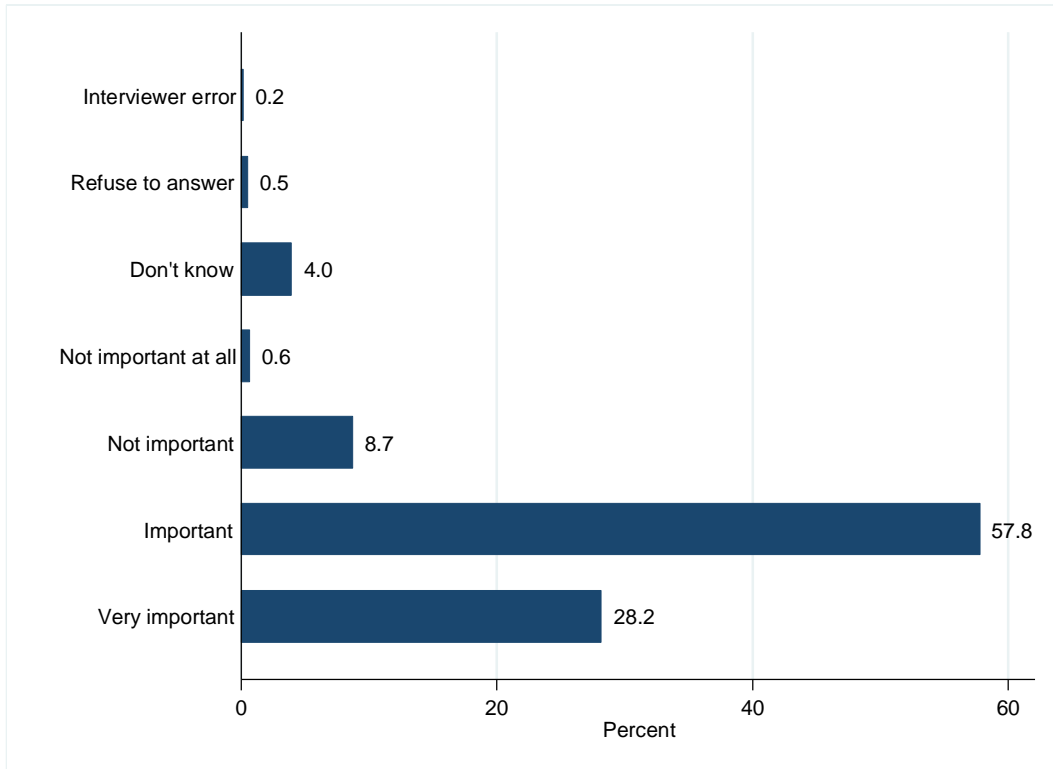
Figure 11: Important for being considered Georgian – to have Georgian ancestors



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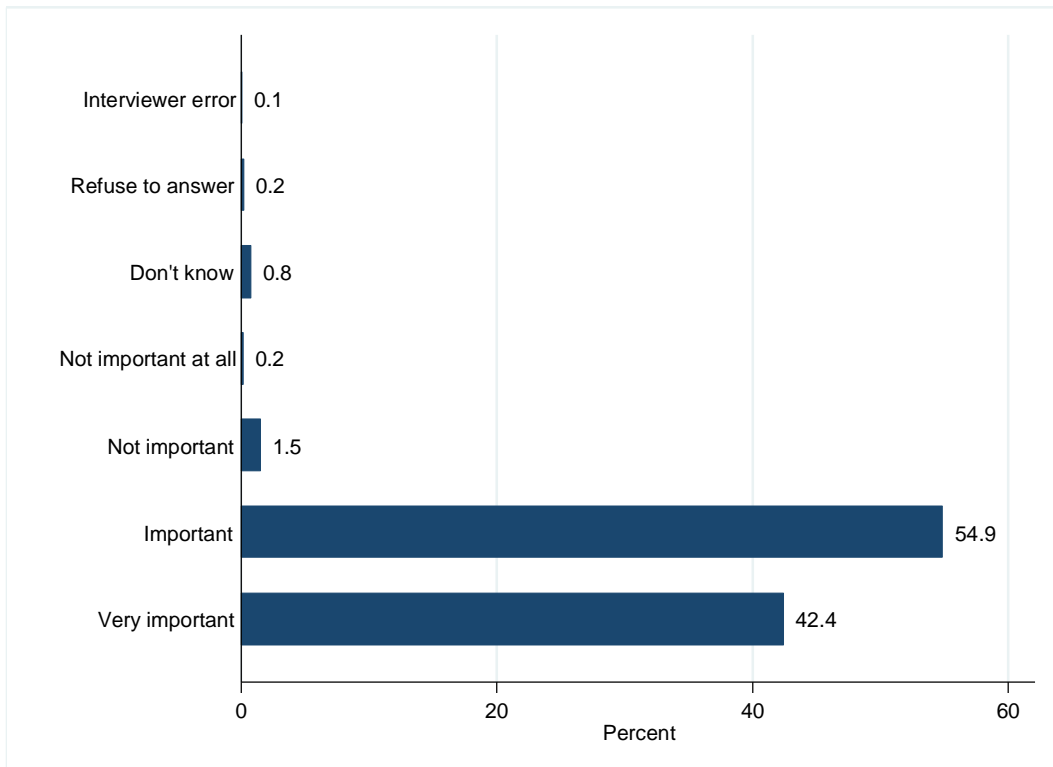


Figure 12: Important for being considered Georgian – to recognize political institutions and laws



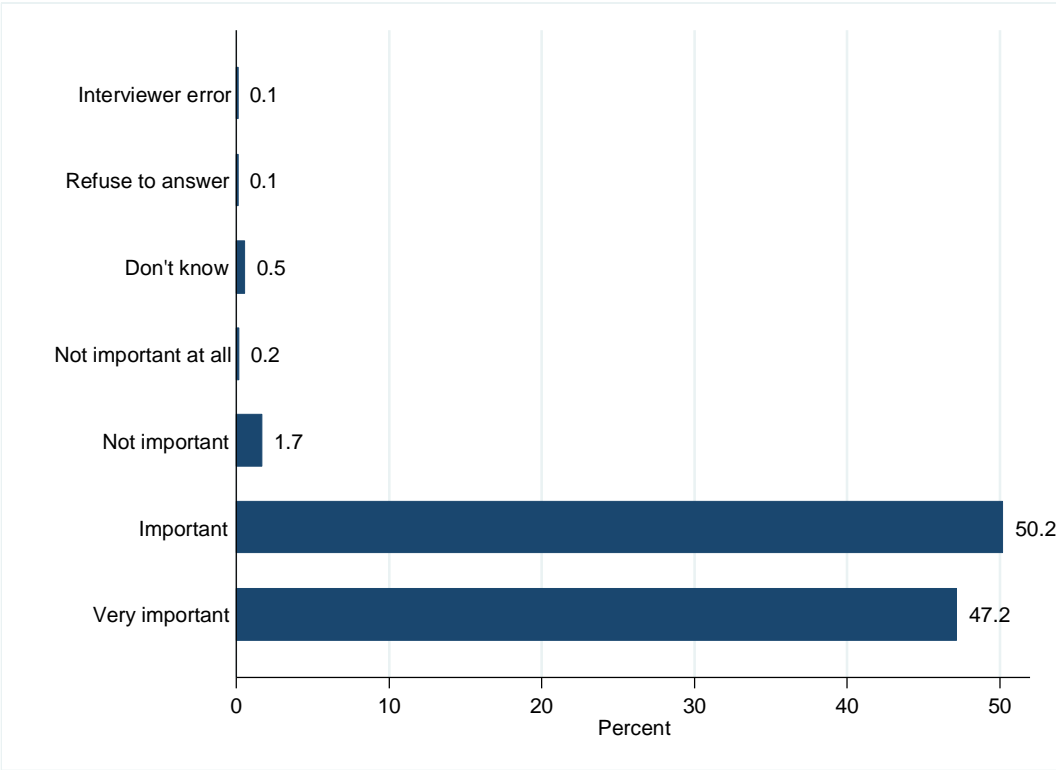
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Figure 13: Important for being considered Georgian – to feel Georgian



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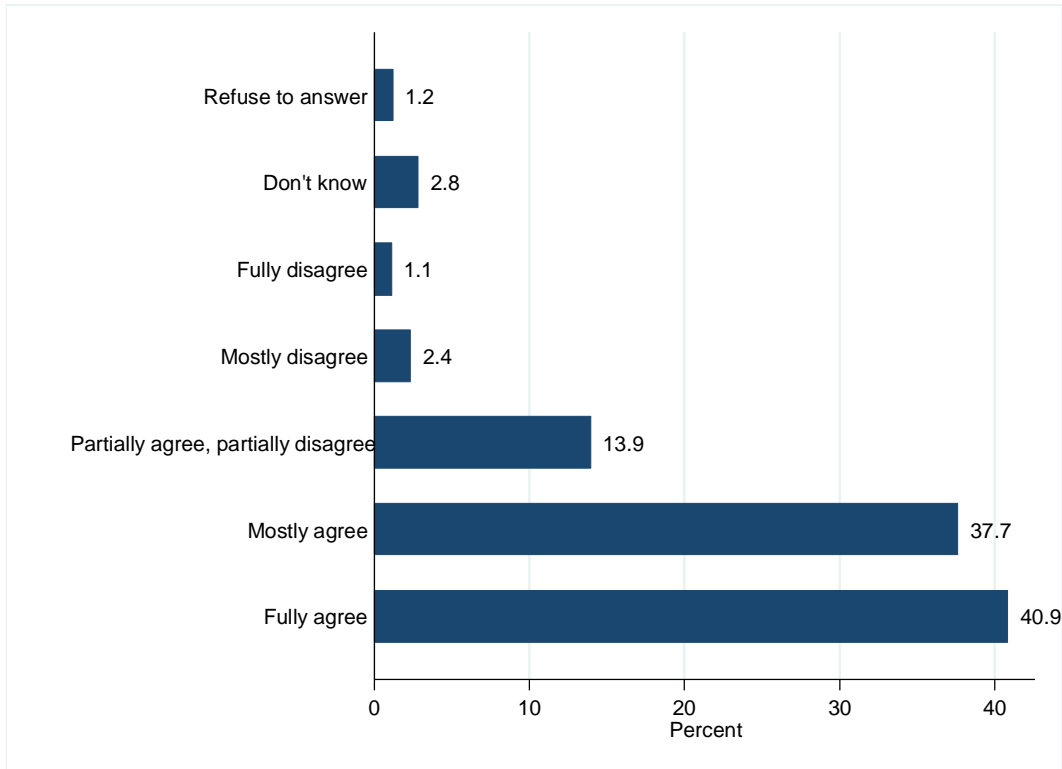
Figure 14: Important for being considered Georgian – to respect Georgian traditions



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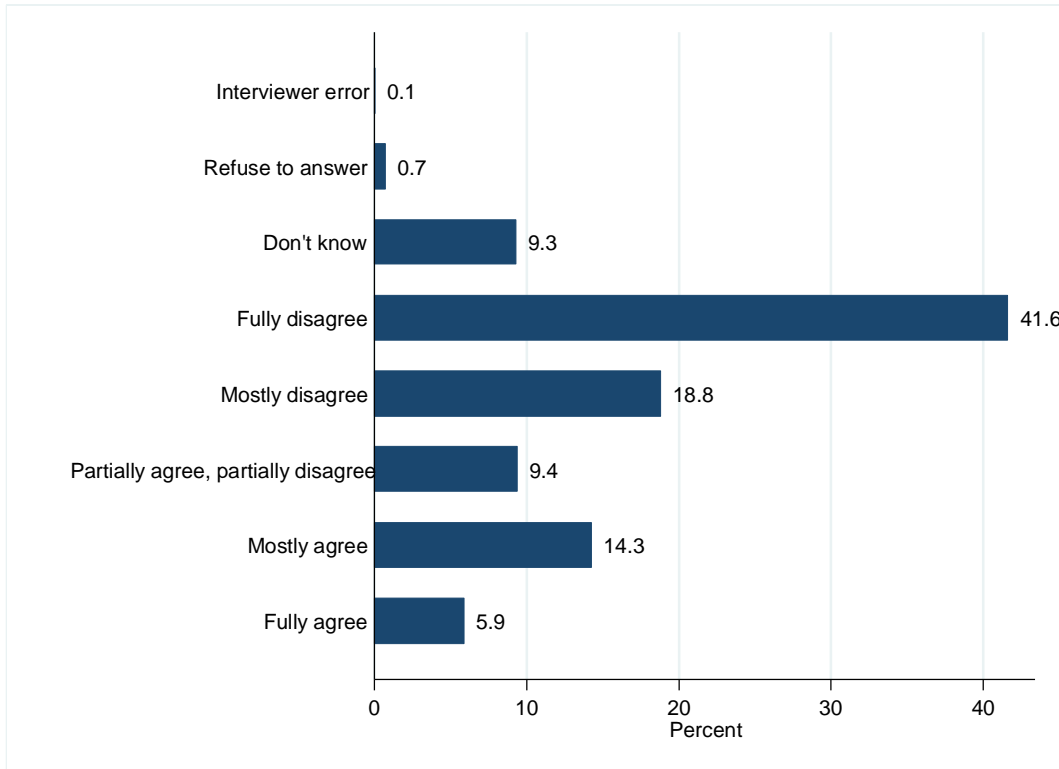
# 4. Politico-Economic Attitudes

Figure 15: Inequality between rich and poor should be reduced



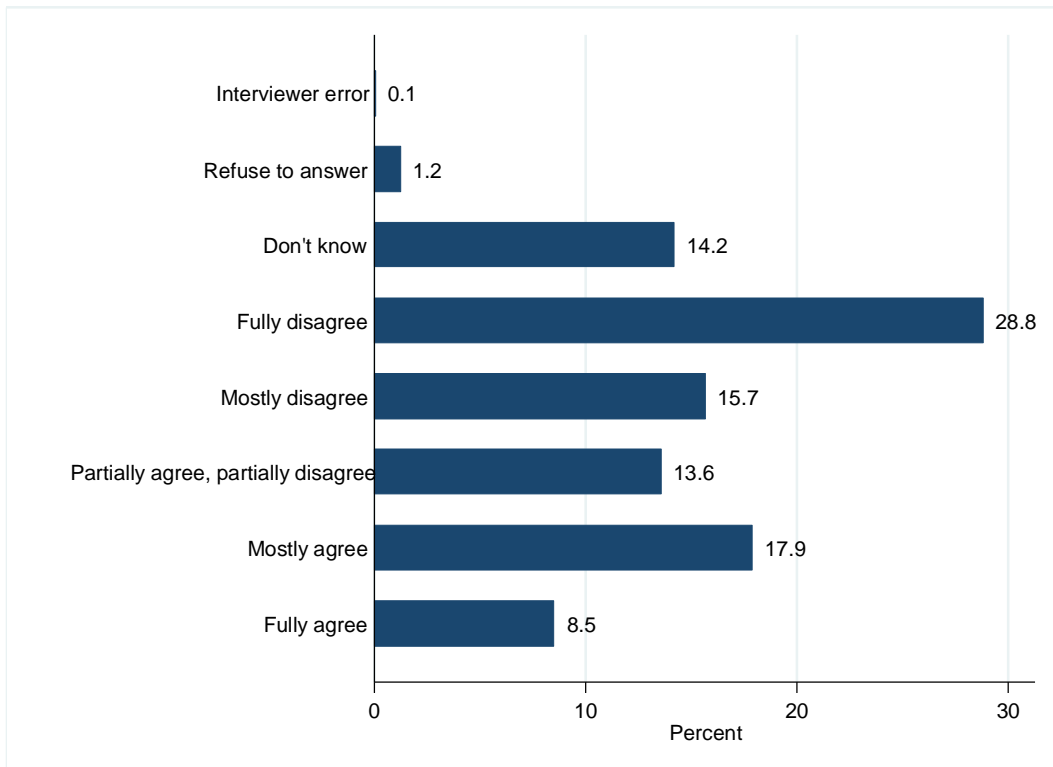
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Figure 16: Current economic situation is better than during Soviet period in 70s-80s



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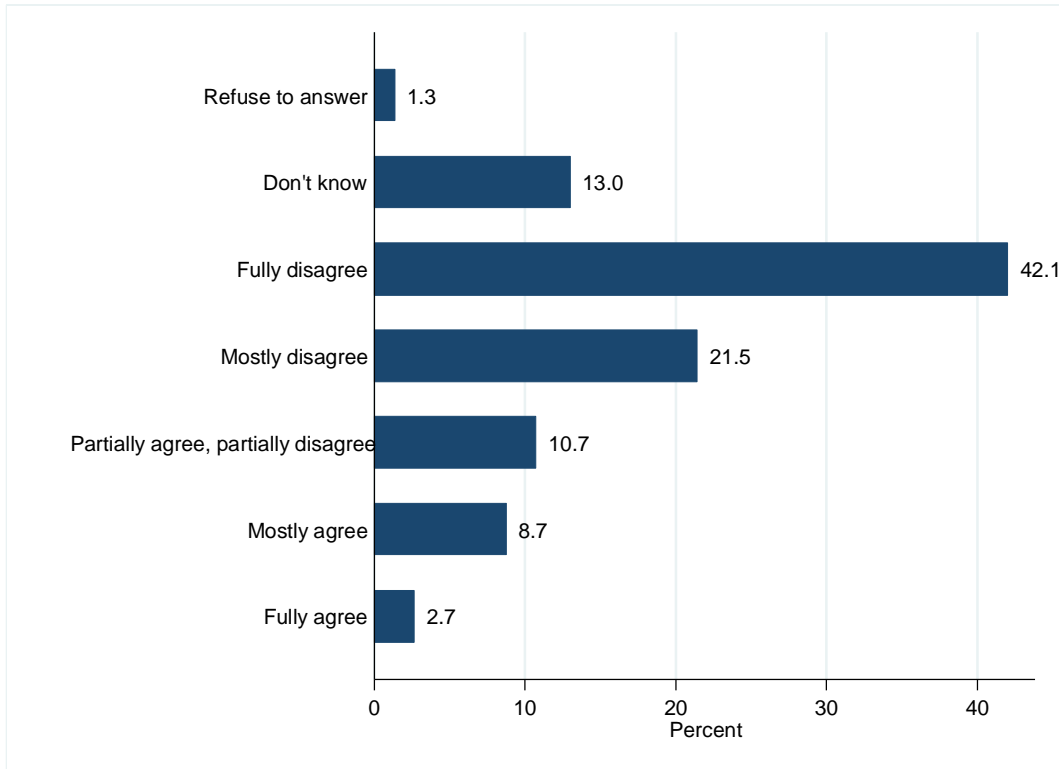
Figure 17: Current political situation is better than during Soviet period in 70s-80s



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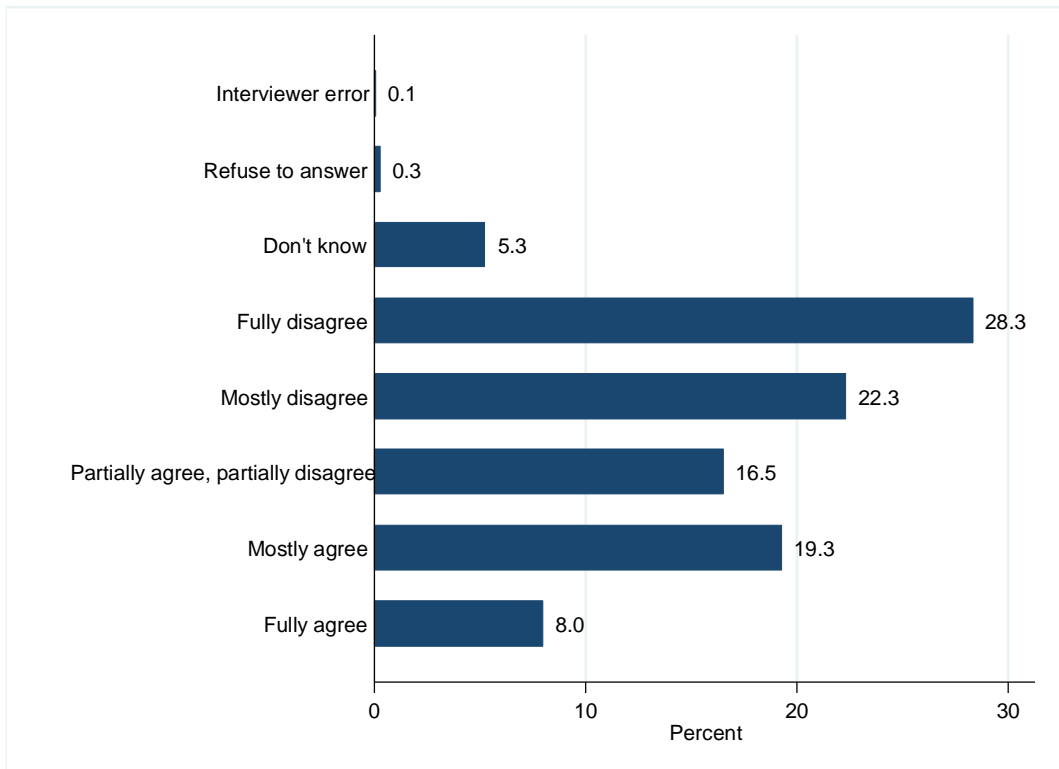
# 5. Impact of the Soviet Regime on Respondents and Their Families

Figure 18: My and my family's career opportunities were limited in Soviet period



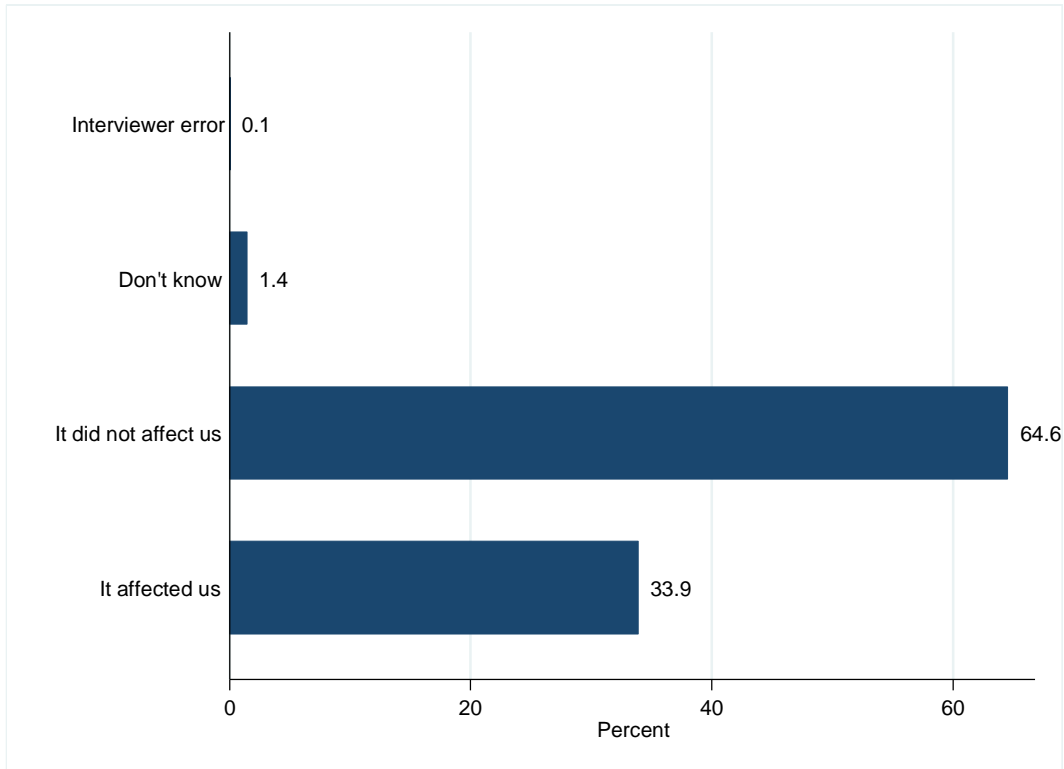
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Figure 19: I have a better life than my parents did



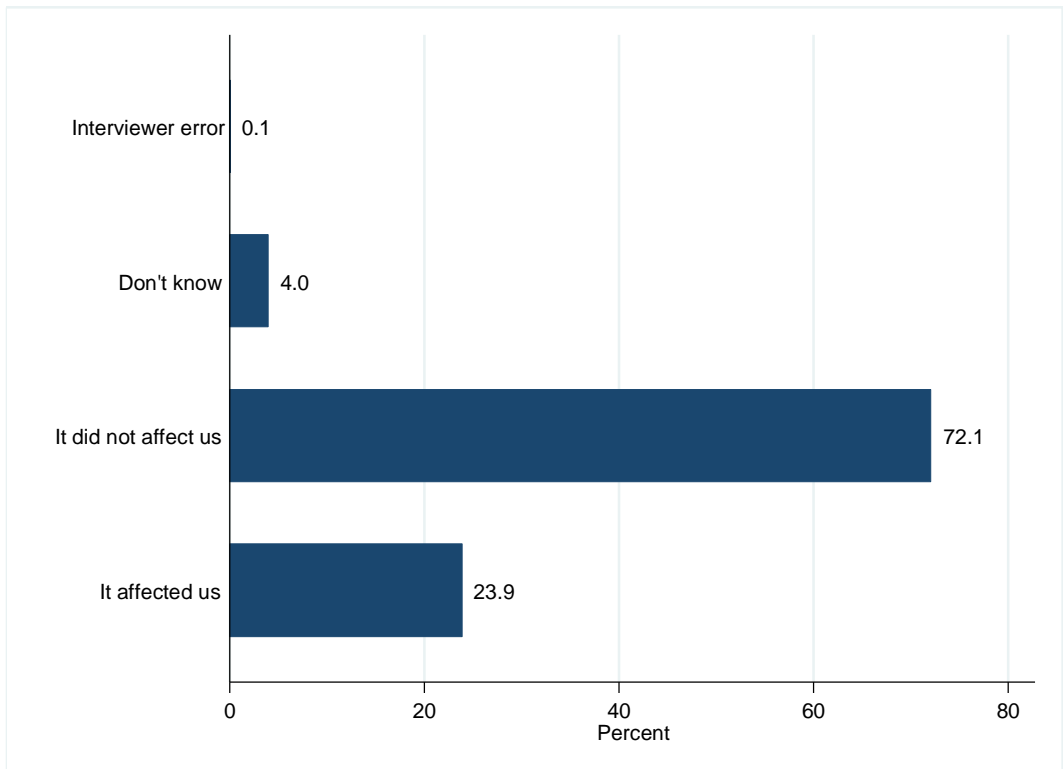
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Figure 20: My family member(s) died or disappeared during World War II



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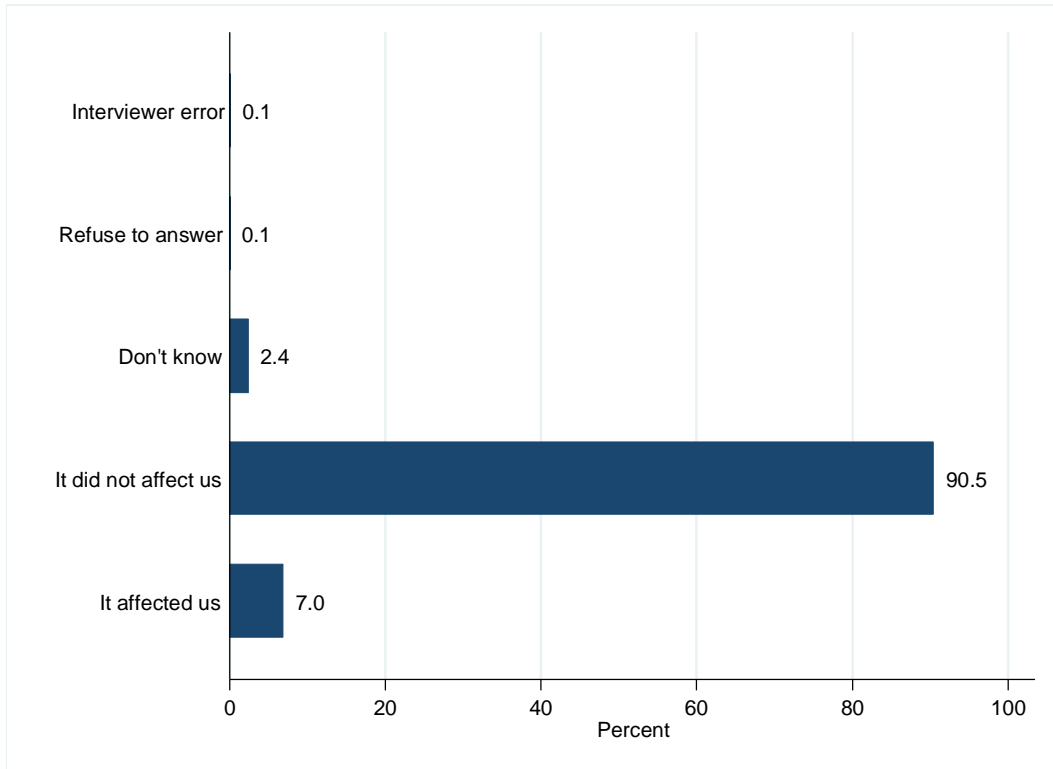
Figure 21: My family member(s) or I were rewarded for a contribution during World War II



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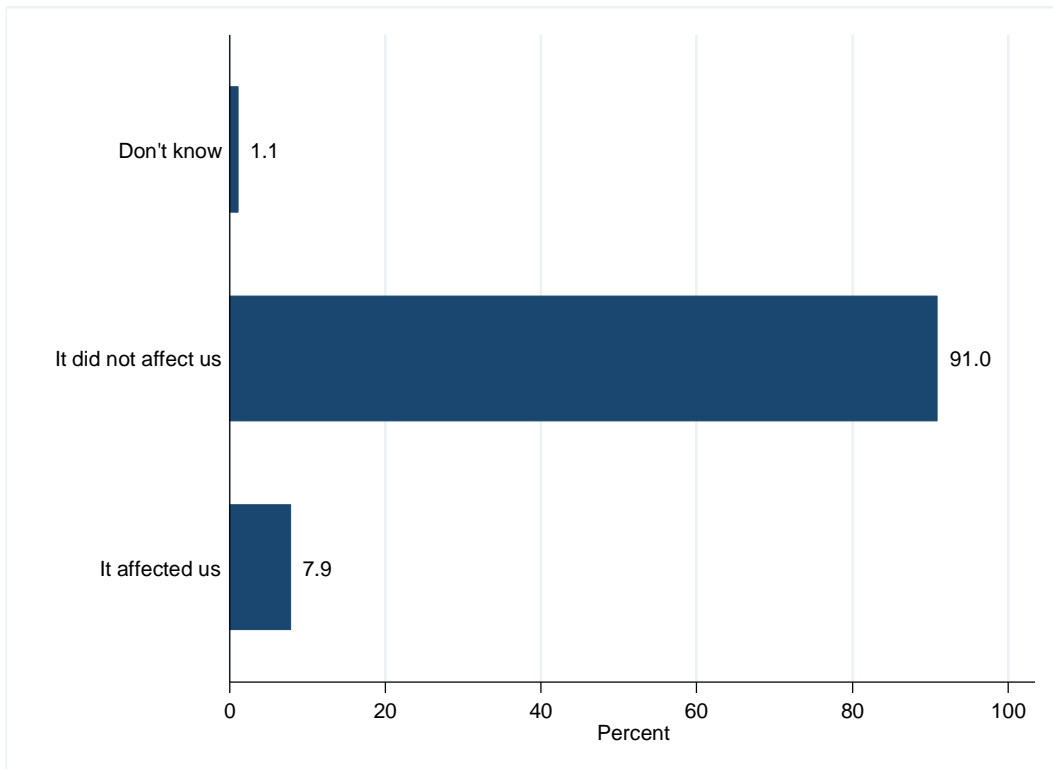


Figure 22: My family member(s) or I had property taken away from us during Stalin's rule



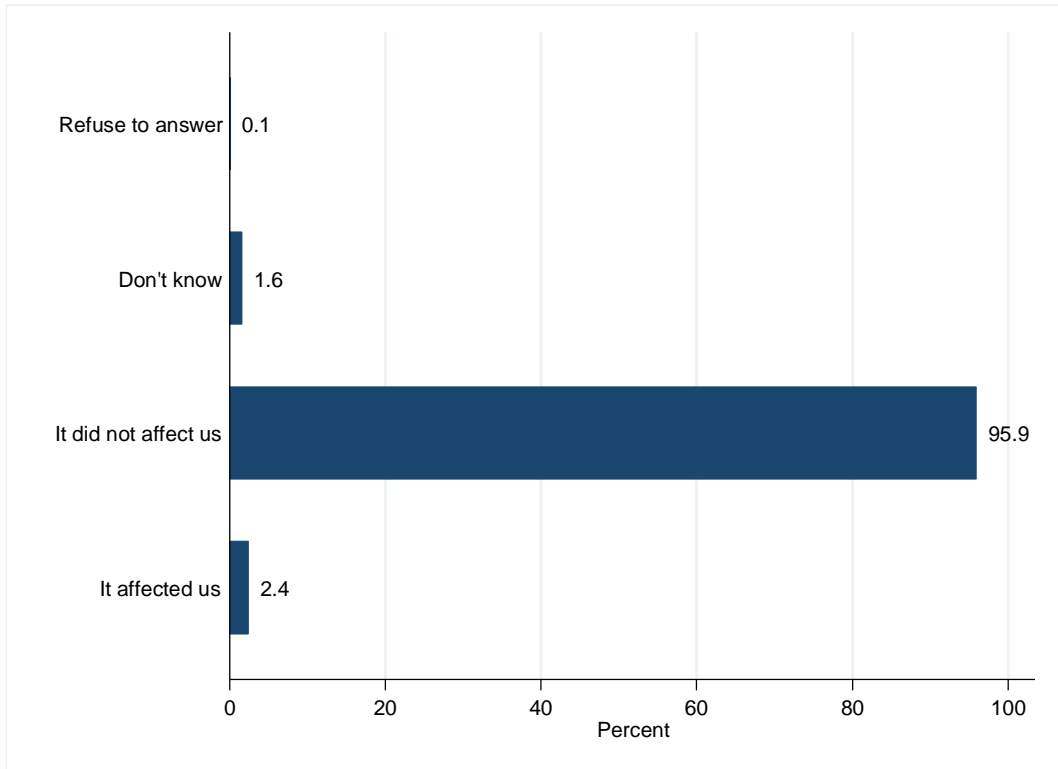
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Figure 23: My family member(s) or I were imprisoned or exiled during Stalin's rule



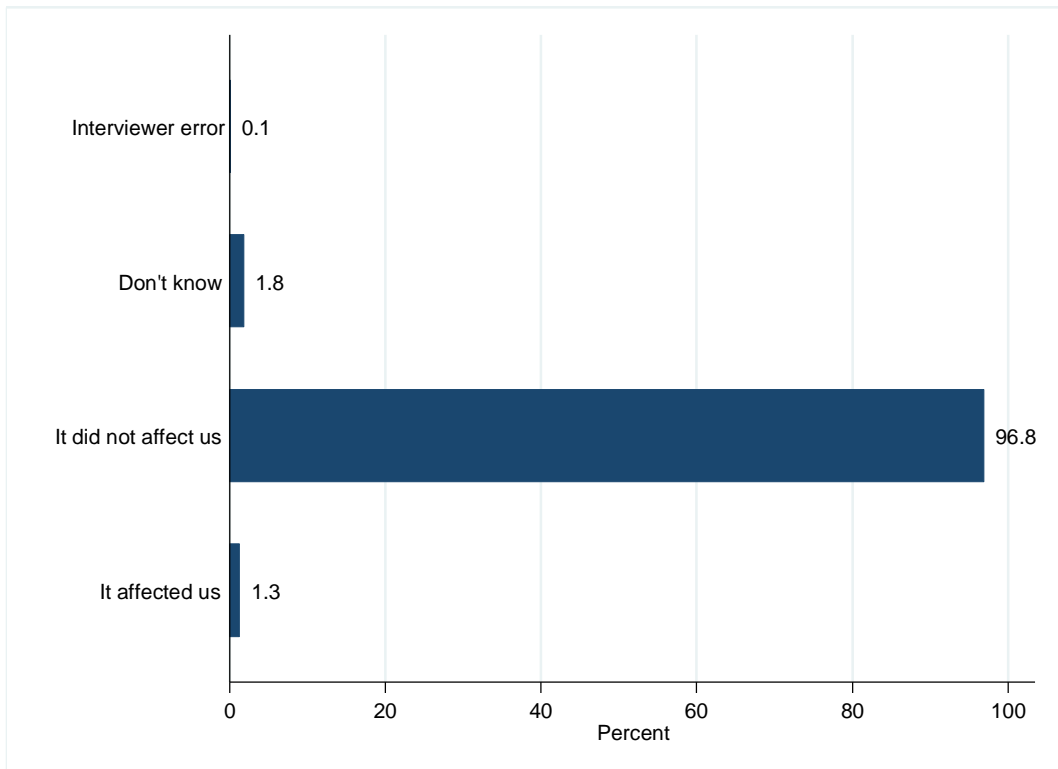
Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 24: My family member(s) were executed during Stalin's rule



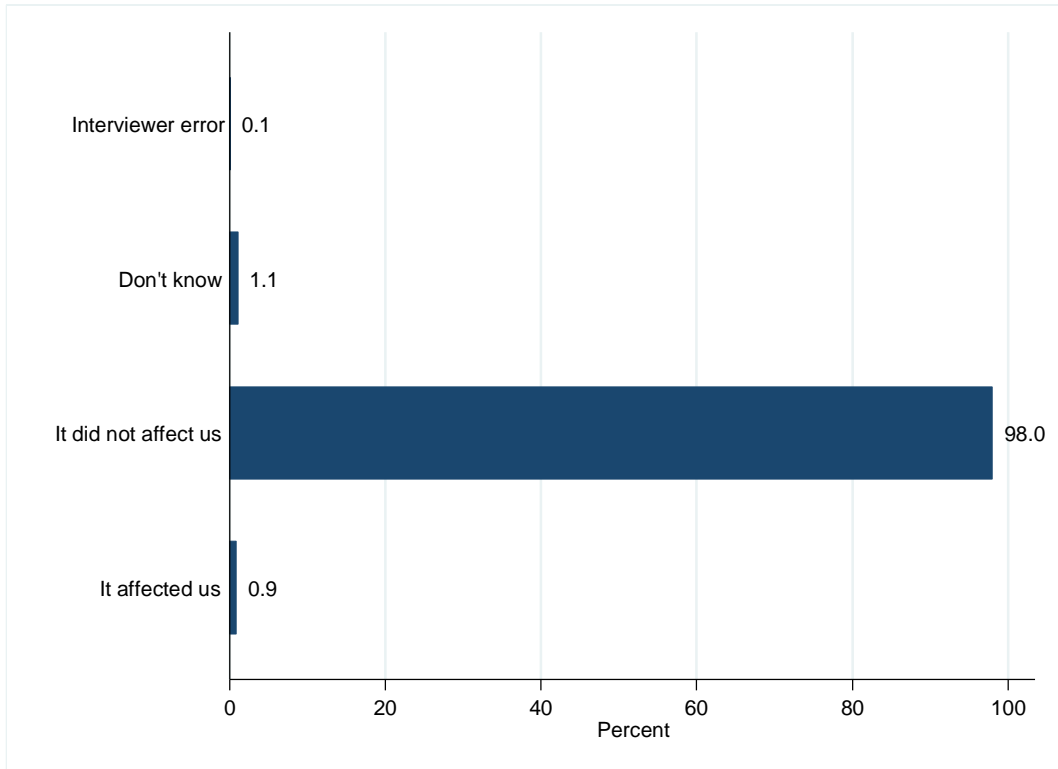
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Figure 25: My family member(s) or I had property taken away from us after Stalin's death



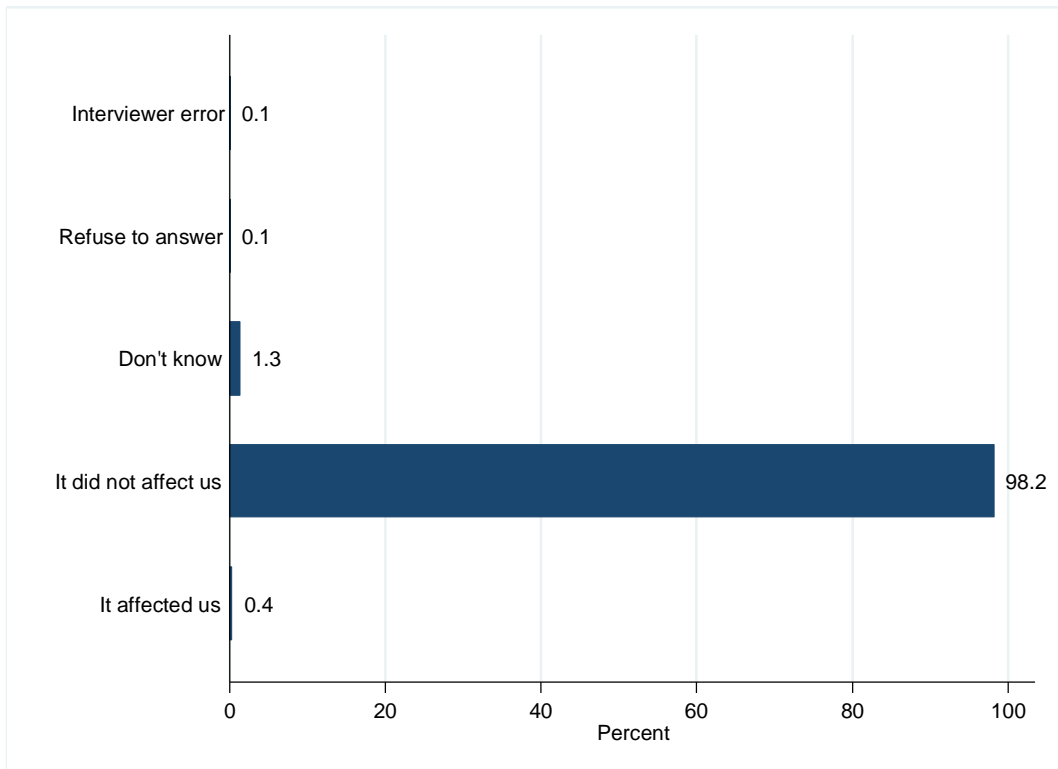
Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 26: My family member(s) or I were imprisoned or exiled after Stalin's death



Number of respondents: 1,864.

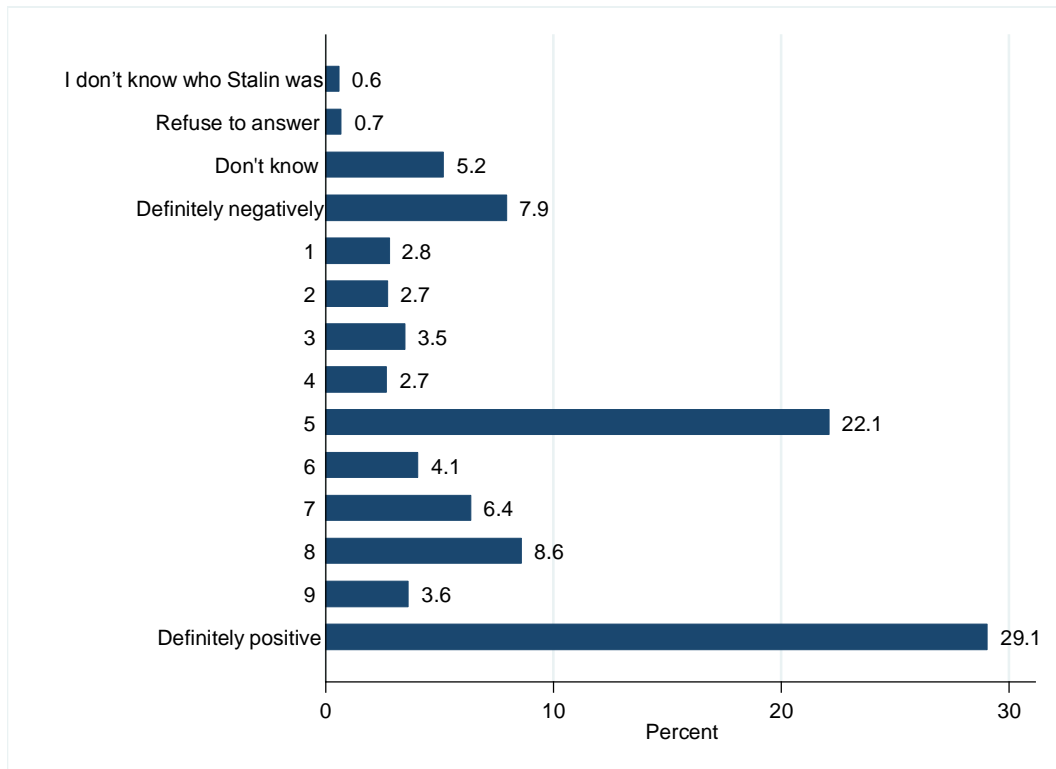
Figure 27: My family member(s) were executed after Stalin's death



Number of respondents: 1,864.

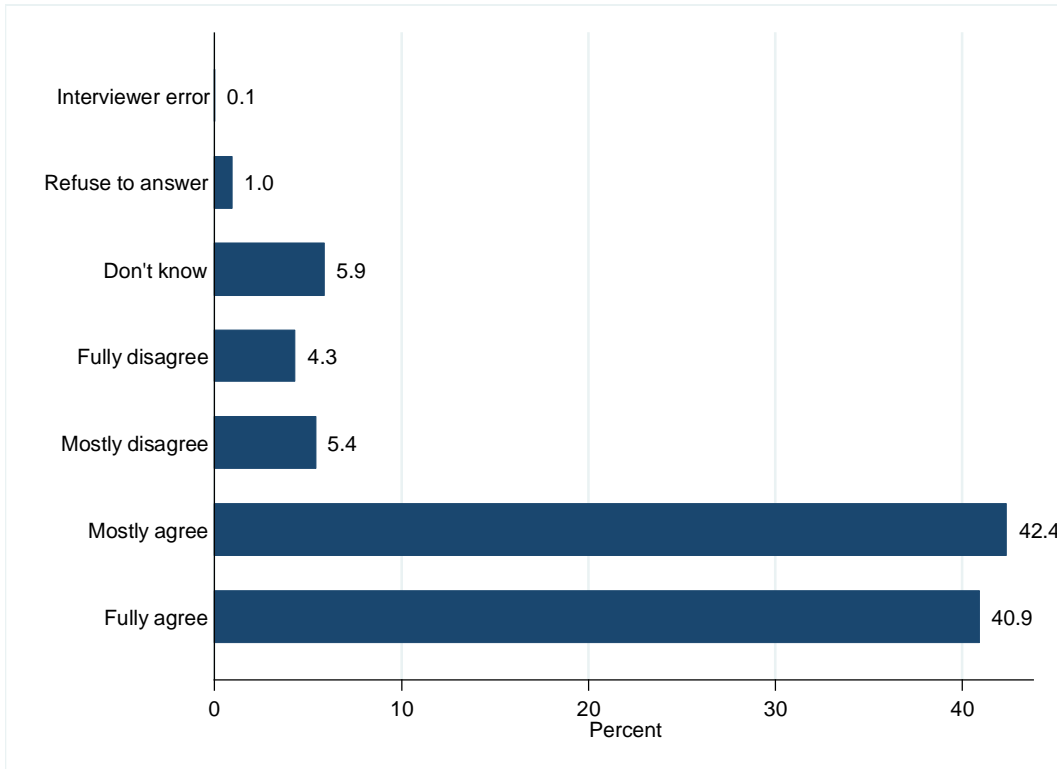
## 6. Attitudes toward Stalin

Figure 28: What is your attitude towards Stalin?



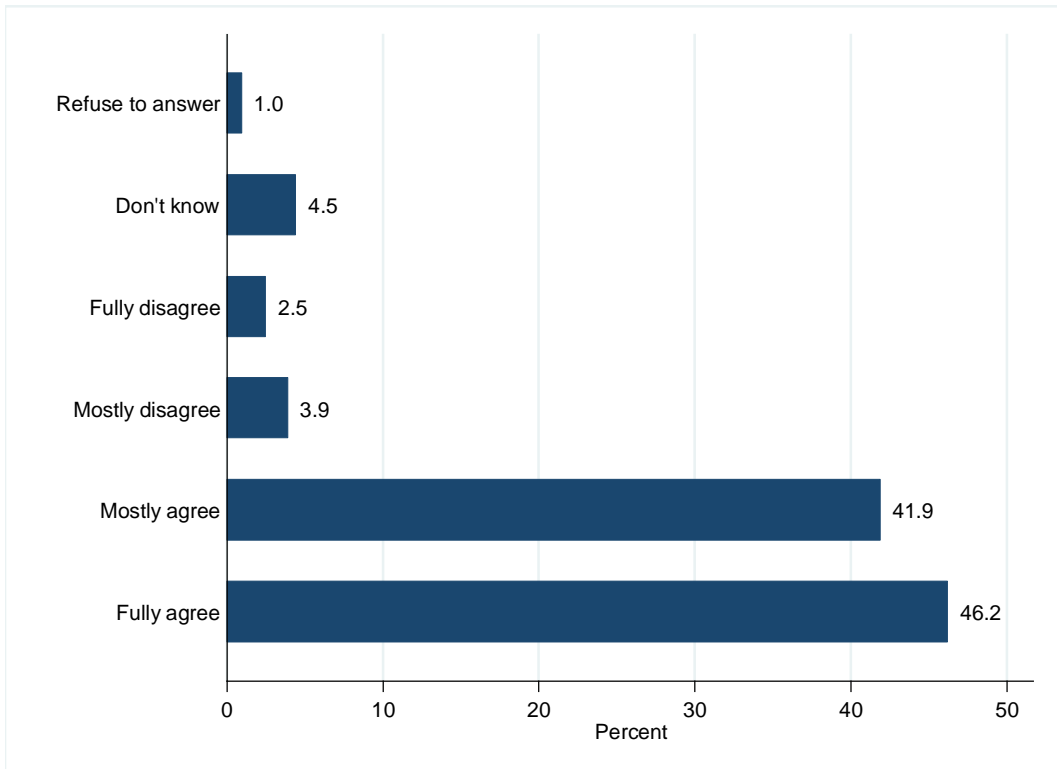
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Figure 29: Stalin was a wise leader, who brought strength and well-being to the Soviet Union



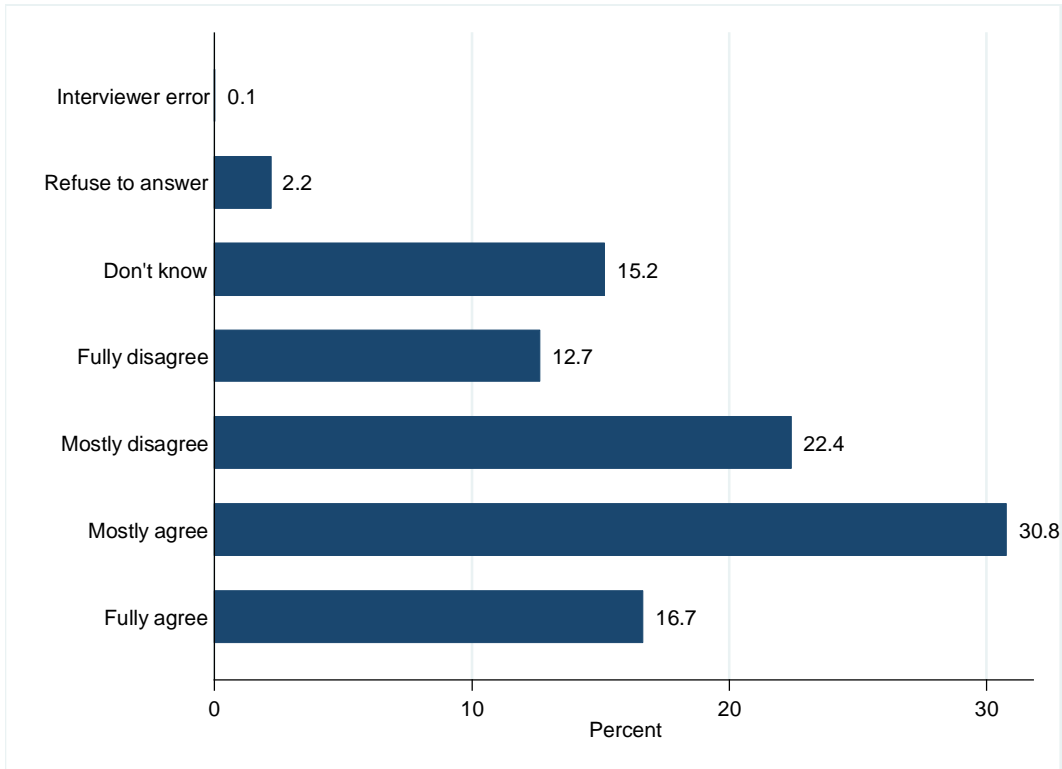
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Figure 30: Despite all mistakes, Soviet Union won Great Patriotic War under his leadership



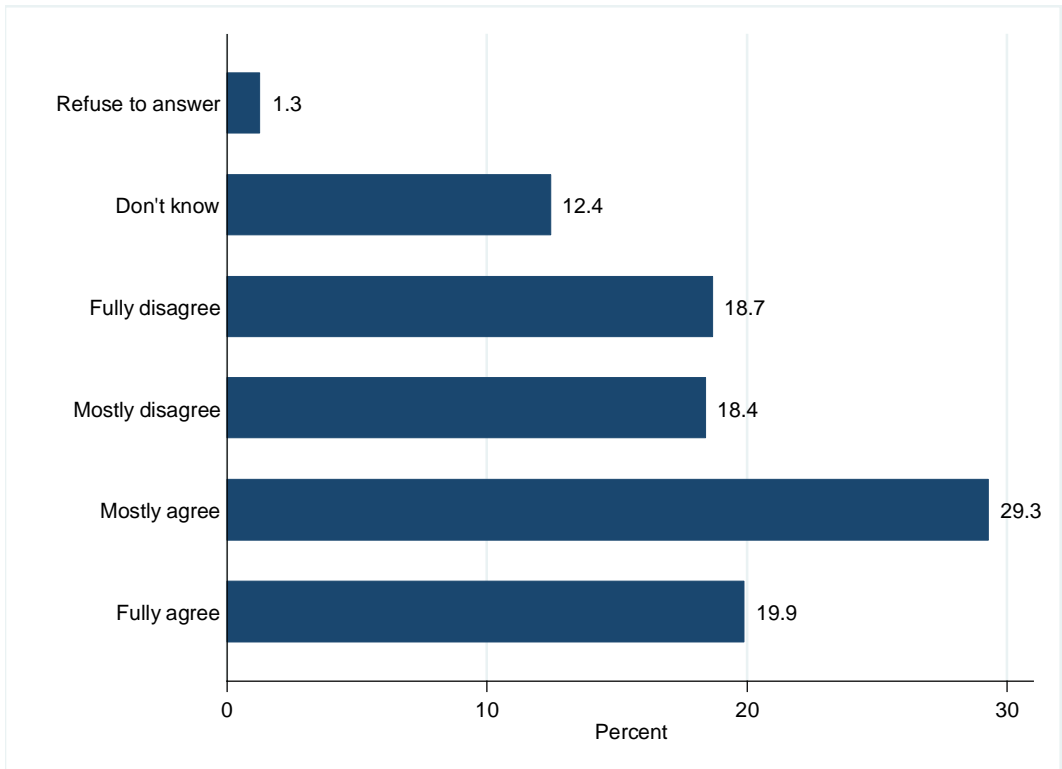
Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 31: Stalin was brutal tyrant responsible for deaths of millions of innocent people



Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 32: Our people will always need a leader like Stalin, who will come and establish order

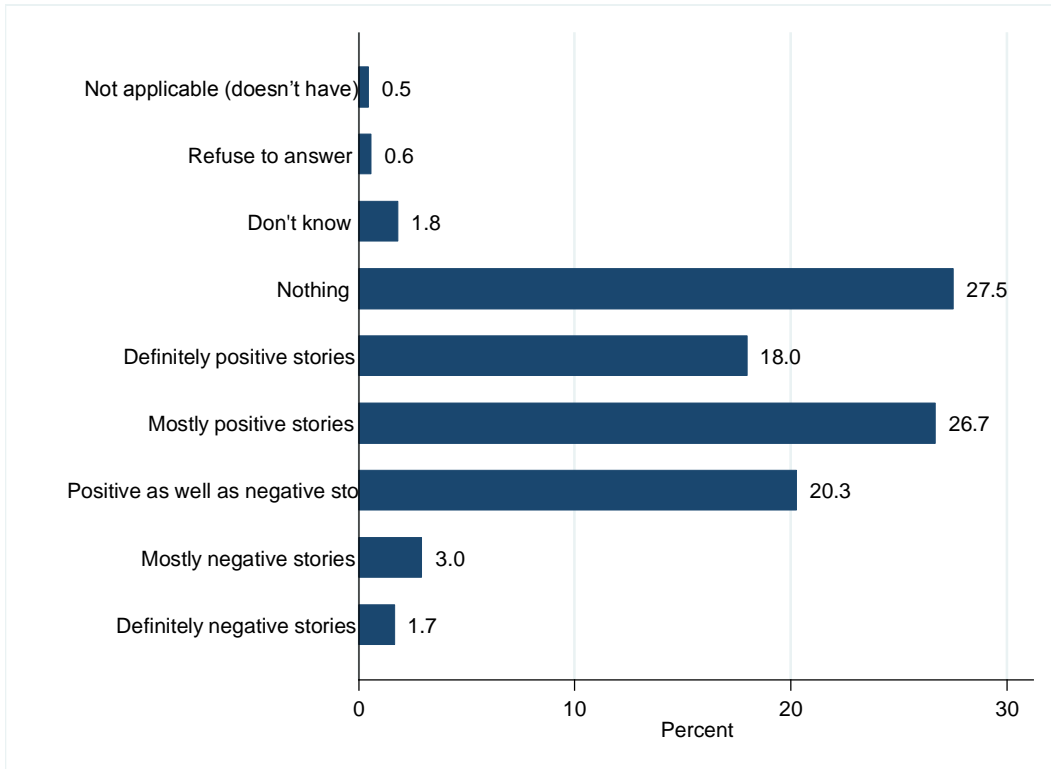


Number of respondents: 1,864.

## 6.1. Socialization about Stalin During Childhood and Adolescence

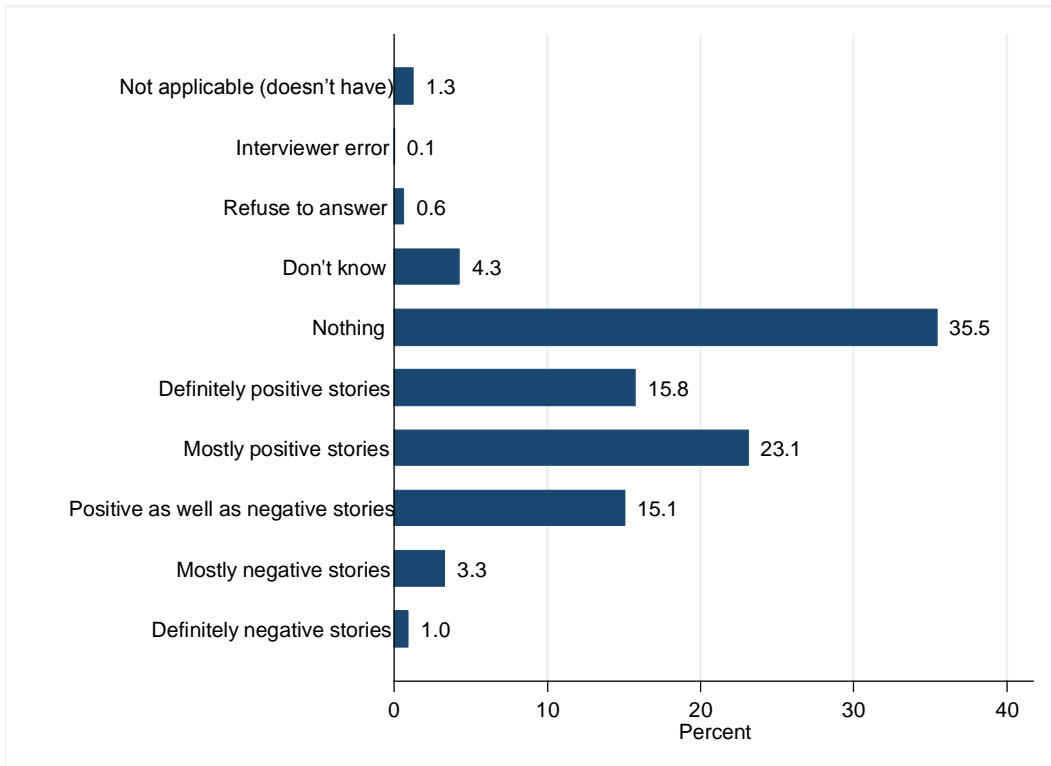


Figure 33: What were you told or taught regarding Stalin in the family?



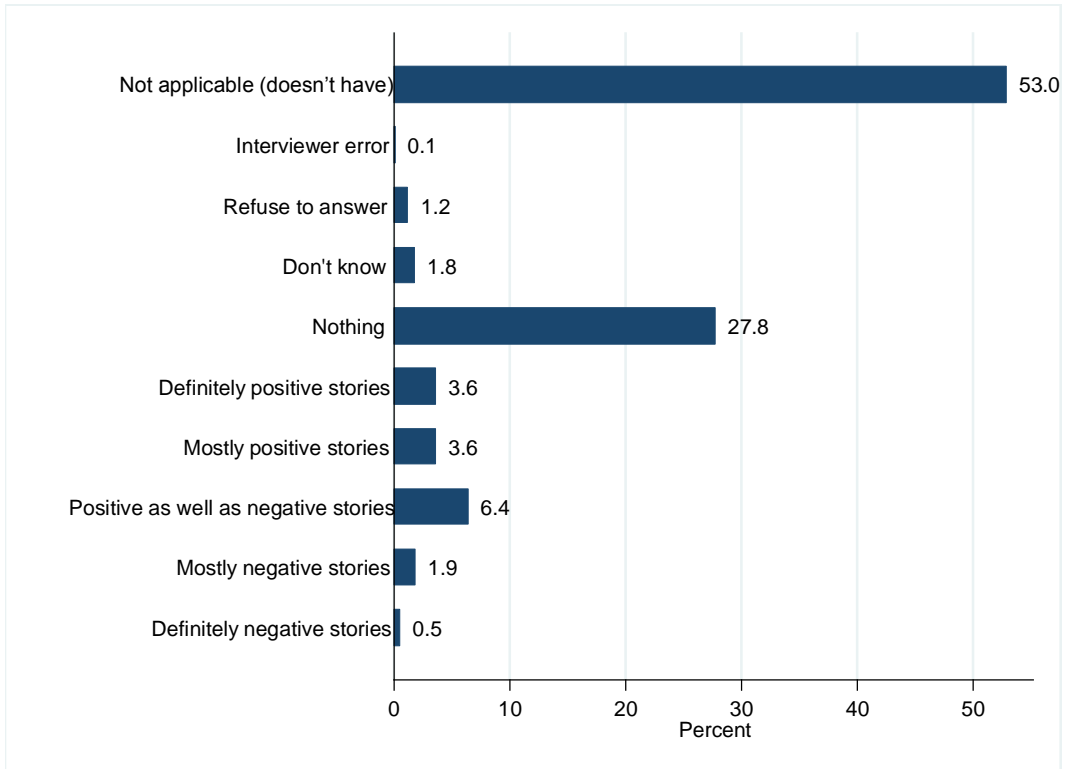
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Figure 34: What were you told or taught regarding Stalin in school?



Number of respondents: 1,864.

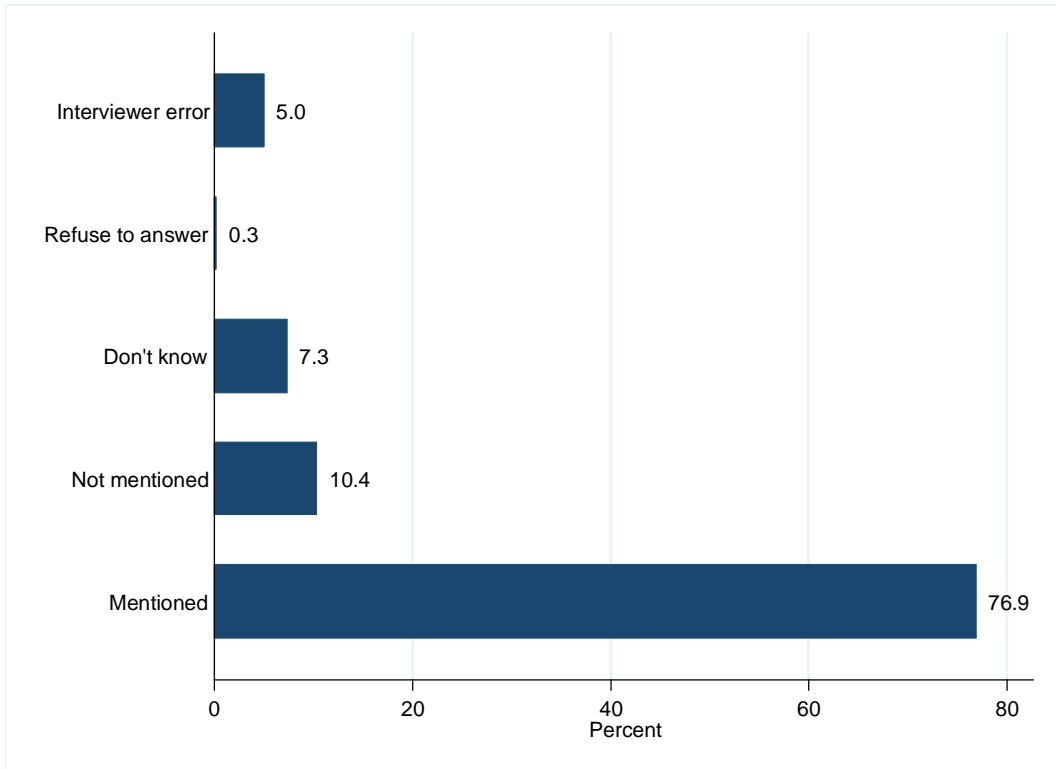
Figure 35: What were you told or taught regarding Stalin at university?



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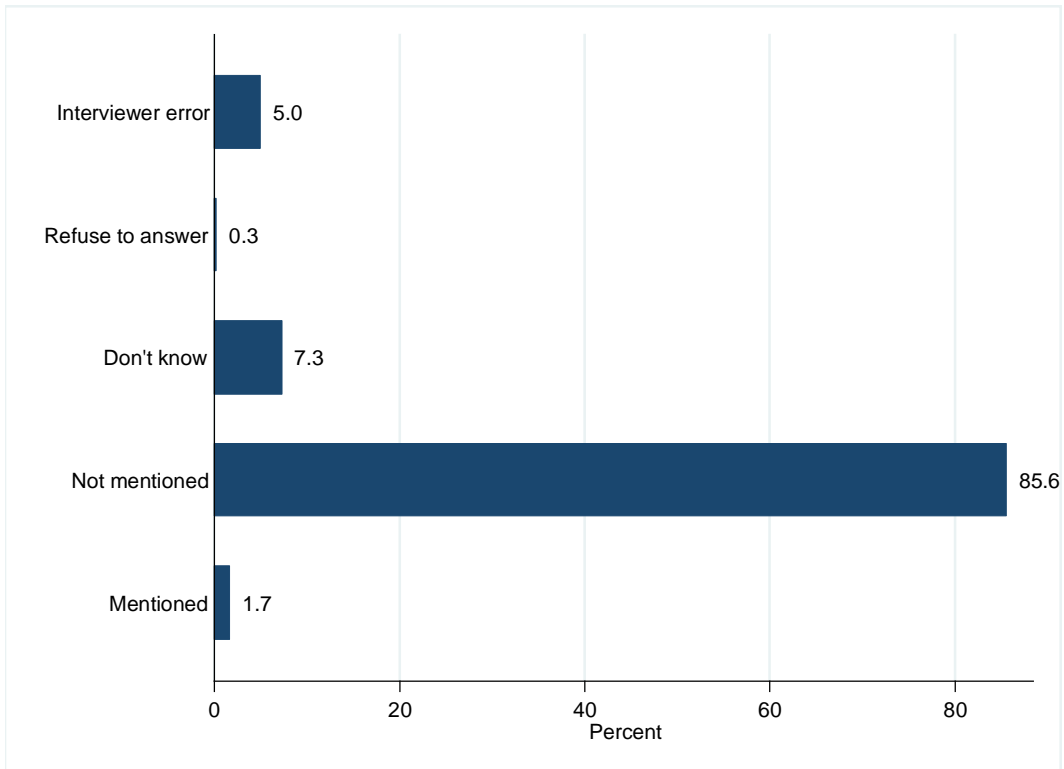
## 6.2. Nationality and Faith of Stalin

Figure 36: What was Stalin's nationality? – Georgian



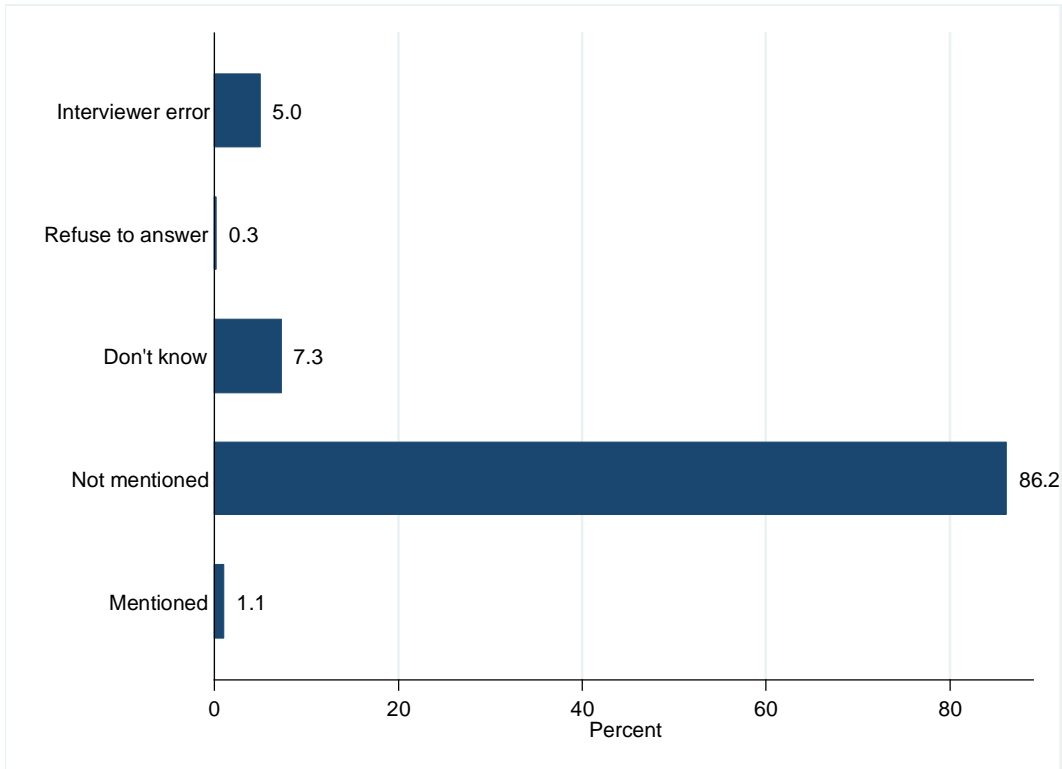
Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 37: What was Stalin's nationality? – Russian



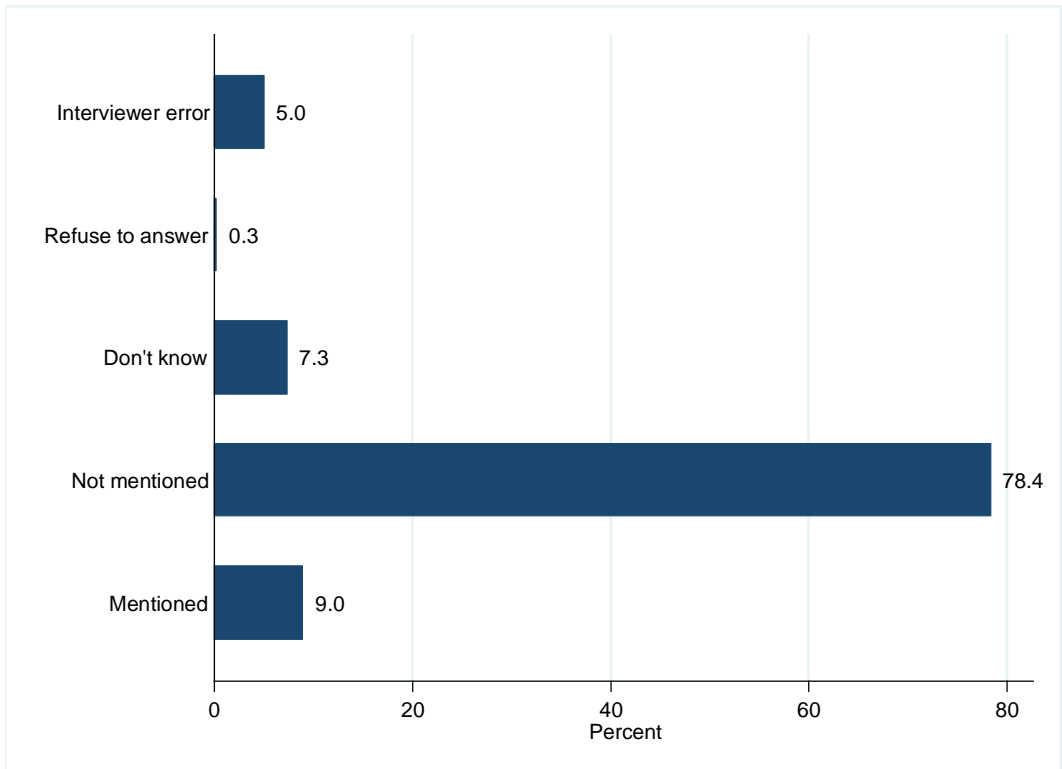
Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 38: What was Stalin's nationality? – Soviet



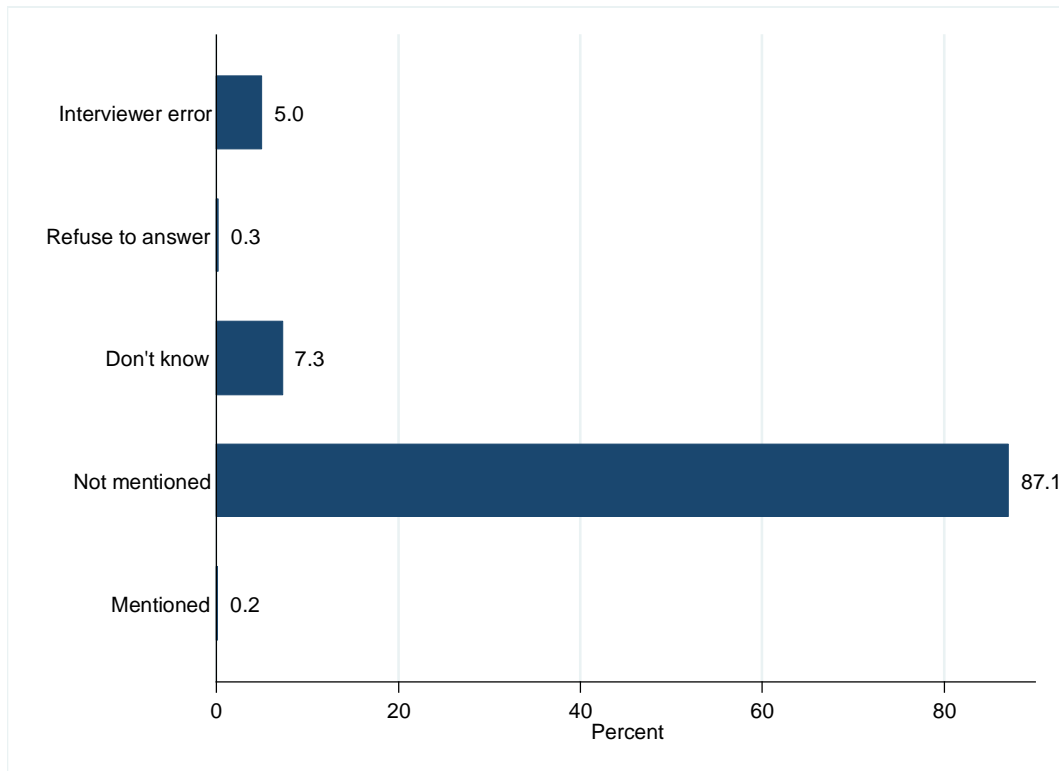
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Figure 39: What was Stalin's nationality? – Other



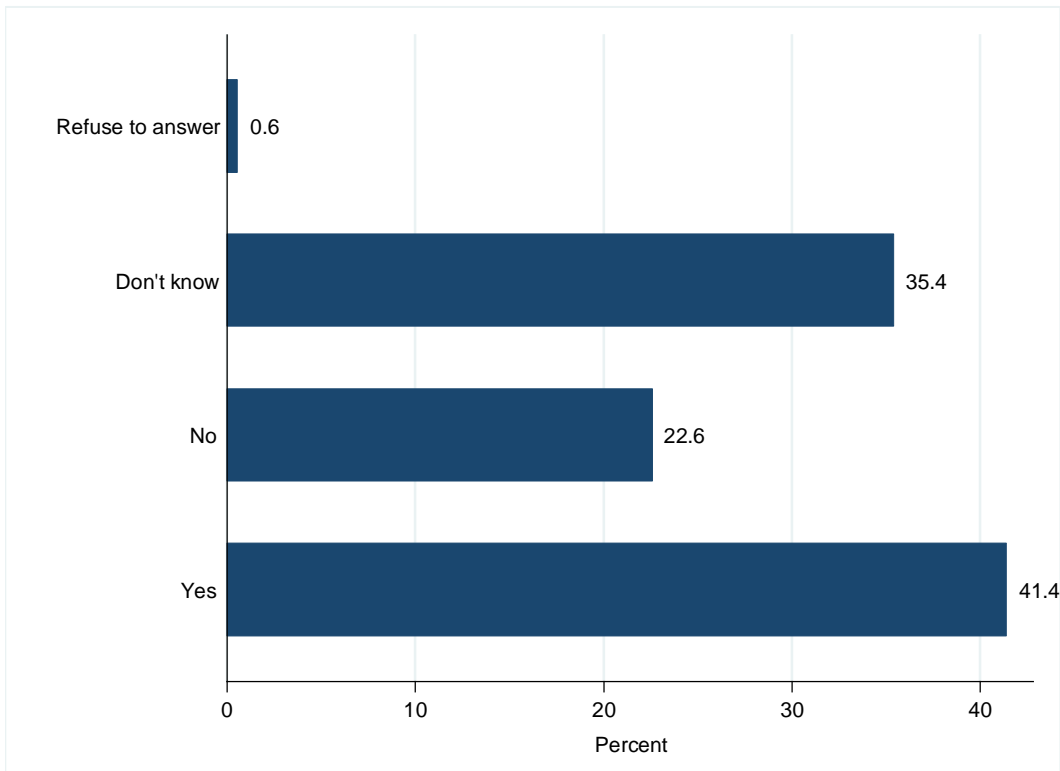
Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 40: What was Stalin's nationality? – Stalin did not have a nationality



Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 41: Did Stalin believe in God?

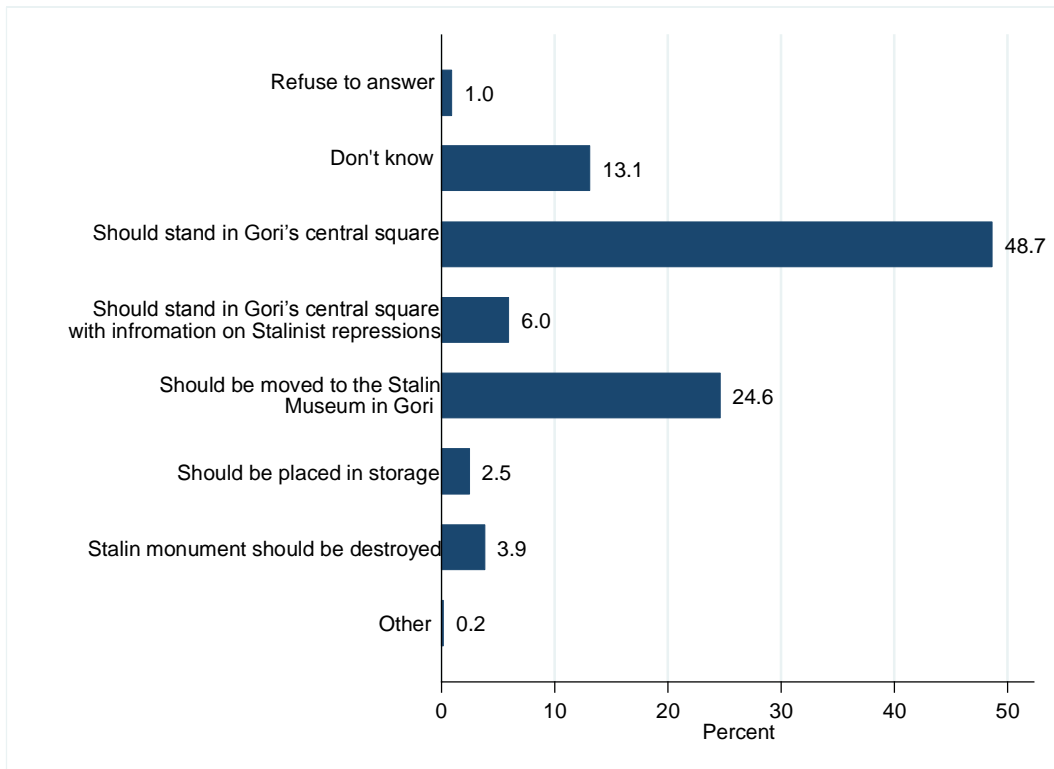


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## 6.3. Stalin Monument in Gori

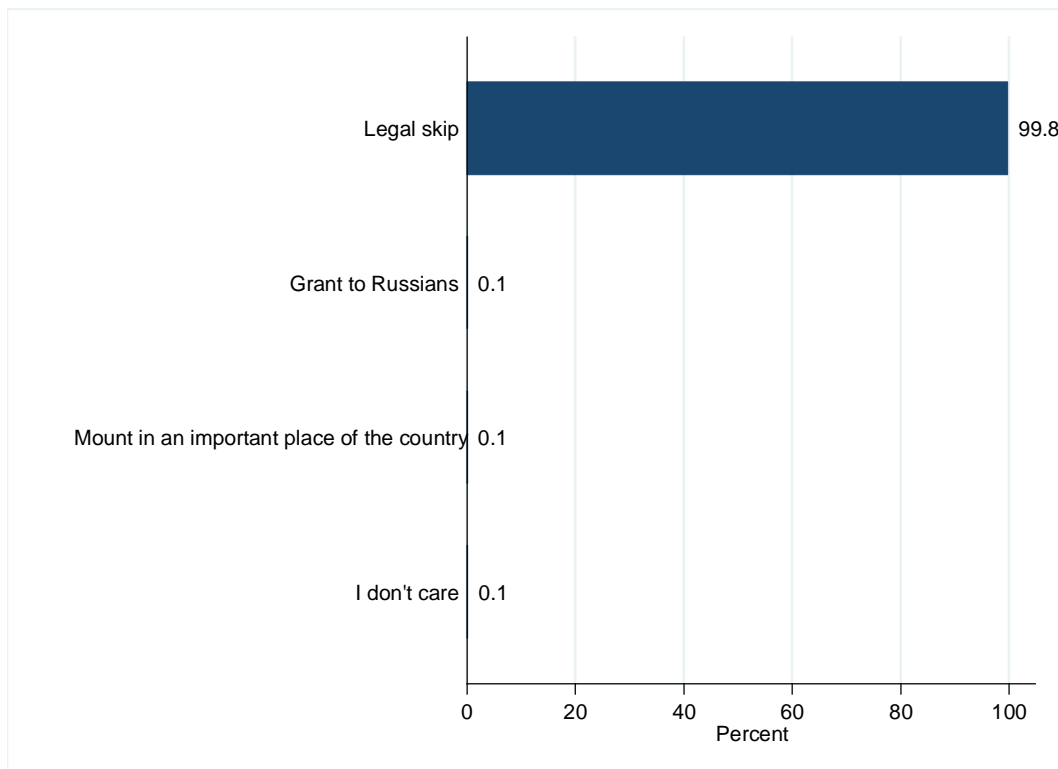


Figure 42: Which of following decisions on Stalin's monument would you support?



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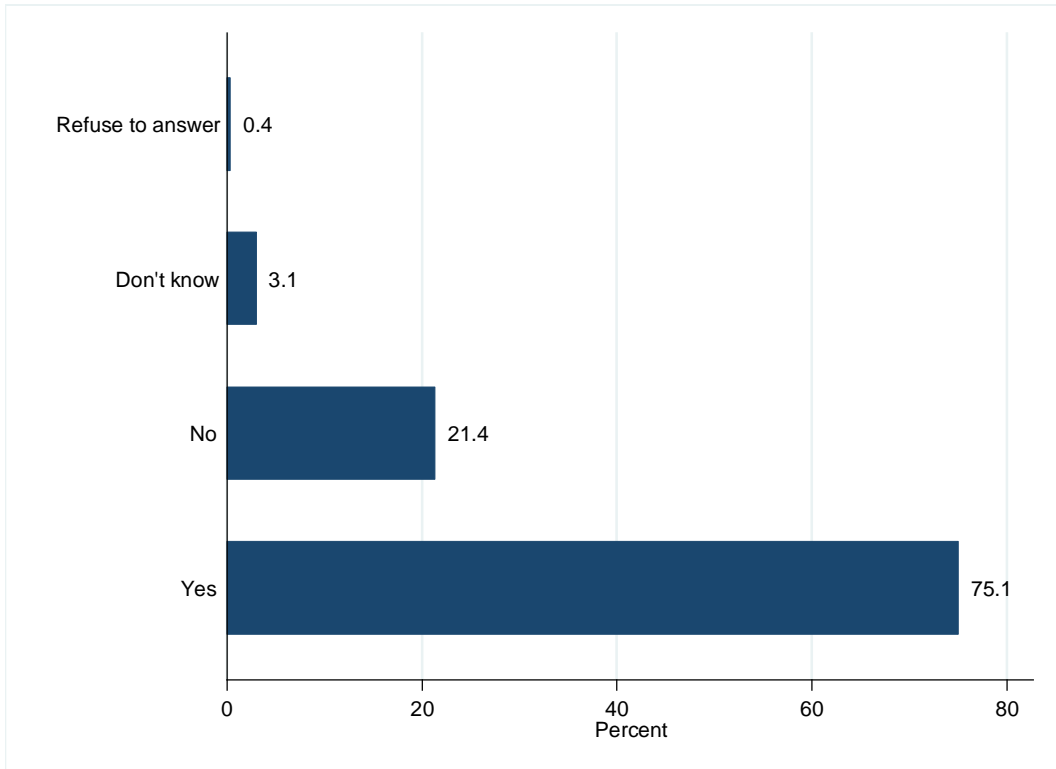
Figure 43: Which of following decisions on Stalin's monument would you support? – Other



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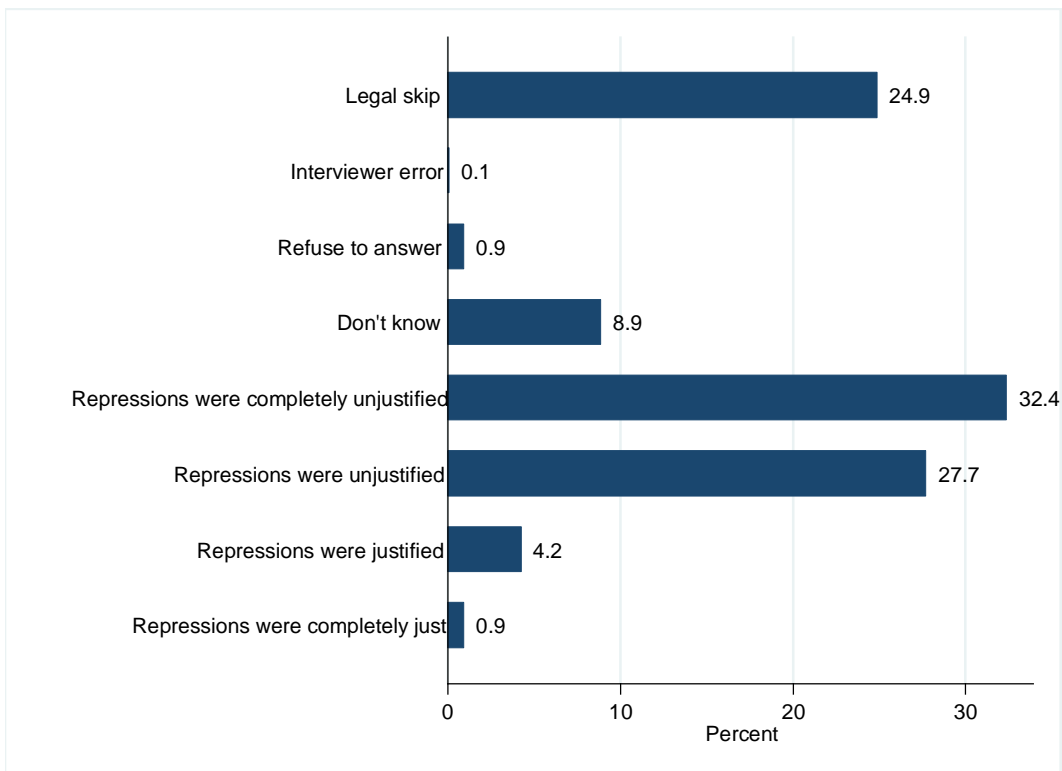
# 7. 1937 Repressions and 1956 Demonstrations

Figure 44: Have you heard about the repressions of 1937?



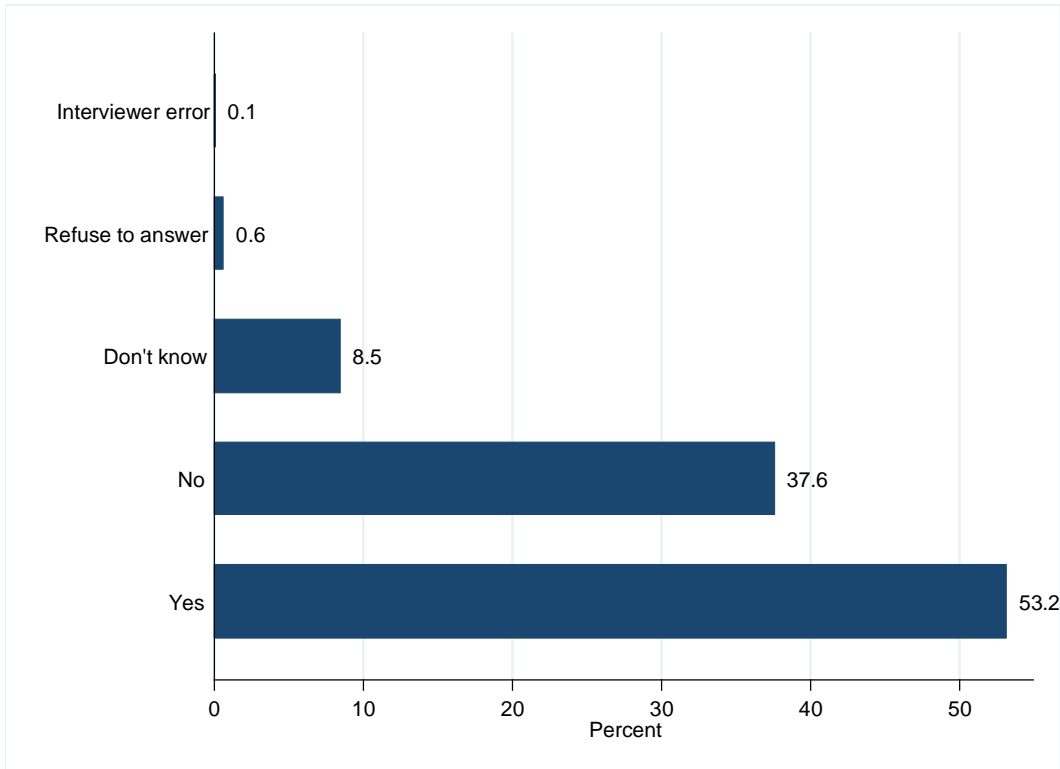
Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 45: What is your attitude towards the repressions carried out in 1937?



Number of respondents: 1,864.

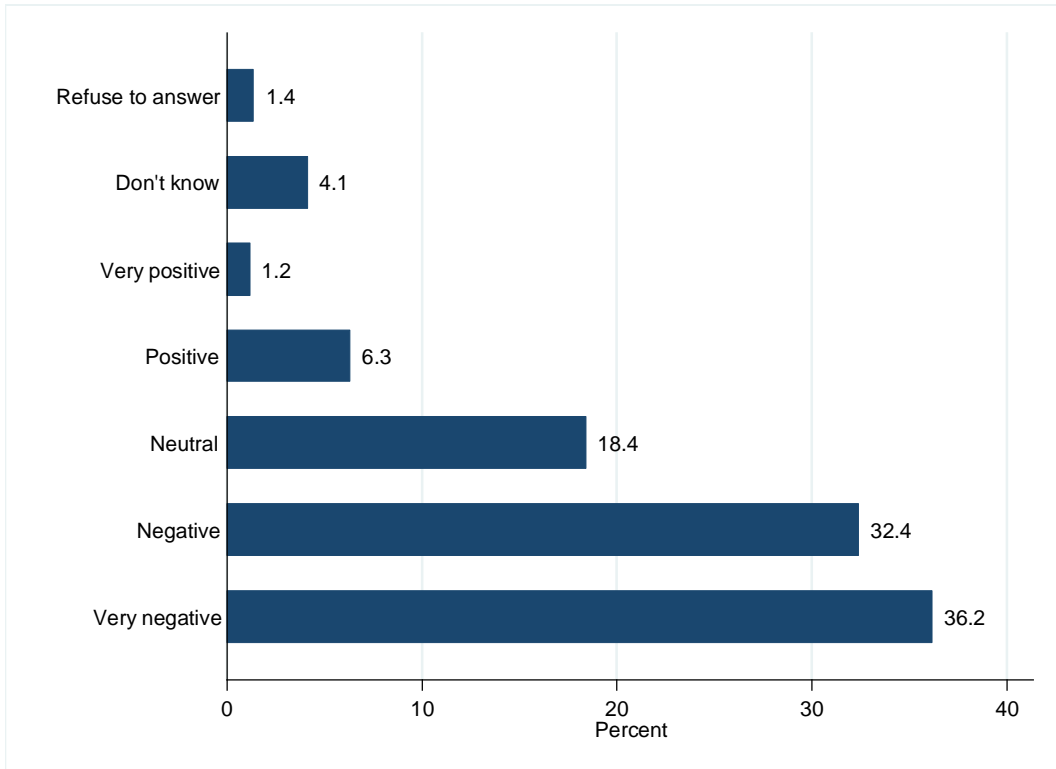
Figure 46: Have you heard about the demonstrations in Georgia in 1956?



Number of respondents: 1,864.

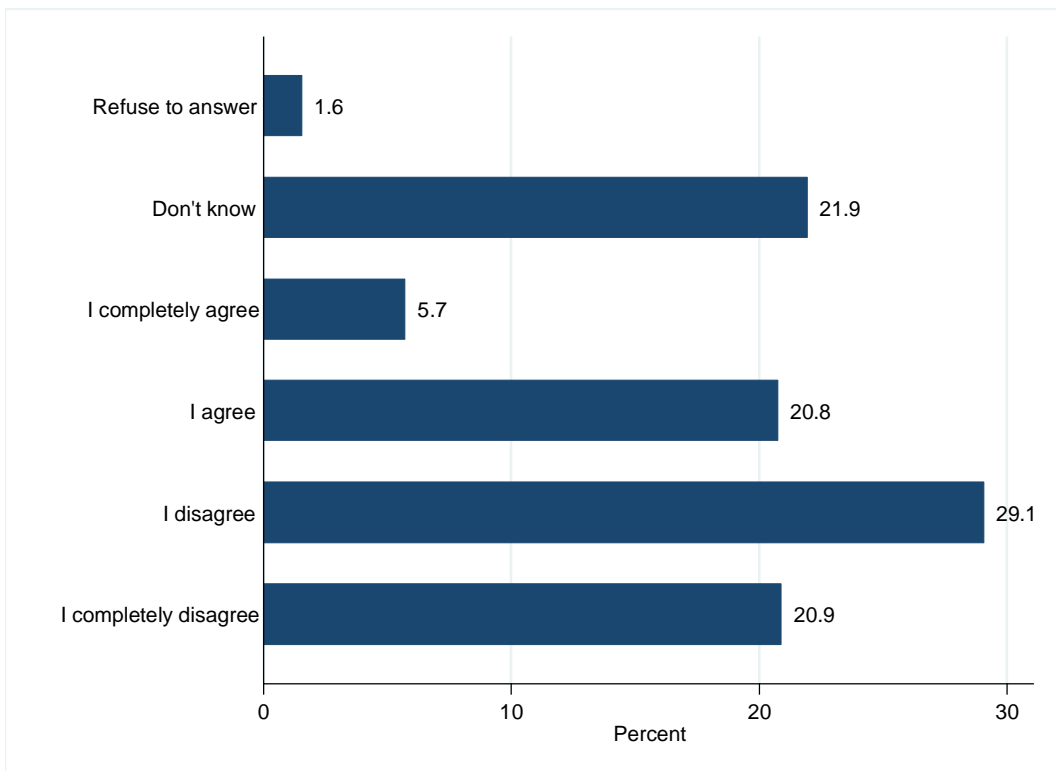
# 8. Attitudes toward Vladimir Putin

Figure 47: What is your attitude towards the Russian President Vladimir Putin?



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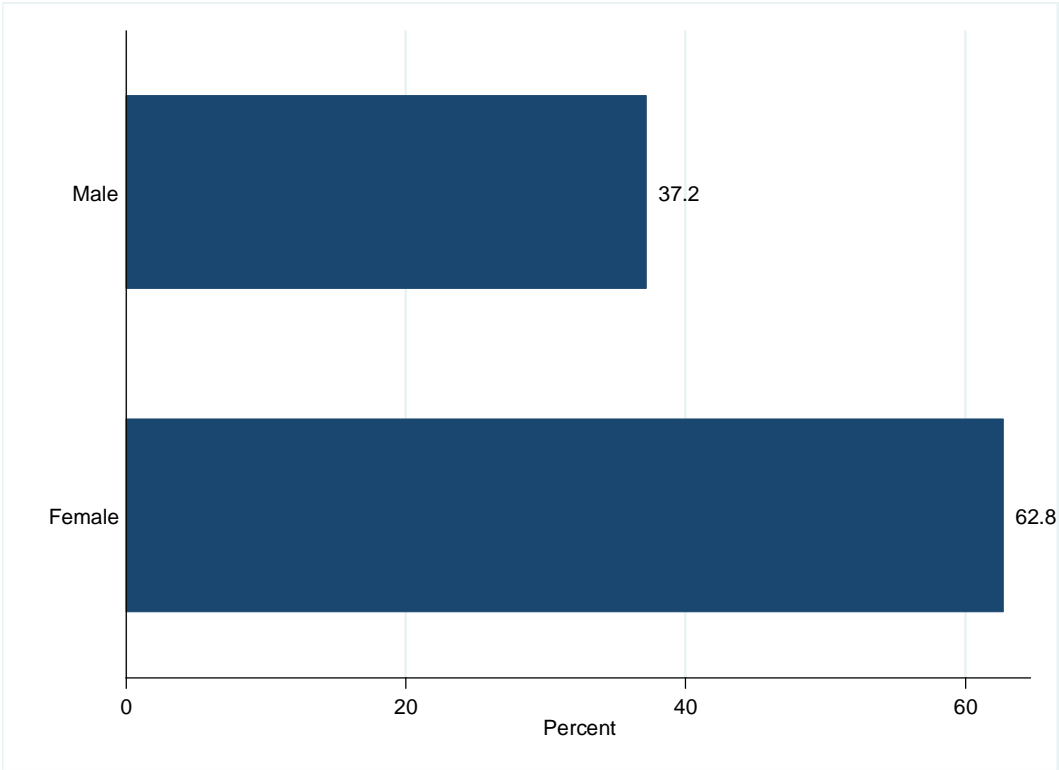
Figure 48: Russian President Vladimir Putin is gradually resembling Stalin



Number of respondents: 1,864.

# 9. Respondents' Socio-Economic Background

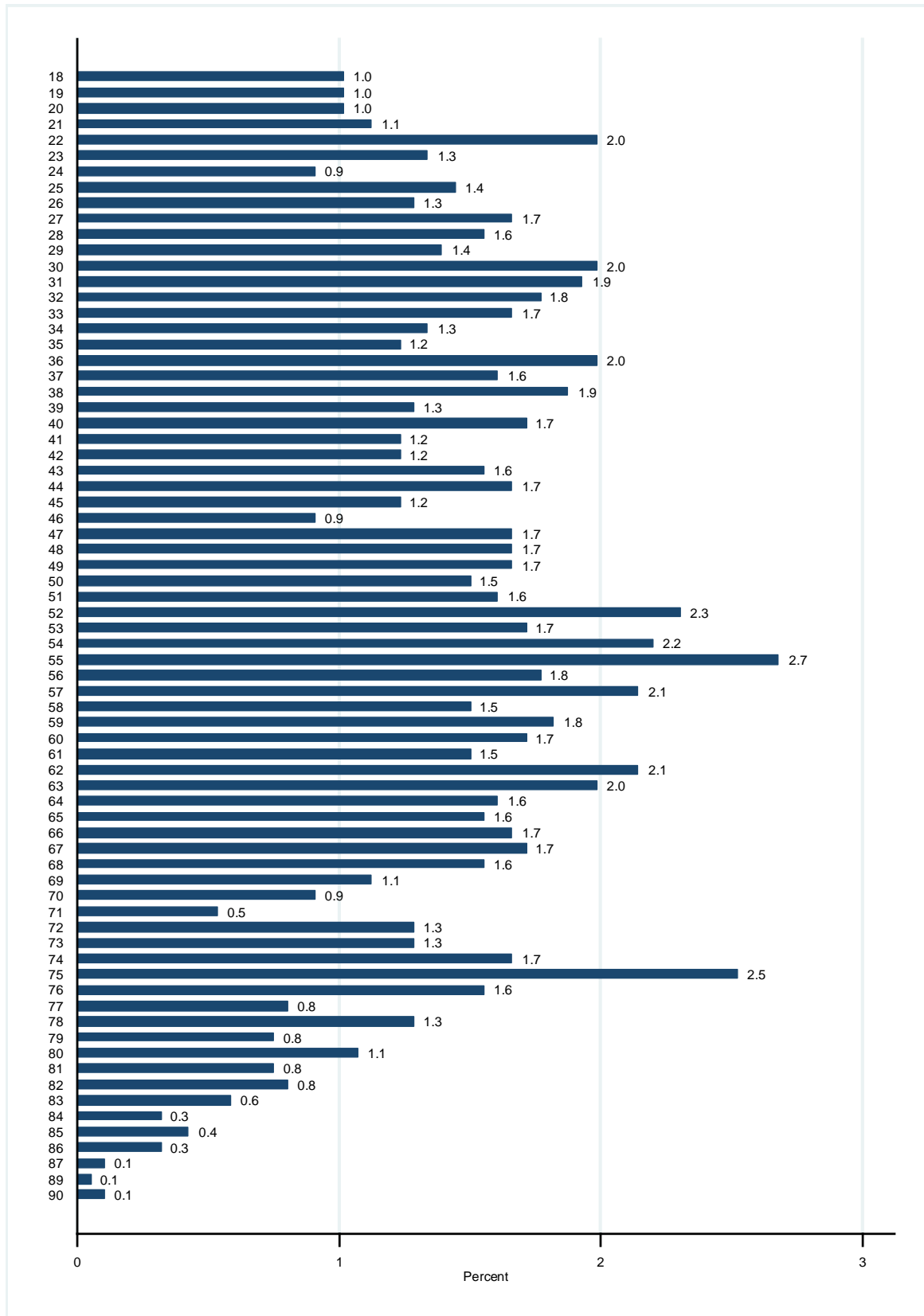
Figure 49: Respondent's sex



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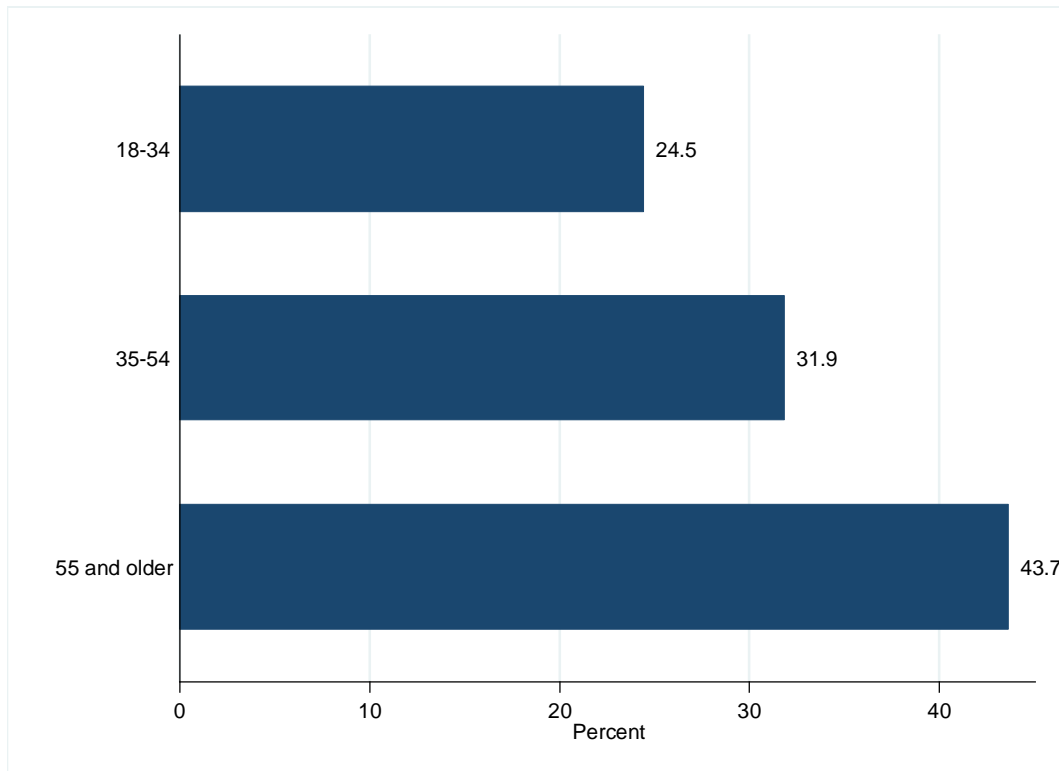


Figure 50: Respondent's age



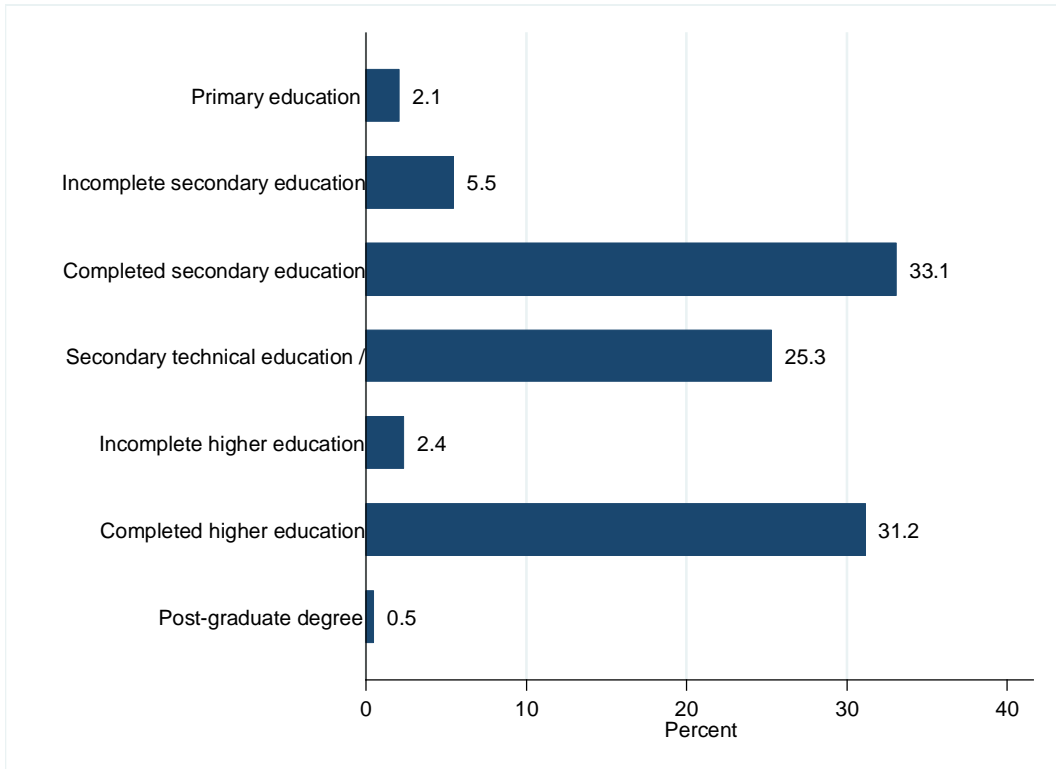
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Figure 51: Respondent's age group



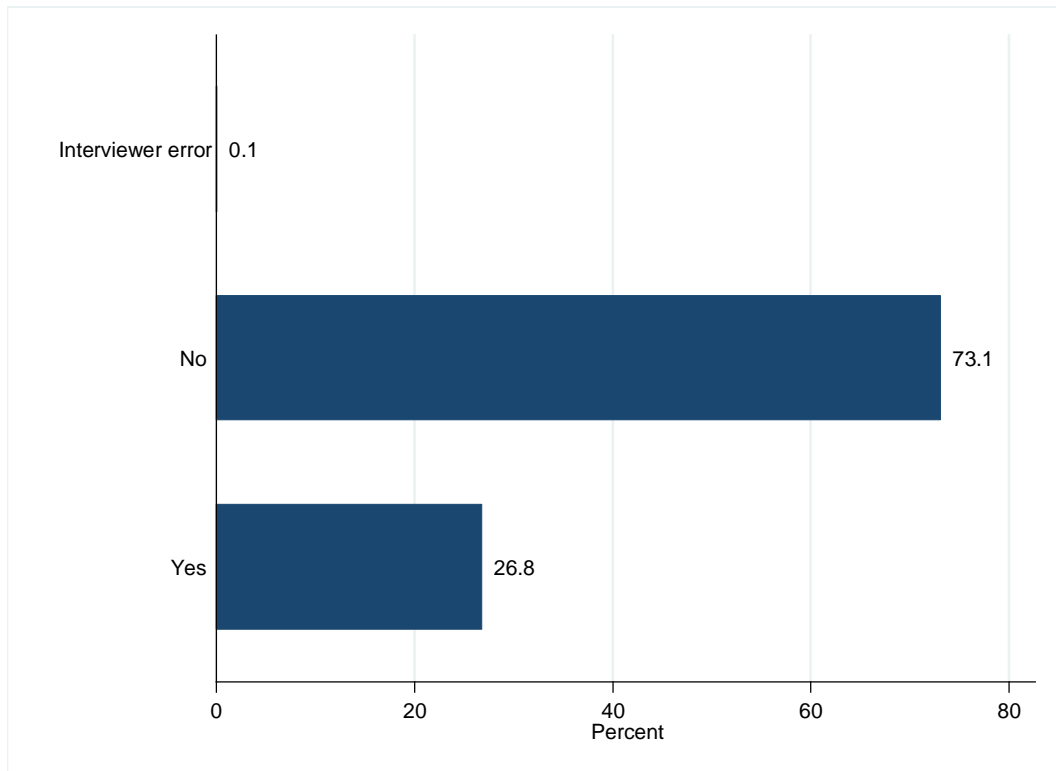
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Figure 52: Highest level of education



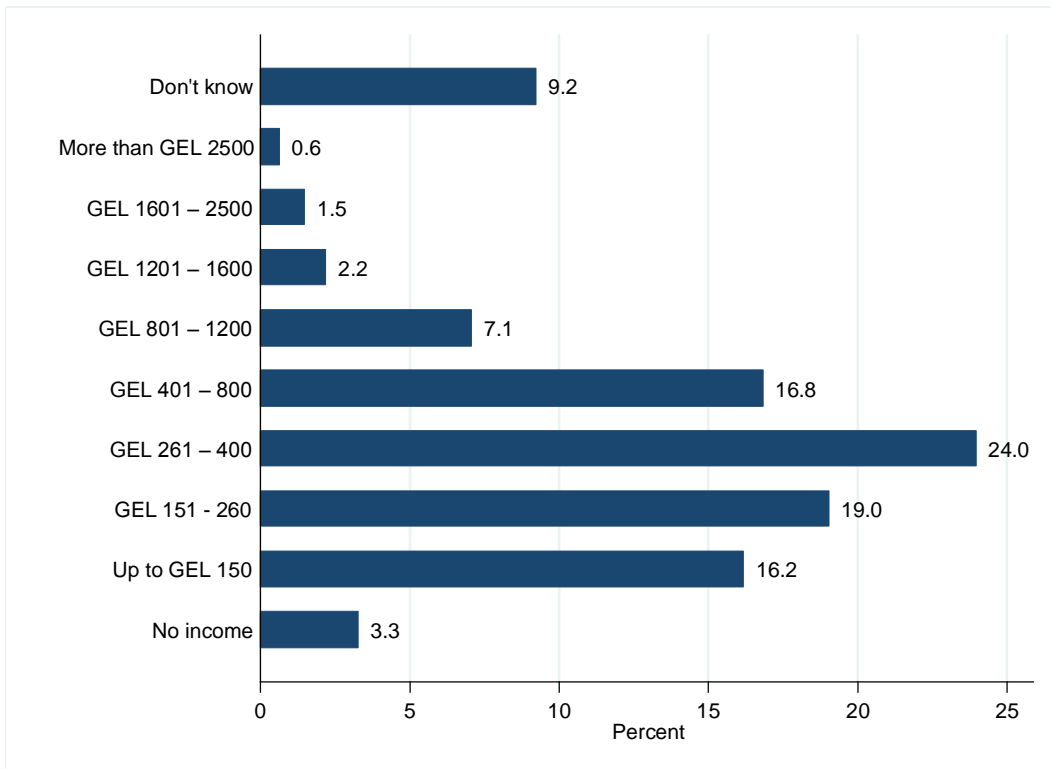
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Figure 53: Do you have a job?



Number of respondents: 1,864.

Figure 54: Respondent's household income last month



Number of respondents: 1,864.