



Climate Views: Perceptions on Climate Change in Kenya

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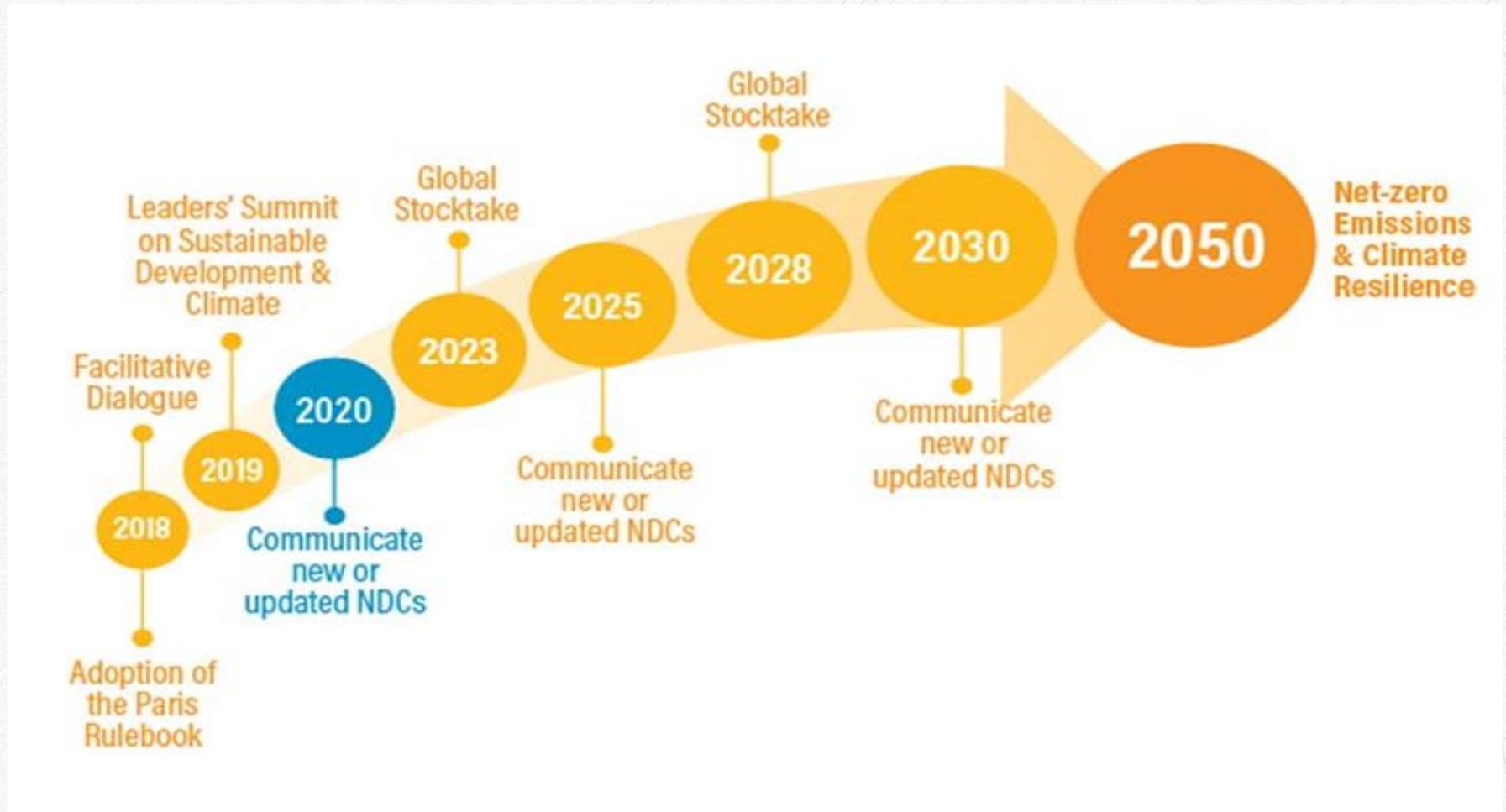
AT A GLANCE

- ❑ Slightly more than a half of Kenyans (53%) say they have heard of climate change.
- ❑ Climate change awareness is highest among men than women (60% -46%).
- ❑ Awareness is highest among the educated (71%) than those with no formal education (29%).
- ❑ More than eight in 10 (84%) say climate change is making life in Kenya worse.
- ❑ Three fourths of Kenyans (77%) believe that ordinary citizens can help curb climate change.
- ❑ More than eight in 10 (81%) want the government to take immediate action to limit climate change, even if it is expensive, causes job losses, or takes a toll on the economy.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Global stocktaking of progress in reducing of global CO2 emissions



Source: <https://www.wri.org/publication/ndc-enhancement-by-2020>

Objective of Kenya's Nationally Determined Contributions

To lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 30% by 2030, despite the fact that Kenya contributes a mere 0.1% to the total global emissions. Towards this end, the NDC specifies adaptation and mitigation actions and responses.

Source: Kenya's Updated Nationally Determined Contribution, Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

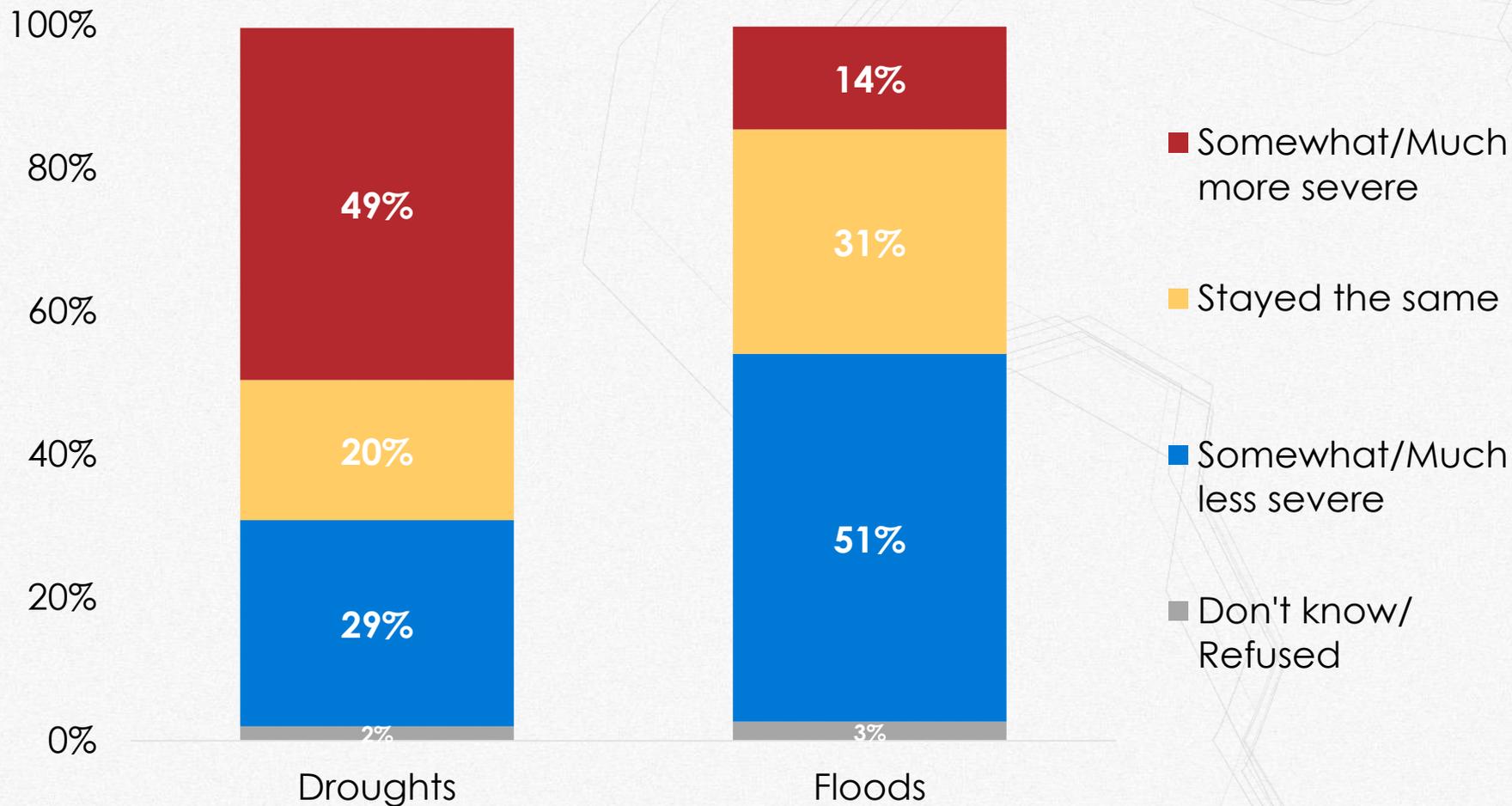


PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



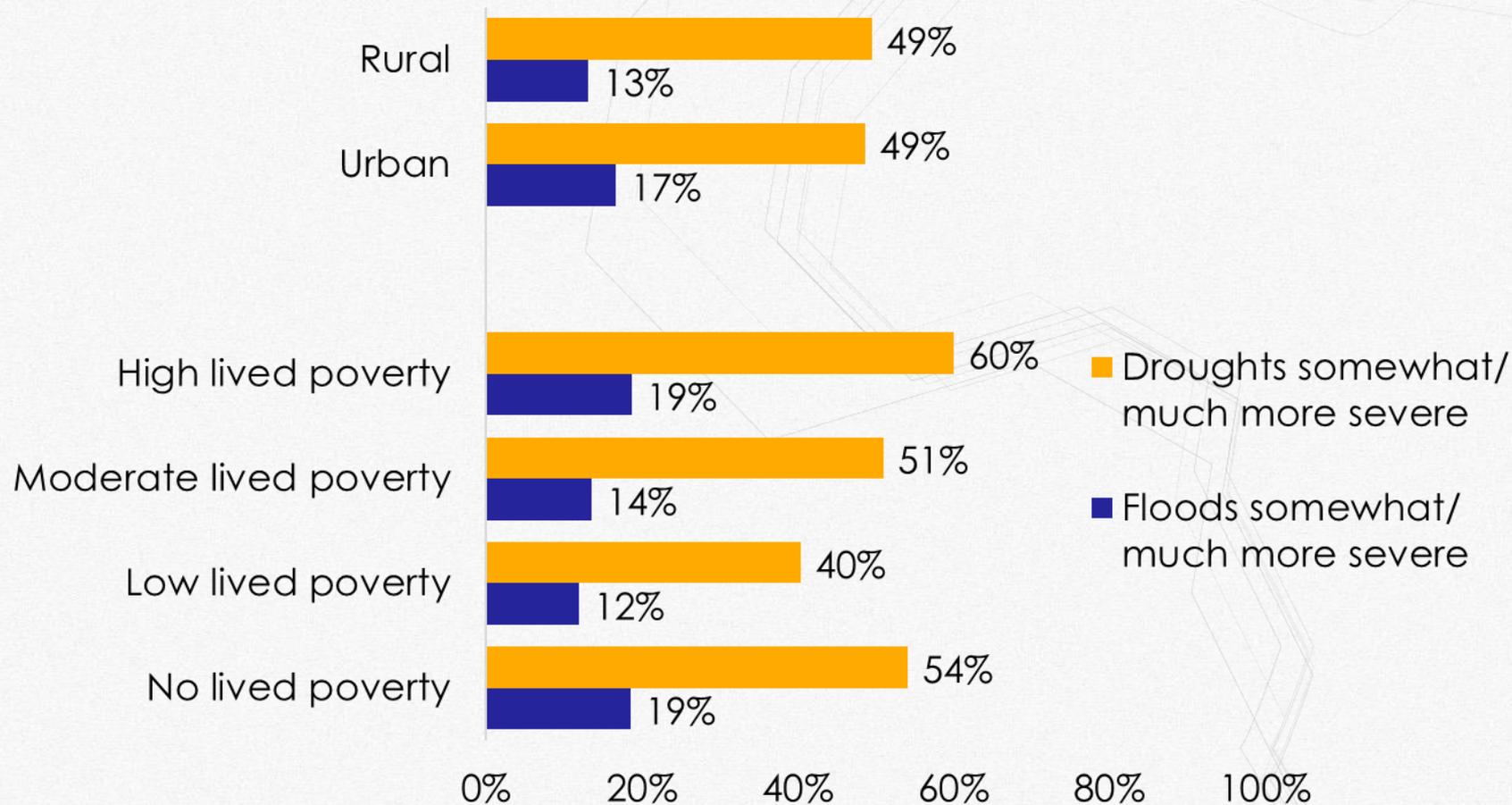
EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

Severity of droughts and floods | Kenya | 2021



Respondents were asked: In your experience, over the past 10 years, has there been any change in the severity of the following events in the area where you live? Have they become more severe, less severe, or stayed about the same?

More severe droughts and floods | by urban-rural residence and lived poverty | Kenya | 2021

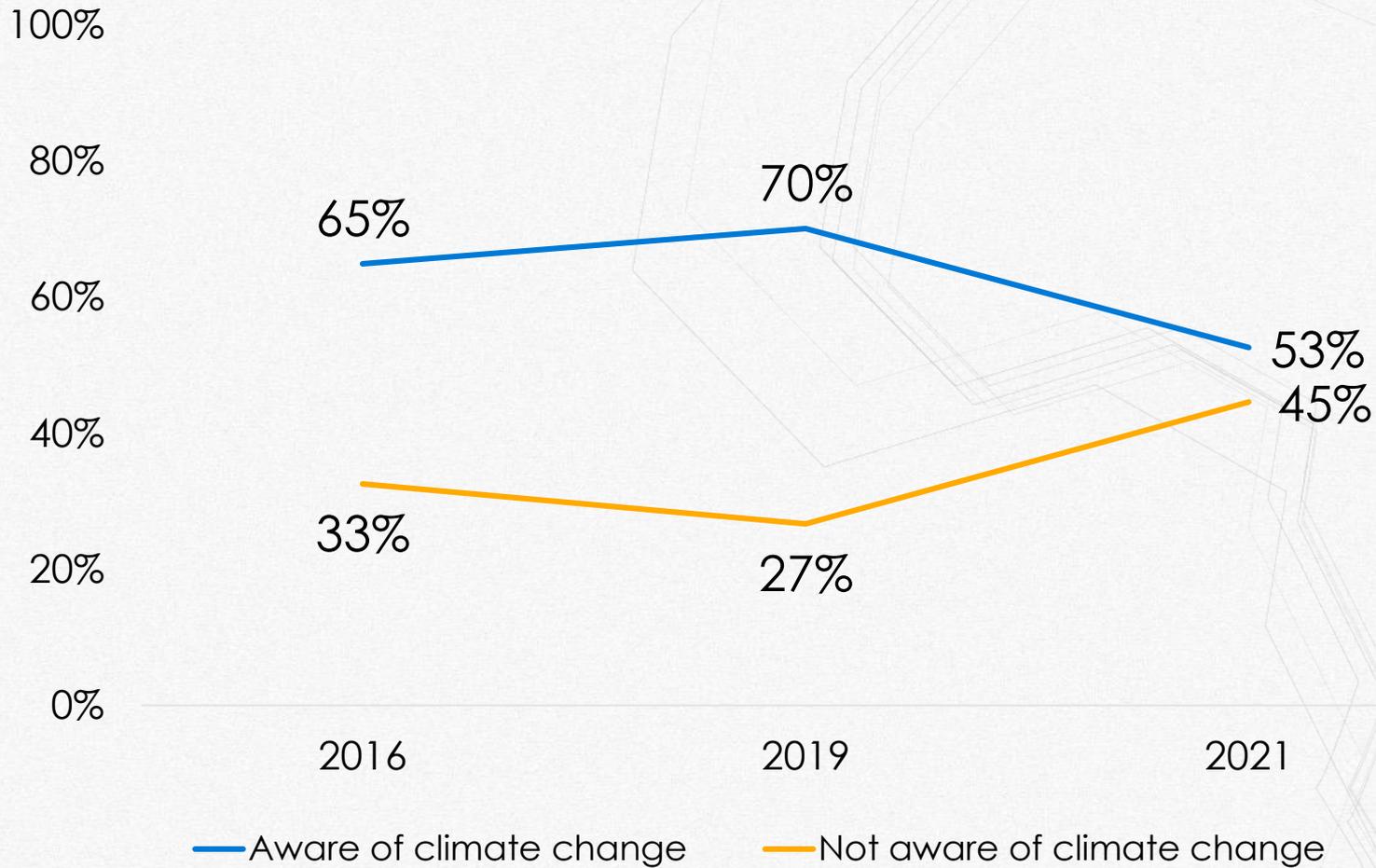


Respondents were asked: In your experience, over the past 10 years, has there been any change in the severity of the following events in the area where you live? (% who say “somewhat more severe” or “much more severe”)



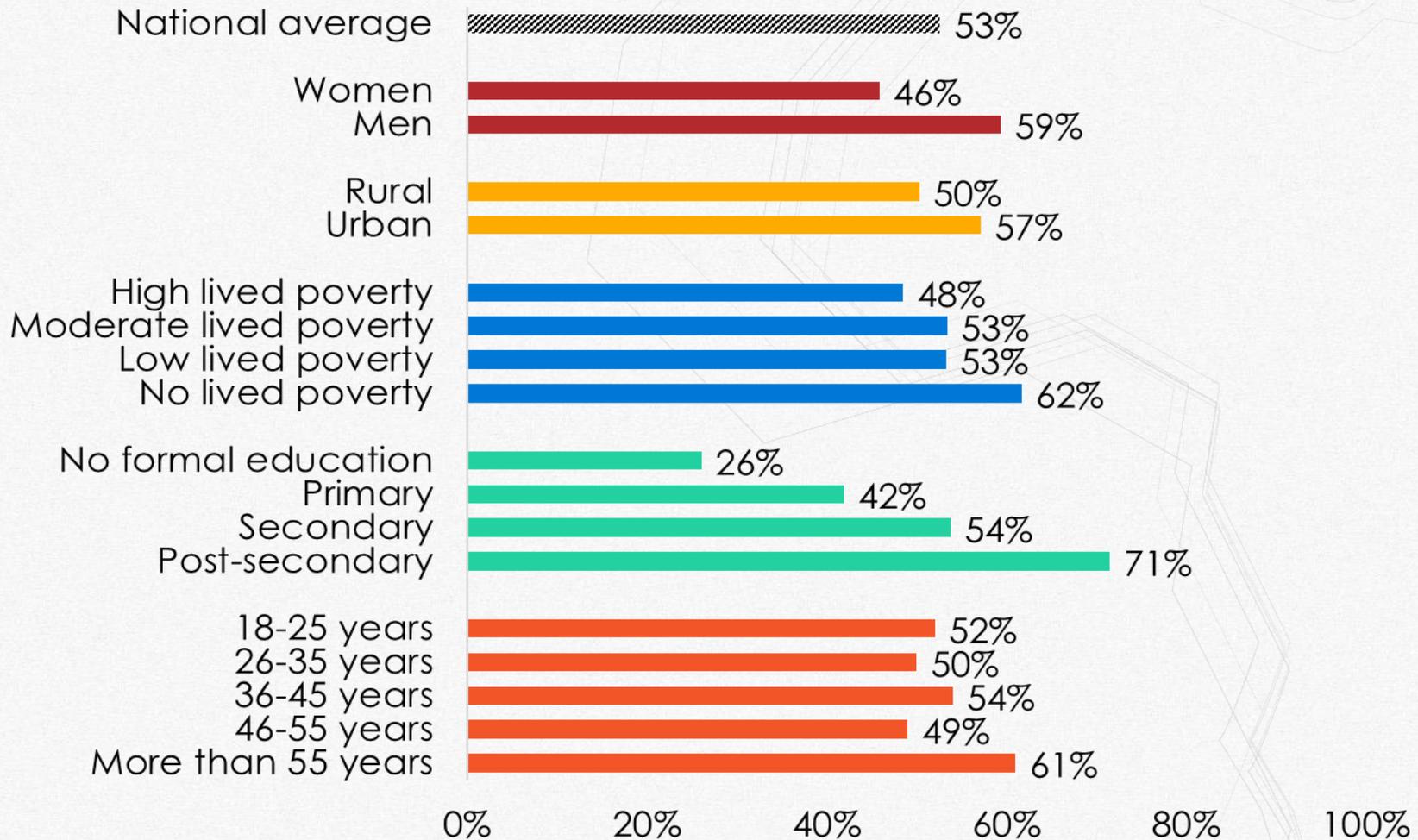
AWARENESS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AMONG KENYANS

Awareness of climate change | 2016-2022



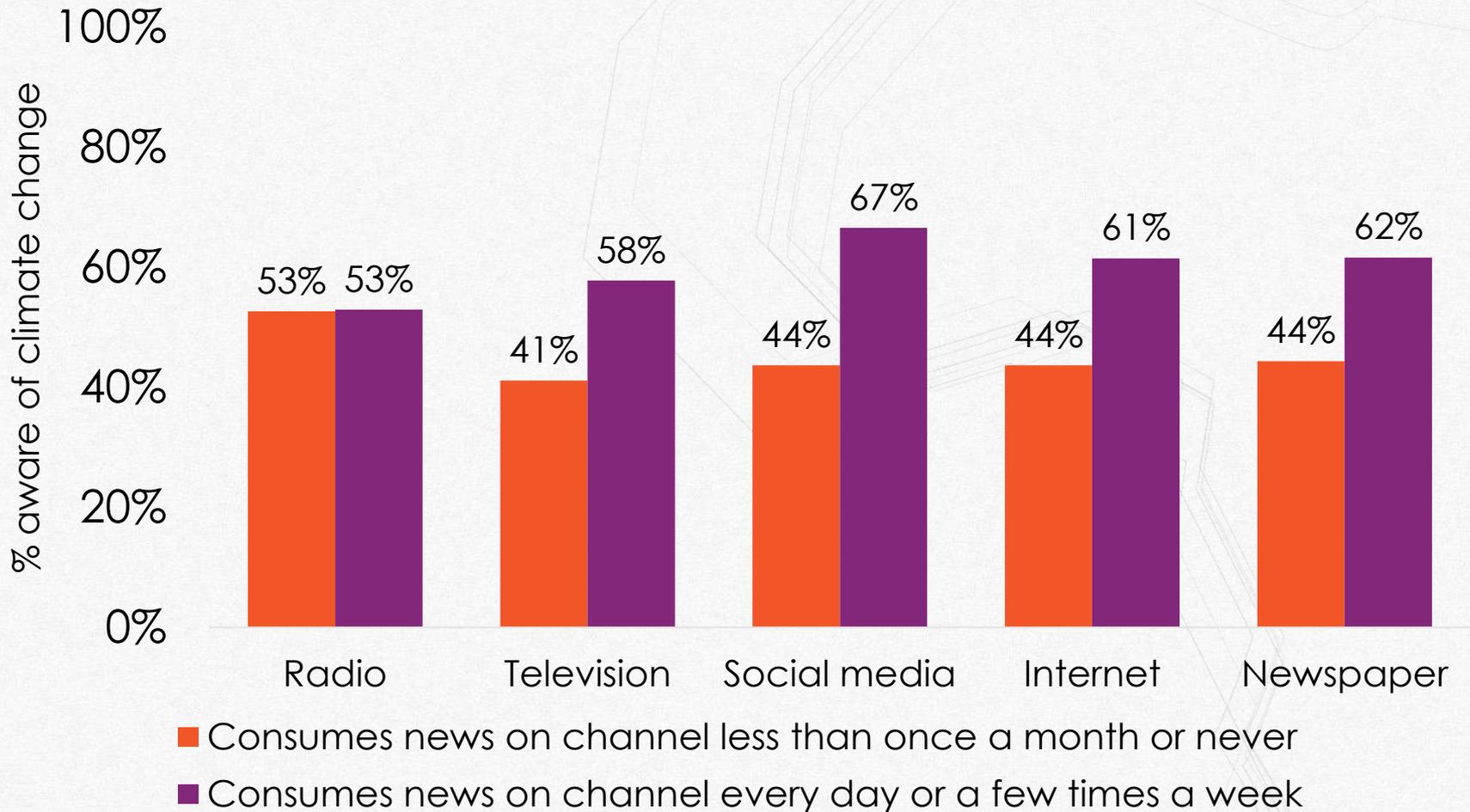
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Awareness of climate change | 2021



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Awareness of climate change | by news media consumption | 2021

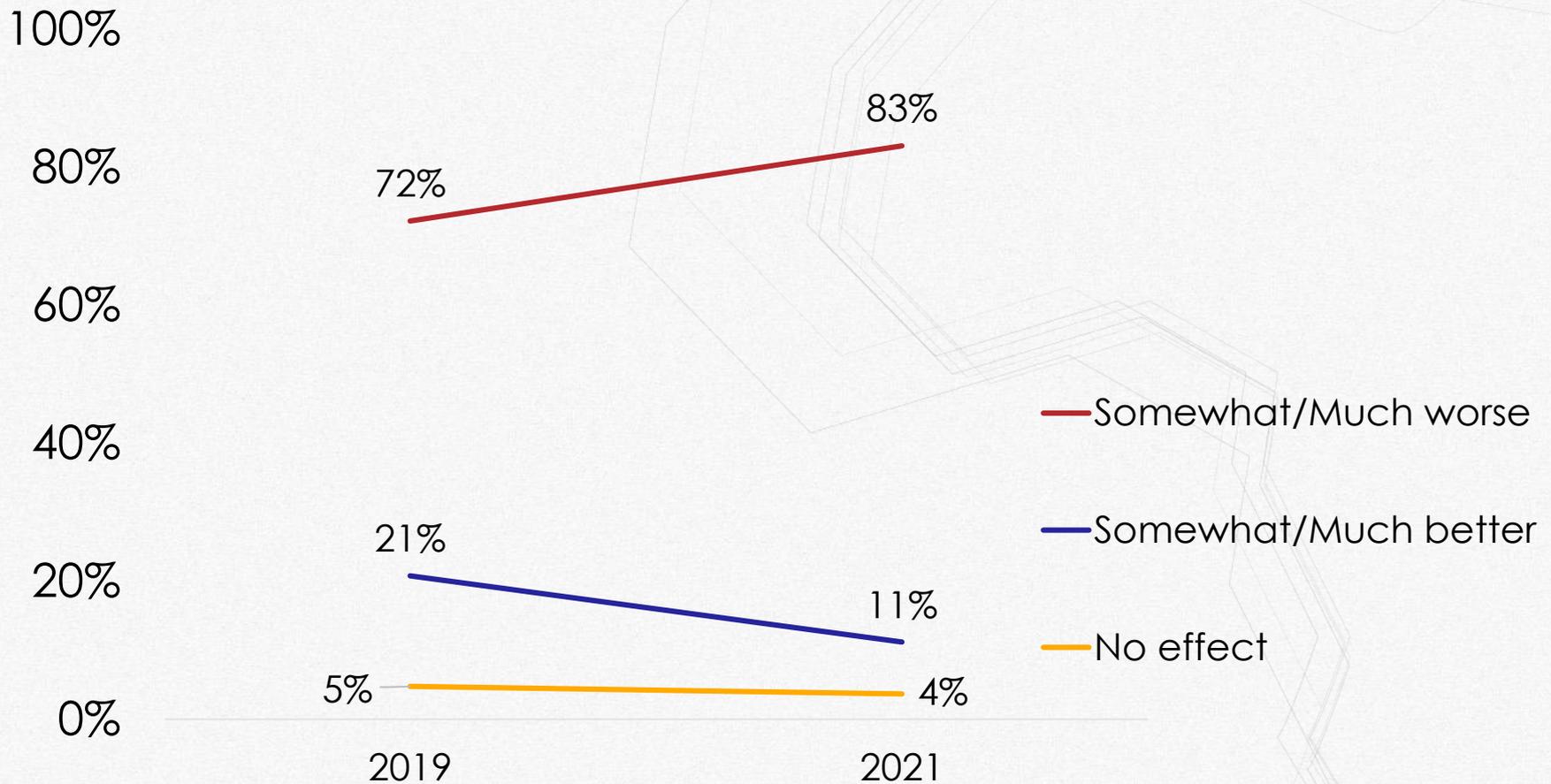


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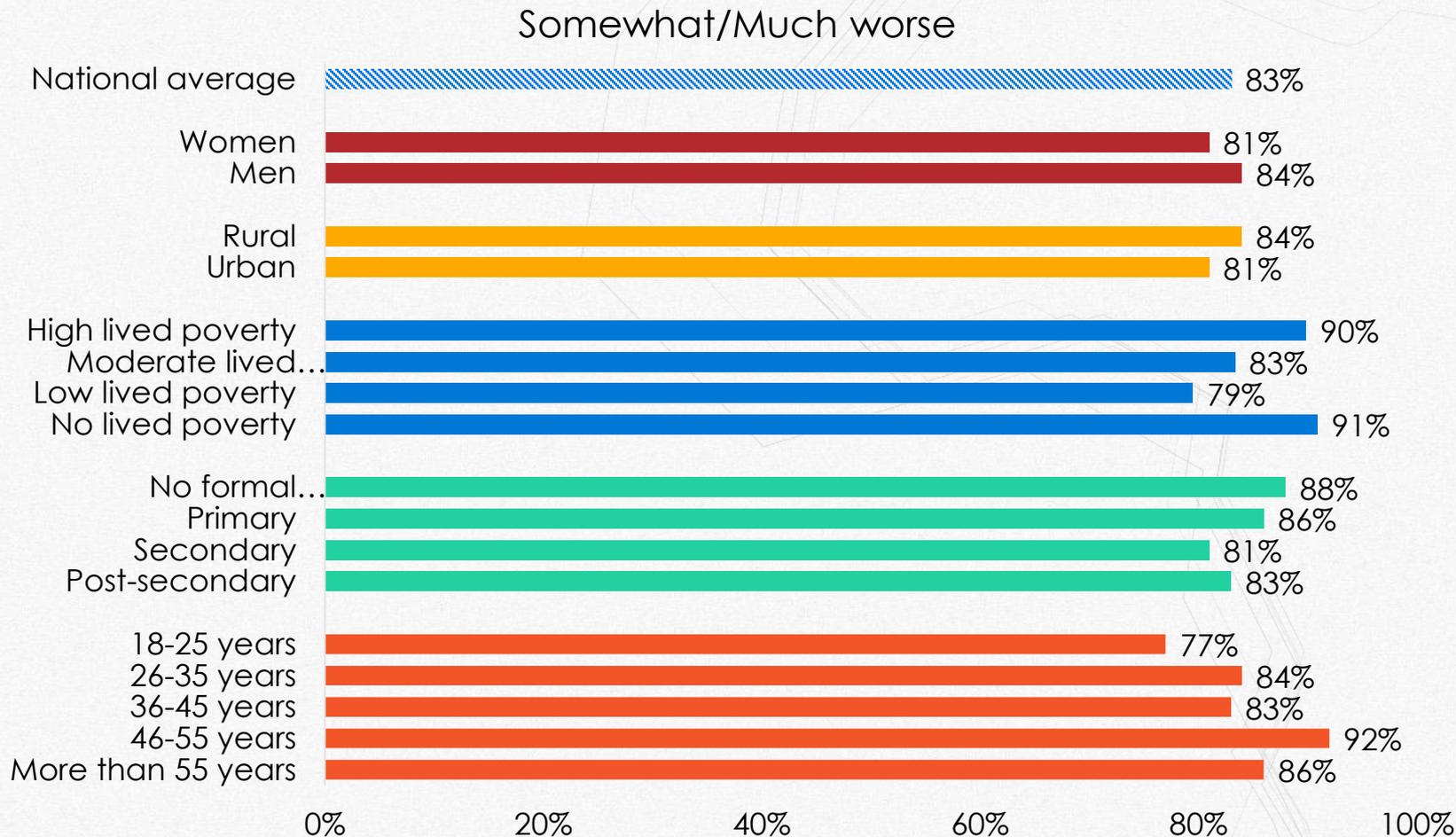
EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Effects of climate change | 2019-2022



Respondents who are aware of climate change were asked: Do you think climate change is making life in Kenya better or worse, or haven't you heard enough to say? (Respondents who are not aware of climate change are excluded.)

Climate change is making life worse | by demographic group | 2021

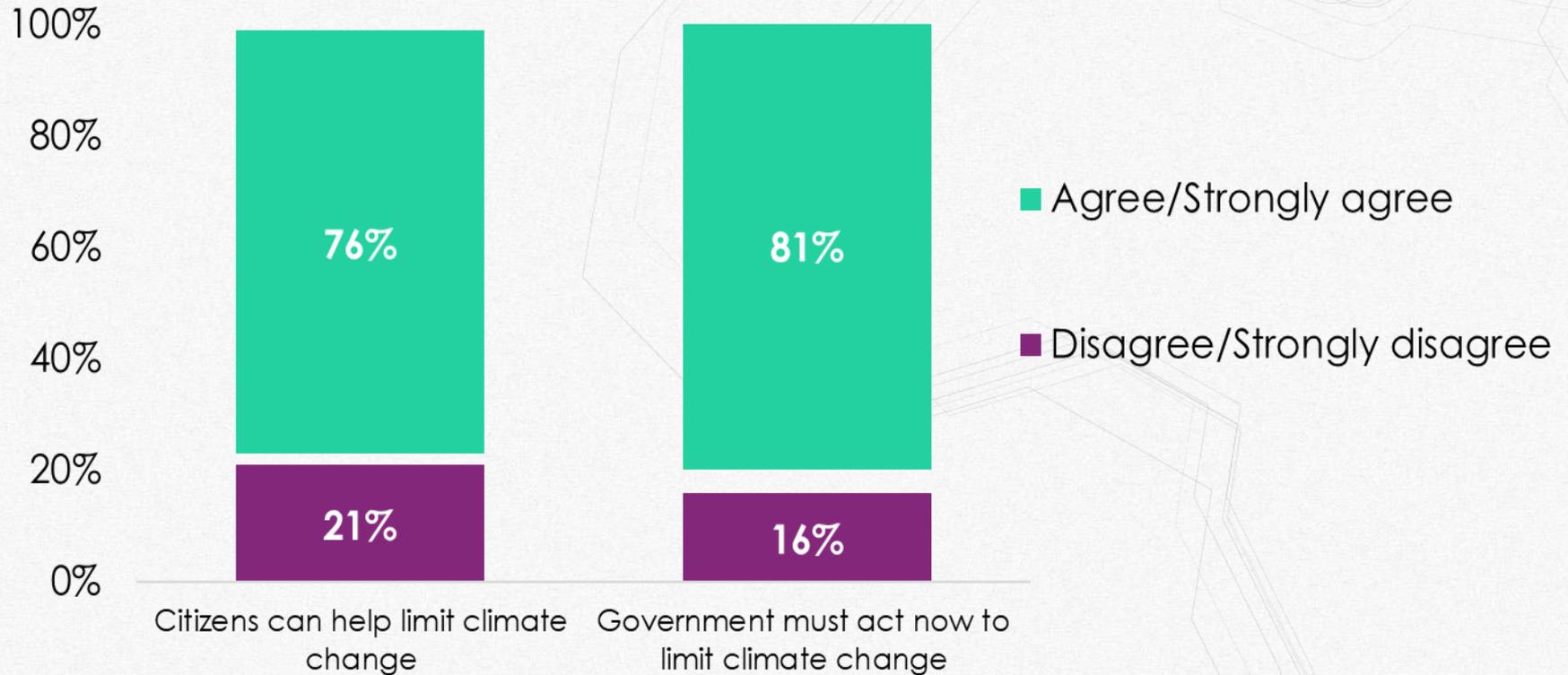


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FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

Limiting climate change | 2021



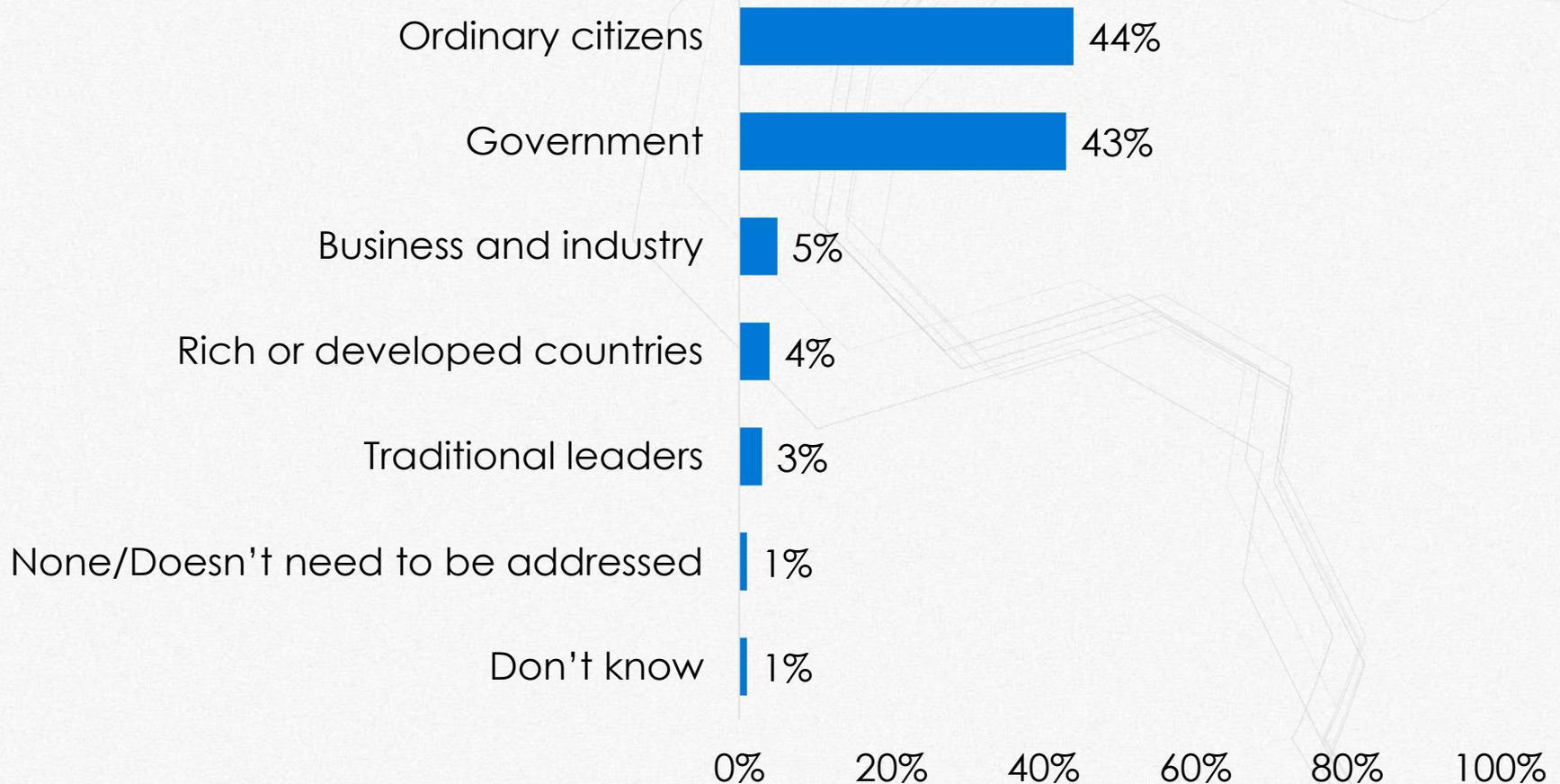
Respondents who are aware of climate change were asked: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree:

Ordinary Kenyan can play a role in limiting climate change.

It is important for our government to take steps now to limit climate change in the future, even if it is expensive or causes some job losses or other harm to our economy.

(Respondents who are not aware of climate change are excluded.)

Who has primary responsibility for limiting climate change? | 2021

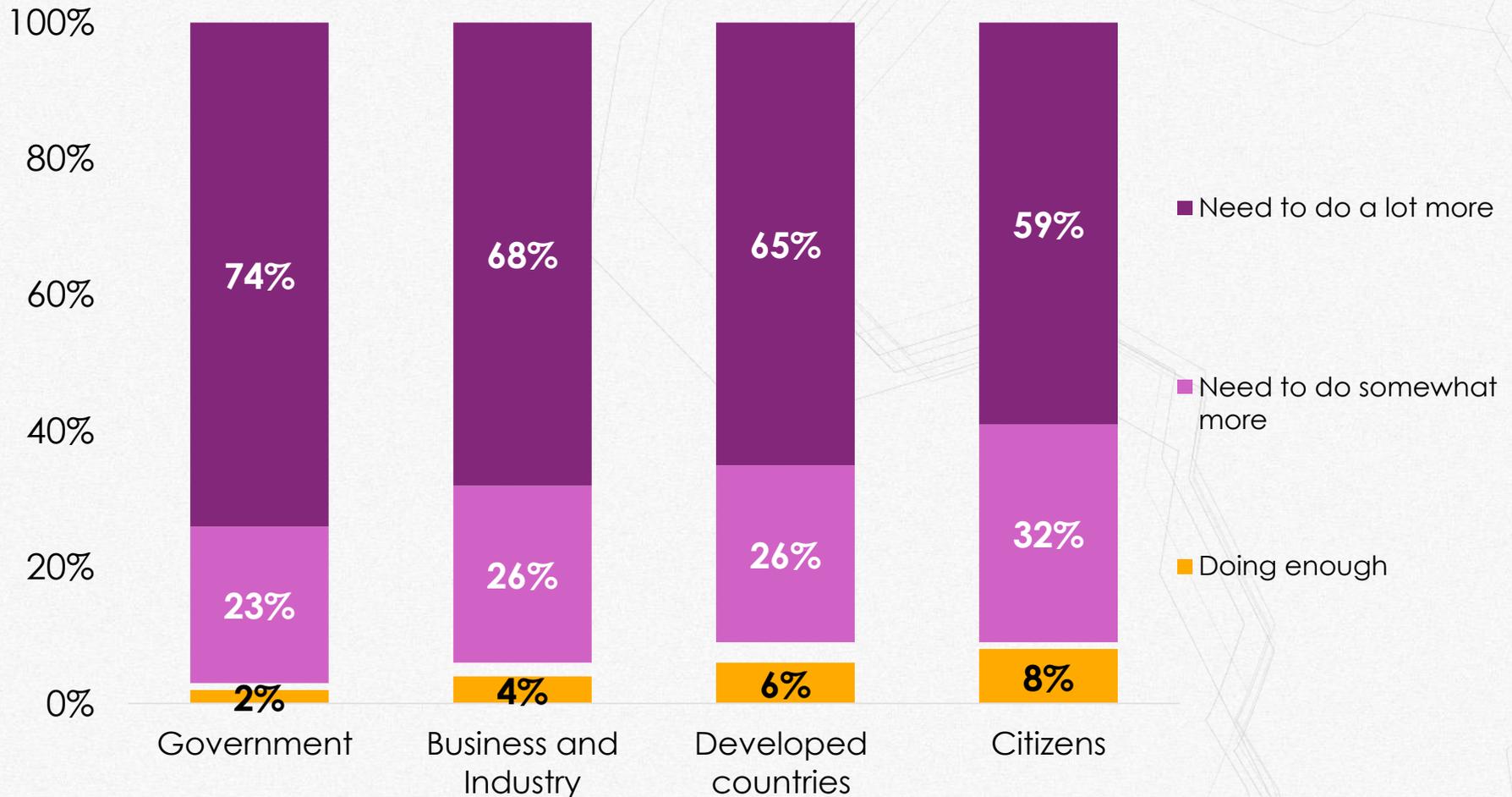


Respondents who are aware of climate change were asked: Who do you think should have primary responsibility for trying to limit climate change and reduce its impact? (Respondents who are not aware of climate change are excluded.)



SATISFACTION WITH FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Are stakeholders doing enough to limit climate change? | 2021



Respondents who are aware of climate change were asked: Do you think each of the following are doing enough to limit climate change, or do they need to do more, or haven't you heard enough to say? (Respondents who are not aware of climate change are excluded.)

Government performance in handling climate change | by demographic group | 2021



Respondents were asked: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Addressing the problem of climate change?



CONCLUSION



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- ❑ Awareness of climate change has declined.
- ❑ Climate change awareness is highest among men, the educated, and the urbanites.
- ❑ Climate change is making life in Kenya worse.
- ❑ Ordinary citizens can help curb climate change.
- ❑ Kenyans want the government to take immediate action to limit climate change, even if it is expensive, causes job losses, or takes a toll on the economy.

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