



# Gender and civic engagement

Findings from Afrobarometer Round 9 survey in Kenya



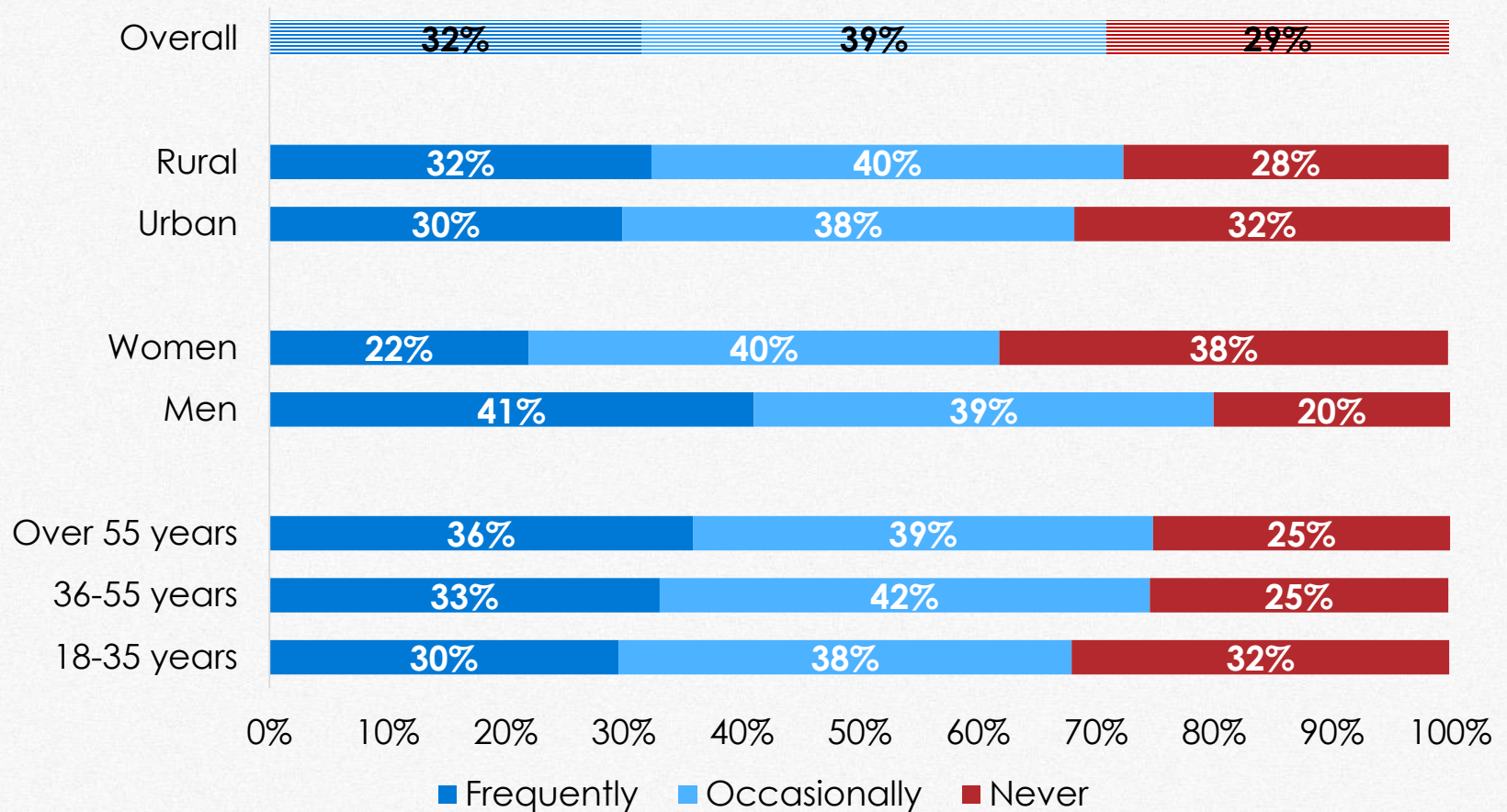
# Civic engagement

# Key findings



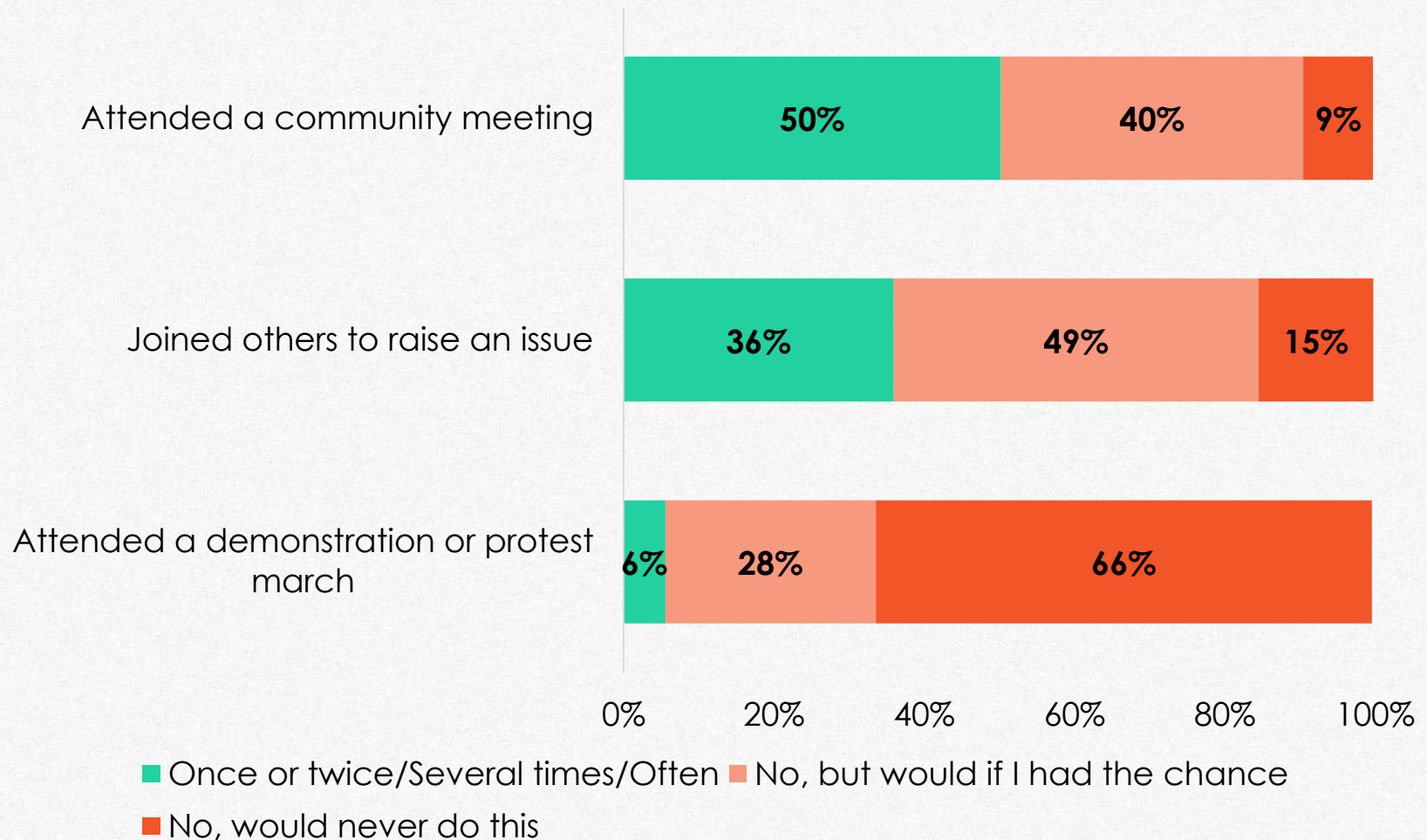
- One-third (32%) of Kenyans say they “frequently” discuss politics with friends and family. Almost as many (29%) say they “never” do.
- Half (50%) of citizens say they attended a community meeting during the previous year.
- One-third (32%) of Kenyans say they contacted a traditional leader during the previous year, while fewer contacted a local government councillor (26%) or a member of Parliament (14%).

# How often discuss politics | Kenya | 2021



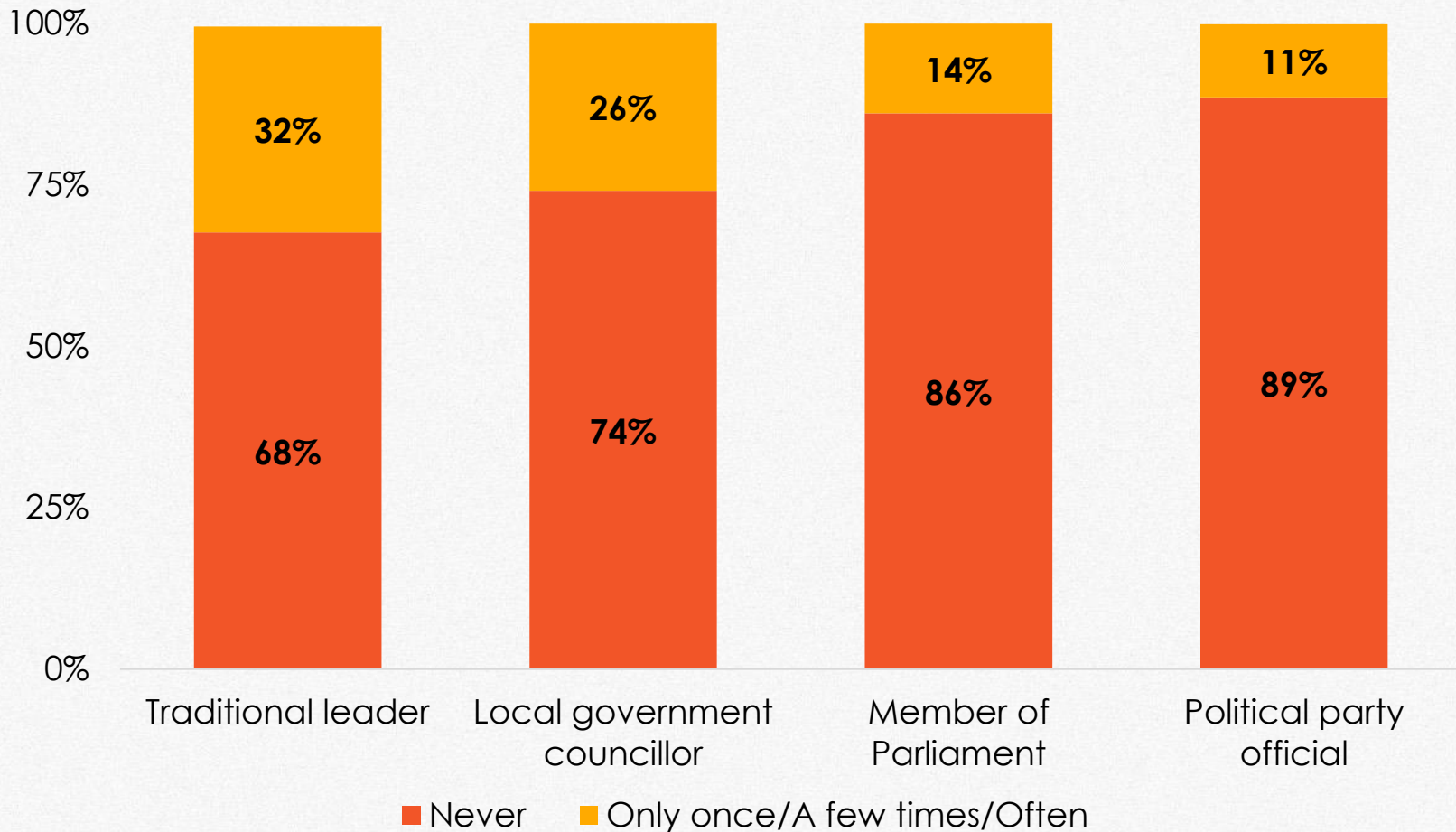
**Respondents were asked:** When you get together with your friends or family, how often would you say you discuss political matters?

# Participation | Kenya | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year.

# Contacted leaders | Kenya | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views?

# Gender equality

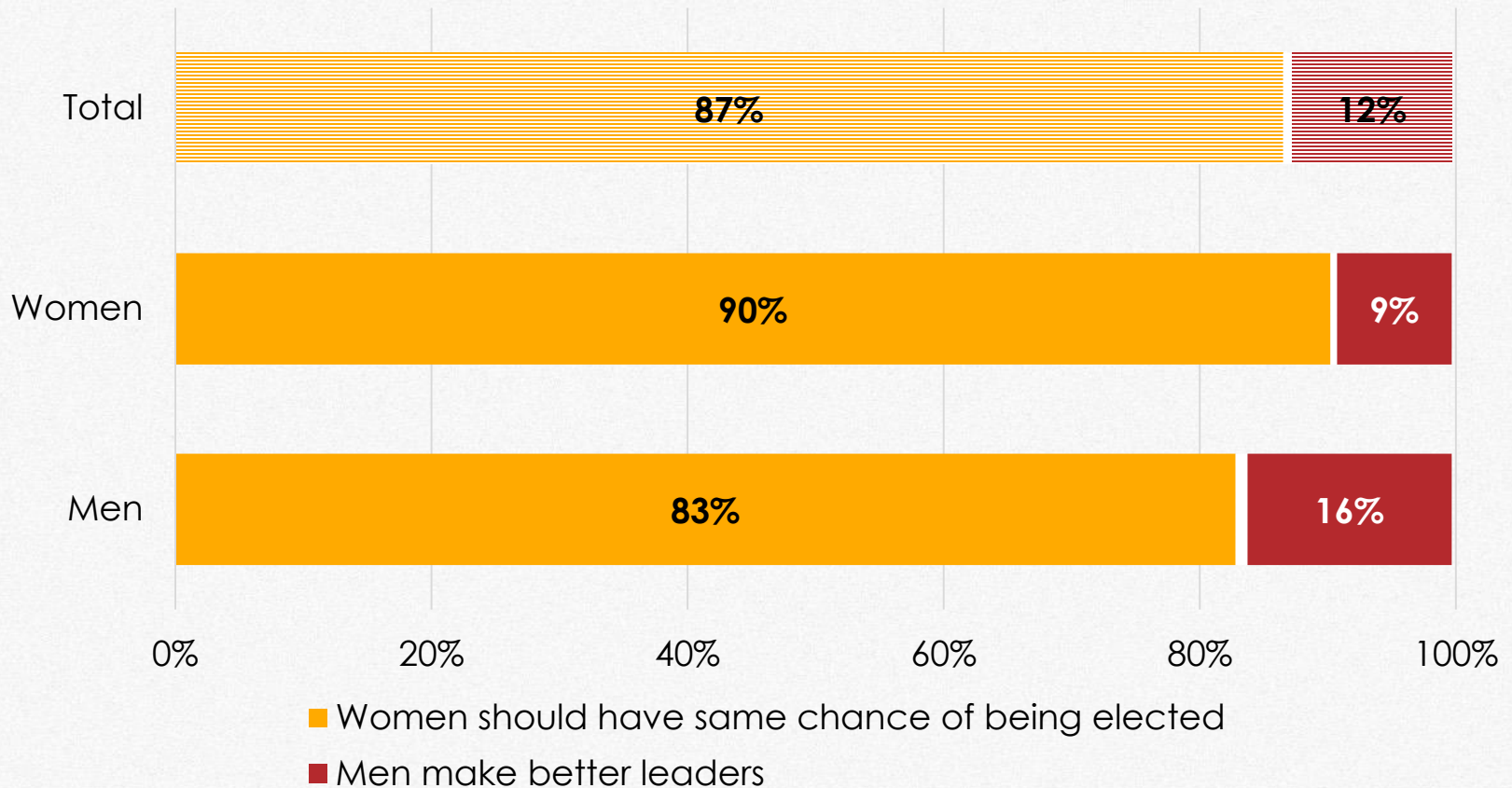
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- By large majorities, Kenyans say women should have the same rights as men to own and inherit land (72%) and to get a job (70%).
- Almost nine out of 10 citizens (87%) say women should have the same chance as men of being elected to political office.
- A majority (62%) of Kenyans say the government is doing a “fairly” or “very” good job of promoting equal rights for women.
- Citizens rank gender-based violence (GBV) as the most important women’s-rights issue that the government and society must address.



# Men vs. women leaders | by gender | Kenya | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

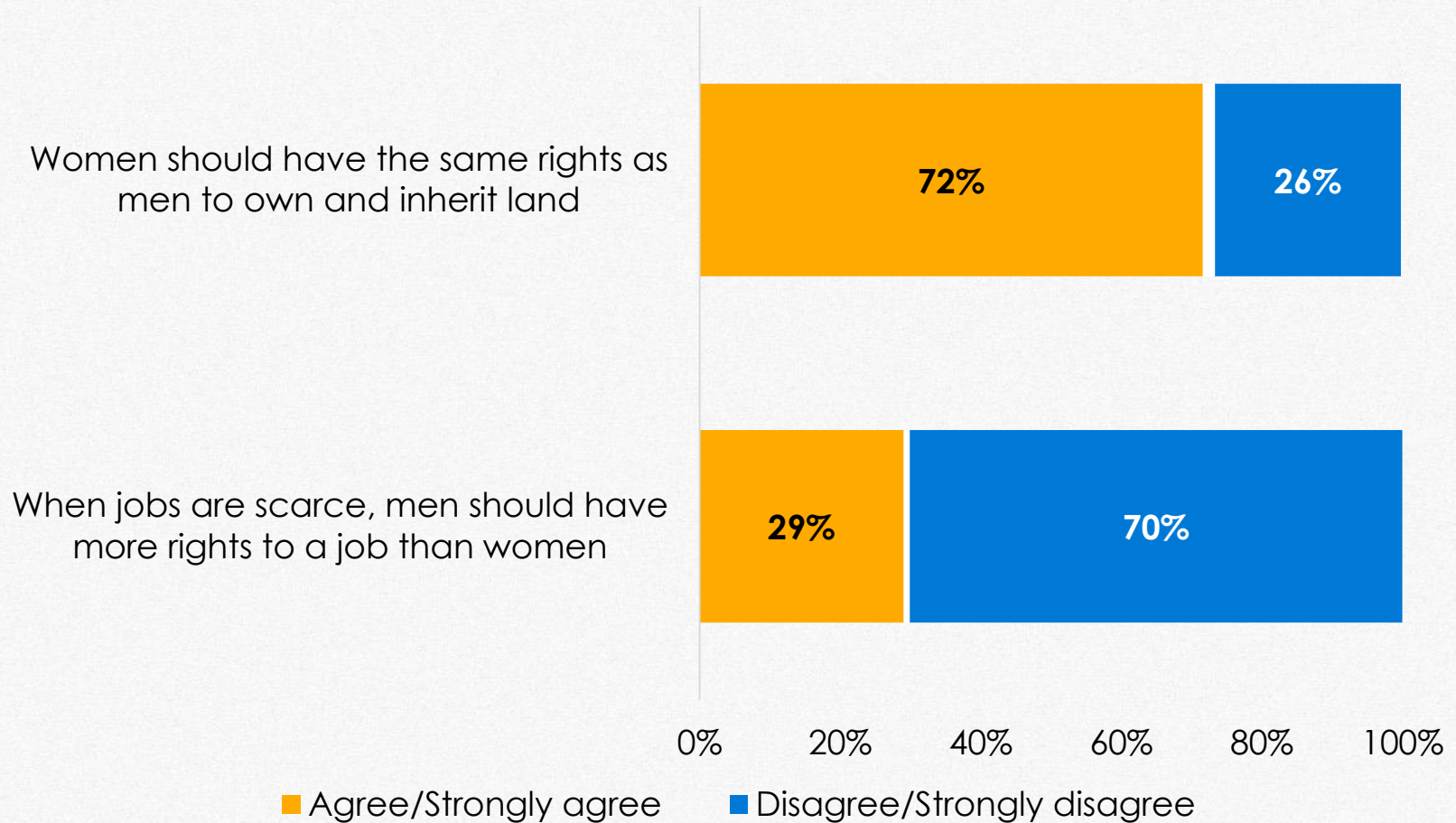
Statement 1: Men make better political leaders than women, and should be elected rather than women.

Statement 2: Women should have the same chance of being elected to political office as men.

(% who "agree" or "strongly agree" with each statement)

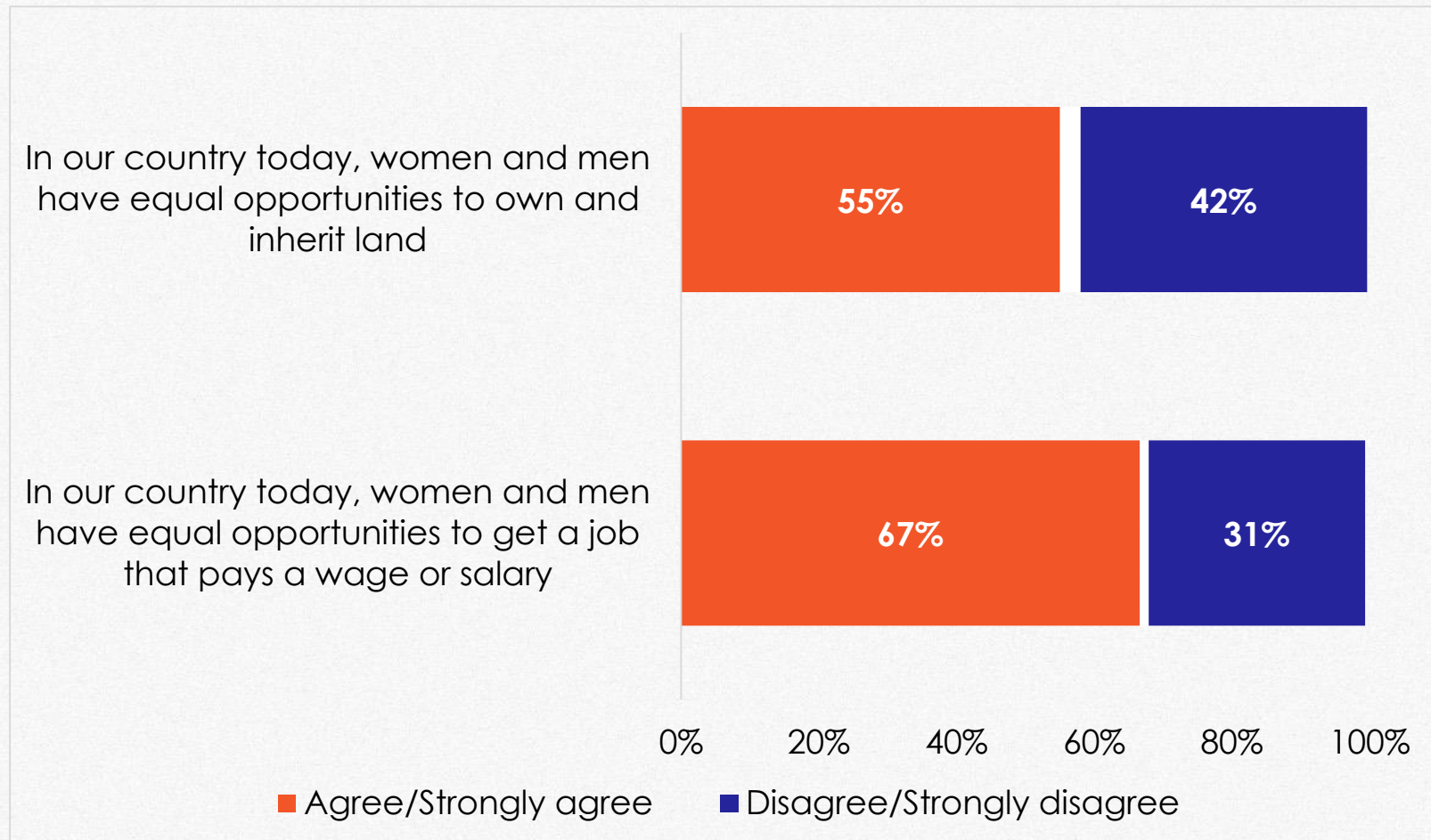
# Should women have equal rights to land and jobs?

| Kenya | 2021



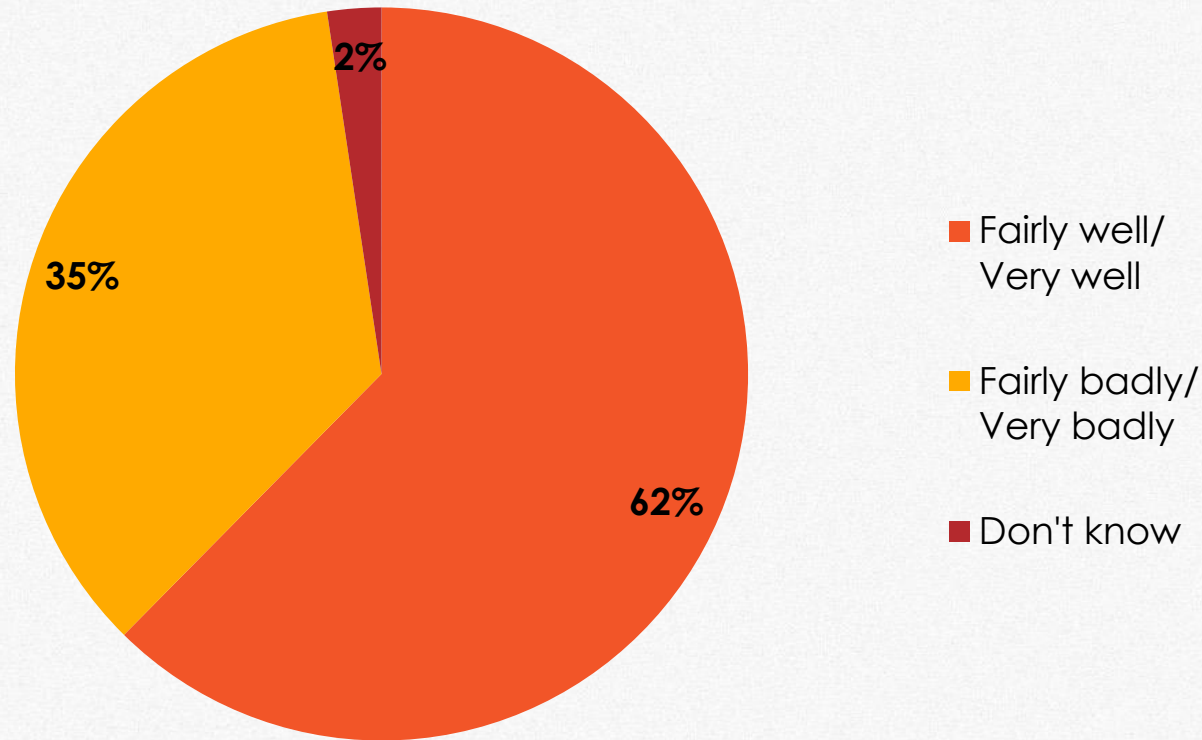
**Respondents were asked:** For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree.

# Do women in fact have equal rights to land and jobs? | Kenya | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree.

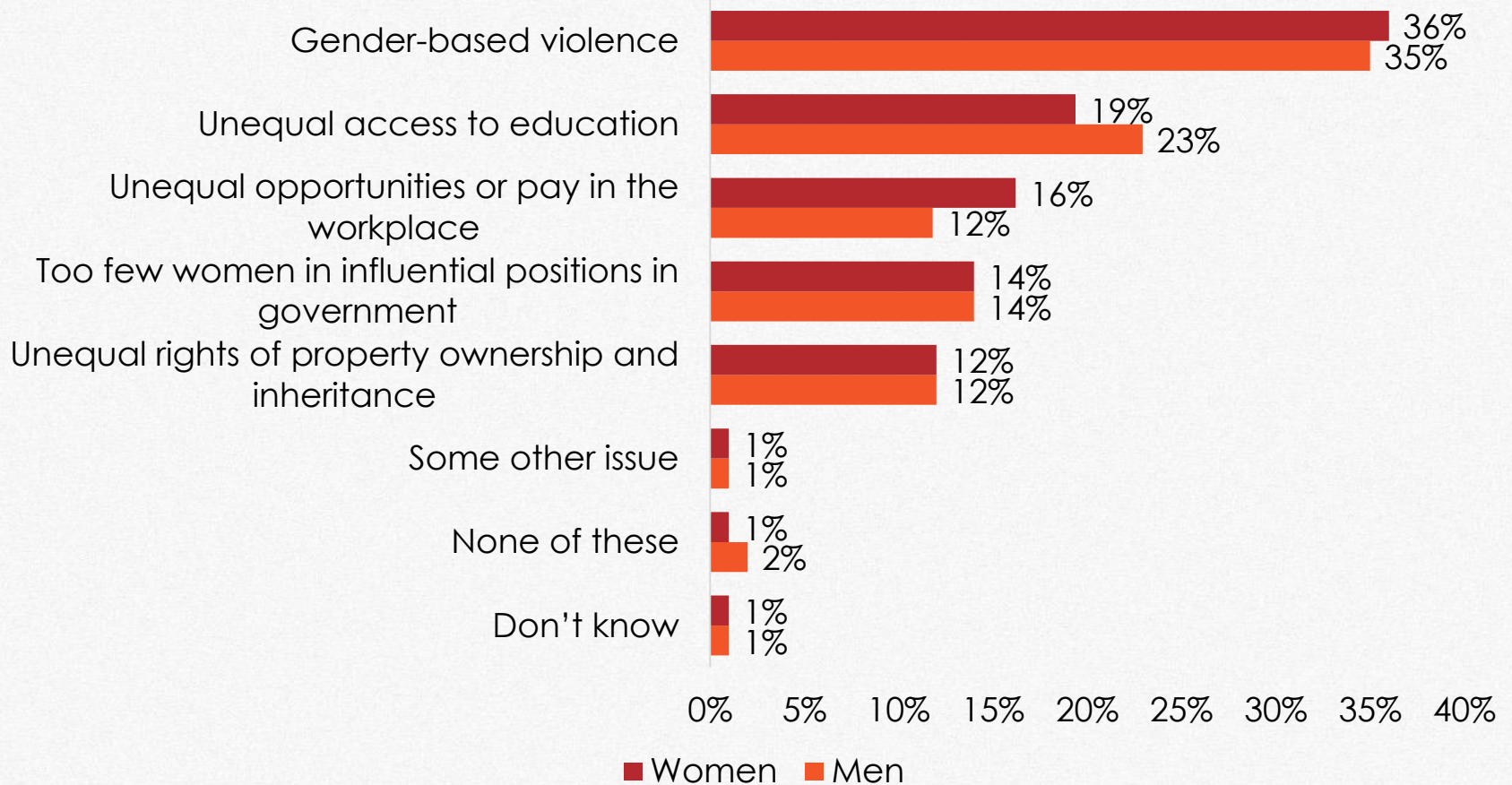
# Government performance on promoting equal rights for women | Kenya | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** How well or badly would you say the current government is promoting equal rights and opportunities for women, or haven't you heard enough to say?

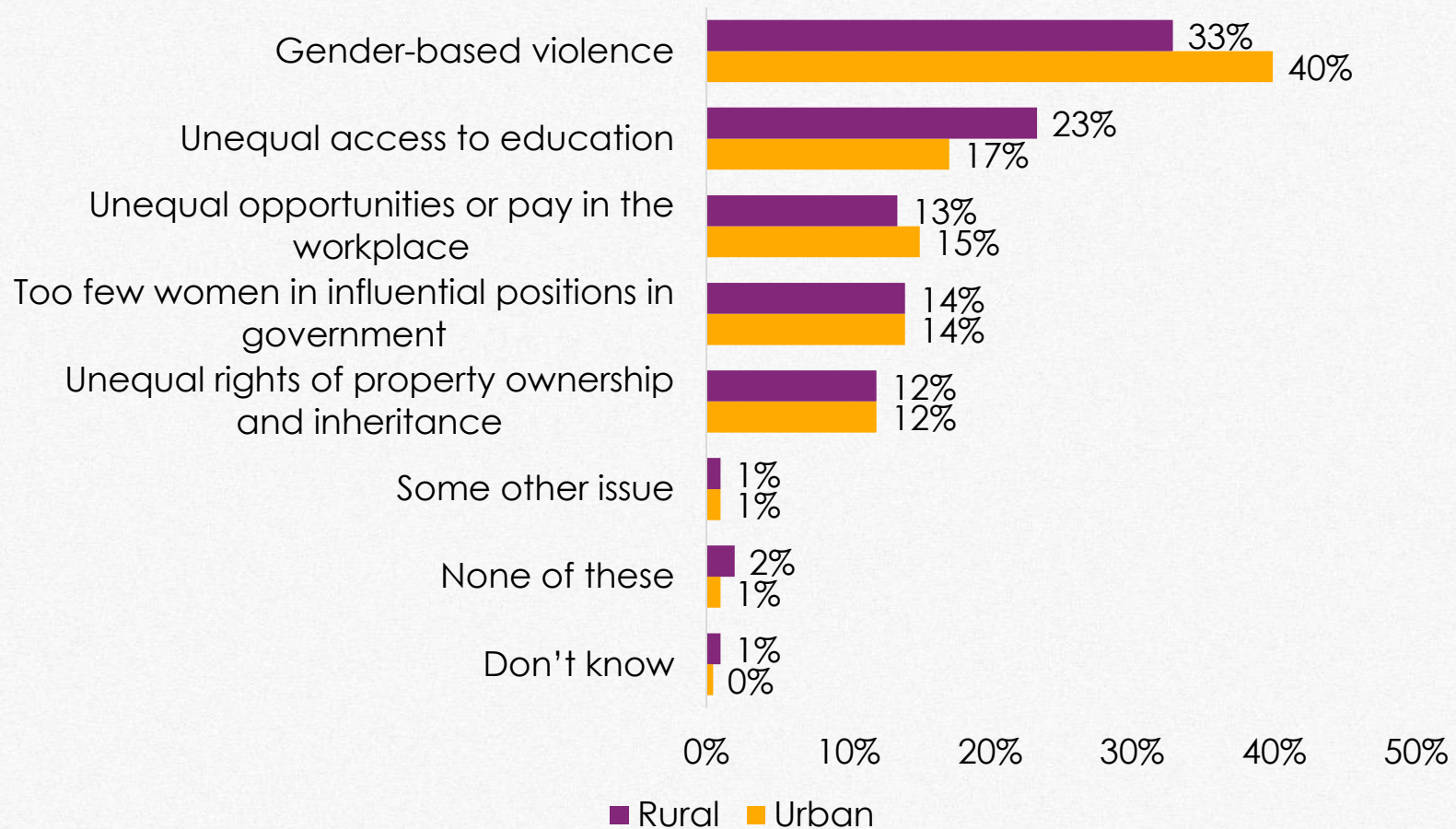
# Most important women's-rights issue | by gender

## | Kenya | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** In your opinion, which of the following issues related to women's rights and equality do you think is the most important for our government and society to address?

# Most important women's-rights issue | by urban-rural location | Kenya | 2021



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- Most Kenyans support equal rights for women when it comes to land and jobs. But fewer think that equality has been achieved in these areas.
- Most also endorse gender equality in electoral politics, though the reality indicates that more efforts are needed to achieve parity.
- Kenyans see gender-based violence as the most important women's-rights issue to address, suggesting that the government and society need to work closely to find context-specific solutions in addition to existing legislation.



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