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# **Attitudes towards war crimes issues, ICTY and the national judiciary**

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## METHODOLOGY

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**Data collection method:** 'face-to-face' at respondents' homes,

**Target population:** citizens of Serbia of the age of 16 and up. The population was defined based on the data from the 2002 census, and vital statistics.

**Type of sample:** three-phase, stratified, random representative sample. The sample was expanded with three groups of particular interest (citizens aged from 16 - 23, Albanians and Bosniaks/Muslims) in order to enable a reliable assessment of results for these population groups and their comparison with the average of the overall population of Serbia.

**Size of sample:** 1407 respondents

**Sample error:** marginal error (incidence 50%) +/- 3.00%

The survey was conducted from 27 September to 18 October 2011

**Note:** *Whenever possible, the new results were given in comparison with the results from previous surveys (2001 to 2009), that were conducted in cooperation with the B92 TV (2001) and OSCE and Belgrade Centre for Human Rights (2004 to 2009)*

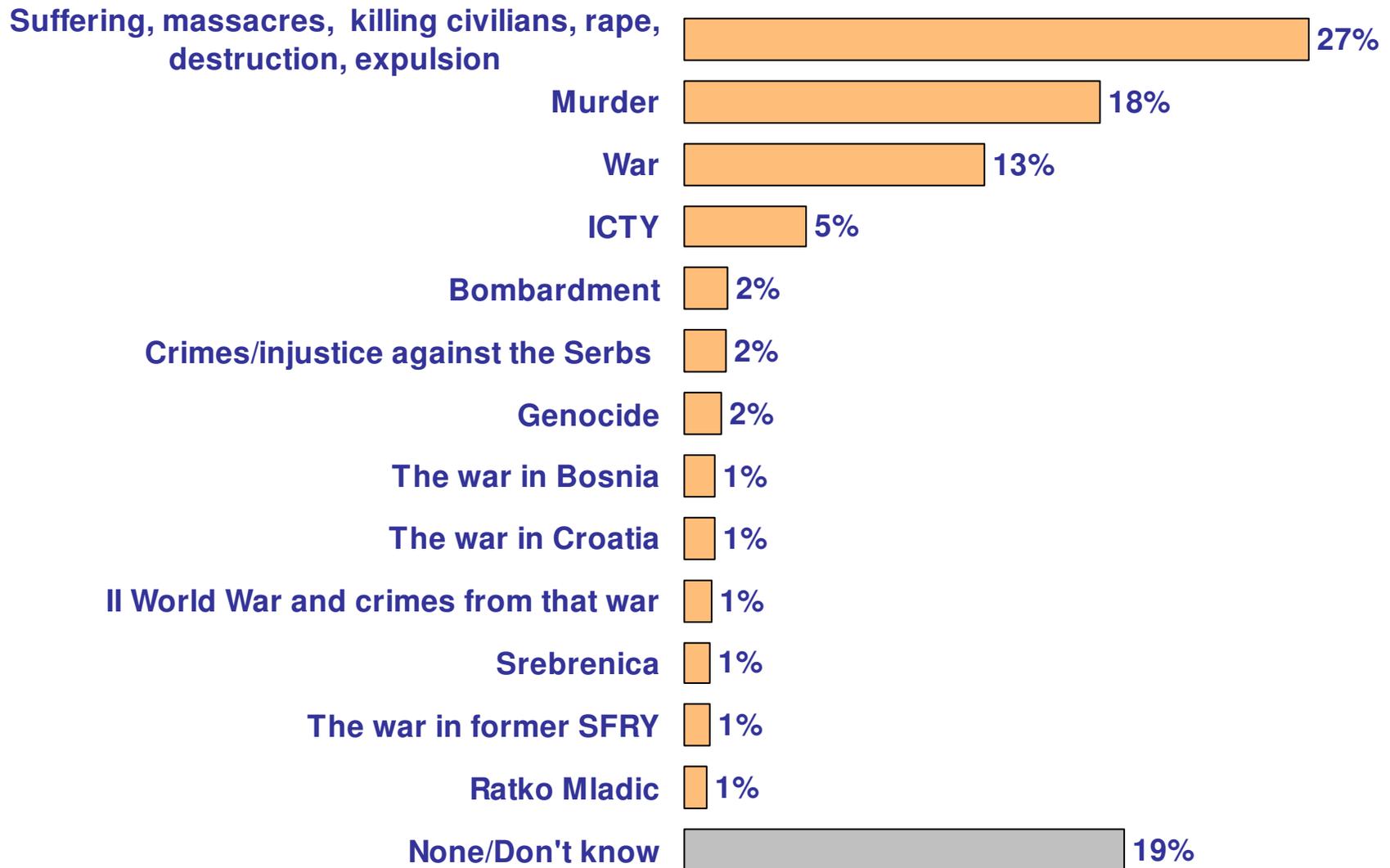
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- INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR FORMER YUGOSLAVIA – Perceptions and attitudes
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# WAR CRIMES

## - GENERAL UNDERSTANDING -

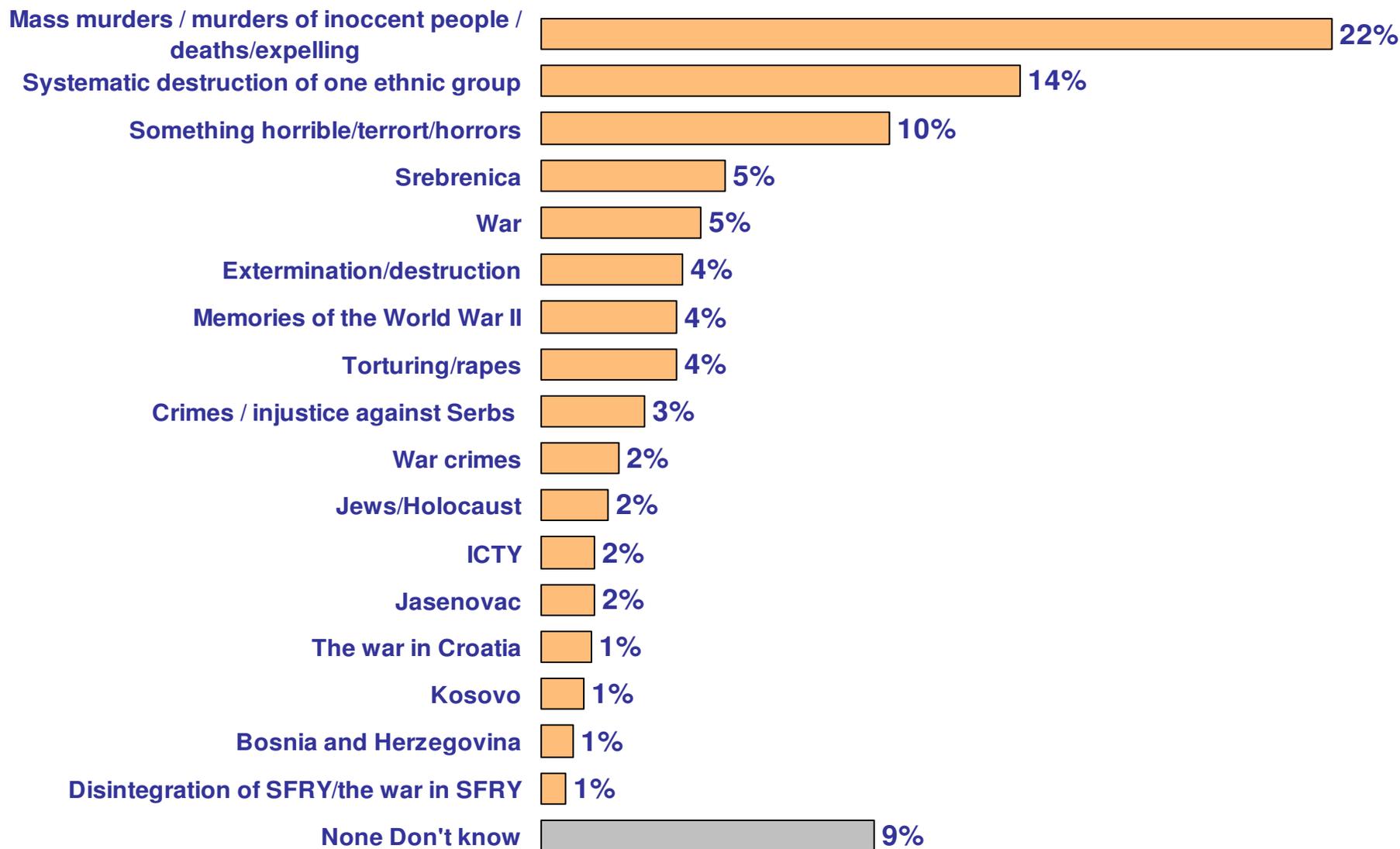
## When you hear or see the words „war crime“, what comes to your mind first?

Multiple answers; Base: Total target population



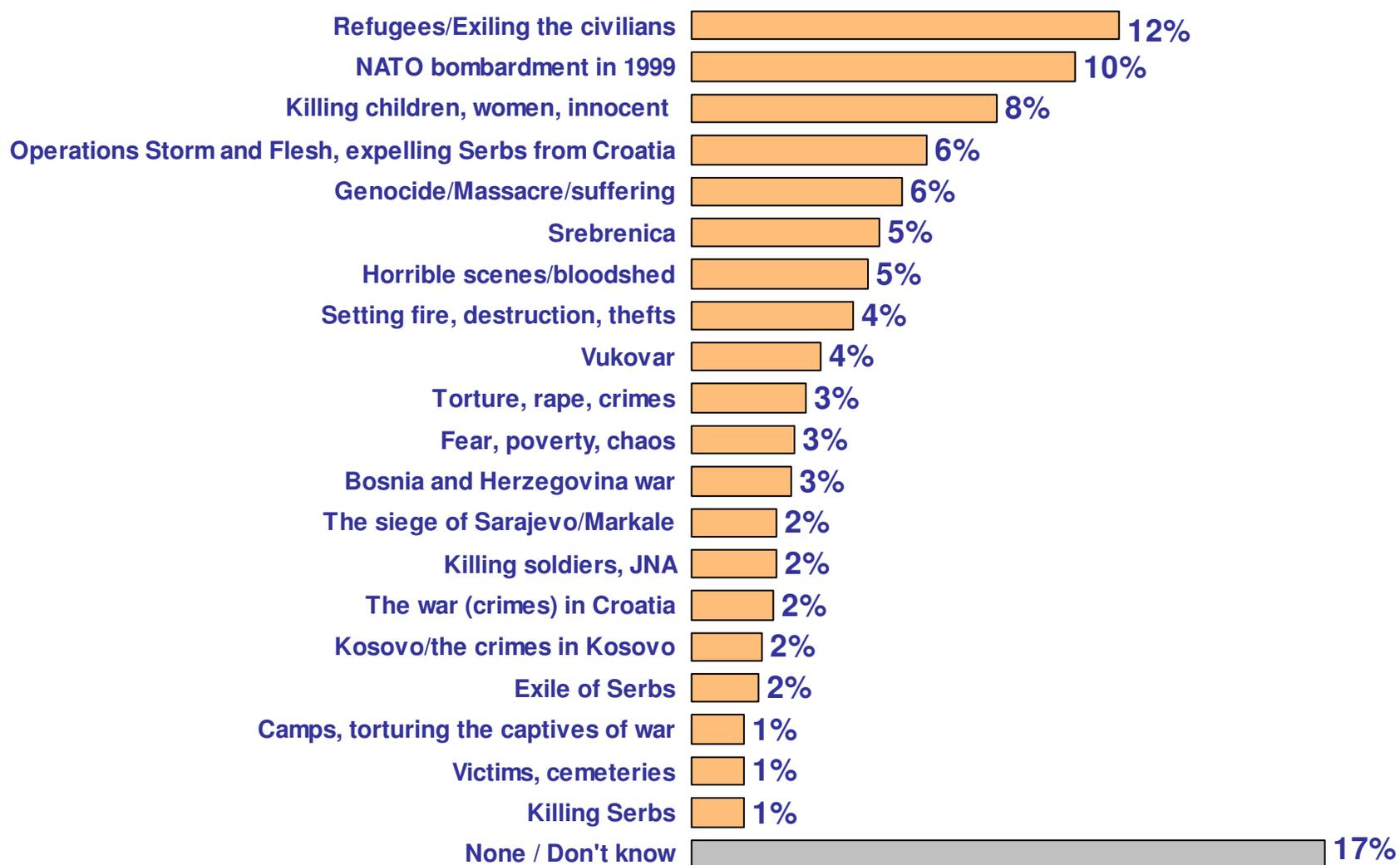
## When you hear or see the word „genocide“, what comes to your mind first?

Multiple answers; Base: Total target population



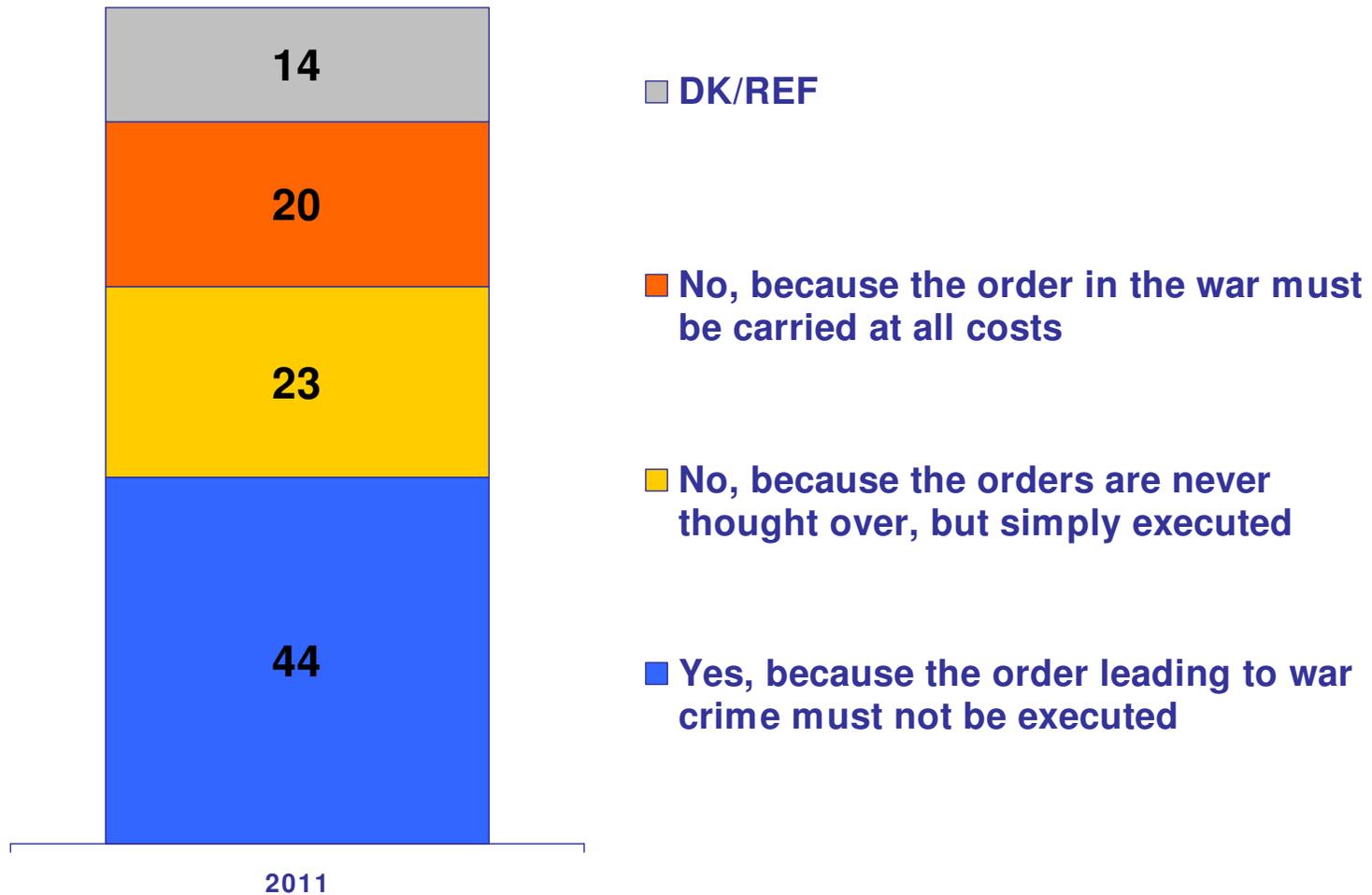
## And when you think of the wars in the 90-ties on the territory of former SFRY, which scene of war crimes comes to your mind?

Multiple answers; Base: Total target population



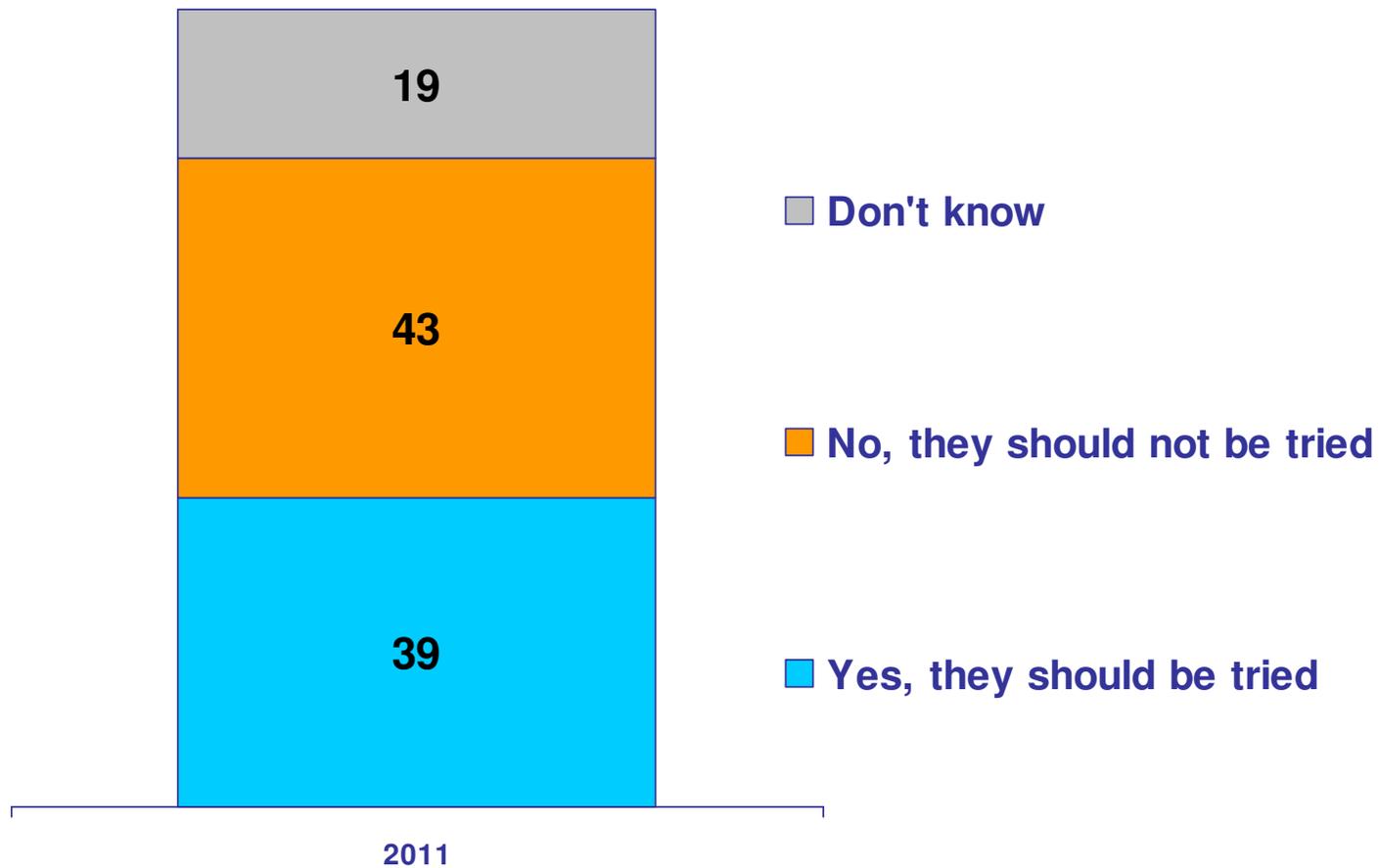
## Do you think that anyone should be held responsible for war crime if committed by order of a superior officer?

Base: Total target population



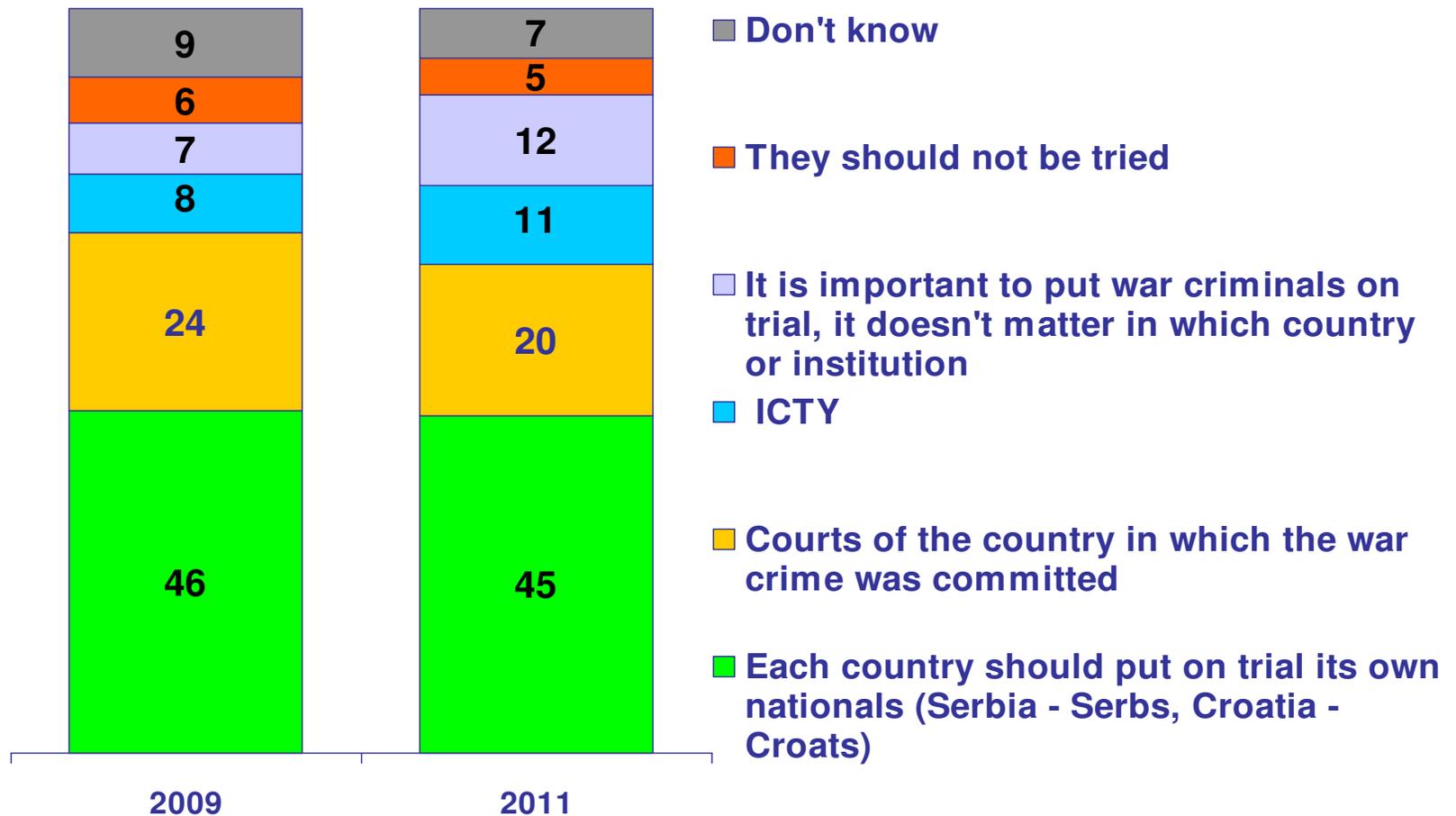
**Do you think that officers who didn't order the war crime, but also didn't prevent it and didn't punish the wrongdoers should be tried?**

Base: Total target population



## In your opinion which institution, in which country, should be in charge of trials for war crimes committed on the territory of former SFRY?

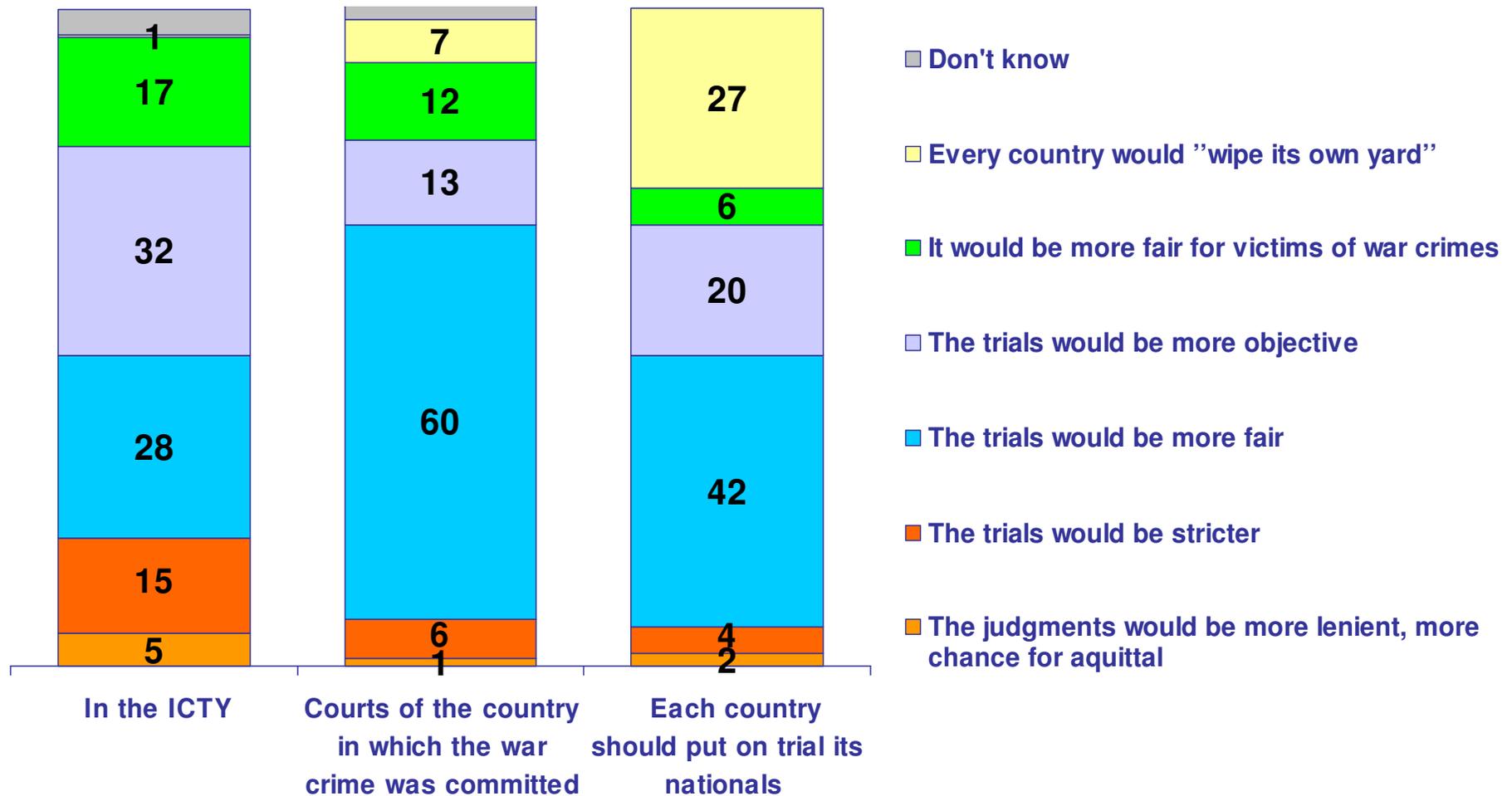
Base: Total target population





## Why do you think that this institution / country should be in charge of trials for war crimes committed on the territory of former SFRY?

Base: Those who think that: ICTY should be in charge (11%), Courts of the country in which the war crime was committed (20%), and each country for its nationals (45%)



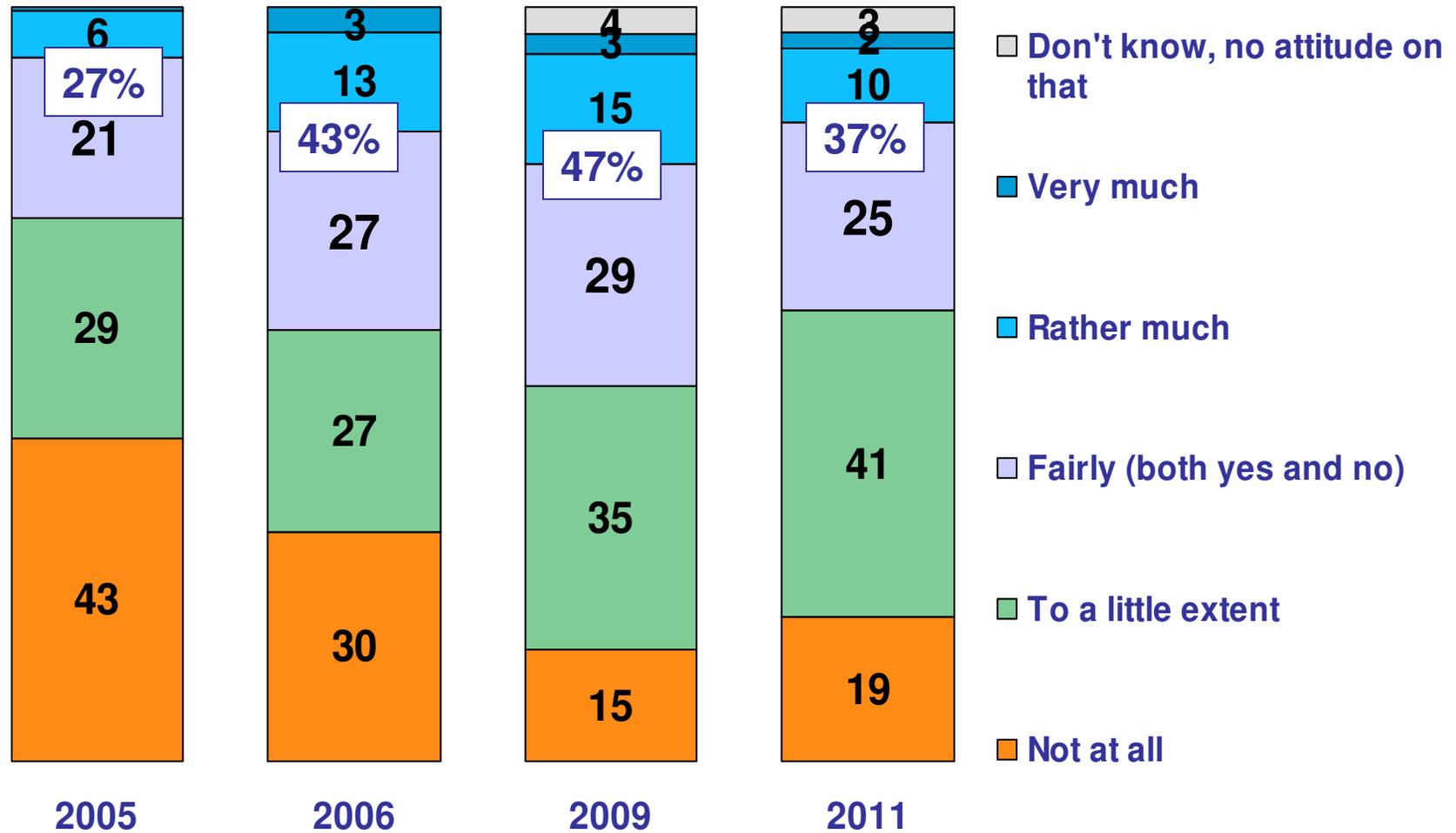


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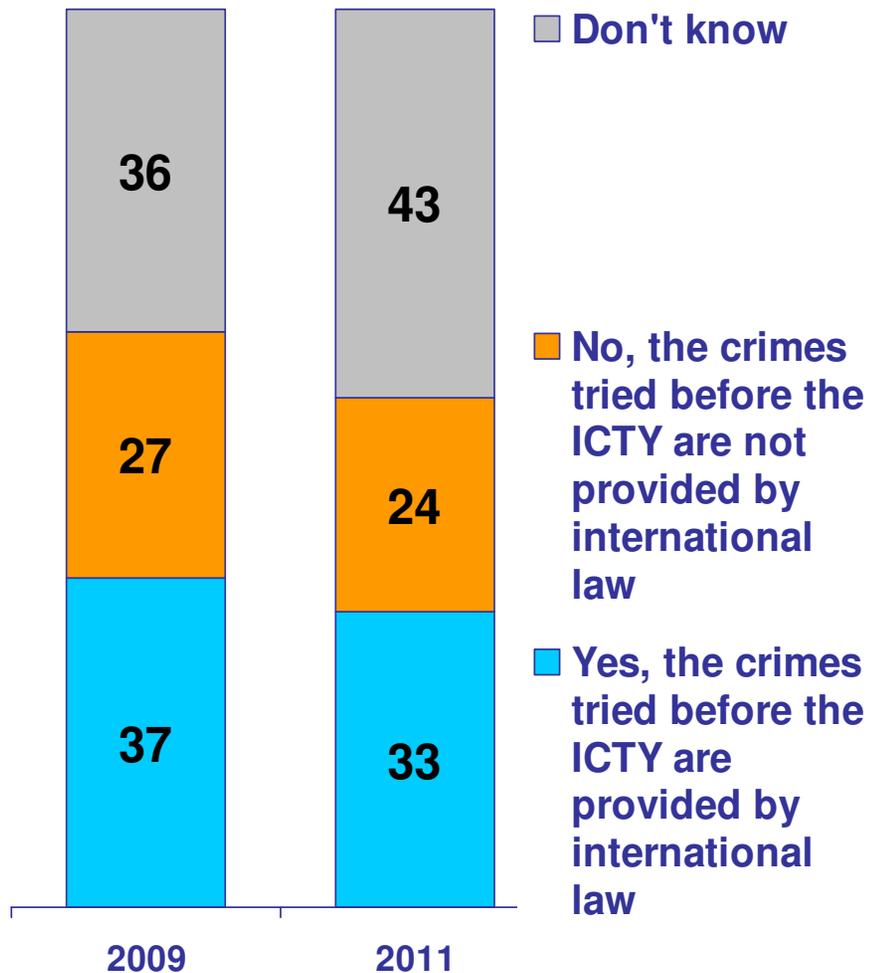
# INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

- PERCEPTIONS AND ATTITUDES -

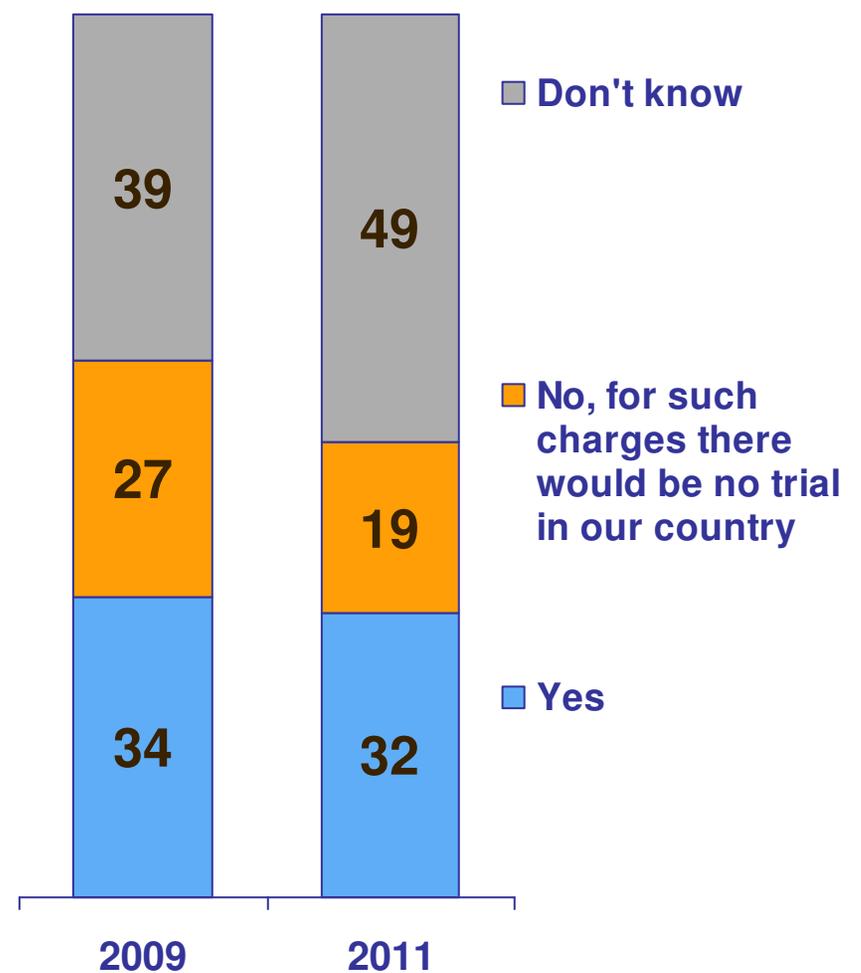
## To what extent do you think that you are familiar with the organization and work of the ICTY?



**Are the crimes tried before the ICTY provided by international law?**

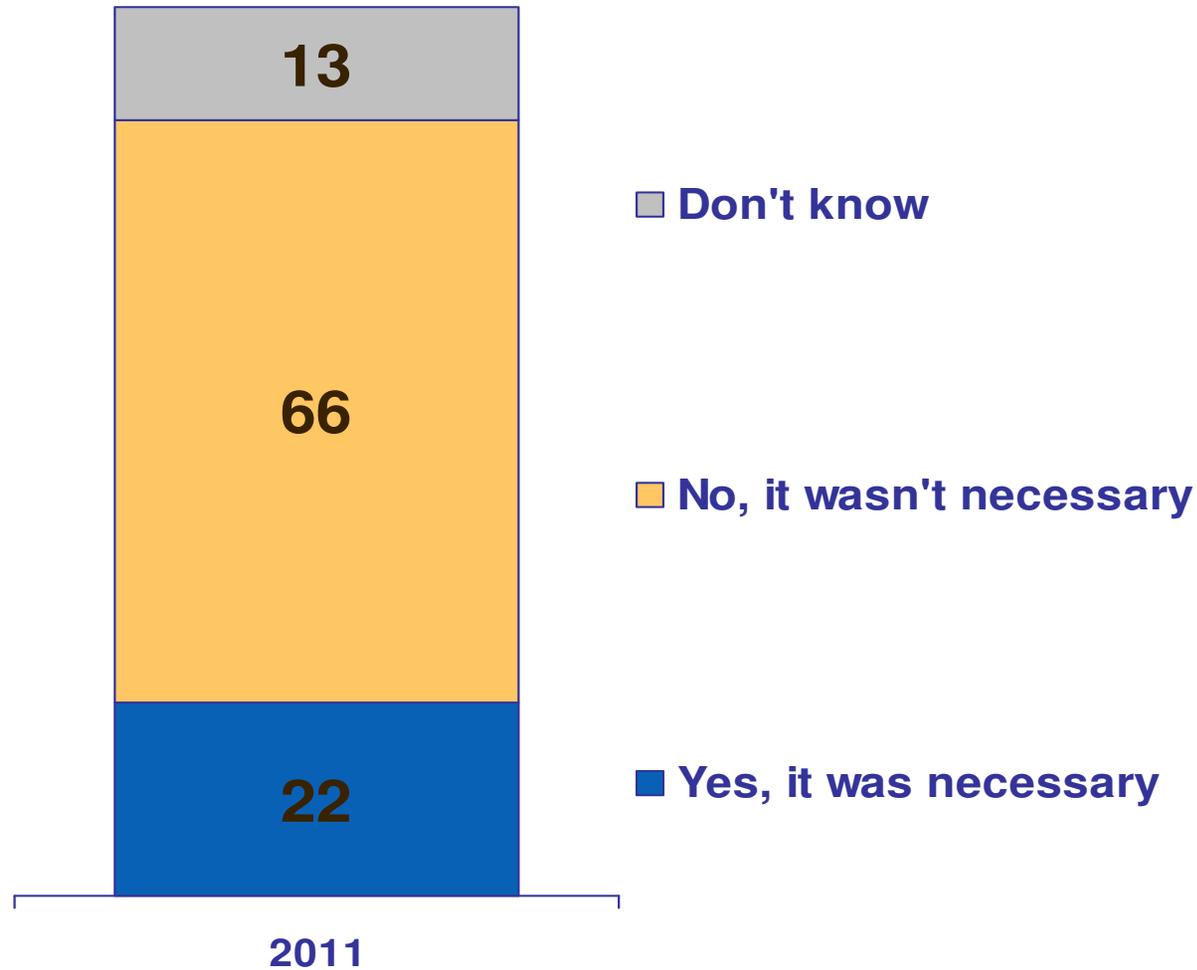


**Are the crimes tried before the ICTY criminal offenses under the Serbian law (provided by the Serbian legal system)?**



## Do you think that establishment of the ICTY was necessary?

Base: Total target population



## In your opinion, what is the primary purpose of war crimes trials before the ICTY? Which of the following opinions comes closest to your own?

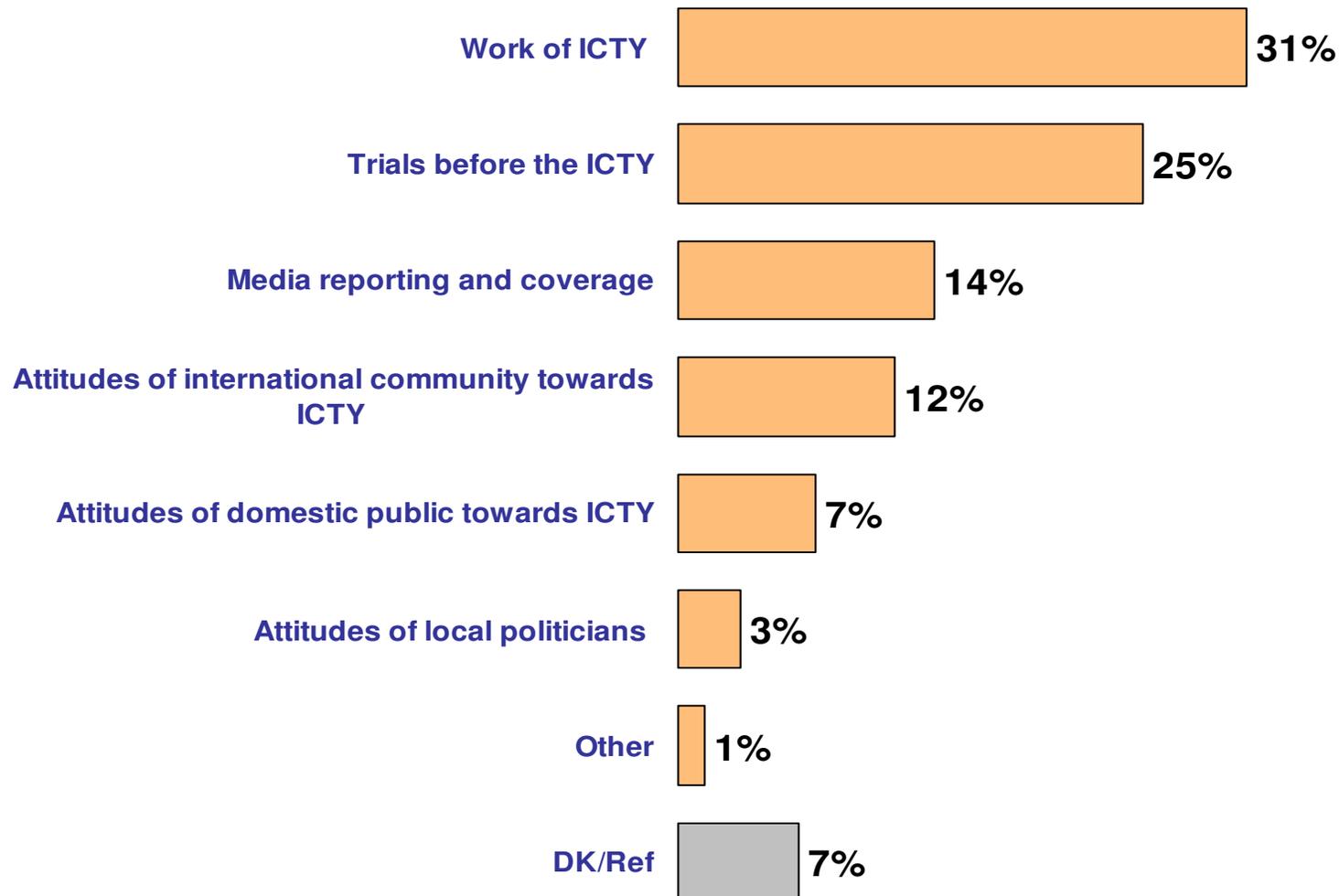
Base: Total target population



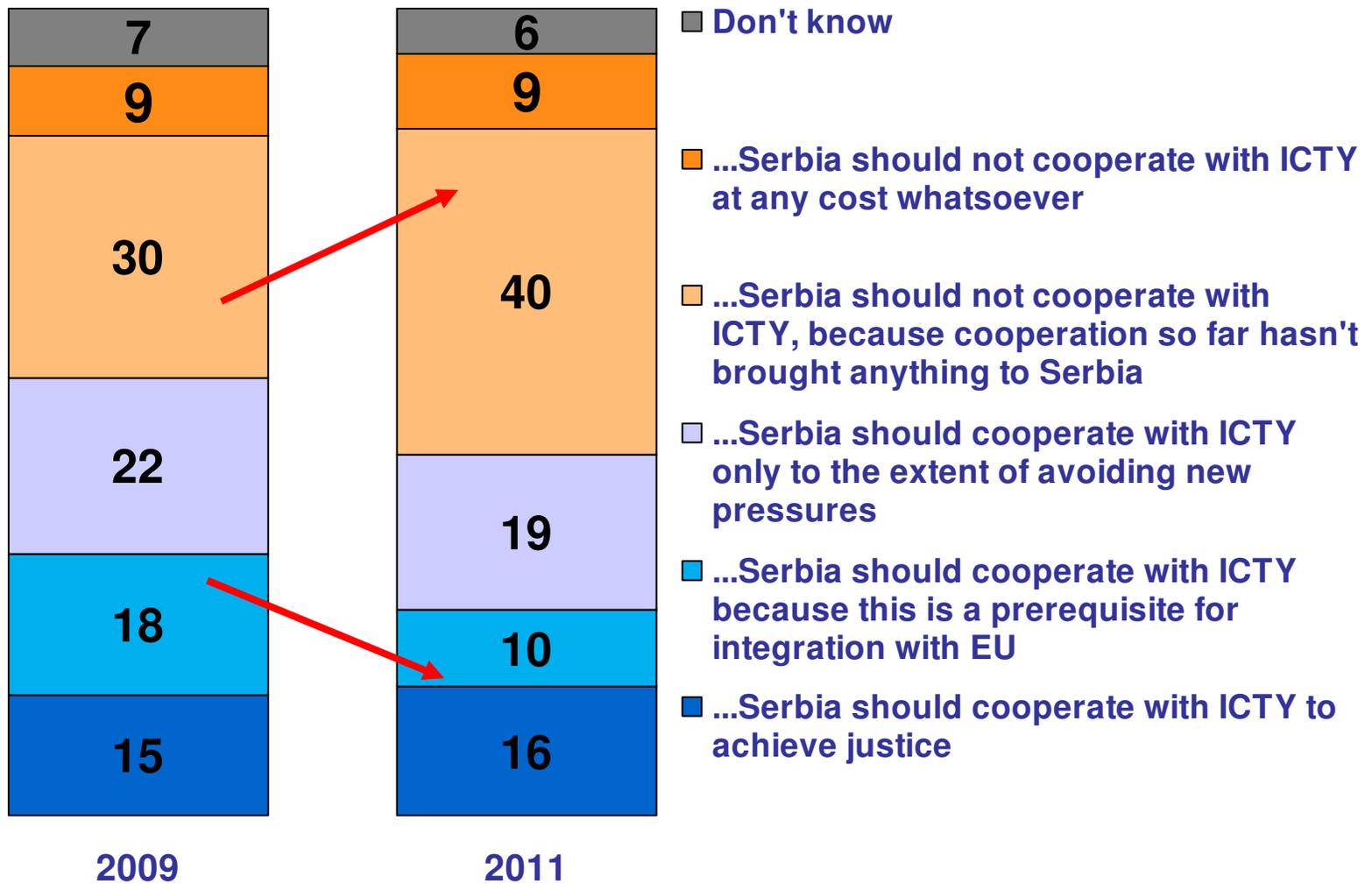
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## What influenced you the most to form such attitude?

Base: Total target population

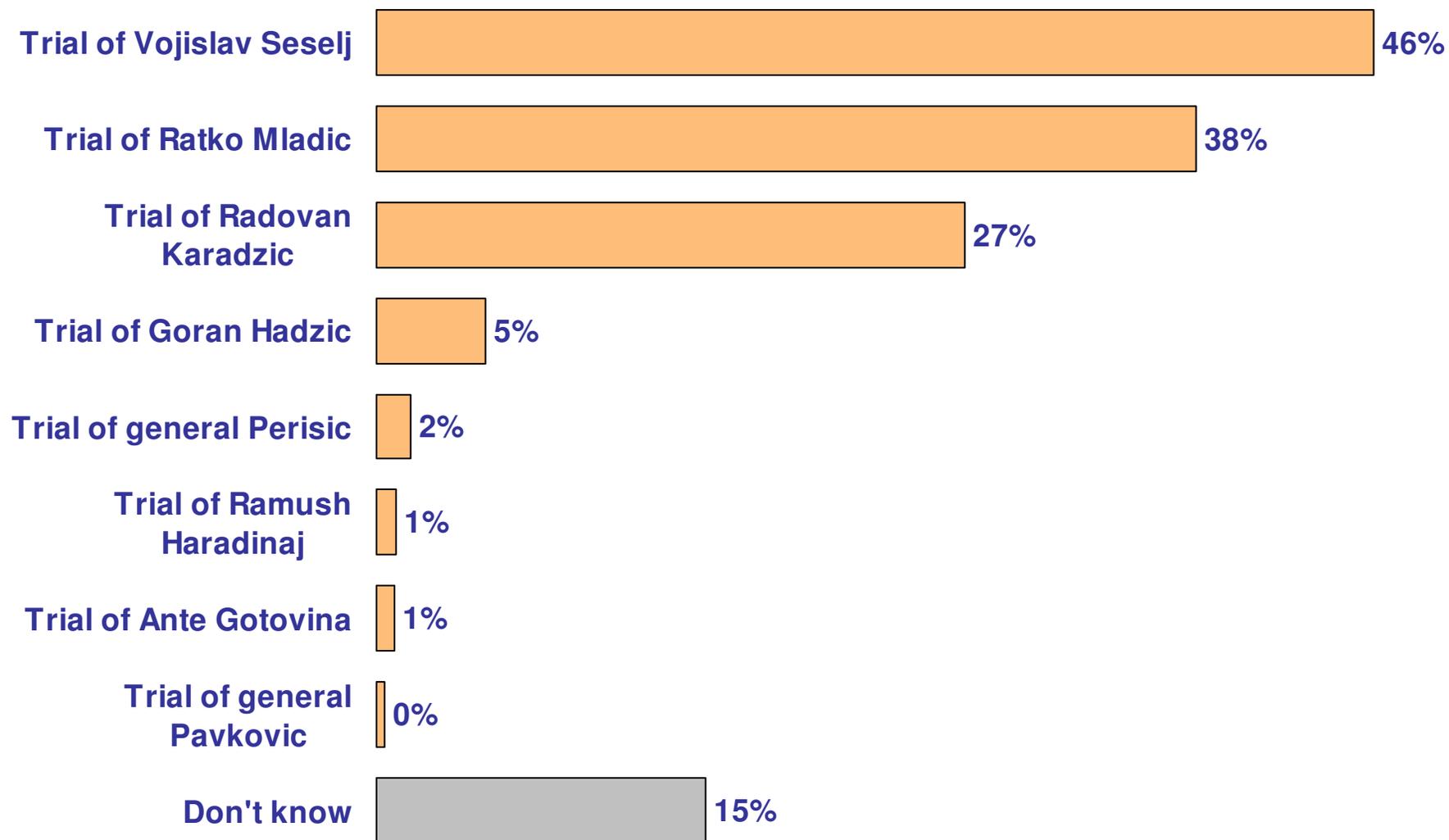


## What is your attitude towards Serbia's cooperation with ICTY? Do you think that ...



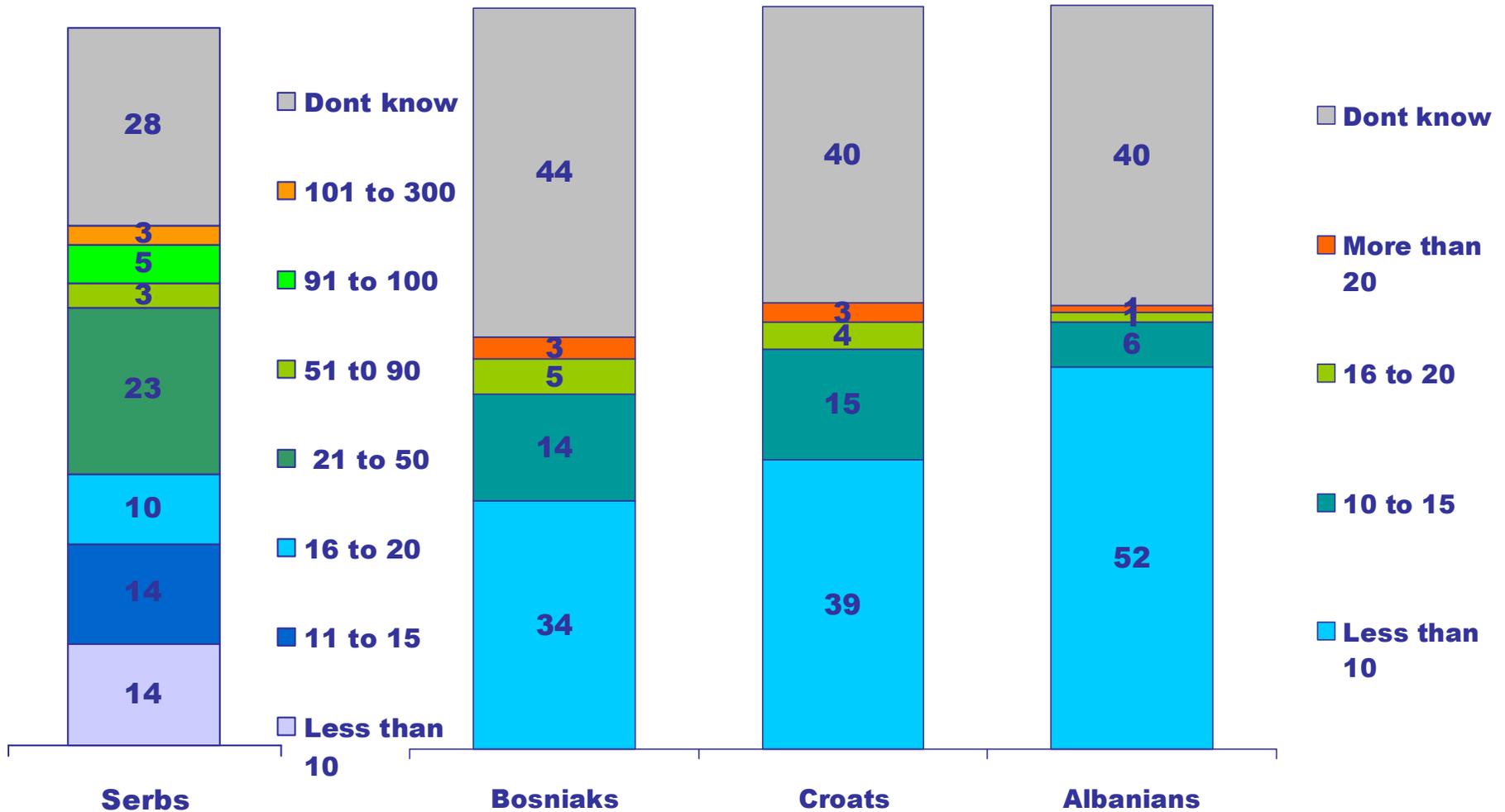
## Can you specify any trial before the ICTY which is currently underway?

Multiple answers; Base: Total target population



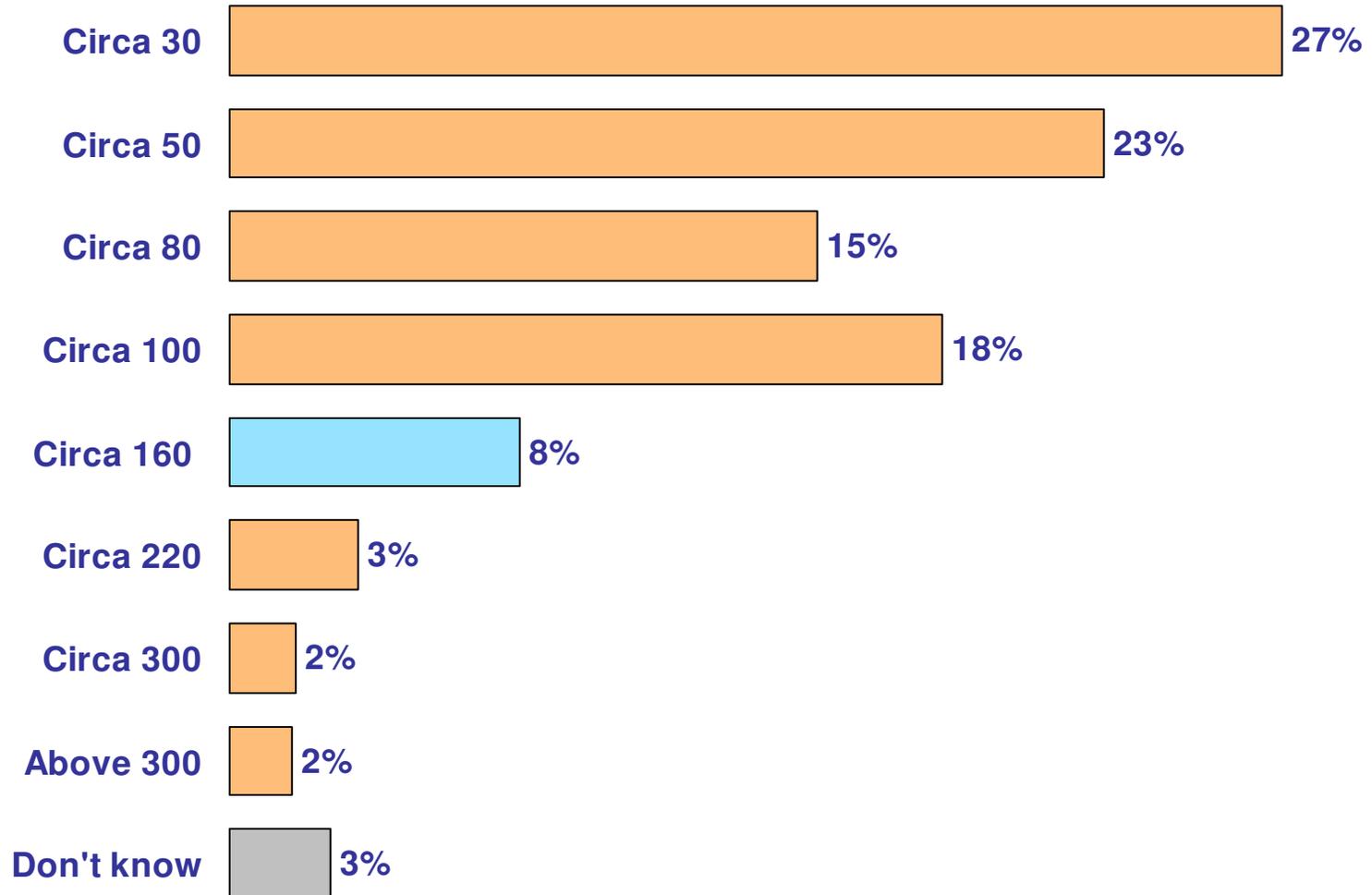
## Do you know the approximate number of individuals of Serbian, Bosniak, Croatian and Albanian ethnicity indicted by the ICTY?

Base: Total target population



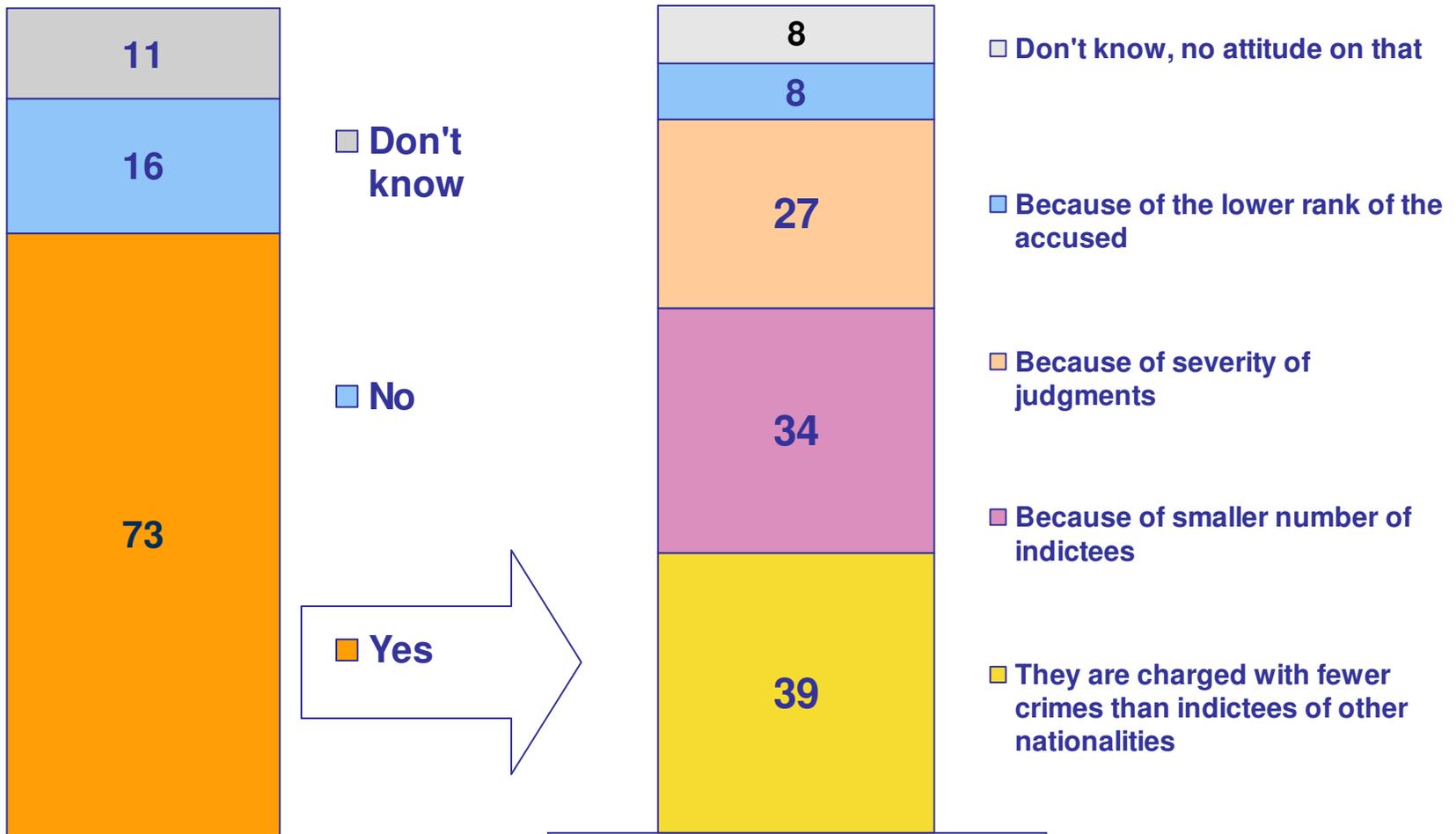
## Do you know the how many people in total were indicted before the ICTY?

Base: Total target population



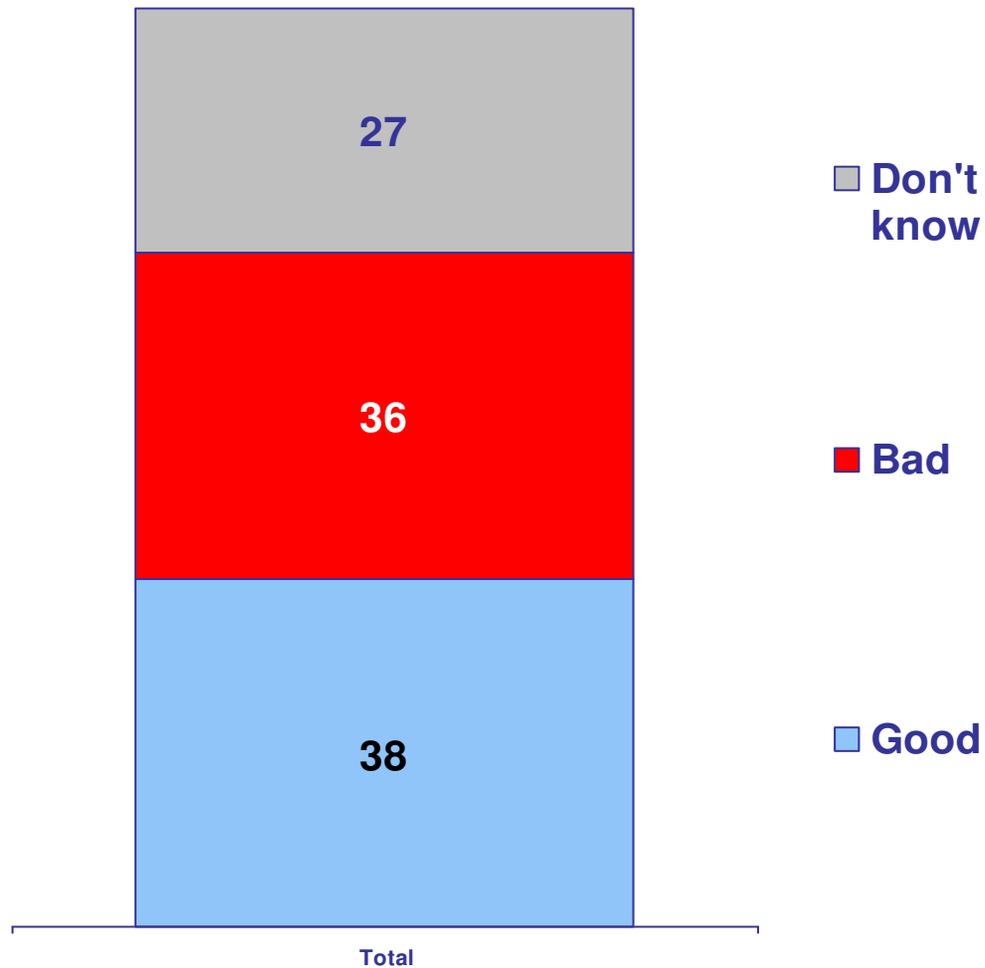
**In your opinion does the ICTY have different attitude towards individuals indicted for war crimes depending on their ethnicity?**

**Why do you think ICTY treats differently the individuals of various ethnicity indicted for war crimes?**



## Do you think that living conditions of indictees in the detention unit of ICTY are good or bad?

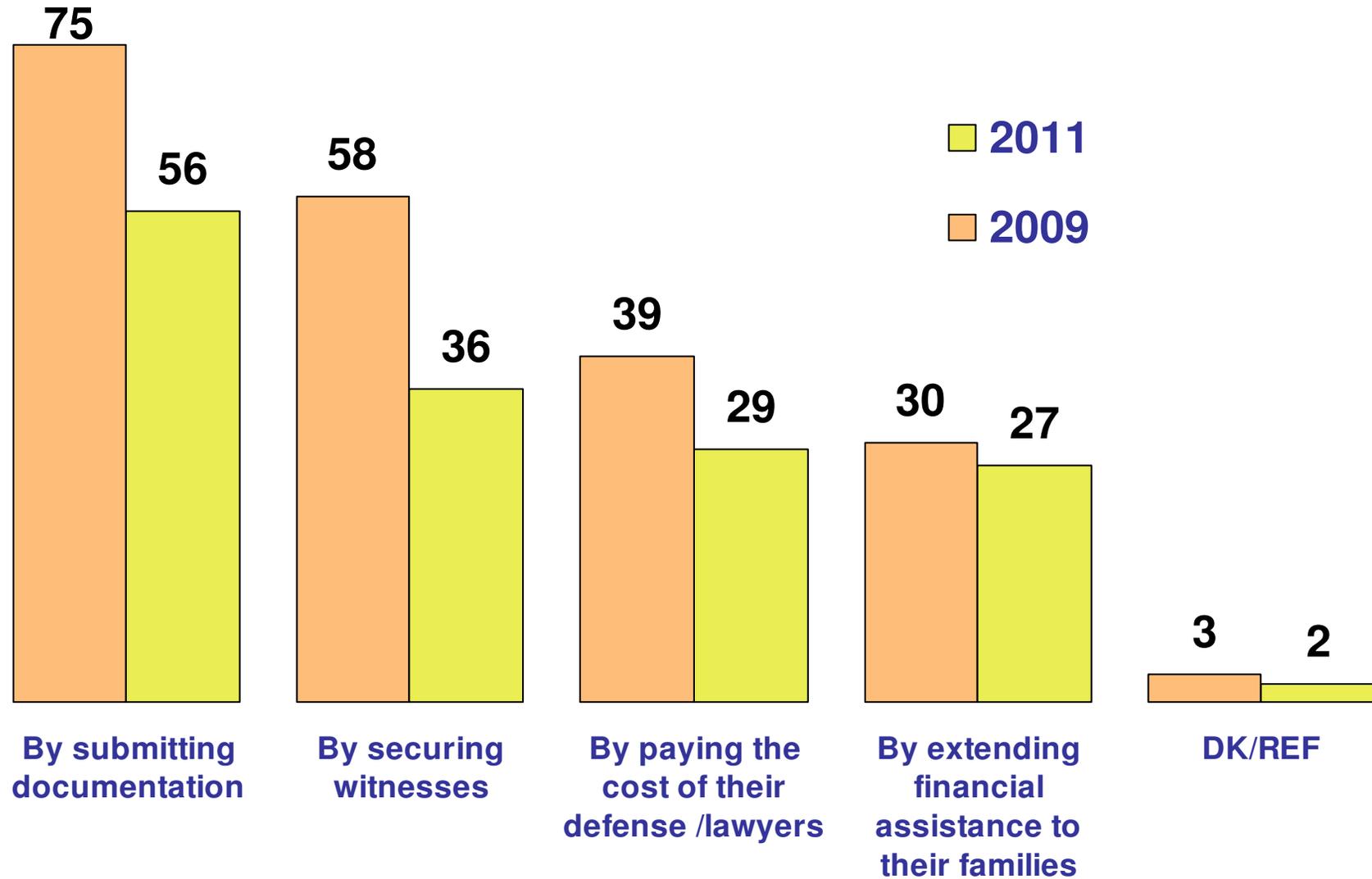
Base: Total target population



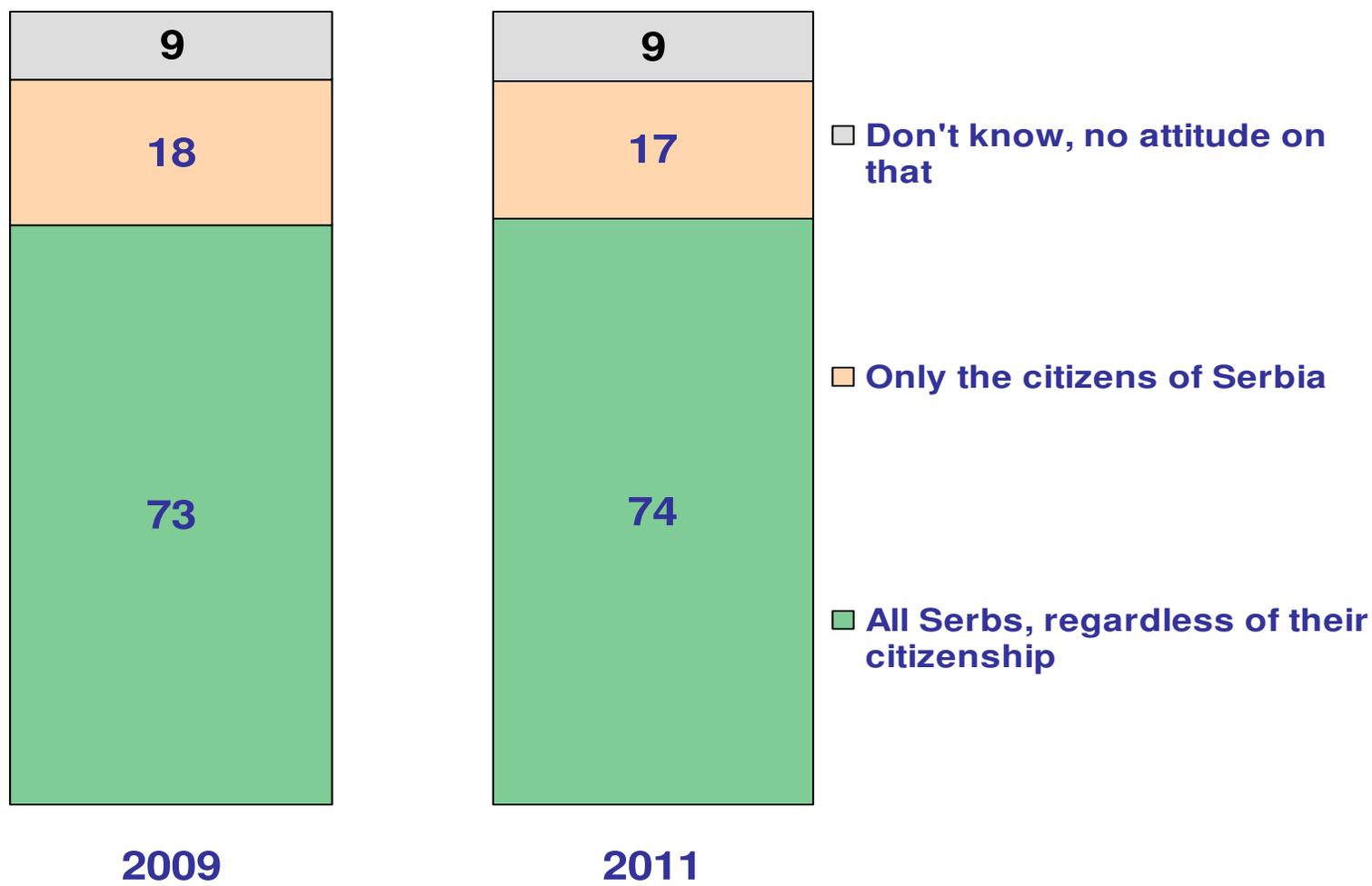
## Do you think that Serbia should, and in which way, help the indicted Serbs who are tried before the ICTY?



## In which way should the indictees be helped?

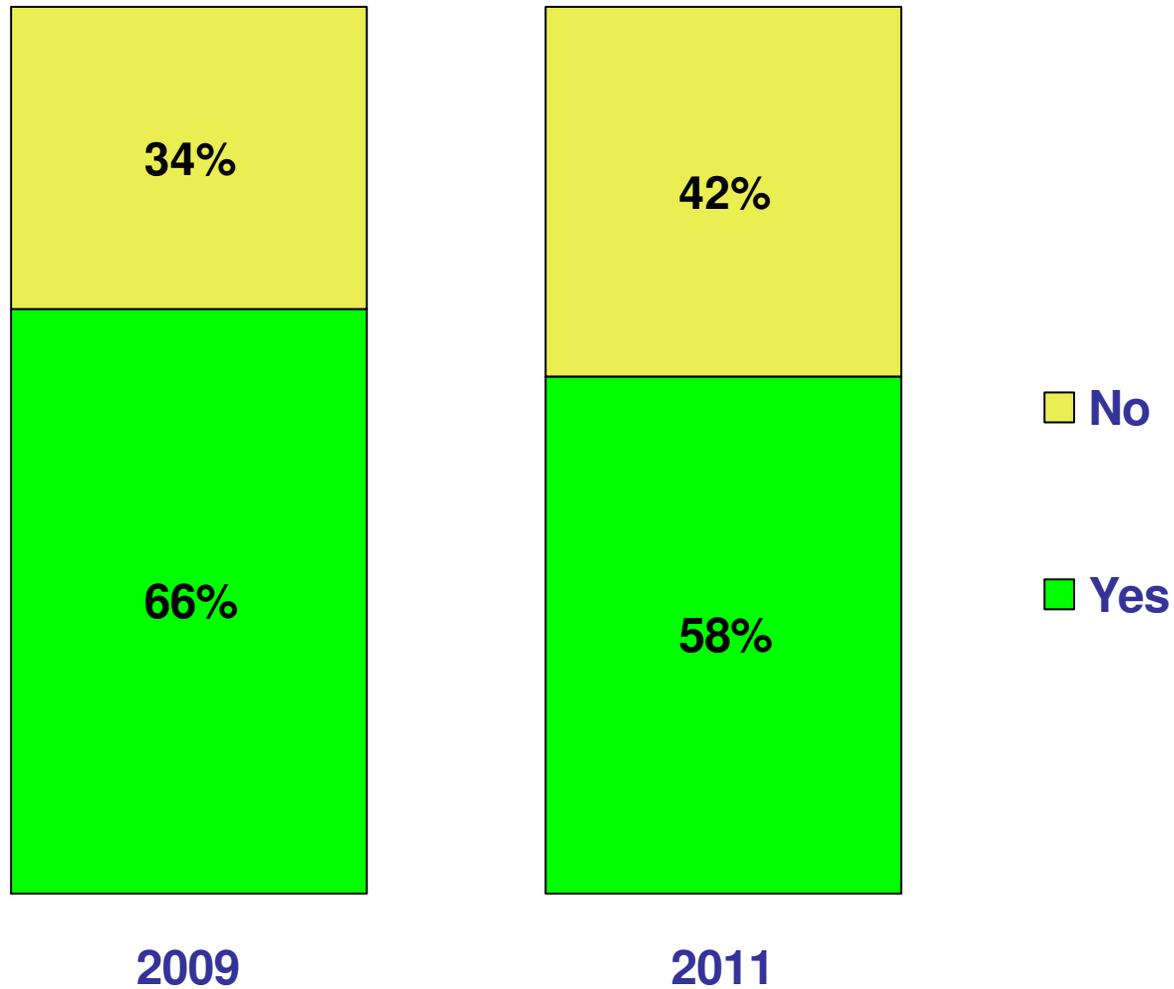


**And whom should Serbia help?  
Do you think Serbia should help all Serbs (regardless  
of their citizenship), or should it help only the citizens of Serbia?**

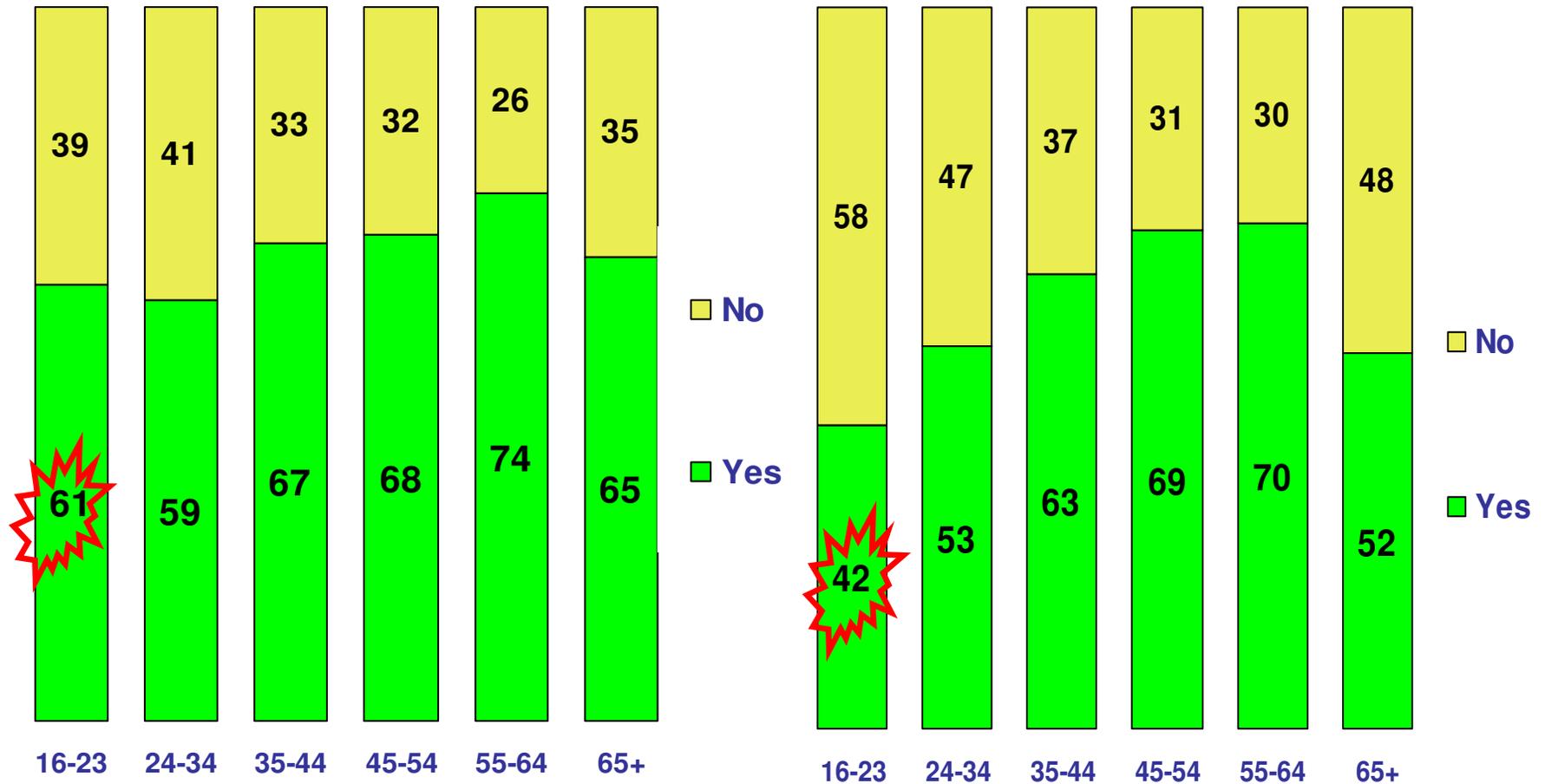


**Do you know for which crimes is Radovan Karadzic tried before ICTY  
(regardless of your attitude towards this)?**

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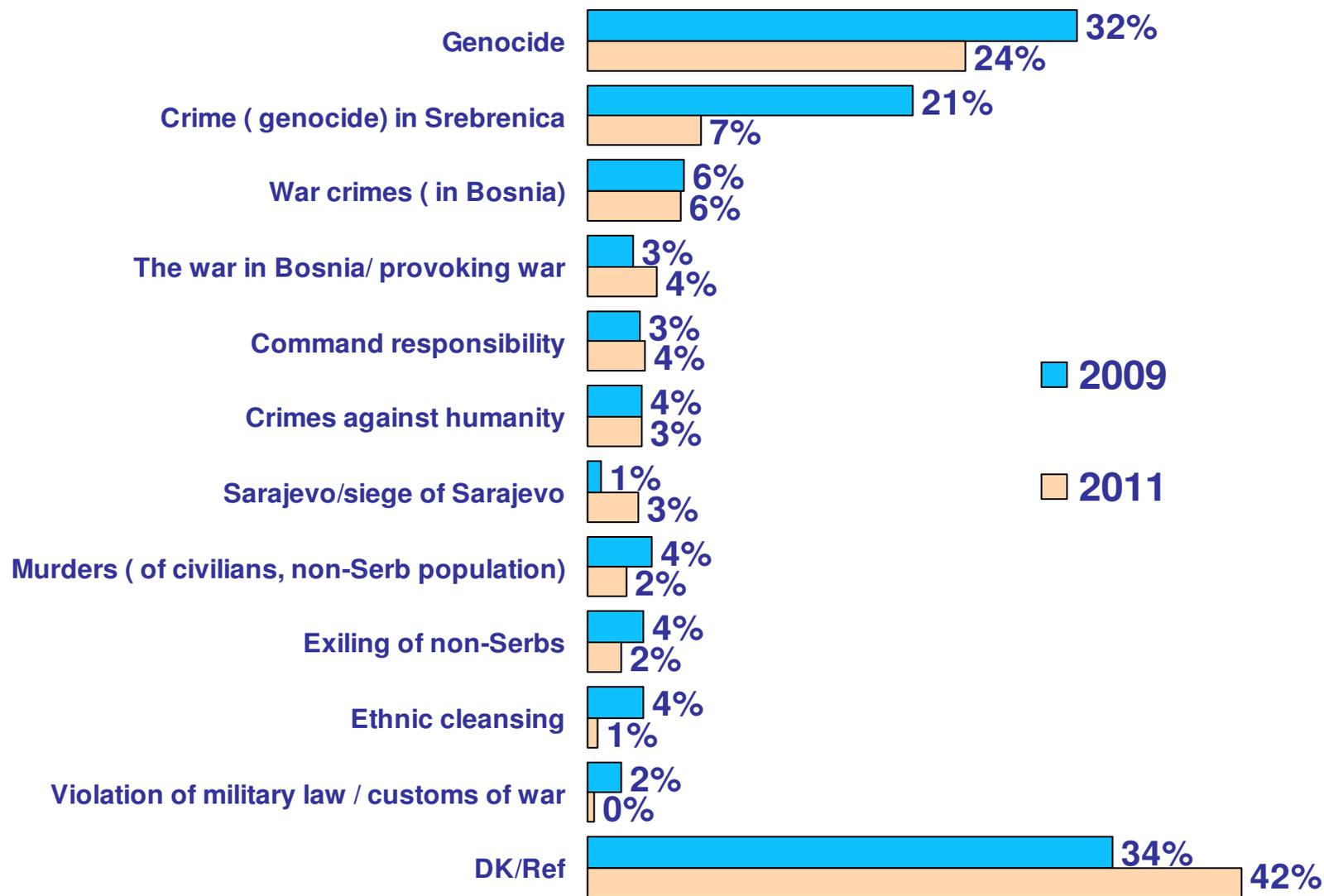


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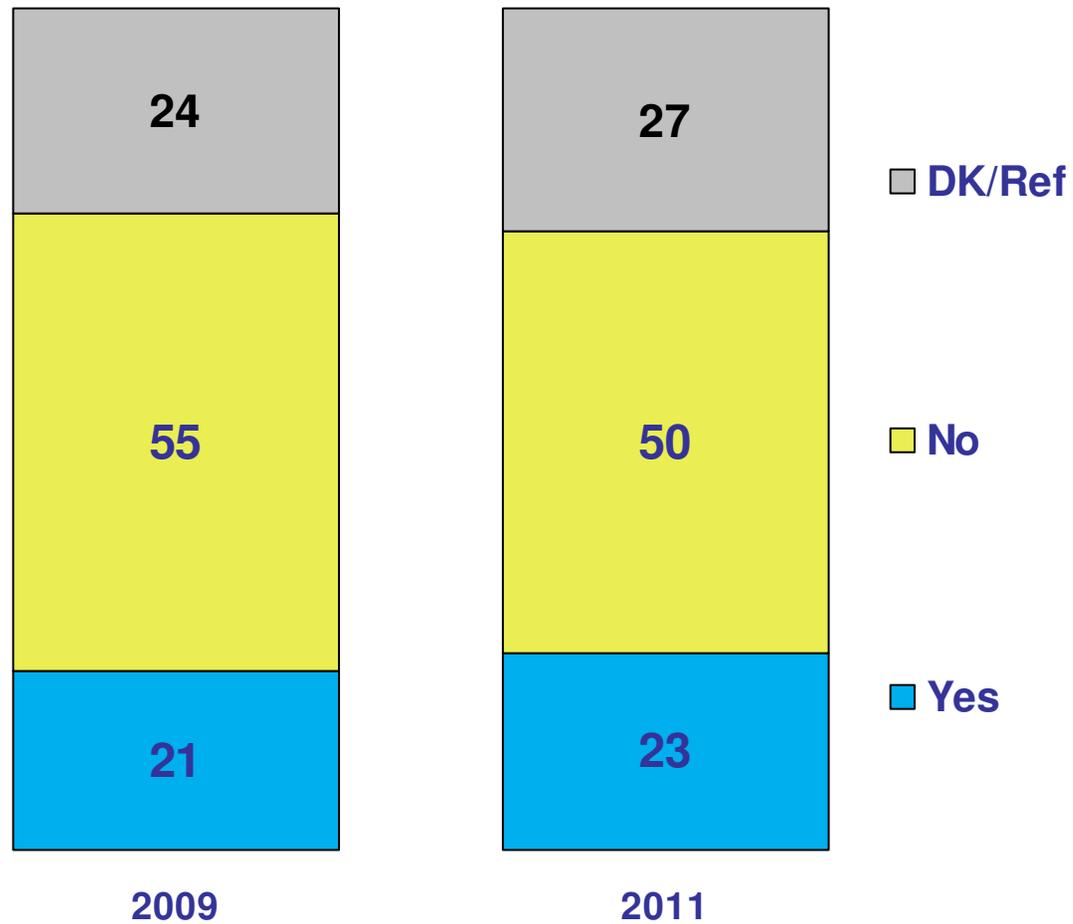
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## Which crimes is Radovan Karadzic tried before ICTY?

% in population

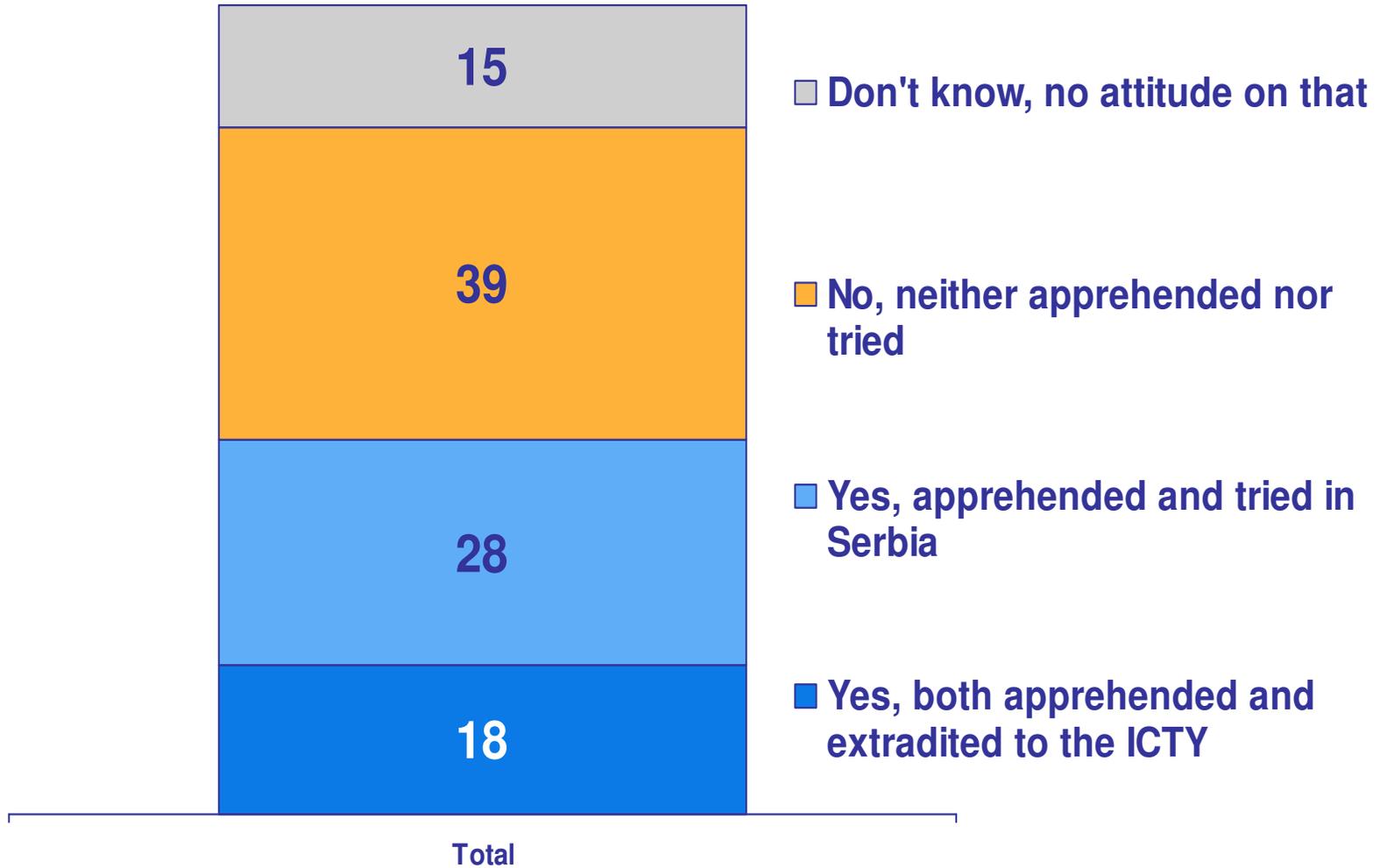


## Do you think that Radovan Karadzic is responsible for the crimes he is tried for before the ICTY?

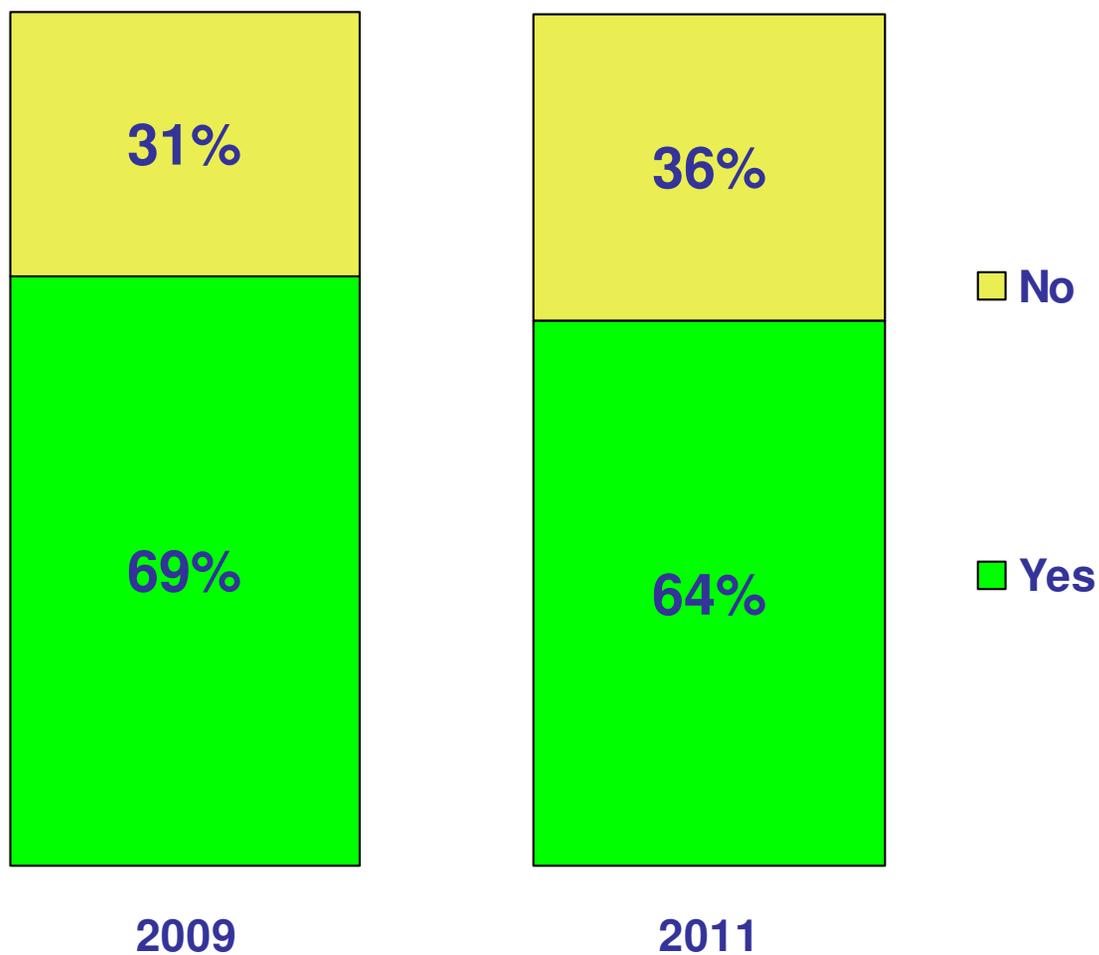


## Do you think that Radovan Karadzic should have been apprehended and extradited to the ICTY?

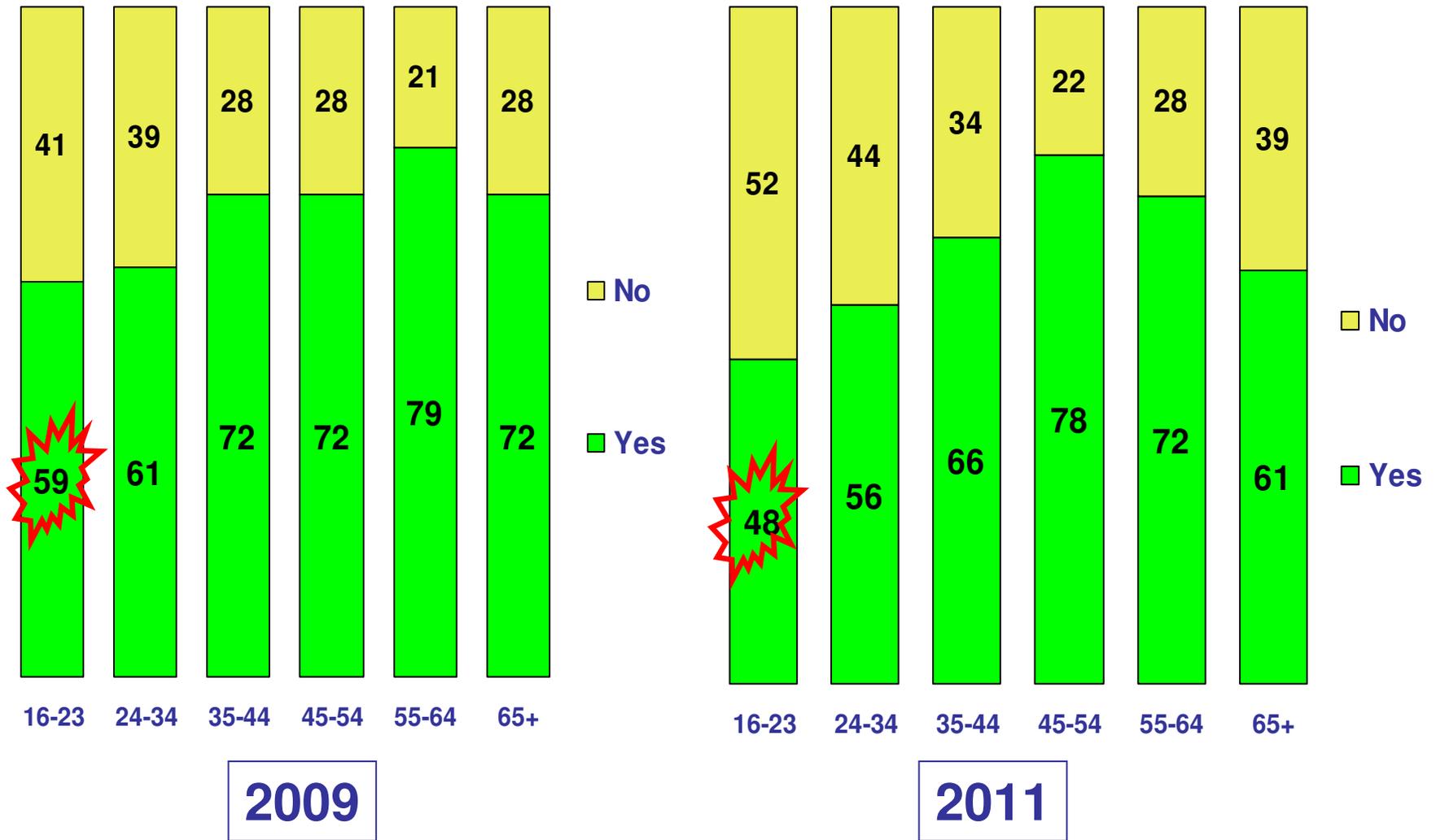
Base: Total target population



**Do you know for which crimes Ratko Mladic will be tried before ICTY  
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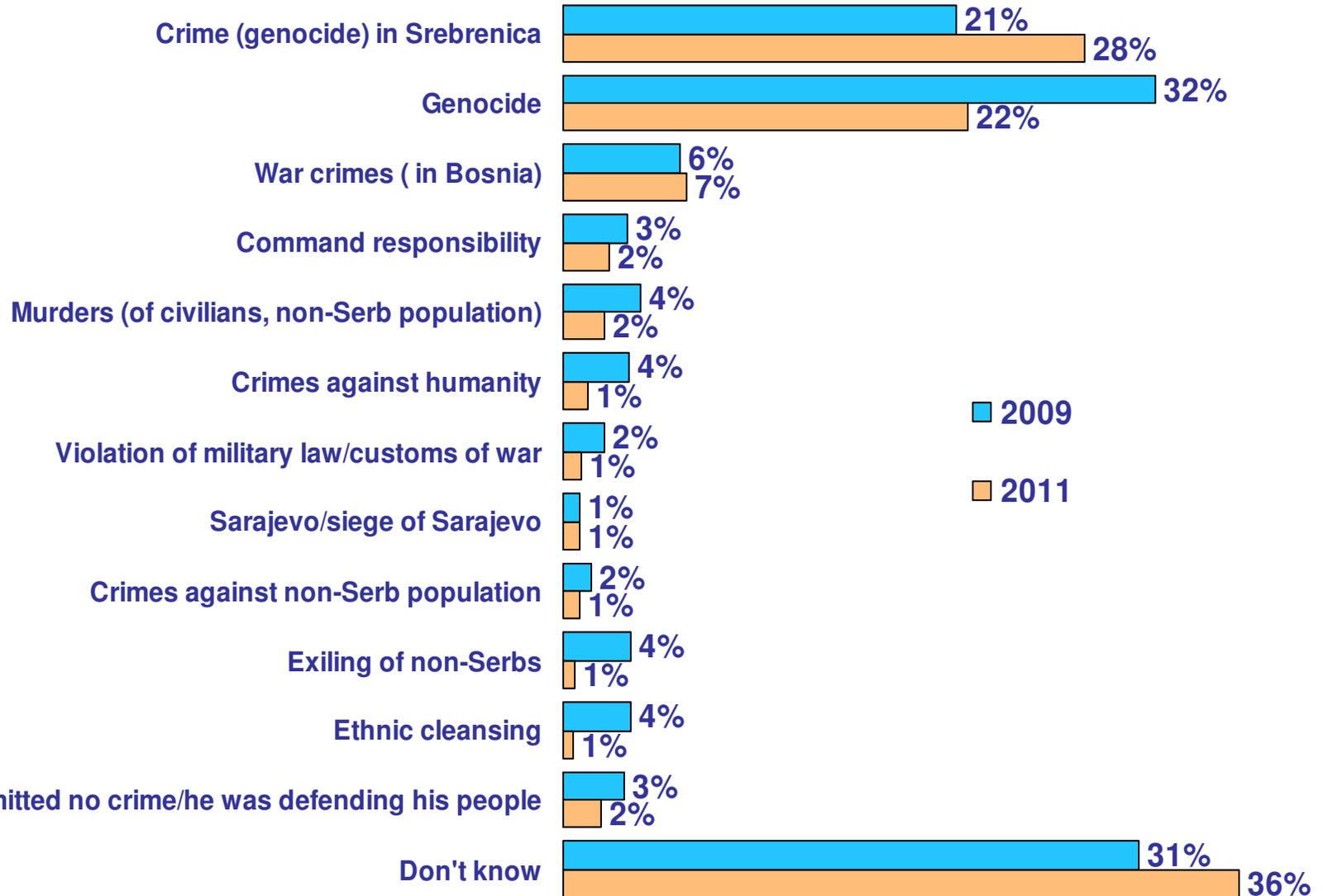


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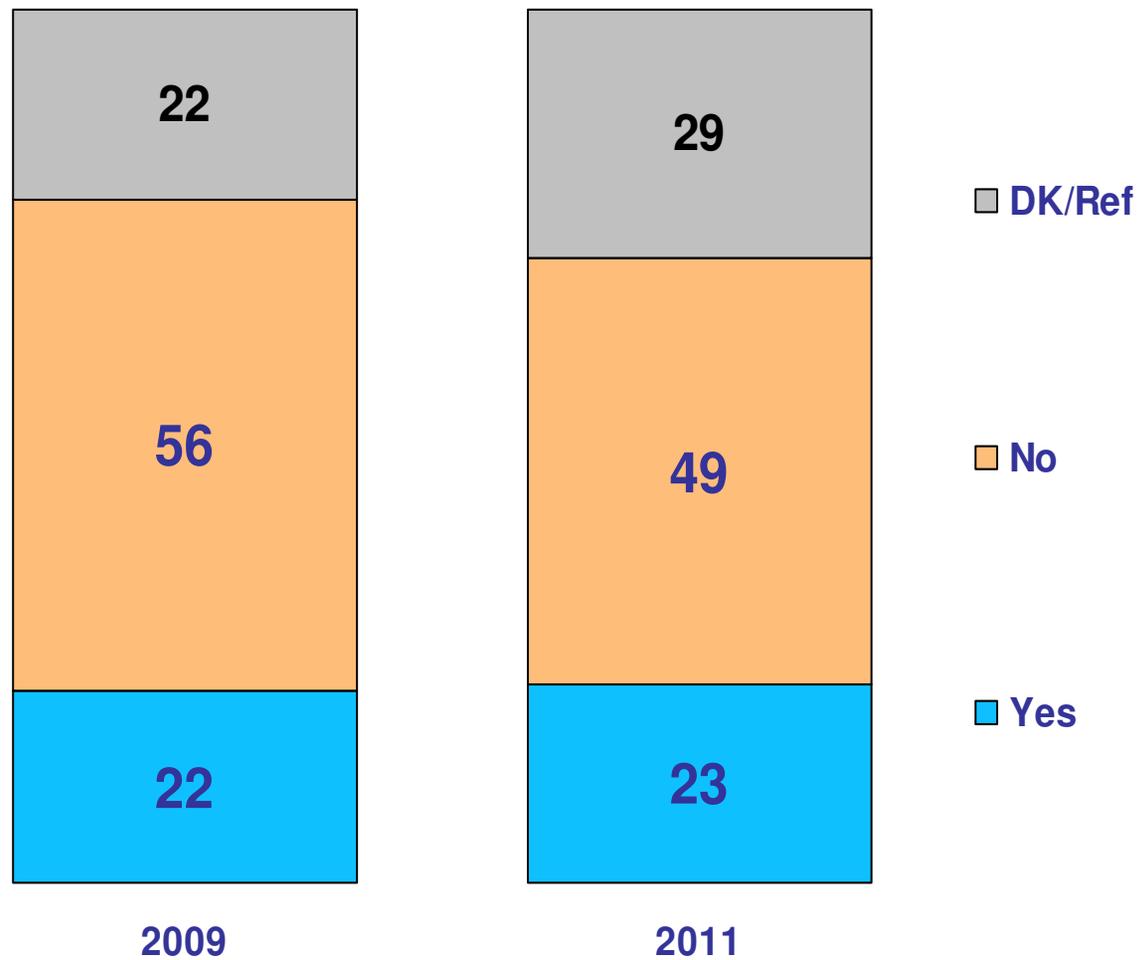


## For which crimes Ratko Mladic will be tried before ICTY?

% in population

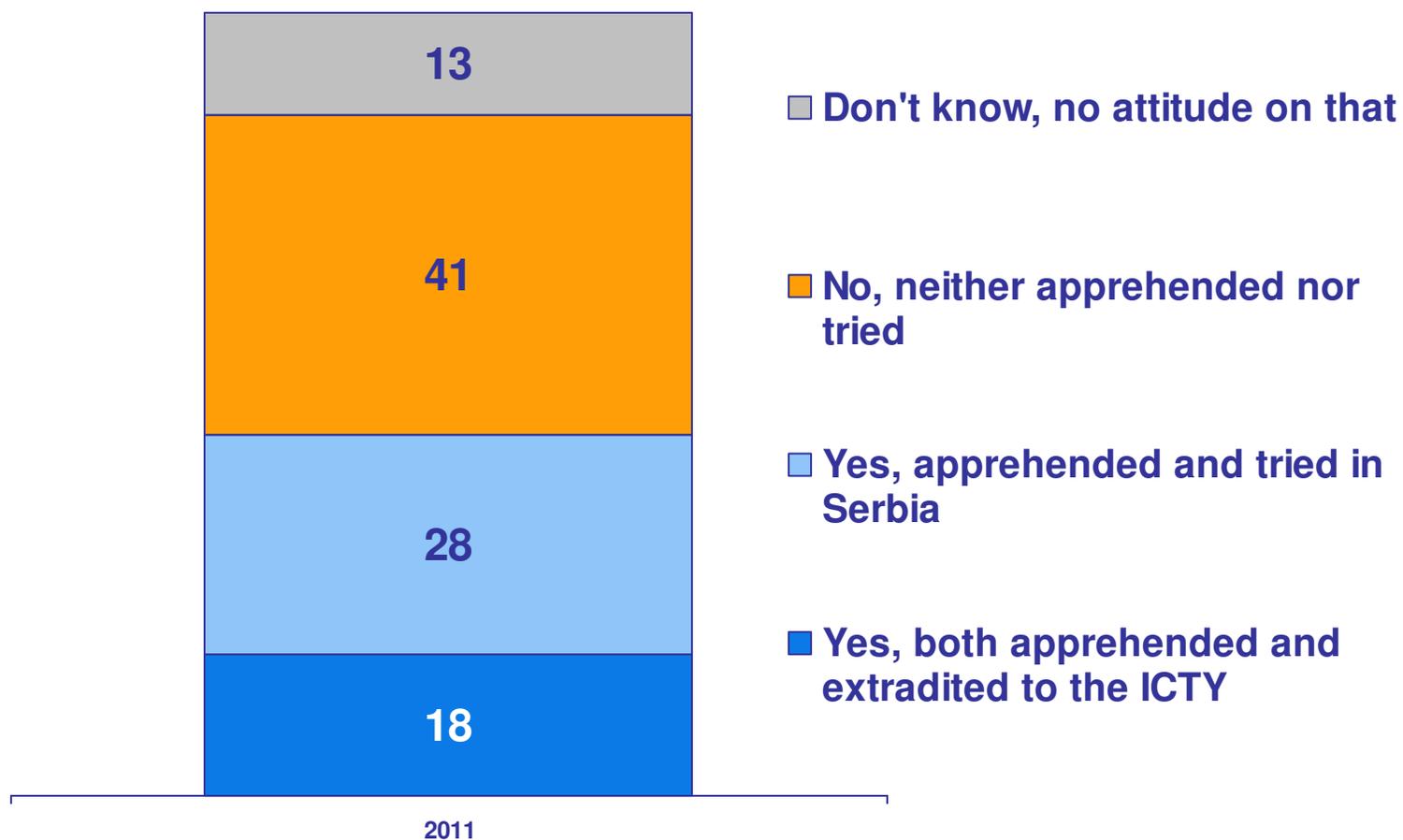


## Do you think that Ratko Mladic is responsible for the crimes he will be tried for before the ICTY?

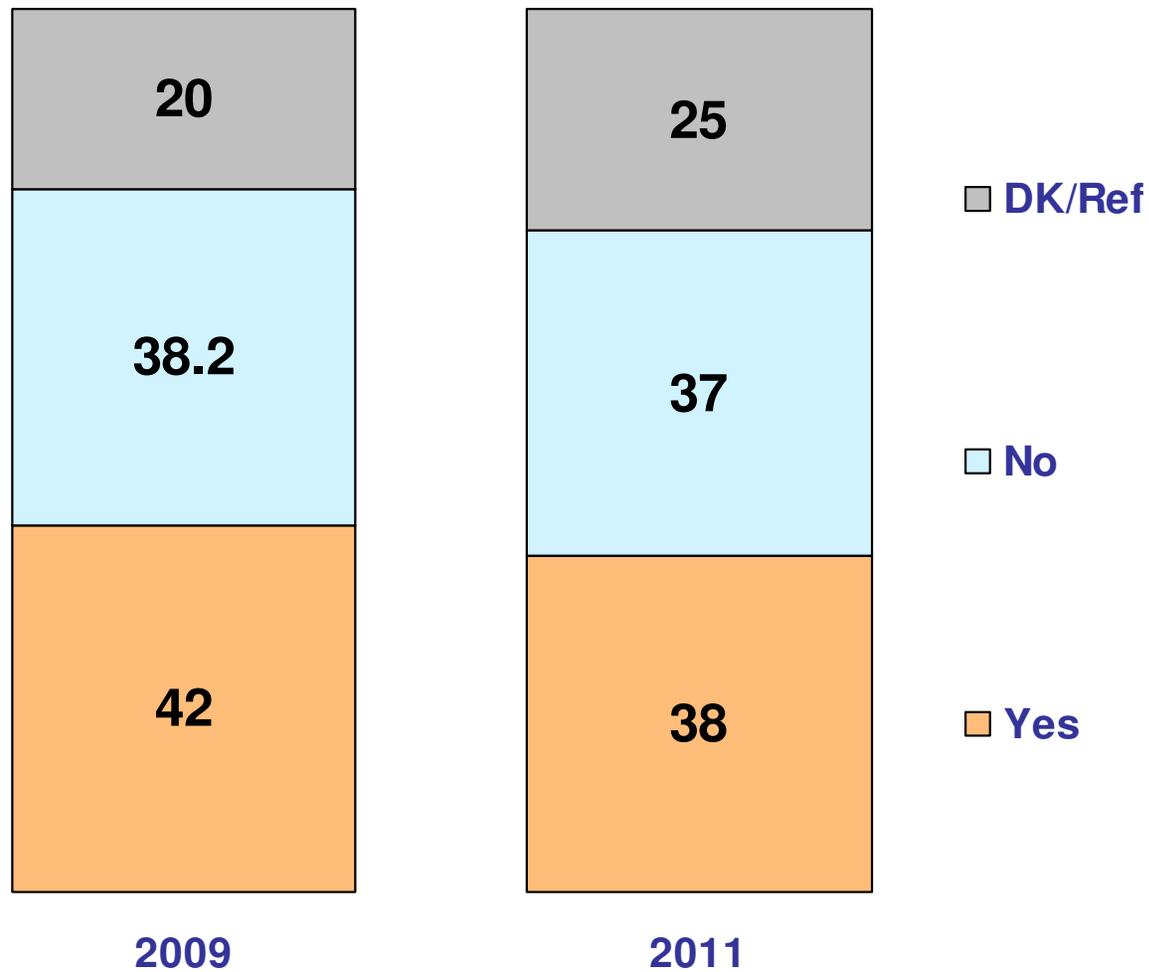


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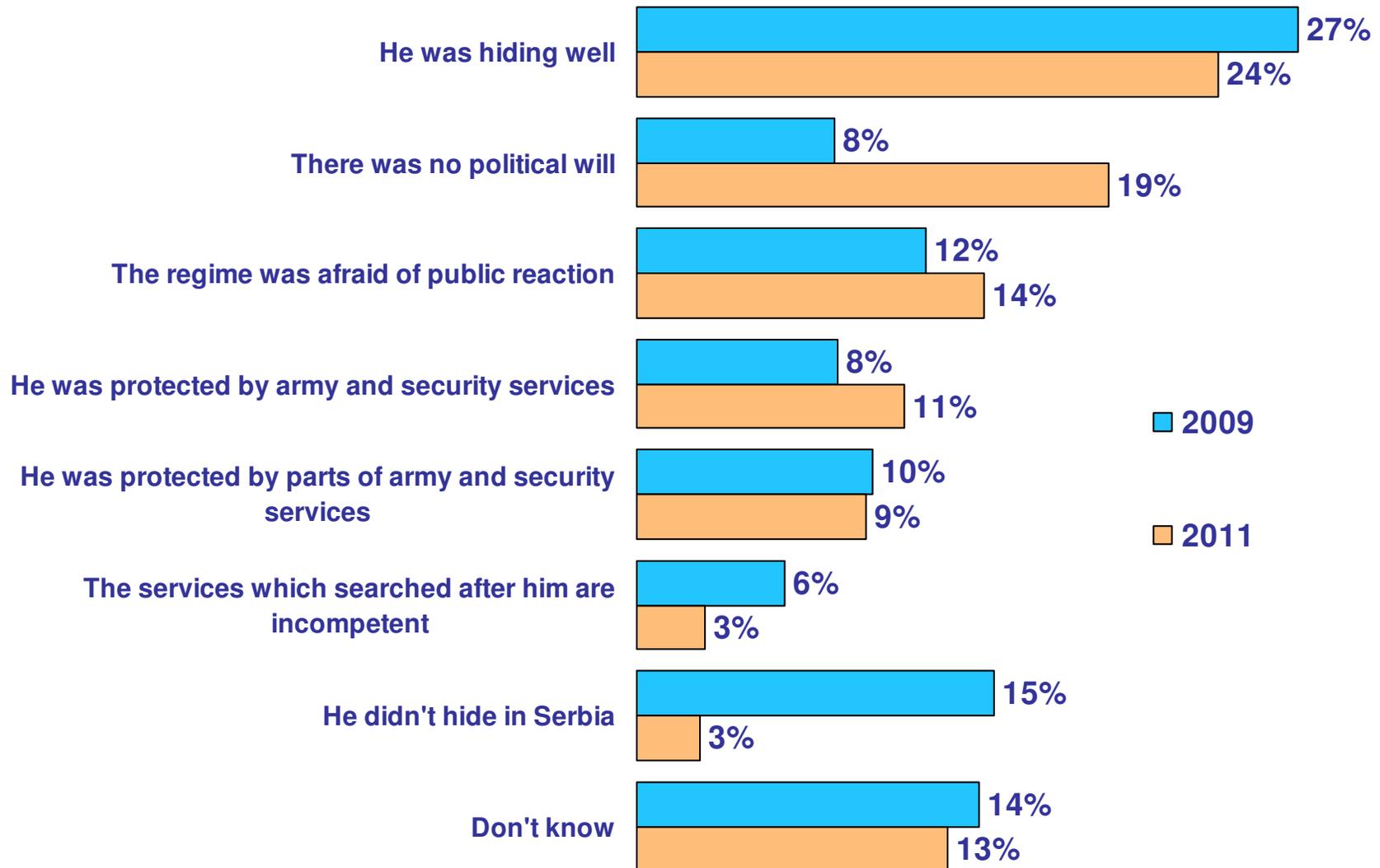
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## Do you think the state did all in its power to arrest Ratko Mladic?

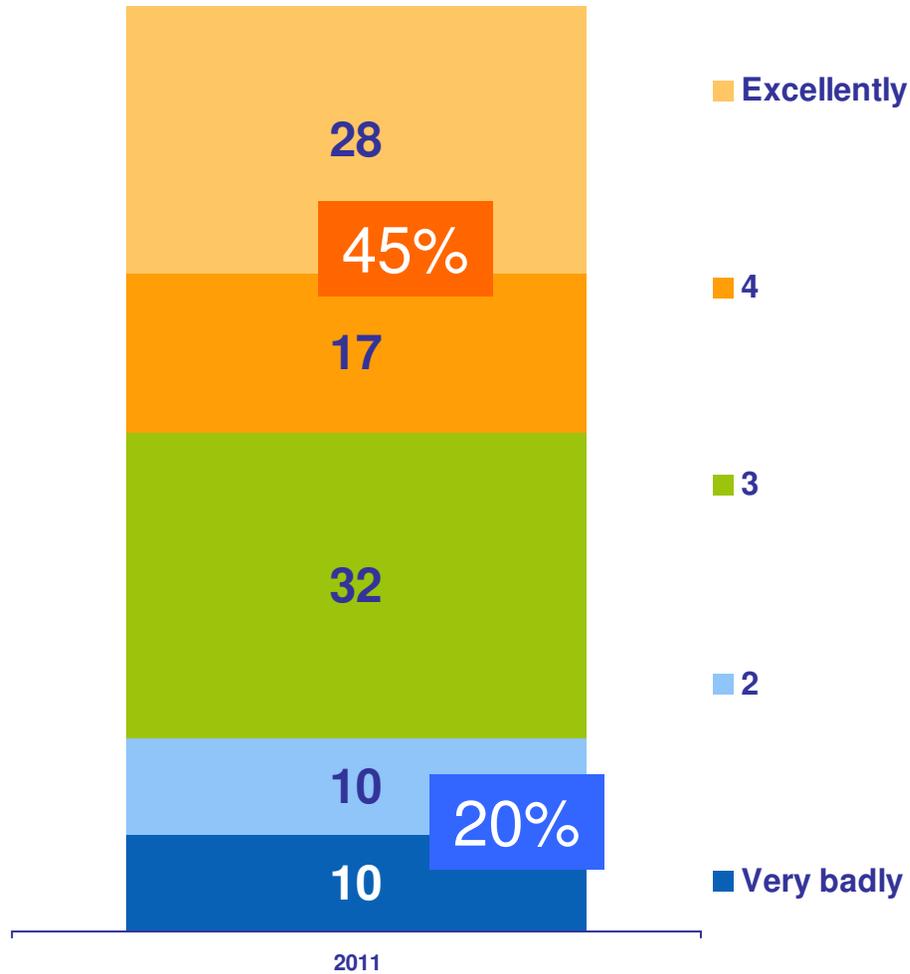


## Why hasn't Ratko Mladic been arrested all these years back?

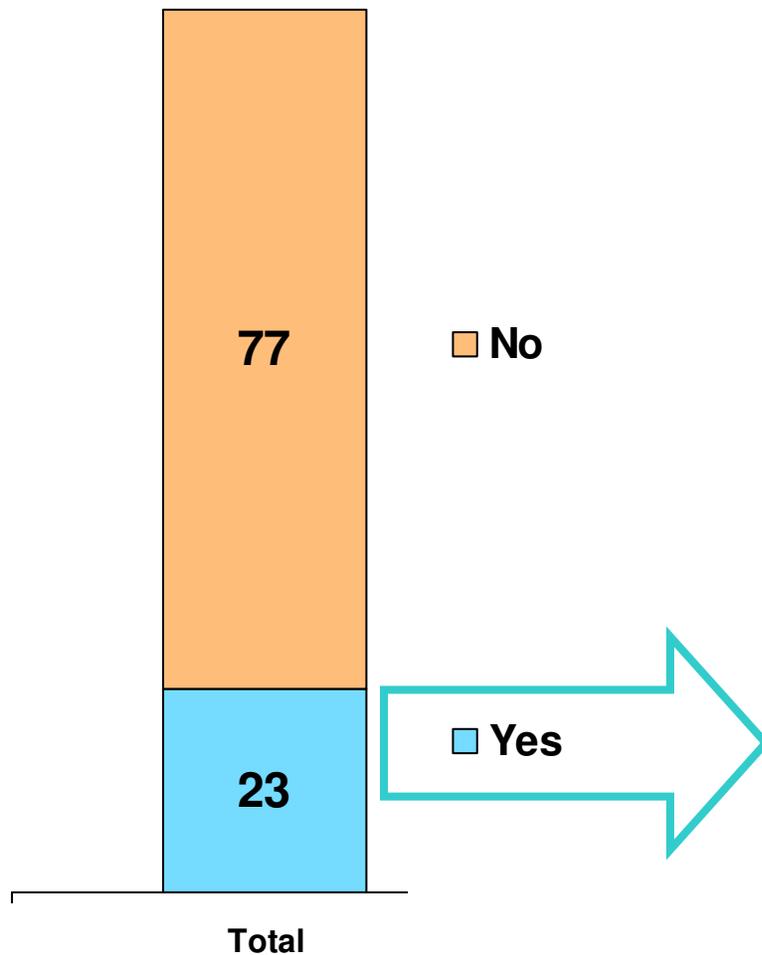


## How would you evaluate the behavior of Ratko Mladic before the ICTY?

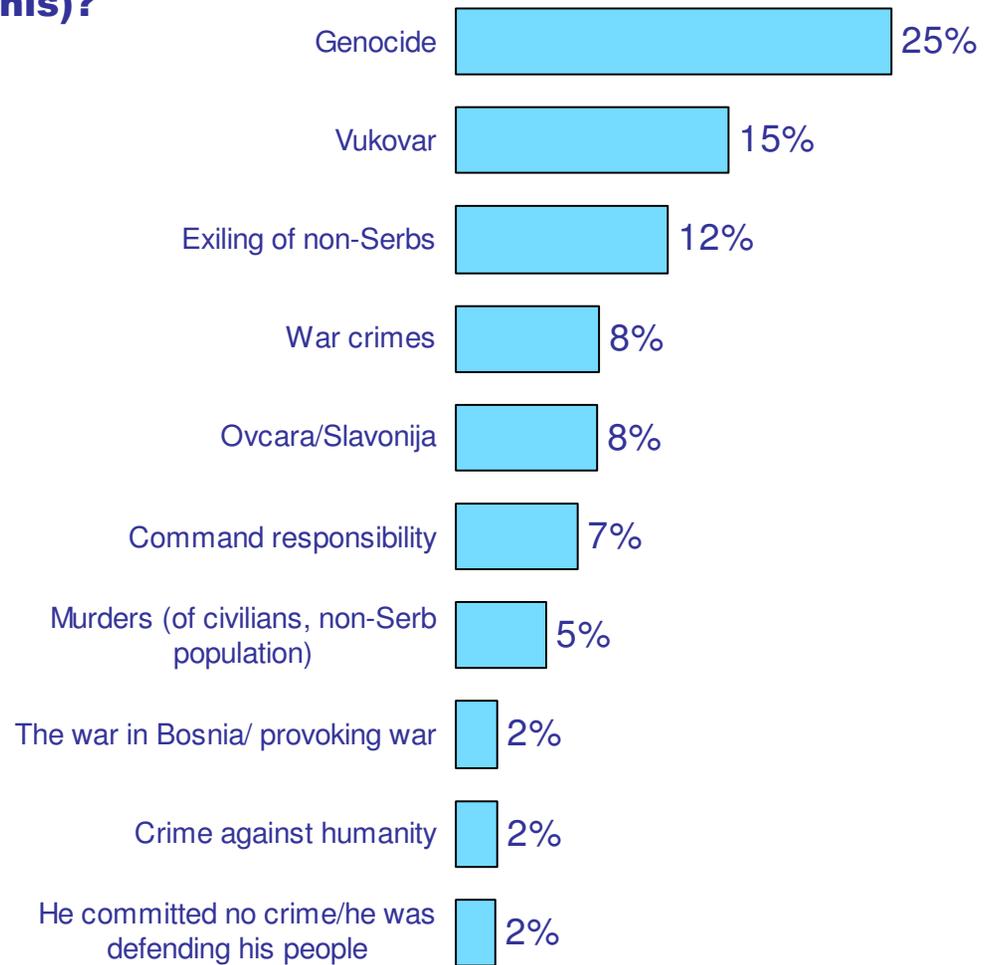
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**Do you know for which crimes Goran Hadzic will be tried before the ICTY (regardless of your attitude towards this)?**



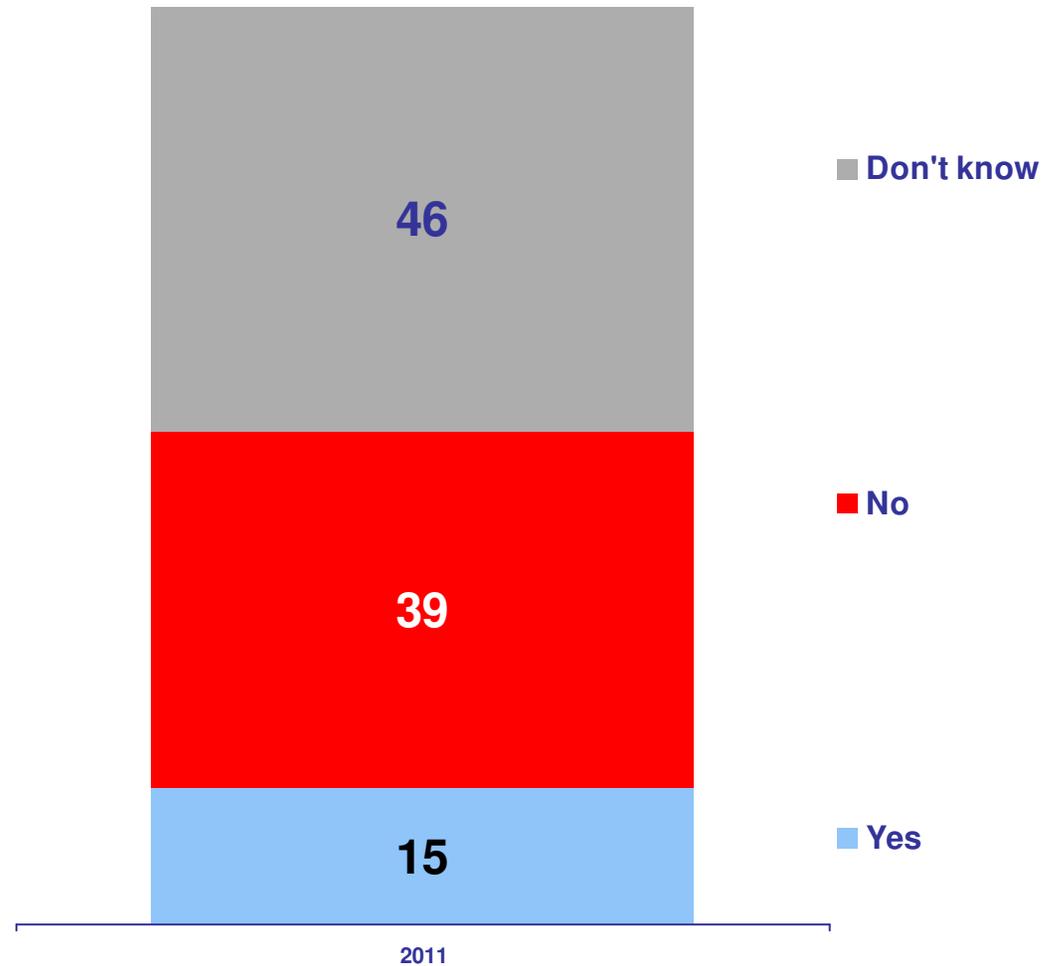
**Which crimes?**





## Do you think that Goran Hadzic is responsible for the crimes he will be tried for before the ICTY?

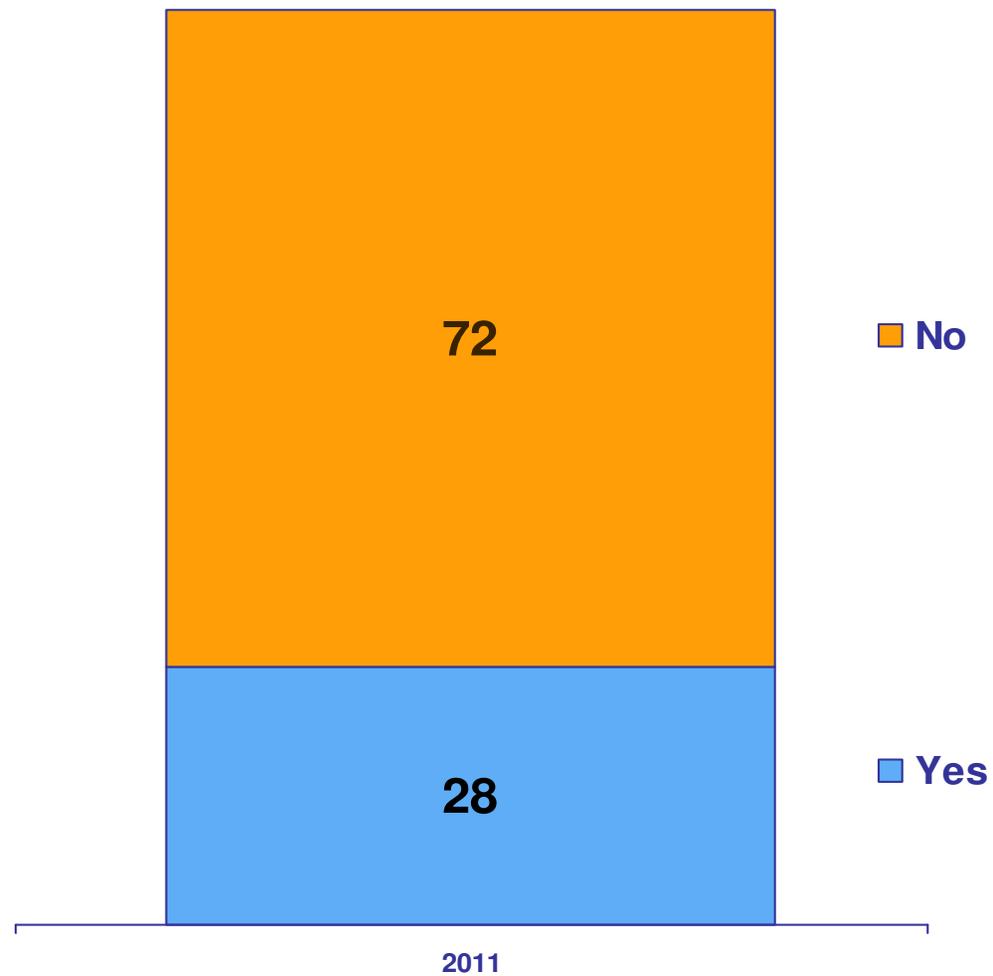
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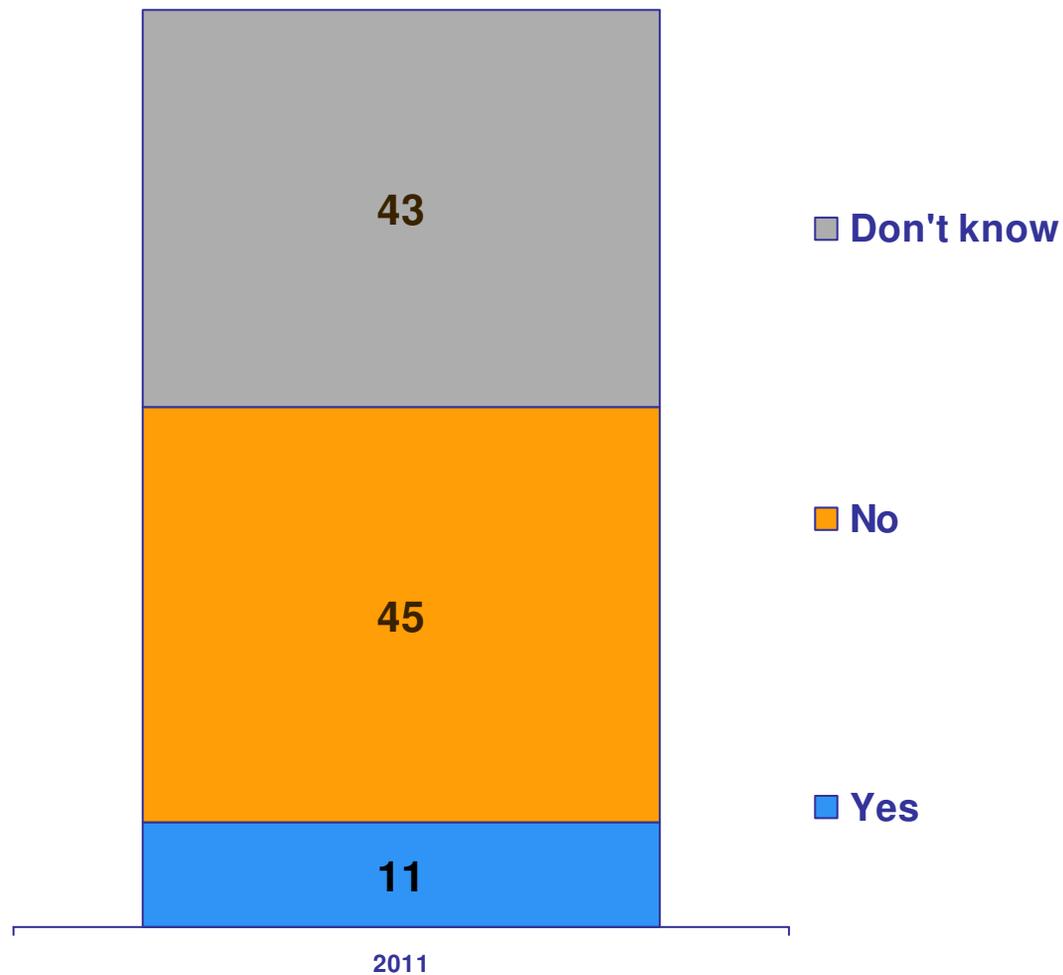
## Do you know for which crimes is Momcilo Perisic tried before the ICTY (regardless of your attitude towards this)?

Base: Total target population



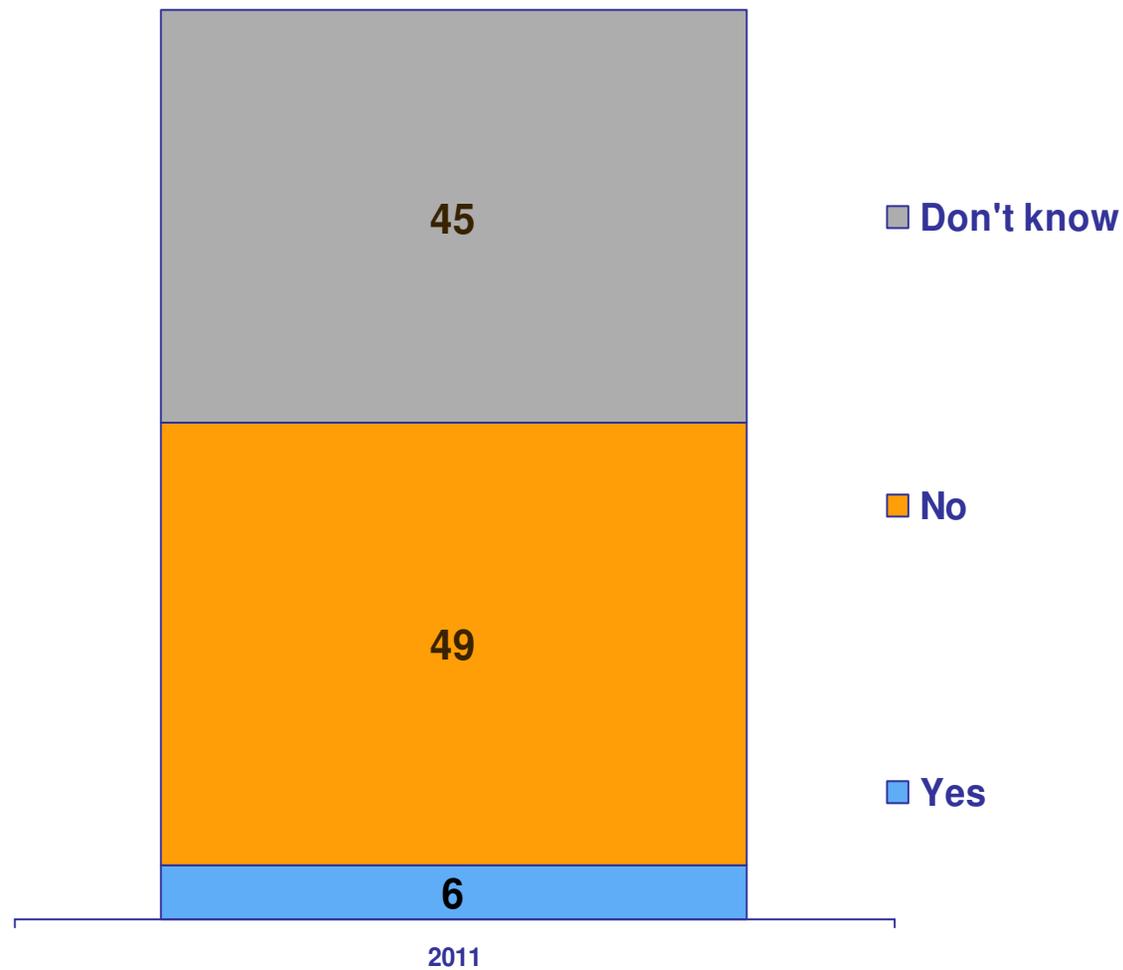
## Do you think that Momcilo Perisic is responsible for the crimes he is tried for before the ICTY?

Base: Total target population



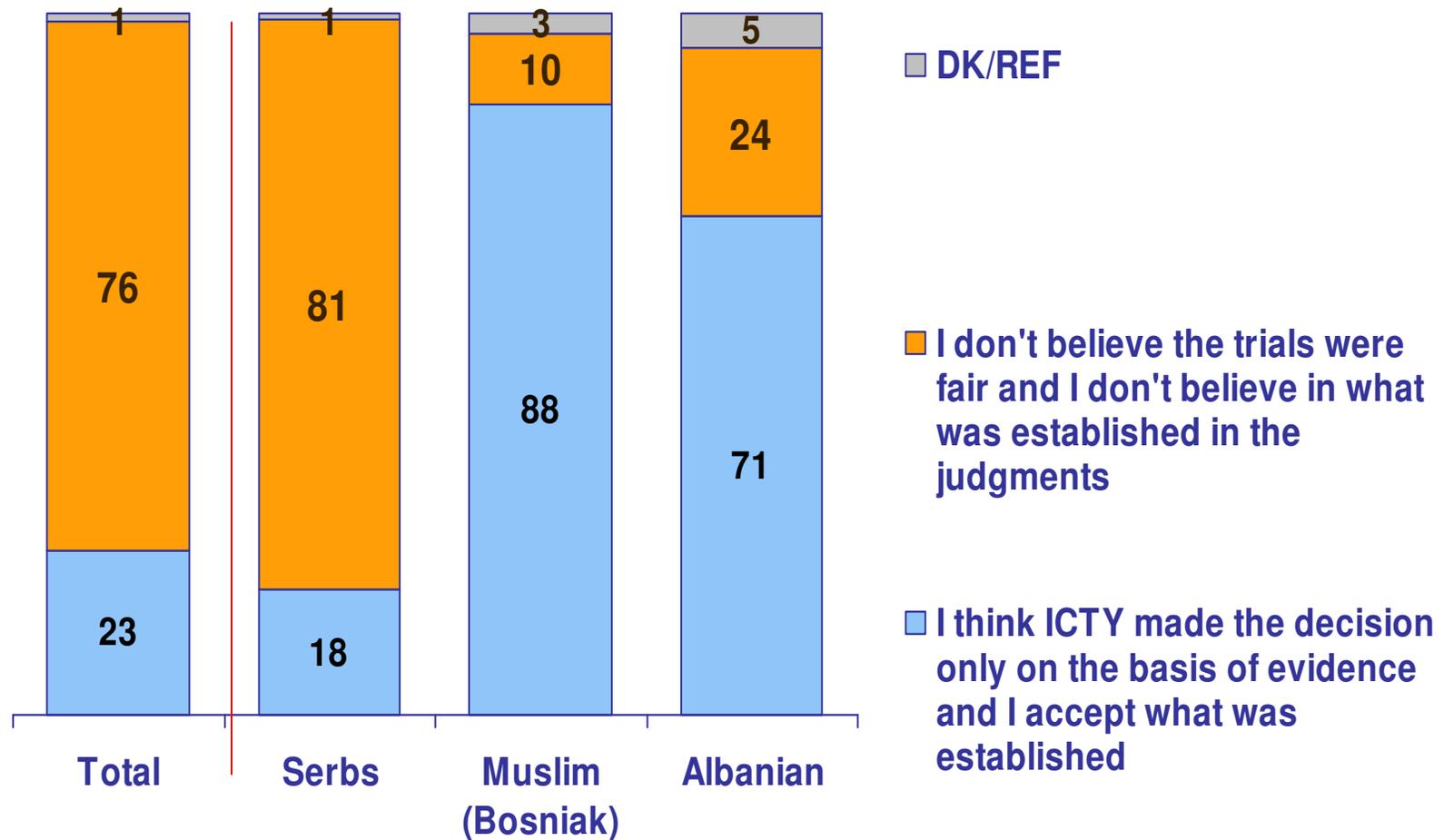
## Do you think the ICTY judgment against Momcilo Perisic is fair?

Base: Total target population



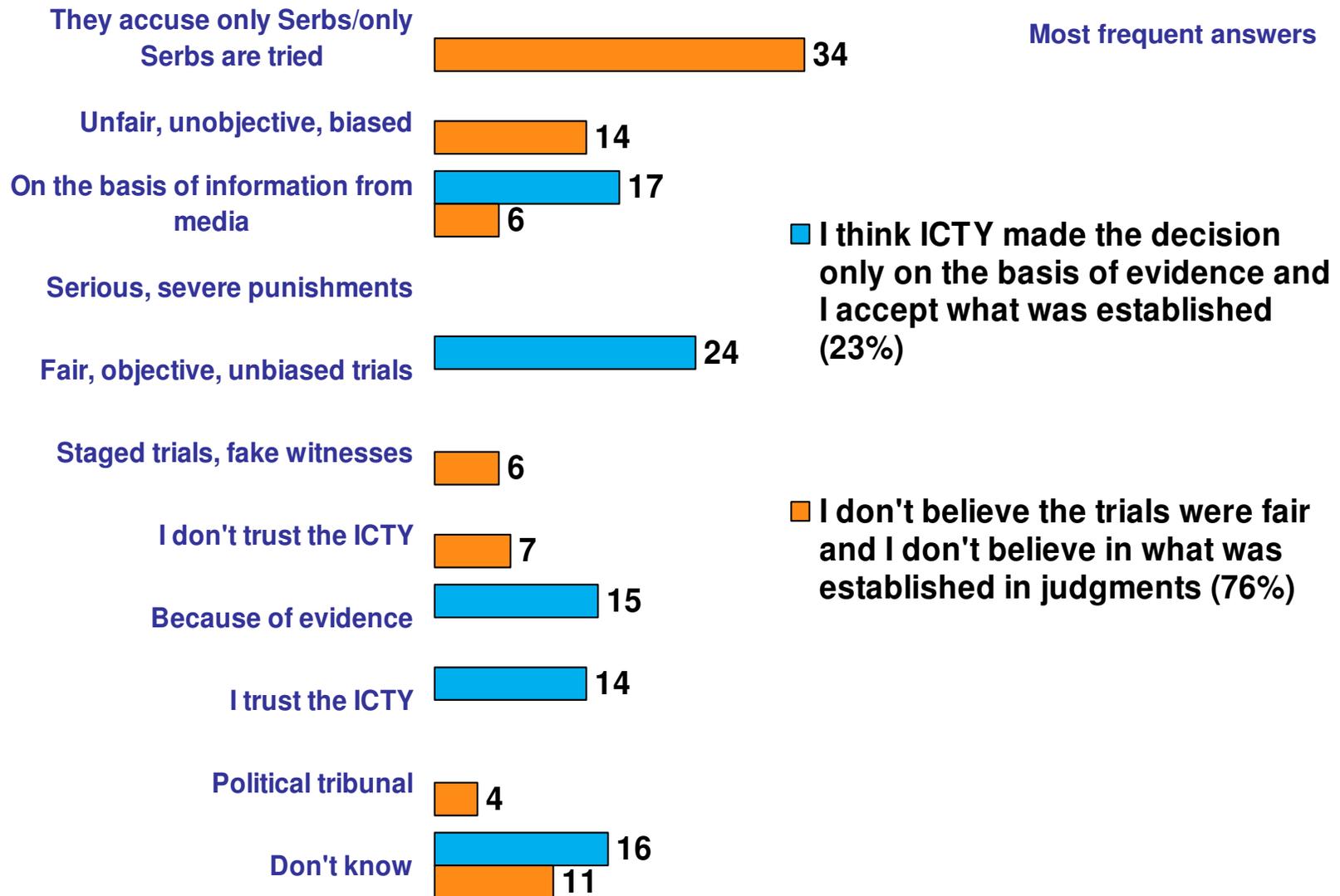
## What do you think about the ICTY judgments which found the accused Serbs guilty of war crimes?

Base: Total target population



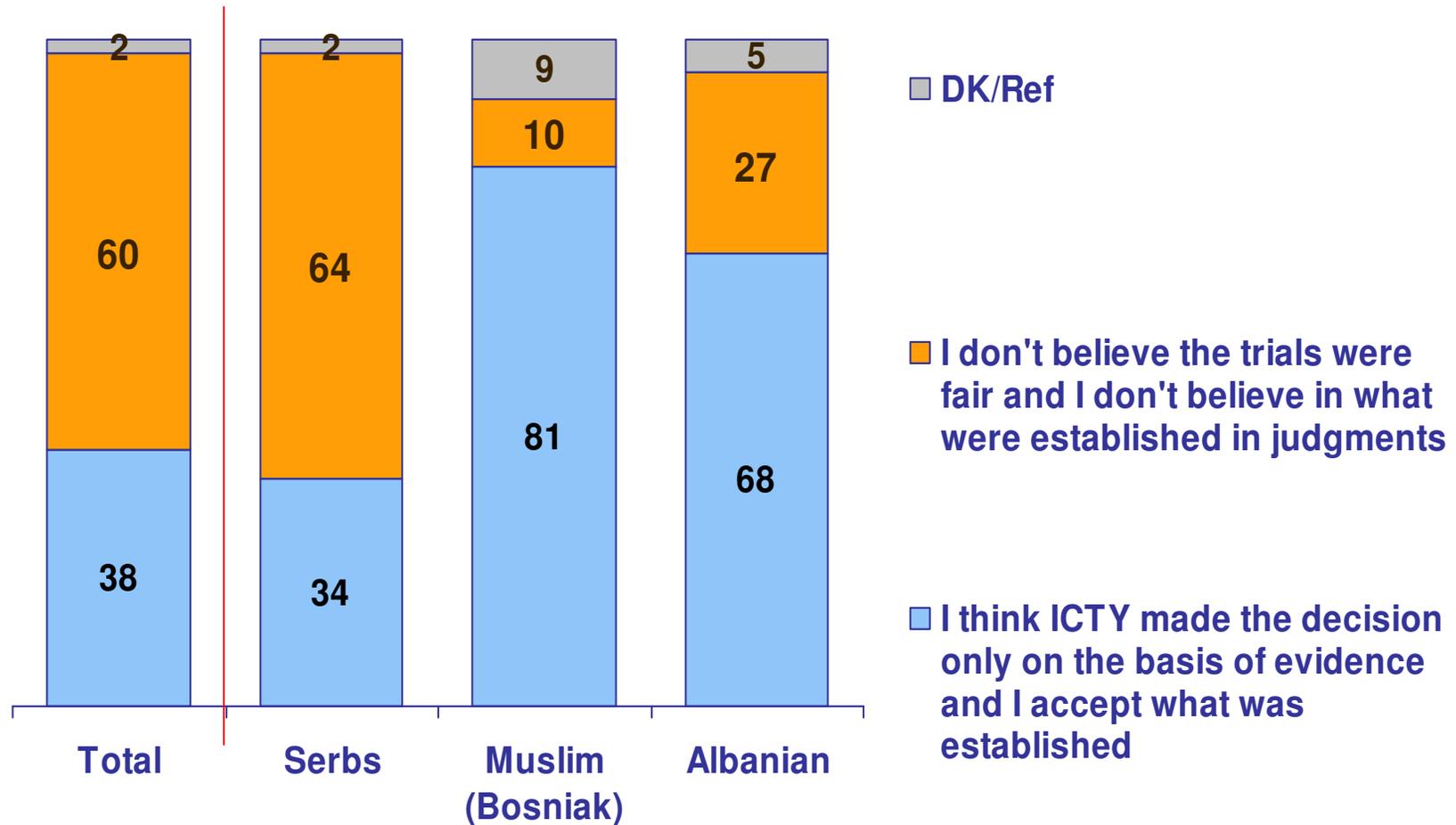
## How did you come to such conclusion (that trial of accused Serbs was biased or fair)?

Multiple answers; Base: Total target population



## What do you think about the ICTY judgments which found the accused Croats guilty of war crimes?

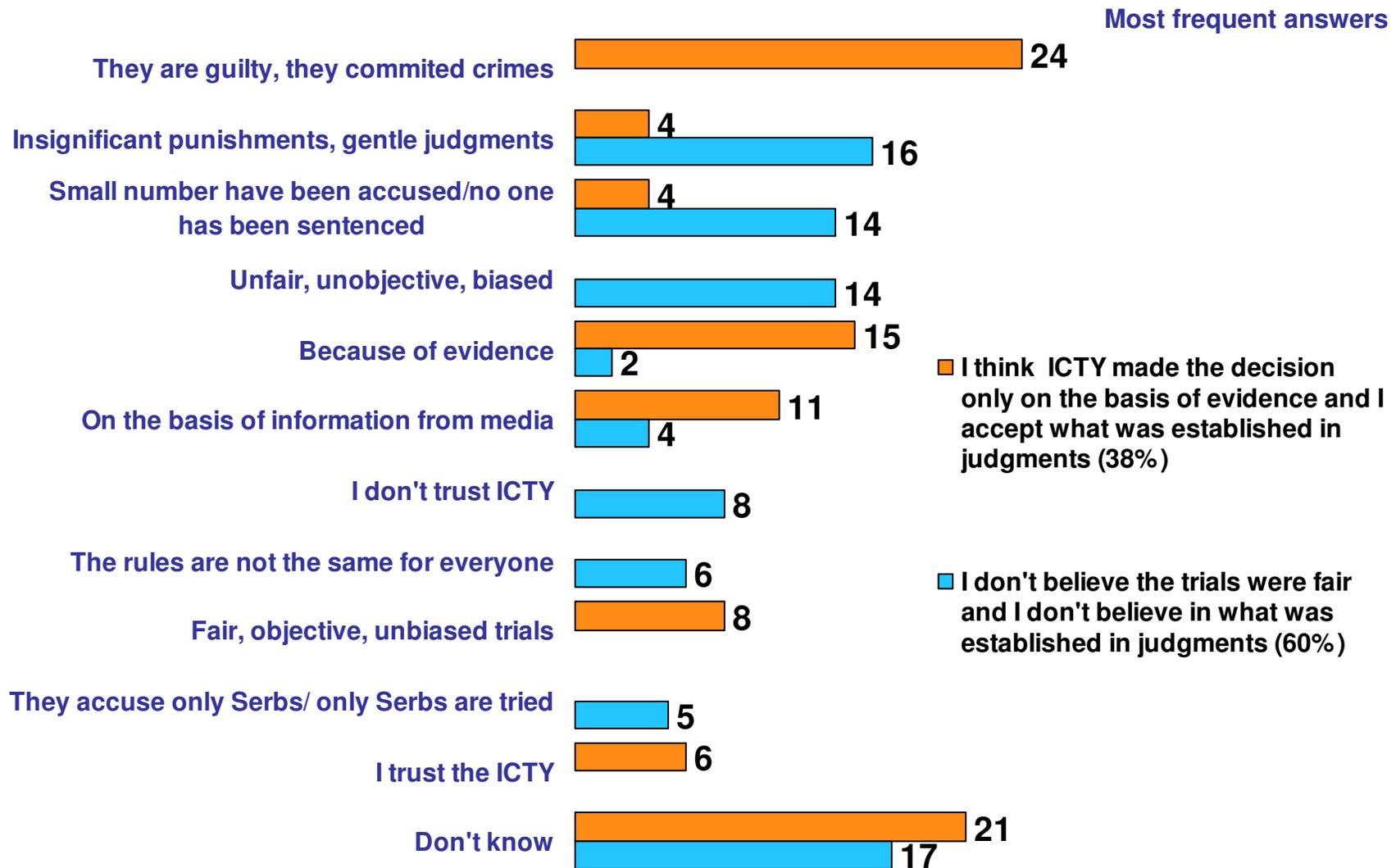
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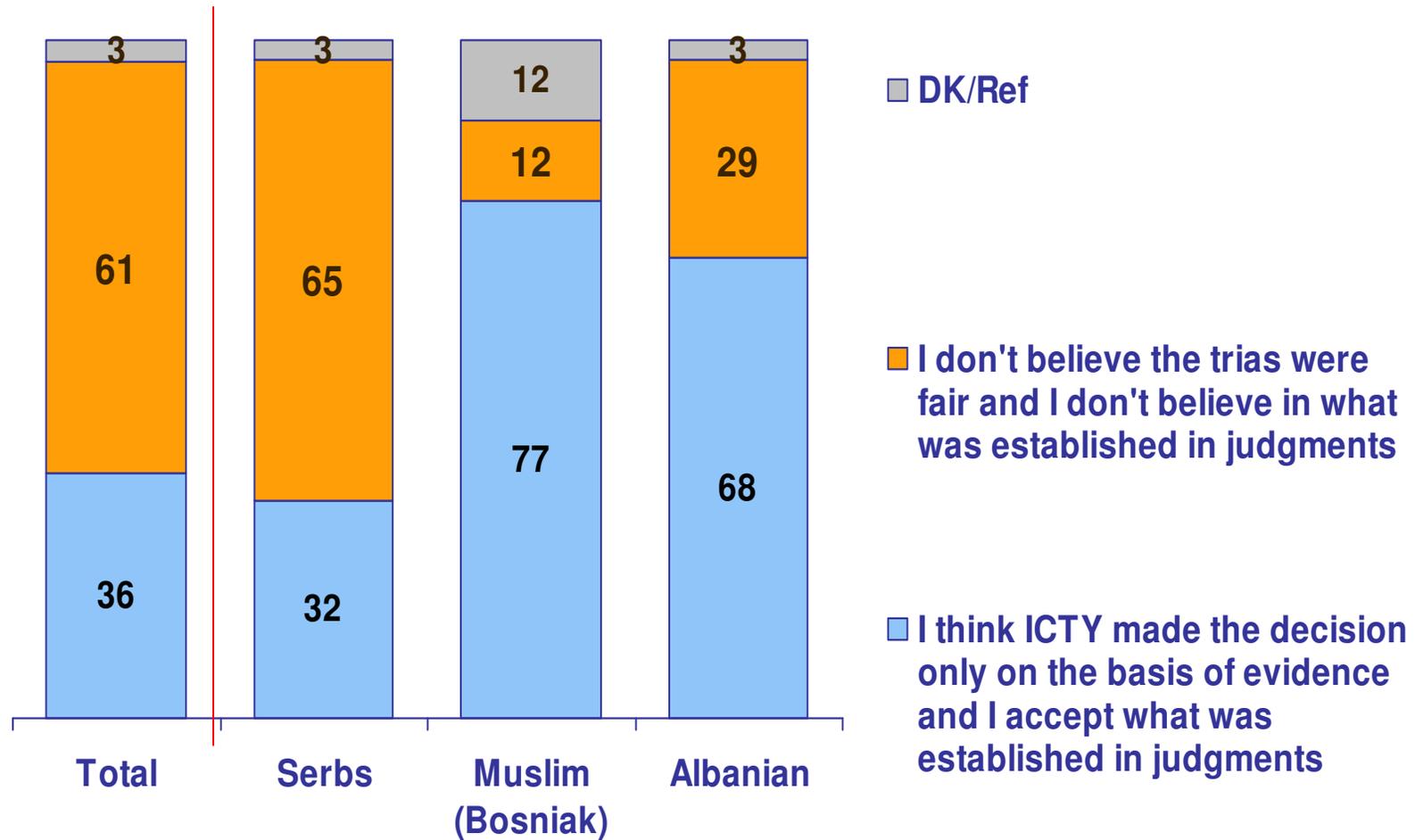
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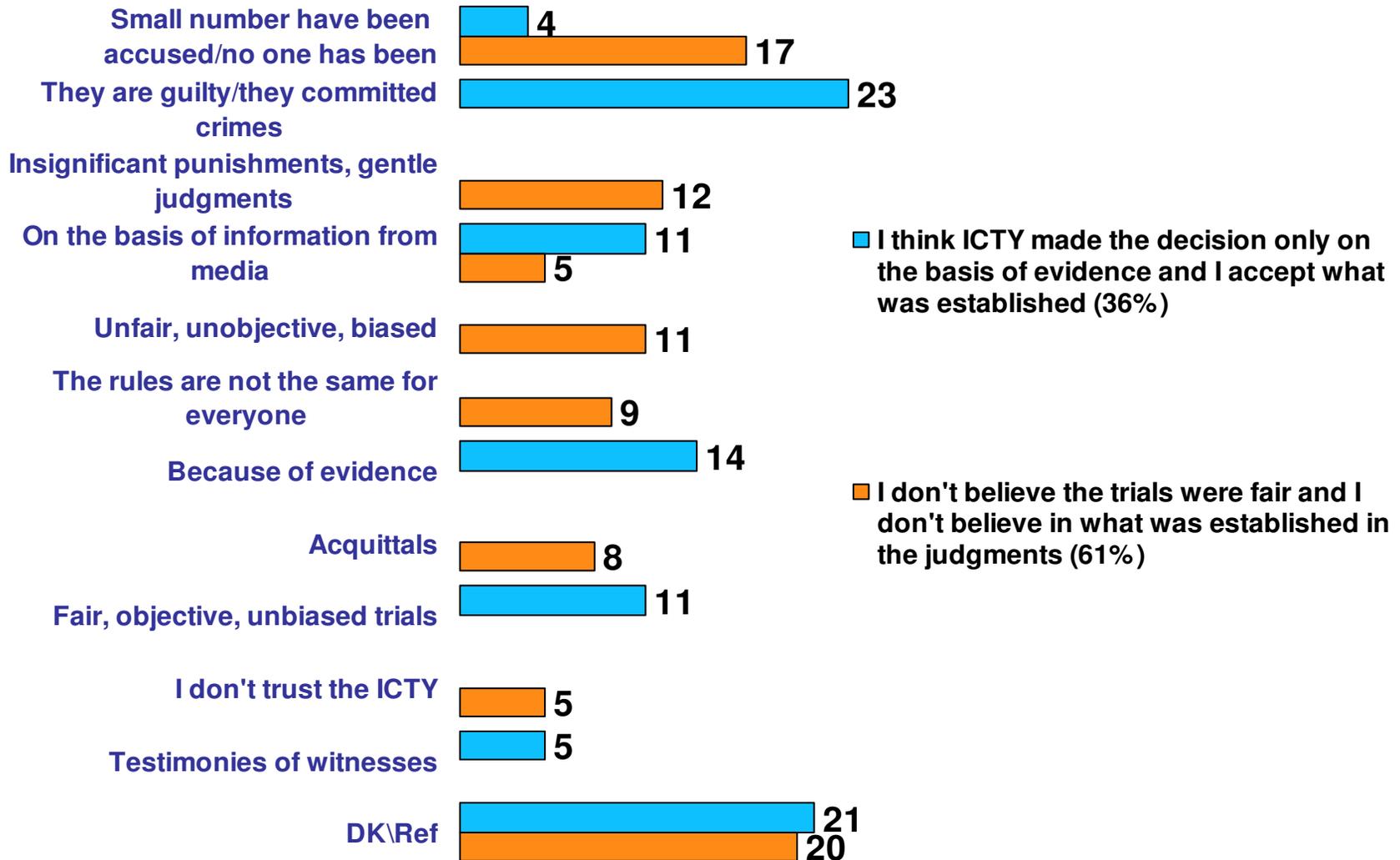
## What do you think about the ICTY judgments which found the accused Bosniaks guilty of war crimes?

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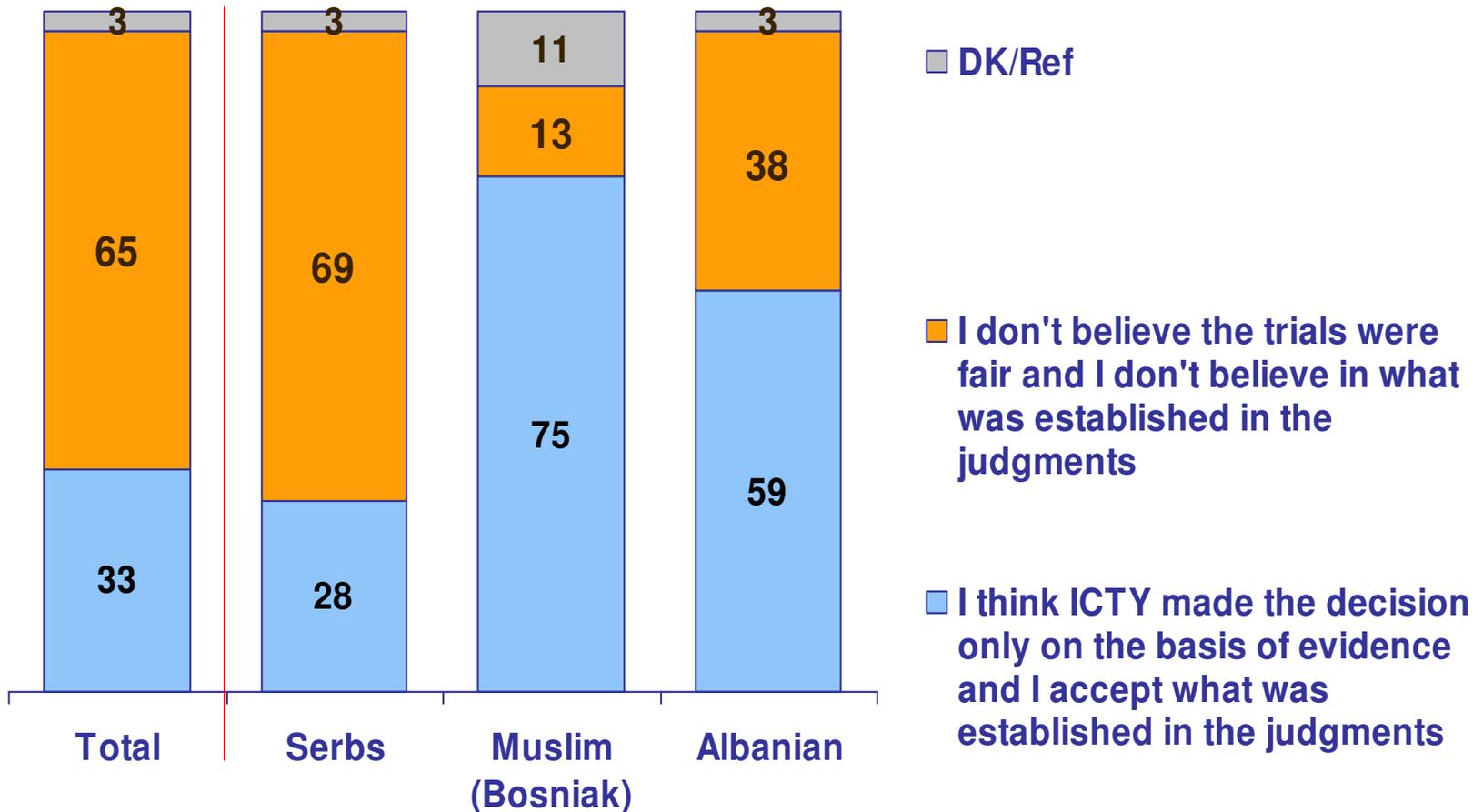
## How did you come to such conclusion (that trial on accused Bosniaks was biased or fair)?

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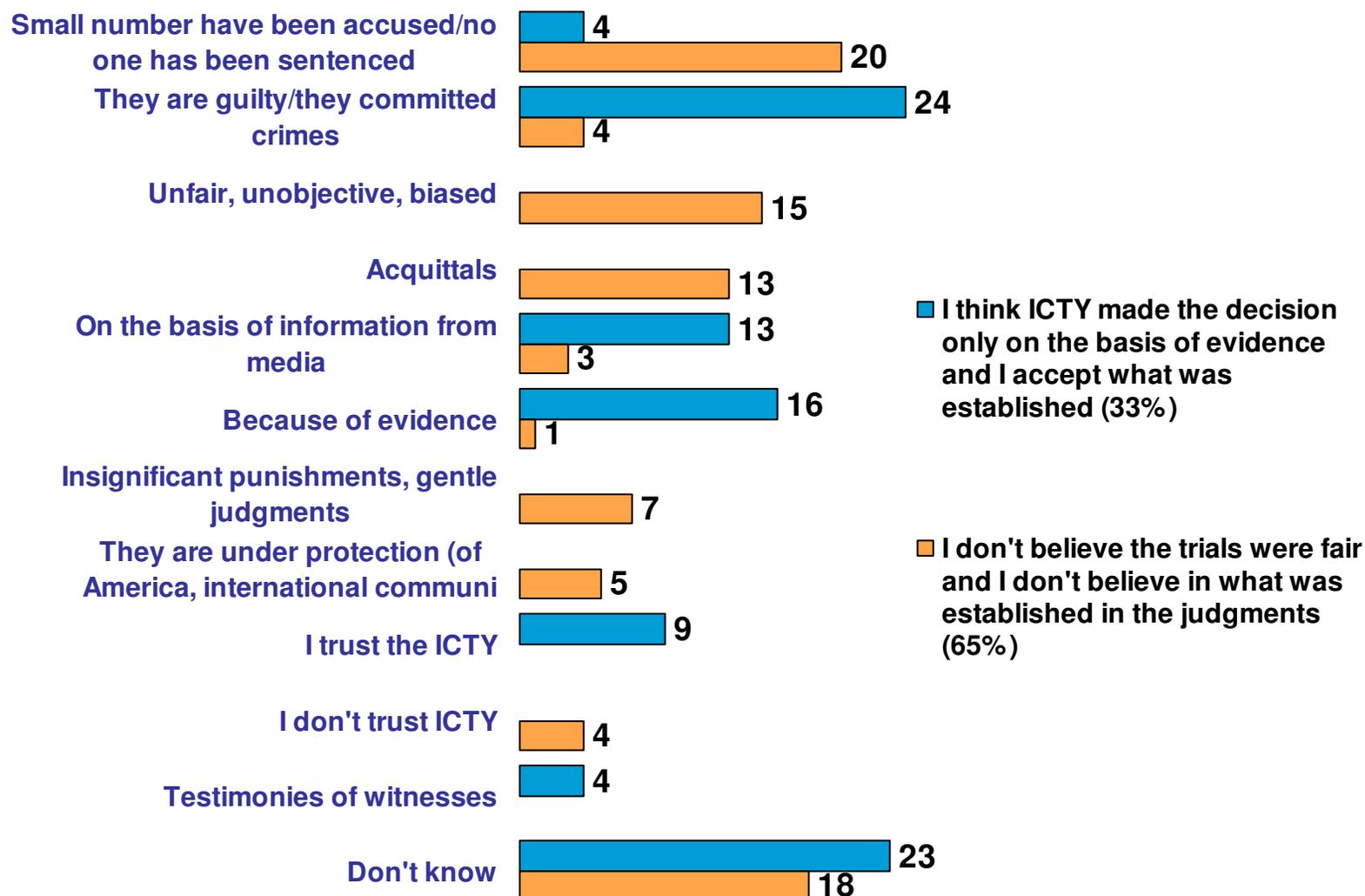
## What do you think about the ICTY judgments which found the accused Albanians were guilty of war crimes?

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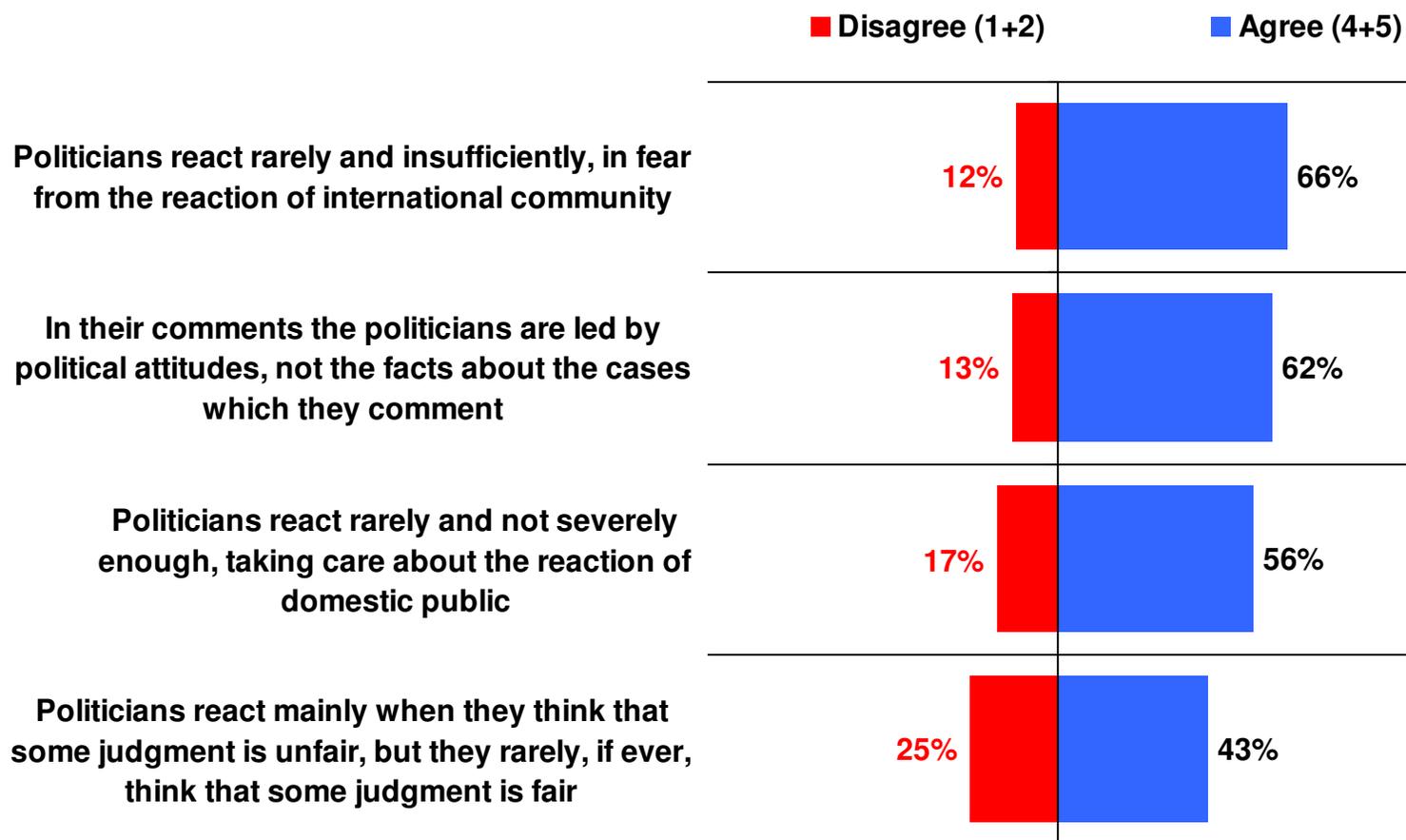


## How did you come to such conclusion (that trial of accused Albanians was biased or fair)?

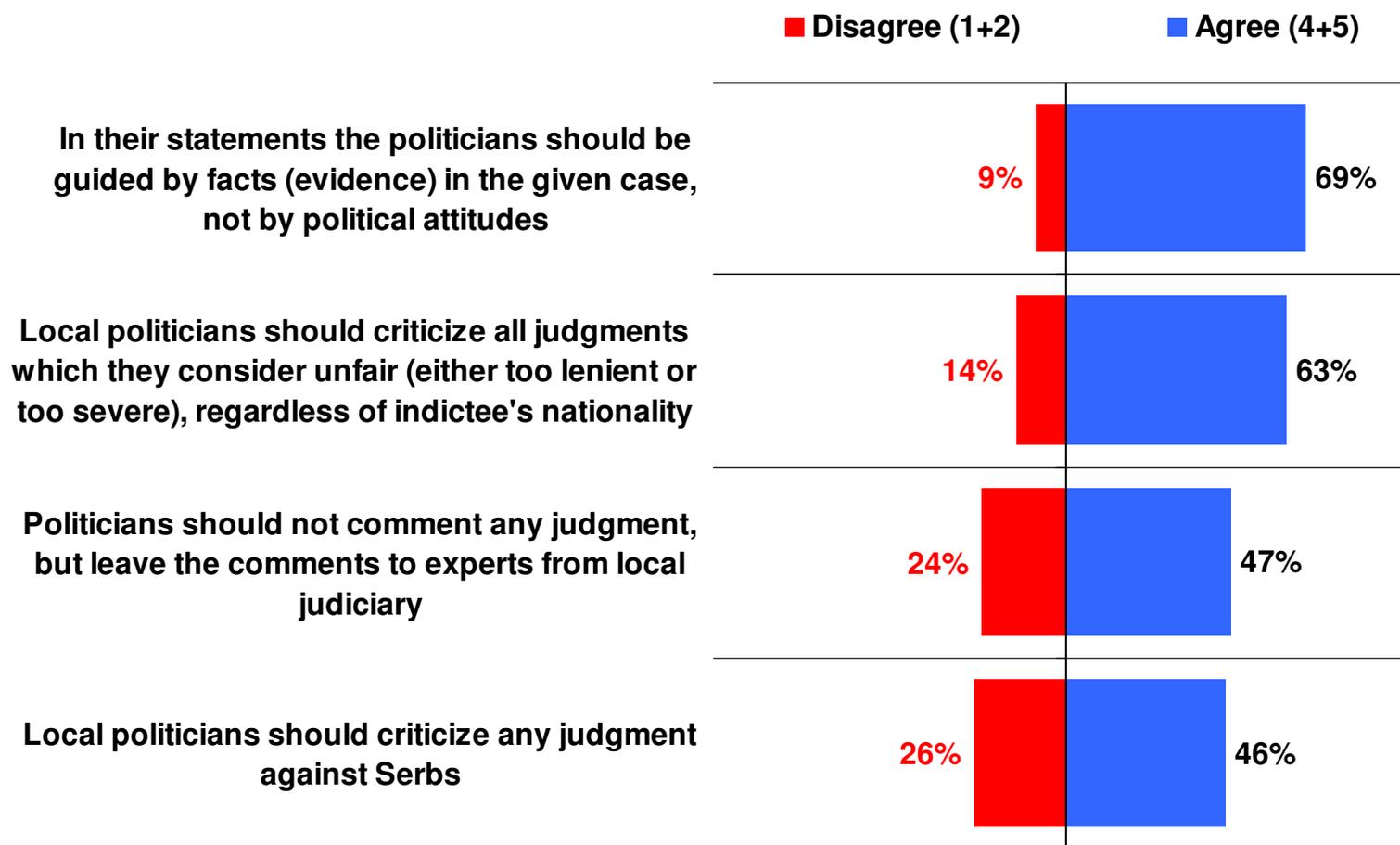
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## There are different opinions on comments of local politicians regarding the ICTY judgments. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

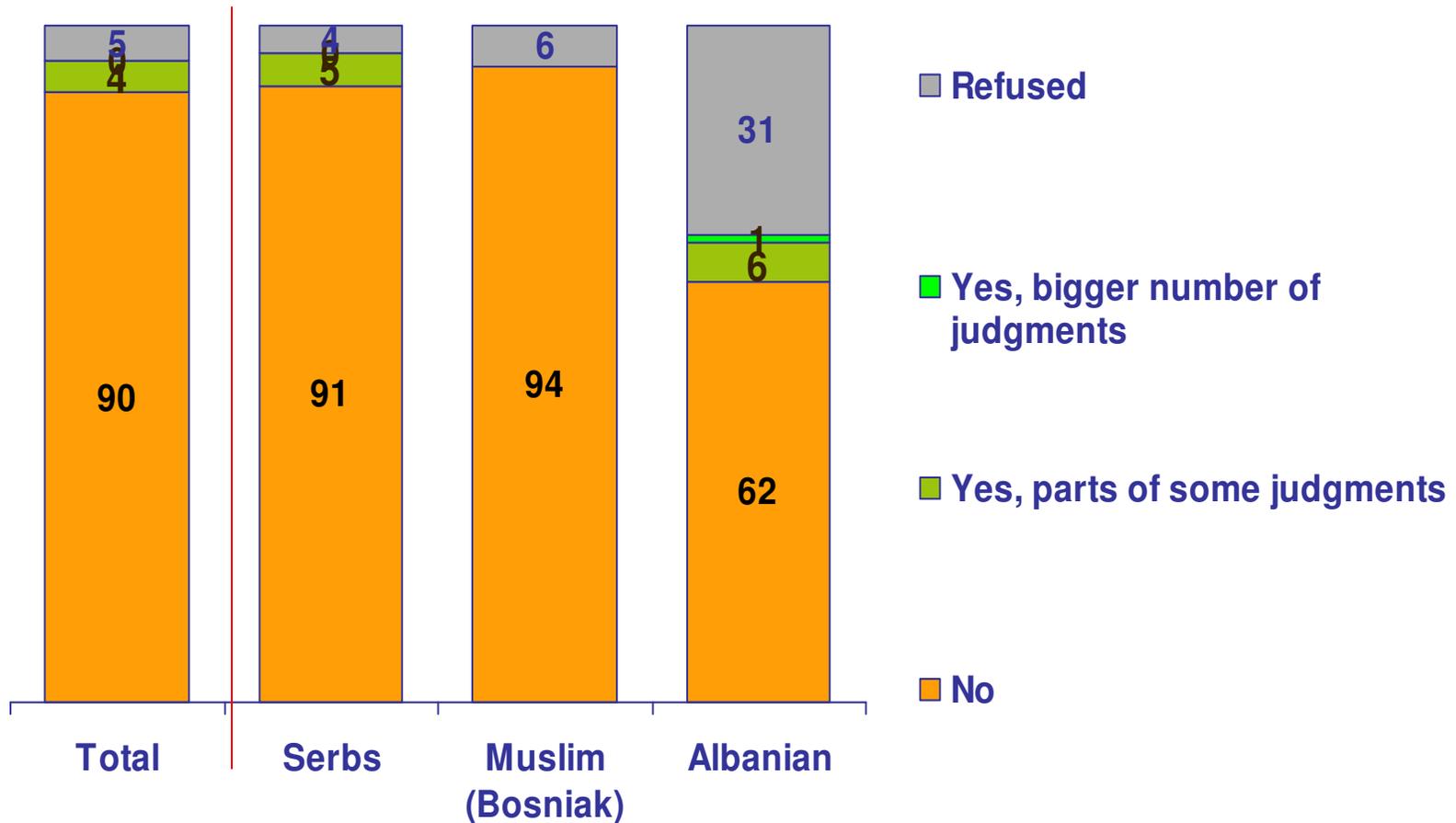


**There are different opinions about how the local politicians SHOULD react to ICTY judgments. To what extent do you agree with the following attitudes on that issue?**

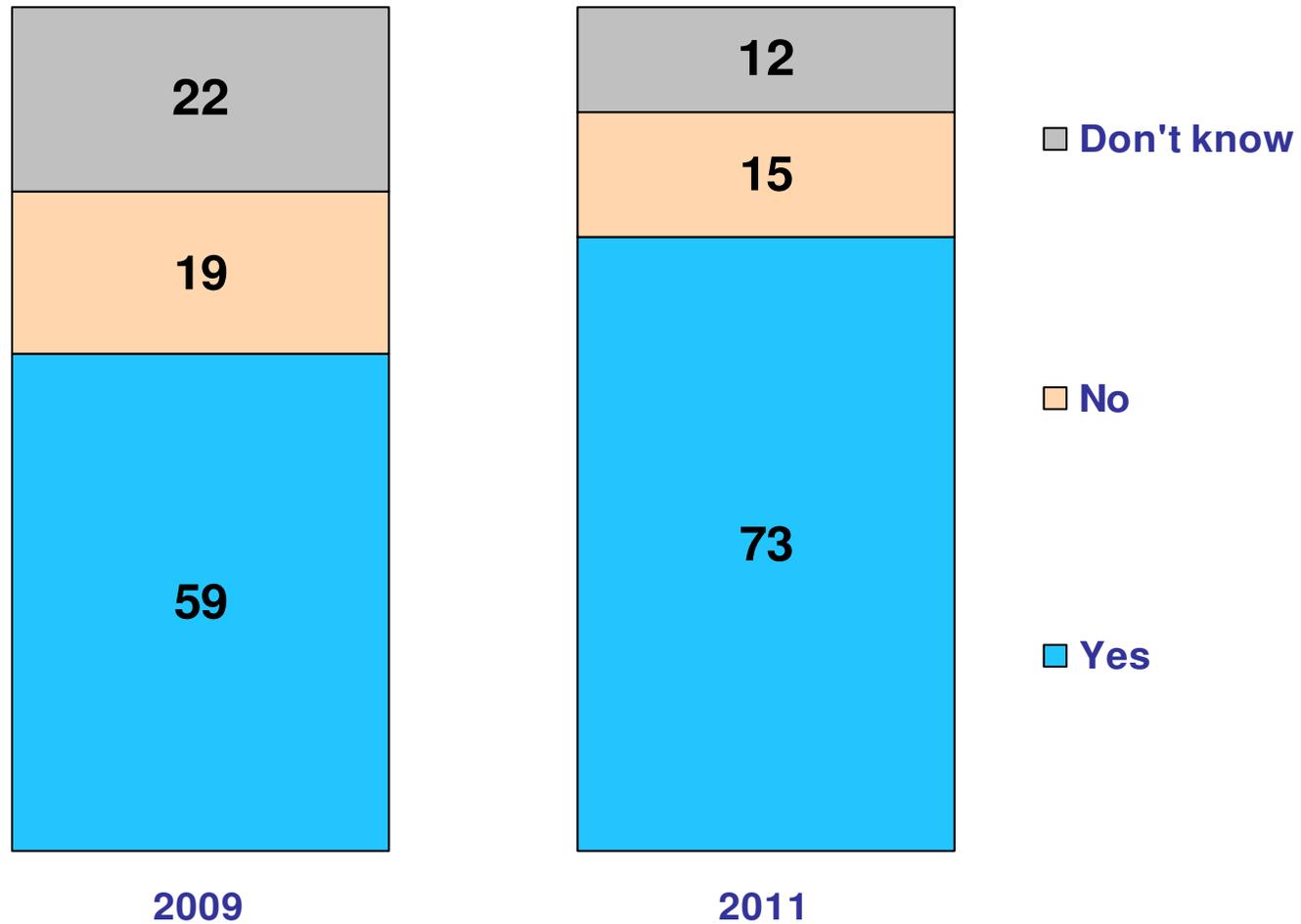


## Have you read any ICTY judgment?

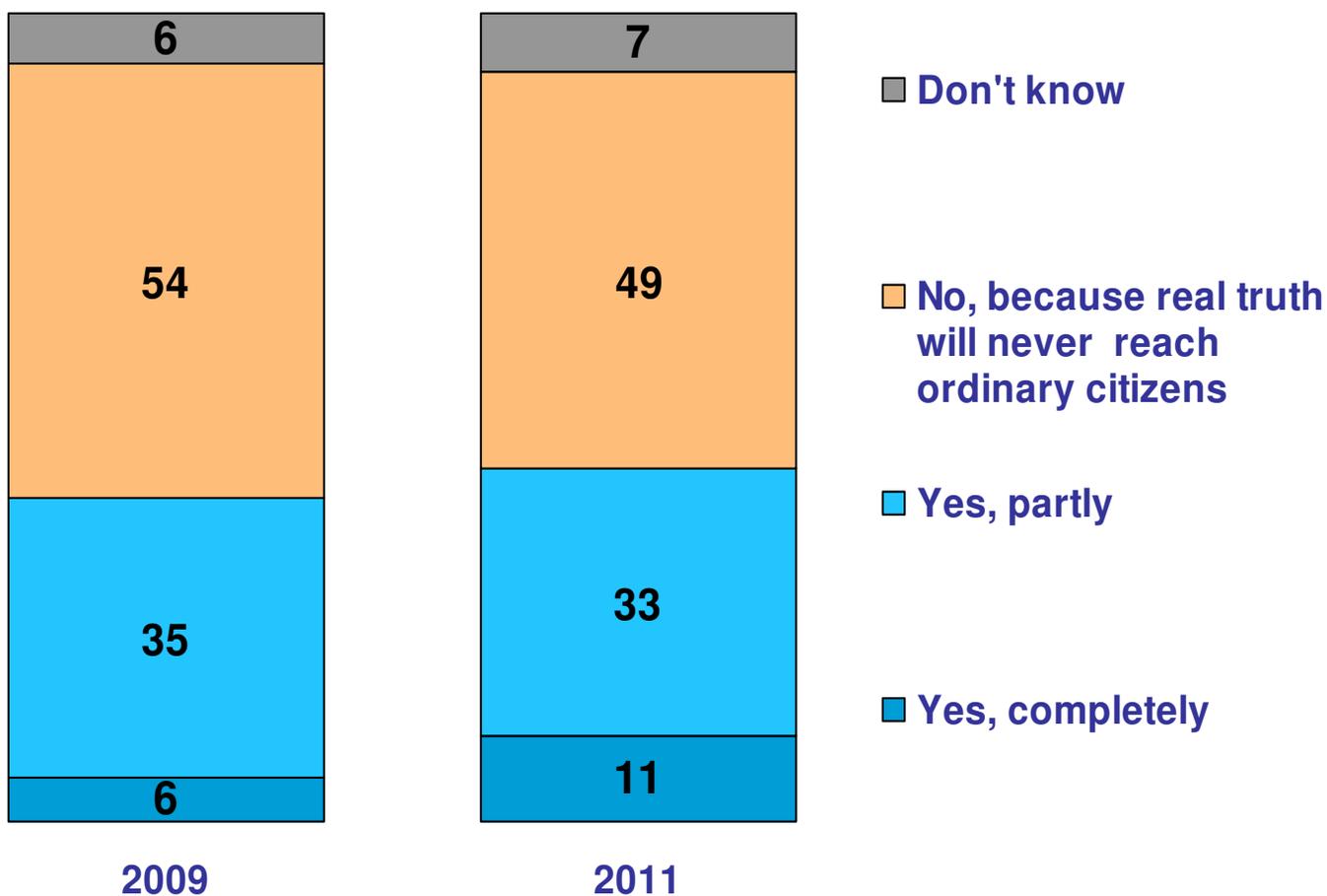
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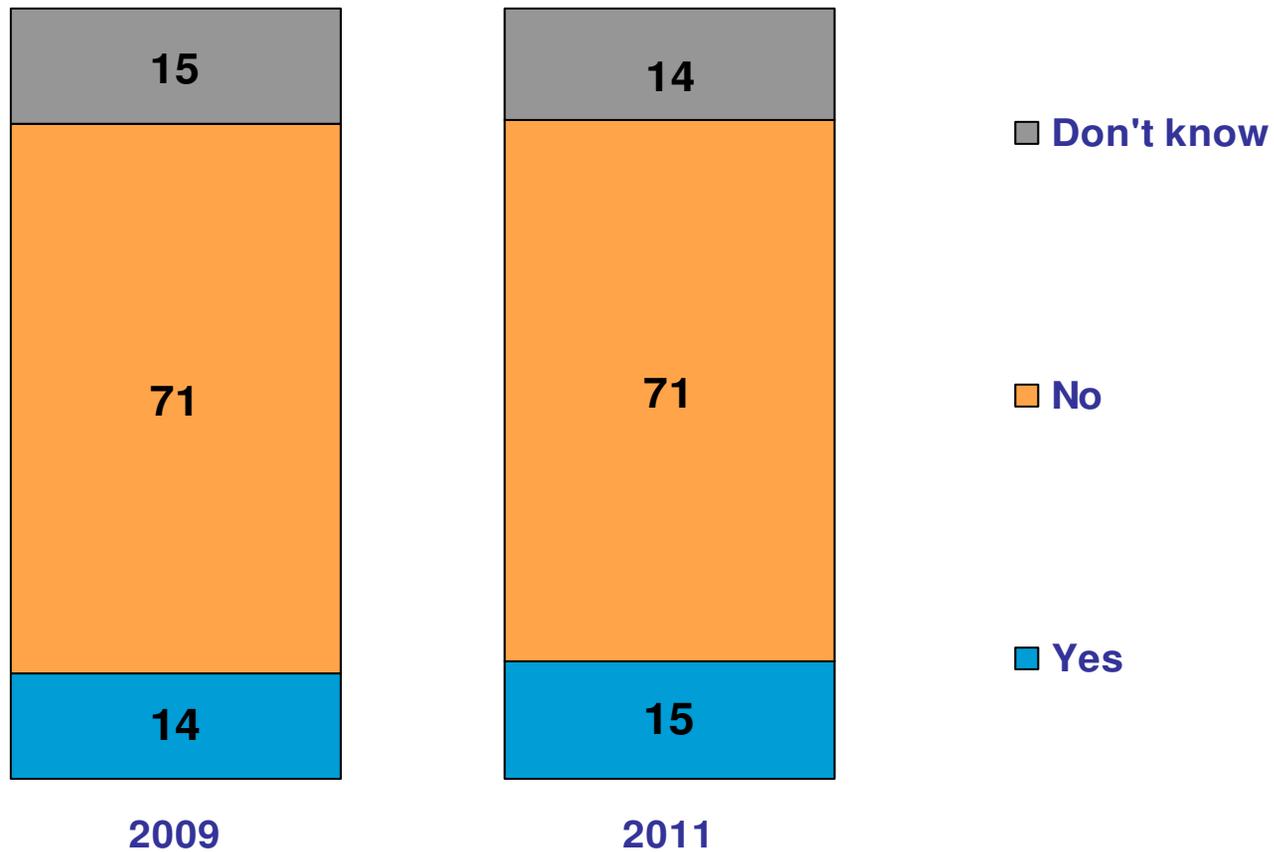
## Do you think the ICTY court files should be available to public?



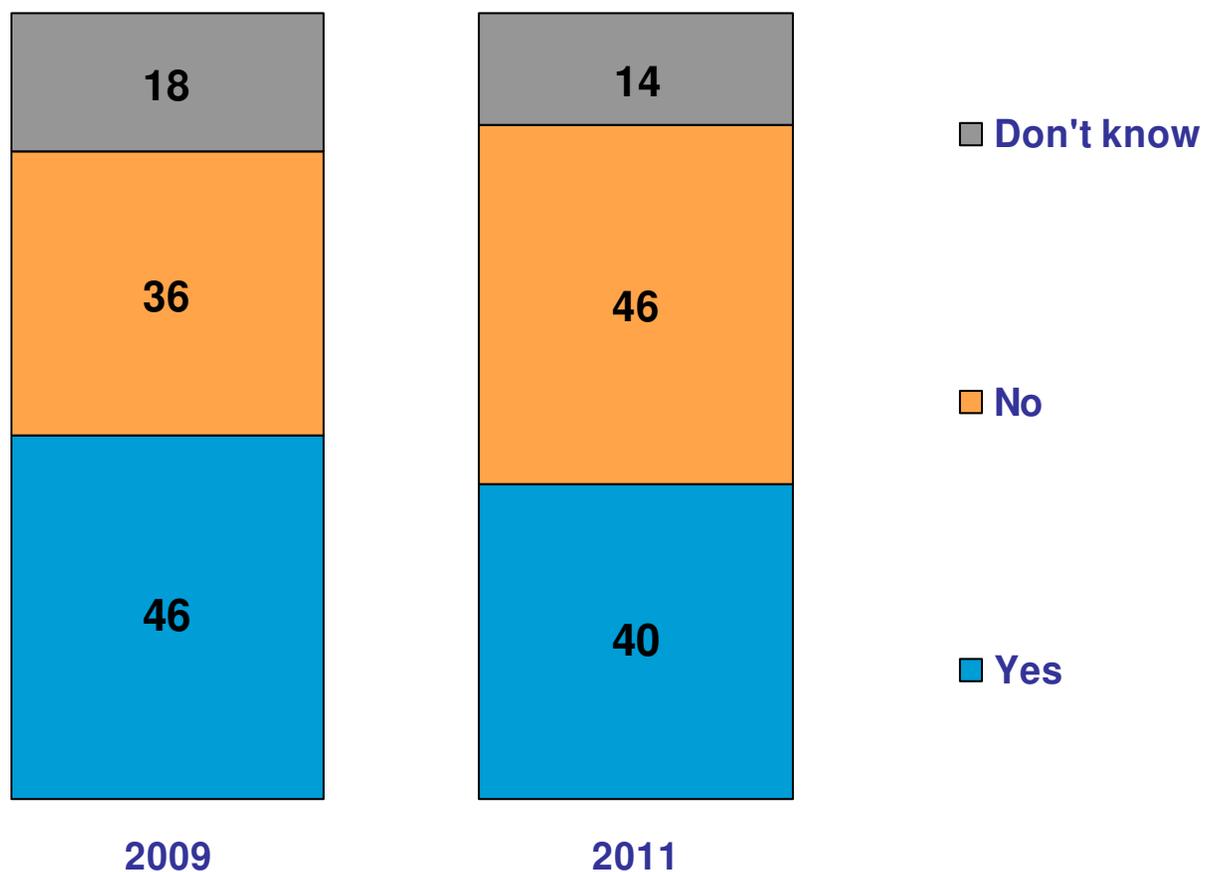
## Do you think that trials before the ICTY contribute to finding out the truth about the events in wars on the territory of former SFRY?



## Do you think the trials before the ICTY contribute to reconciliation process in the region?

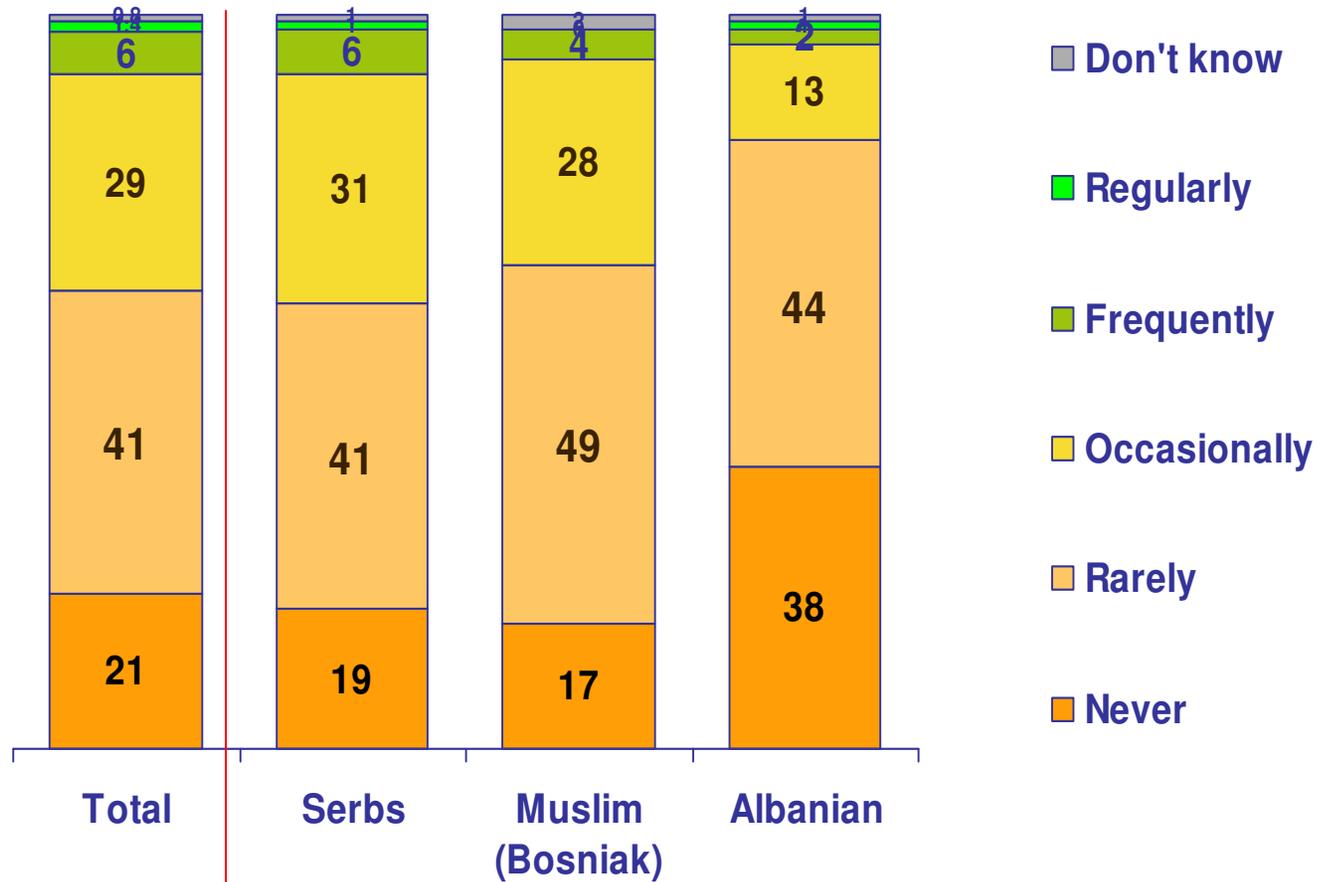


## Do you think that trials for war crimes should be continued in Serbia when ICTY terminates its work?

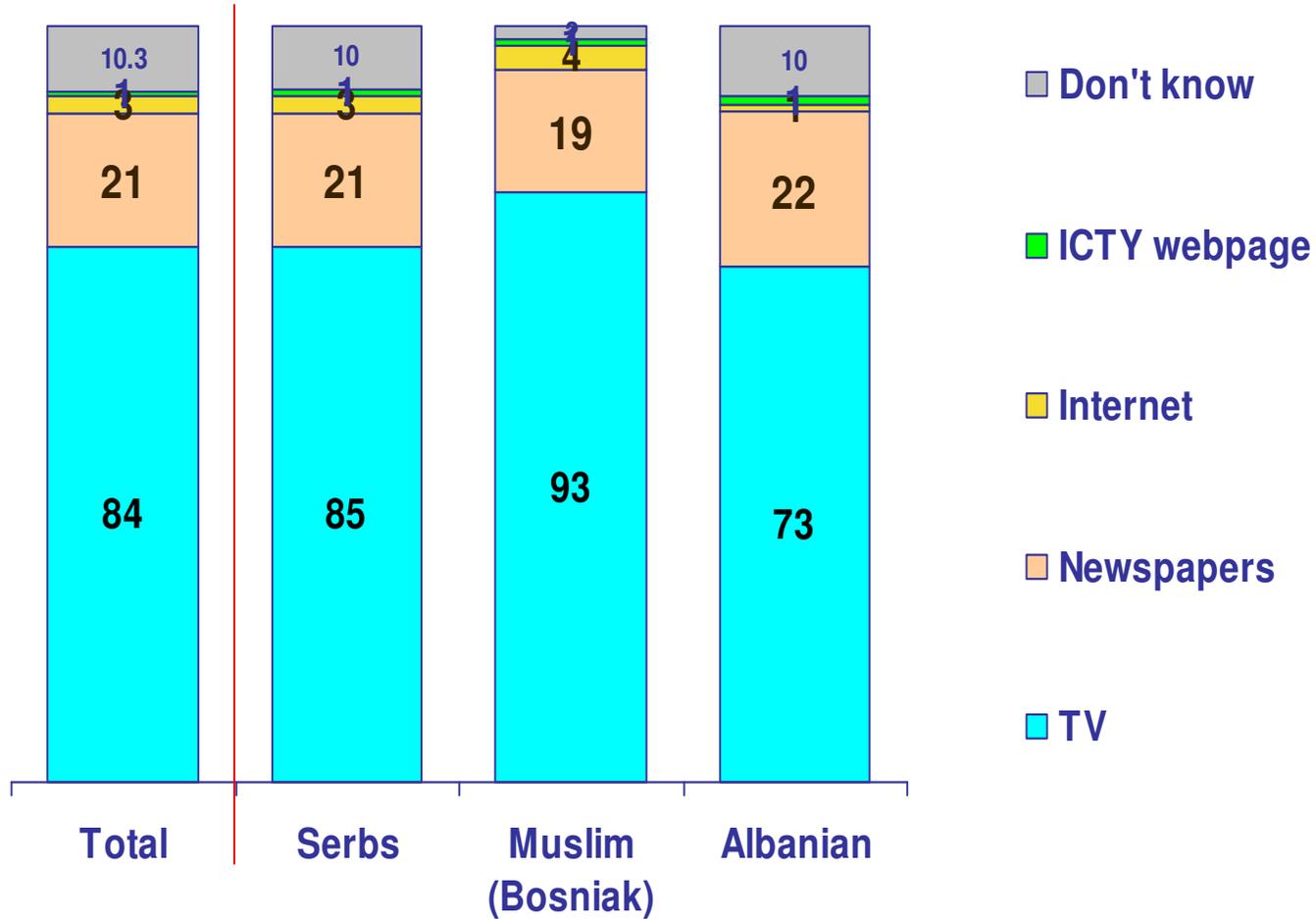


## Do you follow the trials before the ICTY?

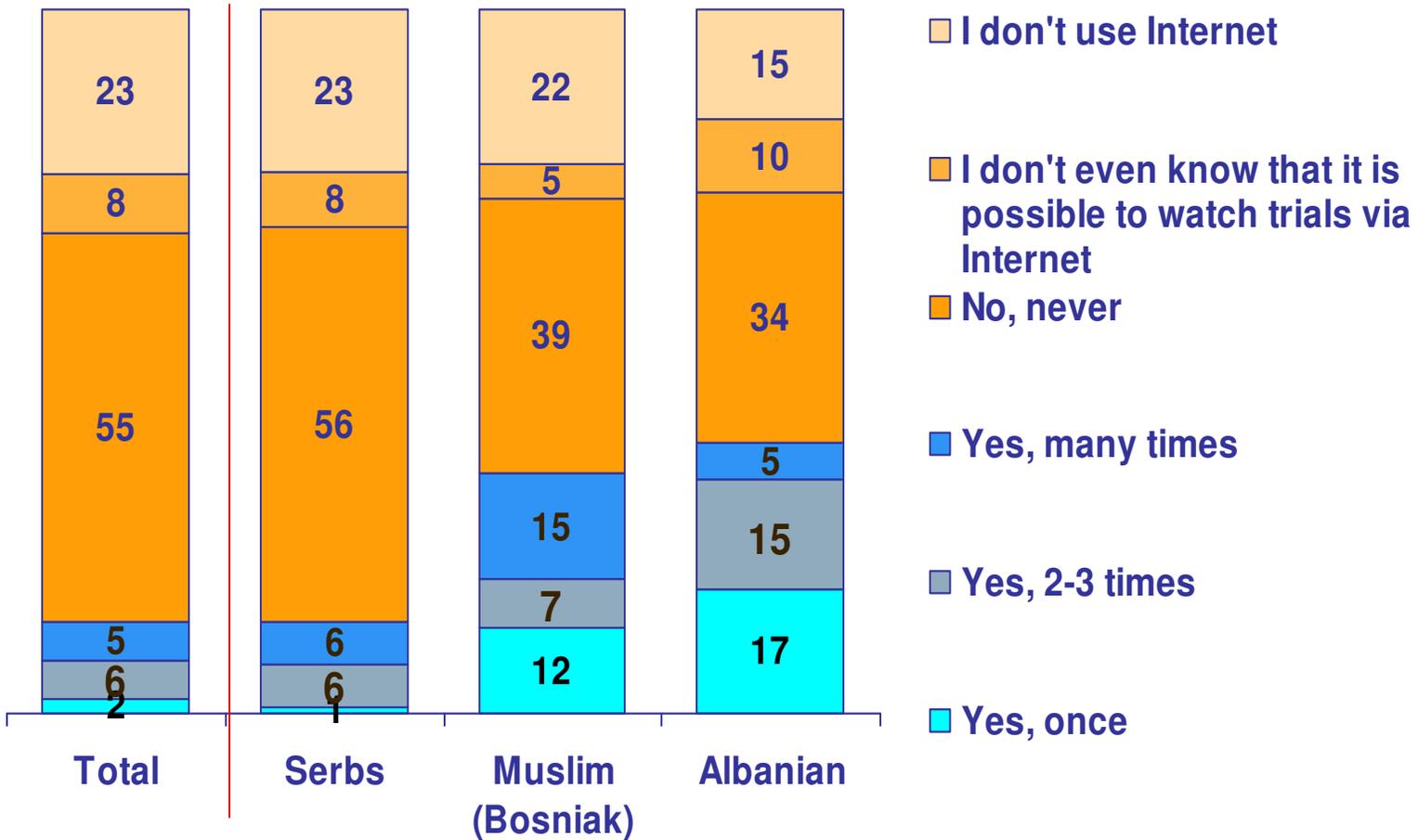
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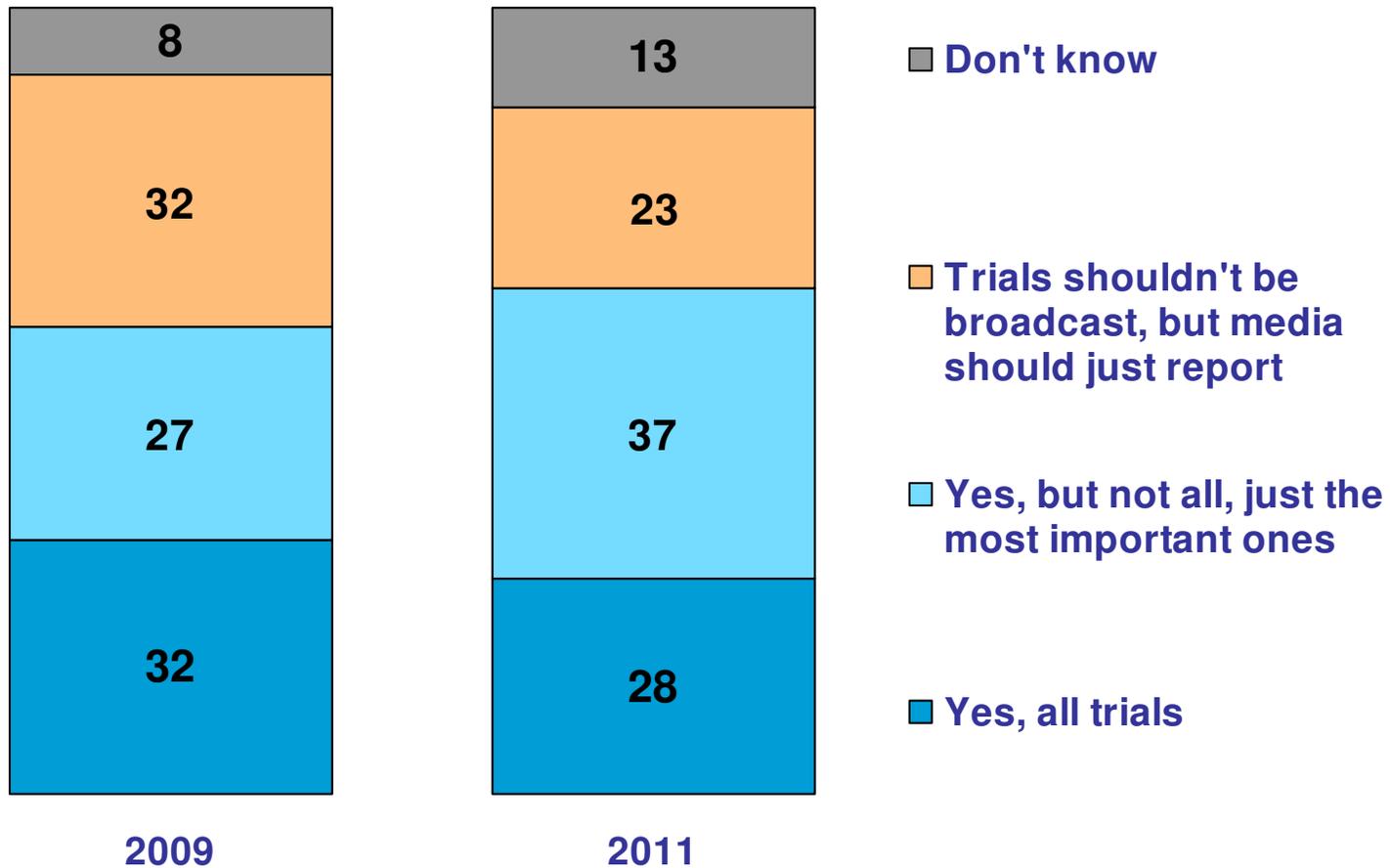
## From which source do you follow the trials before the ICTY?



## Have you ever watched direct broadcast of trials via ICTY webpage?

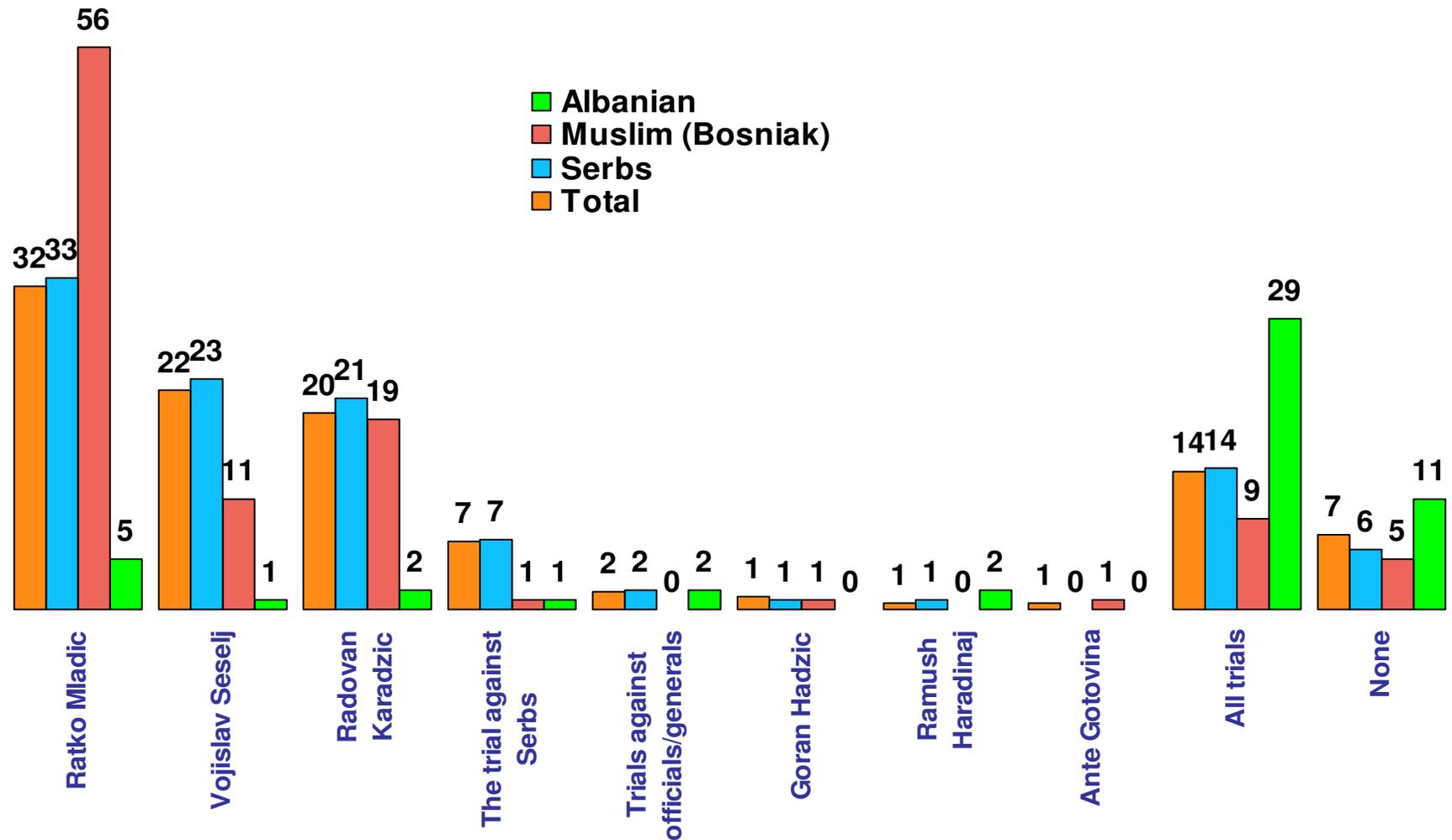


## Do you think that national TV stations should broadcast trials before the ICTY?

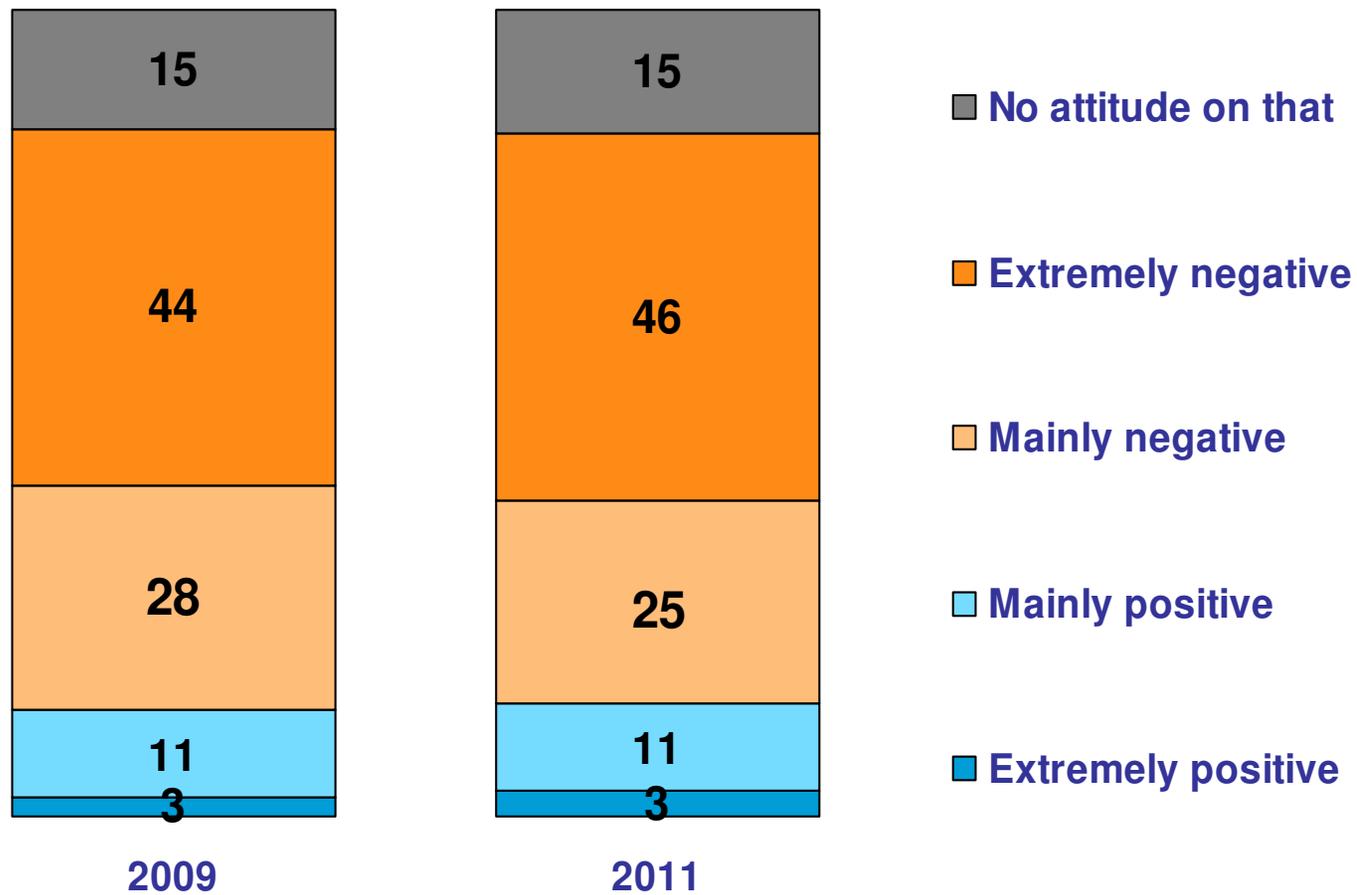


## Which trials are the most important ones, which of them do you think should be broadcast?

Multiple answers; Base: Total target population



## What is your attitude on ICTY in general?



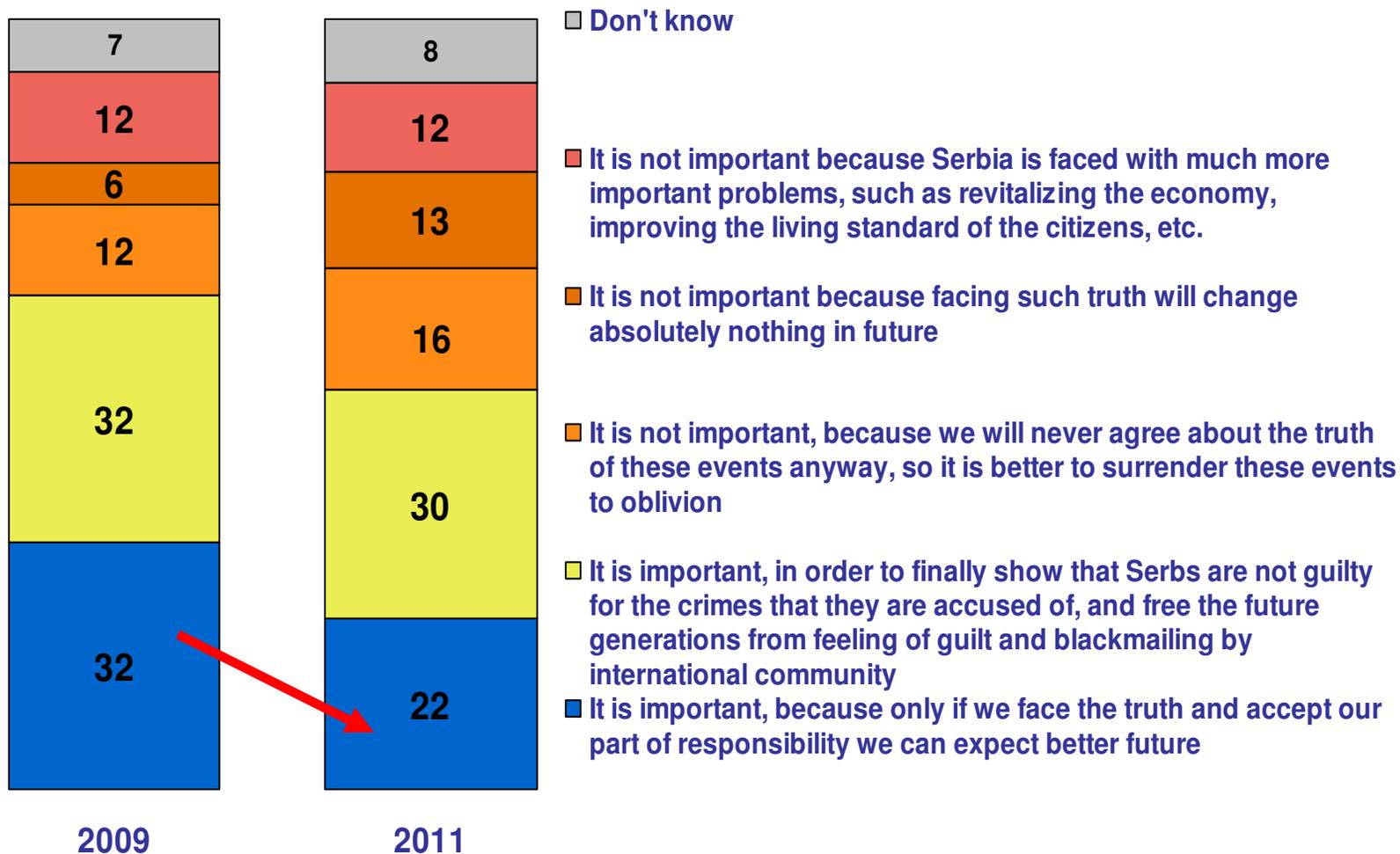


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# TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

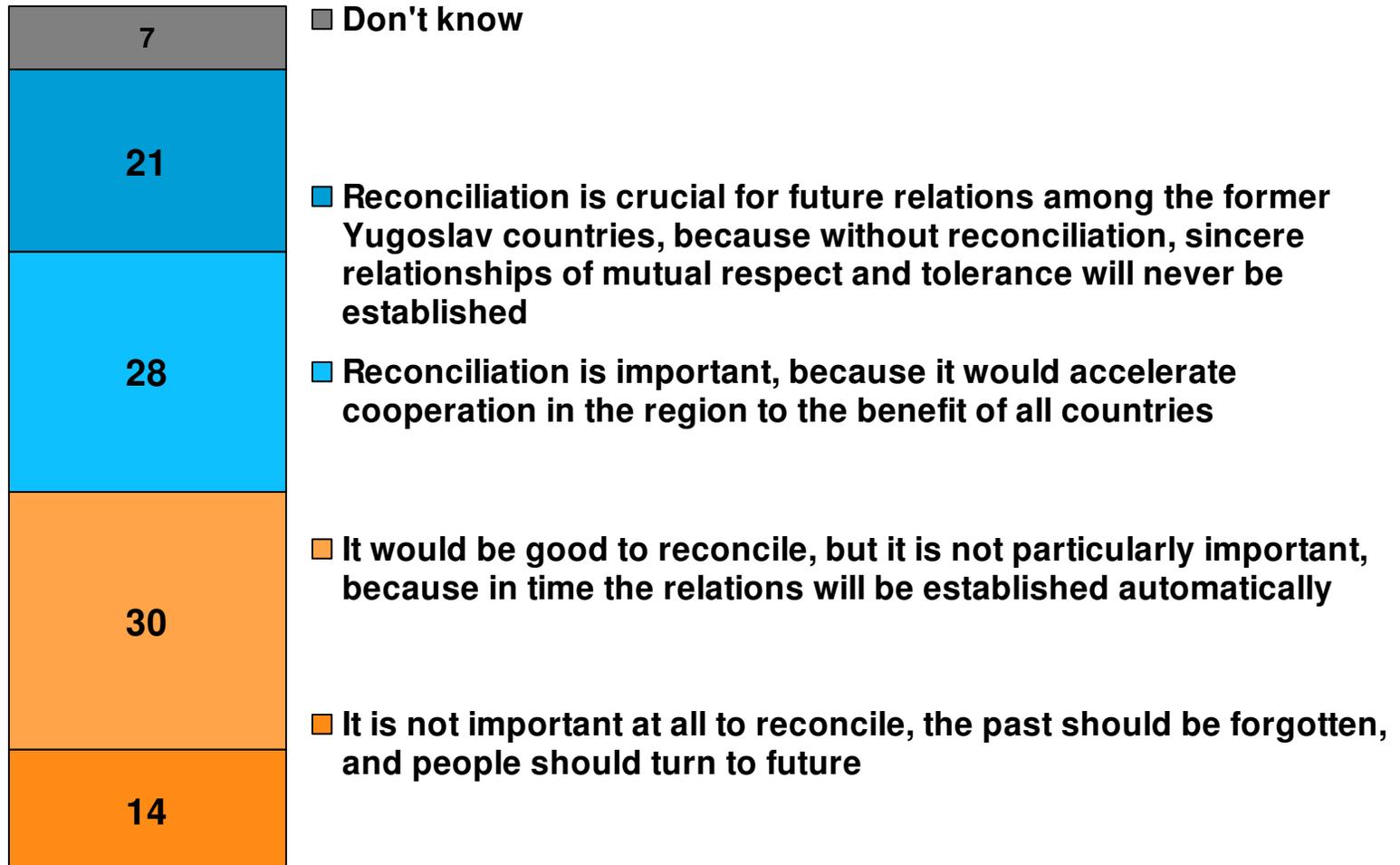
## IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY

## Do you think that dealing with warfare on the territory of former SFRY is important for future of our country? Which attitude comes closest to your own?



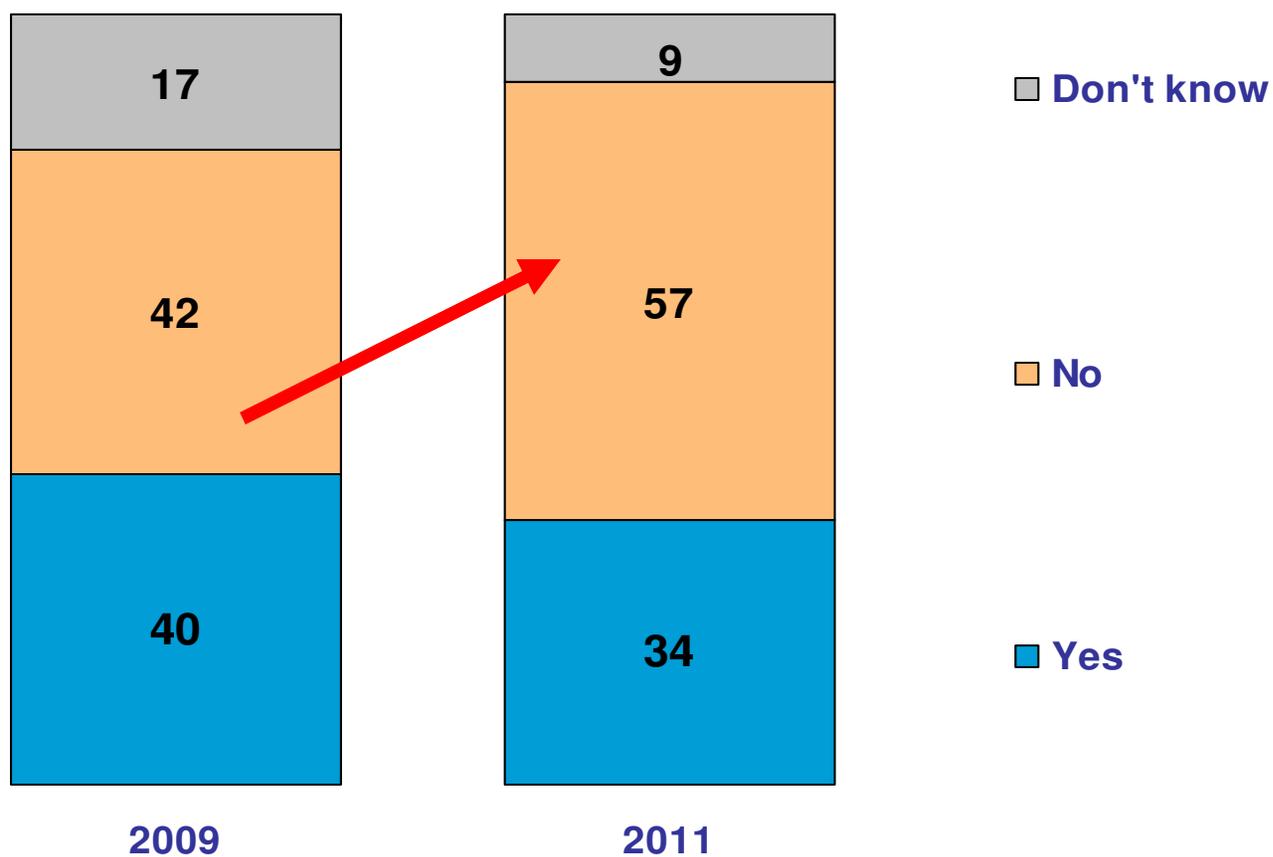
## In your opinion how important is it that former Yugoslav countries reach reconciliation? Which attitude comes closest to your own?

Base: Total target population

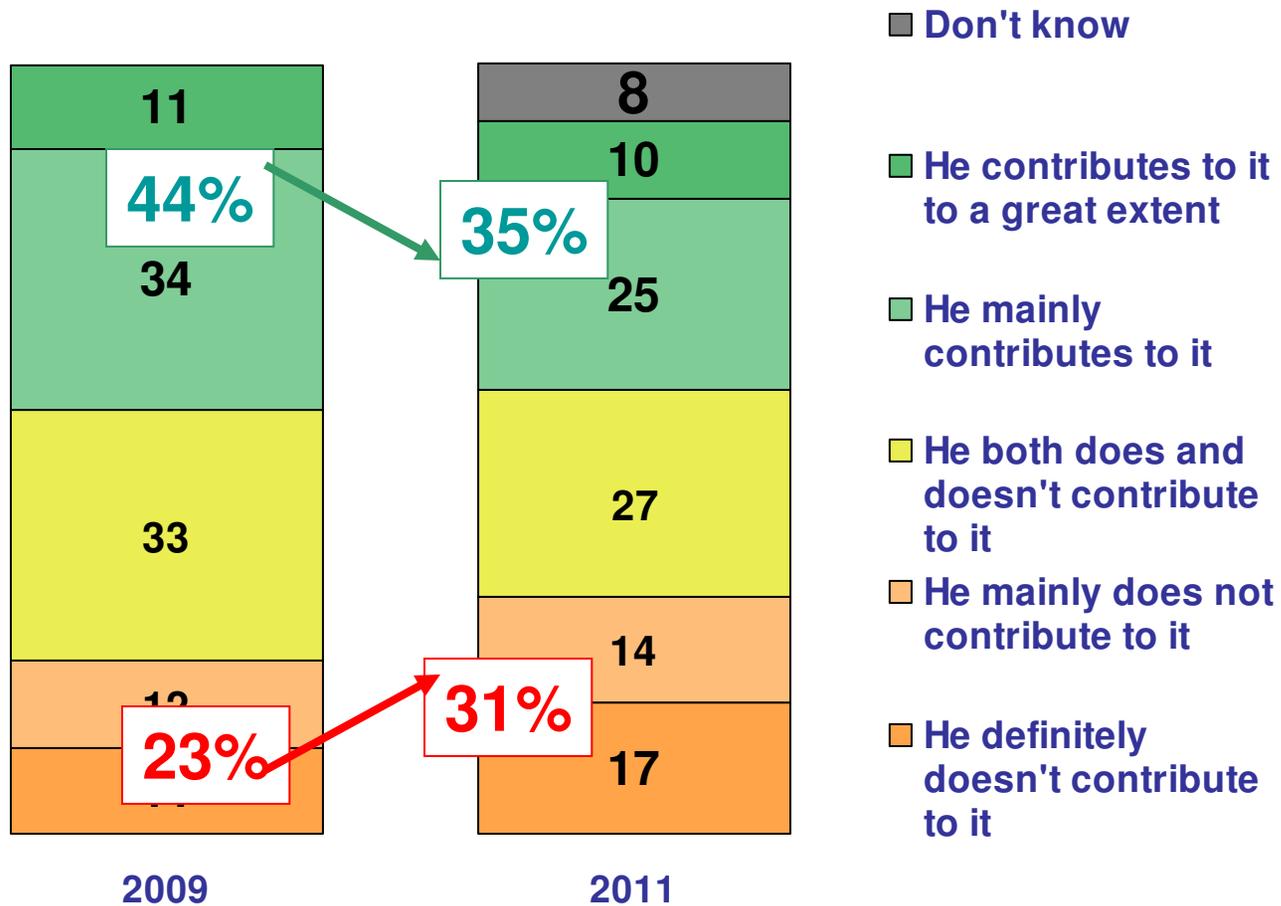


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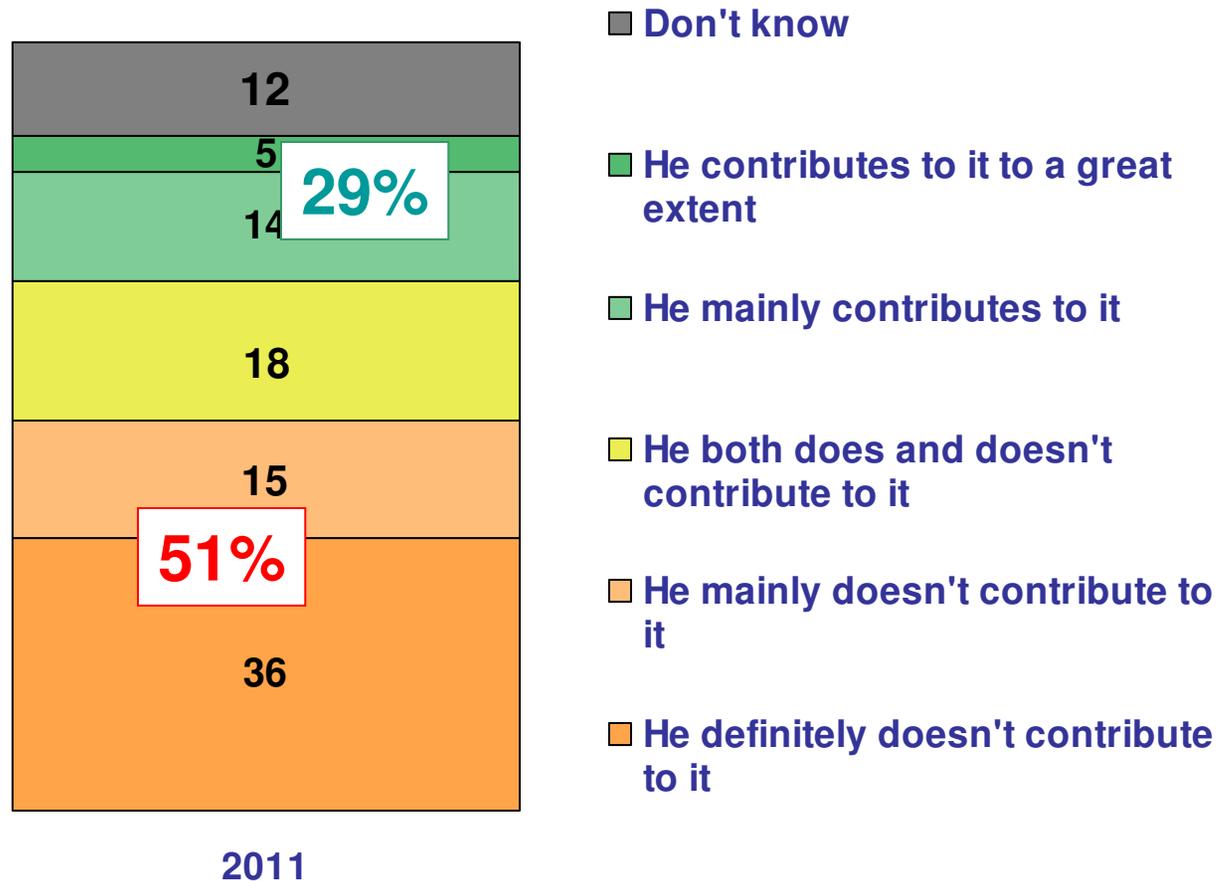
## Do you think that apologies of the state officials contributes to process of reconciliation in the region?



## In your opinion, to what extent does President of Serbia contribute to process of reconciliation in the region?



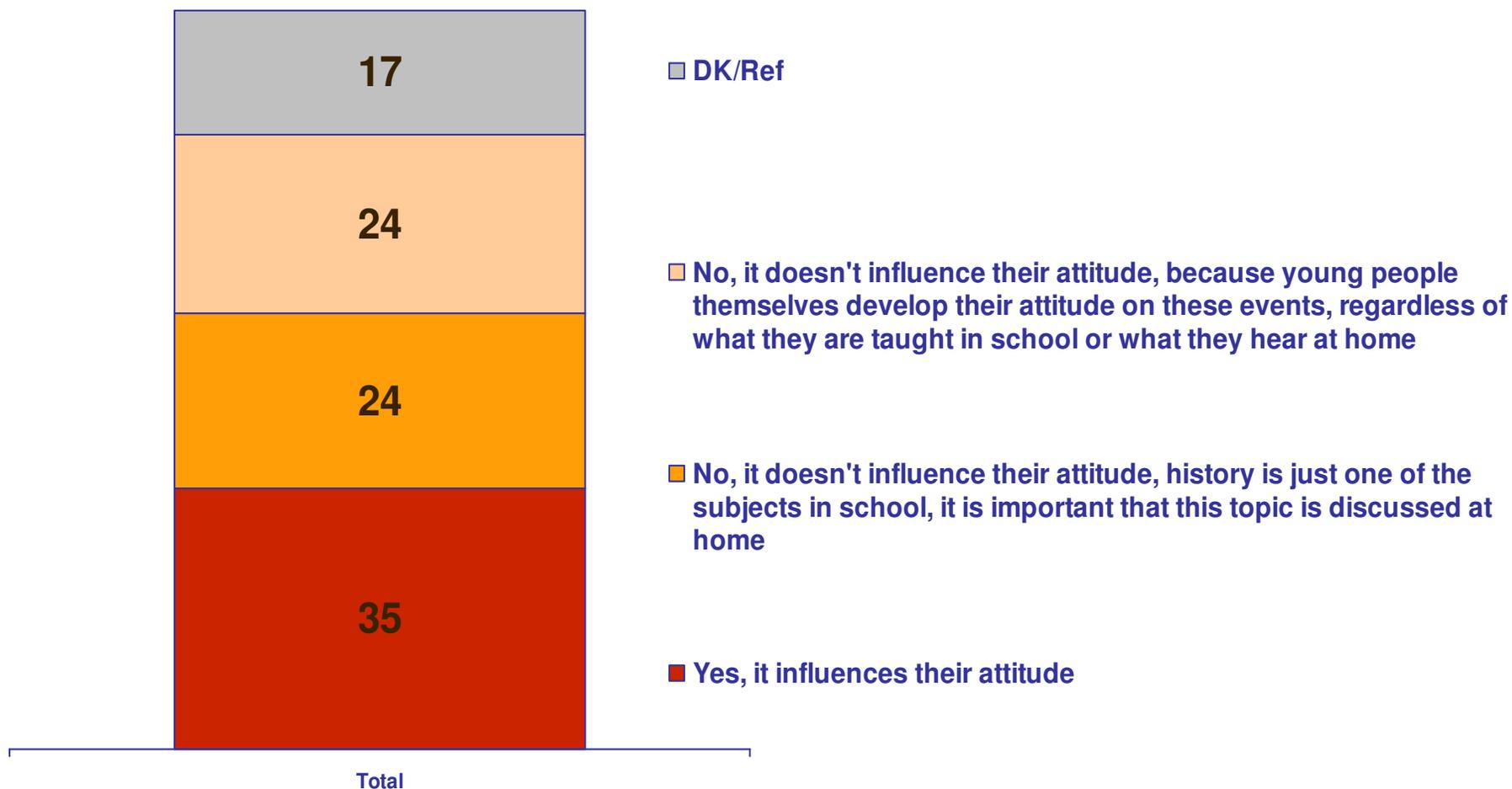
## In your opinion, to what extent does President of Croatia contribute to process of reconciliation in the region?



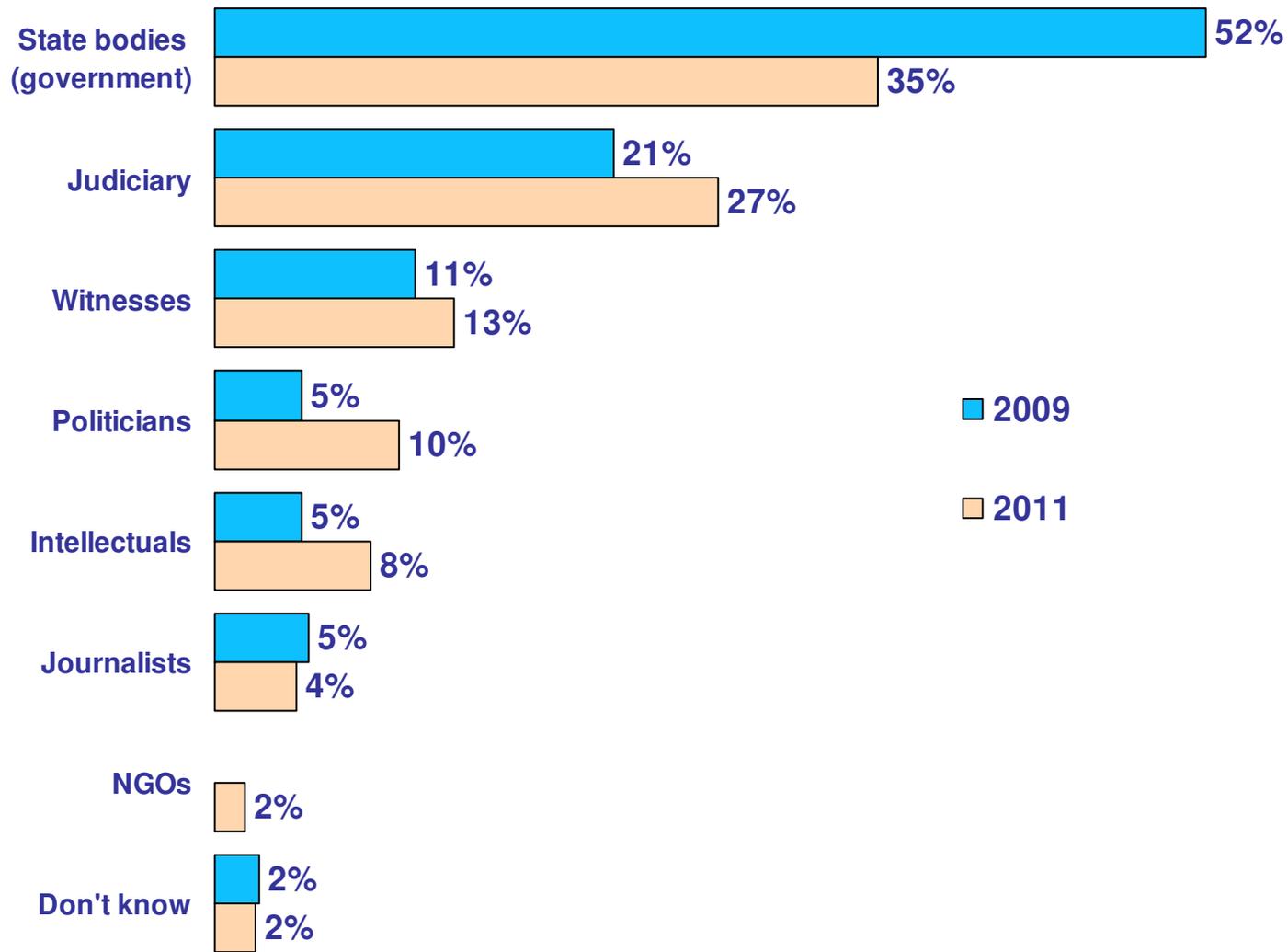


## Does the way in which our educational system presented the wars from 1991 to 1999 on the territory of former Yugoslavia influence the attitude of young generation about these events?

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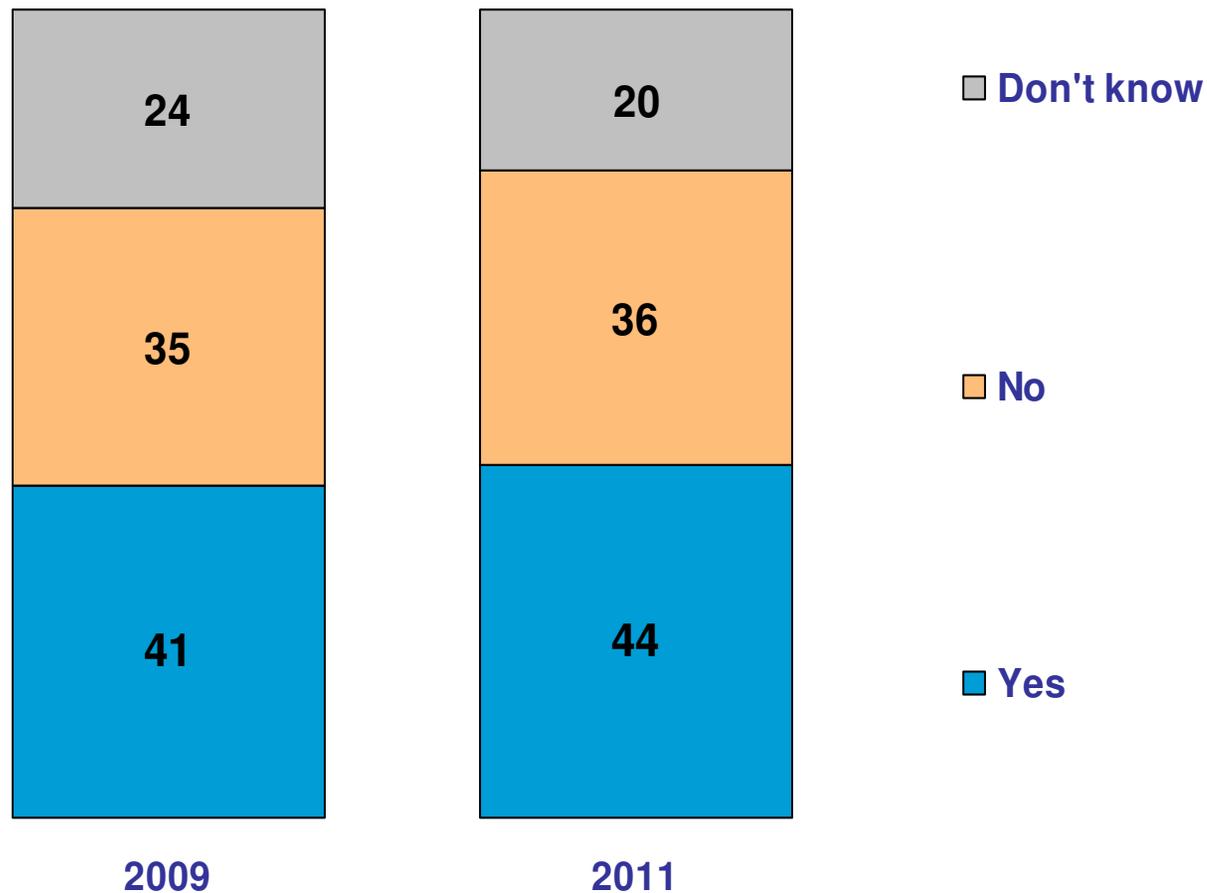


## When unpleasant truth about us in relation to the war crimes is to be revealed, who should present it?



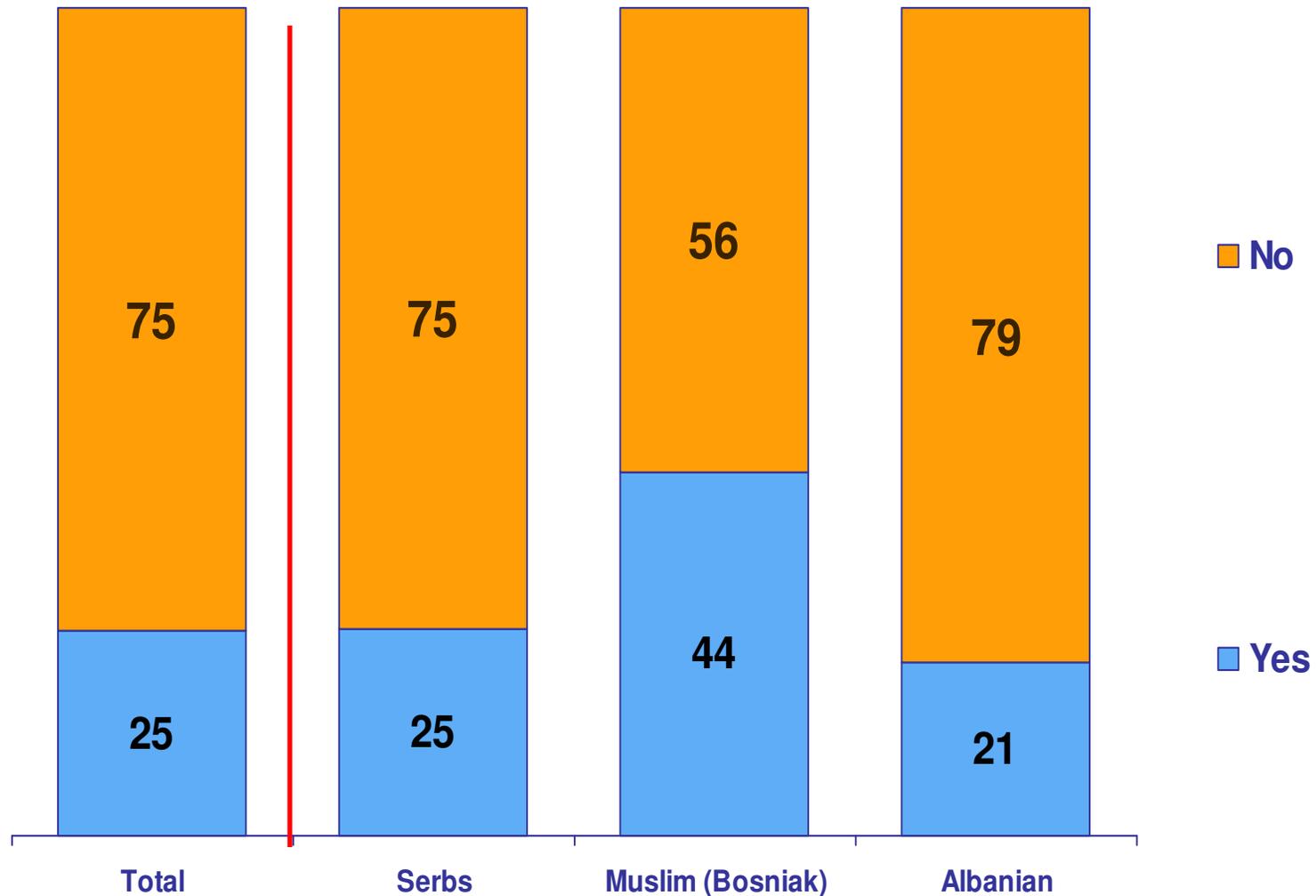


**Do you think there is a need for establishing a body, in addition to the courts, that would work on determination of facts on crimes during the wars (such as, for example, a regional Commission for Truth and Reconciliation, or similar body)?**



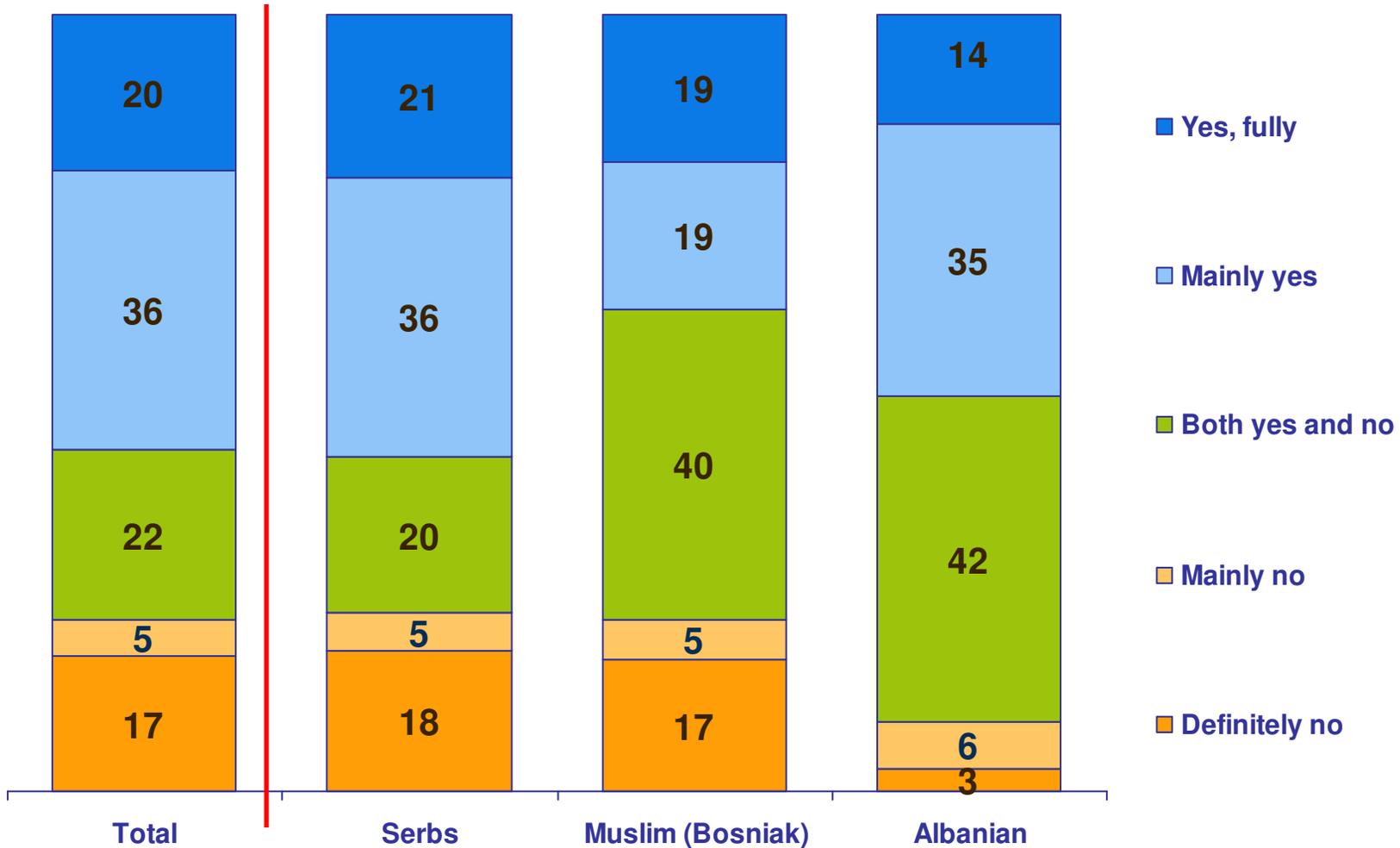
## Have you heard of REKOM?

Base: Total target population



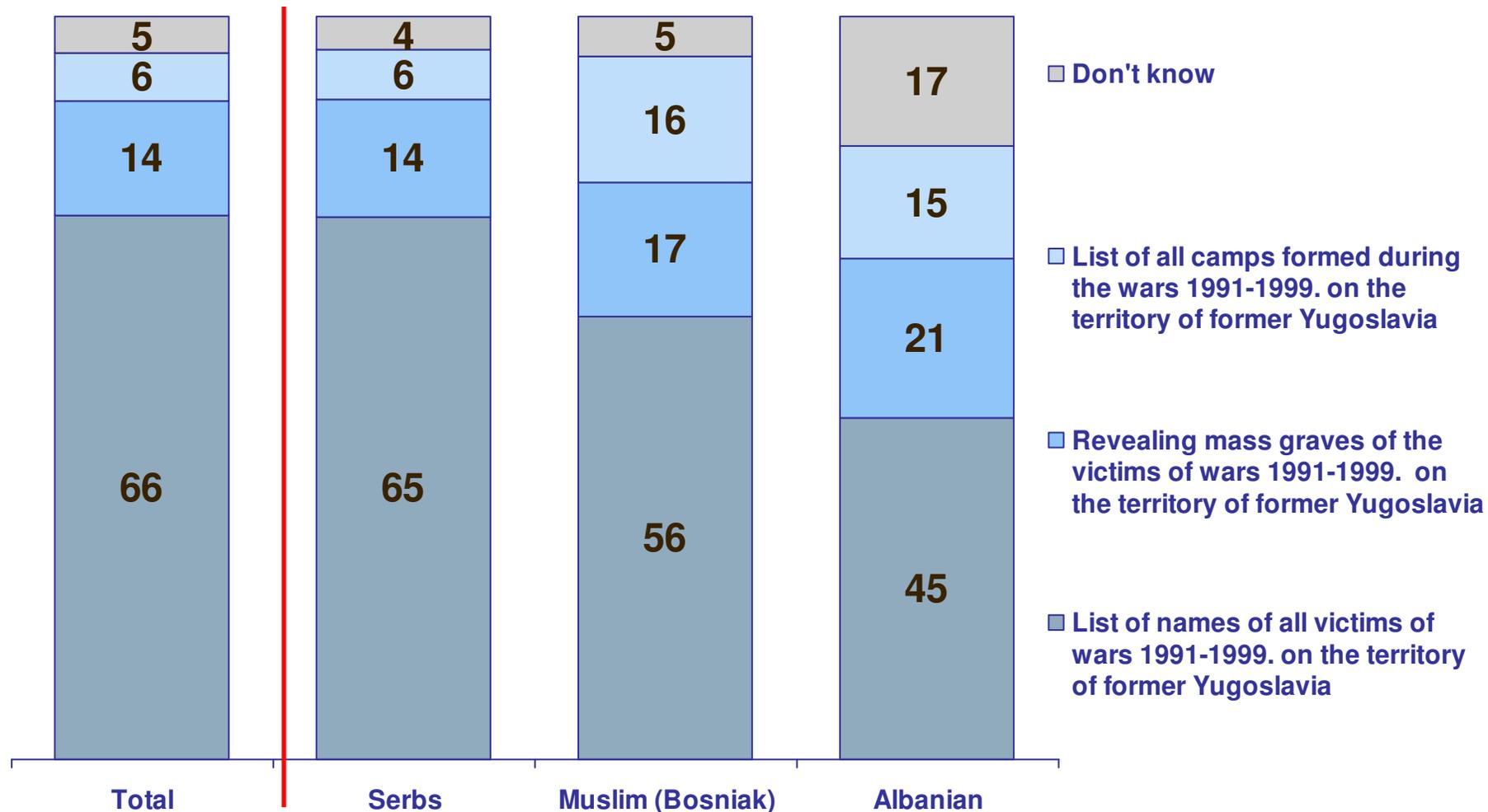
## Do you support REKOM?

Base: Those who have heard of REKOM (25% of target population)



## In your opinion, what should be the main task of REKOM?

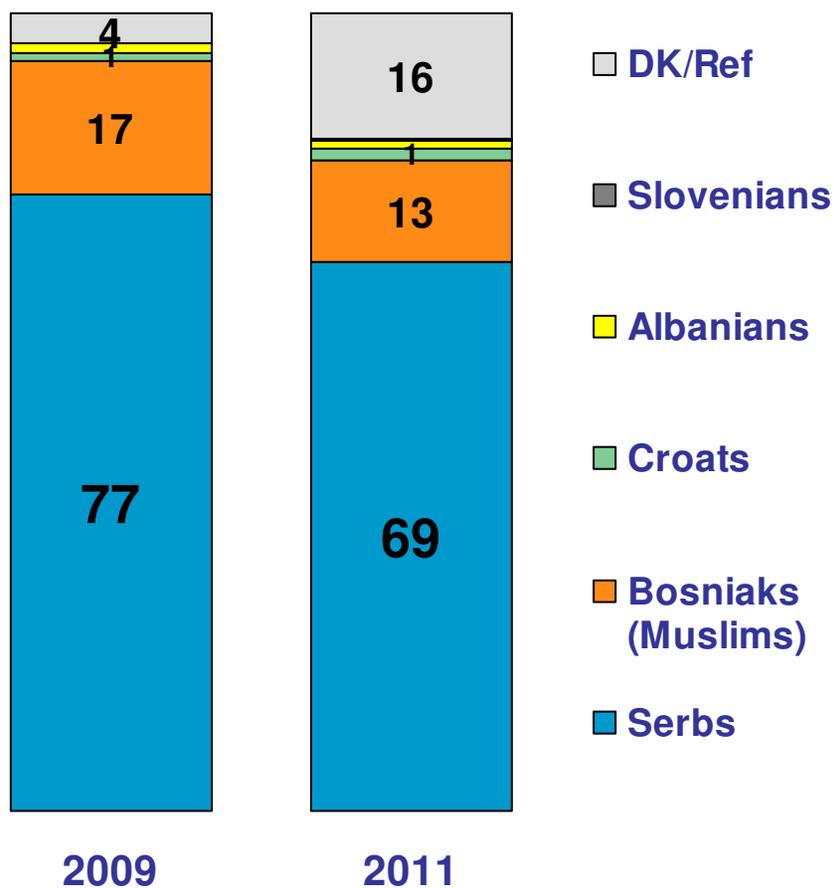
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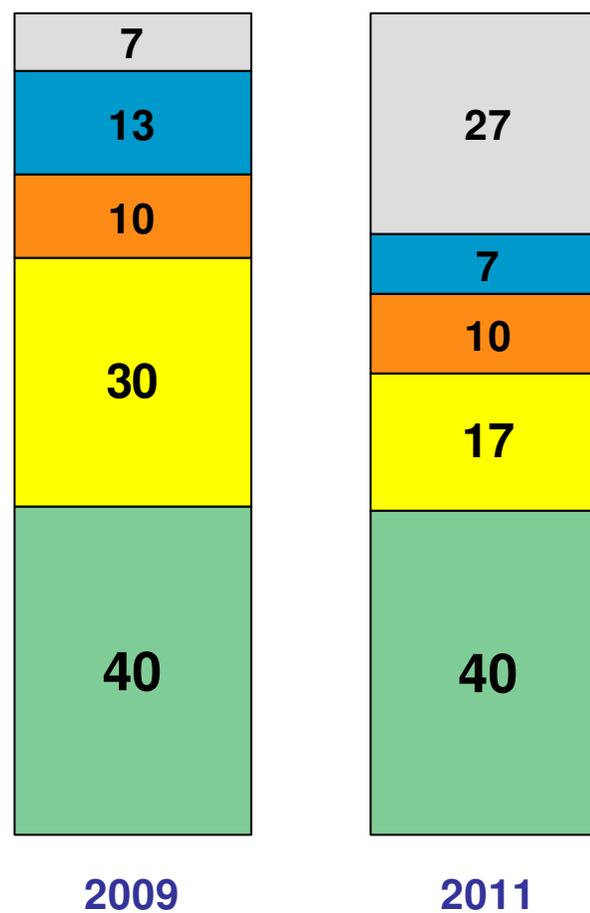
# **EVENTS IN WARS 1992-1995**

## **- AWARENESS AND ATTITUDES -**

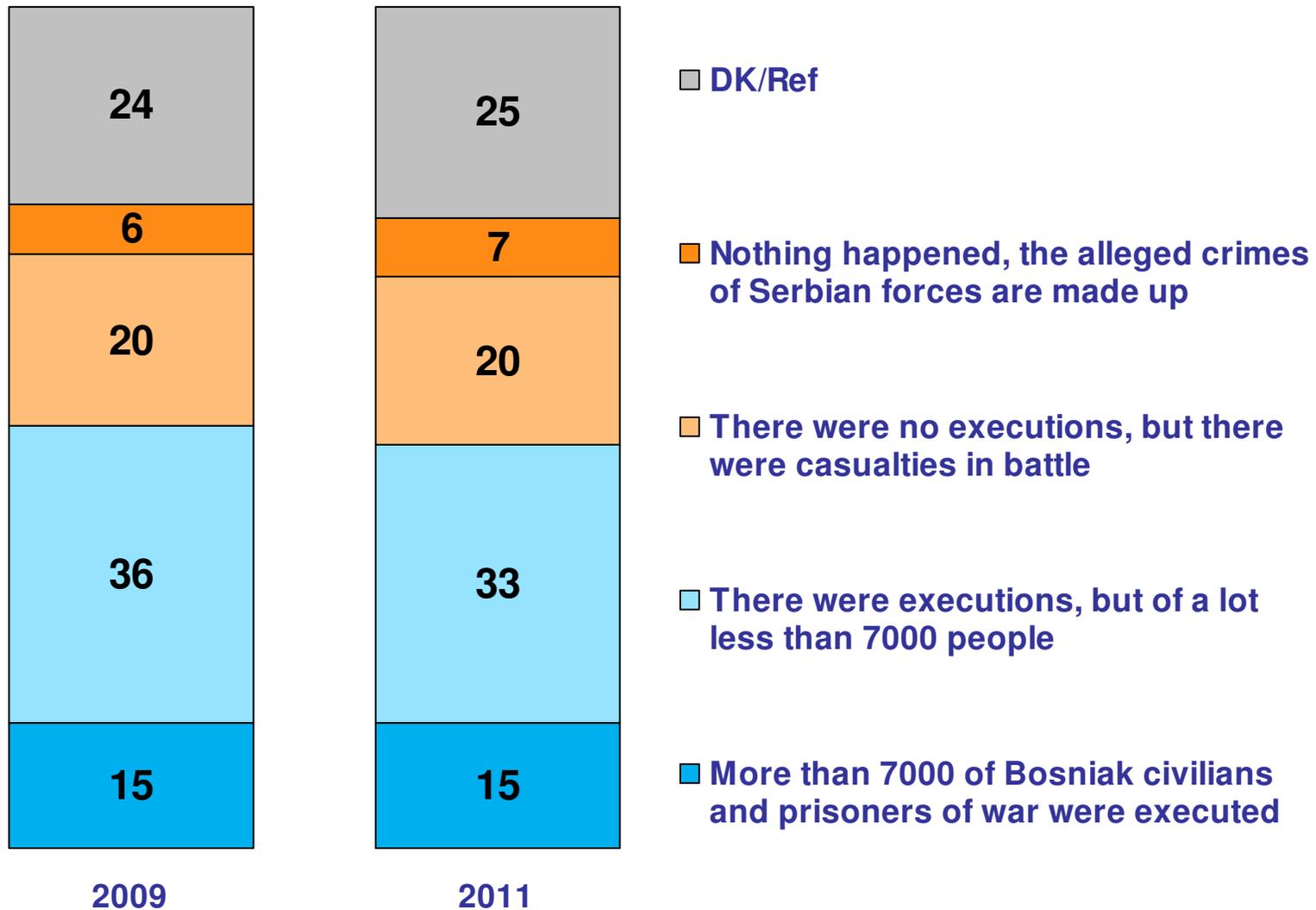
**Who suffered the largest number of casualties during the wars in the territory of former SFRY 1991 to 1999?**



**Who committed most crimes during the wars in the territory of former SFRY 1991 to 1999?**

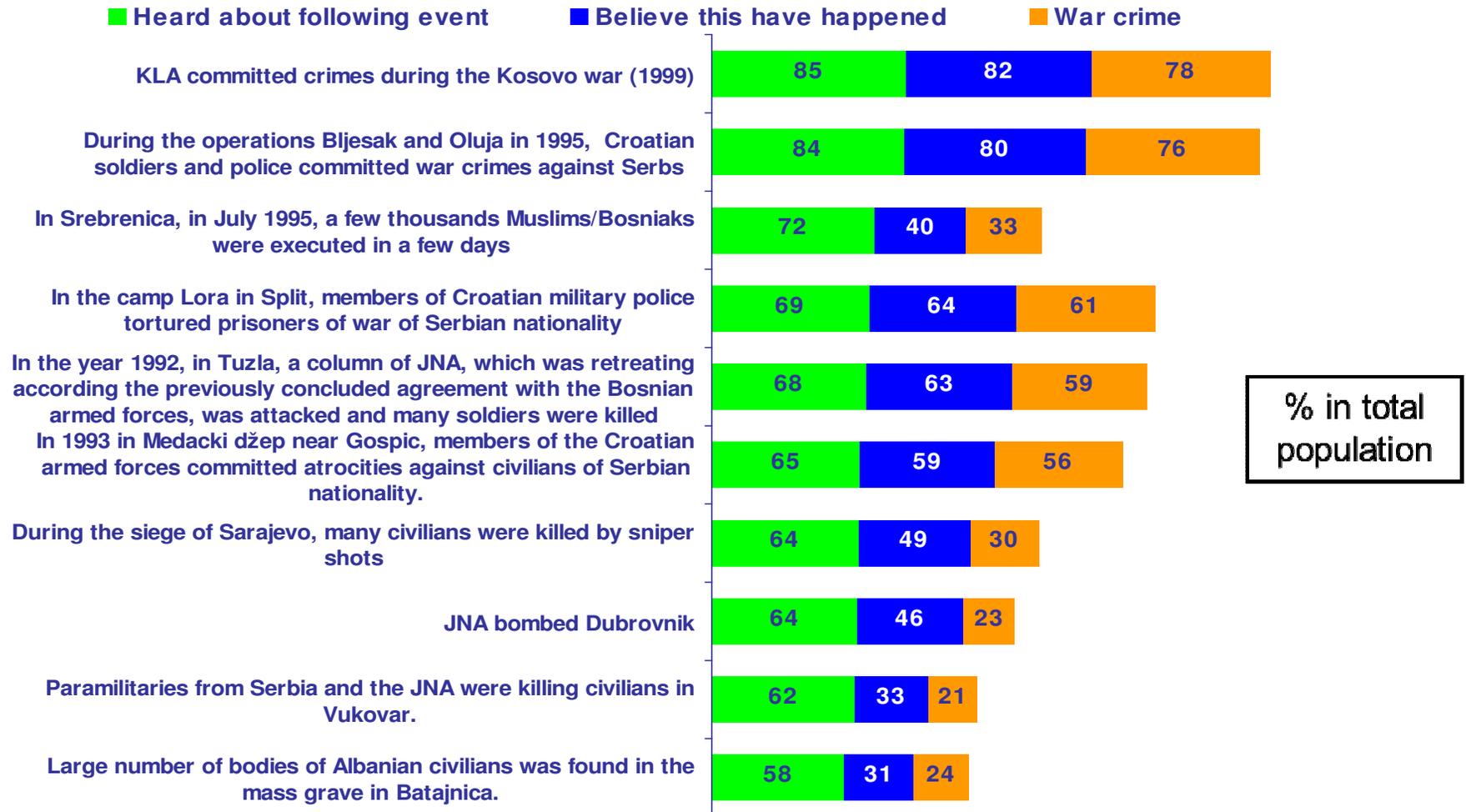


## As far as you know, what happened in Srebrenica in July 1995?



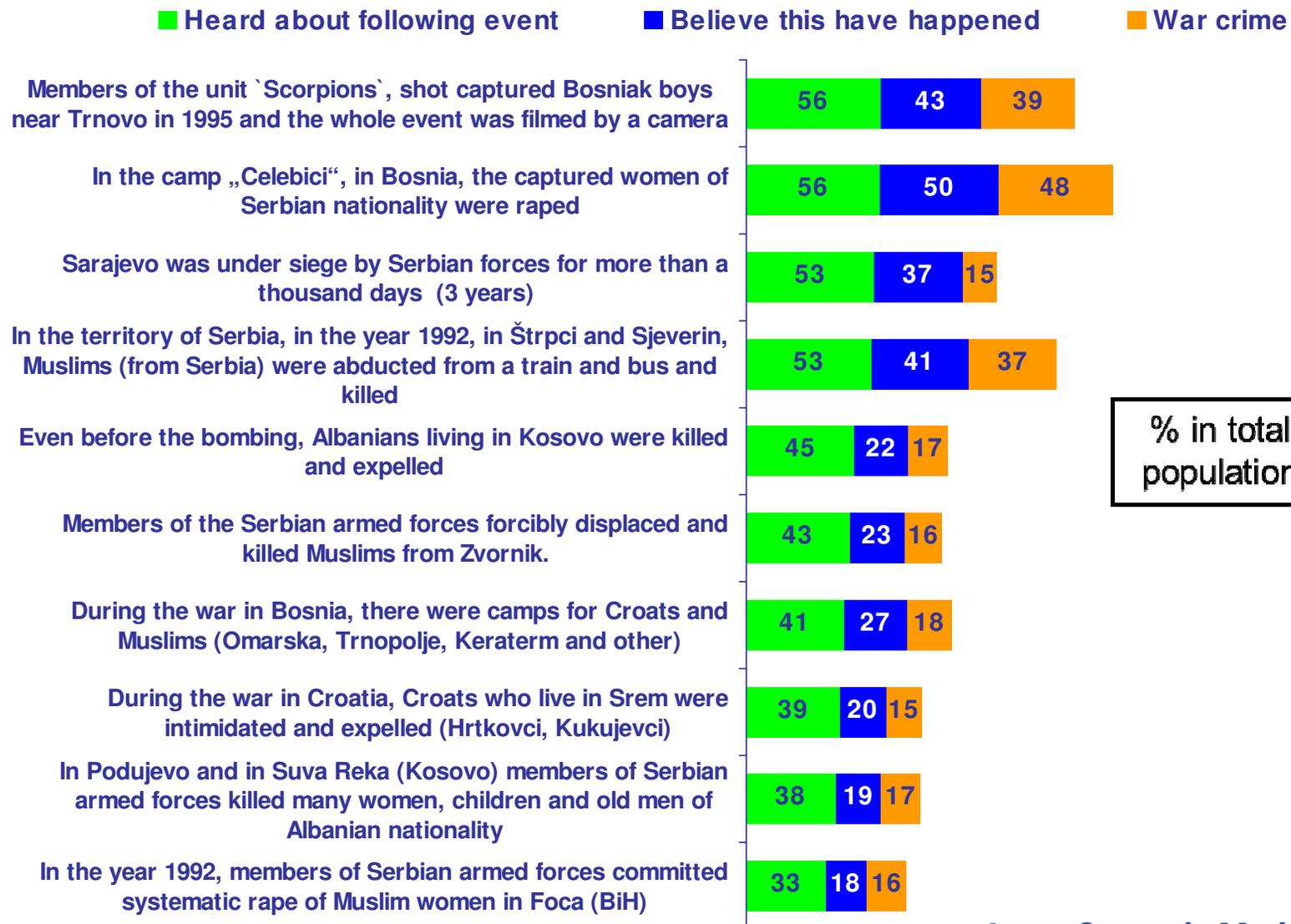
## Have you . . . (1)

Base: Total target population



## Have you . . . (2)

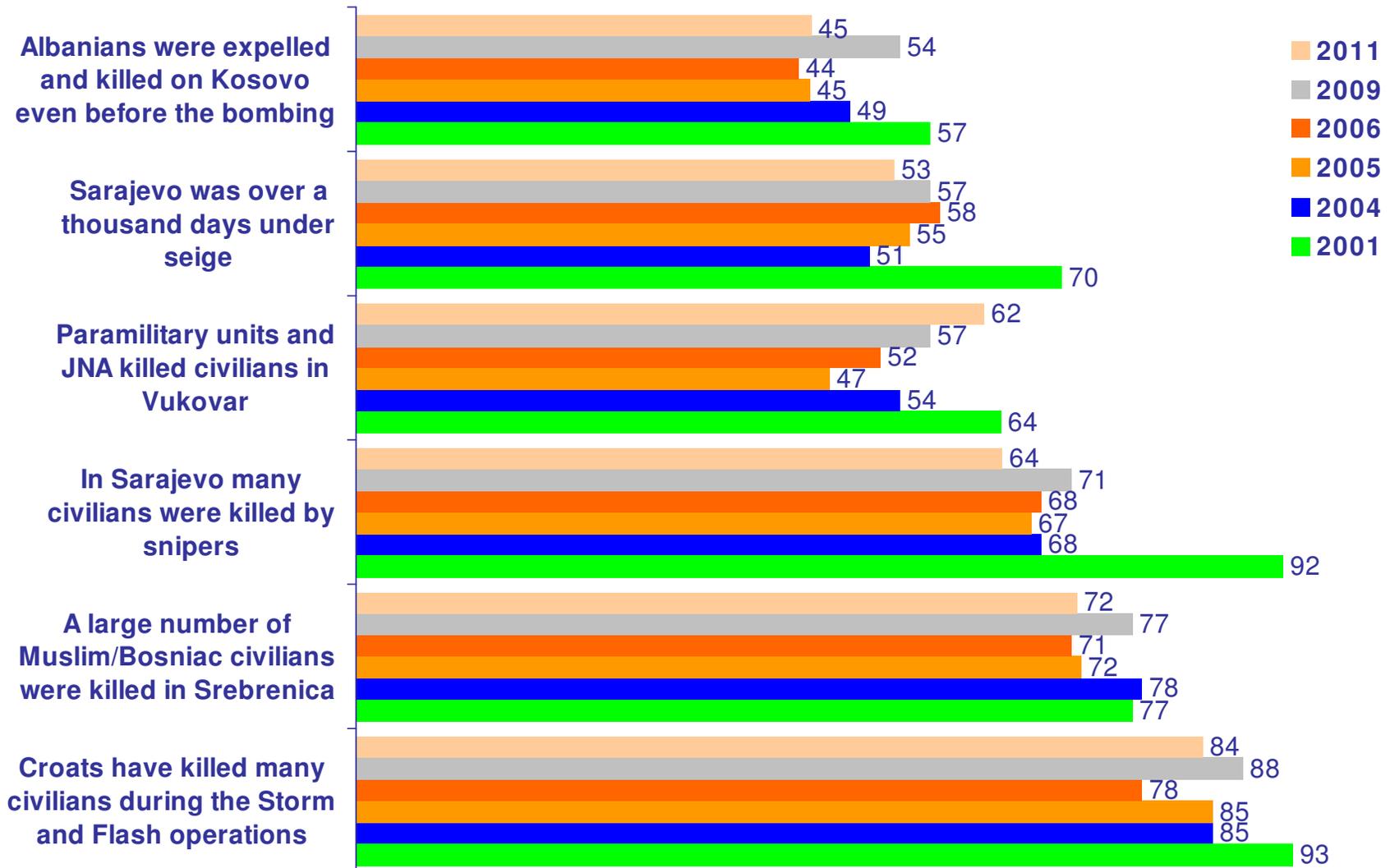
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## Have you heard of the following events?

% of citizens who have heard of the event

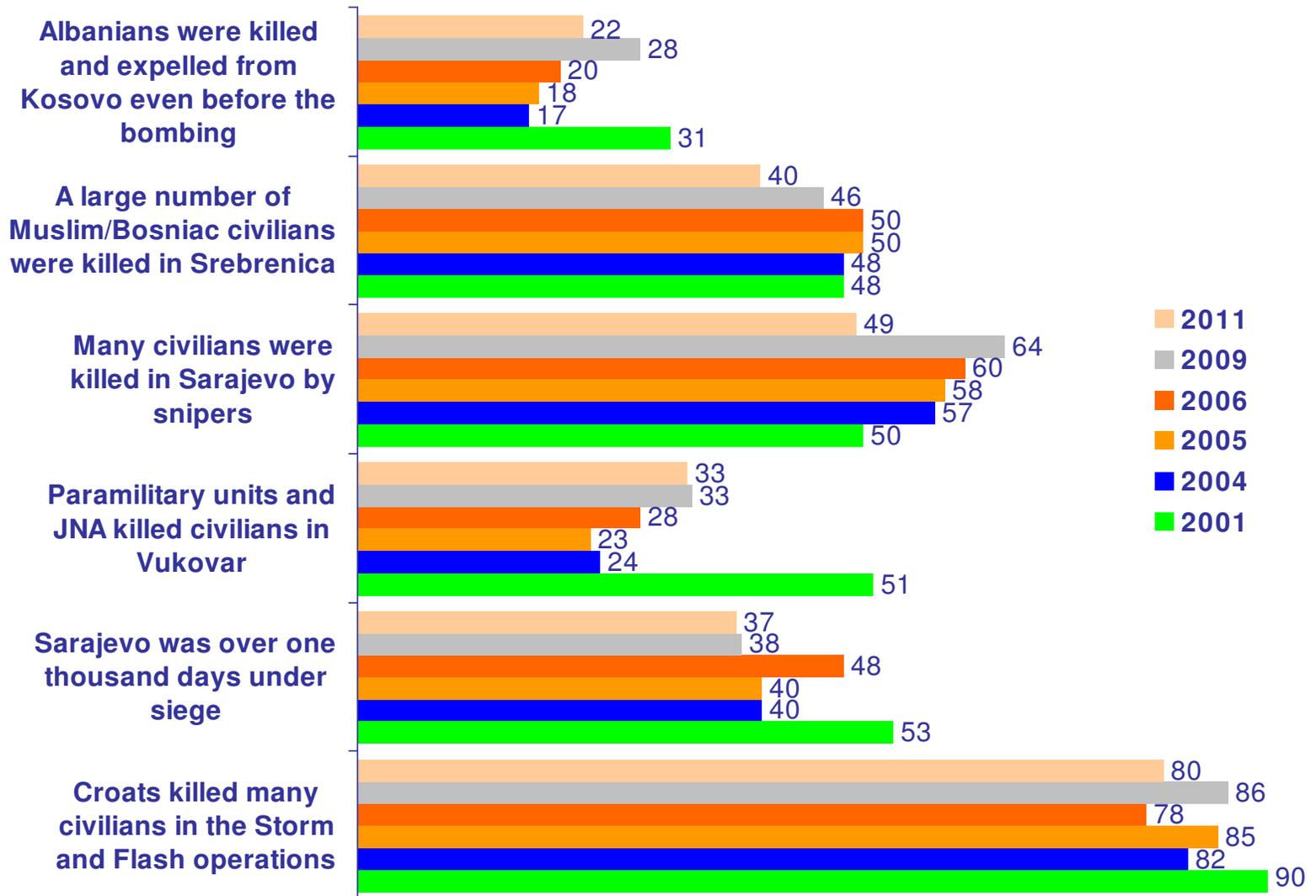
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## Do you believe that the event really happened?

% of citizens who believe that event really happened

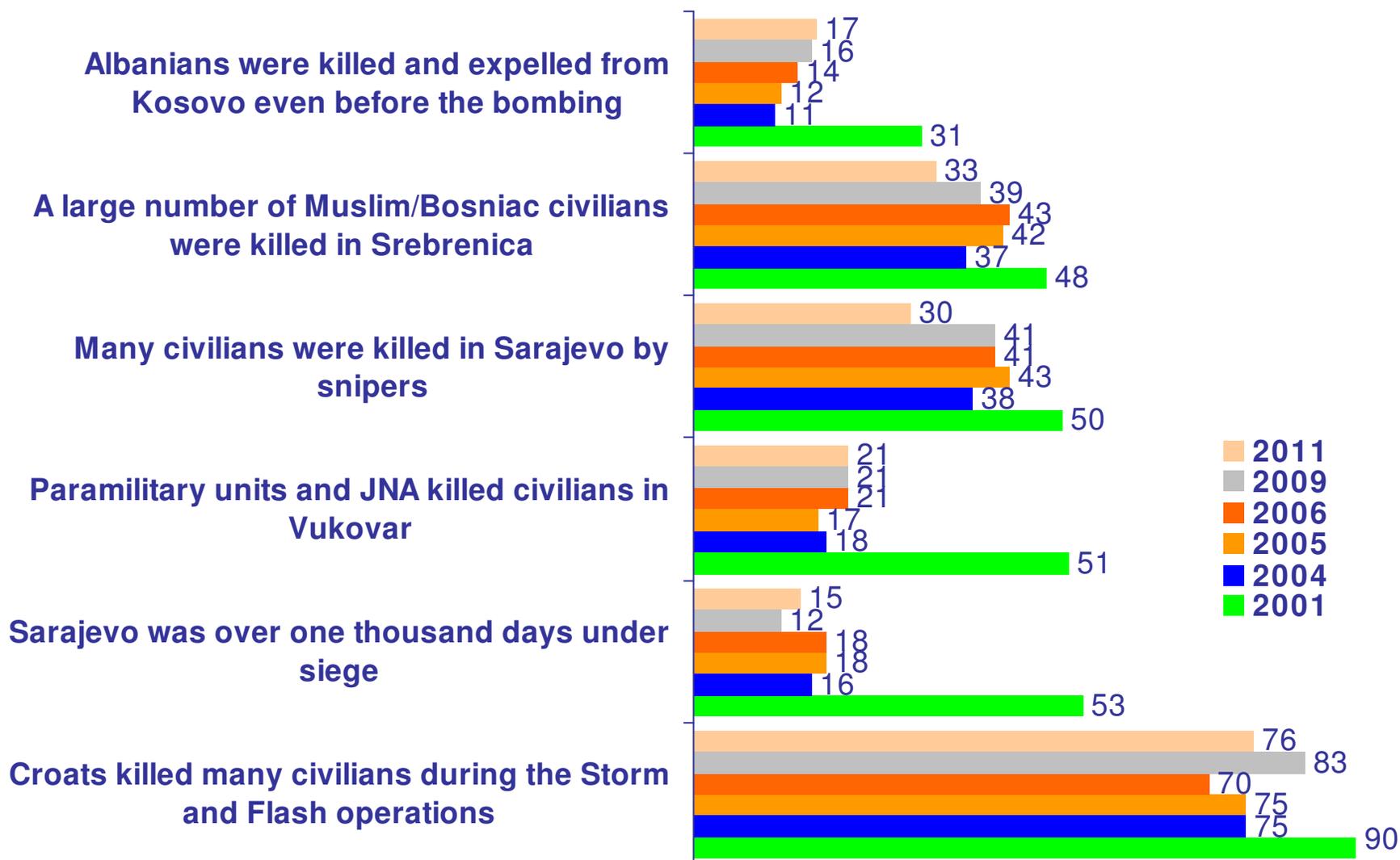
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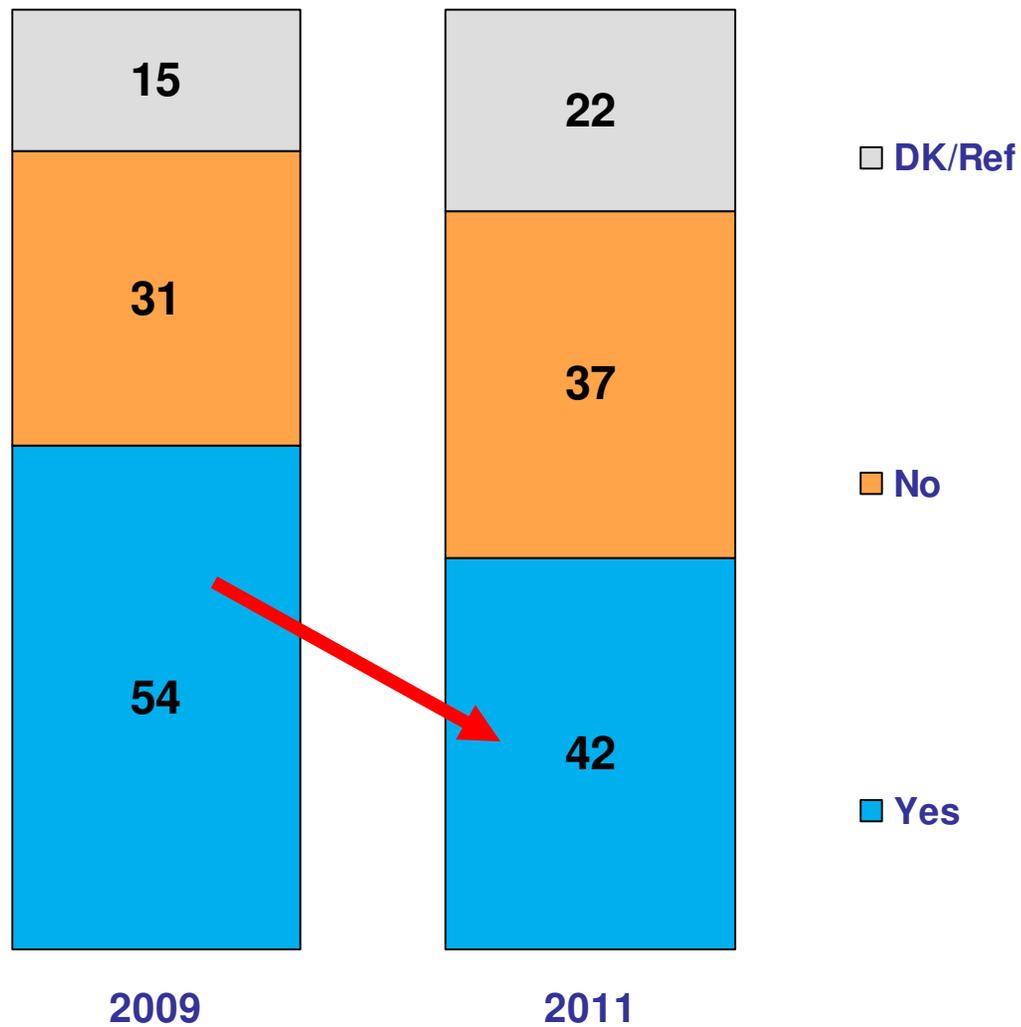
## In your opinion was the event an inevitability of war or a war crime for which the perpetrators should answer?

% of citizens who consider it a war crime

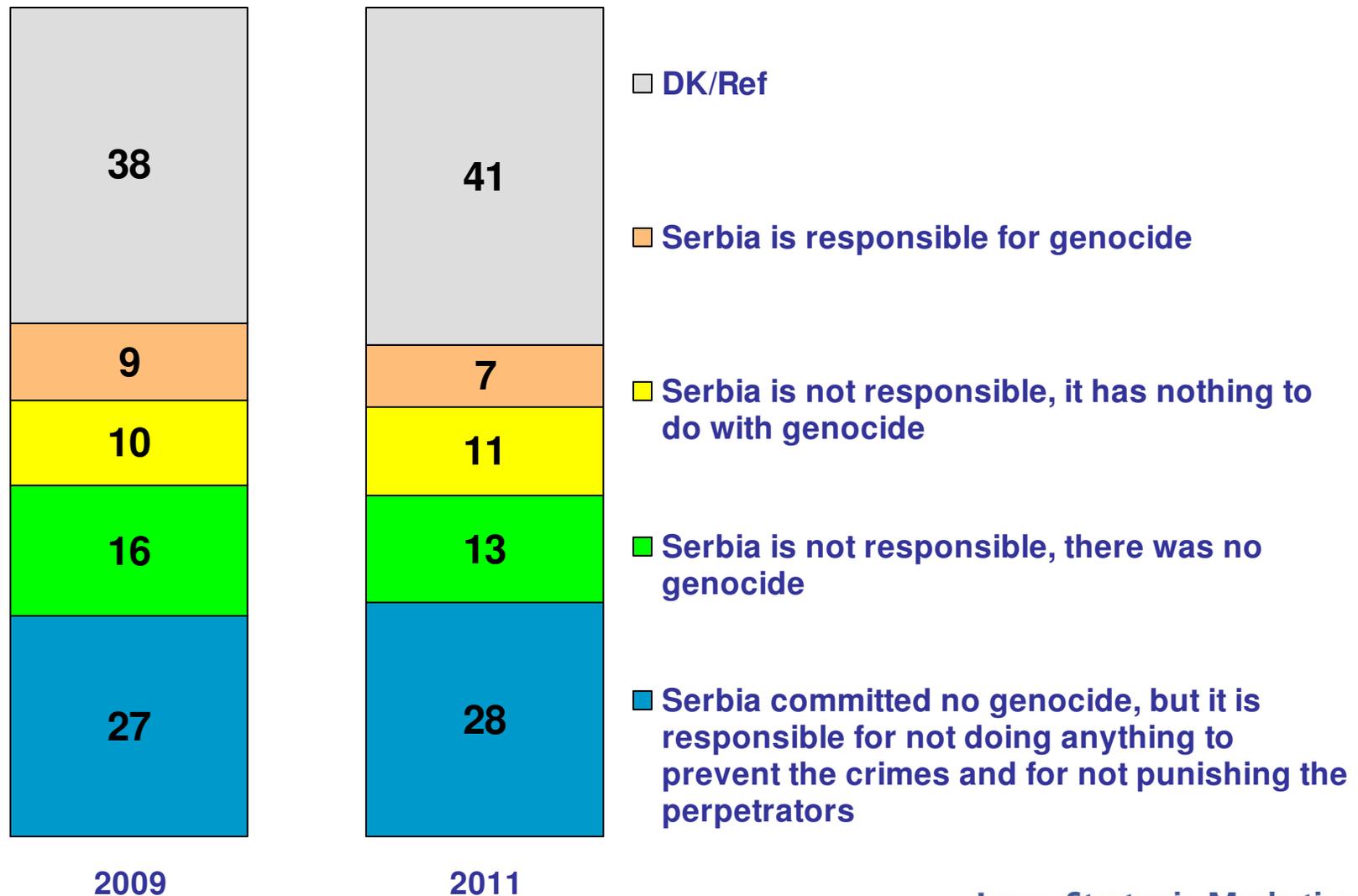
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## Do you think that murders of Bosniaks in Srebrenica are genocide?



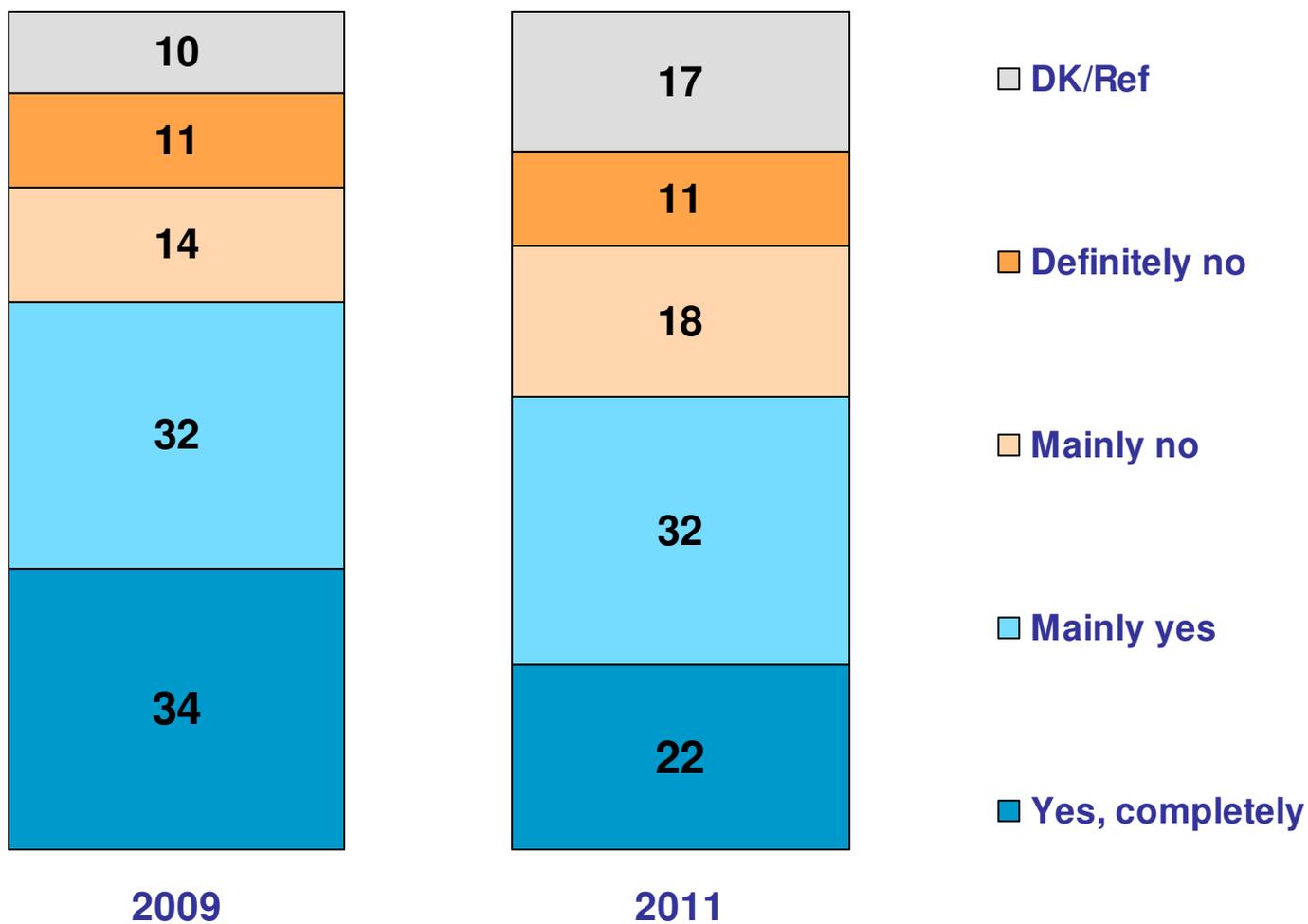
## Do you know what the judgment of the International Court of Justice was in the lawsuit for genocide filed by BiH against Serbia?



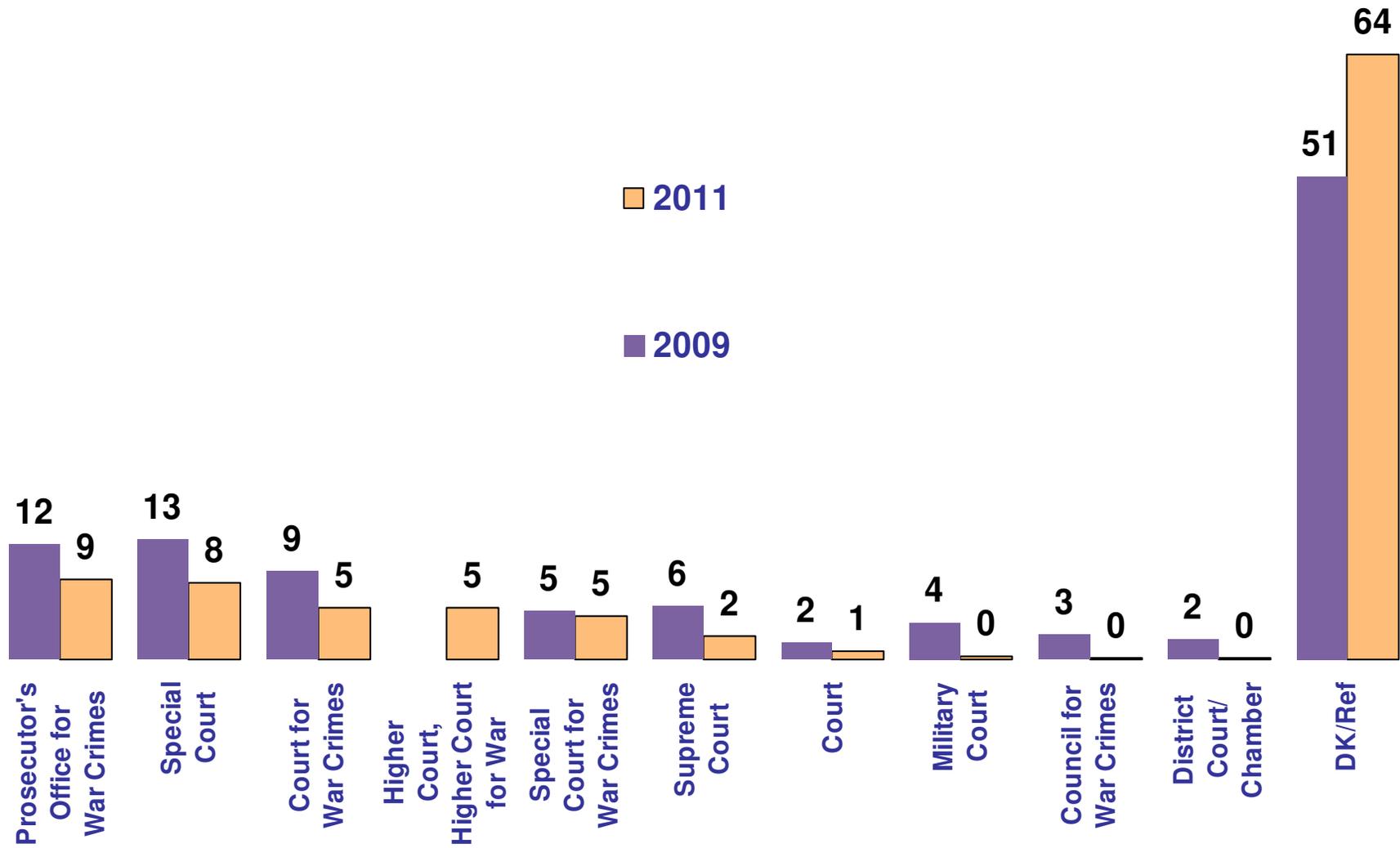
# SERBIAN JUDICIARY DEALING WITH WAR CRIMES

## - PERCEPTION AND ATTITUDES-

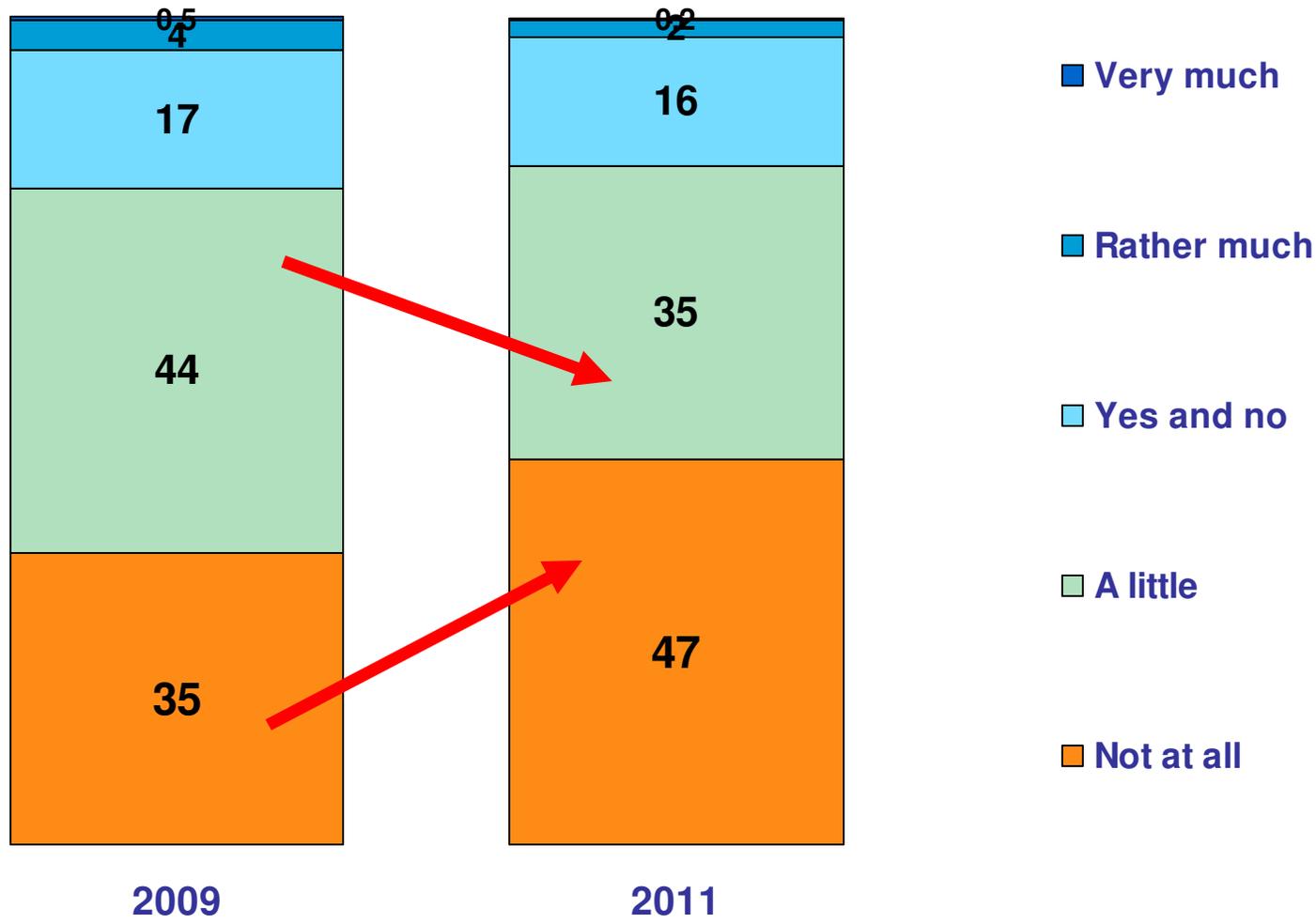
## Do you consider the judiciary of the Republic of Serbia capable of trying cases which involve war crimes?



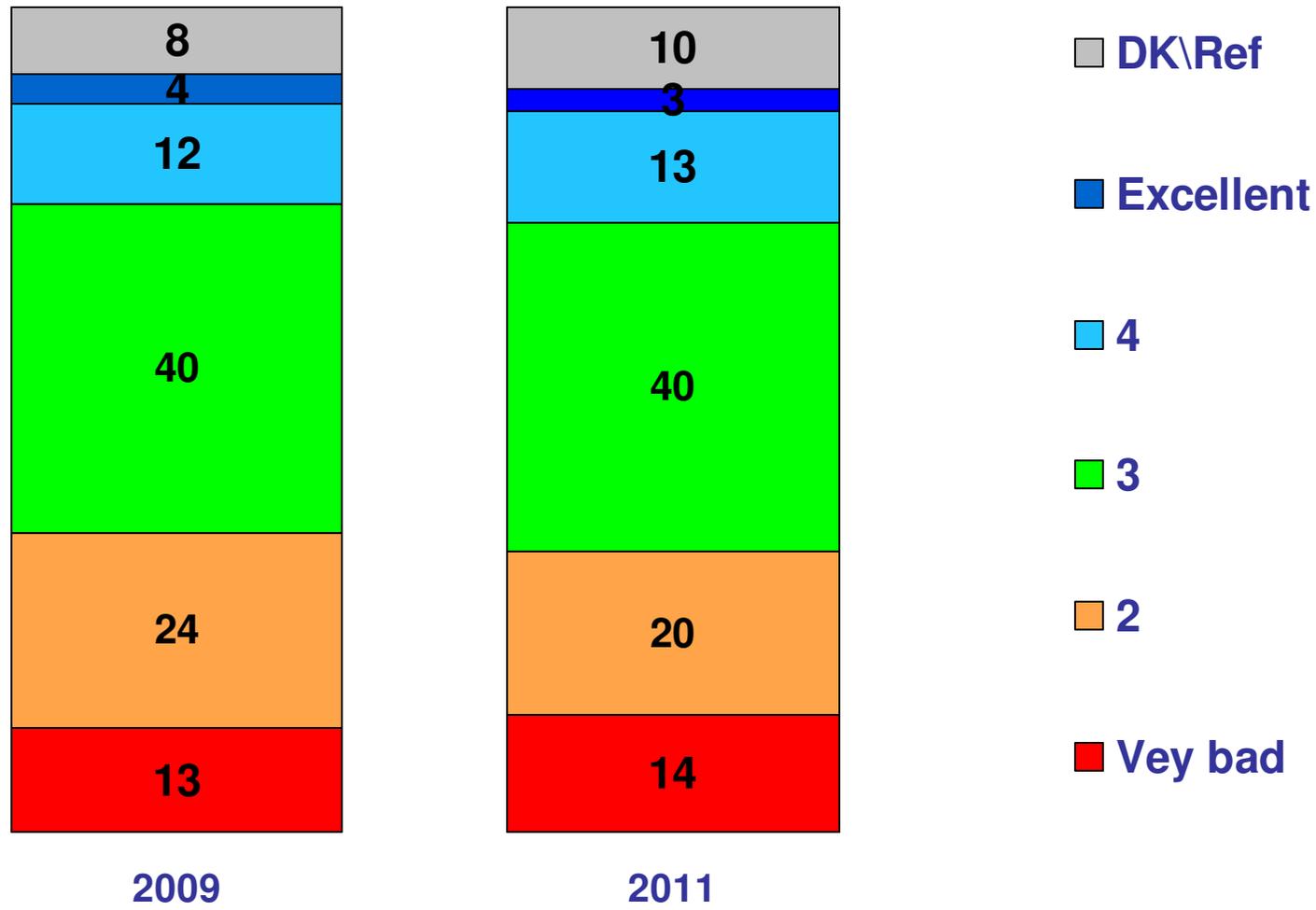
## Can you specify any national judicial authorities engaged in war crimes proceedings?



## Are you familiar with the work of the War Crimes Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Serbia?

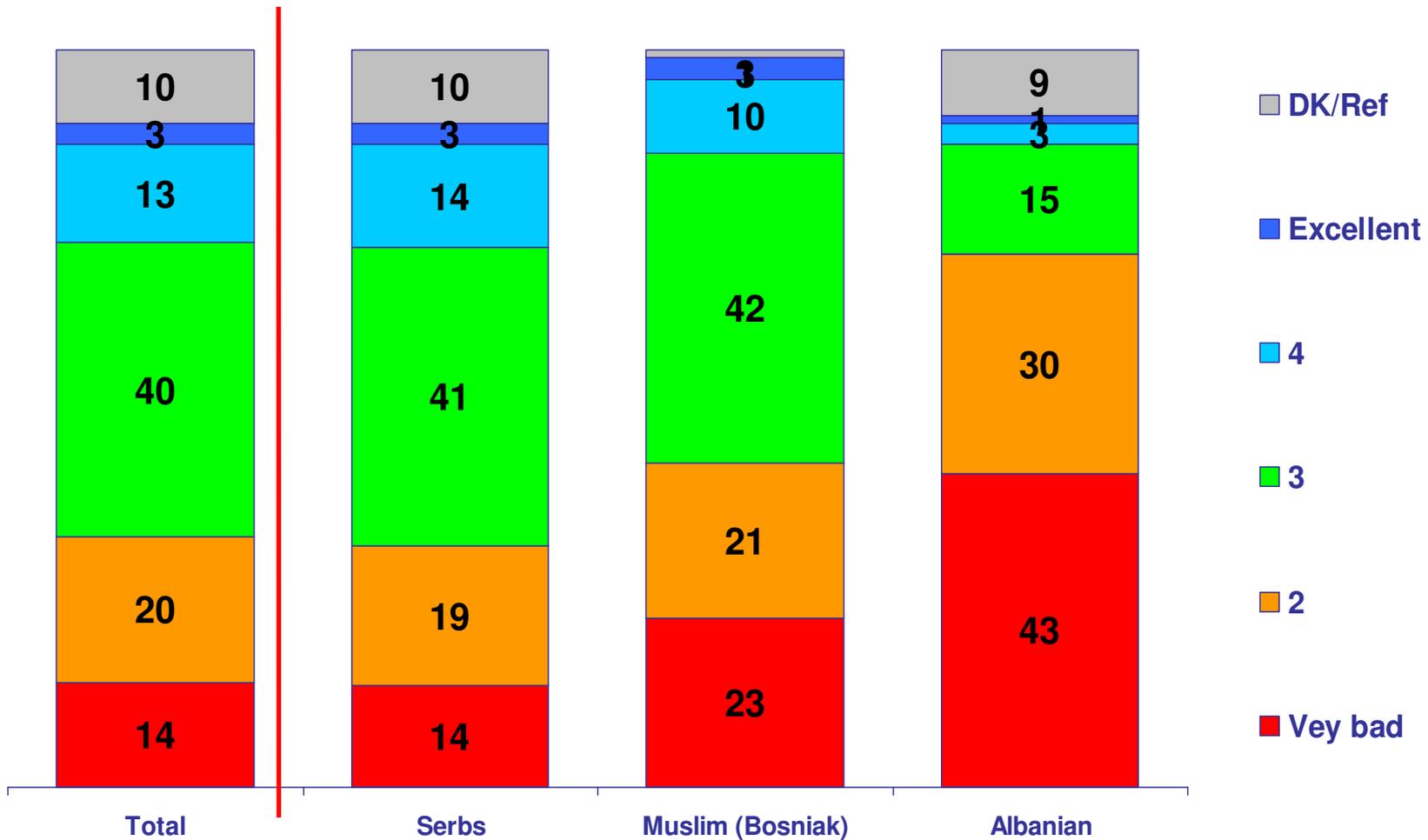


## How would you rate the work of the War Crimes Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Serbia?

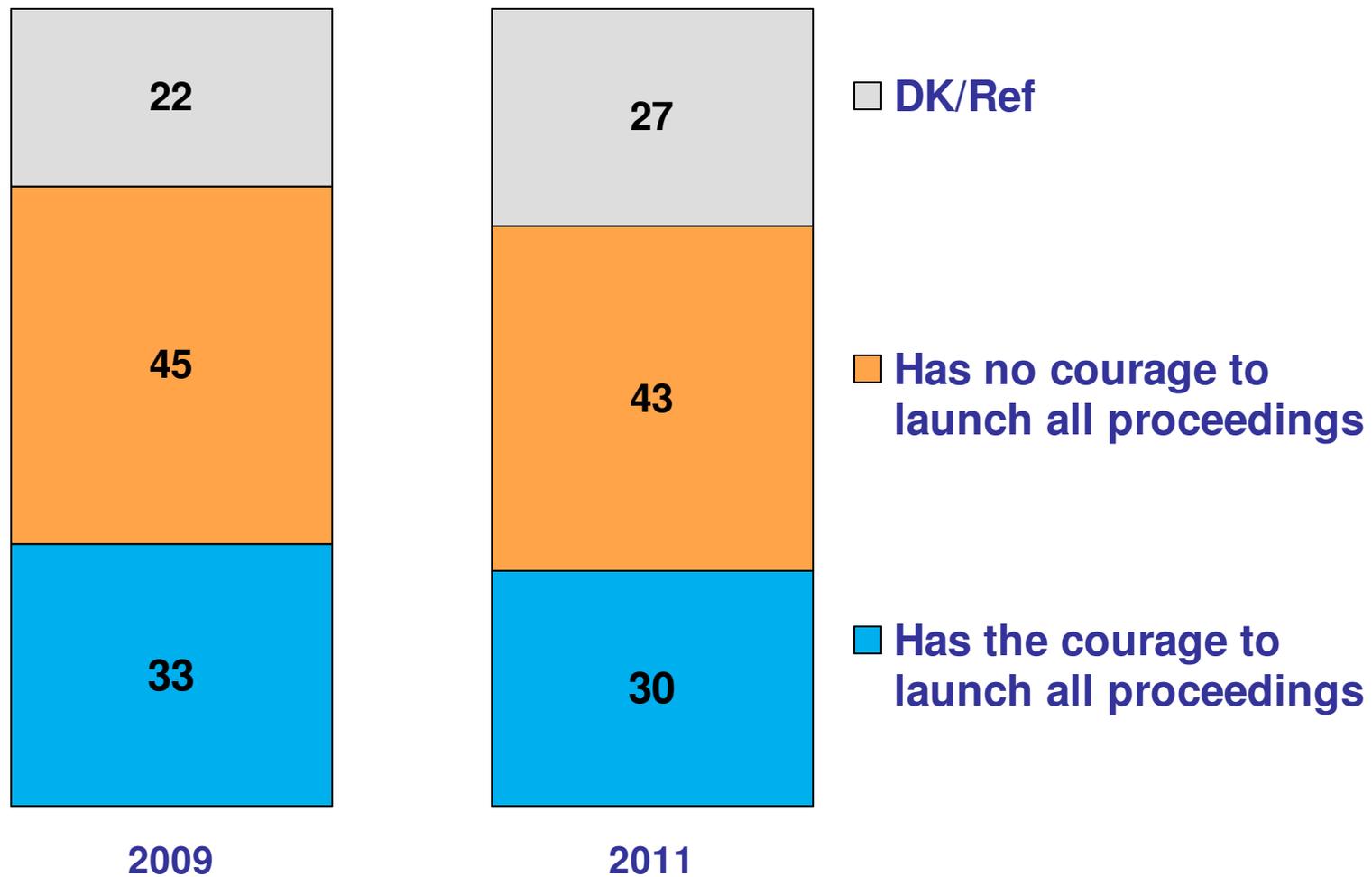


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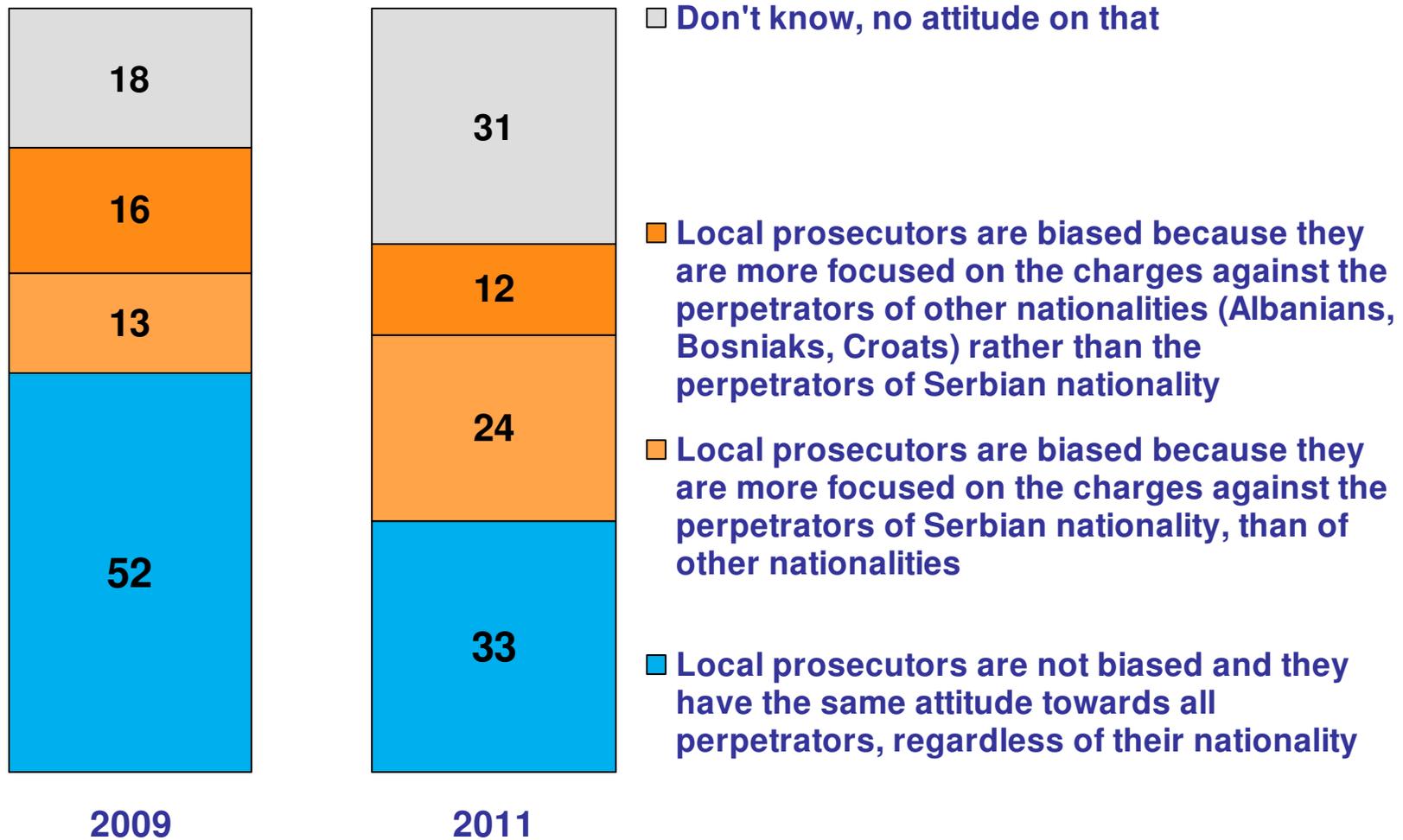
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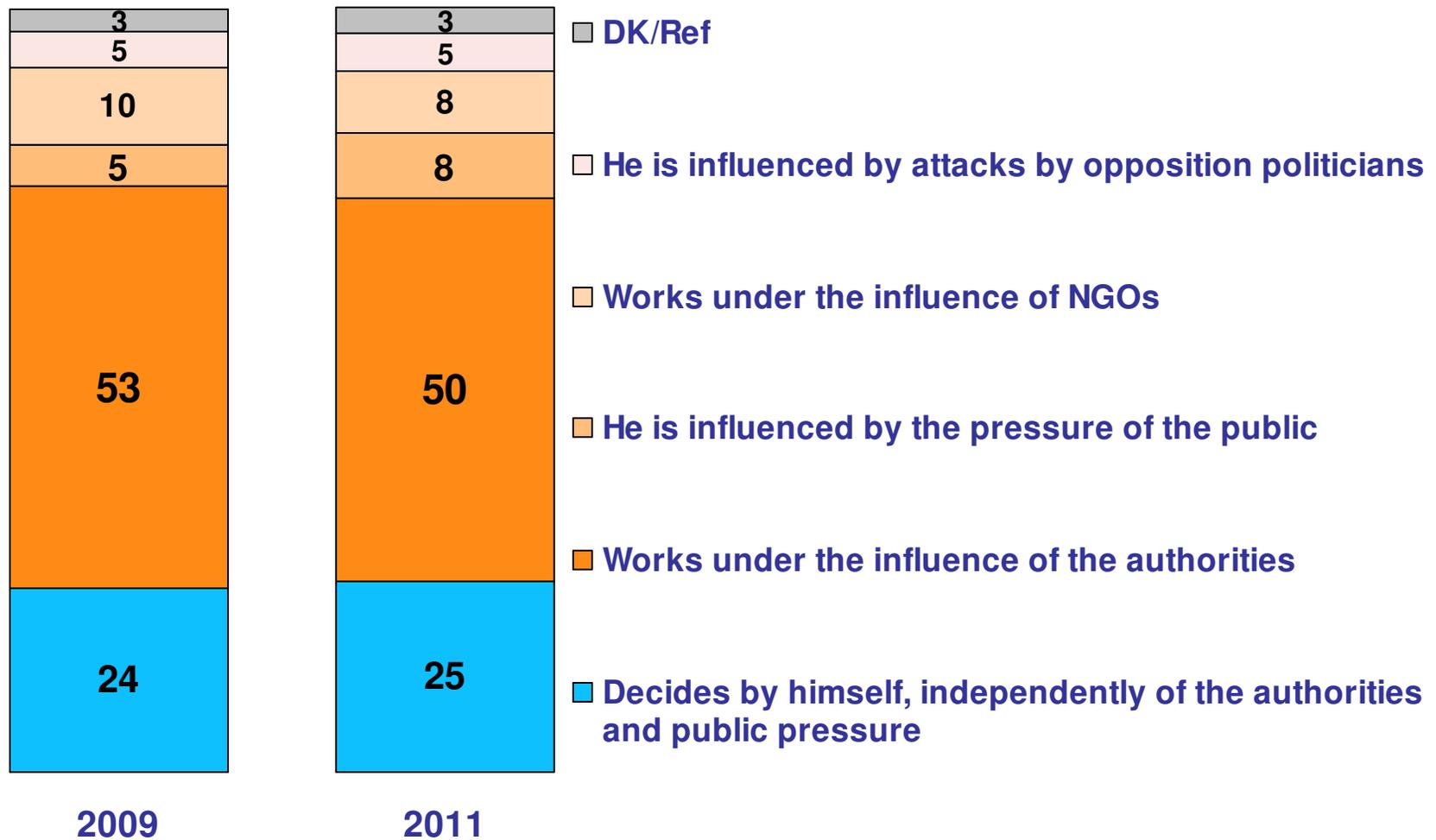
**Do you think the War Crimes Prosecutor's Office has the courage to launch all proceedings for war crimes, including those against high-ranking army and police officers?**



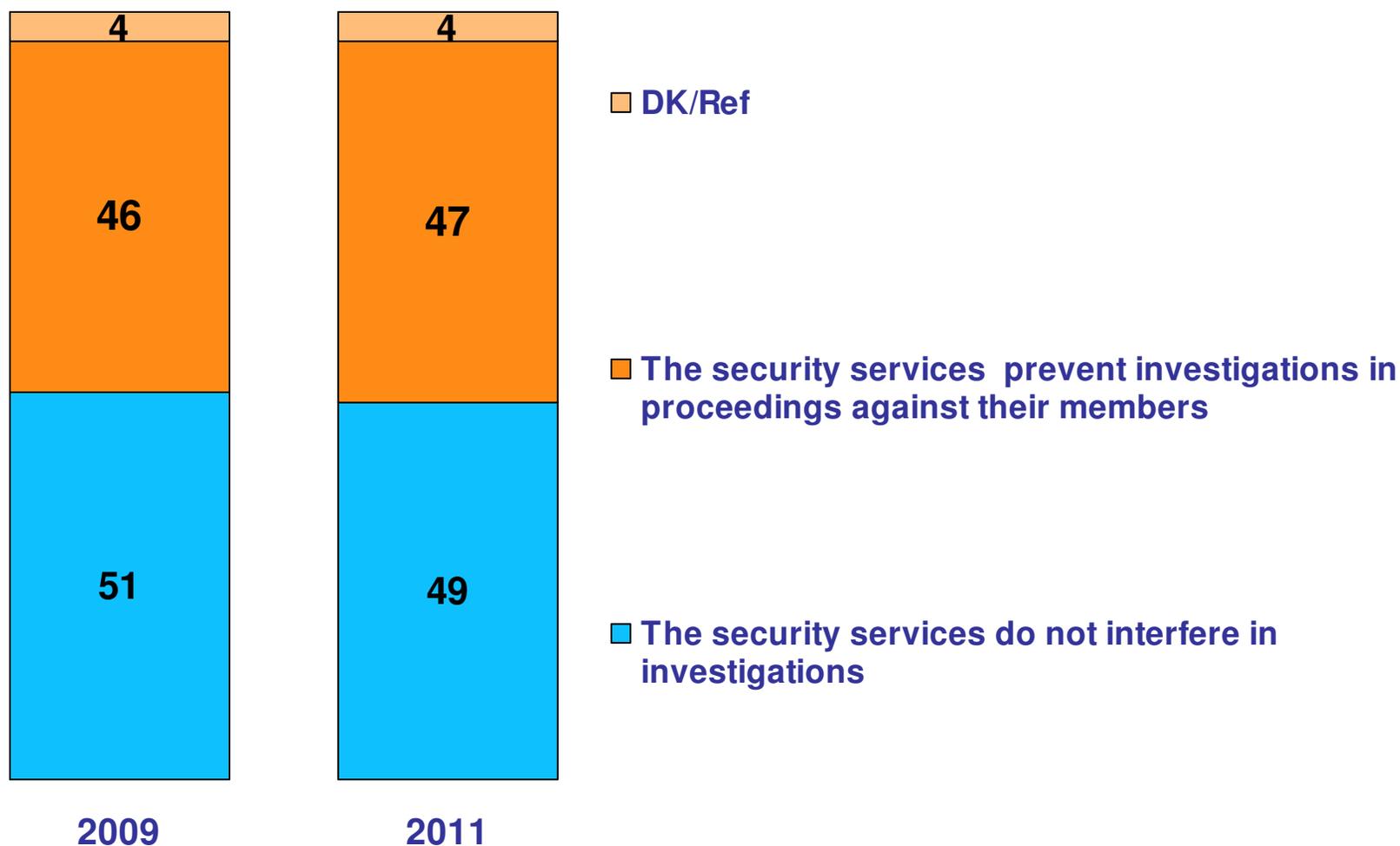
## Are local prosecutors biased when ethnicity of the accused is concerned?



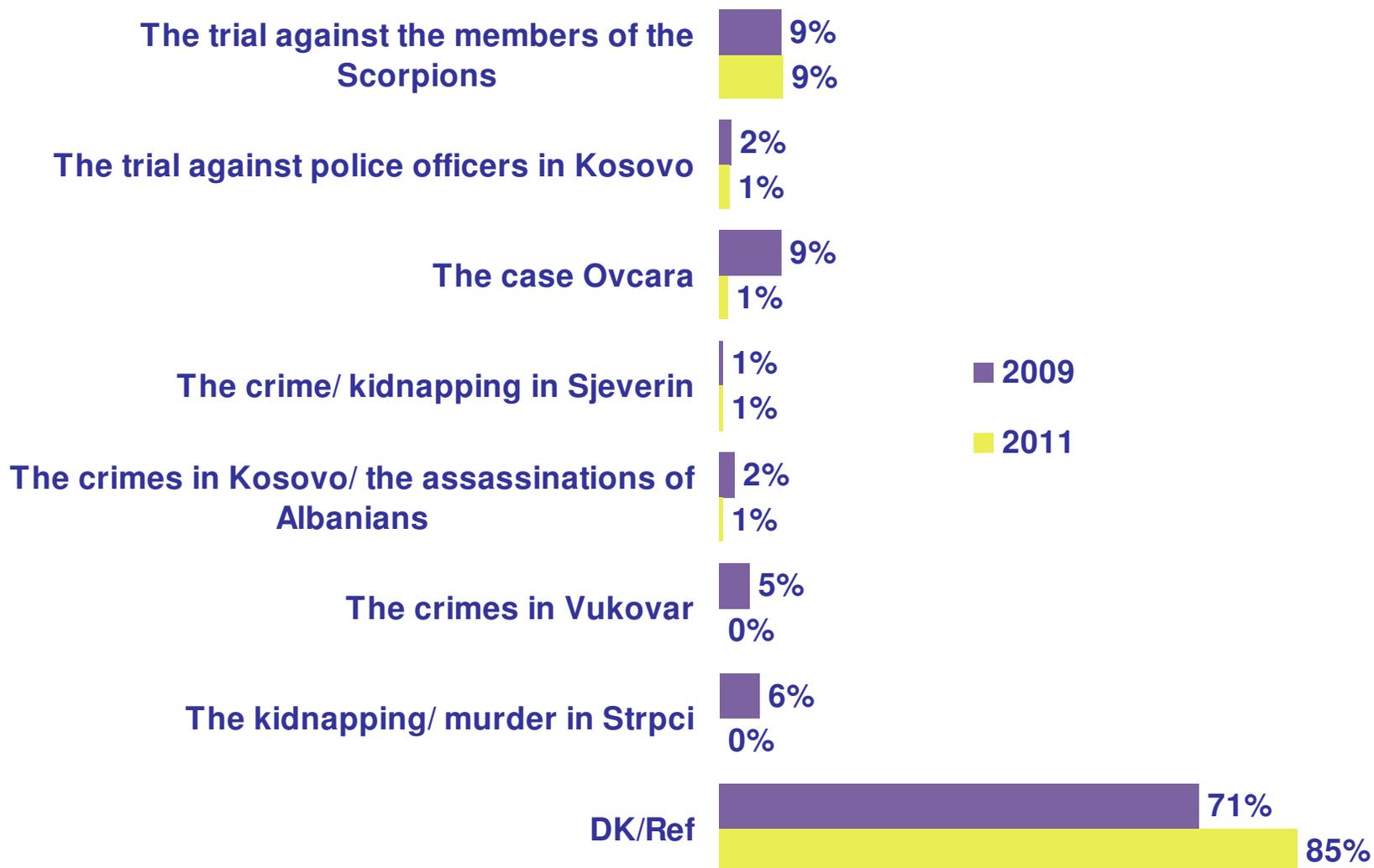
## Do you think that the War Crimes Prosecutor is independent or is he under political pressure?



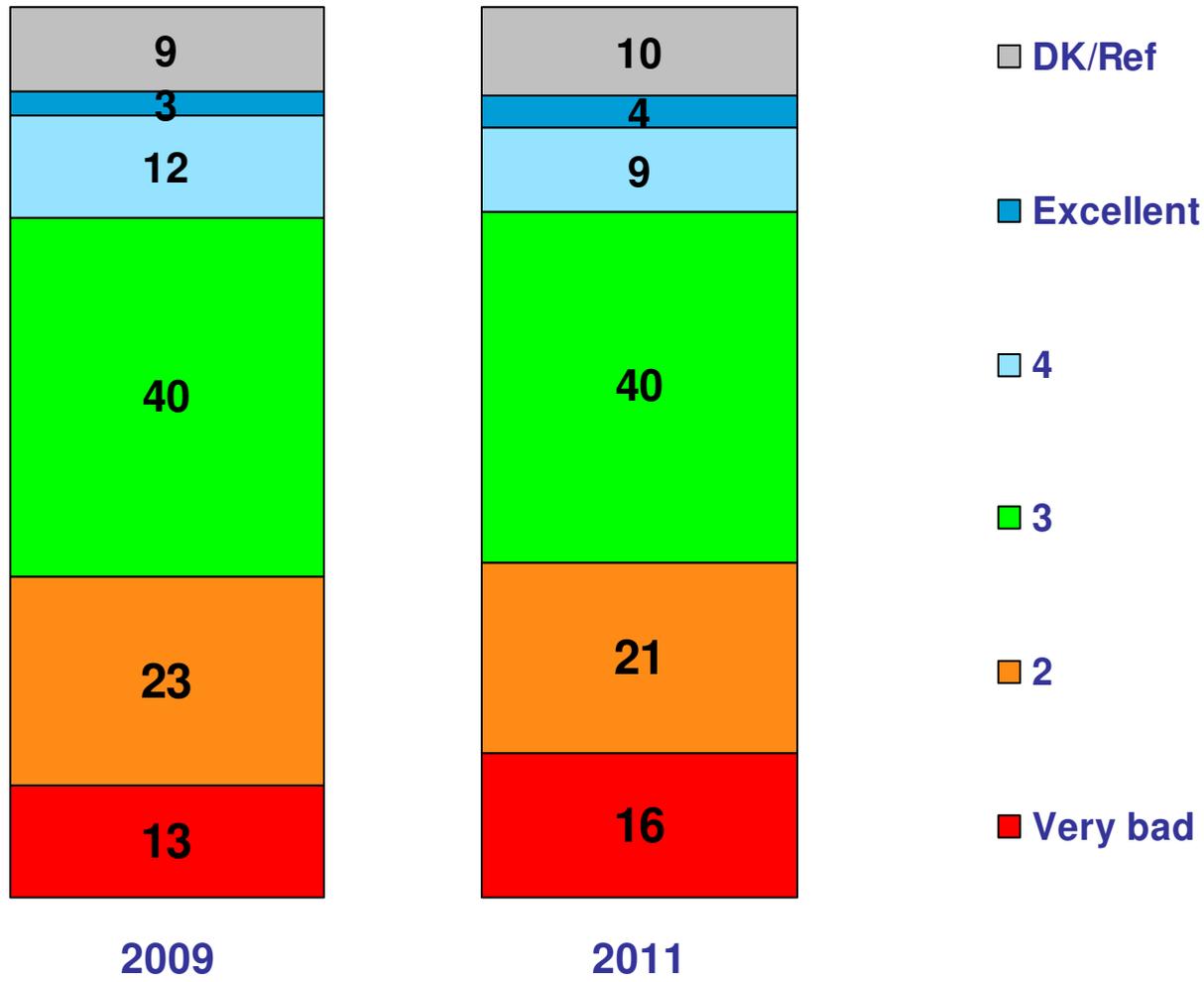
## Do the security services (army and police) try to prevent investigations that include their members?



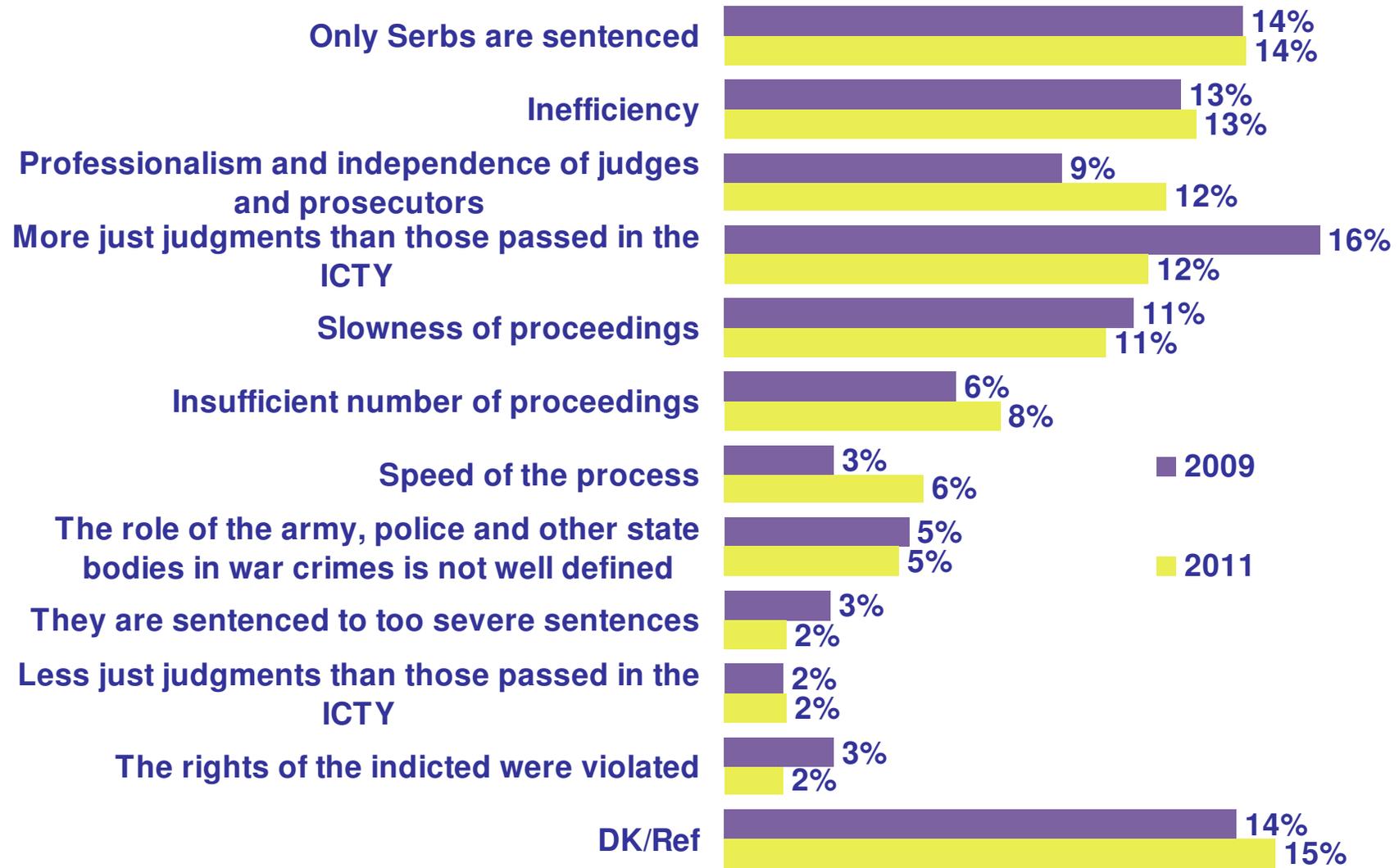
## Can you specify any war crimes proceeding before national courts?



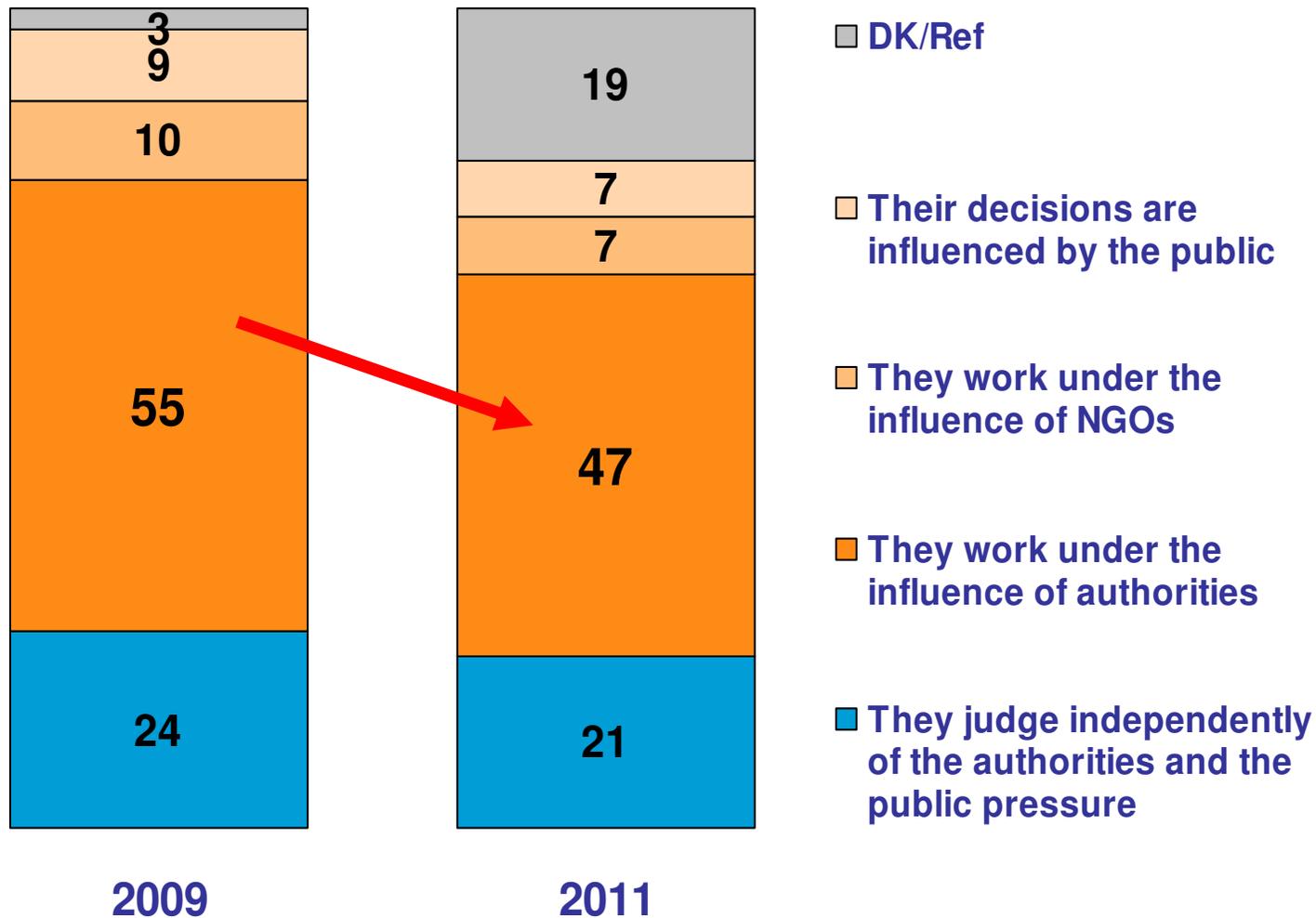
## What is your opinion on the course of war crimes proceedings before national courts?



## What influenced your opinion most?

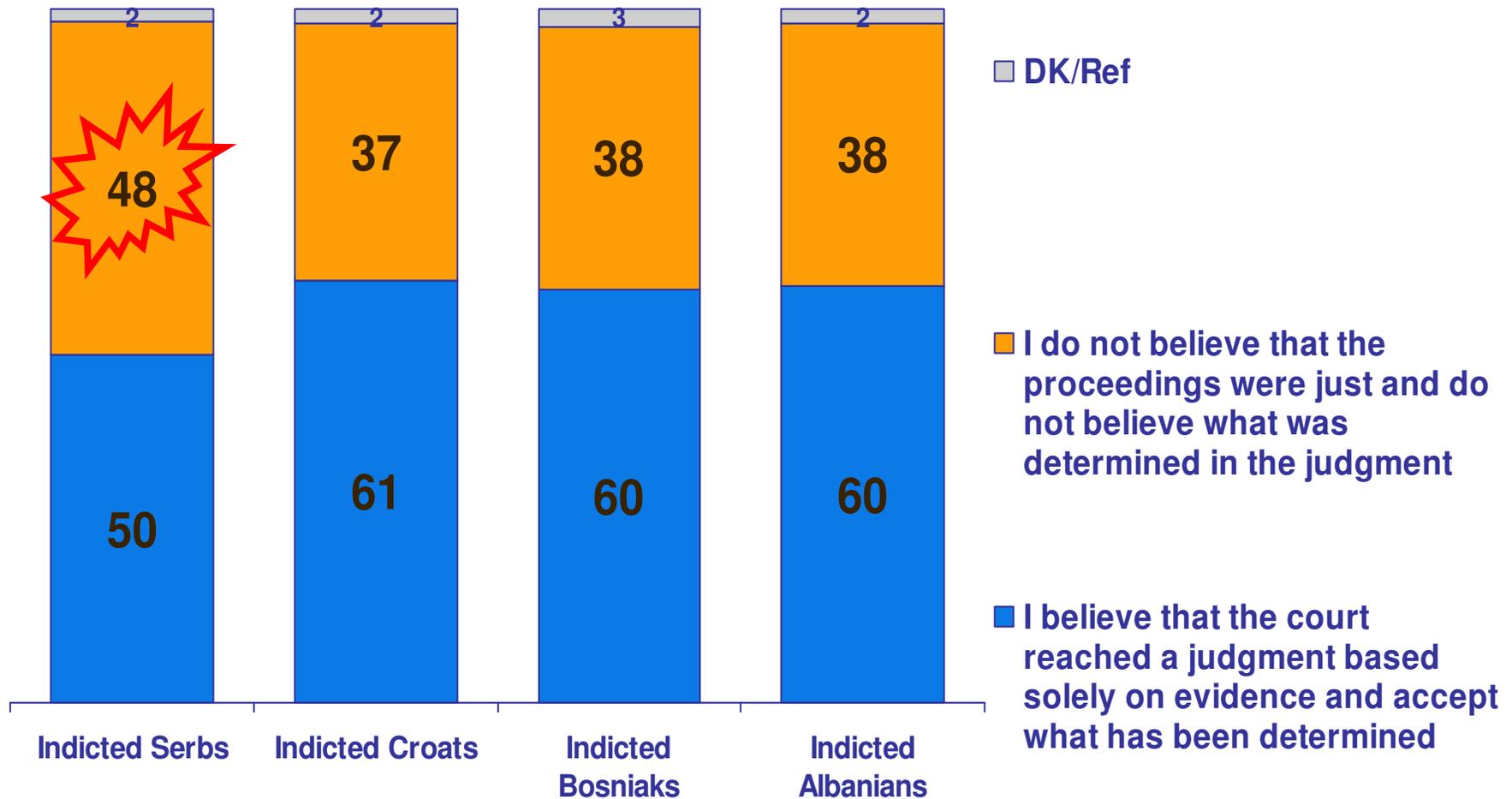


## Do you think that the judges of the War Crimes Department of the Belgrade High Court are independent or under pressure?



## What is your opinion of the judgments of national war crimes courts determining that indicted Serbs, Croats, Bosniaks, Albanians are guilty of war crimes?

Base: Total target population

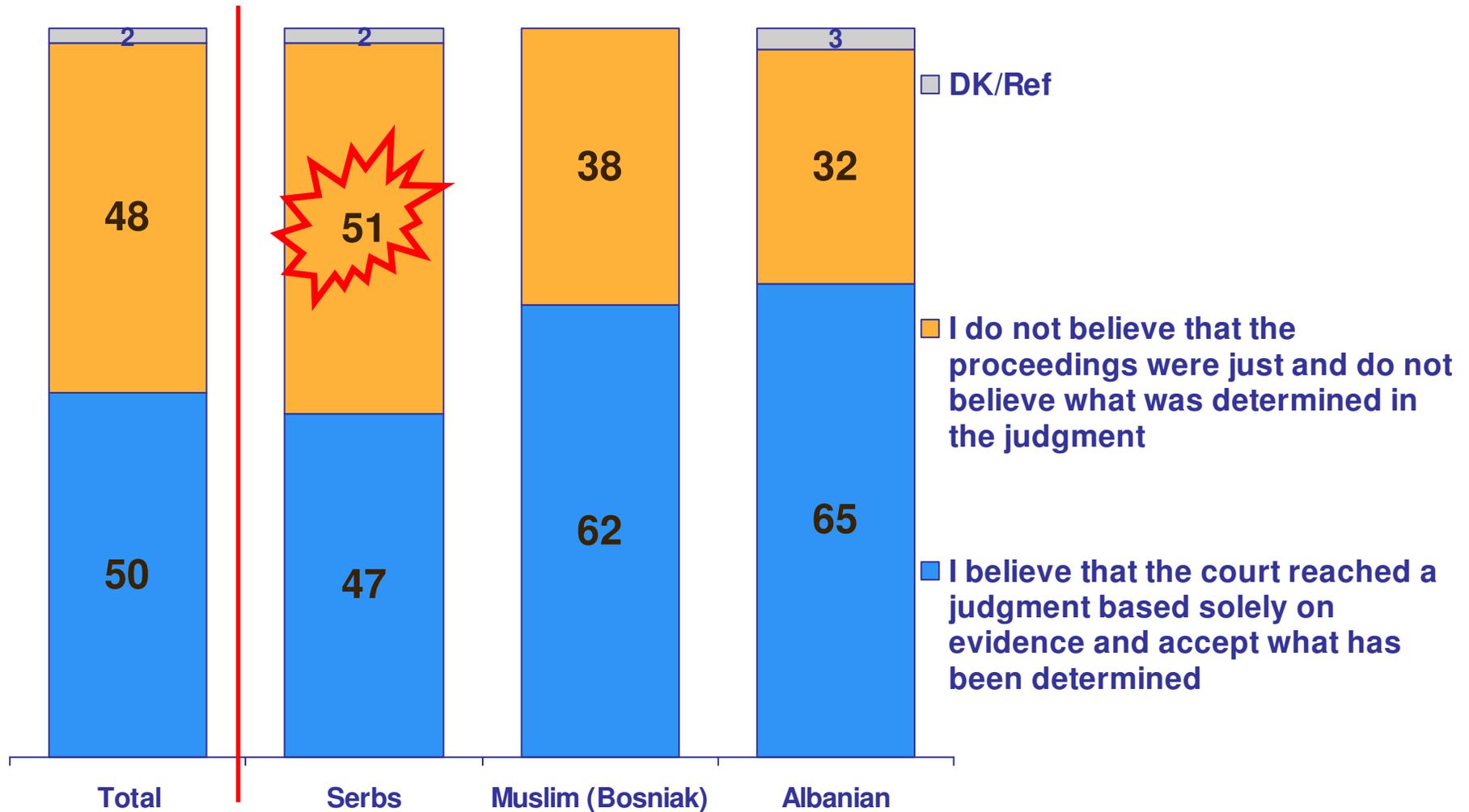


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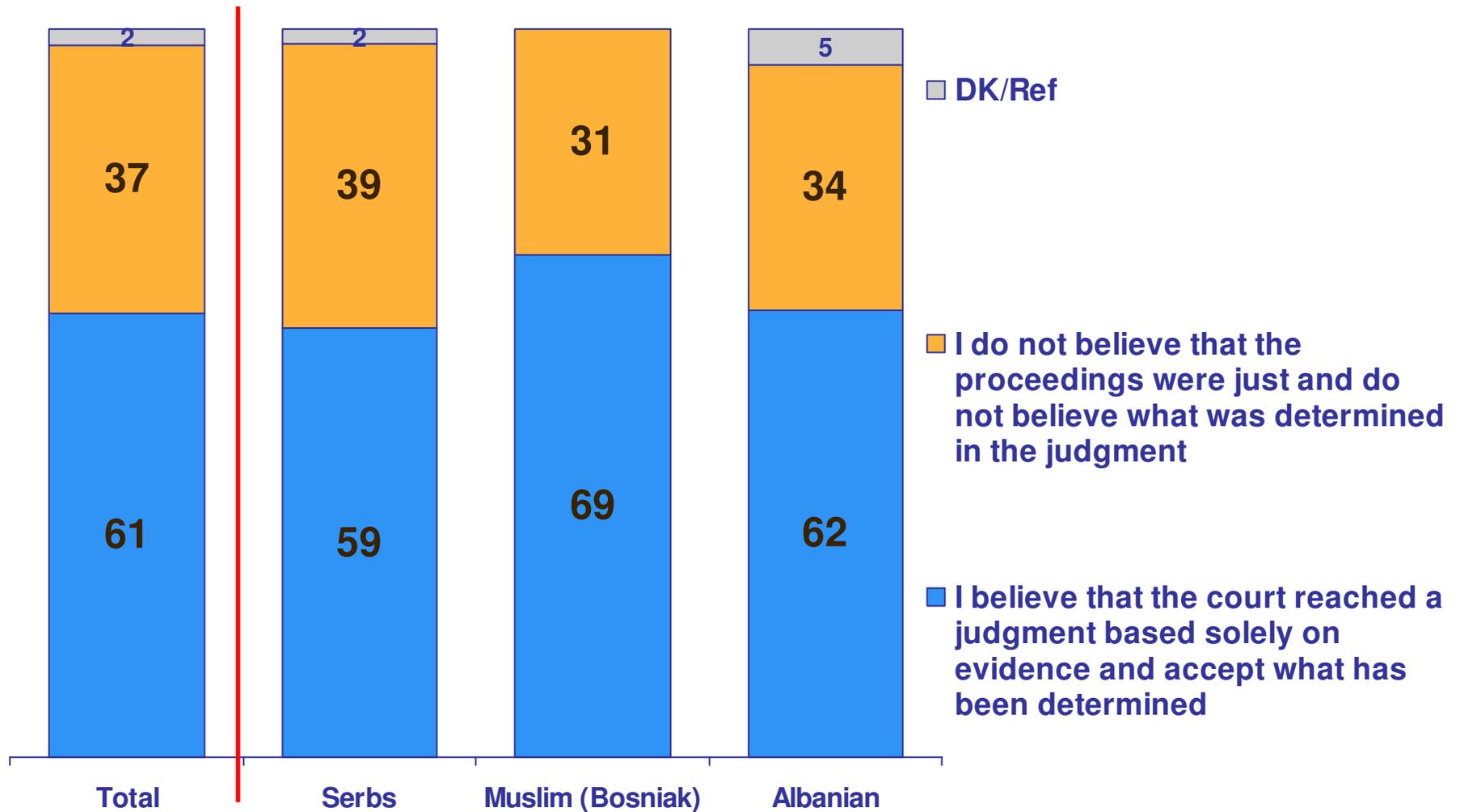
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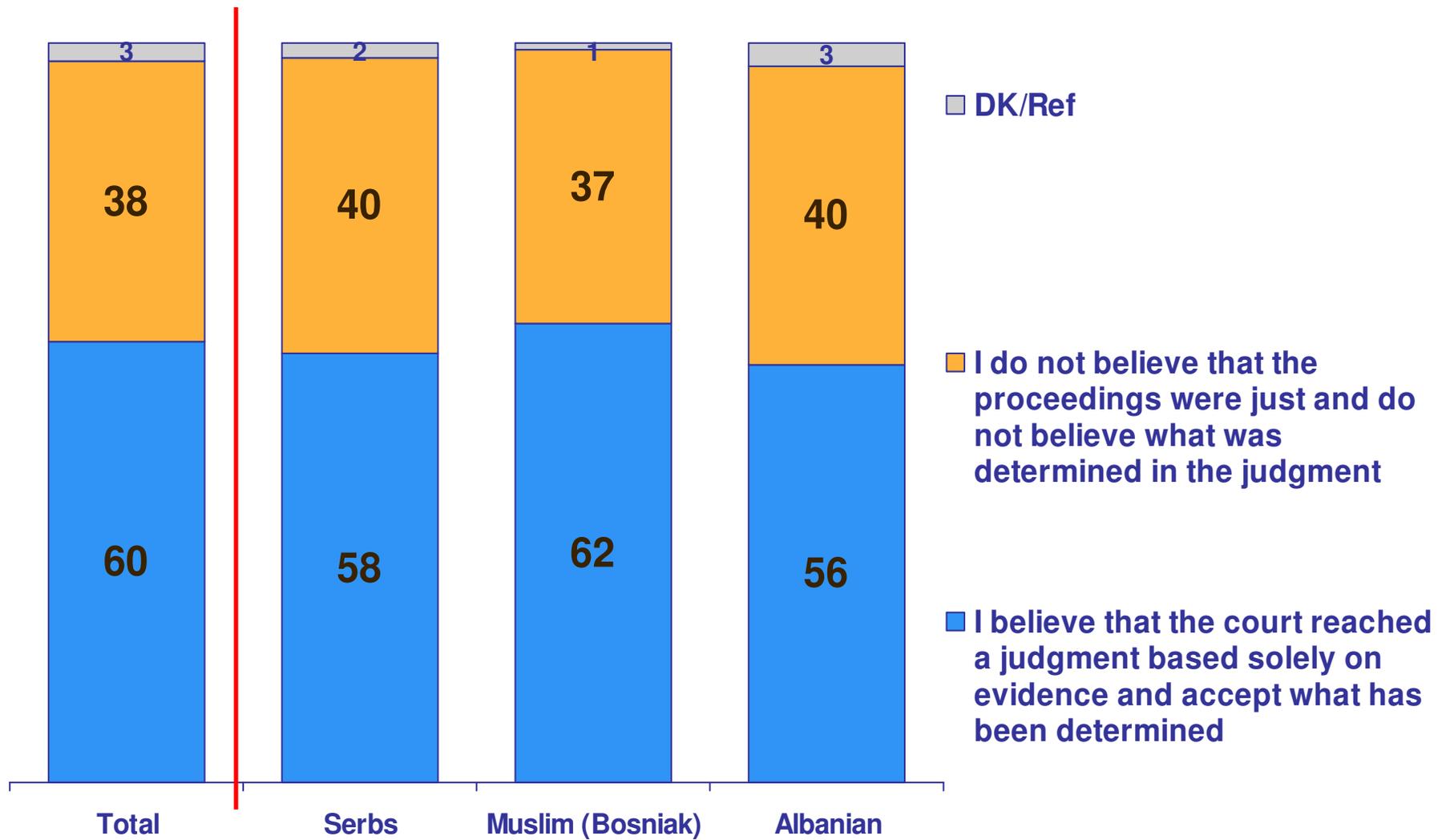


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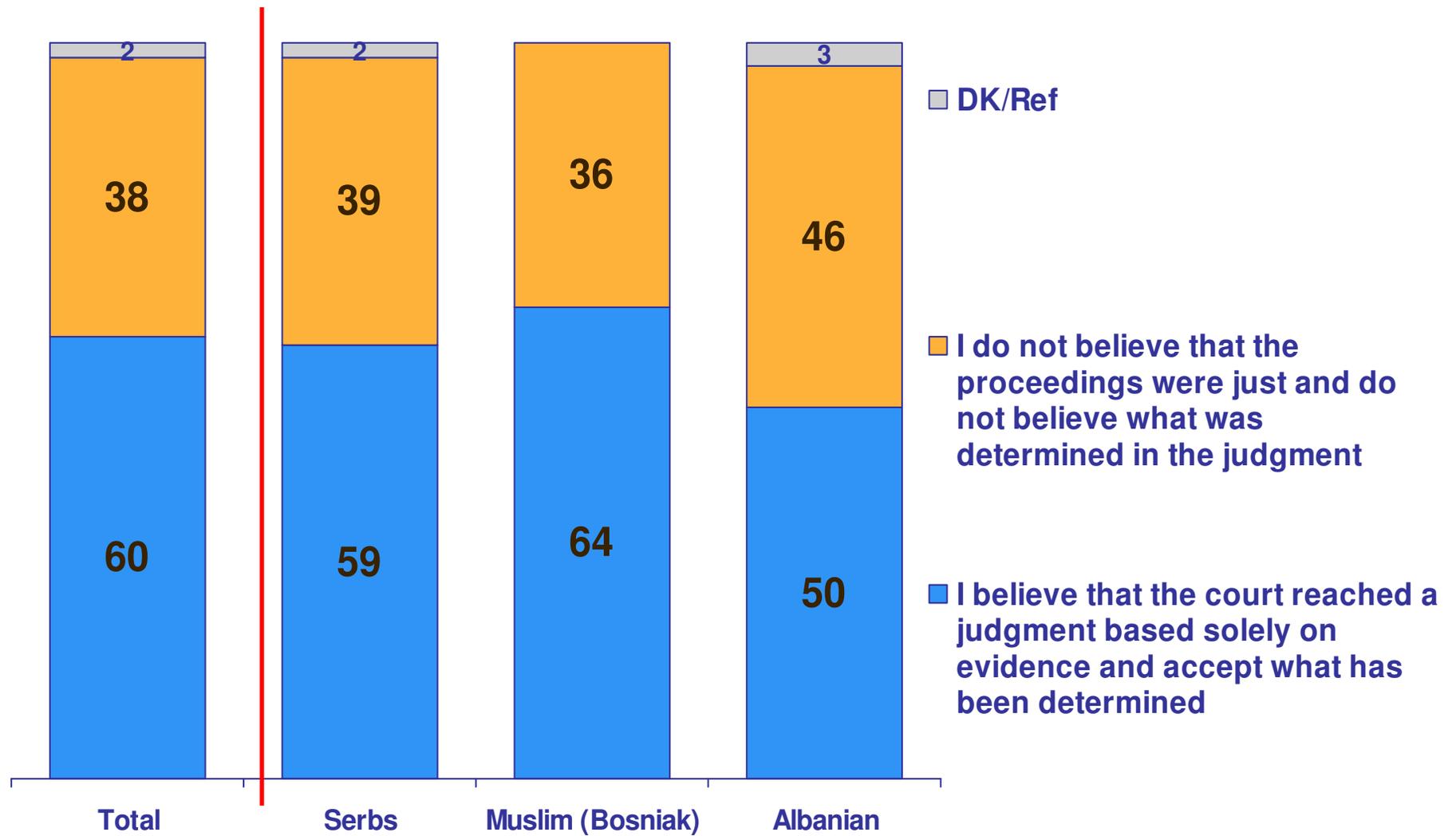
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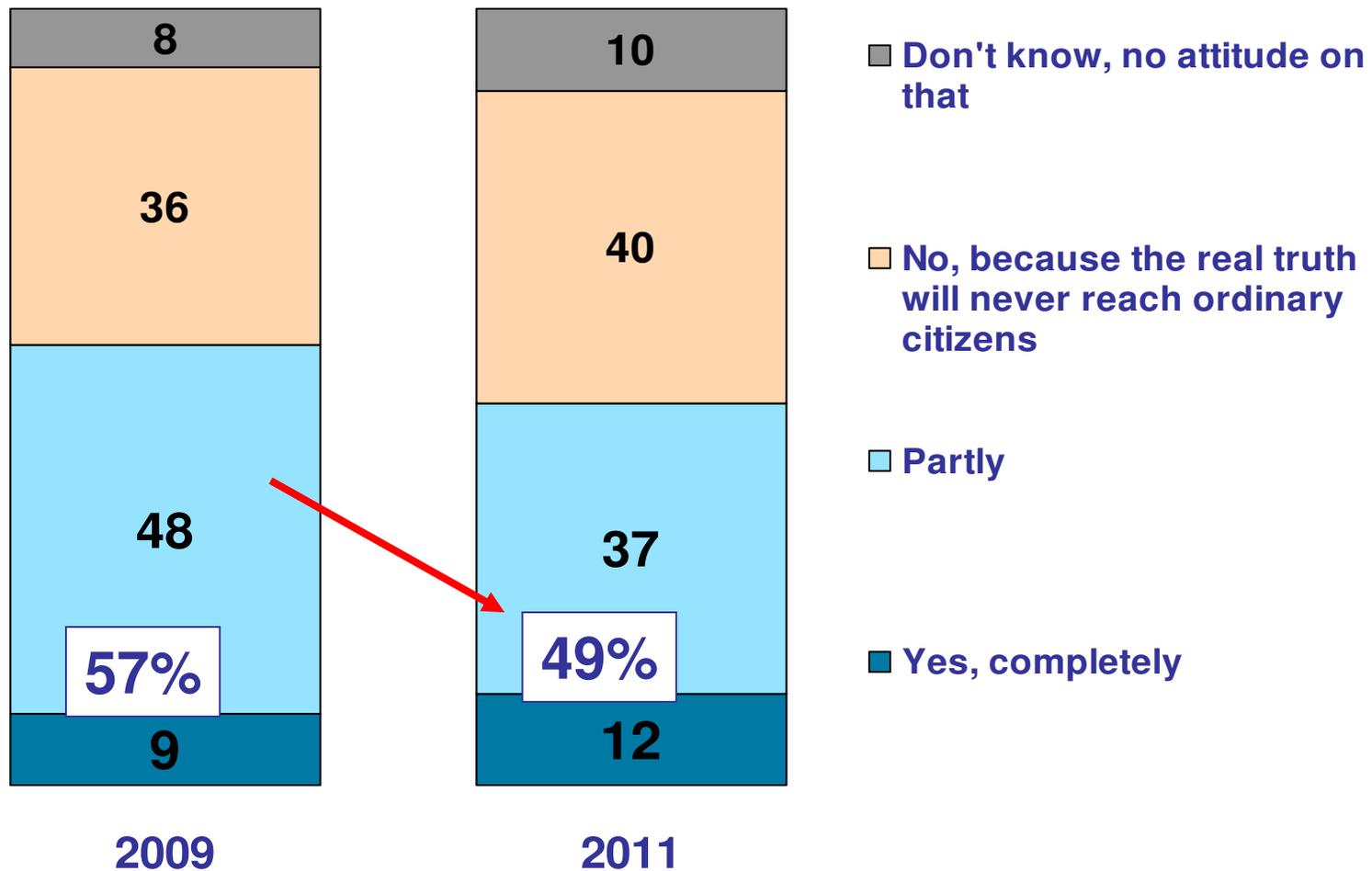
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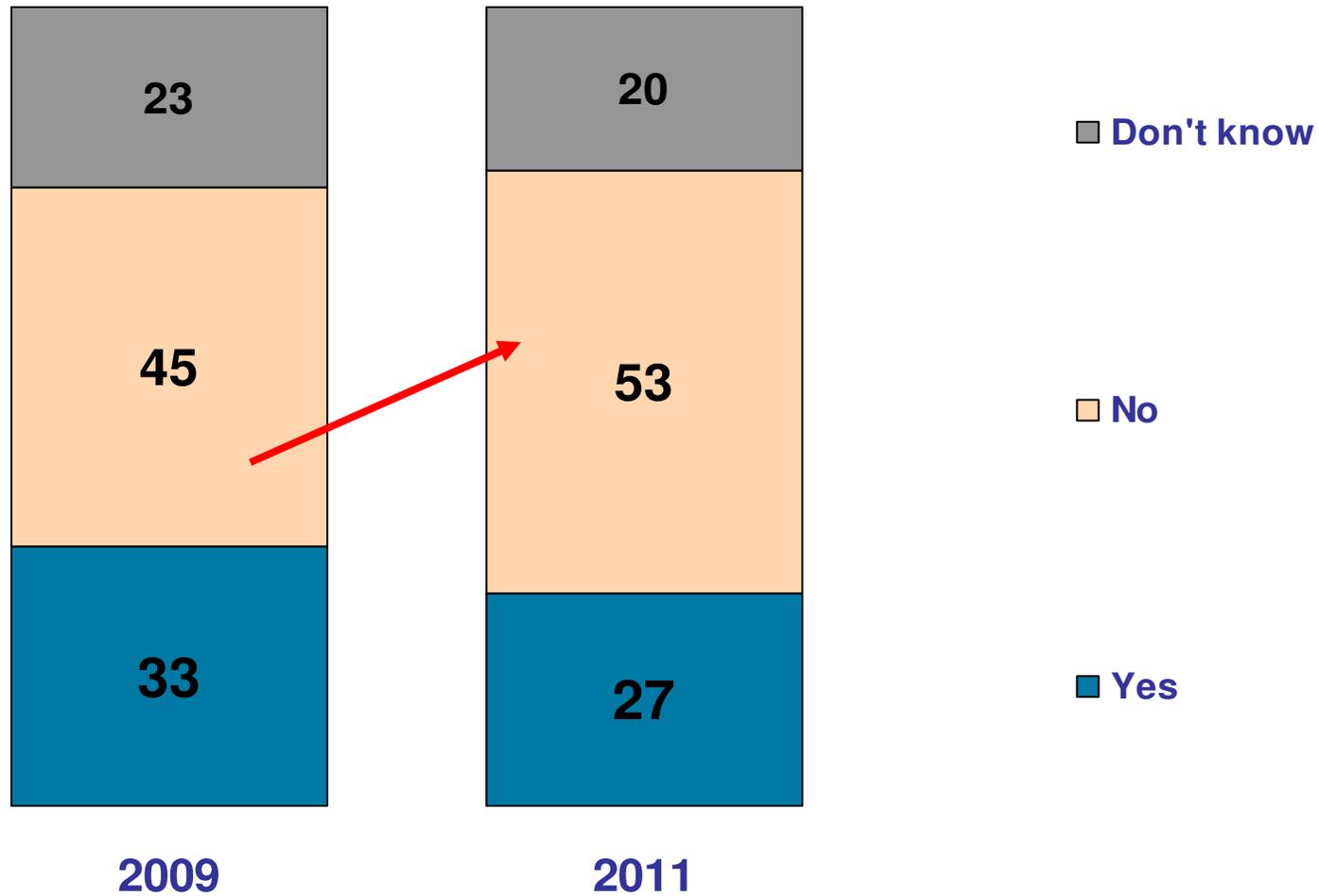
## What is your opinion of the judgments of national war crimes courts determining that indicted *Albanians* are guilty of war crimes?



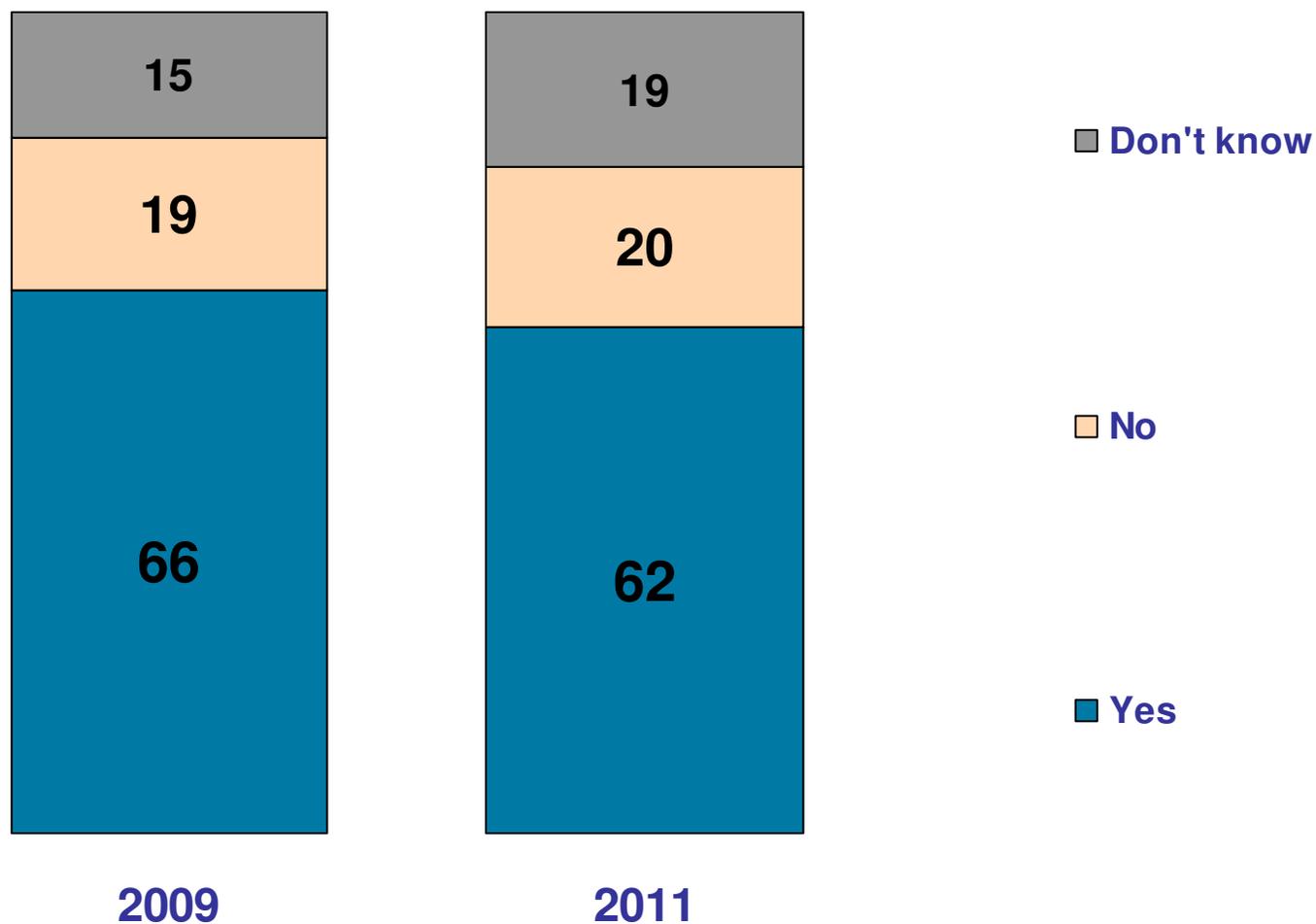
## Do war crimes trials before national courts help establish the truth about events in the wars in the former SFRY?



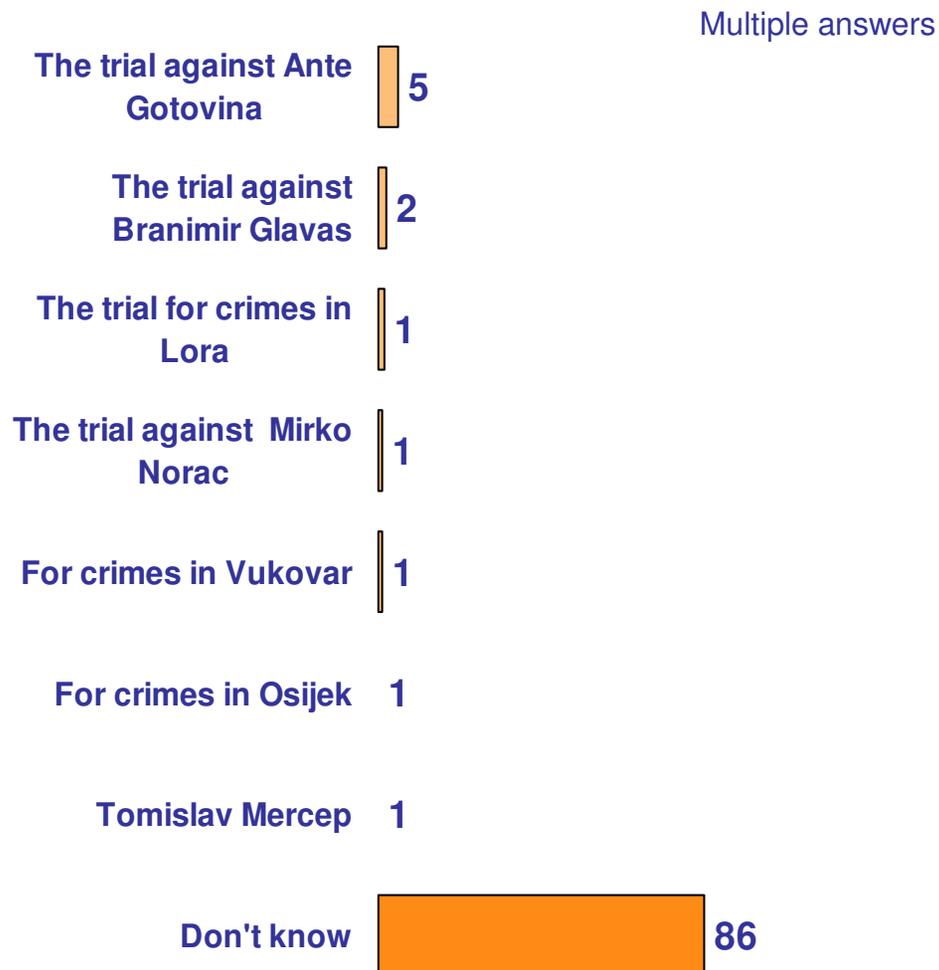
**In your opinion, do the trials before national courts contribute to the reconciliation in the region?**



## In your opinion, should Serbia cooperate with other countries of the former SFRY in case of war crimes proceedings?



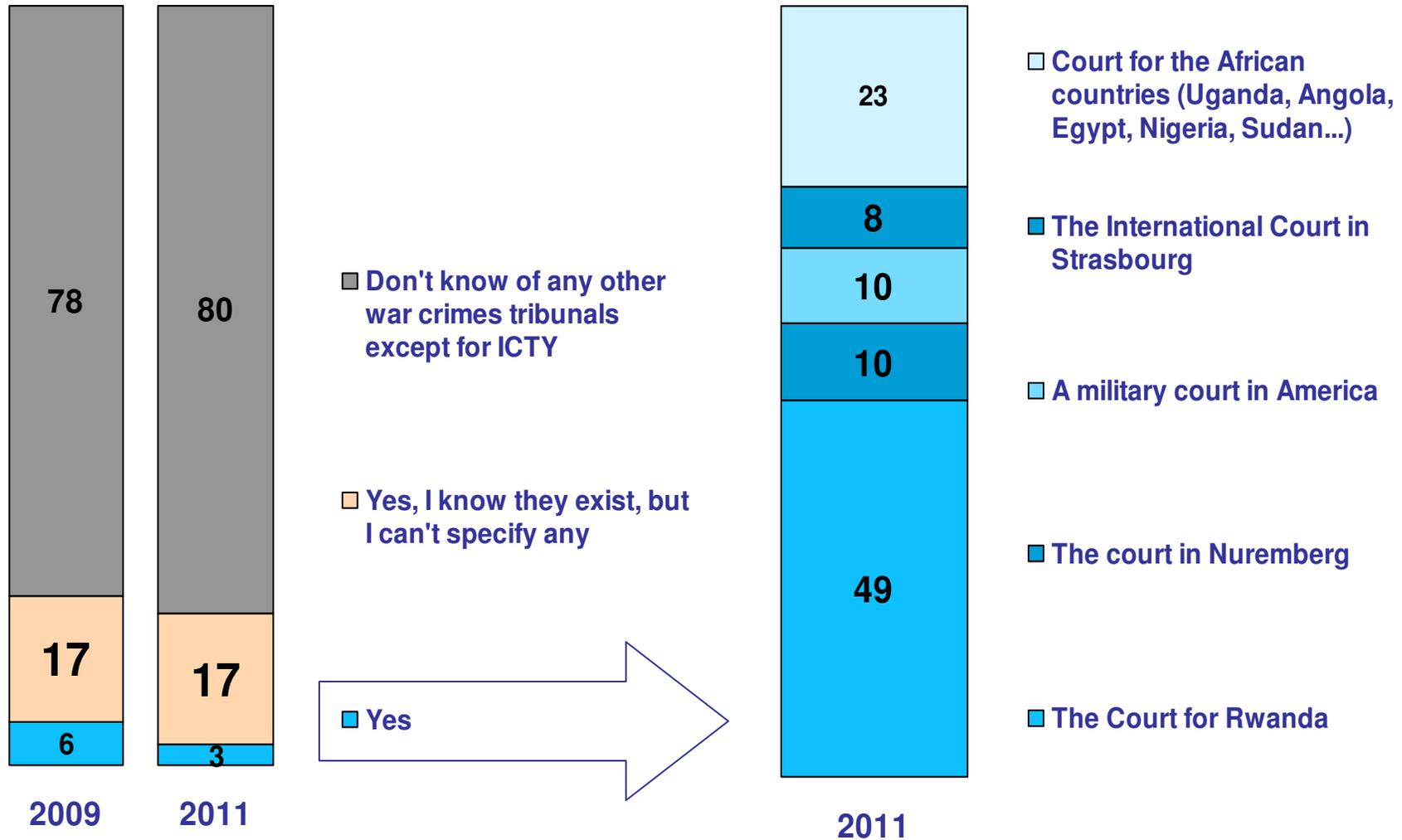
### Can you recall a war crimes proceeding held in Croatia (before the courts in Croatia)?



### Can you recall a war crimes proceeding held in BiH (before the courts in BiH)?



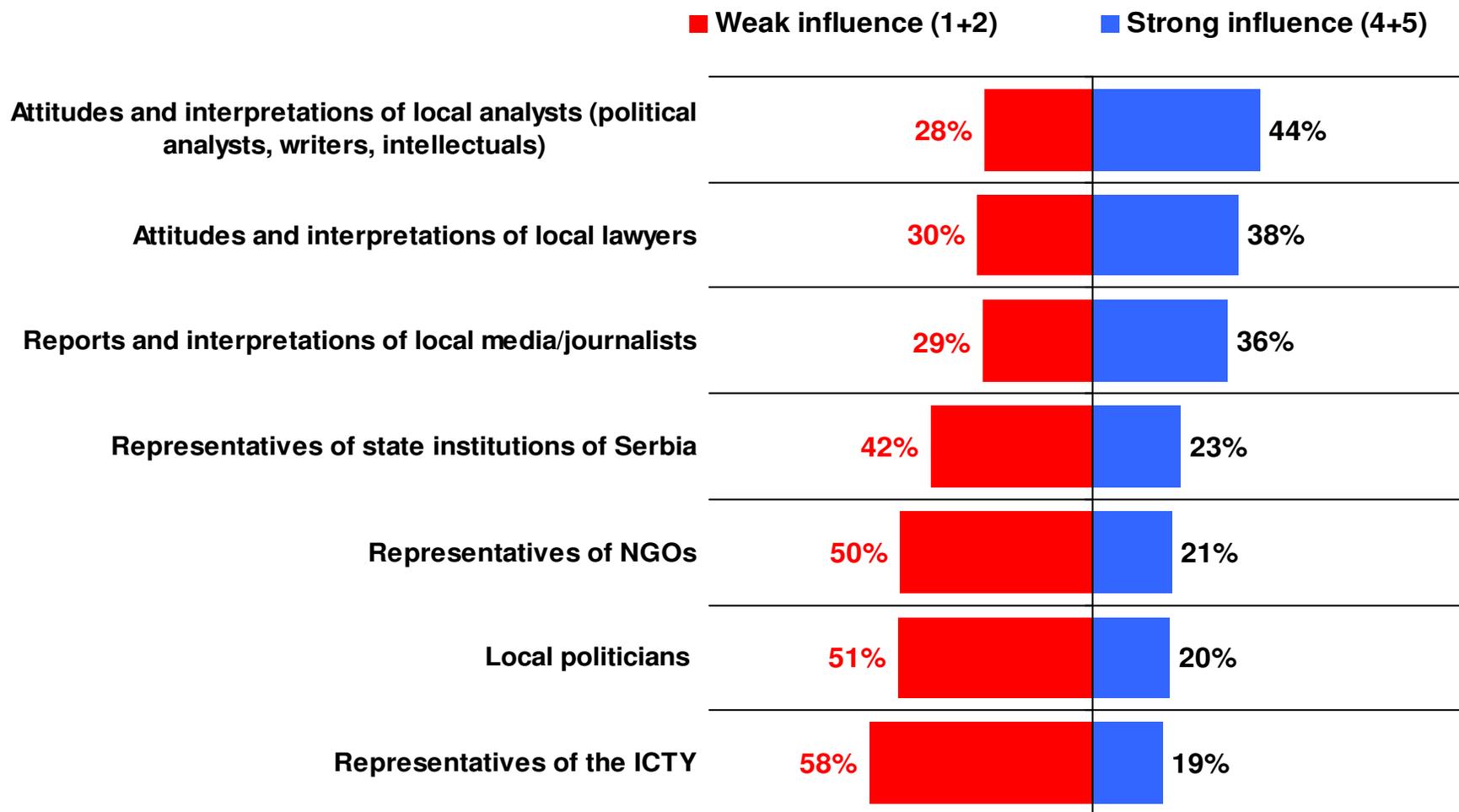
## Do you know any other courts or tribunals in the world where perpetrators of war crimes committed in other countries are tried?



# THE ROLE OF MEDIA

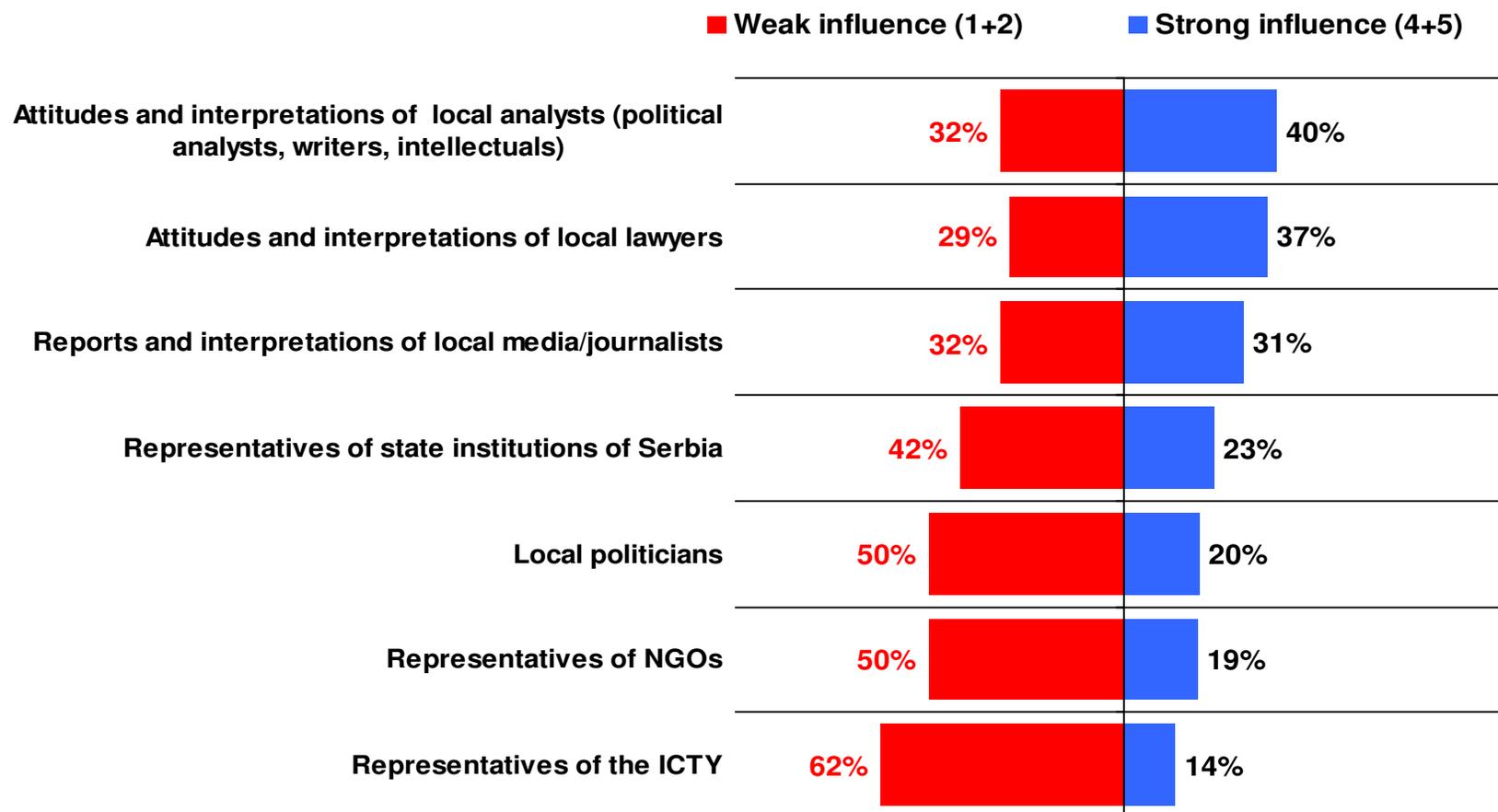
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Structure of answers



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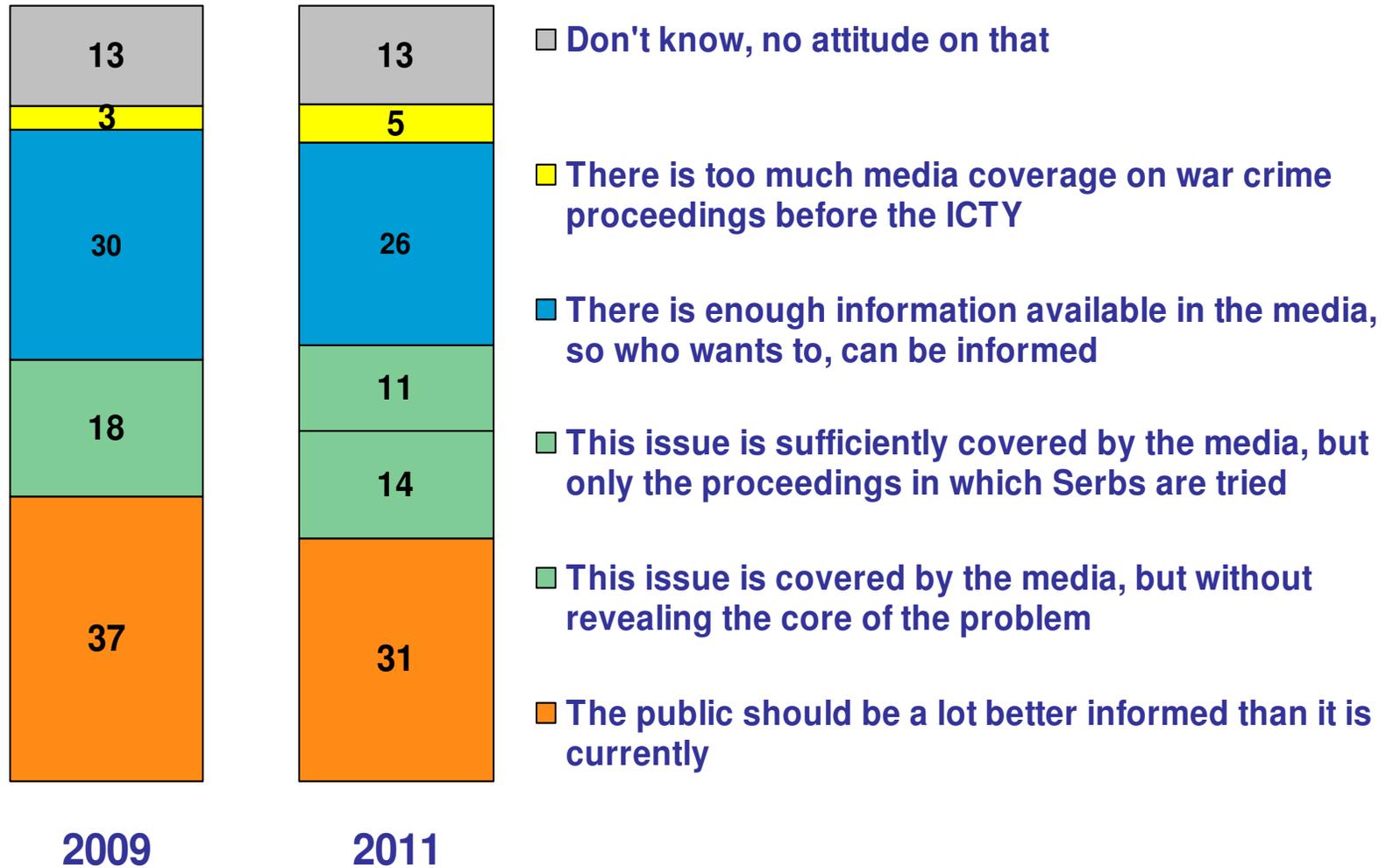
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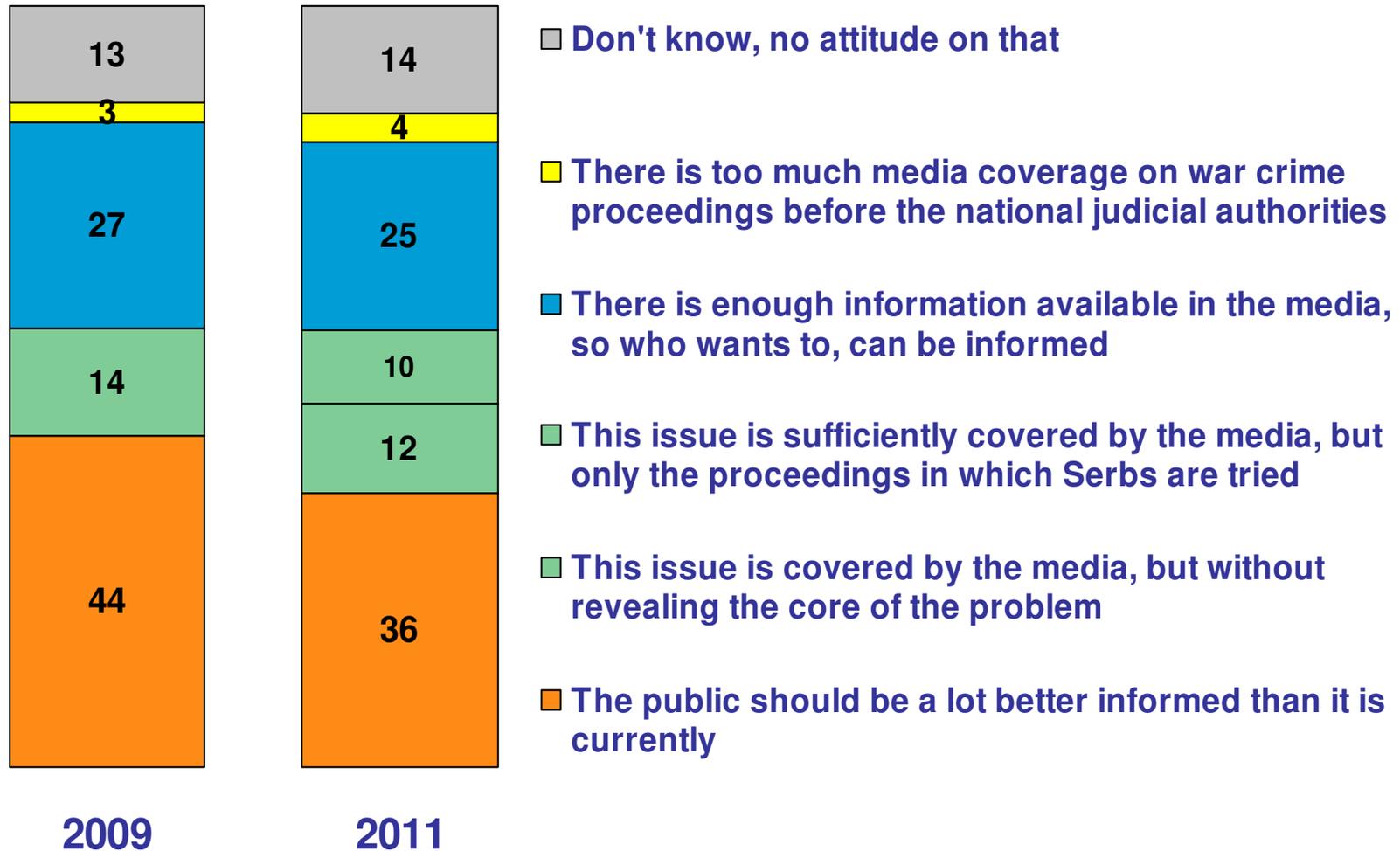
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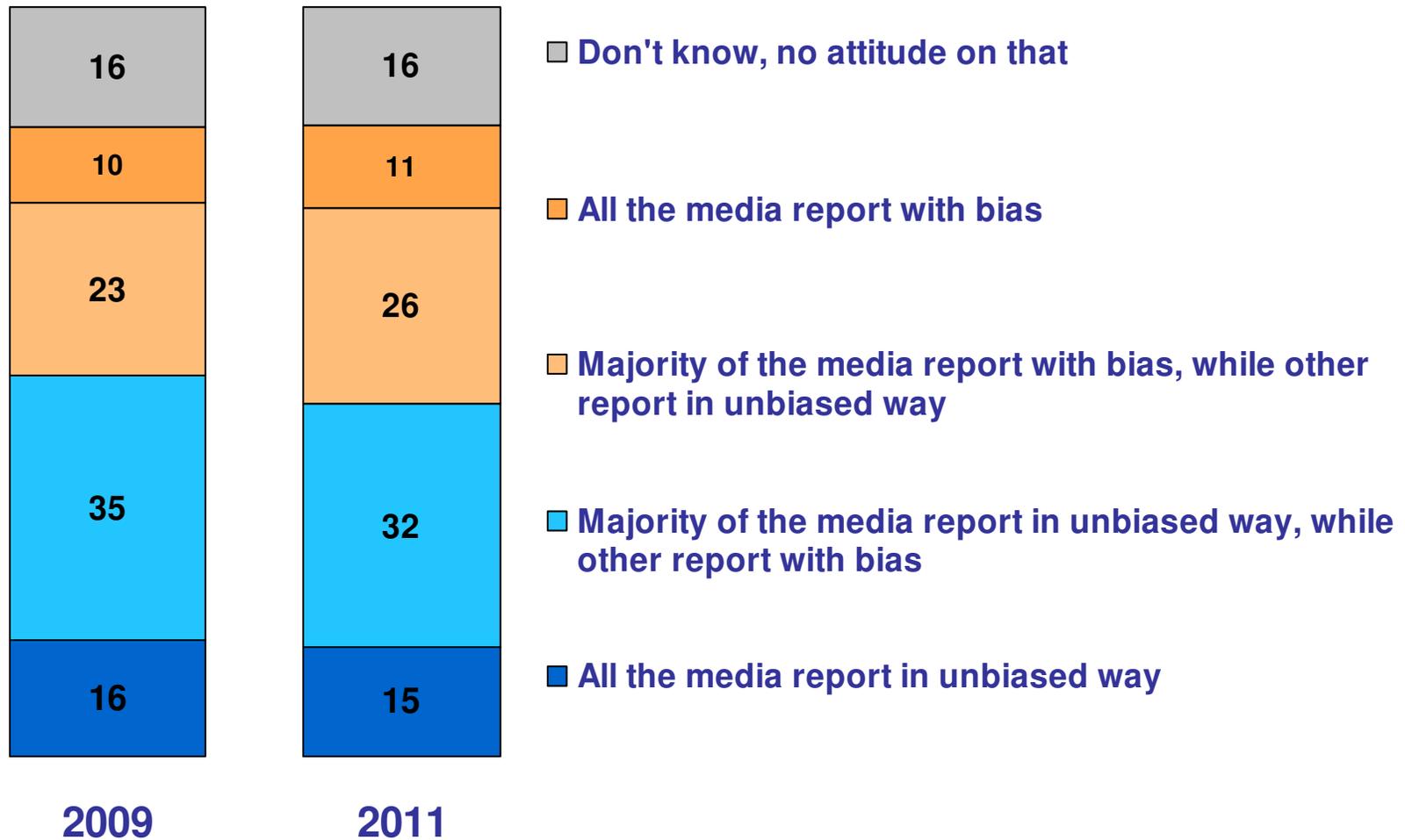




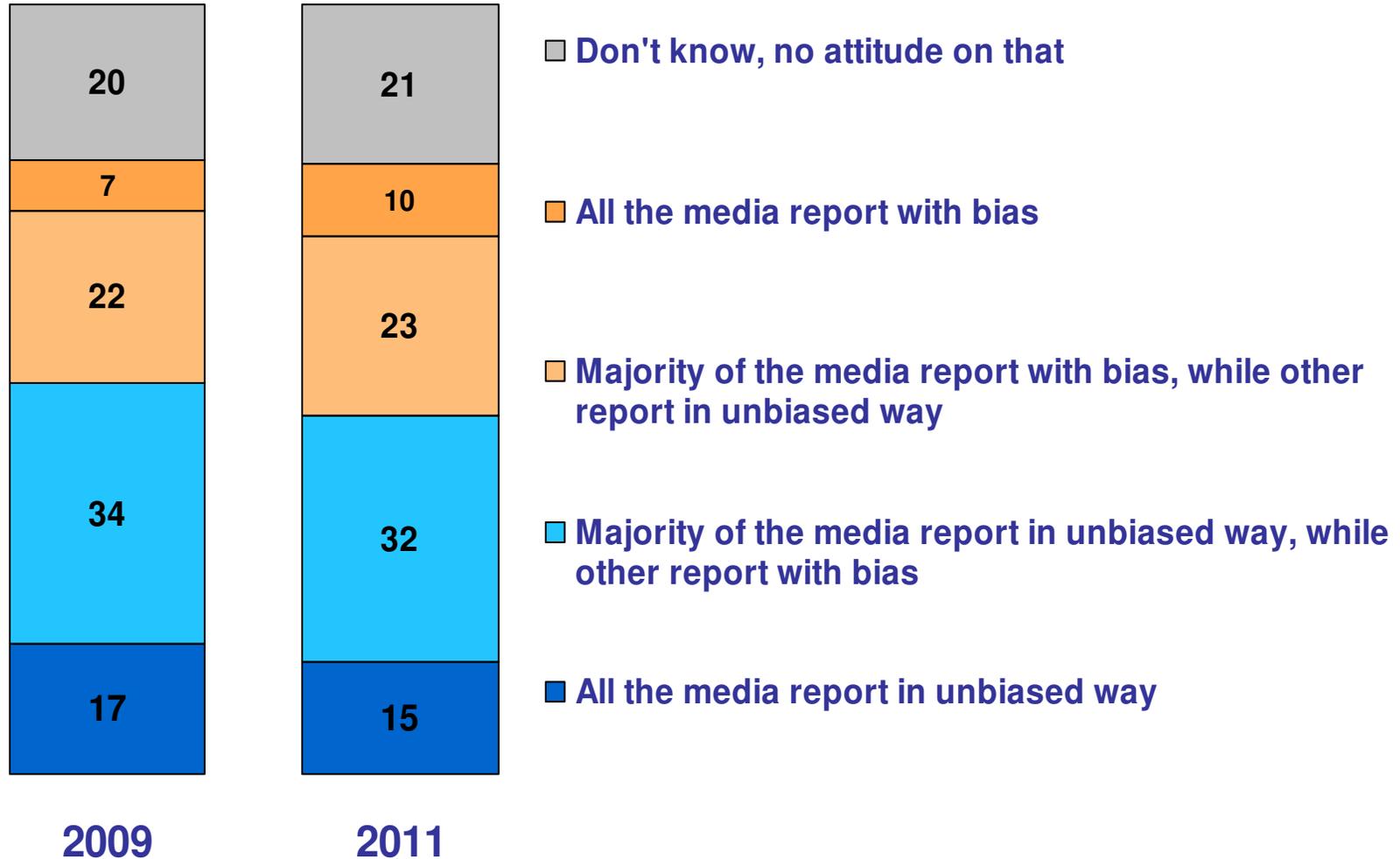
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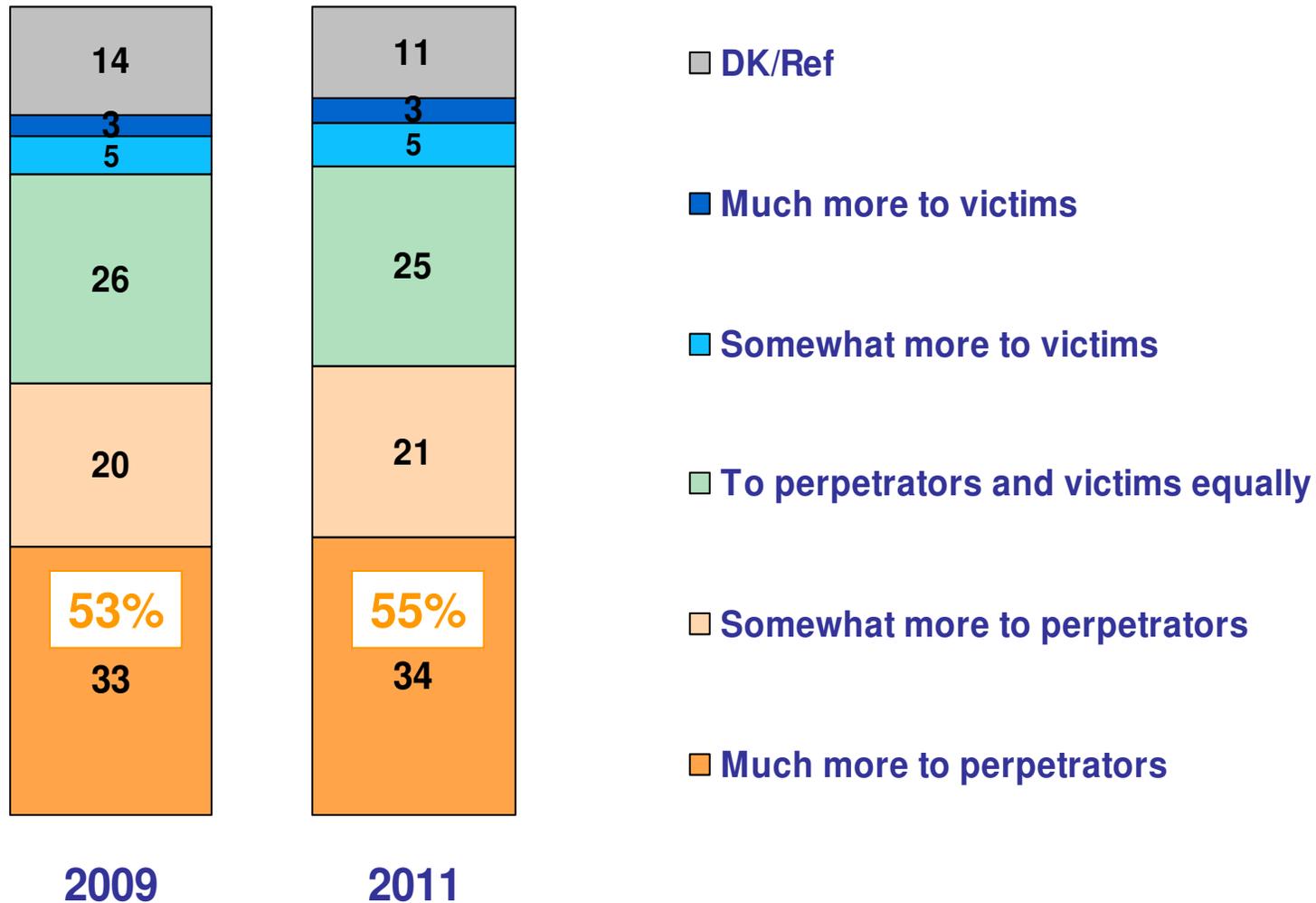
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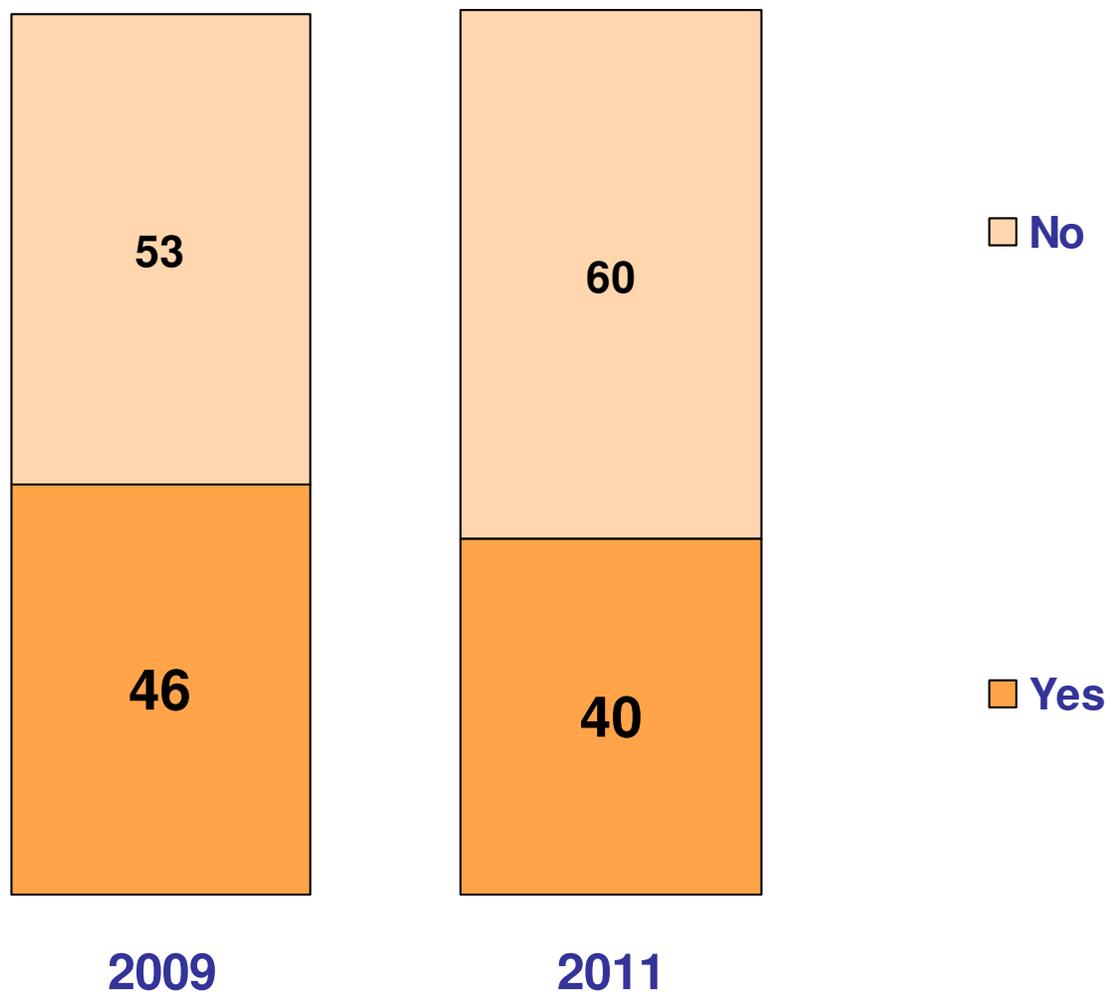
## In what way do the media report on war crimes proceedings before the national judicial authorities?



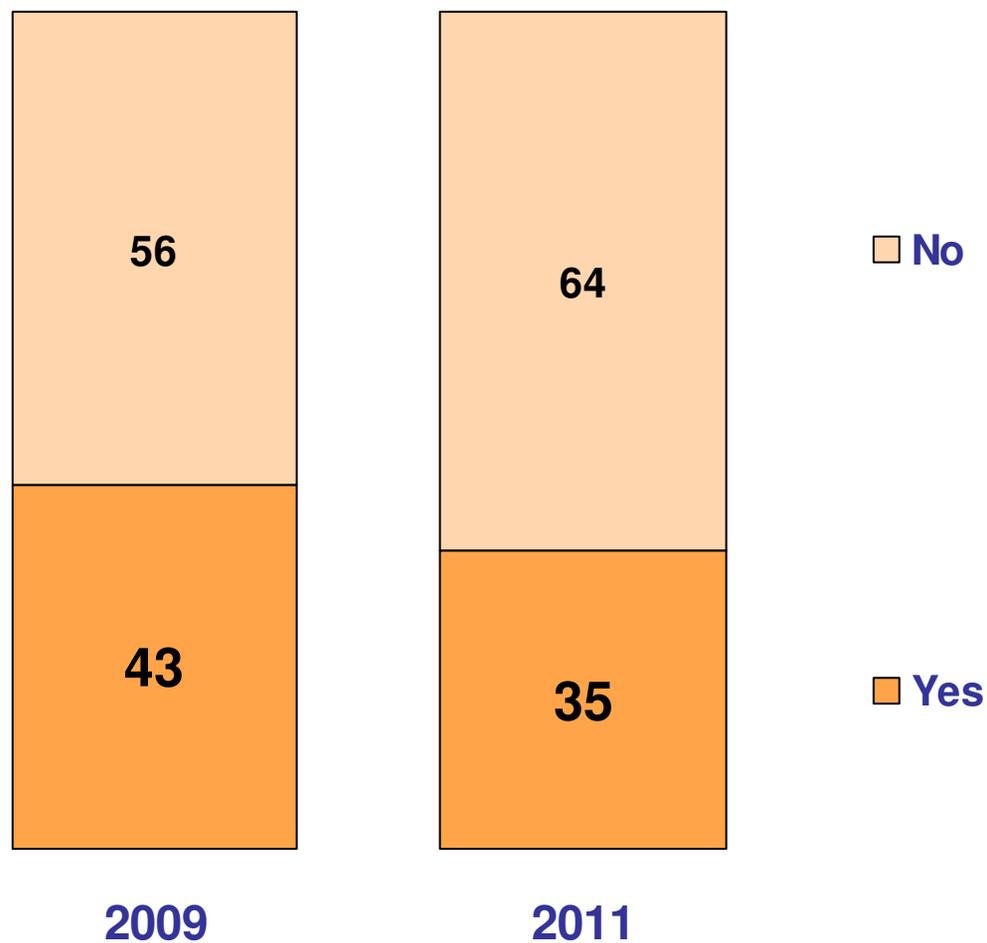
## Who do the media grant more attention to, i.e. who do they focus more on – perpetrators or victims of war crimes?



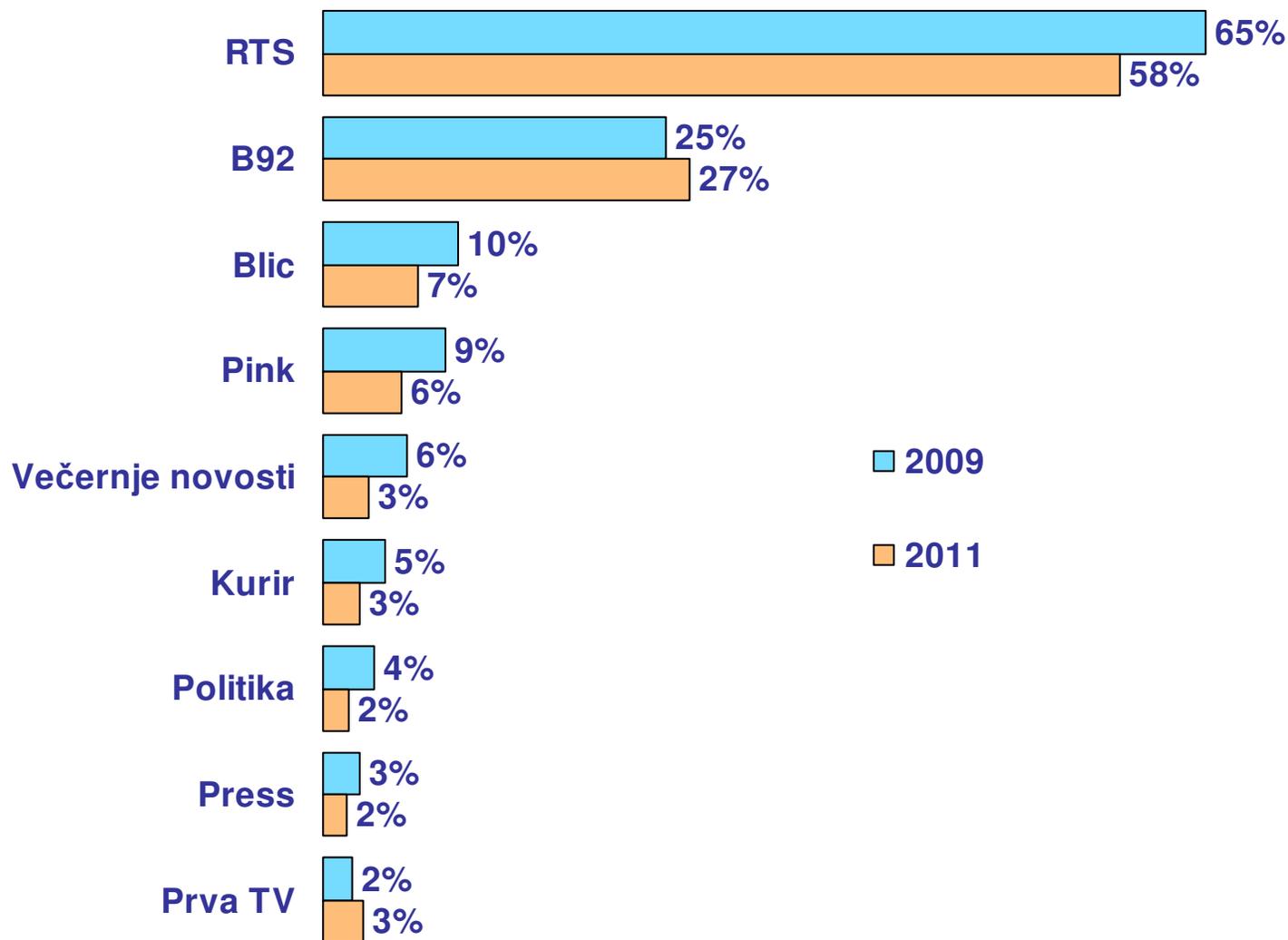
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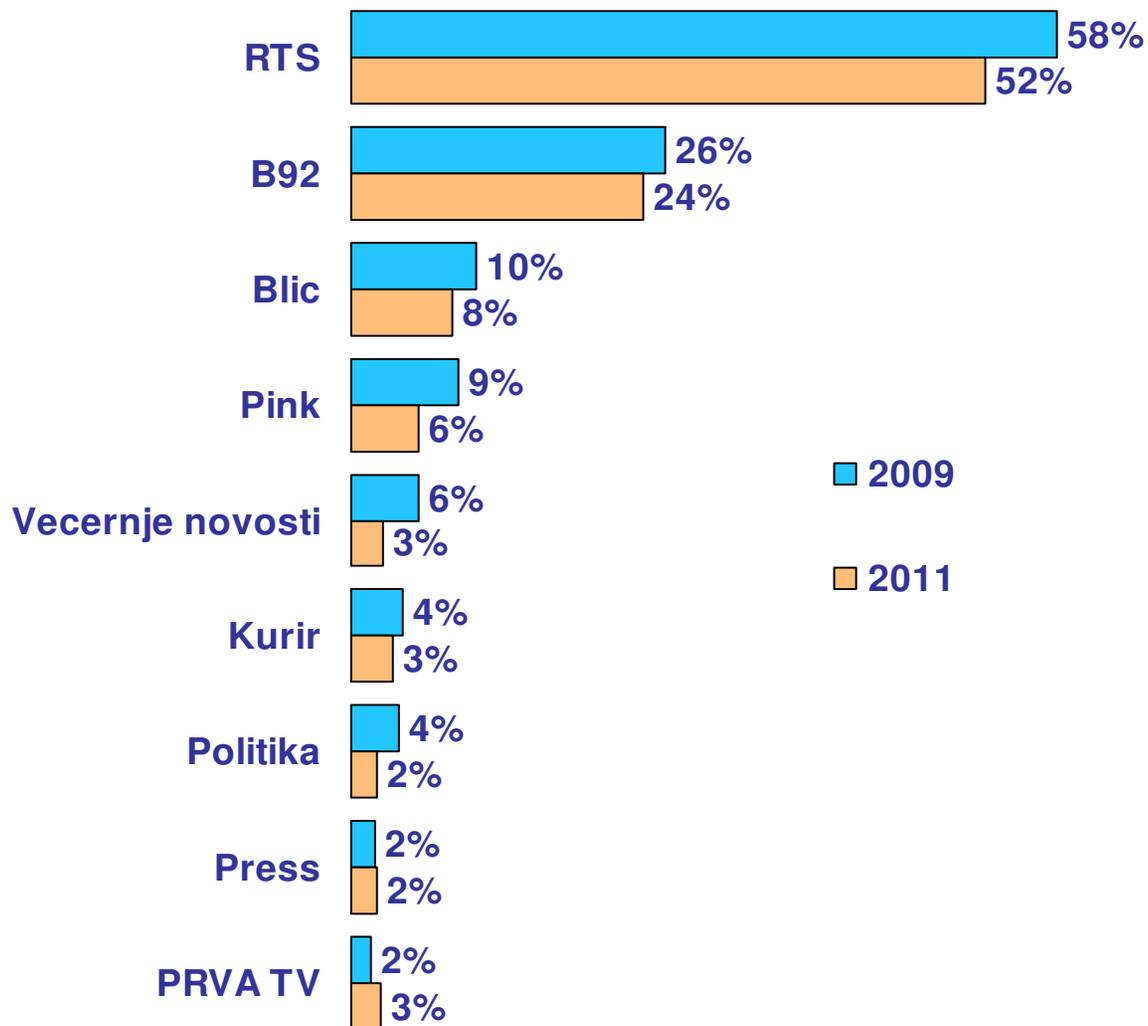
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## Which media do you get informed from on war crimes proceedings before the ICTY (print - newspapers, magazines, electronic - radio, TV or internet)?



## Which media do you get informed from on war crimes proceedings before the national judicial authorities (print - newspapers, magazines, electronic - radio, TV or internet)?

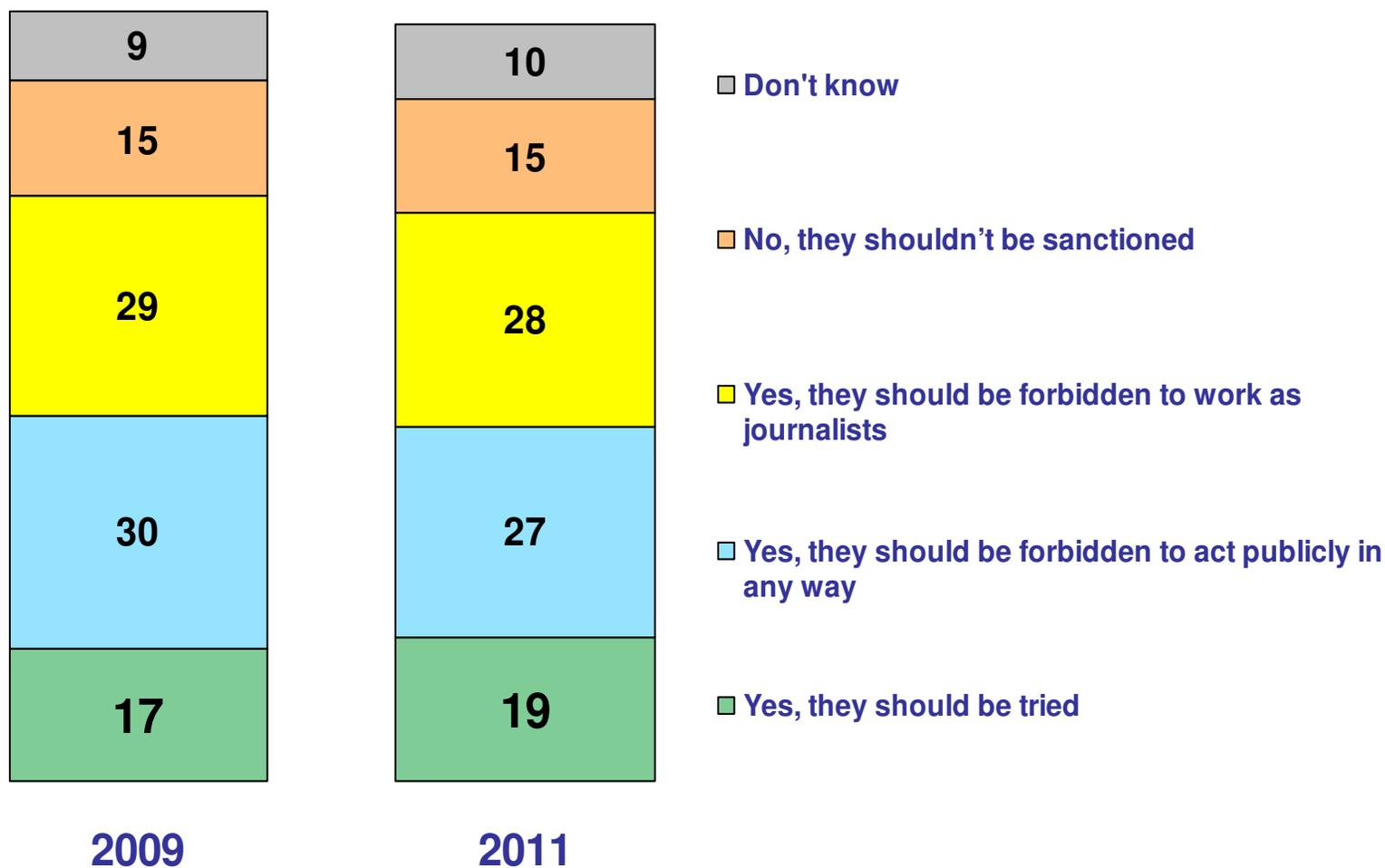


## How would you evaluate the role of the media during the wars in the territory of former Yugoslavia? Which opinion is closer to your own?



## Should the journalists who behaved in that way be sanctioned?

Base: Those who evaluate the role of the media in Serbia during the war on the territory of former SFRY as biased (2009: 32%, 2011 27%)



**To what extent does the attitude of a political party (politician) towards the ICTY or towards trials for war crimes before national courts influences your decision to vote for that party or support that politician or not?**

