

MONTENEGRO'S CITIZENS' VIEWS ON VACCINES AND COVID-19

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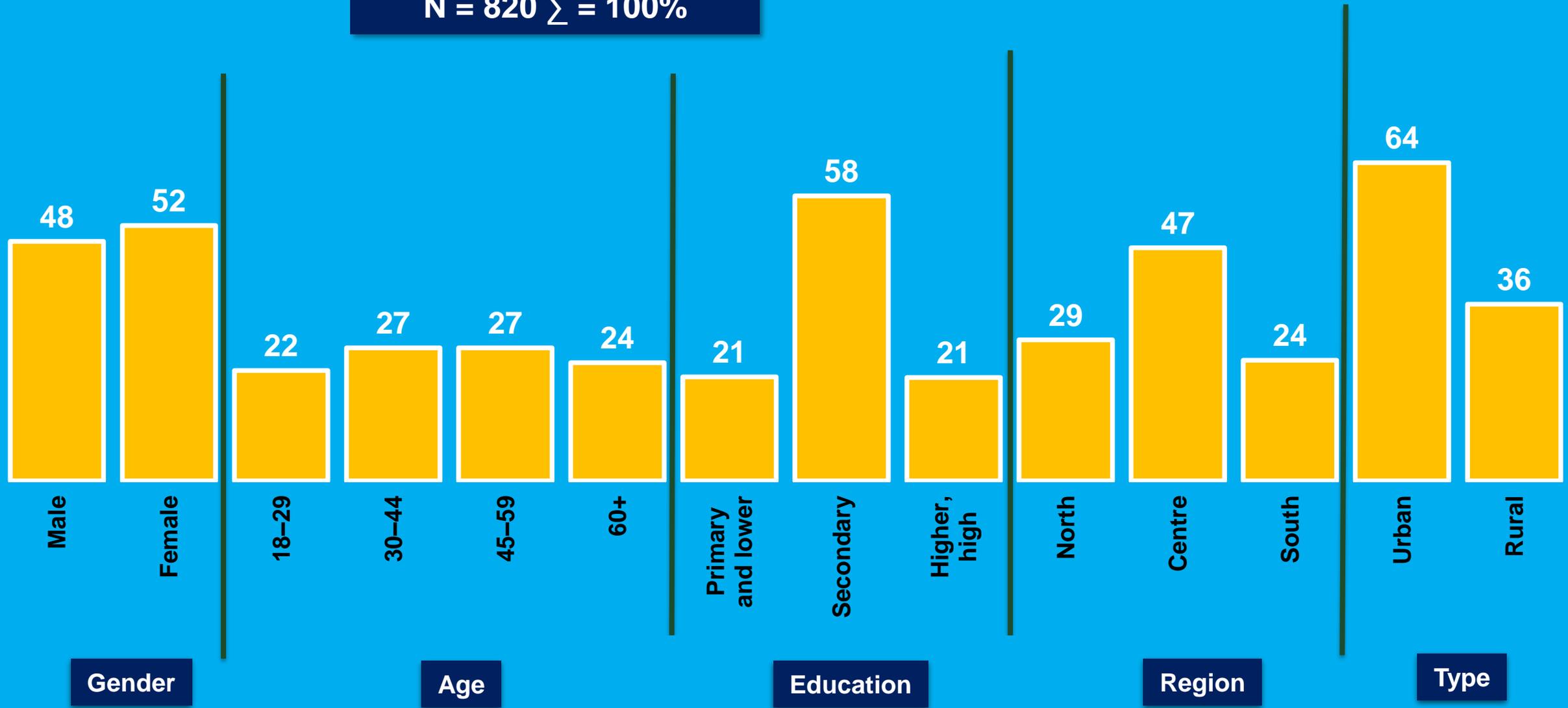
METHODOLOGY

Implementation:	Data collection conducted in the period from 12 to 16 February 2021
Sample framework:	Population of Montenegro aged 18+
Sample size:	820 interviewees
Sample type:	One-stage representative stratified sample Interviewees within household
Survey type:	Telephone survey with a questionnaire of an average duration of 10 minutes
Place of survey:	24 municipalities from Montenegro – urban, suburban and rural communities
Poststratification:	By sex, age
Error:	±1.57% for occurrences with an incidence of 5% ±3.12% for occurrences with an incidence of 25% ±3.61% for occurrences with an incidence of 50% (<i>marginal error</i>)

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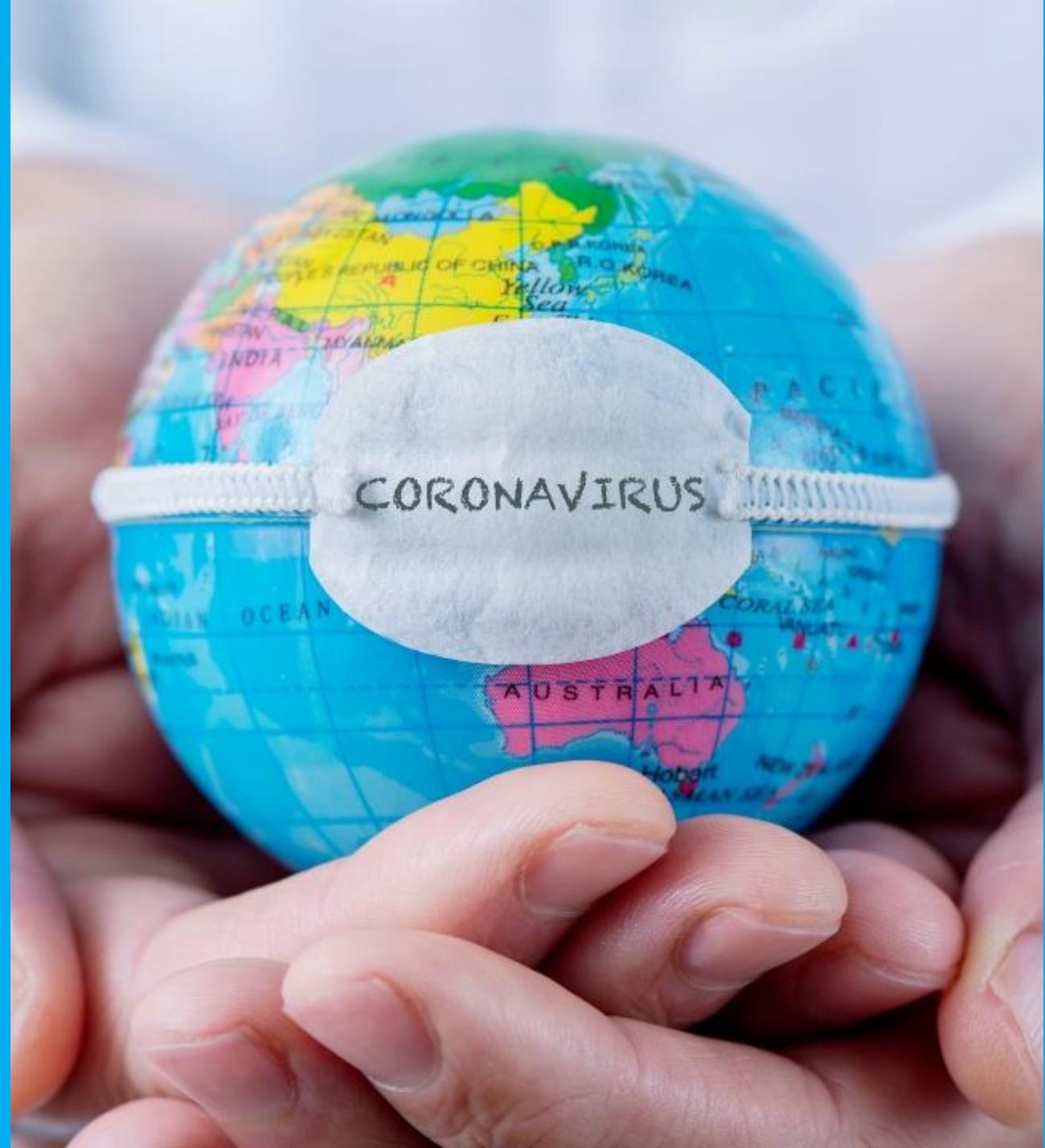
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N = 820 Σ = 100%



Base: Total target population, N=820

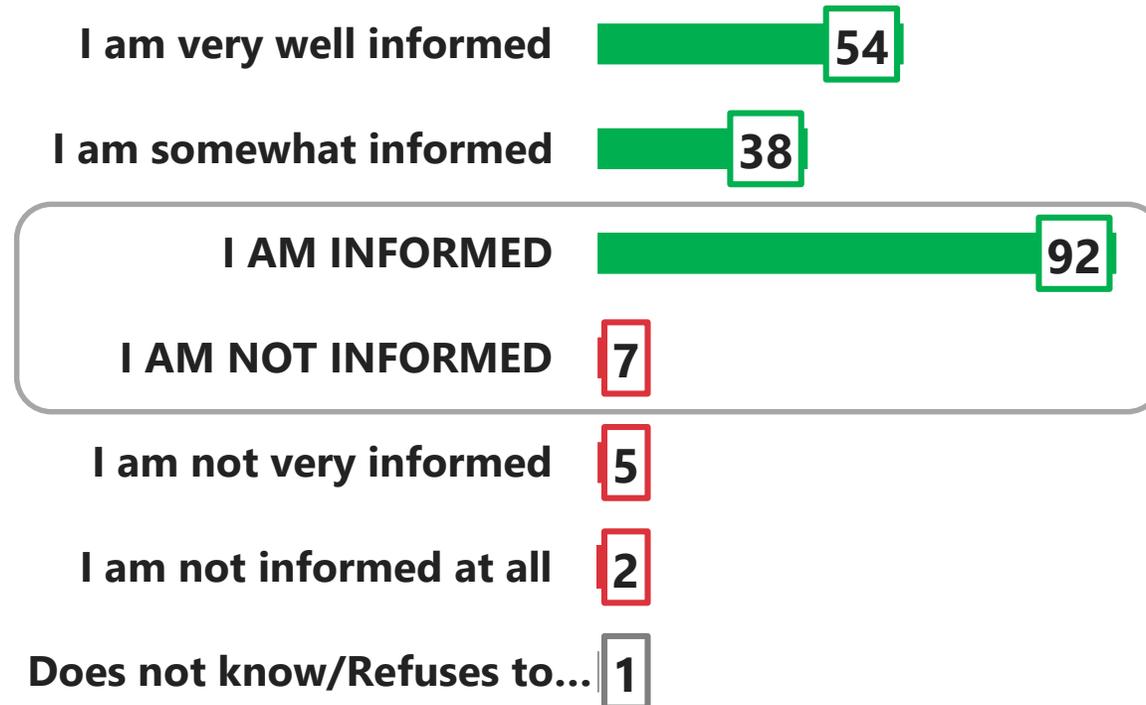
RESULTS



CORONAVIRUS AWARENESS

The vast majority of citizens of Montenegro feel informed about coronavirus, while more than half of them believe that they are well informed.

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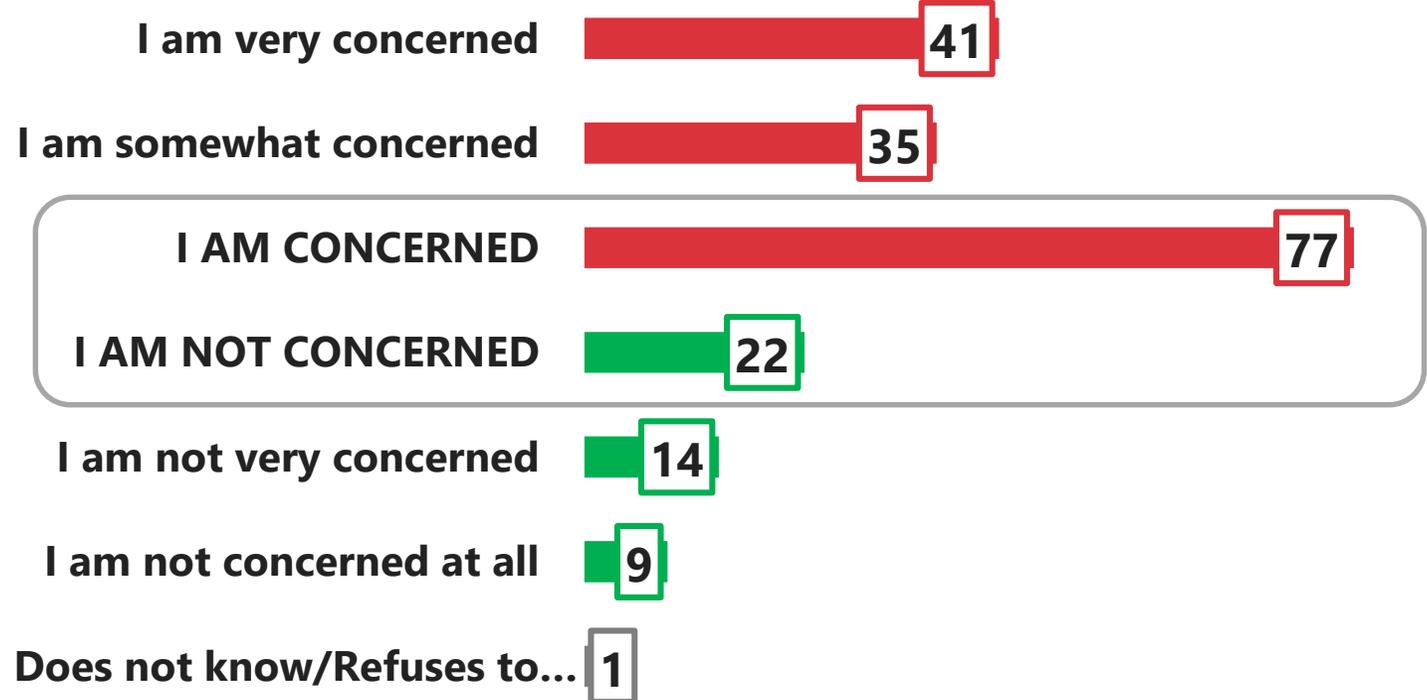
In your opinion, how informed are you about coronavirus?

Base: Total target population, N=820

CONCERN THAT RESPONDENTS AND THEIR LOVED ONES COULD BECOME INFECTED WITH CORONAVIRUS

More than three-quarters of the citizens state that they are concerned that they or their loved ones could become infected with coronavirus, while two-fifths are very concerned. On the other hand, more than one-fifth of the citizens say that they are not concerned that they or their loved ones could become infected.

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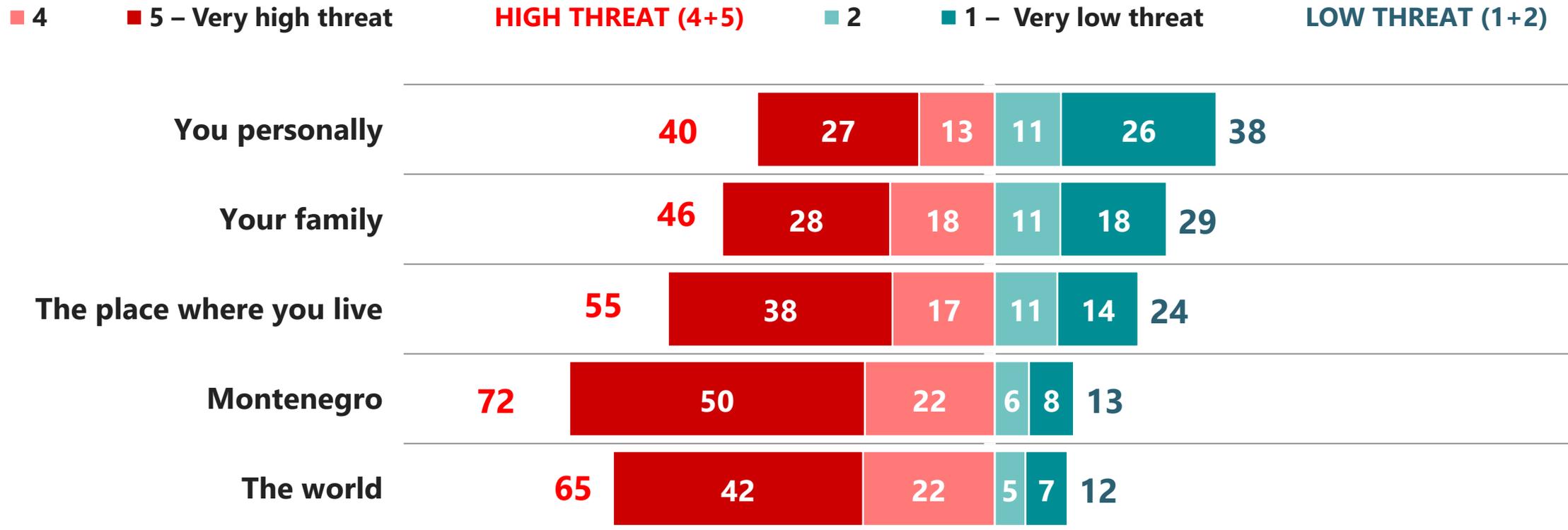


How concerned are you personally that you or your loved ones could become infected with coronavirus?
Base: Total target population, N=820

THE CORONAVIRUS THREAT LEVEL TO...

Seven out of 10 citizens believe that coronavirus poses a high threat to Montenegro, two-thirds think so when the world is concerned, more than half believe so when the place where they live is concerned, while more than two-fifths of the citizens perceive coronavirus as a high threat to their family. At the same time, citizens are polarized when it comes to the question of whether coronavirus poses a high or a low threat to themselves personally.

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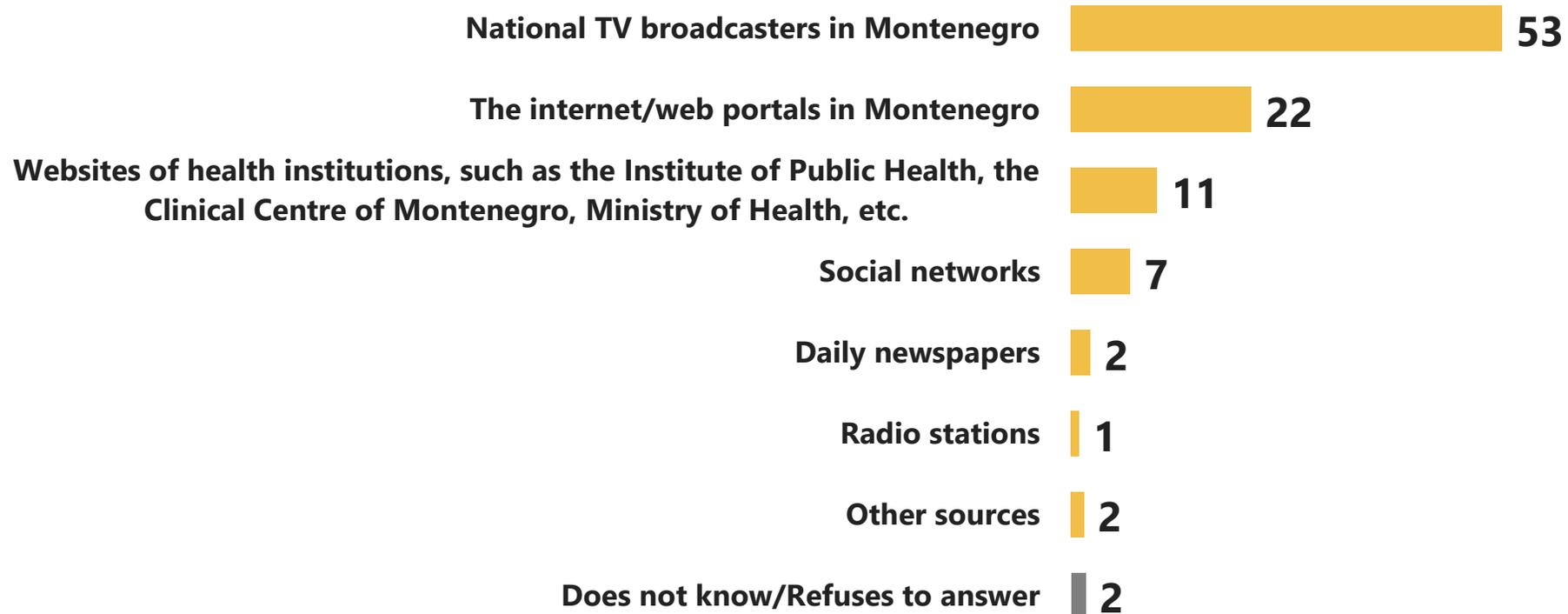
In your opinion, what is the level of threat coronavirus poses to...?:

Base: Total target population, N=820

THE MEDIA THAT ARE THE MOST COMMON SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

Citizens in Montenegro are most often informed about coronavirus and the vaccination process through the national TV broadcasters. One-fifth of the citizens are most often informed through the internet and web portals in Montenegro, while one out of 10 citizens refers to the websites of health institutions as the most common source of information.

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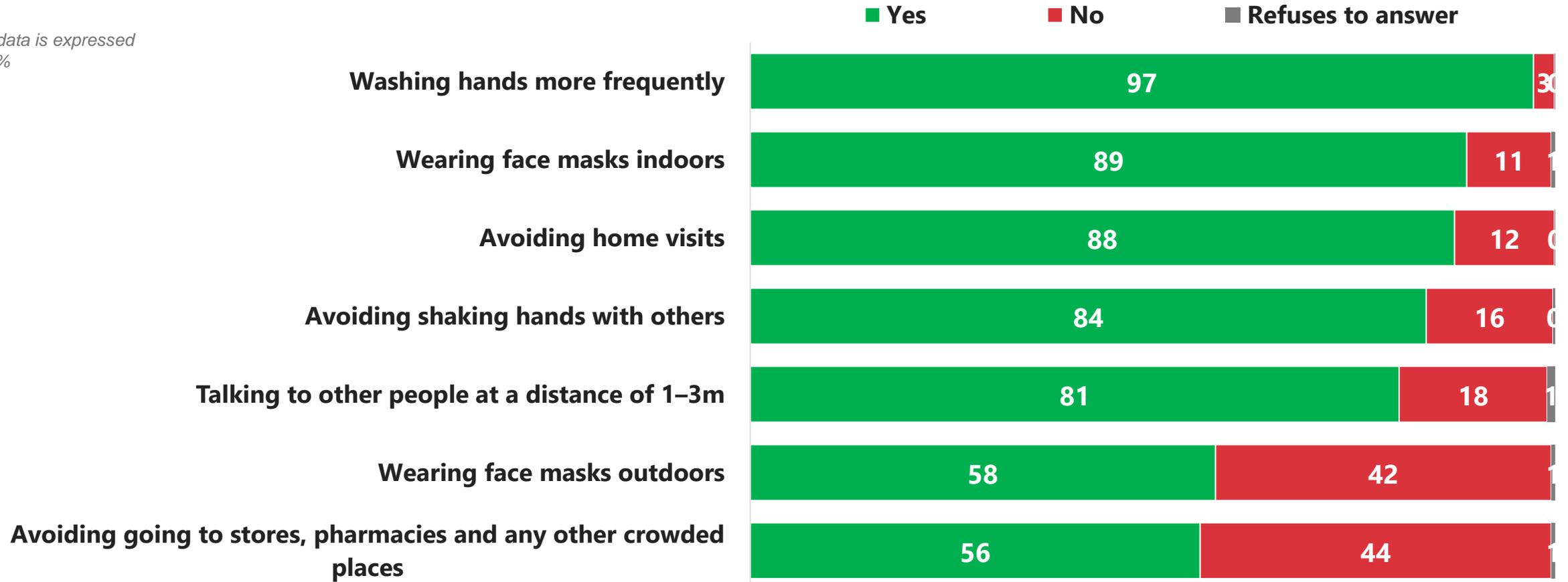
I will now ask you to tell me which media is the most common source of information about coronavirus and the vaccination process for you. Is it...?

Base: Total target population, N=820

APPLICATION OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Almost all citizens of Montenegro state that they are washing their hands more often to protect themselves against coronavirus, while more than four-fifths of them are wearing face masks indoors, avoiding home visits and shaking hands with others, while talking to others at a distance of 1 to 3 metres. Furthermore, more than half of the citizens are wearing face masks outdoors and avoid going to stores, pharmacies and any other crowded places.

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Please tell us which of the indicated measures you are personally applying to protect against coronavirus. Please answer 'Yes' or 'No'.

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PERSONAL APPLICATION OF THE FOLLOWING PREVENTIVE MEASURES.....

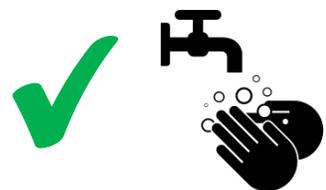
With a view to protecting against coronavirus, half of Montenegrin citizens are applying the measures of more frequent handwashing, wearing a face mask indoors and outdoors, and maintaining a distance of 1 to 3 metres when talking to others. On the other hand, a quarter of citizens are washing their hands more often, wearing a face mask indoors, talking to others at a distance of 1 to 3 metres, but do not wear a face mask outdoors.

Washing hands more frequently

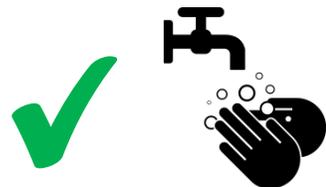
Talking to others at a distance of 1-3 m

Wearing face masks indoors

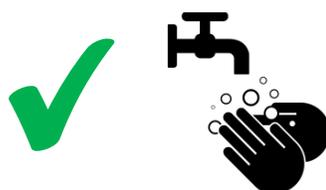
Wearing face masks outdoors



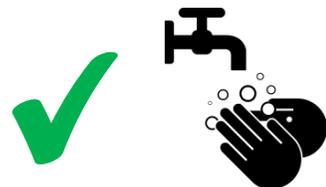
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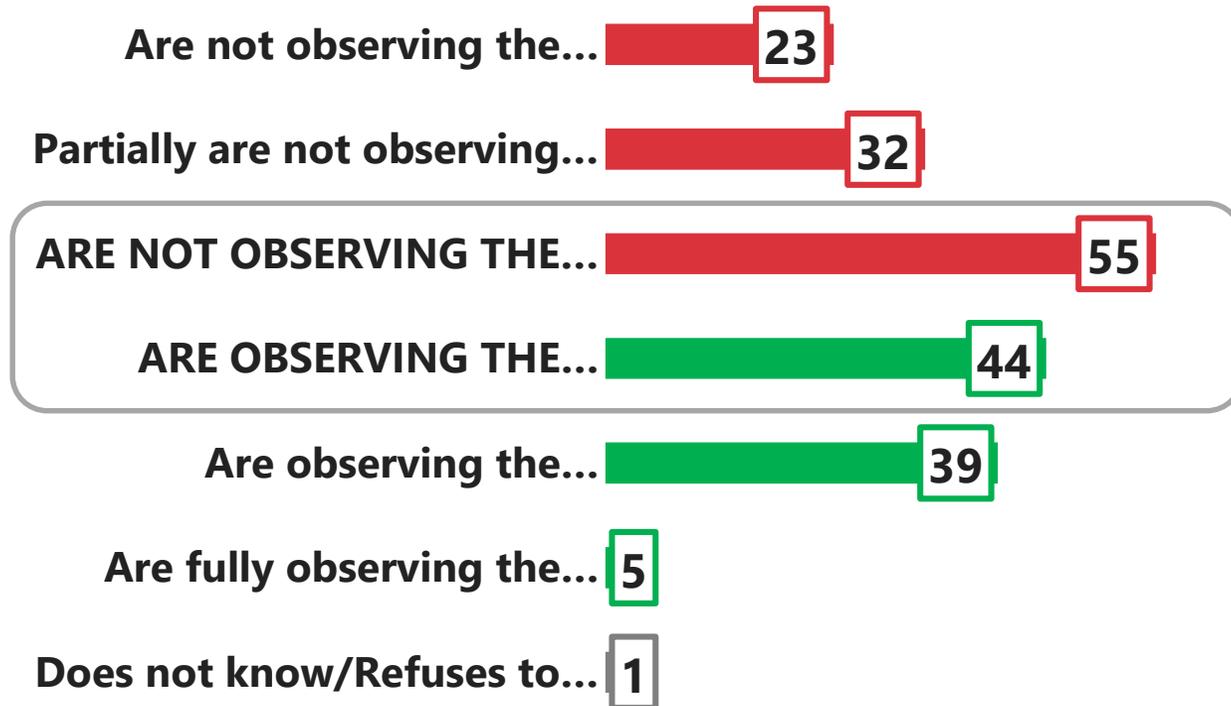


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TO WHAT EXTENT ARE CITIZENS OBSERVING THE MEASURES?

More than two-fifths of citizens believe that Montenegrin citizens are observing the measures. On the other hand, over half of the citizens think that the citizens of Montenegro are not observing the measures, while almost a quarter believe that they are not observing the measures at all.

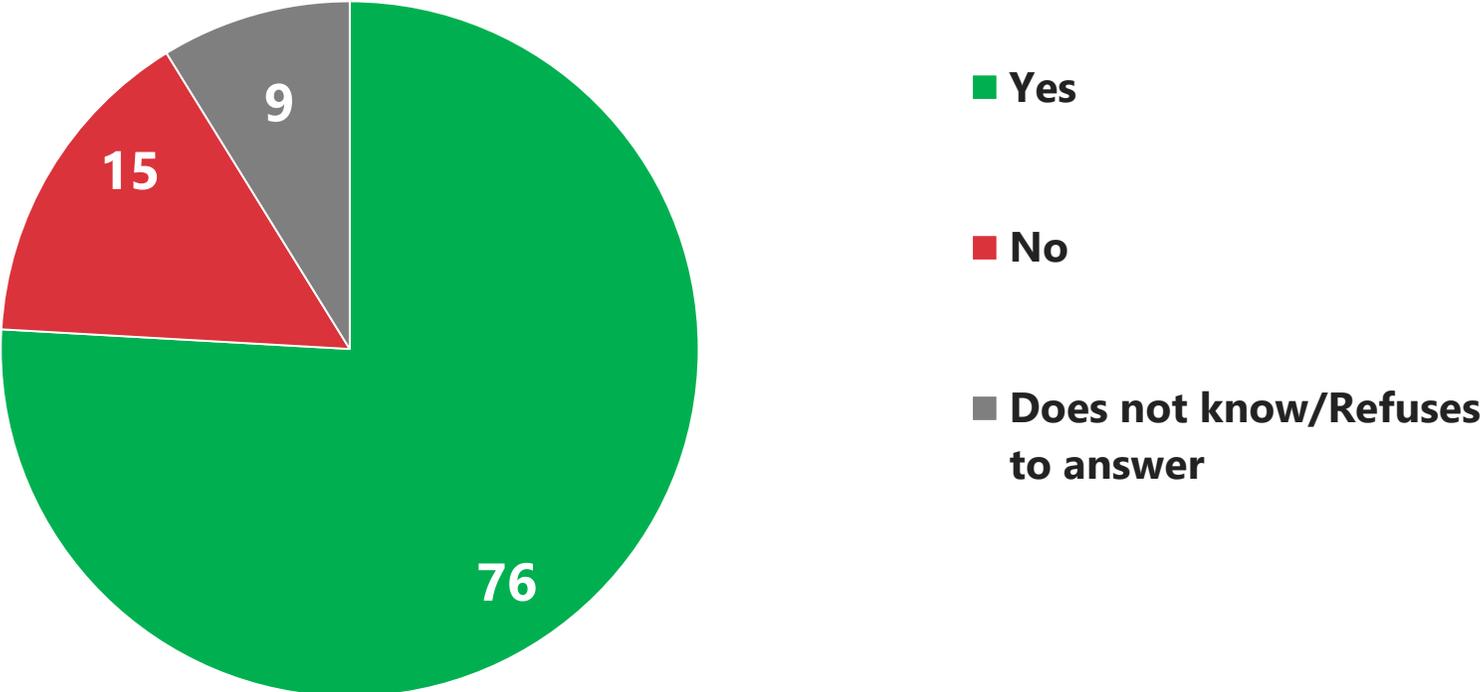
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SHOULD VACCINATION BE A PRIORITY FOR BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS?

More than two-thirds of citizens believe that vaccination should be a priority for both the government and the citizens of Montenegro.

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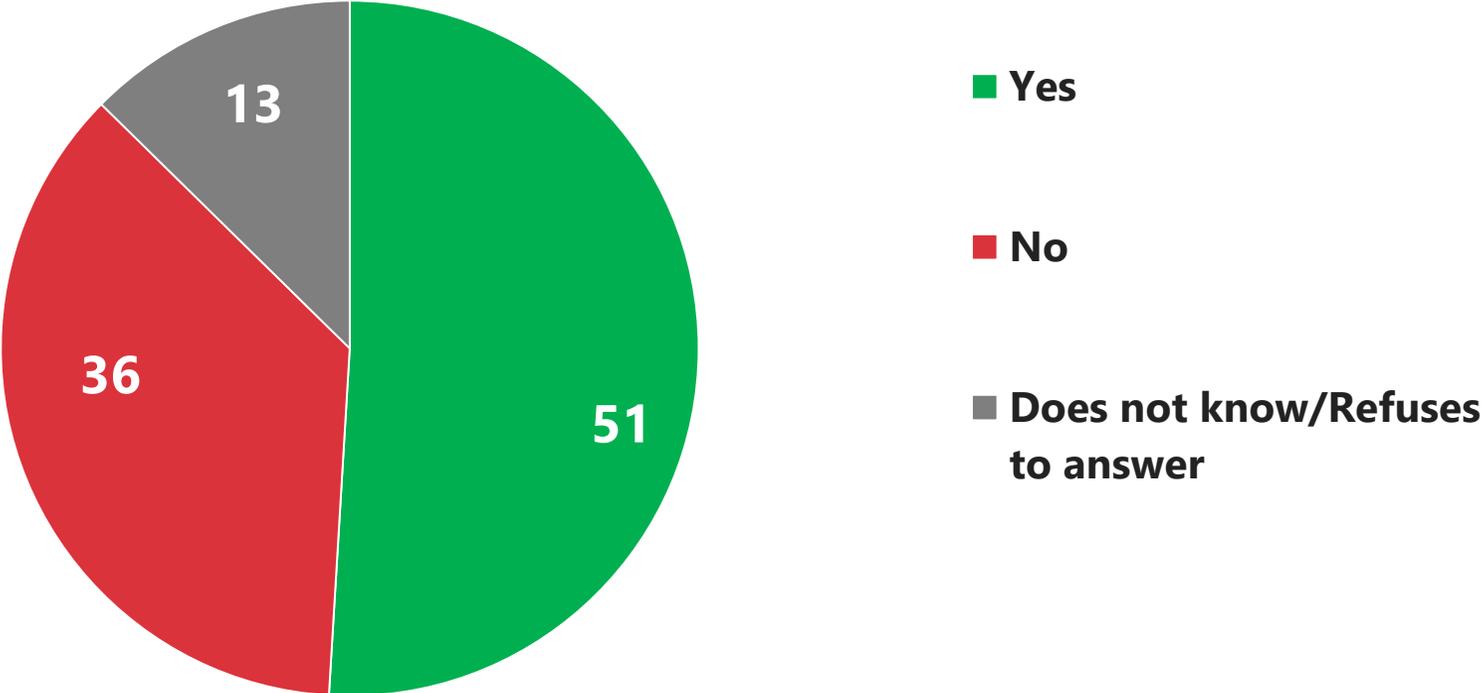


In your opinion, should vaccination be a priority for both the government and the citizens?
Base: Total target population, N=820

WOULD YOU RECEIVE THE CORONAVIRUS VACCINE IF IT WERE AVAILABLE?

Half of the citizens of Montenegro would receive the vaccine if it were available, while more than a third of the citizens would not get vaccinated.

All data is expressed as %



Would you receive the coronavirus vaccine if it were available in Montenegro?
Base: Total target population, N=820

HOW QUICKLY WOULD YOU RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE AFTER IT IS MADE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE?

Among the citizens who would receive the vaccine if it were made available, half would do so immediately after the vaccine is made available, while a quarter of them would receive the vaccine after a period of one to three months.

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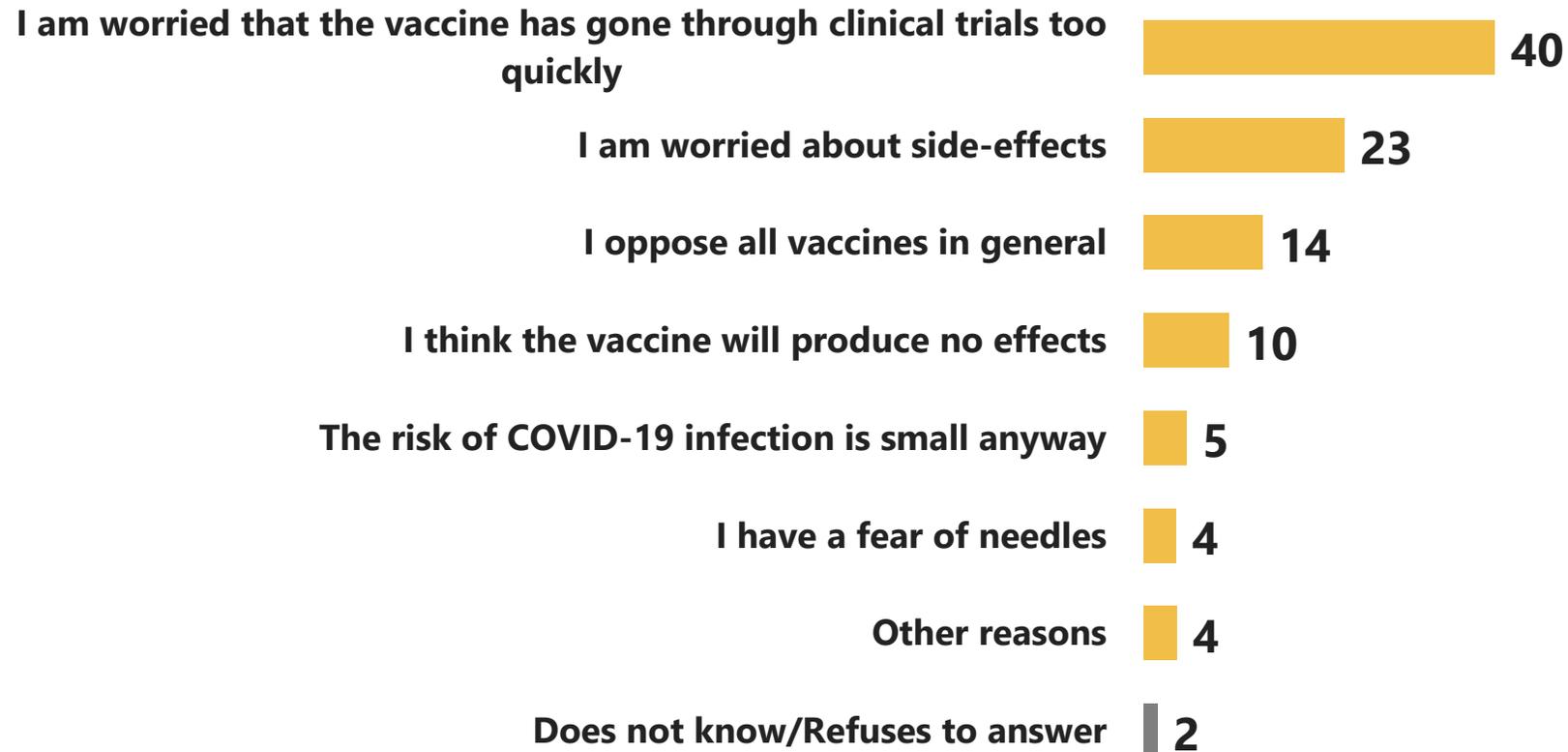
How quickly would you receive the COVID-19 vaccine after it is made available to everyone?

Base: Citizens who would take the coronavirus vaccine if it were made available in Montenegro, N=418 (51% of the total target population)

THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR WHICH A COVID-19 VACCINE WOULD BE REFUSED

The most common reason for citizens not receiving the vaccine if it were made available is their concern that the vaccine has gone through clinical trials too quickly, followed by concern about possible side-effects.

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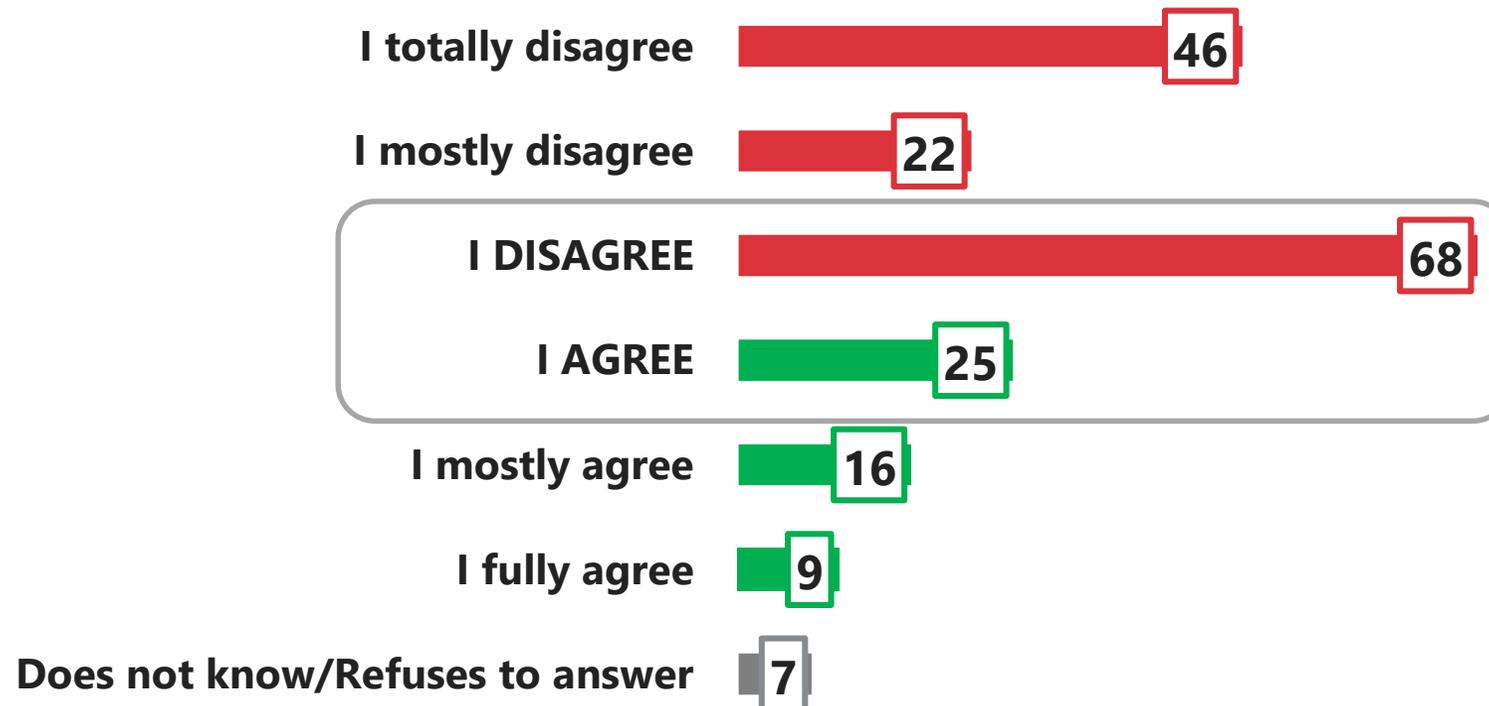
What is the most important reason for which you would not receive the coronavirus vaccine?

Base: Citizens who would not receive the coronavirus vaccine if it were made available in Montenegro, N=299 (36% of the total target population)

AGREEING WITH THE CLAIM THAT A VACCINE IS UNNECESSARY GIVEN THAT THE CHANCES OF GETTING INFECTED WITH CORONAVIRUS ARE SLIM

More than two-thirds of the citizens disagree with the claim that the chances of getting infected with coronavirus are so slim that a vaccine is unnecessary. On the other hand, about one-quarter of the citizens agree with this claim.

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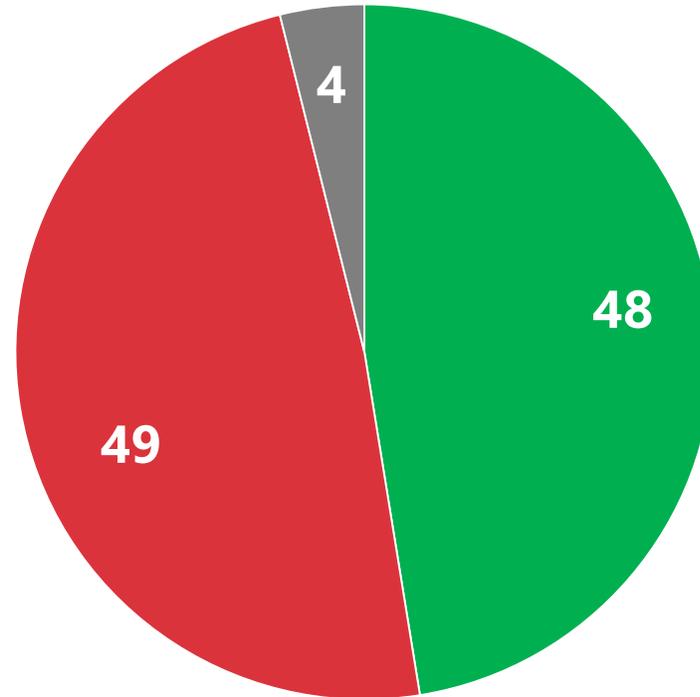
To what extent do you agree with the claim that the chances of getting infected with coronavirus are so slim that a vaccine is unnecessary?

Base: Total target population, N=820

THE CLAIM WITH WHICH THEY AGREE MORE...

The citizens of Montenegro are polarized when it comes to the question of whether vaccination against coronavirus is a matter of personal choice or a part of everyone's responsibility to protect the health of others.

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- Vaccination against coronavirus is a matter of personal choice
- Vaccination against coronavirus is a matter of everyone's responsibility to protect the health of others
- Does not know/Refuses to answer

AGREEMENT OF CITIZENS WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS...

Four out of five citizens of Montenegro believe that vaccines are one of the best inventions in medicine, thanks to which many infectious diseases have been eradicated. On the other hand, close to two-fifths of the citizens agree with the statement that vaccines should be avoided because they can cause other diseases and have side-effects. At the same time, more than half of the citizens disagree with this claim.

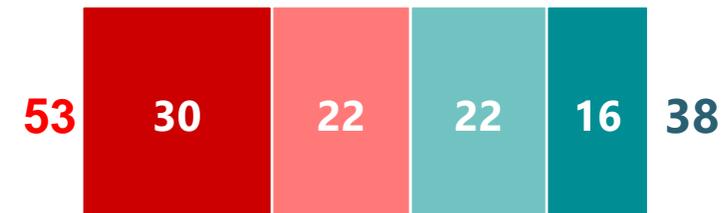
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■ 2 – I mostly disagree ■ 1 – I totally disagree **I DISAGREE (1+2)** ■ 3 – I mostly agree ■ 4 – I fully agree **I AGREE (3+4)**

Vaccines are one of the best inventions in medicine and thanks to them many infectious diseases have been eradicated



Vaccines should be avoided because they can cause other diseases and have side-effects



We will read a few statements to you now. Please tell us to what extent you agree with the following statements:

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