

Public attitudes towards migrants and refugees in Lithuania

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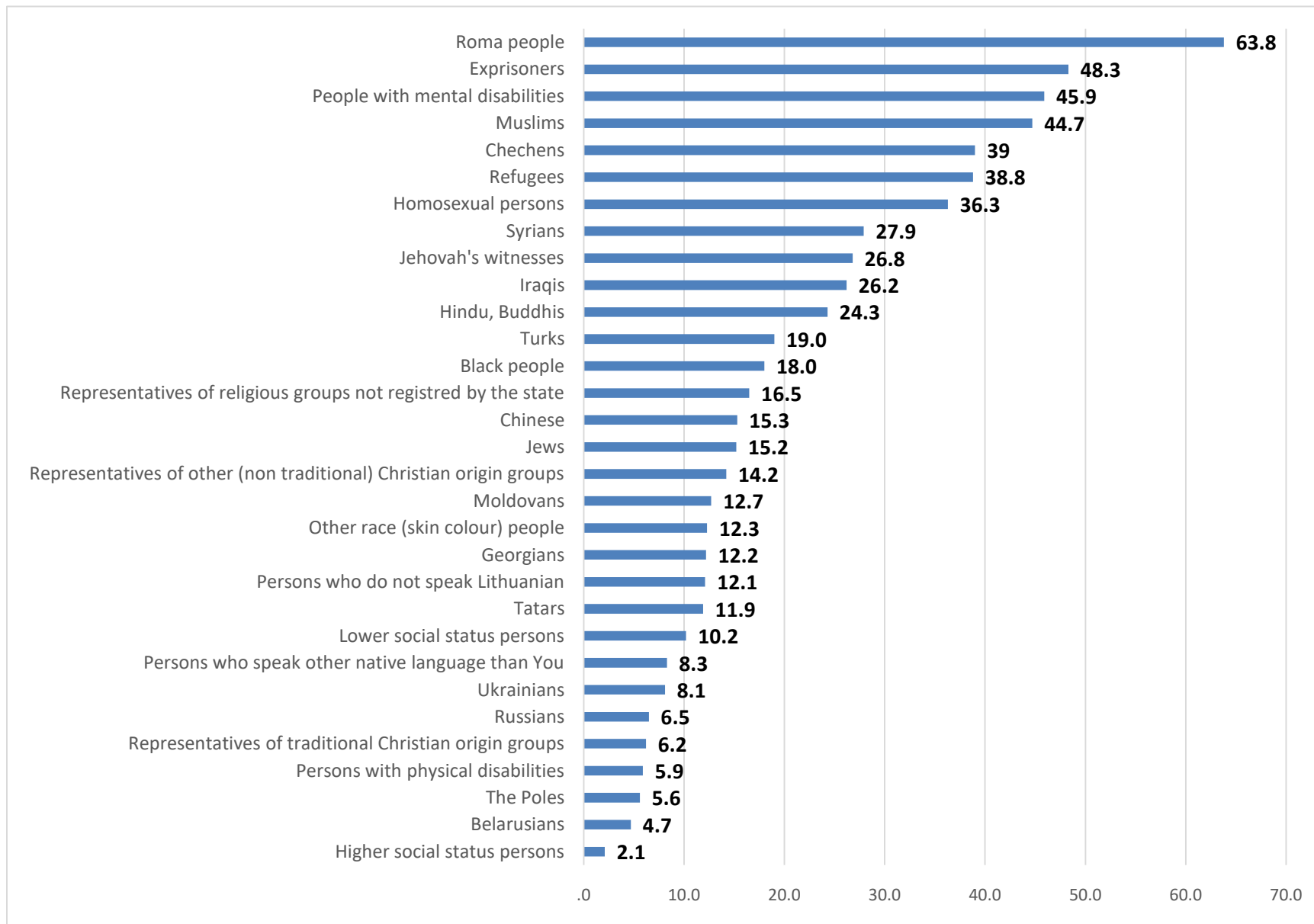
- Since 2005, the Institute for Ethnic Studies has performed annual public opinion polls to analyse attitudes of Lithuania residents towards different ethnic and social groups.
- The object of presentation is to present public attitudes towards migrants and refugees in Lithuania and to provide a comparative analysis of change in societal attitudes in 2015-2017.

- According to unofficial estimation, **approximately 300–350 foreigners with refugee status or subsidiary protection** are residing in Lithuania.
- In **2015, 291 asylum applications** have been submitted in Lithuania; 17 asylum seekers have been granted refugee status and 69 – subsidiary protection.
- In **2016**, due to more intense relocation/resettlement processes, **the number of asylum seekers increased up to 425**. 181 of them received refugee status and 14 – subsidiary protection.

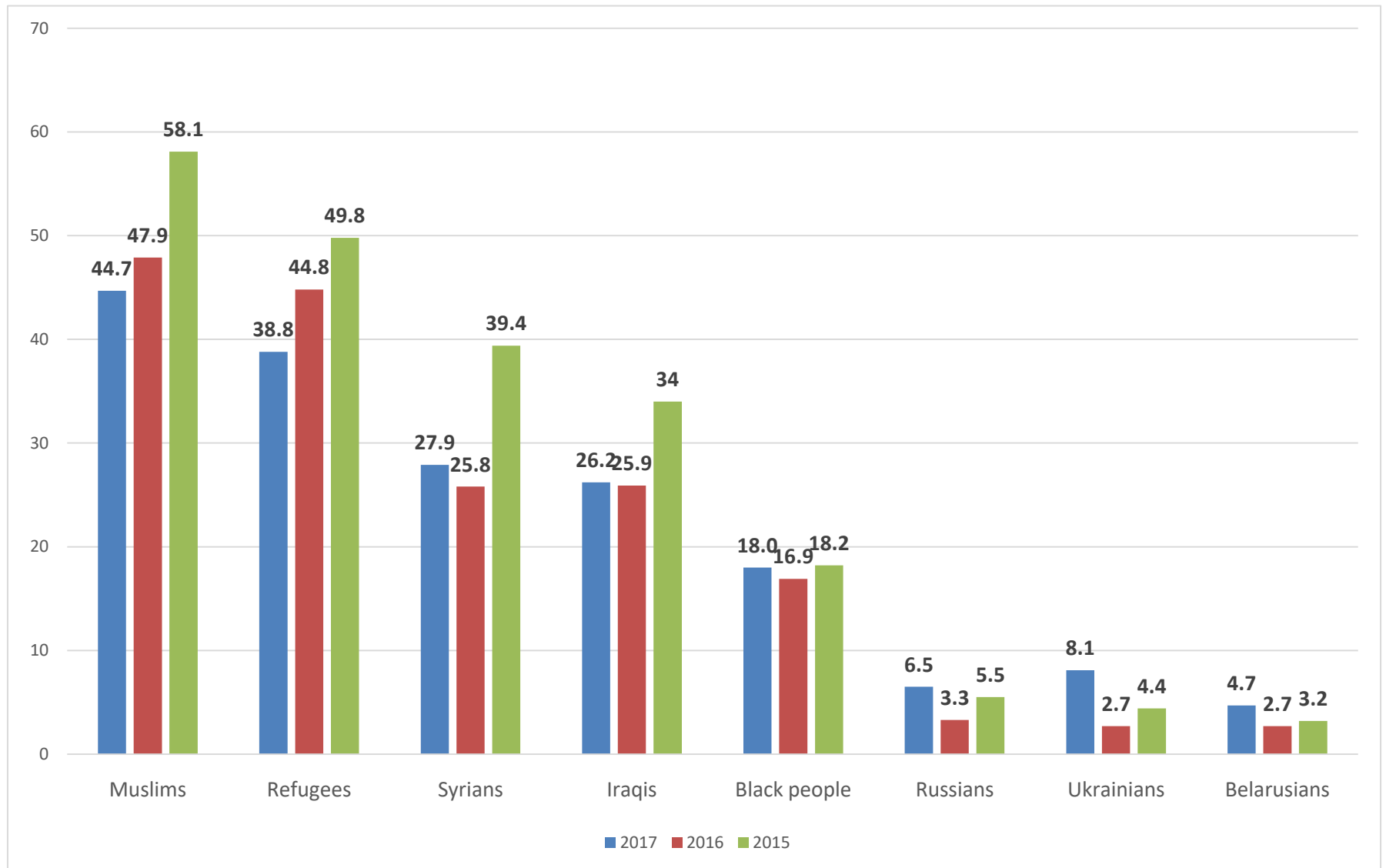
- In **2017**, **599** asylum applications have been submitted; 280 foreigners received refugee status whereas 13 received subsidiary protection.
- In **2017** refugee status and subsidiary protection were granted mostly for citizens of **Syria** (201), **Eritrea** (26) and **Iraq** (14).

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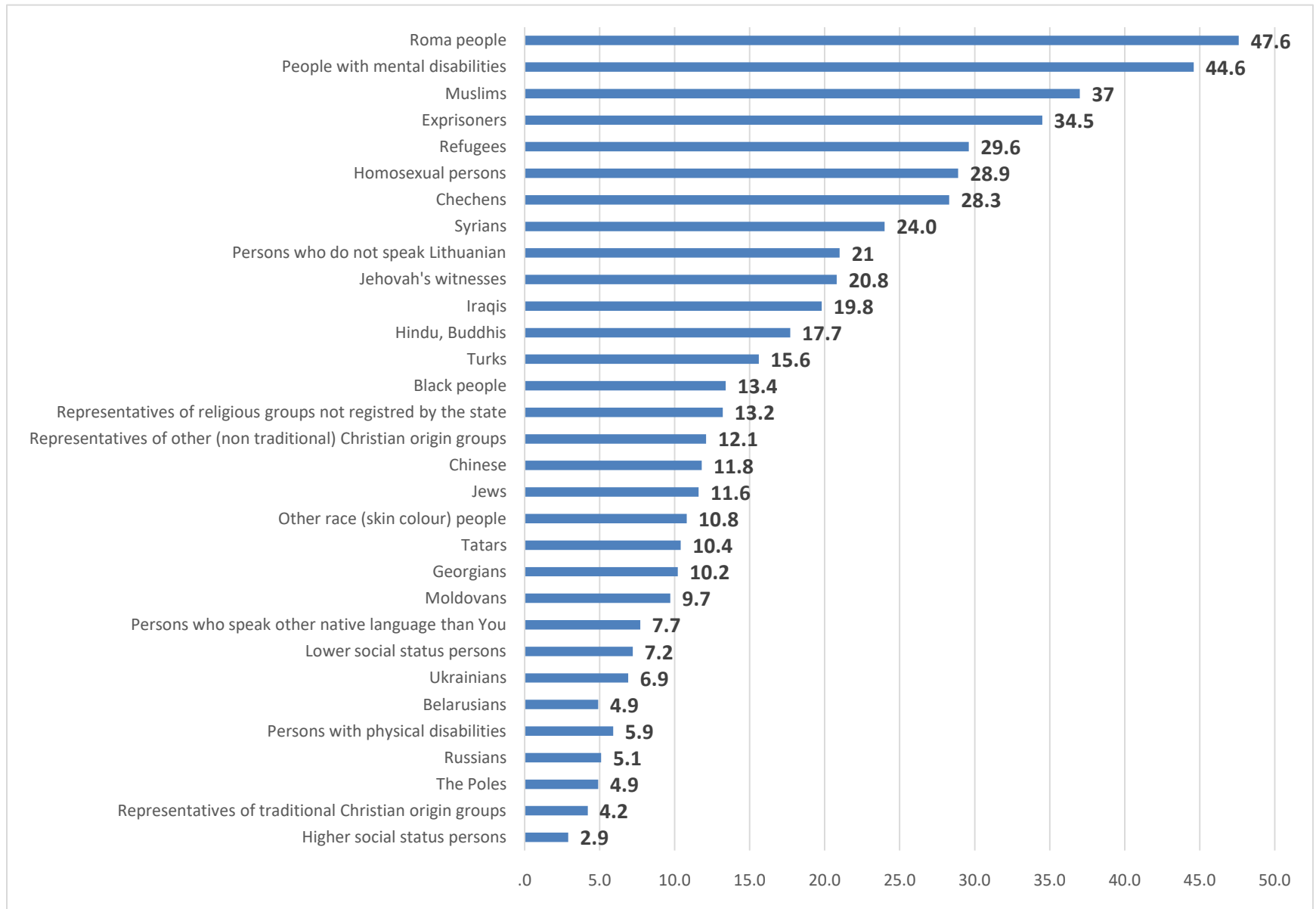
(Un)willingness to live in the same neighborhood (2017, %)



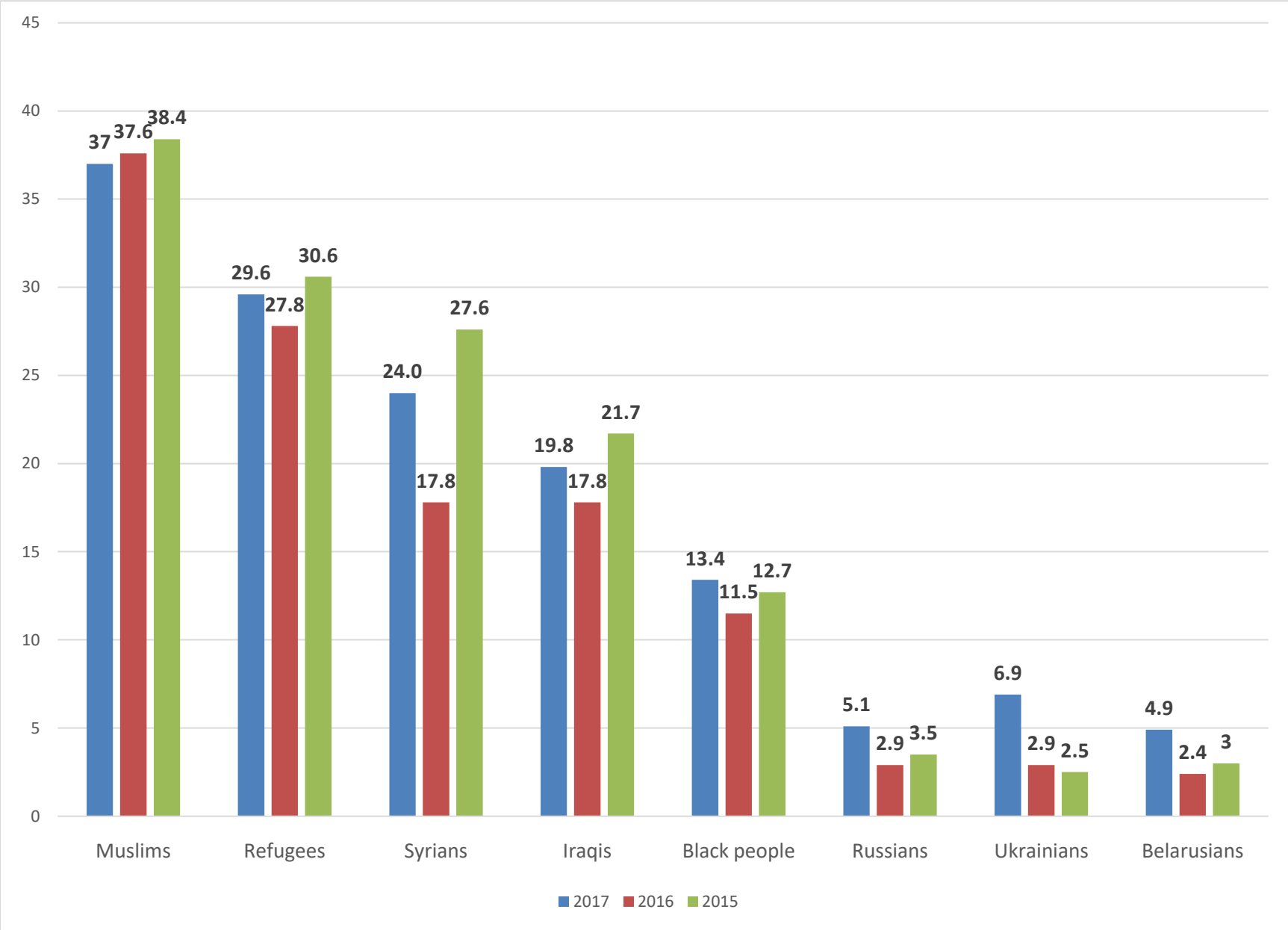
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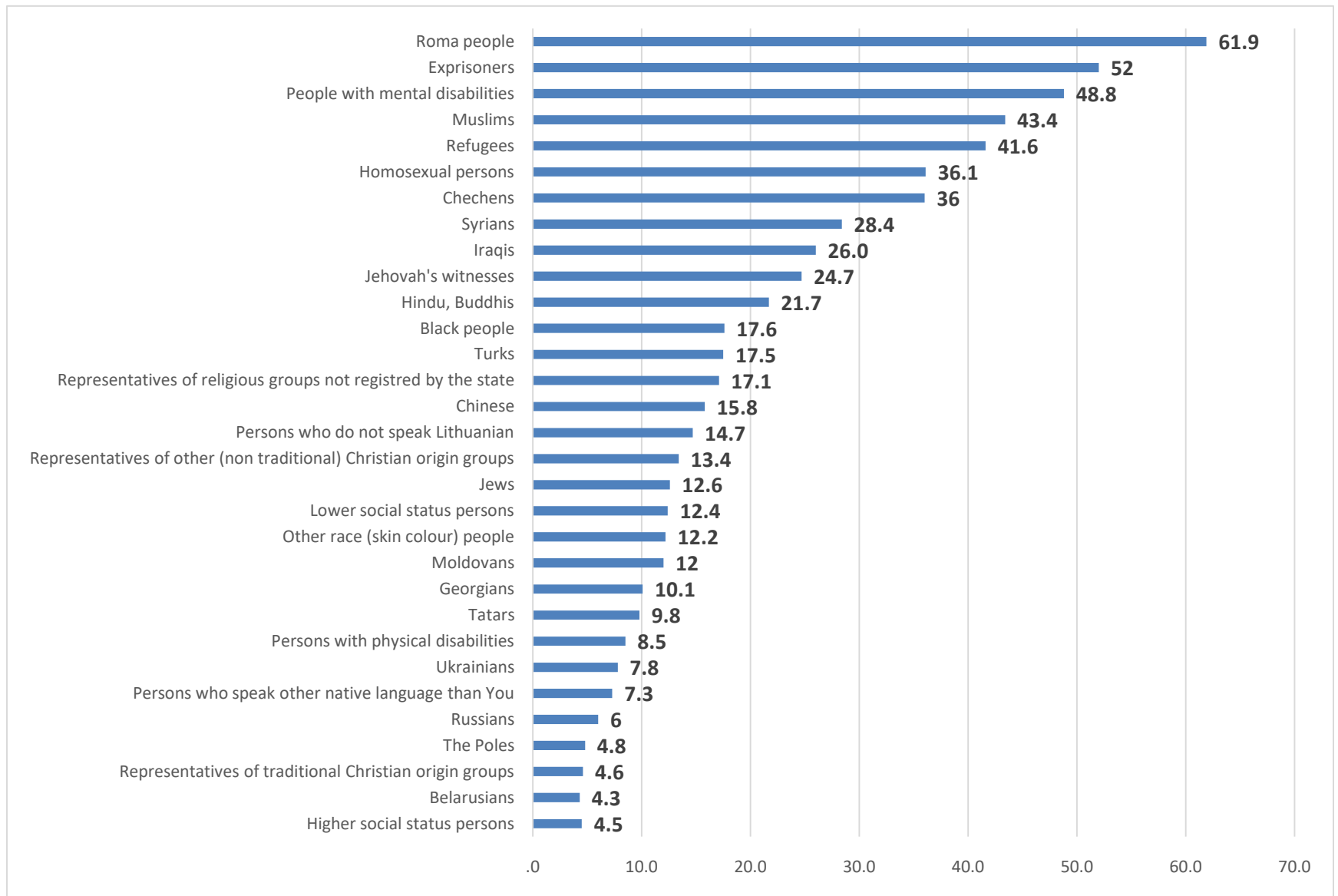
(Un)willingness to work at the same workplace (2017, %)



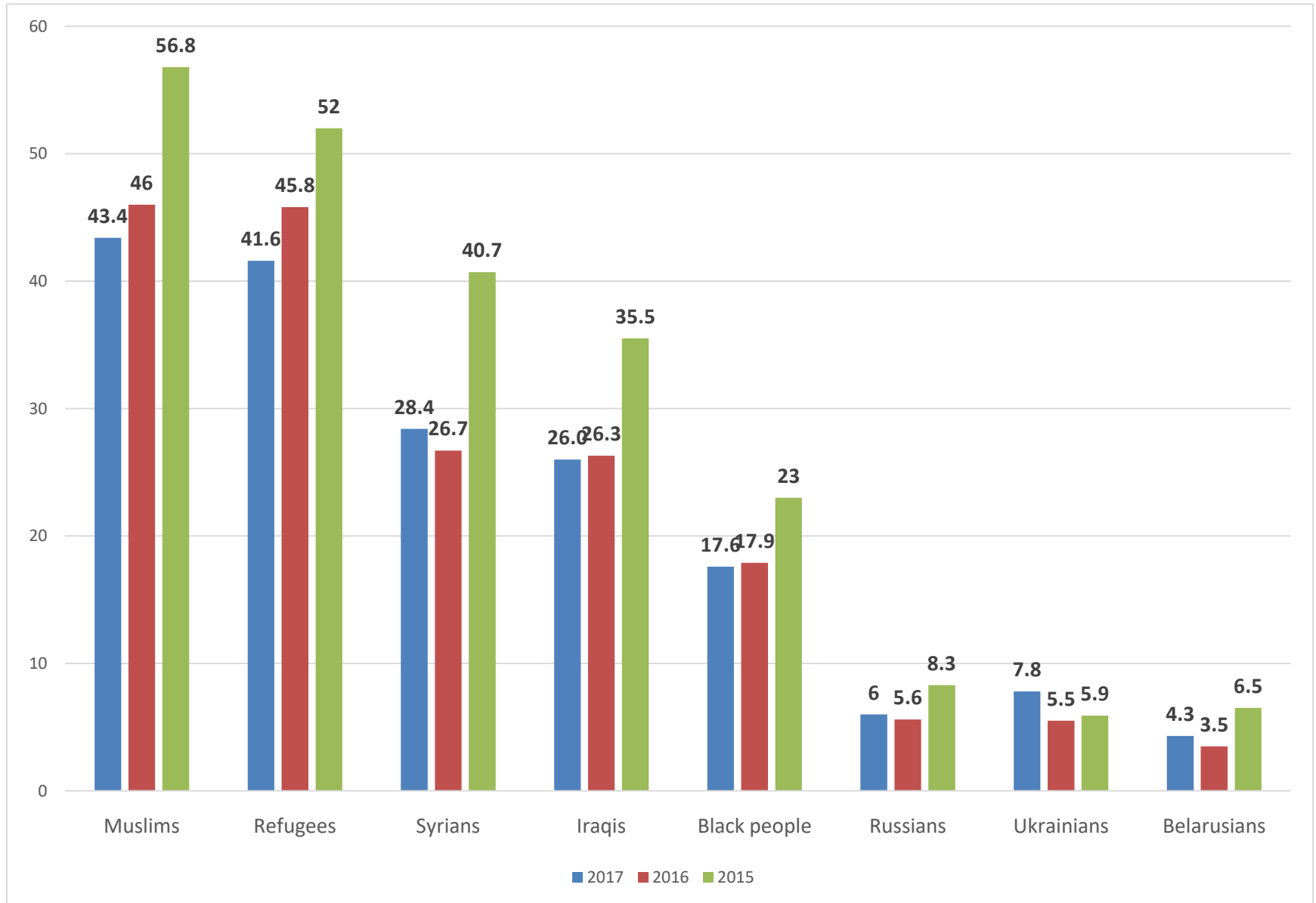
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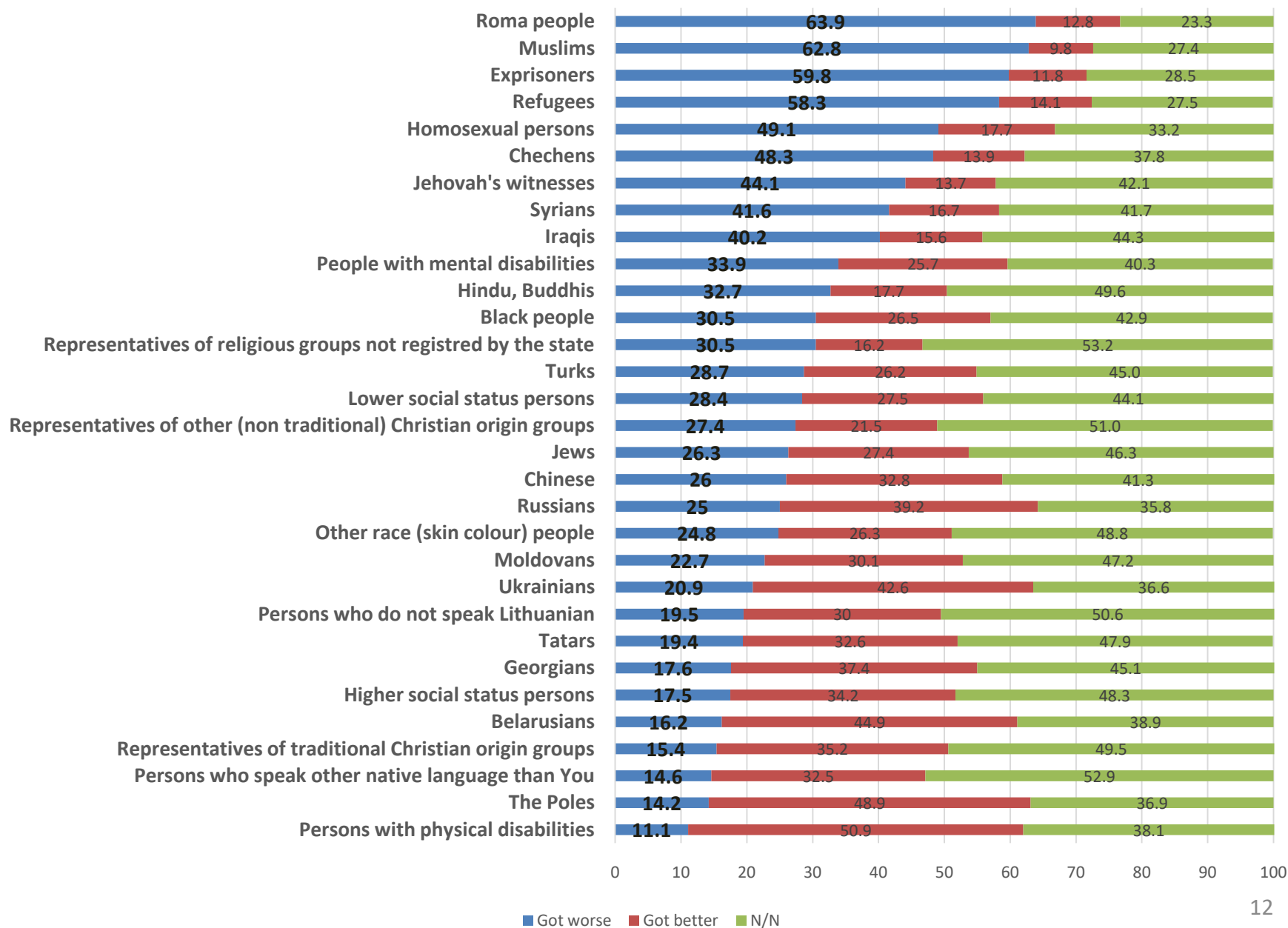
(Un)willingness to rent an apartment/ house (2017, %)



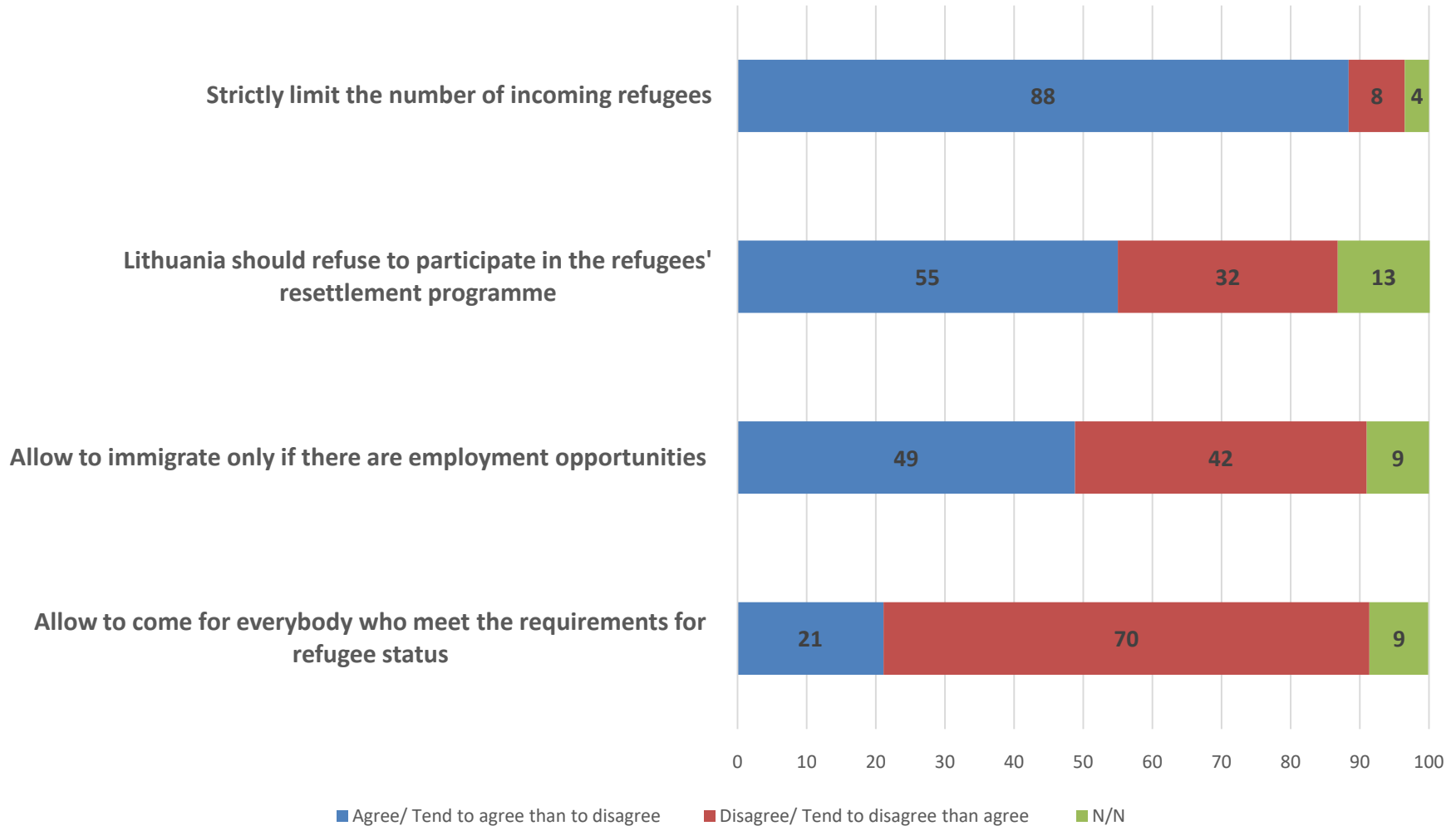
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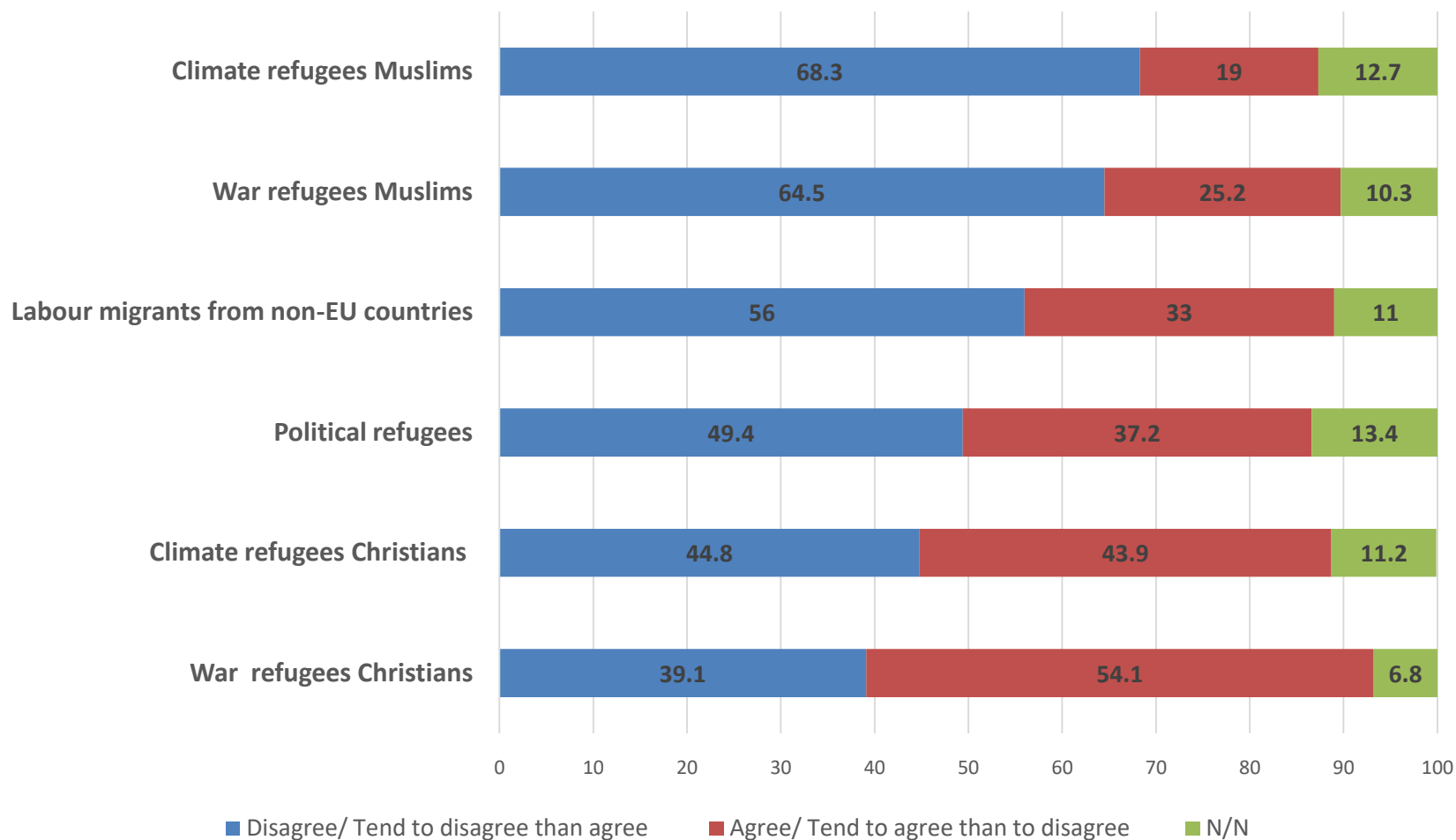
How have Your attitudes changed during the past 5 years? (2017, %)



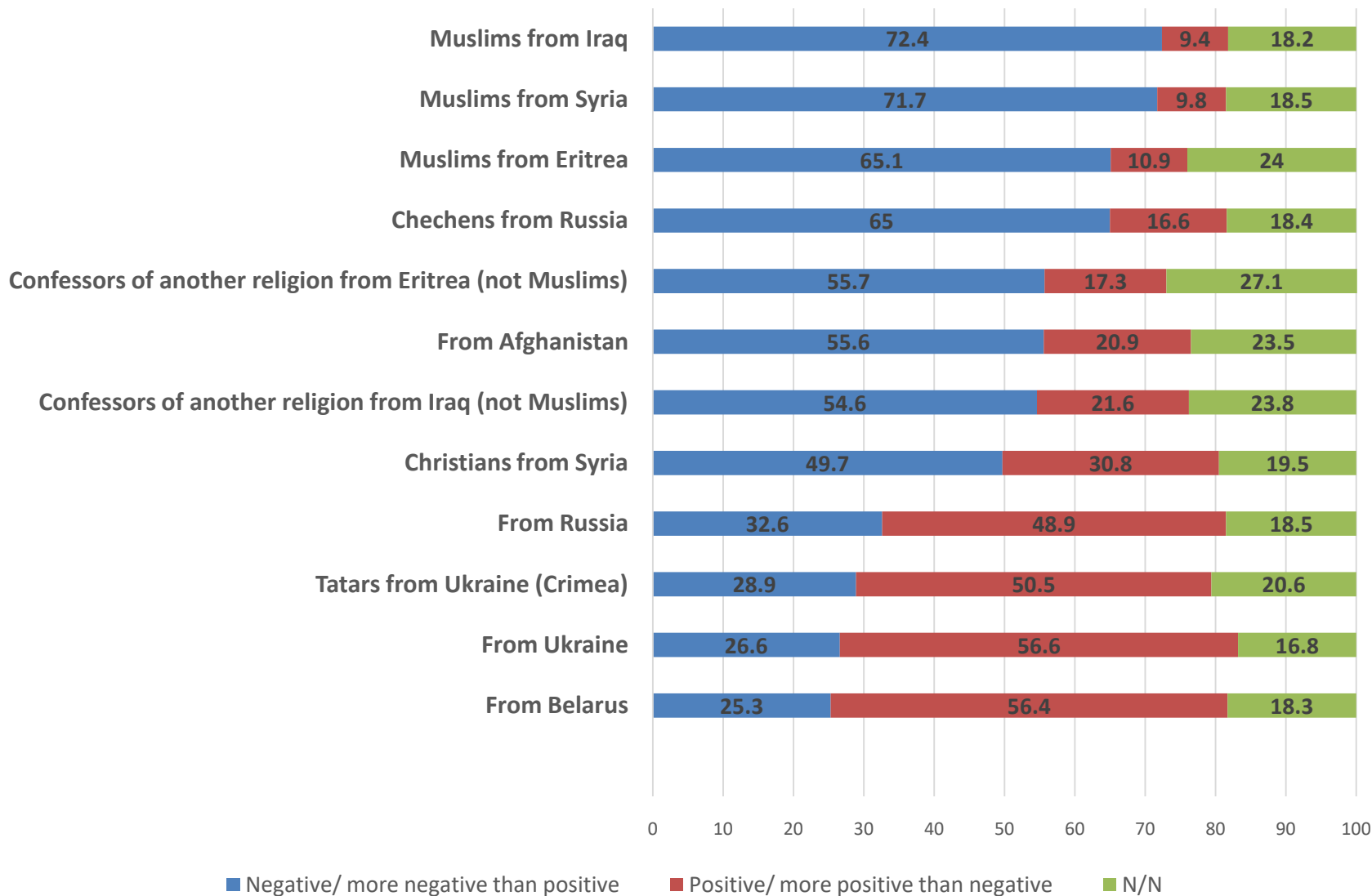
What political decisions should Lithuanian Government adopt regarding the arrival of refugees to Lithuania? (2015, %)



Would you agree or disagree that Lithuania would accept to live the following groups of refugees and labor migrants from non-EU countries? (2017, %)



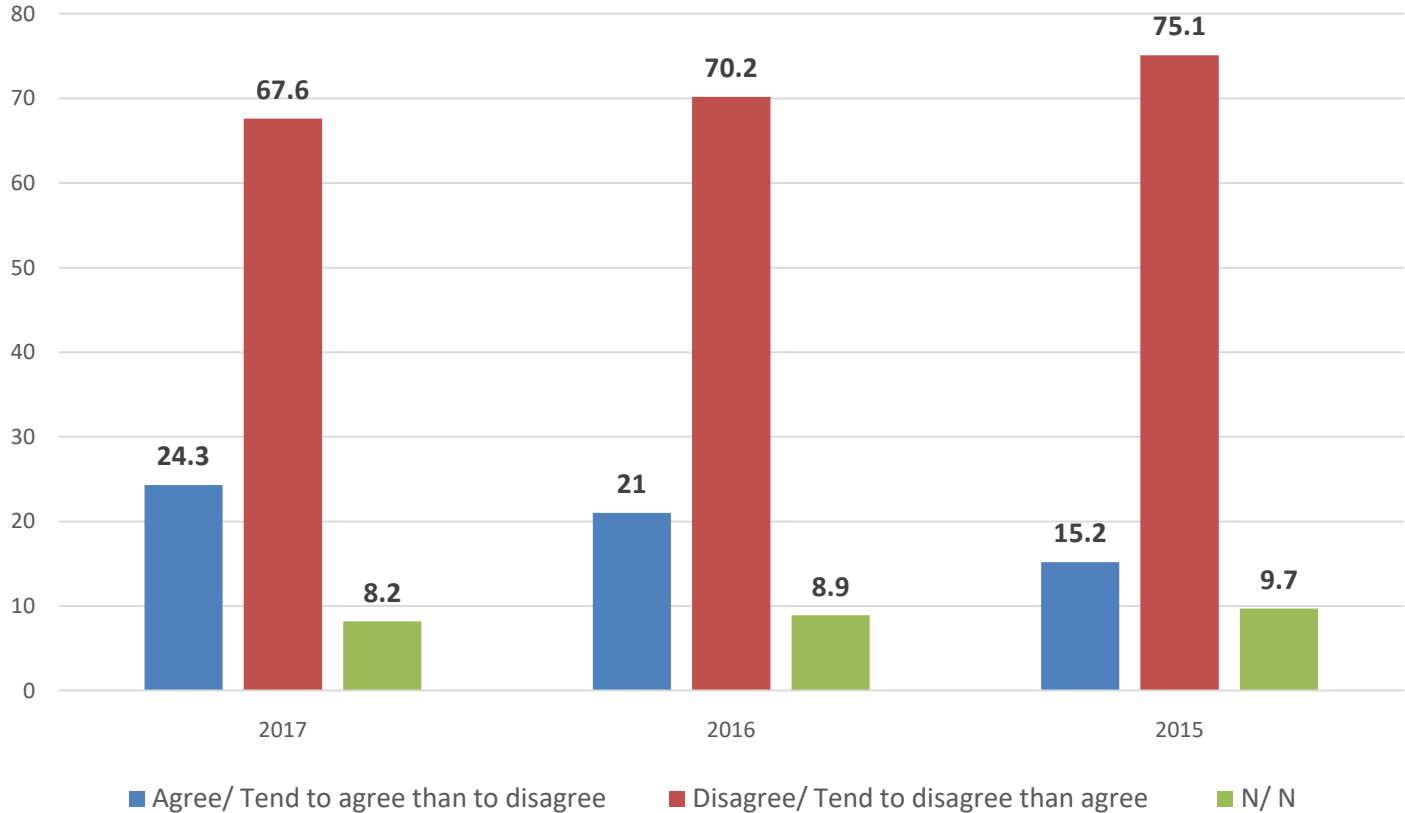
What are your attitudes towards the refugees from the following countries (2017, %)?



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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (1)

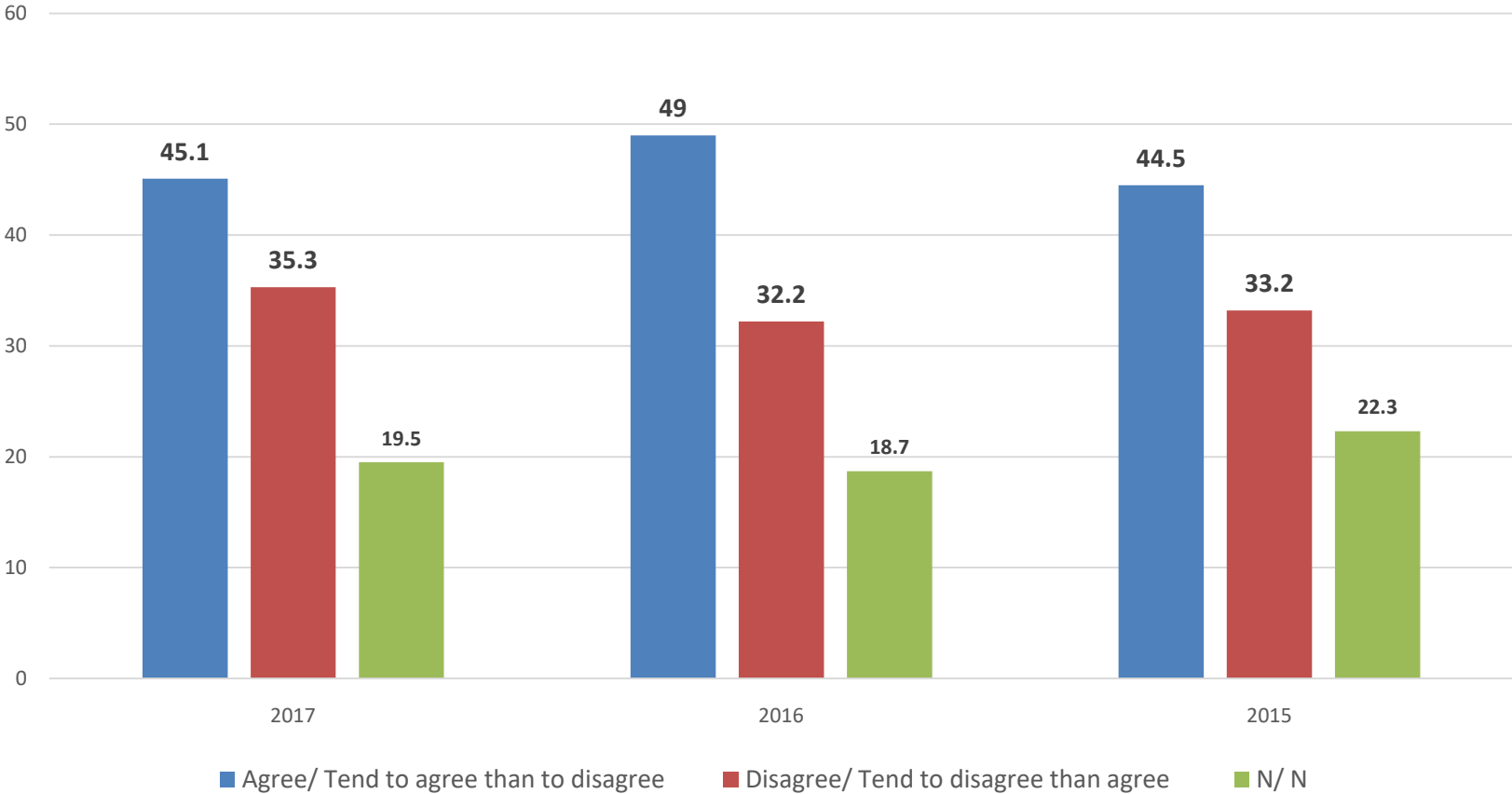
Refugees will enrich cultural life of the country



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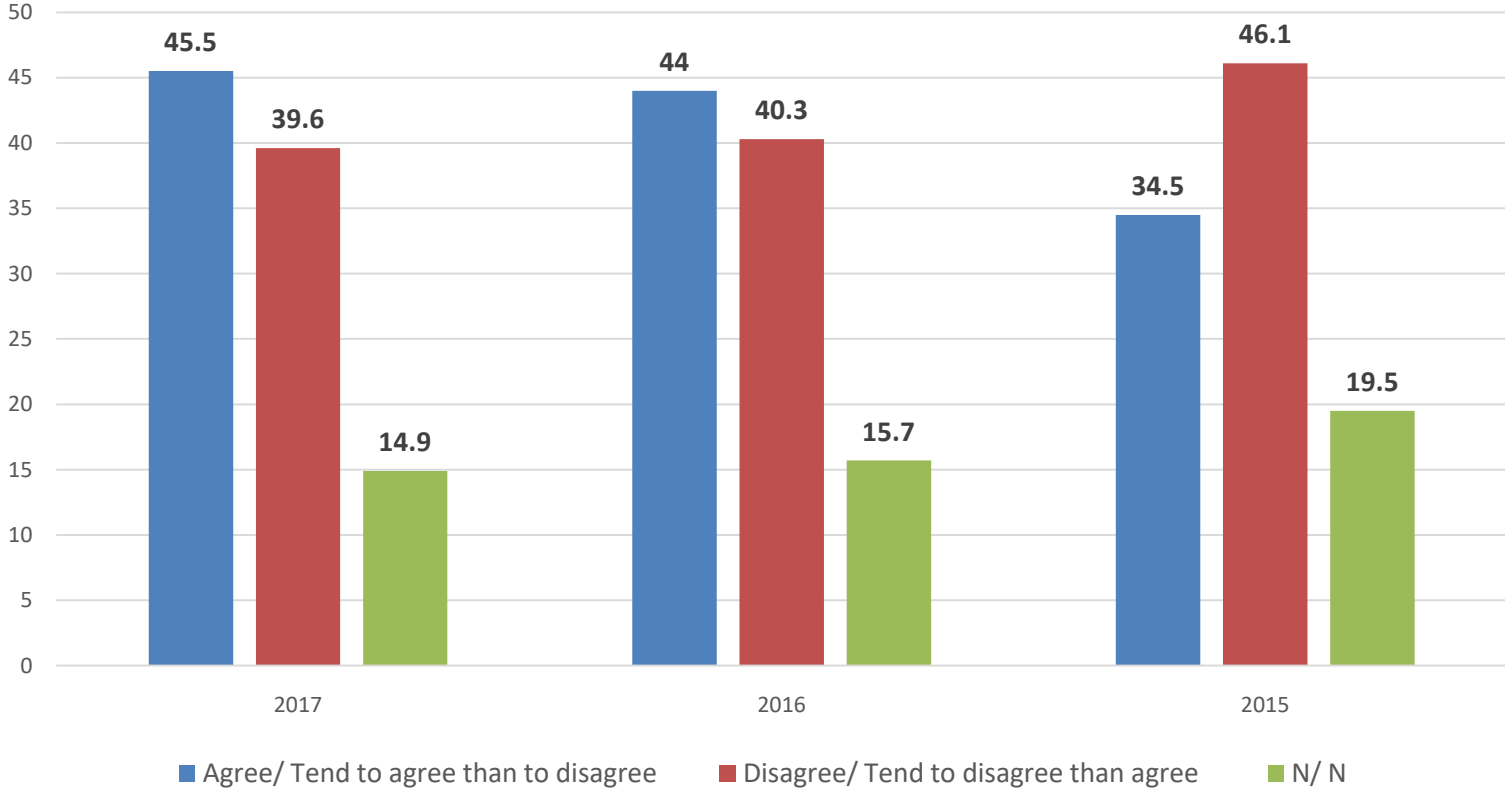
I wouldn't like that my children would study with refugees' children in the same class



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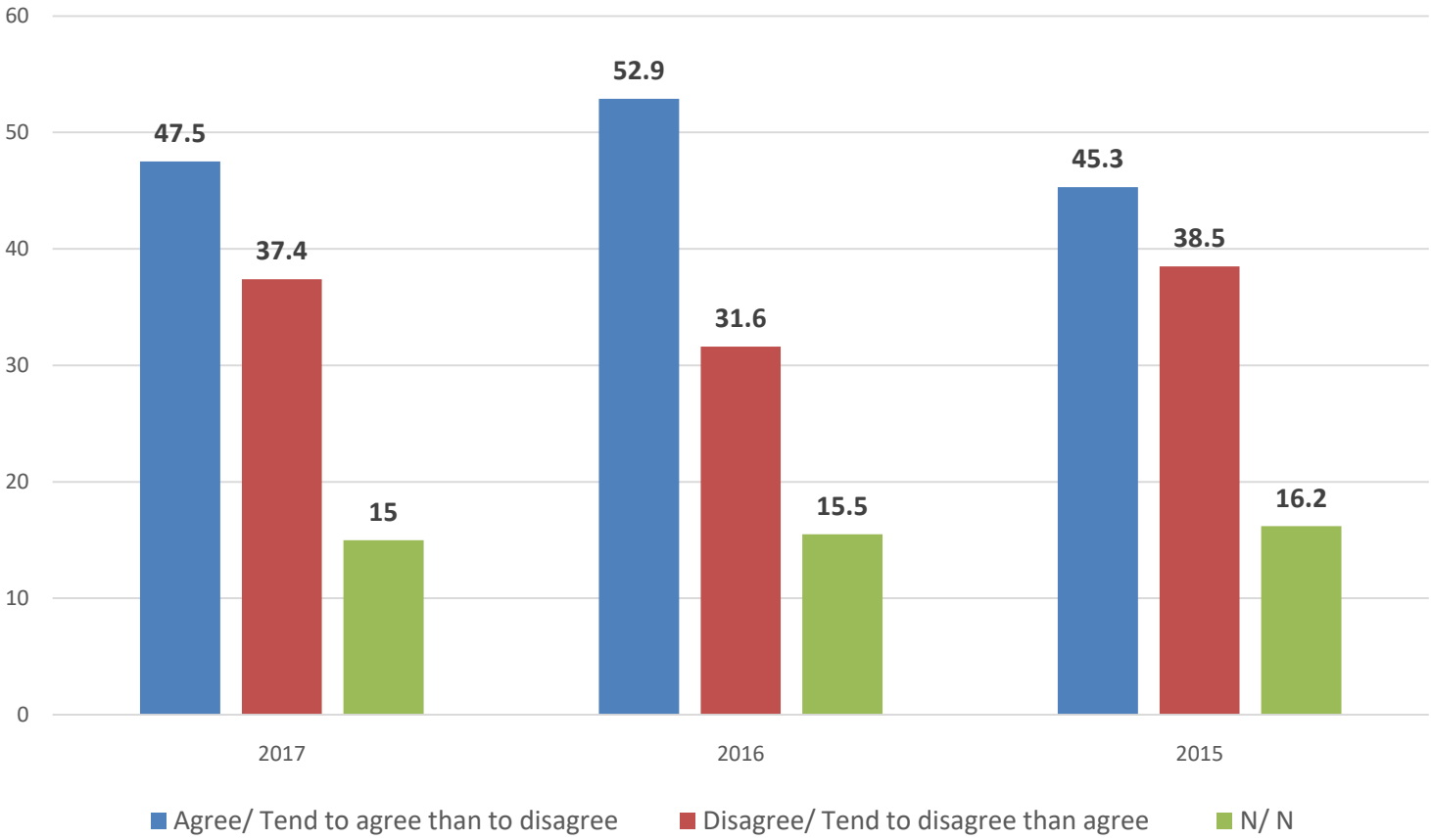
Refugees are a vulnerable group, thus Lithuania must help them



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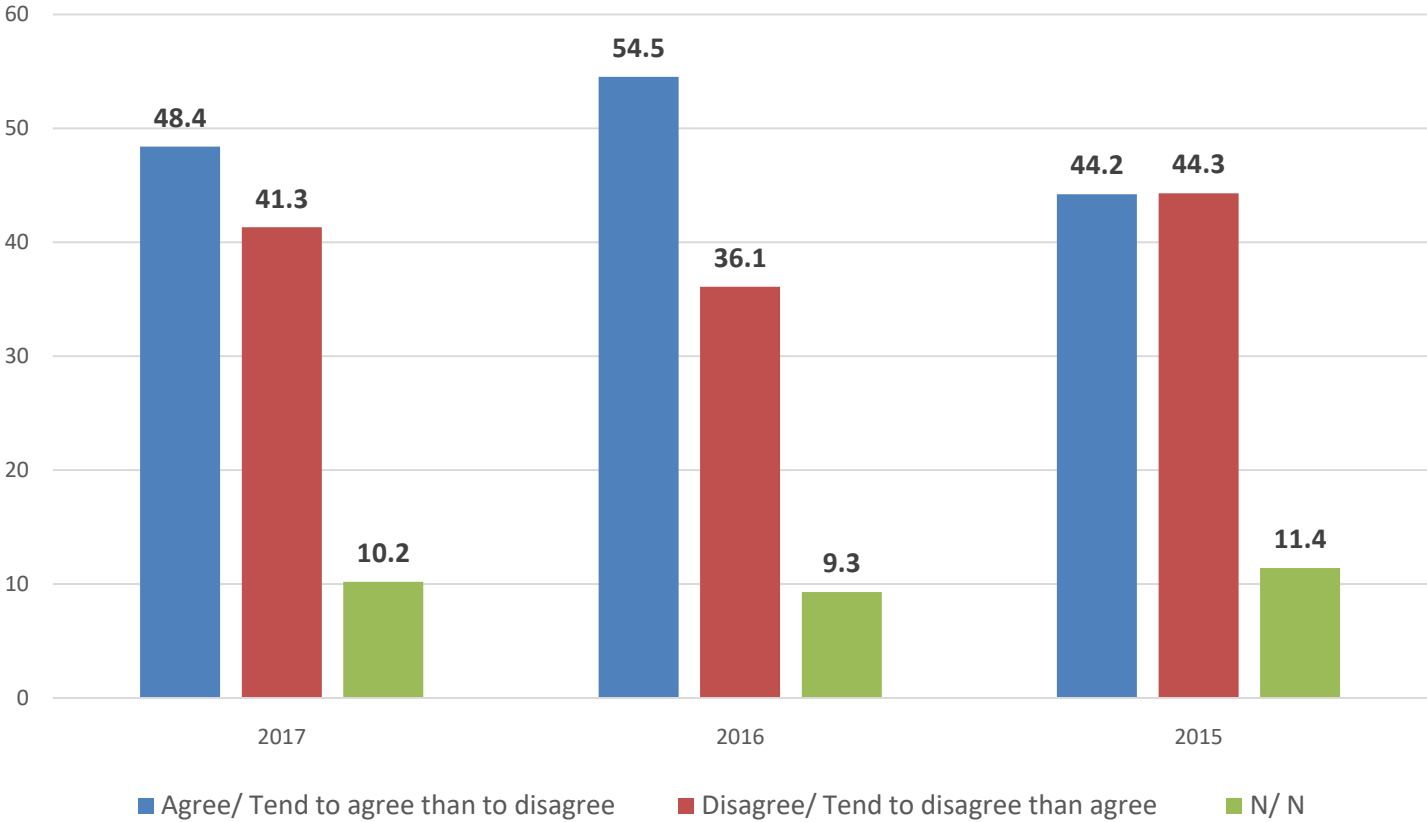
The State should pay more attention to refugees' integration



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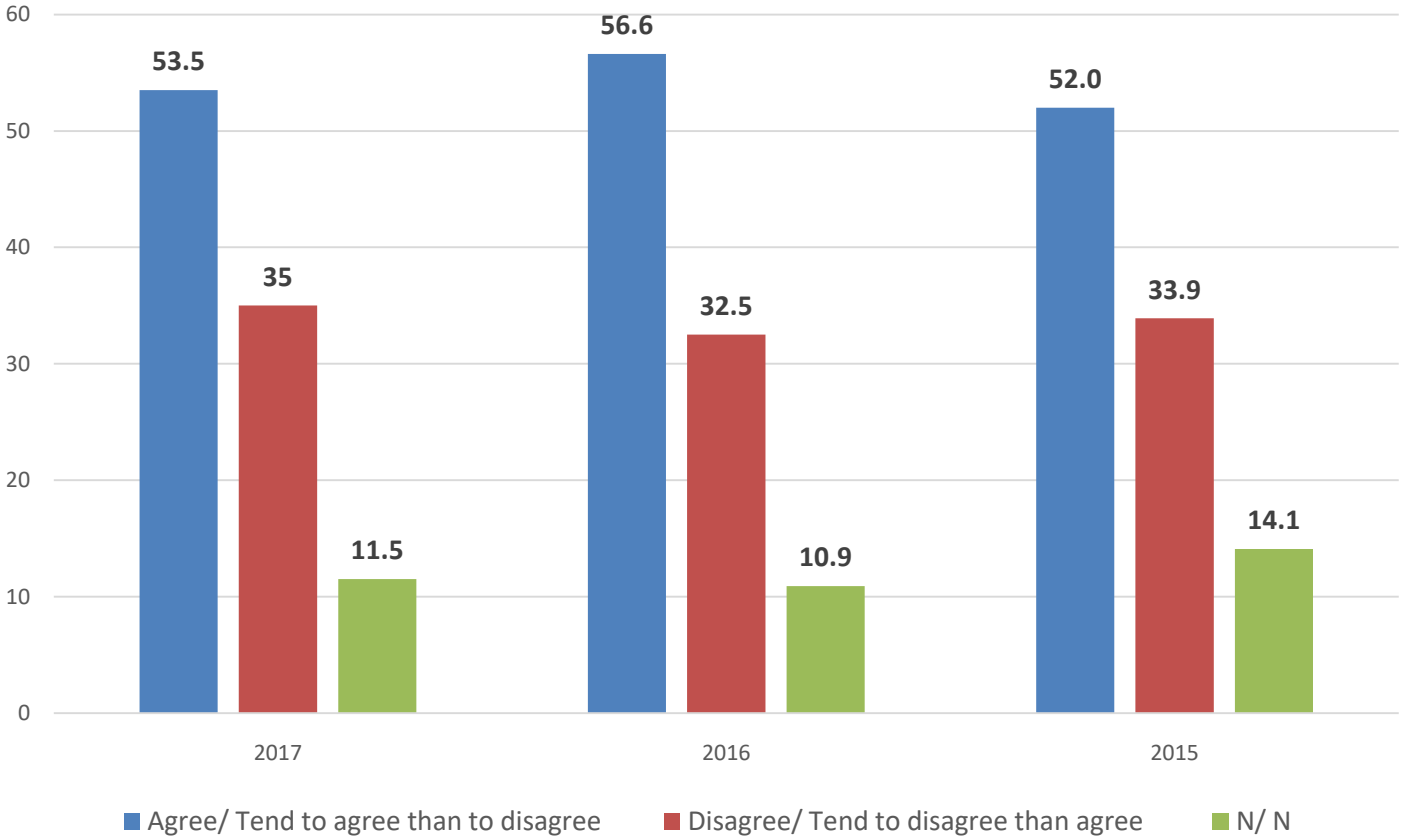
Most of refugees who come to Lithuania are economic (labour) migrants



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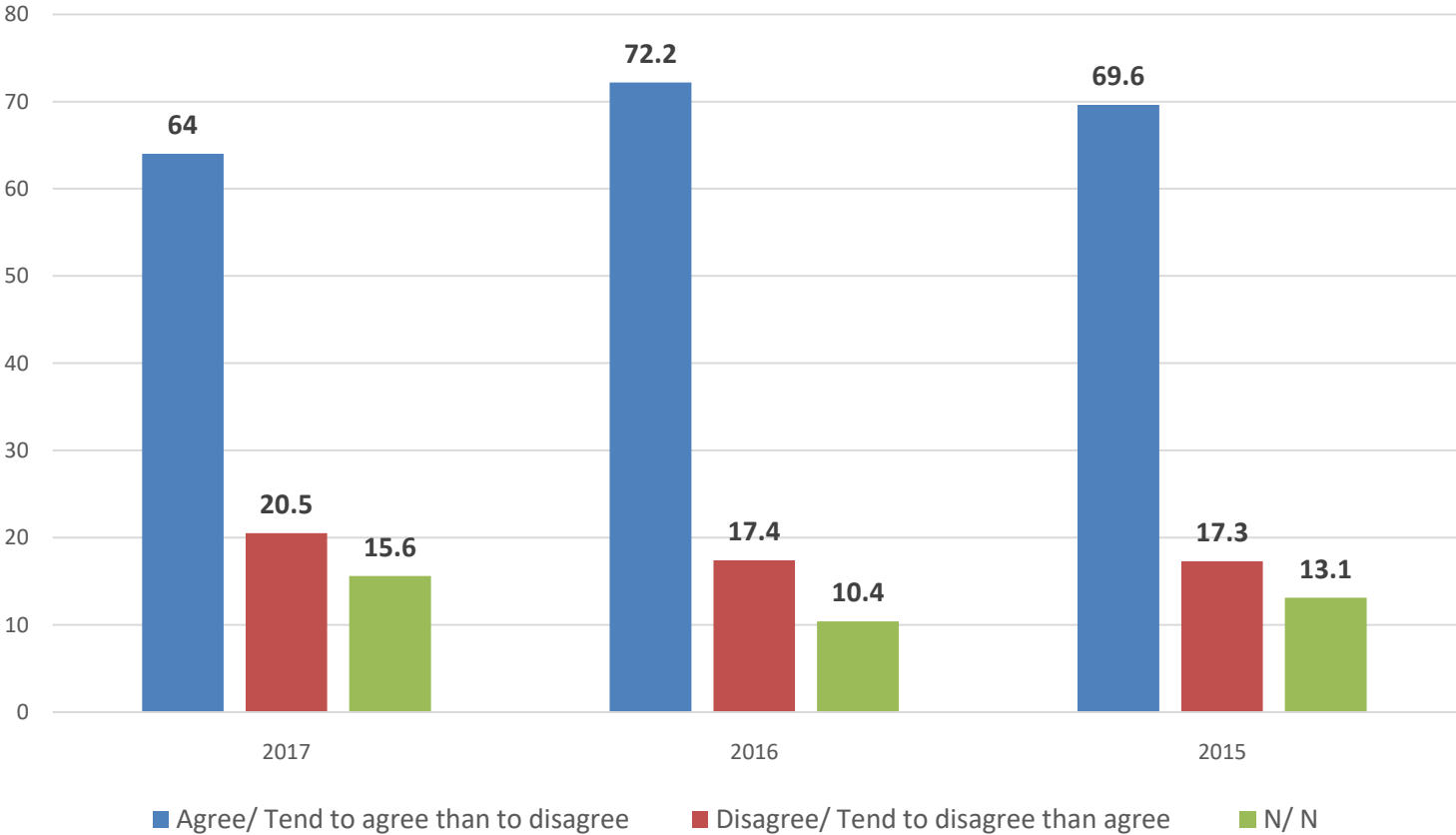
More social workers should be appointed who will work with the refugees



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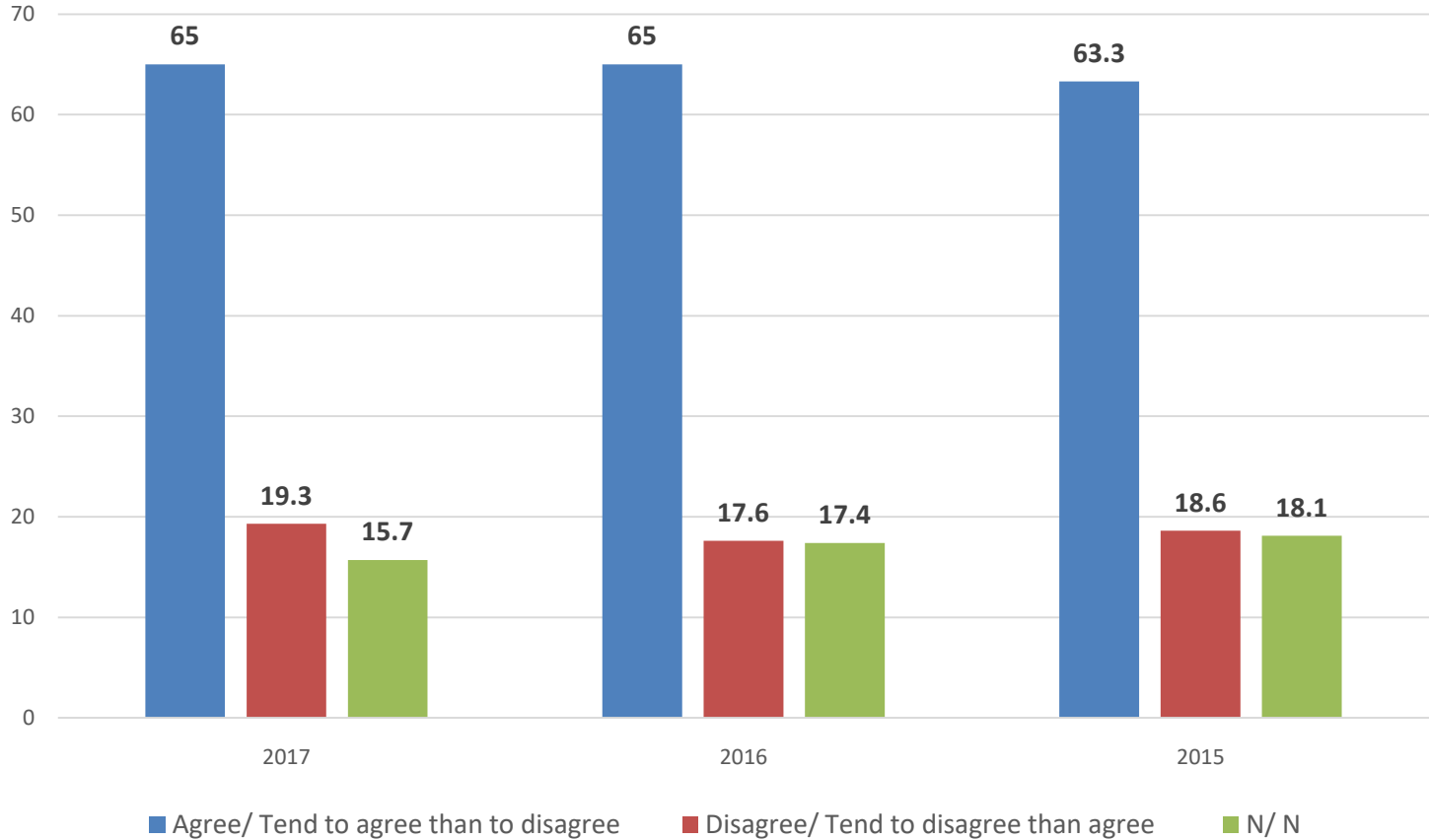
There are enough refugees in Lithuania and no more should be allowed to come



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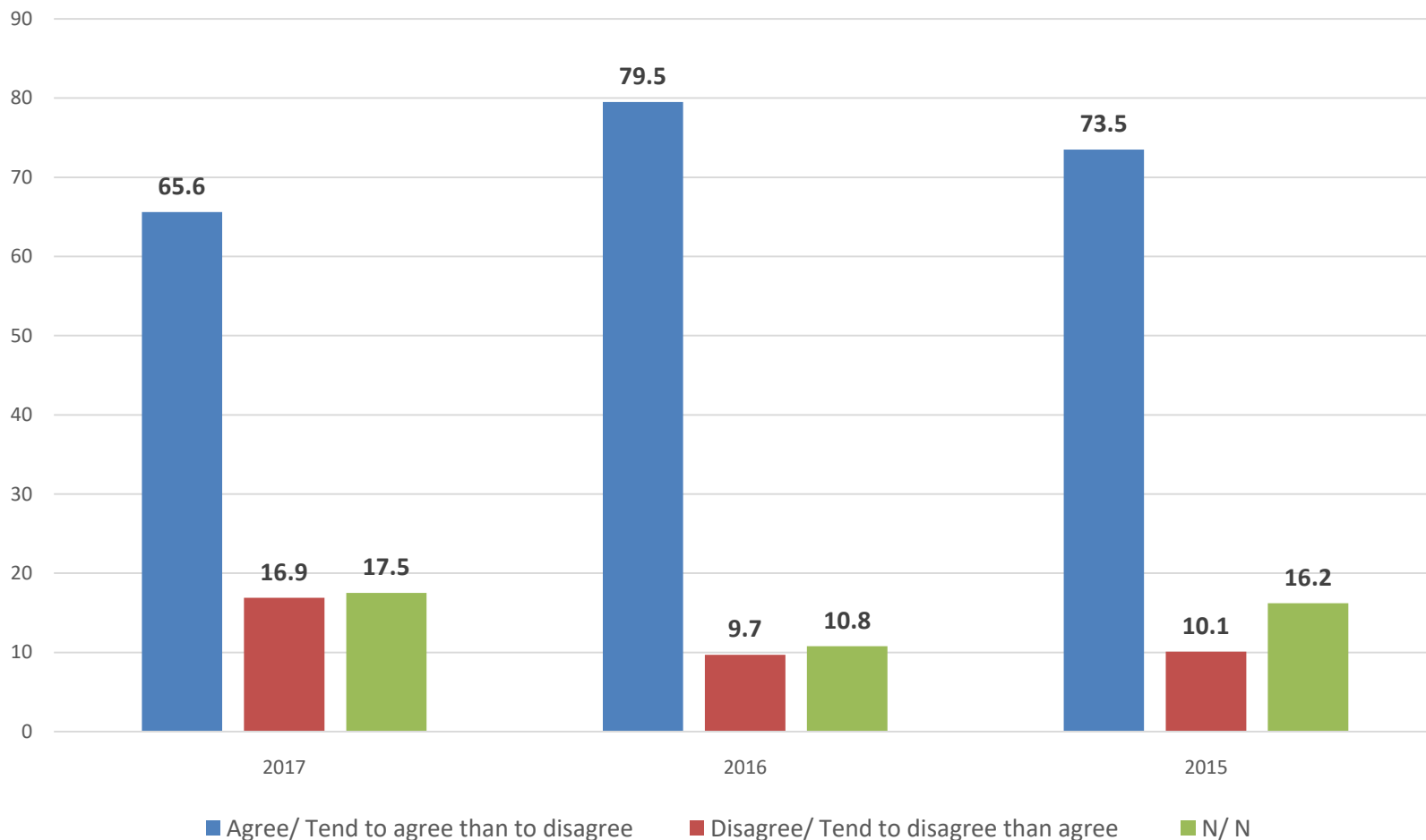
Refugees coming from a safe country should be immediately deported from Lithuania



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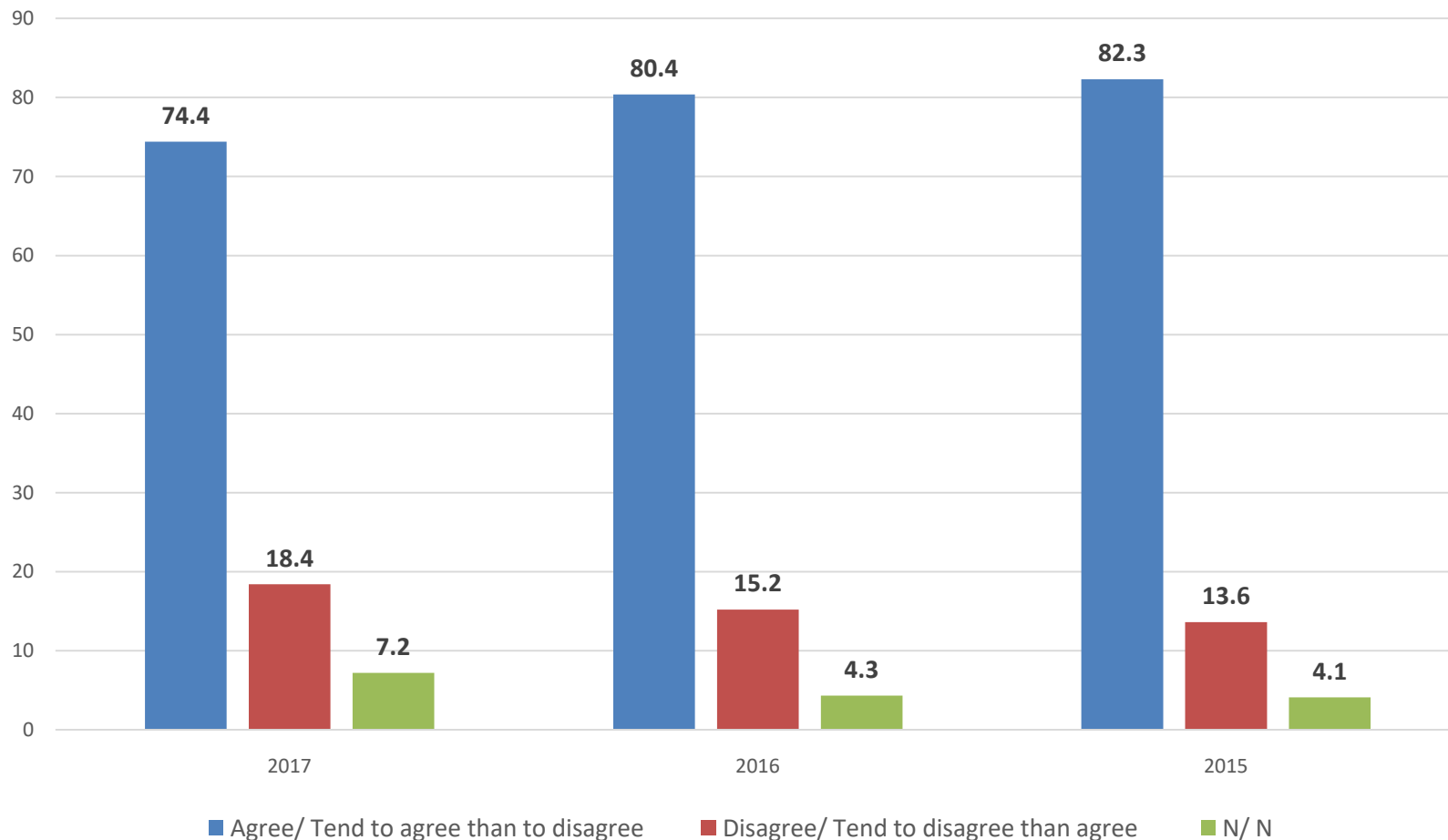
The number of refugees in Lithuania is increasing every year



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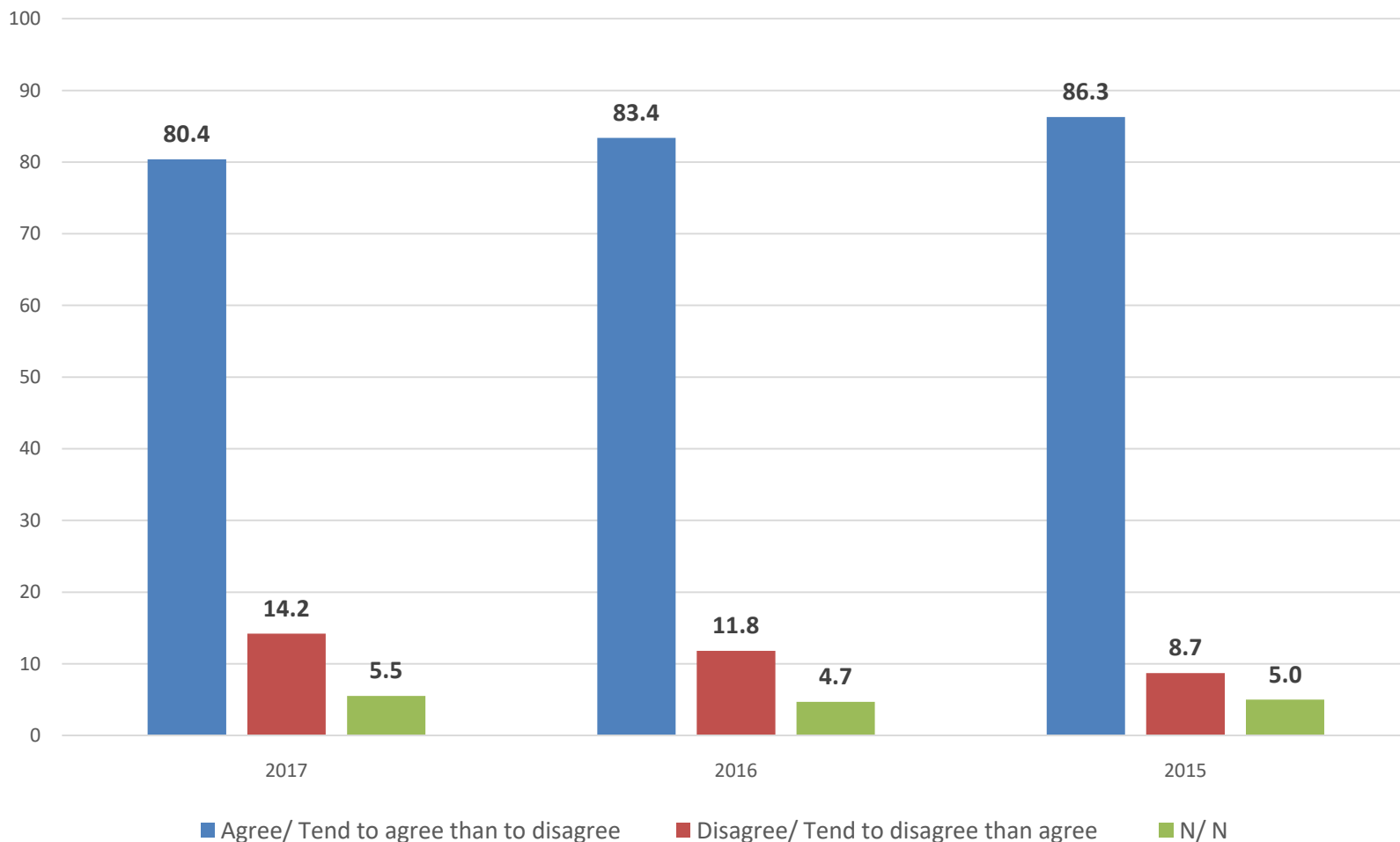
Refugees may cause social unrest



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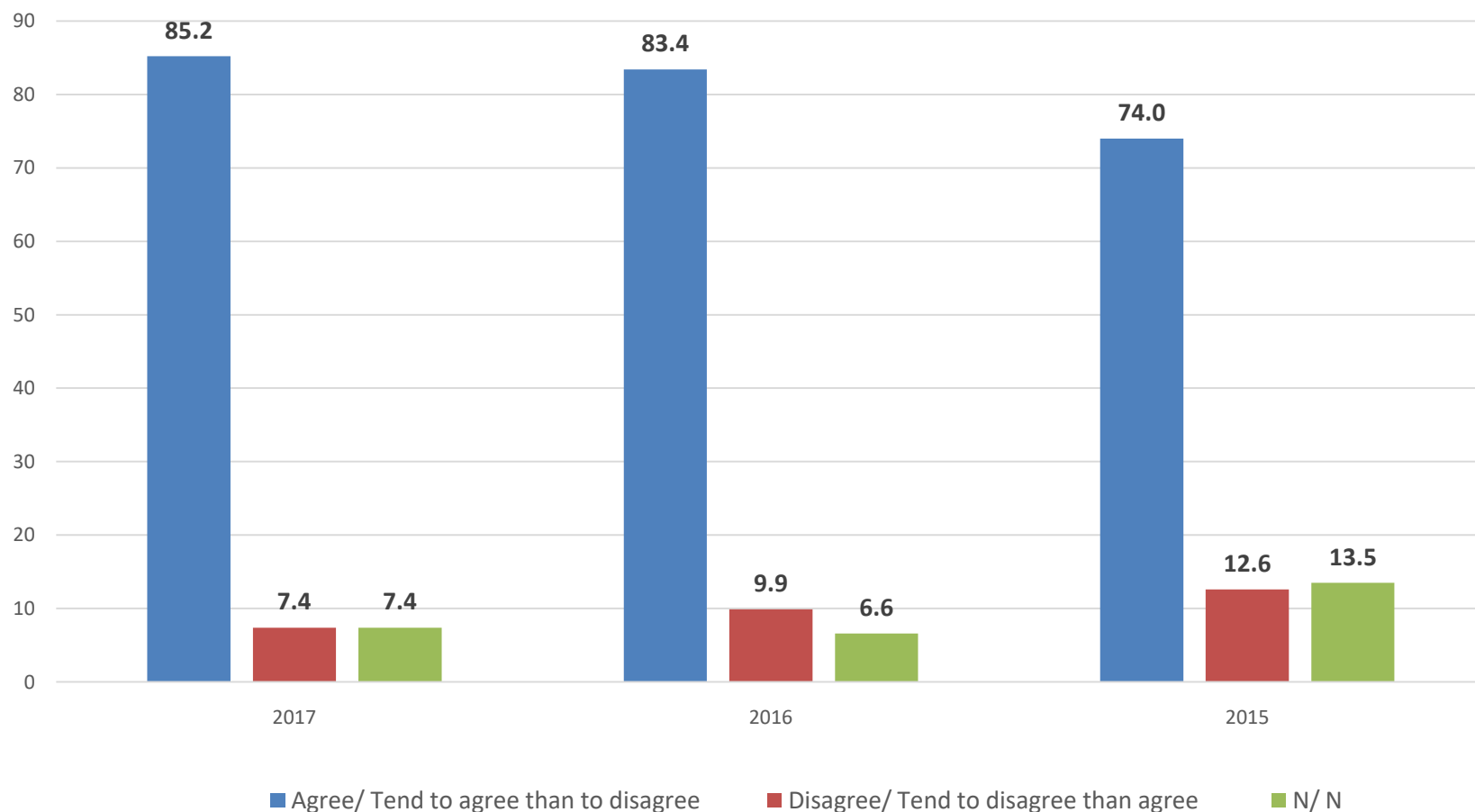
Refugees in Lithuania may increase the level of crime



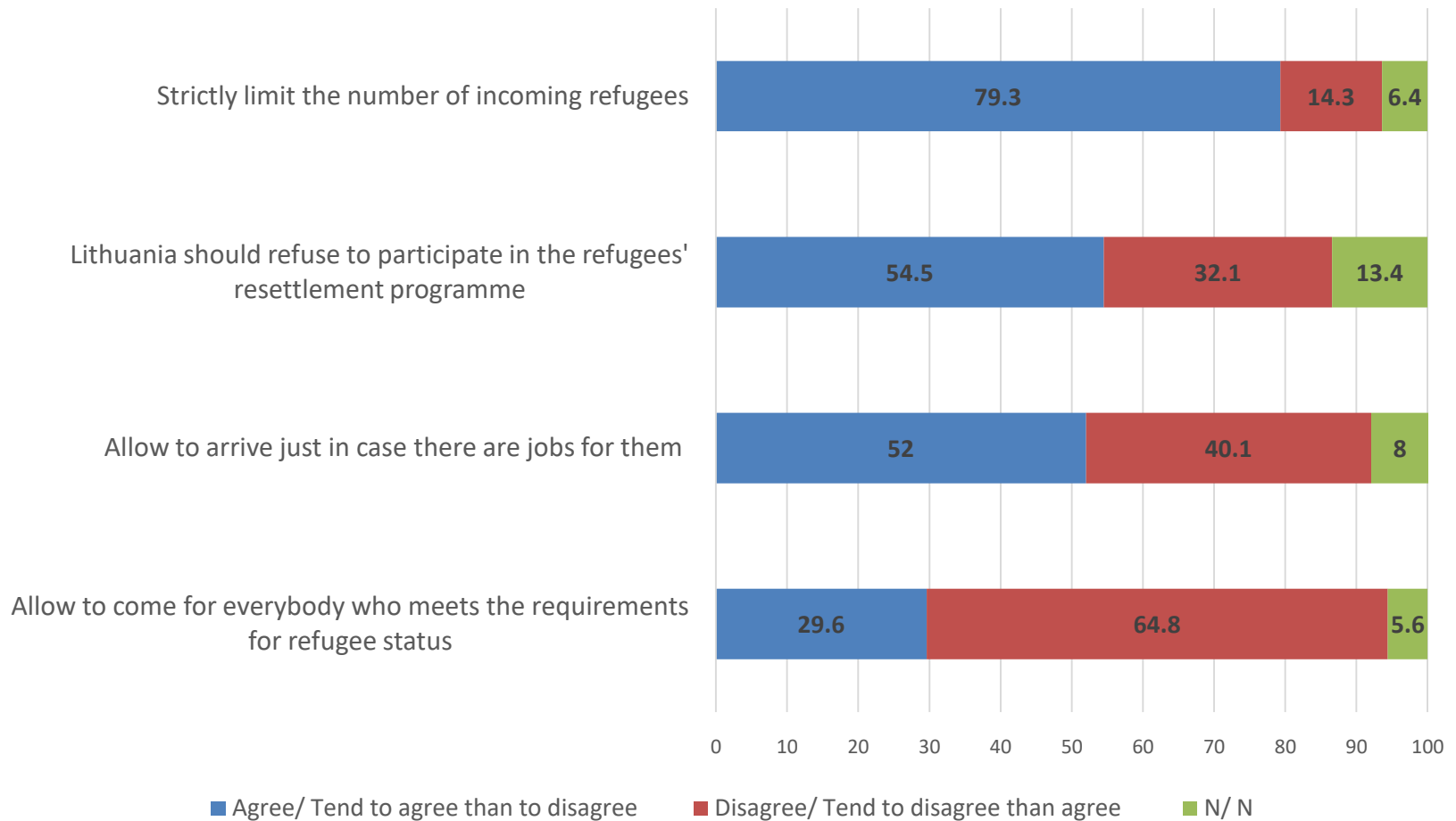
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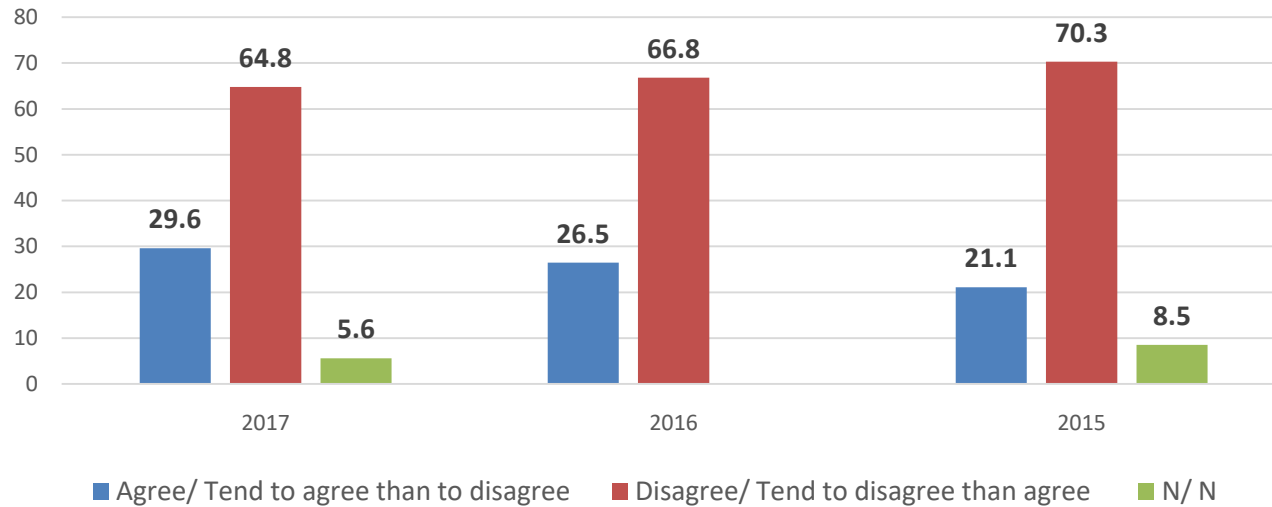
Refugees seek to use Lithuania as a transit country (not going to live here)



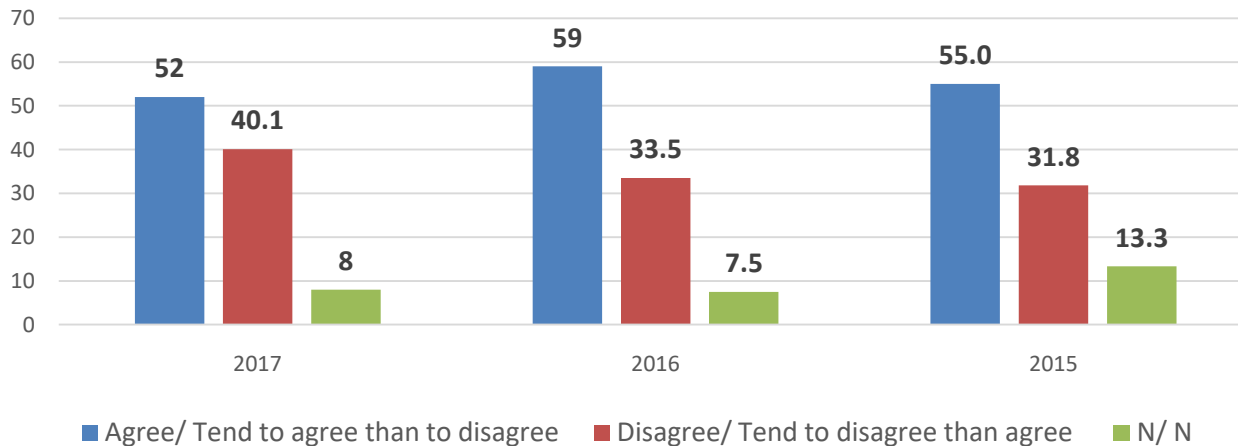
What political decisions should Lithuanian government adopt regarding refugees coming to Lithuania? Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (2017, %)



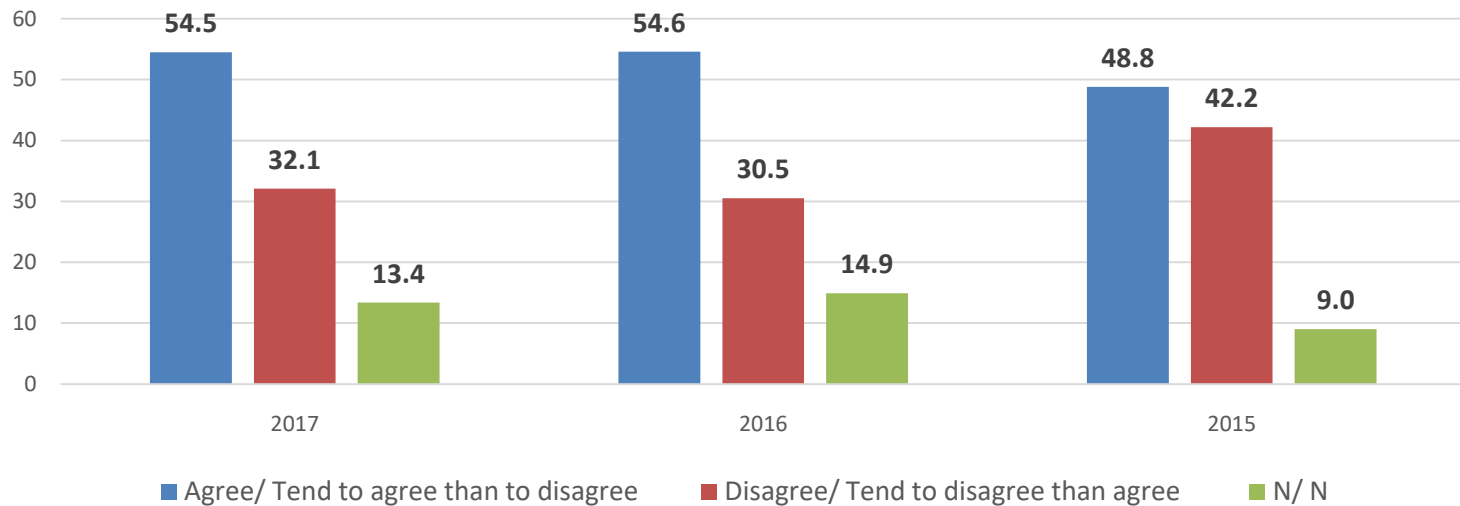
Allow to come for everybody who meets the requirements for refugee status



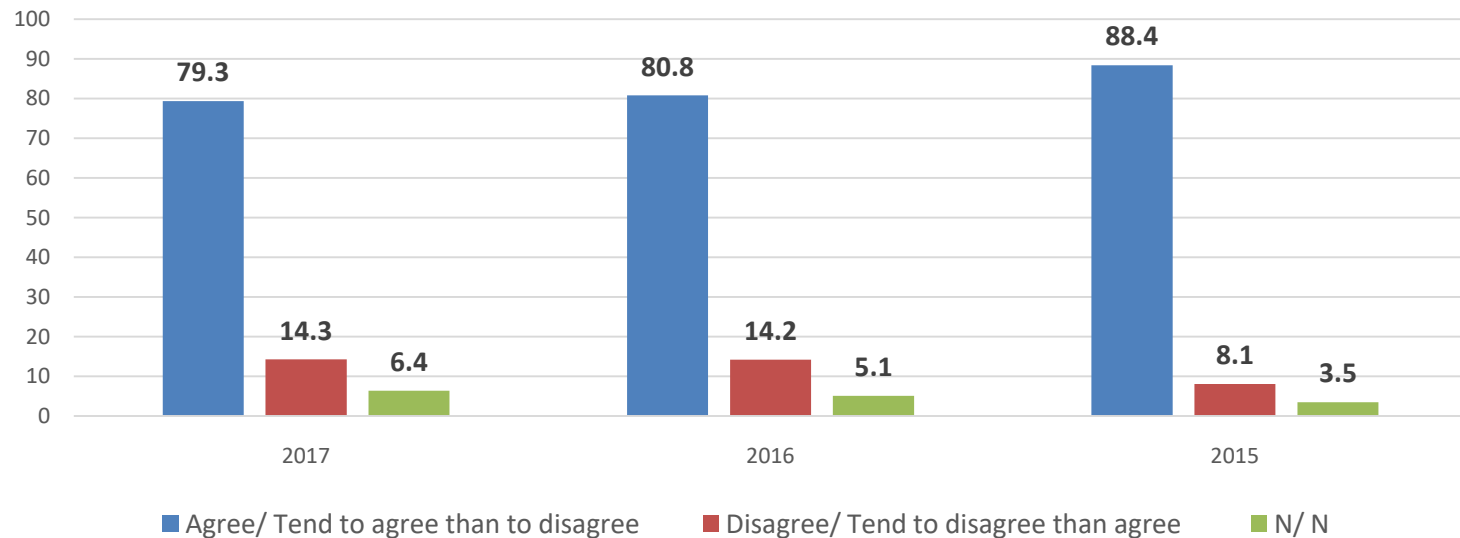
Allow to arrive just in case there are jobs for them



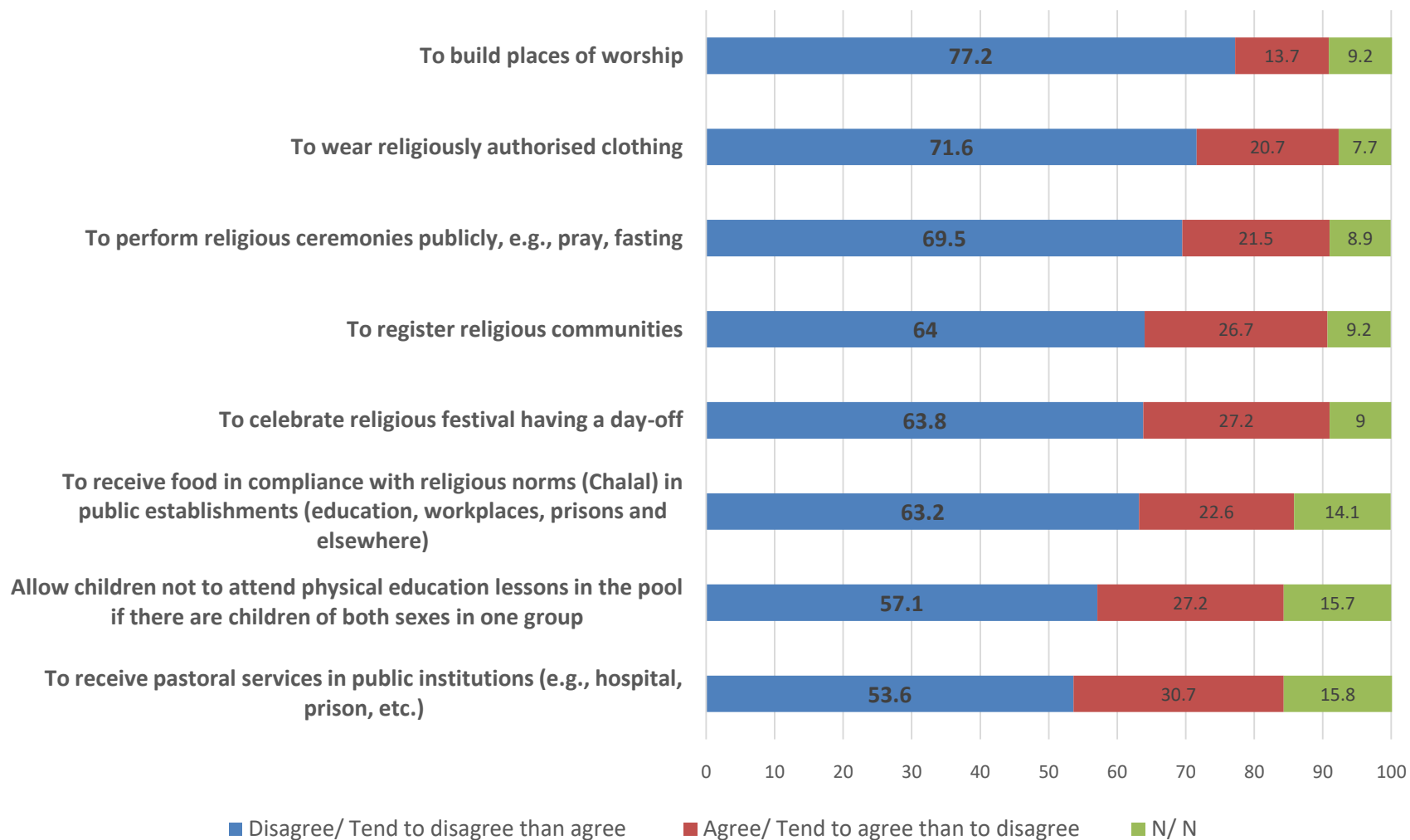
Lithuania should refuse to participate in the refugees' resettlement programme



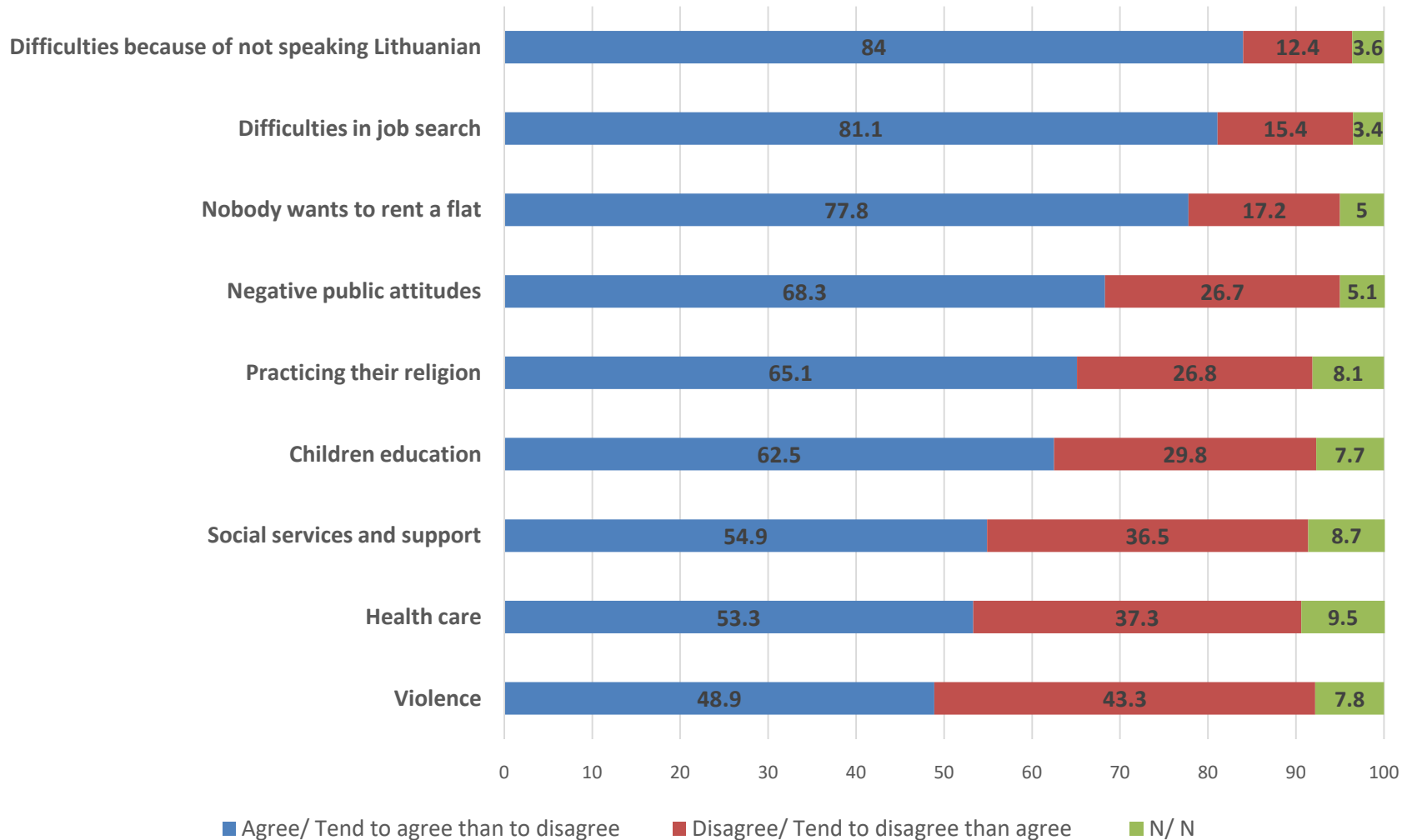
Strictly limit the number of incoming refugees



Do you agree or disagree that the refugees would be granted the following religious rights in Lithuania (2017, %)?



Do you agree or disagree that refugees face difficulties in the following areas (2017, %)



Do you agree or disagree for the following integration measures that would be applied for refugees who live and are newly arrived in Lithuania (2017, %)

