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# Opinion Survey on Political Development of Macau

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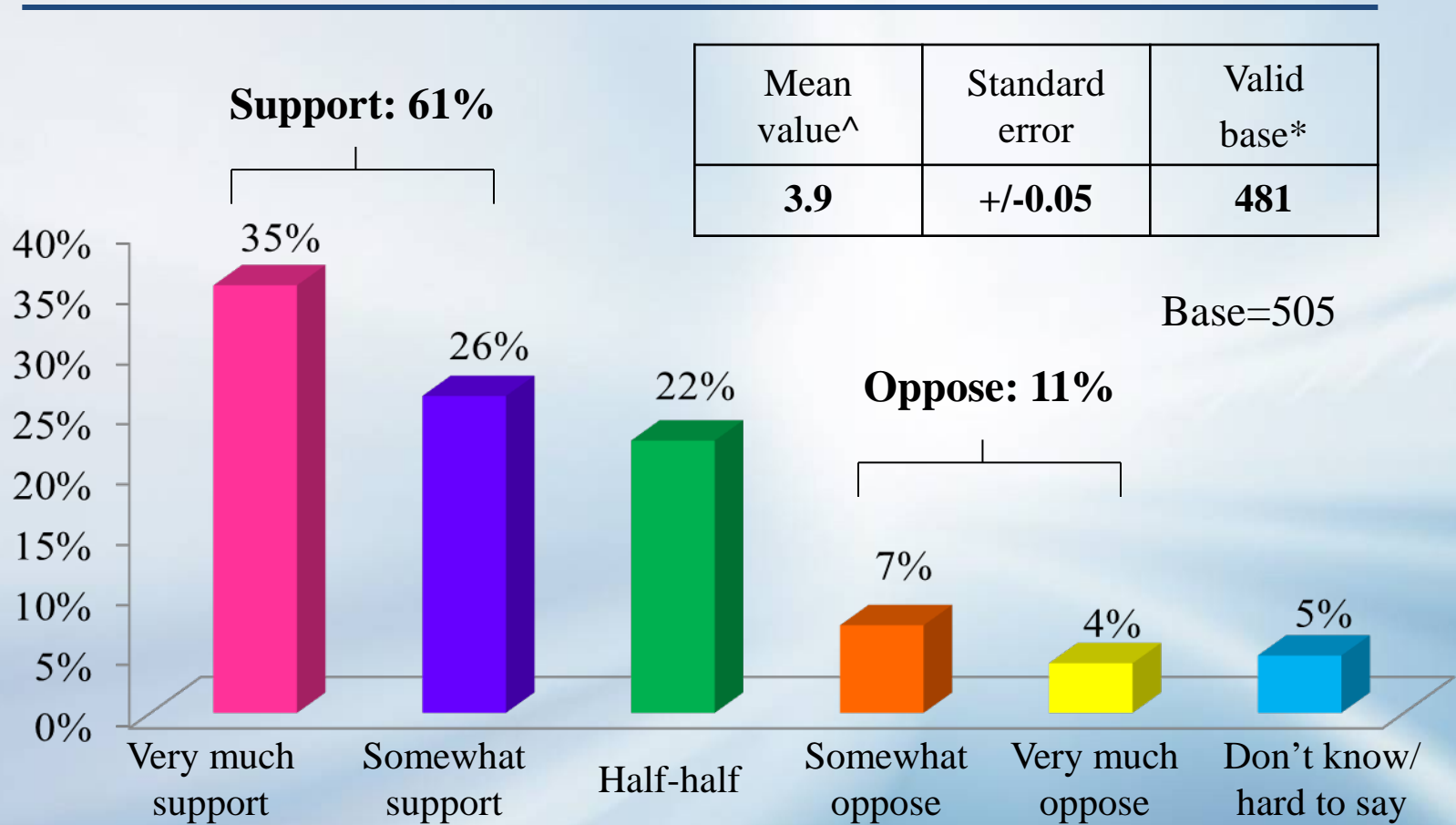
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- Interview Date** : 1 – 2 December 2014
- Research Target** : Macau citizens aged 18 or above who speak Cantonese
- Survey Method** : Telephone survey conducted by real telephone interviewers. Upon successful contact with target household, one member of the household is selected among those present using the "next birthday" rule
- Sample Size** : 506 successful cases
- Response Rate** : 67.5%
- Sampling Error** : Less than +/- 2.2%, meaning that the sampling error for percentages is less than plus/minus 4.4 percentage points at 95% confidence level

# Major Findings

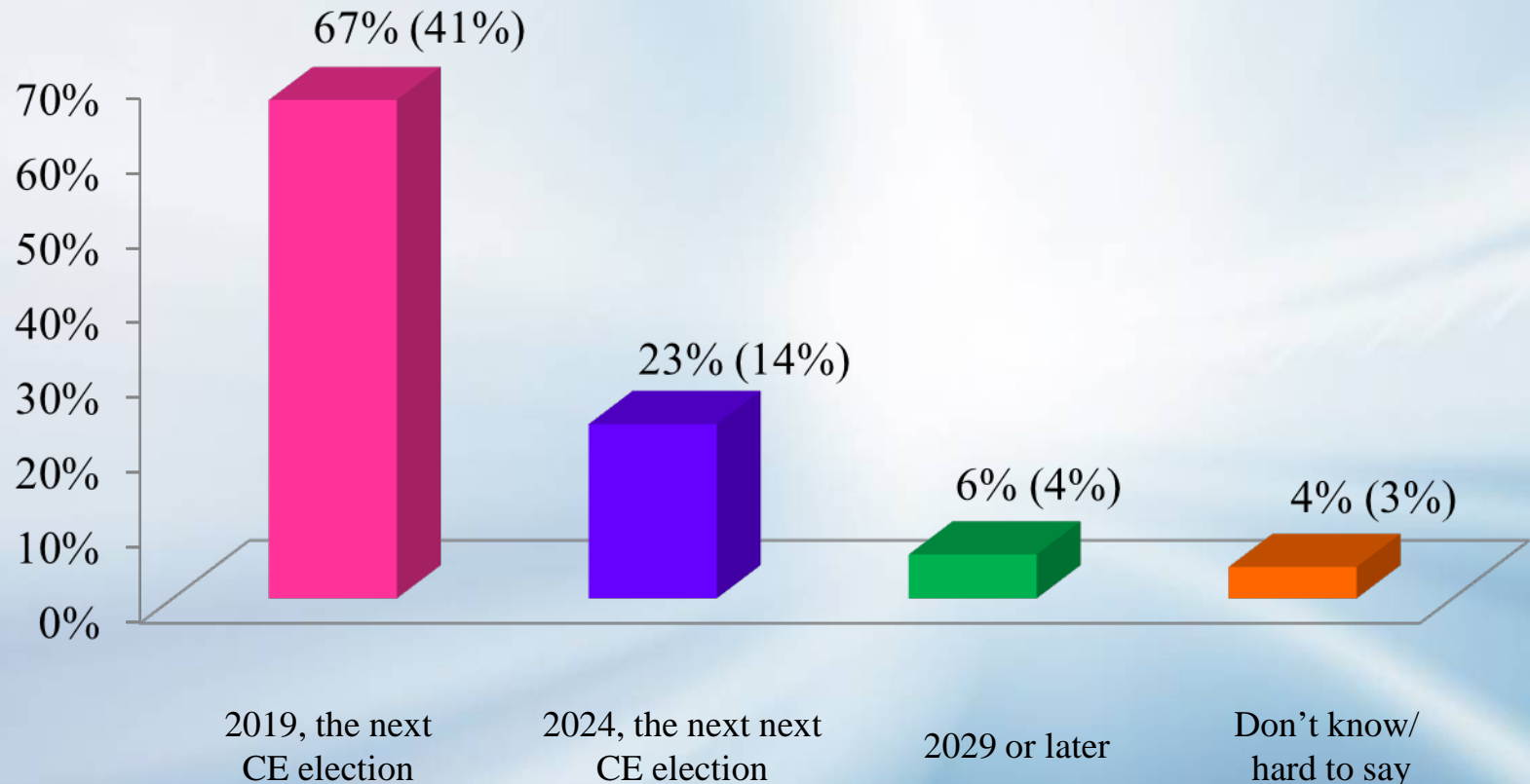
[Q1] There is a suggestion that Macau's Chief Executive should be elected by Macau people one-person-one vote. How much do you support or oppose this suggestion?



<sup>^</sup> Collapsed from a 5-point scale. The mean value is calculated by quantifying all individual responses into 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 marks according to their degree of positive level, where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest, and then calculate the sample mean.

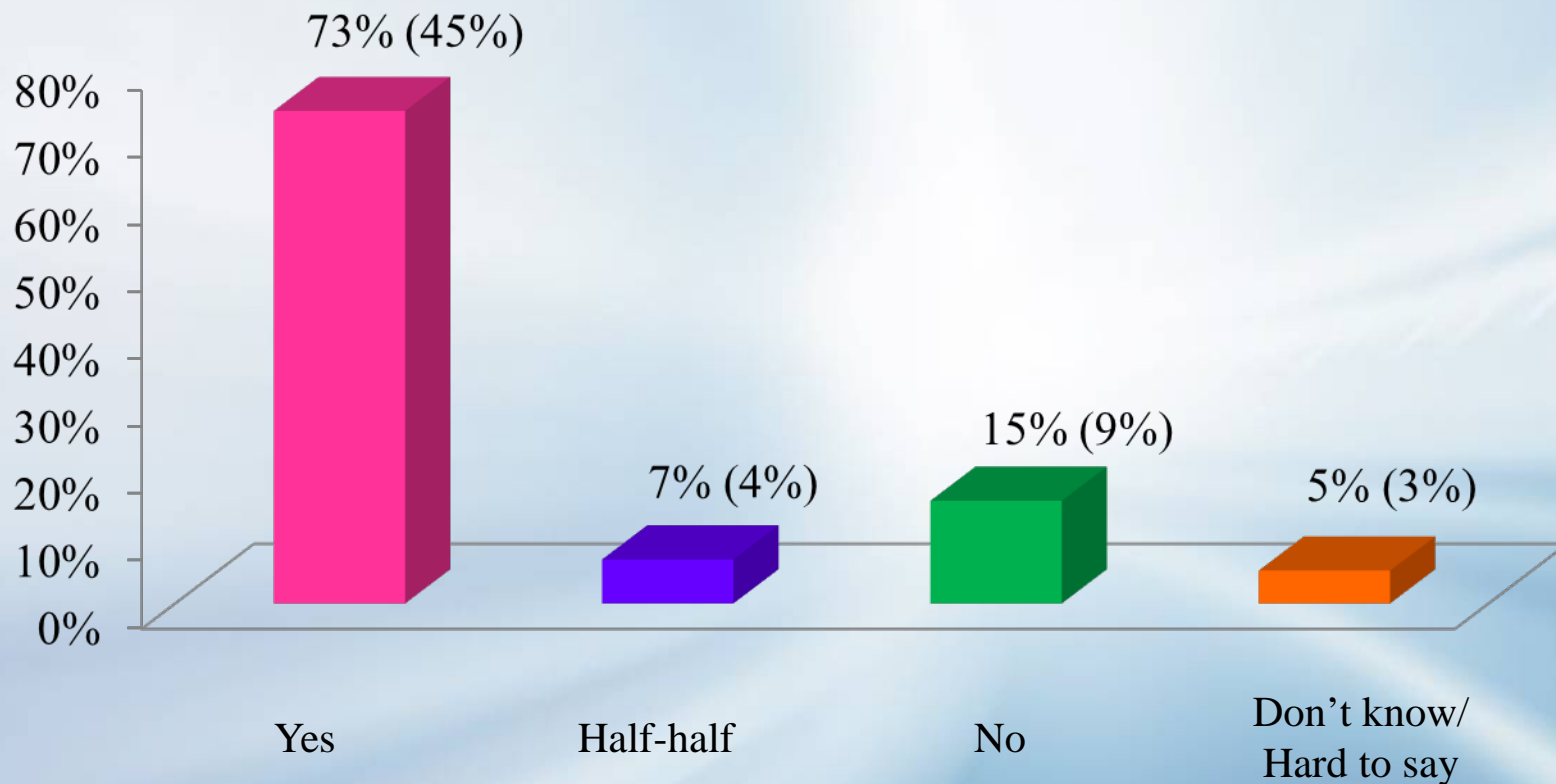
\* Excludes "don't know/ hard to say"

[Q2] (Only ask respondents who answered “somewhat support” or “very much support” in Q1) Starting which year do you think the Chief Executive should be elected by one-person-one-vote? [Read out first three options]



Sub-sample: 310 ( ) = percentage of total sample

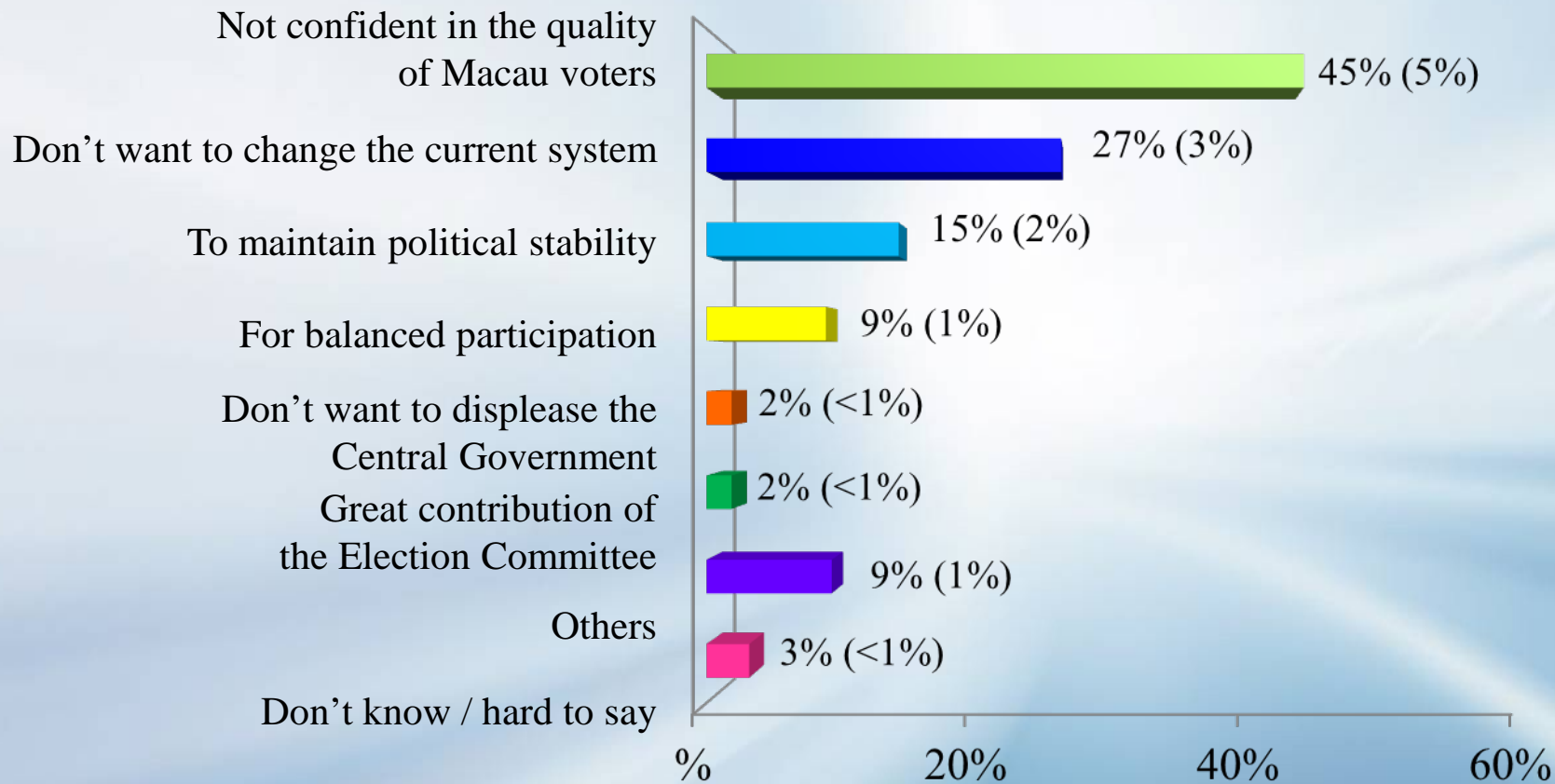
[Q3] (Only ask respondents who answered “somewhat support” or “very much support” in Q1) Do you think Macau citizens should have the right to nominate candidates when the Chief Executive is returned by universal suffrage?



Sub-sample: 310 ( ) = percentage of total sample



[Q4] (Only ask respondents who answered “somewhat oppose” or “very much oppose” in Q1) Why do you oppose to the Chief Executive being returned by universal suffrage? [Do not read out options, multiple answers allowed]



Subsample: 57 ( ) = percentage of total sample



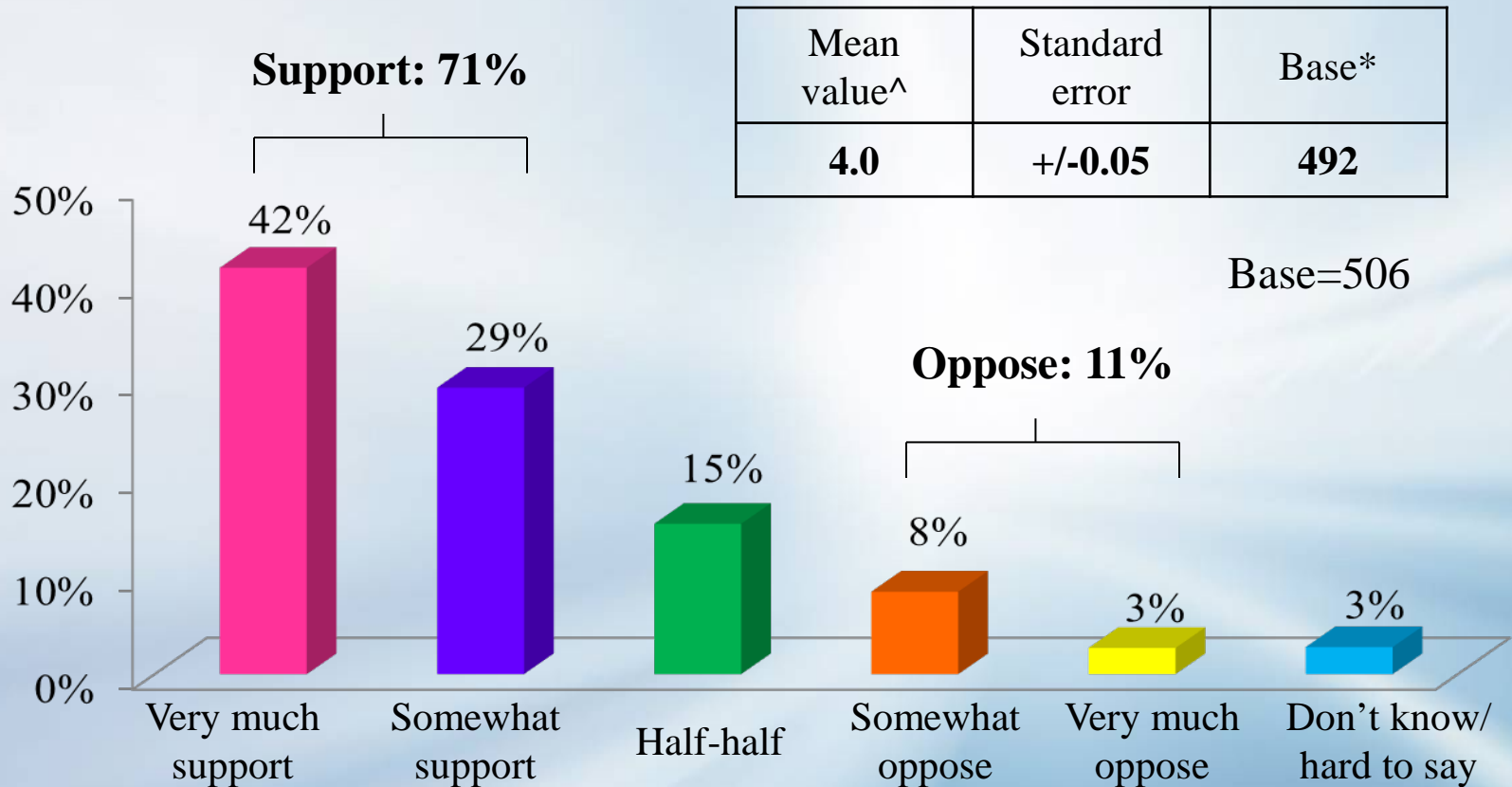
[Q5-Q7] In your opinion, what is the ideal ratio of directly elected, indirectly elected and appointed legislators\*? [Total should be 100%]

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Standard Error</b>	<b>Base**</b>	<b>Existing ratio of legislators</b>
<b>Directly elected legislators</b>	<b>58.4%</b> (about 19 seats)	+/-1.0%	411	<b>42.4%</b> (14/33seats)
<b>Indirectly elected legislators</b>	<b>26.0%</b> (about 9 seats)	+/-0.7%	411	<b>36.4%</b> (12/33seats)
<b>Appointed legislators</b>	<b>15.6%</b> (about 5 seats)	+/-0.6%	411	<b>21.2%</b> (7/33seats)

\* Interviewers read out: “According to the Basic Law of Macau, the majority of the members of Legislative Assembly should be formed by election. The latest term of Legislative Assembly comprised of 14 directly elected legislators, 12 indirectly elected legislators and 7 appointed legislators.”

\*\* Exclude “don’t know/ hard to say”

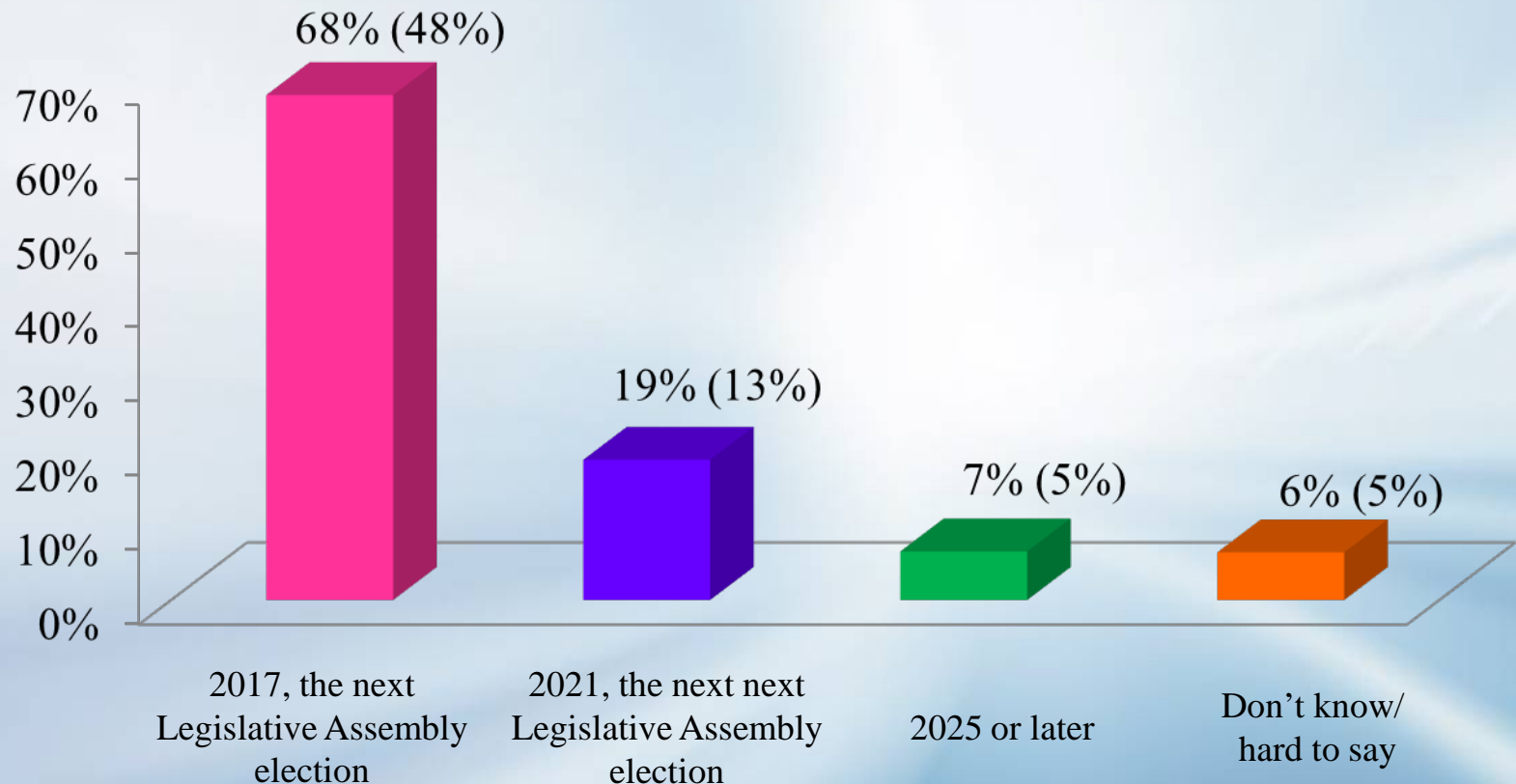
[Q8] There is a suggestion that all members of Macau’s Legislative Assembly should be elected by Macau people one-person-one vote. How much do you support or oppose this suggestion?



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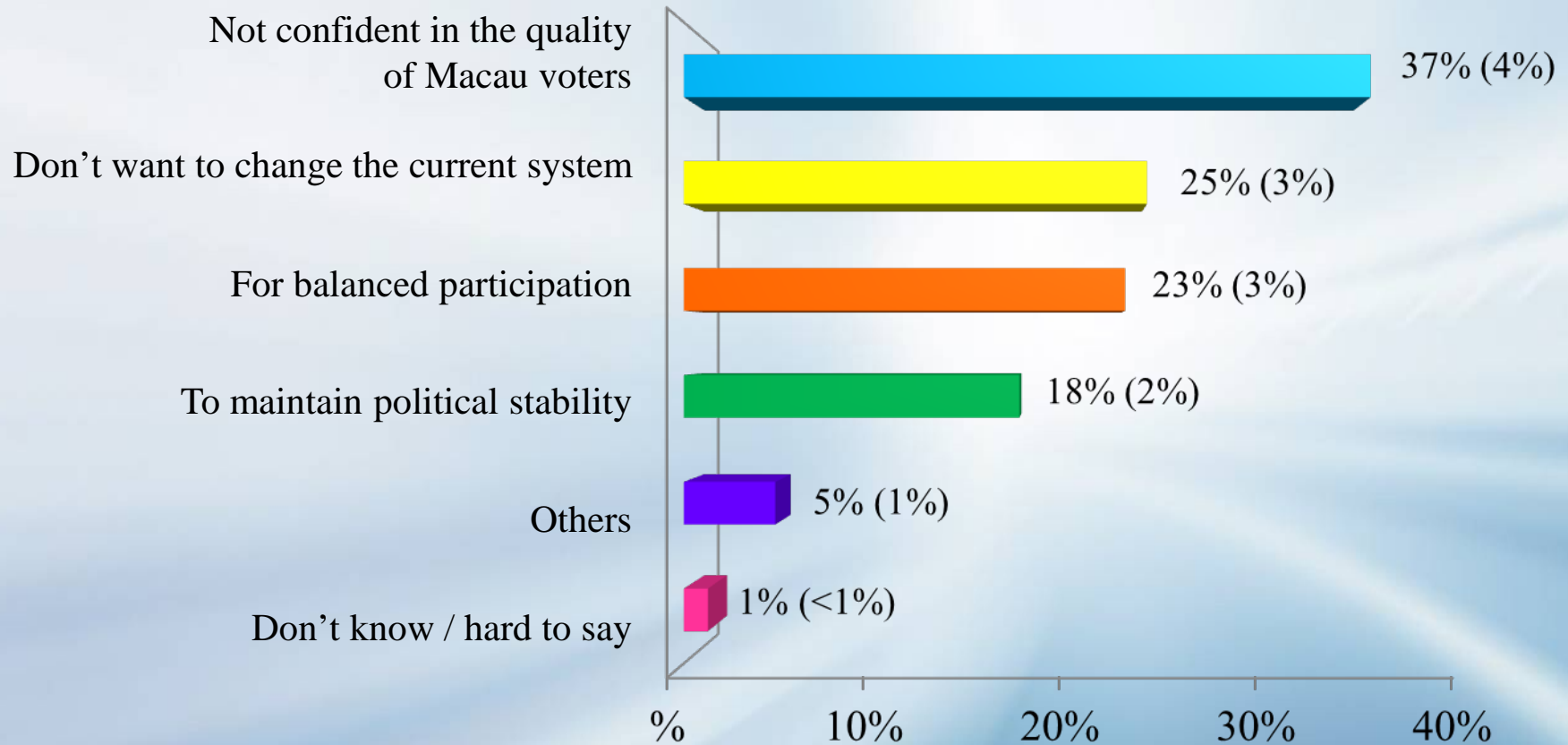
[Q9] (Only ask respondents who answered “somewhat support” or “very much support” in Q8) Starting which year do you think should all LA members be elected by one-person-one-vote? [Read out first three options]



Subsample: 358 ( ) = percentage of total sample

[Q10] (Only ask respondents who answered “somewhat oppose” or “very much oppose” in Q8) Why do you oppose to all LA members returned by universal suffrage? [Do not read out options, multiple answers allowed]

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Subsample: 56 ( ) = percentage of total sample

## [Q11-Q12] Views on “Civil Referendum on CE Election”

[Q11] Do you know there was a civil referendum in August this year on the election of the Macau Chief Executive?

Yes	62%
No	38%
Base	505

[Q12] Do you support or oppose to this civil referendum?

Support	44%
Half-half	23%
Oppose	20%
Don't know/ hard to say	13%
Base	506

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- Macau people generally supports universal suffrage for electing the Chief Executive, about 60% support it, 10% oppose it, 30% uncertain. Among the supporters, two-thirds consider the next CE election in 2019 to be the right time to implement it, even more said citizens should have the right to nominate the candidates.
- As for the Legislative Assembly, people generally considers the current split of seats (14 returned by direct election, 12 by indirect election, 7 appointed) to be not ideal. They wish to have 5 more direct elected seats, by reducing 3 indirectly elected seats and 2 appointed seats. Looking ahead, 70% support the idea that all LA members should be elected by universal suffrage, vote, 10% oppose it, 20% uncertain. Among the supporters, two-thirds consider the next LA election in 2017 to be the right time to implement it.
- For the civil referendum on CE election held in August this, most people are aware of it, about 45% support it, 20% oppose it.
- About 10% of Macau people are opposed to universal suffrage, mainly because they are worried about the quality of the voters.



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