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5 Years of the Belarusian Revolution

**through the Eyes of the Engaged Segment
of the Belarusian Pro-Democracy Community**



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METHODOLOGY

SAMPLE SIZE ACHIEVED

2022



2647
people

2023



1531
people

2024



1015
people

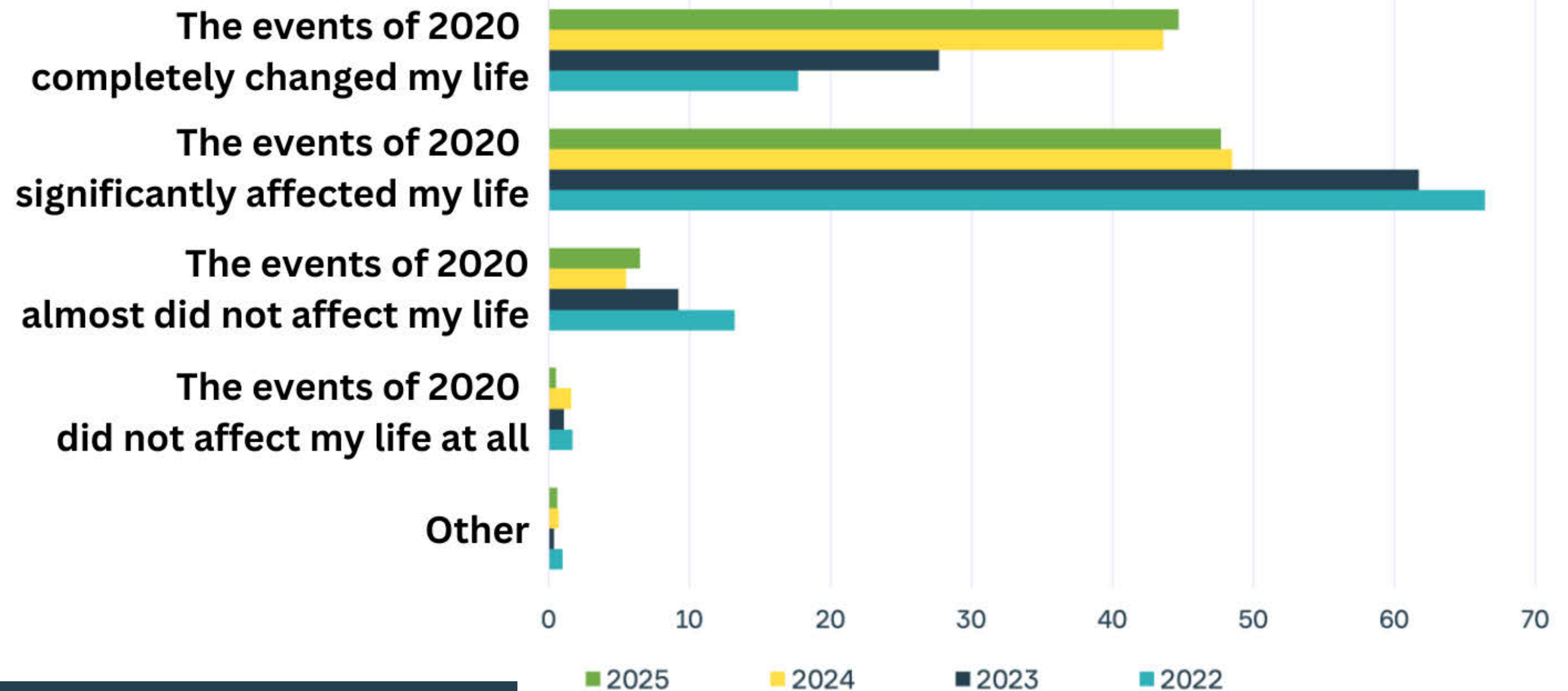
2025



636
people

FOR 90%, LIFE HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY OR SIGNIFICANTLY

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+8% increase in those whose lives have changed.

MEANINGS, FEELINGS, REASONS

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How would you describe the meaning and significance of the 2020 events?

- *We realized we are the majority (many) – 65%*
- *Belarusians saw the true nature of Lukashenka's government – 59%*
- *Hope emerged, faith in possible change – 58%*

What feelings do the events of 2020–2021 evoke in you today?

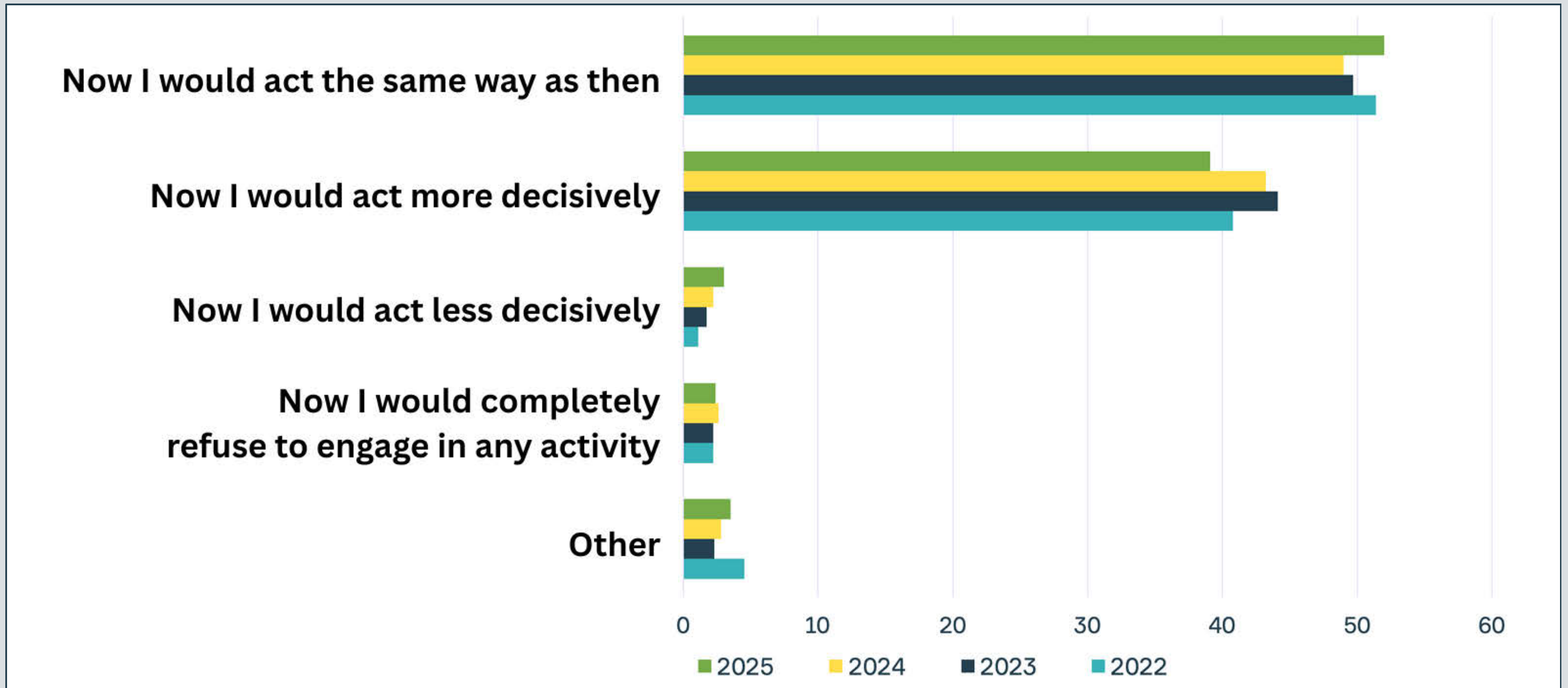
- *Pride, respect – 68% (+9%)*
- *Anger, rage – 51% (-7%)*
- *Grief, pain – 38% (-3%)*

Why, in your opinion, did the protest movement in 2020 fail to remove Lukashenka and hold a new presidential election?

- *Putin's support kept Lukashenka in power – 79%*
- *The authorities had too strong a security apparatus – 58%*

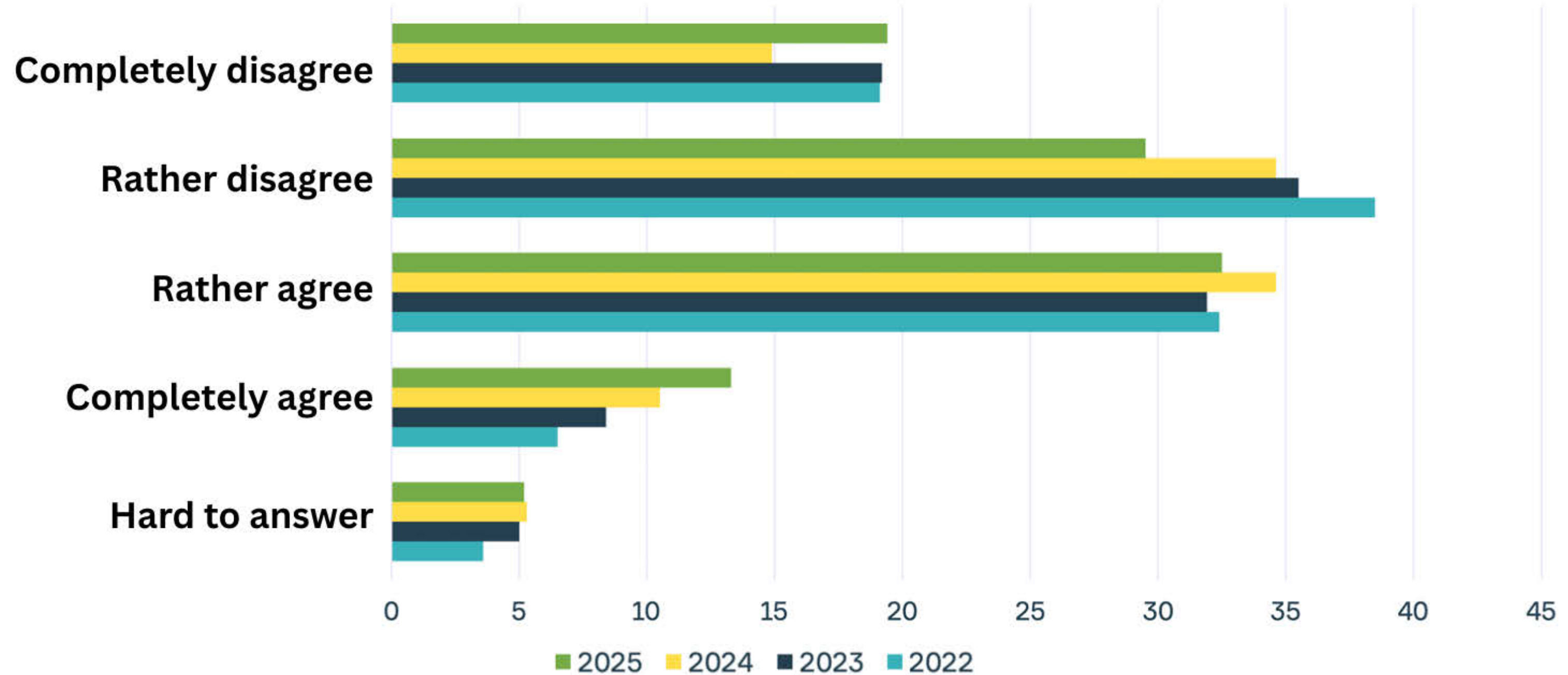
90% WOULD ACT THE SAME WAY OR EVEN MORE DECISIVELY

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ALMOST HALF OF RESPONDENTS DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROTEST'S DEFEAT

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SCOPE OF PERSONAL REPRESSION INCREASED BY 16%

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Have you directly experienced the following types of politically motivated repression?	2023	2025	Increase
Detention on political grounds, but without consequences (i.e., detained but later released without court hearings, fines, or sentences)	7,0	9,4	2,4
Administrative punishment (fine) on political grounds after the events of 2020	8,9	16,7	7,6
Administrative punishment (arrest) on political grounds after the events of 2020	6,1	9,6	3,5
Prison sentences longer than administrative arrests	1,4	4,9	3,5
Dismissal/termination of employment contract on political grounds	8,9	13,3	4,4
Refusal to hire based on political grounds	4,1	4,9	0,8
Threats from law enforcement officers	16	28,1	12,1
Preventive talks at work from management	15,7	13,2	-2,5
Increased scrutiny when crossing the border	10,2	14,8	4,6
Phone inspections/checks	10,7	13,5	2,8
No, none of the above have happened	50,5	34,1	-16,4

SCOPE OF REPRESSION AGAINST PEOPLE'S RELATIVES INCREASED BY 9%

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Have any members of your family and/or close friends experienced the following types of politically motivated repression?	2023	2025	Increase
Detention on political grounds, but without consequences (i.e., detained but later released without court hearings, fines, or sentences)	21,5	29,2	7,7
Administrative punishment (fine) on political grounds after the events of 2020	32,1	39,3	7,2
Administrative punishment (arrest) on political grounds after the events of 2020	27,9	29,3	1,4
Prison sentences longer than administrative arrests	23,0	33,2	10,2
Dismissal/termination of employment contract on political grounds	30,4	33,8	3,4
Refusal to hire based on political grounds	15,4	22,8	7,4
Threats from law enforcement officers	26,9	41,5	14,6
Preventive talks at work from management	29,5	36,1	6,6
Increased scrutiny when crossing the border	22,7	29,5	6,8
Phone inspections/checks	28,9	40,7	11,8
No, none of the above have happened	21,7	12,8	-8,9

TOP 5 POLITICAL LEADERS

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	Recognition		Trust	
	rank	%	rank	%
Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya	1	98	1	85
Pavel Latushka	2	93	2	63
Siarhei Tsikhanouski	3	87	4	35
Franak Viacorka	4	80	3	41
Zianon Pazniak	5	71	10	12

POLITICAL LEADERS

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	Recognition		Trust	
	rank	%	rank	%
Vadzim Prakopyeu	6	63	7	18
Valery Kavaleuski	7-8	57	5-6	22
Valery Sakhashchyk	7-8	57	5-6	21
Aliaksandr Azarau	9	51	11-12	5
Volha Harbunova	10	35	8-9	14
Alena Zhyvahlod	11-13	30	8-9	14
Ivan Krautsou	11-13	30	13-14	6
Andrei Yahorau	11-13	28	11-12	9
Volha Zazulinskaya	14	13	13-14	5

POLITICAL GROUPS (MARCH)

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	Recognition		Trust	
	rank	%	rank	%
Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya's Office	1	92	1	78
Kastus Kalinouski Regiment	2	84	2	58
Coordination Council	3	68	5	31
United Transitional Cabinet	4	63	3-4	38
National Anti-Crisis Management	5	60	3-4	38
Viktar Babaryka's Headquarters	6	51	6	24
Veranika and Valery Tsapkala	7	44	7	4

CIVIC INITIATIVES (MARCH)

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	Recognition		Usefulness	
	rank	%	rank	%
Cyber Partisans	1	91,3	1-2	87,3
Kastus Kalinouski Regiment	2-3	90,2	3	80,0
Viasna Human Rights Center	2-3	90,2	1-2	87,1
BySol	4	75,9	4	64,3
BelPol (representatives: U. Zhyhar, A. Kabanau, M. Kupreichyk, A. Astapovich)	5	66,5	6	49,7
ByHelp	6	64,0	5	51,4
ByPol (representatives: A. Azarau, S. Lupanosau)	7	55,2	11-13	26,1
Honest People	8	50,5	8-9	39,0
Politzek.me, website for befriending political prisoners	9	40,5	7	40,7
SVAE App (formerly New Belarus)	10	38,6	8-9	39,5
iNeedHelpBY	11	35,8	10	34,0
Palitvyazynka Initiative	12	24,1	11-13	27,3
StopPropaganda	13	19,8	11-13	26,5
Volnyja Initiative	14	5,3	14	12,1
Not familiar with any	15	2,1	15	3,1



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