

# **Assessment of the religious situation: Ukraine**

4-9 May, 2026

# Methodology

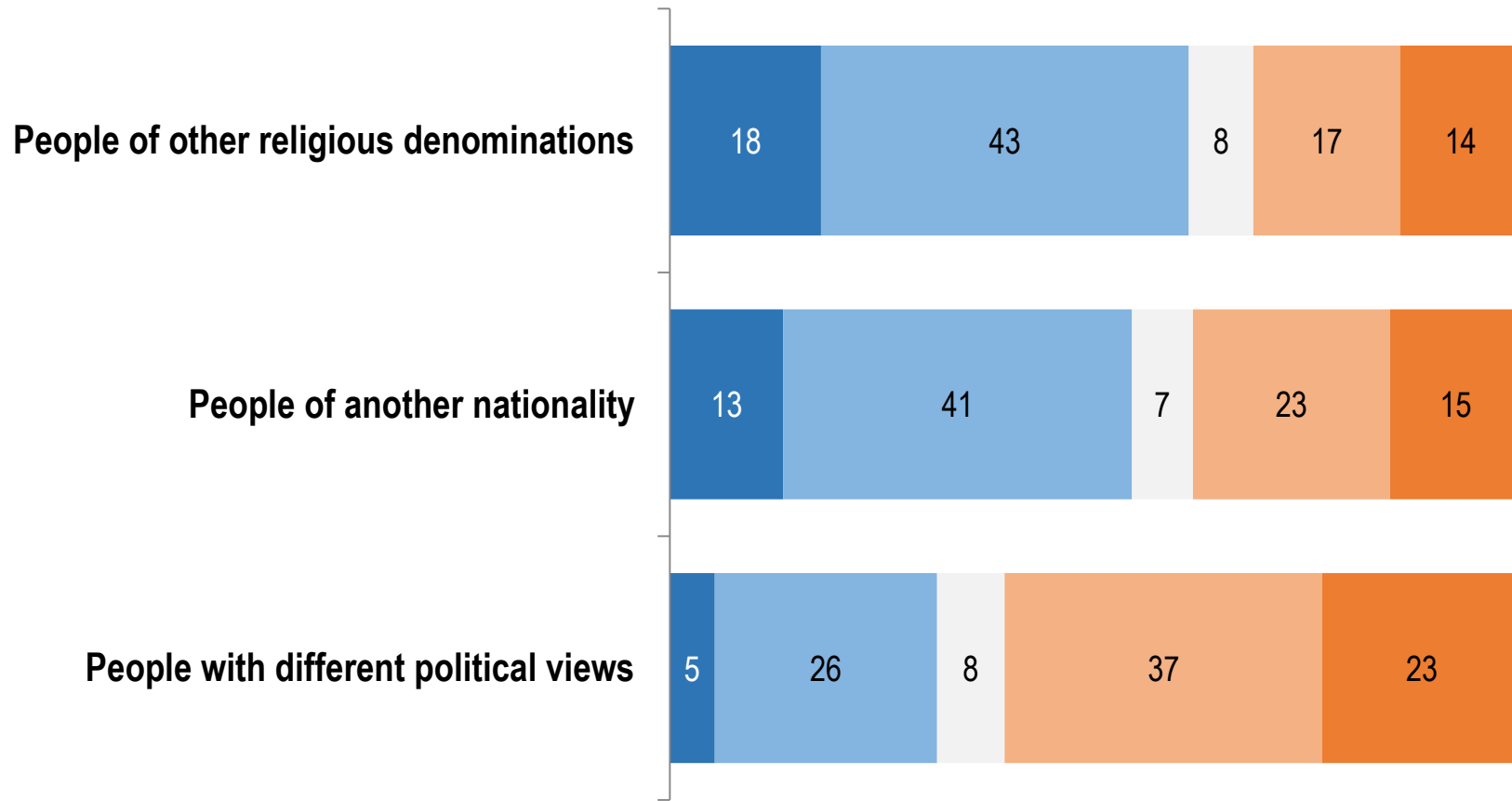
- Audience: the population of Ukraine aged 18 and older in all regions, except for the temporarily occupied territories of Crimea and Donbas, as well as areas where, at the time of the survey, there is no Ukrainian mobile network. Results are weighted using current data from the State Statistics Service of Ukraine.
- The sample is representative by age, gender, and type of settlement.
- Sample size: **2 000 respondents**
- Survey method: CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing – telephone interviews using a computer). Based on a random sample of mobile phone numbers.
- Margin of error for the study with a confidence level of 0.95: **no more than 2.2%**
- Survey period: **May 4-9, 2026**

# **ATTITUDES TOWARDS RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS**

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■ Completely trust   
 ■ Rather trust   
 ■ Difficult to answer   
 ■ Rather do not trust   
 ■ Do not trust at all

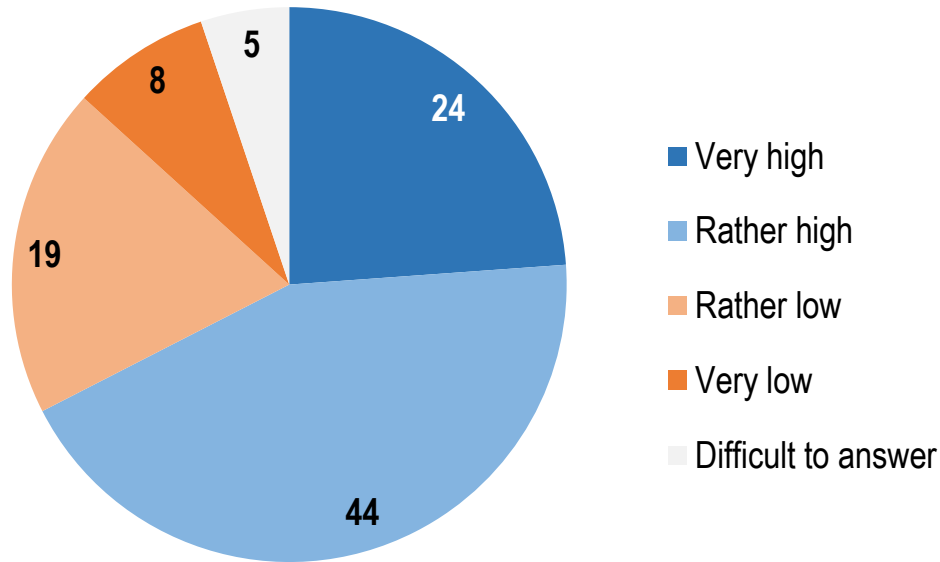


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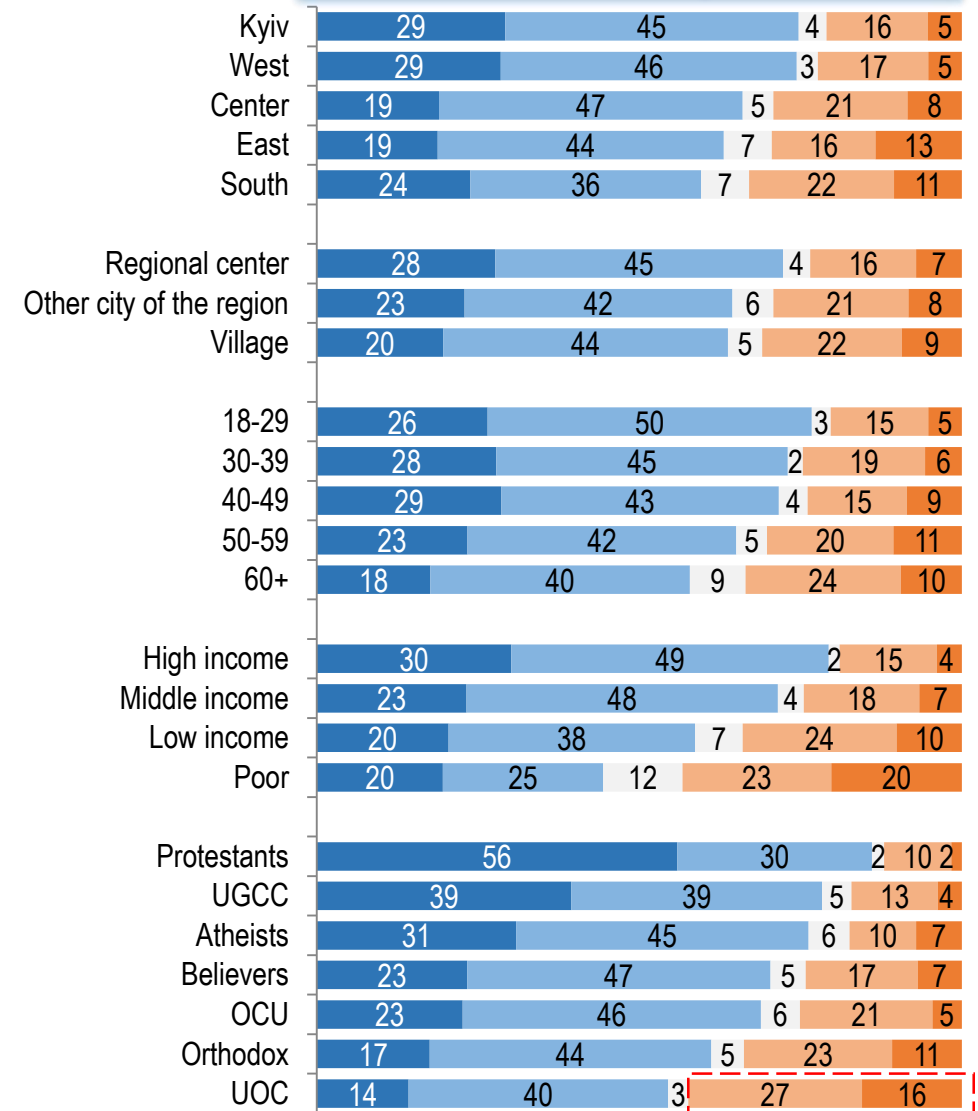
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People of another nationality	61	56	63	61	69	67	60	54	71	60	61	64	55	57	55	66	62	60	49	65	56	62	64	64
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People with different political views	34	29	27	31	43	37	28	27	41	36	33	34	21	24	28	32	37	24	29	37	28	38	32	40

## How would you assess the degree of freedom of religion in Ukraine?

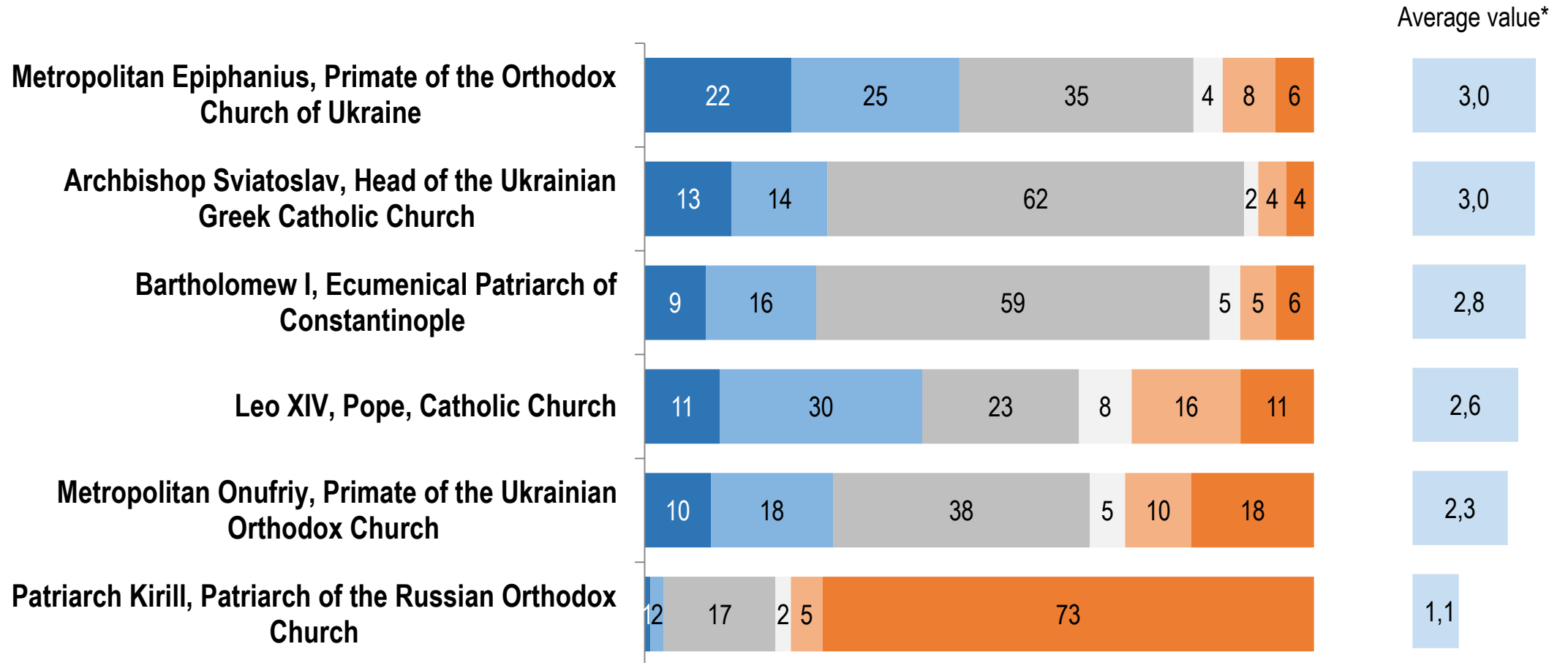


### Regions. Type of settlement. Age. Income. Religion



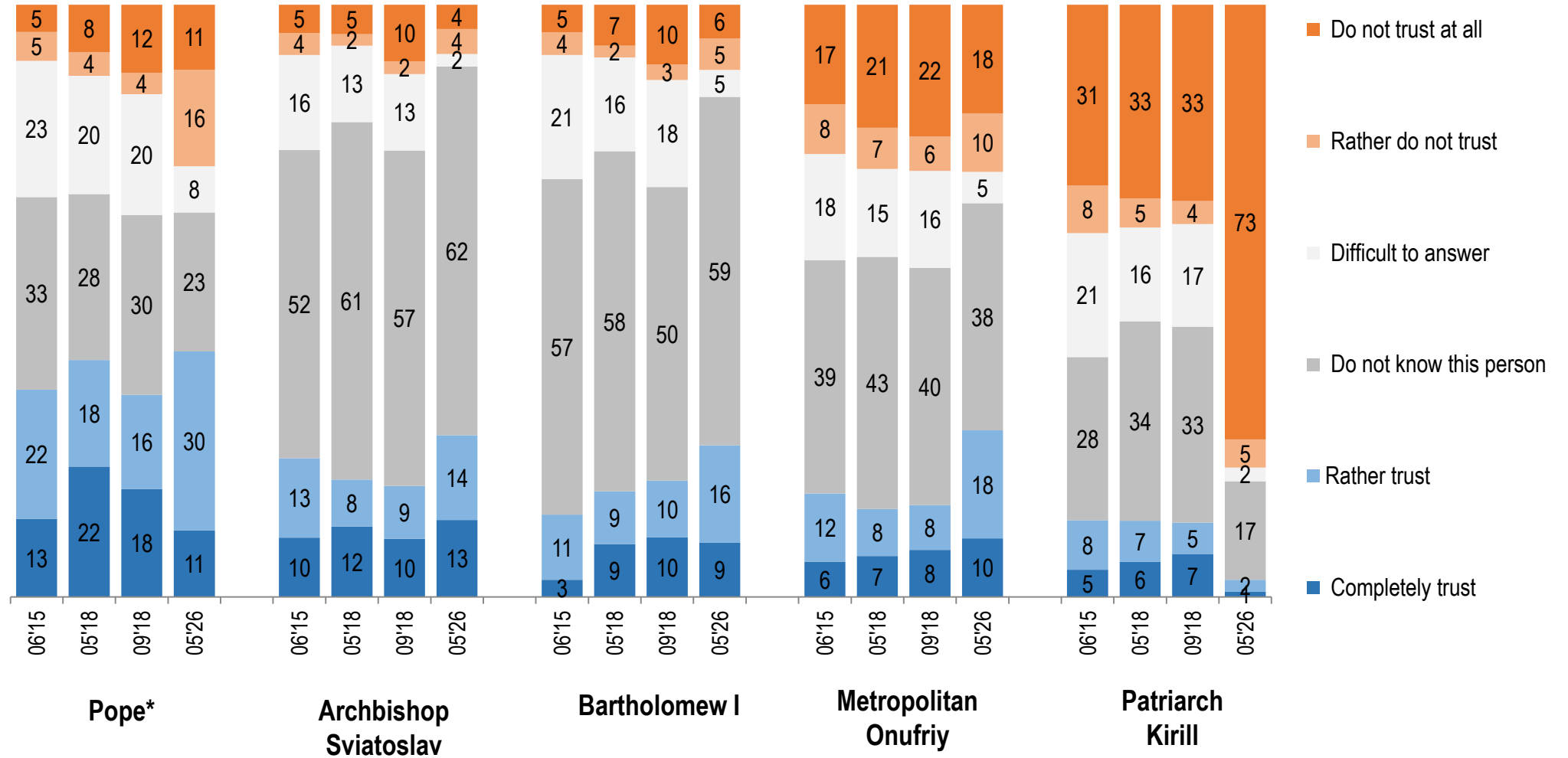
## To what extent do you trust the following leaders of religious denominations?

■ Completely trust 
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 ■ Do not know this person 
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\*on a scale from 1 to 4, where 1 – do not trust at all, and 4 – completely trust

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\*In 2015 and 2018, trust in Pope Francis was measured, while in 2026, trust in Pope Leo XIV was measured

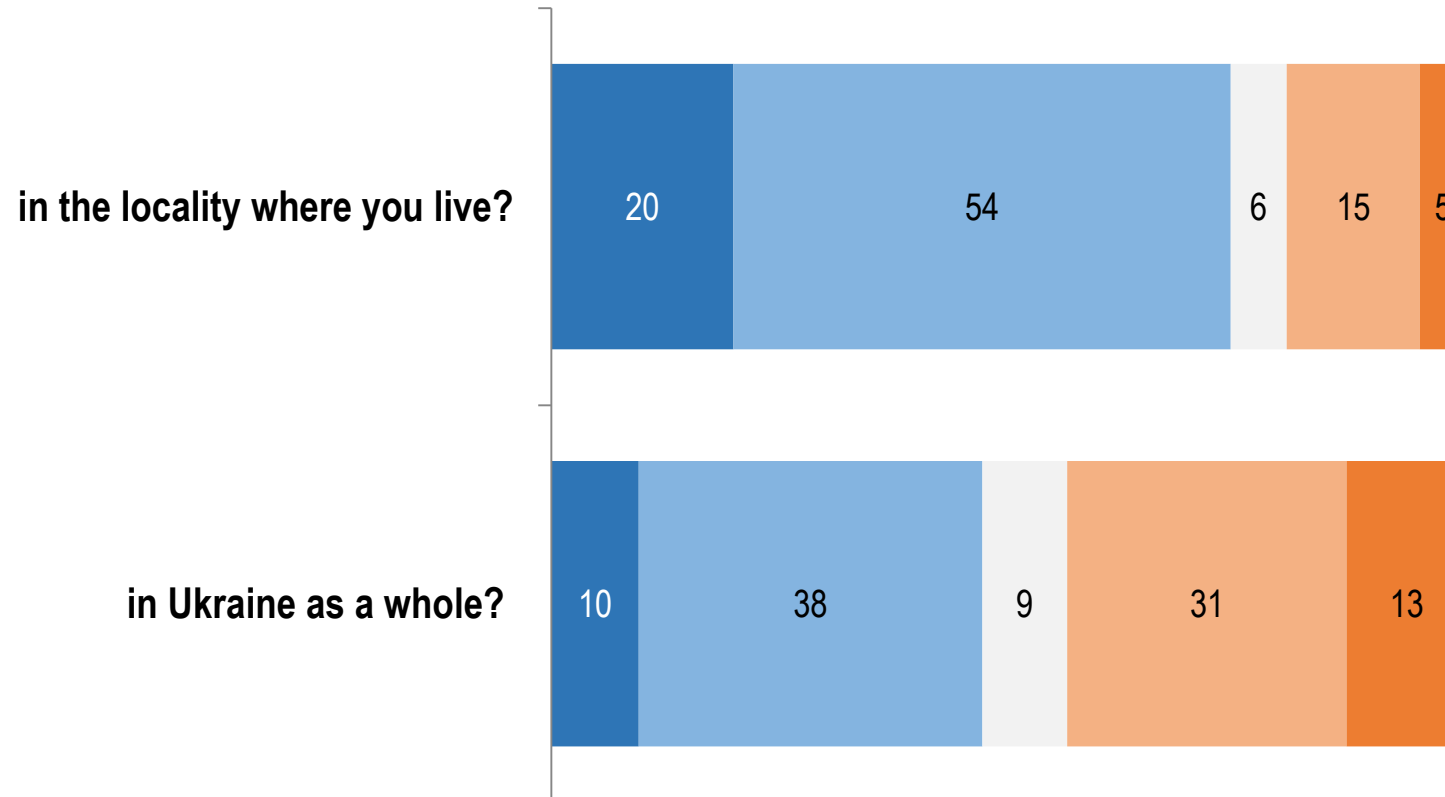
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	Metropolitan Epiphanius, Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine	62	47	33	37	46	46	45	50	28	39	46	44	65	47	49	47	46	82	45	37	66	21	32
Leo XIV, Pope, Catholic Church	56	36	32	37	39	43	39	41	36	36	39	41	49	33	39	44	43	56	40	34	75	24	34	25
Metropolitan Onufriy, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church	30	30	26	27	21	24	27	34	20	25	28	29	34	33	30	26	28	29	64	29	21	13	25	10
Archbishop Sviatoslav, Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church	46	21	16	14	31	29	26	26	17	19	25	27	40	22	26	27	31	46	17	15	71	22	19	14
Bartholomew I, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople	36	24	16	22	28	28	23	25	11	18	27	31	35	21	23	27	28	49	13	15	44	16	20	14
Patriarch Kirill, Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church	2	2	4	5	1	2	4	3	4	4	1	3	2	5	2	3	3	2	6	4	1	2	3	2

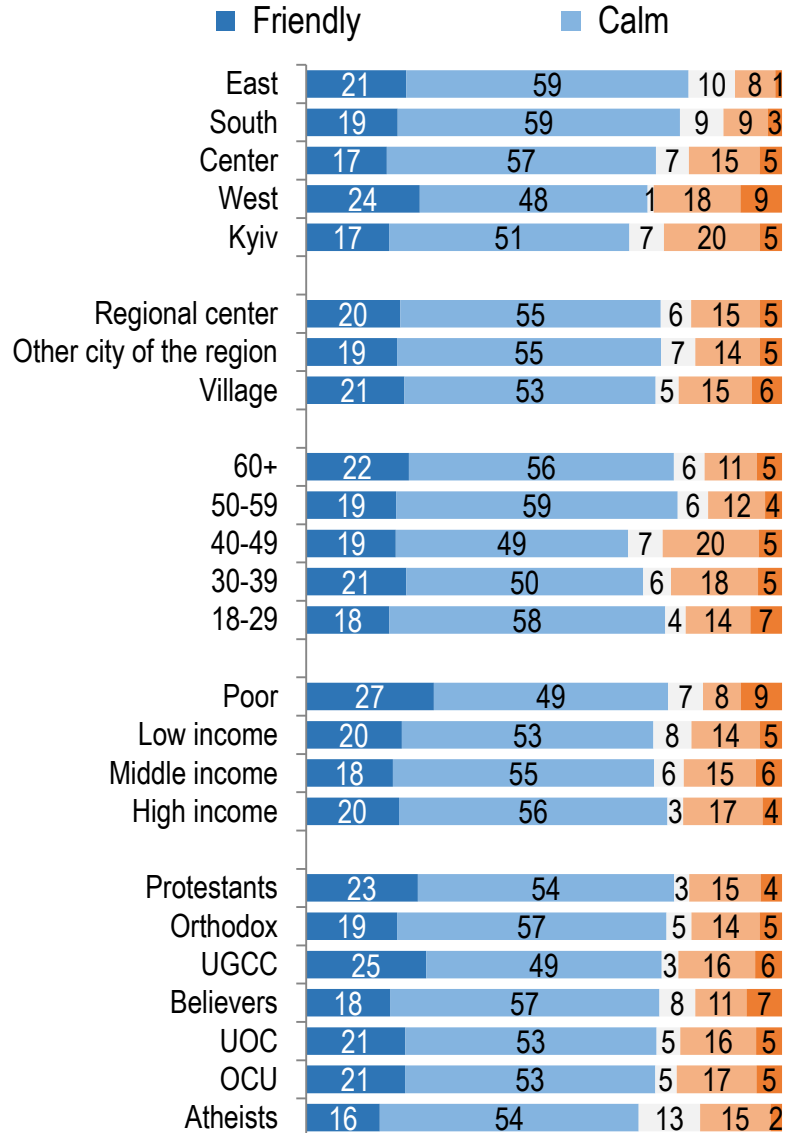
## In your opinion, what are the relations between believers of different churches and religions...

■ Friendly    ■ Calm    ■ Difficult to answer    ■ Tense    ■ Conflictual

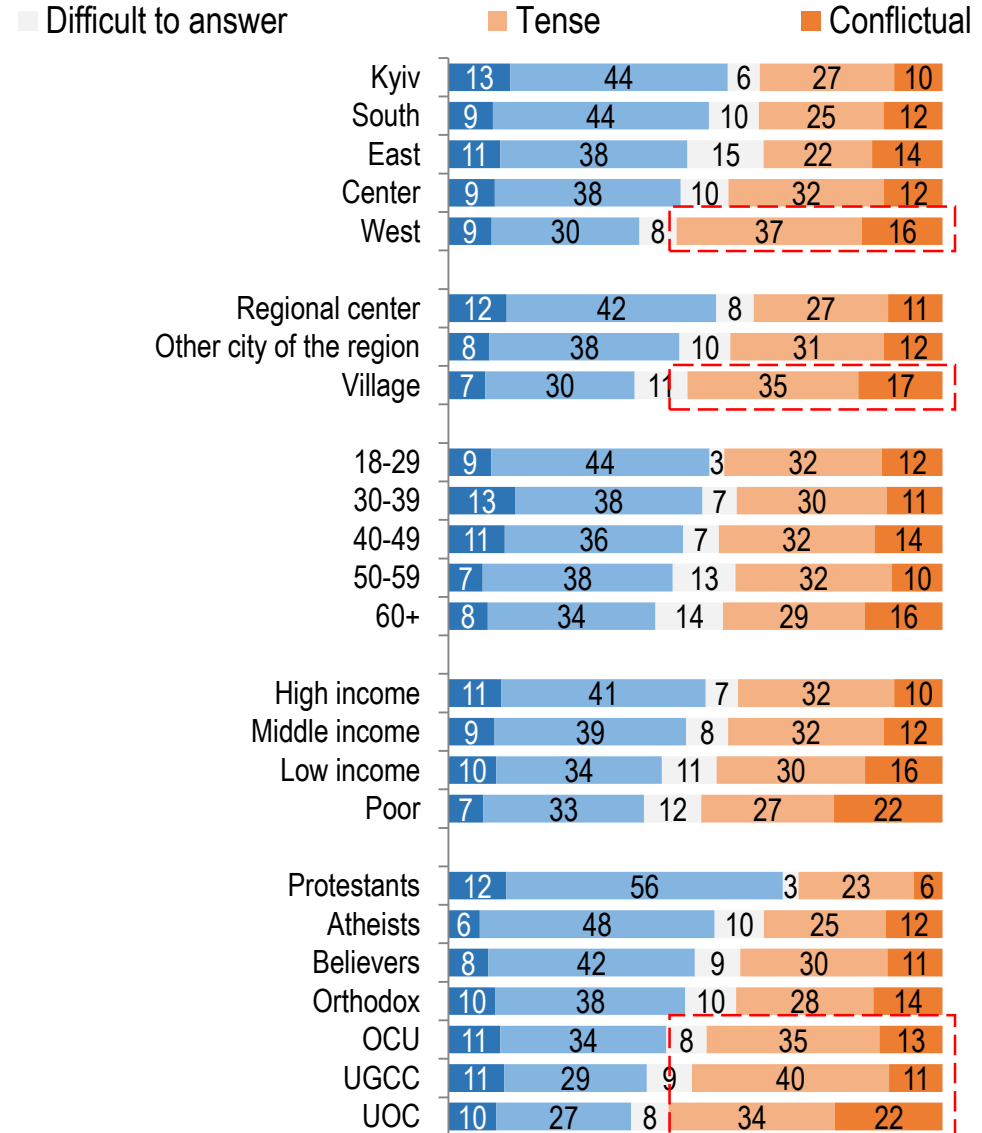


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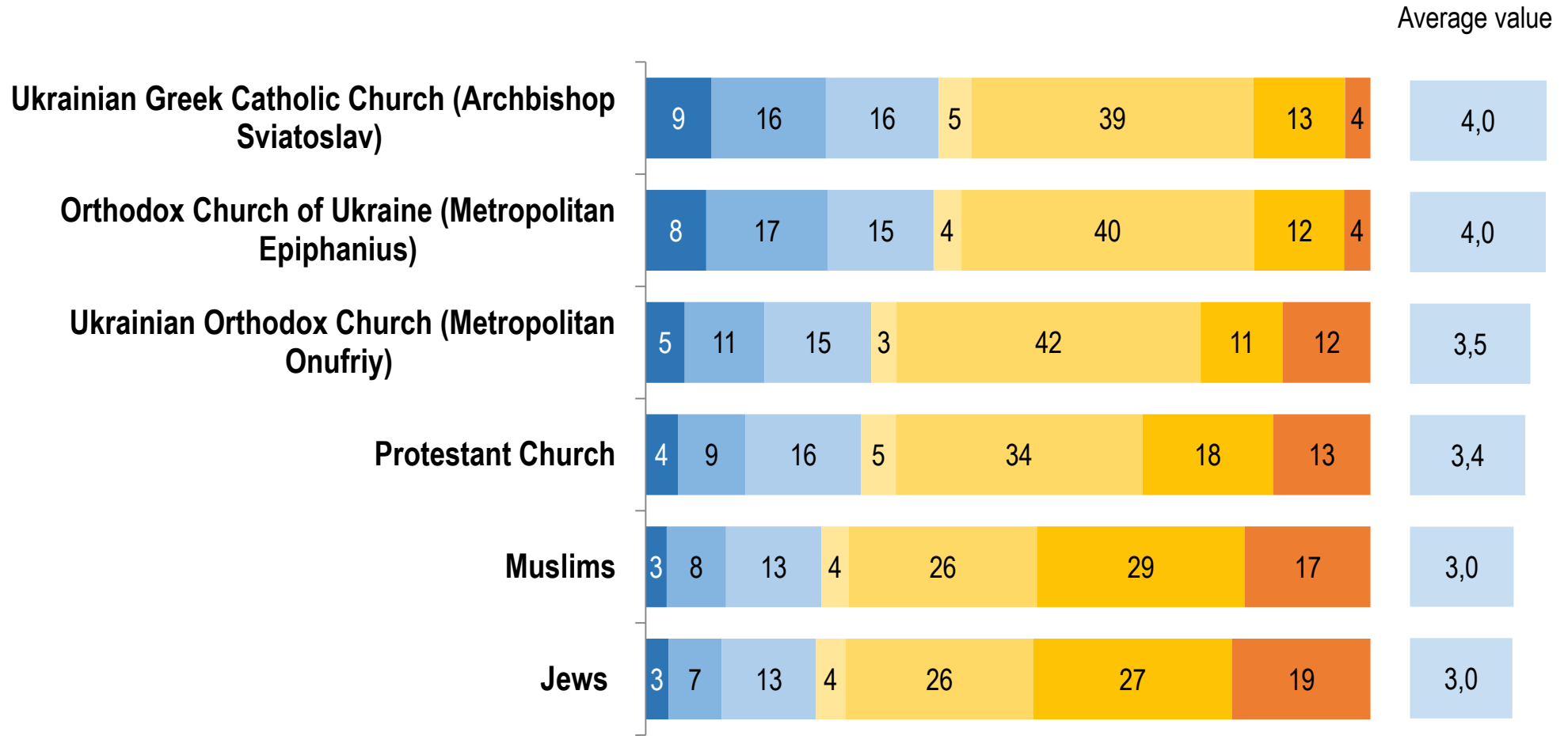


## in Ukraine as a whole?



## How close are you willing to accept believers of the following religions? On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 - I would not allow them into Ukraine, and 7 – As members of my family

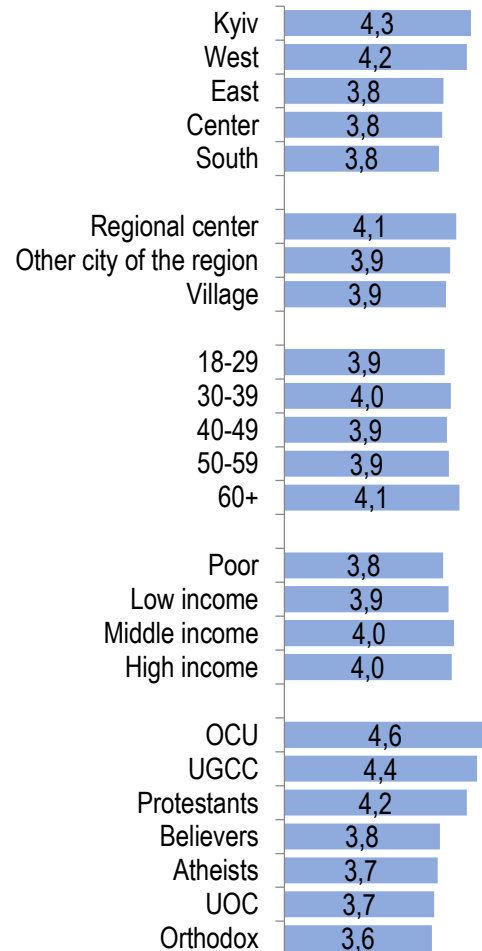
- As members of my family
- As work colleagues
- I would not allow them into Ukraine
- As close friends
- As residents of Ukraine
- As neighbours
- As guests of Ukraine



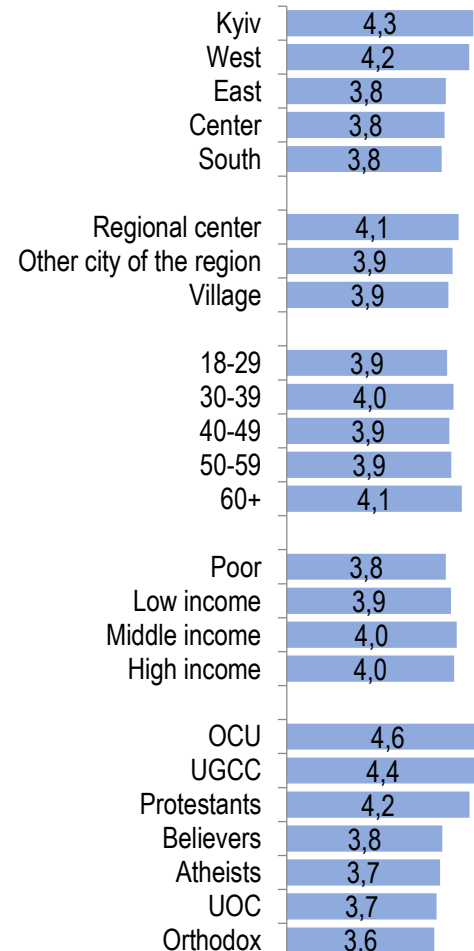
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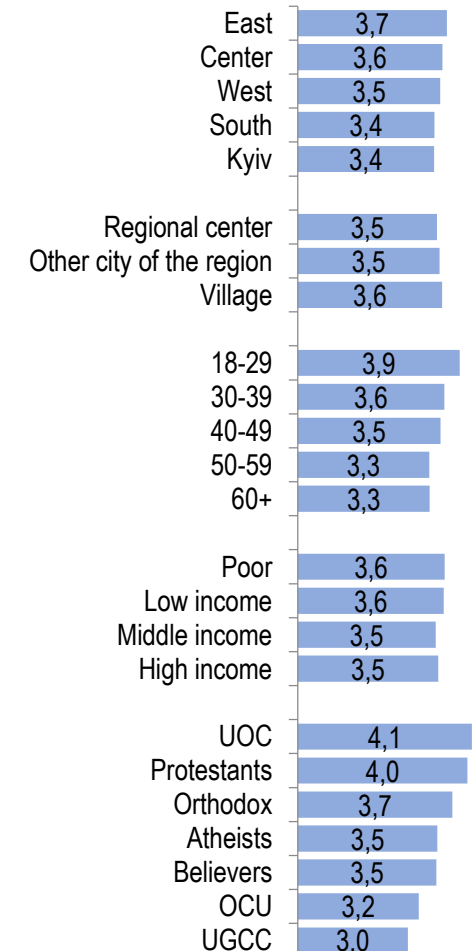
## Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (Archbishop Sviatoslav)



## Orthodox Church of Ukraine (Metropolitan Epiphanius)



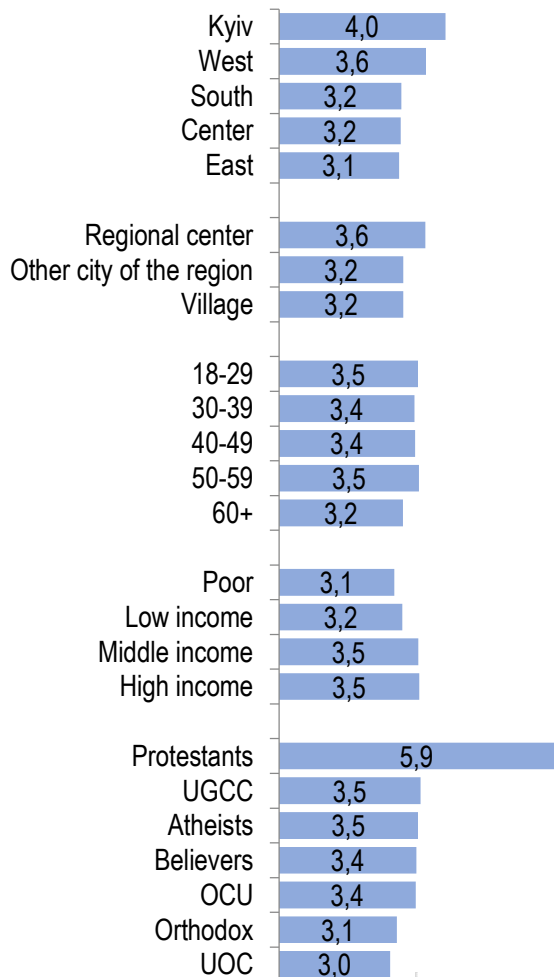
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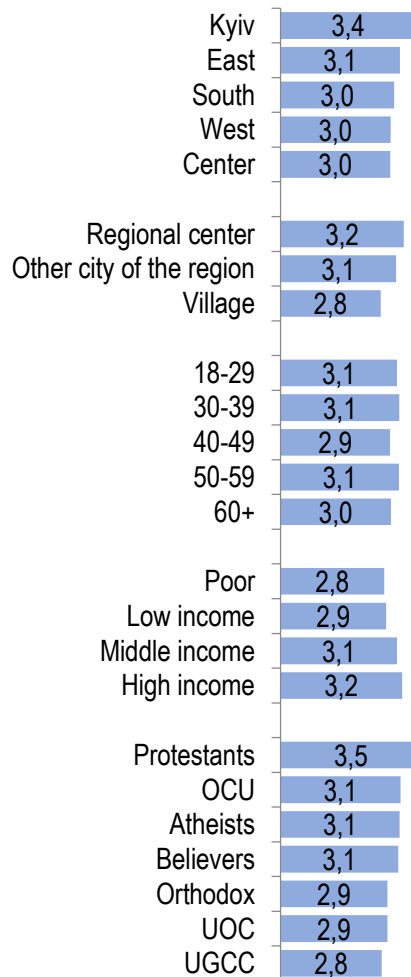
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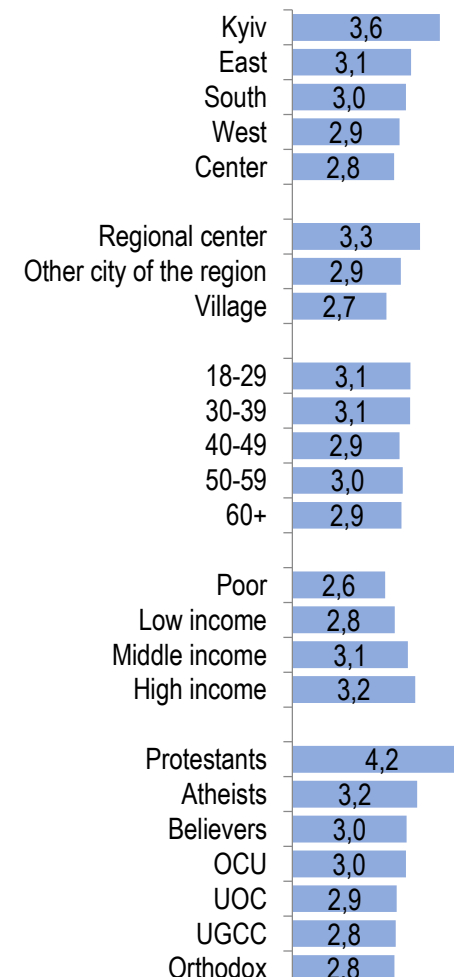
### Protestant Church



### Muslims



### Jews

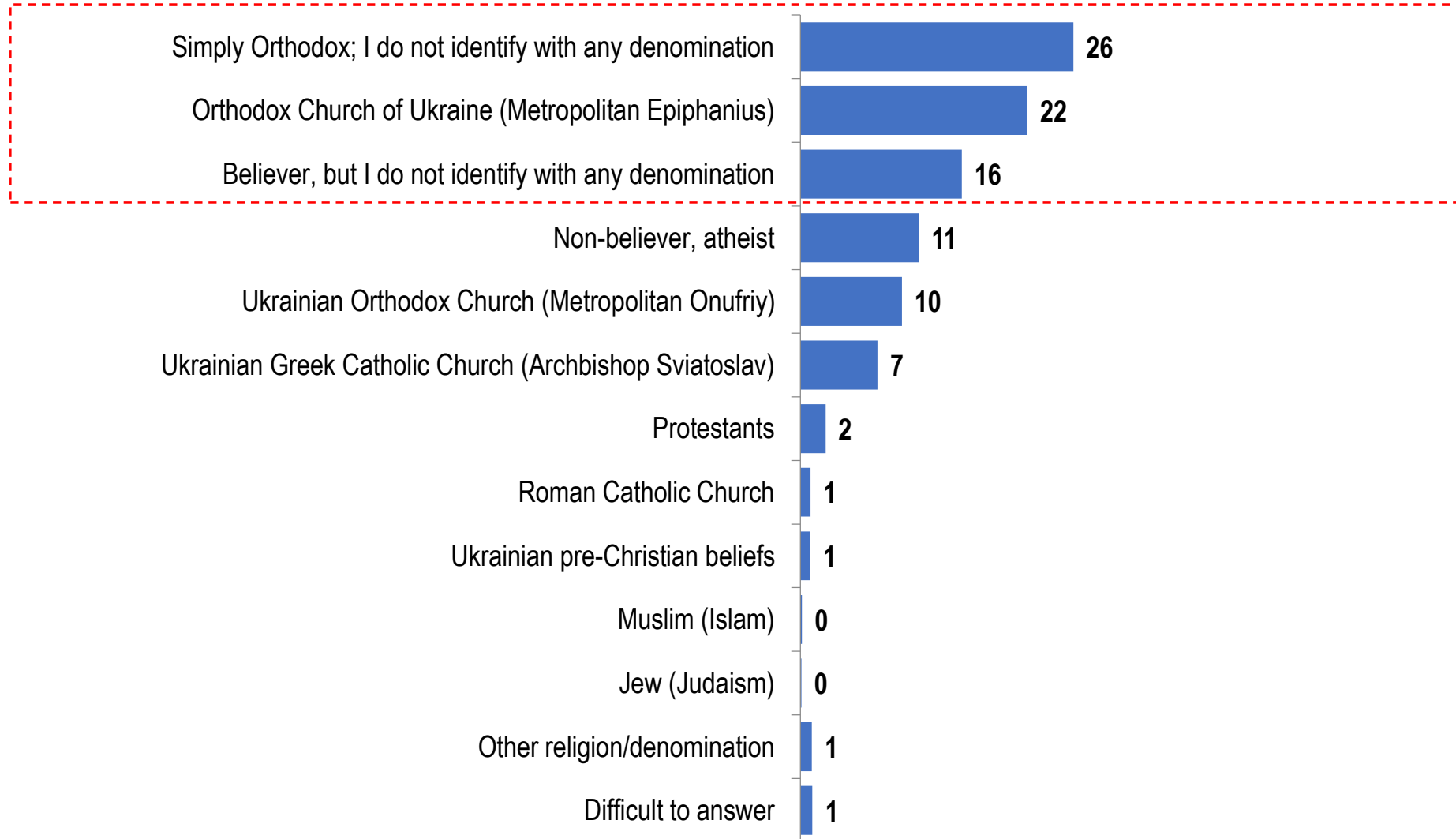


# **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION**

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## Which denomination/religion do you identify with?

ONE ANSWER



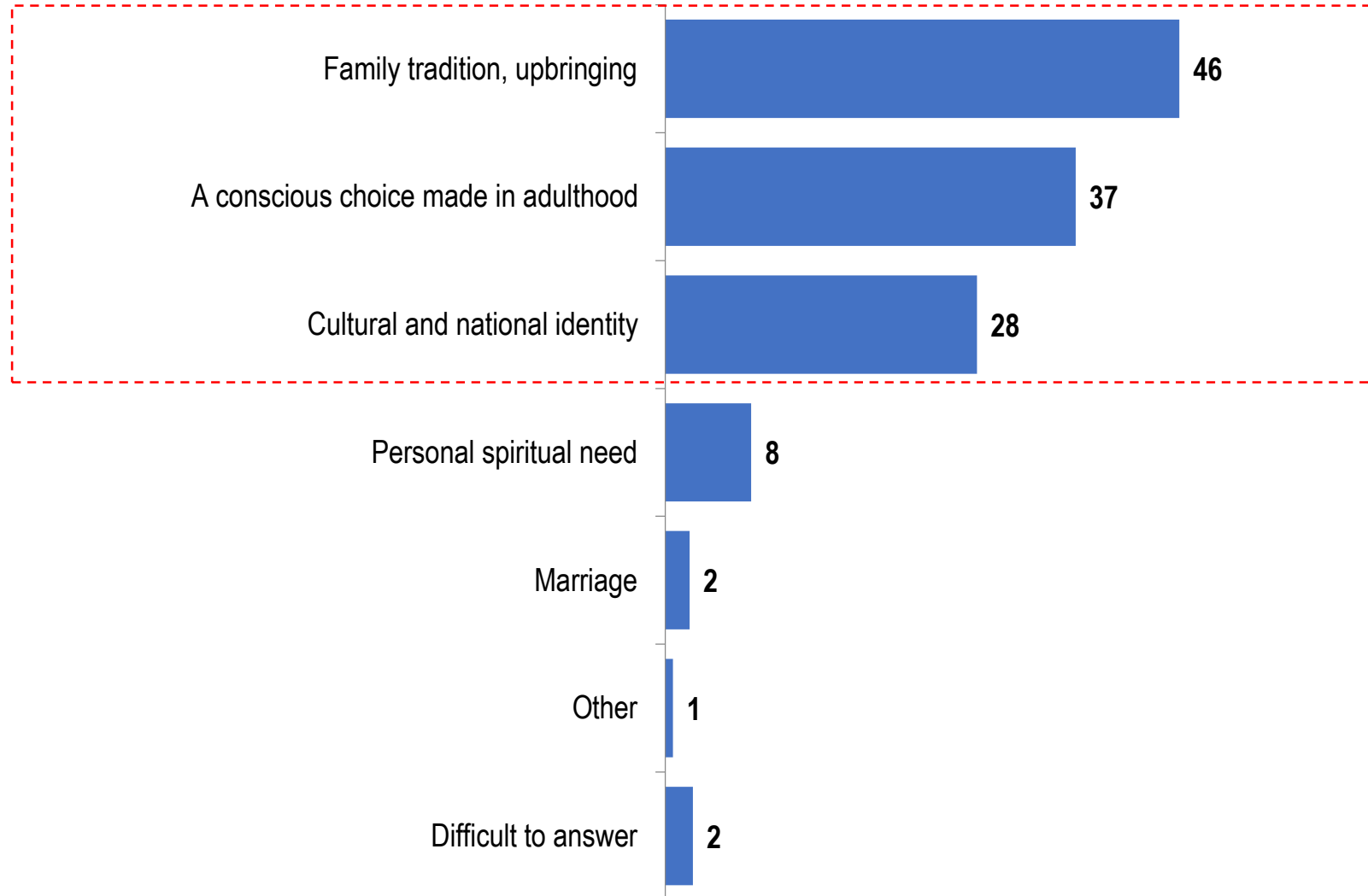
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Simply Orthodox; I do not identify with any denomination	19	26	34	34	24	29	26	24	26	34	29	29	19	25	27	27	25
Orthodox Church of Ukraine (Metropolitan Epiphanius)	26	25	16	15	23	18	24	26	9	16	19	22	35	27	23	23	18
Believer, but I do not identify with any denomination	12	18	17	18	14	14	19	14	19	17	18	18	10	12	15	14	19
Non-believer, atheist	5	10	14	16	23	16	9	7	25	15	8	7	7	6	8	12	17
Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Metropolitan Onufriy)	8	12	11	9	7	7	9	14	7	7	9	9	14	16	12	9	6
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (Archbishop Sviatoslav)	22	2	2		2	8	5	9	6	6	9	8	8	5	7	8	8
Protestants	3	3	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	1
Roman Catholic Church	3	1					1	1		1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
Ukrainian pre-Christian beliefs		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1		1		1	2
Muslim (Islam)				1													
Jew (Judaism)	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2		1	1	1	2	1	1	
Other religion/denomination		1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1		1	1	1	2	1	1	1

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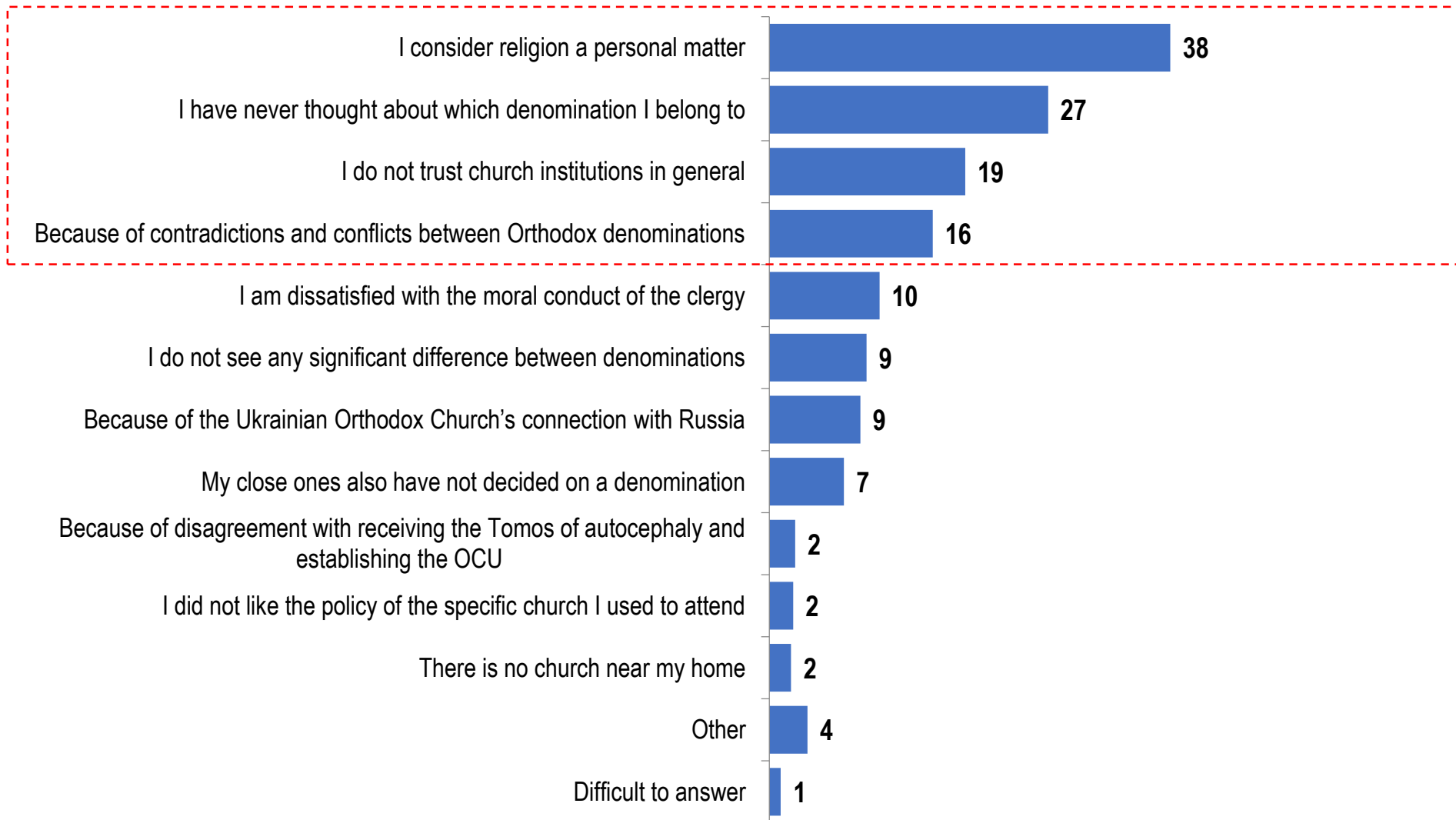
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Family tradition, upbringing	54	41	42	37	53	52	36	48	69	59	49	39	40	39	47	46	49	45	48
A conscious choice made in adulthood	37	37	36	32	38	33	45	34	14	44	43	36	37	36	36	35	42	40	30
Cultural and national identity	23	25	31	48	37	36	24	24	25	33	33	34	24	21	23	32	30	29	25
Personal spiritual need	9	8	5	14	6	8	6	9	12	8	6	6	8	12	6	9	5	7	10
Marriage	3	2	4			1	2	3	4	5	2	2	1	7	1	2	1	1	4
Other		1	2			1		1	1	2			1	2	1			1	
Difficult to answer		5	3	1	1		6	2					5	4	3	3		2	3

## Why do you not identify with any Orthodox denomination?

*Among those who do NOT consider themselves part of the Orthodox denomination ('Simply Orthodox'), n=530*

*UP TO 3 ANSWERS*



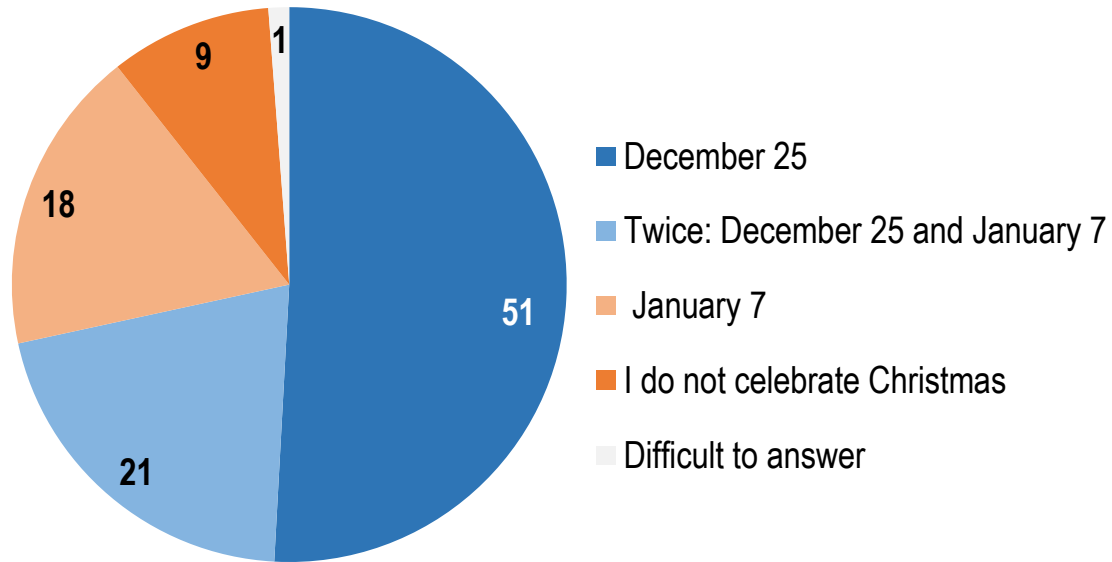
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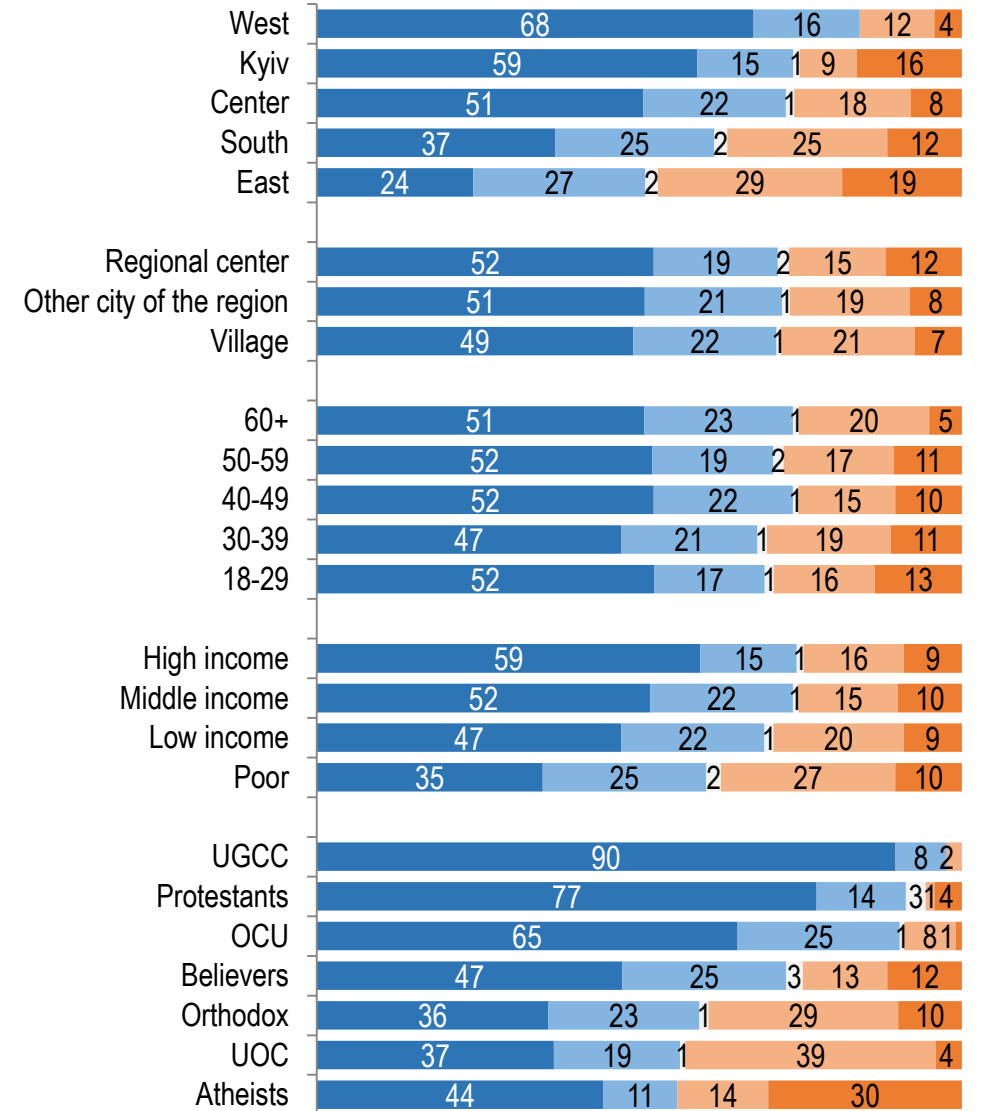
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I consider religion a personal matter	27	38	38	47	55	43	38	31	37	42	48	37	28	30	34	42	41
I have never thought about which denomination I belong to	25	28	28	30	18	22	31	30	30	30	14	30	29	35	31	25	21
I do not trust church institutions in general	16	16	21	15	29	24	20	8	20	17	20	20	17	16	16	17	24
Because of contradictions and conflicts between Orthodox denominations	23	15	15	14	6	14	18	16	18	14	13	17	16	21	15	17	14
I am dissatisfied with the moral conduct of the clergy	14	9	11	8	8	12	8	10	5	9	13	15	12	19	10	7	13
I do not see any significant difference between denominations	8	11	8	9	12	11	7	8	10	11	9	9	7		10	11	10
Because of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church's connection with Russia	10	14	7	5		4	15	10	8	11	9	3	12	14	8	8	9
My close ones also have not decided on a denomination	8	8	6	5	10	6	7	9	16	4	7	4	7	16	7	6	6
Because of disagreement with receiving the Tomos of autocephaly and establishing the OCU	1	2	3	5		3	1	4	3	2	2	2	3	9	1	4	
I did not like the policy of the specific church I used to attend	3	2	1	5	3	1	3	4	1	6	3		1	3	2	3	
There is no church near my home		4	3	2		2	1	4	2	1	4	3	2		4	1	3
Other	4	4	2	4	6	3	4	5	3	5	4	3	2	2	6	2	2
Difficult to answer	1	3	1				2	2	2		1	3	1		1	1	3

## When do you celebrate Christmas?



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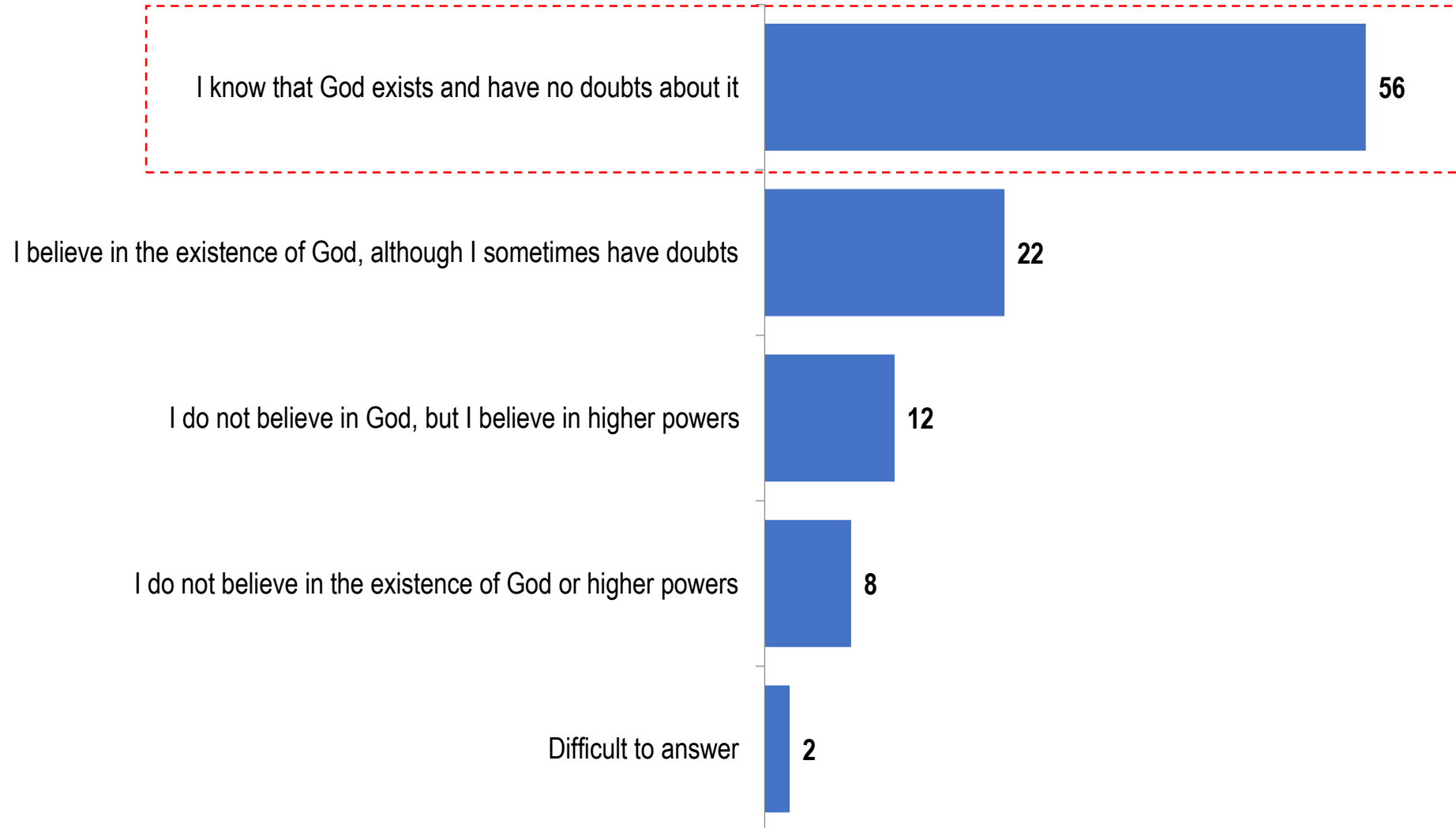


# **RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**

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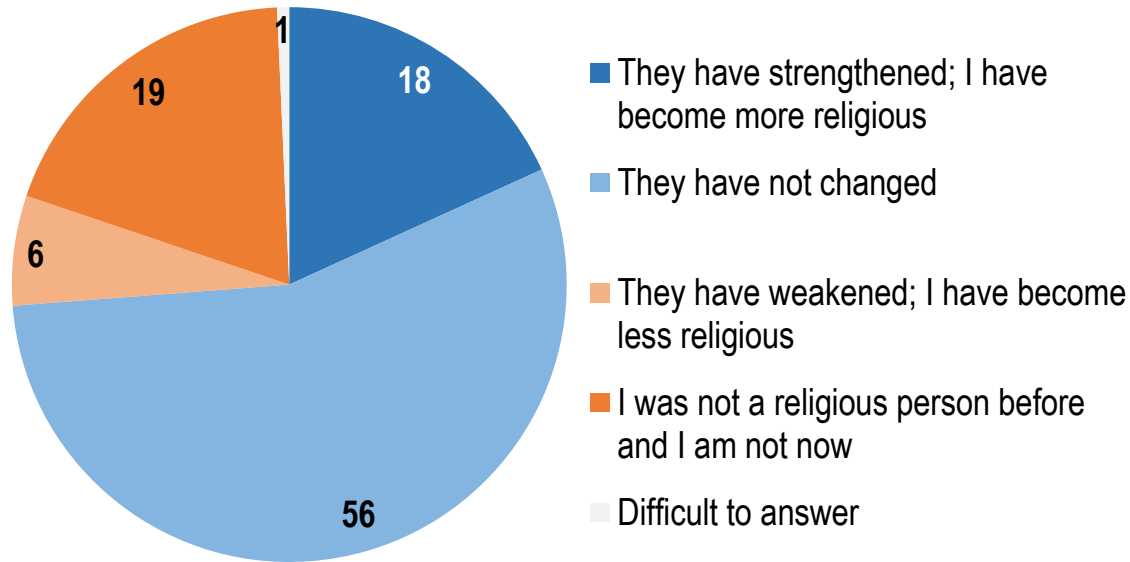


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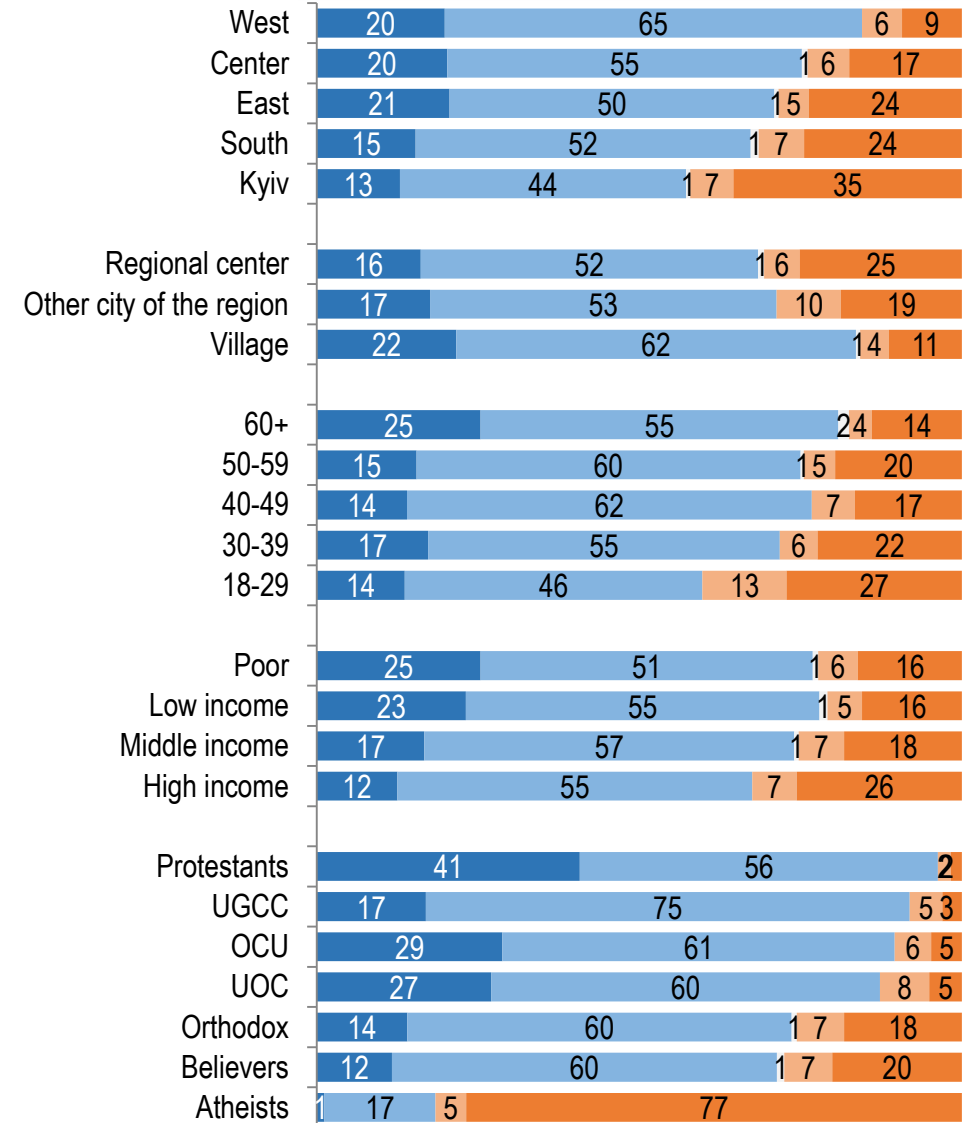
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I know that God exists and have no doubts about it	69	55	47	54	40	49	57	63	34	51	59	59	66	67	65	52	46	65	76	58	73	95	48	3
I believe in the existence of God, although I sometimes have doubts	22	21	25	23	20	22	21	23	31	25	23	17	17	17	18	25	24	26	15	26	20	4	29	11
I do not believe in God, but I believe in higher powers	6	15	13	11	20	14	12	9	14	12	9	15	11	10	9	12	16	8	7	12	3	1	14	30
I do not believe in the existence of God or higher powers	3	6	11	11	17	11	8	4	19	10	6	6	3	4	5	8	13	1	1	3	2		4	53
Difficult to answer	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2		5	3

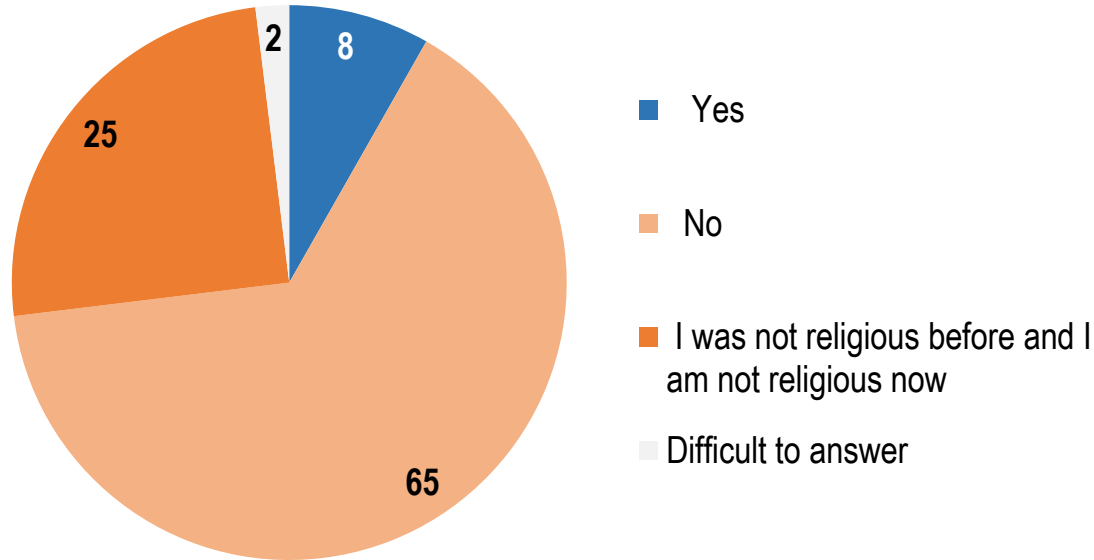
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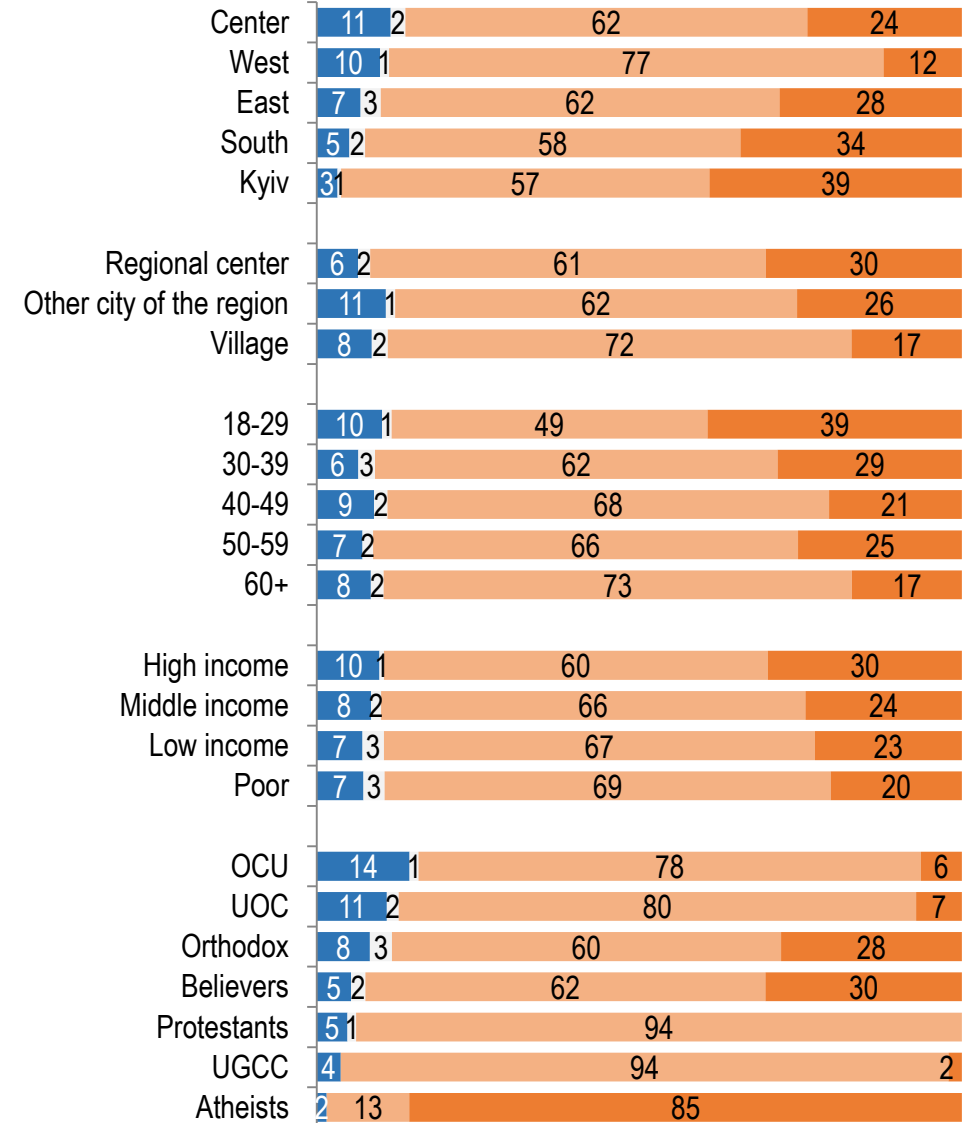
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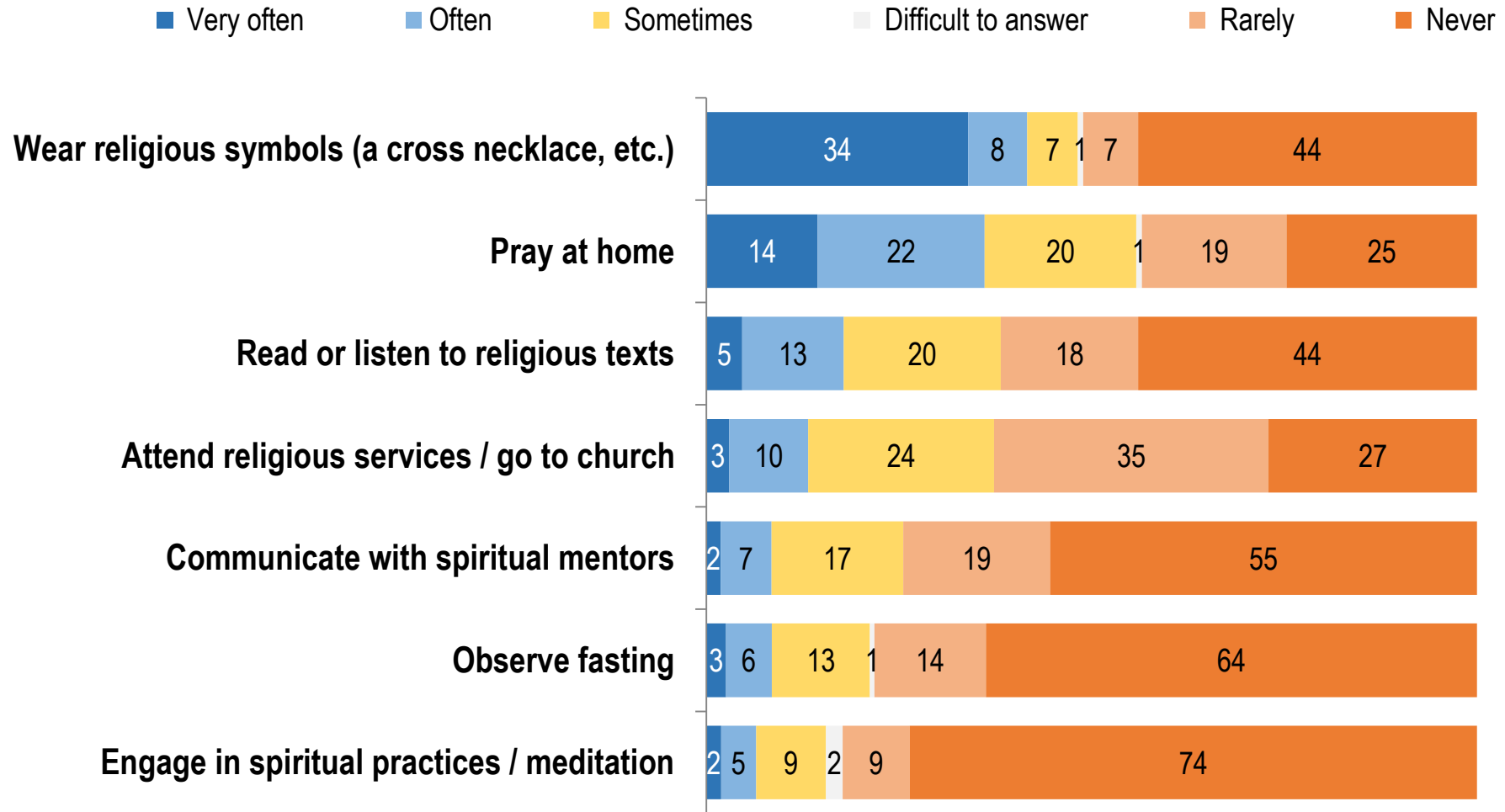
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# **RELIGIOUS PRACTICES**

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## How often do you do the following?



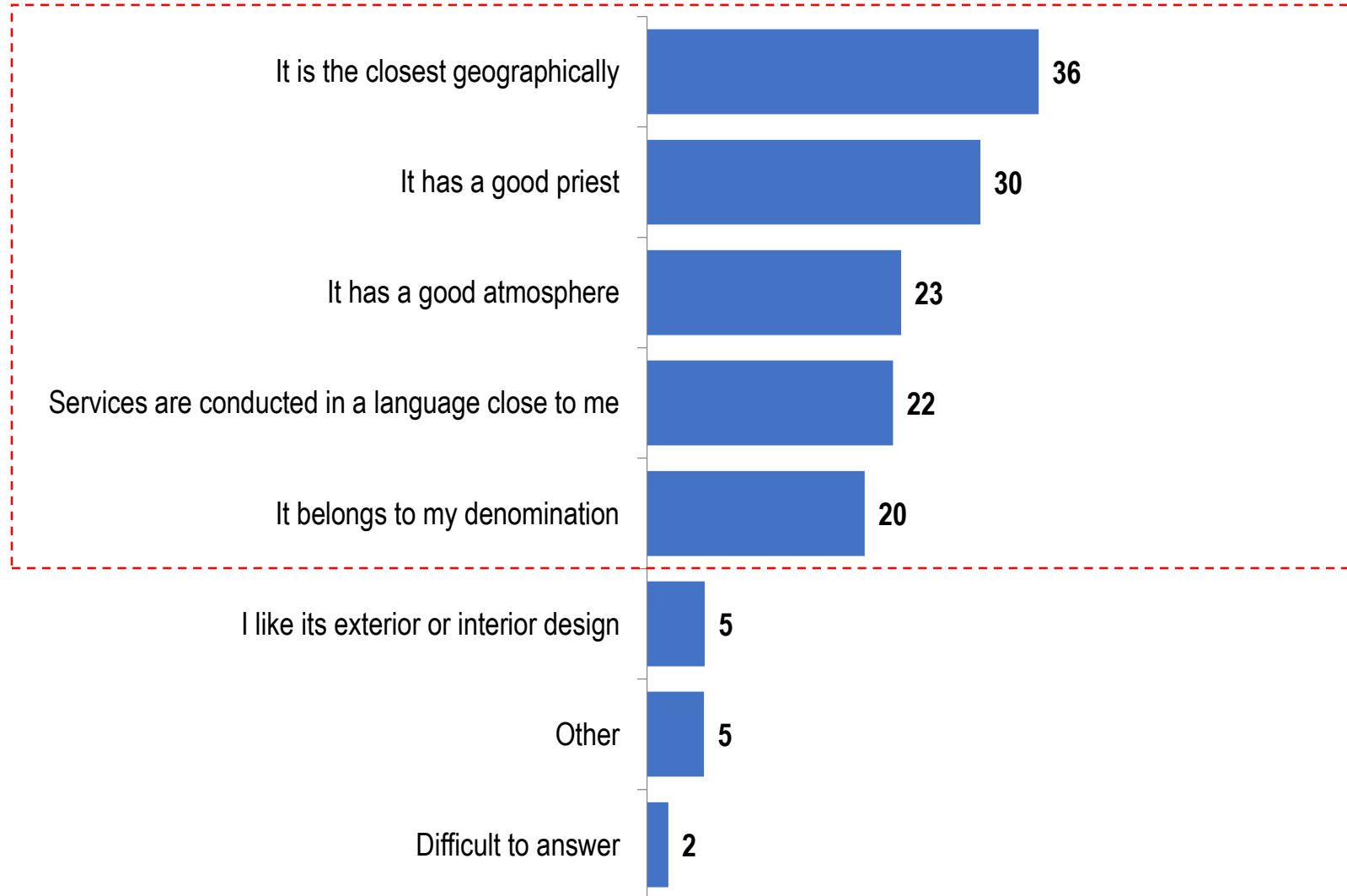
## How often do you do the following?

The sum of responses 'Very often' and 'Often' (%)

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Wear religious symbols (a cross necklace, etc.)	47	43	38	44	28	36	42	50	34	44	42	41	45	48	44	41	39	56	62	45	54	8	31	8
Pray at home	52	34	26	33	23	31	37	43	20	26	31	40	52	48	46	33	27	51	50	29	59	83	23	1
Read or listen to religious texts	29	16	11	13	12	13	19	24	13	11	16	23	22	21	21	17	14	22	21	12	32	76	12	3
Attend religious services / go to church	29	9	5	7	7	10	13	18	10	8	12	16	17	12	14	14	10	18	18	5	41	72	3	
Communicate with spiritual mentors	19	5	4	3	4	7	7	12	10	7	8	8	9	6	9	10	7	10	13	7	26	6	2	2
Observe fasting	15	8	5	4	3	6	7	12	8	6	8	8	11	7	10	10	5	7	15	3	24	45	4	2
Engage in spiritual practices / meditation	9	6	4	4	7	8	5	5	11	5	7	6	4	6	6	6	8	5	4	5	18	17	8	1

## Speaking about the church you attend most often, why did you choose it?

UP TO 2 ANSWERS



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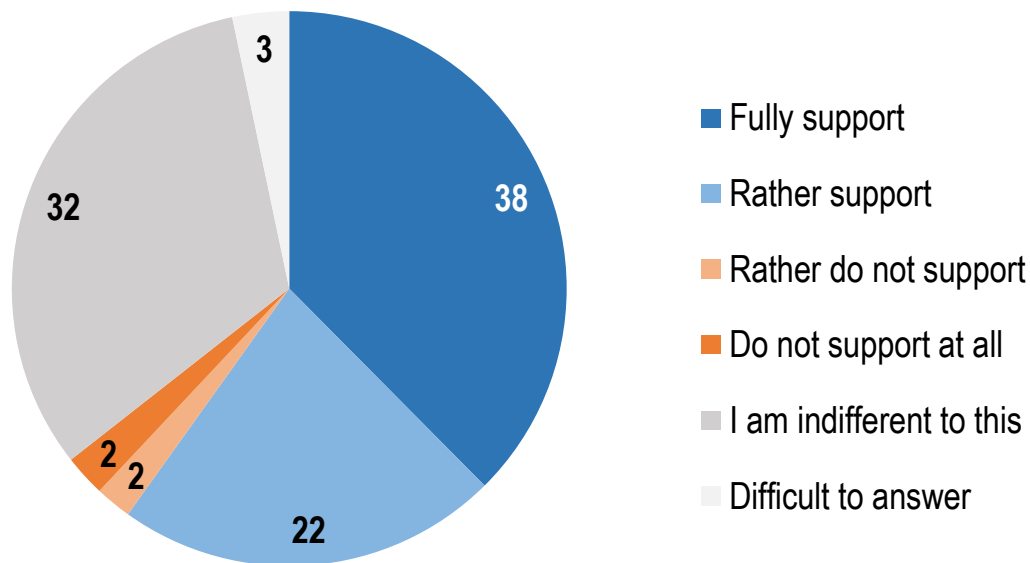
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It is the closest geographically	30	35	45	42	33	36	39	31	41	39	34	23	38	38	35	38	32	32	33	46	28	6	38	39	32	42	43
It has a good priest	31	36	27	26	21	26	31	35	33	33	25	30	31	34	30	30	30	30	40	30	42	18	22	24	33	26	23
It has a good atmosphere	23	21	26	23	26	28	20	19	25	19	26	23	22	20	23	22	26	23	24	22	18	35	27	16	23	22	29
Services are conducted in a language close to me	28	24	15	14	18	19	23	25	18	23	22	26	23	19	23	25	18	37	22	15	21	22	16	10	28	14	9
It belongs to my denomination	30	16	9	11	25	18	18	23	16	18	22	24	20	16	16	21	23	24	23	8	45	56	9	4	23	15	11
I like its exterior or interior design	3	3	9	6	10	7	5	3	11	8	6	3	2	2	2	6	8	2	1	6	3	2	10	22	4	6	13
Other	5	6	4	4	8	5	5	5	4	5	5	6	6	3	6	4	7	4	4	6	4	9	7	9	5	6	6
Difficult to answer	2	1	1	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	3	4	2	2	2	1	3	2	1		2	5	2	3	2

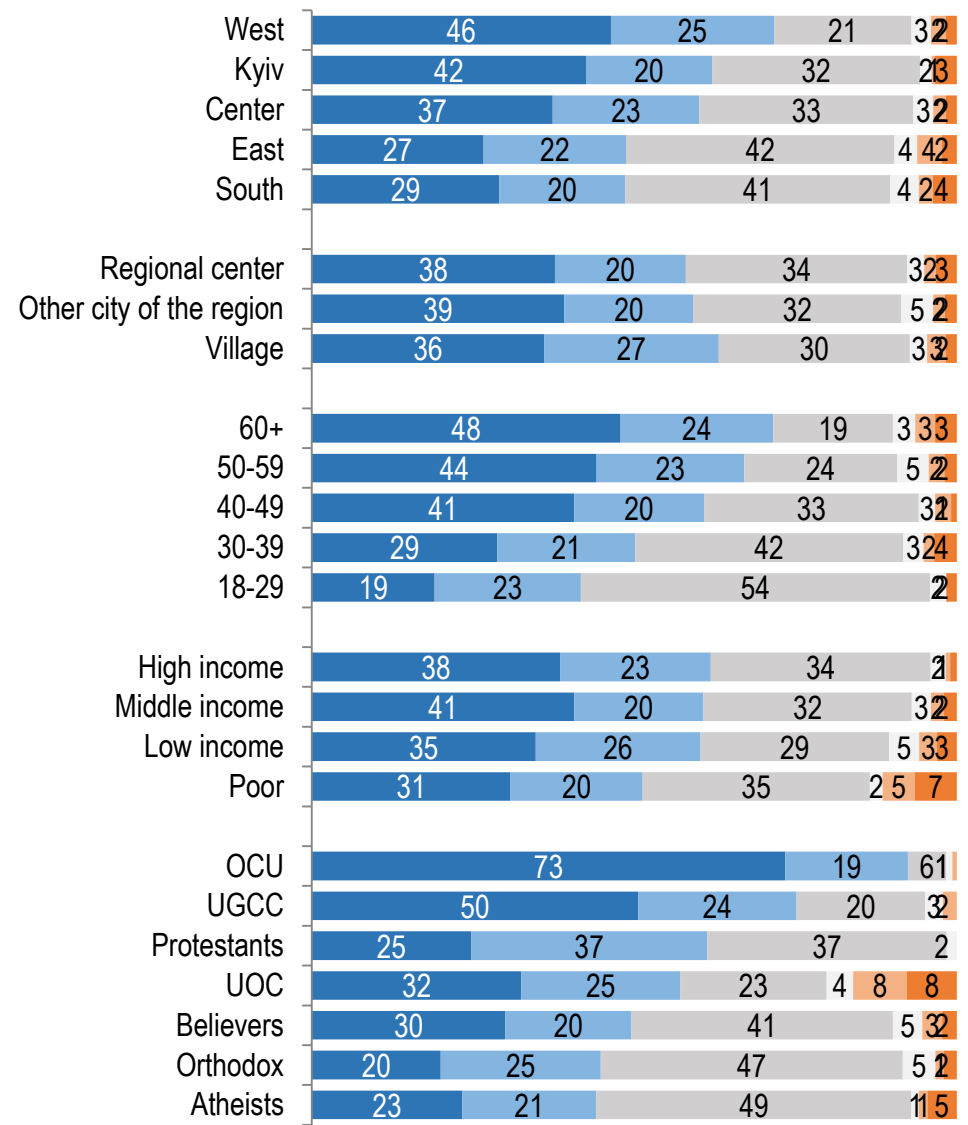
# **RELIGIOUS SITUATION IN UKRAINE**

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## In 2018, the unified Local Church - the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (Metropolitan Epiphanius) - was established. What is your attitude towards this?

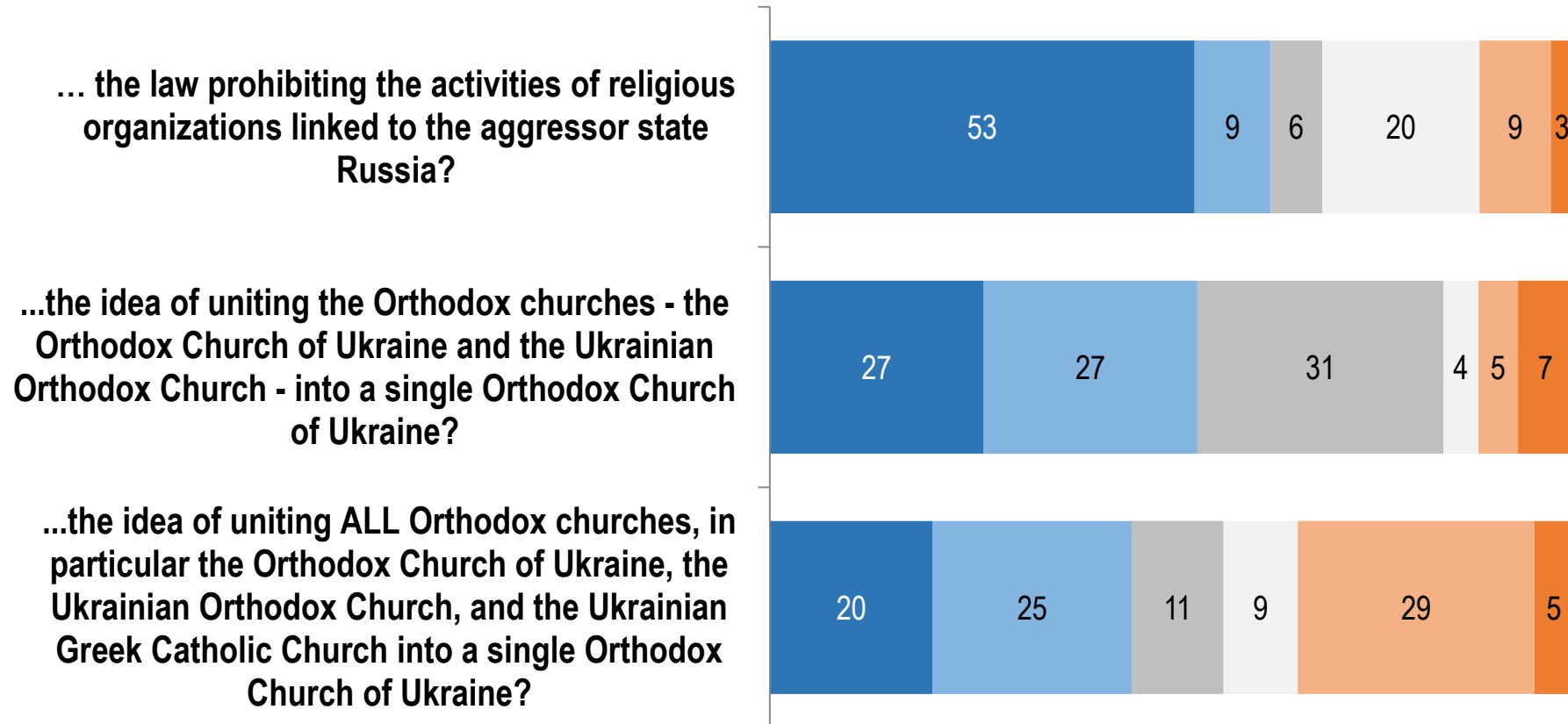


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## What is your attitude towards...

■ Fully support 
 ■ Rather support 
 ■ I am indifferent to this 
 ■ Difficult to answer 
 ■ Rather do not support 
 ■ Do not support at all

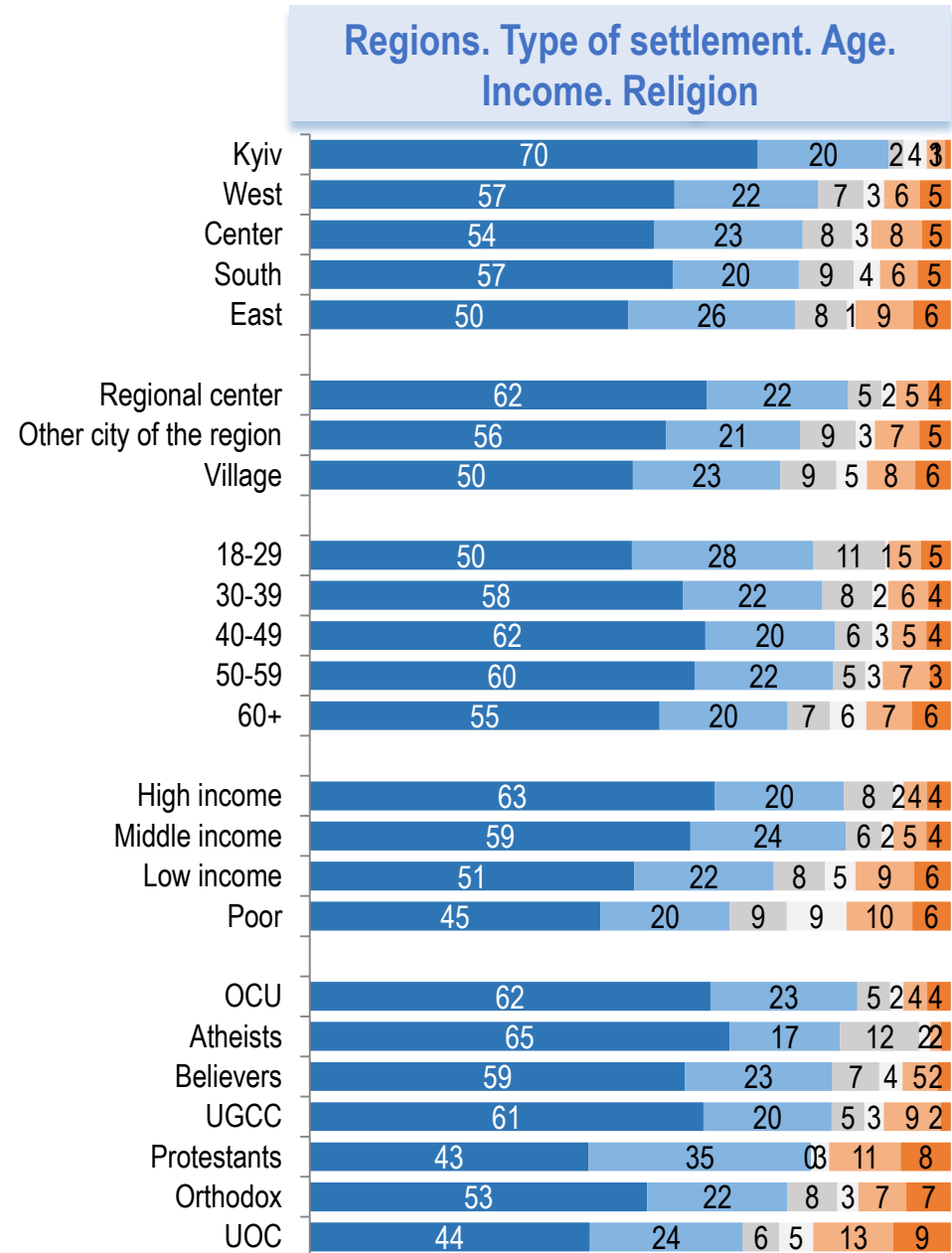
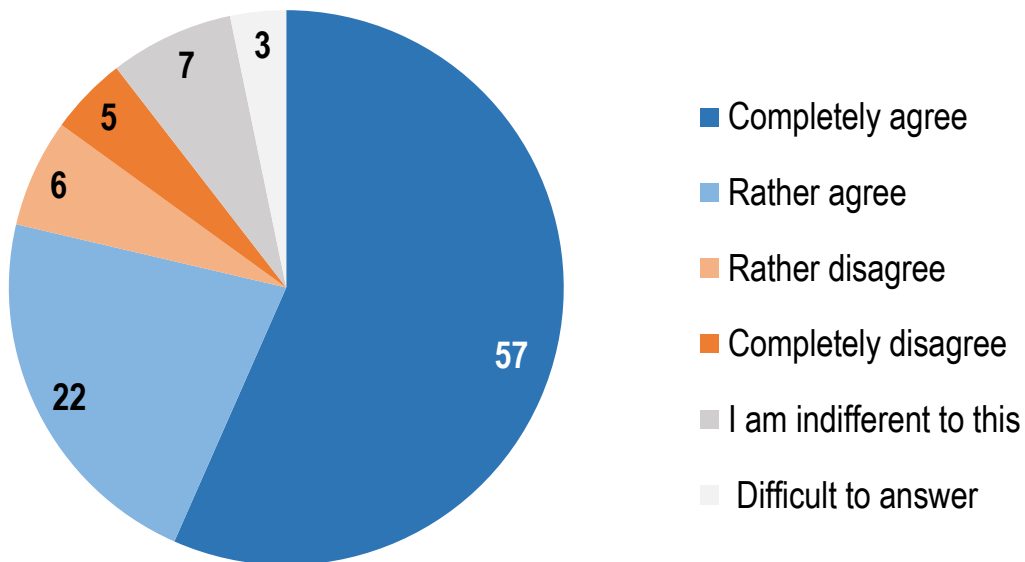


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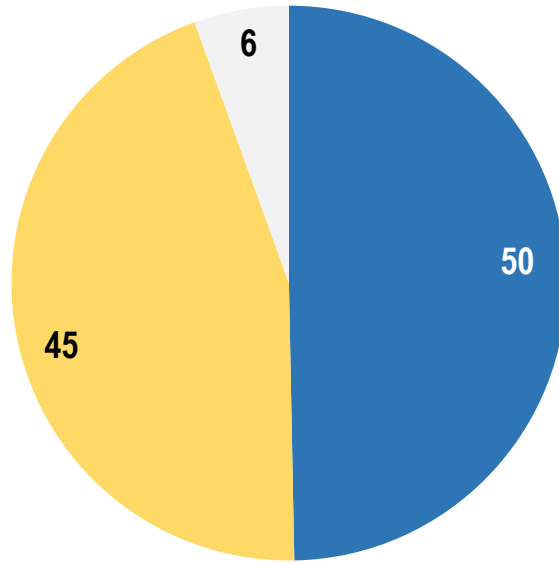
*The sum of responses 'Fully support' and 'Rather support' (%)*

REGIONS. TYPE OF SETTLEMENT. AGE. INCOME. RELIGION	West	Center	South	East	Kyiv	Regional center	Other cities	Villages	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Poor	Low income	Middle income	High income	OCU	UOC	Orthodox	UGSS	Protestants	Believers	Atheists
	... the law prohibiting the activities of religious organizations linked to the aggressor state Russia?	65	61	58	54	78	68	61	55	64	65	67	62	57	44	53	68	70	69	43	56	70	70	67
...the idea of uniting the Orthodox churches - the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church - into a single Orthodox Church of Ukraine?	63	53	48	47	44	52	50	57	34	45	51	60	66	53	60	51	49	70	69	50	61	42	42	33
...the idea of uniting ALL Orthodox churches, in particular the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church into a single Orthodox Church of Ukraine?	56	45	38	39	35	42	43	51	29	35	41	51	58	54	50	43	40	64	55	39	57	27	35	25

## To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement that the state should regulate relations with religious organizations if they violate the law or threaten Ukraine's sovereignty?

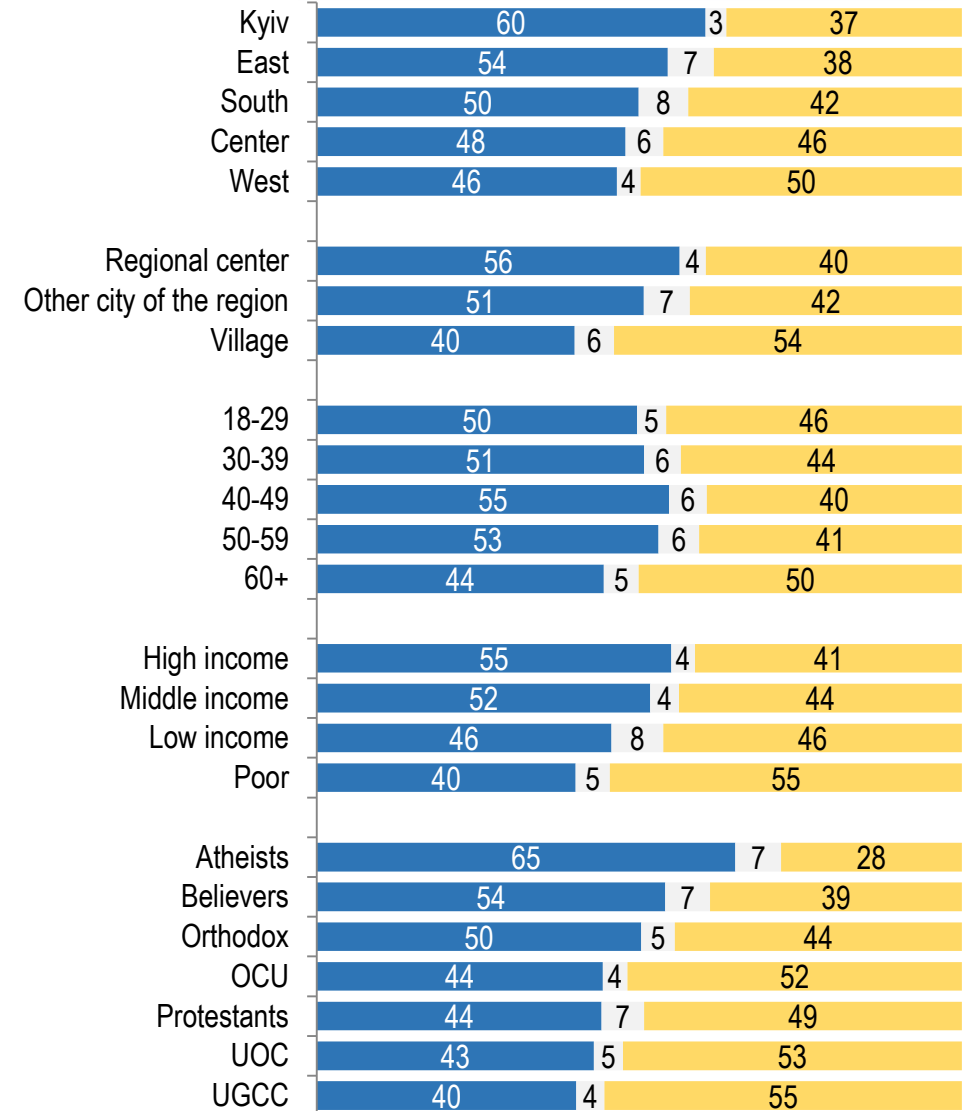


## Which of these statements is closer to your views?

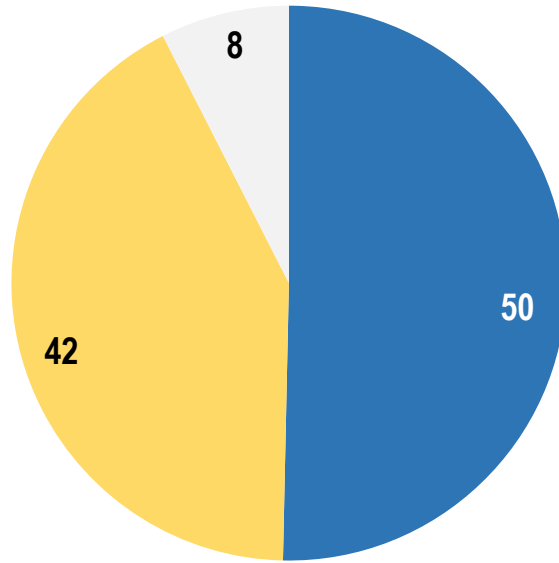


- The Church and religious organizations in Ukraine should be separated from the state
- The state should actively cooperate with the Church and religious organizations in Ukraine
- Difficult to answer

### Regions. Type of settlement. Age. Income. Religion

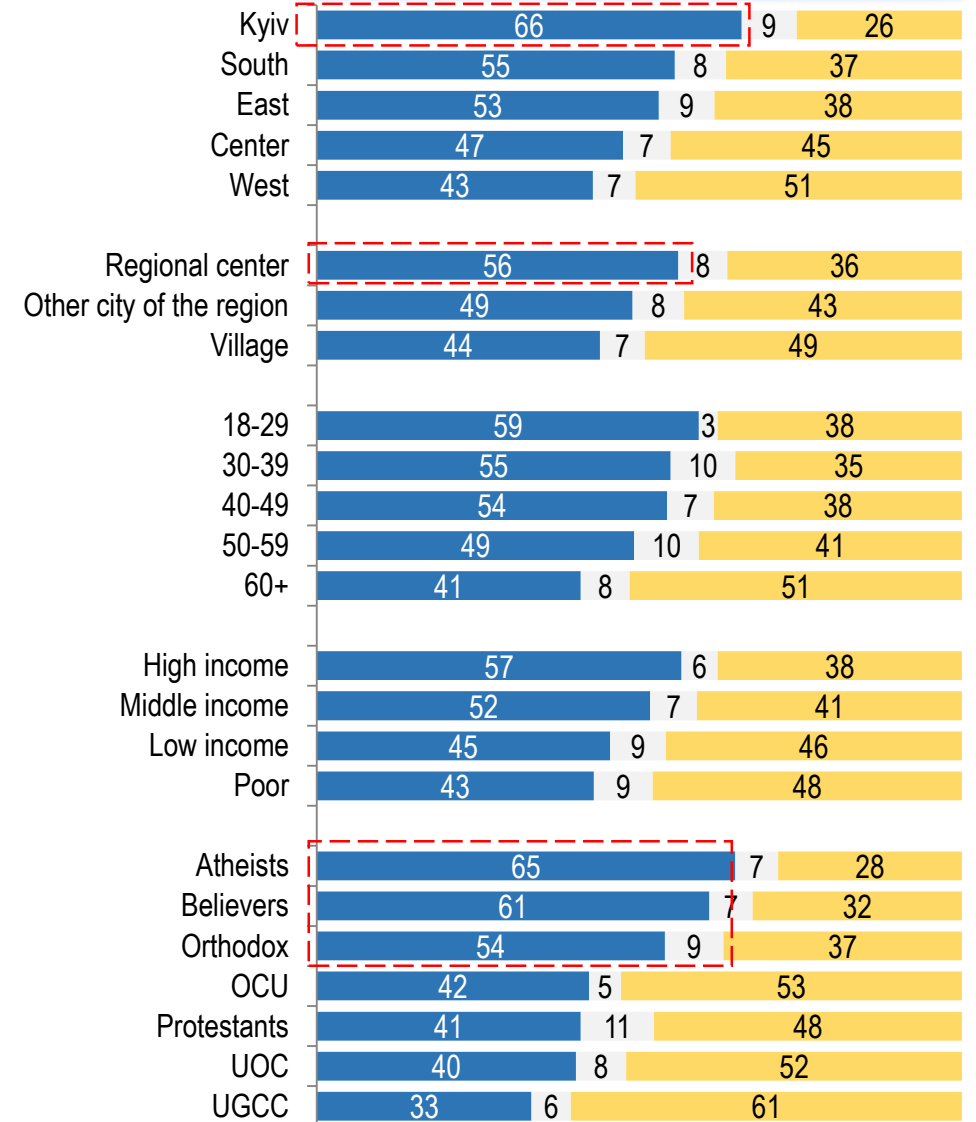


## Which of the following statements best reflects your views?

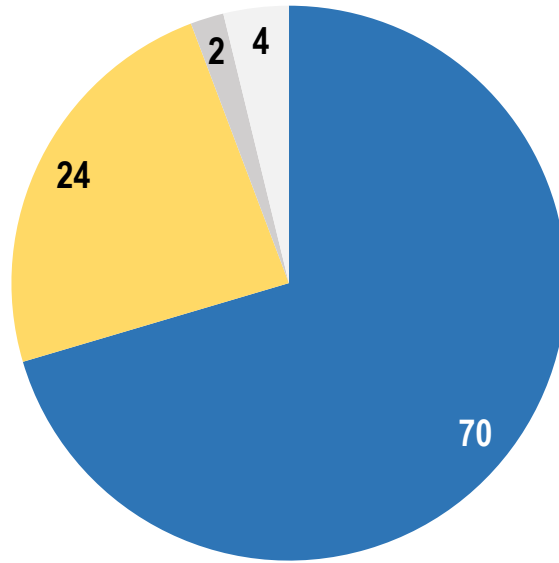


- It is better for everyone when society consists of people with different beliefs
- It is better for everyone when society consists of people with the same beliefs
- Difficult to answer

### Regions. Type of settlement. Age. Income. Religion

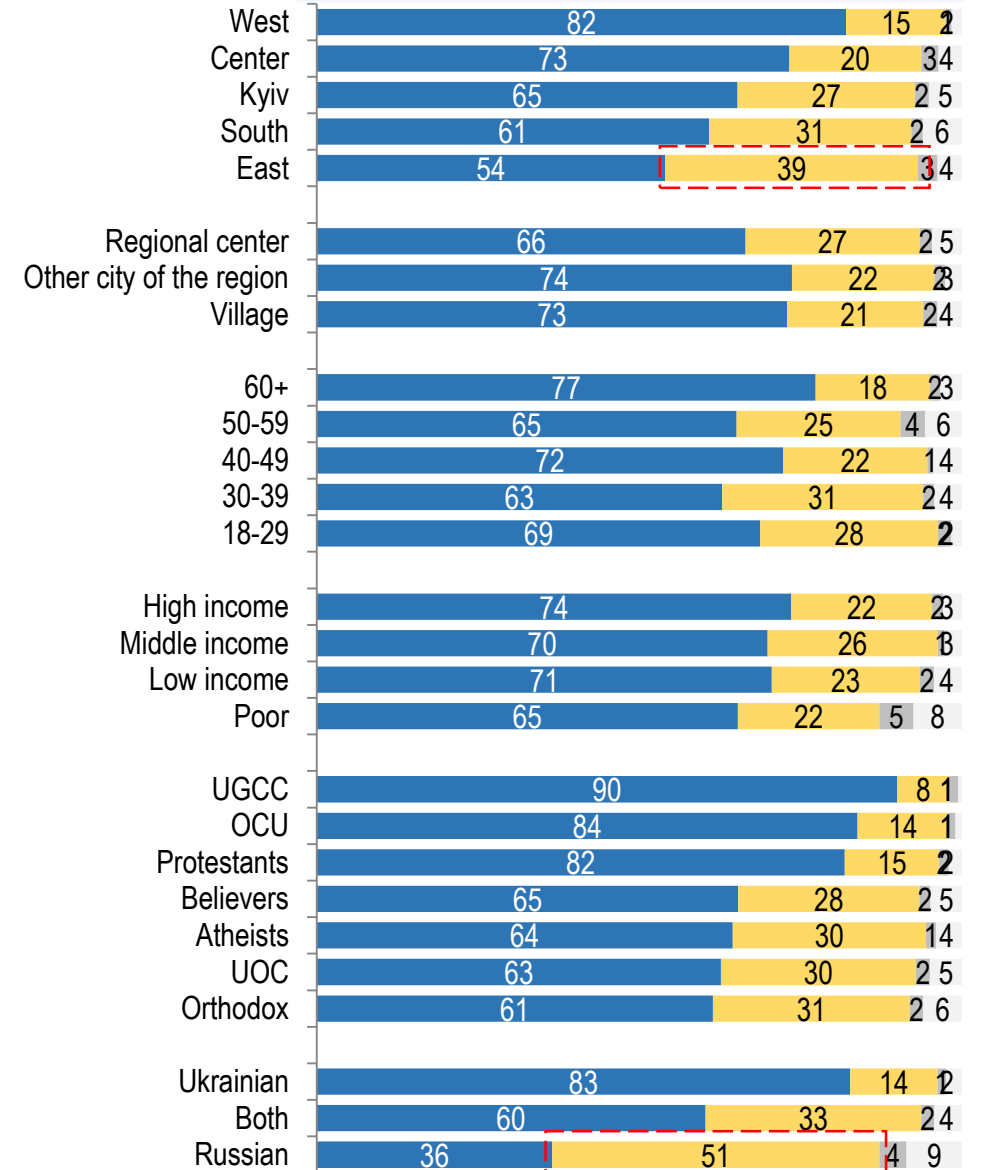


## In your opinion, what should be the language of religious services in Ukraine?

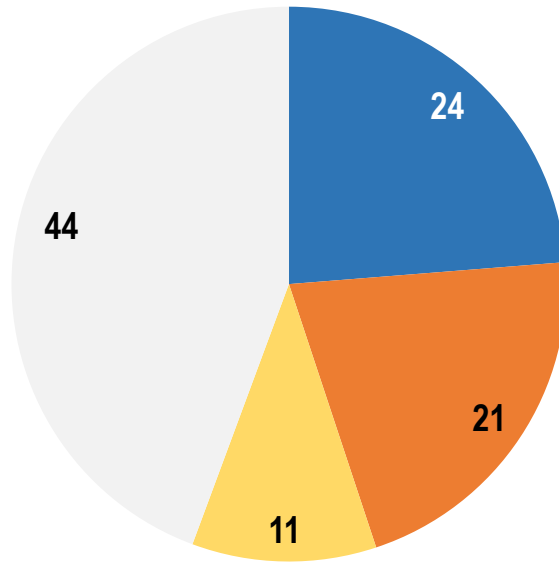


- Ukrainian
- The language traditional for the denomination
- Other
- Difficult to answer

### Regions. Type of settlement. Age. Income. Religion. Language of communication at home

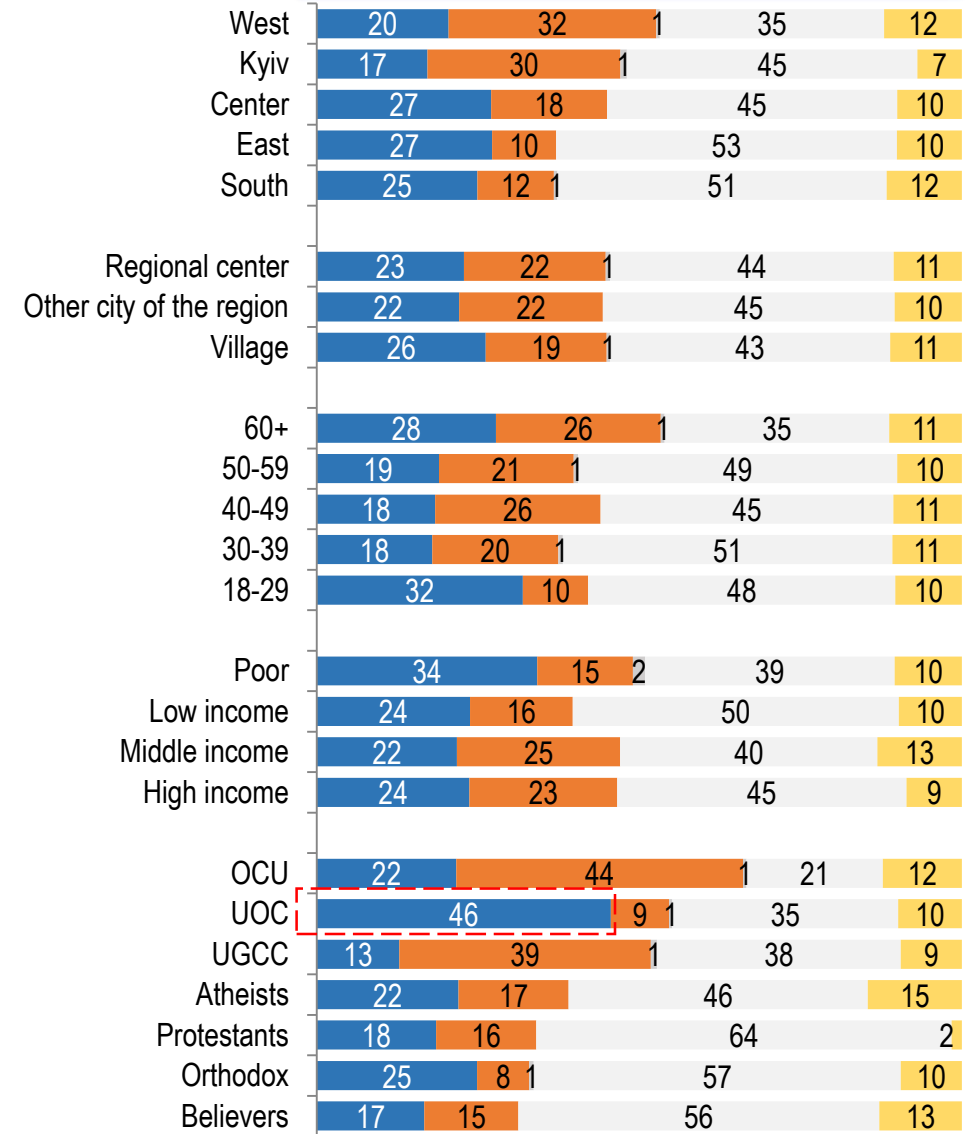


## In your opinion, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Metropolitan Onufriy) is:

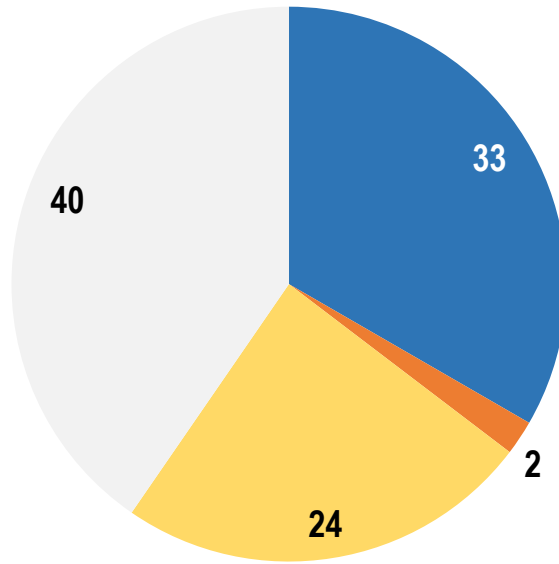


- An independent Ukrainian church
- A church of the Moscow Patriarchate
- A church subordinated to the Ecumenical Patriarch
- Other
- Difficult to answer

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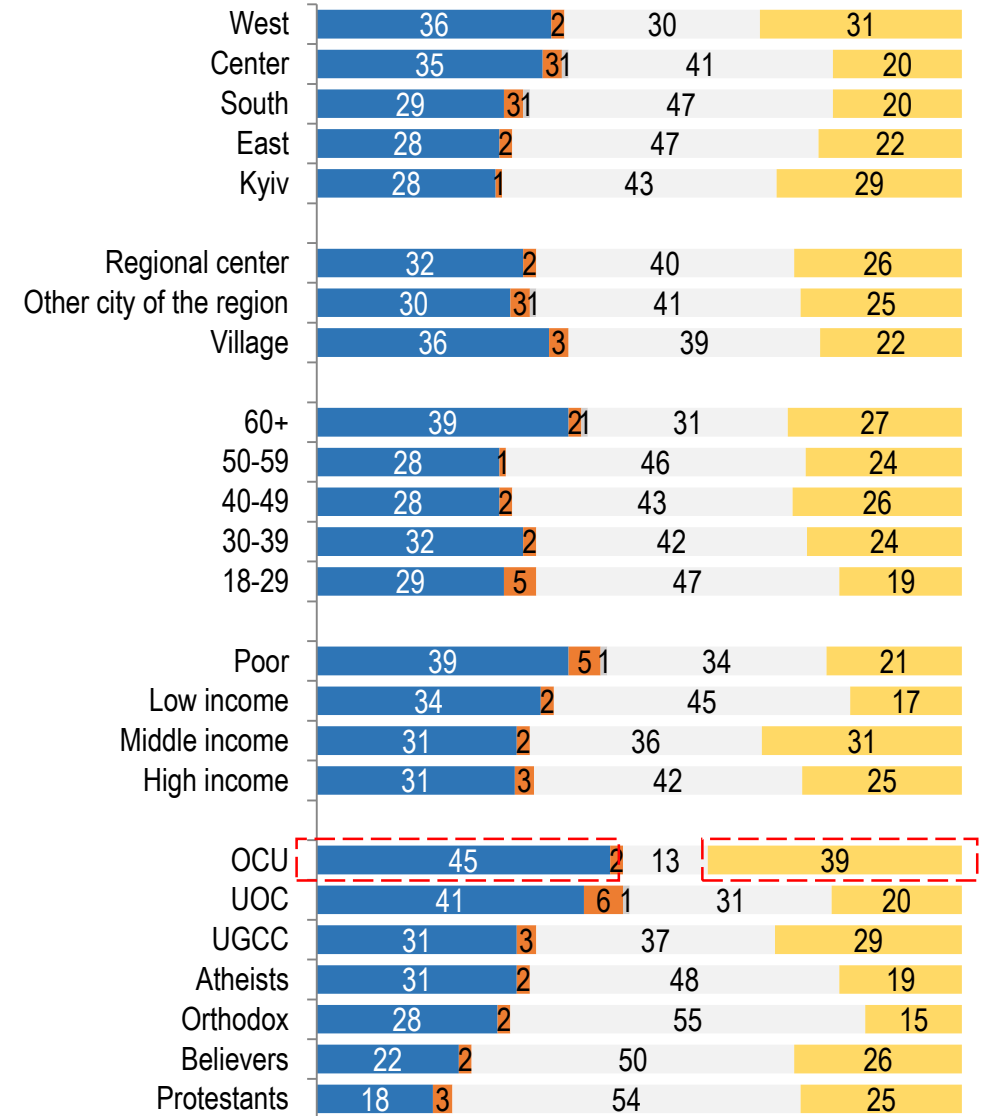


## In your opinion, the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (Metropolitan Epiphanius) is:

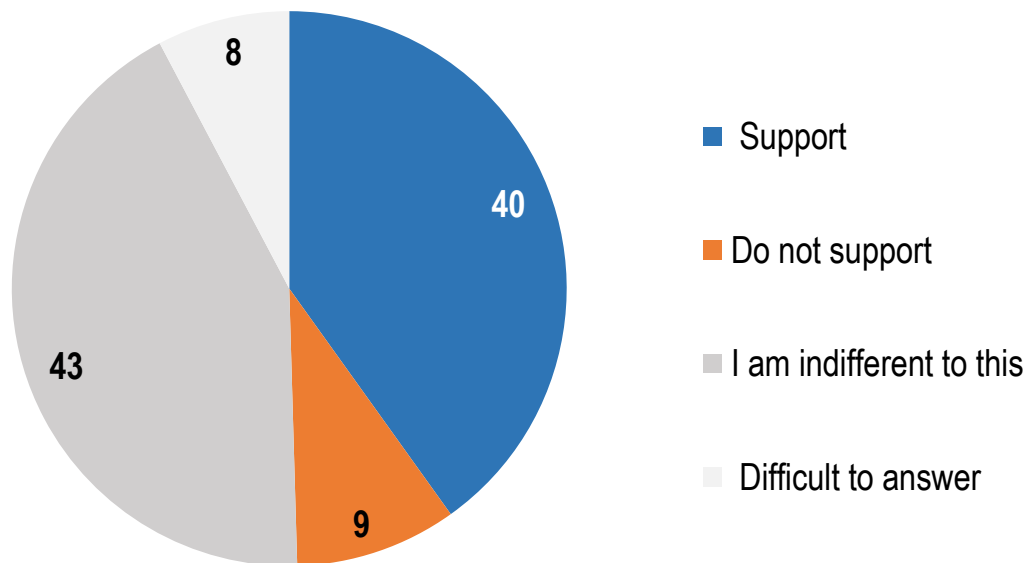


- An independent Ukrainian church
- A church of the Moscow Patriarchate
- A church subordinated to the Ecumenical Patriarch
- Other
- Difficult to answer

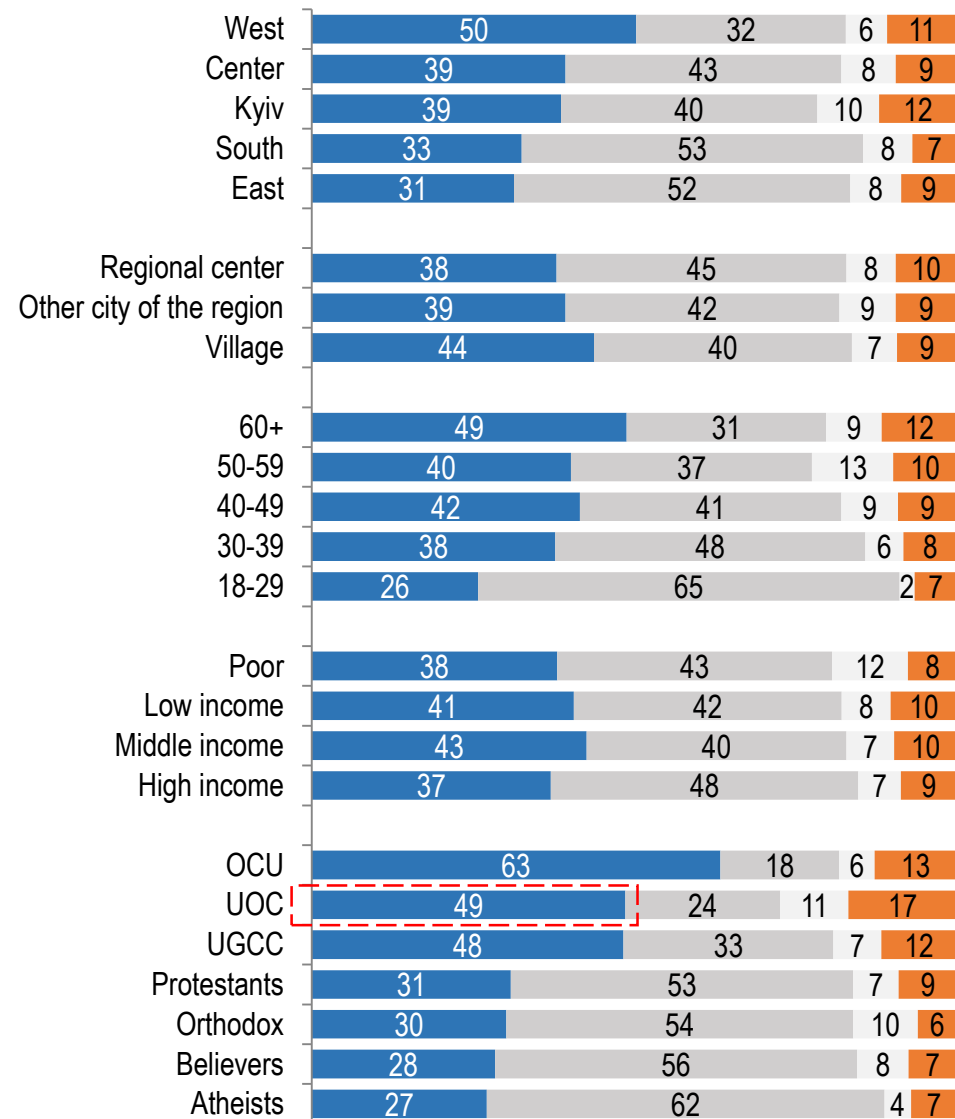
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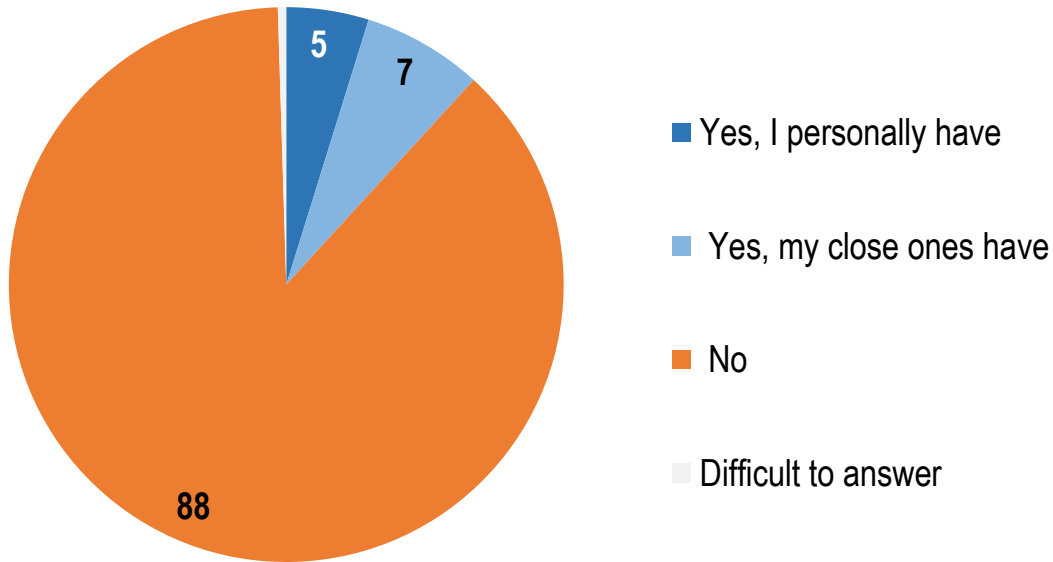
## Do you support churches of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Metropolitan Onufriy) transferring to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (Metropolitan Epiphanius)?



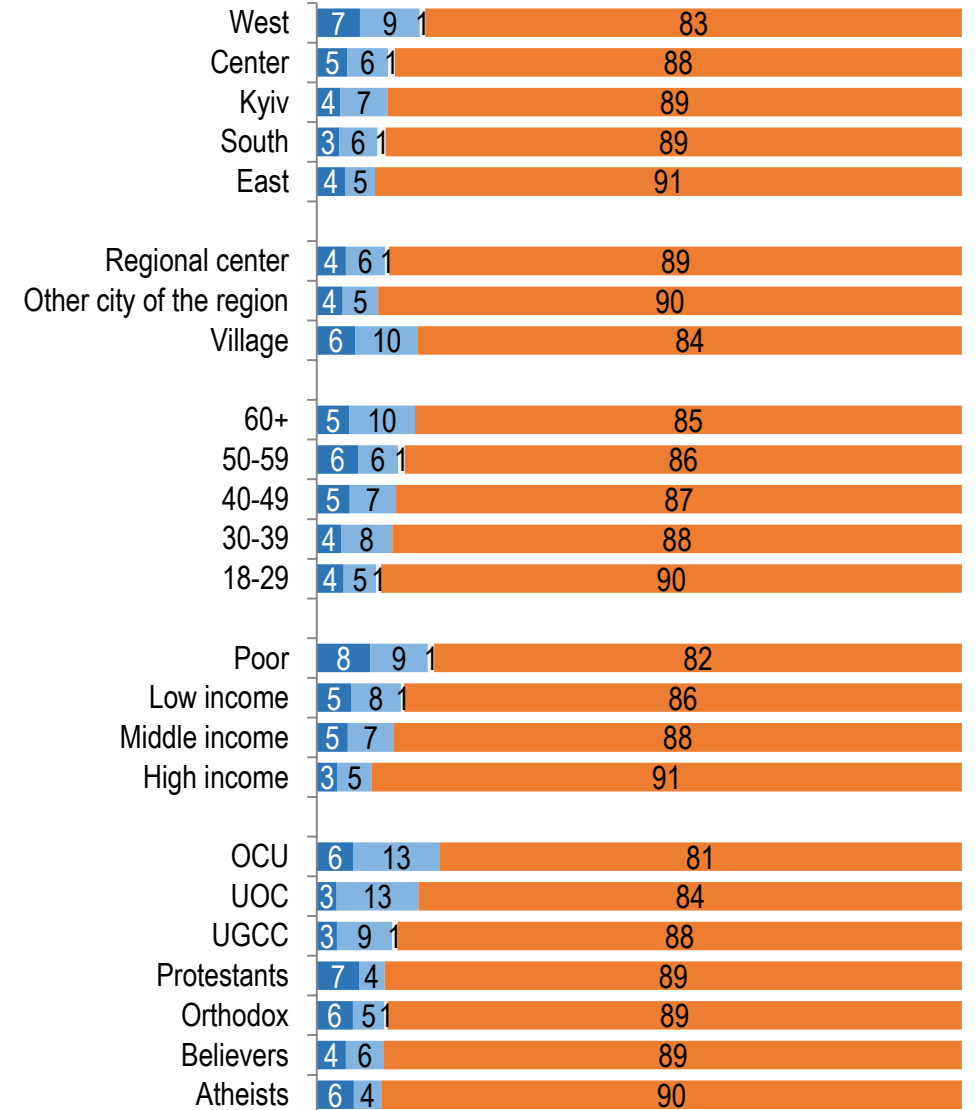
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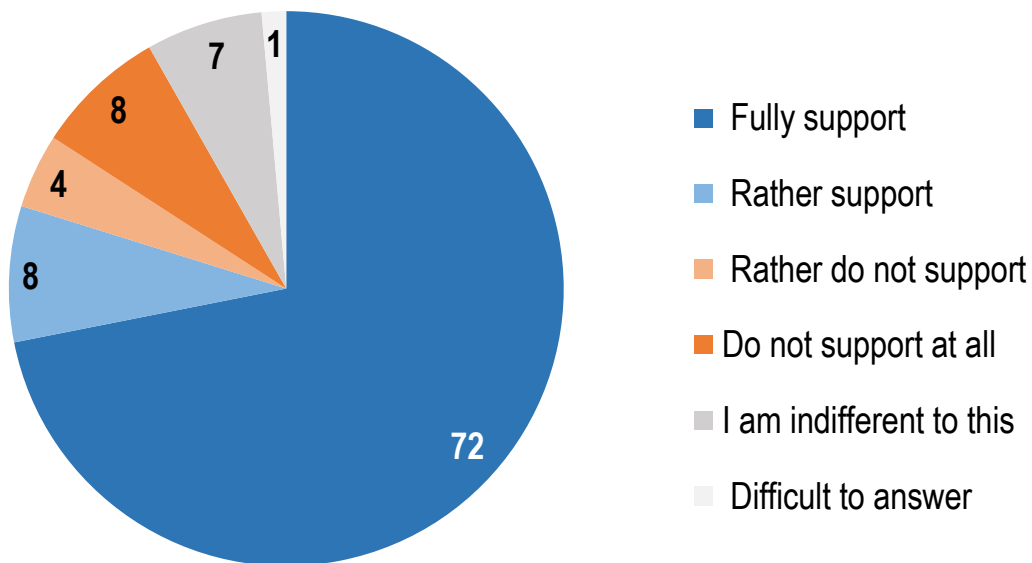
## Have you or your close one's experienced harassment because of religious beliefs?



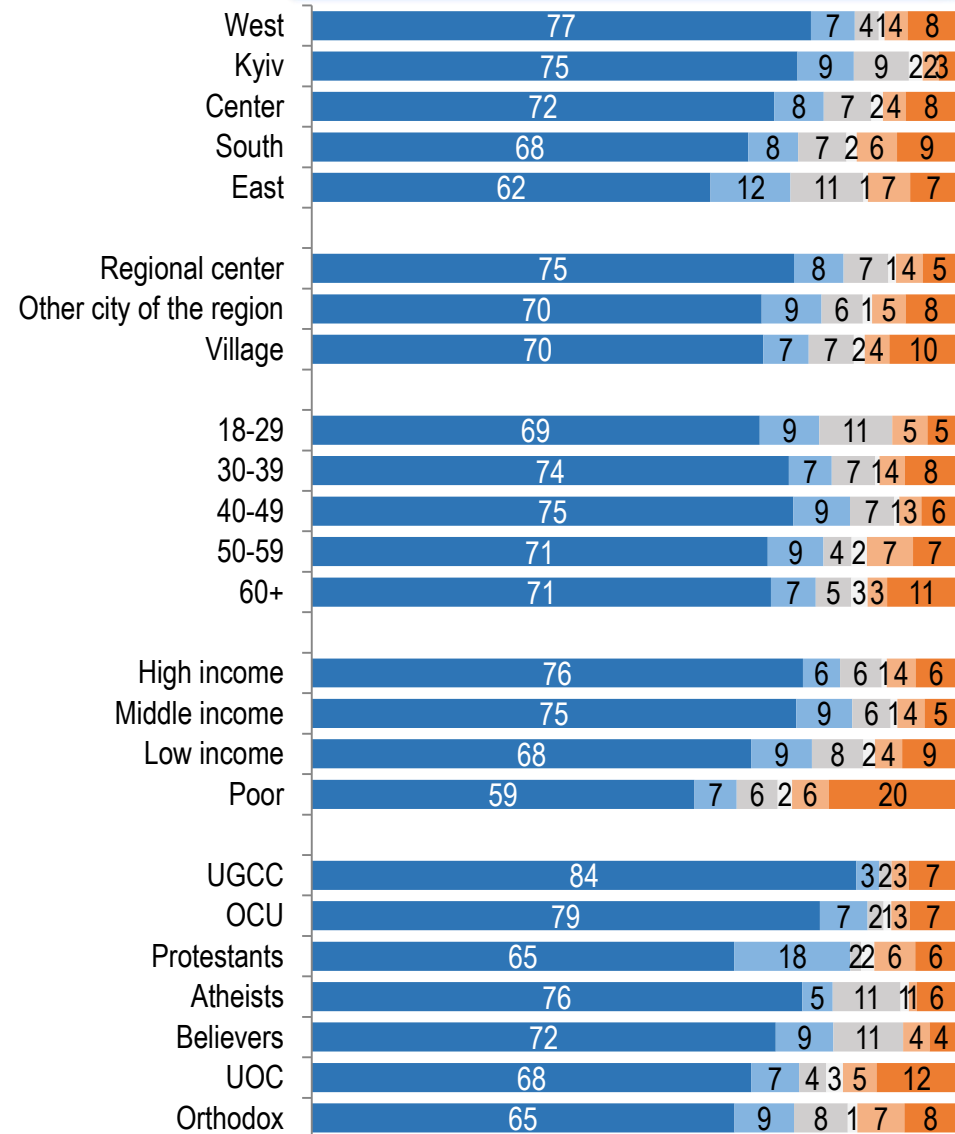
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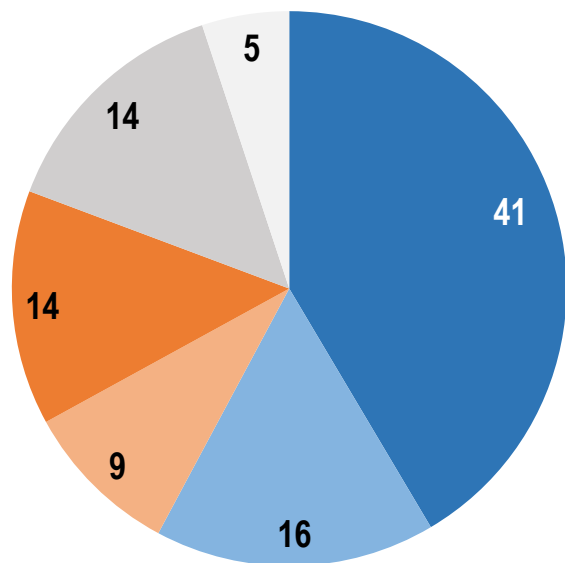
## Do you support the idea of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church severing ties with the Russian Orthodox Church because of Russia's aggression against Ukraine?



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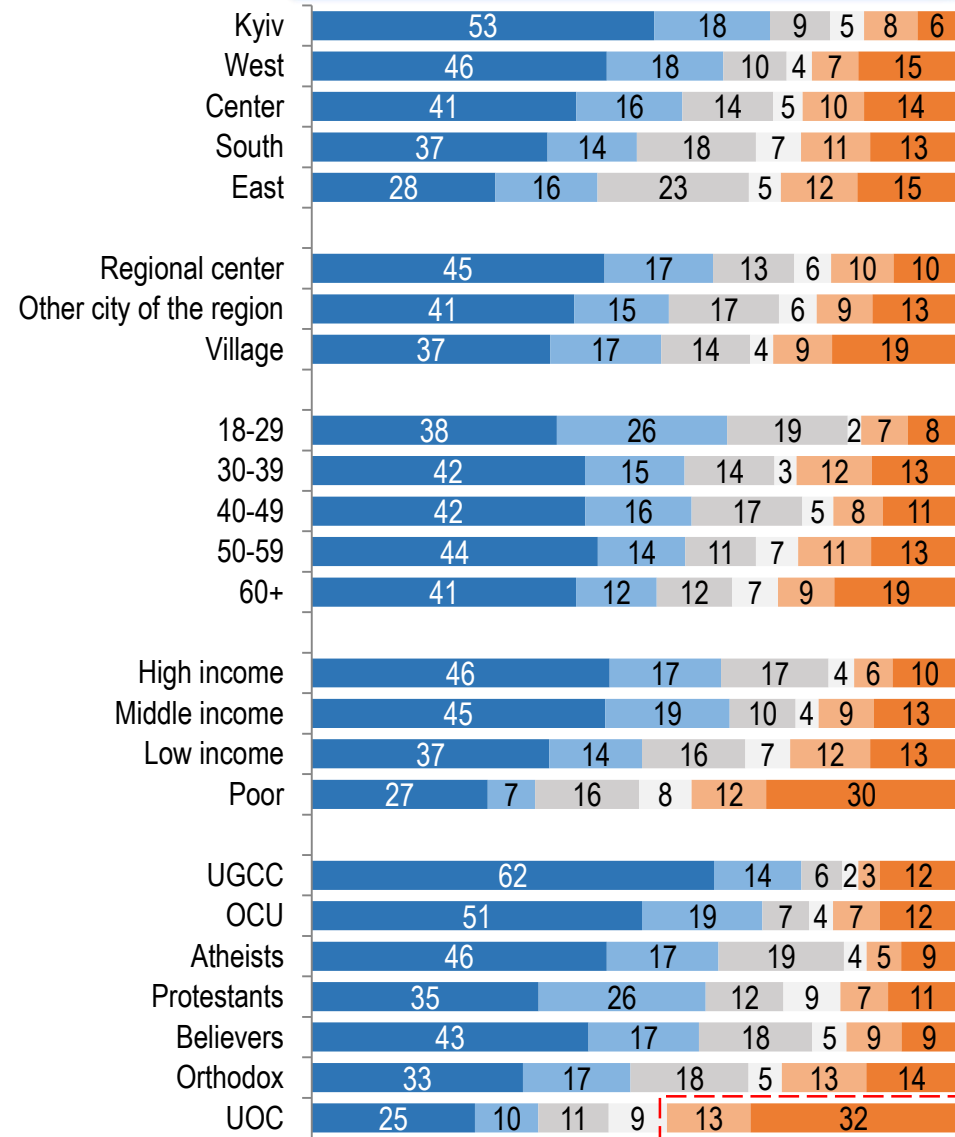


## What is your attitude towards the idea of banning the activities of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Metropolitan Onufriy) because of its ties with the Russian Orthodox Church?

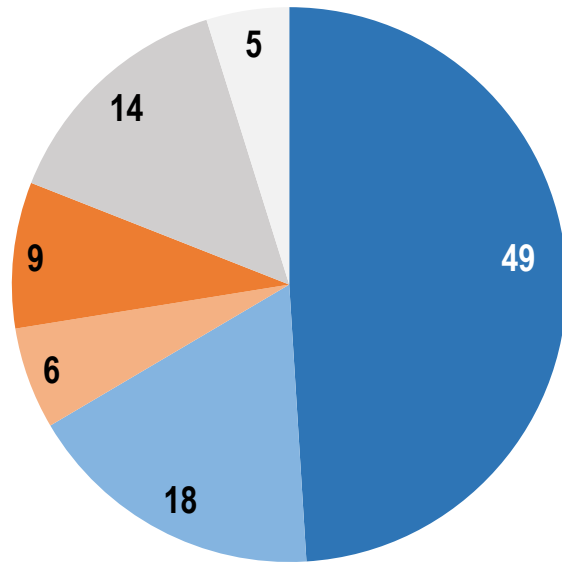


- Fully support
- Rather support
- Rather do not support
- Do not support at all
- I am indifferent to this
- Difficult to answer

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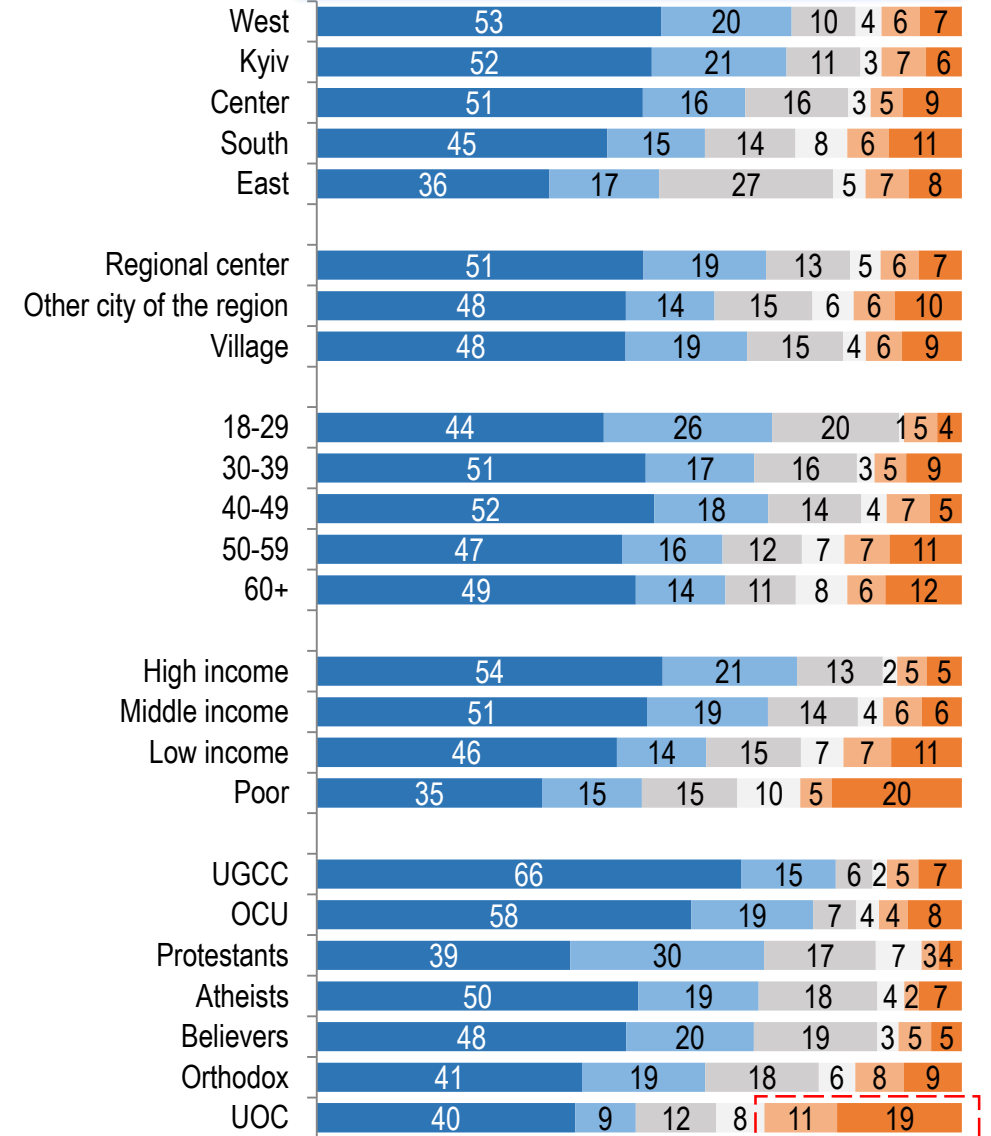


## Do you support imposing sanctions on Metropolitan Onufriy because of his ties with the Russian Orthodox Church?



- Fully support
- Rather support
- Rather do not support
- Do not support at all
- I am indifferent to this
- Difficult to answer

### Regions. Type of settlement. Age. Income. Religion



# Demography

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## Socio-demographic characteristics of respondents

	%
<i>REGIONS</i>	
West (Volyn, Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Rivne, Ternopil, Khmelnytskyi, Chernivtsi)	27%
Center (Vinnytsia, Zhytomyr, Kyiv, Kirovohrad, Poltava, Sumy, Cherkasy, Chernihiv)	27%
South (Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Kherson)	25%
East (Donetsk, Kharkiv)	13%
Kyiv	8%
<i>TYPE OF SETTLEMENT</i>	
Regional center	42%
Other cities of the region	27%
Villages	31%
<i>GENDER</i>	
Male	45%
Female	55%
<i>AGE</i>	
18-29	18%
30-39	17%
40-49	18%
50-59	16%
60+	31%

	%
<i>EDUCATION</i>	
Incomplete secondary education	3%
Complete general secondary education	15%
Specialized secondary education	32%
Basic higher education	7%
Complete higher education	41%
<i>INCOME</i>	
Poor	9%
Low income	28%
Middle income	38%
High income	25%
Difficult to answer	1%
<i>NATIONALITY</i>	
Ukrainians	94%
Russians	2%
Others	3%
Difficult to answer	1%
<i>LANGUAGE OF COMMUNICATION AT HOME</i>	
Ukrainian	59%
Russian	11%
Both Ukrainian and Russian	29%
Other language	1%

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