

Survey Results

University Students from
Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Moldova, Montenegro,
Serbia and Slovakia

November 2018



The surveys were undertaken at seven universities located in five countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia (Belgrade, Novi Sad), and Slovakia (Bratislava, Banská Bystrica).

- In November 2018, 1780 students were polled.

Surveys are part of a University Students Debates' project aimed at enhancing the skills of future leaders dedicated to bolstering democratic transitions and the Transatlantic Alliance's promotion of democratic norms and standards. The project is implemented jointly by MESA10 (Slovakia) and CEAS (Serbia).

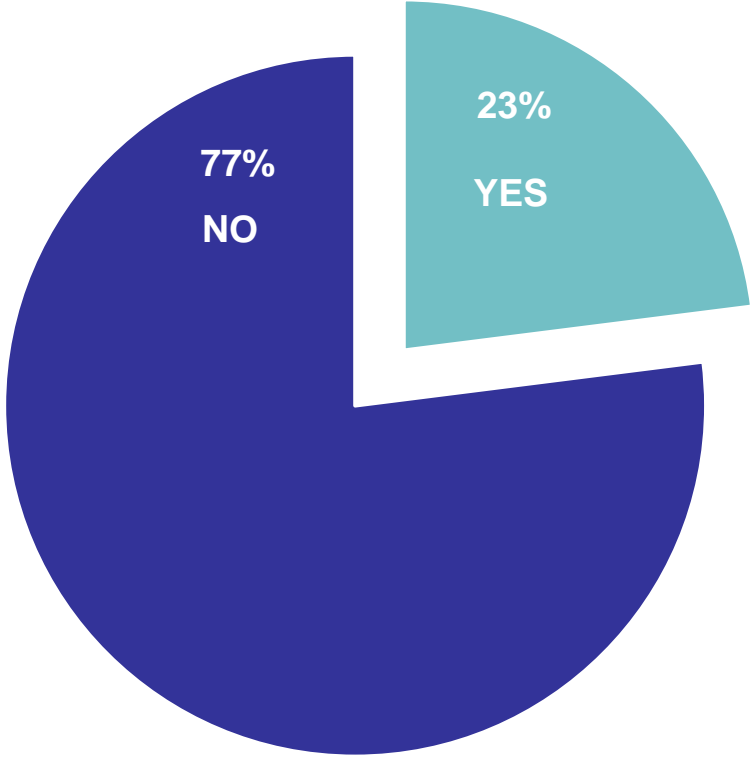
Debates among seven university teams took place
on November 26, 2018.

If not indicated differently, following results are from these two rounds
of survey.

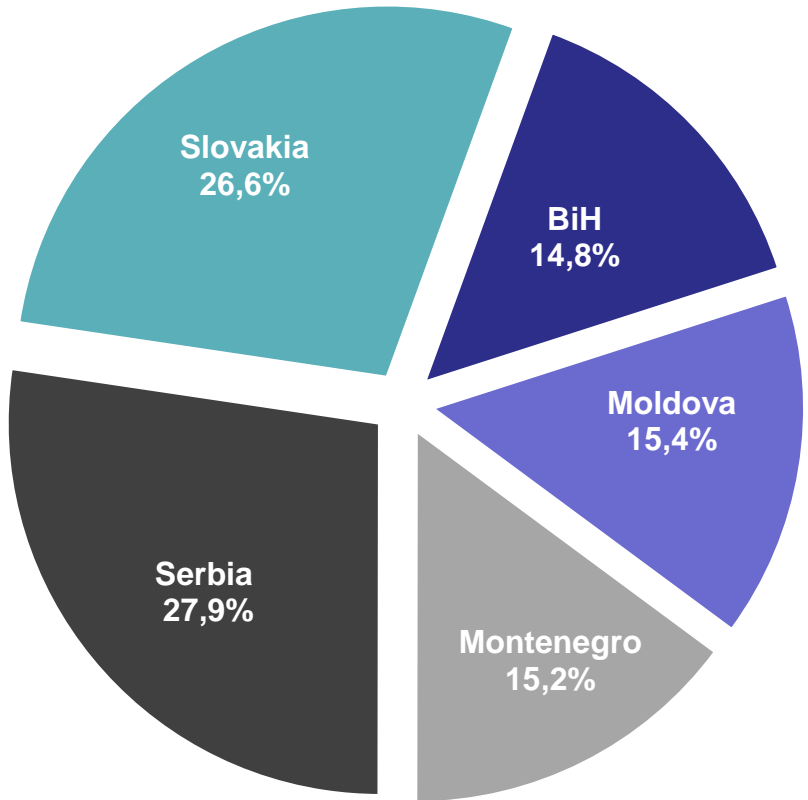
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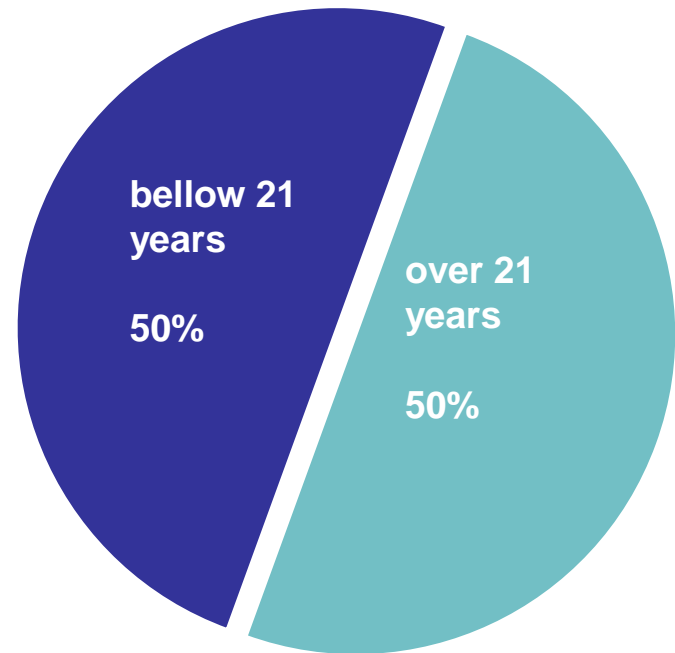
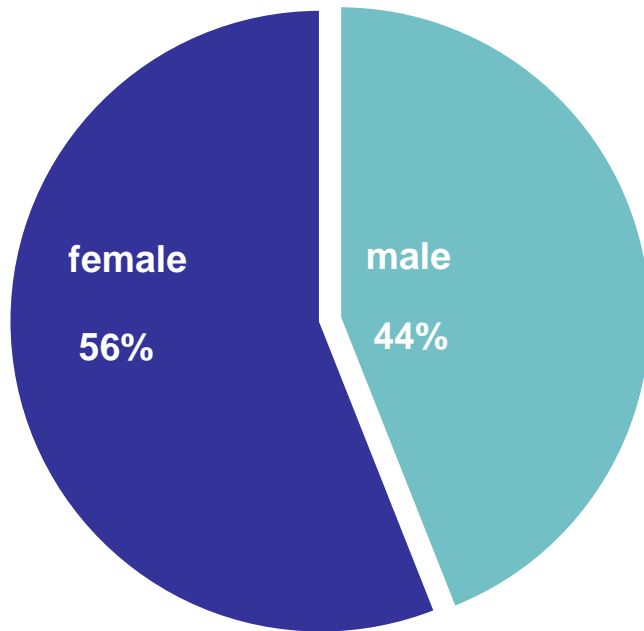
You are a student of a university in:



Total number of students participating in the survey = 1 780

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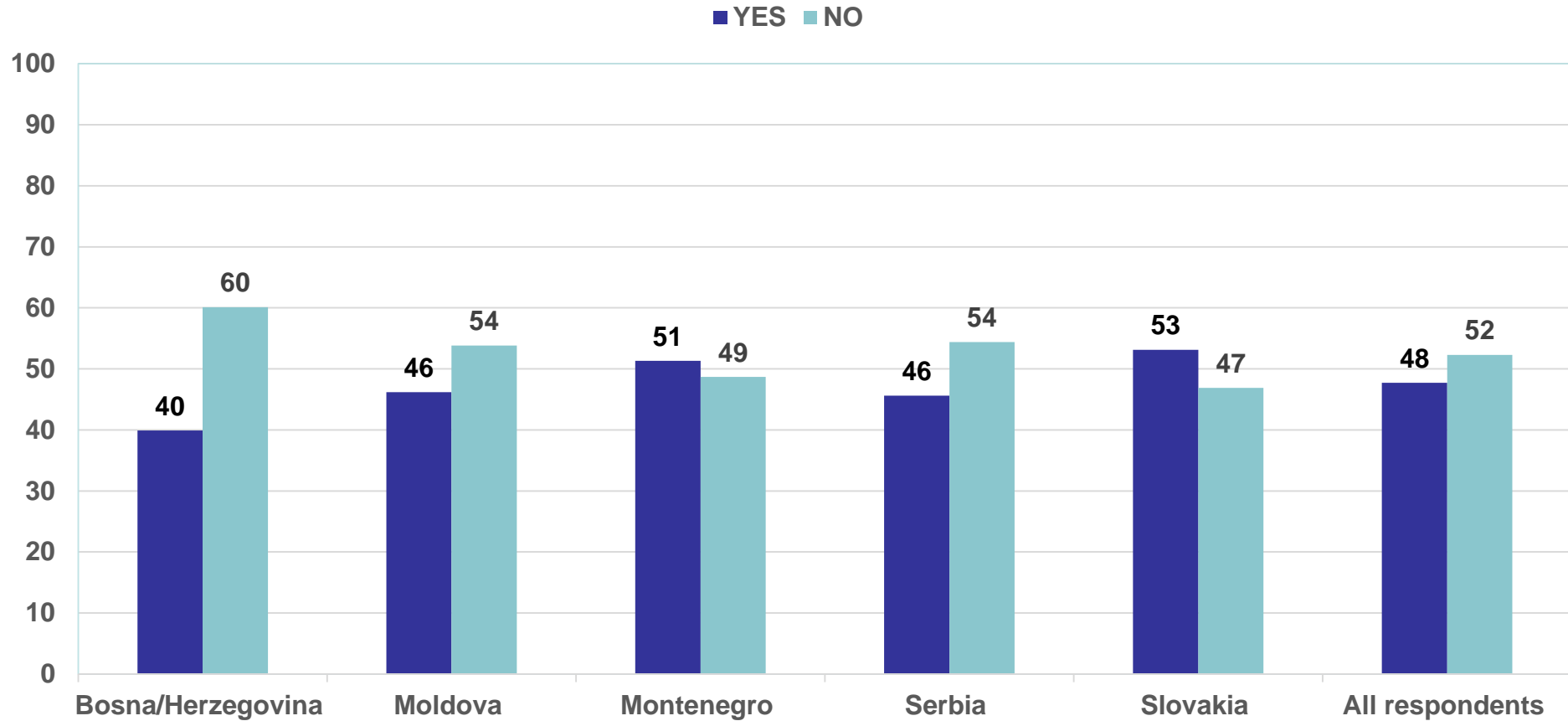
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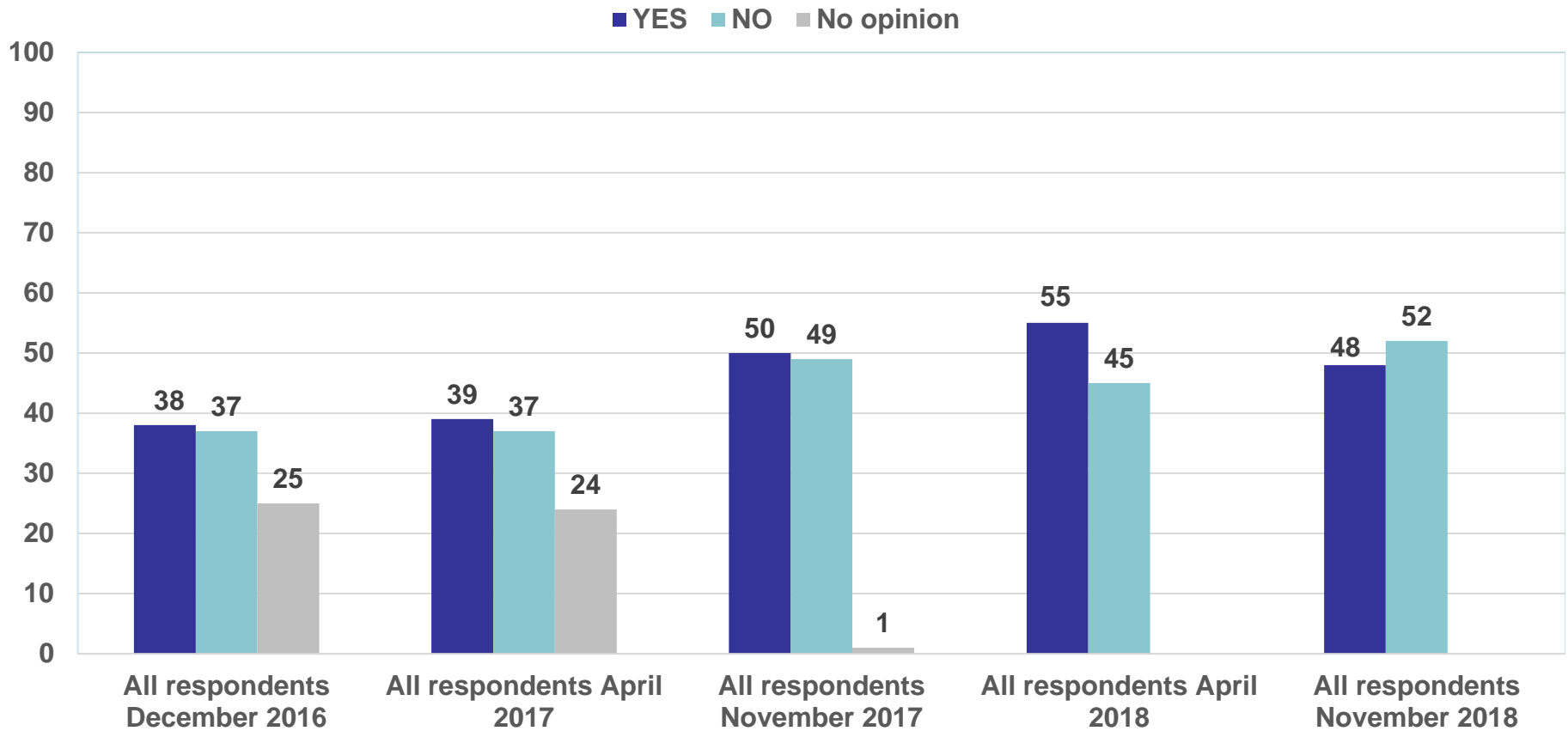
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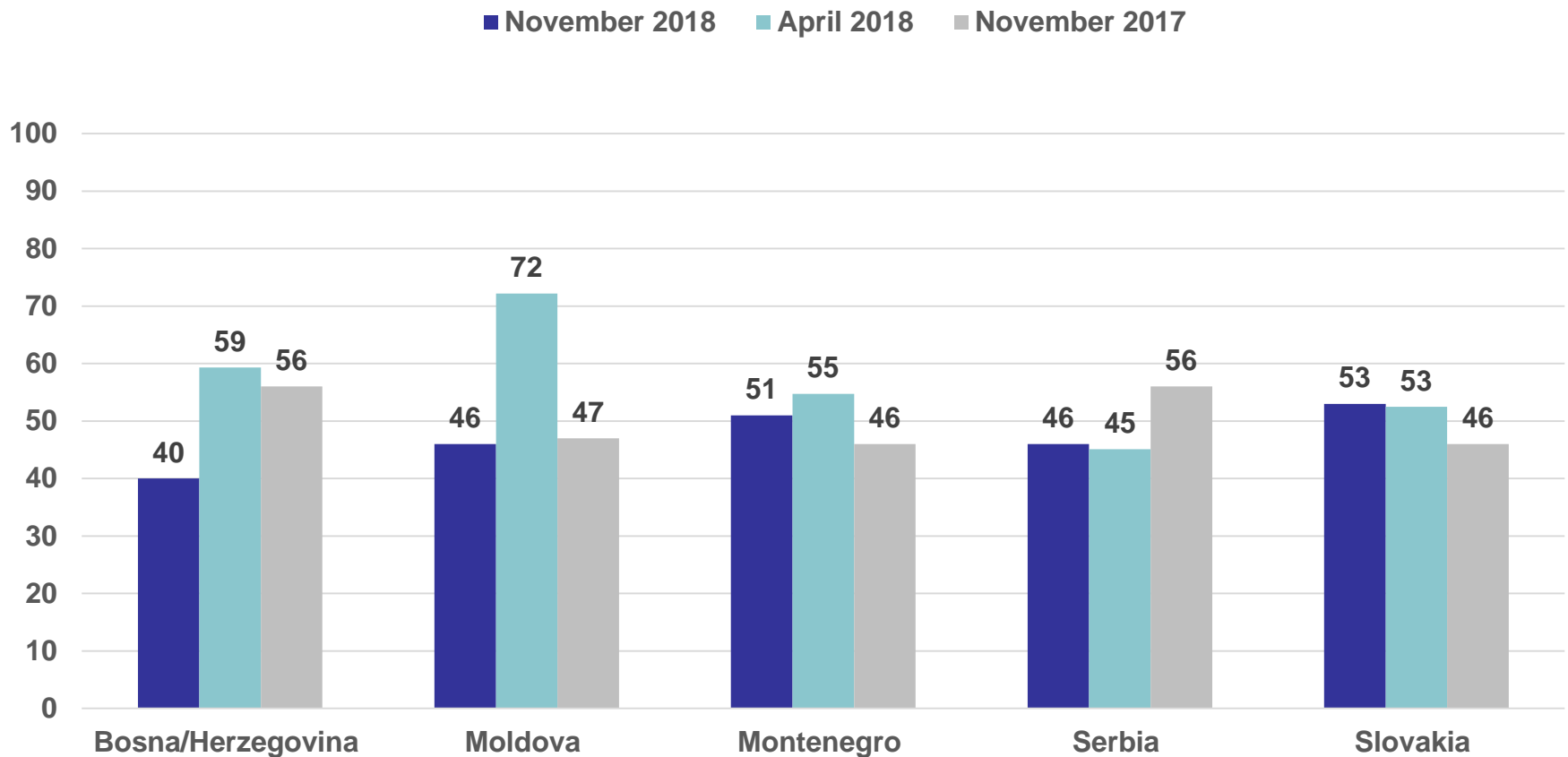


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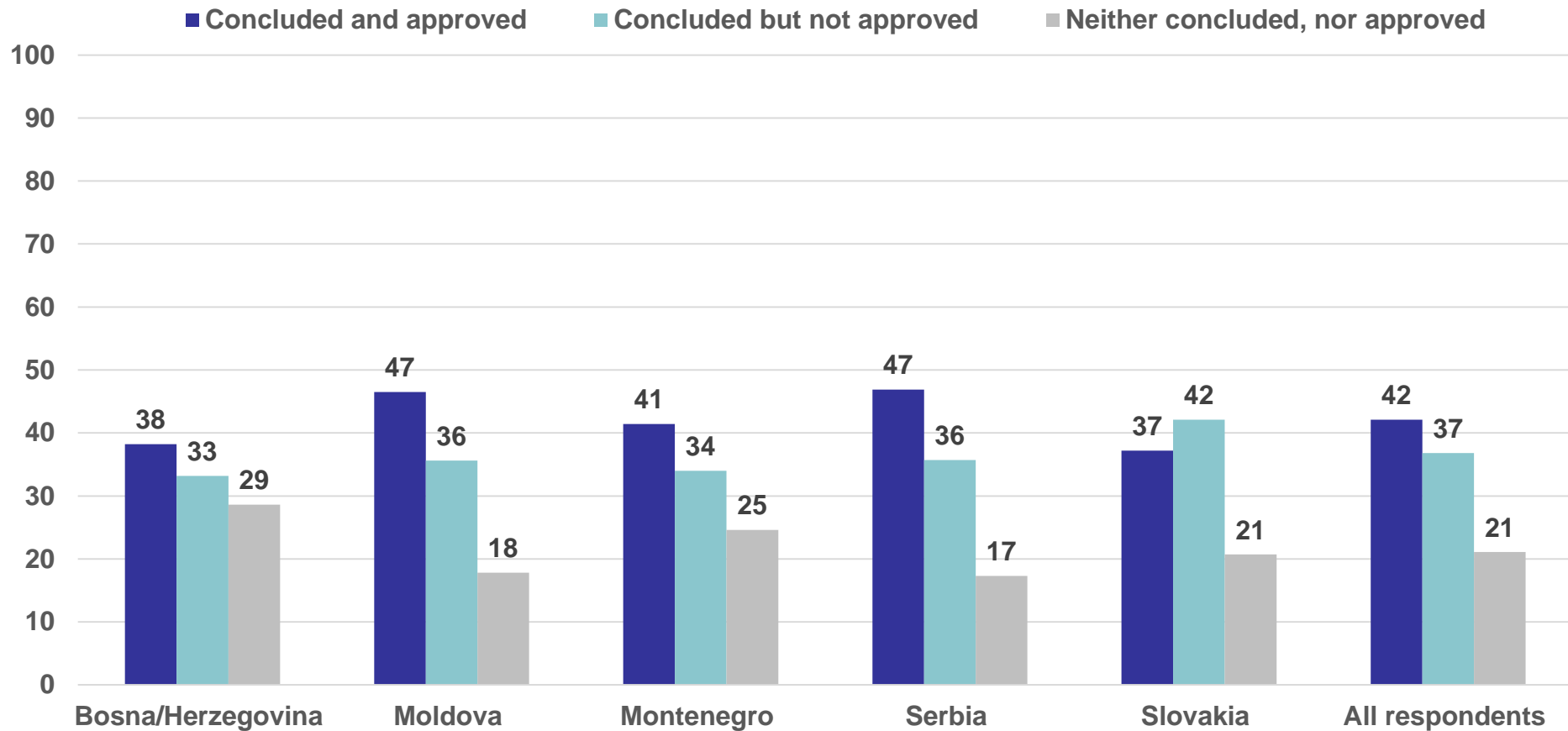
Source: December 2016, April 2017, November 2017, April 2018, November 2018

Graph 3: Do you believe that most of the countries of the Western Balkans and EU's East will join the EU? (responses „YES“ in %)

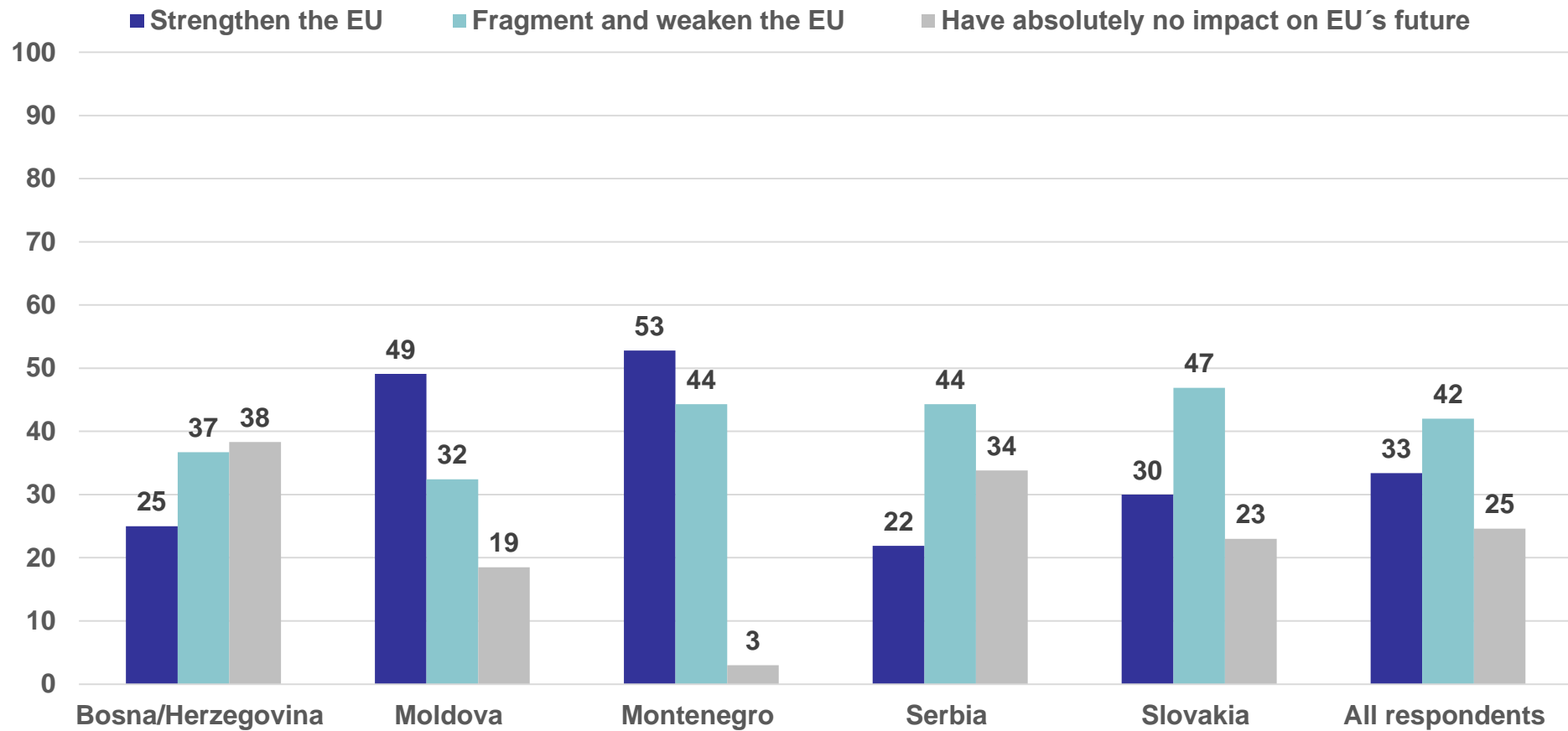


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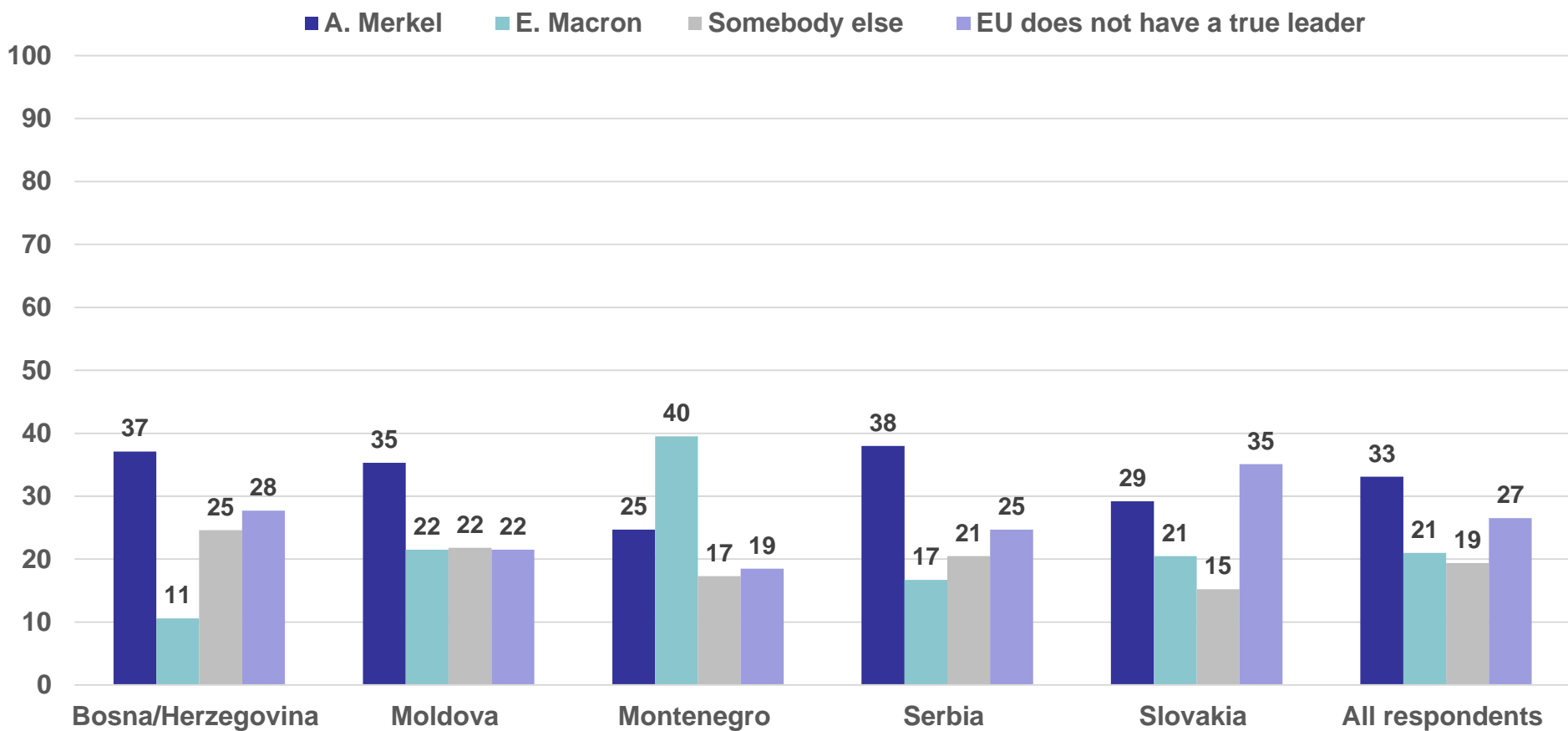
Graph 4: In your opinion, a comprehensive brexit agreement between the EU and the United Kingdom will be: (responses in %)



Graph 5: In your opinion, the upcoming May 2019 EU elections will politically... (responses in %)



Graph 6: Whom do you consider a leader of the EU: (responses in %)



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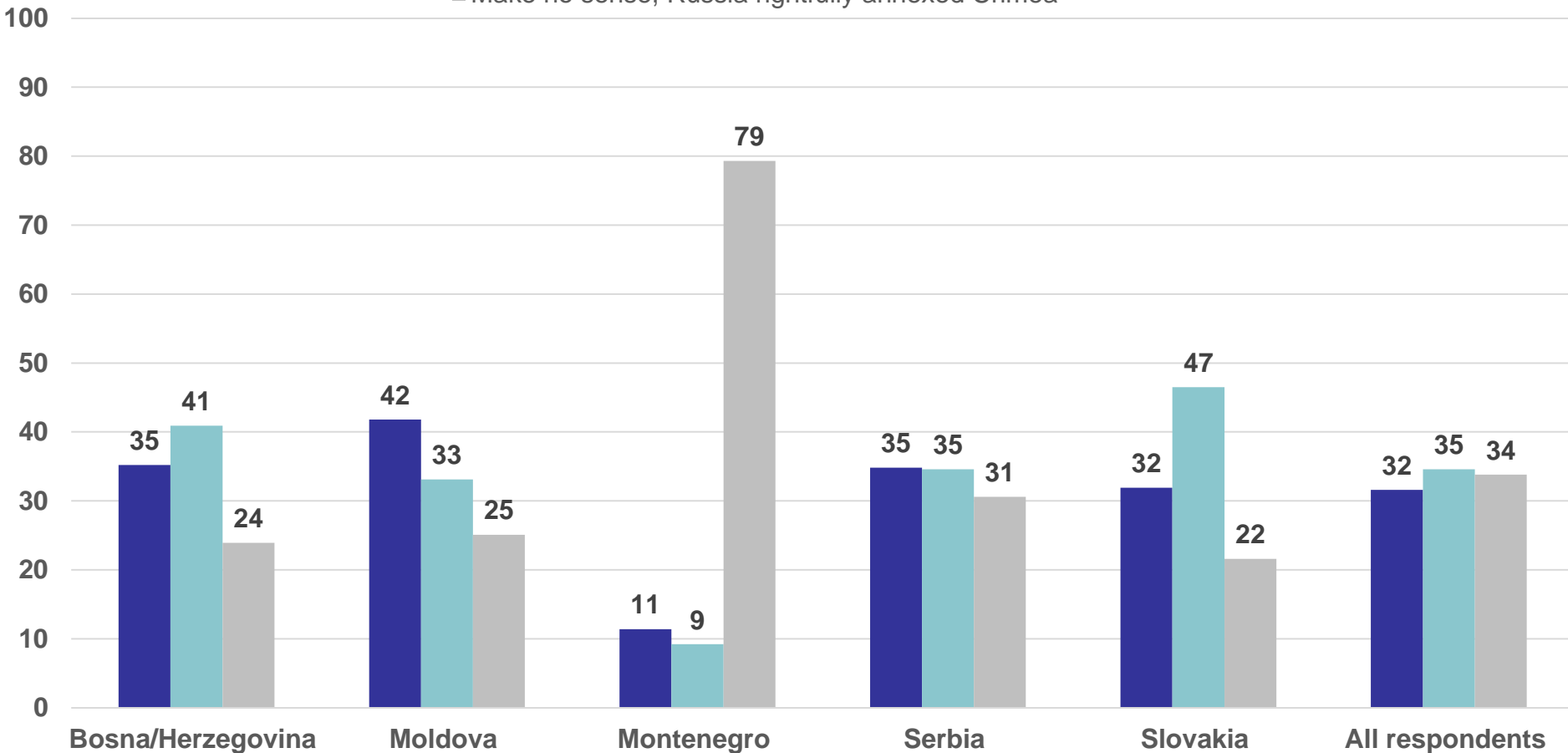
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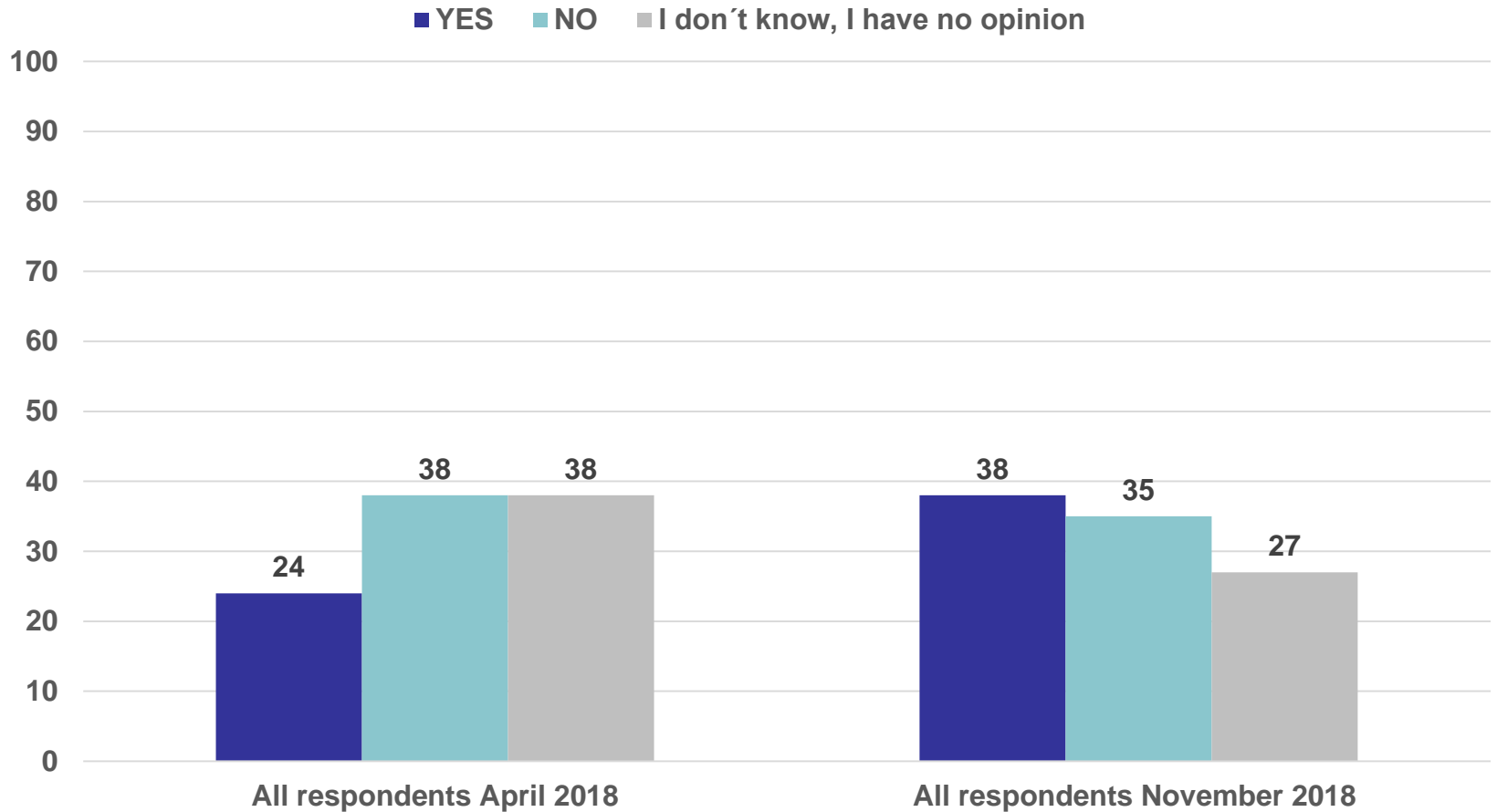
Graph 7: In your opinion, sanctions connected with Russia's annexation of Crimea will: (responses in %)

- Be maintained for a long time
- Be soon revoked, because they bring no change in Russia's behavior
- Make no sense, Russia rightfully annexed Crimea



Source: November 2018

Graph 10: Is Russia spreading disinformation in your country to weaken public commitment to democracy and to western institutions? (responses in %)



Source: April 2018/November 2018

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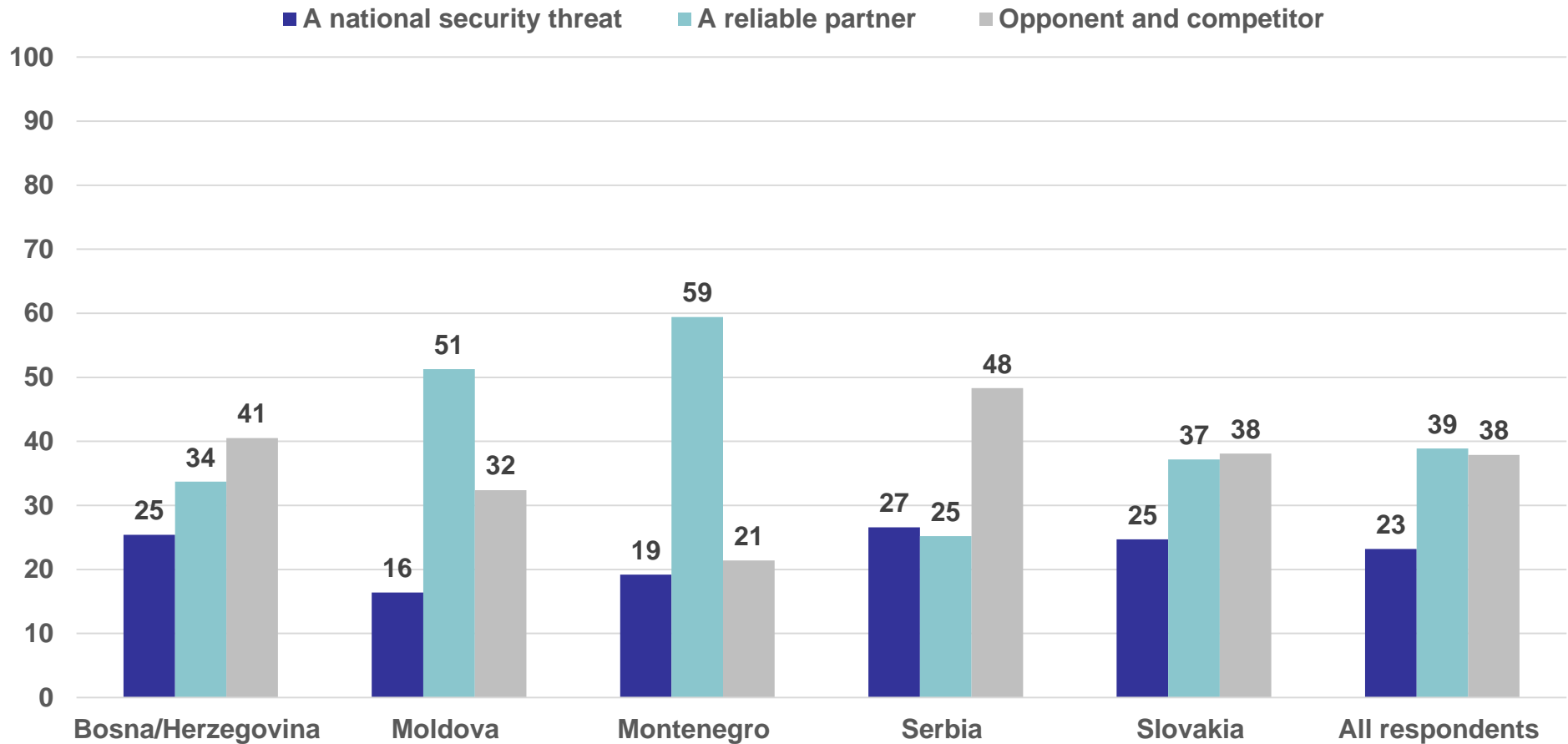
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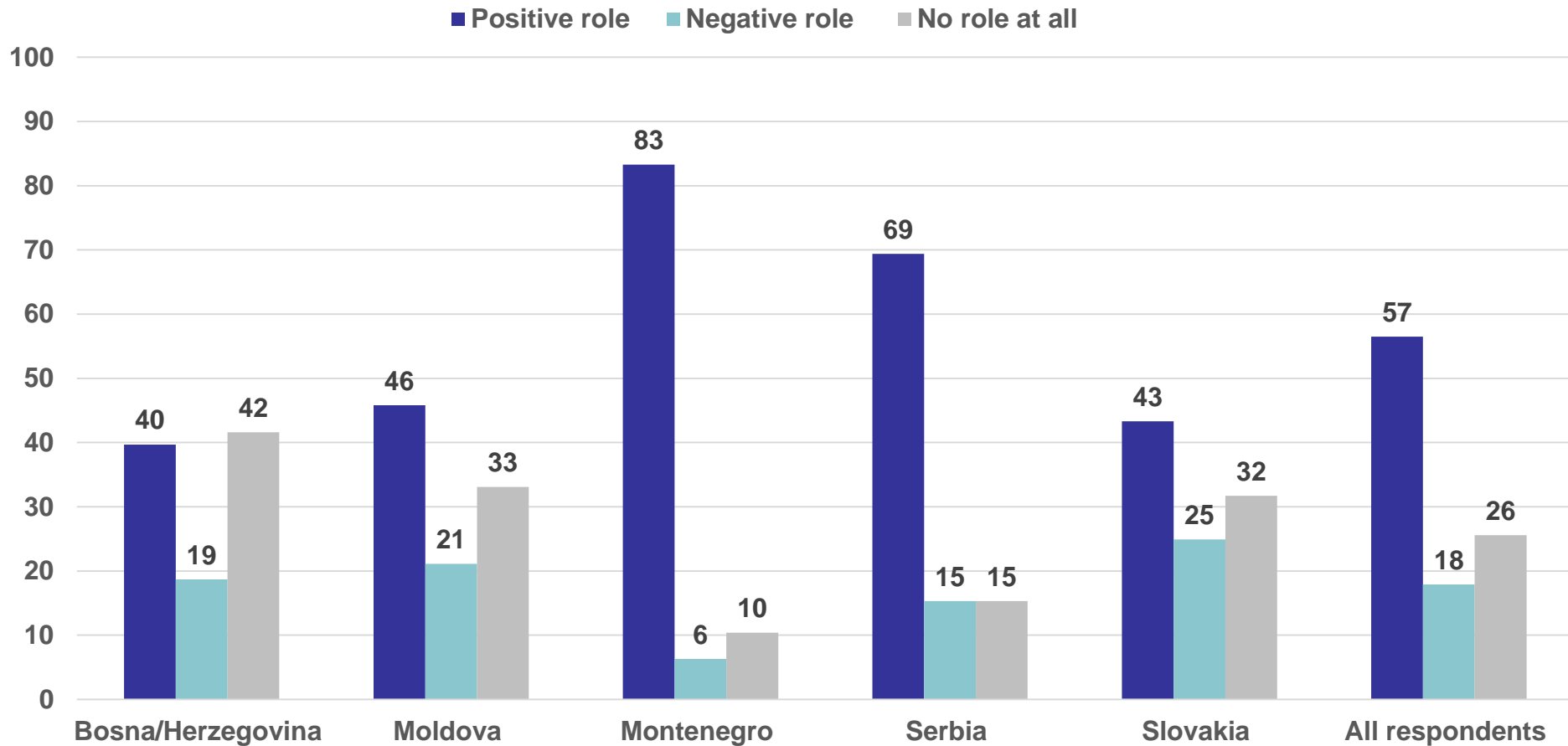
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Graph 12: In your opinion, for the EU and NATO, China is: (responses in %)



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Graph 13: In the political and economic development of your country, China plays: (responses in %)



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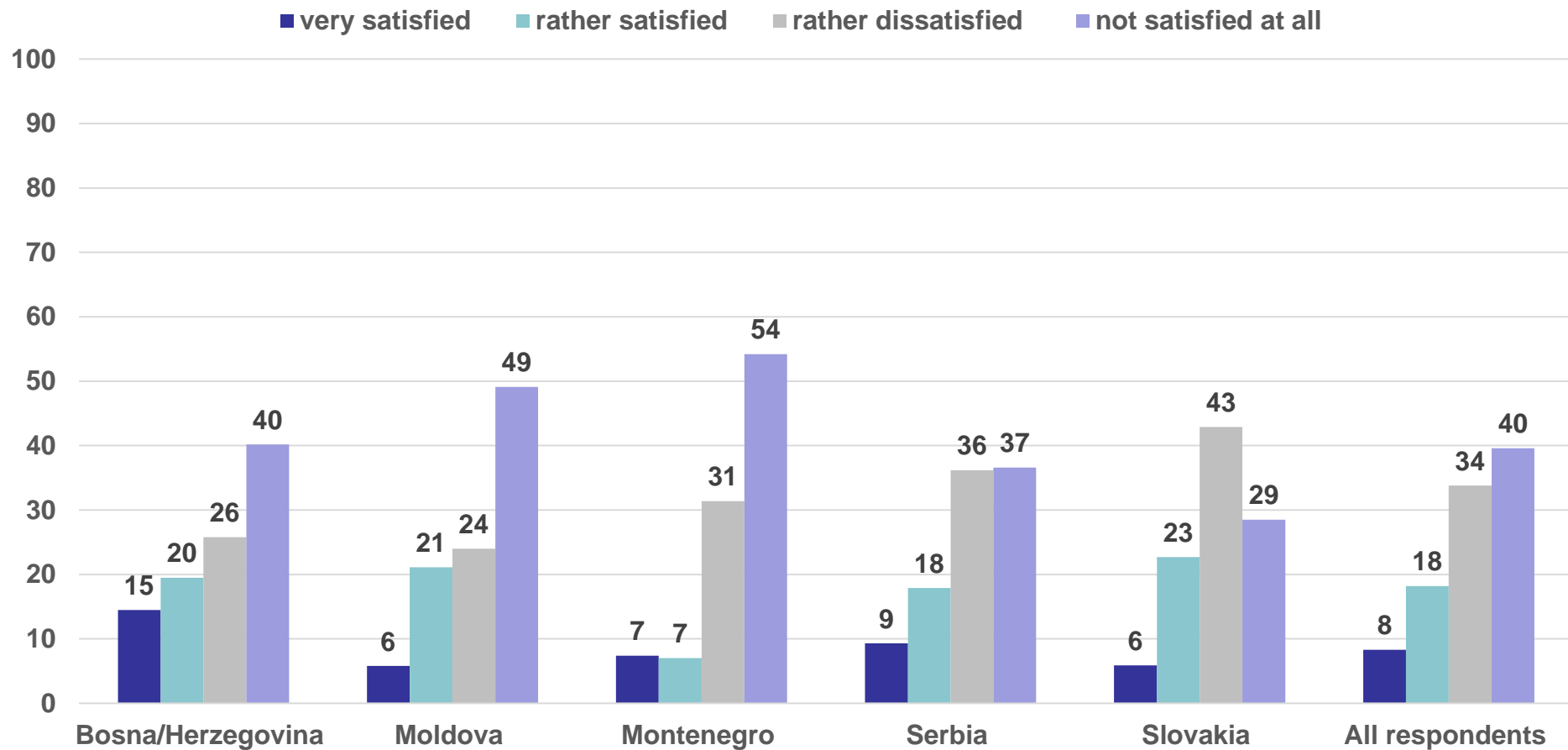
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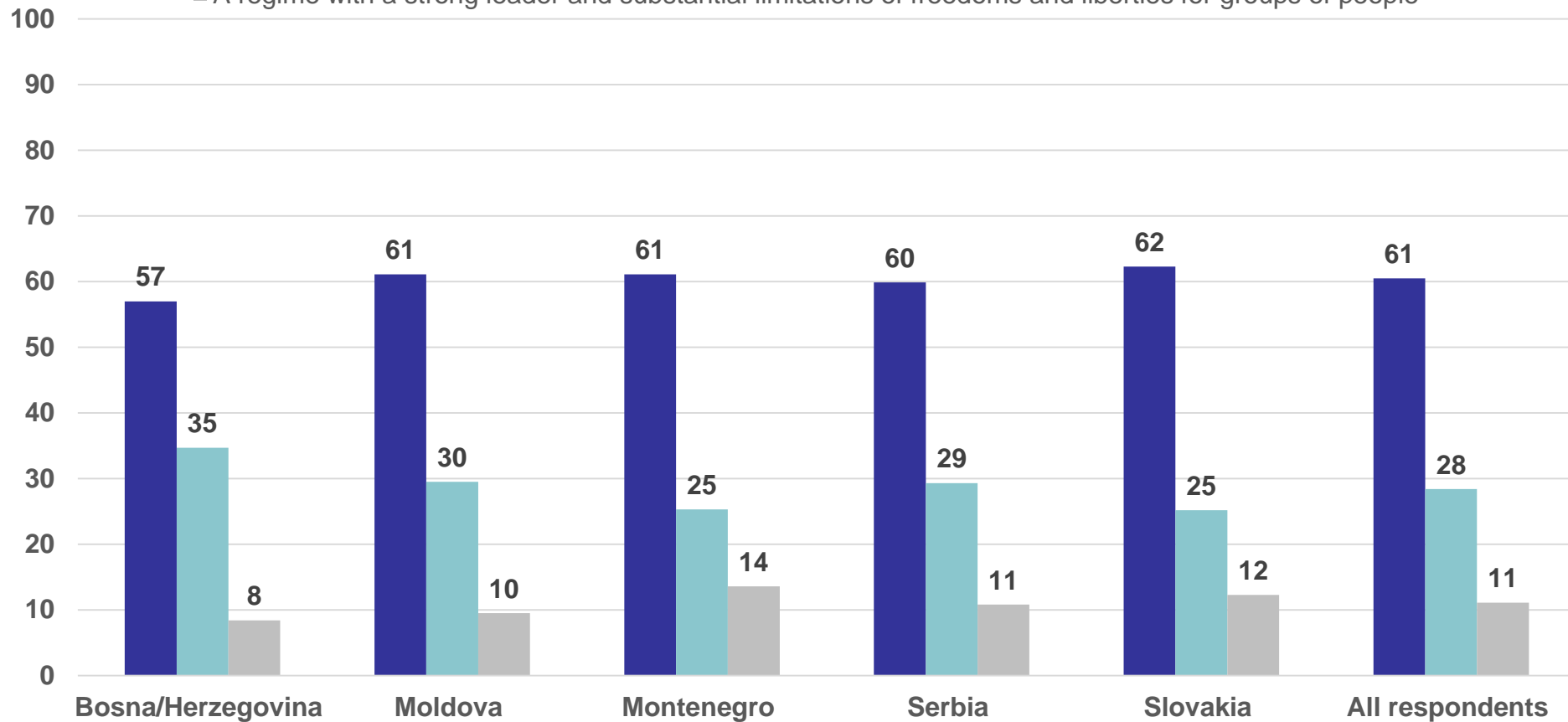
Graph 14: To what extent are you satisfied with the political situation in your country? (responses in %)



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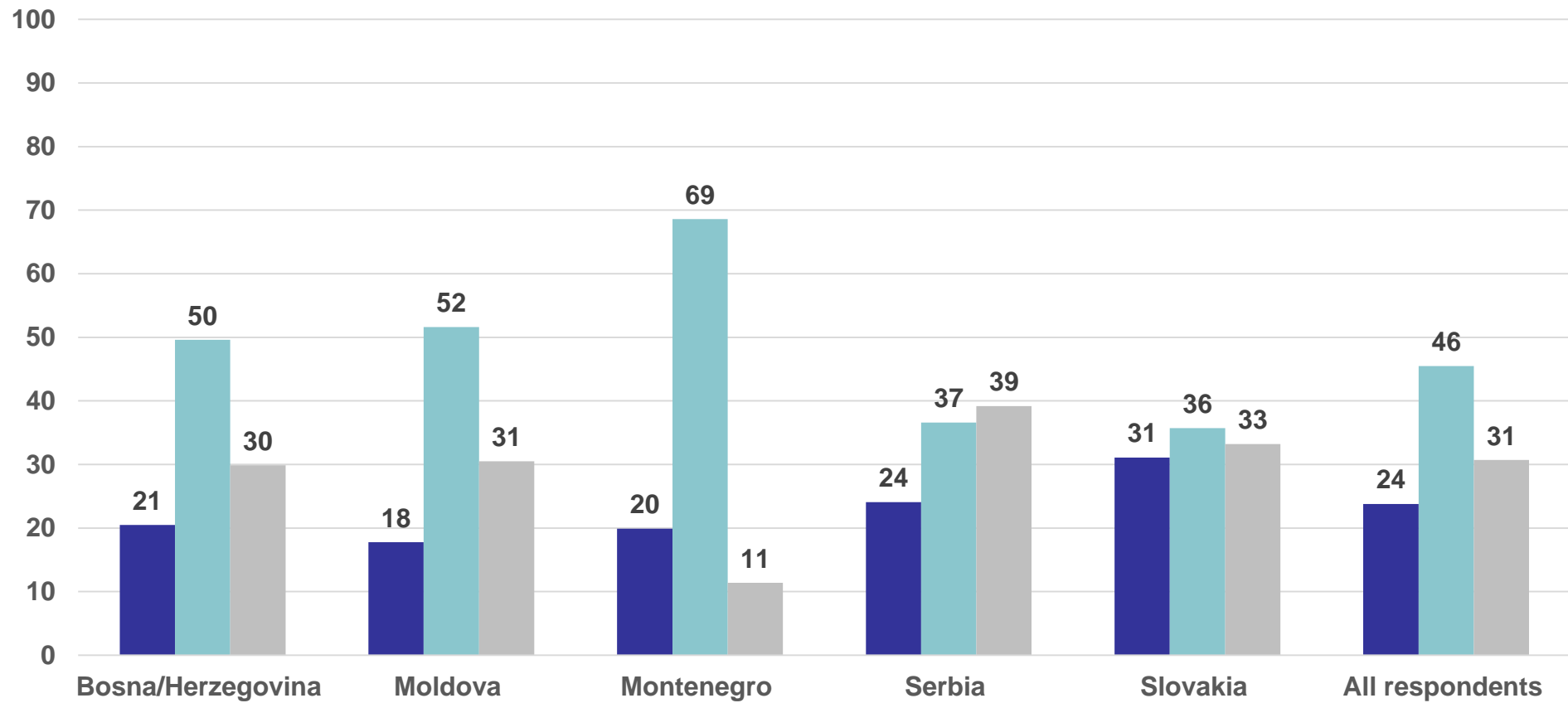
Graph 15: In what kind of system of governance would you like to live? (responses in %)

- Democracy with its institutions
- A regime with a strong leader and some limitations of freedoms and liberties for all citizens
- A regime with a strong leader and substantial limitations of freedoms and liberties for groups of people



Graph 16: In the future, would you consider running for an elected position as a candidate? (responses in %)

■ YES ■ NO ■ MAYBE



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