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Survey on the Political Participation of Roma in Romania

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Methodology

Sampling universe: Adult Roma population living in compact communities, adult integrated Roma (urban area) and adult non-Roma population

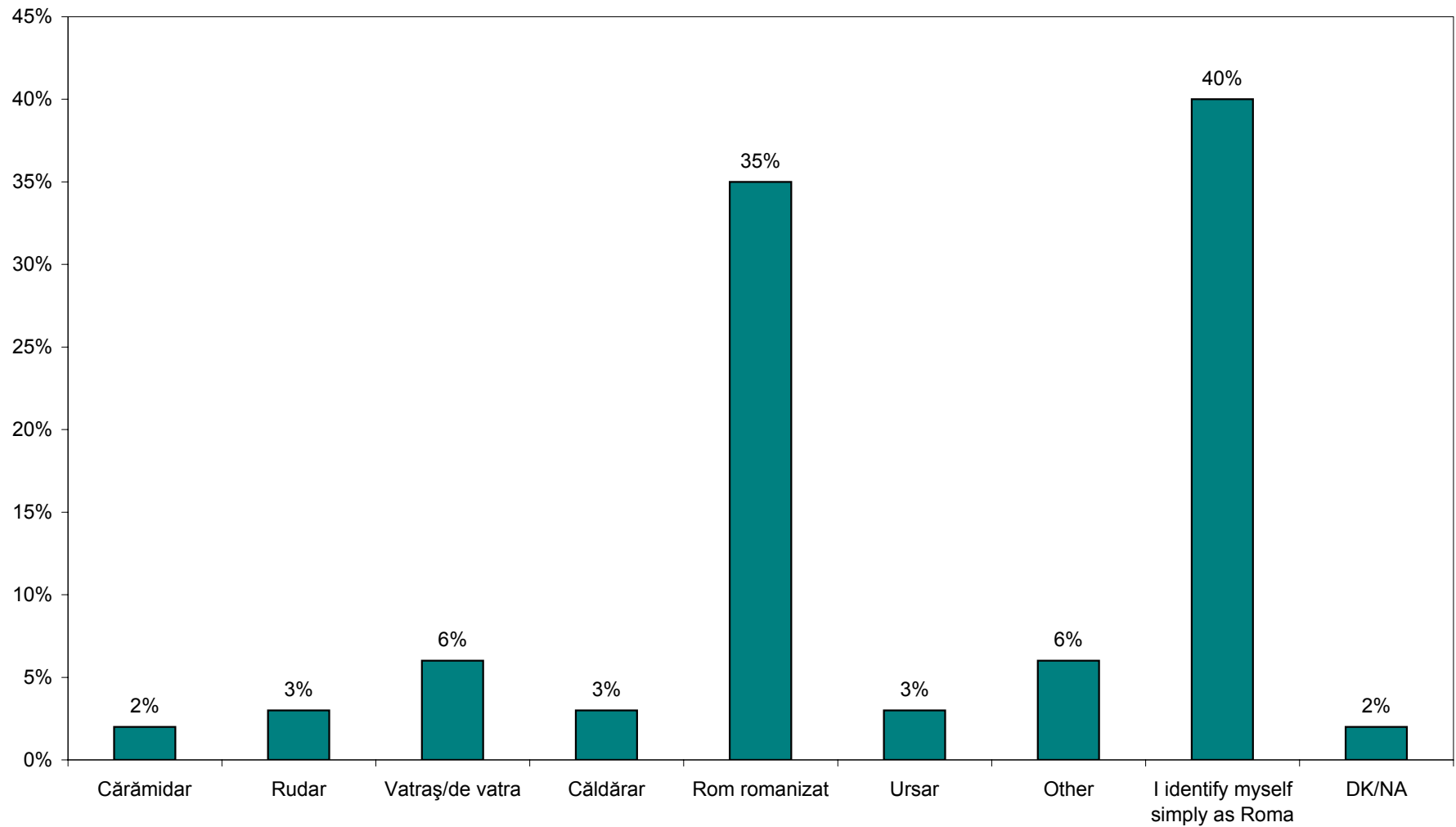
Sample size: 600 Roma in compact communities, 600 non-Roma, 200 integrated Roma

Fieldwork: 8-20 August 2006

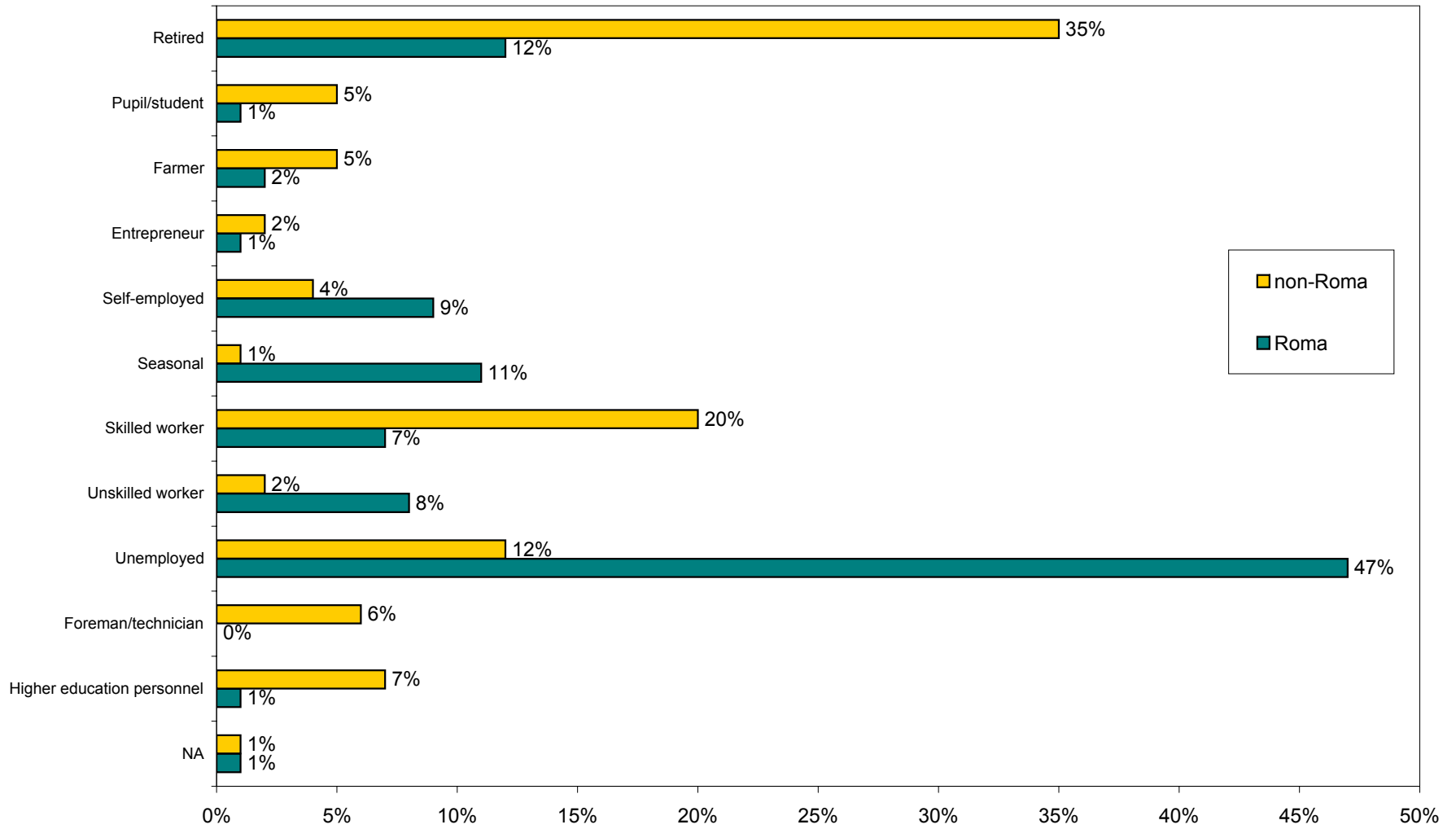
Interviews: In-home, in-person, pencil and paper interviews based on a standardized questionnaire

Beneficiary: National Democratic Institute - NDI

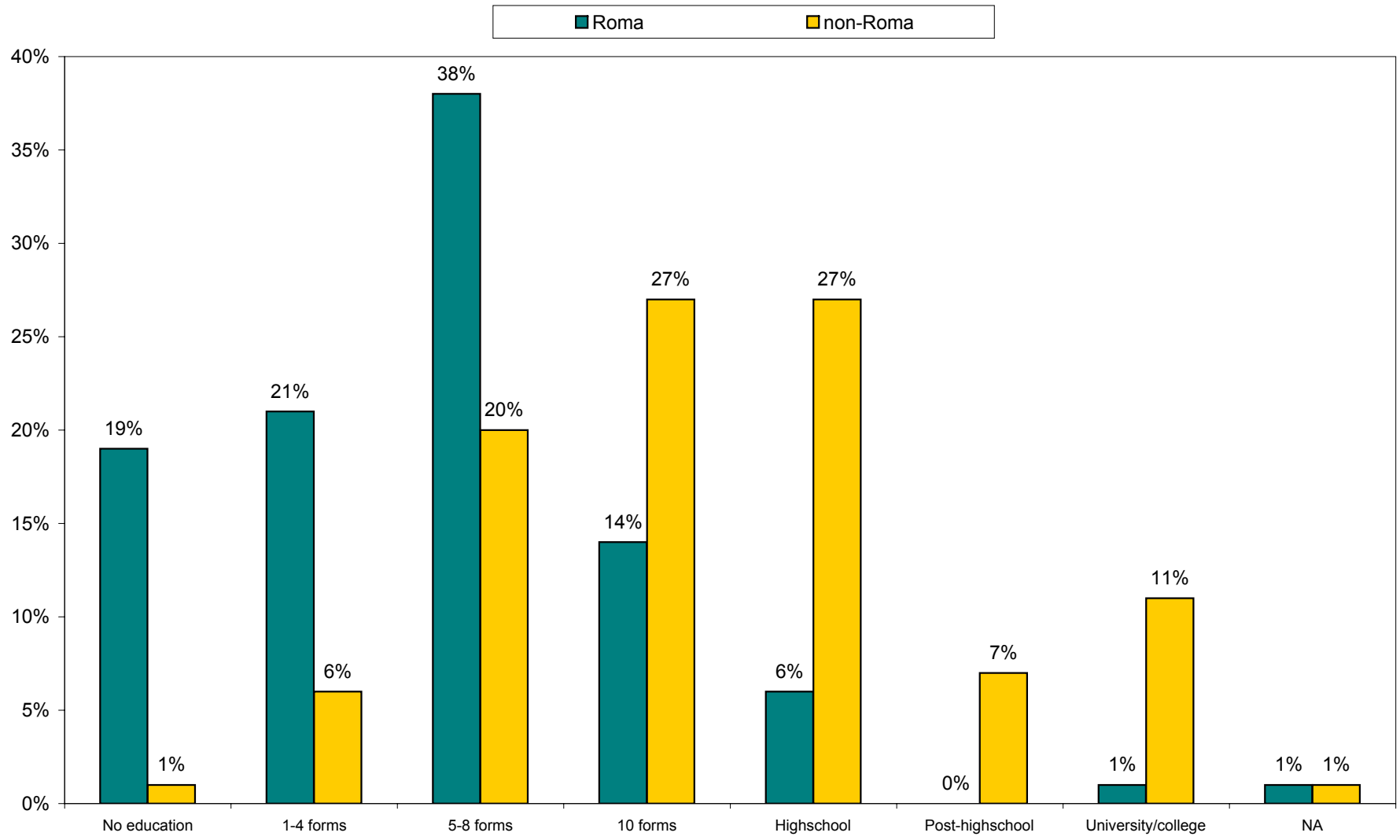
If you consider yourself Roma, would you identify yourself as...?



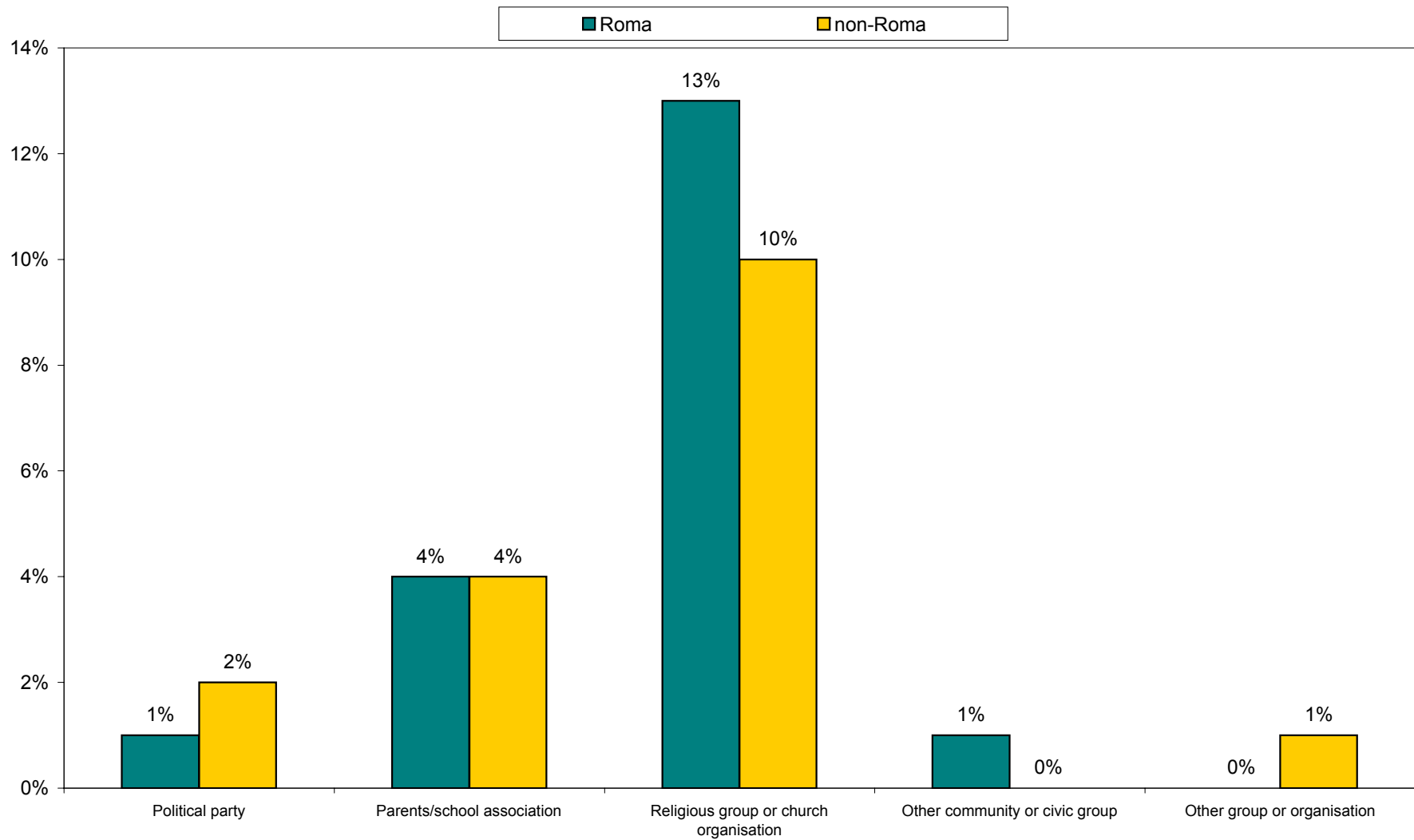
Employment Status



Education level

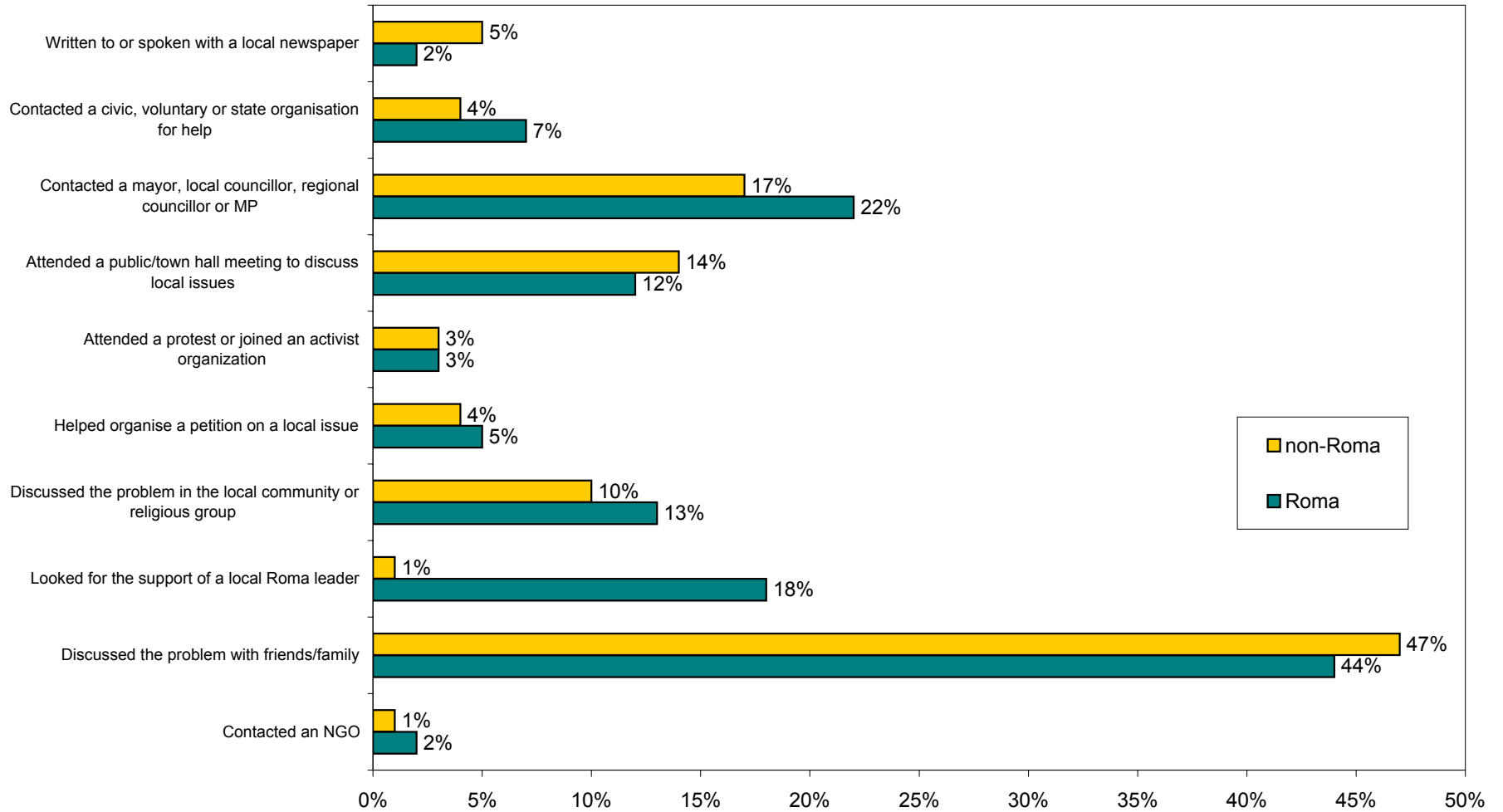


Are you currently a member of any of the following types of organizations?
- percentage of total sample -



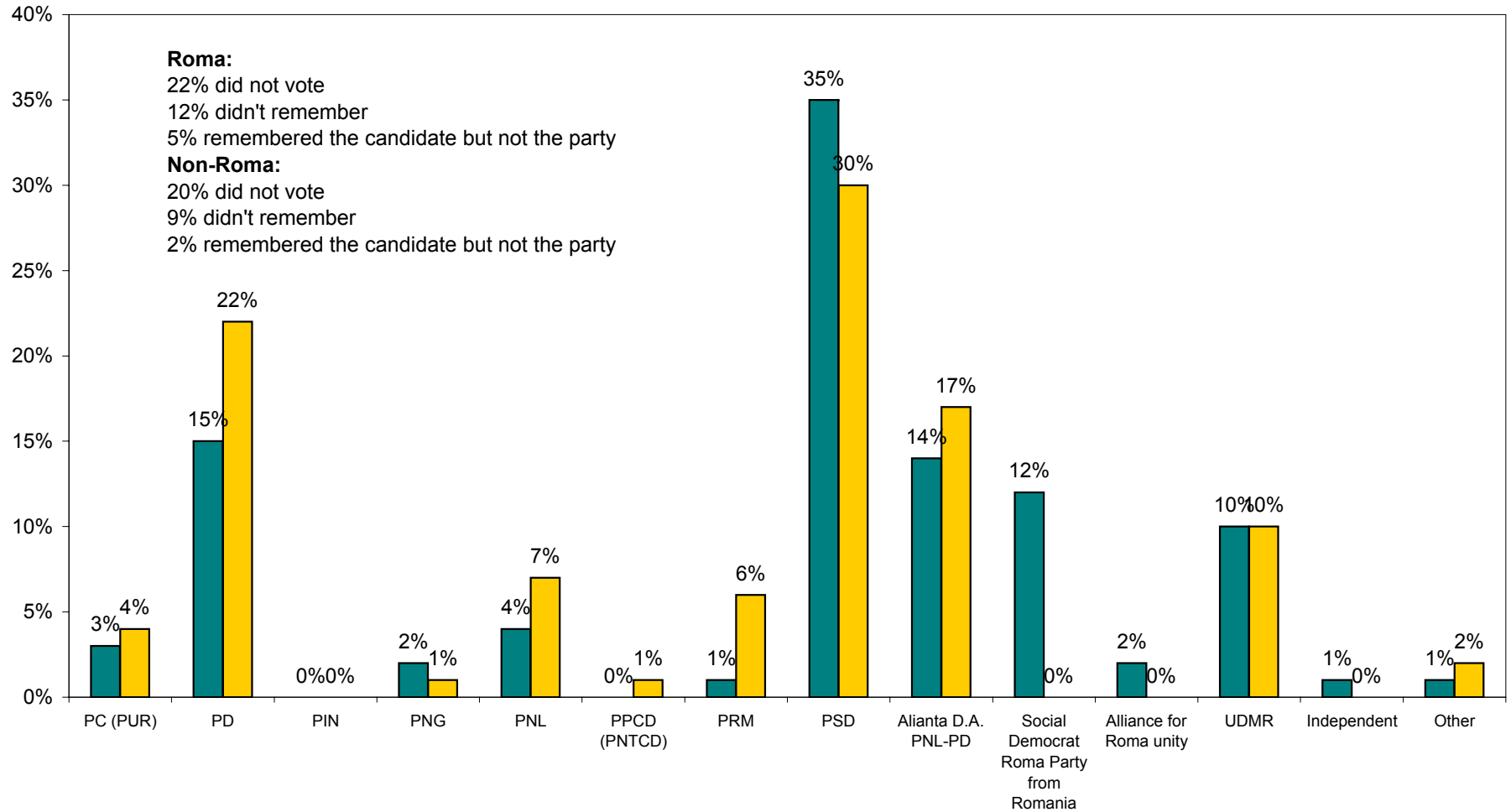
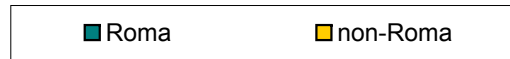
Have you taken any of the following actions in an attempt to solve a local problem affecting people in your area?

- percentage of total sample -



Which party did you vote for in the last local elections (2004)?

% of those with opinion



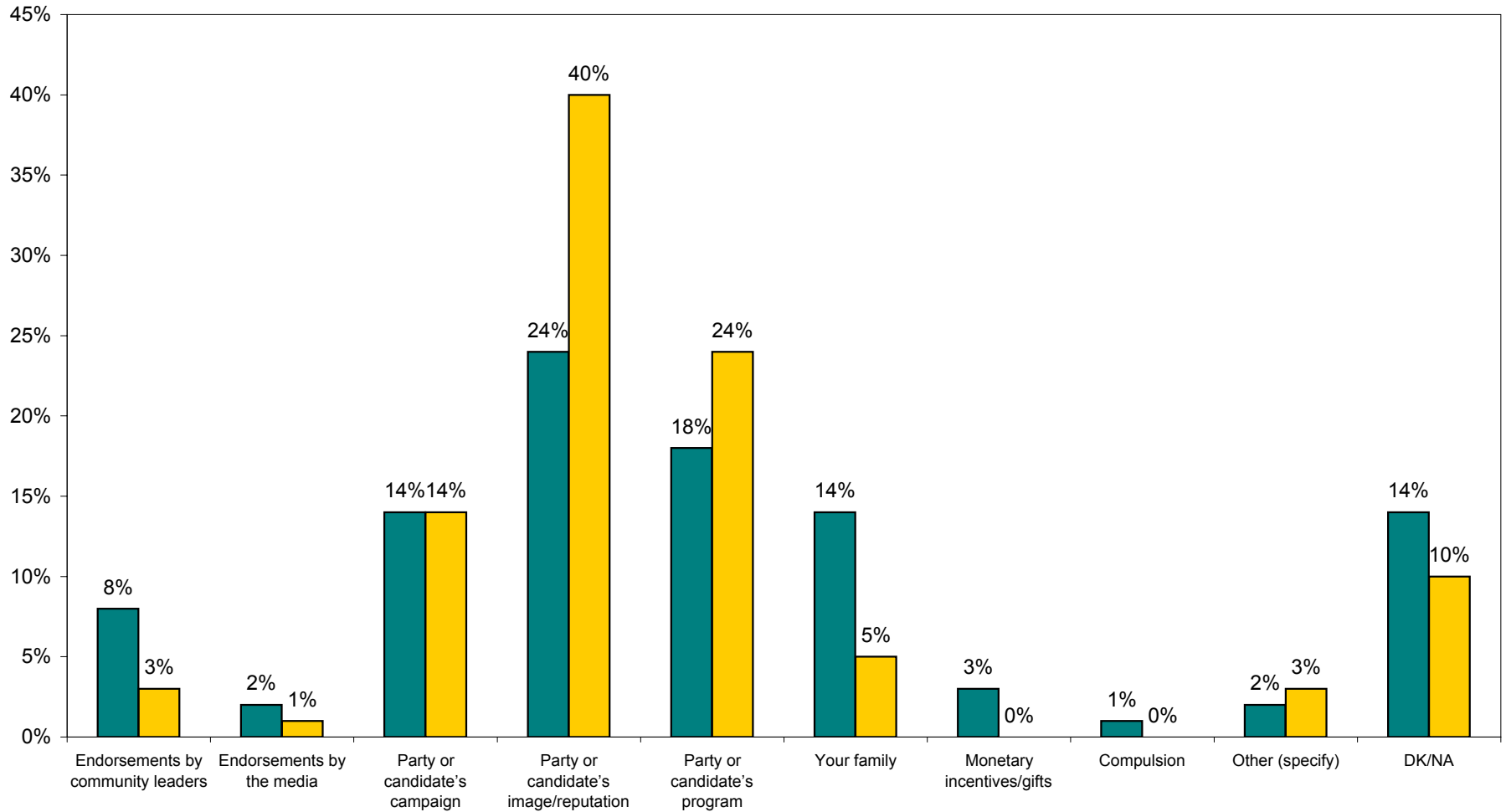
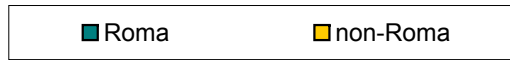
Roma:

22% did not vote
 12% didn't remember
 5% remembered the candidate but not the party

Non-Roma:

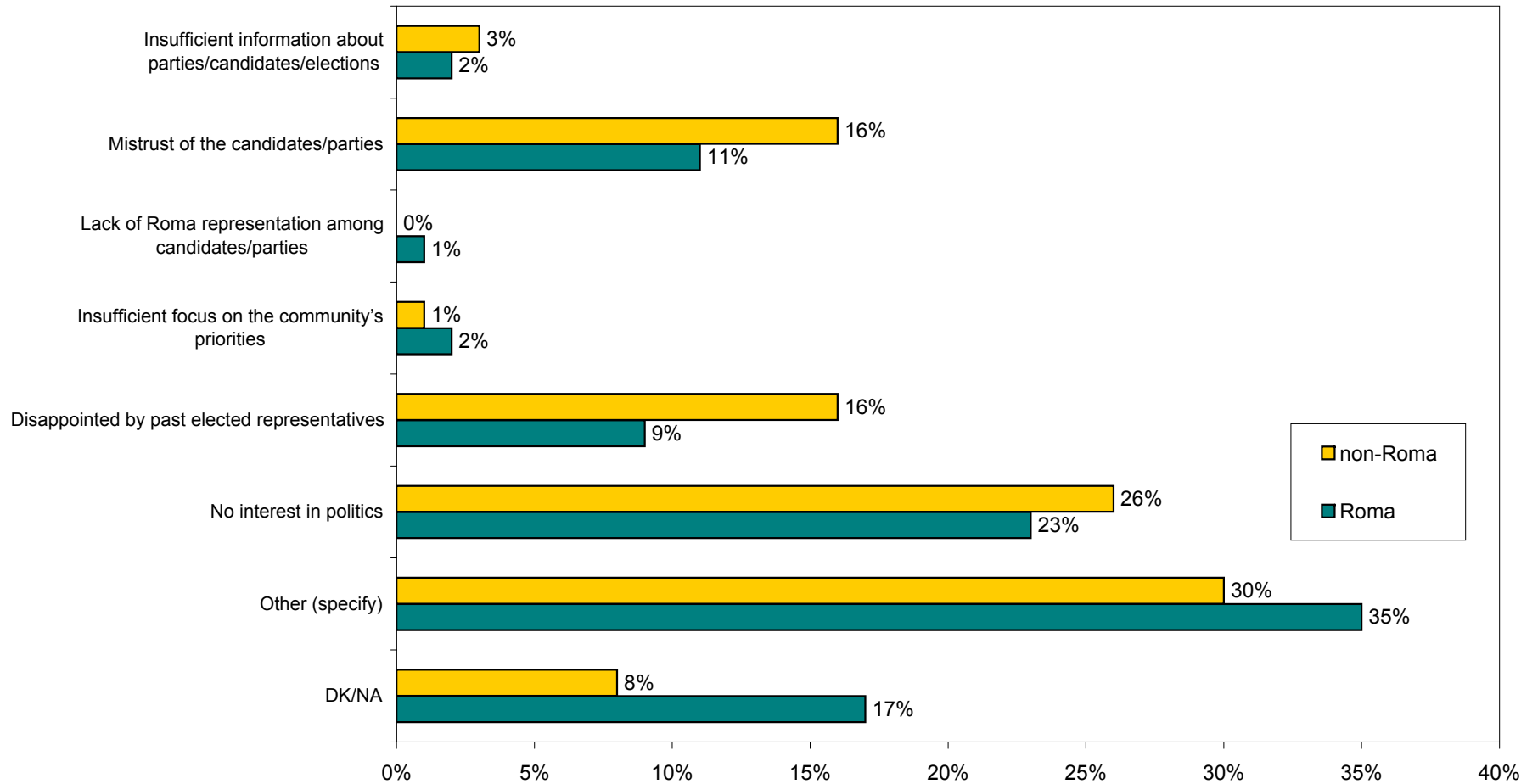
20% did not vote
 9% didn't remember
 2% remembered the candidate but not the party

If you voted in the last local elections, which factor most influenced your choice?
 % of those who voted



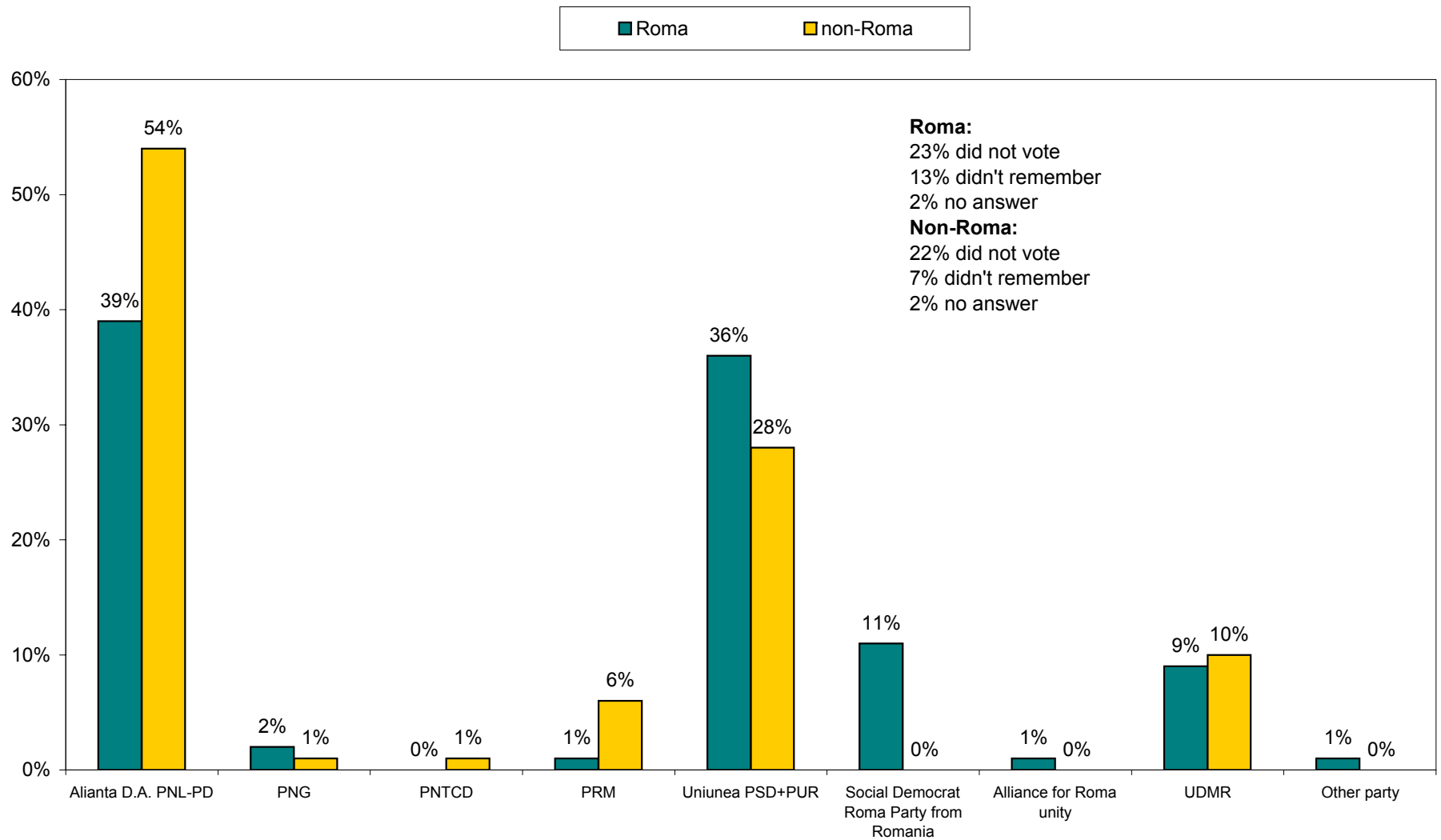
If you did not vote in the last local election, which factor most influenced your decision to abstain?

% of those who didn't vote



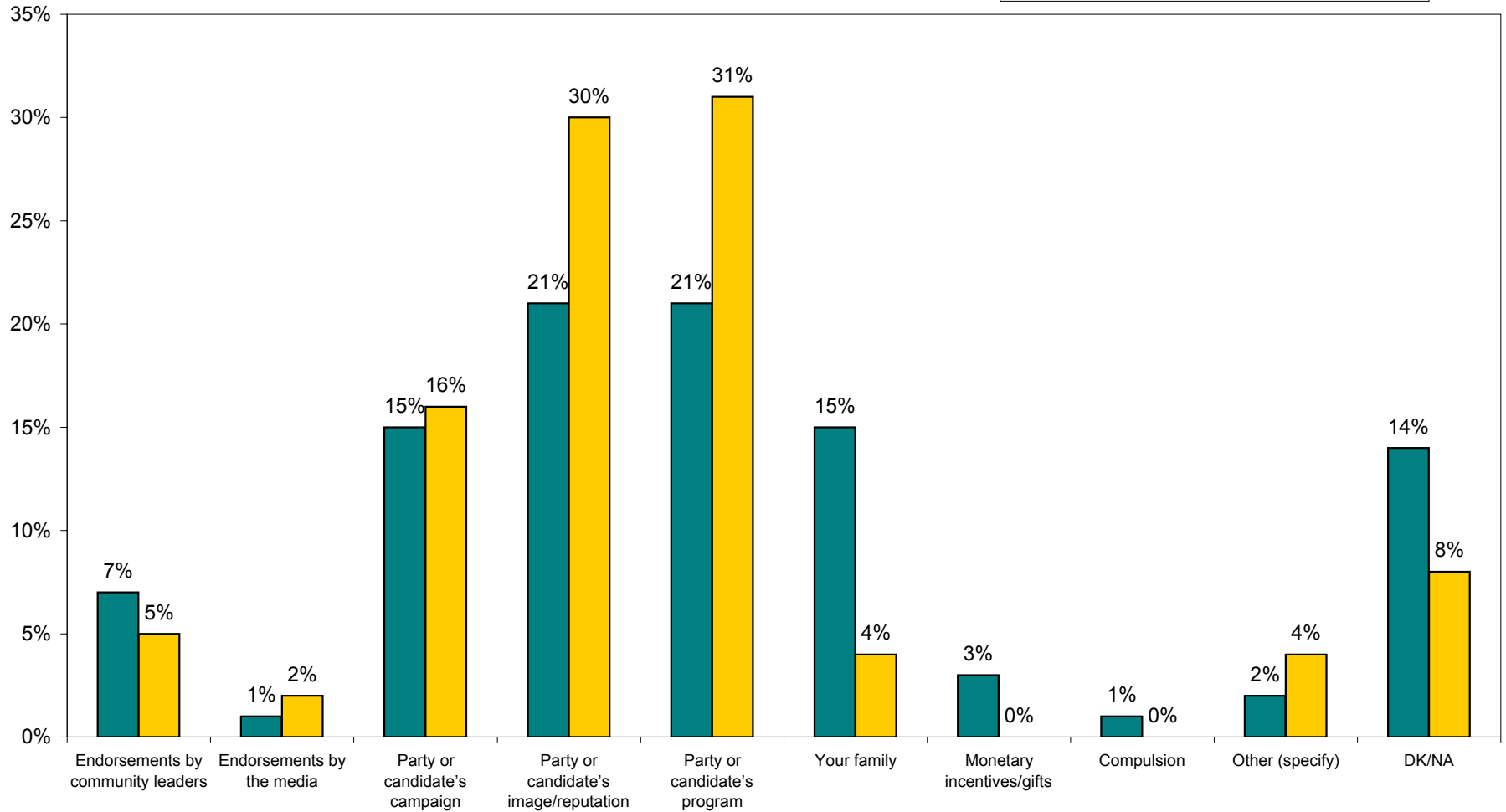
Which party did you vote for in the last parliamentary elections (2004)?

% of those with opinion

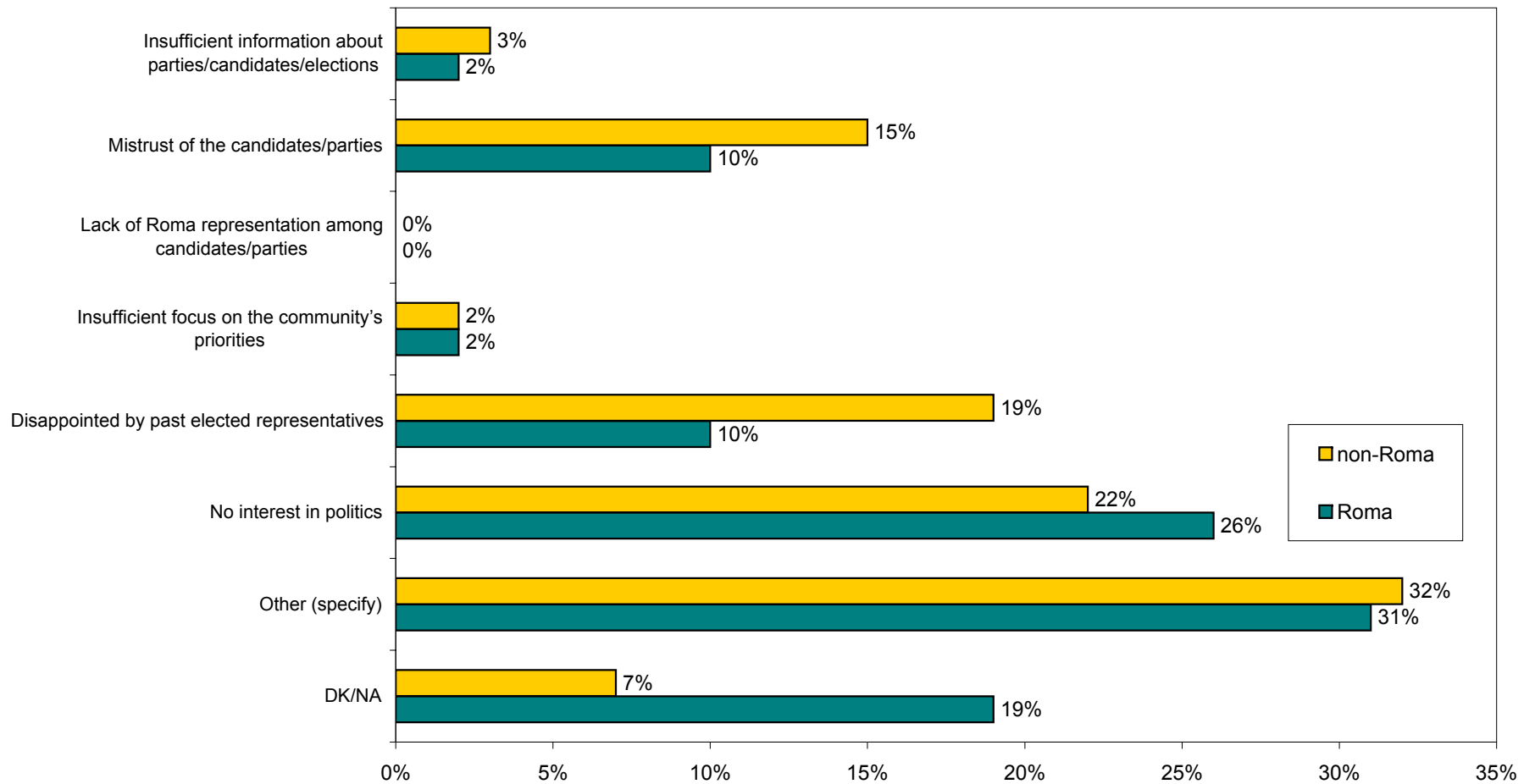


**If you did vote in the last parliamentary election,
what factor most influenced your choice?**

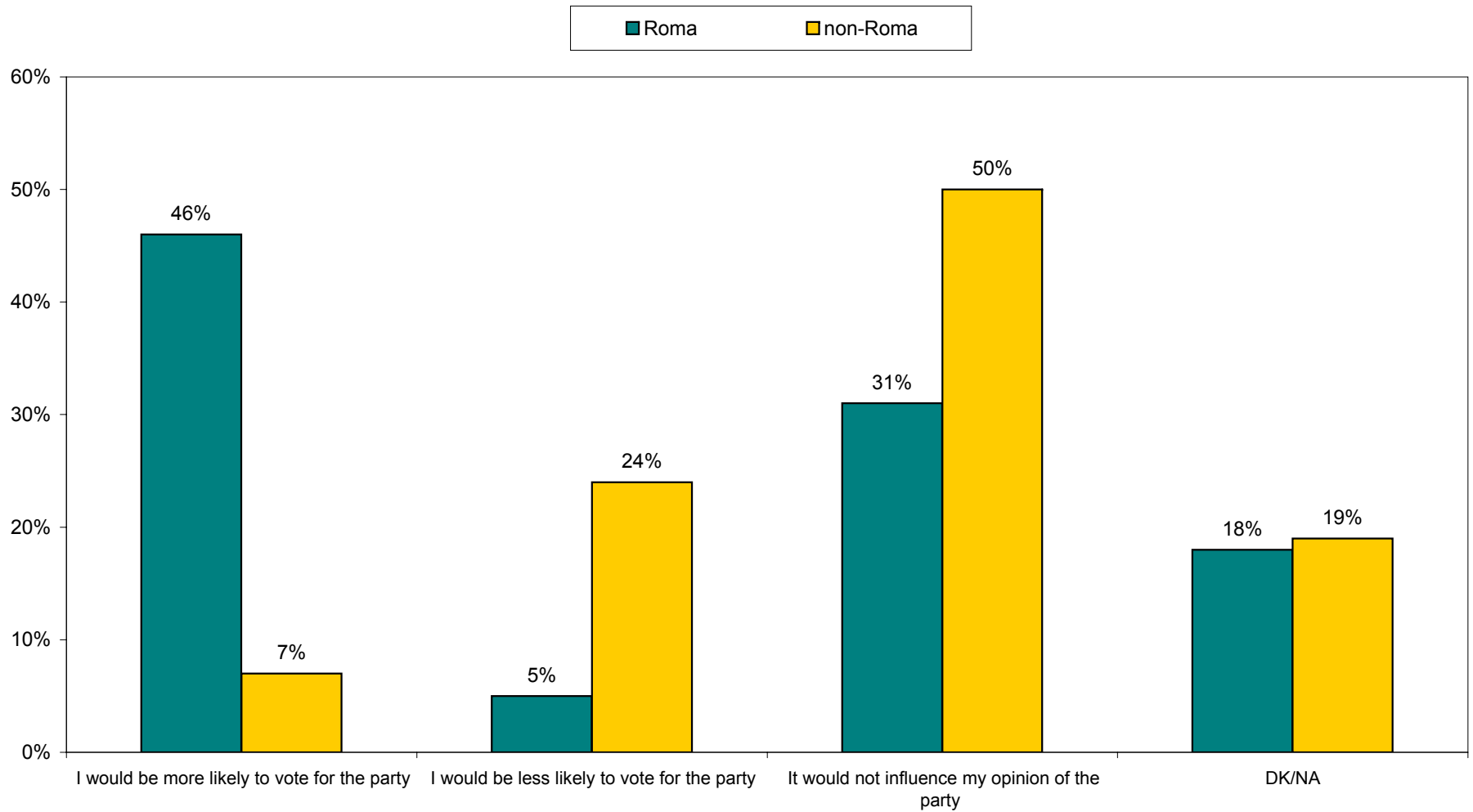
% of those who voted



If you did not vote in the last parliamentary elections, what factor most influenced your decision to abstain?
 % of those who didn't vote

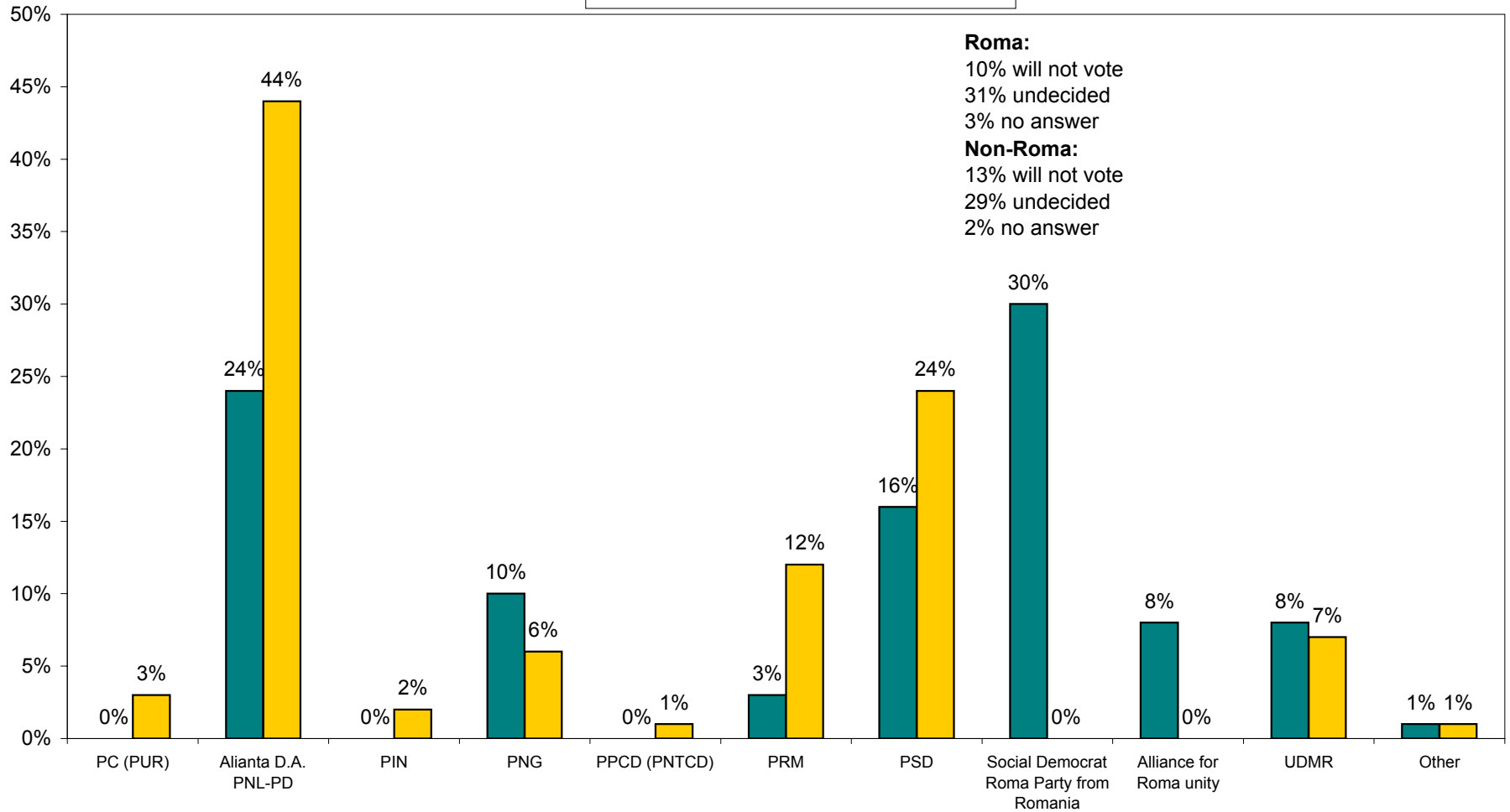


How would a party having a Roma candidate in an eligible position on its party list influence your decision to vote for it?

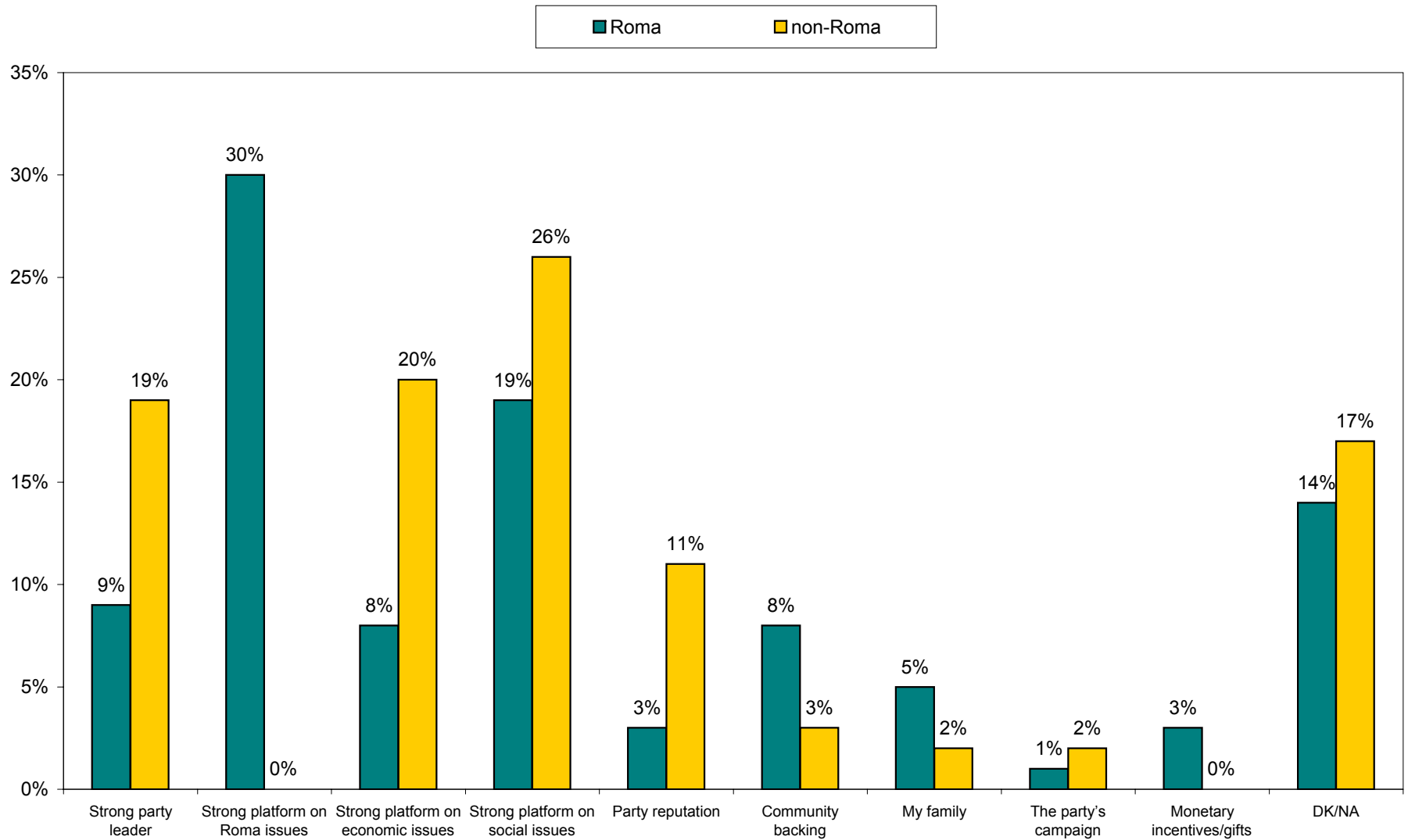


If the parliamentary elections were held at the end of the present week which party would you support?

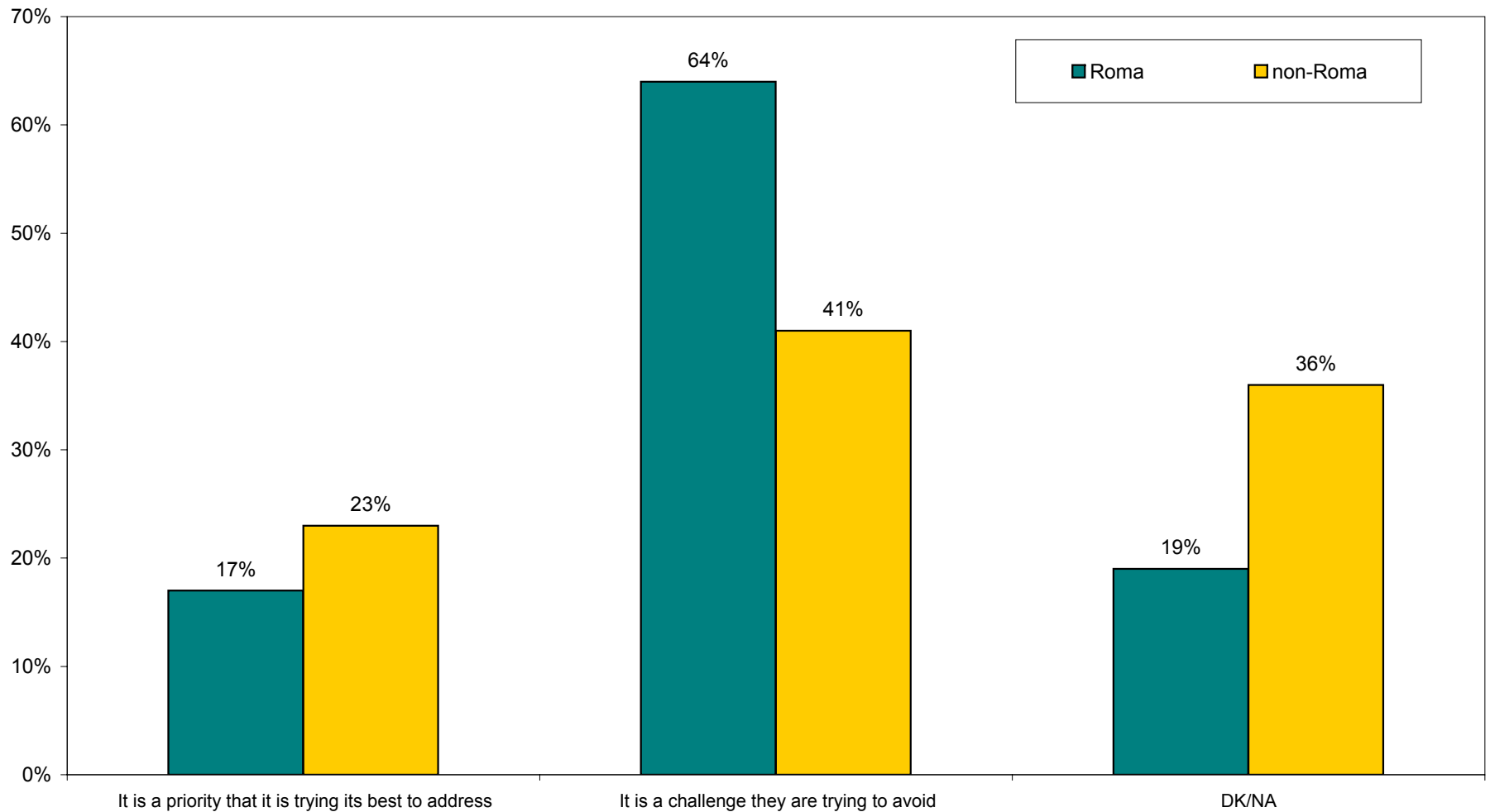
% of those with opinion



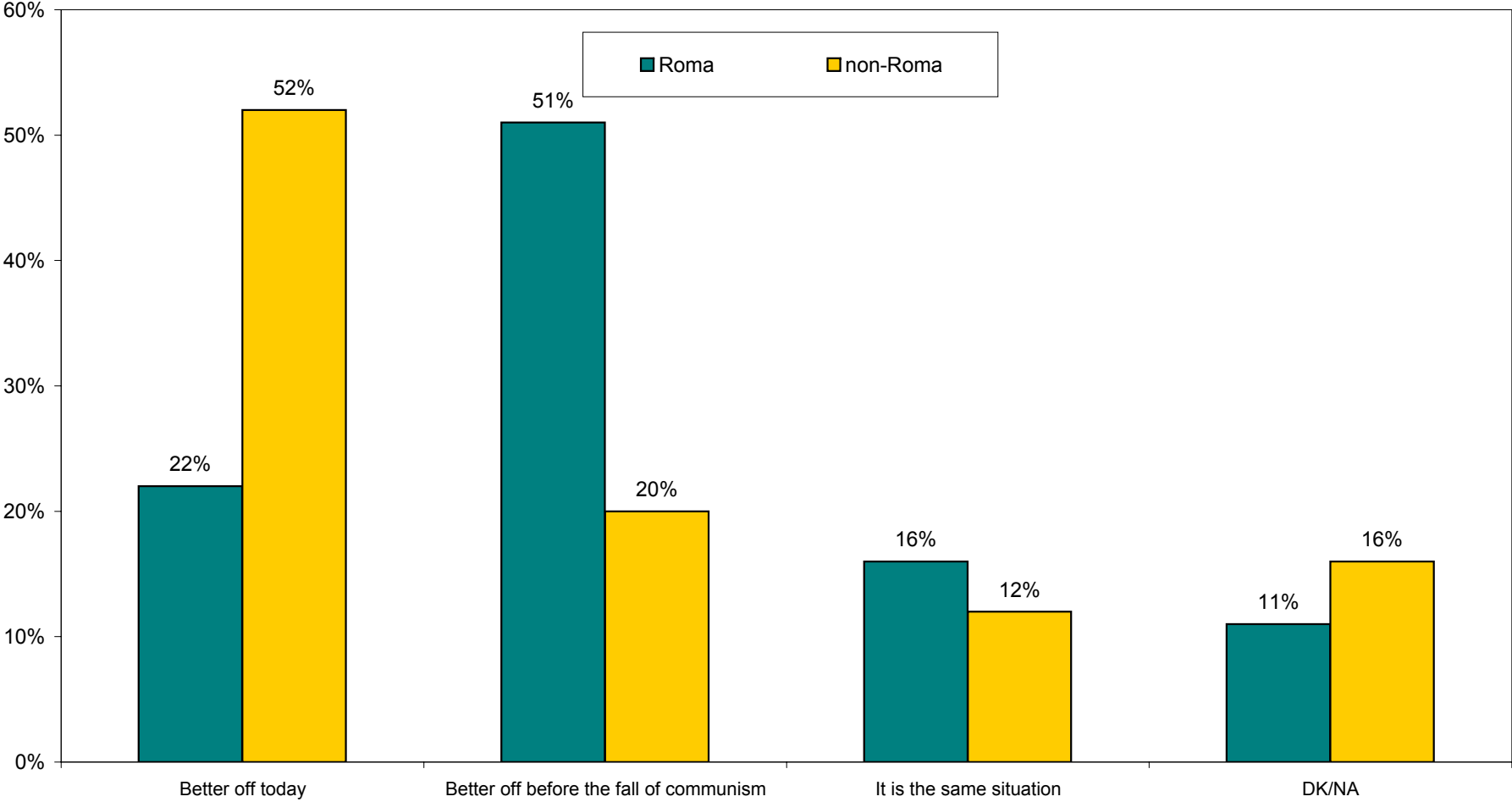
What factor will most influence who you vote for in future elections?



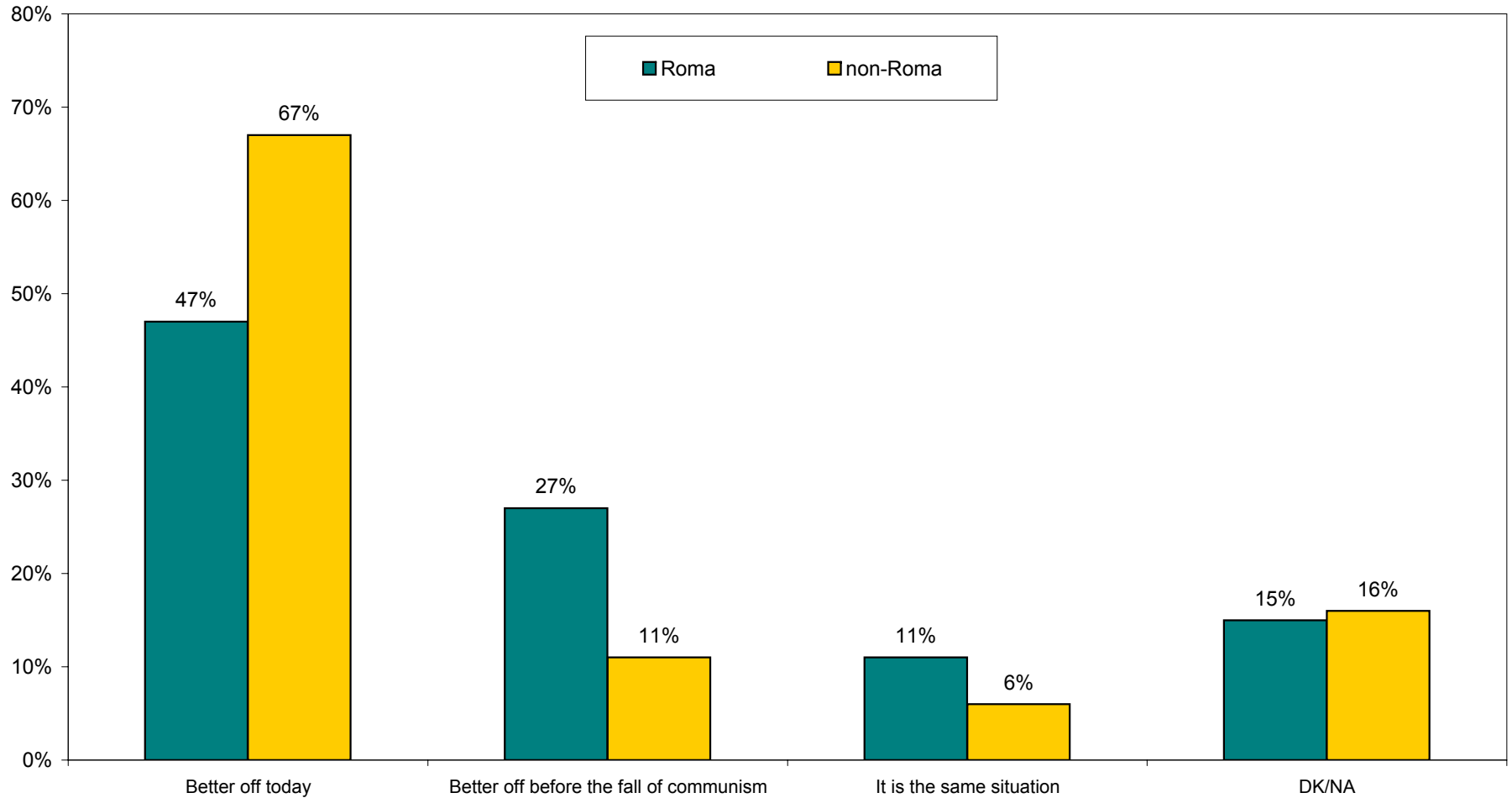
Do you believe that improving the situation of Roma in Romania is a priority that the government is trying its best to address, or that it is a challenge it is trying to avoid?



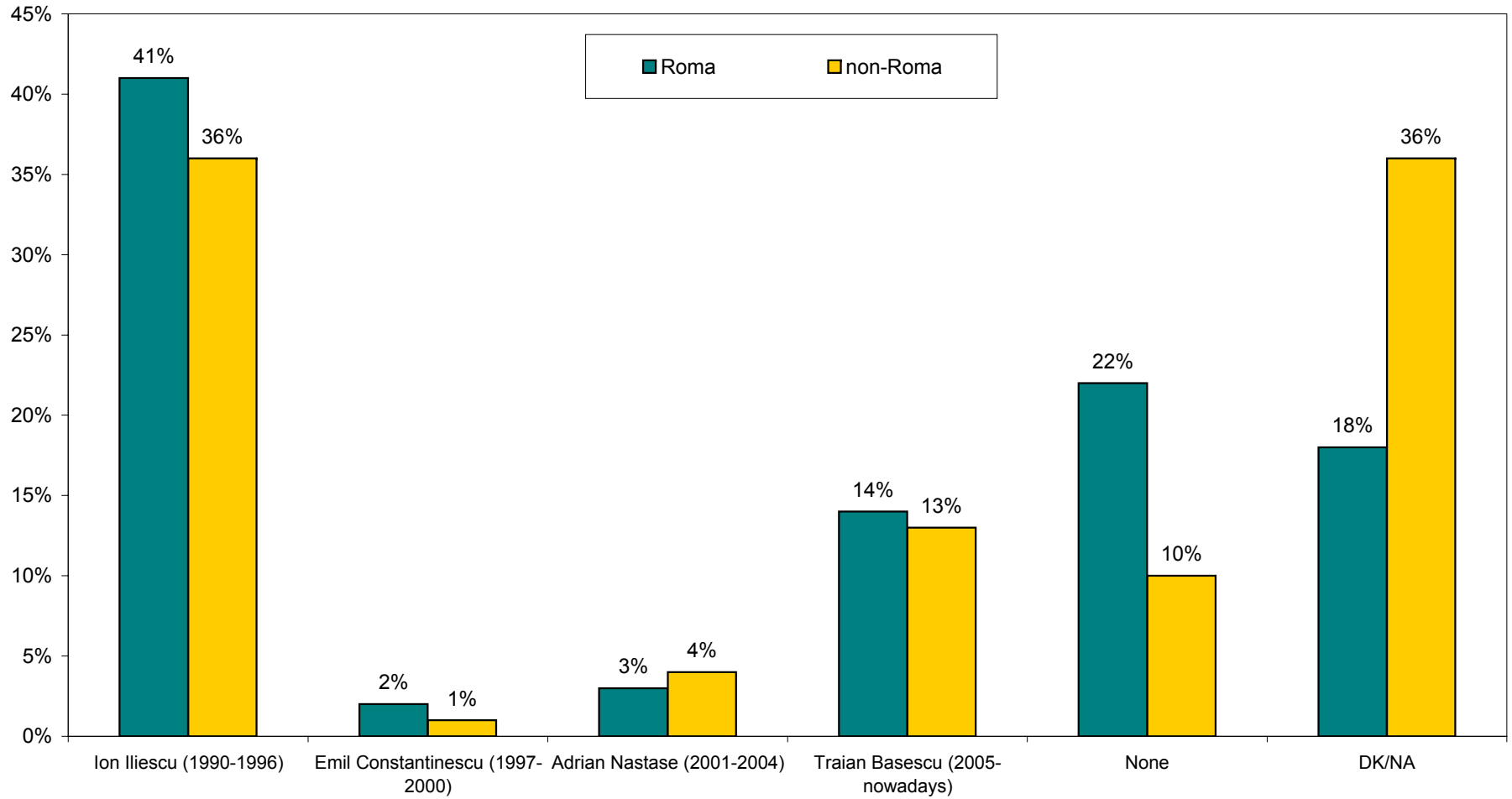
From the economic point of view, do you believe that Roma are better off today, or that they were better off before the fall of communism in 1989?



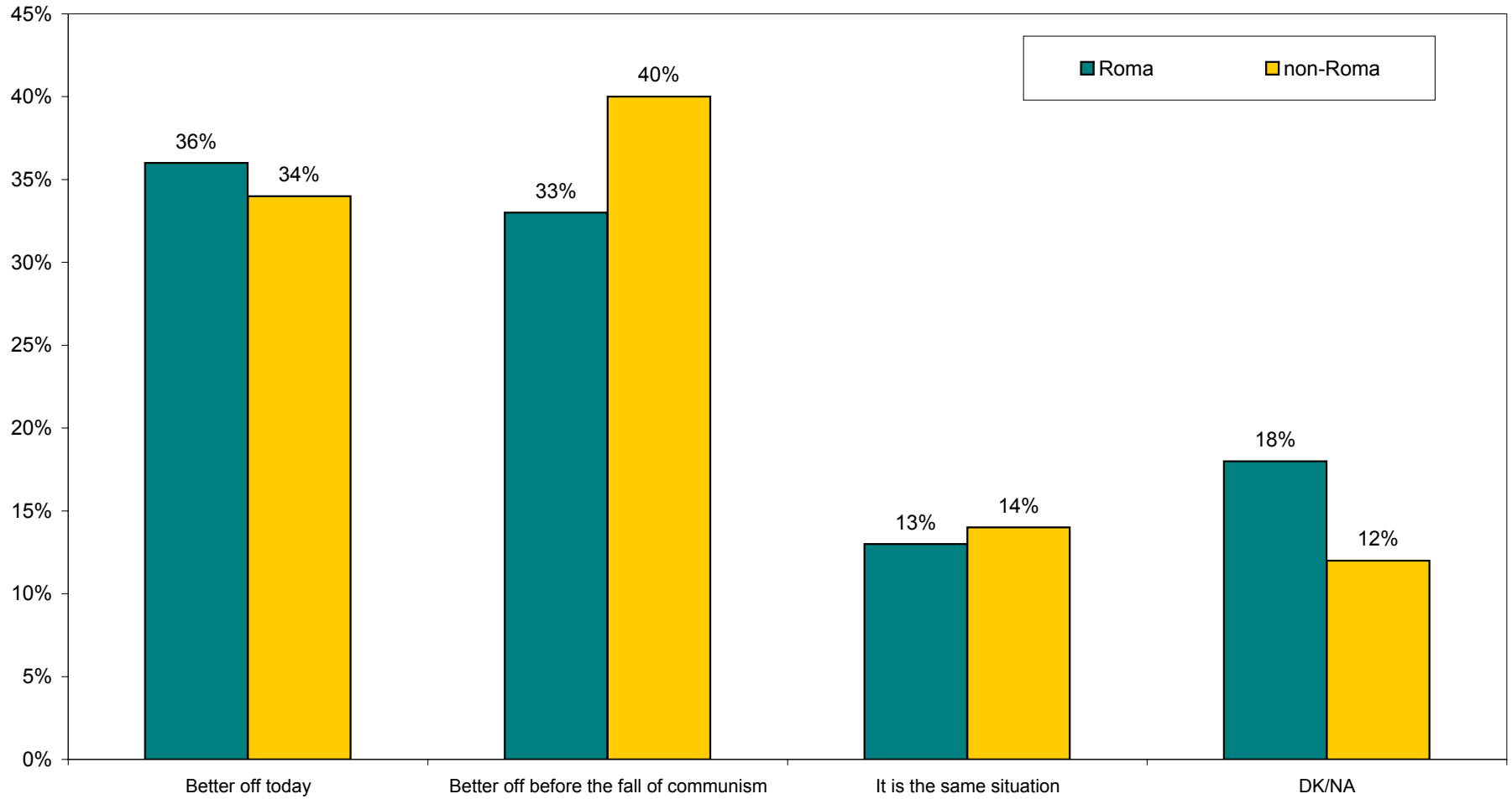
From the political liberty point of view, do you believe that Roma are better off today, or that they were better off before the fall of communism in 1989?



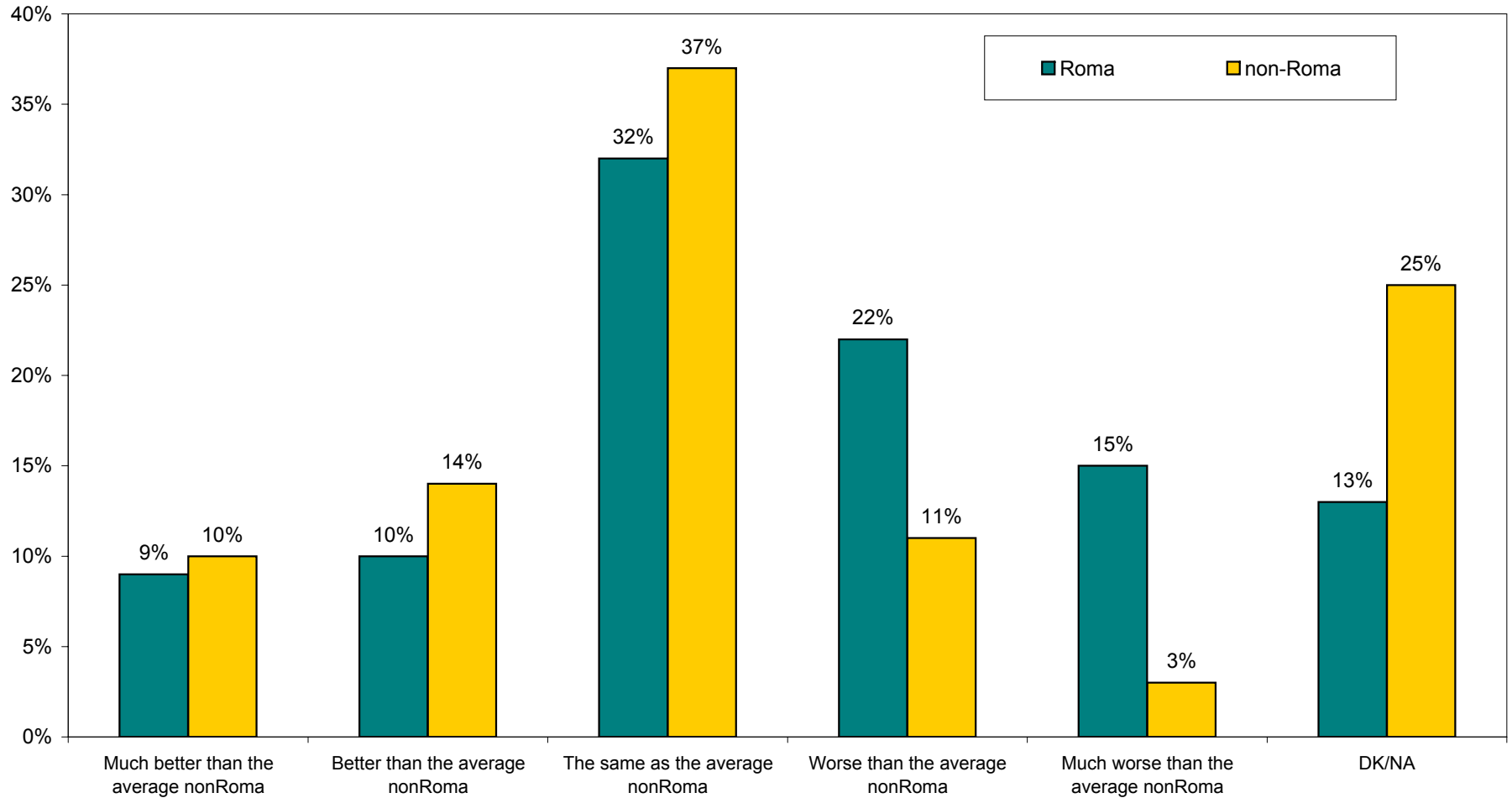
Having in mind the governments in the last 15 years, under which of them did the Roma population live best?



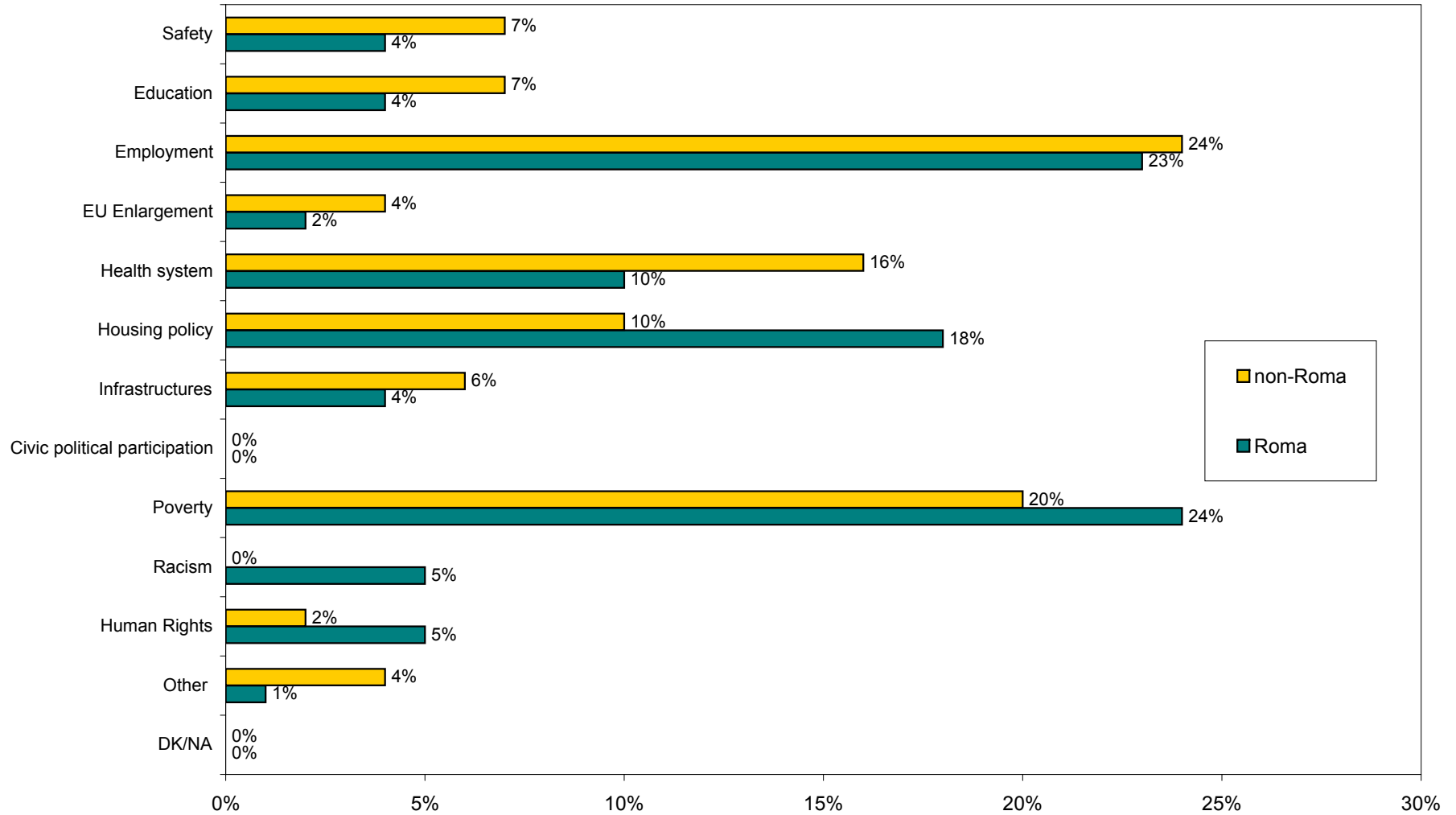
Do you believe that non-Roma, overall, are better off today, or that they were better off before the fall of communism in 1989?



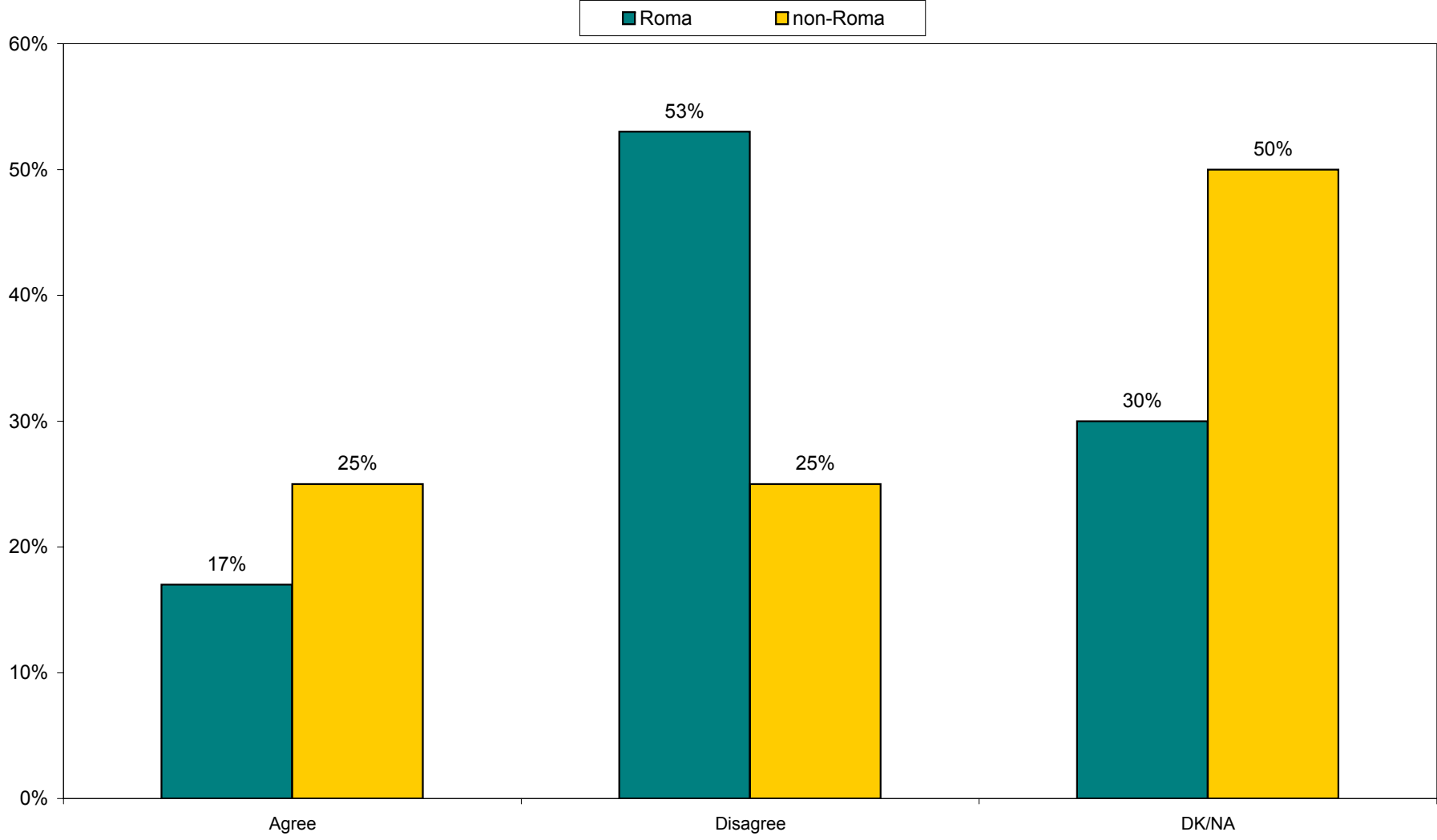
Thinking of your general quality of life as it compares to the quality of life of the non-Roma around you, would you rate your quality of life as...?



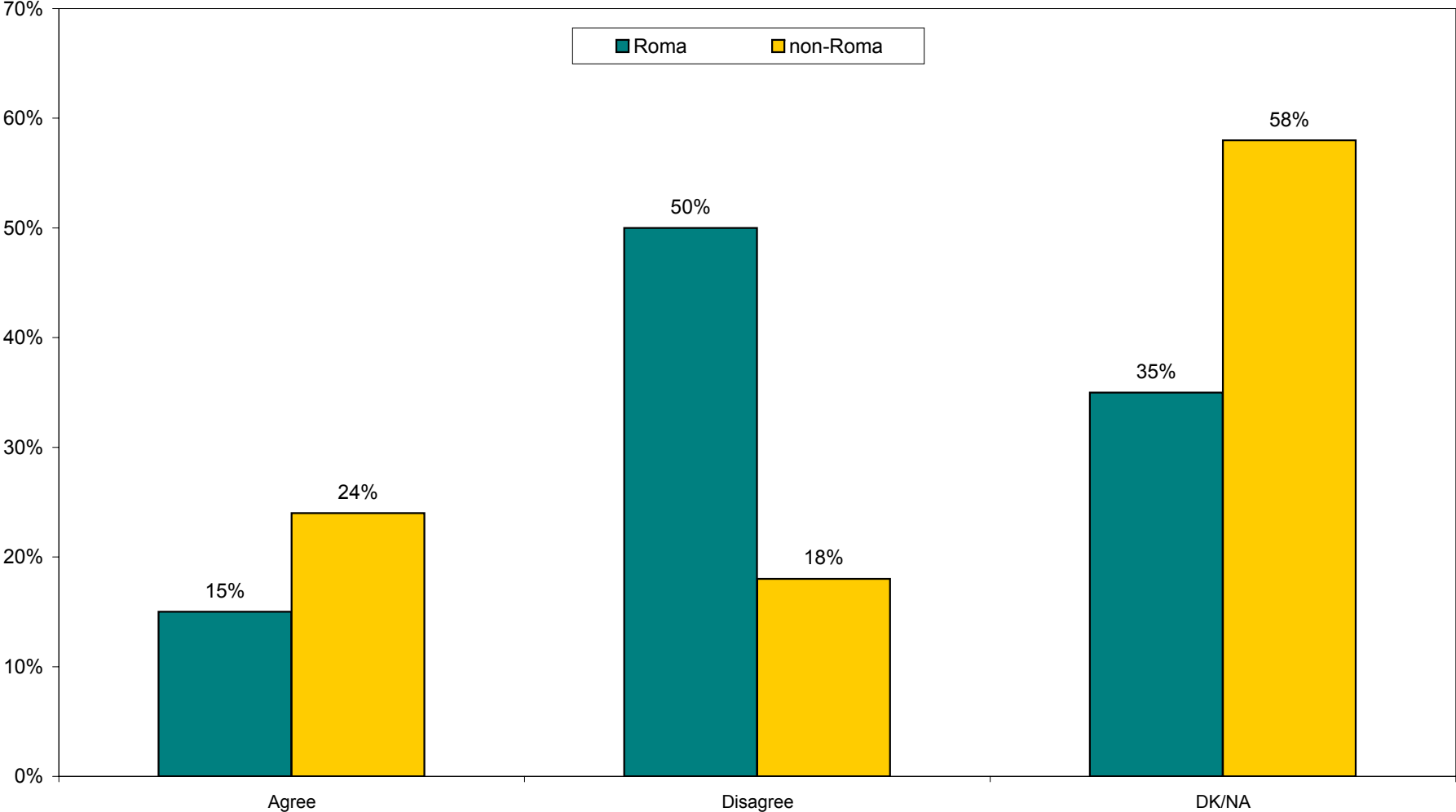
What three issues do you think are the most pressing for the government to address?
 - multiple response -



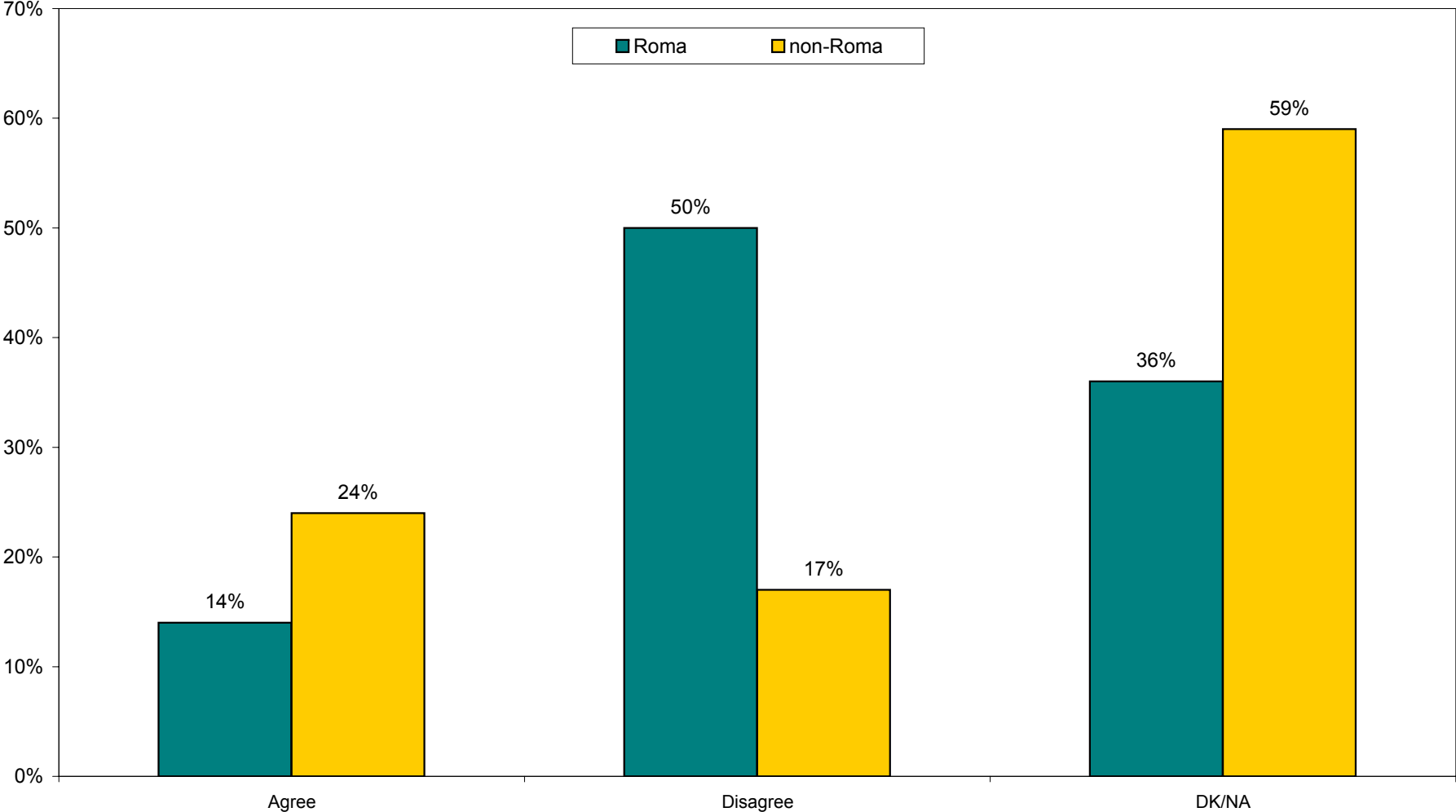
For the following statement indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know
My local council has enough Roma representation



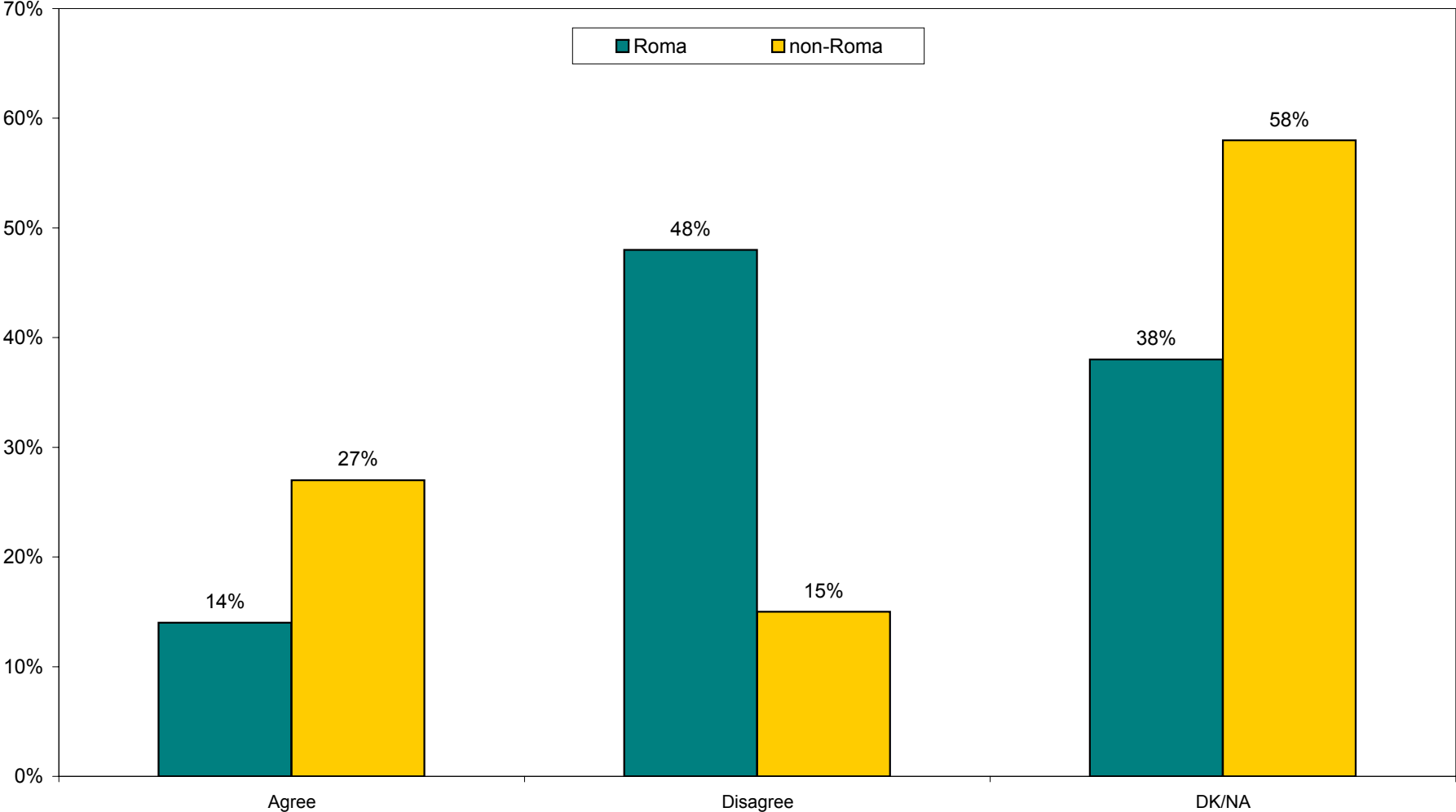
For the following statement indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know
My county council has enough Roma representation



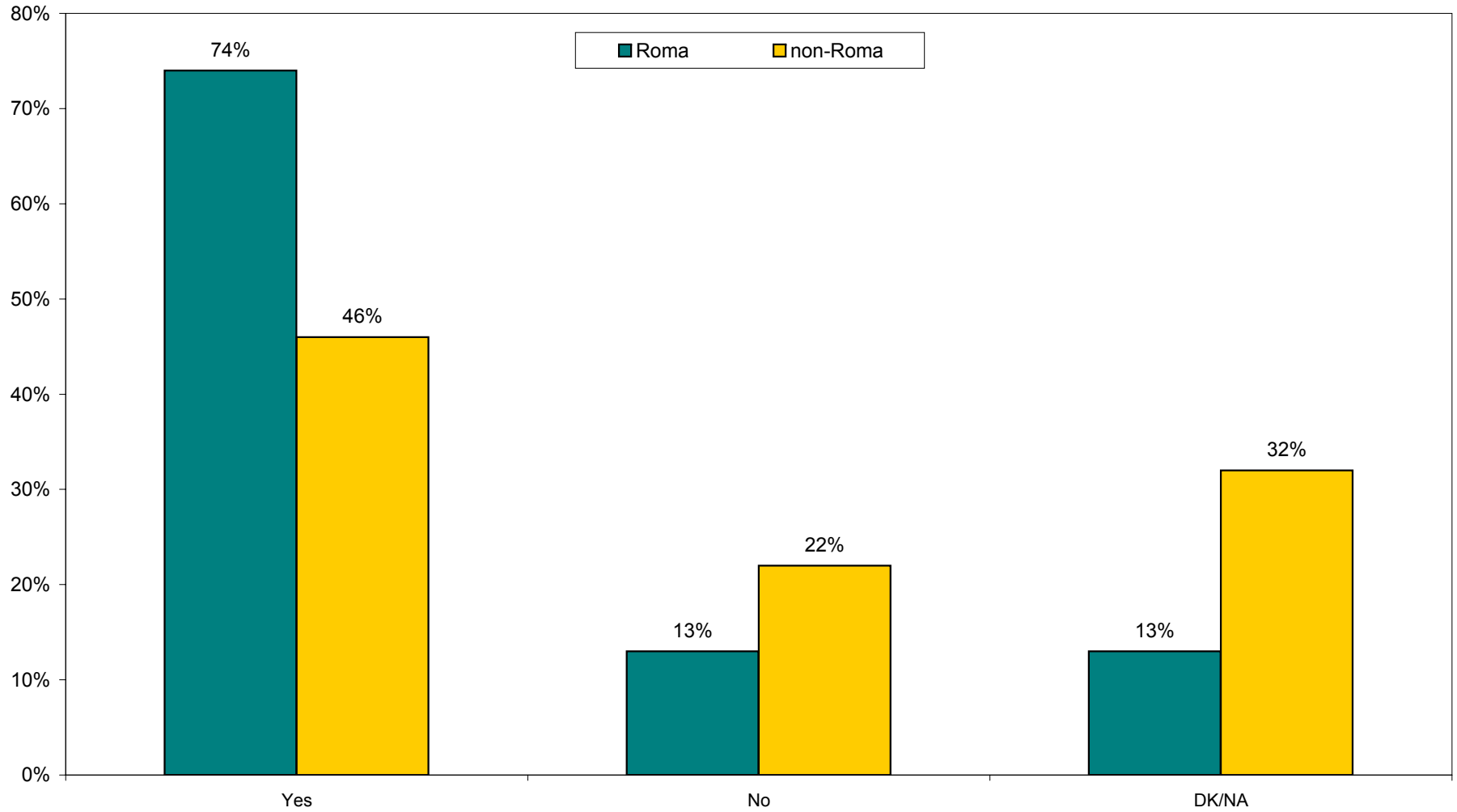
For the following statement indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know
The Romanian Government has enough Roma representation



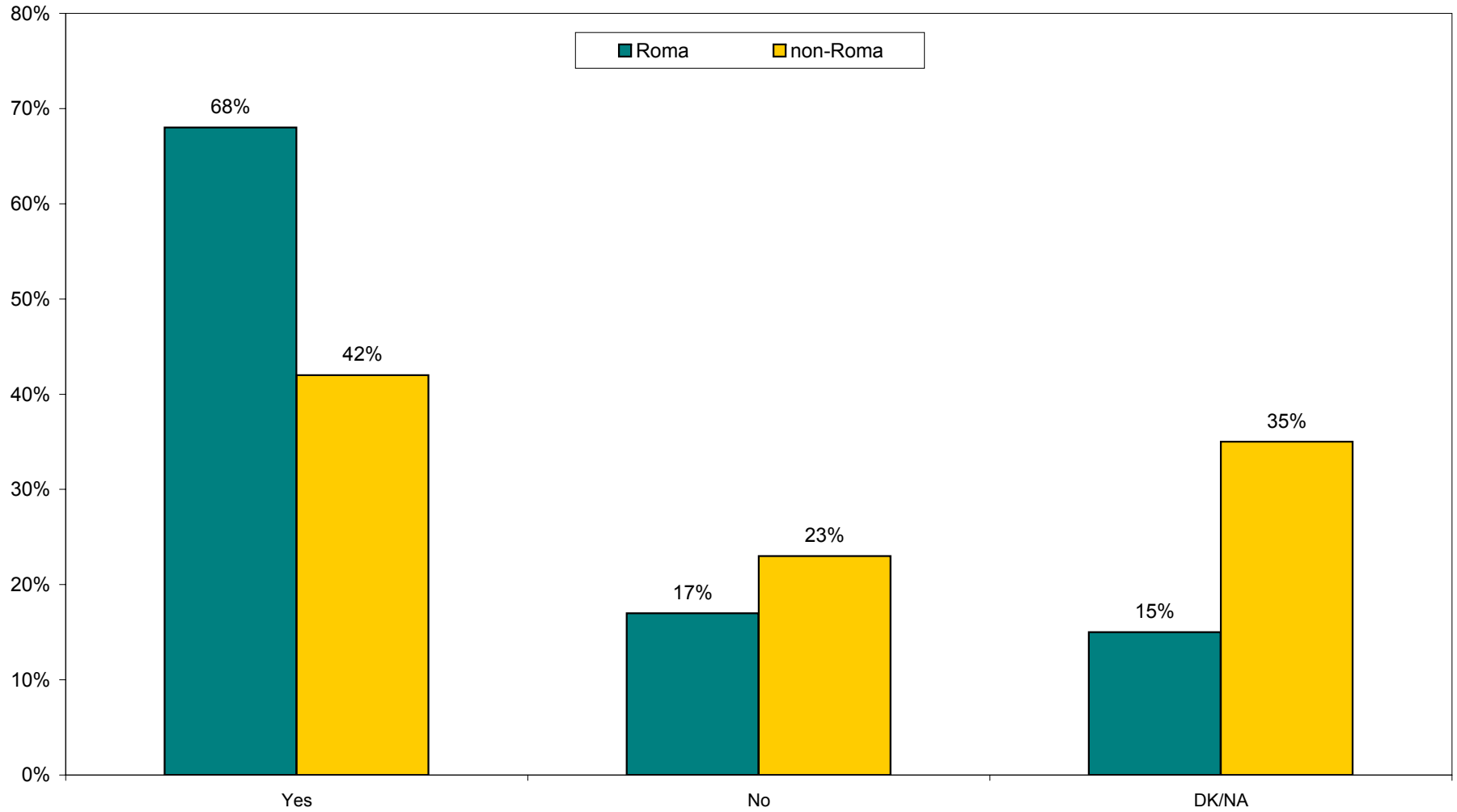
For the following statement indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know
The Romanian Parliament has enough Roma representation



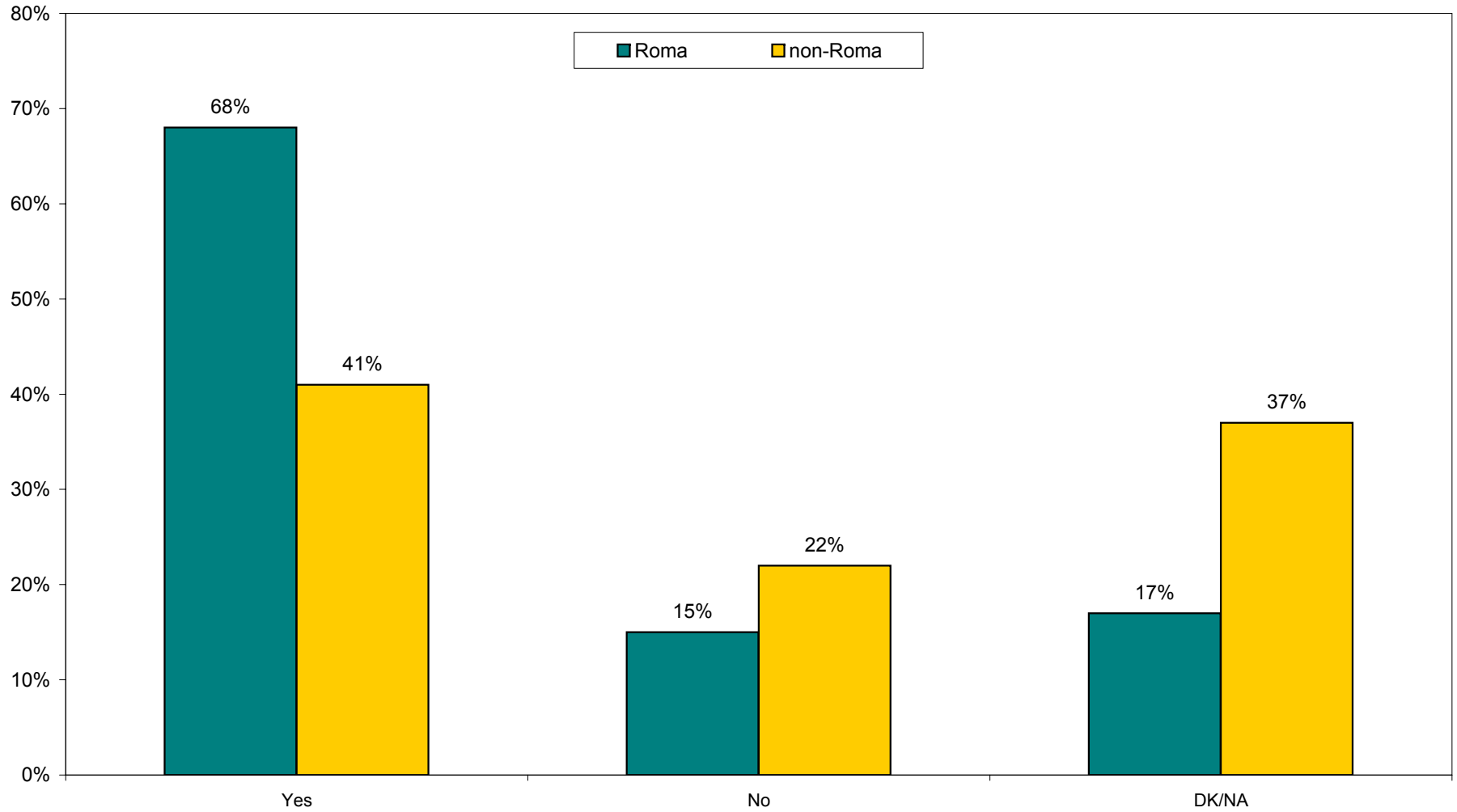
Do you think that Roma can effectively defend their interests through representation on:
The local level (municipal councils)



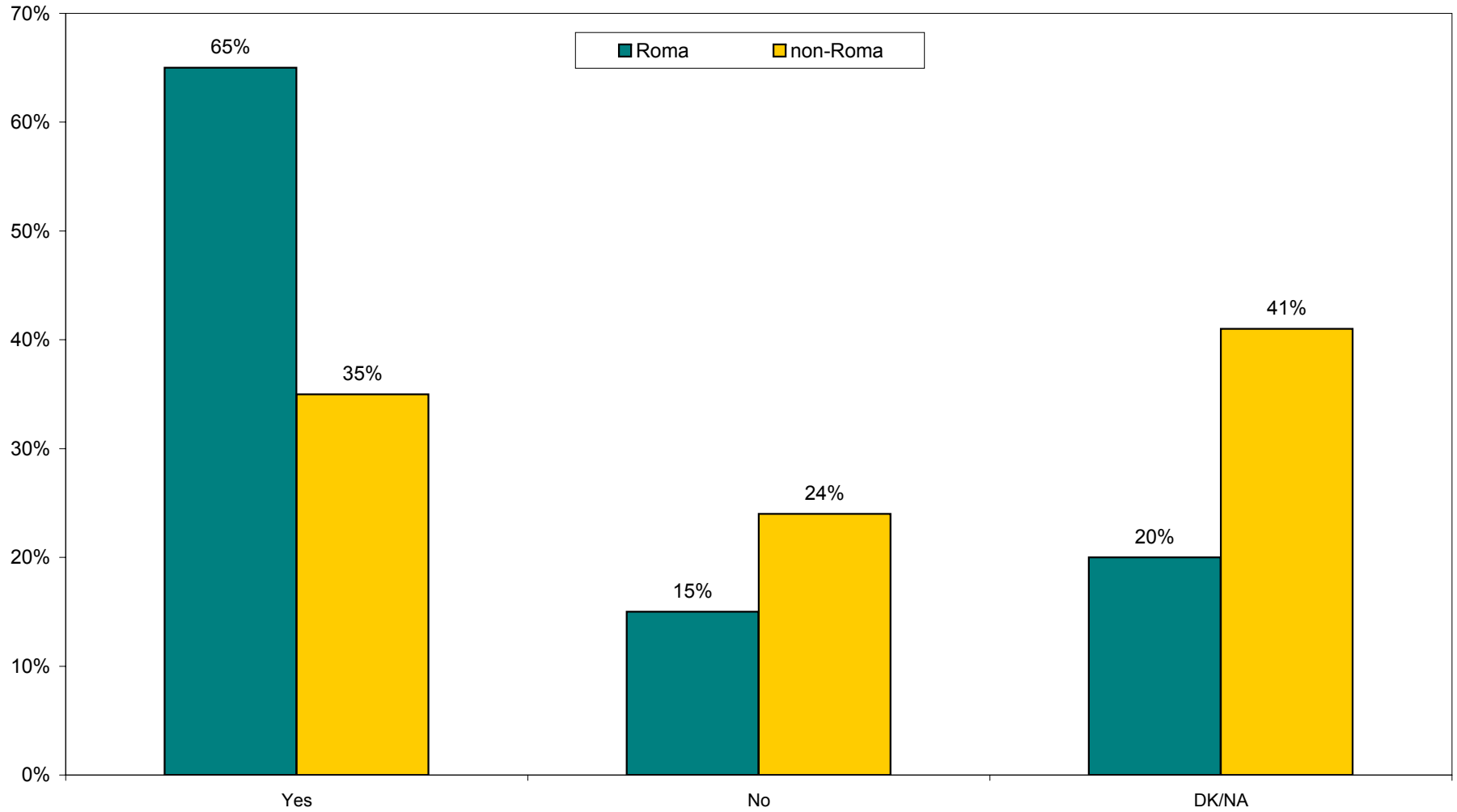
Do you think that Roma can effectively defend their interests through representation on:
The County Council



Do you think that Roma can effectively defend their interest through their representation on:
National Government and Parliament

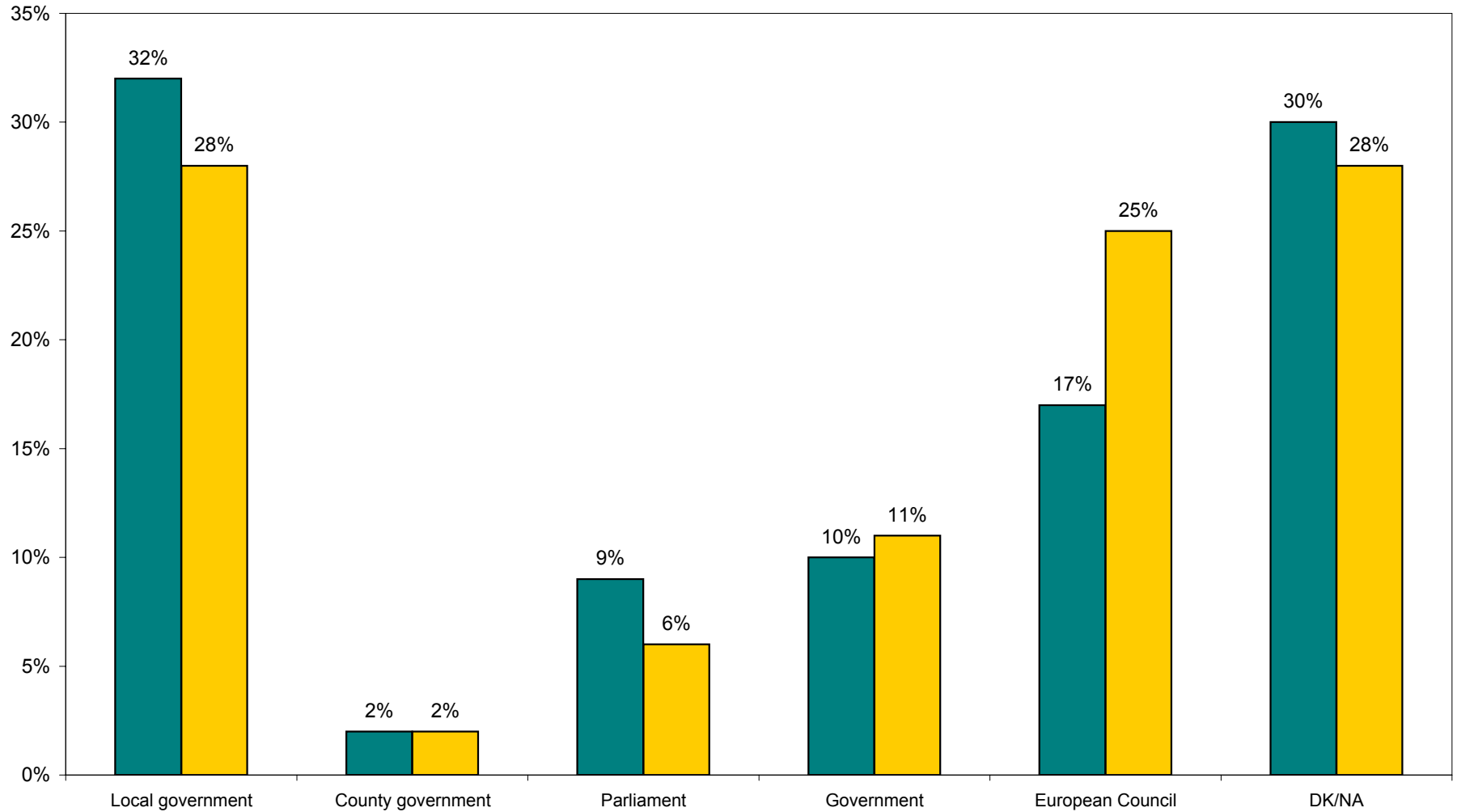


Do you think that Roma can effectively defend their interests through representation on:
The European level - European parliament and EU Commission

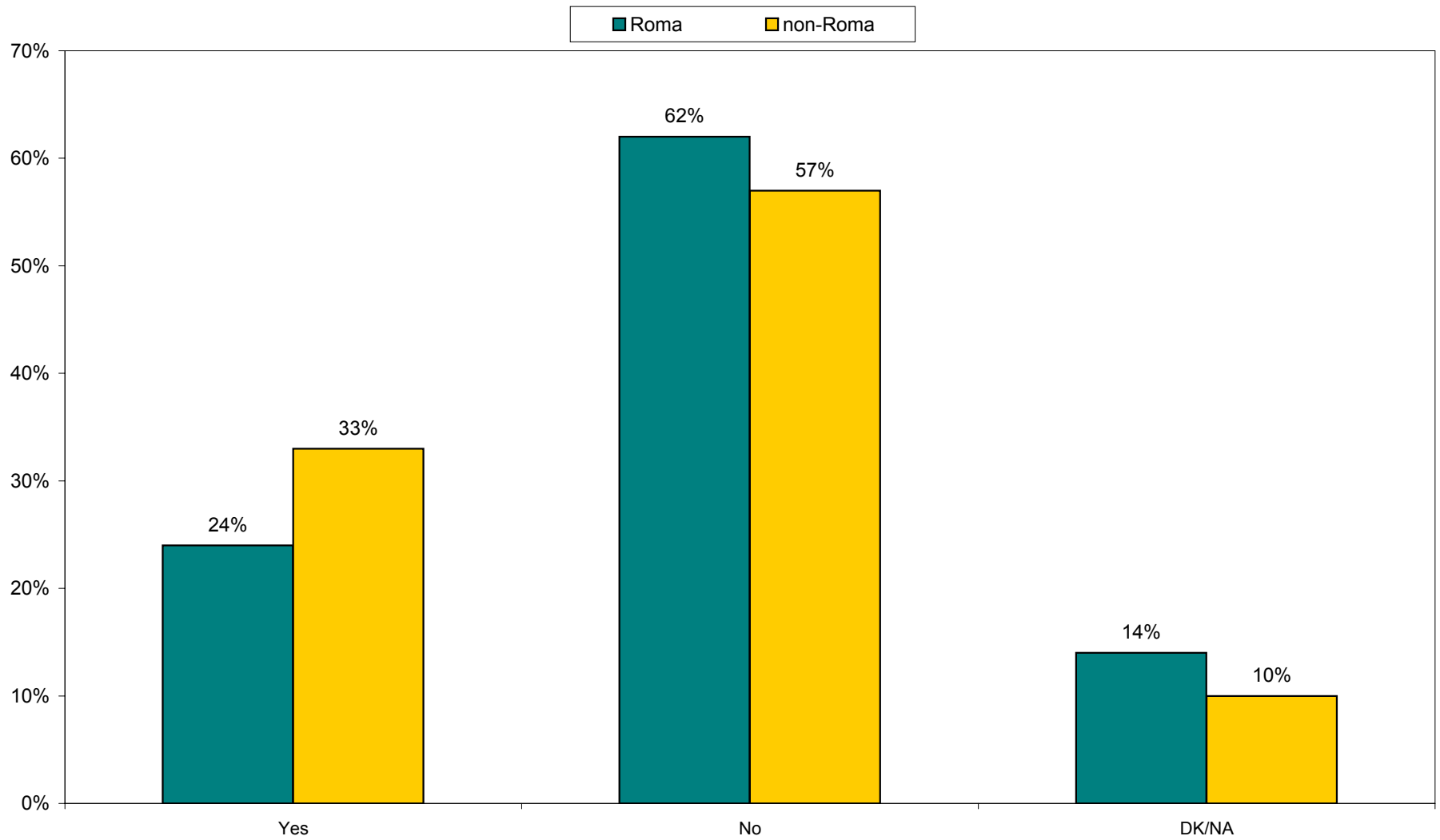


In which level of government do you have the most trust?

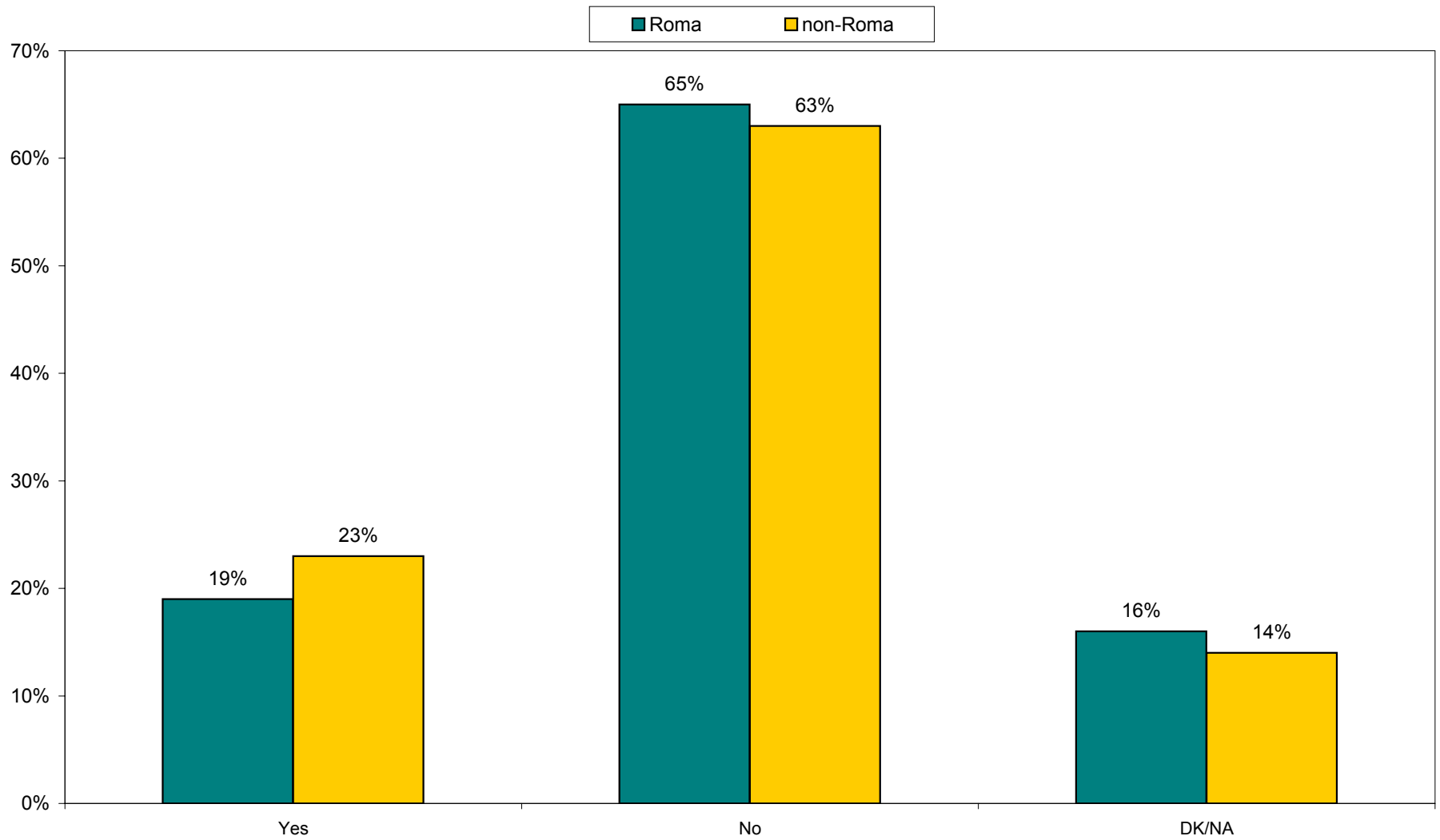
Roma non-Roma



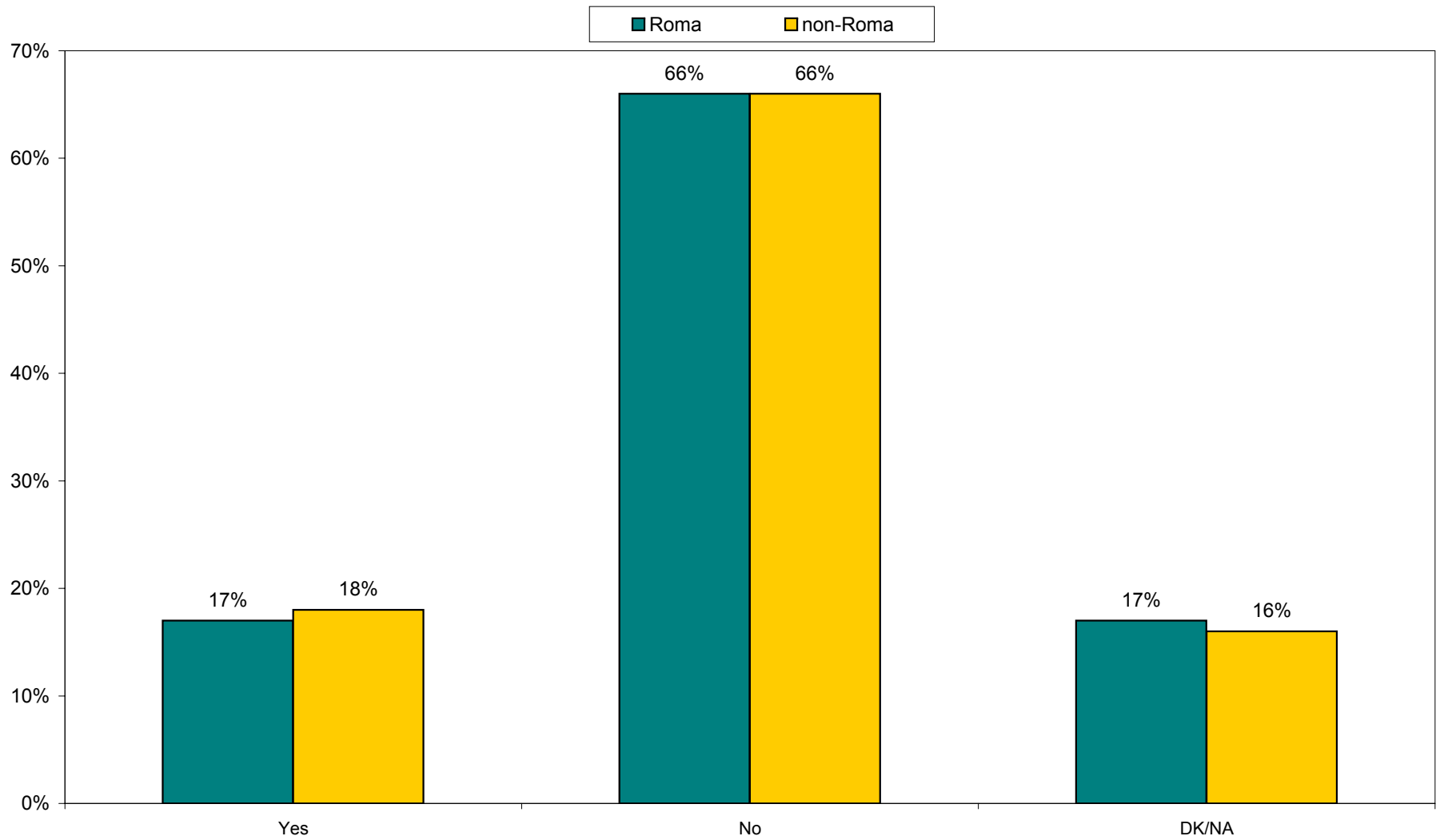
Do you think people like you can influence the decision making process at local level?



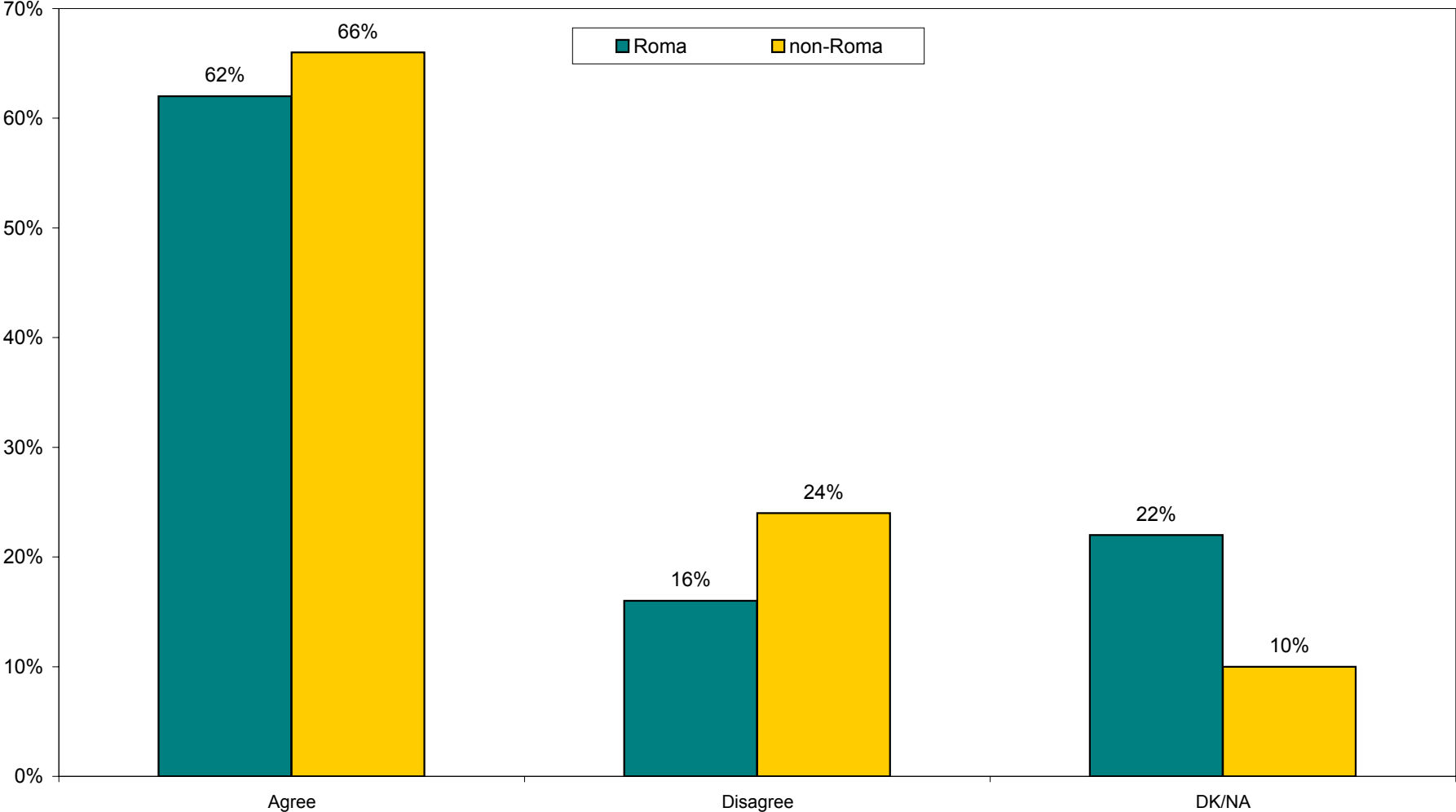
Do you think people like you can influence the decision making process at the county level?



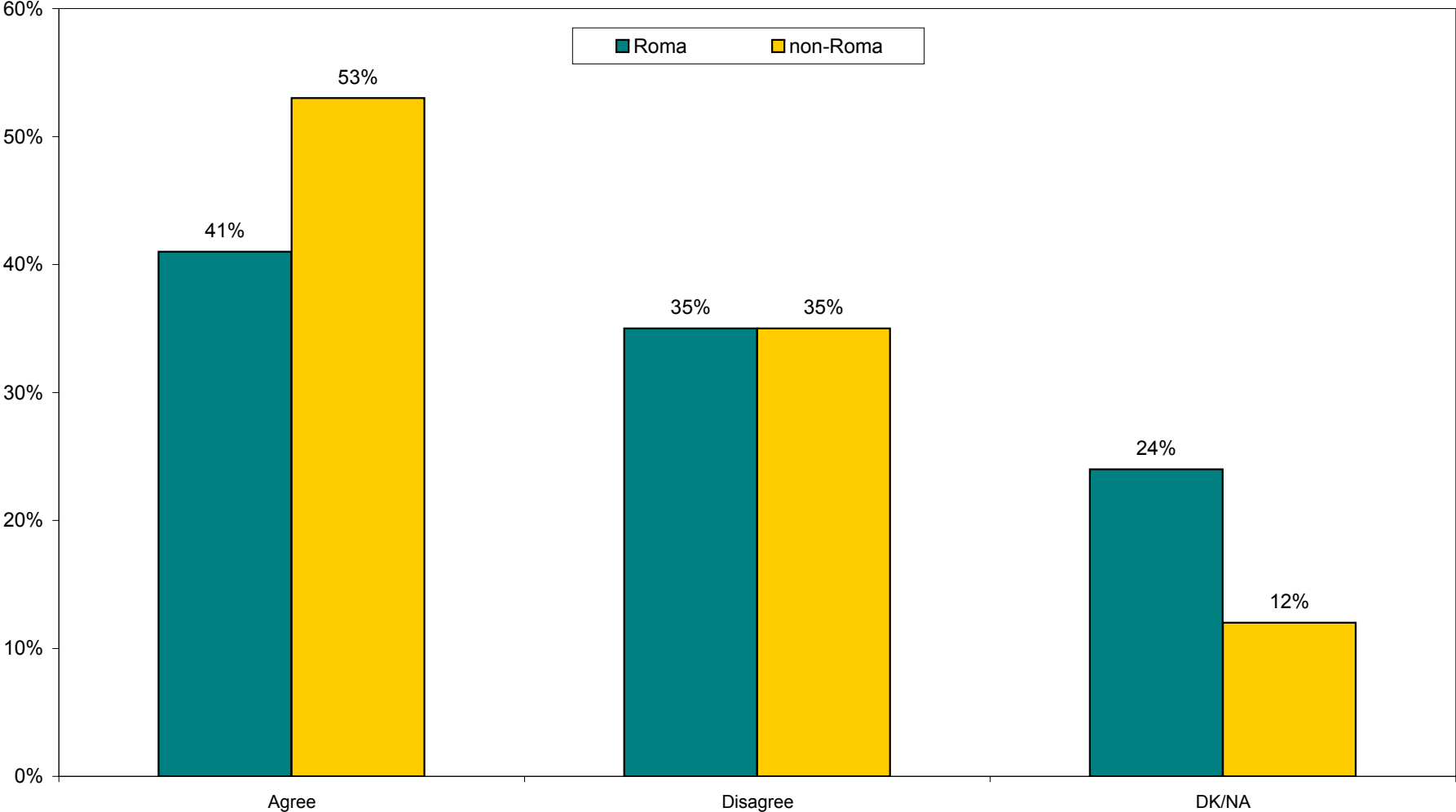
Do you think people like you can influence the decision making process at the national level?



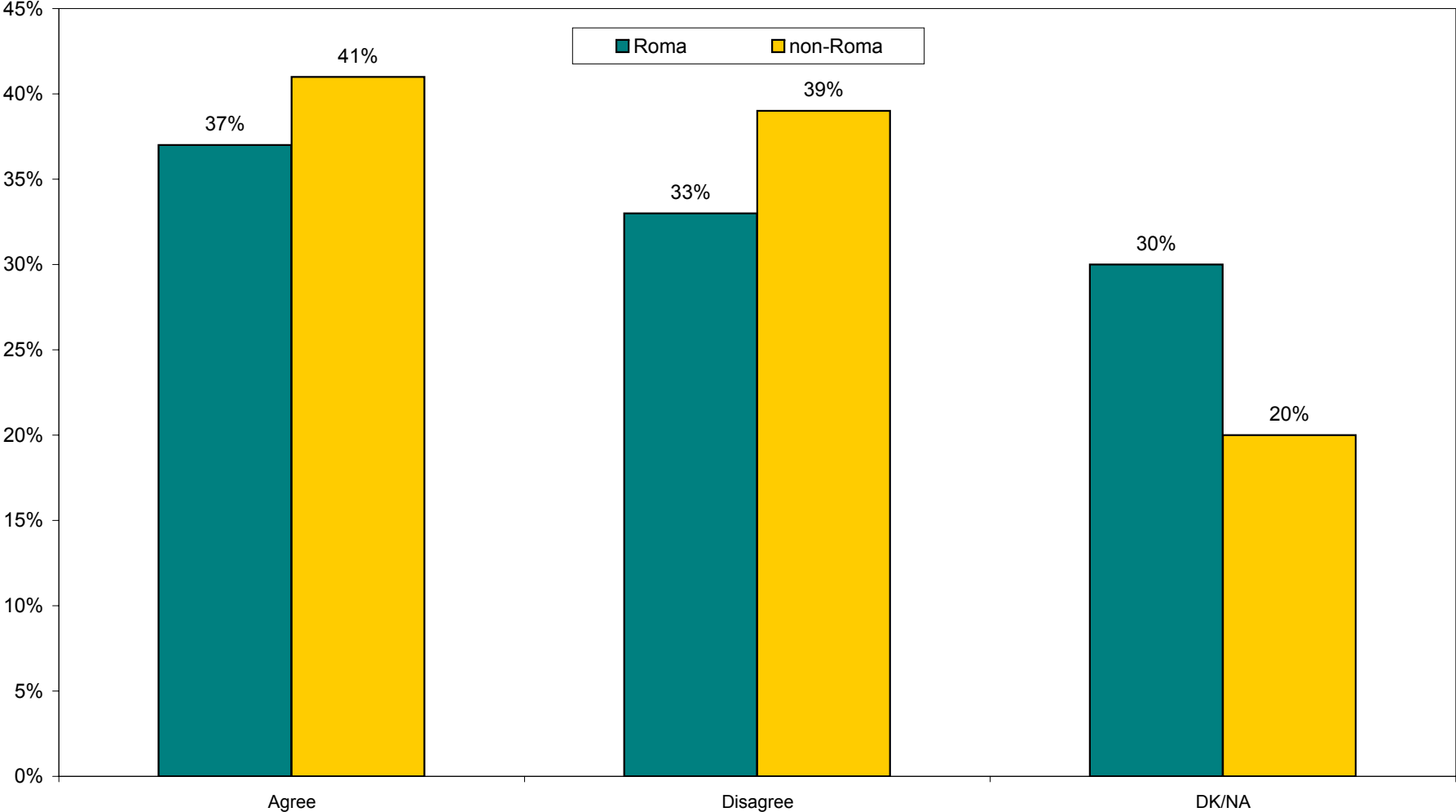
For the following statement indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know
Politicians lack decision making accountability



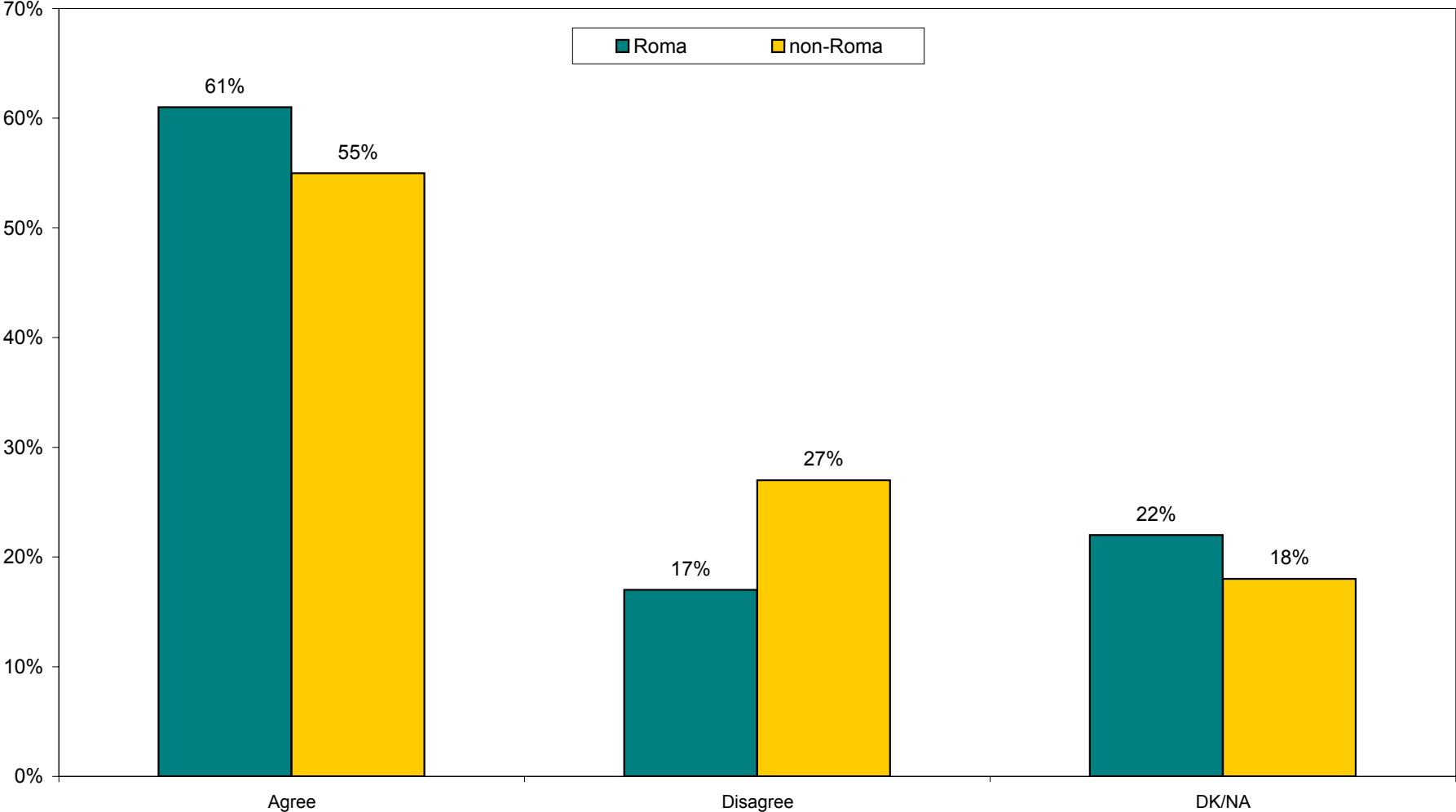
For the following statement indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know
What is going on in politics is related to my life



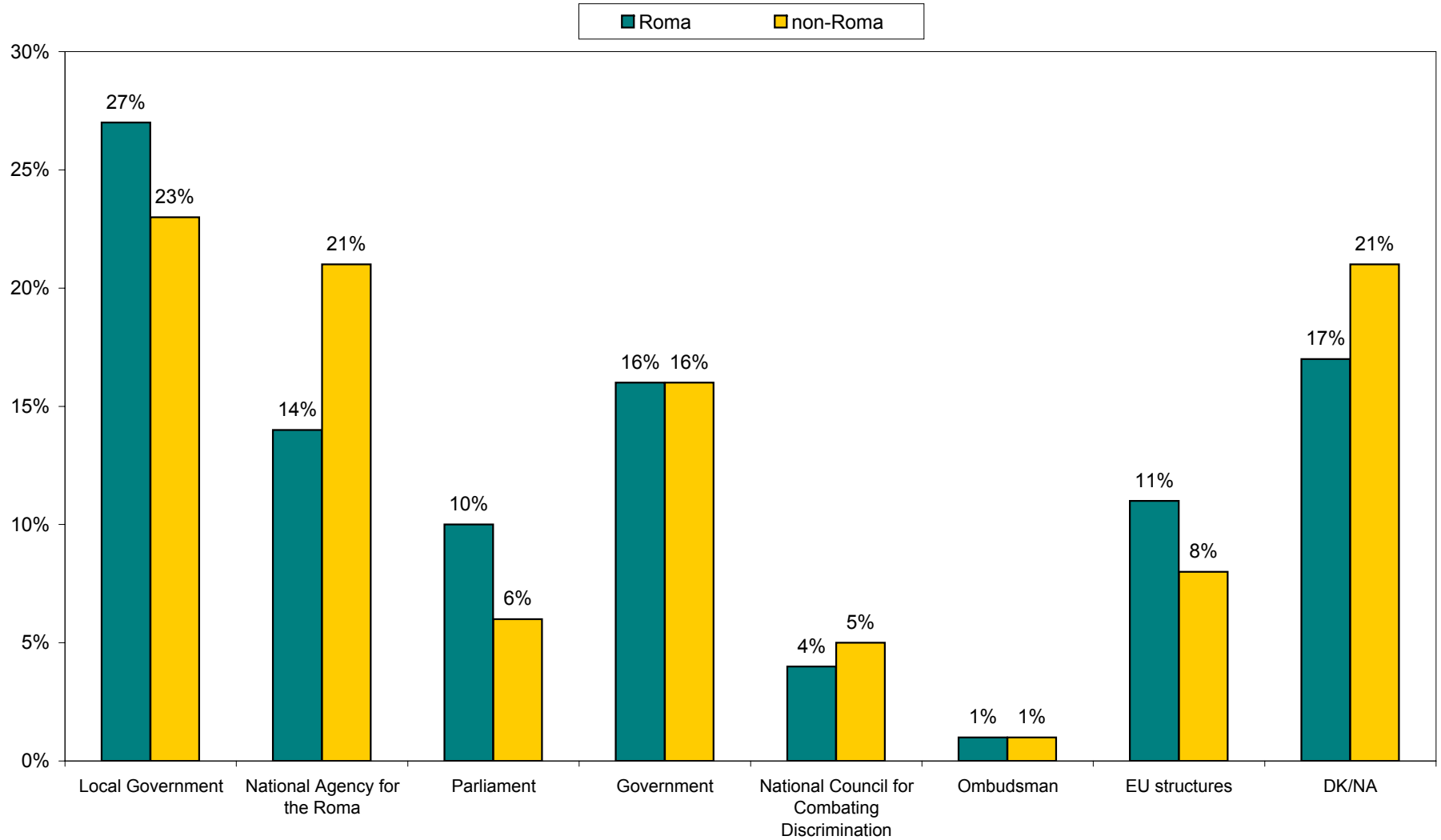
For the following statement indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know
Choosing the right political party is important in changing our lives



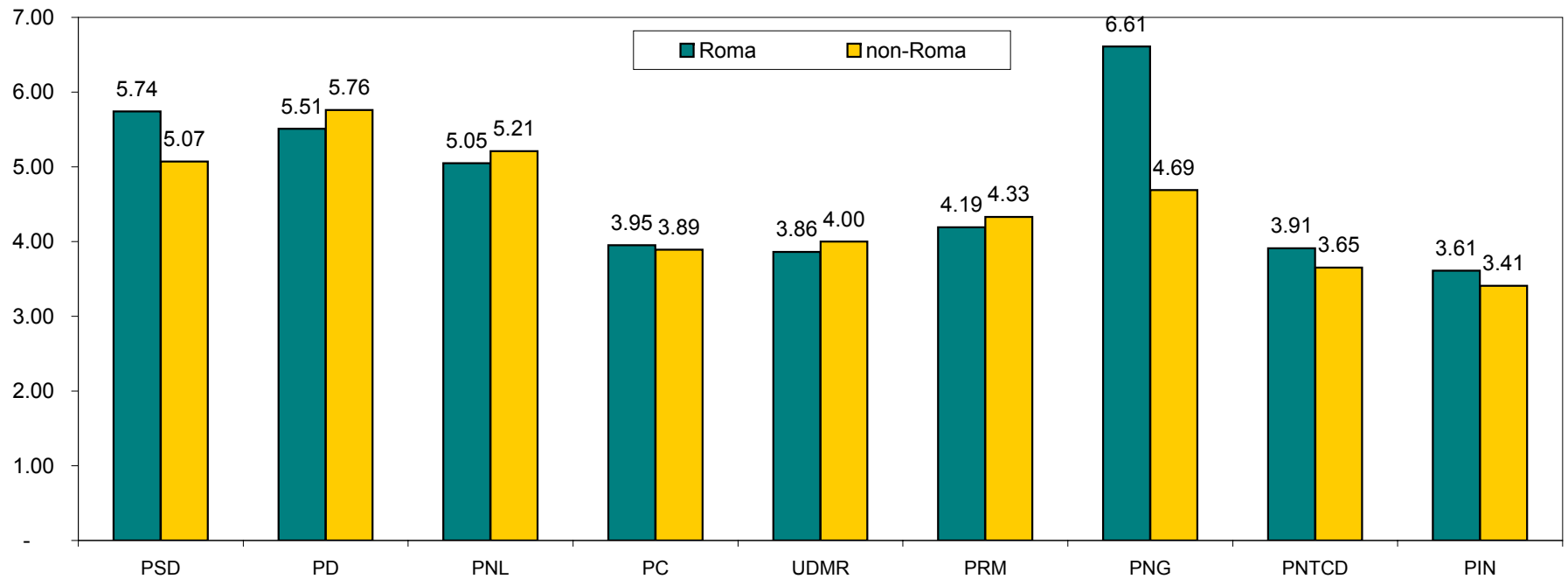
For the following statement indicate whether you agree, disagree or don't know
Roma can largely influence the results of the elections with their votes



Which of the following institutions do you think can deal effectively with the problems of the Roma community?



Please read the names of the following parties and note which are familiar to you and how you evaluate their work (on a scale from 1 = worst to 10 = best) - averages, from those with an opinion -

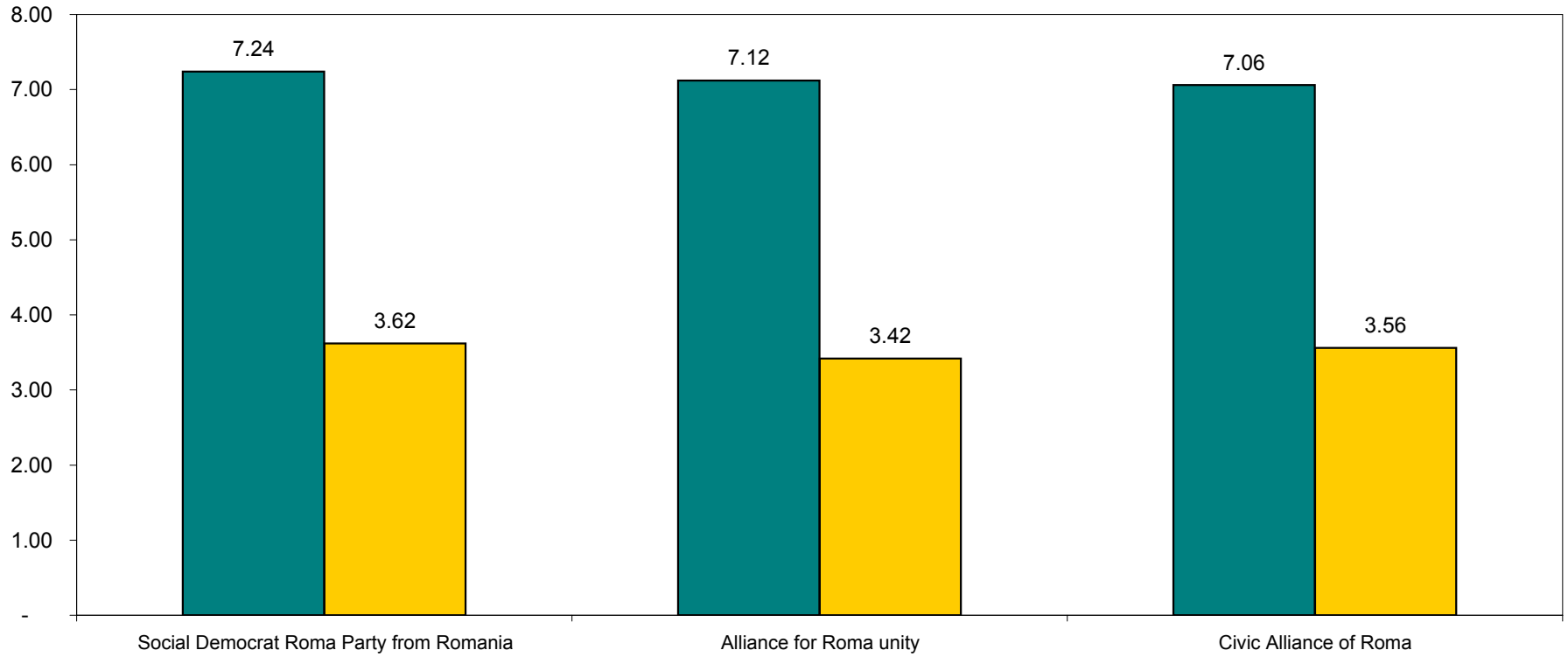


Percentages of those with opinion

	Roma	non-Roma
PSD	74	89
PD	72	88
PNL	70	88
PC	48	72
UDMR	59	77
PRM	66	86
PNG	63	78
PNTCD	50	74
PIN	50	74

Please read the names of the following Roma parties and note which are familiar to you and how you evaluate their work (on a scale from 1 = worst to 10 = best)
 - averages, from those with an opinion -

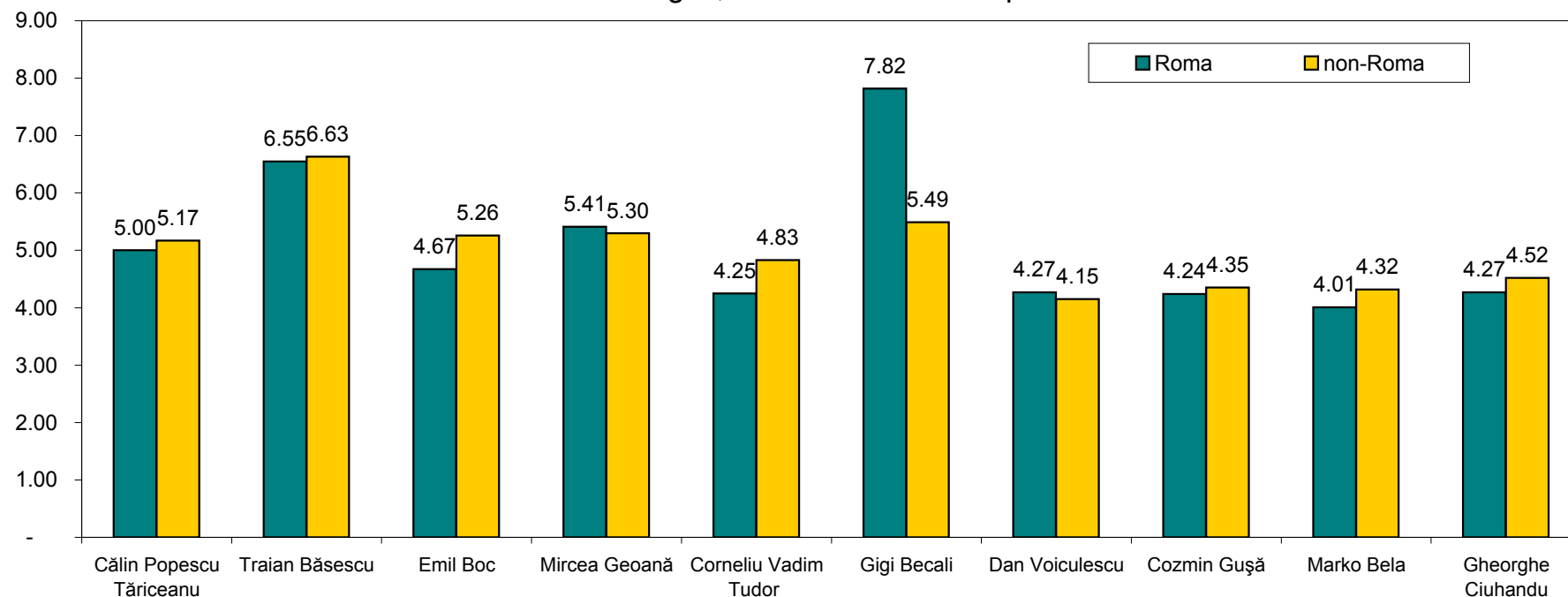
■ Roma ■ non-Roma



Percentages of those with opinion

	Roma	non-Roma
Social Democrat Roma Party from Romania	64	27
Alliance for Roma unity	54	25
Civic Alliance of Roma	34	14

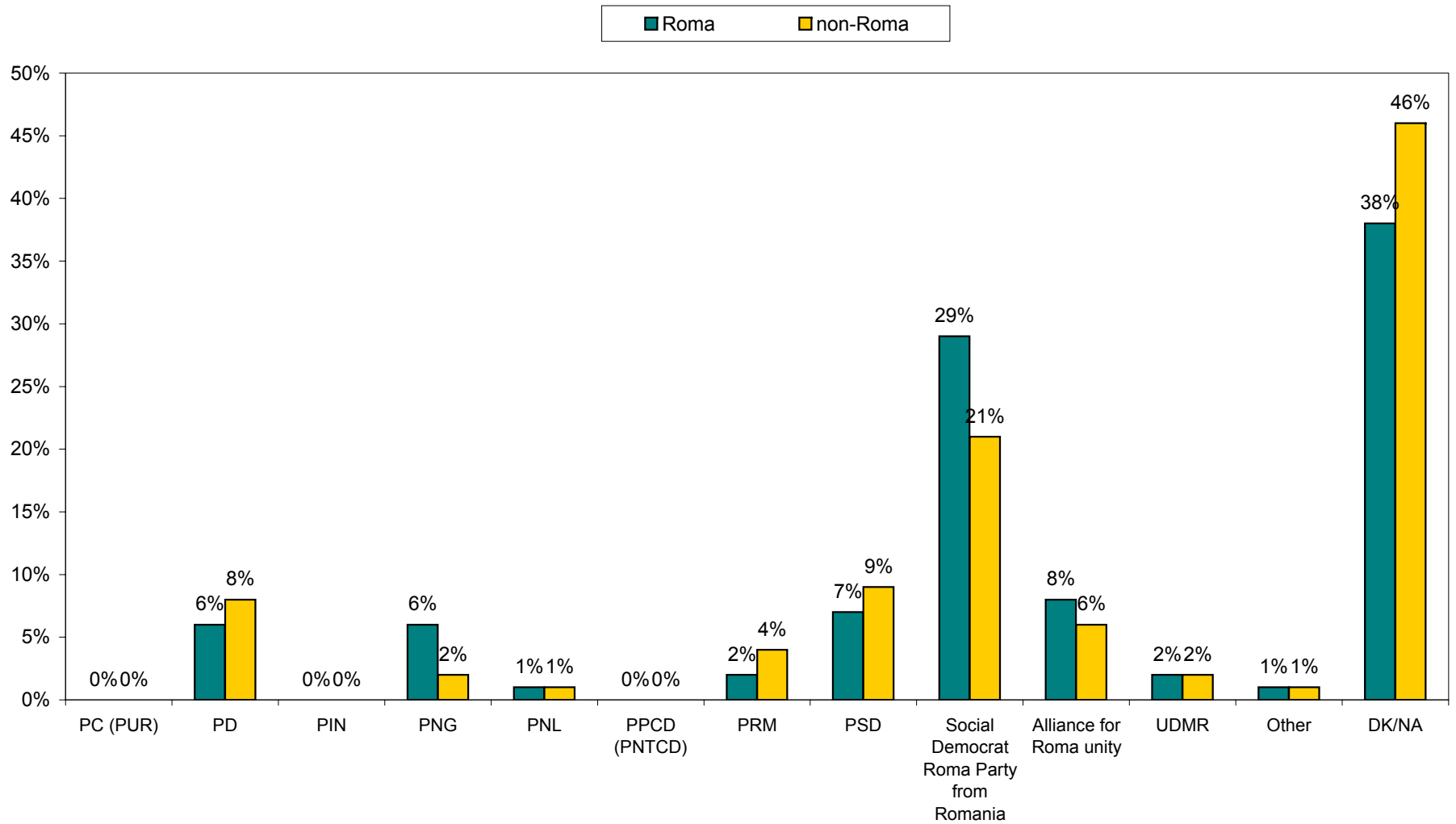
Please read the names of the following party leaders and note which are familiar to you and how you evaluate their work (on a scale from 1 = worst to 10 = best) - averages, from those with an opinion -



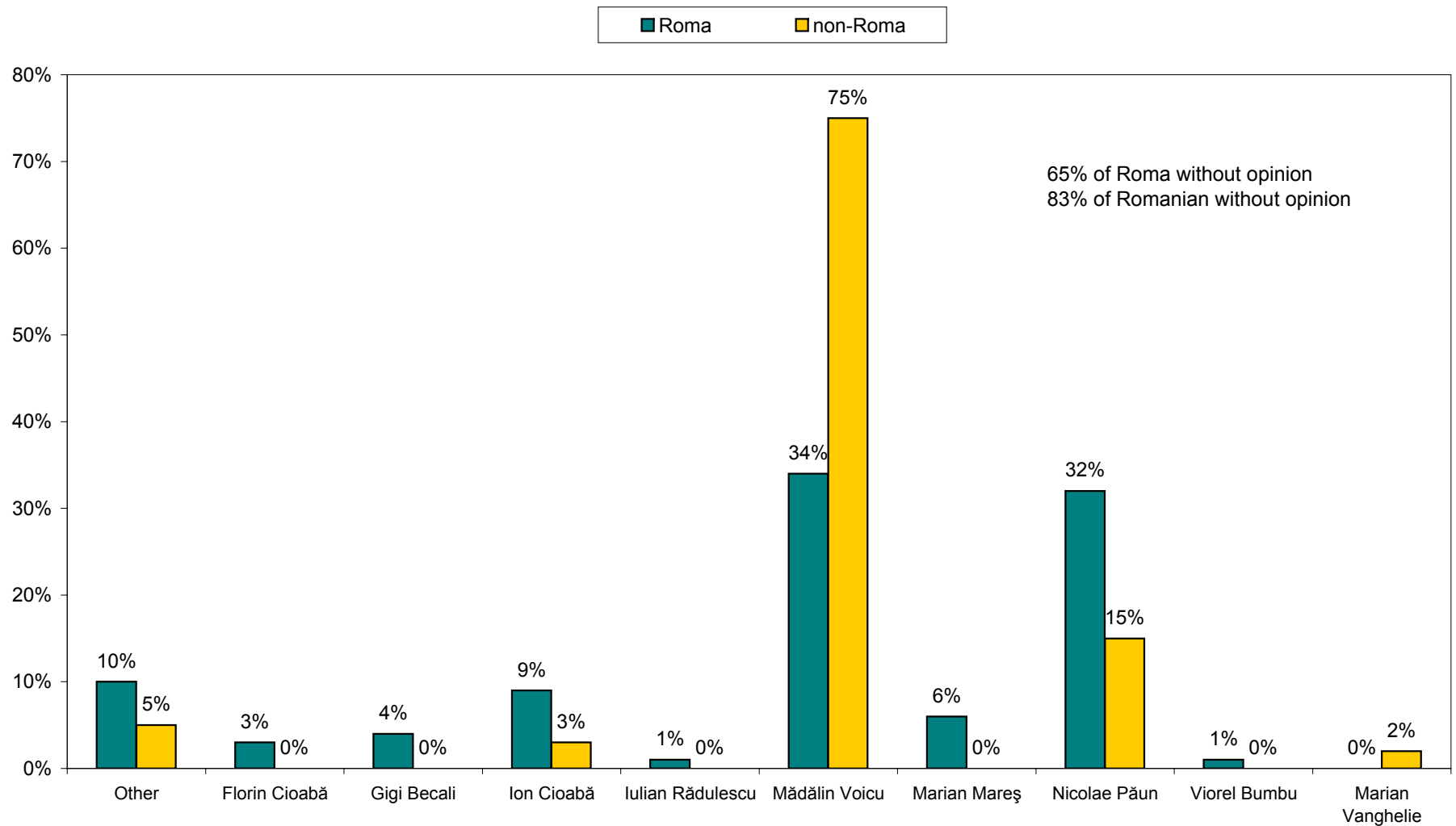
Percentages of those with opinion

	Roma	non-Roma
Calin Popescu Tariceanu	76	92
Traian Basescu	80	94
Emil Boc	53	80
Mircea Geoana	68	86
Corneliu Vadim Tudor	73	90
Gigi Becali	77	89
Dan Voiculescu	47	73
Cozmin Gusa	42	69

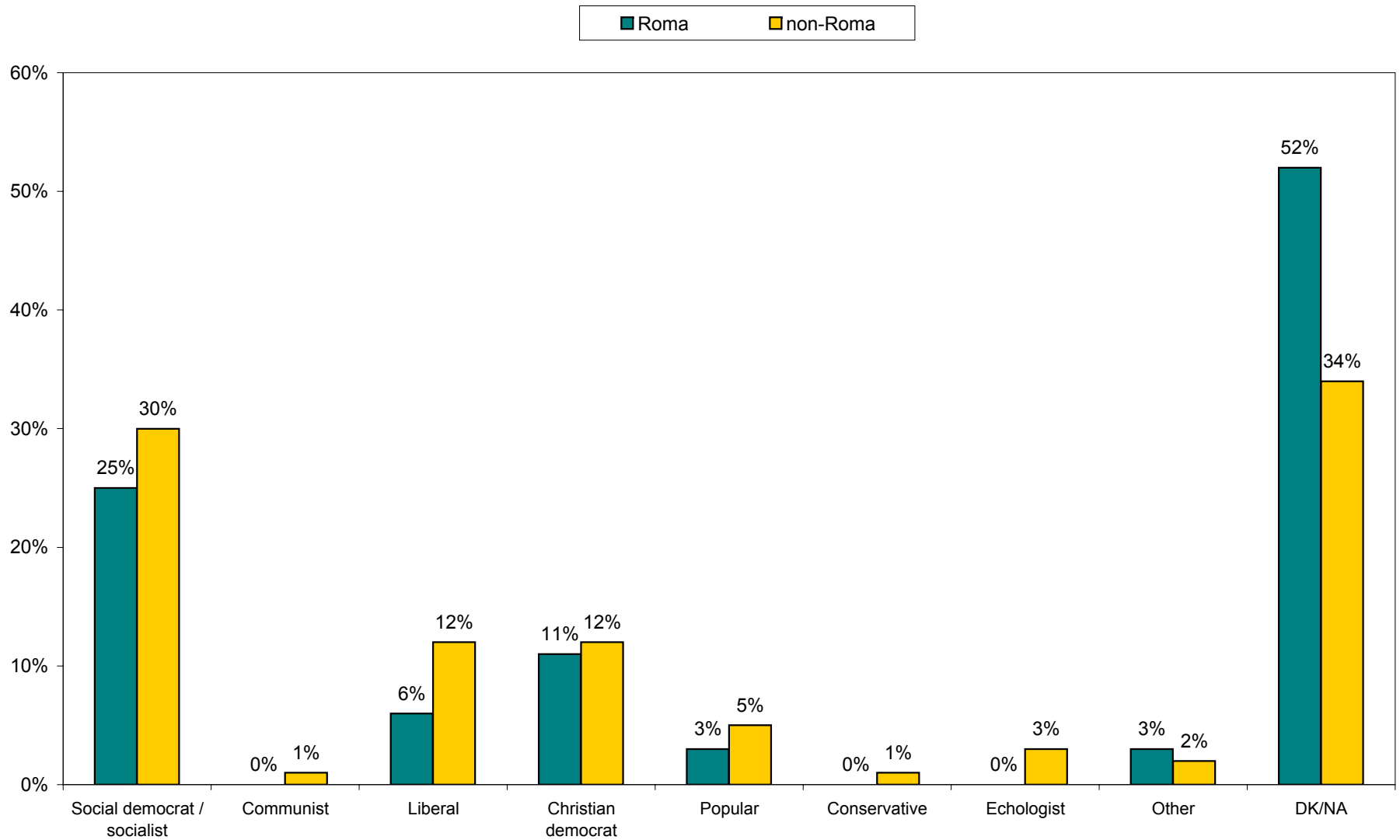
Having in mind the Roma priorities, which political party do you think has the most successful solutions to Roma problems?



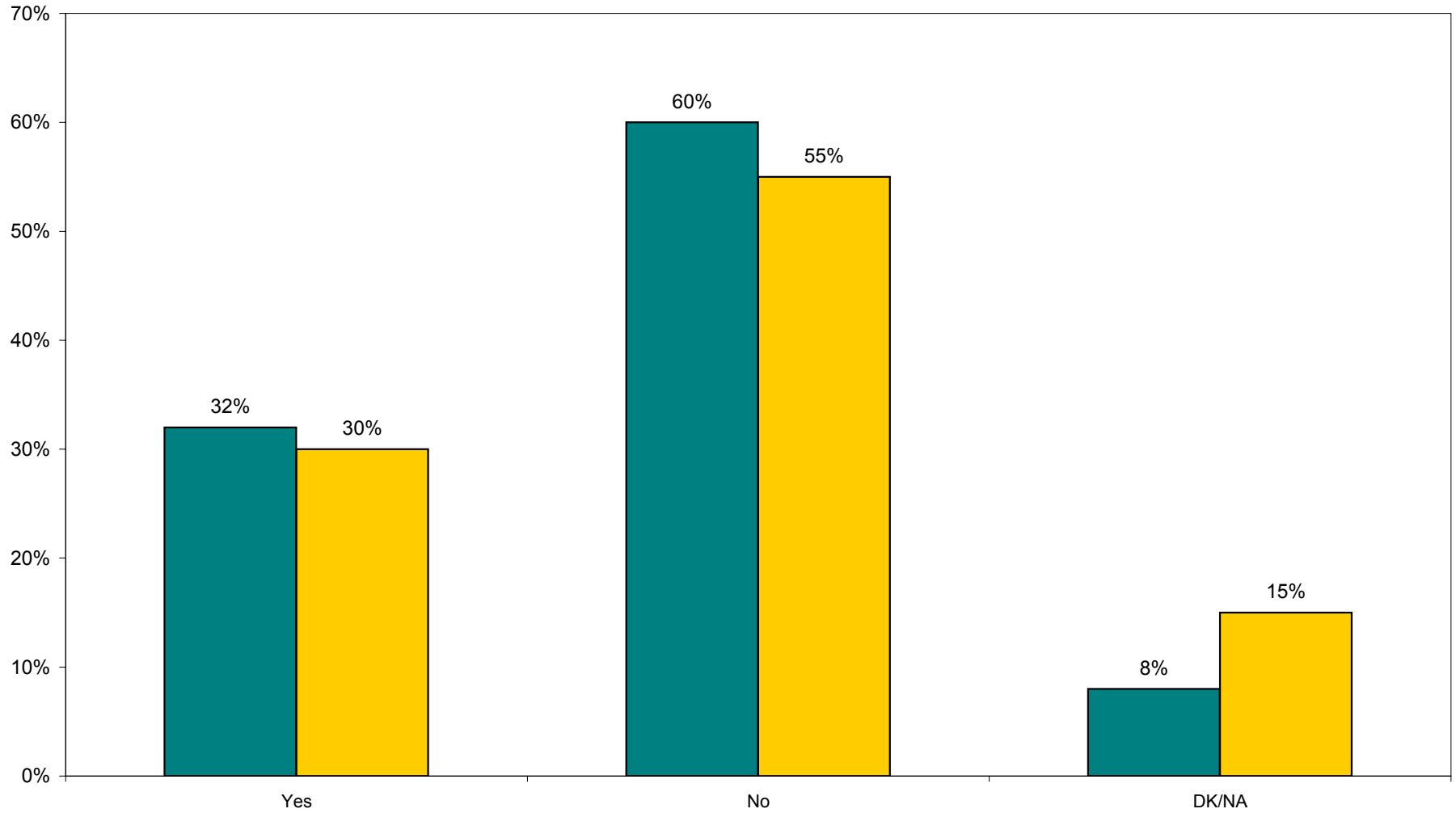
Which Roma leader do you think is doing the most for the Roma community?
 - open ended question, % of those with an opinion -



How do you consider yourself from a political orientation point of view?

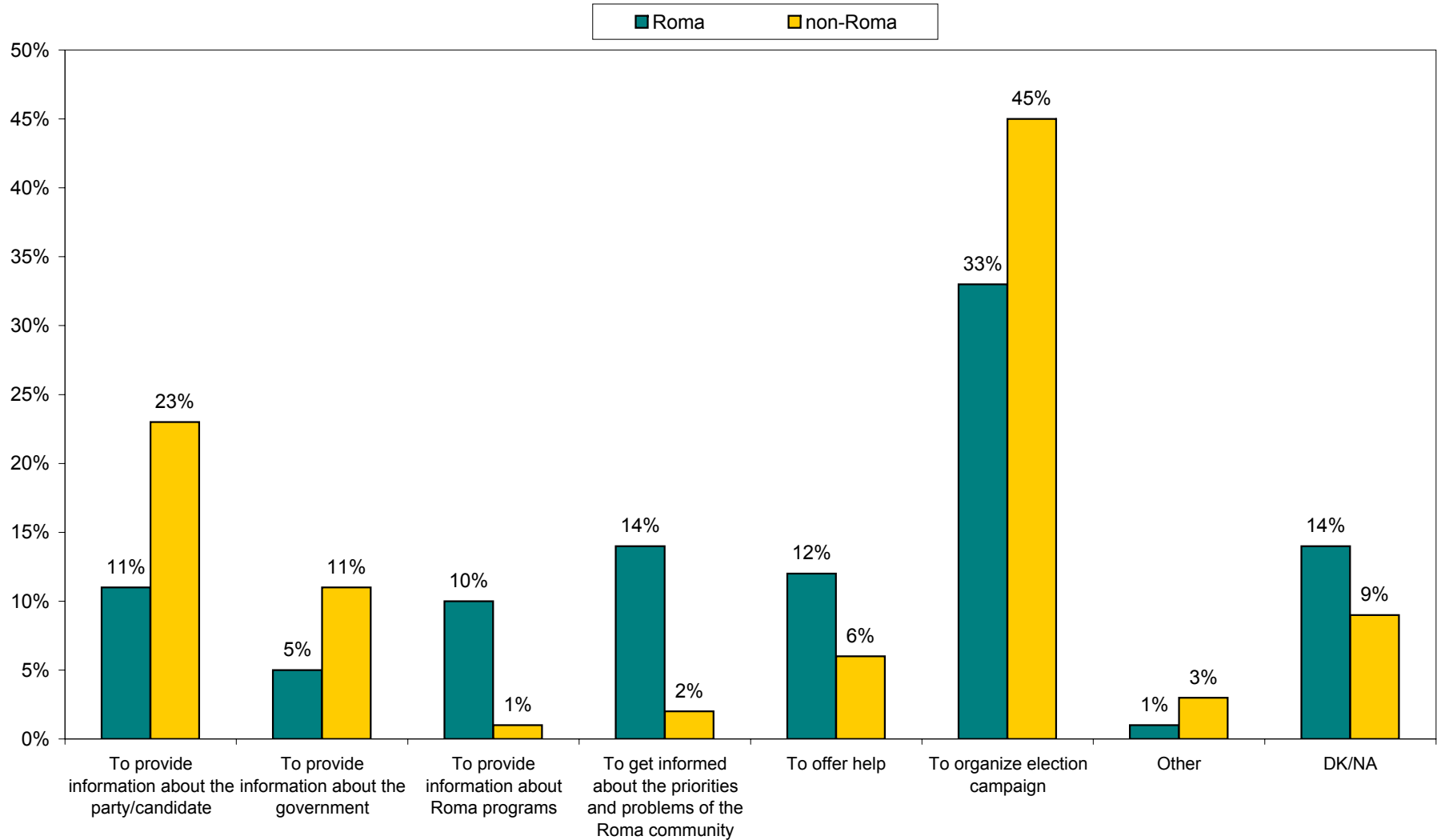


Has your community been visited by politicians or political leaders?

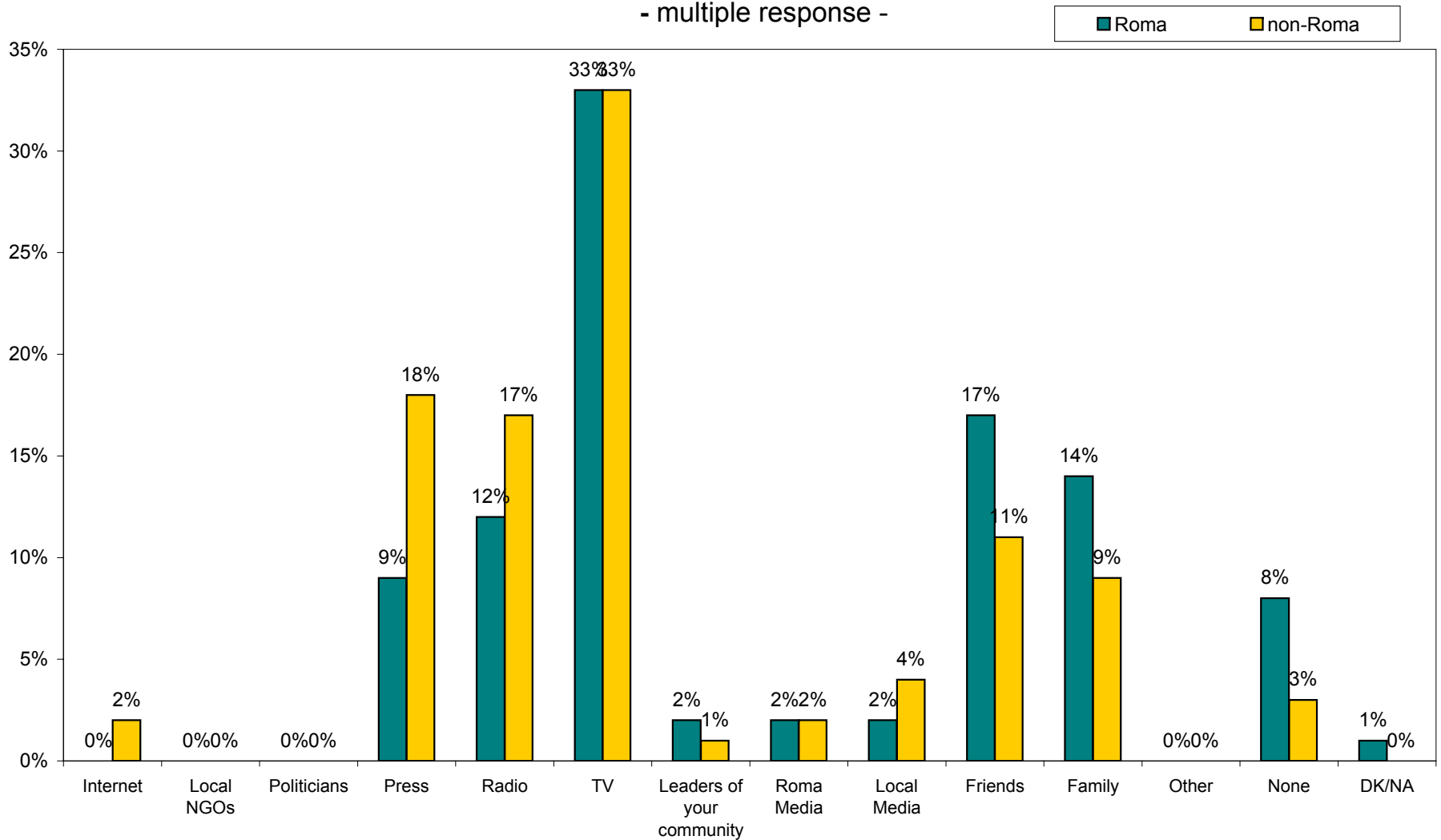


What was the purpose of the visit?

% of those from localities visited by political leader / politicians, multiple response



**Where do you most often get information
about political party representatives and political institutions?
- multiple response -**



**Which sources of information do you believe most?
Where do you think the information given is most correct?**
- multiple response -

Roma non-Roma

