

## Supplementary materials

### A1: Referendum Integrity questionnaire Draft 3 May 2017

#### \*\*\* PROCEDURAL/REGULATORY QUESTIONS

**Q.** *To the best of your knowledge, do the following direct democracy mechanisms exist in [COUNTRY] today at the national level? (yes/no)*

- Citizen-initiated referendums, with binding results (e.g., popular initiatives)
- Citizen-initiated referendums, with *non*-binding results (e.g., consultations)
- Authorities-initiated referendums, with binding results (e.g., facultative referendums)
- Authorities-initiated referendums, with *non*-binding results (e.g., plebiscites)
- Referendums required by Constitution or Law, with bindings results

**Q.** *And do the following voting mechanisms exist for referendums in [COUNTRY] at the national level? (yes/no)*

- Compulsory voting
- Postal voting
- Proxy voting
- Internet voting
- National citizens abroad can vote
- Special voting facilities for the disabled
- A quorum (e.g., minimum turnout) is needed to win the referendum
- A simple majority (50% + 1 of the valid ballots) is enough to win the referendum

**Q.** *And are the following statements correct for referendums at the national level? (yes/no)*

- Referendums can deal with any issues, without restrictions
- An independent body verifies the constitutionality of the referendum (judicial review)
- The Constitution or Law specifies maximum spending for parties during referendum campaigns
- Public subsidies exist for referendum campaigns
- The authorities are required to distribute impartial information about referendums
- The two camps are granted equitable airtime on TV during the referendum campaigns

#### \*\*\* OPINION QUESTIONS

**Q.** *When thinking about the electoral law used in the referendum in this country...*

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Referendum laws were unfair
- Referendum laws favored the status quo side
- Referendum laws restricted citizens' rights

**Q.** *Turning to the initiation of the referendum...*

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- The process was seen as legitimate and fair
- Holding a referendum strengthened citizen interest and engagement
- Holding a referendum weakened representative democracy
- The executive dominated the agenda-setting for the referendum

**Q. *Turning to voter registration...***

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Some citizens were not listed in the register
- The electoral register was inaccurate
- Some ineligible electors were registered

**Q. *Thinking about the campaign...***

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- The question(s) listed on the ballot was (were) ambiguous
- Citizens were given sufficient information to understand the issue(s)
- Some groups were restricted from holding campaign rallies
- Politicians offered patronage to their supporters
- Citizens were given sufficient time to discuss the issue(s)
- The authorities successfully provided broad online crowd sourcing instruments for referendums
- The authorities successfully used pre-referendum dialogical outreach programs (minipublics)

**Q. *Thinking about the media's coverage of the referendum...***

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Newspapers provided balanced election news
- TV news favored the status quo camp
- Both sides had fair access to political broadcasts and advertising
- Journalists provided fair coverage of the referendum
- Social media were used to expose electoral fraud
- Fake news caused a great deal of confusion about basic facts of current events
- Most news media reporting about the campaign was factually accurate
- Issues of procedural fairness of the referendum were covered prominently by most news media

**Q. *Another issue concerns campaign finance...***

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Both sides had equitable access to public political subsidies
- Both sides had equitable access to political donations
- Both sides publish transparent financial accounts
- Rich people buy referendums
- Some state resources were improperly used for campaigning

**Q. *In terms of referendum procedures...***

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- The referendum was well managed
- Information about voting procedures was widely available
- Election officials were fair
- The referendum was conducted in accordance with the law
- The authorities provided an adequate number of polling stations

**Q. When voting...**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Some voters were threatened with violence at the polls
- Some fraudulent votes were cast
- The process of voting was easy
- People were free to vote without feeling pressured
- Some voters feared becoming victims of political violence
- The process kept the ballot confidential
- Some people received cash, gifts or personal favors in exchange for their votes
- Voters were bribed

**Q. Thinking about after the polls closed...**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Ballot boxes were secure
- The results were announced without undue delay
- Votes were counted fairly
- International election monitors were restricted
- Domestic election monitors were restricted
- Official election records were safe from hacking
- No paper records of the vote count were kept

**Q. After the official results were announced...**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Parties/individuals challenged the results
- The referendum led to peaceful protests
- The referendum triggered violent protests
- Any disputes were resolved through legal channels
- Voting results were subject to a post-election audit

**Q. Thinking about the authorities administering referendums, in your view..**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

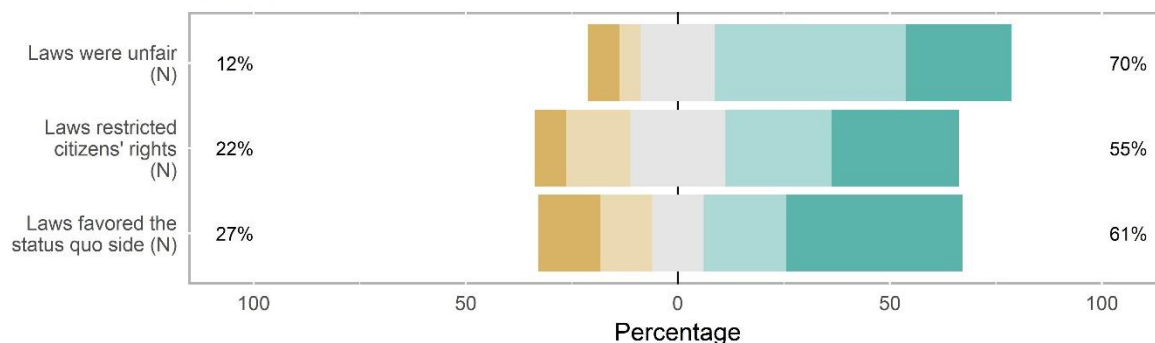
- The referendum authorities were impartial
- The authorities distributed information to citizens
- The authorities allowed public scrutiny of their performance
- The authorities performed well

**Q. Overall how would you rate the integrity of this referendum on a scale from 0 (very poor) to 10 (very good)?**

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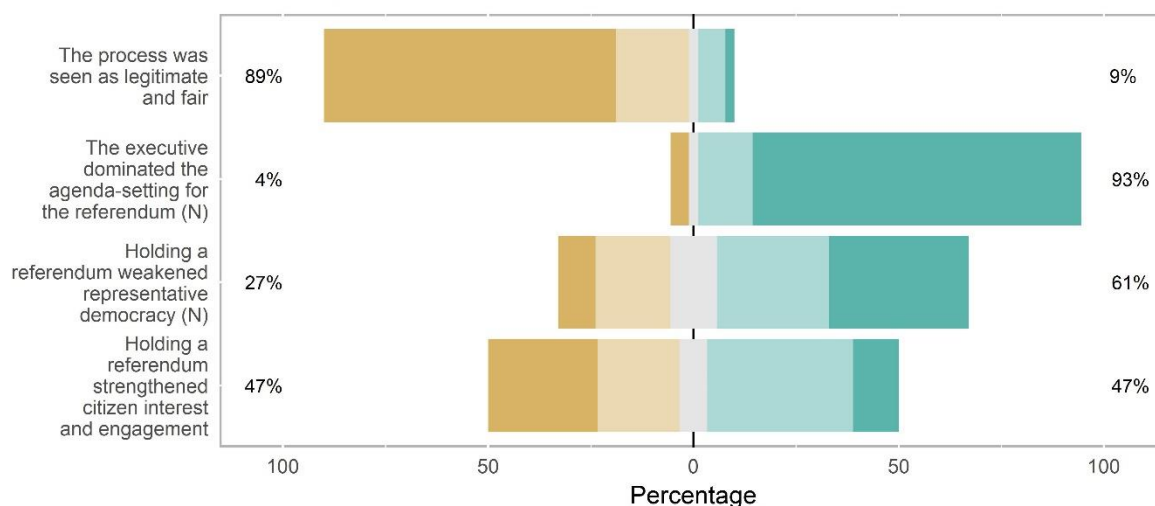
## A2: Survey results for each stage of the referendum cycle

### 01 Electoral laws



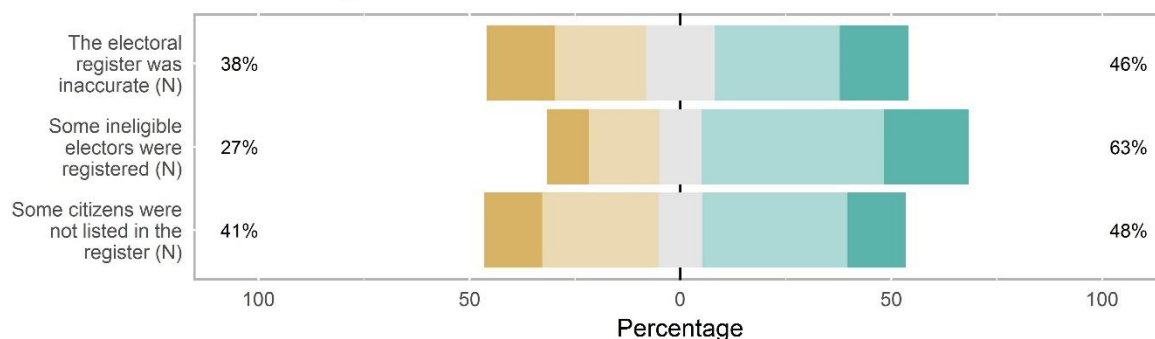
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### 02 Initiation



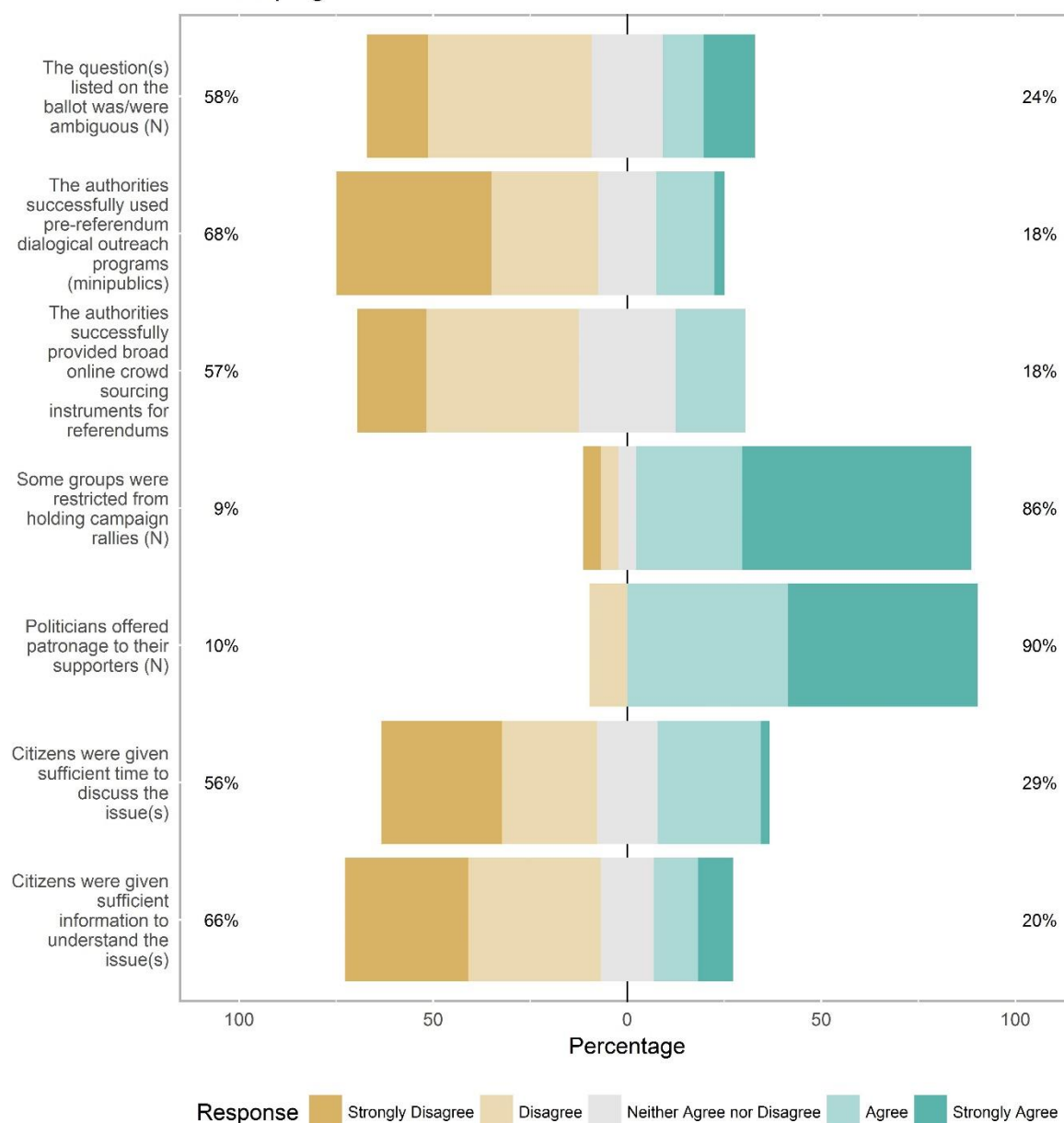
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### 03 Voter registration

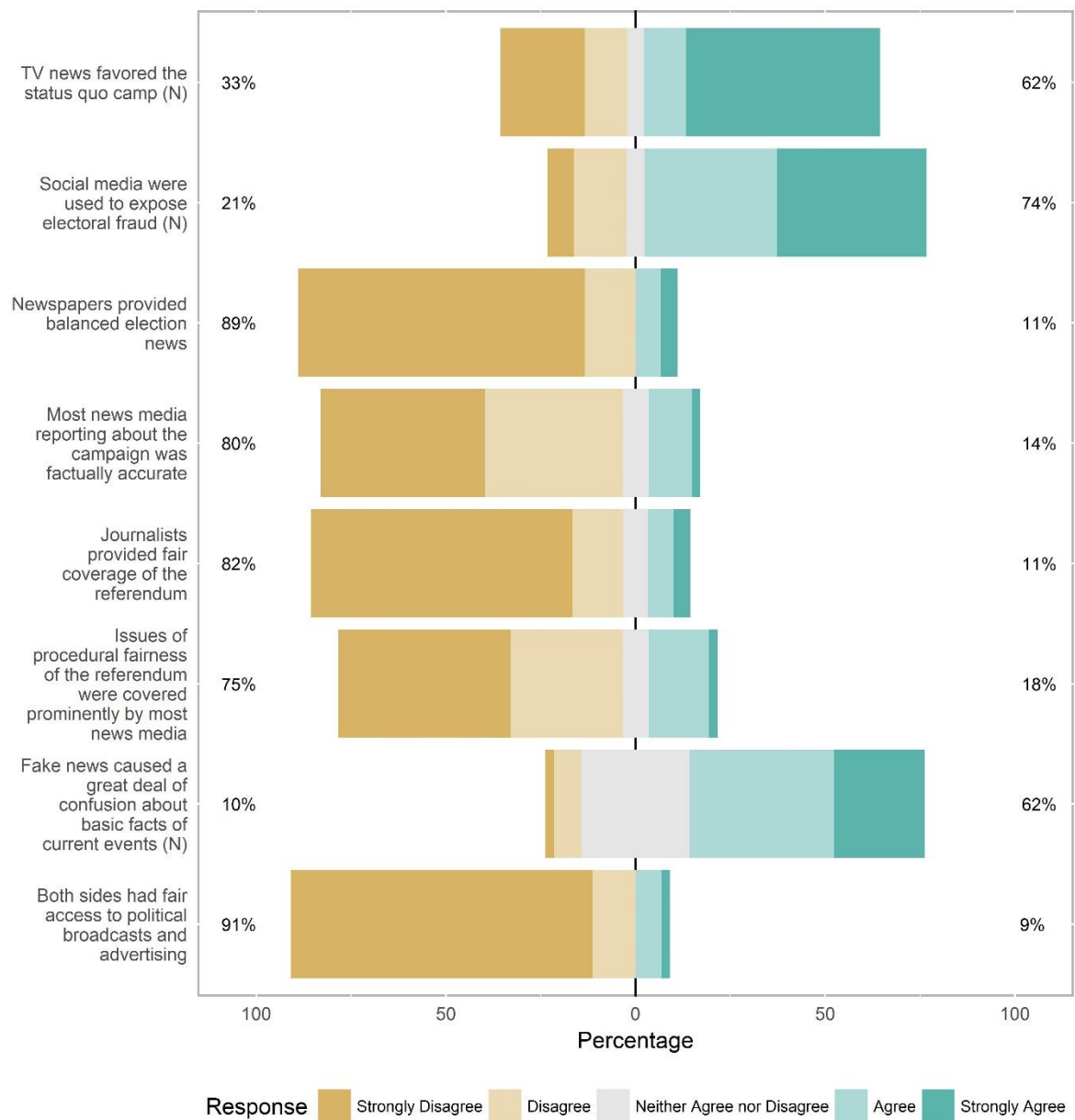


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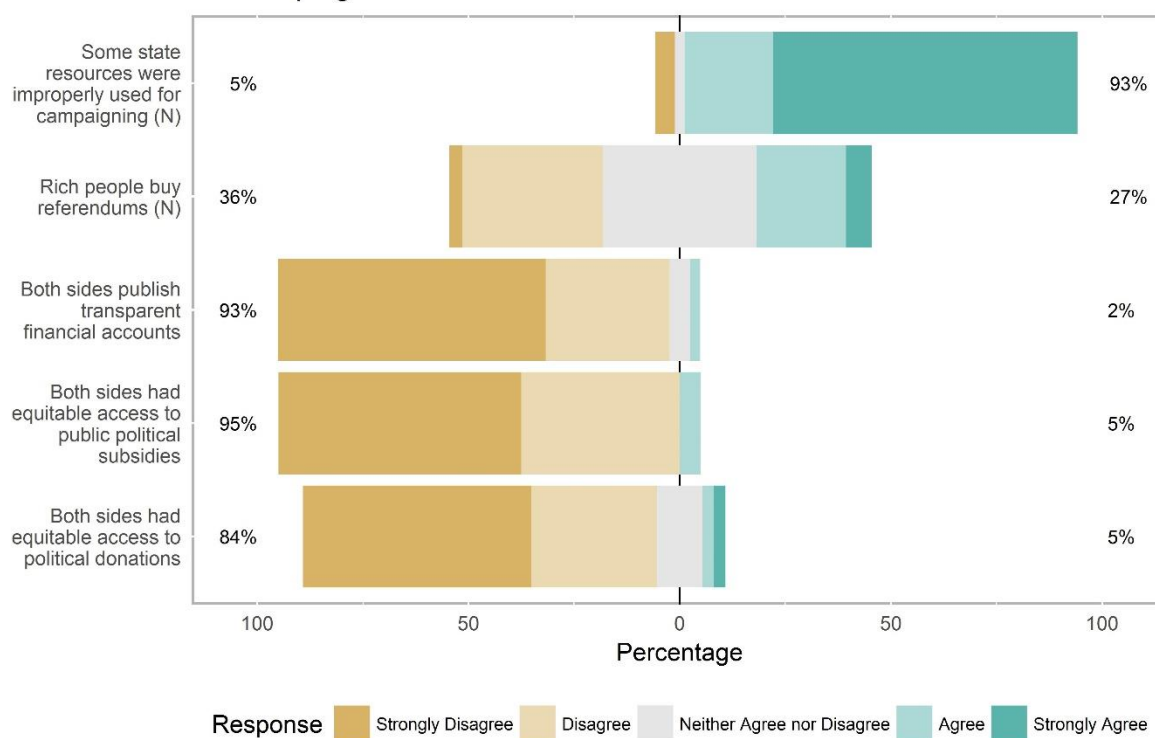
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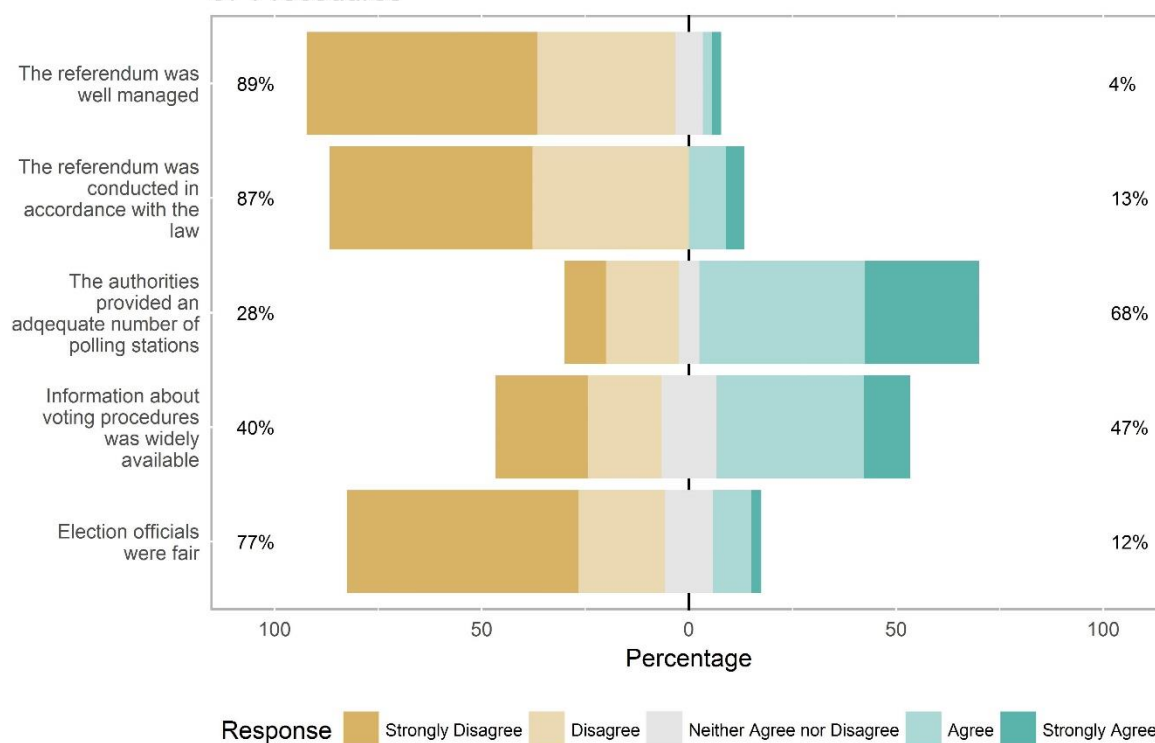
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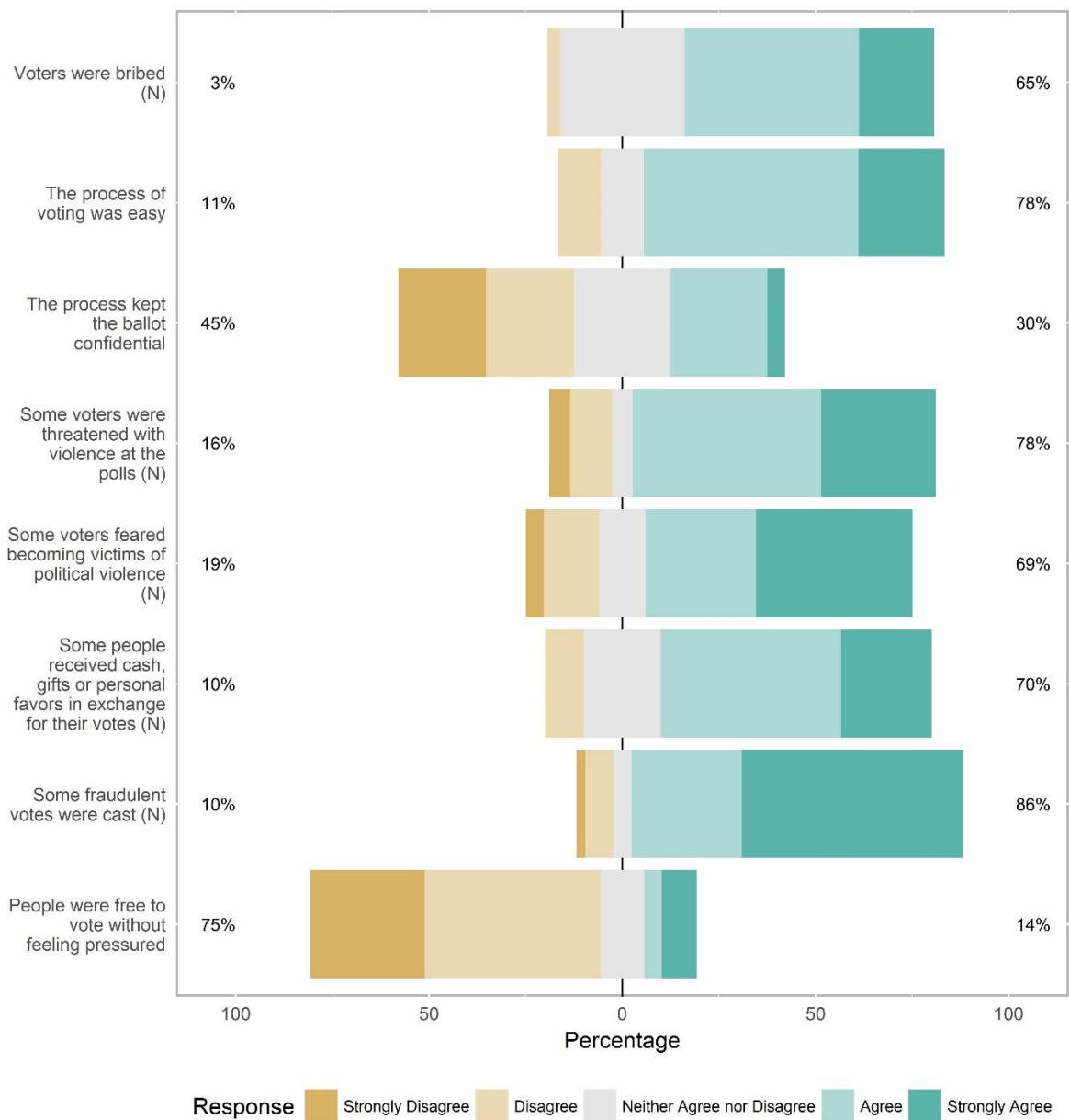
## 06 Campaign finance



## 07 Procedures

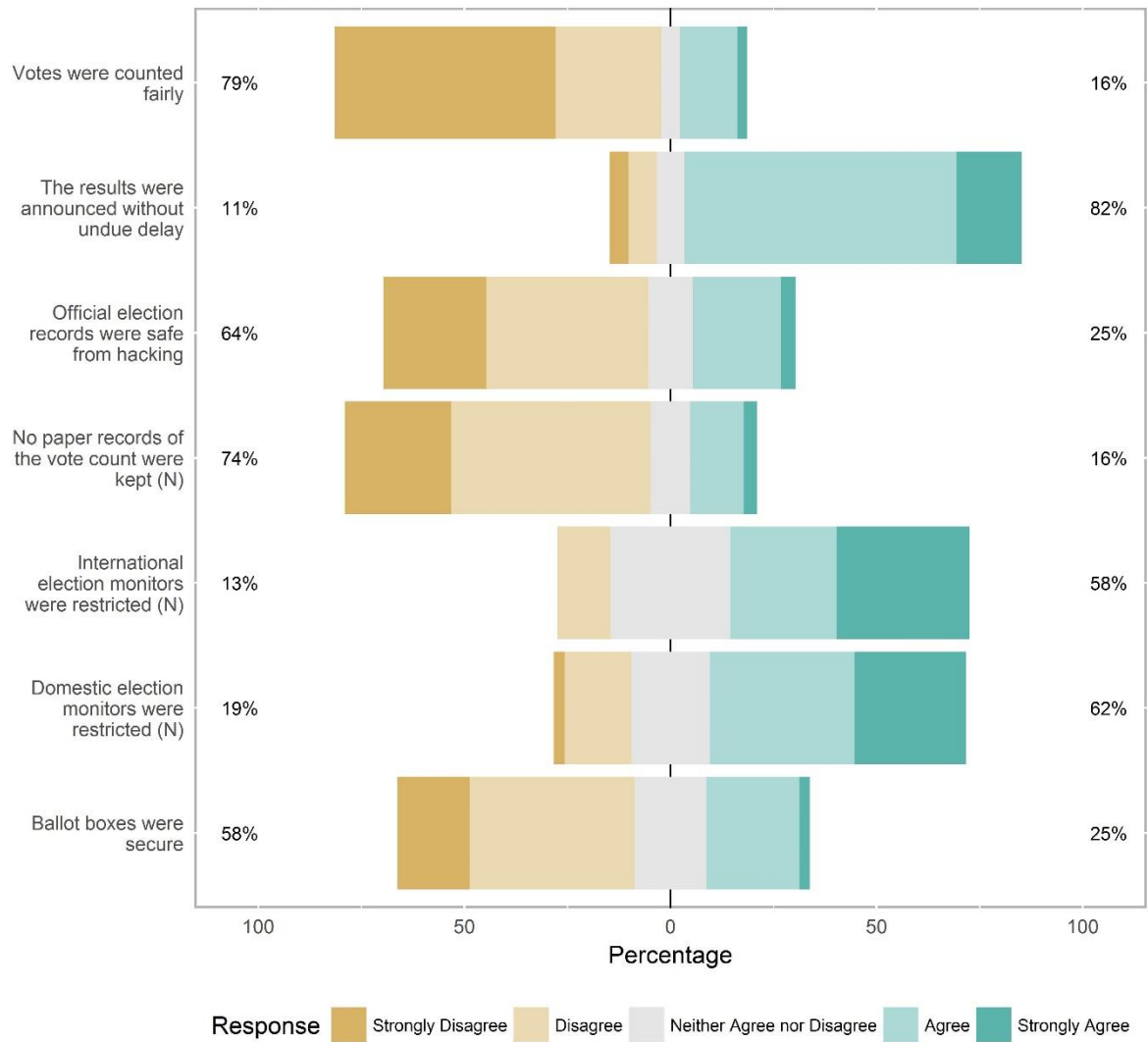


## 08 Voting process

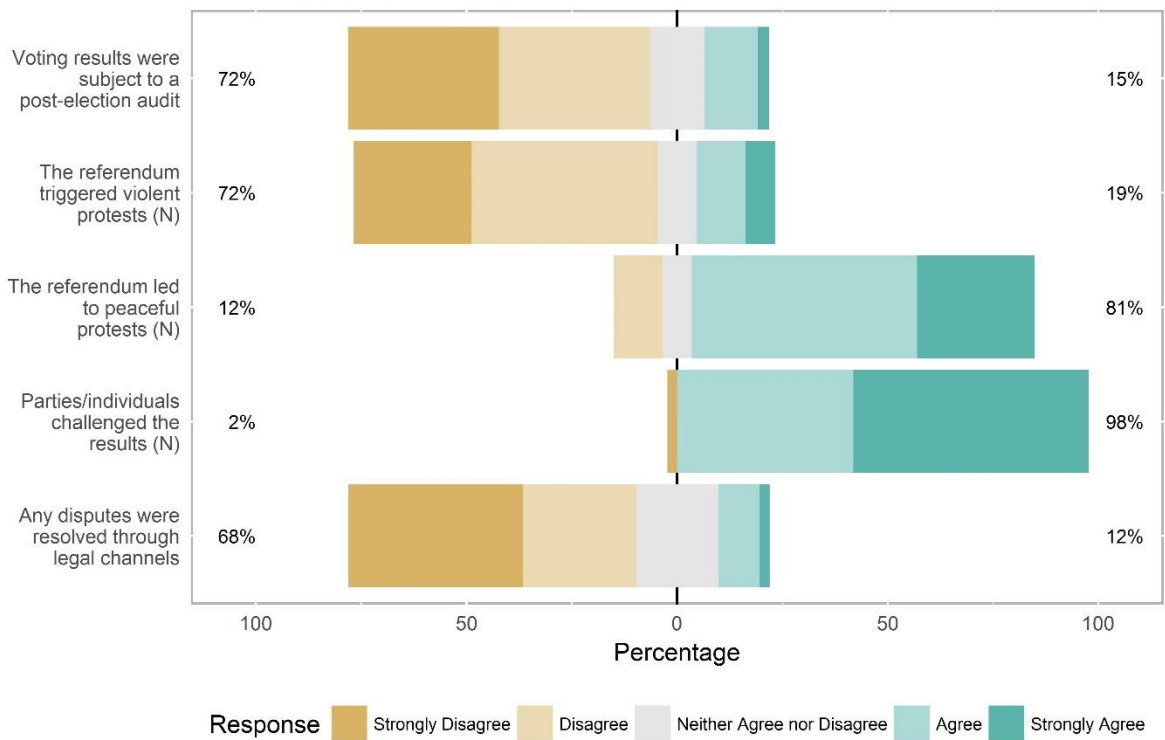




## 09 Vote count



## 10 Post-election environment



## 11 Electoral authorities

