

PANEL STUDY OF RUSSIAN PUBLIC OPINION AND ATTITUDES - PROPA

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FIRST RESULTS



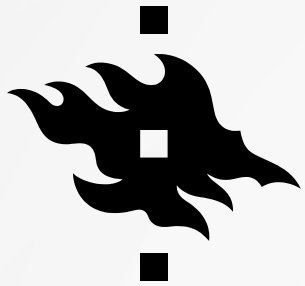
ABOUT THE PROJECT

- Panel study of Russian public opinion in the times of ongoing war
- Mixed methods: CATI (N = 1,600) + online survey (N = 5,000)
- 3 waves, ongoing questions and one-off thematic blocks
- **Why another project?**
 - Within-individual variance and dynamics (panel data) vs. Levada or Russian Field surveys
 - Large samples vs. F2F surveys
 - Very close to the population parameters, paralleled with representative CATI survey
 - Subgroup analysis vs. F2F panel surveys
 - More flexibility in terms of design

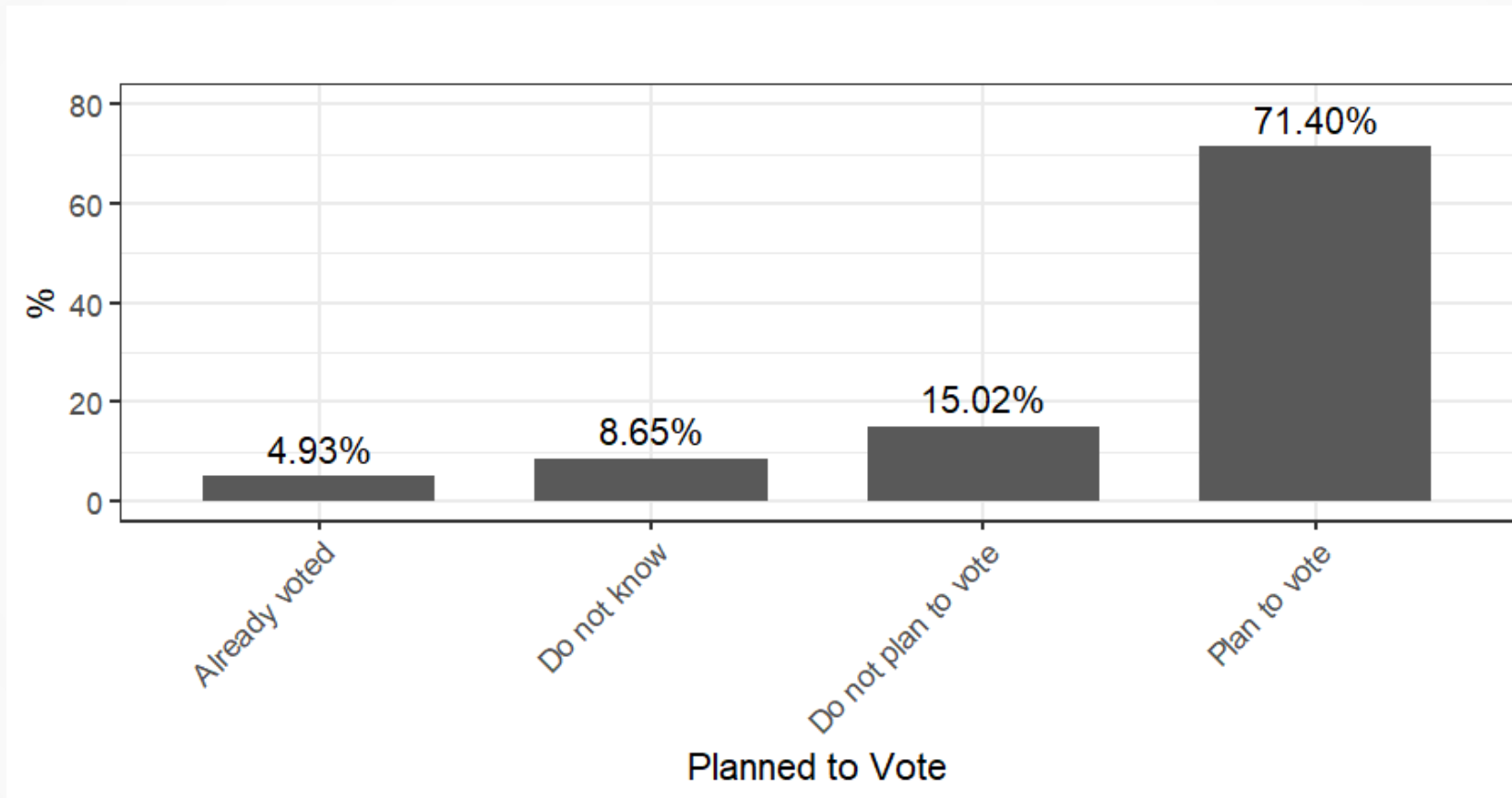


OUTLINE

1. Elections-related questions: Does the campaign boost or endanger the legitimacy?
2. Support for the incumbent
3. List experiment: support for the war. Exploring sensitive questions with the list experiment (ICT) technique.

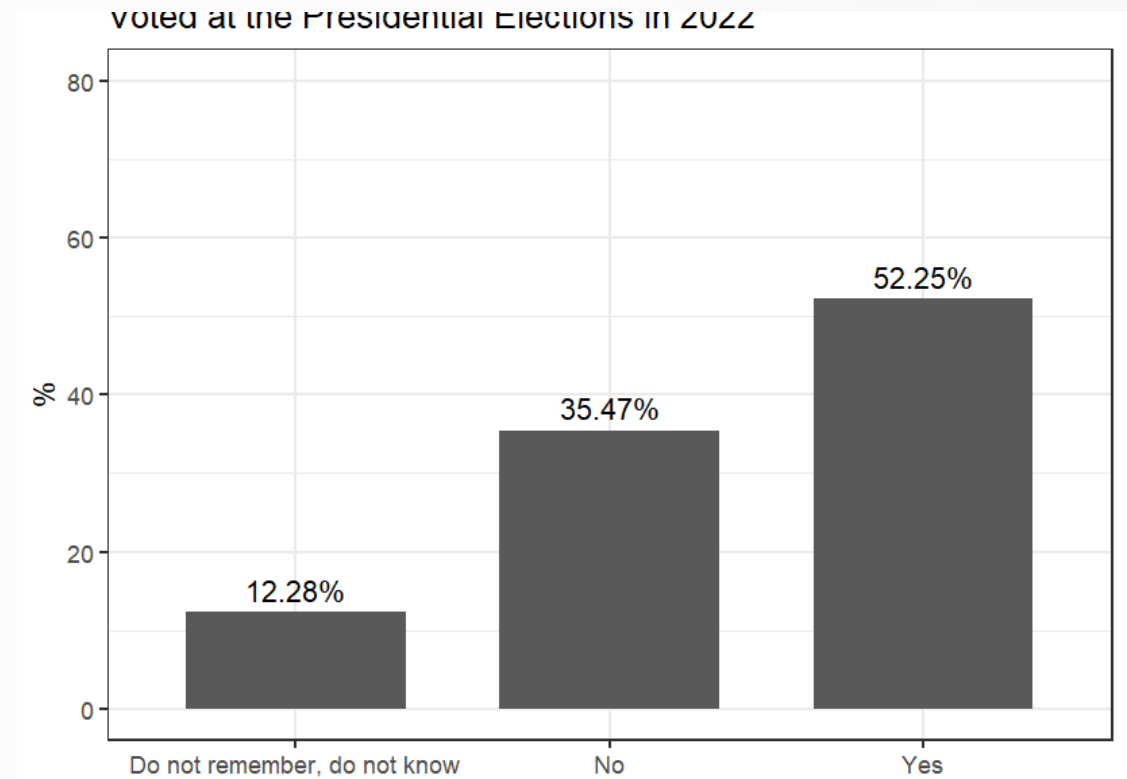
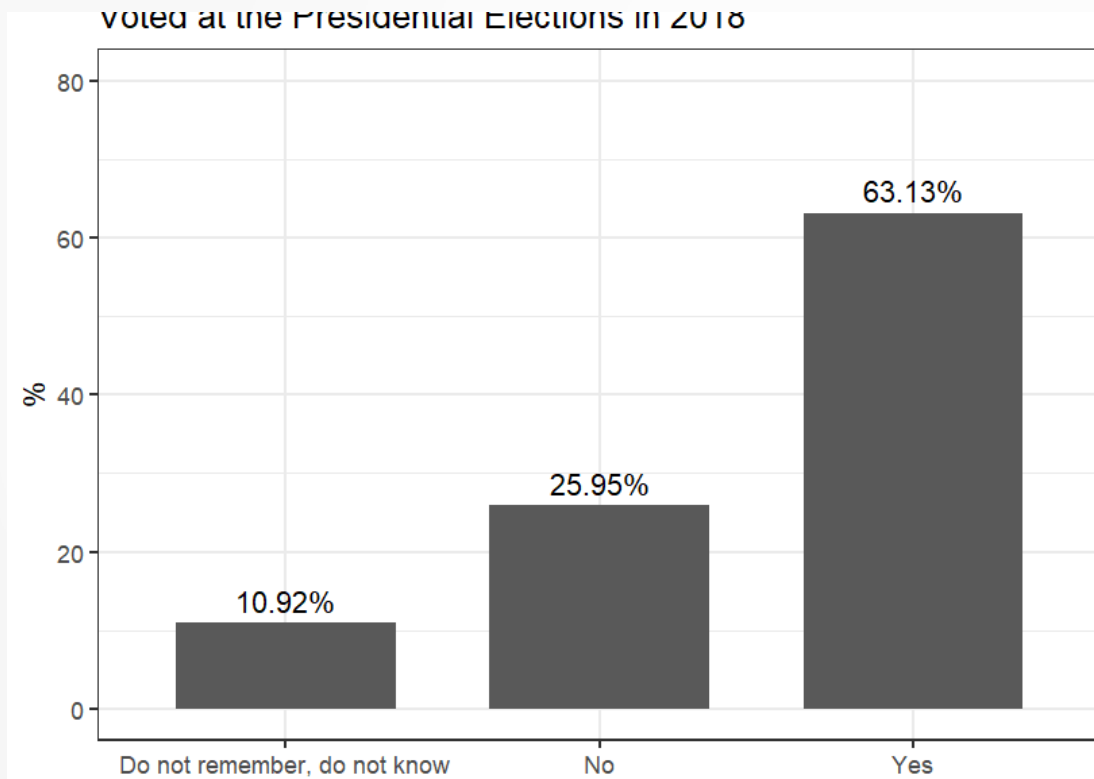


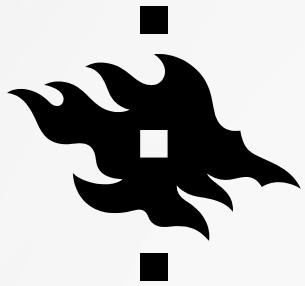
PLANNED TO VOTE



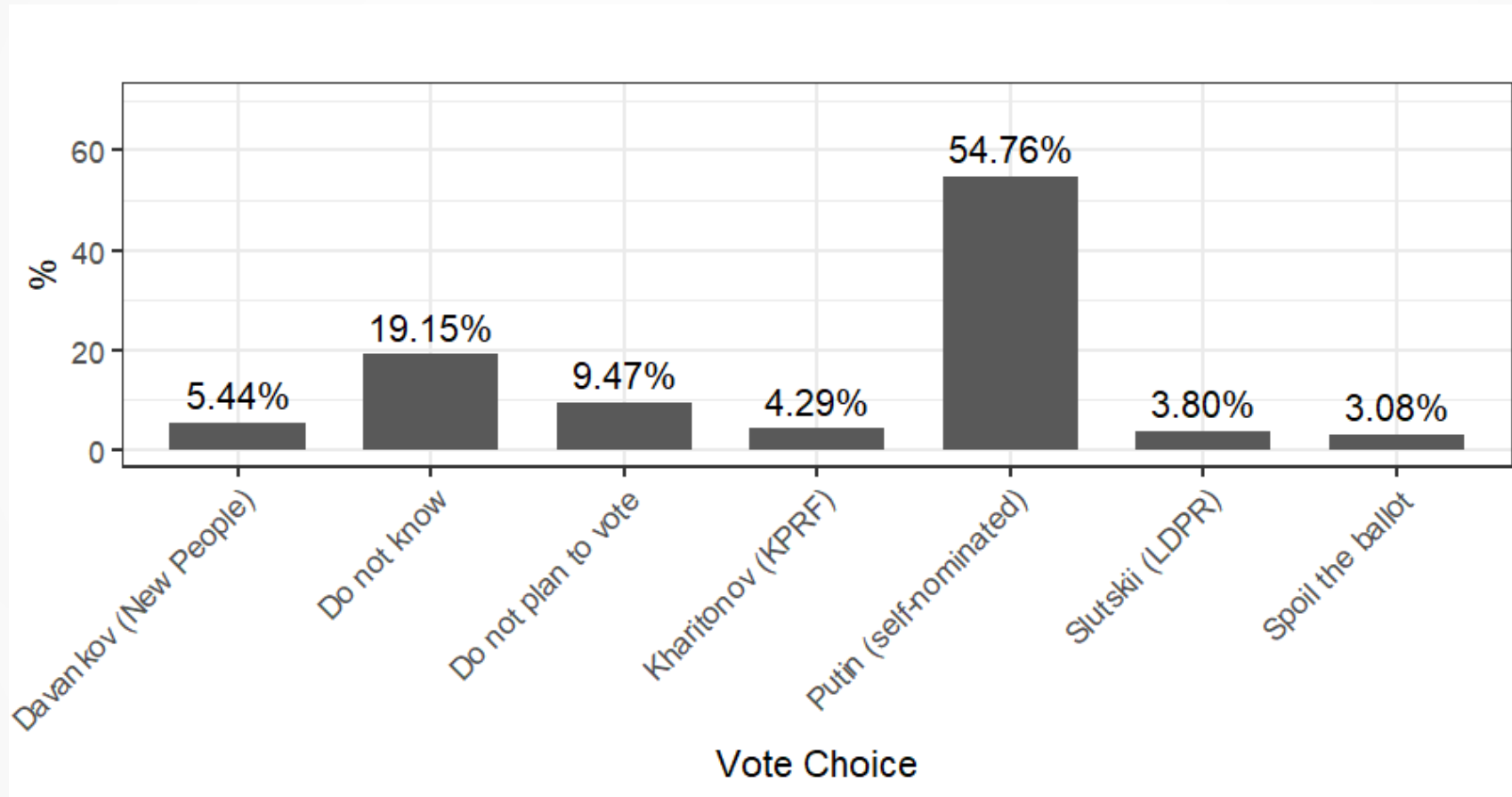


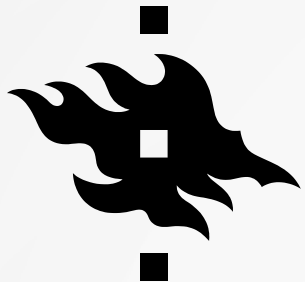
SELF-REPORTED TURNOUT AT PREVIOUS FEDERAL ELECTIONS



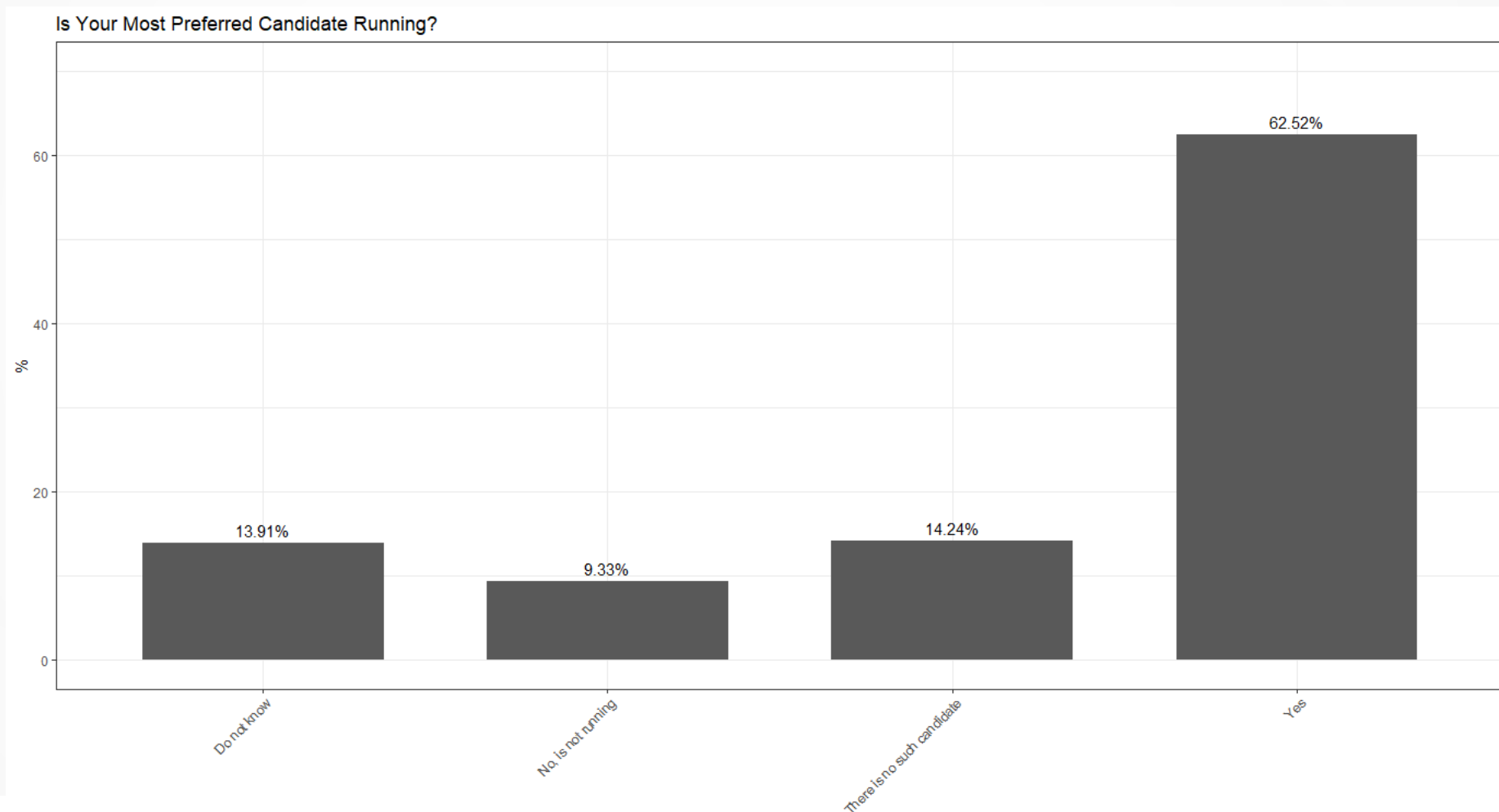


VOTE CHOICES



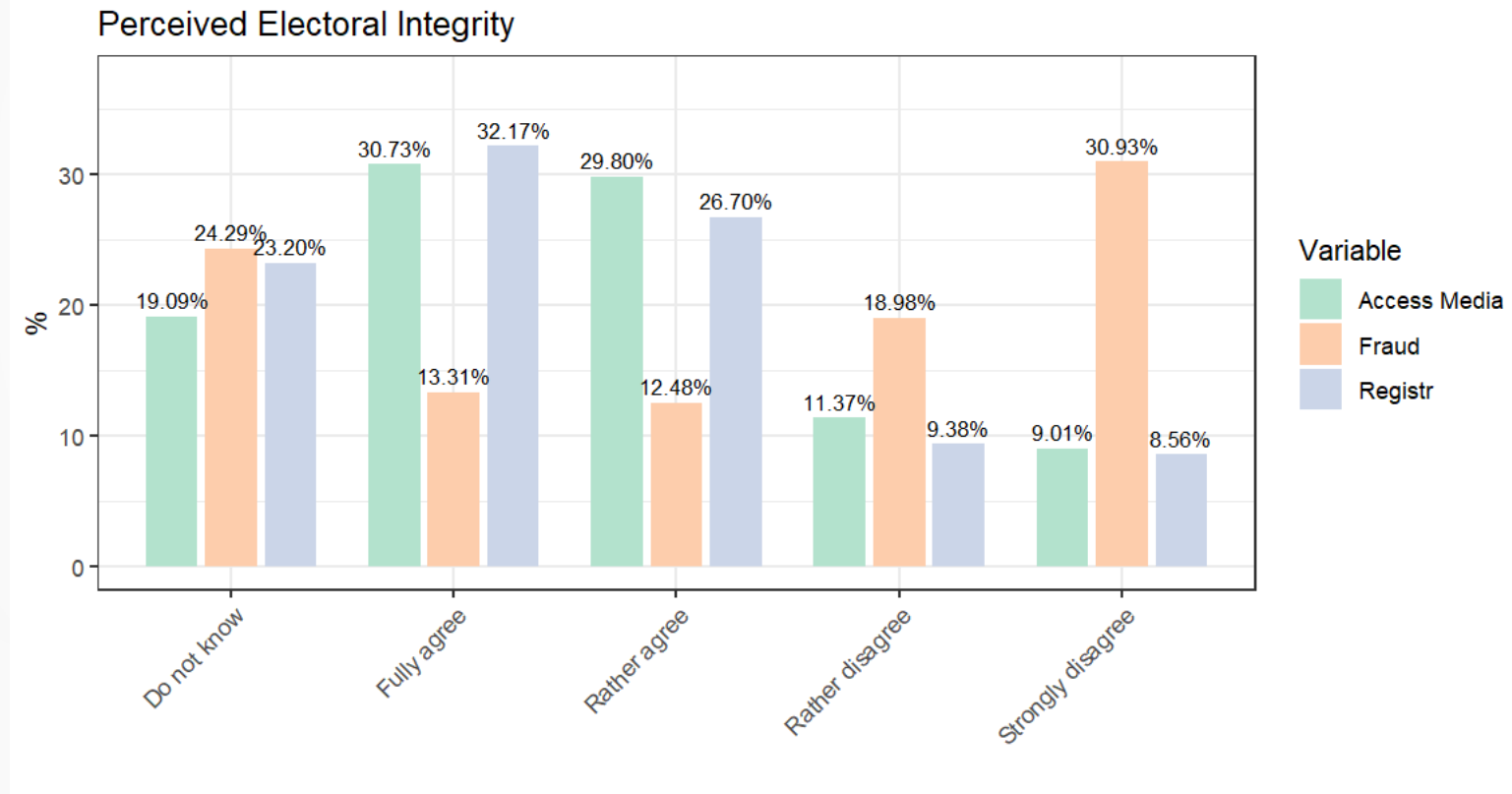


LOOKING AT OPPOSITION VOTERS



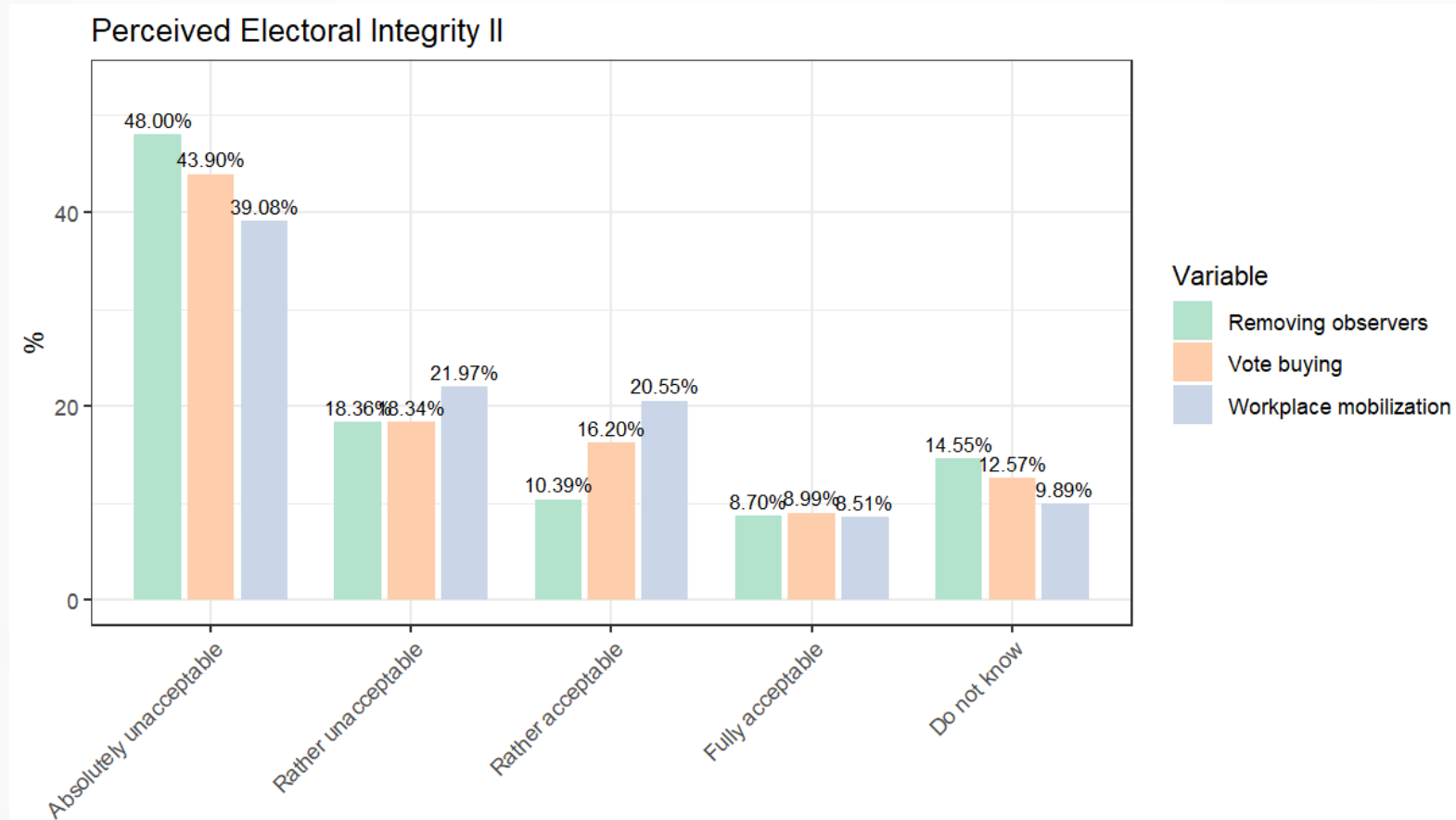


24% DO NOT KNOW ABOUT FRAUD MORE THAN 25% EXPECT FRAUD





ALMOST 30% BELIEVE THAT MOBILIZATION AT WORKPLACE IS OKAY



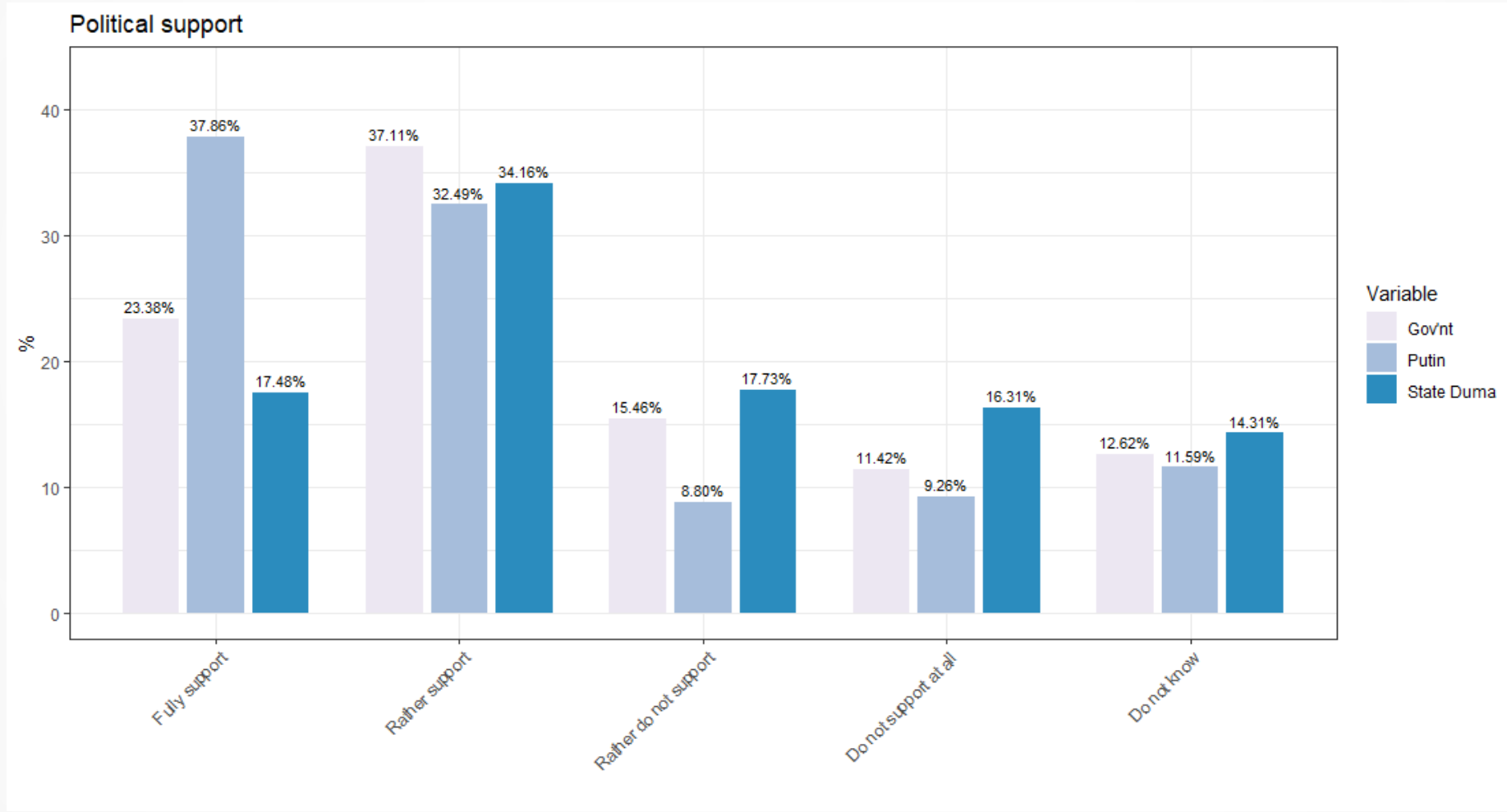


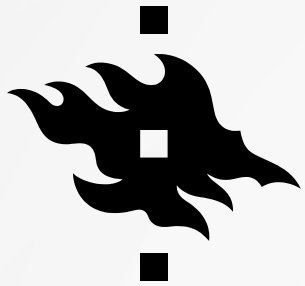
FINDINGS

- Official electoral results are far from our respondents' answers.
- Most respondents did not expect such figures.
- A vote for Davankov bypassed other opposition options.
- Group questioning election's legitimacy is about 20%, while group accepting election's legitimacy is about 60%.



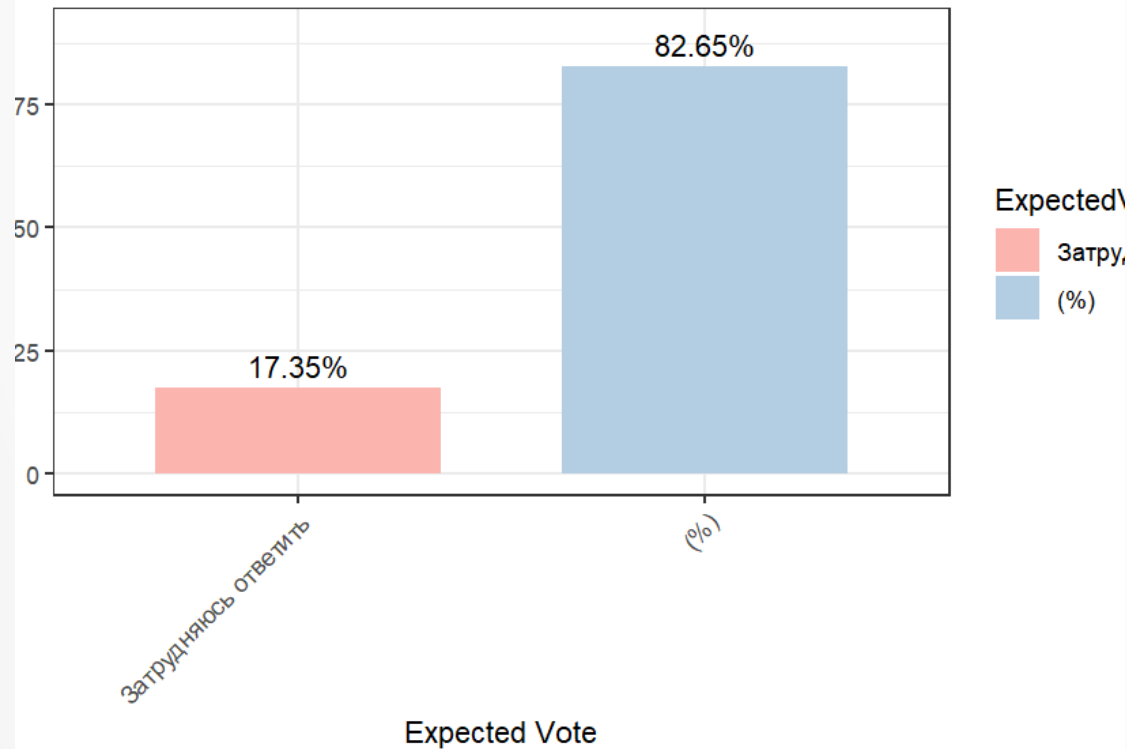
POLITICAL SUPPORT



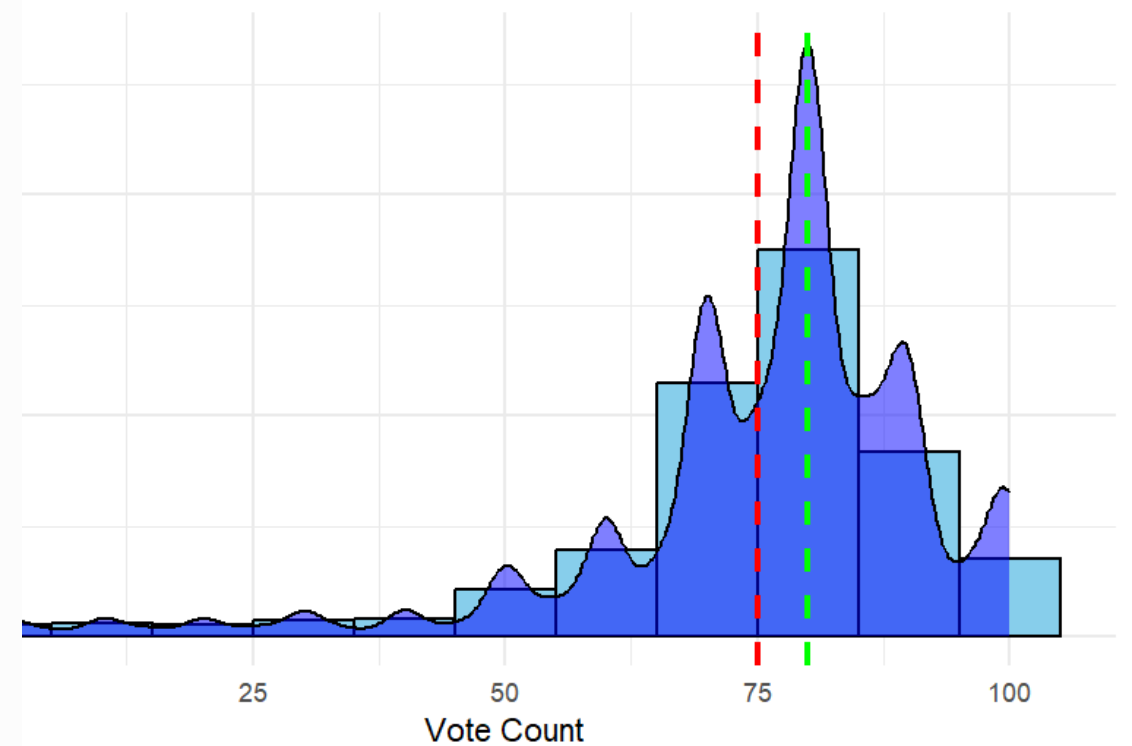


EXPECTED VOTE TALLY FOR PUTIN

Distribution of Expected Votes



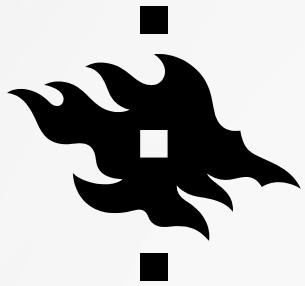
Expected Vote Count for the Incumbent



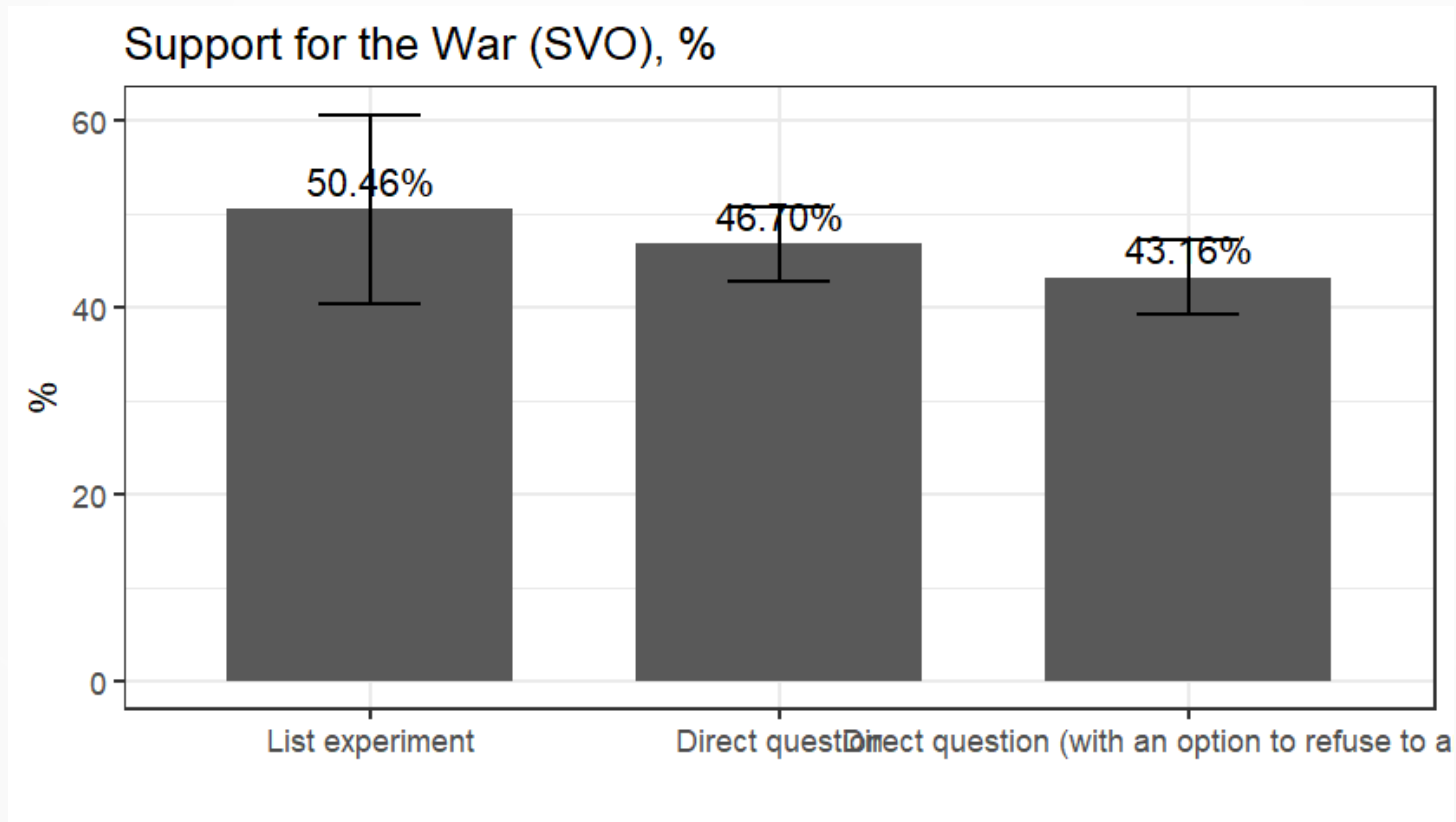


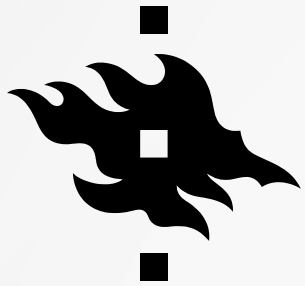
FACTORS OF PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL

- Information of repression doesn't increase approval, rather it decreases it.
- Endogenous popularity: perceived popularity of Putin among close friends as well as among overall Russian citizens do contribute to higher approval.
- Low depersonalized trust correlates with Putin's approval.

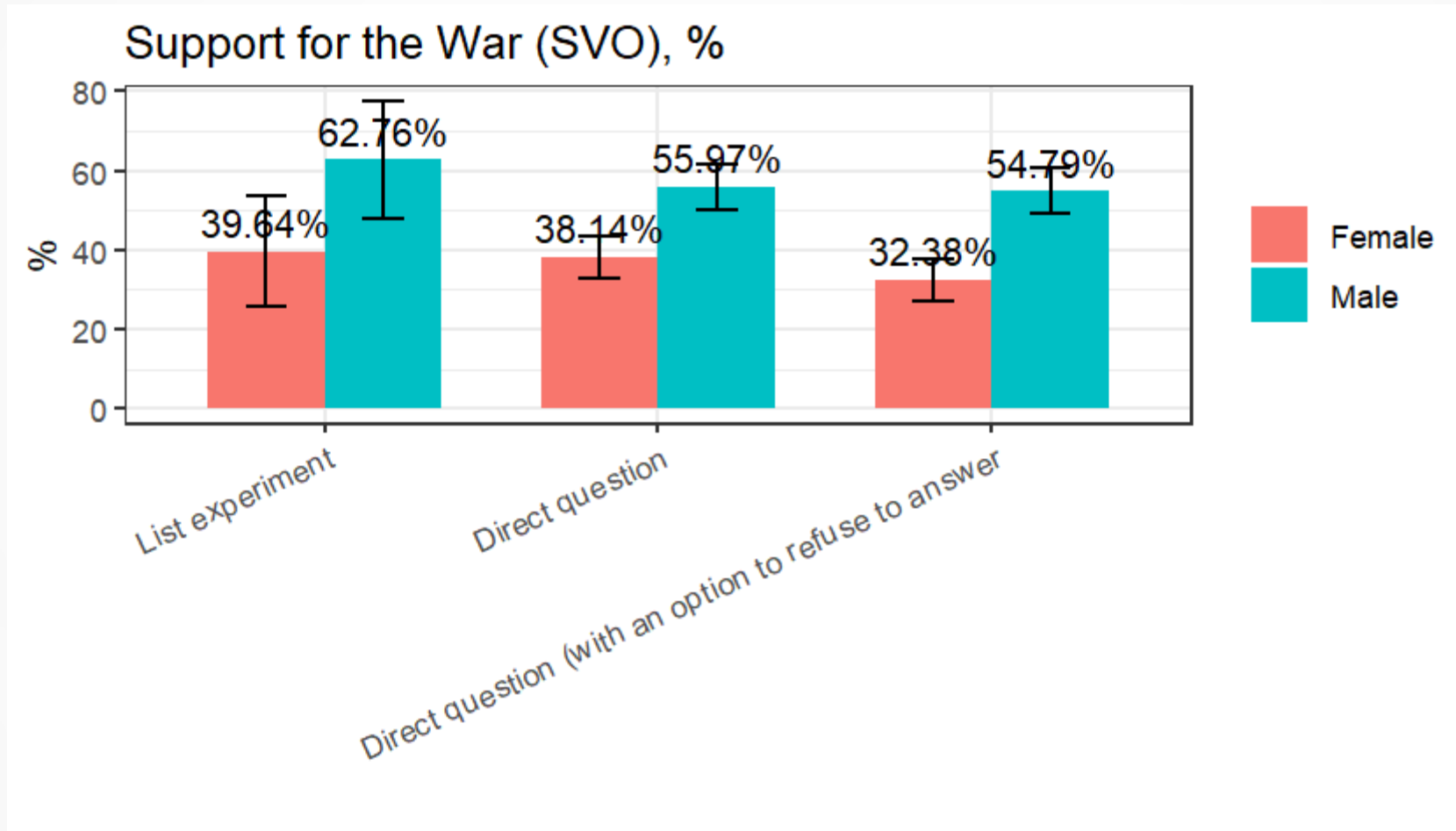


SUPPORT FOR THE WAR





SUPPORT FOR THE WAR BY GENDER





FINDINGS

- The share of Russians who support the war is about half or even a little less. This share is lower than the share of Putin supporters. War is rather a burden on political legitimacy, not a driver.
- We do not identify misreporting by opponents of the war, rather they join the undecided/unresponsive group.
- Significant gender gap for the war support.



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WHAT ELECTIONS MEAN FOR THE RESPONDENTS

