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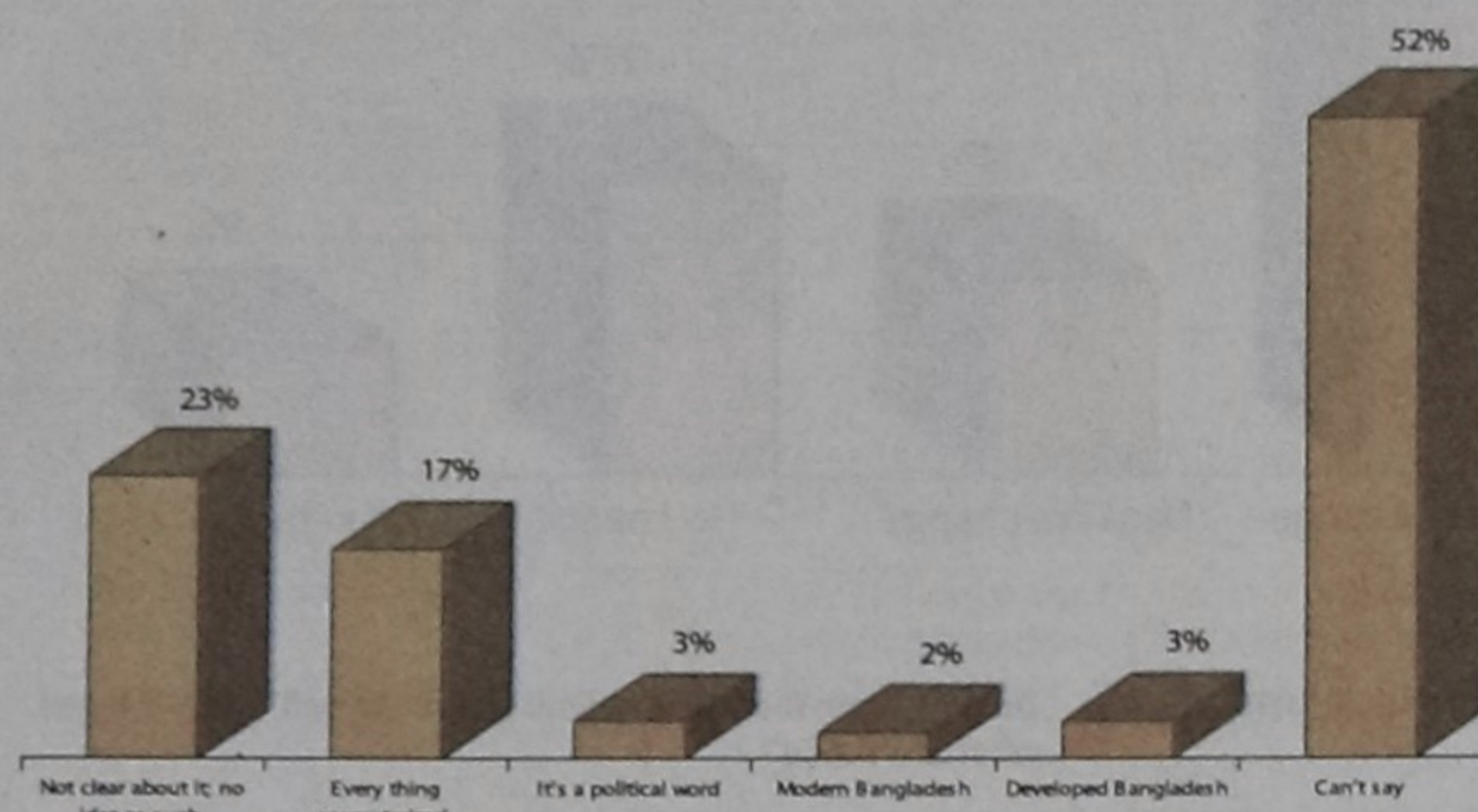
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Digital Bangladesh

One of the unique selling point of the AL in the election was the pledge to build a 'Digital Bangladesh'. The survey sought to measure the people's understanding about the issue. Interestingly, 52 percent of the respondents could not say anything about it. Twenty-three percent said they are not clear about the idea and 17 percent feel they think it means computerization of the society. Female and rural people are more confused about the idea than their urban counterparts.

What do you understand by Digital Bangladesh?

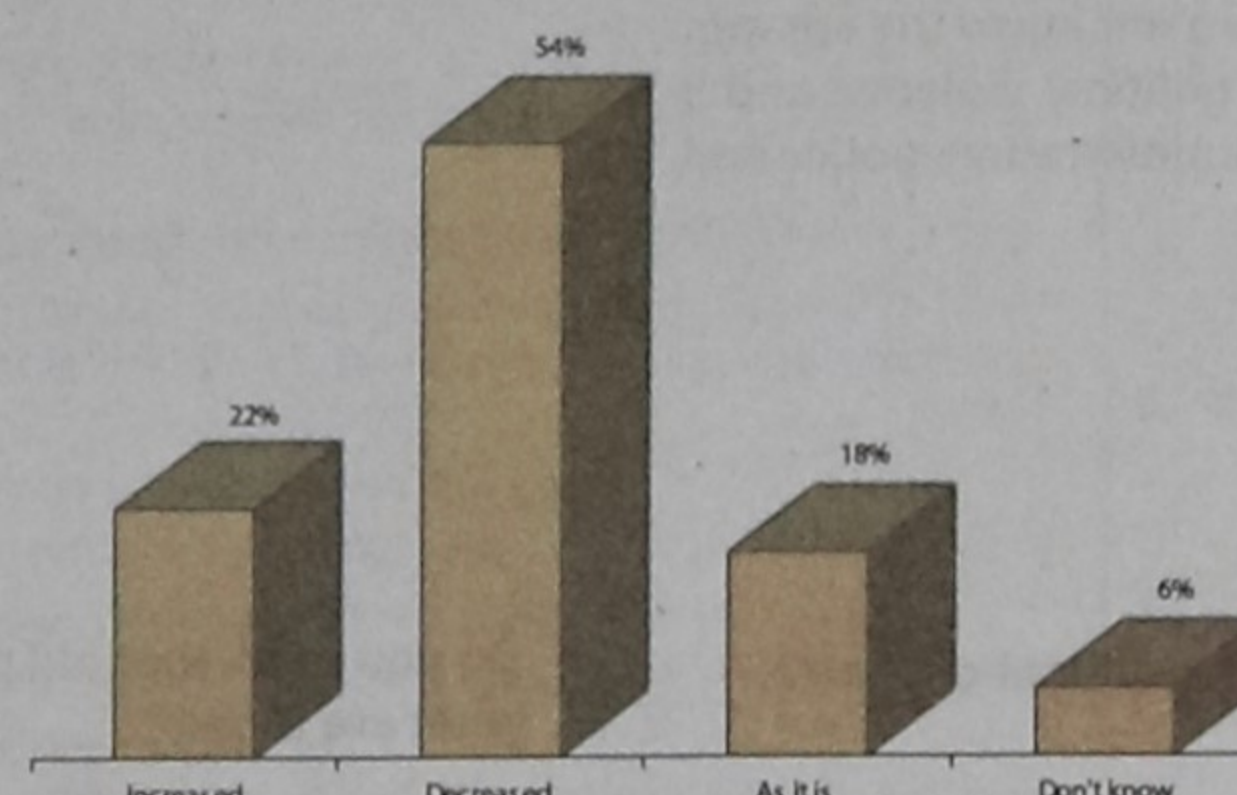


Corruption

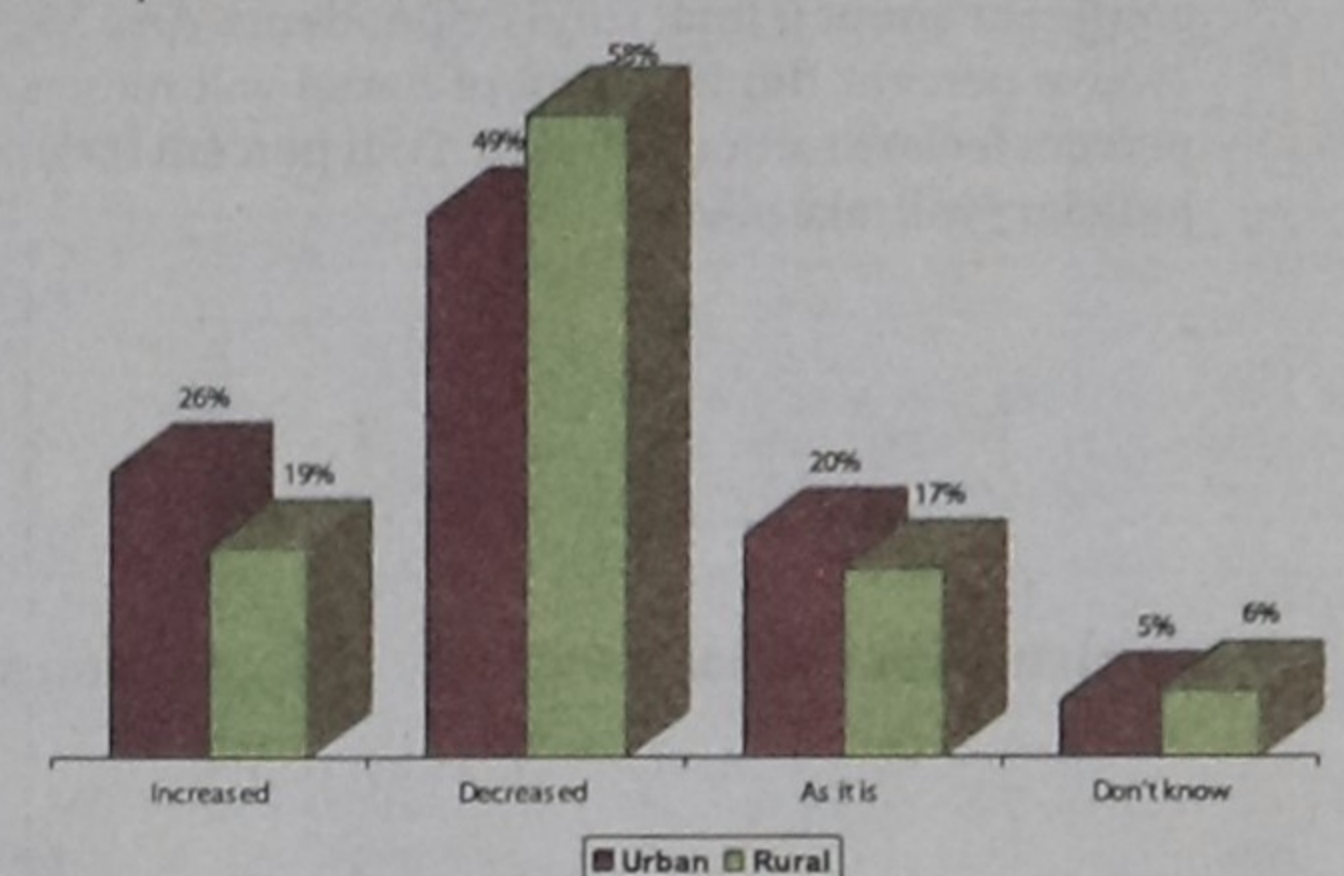
On corruption. Interestingly, 54 percent feels graft has decreased after the AL-led government took over. But equally a large segment feels it has either increased (22 percent) or remains the same (18 percent) showing no improvement. Here, more urban people (26 percent) feel corruption has increased over rural counterparts (19 percent) and conversely, more rural respondents (58 percent) feel corruption has decreased than urban respondents (49 percent) after the new government came in.

Asked to comment on Hasan Mashud Chowdhury's resignation from the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC), 17 percent said it would lead to an increase in corruption, 8 percent said anti-graft drive will be affected and 4 percent said ACC will lose its image. Twelve percent thinks corruption will remain as it is. However, a large 50 percent people said they are not sure about the impact. Urban and male respondents took the resignation more negatively.

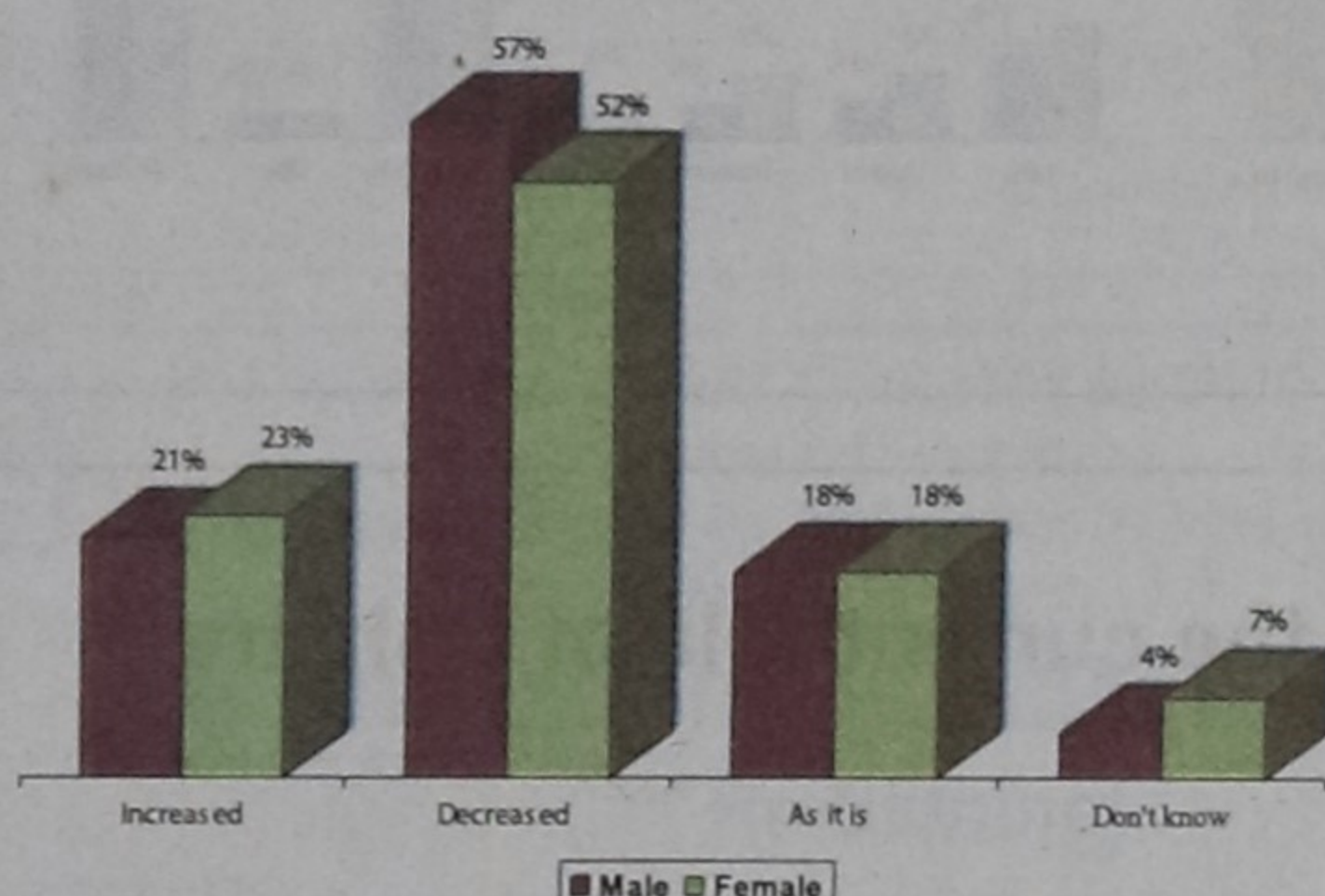
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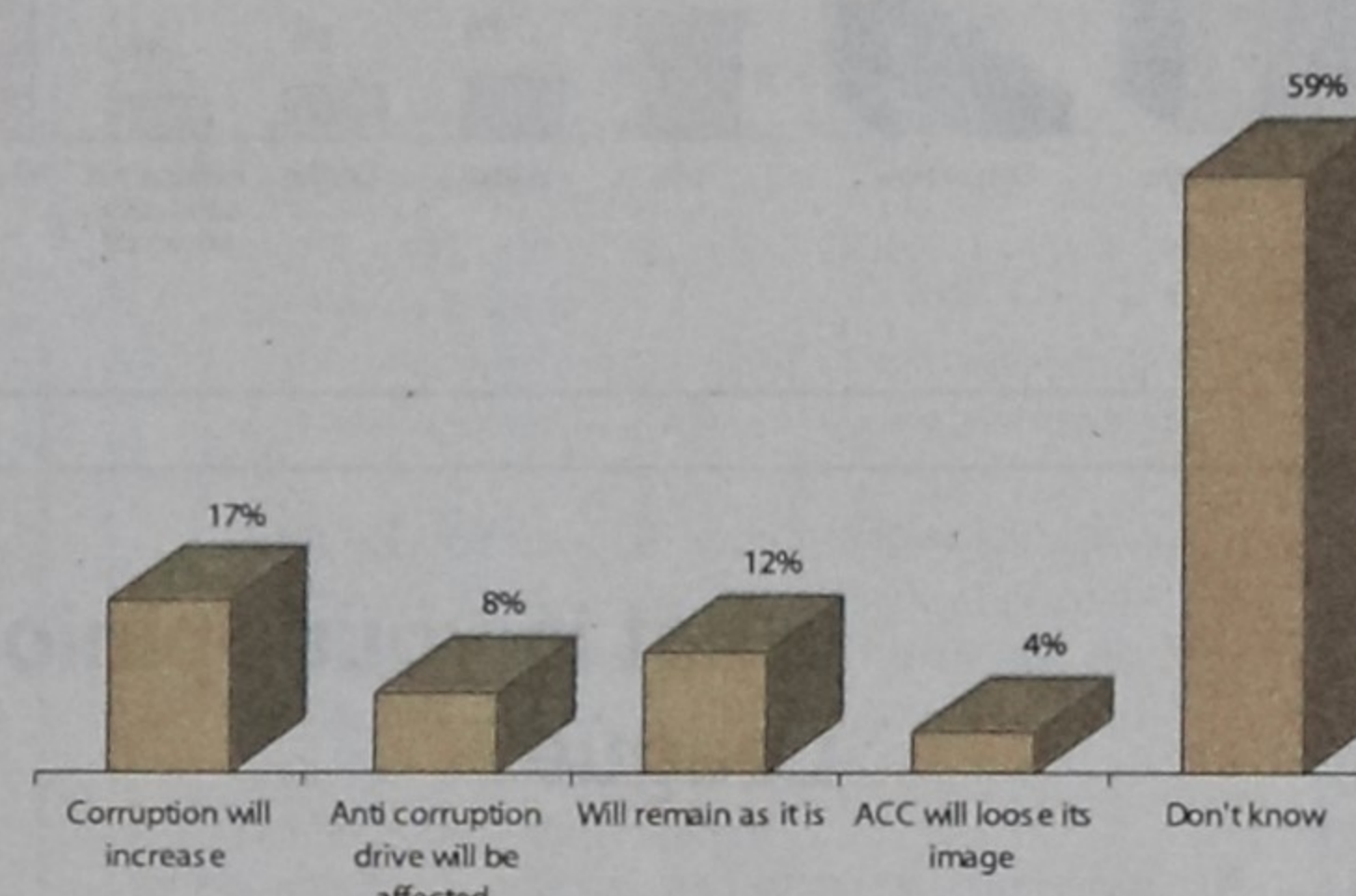
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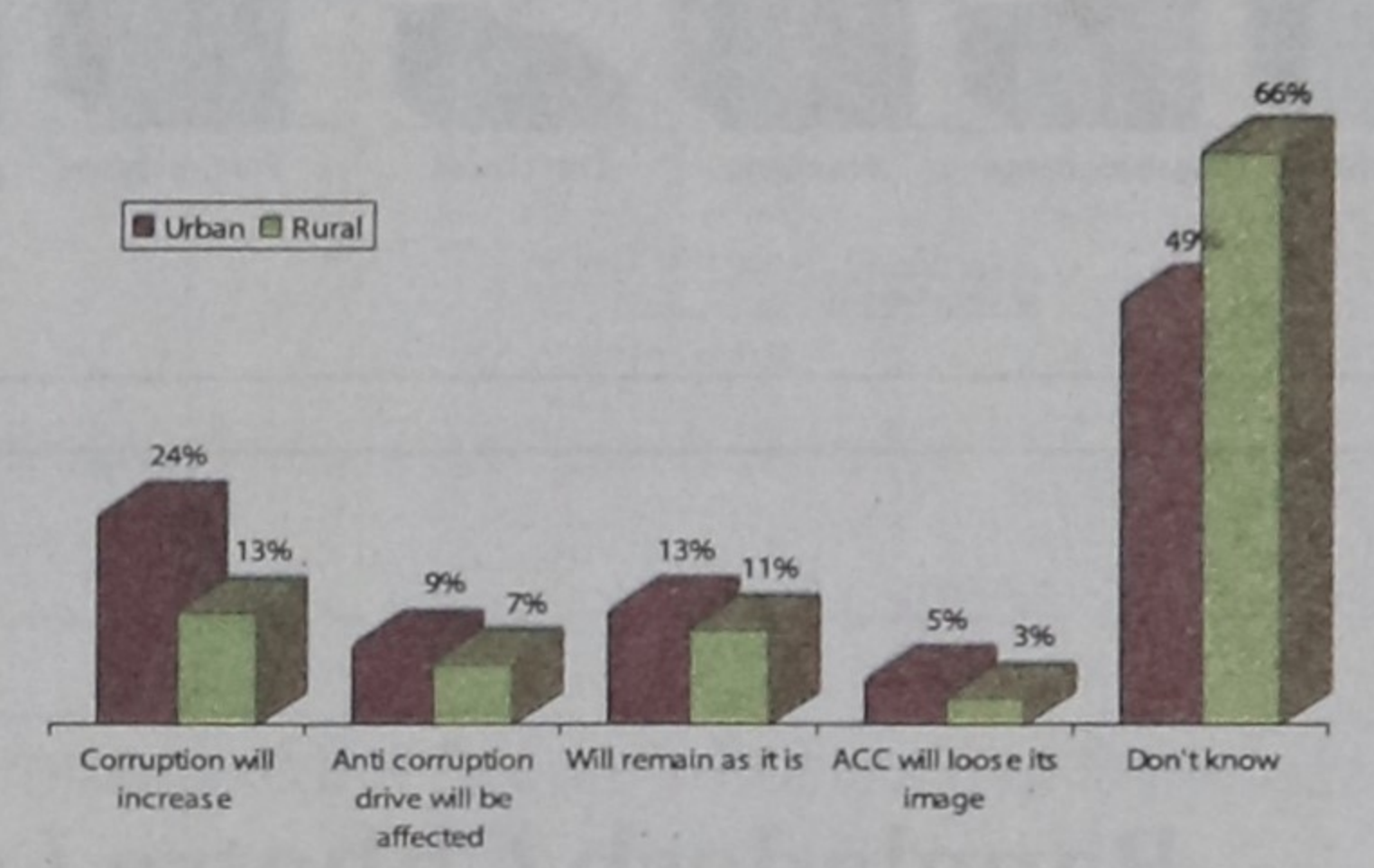
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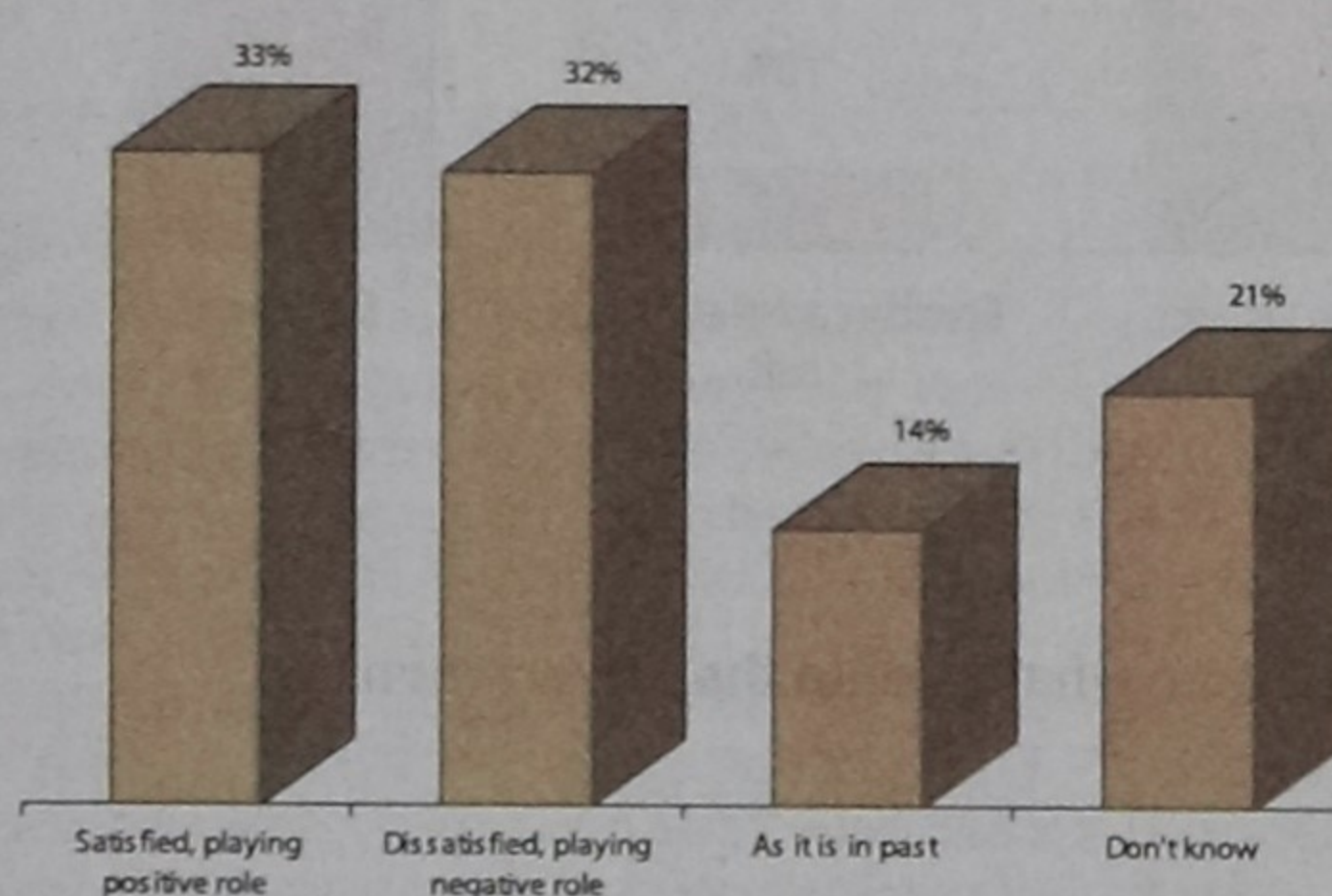
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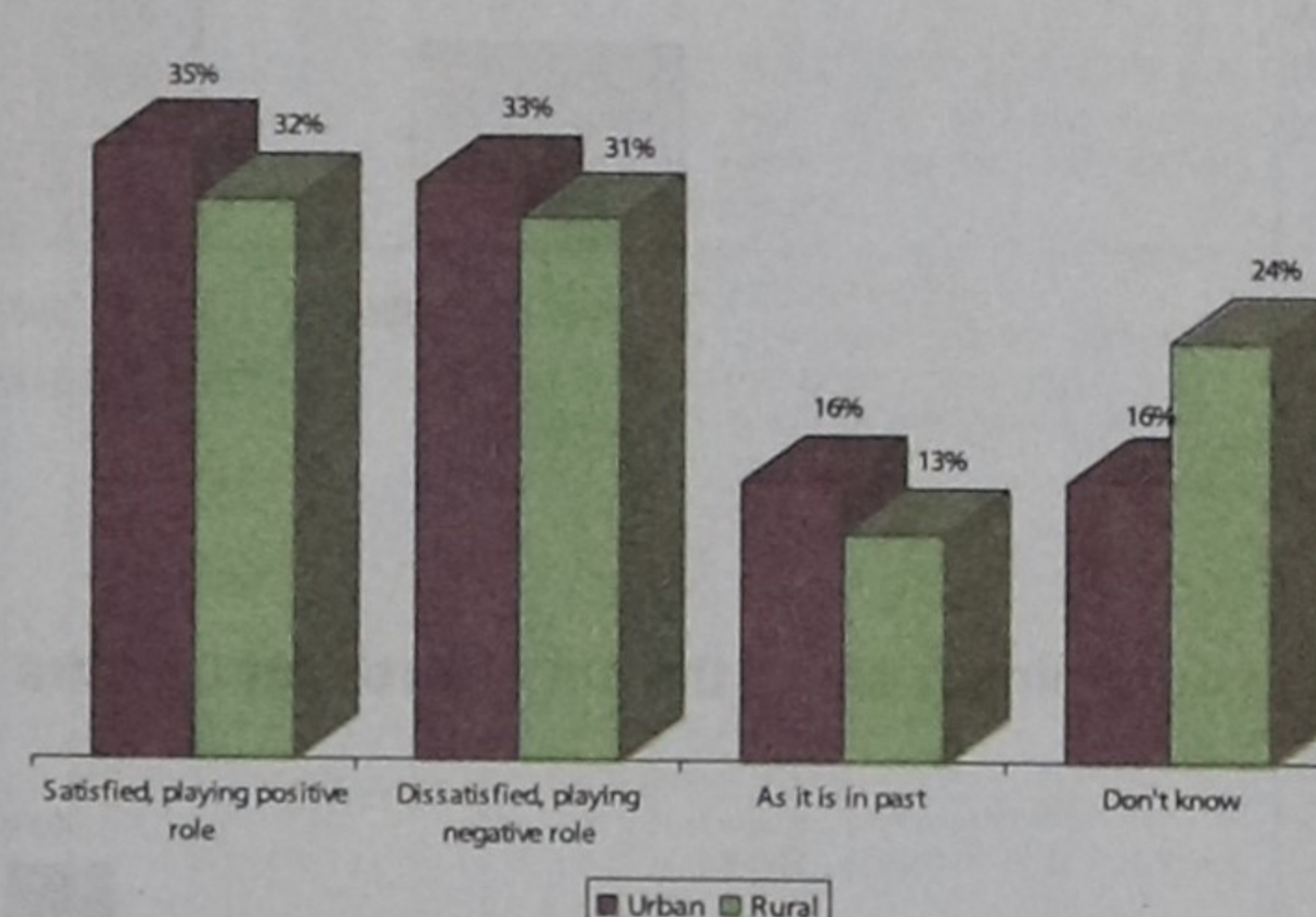
Role of the opposition

The opposition fared poorly when asked what respondents think about its role. Some 32 people percent think the opposition played a negative role and are dissatisfied by its activities. Another 14 percent thinks the opposition's role is as before. These two combined make a negatively tilted view of the opposition. And only 33 percent is happy with the opposition and think it is playing a positive role. Twenty-one percent however said they have no idea in this regard.

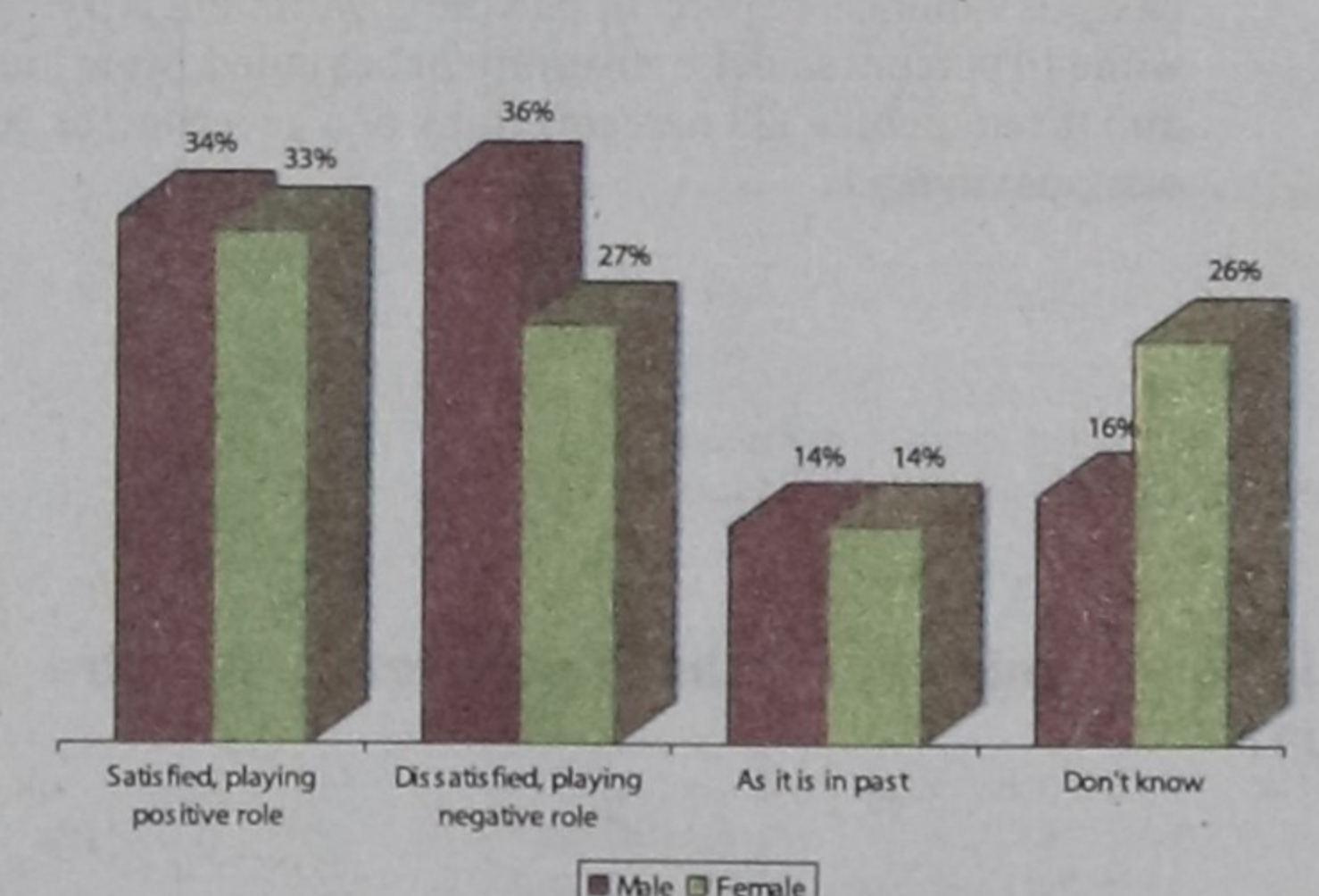
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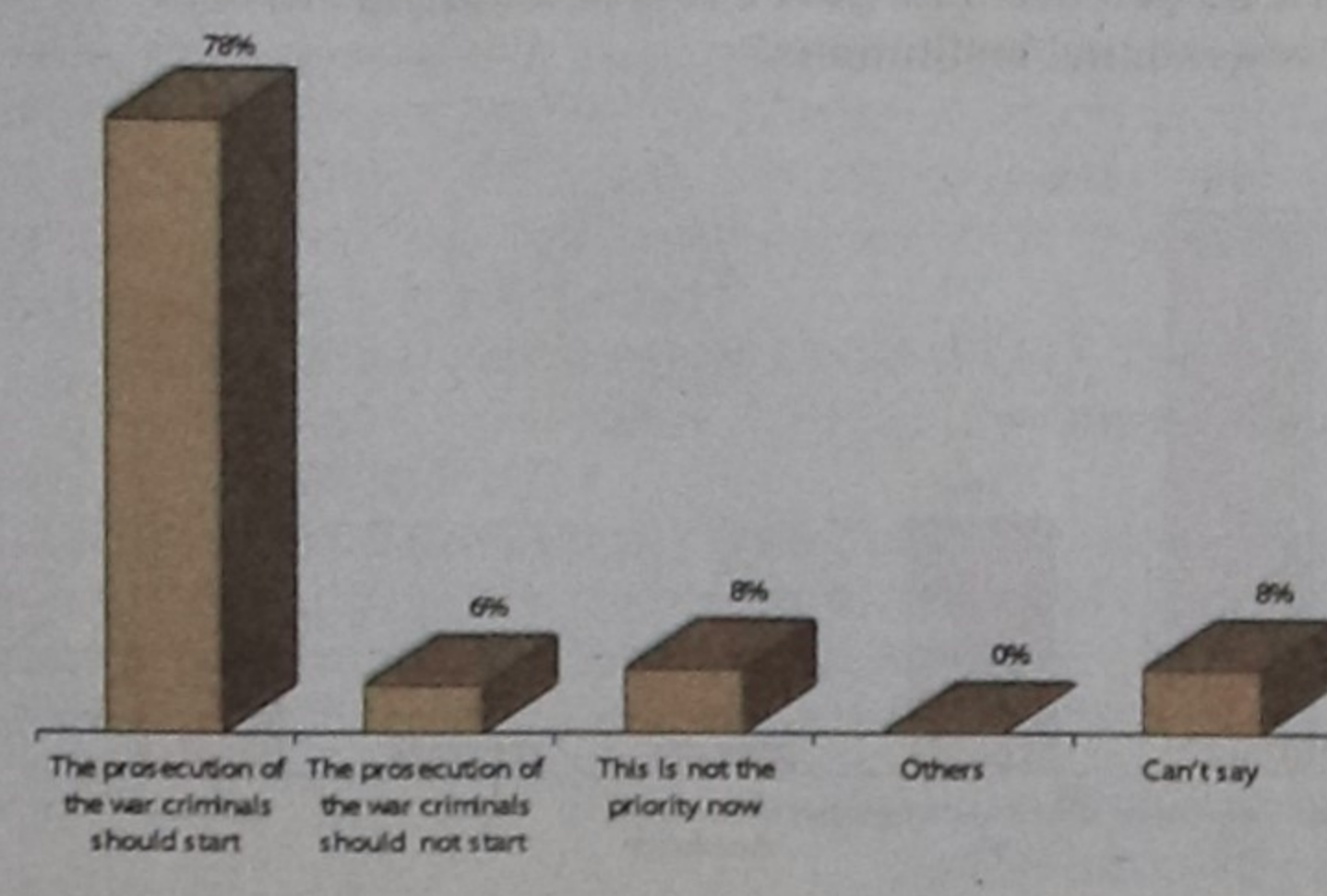
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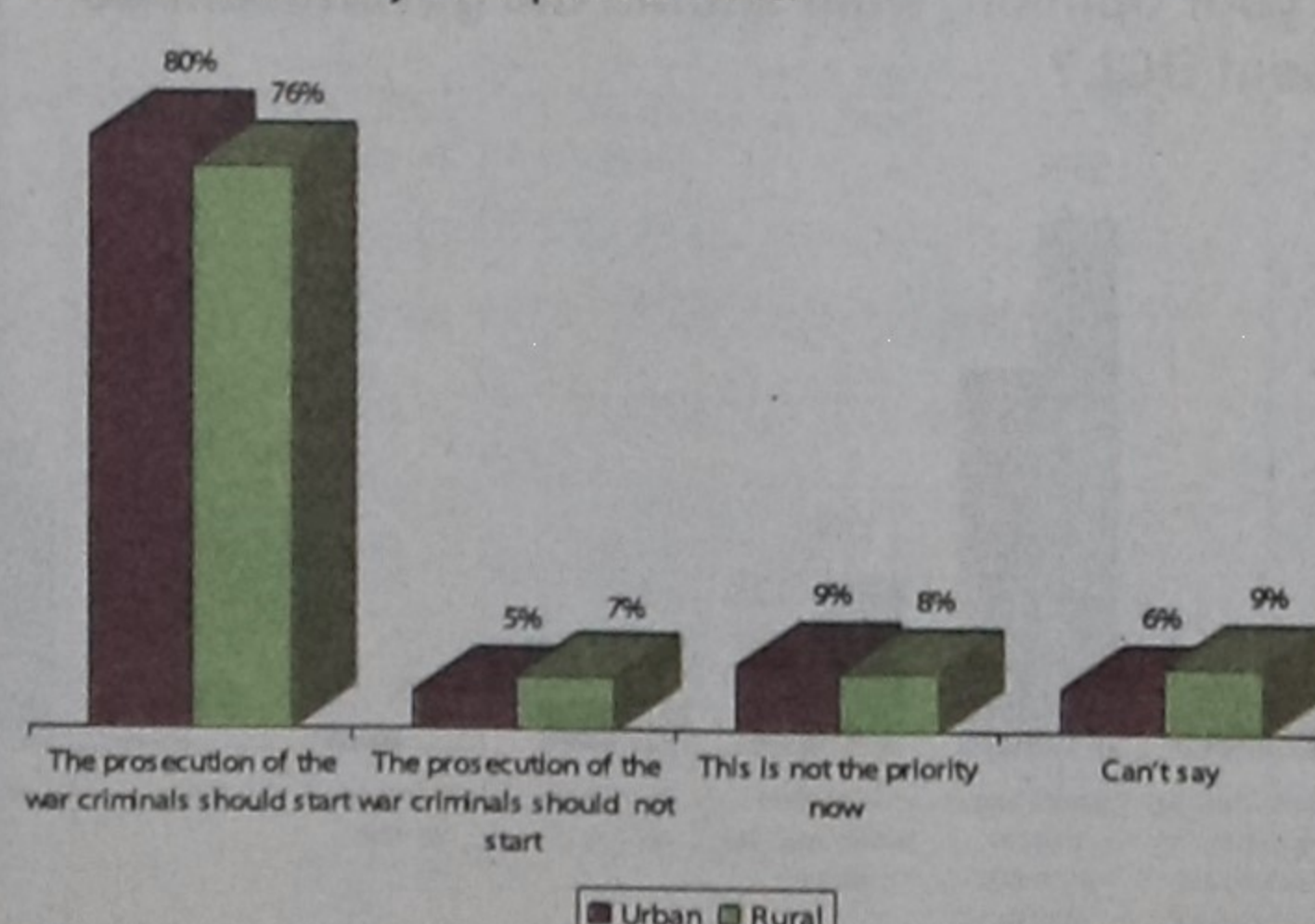
War Crime trial

The government enjoys an overwhelming support in its bid to try war criminals. Some 78 percent of respondents feel the prosecution of the war criminals should start now while only 6 percent think it should not. Another 8 percent feel that this is not a priority issue now. More urban people (80 percent) favour trial of war criminals than rural people (76 percent).

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