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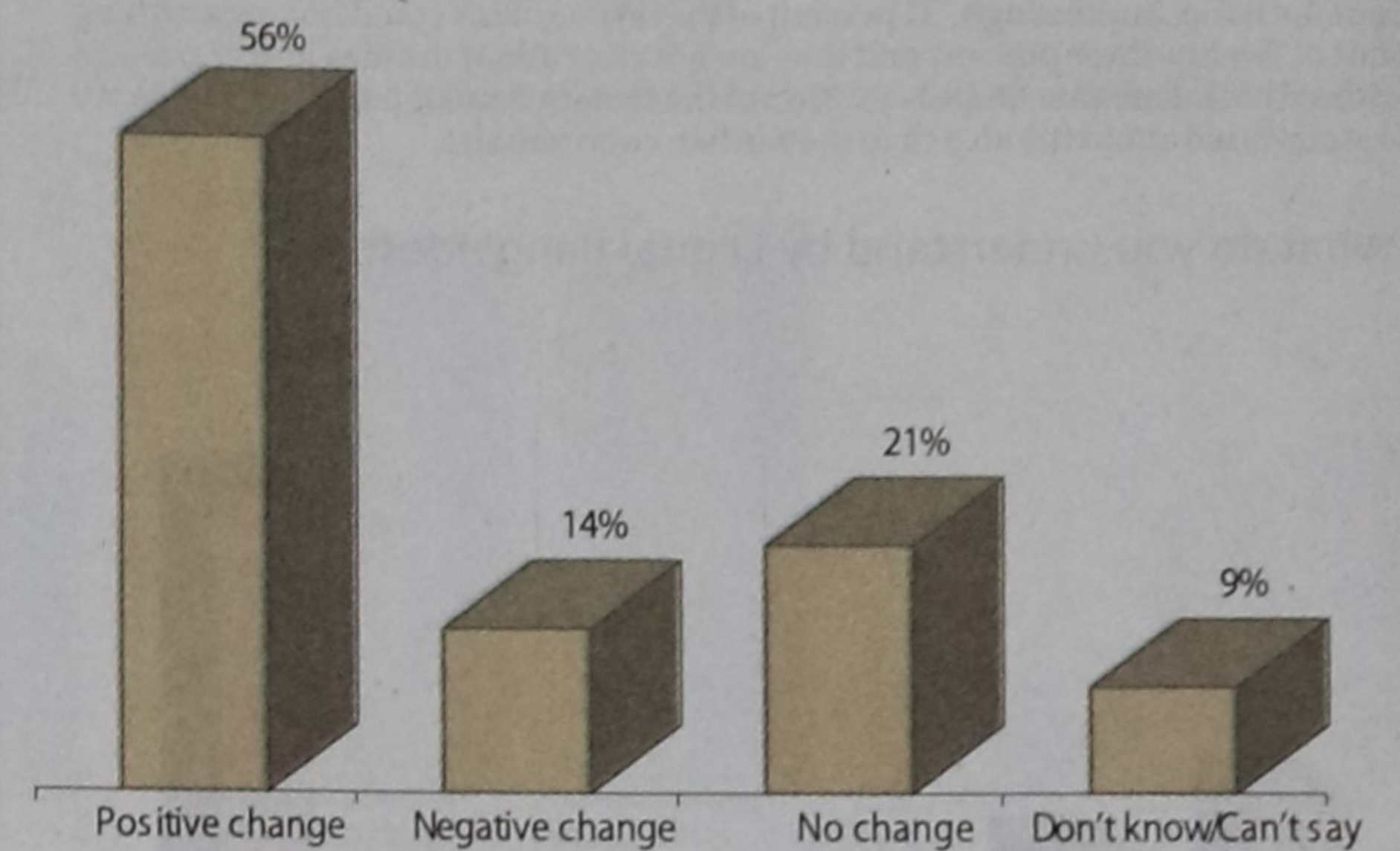
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Political culture

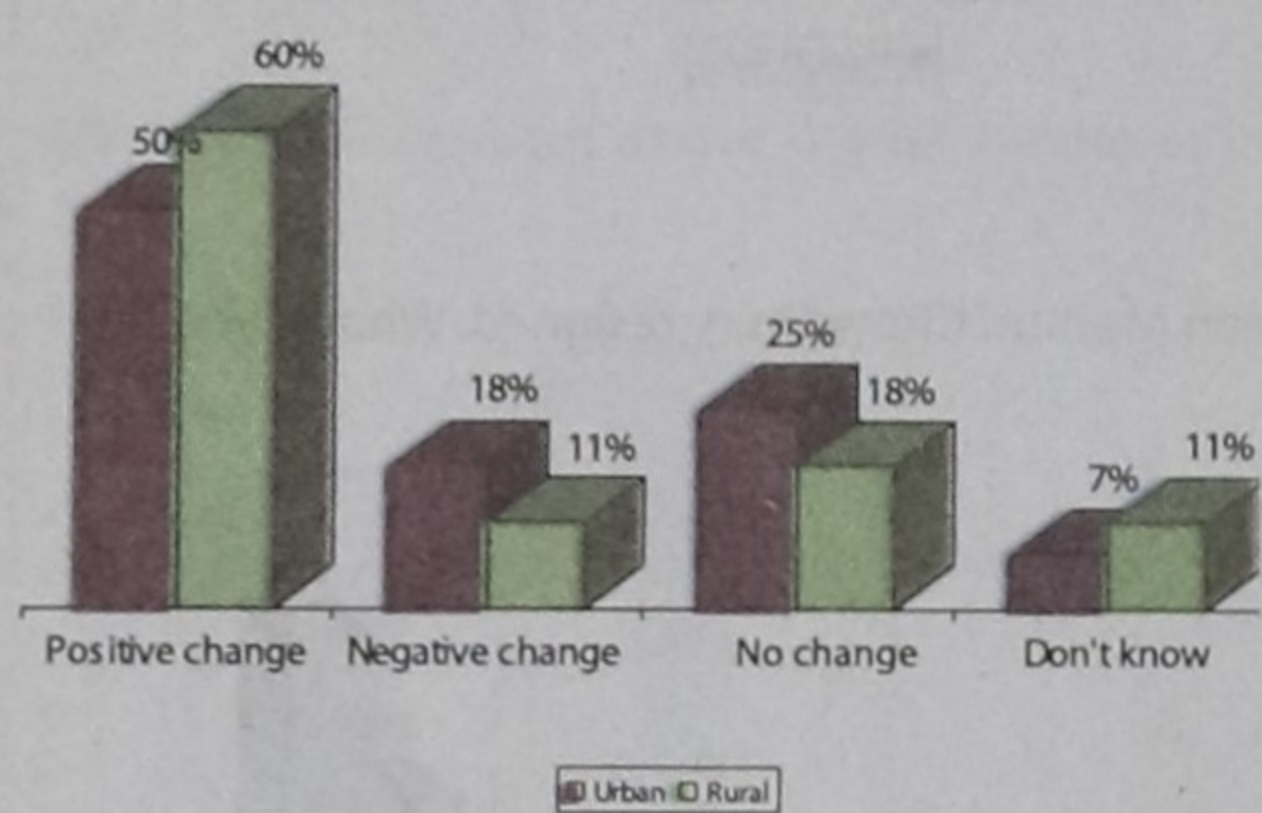
A large number of people 56 percent feel a positive change in political culture after the new government came to power. But a large segment of 14 percent says a negative change has occurred and 21 percent say the culture remains the same, which in fact is a negative answer. Urban people (50 percent) see less positive change than rural respondents (60 percent). Urbanites also are more critical about the political culture as 18 percent of them see a negative change and 25 percent no change as against 11 percent and 18 percent of the rural respondents. Males see more positive change (60 percent) than females (51 percent).

Respondents were asked if they fear old political practices will return after the power changeover. A large portion of 48 percent feels old practices will not return urbanites are more confident about it than rural respondents. And 29 percent said they do not know the answer. Twelve percent think culture of hartal will return, 6 percent thinks political violence and 5 percent feels extortion will start. Four percent feels politicization of administration, police and judiciary will take place.

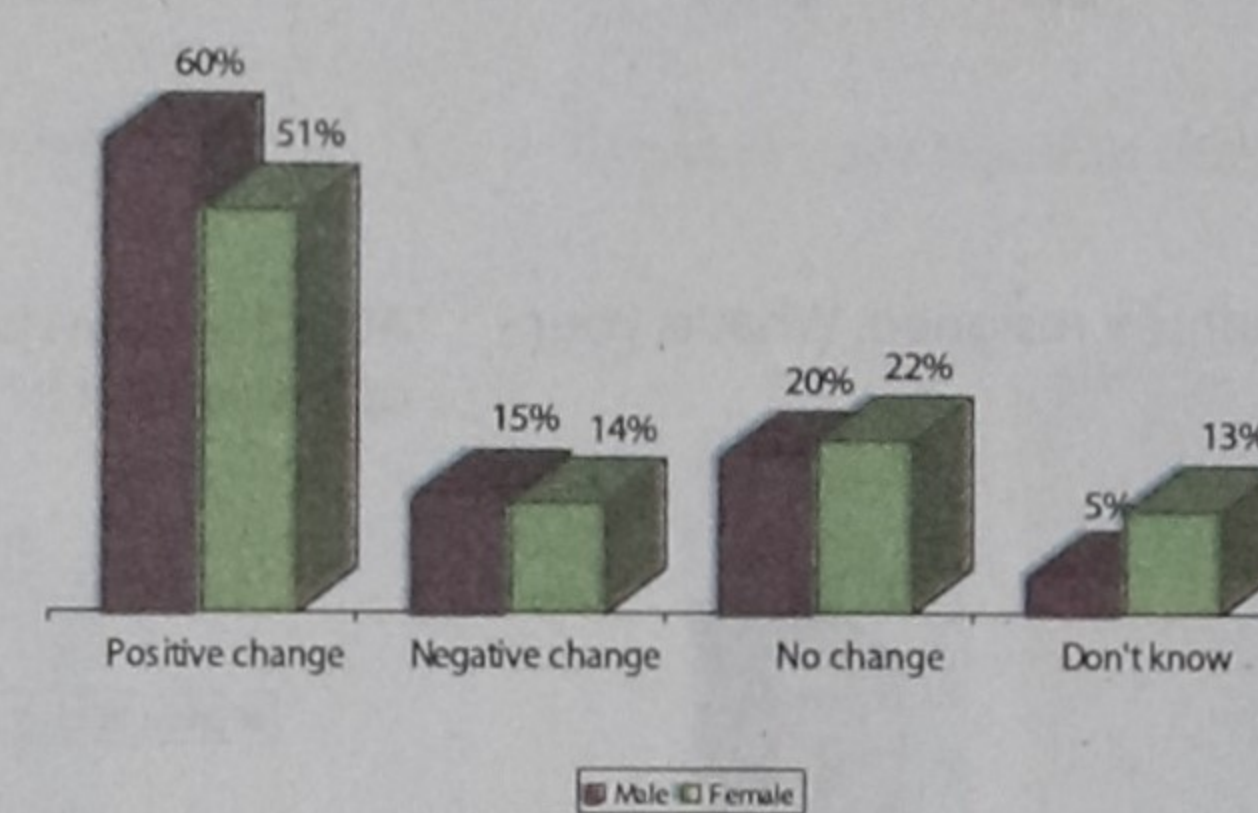
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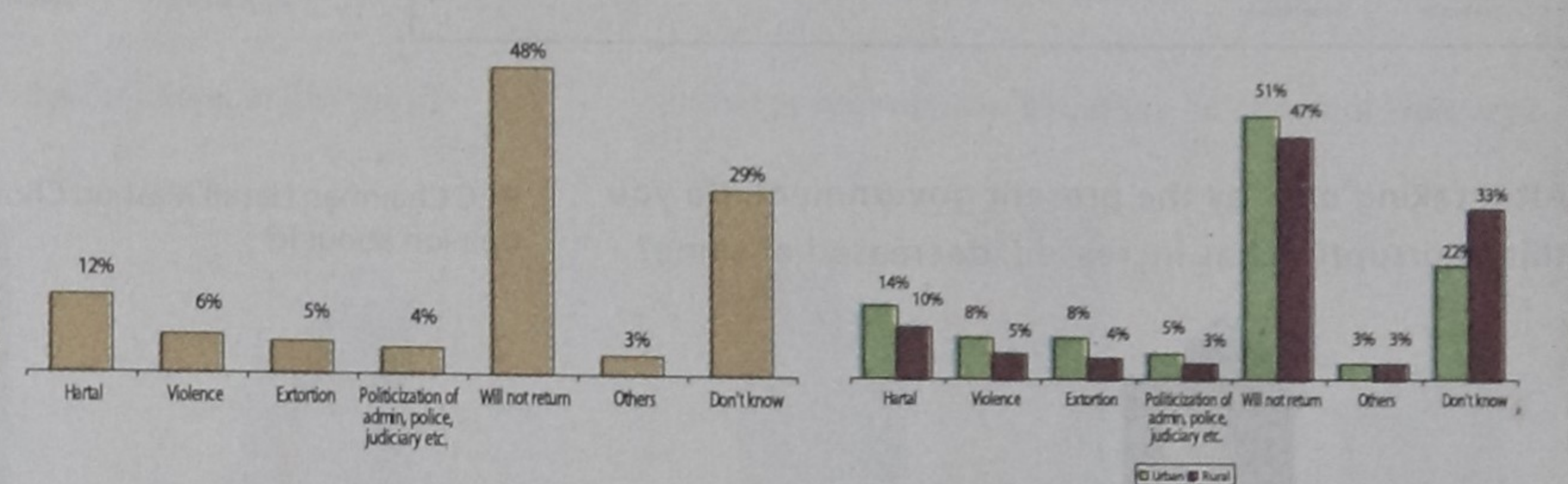
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Do you think that old political practices will return? If yes, what are those?



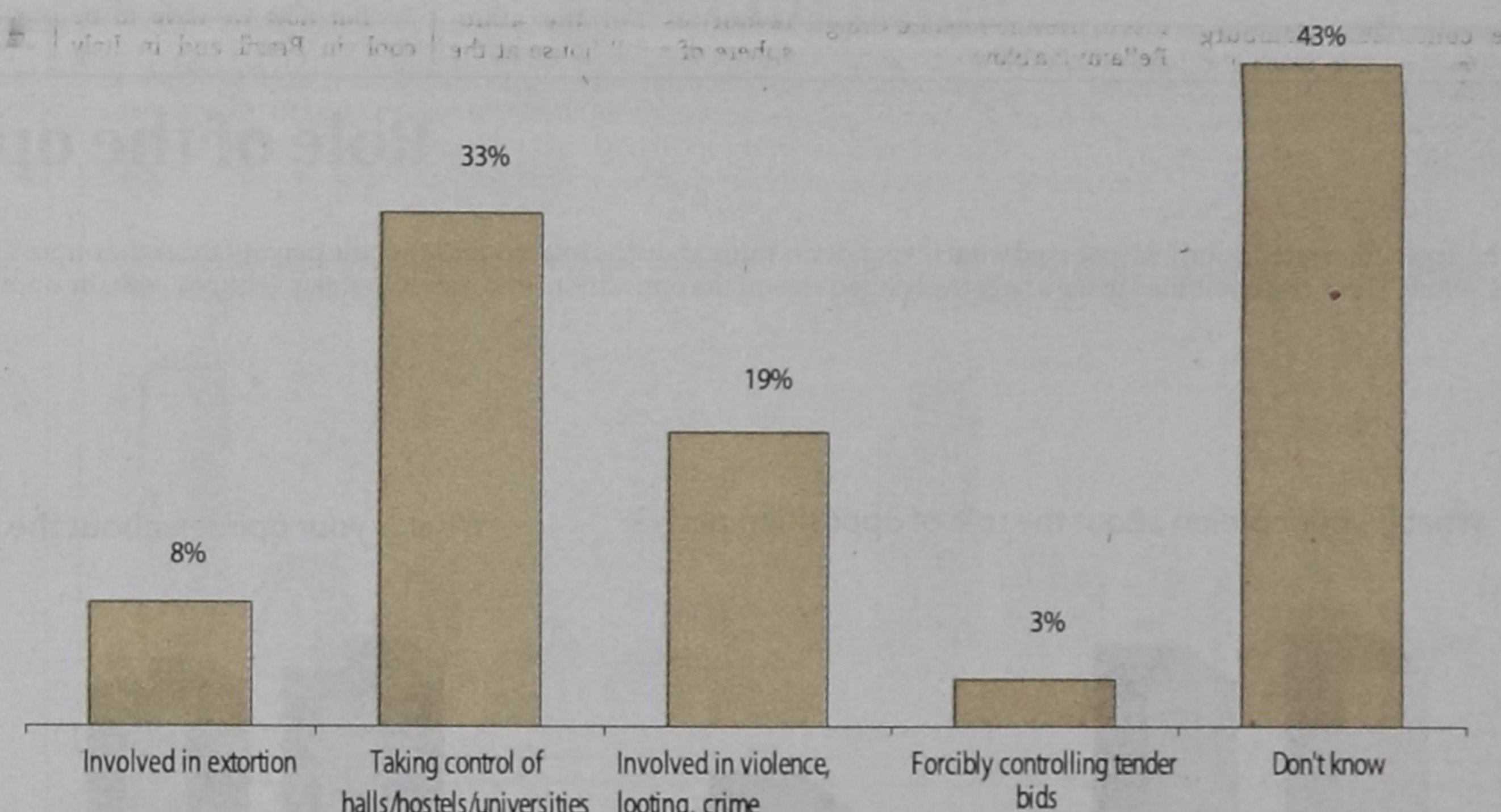
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Bangladesh Chhatra League

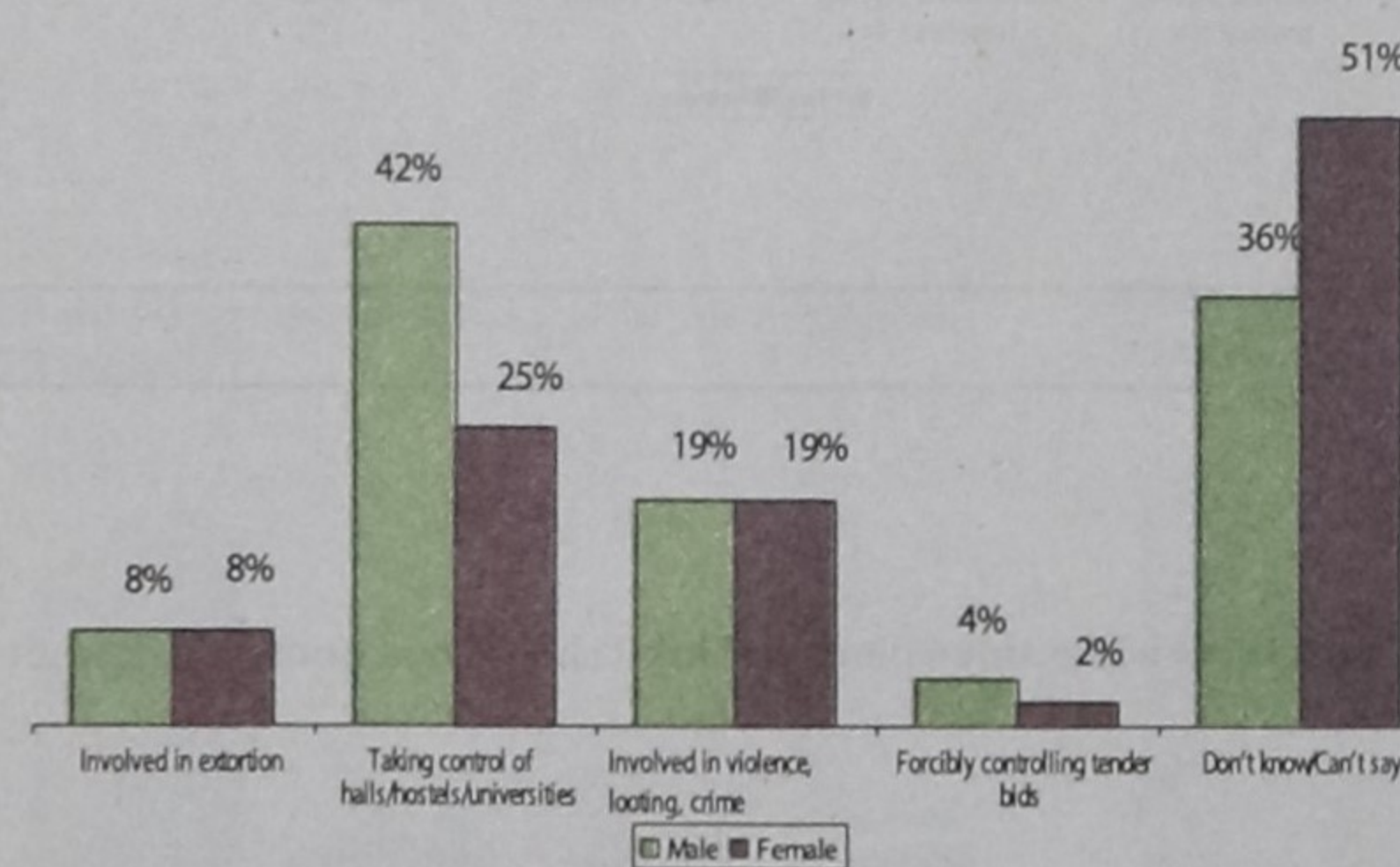
Asked to comment on the Bangladesh Chhatra league (BCL), the student wing of the AL, quite a negative image surfaced as 33 percent thinks this organization is out to capture halls and universities and 19 percent thinks it is committing violence, crimes and killings. However, a large 43 percent respondents said they don't know about BCL's role. More males (42 percent) than females (25 percent) and more urban dwellers (35 percent) than rural respondents (32 percent) feel BCL is out to capture universities and halls.

Some 44 percent respondents expressed the opinion that the BCL must be controlled strictly and 13 percent said all student politics must be banned. Thirty-six percent however said they cannot say anything in this regard.

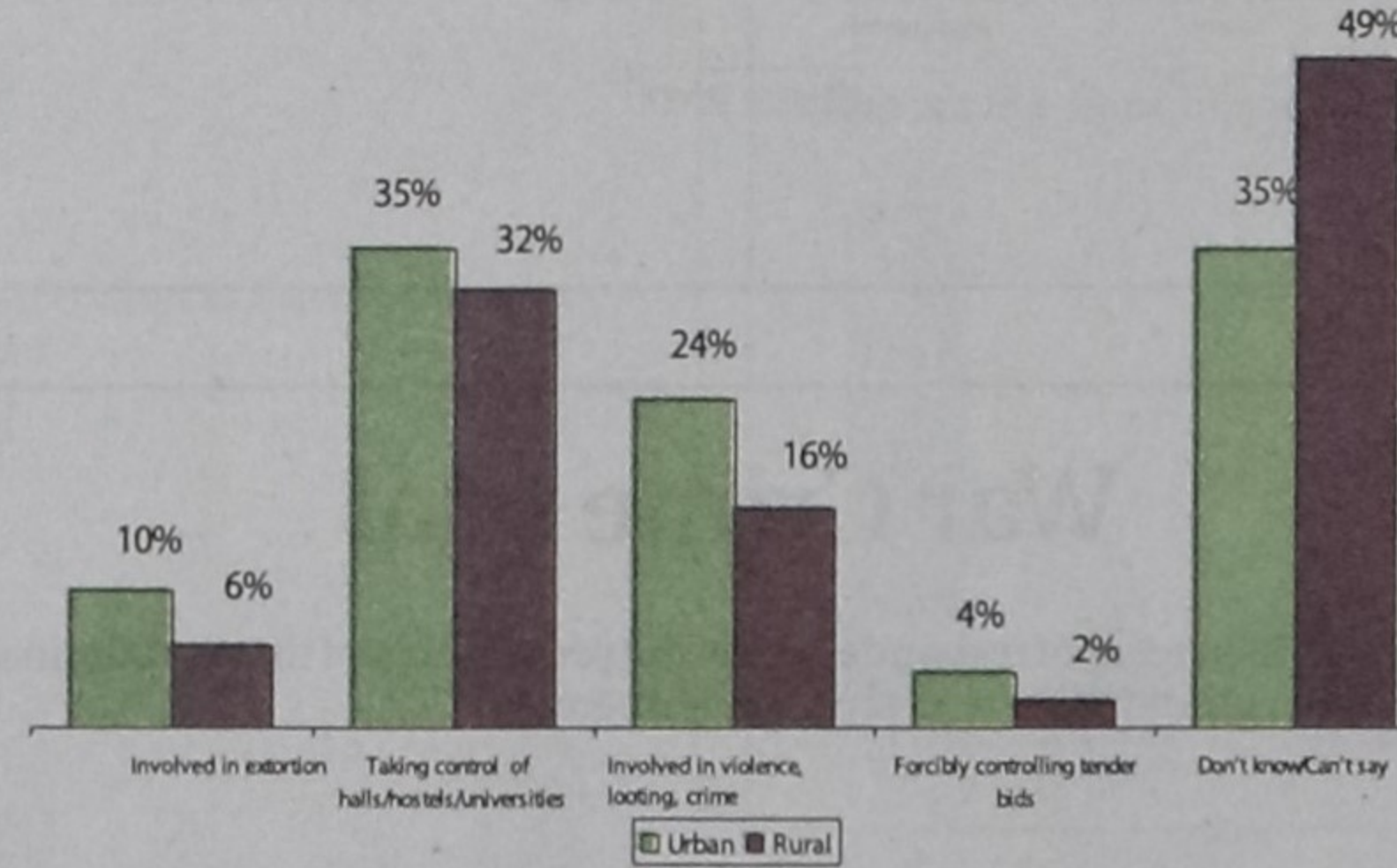
Asked about their opinion on the government's efforts to control campus violence, 42 percent said the government is trying to control BCL while 19 percent said the government has failed. More males (24 percent) and urban people (23 percent) think of a government failure to control campus violence.



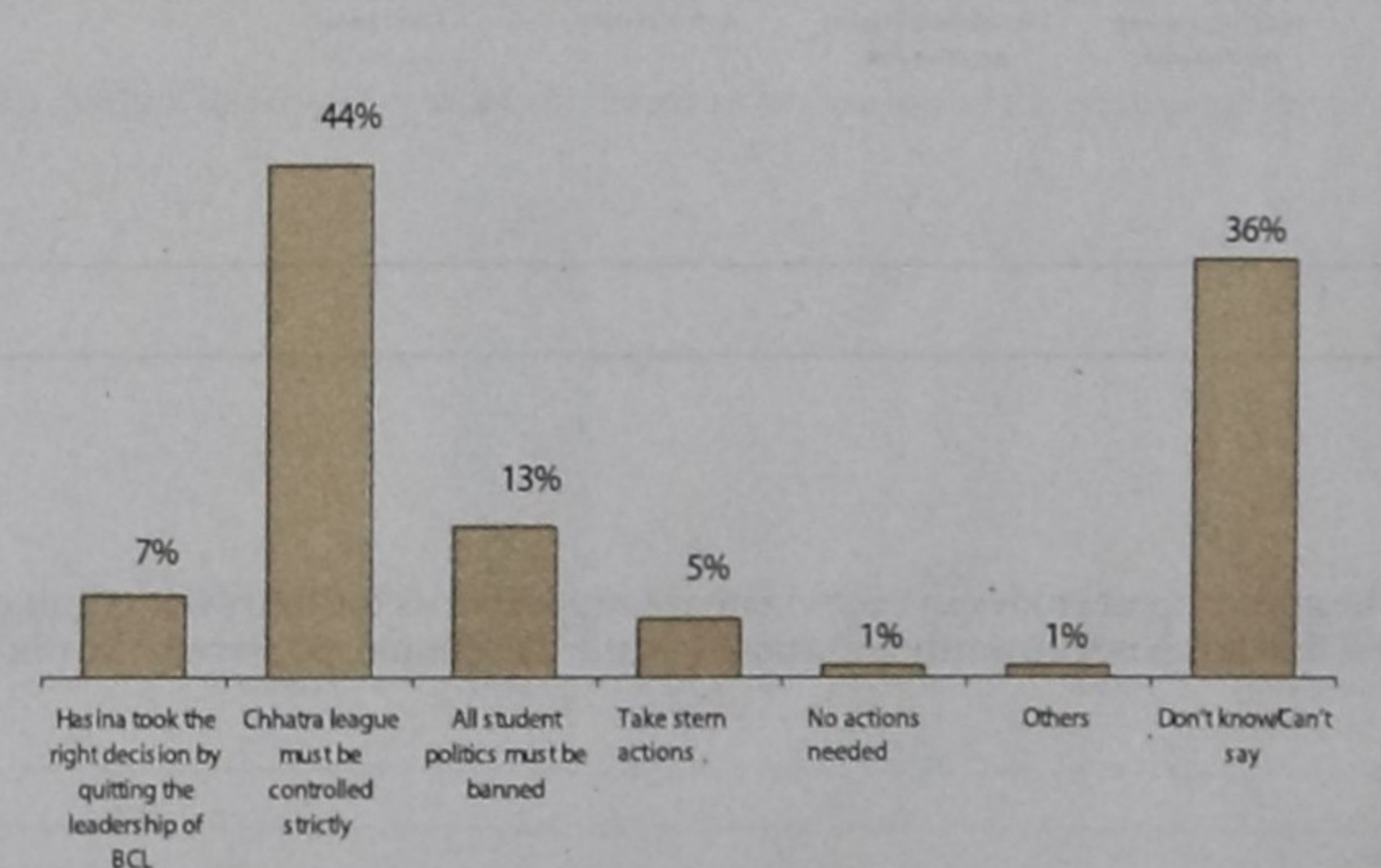
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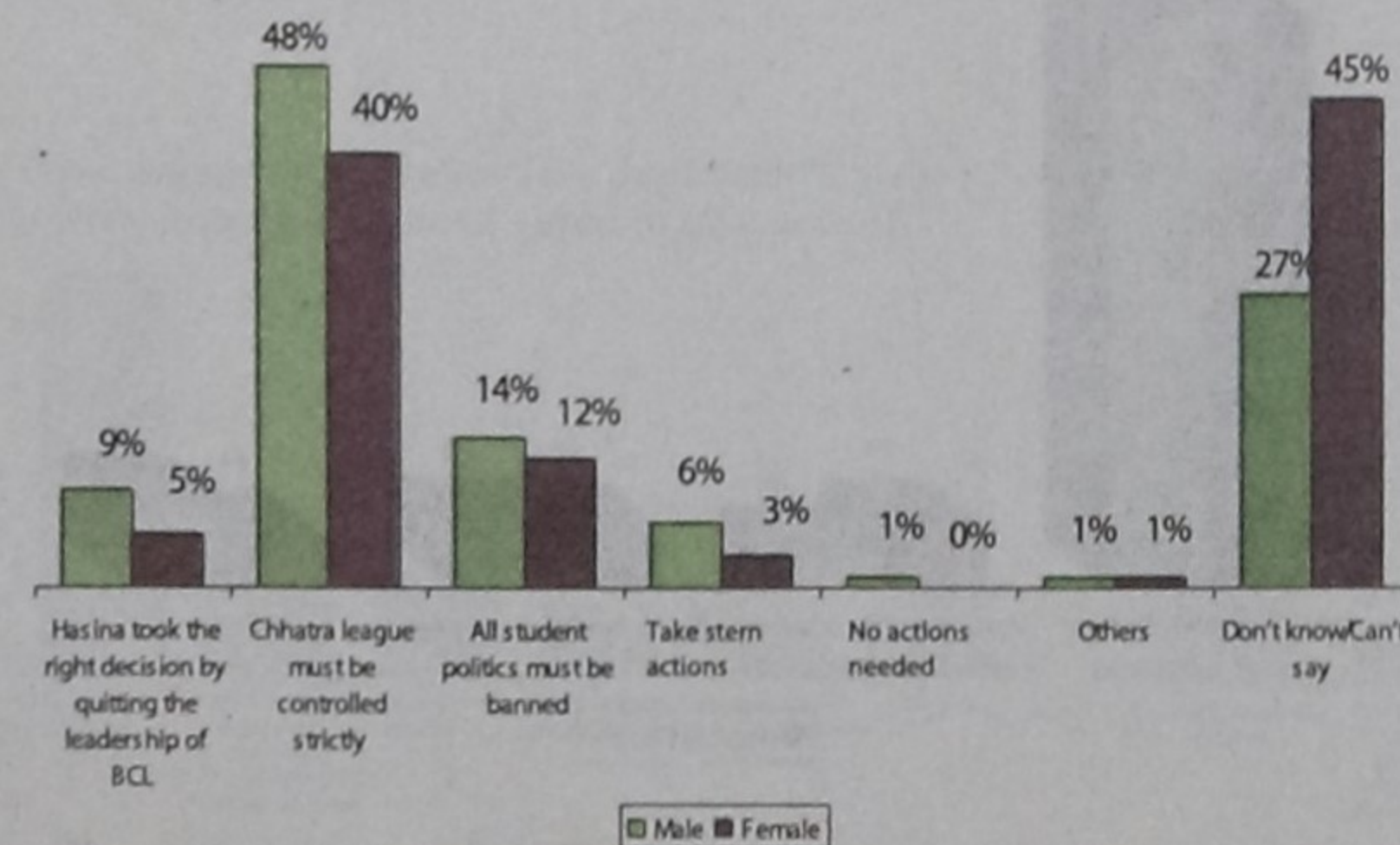
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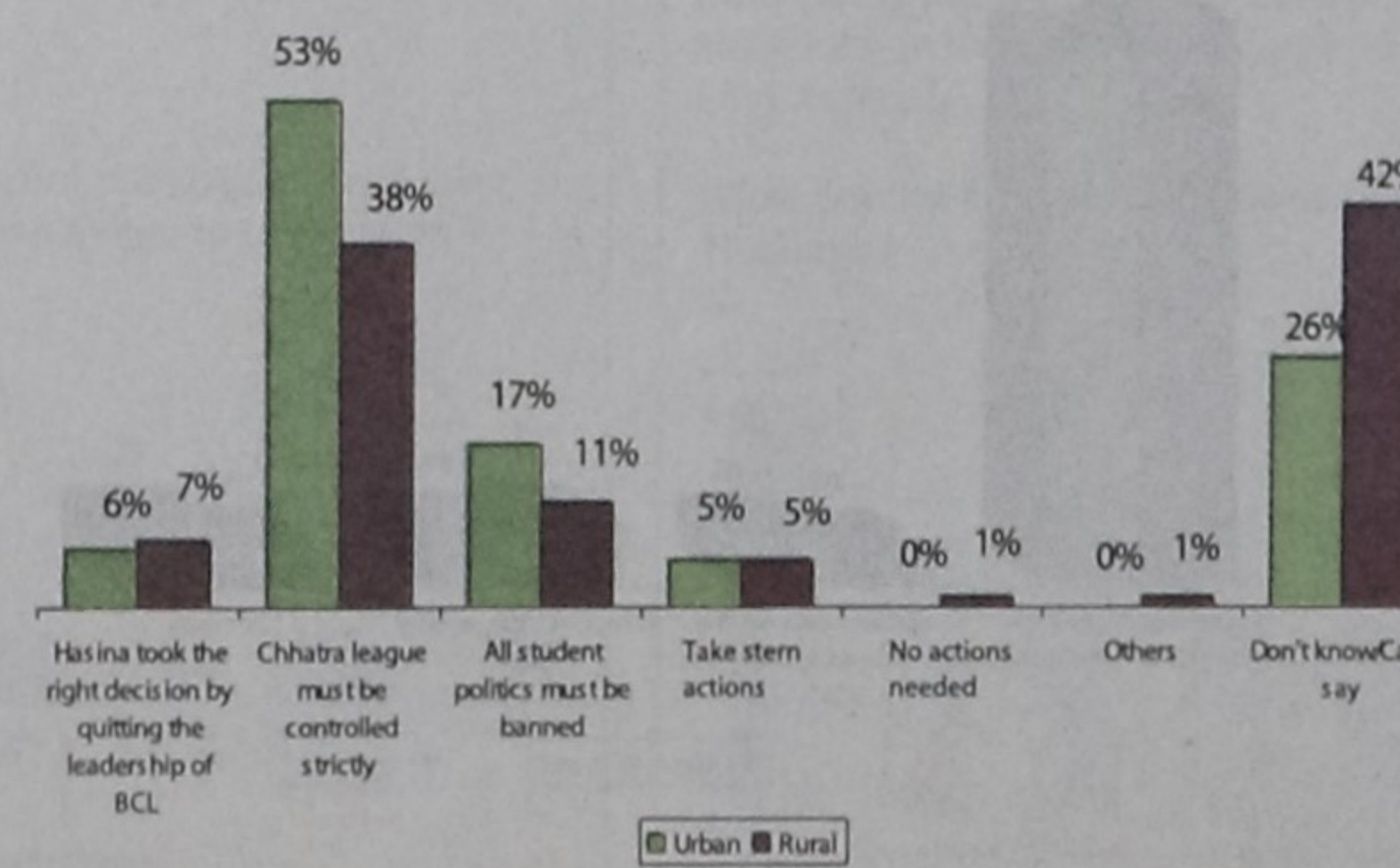
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How do you evaluate govt's role in stopping violence in educational institutions?

