

How do Southeast Asians view the Trump Administration?

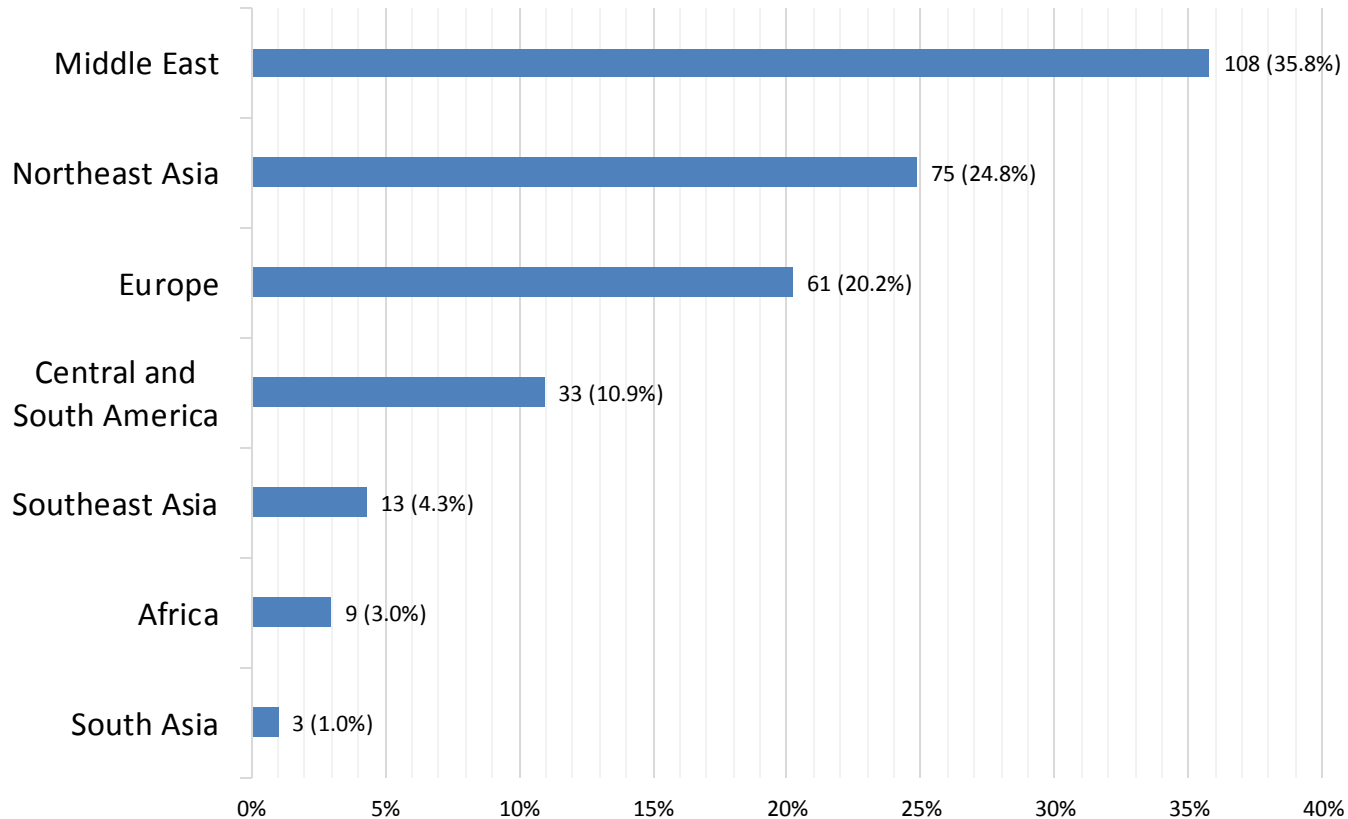


Introduction

- The ASEAN Studies Centre at ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute conducted an online survey from 10-23 April 2017 to get a sense of how Southeast Asians view the Trump Administration and US engagement in the region.
- This survey used a purposive sampling approach, drawing on a specialised pool of regional affairs experts. We received 318 responses from government officials, business leaders, academics, the media and civil society across the ten ASEAN member states: Myanmar (49), the Philippines (49), Vietnam (47), Malaysia (42), Indonesia (33), Singapore (29), Thailand (26), Cambodia (20), Brunei Darussalam (18) and Laos (5). Of the 318 responses, a very small number opted to skip some questions in the survey, but the impact on the results is negligible.
- For purpose of readability, the numbers in this report are rounded up or down to one decimal point.
- These findings do not purport to represent the views of the whole of Southeast Asia.
- This report was first published online on 4 May 2017.

1. In your view, which of these geographical regions are most important to the Trump Administration?

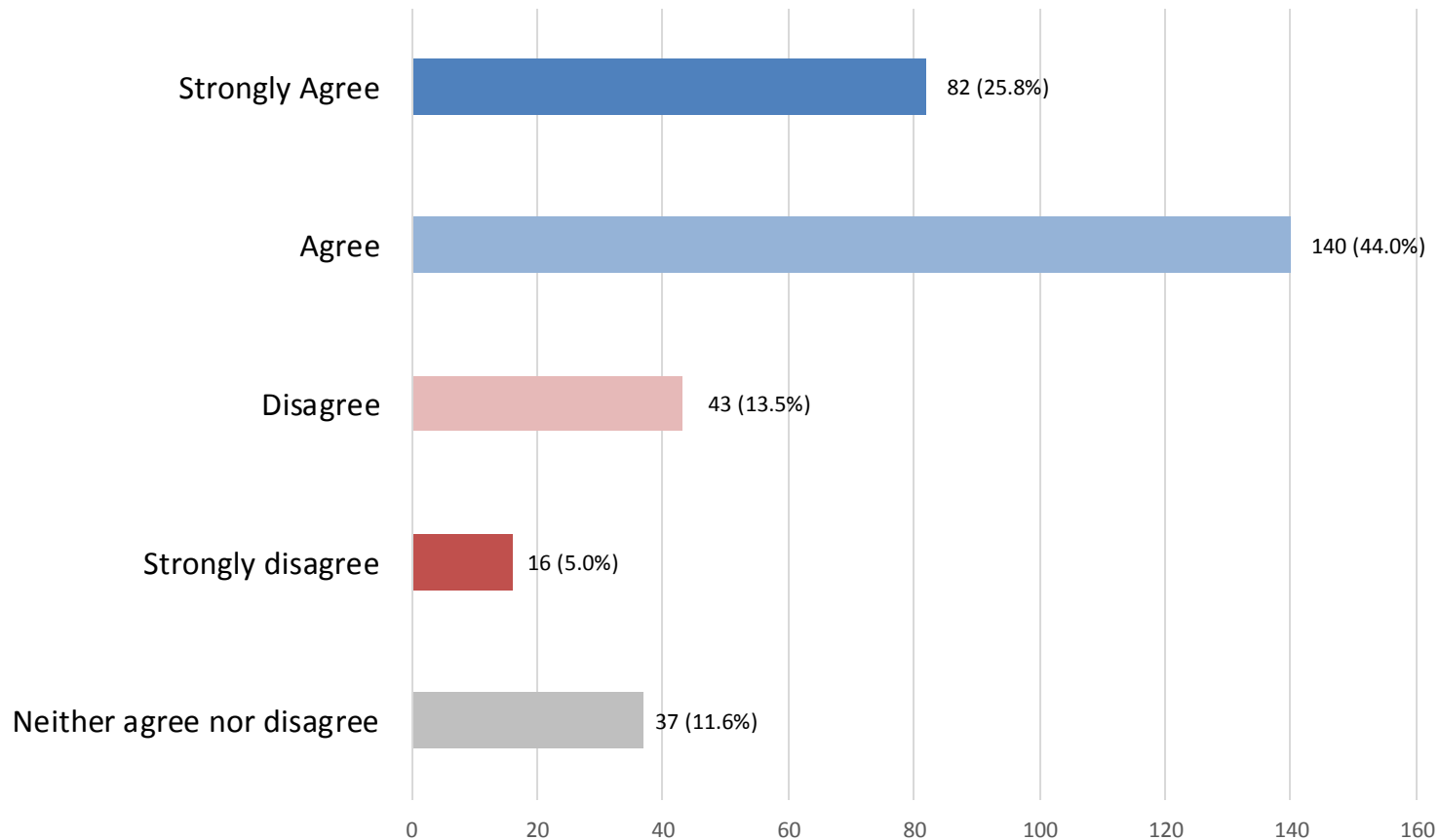
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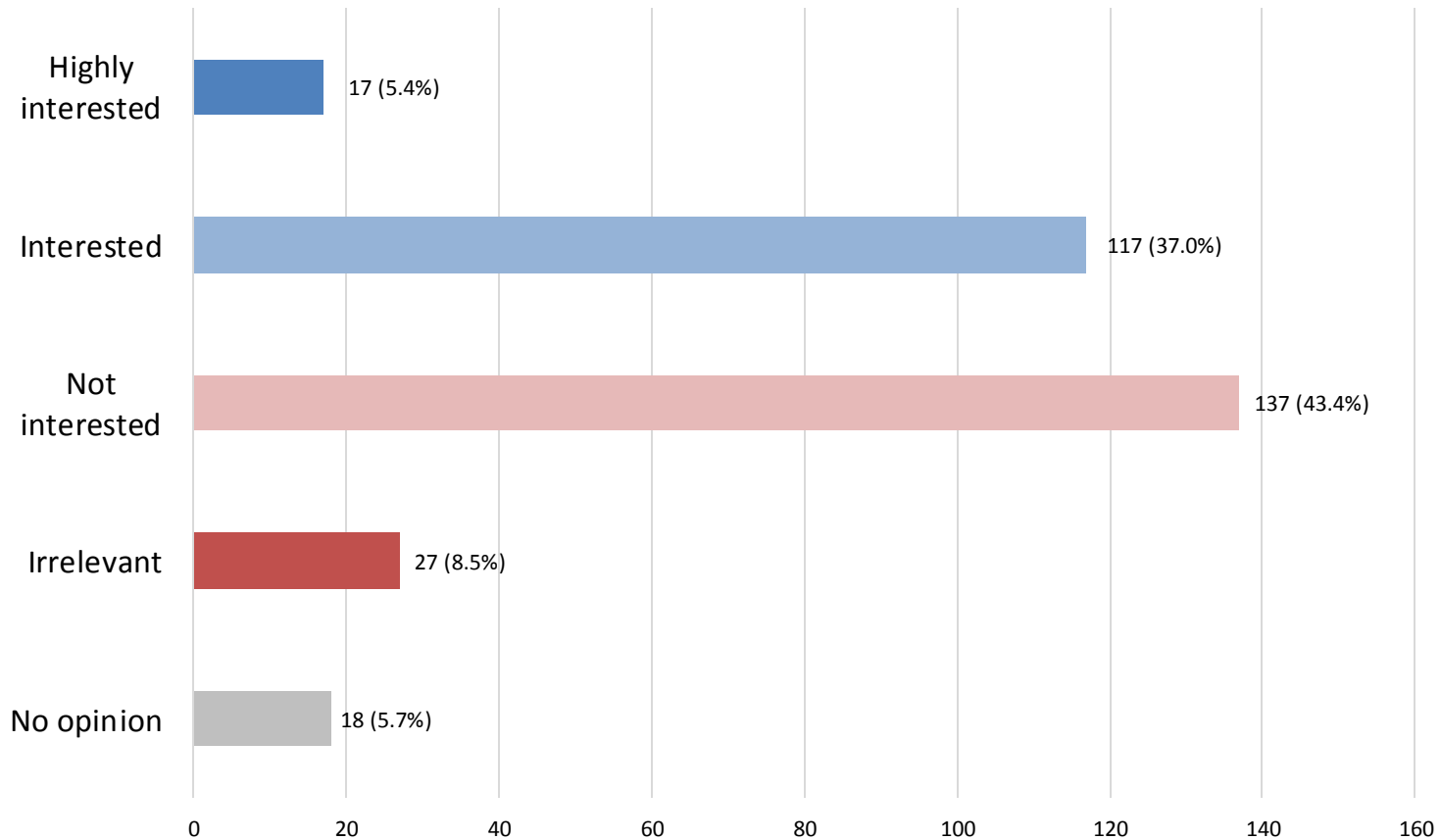
2. Southeast Asia is more stable and secure with active US engagement.

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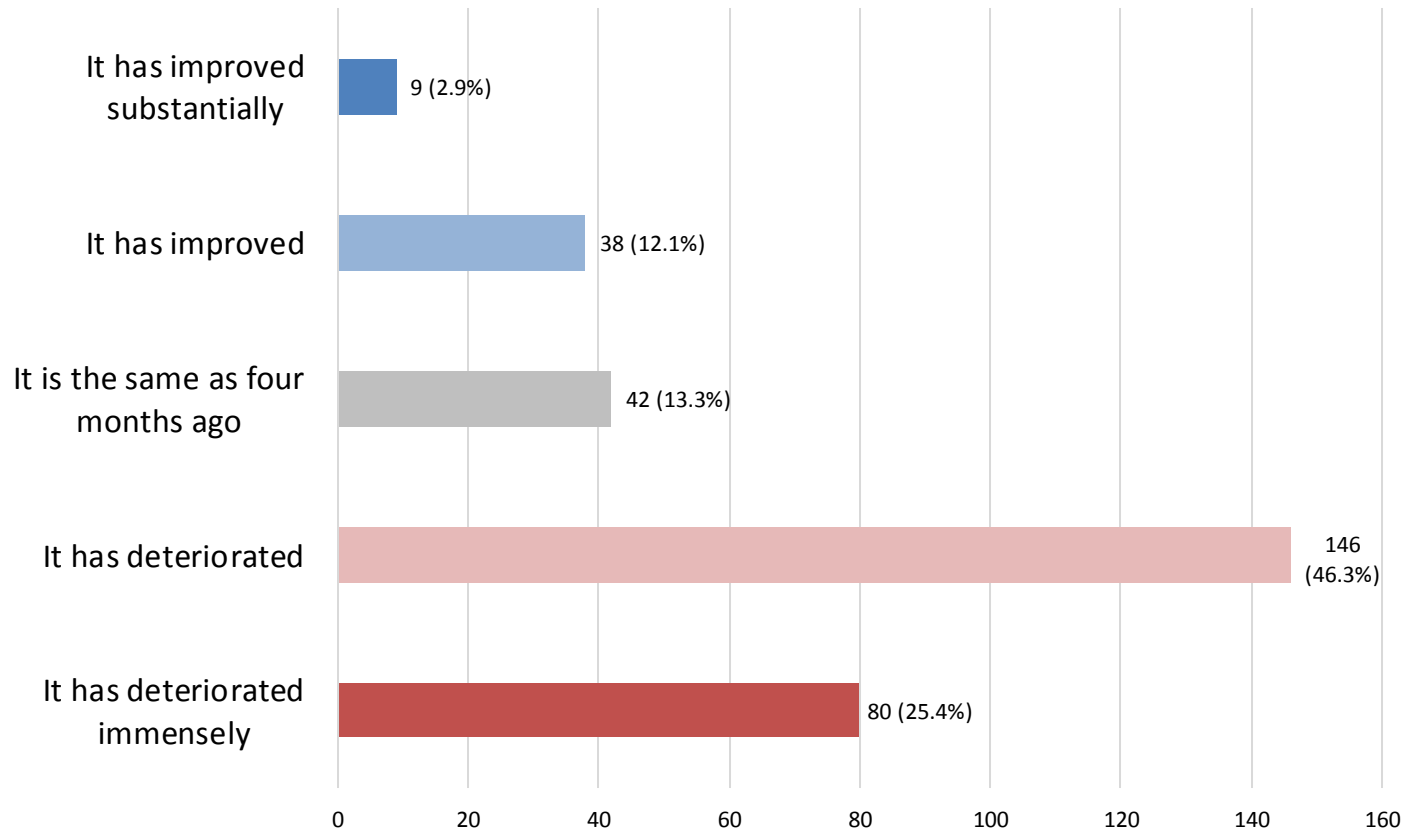
3. What is your view of the Trump Administration's attitude toward Southeast Asia?

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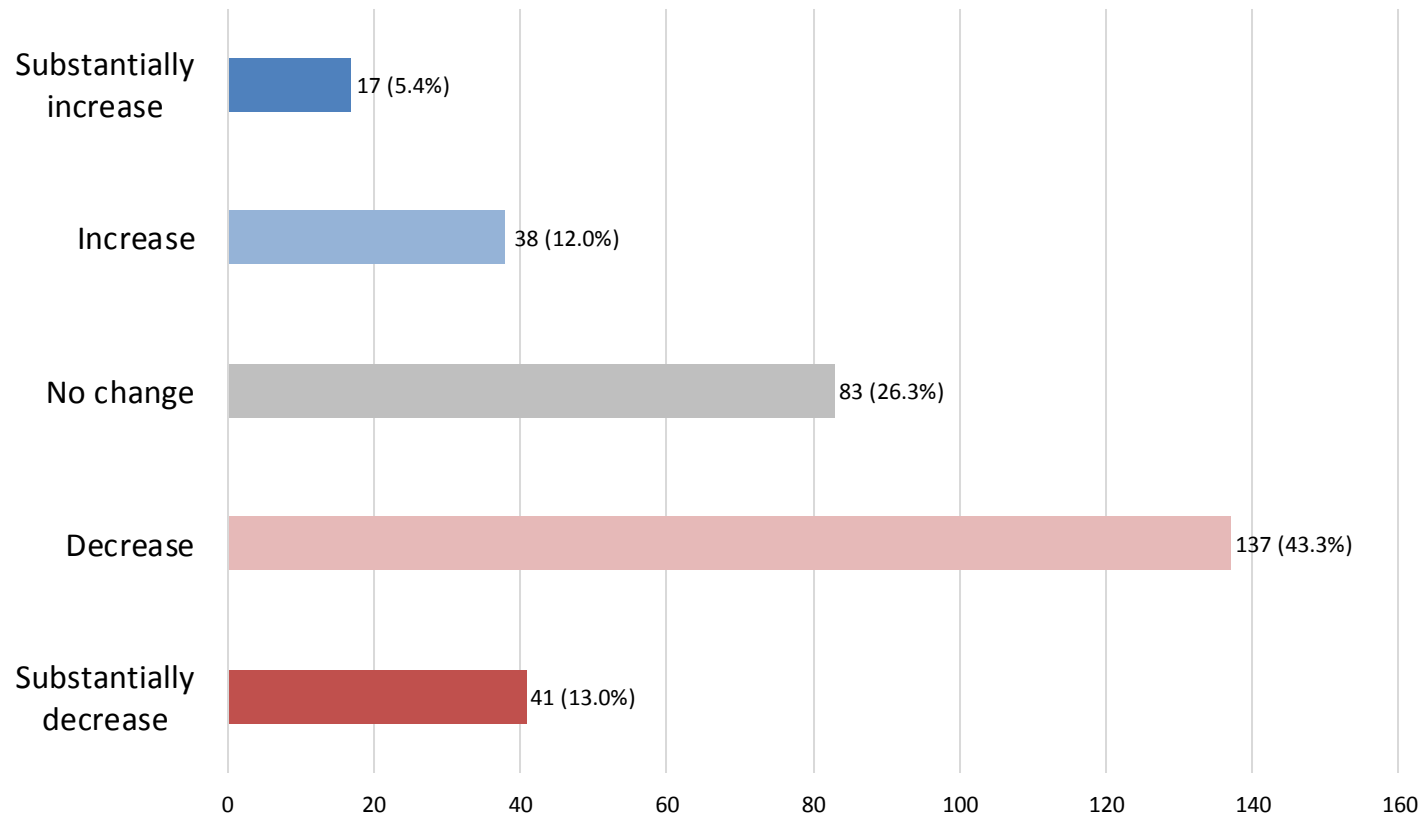
4. Which statement comes closer to your view of the US' global image today compared to that of four months ago?

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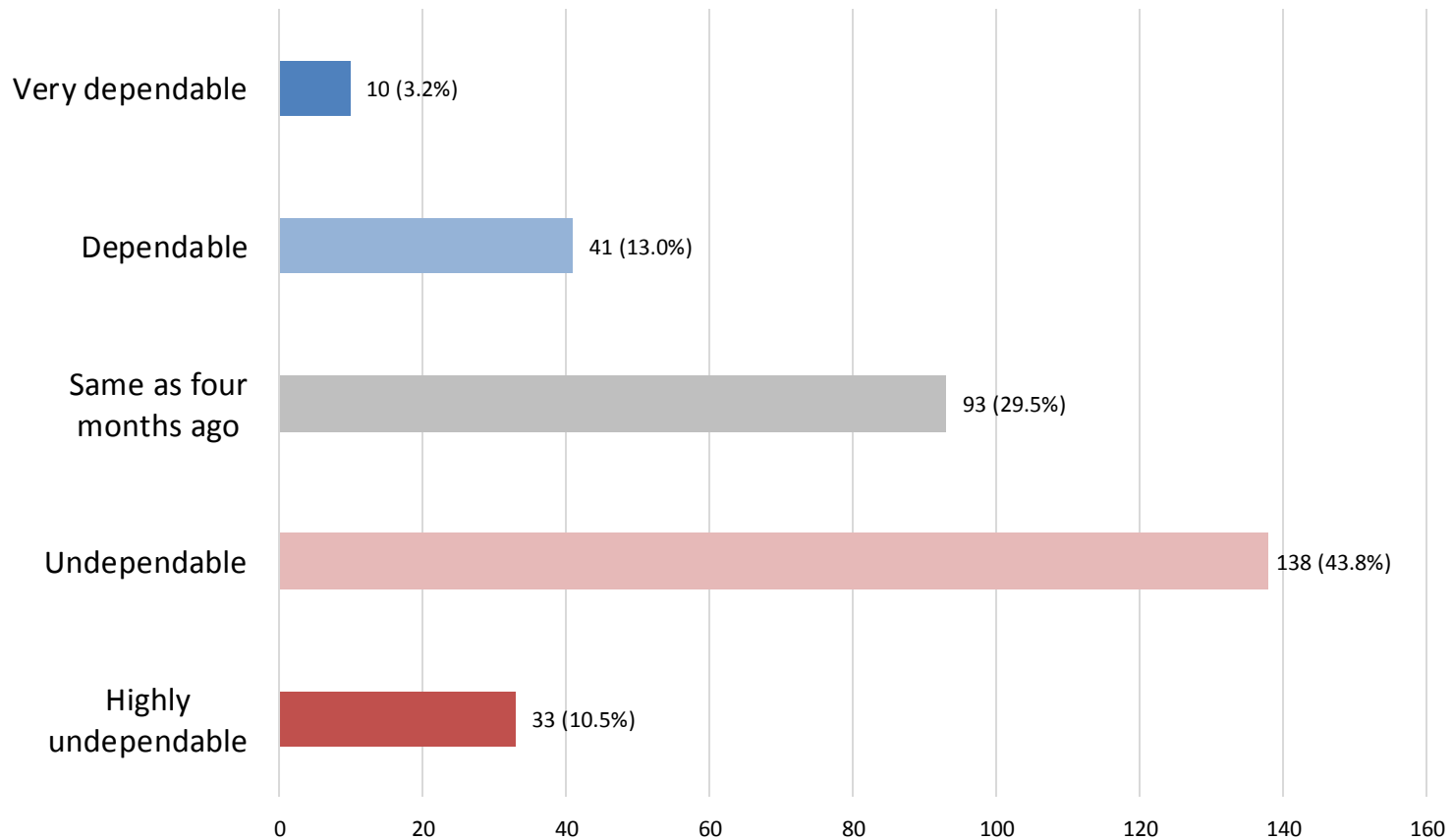
5. What are your expectations of the US' level of engagement in Southeast Asia under the Trump Administration?

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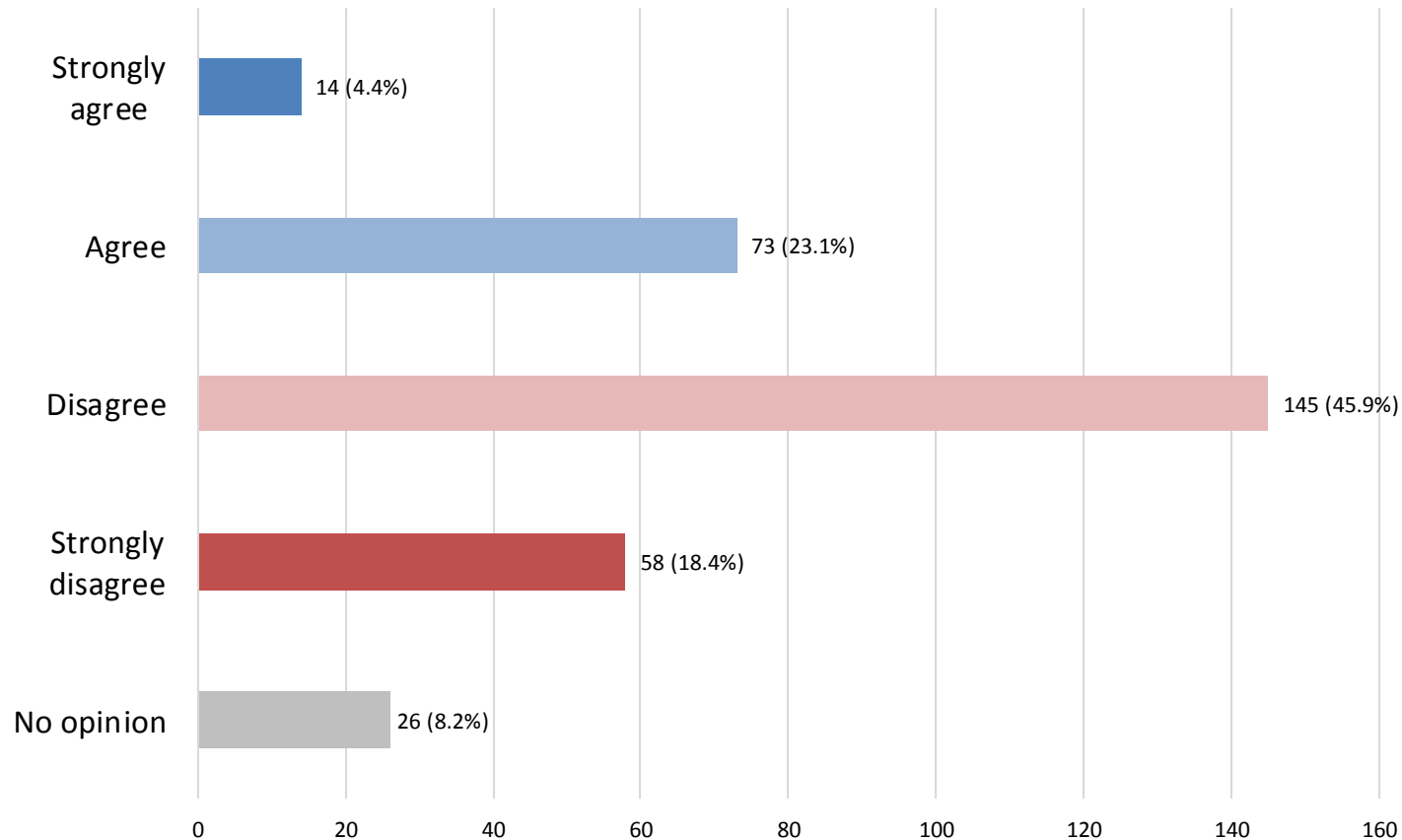
6. How do you rate the US as an ally/partner today compared to four months ago?

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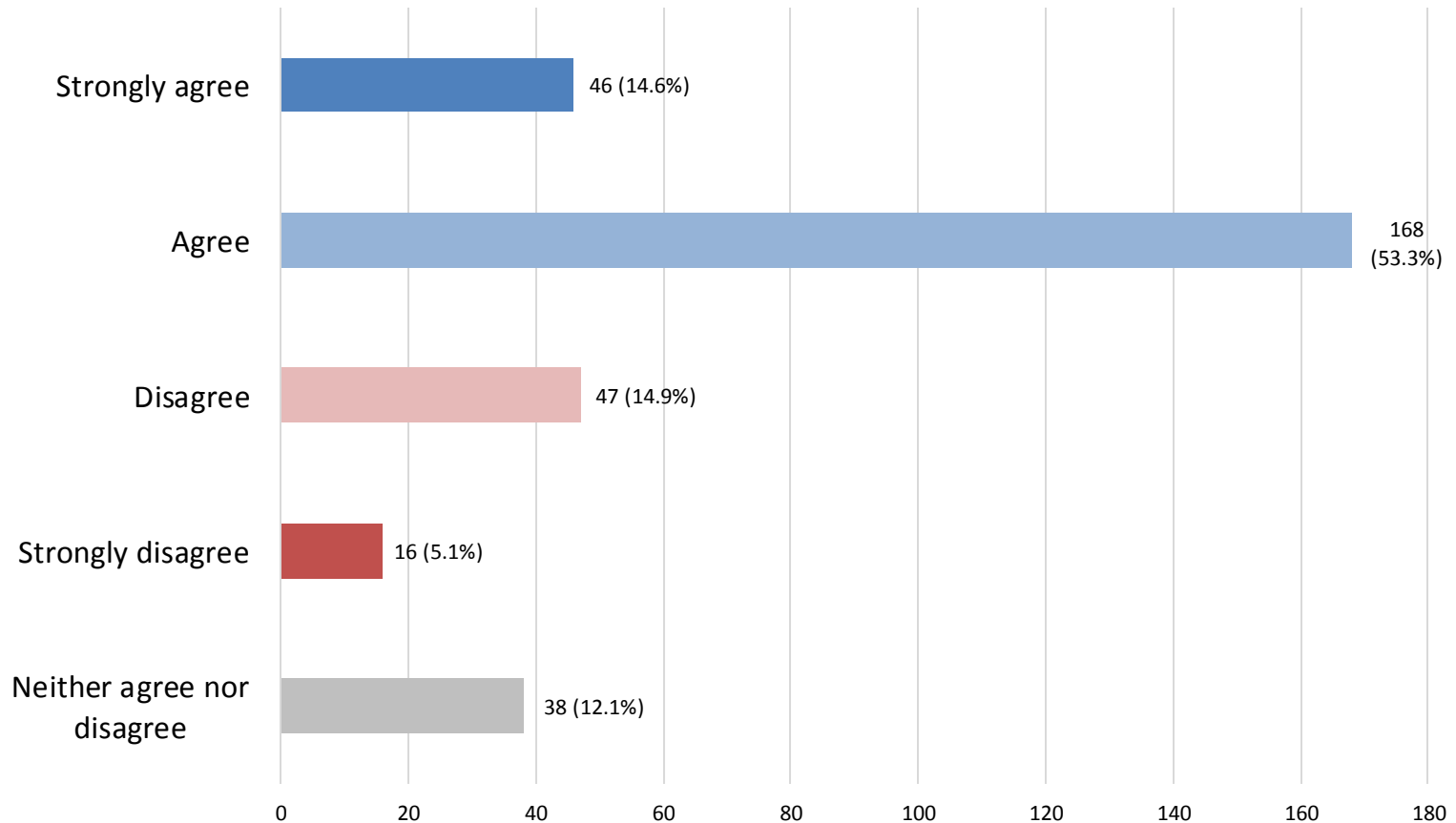
7. The US can be relied on to uphold free trade, human rights and international law in the region.

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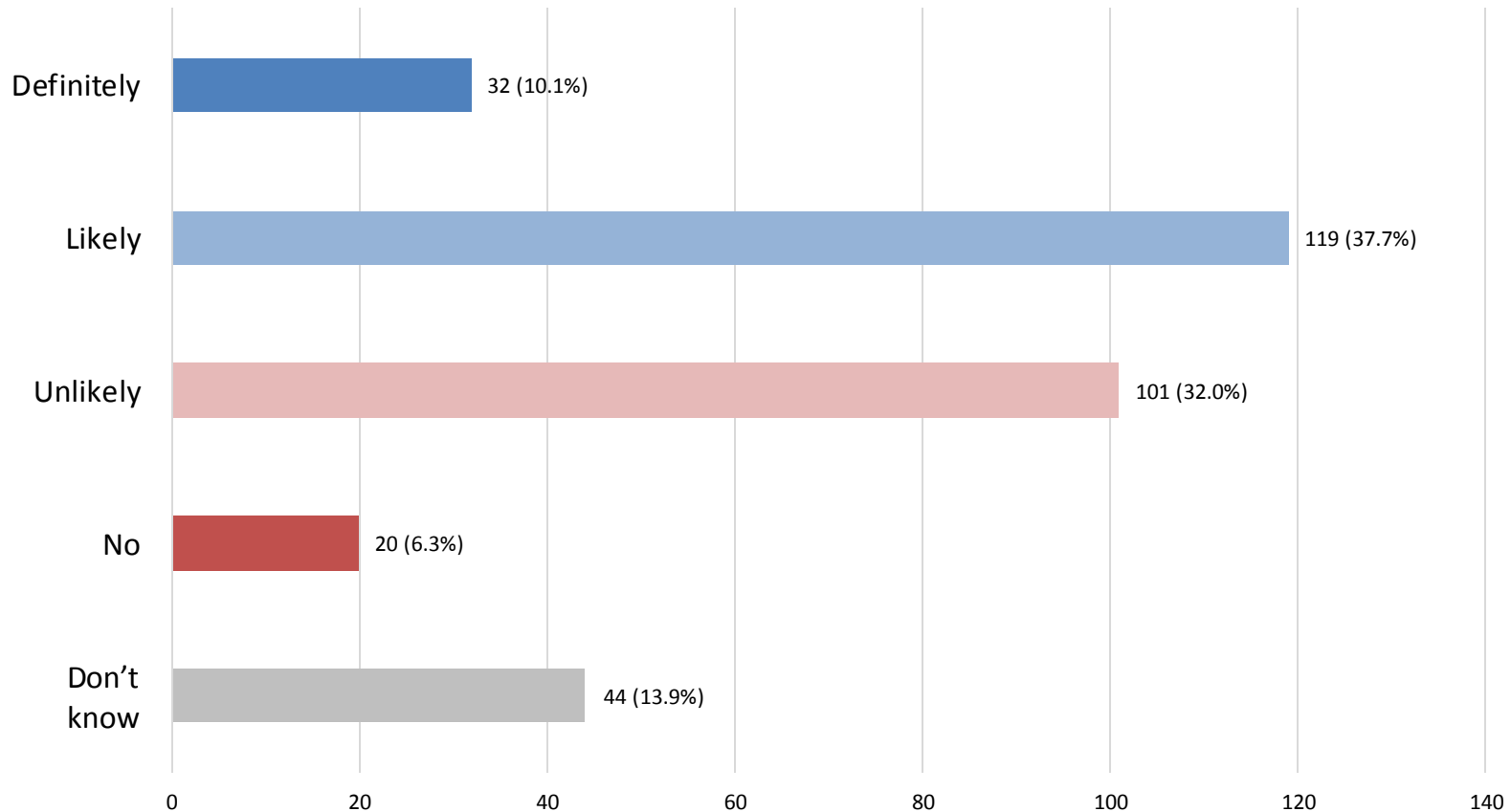
8. The US will uphold freedom of navigation in the South China Sea.

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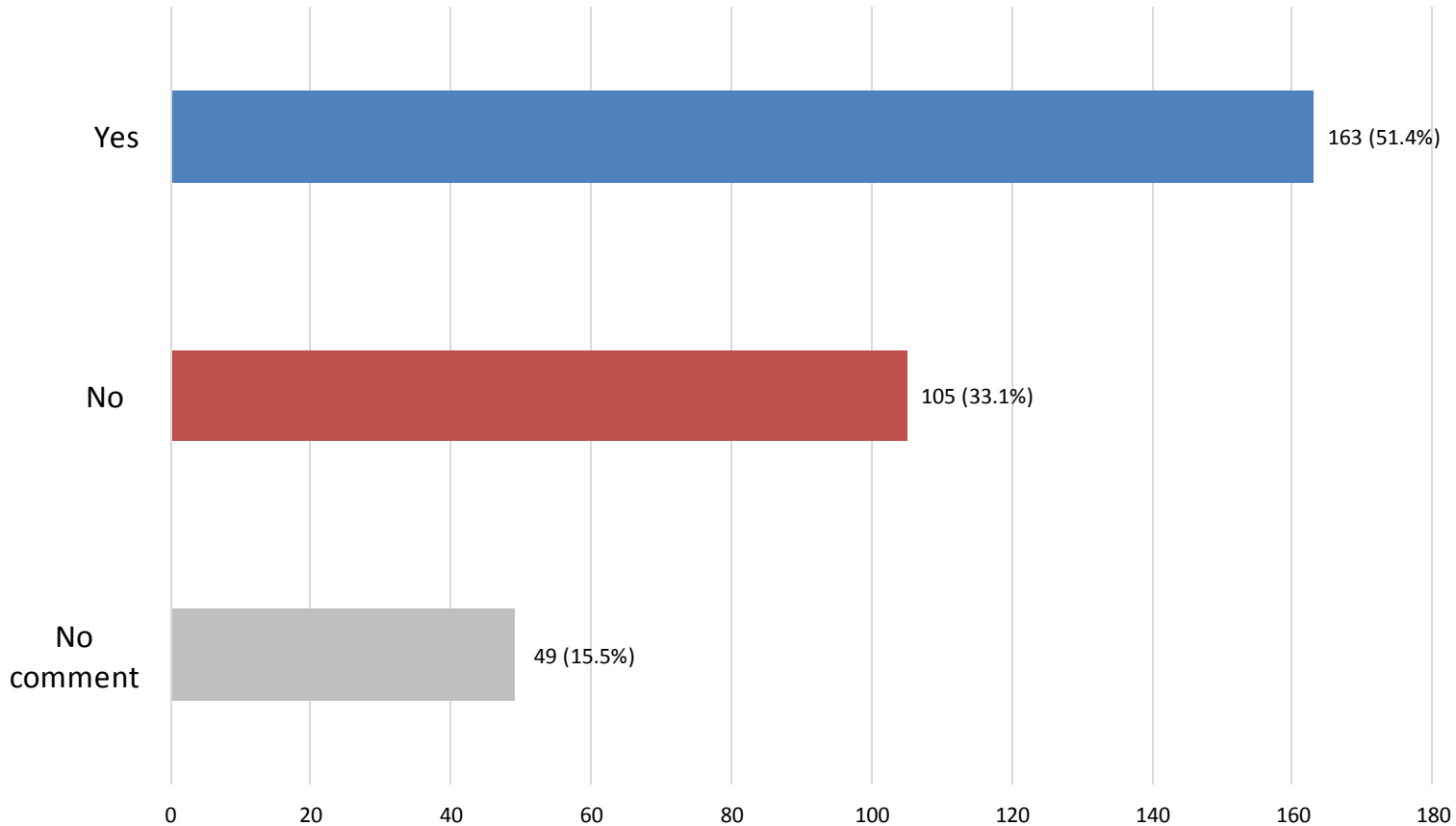
9. Do you think President Trump will attend the ASEAN-US and East Asia Summits in November 2017?

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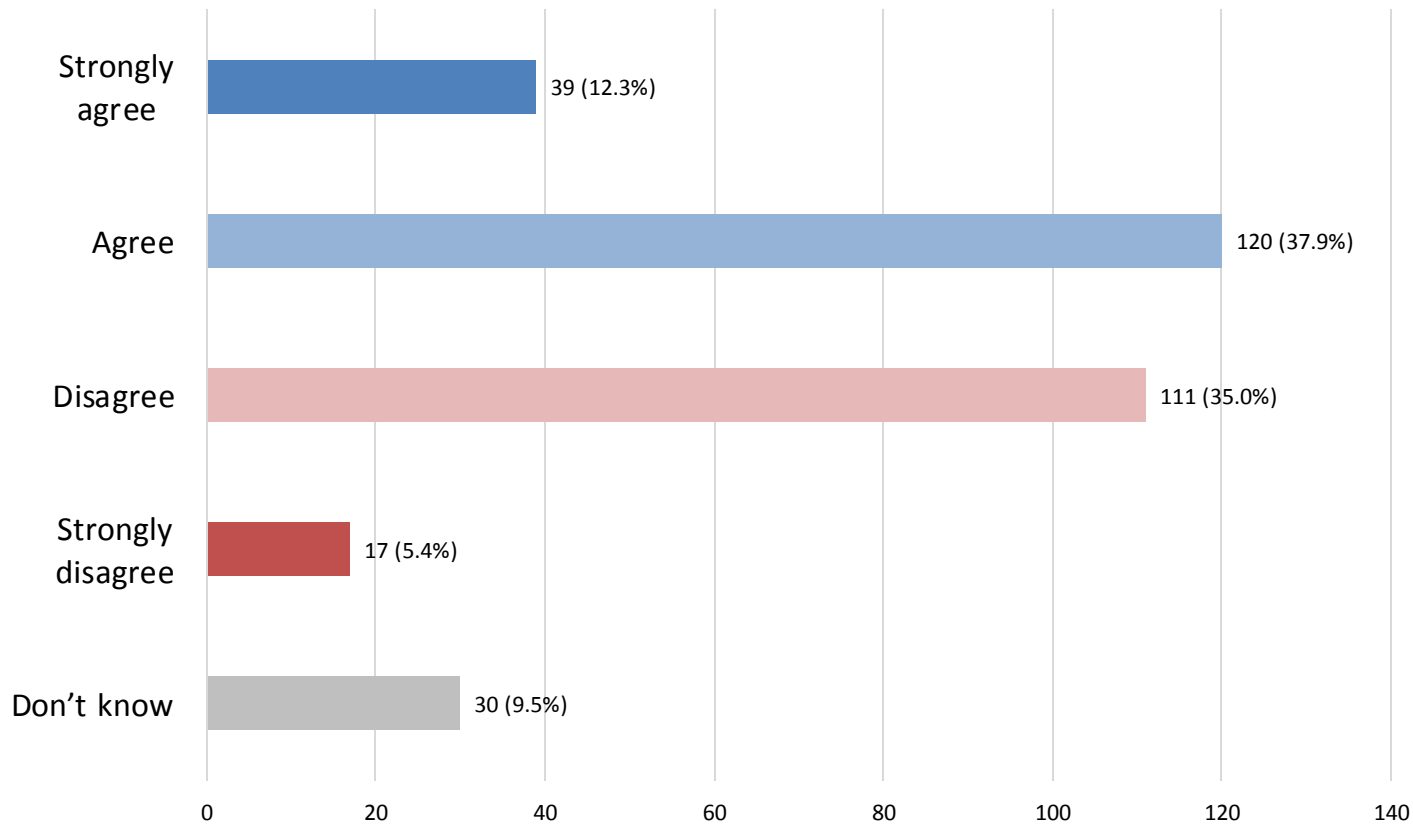
10. Has the US lost strategic ground to China since Donald Trump took over the US presidency?

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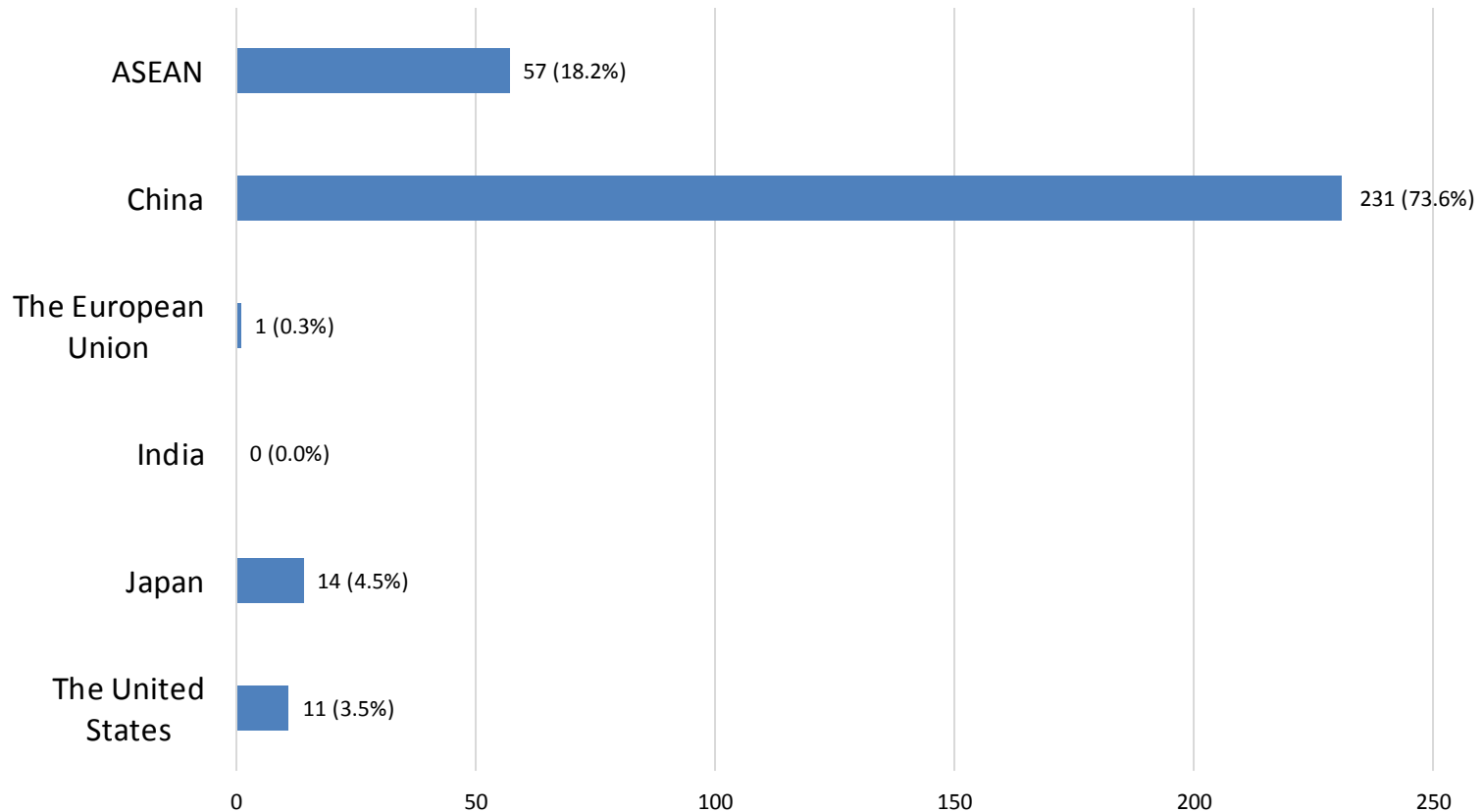
11. If the Trump Administration reduces the US' commitment to Southeast Asia, this will induce ASEAN to strengthen intra-regional cooperation and unity.

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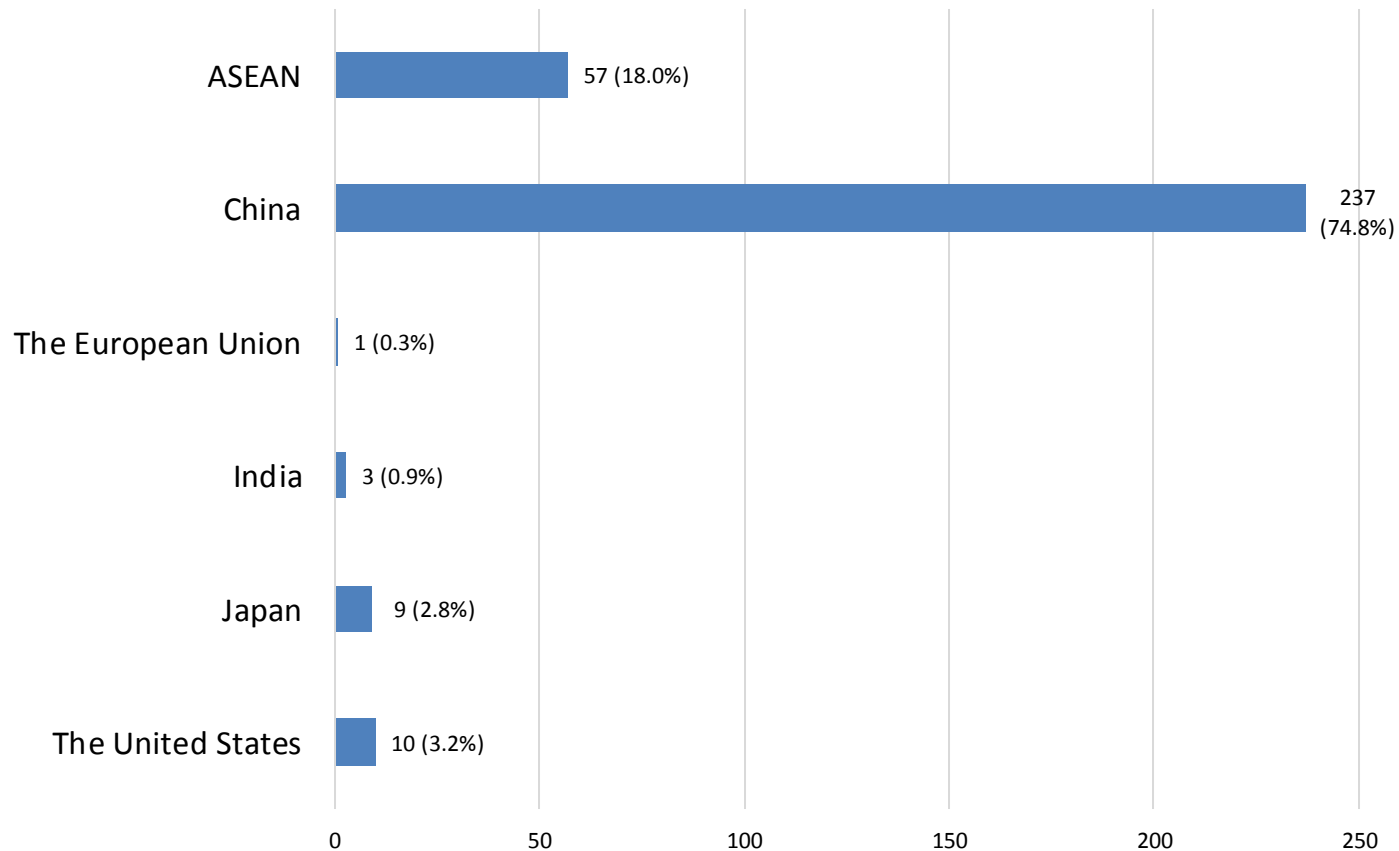
12. In your view, which country/regional organisation is the most influential in Southeast Asia now?

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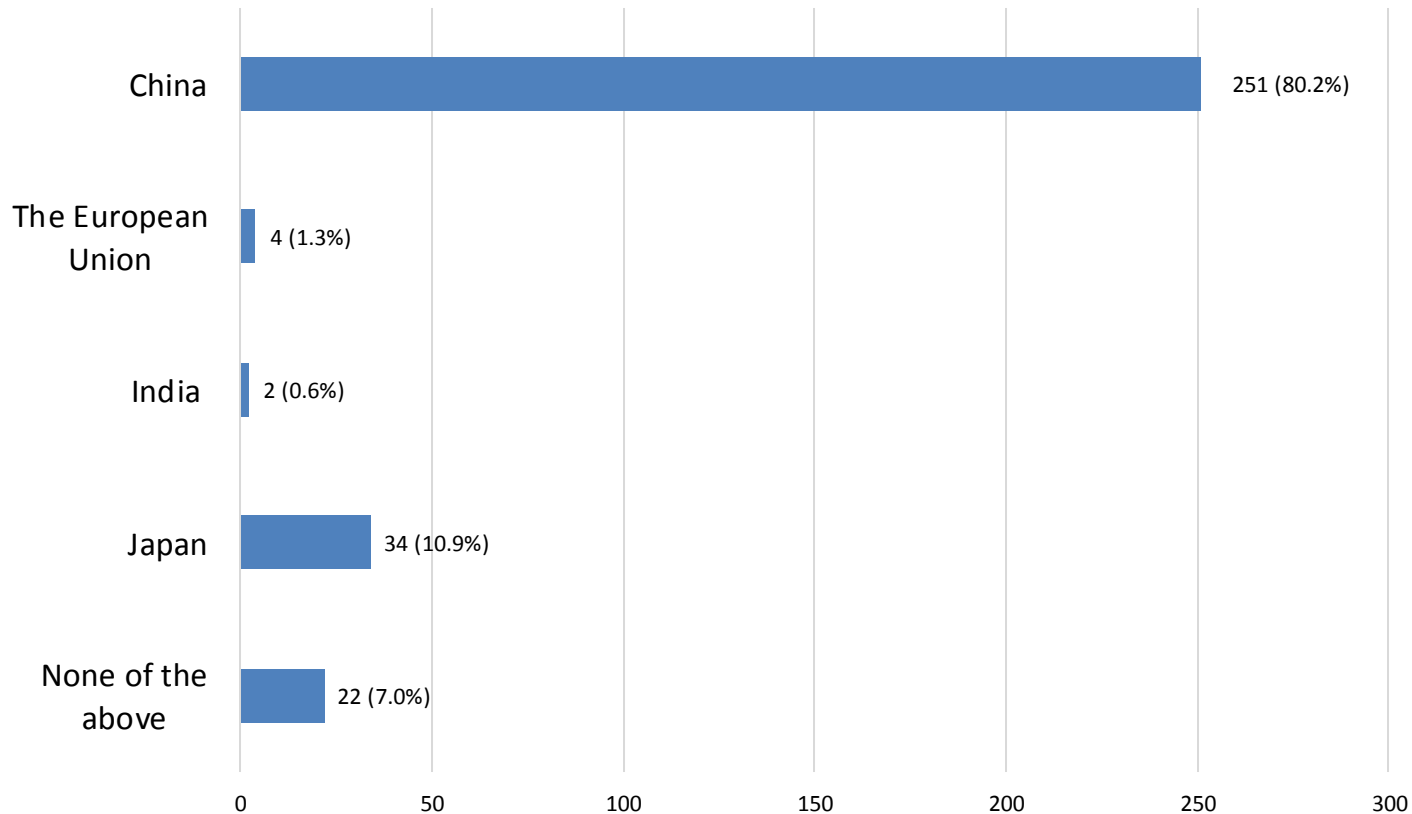
13. In your view, which country/regional organisation will be the most influential in Southeast Asia in the next ten years?

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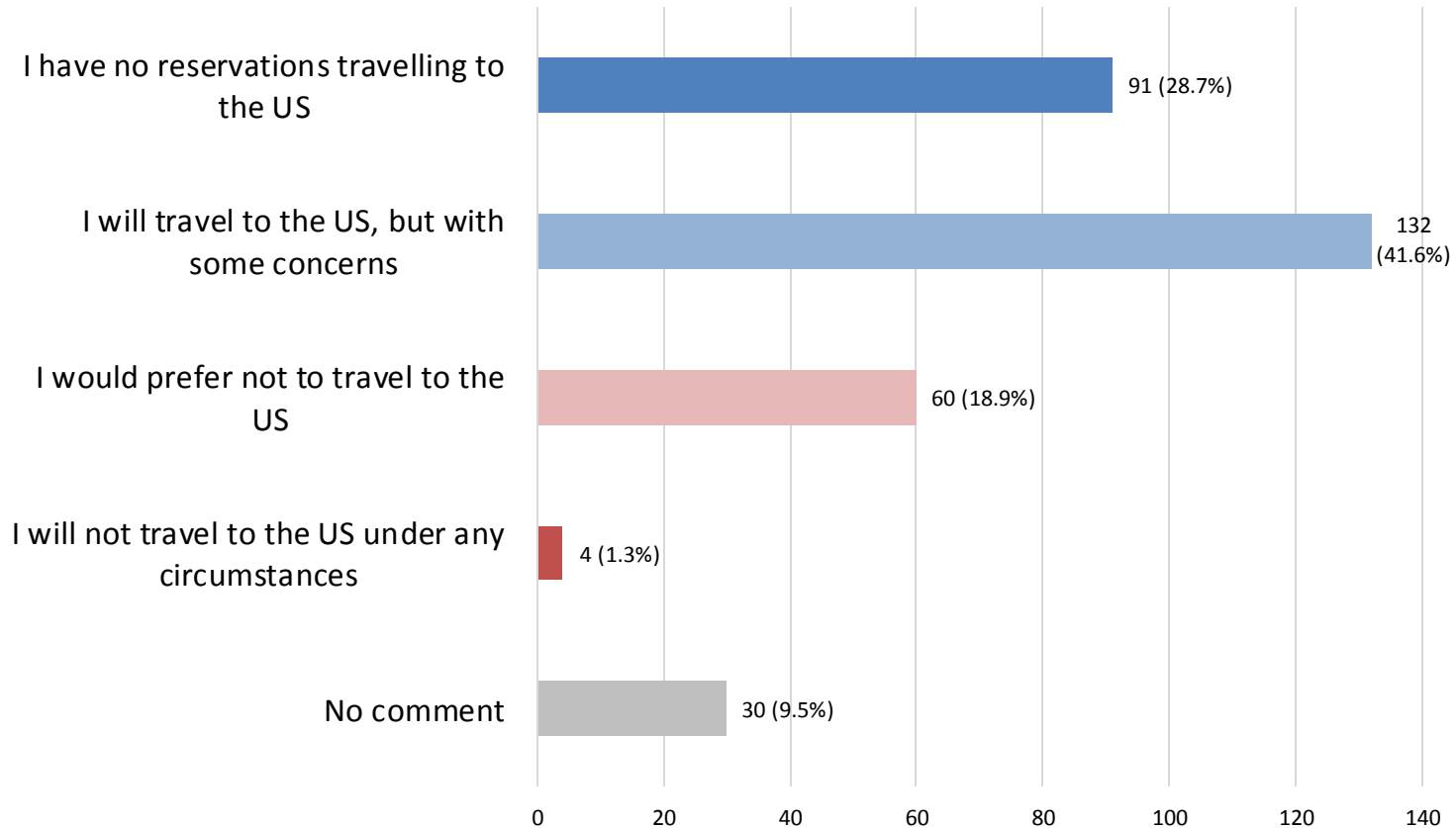
14. In the event of a strategic vacuum created by the US' indifference to the region and ASEAN, which country do you think would most likely fill the gap?

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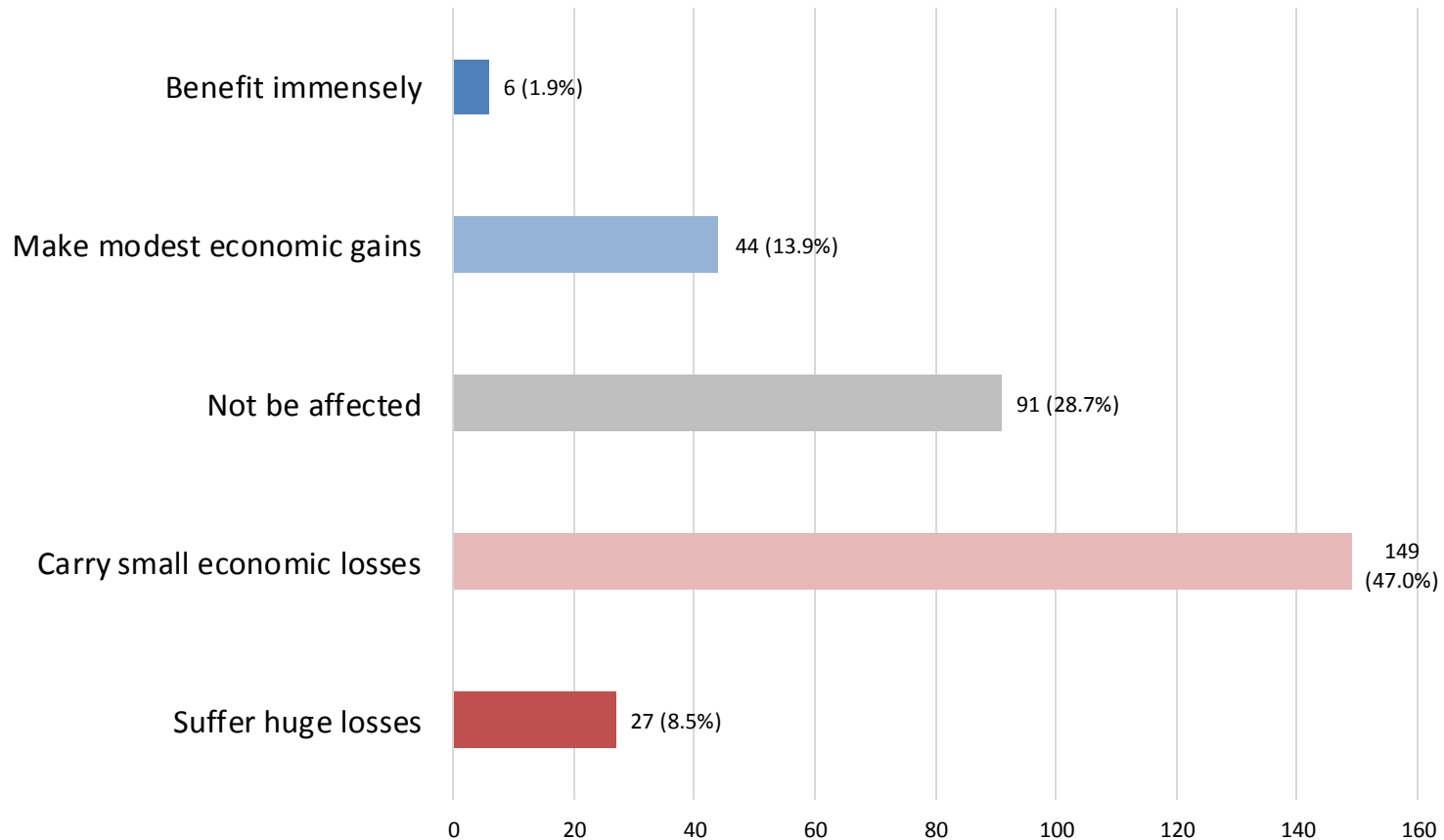
15. How has the Trump Administration's immigration policy affected your views on travelling to the US?

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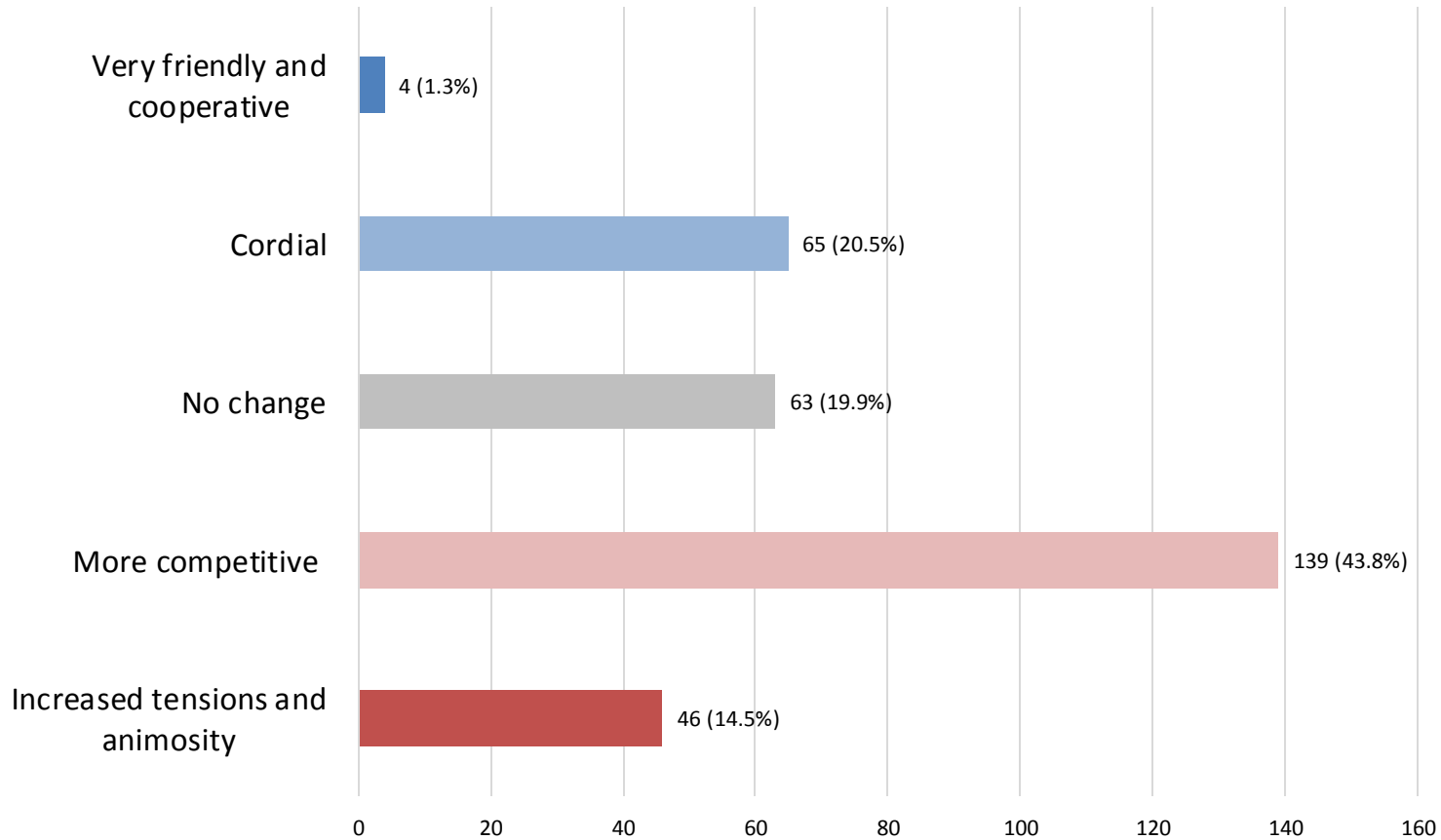
16. Please share your view of how your country's economy would fare in the context of Trump's 'America First' worldview?

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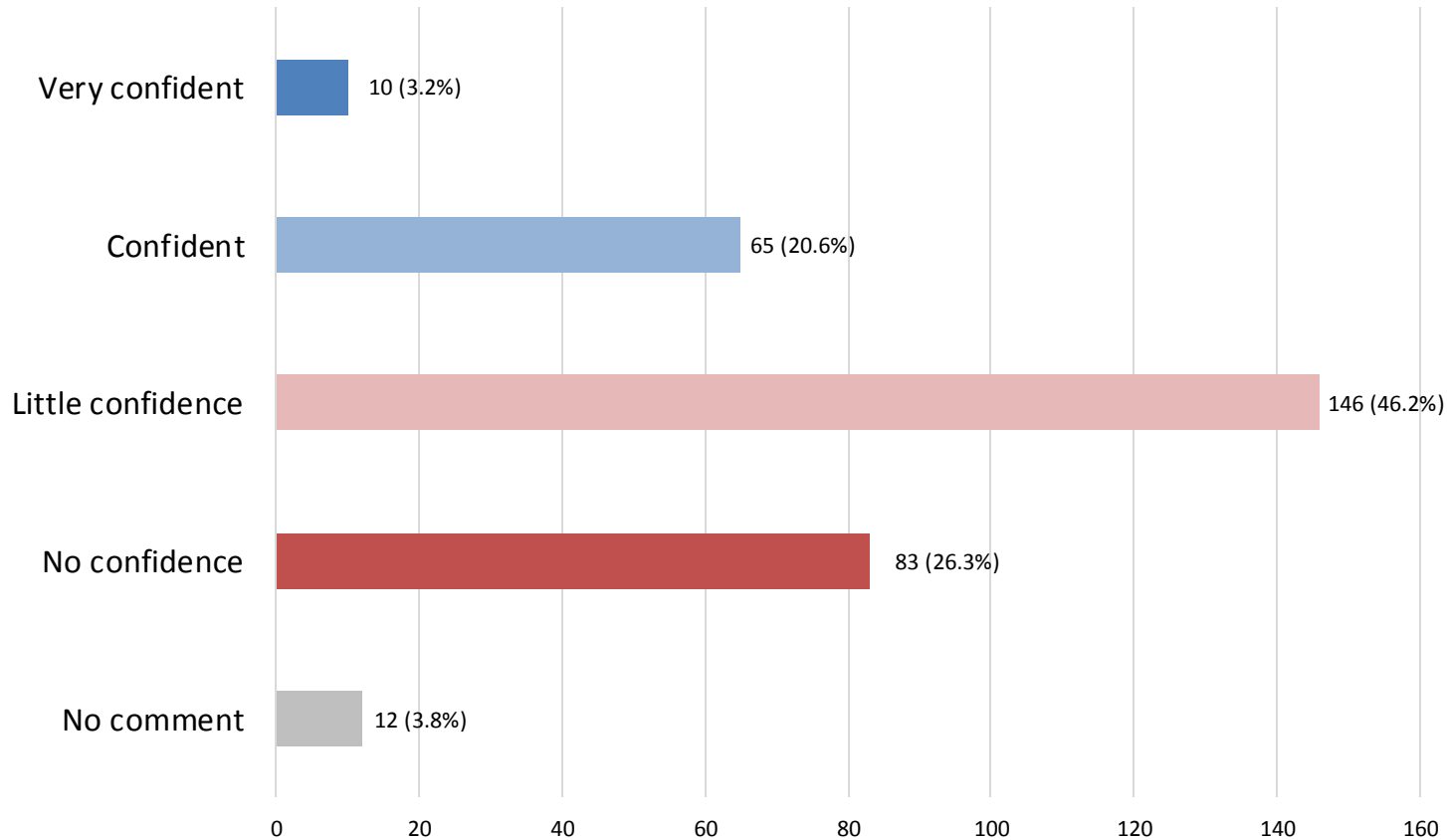
17. How will US-China relations look like in the next 12 months?

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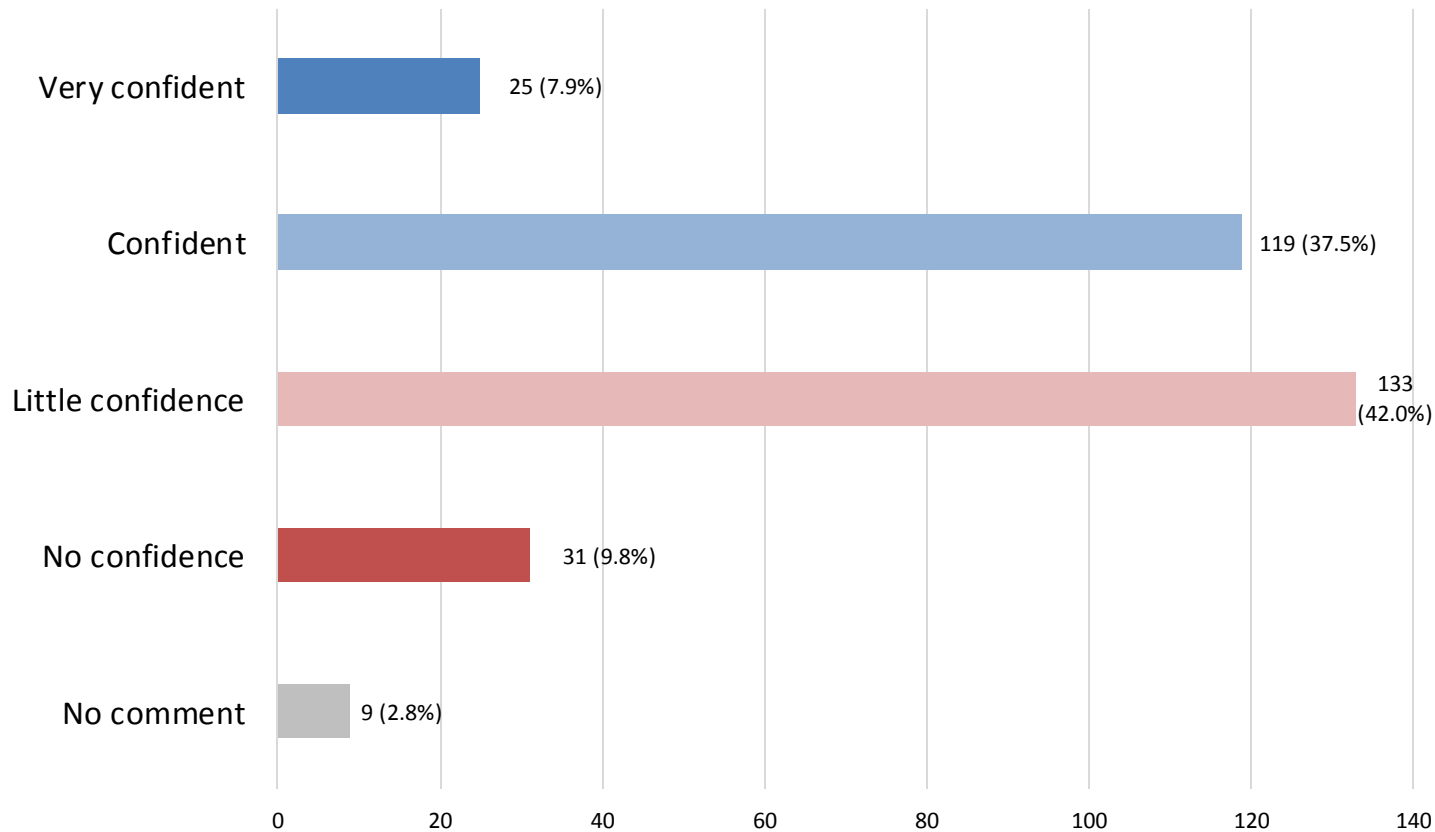
18. How confident are you that China will "do the right thing" in contributing to global peace, security, prosperity and governance?

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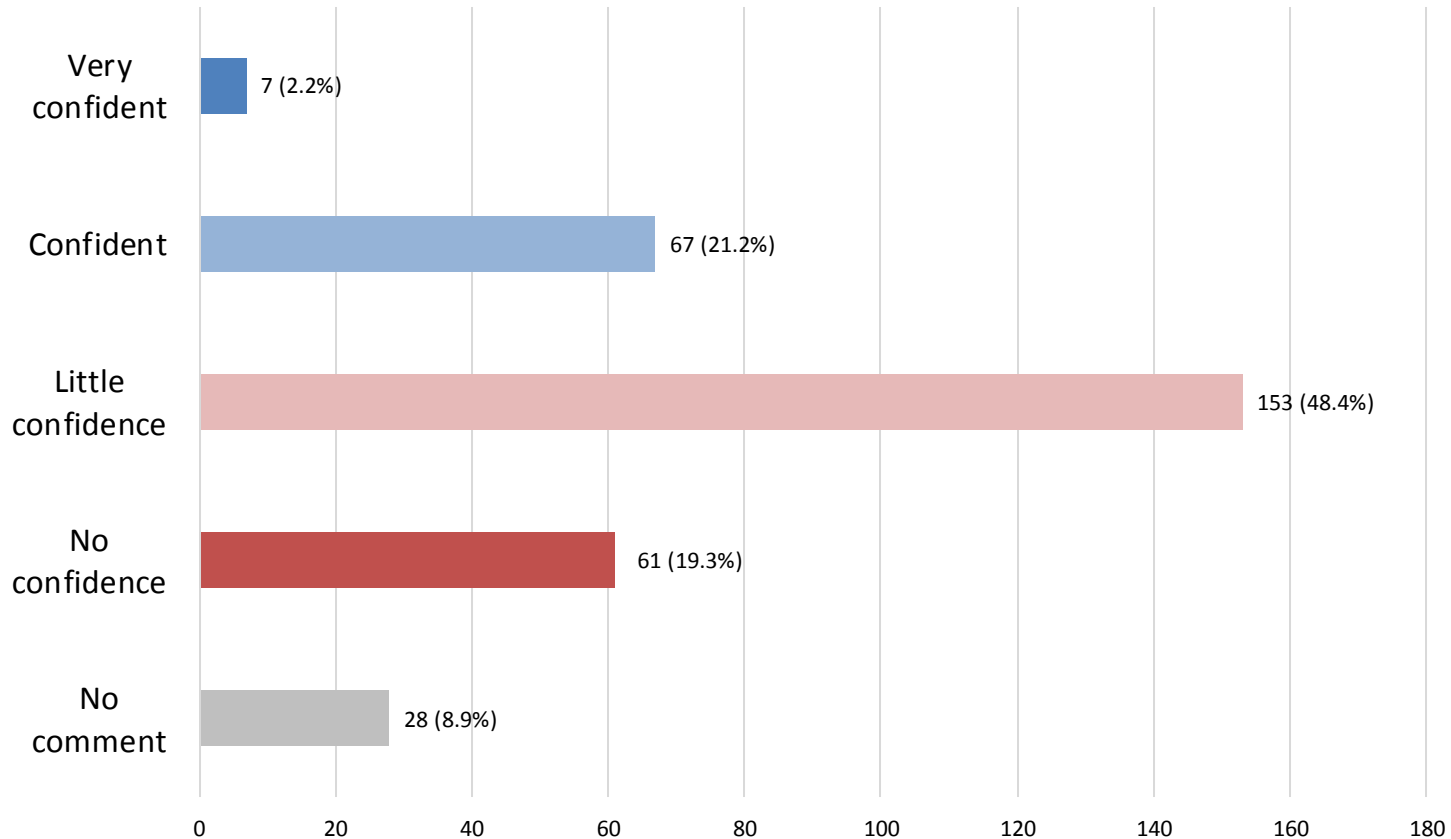
19. How confident are you that the European Union will "do the right thing" in contributing to global peace, security, prosperity and governance?

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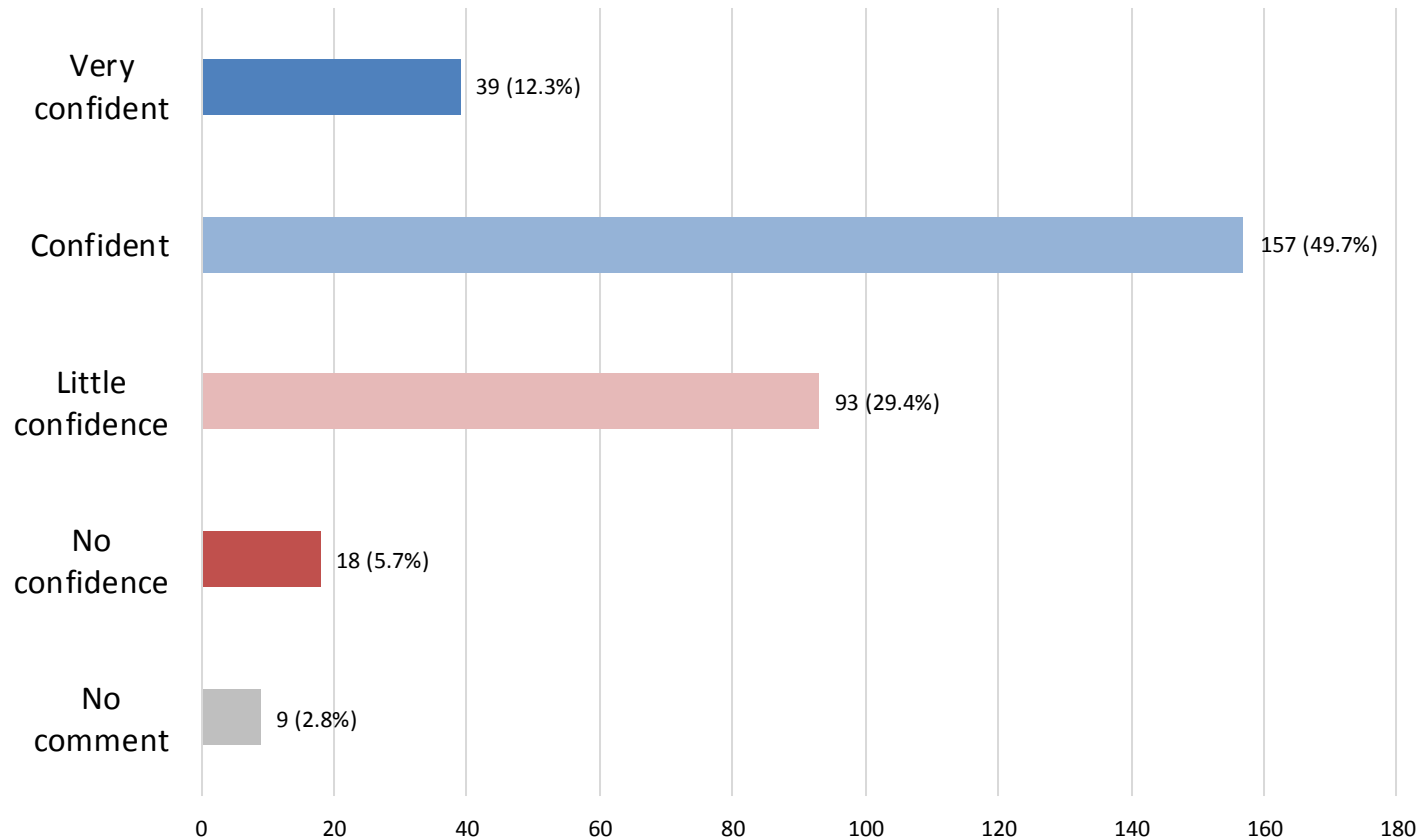
20. How confident are you that India will "do the right thing" in contributing to global peace, security, prosperity and governance?

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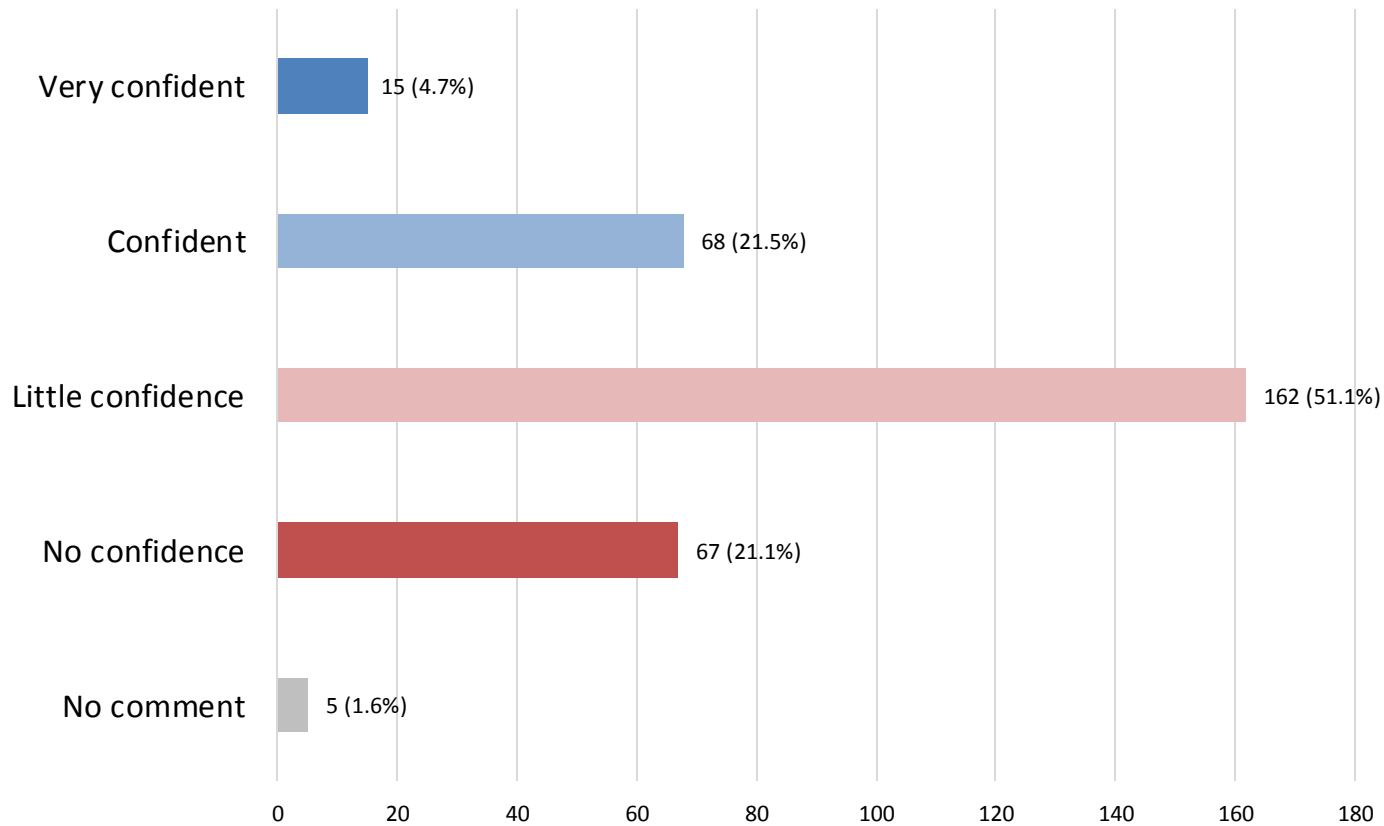
21. How confident are you that Japan will "do the right thing" in contributing to global peace, security, prosperity and governance?

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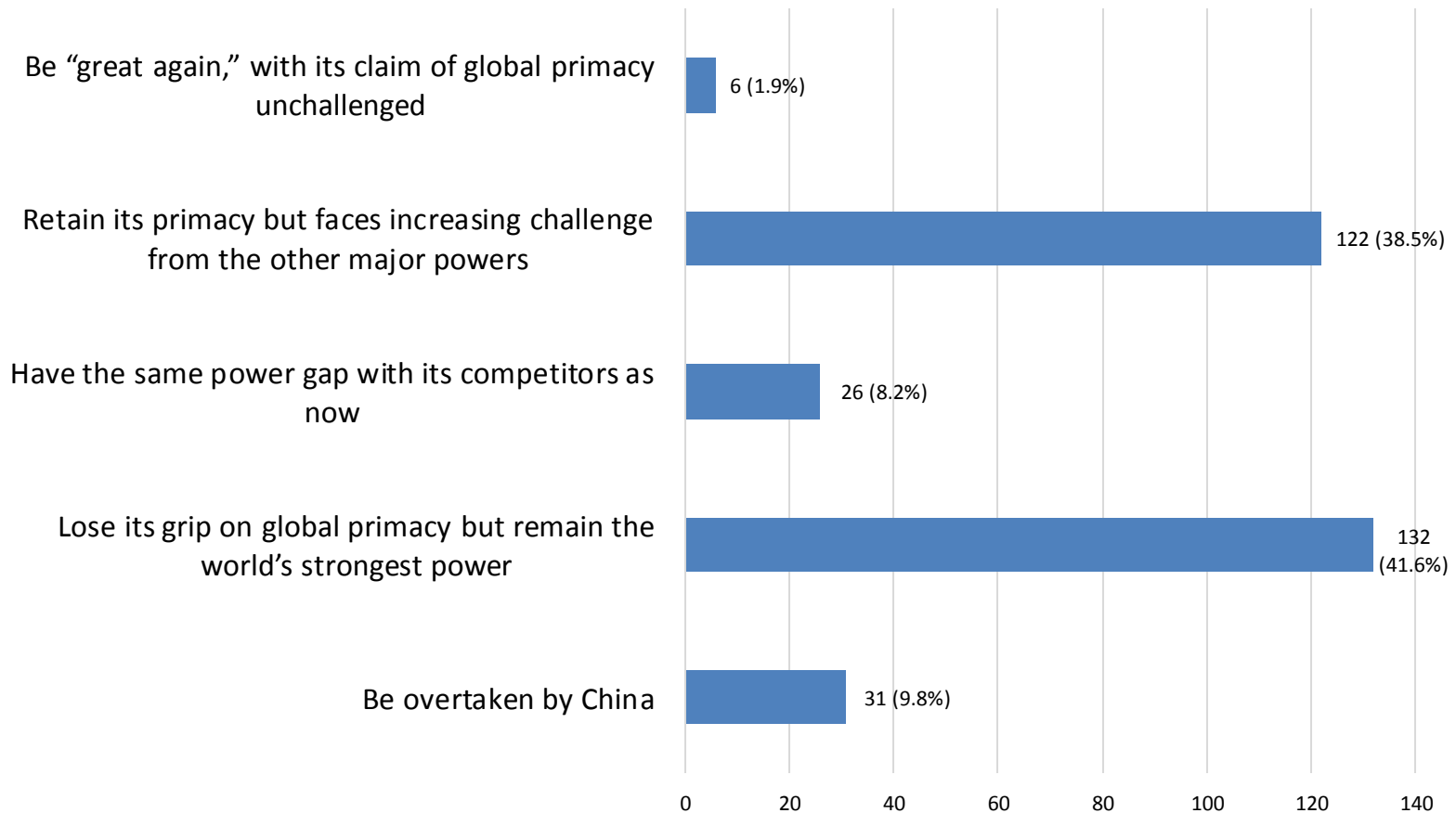
22. How confident are you that the United States will "do the right thing" in contributing to global peace, security, prosperity and governance?

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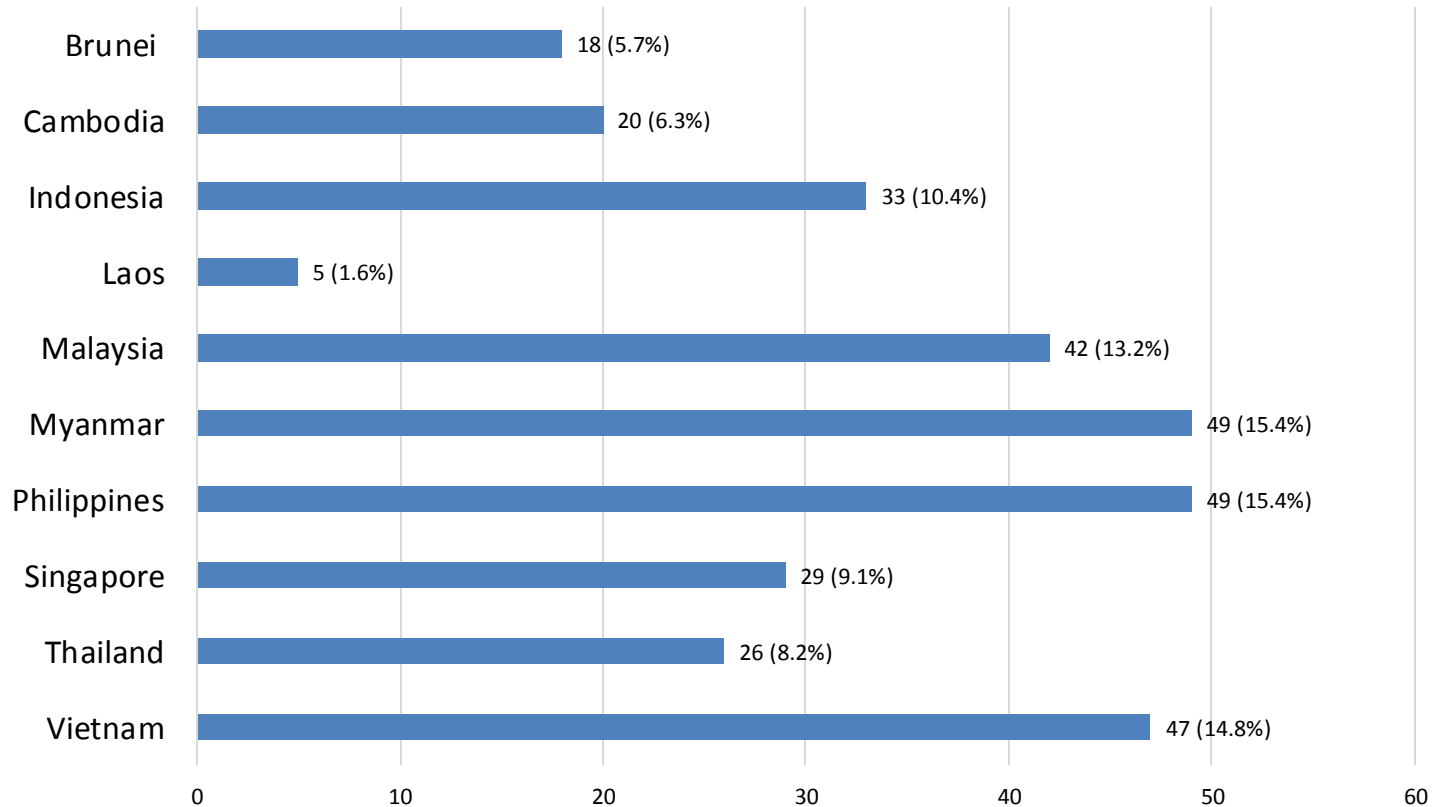
23. In ten years' time, the United States will ...

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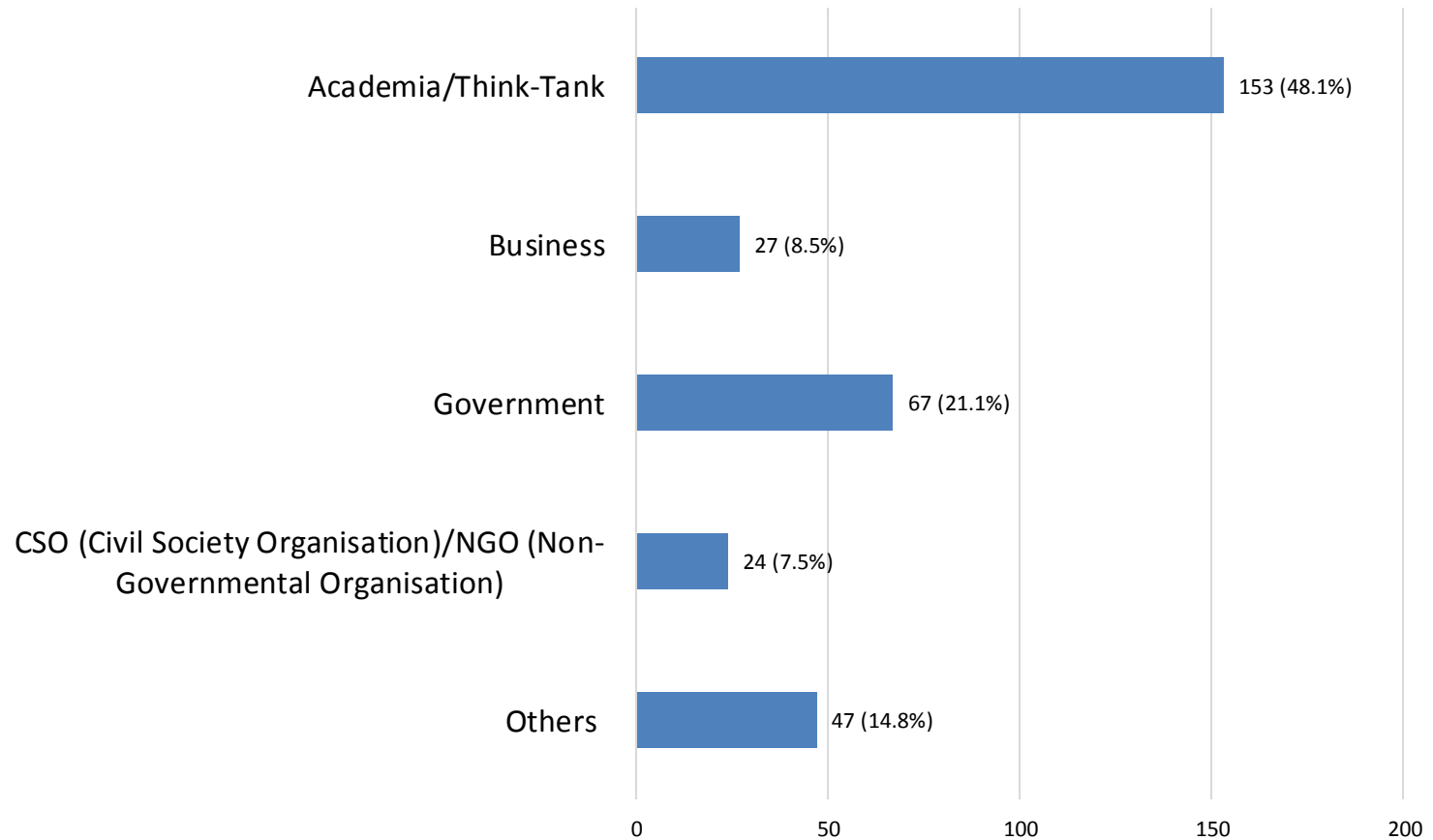
24. What is your nationality?

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25. Please tell us your affiliation.

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