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National Survey conducted by **INSCOP Research**
in partnership with **Verifield**

Data collection: 11– 18 January 2021

Sample: 1162 respondents. Standard error: 2,9%.

Collection Method: Telephone interviews

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Public distrust: West vs. East, the Rise of Nationalism in the Era of Disinformation and Fake News

4th edition, January 2021



Methodology

- The survey “**Public distrust: West vs. East, the rise of the nationalism in the era of disinformation and fake news**” 4th Edition was conducted by INSCOP Research in partnership with Verifield. The study was commissioned by the STRATEGIC Thinking think tank (www.strategicthinking.ro) as part of a research project supported by **The German Marshall Fund of the United States** and financed by **the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation** via the **True Story Project**.
- The first three editions, conducted in March, June and September 2021, can be consulted at: <https://www.strategicthinking.ro/category/proiecte/>

Metodology

The research is divided into seven chapters:

- **Chapter 1: Military security** (*Date of publication: January 26, 2022*)
- **Chapter 2: West vs. East. Confidence in countries and international leaders** (*Date of publication: January 26, 2022*)
- **Chapter 3: The direction of the country and the world, comparison with the past and the future** (*Date of publication: January 28, 2022*)
- **Chapter 4: National vs. European** (*Date of publication: January 31, 2022*)
- **Chapter 5: Economic patriotism / nationalism** (*Date of publication: January 31, 2022*)
- **Chapter 6: The electoral potential of nationalist parties** (*Date of publication: February 2, 2022*)
- **Chapter 7: Public perception on misinformation, fake news, vaccination conspiracies** (*Date of publication: February 4, 2022*)

The data analysis can be consulted at: <https://www.strategicthinking.ro/january-2022-public-distrust-west-vs-east-the-rise-of-nationalism-in-the-disinformation-era-and-the-fake-news-phenomenon-the-4th-edition-chapter-12/>

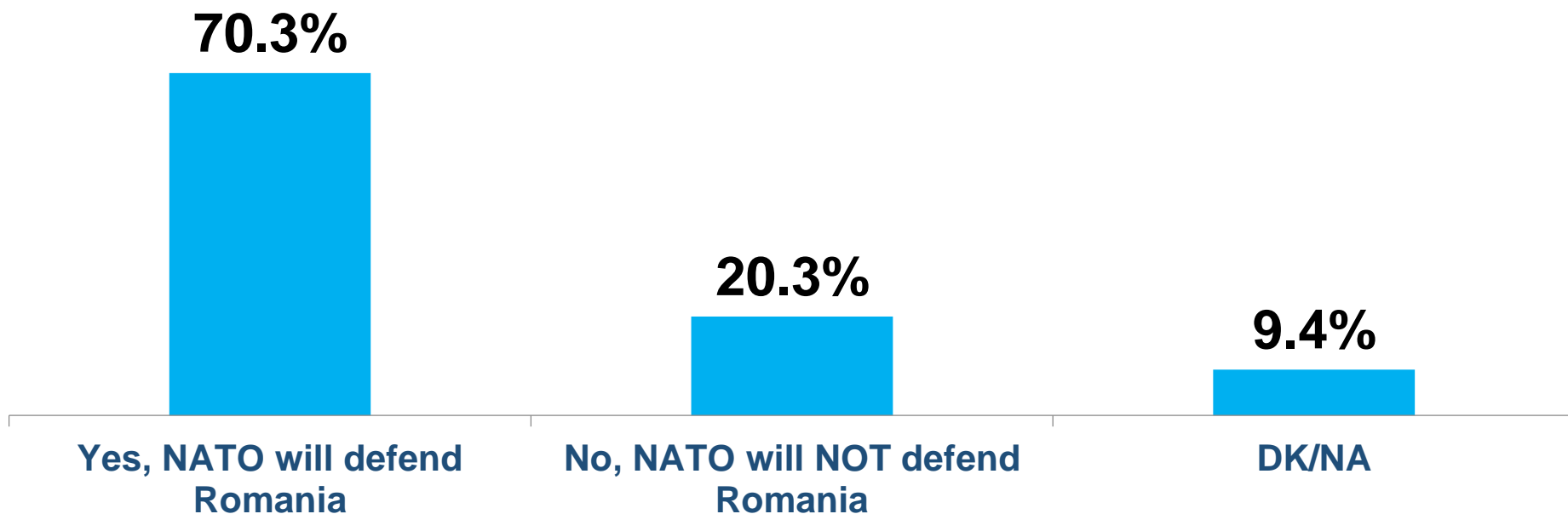
Methodology

- The data was collected by between 11-18 January 2022
- The surveying technique: CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing)
- The multi-stratified sample of 1162 respondents is representative for significant socio-demographic categories (gender, age, occupation) for the adult population of Romania, aged 18 and over.
- The maximum acceptable standard error was $\pm 2.9\%$ at a 95% confidence level.

Chapter 1: Military security

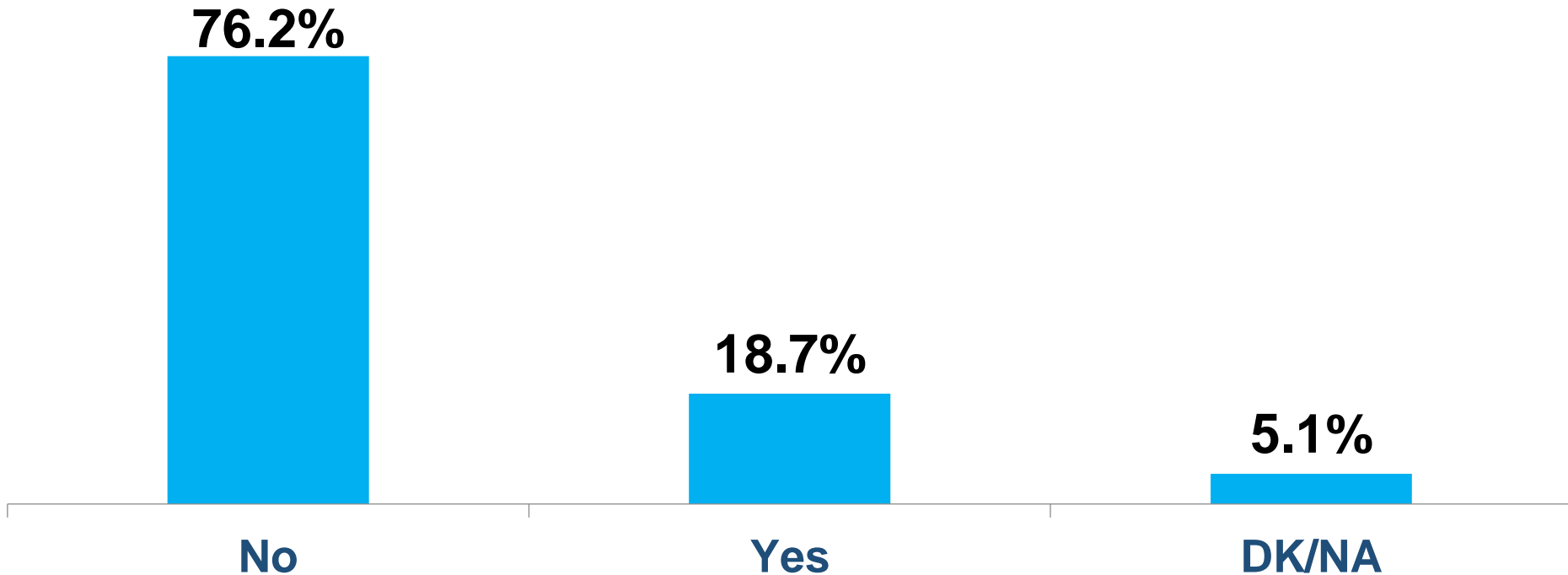
The conflict in Ukraine, NATO and Romania's defense

In the context of an increasing risk of war in Ukraine, do you think that NATO will defend Romania or not? (*% total sample*)



NATO membership

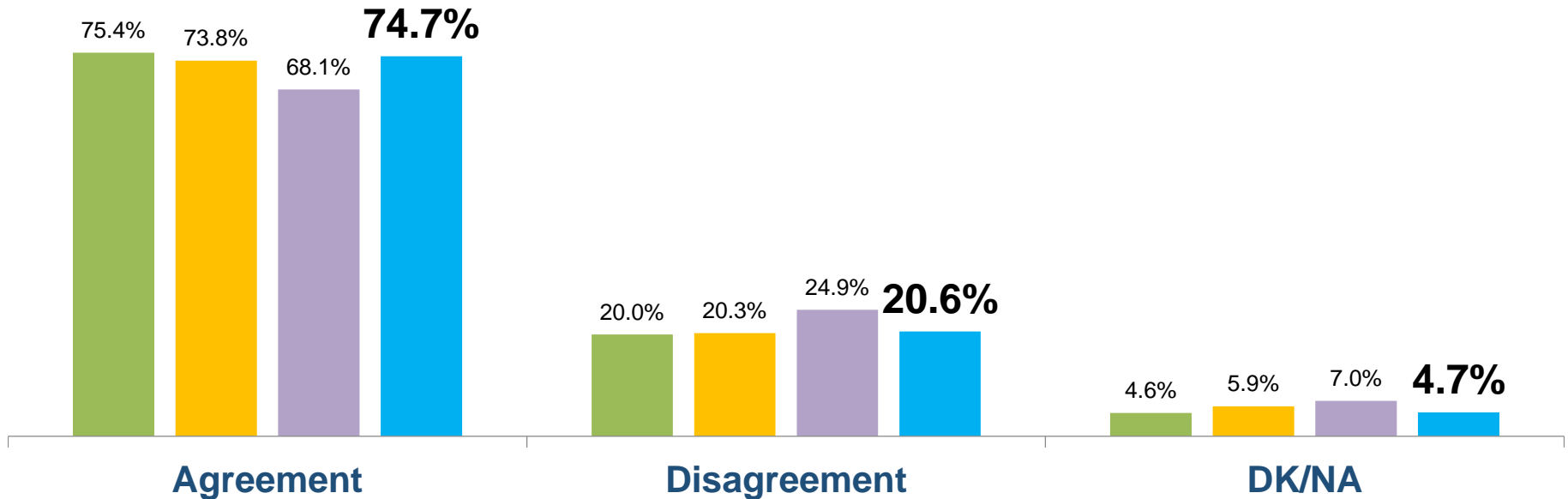
Do you personally think that Romania should leave NATO? (*total sample*)



U.S. military bases

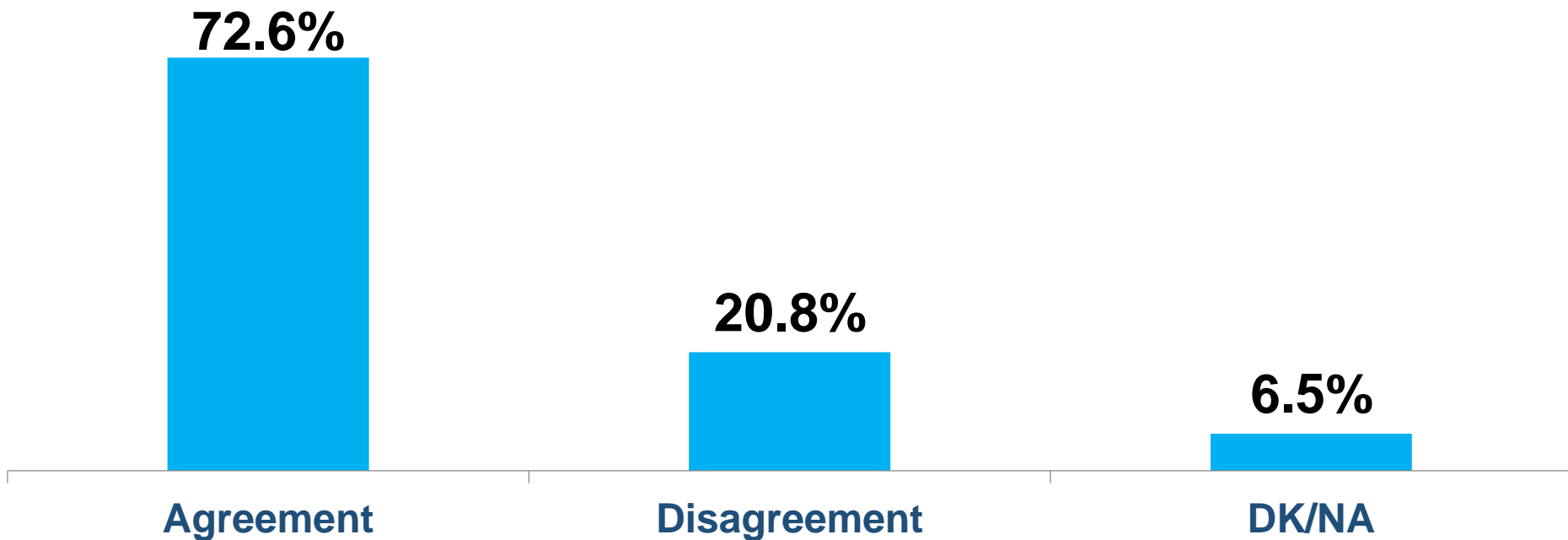
Please express your agreement or disagreement with the following statements: (% total sample)
The presence of U.S. military bases in Romania would help defend the country in case of external aggression

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EU Army

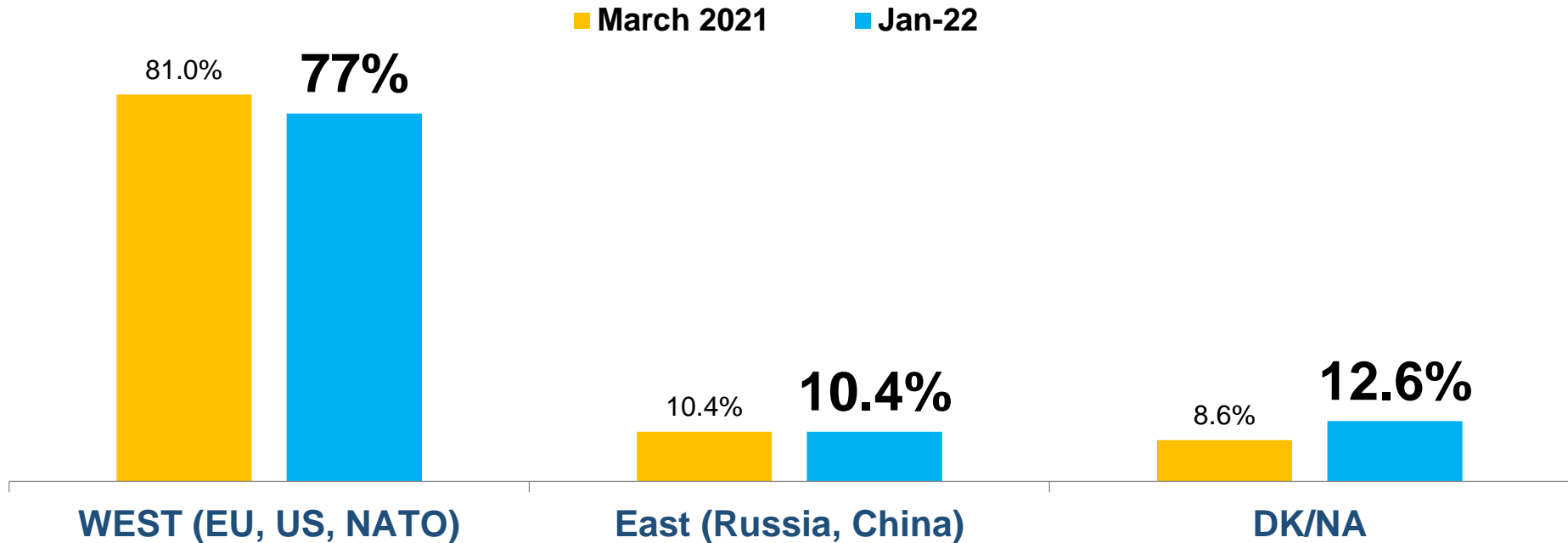
Please express your agreement or disagreement with the following statements: (% total sample)
The EU should set up its own army to defend the Member States



Chapter 2: West vs. East. Confidence in countries and international leaders

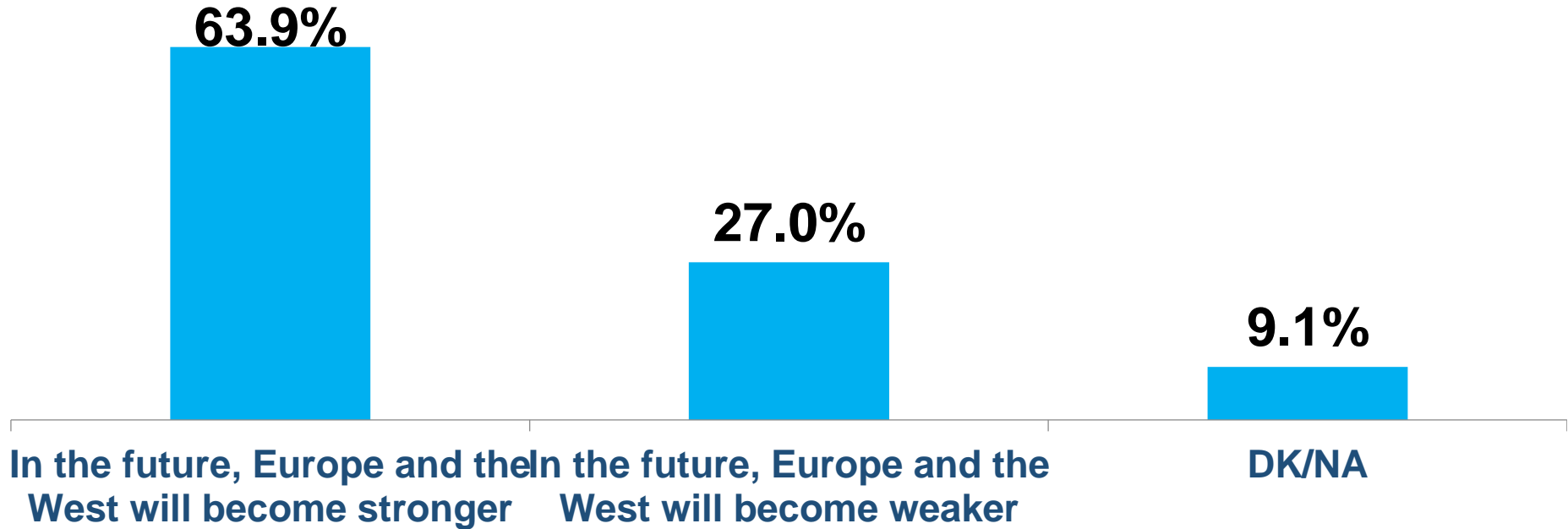
Romania's direction - West or East?

Which direction do you think Romania should face with regards to military and political alliances? (*% total sample*)



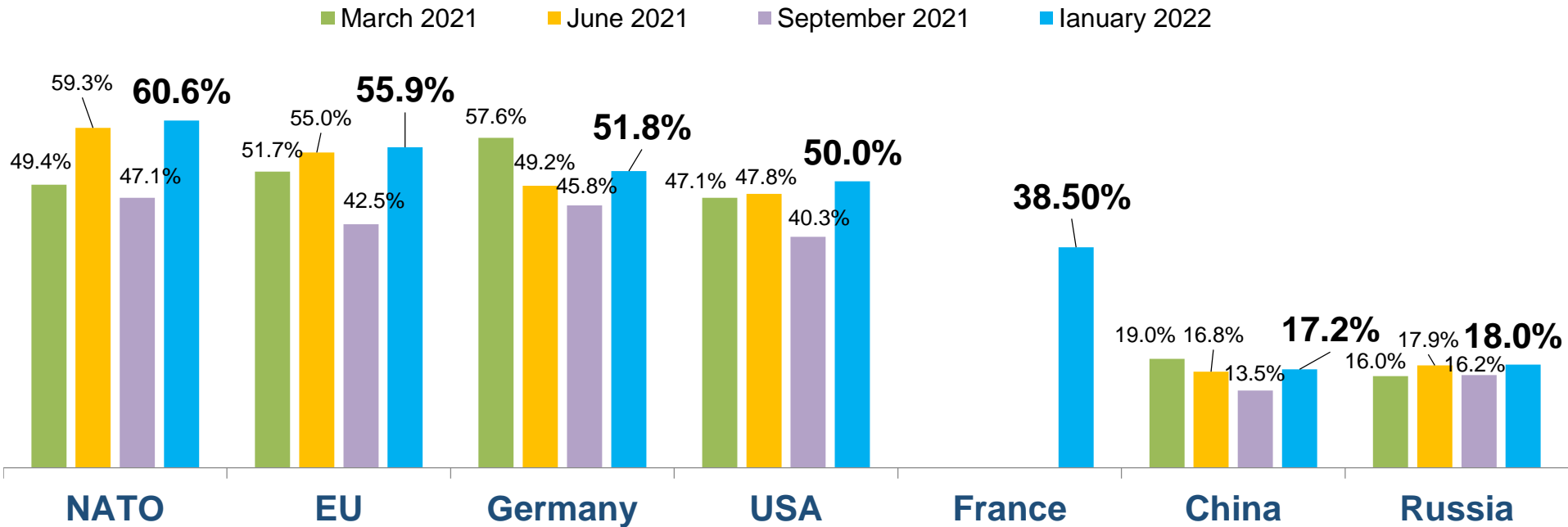
The future of Europe / the West

I will read out you some alternative sentences. Please choose the one that best suits your opinion... (*% total sample*)



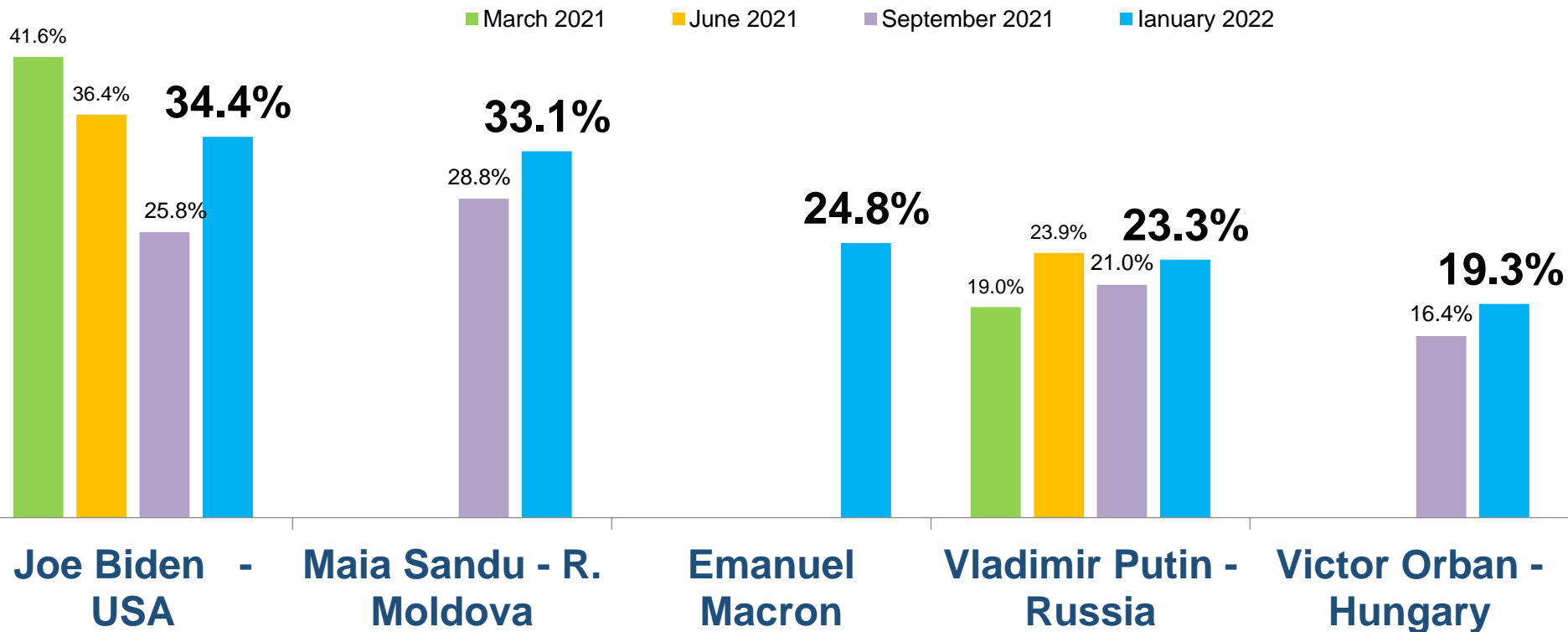
COMPARISON - Trust in countries and organizations

How much do you trust the following countries/international organizations...?... (*% high and very high levels of trust*)



COMPARISON - Trust in foreign leaders

How much do you trust ... (*% high and very high levels of trust*)



Thank you!



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