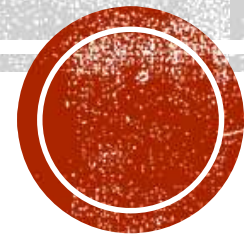


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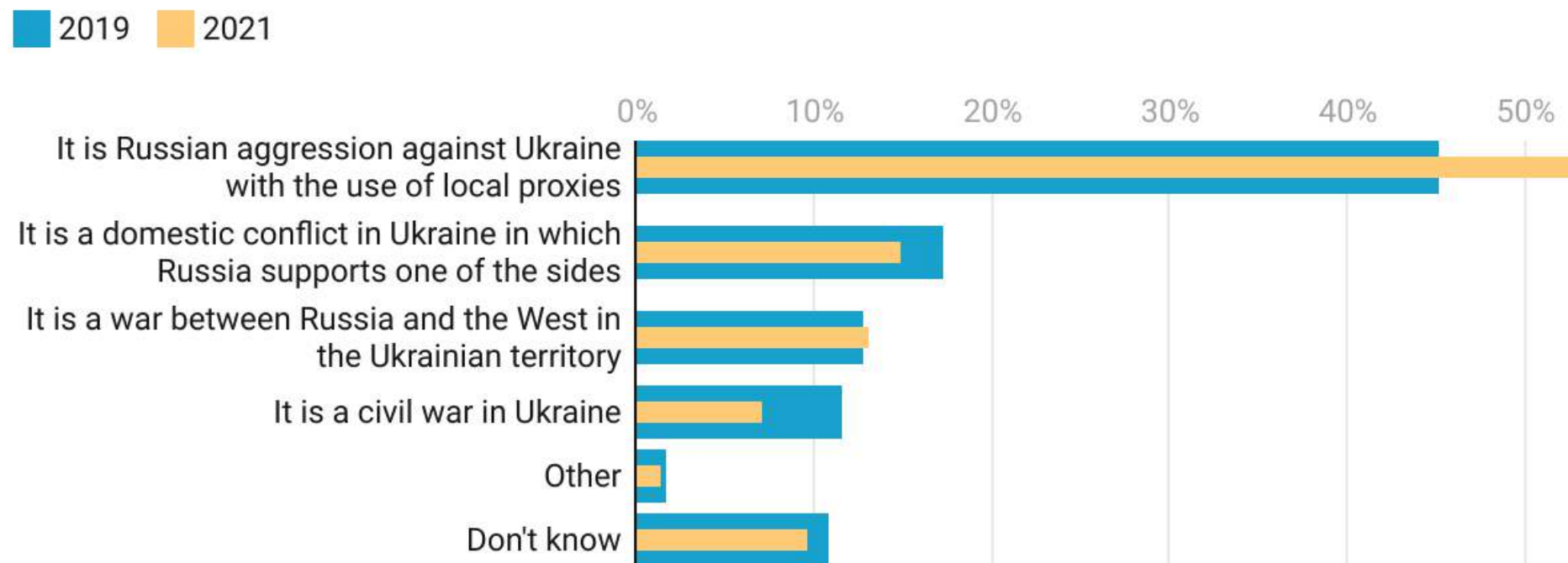
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# MOST OF UKRAINIANS (53,5%) DEFINE THE CONFLICT IN DONBAS AS RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE USING LOCAL PROXIES - ILLEGAL MILITIA.

## What is your opinion about definition of the conflict in Donbas?



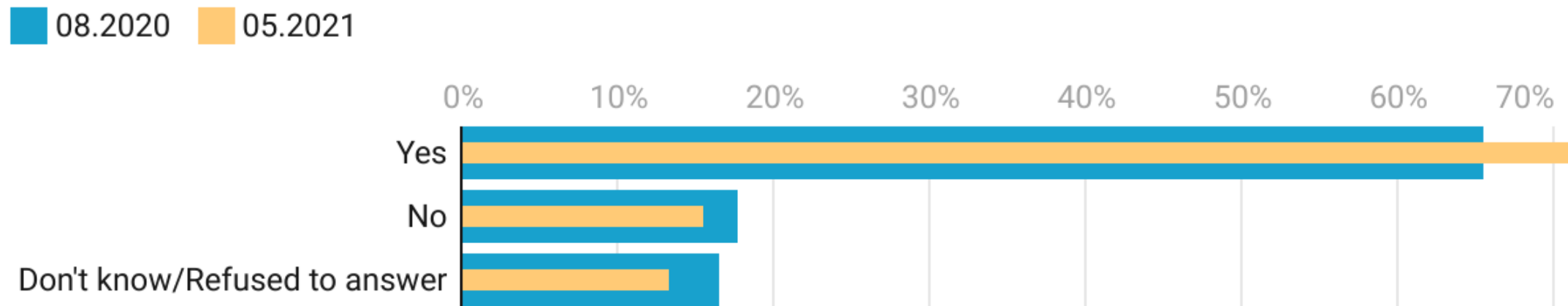
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# THERE IS AN ONGOING WAR BETWEEN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA: AS BELIEVED FROM EAST(48%) – TO WEST(91%)

## Do you agree with the statement that Ukraine is in war with Russia?



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# CONSTITUENTS OF THE “SERVANT OF PEOPLE”, “EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY AND *BAT’KIVSCHYNA* ARE UNANIMOUS ABOUT RUSSIA’S ROLE IN THE CONFLICT

## Do you agree with the statement that Ukraine is in war with Russia?

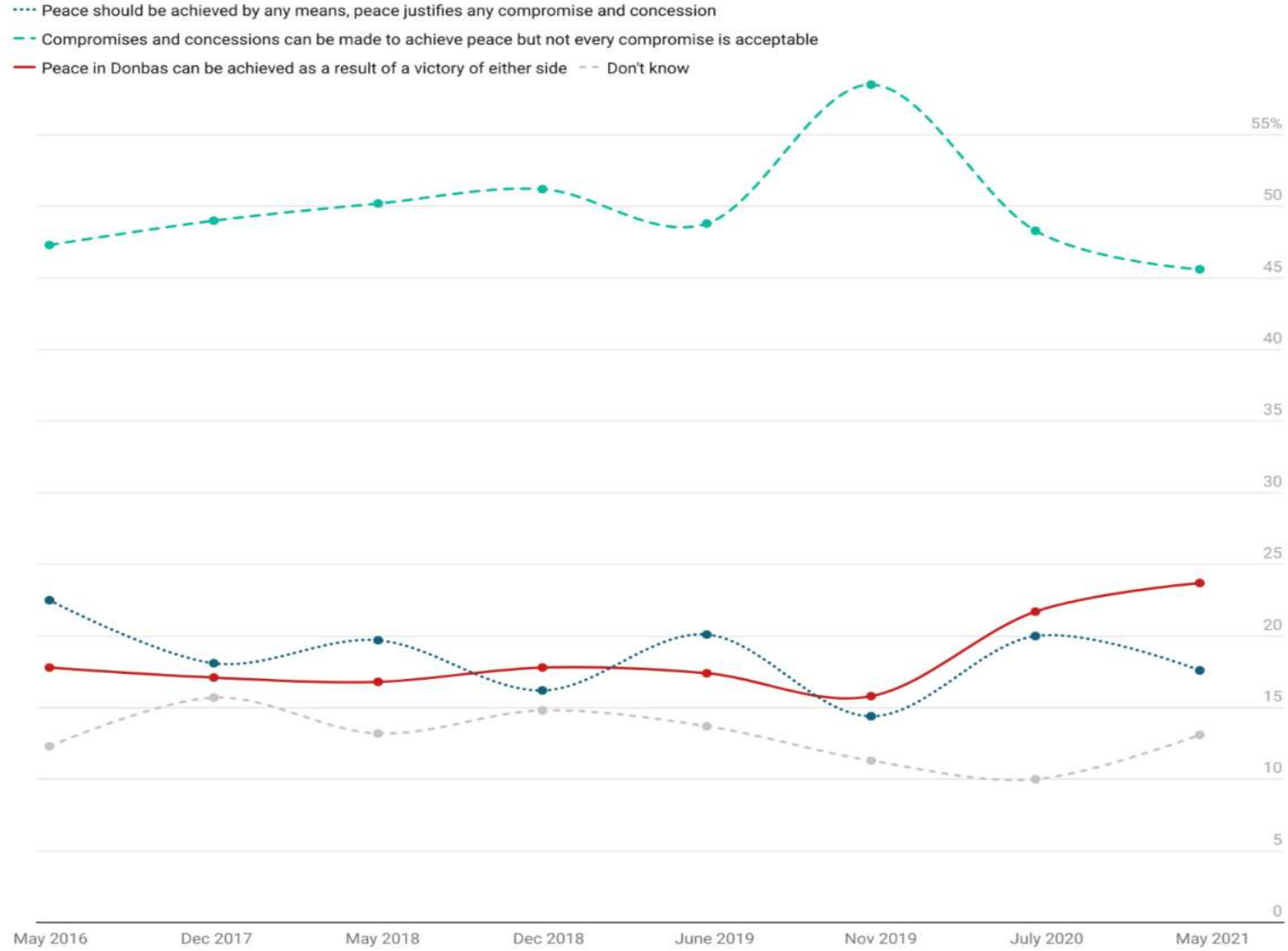


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## Do you think that Ukraine should continue peace talks and consider compromises and concession to achieve peace in Donbas? (One answer)



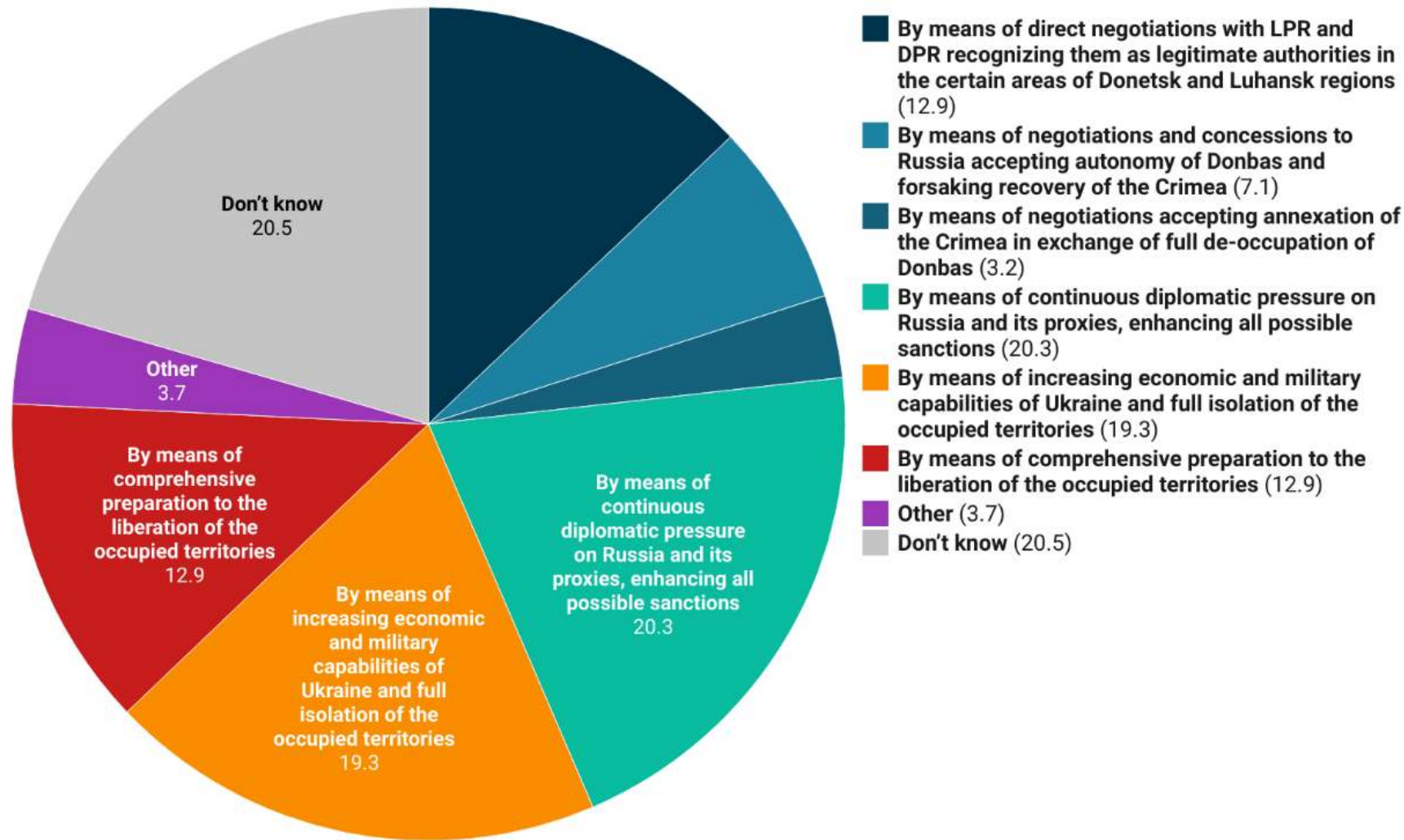
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## In your opinion, what are the most efficient ways and means of achieving lasting peace in Donbas? (one answer)



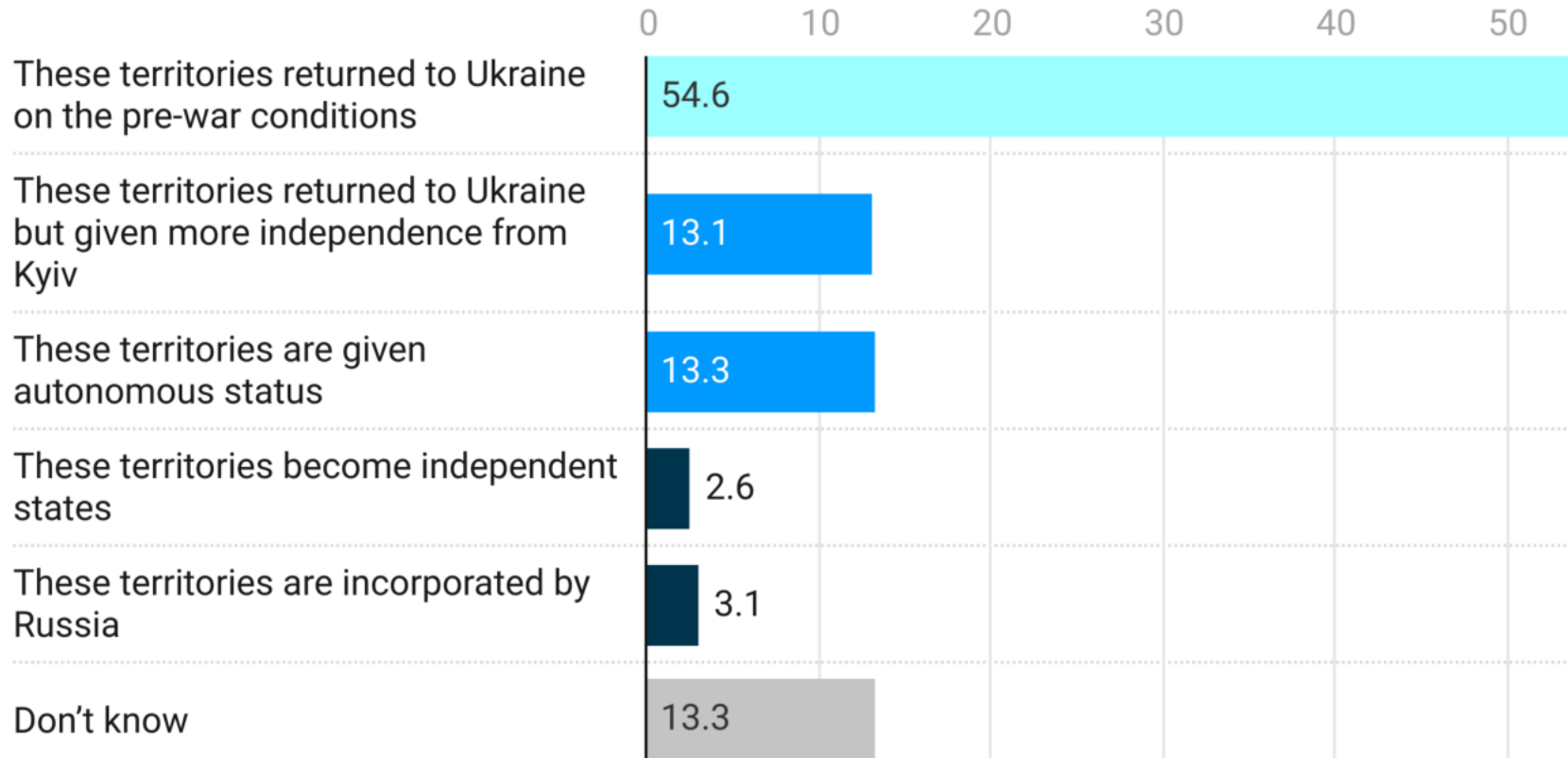
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# In your opinion, what is most politically acceptable option of the future of the “DPR” and “LPR”

(one answer)

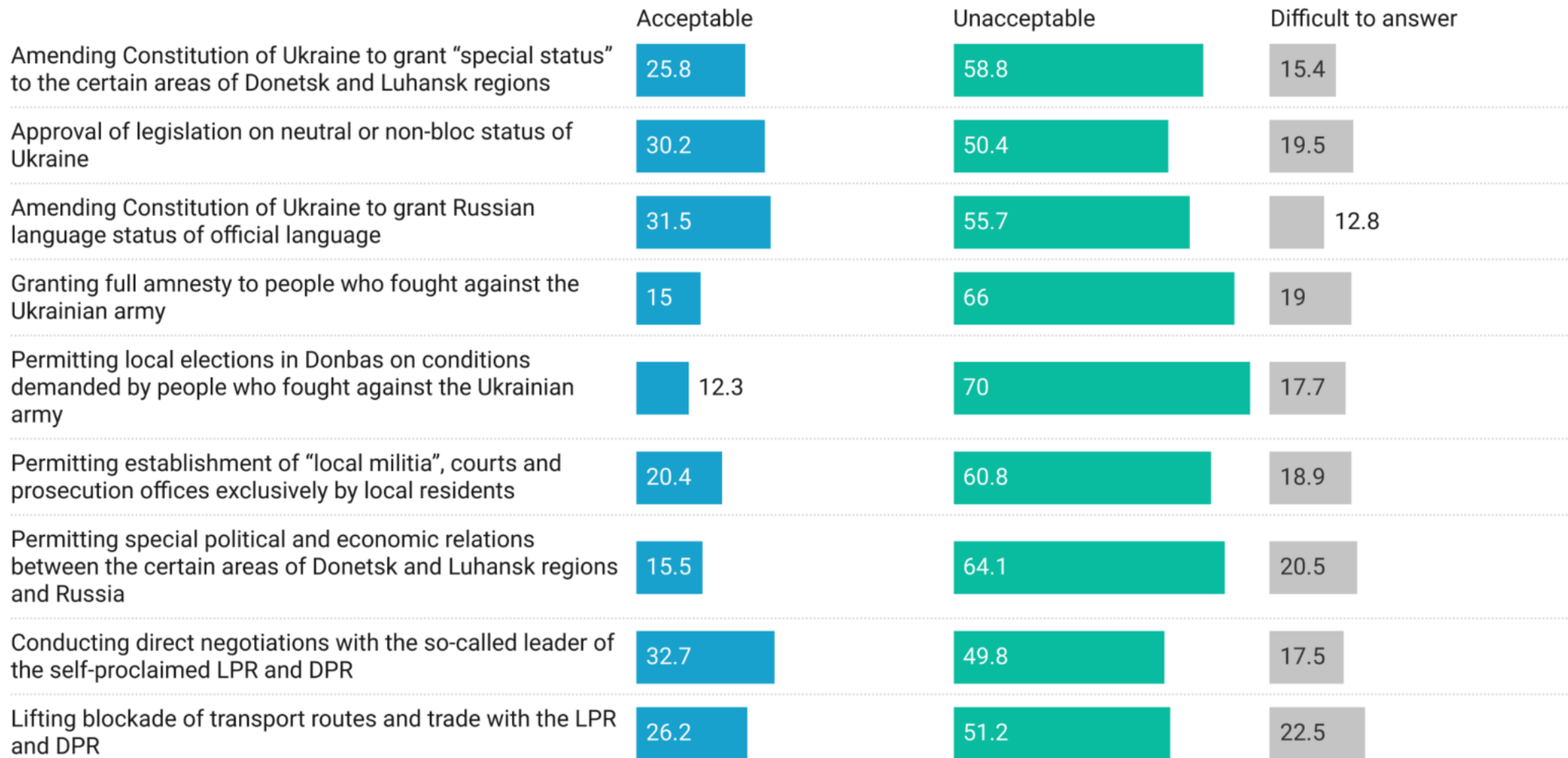


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# In your opinion, what are acceptable compromises to stop the war in Donbas?



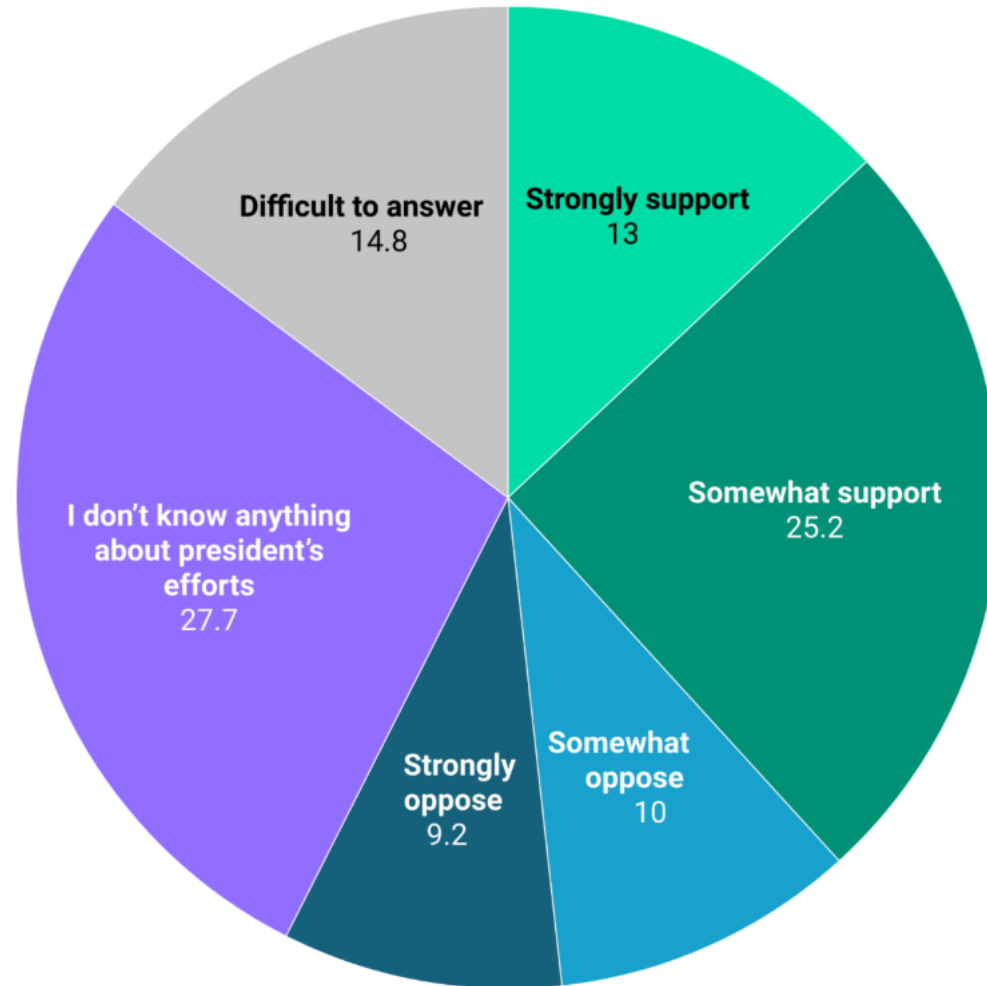
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# Do you support efforts made by President Zelenskyi to resolve conflict in Donbas?



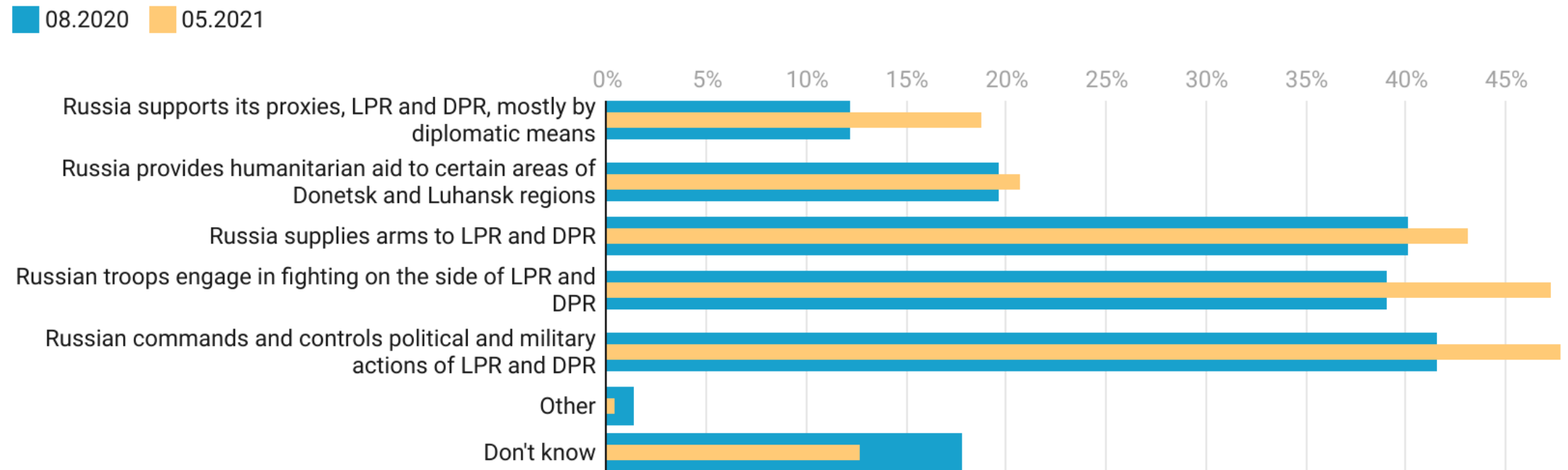
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# RUSSIA'S ROLE IN THE CONFLICT

**In your opinion, what is Russian role in the conflict in the east of Ukraine (respondent can choose several answers)**



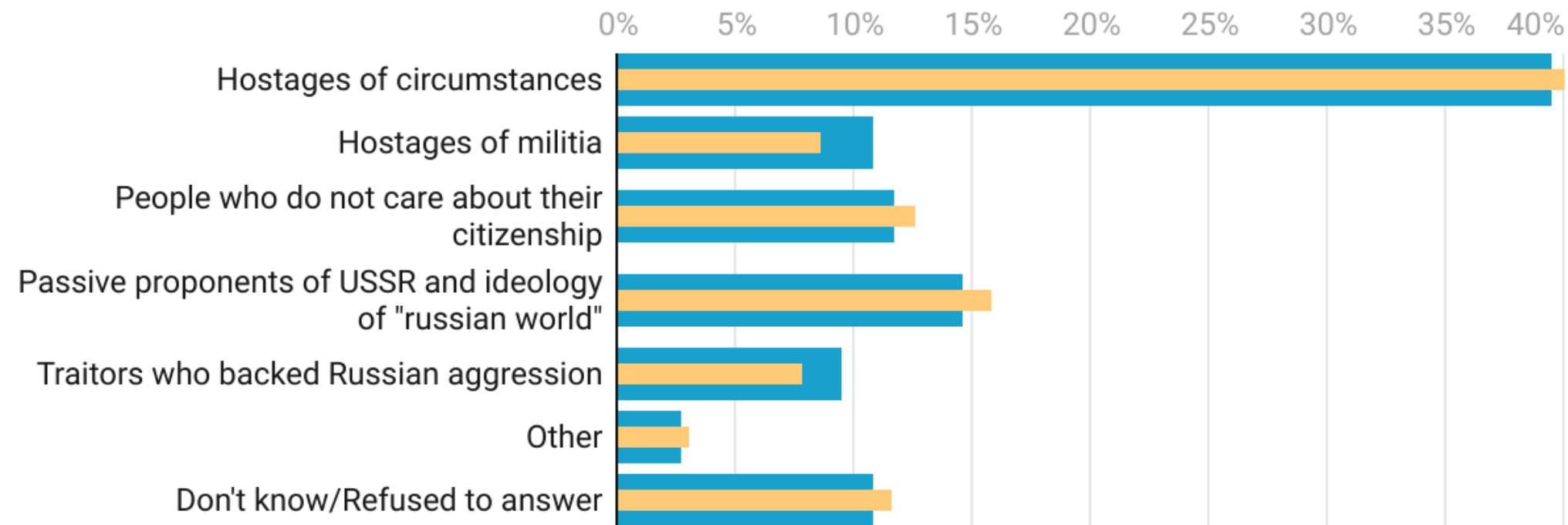
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# In your opinion, who are the residents, Ukrainian citizens that remained in the occupied territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions? (one answer)

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# MATTERS OF URGENT ATTENTION

## **East and South: dynamics and frustration simultaneously**

- Perception of the conflict as Russian aggression increases, and the narrative about “internal conflict” is losing ground.
- Meanwhile, many respondents in the eastern regions avoid giving concrete definition of Russian role in the conflict.
- Also, since 2019 more people in the eastern regions have become proponents of achieving peace by means of big concessions to Russia (from 18% to 33% over 1.5 years)
- At the same time, support for the “non-bloc status” has fallen (from 60% to 50%) among residents of the eastern regions as well as backing for direct negotiations with Russian proxies or “L/DPR” (from 64% to 49%)



# CONTACTS WITH THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (TOT)

- **Opening the checkpoint – first-hand priority!!!**
- Ukrainians continue to see the TOT residents as hostages of the circumstances (40%) or the militiamen (9%). This opinion is held across all macro regions.
- Before 2019, the public lacked unanimity about policy toward TOT. Ukrainians were supportive of keeping ties with the TOT in one way or another.
- Today, a more people think that TOT should be isolated which can be an outcome of COVID pandemic, closure of the checkpoints, and cutting of the social ties.

