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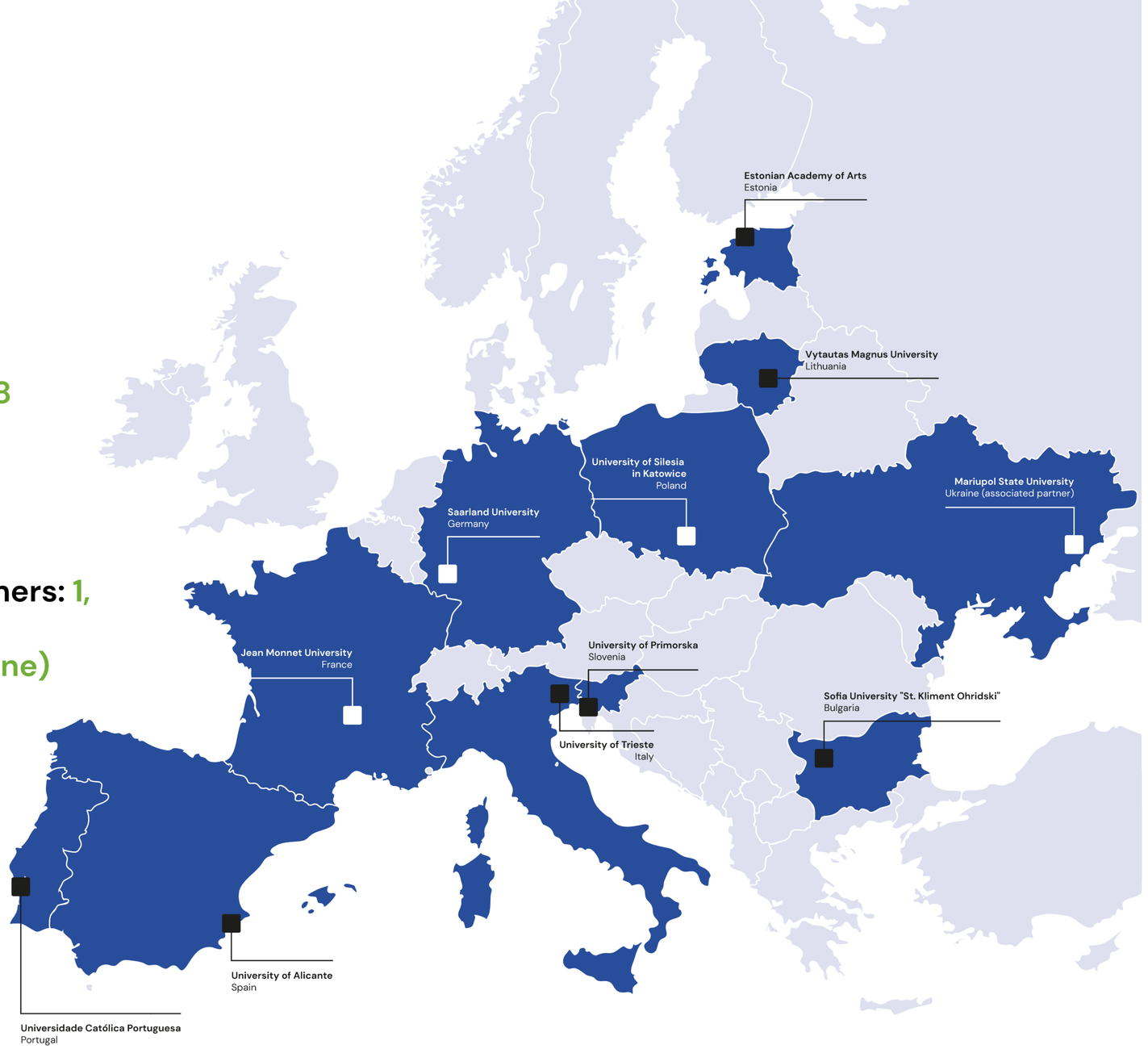
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Common European heritage

the survey results

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THE RESEARCH PROBLEM

According to students from Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Spain what is common European heritage?

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the relationship between regional and European heritage?
2. How do international organizations affect European heritage?
3. Which parts of culture represent European heritage?
4. What is the relationship between religion and European heritage?
5. What are the challenges facing the European heritage?

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SURVEY INFORMATION

Research technique: CAWI (*computer-assisted web interview*)

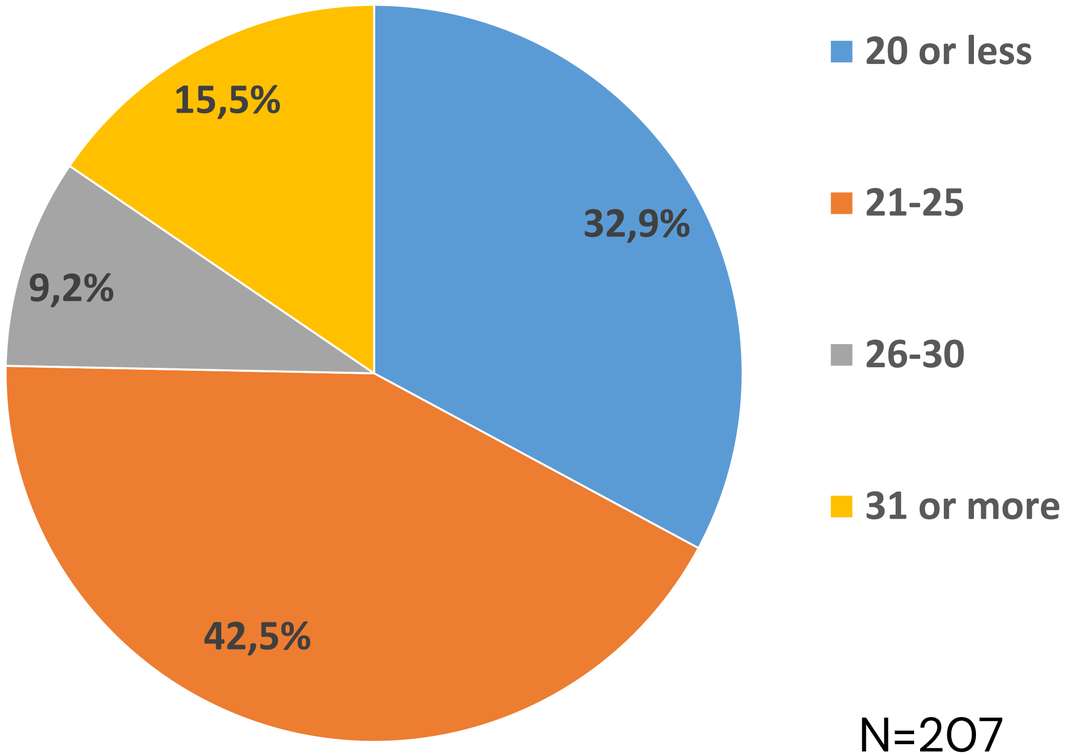
- **Respondents**: students from Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Spain
- **Sample size**: 209
- **Time**: 24.09.2024-13.10.2024

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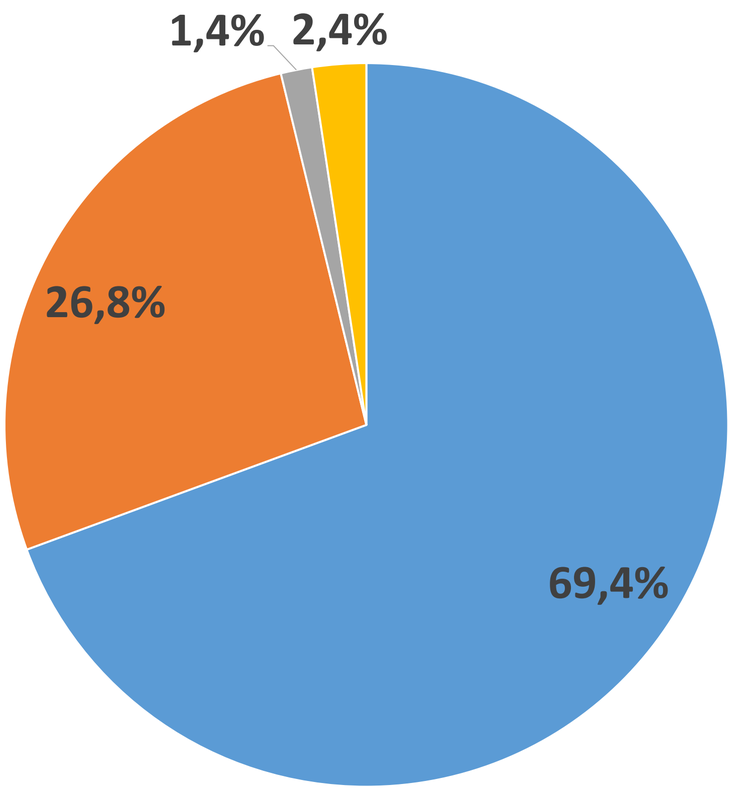
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Respondents by age [years]



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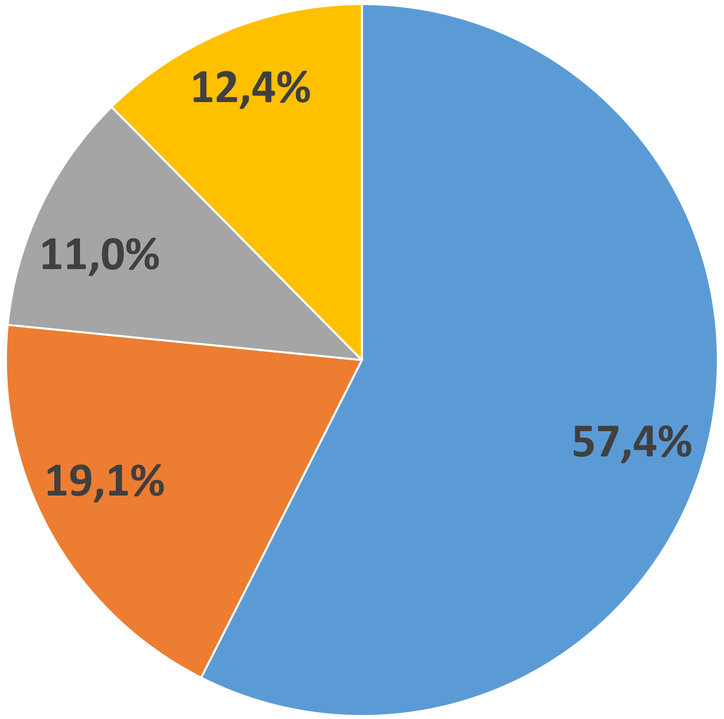
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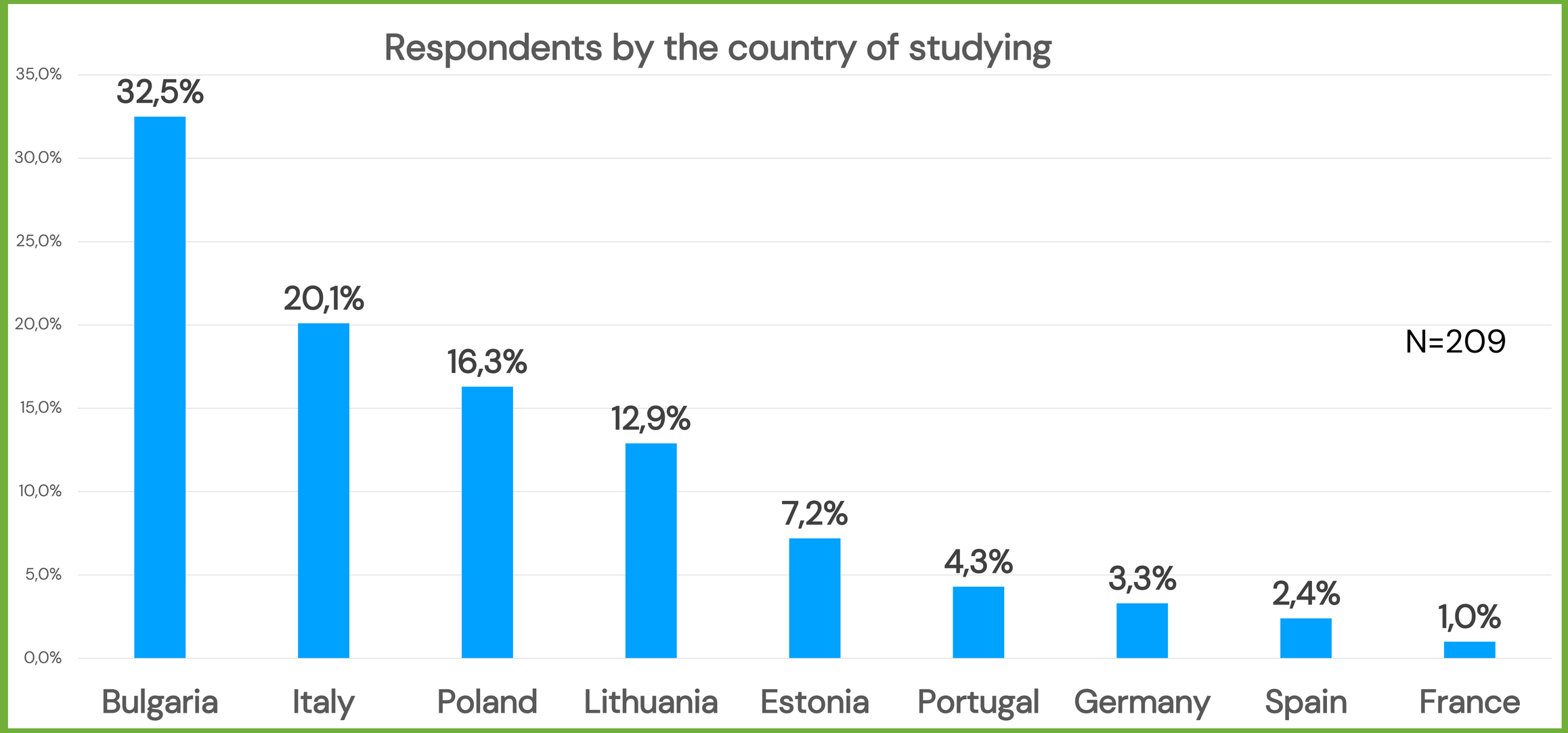
Respondents by the level of study programme



- first-cycle studies
- second-cycle studies
- long-cycle studies
- PhD studies

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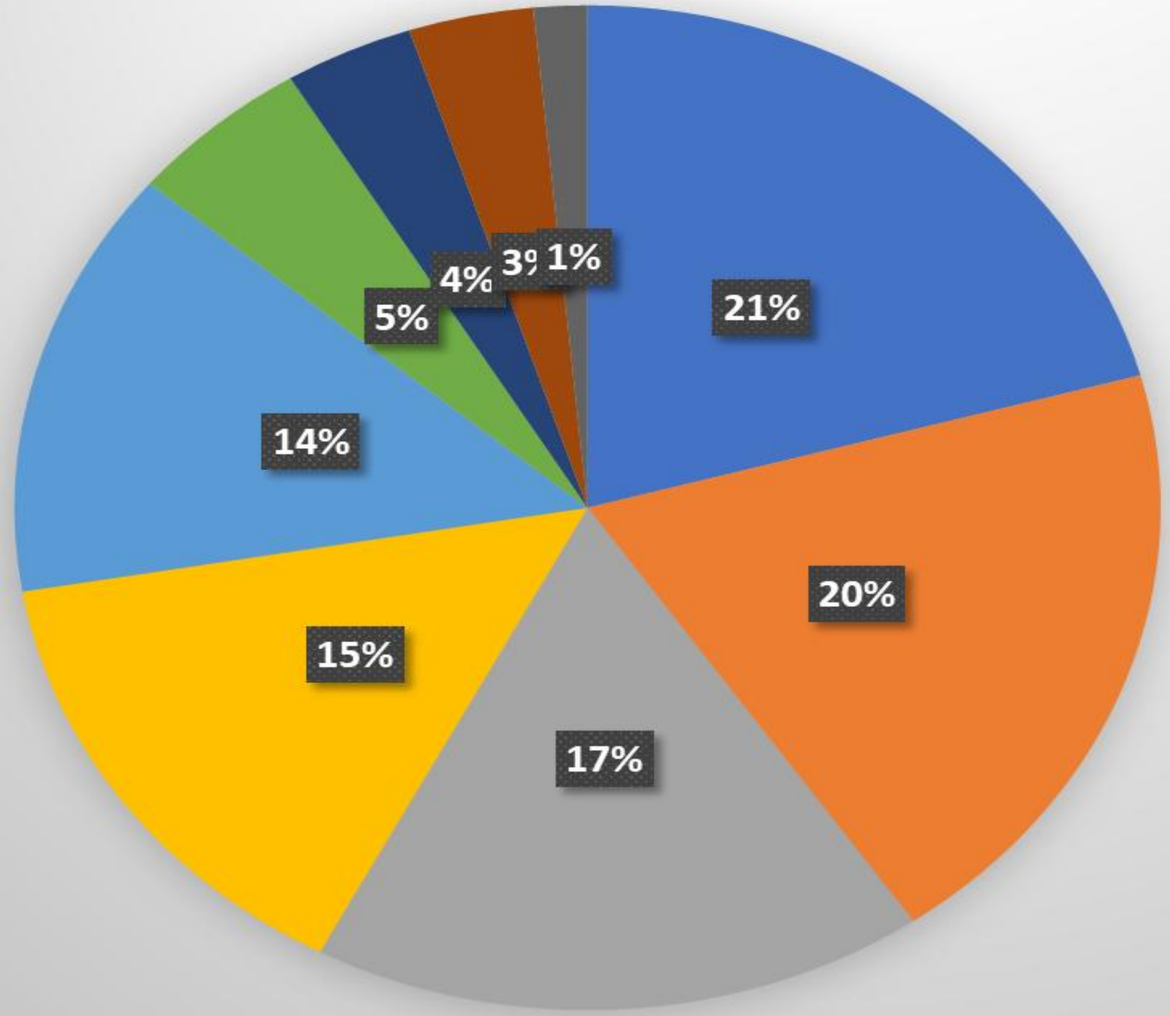
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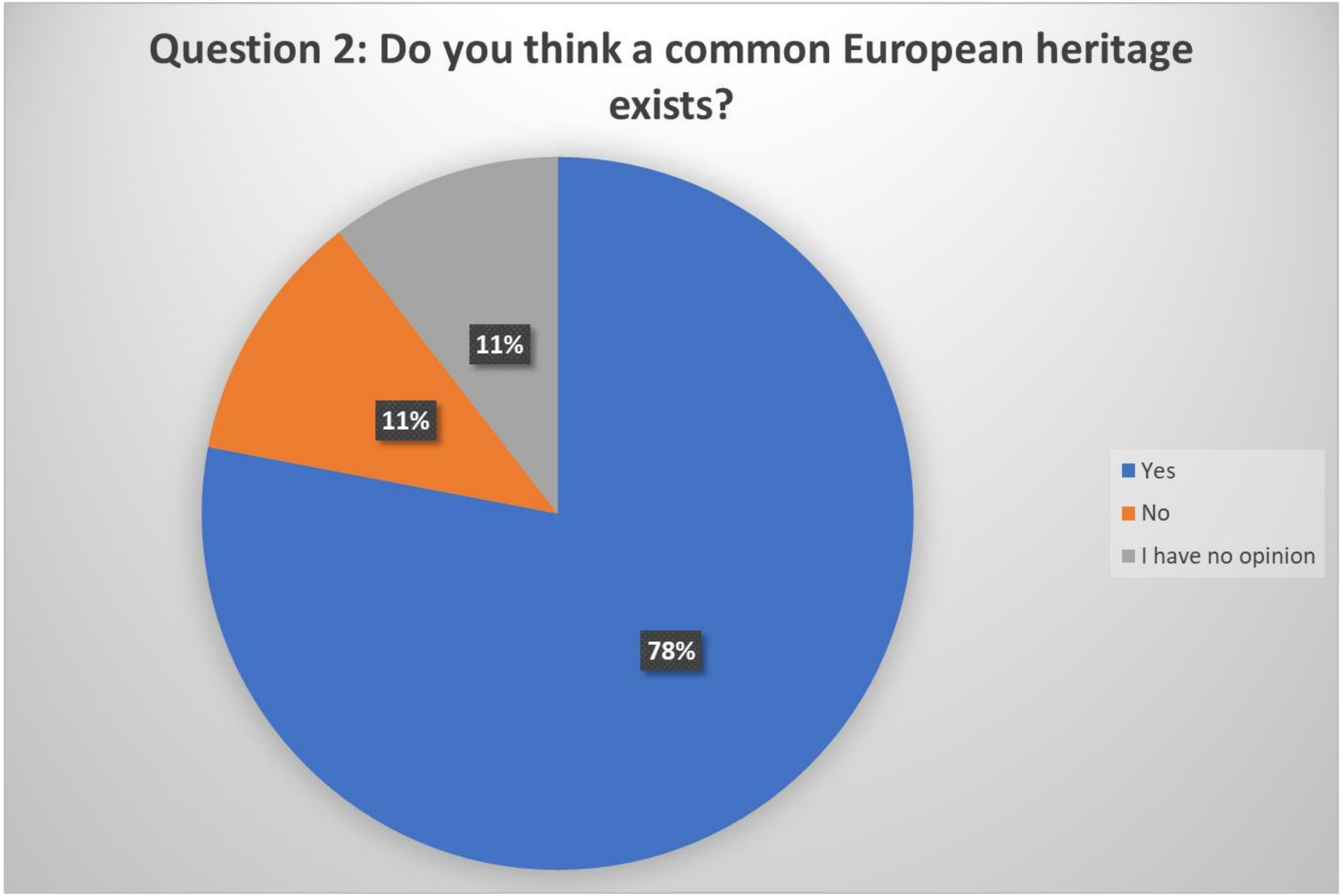
ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

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Question 1: Which of the following words are most associated with the cultural heritage?

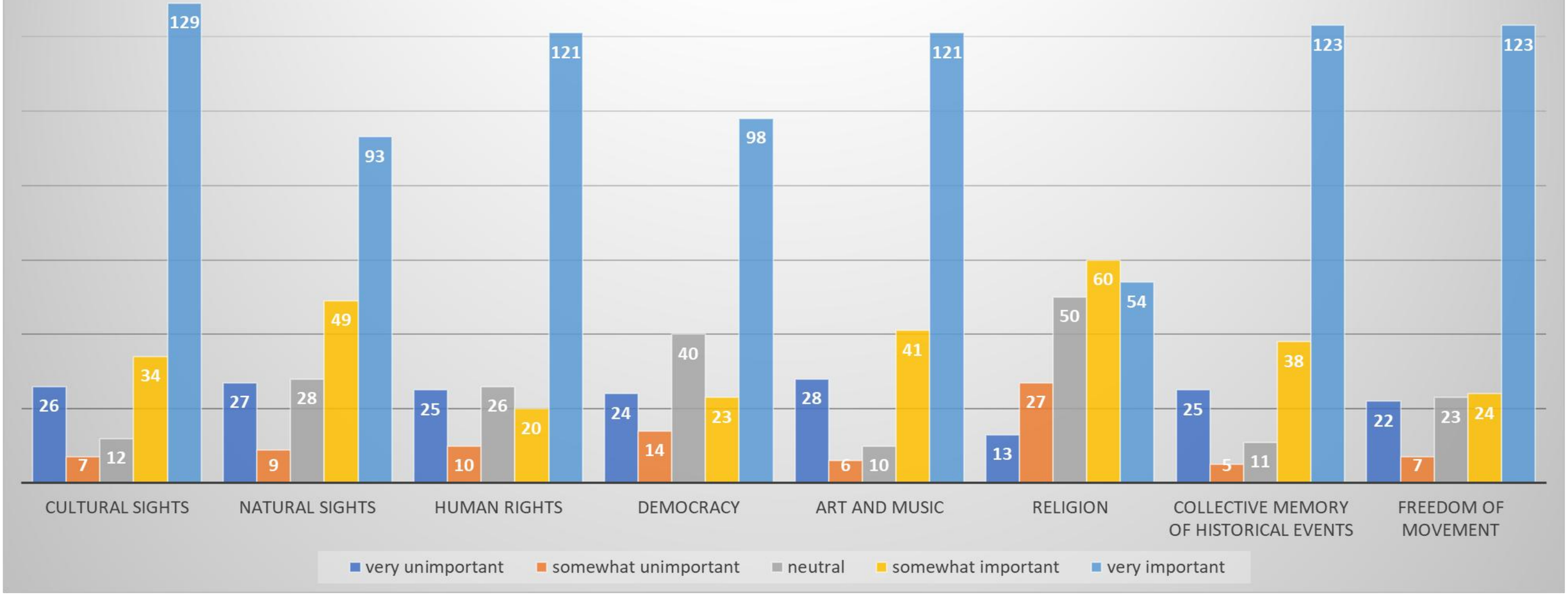


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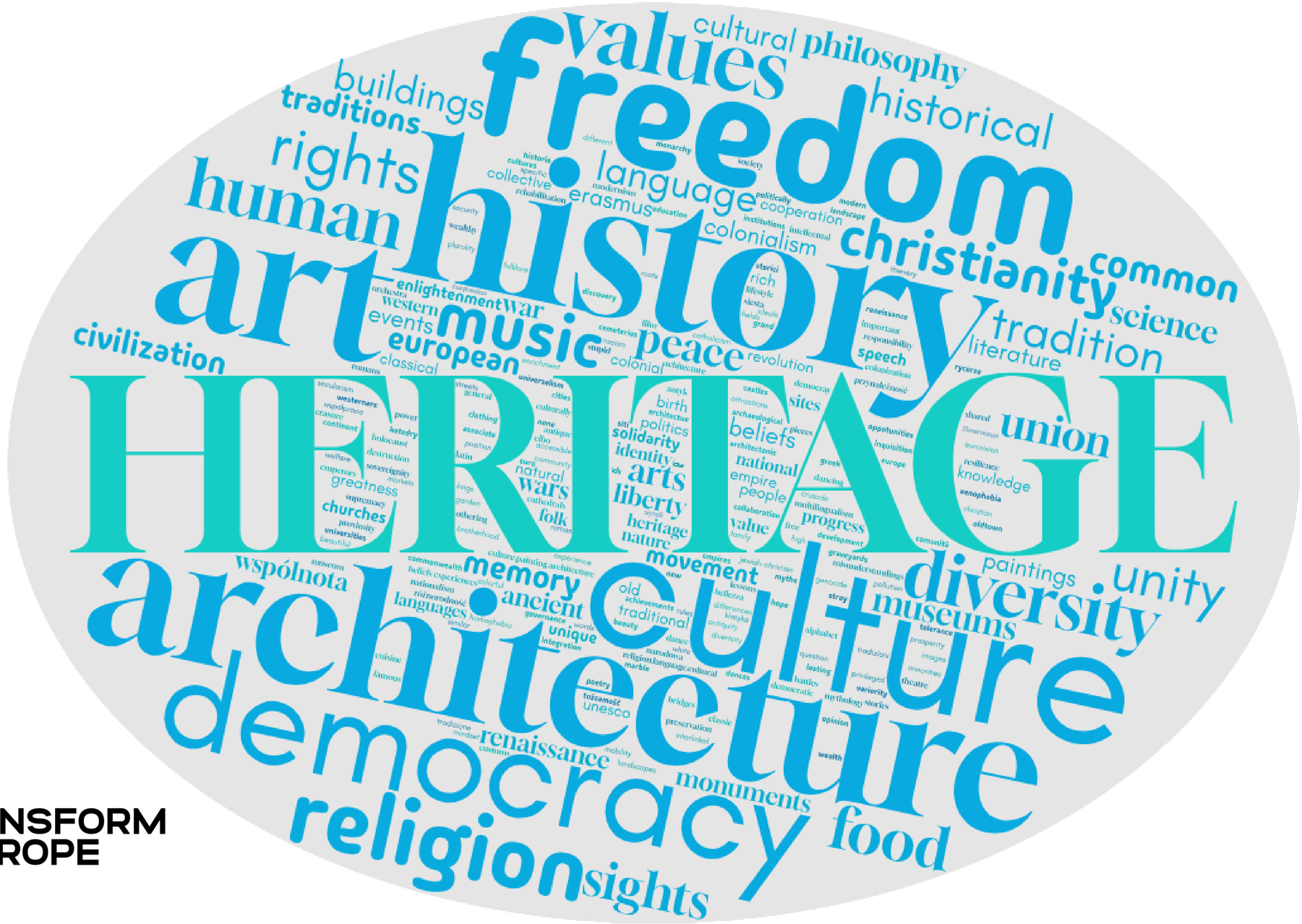
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Question 3: How essential are the elements indicated below for European cultural heritage?



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Question 4: Which words do you associate with European heritage?



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Group 1:

- History (54)
- Museum (6)
- Antiquity (3)
- Wars (3)
- Roman Empire (2)
- King, knights, Holocaust, thievery and destruction (1)

Group 2:

- Values (10)
- Freedom (20)
- Tradition (12)
- Diversity (12)
- Unity (9)
- Peace (5)
- Community (4)
- Progress (2)
- National identity, brotherhood, welfare, belonging, commmonwealth (1)

Group 3:

- Culture (36)
- Art (32)
- Architecture (29)
- Language (8)
- Music (8)
- Painting (4)
- Philosopy (4)
- Science (4)
- Literature (3)
- Latin alphabet, poetry (1)

Group 4:

- Religion (12)
- Christianity (9)
- Beliefs (4)
- Catholicism, cathedrals, cementeries (1)

HISTORICAL FIGURES, PLACES AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

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QUESTION 5: NAME AT LEAST THREE HISTORICAL FIGURES THAT YOU ASSOCIATE WITH EUROPEAN HERITAGE.

- Total number of protagonists named: 147

- Mainly protagonists from the fields of arts, politics, science and philosophy are named; prominent beyond these fields as a religious leader, often mentioned, is Martin Luther

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Wordcloud of historical figures associated with European Heritage

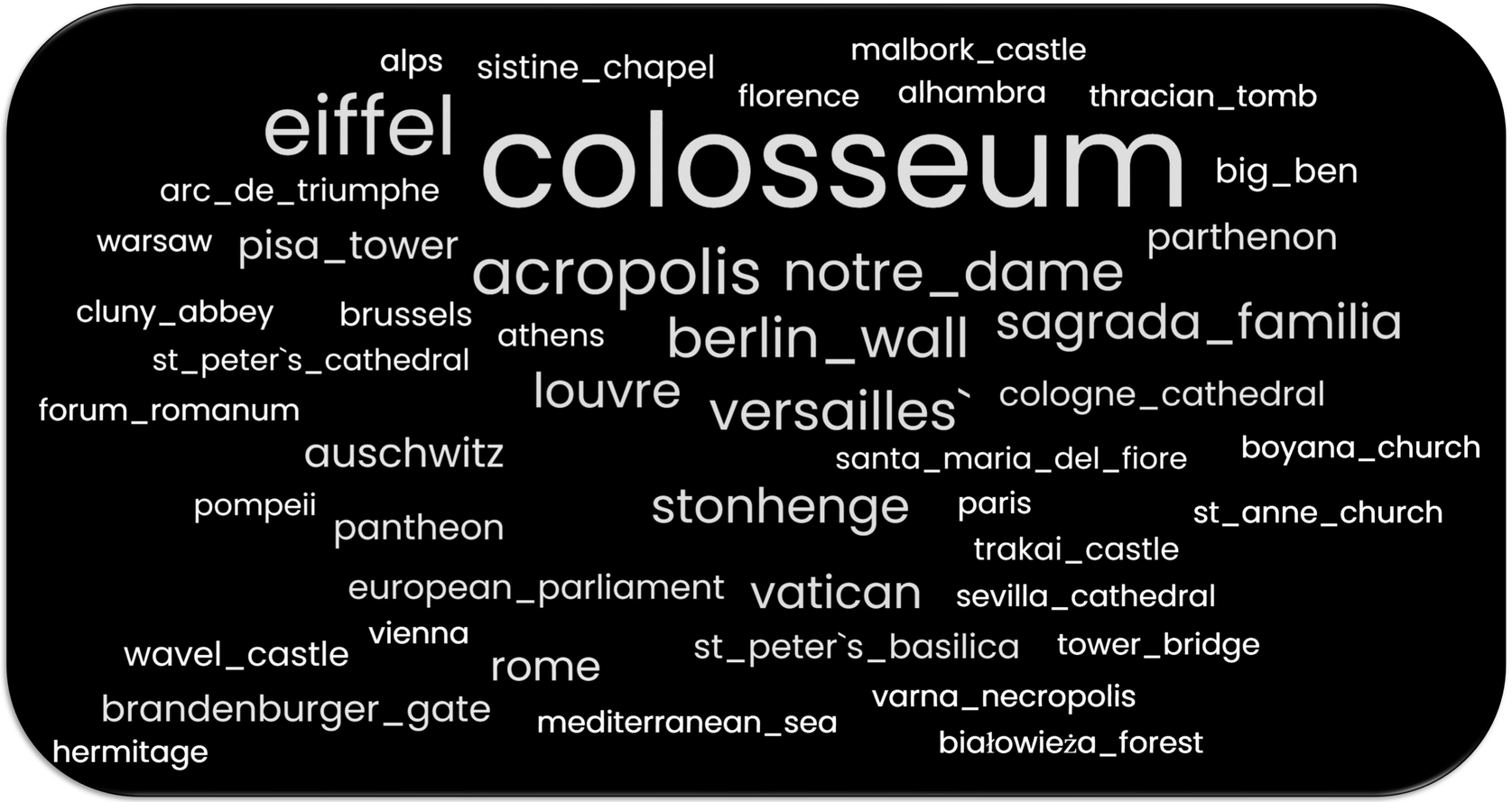
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QUESTION 5: NAME AT LEAST THREE HISTORICAL FIGURES THAT YOU ASSOCIATE WITH EUROPEAN HERITAGE.

Name	Mentions	European Region (North, West, East, South)
1. Napoleon	59	W
2. Leonardo Da Vinci	40	S
3. Marie Curie	25	W, E
4. Caesar	18	S
4. Charlemagne	18	W, S
5. Robert Schuman	13	W
5. Michelangelo	13	S
5. Martin Luther	13	W
5. Shakespeare	13	N
5. Adolf Hitler	13	W

.--> Bias for historical figures from Western and Southern Europe

QUESTION 6: NAME AT LEAST THREE HERITAGE SIGHTS THAT YOU ASSOCIATE WITH EUROPEAN HERITAGE.



Wordcloud of European Heritage sights (excluded are sights, that were mentioned once)

MOST POPULAR SIGHTS:

Colosseum, Rome, IT (78)

Eiffel Tower, Paris, FR (41)

Acropolis, Athens, GR (27)

Berlin Wall, DE (21)

Palace of Versailles`, FR (20)

Notre Dame de Paris, FR (20)

Stonehenge, GB (16)

Musée du Louvre, FR (16)

Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, ES (16)

Vatican City, IT (14)

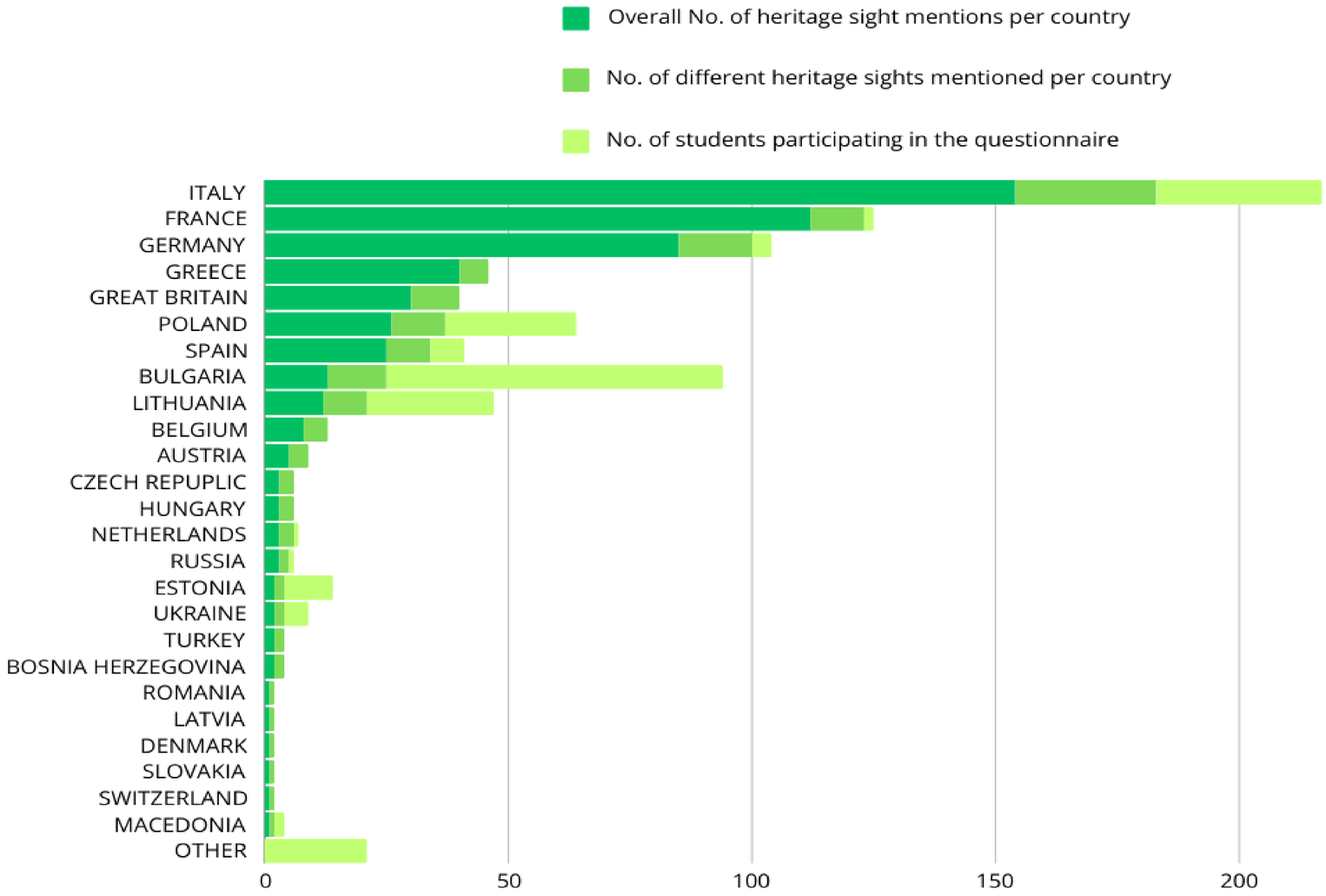
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QUESTION 6: NAME AT LEAST THREE HERITAGE SIGHTS THAT YOU ASSOCIATE WITH EUROPEAN HERITAGE.

No. of countries in Europe: **44**

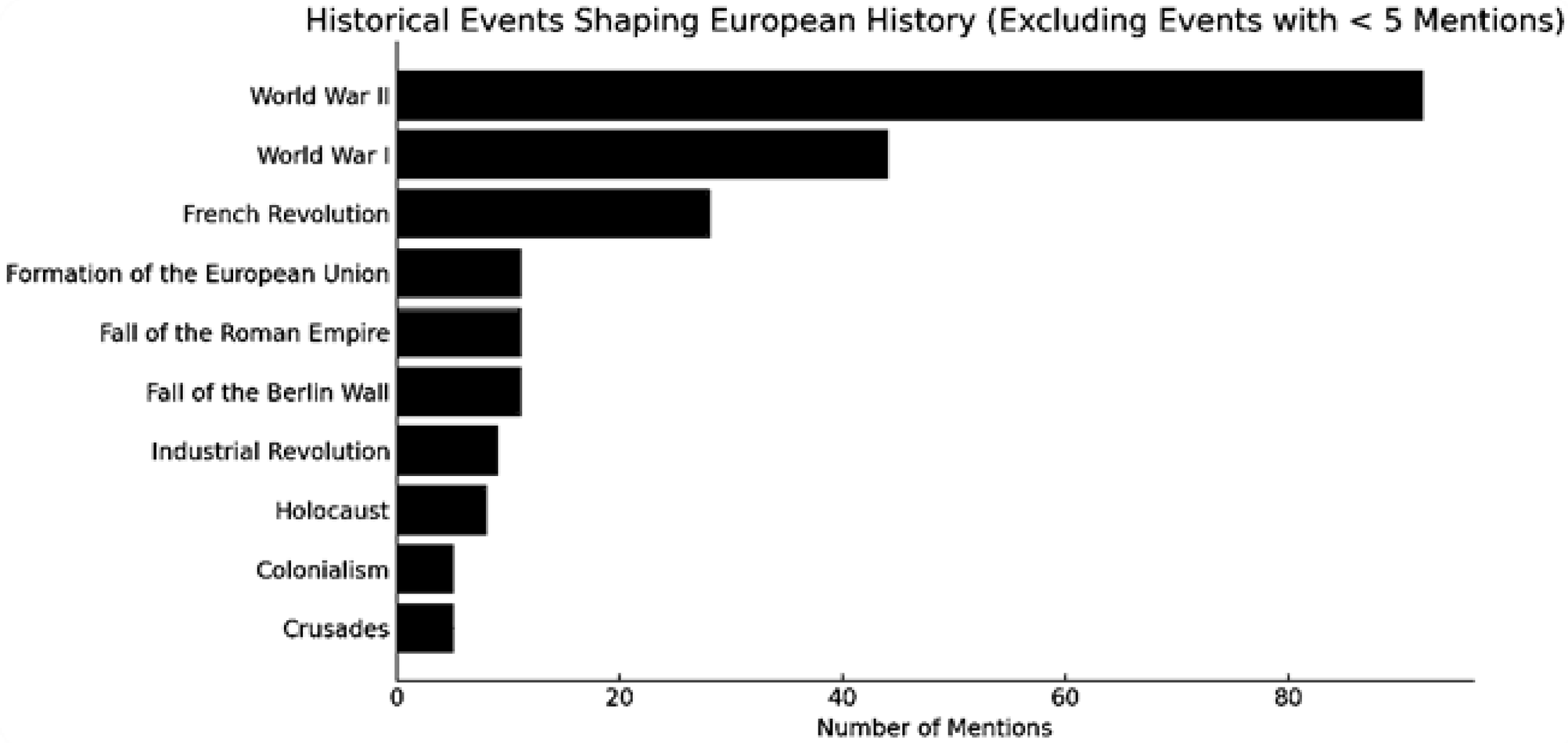
No. of European countries mentioned: **25**

From which NON-EU countries: **7**



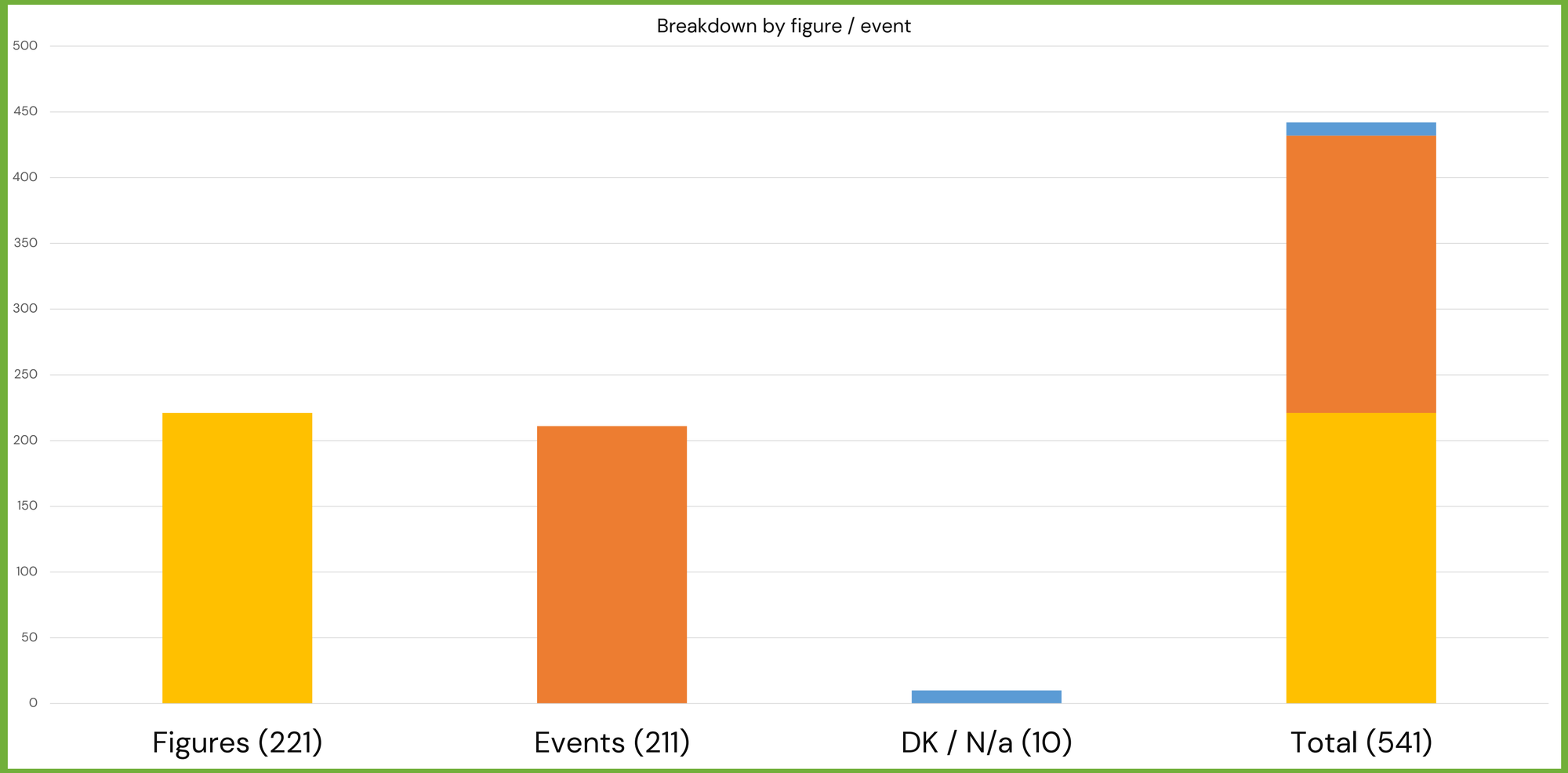
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QUESTION 7: NAME AT LEAST ONE HISTORICAL EVENT THAT YOU THINK SHAPED EUROPEAN HISTORY.



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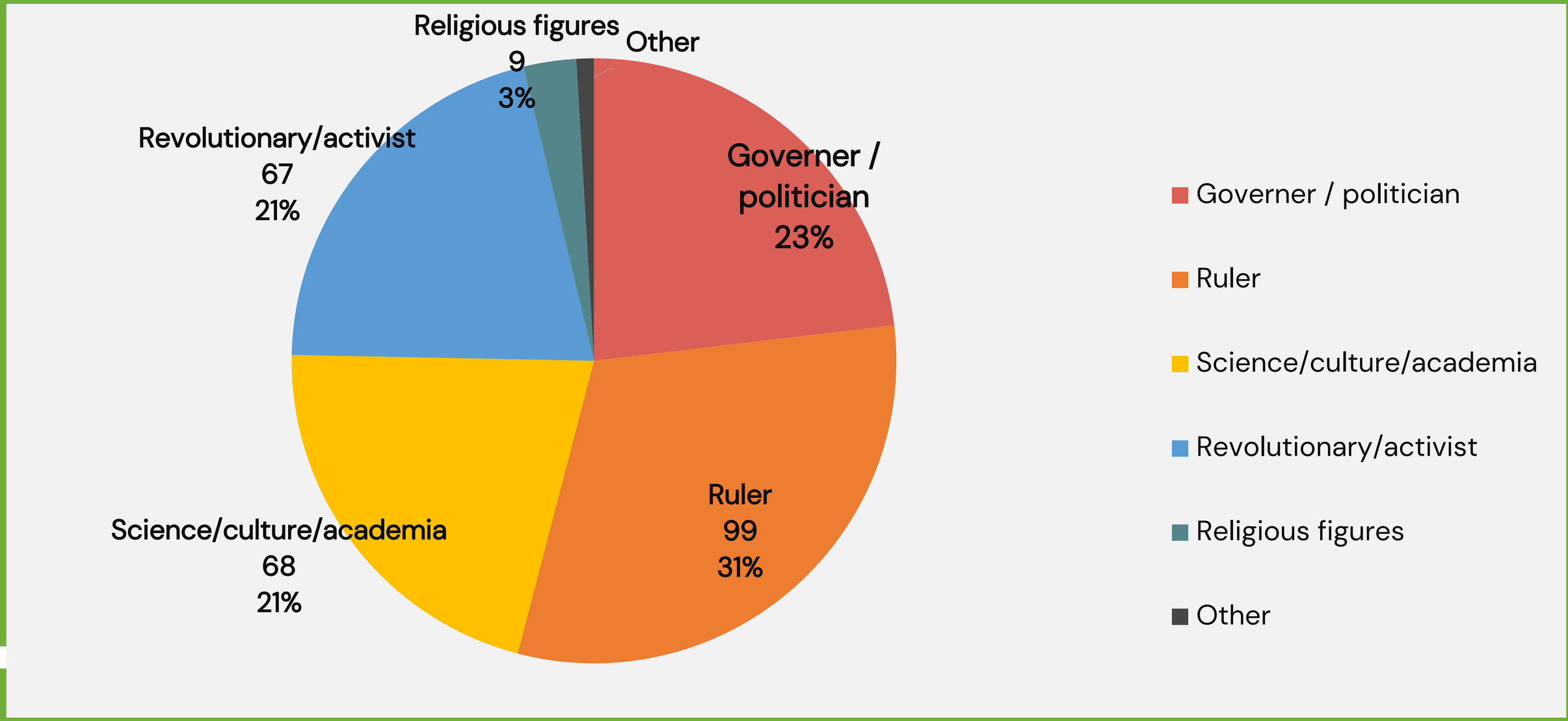
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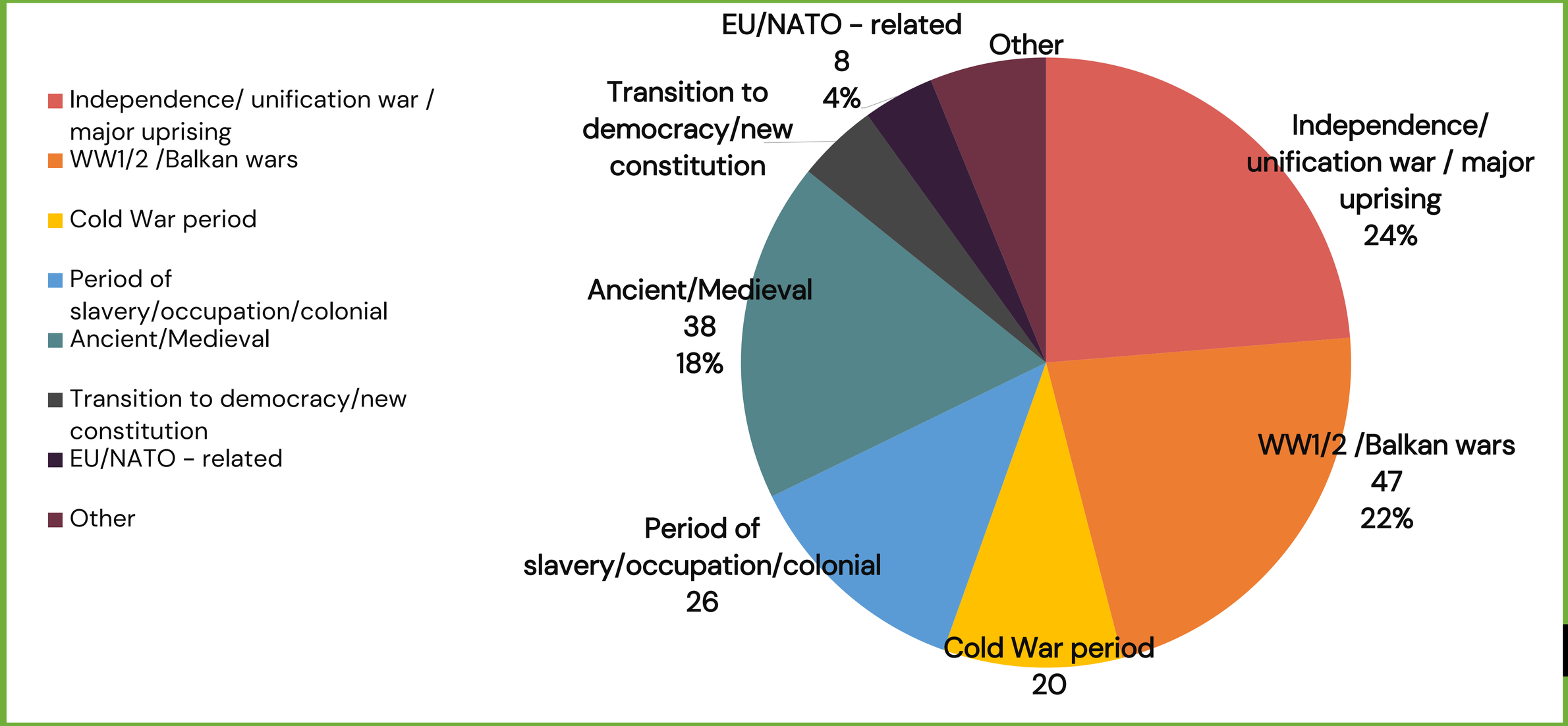
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Breakdown of historic figures by type



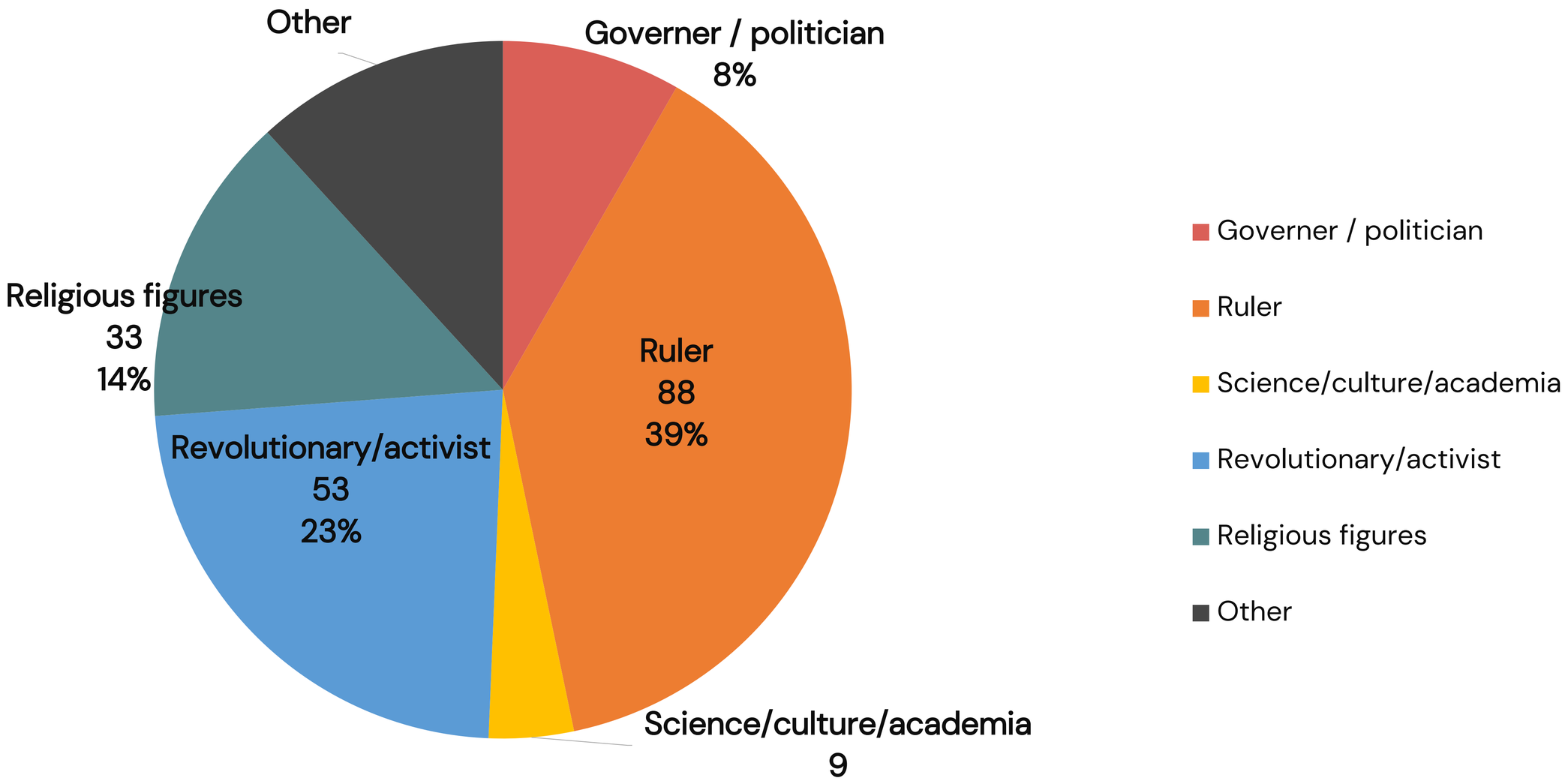
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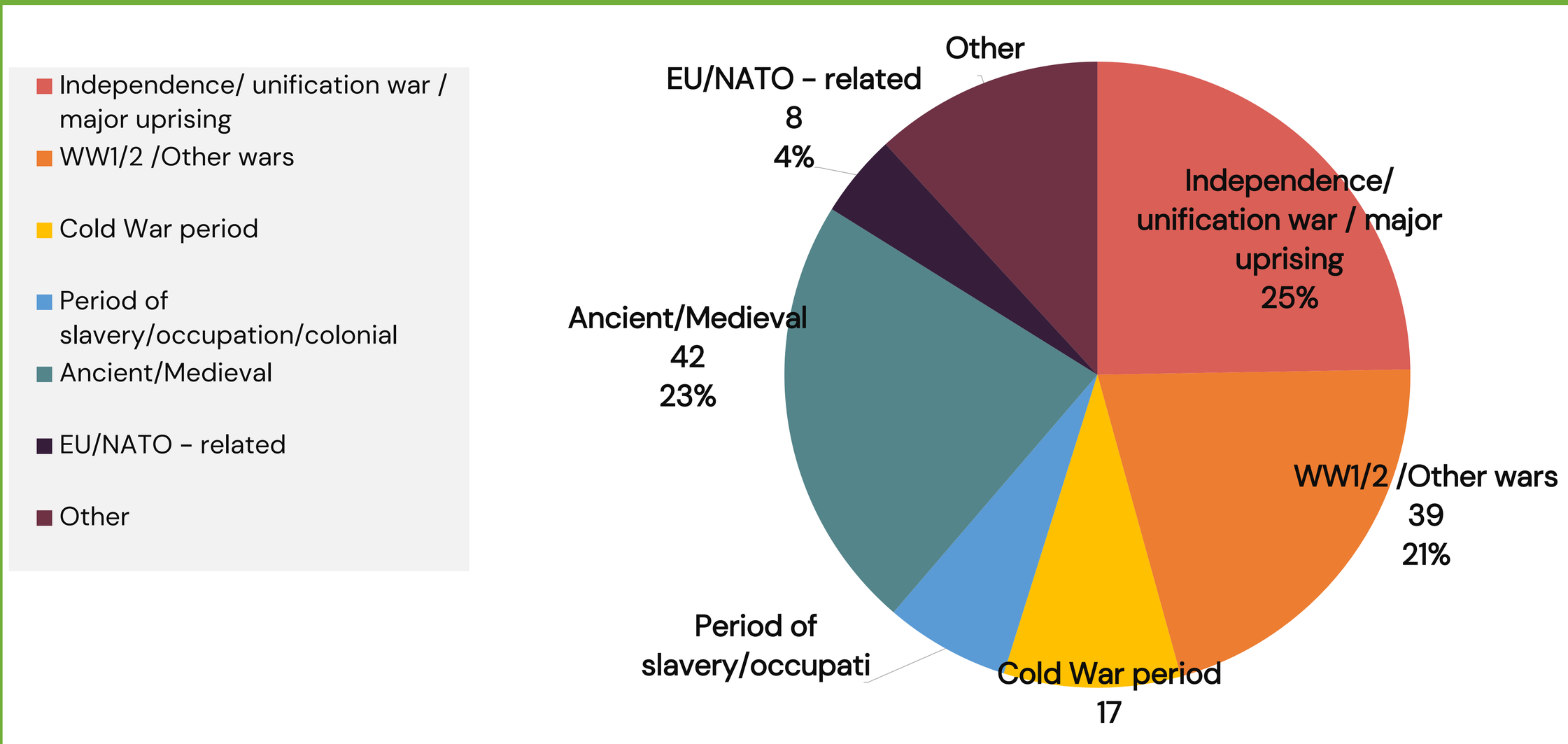
Question 9: Name 1-3 historical figures/events that shaped your region`s history.

Breakdown of historic figures by type



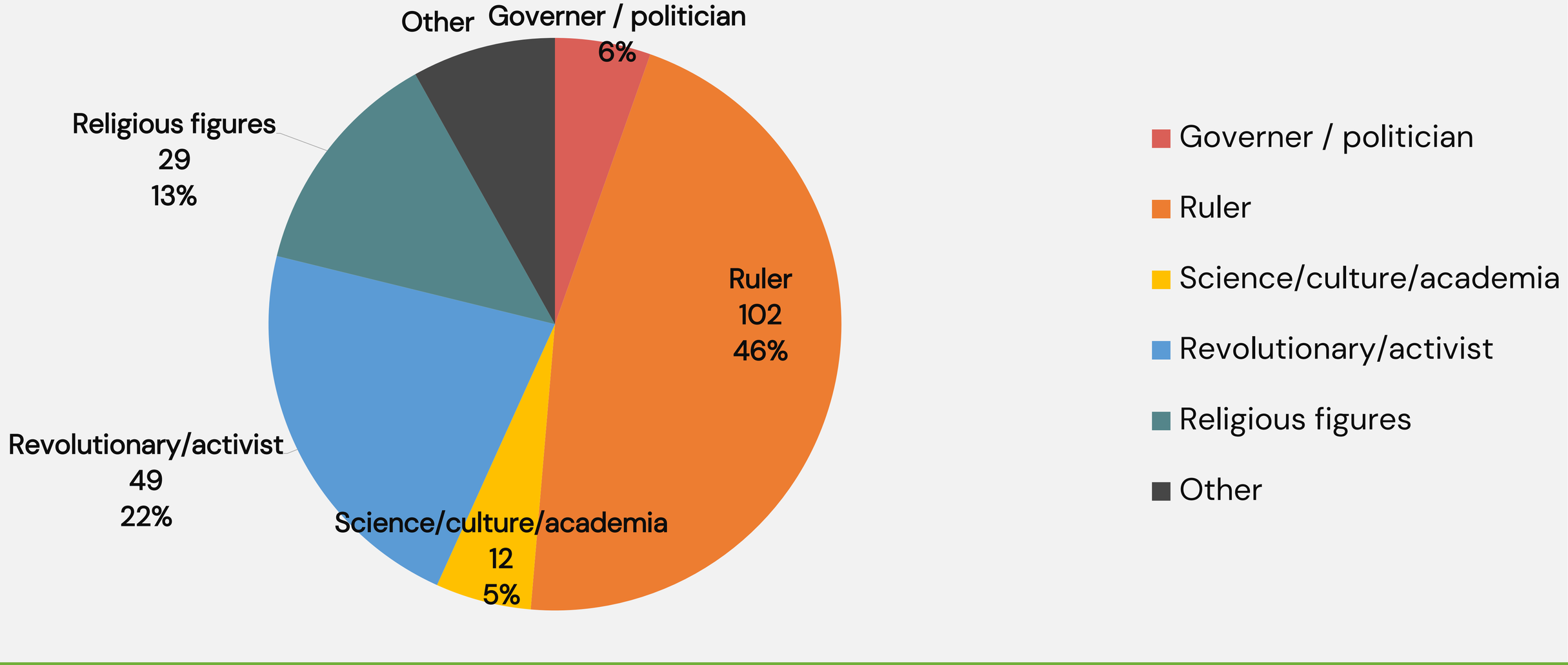
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Breakdown of events by type



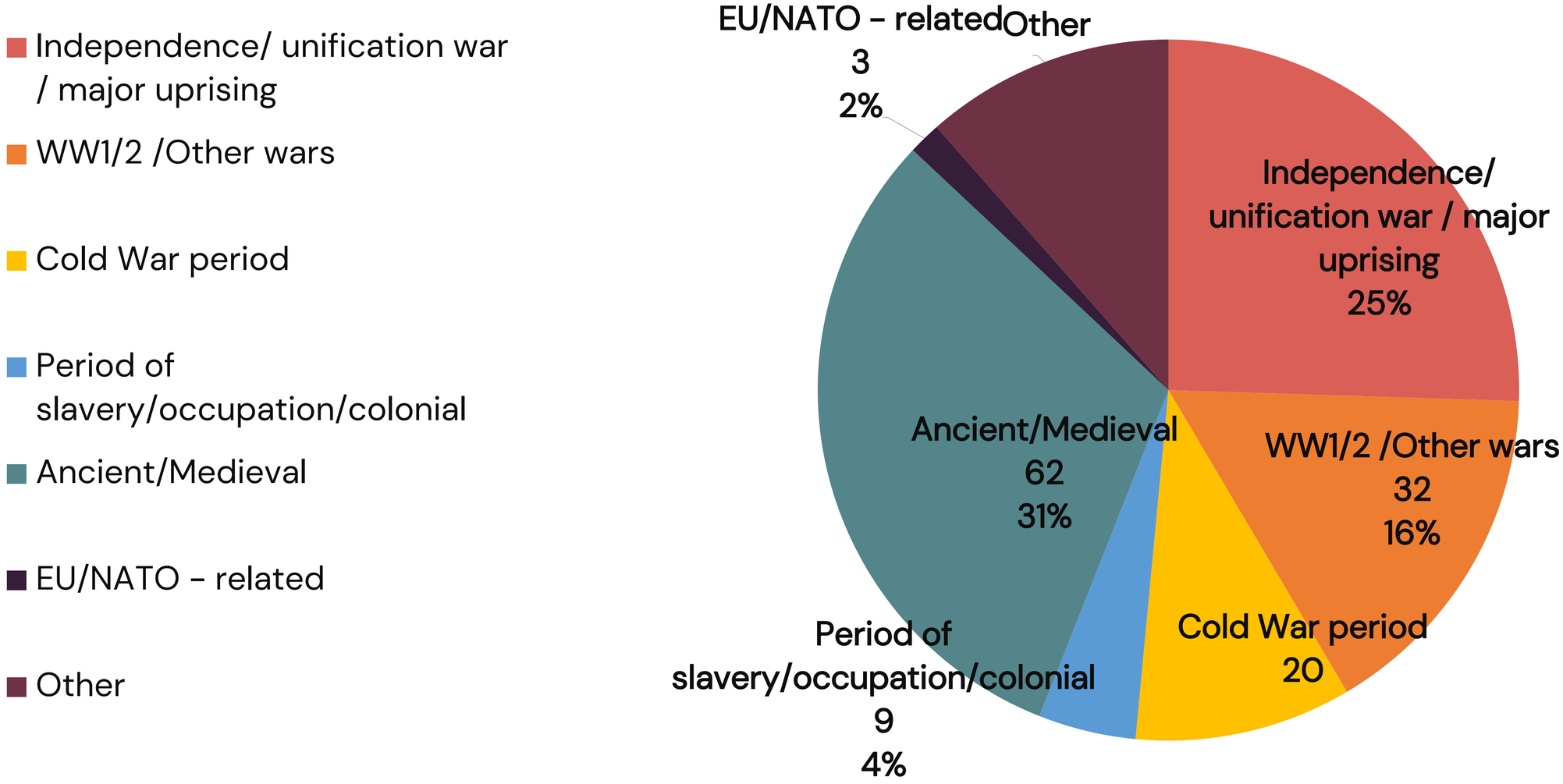
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Breakdown of historic figures by type



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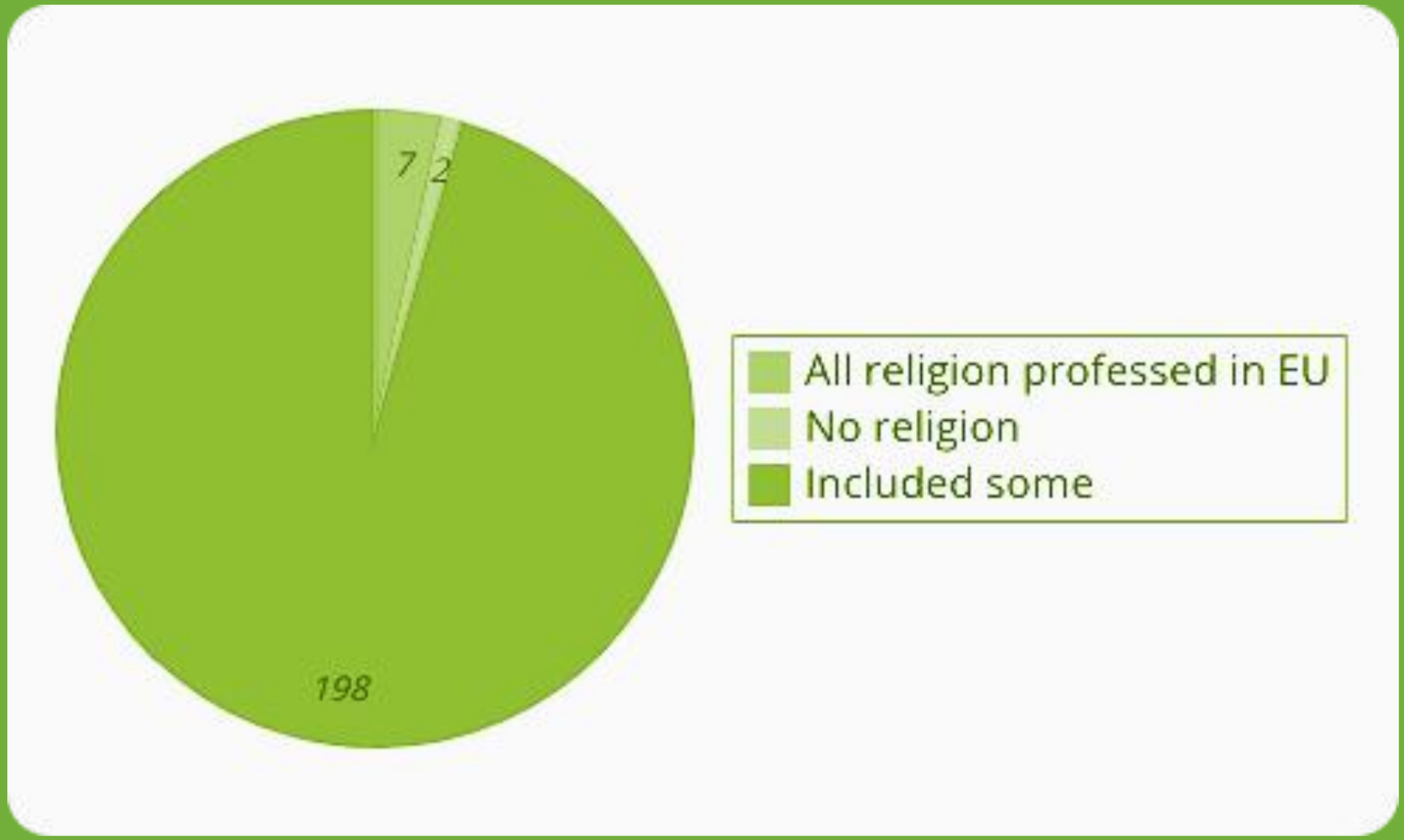
Breakdown of events by type



INSTITUTIONS SIGNIFICANT FOR THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

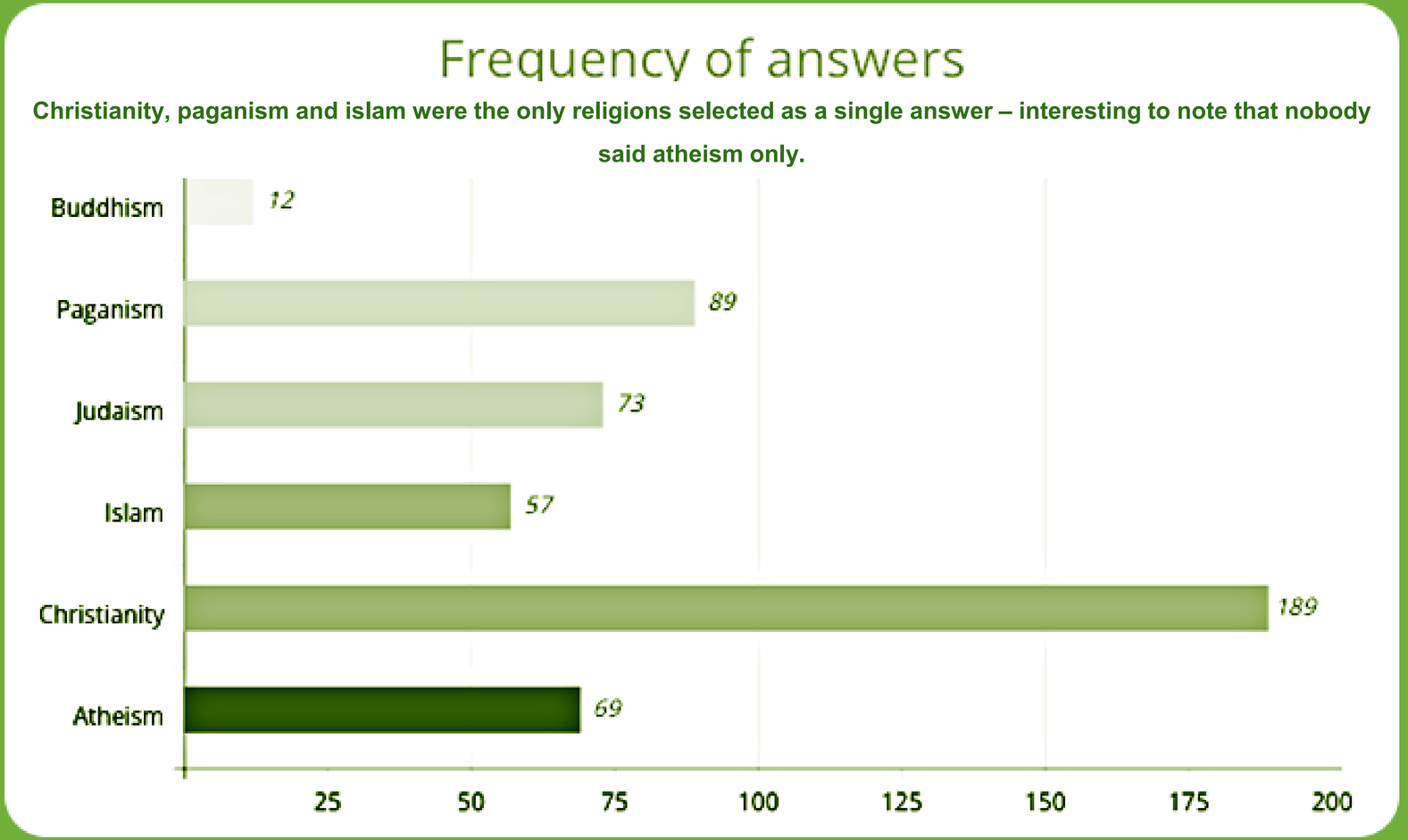
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QUESTION 11: IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT RELIGIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE?



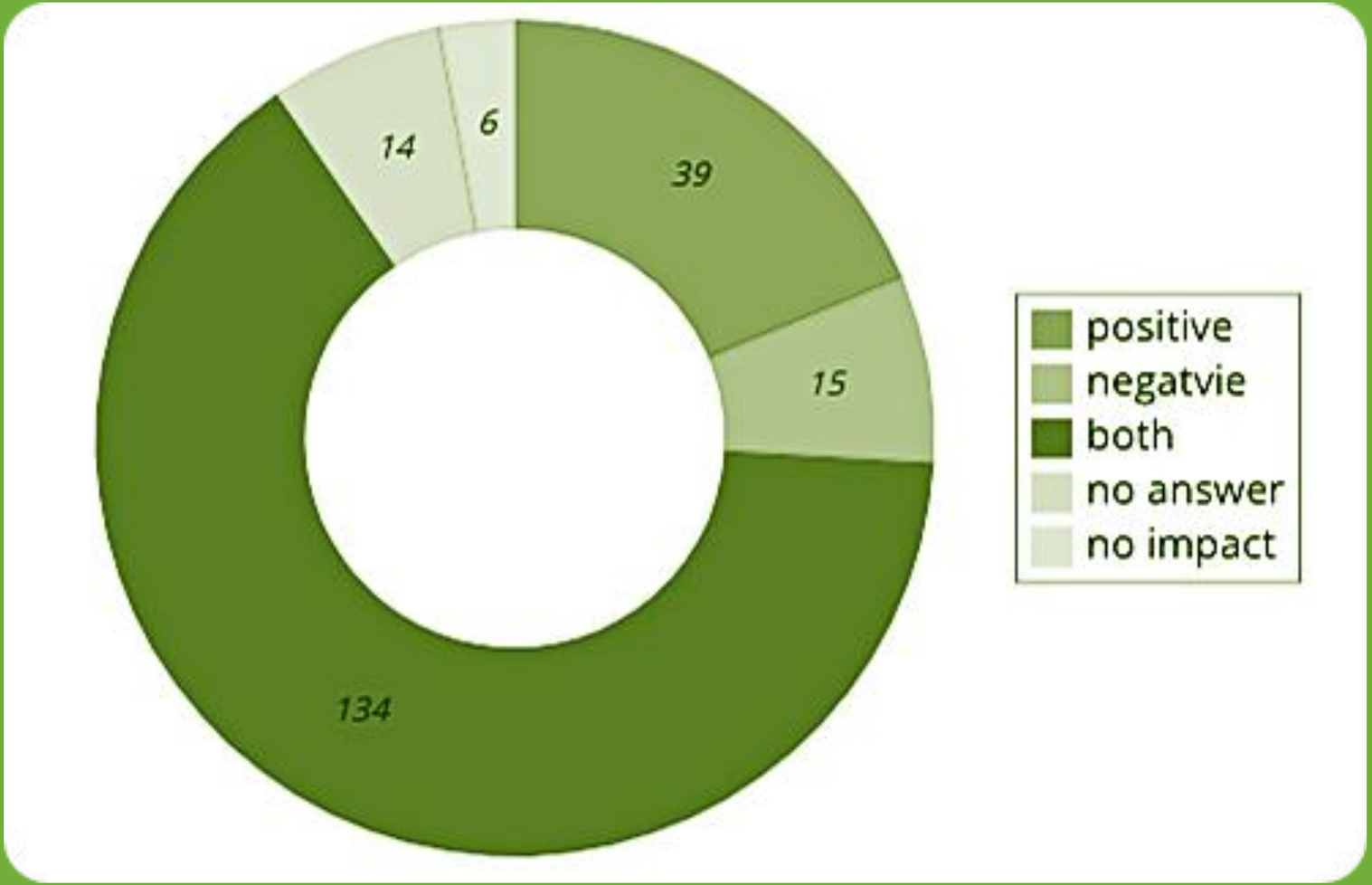
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QUESTION 12: WHICH BRANCHES OF CHRISTIANITY DO YOU ASSOCIATE MORE WITH EUROPEAN HERITAGE?



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QUESTION 13: HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE IMPACT OF RELIGIOUS VALUES ON EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE?



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Crossing data: trends and patterns

- The majority of ‘positive impact’ answers come from Eastern European countries and Baltic countries (and only a few from Italy and Germany)
- The majority of ‘negative impact’ answers come from female and non-binary people answering, and they are geographically heterogeneous
- Among the answers that consider Christianity (the most selected option) part of the EU common heritage, 152/189 (80,5%) claim that religion has either a negative or both a positive and negative impact

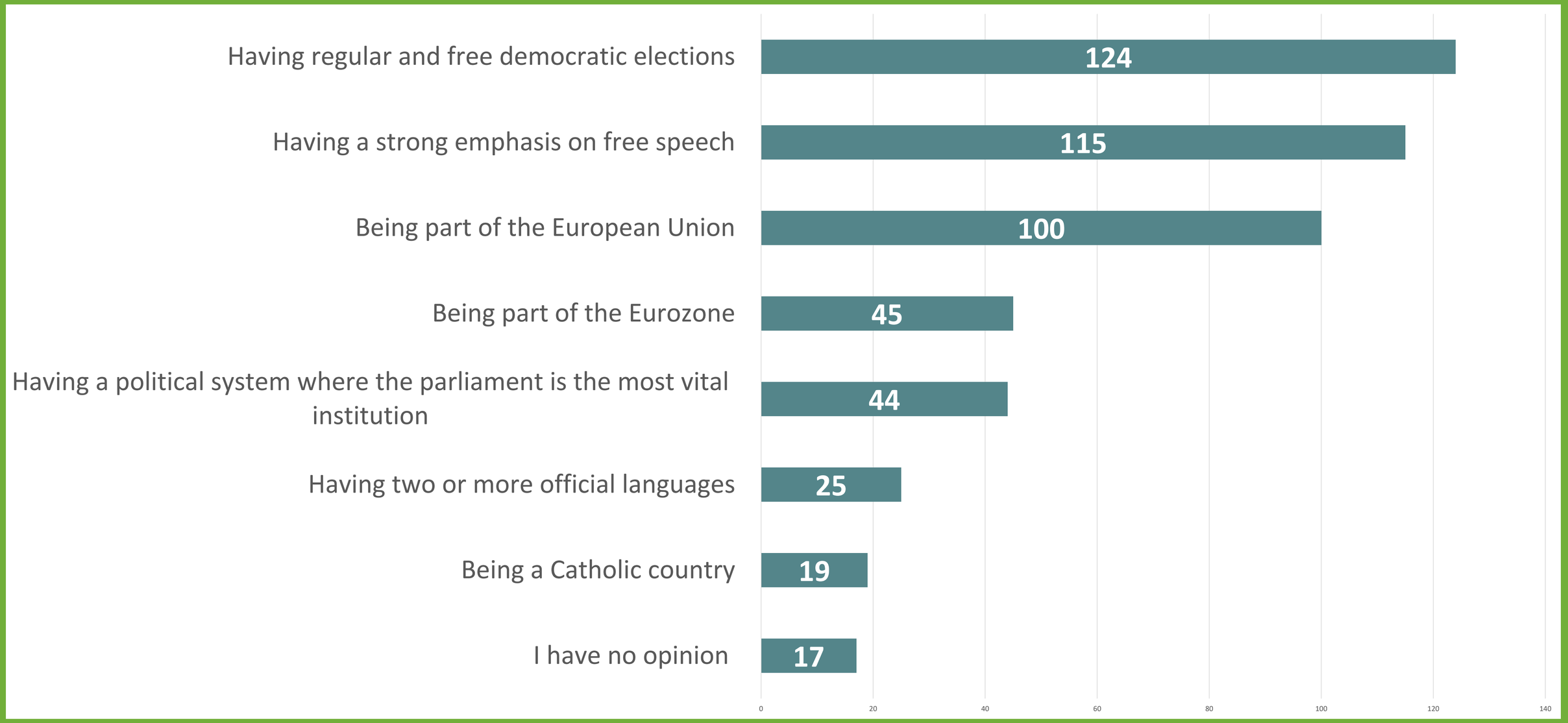
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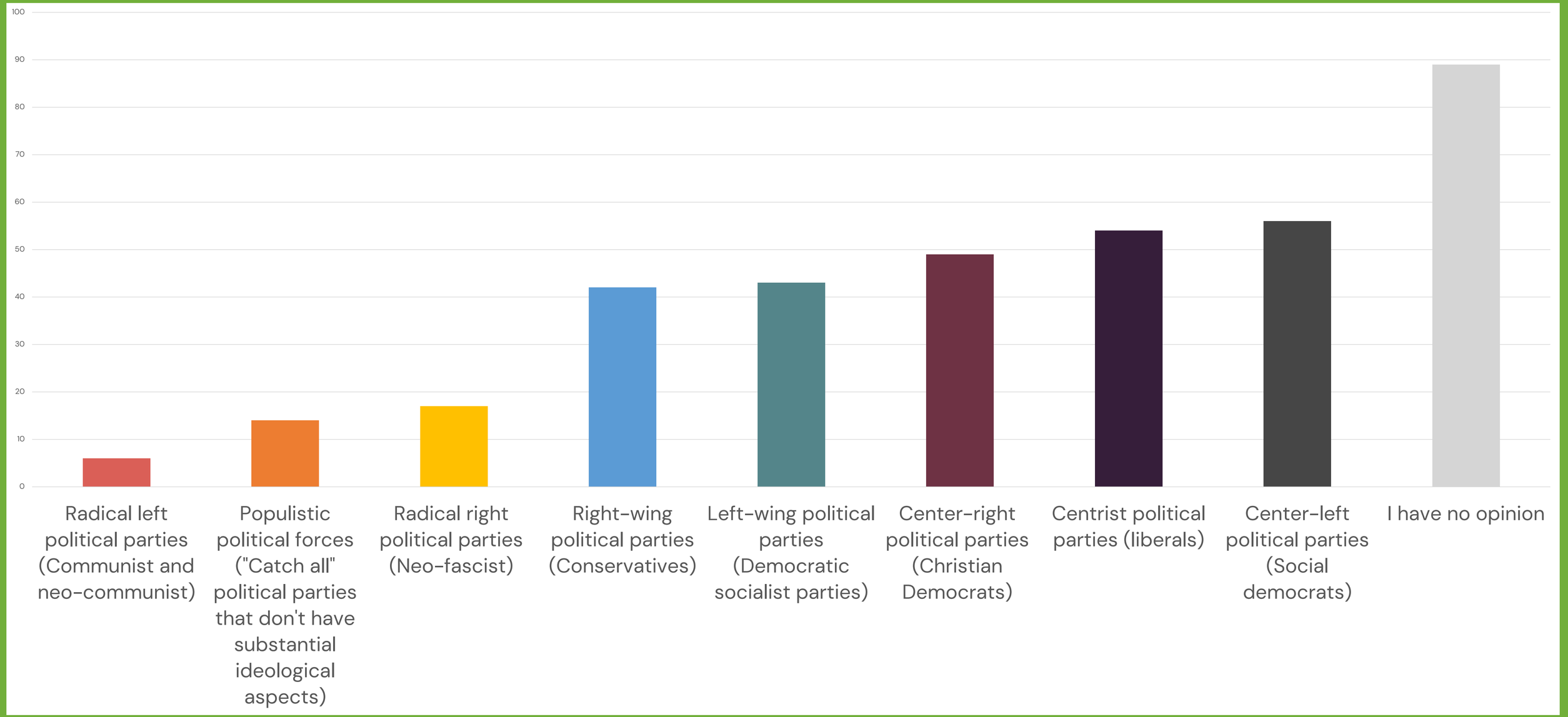
RELIGION AND THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

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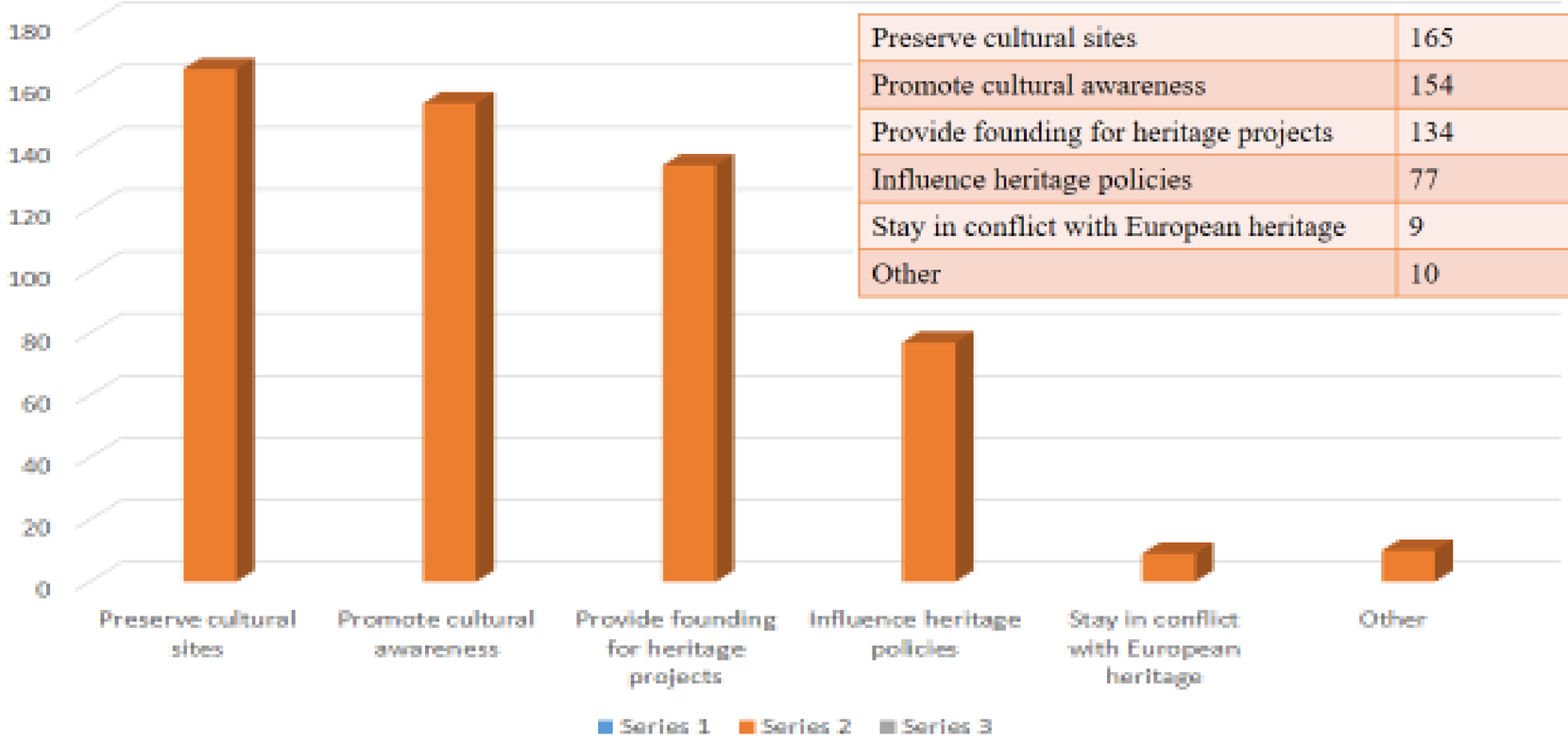
Question 14: What significant political aspect shows that the state can be identified as part of the European civilisation?



Question 15: What political forces are the most interested in preserving European identity and cultural heritage?

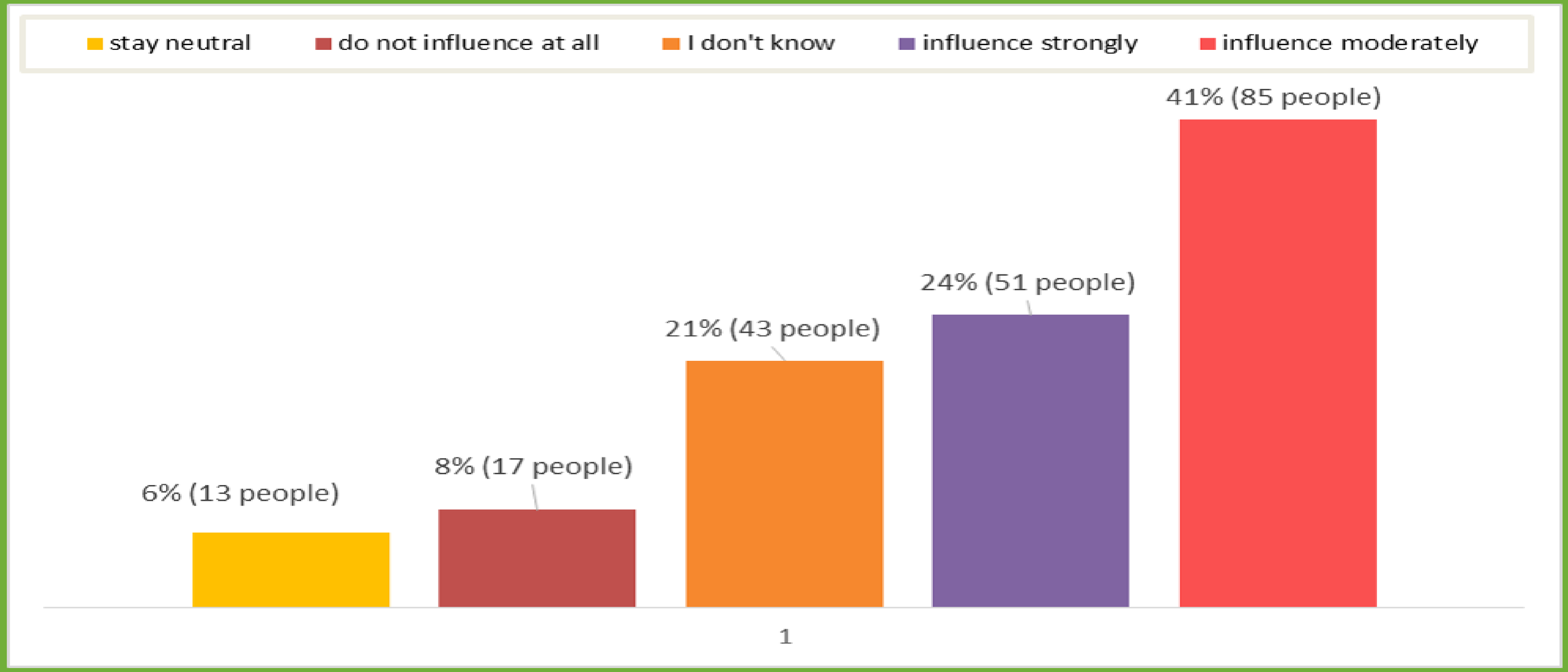


Question 16 – How do international organizations like UNESCO affect European heritage?



Preserve cultural sites	165
Promote cultural awareness	154
Provide founding for heritage projects	134
Influence heritage policies	77
Stay in conflict with European heritage	9
Other	10

QUESTION 17: HOW DO THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS INSTITUTIONS INFLUENCE THE IDEA OF A COMMON EUROPEAN HERITAGE?

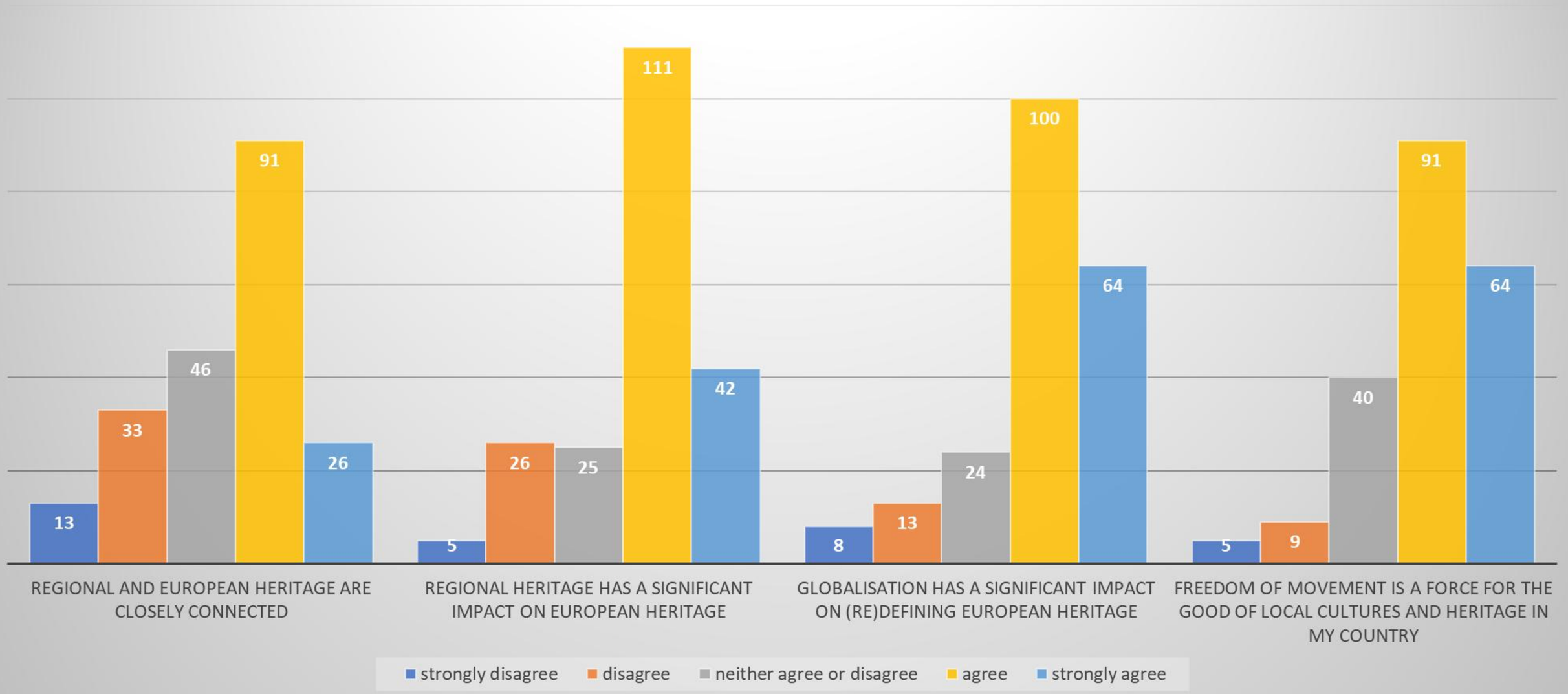


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OPINIONS ON THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

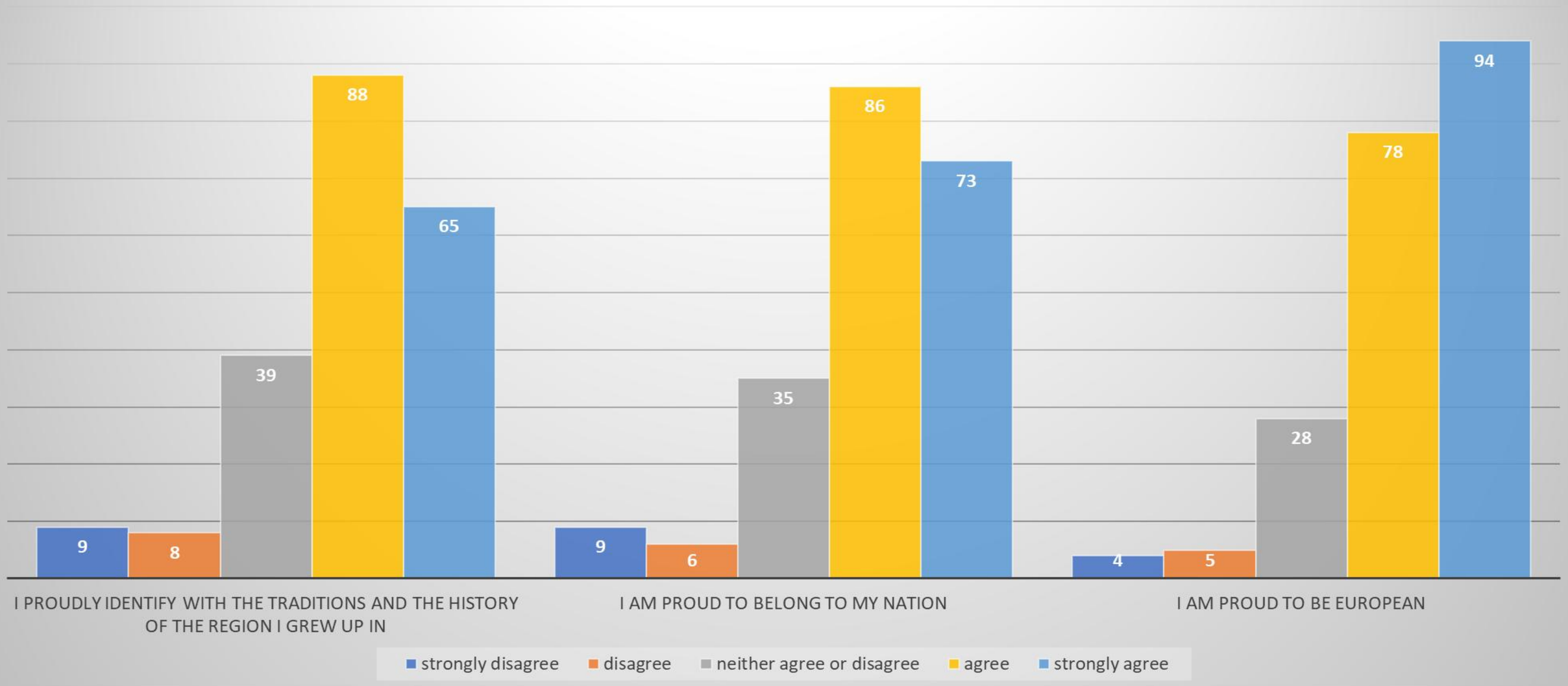
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Question 18: How much do you agree with the following statements?



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Question 19: How much do you agree with the following statements?



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