

Is the Egyptian Military interested in genuine reform?

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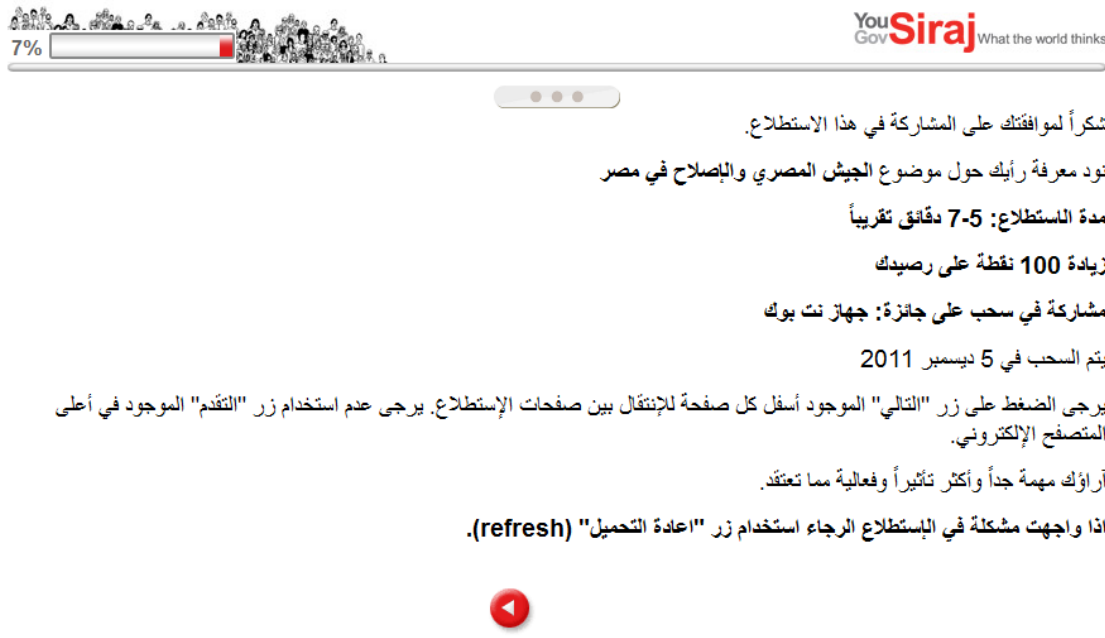
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METHODOLOGY

- The research was conducted using **YouGov's regional online panel of 220,000+ respondents**. Since the topic under discussion in this poll was most relevant to Egyptians, only those residing in Egypt were invited to participate in the survey.
- A total of **1,033 respondents** completed the **5-7 minute** survey.
- Fieldwork was conducted from the **14th to 19th of November 2011**.



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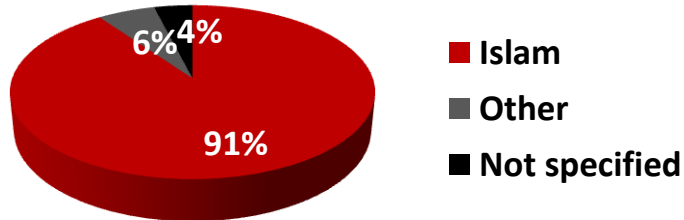
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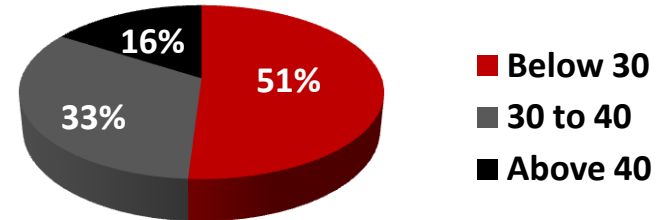
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Respondent demographics

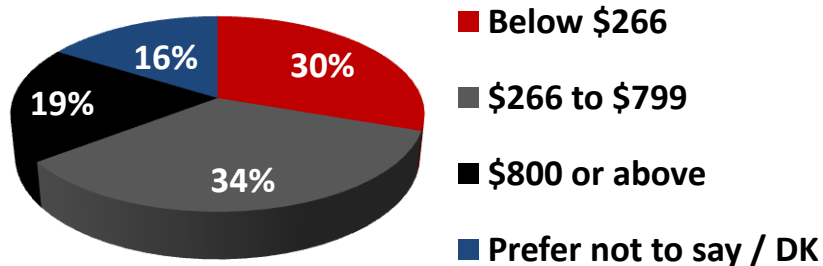
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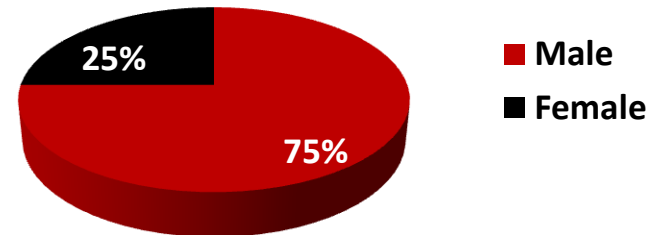
AGE



MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME



GENDER



Total Base= 1,033

Cities of residence

Cairo
Total= 362
(35%)



Alexandria
Total= 142
(14%)



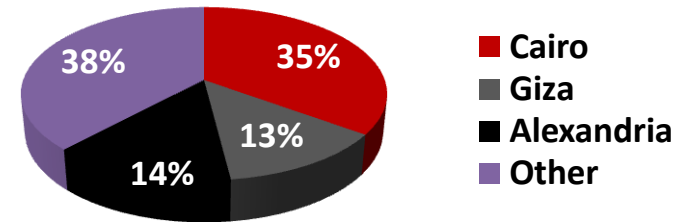
Giza
Total= 135
(13%)



Other
Total= 394
(38%)



CITY OF RESIDENCE



Total Base= 1,033

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executive summary (1/2)

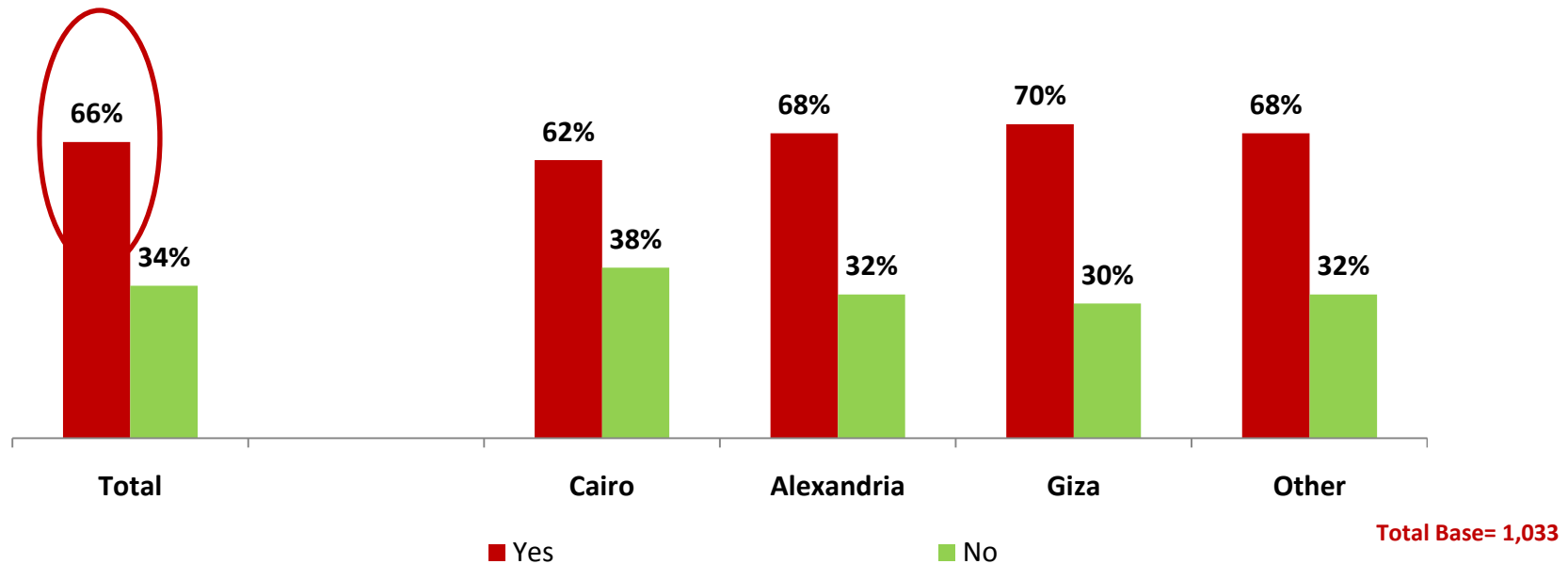
- 2 in 3 Egyptians believe the Egyptian Military is interested in genuine reform.
 - Although this belief was mostly consistent across age groups, younger respondents have less 'faith' in the Military, with 38% of those below the age of 30 believing the Military is NOT interested in genuine reform (vs. only 21% of those aged 40+).
 - Non-Muslims also tend to be more divided in their opinion.
- Those who question the army's interest in genuine reform believe that it is not only acting in the same way as the old regime but it is also supporting the delay of trials of old regime politicians. These individuals rate 'safety and security' and 'political reform' as the issues on which the Military is most failing to deliver.
 - Respondents' life-stage appears to affect their 'priorities'. While those aged 30+ are most concerned with the Military's inability to provide a safe and secure environment, those in the younger age group are most frustrated by their failure to deliver swift political reform.
- On the other hand, those who believe the army is interested in genuine reform feel their opinion is supported by the fact that 'the army protected and supported the revolution from the start'. They also believe real change cannot happen overnight and the army is doing its job in helping the country move forward during the transitional phase while political parties consolidate themselves.
 - Some of these individuals justify the human right abuses, arrests, violence still going on in Egypt by claiming these practices are needed to provide safety and security to the country at large and that the army needs time to 'fix' the situation in Egypt. Some also blame the ongoing violence on ex-regime followers still trying to impose old regime policies.
- At an overall level, those in Egypt believe the army's biggest priorities right now are ensuring people's safety and security, securing swift and fair elections and providing a clear timeline and plan for the transitional phase. Interestingly, although the intensity of their opinions may differ, this same order of priorities is shared by respondents whether they believe the Military is interested in genuine reform or not.

- Two-third of respondents are also confident 'fair and democratic elections' will take place in Egypt, with confidence being highest among the older age group, Muslims as well as those who believe the Military is interested in genuine reform.
- Overall, opinion on whether the Military is doing a 'good' or 'bad' job at addressing Egypt's economic problems is almost evenly split. One-fourth of respondents also felt it is not the army's responsibility to 'fix' the economy.
 - As would be expected, those who believe the army is interested in genuine reform are most likely to perceive it is doing a good job on the economy while those who doubt the Military's intentions are most likely to feel it is doing a poor job at fixing the country's economic situation.
- Views on whether people are better off now are largely divided, with 36% of respondents saying 'yes, things are better now', 30% saying 'things are the same as before' and another 25% saying 'things are worse now'. Those who question the Military's interest in genuine reform are likely to have the least positive view of the current situation.
- Overall, the largest proportion of respondents believe the Military has done an 'average' job in providing a safe and secure environment in Egypt. Of those with an opinion either way, most tend to have a positive view (40% claiming the army is doing a 'good' or 'excellent' job vs. 24% saying it is doing a 'poor' or 'terrible' job).
 - While those who feel the army is not interested in genuine reform rate its performance on this front as 'bad', those who believe in the Military's intentions have a much more positive view of its performance.
- Finally, regardless of whether they trust the Military's intentions on reform, the largest proportion of Egyptians agree that a strong-handed leader would be best suited to run the country during this transitional stage. Interestingly, both 'camps' are likely to favour a 'quickly elected democratic government' over the Military itself to run the country at this stage.

POLL RESULTS

Two-thirds of Egypt's residents believe the Military is interested in genuine reform

In your opinion, is the Egyptian Military interested in genuine reform in Egypt?

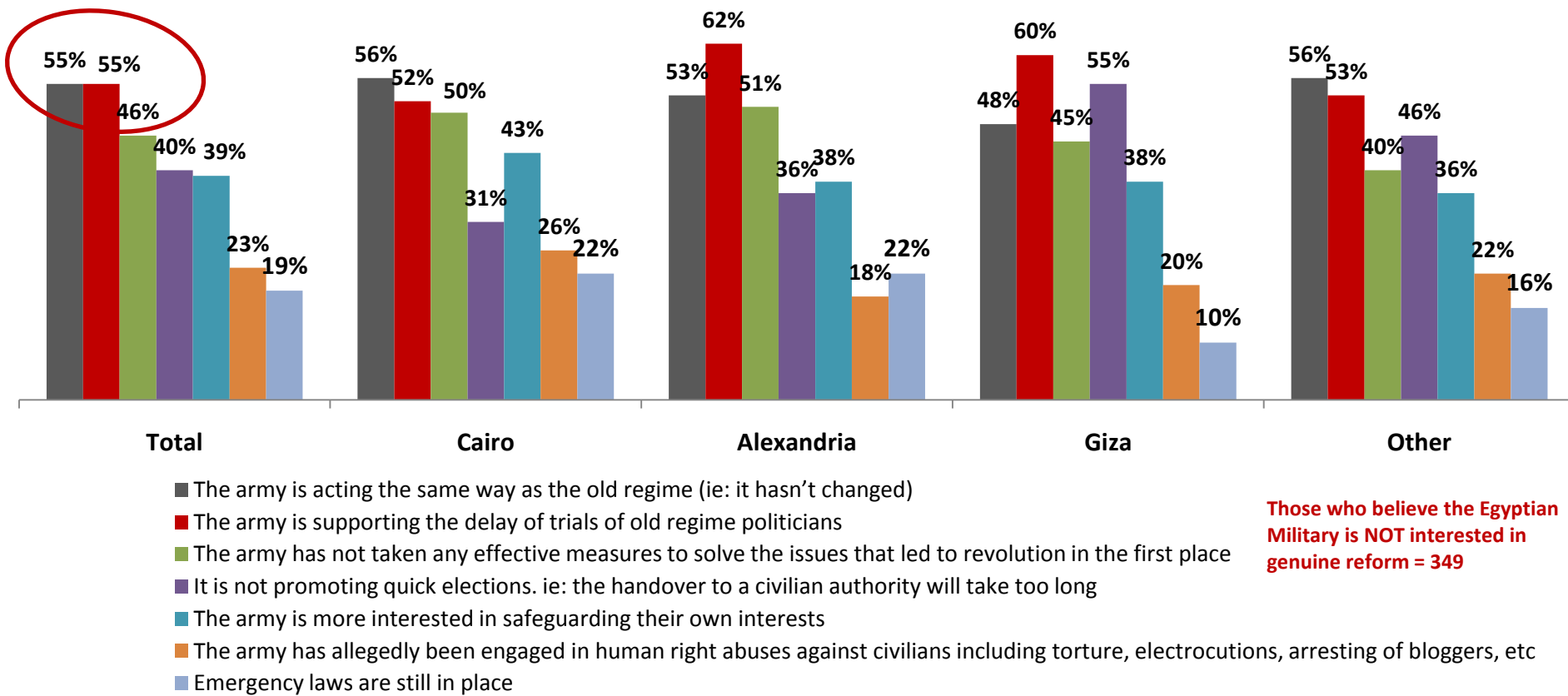


- 2 in 3 Egyptians (66%) believe the Egyptian Military is interested in genuine reform. As illustrated, this perception was consistent across different cities/areas across the country.
- Although this belief was mostly consistent across the various age groups, those from the younger age group appear to have less 'faith' in the Military, with 38% of those below the age of 30 believing the Military is NOT interested in genuine reform (vs. only 21% of those aged 40+). This may be related to the youth's expectations when starting the 'Arab Spring' movement.
- As for the different religions, Muslims in Egypt tend to be most optimistic about the Egyptian Military's intentions, with non-Muslims being largely divided in their opinion (53% saying 'Yes' vs. 47% saying 'No'). *

***small sample size of non-Muslims (n=57).**

Why do some think the Military is NOT interested in genuine reform?

What makes you think the Egyptian Military is not interested in genuine reform? (Select UP TO 3 reasons)

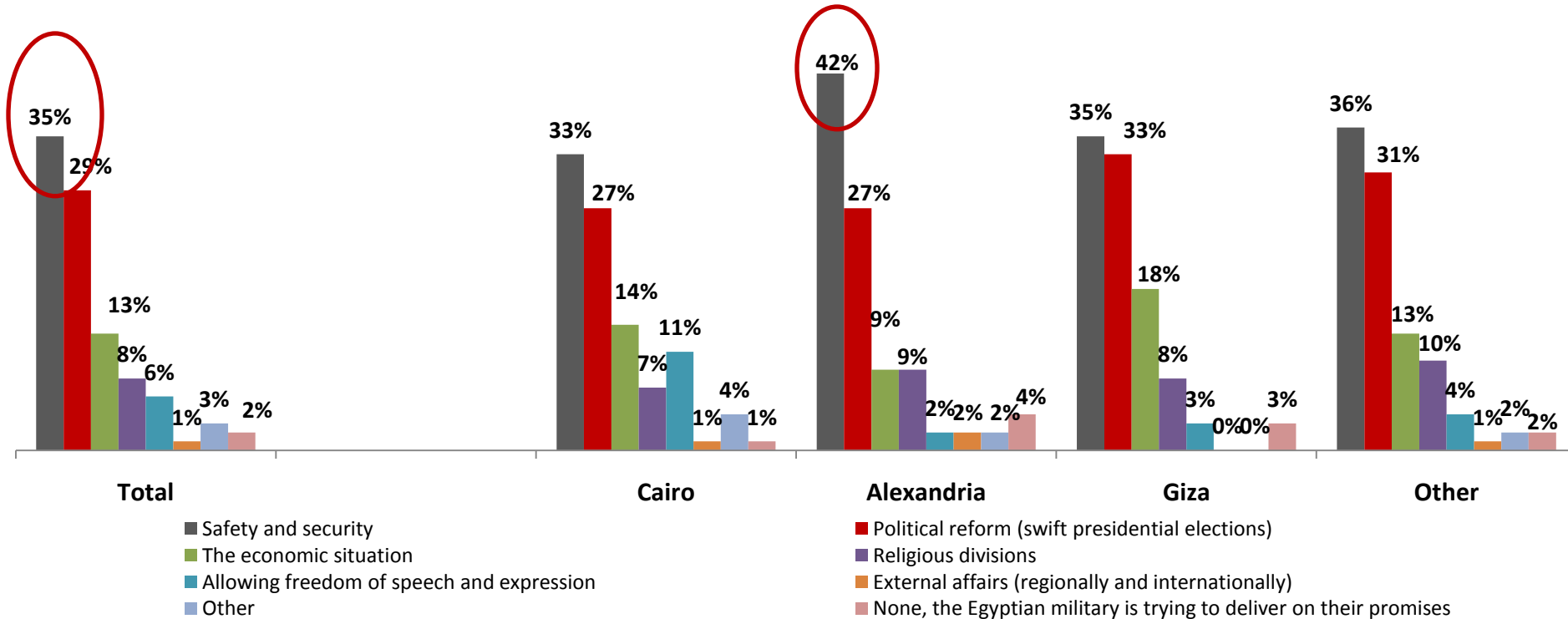


Those who believe the Egyptian Military is NOT interested in genuine reform = 349

- Those who question the army's interest in genuine reform believe that it is not only acting in the same way as the old regime (55%) but it is also supporting the delay of trials of old regime politicians (55%).
- More than half (55%) of those interviewed in Giza also expressed frustration with the fact the army is not promoting quick elections.

In what area(s) is the Military most failing to deliver?

In which area do you think the Egyptian Military is most failing to deliver/neglecting the most? (Select one only)

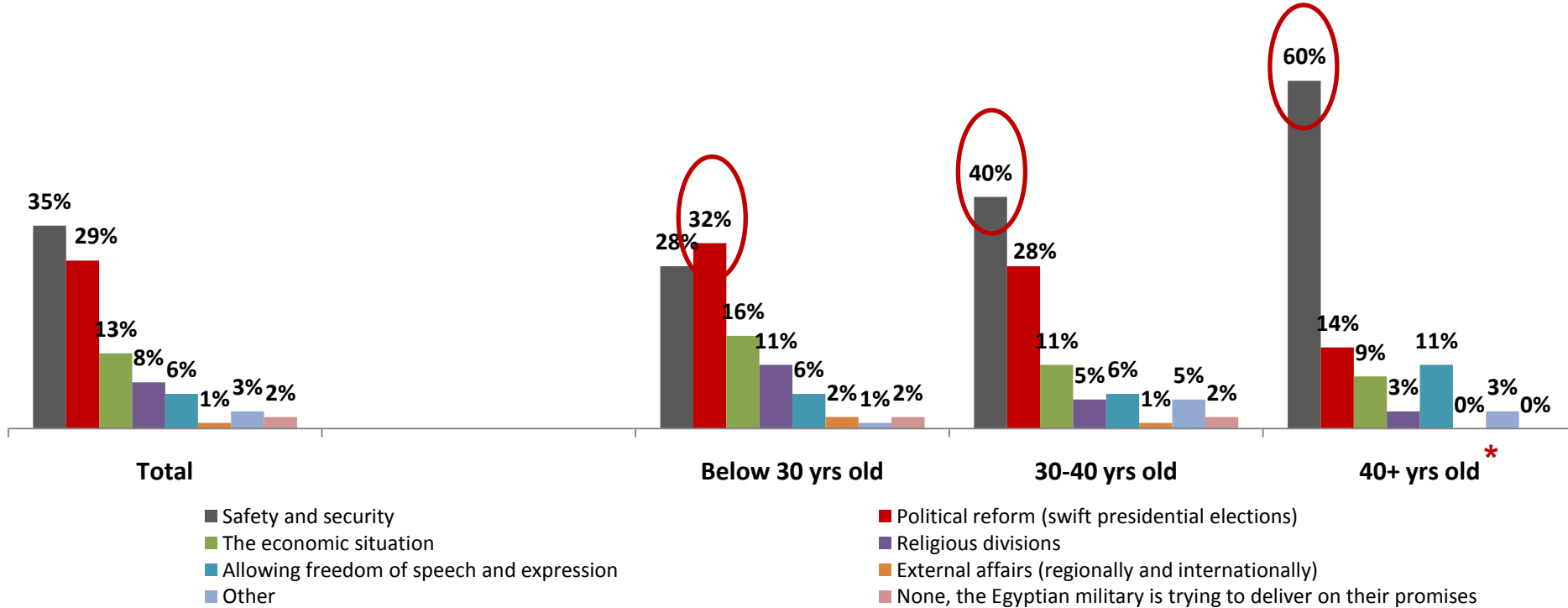


Those who believe the Egyptian Military is NOT interested in genuine reform = 349

➤ Those who believe the Egyptian Military is NOT interested in genuine reform, selected 'safety and security' (35%) and 'political reform' (29%) as the most neglected areas. Alexandria residents are especially likely to feel the army is failing to provide a safe and secure environment to the people (42%).

While Egyptian youth is keenest on 'reform', older residents most interested in 'safety and security'

In which area do you think the Egyptian Military is most failing to deliver/neglecting the most? (Select one only)



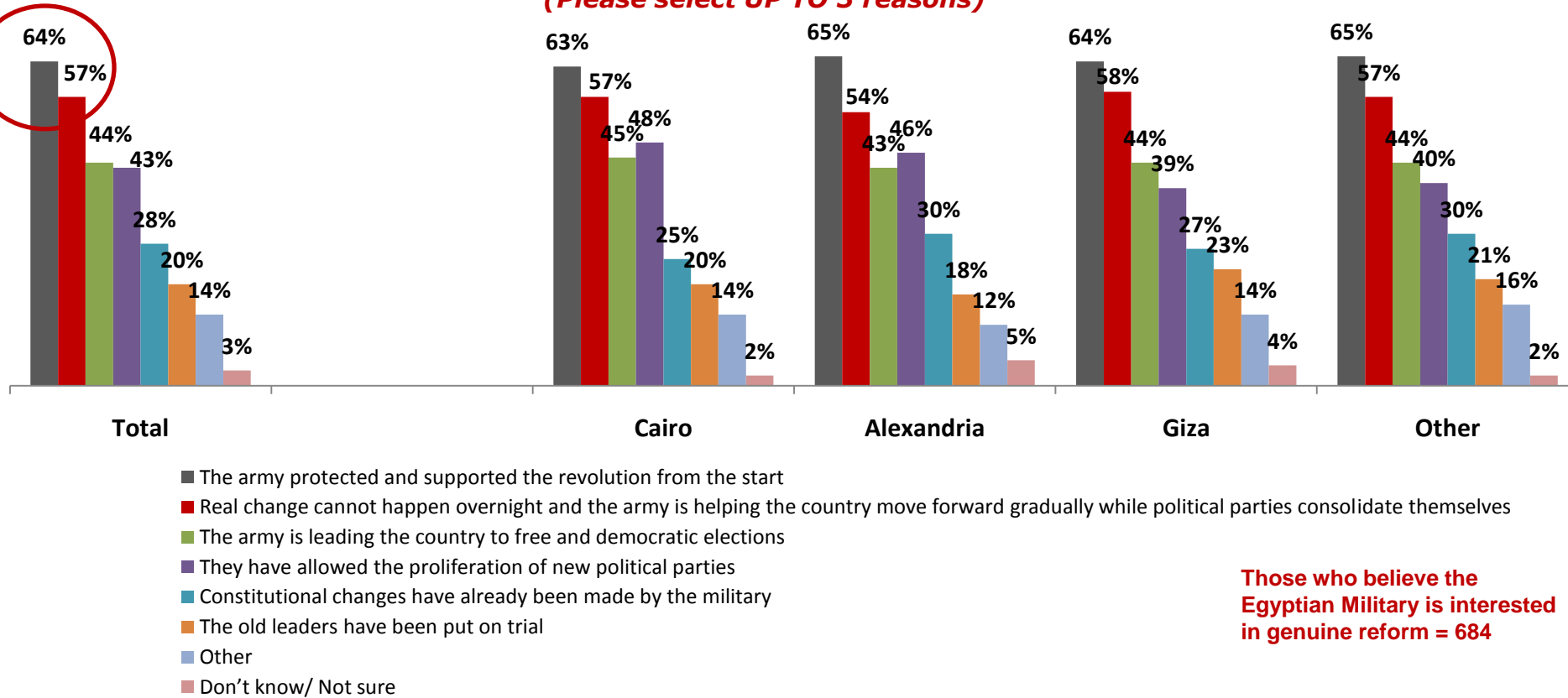
Those who believe the Egyptian Military is NOT interested in genuine reform = 349

* Small sample size

➤ Interestingly, respondents' life-stage appears to affect their 'priorities'. While those aged 30+ are most concerned with the Military's inability to provide a safe and secure environment to the people, those in the younger age group are most frustrated by their failure to deliver swift political reform.

On the other hand, why do many believe the Military IS interested in delivering genuine reform?

**What makes you think the Egyptian Military is interested in genuine reform?
(Please select UP TO 3 reasons)**

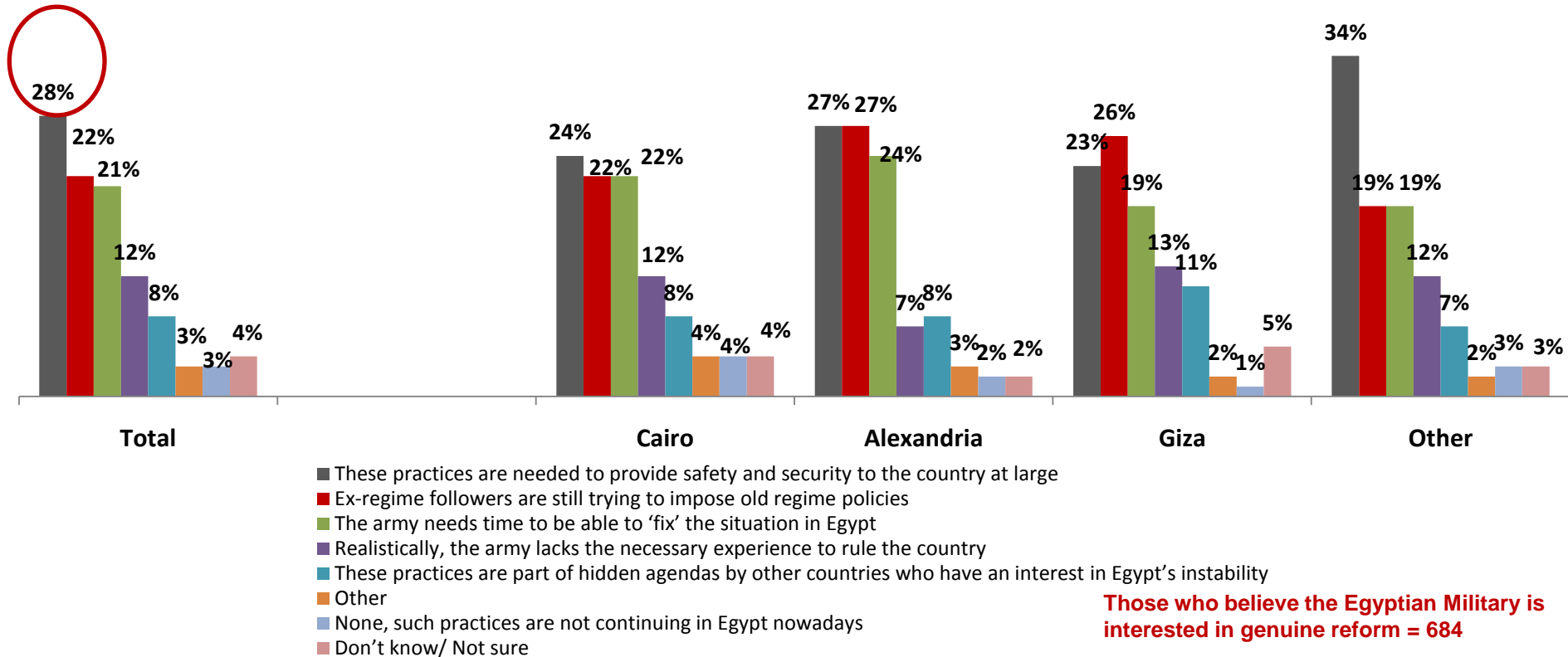


Those who believe the Egyptian Military is interested in genuine reform = 684

- Those who believe the army is interested in genuine reform feel their opinion is supported by the fact that 'the army protected and supported the revolution from the start' (64%). They also believe real change cannot happen overnight and the army is doing its job in helping the country move forward during the transitional phase while political parties consolidate themselves (57%).
- This general sentiment is shared across different cities (see above) and age groups.

To some, the violence practiced by the Egyptian Military is justifiable...

If you believe the Egyptian Military is interested in reform, why do you think practices such as human right abuses, arrests, violence and Military trials are still going on in Egypt? (Please select one only)

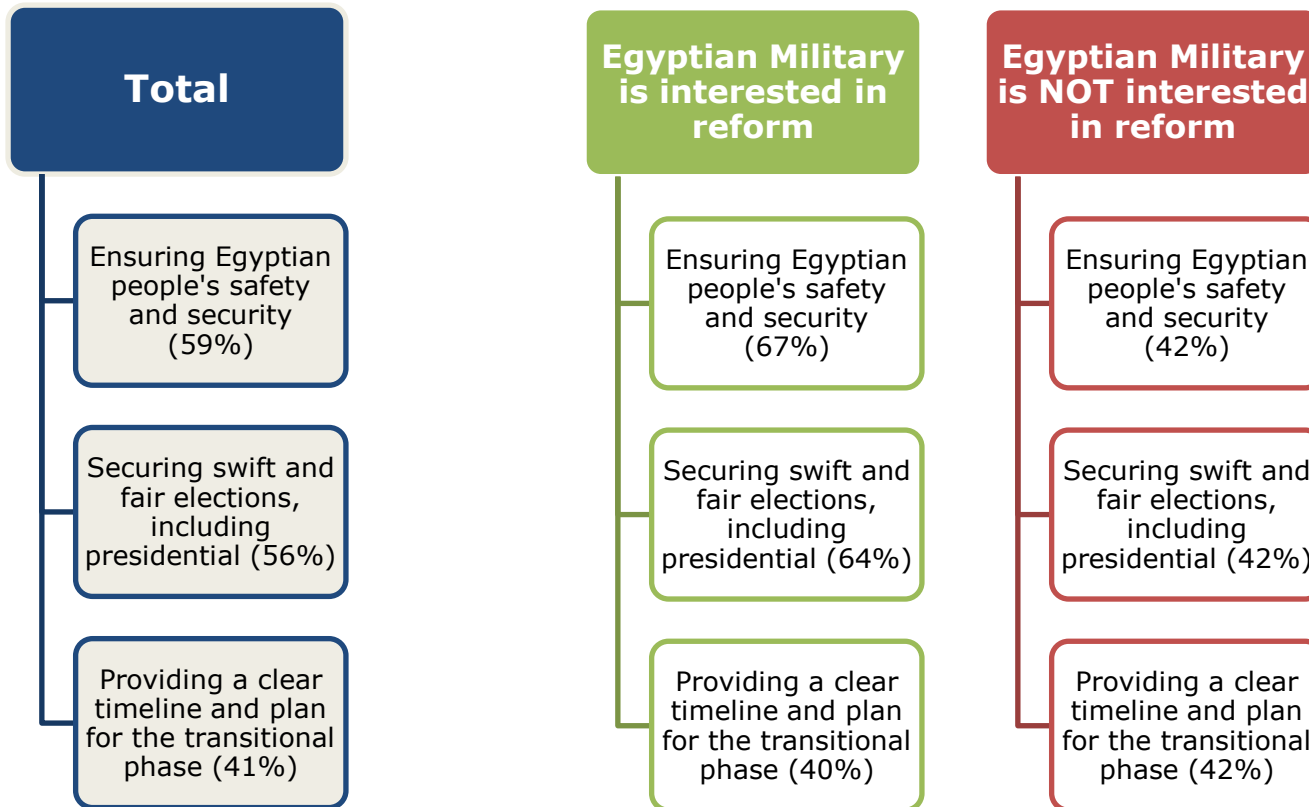


Those who believe the Egyptian Military is interested in genuine reform = 684

➤ Those who believe the Egyptian Military is interested in genuine reform justify the human right abuses, arrests, violence still going on in Egypt by saying these practices are needed to provide safety and security to the country at large (28%). Respondents also blame the ongoing violence and human rights abuses on ex-regime followers still trying to impose old regime policies (22%) and the fact the army needs time to 'fix' the situation in Egypt (21%).

What are the Military's biggest priorities right now?

In your opinion, what are the Egyptian Military's biggest priorities right now? (Select UP TO 3)

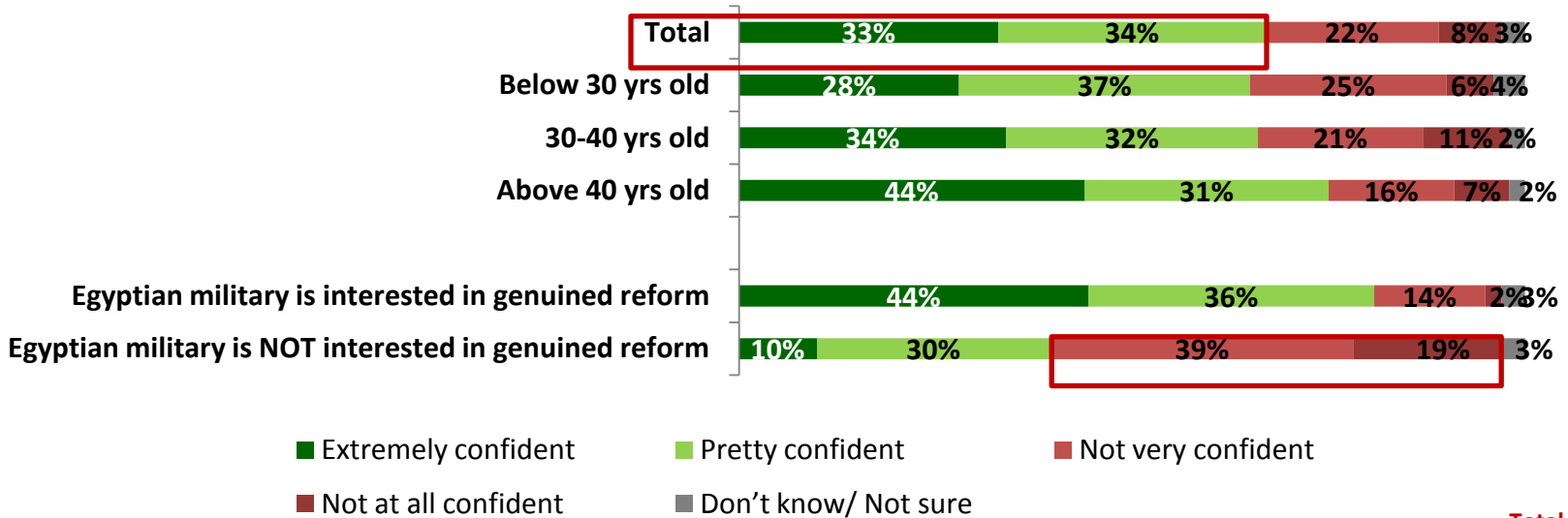


Total Base= 1,033

- At an overall level, those in Egypt believe the army's biggest priorities right now are ensuring people's safety and security (59%), securing swift and fair elections (56%) and providing a clear timeline and plan for the transitional phase (41%).
- Interestingly, although the intensity of their opinions may differ, this same order of priorities is shared by respondents whether they believe the Military is interested in genuine reform or not.

Most are confident 'fair and democratic elections' will take place in Egypt

How confident are you that 'fair and democratic elections' will actually take place in Egypt?

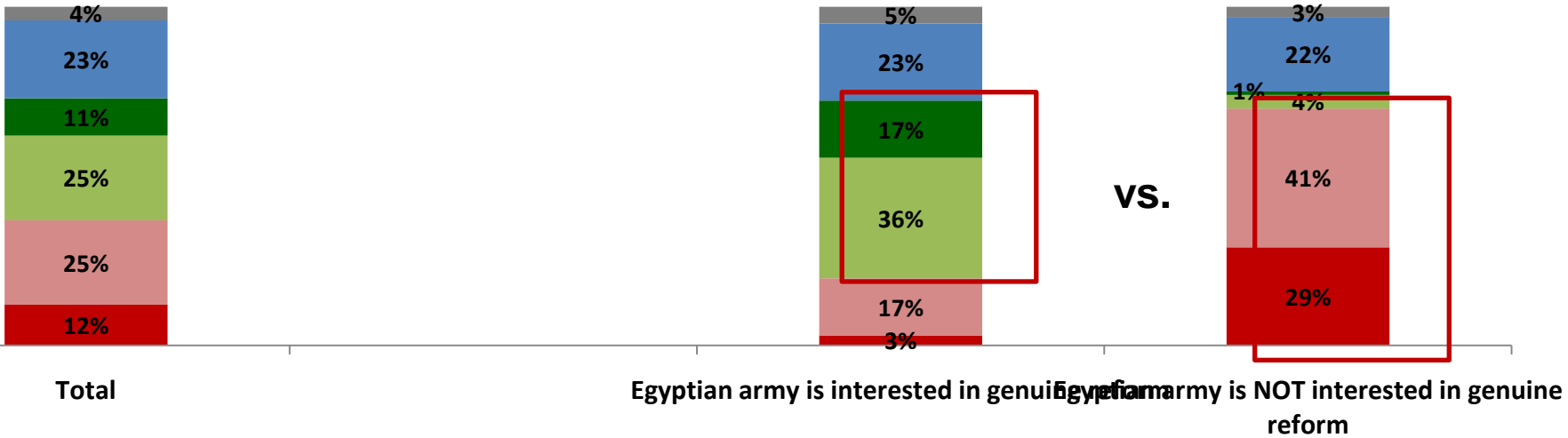


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- 2 in 3 respondents (67%) are confident 'fair and democratic elections' will take place in Egypt. Confidence is highest among those aged 40+ (75%) and those living outside the main cities listed, mainly the south (73%).
- It is also worth noting that non-Muslims are not as hopeful, with only 37% stating they are confident (vs. 69% Muslims).
- Perhaps unsurprisingly, while those who believe the Egyptian Military is interested in genuine reform feel most confident fair and democratic elections will indeed take place (80%), those who doubt the Military's intentions are more skeptical, with 58% having no confidence 'fair and democratic' elections will happen.

Opinion largely divided on the Military's handling of the economy

The poor economic situation was one of the main reasons why the revolutions started across the Arab world, including Egypt. In your opinion, how well or badly is the Egyptian Military addressing the economic problems in the country?



- Extremely badly, the army's actions are making the economy even worse
- Pretty badly, they are not doing as much as they should be
- Pretty well, they are doing just as expected
- Extremely well, they are doing more than expected
- It is not the army's responsibility to 'fix' the economy
- Don't know/ Not sure

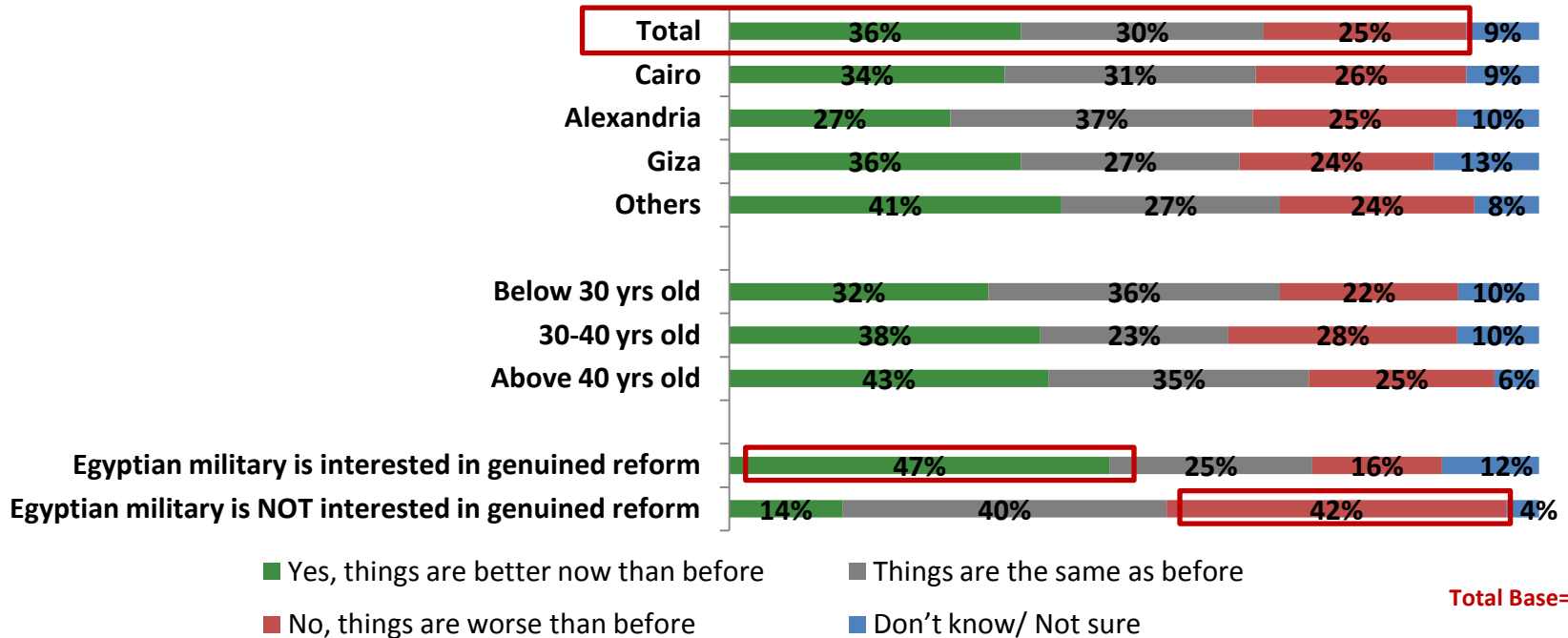
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➤ Overall, opinion on whether the Military is doing a 'good' or 'bad' job at addressing Egypt's economic problems is almost evenly split (37% claiming it is doing a 'bad' job vs. 36% claiming it is doing a 'good' job). A further 23% of those interviewed believe it is not the army's responsibility to 'fix' the economy.

➤ As would be expected, those who believe the army is interested in genuine reform are most likely to perceive it is doing a good job on the economy (53%) while, on the other hand, those who doubt the Military's intentions are most likely to feel it is doing a poor job at fixing the country's economic situation (70%).

Mubarak vs. Egyptian Military- Which regime was better for Egyptian people?

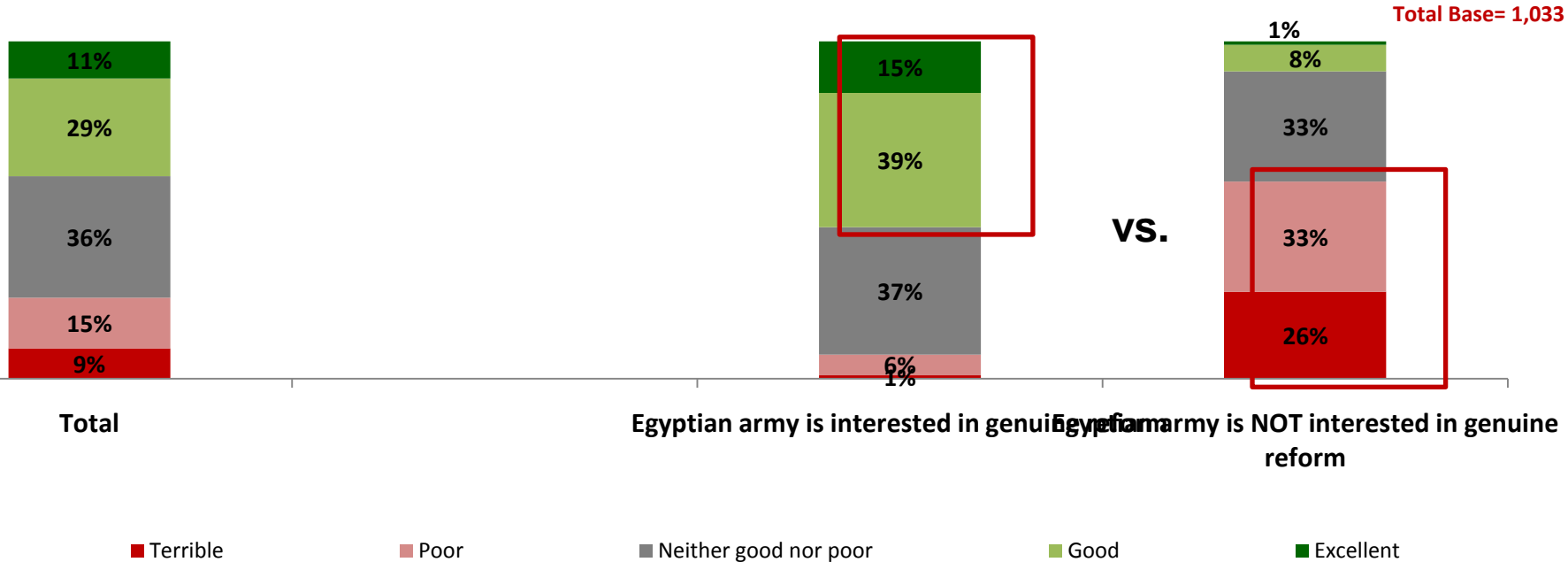
*In your opinion, are Egyptians better off now under the Military's rule than they were under the old regime?
(Please select one only)*



- When asked whether they felt people are better off now after ousting the regime, the results reveal a highly split opinion with 36% saying 'yes, things are better now', 30% saying 'things are the same as before' and another 25% saying 'things are worse now'. Those who question the Military's interest in genuine reform are likely to have the least positive view of the current situation (42% saying things are worse now than before and another 40% expressing disappointment that things are the same as before).
- On the other hand, those who trust the army's interest in reform are most positive about developments under the Military's rule, with 47% believing things are better off now.

Many ambivalent regarding the Military's ability to provide a secure and safe environment in Egypt...

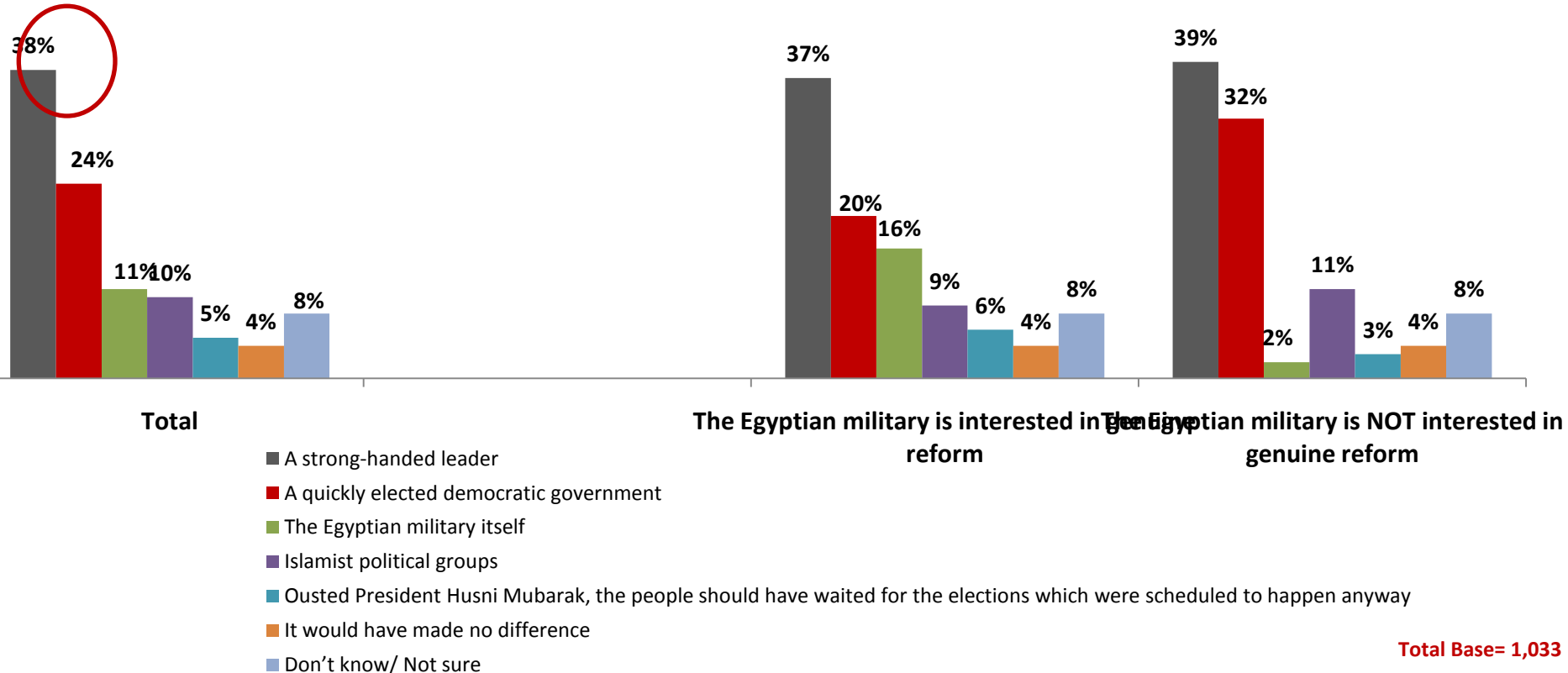
How would you rate the Military's performance in providing a secure and safe environment in Egypt?



- At an overall level, the largest proportion of respondents believe the Military has done an 'average' job ('neither good nor poor') in providing a safe and secure environment in Egypt. Of those with an opinion either way, most tend to have a positive view (40% claiming the army is doing a 'good' or 'excellent' job vs. 24% saying it is doing a 'poor' or 'terrible' job).
- As expected, those who feel the army is not interested in genuine reform rate its performance in providing a secure and safe environment to the people as 'bad' (26% 'terrible', 33% 'poor'). Conversely, those who believe the Military is interested in genuine reform have a much more positive view of its performance, with more than half of them (54%) believing the army is doing a good job in proving safety and security (39% 'good', 15% 'excellent').

Most want a strong-handed leader to run Egypt in this transitional phase

Finally, who from the list below do you think is/would have been the best to run the country in the transitional stage? (Please select one only)



➤ Regardless of whether they trust the Military's intentions on reform, the largest proportion of Egyptians agree that a strong-handed leader would be best suited to run the country during this transitional stage. Interestingly, both 'camps' are likely to favour a 'quickly elected democratic government' over the Military itself to run the country at this stage.

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