

# **Egypt: Towards Democratic Elections**



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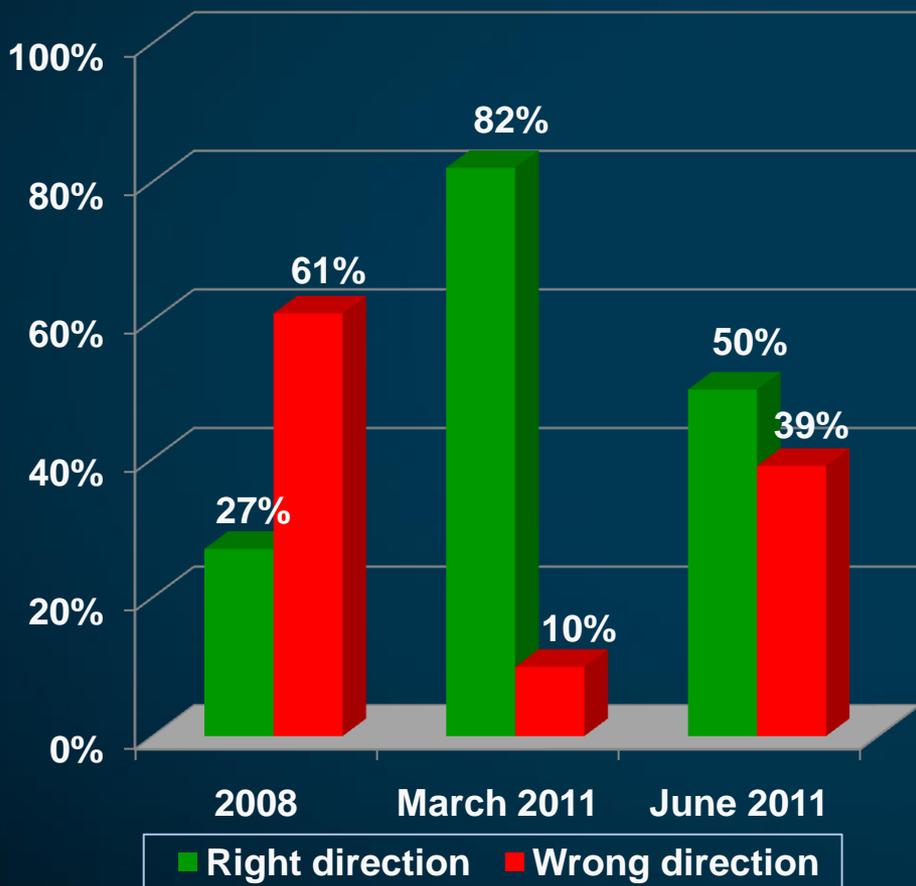
# Executive Summary

- **Egypt's optimism wanes as economic and security concerns mount, with security worries greatest in Cairo and Fayoum.**
- **The Army and the judiciary still enjoy widespread popularity.**
- **Sharaf, Moussa, and Tantawi are the most popular political figures, with Moussa well ahead on the presidential vote.**
- **Likely turnout is high country-wide but below-average in Cairo and among women, especially older women.**
- **Wafd and Brotherhood still lead for People's Assembly, but older parties besides MB have lost votes and "don't knows" risen as many little-known new parties emerged.**
- **Secular parties lead religious parties among voters with preferences, and Salafists are weak, but half expressed no party preference.**
- **Most don't knows have never voted, know little of parties, so voter education needs are big.**
- **Moussa leads across all regions, while Wafd is strongest in Nile Delta and Canal Zone, MB in Fayoum and Coast.**

# Egyptians' mood remains optimistic, but less as economic and security concerns have increased.

*Generally speaking, do you think things in Egypt are going in the right direction or wrong direction?*

*Biggest National Problem*



	June 2011	March 2011
• Economy:	54%	35%
• Demonstrations:	15%	17%
• Crime:	13%	5%
• Corruption:	6%	8%
• Democracy:	1%	5%

# Security concerns significantly higher in Fayoum and Greater Cairo, demonstrations in the Suez Canal Zone and the Coast.

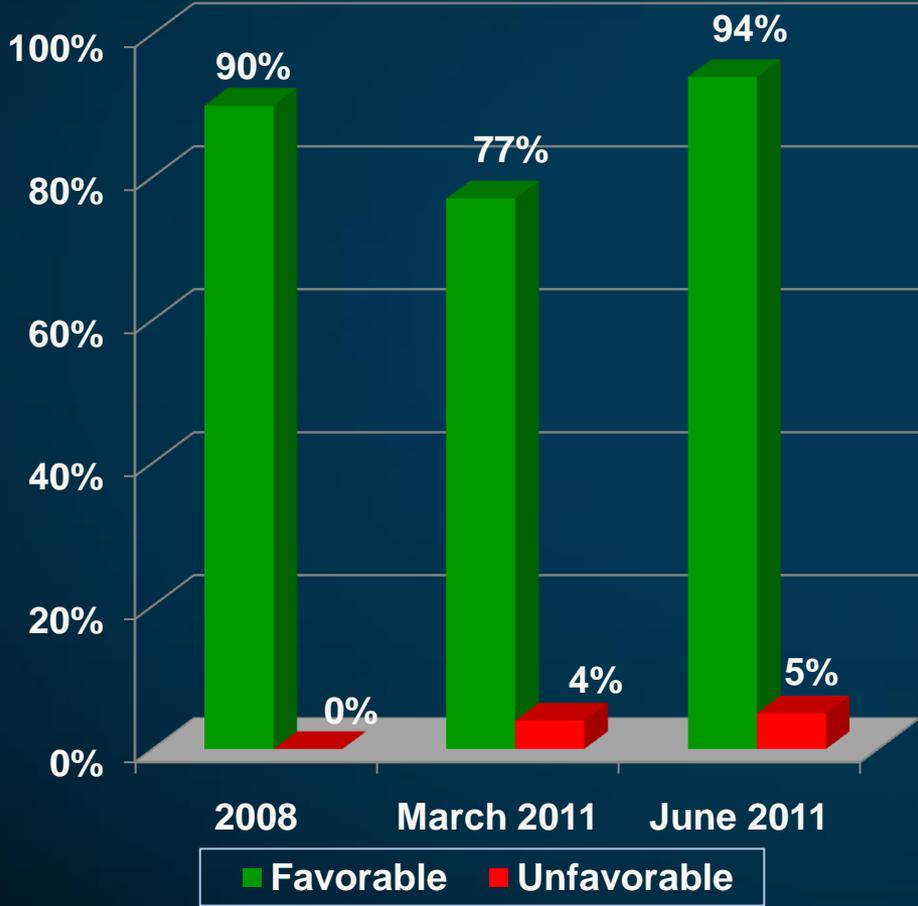
*In your view, what is the biggest problem facing Egypt?*

	Greater Cairo	Suez Canal Zone	Central Nile Delta	Fayoum	South Upper Egypt	Coastal Regions
Economy	58%	60%	63%	22%	51%	61%
Demonstrations	10%	34%	15%	6%	18%	24%
Security/crime	21%	-	4%	26%	17%	6%
Corruption	2%	2%	11%	-	7%	1%

# Egyptian Army remains extremely popular, with its support for the revolution and security its strong points.

*Is your opinion of the Egyptian Army...*

*Please explain your reasons behind your opinion?*



Favorable responses

- Support for the revolution 35%
- Keeping stability/ security 31%
- Legitimate/ ruling country 15%

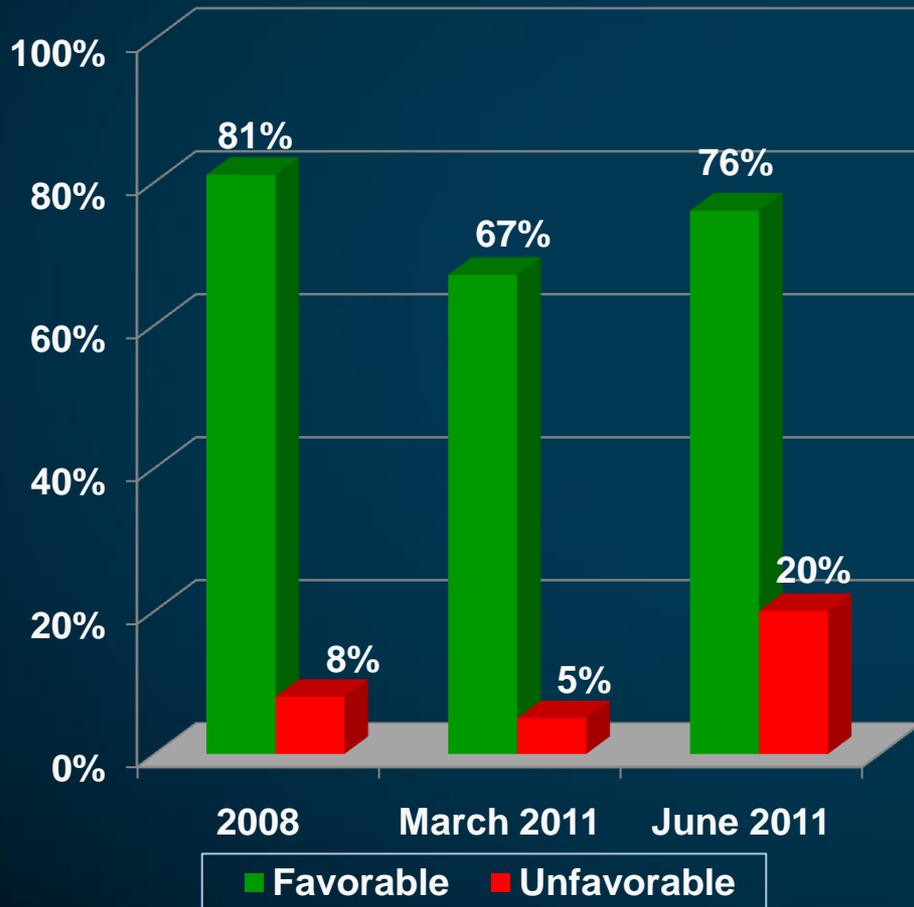
Unfavorable responses

- No experience/ not their place 3%
- Slow in punishing President 2%
- No sense of security 1%

# Judiciary popularity remains solid, reflecting efforts for justice, though slowness and partiality worry some.

*Is your opinion of the Egyptian judiciary...*

*Please explain your reasons behind your opinion?*



## Favorable responses

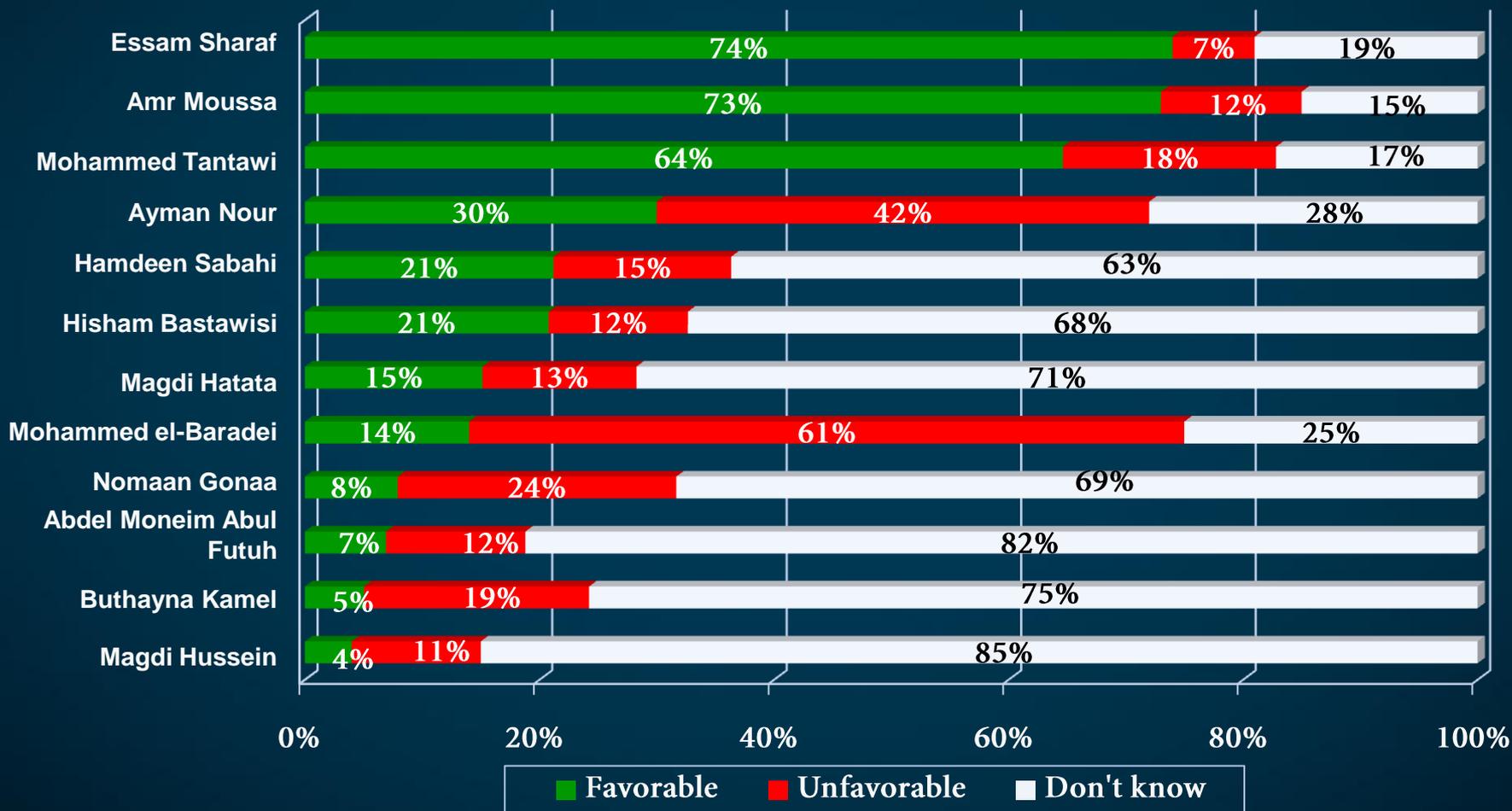
- Works to achieve justice 33%
- Impartial 10%
- Proven to work 3%

## Unfavorable responses

- Slow 18%
- Unfair/ justice not implemented 11%
- Overcome injustice policy 9%

# Sharaf, Moussa and Tantawi most popular presidential possibilities; El- Baradei unpopular.

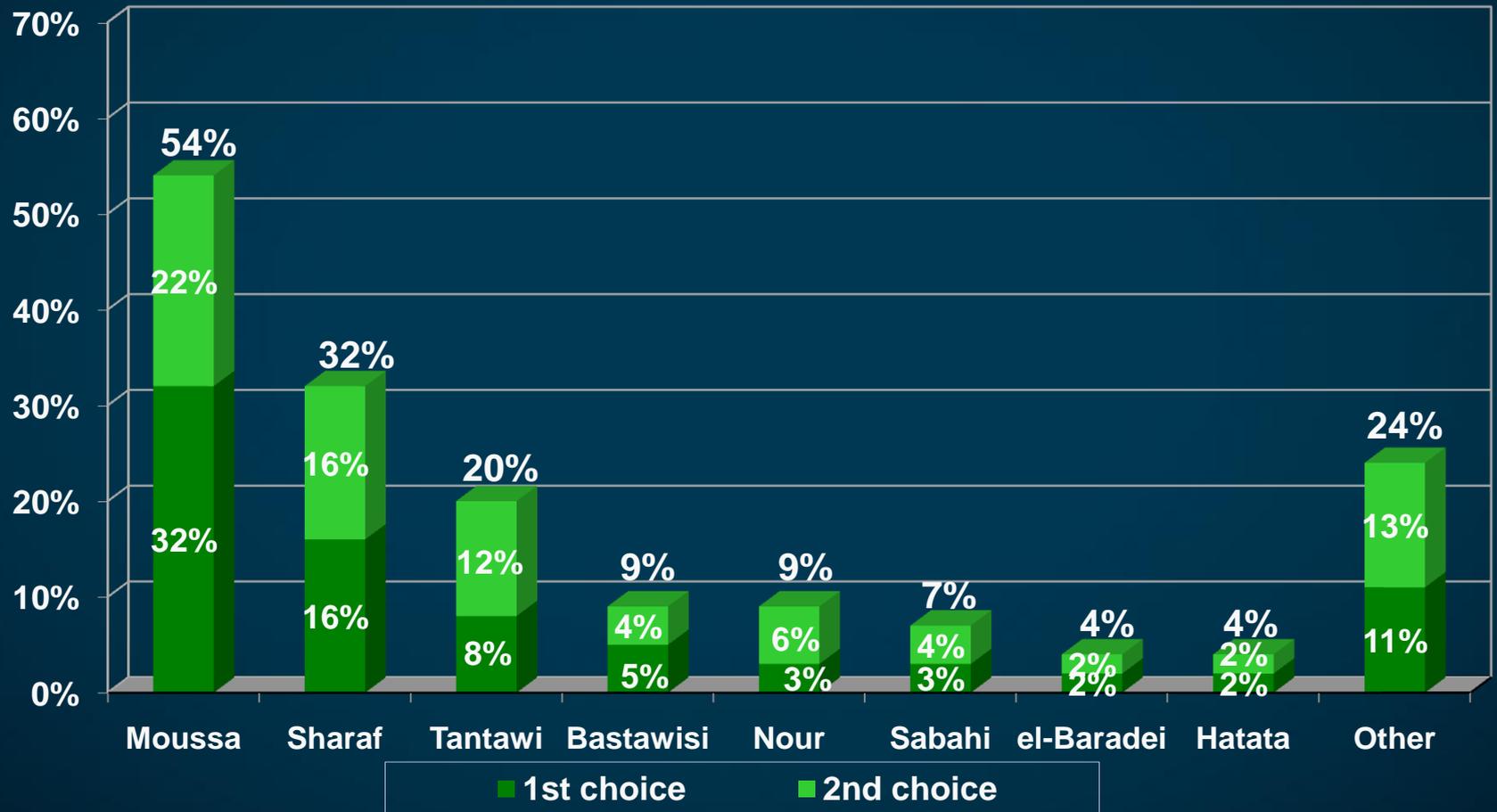
*Is your opinion of...*



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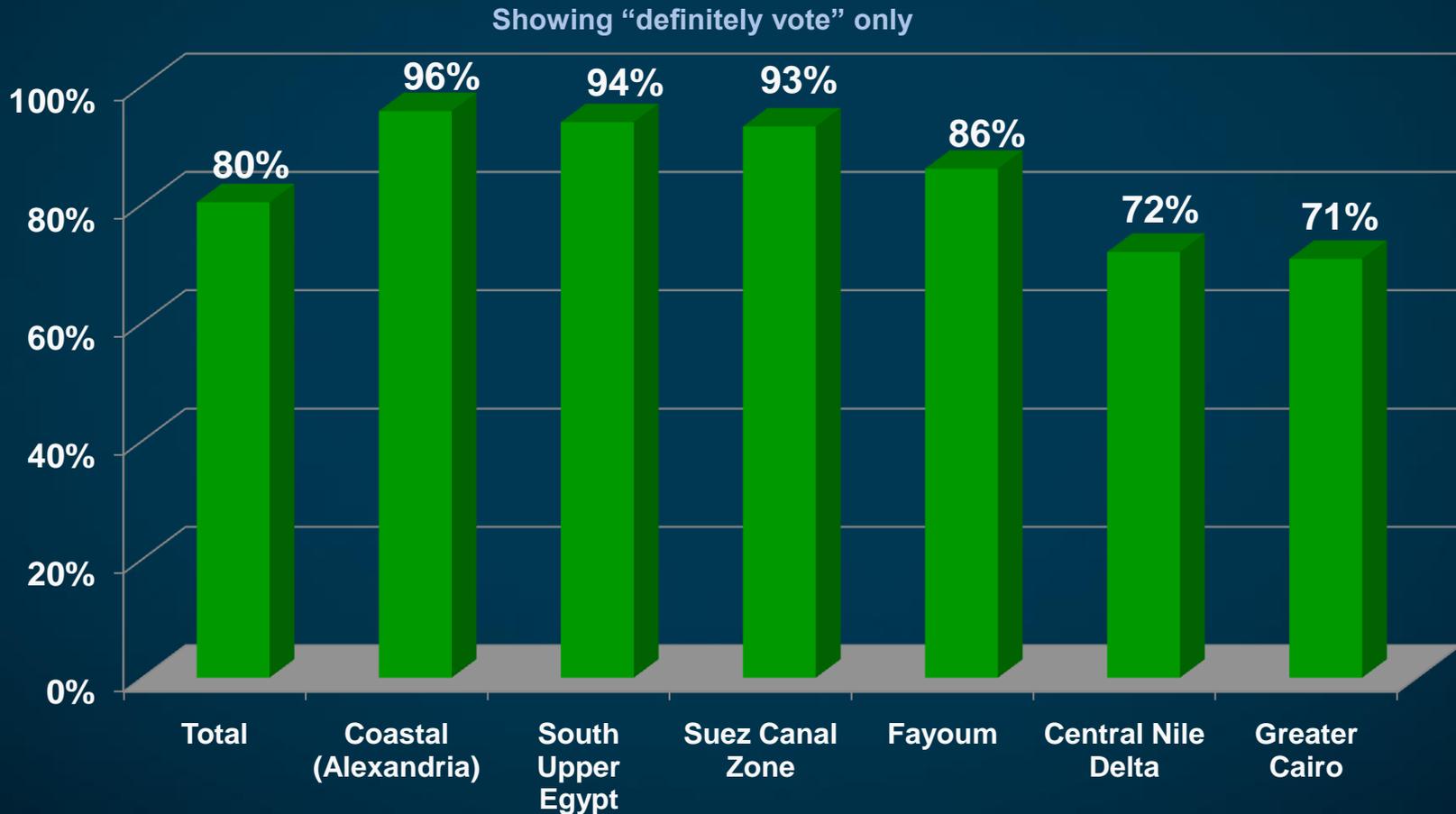
# Moussa remains frontrunner for President, with Sharaf and Tantawi second and third.

*If the Presidential election was held today and the candidates were... who would you vote for?*



# Vote intention is high across Egypt, but lowest in Greater Cairo and Delta.

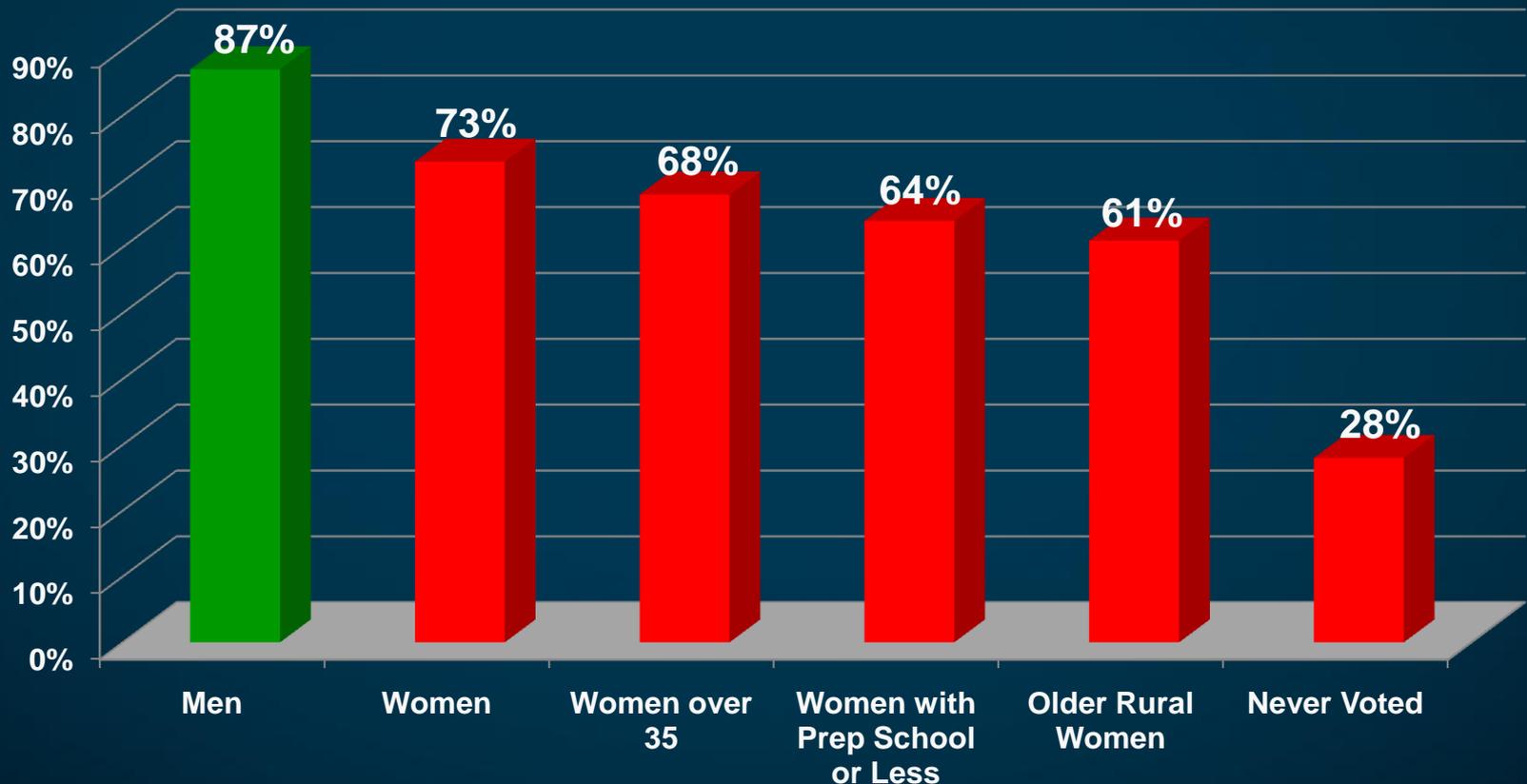
*What are your chances of voting in the election – will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or do you think that you won't vote?*



# Definite turnout lower among women, particularly older and less educated, and previous non-voters.

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Showing “definitely vote” only

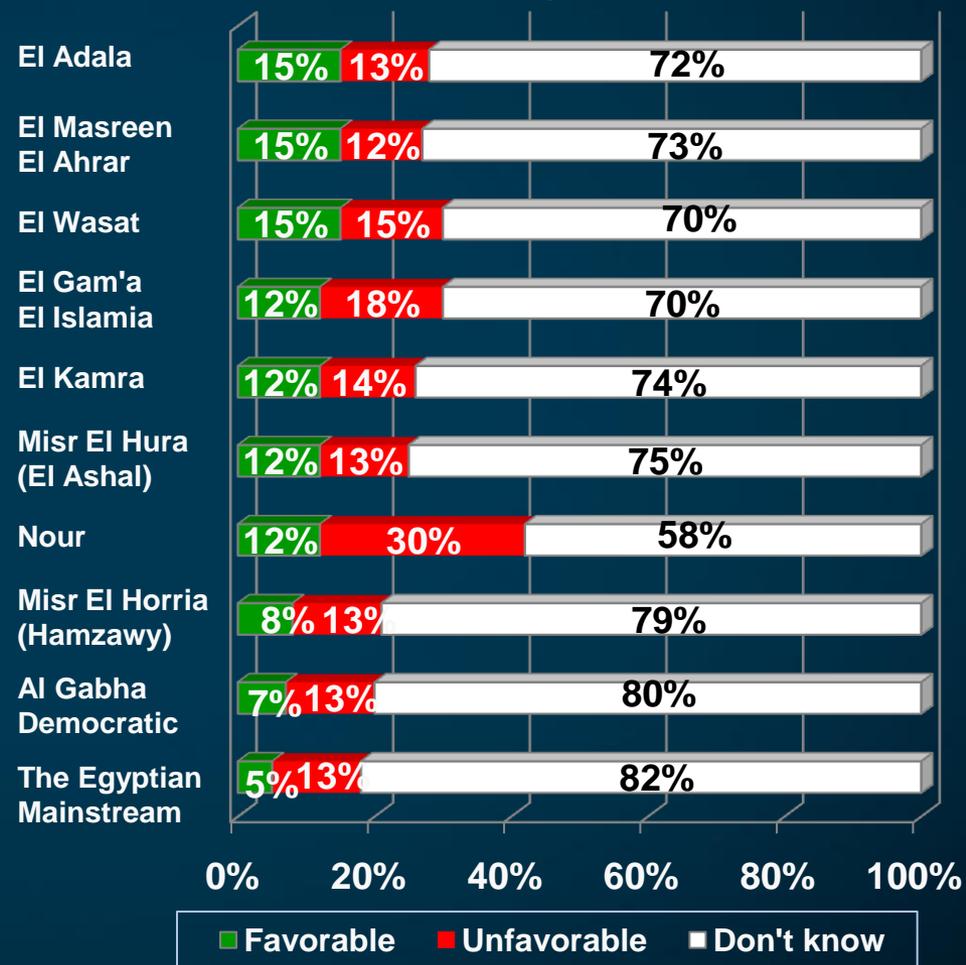
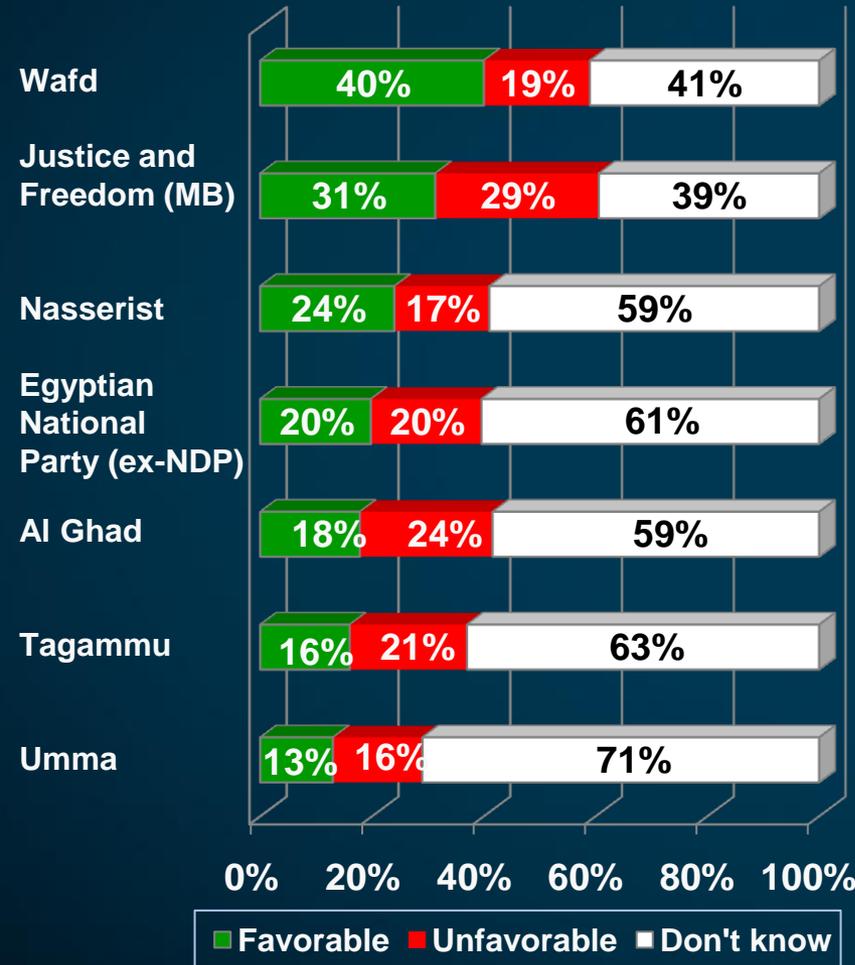


# Wafd and MB parties only ones known by majority; most new parties little known, while Salifis unpopular.

*Is your opinion of...*

Established parties previously in People's Assembly

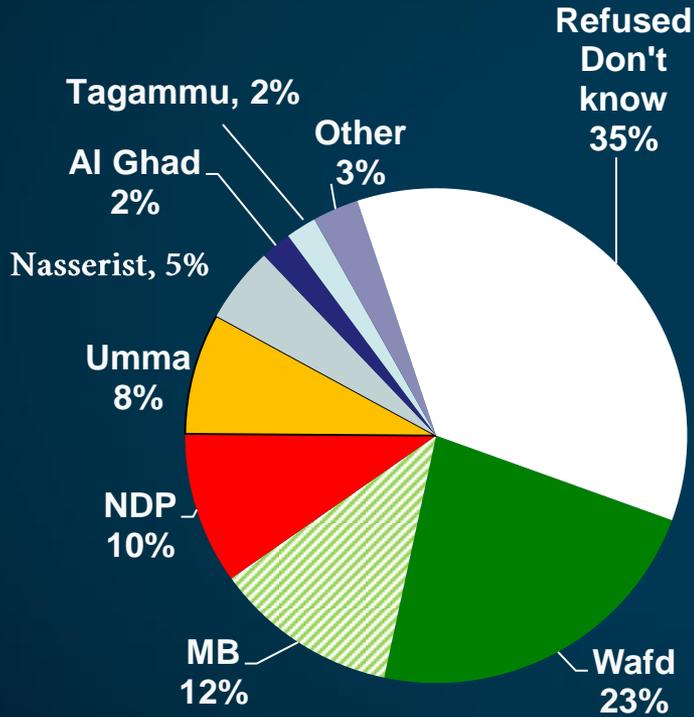
New parties



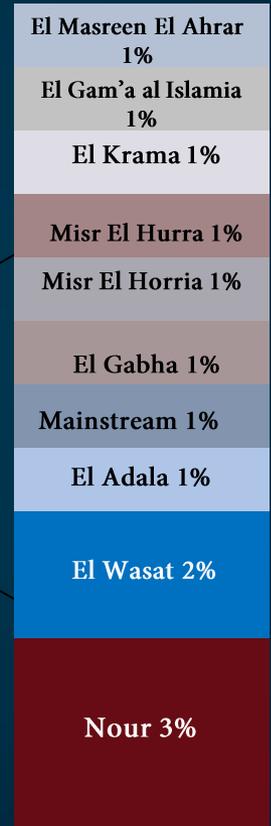
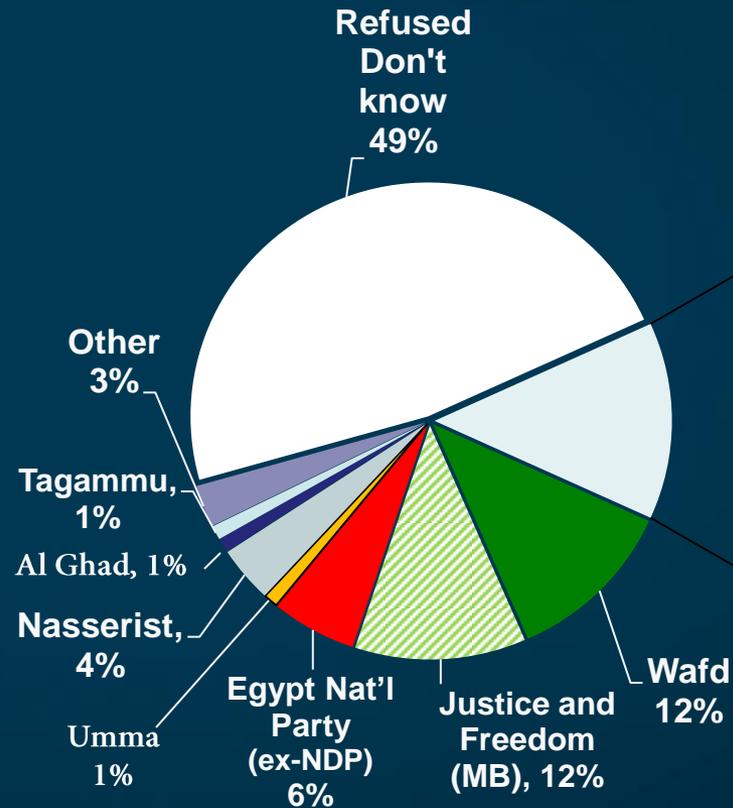
# Wafd and MB still lead, but party proliferation shrinks old parties, increases uncertainty.

*If the People's Assembly election was held today...who would you vote for?*

March 2011

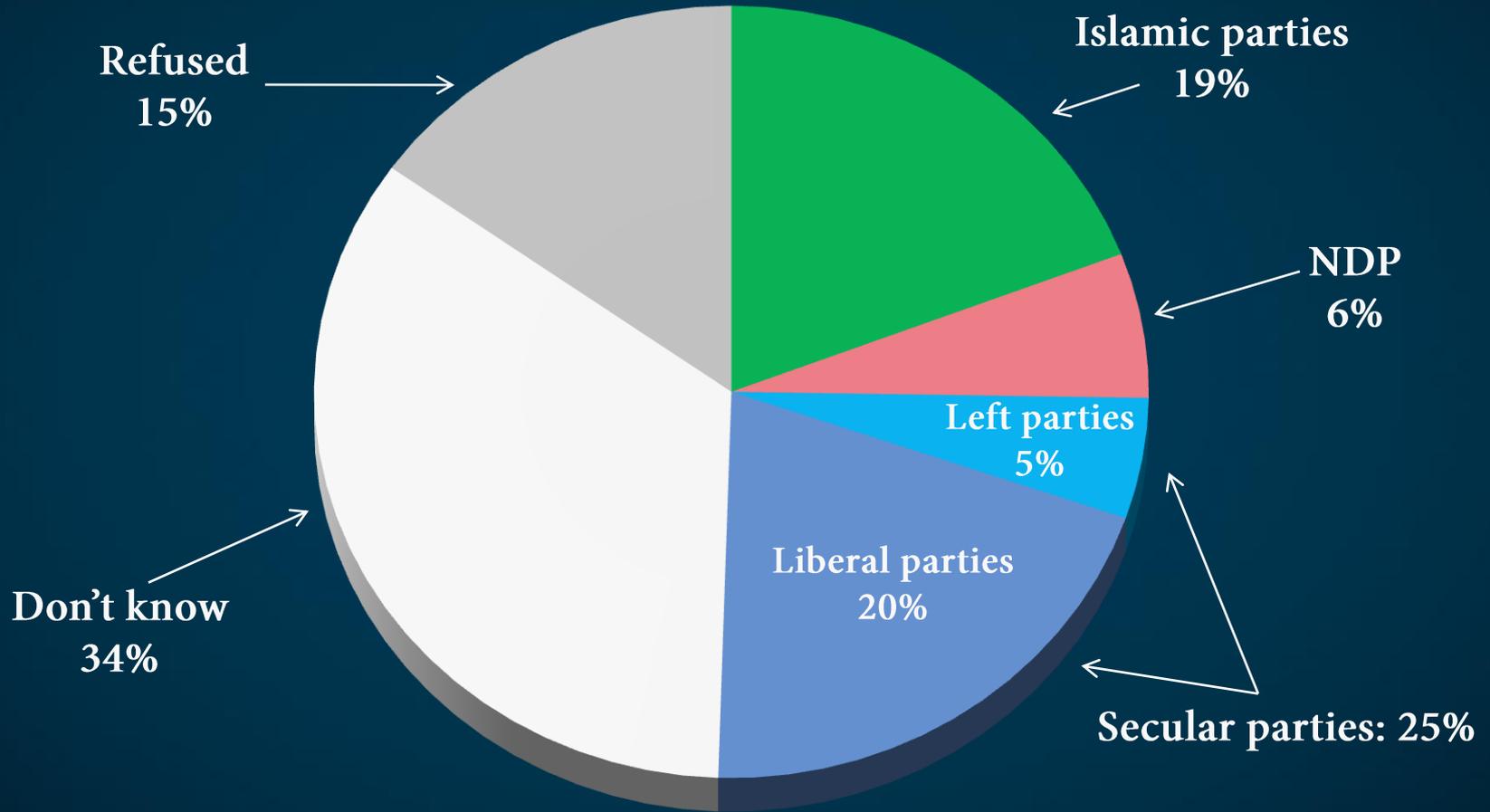


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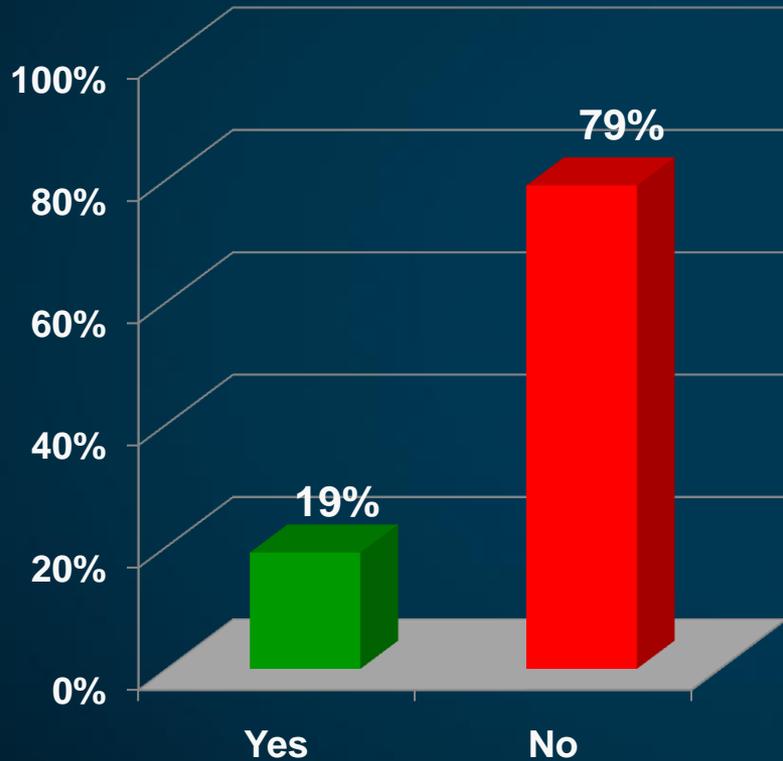
# Secular parties lead religious ones among voters expressing a voting choice.

*Party vote by ideology*

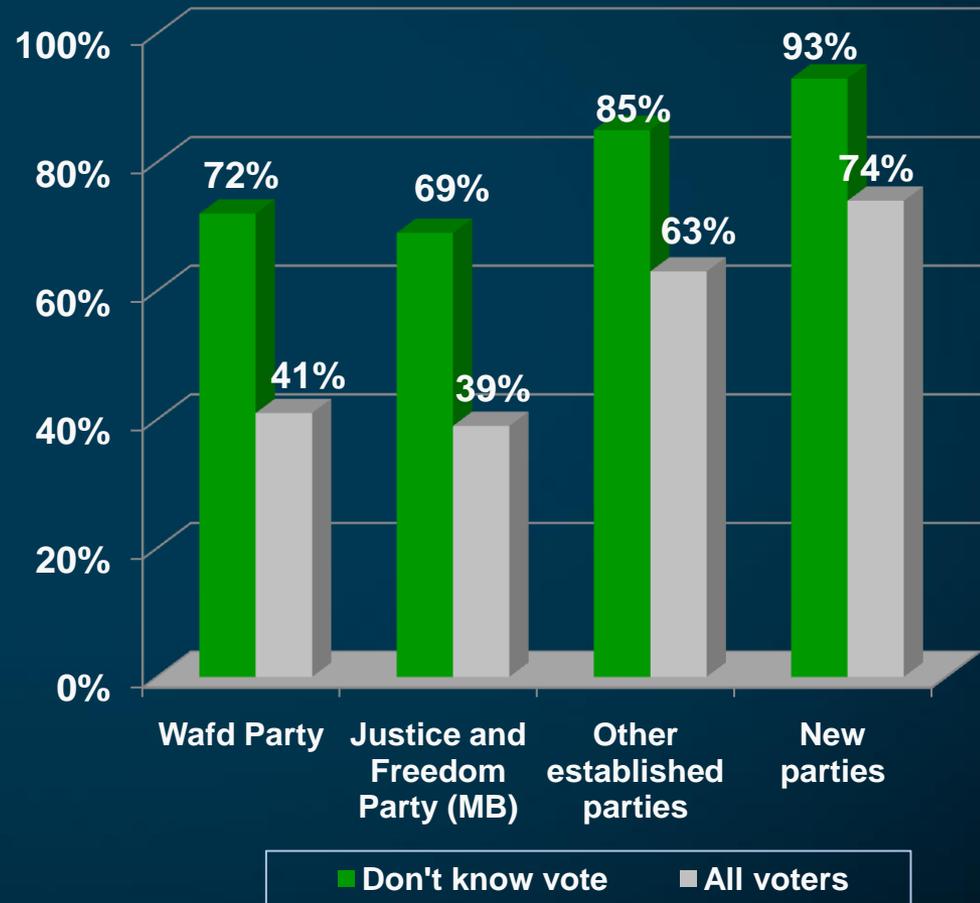


# The “don’t knows” are new voters unfamiliar with the parties, pointing to massive voter education needs.

*Did you vote in the 2005 People’s Assembly election?  
(Those who don’t know 2011 People’s Assembly vote choice only)*



*Percent who don’t know the given party or parties in each group*



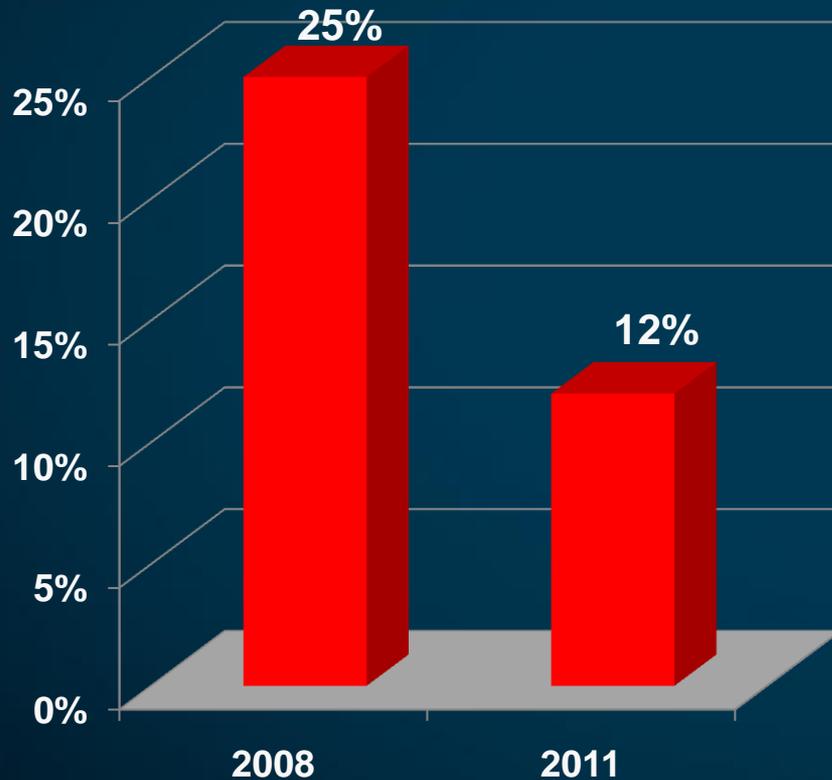
# Moussa has a strong lead across the country ; Wafd leads in Canal Zone and Delta, MB in Fayoum and Coast.

		Greater Cairo	Suez Canal Zone	Central Nile Delta	Fayoum	South Upper Egypt	Coastal Regions
Presidential Vote Leaders	Moussa	30%	36%	32%	39%	33%	29%
	Sharaf	13%	12%	17%	8%	22%	18%
	Tantawi	6%	5%	9%	7%	9%	10%
Parliamentary Vote Leaders	Wafd Party	11%	21%	16%	12%	5%	7%
	Justice and Freedom Party (MB)	11%	8%	5%	28%	13%	16%
	Egypt National Party	2%	3%	14%	3%	1%	3%

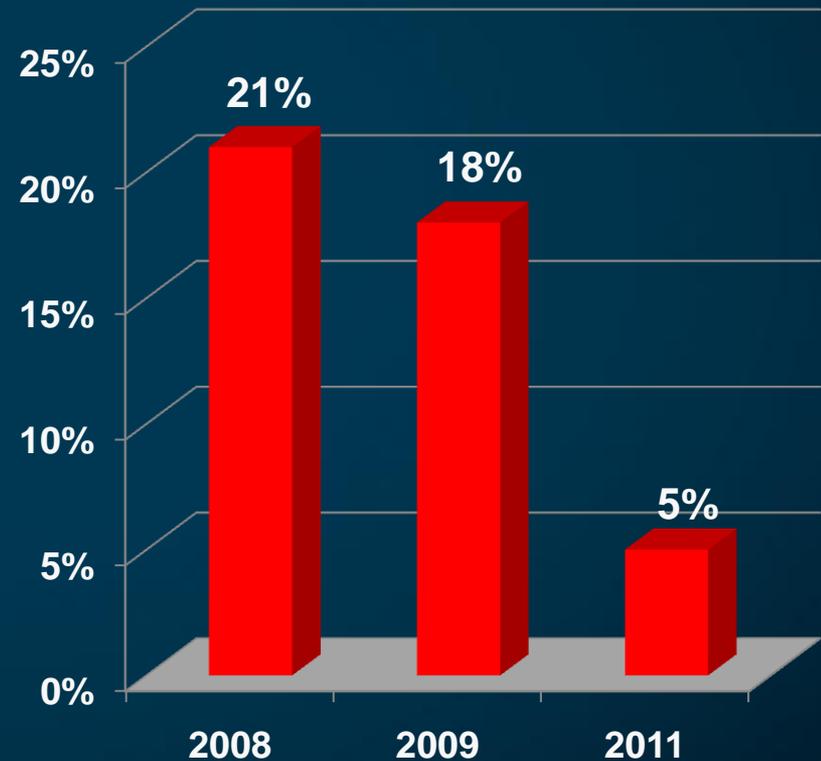
# Both Barack Obama and Mahmoud Ahmedinejad remain unpopular in post-revolutionary Egypt.

*Is your opinion of...*

### Obama Favorability



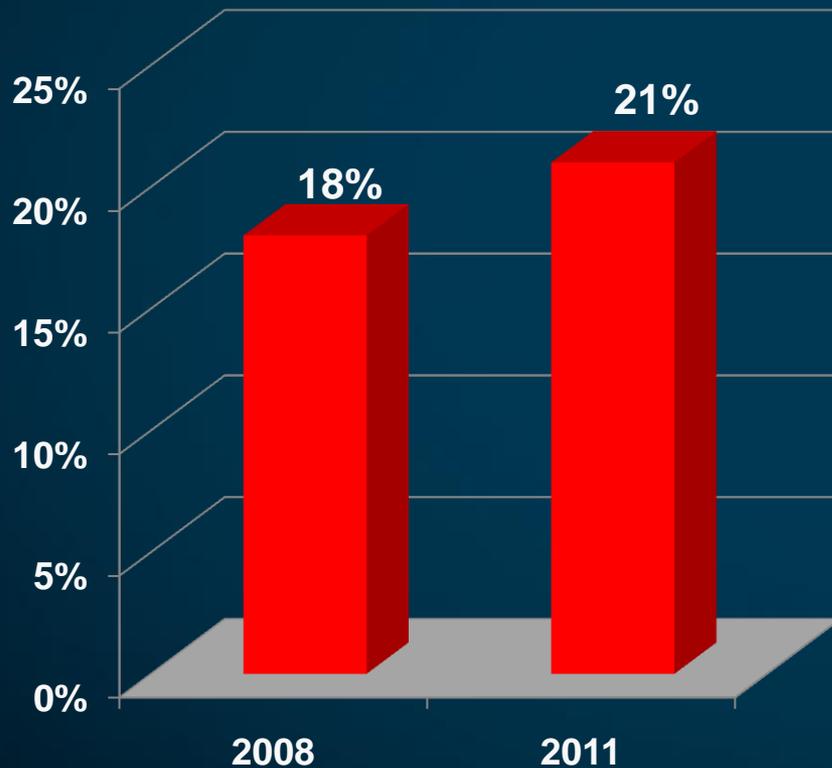
### Mahmoud Ahmedinejad Favorability



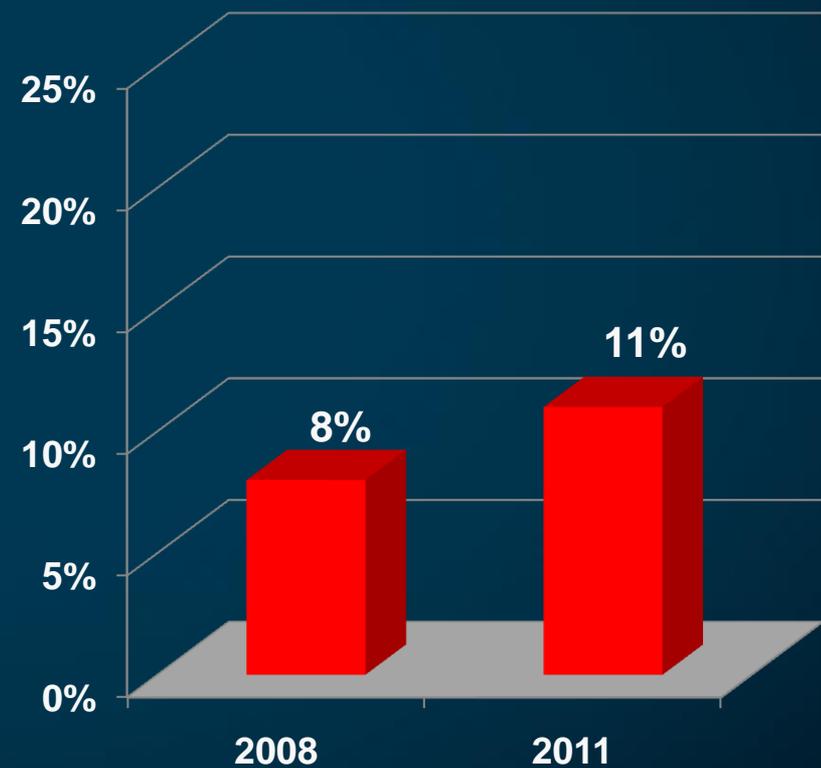
# Osama bin Laden had far more appeal to the Egyptian public than his surviving deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

*Is your opinion of...*

Confidence in Osama bin Laden



Ayman al-Zawahiri Favorability



# Methodology

- We conducted 800 face-to-face interviews in Egypt between May 30 and June 4, 2011.
- Respondents were a representative random sample of the Egyptian adult population. The results are weighted to match Egypt's demographics.
- The margin of error was +/- 4%.
- Egypt was divided into six regions (Greater Cairo, Suez Canal, Central Nile Delta, Fayoum, South/ Upper Egypt and Coastal) to permit regional analysis.
- The interviewing was carried out by the Egyptian Research and Training Center (ERTC).
- The survey was managed by Sean Michael Flowers and this report was written by Craig Charney, Sean Michael Flowers, Benjamin Novak, and Arshbir Ghuman.