

COVID-19 in Belarus: Vaccination Attitudes and Sources of Information

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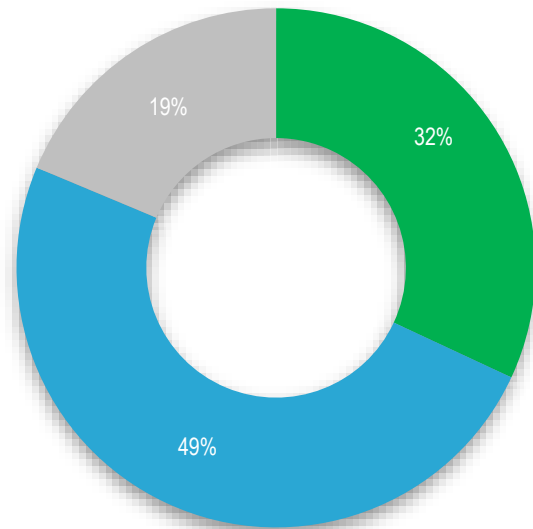
Attitude towards COVID19 vaccine

Have you personally been sick from coronavirus disease COVID-19?*

Are you personally ready to be vaccinated against coronavirus disease COVID-19?*

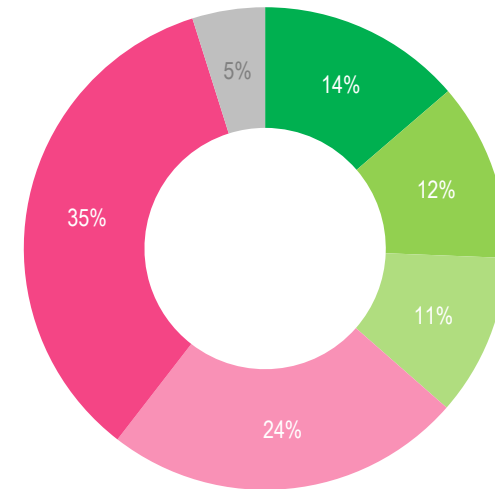
About a third of the respondents were sick with the coronavirus disease COVID-19. A significant part - about 20%, do not know for sure whether they were sick. A little more than a third of the respondents are ready to be vaccinated, the majority are not yet ready..

Have you been sick?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Unable to answer

Readiness to be vaccinated



■ Yes, and already vaccinated ■ Yes, but not yet vaccinated ■ Rather yes than no

■ Rather no than yes ■ No ■ Unable to answer

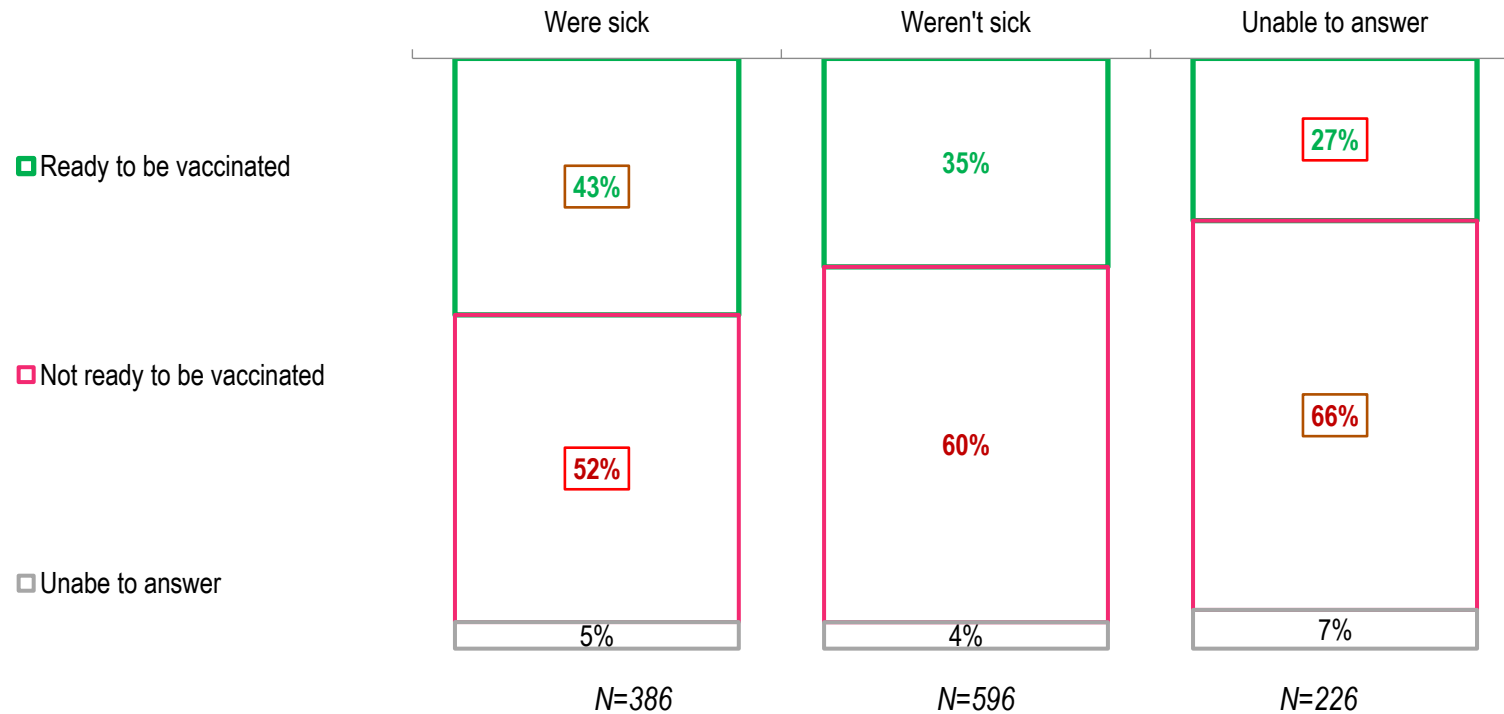
Readiness to be vaccinated

Distribution based on sickness

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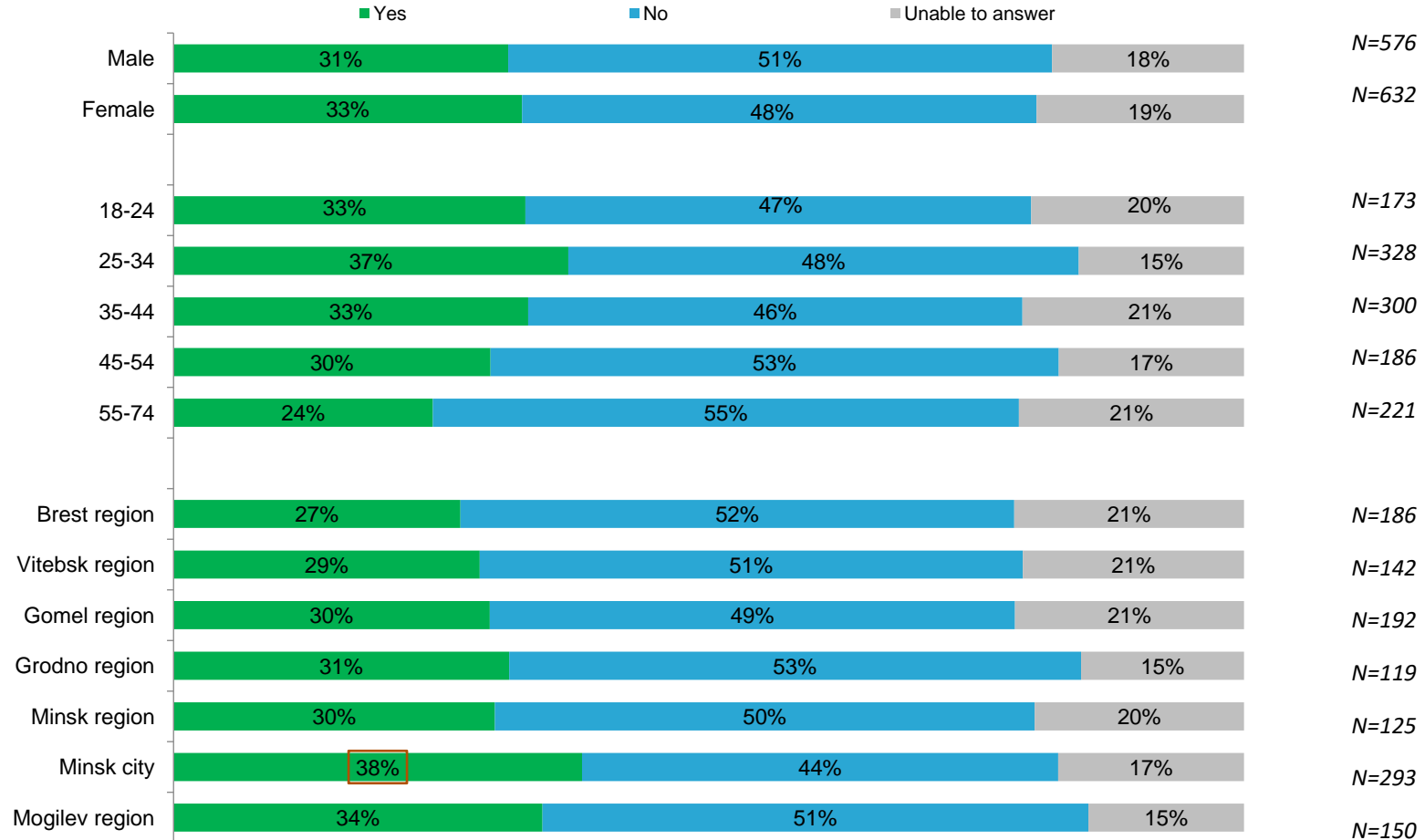
Readiness to be vaccinated is significantly more frequent among those who personally was sick with coronavirus disease. It was less frequent among respondents not certain whether they were sick or not.



Were sick with COVID19. Demographic distribution

Were you personally sick with coronavirus disease COVID-19?*

There are significantly more of those that were sick with Covid19 in Minsk city. No significant differences were found based on gender.



Readiness to be vaccinated. Demographic distribution

Are you personally ready to be vaccinated against coronavirus disease COVID-19?*

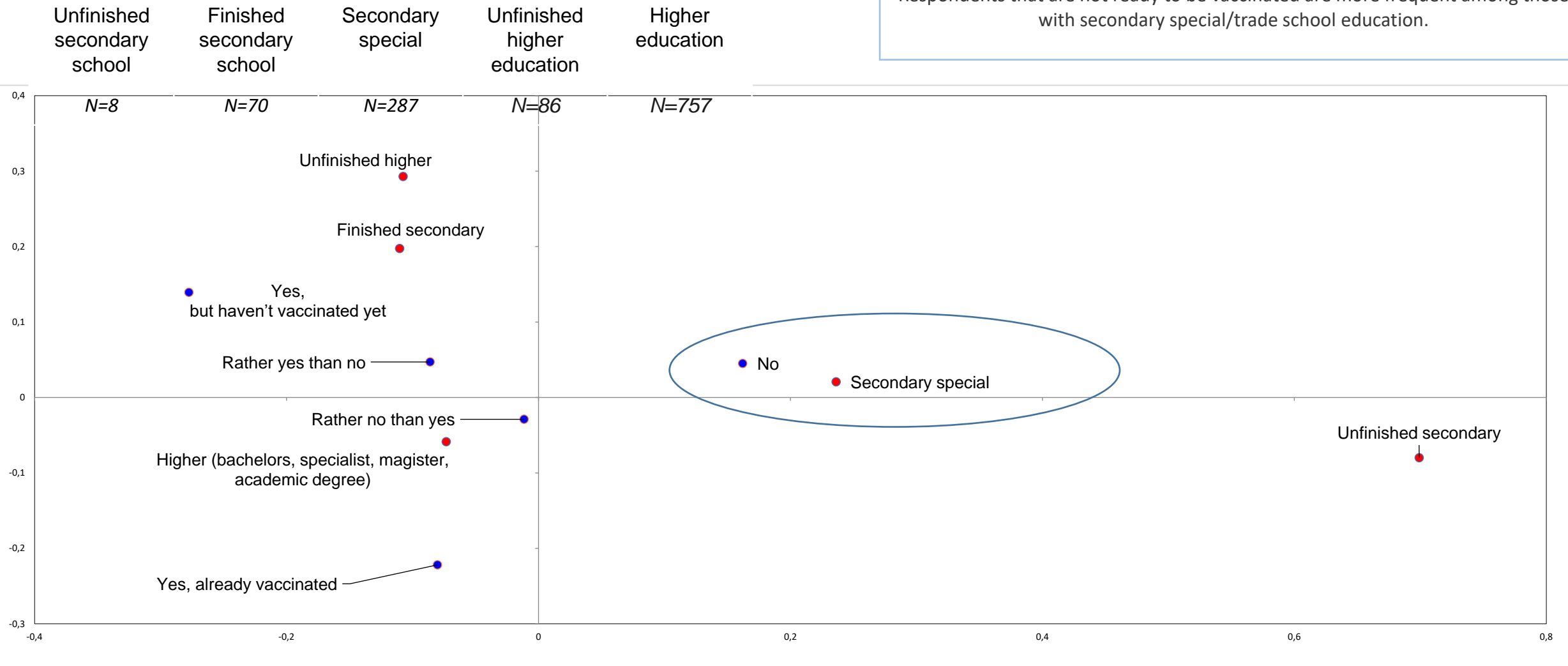
Respondents of the 55-74 years old age category are more ready for vaccination.
No significant differences based on gender or region are observed.



Readiness to be vaccinated. Distribution by education

Are you personally ready to be vaccinated against coronavirus disease COVID-19?*

Respondents that are not ready to be vaccinated are more frequent among those with secondary special/trade school education.

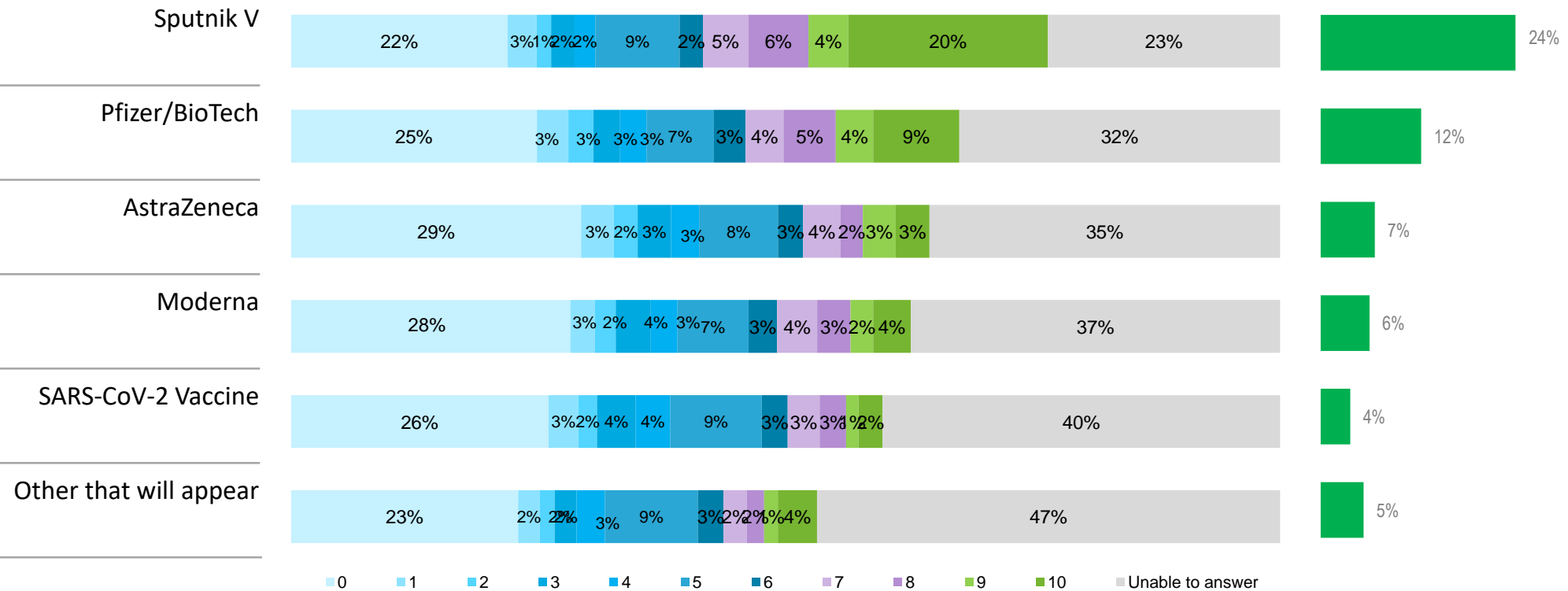


COVID-19 vaccine choice

If you had an opportunity to choose a vaccine for vaccination against coronavirus disease COVID-19, which would you have chosen personally for yourself or recommended to friends and relatives?*

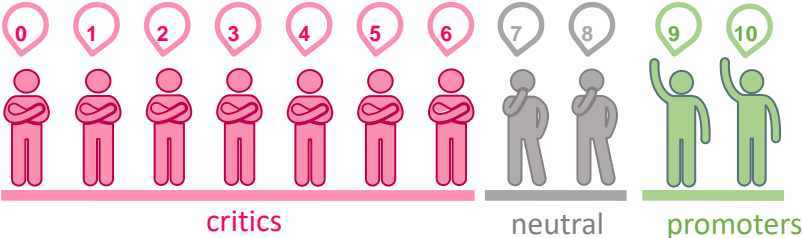
Sputnik V is the most frequent vaccine of choice. Pfizer is chosen slightly less frequently.

Will certainly choose (9,10 marks)



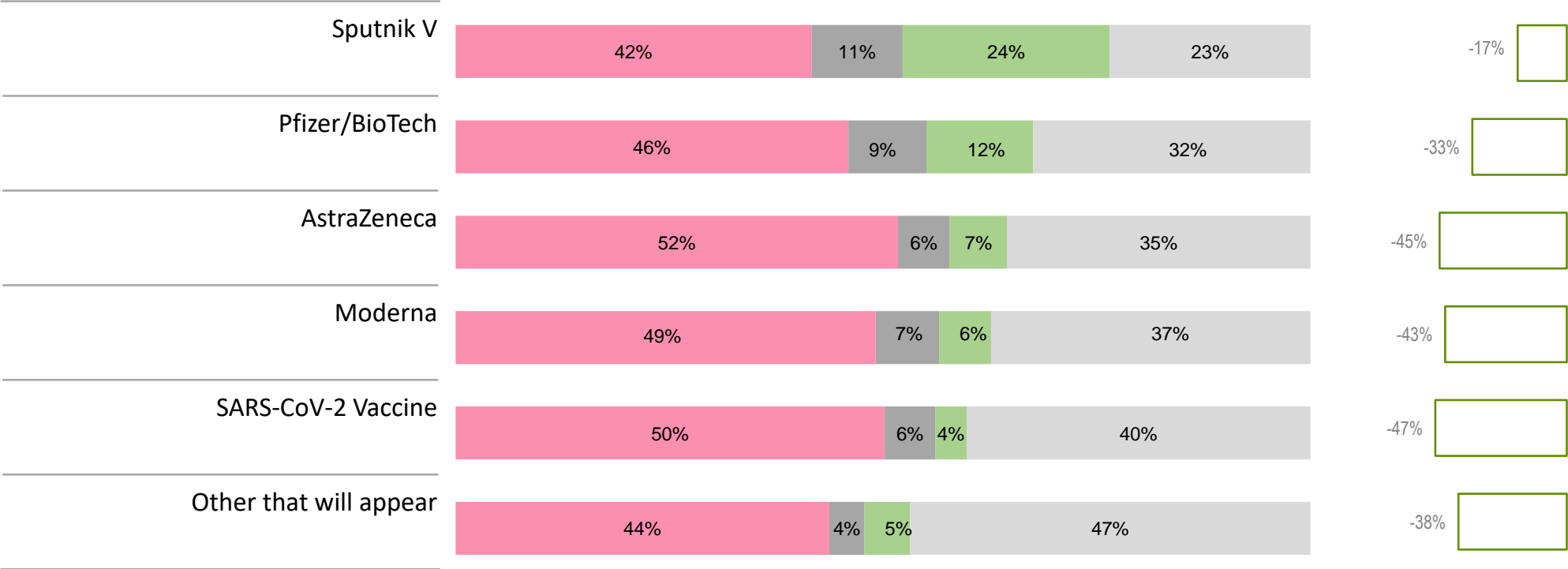
Loyalty to vaccines

If you had an opportunity to choose a vaccine for vaccination against coronavirus disease COVID-19, which would you have chosen personally for yourself or recommended to friends and relatives?*



A low level of loyalty is typical for all vaccines. Sputnik V has a relatively high level of loyalty.

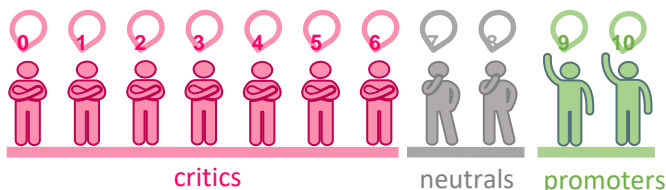
NET PROMOTER SCORE = %
Promoters - % Critics



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Loyalty to vaccines. Among those ready to be vaccinated

If there was an opportunity to choose a vaccine for vaccination against coronavirus disease COVID-19, which one would you choose personally for yourself and / or recommend to your family and friends?*

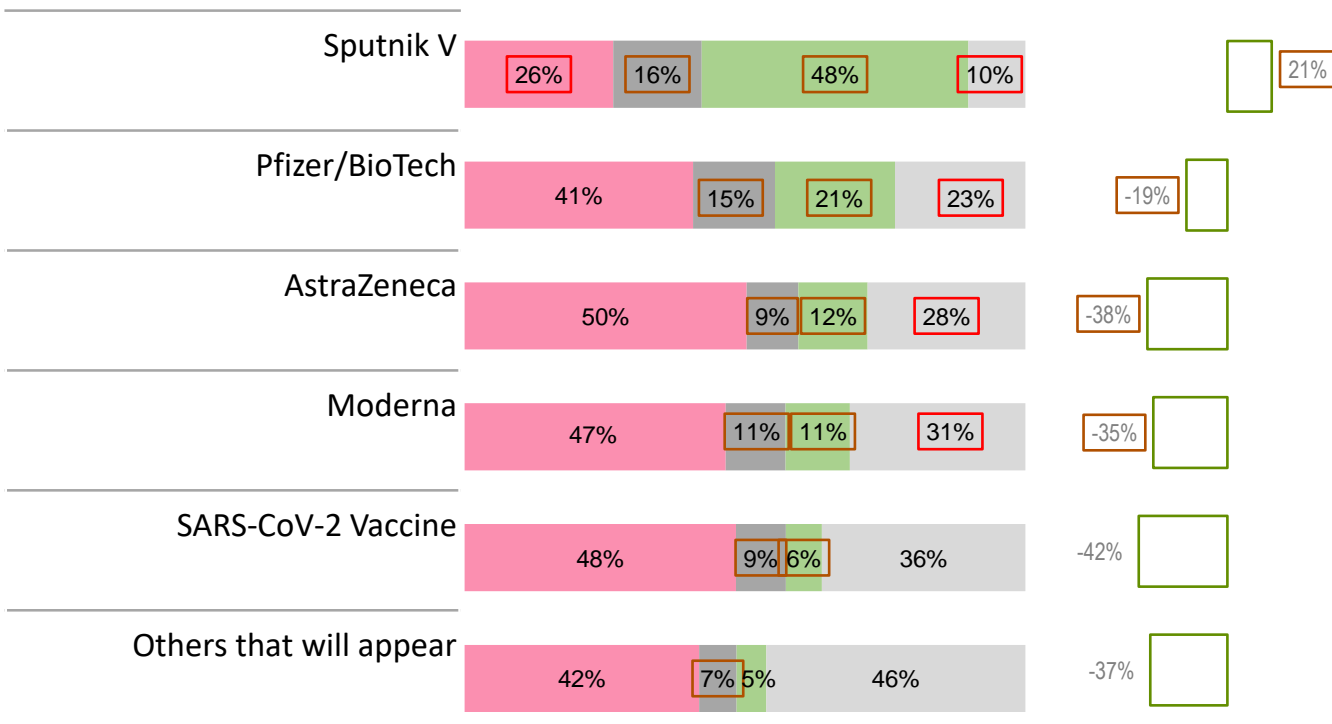


Ready to be vaccinated

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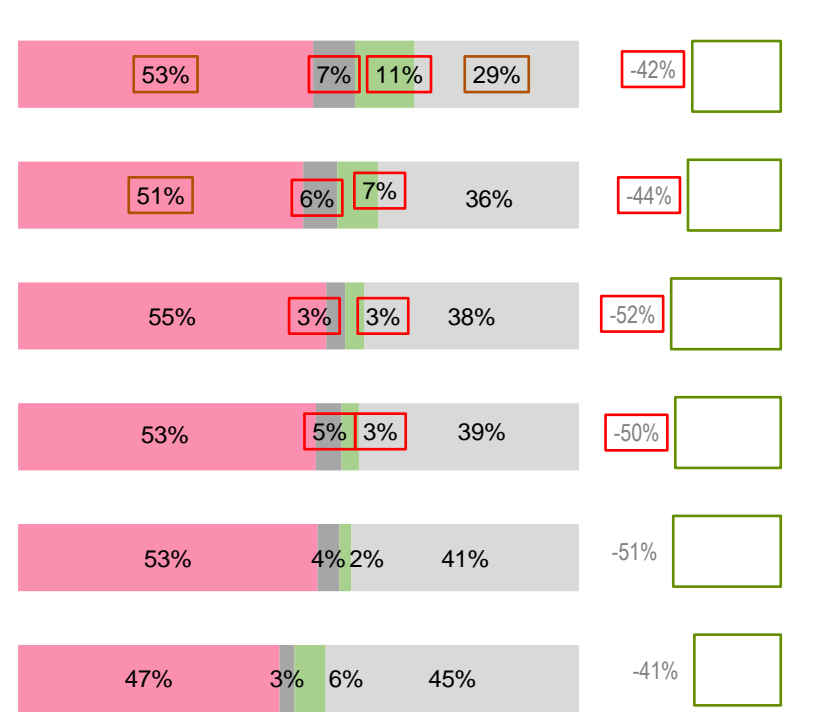
Among those ready to vaccinate higher loyalty to vaccines is typical. The highest loyalty is related to Sputnik VV.

NOT ready to be vaccinated

N=708

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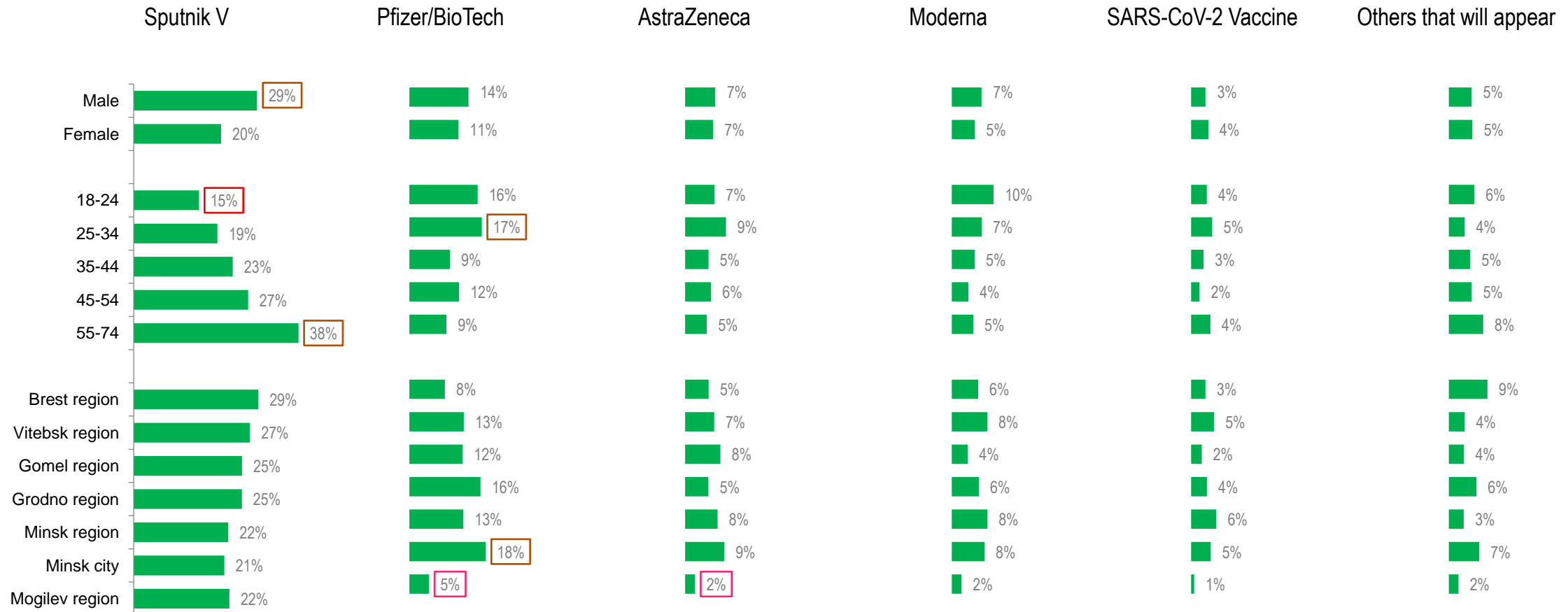
Choosing a vaccine for COVID19

Demographic distribution

If you had an opportunity to choose a vaccine for vaccination against coronavirus disease COVID-19, which would you have chosen personally for yourself or recommended to friends and relatives?*

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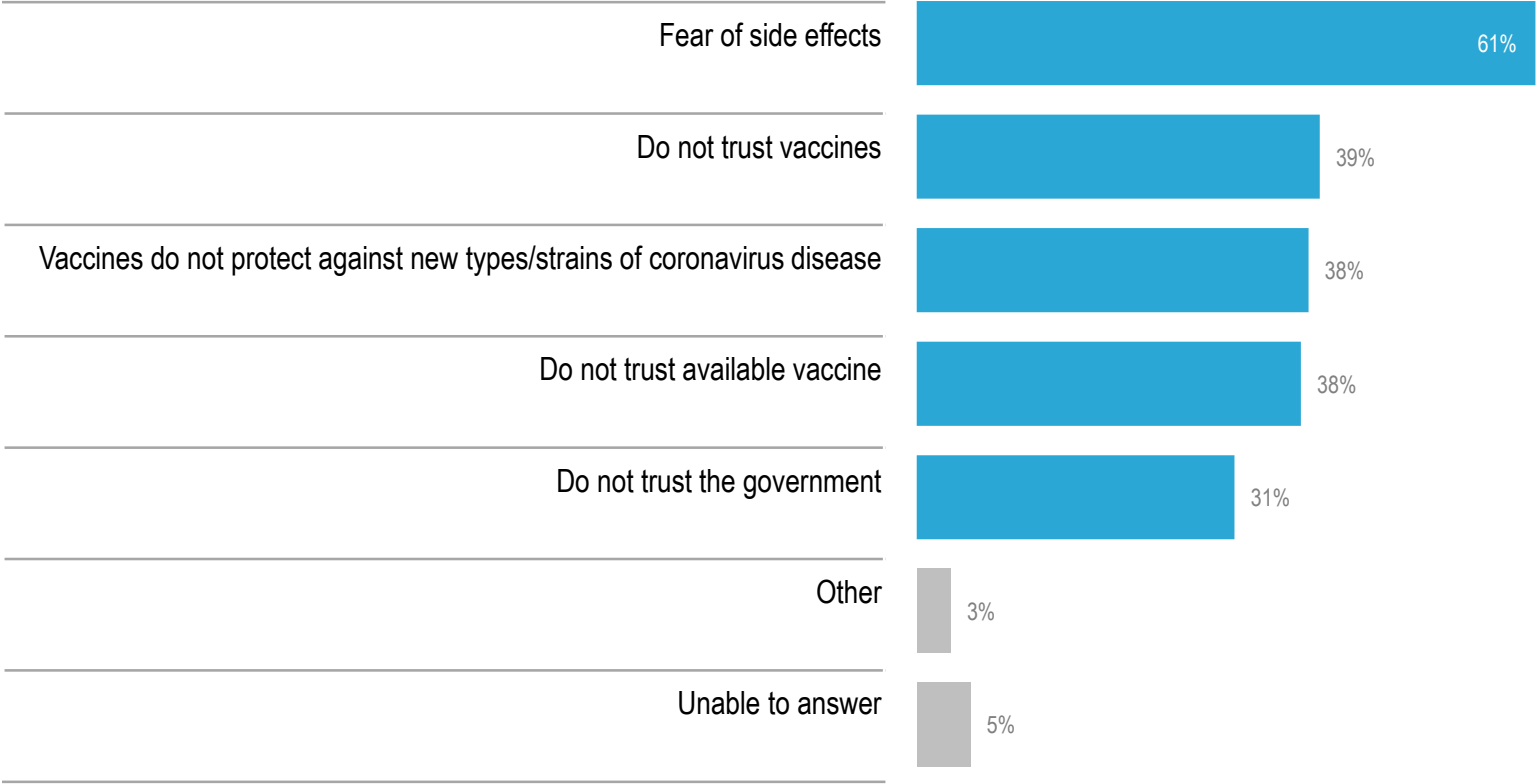
The Sputnik V vaccine is more often preferred by men and people aged 55-74. Young people under 25 are willing to use Sputnik V to a much lesser extent than others. The Pfizer / BioTech vaccine is more often preferred by young people aged 25-34 living in Minsk. Residents of the Mogilev region are less likely to use Pfizer / BioTech and AstraZeneca.



Reasons to refuse vaccination

Why do you think people do not want to be vaccinated against the coronavirus disease COVID-19 in Belarus? *

The absolute majority - 61% of the respondents note the fear of side effects after the use of the vaccine. The rest of the reasons were mentioned with the same frequency.



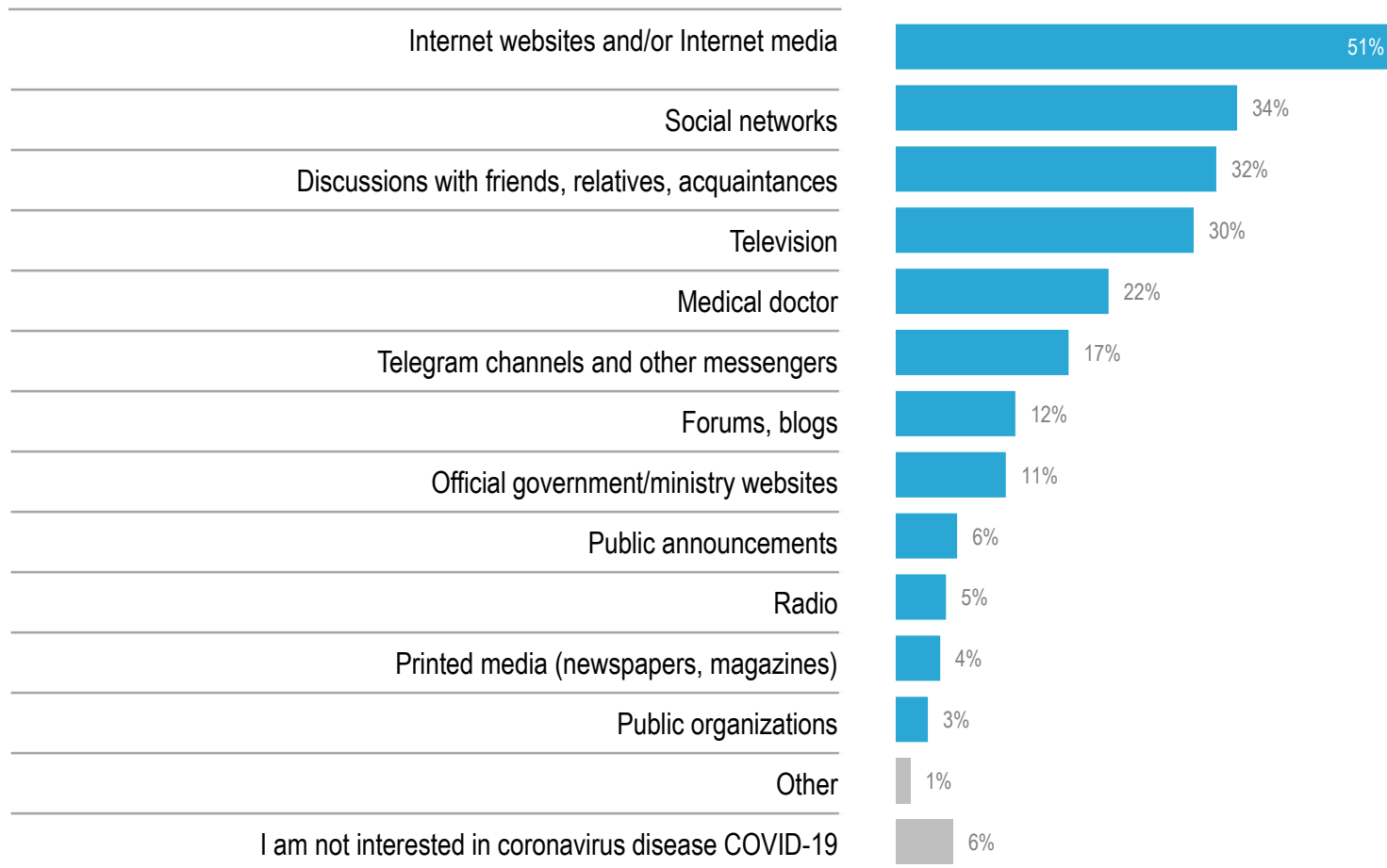


Information sources

COVID19 information sources

What are your main sources of information about COVID-19 coronavirus disease (spread, risks, recommended preventive actions, recommended protection strategies, vaccinations, etc.)?

The main source of information on COVID19 is the Internet. The rest of the sources are used significantly less often.

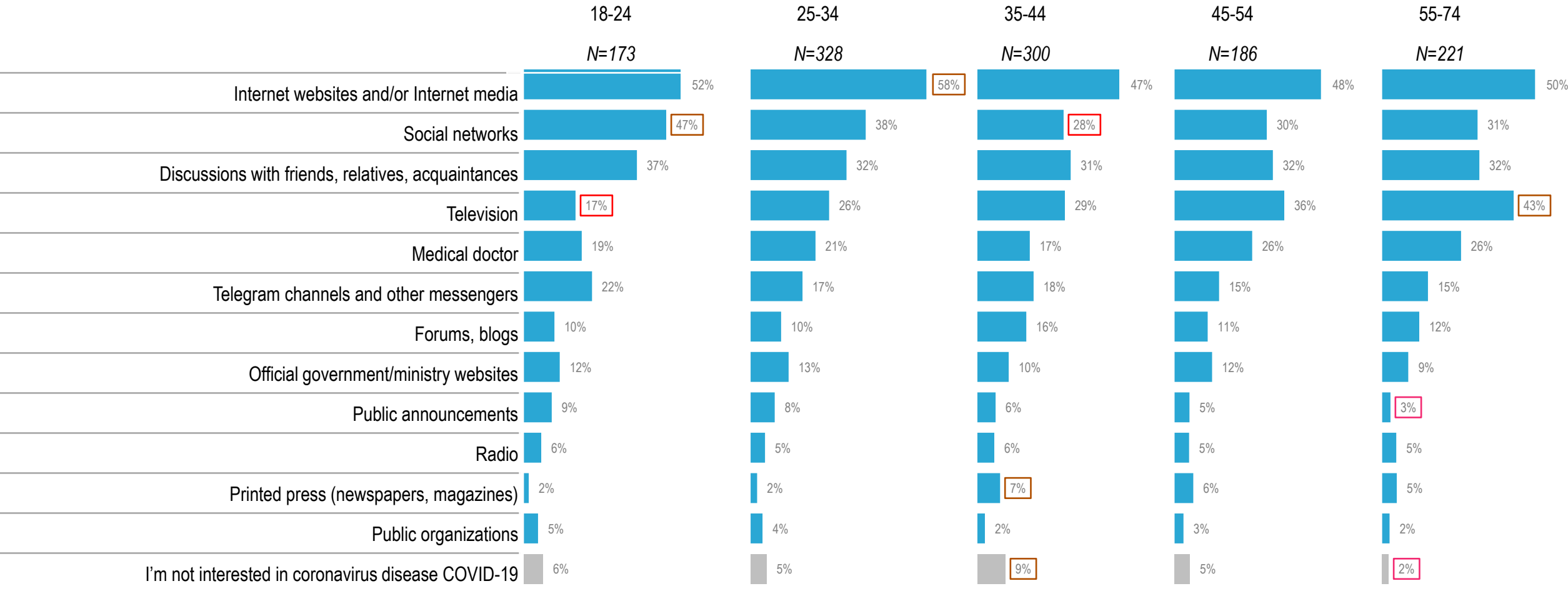


COVID19 information sources

Demographic distribution

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Young people under 24 are more likely than others to use social networks to get information about COVID19 and less often television. Young people aged 25-34 more often use Internet resources. Representatives of the age group 55-74 more often than others draw information from television.



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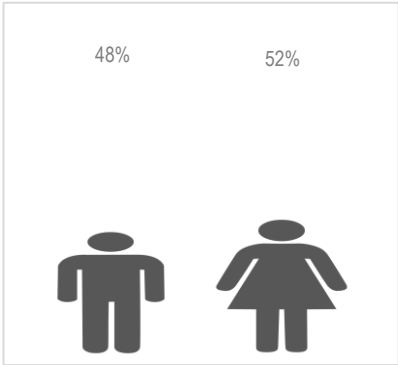
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Demographics

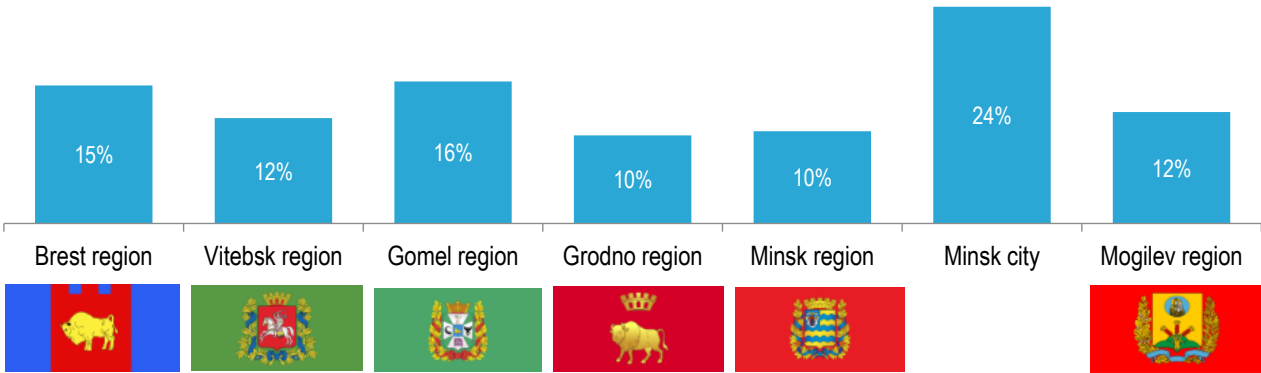


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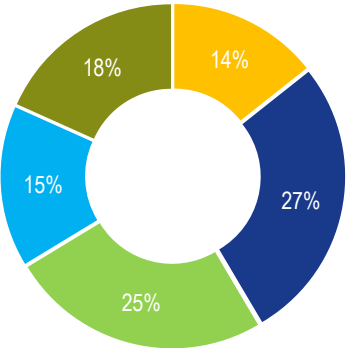
Gender



Region

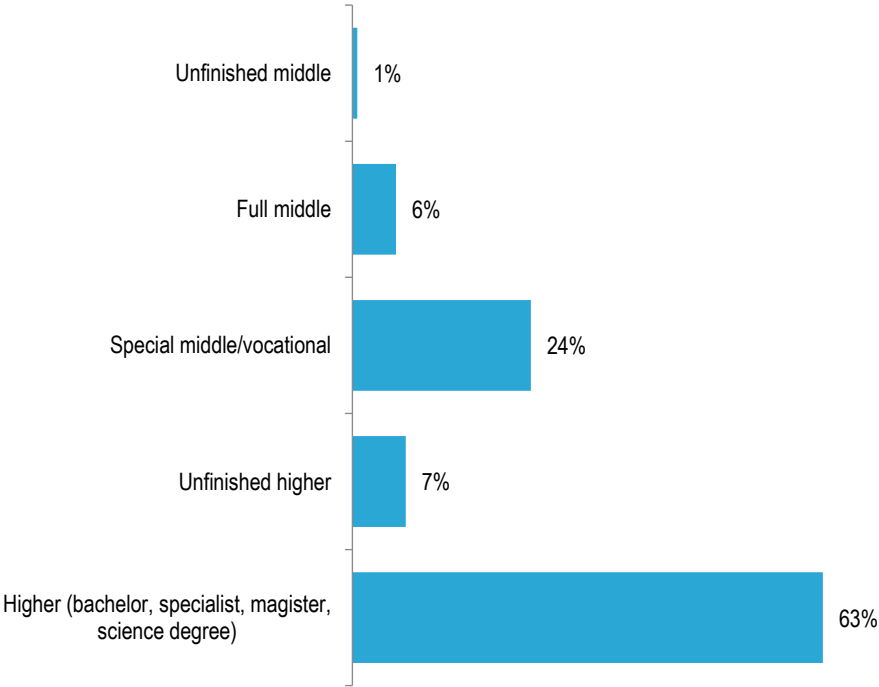


Age

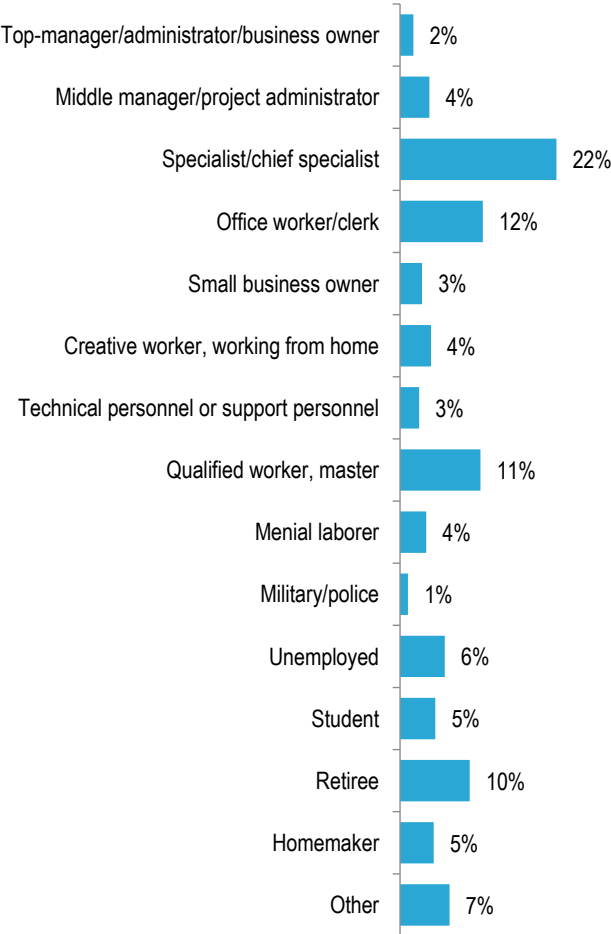


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Education



Sphere of activities



Conclusions

- The majority are not ready for vaccination at the moment, despite the fact that more than 30% know for sure that they were sick. 14% of respondents were vaccinated. Most are afraid of the side effects.
- The Internet is the main source of information about COVID'19 and vaccines, other sources are rarely used. The respondents who received information from the Medical doctor, from the official websites of the government or television, more often than others, have already been vaccinated. Social media users are more likely than others to be categorically opposed to vaccinations.
 - Messenger users are more likely to prefer Moderna, AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines. Those who receive information about COVID19 from the Internet are more likely to choose Pfizer. Television and print audiences are more likely to choose Sputnik V for vaccination. Those willing to vaccinate are characterized by a higher loyalty to vaccines. Sputnik V has the highest loyalty among them.
 - Older people are more willing to be vaccinated than people of other ages. Equal readiness in different regions and among men and women.
 - Retirees and military personnel are more often already vaccinated. Unemployed people and students intend to be vaccinated, but have not yet done so. Creative people are not yet sure of their decision, but are prone to getting vaccinated. And homemakers and skilled workers are more often categorically negative.
 - Most often the Sputnik V vaccine is preferred. Pfizer's vaccine is in second place by a factor of two. The Sputnik V vaccine is more often preferred by men and people aged 55-74. Young people under 25 are willing to use Sputnik V to a much lesser extent than others. The Pfizer / BioTech vaccine is more often preferred by young people aged 25-34 living in Minsk. Residents of the Mogilev region are less likely to use Pfizer / BioTech and AstraZeneca.
- The vast majority at least sometimes have the feeling that they are being deceived by the media / media. In this case, respondents tend to double-check the information using the Internet. They especially often turn to foreign sources.
- Half of the respondents believe that they can identify fake news and about a third are not sure about it. Television is the most frequently cited source of false news.