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# Youth Matters Survey 2024

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# Editorial

The Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) conducts the Youth Matters Survey (YMS) every five years near national elections to capture youth perspectives on the country's current state and future aspirations. Traditionally, YMS has amplified youth voices and influenced national reform efforts. Although the last survey was conducted in December 2023, BYLC initiated a new YMS to assess shifts in youth opinions following the country's transformation since July 2024.

The latest findings, reflecting the mindset of motivated youth amid a new government and renewed hope, were unveiled through a press briefing at BYLC Headquarters on January 27, 2025. The Main findings are highlighted in this report.



# Introduction and Objective

## Background

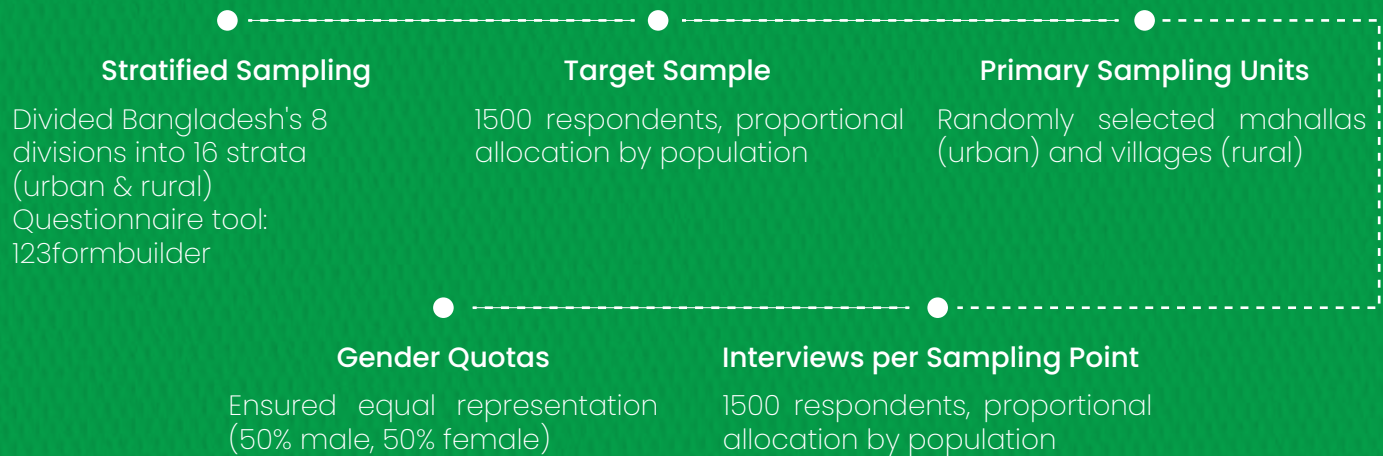
The Youth Matters Survey (YMS) 2024 gives youth a platform to voice their concerns and aspirations ahead of elections. With over one-third of the population, youth play a vital role in shaping Bangladesh's future. Rapid socio-economic and political changes since July 2024, including an interim government shift, are influencing their perspectives on education, employment, climate change, governance, and social justice.

## The Objectives of the study for YMS 2024

- To provide youth an opportunity to voice their opinions regarding issues that affect their lives, including the effectiveness of the education system, the impact of climate change, their perceptions of justice and peace, democracy, institutions and governance, migration, and access to information, as well as their outlook on the future of Bangladesh.
- To explore the expectations and desires of the younger generation from the interim government.
- To identify key areas that should be prioritized for restructuring and development as Bangladesh moves forward.

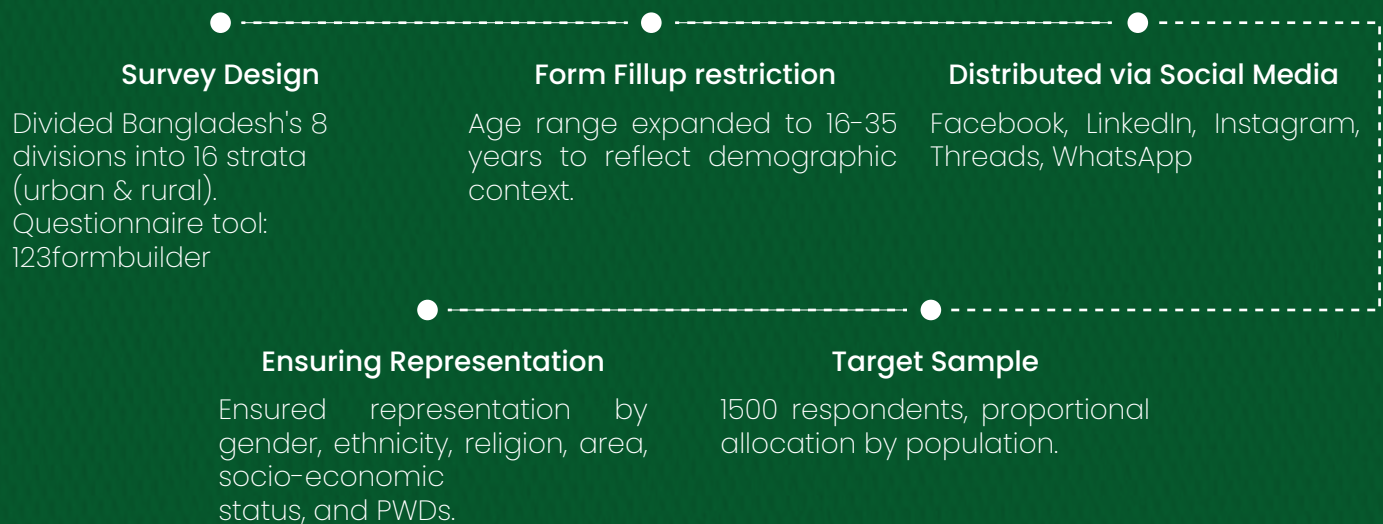
# Methodology

## In person Survey



Survey Duration: October 13 to October 22, 2024

## Online Survey

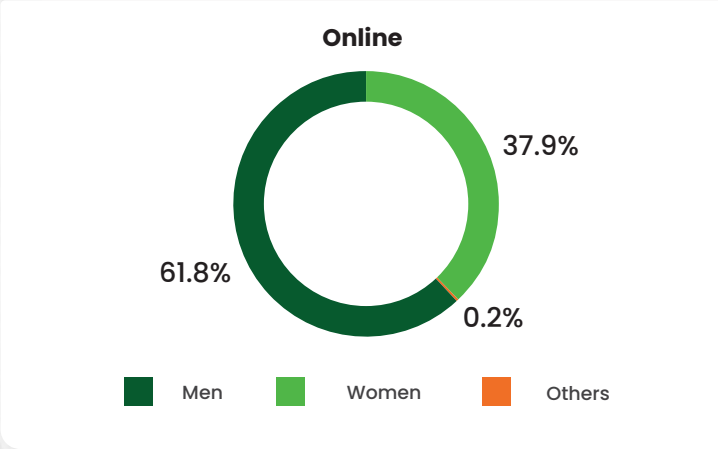
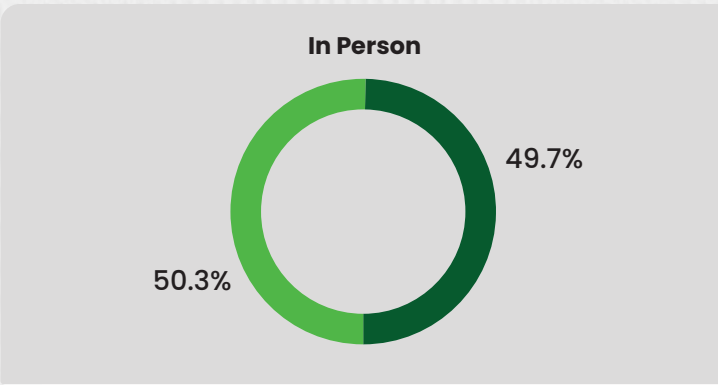


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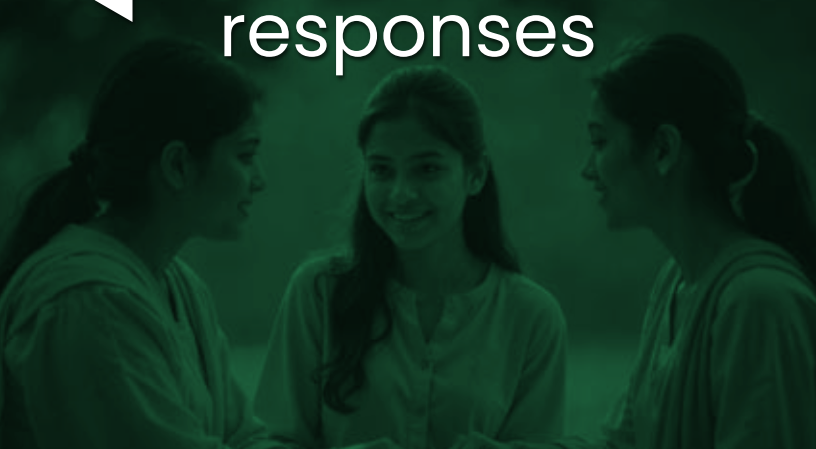
## Sample Characteristics

Question	In Person		Online	
	Metric	Responses	Metric	Responses
<b>Gender</b>	Men Women	49.7% 50.3%	Men Women Others	61.8% 37.9% 0.2%
<b>Area</b>	Rural Urban	67.1% 32.9%	Rural Suburban Urban	19.4% 13.4% 67.2%
<b>Location</b>	Dhaka (Highest) Barishal (Lowest)	27.9% 5.9%	Dhaka (Highest) Sylhet (Lowest)	41.1% 2.8%
<b>Employment Status</b>	Currently in studying not looking for a job Homemaker Self-employed (full-time) Day laborer	29.0% 25.4% 11.6% 8.5%	Currently in studying not looking for a job Currently in studying and looking for job Employed (full-time) NEET and looking for job	44.8% 31.0% 8.5% 4.4%
<b>Religion</b>	Muslim Hindu Buddhism Christian	85.8% 10.9% 3.0% 0.3%	Muslim Hindu Buddhism Christian Do not identify with any religion Others	88.9% 5.9% 2.2% 1.6% 1.4% 0.1%

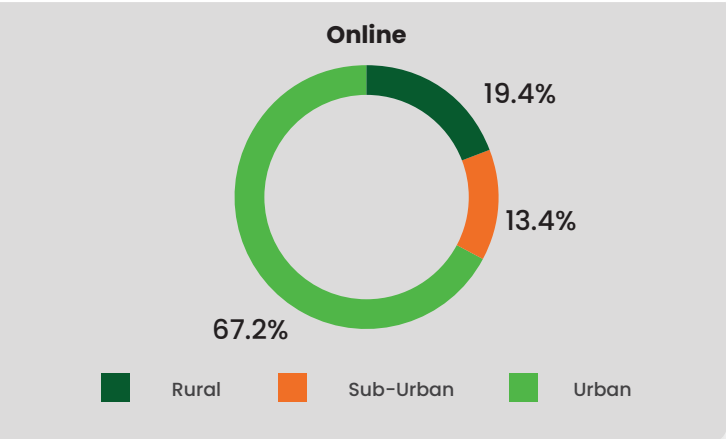
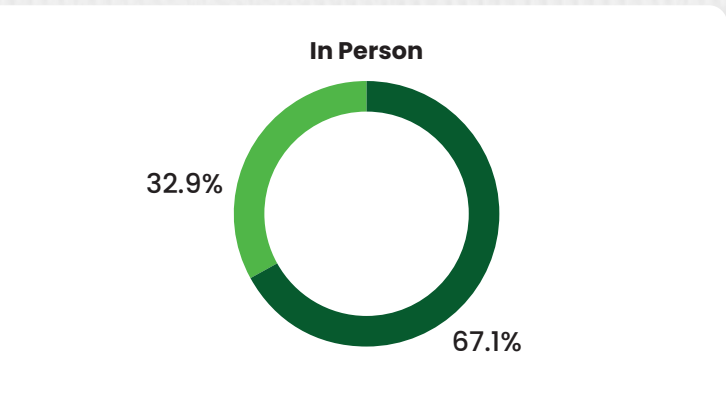
# Demographic details



## Gender-wise responses

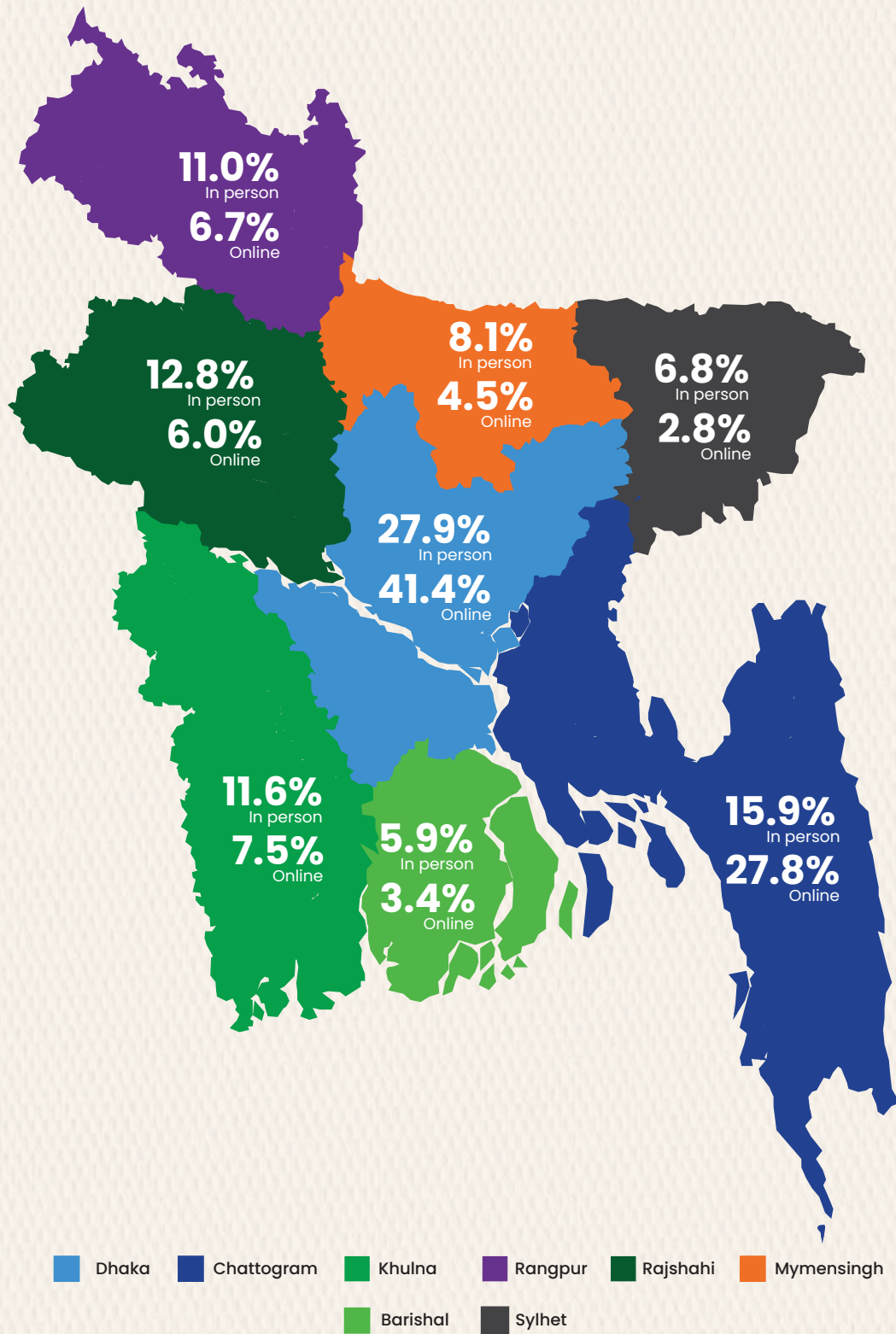


## Area-wise responses



# Demographic details

## Division-wise responses



# Key Findings







**Livelihood**



**Education**



**Health**



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**Peace & Justice**



**Migration**



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**Youth and Politics**



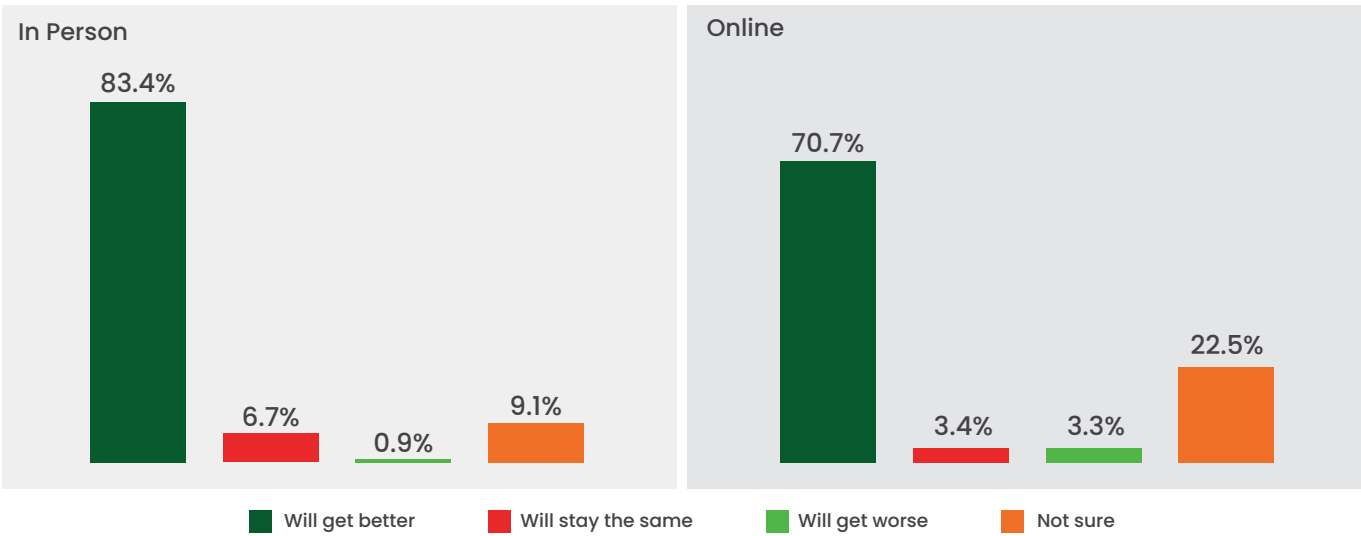
**Interim  
Government Priorities**

# Livelihood

Which career pathway do you want to pursue?



In the coming years (next two to five years) how do you expect your personal economic situation to change?



Female participants aspire for salaried employment

In person  
**39.3%**

Online  
**57.5%**

Respondents who chose salaried employment are mostly interested in government jobs

In person  
**78.7%**

Online  
**44.4%**

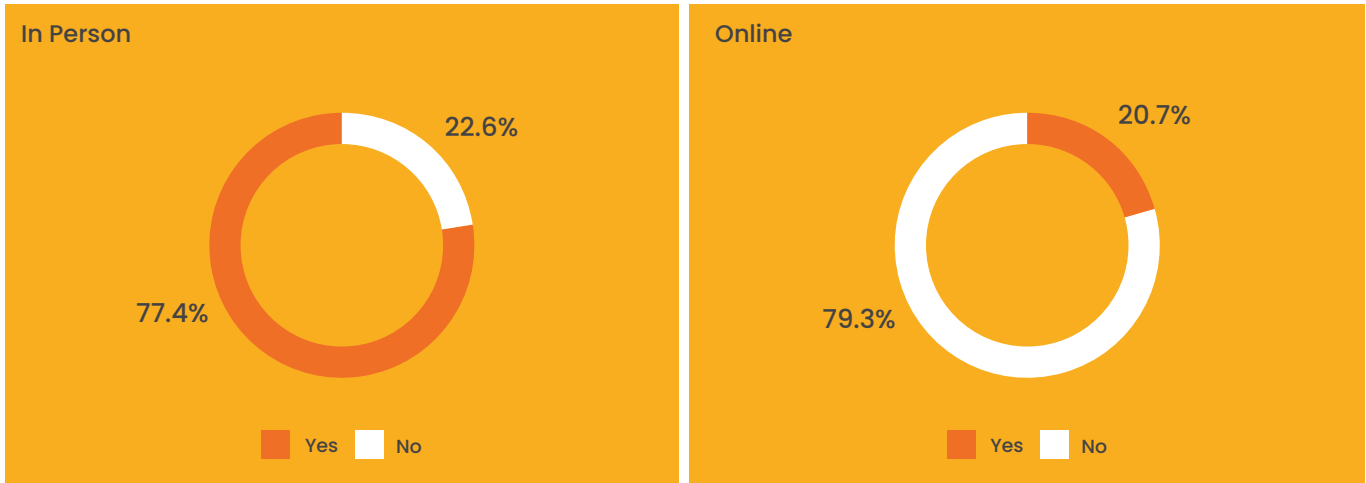
Female participants aspire for entrepreneurship/ self-employment

In person  
**45.2%**

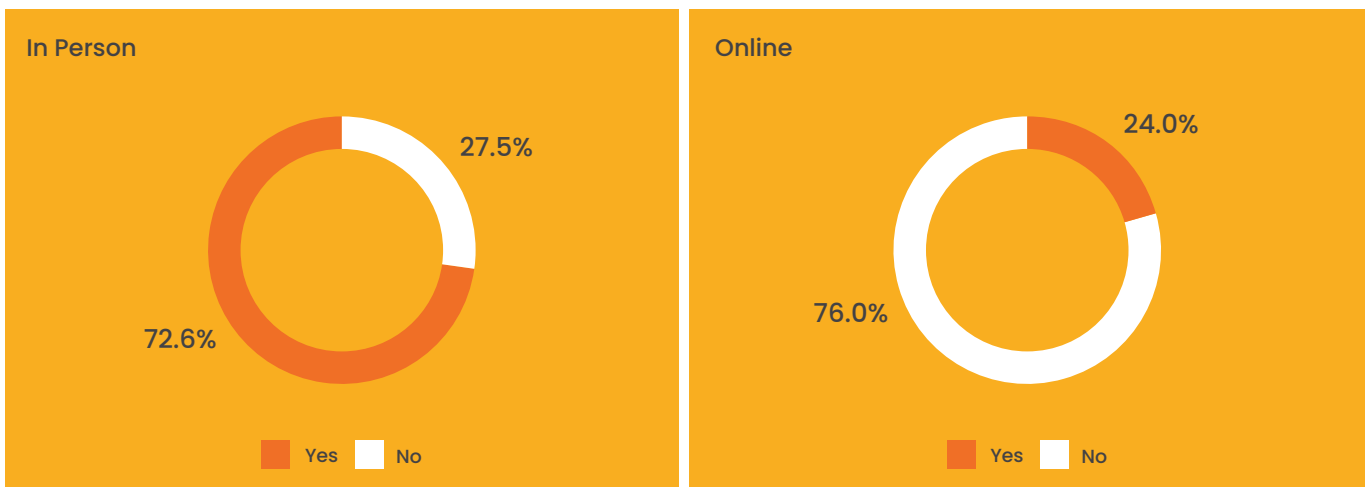
Online  
**42.5%**

# Education

Do you think the education system of Bangladesh is providing you with the primary skills necessary to secure a good job?



Do you think the education system of Bangladesh provides/ is providing/ will provide you with the primary skills necessary to become a business person/entrepreneur?



Youth think that education system needs to improve to prepare them for jobs

In person

**22.6%**

Online

**79.3%**

Youth think that education system needs to improve to prepare them for entrepreneur

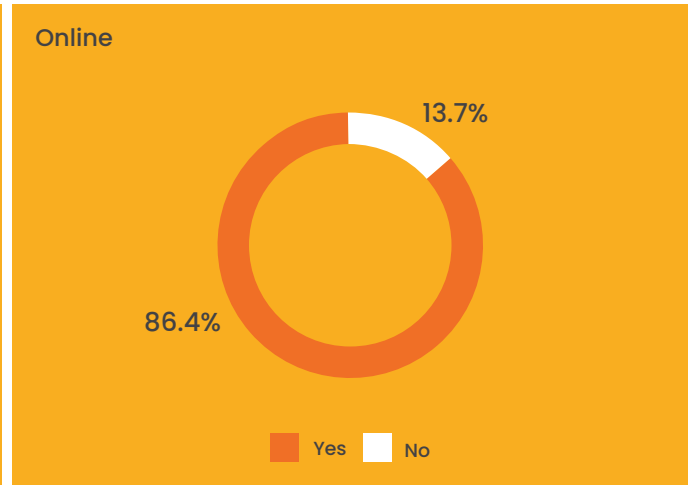
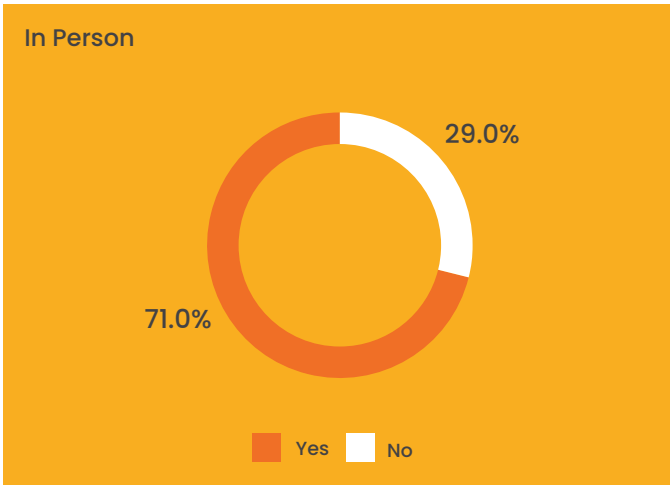
In person

**72.6%**

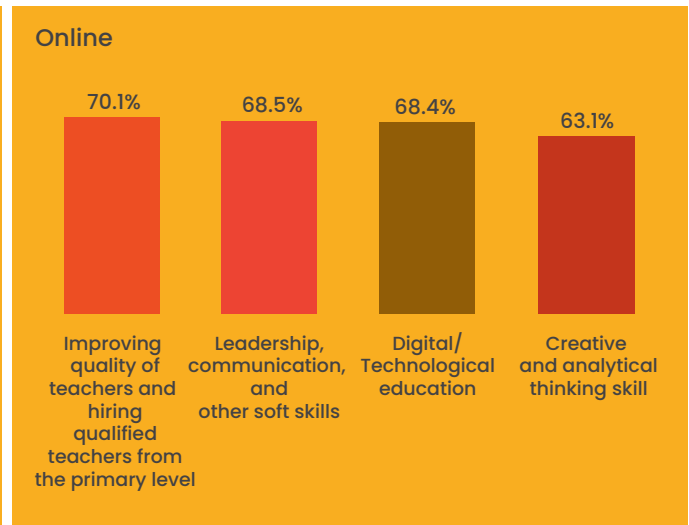
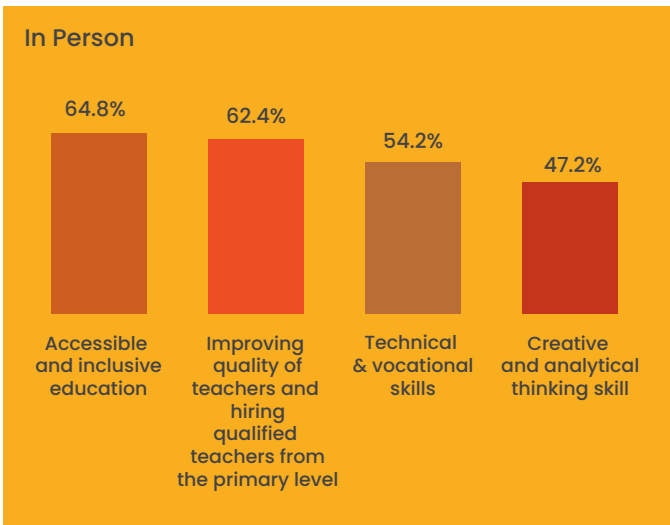
Online

**24.0%**

Do you think that student politics is an obstacle to carrying out educational activities fairly and smoothly in educational institutions?



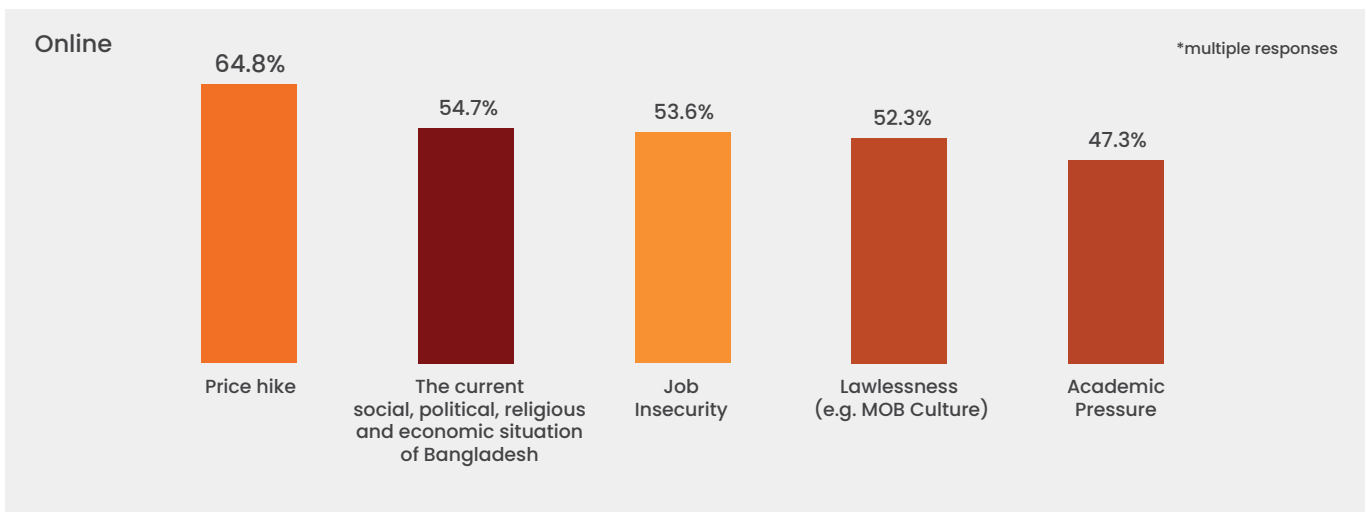
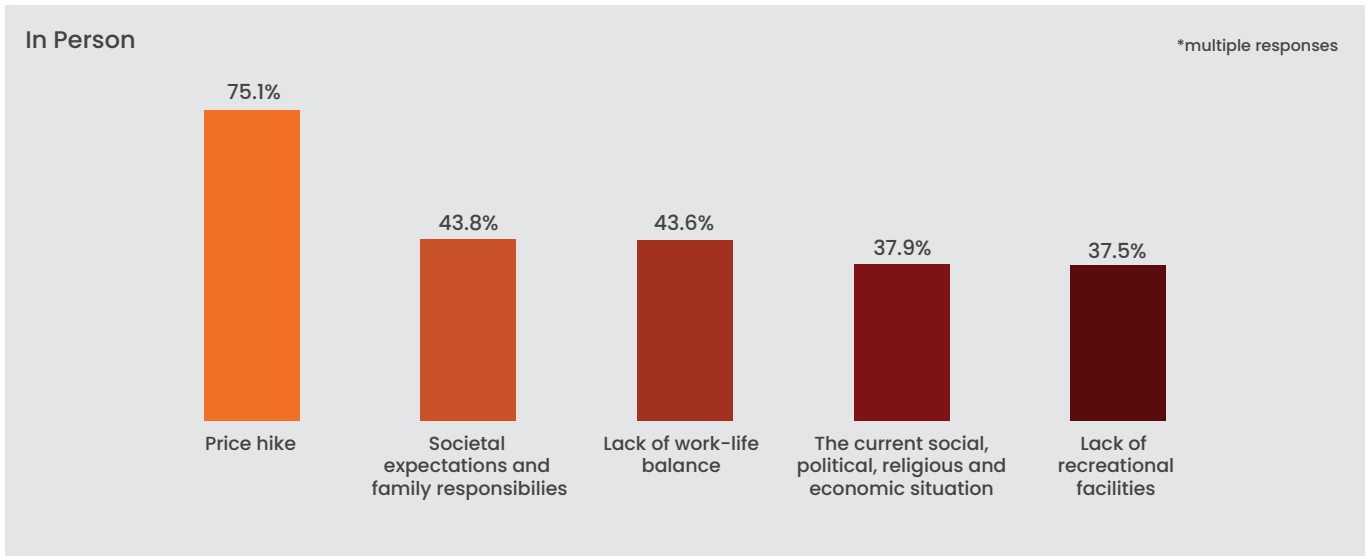
Which areas should our education system emphasize within the next five years to better equip our youth for the future? \*Multiple response



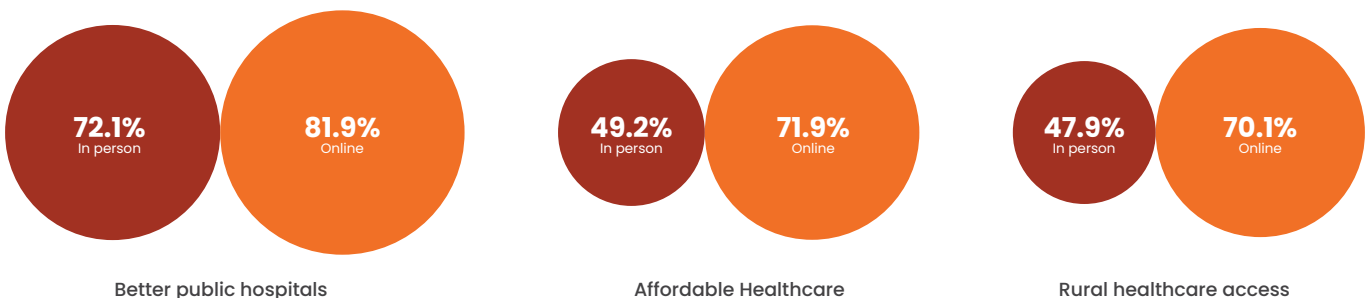
Leadership, communication, and other soft skills	In person <b>22.2%</b>	Online <b>68.5%</b>
Improving quality of teachers and hiring qualified teachers from the primary level	In person <b>62.4%</b>	Online <b>70.1%</b>
Female respondent think that student politics is an obstacle to carrying out educational activities	In person <b>71.2%</b>	Online <b>90.8%</b>

# Health

Which of the following factors have had a negative impact on your physical and mental health? (top 5)

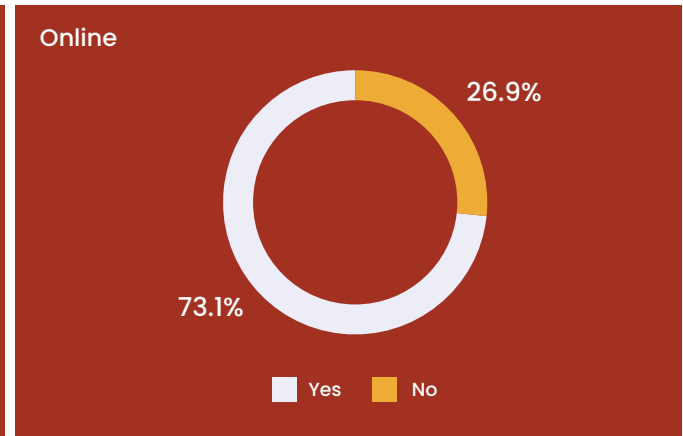
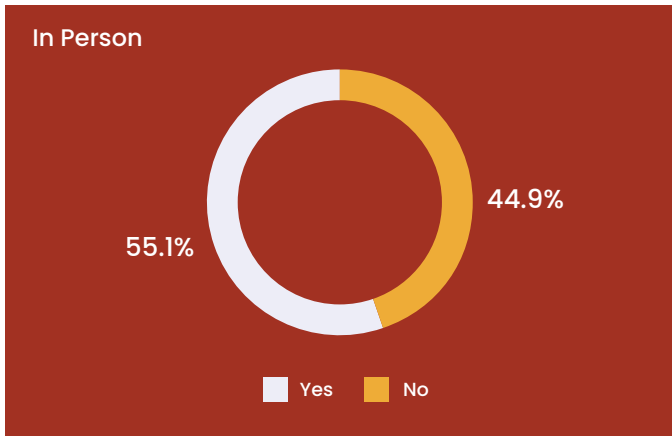


Youth think priorities of the govt. to improve the healthcare services

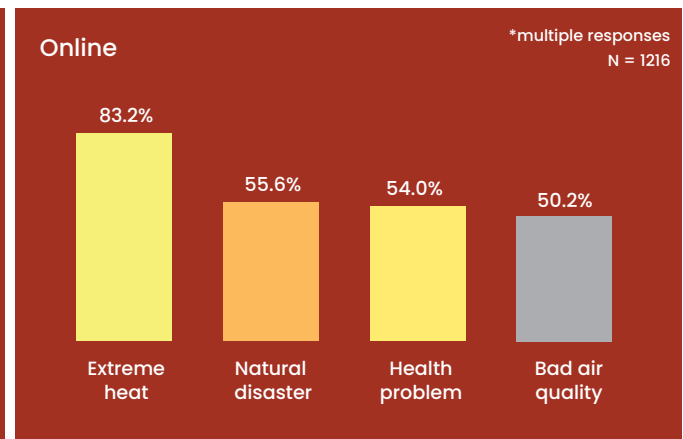
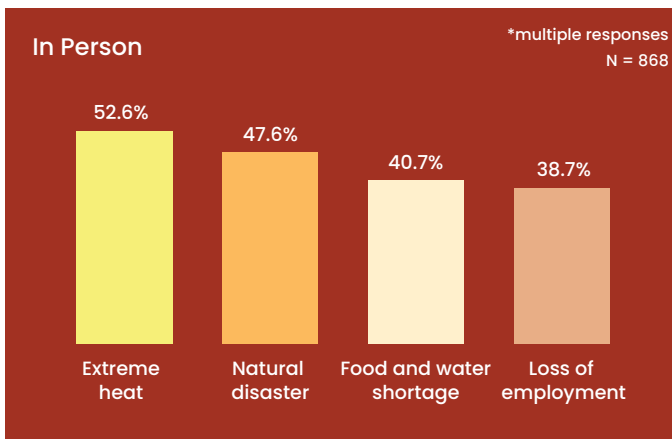


# Climate Change

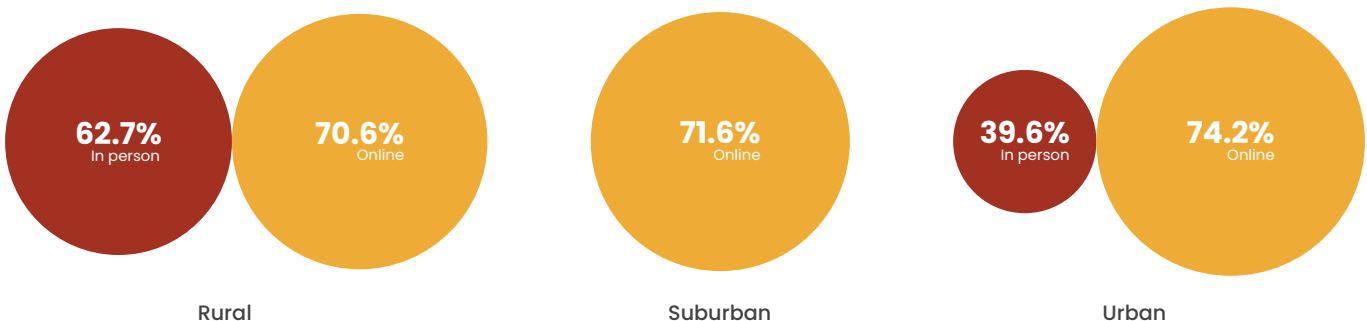
Have you faced any negative effects of climate change in your life?



Youth have experience negative effects of climate change

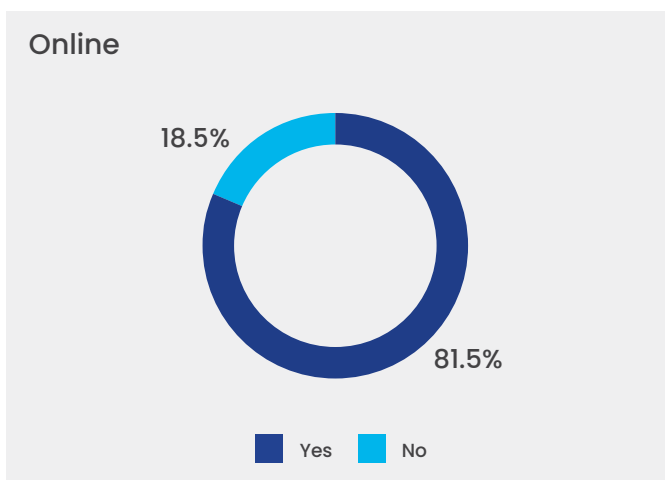
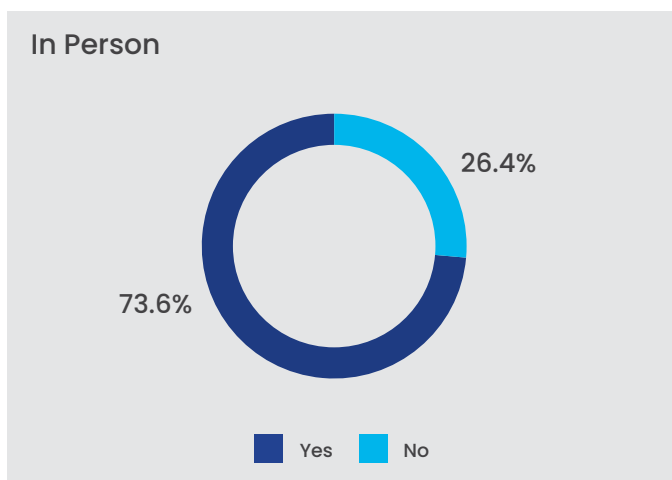


Percentage of respondents from different parts of the country -

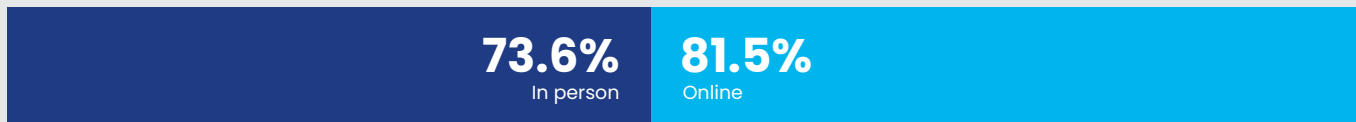


# Democracy, Insitutions & Governance

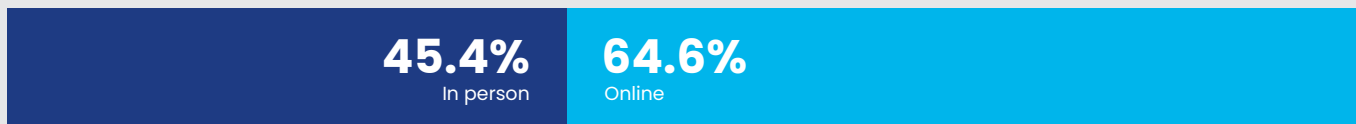
Do you feel that it is safer now to express your opinions on public platforms compared to the previous government?



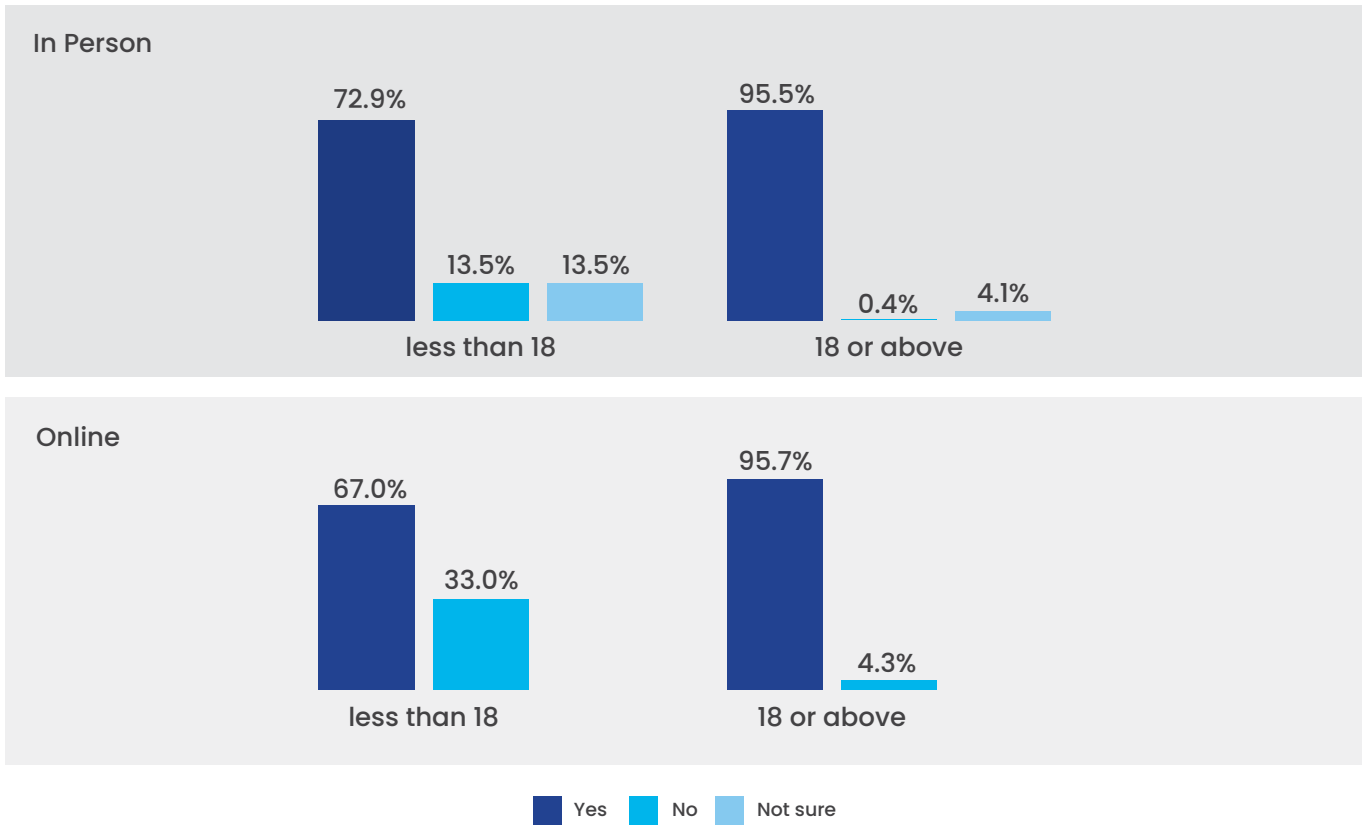
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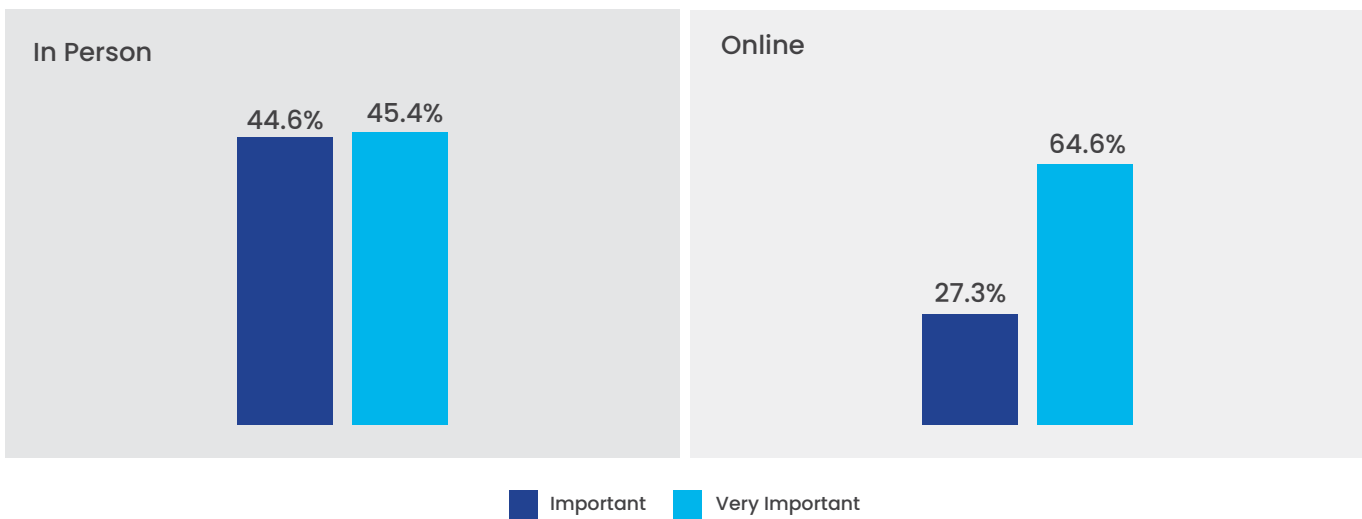
Youth think that the independence of the judiciary is in establishing the rule of law is very important



## Will you cast your vote in the upcoming parliamentary election?



## Importance of the independence of the judiciary is in establishing the rule of law



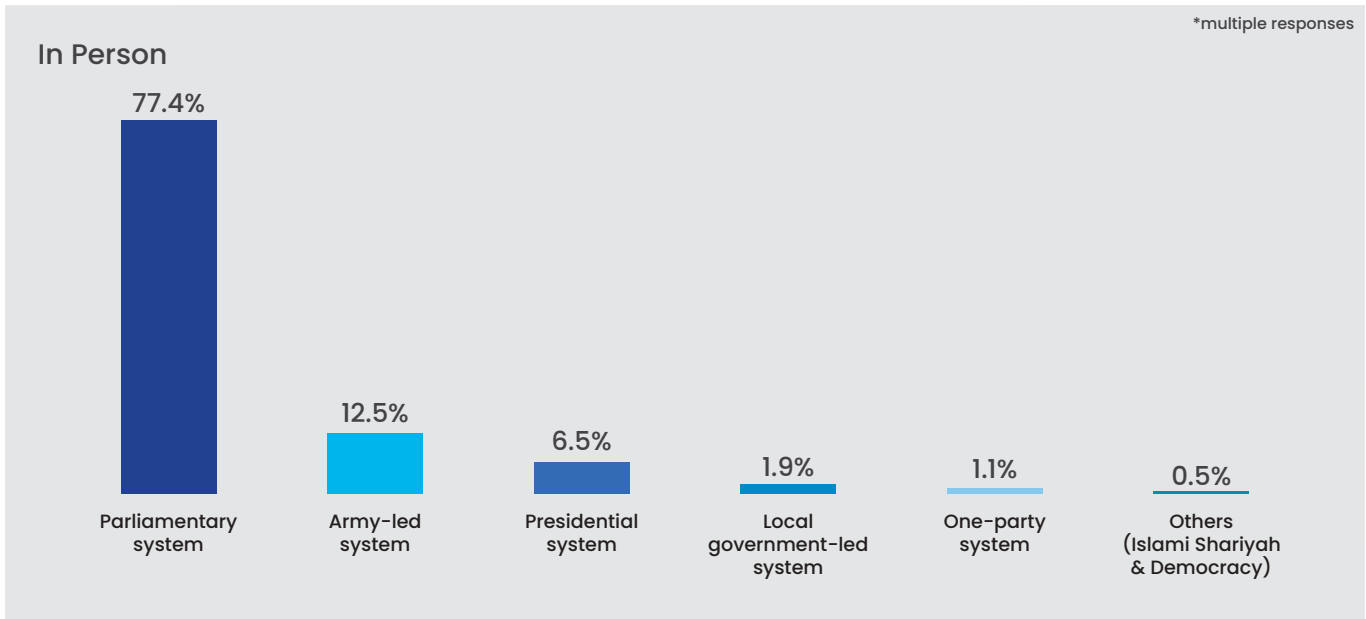
**Above 95%**

youth (18 or above) are willing to cast their vote in the upcoming parliamentary election

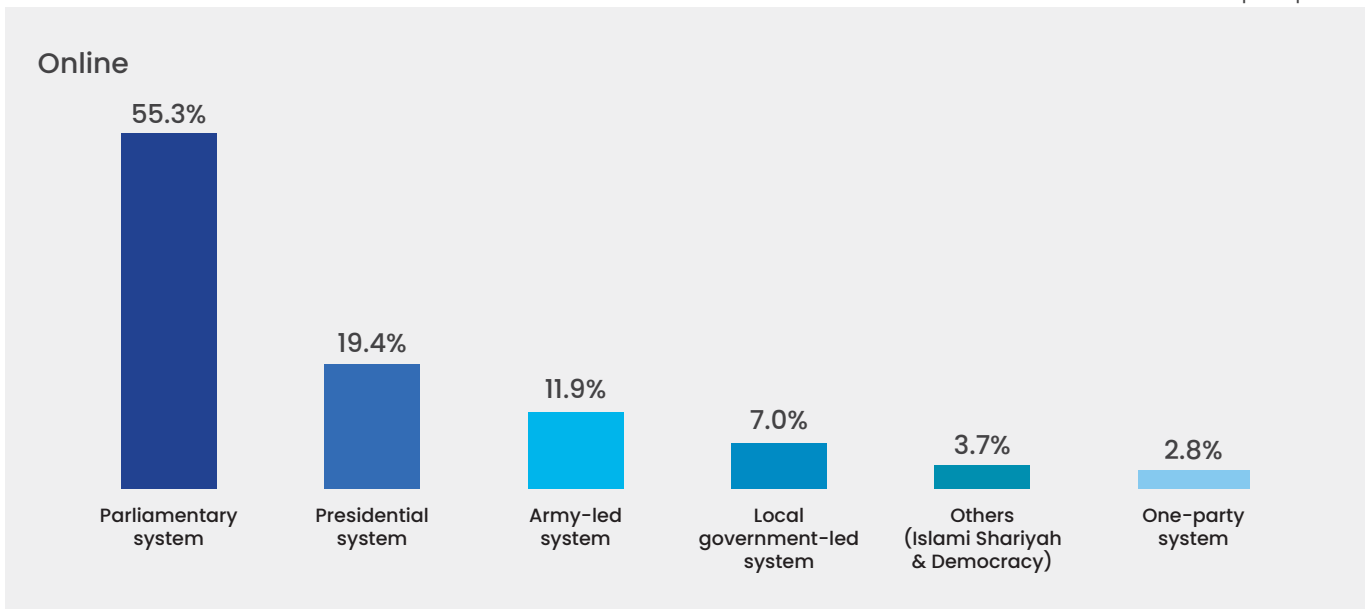


## Which form of government do you support for eliminating all forms of discrimination?

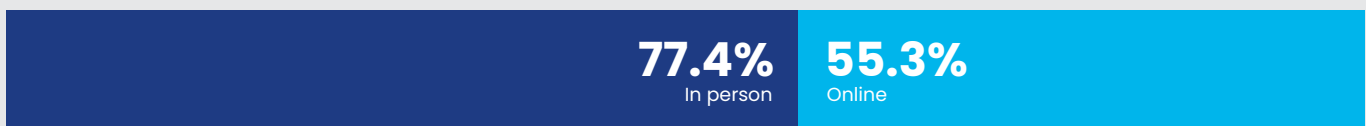
\*multiple responses



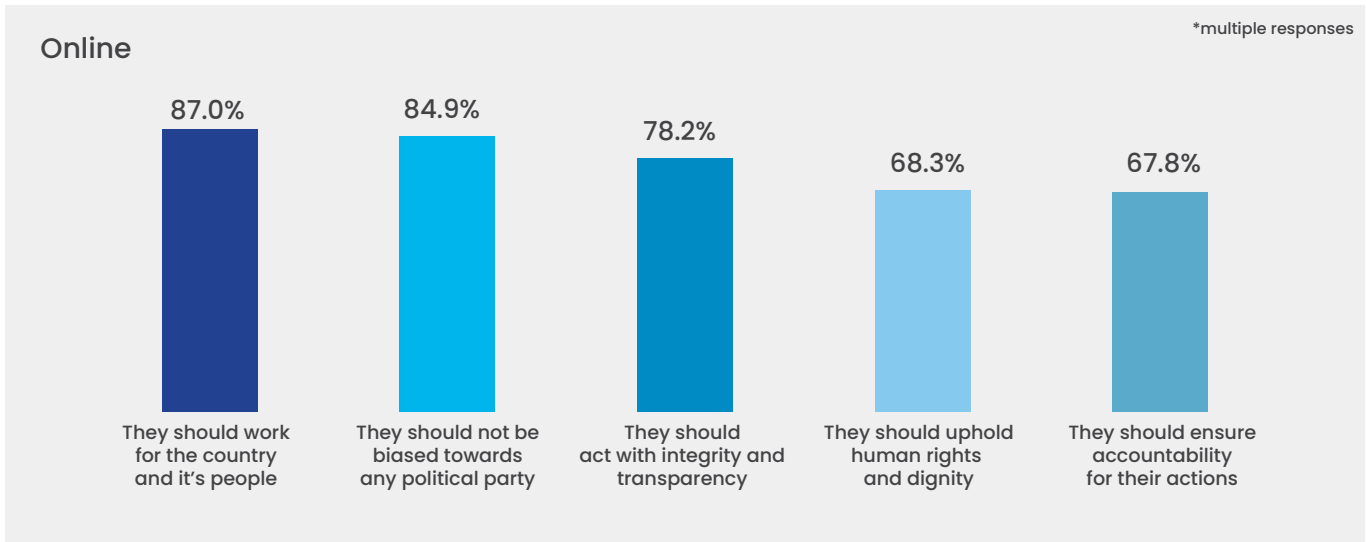
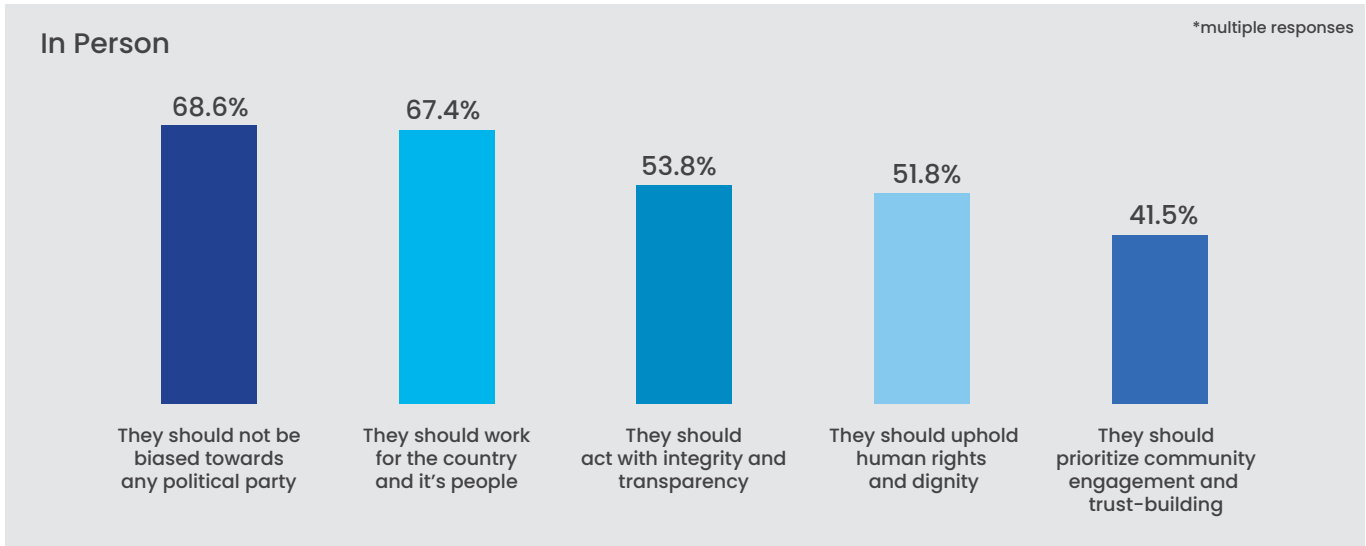
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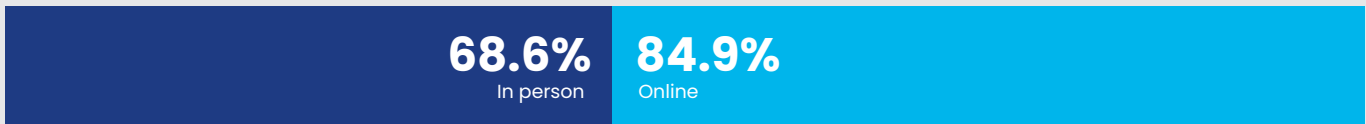
youth support traditional parliamentary system for eliminating all of forms of descriminatoin



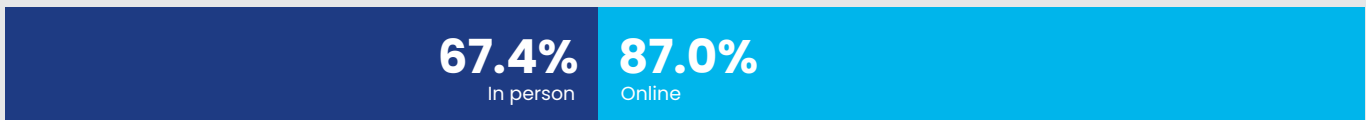
## What behavior should law enforcement agencies (Police, Ansar, RAB, BGB etc.) demonstrate?



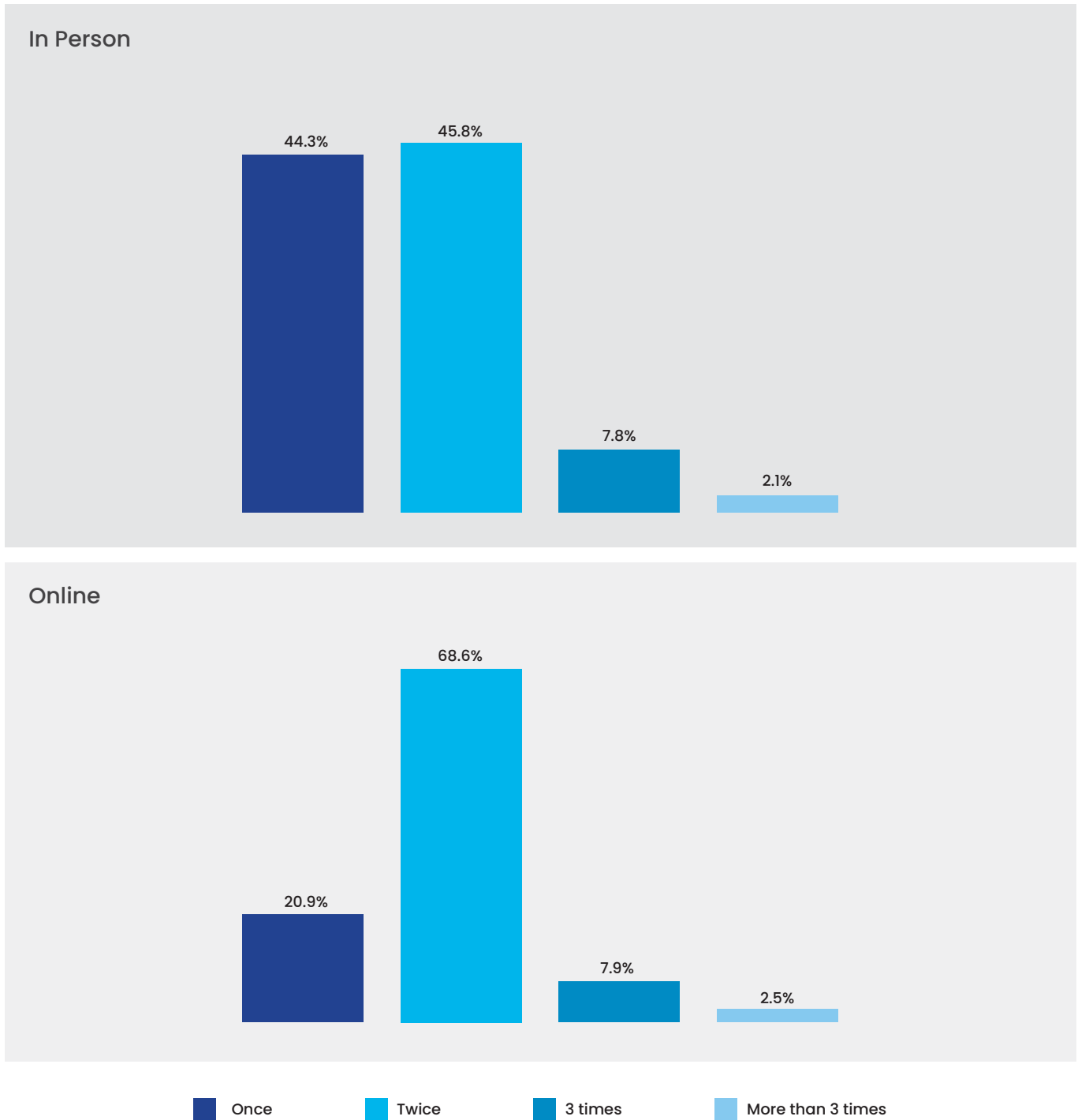
### They should not be biased towards any political party



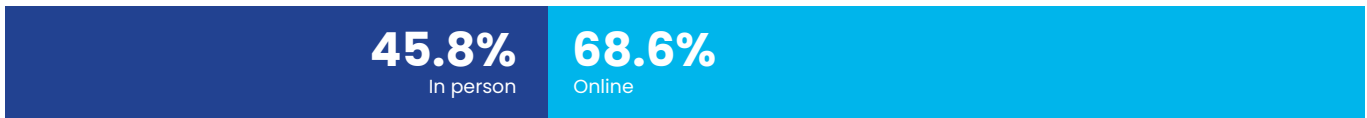
### They should work for the country and its people



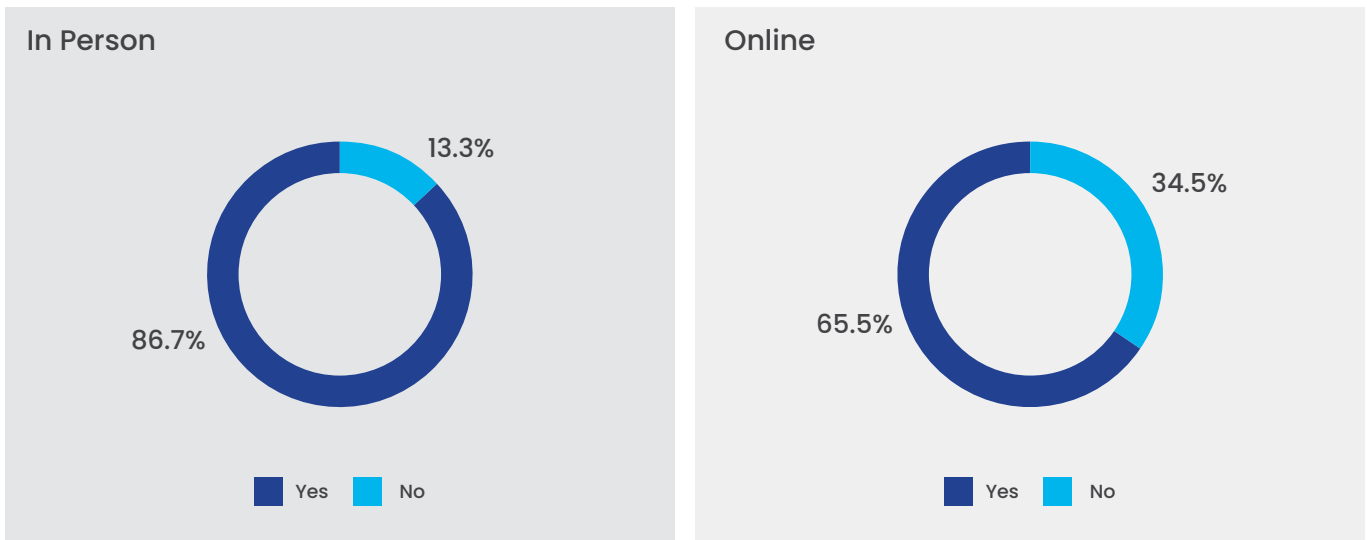
## How many times do you believe a candidate should be allowed to serve as Prime Minister at most?



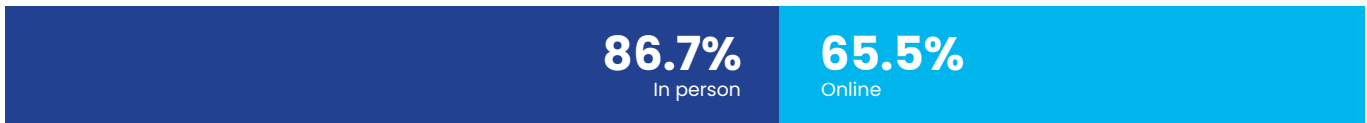
Youth believe a candidate should be allowed to serve as Prime Minister twice at most



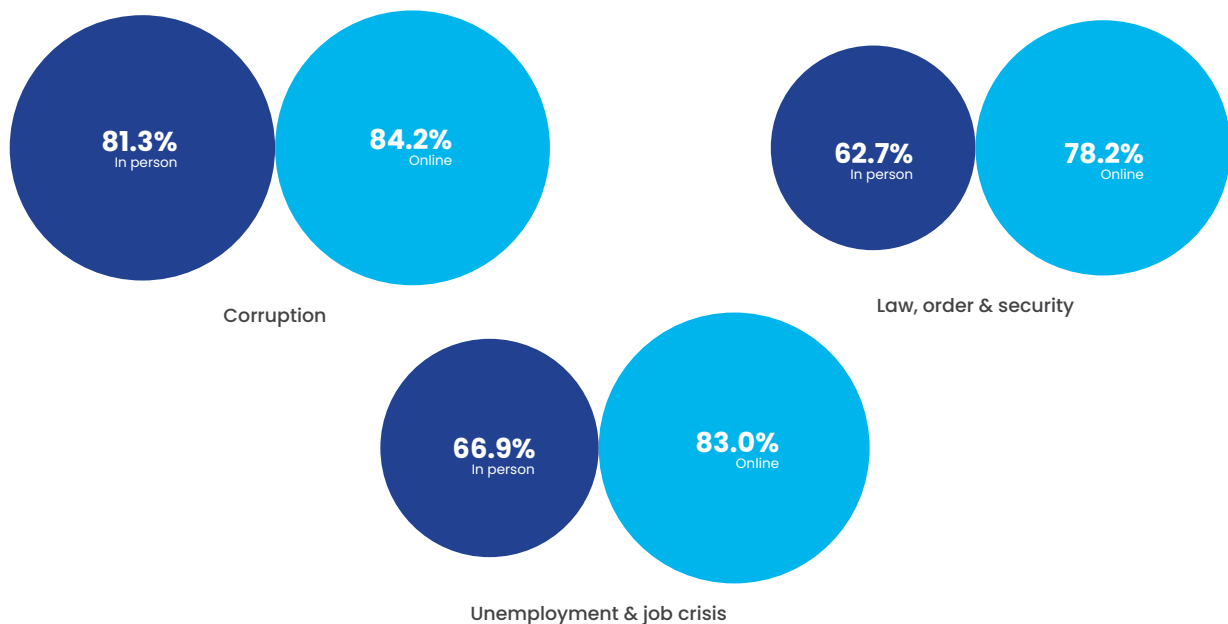
## Do you feel confident in the transparency of the upcoming election process?



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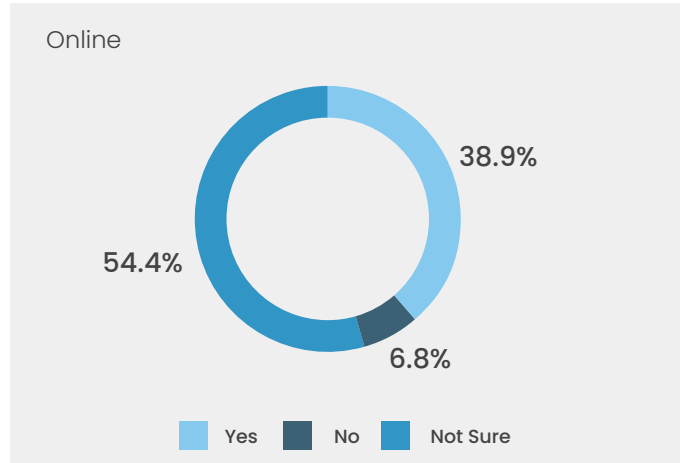
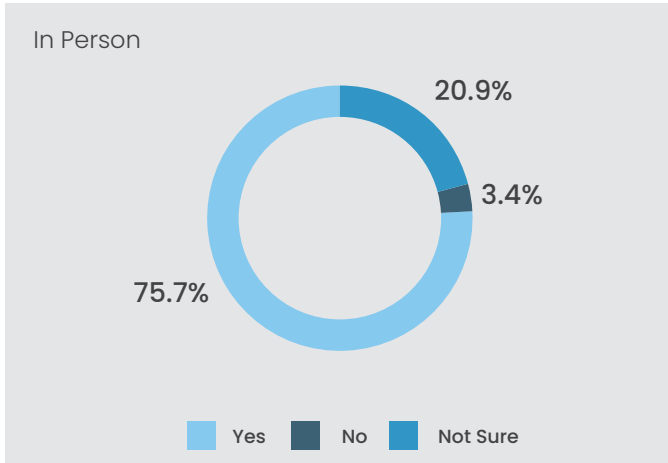


## Which of the following areas should Bangladesh prioritize addressing within the next five years? \*Multiple responses

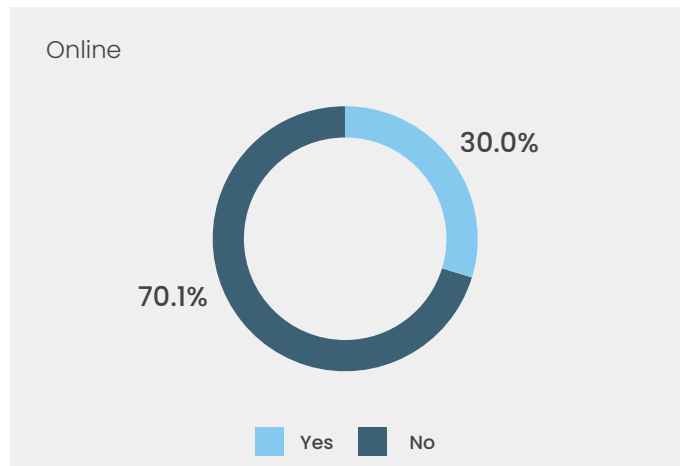
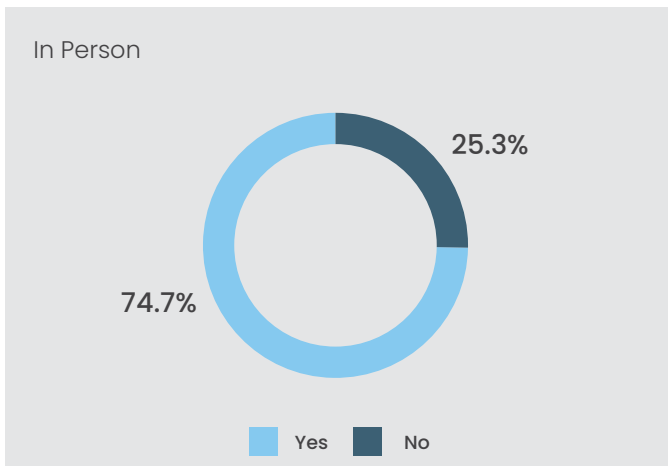


# Peace and Justice

Do you think peace and justice will improve in Bangladesh in the coming days?



Do you believe that girls and women feel safe in Bangladesh today?



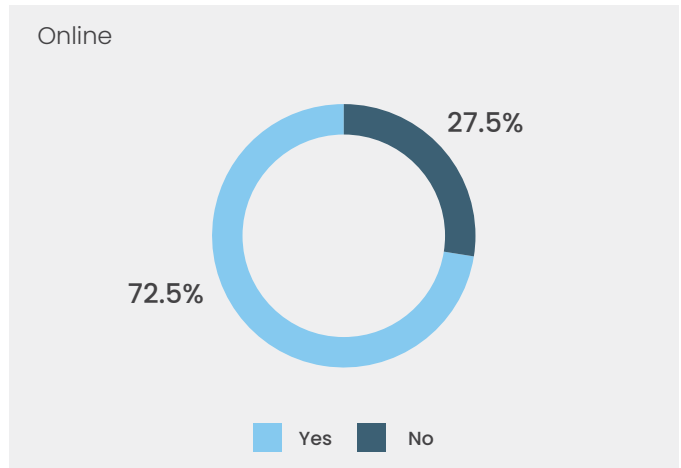
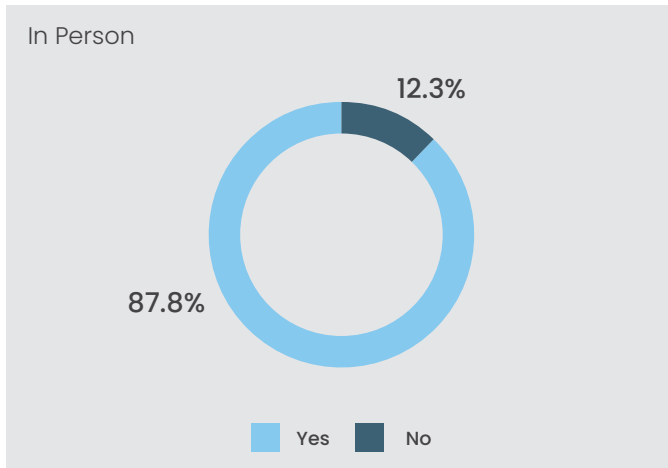
Youth agreed that peace and justice will improve in coming days



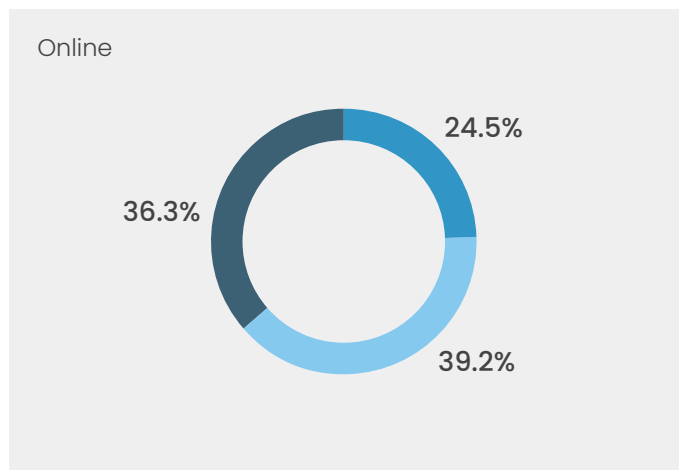
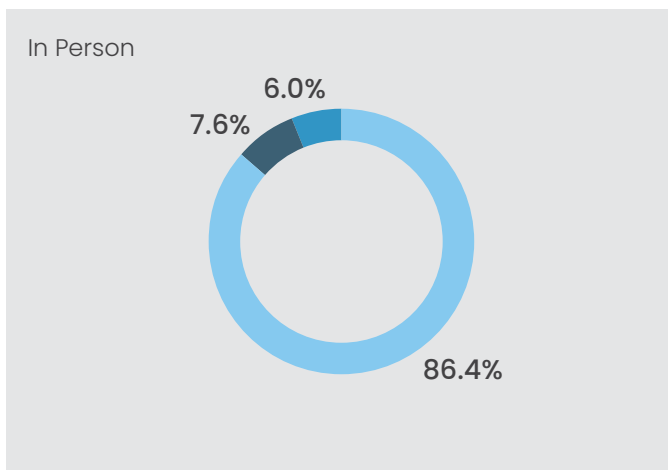
Female participants believe that girls and women feel safe in Bangladesh today



Do you think the situation for girls and women in terms of rights and empowerment will improve in the coming days?



Do you think there is communal harmony present in Bangladesh in the current situation, considering both religion and ethnicity?



Yes, there is harmony    No, there is a lack of harmony    Unsure

Female participants think that the situation for girls and women in terms of rights and empowerment will improve in the coming days

In person  
**89.1%**

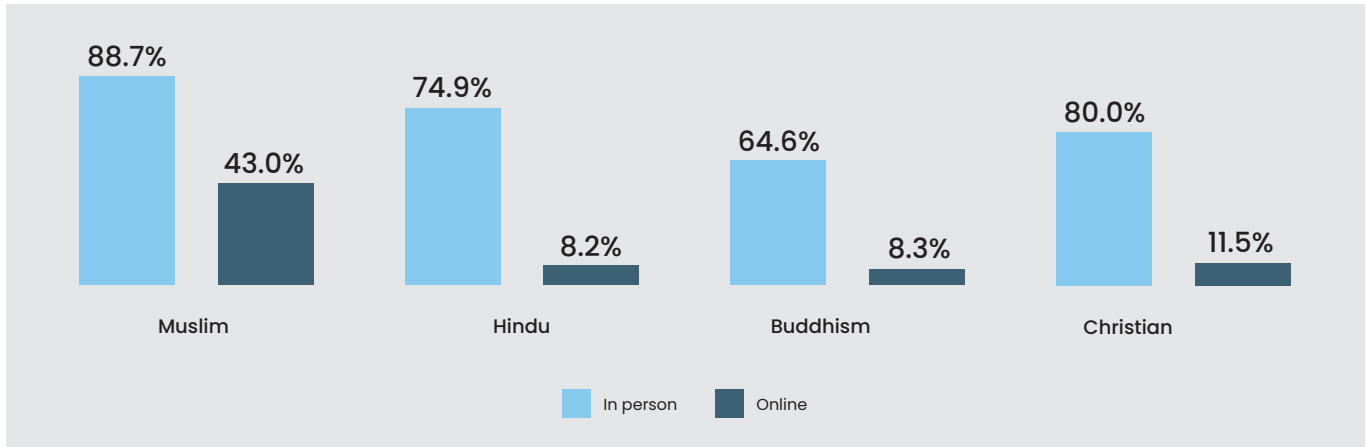
Online  
**65.5%**

Youth believe that Increase in bigotry and intolerance contribute to no harmony in society

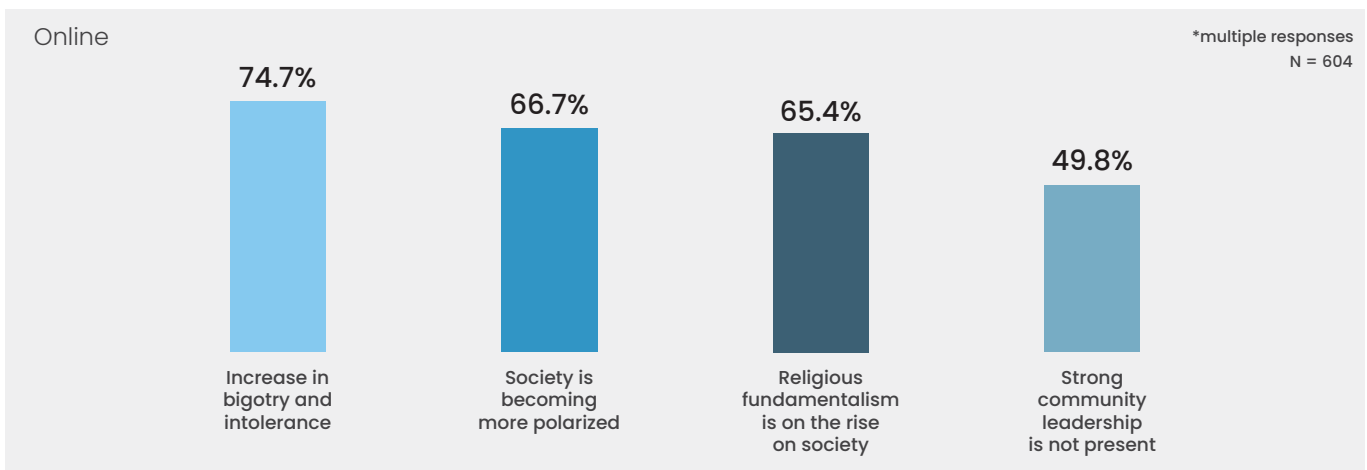
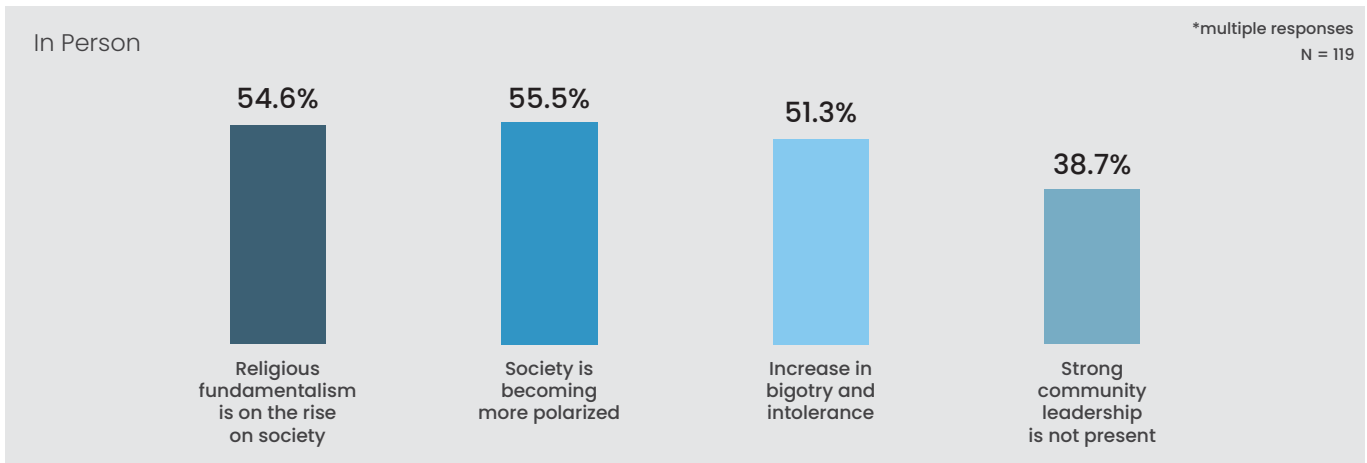
In person  
**51.3%**

Online  
**74.7%**

## Religion wise distribution of communal harmony present in Bangladesh in the current situation

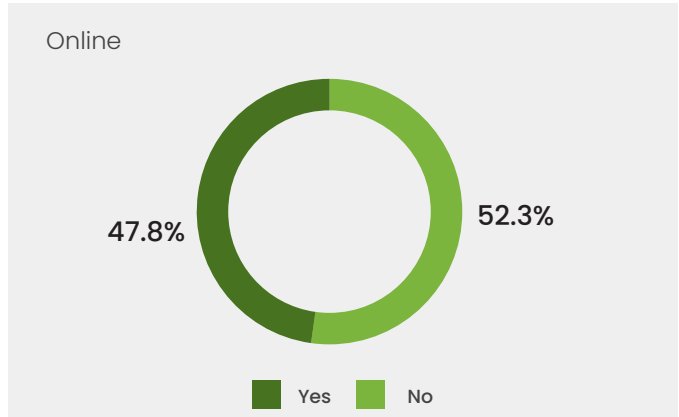
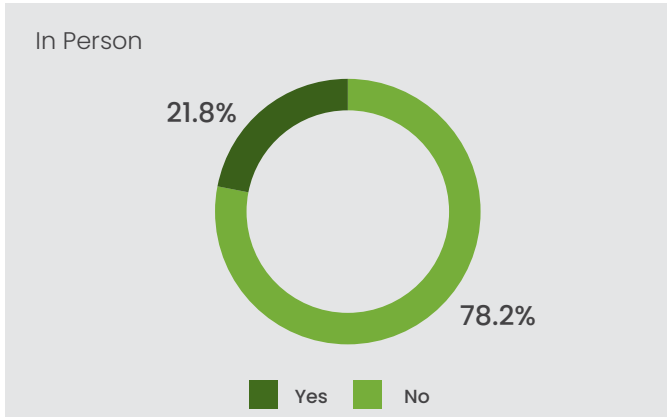


## If you believe there is no harmony, what factors contribute to this view?



# Migration

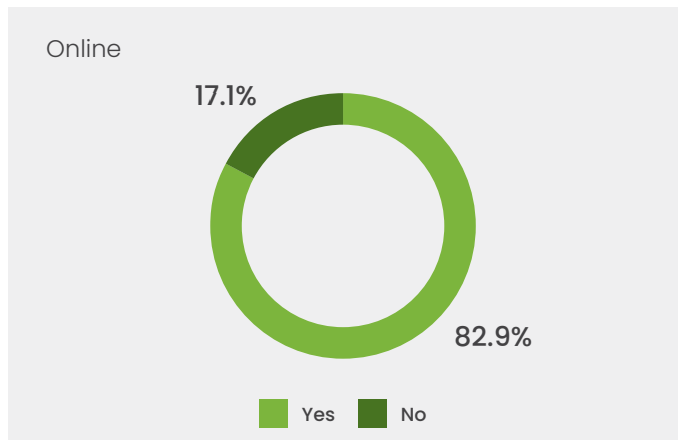
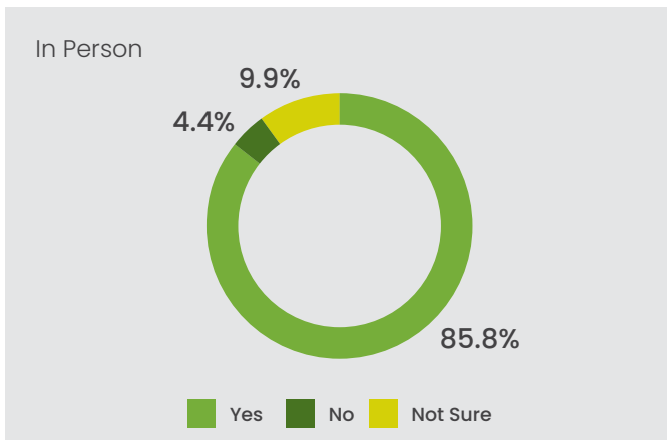
Do you plan to settle abroad in the future?



Youth plan to settle abroad



If you see improvements in Bangladesh in the factors you chose above, would you think about moving back to Bangladesh?



Limited Opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship

In person  
**59.3%**

Online  
**40.1%**

Concern over the social, political, and economic condition

In person  
**45.9%**

Online  
**68.9%**

Insufficient job prospects for your skills and qualifications

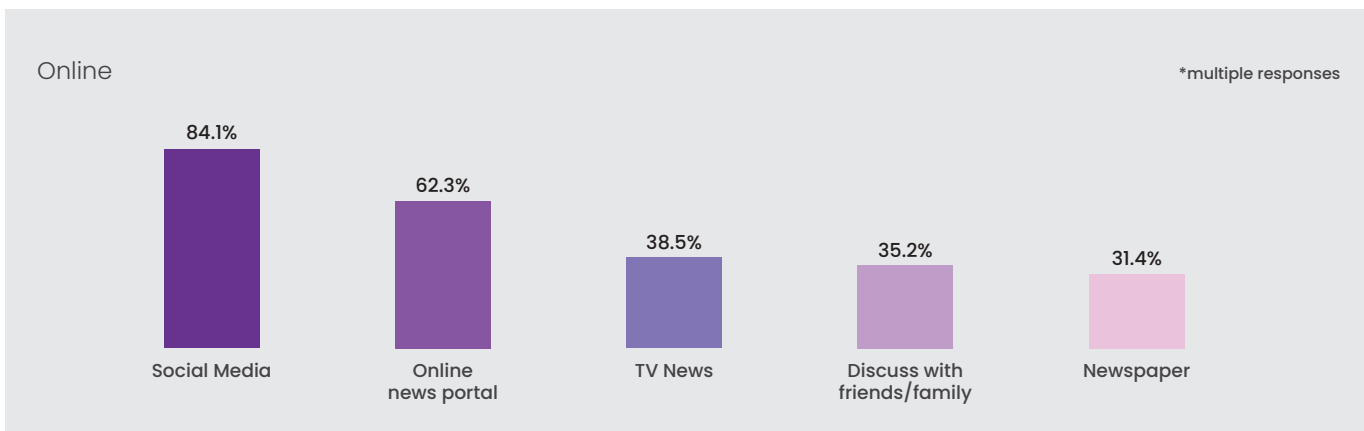
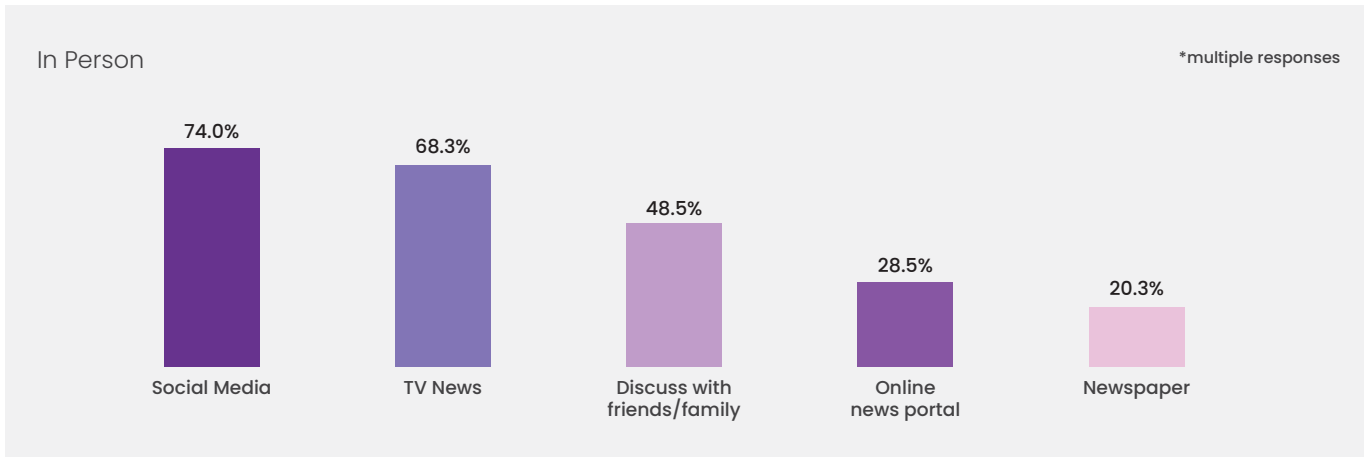
In person  
**52.6%**

Online  
**48.7%**

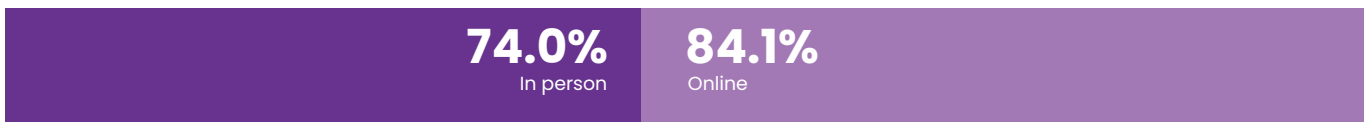


# Information and Perception

Where do you get your information on current events in Bangladesh?



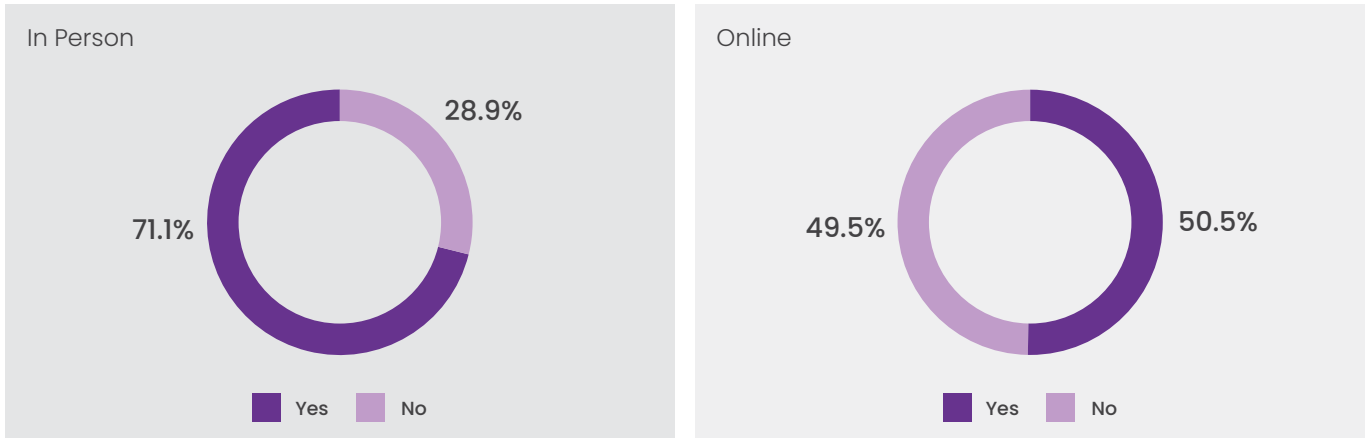
Youth receive information from social media



Youth receive information from various online news portals



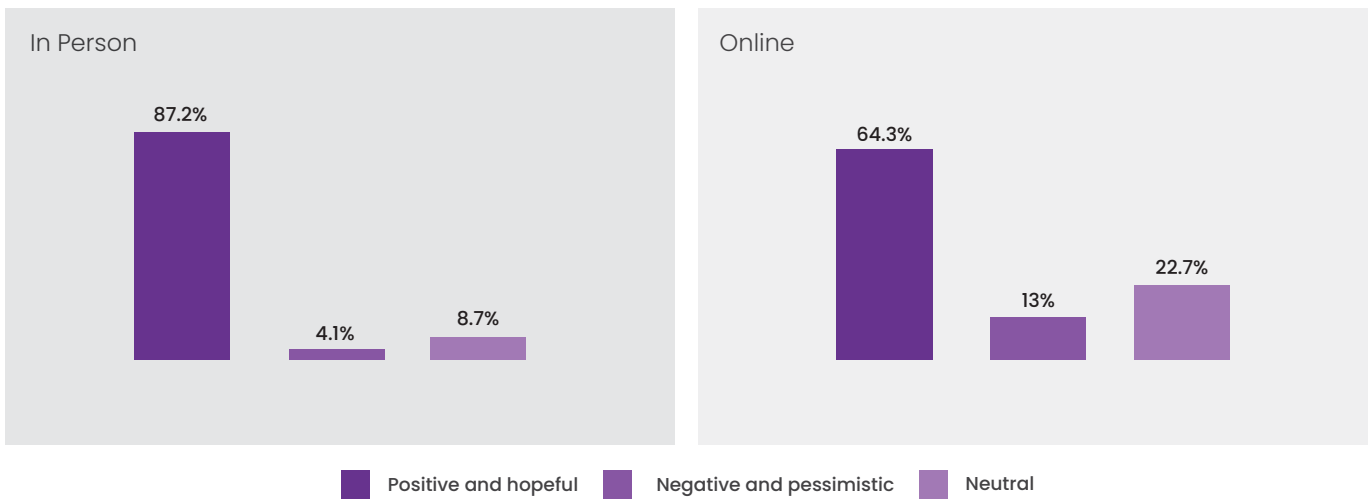
## Do you think print media platforms are providing a correct view of current events in Bangladesh?



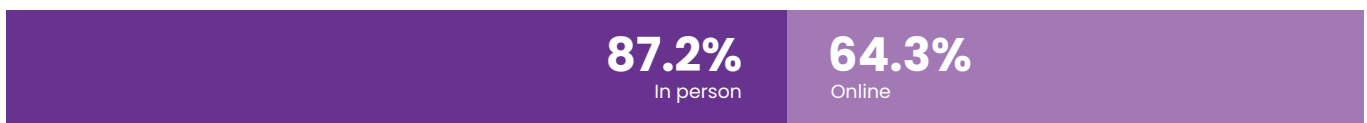
Youth think social media platforms are providing a correct view of current events in Bangladesh



## How do you feel about the future of Bangladesh?

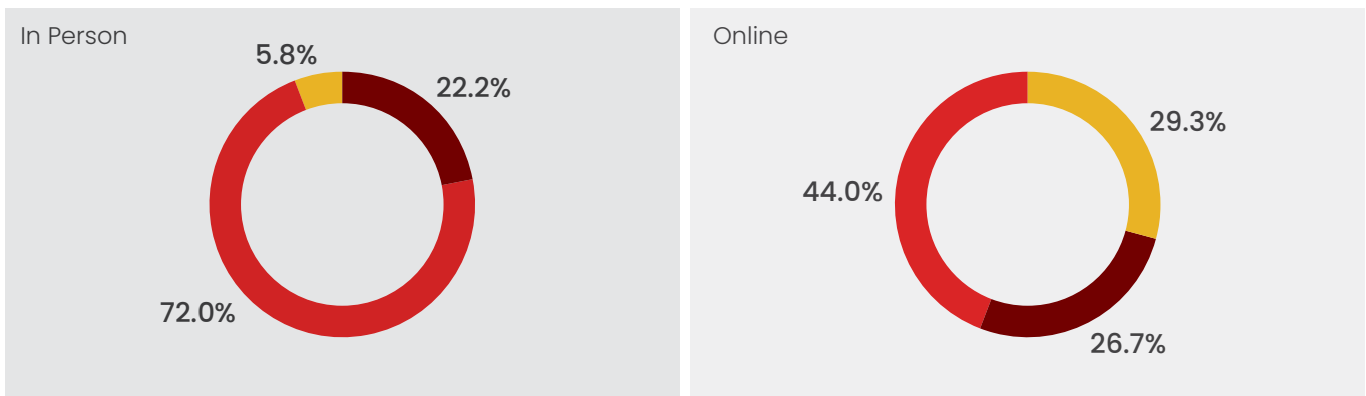


Youth are positive and hopeful about the future of Bangladesh based on the information they receive



# Youth and Politics

Do you think the political environment in Bangladesh in the coming days will be favorable for youth to get involved in politics?



Yes, it will be supportive    No, it will remain challenging    Uncertain

Yes, it will be supportive



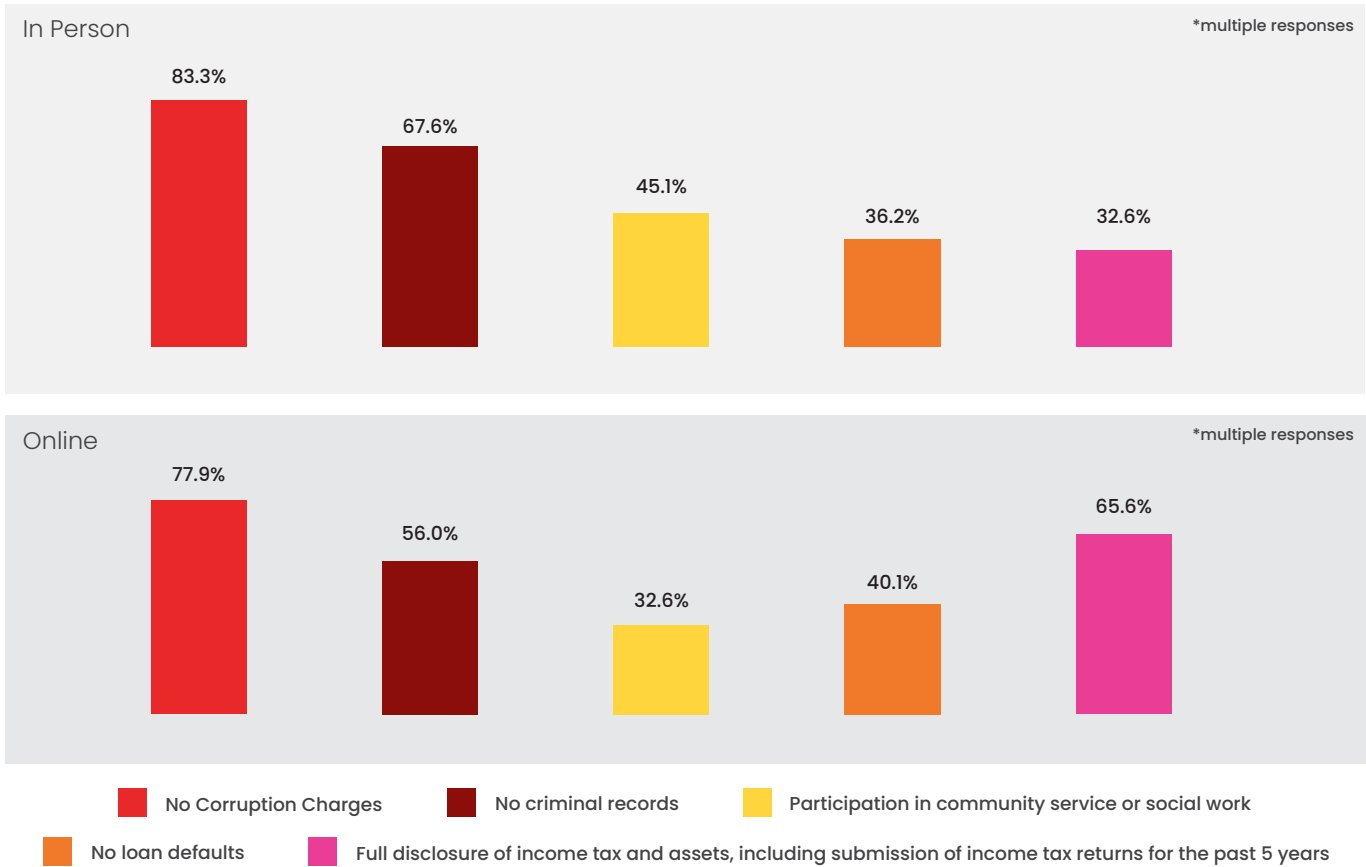
No, it will remain challenging



**29.3%**

Online respondents are still unsure about the political environment in Bangladesh in the coming days

## What criteria should a politician meet to be eligible to contest in the next parliamentary election?



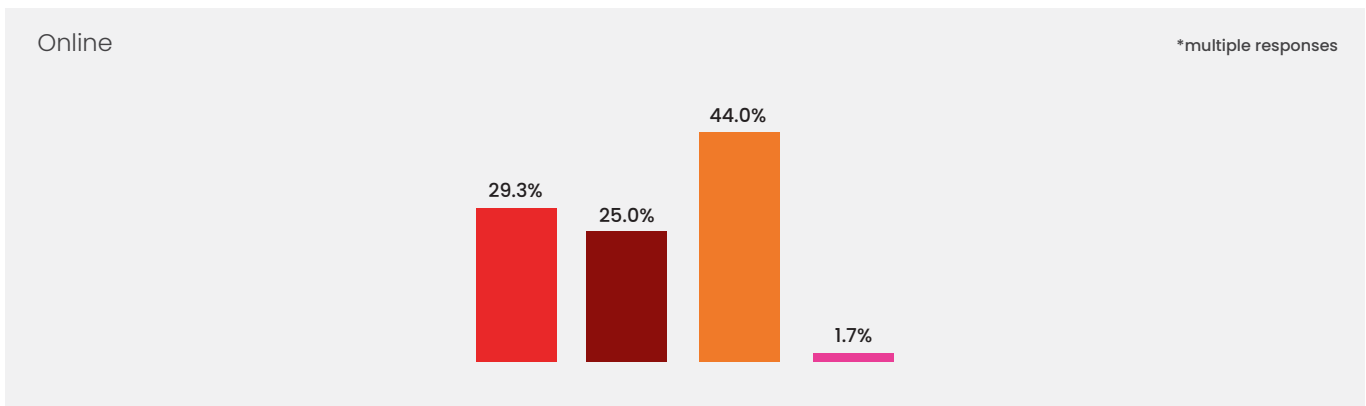
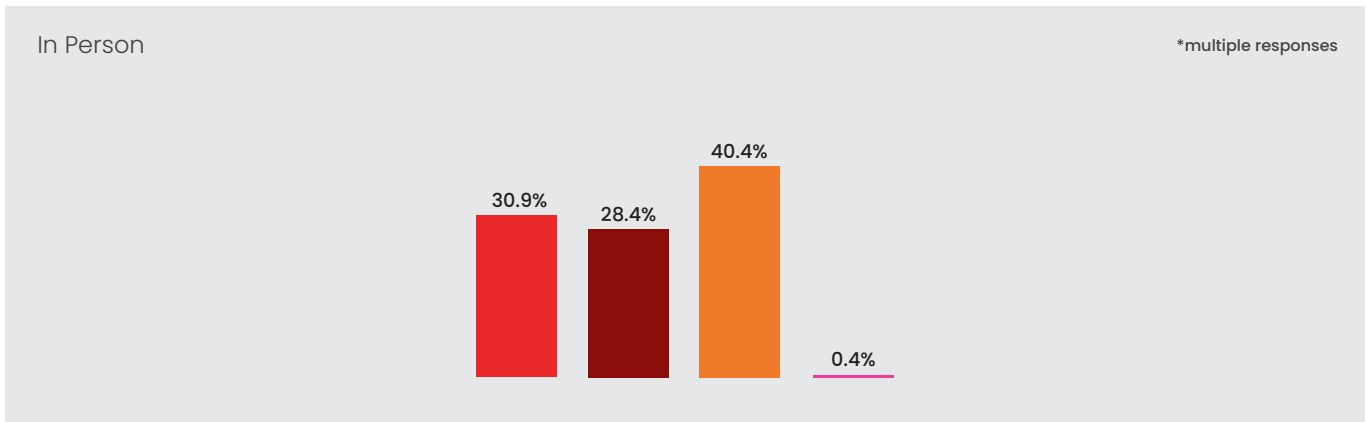
### No corruption charges



### No criminal records



## Which of the following approaches do you believe will be more effective in improving the quality of political leadership in Bangladesh?

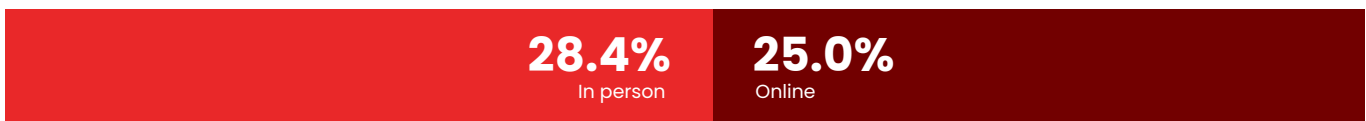


- Bringing fresh, youth leadership into existing political parties
- Launching a new youth-led party
- Reforming the major political parties and removal of corrupt politicians
- Others

### Reforming the major political parties and removal of corrupt politicians

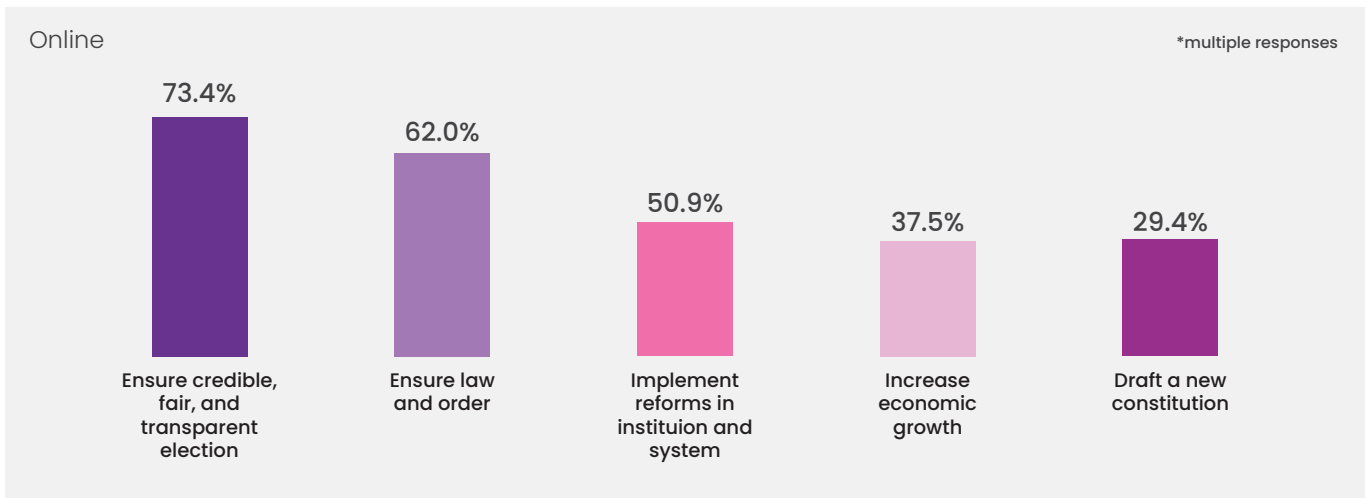
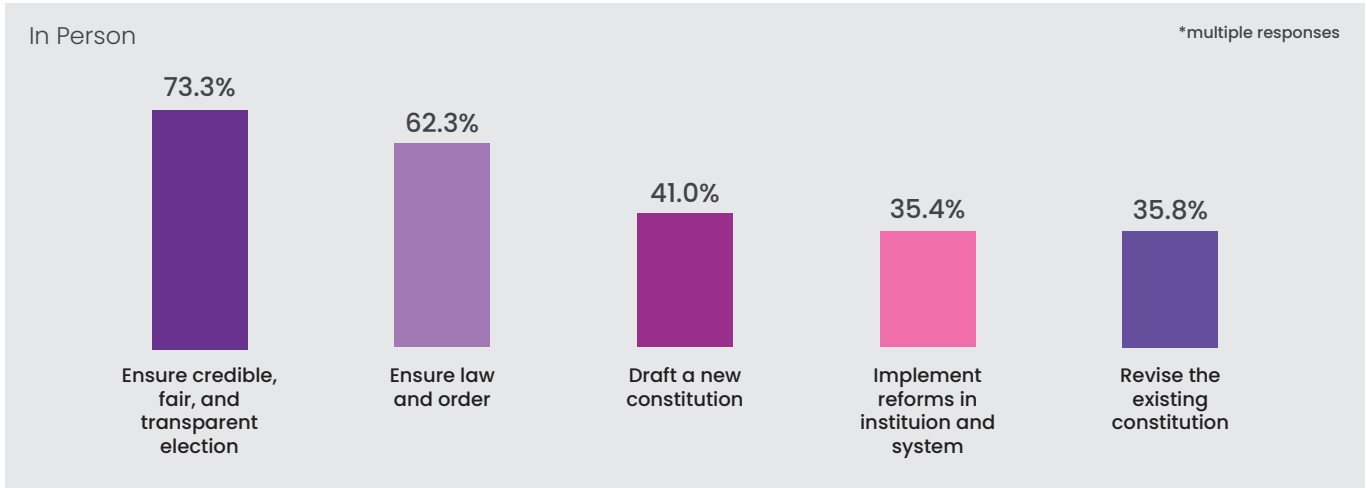


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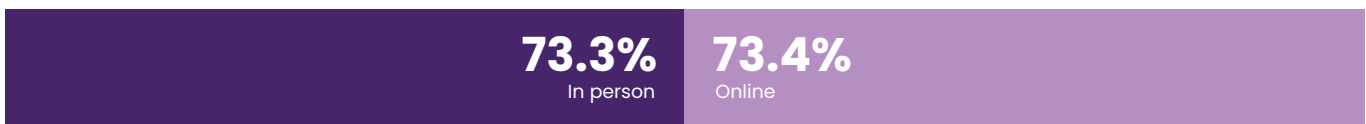


# Interim Government Priorities

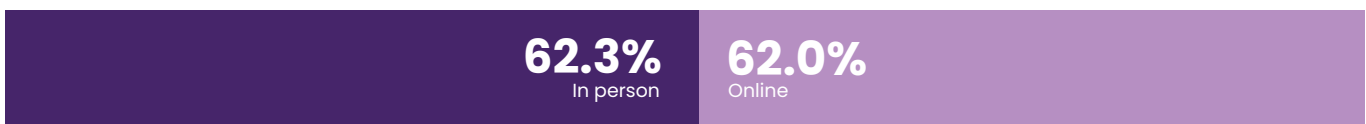
What should be the top 3 priorities for the interim government? (top 5 responses presented)



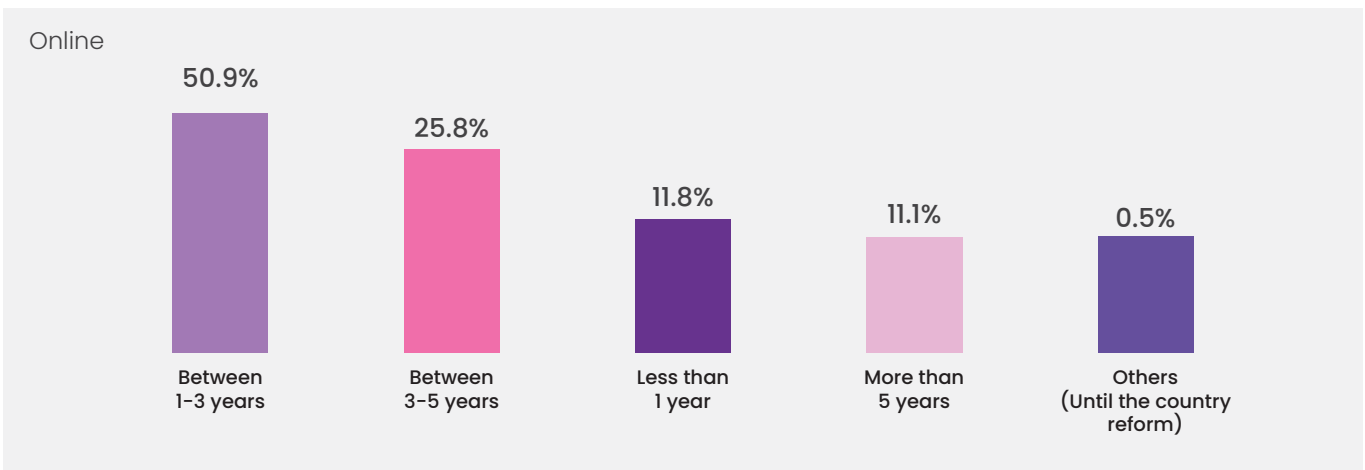
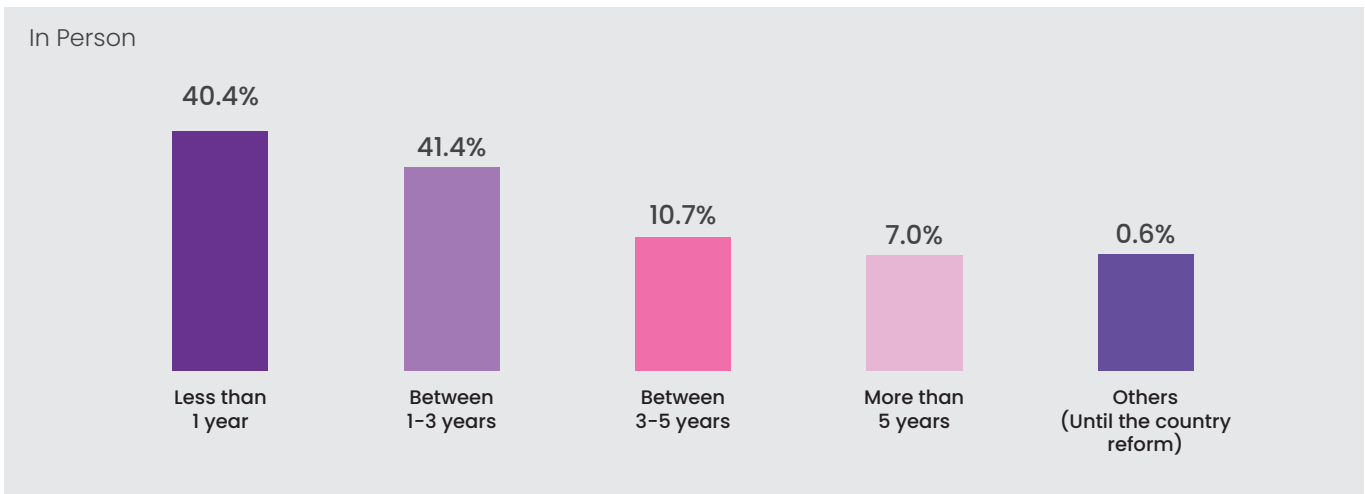
Ensure credible, fair, and transparent election



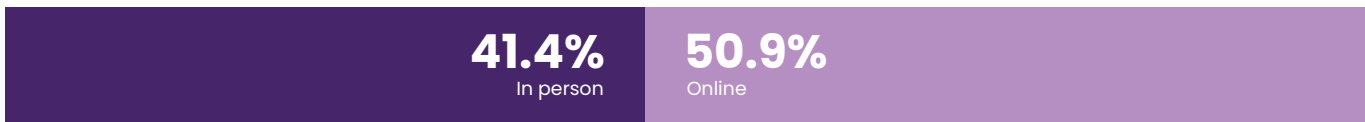
Ensure law and order



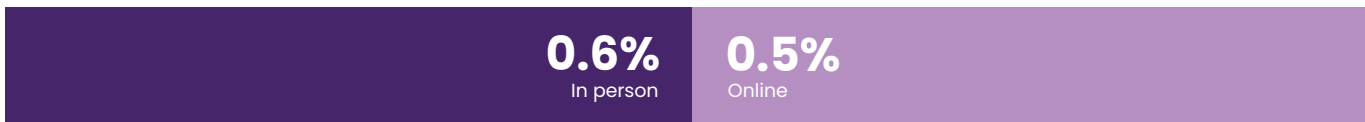
To implement the top priorities according to you,  
how long should the interim government stay in power?



Between 1-3 years



Others (Until the country reform)



# MEDIA COVERAGES



**THE BUSINESS STANDARD**

### More than 80% Bangladeshi youth say addressing corruption a priority: BYLC survey



**Highlights**

- Survey divided into in-person and online – with 5,275 and 1,817 people participating respectively.
- 30.4% of online participants would prefer the interim government to stay in power for at least 1-3 years.
- 77.4% of in-person participants say education system is adequate.
- 70% of the online respondents expressed concerns about the current safety of women in the country.
- 86.4% of the in-person respondents felt that continued harmony is provided in Bangladesh.
- More than three parts of four groups optimistic about voting in next election.

**প্রথম আলো**

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**The Daily Star**

### Youth for political reforms, corruption-free leadership



**WHAT DO YOUTH WANT**

- Corruption free conditions
- Youth leadership
- Freedom of expression
- State reforms
- Unbiased law enforcement

**WHAT THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT**

- Student politics hindering education
- Women's safety
- Law and order situation
- Wasting of time
- Corruption and nepotism

Reforming major political parties and removing corrupt politicians are seen as essential steps to improving political leadership in Bangladesh, according to a recent survey.

**Dhaka Tribune**

### Survey: Youths optimistic about interim govt, want extended stay



Most of the country's youth have expressed optimism about the current interim government led by Professor Dr Mohammad Yunus, with many believing it should remain in power for at least one to three years.

**জৈবিক টাওয়ার Live**

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**daily sun**

### Nearly 51% youth prefer interim govt to stay in power for 1-3 years



As high as 50.9% of online and 41.4% of its in-person participants have advocated for the interim government to stay in power for at least 1-3 years, highlighting the urgent need for state reforms, according to the Youth Matters Survey-2024.

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