



*The political functions of the Internet in
the Russian's understanding*

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- ✓ *public opinion poll (1 600)*
- ✓ *in-depth interviews (34)*
- ✓ *focus-group interviews (7)*

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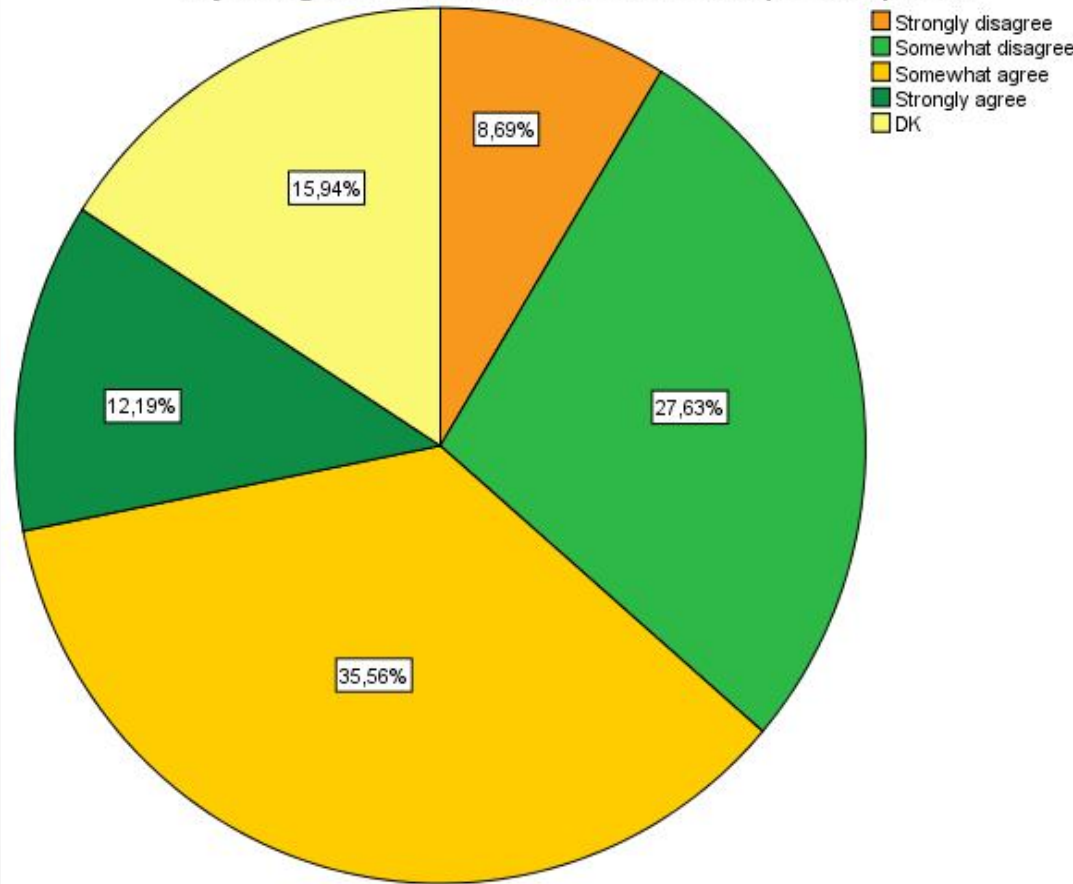
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By using the Internet:

- **one can get more political power**
- **one will have more say in what government does**
- **one can better understand politics**
- **public officials will care more what one thinks**
- **one feels comfortable saying whatever he thinks about politics**
- **people should be free to criticize government**
- **okay for people to express their ideas, even if they are extreme**
- **government should regulate it more than it does now**

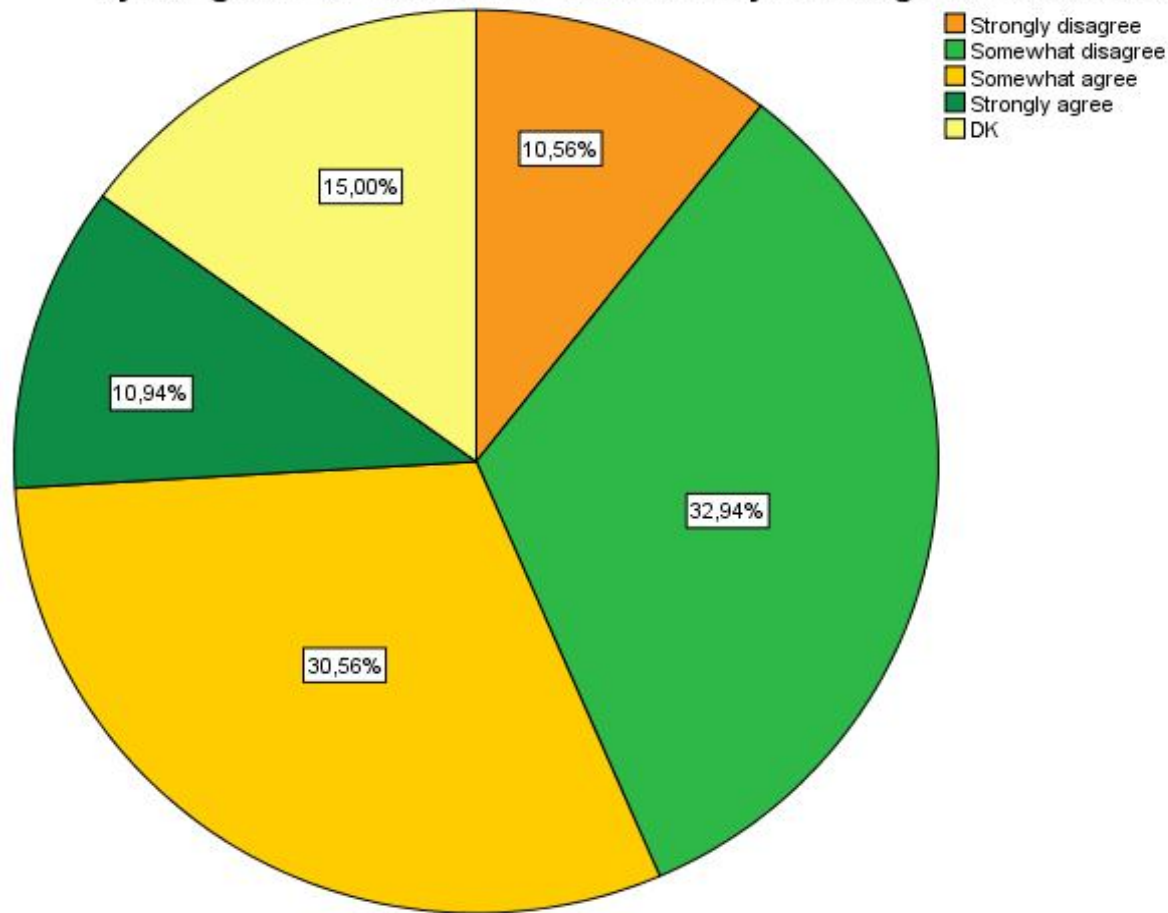
By using the Internet one can have more political power



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«-» 36,32%

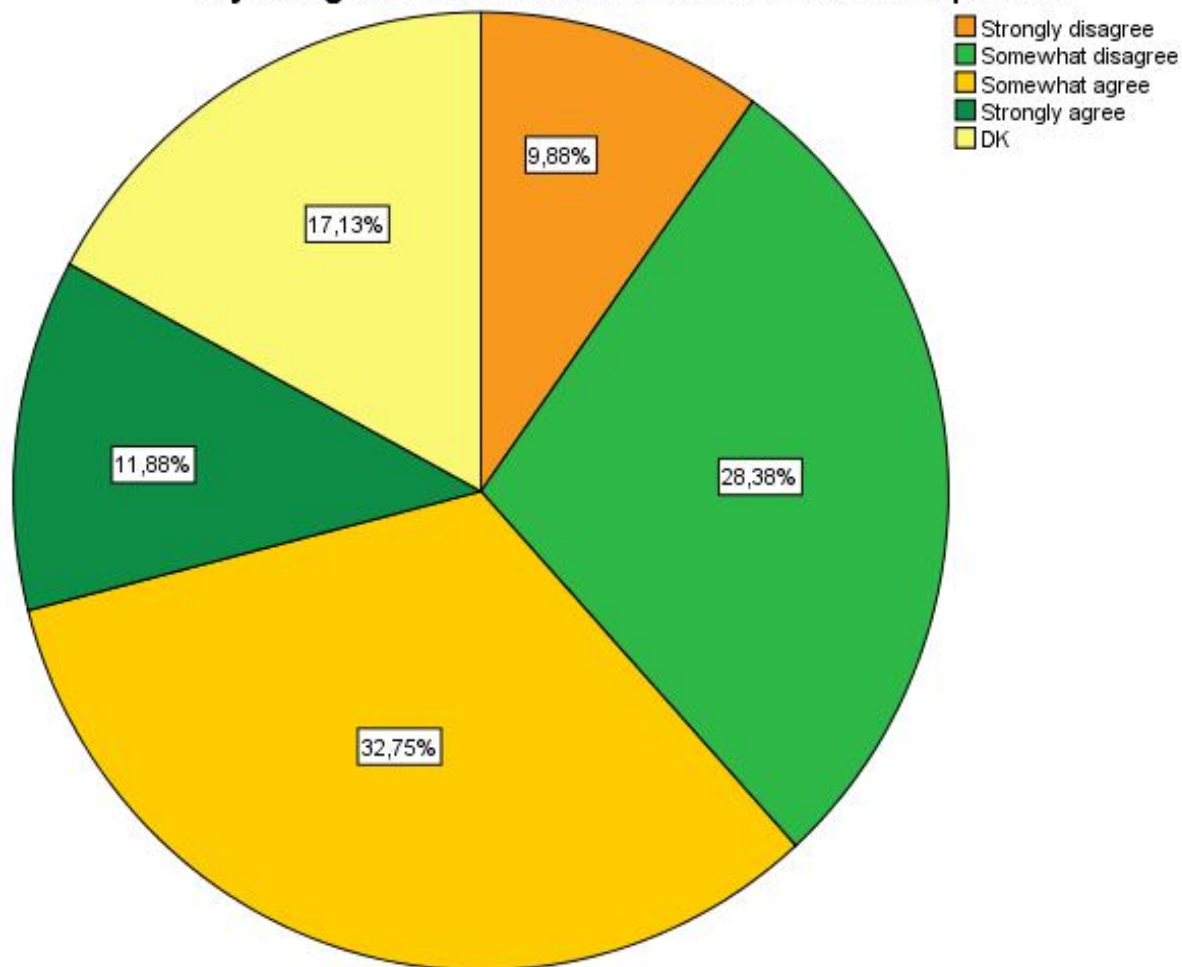
By using the Internet one will have more say in what government does



«+» 41,5%

«-» 43,5%

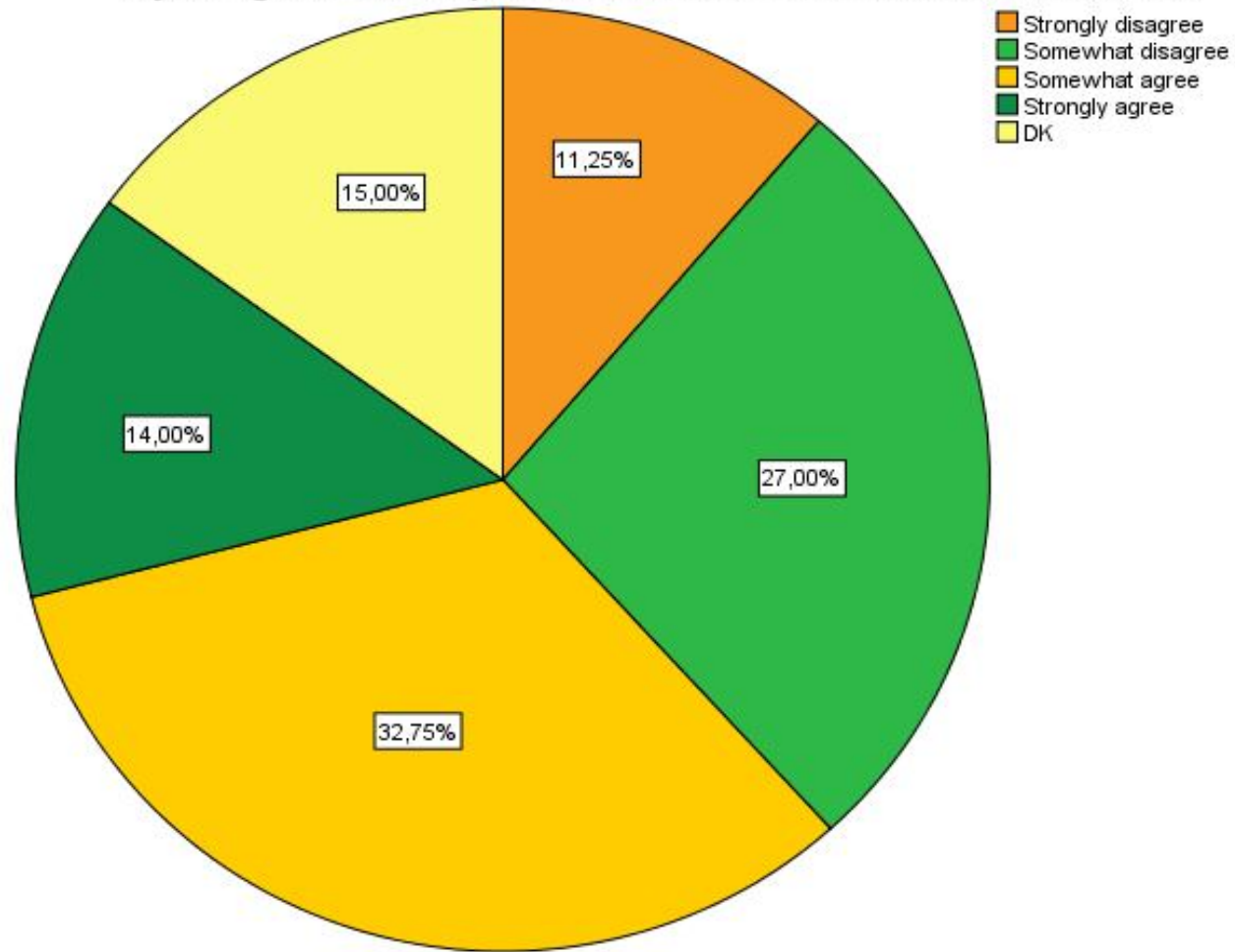
By using the Internet one can better understand politics



«+» 44,63%

«-» 38,26%

By using the Internet public officials will care more what one thinks

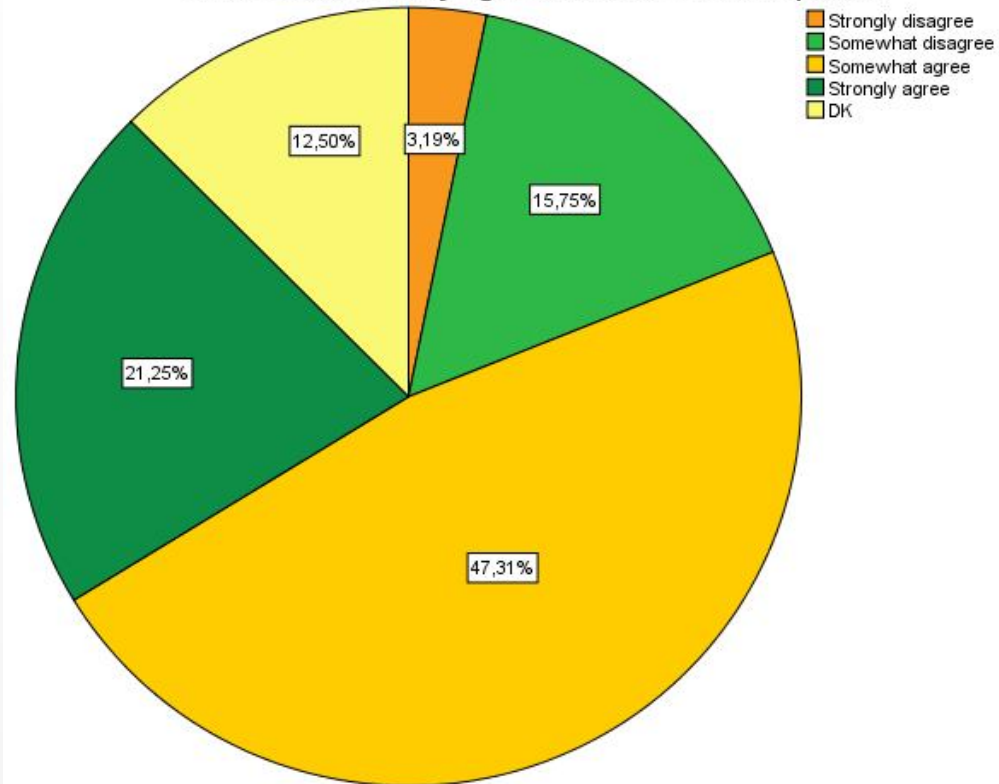


«+» 46,75%

«-» 38,25%

The political functions of the Internet:

Feel comfortable saying whatever I think about politics

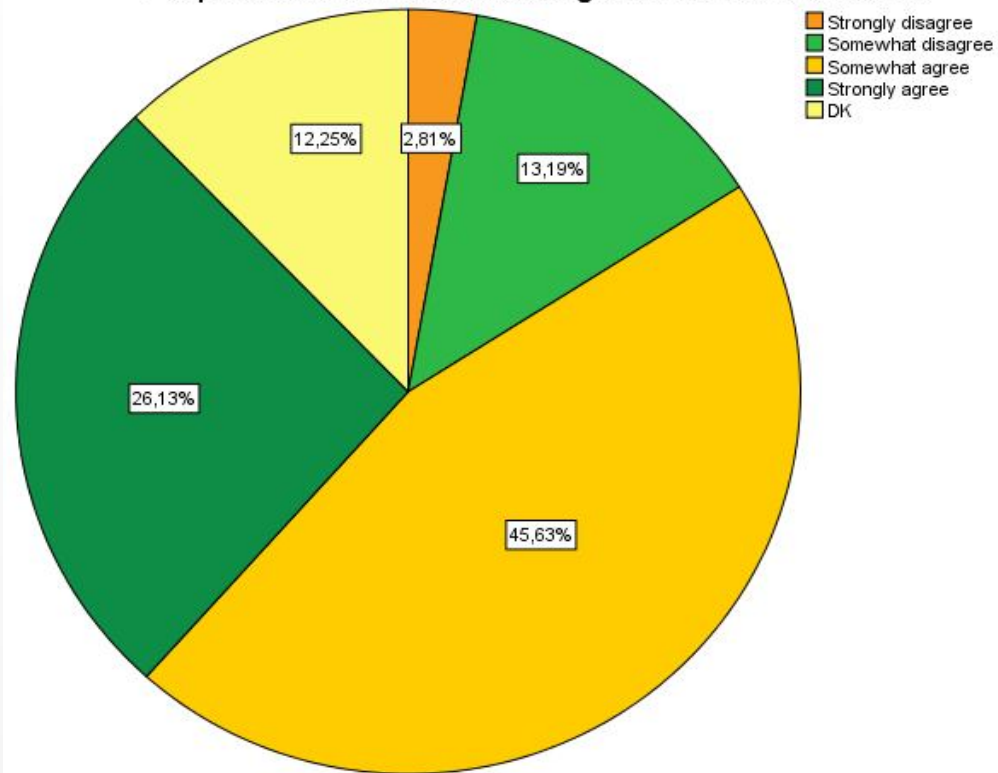


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«-» 18,94%

The political functions of the Internet:

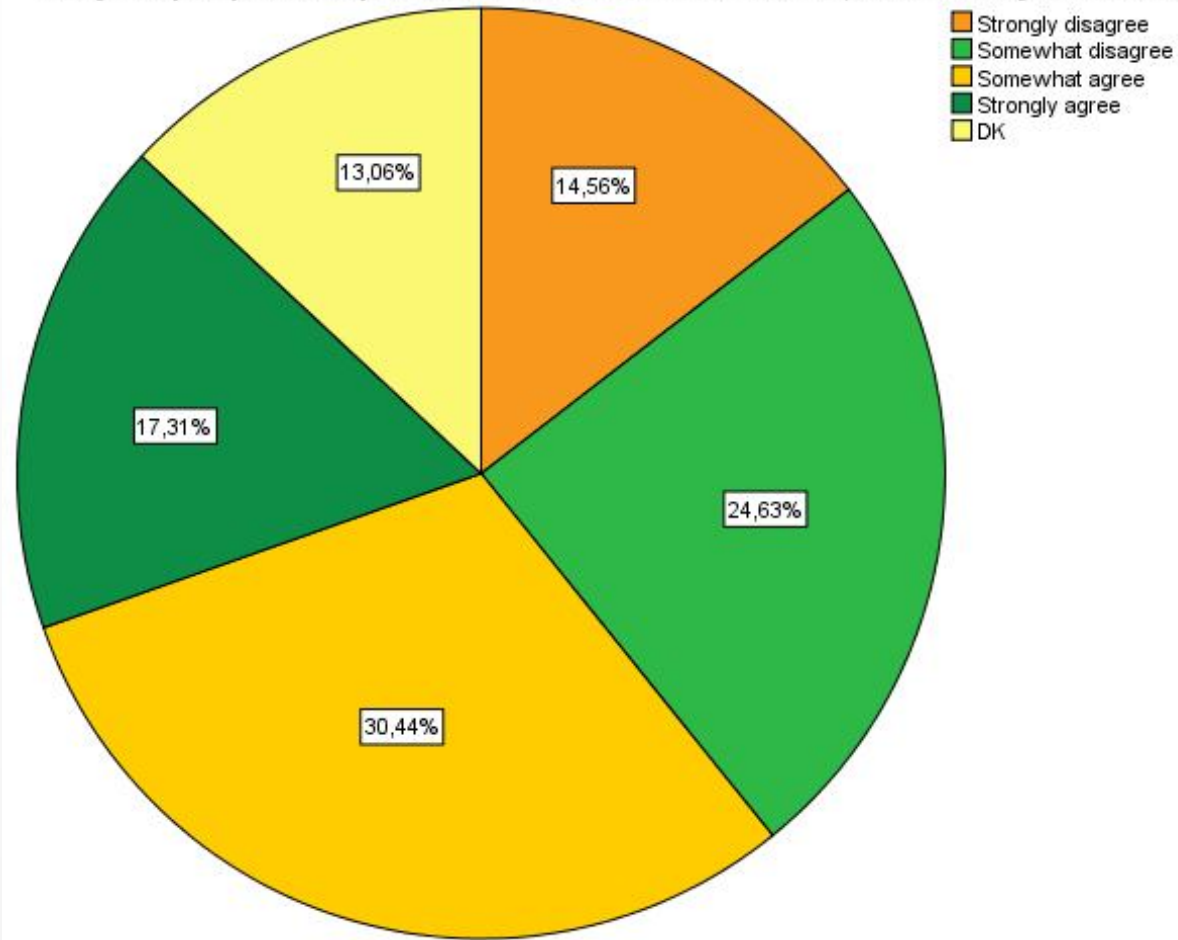
People should be free to criticize government on the Internet



«+» 71,76%

«-» 16%

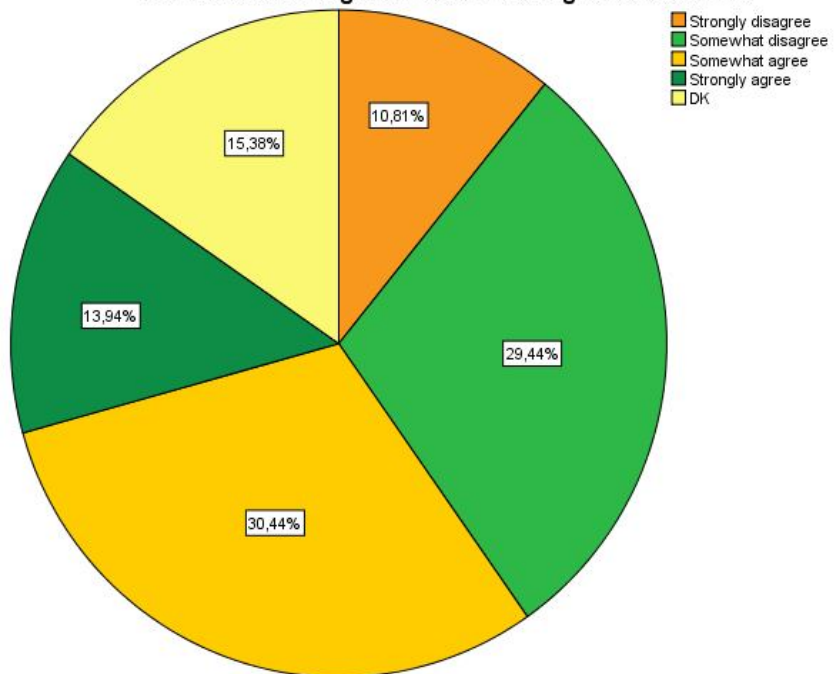
Okay for people to express their ideas on the Internet, even if they are extreme.



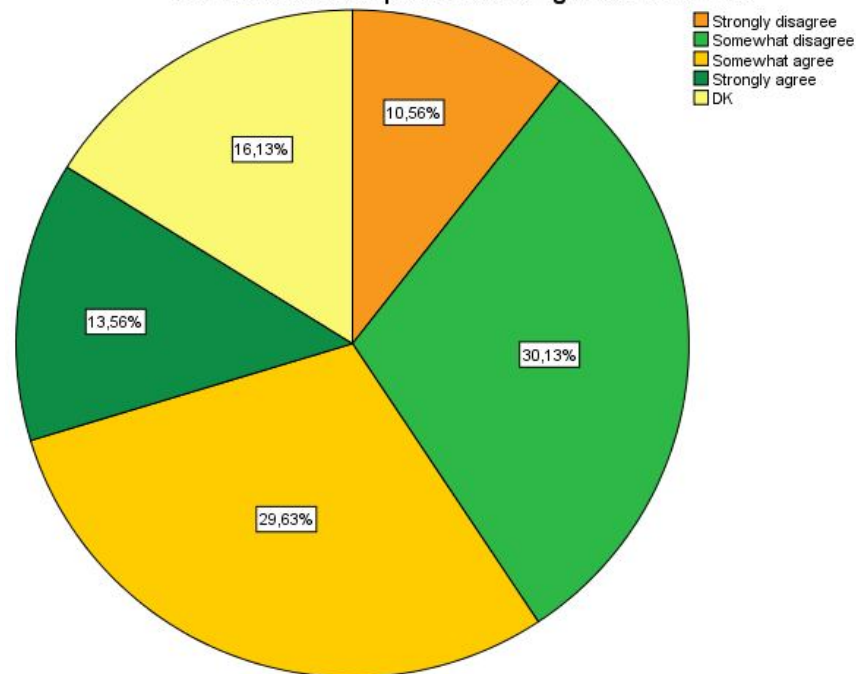
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Worried about the government checking what I do online



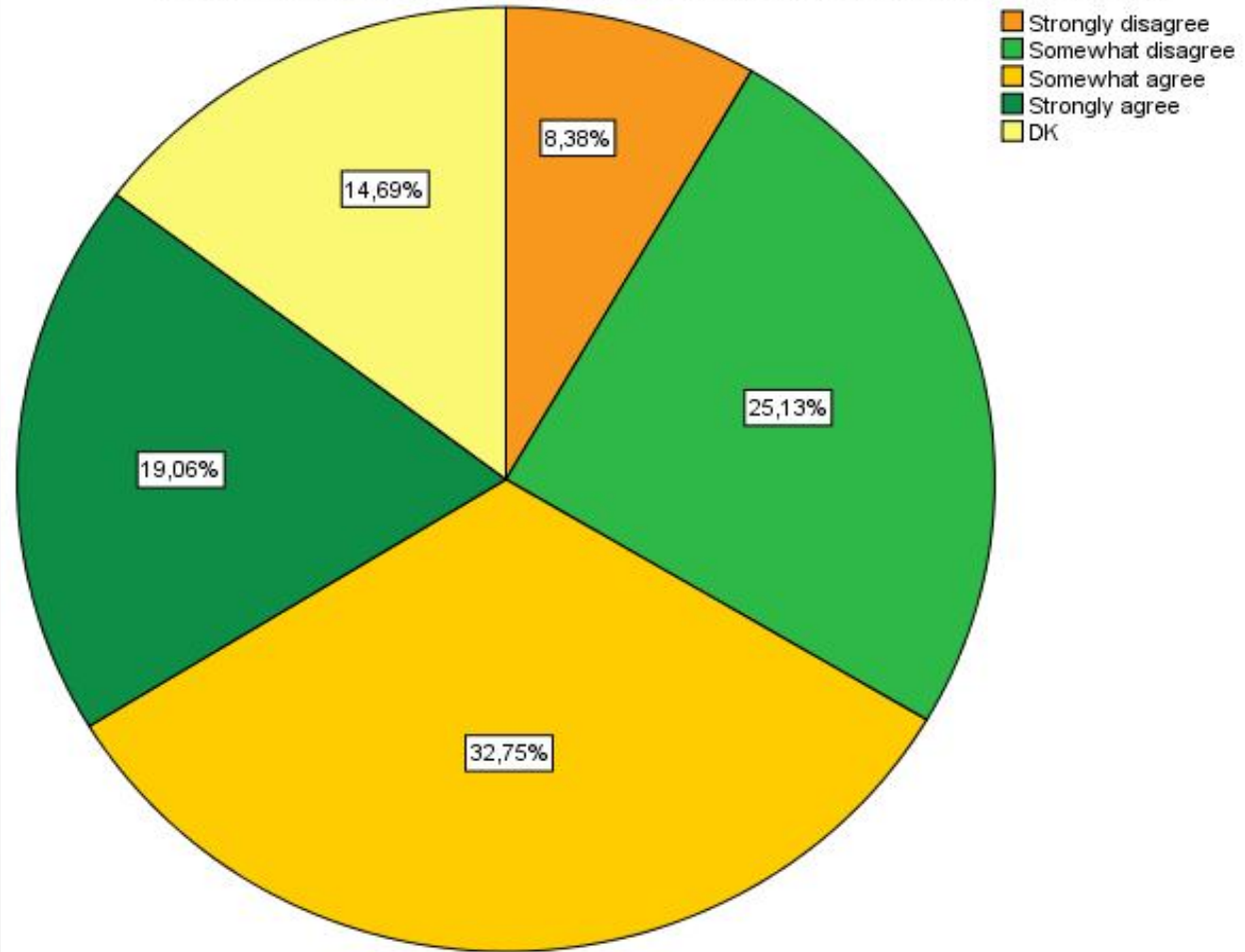
Worried about companies checking what I do online.



«+» 44,38%

«+» 43,19%

Government should regulate the Internet more than it does now



«+» 51,81%

«-» 33,51%