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Trends in the Iraqi Political Values : Findings from Values Surveys

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The surveys were carried out by IIACSS.

The distribution of the samples by religion and ethnicity

	Dec-04	Apr-06	Oct-06	Mar-07
Shi'is	57%	54%	51%	51%
Sunnis	21%	18%	23%	25%
Muslims	6%	14%	9%	2%
Kurds	16%	14%	17%	15%
Total	2,255	2,635	7,730	7,411

Decline in Support for Islamic Government and the Shari'a

Versus

Increase in Support for Secular Politics

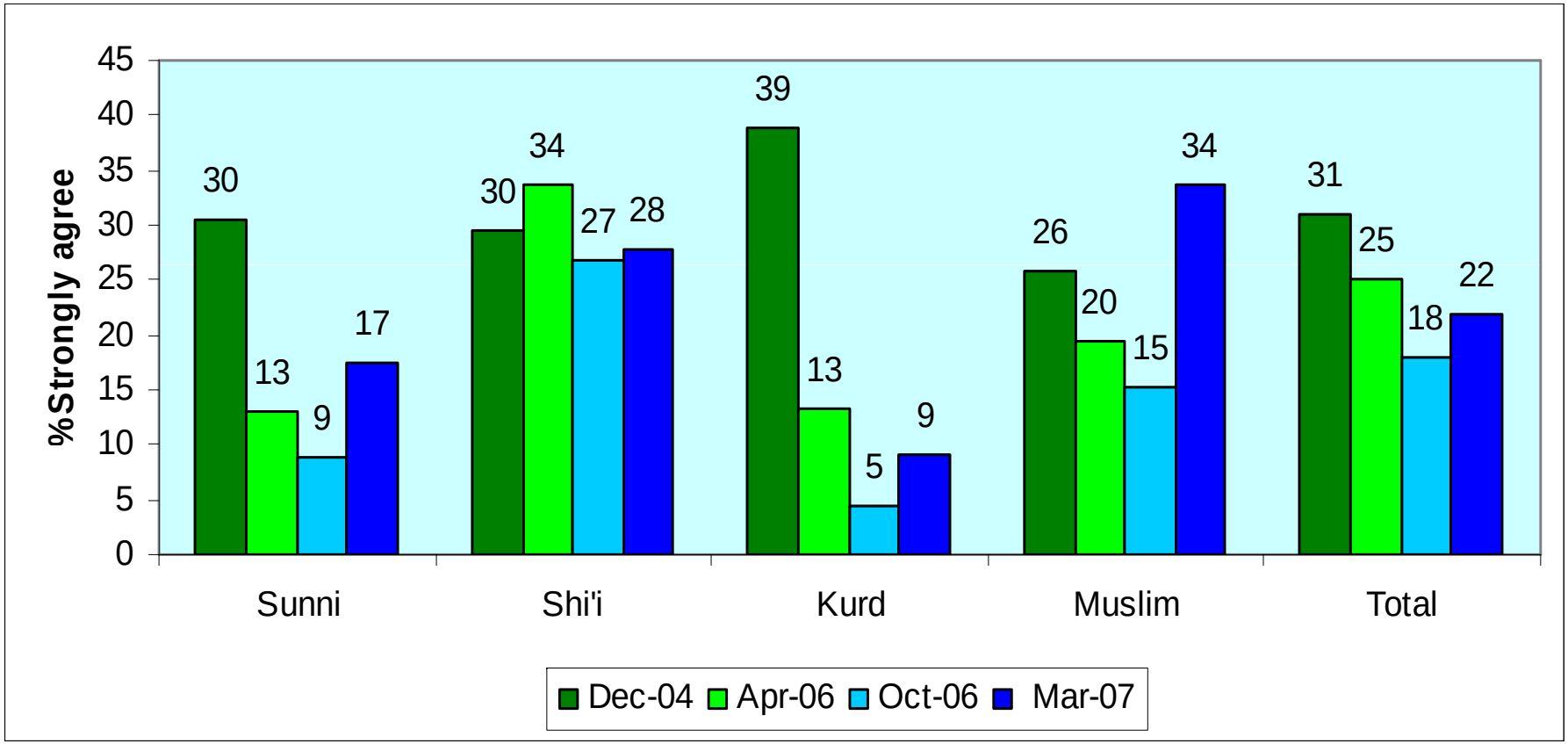
Questions

1. I'm going to describe various types of political systems and ask what you think about each as a way of governing this country. For each one, would you say it is a **very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad** way of governing this country? **Having an Islamic government, where religious authorities have absolute power**.

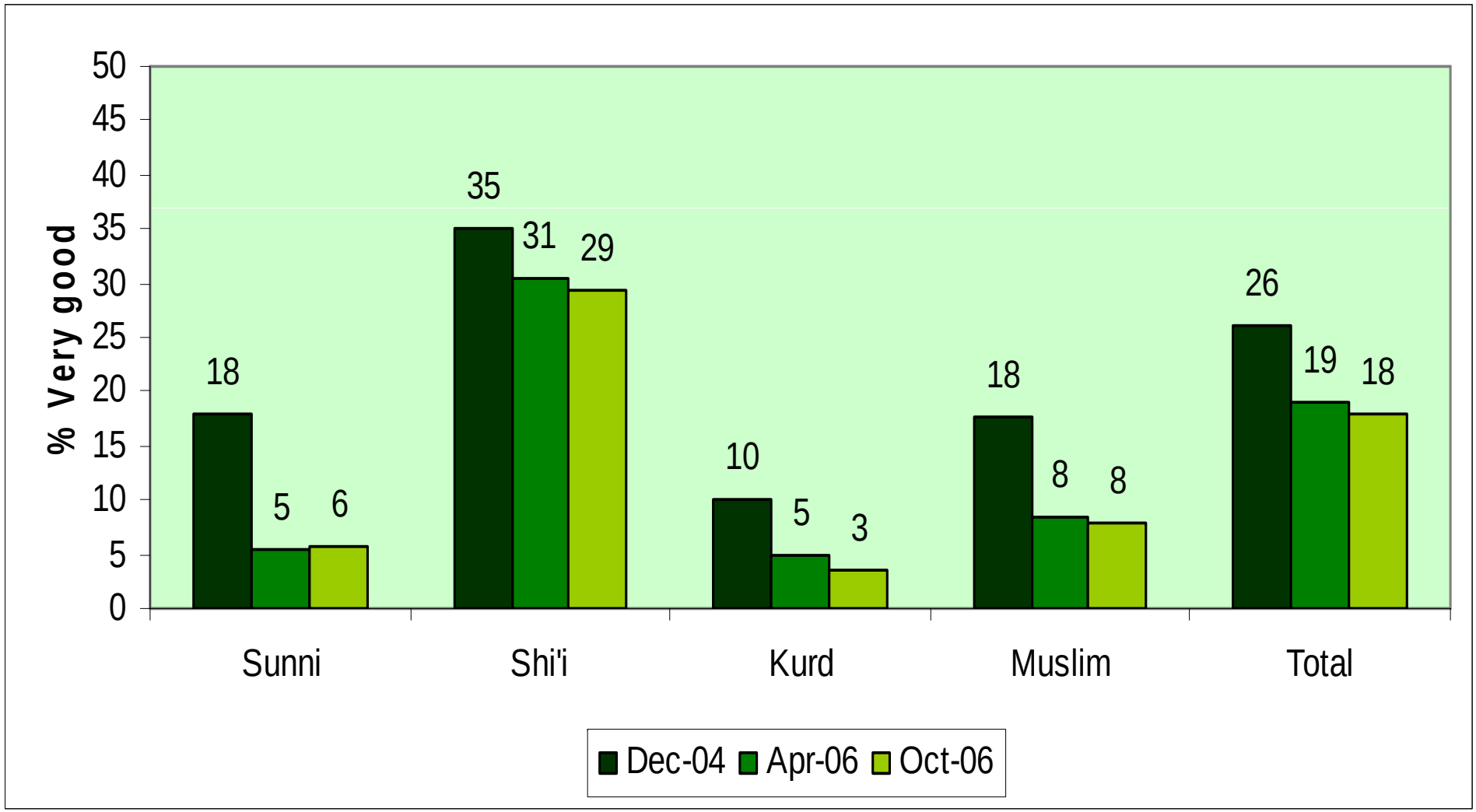
2. Now, I would like to know your views about a good government. How important is each of the following traits for a good government? **Very important, Important, Somewhat important, Least important, Not important. It should implement only the laws of the shari'a.**

3. Thinking about what should change to make your country a better place to live, and please tell us if you **agree strongly, agree, disagree, or disagree strongly with the following: Iraq will be a better society, if religion and politics are separated.**

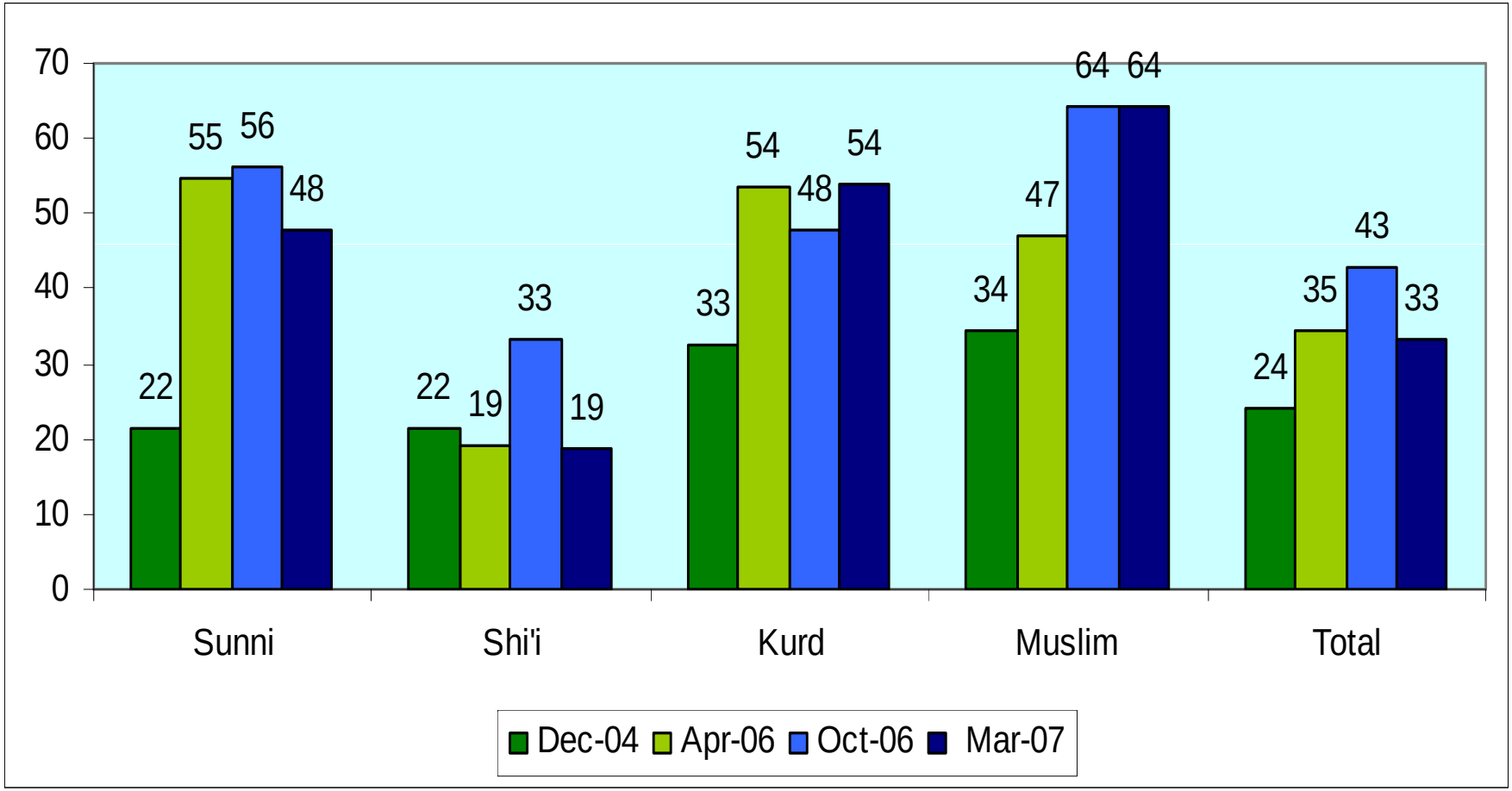
% of Iraqis responding that having a government that implements only the laws of the Shari'a is 'Very Important'



% of Iraqis responding that having an Islamic government where religious authorities have absolute power is 'Very Good'



% of Iraqis 'strongly agreeing' that Iraq will be a better place if religion and politics are separated

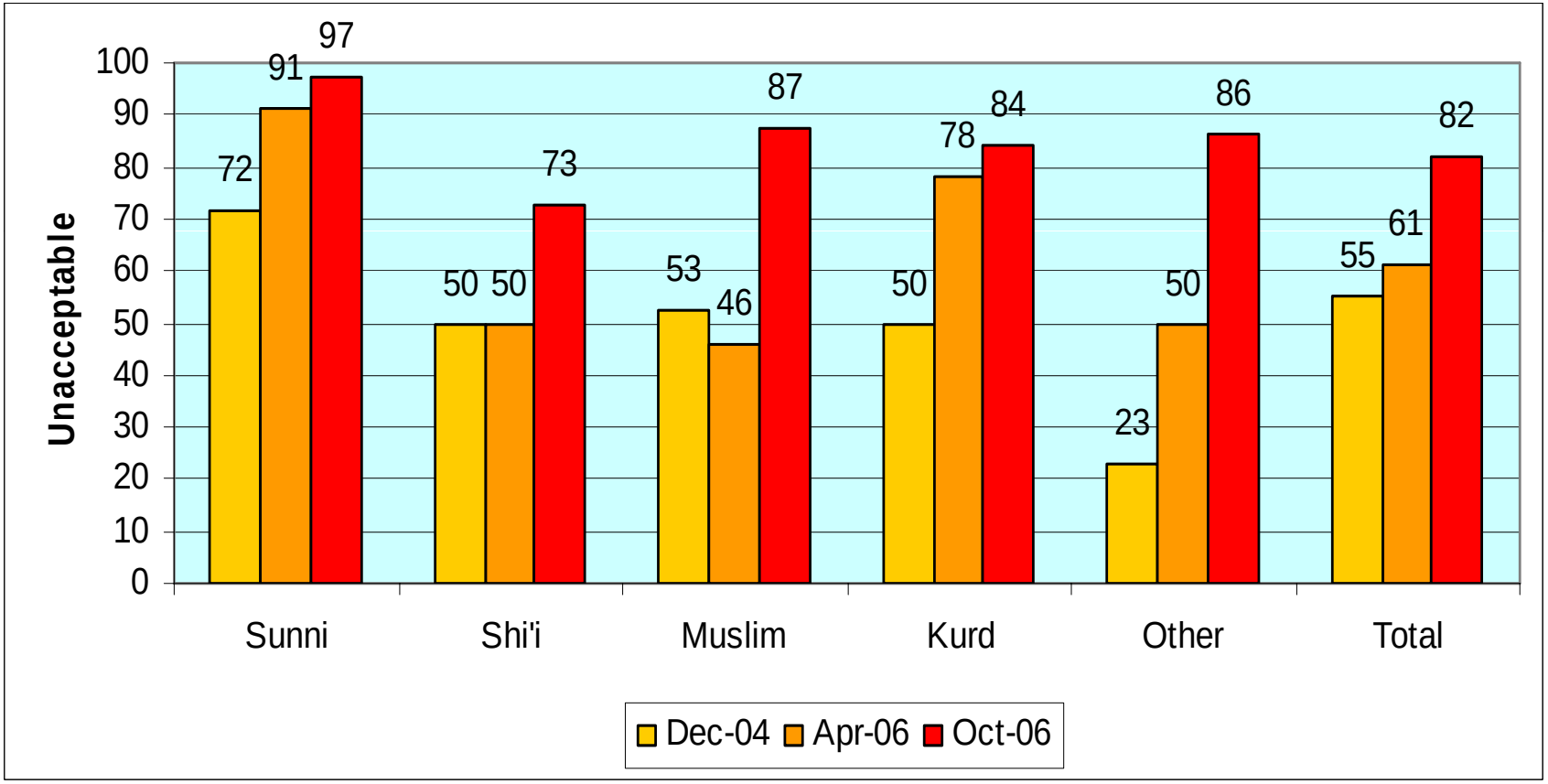


If these are trends are true, then

(a) There must a decline in popular support for the Iranian Islamic Regime among the Iraqi Shi'is, and

(b) There must be a decline in support for religious parties and an increase in support for secular parties in Iraq

%of Iraqis expressing that having Iranians as neighbors is unacceptable



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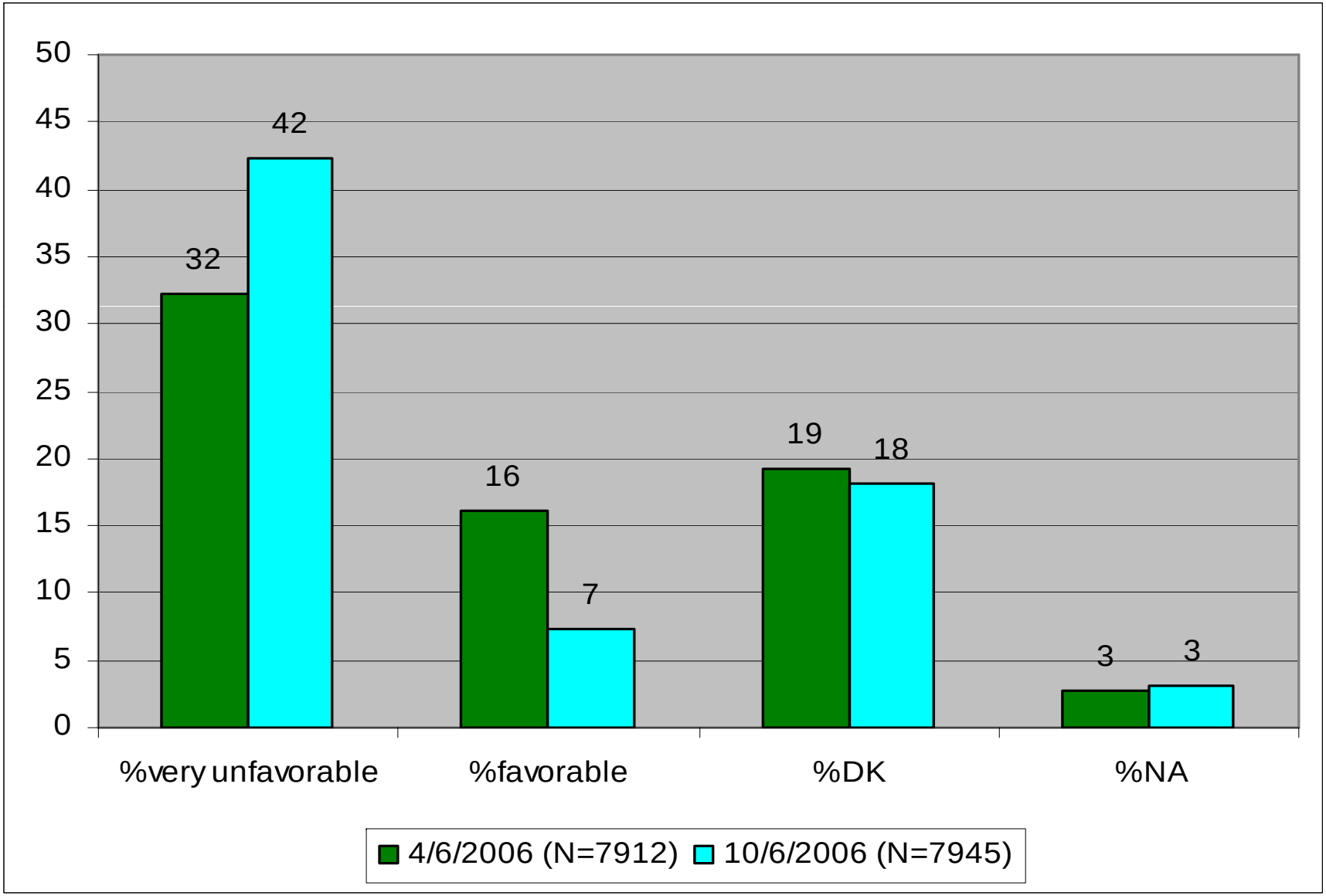
Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq



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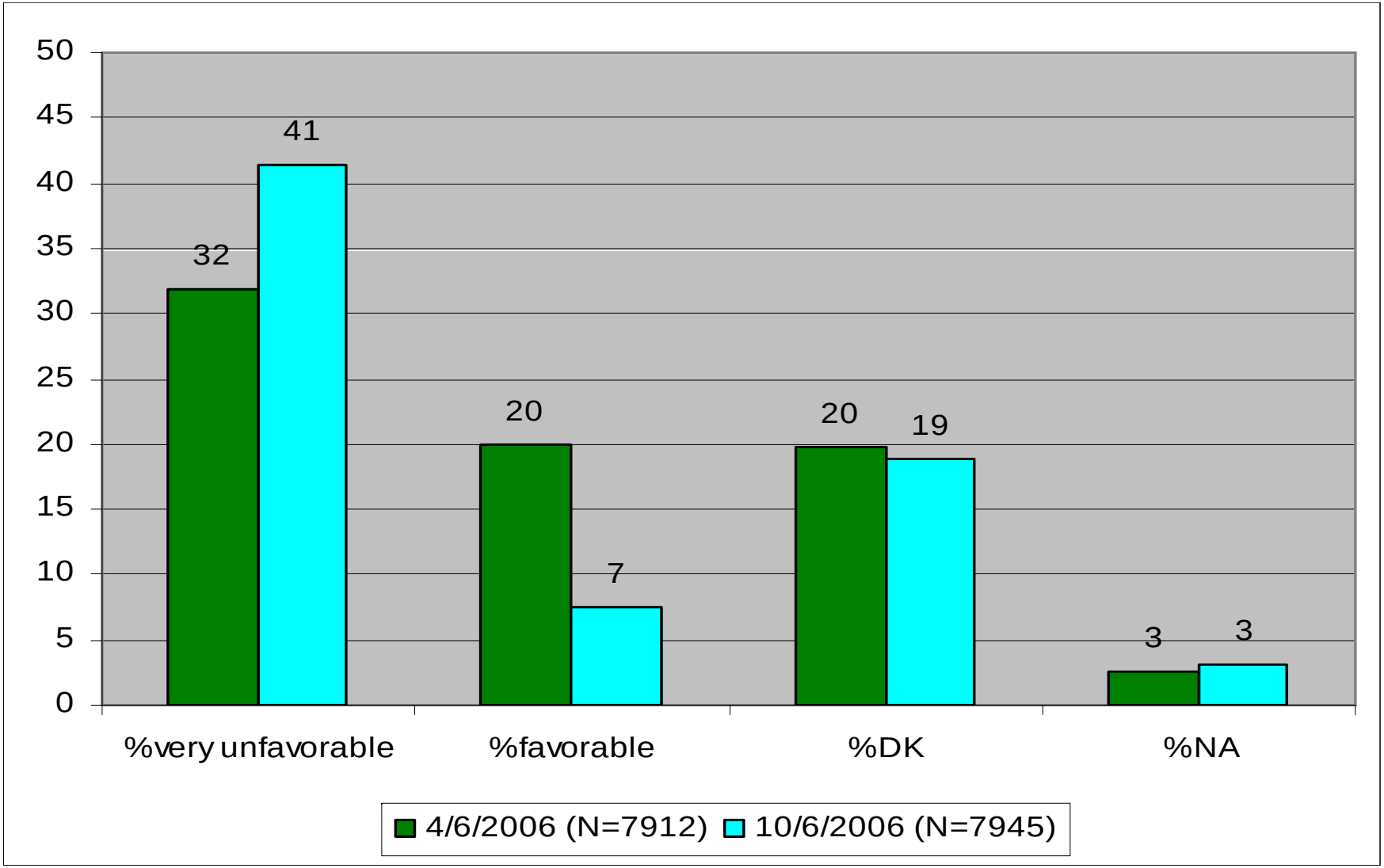

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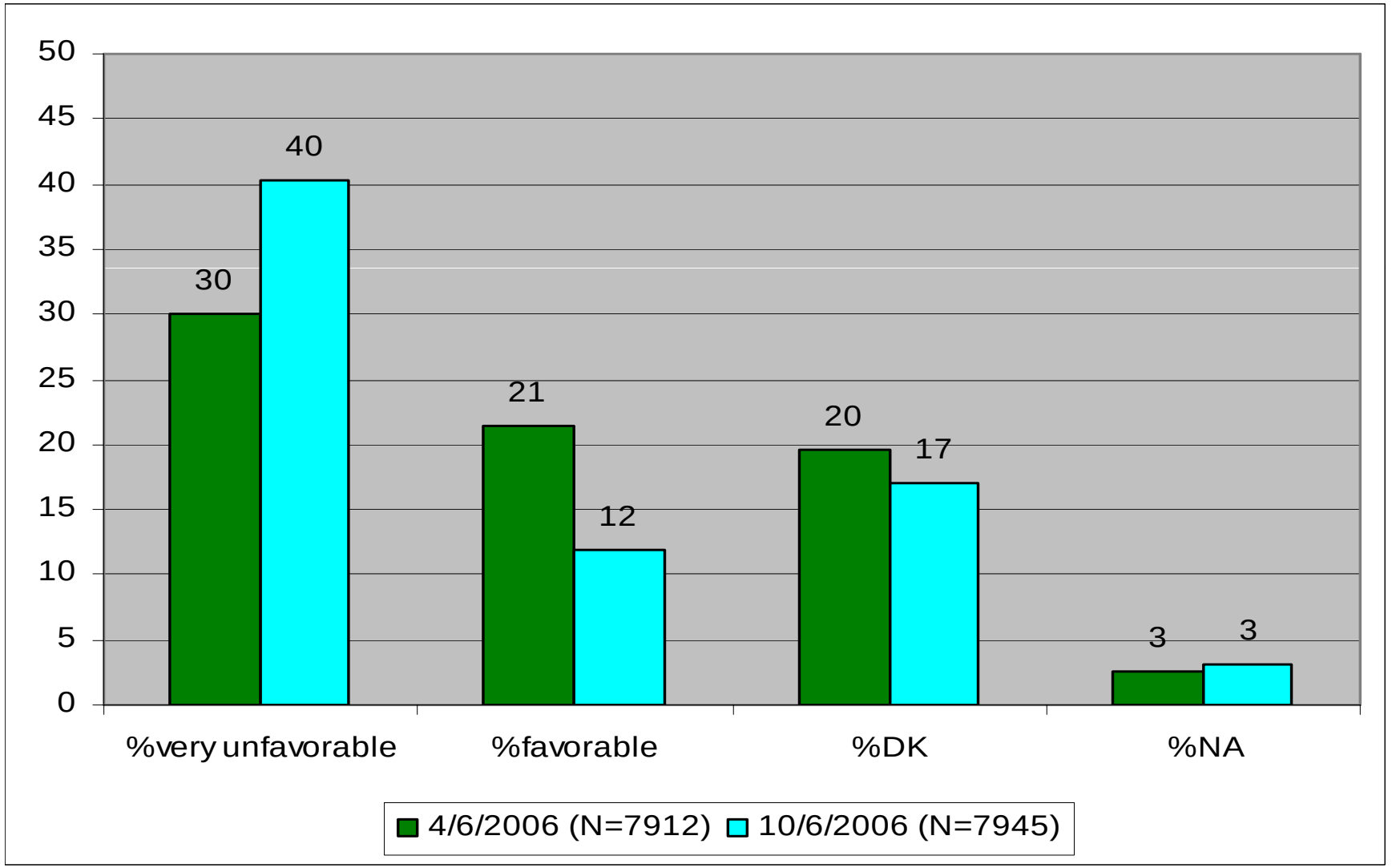

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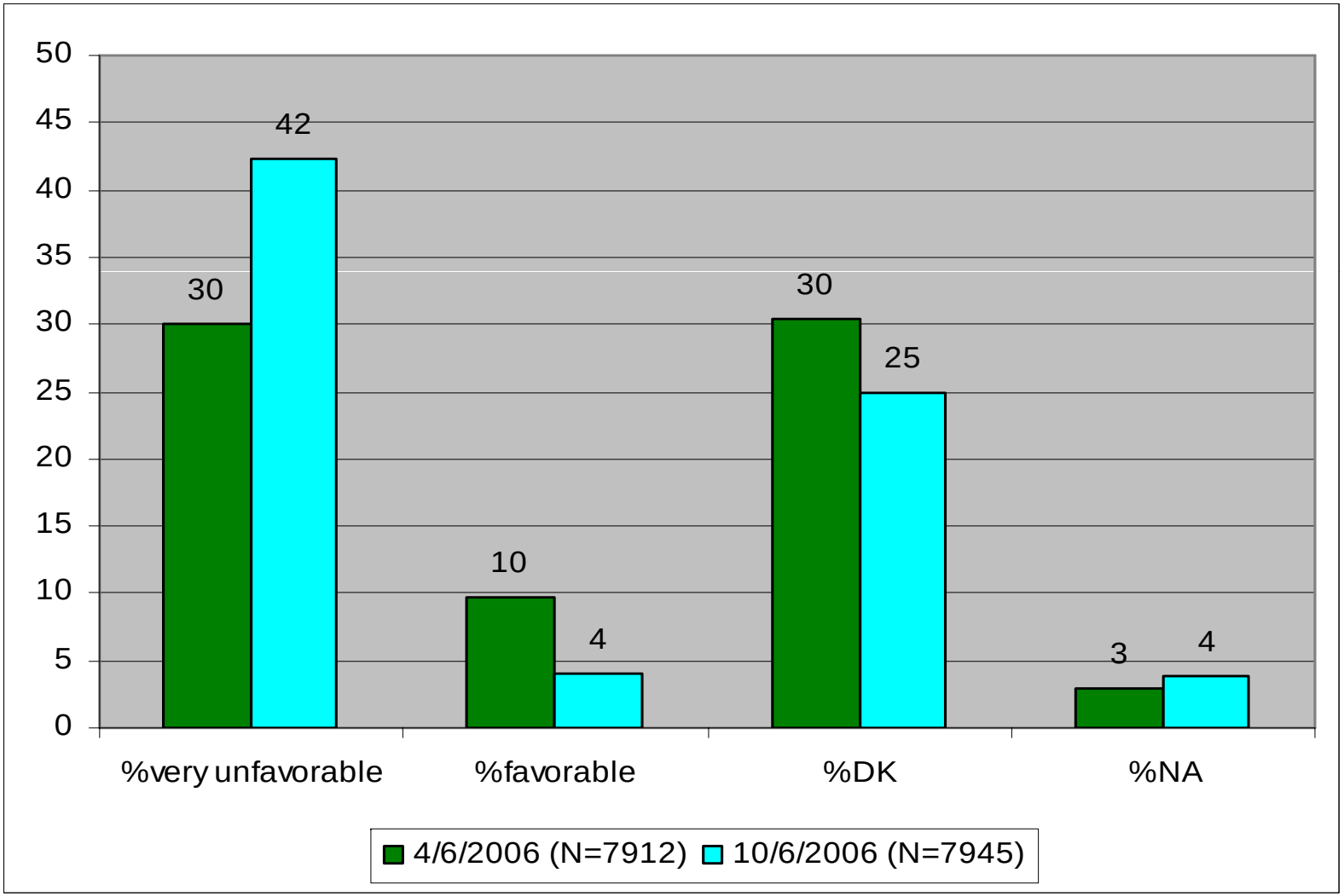

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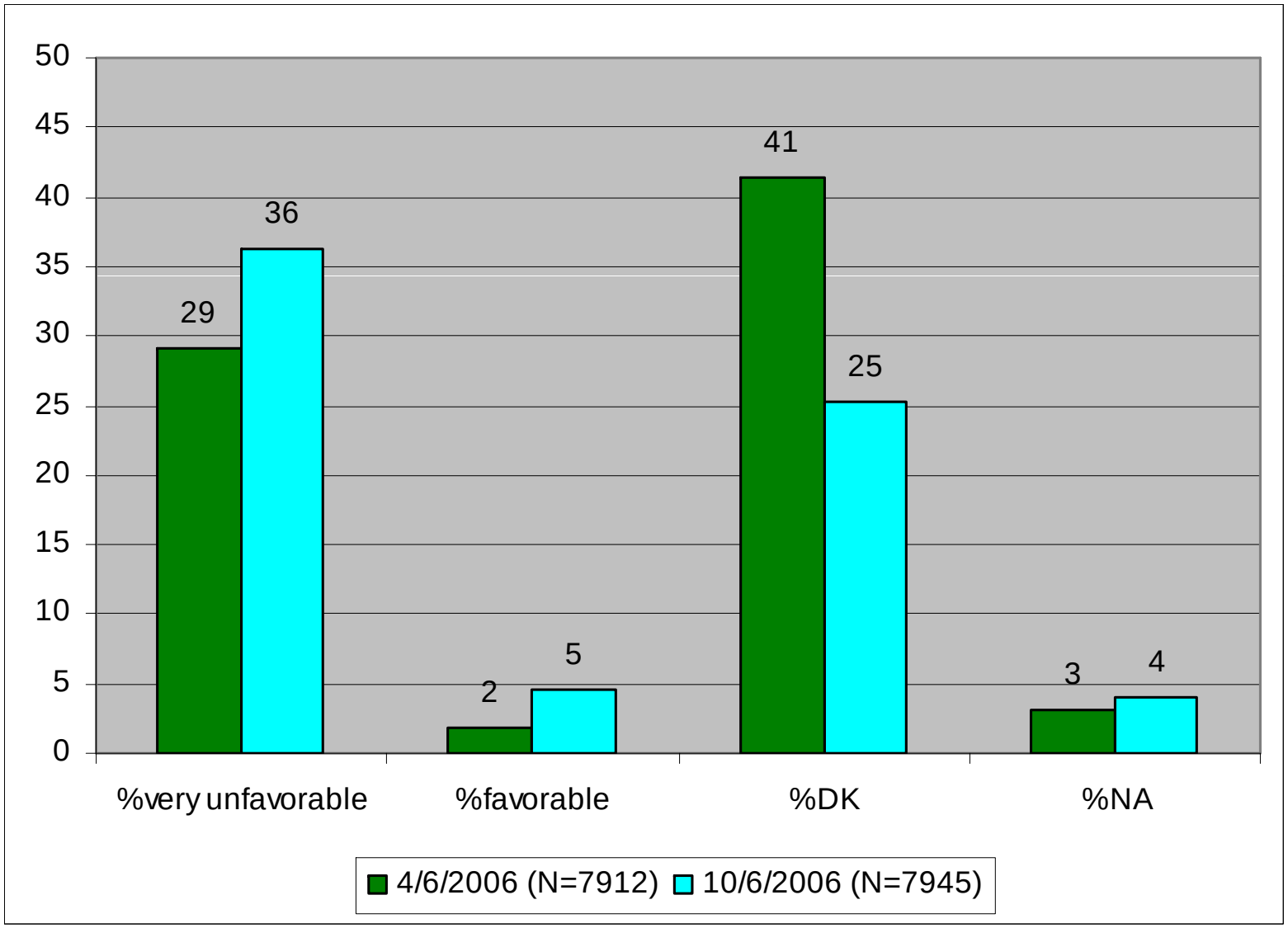

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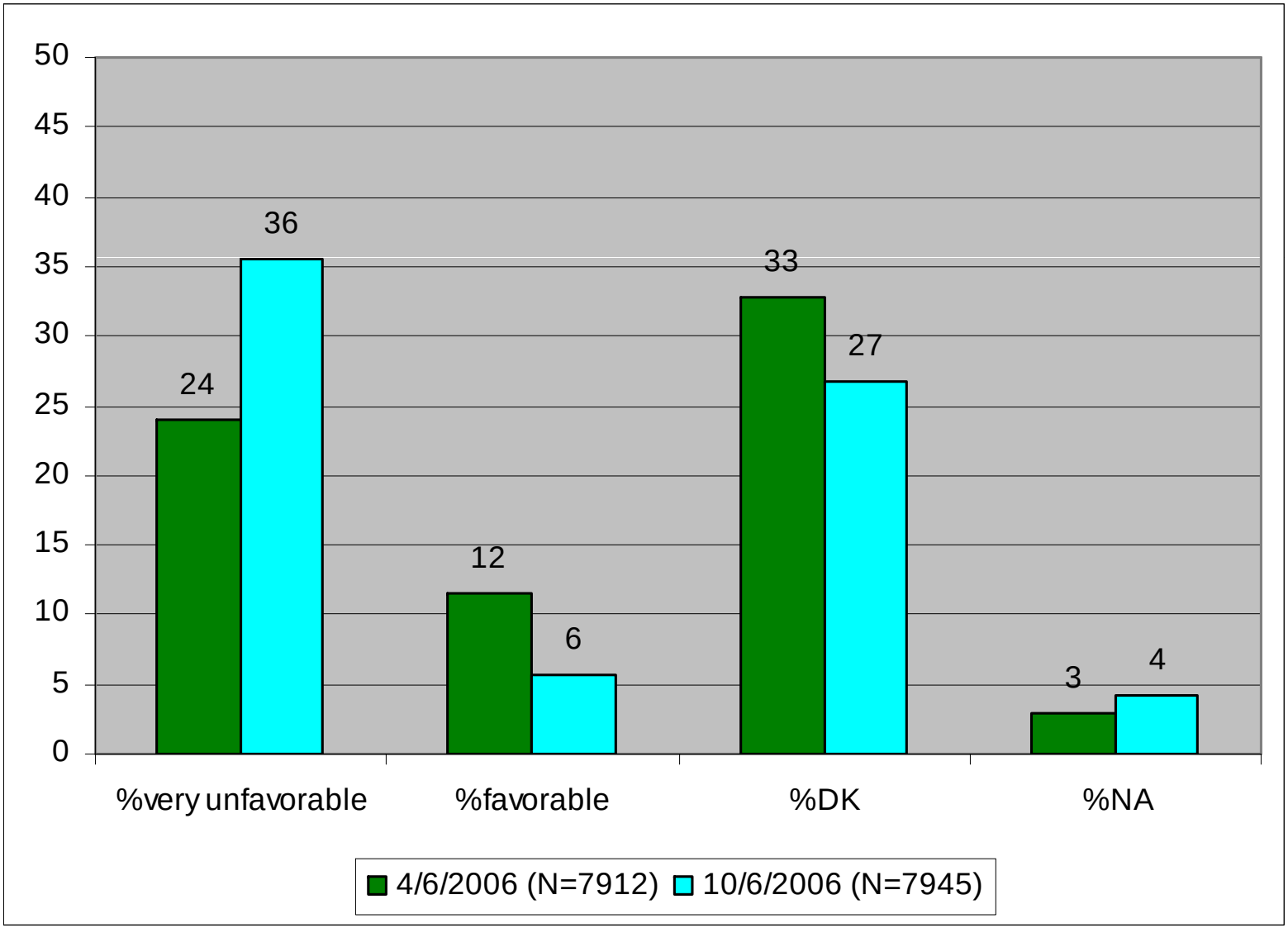

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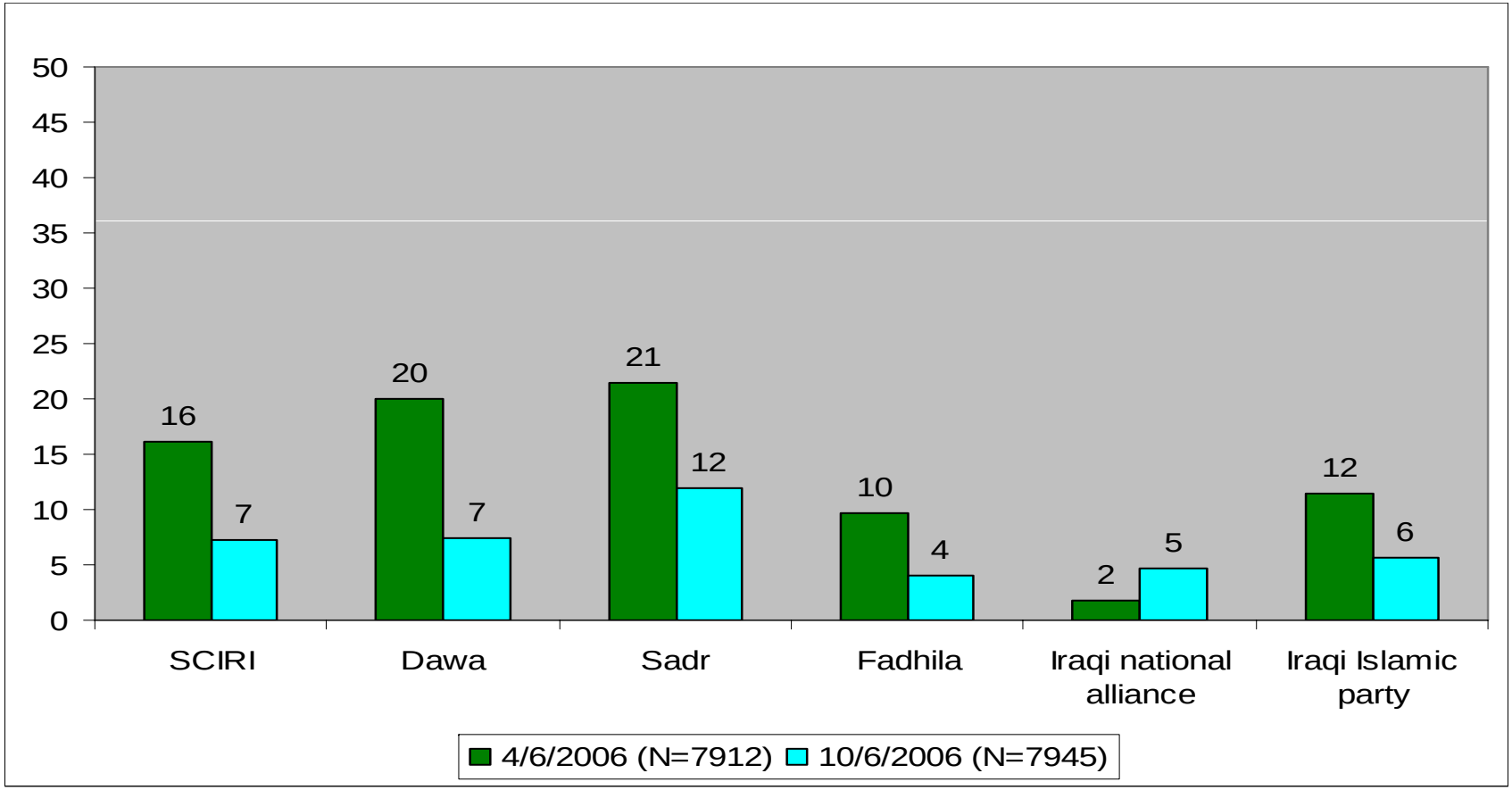

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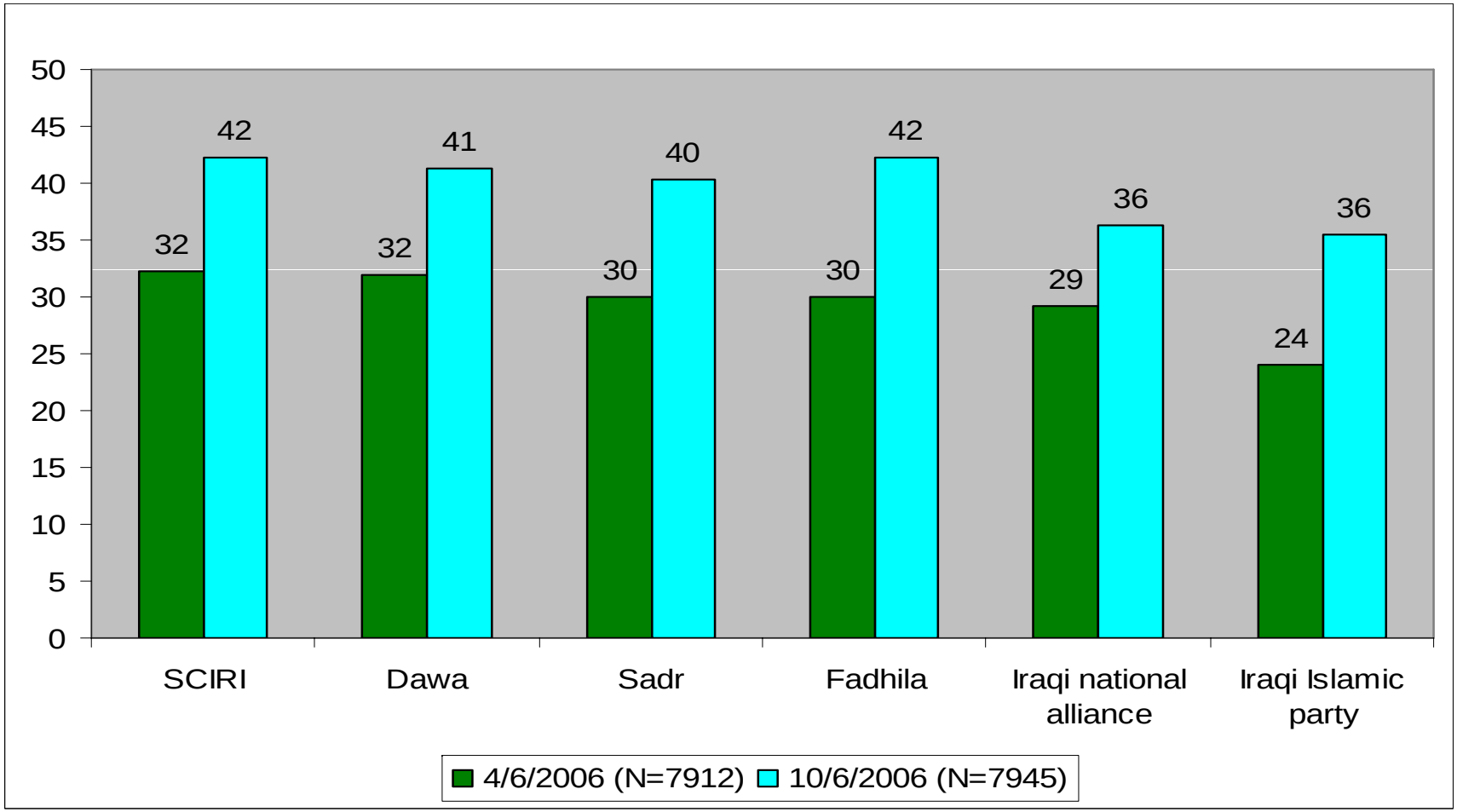
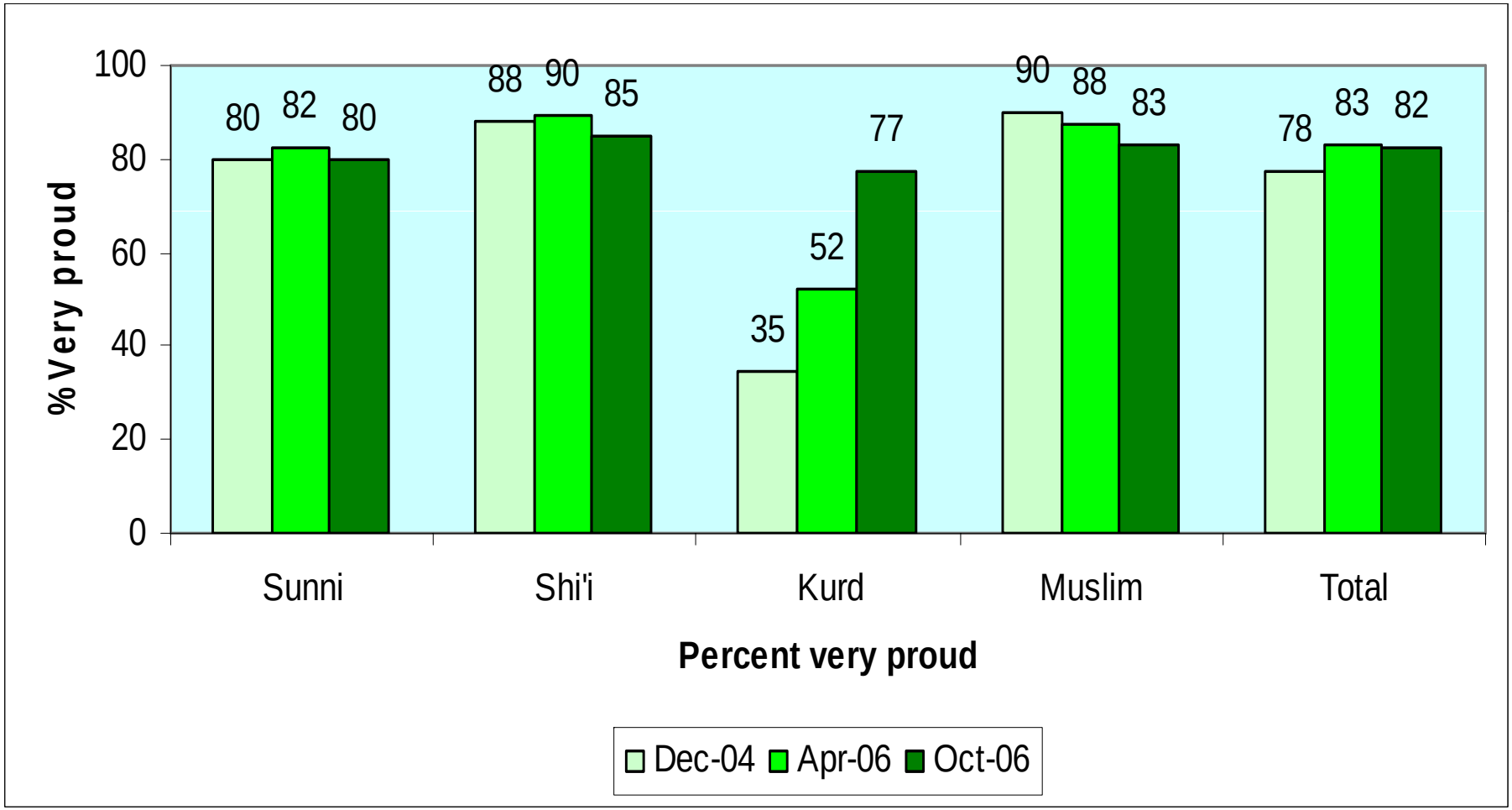


Nationalism: National Pride and National Identity

%Expressing “very proud” to be Iraqis



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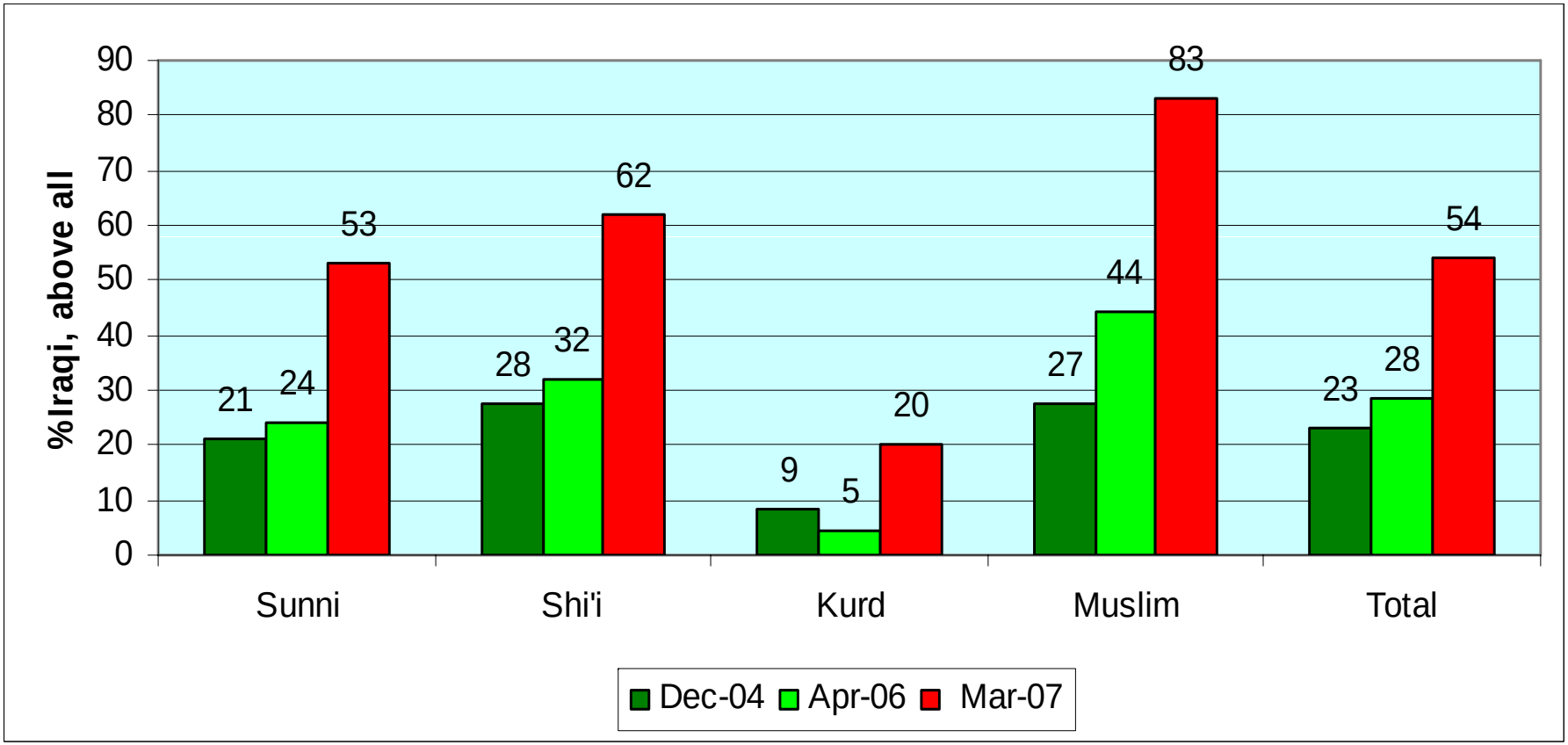
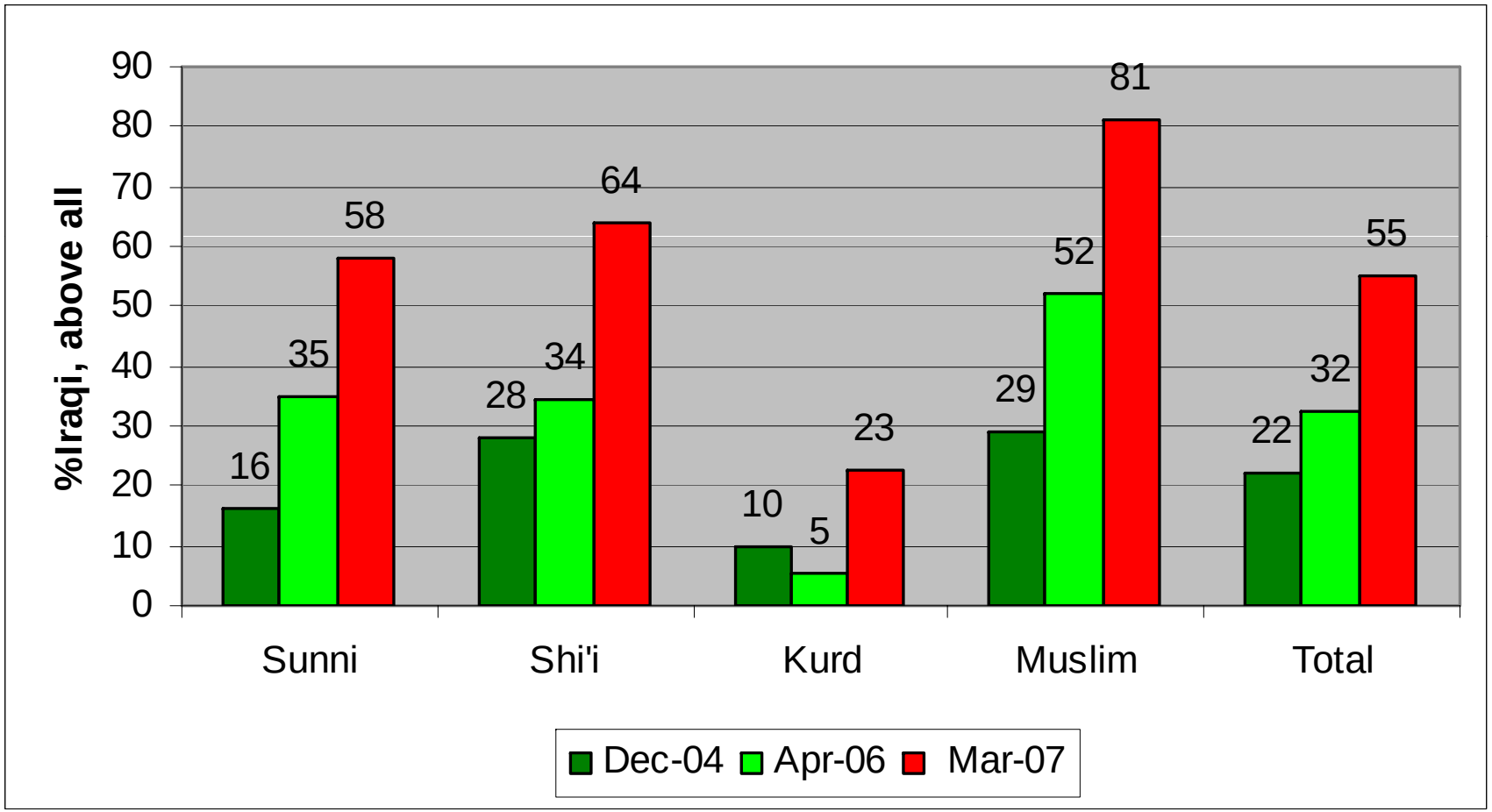


%Iraqis describing selves as "Iraqis, above all“ in urban areas



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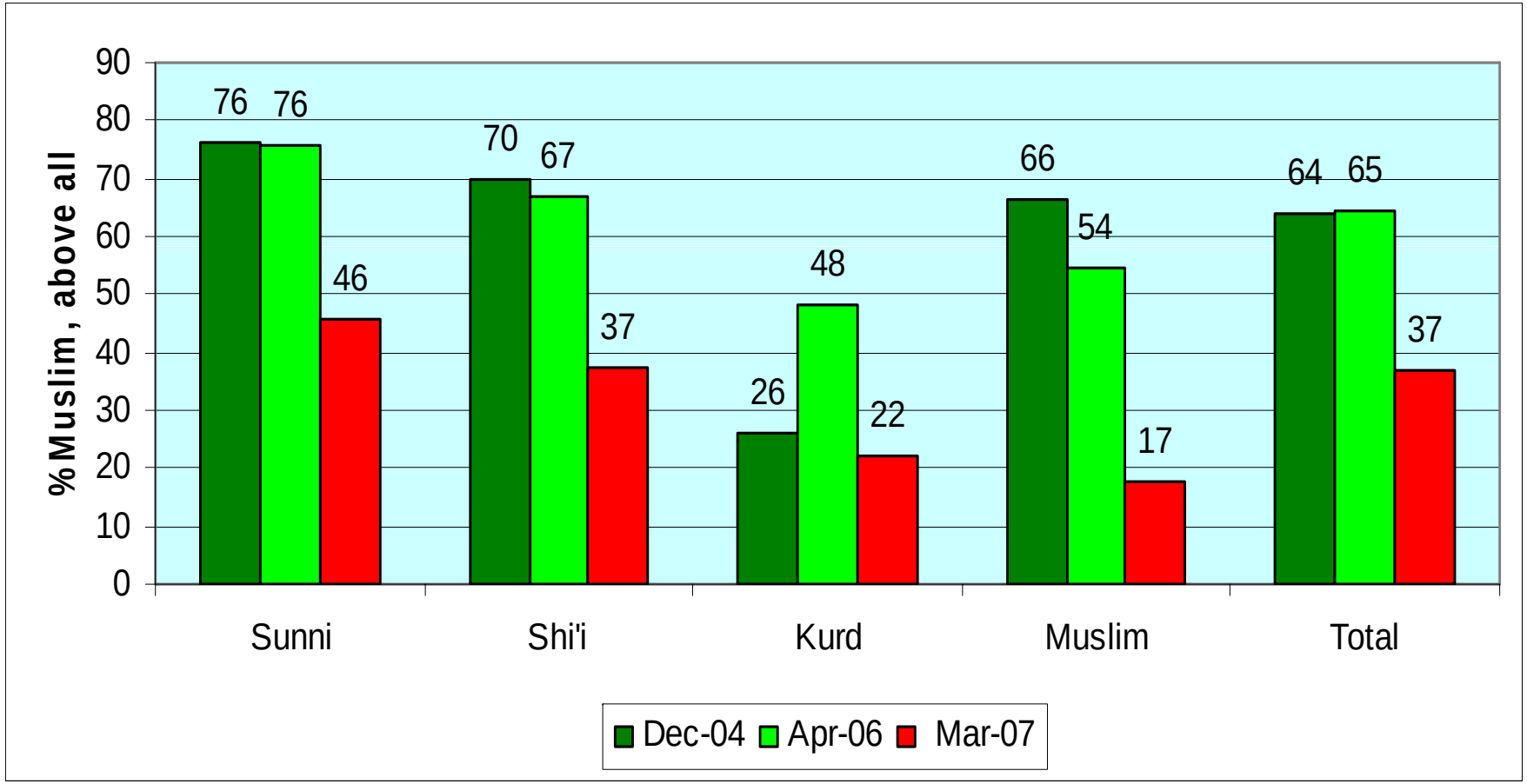
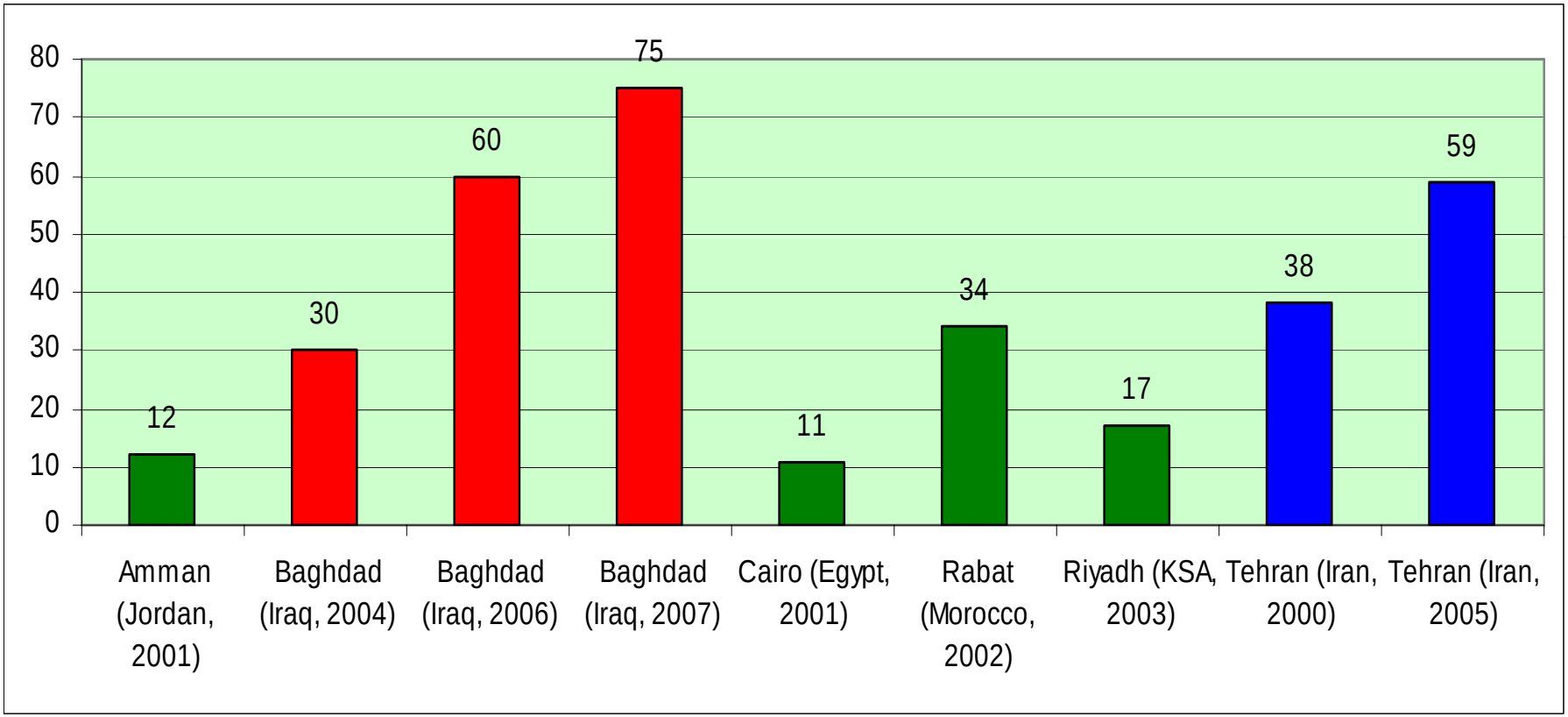
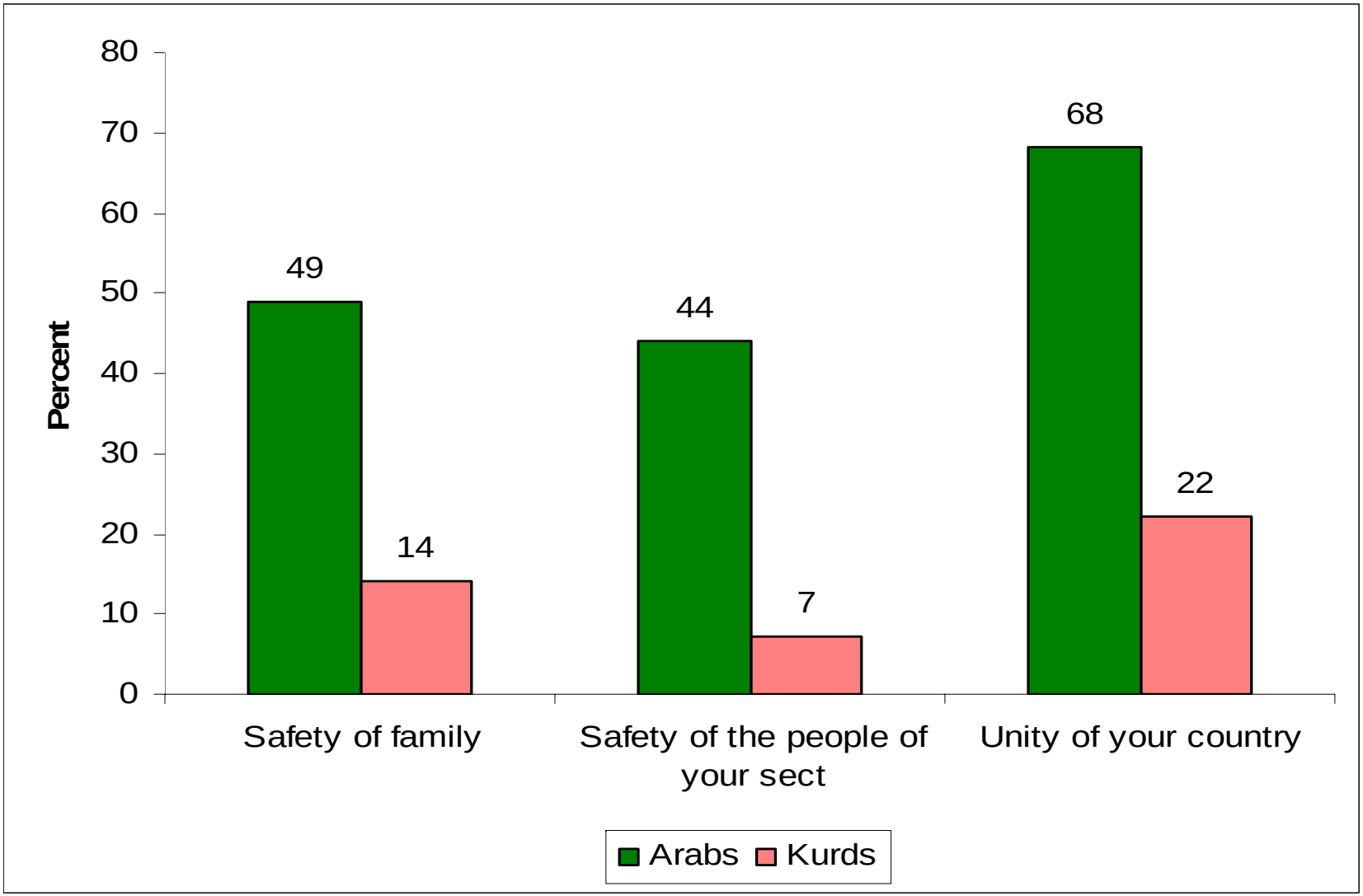


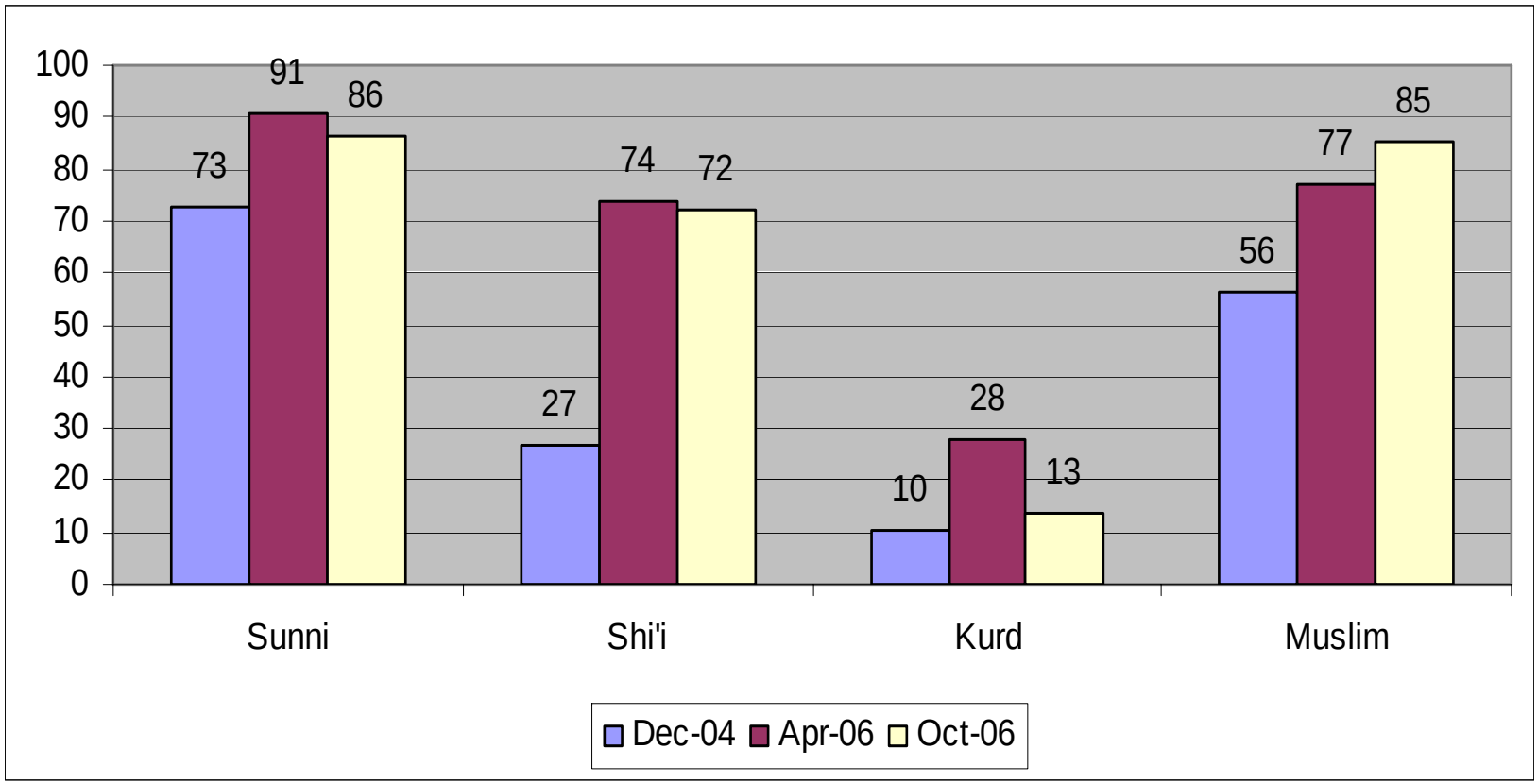
%Describing self as “country nationalist, above all” in capital provinces/cities of major Middle Eastern countries



%Expressing “very worried” about family, sect, and country among Arabs and Kurds



When do you think U.S. and other Coalition Forces should leave Iraq? %Expressing "they should leave now"



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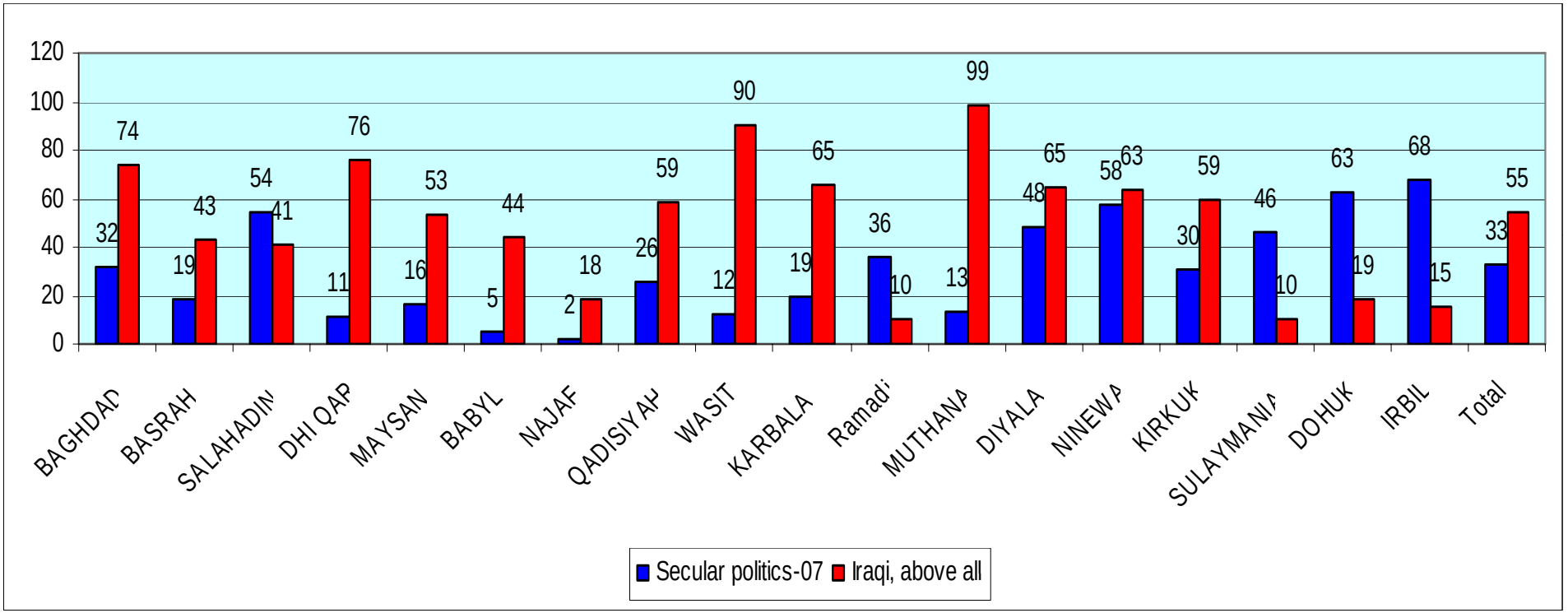

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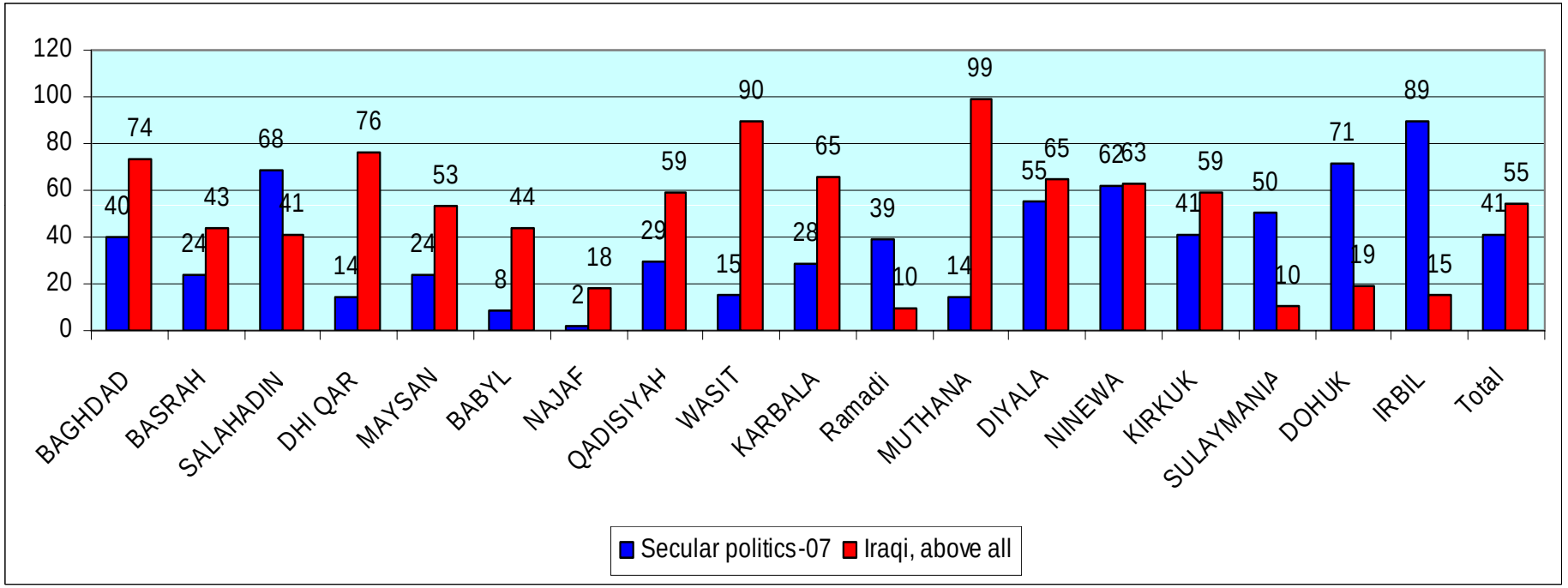

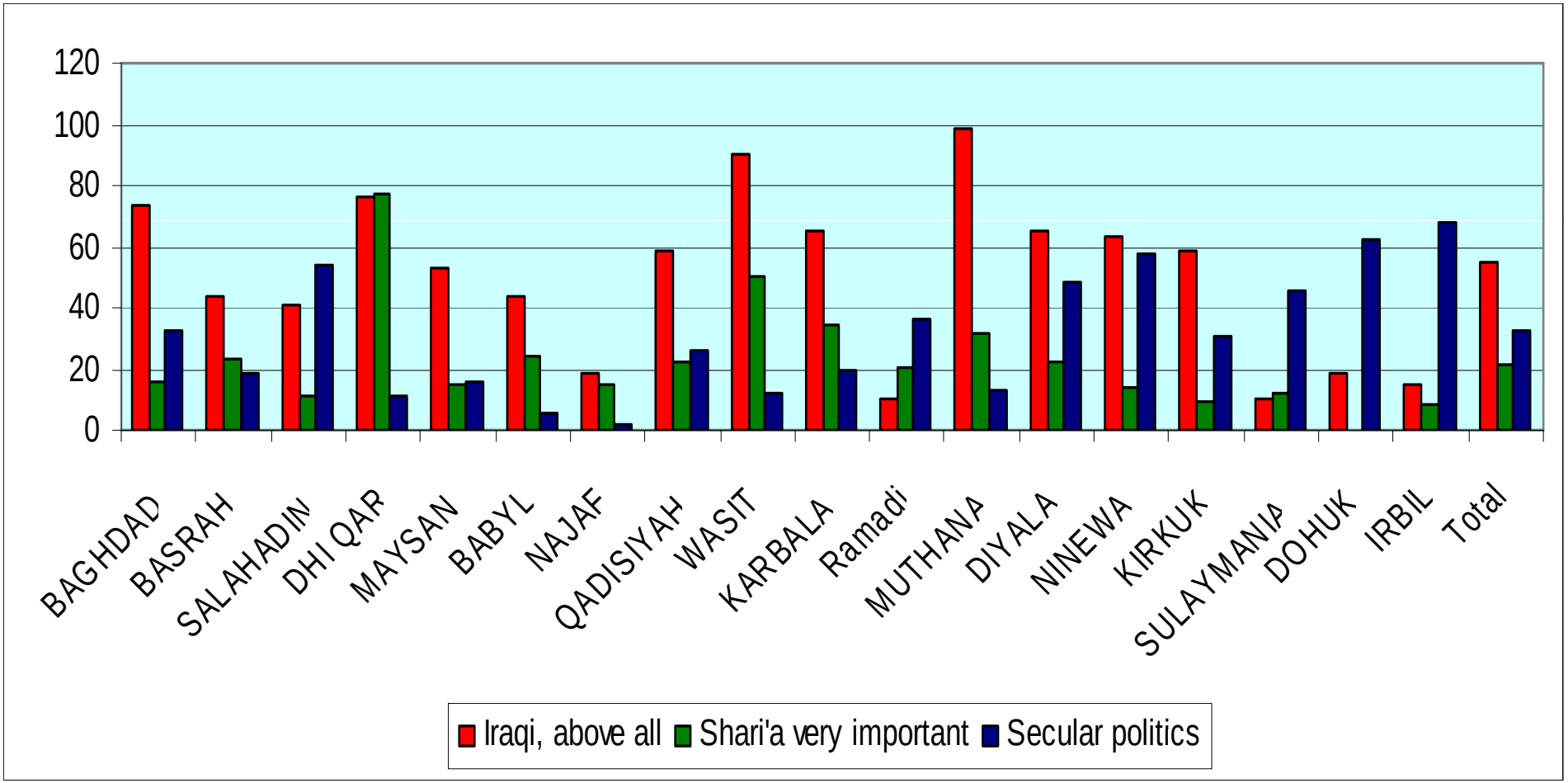
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