



# MOLDOVA AND EUROPEAN UNION: RESULTS AND PERSPECTIVES

Союз Советских Социалистических Республик



# THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (1922 – 1991)

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics



# HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- ☉ The Principality of Moldavia was founded in 1359.
- ☉ Moldavia was invaded repeatedly by Crimean Tatars and, since the 15th century, by the Turks.
- ☉ Before the creation of the Moldavian SSR in 1940, the Bessarabian part of Moldova, was united with Romania (1918–1940).
- ☉ Before the creation of the Moldavian SSR, today's Transnistria was part of the Ukrainian SSR, as an autonomous republic called the Moldovan Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic, with Tiraspol as its capital (1924–1940).





# MOLDOVAN STATE



Moldova officially is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe located between Romania to the west and Ukraine to the north, east, and south. The capital city is Chisinau.

Moldova declared itself an independent state in 1991 as part of the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Official languages: Moldovan (Romanian)

Recognised regional languages: Russian, Ukrainian, Gagauz.

Area Total 33,846 km<sup>2</sup> (138th)

Water (%) 1.4

Population: 3,559,500 (132nd)







## POLITICAL CONFLICT



- ☪ Since its declaration of independence in 1990, and especially after the War of Transnistria in 1992, it is governed as the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic (PMR, also known as Pridnestrovie)
- ☪ Transnistria became one of the "unrecognized republics" that appeared throughout the USSR, alongside Abkhazia, South Ossetia, Nagorno-Karabakh.



# ARMED CONFLICT

- ☛ Armed conflict started June 20, 1992 and lasted 2 month.
- ☛ It is estimated that in total nearly 1,000 people were killed in the conflict, with the number of wounded approaching 3,000



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- ☞ The Russian 14th Army's role in the area was crucial to the outcome of the war.
- ☞ As part of that agreement, a three-party (Russia, Moldova, Transnistria) Joint Control Commission supervises the security arrangements in the demilitarized zone, comprising twenty localities on both sides of the river.







## **NEGOTIATION PROCESS**

- ⌘ **OSCE facilitating negotiation 5+2 in Moldova**
- ⌘ **The OSCE has a comprehensive approach to security that covers politico-military, economic and environmental, and human aspects.**
- ⌘ **All 57 participating States enjoy equal status, and decisions are taken by consensus on a politically, but not legally binding basis.**

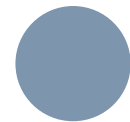




## POLITICAL BACKGROUND



- ☛ On 31 August 1989, the Supreme Soviet of the Moldavian SSR adopted a law where Moldovan was made the official language and returned to the Latin Romanian alphabet.
- ☛ On 27 April 1990, Moldova adopted the traditional tricolour (blue, yellow and red) flag and changed the national anthem of Romania since 1989.
- ☛ Later that year (1990) the words Soviet and Socialist were dropped and the name of the country was changed to "Republic of Moldova".



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**Transnistrian population  
about 550,000 people  
(2014).**

**177,785 Moldovans (32.10%)  
168,678 Russians (30.35%)  
160,069 Ukrainians (28.81%)  
13,858 Bulgarians (2.50%)  
4,096 Gagauzians (0.74%),  
507 Roma (0.09%)  
1,259 Jews (0.23%)  
1,791 Poles (0.32%)  
27,454 others (4.94%).**

**Demographics and Ethnic  
groups - Moldova**

**69.6% Moldovans  
11.2% Ukrainians  
9.4% Russians  
3.9% Gagauz  
2.0% Bulgarians  
1.9% Romanians  
1.5% others / unspecified**

# POPULATION OF TRANSNISTRIA HAVE DOUBLE OR TRIPLE CITIZENSHIP.















**Moldova is still a country divided between three main directions: Romania, Russia and the EU.**

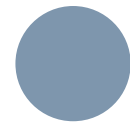
- ☉ **34 % - EU vector**
- ☉ **45 % - Russian (Eurasian) vector**
- ☉ **21 % - Romania**



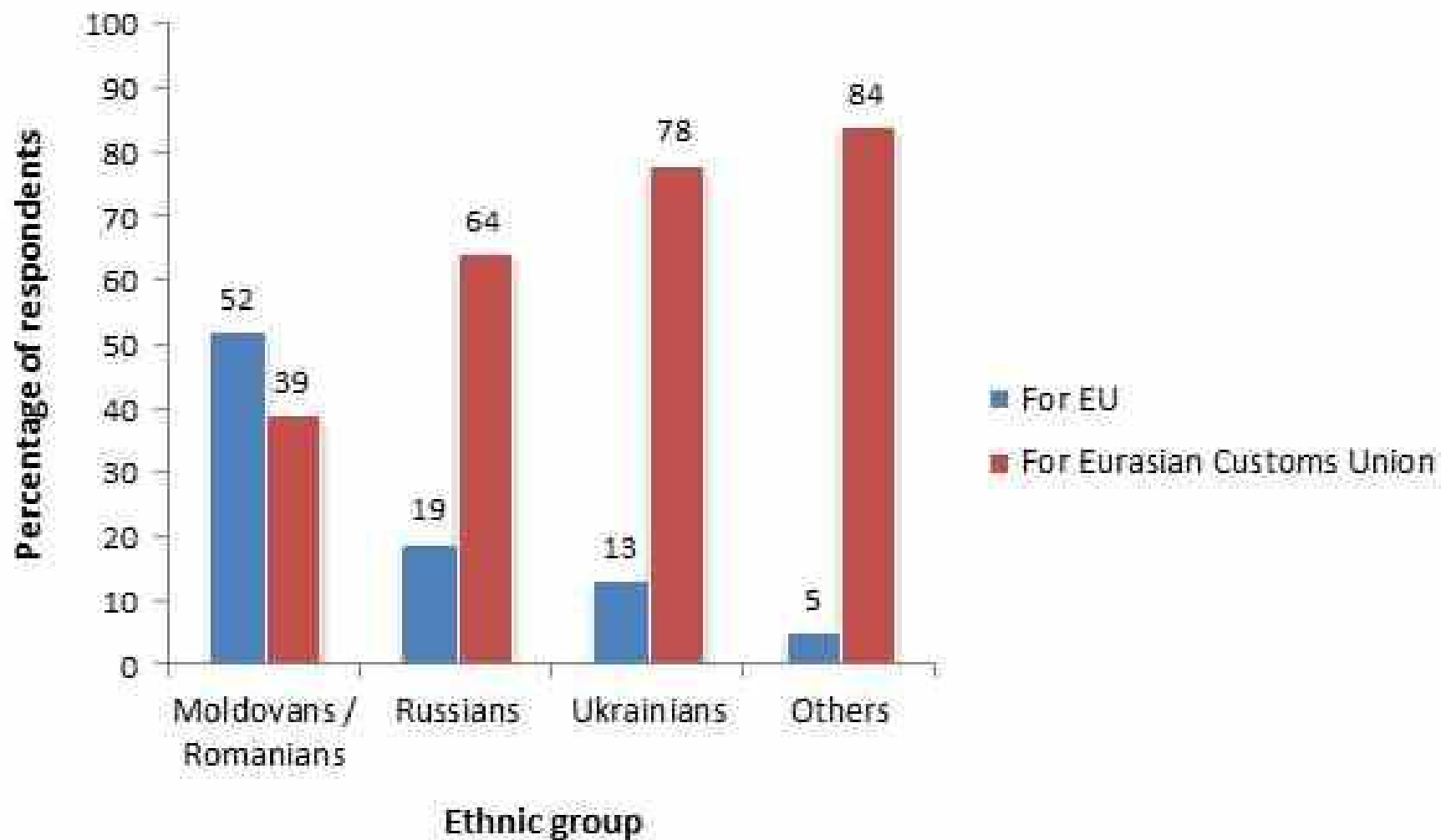
# MOLDOVA - EU



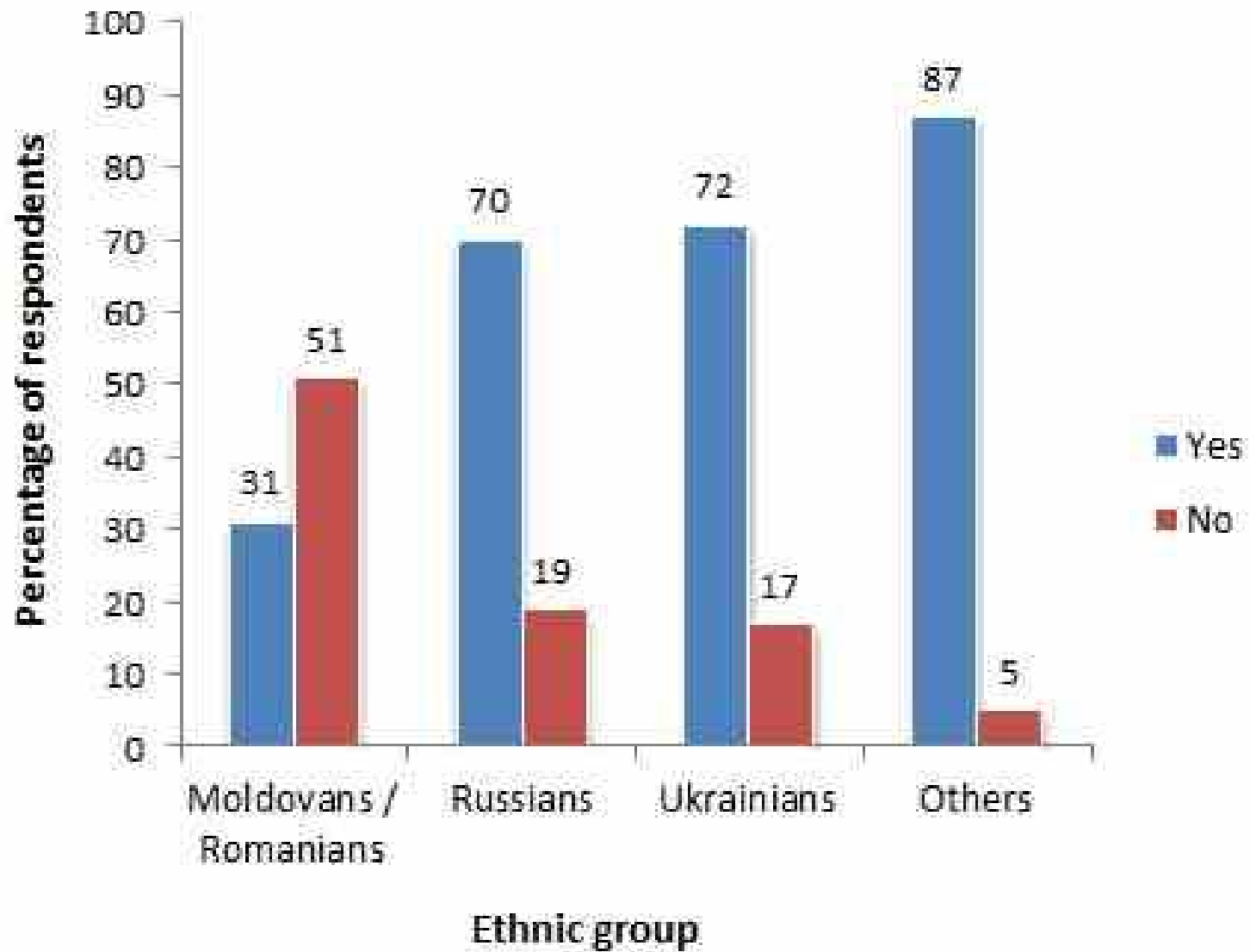
- ⌘ 2014 EU Association agreement
- ⌘ 2014 visa-free regime
- ⌘ 2014 DCFTA agreement



**RESPONSES IN MOLDOVA BY ETHNIC GROUP TO THE QUESTION: “IF THERE WERE A REFERENDUM ON MOLDOVA’S ACCESSION TO THE EU/EURASIAN CUSTOMS UNION NEXT SUNDAY WHICH WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?”**

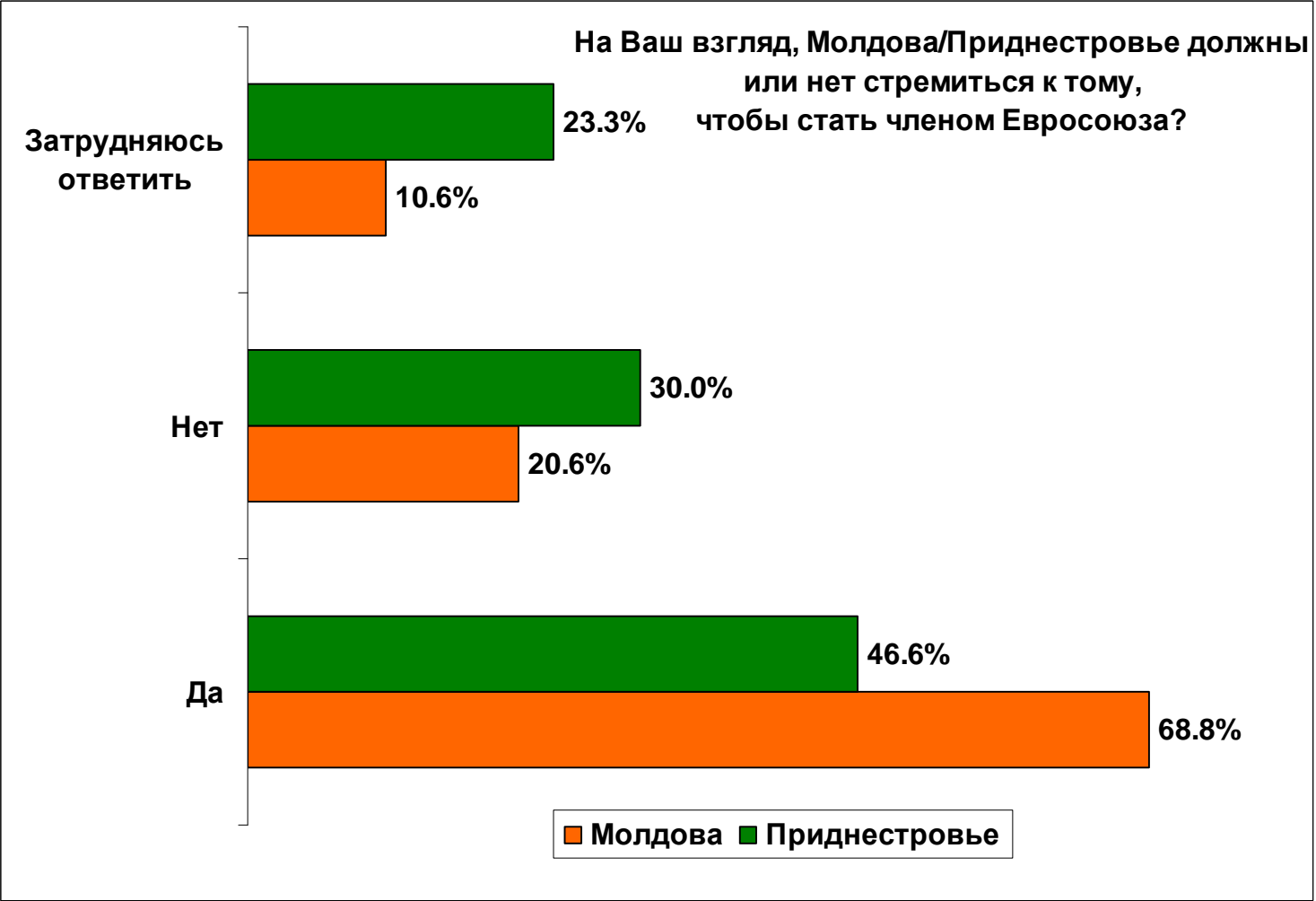


## RESPONSES IN MOLDOVA BY ETHNIC GROUP TO THE QUESTION: “DO YOU SUPPORT JOINING OF RUSSIA BY CRIMEA?”

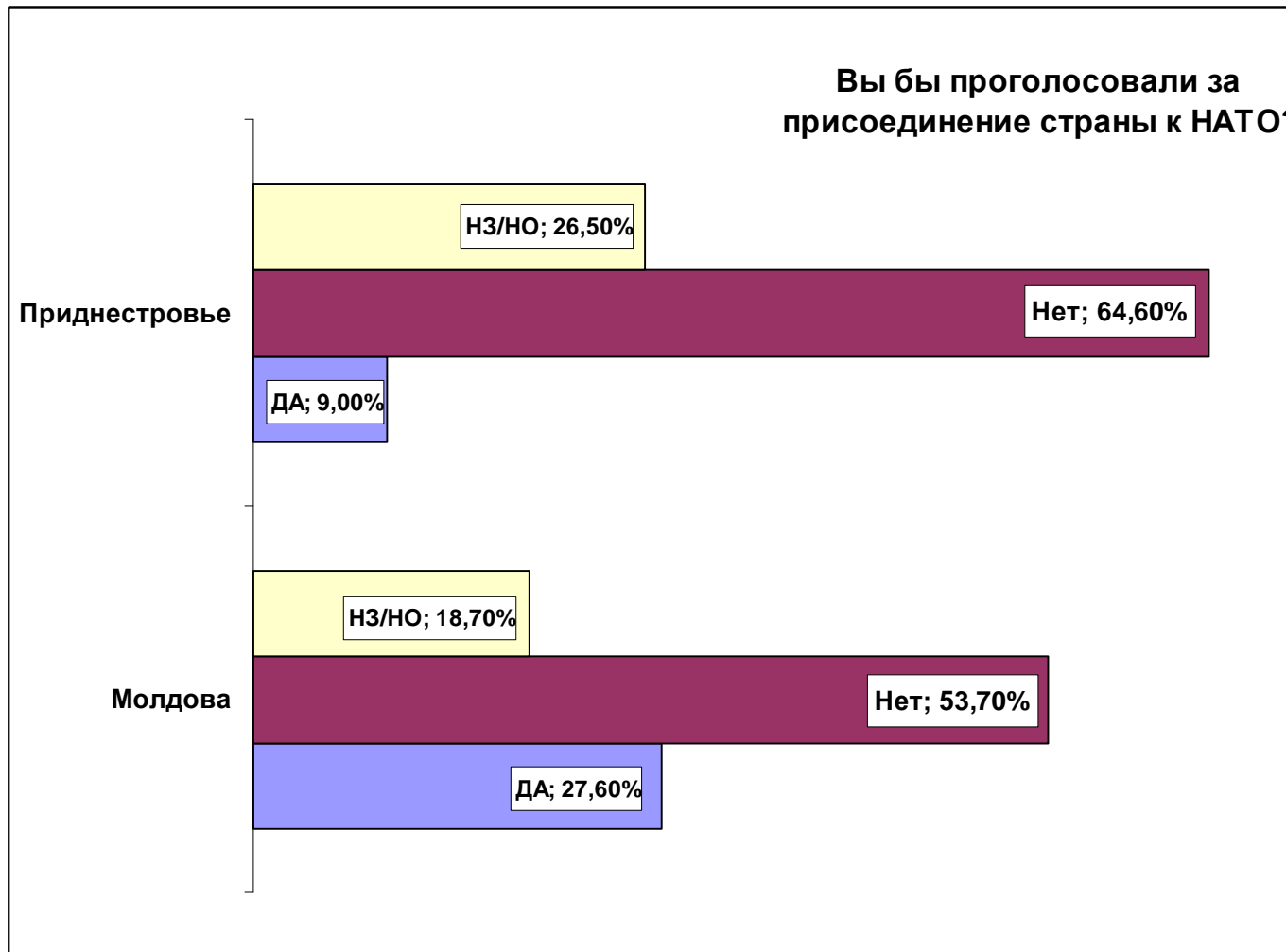


Какие страны и государства ассоциируются у Вас с понятием «Запад»?

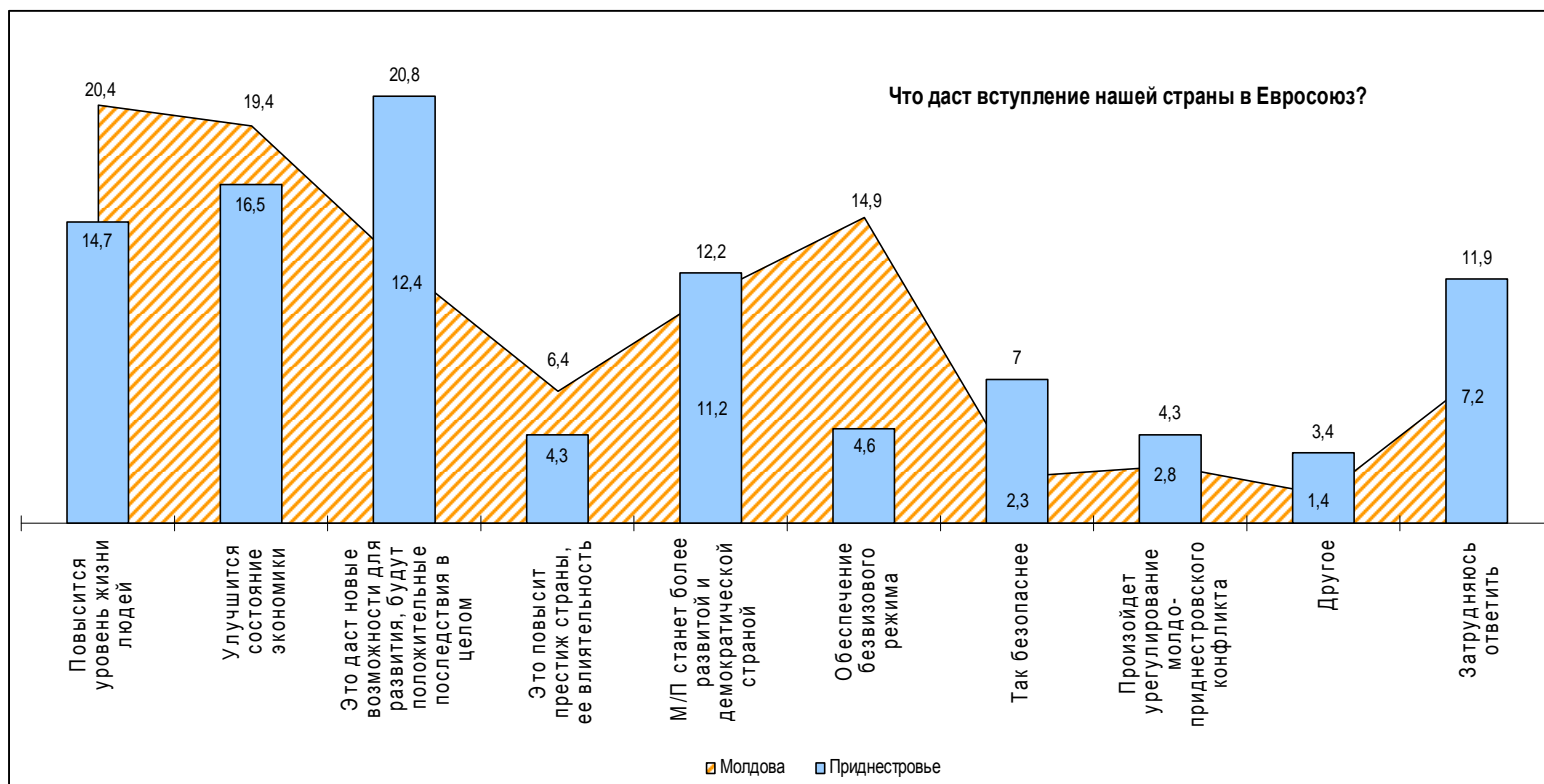


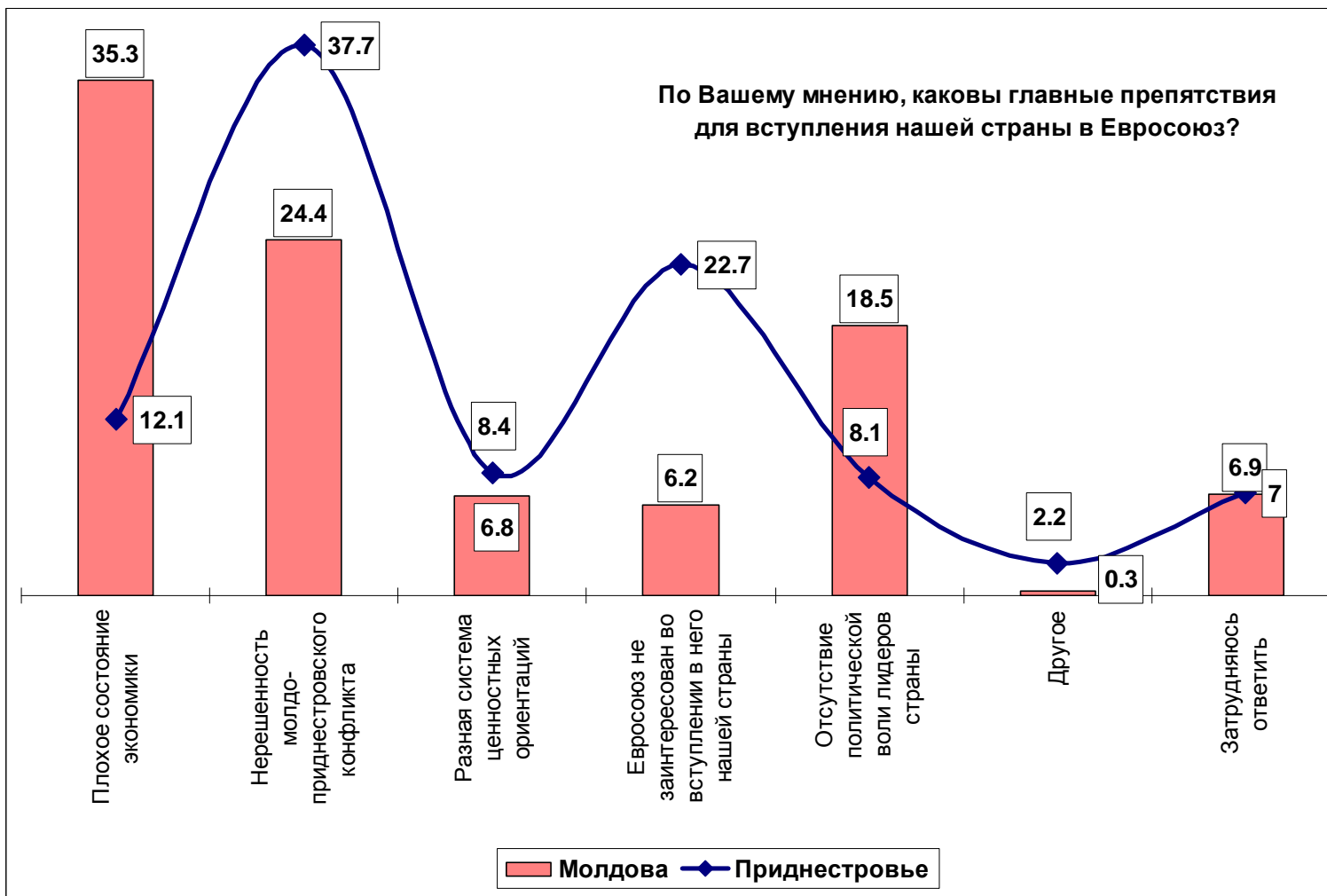


Вы бы проголосовали за  
присоединение страны к НАТО?

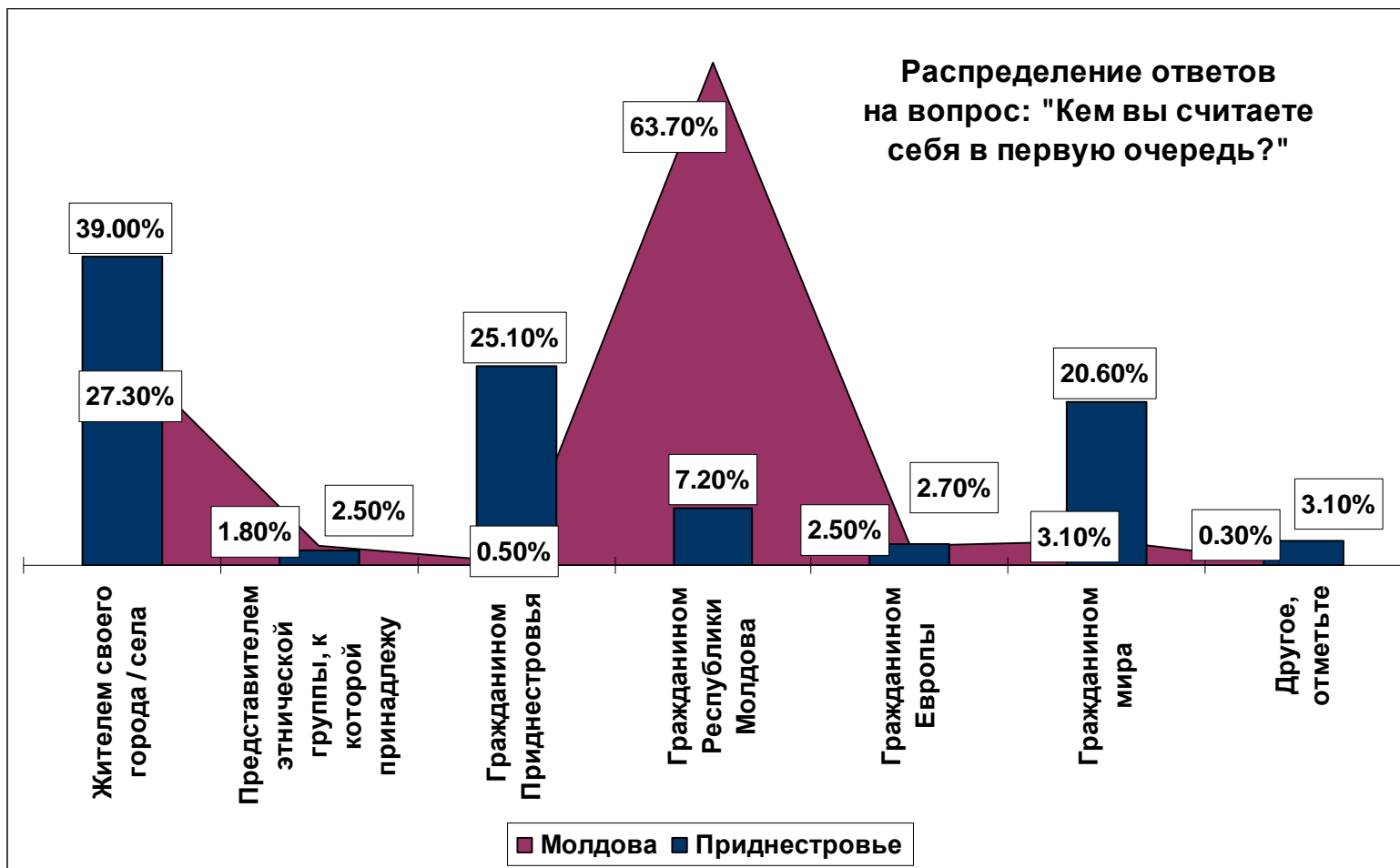








Распределение ответов  
на вопрос: "Кем вы считаете  
себя в первую очередь?"



**Thank you for attention!**

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