



*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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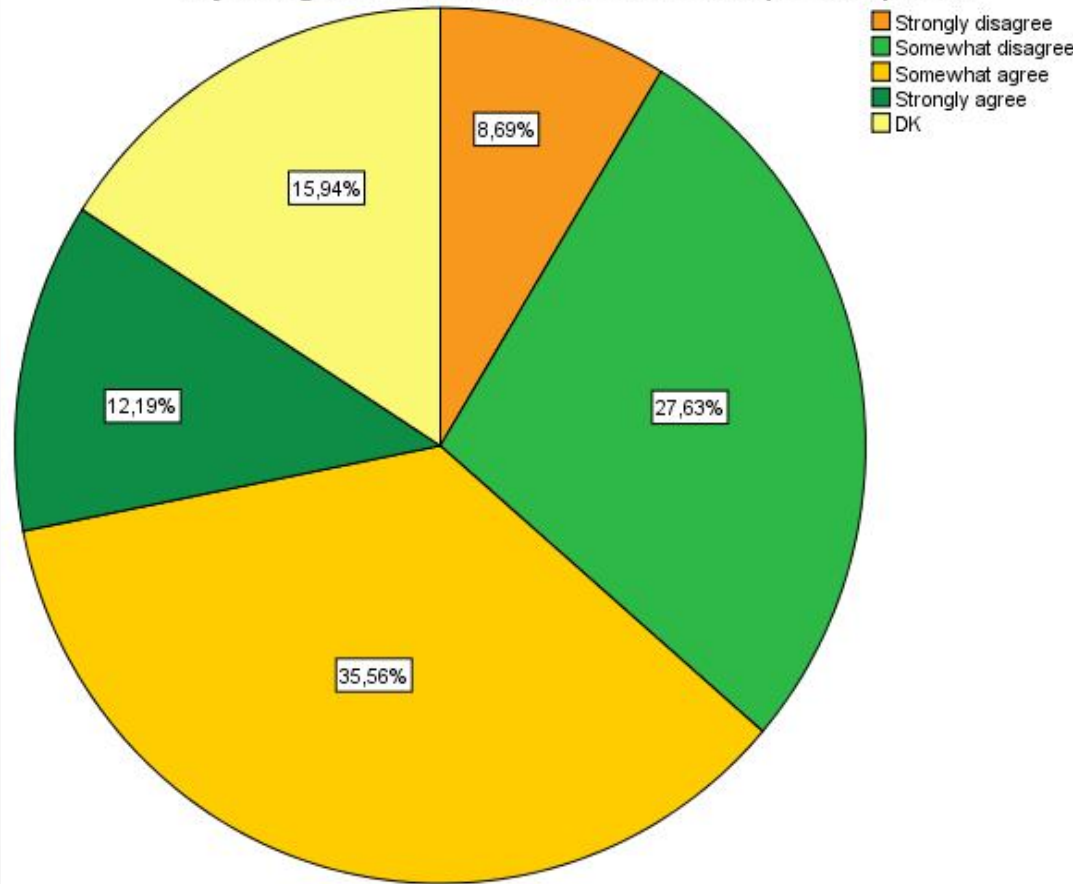
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## By using the Internet:

- 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

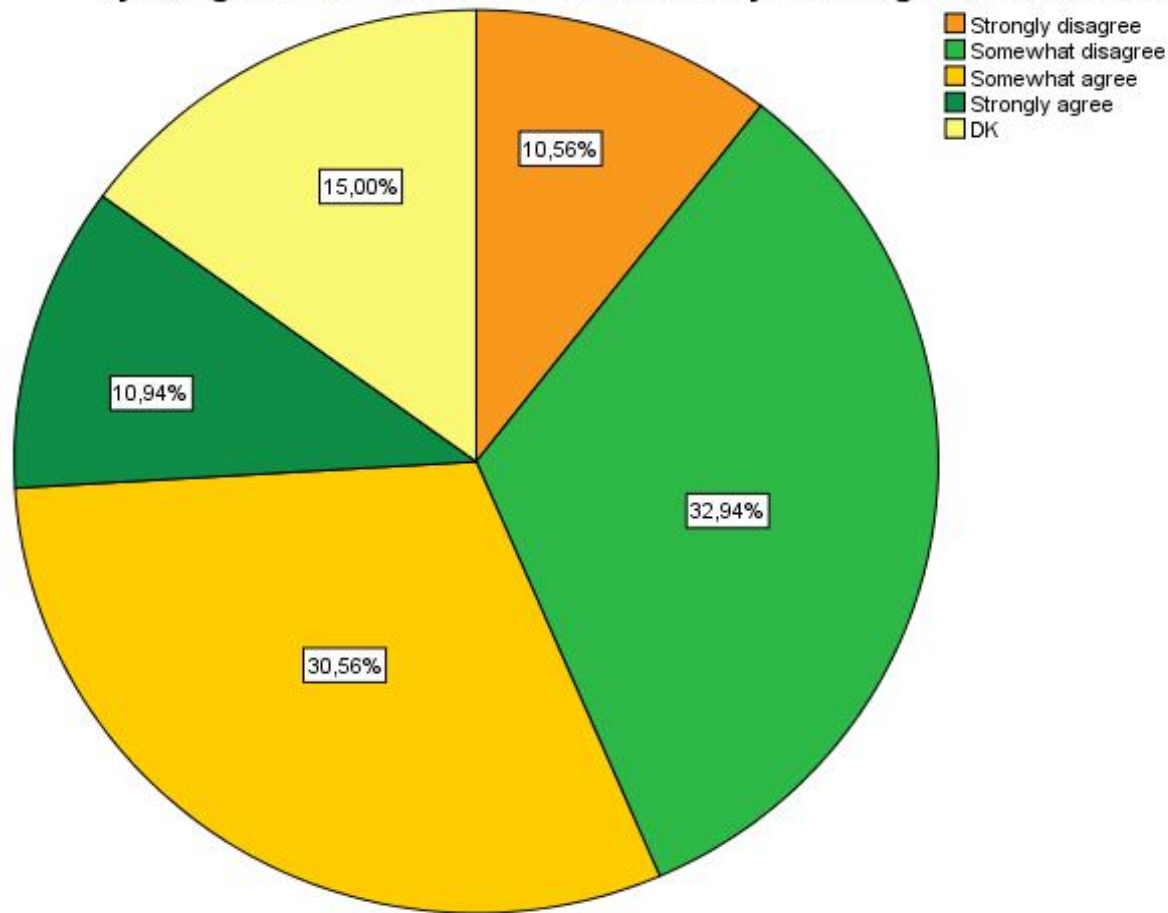
By using the Internet one can have more political power



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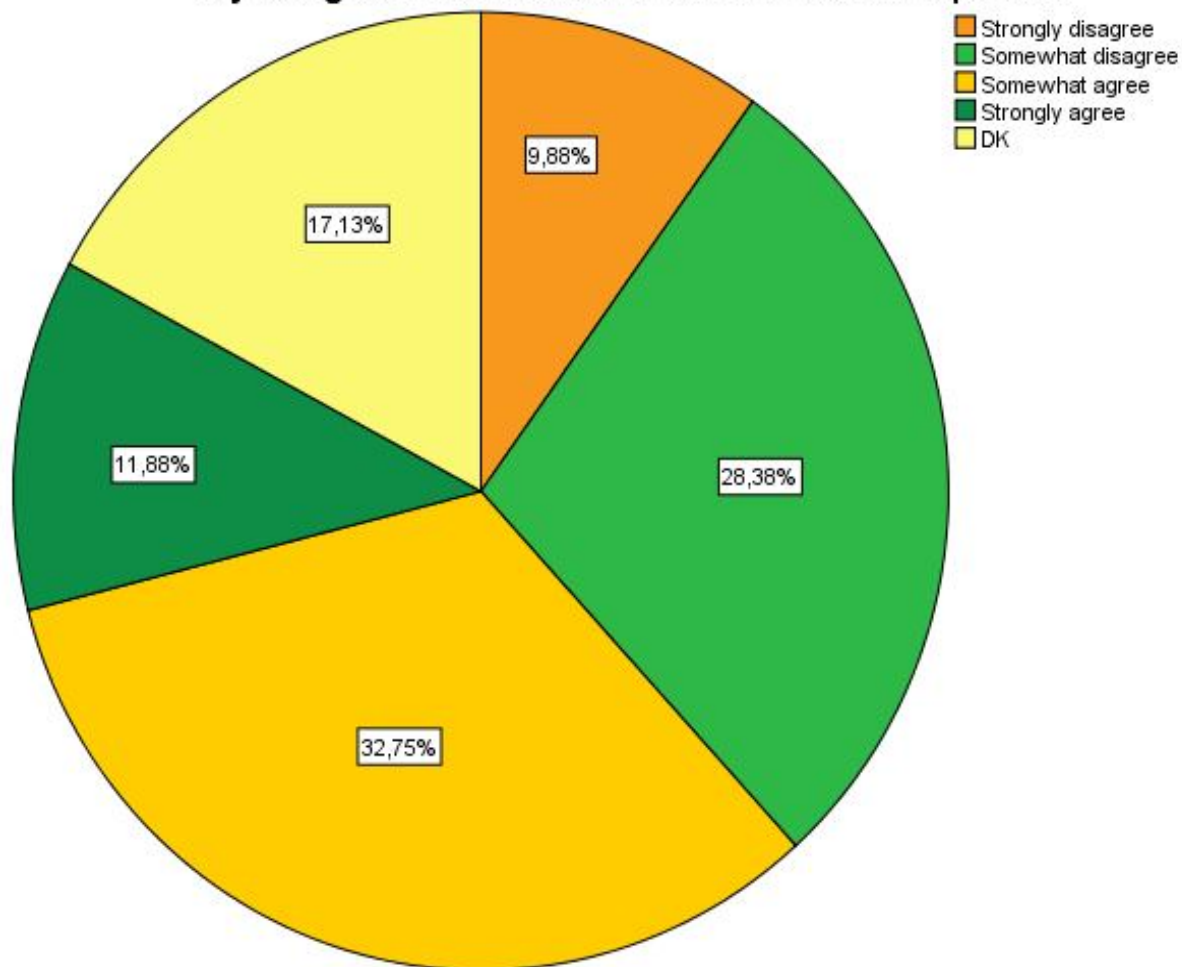
**By using the Internet one will have more say in what government does**



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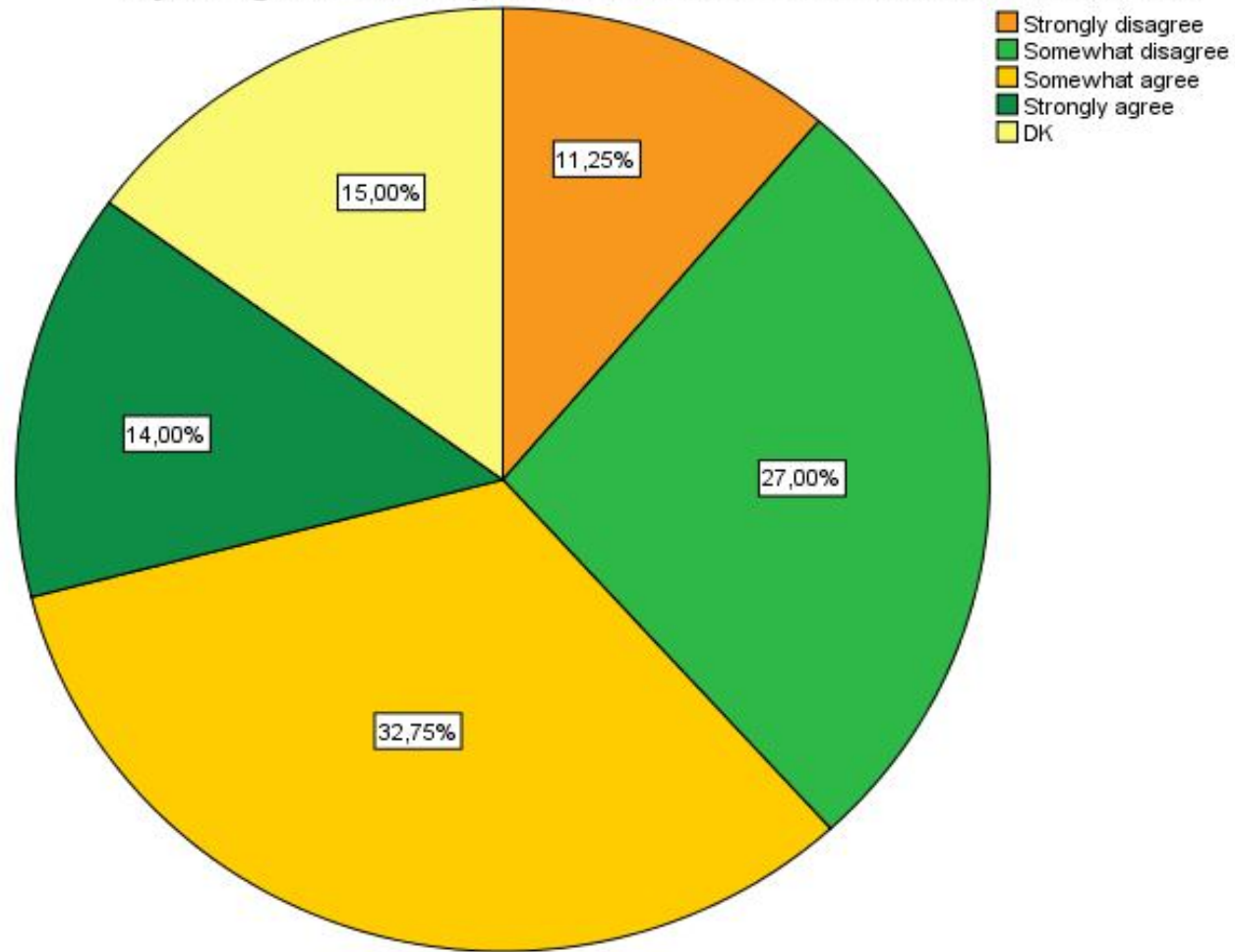
### By using the Internet one can better understand politics



«+» 44,63%

«-» 38,26%

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

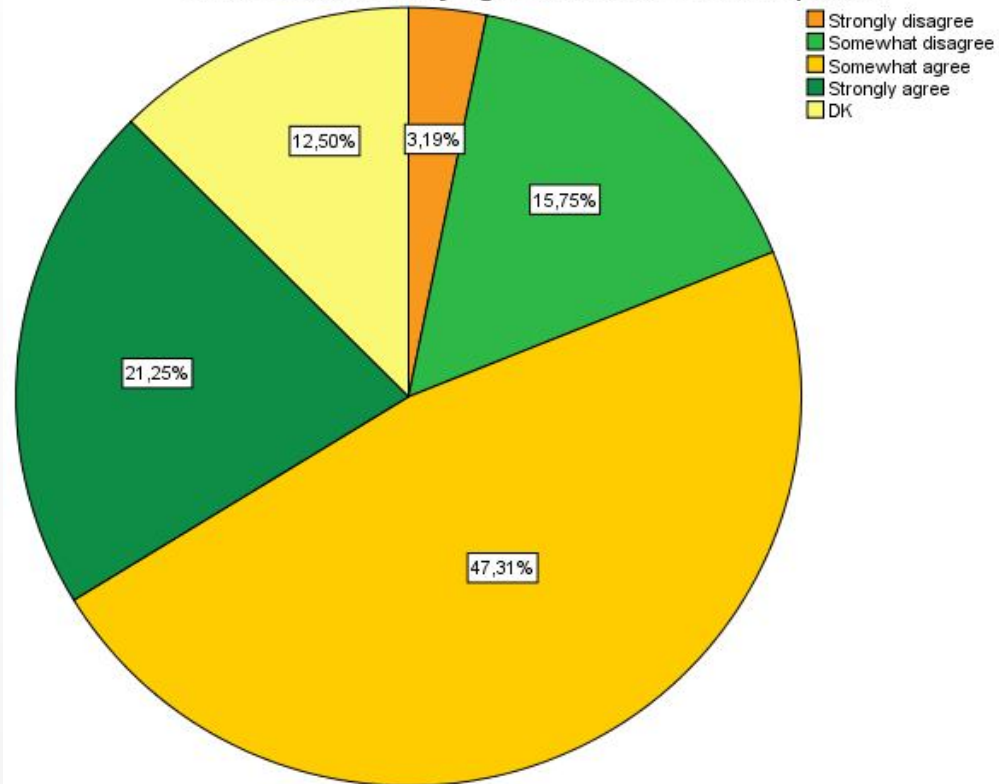


«+» 46,75%

«-» 38,25%

## *The political functions of the Internet:*

Feel comfortable saying whatever I think about politics



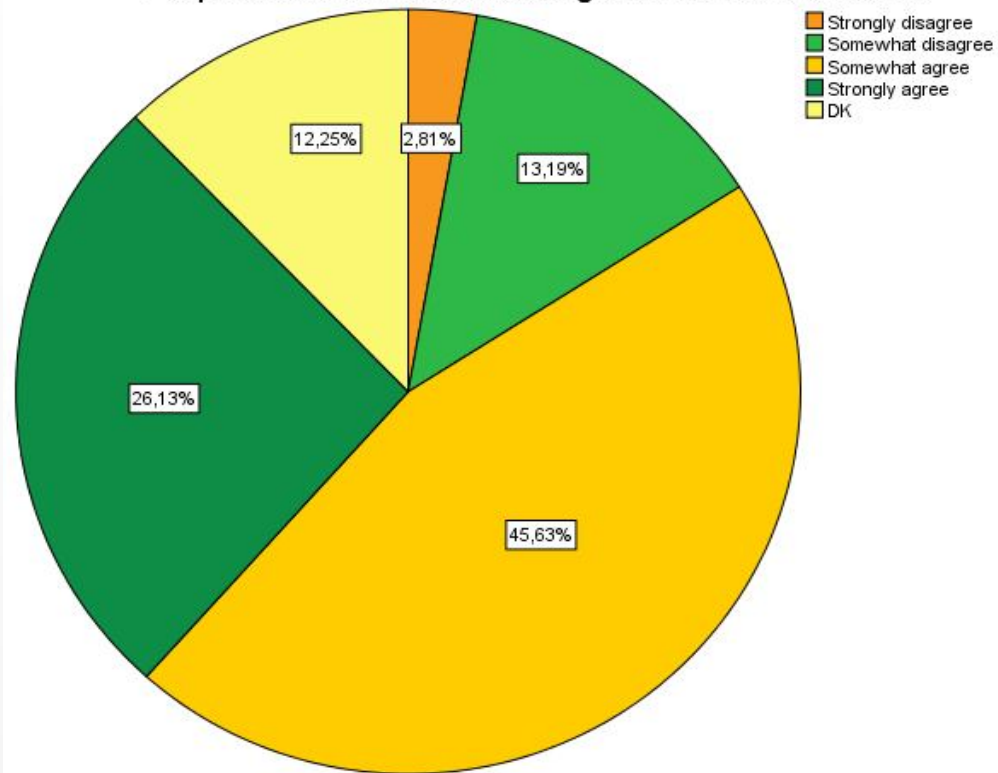
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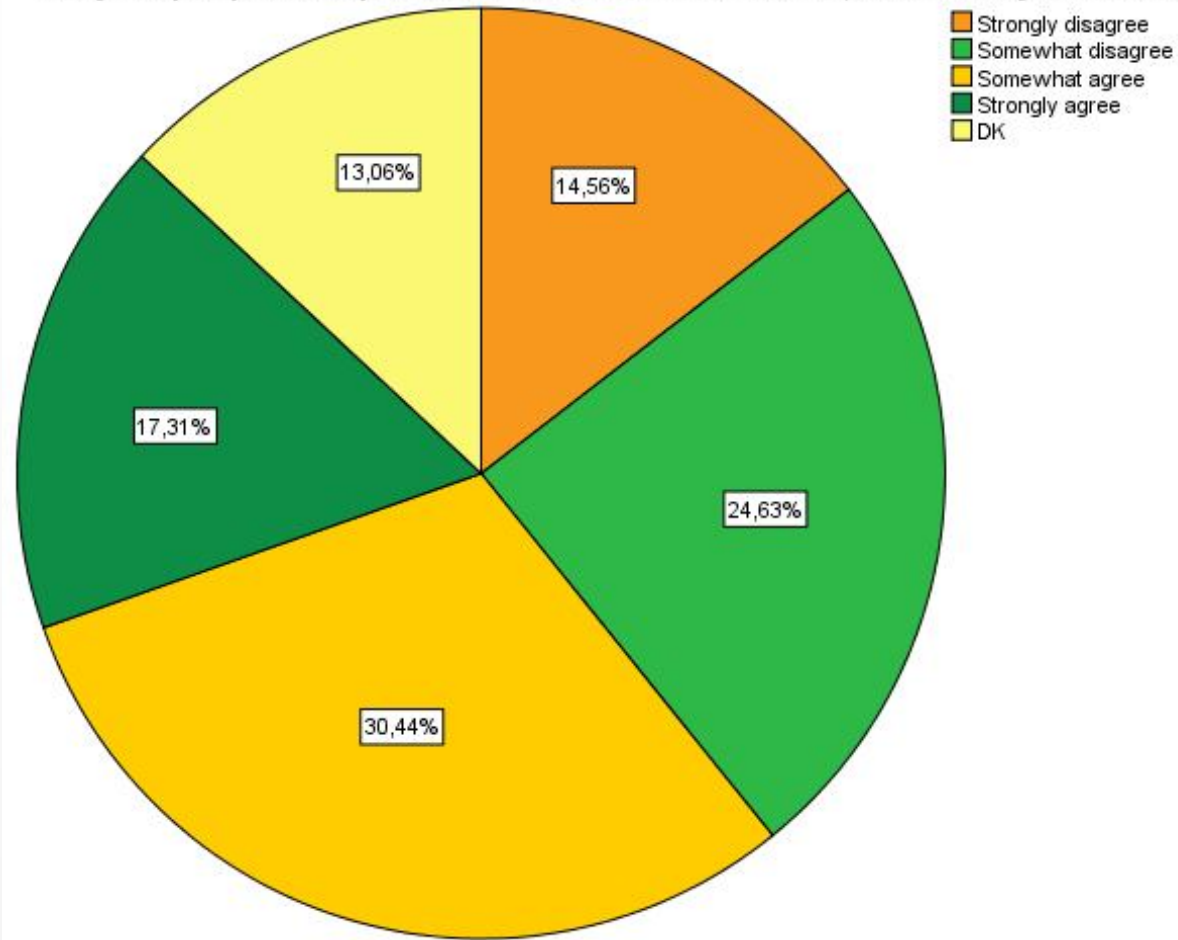
People should be free to criticize government on the Internet



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«-» 16%

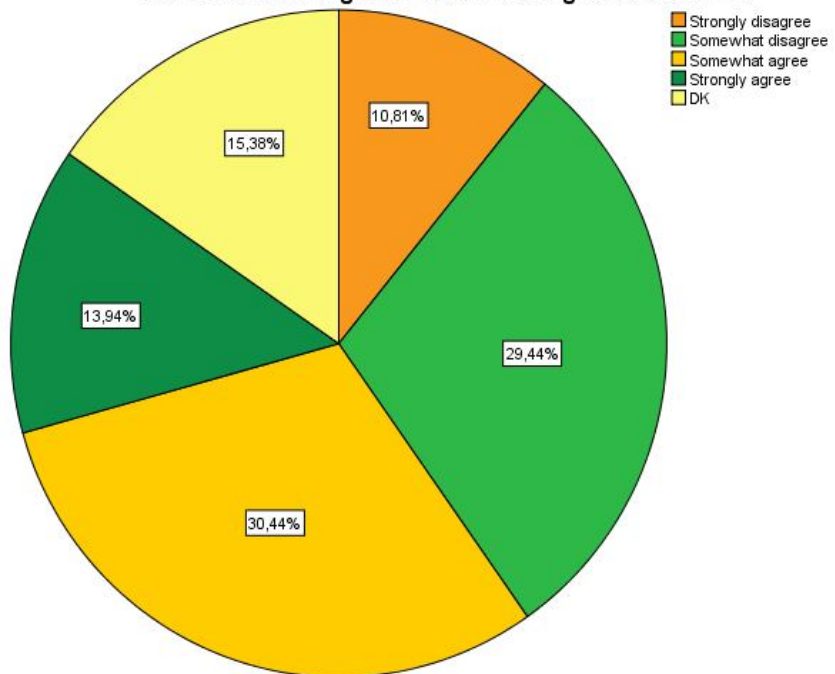
Okay for people to express their ideas on the Internet, even if they are extreme.



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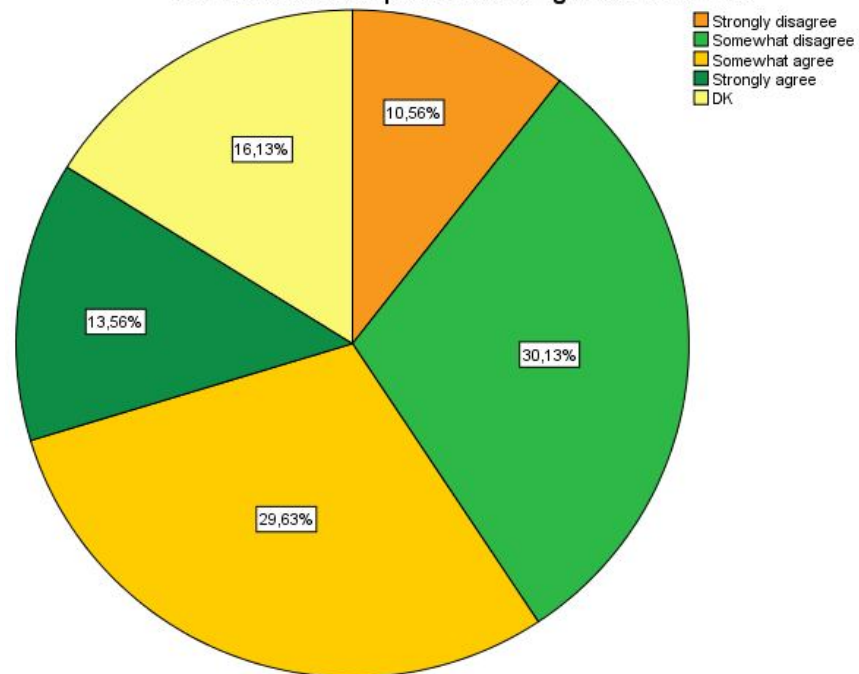
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Worried about the government checking what I do online



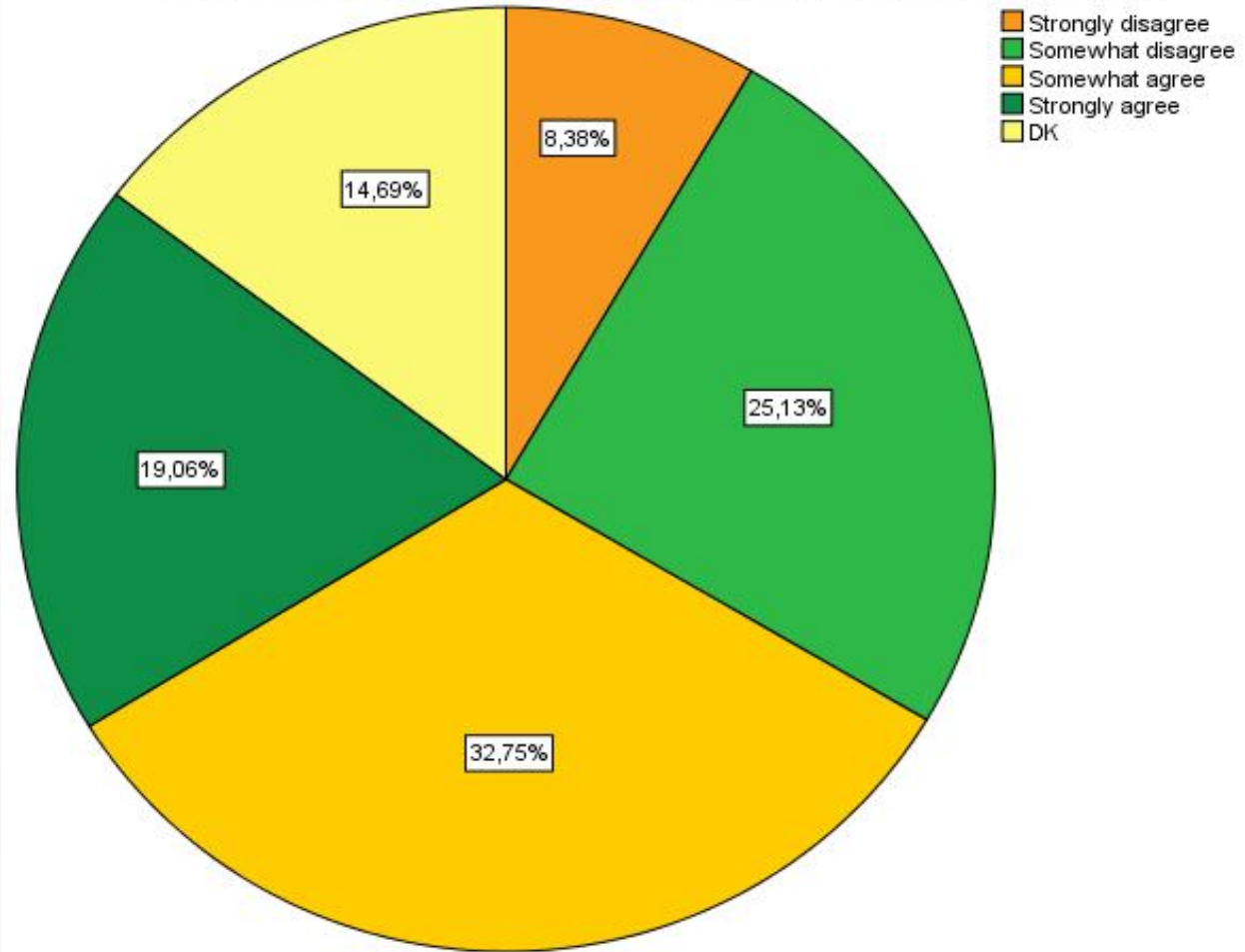
«+» 44,38%

Worried about companies checking what I do online.



«+» 43,19%

### Government should regulate the Internet more than it does now



«+» 51,81%

«-» 33,51%