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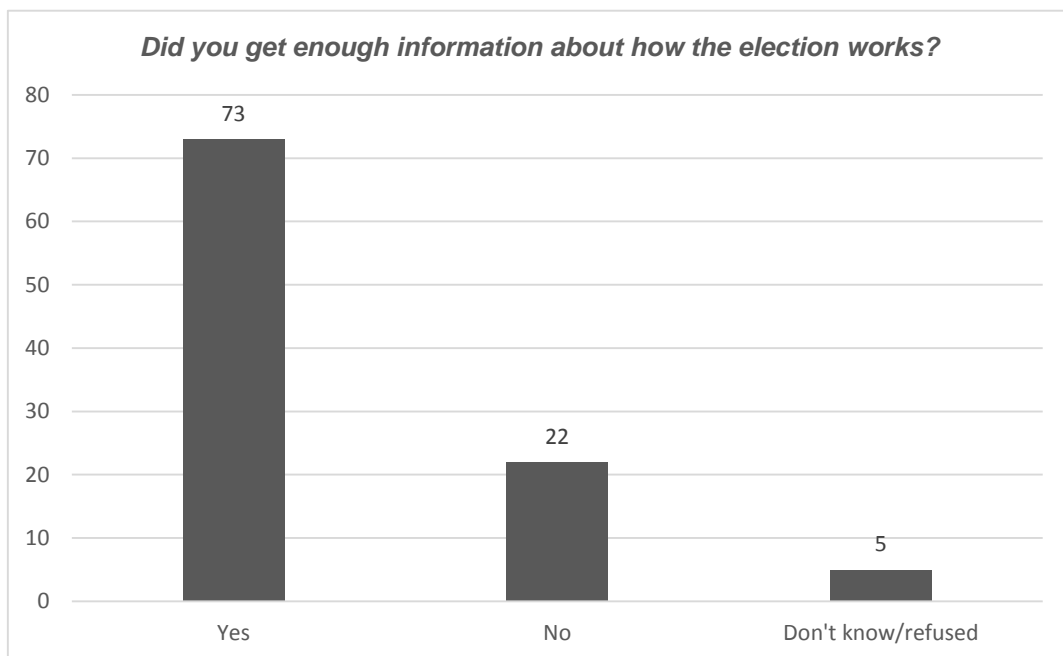
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EEOP Pre-Election Voter Perception Survey November 5, 2015

Methodology

To sample public sentiment and perception about the election process in the last two weeks before the election the EEOP conducted a short national survey of 315 citizens between October 22 and November 3, 2015. The survey was conducted in seven division and five states: Ayeyarwady Region, Bago Region, Chin State, Kayah State, Magway Region, Mandalay Region, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State, Sagaing Region, Tanintharyi Region, Yangon Region. The survey was not conducted in Kachin State and Kayin State because the coordinators for those states had not yet received training when the survey commenced. Coordinators interviewed a sample of voters approximately evenly split between younger and older men and women.

1. Voter Information



Three quarters (73%) of voters are confident that they have enough information about the election process to vote effectively. This contrasts with the perceptions of our coordinators, who believe that voters are not as well informed about the new process as they should be, and they worry that there may be significant confusion in the polling stations on election day.

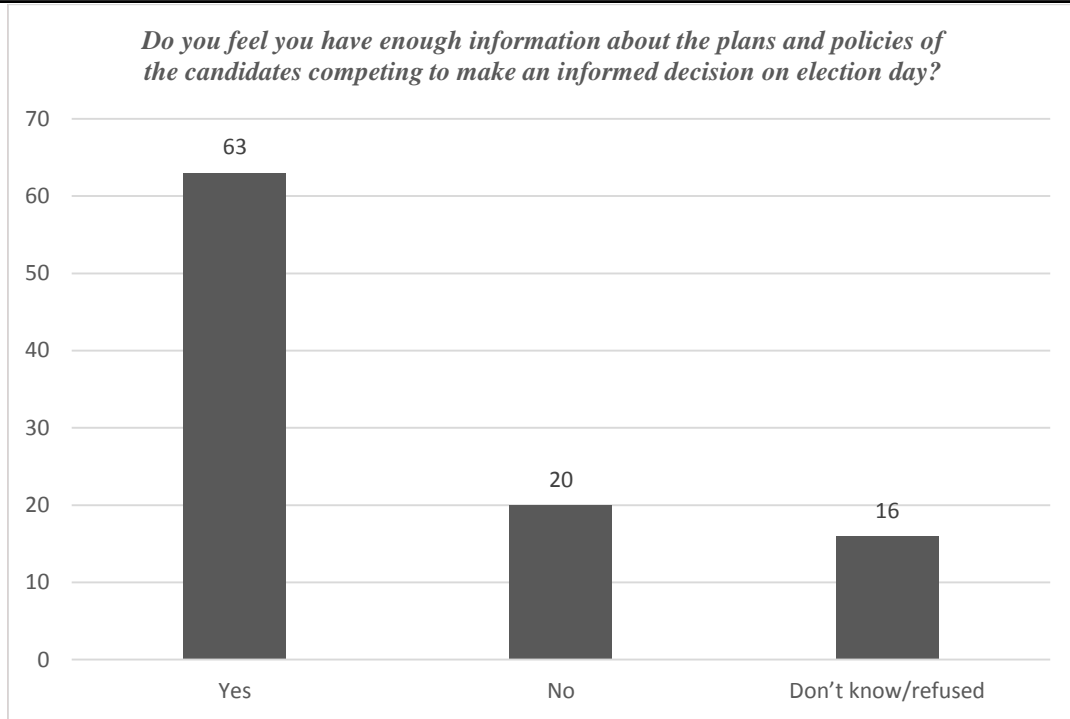


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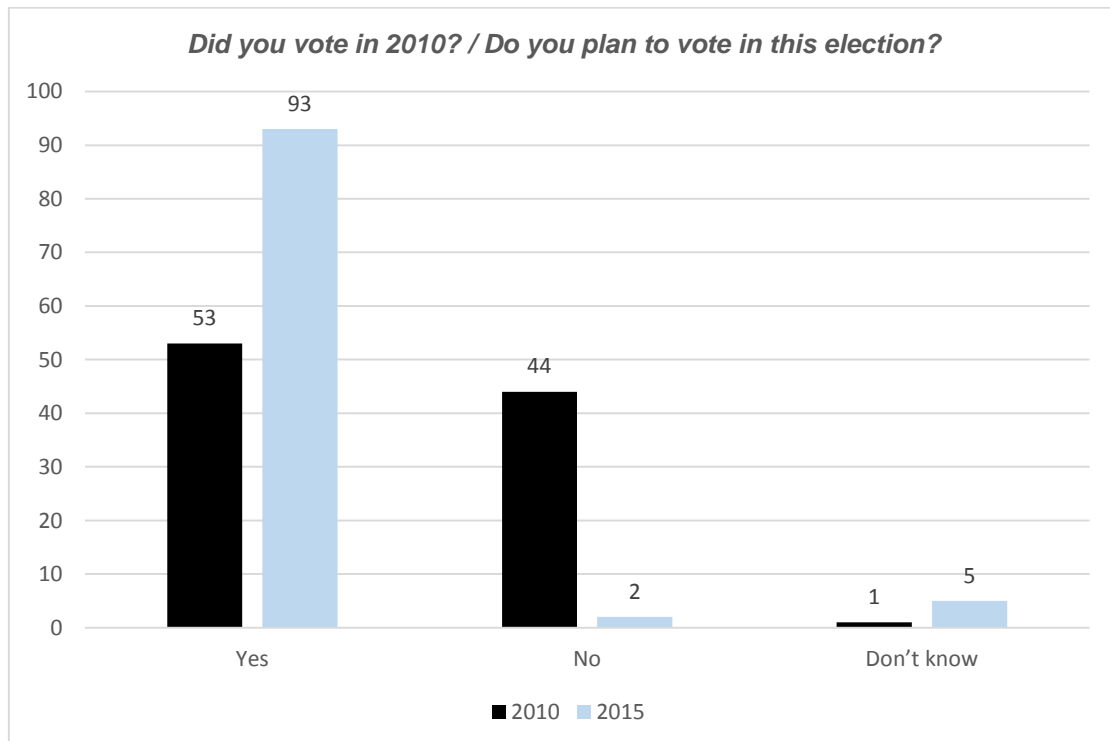
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Voters are slightly less confident that they know enough about the parties and candidates competing.

2. Voting History and Intentions



Voters are clearly much more excited about participating in these elections than they were in 2010, with only 2% saying they definitely will not vote, compared to 44% who reported not voting in 2010. Turnout on Election Day is likely to be very high.

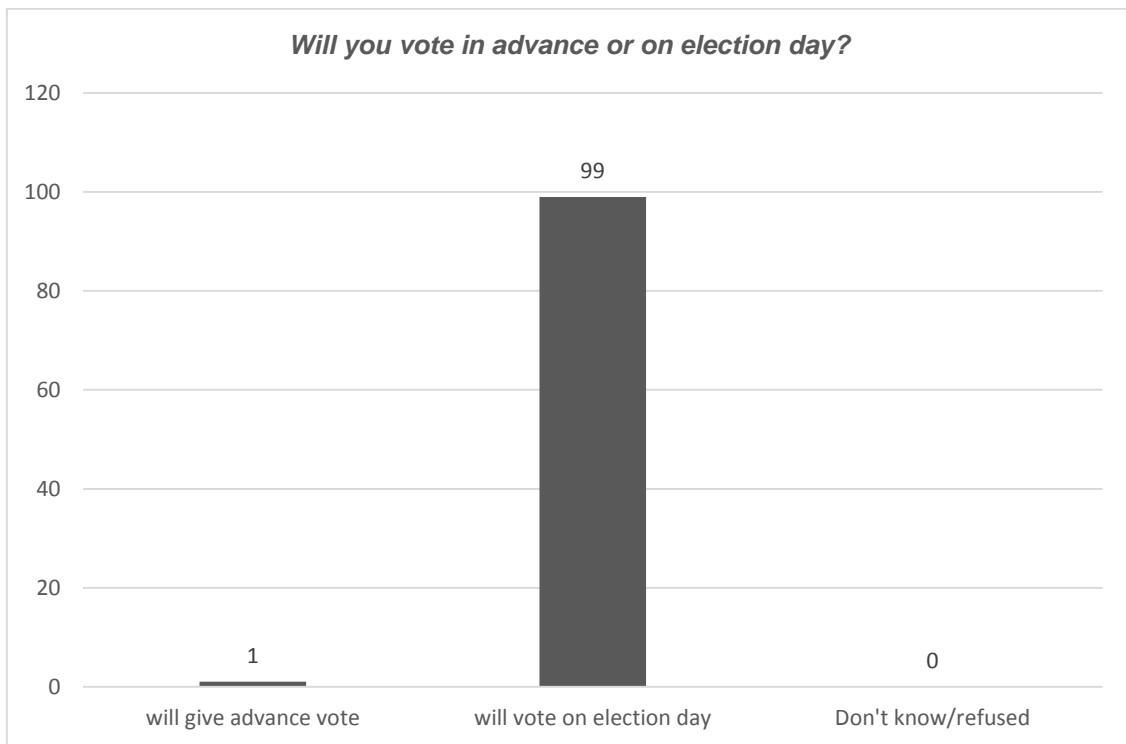


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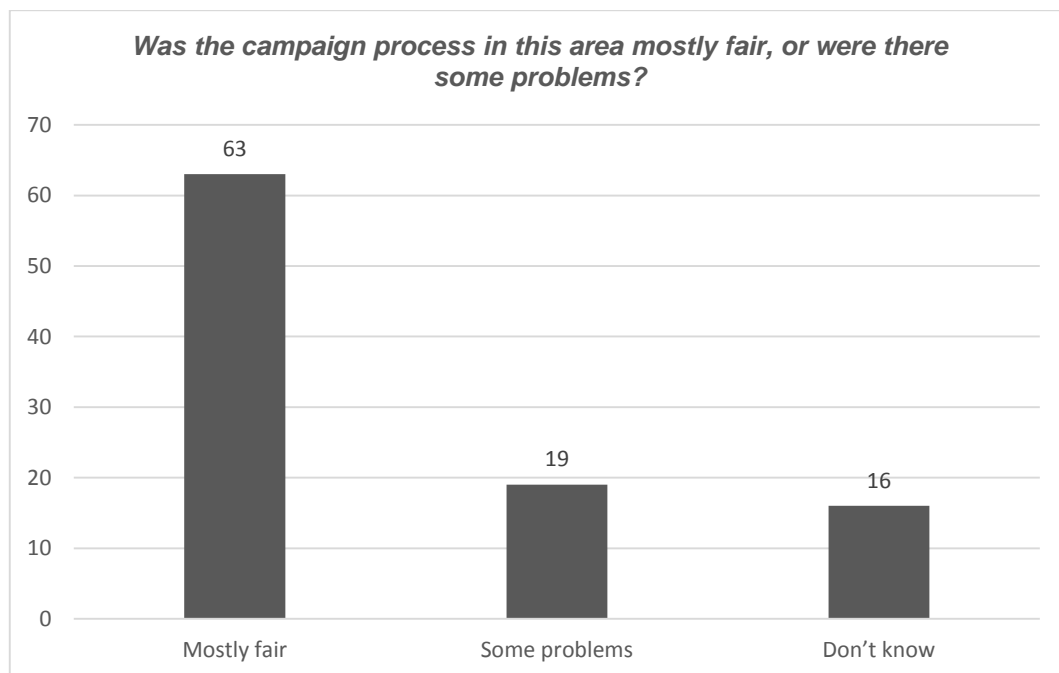
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Almost all ordinary voters plan to go to the polls on Election Day.

3. Perception of Campaign Fairness



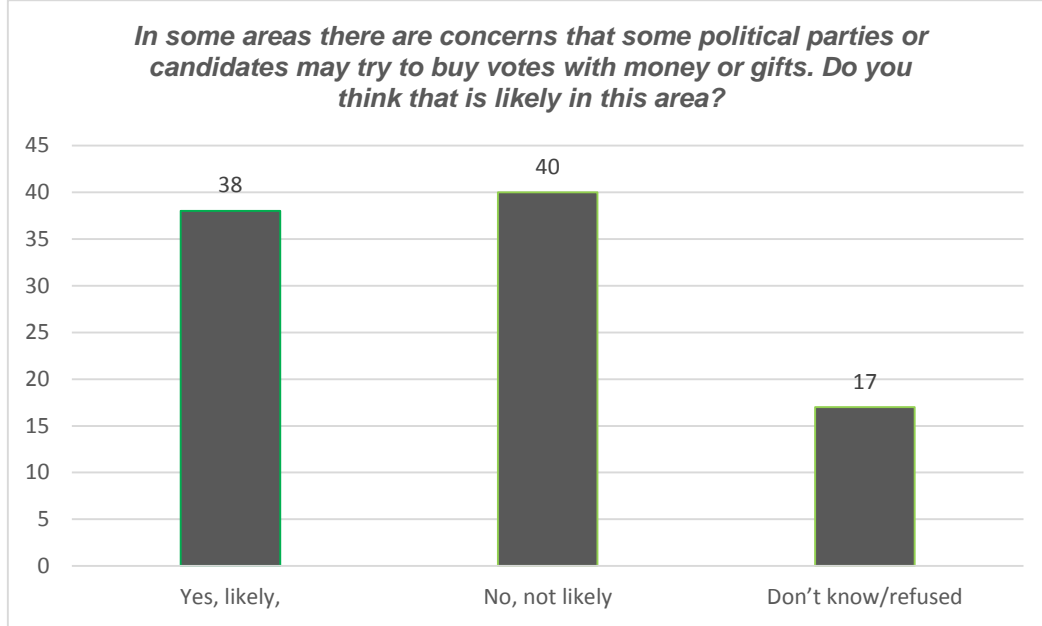


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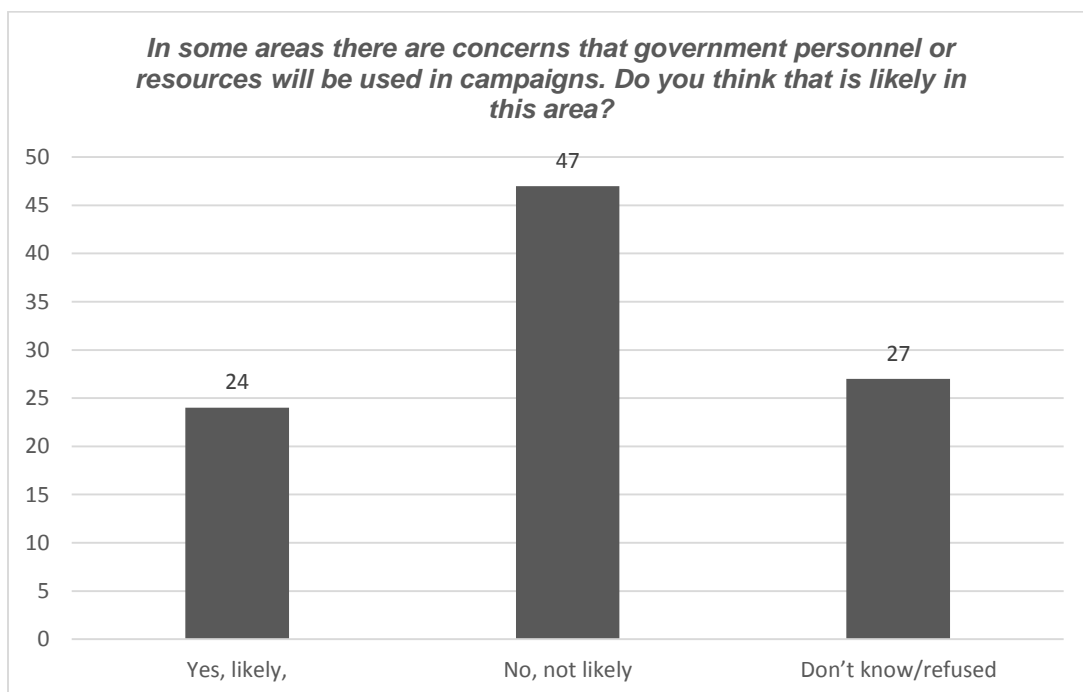
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A strong majority (63%) of voters feel the campaign process in their area was fair, with only a fifth (19%) citing some problems. But more than a third (38%) thought some form of vote-buying would occur in their area. The difference between these two results suggests that voters consider vote-buying a normal part of elections. It may also indicate that voters think vote-buying will not affect the fairness of the process because they do not expect it to influence the way they will actually vote.



Only a quarter (24%) of voters think government resources might be misused in campaigns.



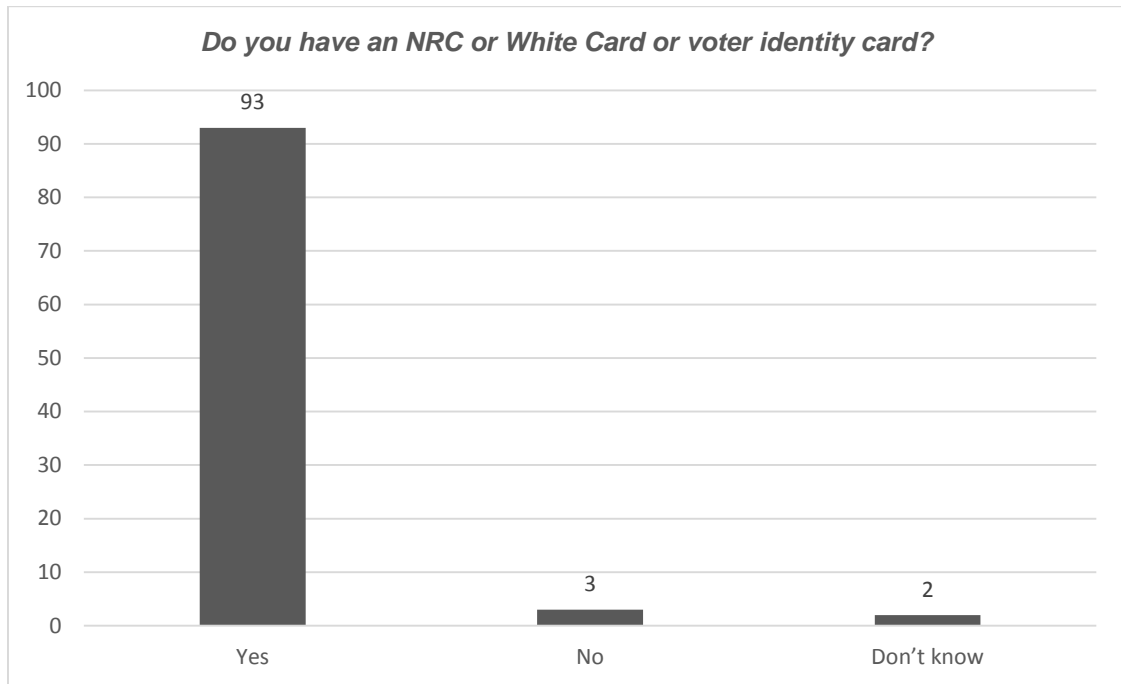
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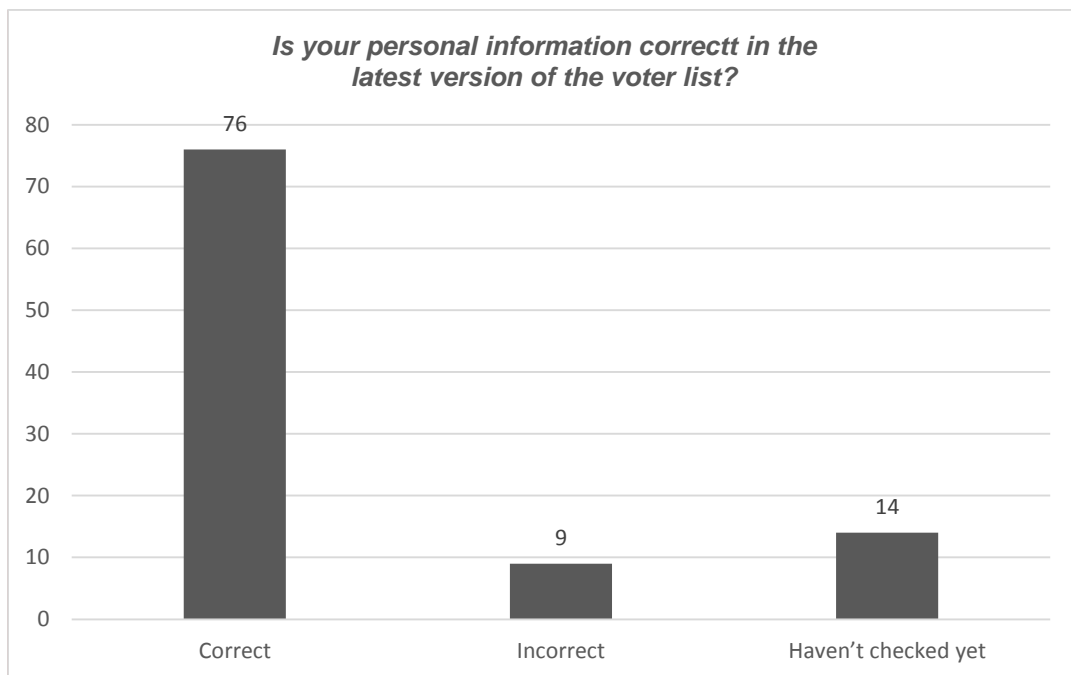
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4. Voter Registration and the Voter List



Almost all (93%) of voters report they have the ID needed to cast their ballot on Election Day.



But almost a tenth (9%) think their information on the voter list incorrect. 76% answered that their information on the voter list was correct while 14 % said they haven't checked voter list yet.



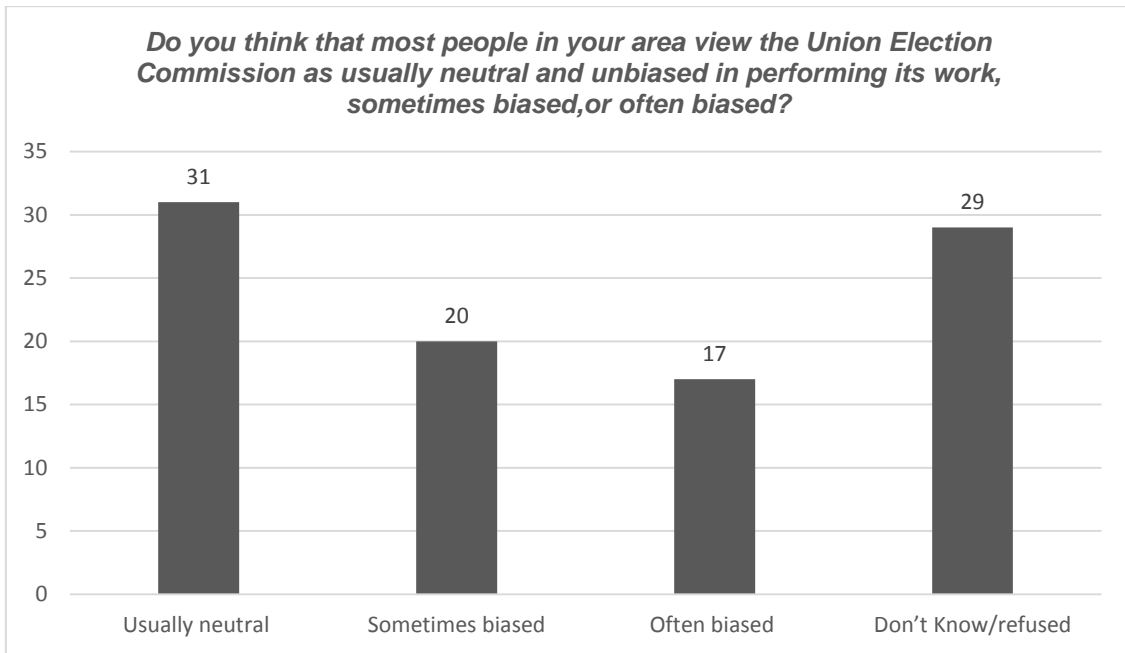
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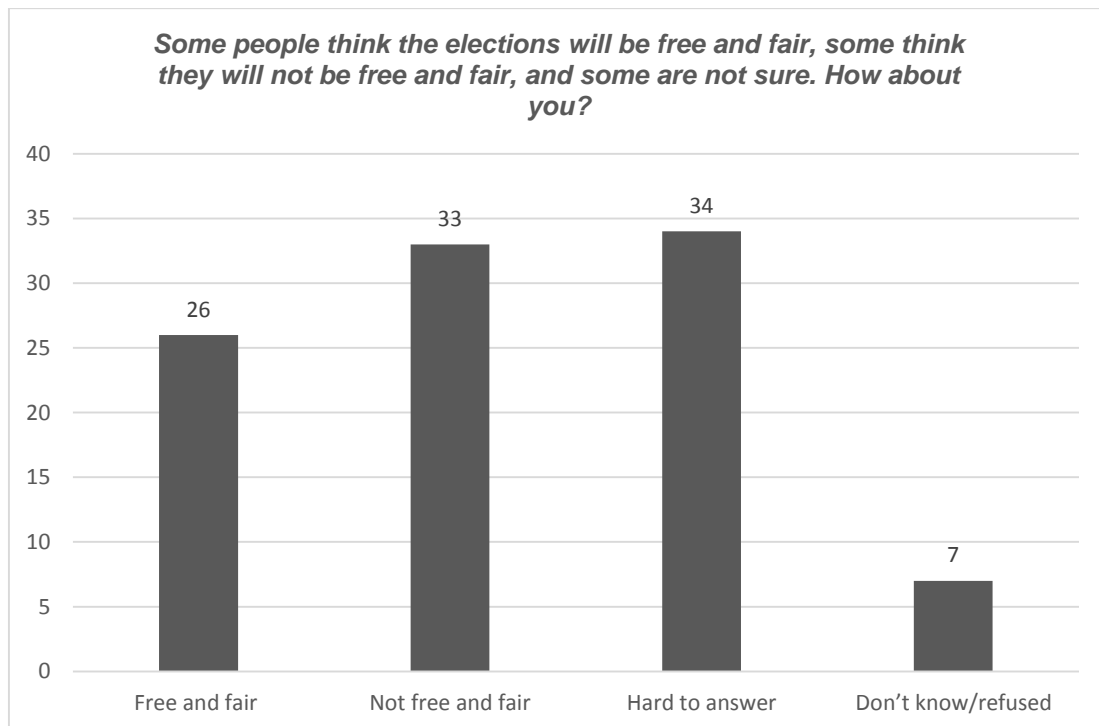
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5. Perception of Bias in Election Administration



Only a third (31%) of voters express confidence in the neutrality of the election commission. This perception is probably based on experience in previous elections, and suggest that the UEC still has some way to go to rebuild confidence in its administrative capacity with the general public.

6. Expectation of Fairness in Election Process



Only a quarter (26%) are confident the election will be free and fair, so while the survey shows enthusiasm to participate, it also shows significant uncertainty and doubt.



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About the EEOP

Election Education and Observation Partners (EEOP) is a non-partisan independent voter education and election observation coalition with 23 members and alliances from all states and regions of Myanmar. Founded in March 2013, the EEOP's members include: New Myanmar Foundation (NMF), Democratic Force (DF), Rural Development Network (RDN), Metta Campaign, Wisdom Banner, Nwe Oo Foundation, Pwint Phyu Observer Group, Magwe Observer Network, Social Actors' Group, Youth Development Network, Paungde Observer Group, Pyay Observer Group (FPSS), Green Network, Rhododendron Indigenous Development (RID) Association, Tedim Youth Fellowship (TYF), KRDO, Cherry Image, Kyaukmae Development Network, Kayan Women Organization (KWO), Top Youth, Bilin Observer Group, Wunlark Development Foundation and Public Welfare Network.

In advance of the elections EEOP has provided civic and voter education through trainings across the country, and monitored voter registration and the campaign period. EEOP has applied for accreditation for over 1500 observers (68% male and 32% female) who will be deployed at polling stations in more than 100 townships to monitor the election on Nov. 8. While this is the first involvement in elections for some members, others participated in secretly observing the elections in 2010, and openly provided voter education for and observed the bi-elections in 2012. Regardless of experience, all members share a passion for and commitment to democracy in Myanmar, and unlike most observation groups that were founded and funded with international support, EEOP is almost entirely self-funded by its members—although it maintains a strong relationship with the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL).

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