

2025 API Public Opinion Poll on International Affairs



Survey Overview

Population

Adults aged 18 and older

Sampling method

Proportional selection by gender, and age (as of October 2024)

Sample size

1,037

Survey method

Web survey

Survey date

2025. 8. 19. ~ 2025. 8. 20.

Composition of Respondents

Gender

Male 48.2%

Female 51.8%

Age

Under 20: 2.2%

20 to 29: 11.2%

30 to 39: 12.0%

40 to 49: 15.3%

50 to 59: 17.4%

Over 60: 41.9%



Japan – U.S. relations

Impression of the United States

40.5%
Positive

34.5%
Negative

U.S. as a key partner for Japan's security, leadership roles in the international community

unfavorable view of the U.S. President, U.S. self-centered policies

Impression of President Donald Trump

14.7%
Positive

70.1%
Negative

Views on Tariff Policies

7.5%
Support

76.5%
Oppose

Views on Japan-U.S. relations

42.4%
Good

34.9%
Bad

Importance of the Japan-U.S. relationship

85.9%
Yes

6.1%
No

Outlook on the future relationship between Japan and U.S.

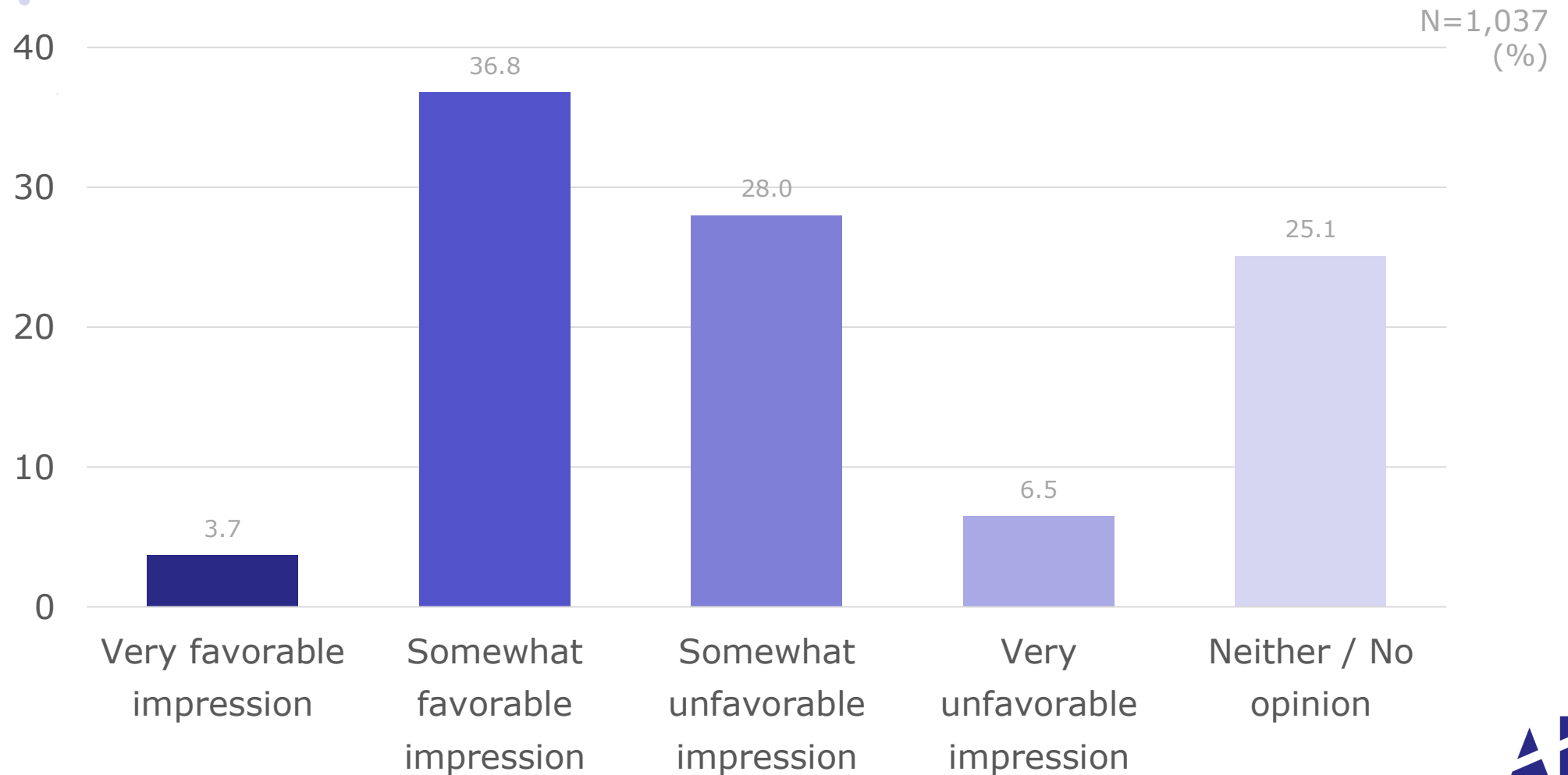
23.6%
Better

44.7%
Worse

31.6%
Same

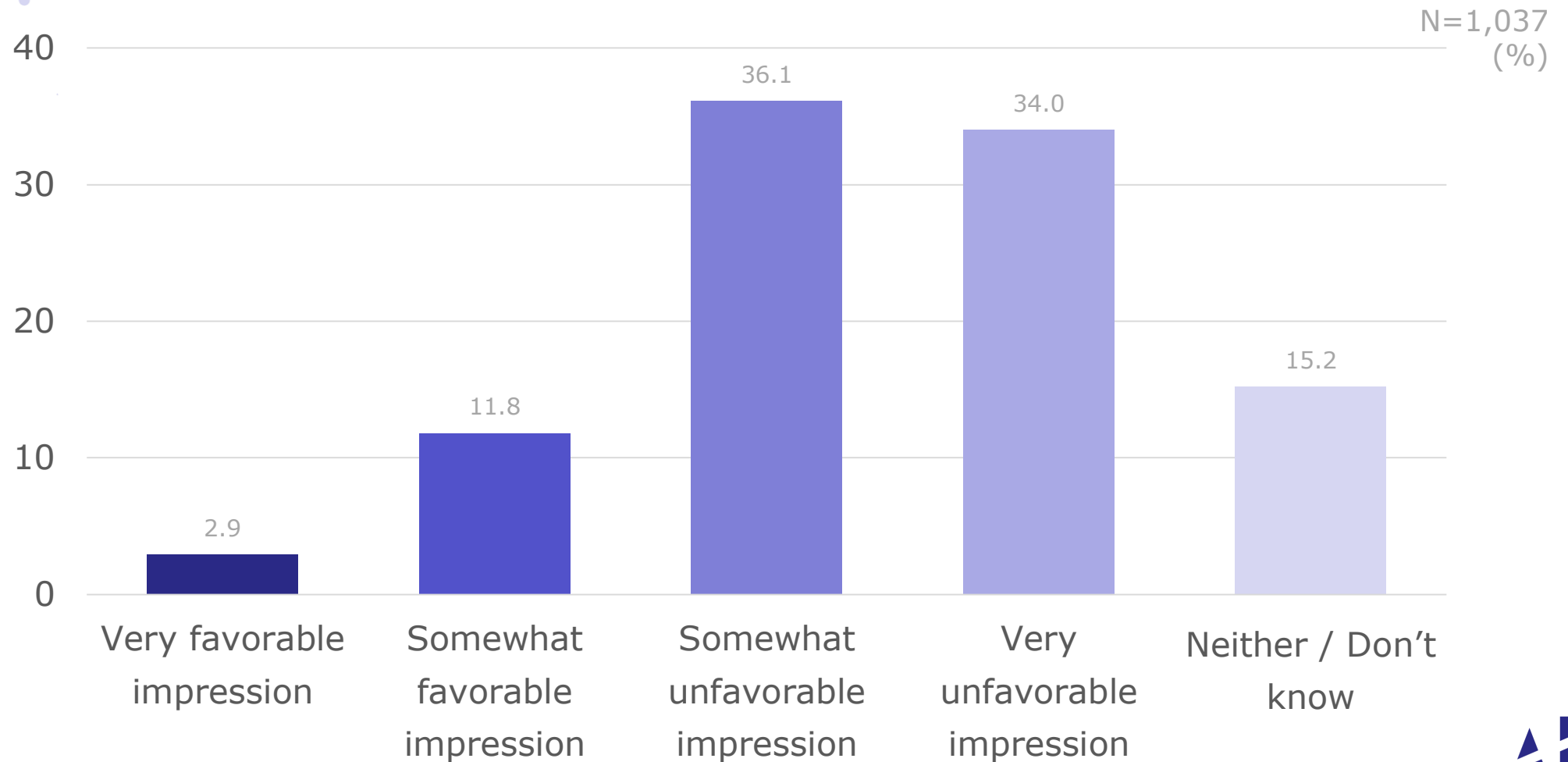
Impression of the United States

Q2. What is your impression of the United States?



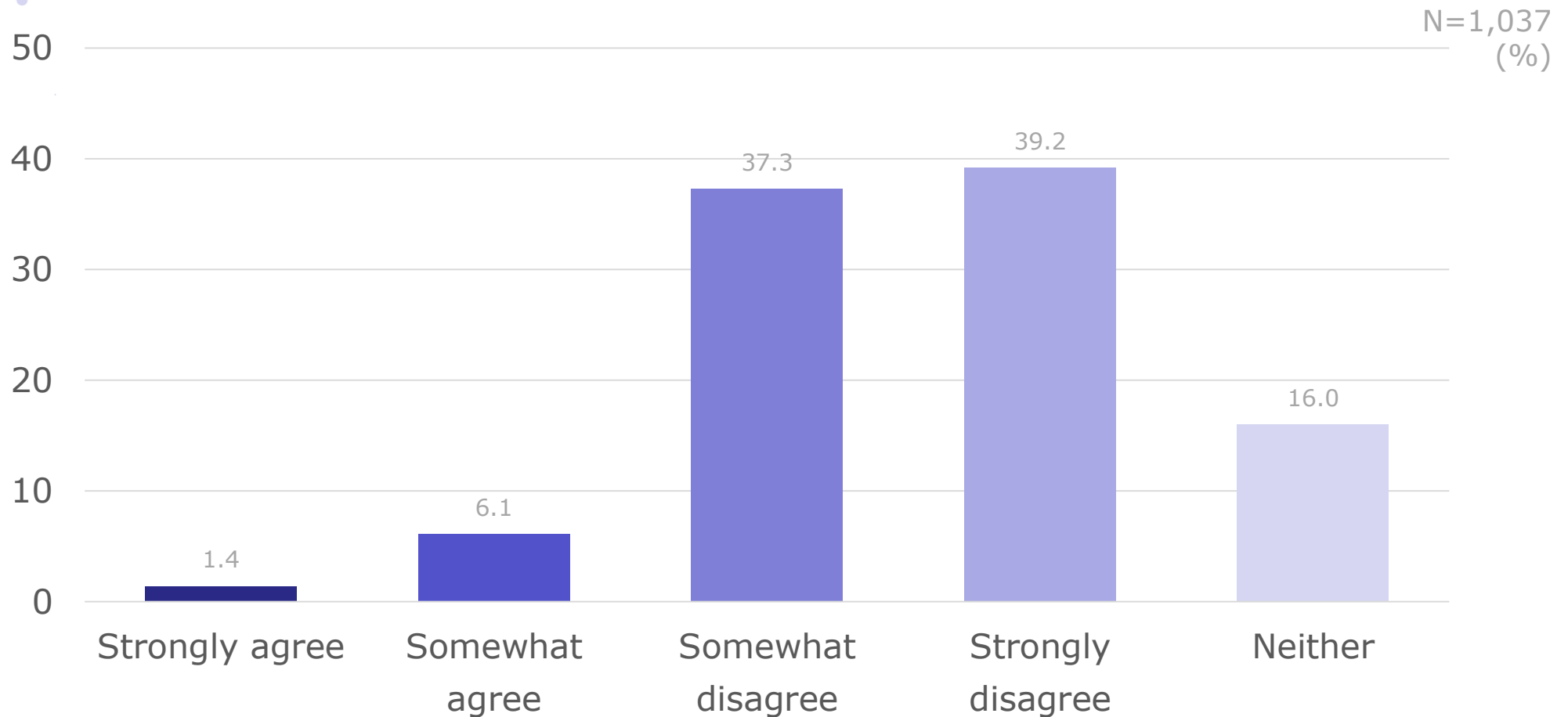
Impression of President Donald Trump

Q11. What is your impression of President Donald Trump?



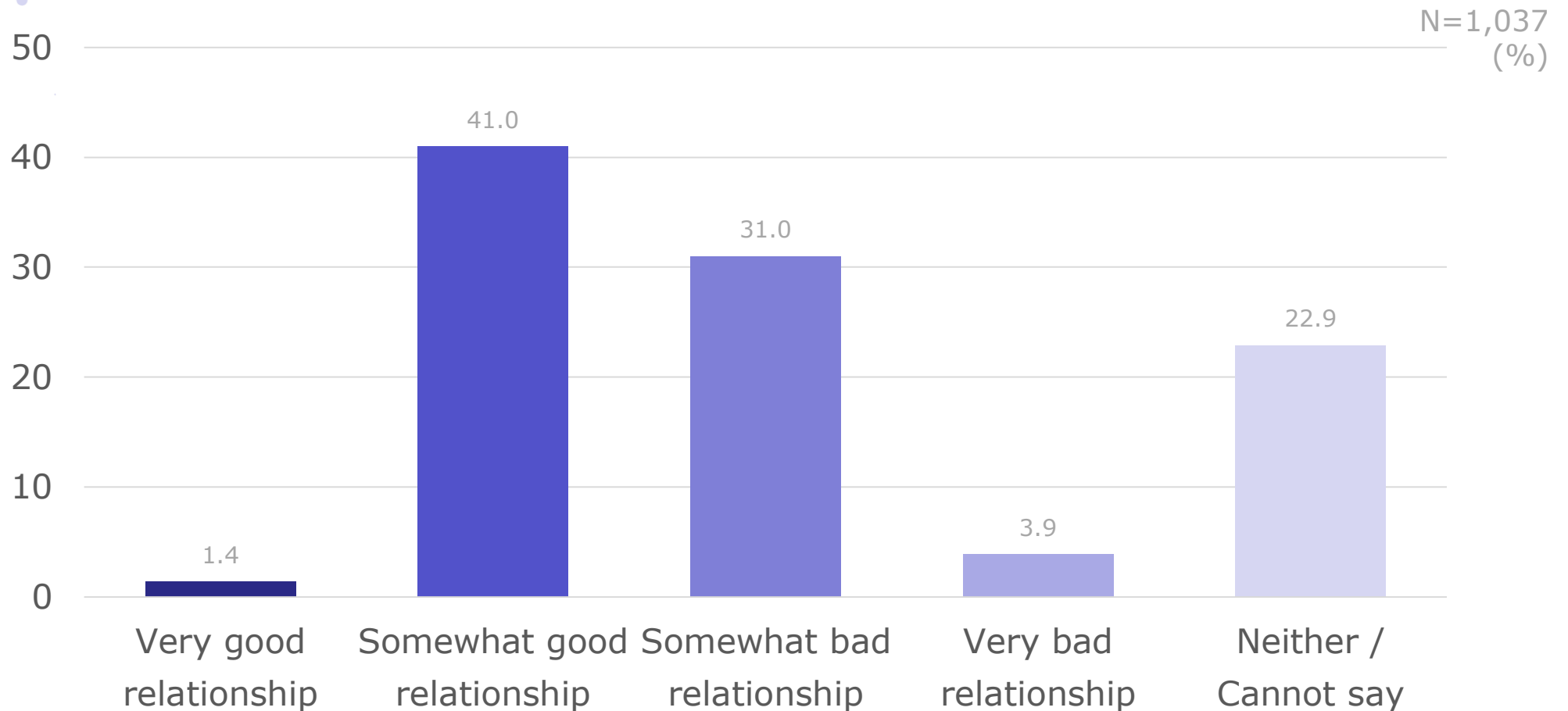
Views on Tariff Policies

Q12. What is your opinion on the introduction of tariffs by a second Trump administration (e.g., tariffs on exports to the U.S. such as automobiles, steel, and aluminum)?



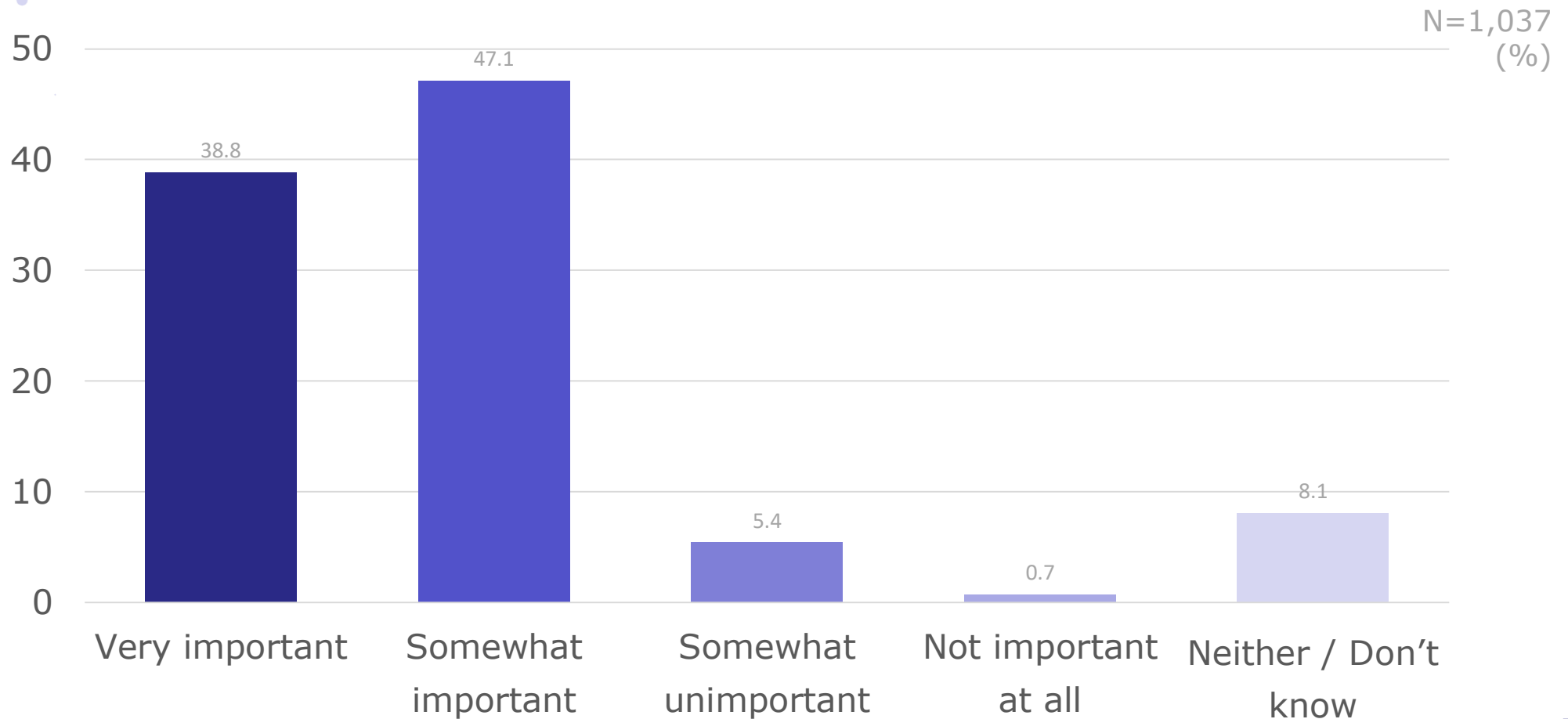
Views on Japan-U.S. Relation

Q8. How do you feel about the current relationship between Japan and the United States?



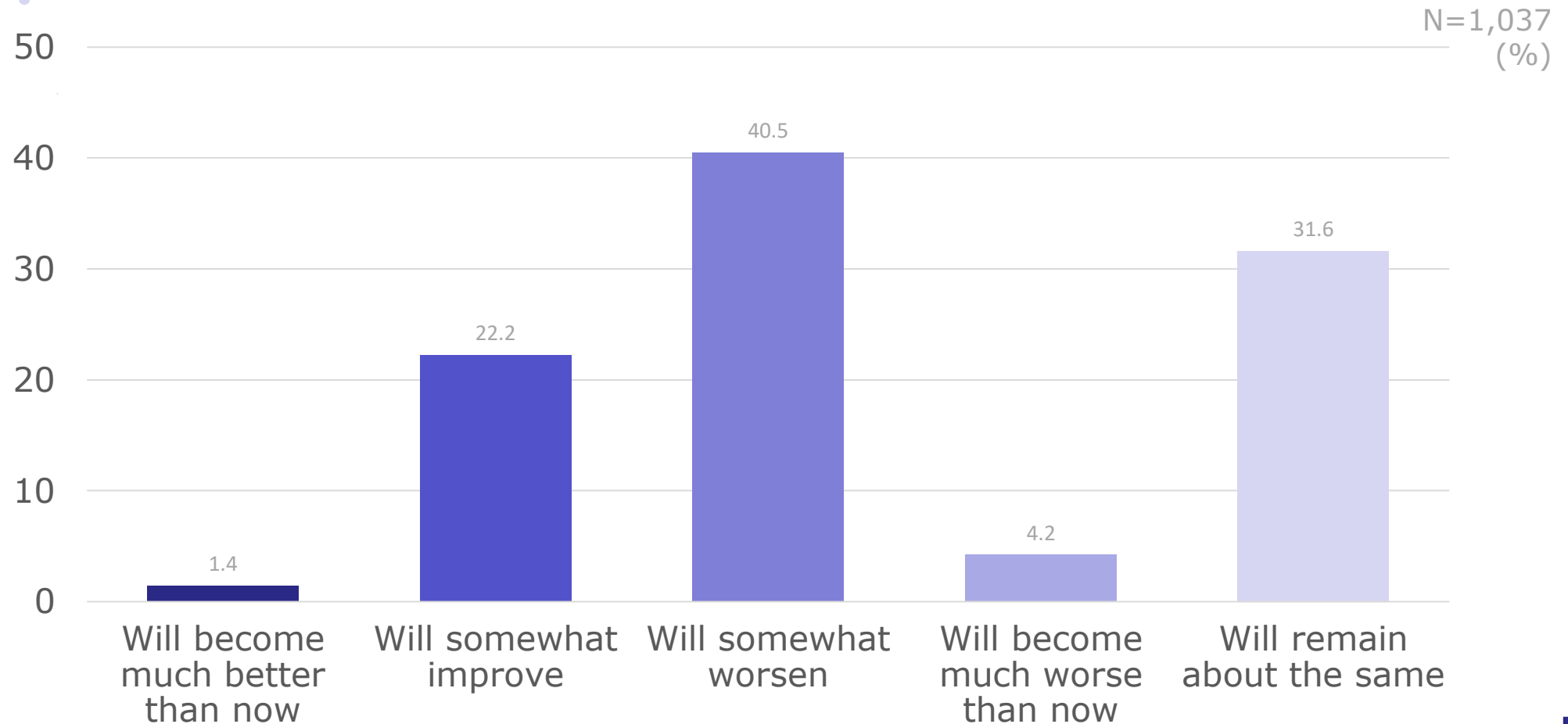
Importance of the Japan-U.S. relationship

Q9. How important do you think the current Japan-U.S. relationship is for Japan?



Outlook on the future relationship between Japan and U.S.

Q10. How do you think Japan-U.S. relations will change in the future?



Japan – South Korea relations

Impression of South Korea

24.8%
Positive

attraction to Korean culture (movies, music, sports, etc.), attractiveness as a travel destination

51.0%
Negative

disputes over history (e.g., comfort women and forced labor), territorial issues, and coverage of anti-Japanese protests

Views on Japan-South Korea relations

31.8%
Good

40.7%
Bad

Importance of the Japan-South Korea relationship

54.1%
Support

76.5%
Oppose

Outlook on the future relationship between Japan and South Korea

26.2%
Better

28.8%
Worse

44.9%
Same

Japan's priority in improving the Japan-South Korea relations

1st

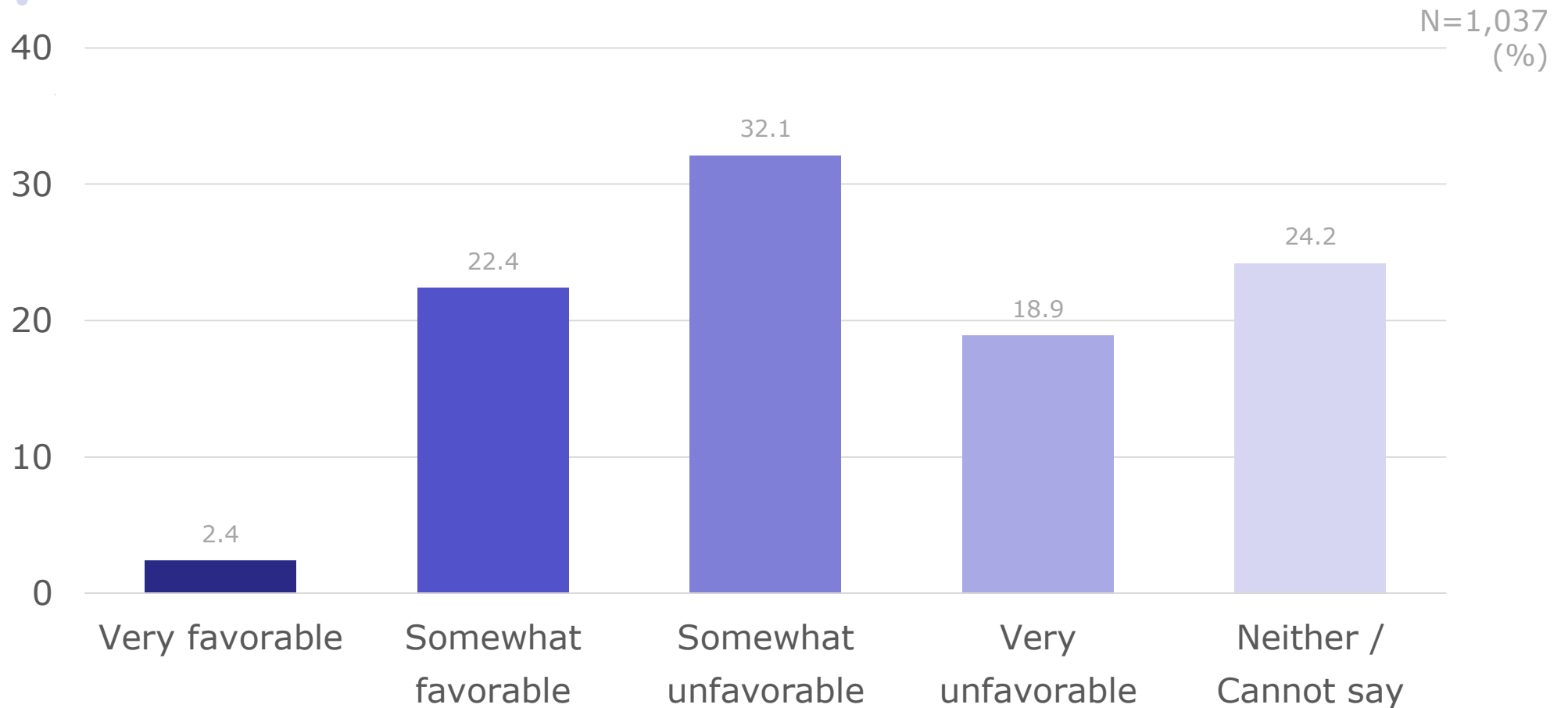
Restoring mutual trust between the two countries

2nd

Building further cooperation in security issues, including North Korea's nuclear proliferation

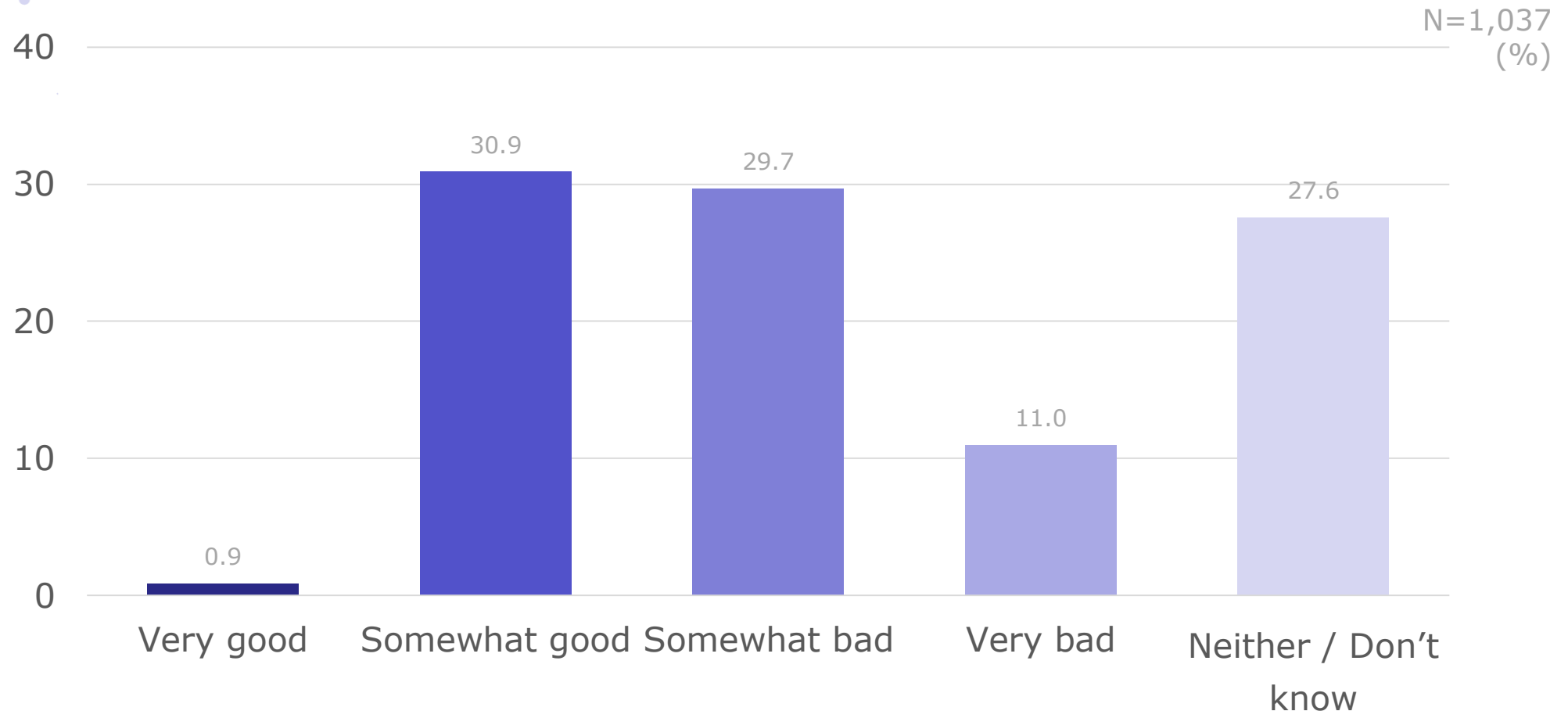
Impression of South Korea

Q14. What is your impression of South Korea?



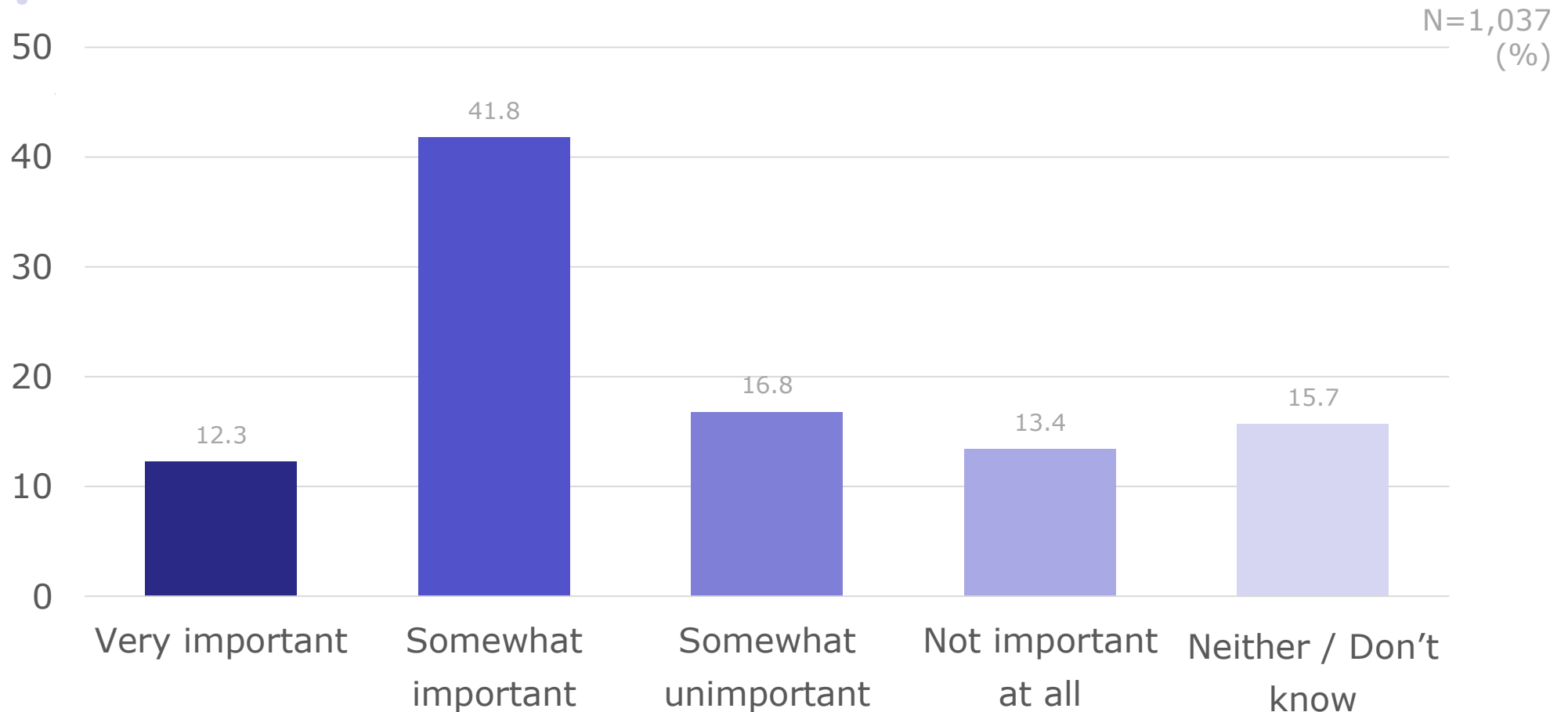
Views on Japan-South Korea relations

Q24. How do you feel about the current relationship between Japan and South Korea?



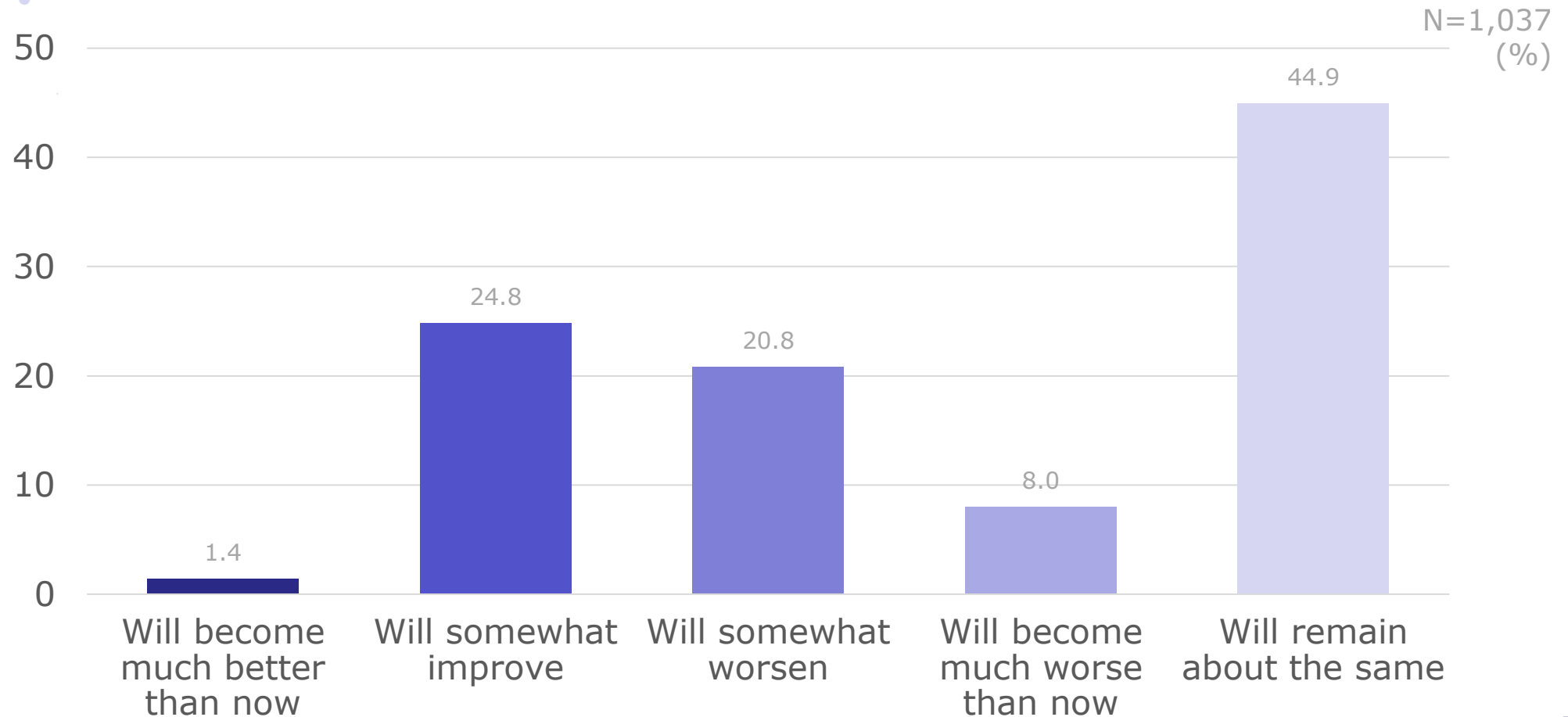
Importance of the Japan-South Korea relationship

Q25. How important do you think the current Japan-U.S. relationship is for Japan?



Outlook on the future relationship between Japan and South Korea

Q28. How do you expect Japan–South Korea relations to change over the next 3–5 years?



Views on security and defense issues

Perceived military threat by country



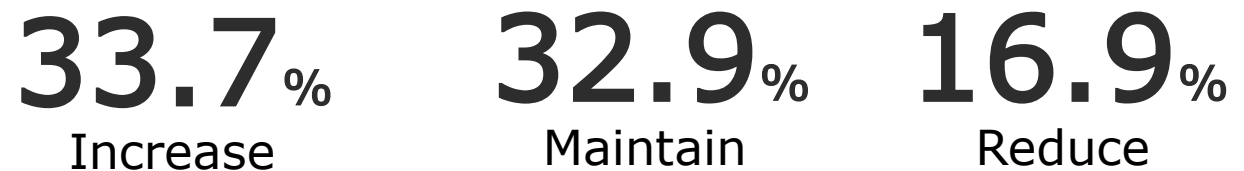
Japan's financial burdens for the costs of maintaining American troops in Japan (approx. \$ 2 billions)



Economically important Country/Region

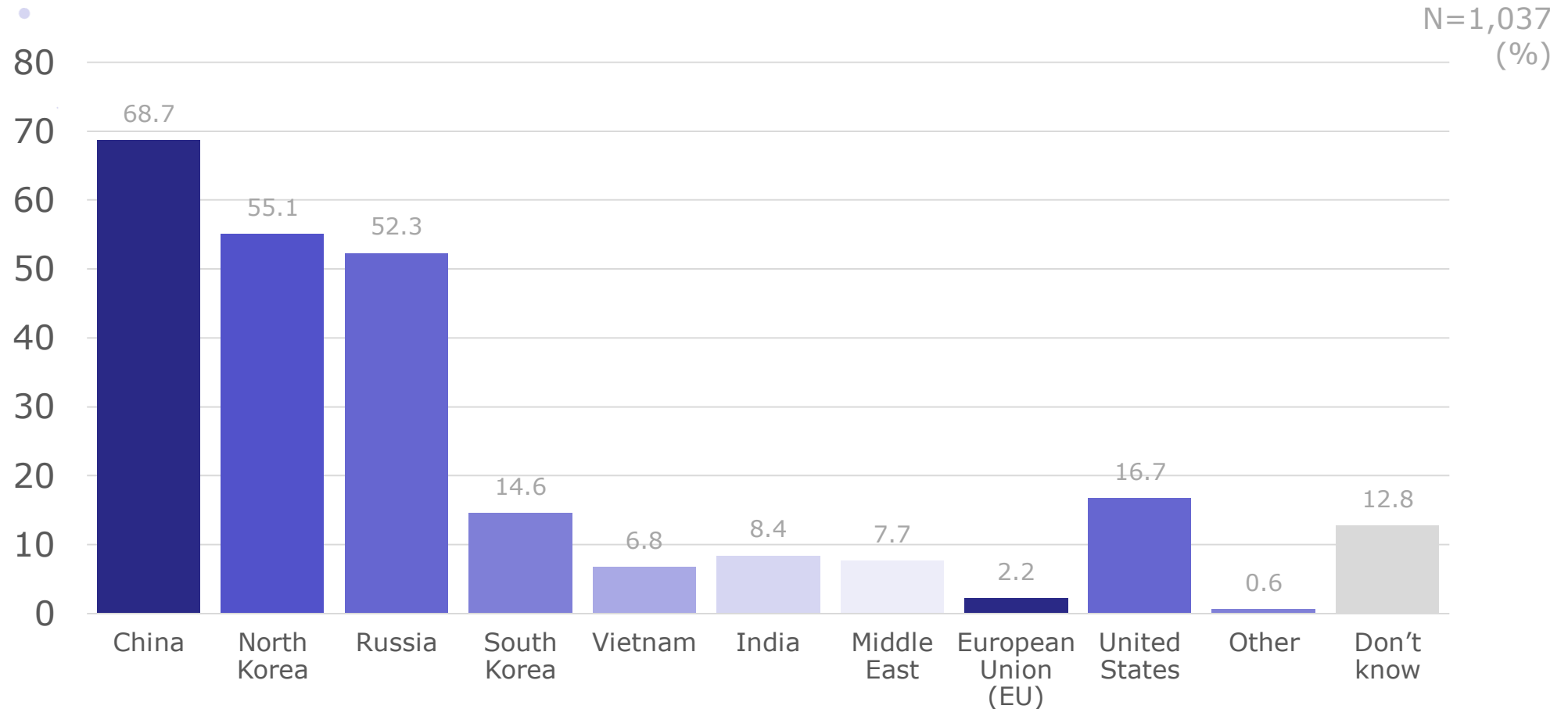


Japan's defense budget



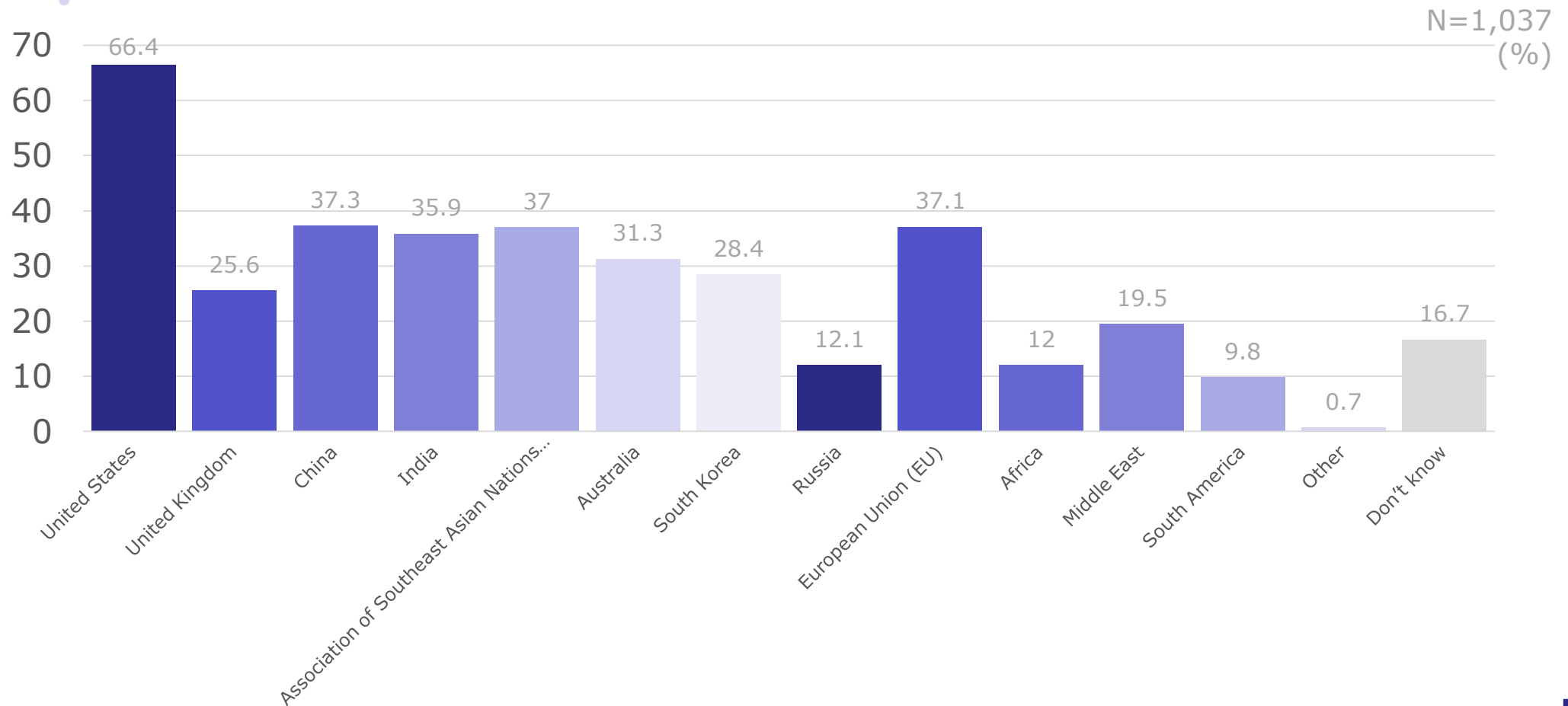
Perceived military threat by country

Q45. Which of the following countries or regions do you perceive as a threat to Japan?
Please select all that apply.



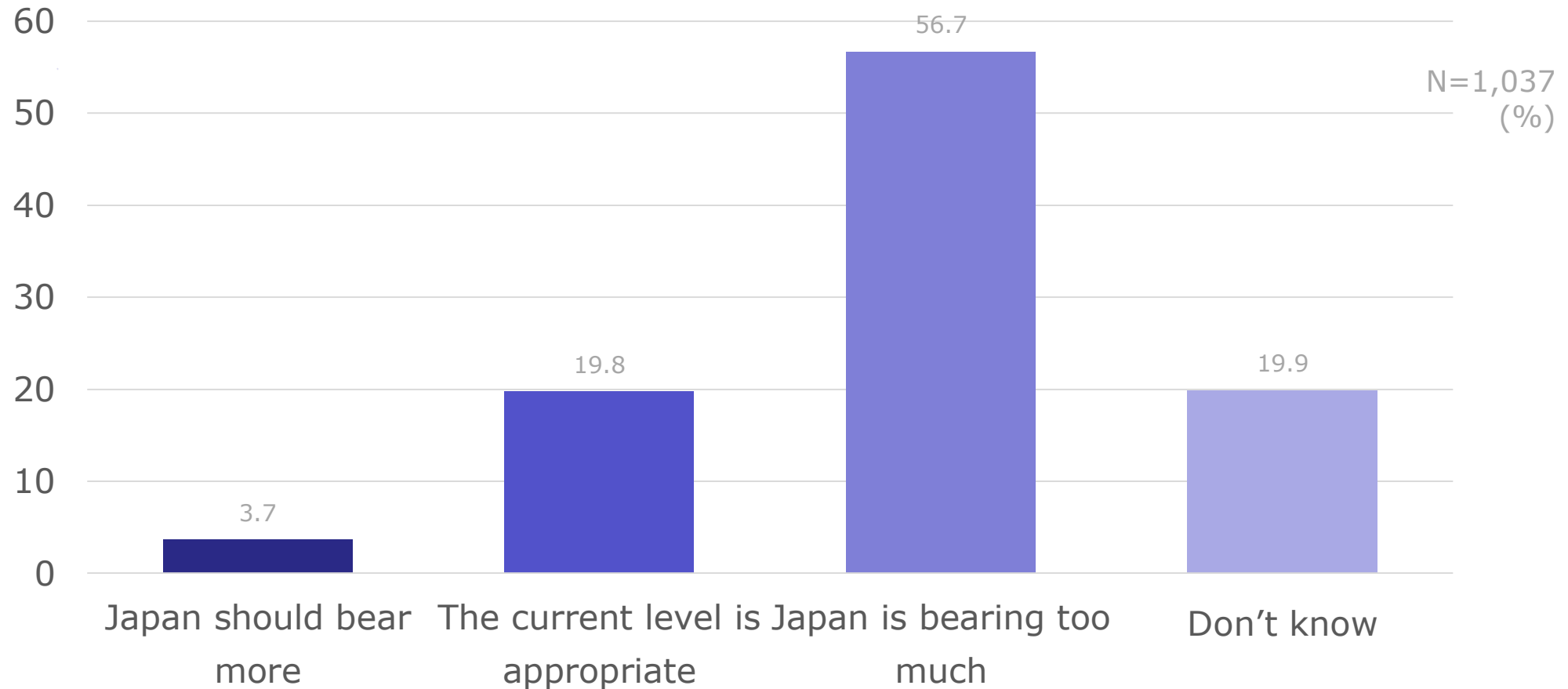
Economically important Country / region

Q35. Which countries or regions do you consider important for Japan in terms of the economy? Please select all that apply.



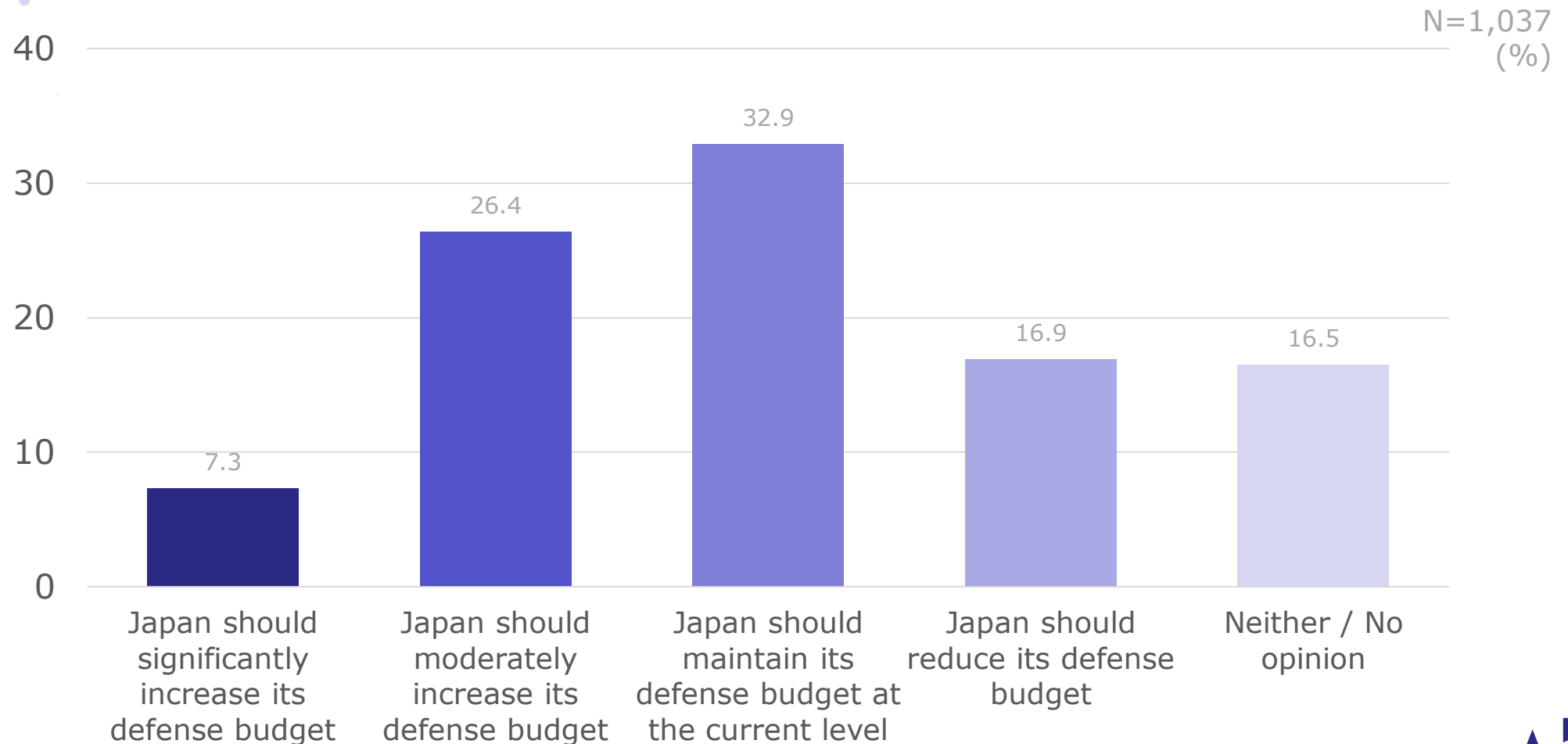
Japan's financial burdens for the costs of maintaining American troops in Japan (approx. \$2B)

Q48. Japan bears approximately \$2 billion annually for the cost of stationing U.S. forces in Japan. What do you think about the current level of defense cost-sharing?



Japan's defense budget

Q49. The United States has recently requested NATO allies to significantly increase their defense budgets. What do you think about Japan's defense budget?



Views on security and defense issues

U.S. nuclear umbrella

33.2%

Effective

49.4%

Not effective

Japan–South Korea security cooperation regarding North Korea

42.5%

agree that information sharing between Japan and South Korea is necessary to respond to military threats from North Korea

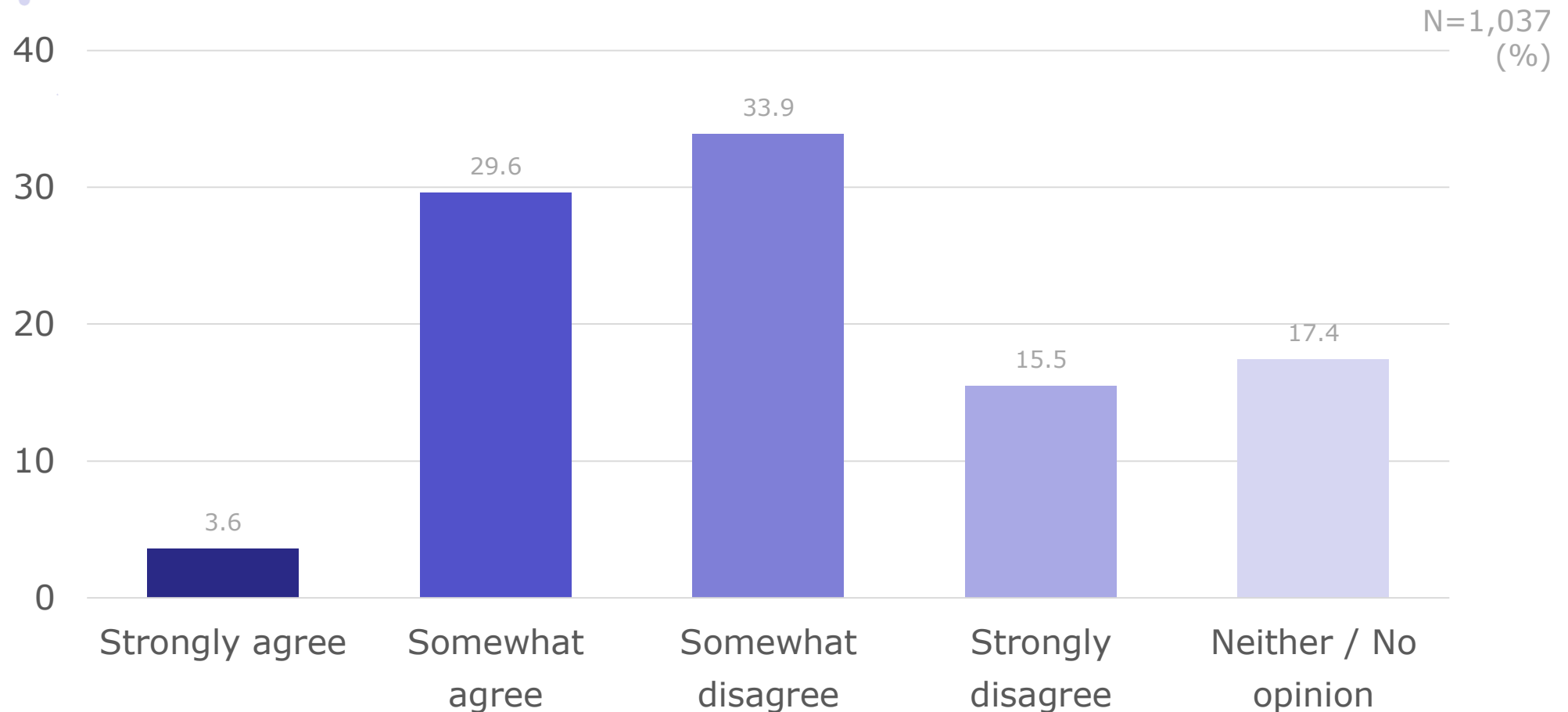
Over

60.0%

expressed opposition to either Japan or South Korea possessing nuclear weapons.

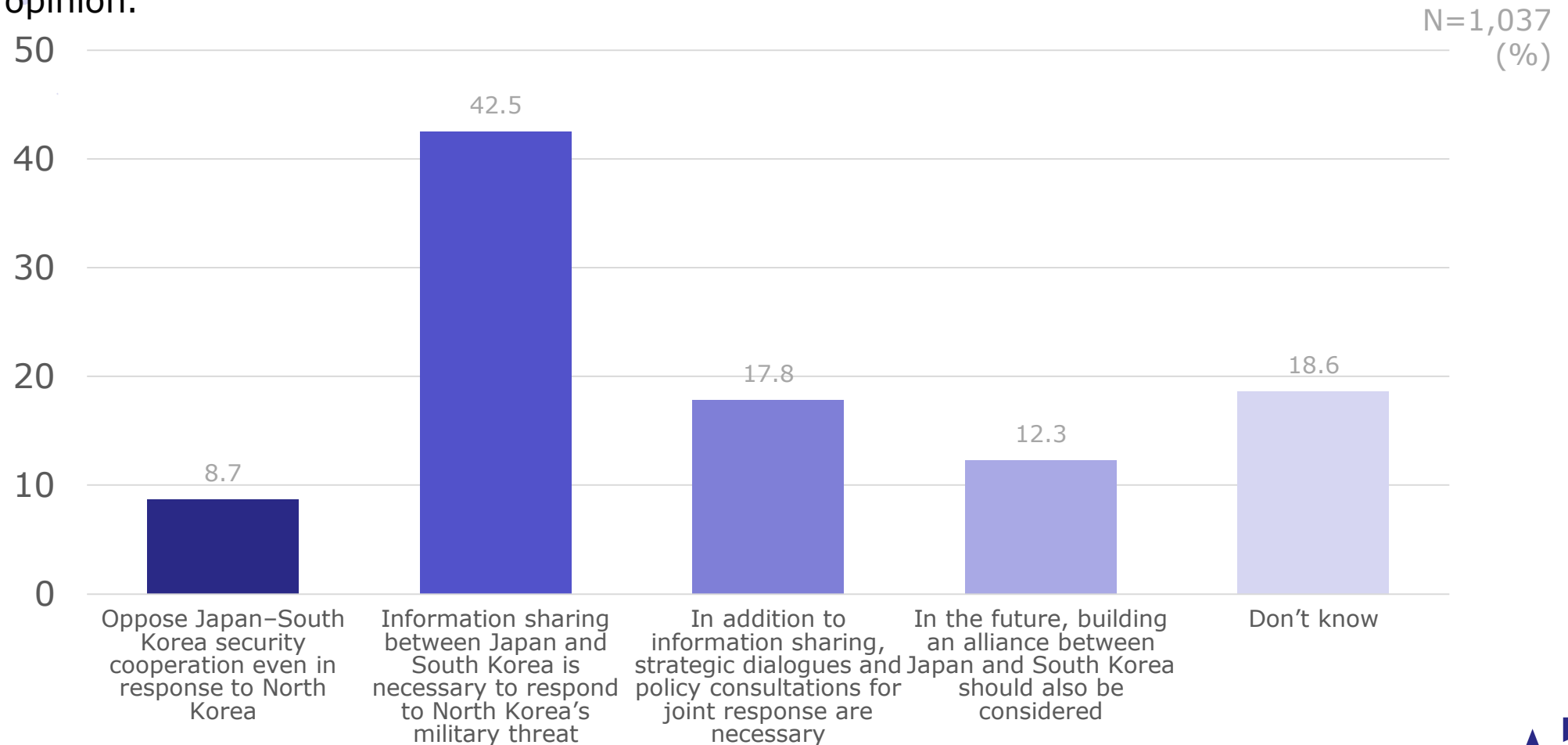
U.S. nuclear umbrella

Q46. Do you think the U.S. 'nuclear umbrella' sufficiently protects Japan's security against military threats from China and North Korea?



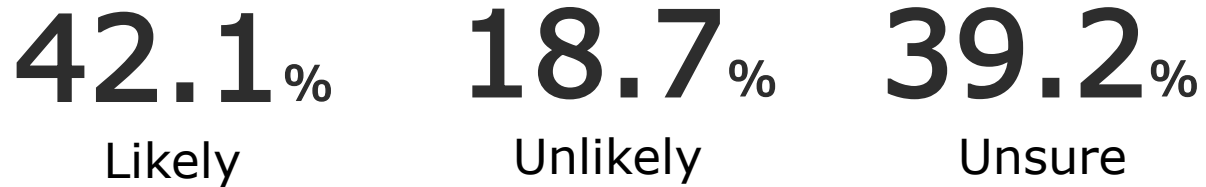
Japan–South Korea security cooperation regarding North Korea

Q57. The threat from North Korea's nuclear weapons and missiles is increasing. What is your view on Japan–South Korea security cooperation? Please select the one option that best represents your opinion.

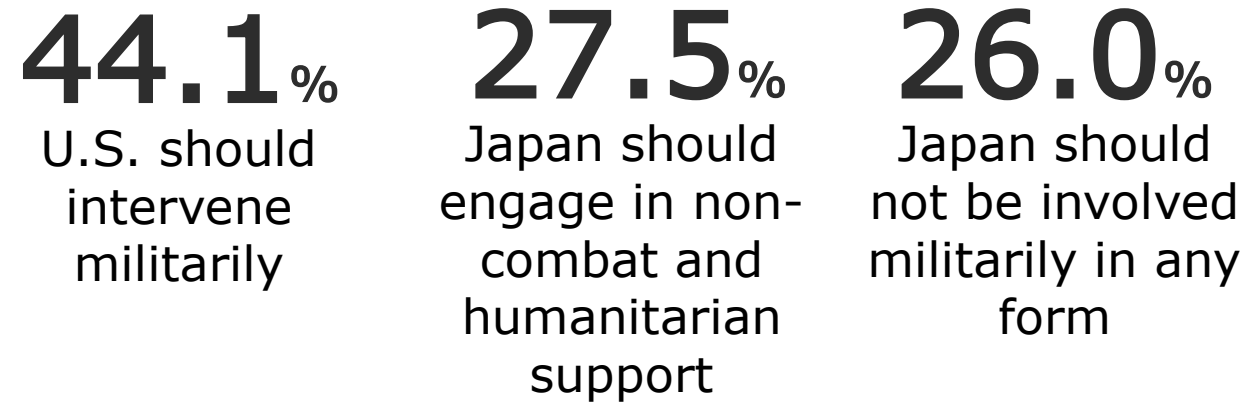


Taiwan strait conflict

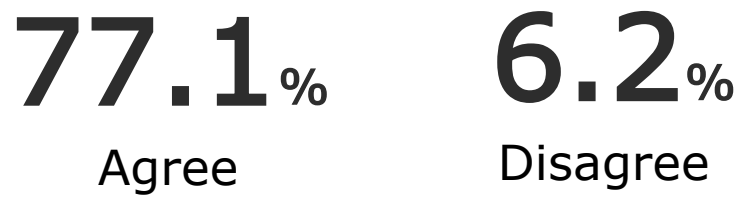
Likelihood of Taiwan strait armed conflict



U.S. Responses



Importance of Taiwan Strait stability to Japan's security and economy



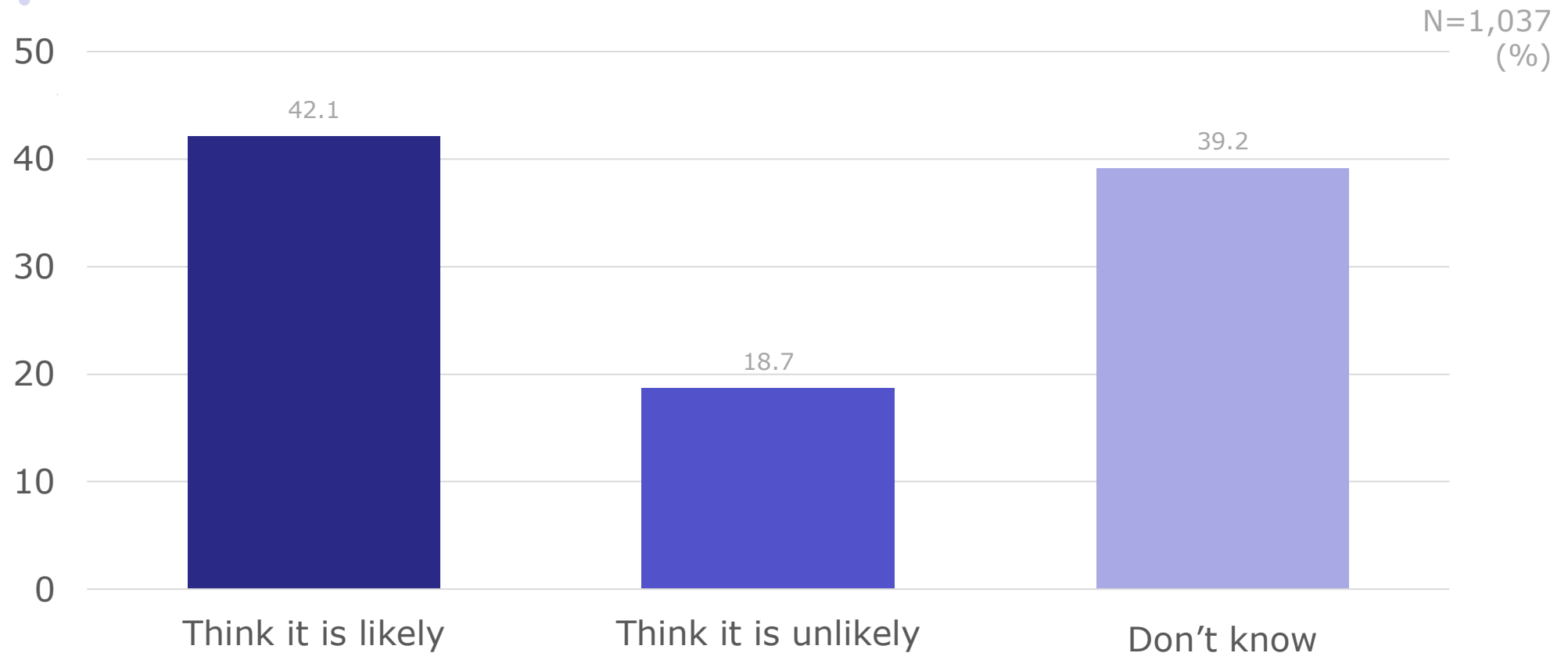
Trilateral cooperation between Japan, U.S, and South Korea



containing China's military rise and growing influence, responding to North Korea's nuclear and missile issues

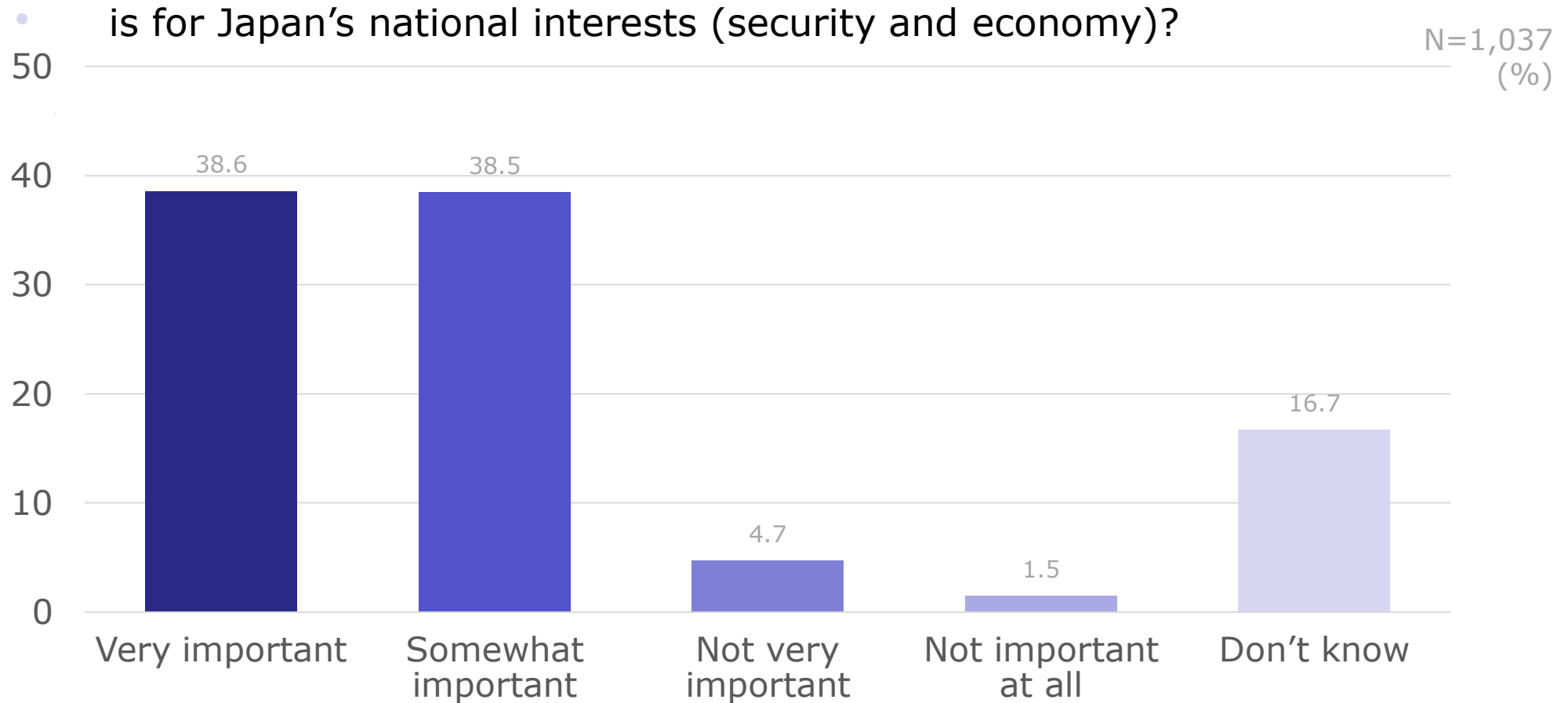
Likelihood of Taiwan strait armed conflict

Q50. Do you think there is a possibility of a military conflict or crisis between China and Taiwan within the next few years?



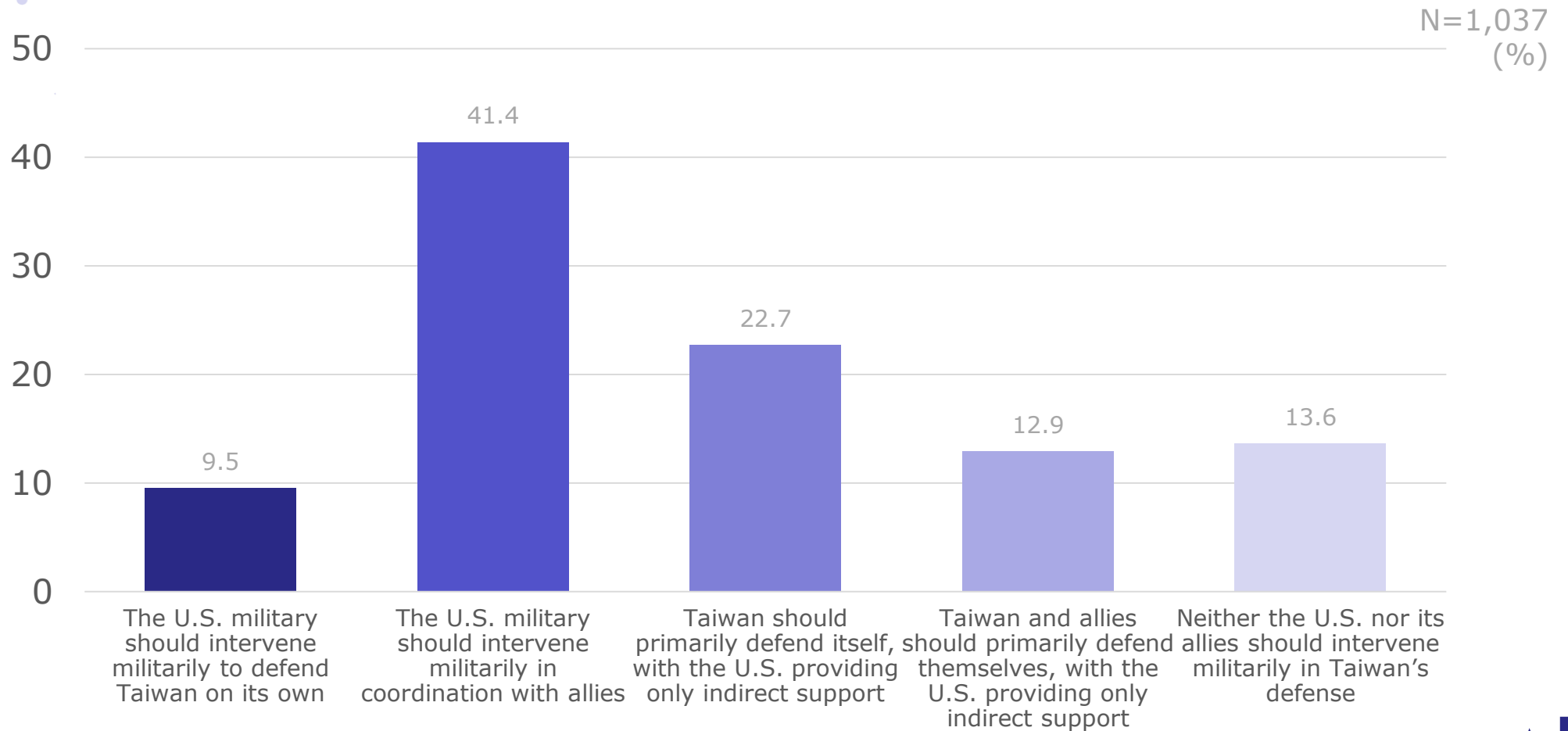
Importance of Taiwan Strait stability to Japan's security and economy

Q51. How important do you think the risk of military tensions or conflict in the Taiwan Strait



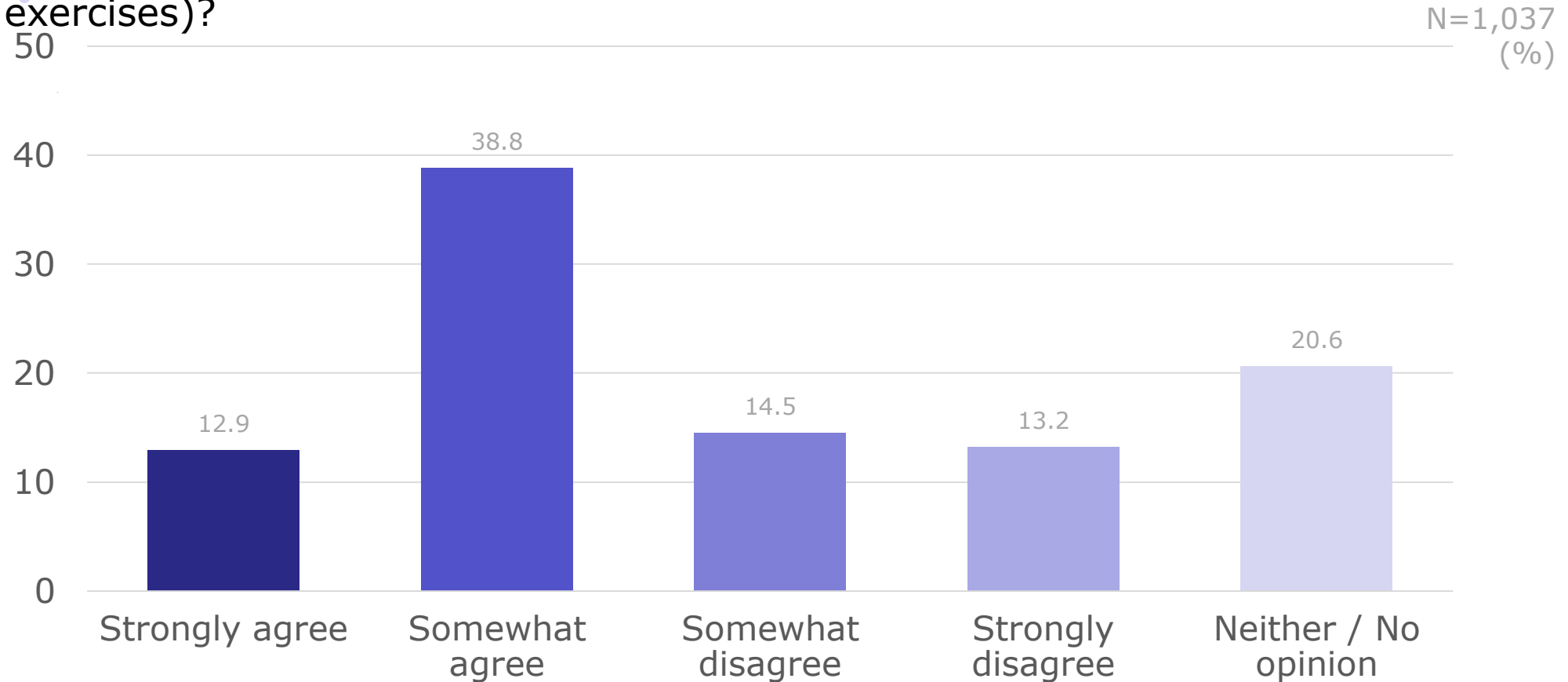
U.S. Responses

Q53. If a military contingency involving Taiwan occurs, what do you think the United States should do? Please select the one option that you consider the most desirable.



Trilateral cooperation between Japan, U.S, and South Korea

Q60. What is your view on the idea that Japan, the United States, and South Korea should strengthen security cooperation (e.g., information sharing, missile defense, joint exercises)?



Views on the rise of foreign tourists/ residents in Japan

Foreign tourists increase

29.4%

Support

economic benefits,
cultural exchange

50.7%

Oppose

overcrowding, concerns
over garbage and
noise, bad manners

Foreign residents increase

20.6%

Support

alleviating the labor
shortage, enhancing
diversity in Japanese
society

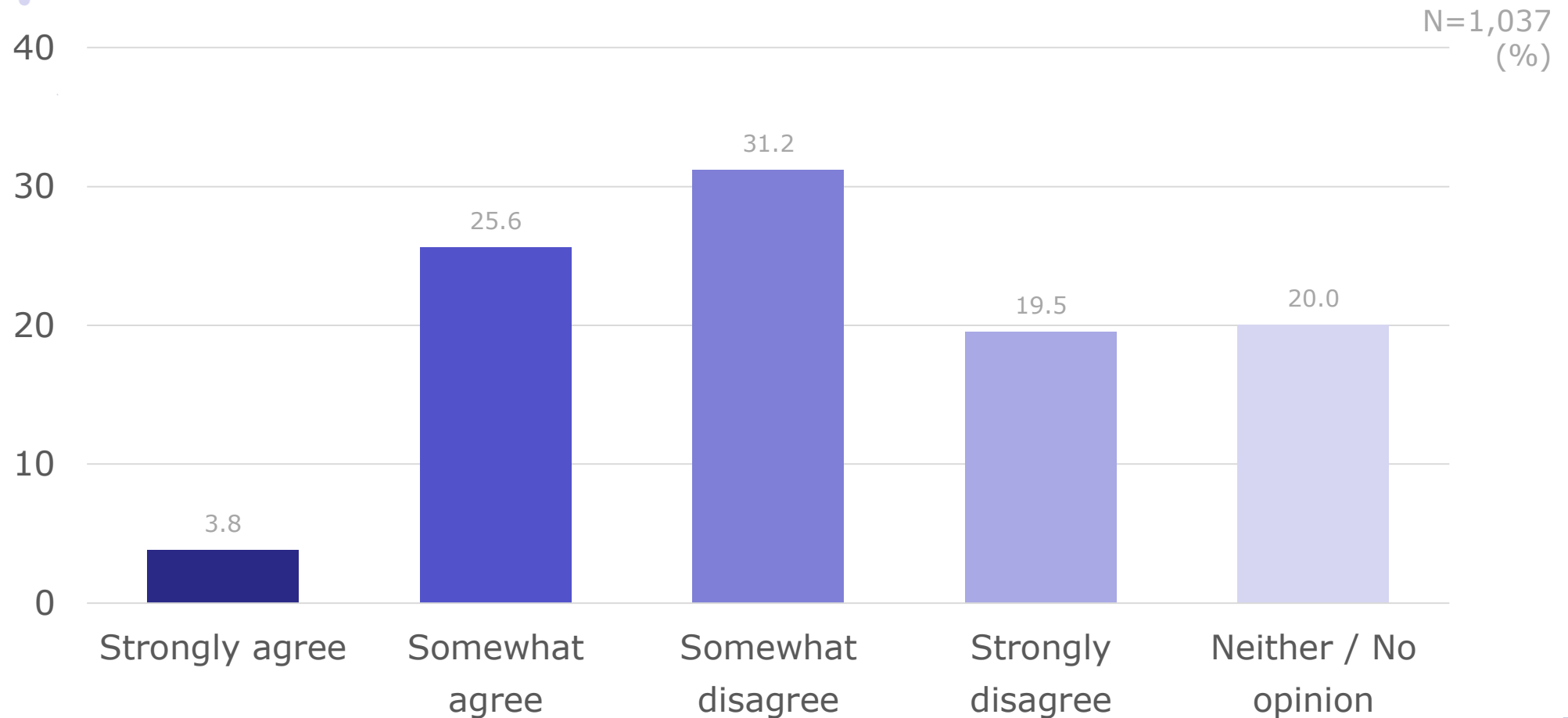
57.8%

Oppose

concerns about public
safety, concerns about
friction with Japanese
culture

Foreign tourists increase

Q39. As of the end of 2024, the annual number of foreign visitors to Japan is approximately 37 million. What is your view on the potential further increase in foreign visitors in the future?



Foreign residents increase

Q42. As of the end of 2024, the number of foreign residents in Japan has exceeded 3.77 million, a record high. What is your view on the potential further increase in foreign residents in the future?

