

# *Implication of Civil Society in the Transition process in Tunisia*

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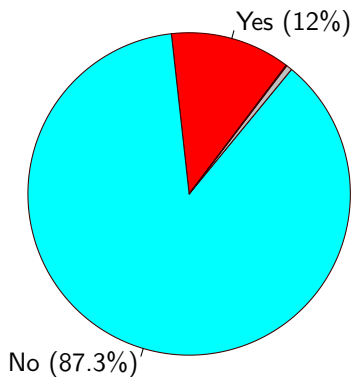
# General Presentation

- ▶ Sample Size: 1200
- ▶ 16 regions in Tunisia
- ▶ Duration of the survey: October-November 2012
- ▶ **Post-Elections Survey:** Constituent Elections
- ▶ Sampling method: PPS, Kish Table (Probabilistic Sample).
- ▶ Executive Organisation: Center for Maghrib Studies in Tunis, Portland State University, Yale University, Princeton University, and the Project on Middle East Political Science

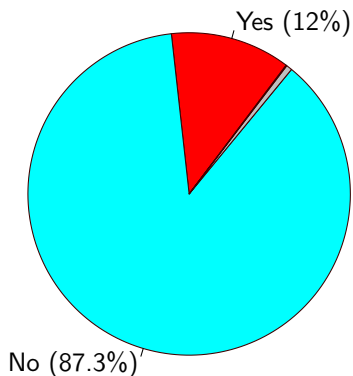
# The Questionnaire

- ▶ Voting Behaviour and the Electoral Process.
- ▶ Contacting Elected Officials at the National Level.
- ▶ Local Councils.
- ▶ Political Parties.
- ▶ Values: Democracy, Political Regime, Religion.
- ▶ Trust in Institutions: Government, Constituent Assembly.
- ▶ Political Efficacy: Political Parties, Civil Societies, Unions...
- ▶ Social Networks and Candidate Voter Linkages.
- ▶ Activism and Social Movement Participation.
- ▶ Gender.

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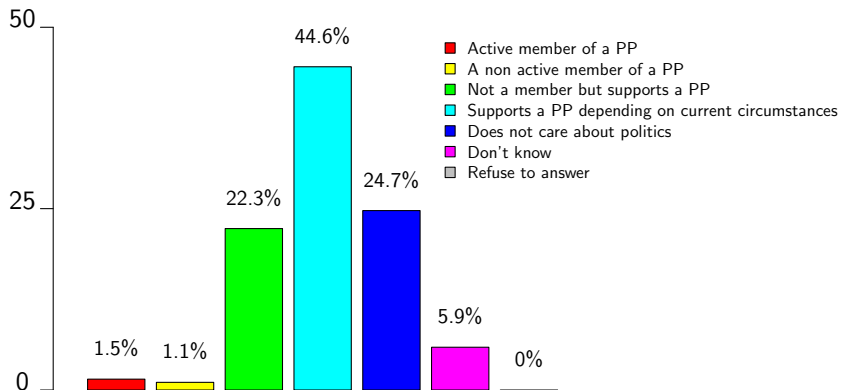


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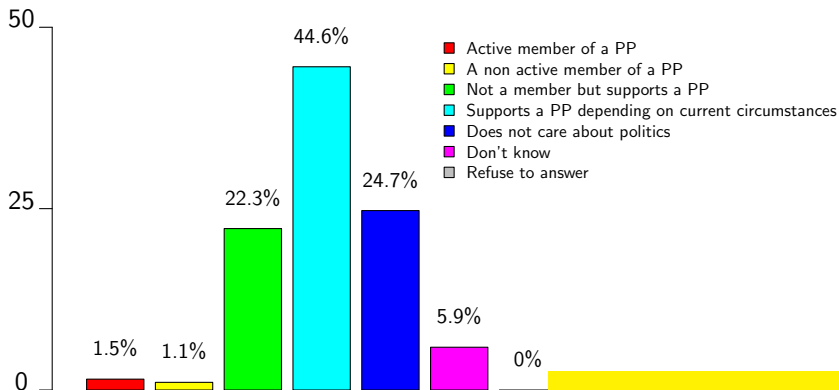


12% of Tunisians declare that they are active in civic organization or social activity

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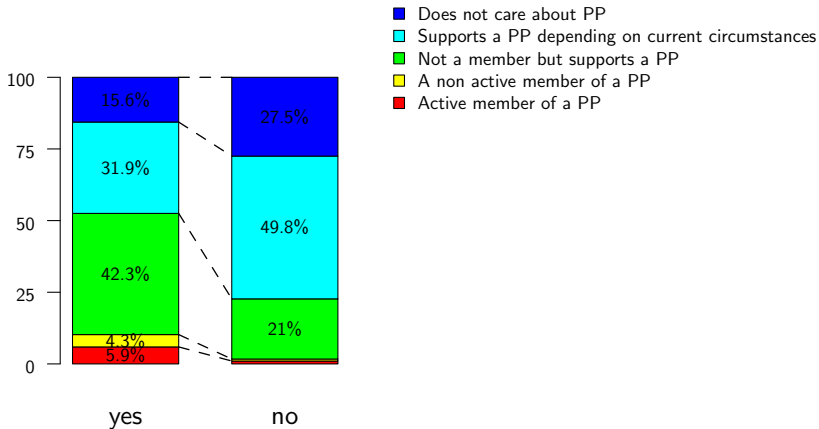


25% of Tunisians don't care about politics and less than 3% declare be a member of a political party and 25% support a political party.

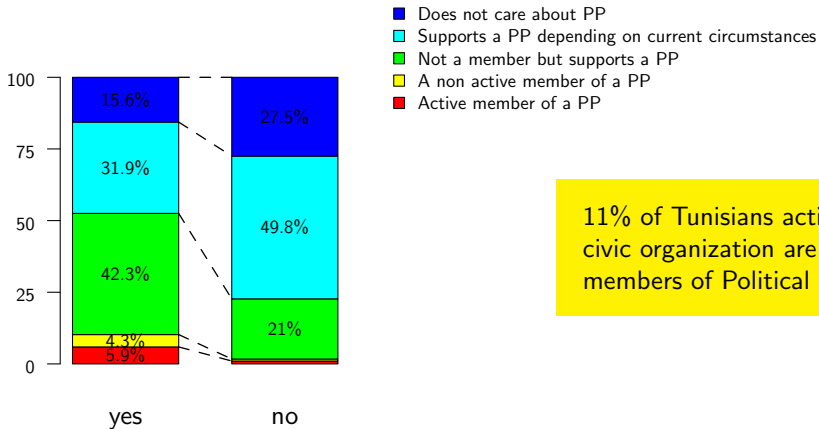
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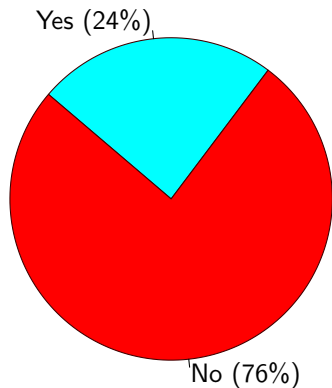


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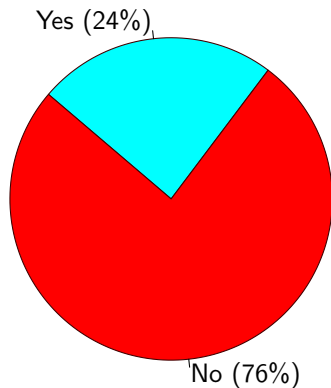


11% of Tunisians active in civic organization are also members of Political Parties.

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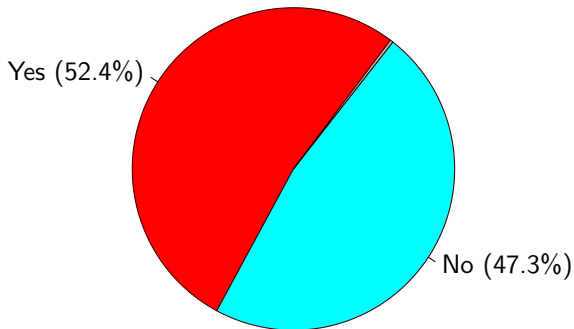
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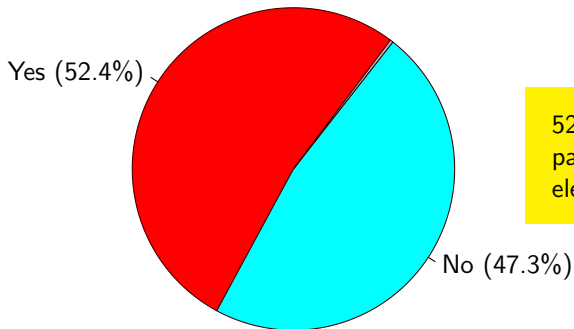
24% of Tunisians which are either supporting or a member of a political party are active in civic organization are also members of Political Parties.

**What was the participation rate at the last elections (October 23rd) for Political supporters vs Active in civic organizations ?**

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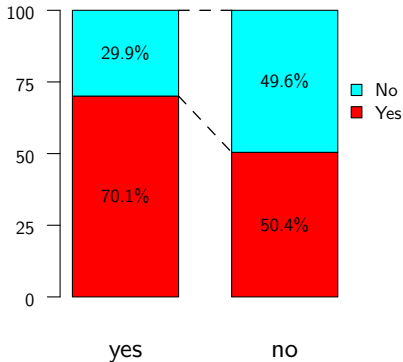


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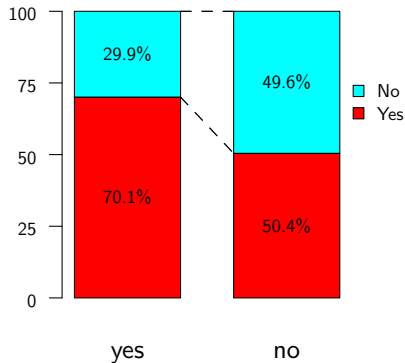
52.4% of Tunisians participate to the last elections.

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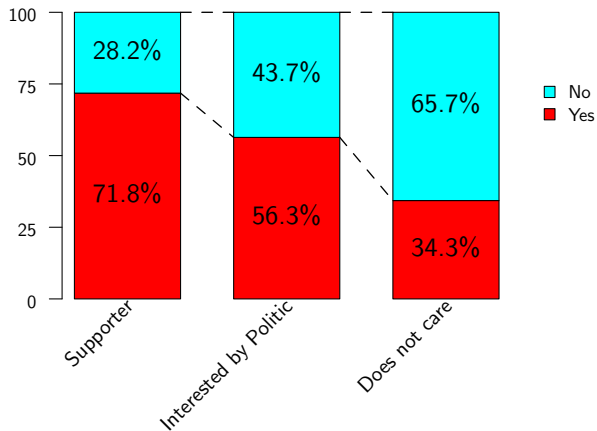


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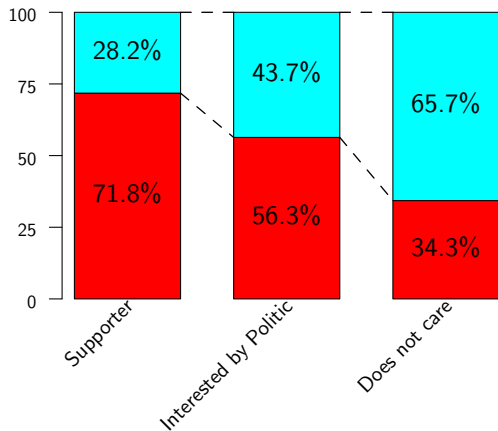


70% of Tunisians engaged in civic organization voted in the last elections

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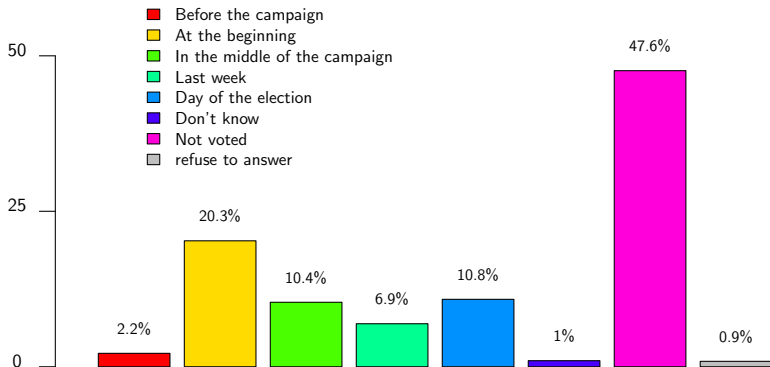
**Supporters** are either a member of a Political Party (active or not) or support Political Party

**Interested by Politics** are Tunisians that support a party according to the current circumstances.

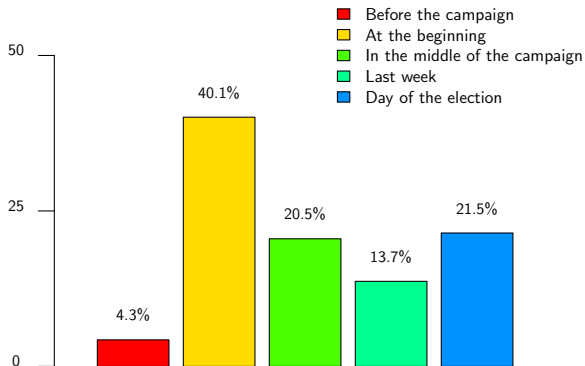
72% of Tunisians supporters of a Political party voted in the last elections

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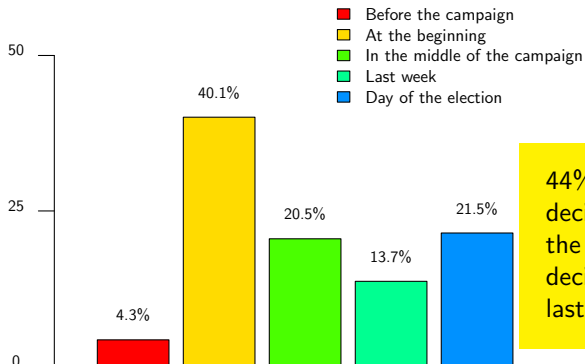
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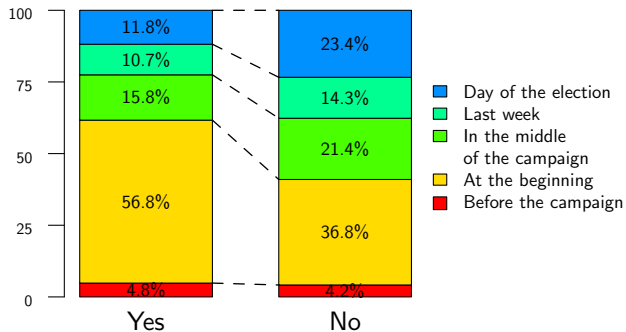
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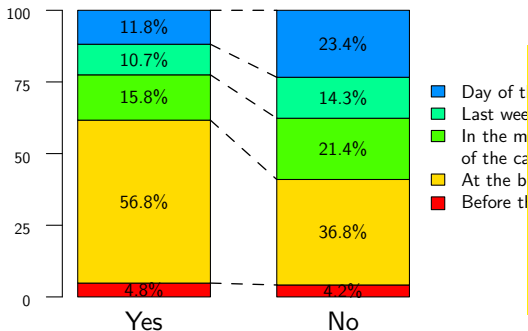
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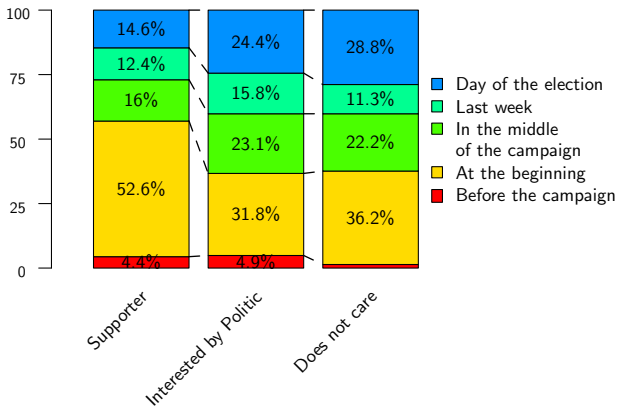
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60% of the votes coming from Tunisians active in civil organization were decided at the beginning of the campaign and 20% were decided not earlier than the last week of the campaign

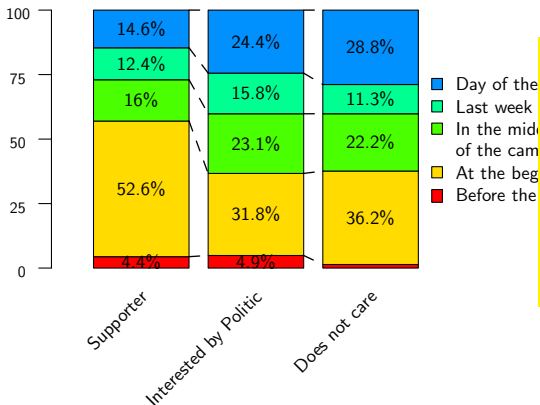
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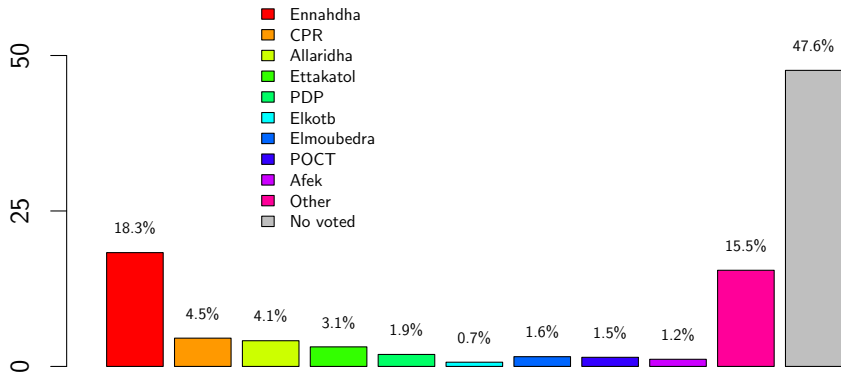


56% of the votes coming from Tunisians supporters of a political party were decided at the beginning of the campaign and 14% were decided not earlier than the last week of the campaign

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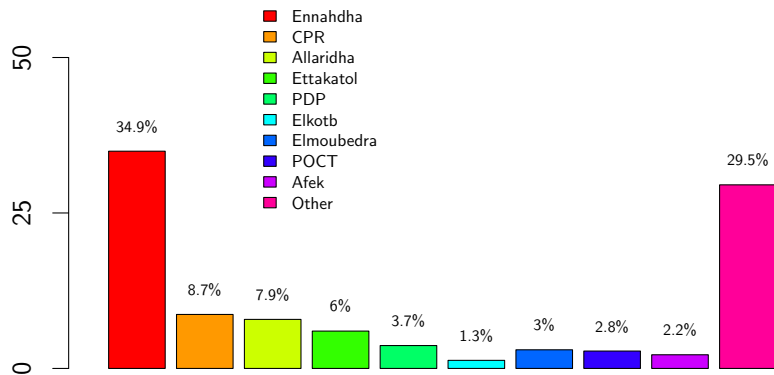
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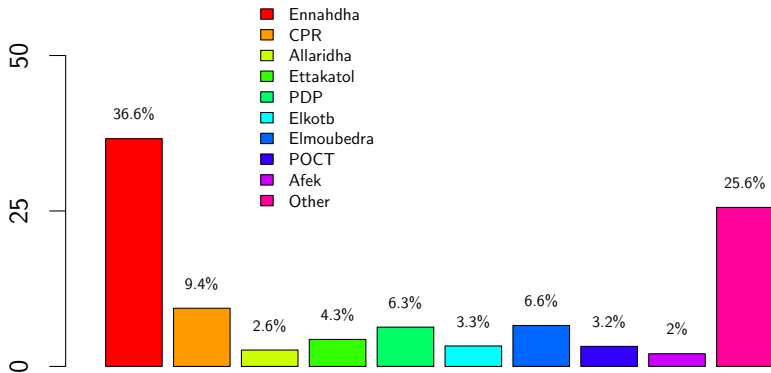
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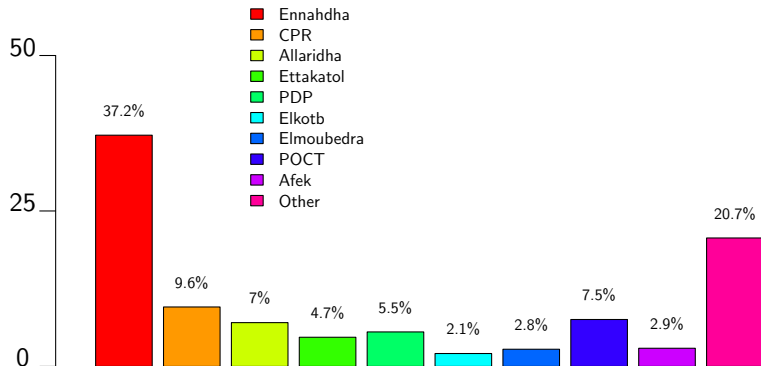
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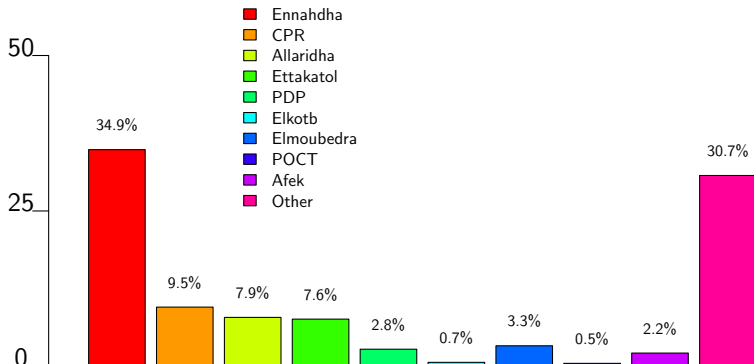
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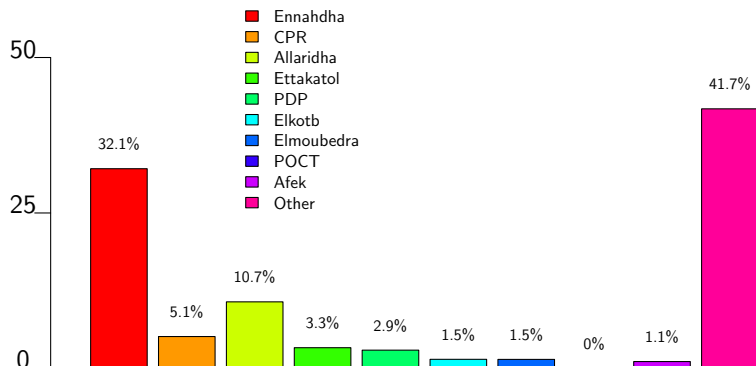
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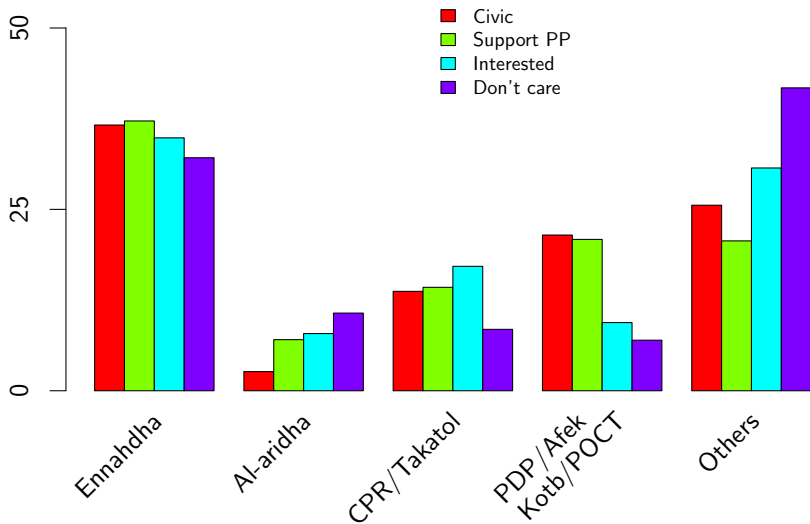


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Does not care about politics



## Conclusion



**Did the voters are close to their representatives in the Constituent Assembly? (Political supporters vs Active in civic organizations)**

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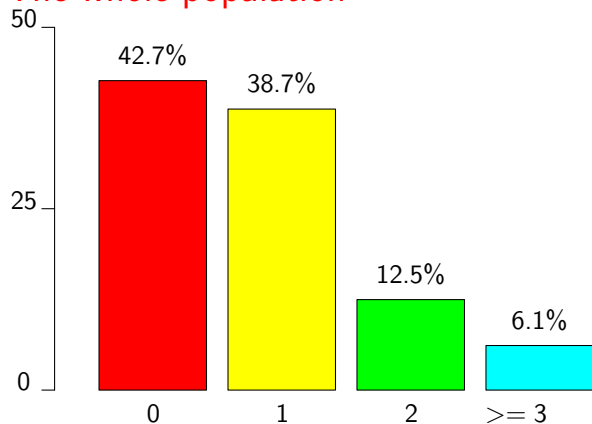
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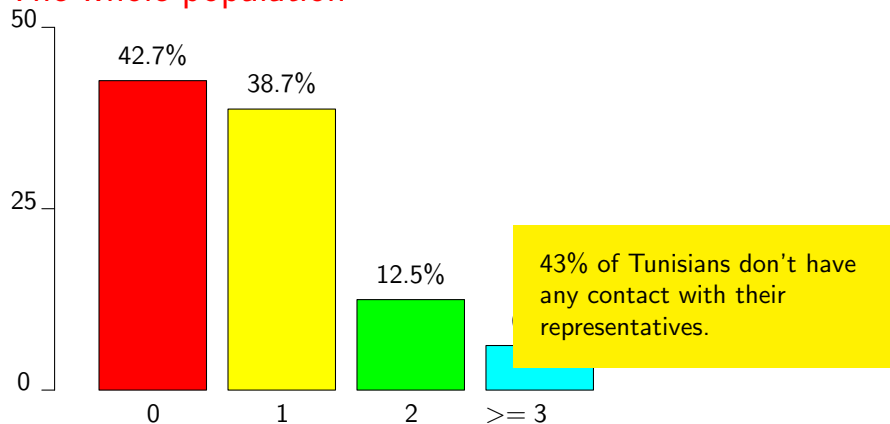
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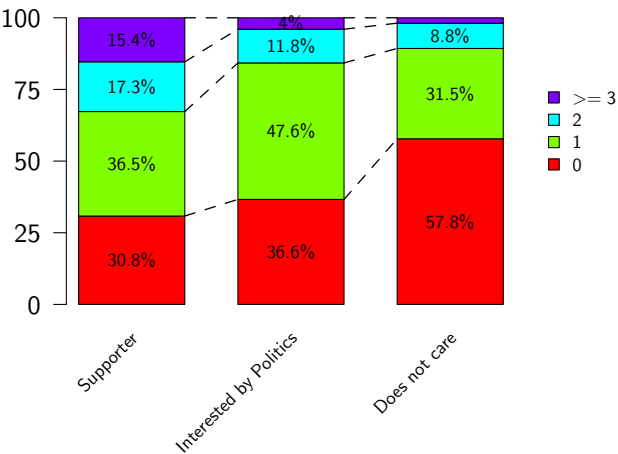


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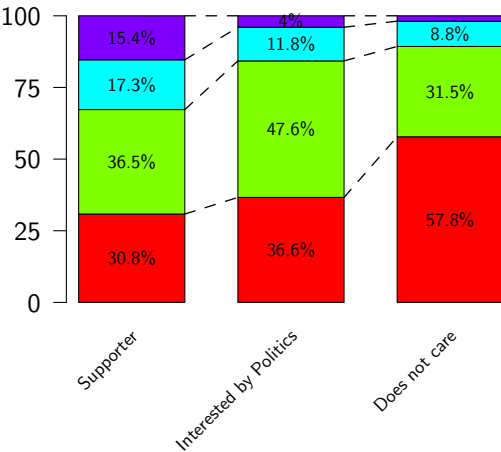
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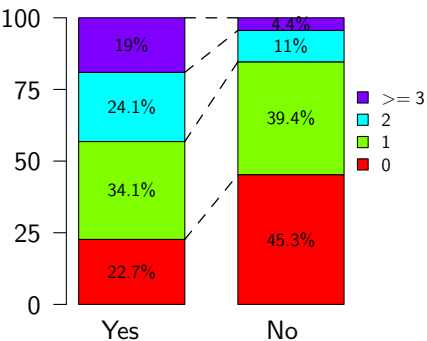
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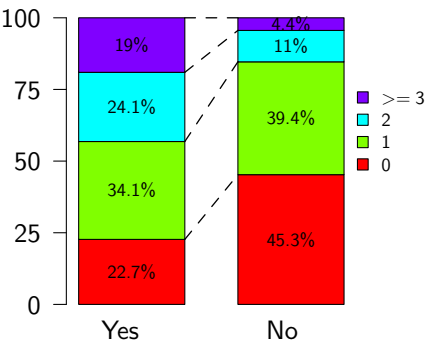
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## Further Reading

- ▶ Islamists Aren't the Obstacle How to Build Democracy in Egypt and Tunisia with L. Benstead, E. Lust, G. Soltan, J. Wichmann, *Foreign Affairs*, February 14, 2013.
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- ▶ Tunisian frustrated but still engaged *at Foreign Policy, Middle Channel*, December 2012.