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# Impact of the crisis

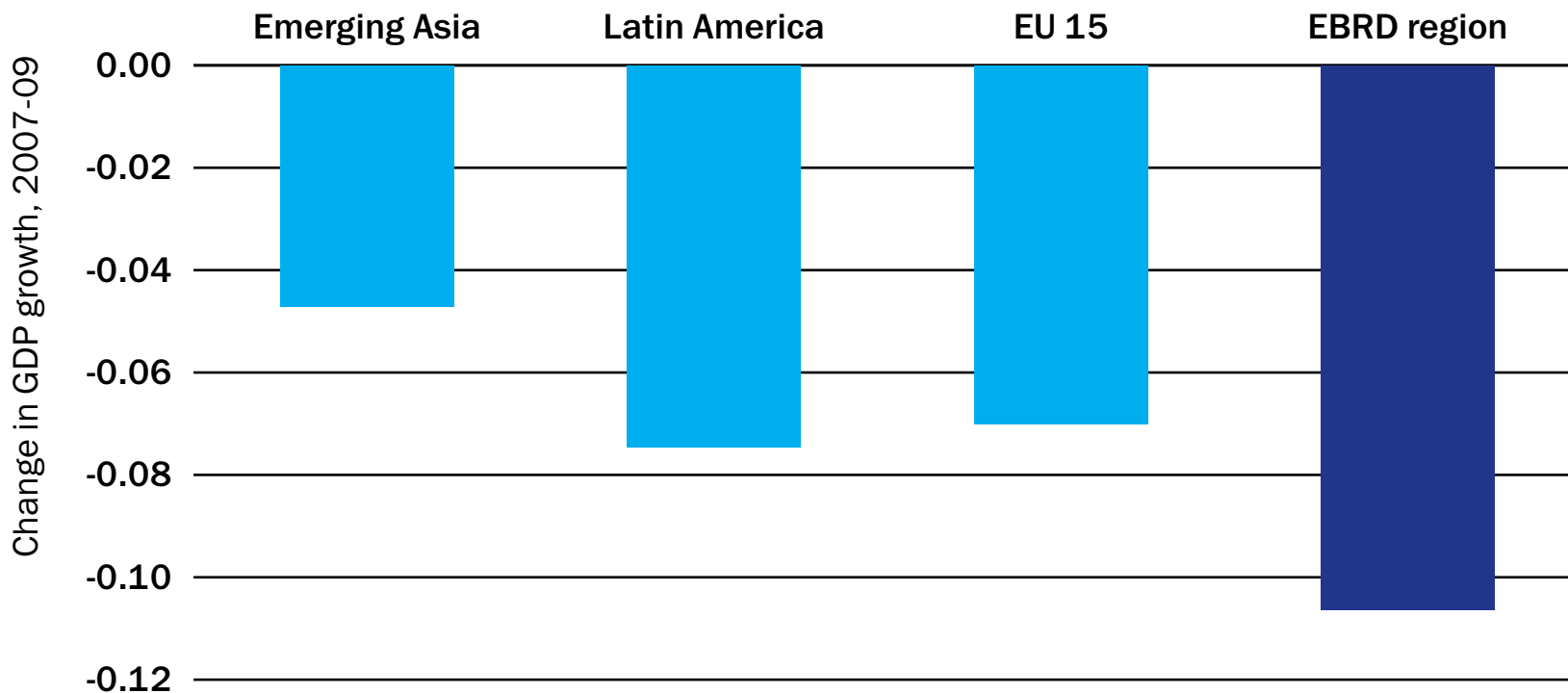
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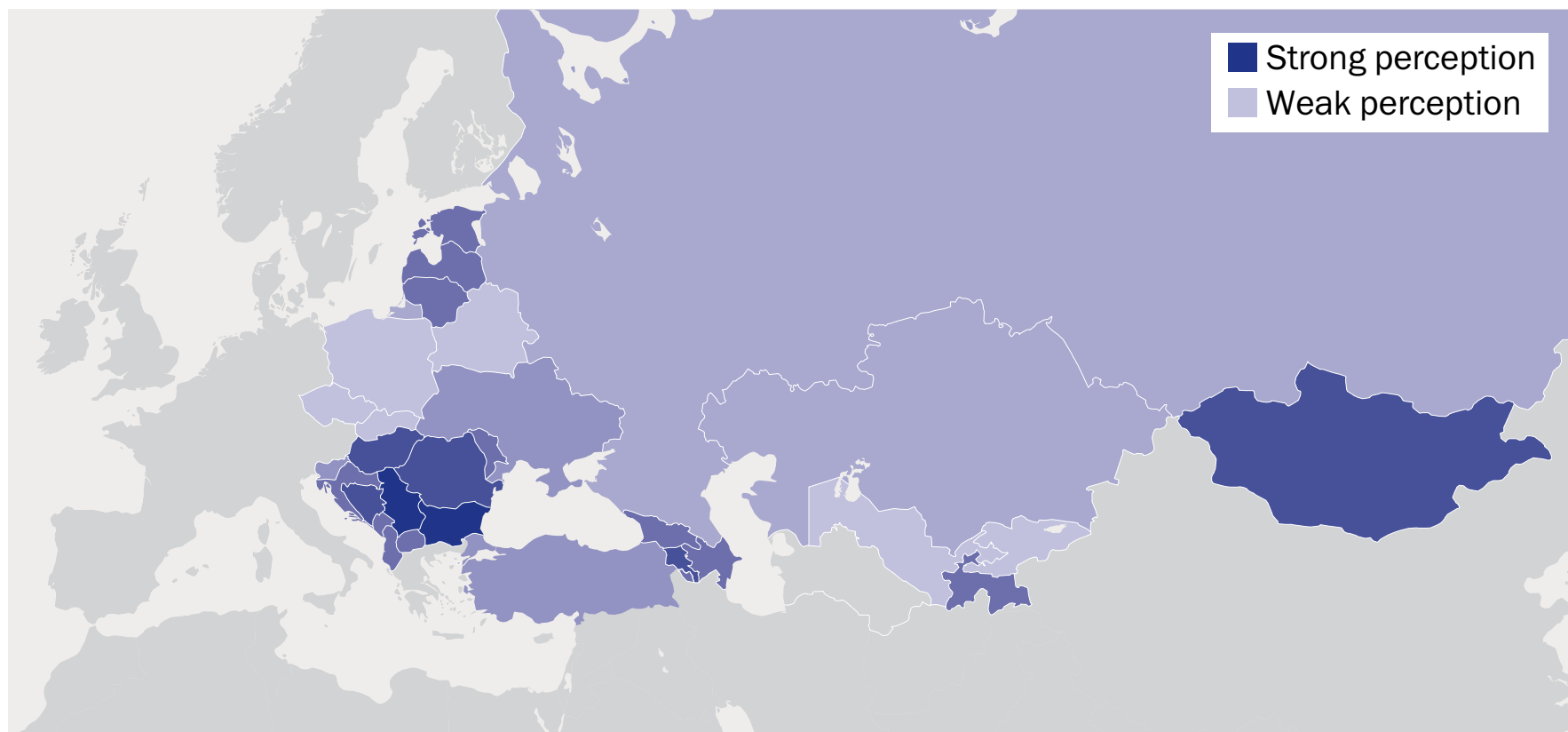
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# Crisis hit transition region more than western Europe, other emerging markets

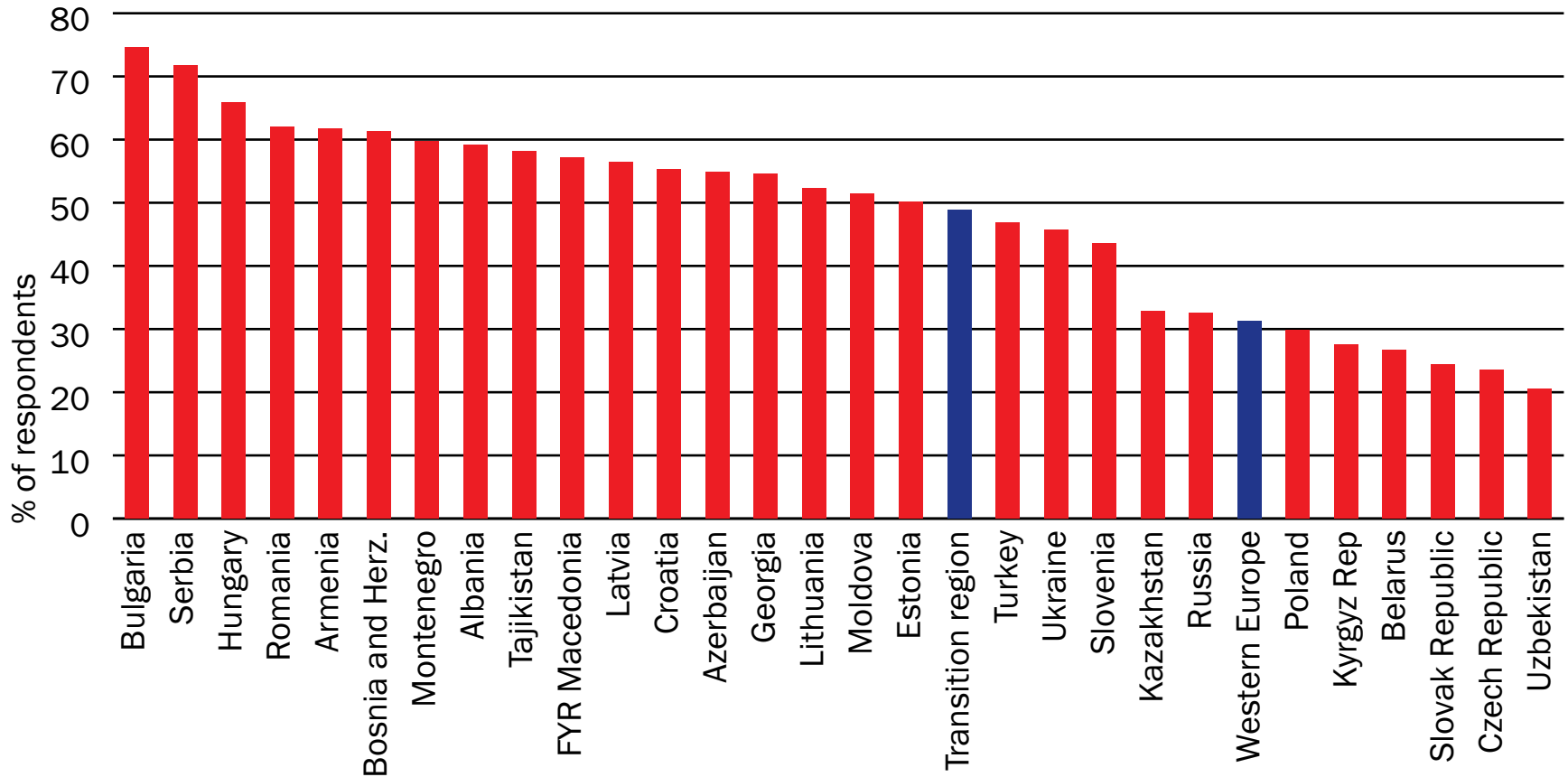
GDP growth rate in transition countries dropped on average over 10% between 2007 and 2009



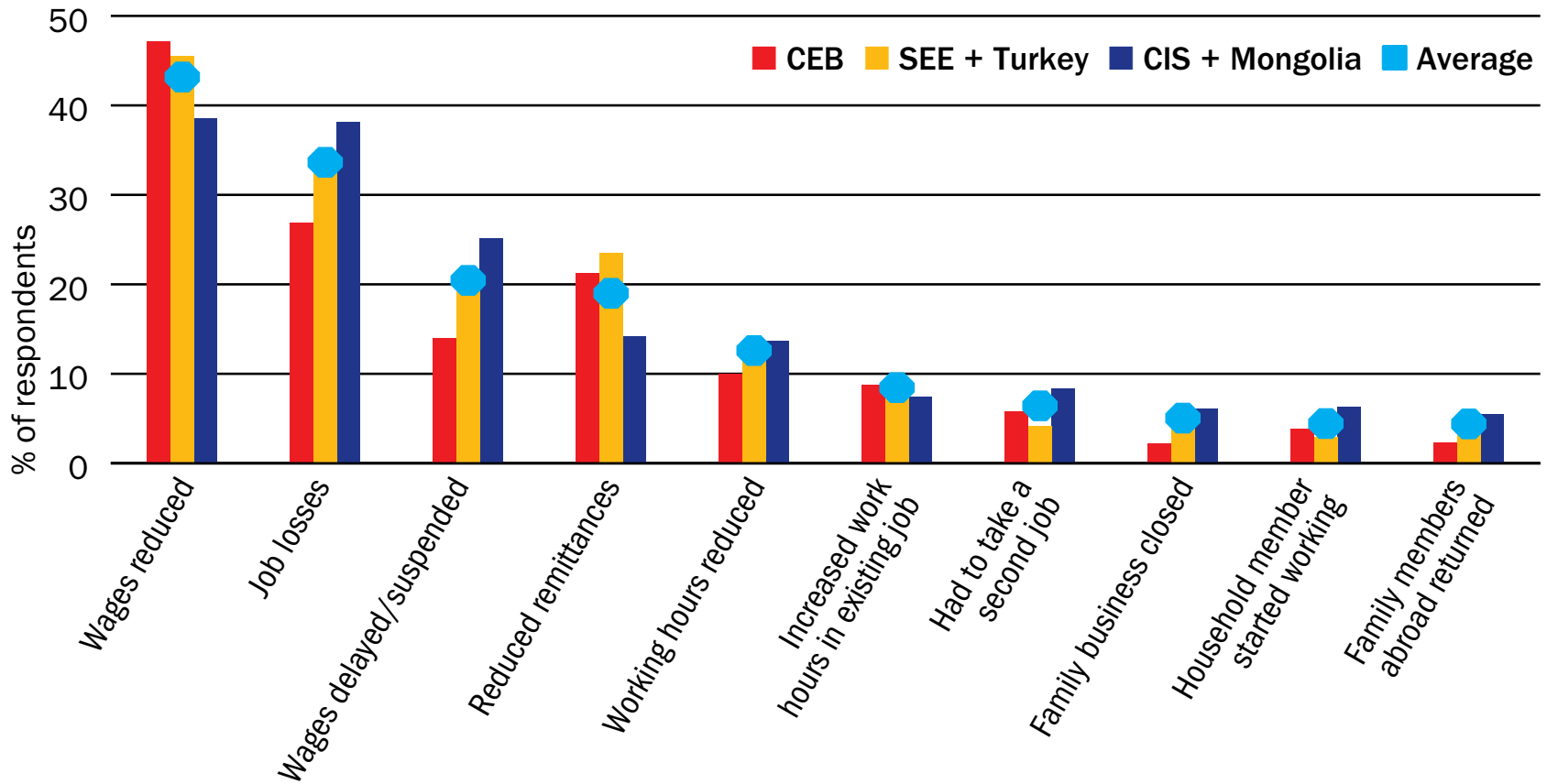
# The downturn was felt most strongly in south-eastern Europe



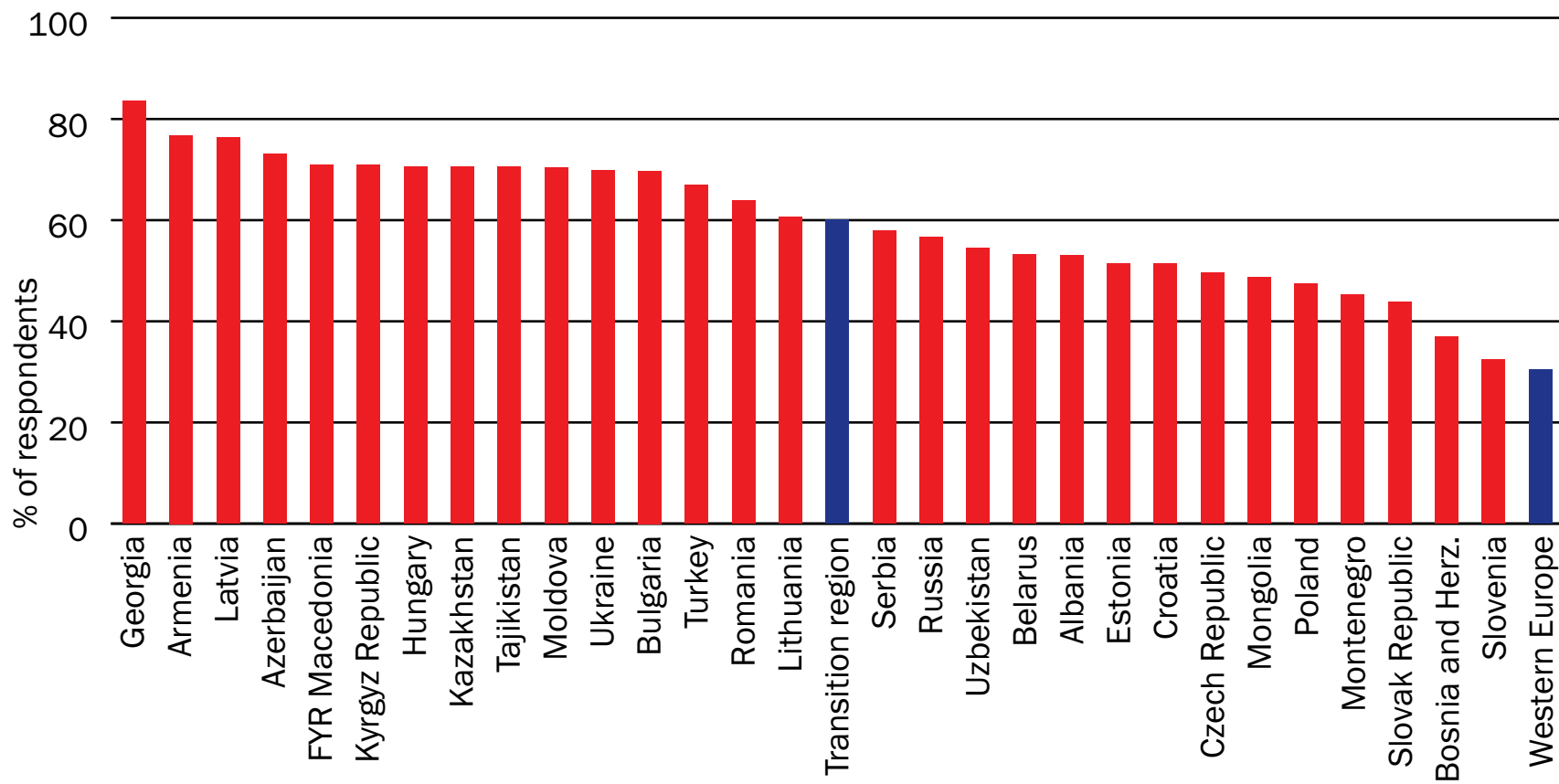
# Transition region households felt the crisis more than in the West



# Crisis affected households mostly through wage cuts and job losses



# Well over half of affected households coped by saving on staple food or health care





# Life satisfaction

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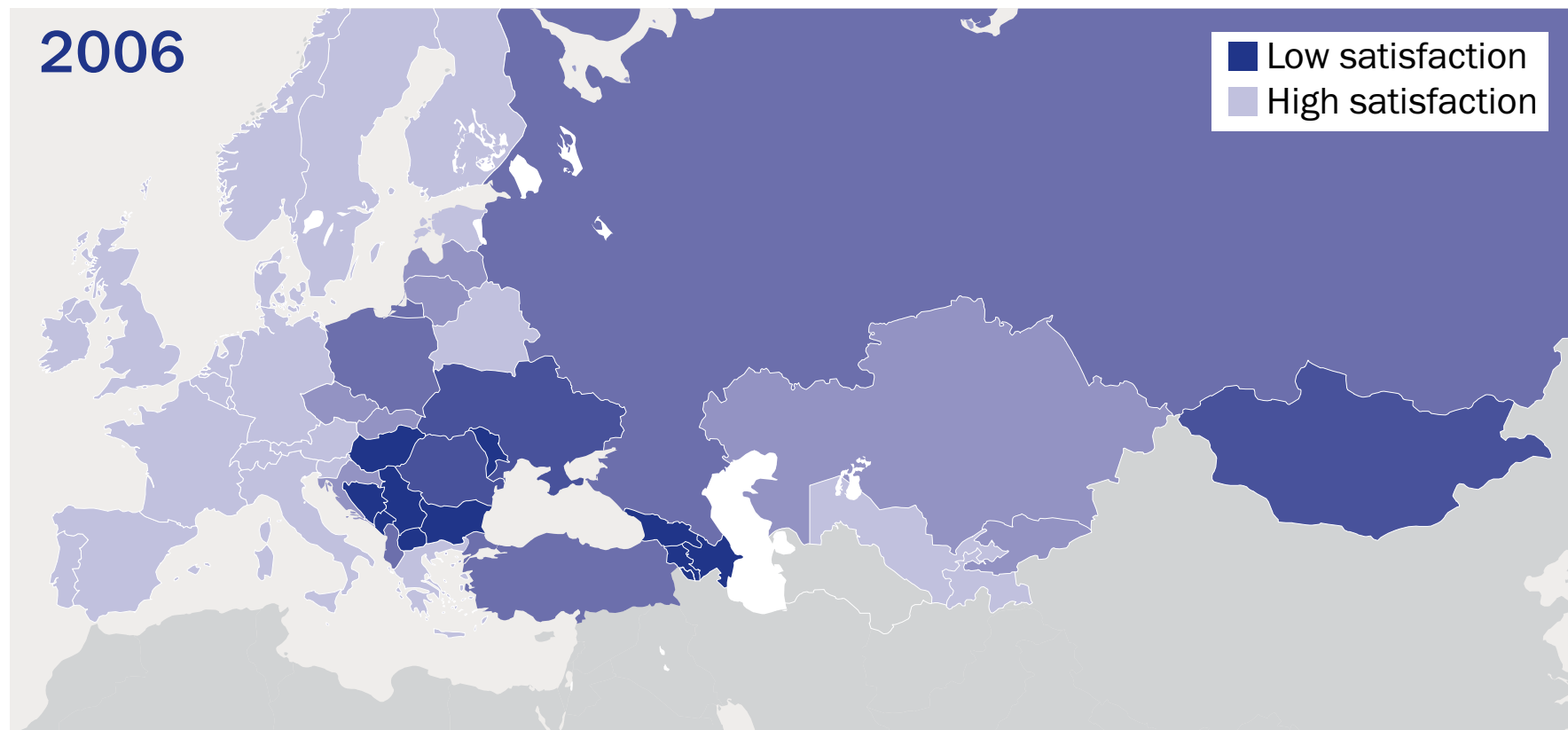
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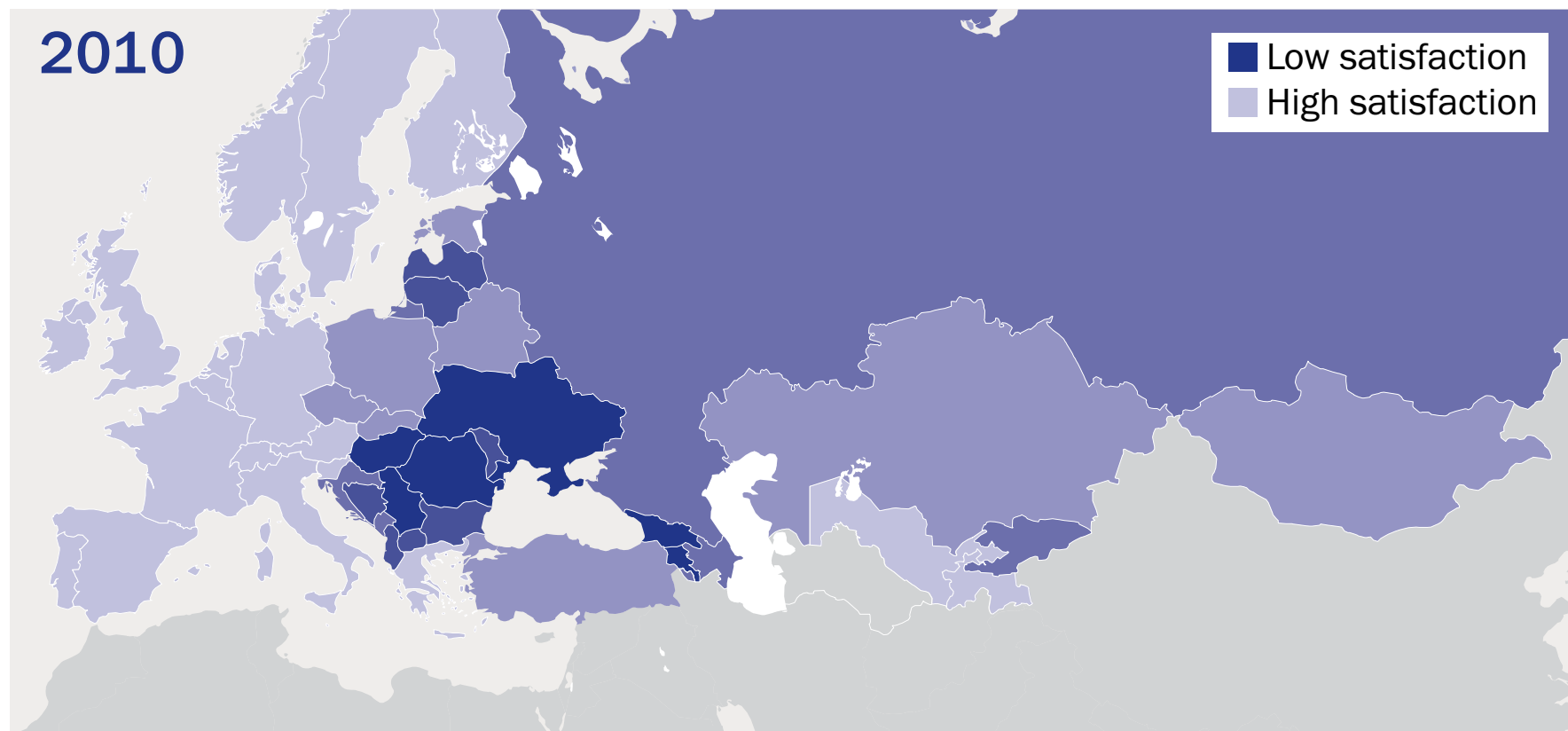
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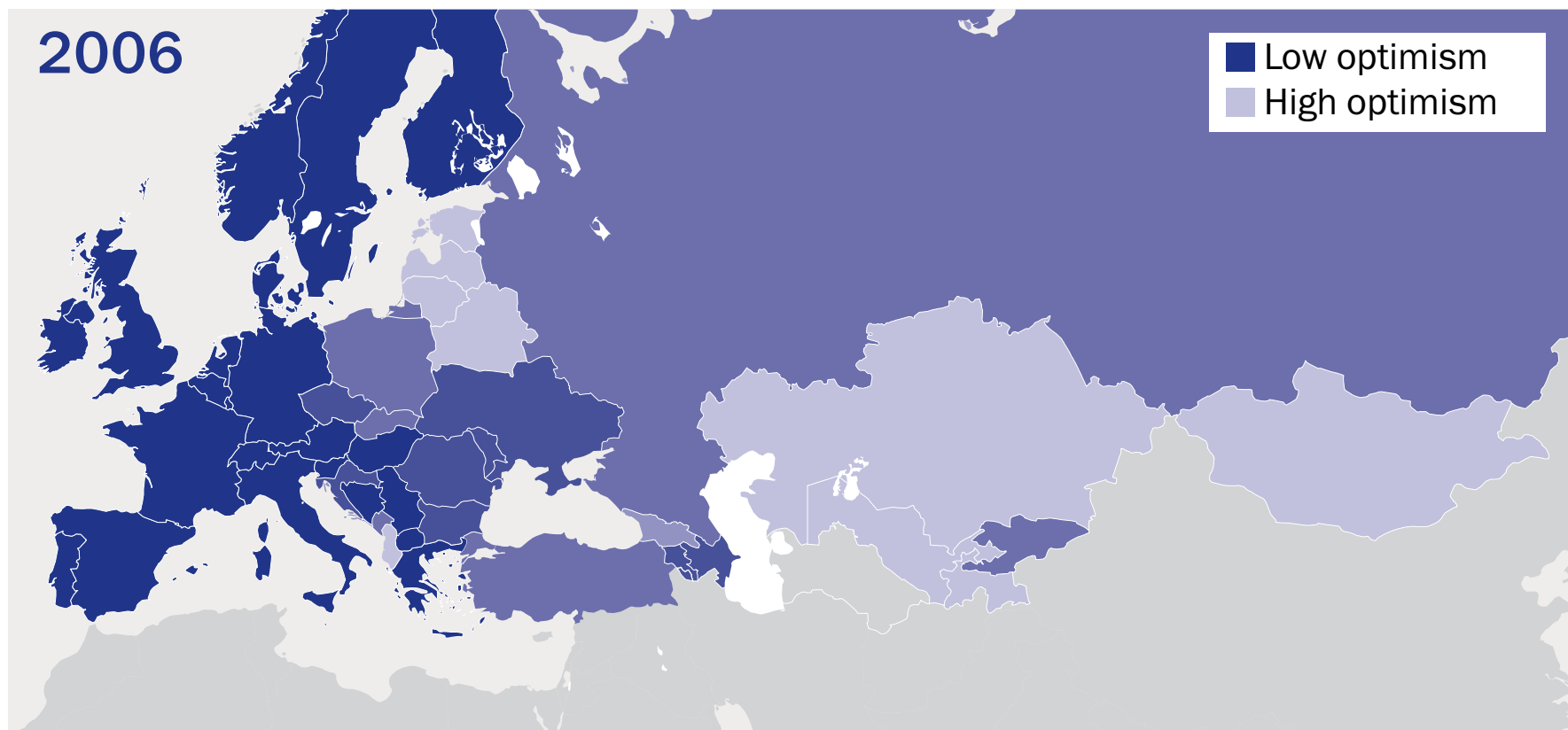


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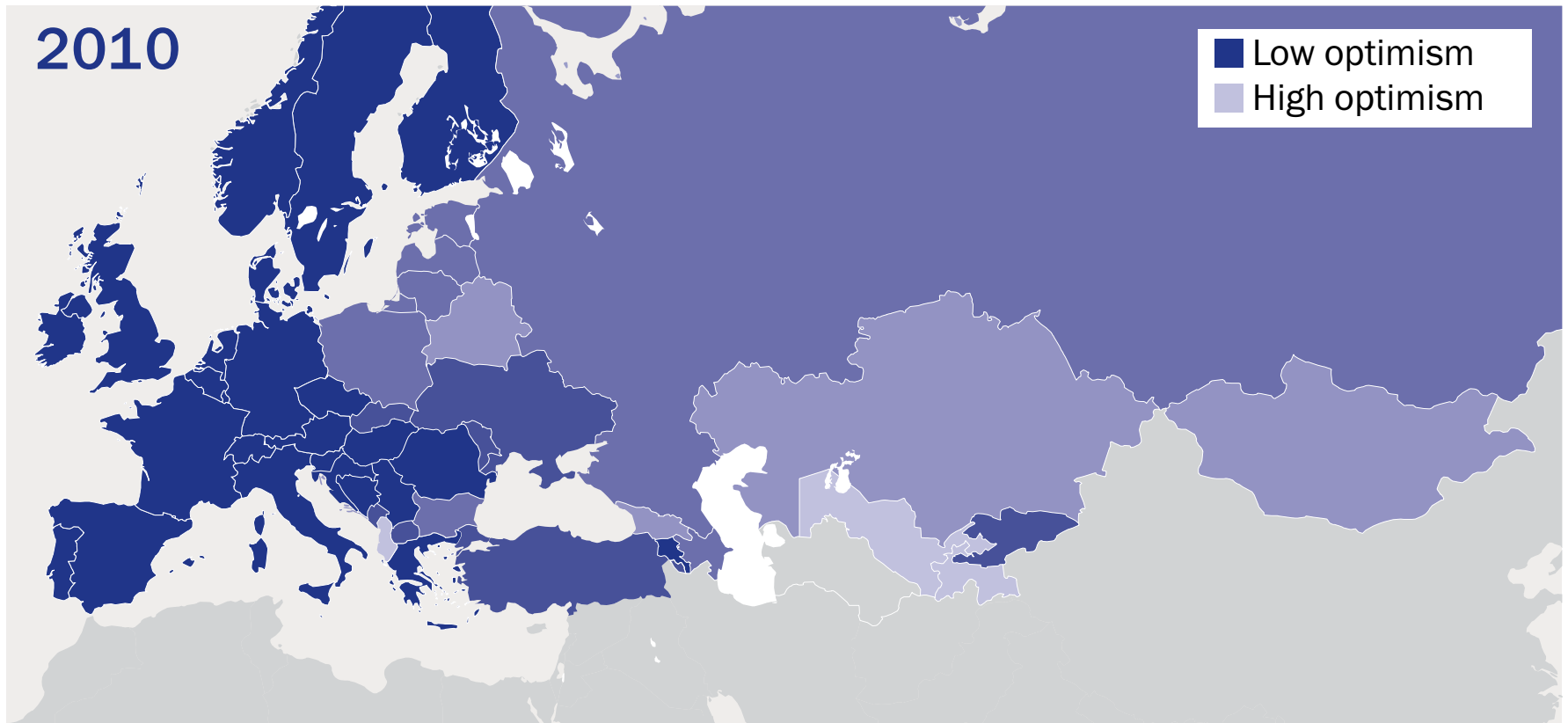
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# Support for democracy and market economy

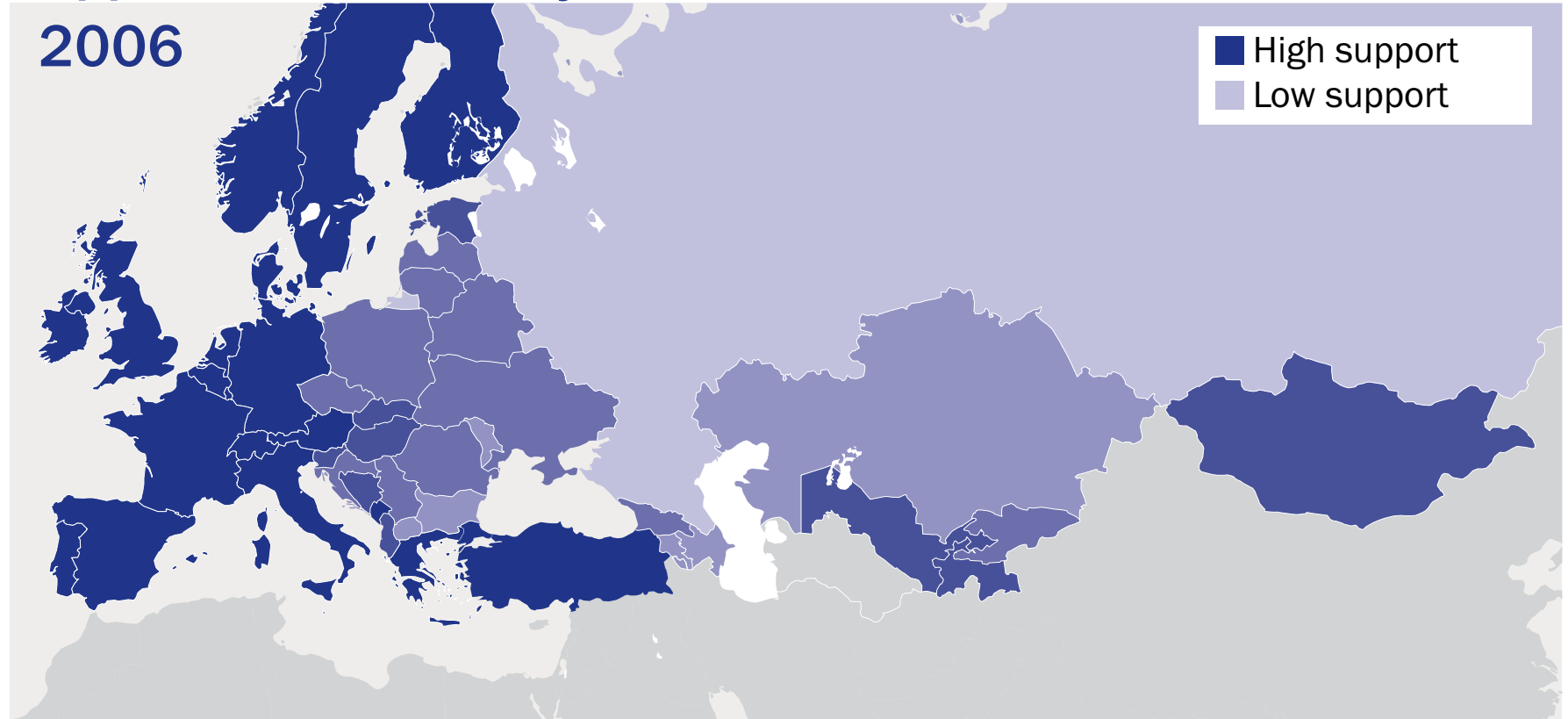
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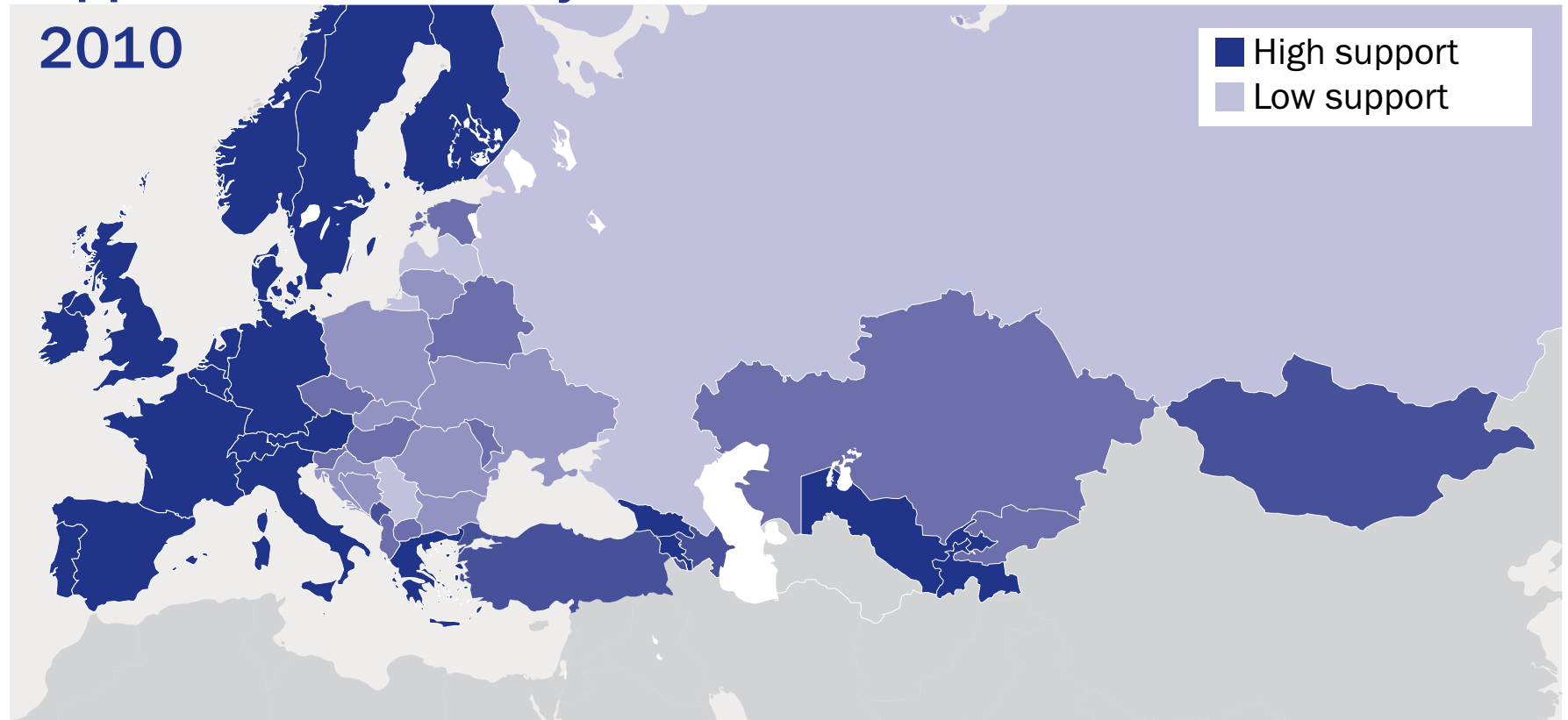
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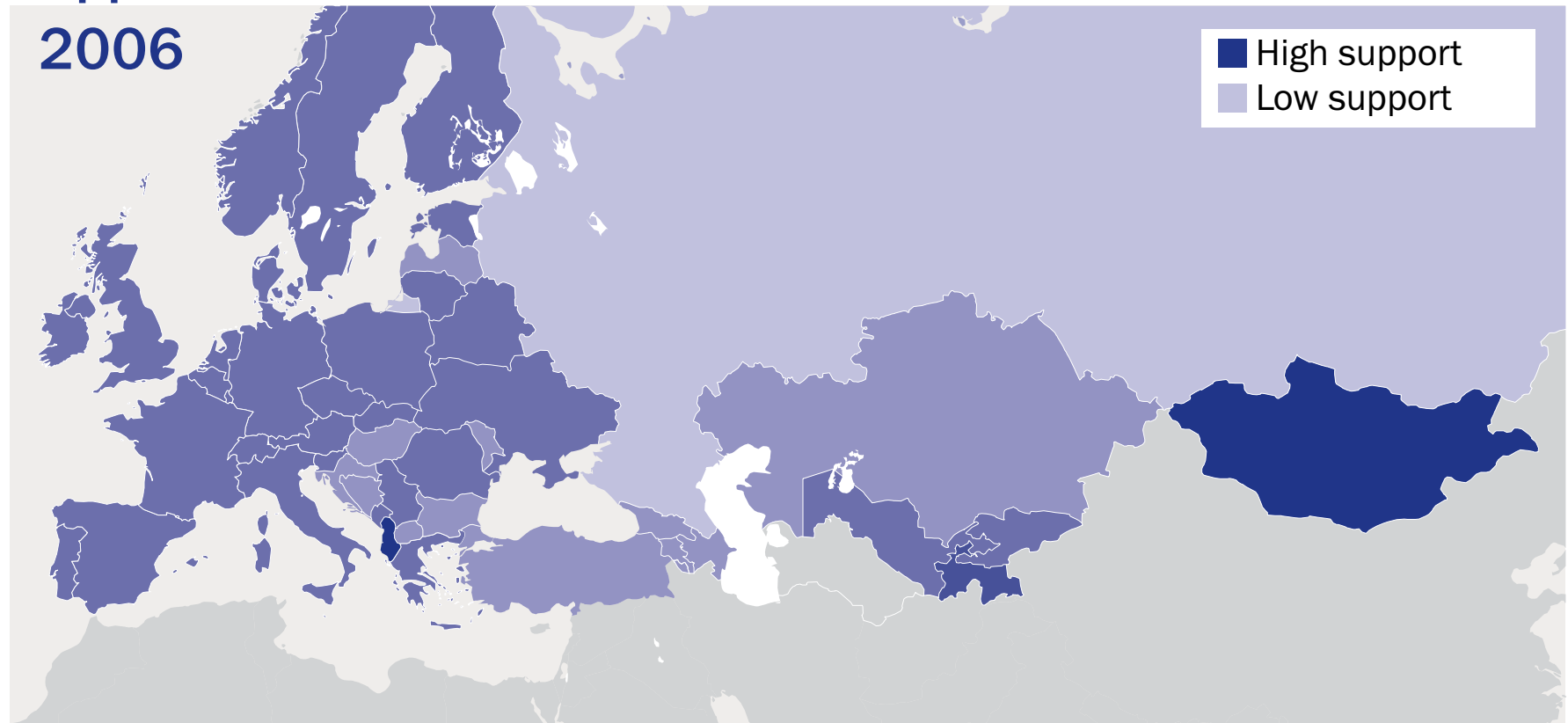
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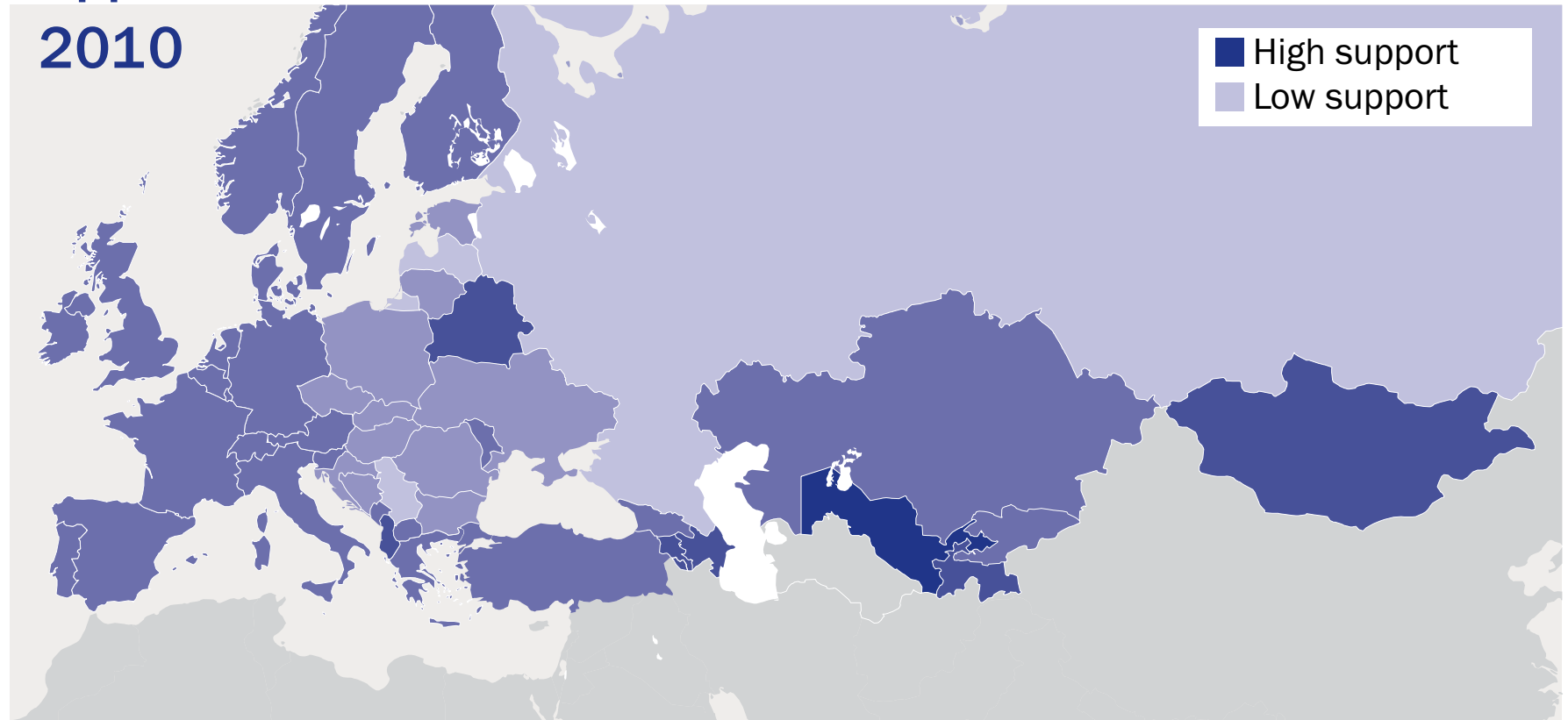
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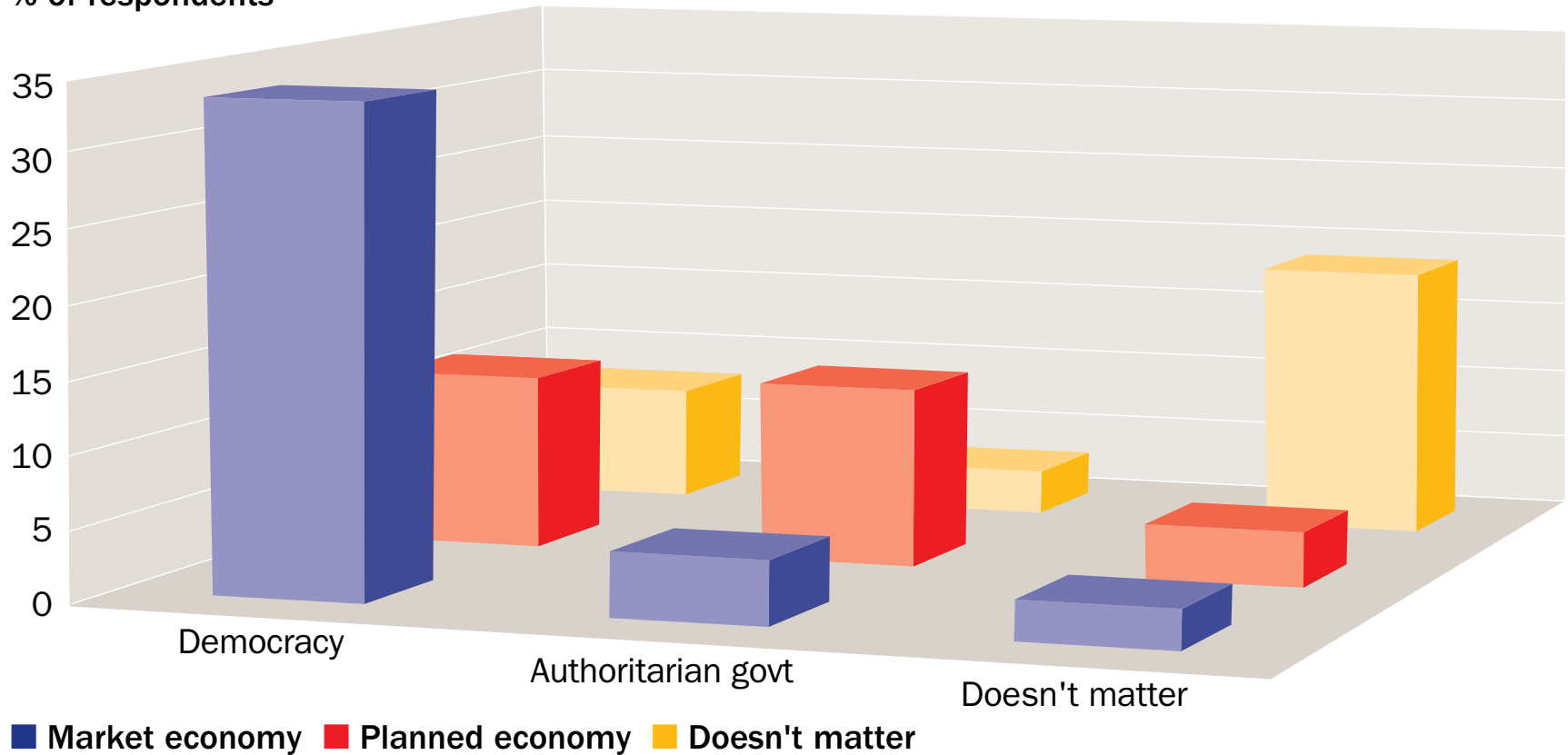
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# “Democracy + markets” most favoured

% of respondents





# Corruption and trust

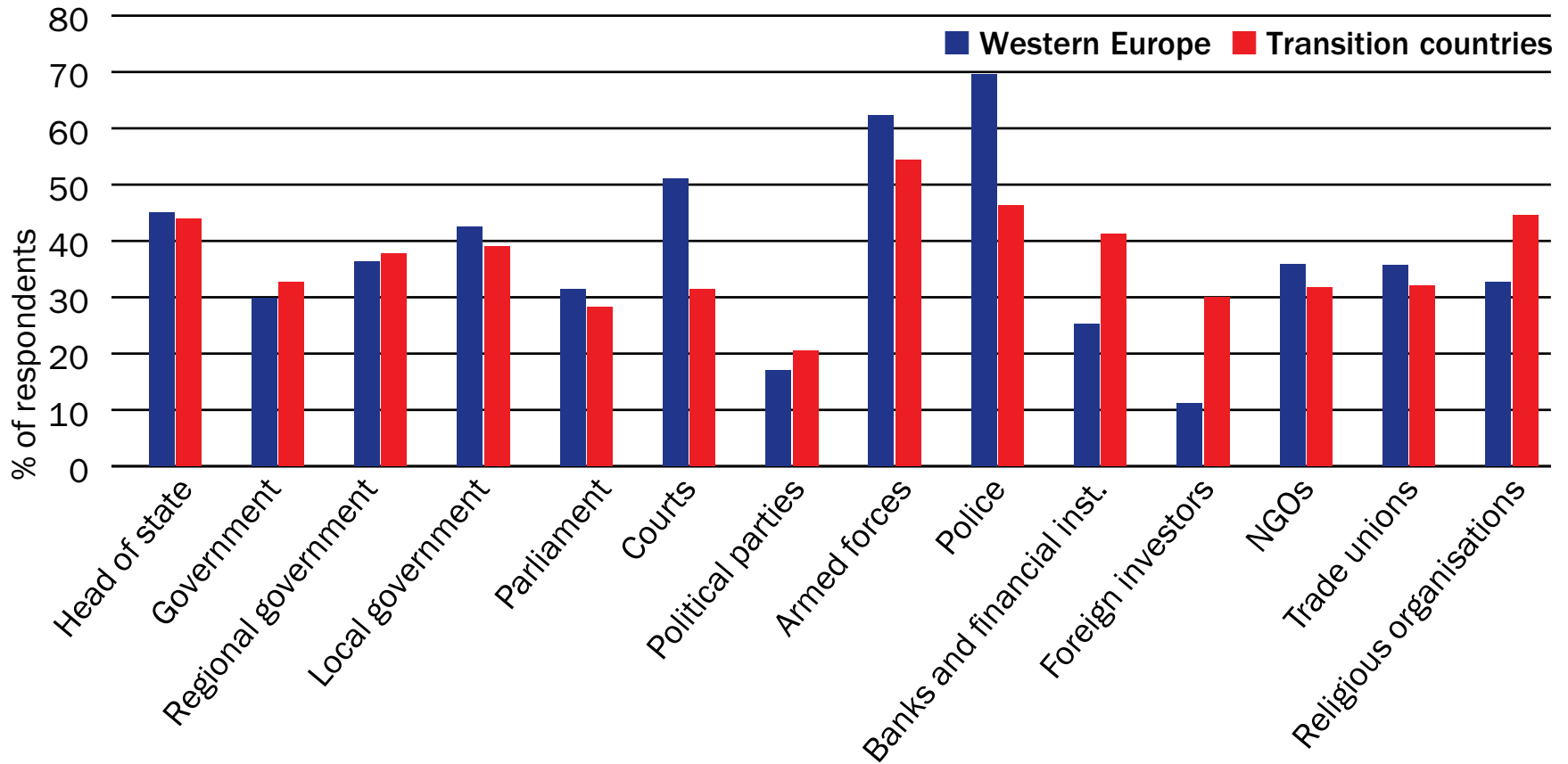
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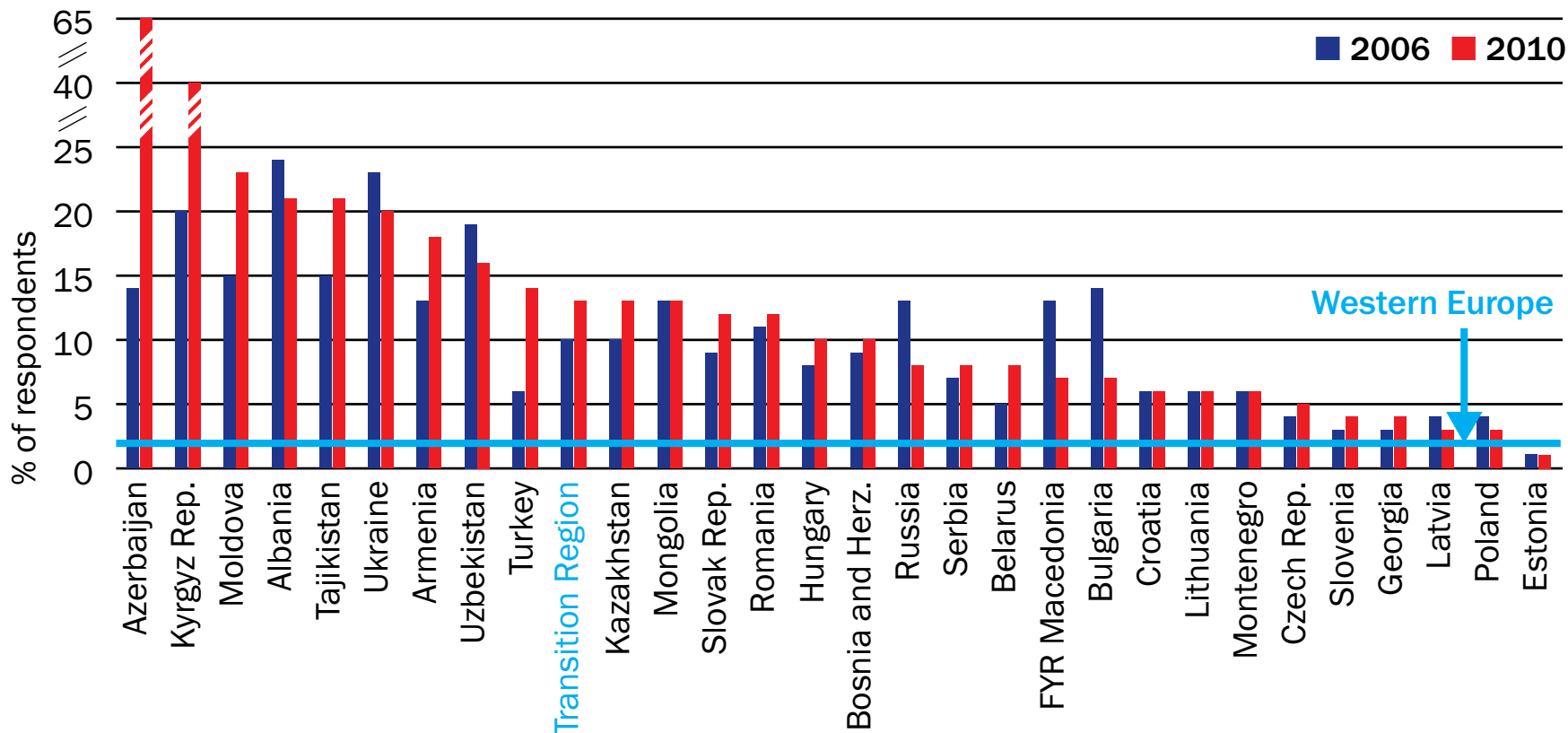
# Trust in institutions comparable to the West

...although trust in courts and police lags behind



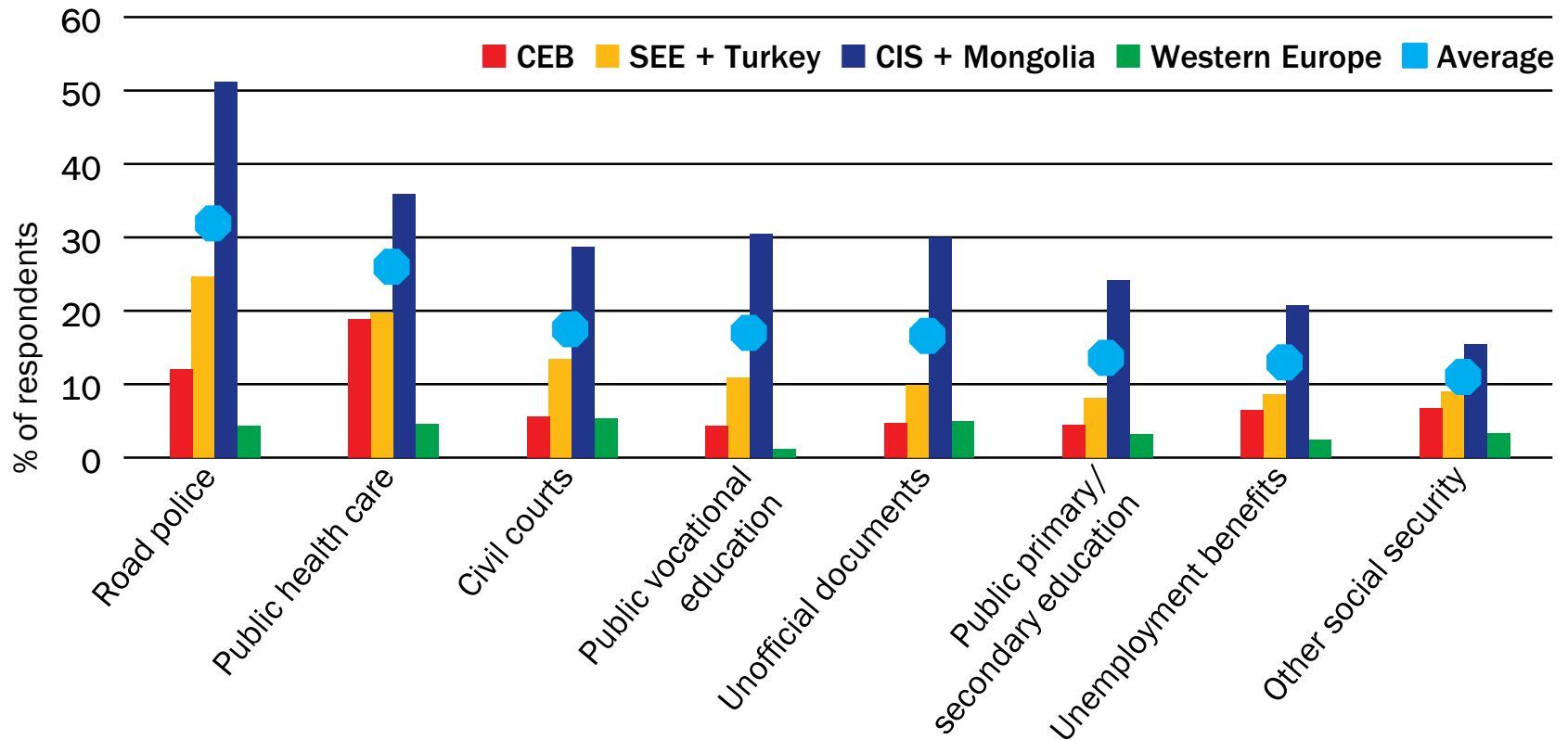
# Corruption remains a problem

Very significantly above the West and rising



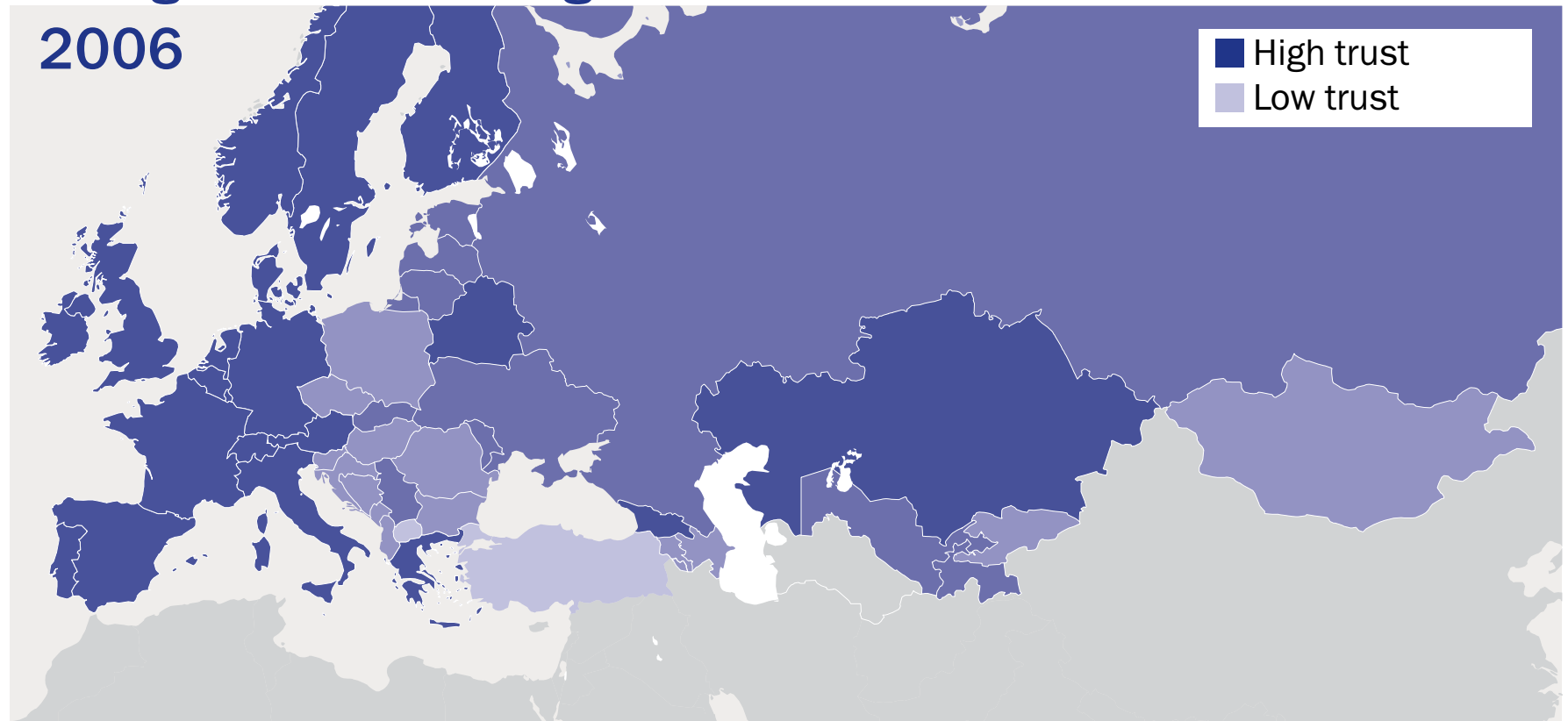
# Road police, public health care seen as most corrupt

Corruption perception especially high in CIS



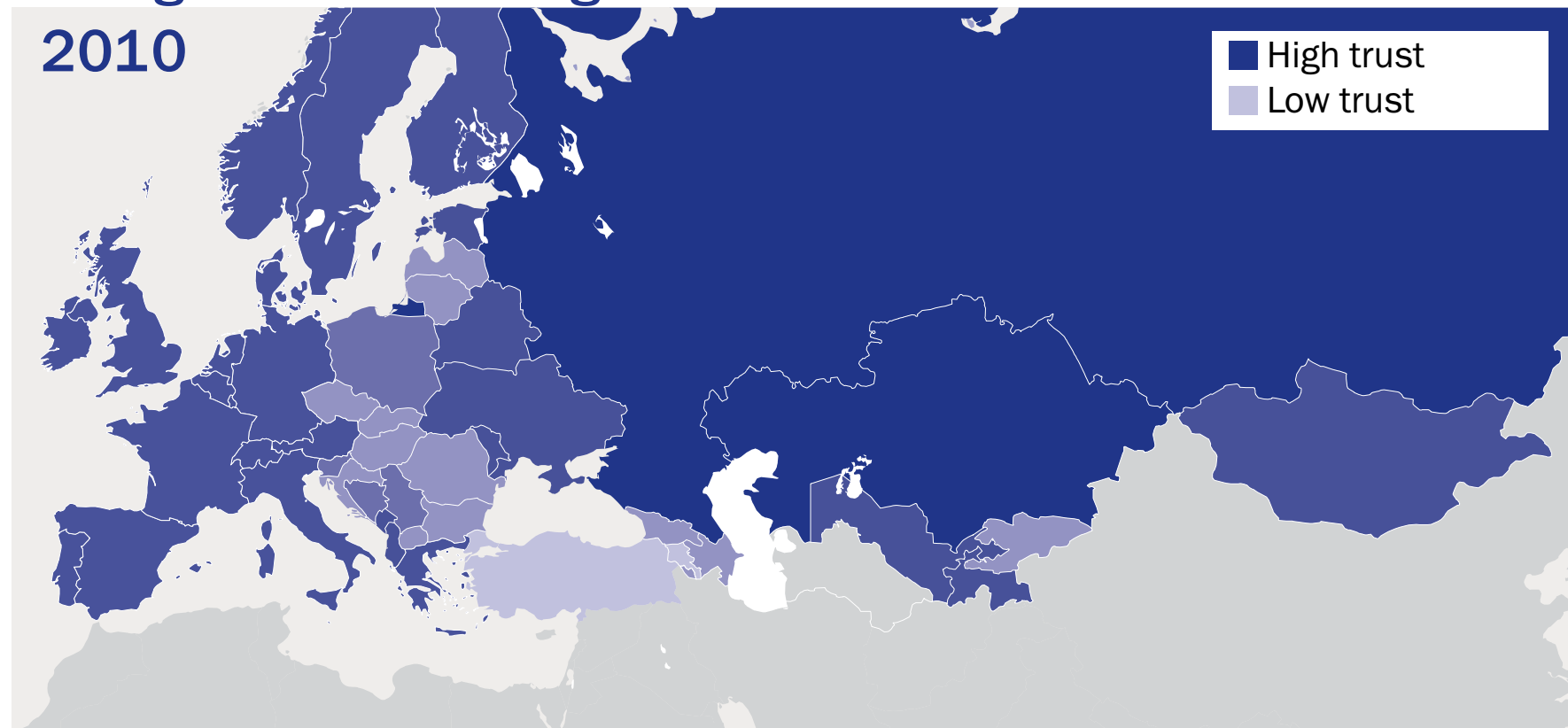
# Generalised trust increased in the region

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## **LiTS2: A message of resilience**

**Life satisfaction decreased a mere two percentage points in the face of severe crisis**

**The combination of democracy and market economy remains most favoured**

**Trust in others showing a slight increase since 2006, but corruption endemic and rising**

**Optimism for future generations decreased, but still well above levels seen in the West**

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