



# Perceptions and attitudes of the High School Teachers towards LGBTI adolescents in Schools in Albania

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## General information on the survey study

The findings and observations of the survey study “Perceptions and attitudes of the High School Teachers towards LGBTI adolescents in Schools in Albania” is the first serious effort to get to know the situation of attitudes and discrimination of LGBTI adolescents attending public high schools in six major cities of Albania.

This is the first survey on such area of education. As such in our opinion it is considerable step in a new field of scientific studies in the country, on sexuality, homophobia and transphobia, bullying and violence against LGBTI adolescents in schools, and finally attitudes and perceptions of teachers working and teaching in public high school in Albania.

## General information on the geographical area of the survey

The survey was supported by the United States Embassy's Democracy Commission's Small Grants Program in Albania. Part of the support was also the organization of information sessions for teachers in six main geographical areas in the study.

The study gathered data in structured meetings with teachers in the following cities: Tirana, Durrës, Elbasan, Korça, Vlorë and Shkodra. The population of these cities jointly represents almost two-thirds of the population in Albania. Thus the attitudes presented in the survey are also in a way indicative of the overall attitudes of the population in these urban centers.

# Adolescents in High Schools and the pre-university education system in Albania

## General data on adolescents in Albania

- There are no data available for LGBTI adolescents in Albania. Thus it was almost impossible from our surveillance to establish a general opinion based on comparative data, background documents or previous analysis.
- There is also lack of data on sexual behaviour in both adolescents and adults in Albania. There are no studies currently in Albania that have looked into the sexual behaviour and attitudes towards sexual rights of the general population, and therefore our data is not representative as they cannot be compared to previous data or previous sexual behaviour studies.

# Adolescents in high schools in Albania

## ALBANIA: Information on High Schools

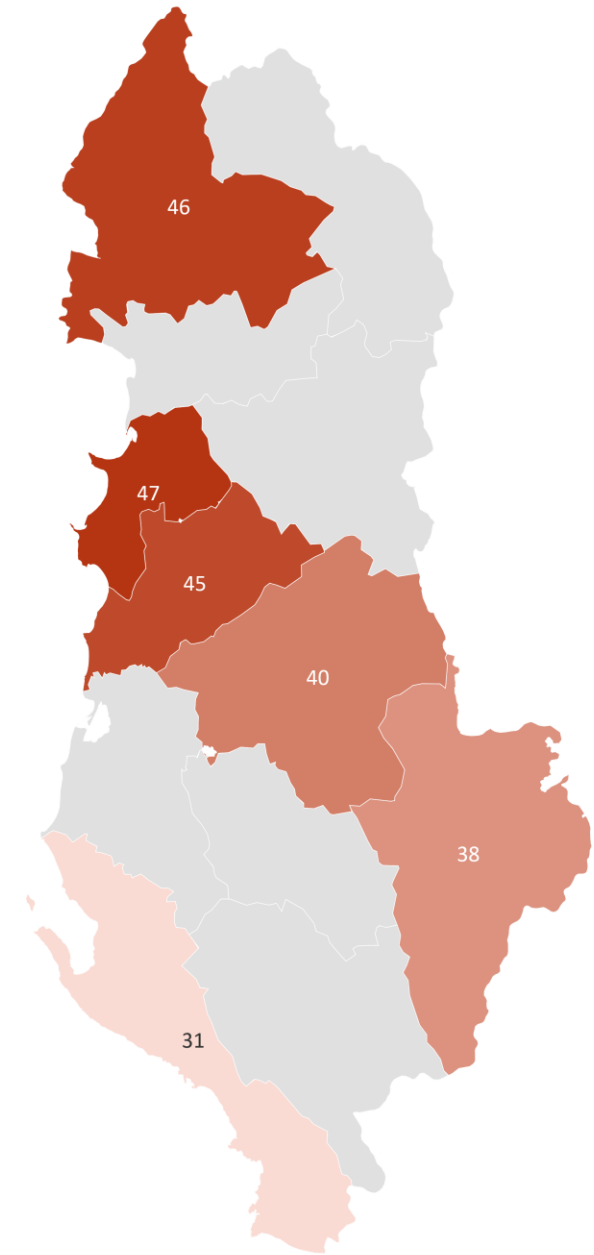
No. of students	87211
No. of institutions	347
No. of teachers	6275

# Demographics of the survey

# Population of the survey

Out of 300 questionnaires distributed in the schools of the six cities, 247 teachers accepted to be part of the study. This represents almost 4% of the total number of teachers in Albania.

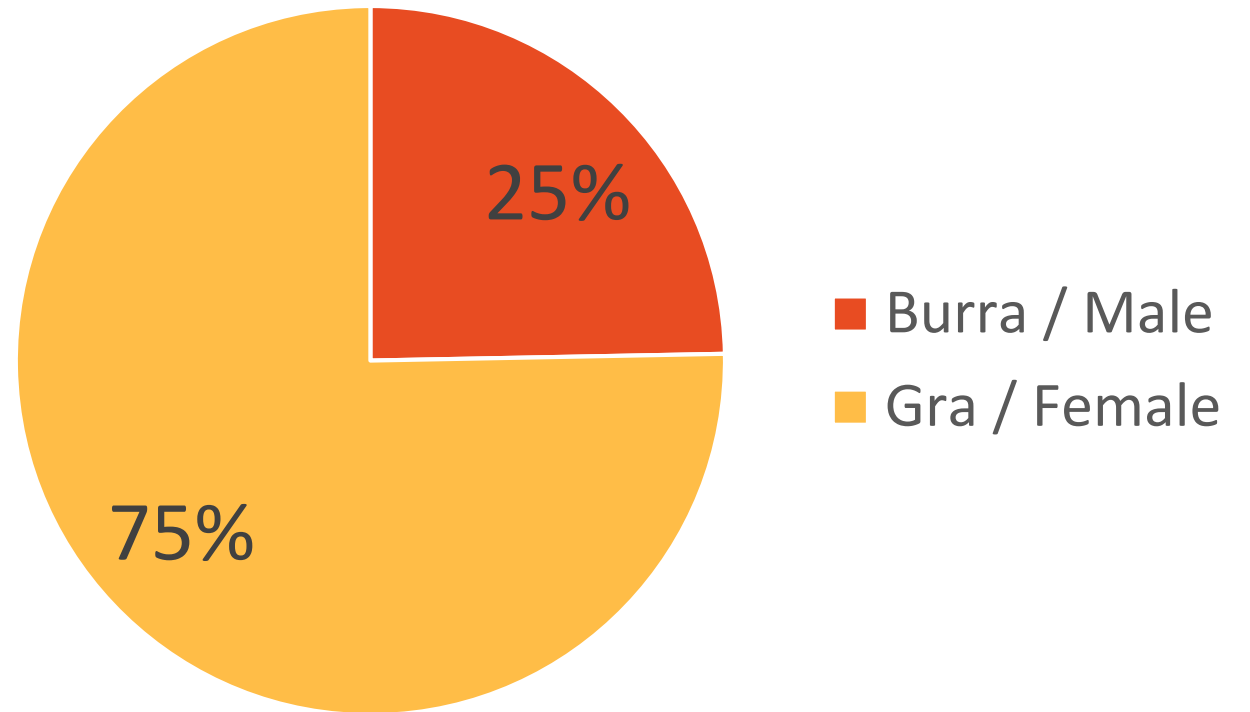
City	Number of filled questionnaires	Distribution in %
Durrës	47	19,0
Elbasan	40	16,2
Korçë	38	15,4
Shkodër	46	18,6
Tiranë	45	18,2
Vlorë	31	12,6
Total	247	100,0





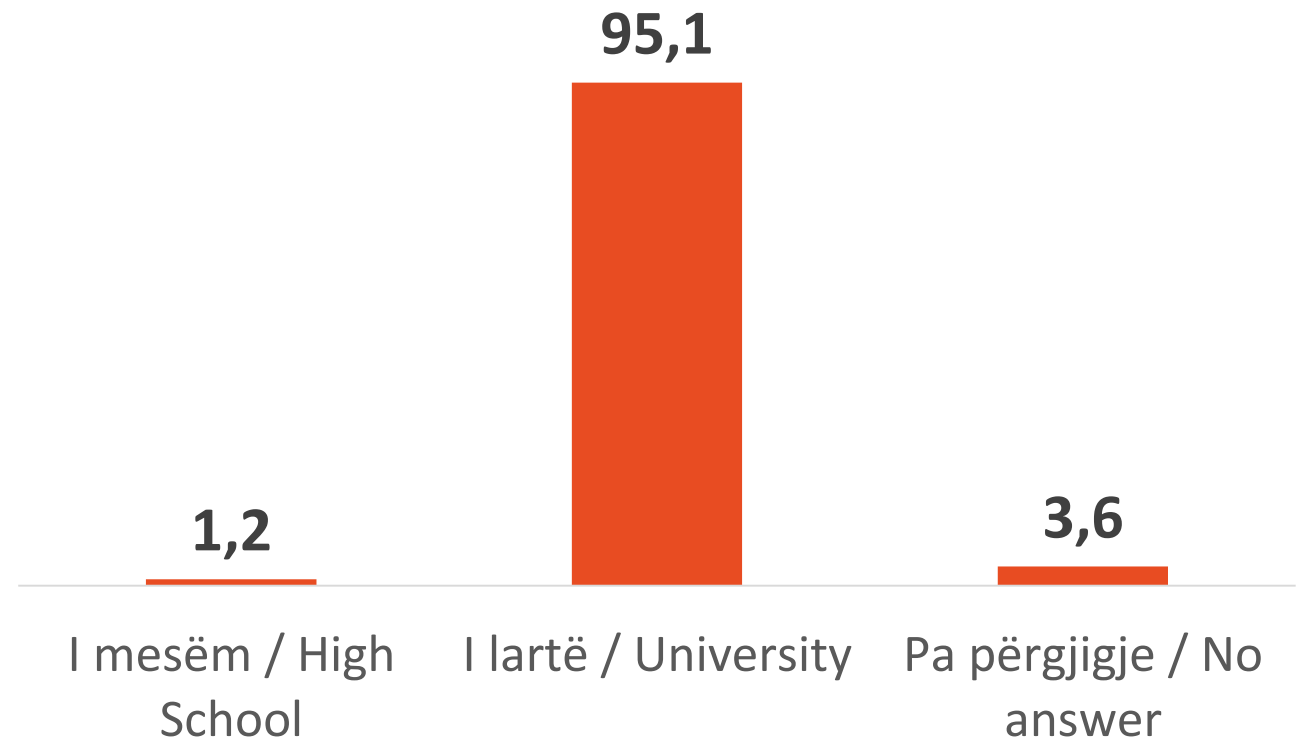
# Demographics

## Gender of the respondents



# Education

## Level of the education of the respondents



# Knowledge of the law for protection from discrimination

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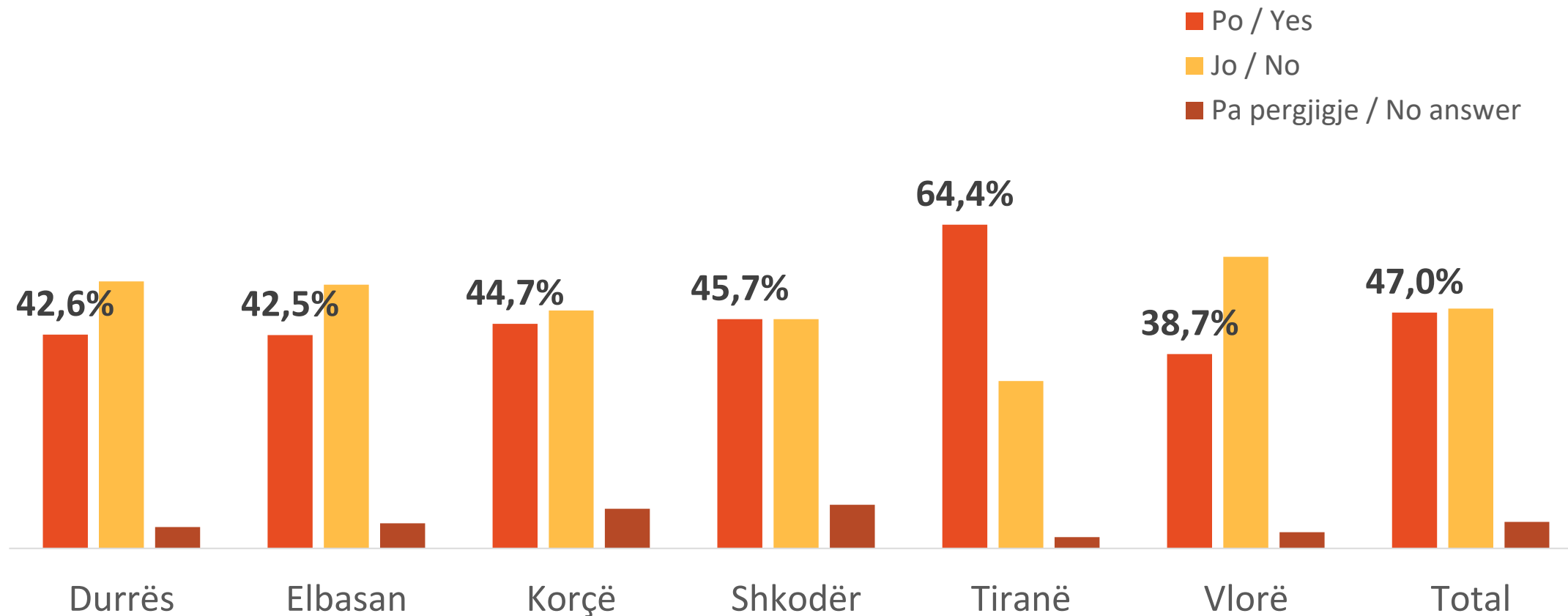
Do you know the Law for the protection from the discrimination?



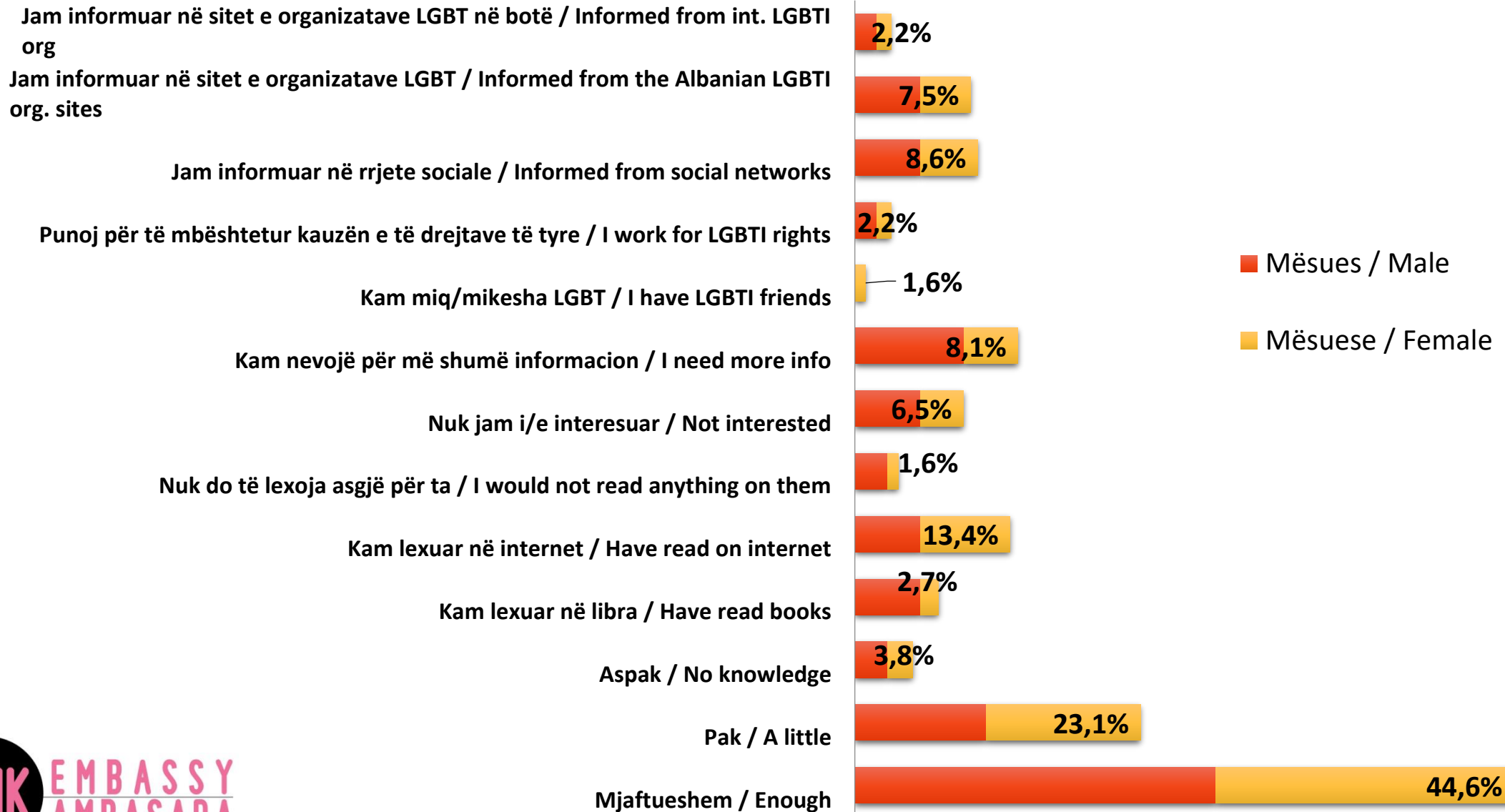
Knowledge and information of  
teachers on the LGBTI rights

# Are you informed on the LGBTI rights?

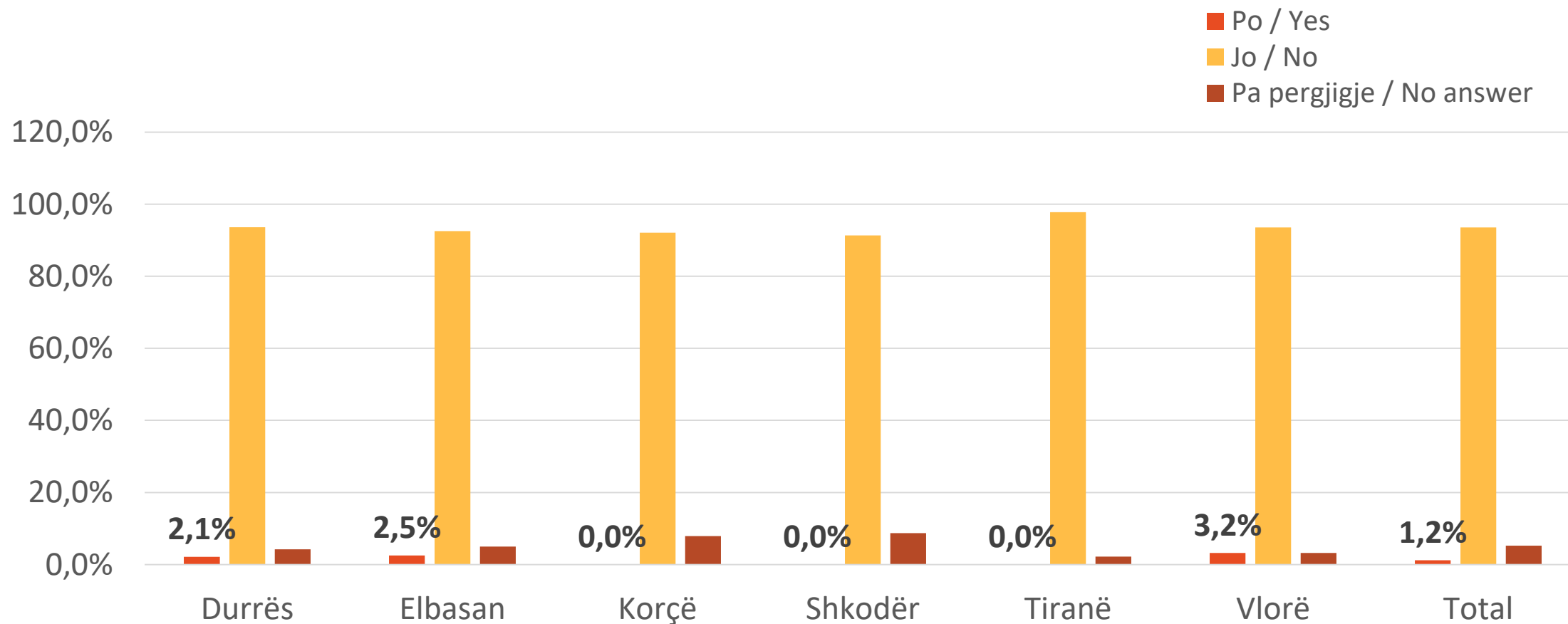
(Answers provided per city)



# How did you get informed on the LGBTI rights?



## I have LGBTI friends (Yes answers)



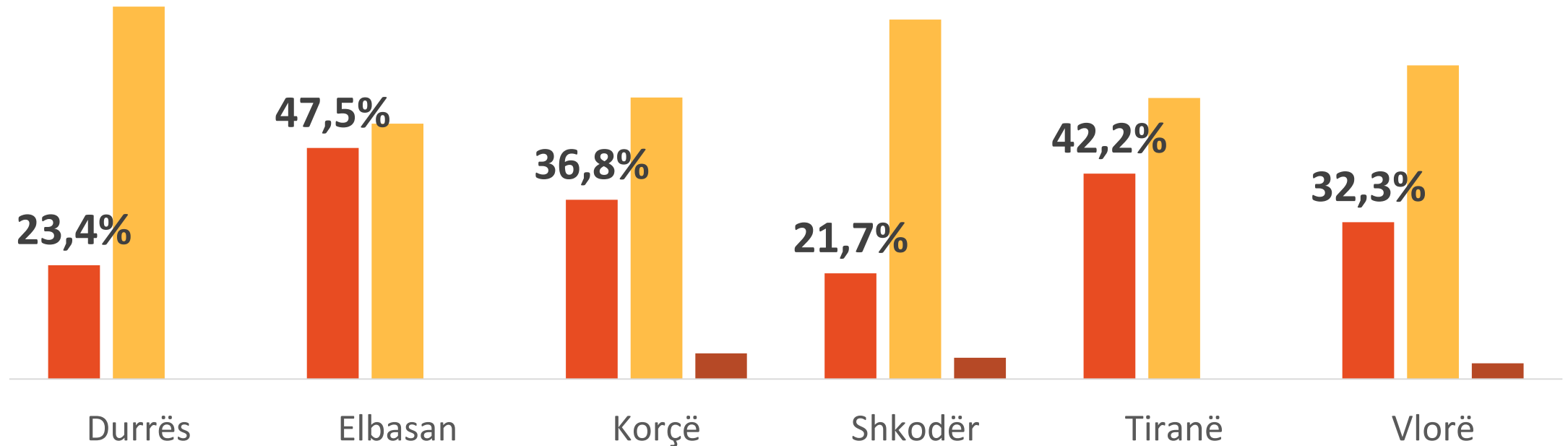


HAVE YOU WITNESSED  
DISCRIMINATION IN YOUR  
SCHOOL?

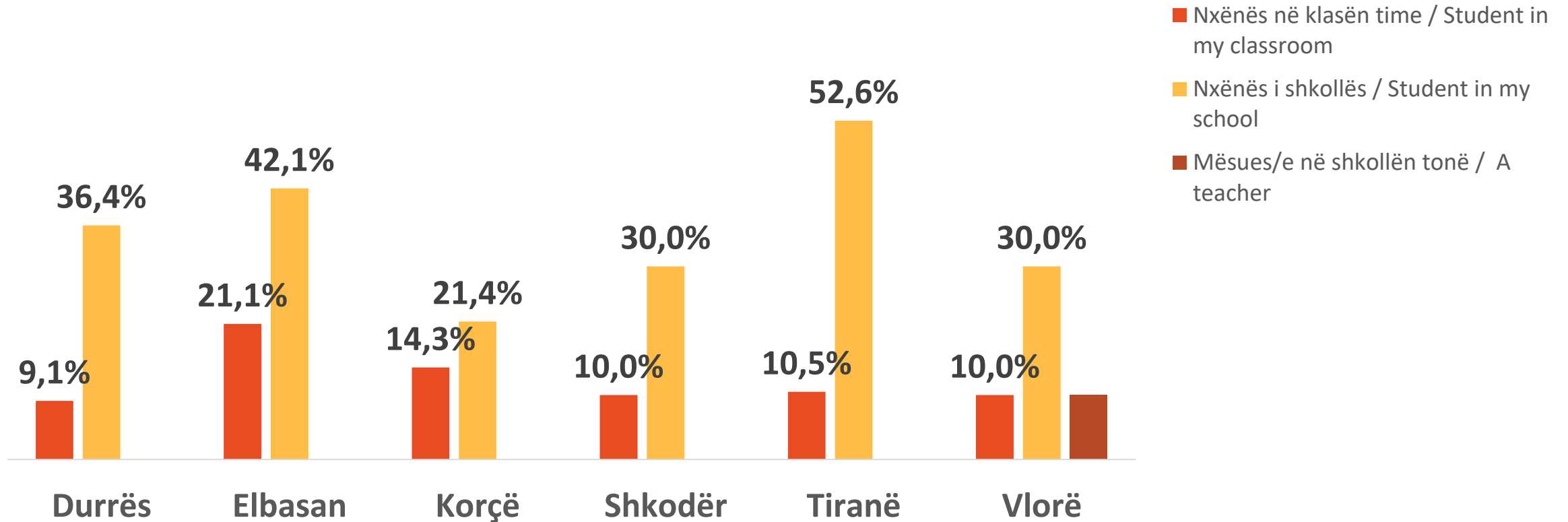
# Have you witnessed discrimination in your school?

(Yes answers)

- Po / Yes
- Jo / No
- Pa përgjigje / No answer

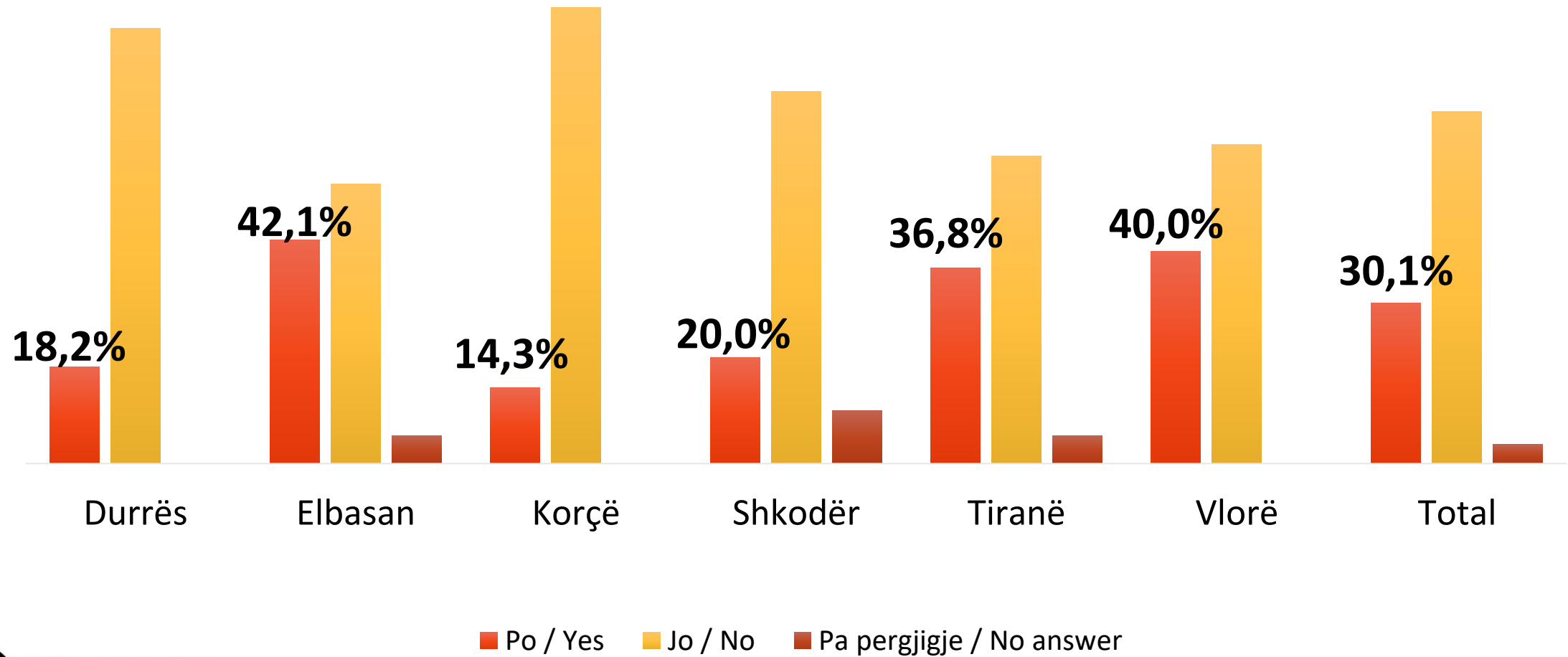


# Who was the victim of the discrimination?



# What was the reason of the discrimination?

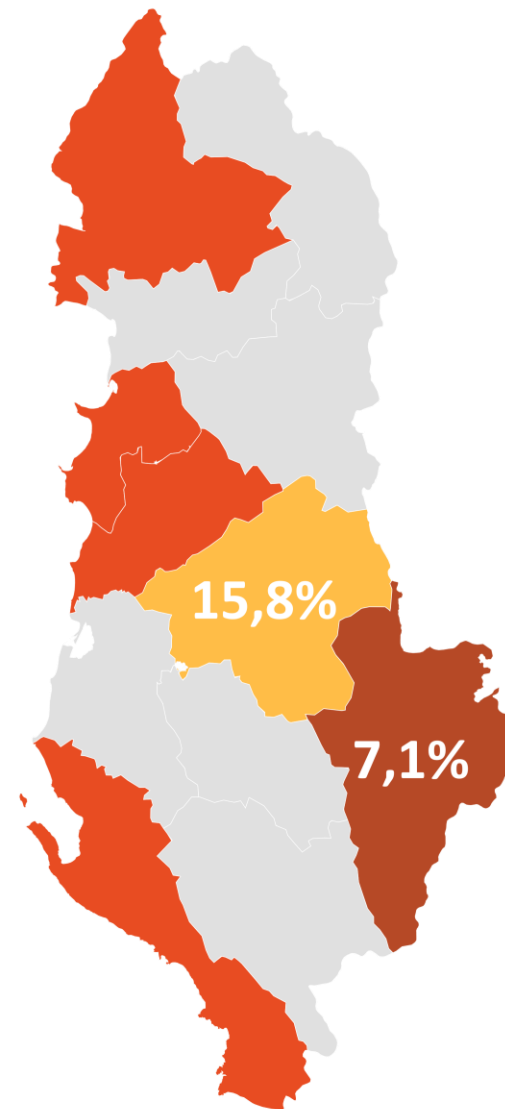
(Yes answers on sexual orientation)



# What was the reason of the discrimination?

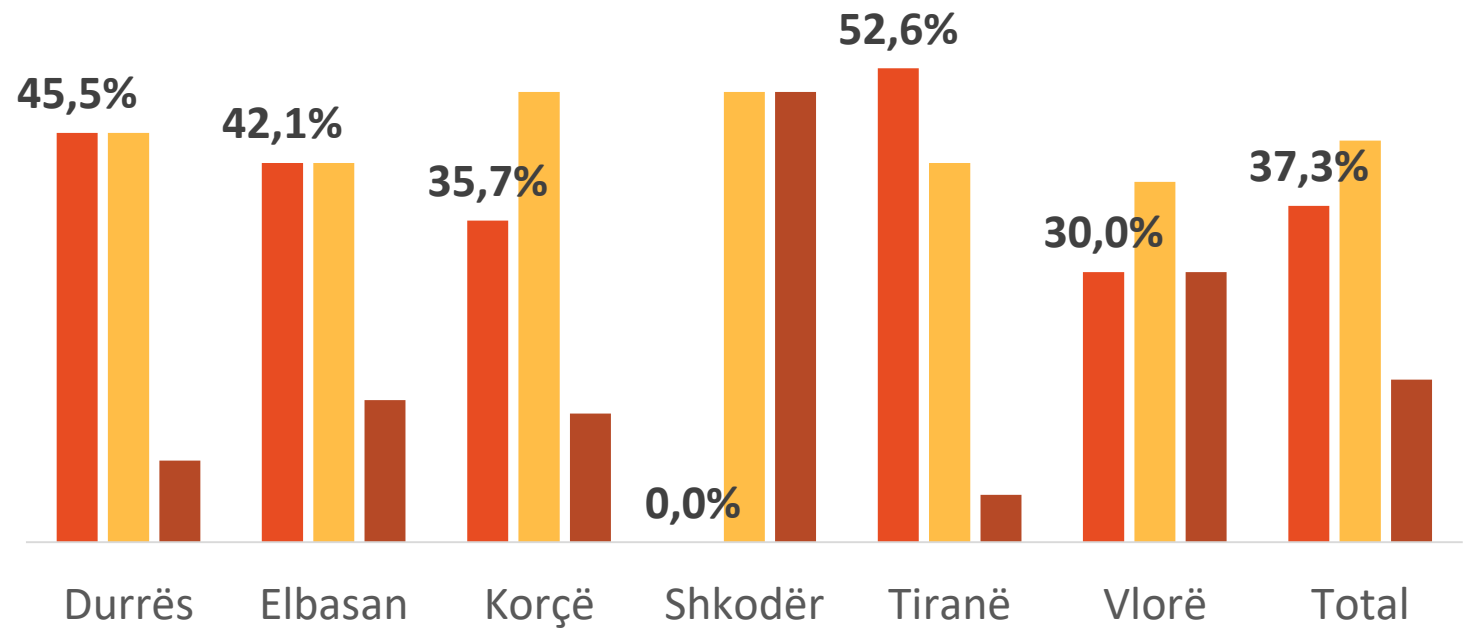
(Yes answers on Gender identity)

	YES	NO	No answer
Durrës	0,0%	100,0%	0,0%
Elbasan	15,8%	78,9%	5,3%
Korçë	7,1%	92,9%	0,0%
Shkodër	0,0%	90,0%	10,0%
Tiranë	0,0%	94,7%	5,3%
Vlorë	0,0%	100,0%	0,0%
Total	4,8%	91,6%	3,6%



## I took steps to not allow discrimination act to be repeated (Yes answers)

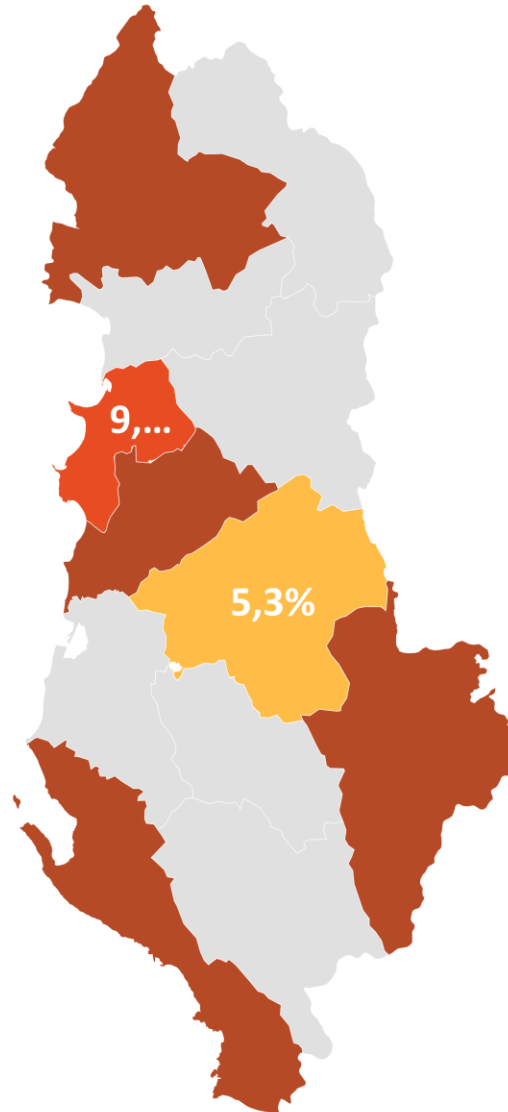
- Po / Yes
- Jo / No
- Pa pergjigje / No answer



What did you do after?

# What did you do with the case after you witnessed it:

*I notified the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination?*

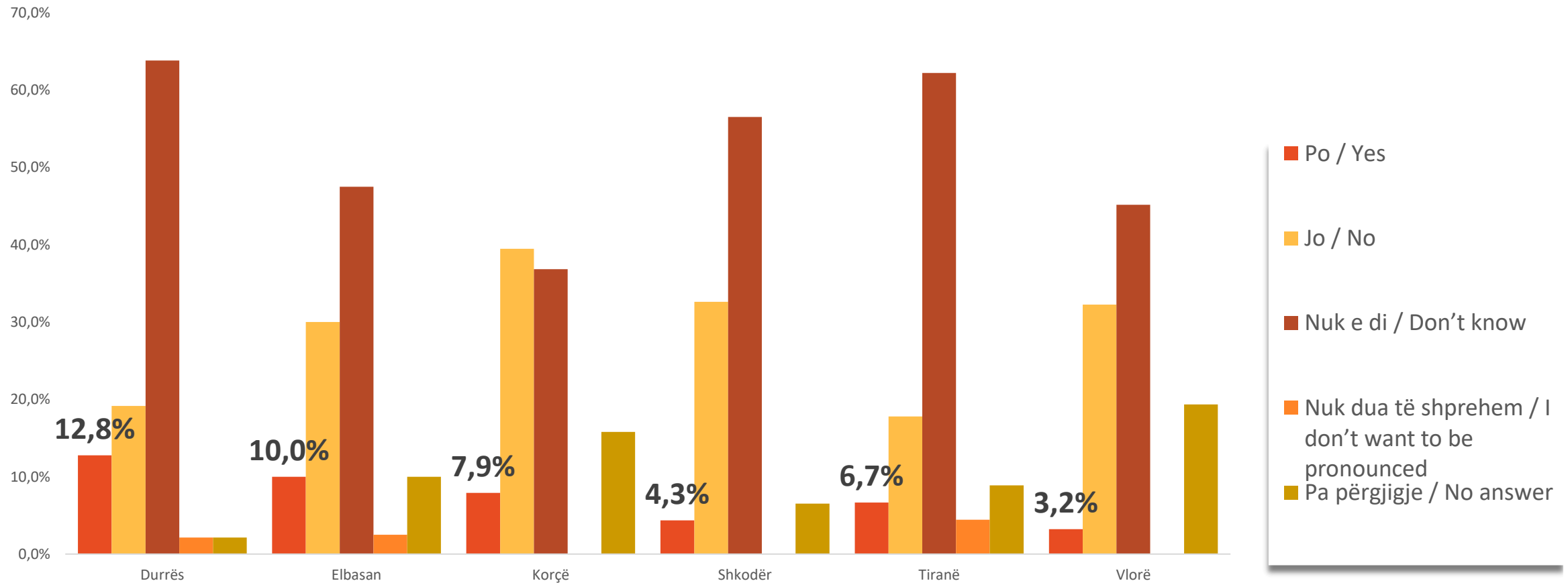


	Yes	No	No Answer
Durrës	9,1%	81,8%	9,1%
Elbasan	5,3%	78,9%	15,8%
Korçë	0,0%	85,7%	14,3%
Shkodër	0,0%	50,0%	50,0%
Tiranë	0,0%	94,7%	5,3%
Vlorë	0,0%	70,0%	30,0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,4%</b>	<b>79,5%</b>	<b>18,1%</b>

# TEACHERS' PERCEPTIONS AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS LGBTI ADOLESCENTS



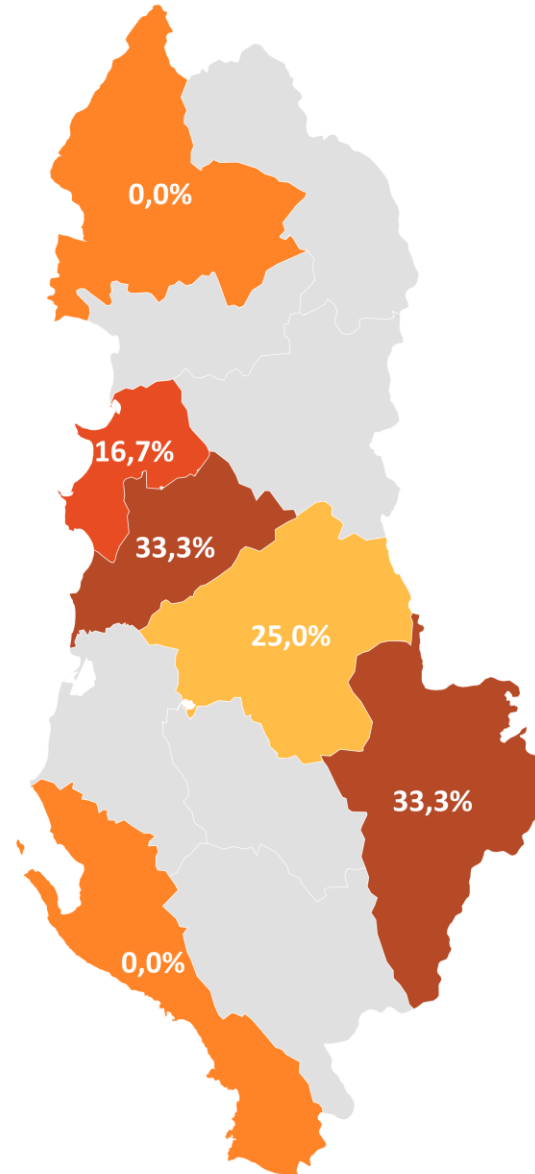
# In your knowledge, are there any LGBTI adolescents in your school? (Yes answers)



# If Yes, how did you learn about it?

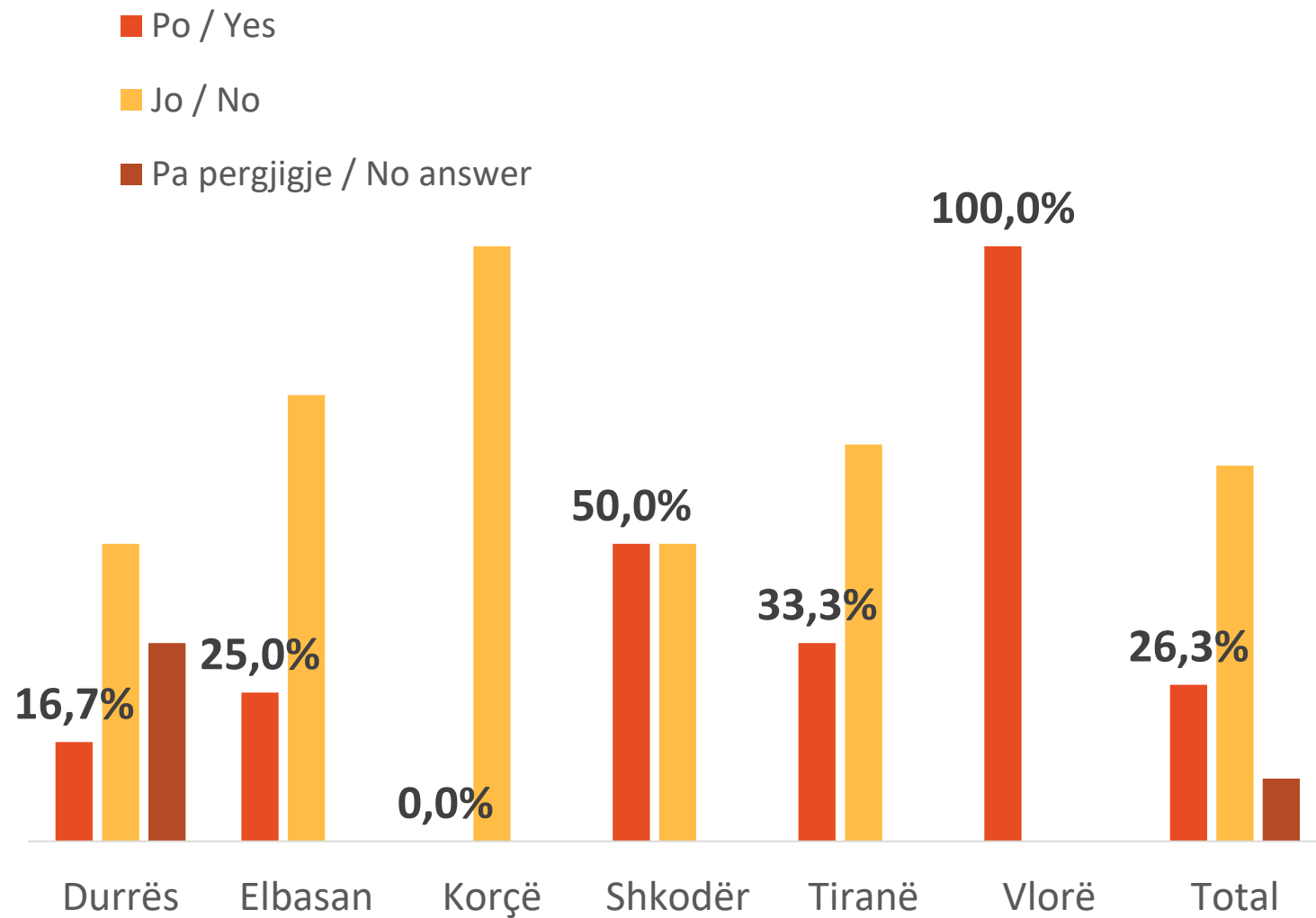
(Answer: The adolescent told me)

	Yes	No	No answer
Durrës	16,7%	50,0%	33,3%
Elbasan	25,0%	75,0%	0,0%
Korçë	33,3%	66,7%	0,0%
Shkodër	0,0%	100,0%	0,0%
Tiranë	33,3%	66,7%	0,0%
Vlorë	0,0%	100,0%	0,0%
Total	21,1%	68,4%	10,5%



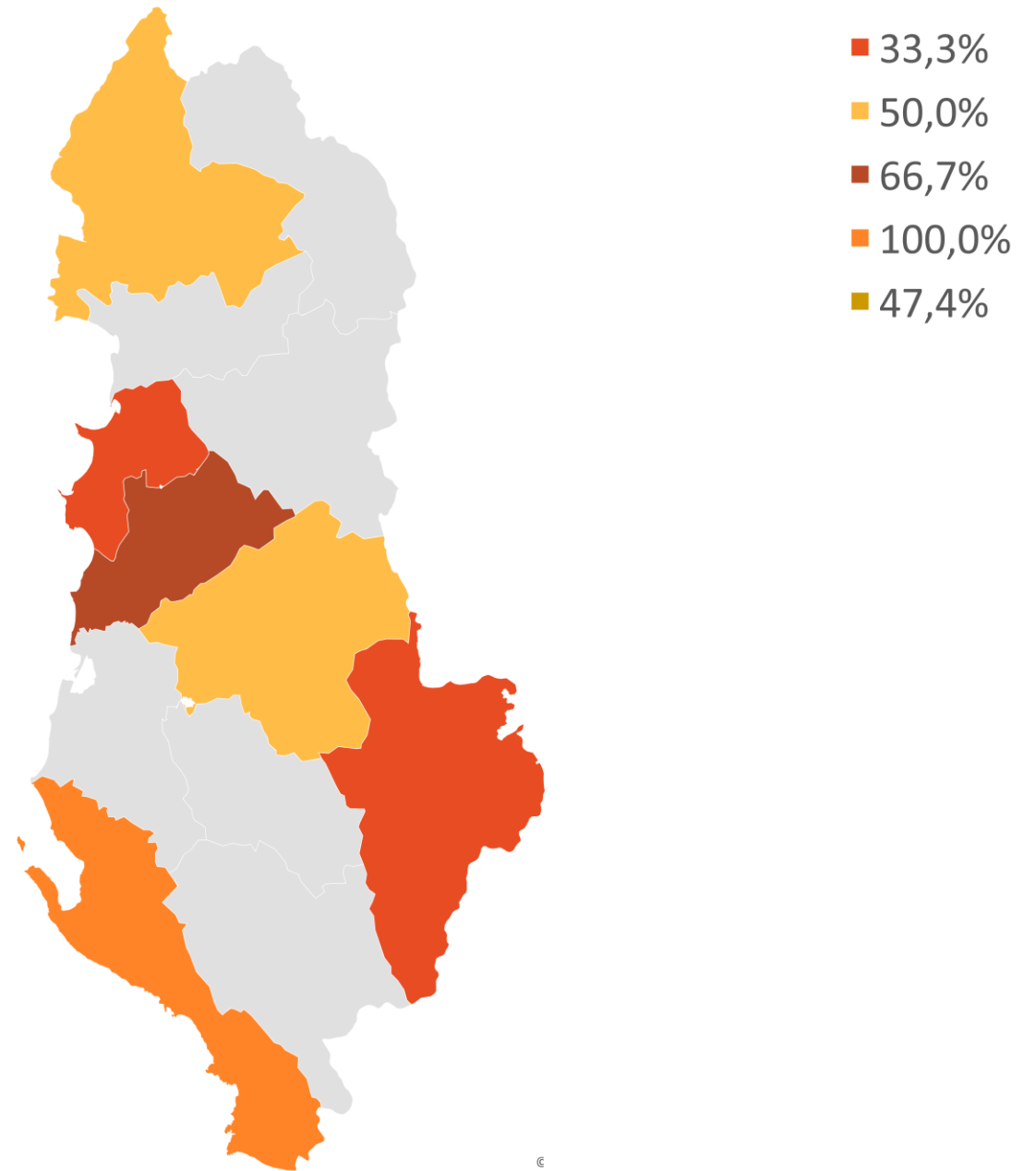
If Yes, how did you learn about it?

### The other teachers told me (Yes answers)

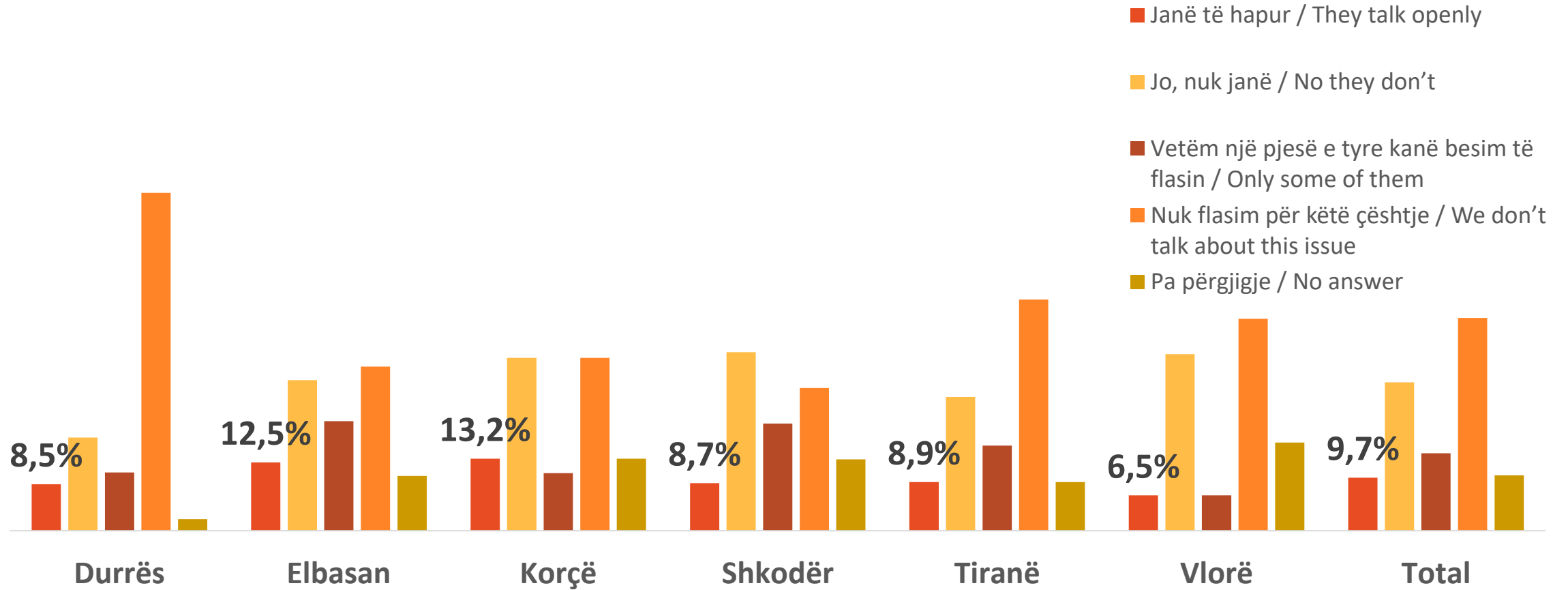


If Yes, how did you learn about it?

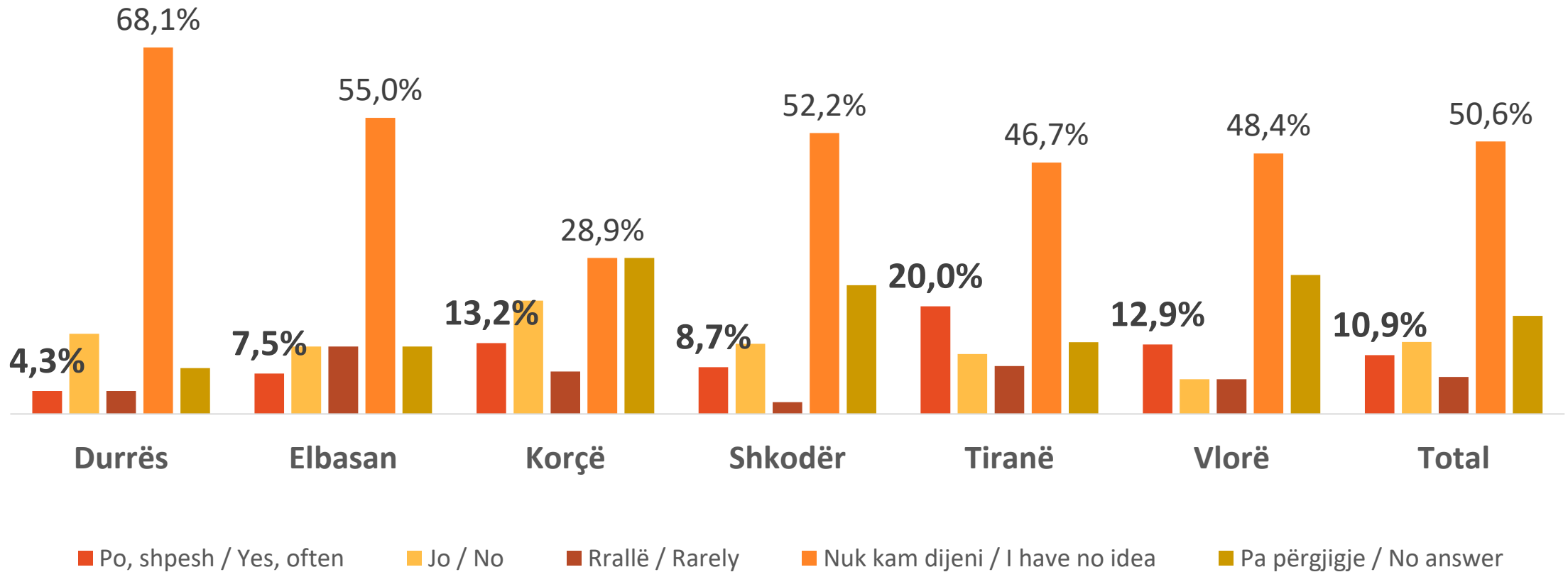
Answer: Other students told me



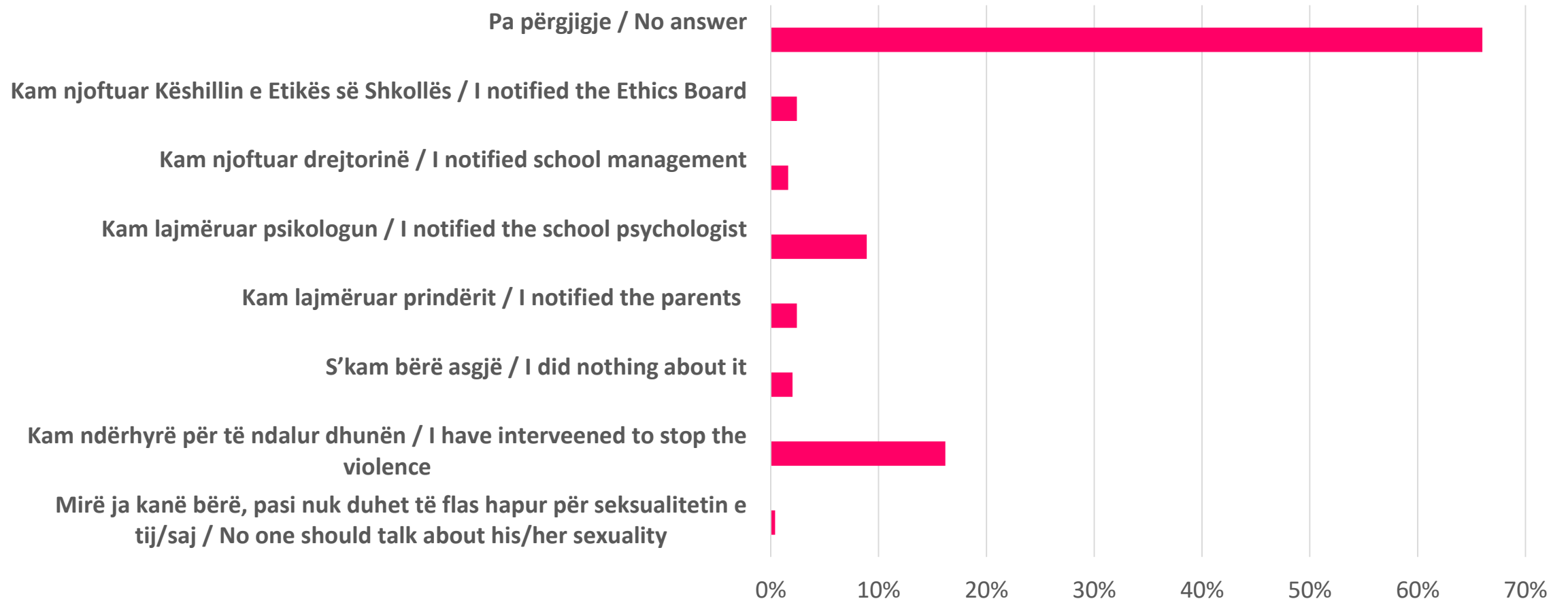
# Do students talk to you about their sexuality? (Yes Answers)



# Are the LGBTI adolescents victims of violence from their peers?

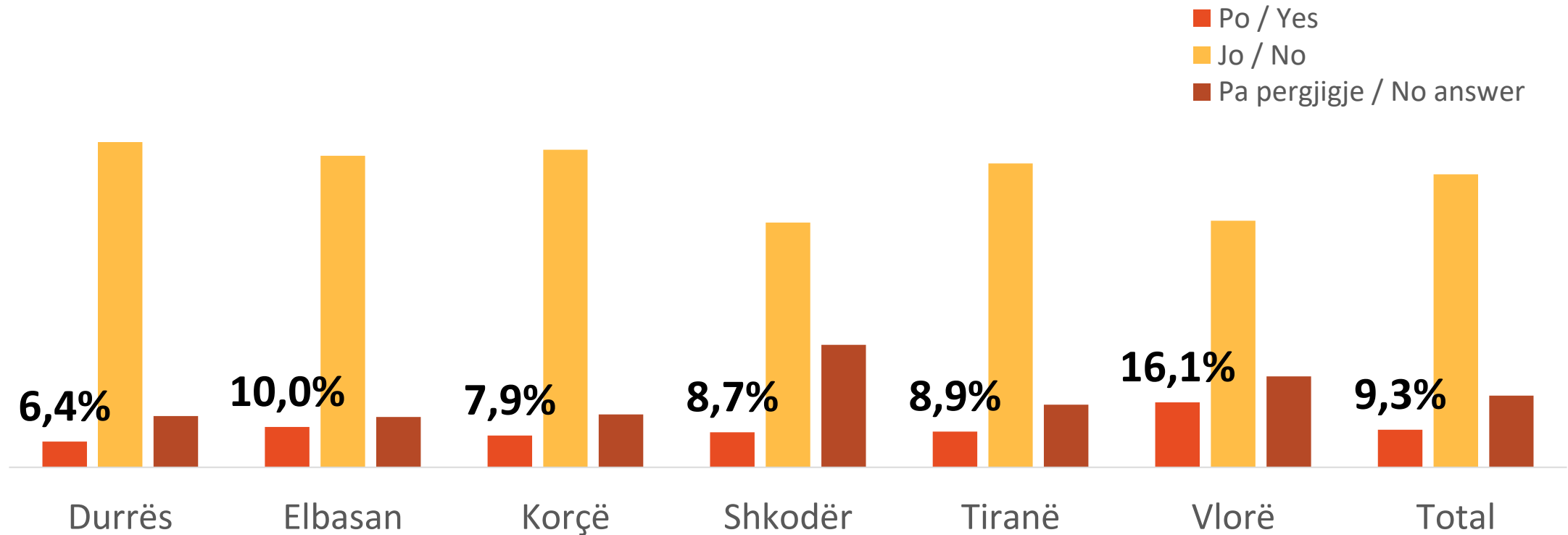


# What did you think or do when you were faced with cases of violence against LGBTI adolescents?



# What is your opinion towards LGBTI adolescents?

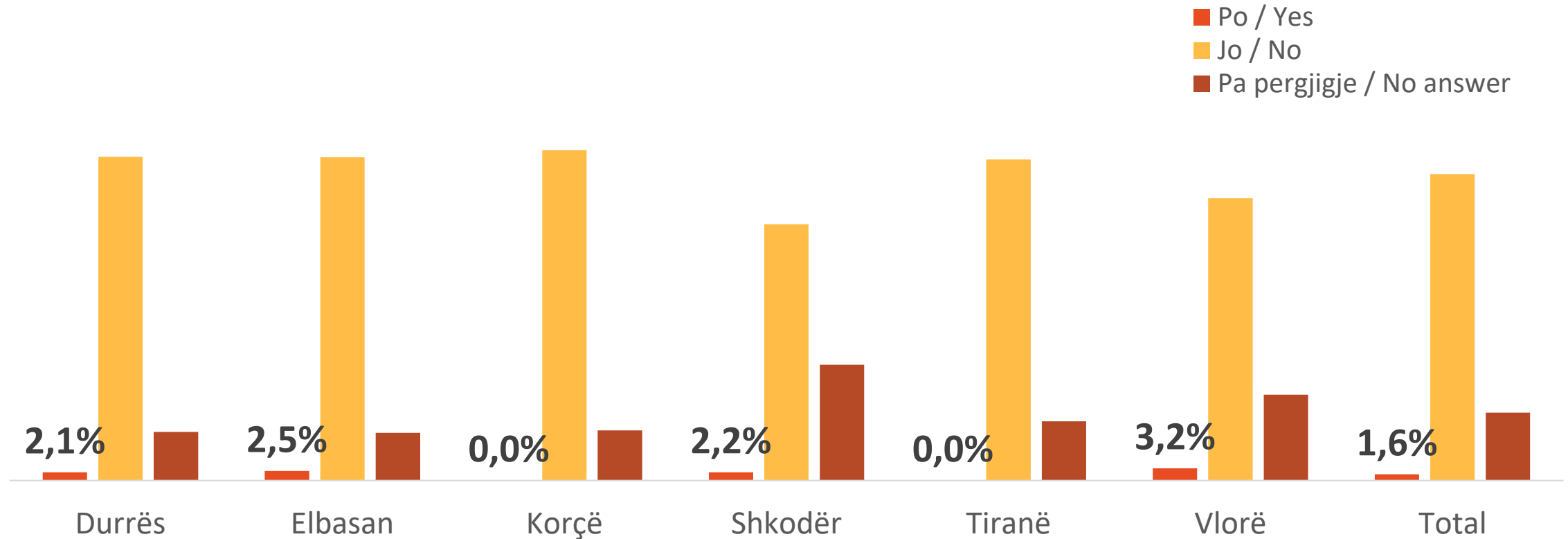
Answer: I cannot accept them (Yes answers)





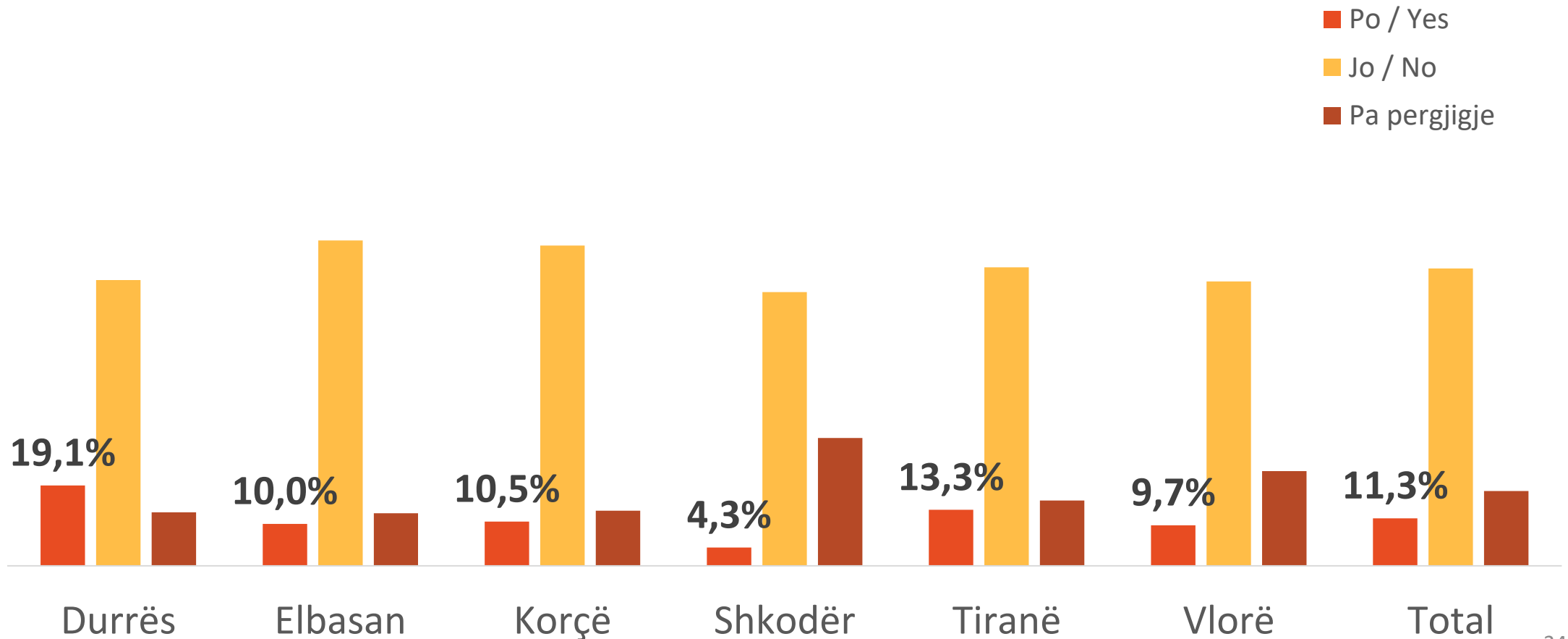
# What is your opinion towards LGBTI adolescents?

They shall be prohibited to come to the school (Yes answers highlighted)



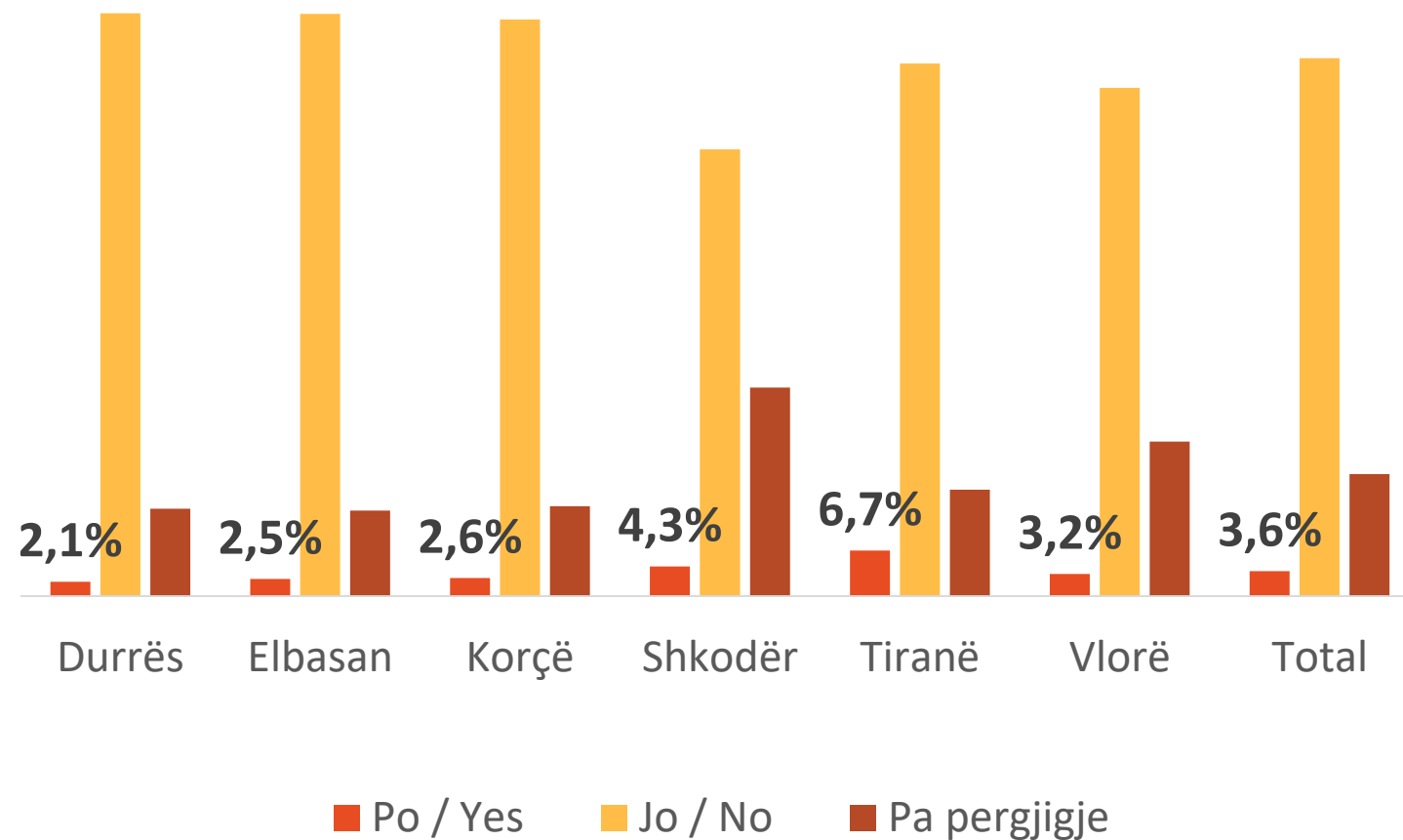
# What is your opinion towards LGBTI adolescents?

**They are influenced by the internet** (Yes answers)



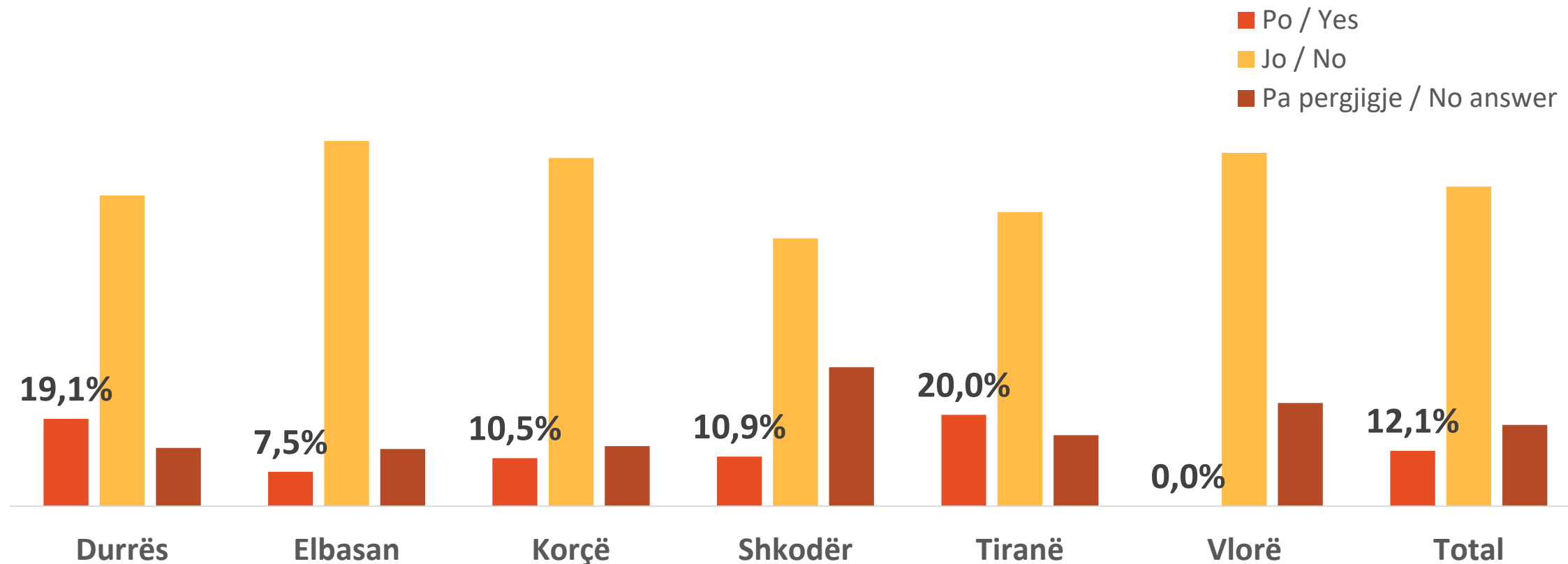
What is your opinion towards LGBTI adolescents?

Shall be prohibited by the law  
(Yes answers)



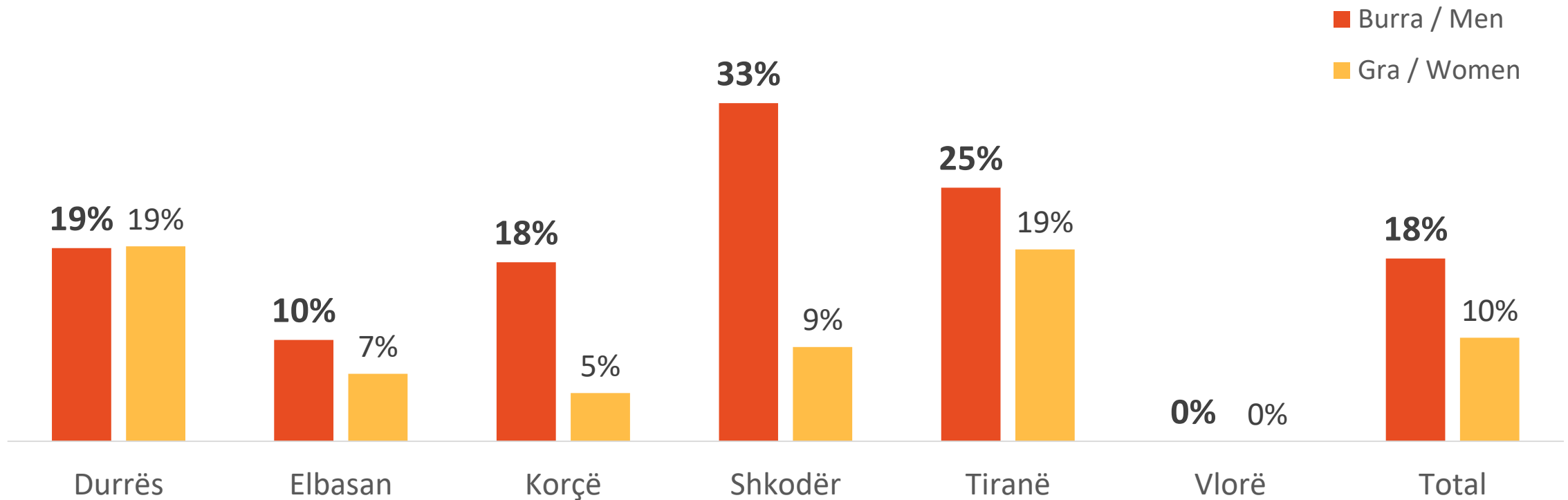
# What is your opinion towards LGBTI adolescents?

They are sick and they should seek treatment



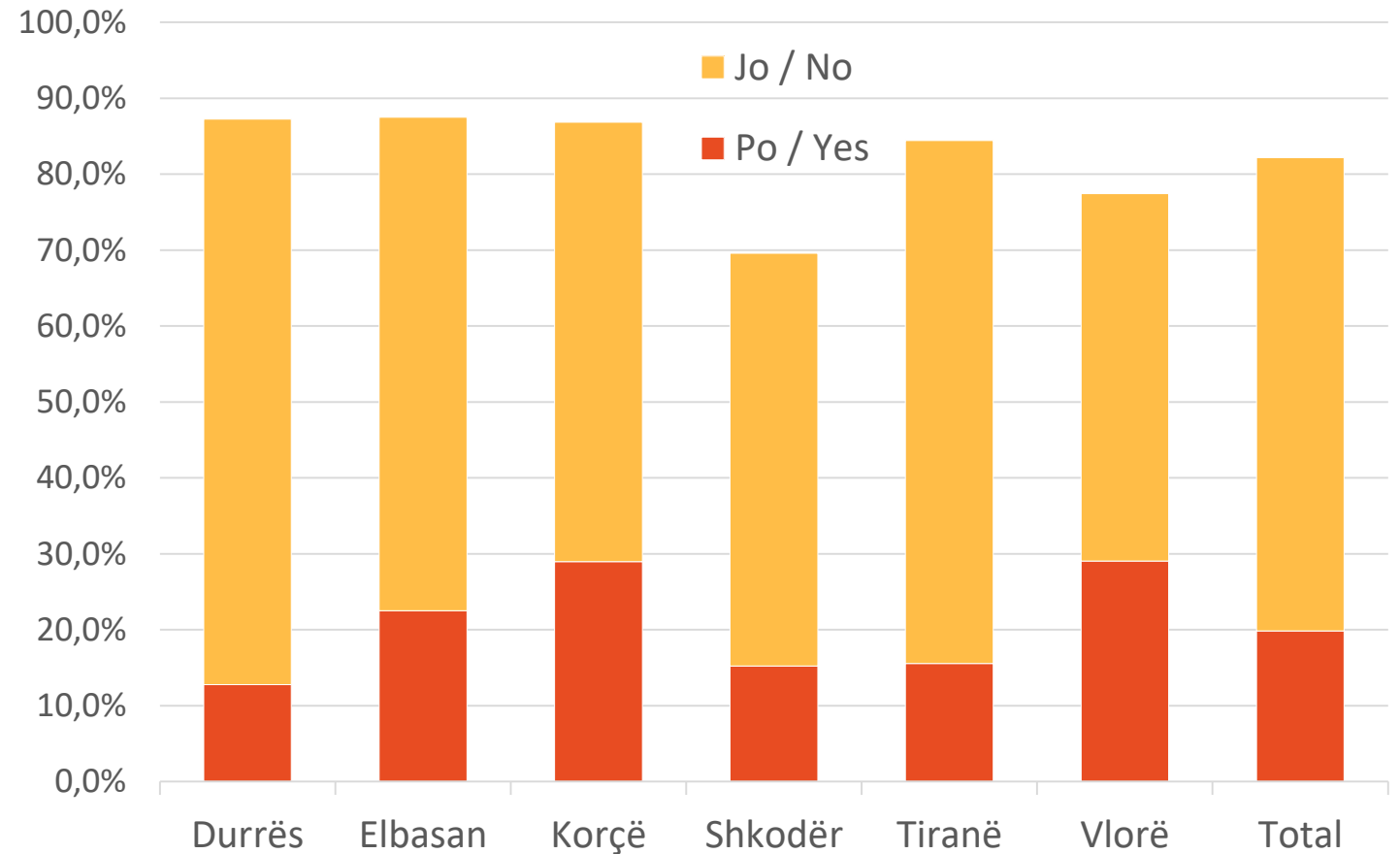
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(answers per gender in %)



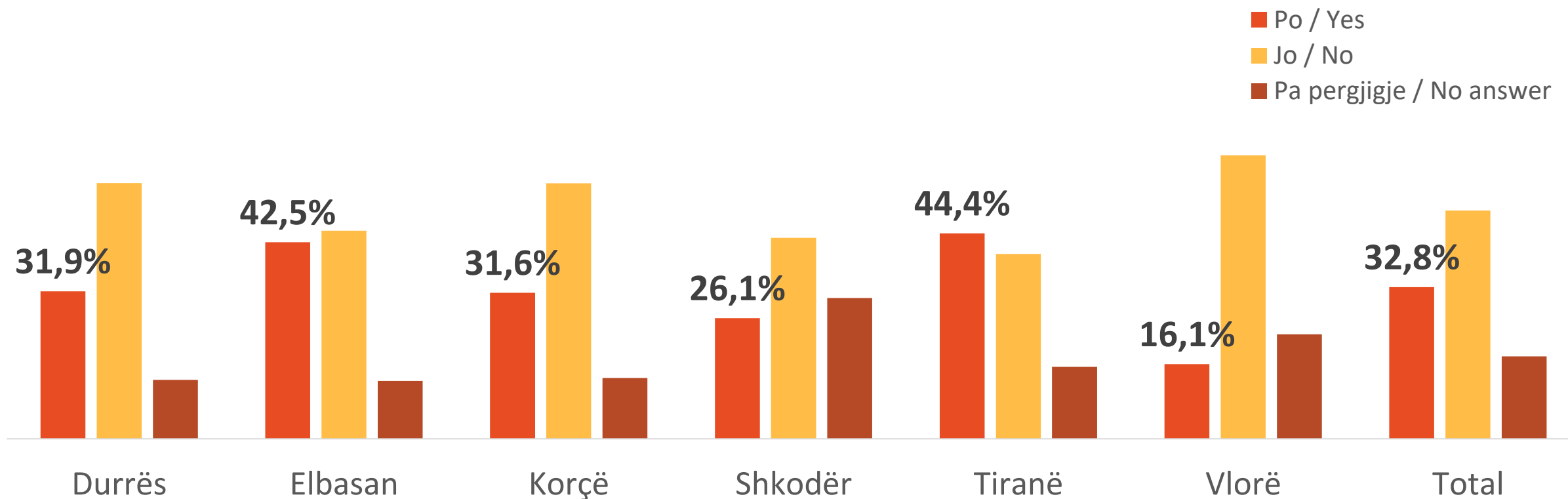
What is your opinion towards LGBTI adolescents?

They are victims of discrimination and shall be supported



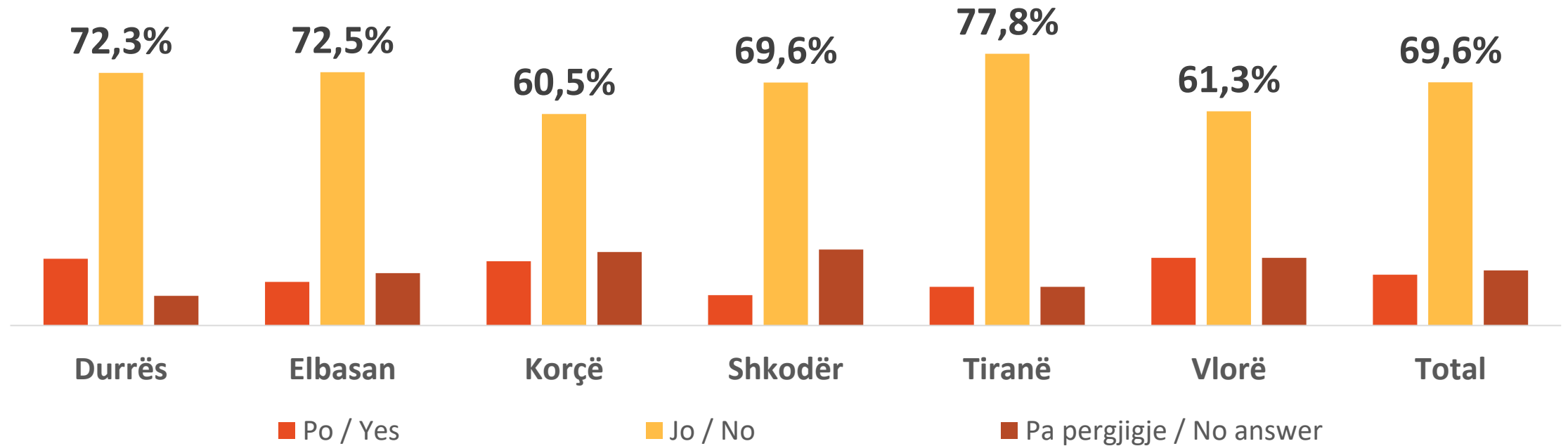
# What is your opinion towards LGBTI adolescents?

They are more than fine with me, I respect them



# If your child was LGBTI what would you have done?

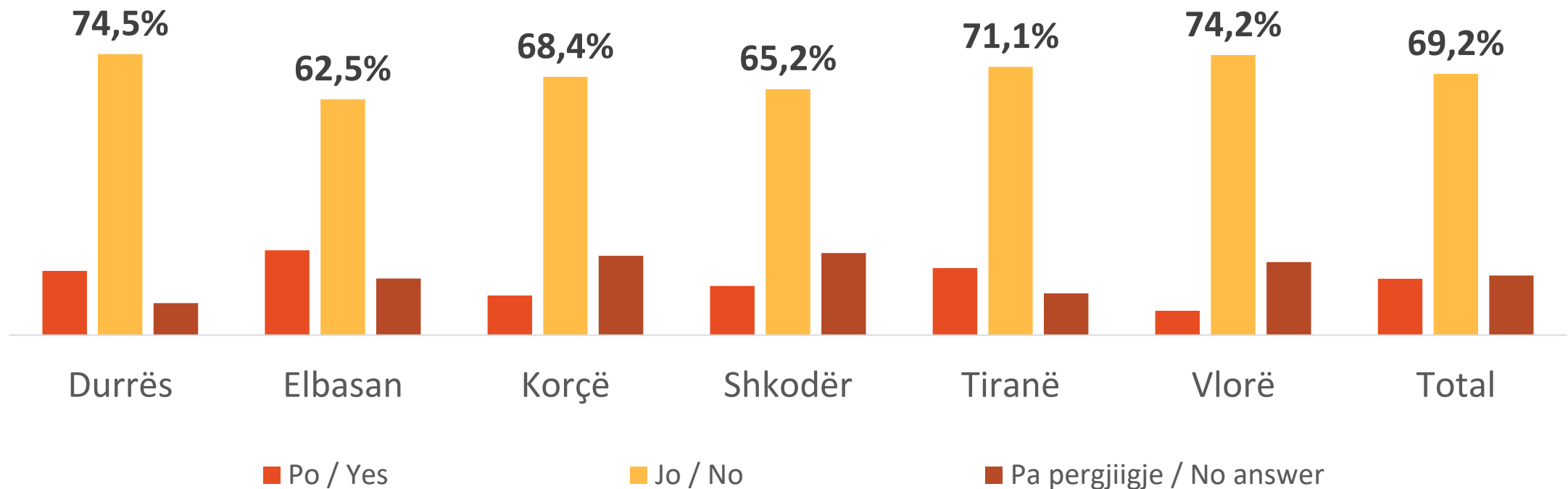
I would support him/her





# If your child was LGBTI what would you have done?

I will accept, respect and support him/her





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