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Survey on European China Policy

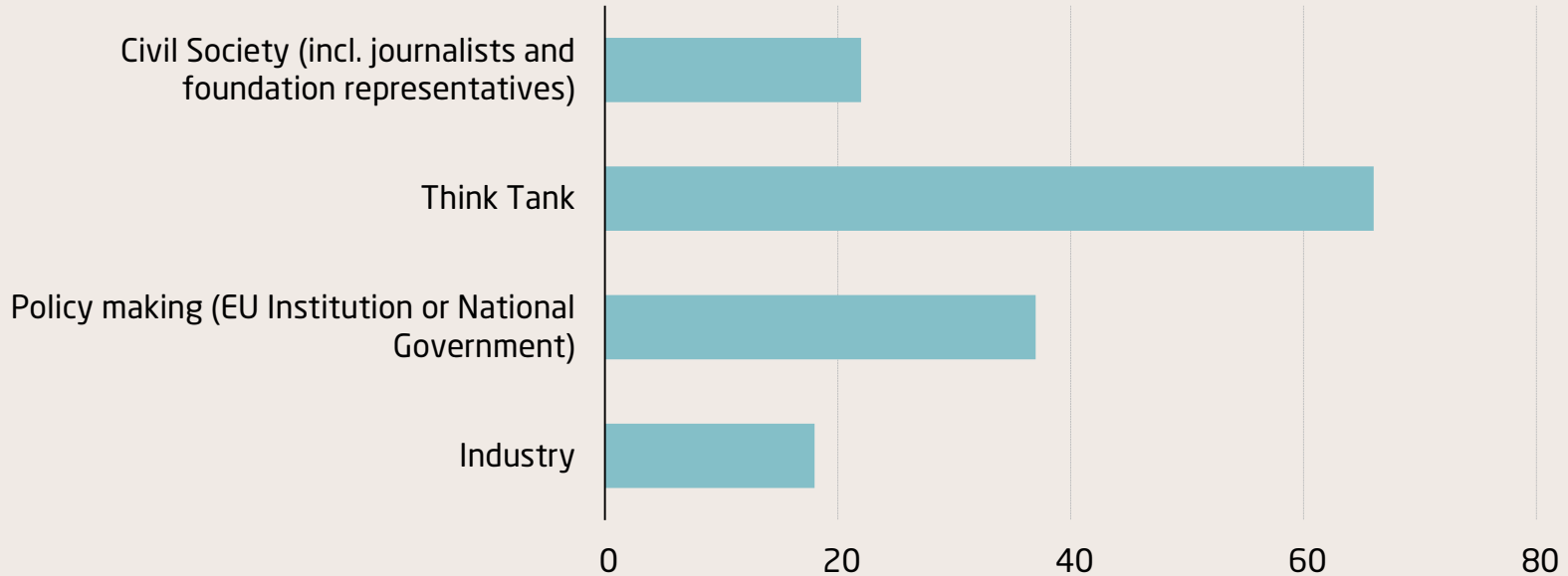
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Origin of survey participants* (1)



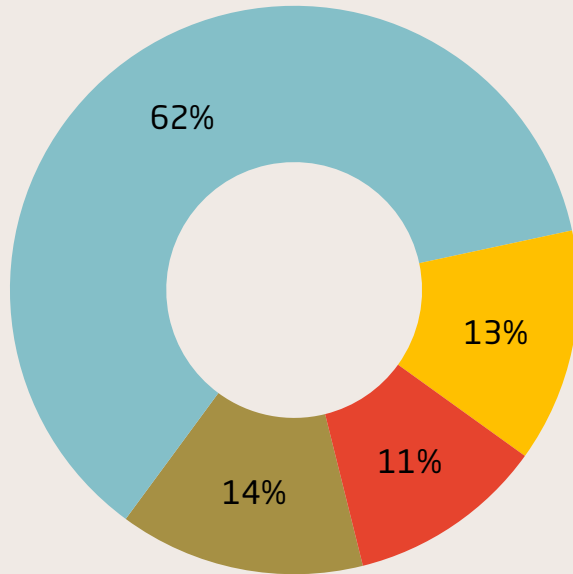
Q: Which of the following best describes your current affiliation?



Origin of survey participants (2)



Q: Where is your organization headquartered?



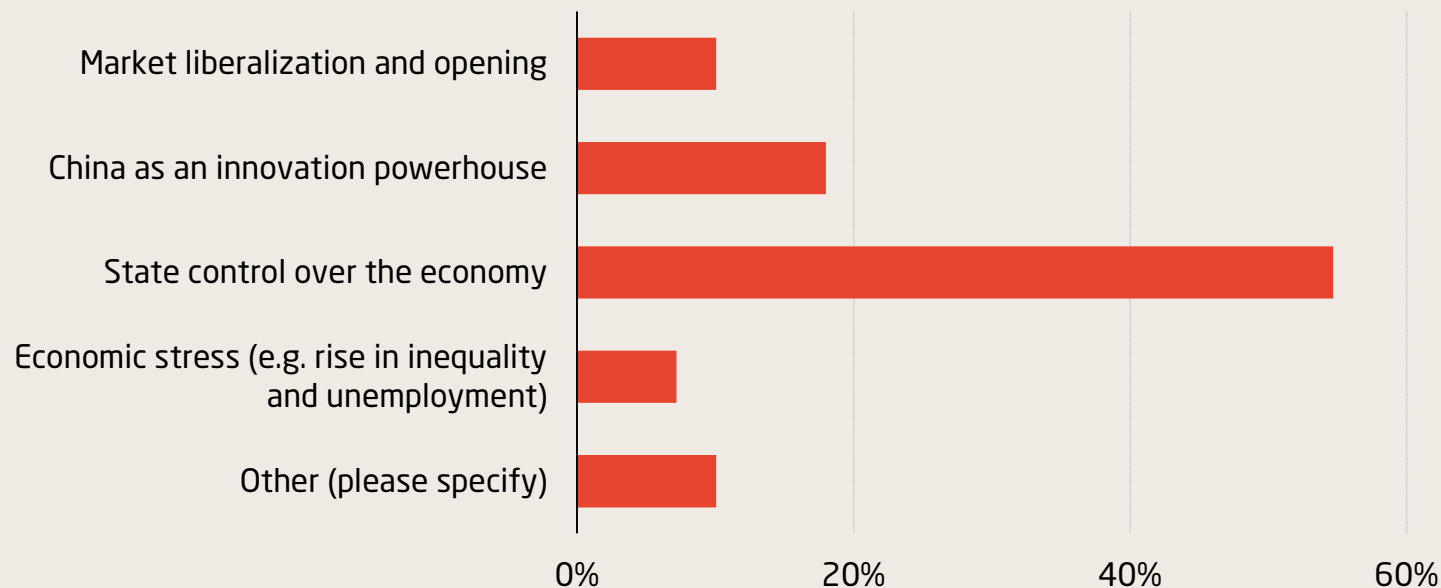
- Northern Europe (Scandinavian countries)
- Western Europe (incl. Austria, France and Germany)
- Southern Europe (Mediterranean countries)
- Central and Eastern Europe (incl. the Baltic states)

The party state is expected to expand its role in the economy



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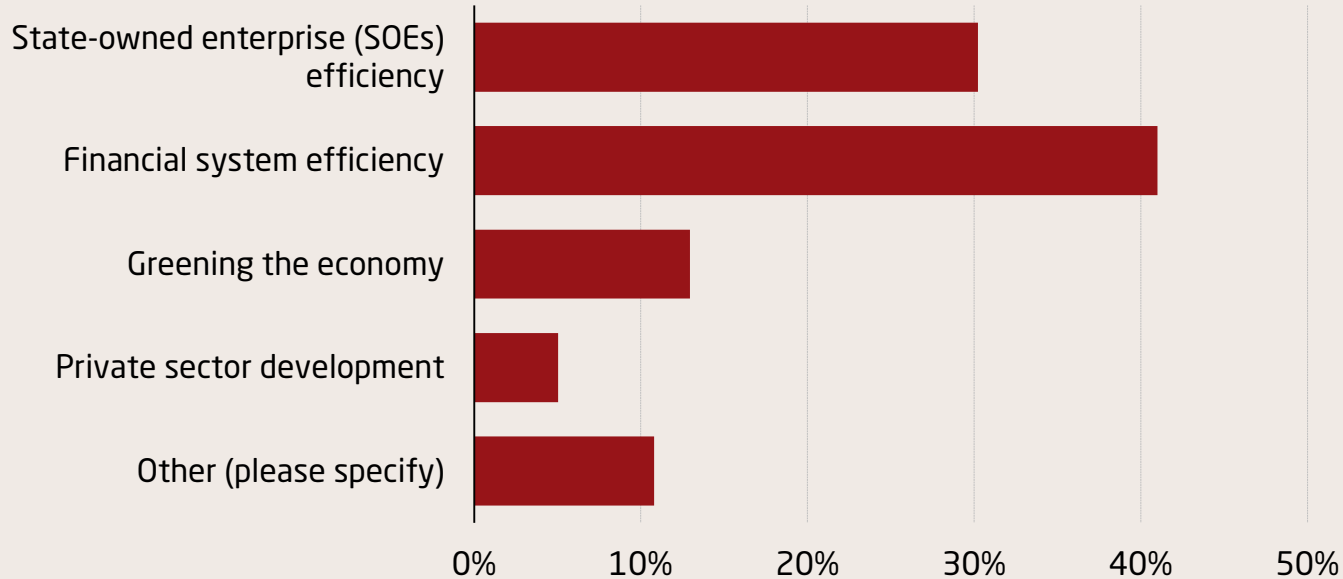
Q: In your view, what will be Europe's dominant narrative on China's economy in 2020?



Improving China's financial system remains a critical task



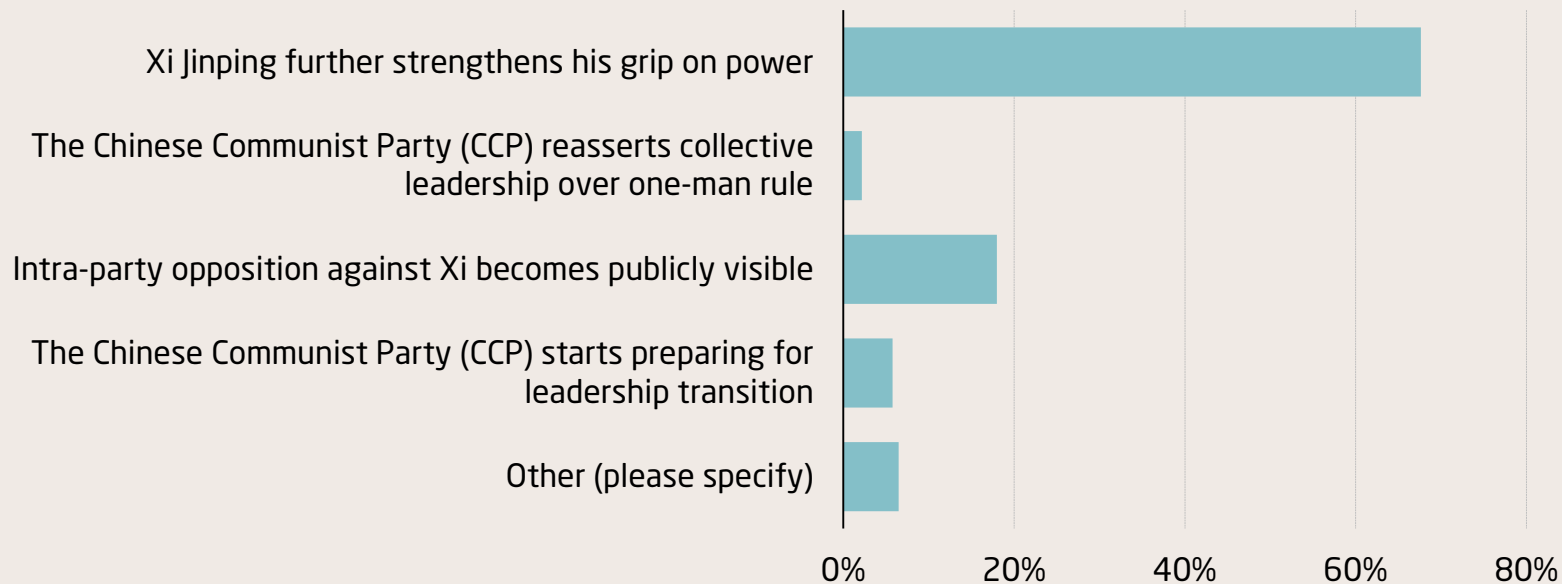
Q: What would you expect China's reform efforts to focus on in 2020?



Xi Jinping is believed to still rule over everything



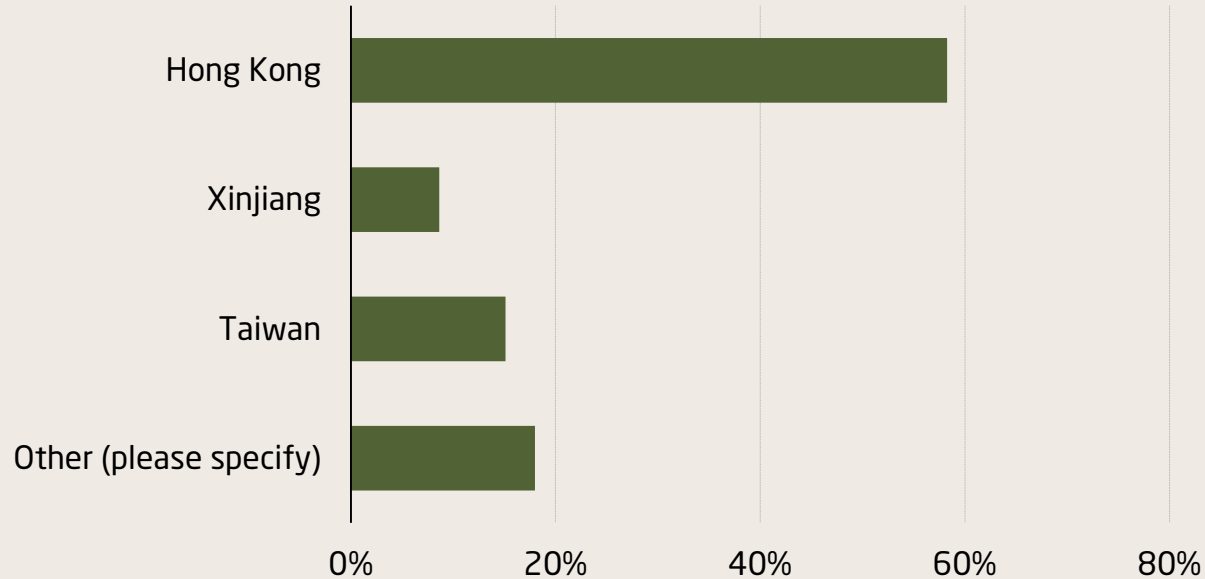
Q: In your opinion, which course will China's leadership take in 2020?



“One country, two systems” is the biggest leadership challenge



Q: Which of the following will be the biggest test for the CCP leadership in 2020?

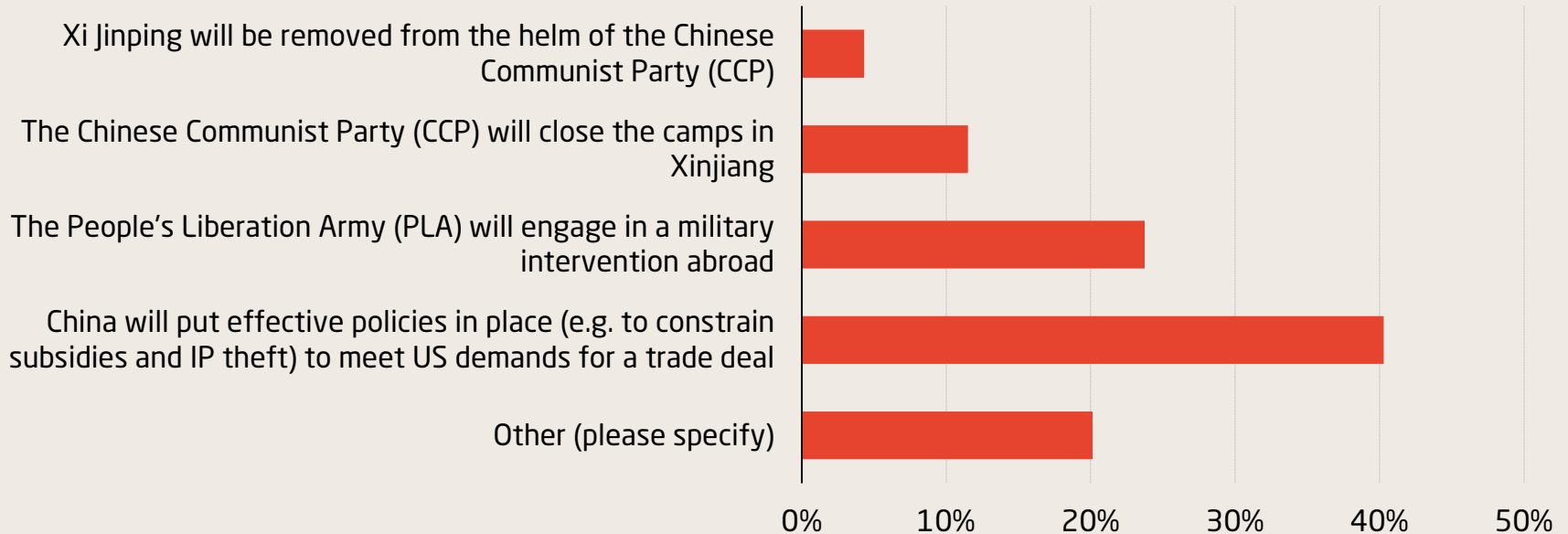


The US might still succeed at spurring China to advance economic reforms



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Q: "Black swans": What development is most likely to take place over the course of 2020?



Political issues have come to the forefront of Europe-China relations



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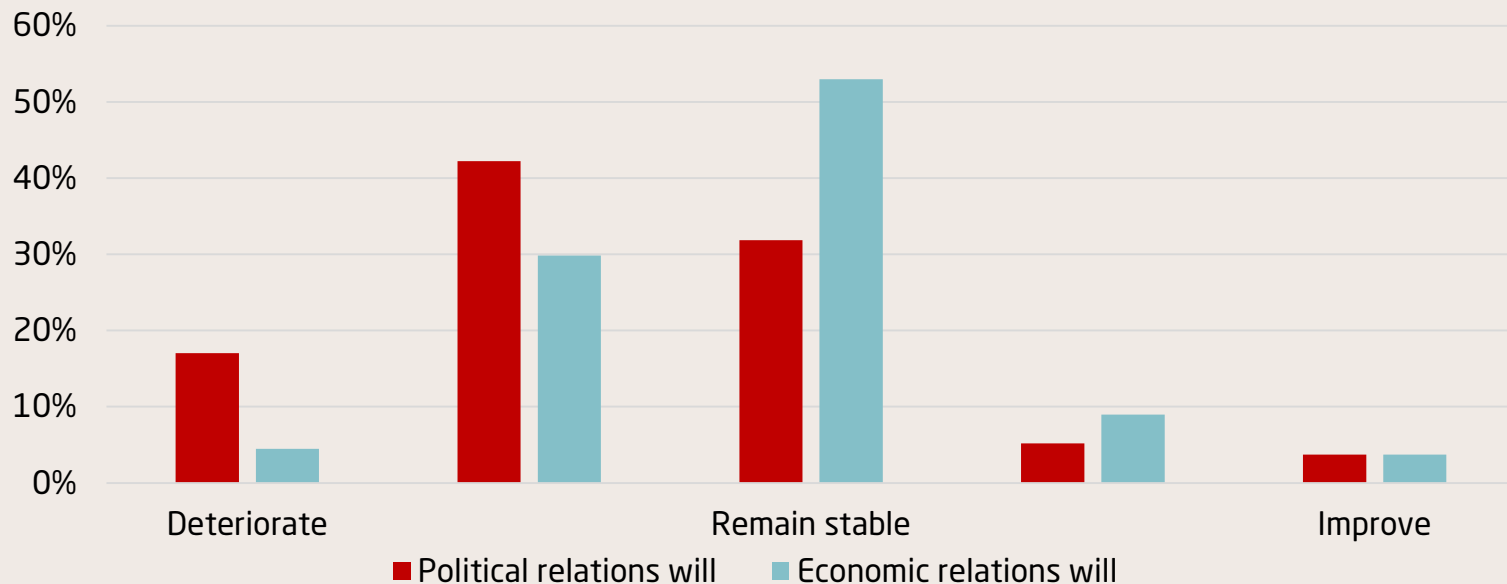
Q: EU-China relations in 2020 will most likely be strained by ...



“Hot economics, cold politics” might become a defining feature of Europe-China relations



Q: Overall, how do you expect Europe-China relations to evolve in 2020?

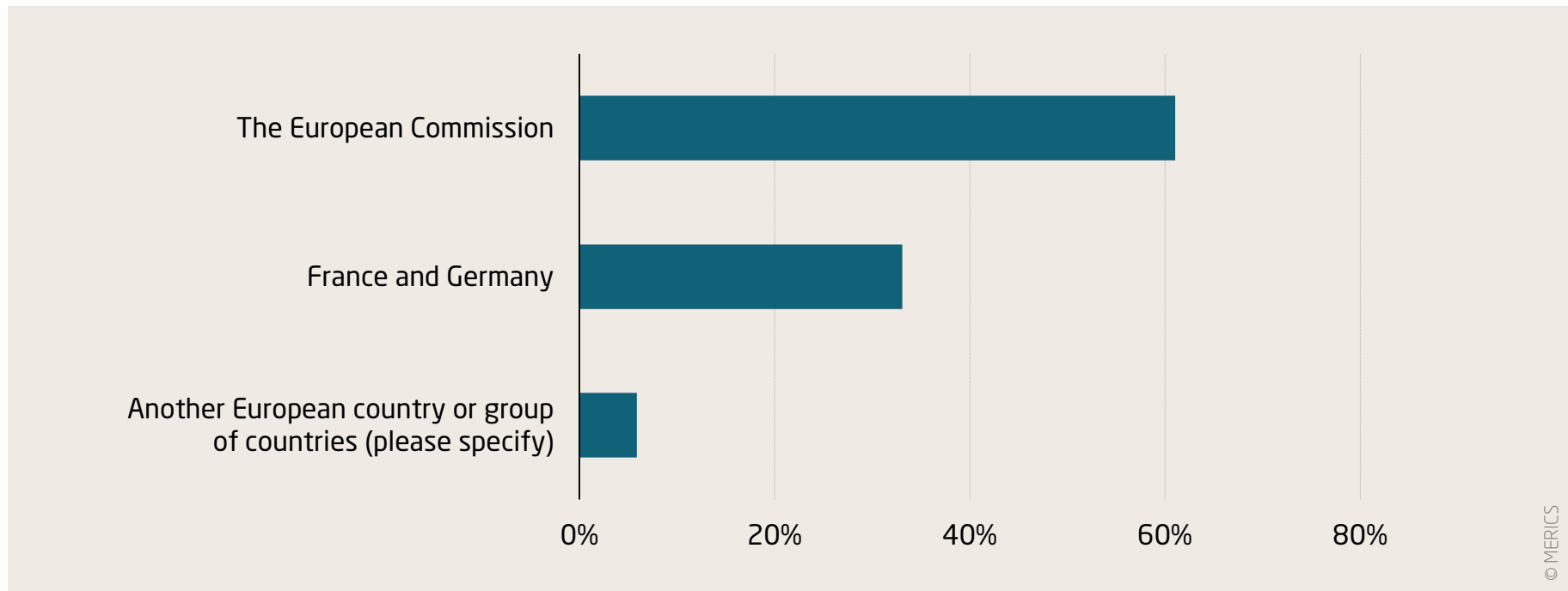


European experts want to see Brussels in the lead on a unified China policy



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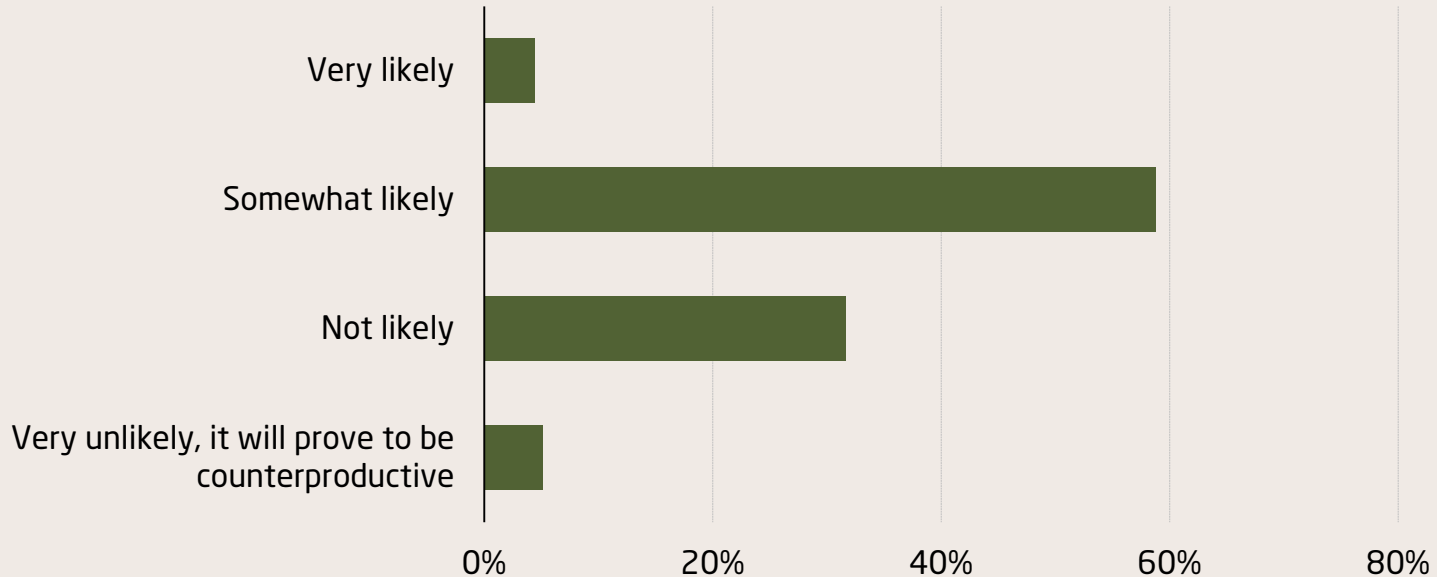
Q: In 2020, who do you think should take the lead in promoting a unified European China policy?



Germany must roll up its sleeves to make Leipzig worthwhile



Q: What's the likelihood that the 27+1 summit will foster European unity?

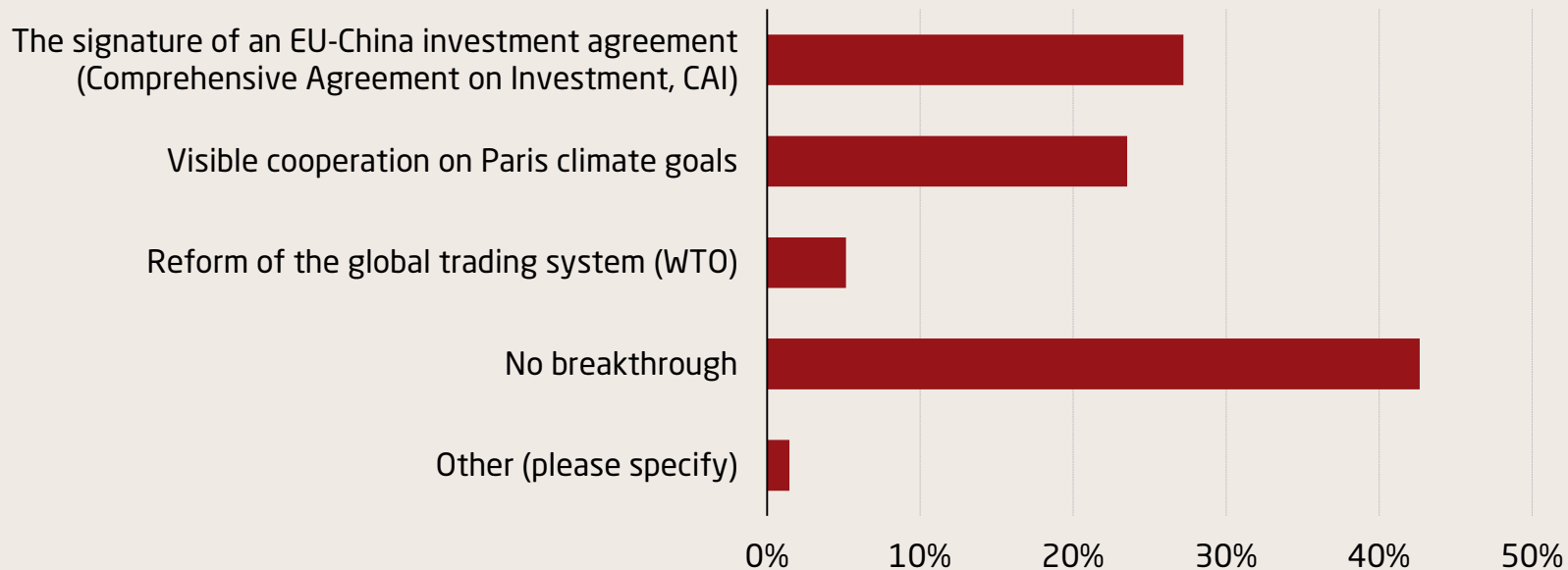


Prospects of breakthrough on EU-China stated goals are uncertain



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Q: In 2020, the EU and China will hail breakthrough in ...

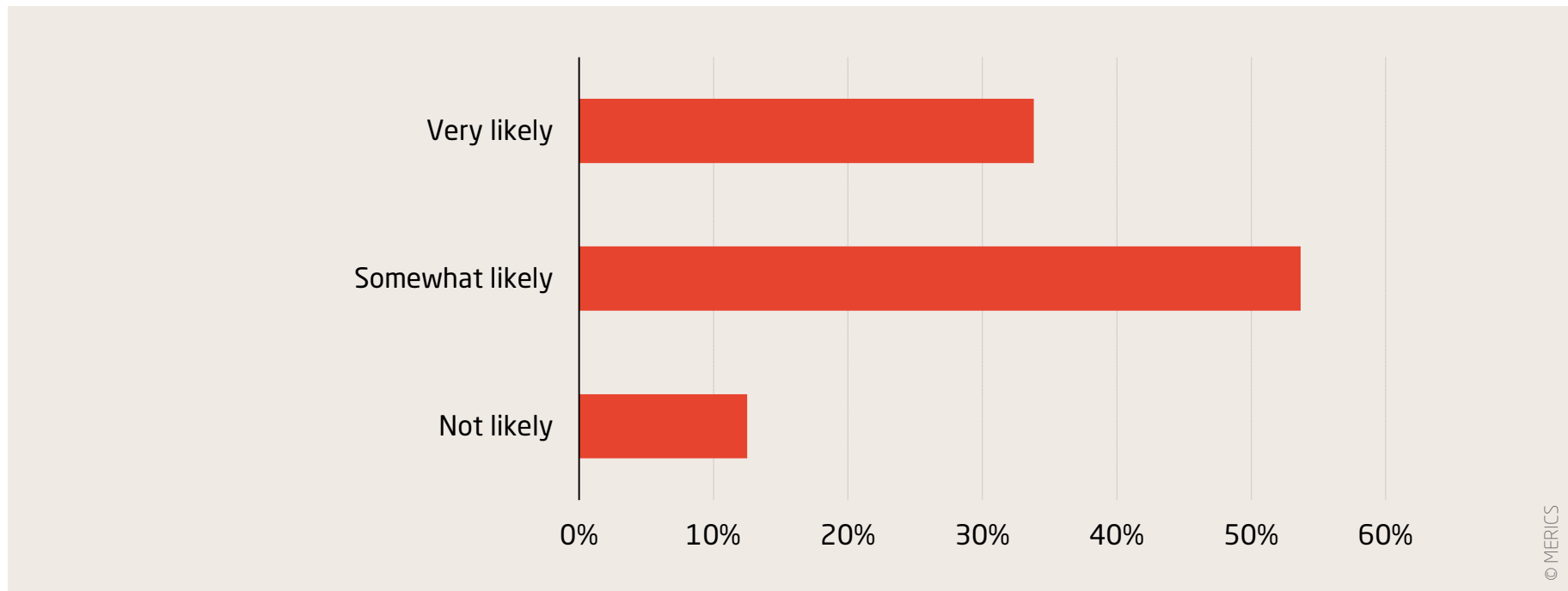


Not quite China's "year of Europe", but Europe will be higher on China's agenda



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Q: Amidst tensions with the US, how likely is it that deepening relations with Europe will be a priority for China in 2020?

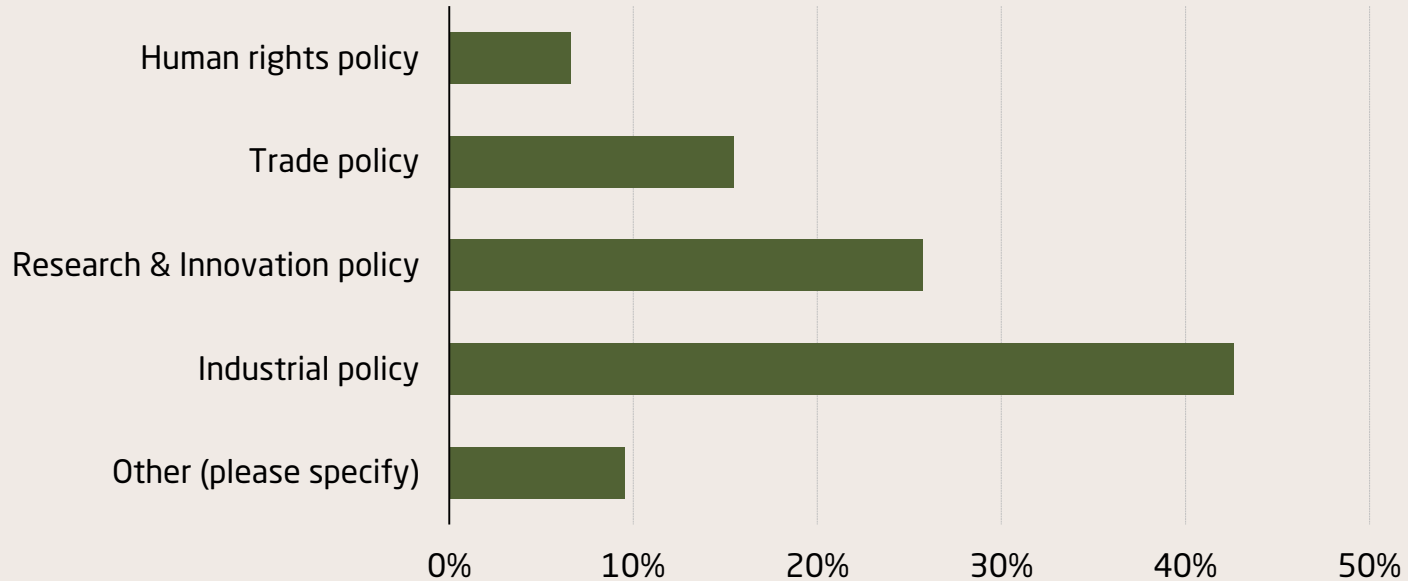


Europe's industrial and innovation capabilities are key to get relations with China right



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Q: Which area of EU policy is in most need of (re-)drafting to assert European interests vis-à-vis China?

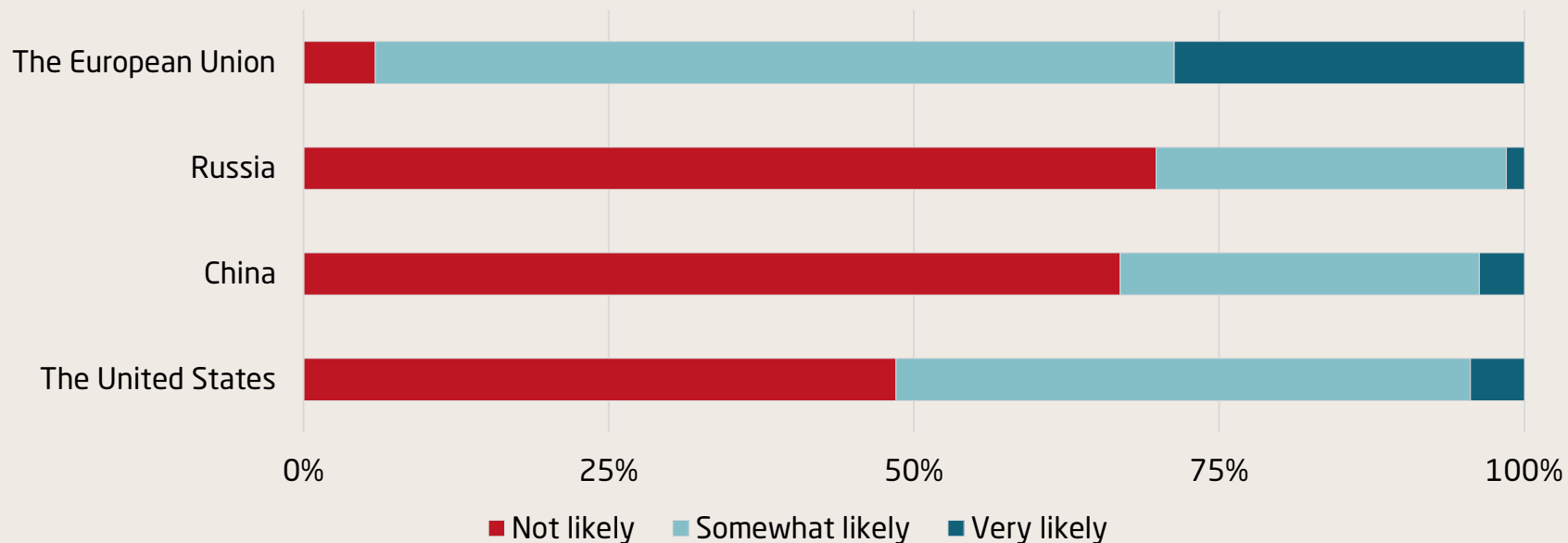


A changing geopolitical landscape could foster European unity



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Q: How likely is it that the majority of European states will draw closer to the following countries (the EU) in 2020?

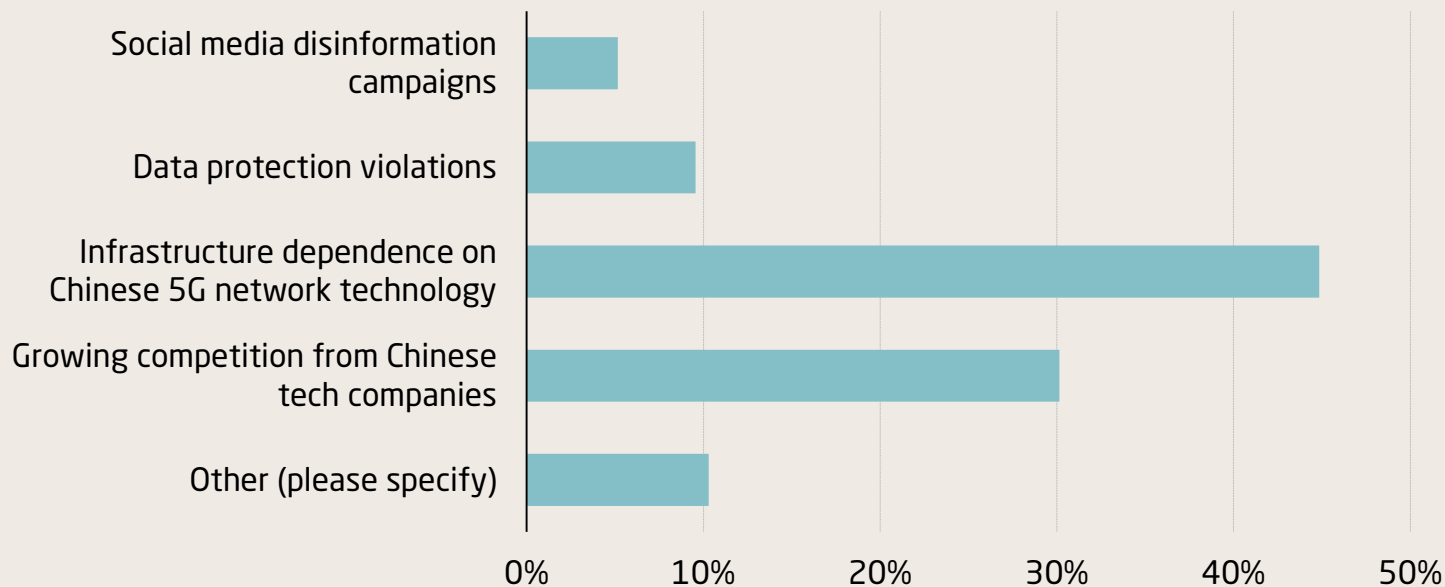


Europe must avoid dependence on Chinese 5G technology



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Q: What is the main challenge that China's rise as a digital superpower poses to Europe in 2020?





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