

**The Internet Forum "25 Years After Chernobyl"  
"Paths towards a Culture of Transnational Remembrance"**

**Survey about Chernobyl**

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We often see the results of public opinion surveys on social, political, and economic attitudes of the population from a specific area, region, or country presented in mass media reflecting the realities on local, national, regional or European level. And we often wonder why the respondents in the sample responded so and not otherwise.

From time to time even we respond to such questionnaires on the Internet, on the street, on the telephone, at our office etc. because we want to express our beliefs on a specific issue. And all of these because we want to believe that our opinion is relevant and that we have something to say.

Usually, the results of public opinion surveys have both supporters and detractors mainly because they are dealing with social, political, and economic issues.

The participants of the project "25 Years After Chernobyl" - "Paths towards a Culture of Transnational Remembrance" proposed a switch from the classical issues of an opinion survey and conducted a survey on a topic that is already part of recent Europe and worldwide history, but a topic that still haunts Europe: the Chernobyl accident.

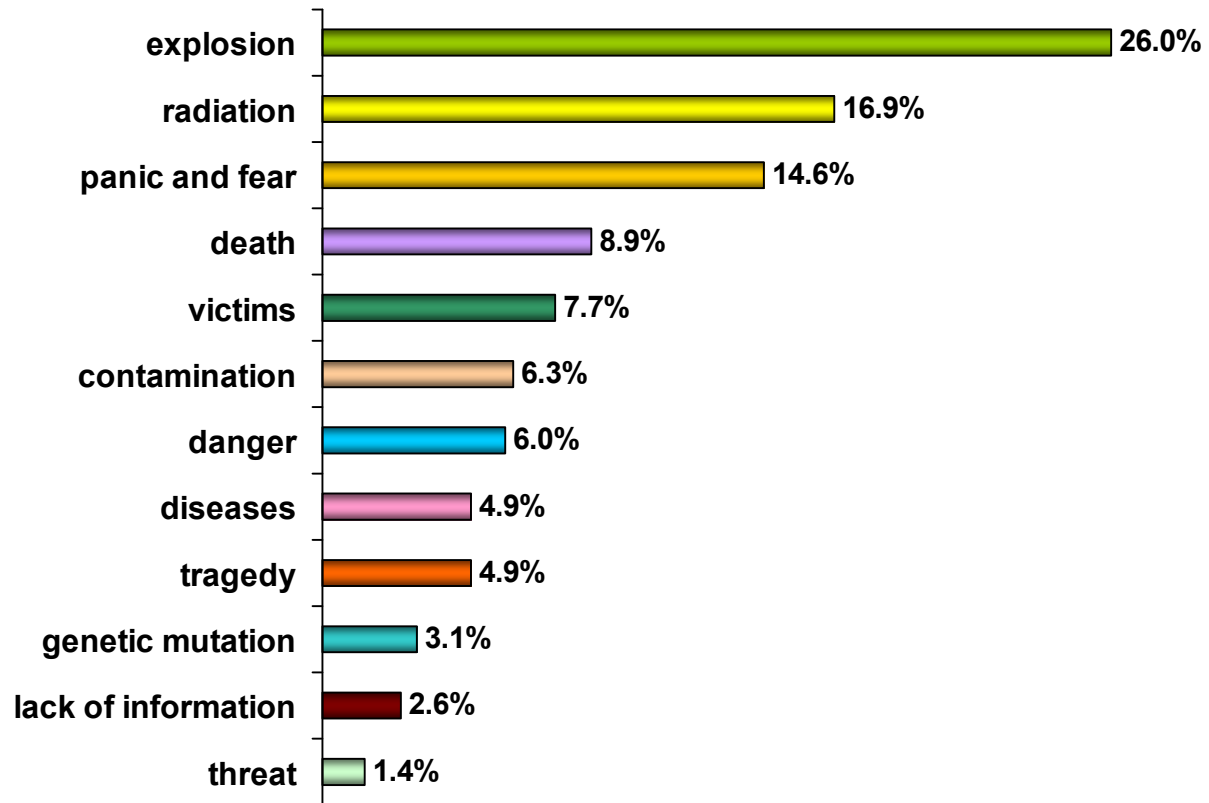
The questionnaire for the survey, prepared by the organizers, consisted of nine questions dealing with different aspects regarding people's views on the topic:

- respondents' personal approach:
  - **What associations do you have, when you hear the word "Chernobyl"?**
  - **How did the accident affect your personal life / life of your family?**
- respondents' background information:
  - **Where is Chernobyl located?**
  - **When did the accident in Chernobyl happen?**
  - **Which countries were most affected by the contaminated cloud?**
- the relevance of the event:
  - **Is it useful to occupy oneself with the accident in Chernobyl today?**
  - **What could be the best manner to deal with Chernobyl today?**
  - **What do you know about the situation in the Chernobyl region today?**
- the lesson learned:
  - **What are the most important lessons from Chernobyl?**

Each participant conducted a short survey by applying the questionnaire with five persons, who are old enough to remember the accident and also with five persons of younger age. Thus, at the end, the survey was conducted in 18 European countries and over 350 questionnaires resulted. The respondents' age ranged from 17 to 80 years, 55.14% were female and 44.86% male.

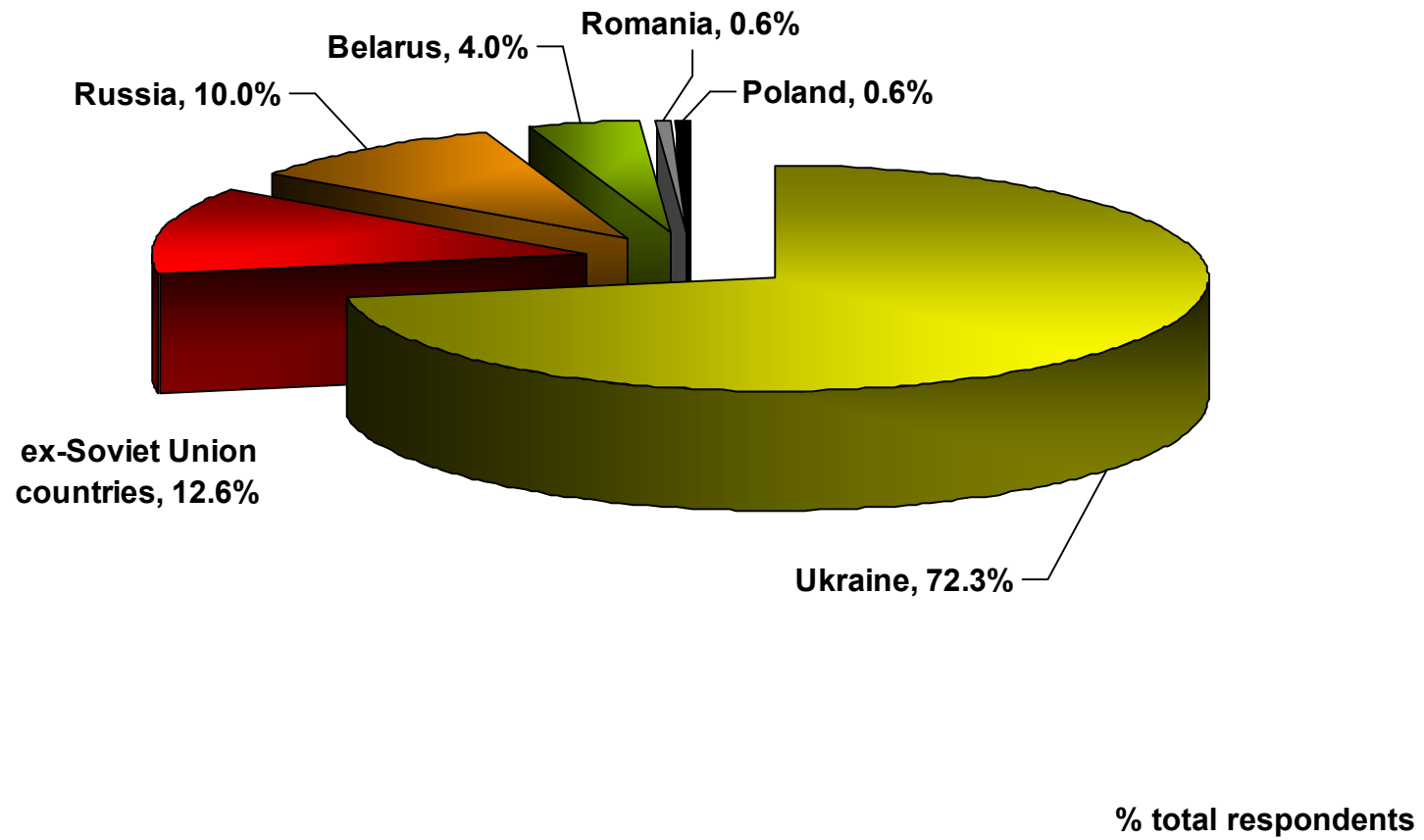
In order to have a clearer image on people's views on the topic we are presenting here the results of the survey that was carried out in January and February, both the results on the general population that answered to the survey, but also on the subgroups of the general population like the categories on age (young and adults) and geographical distribution (Eastern and Western countries).

## What associations do you have, when you hear the word “Chernobyl”?

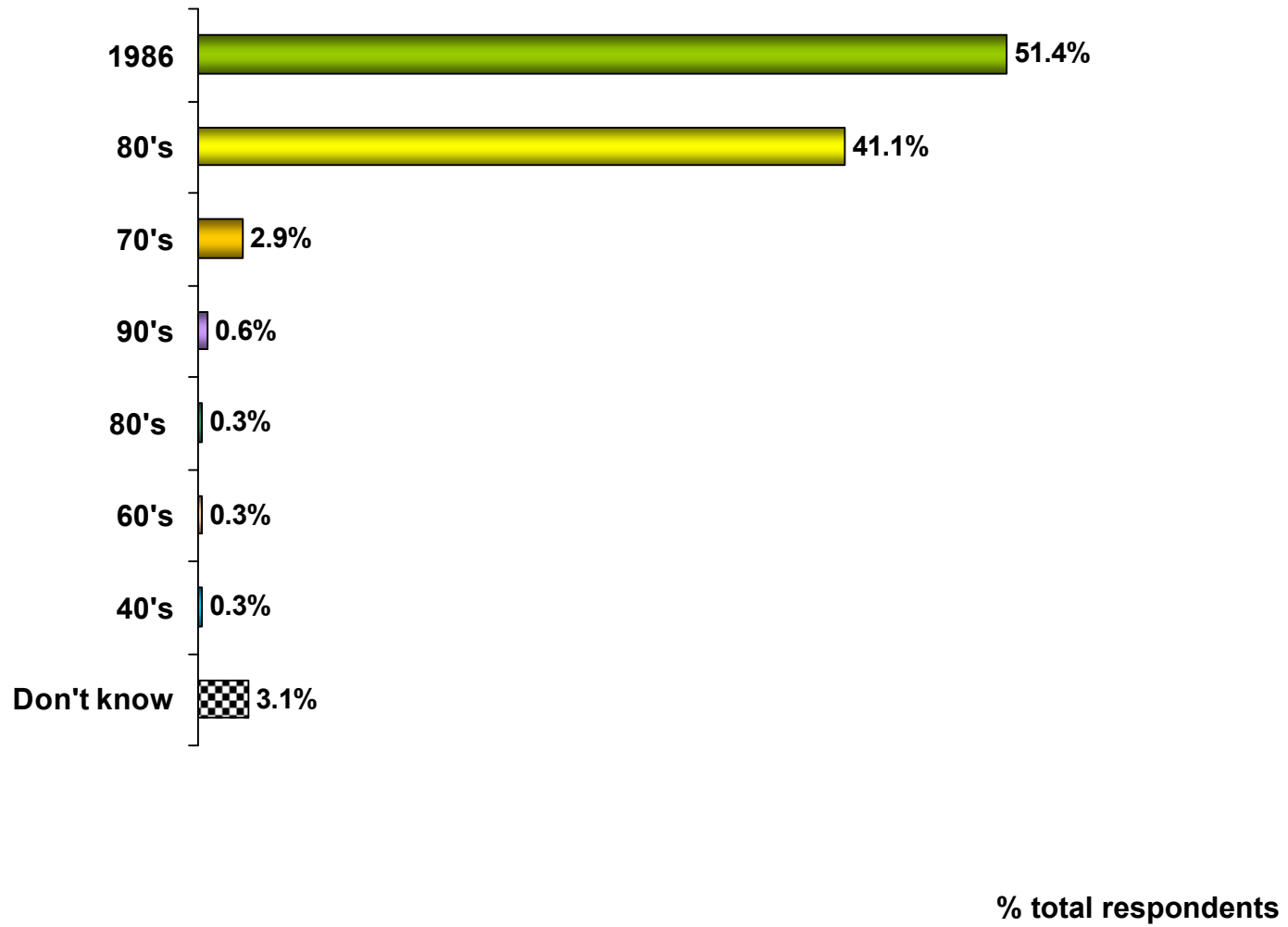


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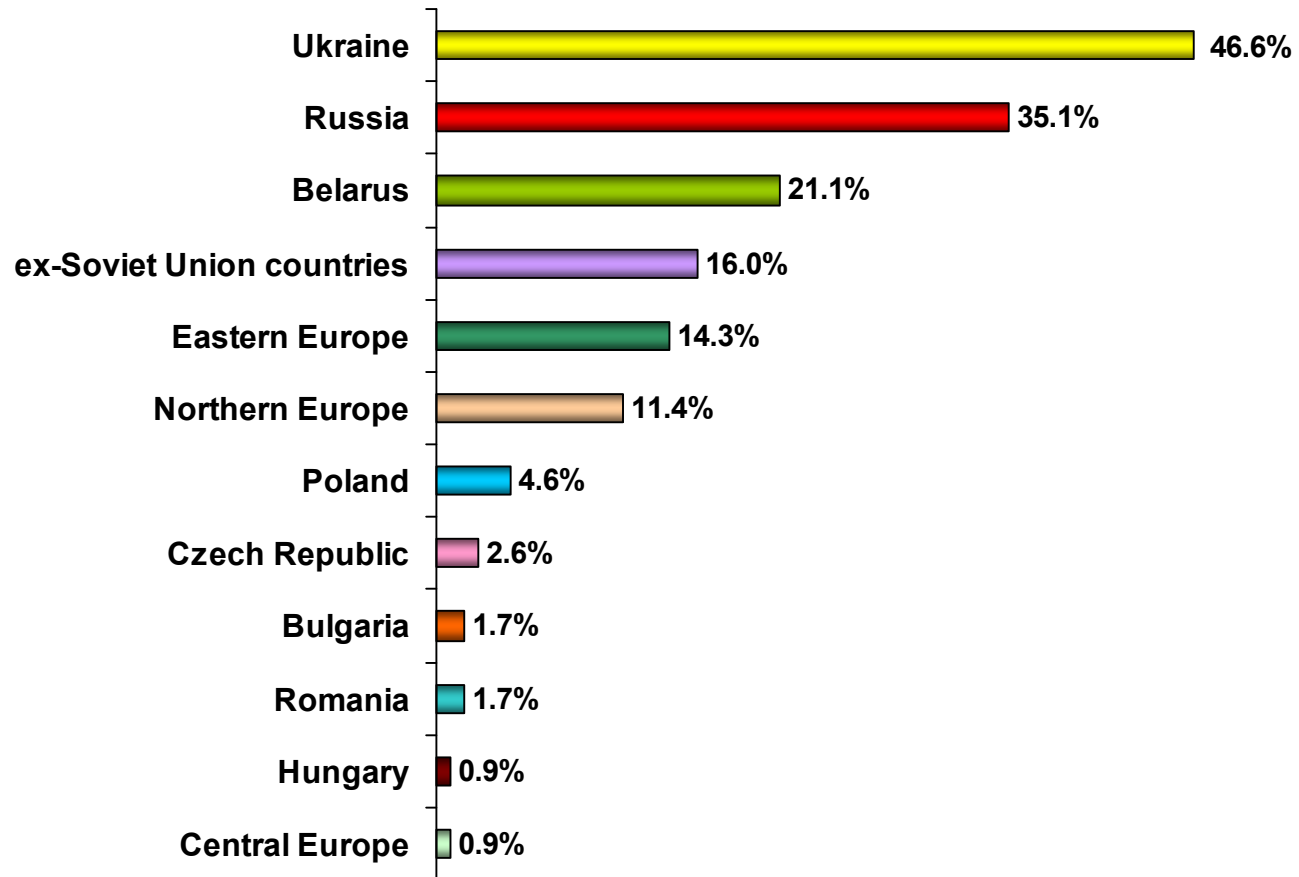
## Where is Chernobyl located?



## When did the accident in Chernobyl happen?



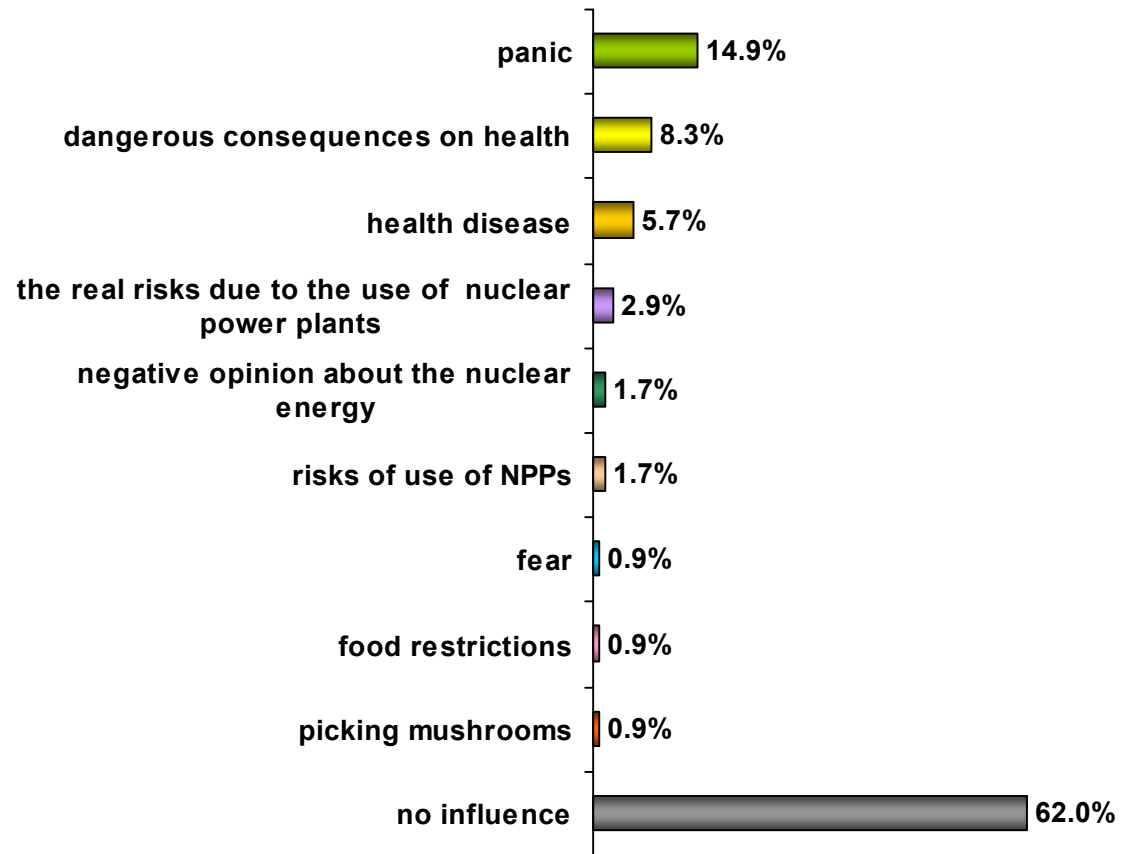
## Which countries were most affected by the contaminated cloud?



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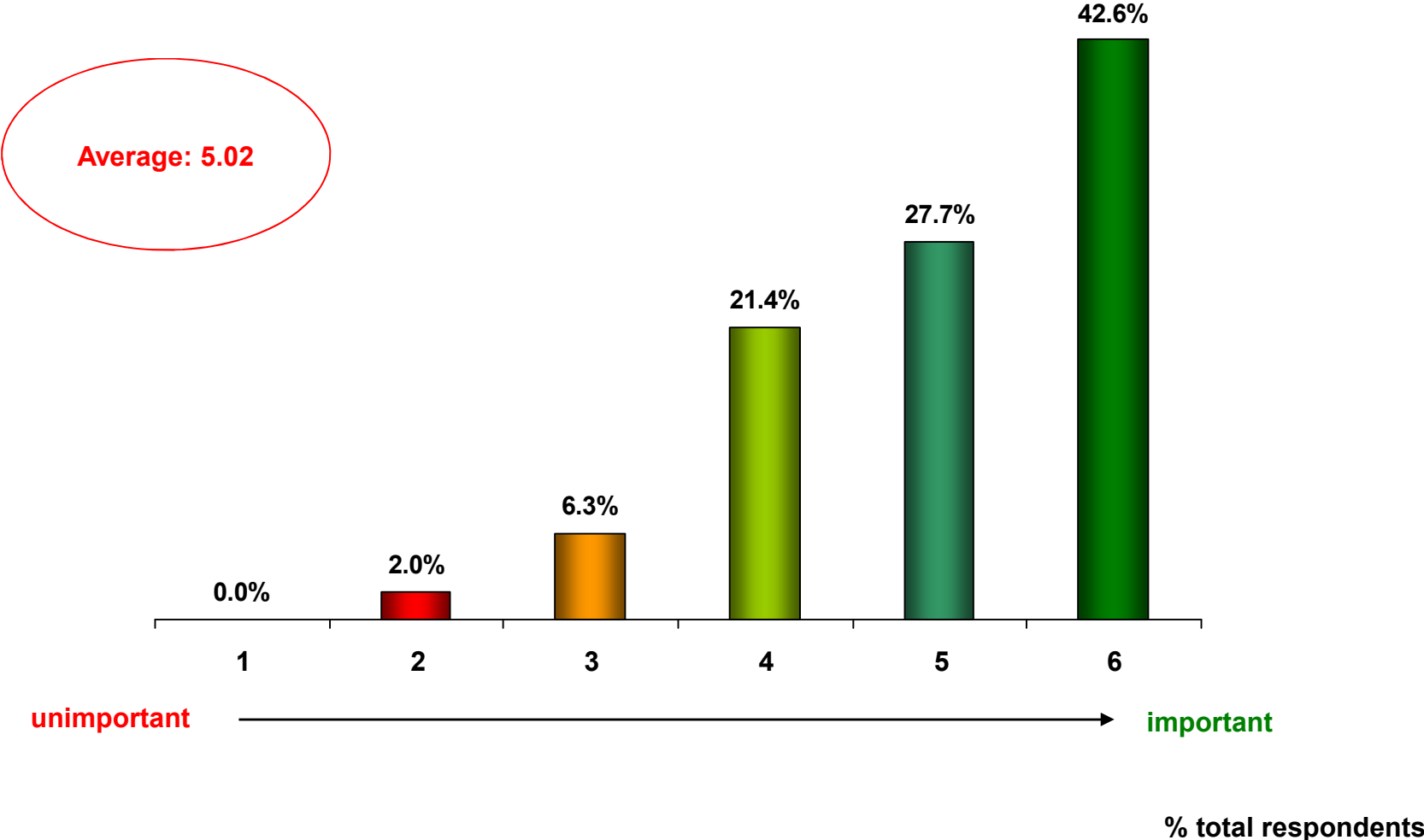


## How did the accident affect your personal life / life of your family?

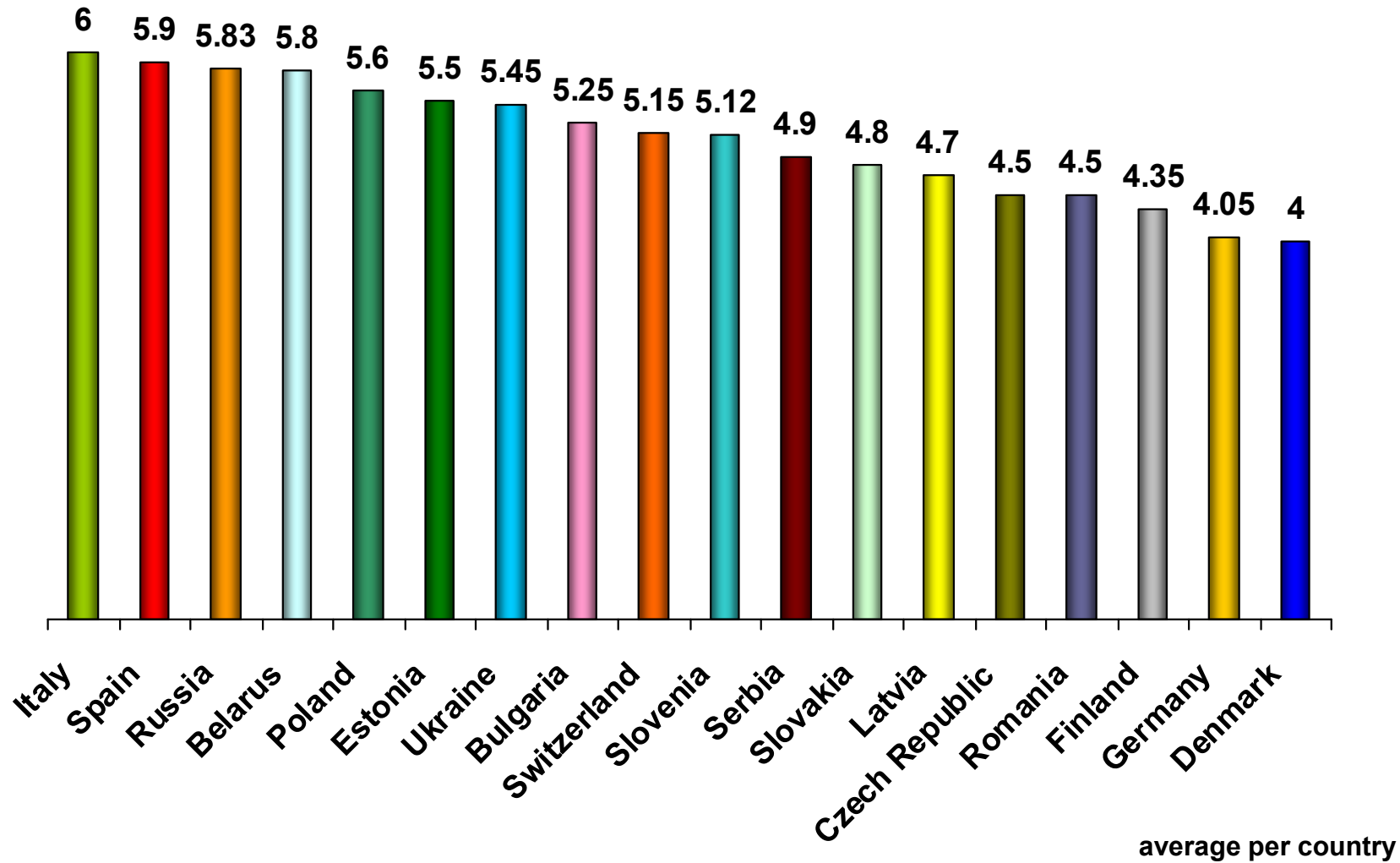


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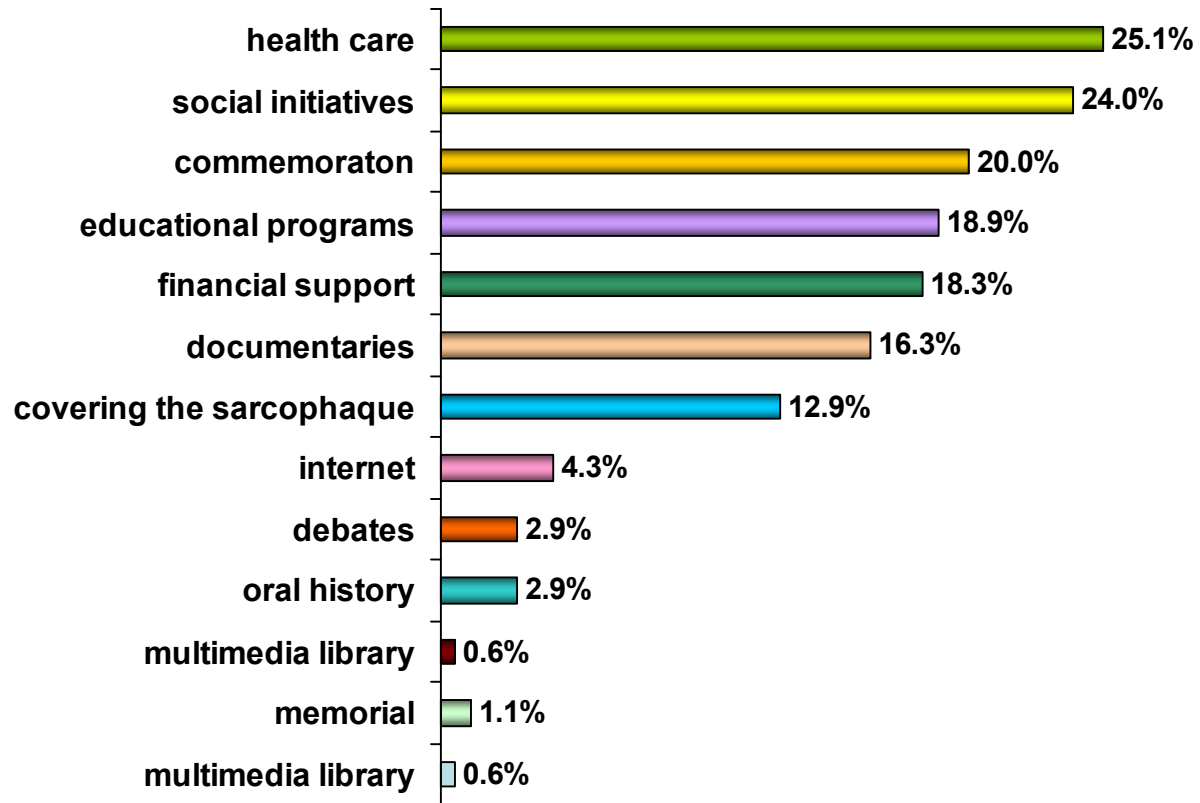
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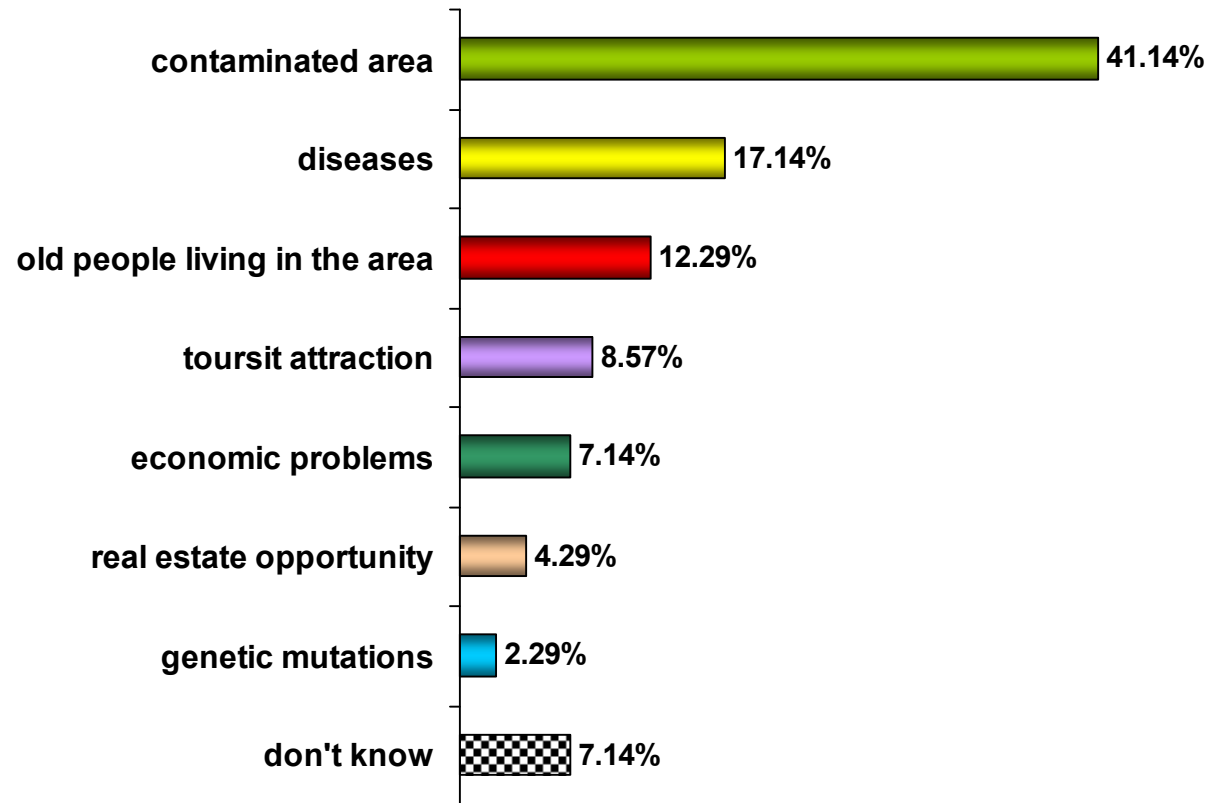


## What could be the best manner to deal with Chernobyl today?



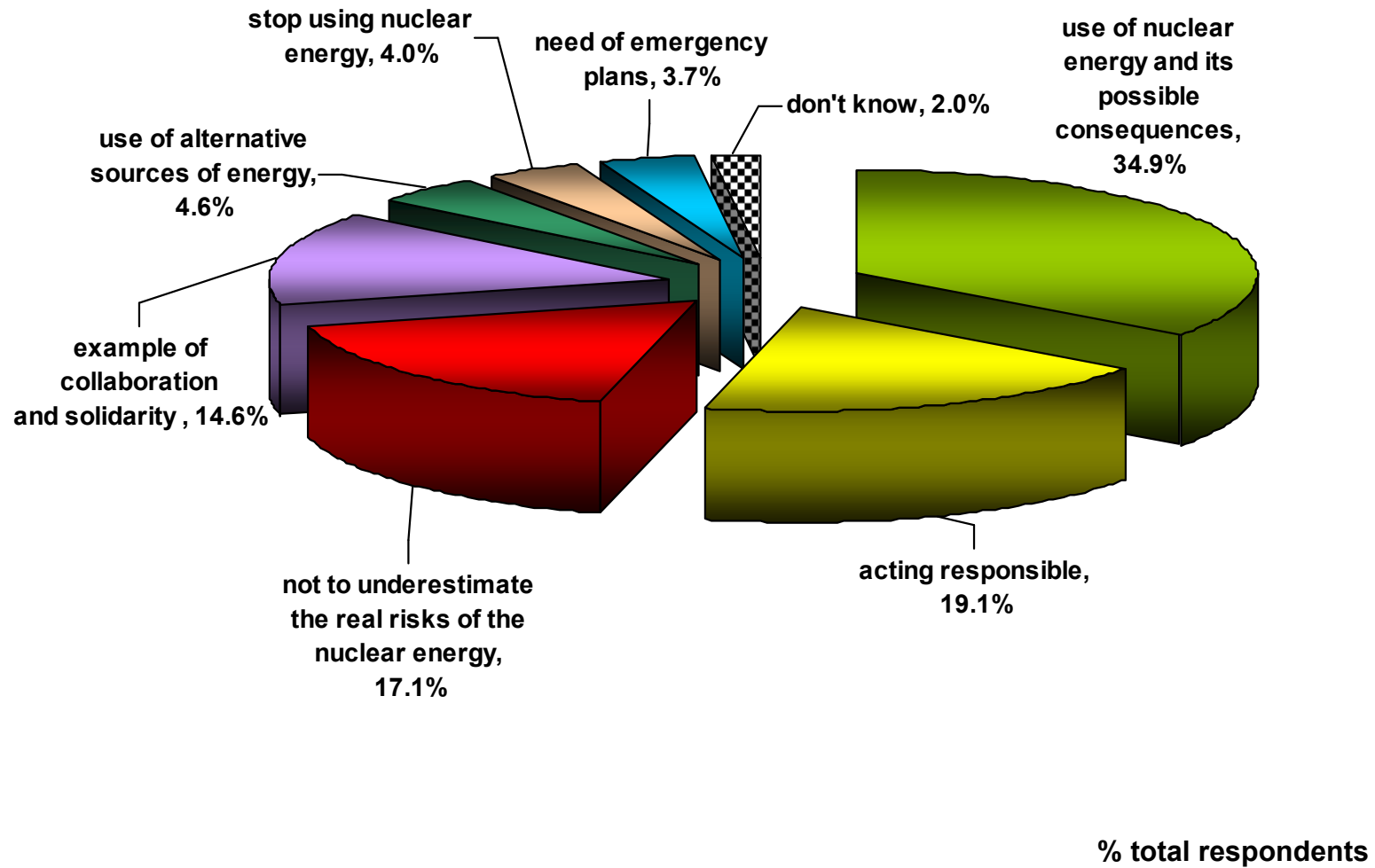
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## What do you know about the situation in the Chernobyl region today?

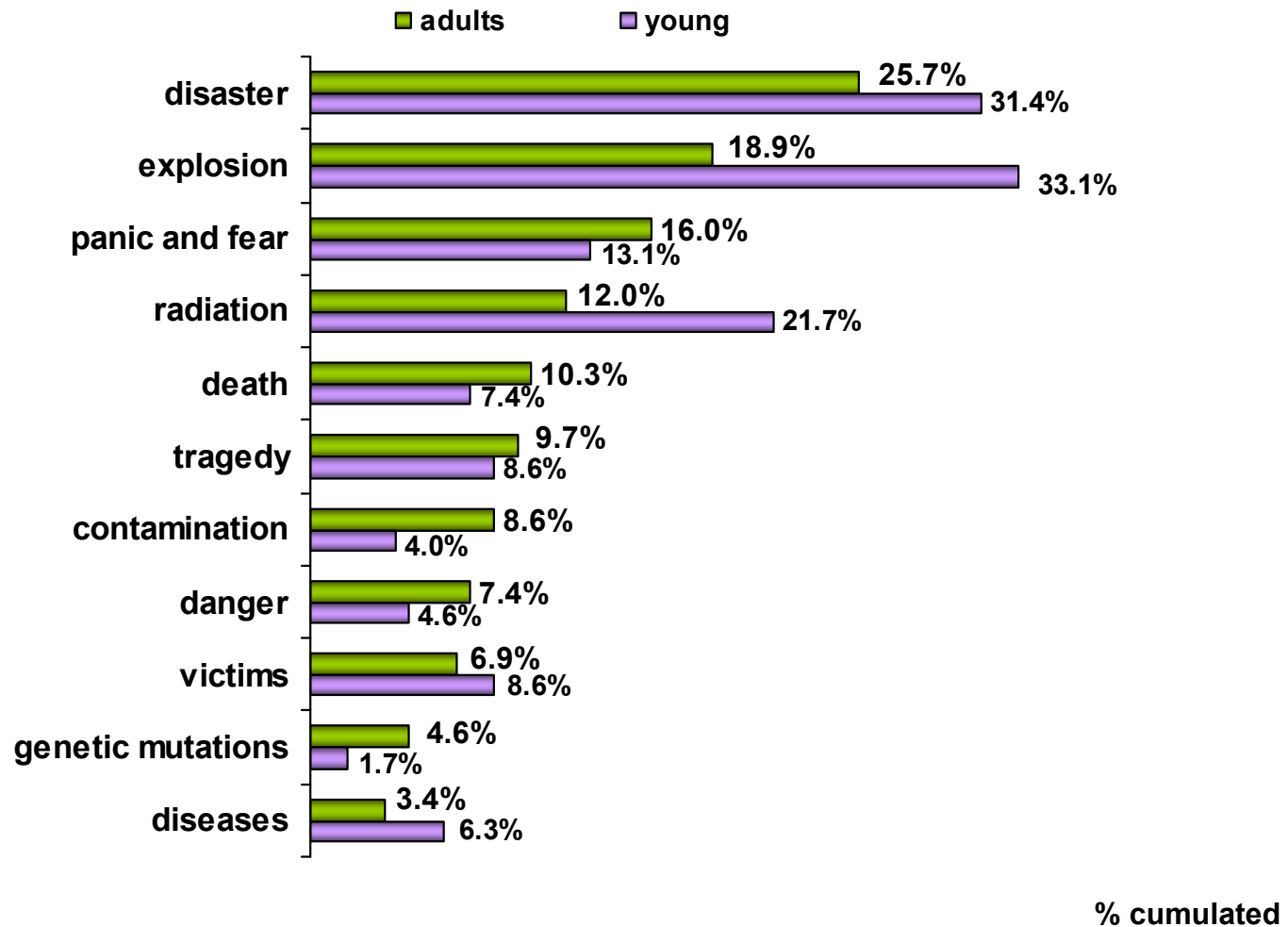


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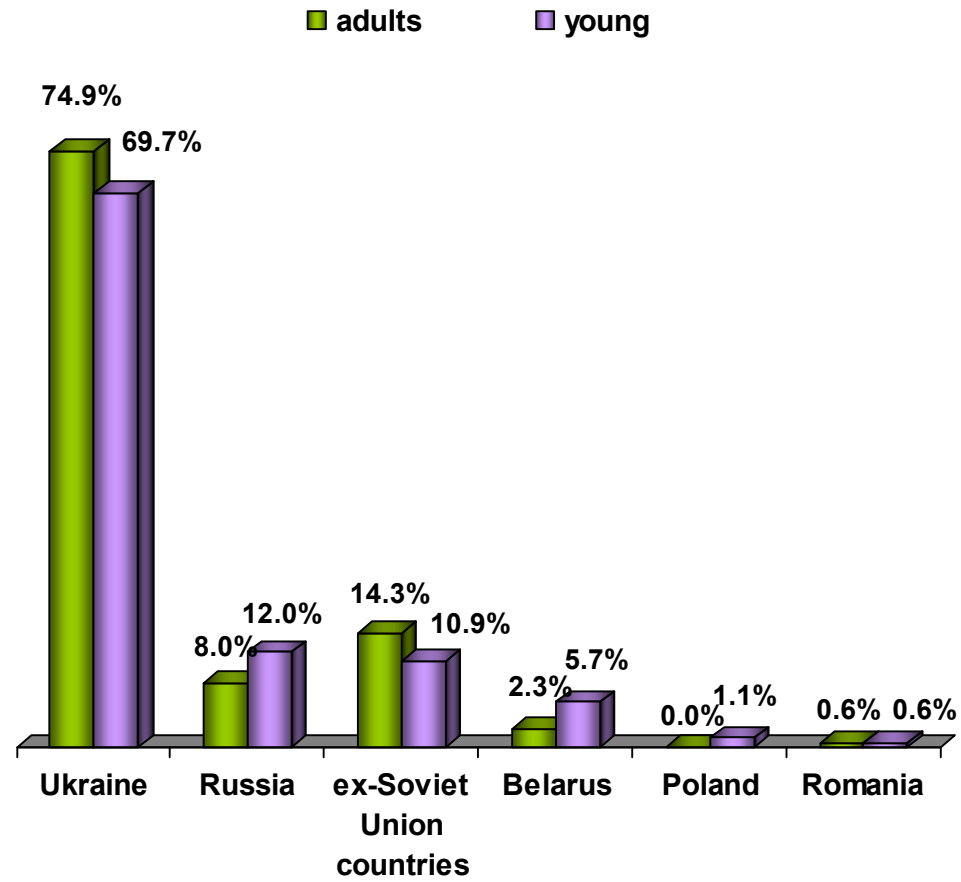
## What are the most important lessons from Chernobyl?



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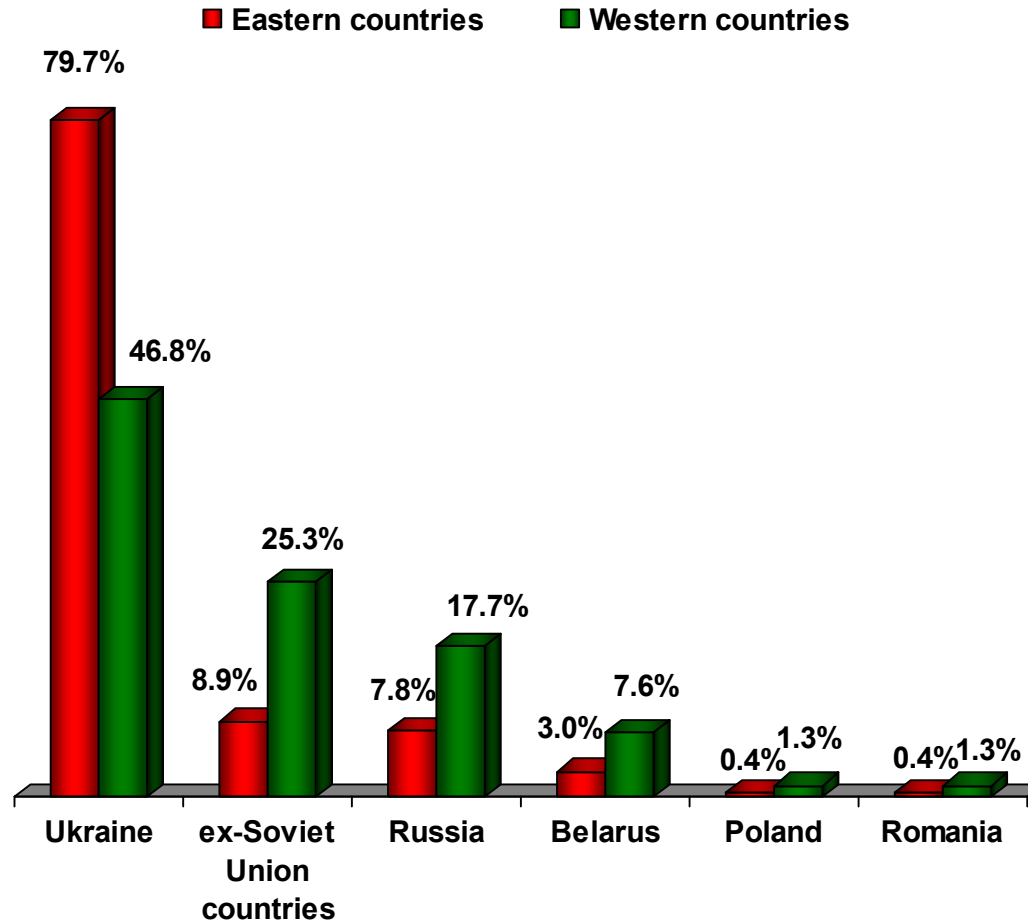
## Where is Chernobyl located?



% adults/young respondents

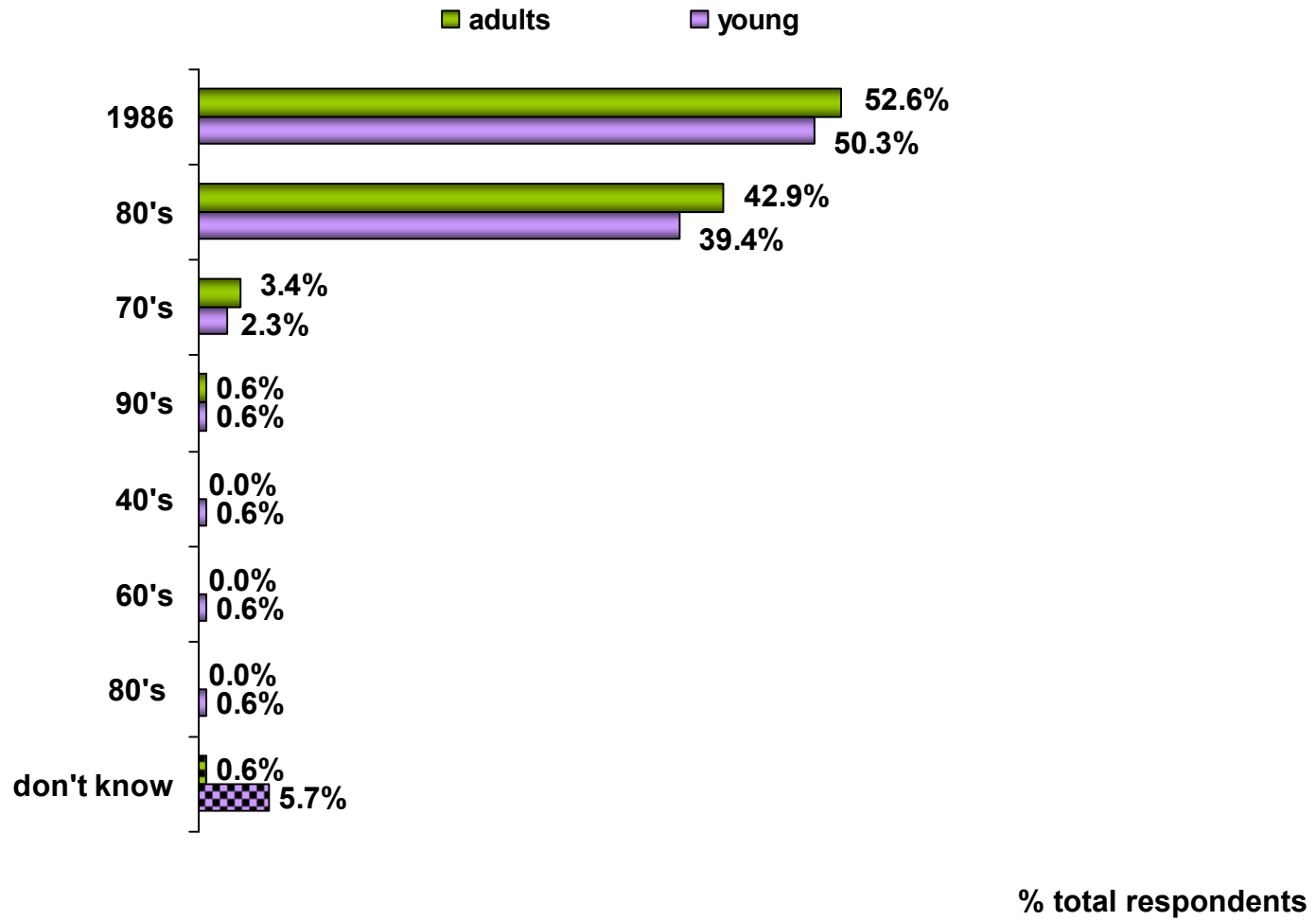


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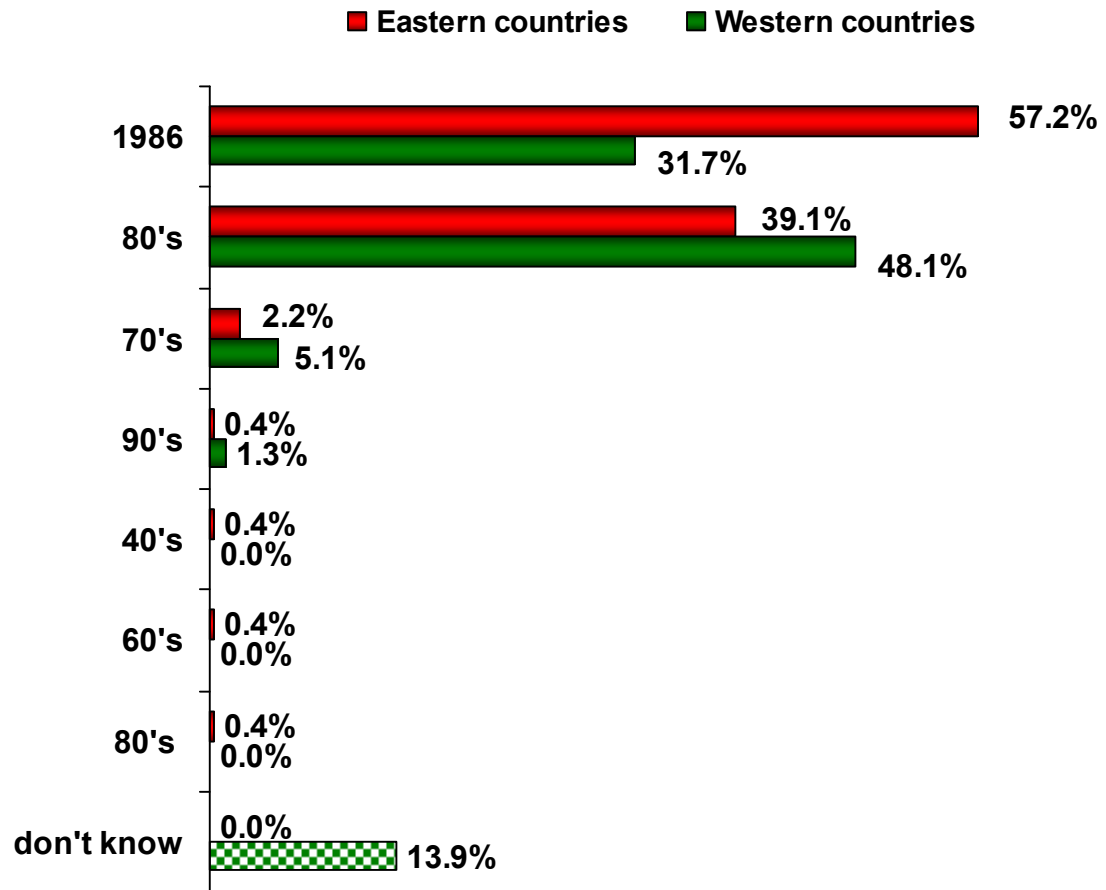


% Eastern/Western countries respondents

## When did the accident in Chernobyl happen?

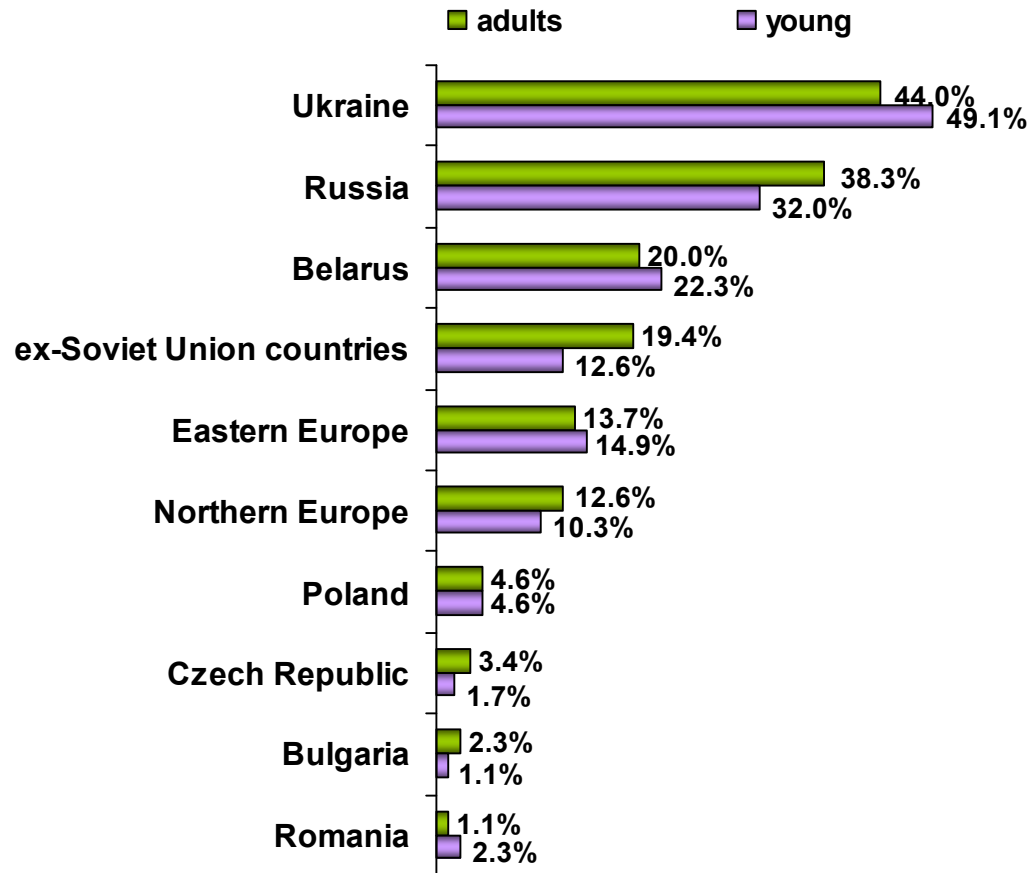


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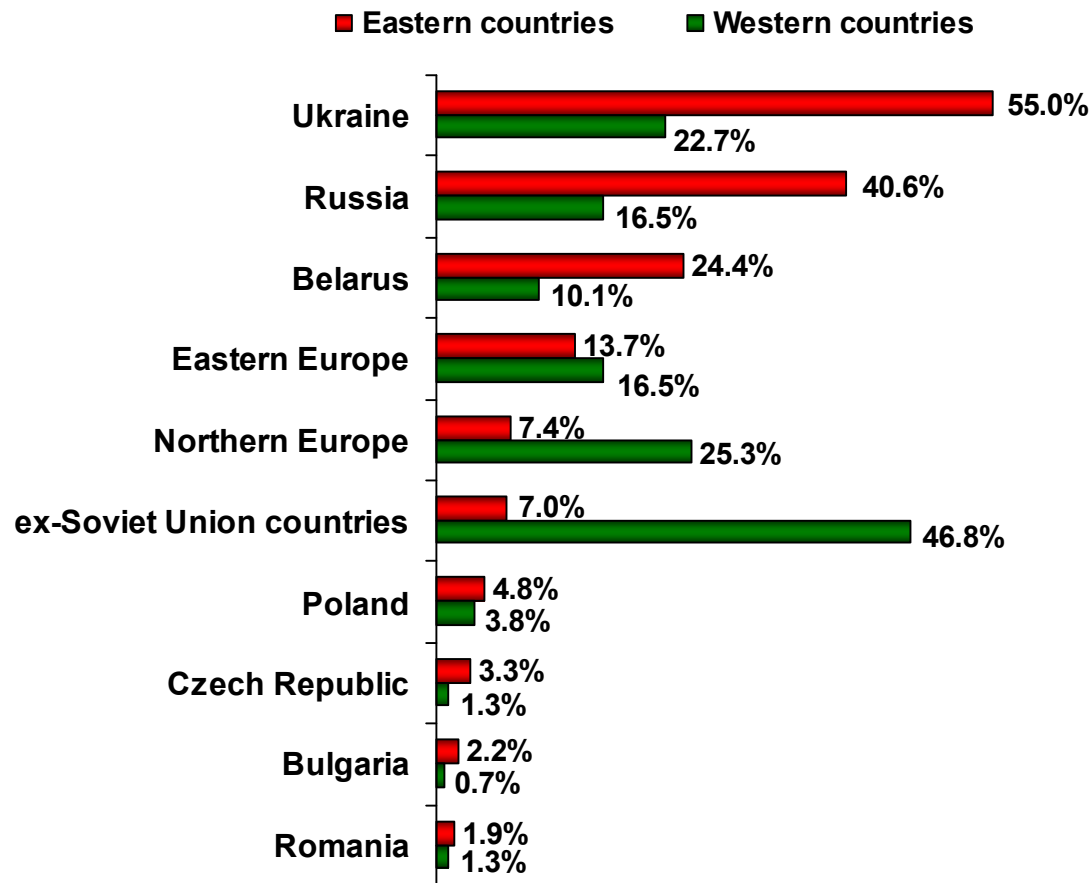
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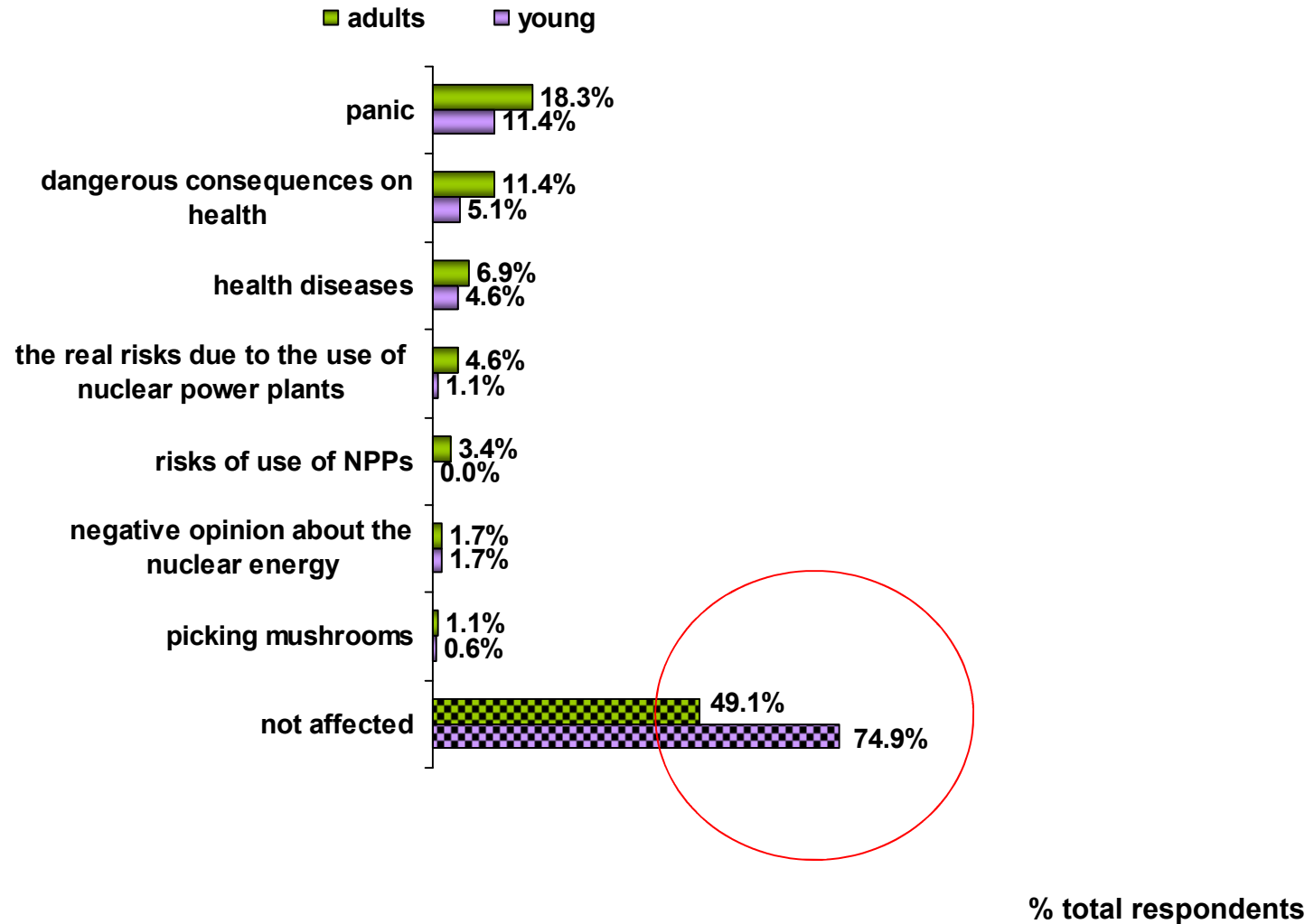
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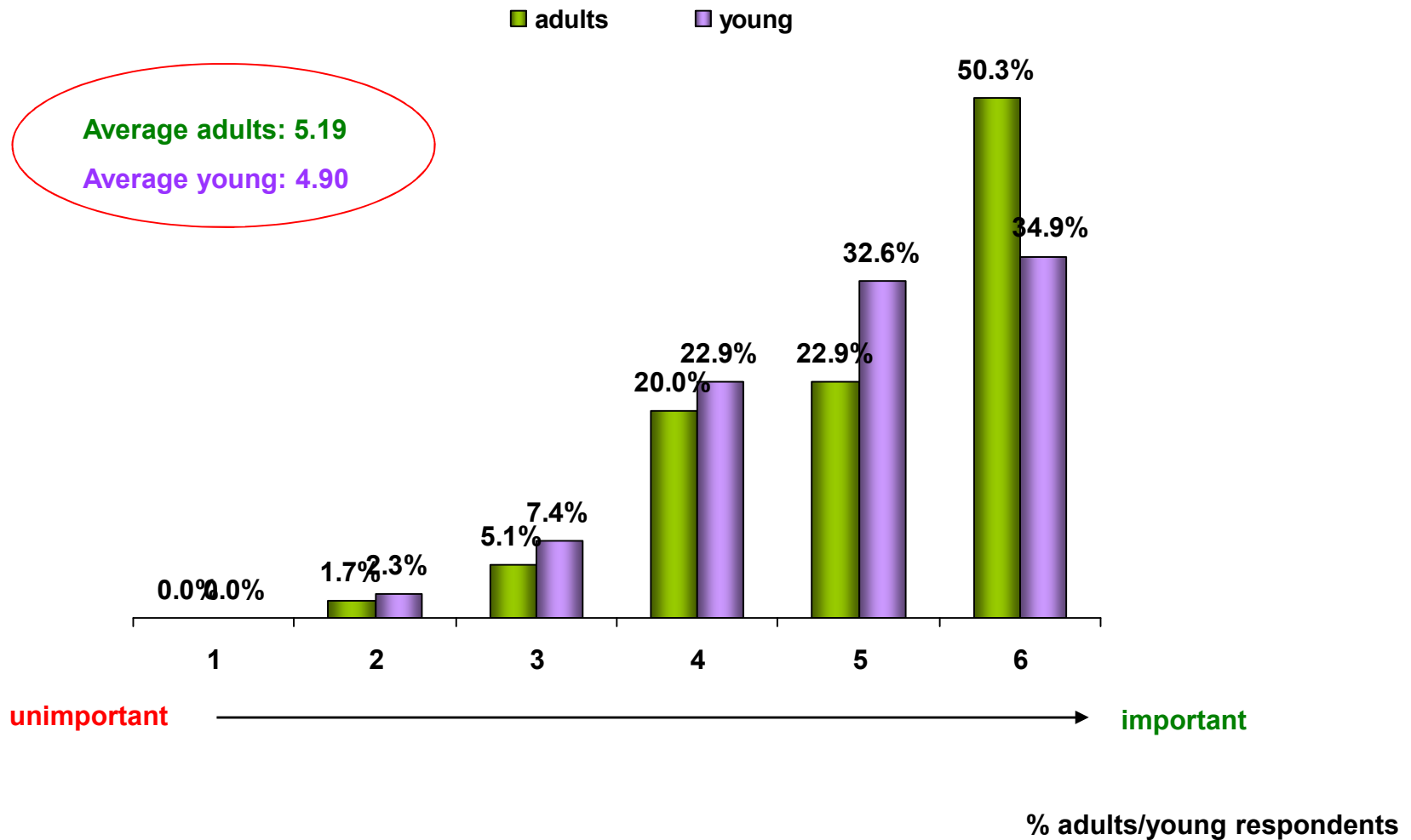


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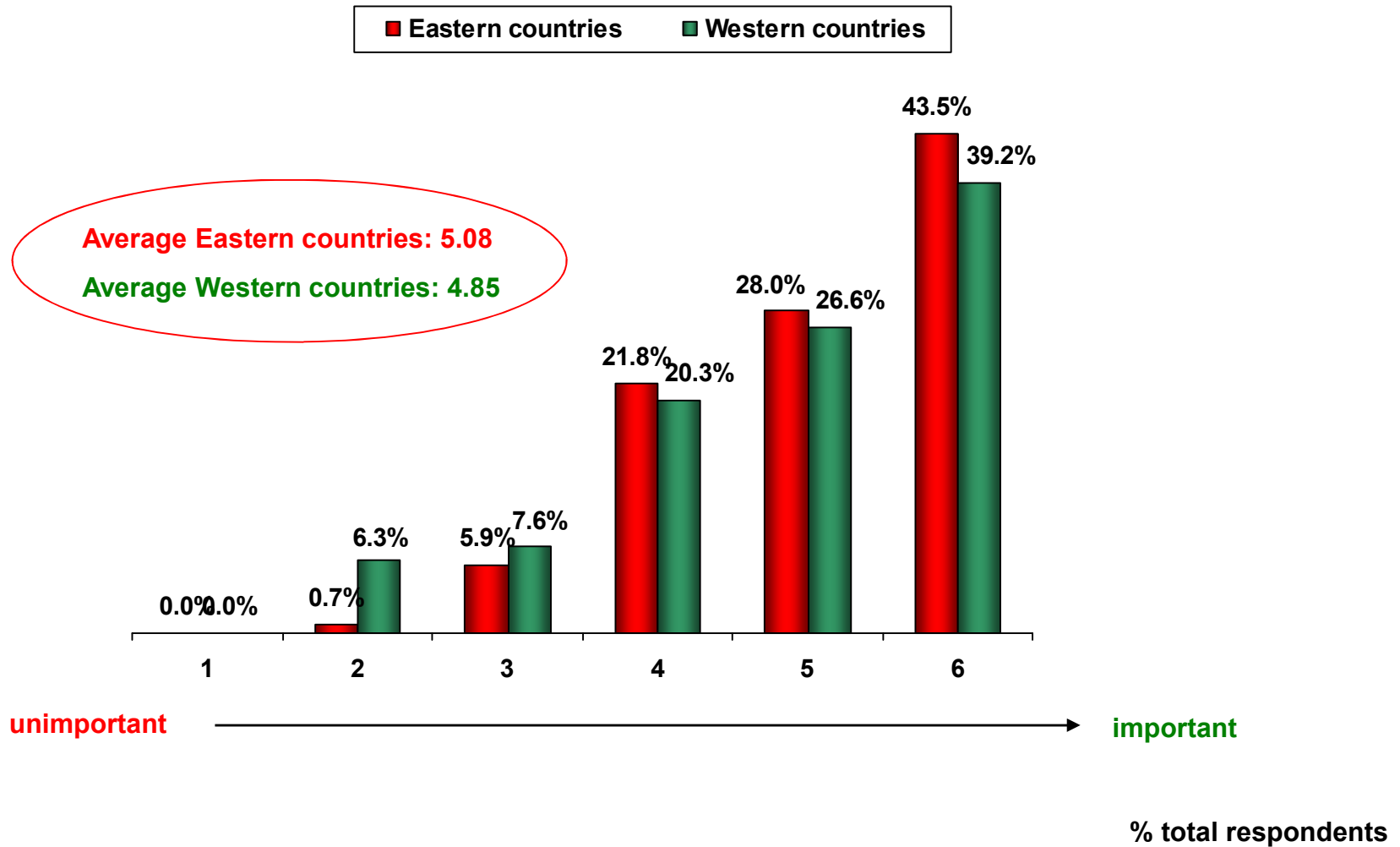
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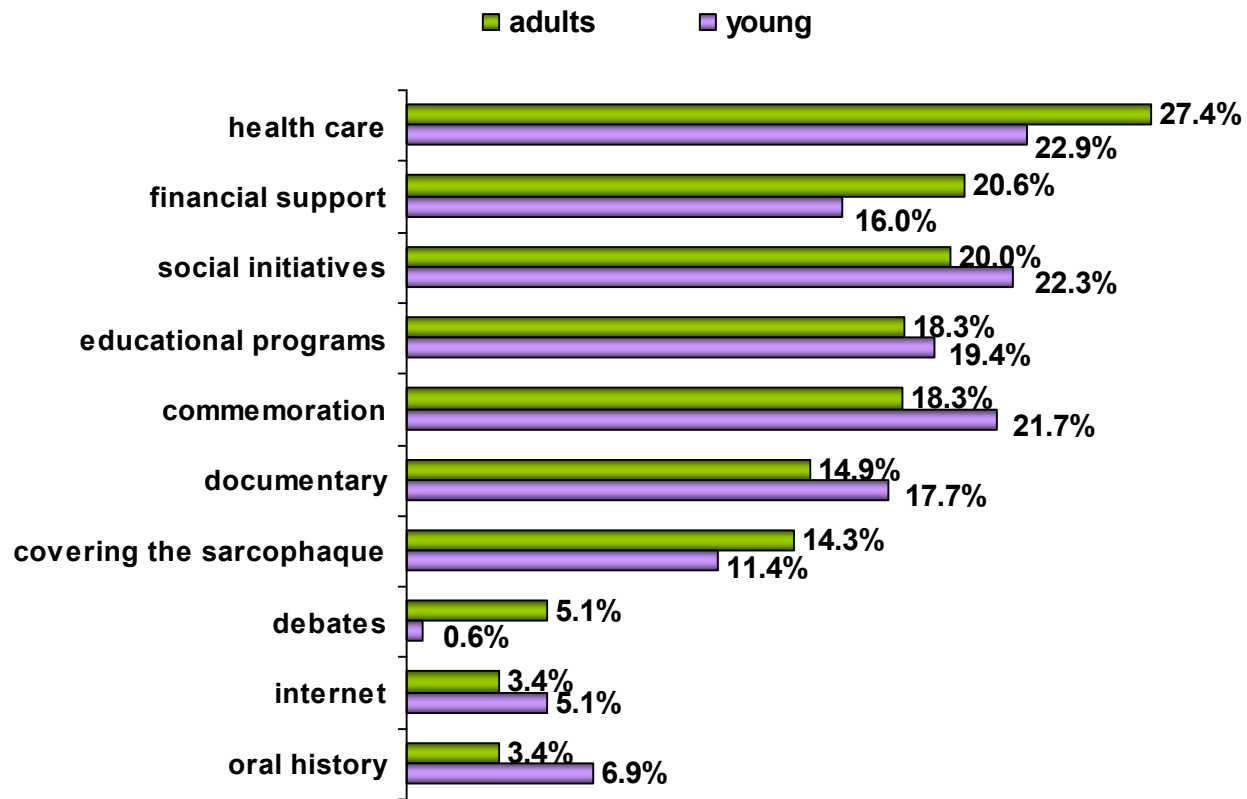


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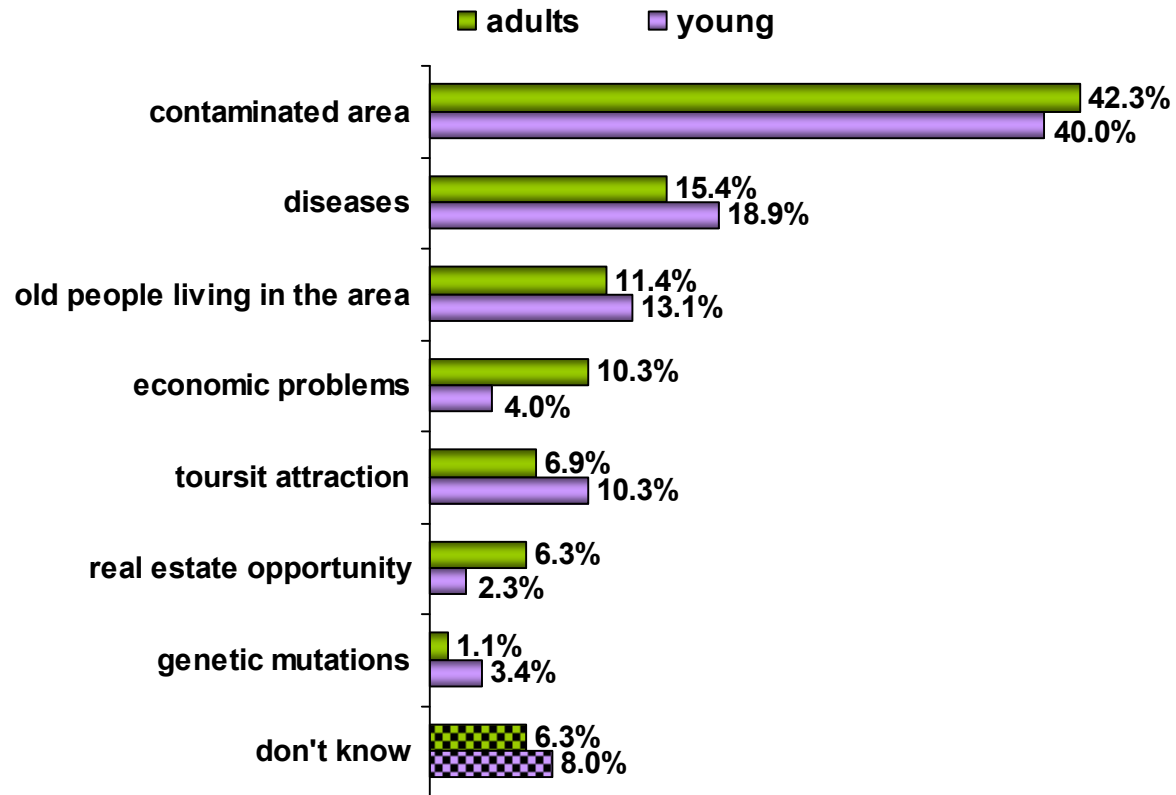


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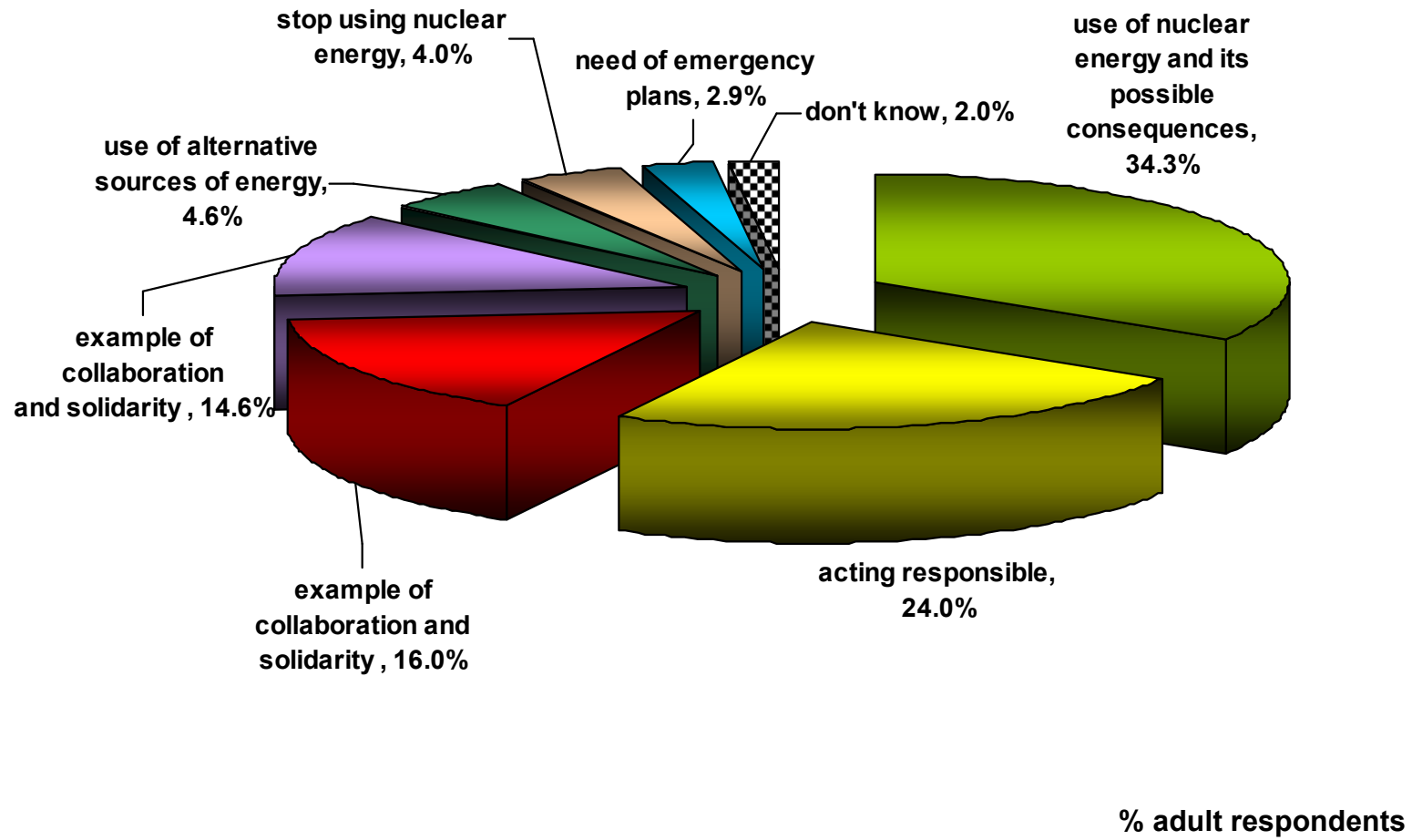
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% total respondents

## What are the most important lessons from Chernobyl?



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