

Statistics from Maidan protest events: participants, geography, violence

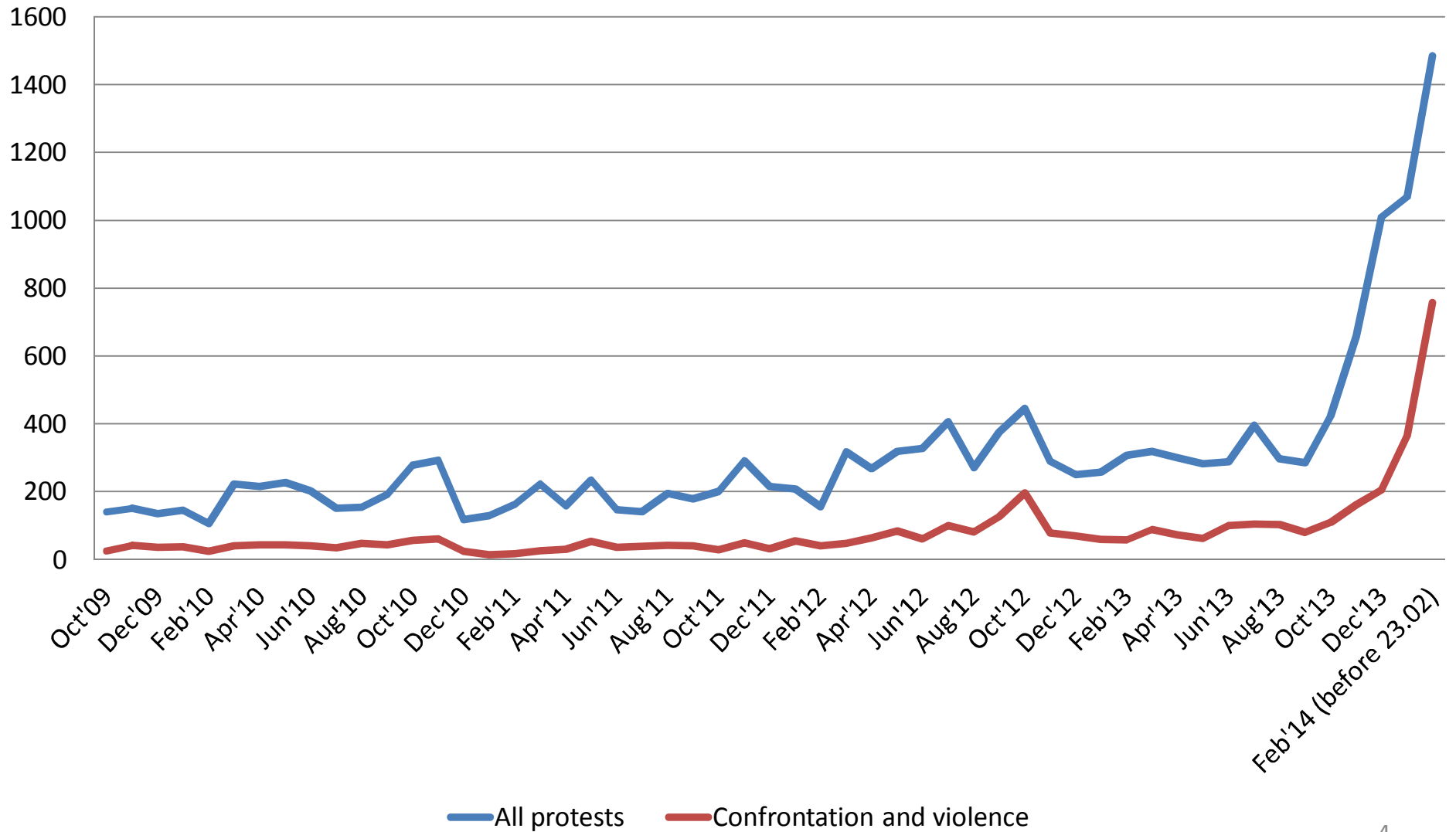
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Summary

This report is the first attempt to analyze Maidan based on the results of [systematic research on protests, repressions and concessions of protesters in Ukraine](#). Since the end of 2009 the Centre for Society Research has been creating a unique database of all protest events taking place on the territory of Ukraine based on the monitoring of almost 200 national, regional and activist web-media sources. The database now allows us to answer some topical questions about the most important event in the recent history of Ukraine, which are still the subject of numerous political speculations. In particular, who exactly participated the most in Maidan protests? What was the real role of the far right in Maidan (the Svoboda party and the Right Sector)? Was Maidan really a nation-wide rebellion? What was the contribution of Maidans outside of Kyiv, in the West and in the East of the country? What was the impact of the violent struggle on Maidan's victory?

THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF PROTESTS AT MAIDAN

The number of protests monthly October 2009 – February 2014 (until 23.02)

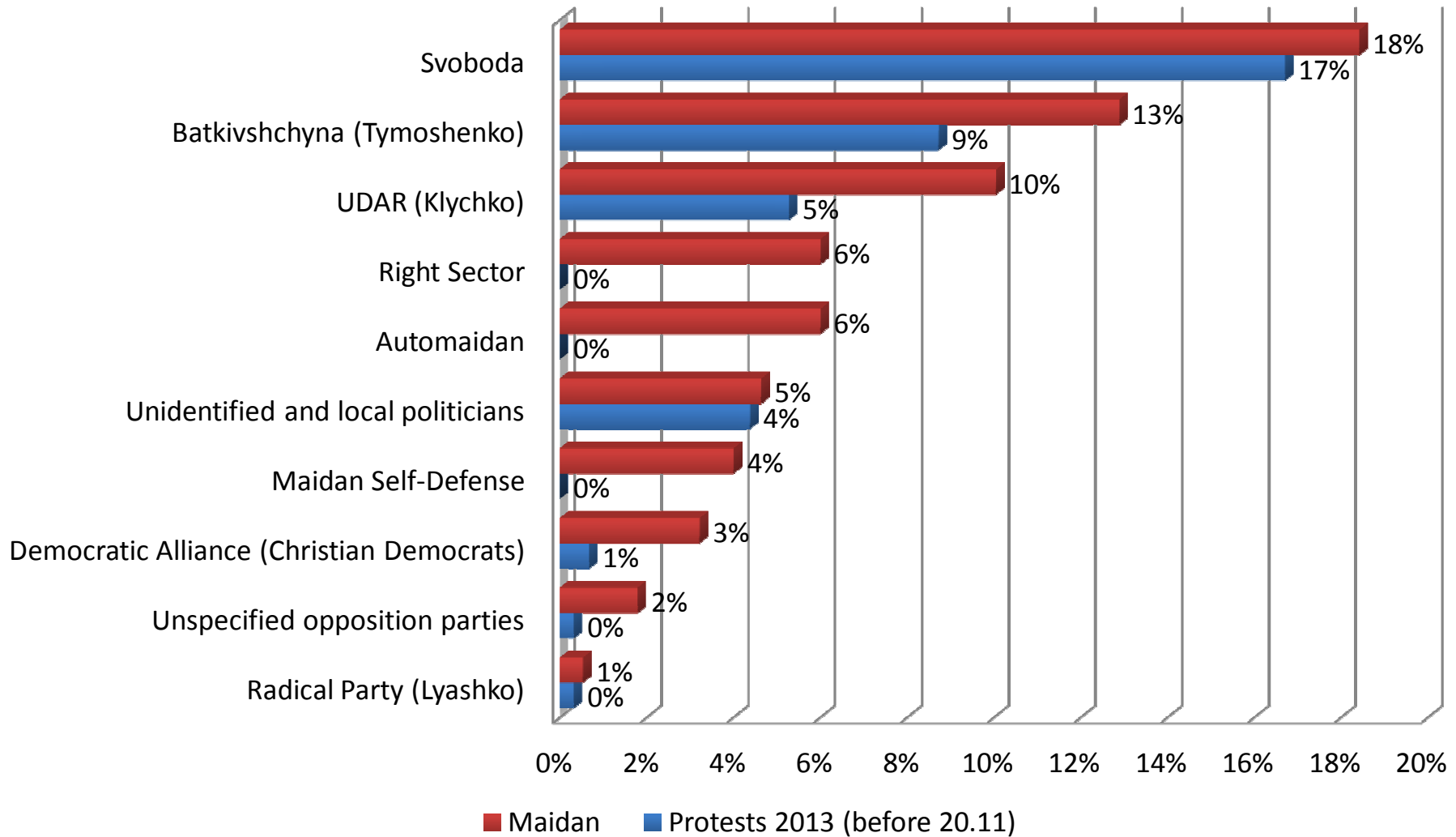


The reported number of protestors at Maidan by stages

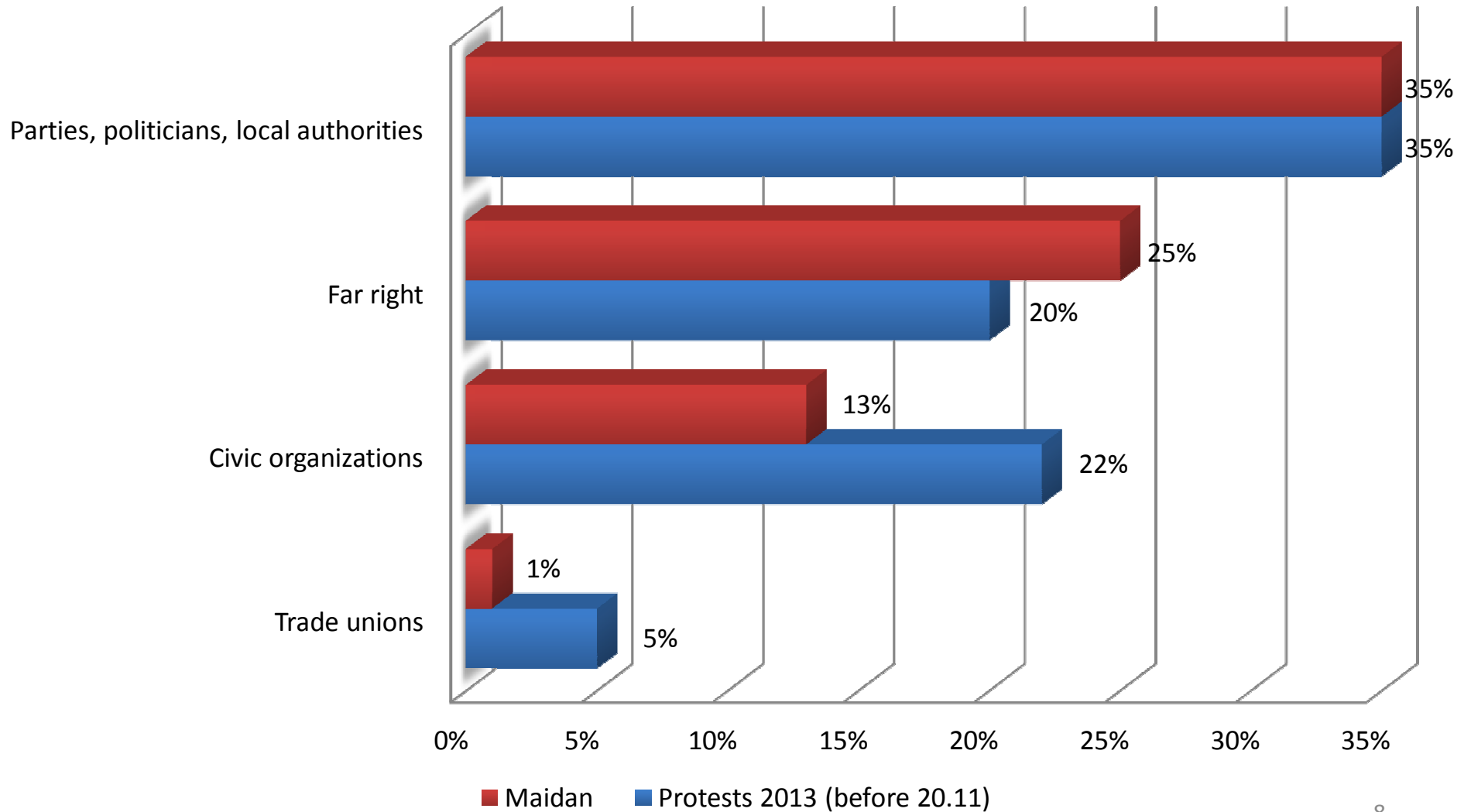
Number of protestors	2013 (until 20.11)		I stage (21.11-29.11)		II stage (30.11-18.01)		III stage (19.01-17.02)		IV stage (18.02-23.02)	
<10	389	11%	34	9%	122	9%	112	9%	84	9%
<100	1 560	46%	88	24%	465	35%	376	29%	135	14%
<1000	520	15%	87	24%	255	19%	276	21%	236	24%
<10000	103	3%	27	7%	91	7%	113	9%	102	11%
<100000	15	0%	5	1%	9	1%	4	0%	11	1%
>100000	-	0%	2	1%	3	0%	-	0%	-	0%
Unknown	841	25%	123	34%	374	28%	417	32%	399	41%
TOTAL	3 428	100%	366	100%	1 319	100%	1 298	100%	967	100%

THE MOST NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS OF MAIDAN

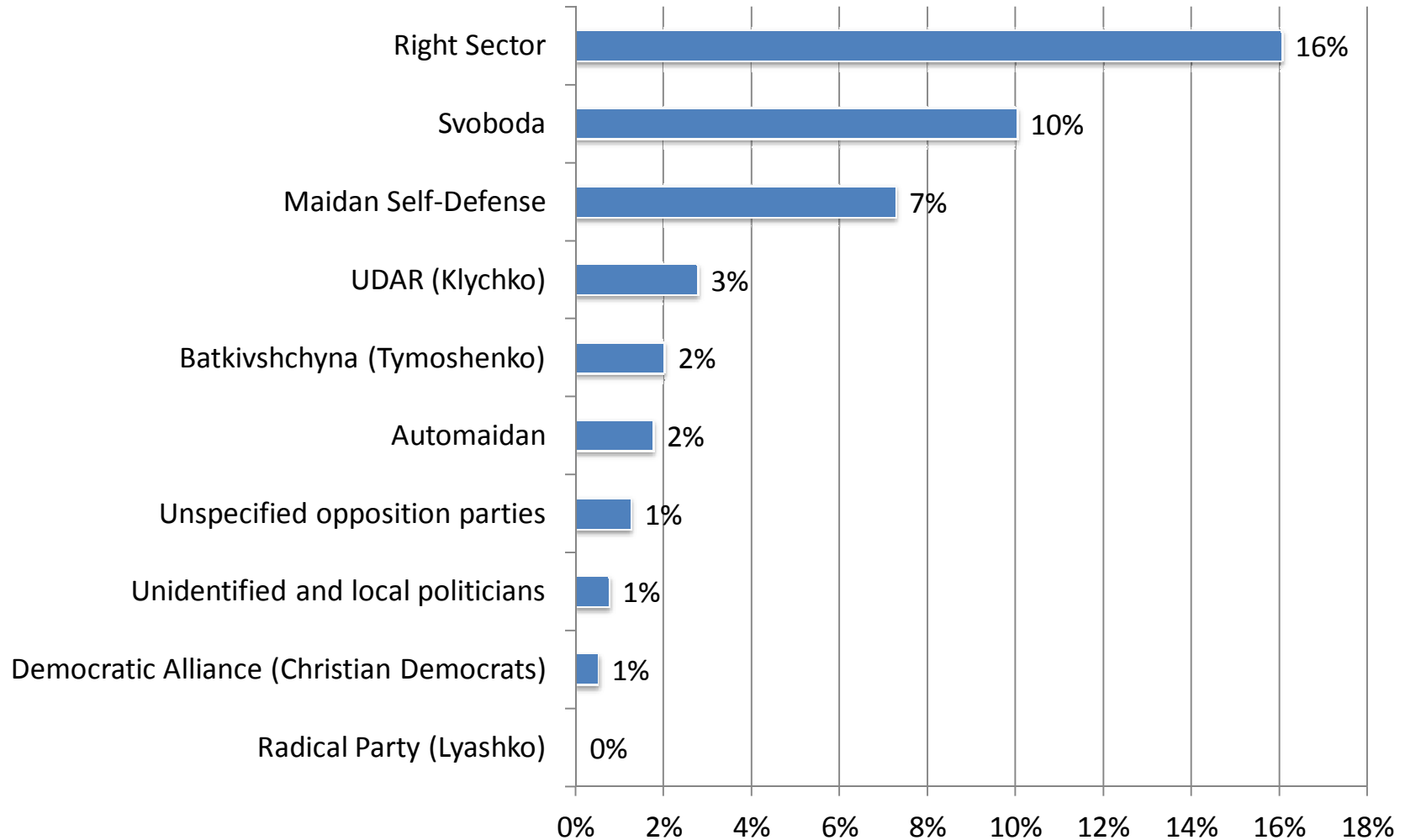
Participation of the most notable actors in the Maidan protests (share from the number of events)



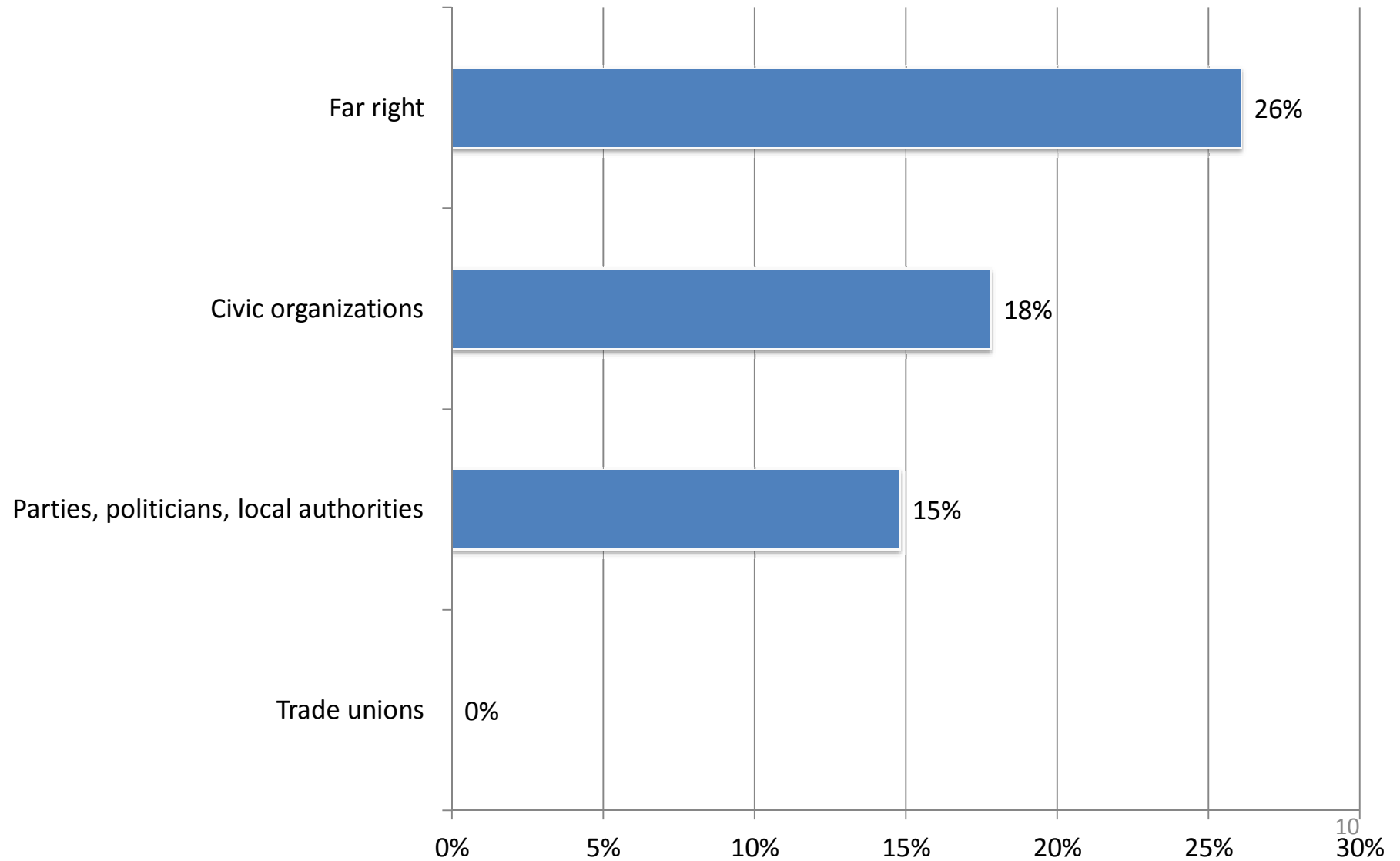
Participation of the main categories of Maidan actors in the protests (share from the number of events)



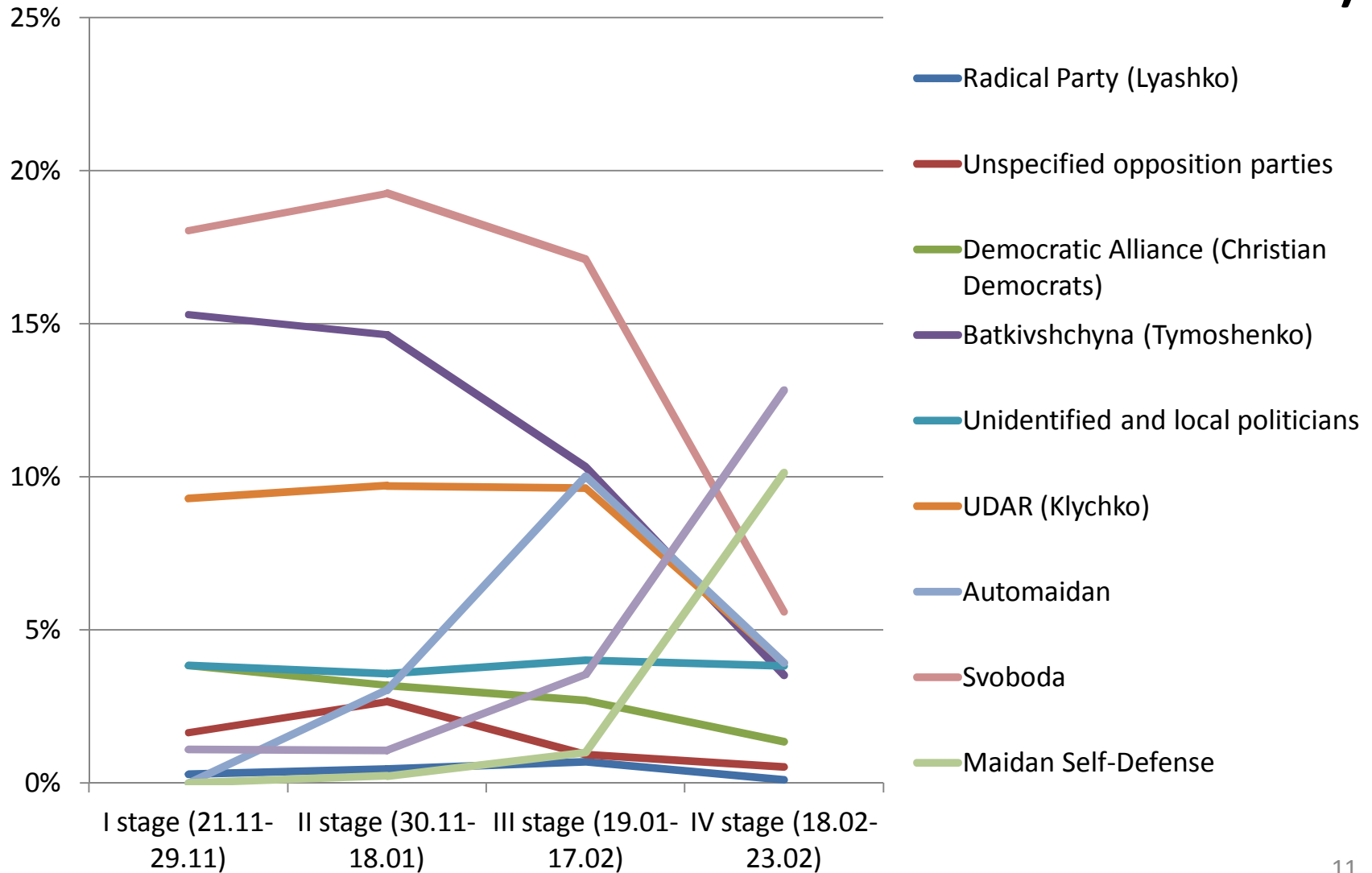
Participation in violent events at Maidan



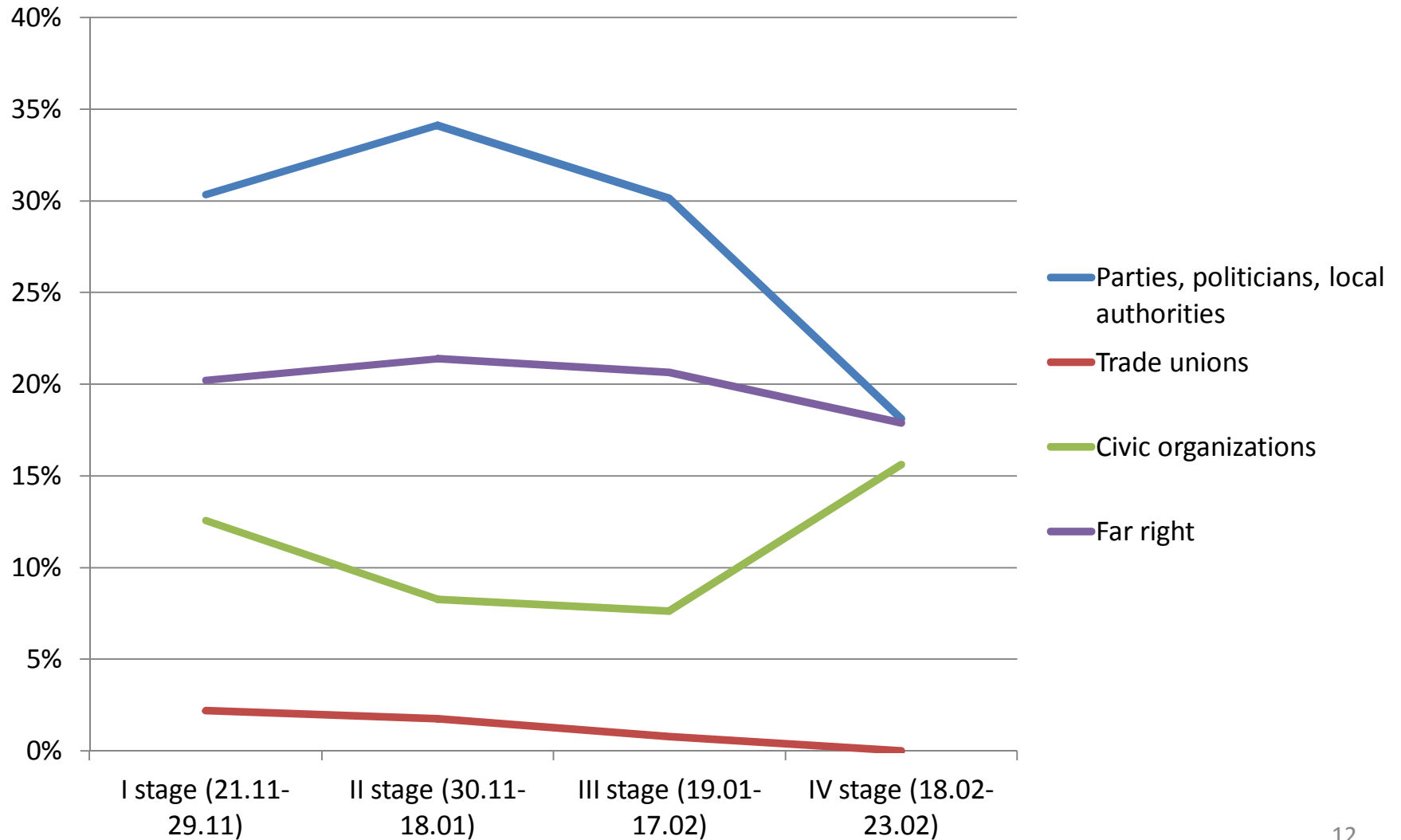
Participation in violent events at Maidan (continued)



Participation in protests during different phases of Maidan (share from the number of events)

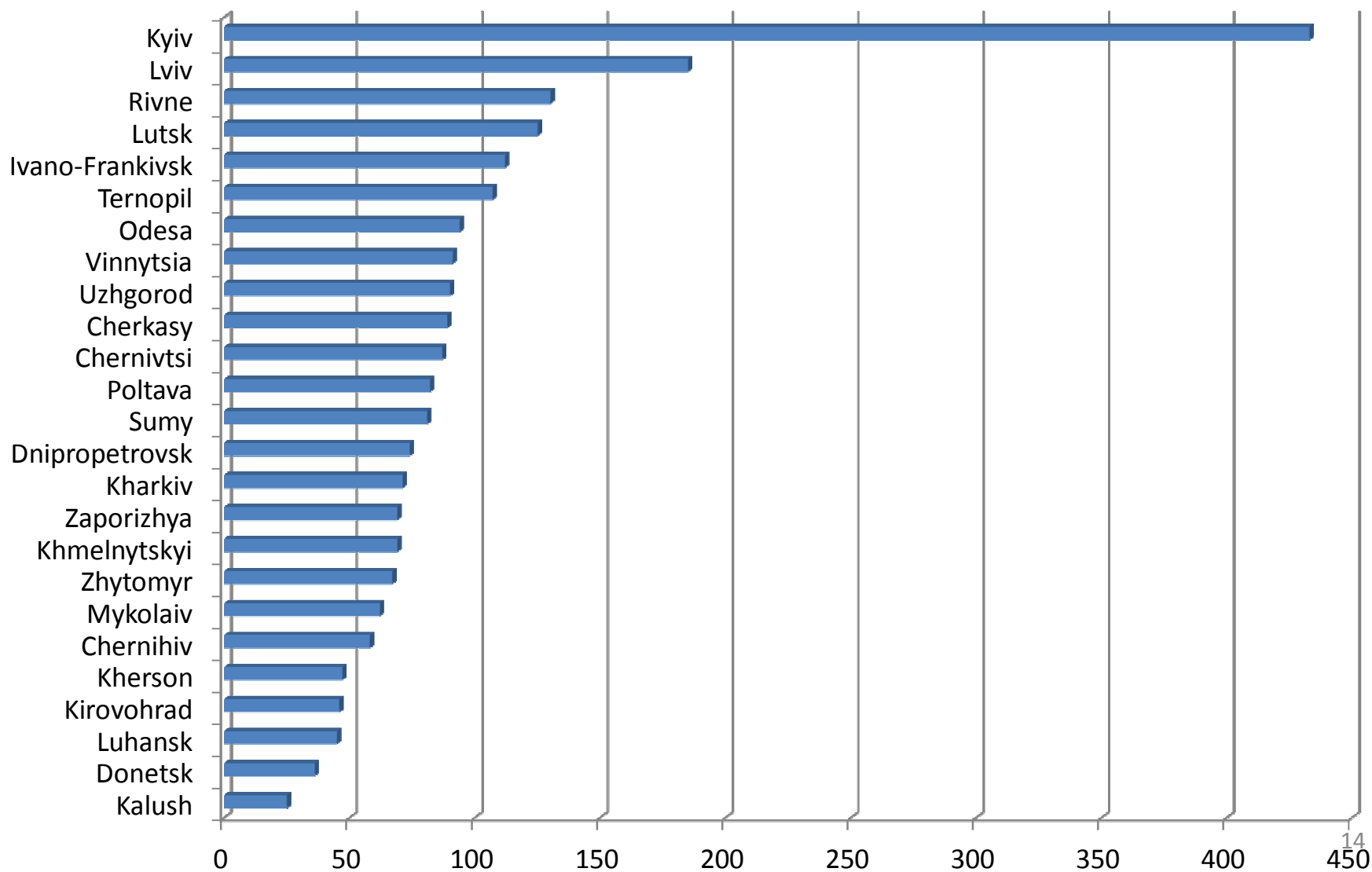


Participation in protests during different phases of Maidan (continued)



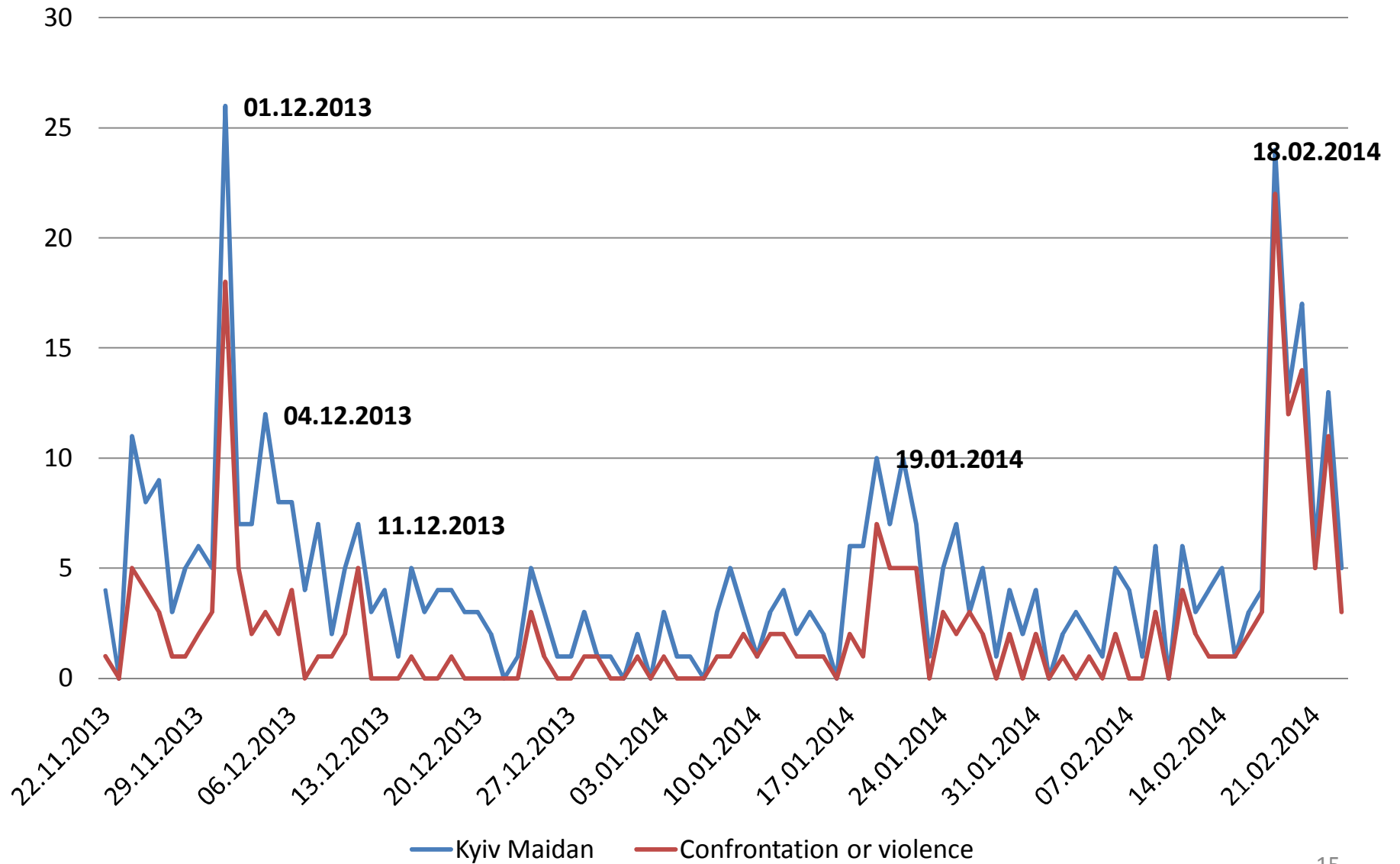
GEOGRAPHY OF MAIDAN

Top-25 local Maidans (number of protest events in each city)



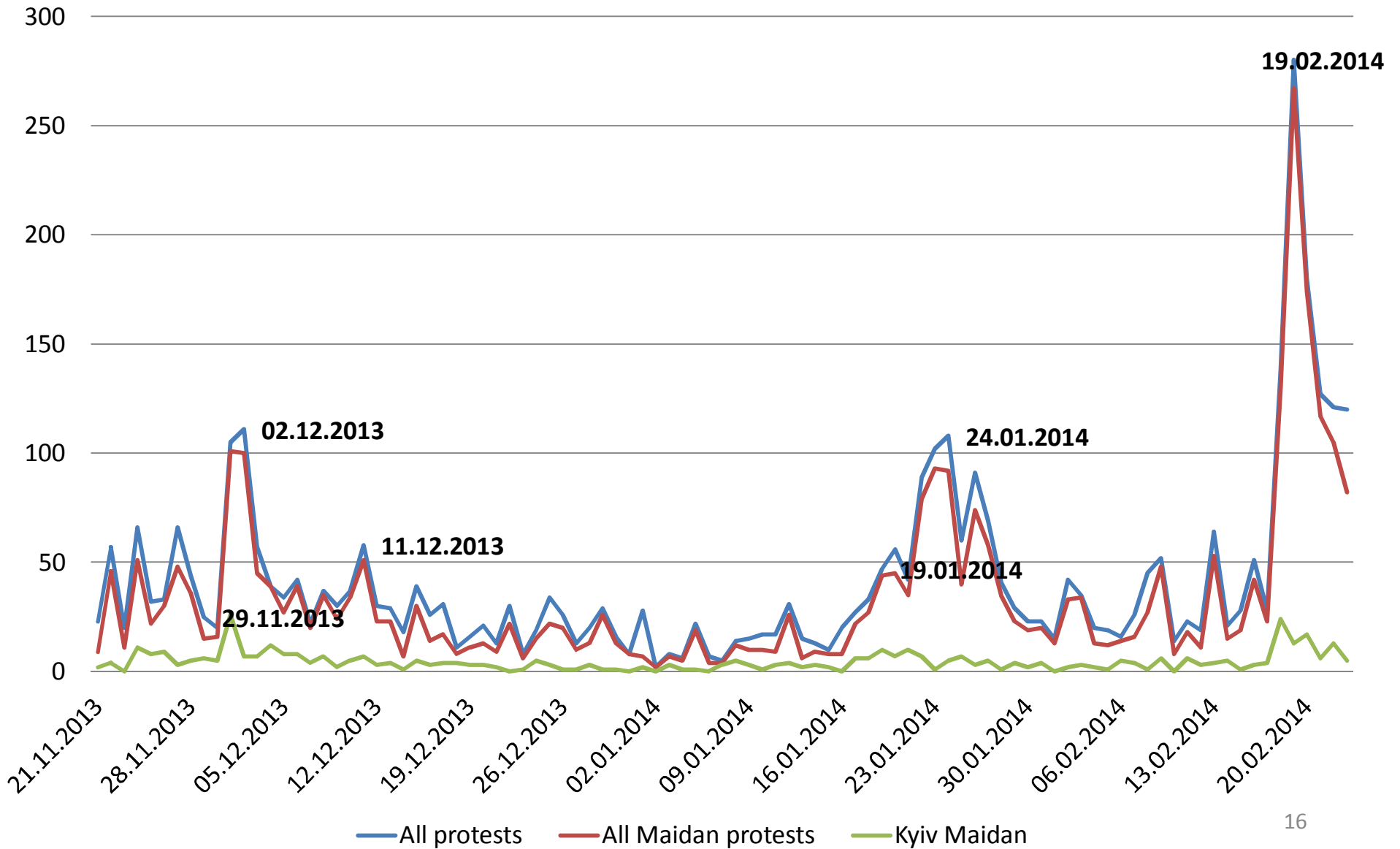


Protests at Kyiv Maidan daily

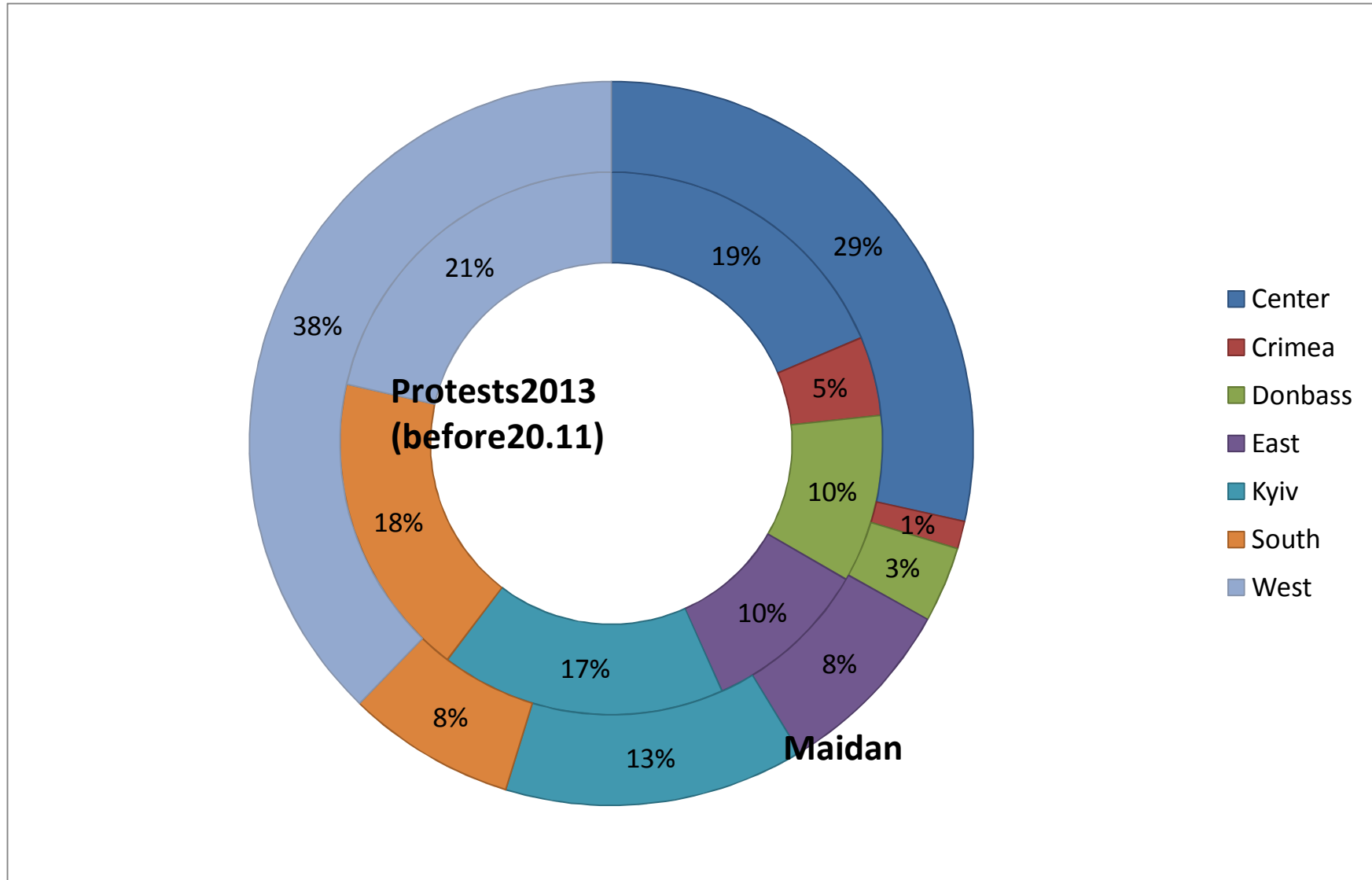




Number of protests during Maidan daily



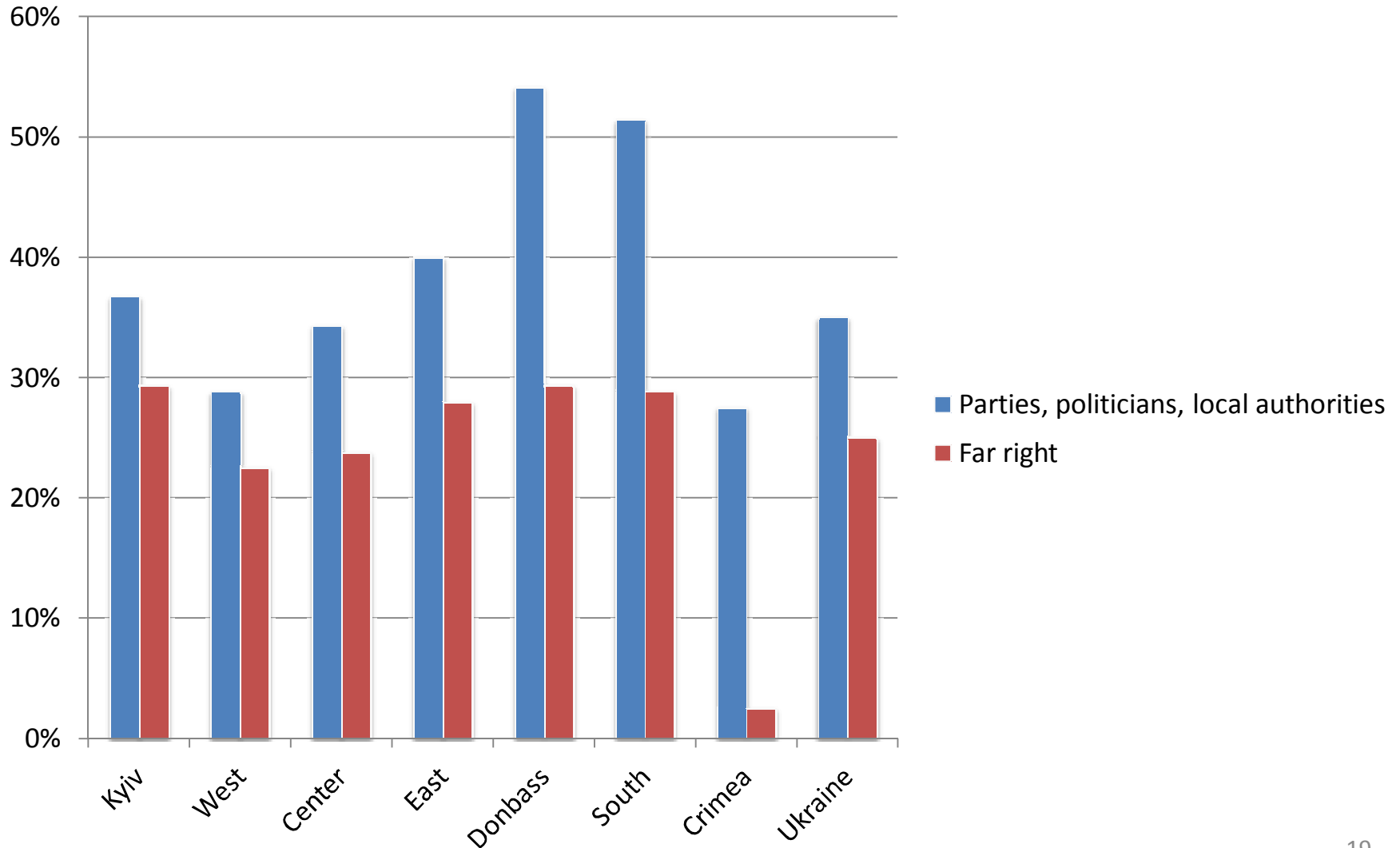
Number of protests at Maidan by region



The size of Maidan protests by region

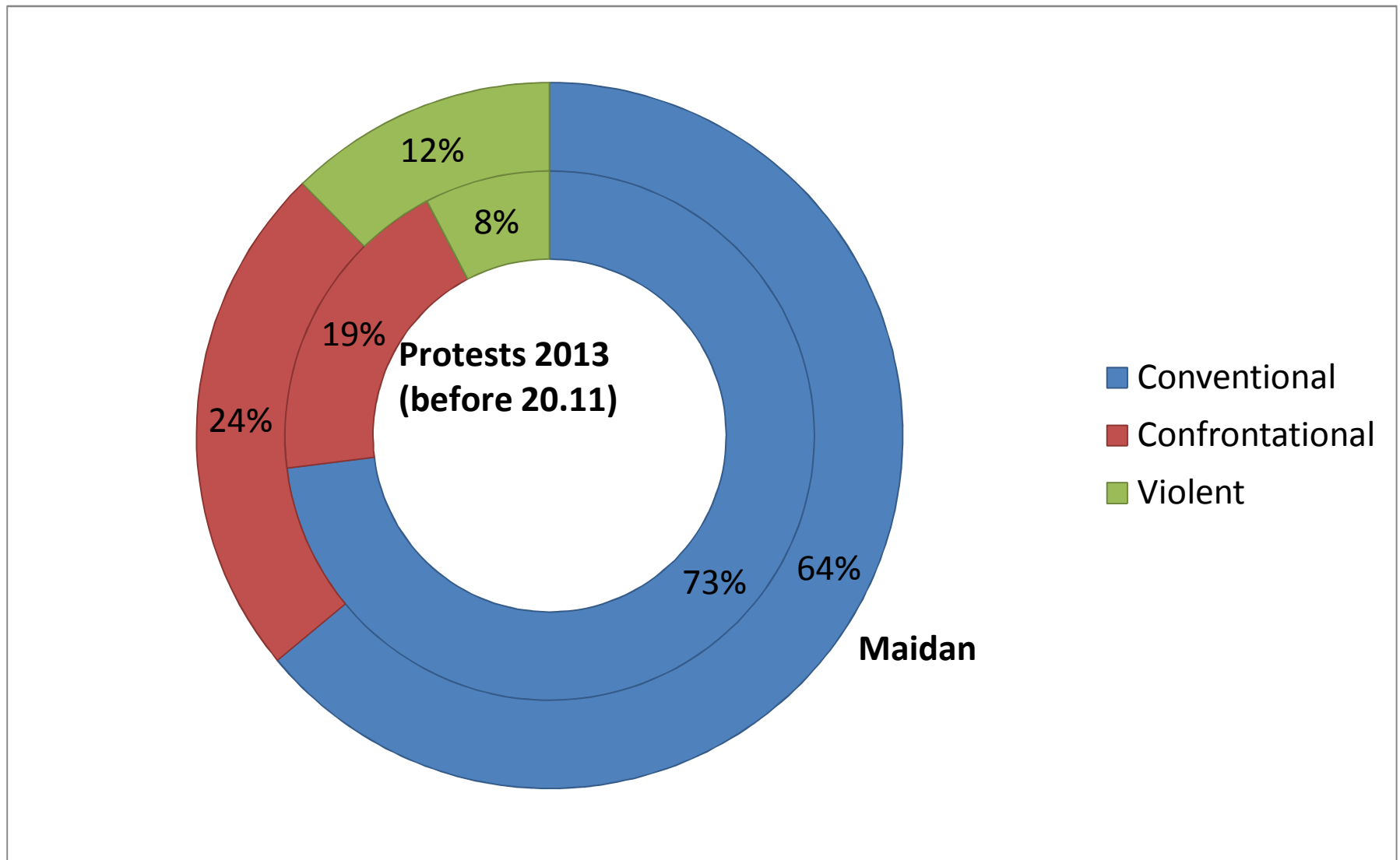
	Kyiv		West		Centre		East		South		Donbass		Crimea	
<10	47	11%	84	7%	59	6%	26	10%	32	13%	18	17%	3	8%
10 – 100	110	25%	260	21%	228	25%	90	34%	83	34%	44	40%	17	43%
100 – 1000	89	21%	245	20%	243	26%	64	24%	51	21%	27	25%	7	18%
1000 – 10000	47	11%	122	10%	74	8%	36	14%	11	5%	0	0%	2	5%
More than 10000	11	3%	9	1%	1	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	3%
Unknown	129	30%	498	41%	313	34%	47	18%	66	27%	19	17%	10	25%
TOTAL	433	100%	1218	100%	918	100%	265	100%	243	100%	109	100%	40	100%

The participation of parties/politicians and far right in regional Maidans

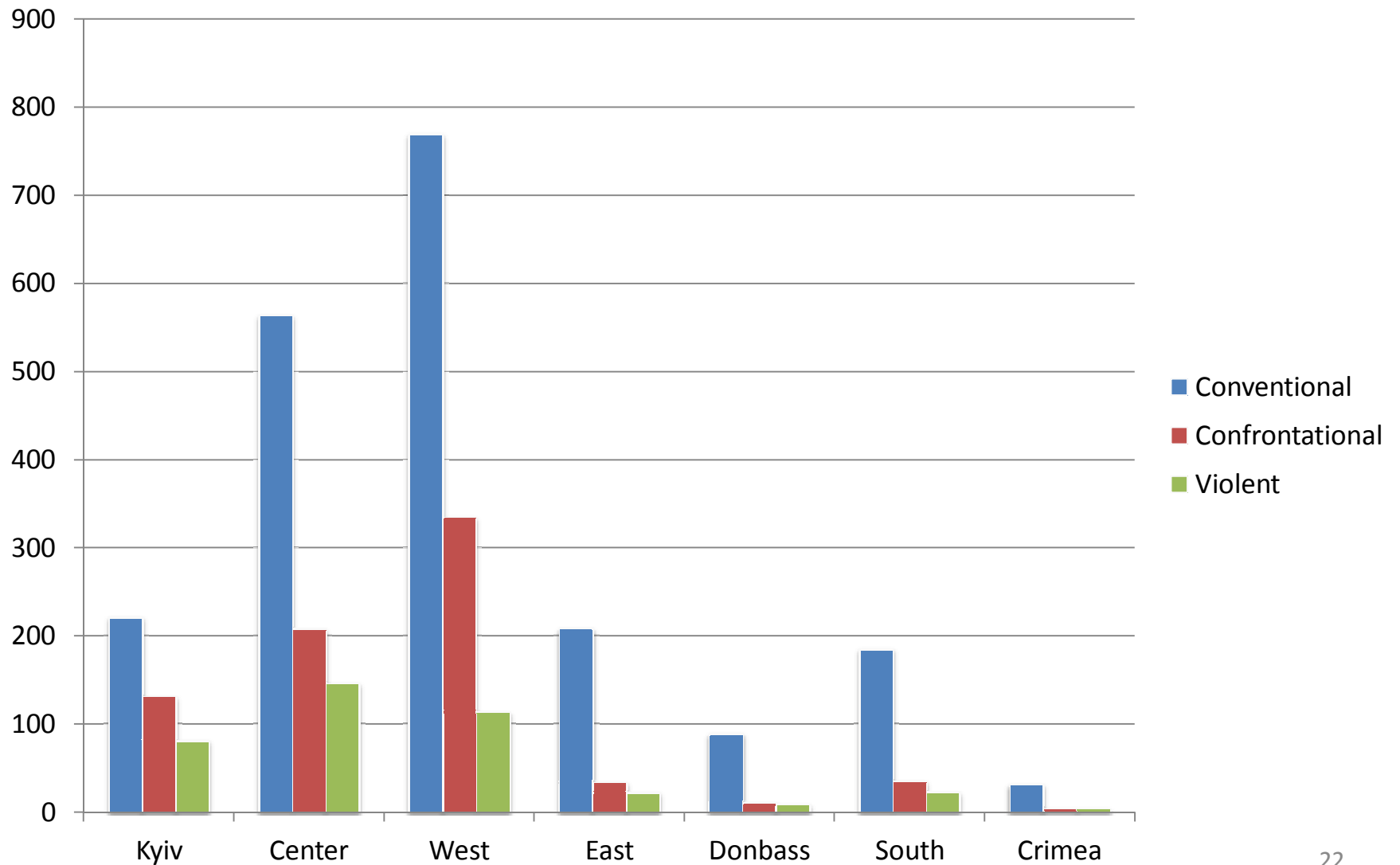


VIOLENCE AND REPRESSIONS

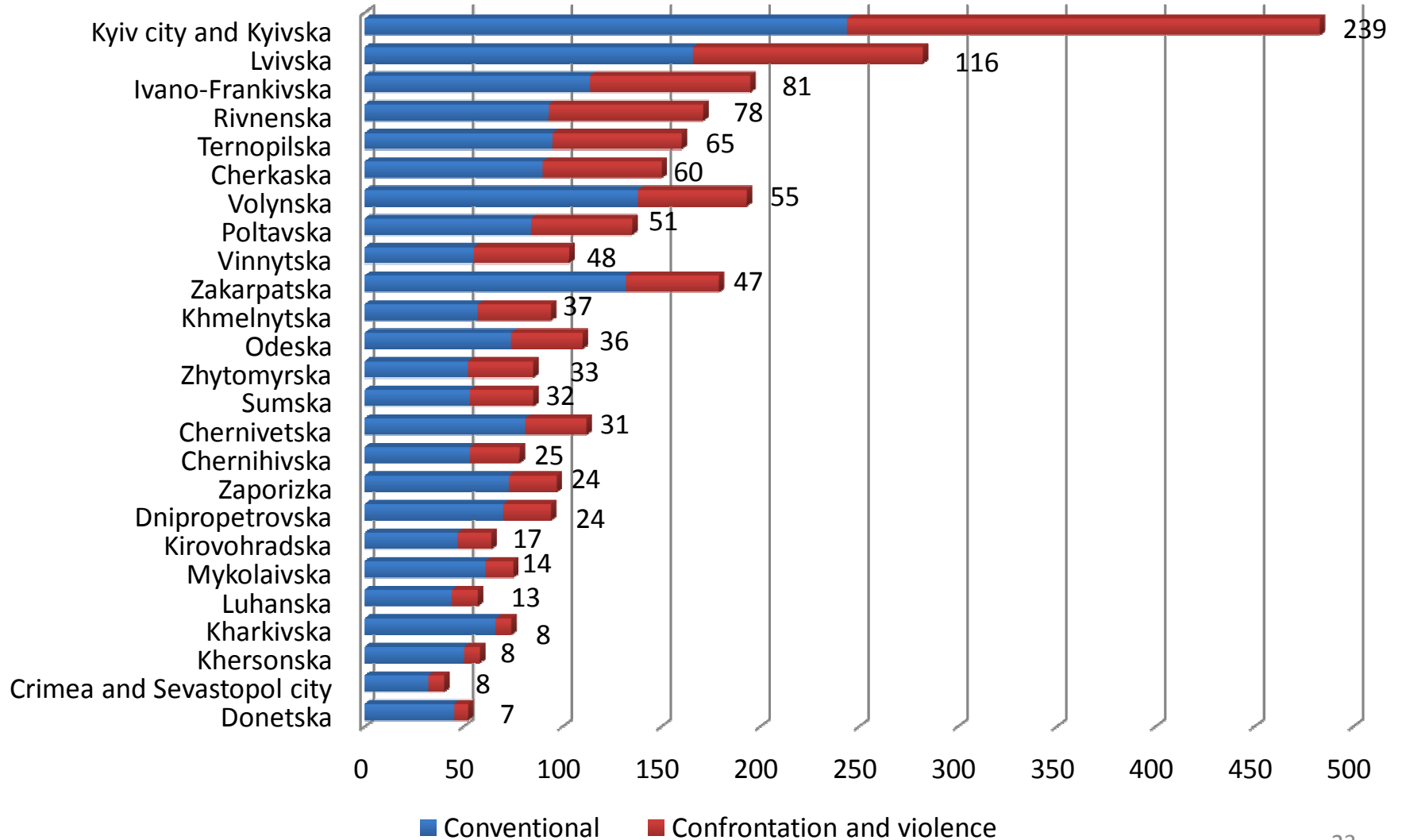
Tactics of protests before Maidan and at Maidan



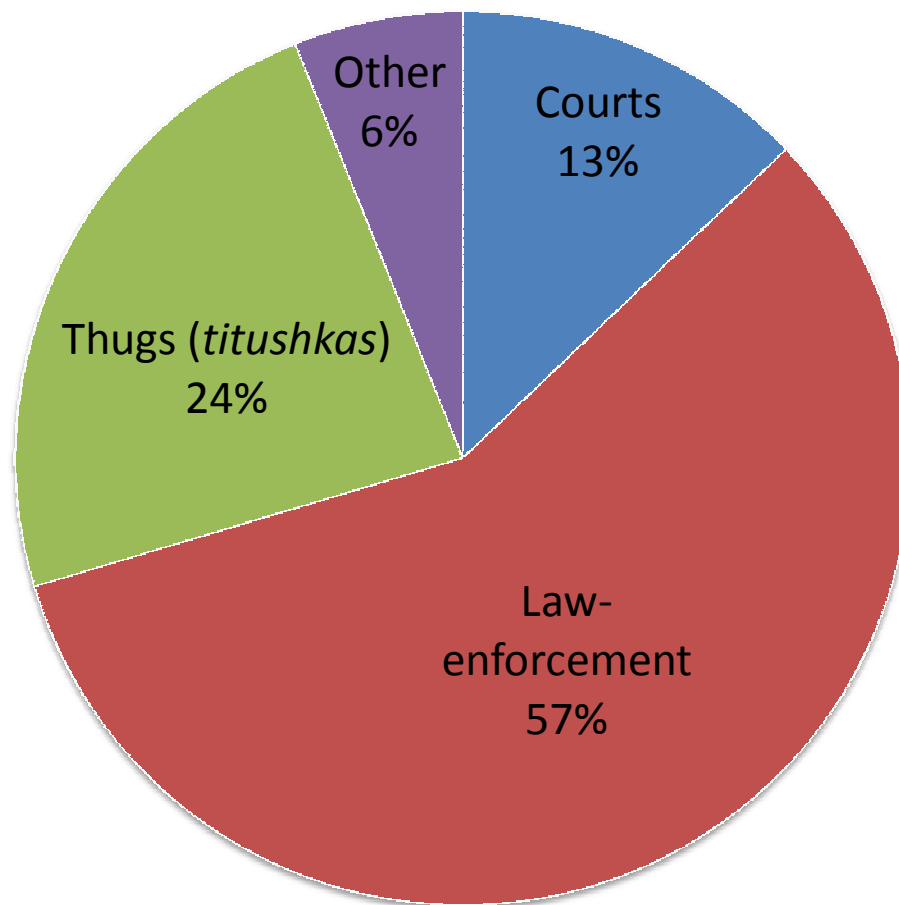
Tactics of protests at regional Maidans (number of events)



The radicalism of Maidans by region (number of events)

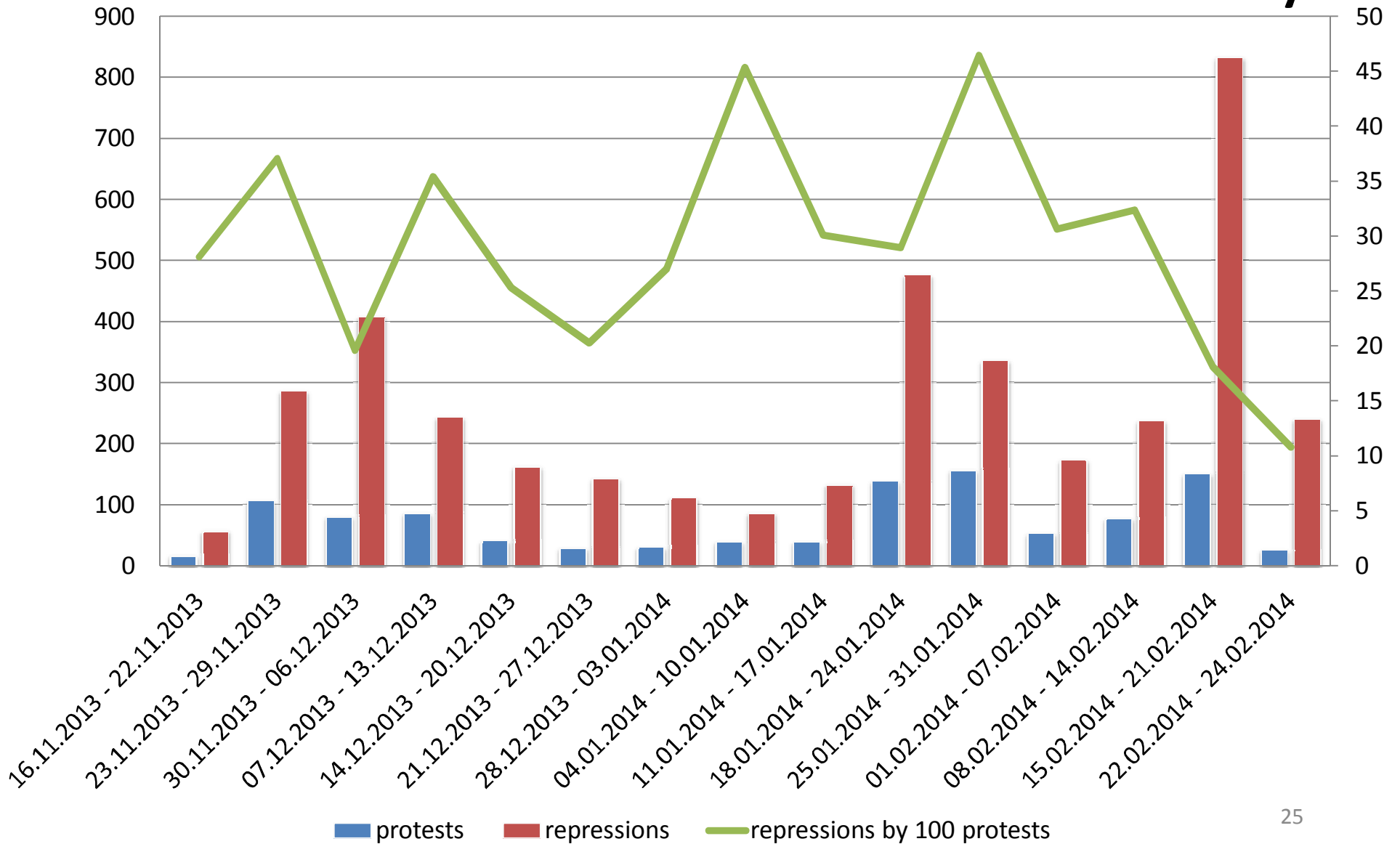


Agents of repressions against Maidans

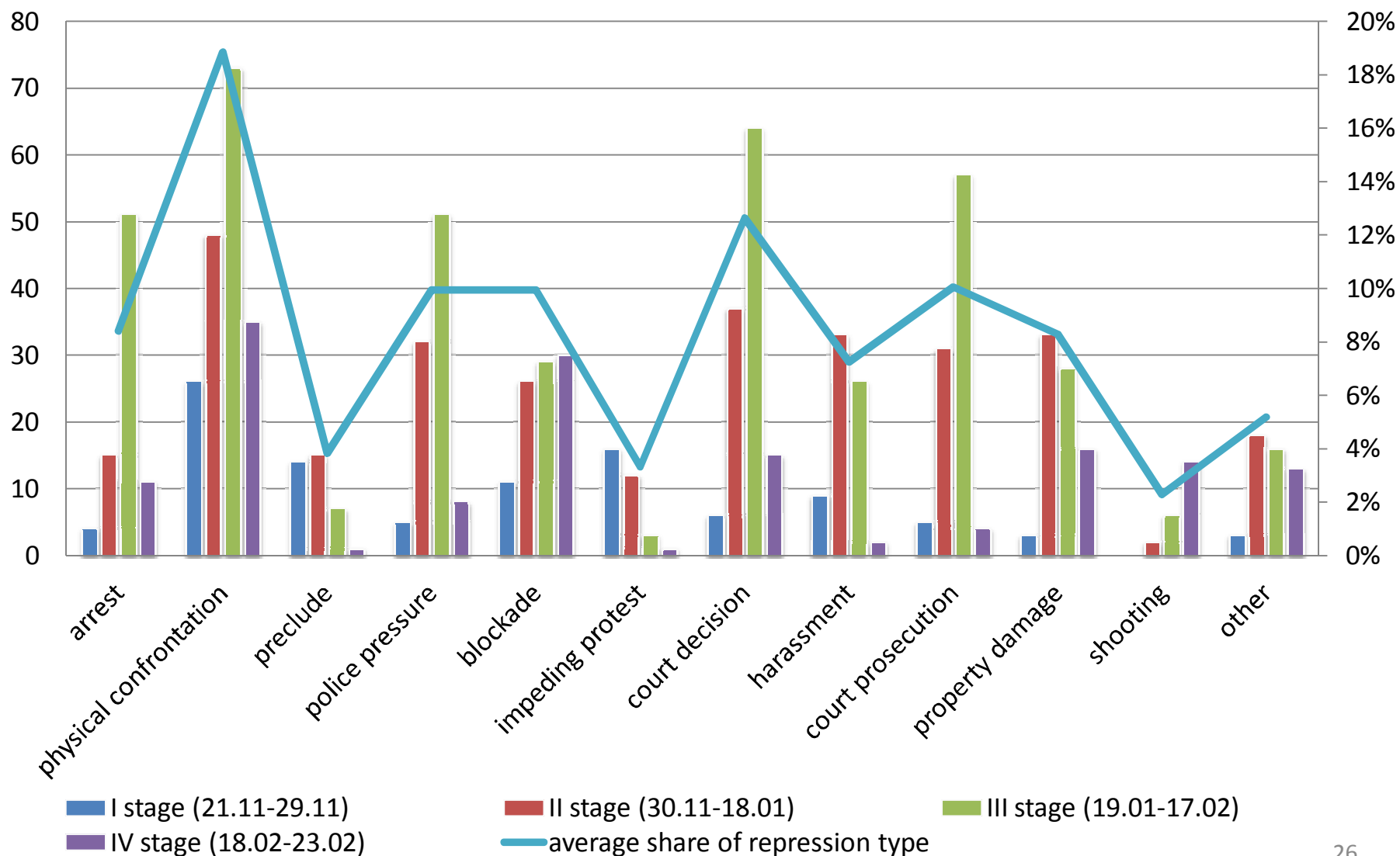




The dynamics of repressions against Maidan weekly



Specific repression types by Maidan stages (number of events and average share)



METHODOLOGY AND EVENTS TYPOLOGY

Coding methodology

Monitoring sources

Since 2013 the Center for Society Research team has been coding protests, repressions and concessions based on the monitoring of daily news from more than 190 national, regional and activist websites. The full description of the project methodology, coding scheme and the list of monitoring sources is available on the Centre for Society Research website, as well as the databases of coded events and full-text reports are published there: <http://www.cedos.org.ua/protests>.

General principles of coding

The basic unit of coding – *protest event* – is defined by the following criteria:

- 1) the presence of political or social demands or criticism;
- 2) it should be an action (i.e. it is not purely verbal) of public character;
- 3) it is made by a group of people or one person that are not part of the central government;
- 4) the settlement on the territory of Ukraine where the event took place and at least the approximate date of the event (up to a month) are known.

In addition to the protests the following types of events are included to the database:

- Positive reactions to the events (concessions) – practical actions aimed to fully or partially satisfy the demands of the protestors. Promises to satisfy the demands are not included, but official orders, decrees, commands aimed to satisfy protestor’s demands, regardless of whether they were eventually completed or not are included.
- Negative reactions to the protests (repressions) – practical actions aimed to prevent or to suppress protest actions, pressure on the protestors, both physical and legal, by the state or non-government organizations-objects of a protest.
- Other repressions (systematic coding started from July 28, 2014) – practical actions of the government or private companies aimed to prevent or suppress critical or opposing sociopolitical activity which does not fit the definition of the protest event.

Every event is coded separately, even if it is connected to the previous one except for some extremely similar typical sequences of events. Only those events are coded which *have already happened* according to mass media reports. However, *unsuccessful attempts of protest events* which were prevented by law-enforcement bodies are coded. The protest activities which were canceled by protestors because of a court order are not included into the database. A multi-day event is considered to be a single event regardless of its duration.

Events typology

The regions of Ukraine are defined as follows:

Center: Zhytomyrska, Kyivska, Chernihivska, Sumska, Vinnytska, Cherkaska, Kirovohradska, Poltavaska oblasts;

Crimea: Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol;

Donbass: Donetsk, Luhanska;

East: Kharkivska,, Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka oblasts;

Kyiv: the city of Kyiv;

South: Odeska, Mykolaivska, Khersonska oblasts;

West: Volynska, Rivnenska, Lvivska, Ternopilska, Ivano-Frankivska, Chernivetska, Zakarpatska.

By the **tactics** we divide protests into three categories:

conventional – well-known and commonly accepted forms of protest that do not impose direct pressure on the protest targets, such as pickets, rallies, demonstrations, performances, etc.;

confrontational - protest actions involving direct pressure on the goals of a protest ('direct action') but not yet causing any direct damage for people or property, such as blocking roads, strikes, hunger strikes, etc.;

violent – protest actions with causing (or threat of causing) of direct damage to people or property, such as beating or vandalism.

Data on the most notable Maidan **participants** shows the number of protests supporting Maidan in which their participation was reported by mass media. Please note that this is precisely *reported* participation; very often protest participants were described in a very general way, e.g. 'Euromaidan activists'. These data should be treated as a picture of the 'minimum level' of participation in the protests as well as how noticeable this participation was for the mass-media.

It is also important to note that these data are precisely about *protest* participation. Humanitarian initiatives which were not oriented to protest activity, like *Euromaidan-SOS* or *Hospital Guards* expectedly were not included in the data on protest events.

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