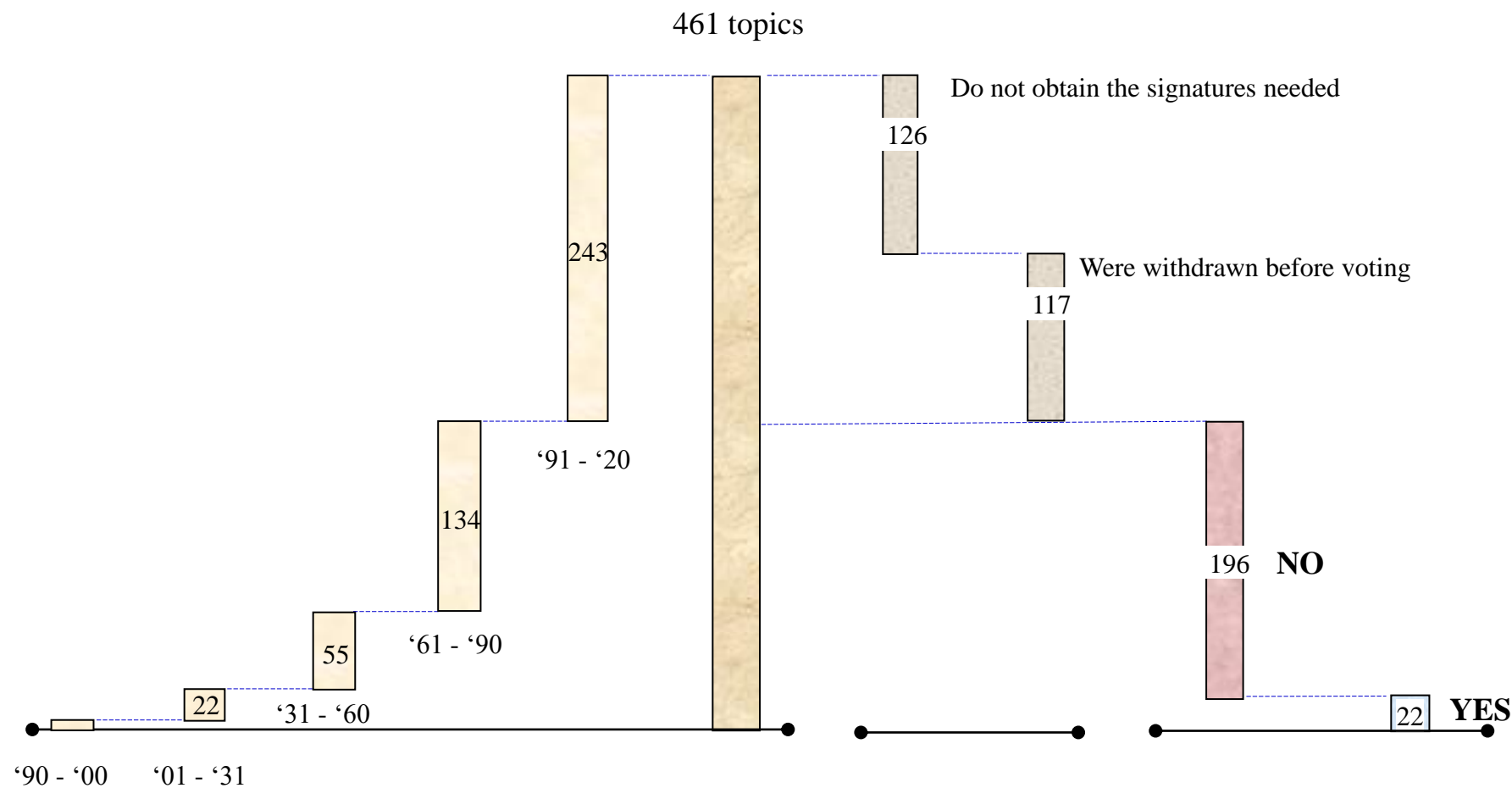


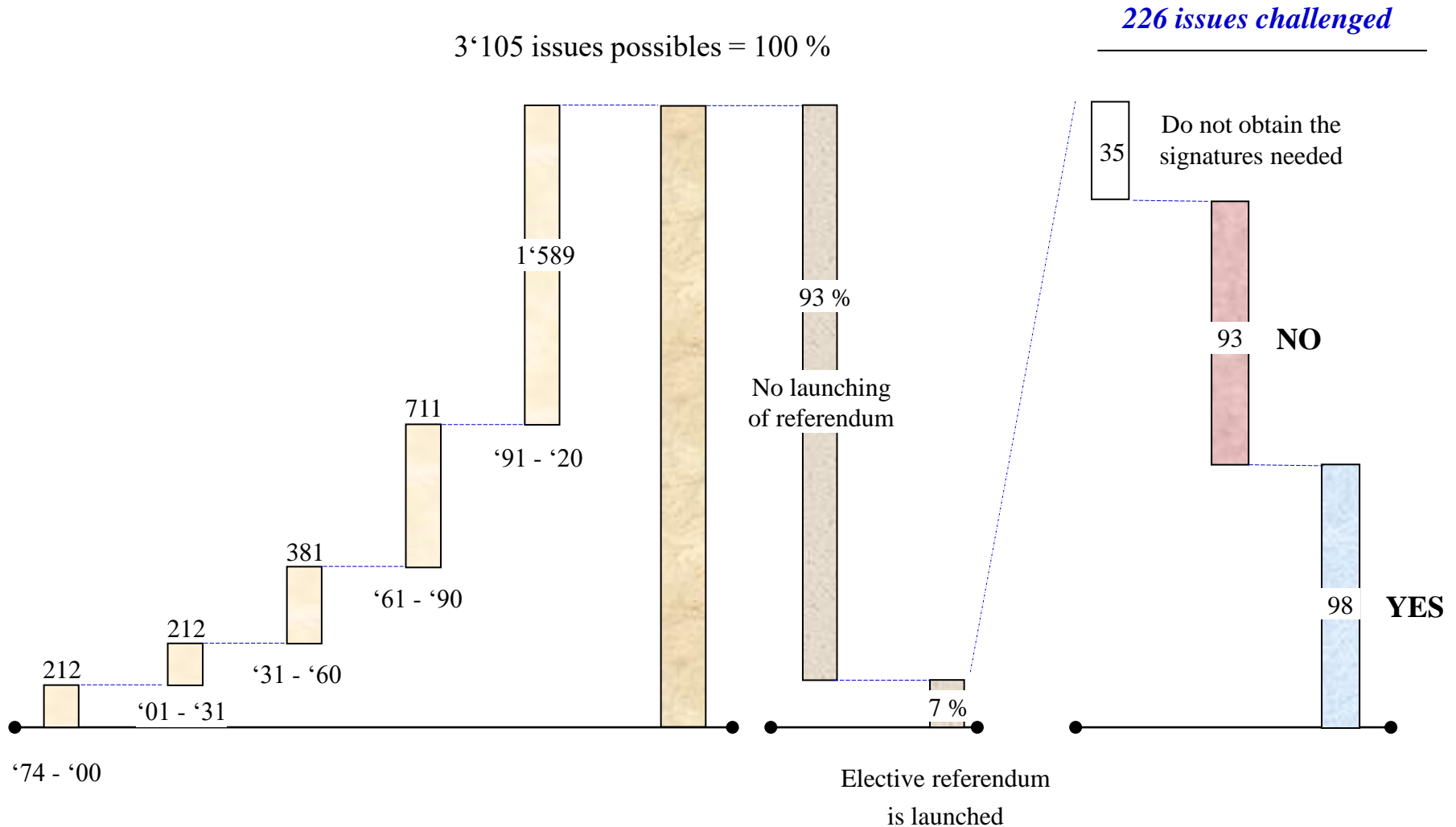
Summary of the political rights of Swiss citizens

Political rights	3 levels of the state		
	National	Regional	Municipal
Elect representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Executive○ Legislative	<div></div> <div>✓</div>	<div>✓</div> <div>✓</div>	<div>✓</div> <div>✓</div>
Vote mandatory referendums	<div>✓</div>	<div>✓</div>	<div>✓</div>
Launch, sign and/or vote <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Elective referendums○ Citizens' initiatives	<div>✓</div> <div>✓</div>	<div>✓</div> <div>✓</div>	<div>✓</div> <div>✓</div>

Structure and outcome of citizens' initiatives referended at national level

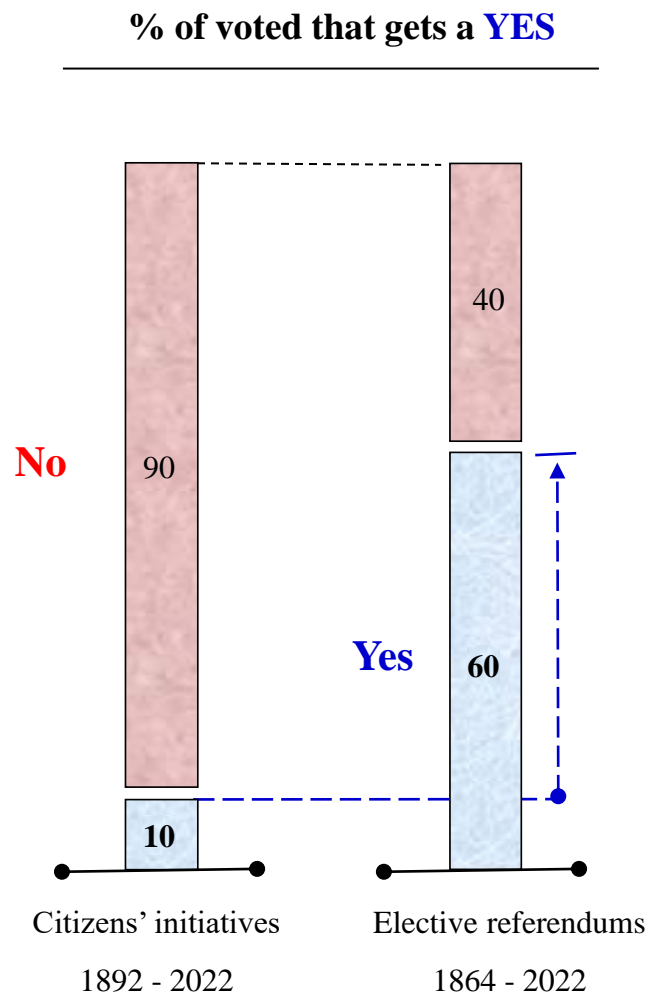
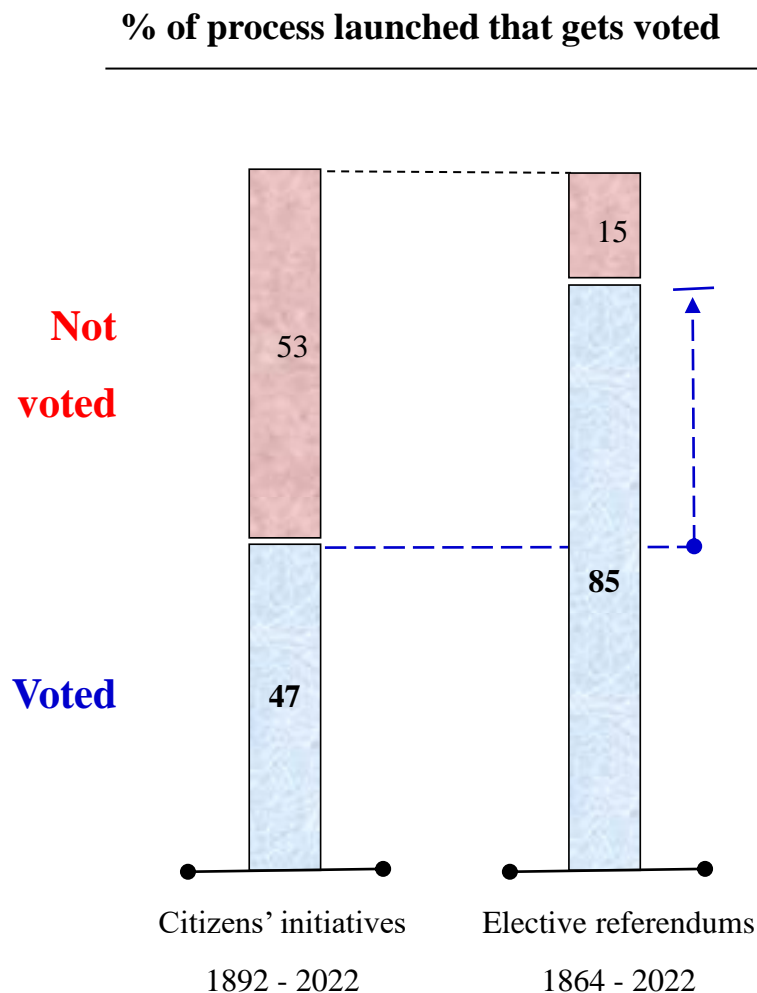


Structure and outcomes of elective referendums at national level



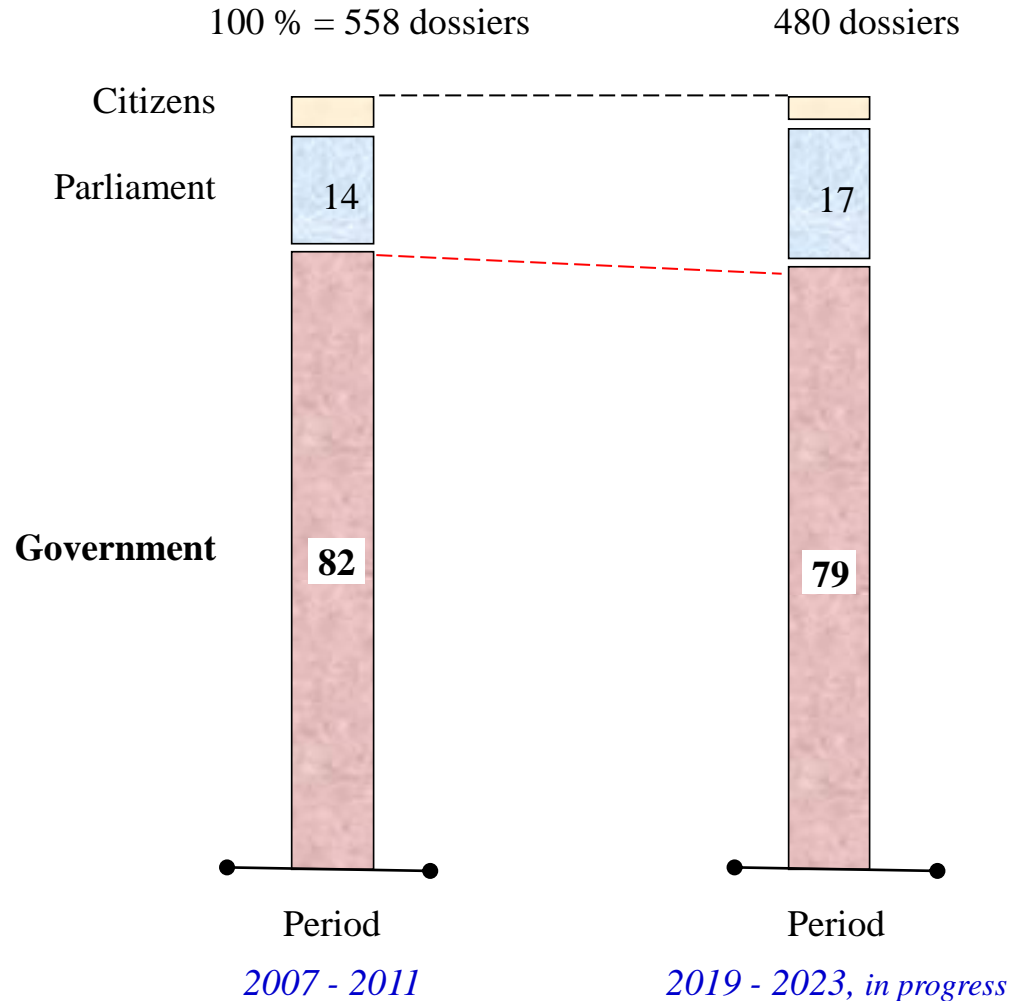
Great difference in the effectiveness with which political rights are being used

Structure of referendums and outcomes, as per type of right used to cause the referendum, national level, in %



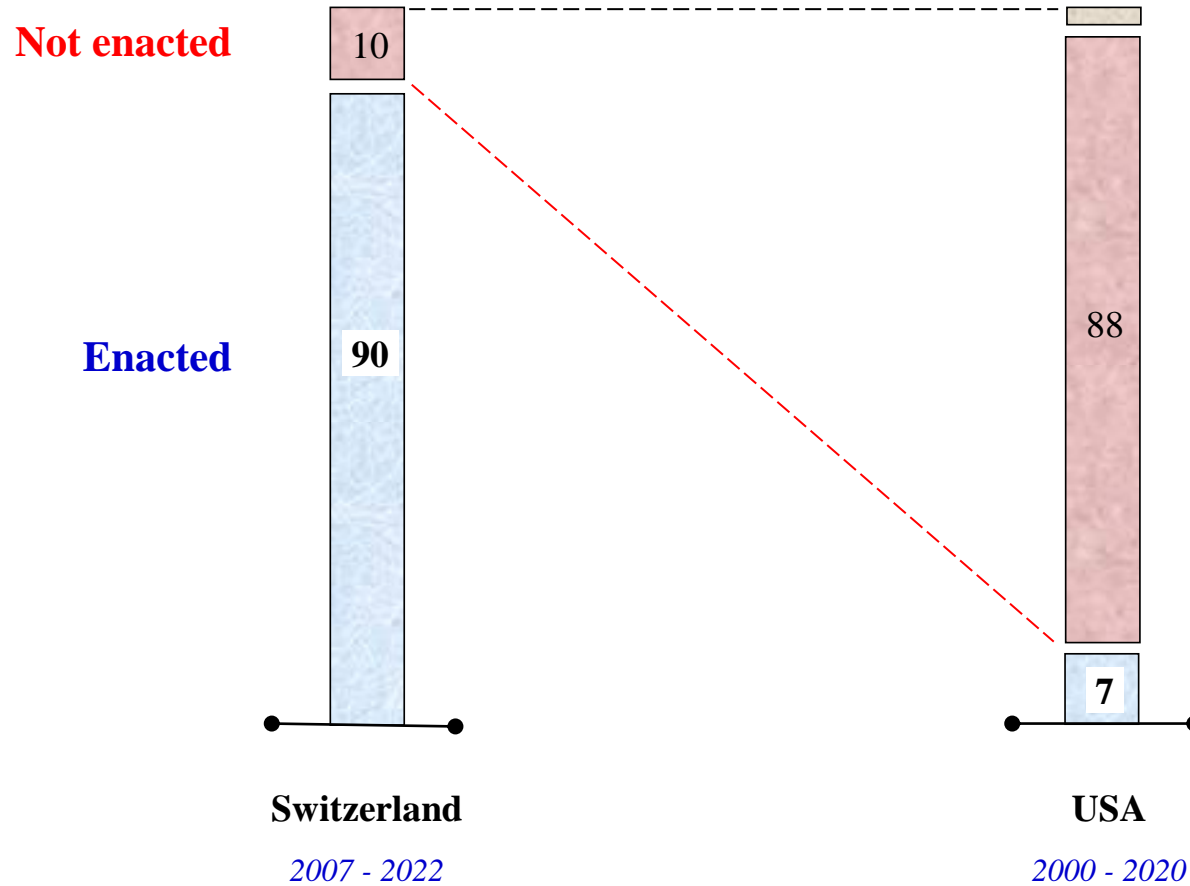
The Federal Council has control of the political / legislative agenda in Switzerland

Structure of enactments of the Swiss parliament by source of the dossier, in %



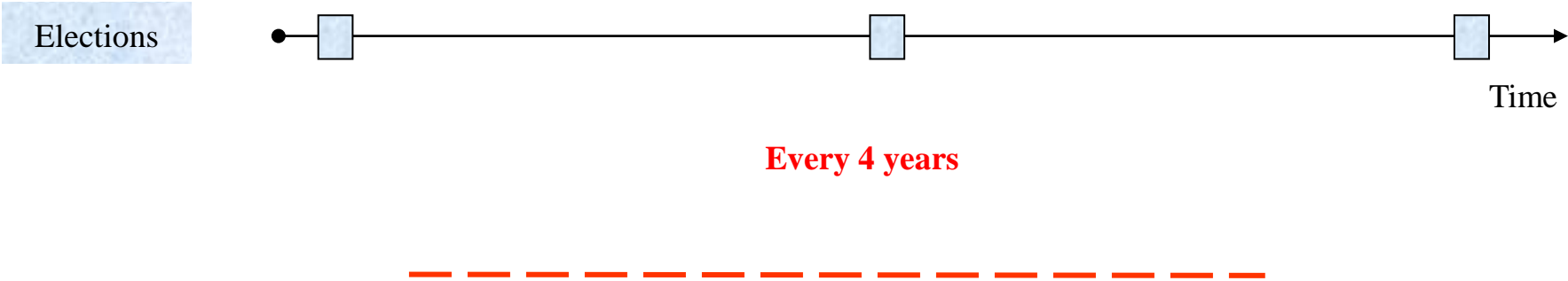
The political process has a very high effectiveness in Switzerland

Structure of enactments of the Swiss and other parliaments, average, in %

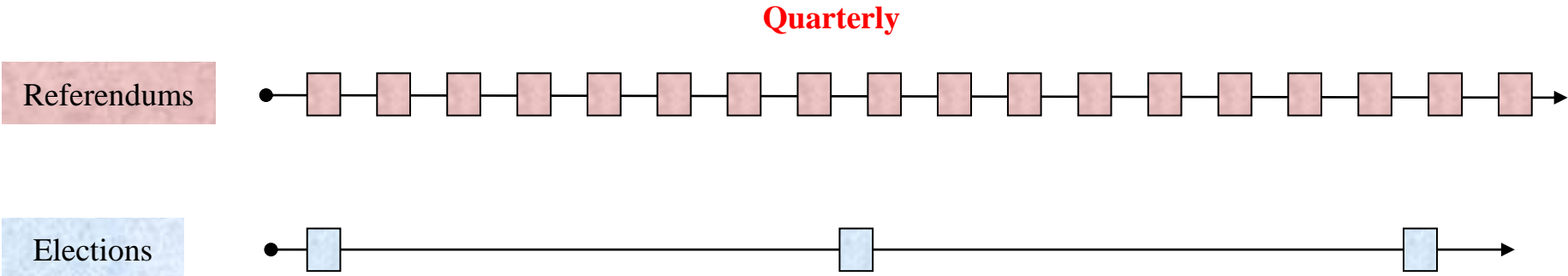


Broad political rights: are unrestricted, apply permanently, and are used regularly

Representative democracias




Switzerland - direct democracy



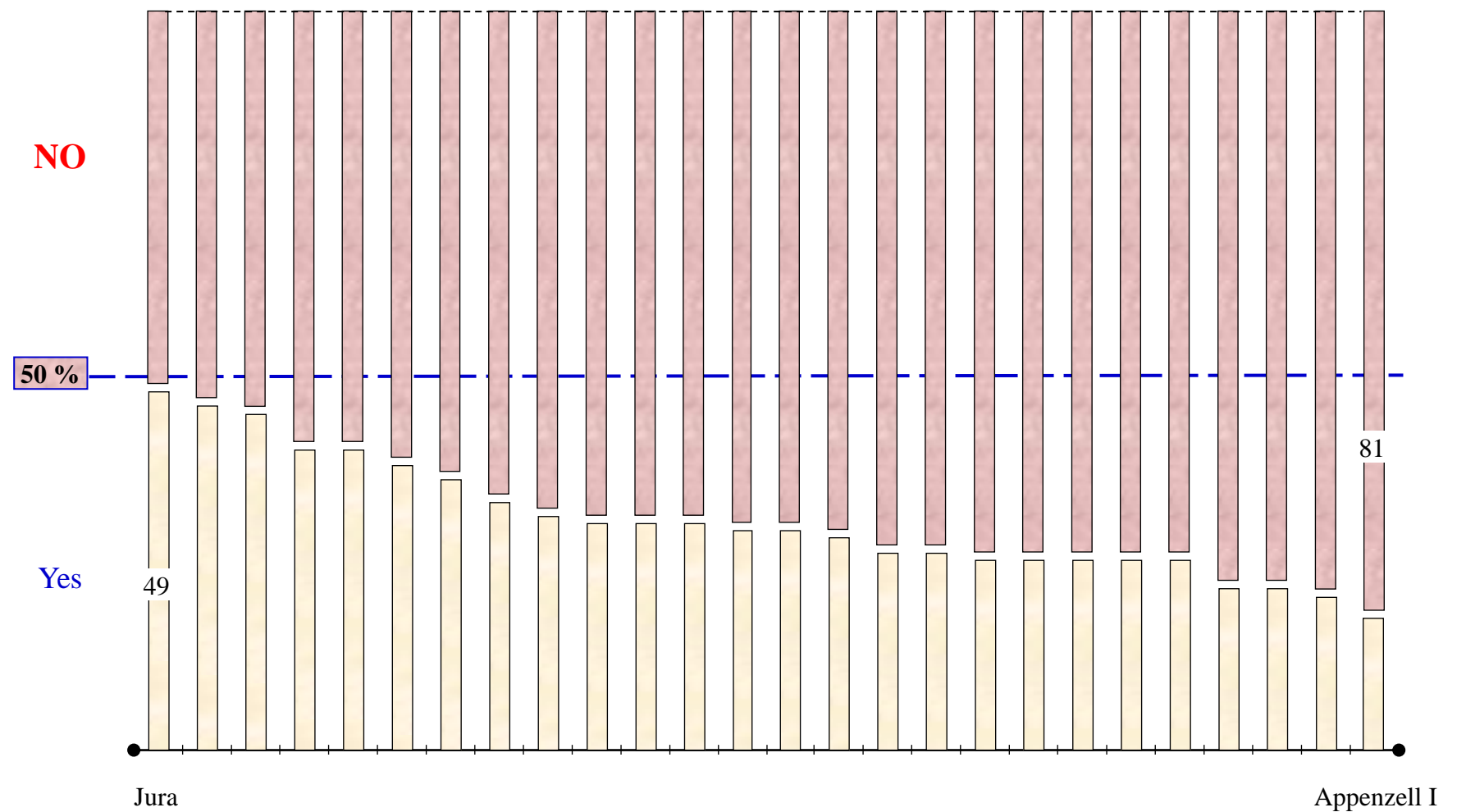
Quarterly referendums and their impact on the Swiss political agenda

Number of topics voted by way of a referendum

	 Winter	Per year	In 4 years	In 20 years
	<i>Per session, 4x</i>	<i>Accumulated</i>	<i>Accumulated</i>	<i>Accumulated</i>
National	2 - 4	10 - 18	40 - 70	200 - 350
26 cantons	45 - 55	180 - 220	700 - 900	3'500 - 4'500
2'170 municipalities	1'000 - 1'500	5'000 - 7'000	20'000 - 28'000	100k - 135k

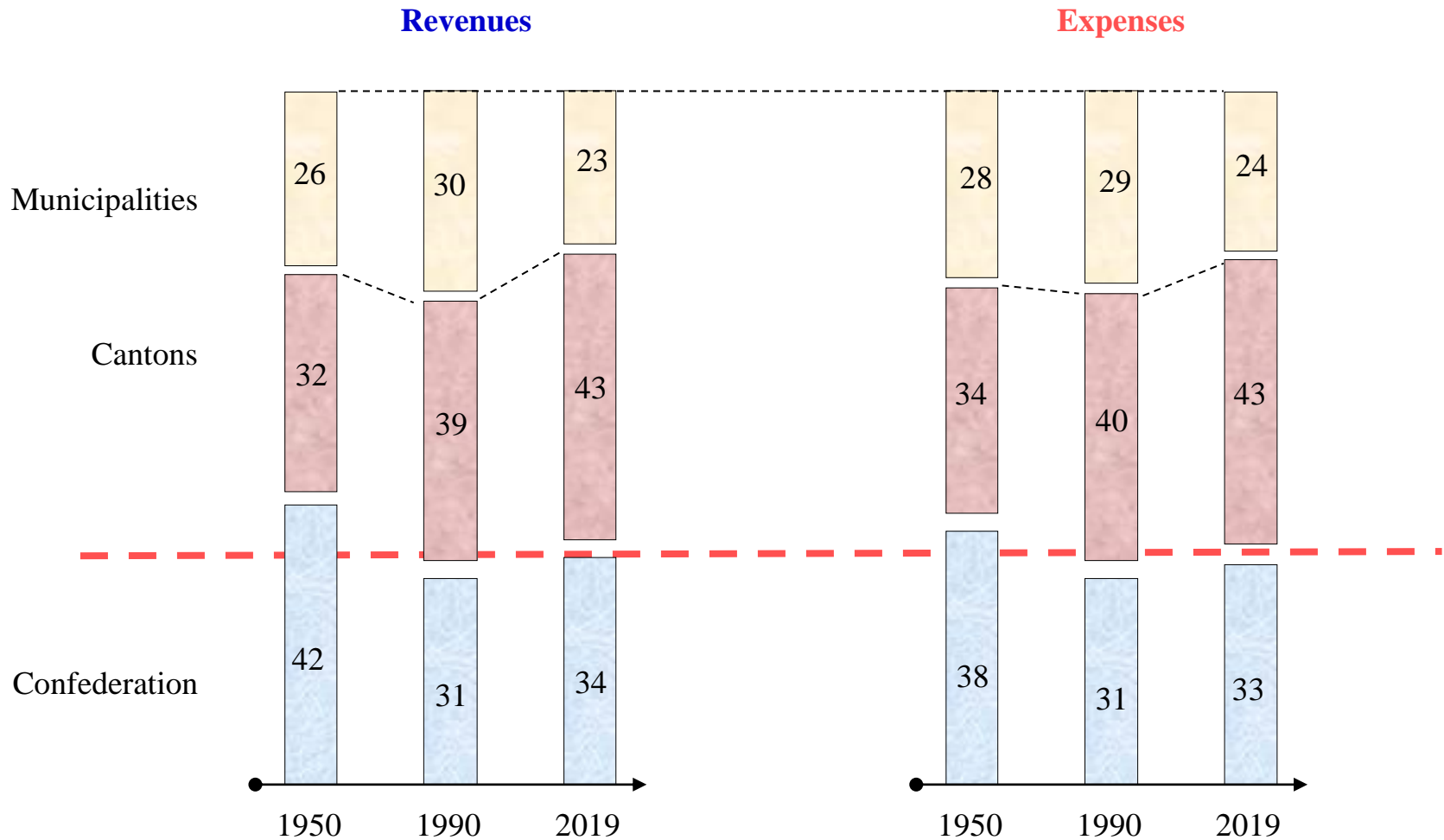
Outcome of the initiative "6 weeks of holidays" – **rejected by 67% of the voters !**

In % of the votes casted in the respective cantons. March 2012



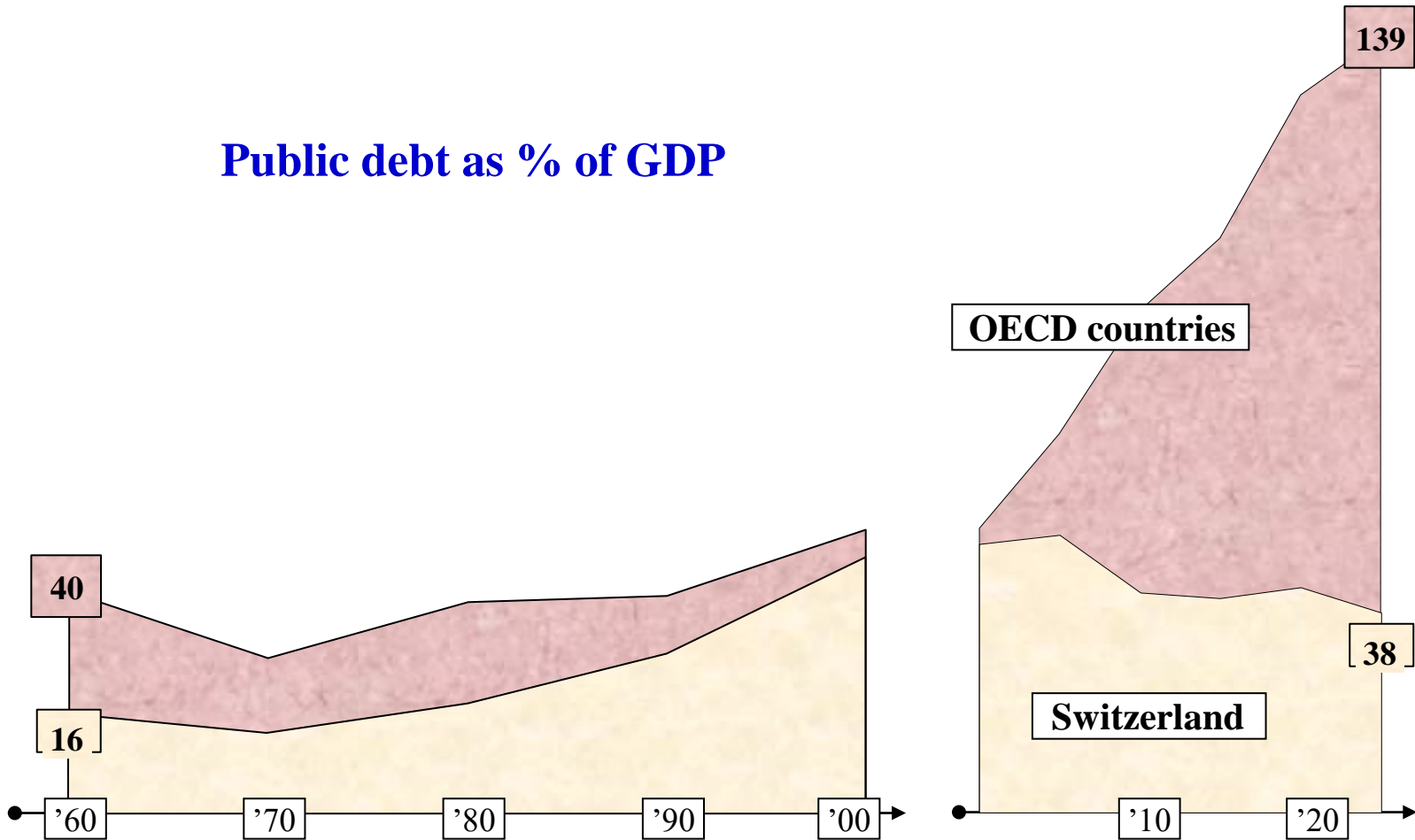
Direct democracy leads to a highly decentralized and effective use of public funds

Structure of the public revenues and expenses. In % of the total.



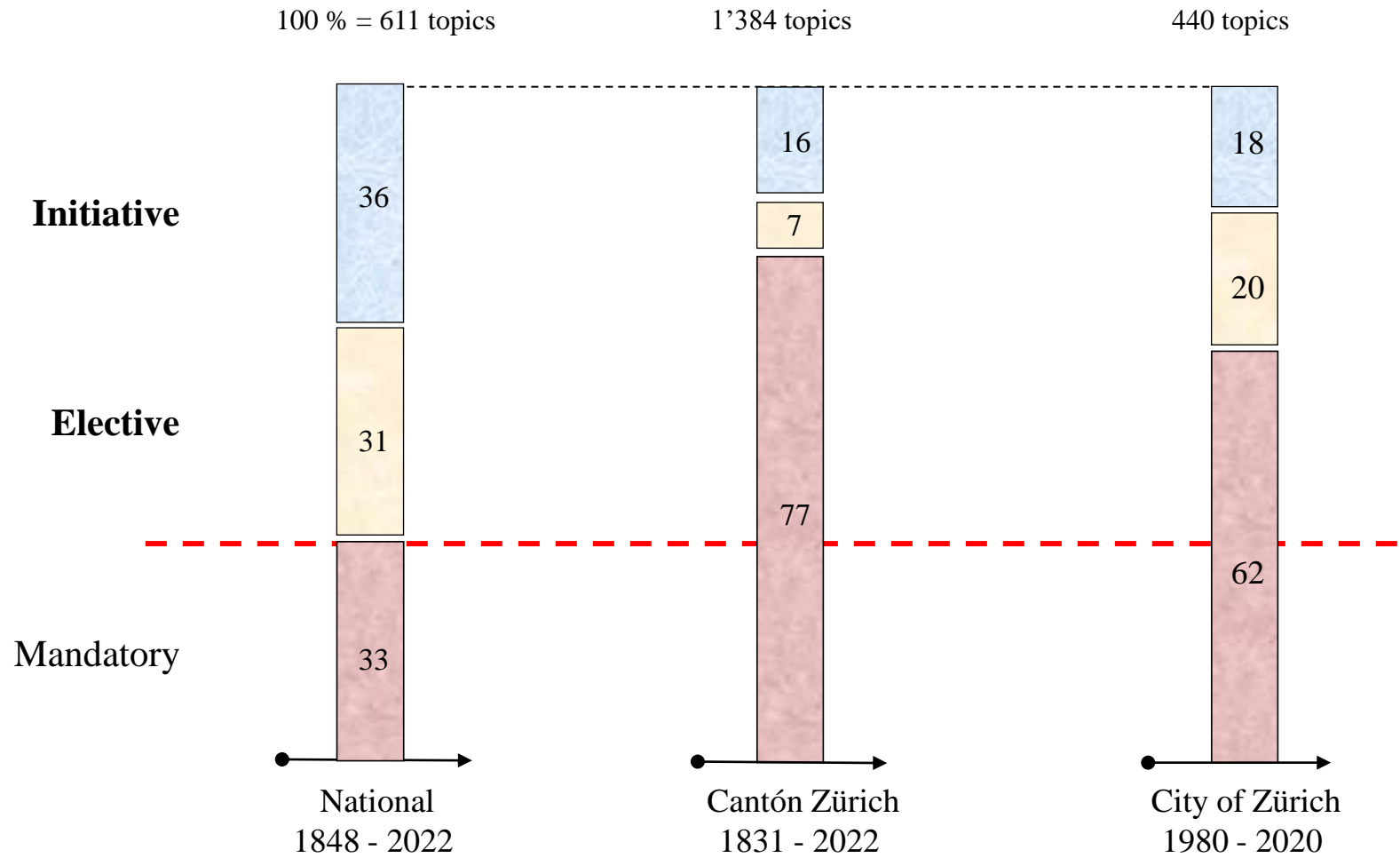
Elected representatives must be responsive and responsible under direct democracy

Public debt as % of GDP

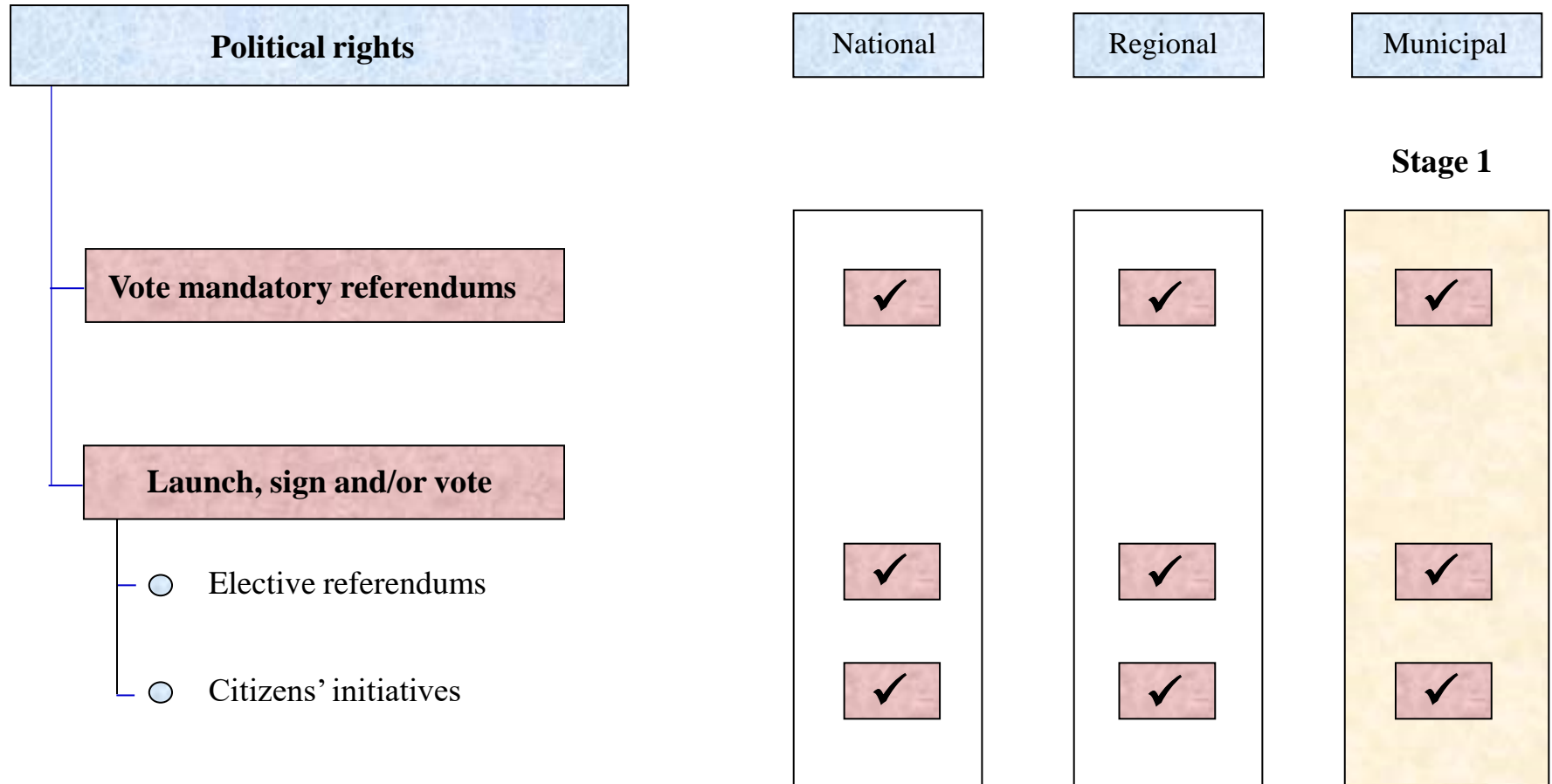


At the canton level the citizens make even a lower usage of political rights

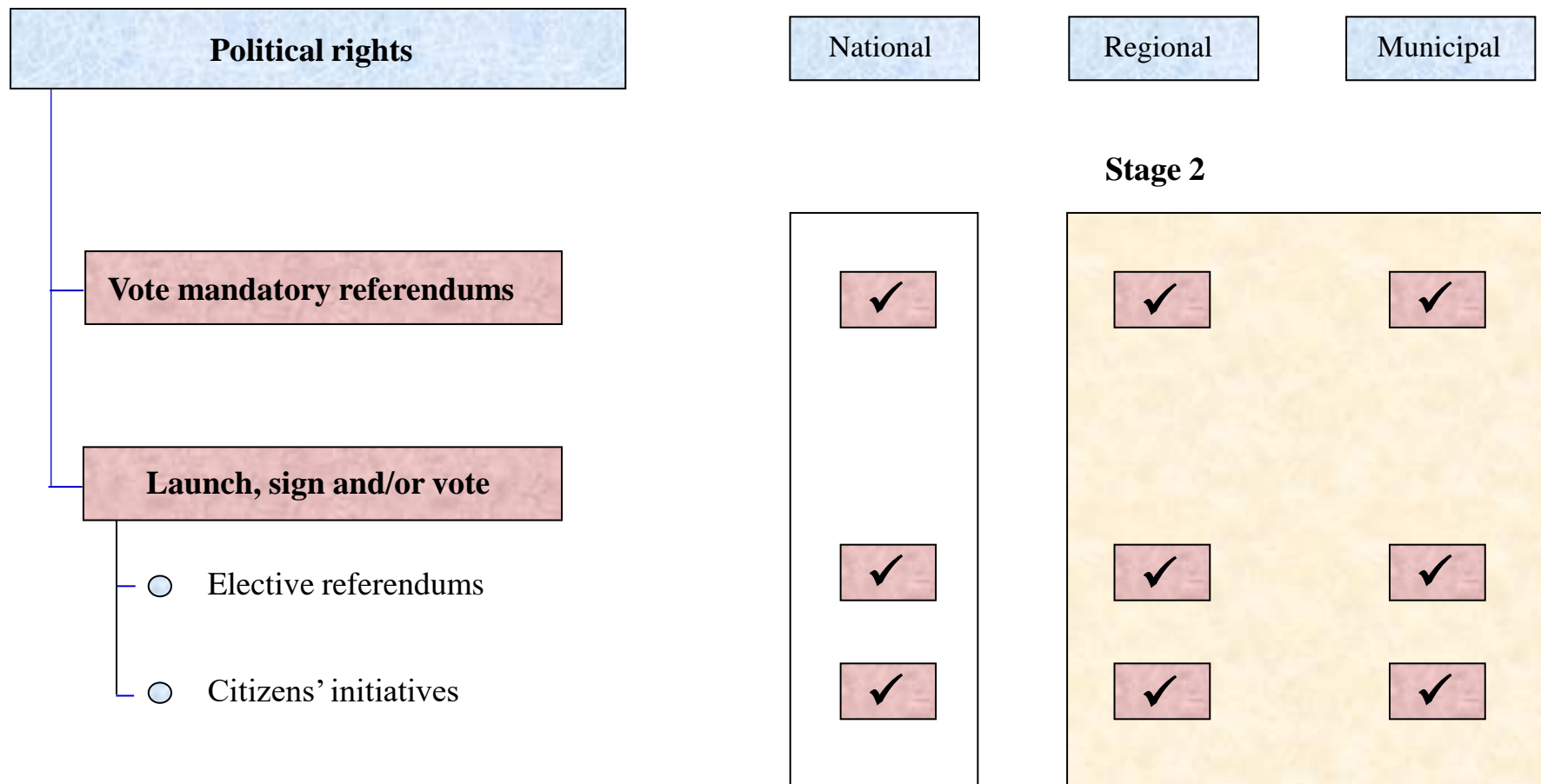
By type of political right that led to the vote, in %



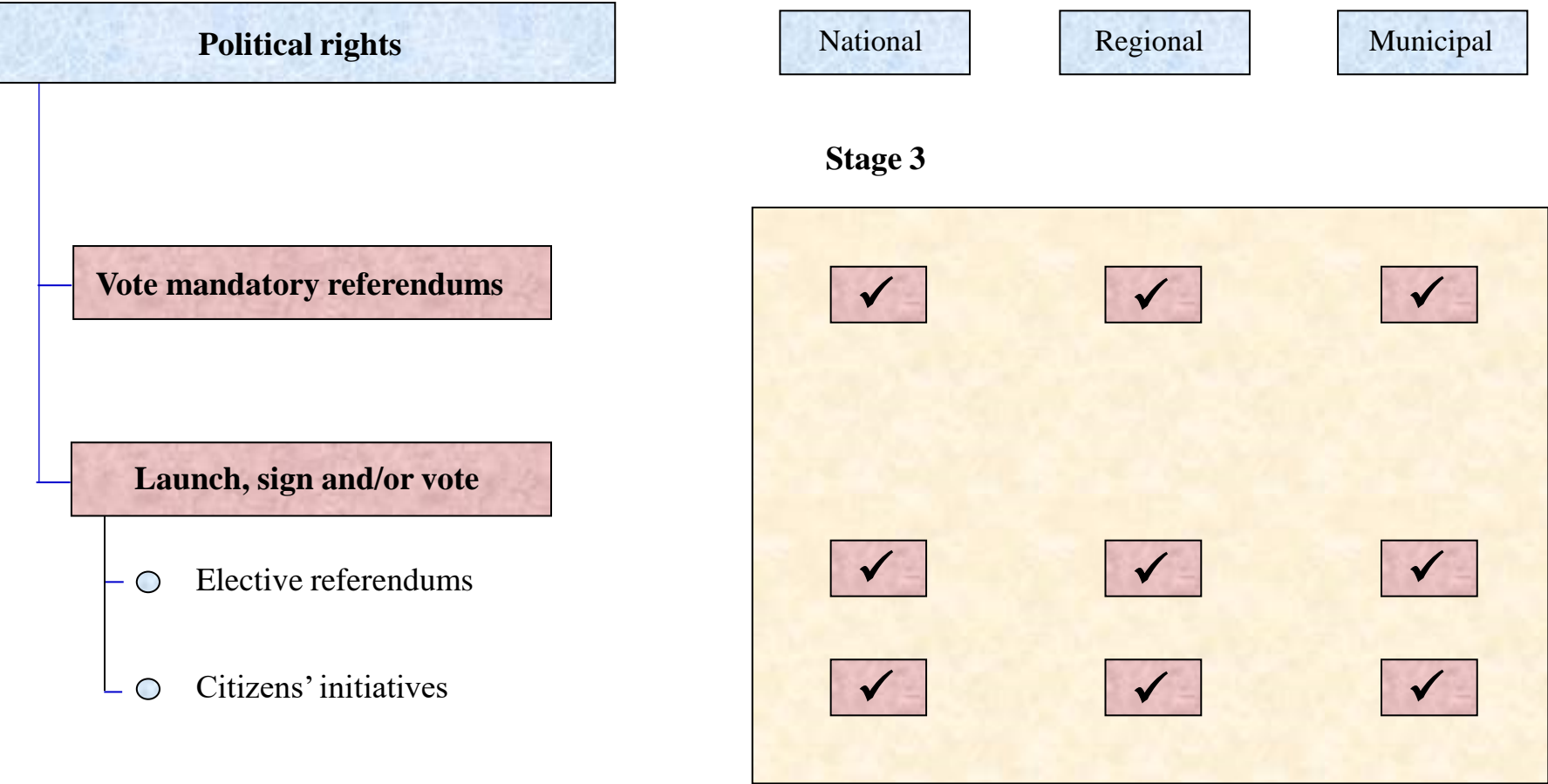
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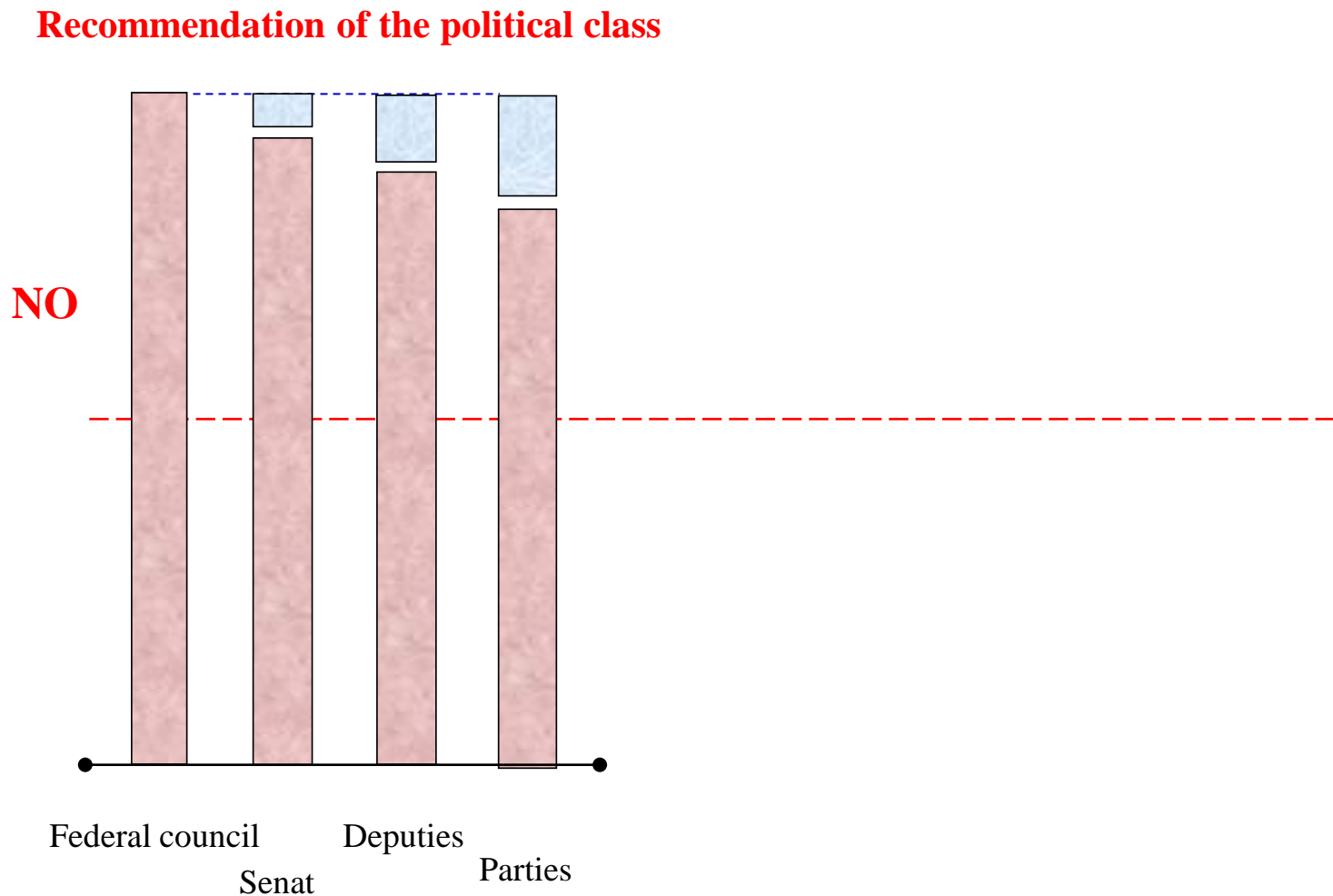


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Results of the elective referendum "Back to direct democracy"

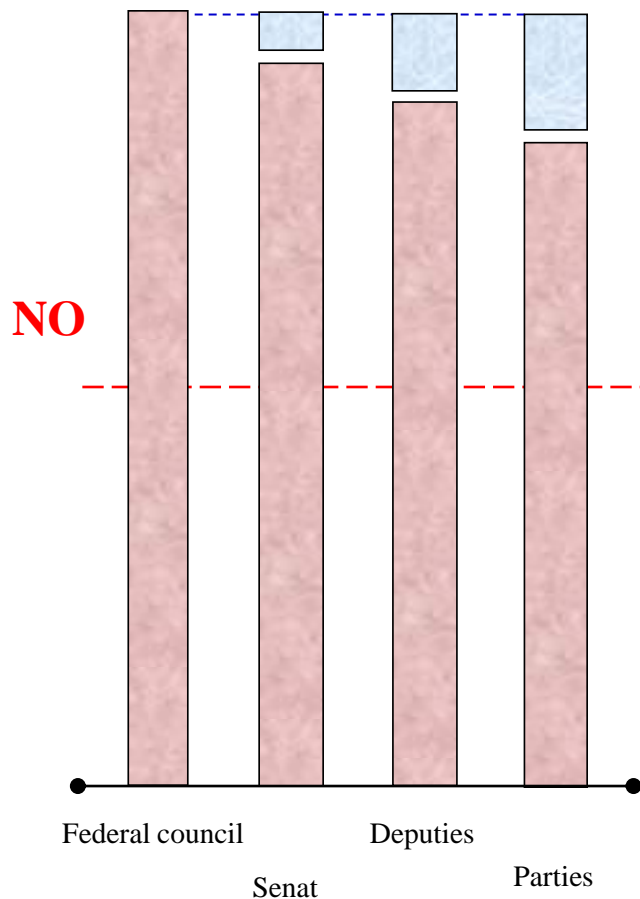
In %, September 1949



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Recommendation of the political class



Actual vote

