



“What does government trust mean in China? Input- and output aspects of trust”

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Aspects of government trust/support

In-put aspects of trust

- Representative democracy device
- Diffuse support (Easton 1975)
- Electoral systems
- Democratic input factors
- Cultural values
- Moral

Out-put aspects of trust

- Quality of government processes (Rothstein 2008)
- Specific support (Easton 1975)
- Impartiality,
- Efficiency
- Bureaucratic output factor

Our Data:

- National survey «Chinese Perceptions of Distributive Justice and Fairness»
- Implemented late 2014
- 2500 respondents
- Cooperation between Fafo, Harvard, Peking University (RCCC) and UiB
- Funded by the Norwegian Research Council and Norwegian Ministry of Foreign affairs

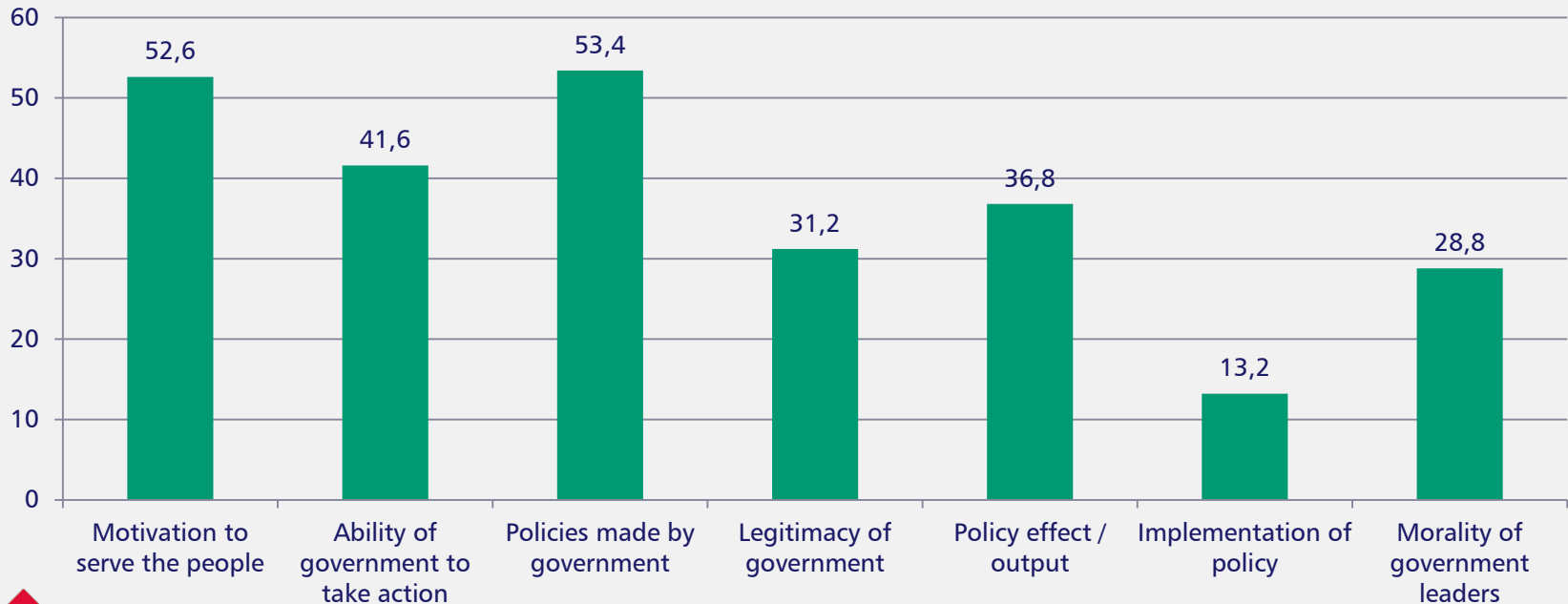
Our questions:

«What aspects of trust you take into consideration when evaluating trust in government» (central and local)

- The motivation of government to serve the people
- The ability of government to take action
- The policies made by government (the intention)
- The legitimacy of government
- The effect of policies / the output
- The implementation of policies in a good manner
- The morality of government leaders

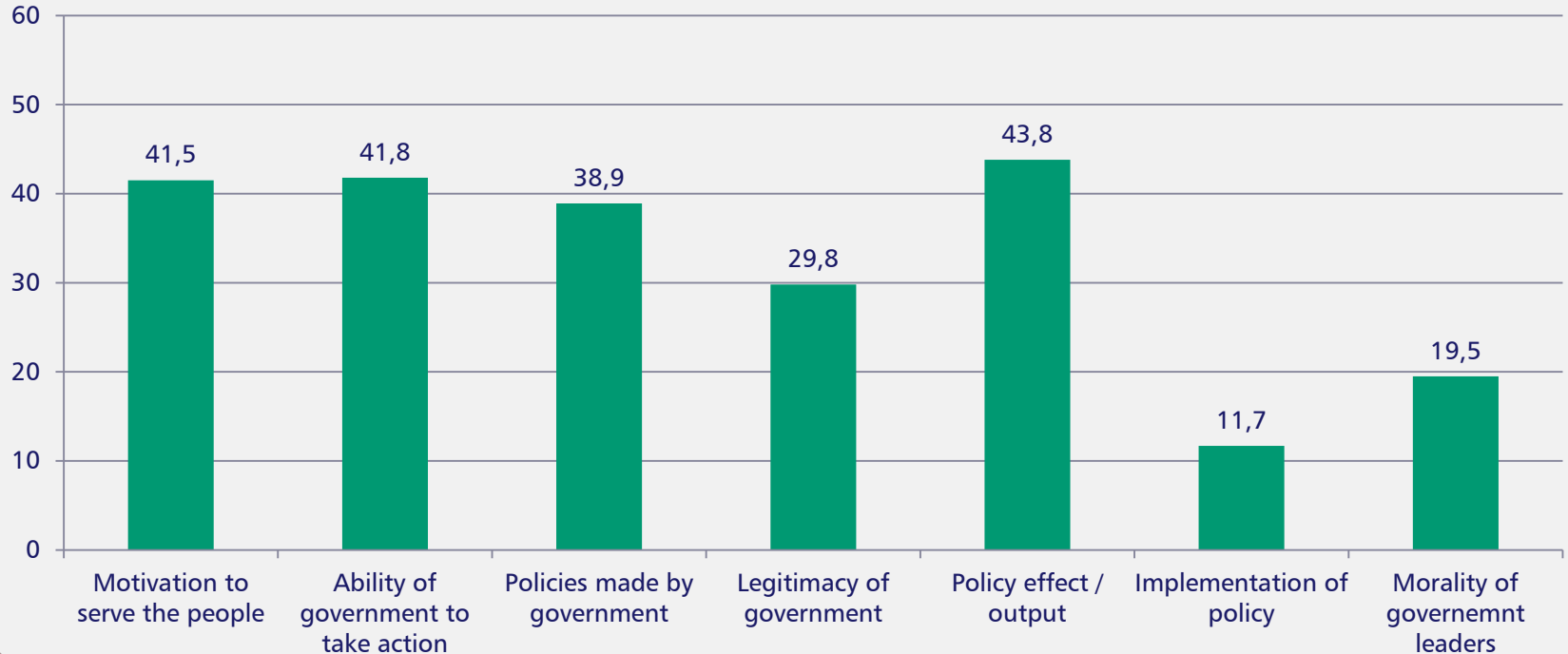
Aspects of trust for central government

Central government

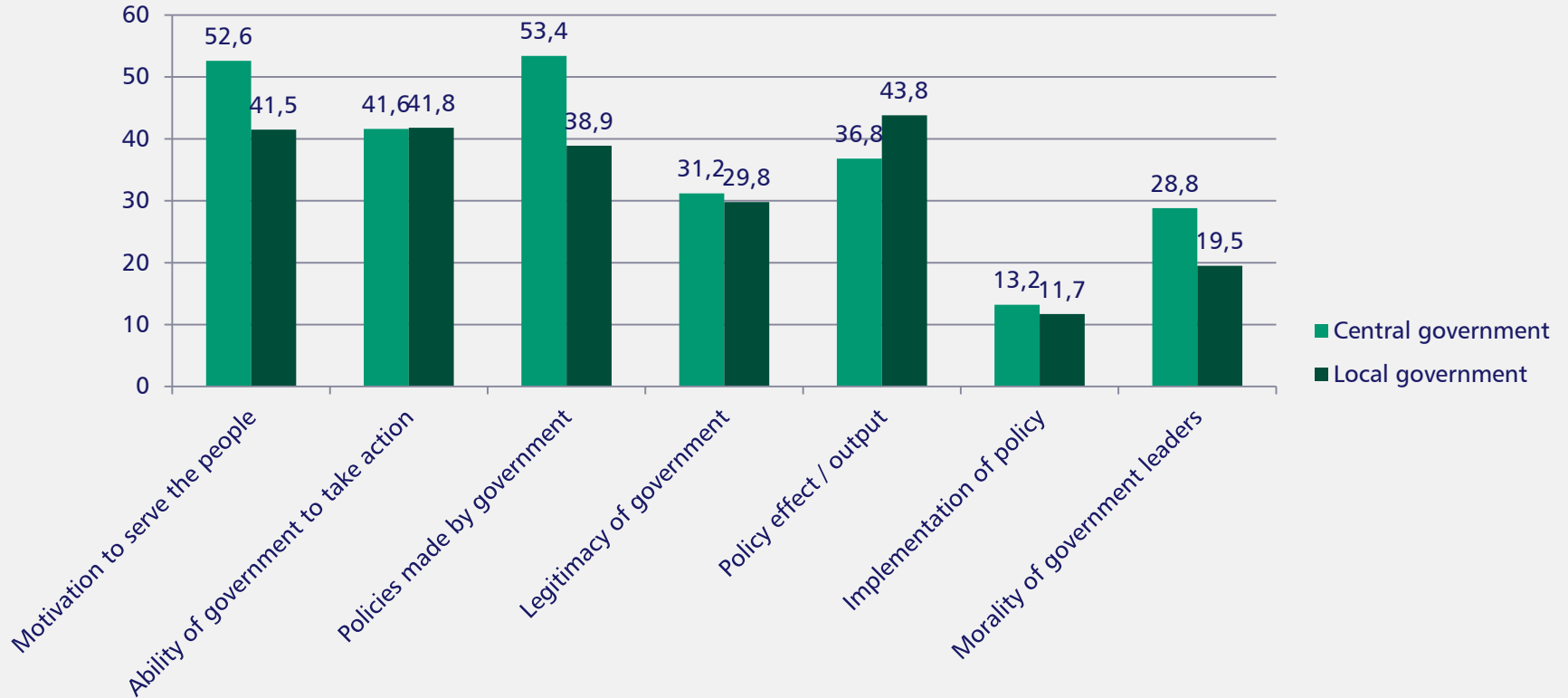


Aspects of trust for local government

Local government



Central and local government compared



Which aspects of trust matters most?

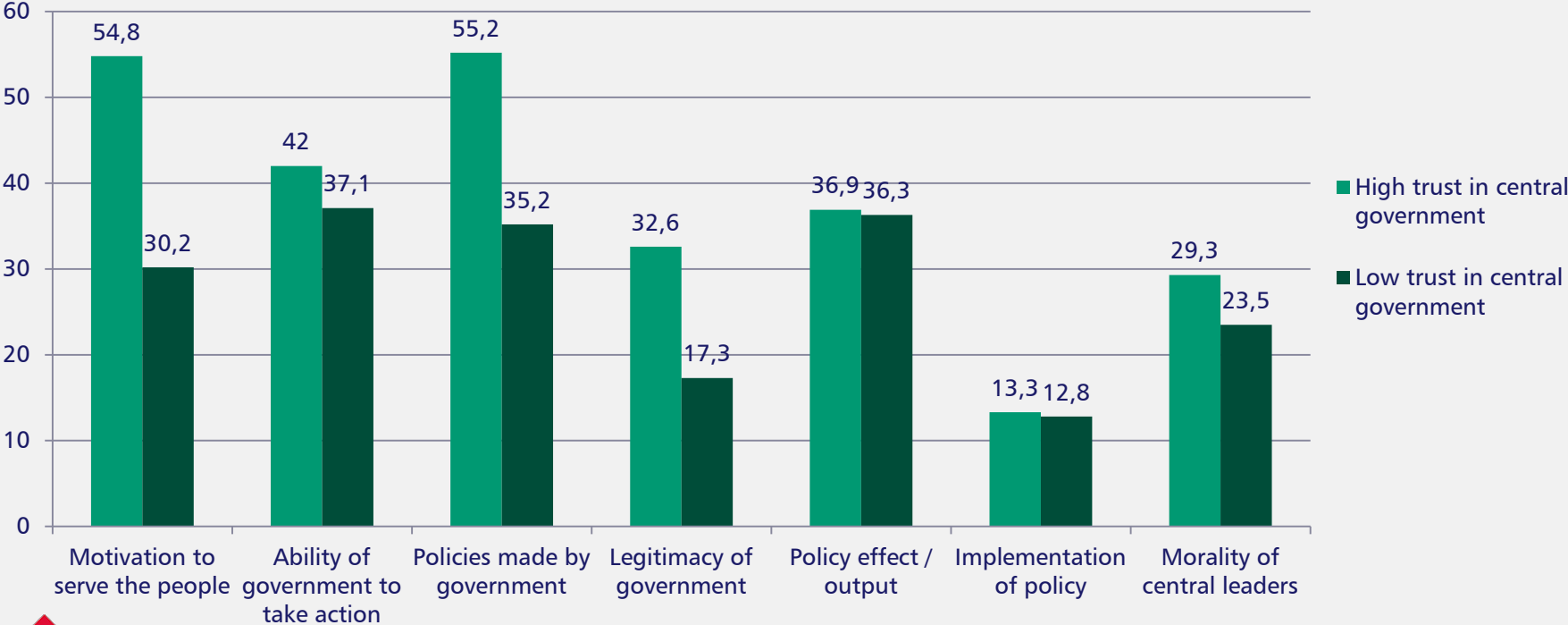
Central government

1. *Motivation to serve the people*
2. *Policies made by the government (intentions)*
3. Government's ability to act
4. Policy effect/output

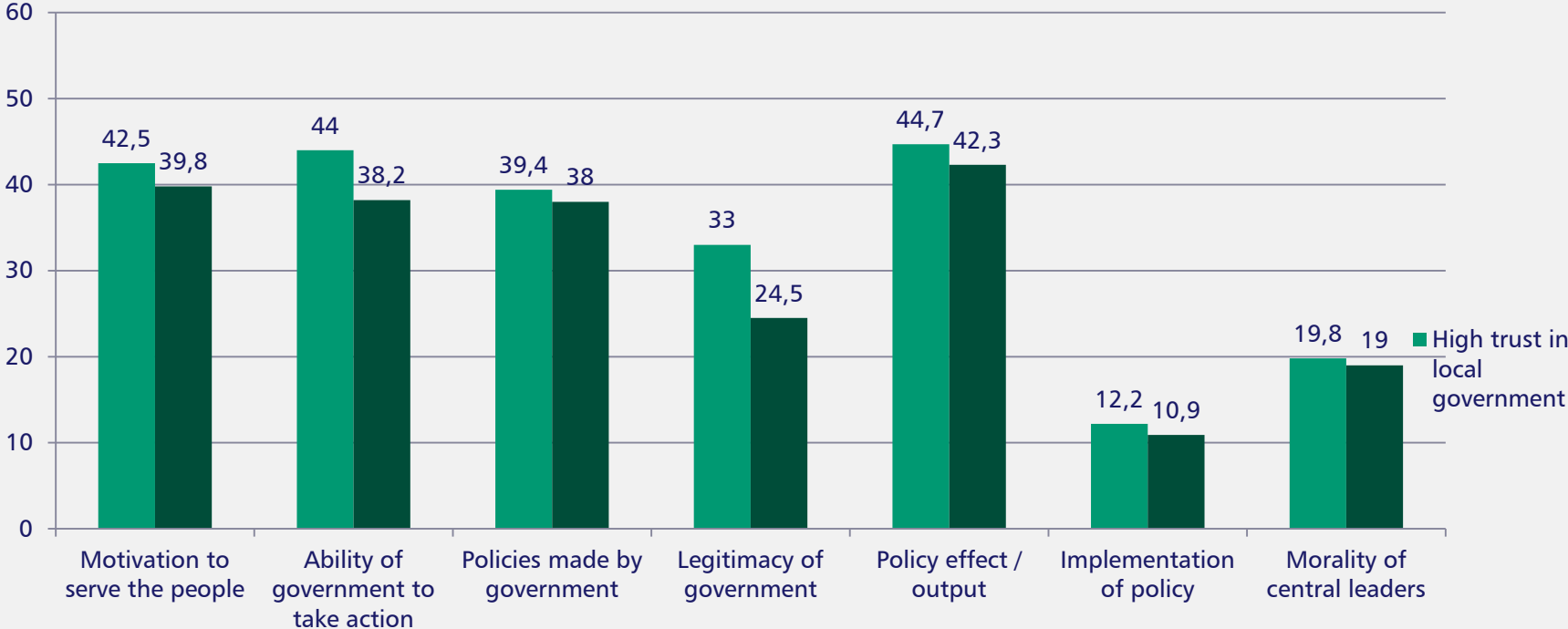
Local government

1. Policy effect/output
2. Government's ability to act
3. *Motivation to serve the people*
4. *Policies made by the government (intentions)*

High and low trust in central government



High and low trust in local government



Conclusions

- Input aspects of trust matter most for trust in central government
- Output aspects of trust matter most for trust in local government
- High trust in central government is linked to input aspects of trust
- Very little distinction between high and low trusters in local government

