

# OPINION SURVEY REPORT

## PRAIA, SÃO VICENTE AND SANTA CATARINA DE SANTIAGO

### METHODOLOGY

Datasheet

**The demand:** Evaluation of public opinion in relation to the political environment as a result of the Justice cases - Alex Saab and Amadeu Oliveira, as well as a brief overview of the presidential elections.

#### Technical proposal

**Target Audience:** Individuals over 18 years old and with electoral capacity in the constituencies of Praia, S. Vicente and Santa Catarina de Santiago.

**Sample:** Was stratified by age, sex and area of residence. The proportional sampling method was used and the confidence margin is 98%.

Samples: distributed by Praia – 578 S - S. Vicente – 398; and Santa Catarina – 331 people surveyed.

Margin of error: 2.5%

Reliability coefficient: 97.5%

## **Data collection**

Data collection in the field took place between the 10th and 14th of September 2021. Eight surveyors participated in it, covering all areas of the aforementioned municipalities.

In this work, a total of 1,194 people were surveyed, geographically distributed by gender and age group as follows:

Distribution by gender – Overall, 542 men and 652 women were surveyed.

Distribution by age groups were surveyed globally – **18/34** – 582; **35/54** – 441 - **55/80** – 171 individuals.

The technique of direct and personal interview was used, through a questionnaire structured by the Consultant and approved by the client.

The questionnaire was written in Portuguese. Whenever people were found who did not understand Portuguese, or who did not understand a word, the questions or words in question were translated into Creole and explained by the interviewers.

## **ISSUES RELATED TO ALEX SAAB**

**1 – Party sympathy and voting in legislative elections**

**2 – Government Assessment**

**3 – Characterisation of the Constitutional Court's decision on the Ruling by the STJ – Supreme Court of Justice in the Alex Saab Case**

**4 - Assessment of process delay**

**5 – Assessment of the detention carried out by the Attorney General for extradition**

**6 – Assessment of the attitude of the President of the Republic**

**7 – Opinion on his arrest, detention and maintenance in prison**

**8 – Opinion on the relationship between the offer of U.S. financing and extradition.**

**9 – People's forecast about the figure of President of the Republic, Jorge Carlos Fonseca.**

**10 – Opinion on the delay in providing better treatment for Alex Saab**

**11 – Assignment of responsibilities in the process**

**12 – Consequences for Cape Verde's diplomatic relations**

**13 – Assessment of impacts on tourism**

**14 – Evaluation of the Cape Verde Justice System**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

After analysing the data and information obtained during the interviews, we have the following observations to report:

Respondents stated that they voted mainly for the MpD and PAICV and according to the results framework that actually took place. The MpD was identified as the political force that received the highest number of votes, considering the totality of the three most populous cities in the country.

The evaluation of the Government's performance is globally positive, with greater emphasis on the classification of Reasonable/Fair.

### **Evaluation of the Constitutional Court decision**

Respondents negatively assess the Constitutional Court's decision not to recognise the unconstitutionality of Alex Saab's extradition decision. Considering the three main cities, the negative critical ratings of Totally Illegal ranged from 13.6% in Praia to 15% in Santa Catarina.

Most respondents consider that the Constitutional Court's decision was incorrect, with greater expression in Santa Catarina 56.8%, Praia 35.2% and São Vicente 32.2%.

### **Process delay**

Most of the interviewees attributed the delay in court decisions to pressure exerted on the Judicial Decision-makers in order to make the extradition of Alex Saab feasible. This understanding is shared almost equally in Praia, S. Vicente and Santa Catarina. In a different sense, about 20% of people believe that this was due to a lack of understanding among the judges. A small part of the interviewees was unwilling or unable to respond.

## **Diplomatic status**

An expressive majority of those interviewed believe that the State of Cape Verde - Government and Justice - violated Alex Saab's diplomatic status. In this sense, 60.2 % responded in Praia, S. Vicente, 40.2 and Santa Catarina, 64.4 % A small part, on average in the order of 17.2% did not know how to answer and 21.2% thinks that there was not any violation of Alex Saab's diplomat status.

## **Evaluation of the intervention of the President of the Republic**

A large number of people questioned consider that the President of the Republic did not have the strength or courage to enforce the diplomatic status of Alex Saab, in other words, the international commitments assumed by the State of Cape Verde. In this sense, Praia, (55.8%) S. Vicente (33.2%) and Santa Catarina were considered. 62 %.

## **Alex Saab Prison Maintenance in prison**

The maintenance of Alex Saab's prison is also condemned by a clear majority of respondents to the inquiries. Praia (57.4%) S. Vicente (39.6%) and Santa Catarina (60.1%) A much smaller percentage think that the actions of Cape Verdean authorities are normal and legal.

## **USD 400 million in counterparts offered to Cape Verde**

Regarding the 400 million dollars in compensation offered to Cape Verde by the United States of America, a large number of people believe that this will have somehow been a bargaining chip for the decision to detain and extradite Alex Saab. Averaging the three largest population centres, more than 65% of people agree with this conclusion.

### **Future vision in relation to the image of Jorge Carlos Fonseca**

Regarding the future vision of respondents in relation to the image of Jorge Carlos Fonseca, almost half think he will be remembered for sponsoring the violation of the Constitution of the Republic and for not having defended the fulfilment of Cape Verde's international commitments. In this sense, Praia (44.2%) expressed more opinion in S. Vicente (43.8%) Santa Catarina (54.15). On average, 35% expressed their opinion that he will be remembered as a politician who will not leave marks beyond the period of his two presidential terms.

### **Transfer to Praia of Alex Saab**

The overwhelming majority of people, on average around 80%, think that the Court of Appeal's delay in determining the transfer to Alex Saab to Praia for better access to specialised medical care constitutes an act of violation of his most basic rights which is the care and provision of health care. Only a small percentage of respondents think that this delay was due to procedural and bureaucratic issues. A residual number of people were unable or unwilling to respond.

### **Responsibility for violations of law and to Alex Saab's rights**

Regarding responsibility for violations of the law and to the rights of Alex Saab, most respondents point to the Justice system Praia (34.4%), S. Vicente (10.7%) and Santa Catarina (29.75) respectively. In second place comes the Government, with a weighted average of 35% and the United States of America, with about 15% of the nominations of the respondents.

### **Consequences of the management of the Alex Saab file by the State of Cape Verde**

Regarding the consequences of the management of the Alex Saab file by the State of Cape Verde, most respondents believe that this will negatively affect the country's image and its diplomatic and cooperation relations. In this sense, Praia (62.8%), S. Vicente (53.7%) and Santa Catarina (81.2%),

### **Impact on the flow of tourists to Cape Verde**

Regarding the negative impact on the flow of tourists to Cape Verde, opinions are divided: on average, 37% believe that it harms and 39% believe that it will not have a major impact.

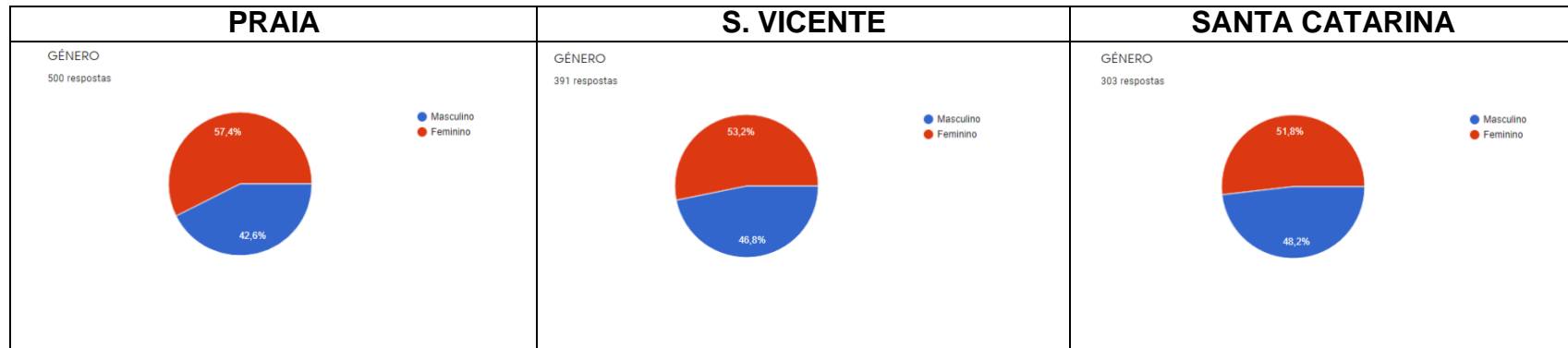
### **Impact of legal decisions on the image of the Justice system**

Considering the impact of the legal and court decisions relating to the Alex Saab case, people's view is that it is "doubtful and inspires little trust." This is what 45% of the people surveyed believe, while 12% think it is "credible and trustworthy". A small part of the respondents was unable or unwilling to answer.

# CALCULATION OF THE RESULTS

## GENDER

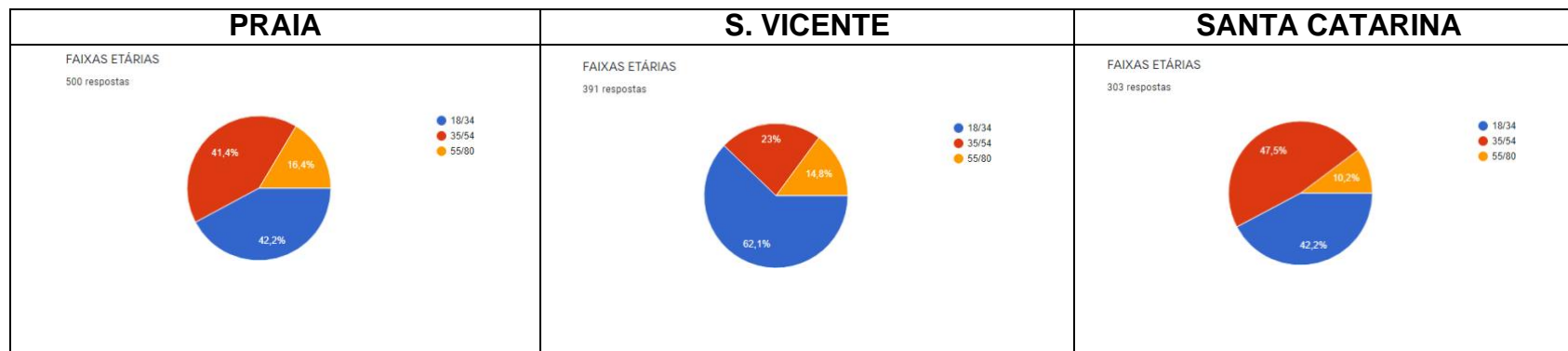
GENDER	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Male</b>	213	<b>42,6</b>	183	<b>46,8</b>	146	<b>48,2</b>
<b>Female</b>	287	<b>57,4</b>	208	<b>53,2</b>	157	<b>51,8</b>





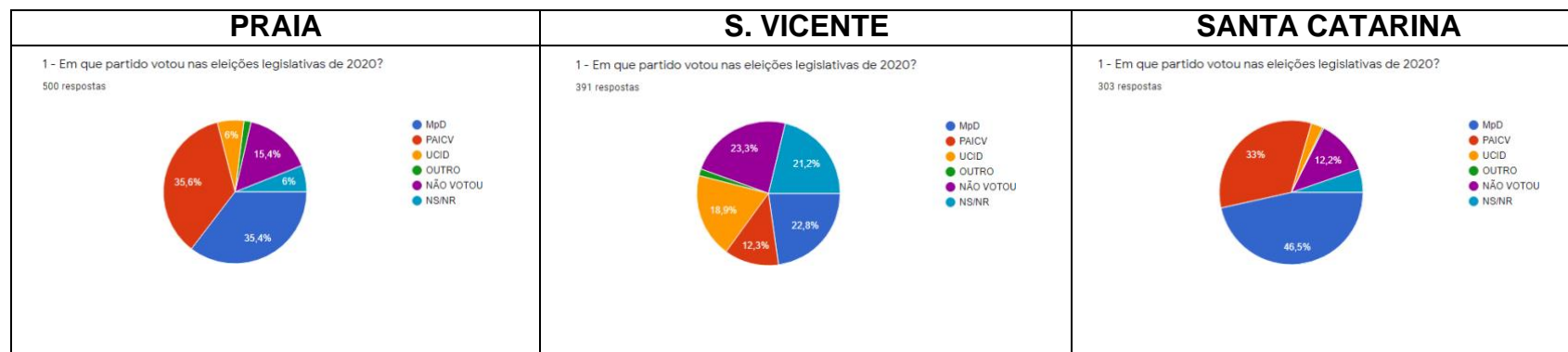
## AGE RANGES

AGE RANGES	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
18/34	211	42,2	243	62,1	128	47,2
35/54	207	41,4	90	23	144	47,5
55/80	82	16,4	58	14,8	31	10,2



## 1 - Which party did you vote for in the 2020 legislative elections?

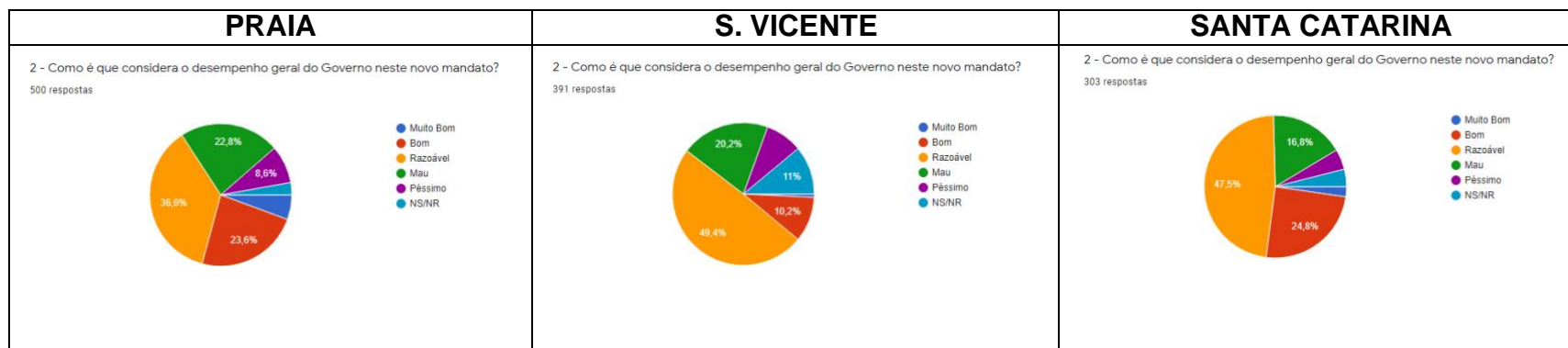
	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>MpD</b>	177	35,4	89	22,8	141	46,5
<b>PAICV</b>	178	35,6	48	12,3	100	33
<b>UCID</b>	30	6	74	18,9	8	2,8
<b>OUTRO</b>	0	0	6	1,5	0	0
<b>NÃO VOTOU</b>	77	15,4	91	23,3	37	12,2
<b>NS/NR</b>	39	6	83	21,2	16	5,3





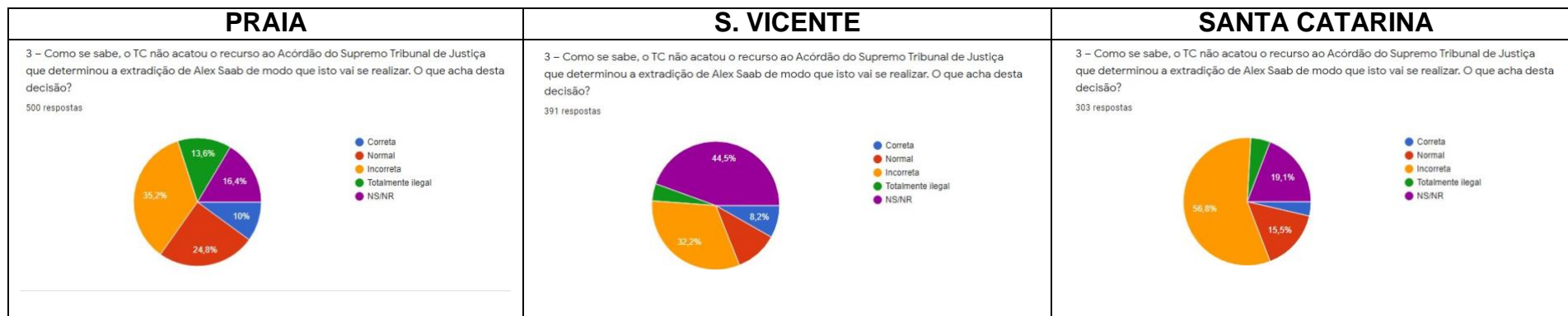
## 2 - How do you consider the general performance of the Government in this new mandate?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Very Good</b>	28	5,6	34	0,8	7	2,3
<b>Good</b>	118	23,6	40	10,2	75	24,8
<b>Reasonable</b>	183	36,6	193	49,4	144	47,5
<b>Bad</b>	114	22,8	79	20,2	51	16,8
<b>Terrible</b>	43	8,6	33	8,4	14	4,6
<b>NS/NR</b>	14	2,8	43	11	12	4



**3 – As is known, the Constitutional Court did not accept the appeal to the decision of the Supreme Court of Justice that determined the extradition of Alex Saab, so that this will take place. What do you think of this decision?**

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Correct</b>	50	<b>10</b>	32	<b>8,2</b>	11	<b>3,6</b>
<b>Normal</b>	124	<b>24,8</b>	42	<b>10,7</b>	47	<b>15,5</b>
<b>Incorrect</b>	176	<b>35,2</b>	126	<b>32,2</b>	172	<b>56,8</b>
<b>Totally illegal</b>	68	<b>13,6</b>	17	<b>4,3</b>	15	<b>5</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	82	<b>16,4</b>	174	<b>44,5</b>	58	<b>19,1</b>



#### 4 – In your opinion, this delay by the Court in giving a decision was due to what?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Pressure without Court to convict A. Saab and deport him</b>	288	57,6	117	29,9	153	50,5
<b>Disagreement between Judges of the Constitutional Court</b>	102	20,4	74	18,9	93	30,7
<b>NS/NR</b>	110	22	200	51,2	57	18,8



**5 - By ordering the arrest of Alex Saab and sending the case to the Prosecutor's Office for him to be extradited, do you think the Government violated your diplomatic immunity?**

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Yes</b>	301	<b>60,2</b>	157	<b>40,2</b>	195	<b>64,4</b>
<b>No</b>	120	<b>24</b>	36	<b>9,2</b>	56	<b>18,5</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	79	<b>15,8</b>	198	<b>50,6</b>	52	<b>17,2</b>



**6 - Alex Saab was arrested without proper authorisation and during a stopover in Sal. In this case, was the President of the Republic not acting to enforce his Diplomat Statute? Do you think he was weak and didn't have the courage?**

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Sim</b>	174	<b>55,8</b>	113	<b>33,2</b>	188	<b>62</b>
<b>Não</b>	89	<b>28,5</b>	59	<b>17,4</b>	170	<b>23,1</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	49	<b>15,7</b>	168	<b>49,4</b>	45	<b>14,9</b>





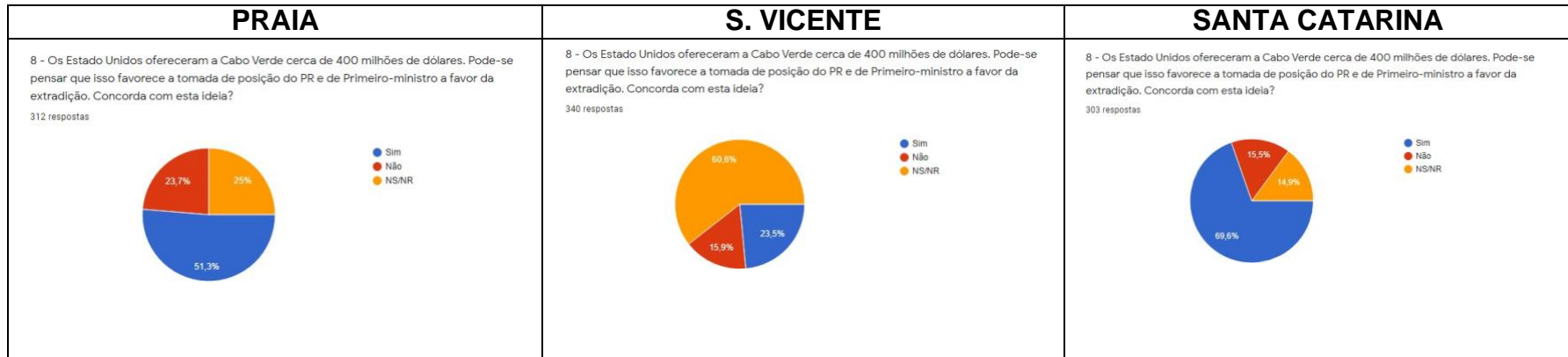
## 7 - How do you consider his arrest and maintenance of his imprisonment?

	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Illegal &amp; incorrect</b>	287	<b>57,4</b>	155	<b>39,6</b>	182	<b>60,1</b>
<b>Legal &amp; correct</b>	135	<b>27</b>	42	<b>10,7</b>	59	<b>19,5</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	78	<b>15,6</b>	194	<b>49,6</b>	62	<b>20,5</b>



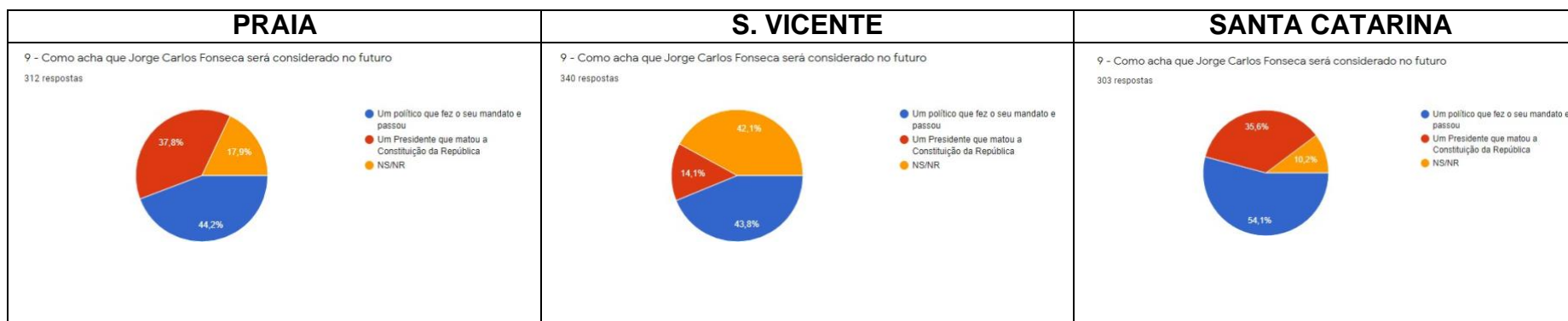
**8 - The United States offered Cape Verde about 400 million dollars. One might think that this favours the President and Prime Minister taking a stand in favour of extradition. Do you agree with this idea?**

	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Yes</b>	160	<b>51,3</b>	80	<b>23,5</b>	211	<b>69,6</b>
<b>No</b>	74	<b>23,7</b>	54	<b>15,9</b>	47	<b>15,5</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	78	<b>25</b>	206	<b>60,6</b>	45	<b>14,9</b>



## 9 - How do you think Jorge Carlos Fonseca will be considered in the future?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>A politician who did his term and went</b>	138	<b>44,2</b>	149	<b>43,8</b>	154	<b>54,1</b>
<b>A President who killed the Constitution of the Republic</b>	118	<b>37,8</b>	48	<b>14,1</b>	108	<b>35,5</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	56	<b>17,9</b>	143	<b>42,1</b>	31	<b>10,2</b>



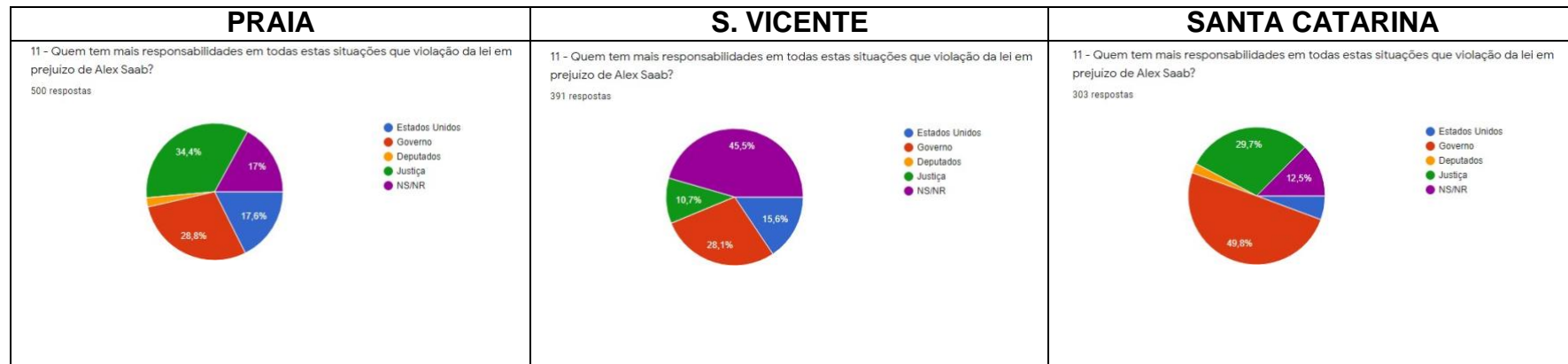
**10 – The Barlavento Court of Appeal took a long time to authorise the transfer of Alex Saab from Sal to Praia in order to have better medical care because of his illness. How do you consider this delay?**

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Violation of a fundamental human right</b>	390	<b>78</b>	135	<b>34,5</b>	244	<b>80,5</b>
<b>Bureaucracy and process delays</b>	58	<b>11,6</b>	79	<b>20,2</b>	26	<b>8,5</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	52	<b>10,4</b>	177	<b>45,3</b>	33	<b>10,9</b>



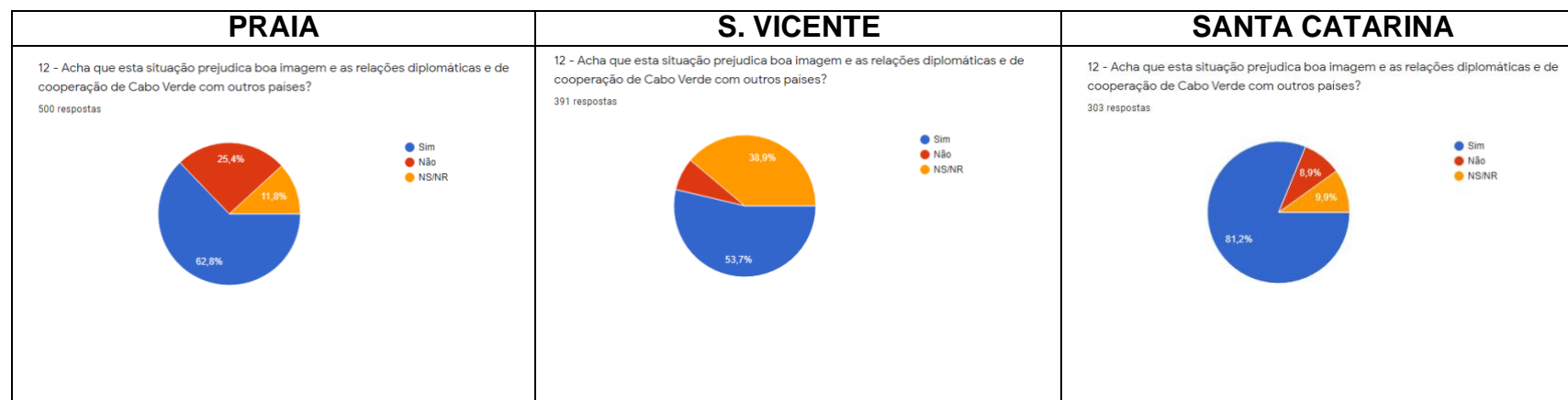
## 11 - Who has more responsibility for all these situations in the violation of the law to the detriment of Alex Saab?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
United States	88	17,6	61	15,6	17	5,6
Government	144	28,8	110	28,1	151	49,8
Deputies	11	2,2	0	0	7	2,3
Justice System	172	34,4	42	10,7	99	29,7
NS/NR	85	17	178	45,5	38	12,5



**12 - Do you think that this situation harms Cape Verde's good image and diplomatic and cooperation relations with other countries?**

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Yes</b>	314	<b>62,8</b>	210	<b>53,7</b>	246	<b>81,2</b>
<b>No</b>	127	<b>25,4</b>	29	<b>7,4</b>	27	<b>8,9</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	59	<b>11,8</b>	152	<b>38,9</b>	30	<b>9,9</b>



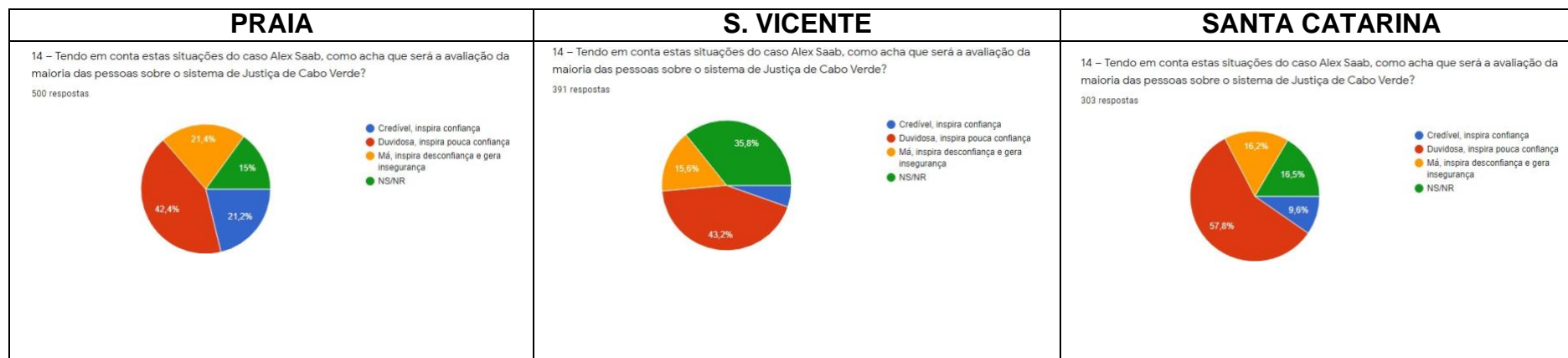
### 13 - Do you think this will affect the arrival of tourists to Cape Verde?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Yes</b>	127	<b>40,7</b>	60	<b>17,6</b>	159	<b>52,5</b>
<b>No</b>	138	<b>44,2</b>	133	<b>39,1</b>	106	<b>35</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	47	<b>15,1</b>	147	<b>43,2</b>	38	<b>12,5</b>



**14 – Taking these situations into account in the Alex Saab case, how do you think the evaluation of most people about the justice system in Cape Verde will be?**

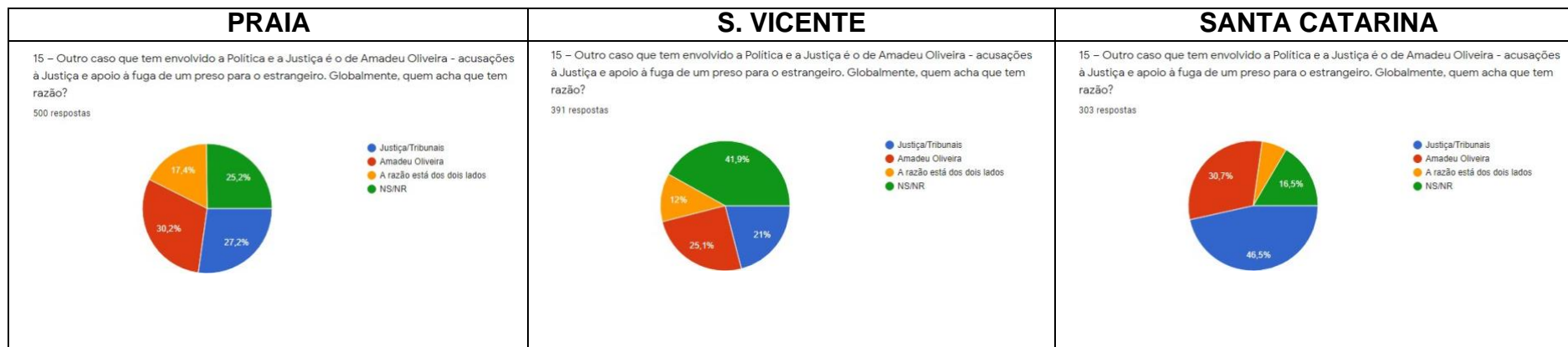
	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Credible, inspires confidence</b>	106	21,2	21	5,4	29	9,6
<b>Doubtful, inspires little confidence</b>	212	42,4	169	43,2	175	57,8
<b>Bad, inspires distrust, generates insecurity</b>	107	21,4	61	15,6	49	16,2
<b>NS/NR</b>	75	15	140	35,8	50	16,5





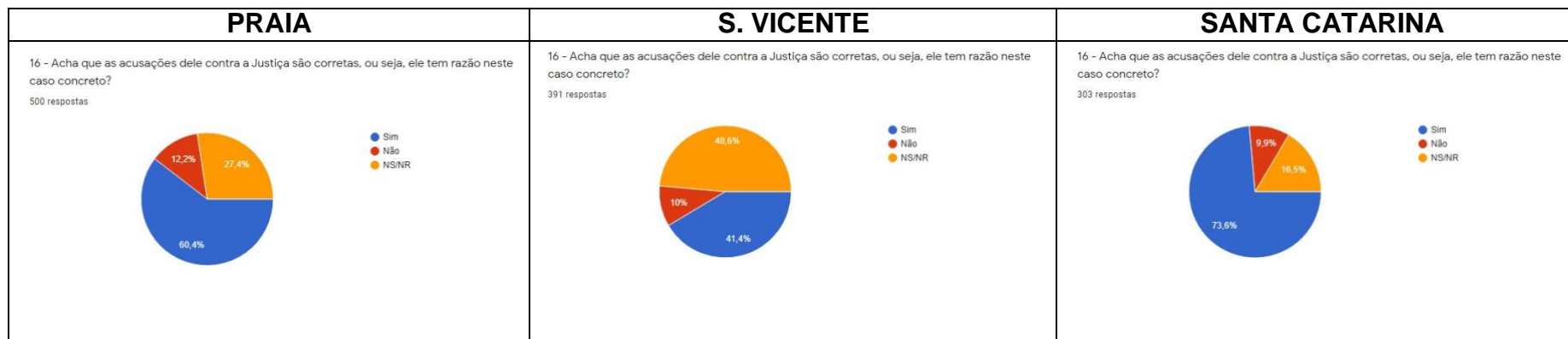
**15 – Another case that has involved Politics and Justice is that of Amadeu Oliveira – accusations against the Justice system and support for the escape of a prisoner abroad. Overall, who do you think is right?**

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Justice System/Courts</b>	136	<b>27,2</b>	82	<b>21</b>	141	<b>46,5</b>
<b>Amadeu Oliveira</b>	151	<b>30,2</b>	98	<b>25,1</b>	93	<b>30,7</b>
<b>Both sides</b>	87	<b>17,4</b>	47	<b>12</b>	19	<b>6,3</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	126	<b>25,2</b>	164	<b>41,9</b>	50	<b>16,5</b>



**16 - Do you think the accusations against the Justice system are correct, that is, is he right in this specific case?**

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Yes</b>	302	<b>60,4</b>	162	<b>41,4</b>	223	<b>73,6</b>
<b>No</b>	61	<b>12,2</b>	39	<b>19</b>	30	<b>9,9</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	137	<b>27,4</b>	190	<b>48,6</b>	50	<b>16,5</b>



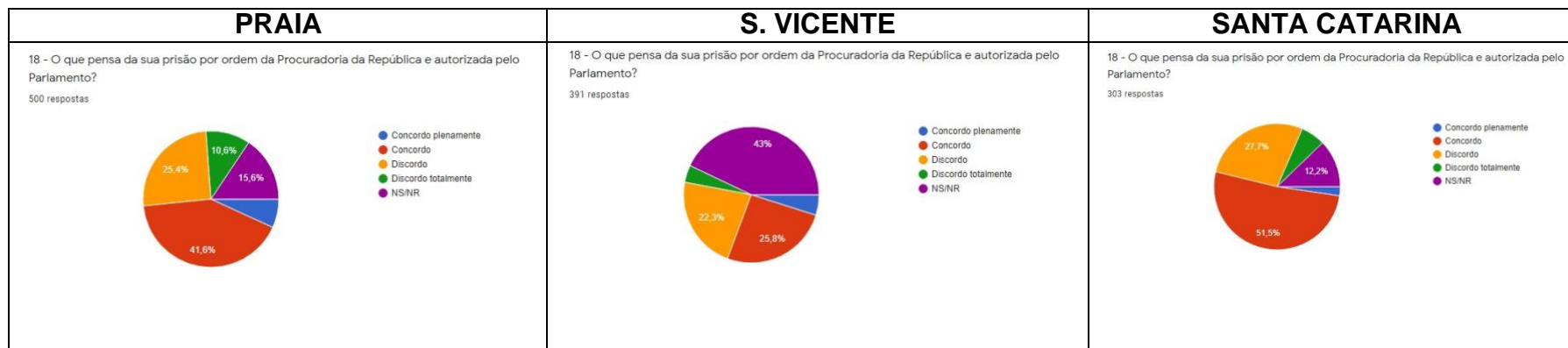
## 17 - What do you think about Amadeu Oliveira's involvement in the escape of a prisoner accused of murder abroad?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>It was a defence against the abuse of the Court</b>	146	29,2	84	21,5	74	24,4
<b>A crime was committed against the rule of law</b>	291	58,2	146	37,3	195	54,4
<b>NS/NR</b>	63	12,6	161	41,2	34	11,2



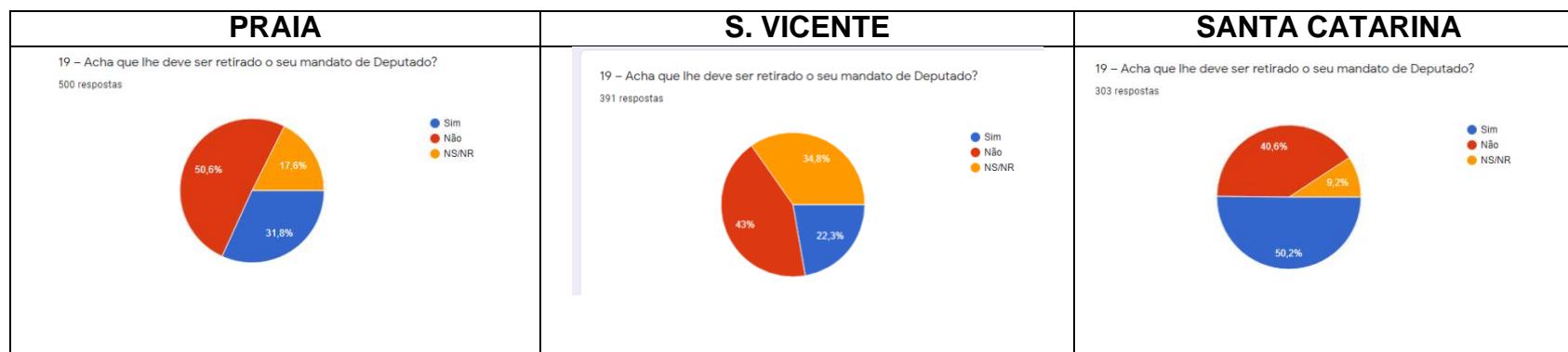
## 18 - What do you think of his arrest by order of the Attorney of the Republic and authorised by Parliament?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
Completely agree	34	6,8	19	4,9	7	2,3
Agree	208	41,6	101	25,8	156	51,5
Disagree	127	25,4	87	22,3	84	27,7
Completely disagree	53	10,6	16	4,1	19	6,3
NS/NR	78	15,6	168	43	37	12,2



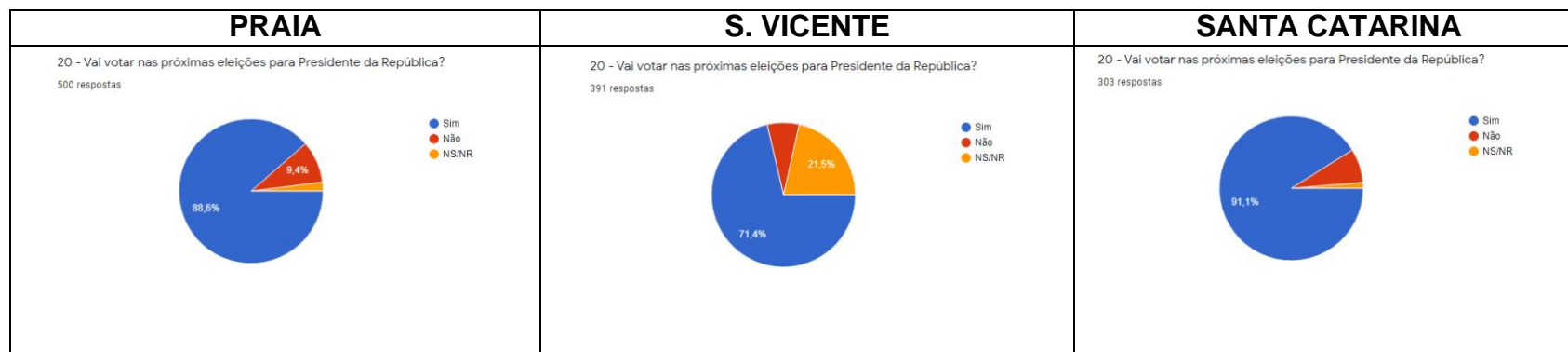
## 19 – Do you think that his mandate as Deputy should be withdrawn?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Yes</b>	159	<b>31,8</b>	87	<b>22,3</b>	152	<b>50,2</b>
<b>No</b>	253	<b>50,6</b>	168	<b>43</b>	123	<b>40,6</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	88	<b>17,6</b>	136	<b>34,8</b>	28	<b>9,2</b>



## 20 - Will you vote in the next elections for President of the Republic?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Yes</b>	443	<b>88,6</b>	279	<b>71,4</b>	276	<b>91,1</b>
<b>No</b>	47	<b>9,4</b>	28	<b>7,2</b>	23	<b>7,6</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	10	<b>2</b>	84	<b>21,5</b>	4	<b>1,3</b>



## 21 – Which of the candidates are you thinking about voting for?

	PRAIA		S. VICENTE		SANTA CATARINA	
	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.	FREQ.	PERC.
<b>Carlos Veiga</b>	164	<b>32,8</b>	36	<b>9,2</b>	145	<b>47,9</b>
<b>José Maria Neves</b>	192	<b>38,4</b>	58	<b>14,8</b>	90	<b>29,7</b>
<b>Hélio Sanches</b>	6	<b>1,2</b>	0	<b>0</b>	2	<b>0,7</b>
<b>Casimiro de Pina</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Fernando Rocha Delgado</b>	0	<b>0</b>	3	<b>0,8</b>	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Joaquim Monteiro</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Gilson João Alves</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>
<b>NS/NR</b>	138	<b>27,6</b>	291	<b>74,4</b>	66	<b>21,8</b>



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