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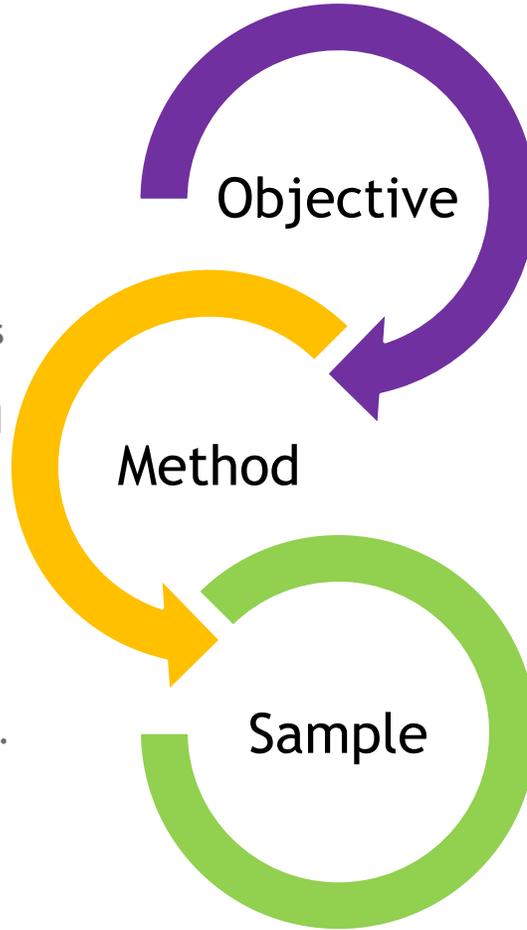


# THE PERCEPTION OF GENDER AND WOMEN IN TURKEY 2018

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# General Framework

The study was conducted with 1205 people 18 years old and older representing the urban population of Turkey. According to the 2017 ADNK (Address-based population registration) data, the urban population constitutes 92% of the total population in Turkey. Sample choice was made by random sample selection based on cluster sampling. The fieldwork of the research was carried out between January and February 2018 and it was conducted by Frekans Araştırma (Frekans Research).



The public approach, in Turkey, to domestic, social and political issues indicates the level of Gender and Women's participation in the public sphere.

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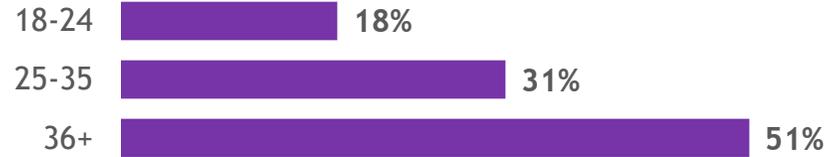
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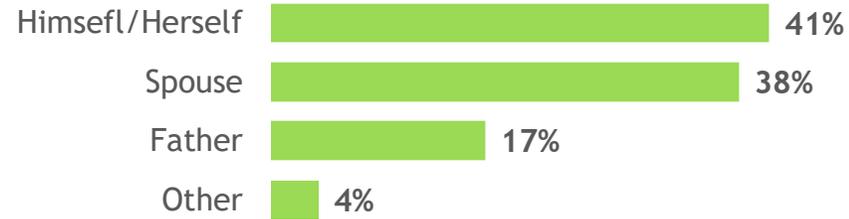
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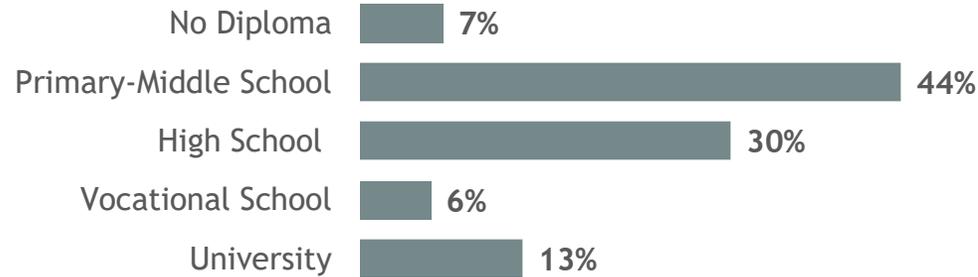
## Age



## Household chief

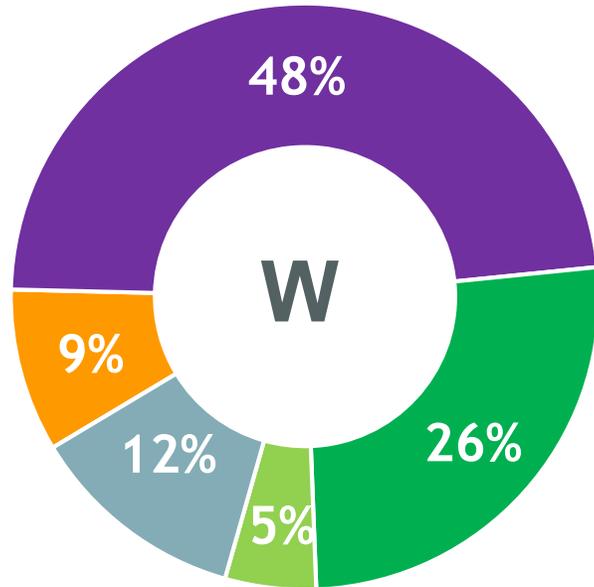


## Education

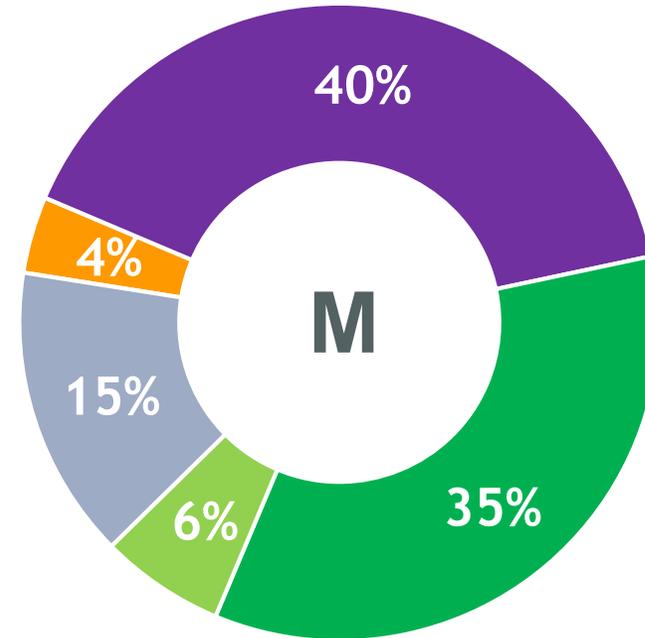


# Education

In categories like "no certificate", "primary-middle school" and "high school graduate", rates are lower in women than in men, i.e. the general education level of women is lower than men.

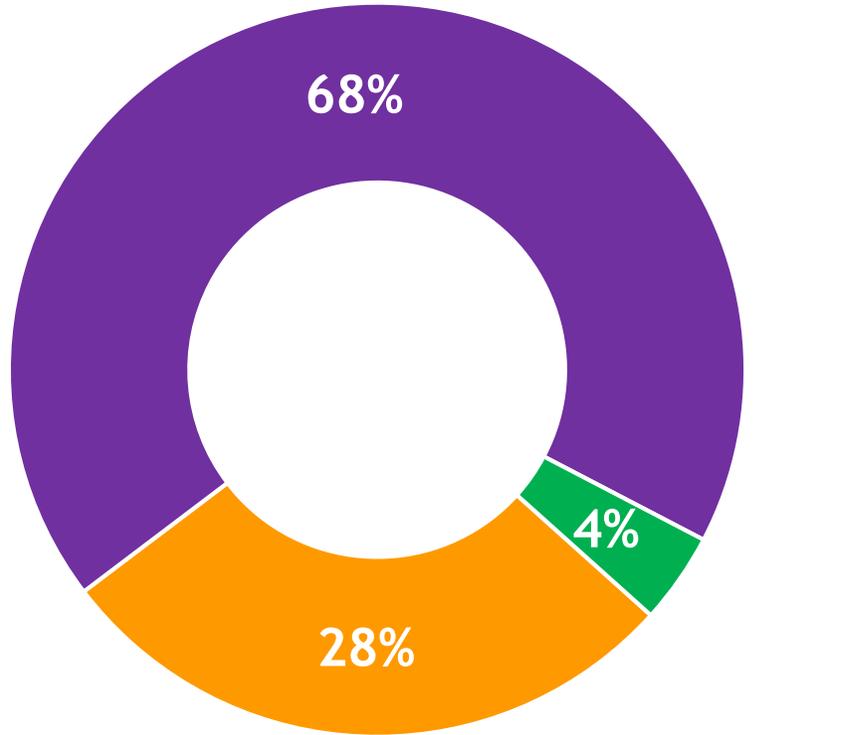


- No Diploma
- Primary-Middle School
- High School
- Vocational School
- University and Post-graduate



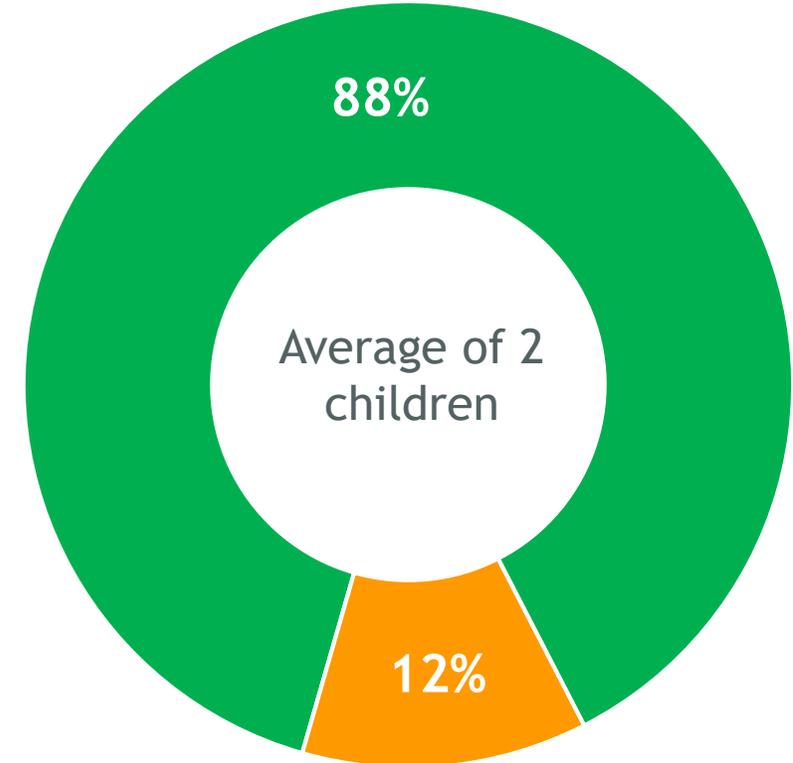
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## Marital Status



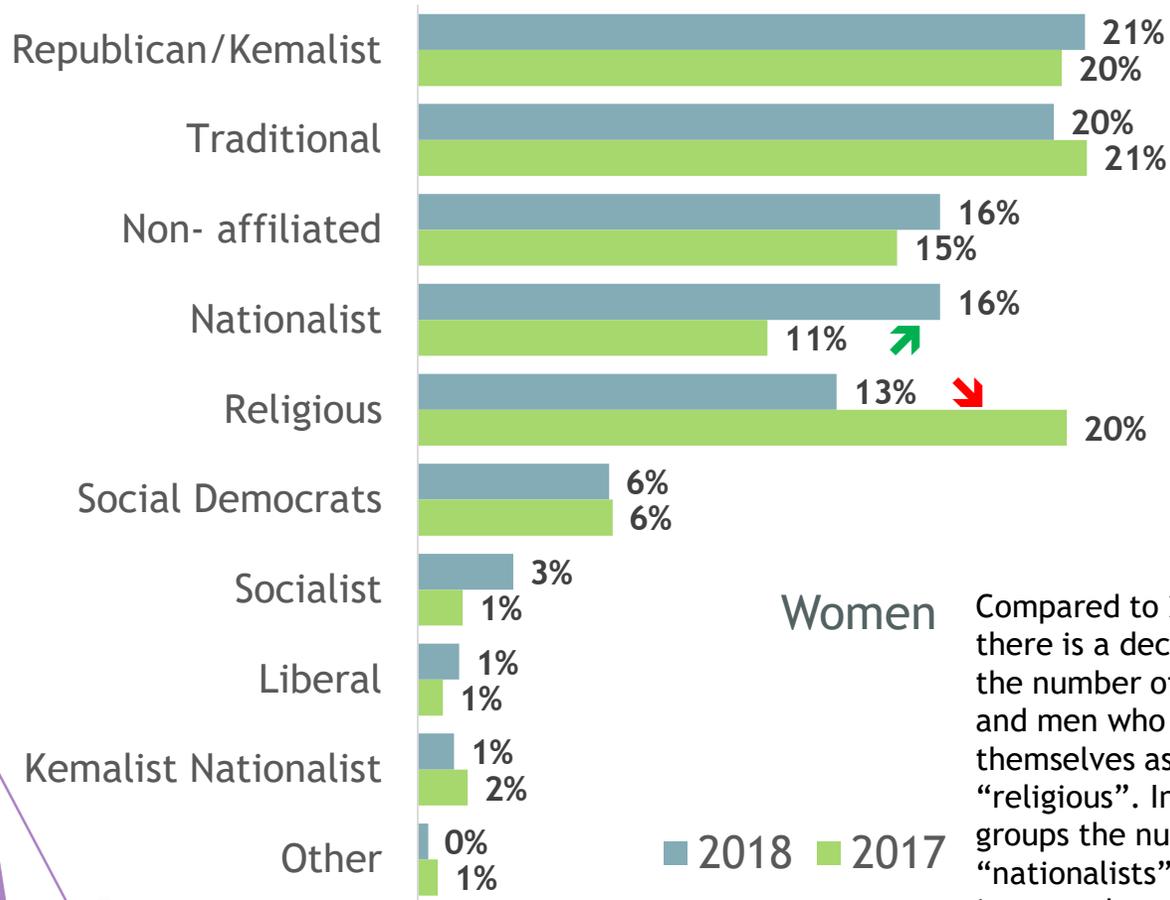
■ Single ■ Married ■ Divorced/Widowed

## Parent



■ Yes ■ No

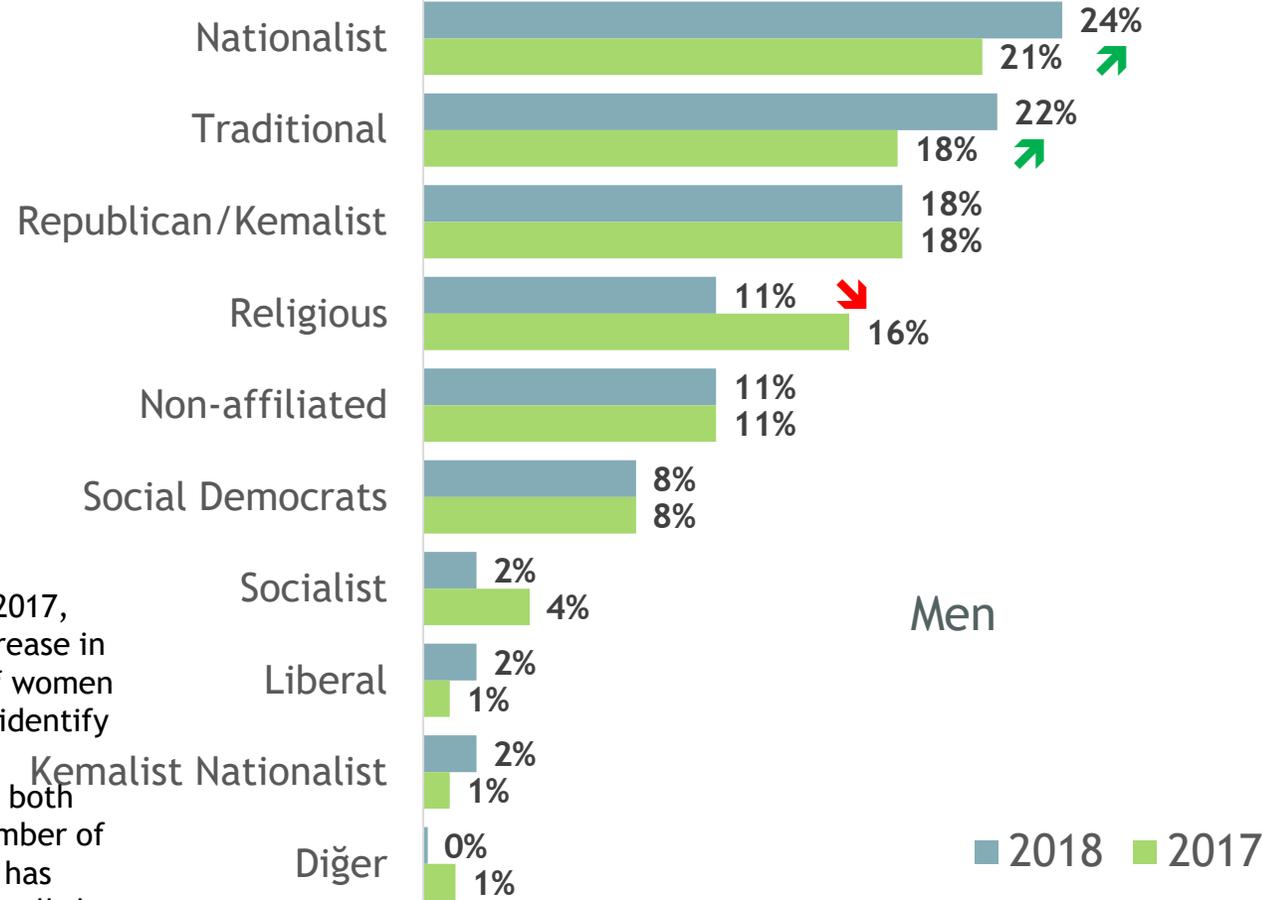
# Political Dispositions



Women

Compared to 2017, there is a decrease in the number of women and men who identify themselves as “religious”. In both groups the number of “nationalists” has increased, as well the number of “conservative” men.

■ 2018 ■ 2017



Men

■ 2018 ■ 2017





# Marital and Family Decisions

# Meeting with Spouse

How did you meet your current/ex spouse?

	2016 (%)	2017 (%)	2018 (%)	Average Age 2016	Average Age 2017	Average Age 2018
We knew each other, we were neighbors	%4	%7	%4	48	49	48
Family members of my age introduced us	%7	%6	%4	45	45	44
Older family member introduced us	%46	%40	%44	52	44	45
We knew each other, we are relatives	%8	%12	%11	52	44	45
<i>We met ourselves in school</i>	%3	%3	%4	42	40	31
<i>We met ourselves in other social settings</i>	%14	%15	%12	38	39	40
<i>We met ourselves at workplace</i>	%6	%7	%9	35	39	38
<i>Mutual friends introduced us</i>	10%	%9	%11	43	38	37

The average age of the people who met their spouse by “themselves” is lower than the average age of people who met their spouse by a family member or in the neighborhood.

64-67% of ways of meeting.

33-36% of ways of meeting.

# Marriage Decision

Who decided for the marriage?

	2016 %	2017 %	2018 %	Average Age 2016	Average Age 2017	Average Age 2018
Eloped/ Berdel marriage* (Sister swapping and parallel weddings.)	--	%1	%1	--	53	41
My family decided	%7	%10	%5	51	46	45
Arranged marriage- matchmaking	%34	%33	%37	53	45	46
I decided and my spouse agreed	%11	%10	%9	46	41	42
We decided together, and then we informed our families	%36	%32	%36	43	41	40
My spouse decided and I agreed	%12	%14	%12	43	40	39

The average age of the people who got married after a third party's decision is higher than the average age of those who gave a mutual decision with their partner.

41-44% of decision-making way.

56-59% of decision-making way.



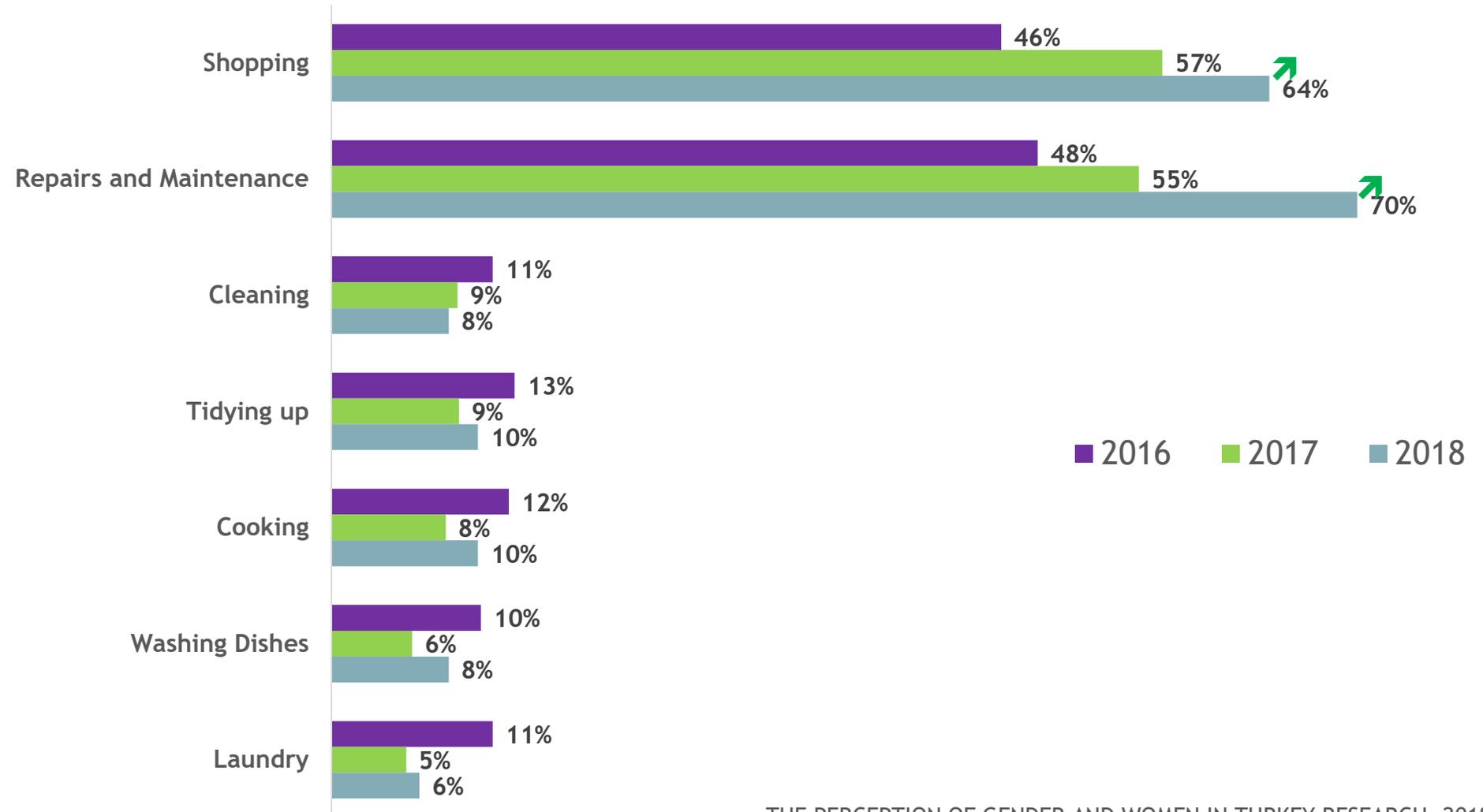
# Distribution of Household and Parental Responsibilities

# Men's contribution to household responsibilities (regular contributions)

To women: To what extent does your spouse contribute to household responsibilities?

To men: To what extent do you contribute to household responsibilities?

Men's regular contributions to household have increased in the chores of shopping and DIY, chores that do not seem as much «ordinary» as other.

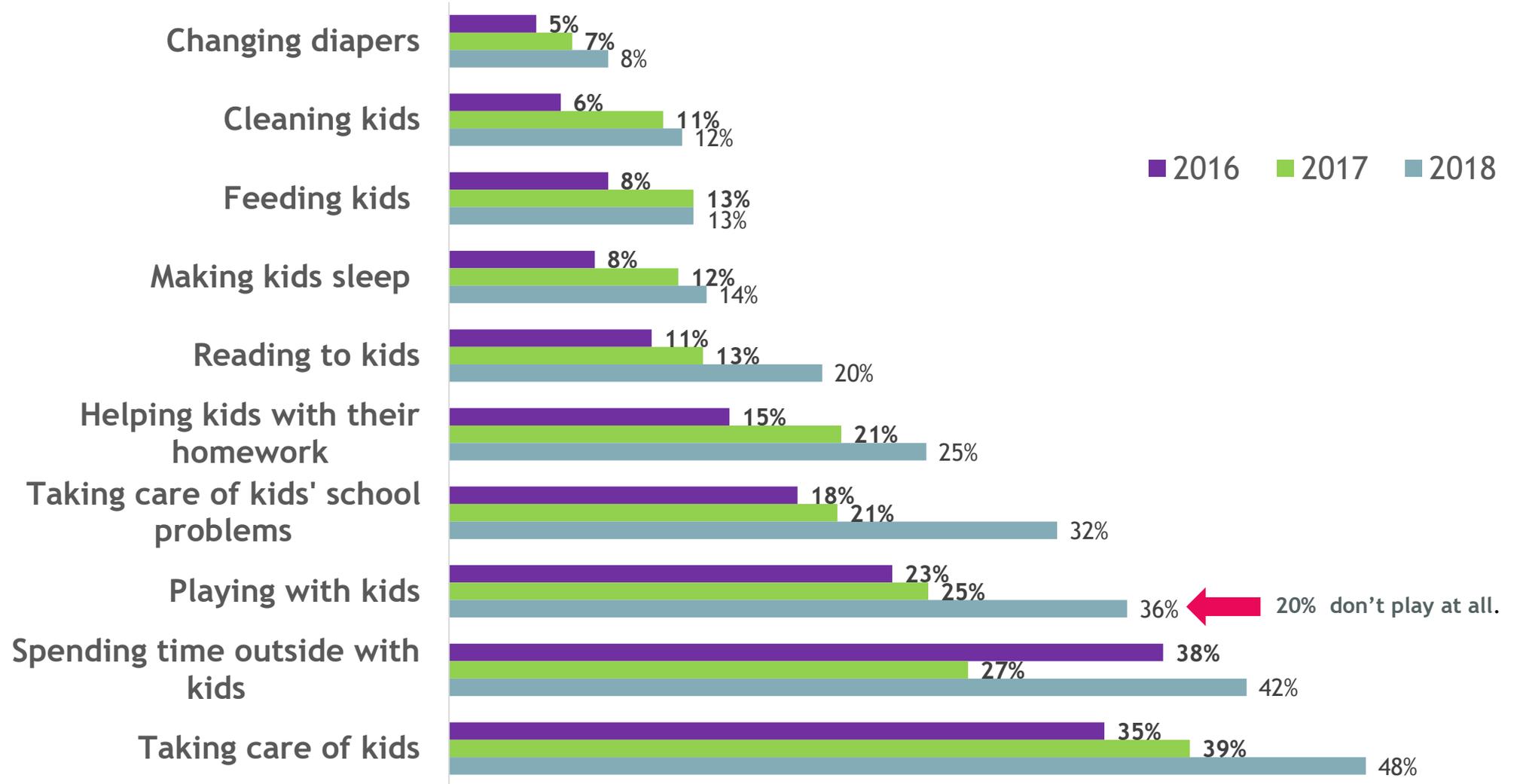


# Father's contributions to child care (regular contributions)

To women: To what extent does your husband contribute to child care?

To men: To what extent do you contribute to child care?

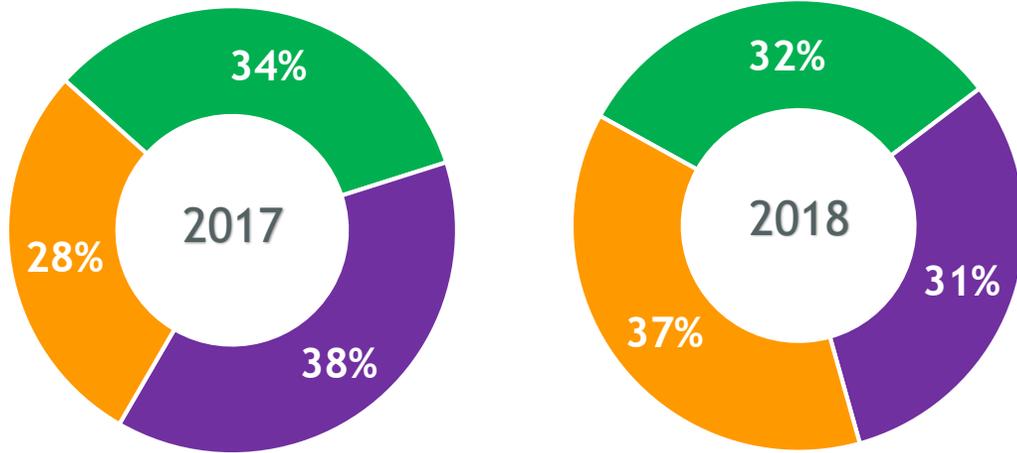
The regular contribution of paternal care is generally low. There is increase in contributions like spending time outside with kids, playing, taking care of kids' school problems, helping with their studies and regular care. Even though regular care does not exceed 48%, 20 percent of them reported that they don't play with their children at all.



# Daily Child-Care

## Fathers

Would you like to contribute more to child-care?

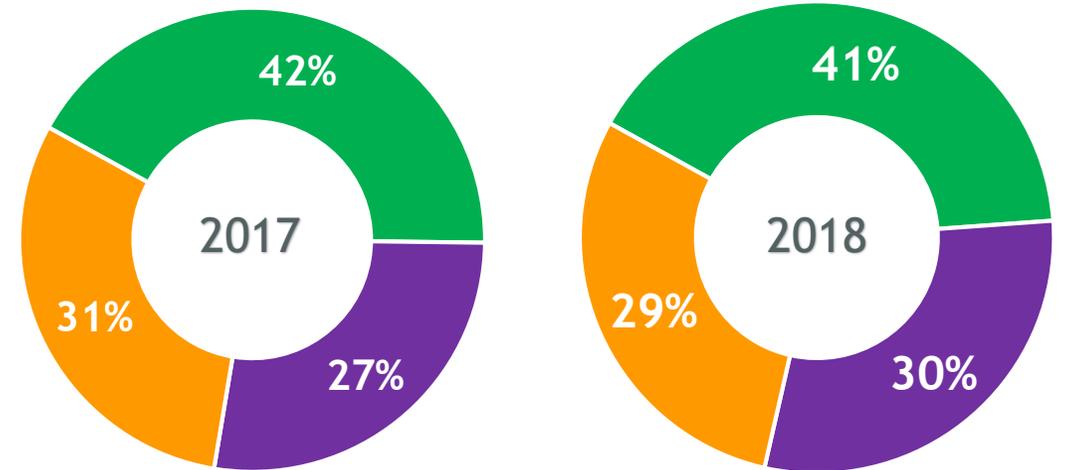


While the regular contribution of fathers in child care is low, the majority does not desire to contribute more: 37% say "no" .

- Yes, I would like to contribute much more
- Yes, I would like to contribute a little more
- No, I contribute enough

## Mothers

Would you want your spouse to be more involved in day-to-day child care?



While the regular contribution of fathers in child care is low, the number of mothers who wish their spouse to be more involved is not high as well: 29% say "no" .

# Activities Suitable for Children (% of respondents)

Consider how appropriate these situations are for boys and girls below 14 years old.

Working at a job outside of the house is not considered suitable for children under 15 years old by 85% of the respondents. Despite being legally prohibited, however, the rest 15% of the respondents continue to consider it appropriate for children.

	Suitable for neither	More suitable for girls below 14 years old	More suitable for boys below 14 years old	Suitable for both
Using public transportation alone (bus, minibus)	48%	0%	5%	47%
Shopping or going to supermarket alone	24%	0%	6%	70%
Playing in the street/ neighborhood	20%	1%	4%	74%
Helping with housework (laundry, washing dishes)	39%	19%	1%	40%
Riding a bike	12%	1%	7%	80%
Working at a job outside of house	85%	1%	5%	9%
Looking after younger siblings	57%	8%	1%	33%
Cooking	75%	9%	1%	15%
Going out with their friends (i.e. cinema or shopping)	80%	1%	1%	18%



# Relationships, Happiness and Trust

# Satisfaction from life

To what extent are you satisfied with your life and relationships?  
(Only the bars marked with « → » have significant differences.)

Significant differences between men and women are seen in their relationships with their spouses and their spouses' parents:

Average out of 10

M-9.18 while W-8.49



Your relationship with your spouse

M-8.34 while W-7.82



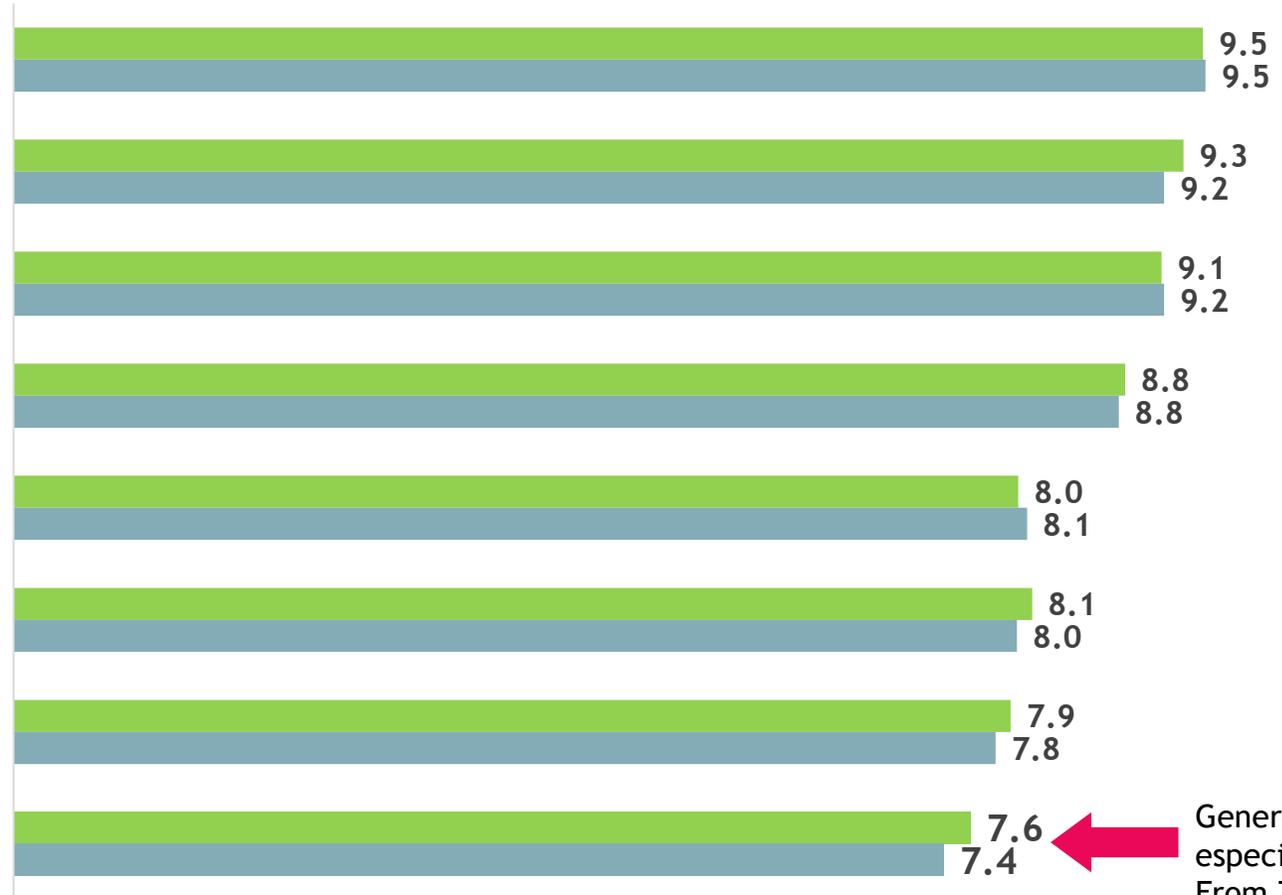
Your relationship with your father-in-law

M-8.28 while W-7.45



Your relationship with your mother-in-law

Your self-relationship



■ 2017 ■ 2018

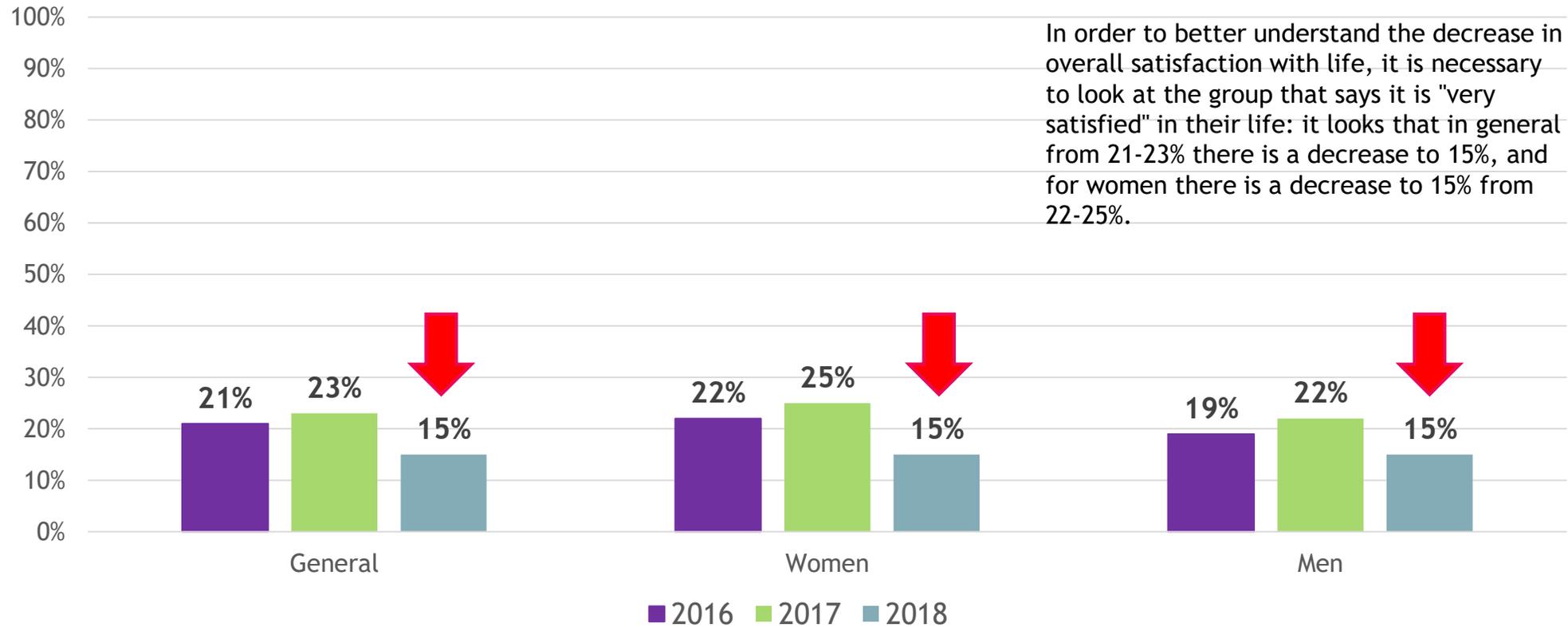
General decrease, especially for women. From 7.74 it has decreased to 7.41.



# General Life Satisfaction

Ranks of the people who reported that they are “really satisfied” from life  
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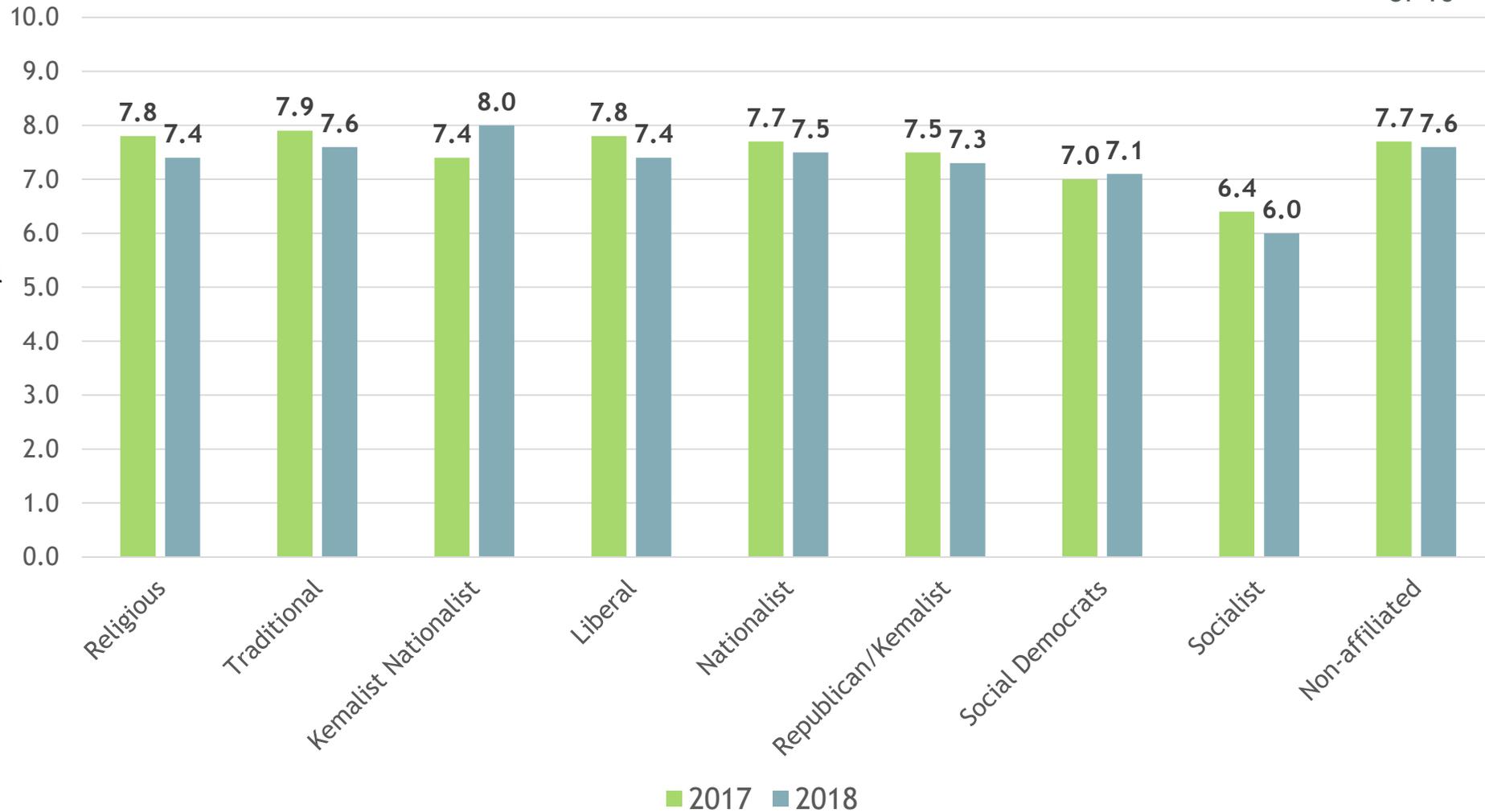
## % of really satisfied people



# Life Satisfaction and Political Disposition

Average out of 10

The overall life dissatisfaction is also seen in groups with different political orientations.



# Trust (%)

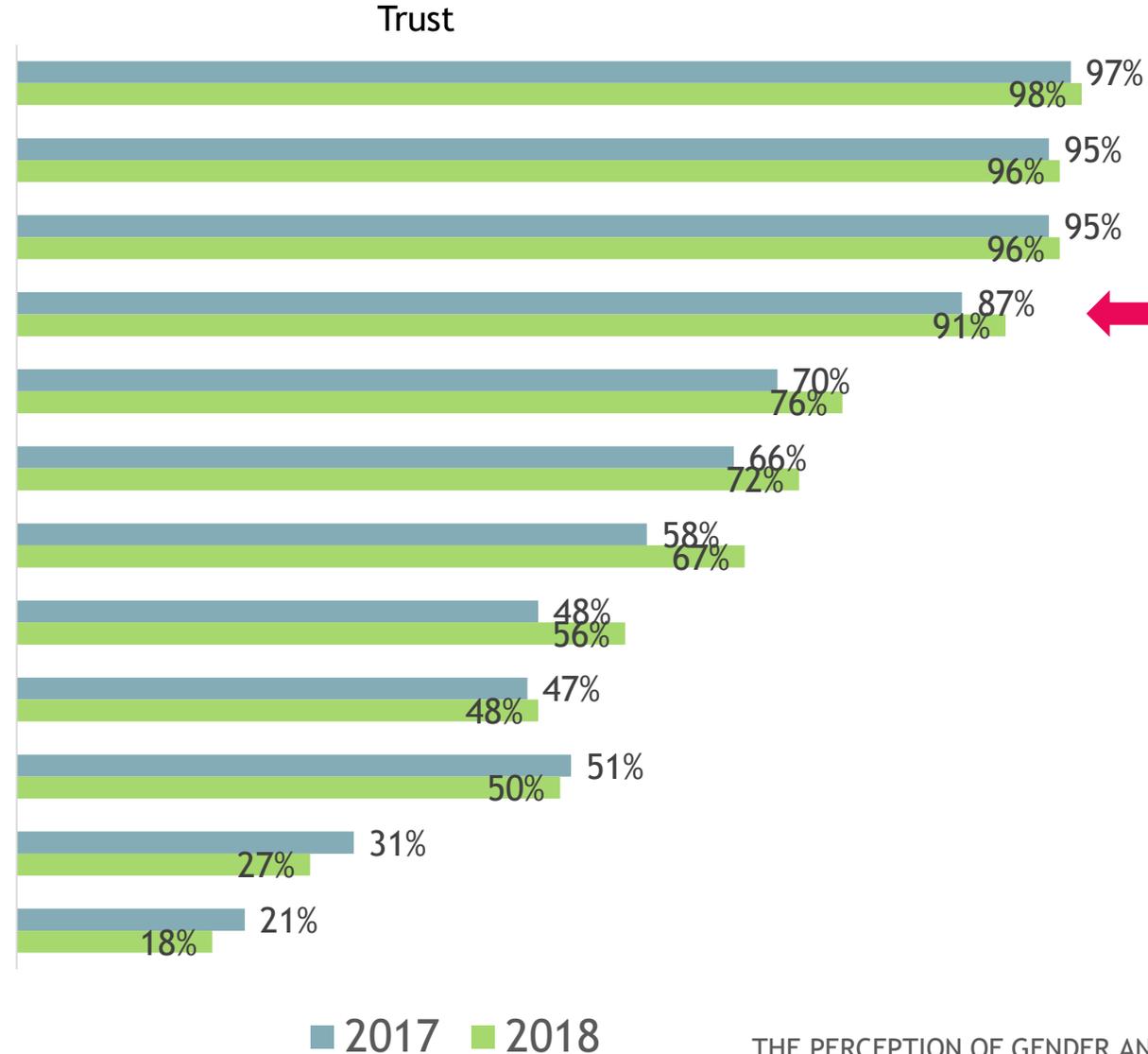
In what extent do you trust the people listed below to not harm you and will look after your well-being?  
(Only the bars marked with «→» have significant differences.)

For this year there has been an increase of the number who trust their spouses, the soldiers and police security, while it looks that the number of trust in other relatives has decreased.

- Your spouse
- Military
- Police

Here → there is an increase of the people who responded that they do not trust: from 17% to 20% .

- Other relatives
- Your friends
- Your neighbors
- Other citizens of...



While there are not a lot of differences to be observed between women and men concerning to the issue of trust, the most essential difference to observe is about trust in marriage: in 2018, 96% of men responded that they trust their spouse while 87% of women responded that they trust their spouse.



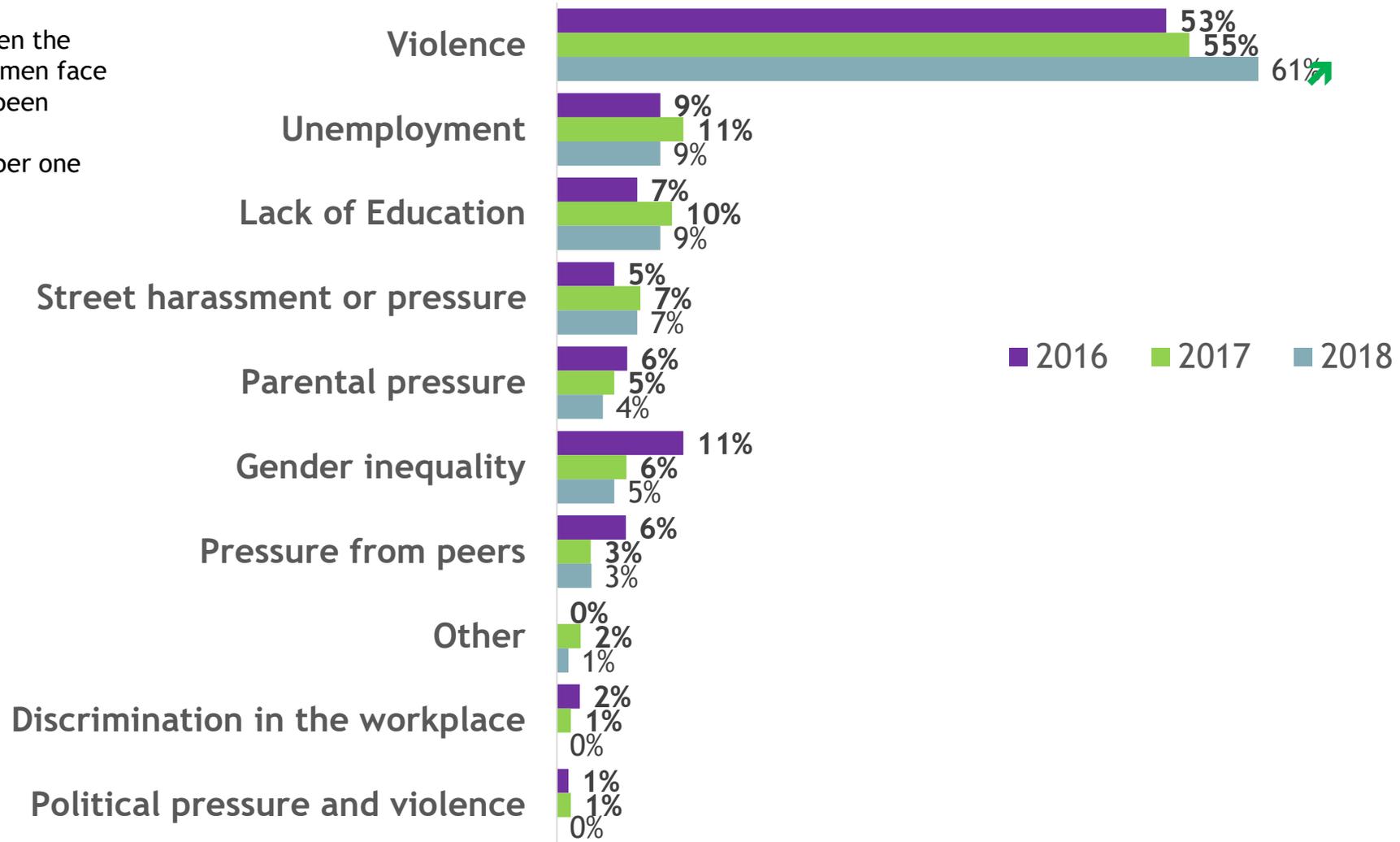
# Perceptions and Attitudes



# The biggest problem that women face in society

In your opinion, what is the biggest problem that women face in society in general?

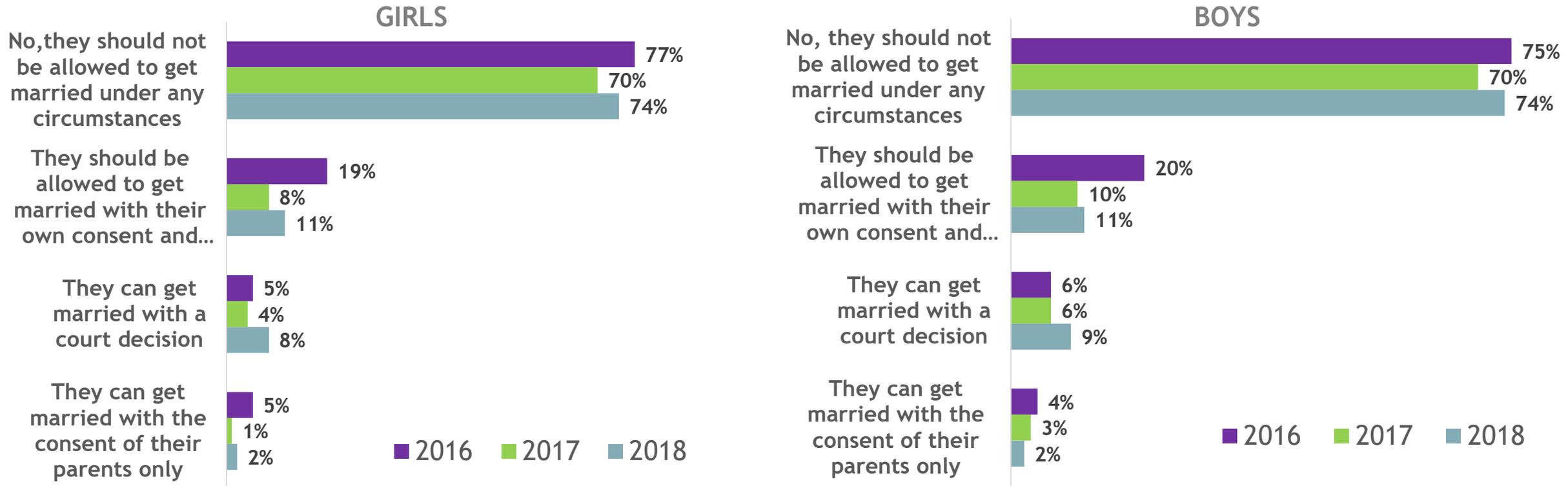
In 2018, violence has been the biggest problem that women face in society, violence has been chosen by most of the respondents as the number one answer.



# Marriages under 18 years old

Please state whether you agree with the statements regarding to child marriage, defined as marriage under 18, for boys and girls.

## Participation%

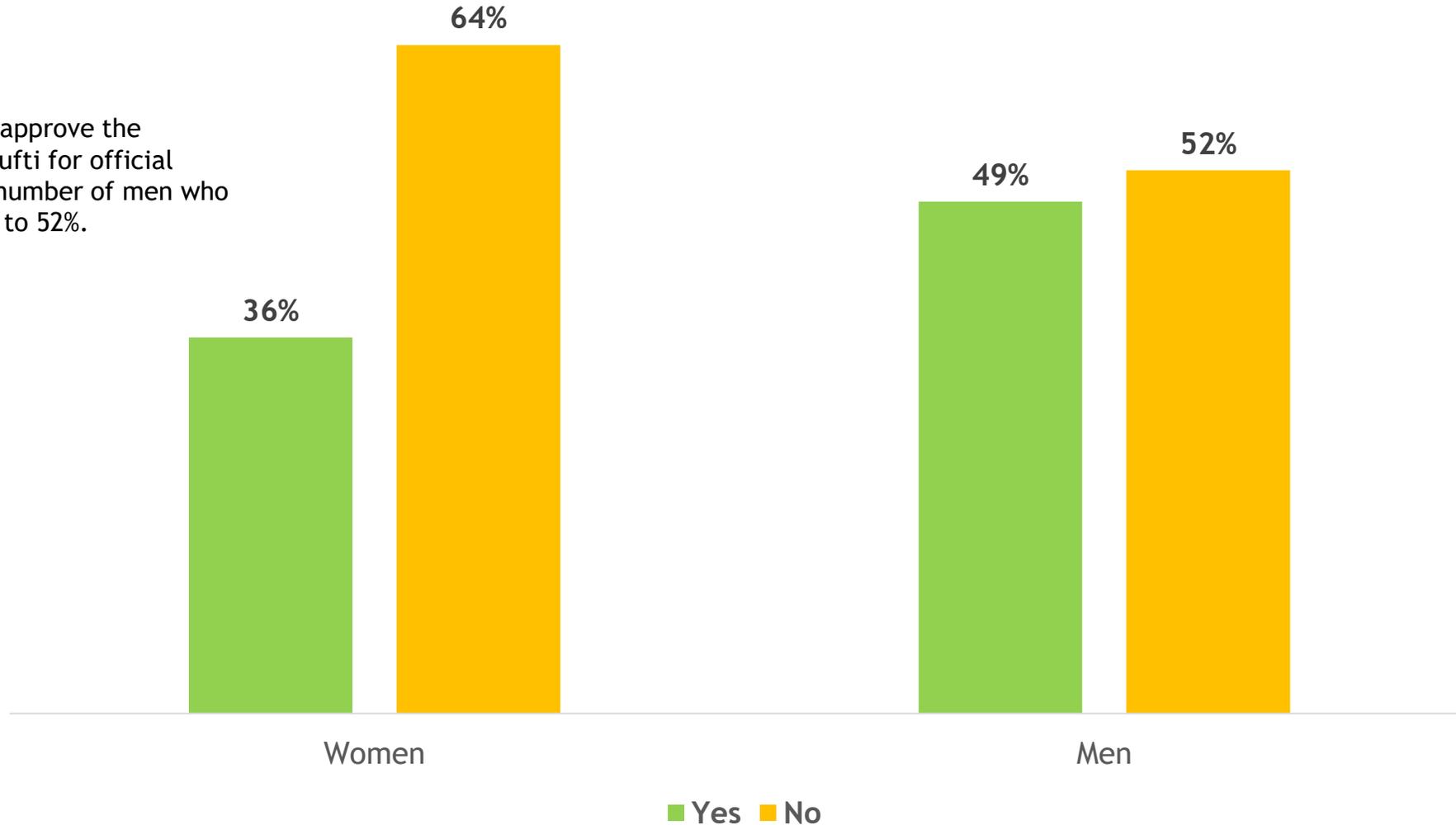


74% agreed that children, regardless their gender, should not be allowed to get married under any circumstances, while the remaining 25% approves that children should be allowed to get married with their own consent, a court decision or with the consent of their parents only.

# The Official Marriage Authority of İmam/mufti

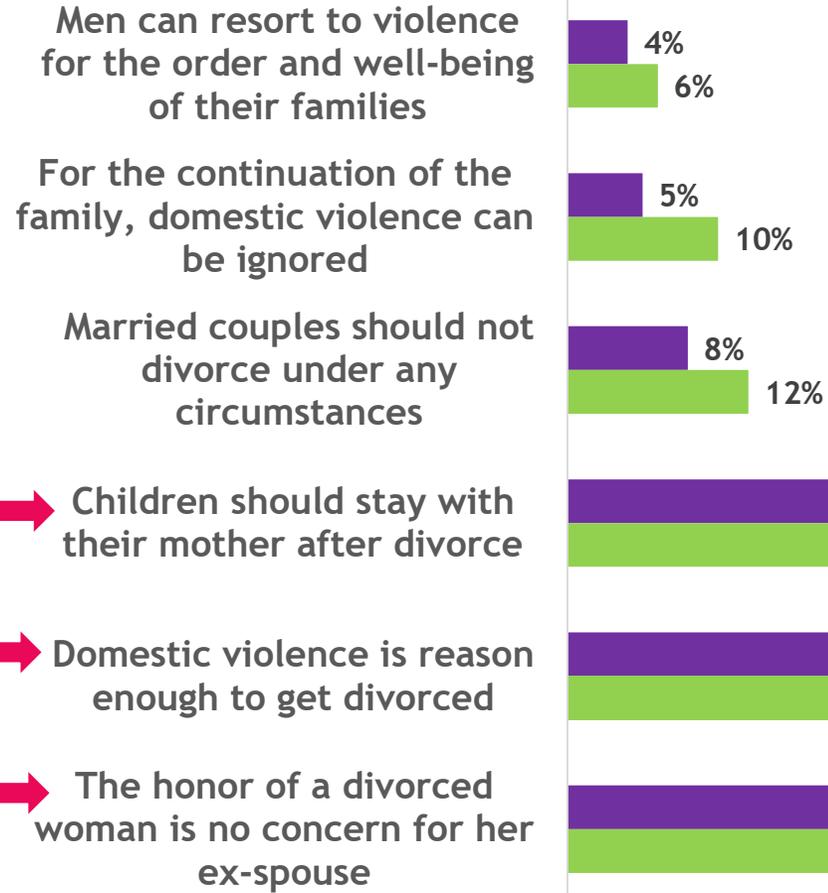
Do you approve that the Imam/muftis has the official marriage authority?

64% of women don't approve the authority of Imam/Mufti for official marriage, while the number of men who are against decrease to 52%.



# Divorce and Violence -2018

## Participation %



The majority of respondents did not agree that domestic violence can be an ignorable behavior in order to protect the continuation of family (94% and 90%).

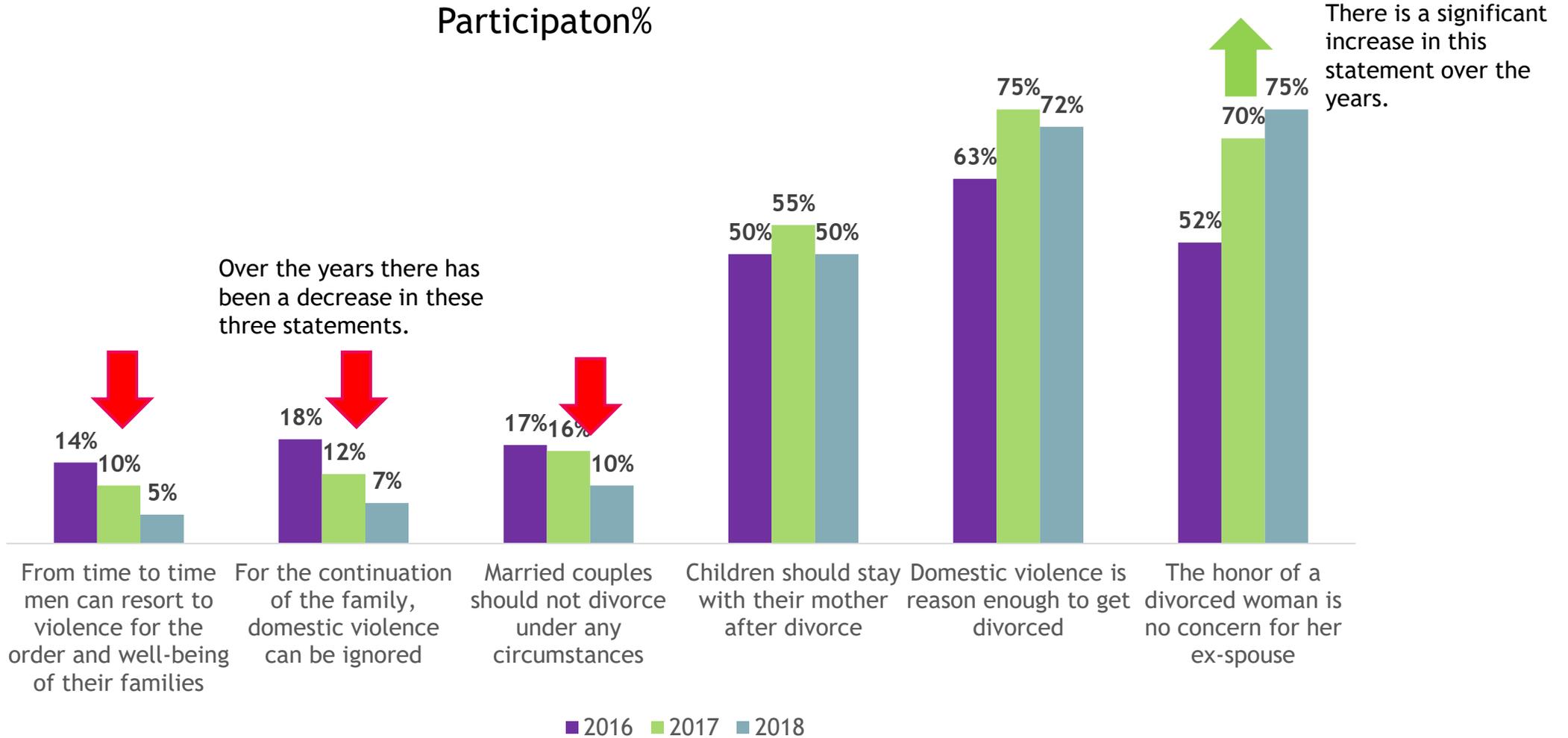
■ WOMEN  
■ MEN

Women confirm these three statements more than men do.



# Divorce and Violence

## Change over the years

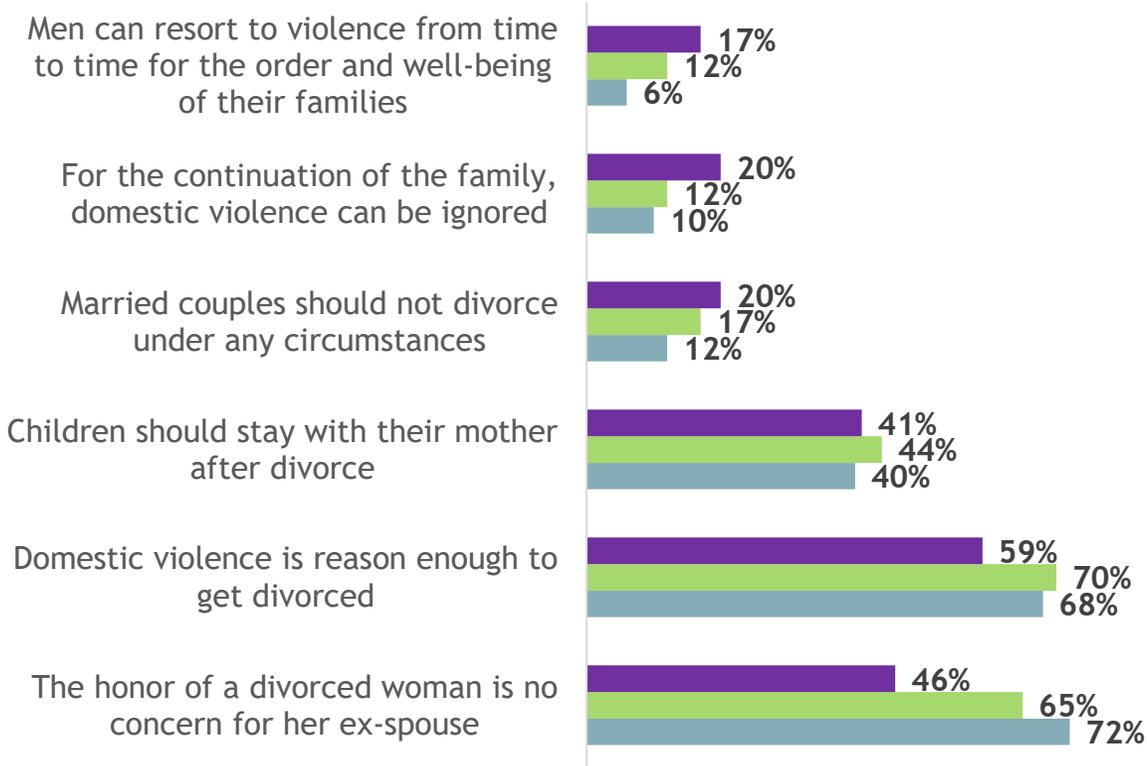


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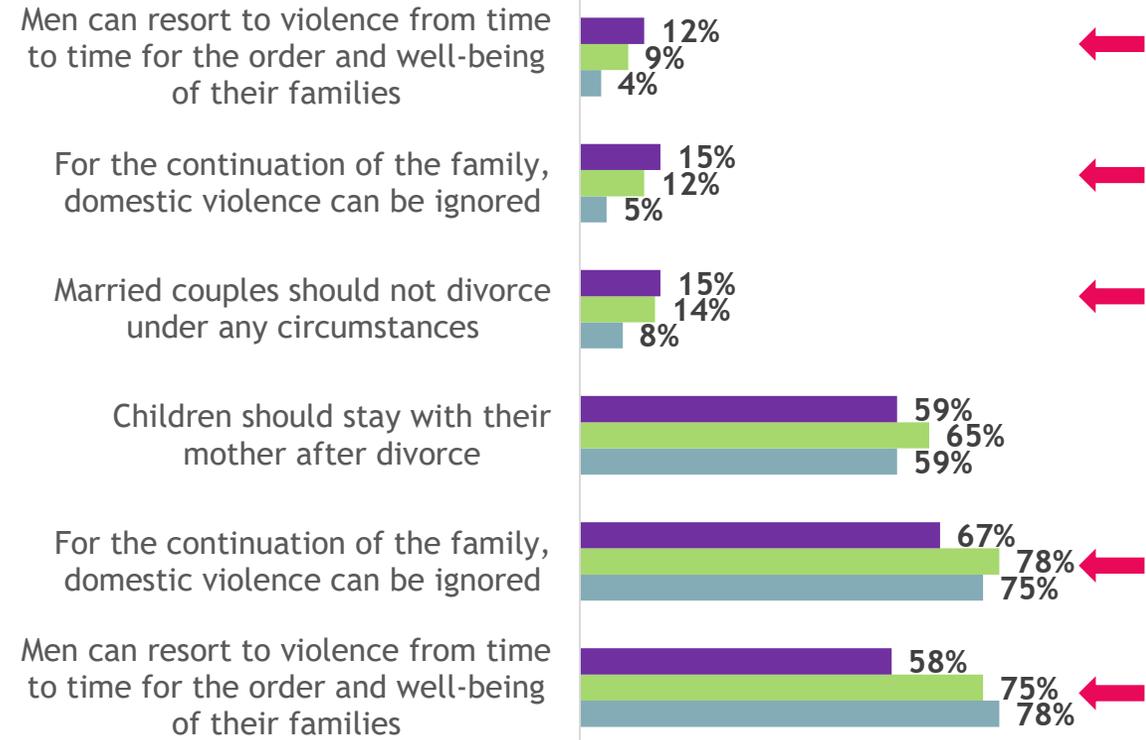
### Participation%

#### MEN



■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018

#### WOMEN



■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018

Over the years these changes have been made through the same way for both men and women



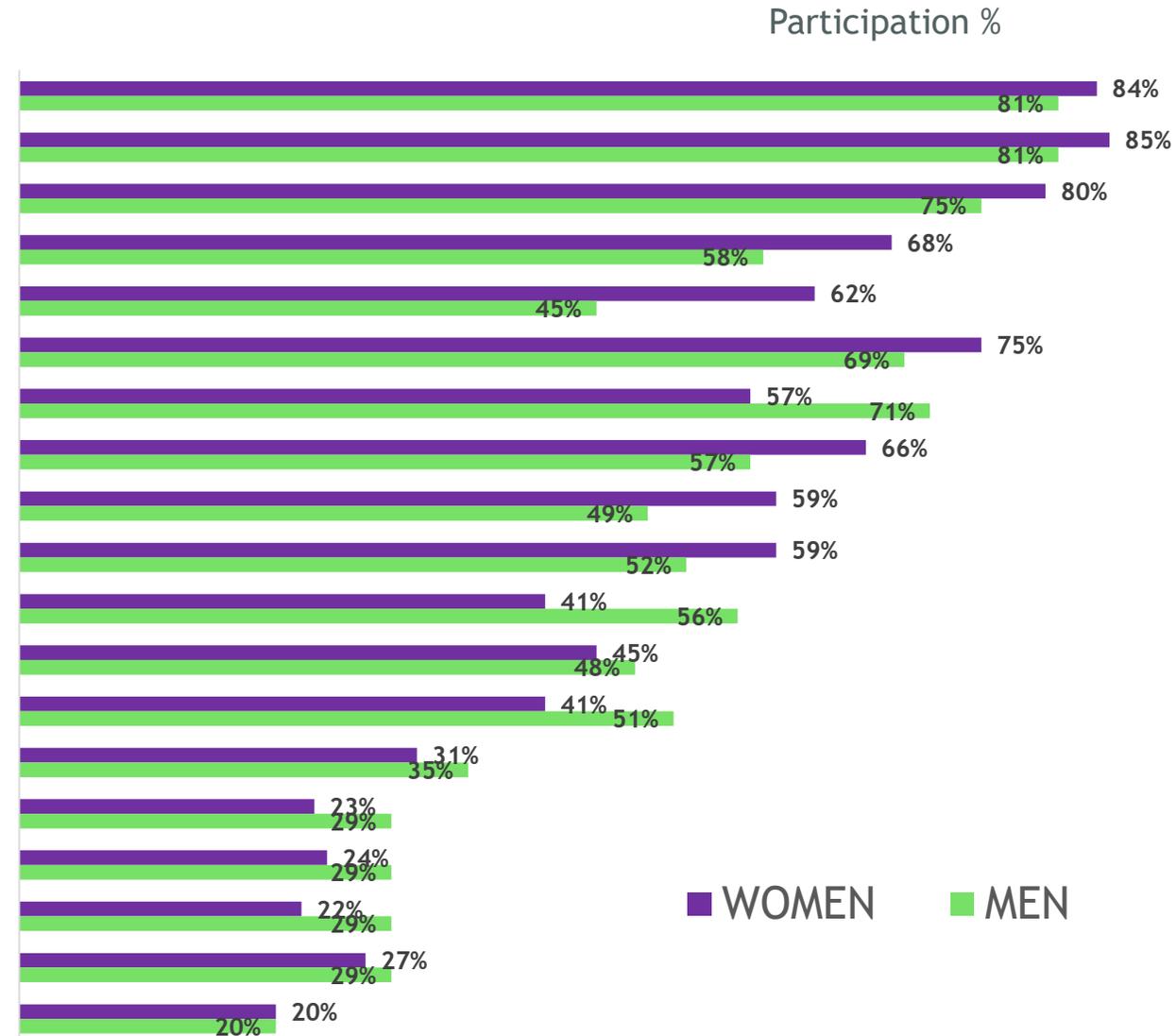


# Gender Perception

# Gender Perception Scale- 2018

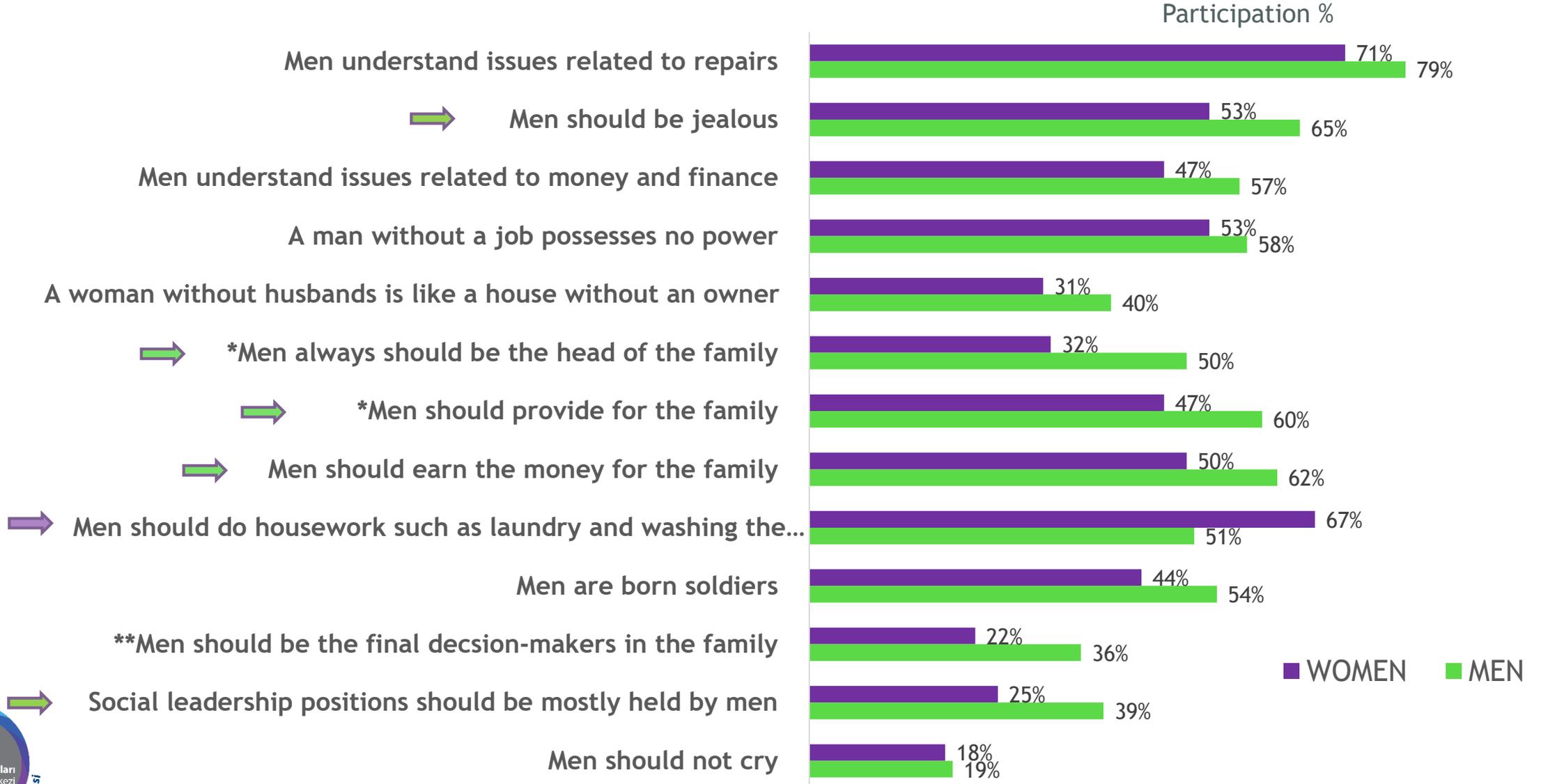
## Women

- Women can be managers
- Women politicians can also be successful
- Marriage cannot preclude a woman from working
- A working woman enjoys her life much more
- To protect her rights, woman should oppose her husband when necessary
- \*Girls should enjoy the same freedoms that boys do
- Women should always be protected by men
- Working mothers can make enough time for their children
- Working mothers can be better mothers for their children
- Working- life does not keep a woman from doing housework
- Women should not work without their husbands' consent
- A woman should only work if her family has financial problems
- \*The primary responsibility of women is to take care of housework
- \*Wives should be younger than their husbands
- \*Women should not work after giving birth
- A working woman should give her income to her husband
- A woman should not make more money than her husband
- Women should not own or run a business by themselves
- \*Women should not work after marrying



# Gender Perception Scale\*

Men



\* Altınova, H.H. ve Duyan, V. (2013). Toplumal cinsiyet algısı ölçeğinin geçerlik ve güvenilirlik çalışması. Toplum ve Sosyal Hizmet, 24 (2), 9-22.

# GENDER PERCEPTION 2018

## Total scale points

- The scale \* is formed out of 25 questions.
- The rating scale is 1-5.
- The indicated number is the total number.
- As the number increases, it is predicted that people have a more egalitarian sense of gender.

Scale-number  
between 25-125

### Gender



Women have a more egalitarian perception than men.

### Age



Young people (18-24 years) have a more egalitarian perception compared to older people (25 years and over).

### Women's working status



Working women have a more egalitarian perception than non-working women.

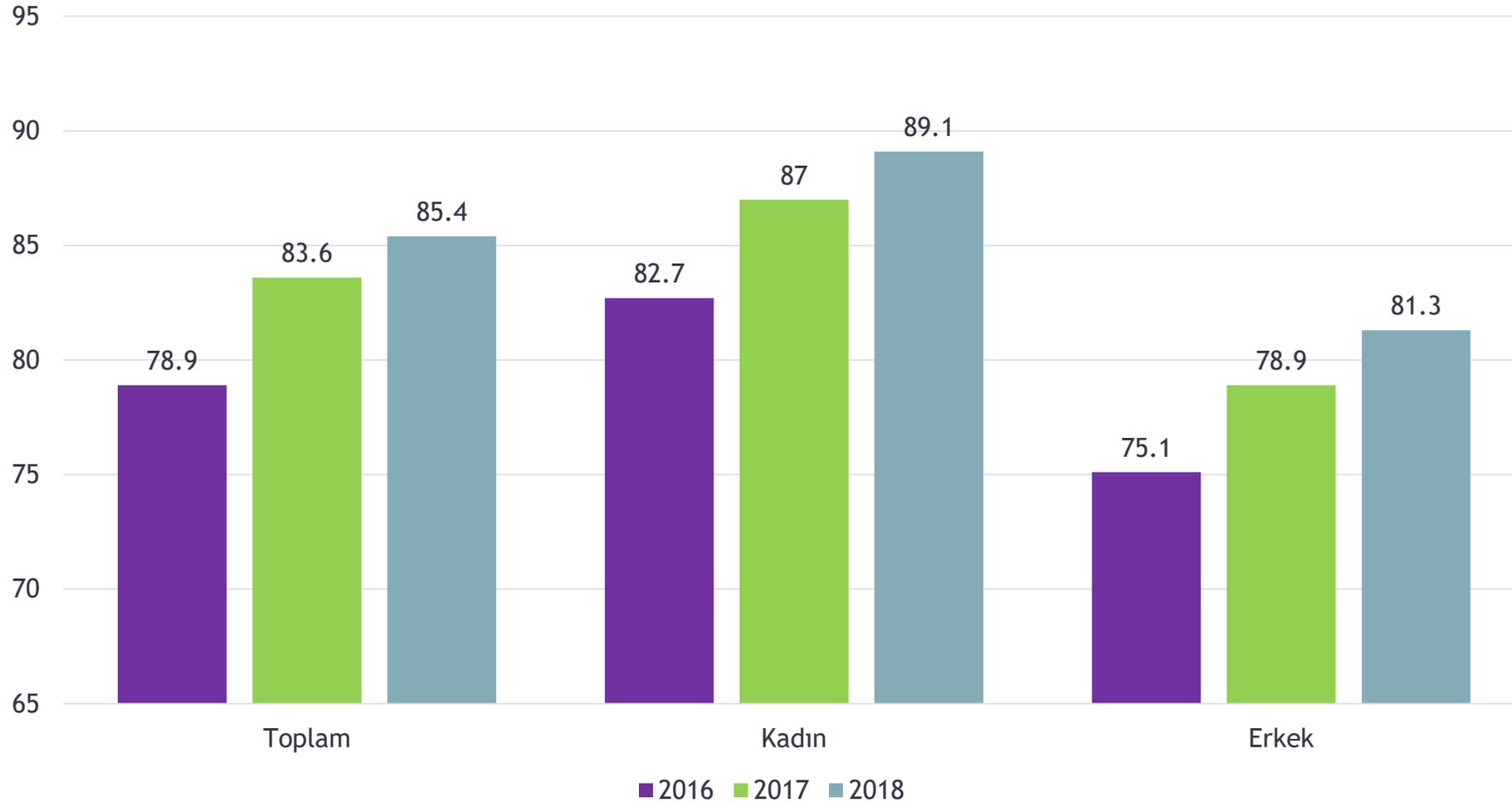
### Education



Non-certificate-holders have more traditional discriminatory perceptions than the educated people.

# Gender Perception

Change over years- Scale-number between 25-125



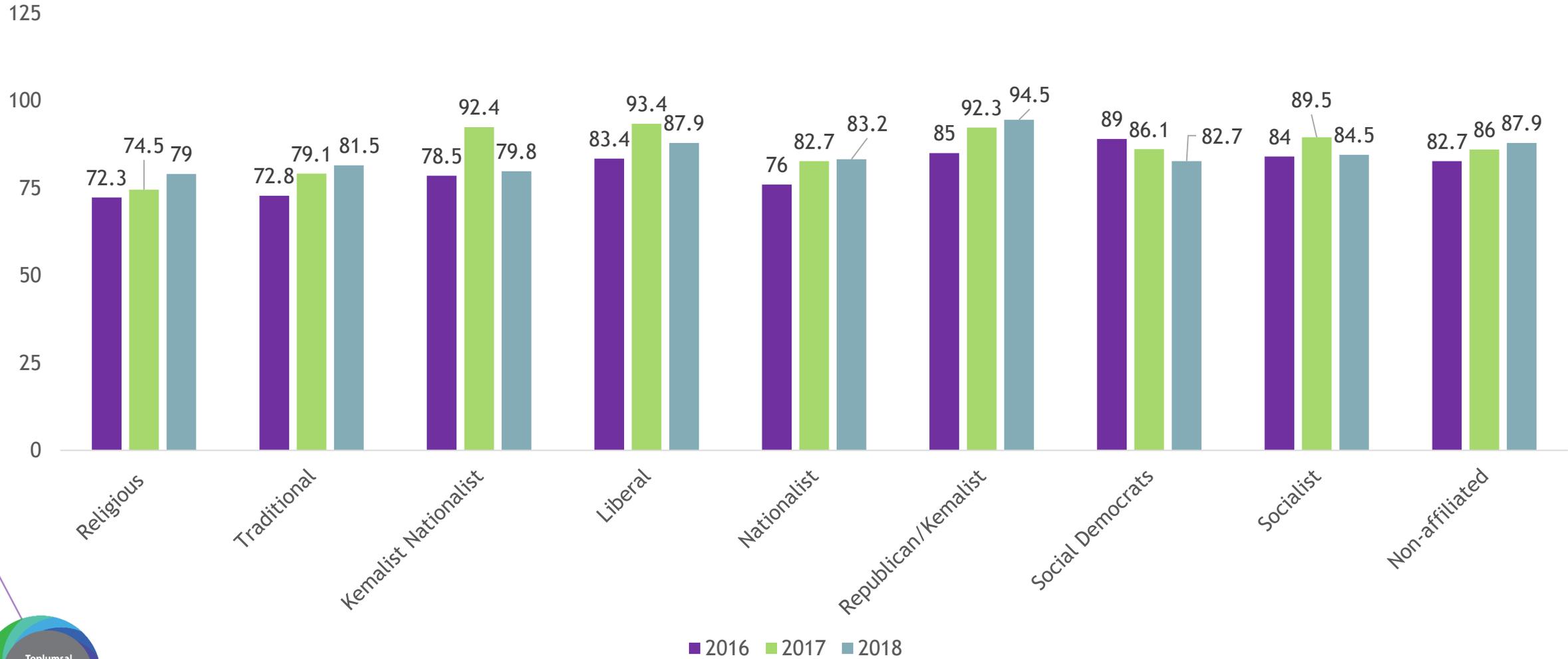
In general, there is progression in gender perceptions between women and men.

However equality perception is always more obvious in women than in men.

Scale-number between 25-125

# Gender Perception

Political Orientation - Scale-number between 25-125

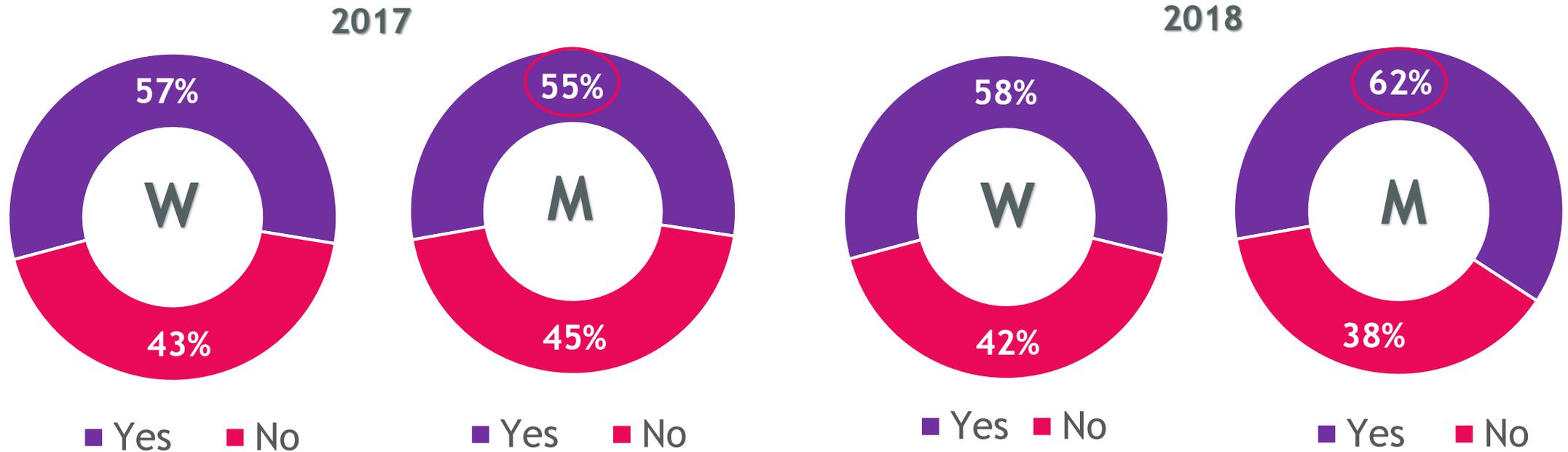




# Meaning of Feminism

# Familiarity with the Concept of Feminism

Have you ever heard before of the concept of feminism?



It is indicated that this year more men have heard the expression «feminism» than last year.

# Attitudes towards Feminism

## Change over the years

Can you please state whether you agree with the following statements regarding feminism?

This year, compared to last years, more people agree that the expression "feminism" signifies "gender equality".



Feminism is about equality between men and women

Feminism is about the superiority of women

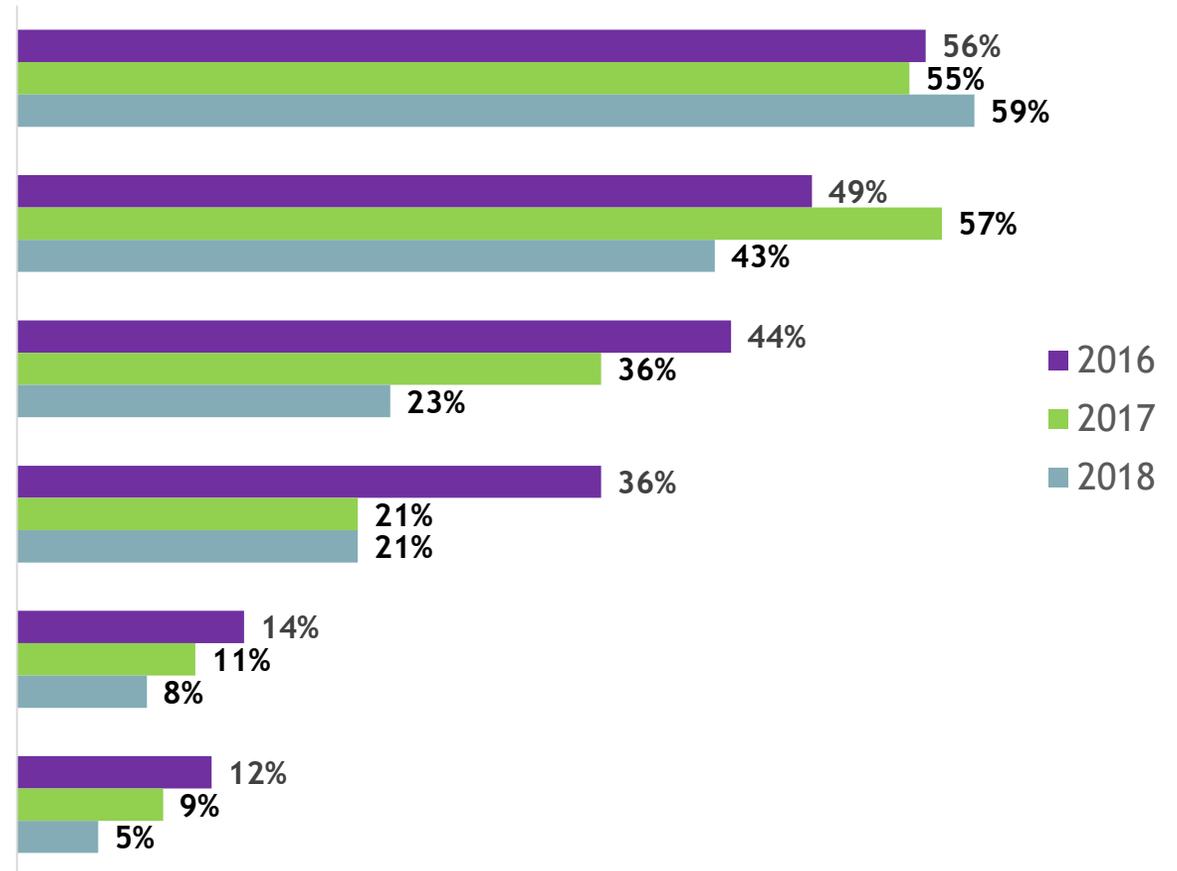
Men cannot be feminists

Feminism means hating men

Feminist women are mostly ugly

Feminist women are mostly lesbians

Participation %

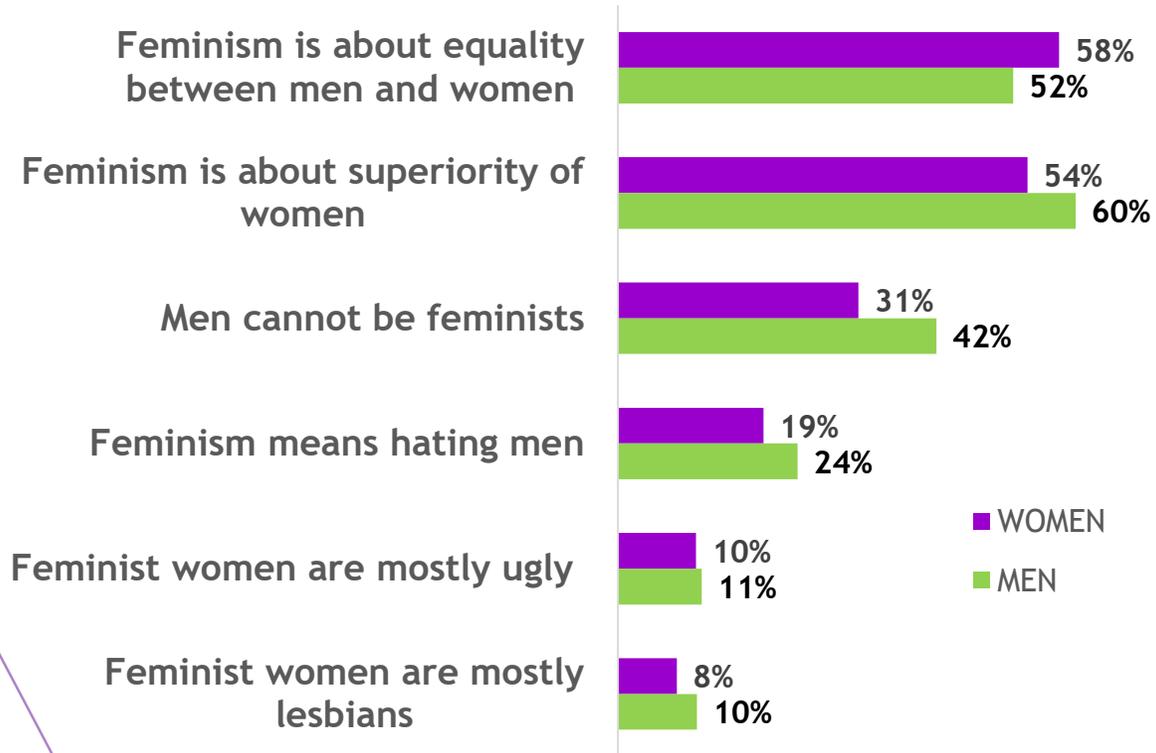


# Attitudes Towards Feminism

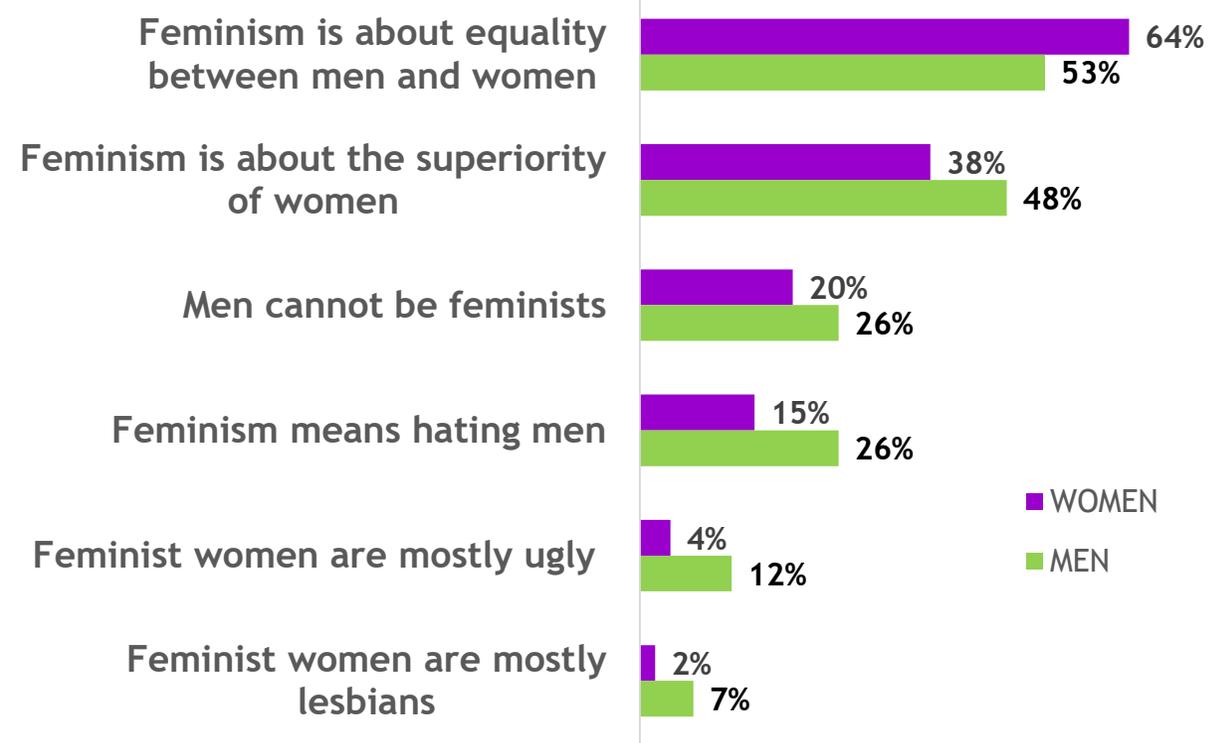
## Women and Men

Participation %

2017



2018



# Approach to Gender Equality

## Change over the years

Women and men should have the same opportunities

Women and men working at the same job should receive the same salary

Ensuring gender equality is one of the primary duties of the state

→ Anyone wishing to have children should be already married or get married

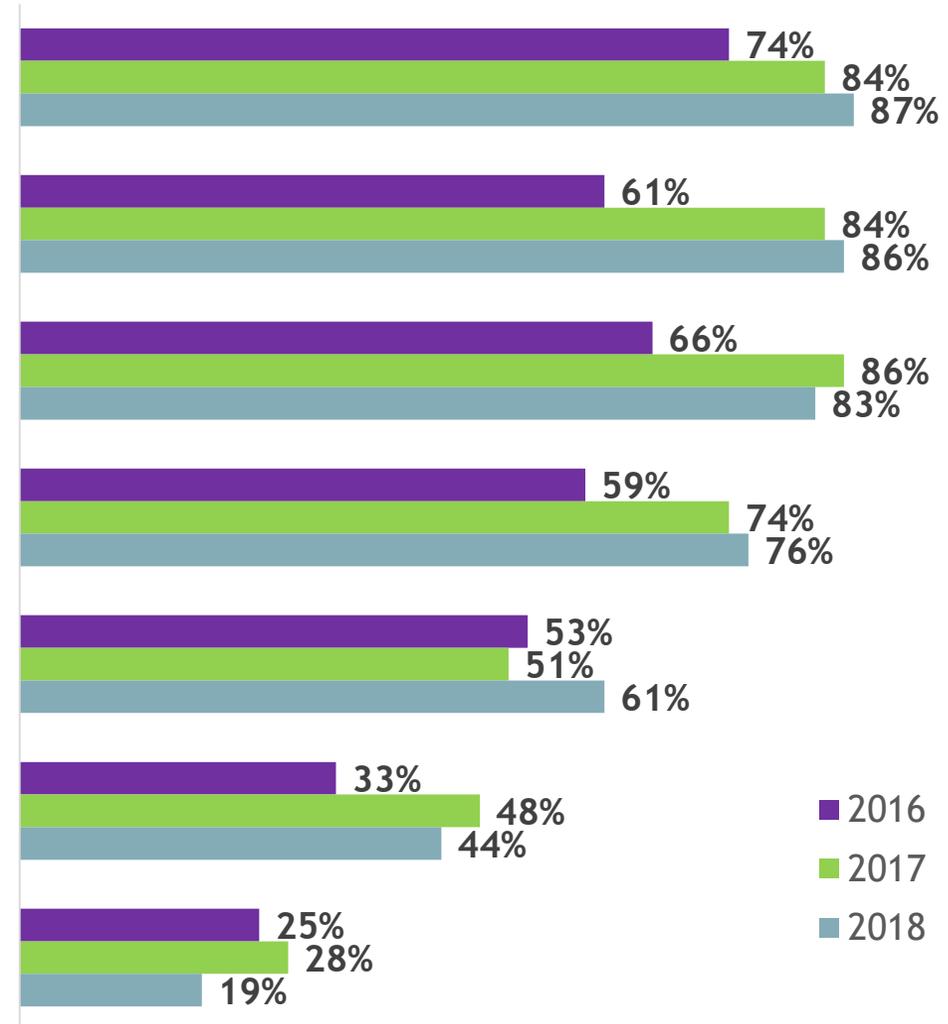
→ Homosexuality is against the norms of our society

Gay, lesbian, and trans individuals should have equal rights in society

→ It is acceptable for a couple to live together even if they do not intend to get married

There is a meaningful change in these statements compared to last years.

Perception %



# Abortion

# Attitudes towards Abortion

## Change over the years

There is a meaningful change in these statements compared to last years.

Abortion is only allowable only under certain circumstances such as medical necessity, incest and rape

➔ Abortion should be banned because it is the murder of a defenseless life

➔ Abortion should be banned because it is a sin

Abortion should be banned because it is against our tradition

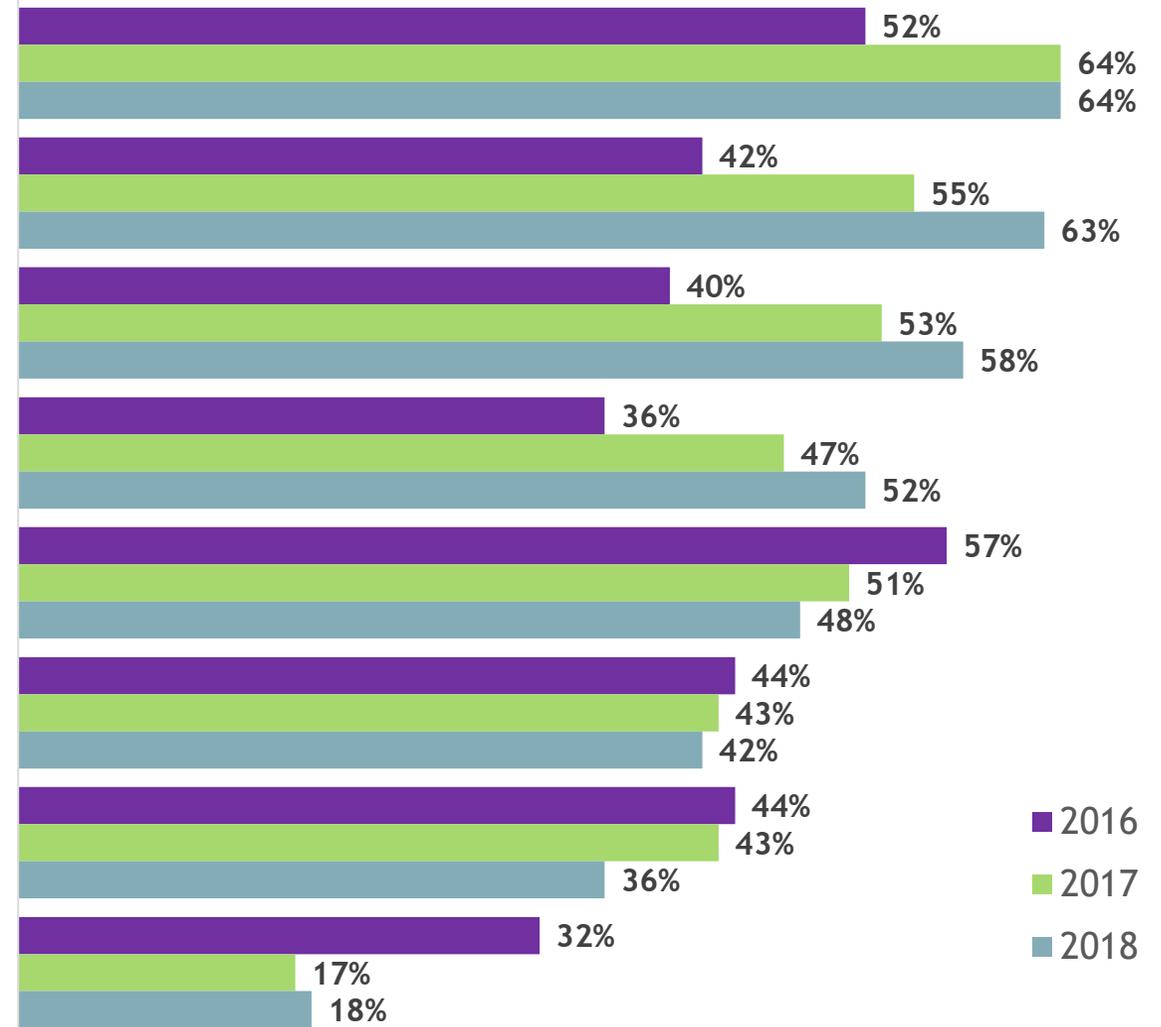
We have a health system that creates obstacles to obtaining an abortion for those who want it

Pregnancies that occur outside of a marriage can be terminated with abortion

➔ Abortion is one of the fundamental rights of women, it cannot be banned

Abortion can be used as a family planning method

Perception %



# Attitudes towards Abortion- Education

To what extent do you agree with these statements about women's abortion?

There are significant differences concerning the approval of these statements.

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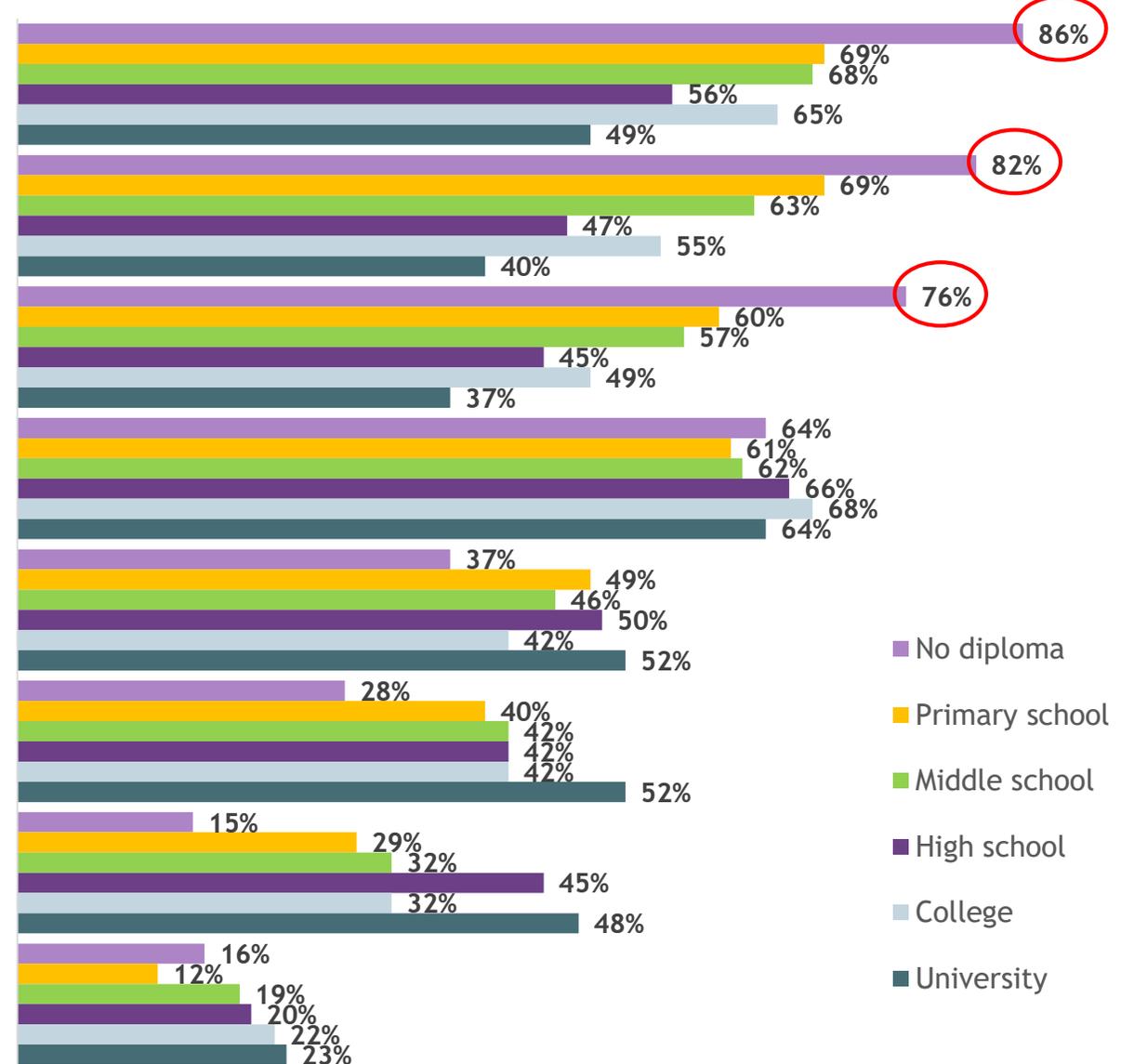
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Abortion can be used as a family planning method

Percentage %



# Attitudes towards abortion- Political Direction

## Participation %

	Religious		Traditional		Kemalist Nationalist		Liberal		Nationalist		Republican/ Kemalst		Social Democrat		Socialist		No affiliated	
	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W
Abortion is one of the fundamental rights of women, it cannot be banned.	23%	21%	20%	28%	25%	71%	40%	50%	27%	35%	60%	62%	43%	60%	55%	67%	23%	26%
Abortion should be banned because it is a sin.	82%	82%	76%	68%	50%	57%	50%	25%	57%	51%	35%	30%	57%	43%	46%	17%	66%	70%
Abortion should be banned because it is the murder of a defenseless life.	85%	82%	75%	71%	58%	71%	50%	50%	66%	62%	44%	37%	70%	49%	64%	25%	72%	69%
Abortion must be banned because it is against our traditions.	72%	78%	69%	57%	58%	43%	50%	13%	52%	49%	27%	30%	57%	38%	46%	17%	62%	62%
Pregnancies that occur outside marriage can be terminated with abortion.	23%	26%	34%	37%	36%	57%	20%	50%	40%	45%	52%	53%	52%	62%	55%	67%	37%	39%
Abortion is only allowable only under certain circumstances such as medical necessity, incest and rape.	71%	69%	62%	67%	58%	71%	40%	75%	58%	68%	64%	53%	5%	60%	91%	58%	74%	73%
Abortion can be used as a family planning method.	15%	14%	13%	16%	8%	71%	30%	13%	14%	14%	22%	19%	22%	46%	36%	67%	15%	13%
Our health system creates obstacles to those who want to obtain an abortion.	42%	27%	41%	50%	42%	43%	60%	57%	36%	49%	64%	70%	44%	62%	36%	67%	46%	44%

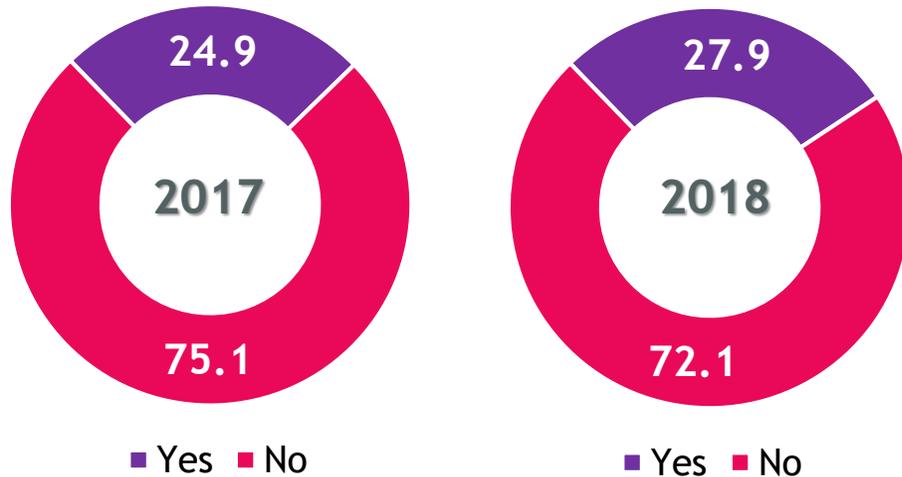
Darkly marked ratios are statistically significant gender differences within that group.



# Women and Work Life

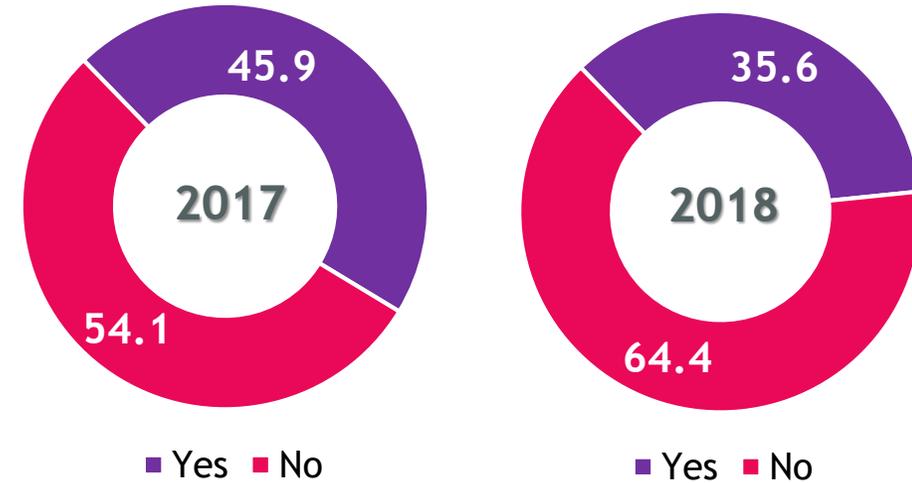
# Women and Work Life

## Present working status



Do you currently hold a paying job?

## Past working status



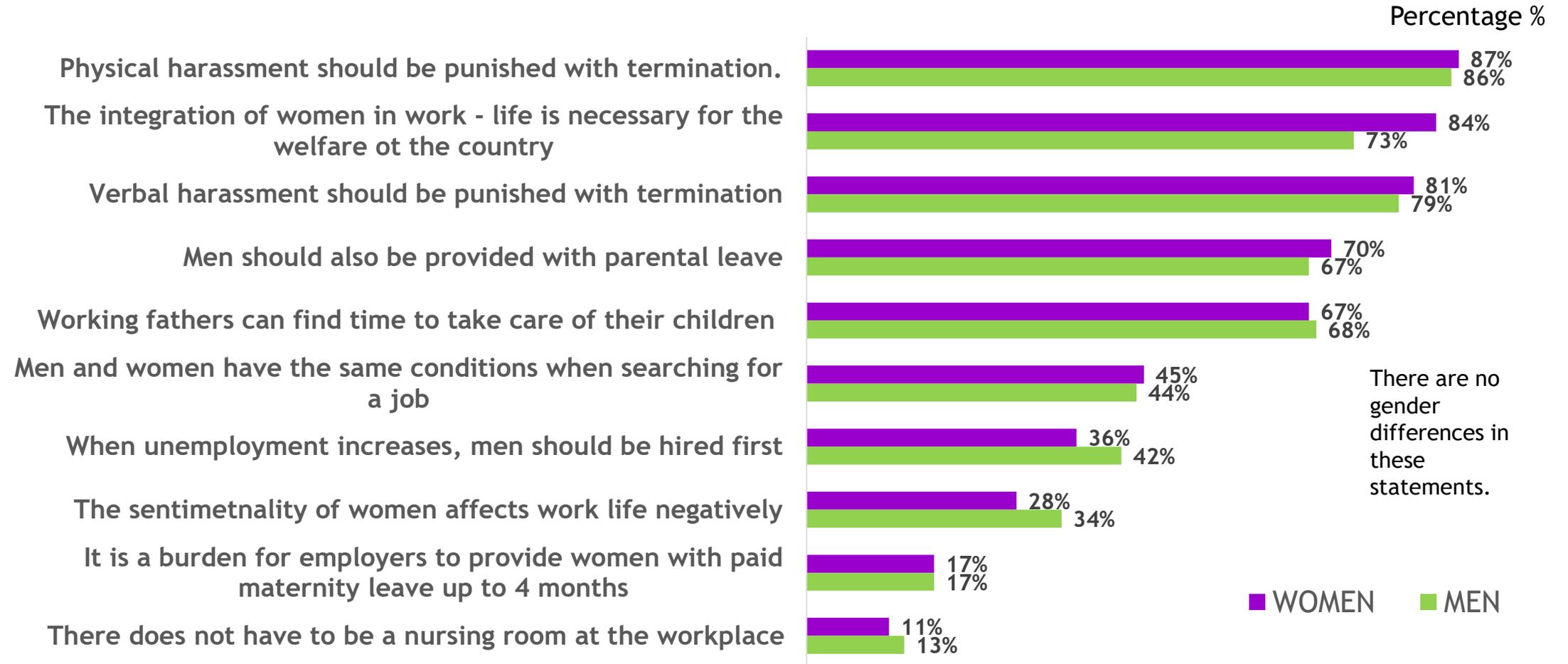
Have you ever worked before?

In 2017 41% have never worked

In 2018 46% have never worked

# Women and Work Life

Please state whether you agree with the following statements.



# Women and Work Life

## Change over the years

There is a meaningful change in these statements compared to last years.



- Physical harassment should be punished with termination
- Verbal harassment should be punished with termination
- The integration of women in work life is necessary for the welfare of the country
- Men should also be provided with paternal leave



Working fathers can find the time to take care of their children

Men and women when seeking for a job have the same conditions

When unemployment increases, men should be hired first

The sentimentality of women affects work life negatively

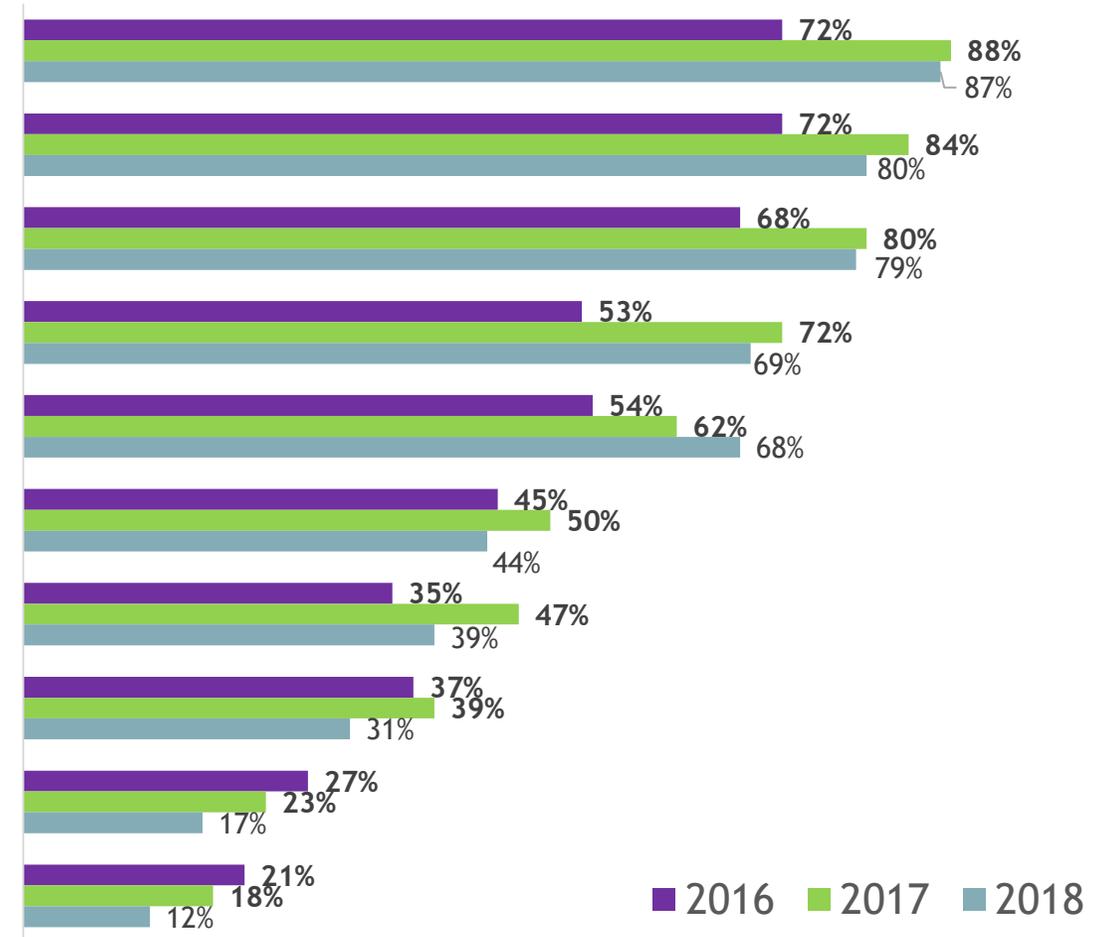


It is a burden for employers to provide women with paid maternity leave up to 4 months



There does not have to be a nursing room at the workplace

Percentage %



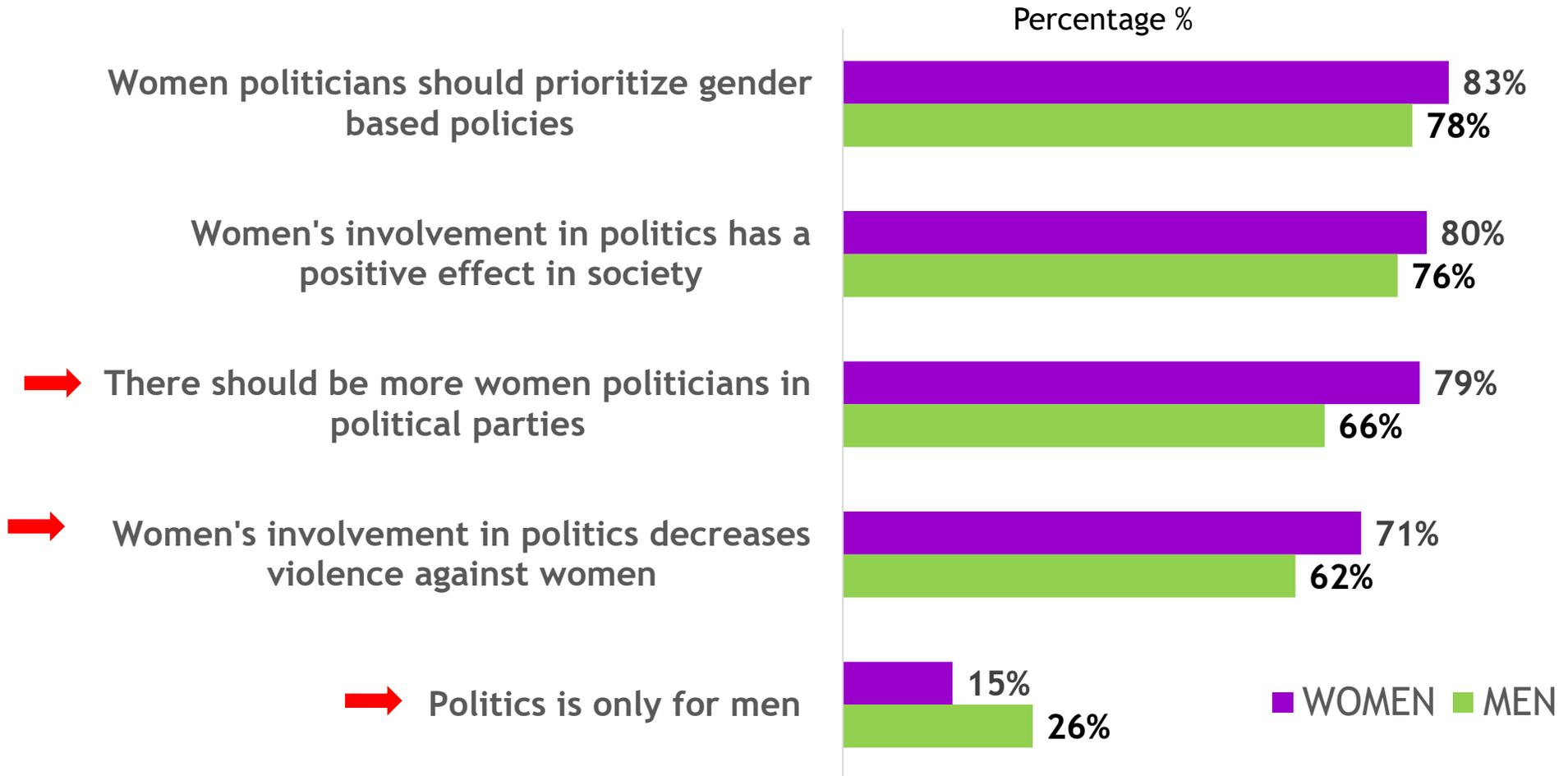


# Women and Politics

# Women's Involvement in Politics- 2018

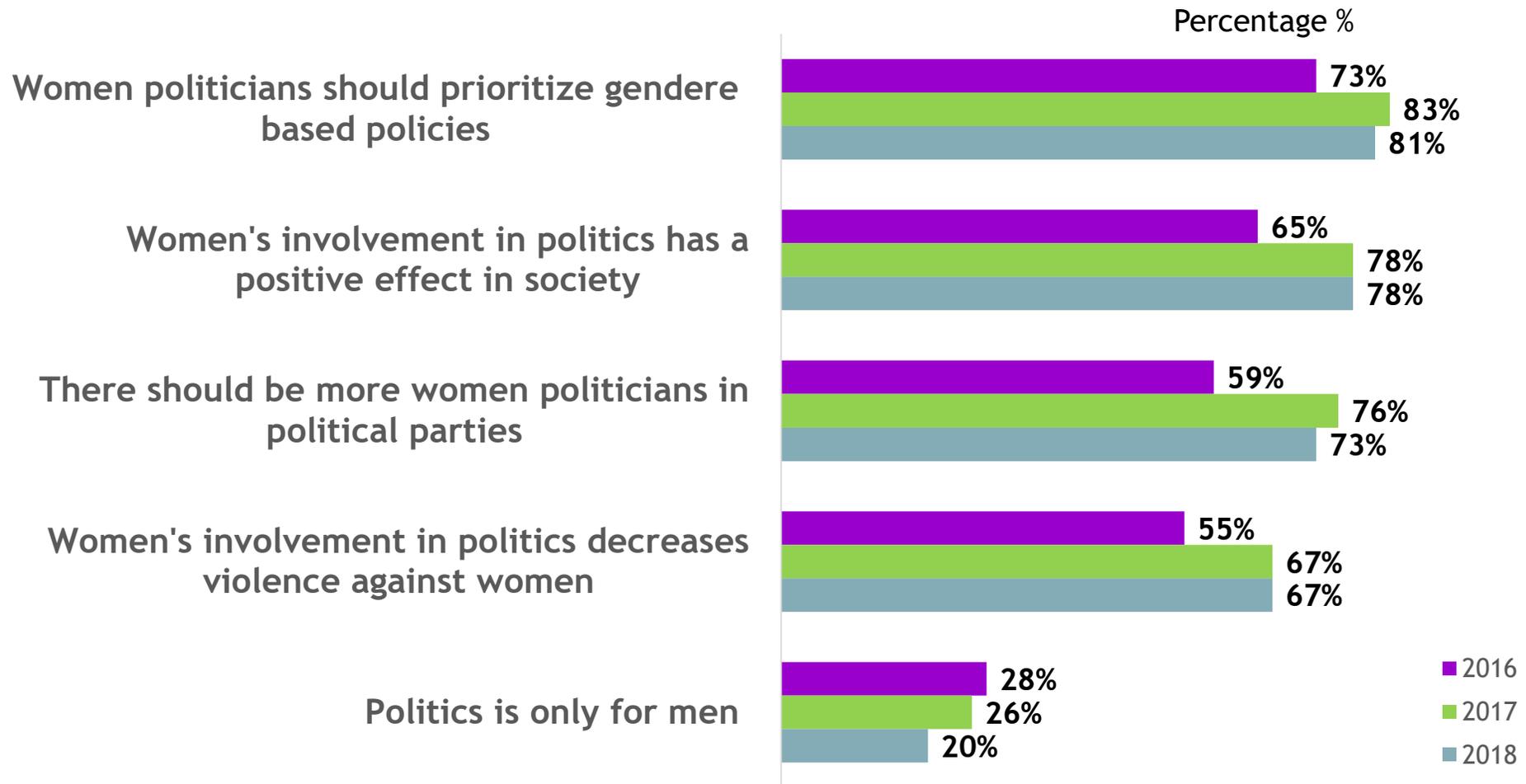
Please state whether you agree with the following statements .

There are significant differences between men and women in approving these statements.



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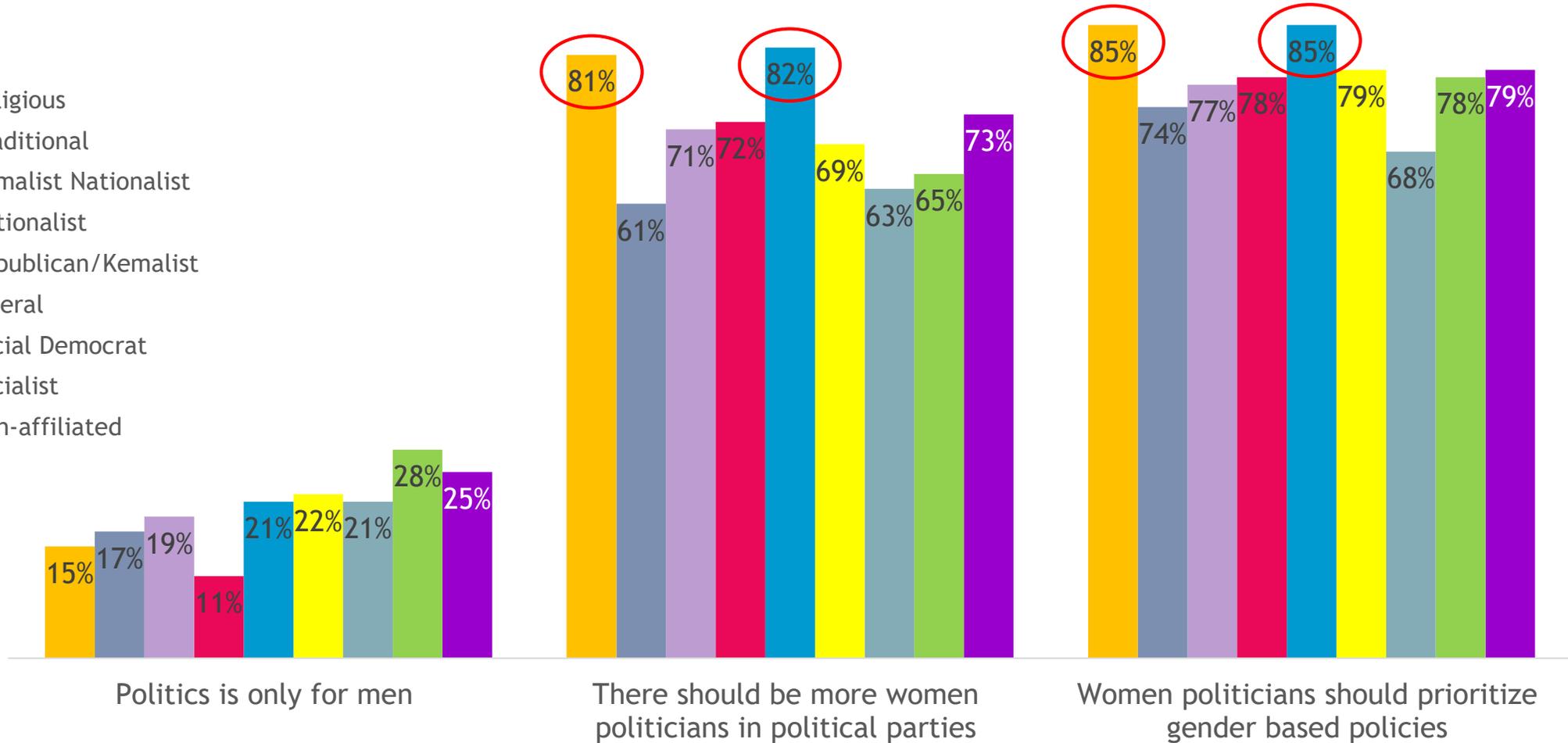
## Change over the years



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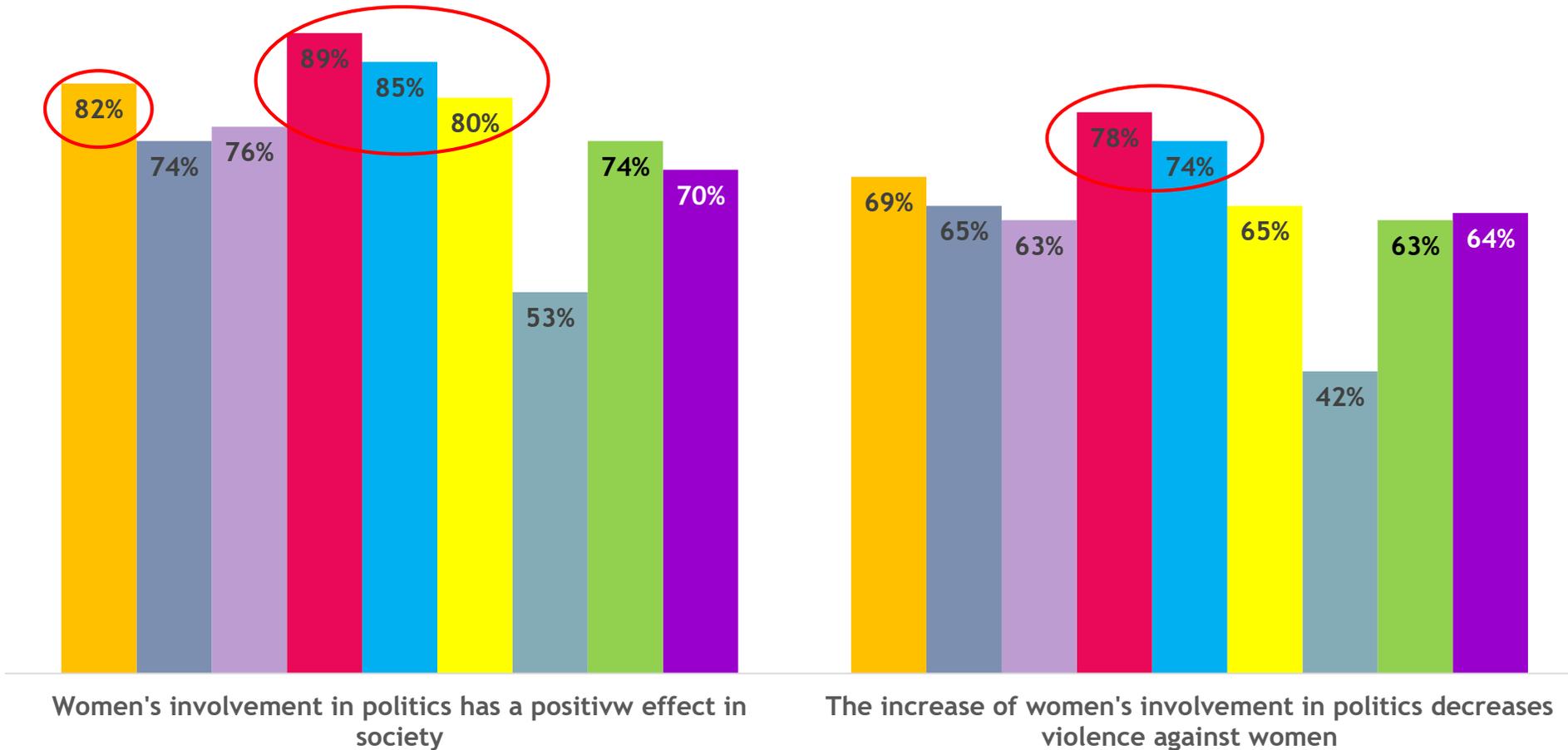
Political Direction -Percentage %

- Religious
- Traditional
- Kemalist Nationalist
- Nationalist
- Republican/Kemalist
- Liberal
- Social Democrat
- Socialist
- Non-affiliated



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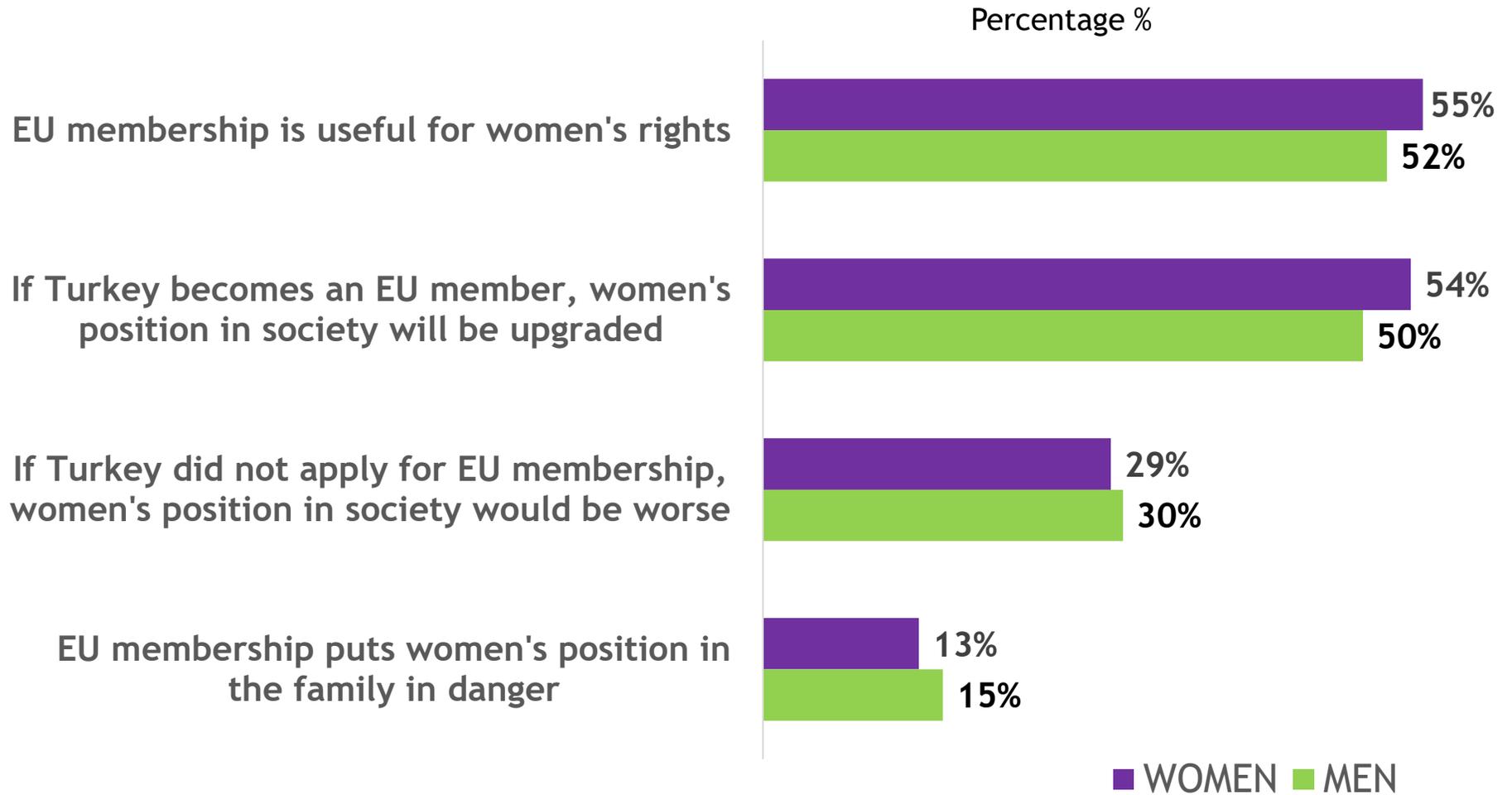
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# European Union and Women's Rights

Now I will read you some statements about the membership of the European Union and its impact on women's rights. Please state whether you agree with the following statements.

There are no gender differences according to the impact of the EU accession process on women's rights in Turkey.



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## Year-to-Year Comparison

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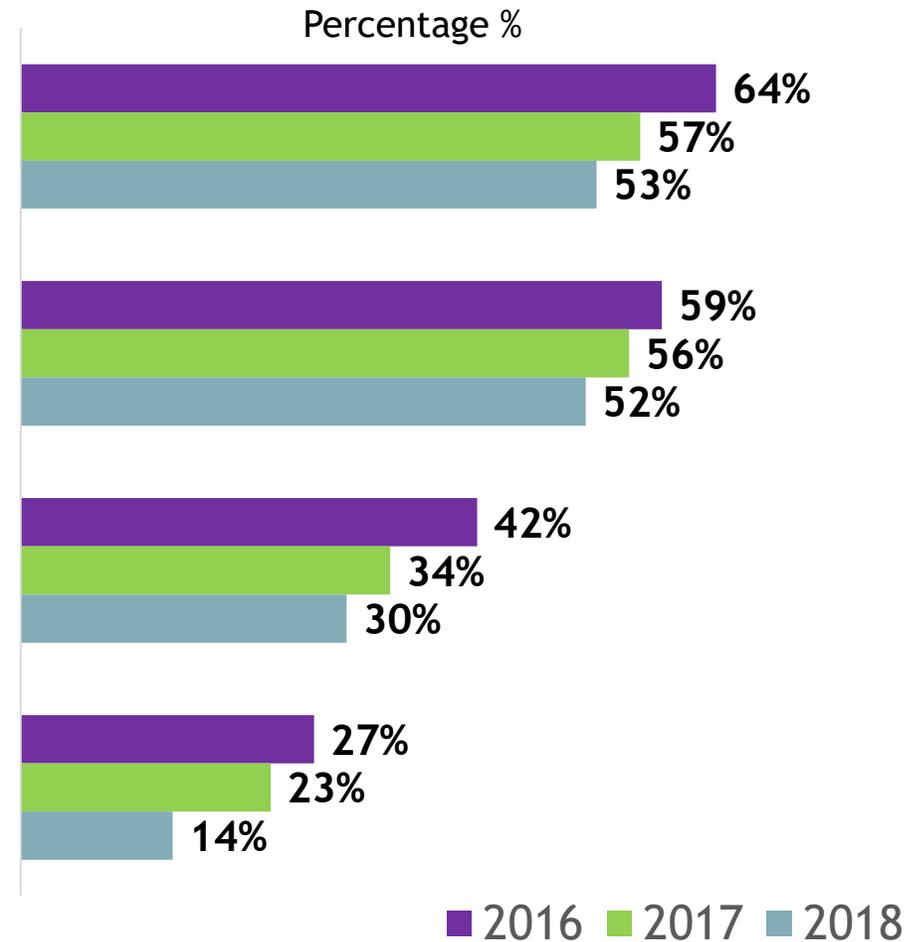
There is a decrease in the consensus that the EU accession process over the years will have a positive impact on women's rights in the Turkey.

EU membership is useful for women's rights

If Turkey becomes an EU member, women's position in society will be upgraded

If Turkey did not apply for EU membership, women's position in society would be worse

EU membership puts women's position in the family in danger



# Women Politicians' Electoral Campaign

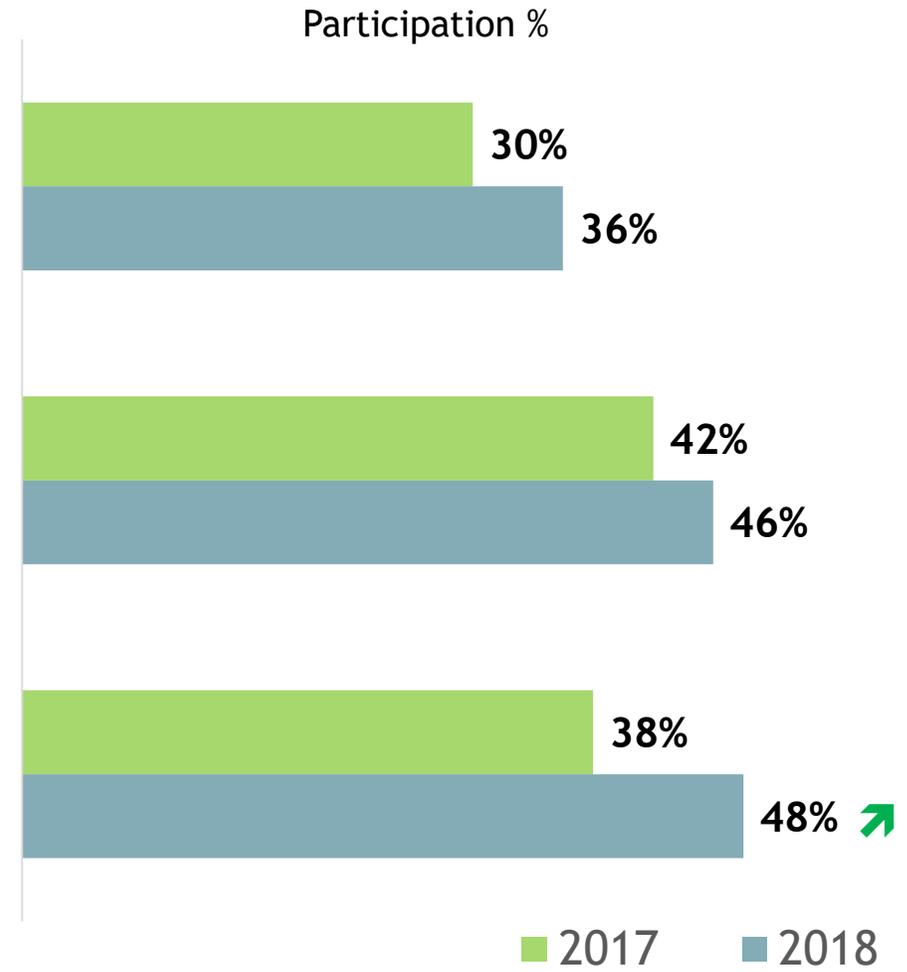
In local or general elections, while you are looking which party to vote..

This year there has been a significant increase of the influence of women's agenda on the electoral voting.

Does it affect your choice when a party includes more women candidates?

Does it affect your choice when a party states that aims at preventing violence against women?

Does it affect your choice when a party promises solutions to reduce female unemployment?

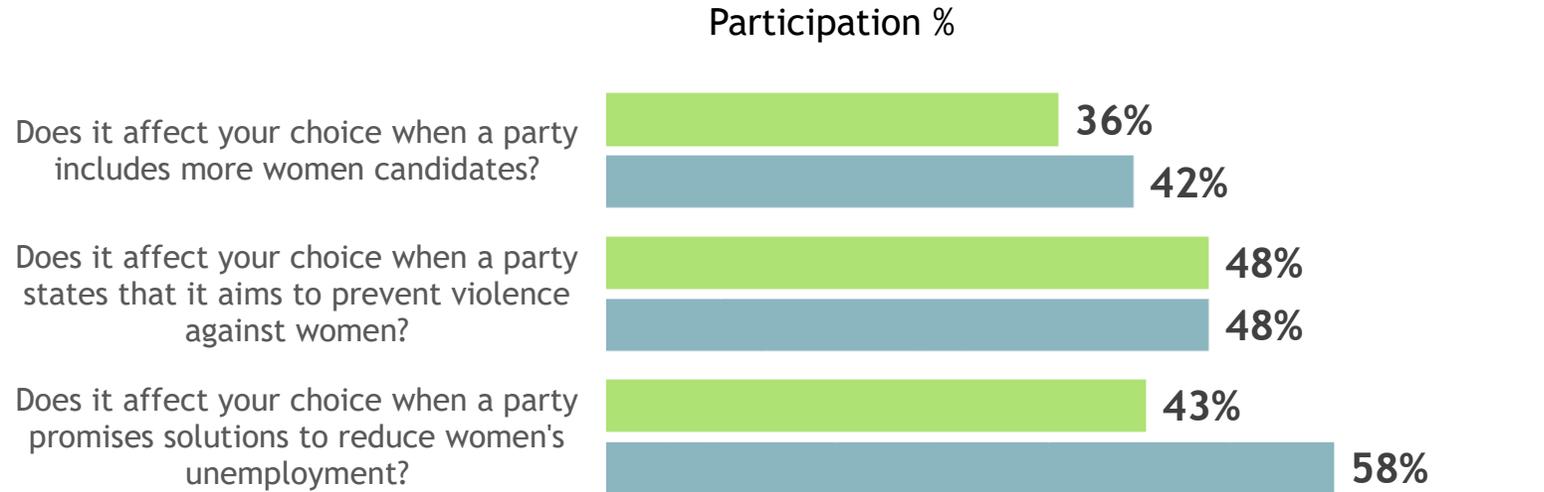


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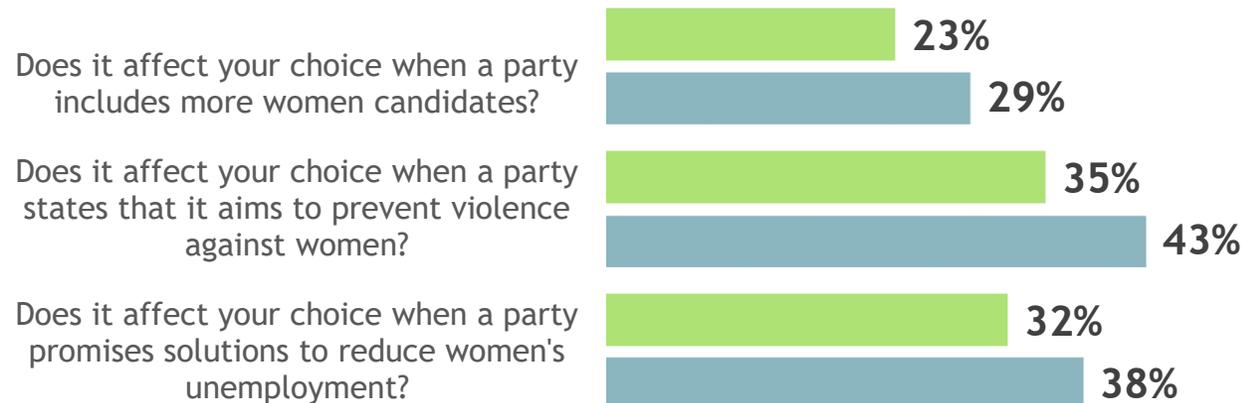
The effect of women politicians' agenda on women and men voters differs. It is more important for women voters and this is reflected by their numbers.

Women



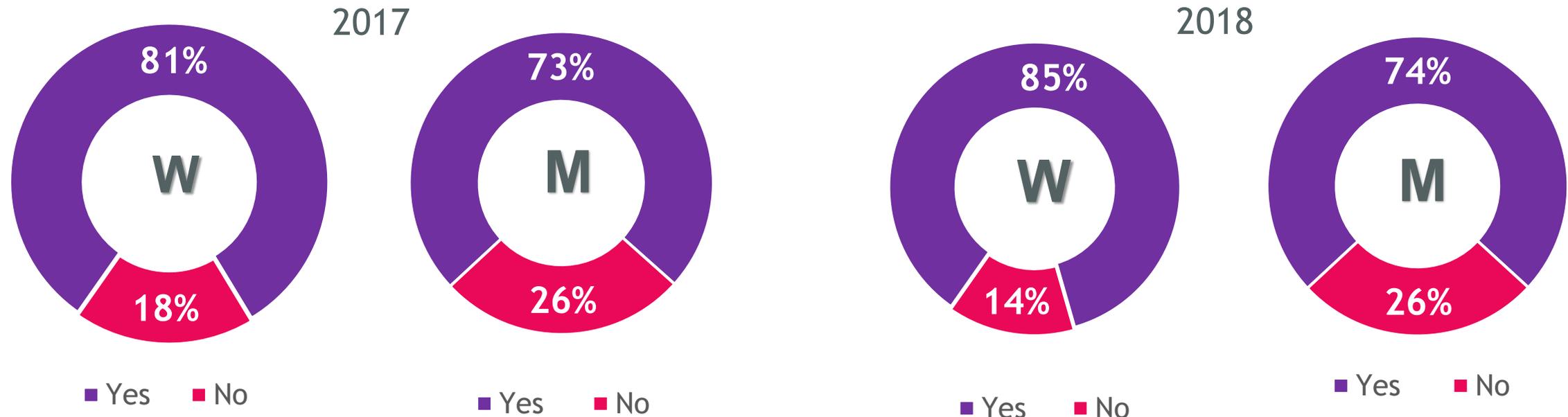
2017  
2018

Men



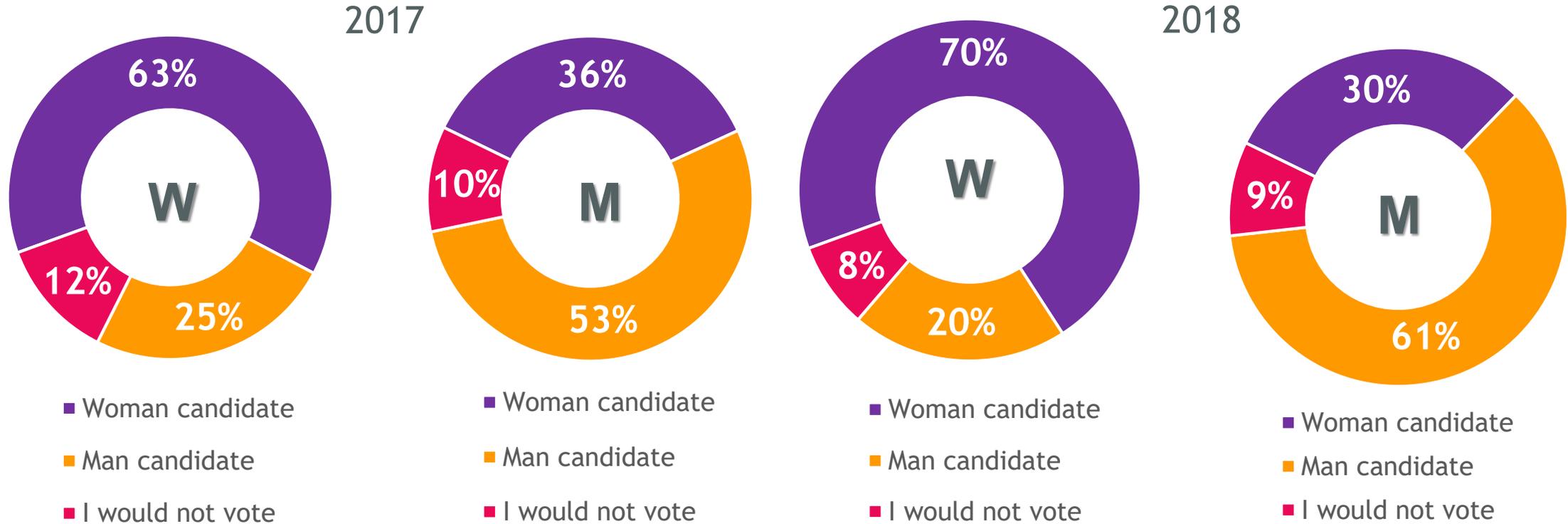
# A Woman Leader?

If a woman is the leader of the political party you support, would you still vote for the party?



# A woman President?

Suppose that there are two presidential candidates with very similar qualities, and one of them is woman and the other one is man. Which one would you vote for?

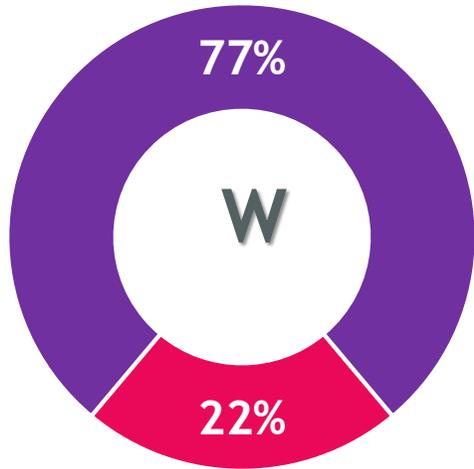


This year, more women would prefer a “female president”, while among men, a “male president” is preferred.

# Is There Equality?

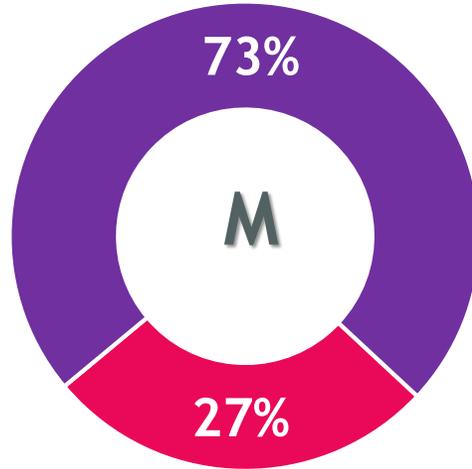
Do you think that men and women have equal rights in Turkish society today?

2017



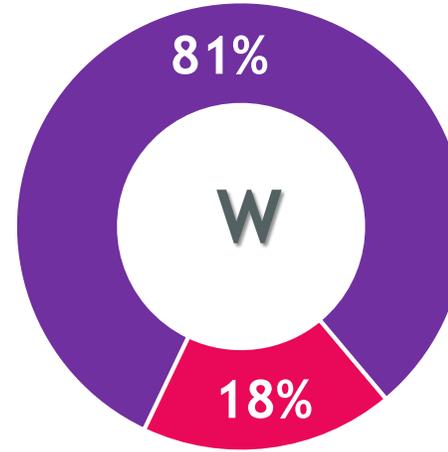
■ Yes ■ No

2017

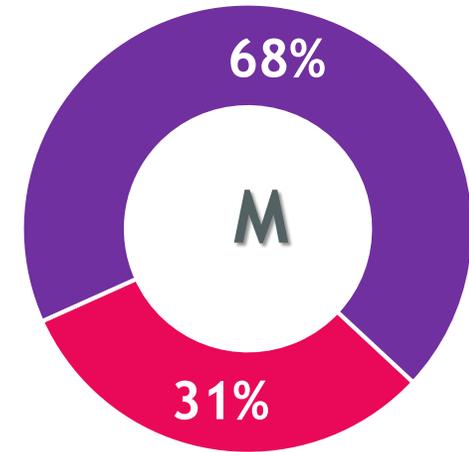


■ Yes ■ No

2018



■ Yes ■ No



■ Yes ■ No

This year, more women than in the last year, argue that there are no equal rights and possibilities between men and women, they argue that men are in an advantageous position.

# Thank You!

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