



# THE PERCEPTION OF GENDER AND WOMEN IN TURKEY 2017

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# Overview

The study was conducted with 1216 people 18 years old and older representing the urban population of Turkey. According to the 2016 ADNK data, the urban population constitutes 92.5% of the total population in Turkey. Sample choice was made by random sample selection based on cluster sample. The fieldwork of the research was conducted between 22 January and 27 February 2017. The field work of the study was conducted by the Frekans Research company.

## Objective

To determine the attitudes of the public in Turkey towards gender and family, social, and political issues that affect women's involvement in public space.

## Method

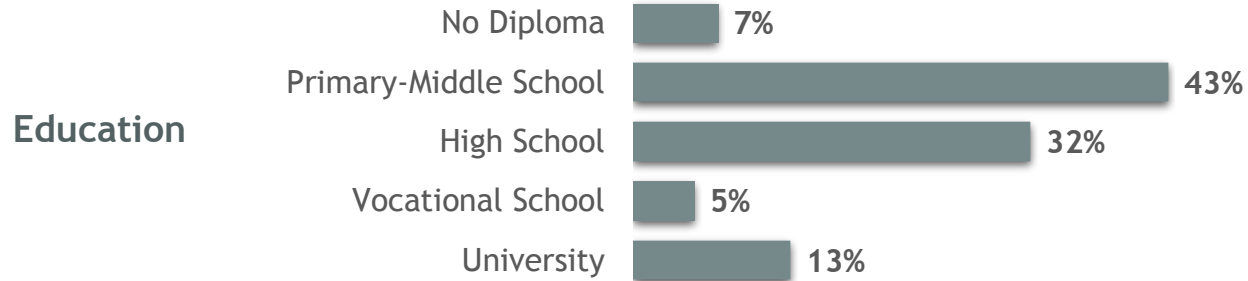
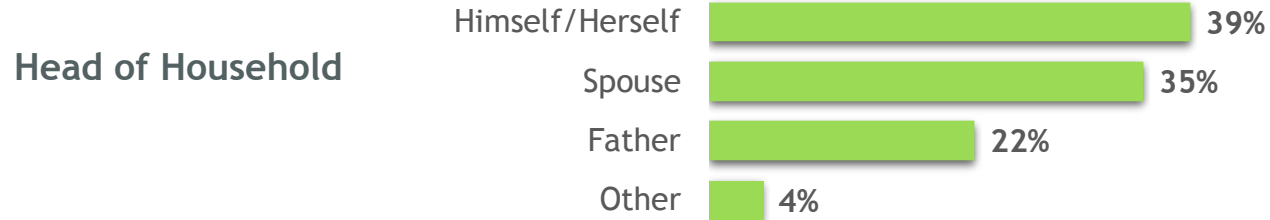
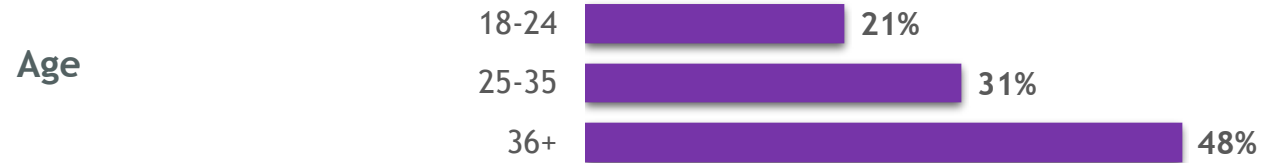
## Sample

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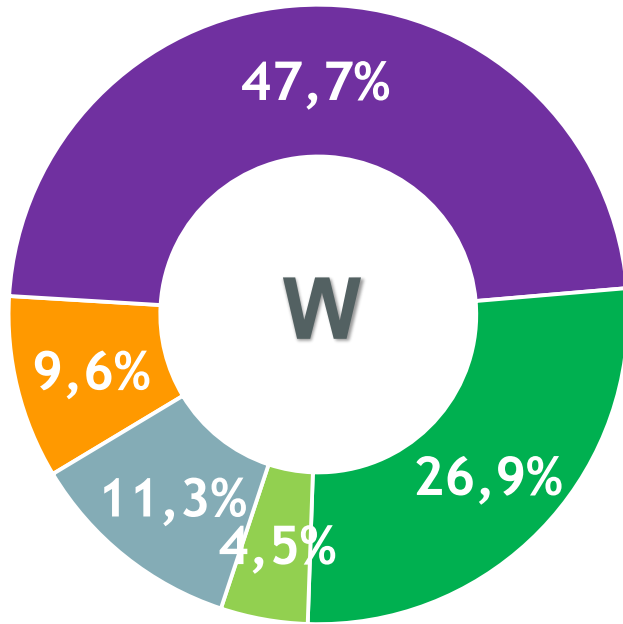


# Demography

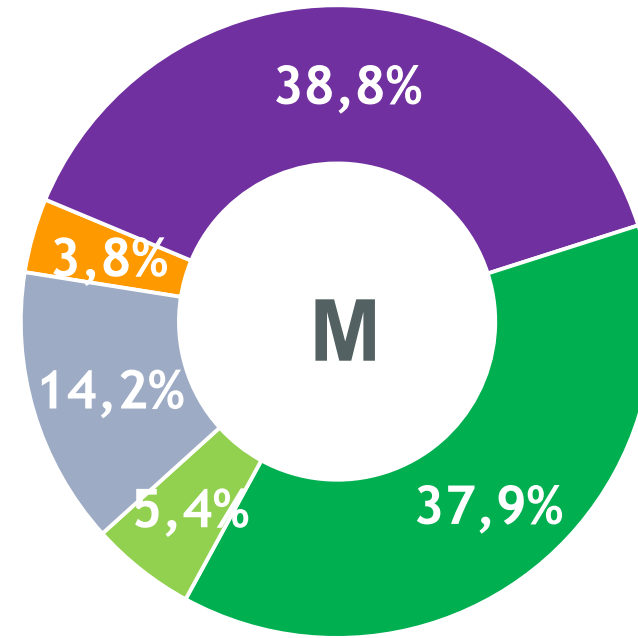
# Demography



# Education



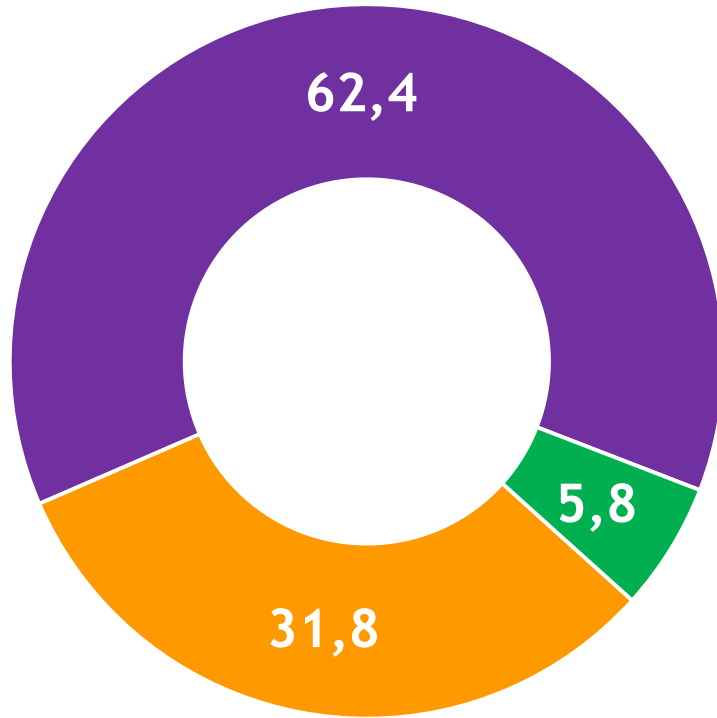
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- Primary-Middle School
- High School
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- University and Post-graduate



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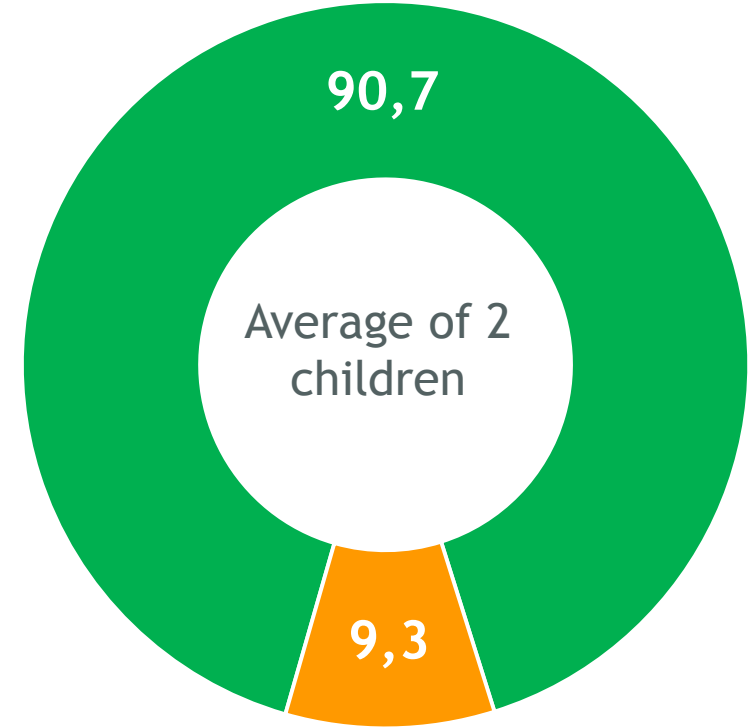


## Marital Status



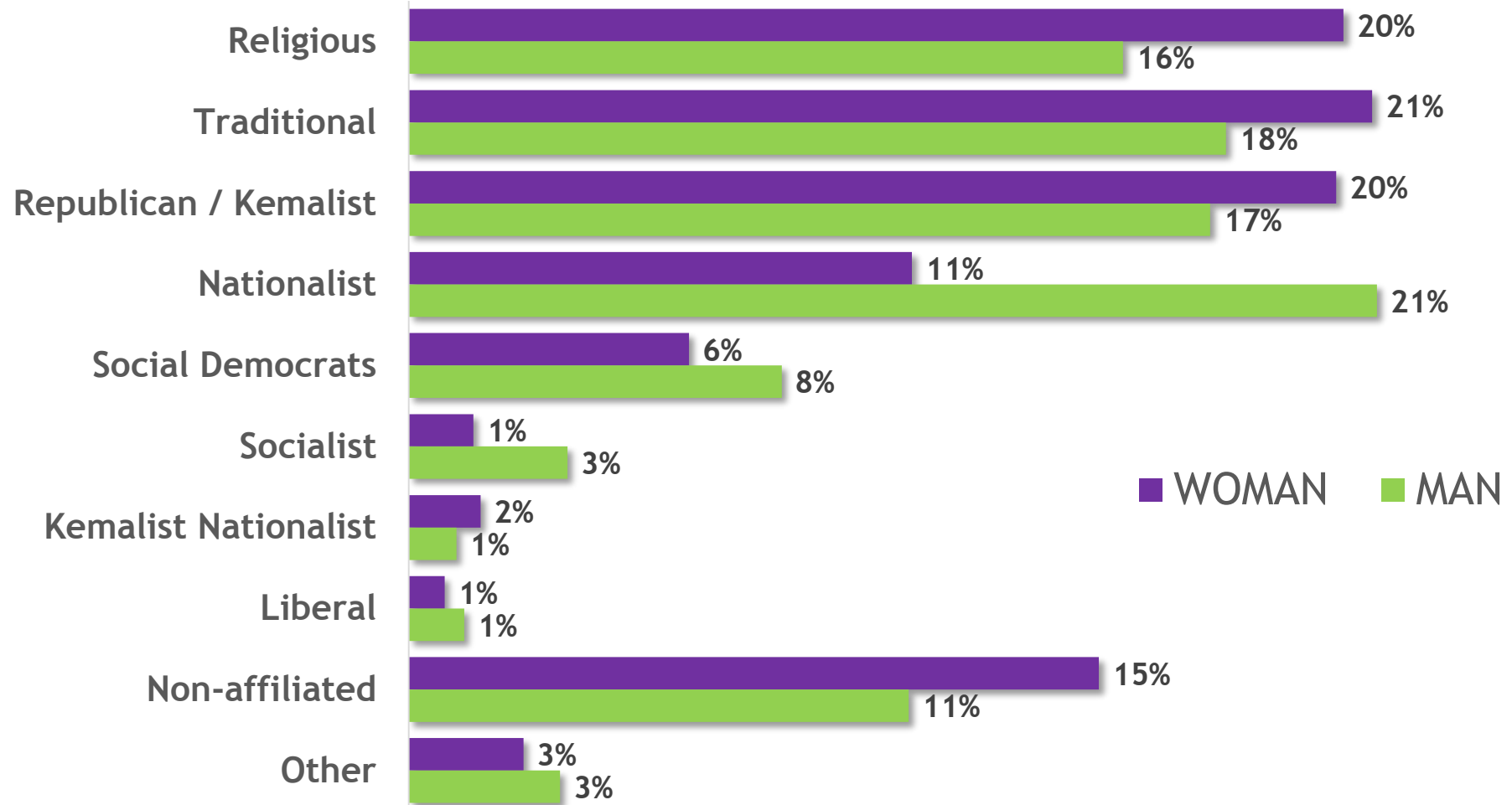
■ Single ■ Married ■ Divorced/Widowed

## With children



■ Yes ■ No

# Political Dispositions



# Marital and Family Decisions



# Meeting with Spouse

How did you meet your current/ex spouse?

	Percentage (%)	Age-average
Knew each other, he/she was our neighbour	4.9	48.66
Family members of the same age introduced us	4.3	45.19
Older family members introduced us	27.1	44.38
Knew each other, he/she is our relatives	8.2	44.07
Met ourselves (in school)	2.0	39.92
<i>Met ourselves (in other social settings)</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>38.76</i>
<i>Met ourselves (at workplace)</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>38.72</i>
<i>Friends introduced us</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>37.95</i>
No Answer	.7	44.13

Young people are majority



# Marriage Decision

Who gave the marriage decision?

	Percentage (%)	Age-average
Eloped	.8	53.31
Family decided	6.7	46.20
Arranged marriage	22.3	45.19
<i>I decided and my spouse agreed</i>	6.8	41.39
<i>We decided together and informed our parents</i>	22.0	40.64
<i>My spouse decided and I agreed</i>	9.4	39.61
No answer	.2	34.50

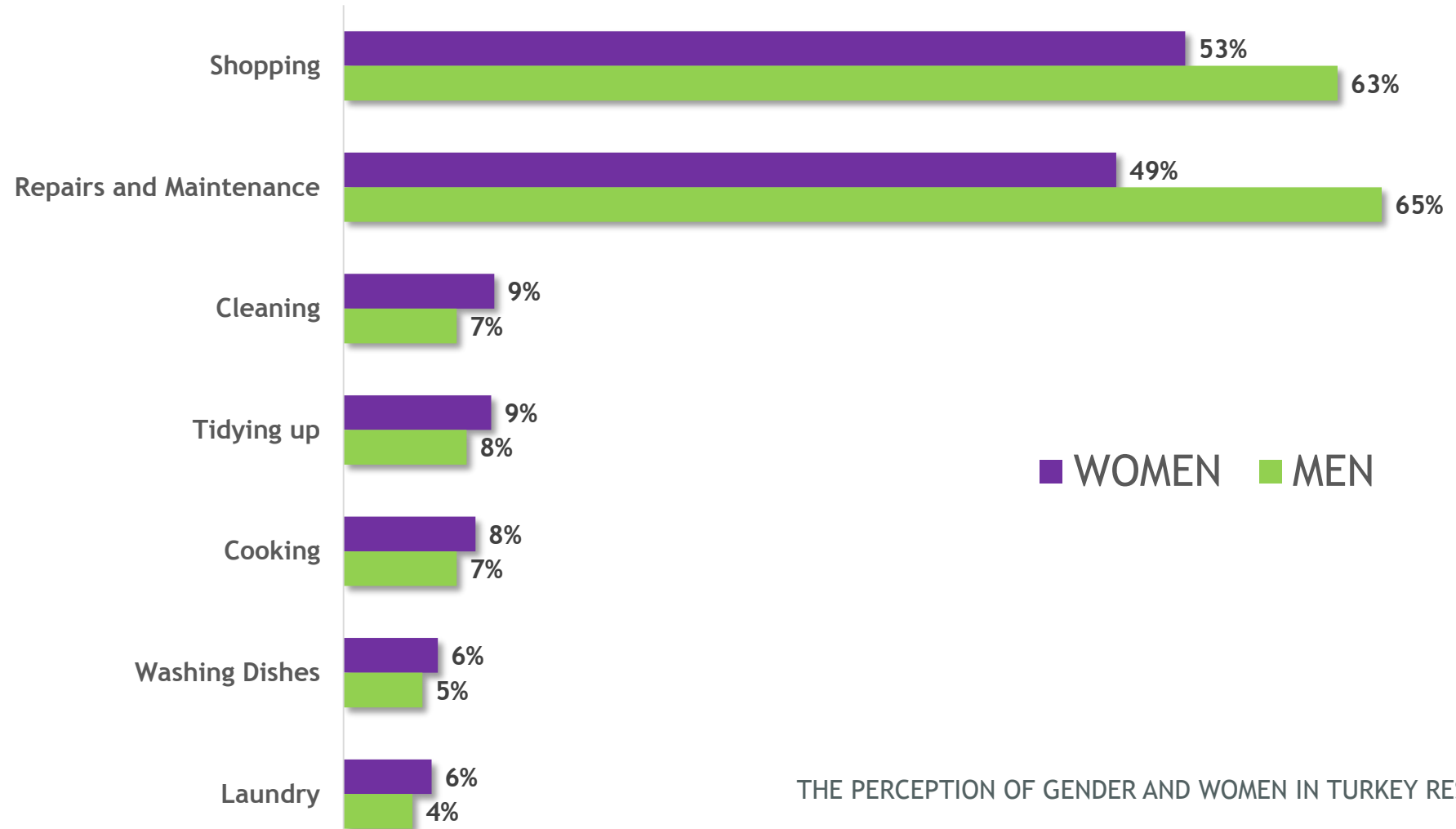
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# Distribution of Household Responsibilities

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

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

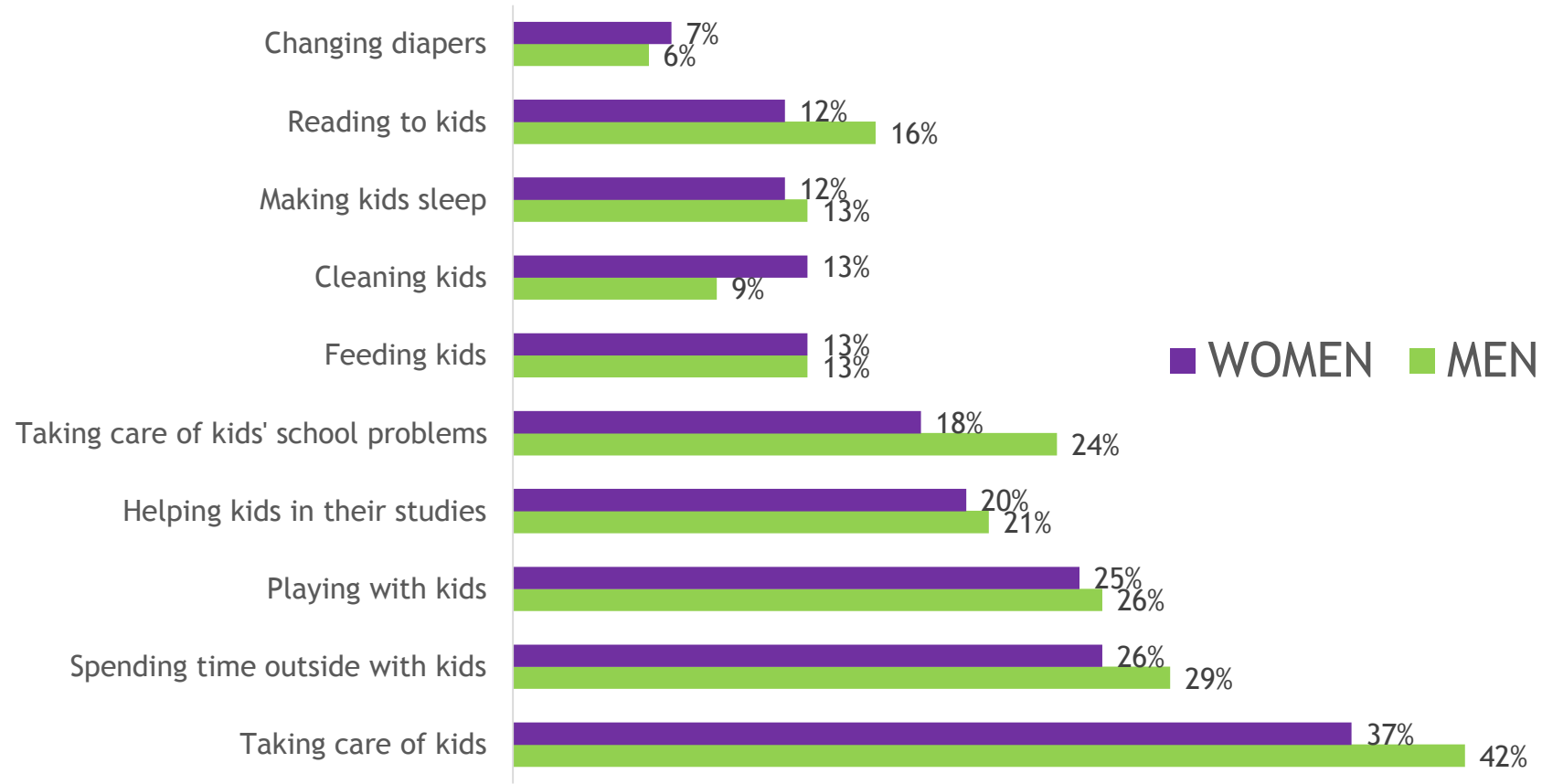
Men: To what extent do you contribute to household responsibilities?



# Fathers' contributions to child care (regular contributions)

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

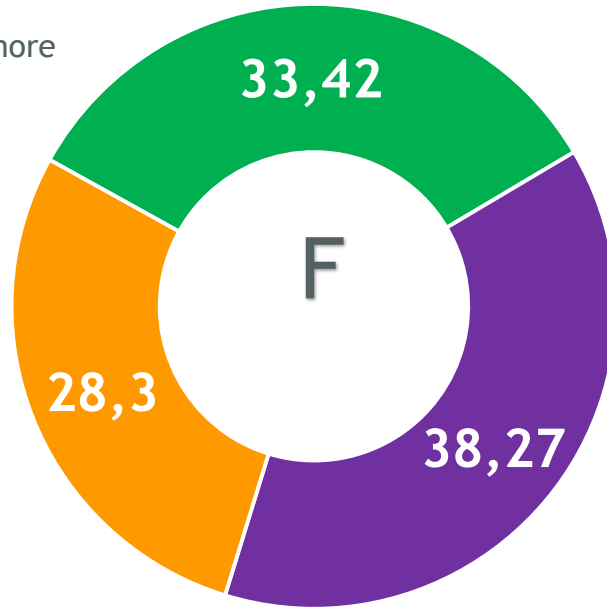
Men: To what extent do you contribute to child care?



# Daily Child-Care

## Fathers

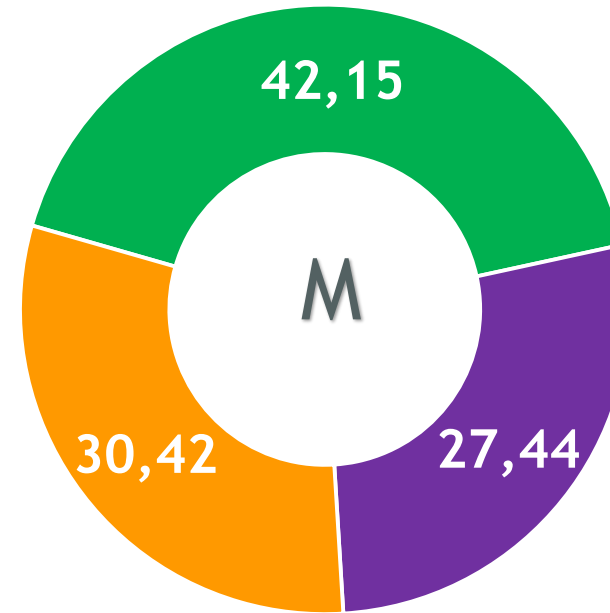
Would you like to contribute more to child-care?



- Yes, I would like to contribute much more
- Yes, I would like to contribute a little bit more
- No, my contribution is just enough

## Mothers

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



- Yes, I would like my spouse to get involved much more
- Yes, I would like my spouse to get involved a little bit more
- No, my spouse's involvement is enough



# Activities Suitable for Children

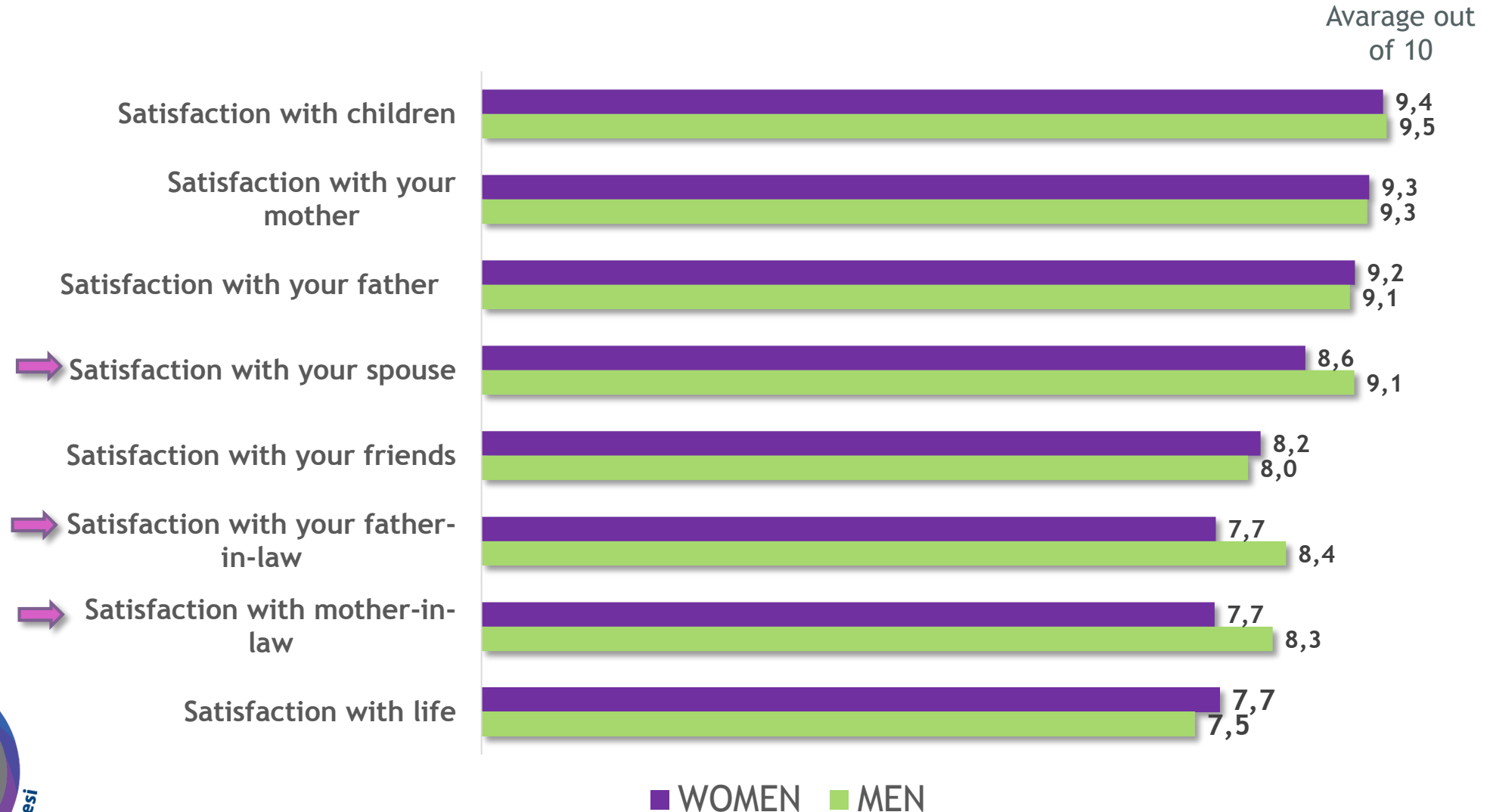
	Suitable for neither	More suitable for girls below 14 years old	More suitable for boys below 14 years old	Suitable for both	No answer
Using public transportation alone (bus, minibus)	53%	1%	4%	42%	0%
Shopping or going to supermarket alone	20%	1%	5%	74%	0%
Playing in the street/neighbourhood	18%	1%	4%	76%	0%
Helping with housework (laundry, washing dishes)	40%	17%	1%	41%	1%
Riding a bike	15%	1%	6%	77%	1%
Working at a job outside of house	88%	0%	4%	7%	1%
Looking after younger siblings	64%	10%	2%	24%	1%
Cooking	76%	10%	1%	12%	1%
Going out with his/her friends (i.e. cinema or shopping)	57%	1%	3%	38%	1%

# Relationships, Happiness and Trust



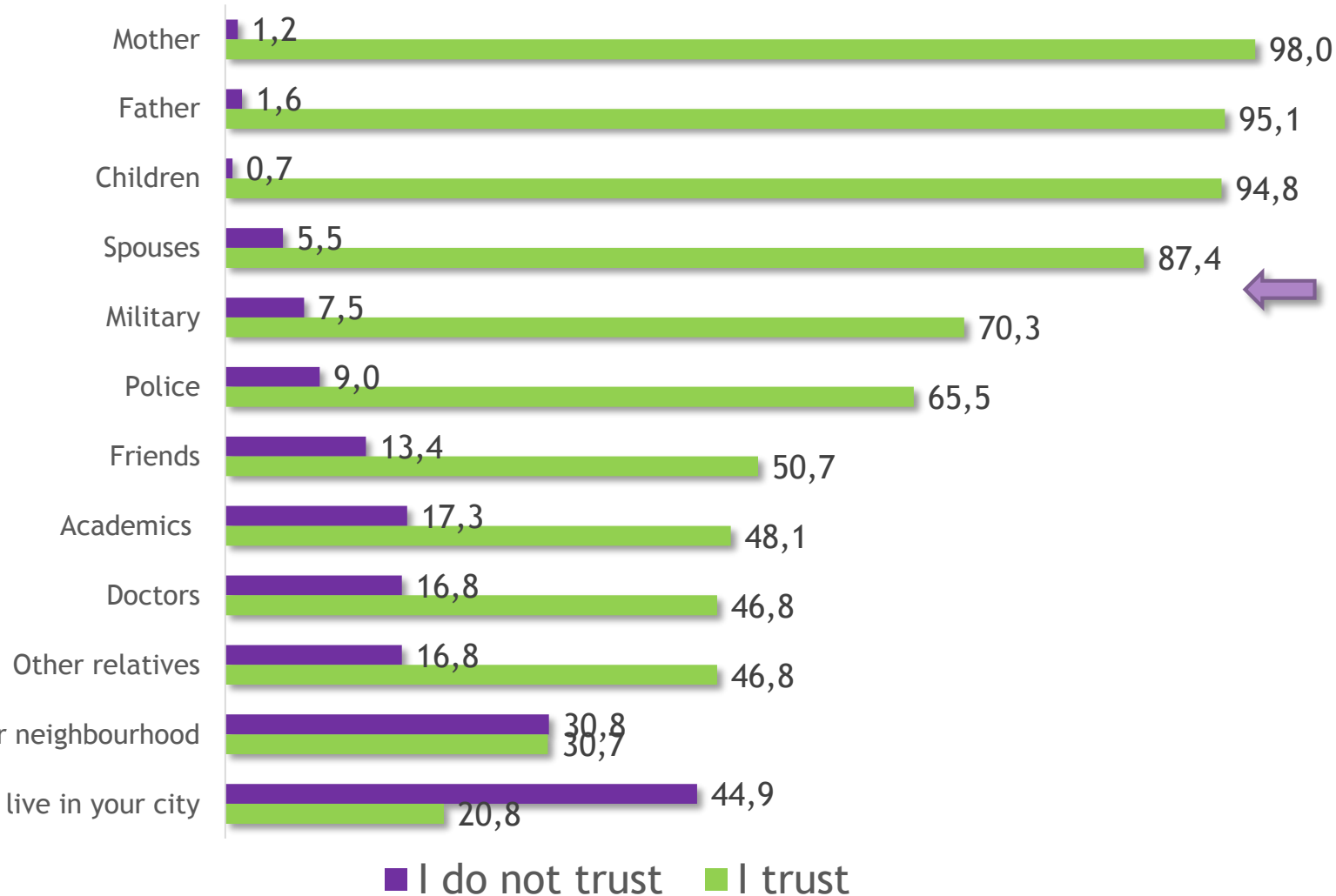
# Satisfaction from life

To what extent you are satisfied with your life and relationships?



# Trust

Do you trust the people listed below to not harm you and will look after your well-being?



83.9 % of women stated that they trust their husbands whereas 92.8 % of men stated they trust their wife

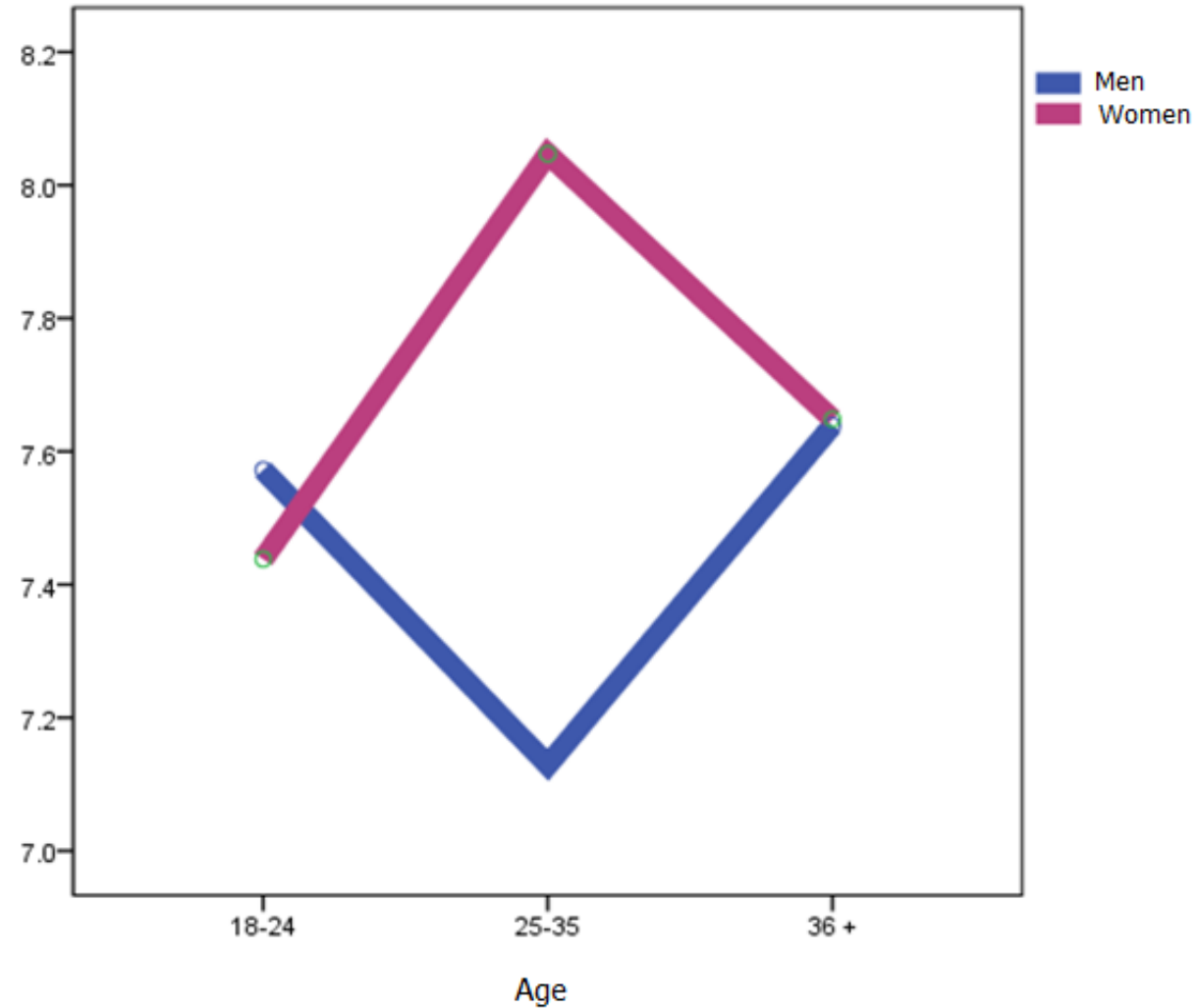
# Satisfaction from Life and Age

How satisfied are you with your life in general?

		Avarage Satisfaction Assessment	Std. Deviation	N
Men	18-24	7.57	2.057	145
	25-35	7.13	2.462	155
	36 +	7.64	2.214	266
	Total	7.48	2.254	566
Women	18-24	7.44	2.515	105
	25-35	8.05	1.788	213
	36 +	7.65	2.083	313
	Total	7.75	2.078	631
Total	18-24	7.52	2.257	250
	25-35	7.66	2.144	368
	36 +	7.64	2.142	579
	Total	7.62	2.166	1197

# Satisfaction from Life and Age

Are you satisfied with your life in general?



# Life Satisfaction and Political Disposition

How satisfied are you with your life in general?

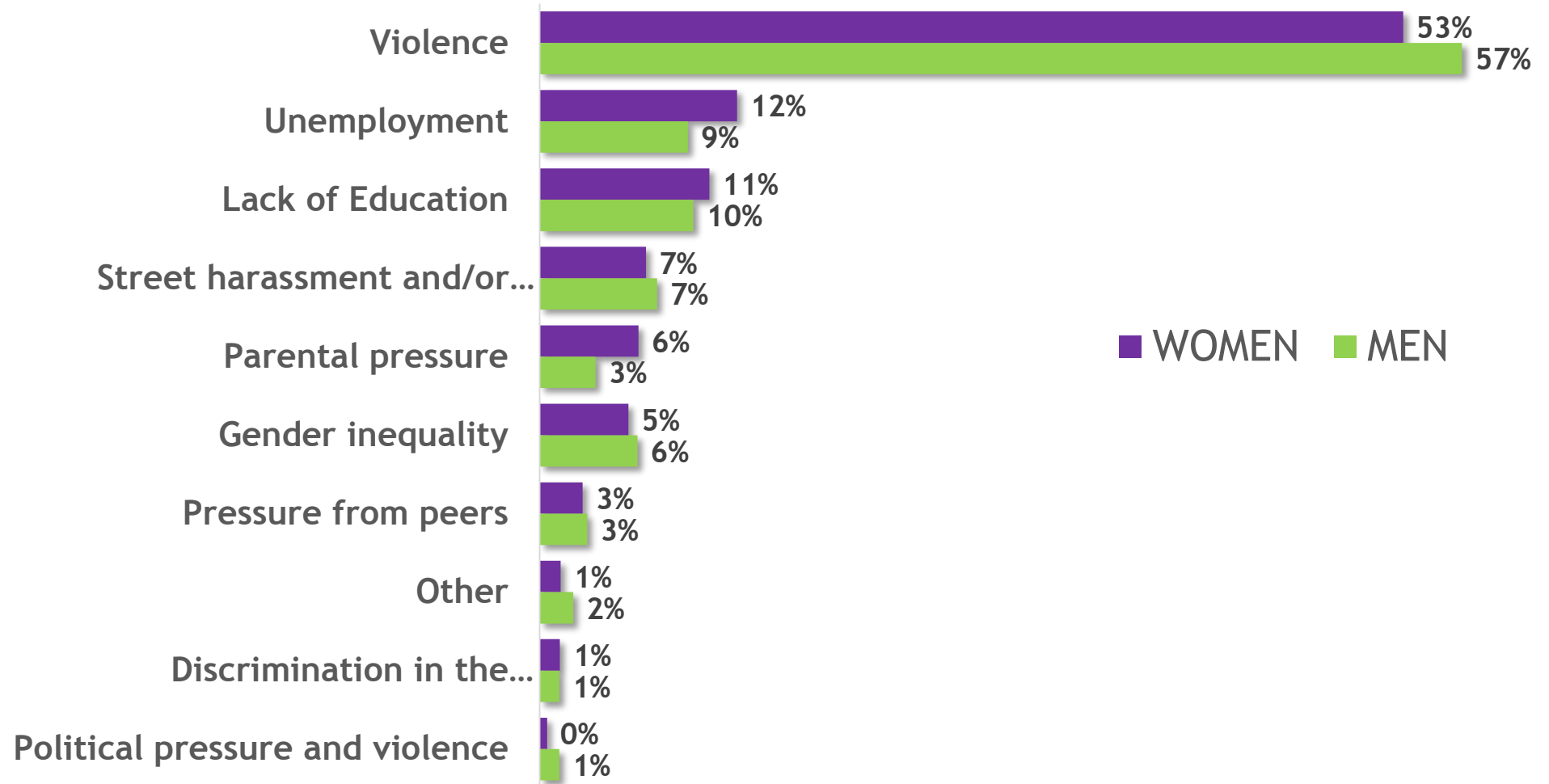
<b>Political Disposition</b>	<b>Ave. Satisfaction assessment</b>	<b>Std. Deviation</b>	<b>N</b>
Religious/conservative	<b>7.82</b>	2.02	453
Nationalist	7.69	2.24	206
Social democrat/Leftist	<b>6.81</b>	2.49	114
Republican/Kemalist	7.53	2.11	227
Non-affiliated	7.67	2.26	155
Other	7.52	2.45	23
Total	7.62	2.18	1178



# Perceptions ve Attitudes

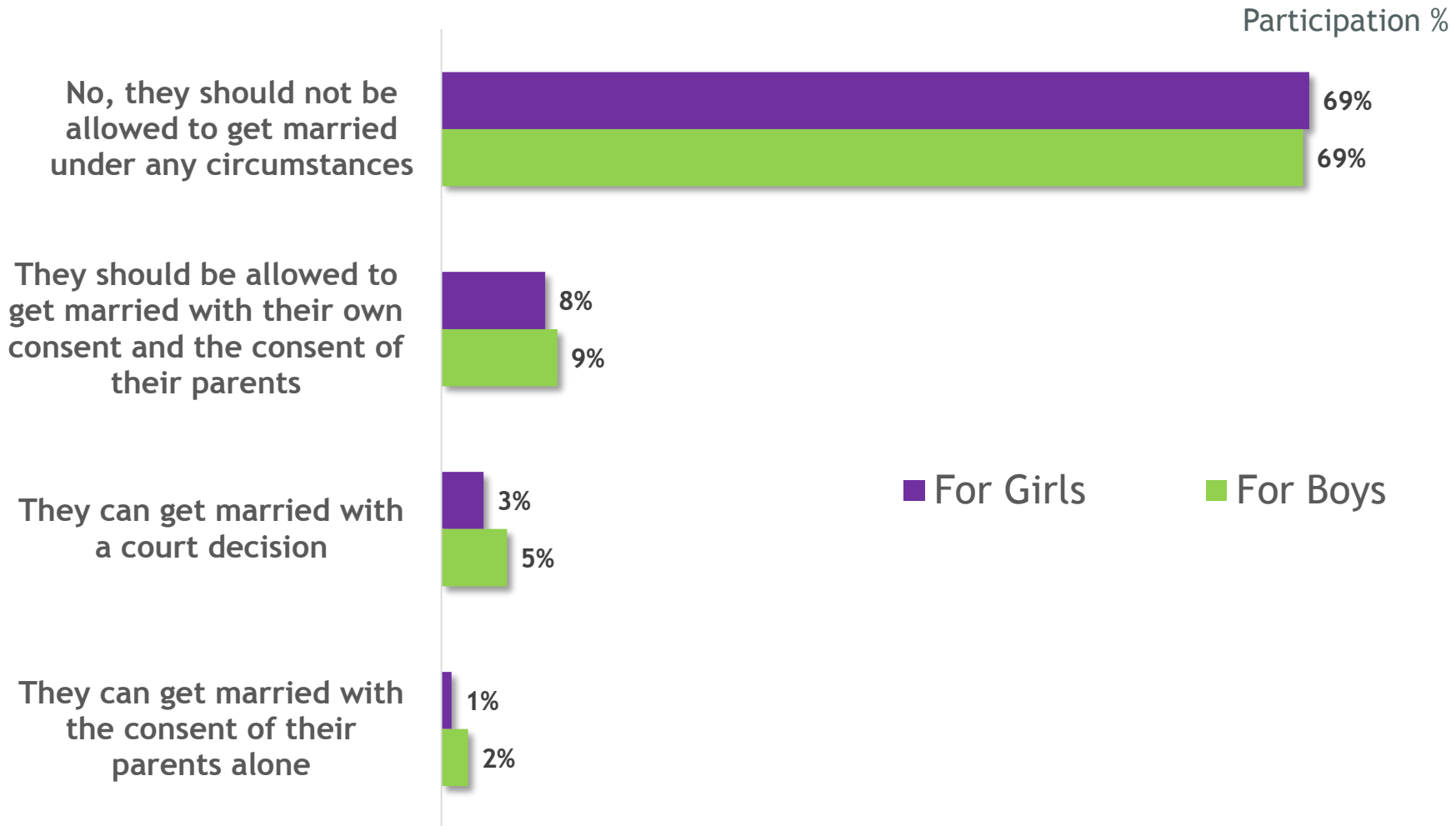
# The biggest problem women encounter in society

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



# Marriages under 18 years old

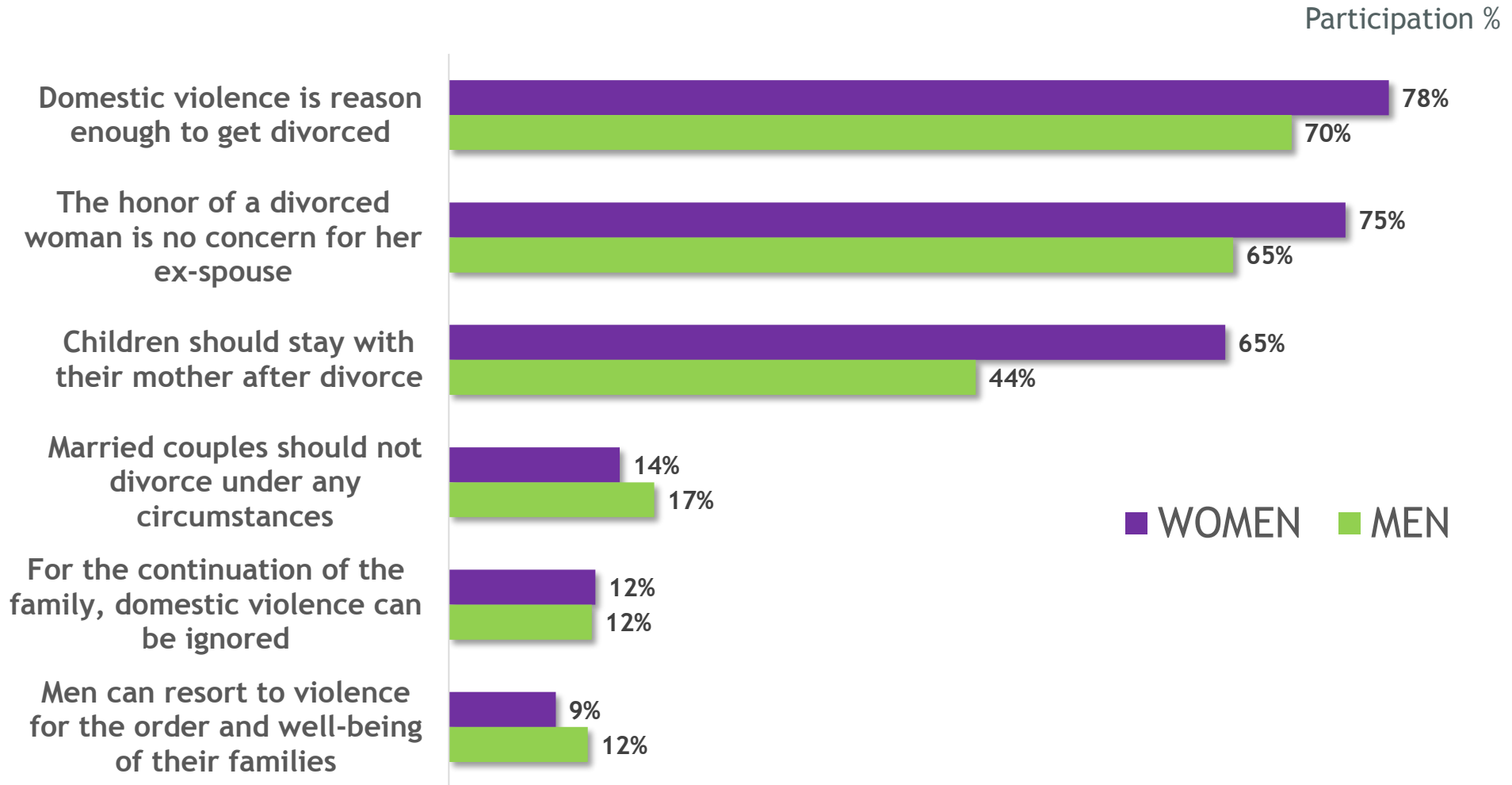
Please state whether you agree with the statements regarding child marriage, defined as marriage under 18, for boys and girls.





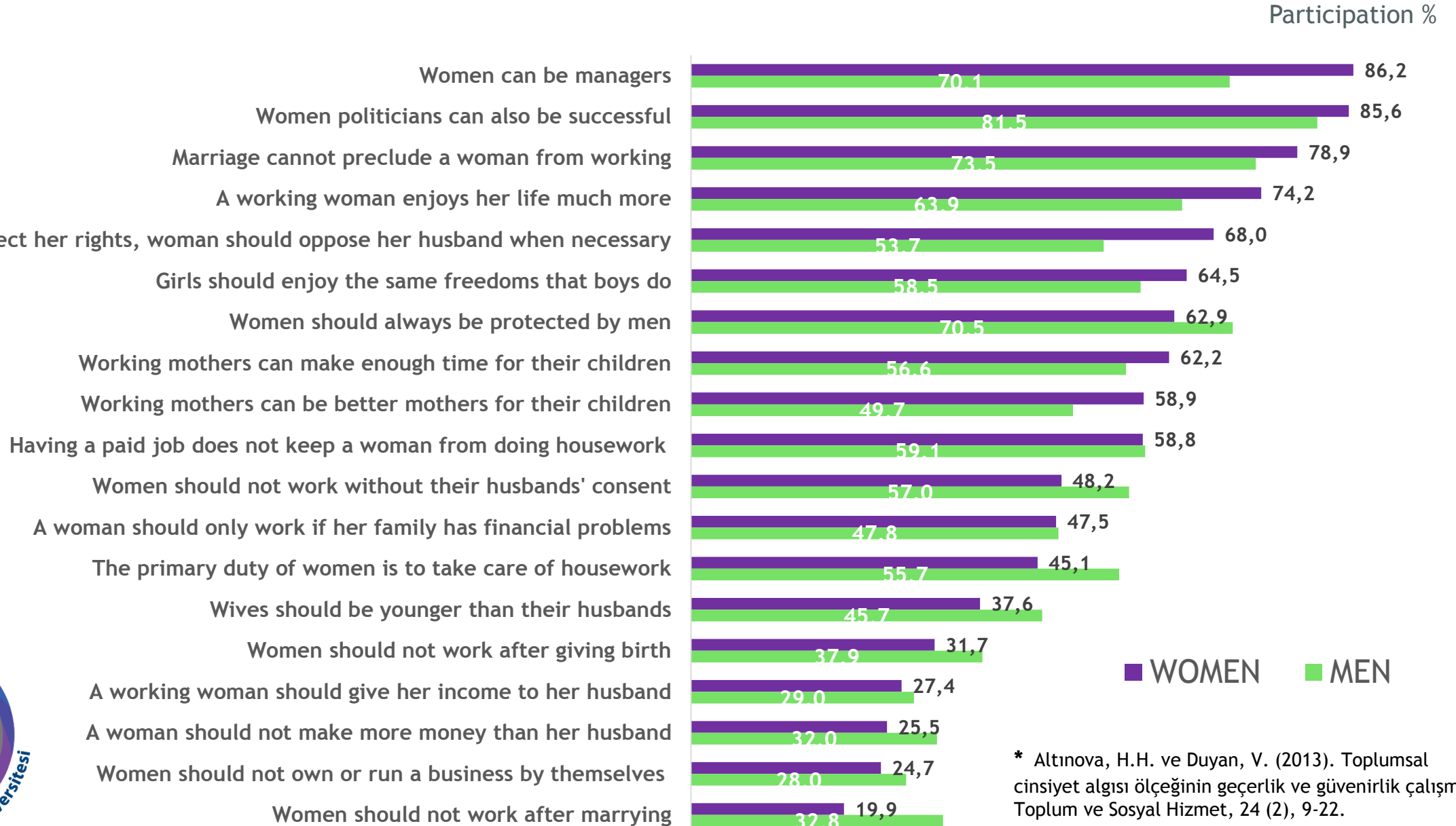
# Divorce and Violence

Please state whether you agree with the following statements



# Gender Perception Scale\*

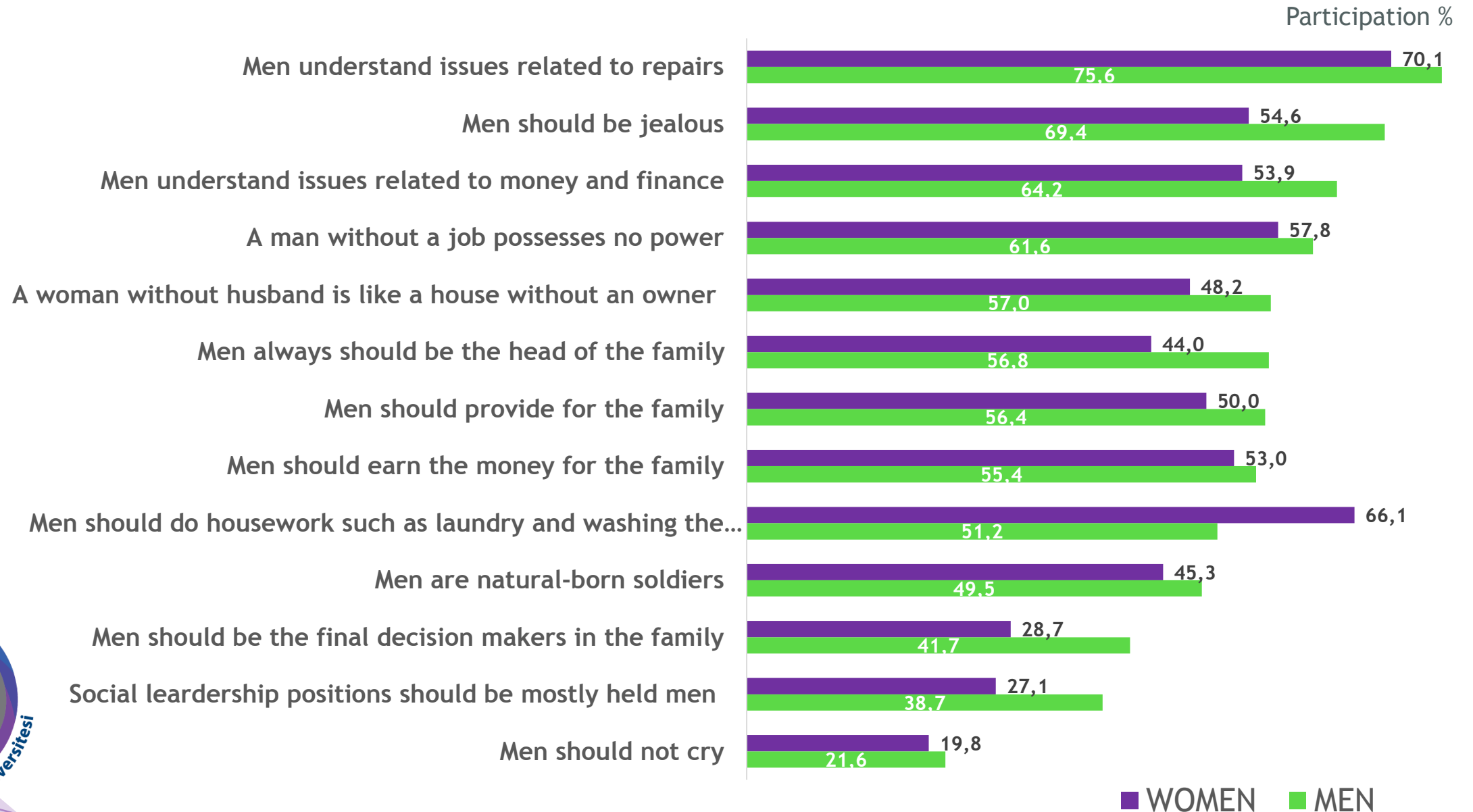
## Women



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

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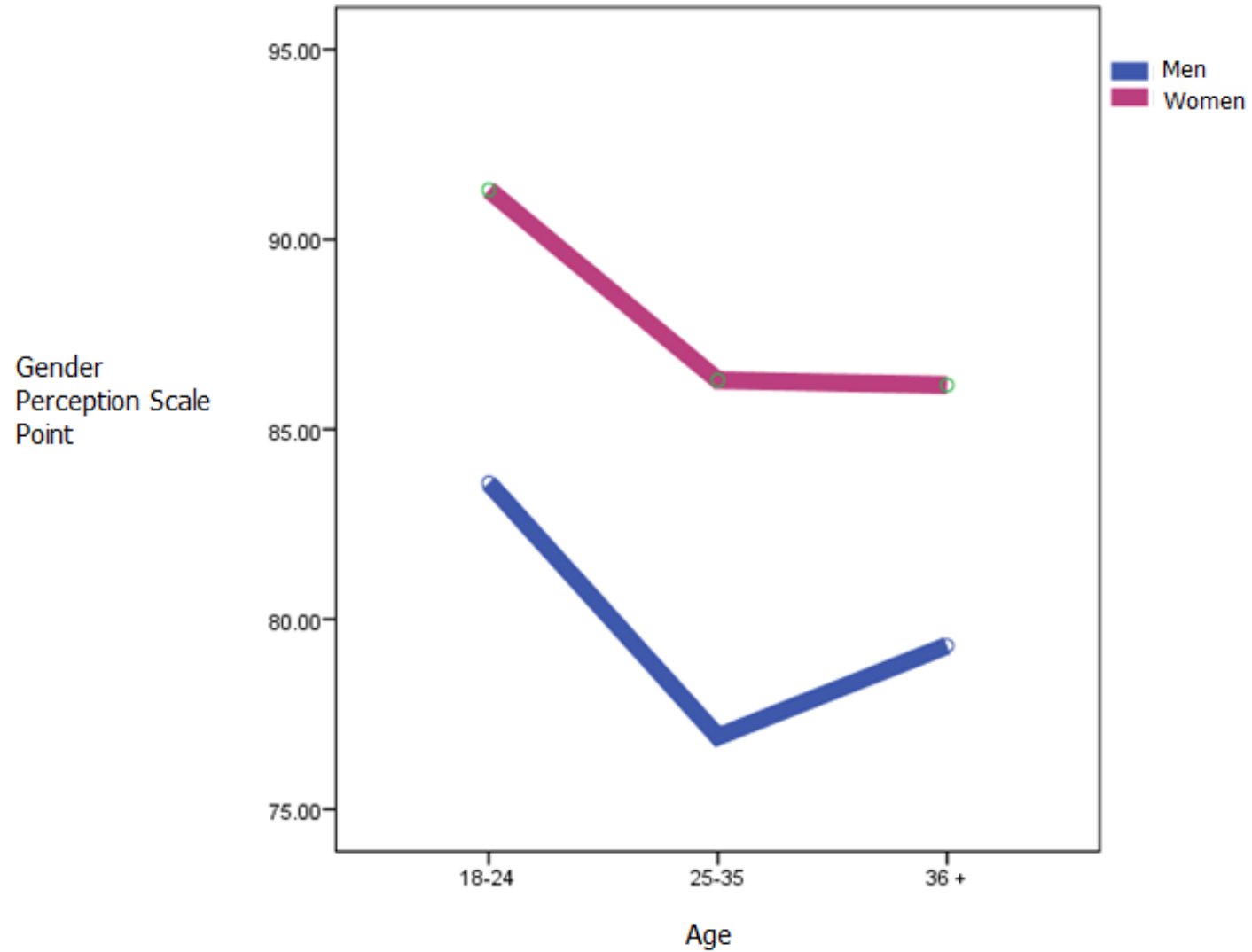
## Men



# Gender Perception and Age

		Gender Per. Point	Std Deviation	N
Men	18-24	84	17.5	147
	25-35	77	14.9	156
	36 +	79	17.2	272
	Total	80	16.8	575
Women	18-24	91	16.8	108
	25-35	86	17.1	211
	36 +	86	17.2	313
	Total	87	17.2	632
Total	18-24	87	17.6	255
	25-35	82	16.9	367
	36 +	83	17.5	585
	Total	84	17.4	1207

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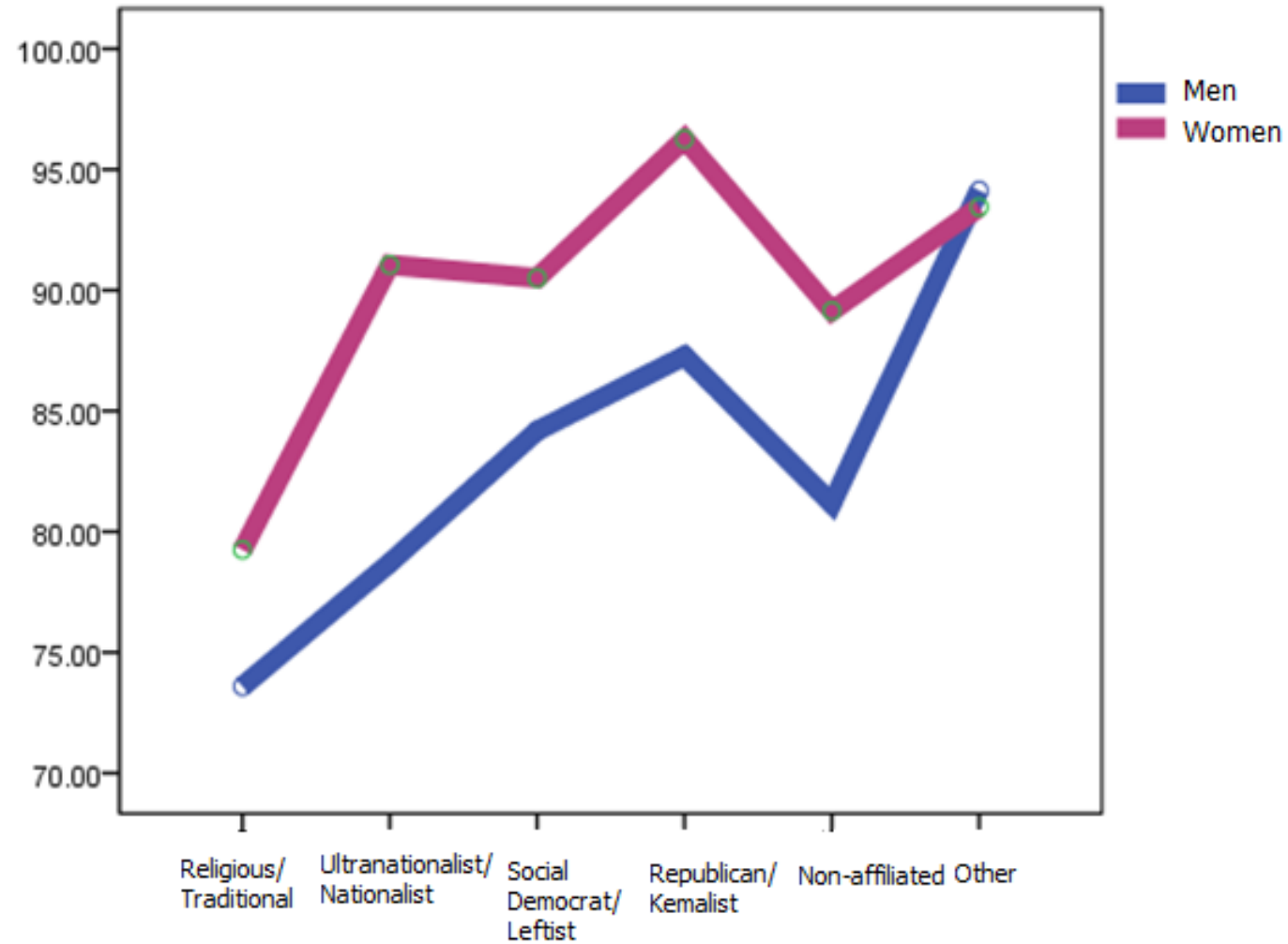


# Gender and Political Disposition

Political Disposition		Average	Std Deviation	N
Religious/conservative	Men	73.6	14.70	193
	Women	79.3	14.99	261
	Total	76.8	15.11	454
Nationalist	Men	78.7	15.02	128
	Women	91.1	18.59	80
	Total	83.5	17.51	208
Social democrat/leftist	Men	84.2	17.37	66
	Women	90.5	17.48	48
	Total	86.8	17.62	114
Kemalist	Men	87.3	17.75	101
	Women	96.3	15.59	129
	Total	92.3	17.13	230
Non-affiliated	Men	81.2	16.88	63
	Women	89.2	15.07	96
	Total	85.9	16.24	159
Other	Men	94.1	18.48	14
	Women	93.4	16.62	9
	Total	93.9	17.39	23
Total	Men	79.8	16.89	565
	Women	86.9	17.22	623
	Total	83.5	17.42	1188



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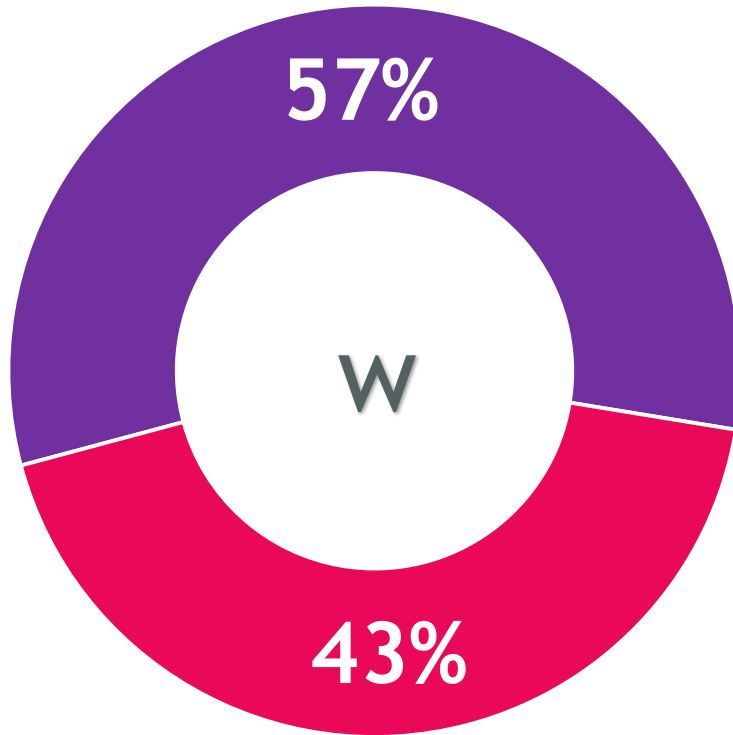


# Meaning of feminism

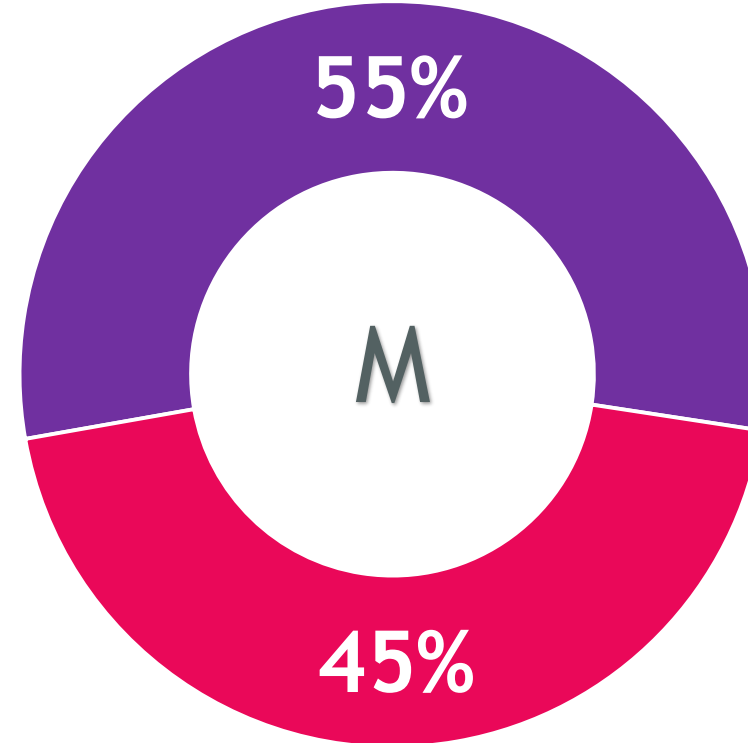


# Familiarity with the Concept of Feminism

Have you ever heard of the concept of feminism?



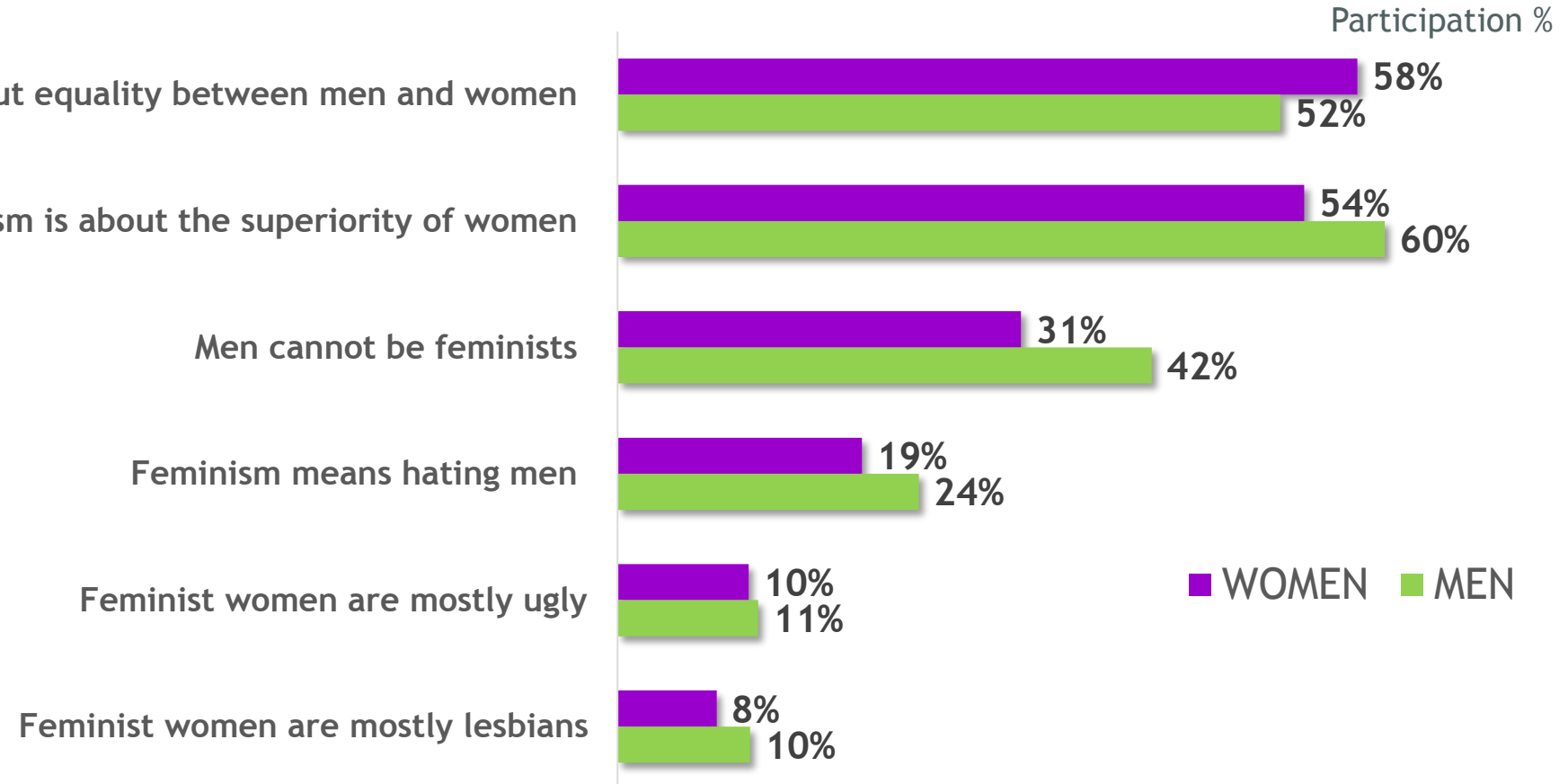
■ Yes ■ No



■ Yes ■ No

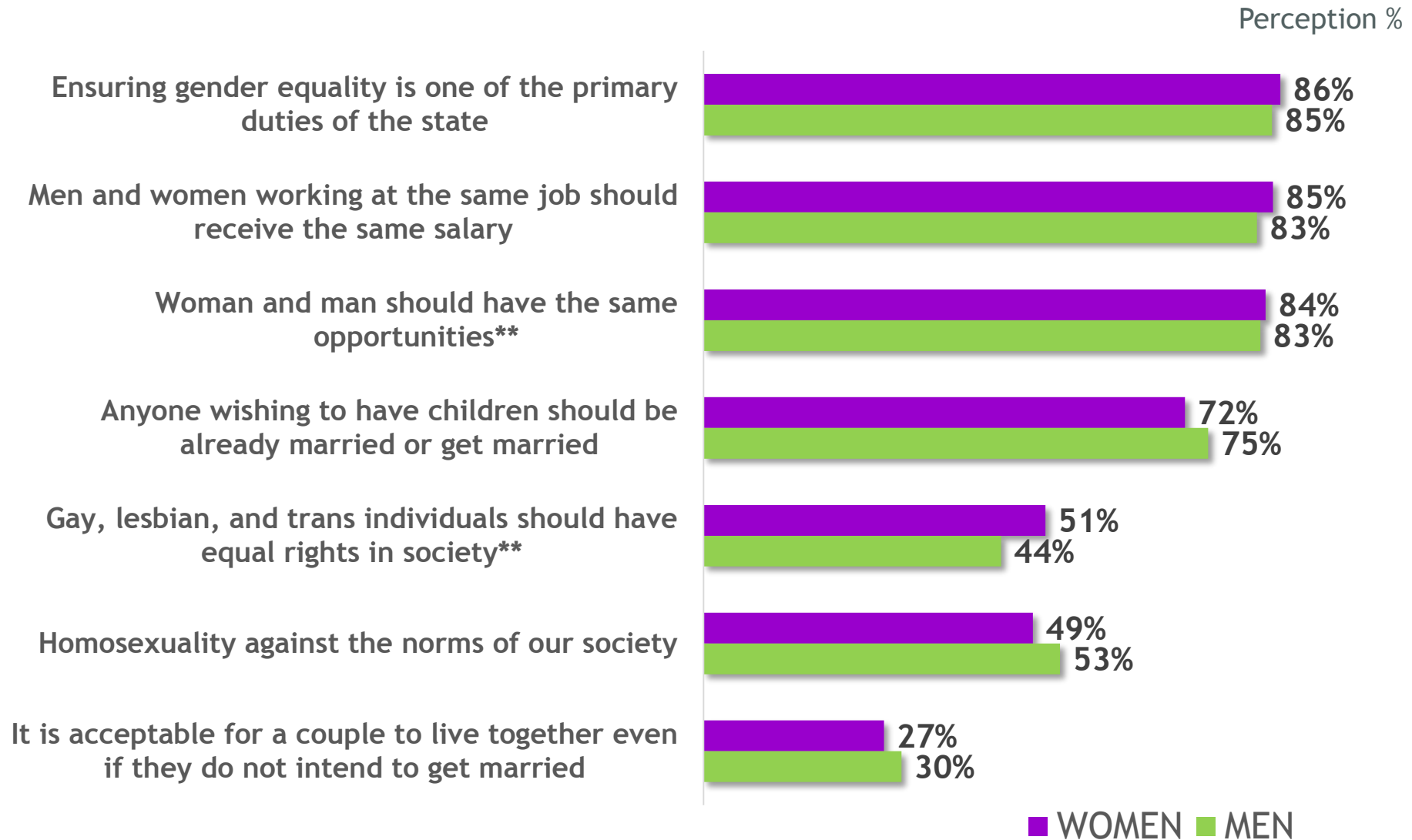
# Attitudes towards Feminism

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



# Attitudes towards Equality

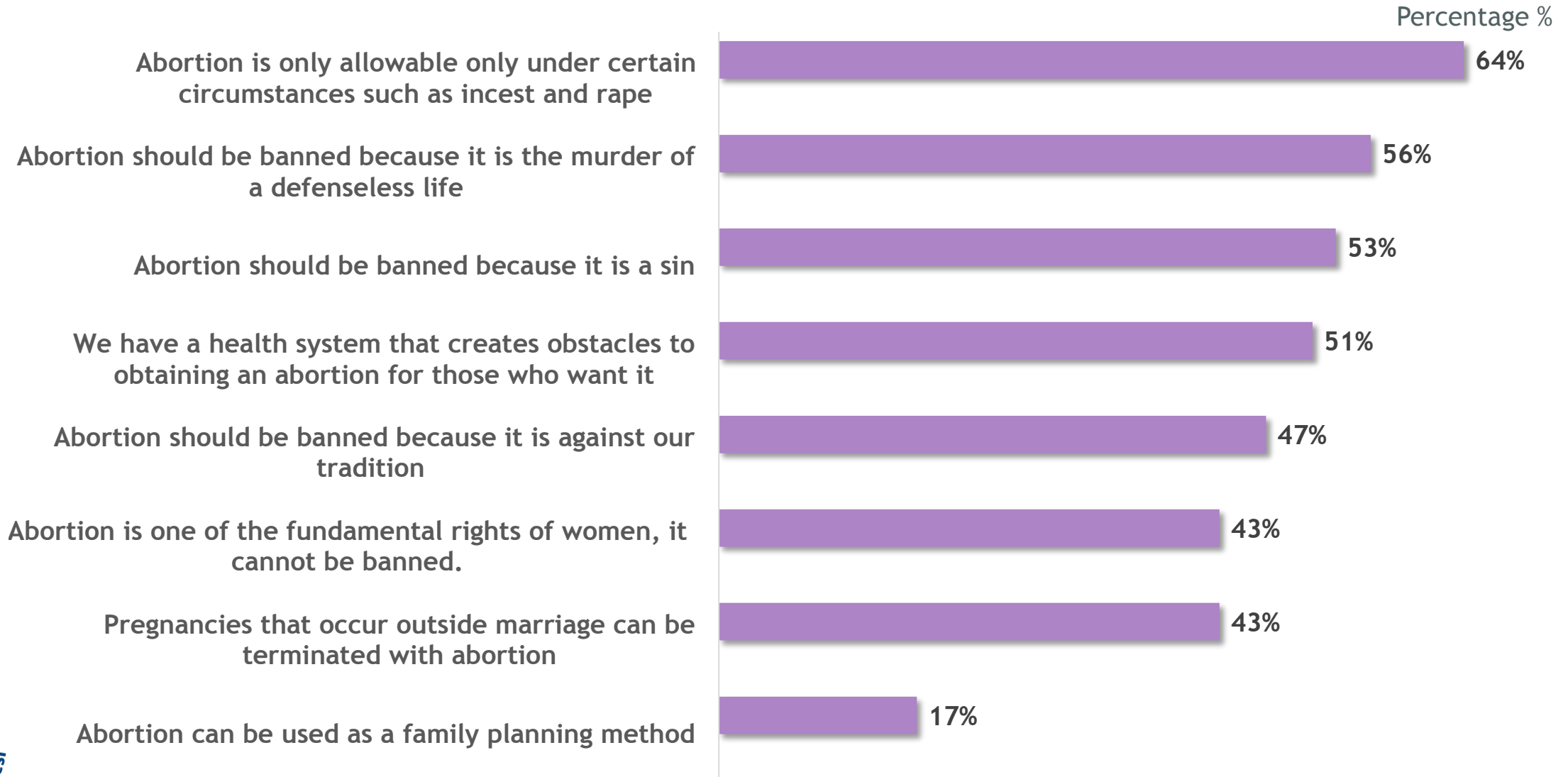
Please state whether you agree with the following statements regarding equality



# Abortion

# Attitudes towards Abortion

Please state whether you agree with the following statements regarding abortion.

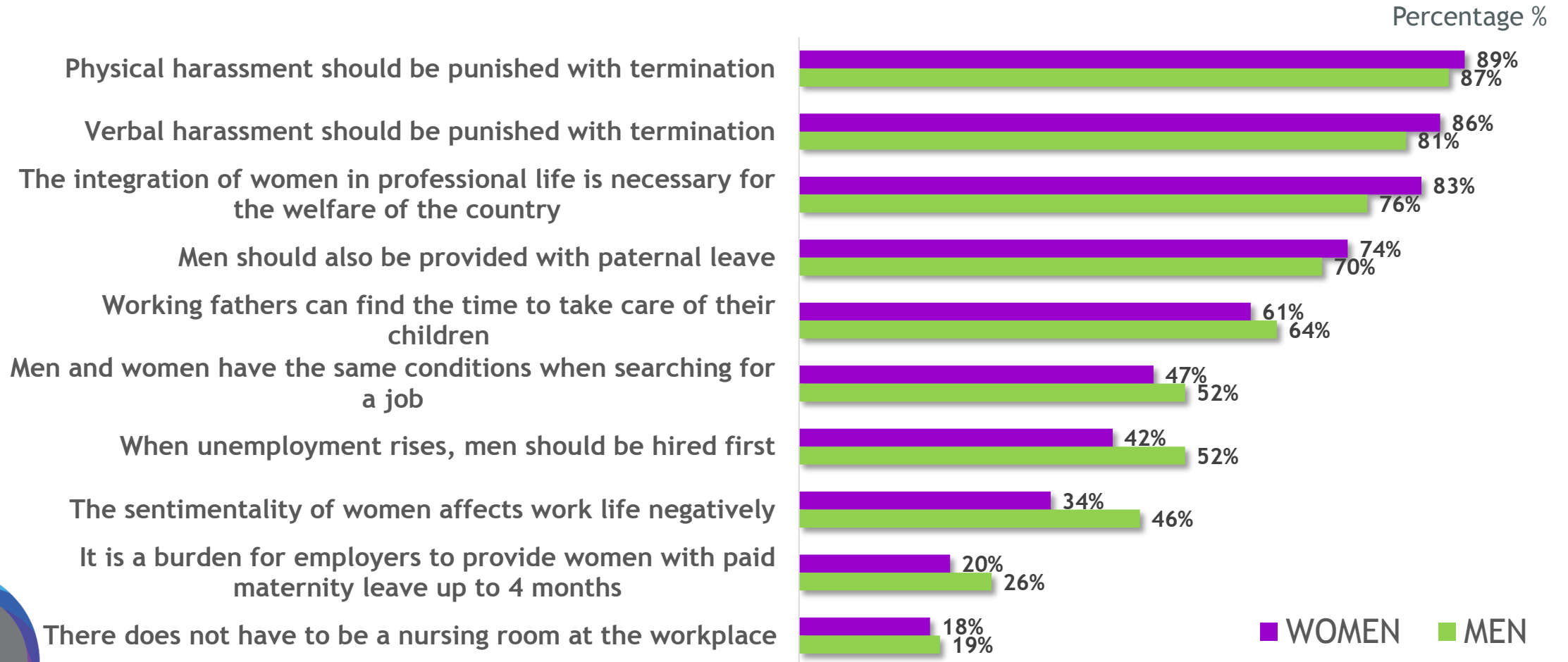


# Women and Work Life



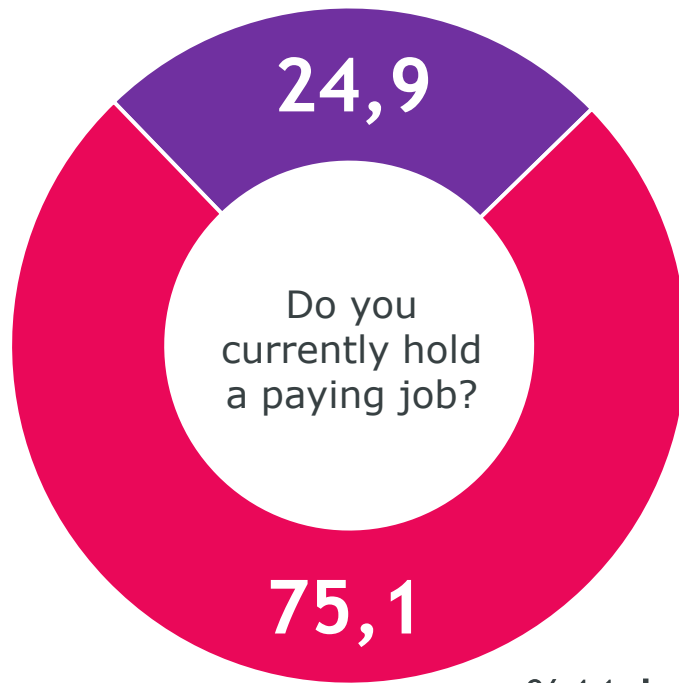
# Women and Work Life

Please state whether you agree with the following statements regarding women and professional life



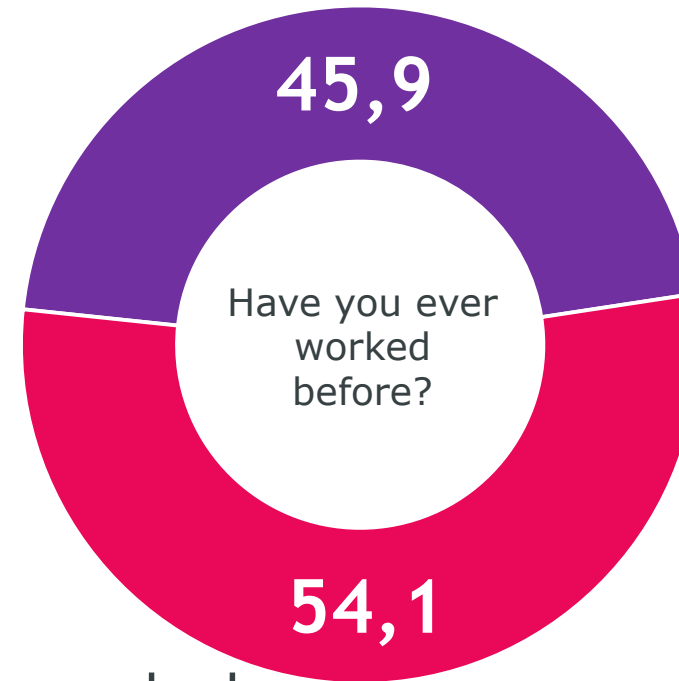
# Women and Work Life

**Present working status**



■ Yes ■ No

**Past working status**



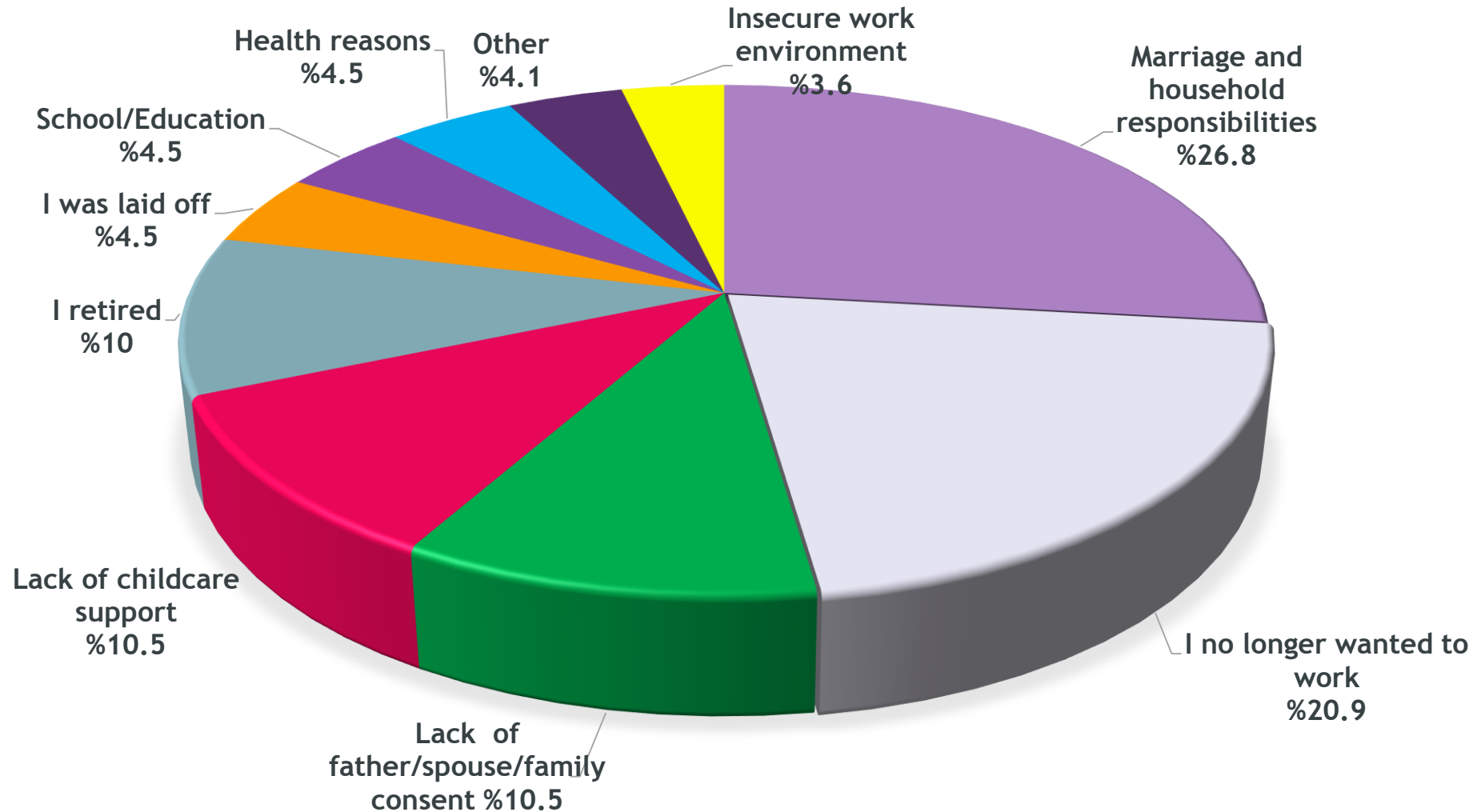
■ Yes ■ No

%41 have never worked

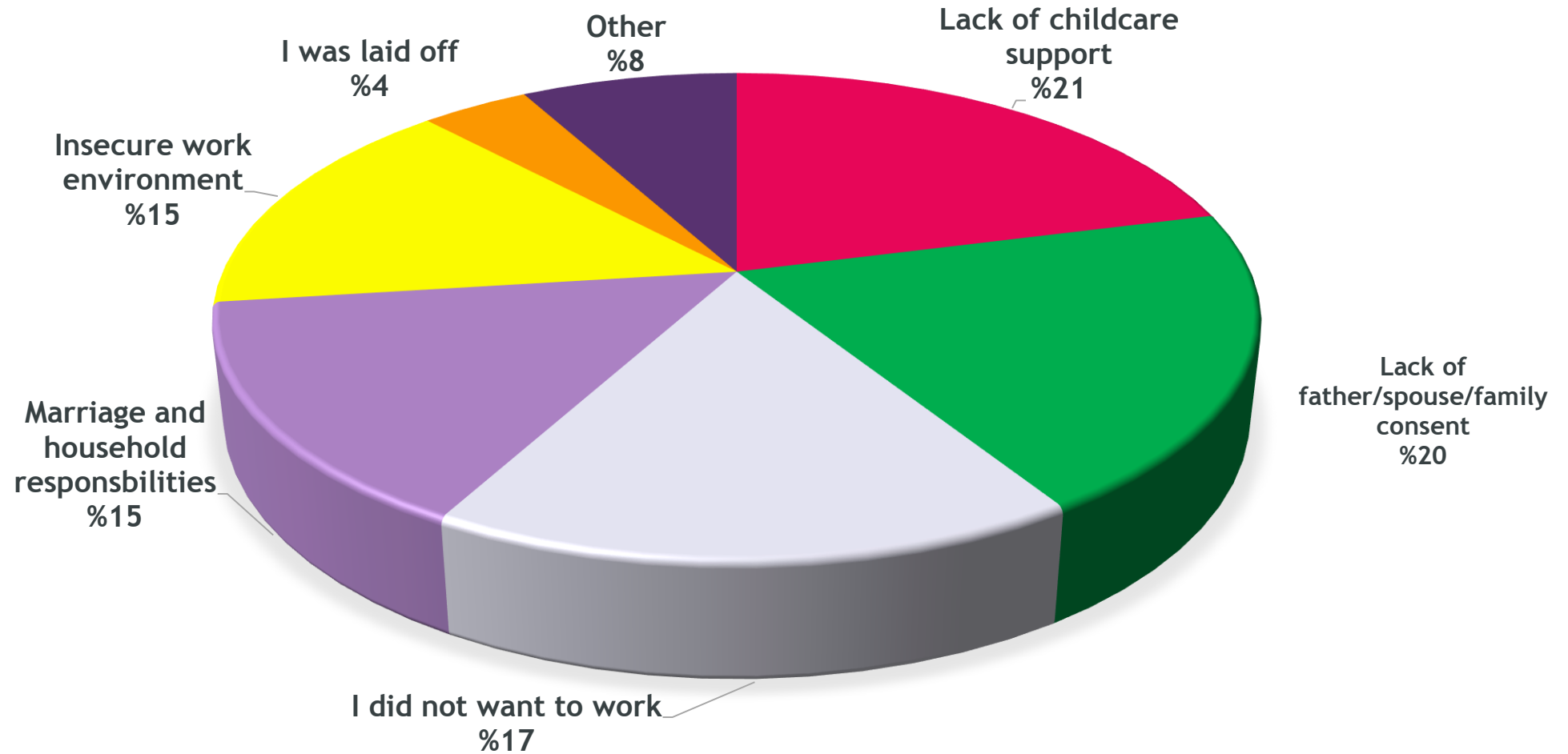


# Reason to quit the job

Which one of the below best explains your reason to quit your job?



# The reason for having never worked

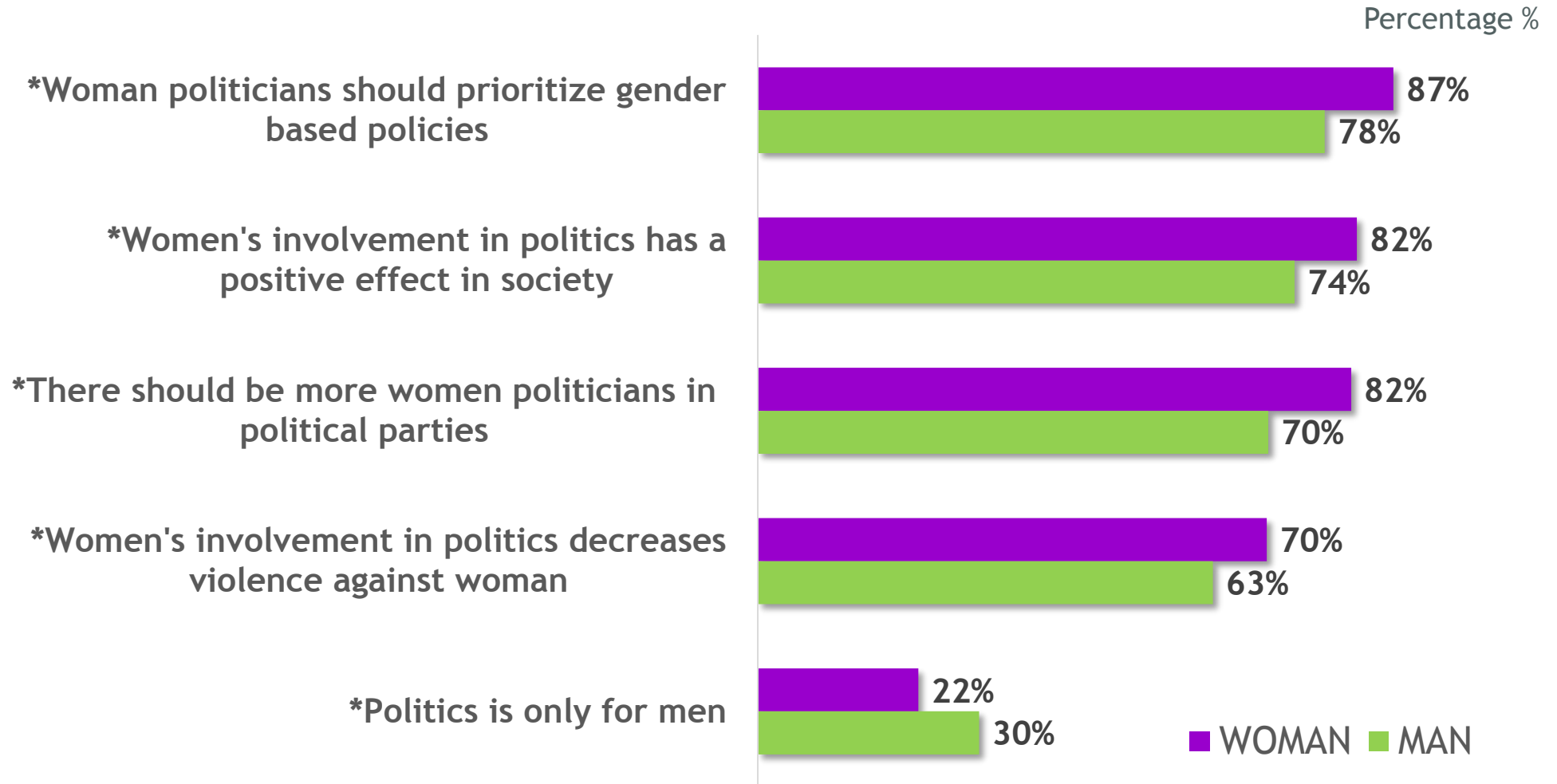


# Women and Politics



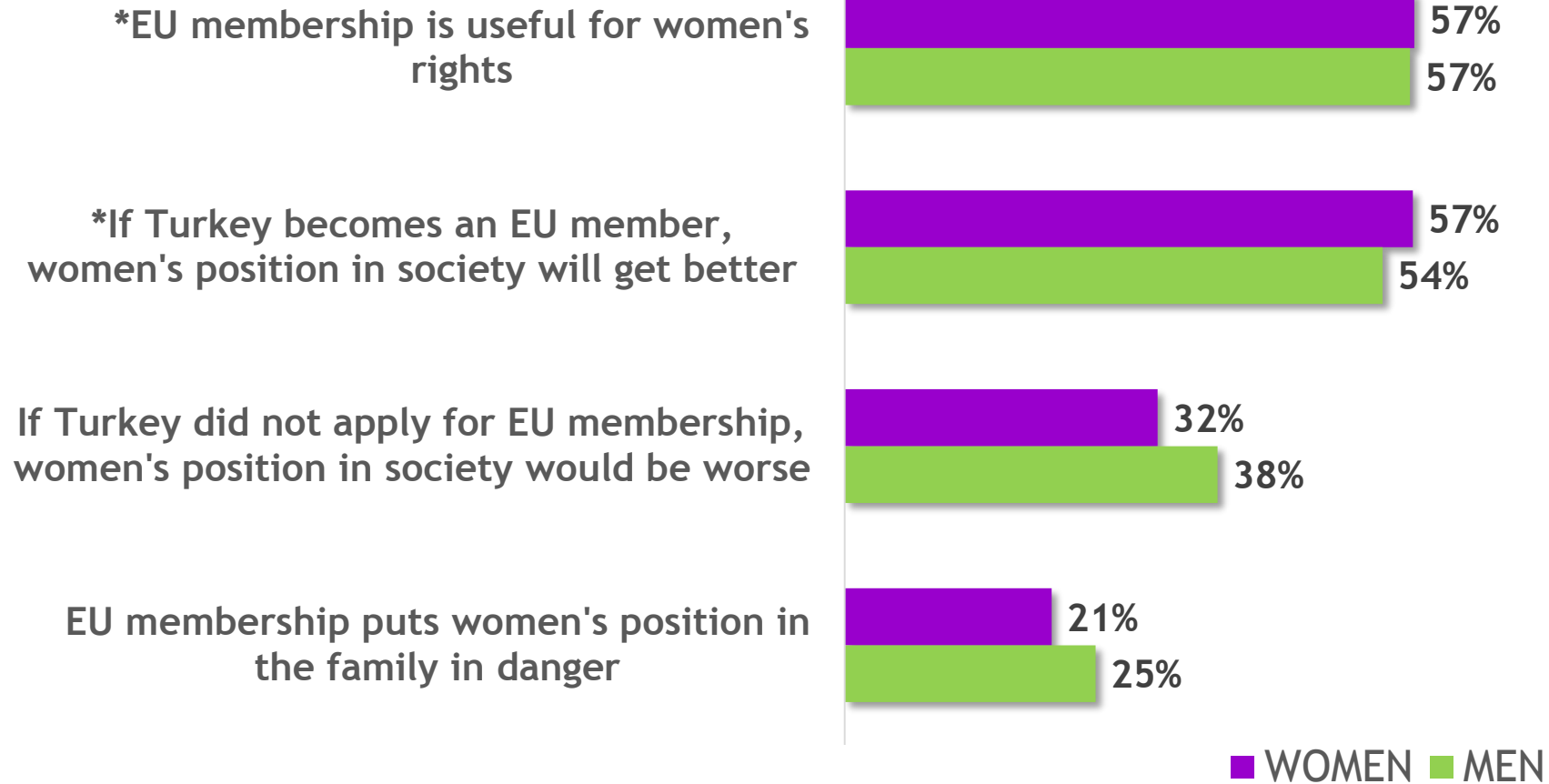
# Women's Involvement in Politics

Please state whether you agree with the following statement regarding women and politics



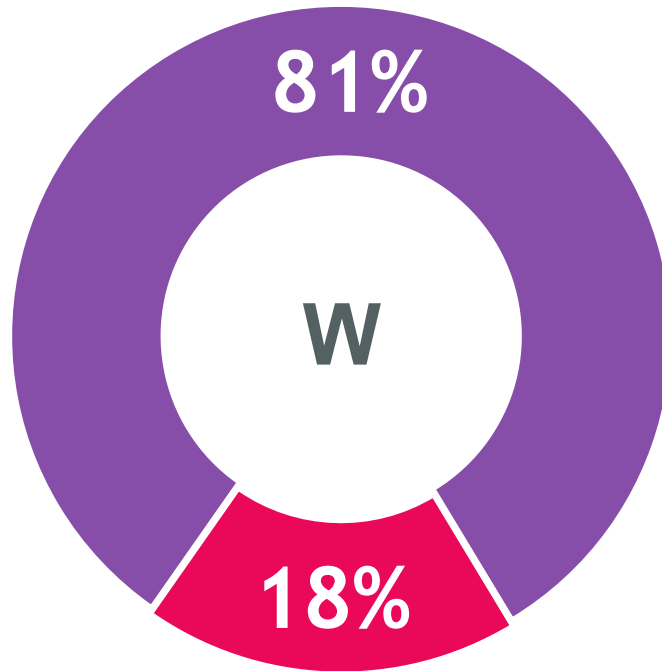
# European Union and Woman

Please state whether you agree with the following statements regarding the impact of European Union on women's rights.

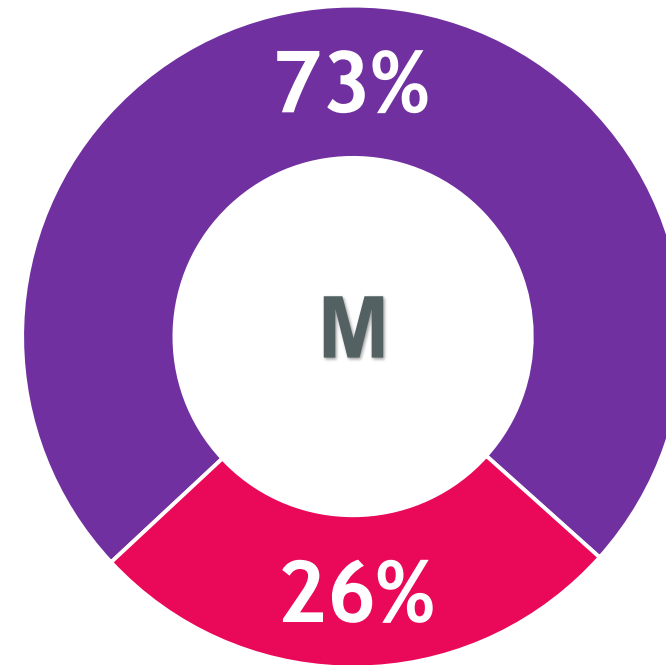


# A Woman Leader?

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



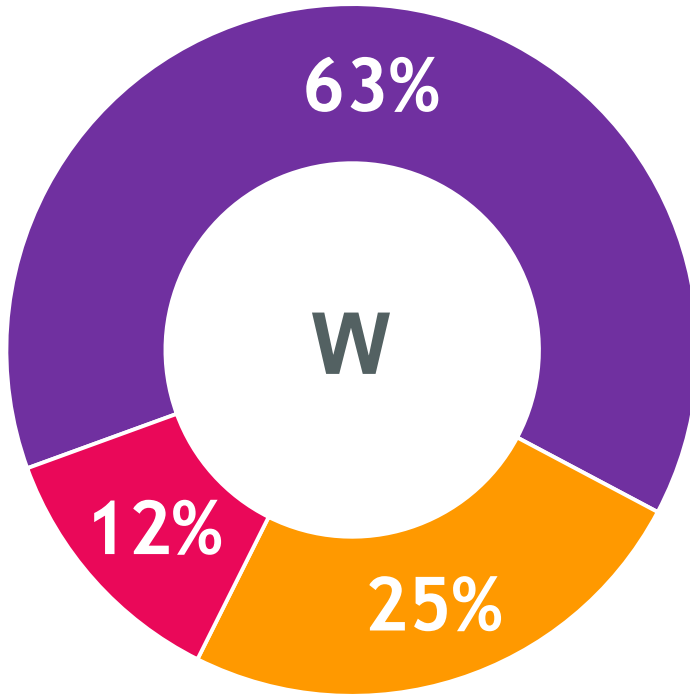
■ Yes ■ No



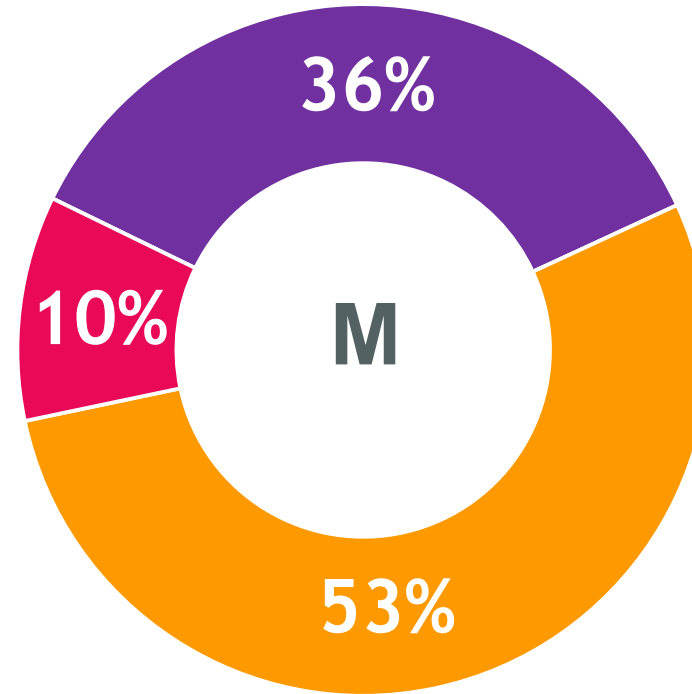
■ Yes ■ No

# 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?



- Woman candidate
- Man candidate
- I would not vote

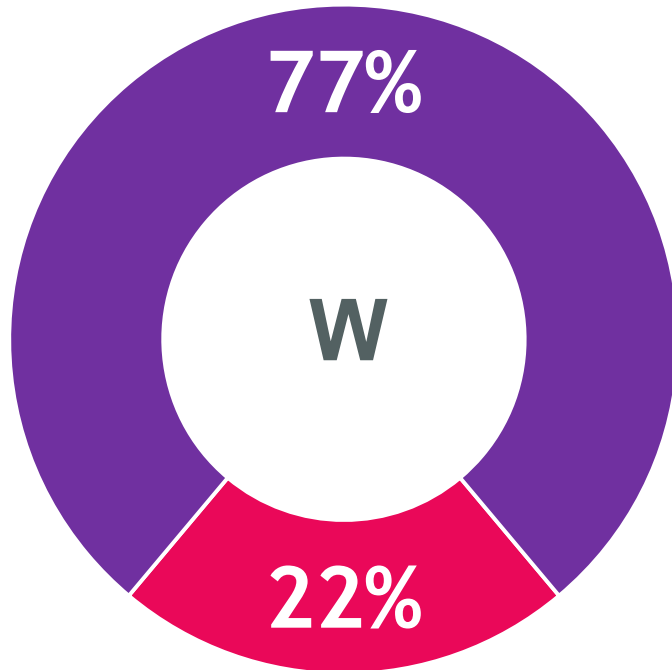


- Woman candidate
- Man candidate
- I would not vote

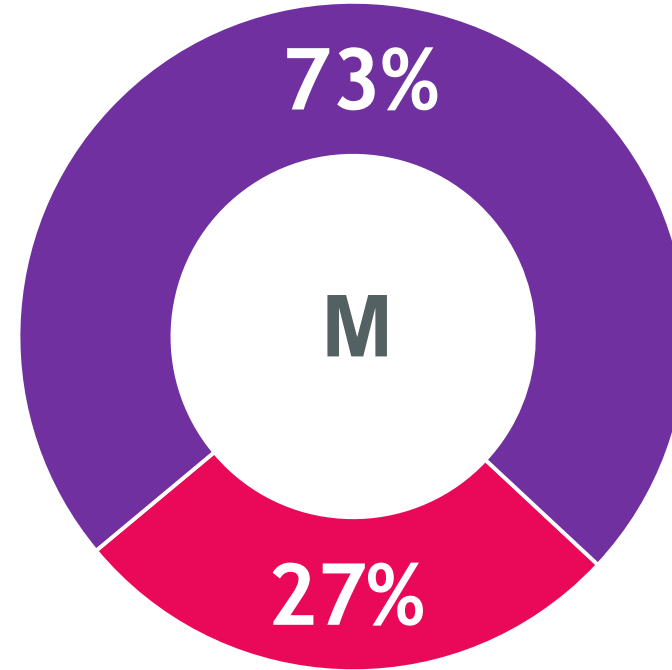


# Is There Equality?

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



■ Yes ■ No



■ Yes ■ No



# Thank You!

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