

Kadir Has University  
Gender and Women Studies Research Center

# The perception of Gender and Women in Turkey

Quantitative Research Summary  
2016





## ABOUT THE CENTER

Founded in 2012, the aim of the Gender and Women's studies is to create platforms for academic education related to interdisciplinary research and gender and women. Over more than thirty years, scholars from across the world in different disciplines have been researching the status of women in society and their demands. One of our goals is to reassess equity and gender discussions in terms of the status of women in society.

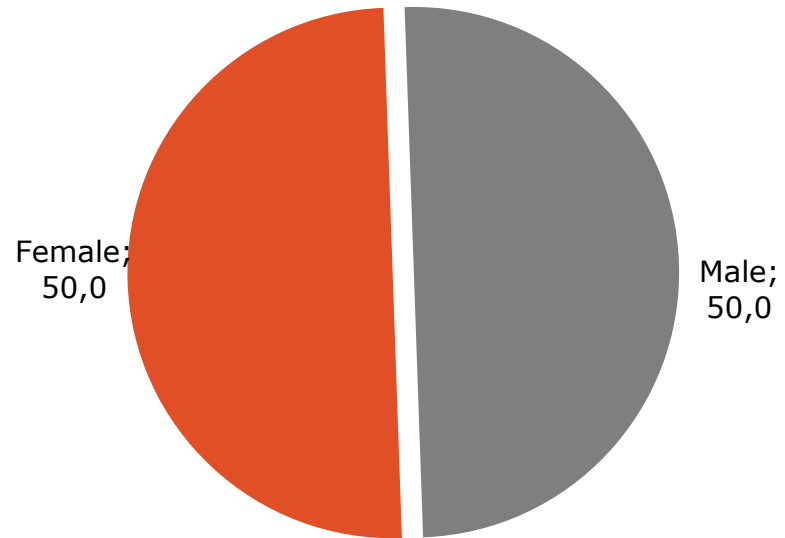
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# General Framework

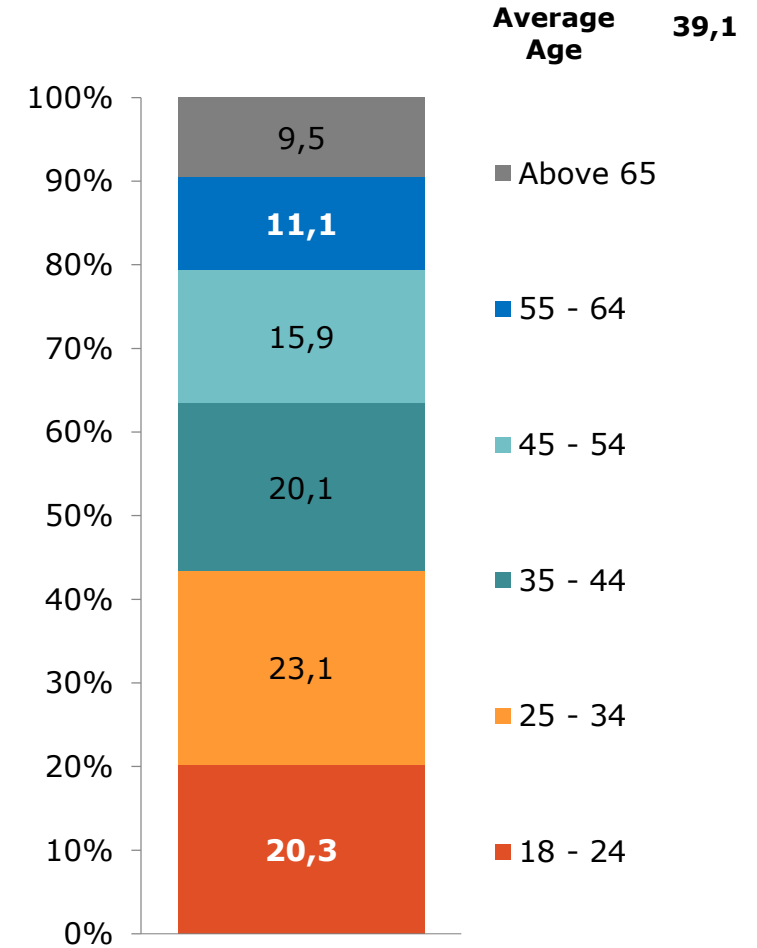
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Purpose</b> : To determine how Turkish people approach the idea of women and gender.
<b>Method</b>	<b>Research Method</b> : Quantitative Research <b>Data Collection Technique</b> : Face to face interviews with prepared questionnaire
<b>Sampling</b>	<b>Sample cities</b> : Individuals above 18 : NUTS Level-2 rep. Adana, Ağrı, Ankara, Antalya, Aydın, Balıkesir, Bursa, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Kırıkkale, Kocaeli, Konya, Malatya, Manisa, Mardin, Samsun, Şanlıurfa, Tekirdağ, Trabzon, Van, Zonguldak  <b>Sample size</b> : 1.200 <b>Confidence interval</b> : %95 <b>Margin of error</b> : $\pm 3,0$

# Demographics

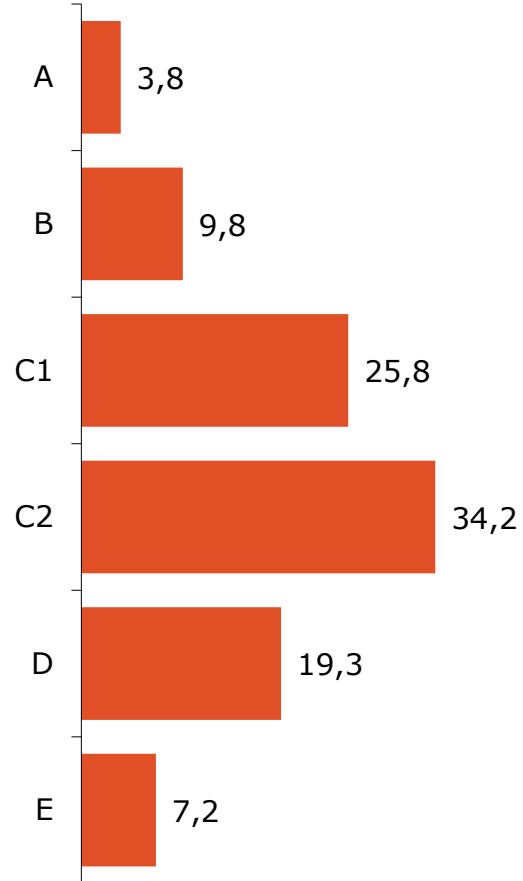
## Gender Distribution



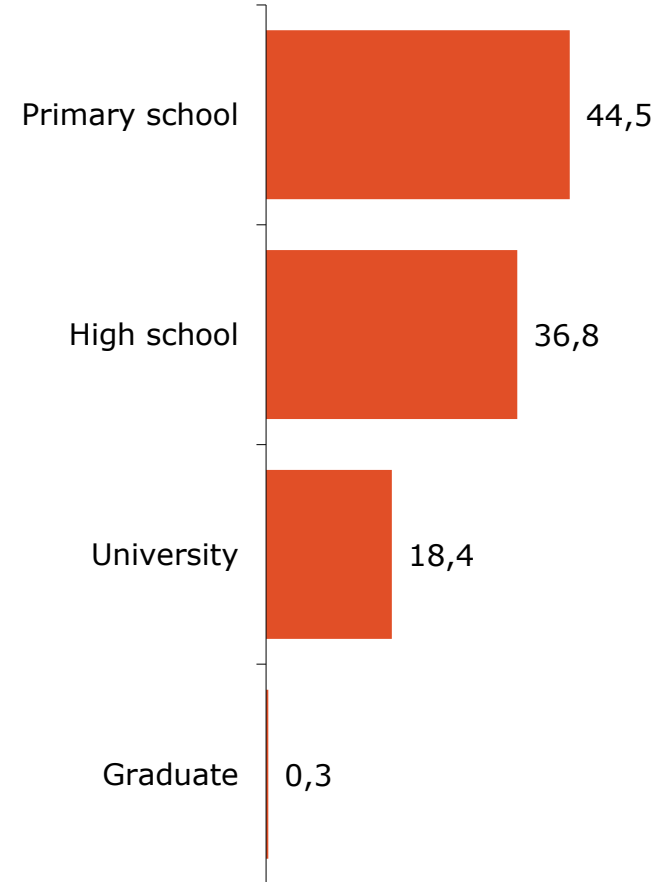
## Age Distribution



## Socio-economic status

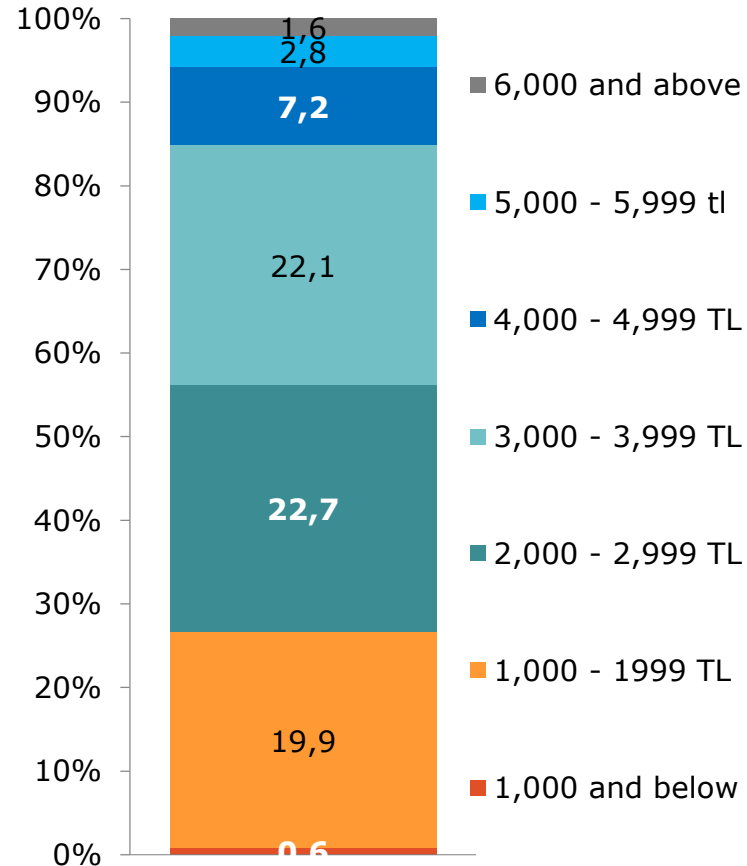


## Education



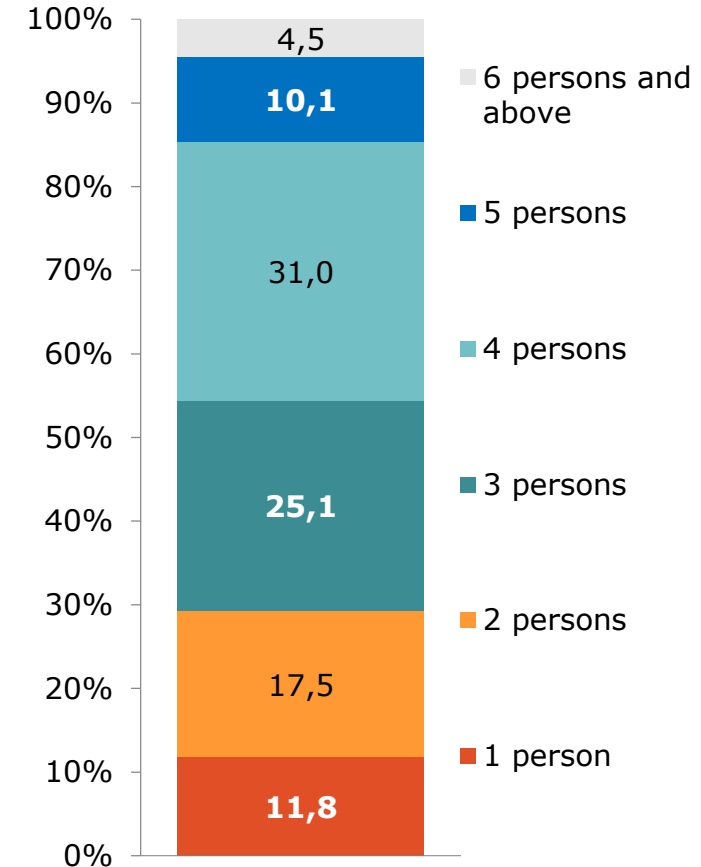
**Average  
income** 2.663,8

## Household income



%23,2 of the respondent  
denied to respond to this  
question

## Household size



**Ortalama  
Kişi Sayısı** 3,3

# Occupational Distribution

Work status	Occupations	n	%
<b>Self-employed % 9,0</b>	Self-employed, shop owner	65	5,4
	Small business owner, 1-5 employees	15	1,3
	Freelance	9	0,8
	Seyyar - Kendi işi	7	0,6
	Farmer (self-employed – family run farm owner)	6	0,5
	Businessman, 11-20 employees	3	0,3
	Businessman, 6-10 employees	2	0,2
	Businessman, more than 20 employees	1	0,1
<b>Wage- Earners %51,4</b>	Blue collar, service worker – regular employment (monthly salary)	406	33,8
	Office clerk / technician / expert etc (not management level)	98	8,2
	Blue collar/service worker – item based pay (daily salary)	86	7,2
	Skilled expert – wage earner (lawyer, m.d, architect, engineer)	8	0,7
	Headworker – manager of blue collar workers	6	0,5
	Manager (above 20 employees)	6	0,5
	Military officer (military specialist, petty officer, officer)	3	0,3
	Manager (1-5 employees)	2	0,2
	Manager (11-20 employees)	2	0,2
<b>Does not have a paid job %39,6</b>	Student	162	13,5
	Housewife – regular extra income	161	13,4
	Housewife – no regular extra income, receiving benefits	72	6,0
	Unemployed – not working currently , regular extra income	42	3,5
	Unemployed -no regular extra income, receiving benefits	31	2,6
	Retired	7	0,6
<b>Total</b>		<b>1200</b>	<b>100,0</b>



# Women and Society

# Social Problems Women Face

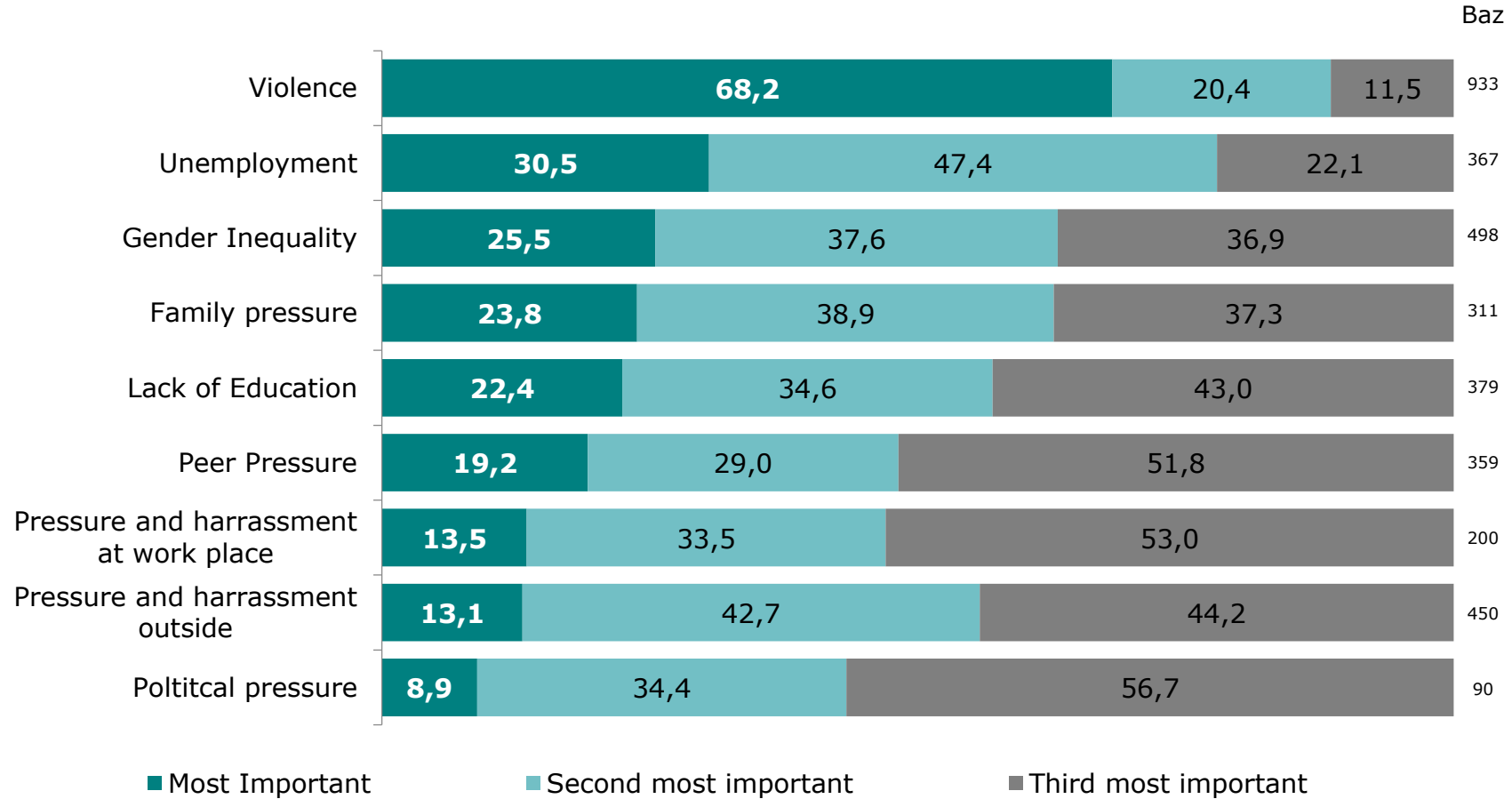
In your opinion, what are the biggest problems women encounter in the society, in general?



	2015	2016
Baz	1000	1200

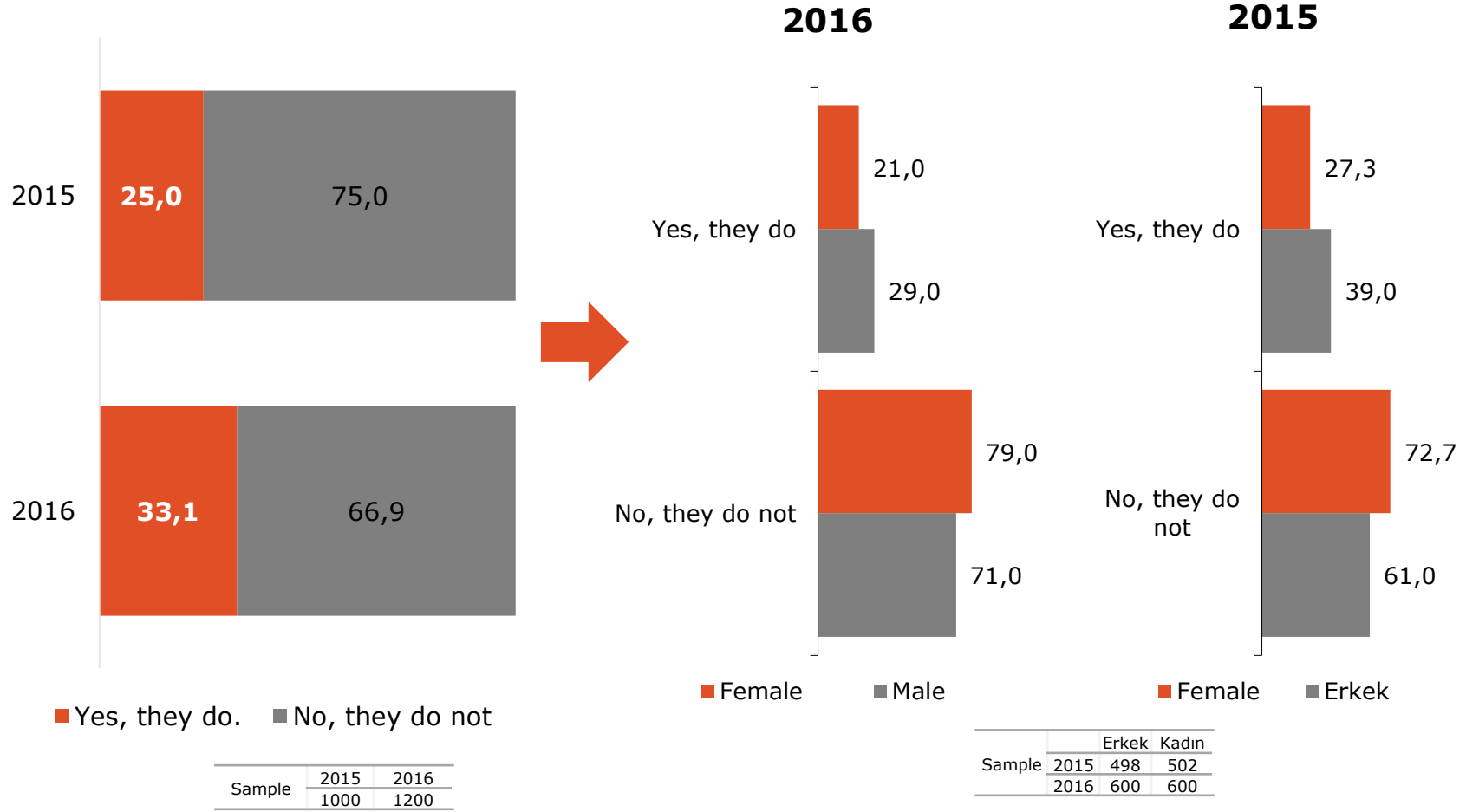
# Problems Women Face Categorized According to Level of Significance

What are the biggest problems women encounter, in general?  
Please, list the most important three problems, in your opinion.

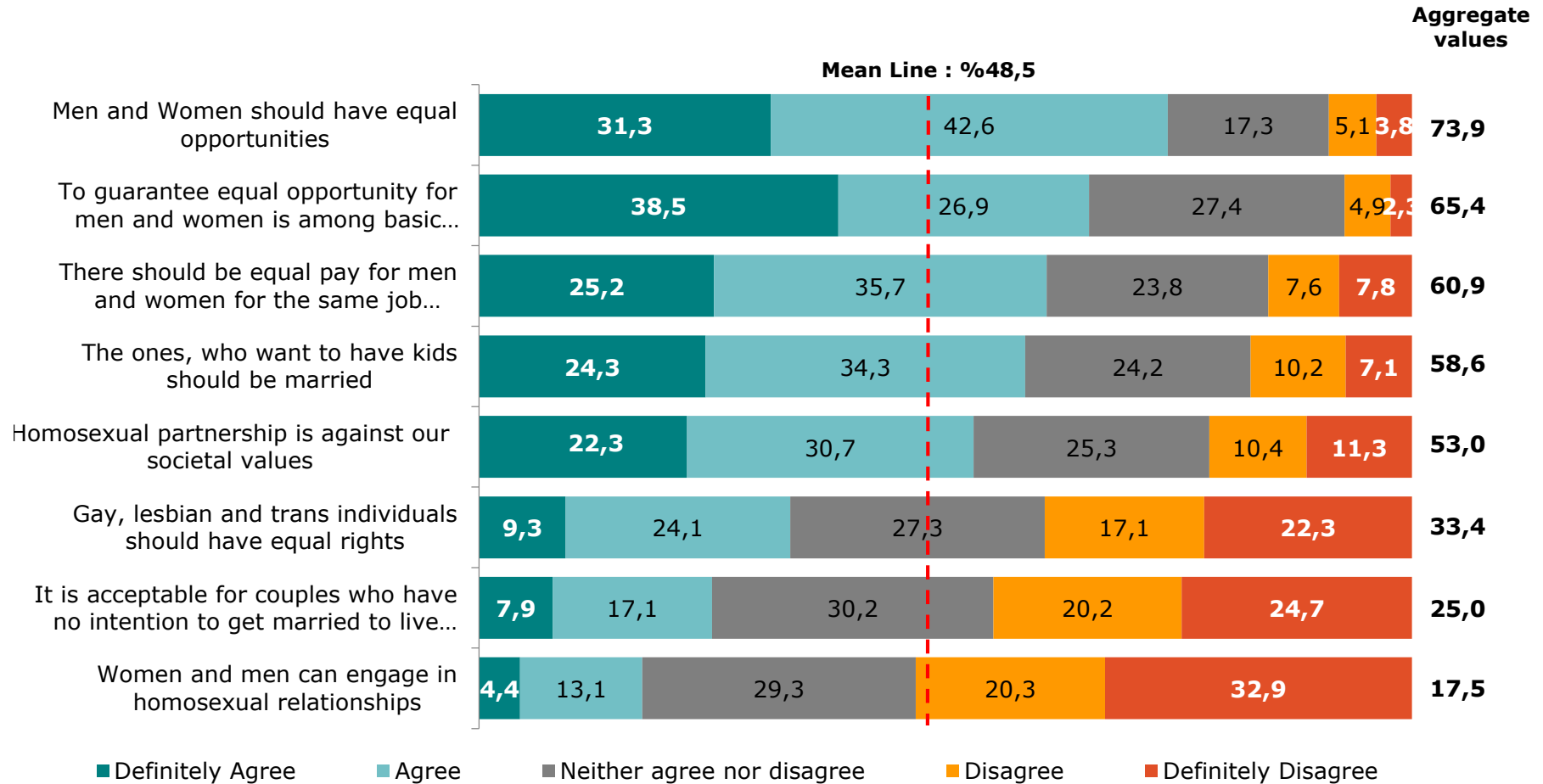


# Equal Opportunity

In your opinion, does women in Turkey have equal opportunities with men?

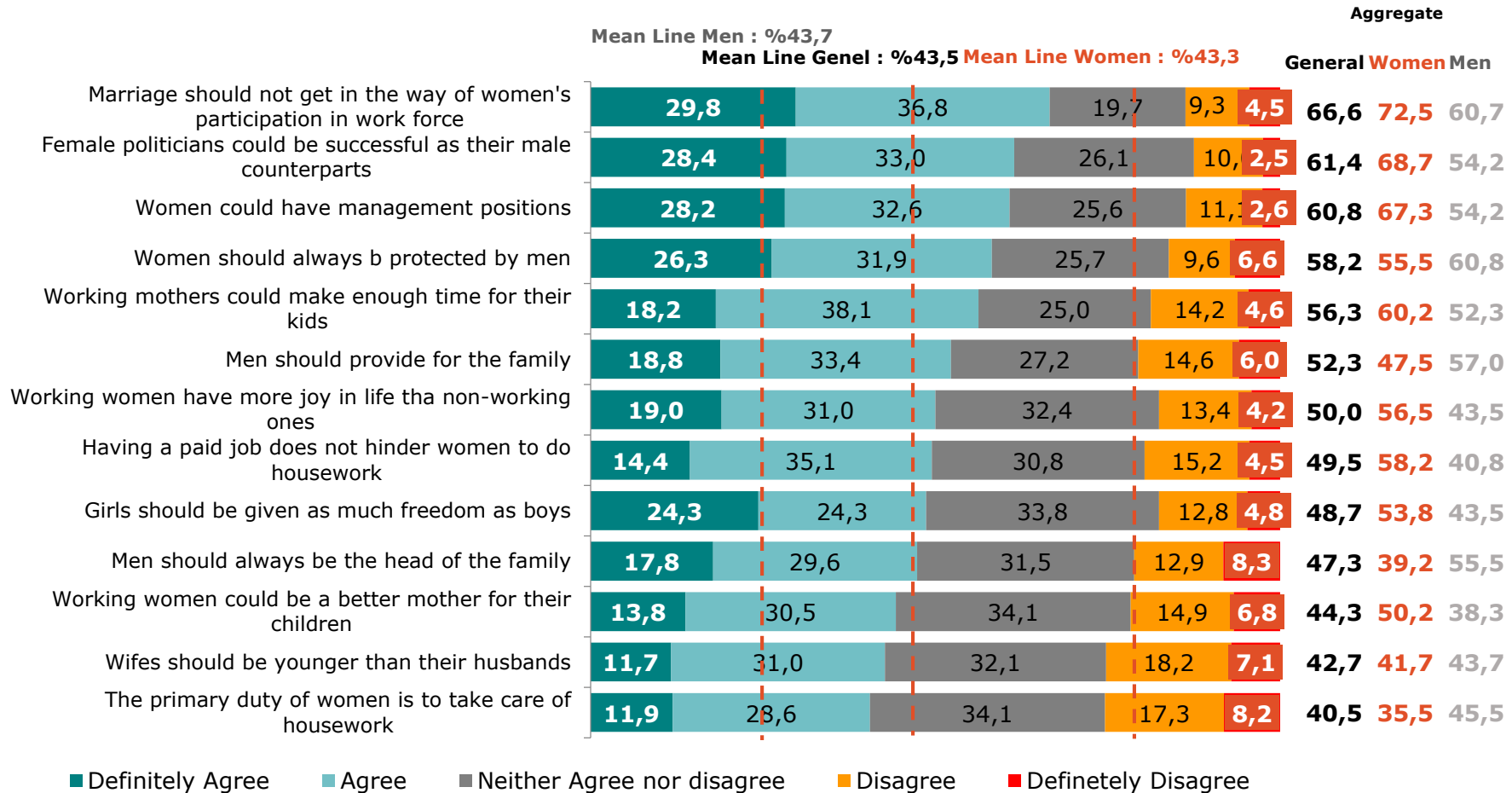


# Attitude towards Gender Equality



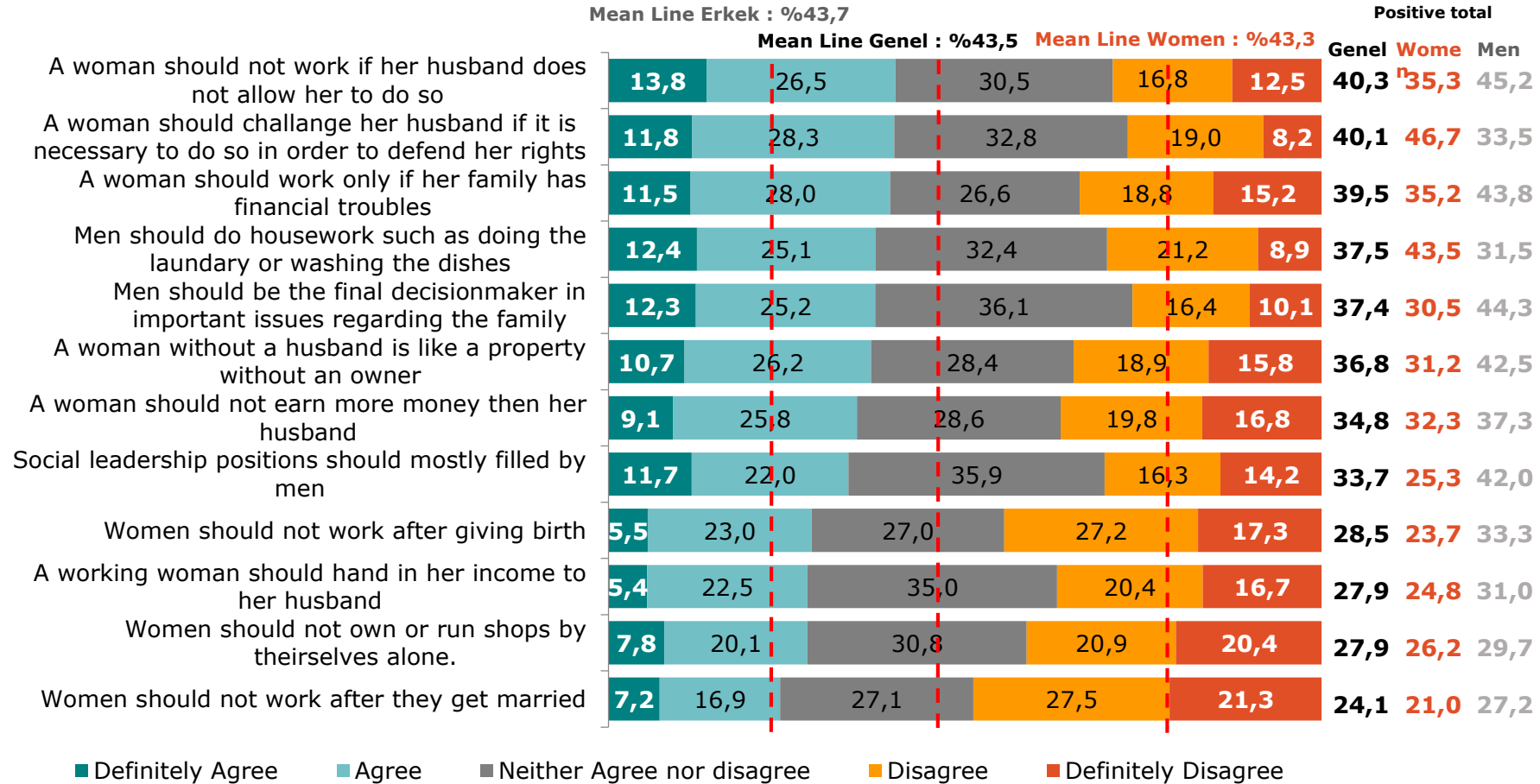
Sample size: 1200

# Gender Roles



Sample size	2015 1000	2016 1200
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# Gender Roles



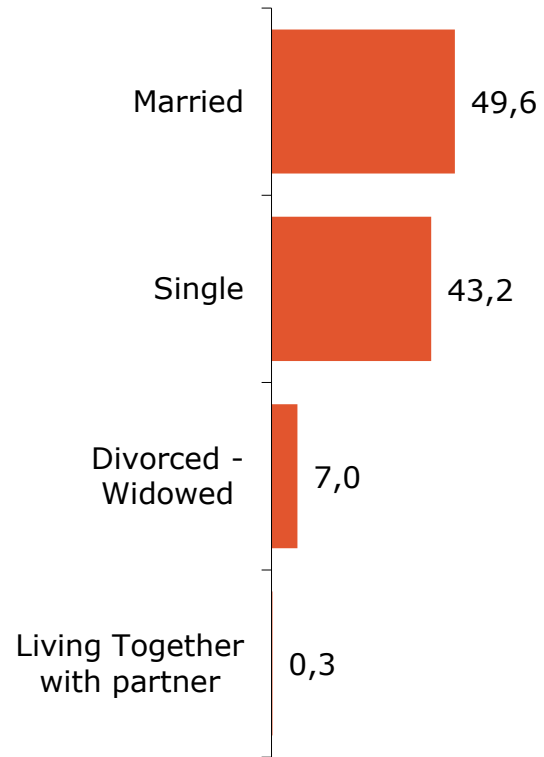
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# Women and Family



## Marital Status

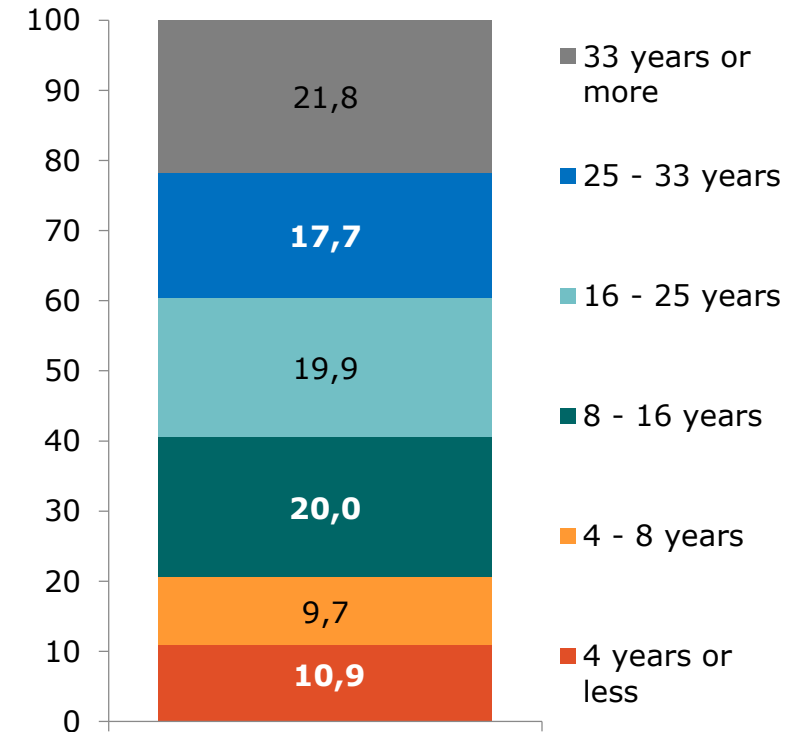
Could you state your marital status according to the categorization?



Baz 1200

## Duration of marriage

For how long are you / have you been married?

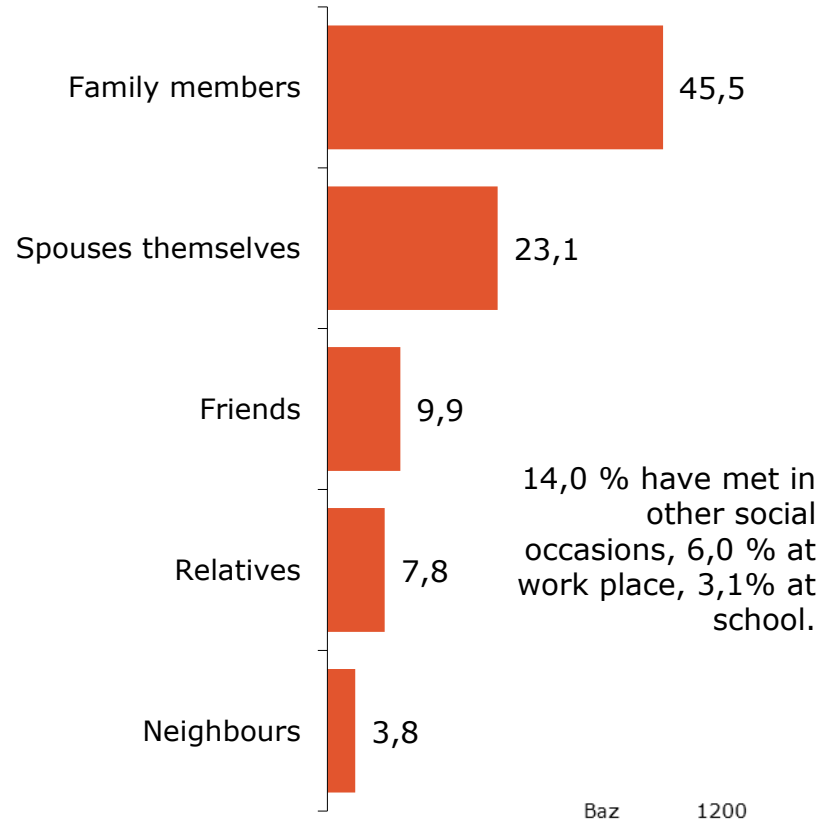


**Average  
duration of 22 years  
marriage**

Sample  
size 679

## Meeting with Spouse

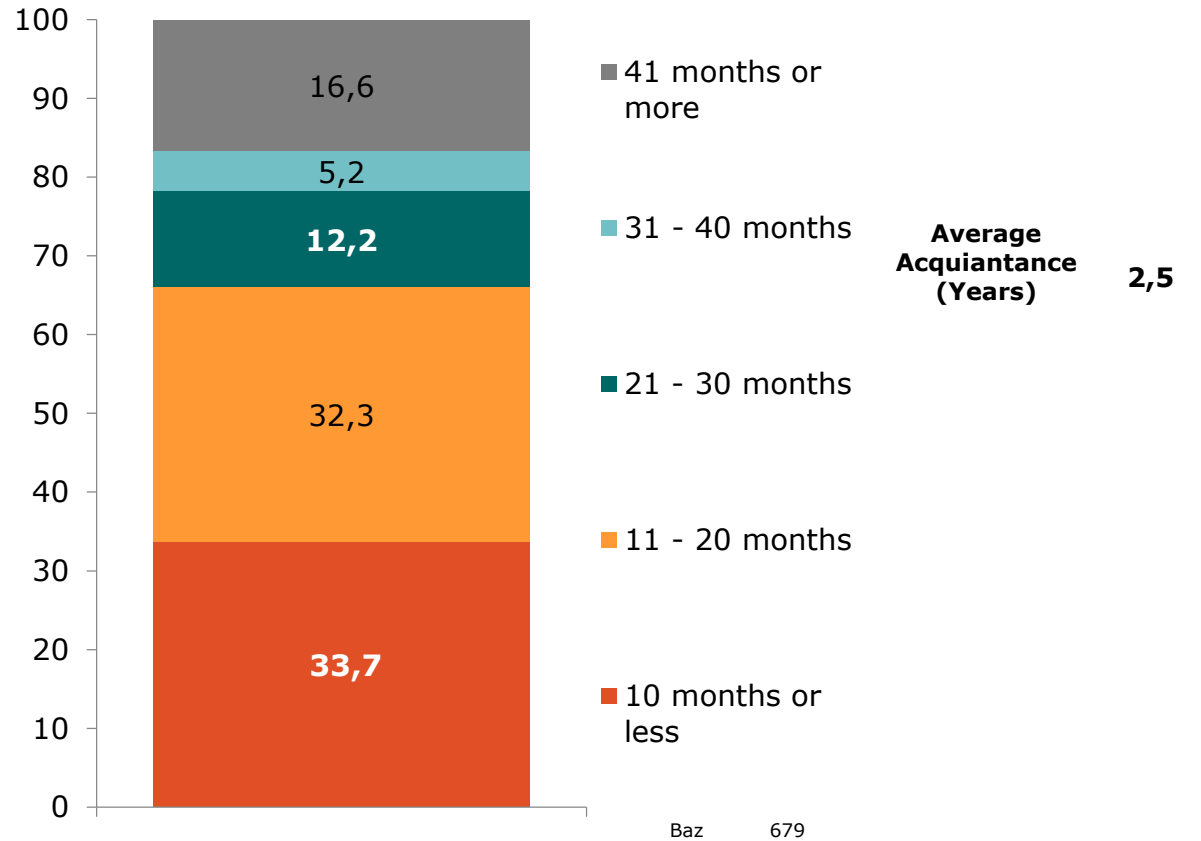
How did you meet your current/ex spouse?



Baz 1200

## Pre-marital acquaintance

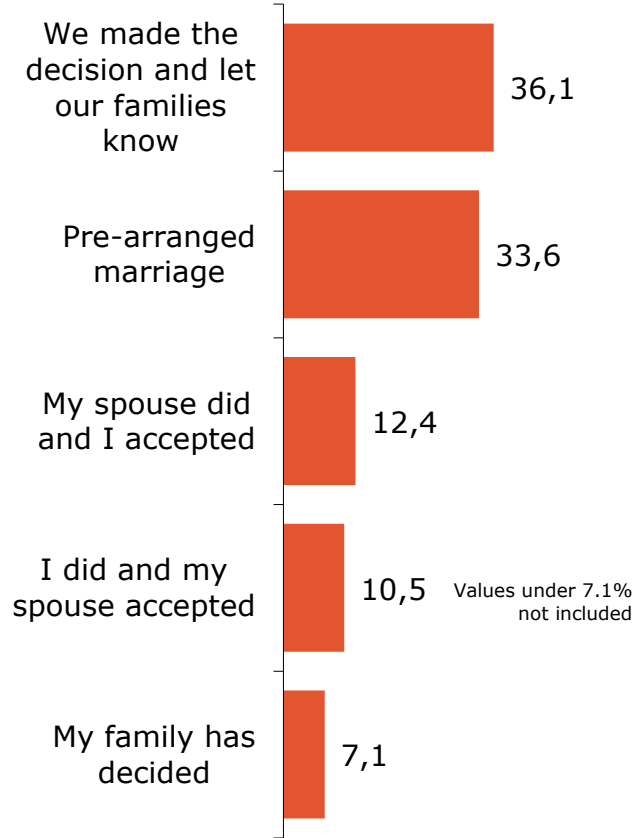
How long how you known your spouse before you get married?



Baz 679

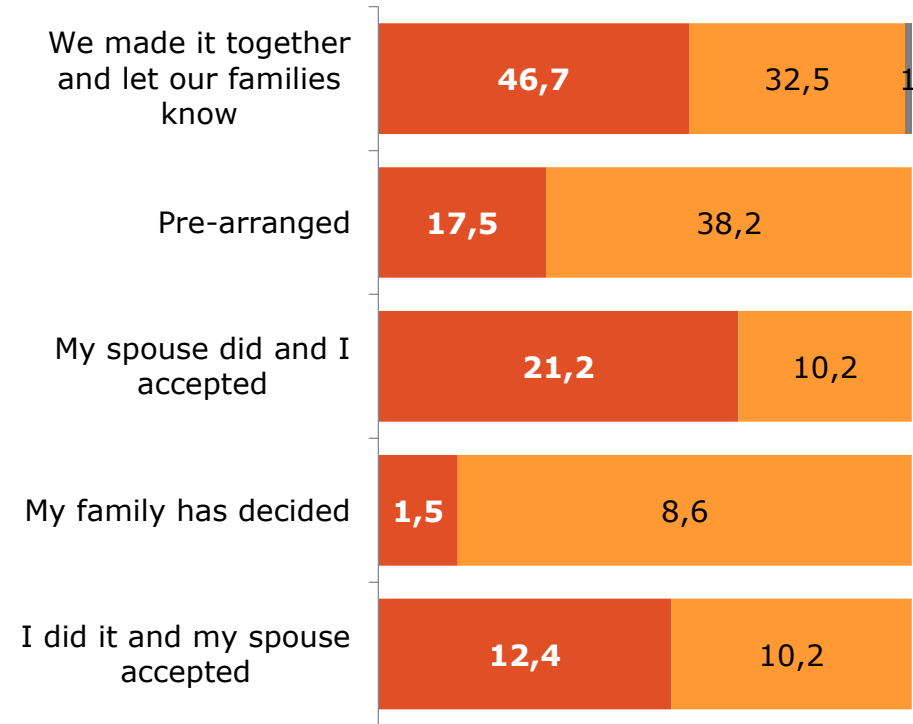
# Marriage Decision

Who made the decision?



Values under 7.1% not included

Baz: 679

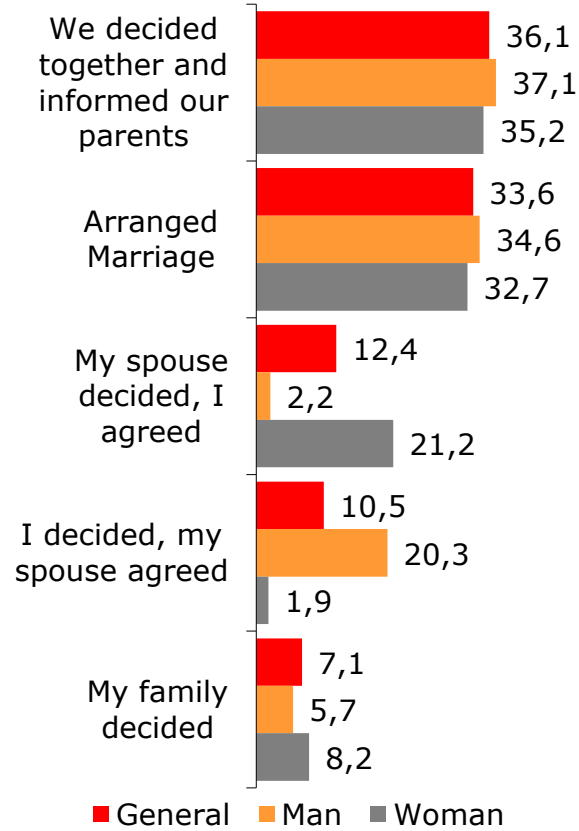


under 25 25-35 #REF!

Sample size	Under 25	25-35	36 and above
	10	137	532

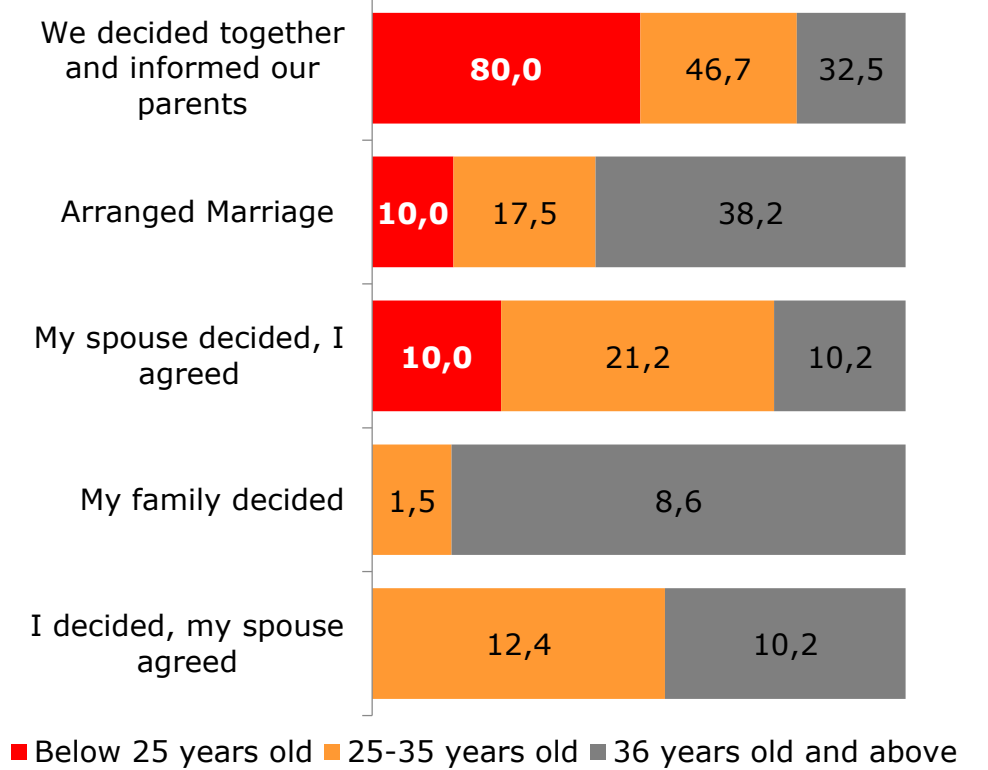
# Marriage Decision

Who decided to get married?



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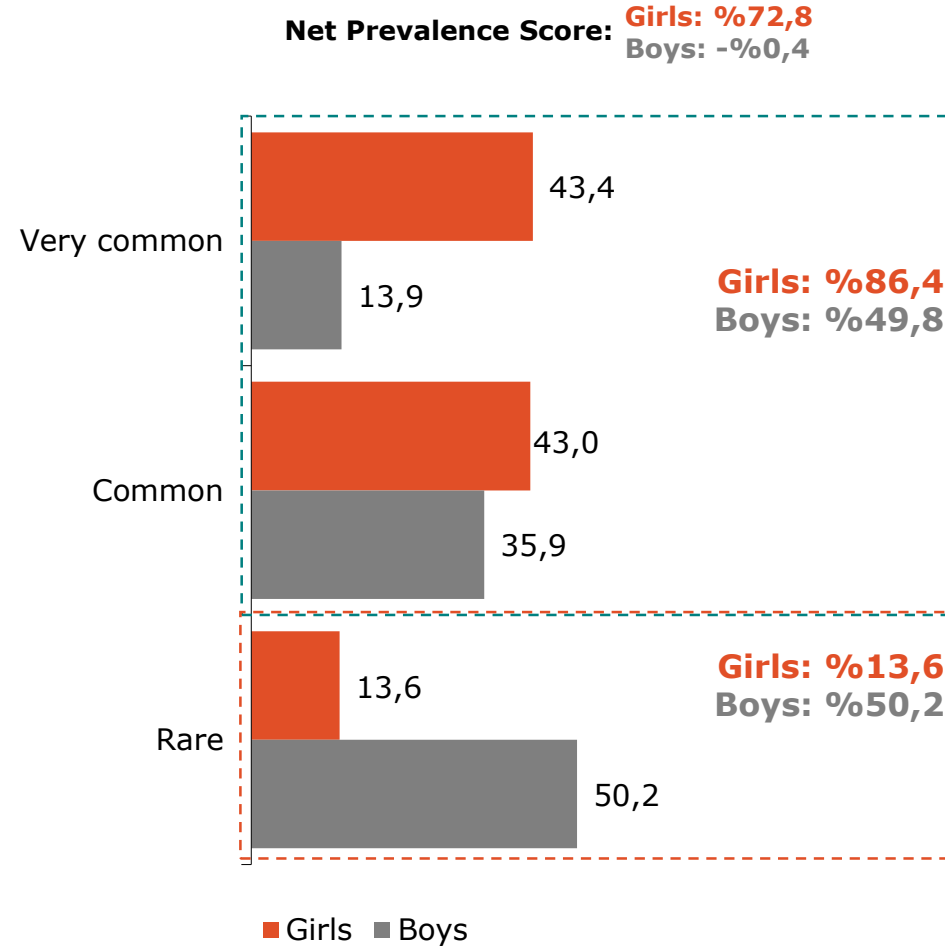
%7,1'in altındaki  
değerler grafiğe  
dahil edilmemiştir.



Baz	25 yaş altı	25-35 yaş	36 yaş ve üstü
	10	137	532

# Child brides and grooms (marriages under 18)

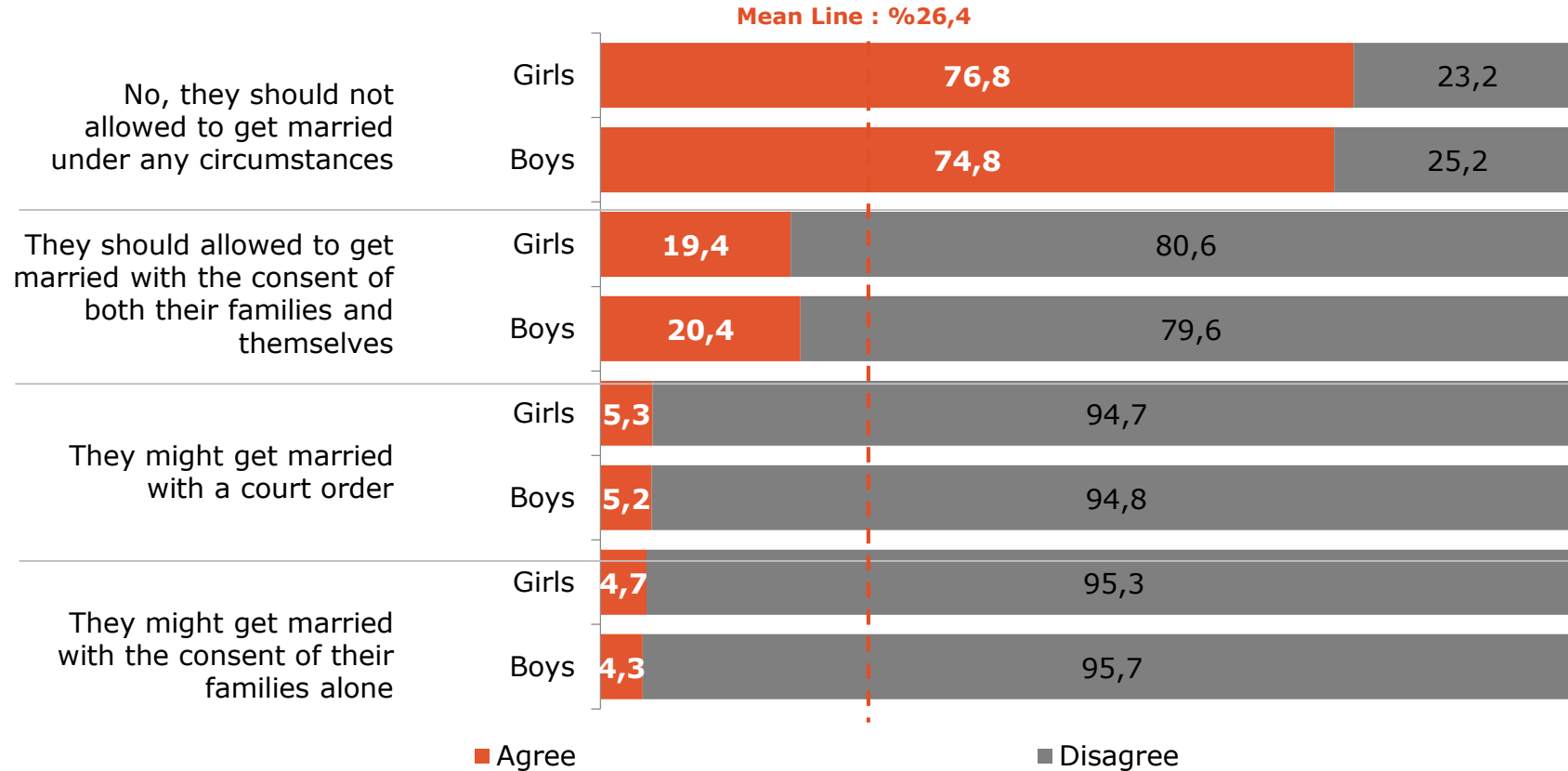
Please state your opinion about the prevalence of marriages of children under 18 in Turkey by looking at the chart.



	Women	Men
Sample	1200	1200

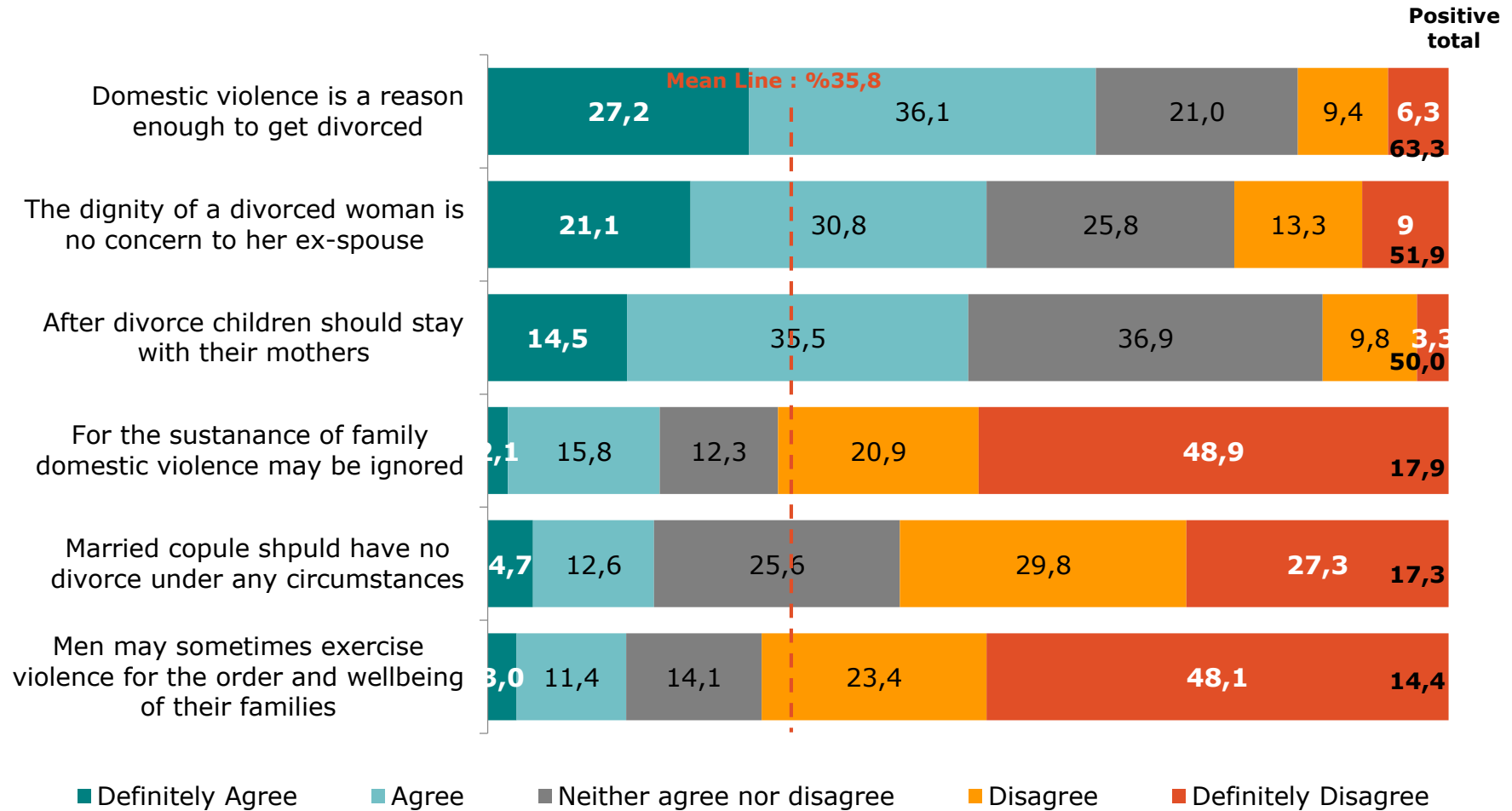
## Analysis of marriages under 18

Please state whether you agree with expressions I will read about children under 18 getting married according to gender?



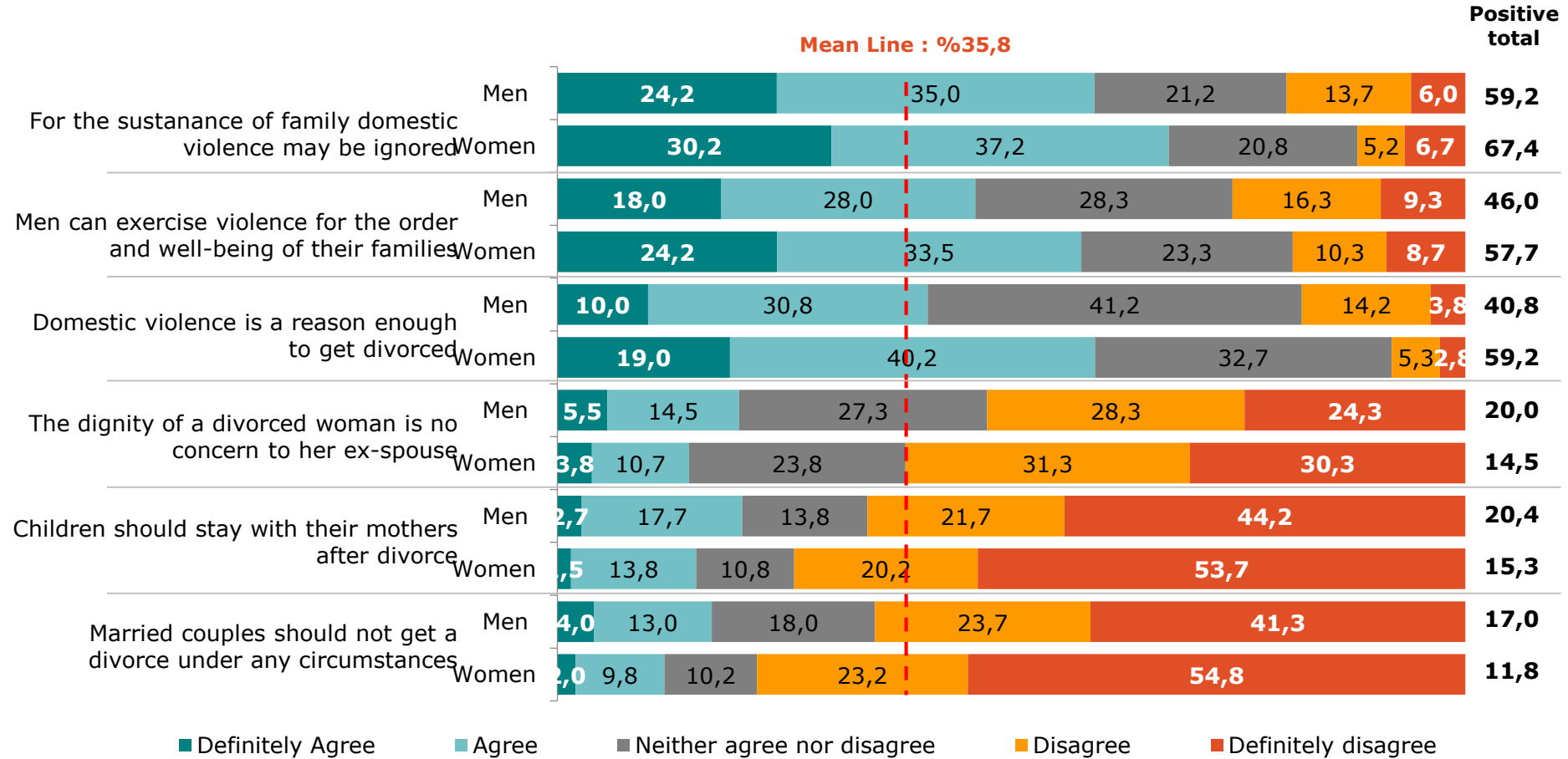
	Women	Men
Sample size	1200	1200

# Analysis of Criteria for the Sustenance of Marriage



Baz: 1200

# Cinsiyete Göre Evliliğin Sürdürülmesine İlişkin Kriterlerin Değerlendirilmesi



	Women	Men
Sample	600	600

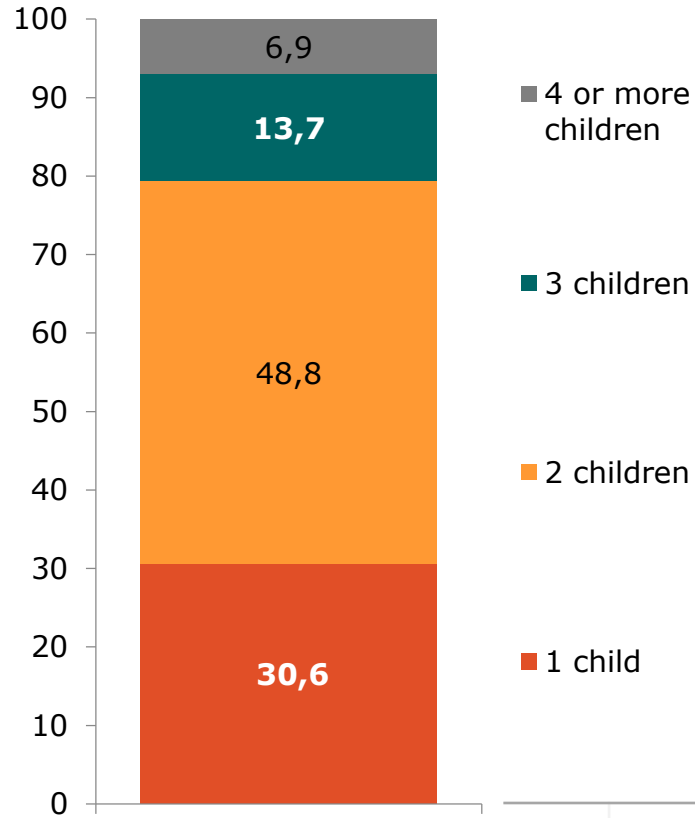


## Number of Children

Do you have children, if yes how many?

Average  
number of  
children **2,0**

624 individuals in  
the sample has  
no children.

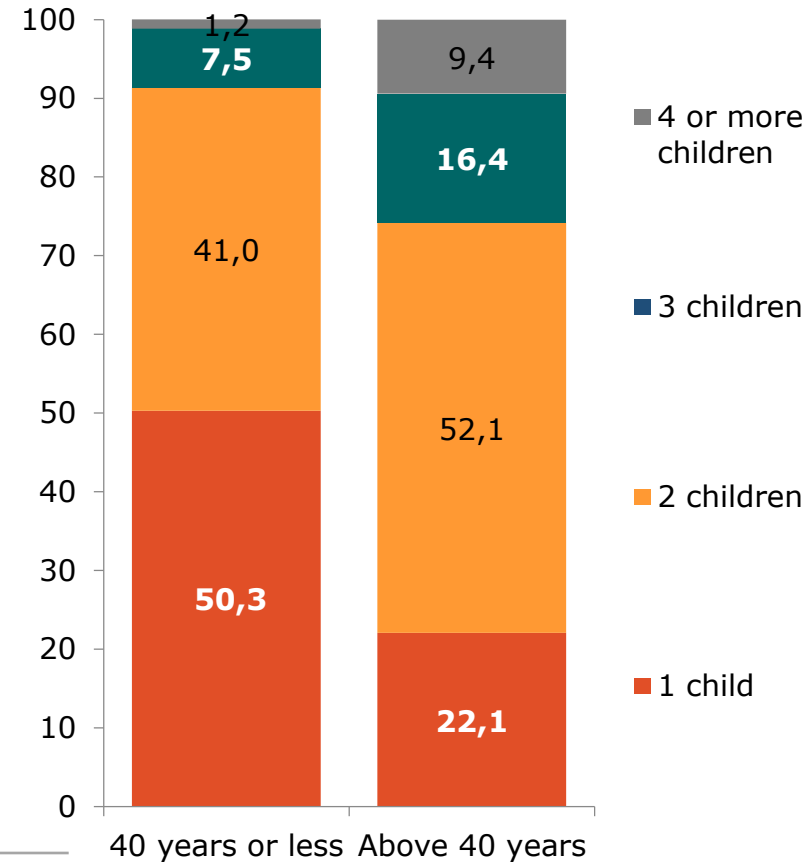


Baz: 581

Sample size	Under 40	Above 40
	181	398

## Number of children by age

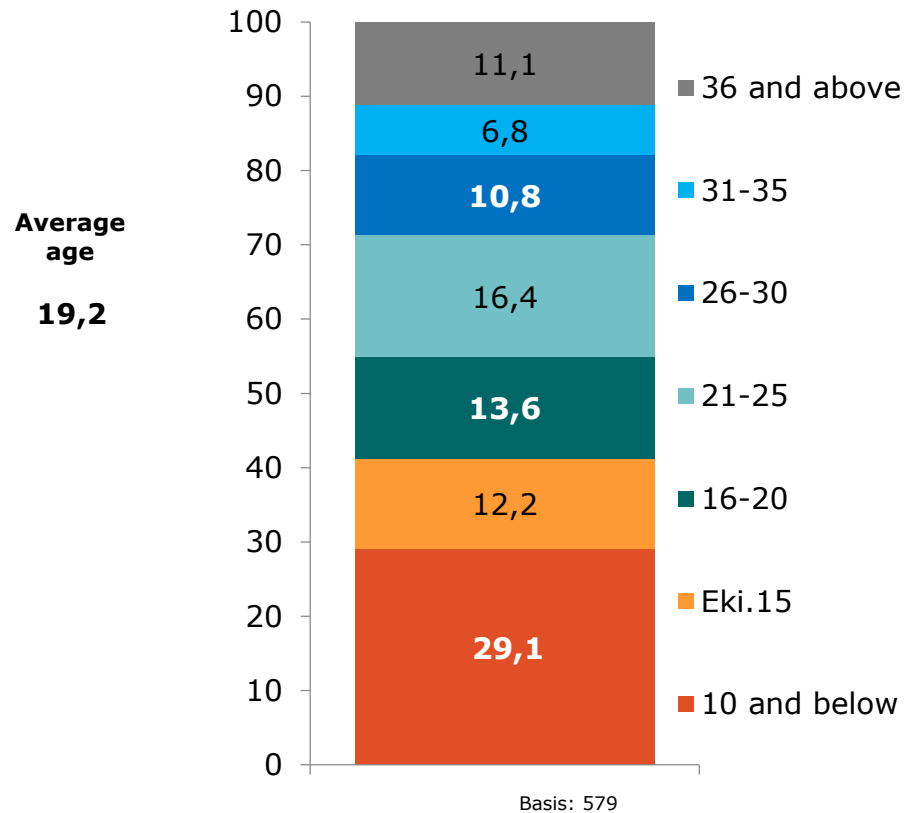
Do you have children, if yes how many?



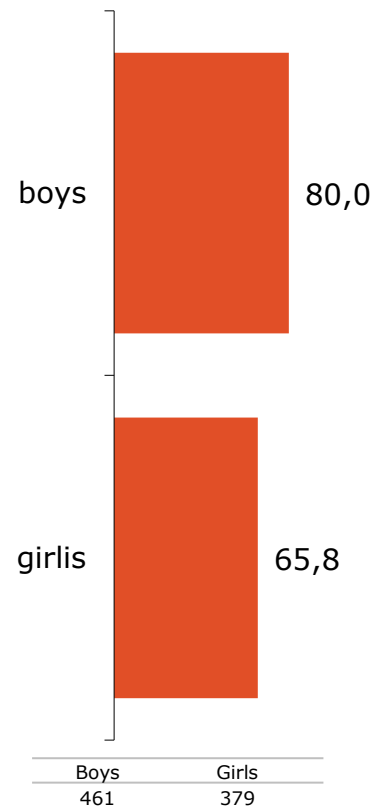
Average  
age of  
children

**1,6      2,2**

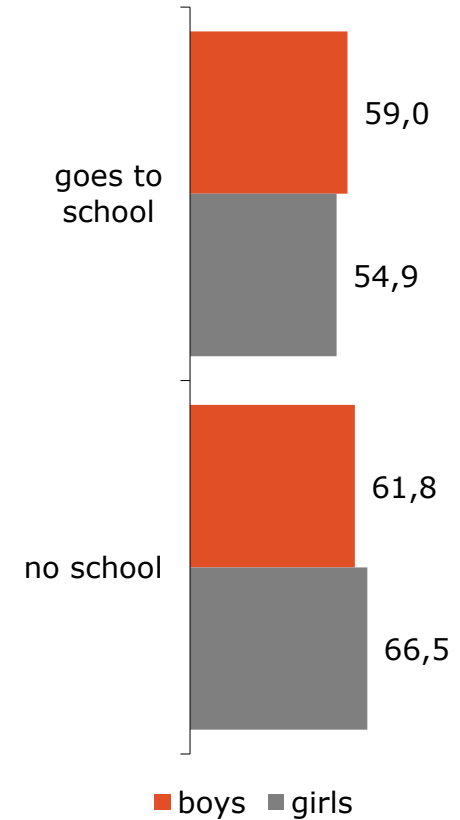
## Average age of children



## Gender distribution of children

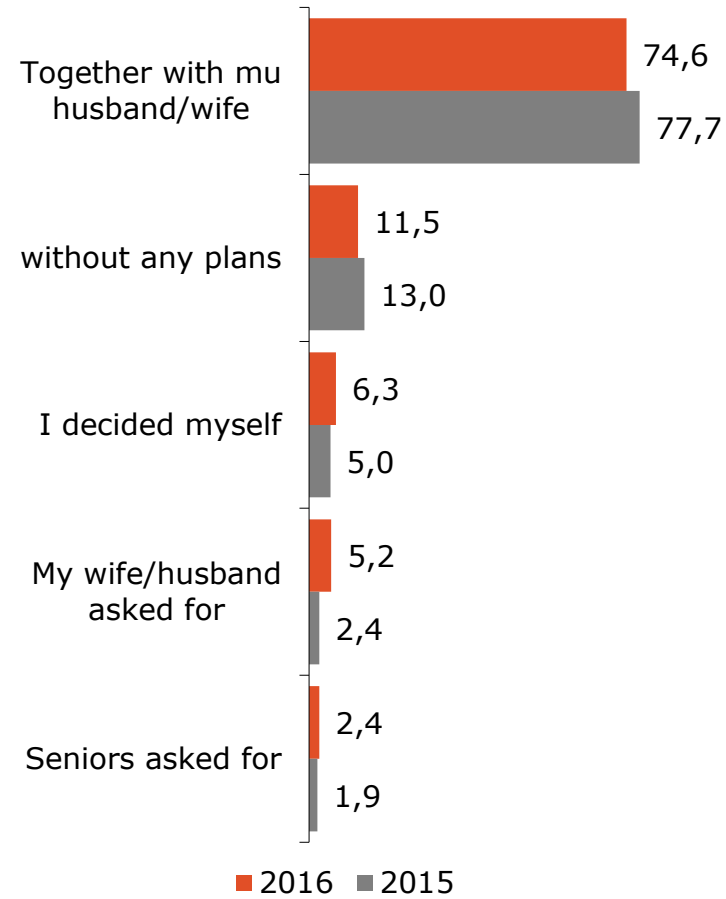


## Schooling based on gender



# Desicion to have kids

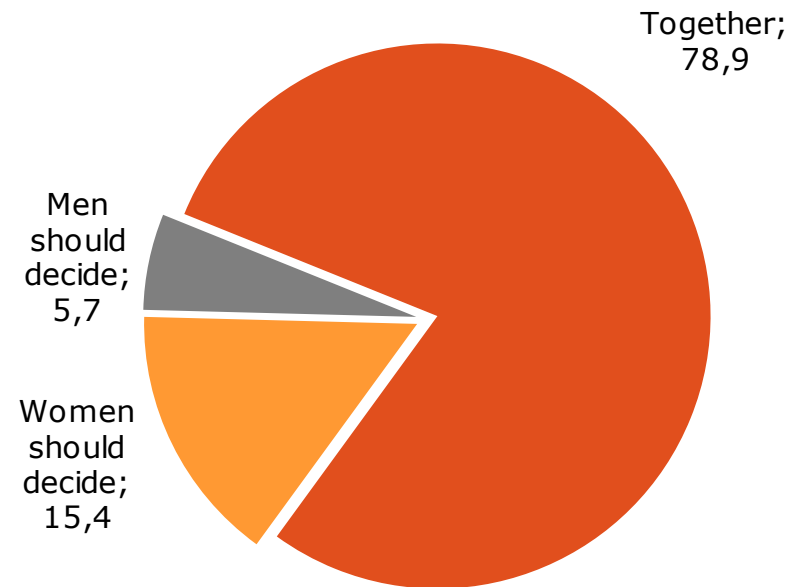
How did you decide to have kid?



	2016	2015
Basis	579	576

# Abortion decision

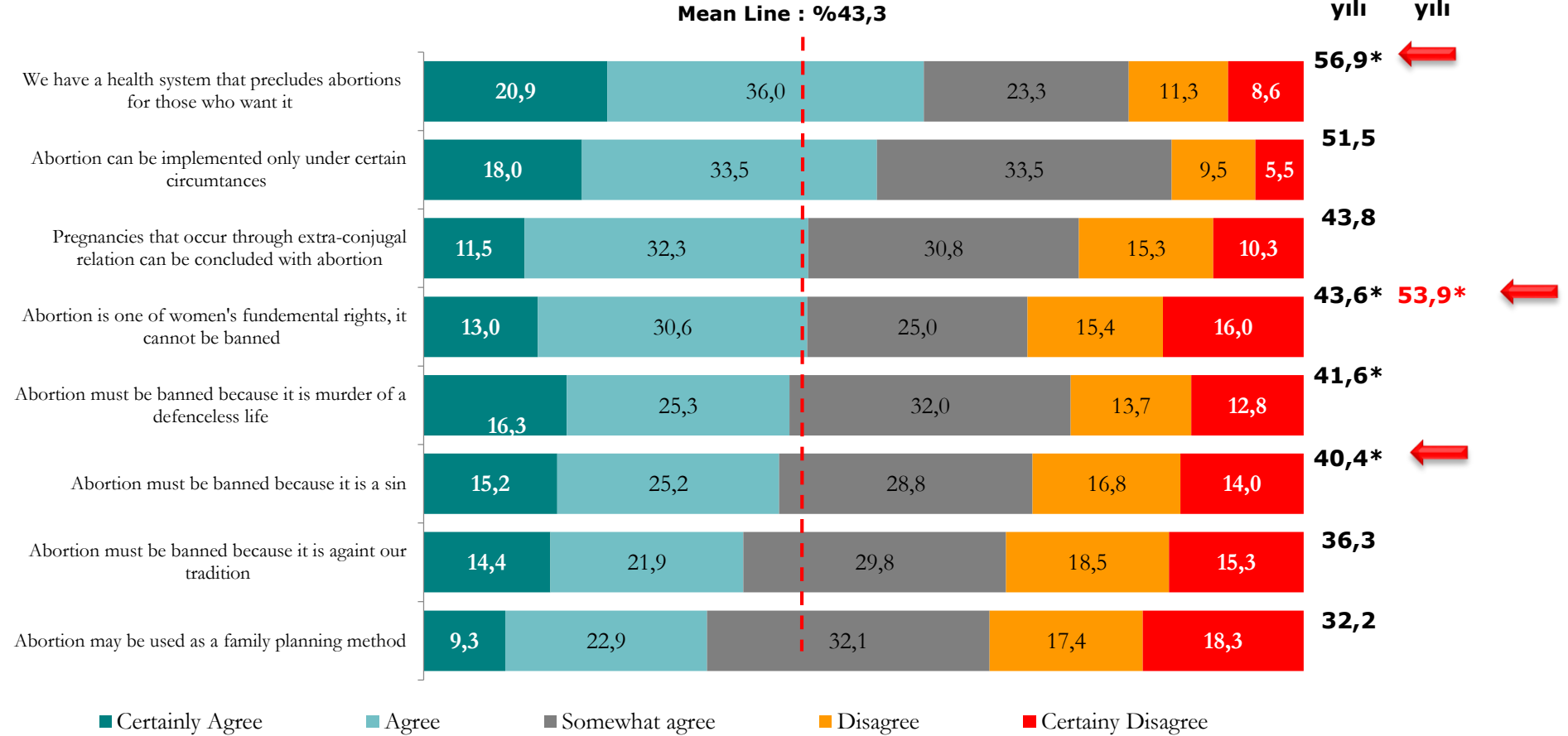
Who should decide?



Basis: 1200

# Assessments on Abortions

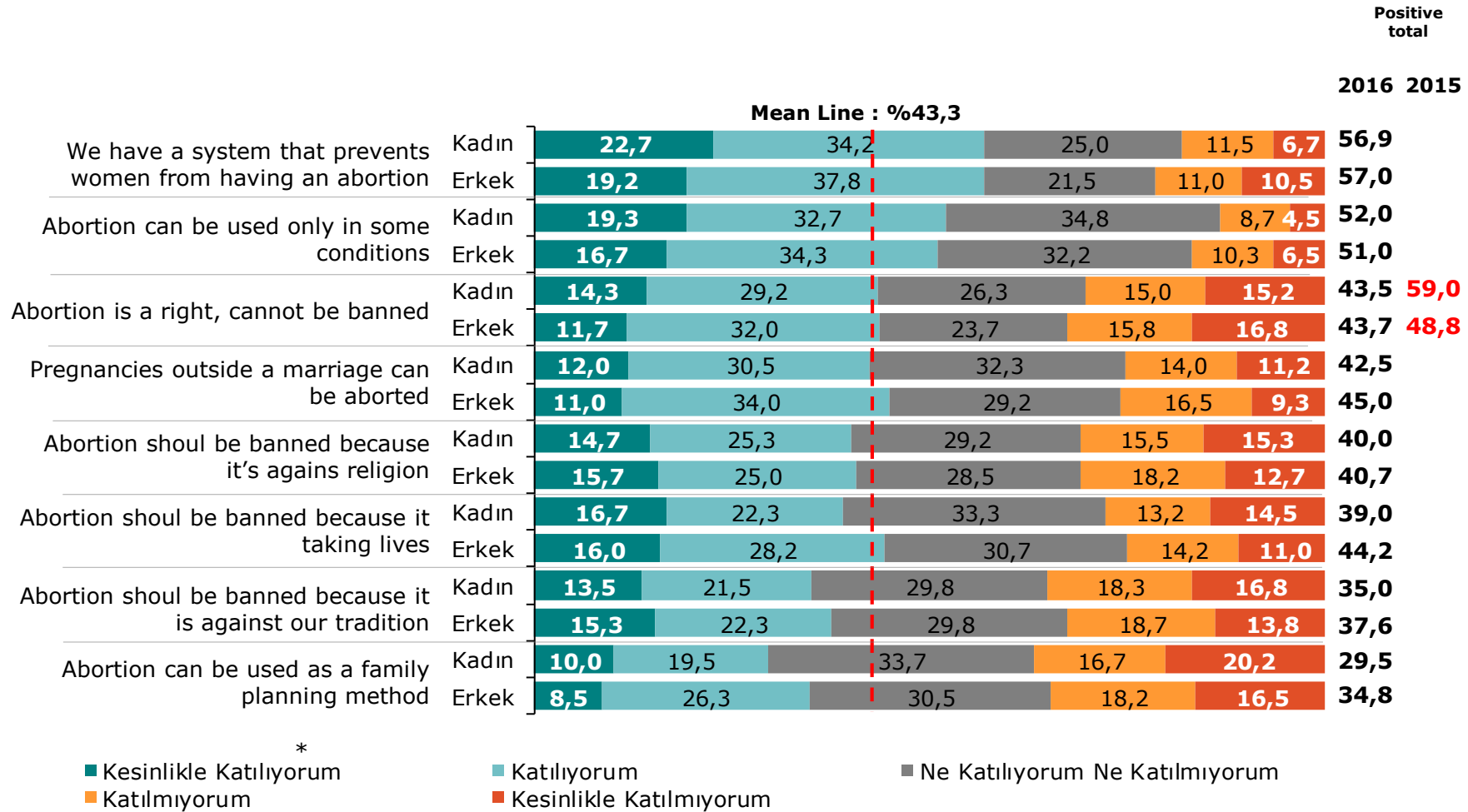
To what extent do statements below define your thoughts on abortion?



Baz: 1200

# Comments about abortion

What do you think about abortion?



Basis	Male	Female
	600	600

# Satisfaction

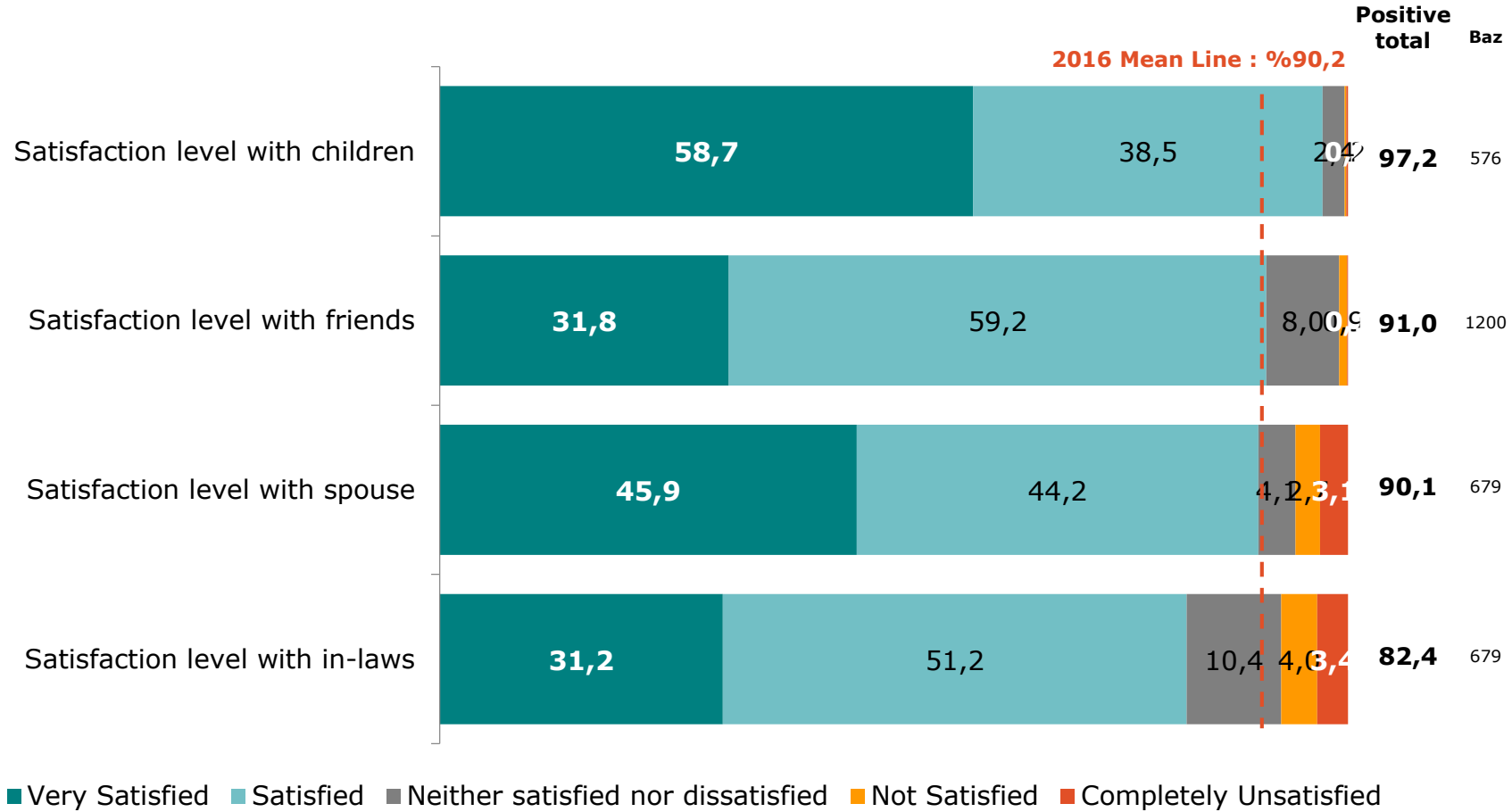
Are you happy with your life?



Basis: 1200

# Satisfaction Level in Relationships with Spouse, Family and Children

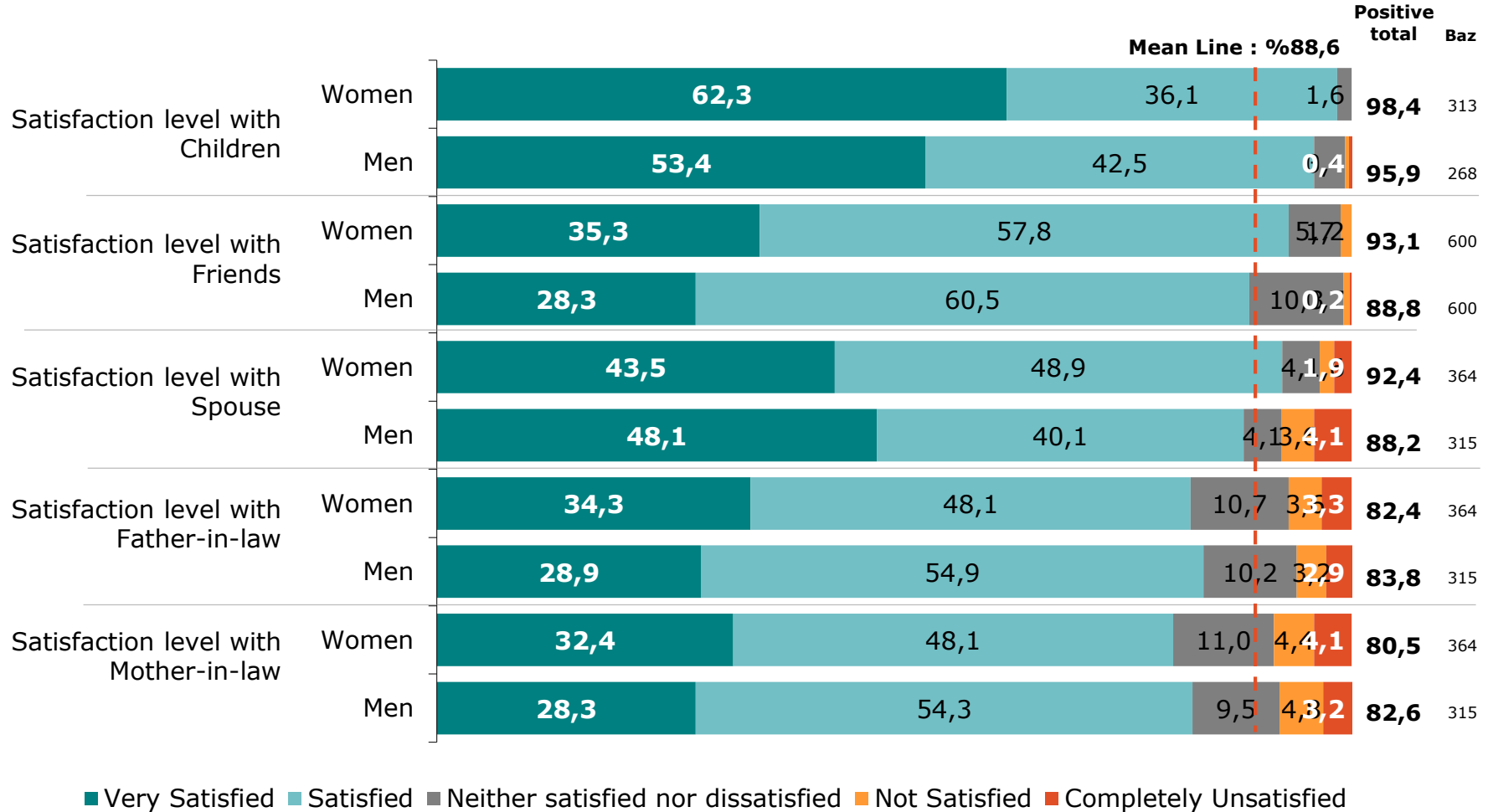
Please rate your level of satisfaction with your own family and with your spouse's family, from 1 to 5.





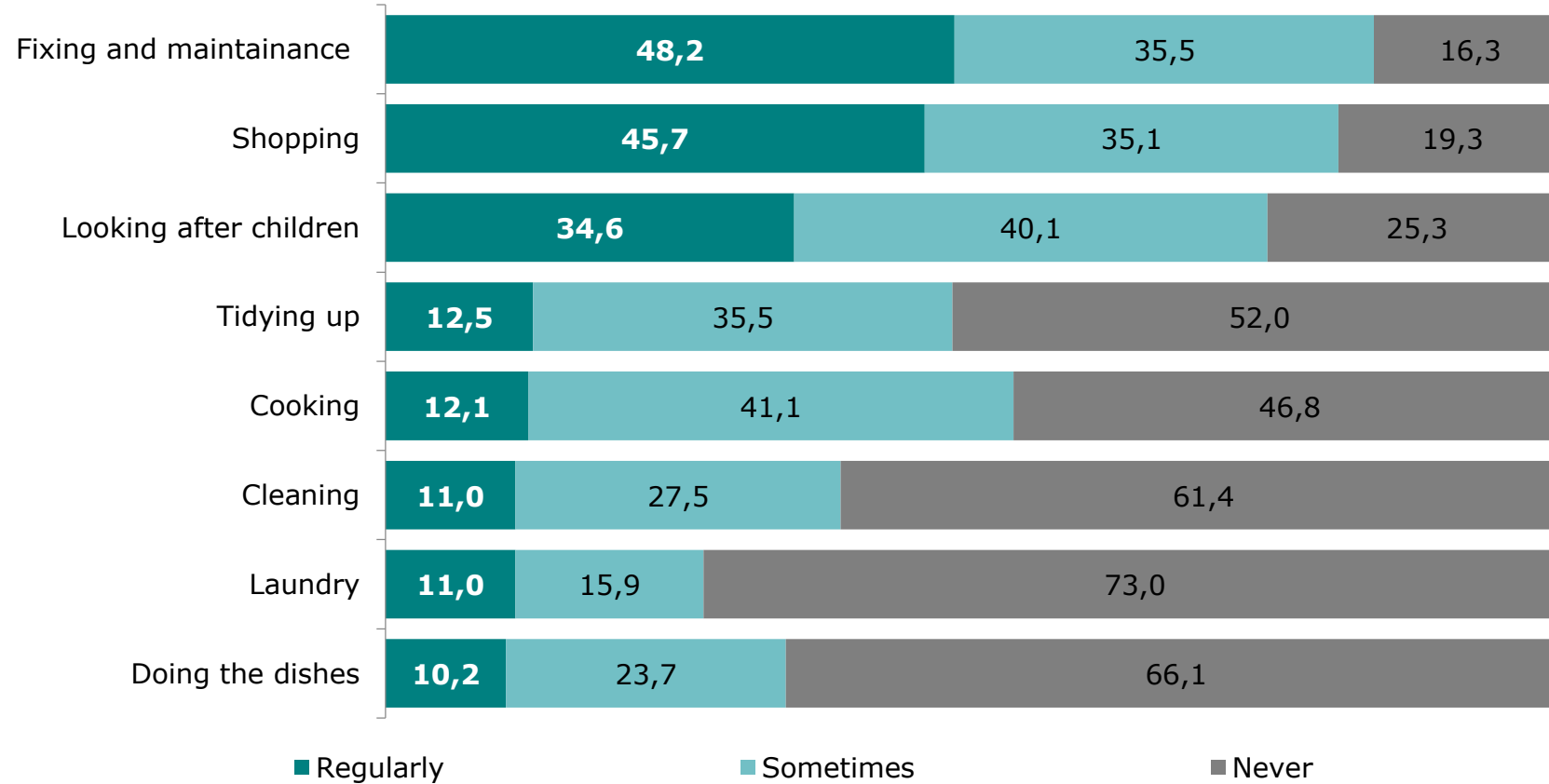
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# The Father's Contribution to Housework

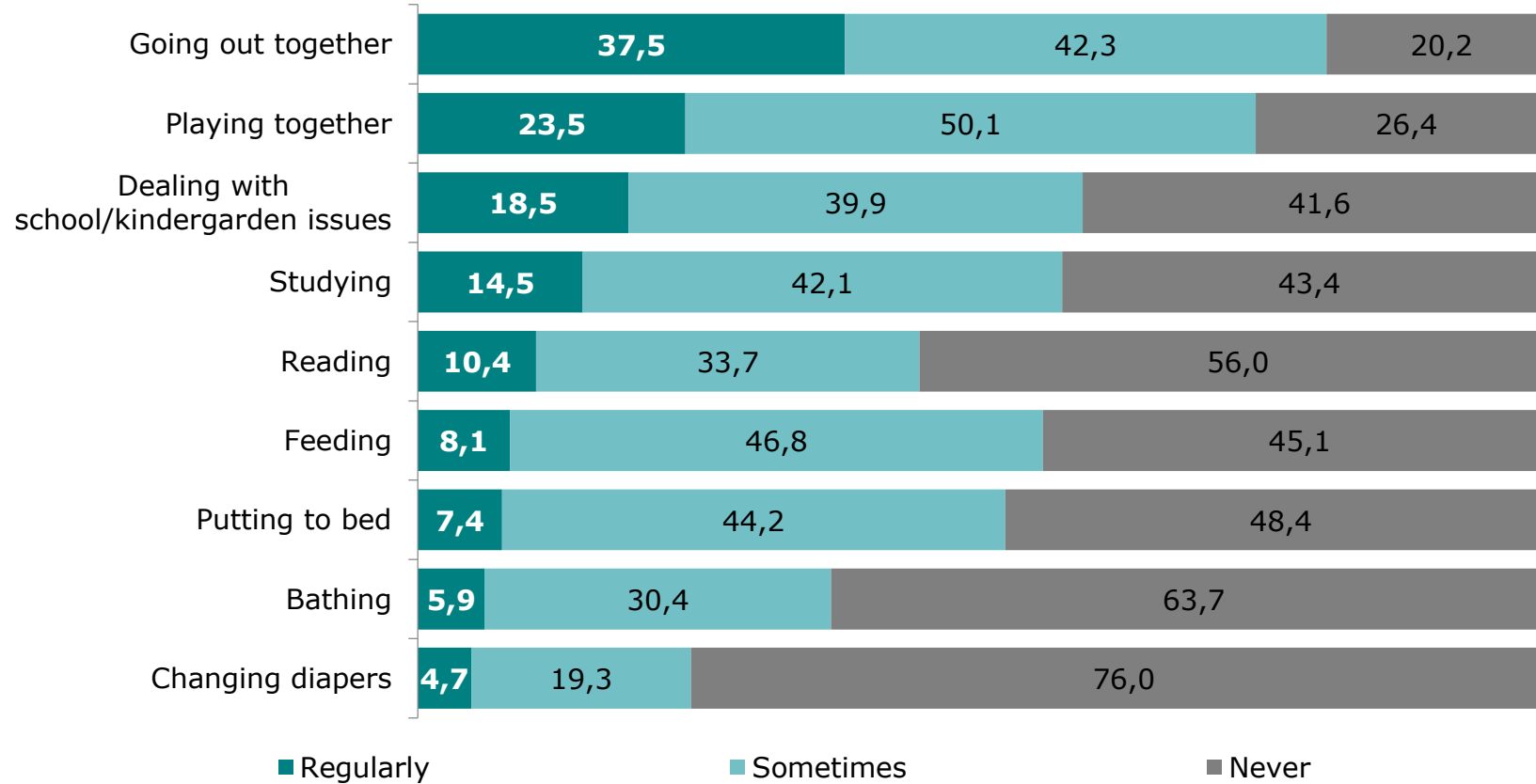
How much does(did) your spouse/do you contribute to housework? Please look at the card and rate.  
How much do you contribute to housework? Please look at the card and rate.



Baz: 679

# The Father's Contribution to Childcare

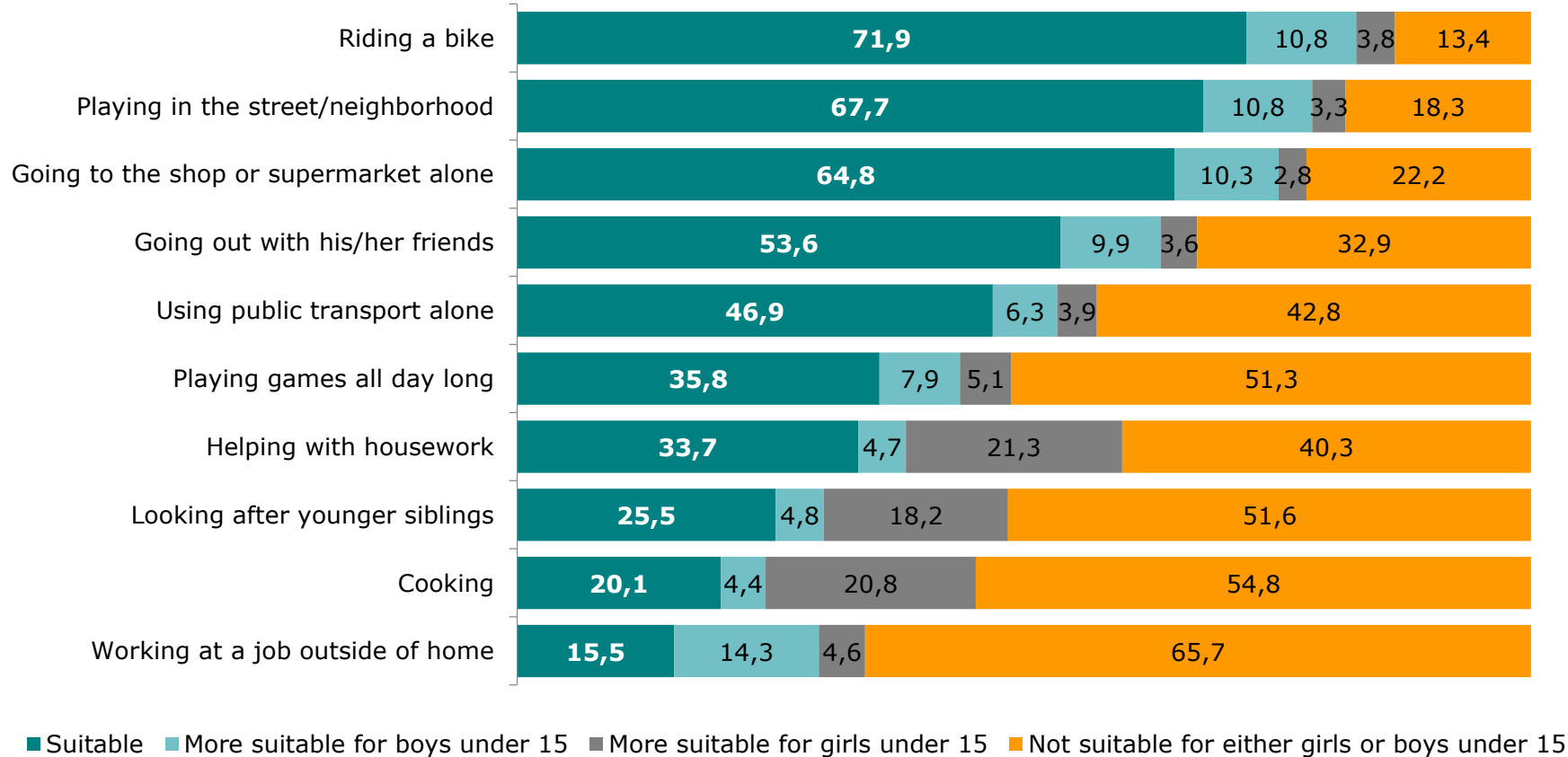
How much do you/your spouse contribute to childcare? Please look at the card and rate.  
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Baz: 579

## Assessment of Socialization of Children under 15

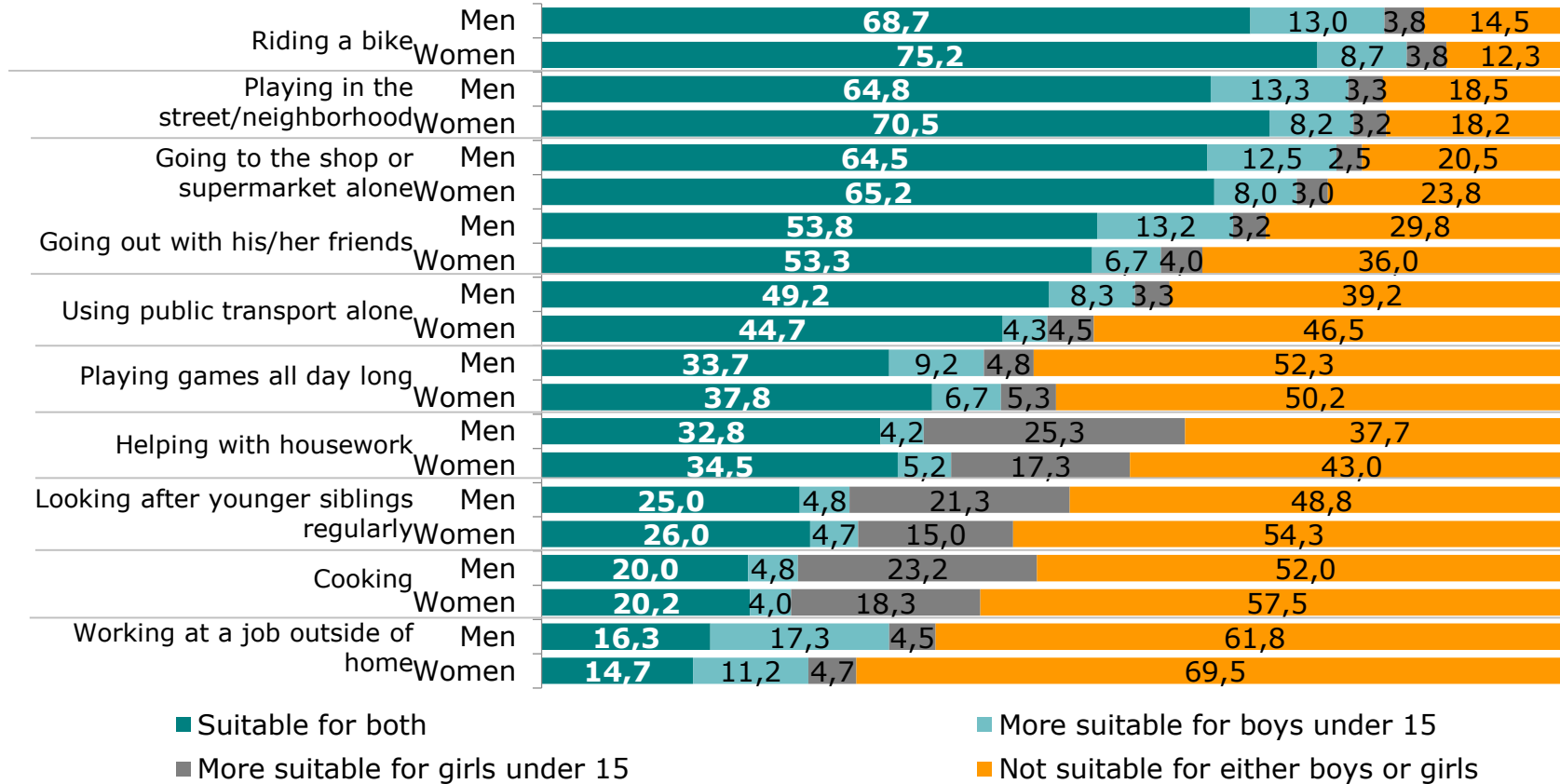
I am going to read you a list of activities children may engage in. Can you please look at the card and assess how suitable each activity is for boys and girls under 15.



Baz: 1200

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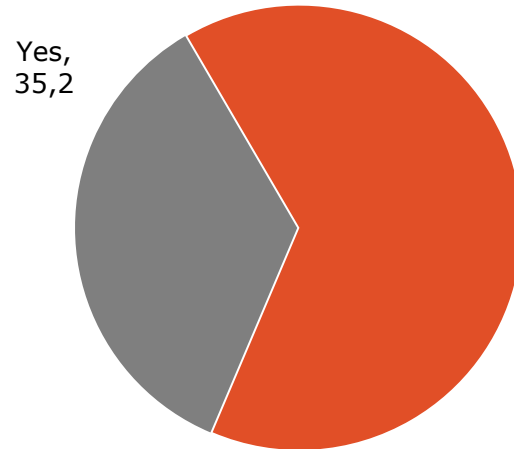


# Women and Professional Life

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## Current Employment Status

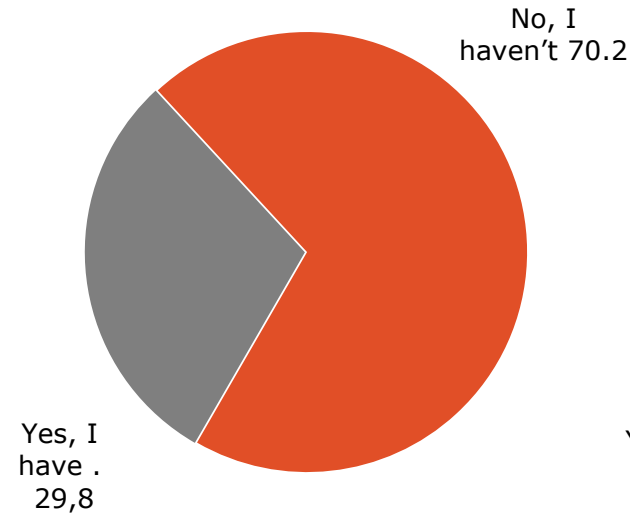
Are you currently working at a paying job?



Base 600

## Past Employment Status

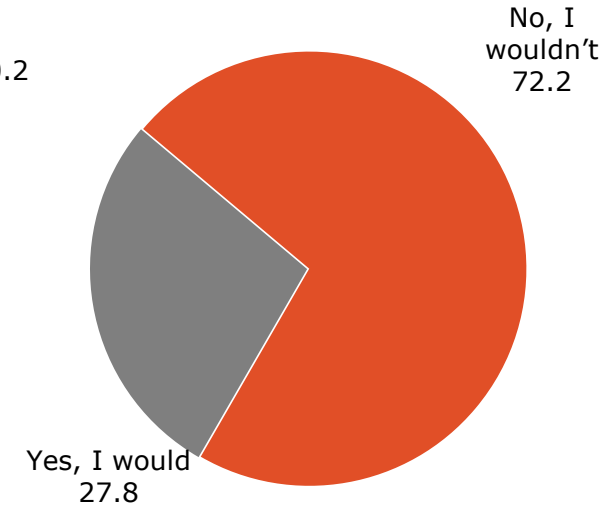
Have you ever had a job before?



Base 389

## Willingness To Work

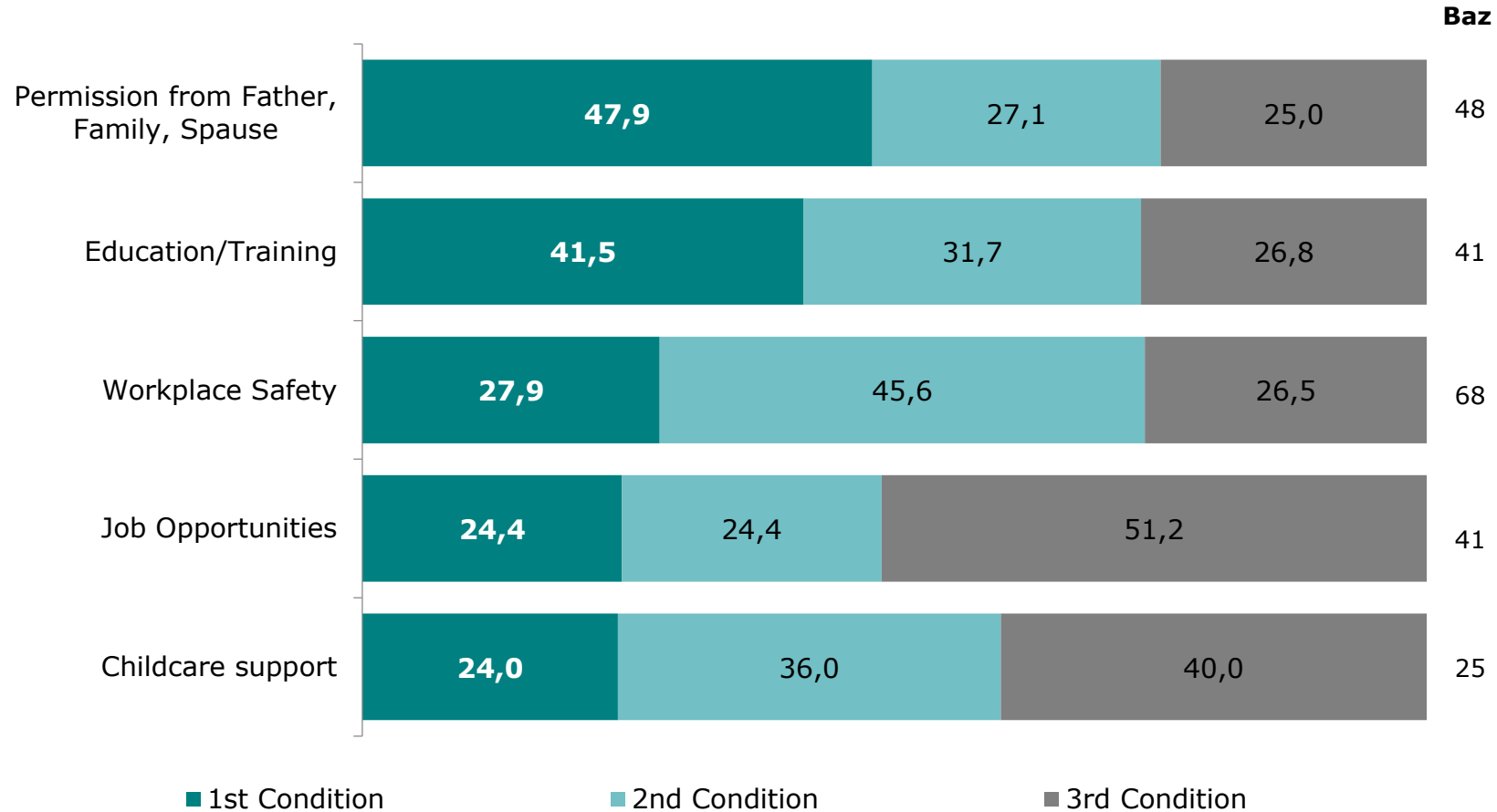
Would you like to have a job?



Base 273

# Necessary Conditions For Employment

What conditions would you need provided to be able to work? Please look at the card and state 3 most necessary conditions.

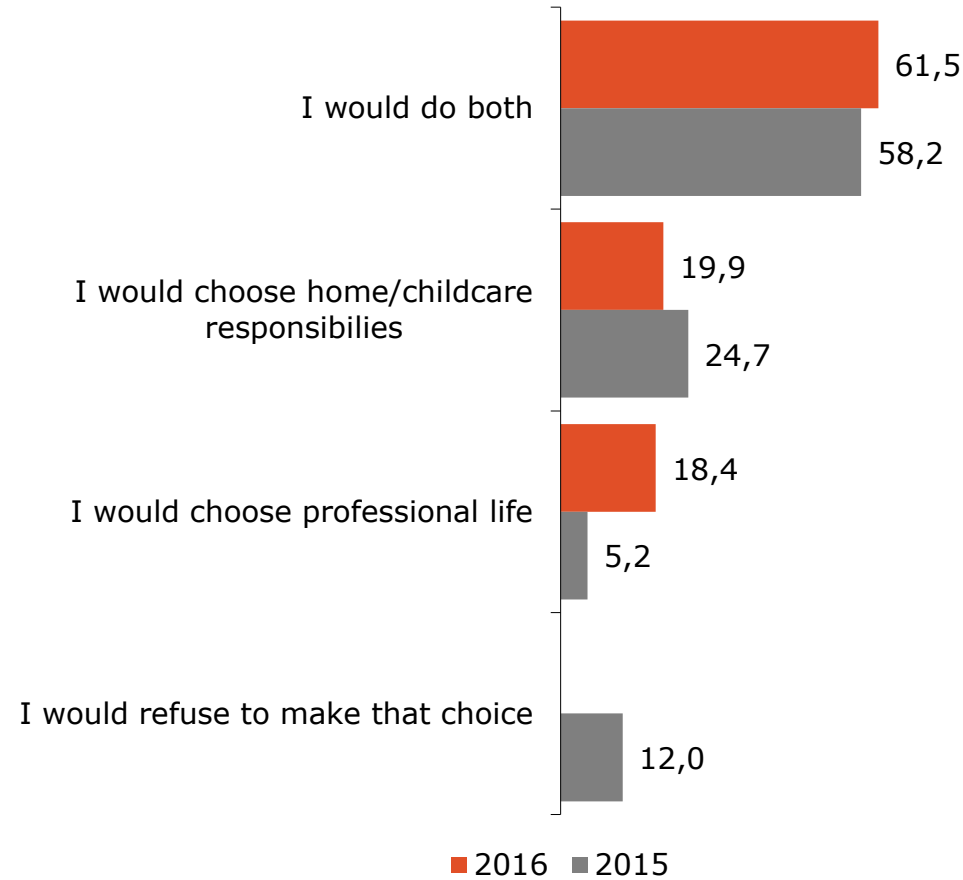


Total Base: 76



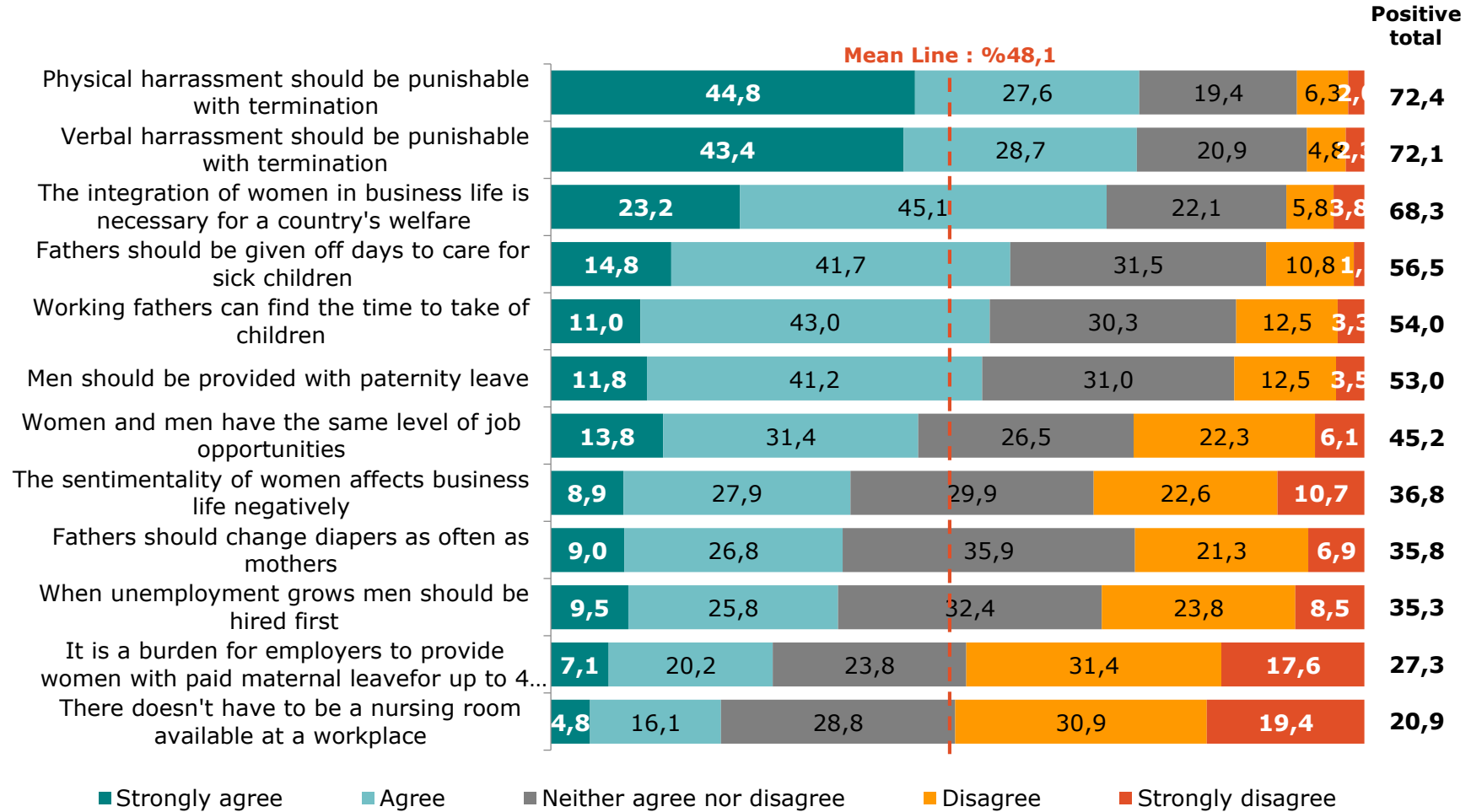
# Choice between Home-parenting and Professional Life

What would you choose if you had choose between staying at home for childcare and a professional life?



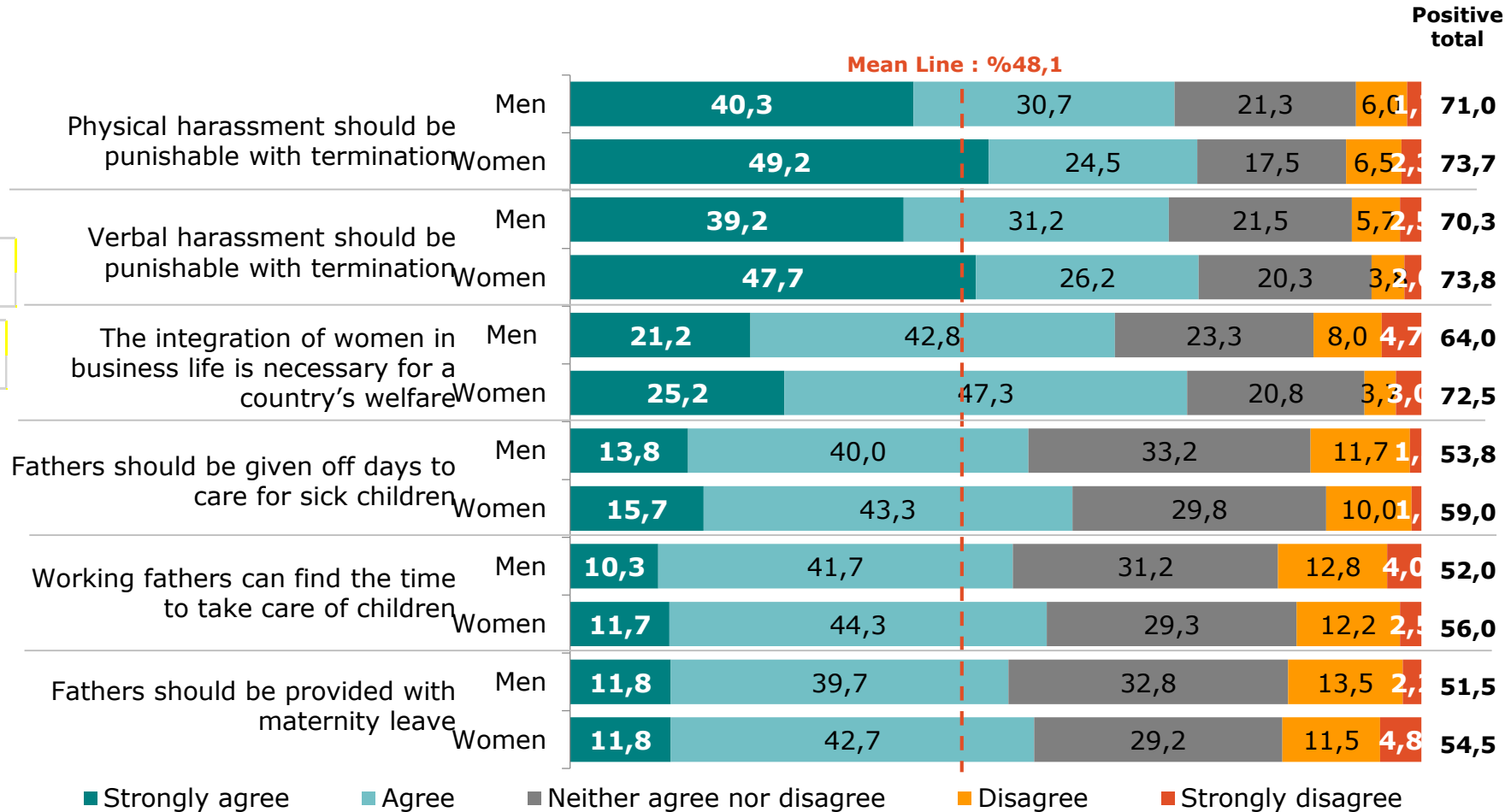
Basis	2016	2015
	403	502

# The Place of Women in Business Life



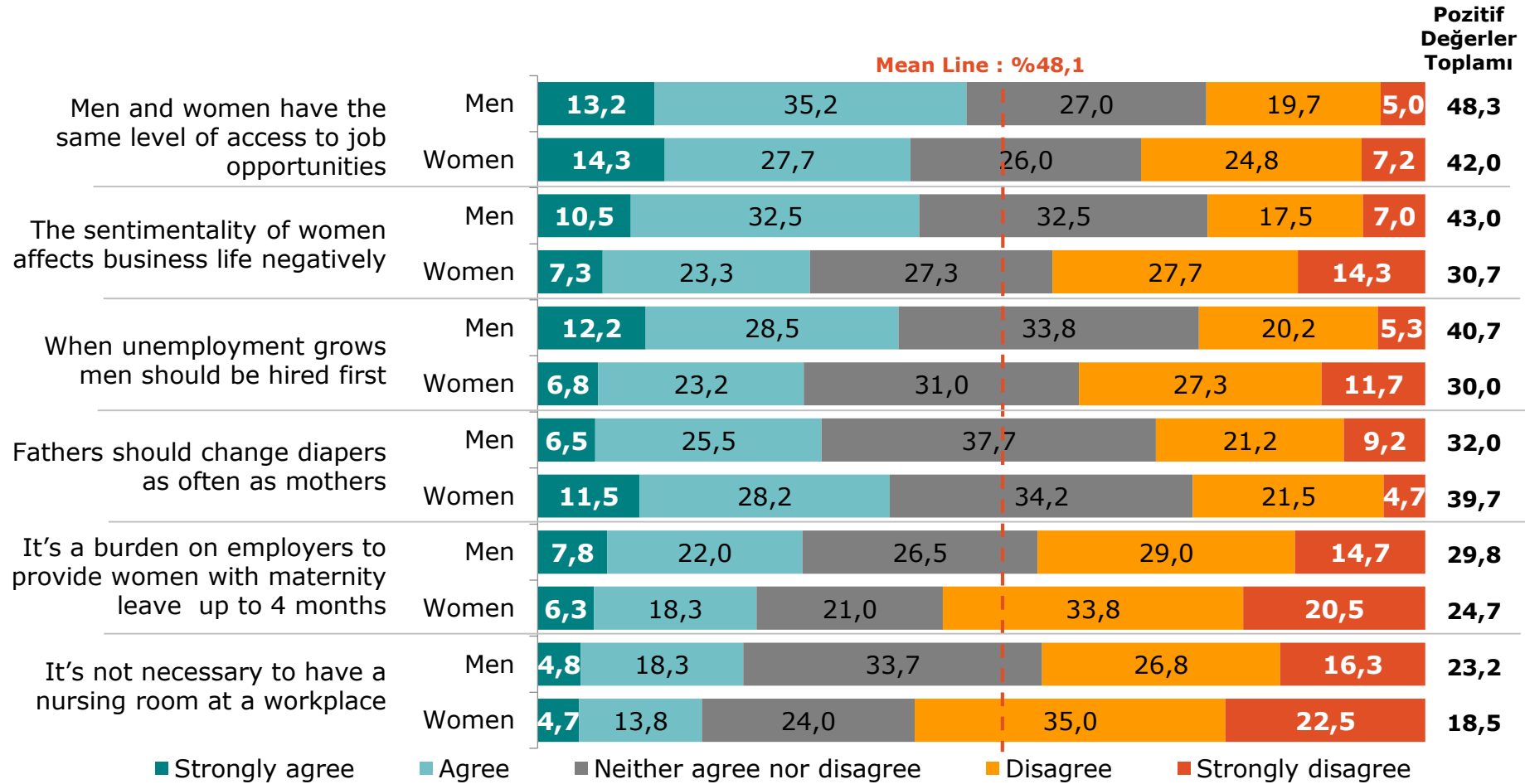
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# The Place of Women in Business Life According to Gender



Base	ME	Women
	600	600

# The Place of Women in Business Life in Terms of Gender

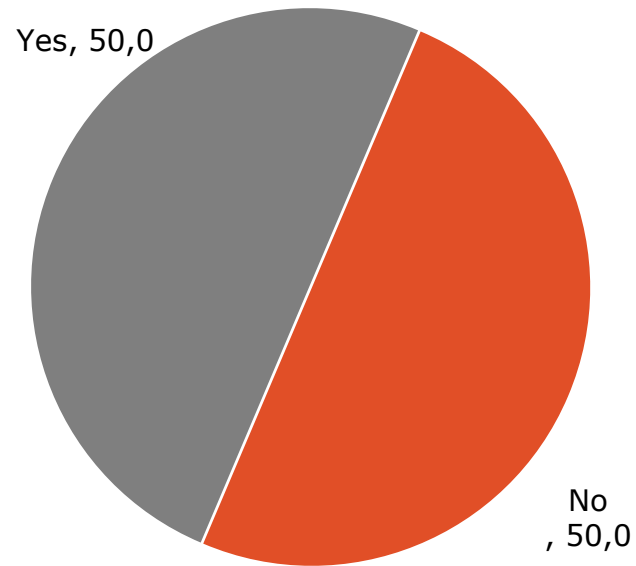


Base	Men	Women
	600	600

# Women and Politics

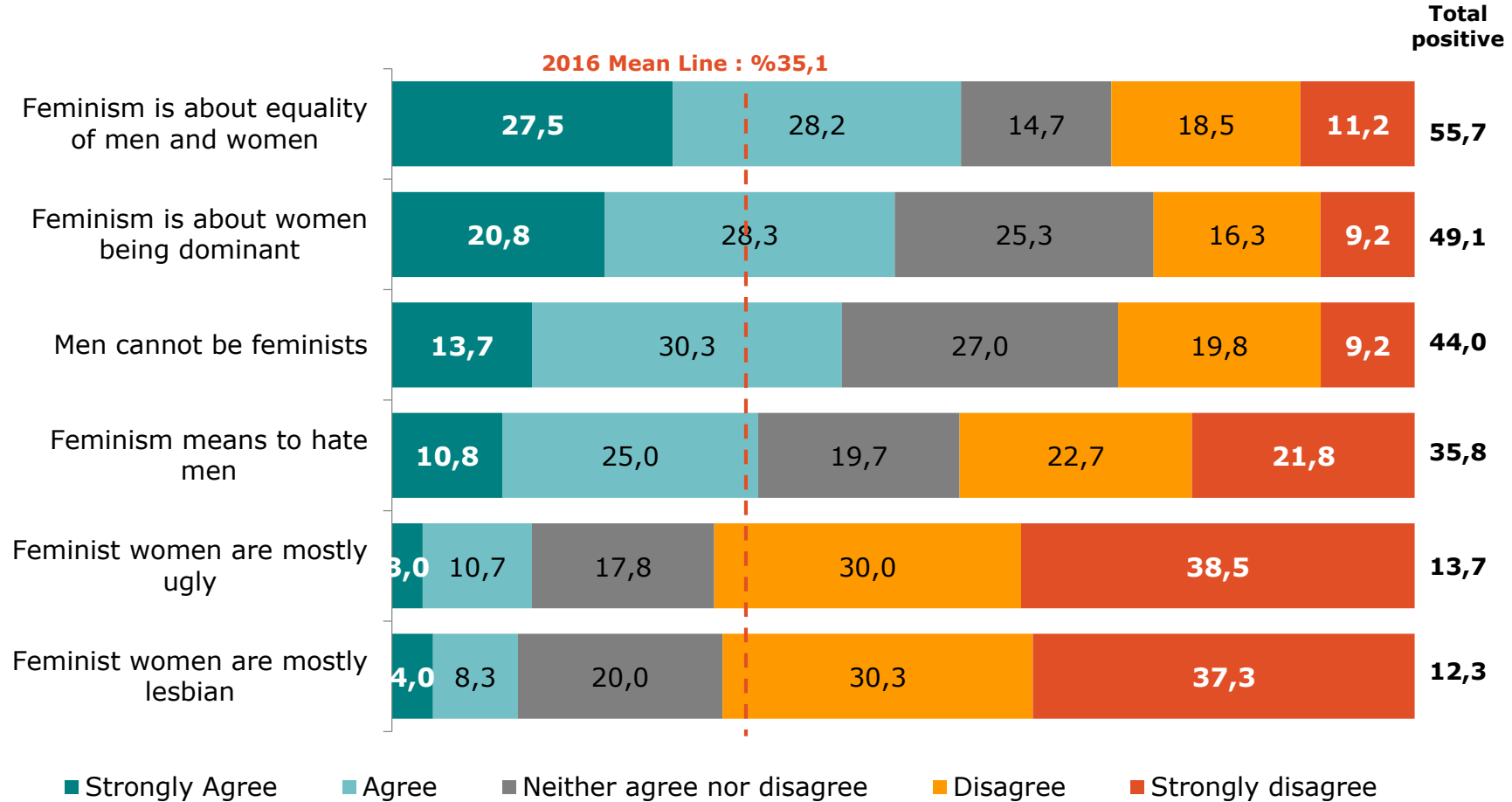
# Familiarity with the Concept of Feminism

Have you ever heard of the concept of 'Feminism'?



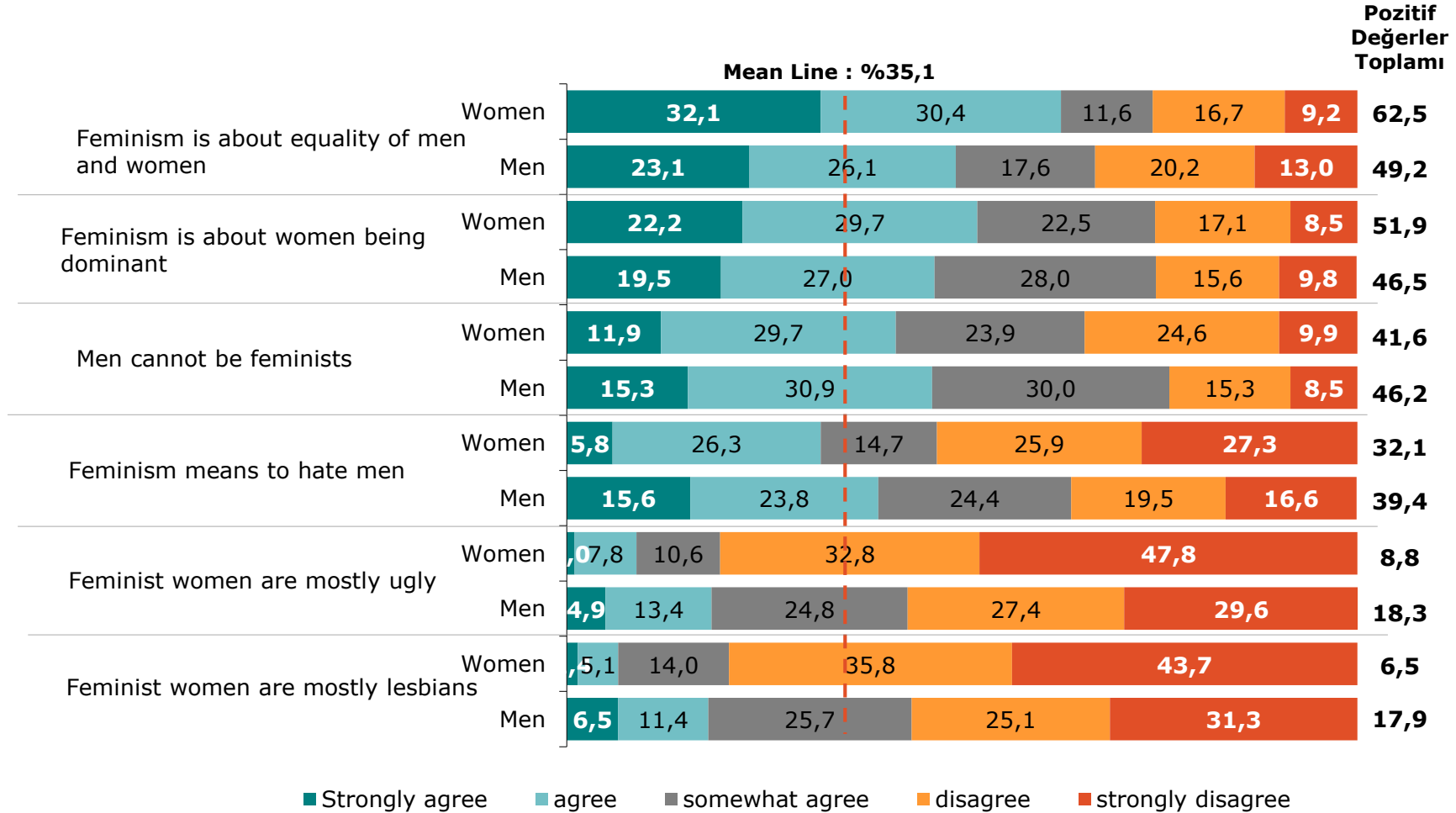
Basis: 1200

## Definition of feminism



Baz: 600

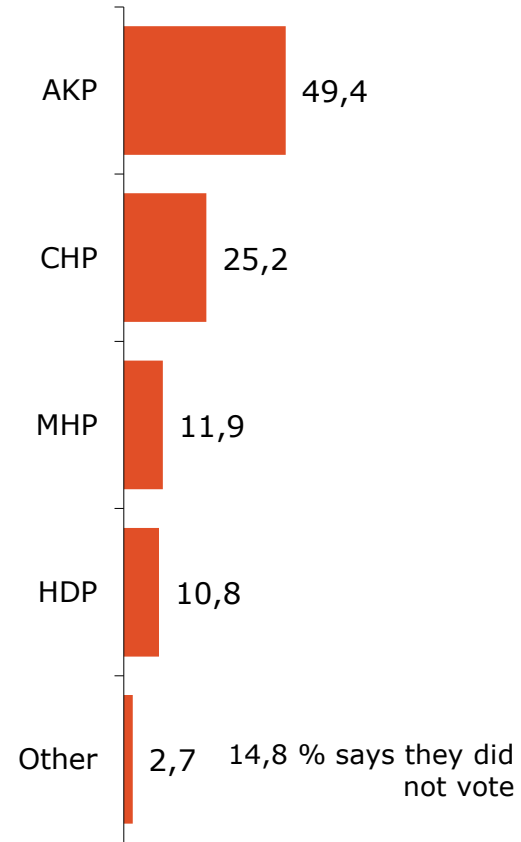
# Feminizmin Tanımı



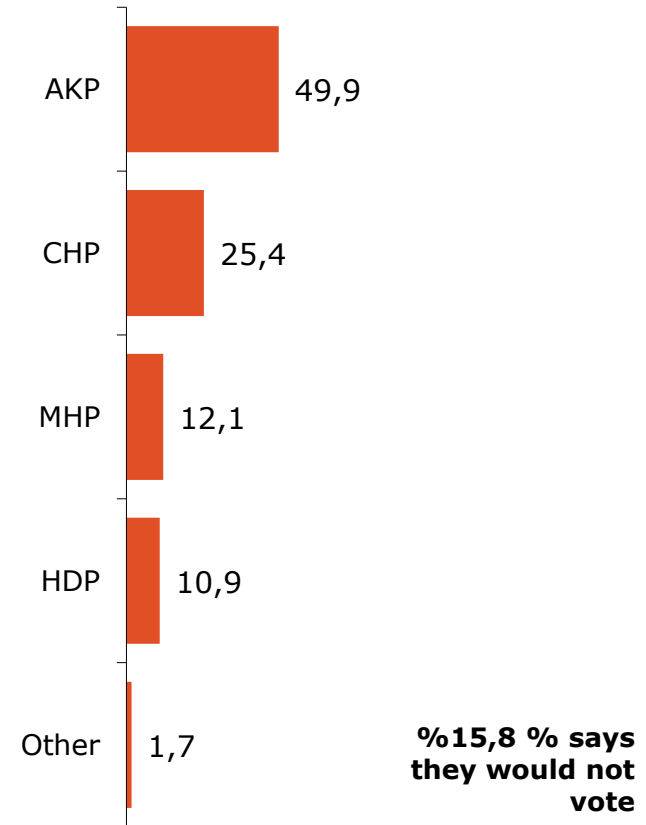
		men	Women
Basis	2015	317	319
	2016	307	293



## Votes in the last election



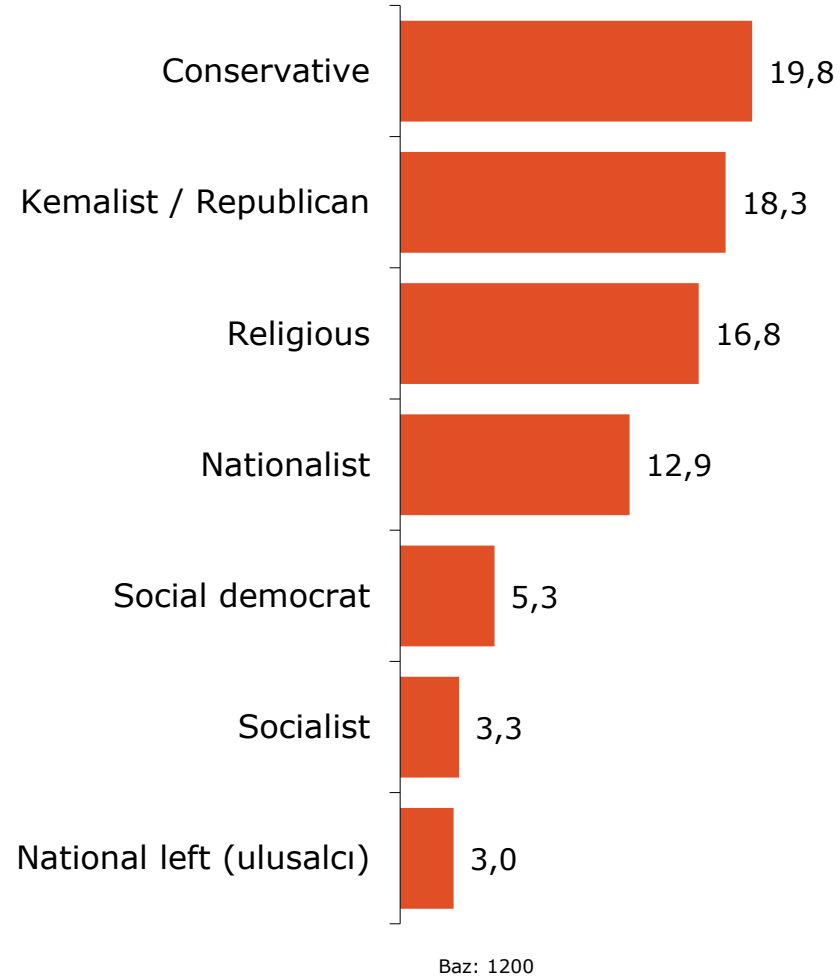
## Who would you vote for today?



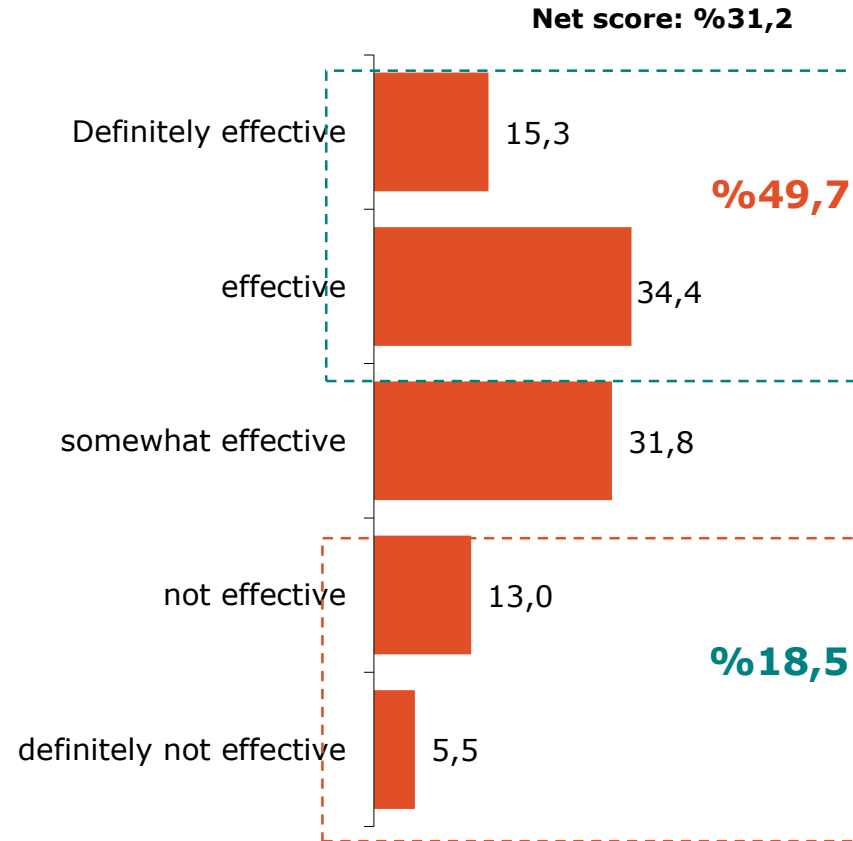
Basis:  
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# Political identity

How do you define yourself?



## The effect of gender policies of political parties on the elections



Basis: 1200

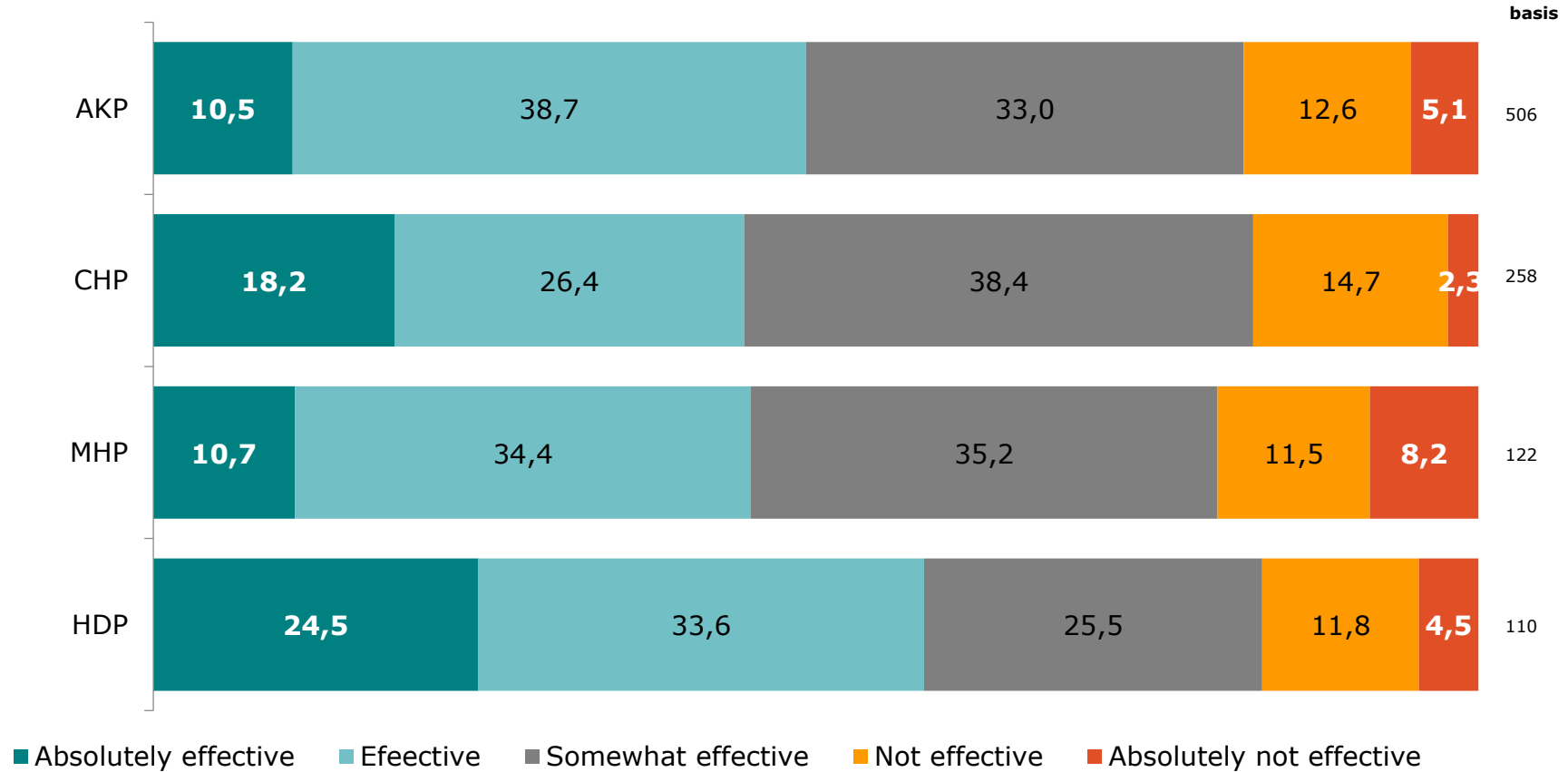
# The effects of gender policies on voting behavior



Basis	Men	Women
	600	600

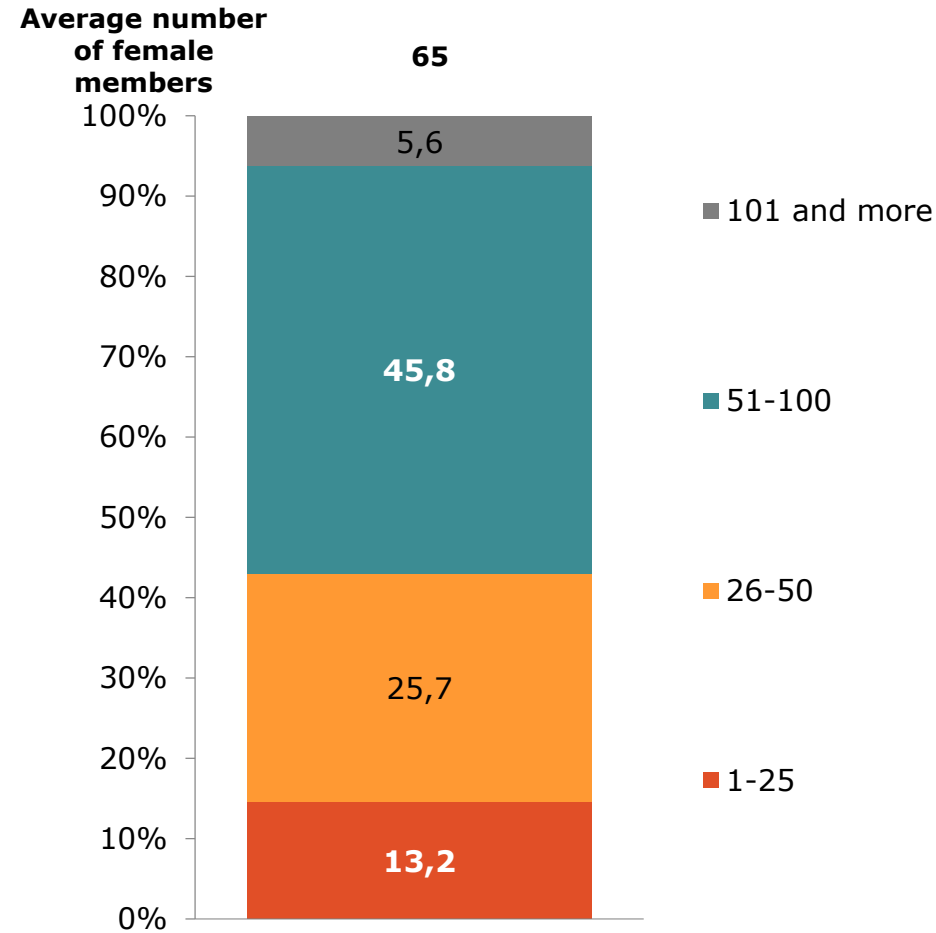
# The effect of gender policies of political parties on voting behavior

Do gender policies effect your voting behavior?



# Number of female members in the Turkish parliament

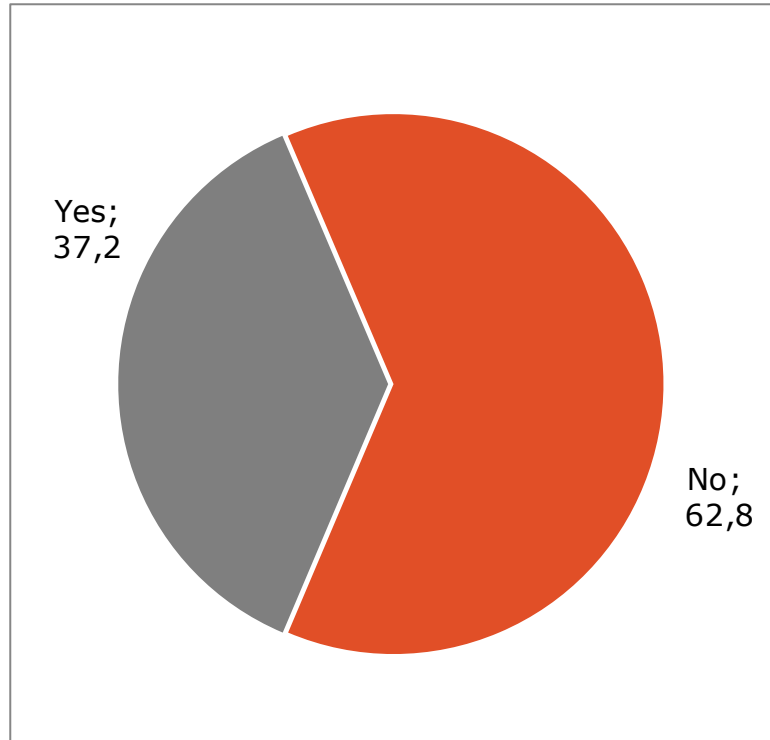
How many women do you think there are in the parliament?



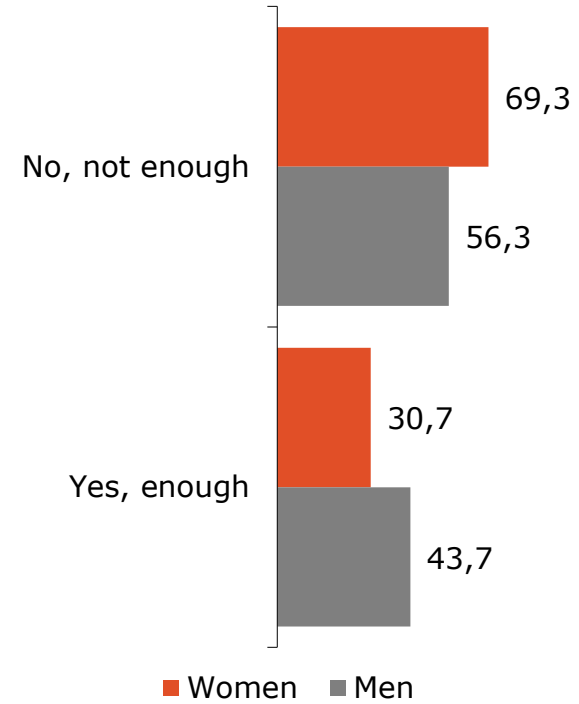
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# Sufficiency of female members in the parliament

Do you think there are enough women in the parliament?

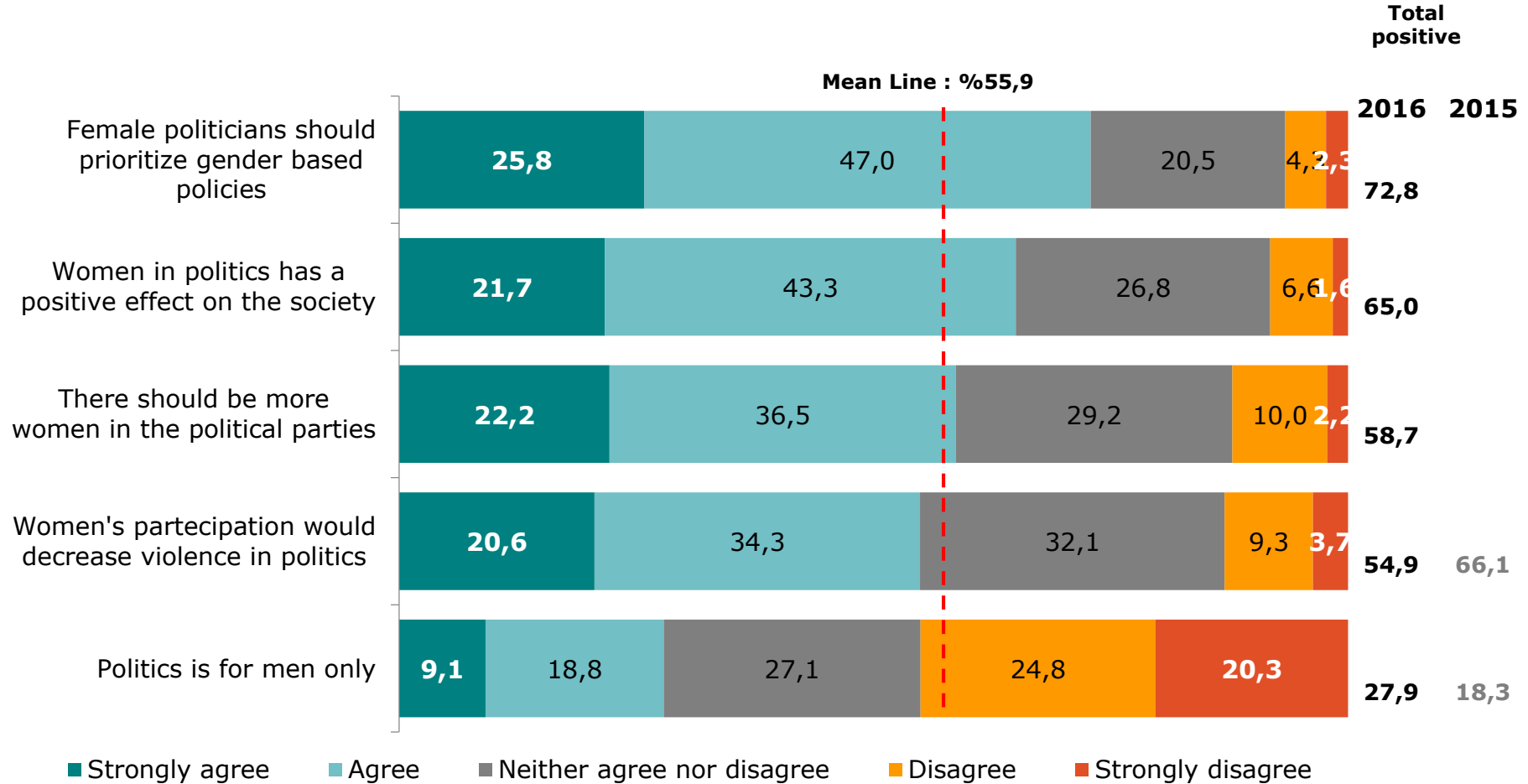


Basis:  
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Basis	men	Women
	600	600

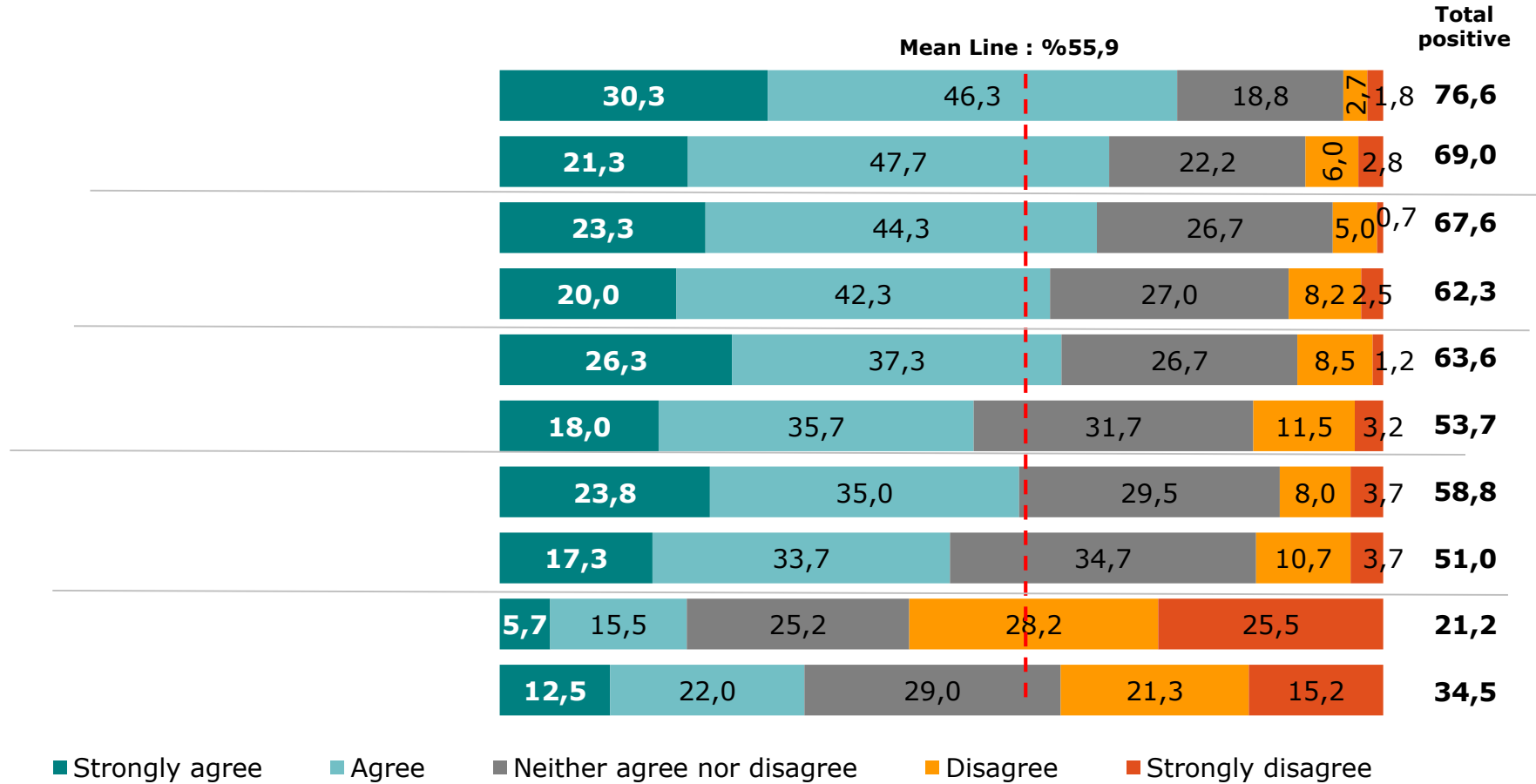
# Women's place in politics



Baz :1200

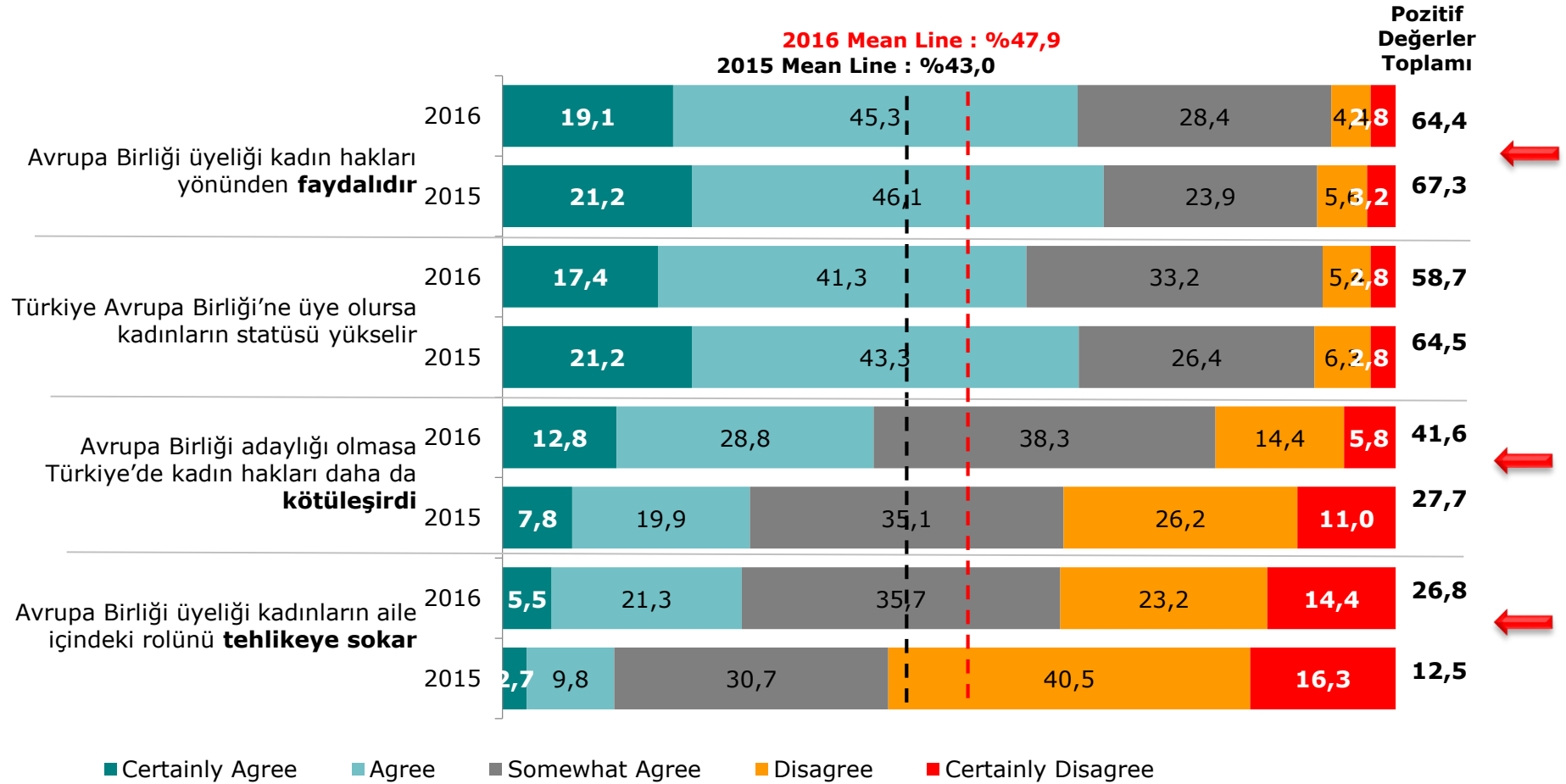


## Women's place in politics



Baz	Erkek	Kadın
	600	600

# The EU Membership and its Effect on Women's Right



Baz	2015 1000	2016 1200
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# Gender Perception Scale

## Altınova and Duyan

- Rating between 25-125
- As the rating increases, Gender Perception becomes more equitable

	Average	Standard Deviation
Woman	78,72	7,802
Man	76,09	7,549
Aggregate	77,40	7,785



# Thank You!

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