

The Worldviews of Saudi Citizens vs. Other Islamic Countries and Americans

Findings from Values Surveys

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Cultural and Political Issues

- Religion
- Gender
 - and
- Democracy

Figure 1-Participation in Religious Services

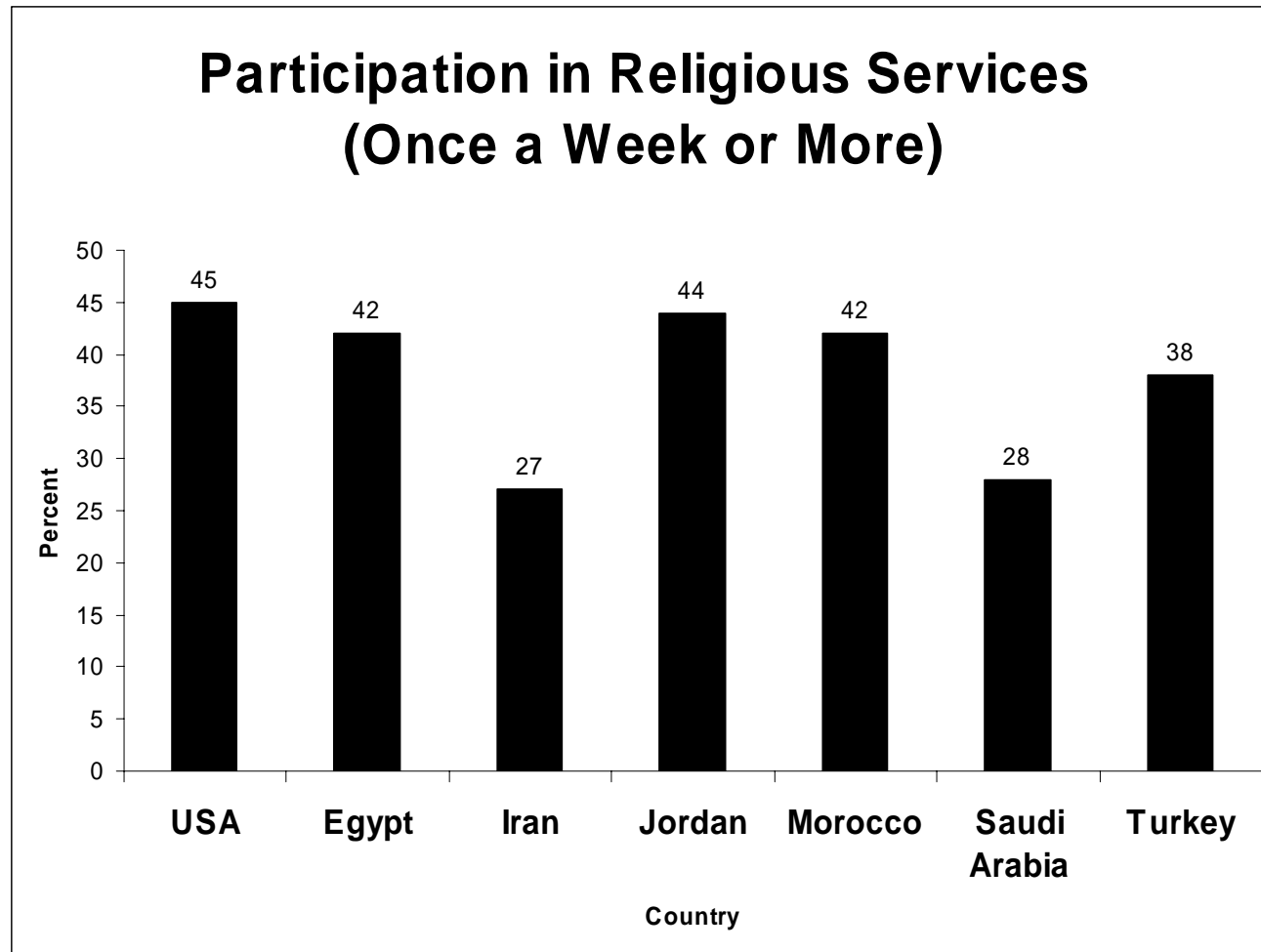


Figure 2 - Describes Self A Religious Person
(% consider themselves as religious)

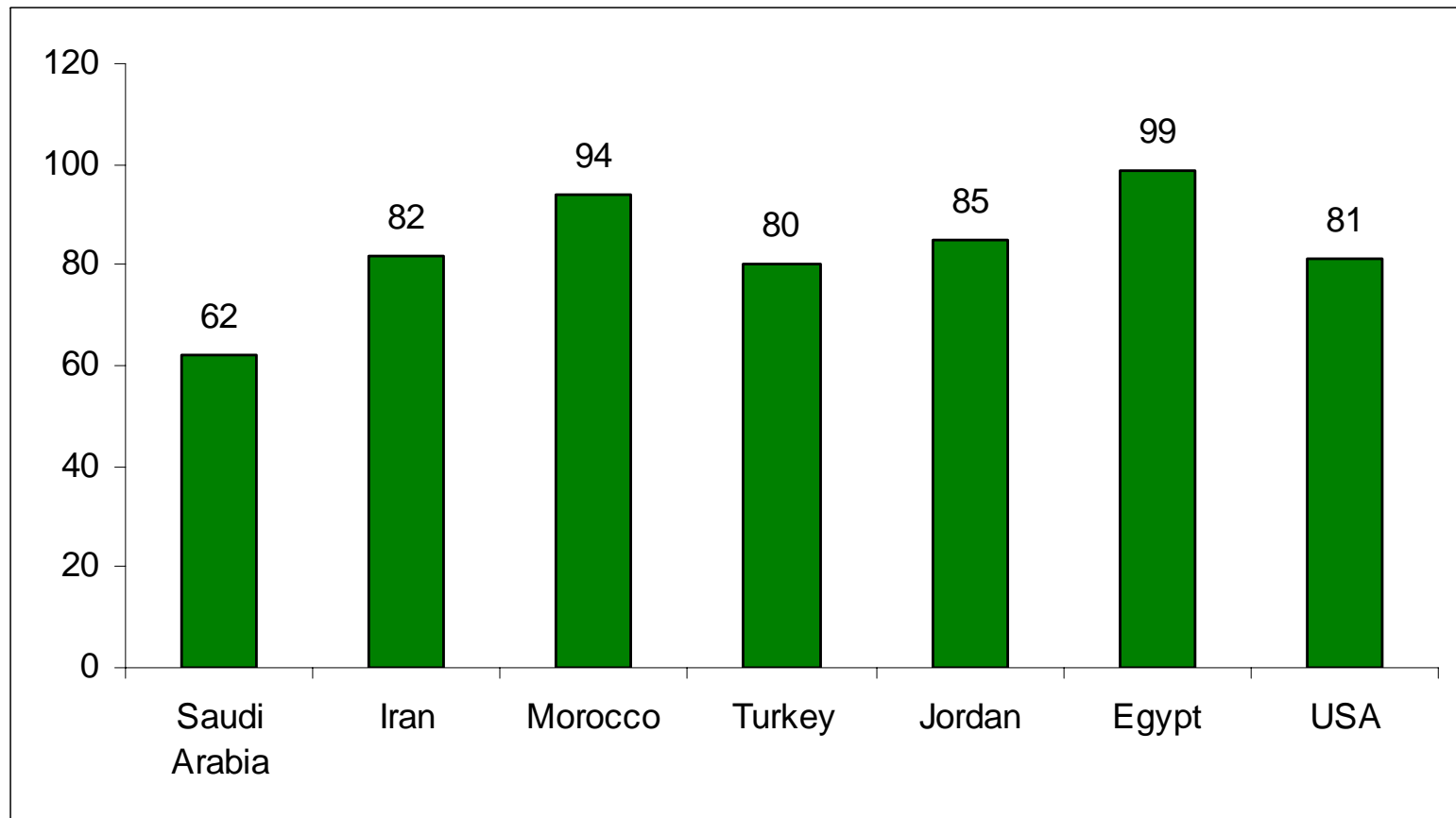


Figure 3 – Men should have more right to a job than women (agree)

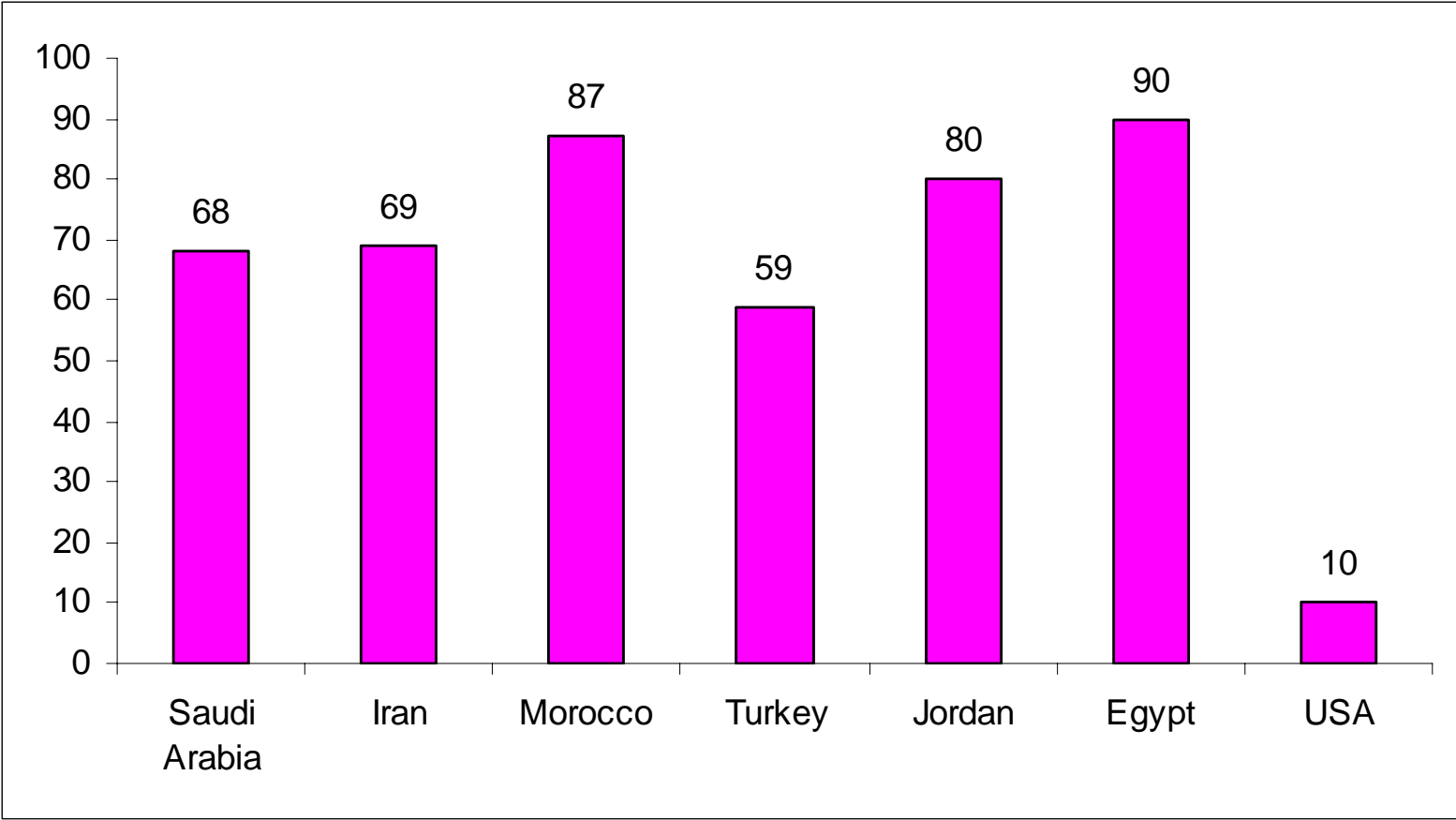


Figure 4 - Gender and Political Leadership

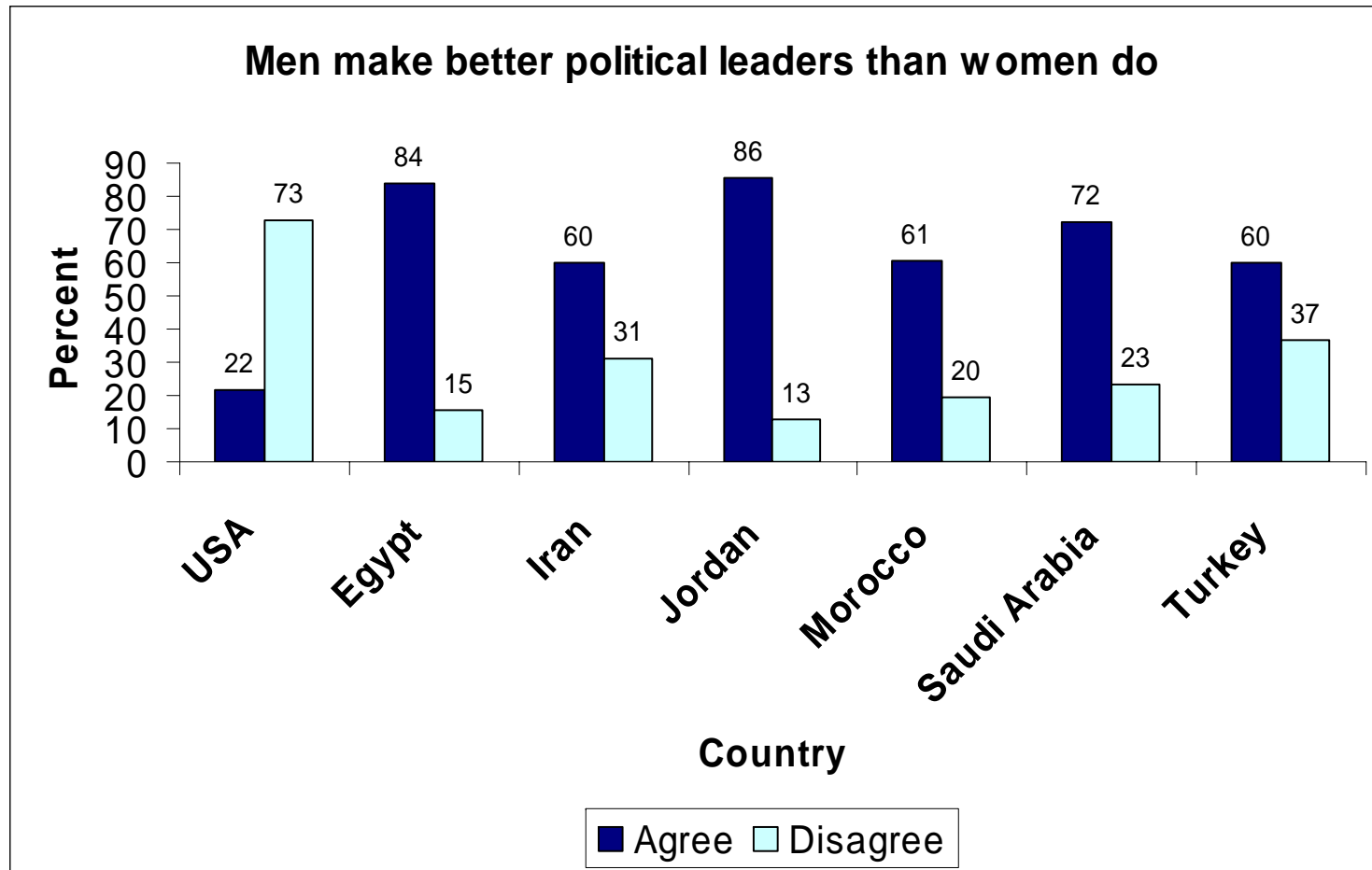


Figure 5 - Gender and University Education

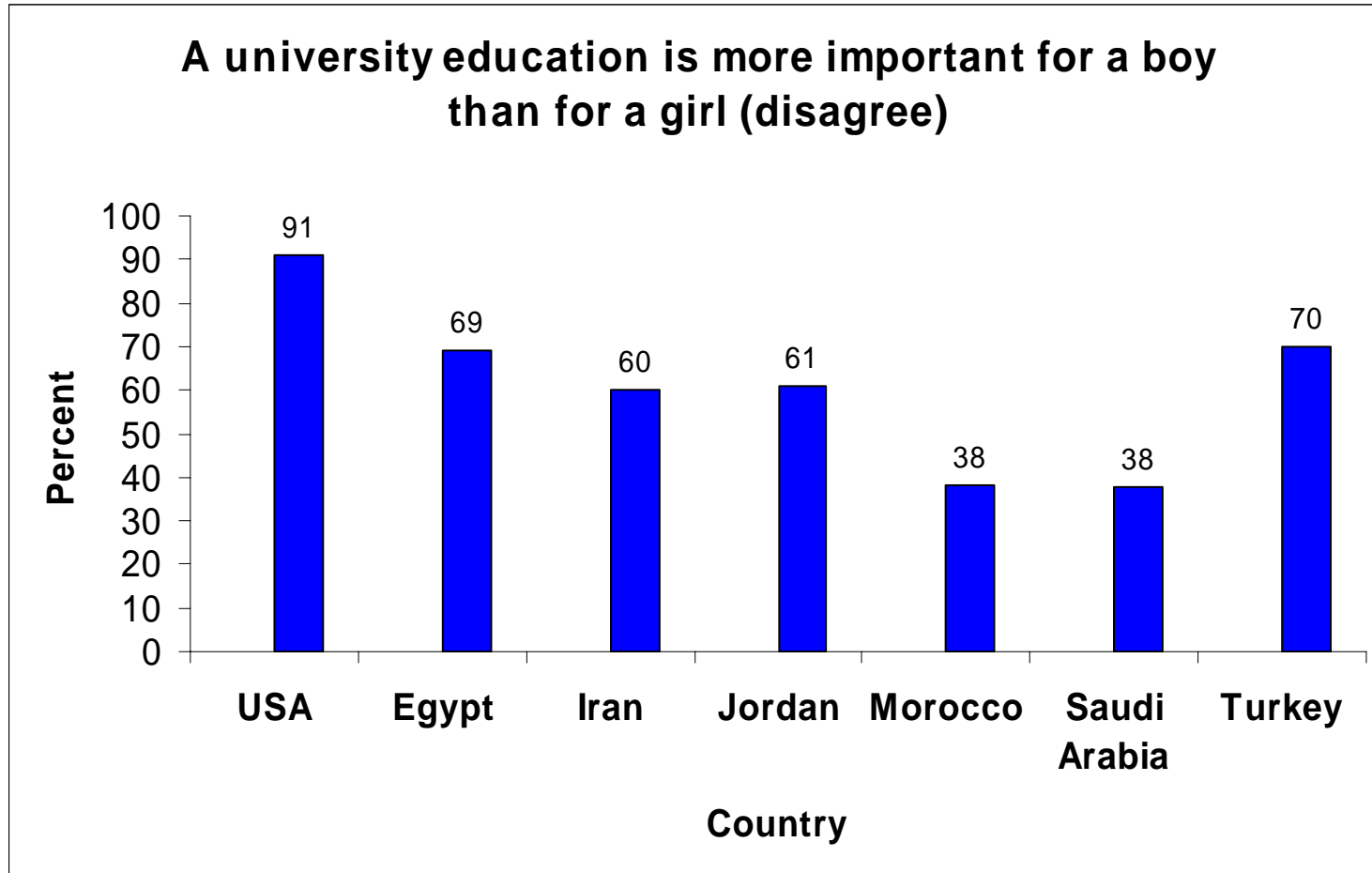


Figure 6 - A woman has to have children in order to feel fulfilled (agree).

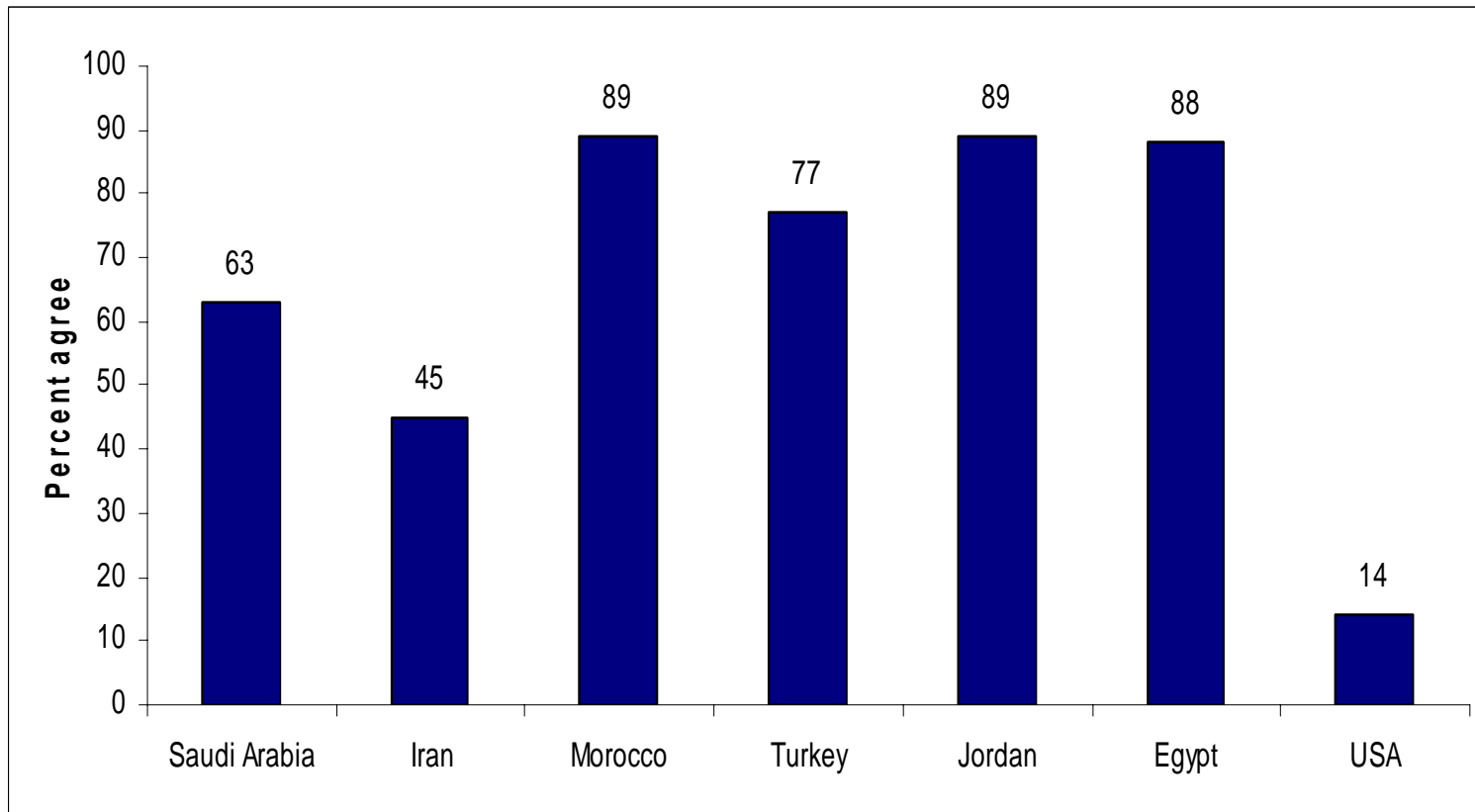


Figure 7 - A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work (agree).

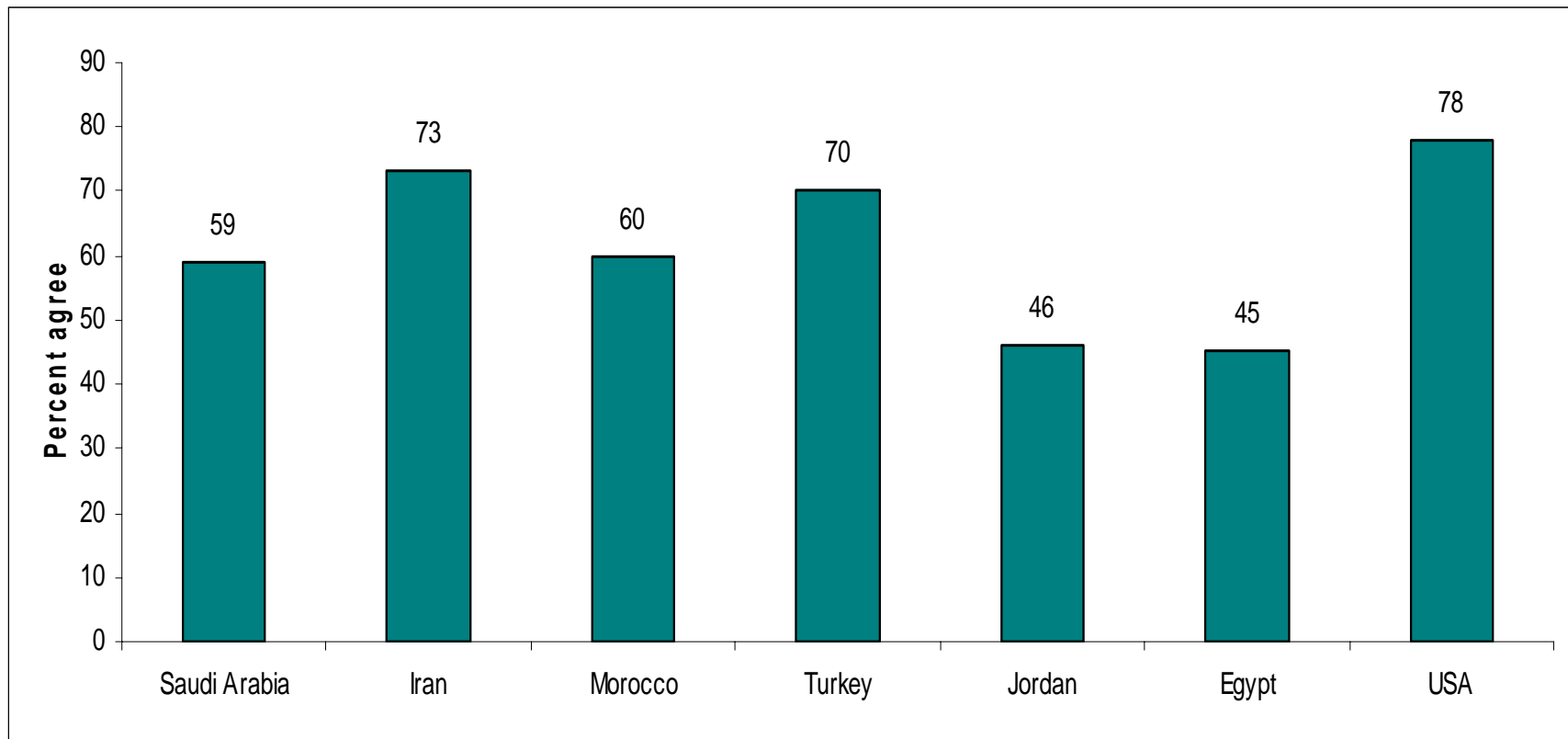


Figure 8 – Marriage is an outdated institution (agree).

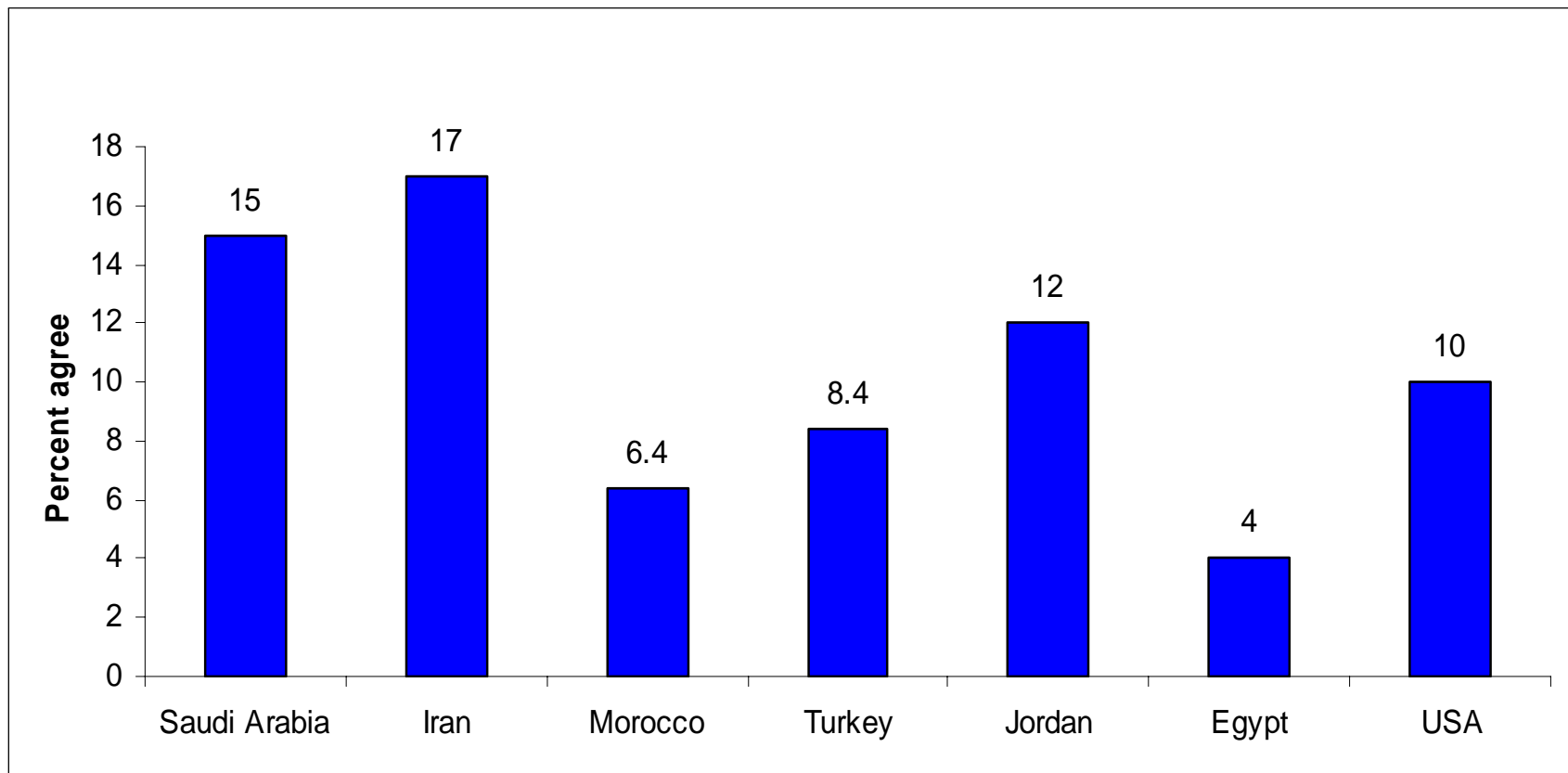


Figure 9 - The Basis for Marriage: Parental Approval Vs. Love

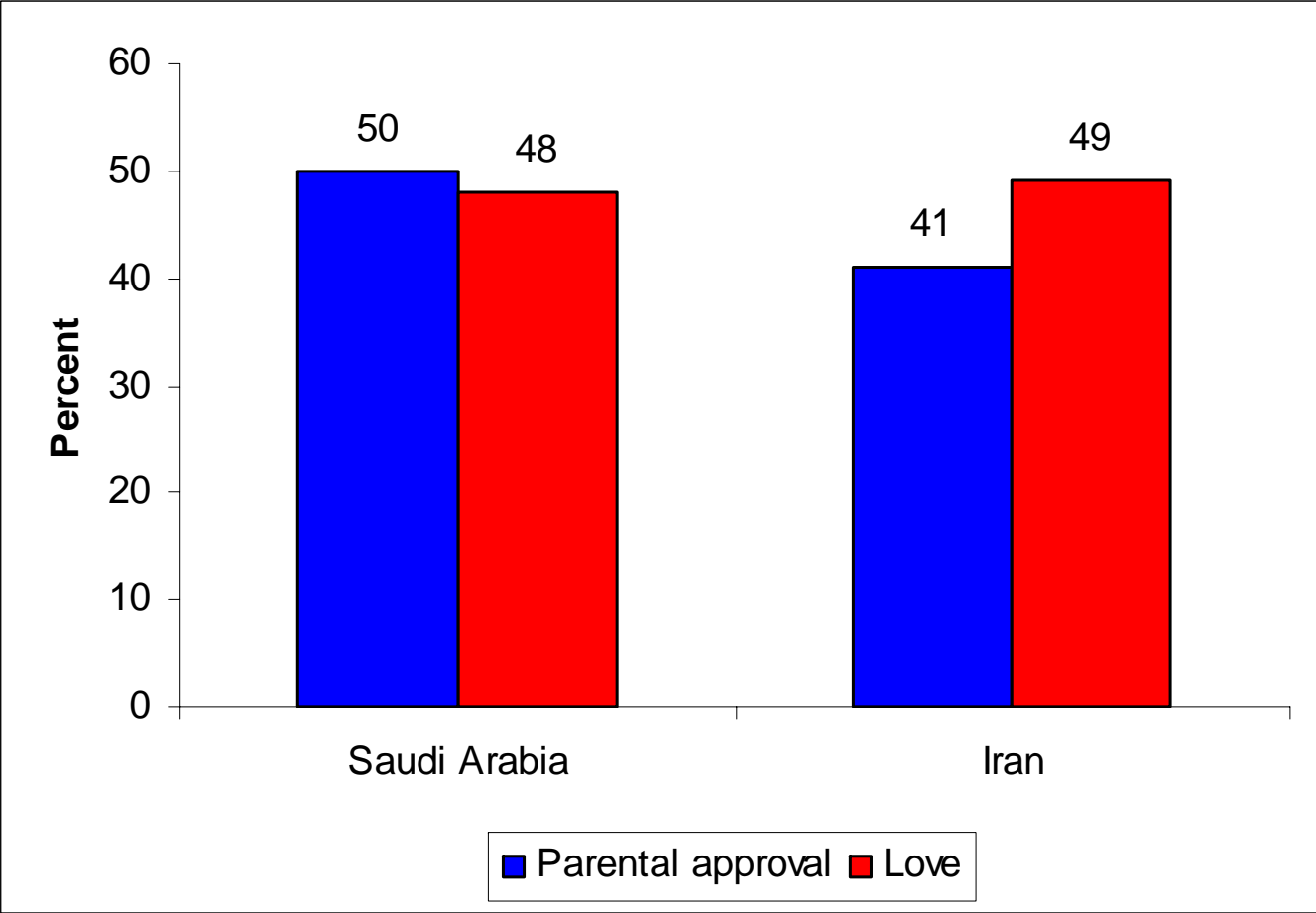


Figure 10 - Democracy is the Best Form of Government.

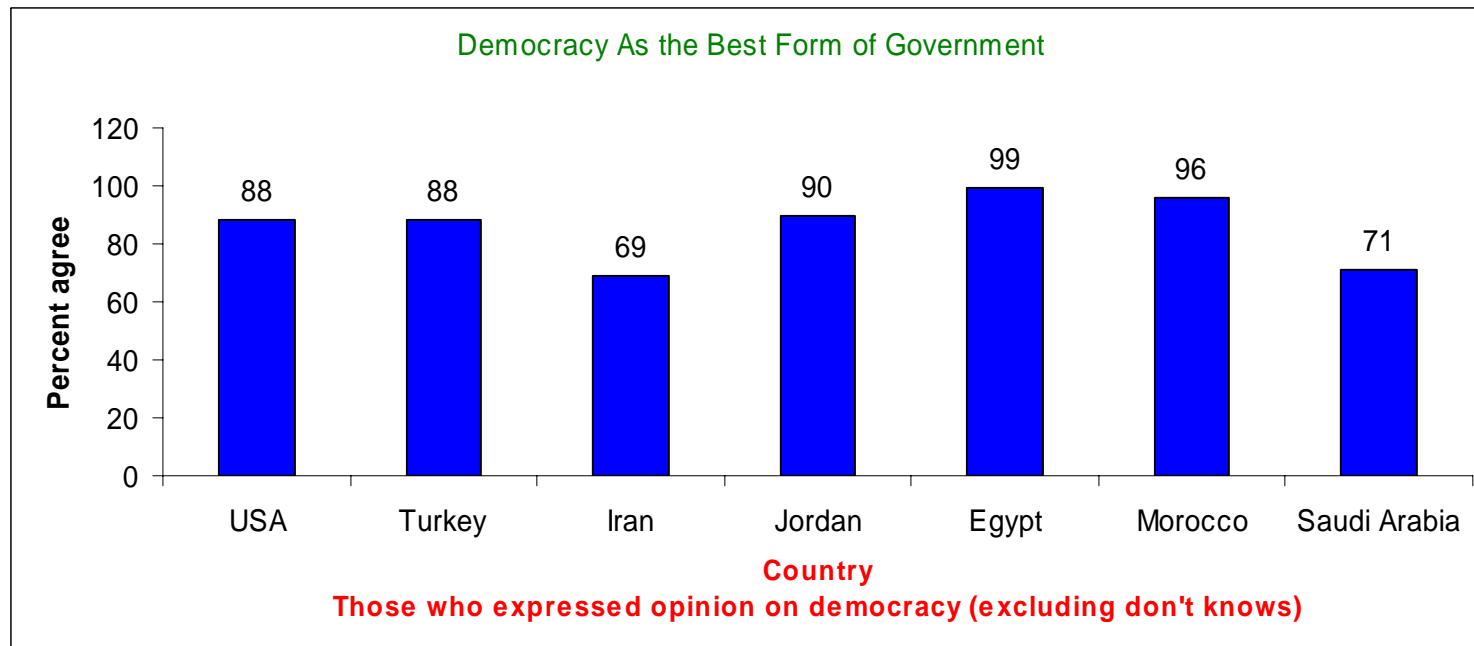
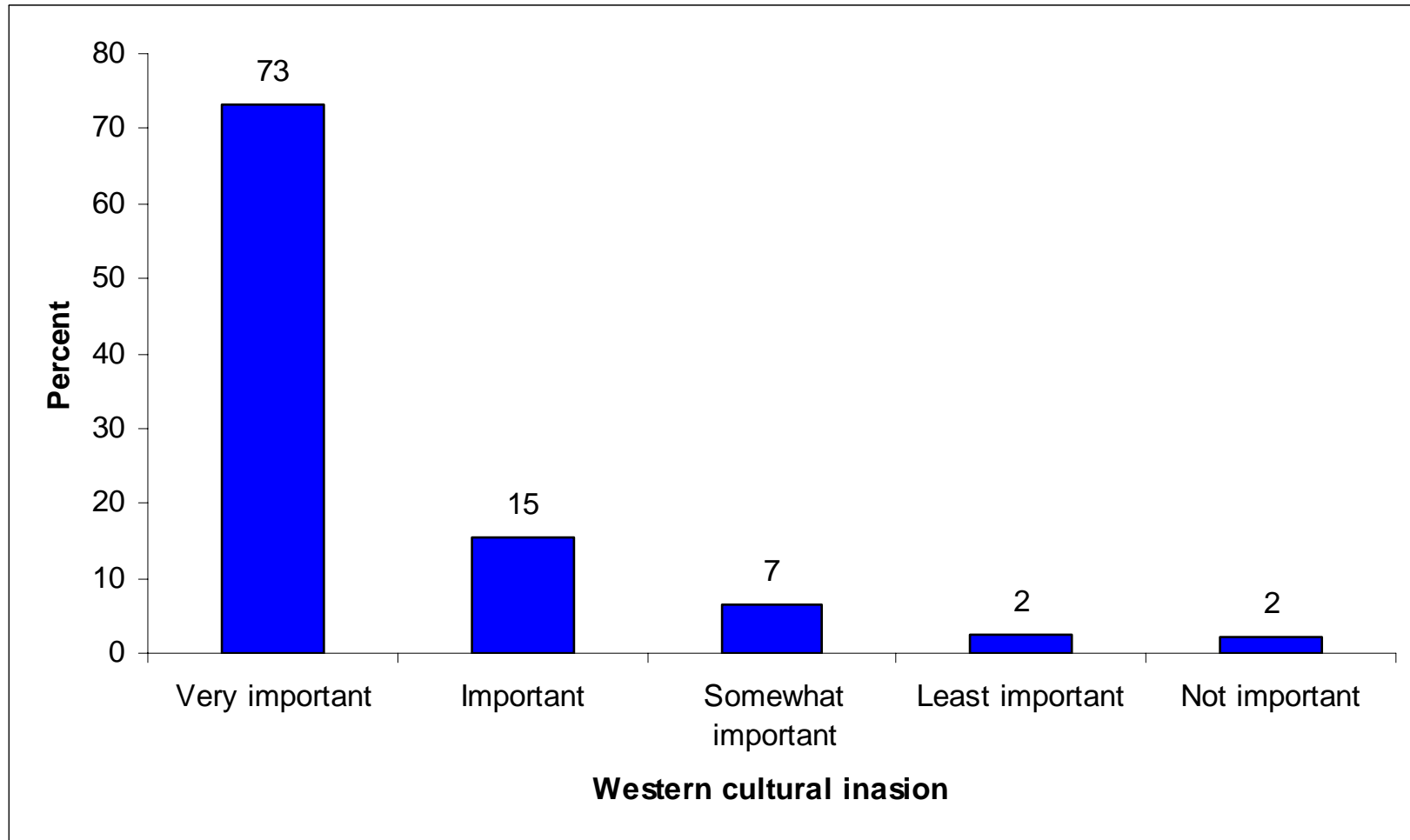


Figure 11 - How important is Western cultural invasion?



Western Cultural Invasion

The more a person is concerned with Western cultural invasion, the more that person tends to favor democracy.

Figure 12 - Private versus Government Ownership

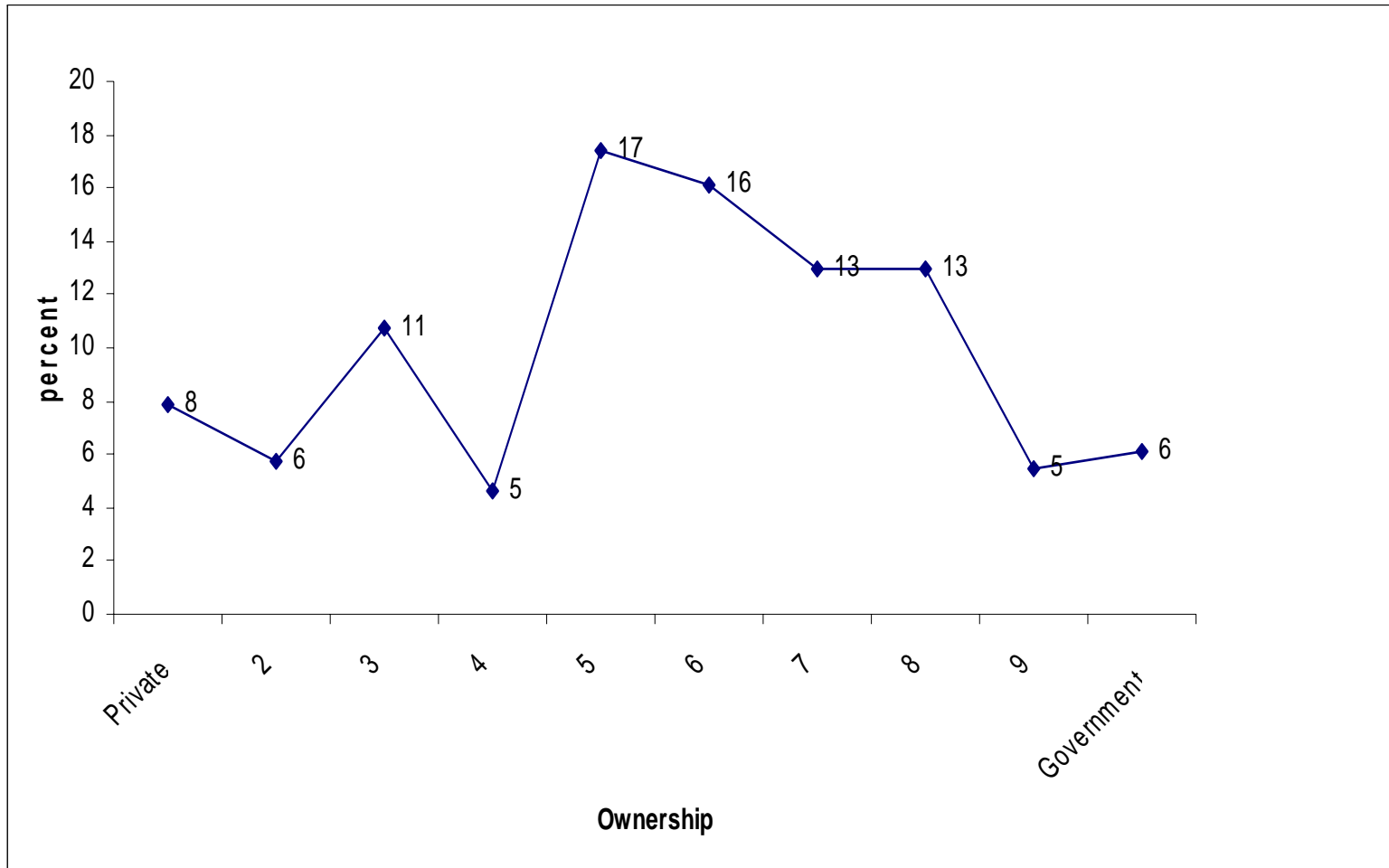
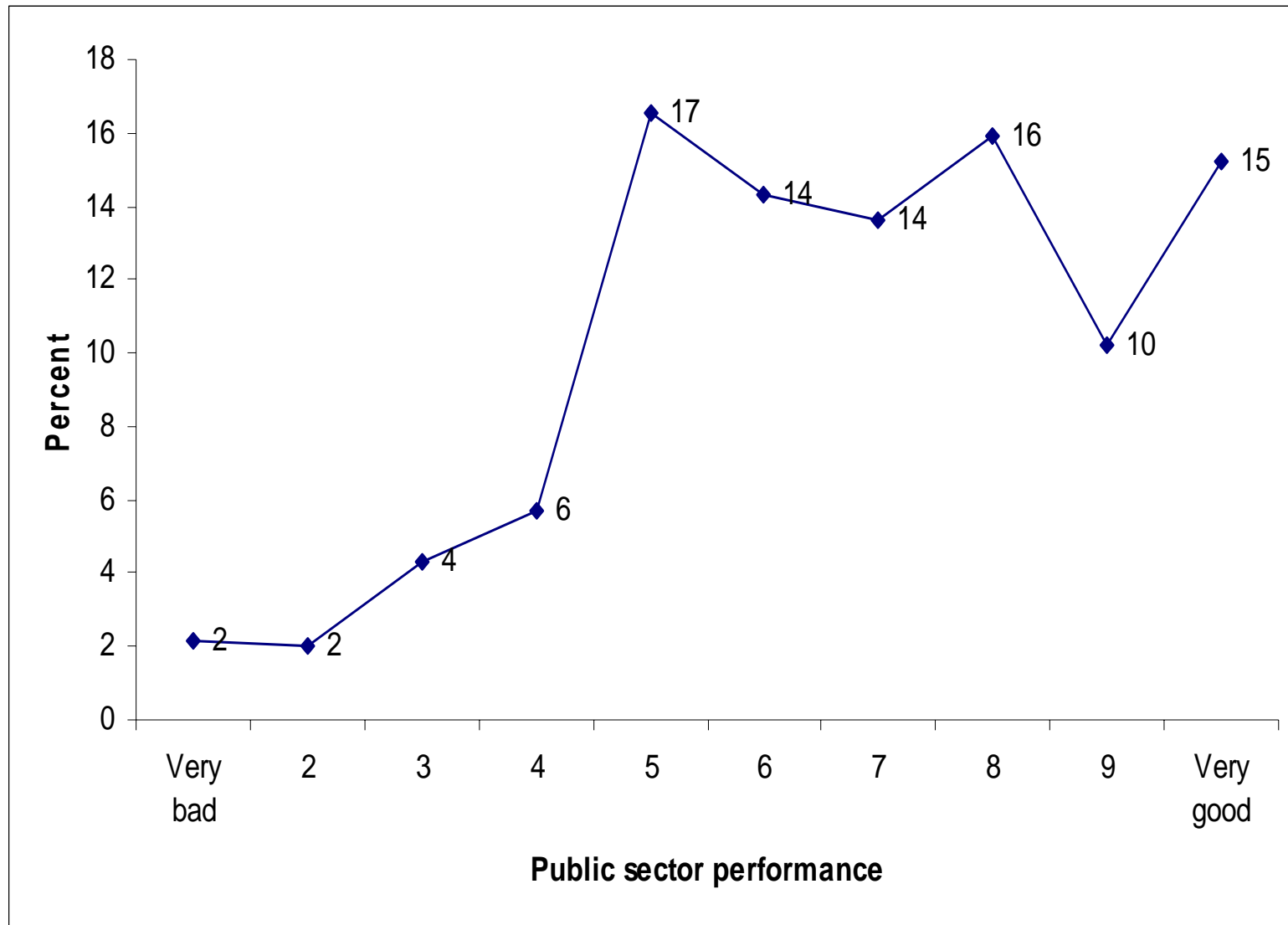


Figure 13 - Public Sector Performance



Private Property, Government Performance, and Democracy

- The more a person favors private ownership, the more that person favors democracy.
- The more a person is dissatisfied with the public sector performance, the more that person favors democracy.

Figure 14 - Religious tolerance

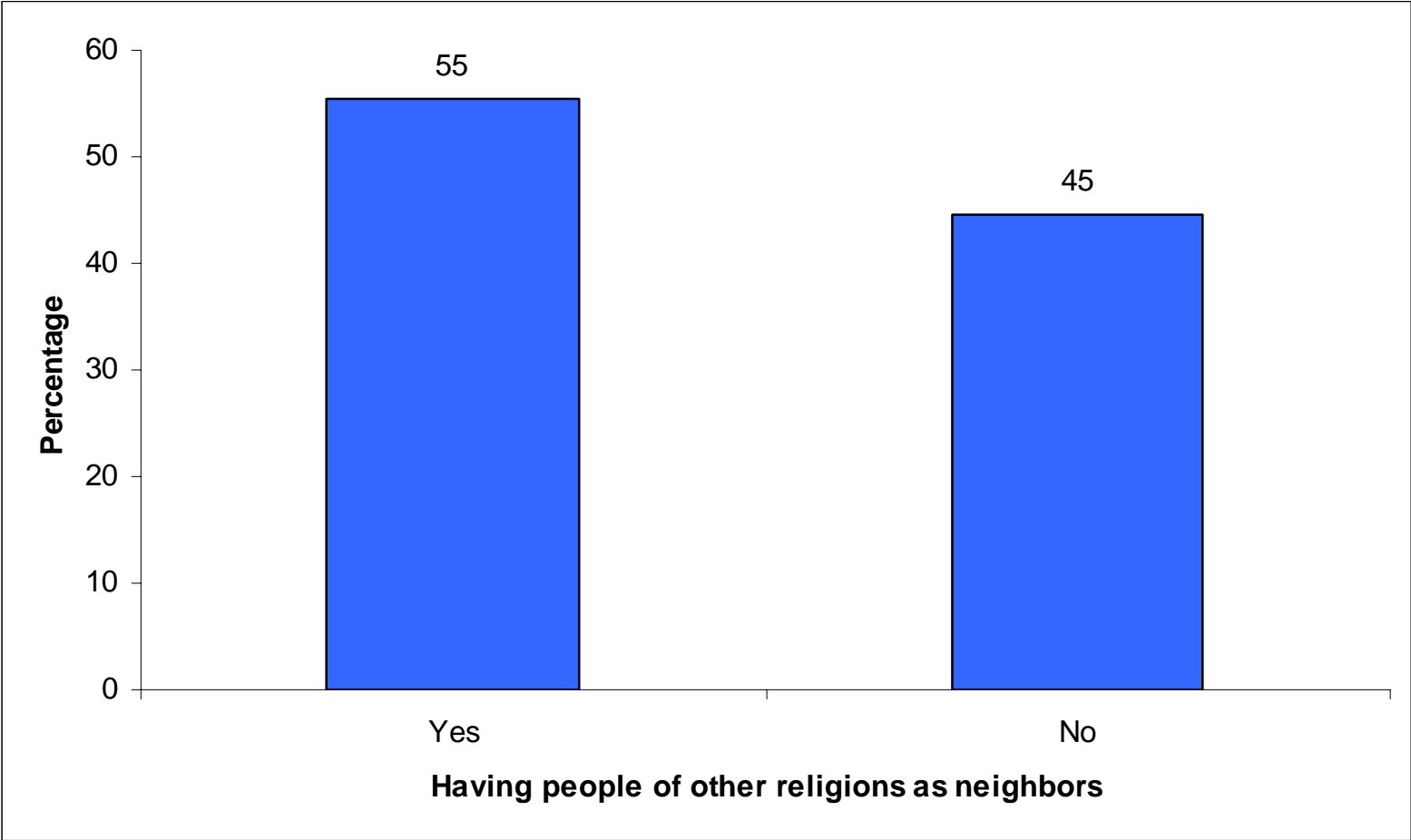
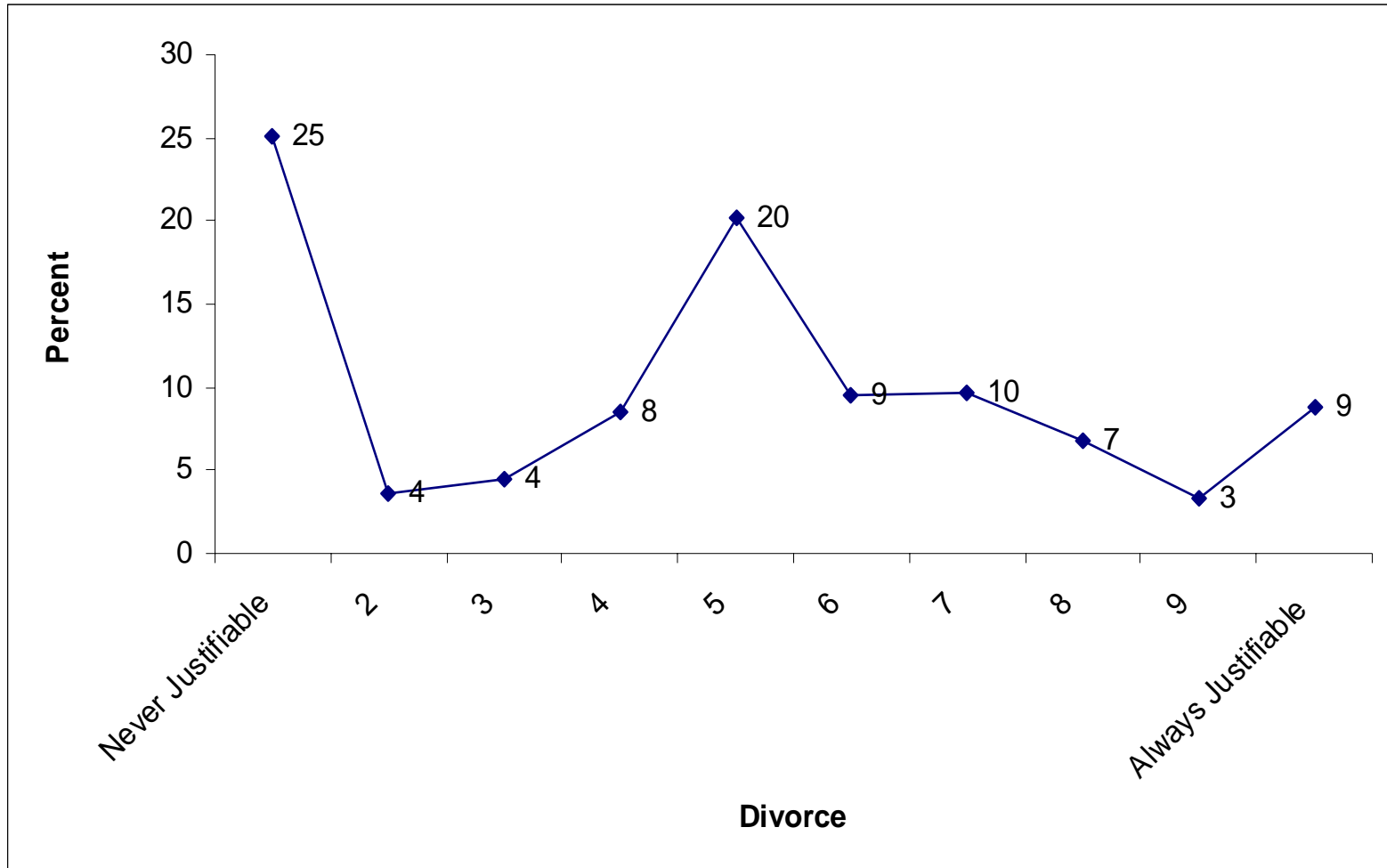


Figure 15 - Tolerance of Divorce



Tolerance and Democracy

- The higher a person's level of tolerance toward other religions, the more that person favors democracy.
- The higher a person's level of tolerance toward divorce, the more that person favors democracy.

Figure 16 - A good government implements laws according to the people's wishes

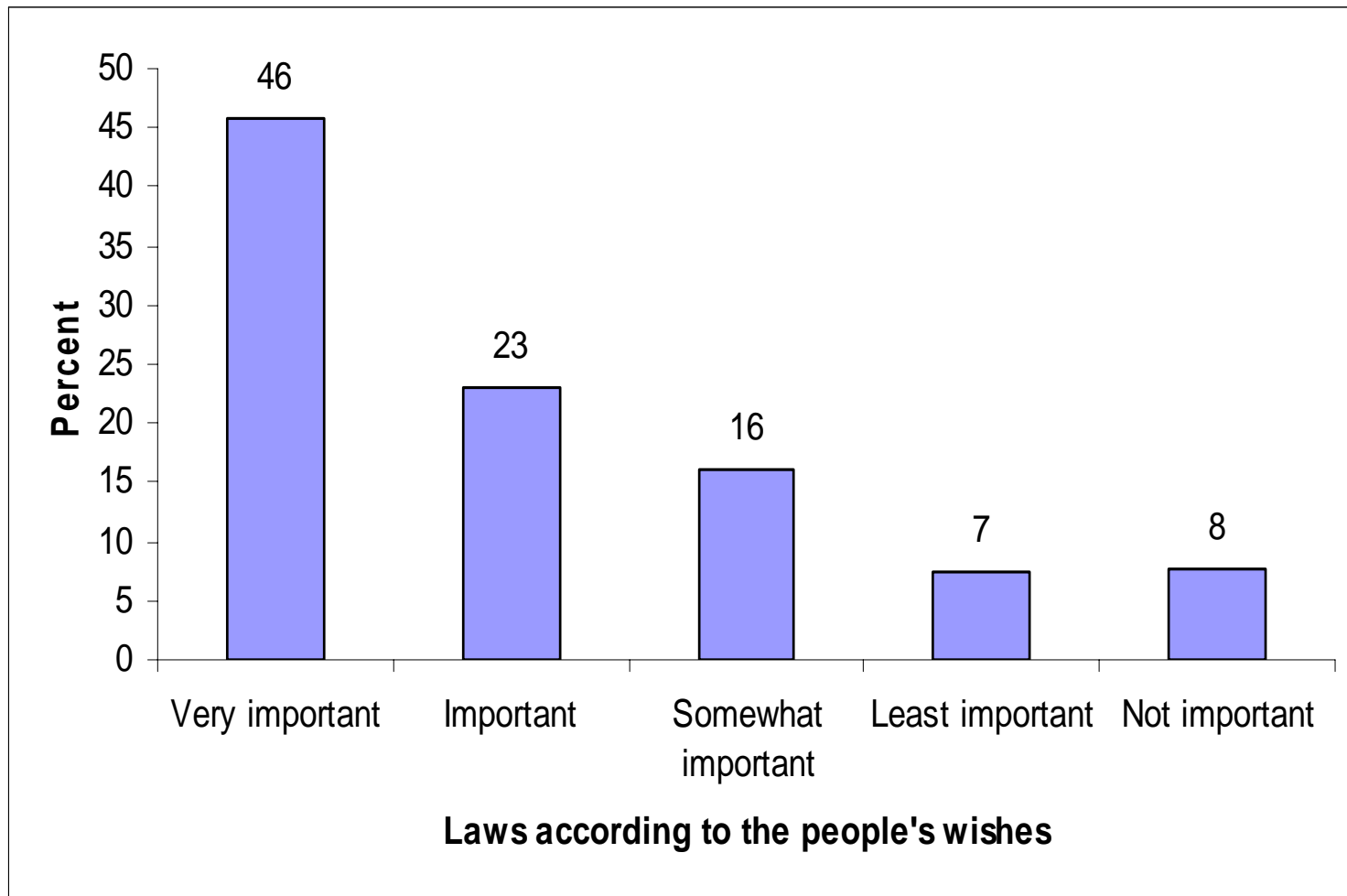
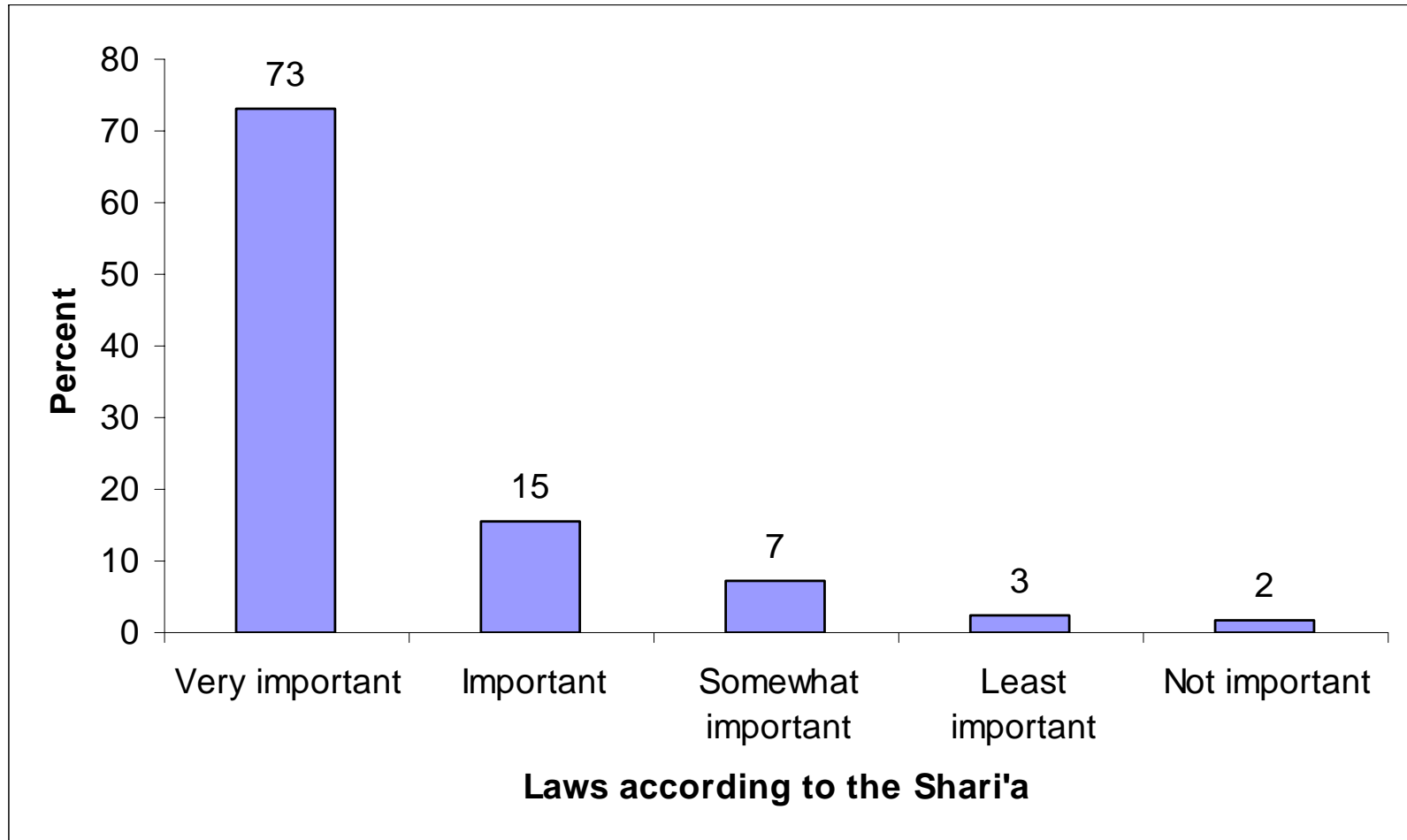


Figure 17 - A good government implements only the Shari'a



Rational Rule-Making, the Shari'a, and Democracy

- The more a person favors the formulation of laws according to people's wishes as characteristic of a good government, the more that person favors democracy.
- The more a person favors the implementation of the Shari'a as characteristic of a good government, the less that person favors democracy.

Religiosity and Democracy

- The more a person participates in mosques services, the less that person supports democracy.
- The more a person performs daily prayer, the less that person supports democracy.

Socioeconomic Status and Democracy

- The higher a person's subjective class identification, the more that person favors democracy.
- The higher a person income, the less that person favors democracy.