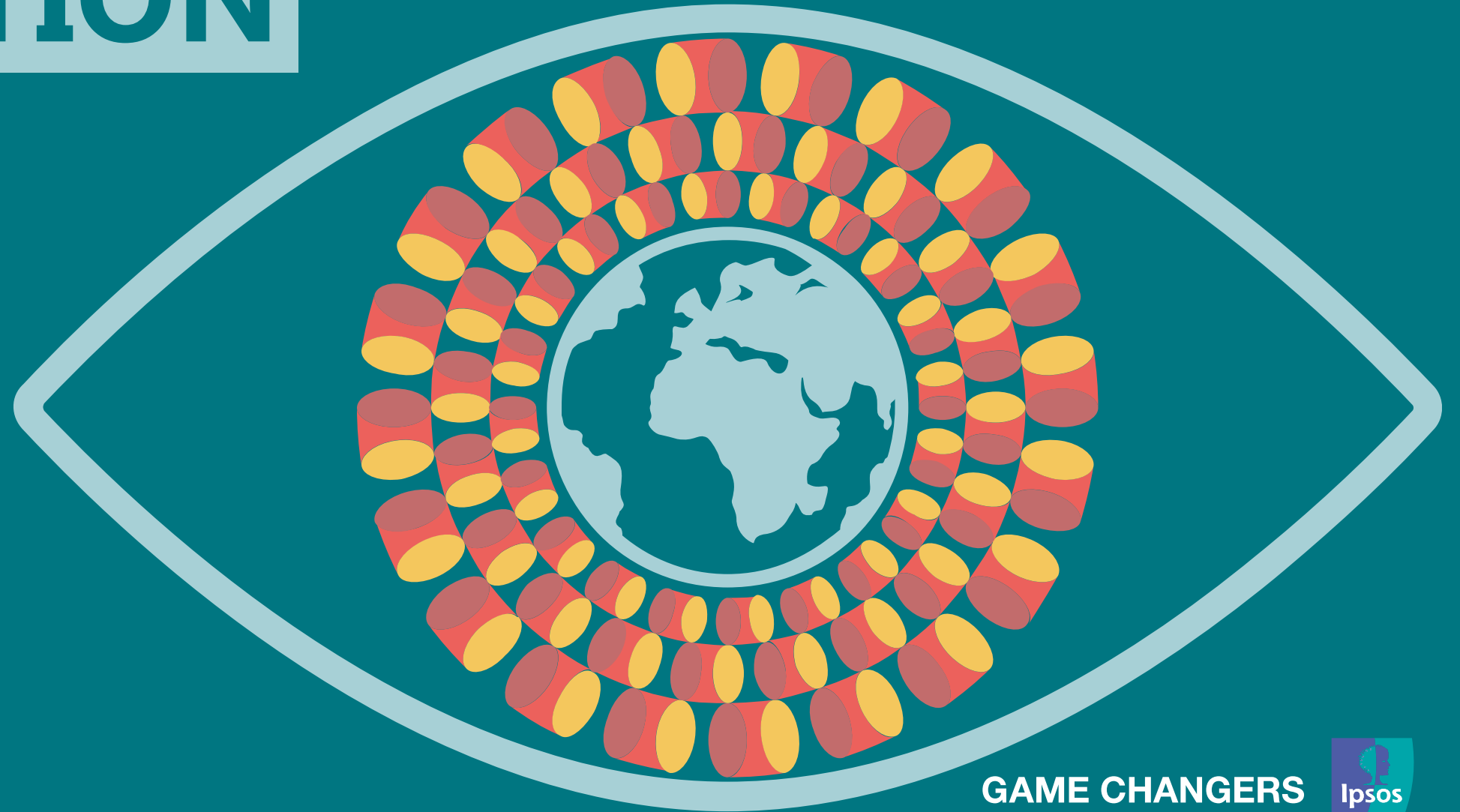


PERILS OF PERCEPTION

2016

A 40-COUNTRY STUDY



GAME CHANGERS



THESE ARE THE LATEST FINDINGS FROM THE IPSOS PERILS OF PERCEPTION SURVEY. THE RESULTS HIGHLIGHT HOW WRONG PEOPLE ACROSS 40 COUNTRIES ARE ABOUT SOME KEY ISSUES AND FEATURES OF THE POPULATION IN THEIR COUNTRY.

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**OUT OF EVERY 100 PEOPLE
ABOUT HOW MANY DO
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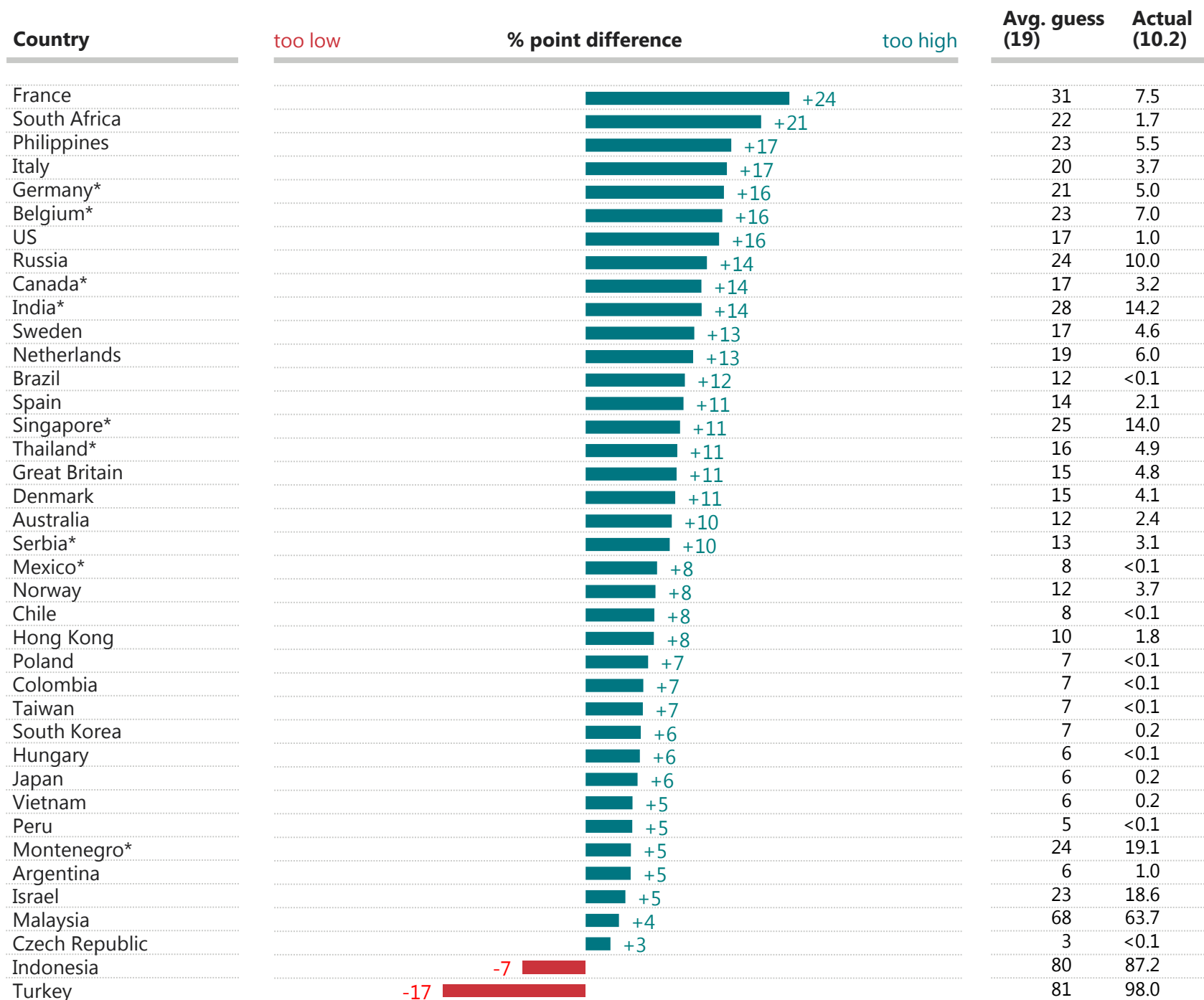
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Out of every 100 people, about how many do you think are Muslim?

Nearly all countries overestimate their Muslim population, and many are extraordinarily wrong.



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**THINKING ABOUT 2020,
OUT OF EVERY 100 PEOPLE
ABOUT HOW MANY DO
YOU THINK WILL BE
MUSLIM?**

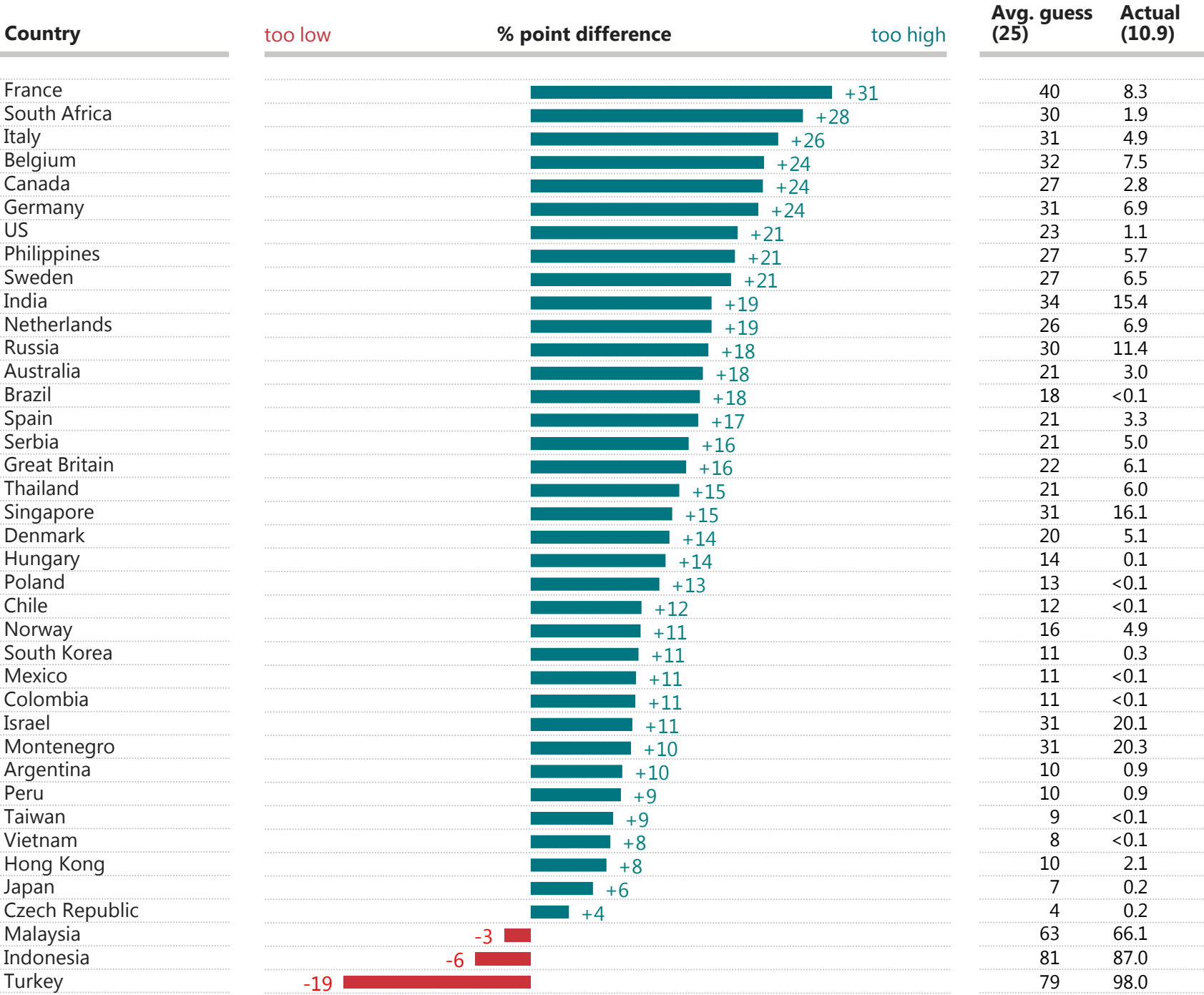
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Now thinking about 2020, out of every 100 people, about how many do you think will be Muslim?

Nearly every country thinks their Muslim population will grow much more than is projected.



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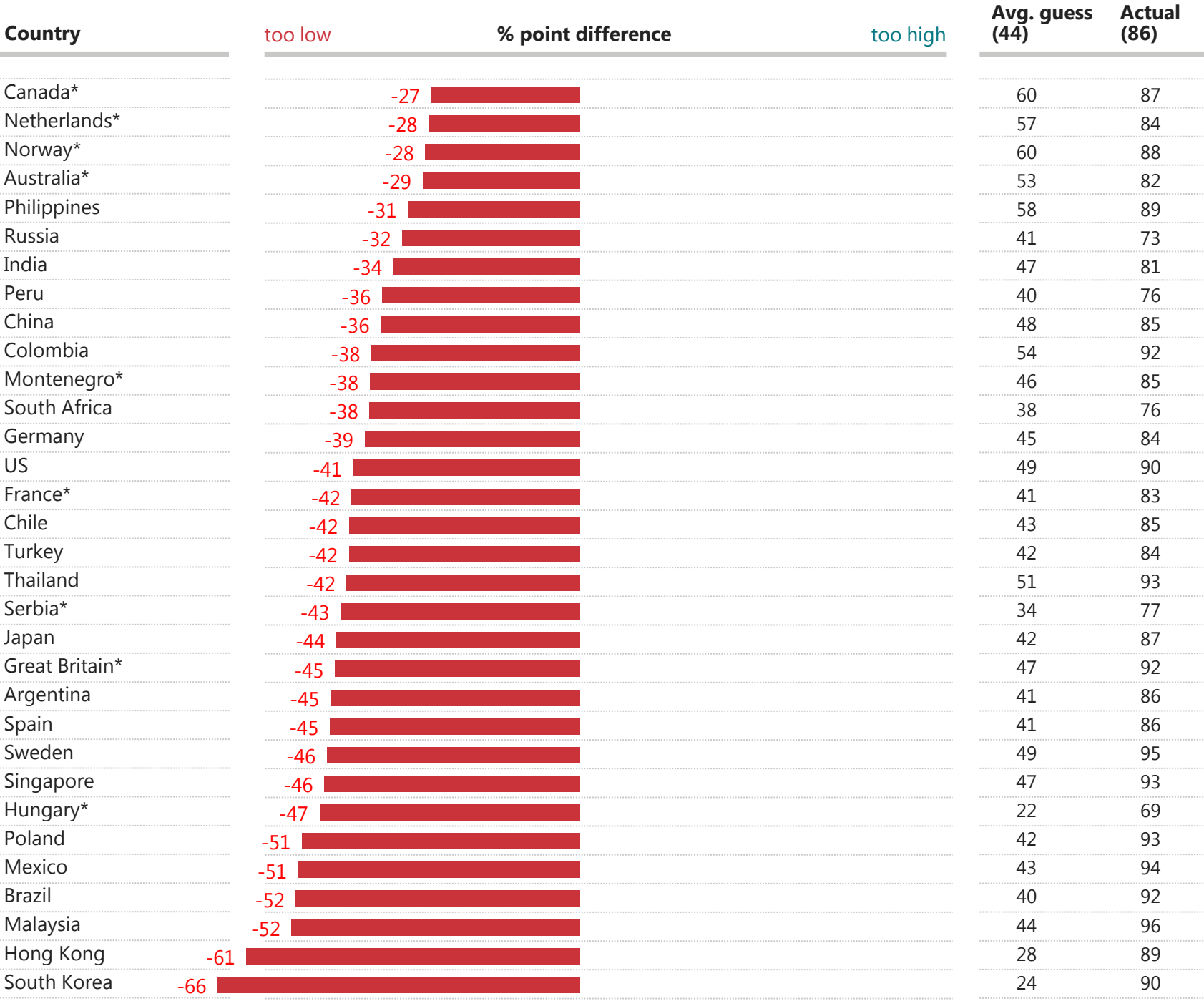


WHEN ASKED IN A SURVEY,
WHAT PERCENTAGE OF
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SAID THAT
THEY ARE HAPPY?

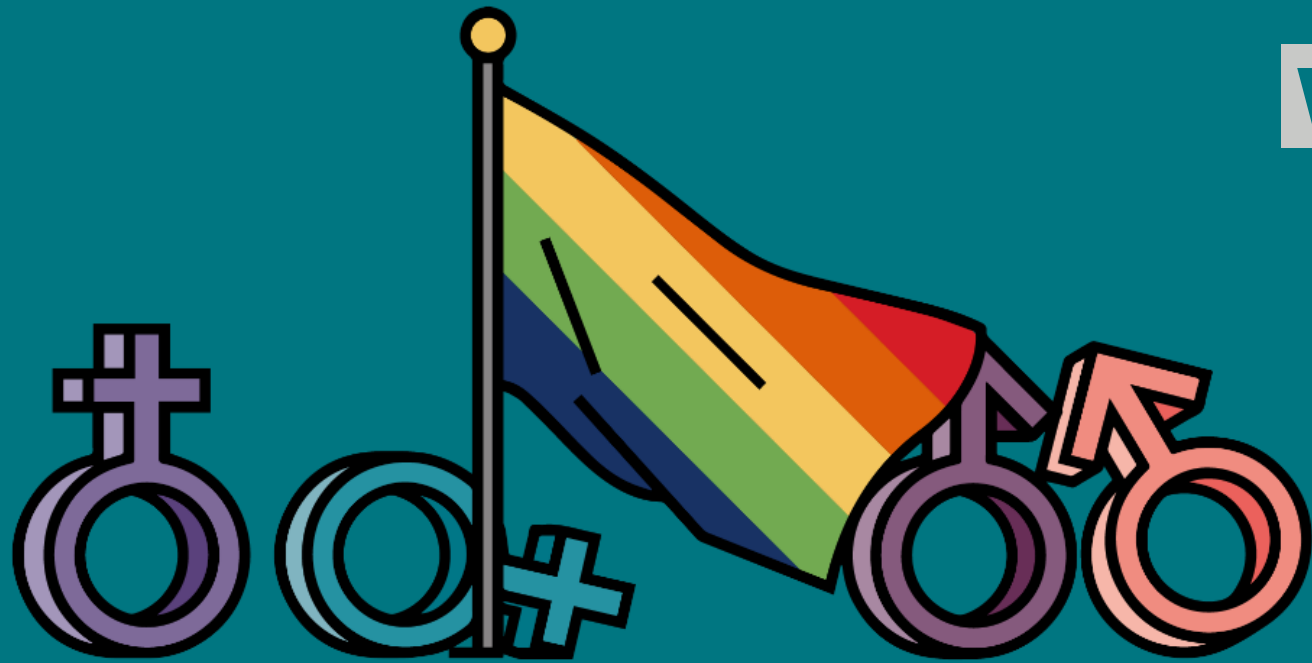


When asked in a survey, what percentage of people do you think said that, taking all things together, they are very happy or rather happy?

Every country thinks people are much less happy than they say they are.



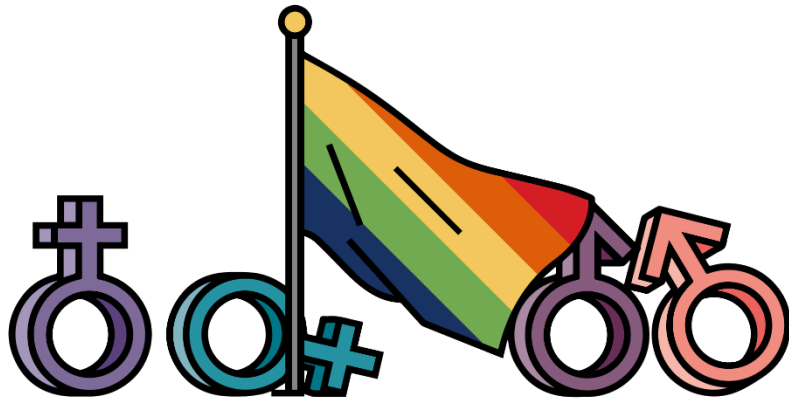
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**WHEN ASKED IN A SURVEY,
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PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT
HOMOSEXUALITY IS
MORALLY UNACCEPTABLE?**

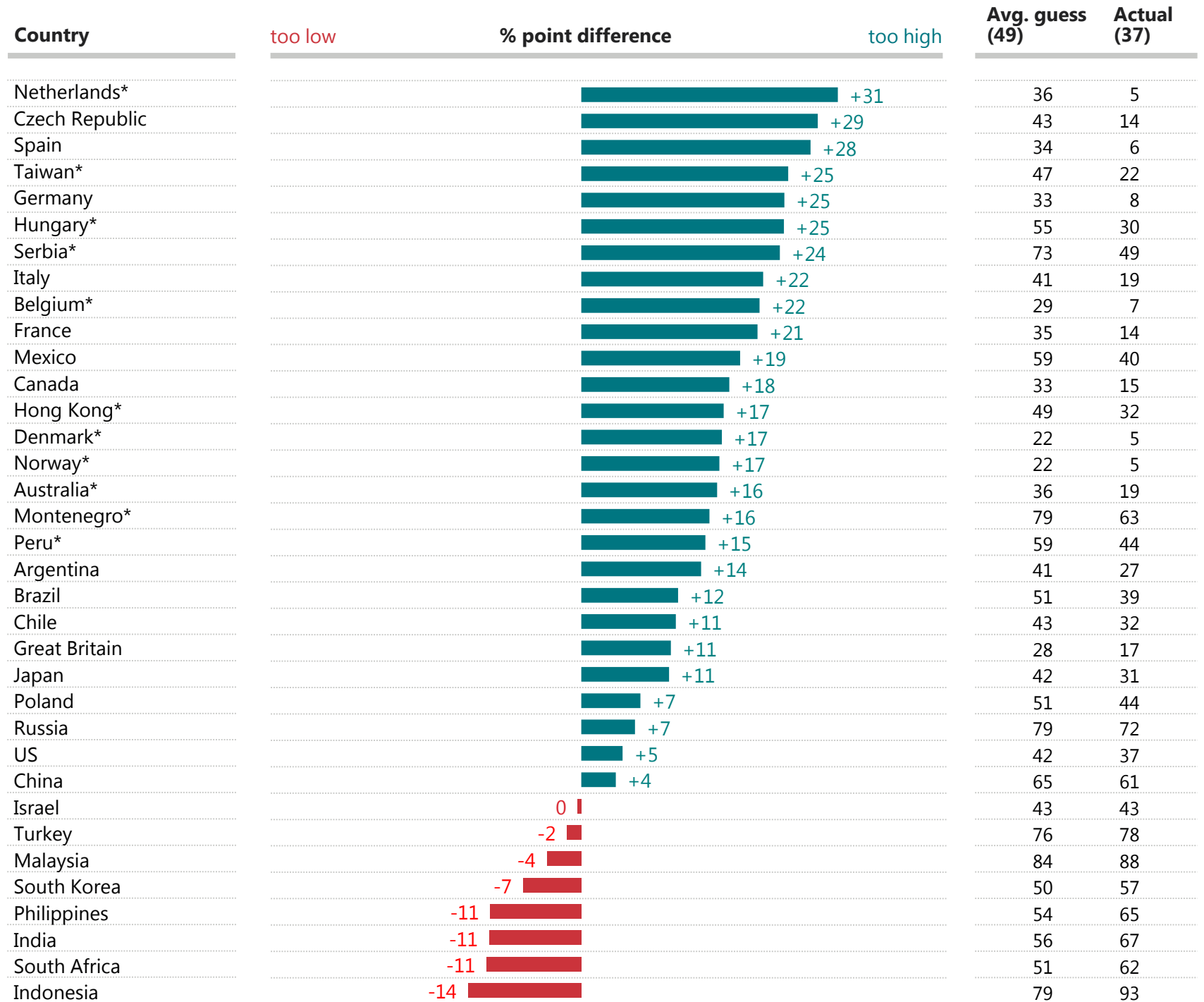
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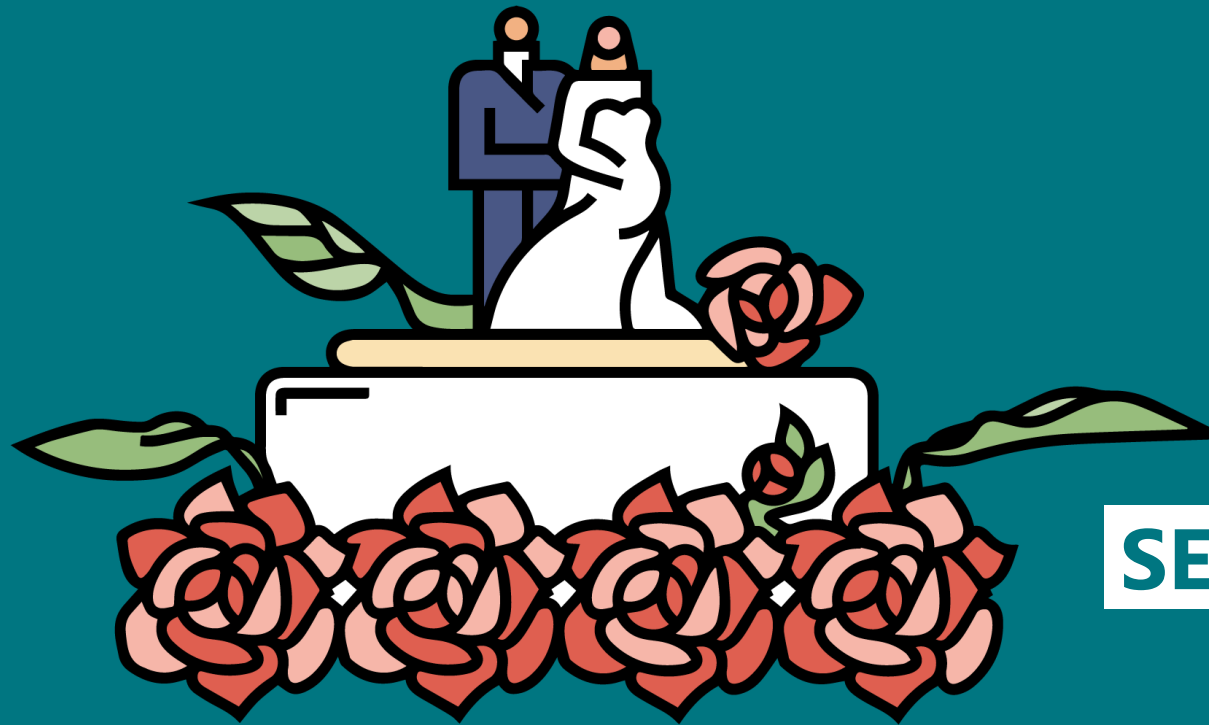


When asked in a survey, what percentage of people do you think said they personally believe that homosexuality is morally unacceptable?

People are often very wrong on how acceptable their fellow citizens find homosexuality.



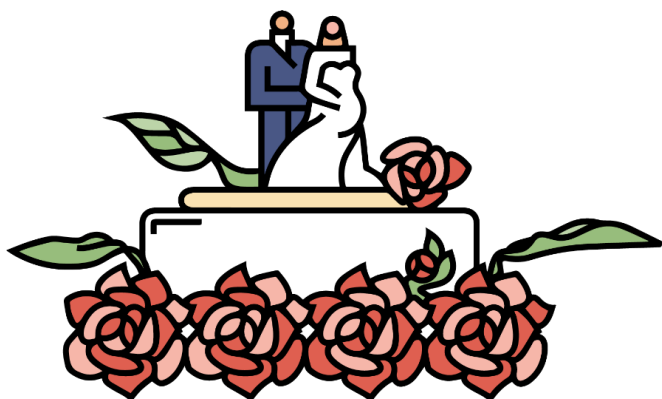
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**WHEN ASKED IN A SURVEY,
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DO YOU THINK SAID THEY
PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT
SEX BETWEEN UNMARRIED ADULTS
IS MORALLY UNACCEPTABLE?**

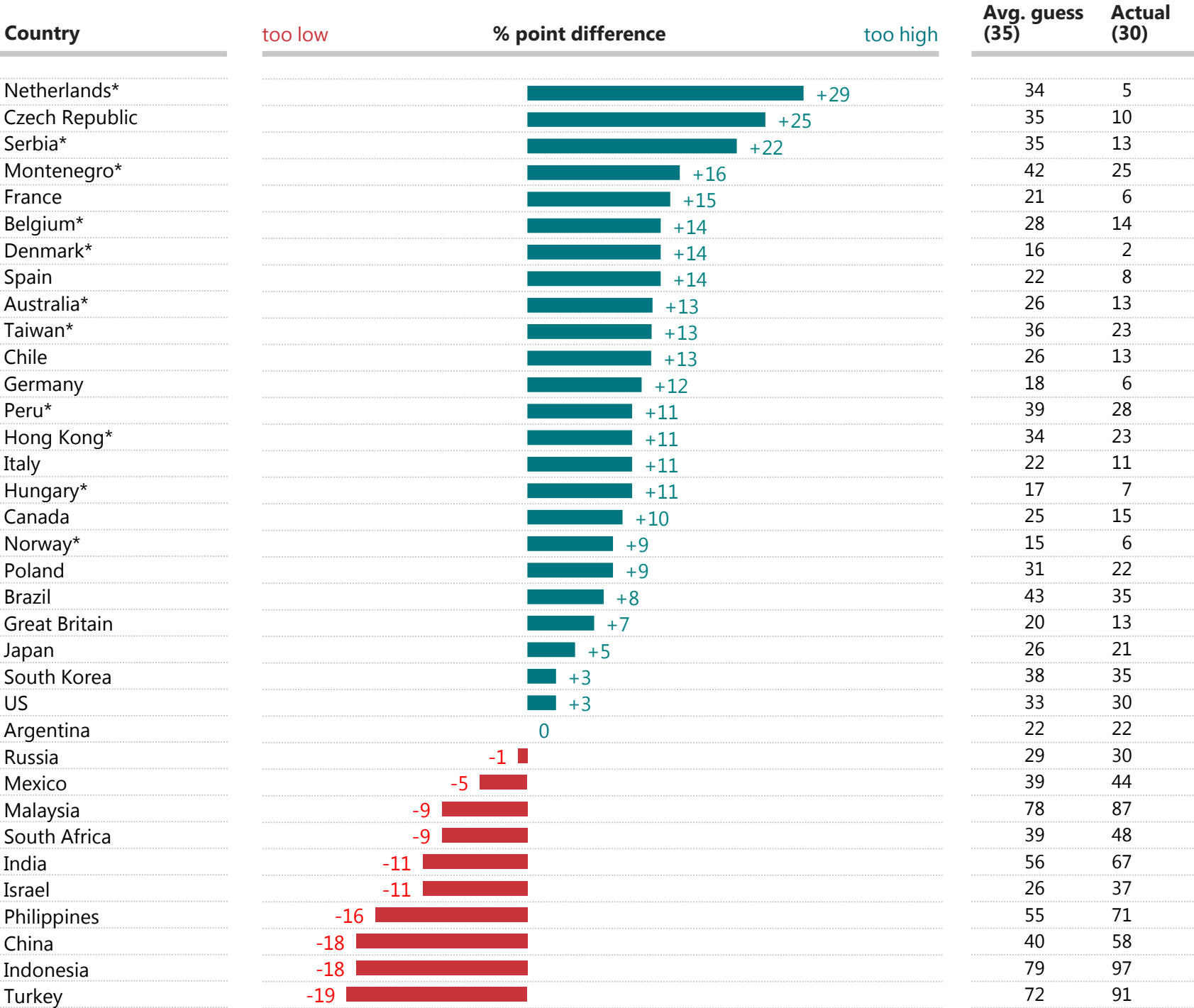
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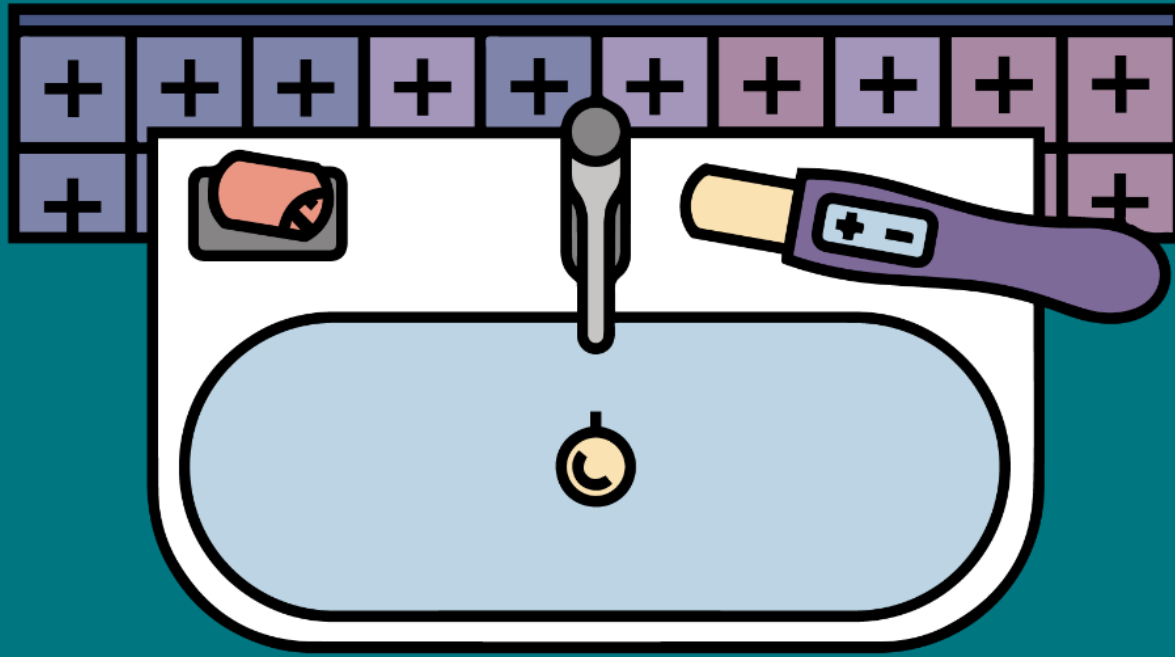


When asked in a survey, what percentage of people do you think said they personally believe that sex between unmarried adults is morally unacceptable?

Countries are also often very wrong on how acceptable people find sex before marriage.



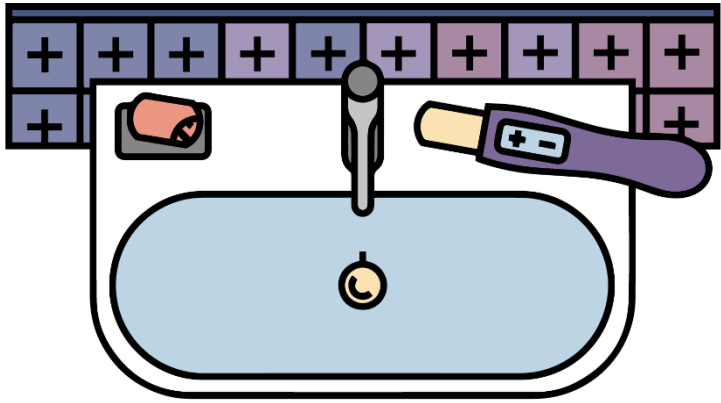
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**WHEN ASKED IN A SURVEY,
WHAT PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE
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HAVING AN ABORTION
IS MORALLY UNACCEPTABLE?**

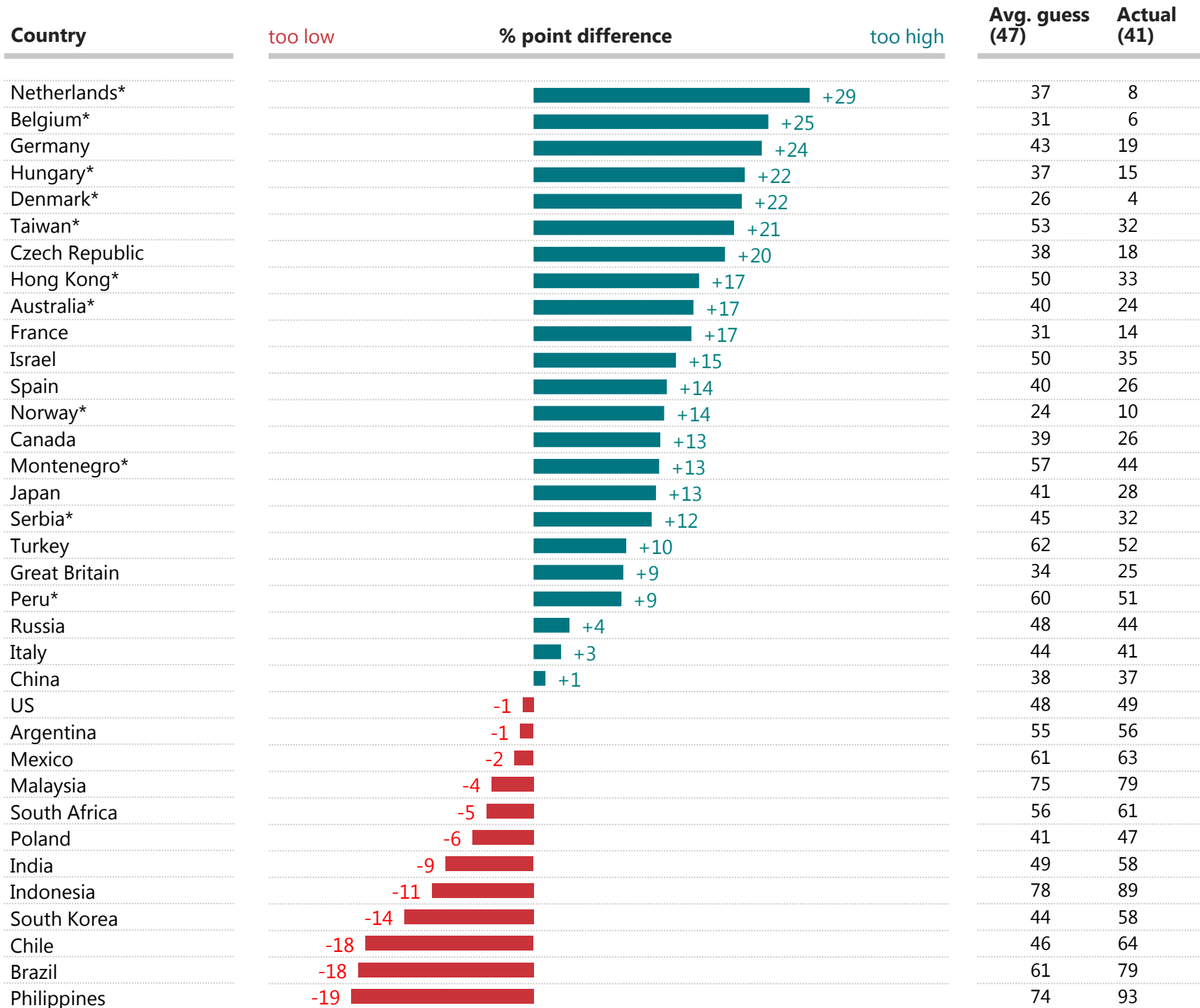
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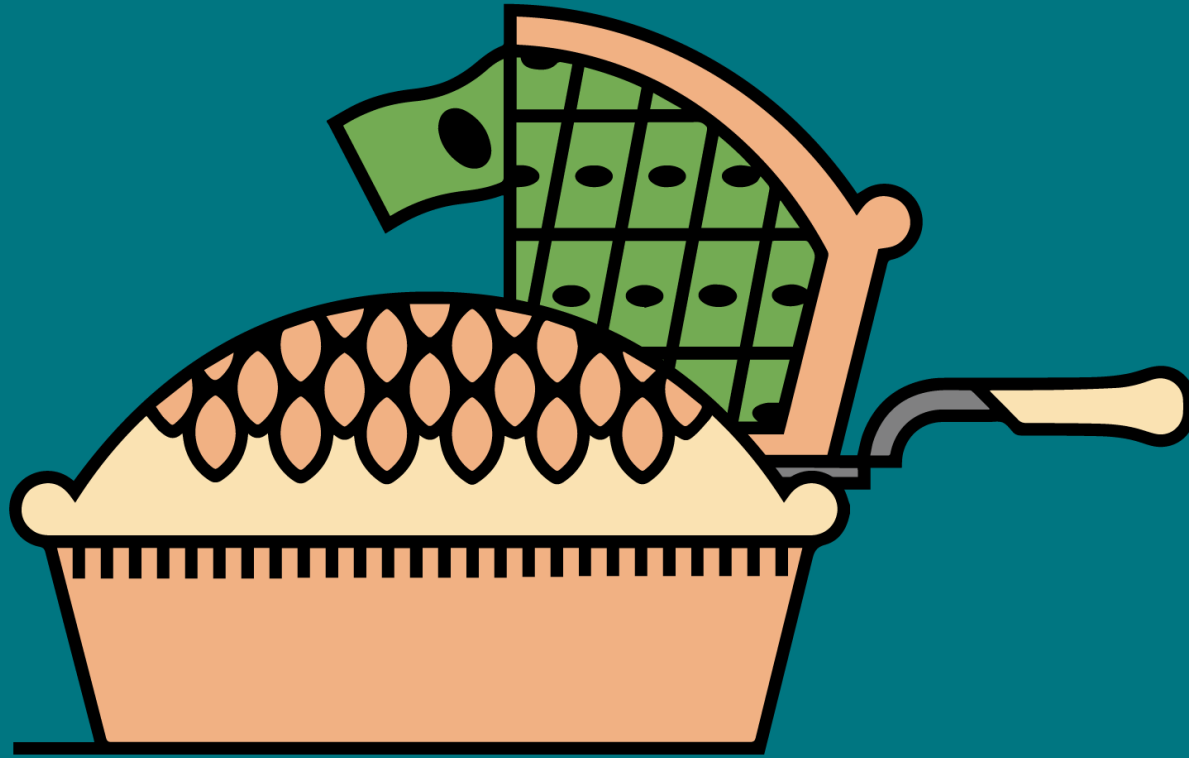


When asked in a survey, what percentage of people do you think said they personally believe that having an abortion is morally unacceptable?

Many are also very wrong on how acceptable abortion is to people in their country, with some overestimating concern and some underestimating.



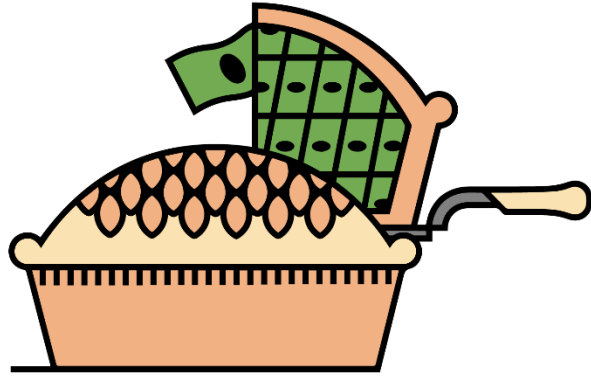
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**WHAT PERCENTAGE OF
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD WEALTH
DO YOU THINK THE LEAST
WEALTHY 70% OWN?**

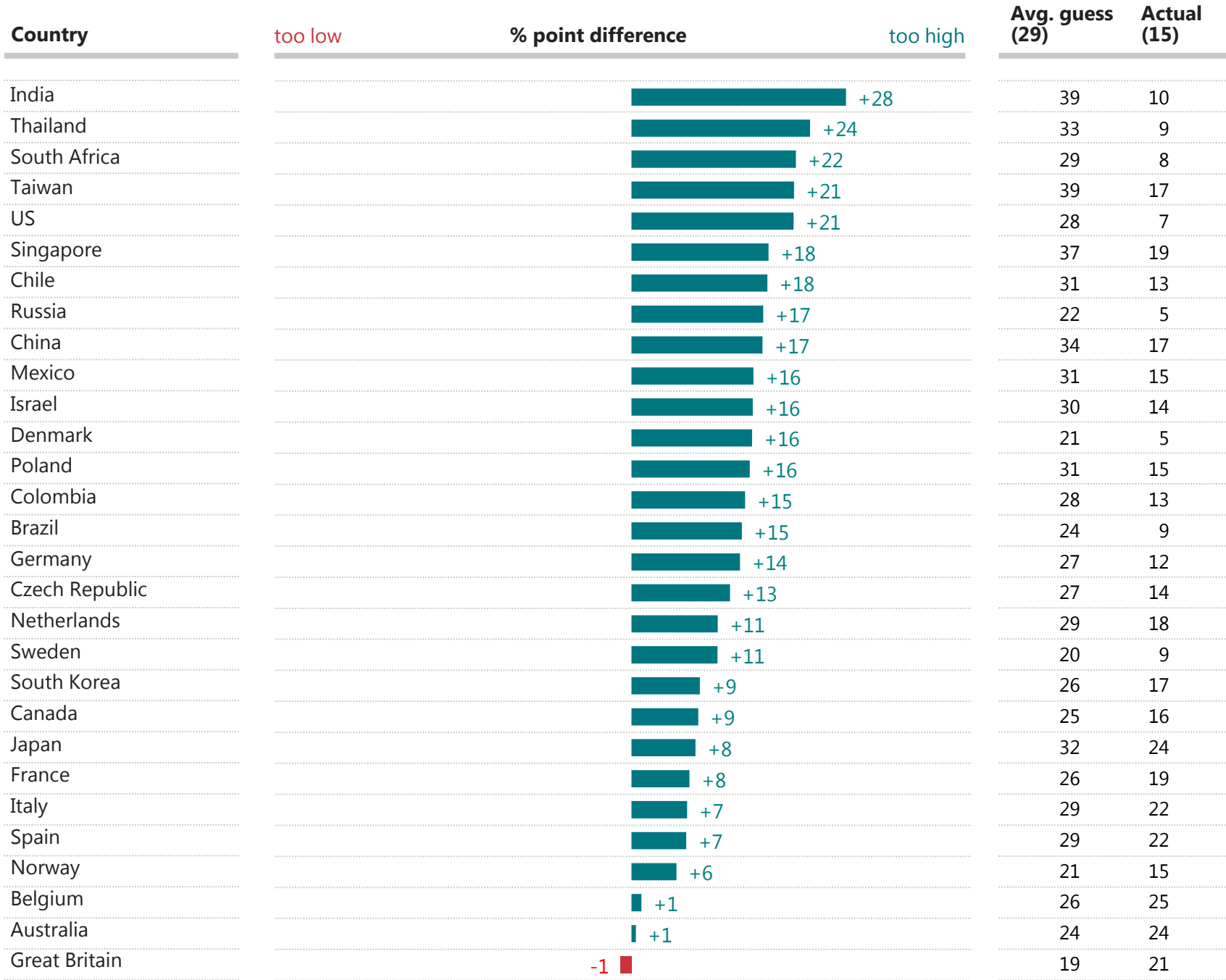
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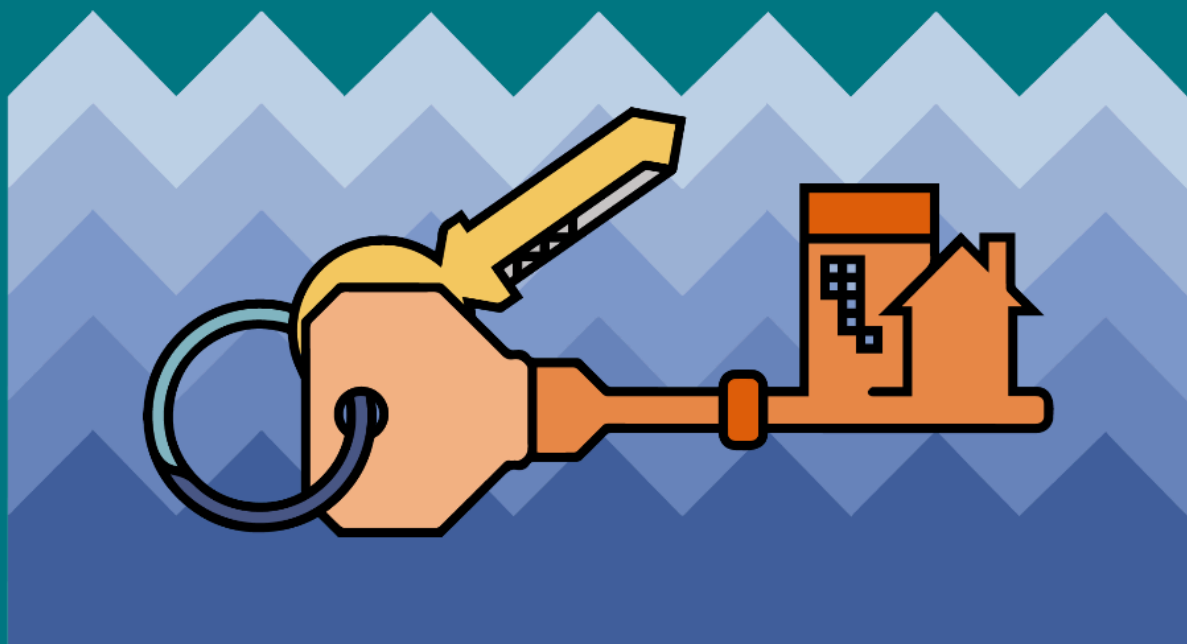


What percentage of total household wealth do you think the least wealthy 70% own?

Nearly every country overestimates the wealth of the 70% least wealthy.



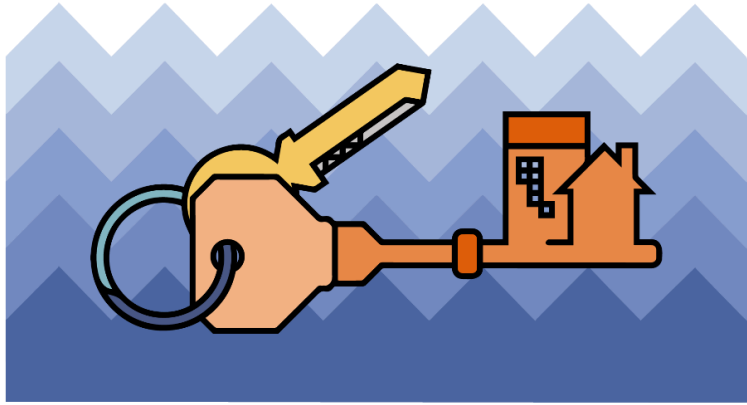
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**OUT OF EVERY 100
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ARE OWNED BY SOMEONE
WHO LIVES THERE?**

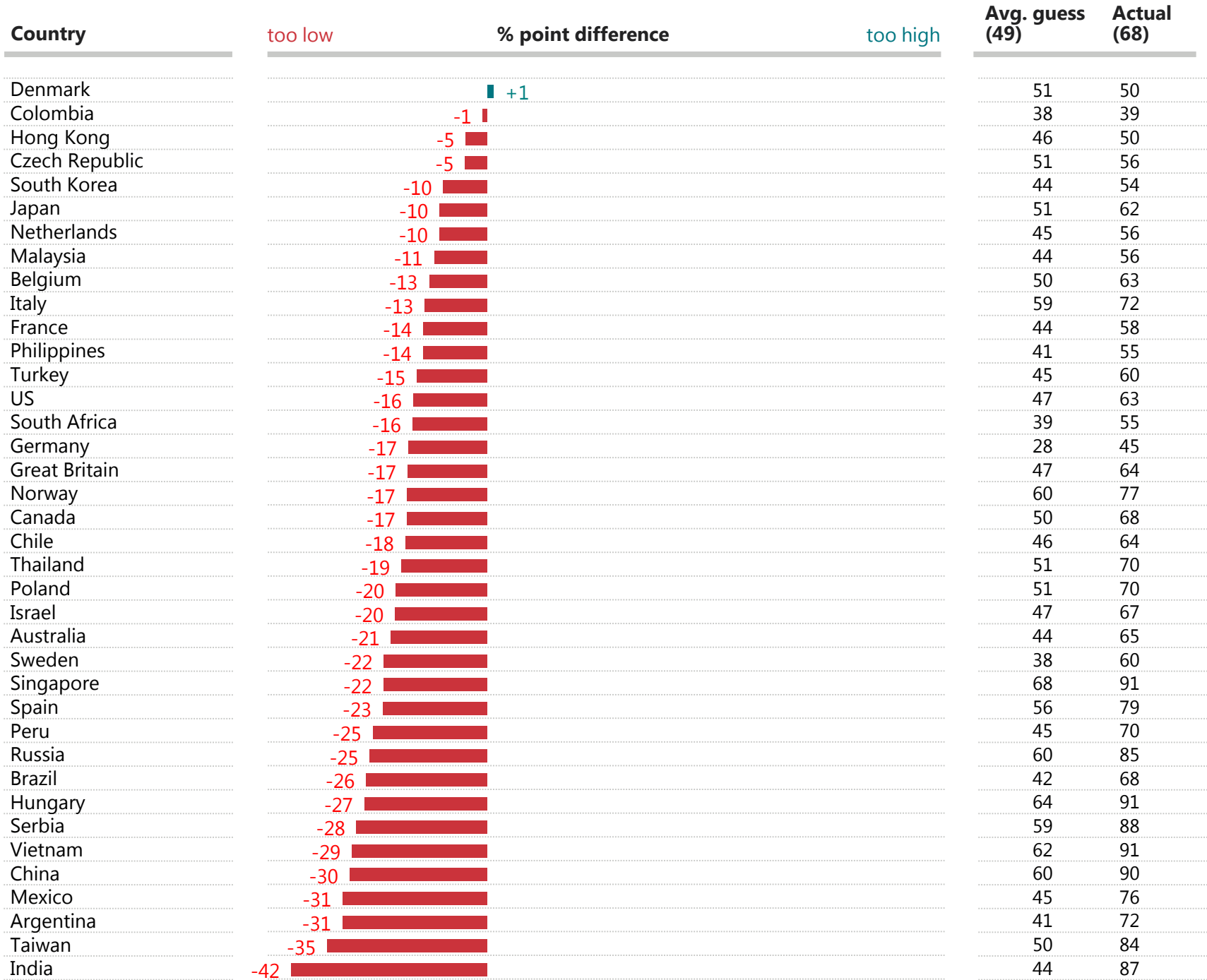
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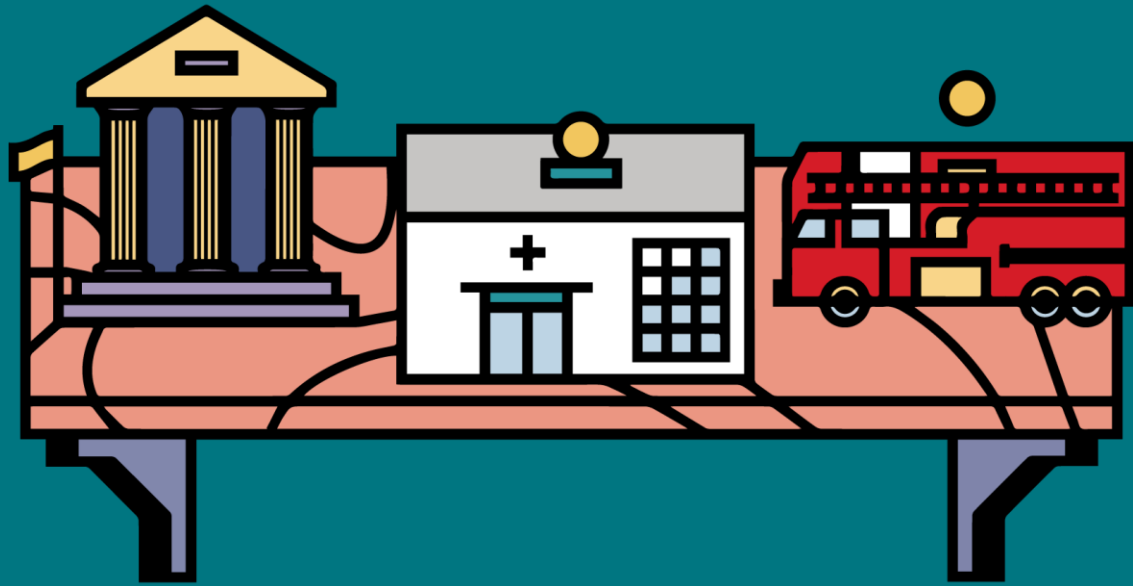


Out of every 100 households, how many are owned by someone who lives there?

Nearly all countries massively underestimate how many households own or are buying their own home.



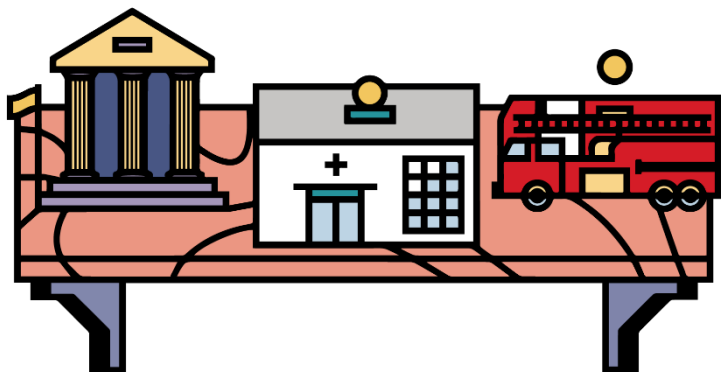
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**WHAT PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
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PRODUCT DO YOU THINK IS
SPENT ON HEALTH
EXPENDITURE EACH YEAR?**

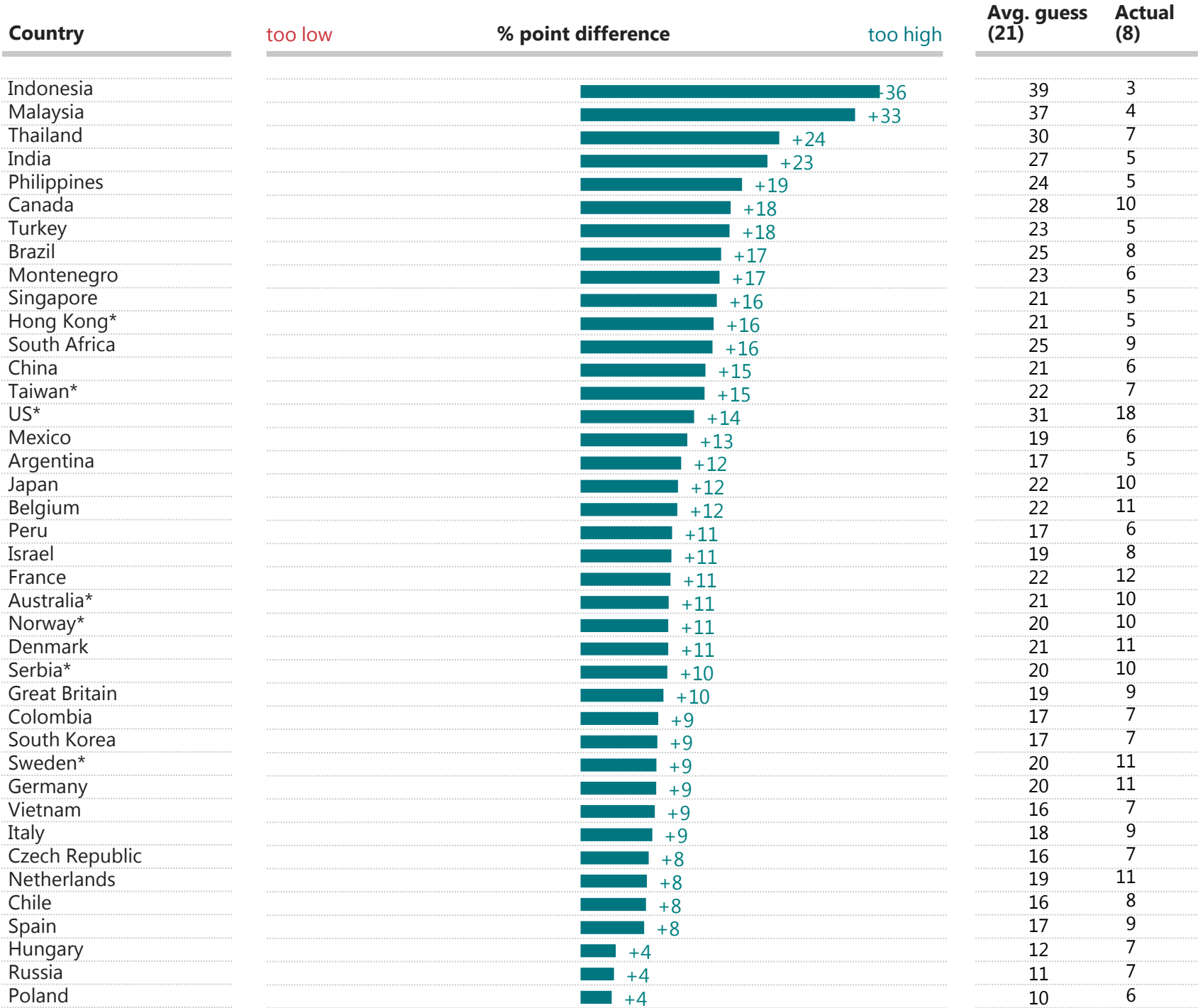
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What percentage of total annual Gross Domestic Product do you think is spent on health expenditure each year?

We think we spend much more on our health than we actually do.



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**WHAT DO YOU THINK THE
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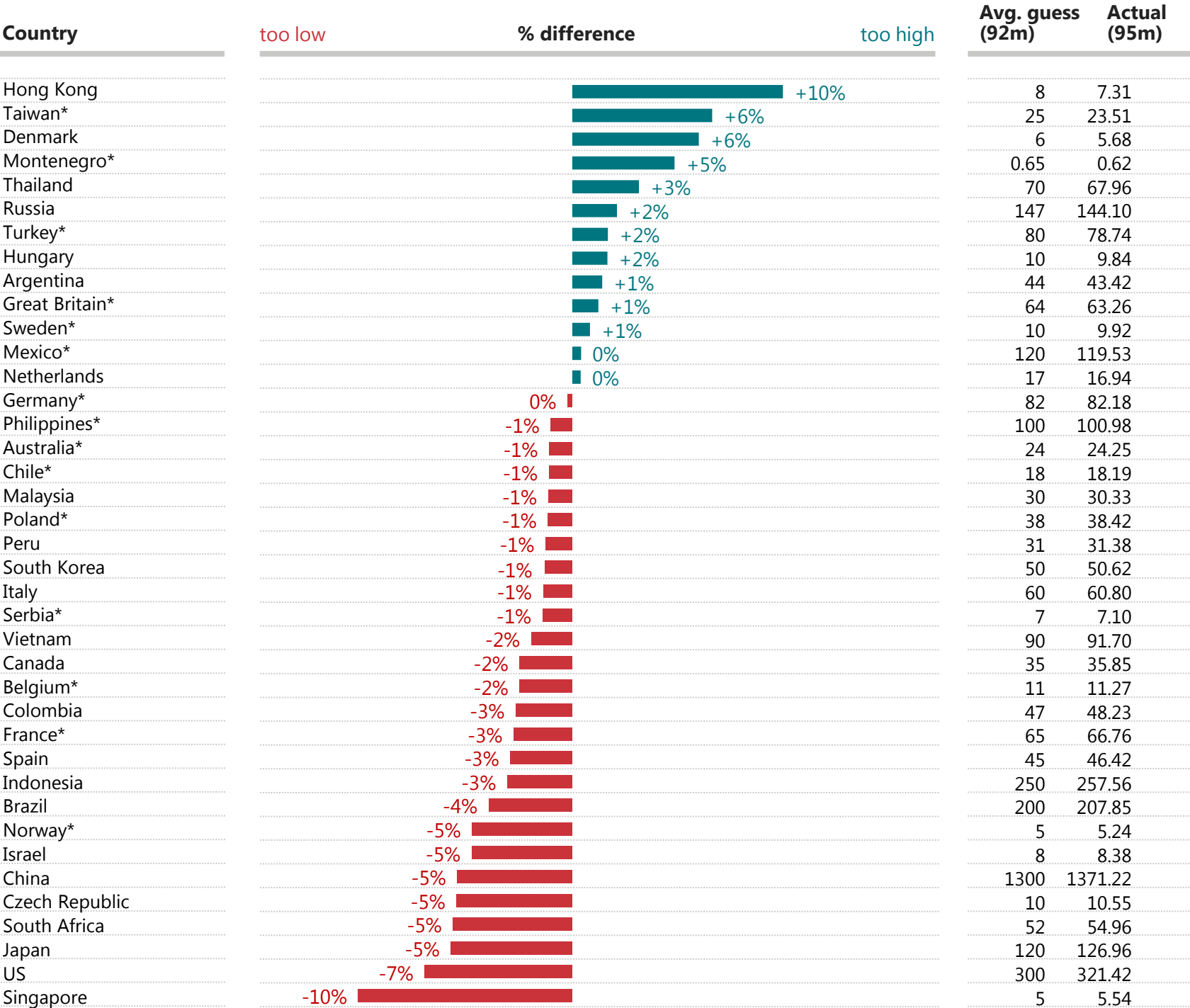
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What do you think the current population of your country is?

We are mostly pretty good at knowing what our current population size is.



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**WHAT DO YOU THINK THE
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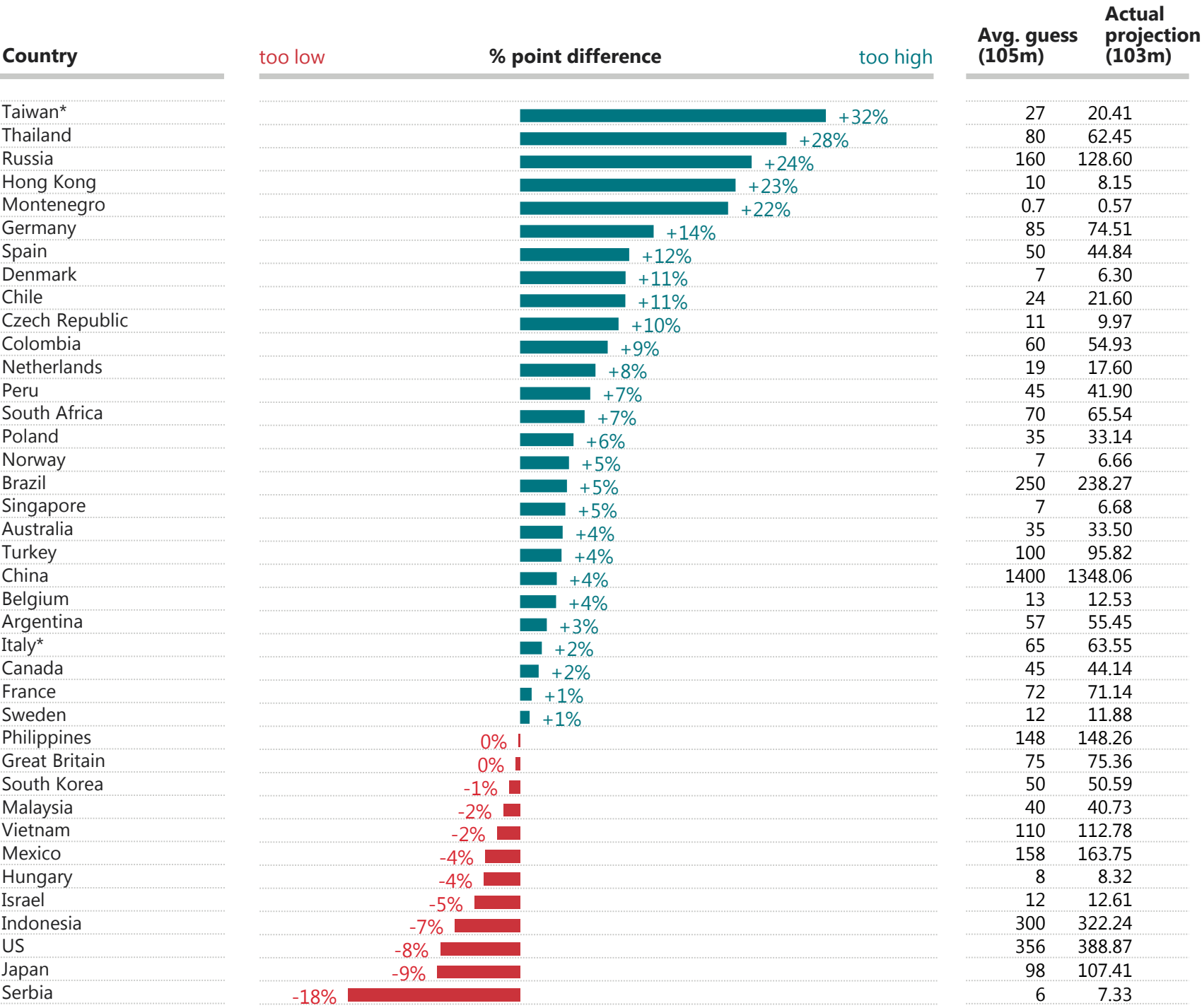
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And what do you think the population in your country is projected to be in 2050 by the United Nations?

But we are often a lot less accurate when estimating what our population size will be in the future.



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**THINKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING
US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION,
DO YOU THINK THAT DONALD
TRUMP OR HILLARY CLINTON
WILL BE ELECTED AS PRESIDENT?**

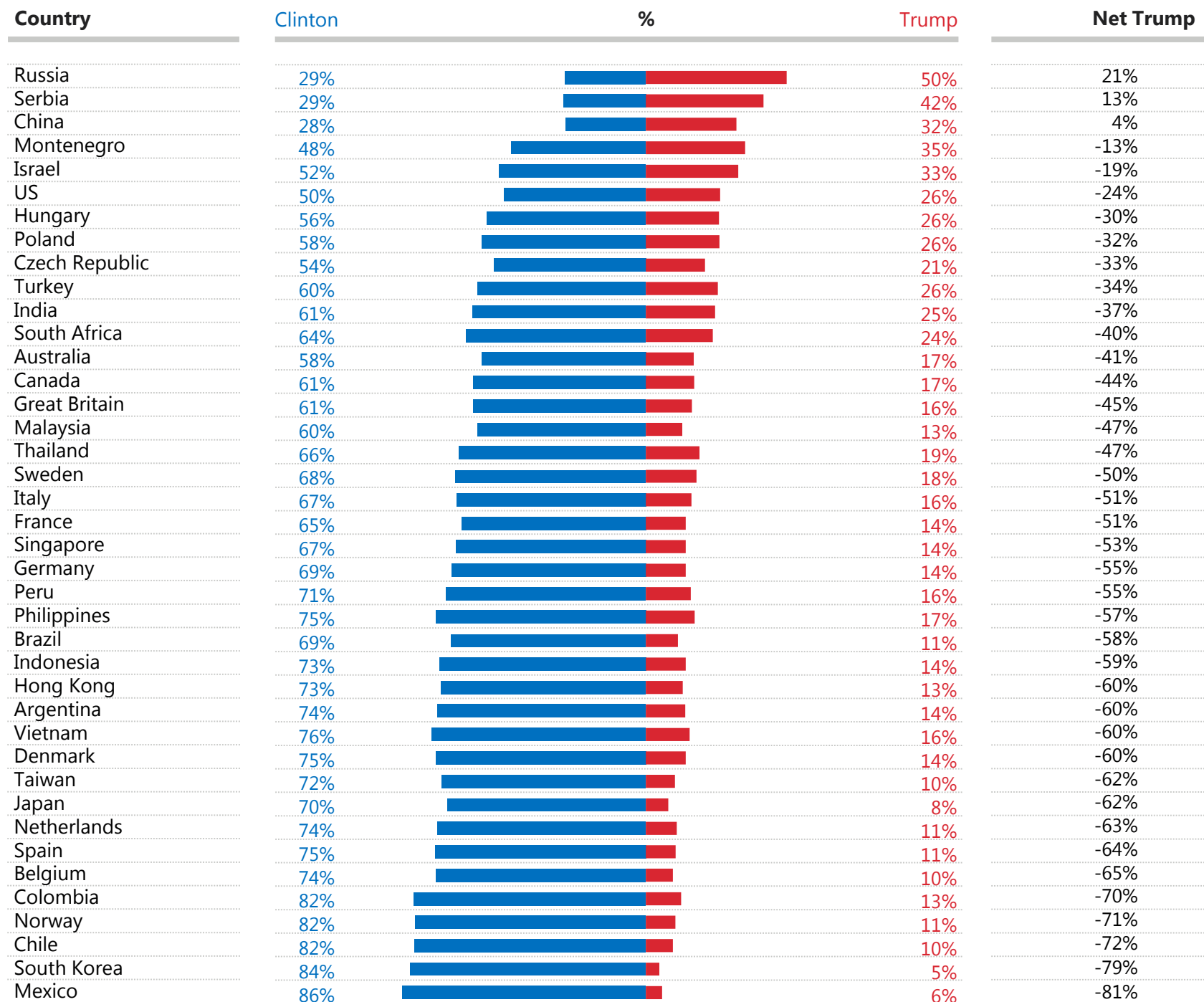
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Thinking about the upcoming US Presidential election, do you think that Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton will be elected as president?*

And who saw Trump winning? Not many, except in Russia.



This question was asked in the month leading up to the US Presidential election 2016.

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- These are the findings of the Ipsos MORI Perils of Perception Survey 2016. 27,250 interviews were conducted between 22nd September – 6th November 2016.
- The survey is conducted in 40 countries around the world, via the Ipsos Online Panel system in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, USA, Vietnam. The following countries used either online or face-to-face methodologies: Czech Republic, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia.
- Approximately 1000 individuals aged 16-64 or 18-64 were surveyed in Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain, USA, and approximately 800 individuals aged 18-64 were surveyed Czech Republic, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia. Approximately 500 individuals aged 16-64 or 18-64 were surveyed in the remaining countries.
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