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Jordan Consumer Sentiment Index (Q4)

Jordan
February, 2020

Data Collected in December, 2019

Introducing the Jordan Consumer Sentiment Index

Ipsos's Jordan Consumer Sentiment Index (JCSI), is a quarterly national survey of consumer attitudes on the current and future state of the local economy, personal financial situation, as well as confidence to make large investments and ability to save.

Consumer sentiment is a key predictor of purchase trends in the market. Despite it being a lagging indicator, if consumer sentiment is high, people will make more purchases and the economy will expand.

Businesses and Policy Makers can monitor changes in the index to factor the data in their decision-making processes. A wave-on-wave decreasing trend suggests consumers have a negative outlook on their ability to spend. Thus, manufacturers may expect consumers to avoid retail purchases, particularly items that require financing. Likewise, banks can anticipate a decrease in lending activity, mortgage applications, and credit card usage.

Introducing the Jordan Consumer Sentiment Index

The quarterly JCSI result is driven by the aggregation of four, weighted, sub-Indices



JCSI Current Personal Financial Conditions



JCSI Economic Expectations



JCSI Investment Climate



JCSI Employment Confidence

Overall Jordan
Consumer
Sentiment Index

Overall JCSI Survey Questions

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3. Rate your current financial situation, using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means your personal financial situation is very strong today and 1 means it is very weak.
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5. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable making a major purchase, like a home or car?
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8. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less confident of your ability to invest in the future, including your ability to save money for your retirement or your children's education?
9. Thinking of the last 6 months, have you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally lost their job as a result of economic conditions?
10. Now look ahead at the next six months. How likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?

Demographics



Demographics

Gender



51.0%
Males



49.0%
Females

Age

18 - 24 23.0%

25-34 25.0%

35-44 21.0%

45-54 16.0%

55 + 15.0%

Regions

Amman 39.0%

Irbid 20.0%

Zarqa 14.0%

Balqa 6.0%

Al Mafraq 5.0%

Kerak 4.0%

Jerash 3.0%

Madaba 2.0%

Aqaba 2.0%

Ma'an 2.0%

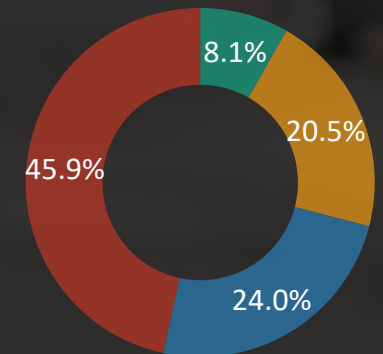
Ajloun 2.0%

Al Tafielah 1.0%

Socioeconomic

Class*

A B C DE



*Based on Household Income

*Excluding Don't Know/ Refused To Answer

Jordan Consumer Sentiment Index

Q4, 2019 Summary

Prelude

On a global level, the last quarter of 2019 was marked with a growing sense of optimism compared to the previous quarter, with 20 out of the 25 countries included in the survey exhibiting more positivity towards the general economic situation. Similarly, Jordan has seen a diffusion of negativity in comparison to the third quarter of the year, especially when it comes to Jordanians' future outlook towards the country's economy and their own financial situations. The slight improvement witnessed this wave has resulted in a 3-point increase in the Jordanian Consumer Sentiment Index reaching its highest levels in 2019.

While Jordanians conveyed less confidence towards both their current financial conditions and the country's current economic situation, the expectation of a turnaround has seen its highest improvement since the drastic drop witnessed in Q4'2018. At the time, the announcement of the income tax law drove the index to its lowest levels as a result of Jordanians' diminished confidence in their ability to spend. A year after, 1 in 3 are feeling more hopeful for a positive economic shift, and 50% believing that the country is heading in the right direction, with an increase of 14% in comparison to the previous quarter.

Results this quarter have depicted a clear anticipation of the government's direction towards improving living standards. While Jordanians kept an eye out for the three governmental packages that were newly introduced in Q4 2019, their main focus was fixated on the third package, which aims at increasing public sector salaries. This package garnered more than twice the attention and understanding in comparison to the two other packages. As a matter of fact, 70% of Jordanians have heard about this new economic reform, with only 30% being aware of the other two packages. High awareness of the third package have shown a positive and a more tangible impact especially on their sentiments towards the future economic situations. Although the third package has contributed to the general optimism regarding Jordan's future economic situation, it comes as no surprise that citizens remain unsure of the magnitude of improvement that will be reflected on their personal financial situation.

That said, while Jordanians' confidence in their ability to spend and make big purchases remains low, the last quarter has also seen a slight improvement on that front. In fact, compared to other countries globally, Jordan has witnessed the highest increase when it comes to consumers' confidence in their ability to invest in their future. In fact, Jordan rose six ranks this year with respect to this index as it is now the 19th country out of 25, surpassing several countries such as Russia, Italy and Turkey.

JCSI Q4 Summary

JCSI, Q4 2019

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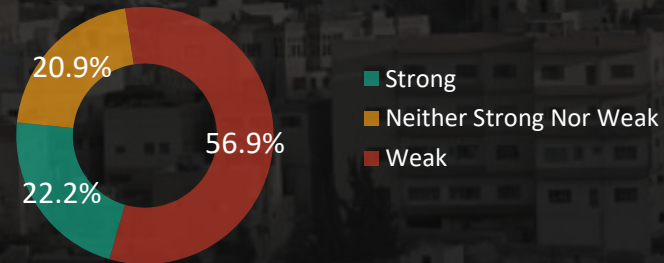


Versus
Previous
Wave

35.5

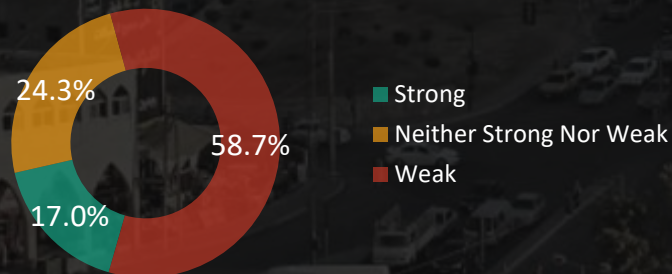
Country Economic Situation

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Personal Financial Situation

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Top 3 Concerns For Jordanians



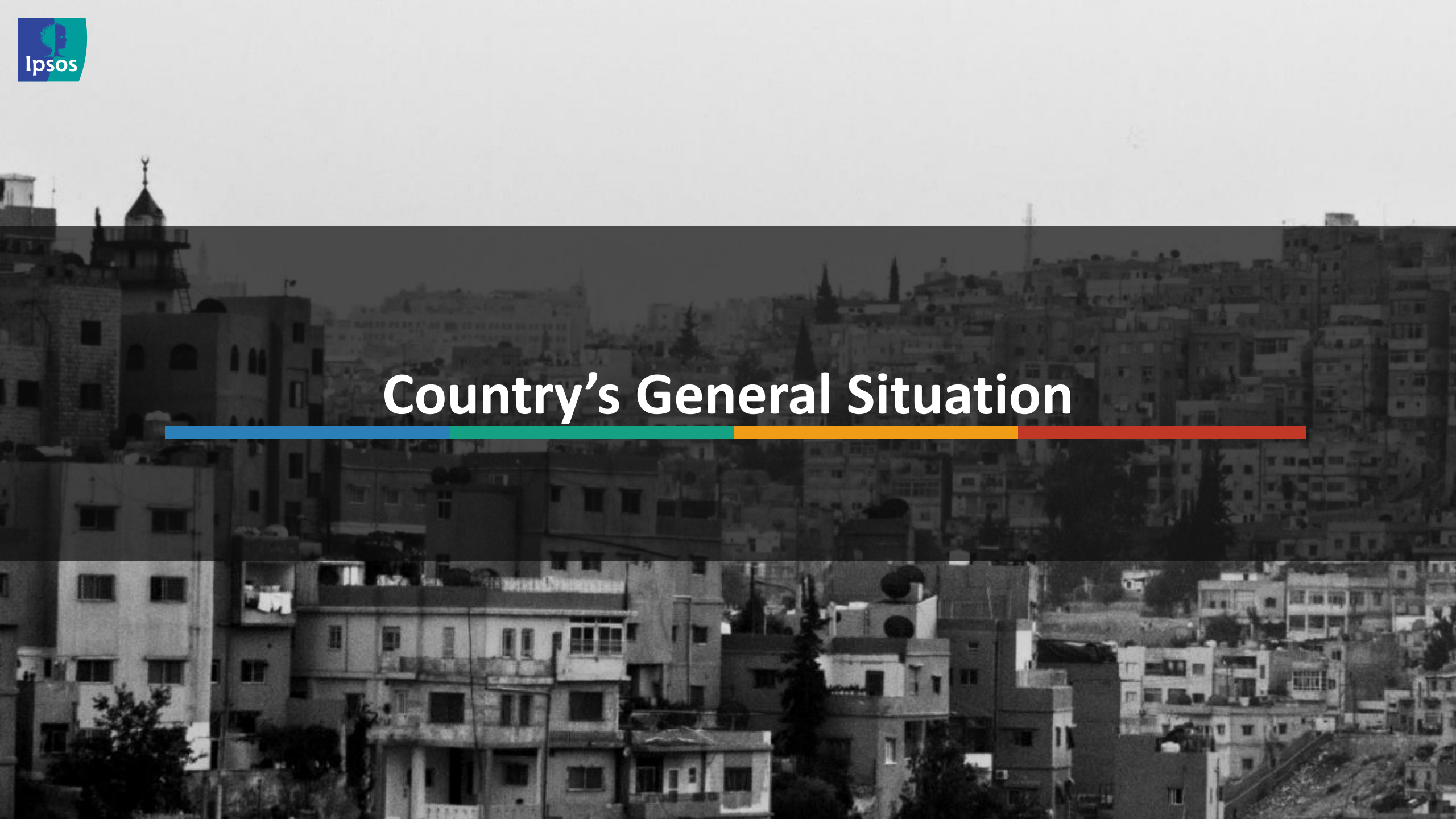
50.1%
Unemployment



45.2%
High Cost of Living



35.1%
Poverty & Social
Inequality

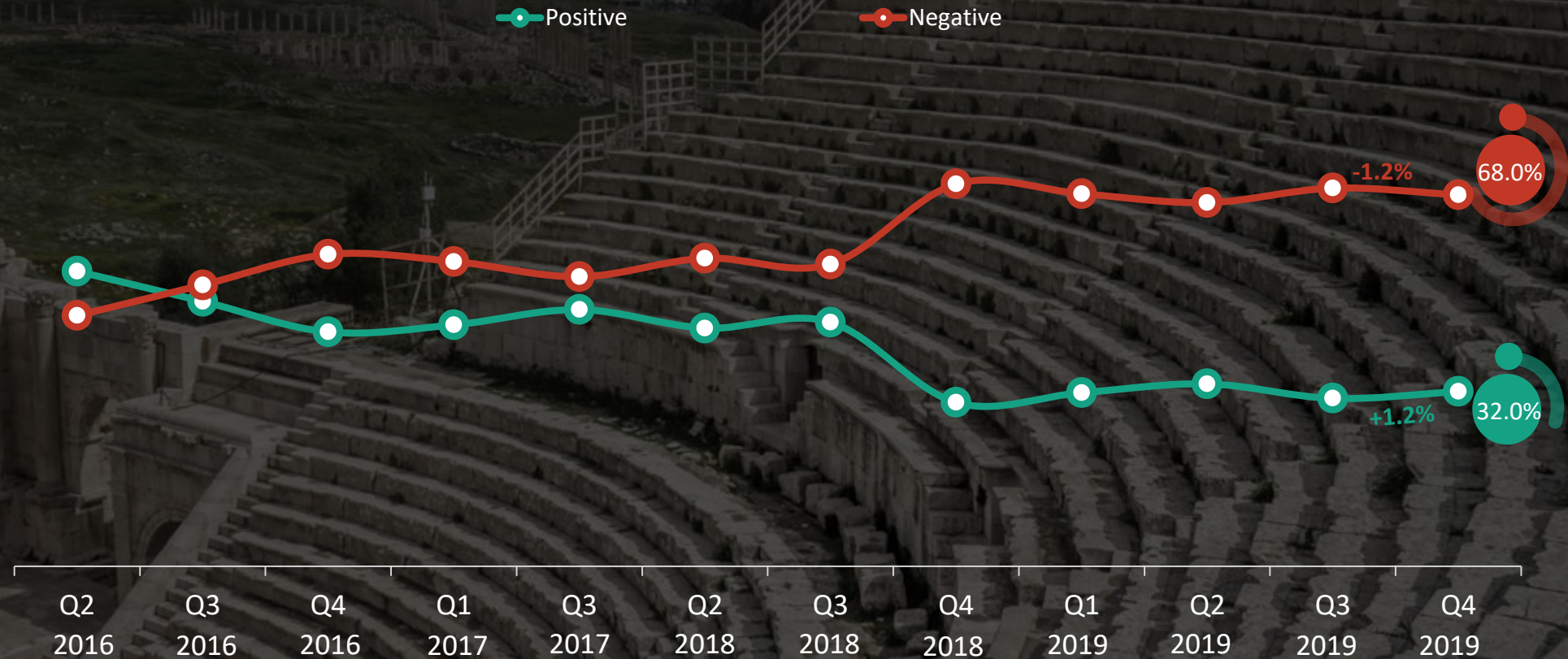


Country's General Situation

Current Economic Situation

Trending

Q: Now, thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in Jordan?

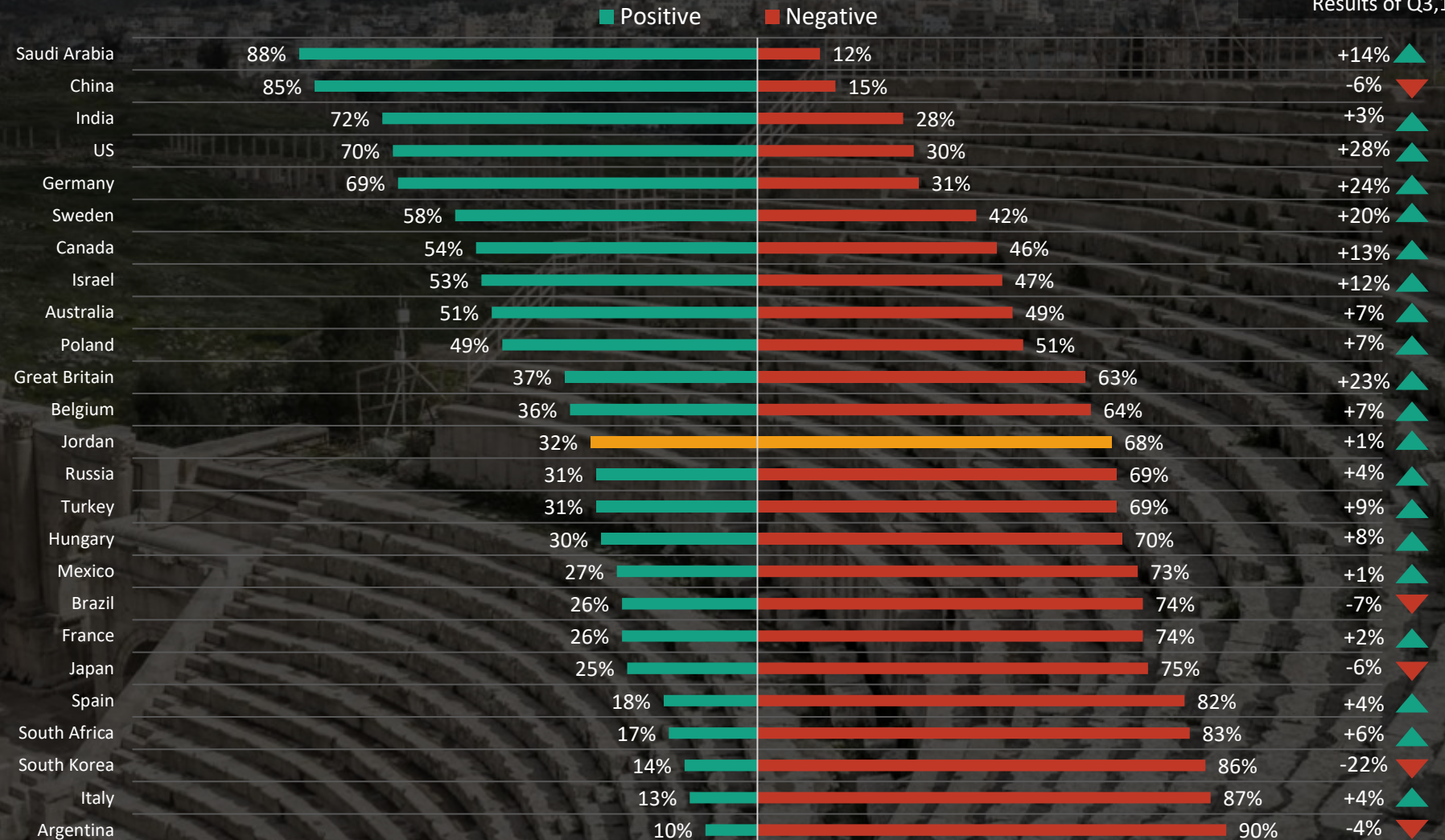


Current Economic Situation

Global Comparison

Q: Now, thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in Jordan?

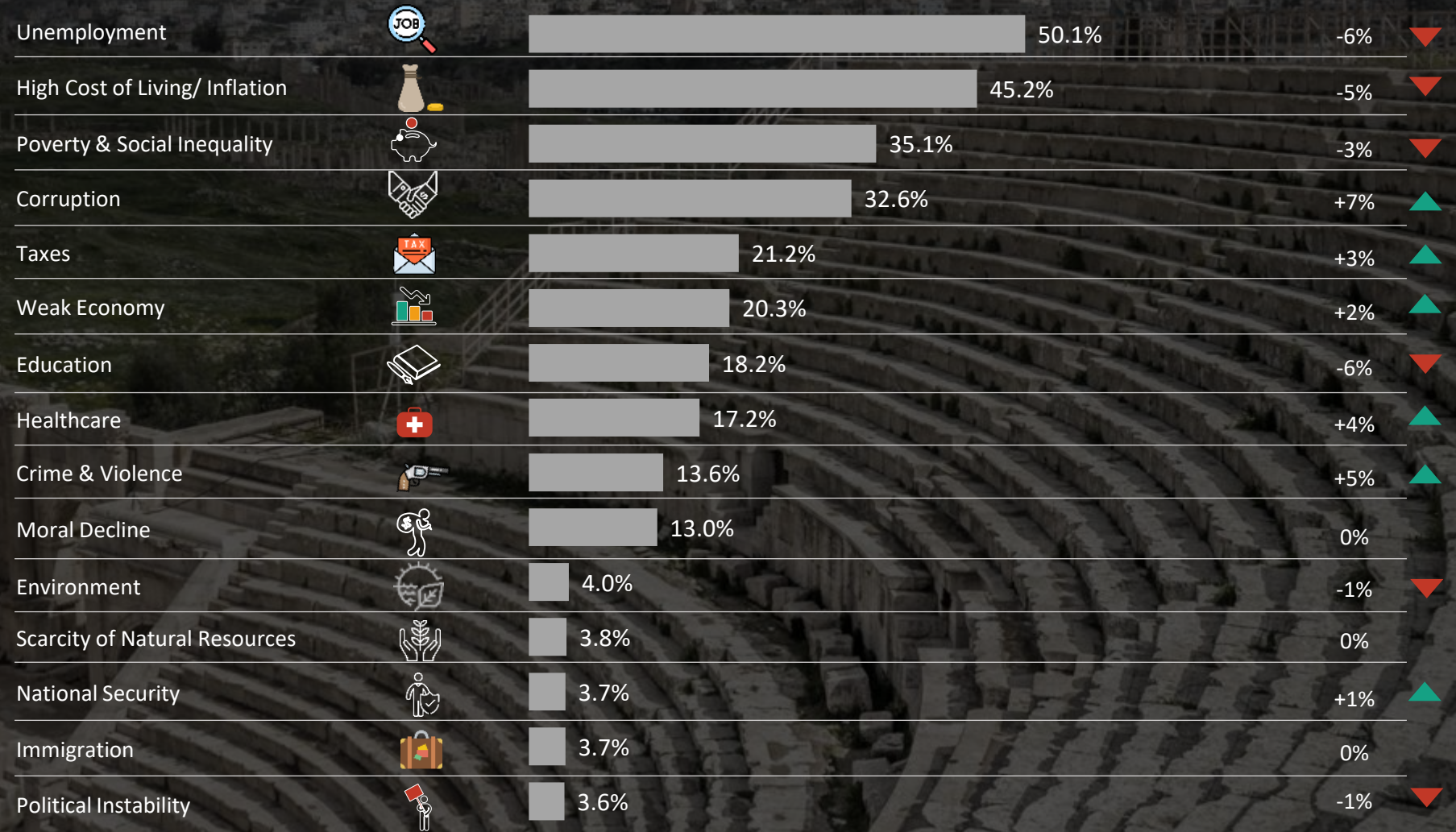
Compared to the Positive Results of Q3,19



Jordanians' Top Concerns

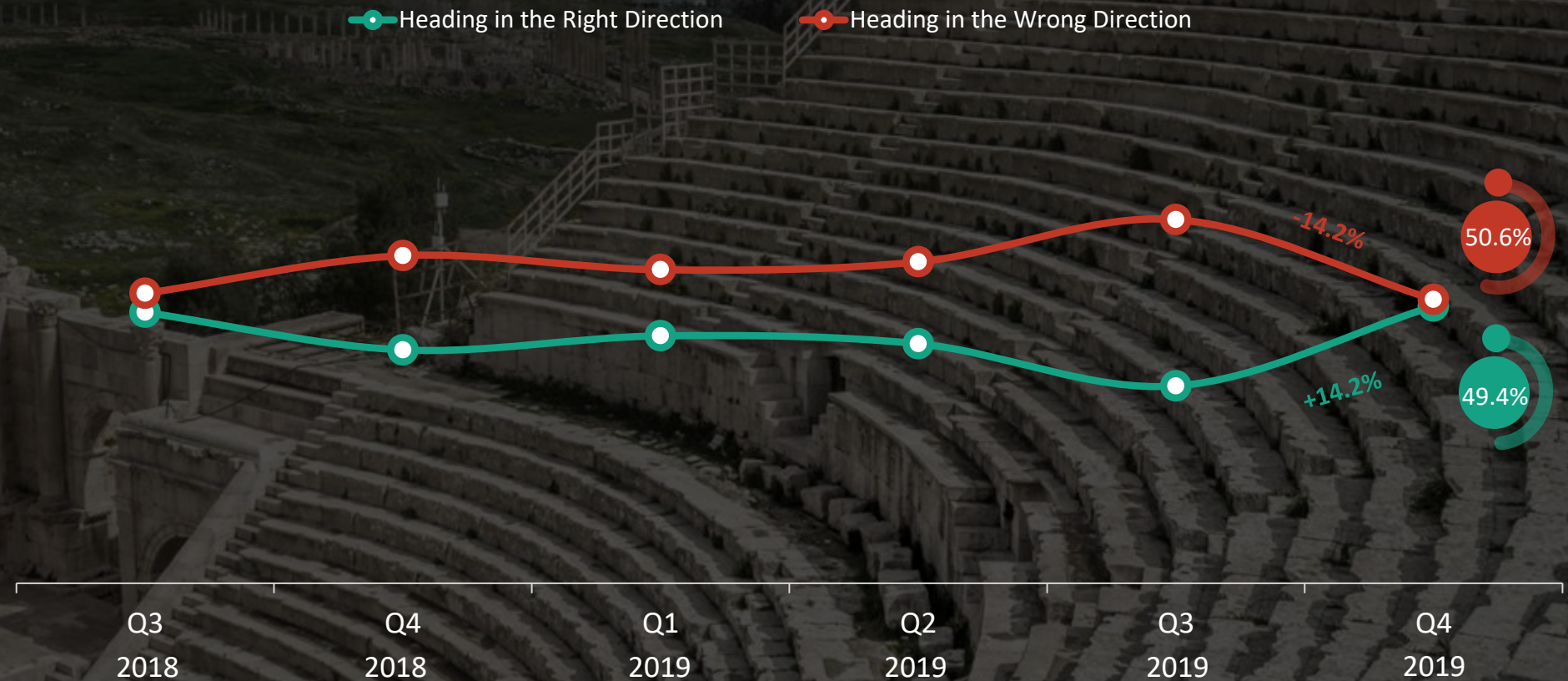
Q: Which of these are your top three biggest concerns as a Jordanian citizen, whether they are economic, social or political?

Compared to Q3,19



Stance on the Country's Future Situation

Q: Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



Governmental Economic Packages



**Fieldwork was conducted prior to announcing the fourth package.*

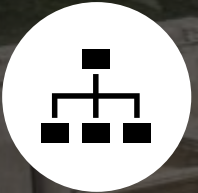
Awareness of the Governmental Economic Packages

Awareness

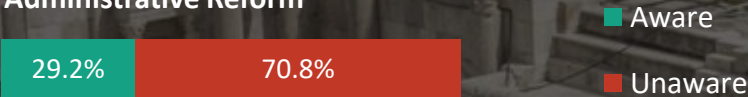
Q: Have you heard of or read about any of the following governmental economic packages?



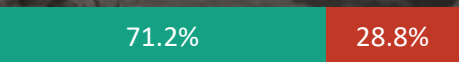
First Governmental Package:
Encouraging Investment and Improving the Economy



Second Governmental Package:
Administrative Reform



Third Governmental Package:
Increasing Public Sector Salaries



60%
think that these
packages will positively
affect and improve their
living conditions

Communication Channels

Q: How did you hear about the following governmental economic packages?

Traditional Media

52.1%

Television 47.3%

Radio 5.7%

Printed Media (Newspapers) 1.5%

Online Media

50.0%

Facebook 41.4%

Online News Pages 11.2%

Whatsapp 2.0%

Twitter 1.7%

News Forums 1.6%

Instagram 1.5%

Youtube 1.0%

Word of Mouth 27.0%

Knowledge of Economic Packages

First Economic Package

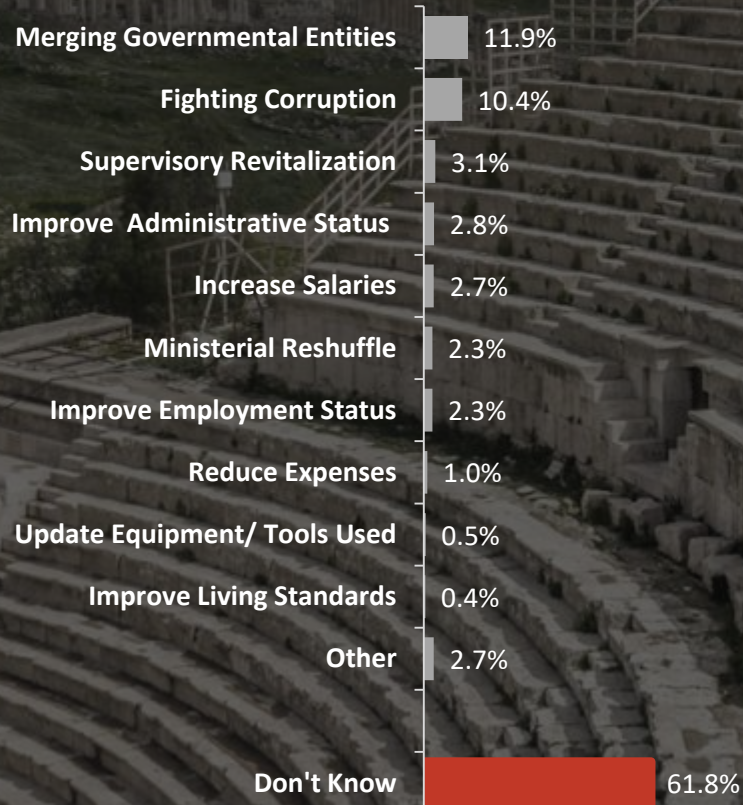
Q: You mentioned that you recently read or heard of the **first** governmental economic package. Please mention the details you know about the governmental decisions with respect to this package.



*Out of total Sample

Second Economic Package

Q: You mentioned that you recently read or heard of the **second** governmental economic package. Please mention the details you know about the governmental decisions with respect to this package.



*Out of total Sample

Third Economic Package

Q: You mentioned that you recently read or heard of the **third** governmental economic package. Please mention the details you know about the governmental decisions with respect to this package.



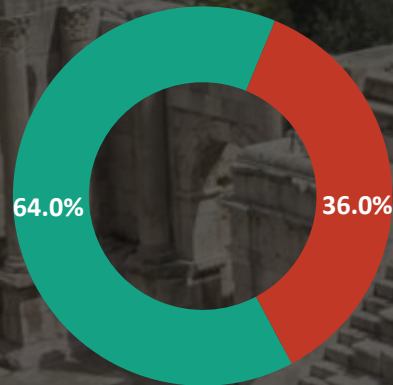
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Social Security Plan

Social Security Plan Awareness

Q: Have you heard of the social security plan that will allow you to recover your savings balance instead of disrupting work due to medical or educational reasons?

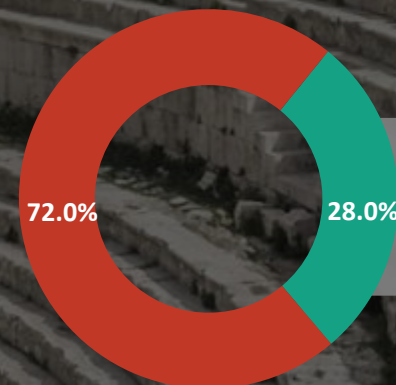
■ Yes ■ No



Eligibility to Retrieve Social Security Money

Q: Have you applied to retrieve the money you have in your balance?

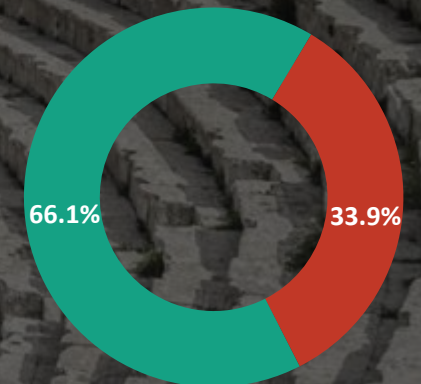
■ Eligible ■ Not Eligible



Actions Towards Retrieving Social Security Money

Q: Have you applied to retrieve the money you have in your balance?

■ Retrieved ■ Did Not Retrieve Yet



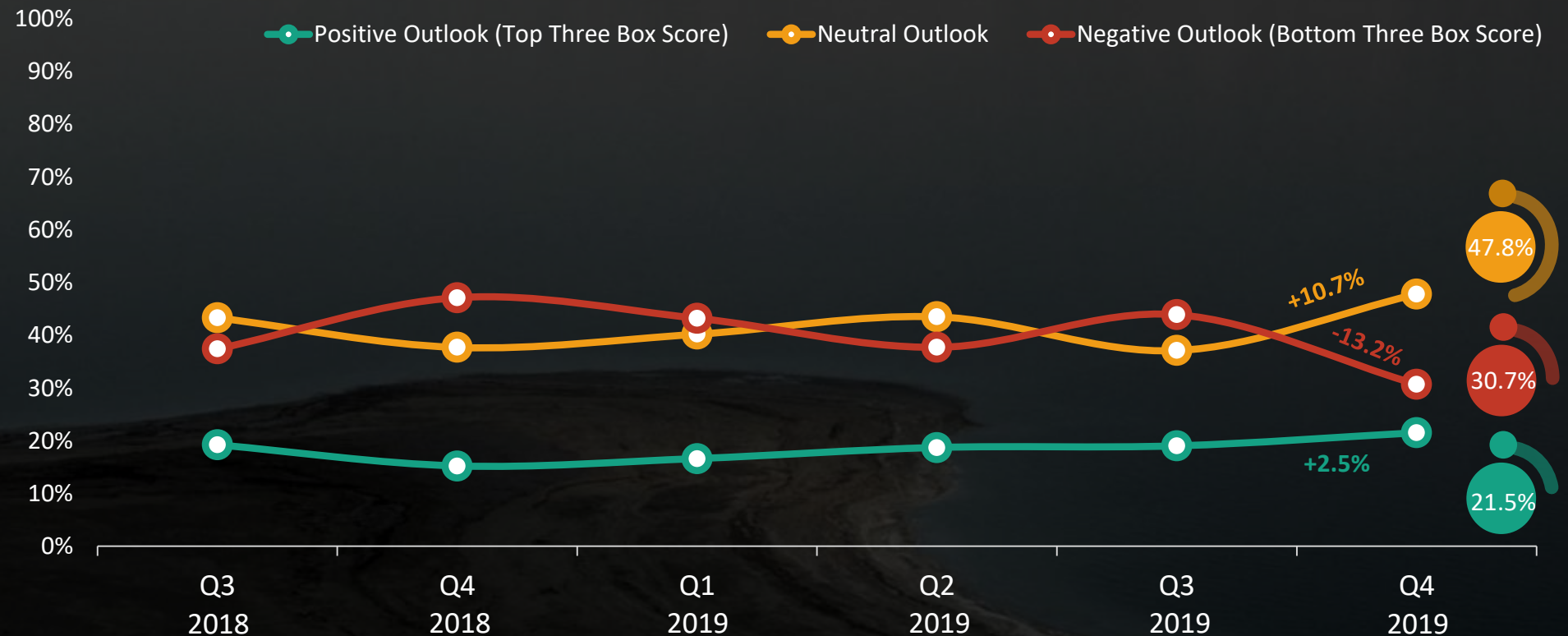
*Out of those who are eligible – 28.0%

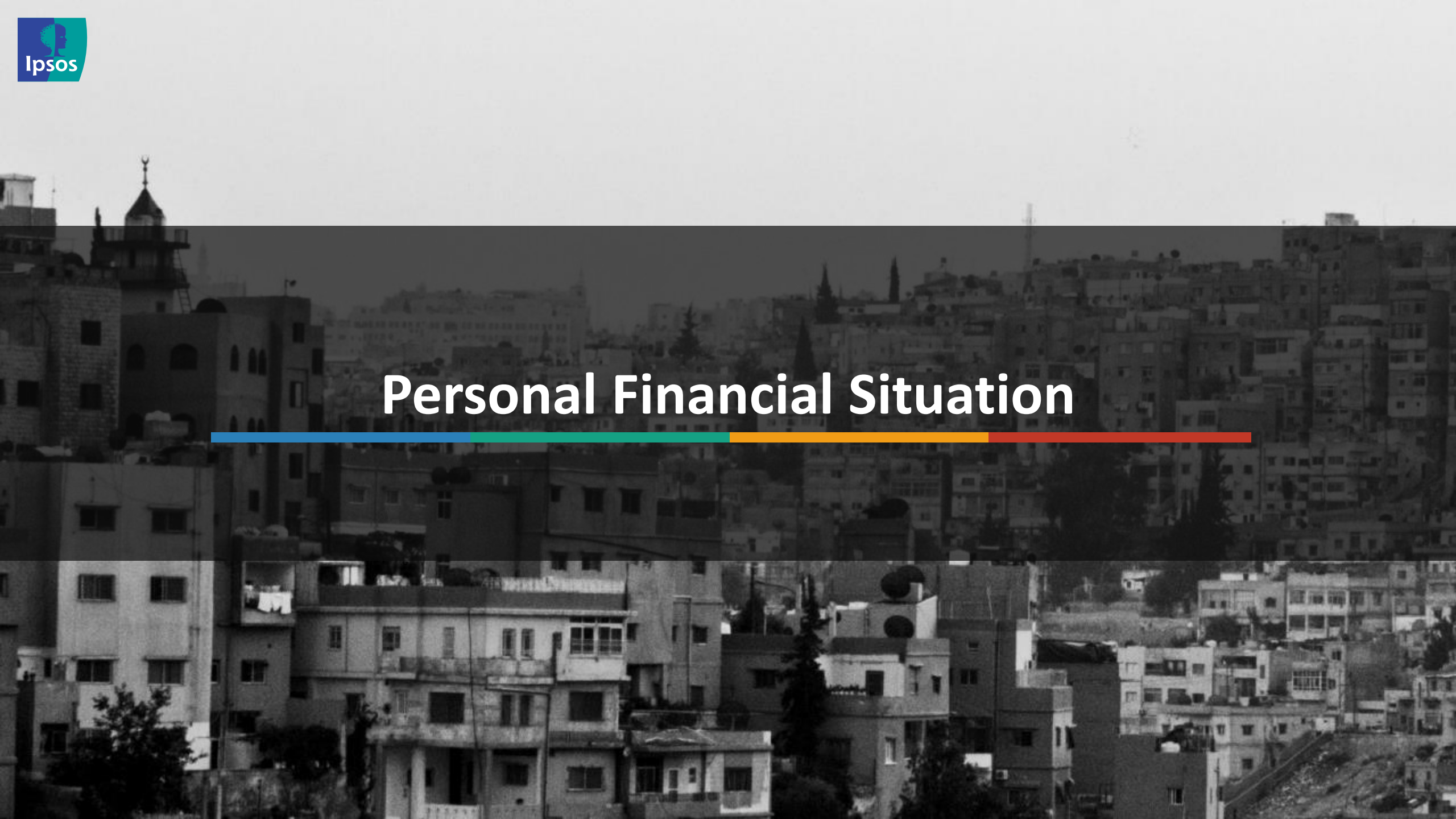


Sentiments Towards the Current Government

Confidence in the Government's Role

Q: How confident are you on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is not confident at all and 10 is extremely confident, with the government's overall ability to improve the situation in Jordan?

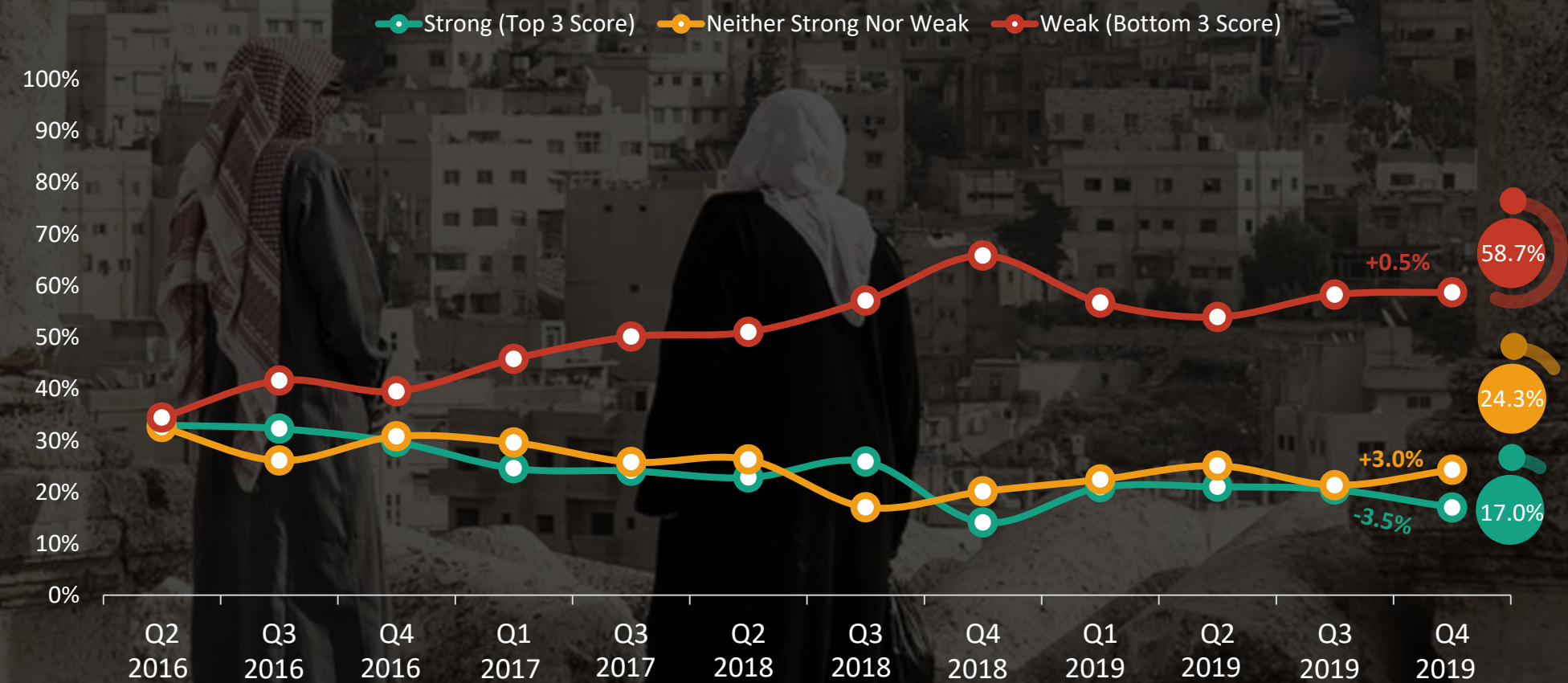




Personal Financial Situation

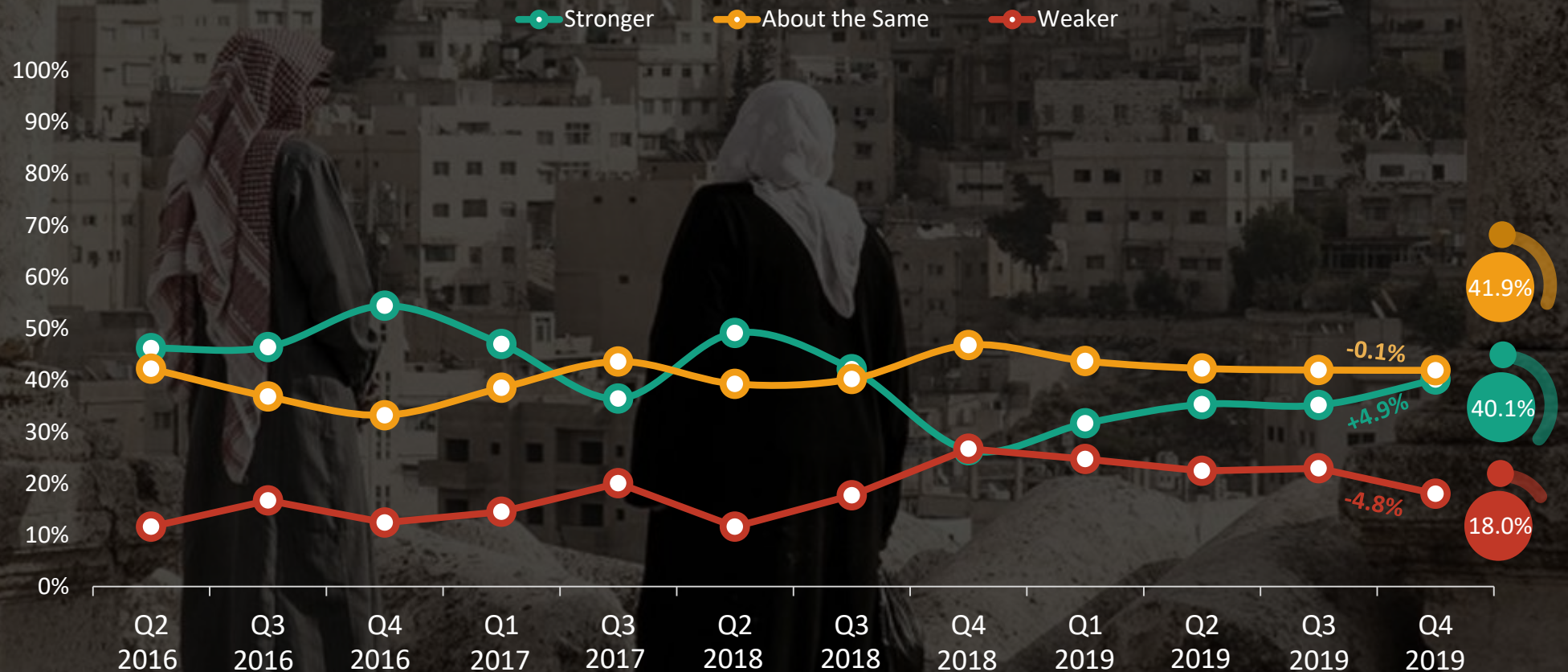
Current Personal Financial Situation

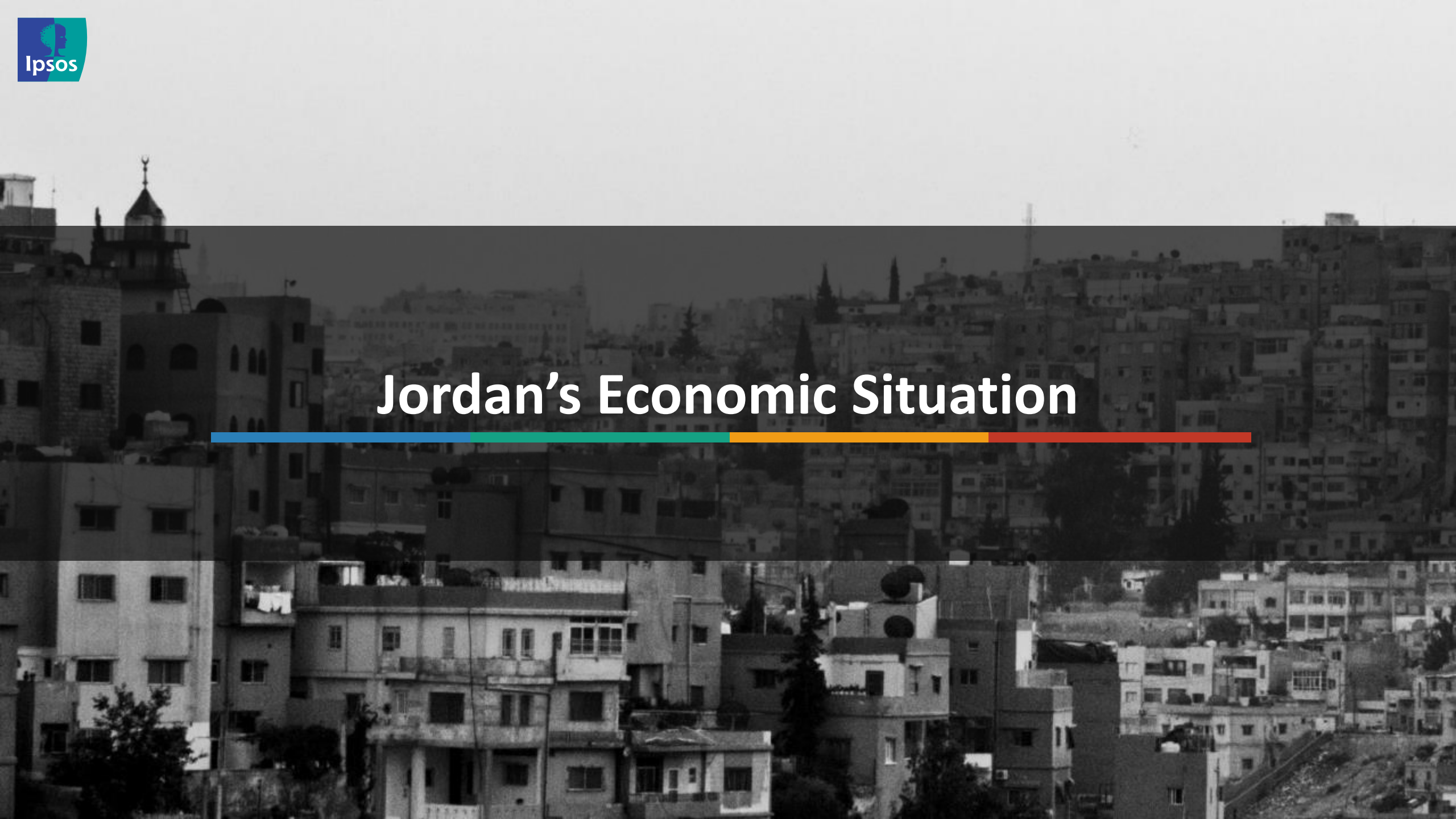
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Future Personal Financial Situation

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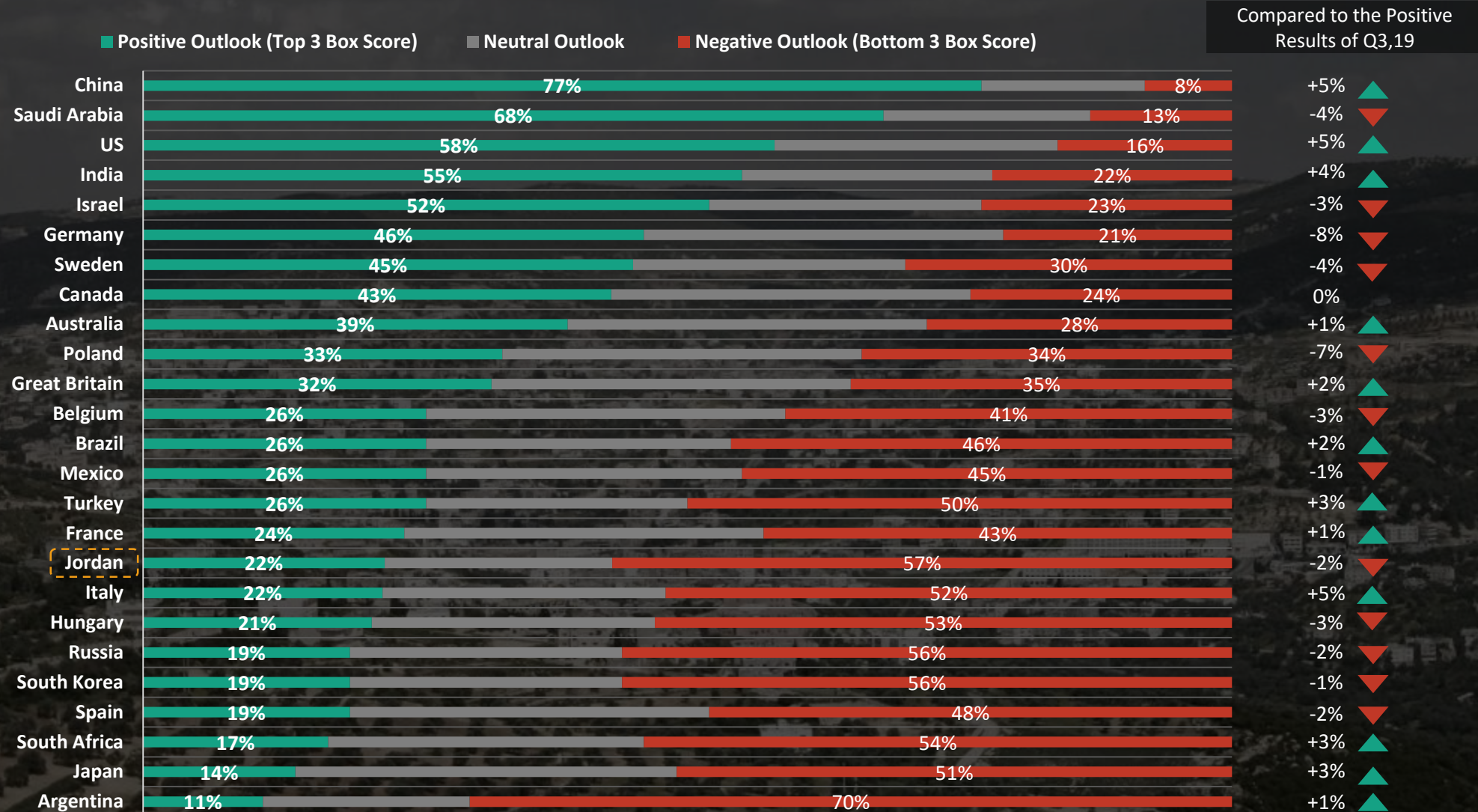


Jordan's Economic Situation

Current State of the Economy

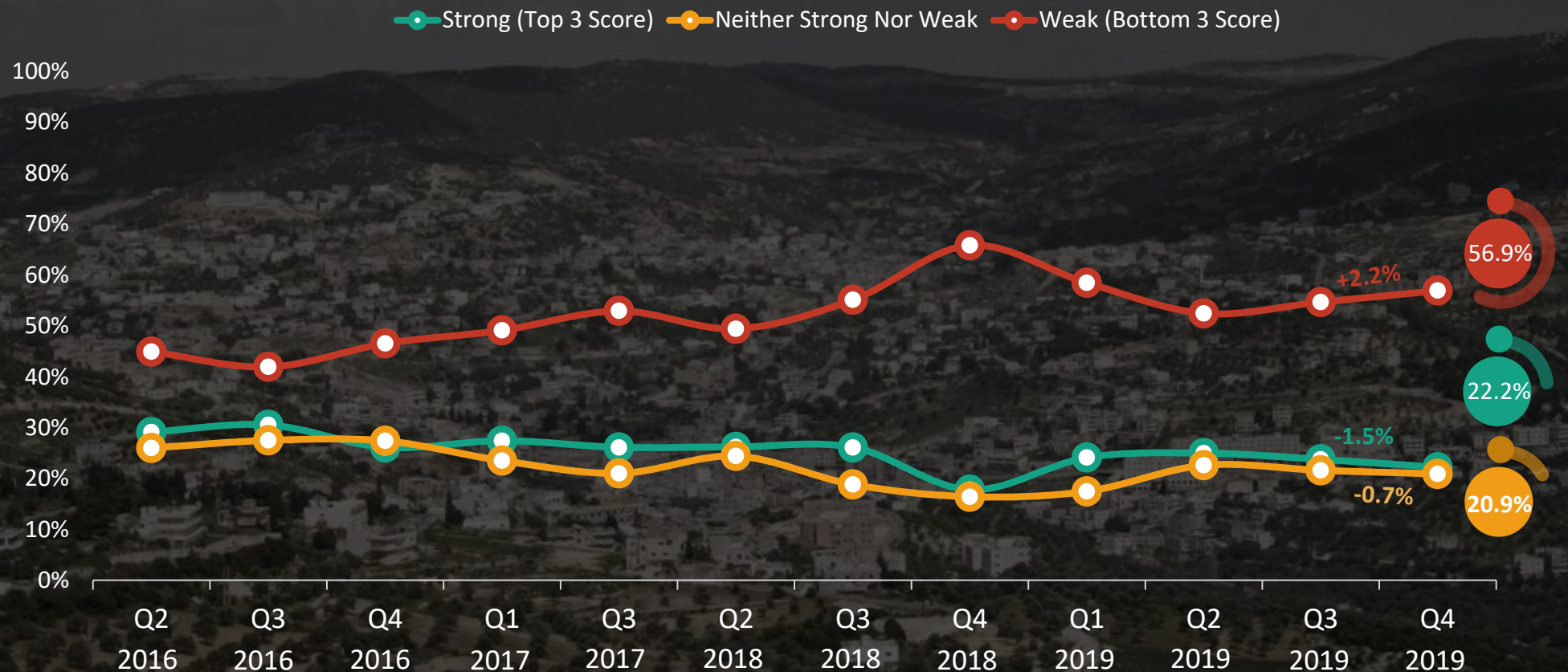
Global Comparison

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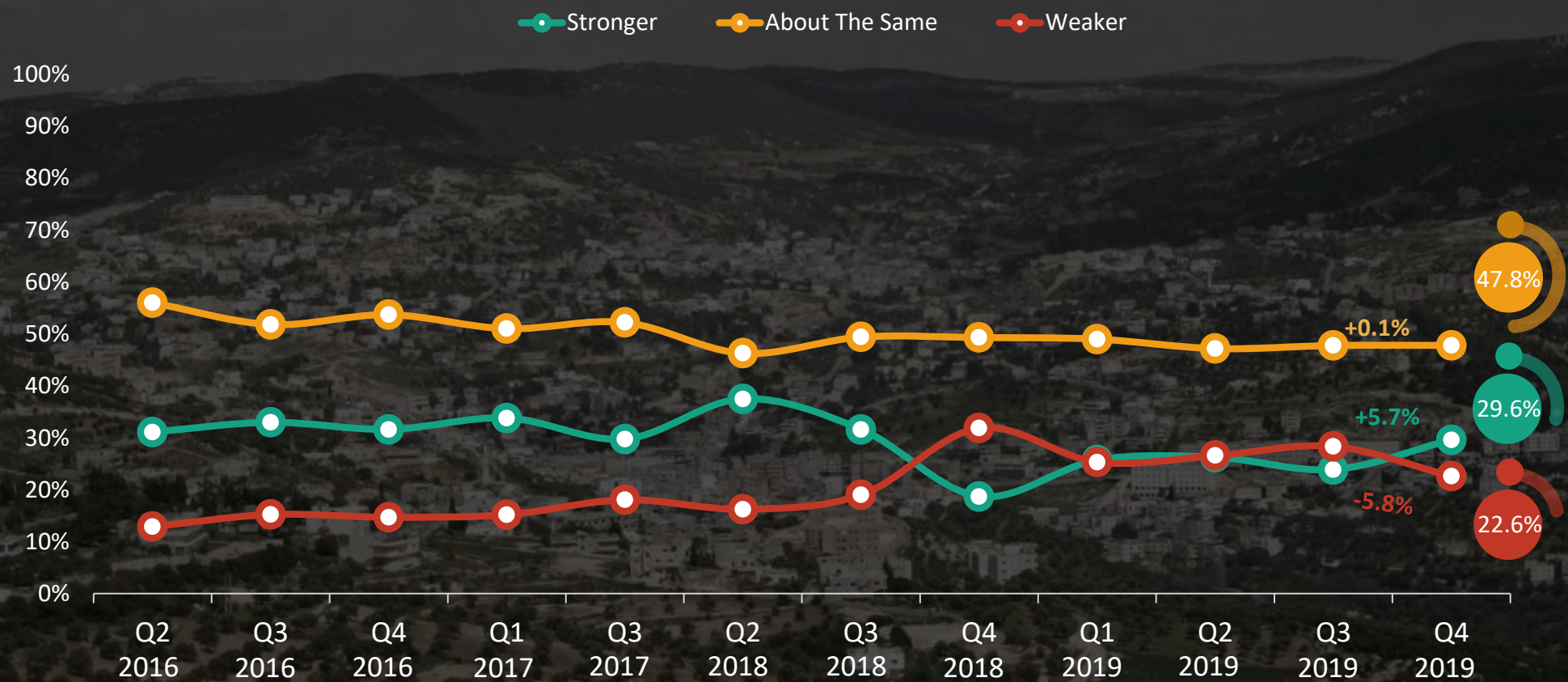
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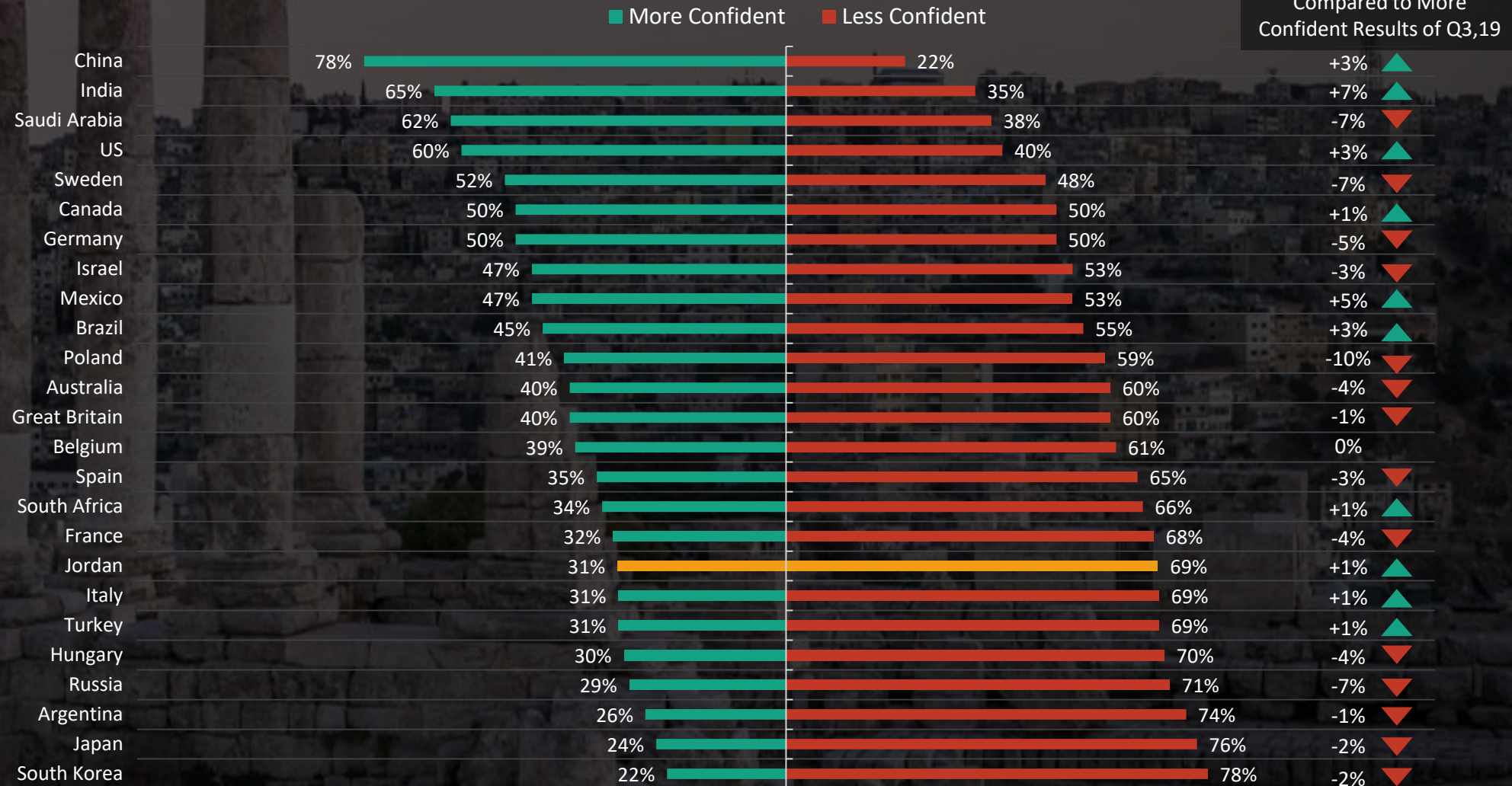


Employment

Job Security

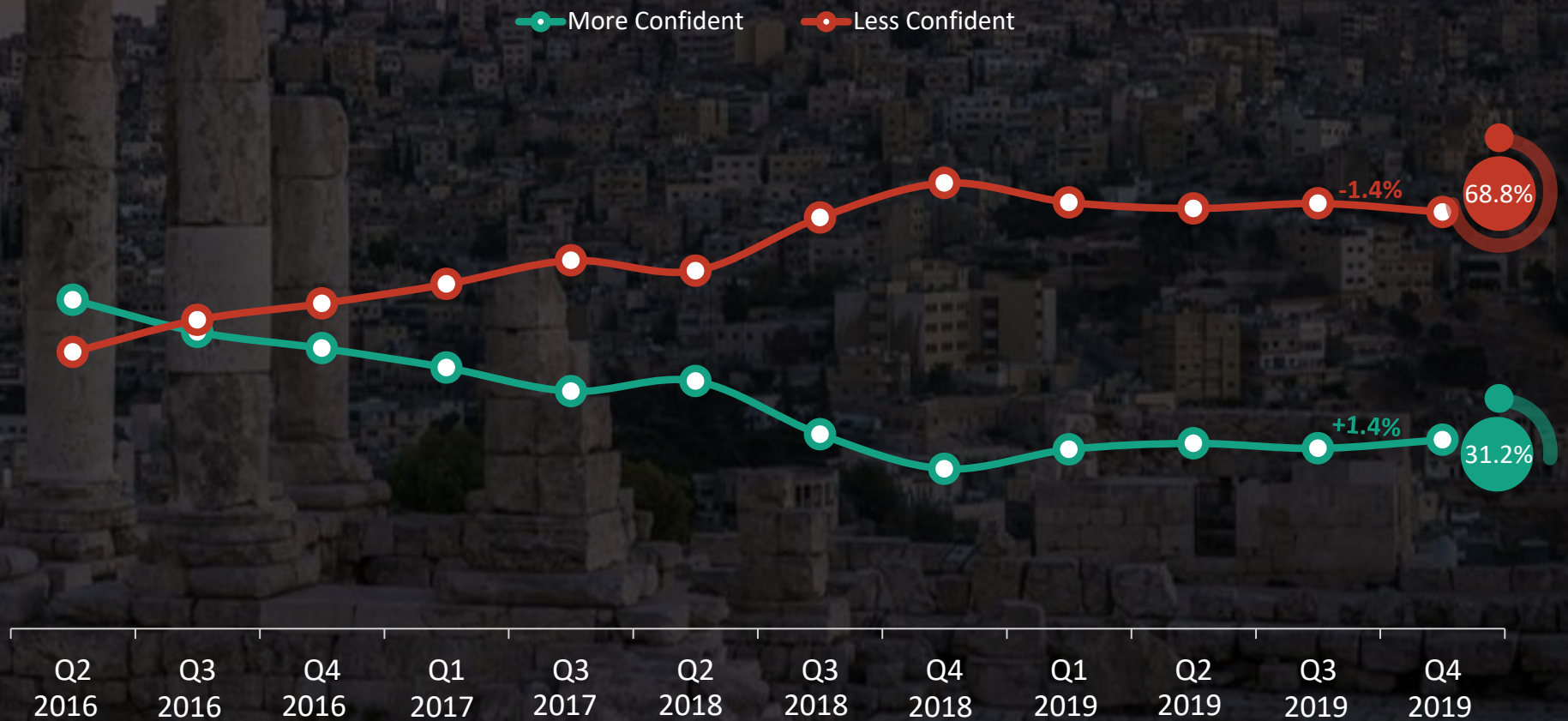
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Q. Compared to 6 months ago, are you now more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?



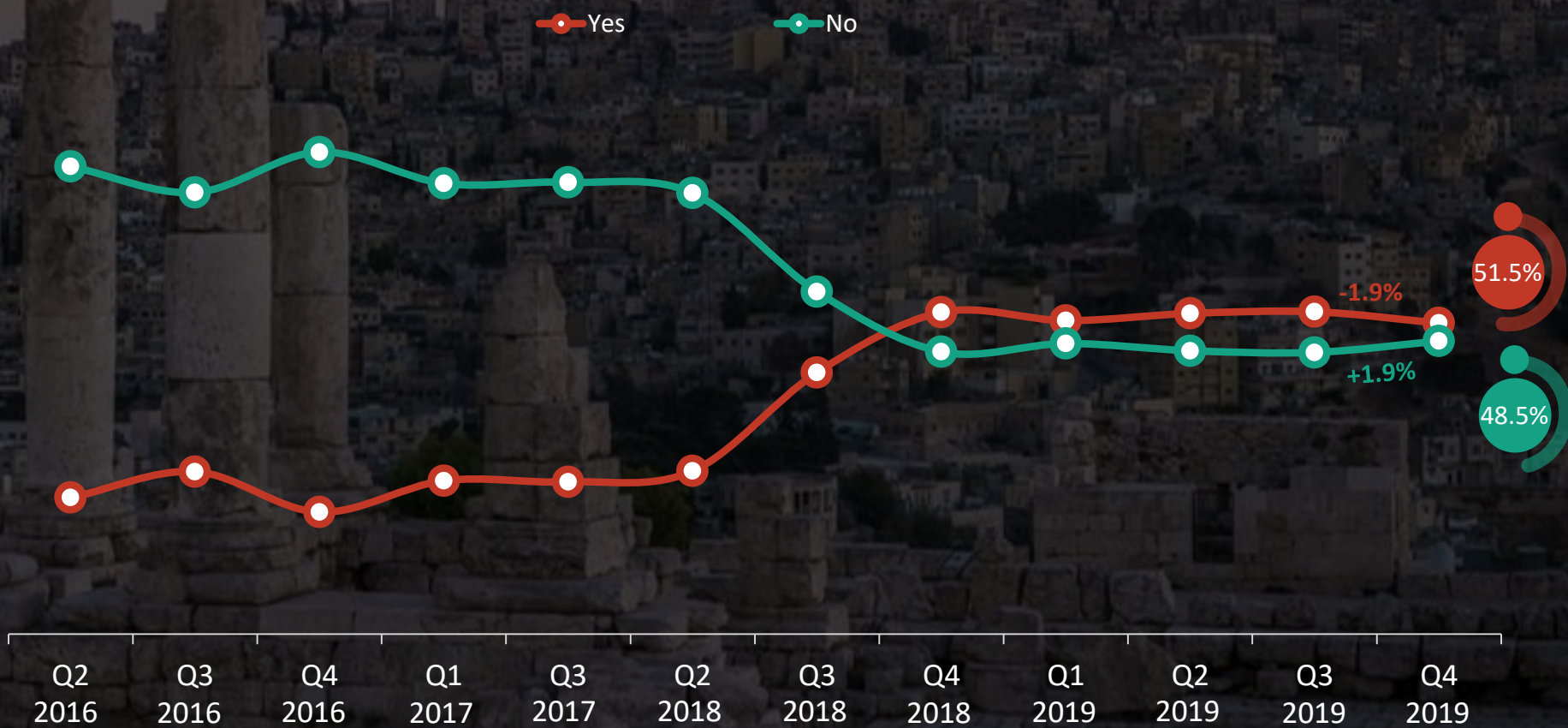
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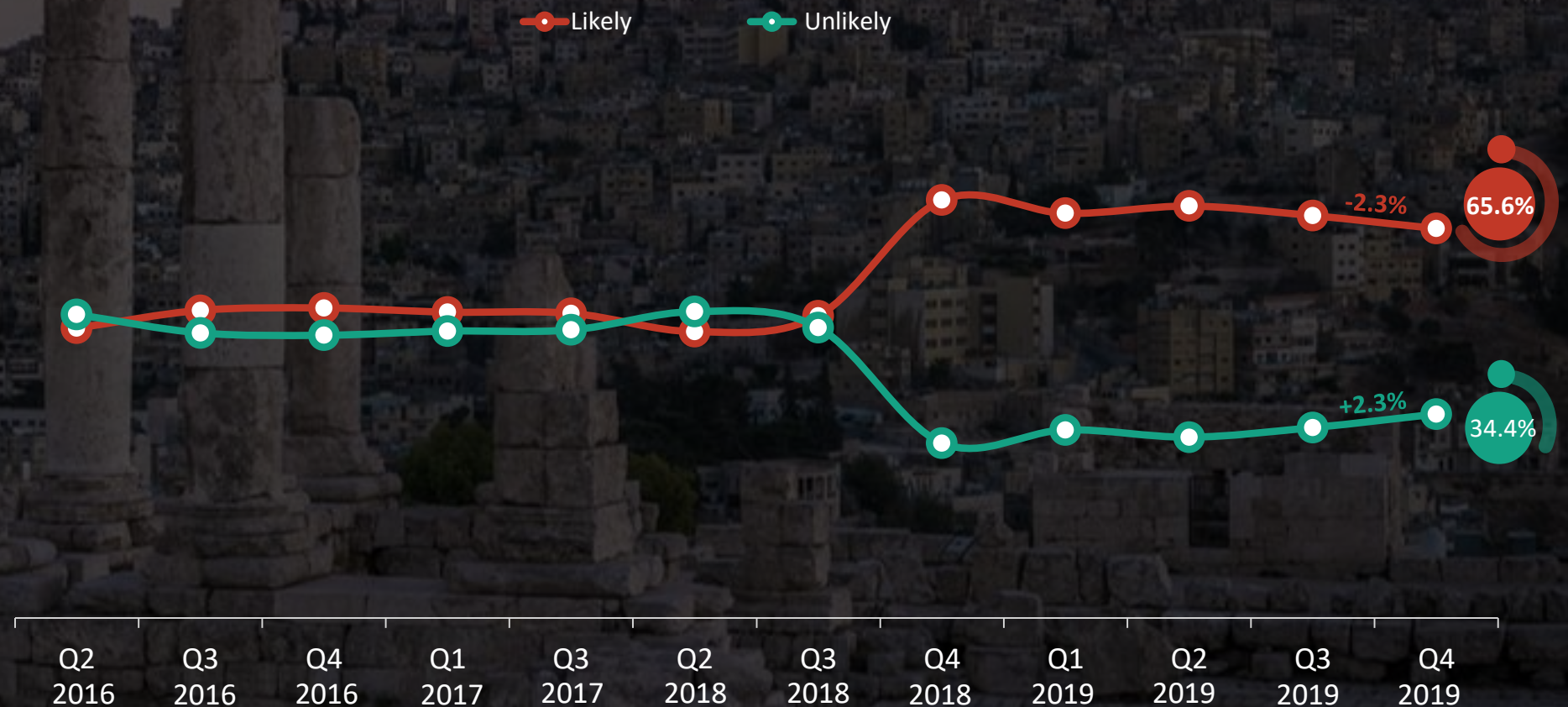
Job Losses in the Past Six Months

Q. Thinking about the last 6 months, have you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally lost their job as a result of economic conditions?



Job Losses in the Next Six Months

Q. Looking ahead at the *next* six months, how likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?



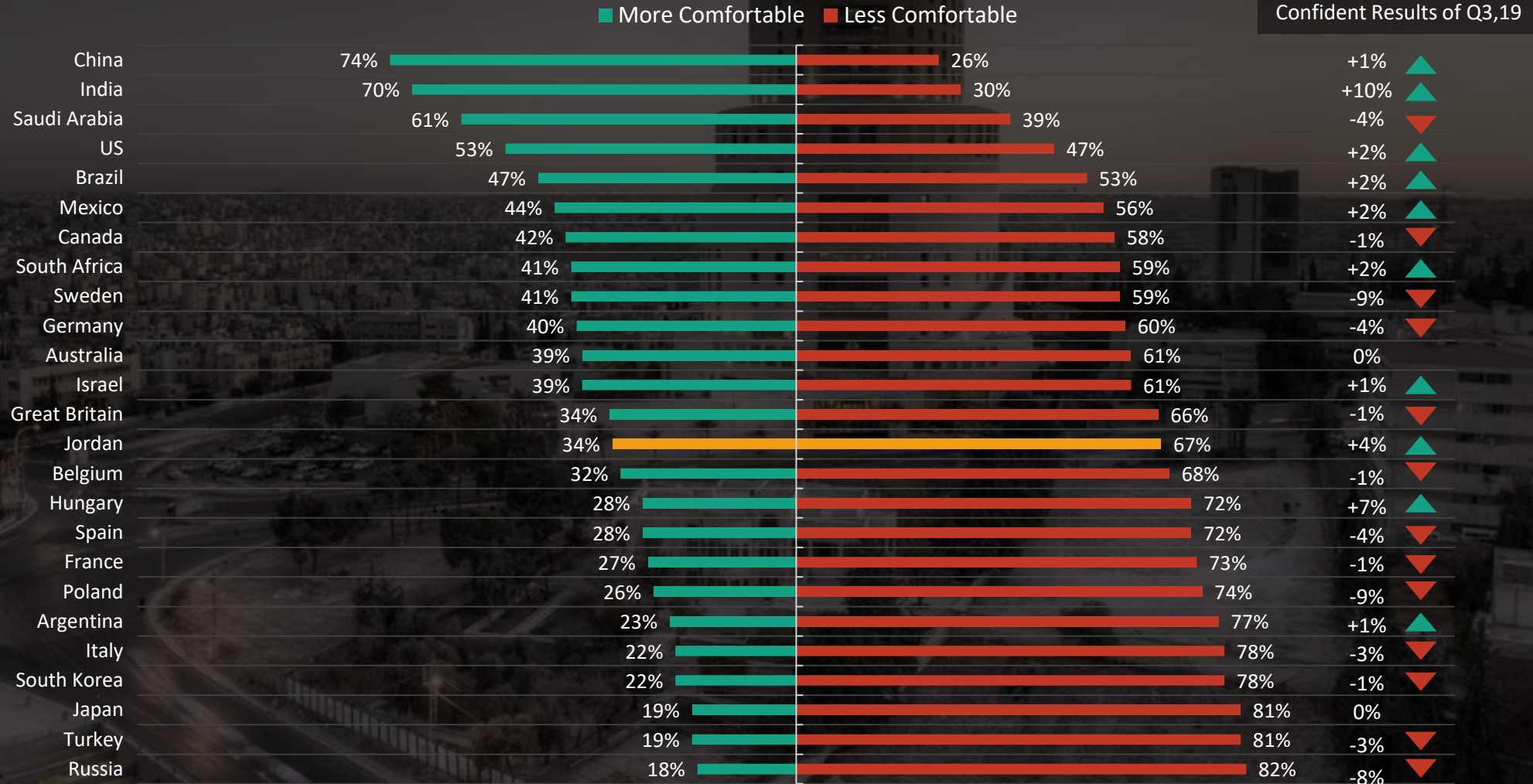


Investment Climate

Ability to Invest in The Future

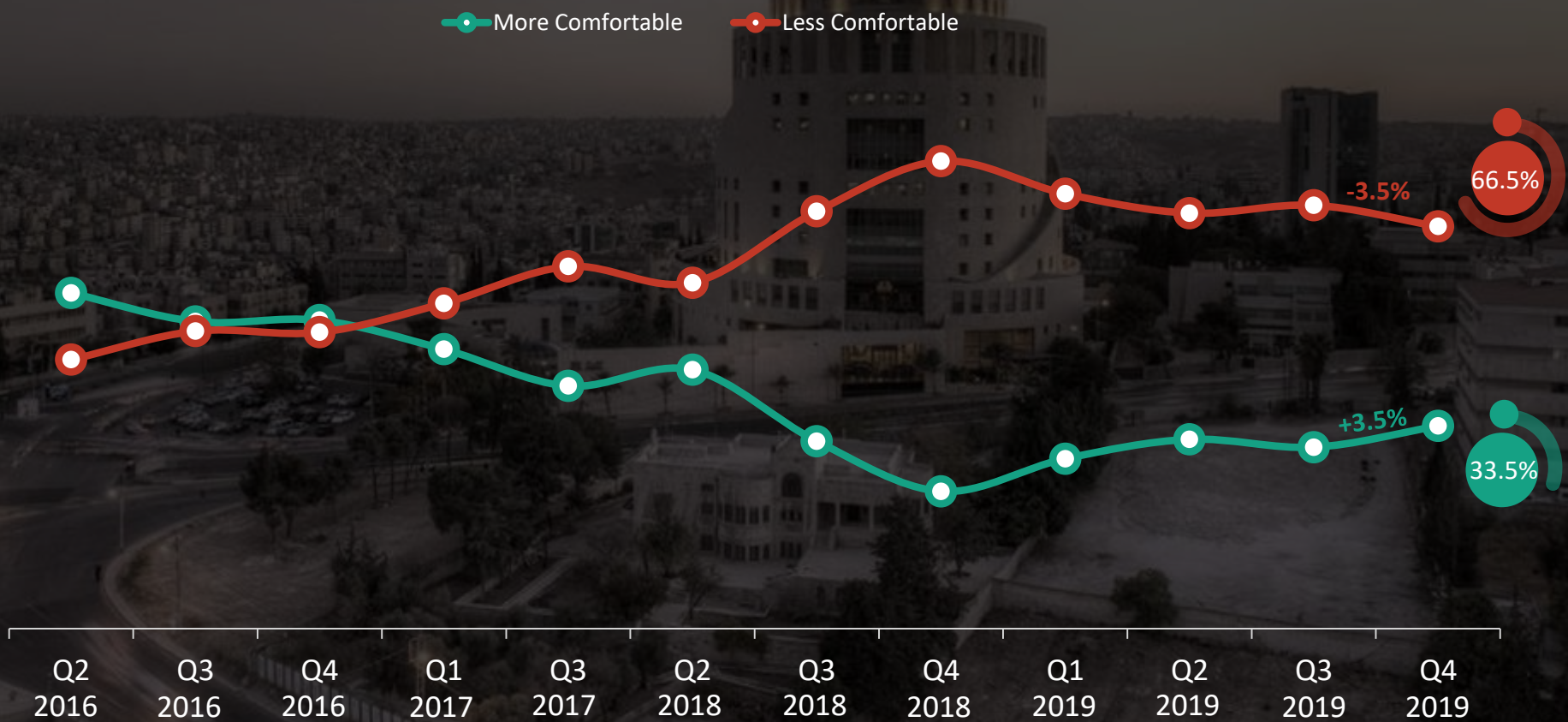
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Q. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable about your ability to invest in the future, including your ability to save money for your retirement and your children's education?



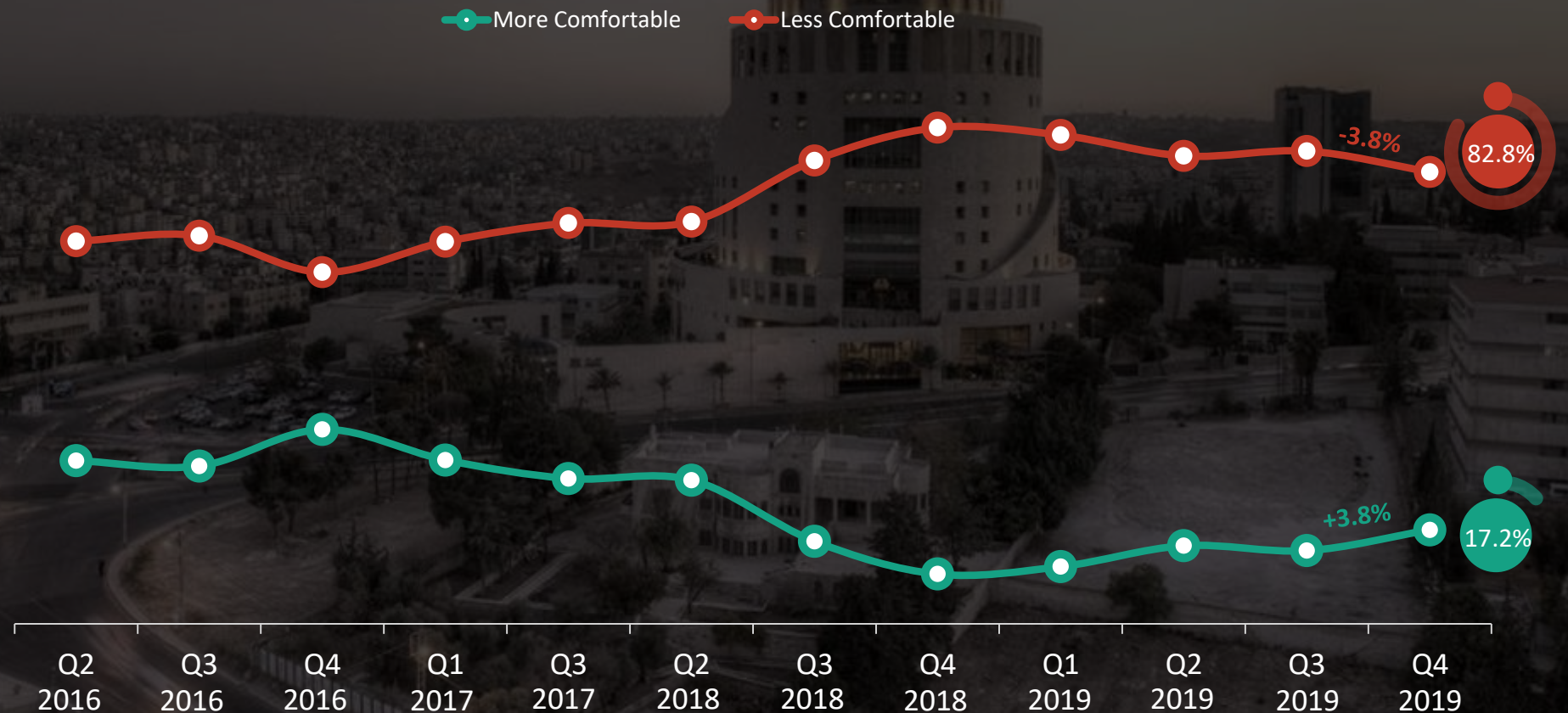
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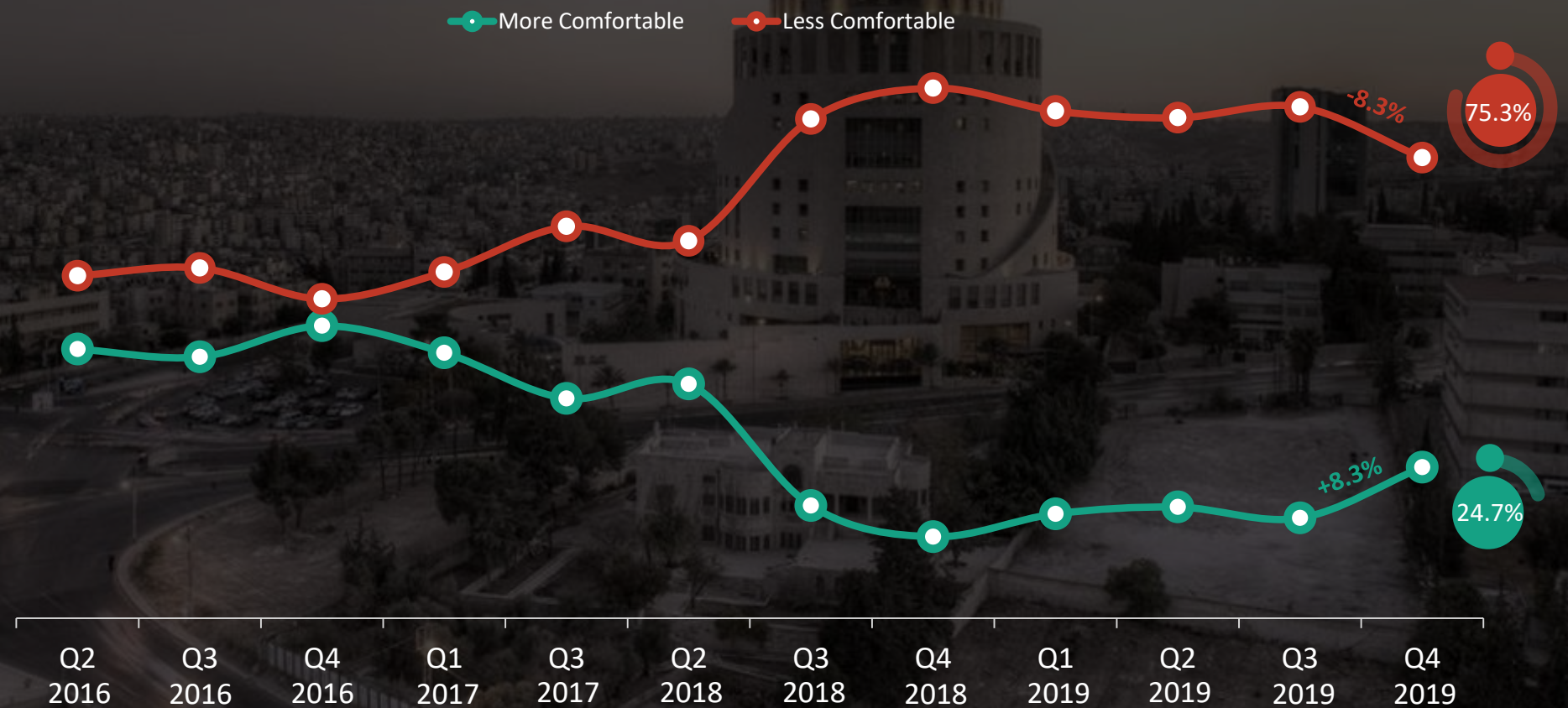
Ability to Make a Major Purchase

Q. Compared to 6 months ago, are you now more or less comfortable making a major purchase, like a home or car?



Buying Household Durables

Q. Compared to 6 months ago, are you now more or less comfortable making other household purchases?

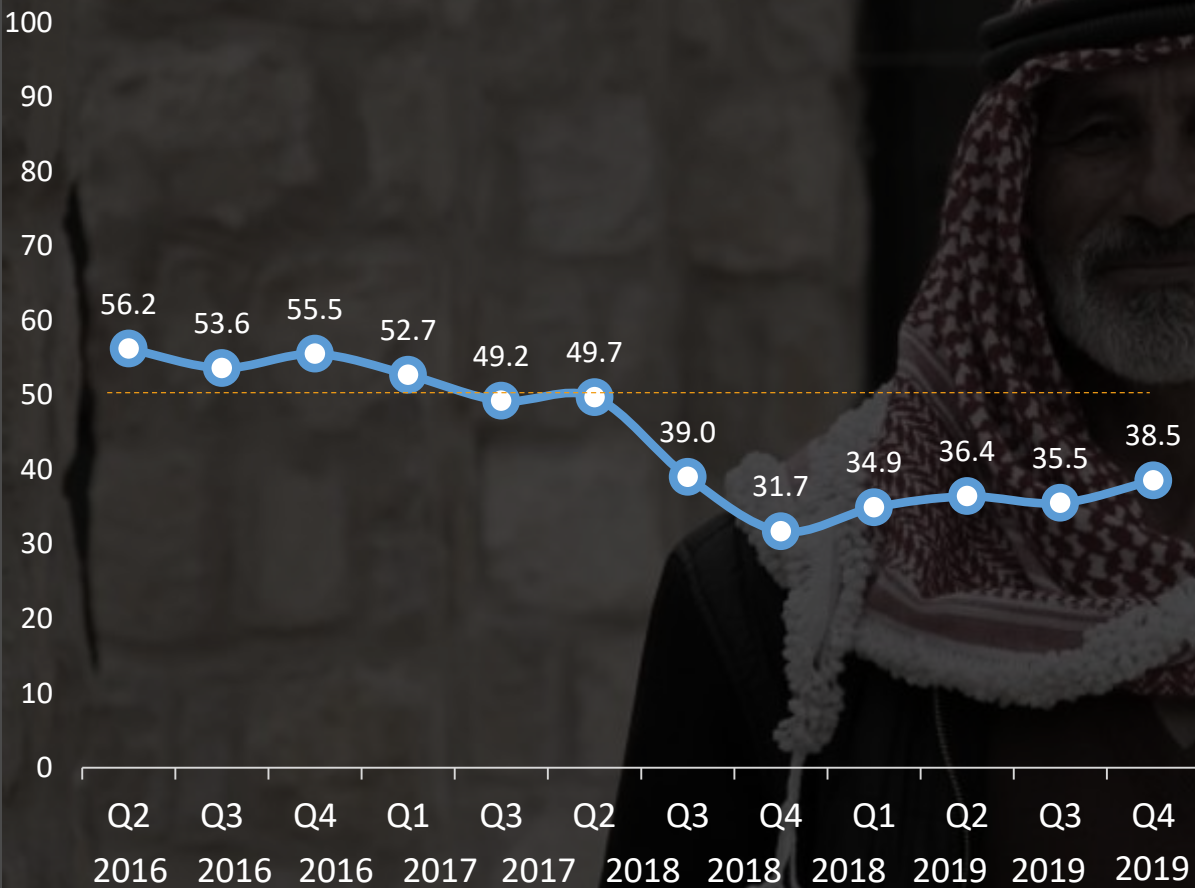


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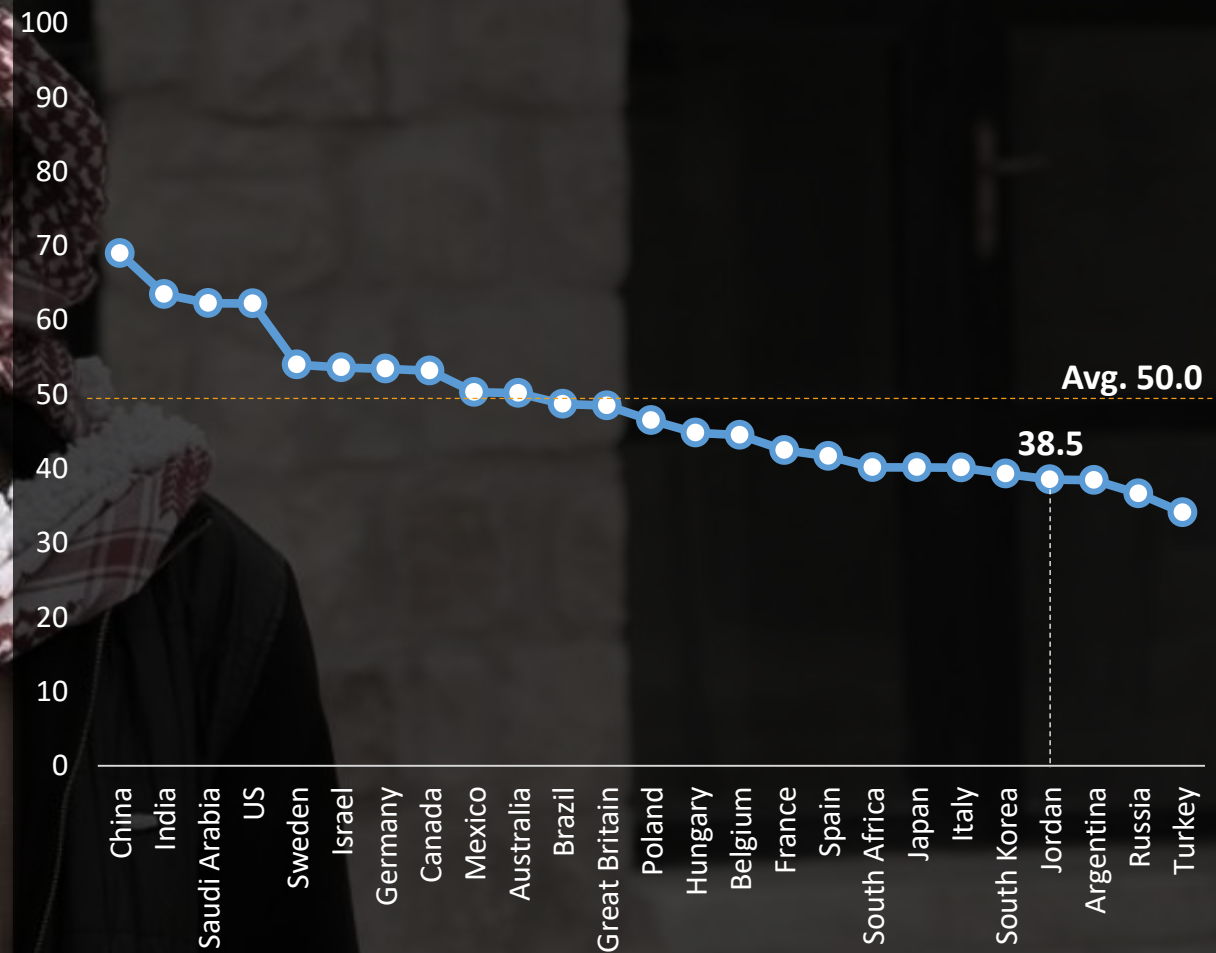


Overall JCSI

JCSI- Trending



JCSI- Global Comparison

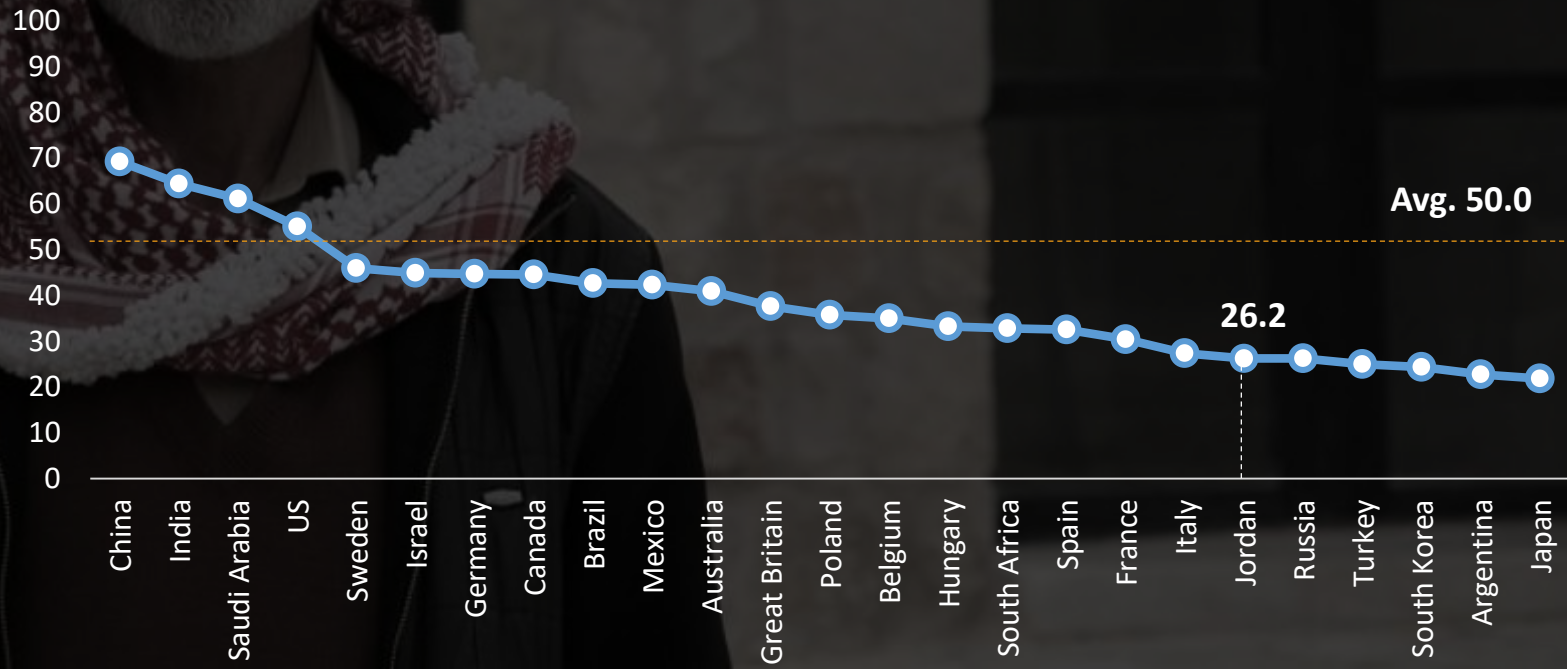
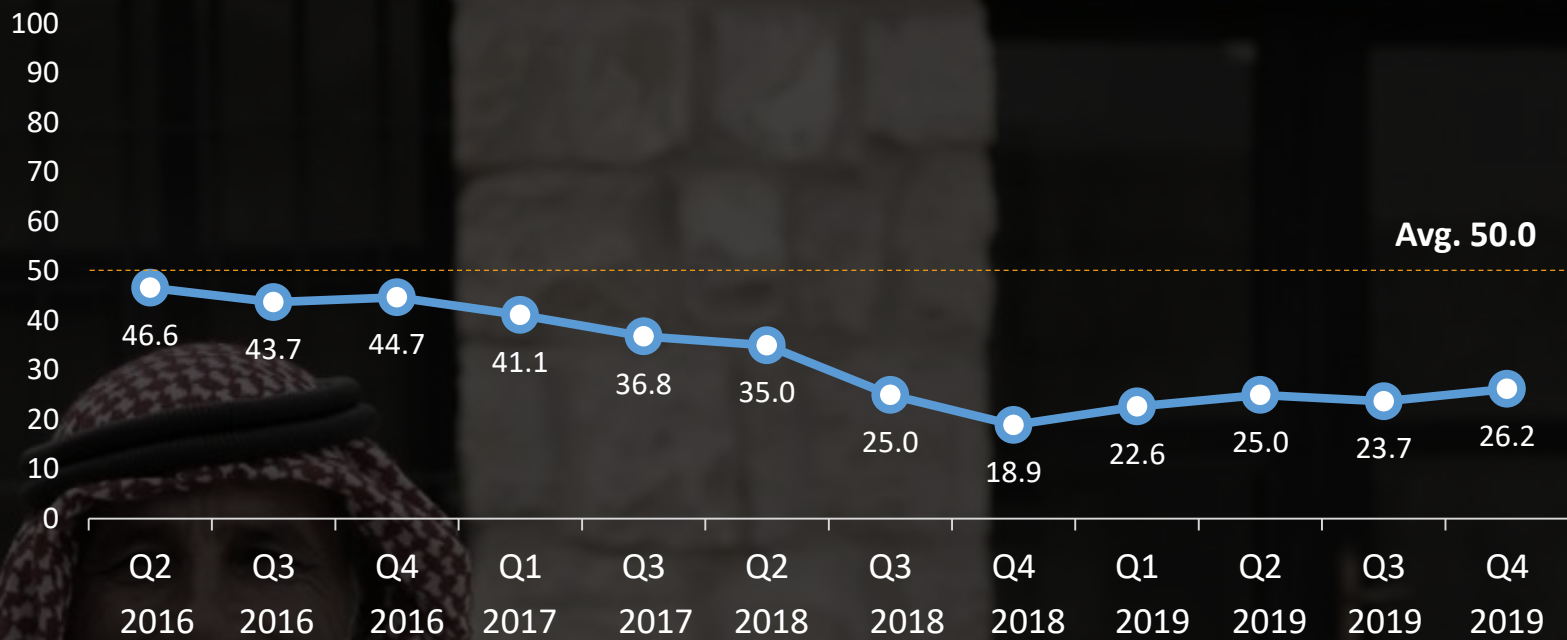




JCSI Personal Financial Conditions

This quarter's index on financial conditions has seen a 2.5 increase in comparison to last quarter. This increase slightly improved Jordan's overall position with respect to other countries, as there is a general increase witnessed across countries in people's financial sentiment when compared to last quarter.

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2. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable making a major purchase, like a home or car?
3. Compared to 6 months ago, are you NOW more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?
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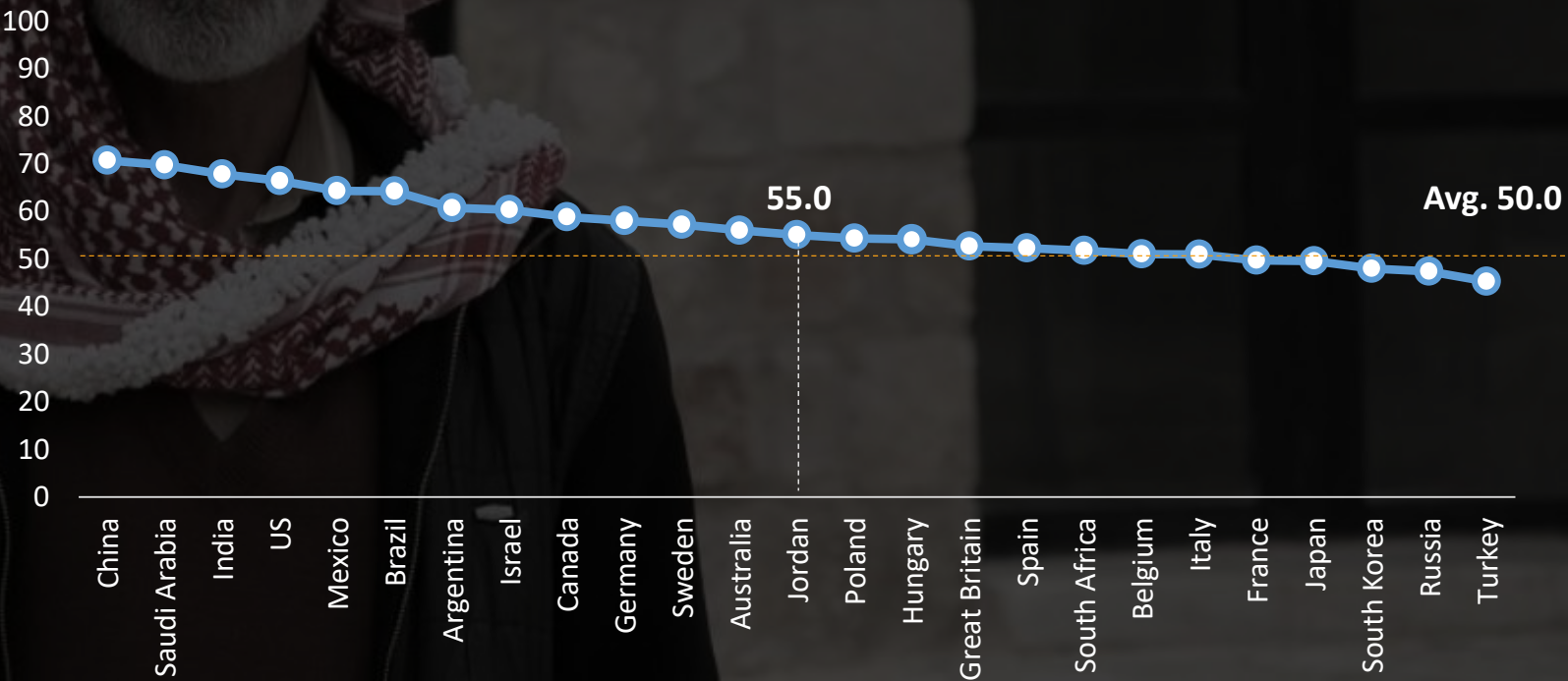
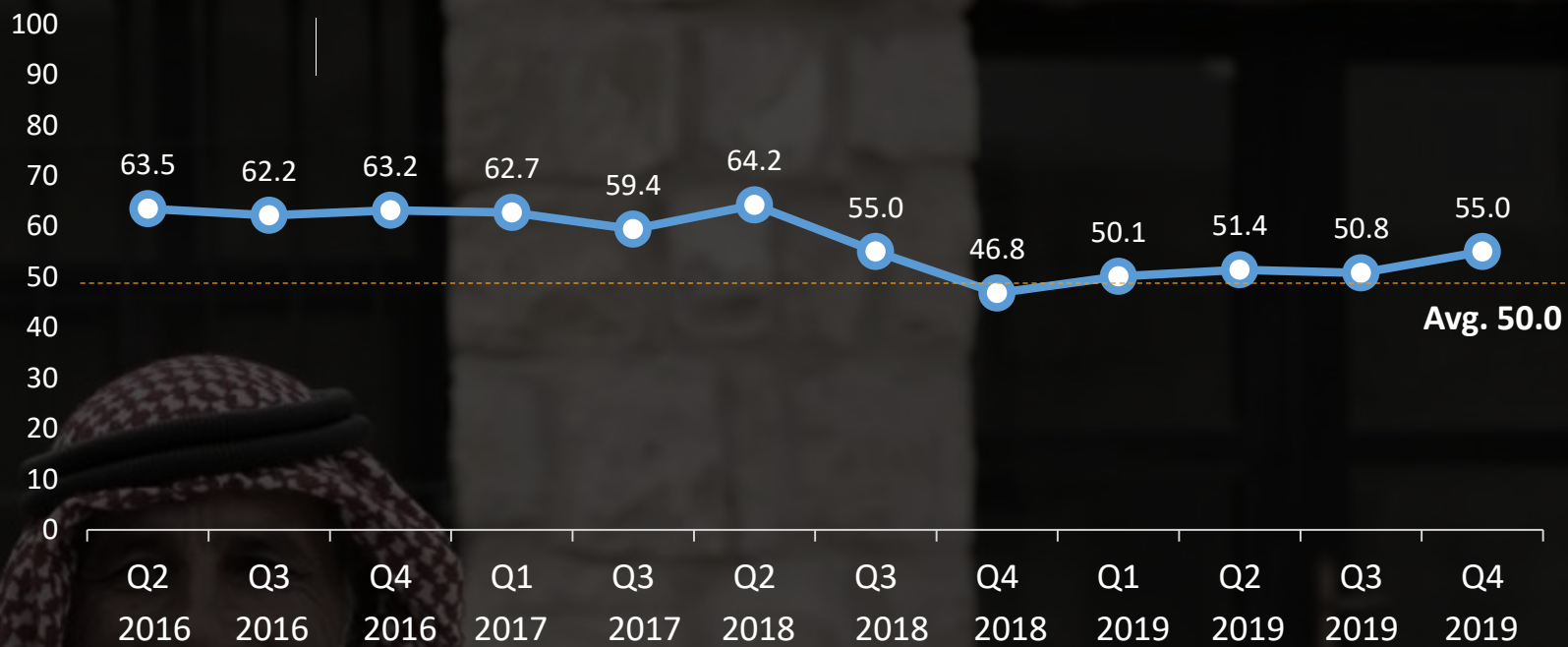




JCSI Economic Expectations

Jordanians' expectations regarding their country's economy have been more positive this quarter. Their positivity has repositioned Jordan to be the 13th country (up from the 19th) out of 25 countries.

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2. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?
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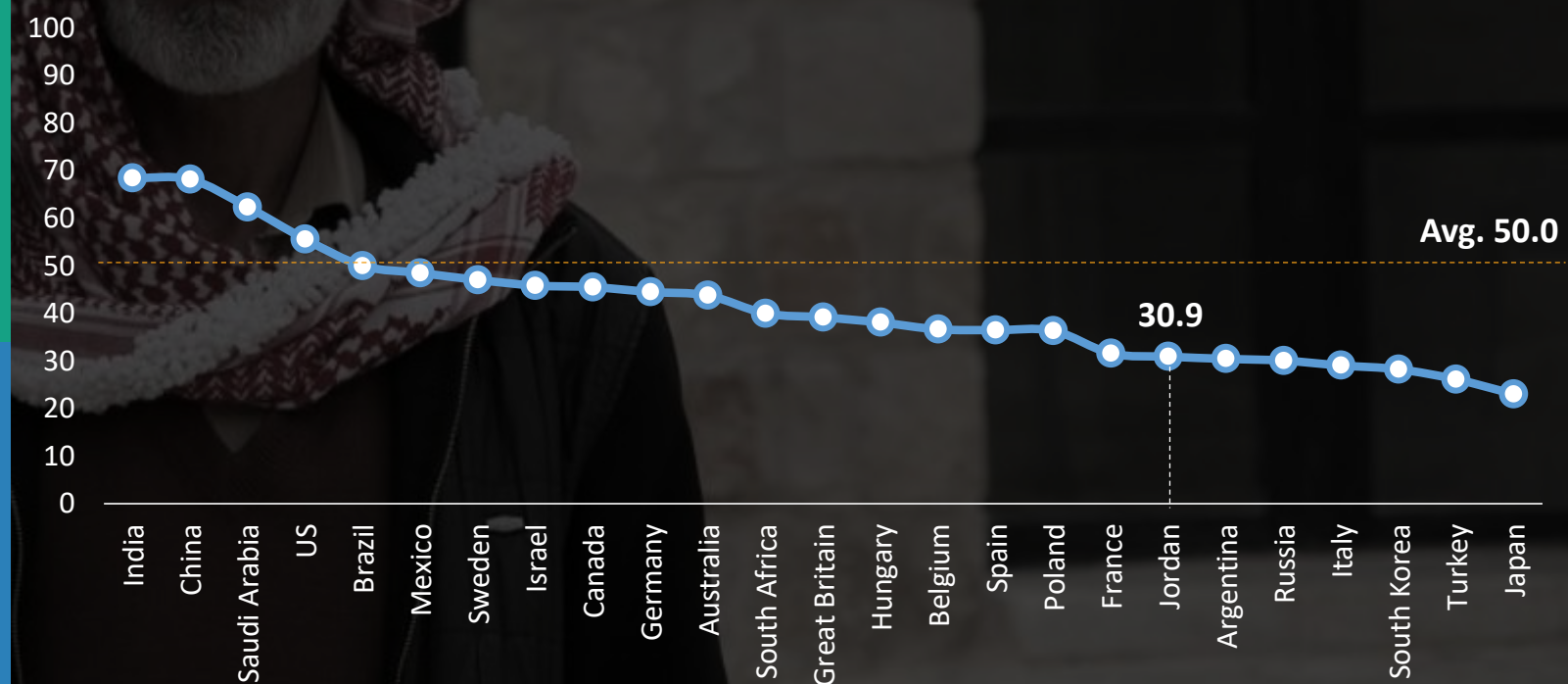
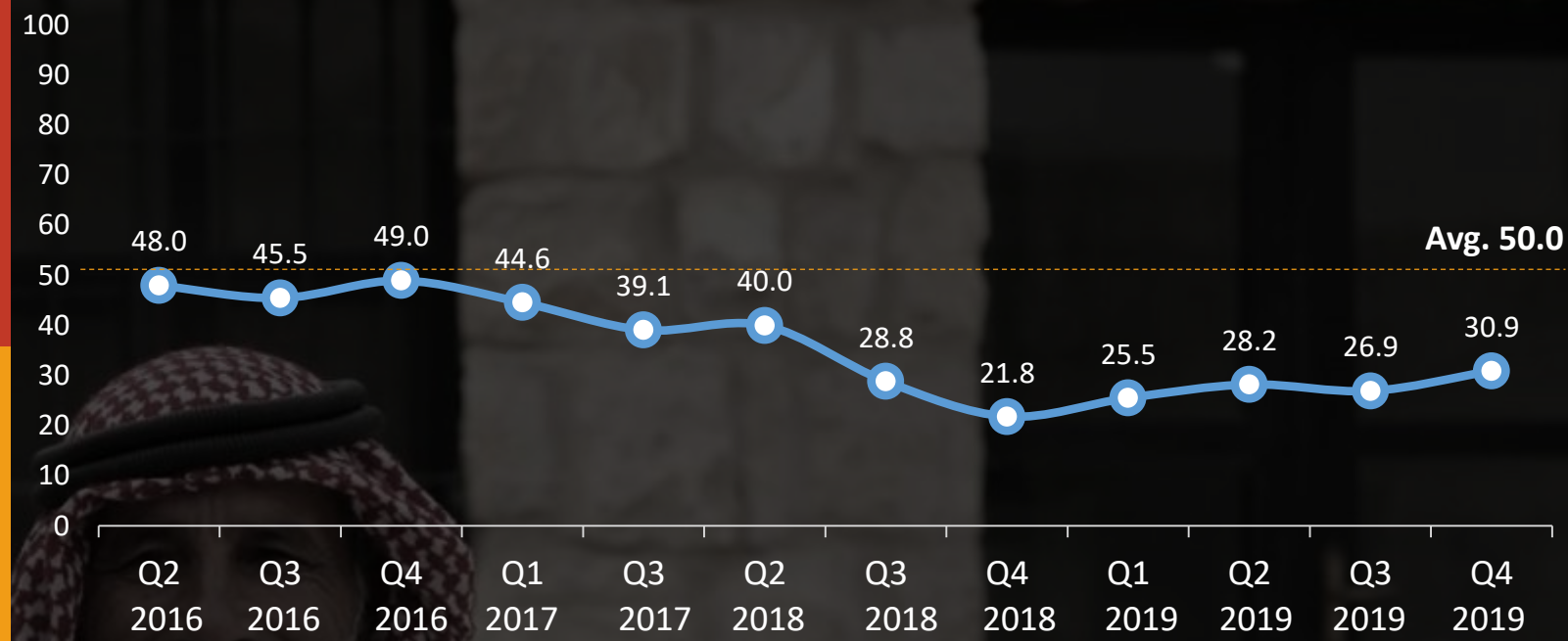




JCSI Investment Climate

Jordanians' positivity towards their ability to invest has increased this quarter, resulting in an increase by 4.0 points in the fourth quarter.

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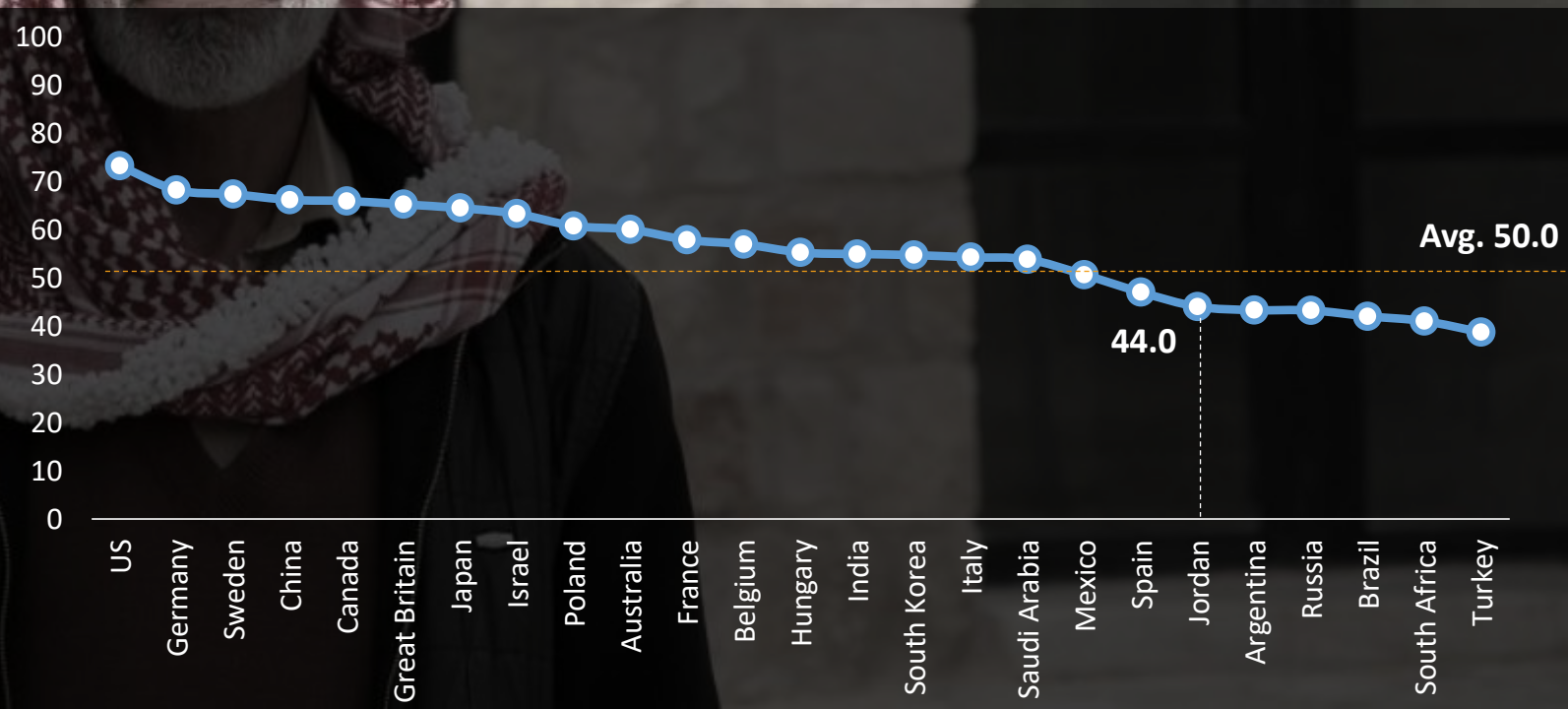
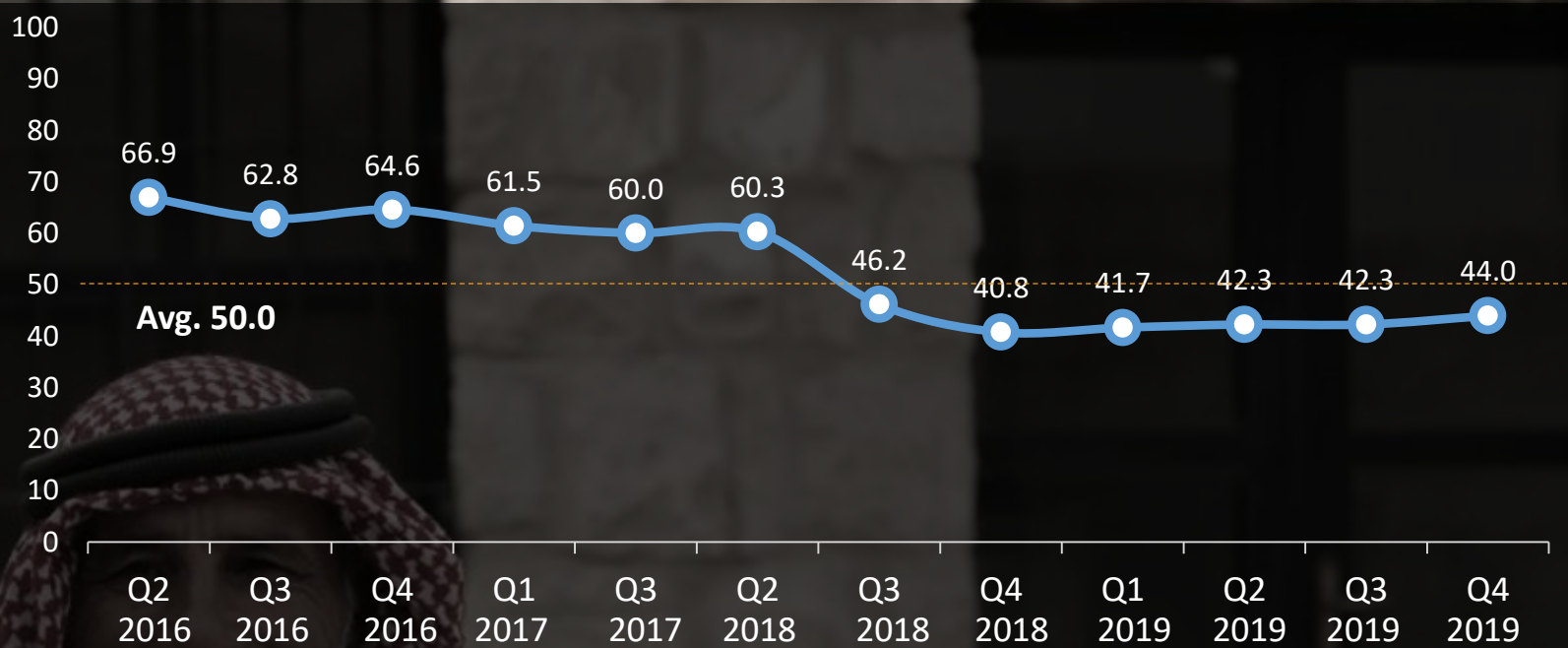




JCSI Employment Confidence

The employment index has also seen an improvement in comparison to other indices this quarter. This had a positive effect on Jordan's position in comparison to the last wave, as some countries witnessed a deterioration across this index.

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3. Now look ahead at the next six months. How likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?



JCSI Methodology



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Methodology – Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews (CATI)

Sample Size – 1000 Respondents

Age – 18 years old and above

Sample Criteria – Nationally Representative Sample of Jordanians

The JCSI Index is calculated by utilizing data from the survey results. Responses are divided into aggregated Top Box (Reward) numbers and Bottom Box (Penalty) numbers. Using Shapely Value Analysis, values were generated for the penalty and reward for each question. The magnitude of each question is the difference between the reward and penalty. An Importance factor, which is the ultimate weight of the particular question in the index, is the magnitude of each question divided by the total magnitude of all questions. A Top Box Weight for each question is calculated by dividing the Reward by the magnitude of each question. Similarly, the Bottom Weight for each question is calculated by dividing the Penalty for each question by magnitude of the same. The Index Value for each question is calculated by using the formula: $\text{Importance} \times (\text{Top Box Wt} \times \text{Top Box \%}) - (\text{Bottom Box Wt} \times \text{Bottom box \%})$.



Social Intelligence

Ipsos has incorporated social
listening into this Quarter's
Edition...

...because in order to understand
the overall consumer sentiment,
we cannot forego the **Jordanian
social landscape**

IDENTIFY
TRENDING TOPICS

DETERMINE **UNDERLYING
EMOTIONS**

MEASURE
SENTIMENT

Methodology

- The Tool: Ipsos' Synthesio
- Region: Jordan
- Scope of Topics: economical and societal concerns and events
- Information sources: news websites, forums, blogs, open accounts and public groups on social sites, ...
- Timeline: 1st October 2019 – 31st December 2019
- Our SIA tool adheres to GDPR guidelines which inhibit the access to personally identified data, including private profiles. All the data that is analyzed by SIA platforms only cover public pages and accounts

99,905
Public Posts Analyzed



97.1%
Facebook



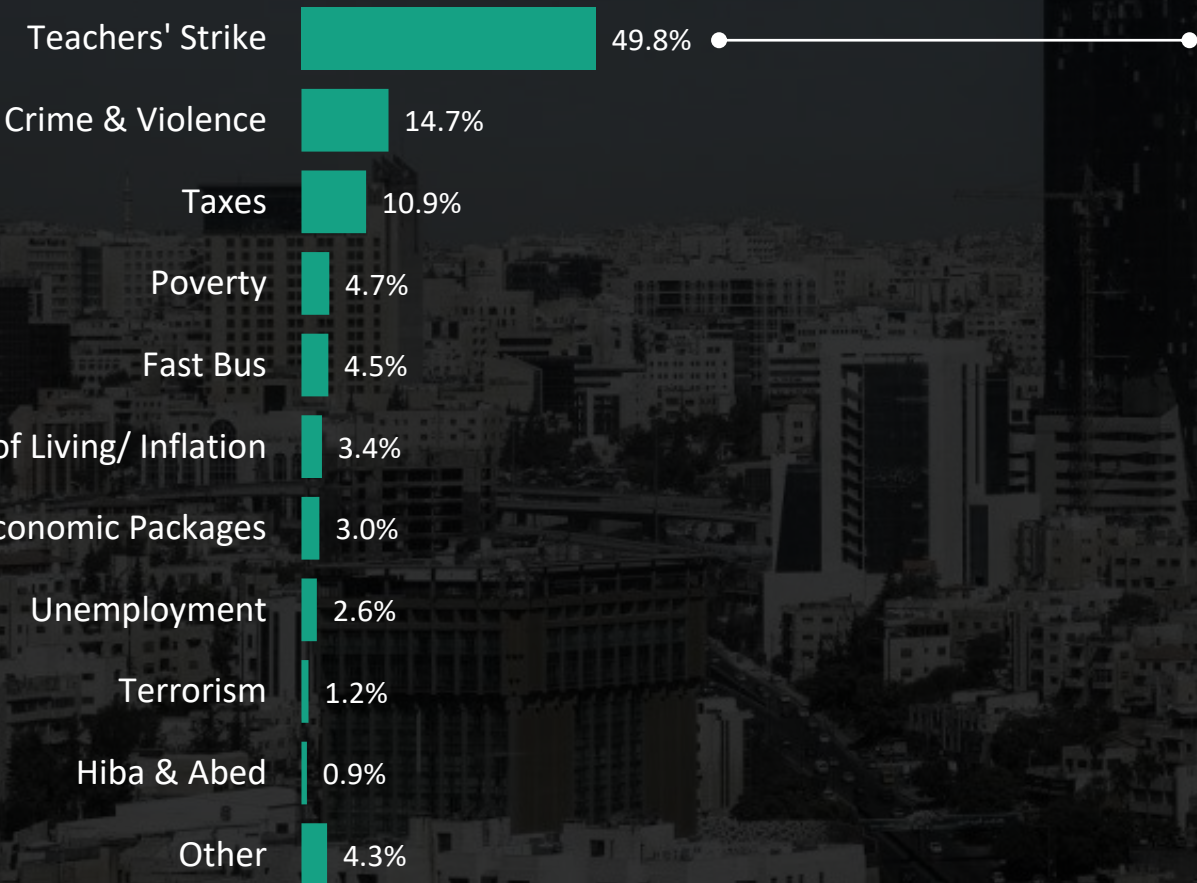
2.9%
Twitter



0%
Other

Share of Topics Online

Period October 1st to December 31st



While the topic still cites a larger volume of mentions, the topic of the teachers' strike died out by October 7th. The topic resurfaced slightly on December 1st, after a video of a teacher hitting a student went viral. Most felt that this incidence was given too much attention; as it's something that they experienced themselves growing up.



Trending Topics- Crime & Violence

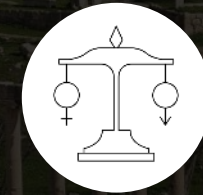
Trending Topics: Crime & Violence Overview

Spikes Occurred
November 6th and 9th
2019

Two violent incidents occurred during November, which led citizens to post actively about those specific events;



Tourists and security
guards were stabbed in
Jerash on November 6th,
2019



Women blinded after her
husband gouged out her
eyes on November 9th,
2019

These incidents combined drove social media users to share their concerns and opinions regarding the punishment these men should face. The majority of people agreed that these men should be punished harshly; as the hashtag “#إعدام” was being used repetitively amongst 50% of the posts.

Trending Topics: Crime & Violence

Jerash Stabbing
November 6th 2019

Eye Gouging Incident
November 9th 2019

Tourists attacked by knife-wielding man in Jordan

Police arrest man suspected of stabbing rampage against tourists in ancient city of Jerash known for its Roman ruins.

6 Nov 2019  



A tourist was
[Muhamma



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خمس حالات طعن في جرش الاثرية

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من مكان عملية الطعن في جرش

تعرض عدد من السياح ورجل أمن ودليل سياحي إلى الاعتداء باسم مديرية الأمن العام. والقت الأجهزة الأمنية القبض، الأربعاء، على شخصين.



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While the majority were angry about the man responsible for the attack, stating that he deserves the death penalty, some also associated the attack with other topics and concerns*.



Religion
7.5%

Several people are supporting their argument through religion; claiming that none of our religious beliefs encourages this type of action.

“

A criminal is someone who unlawfully kills innocent people, and killing innocent people is a crime. This is what our religion taught us.

”



Society
5.5%

A few people are stating that these crimes happen in western countries as well, like the events that took place in Canada and New Zealand.

“

For all of those who are discussing the stabbing incident, did you actually forget that a terrorist incident also took place in a mosque in Canada because of a psycho. Although the tourists visiting Jordan are innocent the guy was also mentally sick.

”

“

Lets not forget the incident that took place in New Zealand, where they killed several Muslims in a mosque.

”



Hiba & Abed
2.0%

A conspiracy theory was circulating that this was timed with Hiba and Abed's release; believing it was a diversion.

“

Isn't it odd that this incident occurred on the same day Hiba and Abed were released?

”

*73.0% of posts did not delve into specific concerns or topics

*Verbatims were translated from Arabic to English



Politics
5.5%



Economy
2.5%

A few citizens are laying some of the fault on the government since they believe this is what happens to individuals due to poverty.

“ This incident took place because of the hunger and poverty and increasing unemployment that is currently present, this is met with increasing violence in all its forms. ”



Security Forces
4.0%

A minority are questioning why security officers did not act quickly and try to prevent the incident. While others speculate that this all happened because a security officer offended the individual.

“ Those mental health speculations are inaccurate, I've heard that a security officer disrespected him in front of everyone which outraged him. ”

“ Why do they have guns if they wont use them? Are they there just for show? ”

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Jerash man who gouged wife's eyes charged with causing permanent disability

By Rana Hussein - Nov 15, 2019 - Last updated at Nov 15, 2019

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AMMAN — The Jerash Criminal Court prosecutor on Thursday charged a man with causing permanent disability, a senior judicial source said.

The 25-year-old woman, a mother of three children, was reportedly left home on November 6.

"The preliminary medical report indicated that the victim lost her vision to 15 years in prison," a senior judicial source said.



الفرد

الرئيسية الفجر الأردني الرياضة الاقتصاد حياة محافظات الحرب والصلح

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When Jordanians took to social media to share their thoughts and opinions on this incident, it was evident that anger consumed the majority; as 3 in 4 posted angrily about the senseless act of crime. Others also expressed concerns over the fact that no matter what the husband's punishment will be, the wife will never gain her sight back. Other topics and concerns include*;



*69.9% of posts did not delve into specific concerns or topics

*Verbatims were translated from Arabic to English

The overall stance in relation to both crimes is as follows; nearly 50% of the posts are asking for a death penalty to be put in effect since crime rates in Jordan seem to be increasing and becoming more grotesque.

#إعدام

40.0%
No Mention of Punishment

“ We are hearing of a new crime on a daily basis. This will unfortunately keep on occurring with this government and court. ”

11.2%
With Punishment But Against Death Penalty

“ Death penalty is not the answer, the individual needs to be charged with the medical treatments and the other charges that resulted due to their actions. ”

48.6%
With Death Penalty

“ Shame on such an upbringing, I hope they execute him. ”

“ The smallest form of punishment is **execution** ”



Trending Topics- Economy Deep Dive



Trending Topics: Economy Deep Dive

Main topics discussed on social media:



**Inflation and High
Cost of Living**

Cited increased
volume of posts in
October 6th, 27th
and 30th 2019



Unemployment

Cited increased
volume of posts in
October 13th and
23rd 2019



Poverty

Cited increased
volume of posts in
November 16th and
17th 2019

Trending Topics: Economic Deep Dive

Unemployment

Inflation

Poverty

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King urges clear measures to stimulate economy, meet citizens' needs

His Majesty says well-defined plan can attract regional, in

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AMMAN — His Majesty King Abdullah on Wednesday said that the time has come to take clear decisions and measures that stimulate the economy, meet citizens' needs and reduce unemployment.

Chairing part of a Cabinet meeting during a visit to the Prime Ministry, King Abdullah stressed that the package of government measures and decisions should be clear for citizens to understand and discuss, according to a Royal Court statement.

His Majesty said that having a clear plan to move forward steadily will attract more regional and international investments to Jordan, providing job opportunities for Jordanians, according to the statement.

For his part, Prime Minister Omar Razzaz emphasised the government's full commitment to implement and follow up on the King's directives, especially investment

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WASHINGTON, DC — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday kept its forecast for economic growth in Jordan in 2019 at 2.2 per cent, the same percentage projected in April, despite its expectations of a synchronised slowdown in the global economy this year.

In its October World Economic Outlook, launched in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, the IMF expected Jordan's economy to grow by 2.2 per cent, 2.4 per cent and 3 per cent in 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

The global lender's projections for Jordan's consumer price index stand at 2 per cent for 2019 and 2.5 per cent for 2020.

According to the Department of

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With unemployment being Jordanians' top concern, some posts are looking towards the government to help reduce unemployment rates.



Politics
56.0%

The majority are urging the government to have a greater role and level of involvement when it comes to solving unemployment. A few are demanding that the government collaborate with the private sector to provide jobs for unemployed people. Moreover, some are asking for the dismissal of expats from their current positions and reassigning them to Jordanian nationals.

“ *Why isn't the Ministry of Labor inspecting migrant workers more accurately and continuously? If they did their role properly then this would create more jobs and reduce the number of people relocating to other countries for a job.* ”

“ *Your highness, I really wish you would spend some time with our desperate youth who are struggling with unemployment and staying at home regardless of the number of degrees they hold. May God help us.* ”

*44.0% of posts did not delve into specific concerns or topics

*Verbatims were translated from Arabic to English

Trending Topics: Economic Deep Dive

Unemployment

Inflation

Poverty

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Jordan reaches deal with teachers union to end one-month strike

By [Rafatman Al-Khalidi](#) 4 MIN READ

AMMAN (Reuters) - Jordan's government said on Sunday it has reached a pay deal with the teachers union to end a one-month strike, the country's longest public sector strike that disrupted schooling for more than 1.5 million students.



Students attend a class at one of the public schools during the first day after the end of teachers' one-month strike in Amman, Jordan, October 4, 2019. REUTERS/Mohammad Hamid

قالت وزارة الطاقة والثروة المعدنية، ان الأسبوع الرابع من شهر تشرين أول الحالي شهد انخفاضاً في أسعار البنزين العالمية مقارنة مع معدلات أسعارها في الأسبوع الثالث من نفس الشهر حيث انخفض سعر البنزين أوكتان 95 من 640 دولار للطن الى 618ر3 دولار وبنسبة انخفاض بلغت 3ر4٪ وانخفض سعر البنزين أوكتان 90 من 581ر2 دولار للطن الى 571ر1 دولار وبنسبة 1ر7٪.

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Home » Local » CBJ lowers interest rate, prompted by positive monetary indicators

CBJ lowers interest rate, prompted by positive monetary indicators

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al Bank of Jordan (CBJ) on Thursday lowered for the third time this year the interest rate on all monetary policy instruments by 25 bps as of Thursday, October 31.

Decision was made in line with interest rate changes in international and regional markets, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, statement.

الحكومة تخفض اسعار البنزين - تفاصيل



Jordan's central bank cuts rates by 25 bps to spur sluggish economy

By **REUTERS**

PUBLISHED: 23:43 GMT, 30 October 2019 | UPDATED: 23:43 GMT, 30 October 2019

Inflation is the second top concern for Jordanians, and those posting on social media are associating it with the following topics and concerns*.



Politics
45.0%

The majority of the posts were directed at governmental officials, people are requesting a reduction in living costs in general.

“If the government is serious, they need to reduce fuel prices and match them with global prices. They also need to increase salaries with respect to the increasing prices. This way, the government will prove that it wants to help its people.”

“I urge you to ease up on your citizens. Reduce the price of fuel, taxes, water and electricity. You need to understand that people literally don't have enough to pay for all of these utilities.”



Society
7.4%

A minority are urging the others to speak up and take action so that their voices are heard and that their points will be taken into consideration.

“Those of you who are now concerned about the increasing prices, where were you earlier?”

*47.6% of posts did not delve into specific concerns or topics

*Verbatims were translated from Arabic to English

Trending Topics: Economic Deep Dive

Unemployment

Inflation

Poverty


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Statistics: Poverty in Jordan one of the lowest in Arab world

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Home » Local » Jordan poverty rate one of lowest in region — DoS

Jordan poverty rate one of lowest in region — DoS

By JT - Nov 16, 2019 - Last updated at Nov 16, 2019

AMMAN — Jordan's poverty rate is among the lowest in the Arab world, standing at 15.7 per cent in 2017, according to the most recent statistics available, Director General of the Department of Statistics (DoS) Qasim Zu'bi said on Saturday.

Zu'bi told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that international reports and standards, which usually rely on the department's figures, show that living conditions in the Kingdom are "still far from extreme poverty", with the number of extremely poor individuals in Jordan remaining under 8,000.



الإحصاءات: الفقر في الأردن من أقل النسب عالمياً



Poverty is the third top concern for Jordanians, and the statement that 15.7% of Jordanians are poor was not received well. The majority of posts were calling out the publishers of the inaccurate statistics. At the other end, some were questioning the government regarding their promise to release the statistics from their side.



Media
39.3%

“What you are saying is correct, there aren’t any poor families in Jordan, but please add the modification: there are plenty under the poverty line!”



Politics
20.2%

“Since day one, the Jordanian government has survived on people’s misfortunes and draining their blood without compensating them.”

Politics & Media
7.1%

“This channel has previously mentioned that the poverty rate in Jordan is in the 100’s of thousands. With this article you are contradicting yourselves. It is either the government whose facts are inaccurate or you are posting anything on your site.”

*33.4% of posts did not delve into specific concerns or topics

*Verbatims were translated from Arabic to English



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