



Perceptions of

Violence Against Women in France

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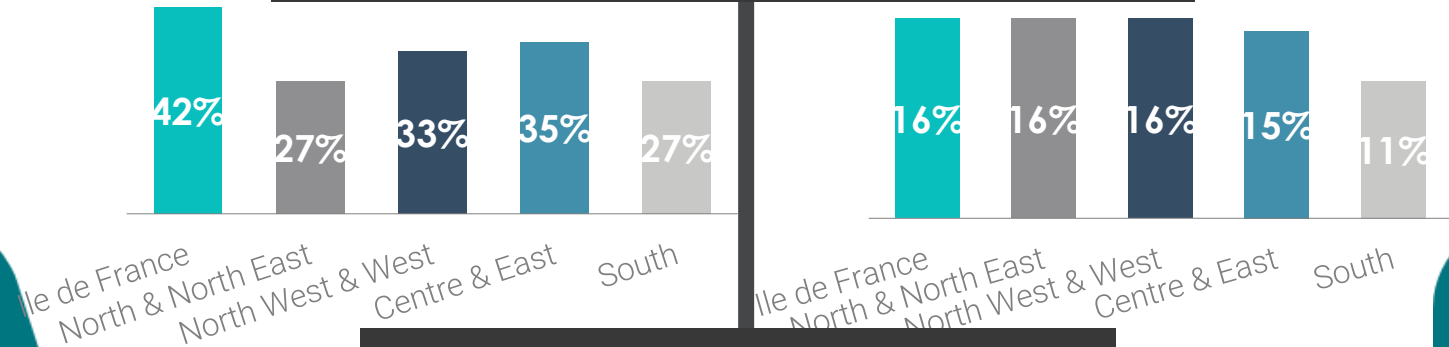
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Q. Do you personally know anyone who has been a victim of violence?

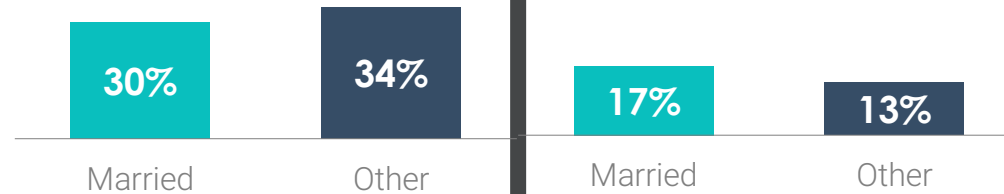
Nearly one third know a woman who has been a victim of violence, compared with just one sixth who know a man. Women tend to know many more female-victims of violence than men do.

53% Do not know victims of violence / 5% Don't know how to respond

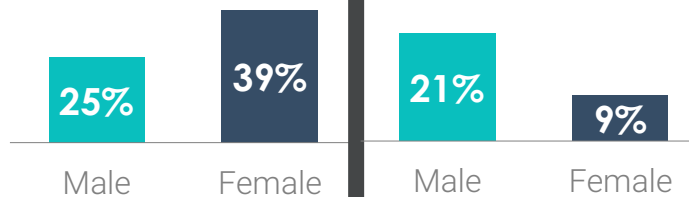
According to Region



According to Married Status



According to Gender



32%

Know a woman who has been a victim of violence

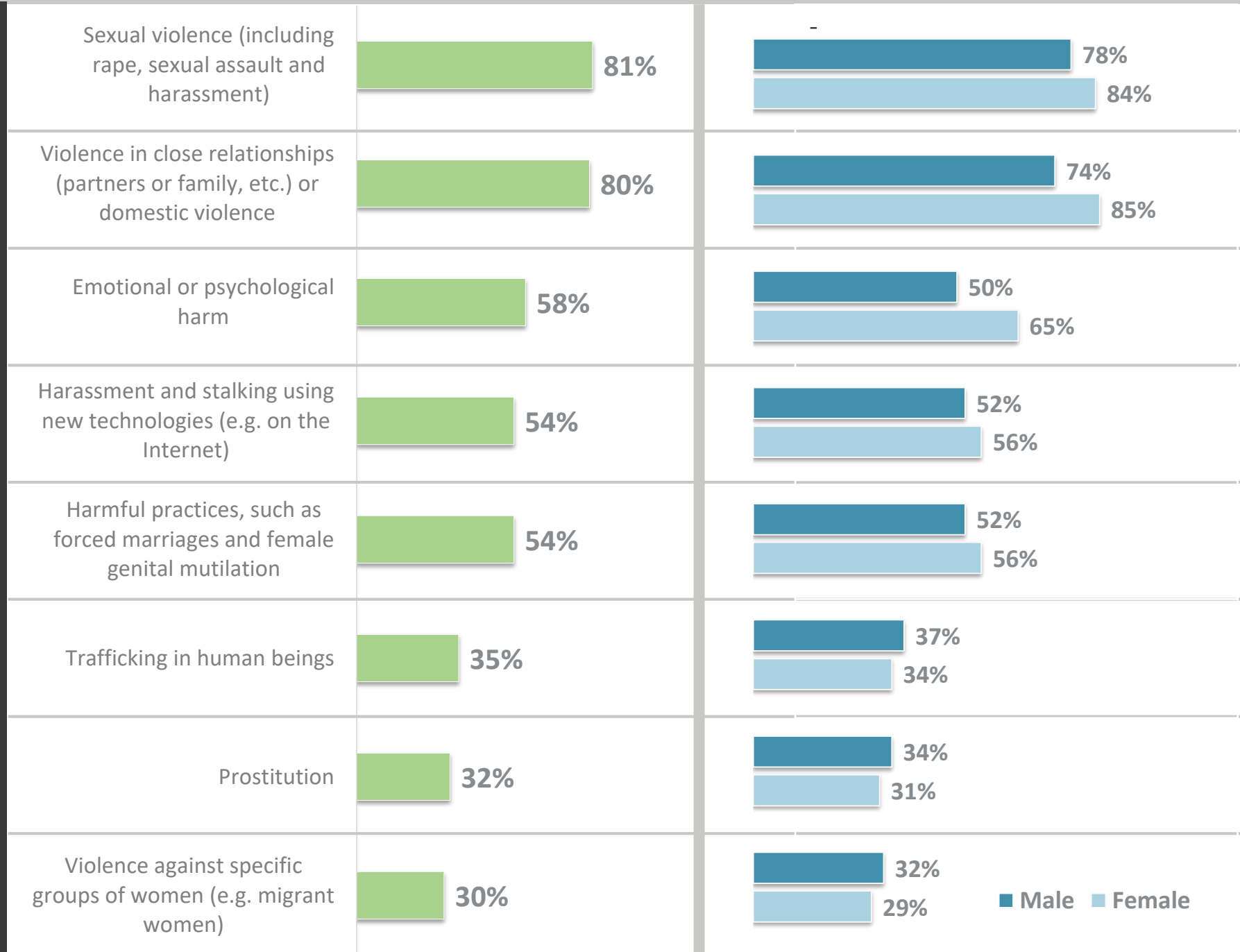
15%

Know a men who has been a victim of violence

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Q. What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase "violence against women"? Please select all that apply.

Sexual and domestic violence, are top of mind when people hear the phrase "violence against women". Women are more aware of different forms of VAW than men, especially regarding violence in close relationships.



Harassment and stalking using new technologies (e.g. on the Internet)

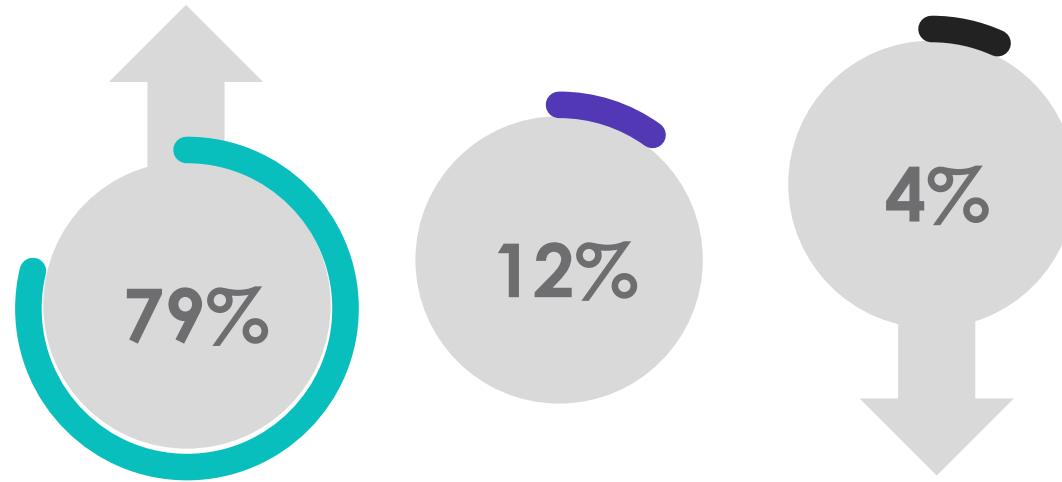
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Q. Do you think that each of the following is increasing, decreasing, or relatively unchanged over the past ten years?

More than half think that harassment is a form of VAW, and almost two-thirds believe that emotional or psychological harm is a form of VAW. Most - but more women - believe that both have increased in the past 10 years.

54%

Think of this when asked about VAW



76%

13%

4%

82%

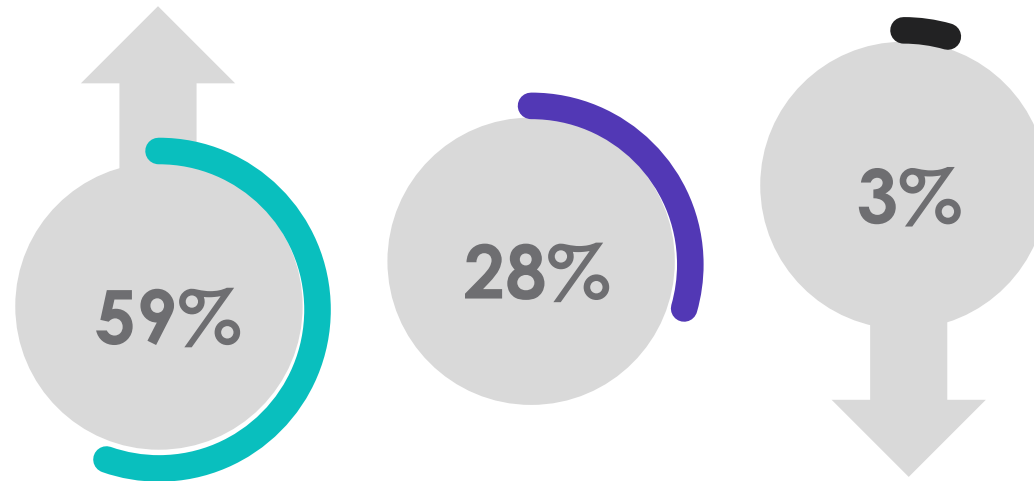
10%

4%

Emotional or psychological harm

58%

Think of this when asked about VAW



56%

28%

5%

62%

28%

2%

Don't know= 10%

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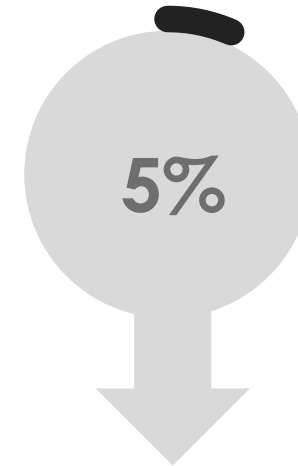
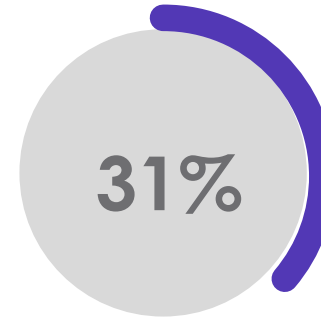
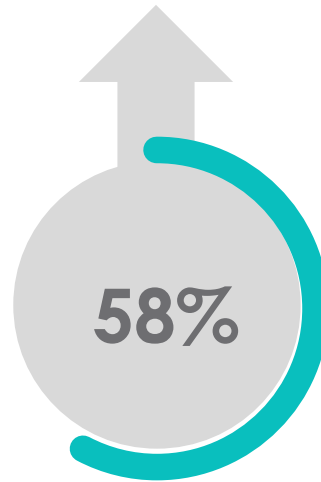
Q. Do you think that each of the following is increasing, decreasing, or relatively unchanged over the past ten years?

Four-fifths think that domestic violence and sexual violence are forms of VAW. Almost two-thirds believe sexual violence and almost half believe that domestic violence have increased in the past 10 years.

Sexual violence (including rape, sexual assault and harassment)

81%

Think of this when asked about VAW



Don't know = 7%

57%

28%

7%

58%

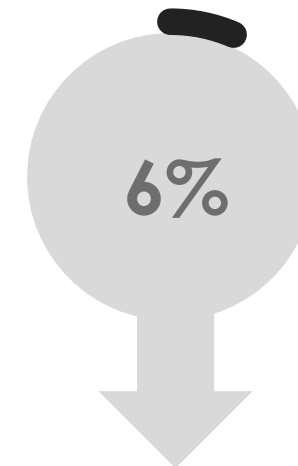
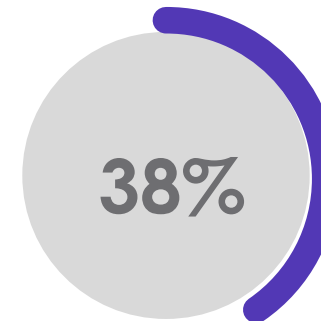
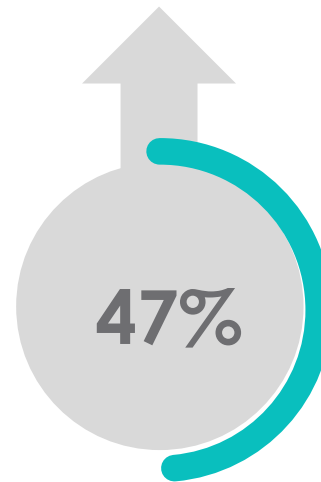
33%

2%

Violence in close relationships (partners or family, etc.) or domestic violence

80%

Think of this when asked about VAW



Don't know = 9%

46%

37%

7%

49%

39%

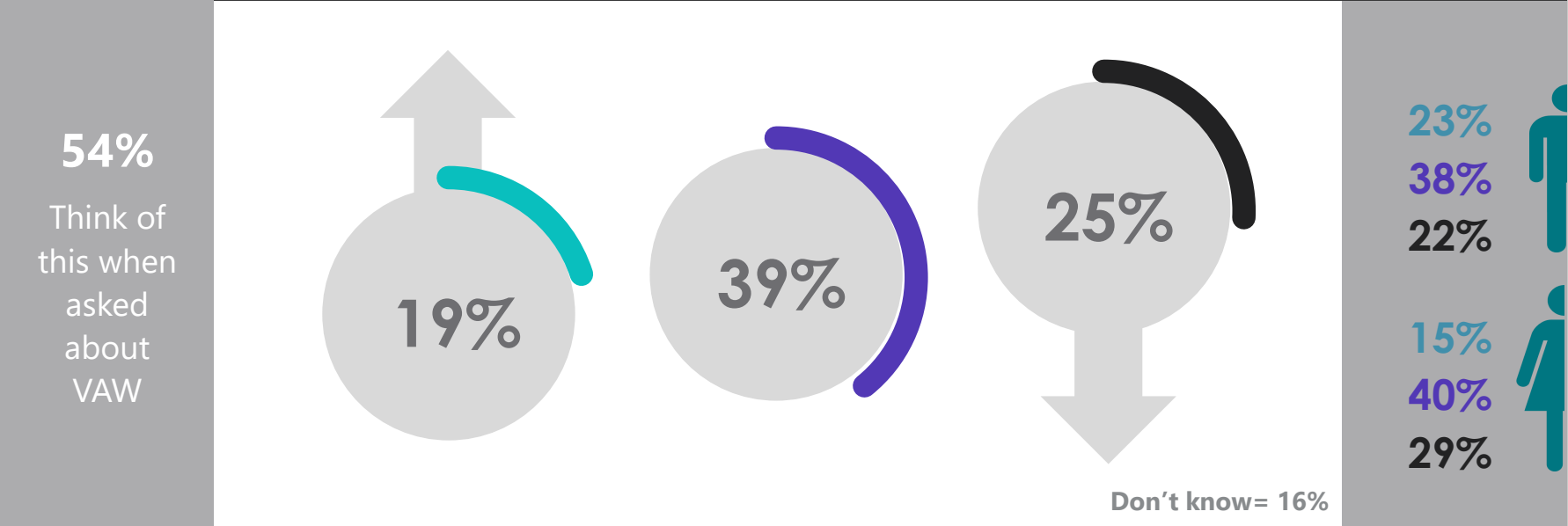
5%

Harmful practices, such as forced marriages and female genital mutilation

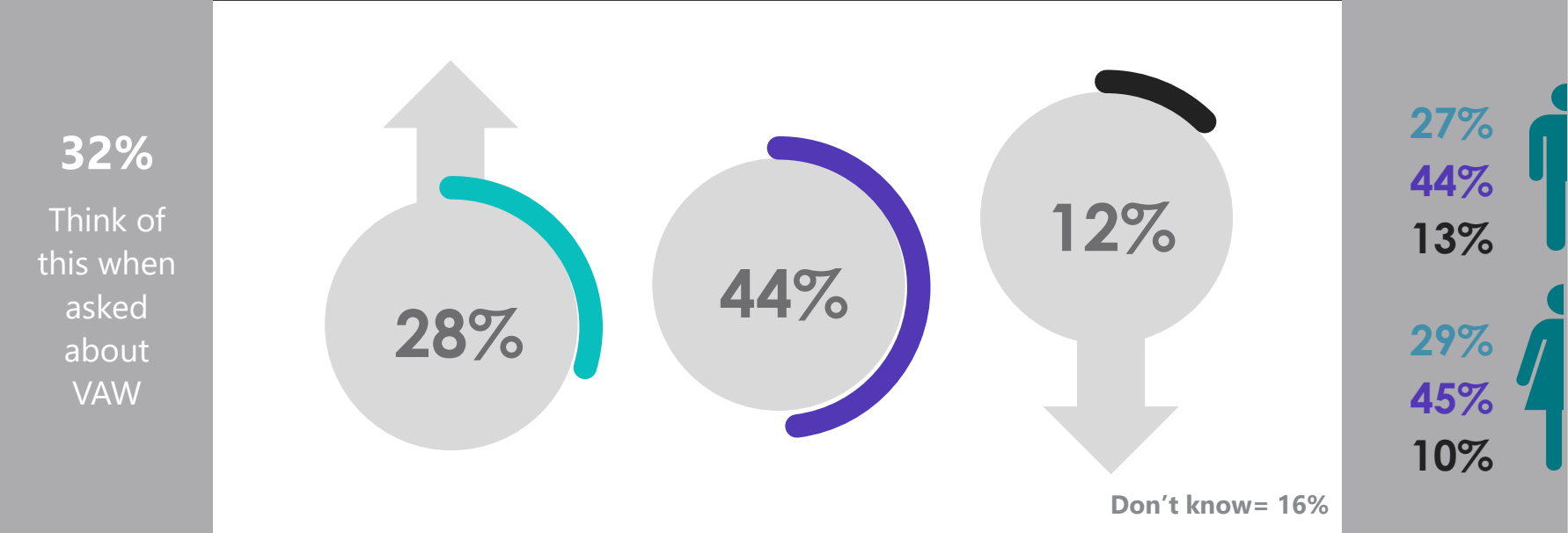
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Q. Do you think that each of the following is increasing, decreasing, or relatively unchanged over the past ten years?

Prostitution, as well as harmful practices such as forced marriages and FGM are less top of mind as forms of VAW than other issues. Still a significant number believe that both have increased in the last 10 years.



Prostitution

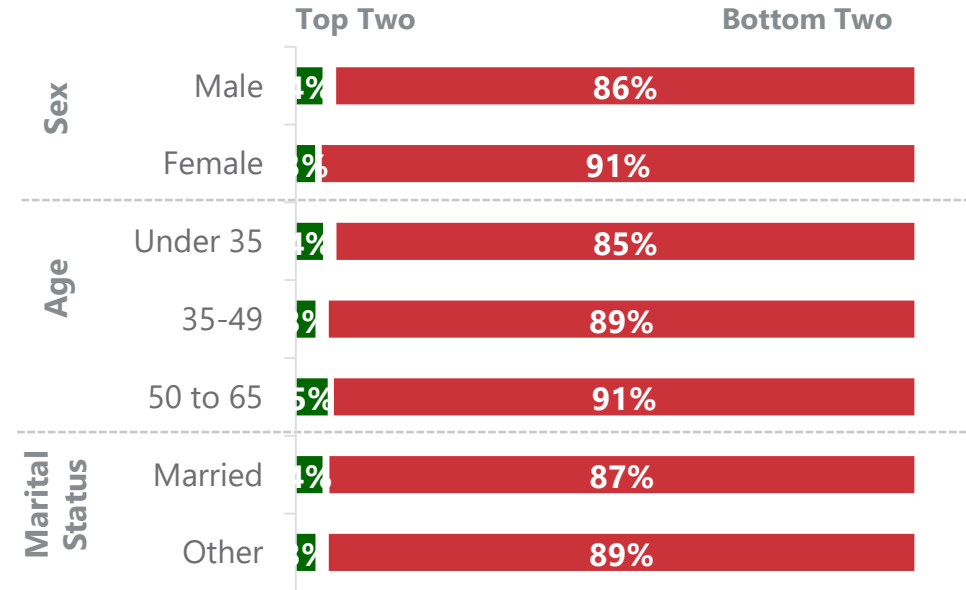
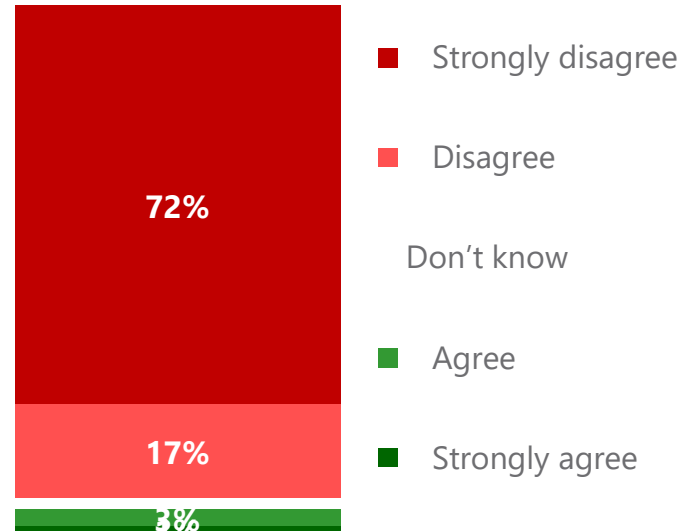


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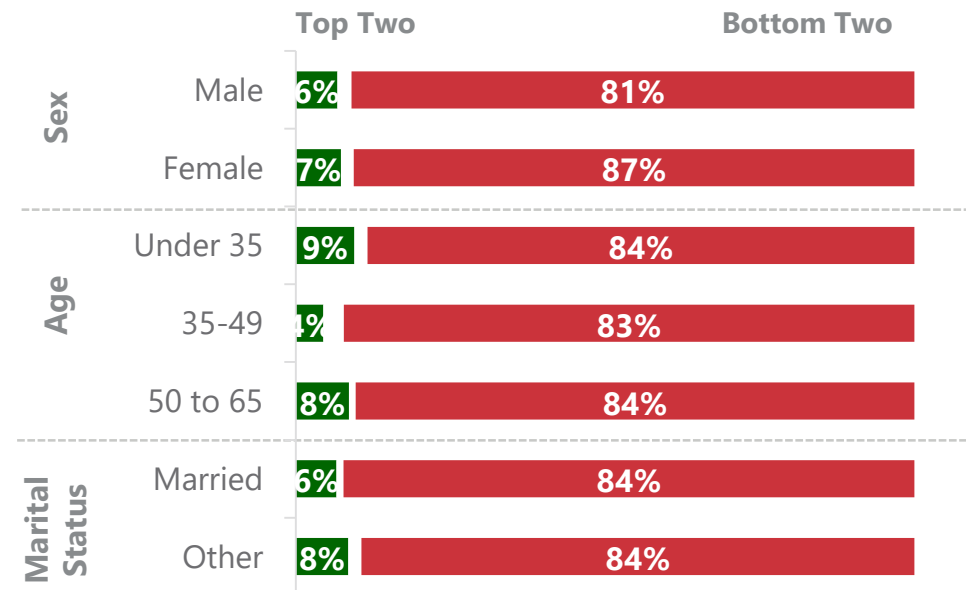
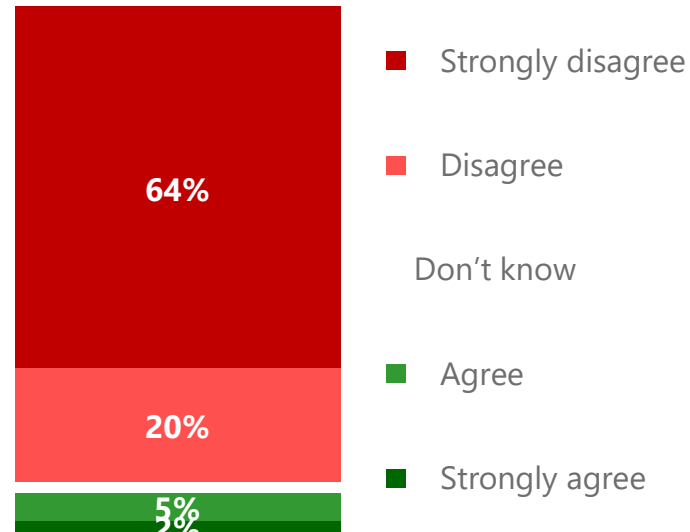
Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following

Most tend to disagree with conservative views of marriage, where women should obey their husband and have sex with them even if they don't feel like it. There is little difference in attitudes between men and women on these issues.

A good wife obeys her husband even if she disagrees



It is a wife's obligation to have sex with her husband even if she doesn't feel like it

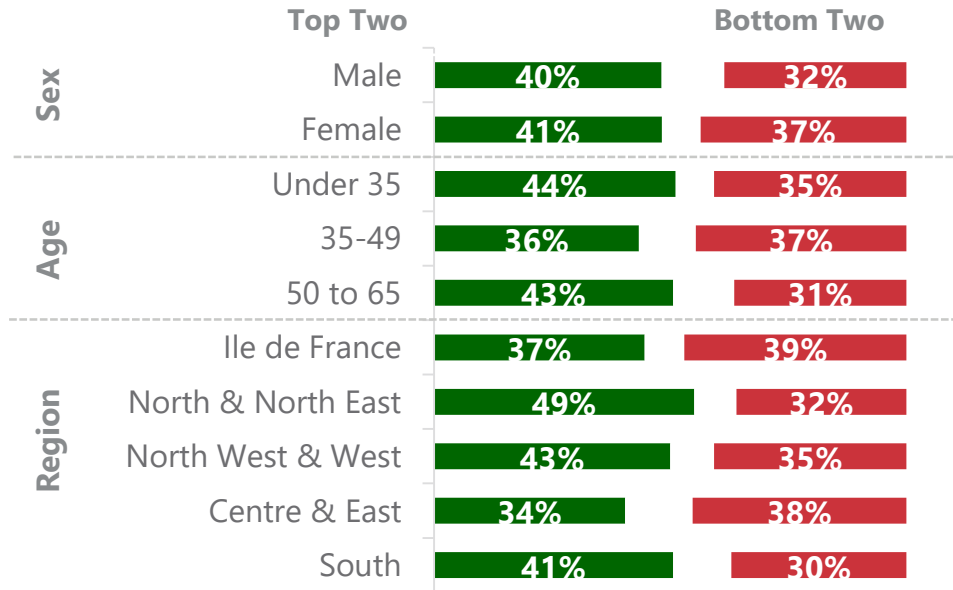
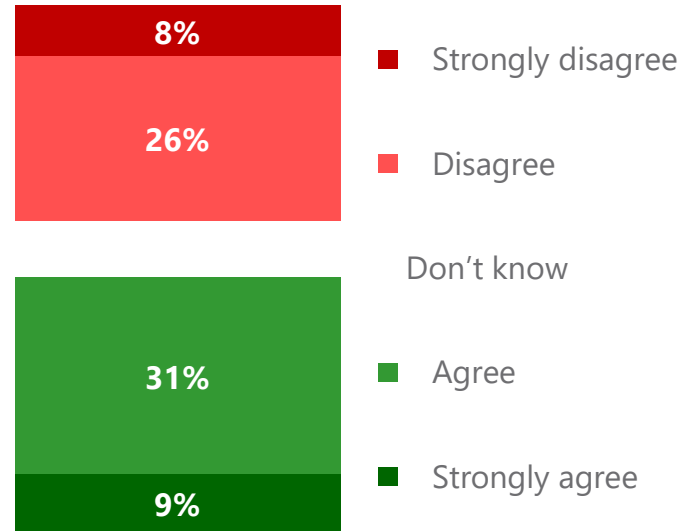


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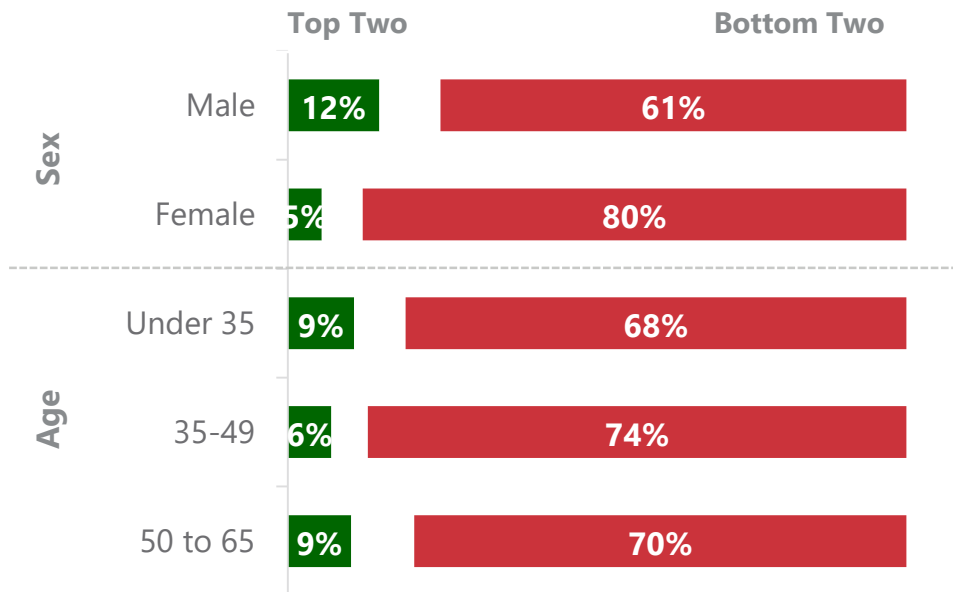
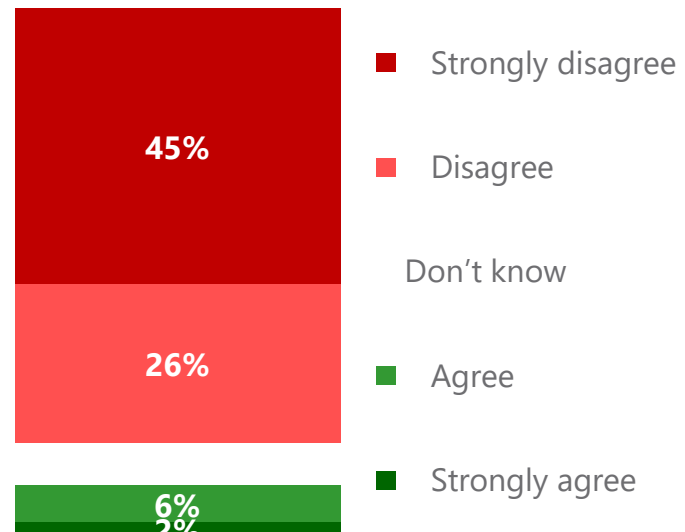
Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following

Slightly more people tend to believe that violence against men is as common as that against women. Men and young people are more likely to believe that women exaggerate claims of abuse.

Violence against men is equally common as violence against women



Women often make up or exaggerate claims of abuse or rape

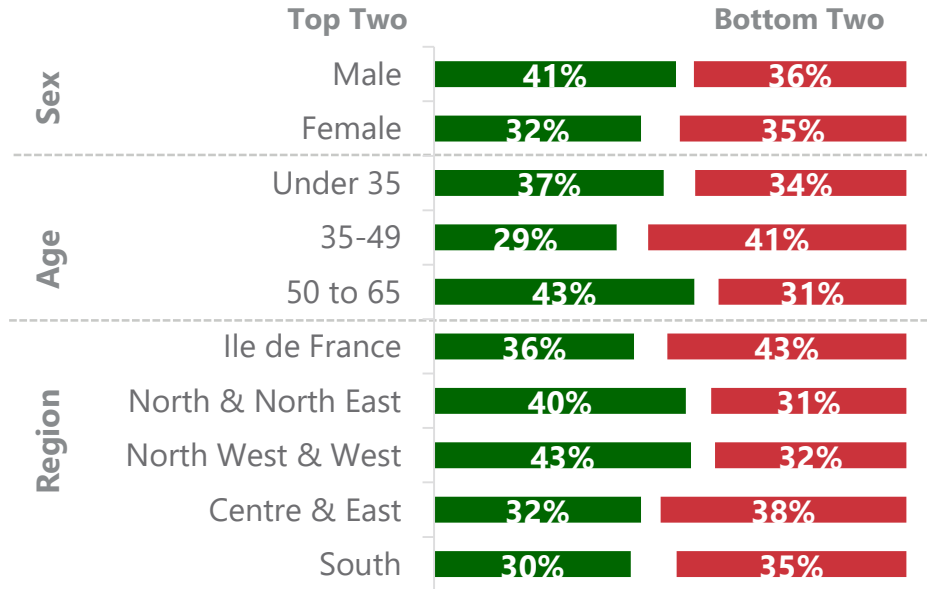
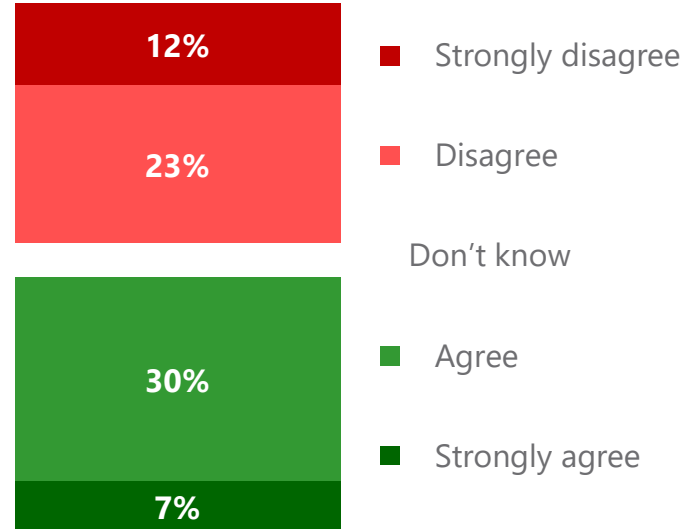


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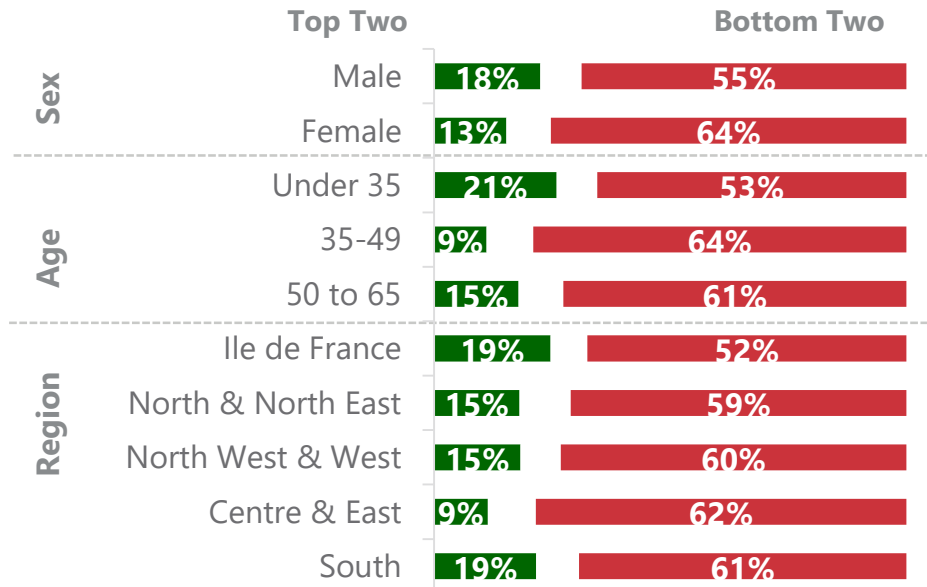
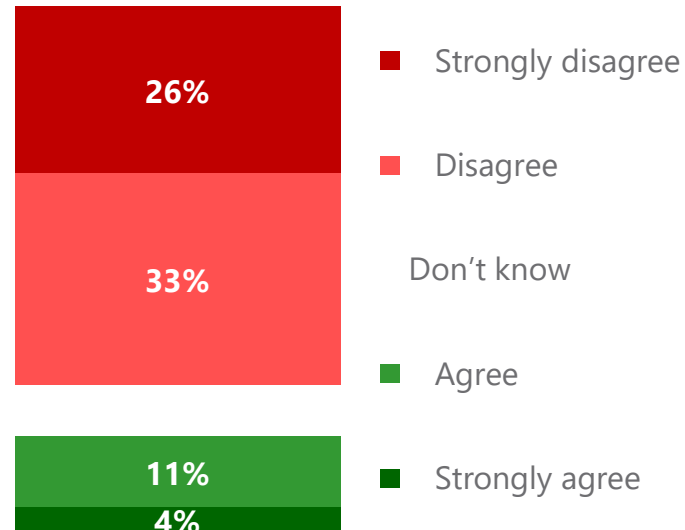
Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following

People tend to feel that women can trust the authorities/legal system to deal with issues of abuse, but few trust employers. Men are more likely to trust in both forms of redress, however.

A woman who reports her abusive partner can usually have confidence in the authorities/ legal system



If a woman is harassed or abused in the workplace, it is likely to be addressed sufficiently by her employer

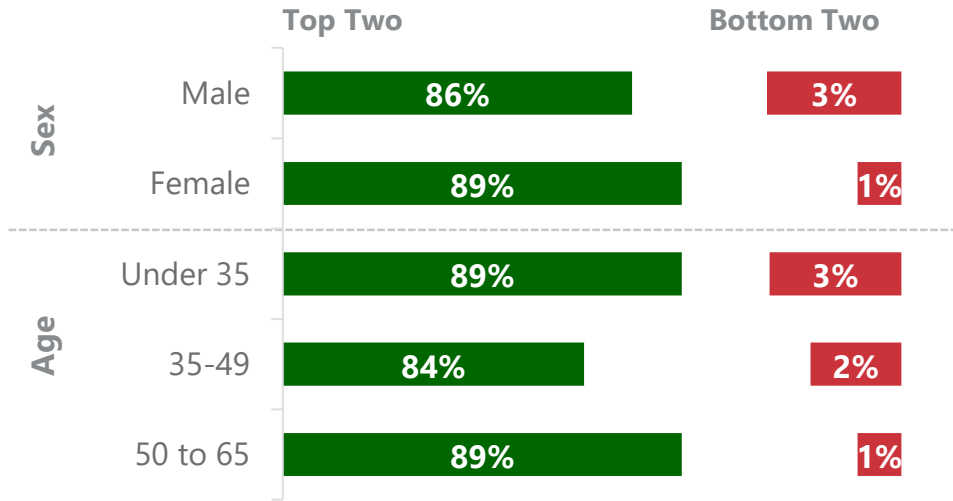
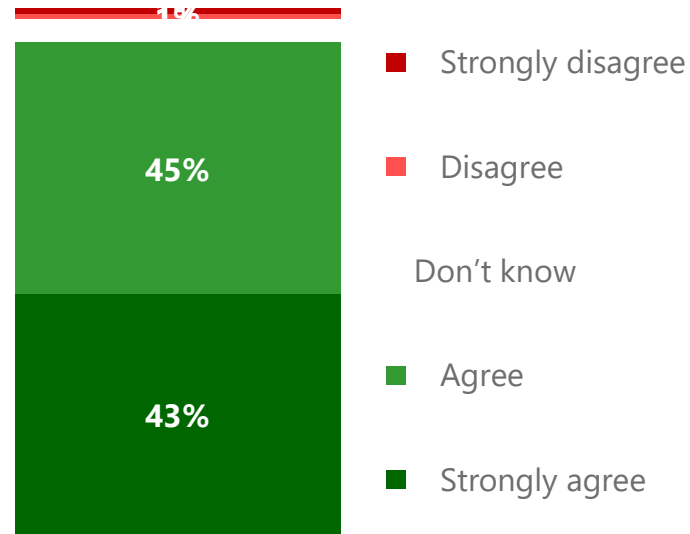


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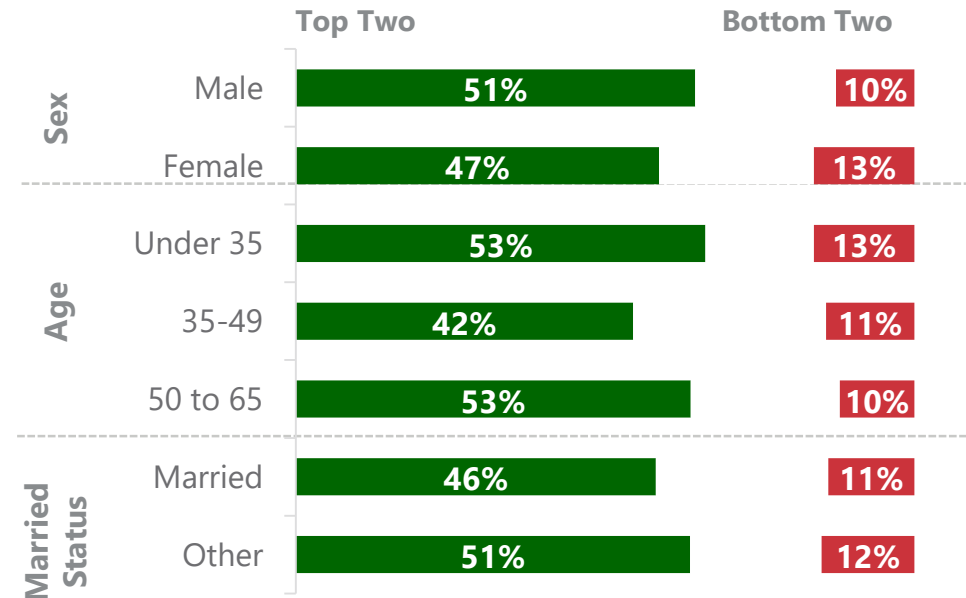
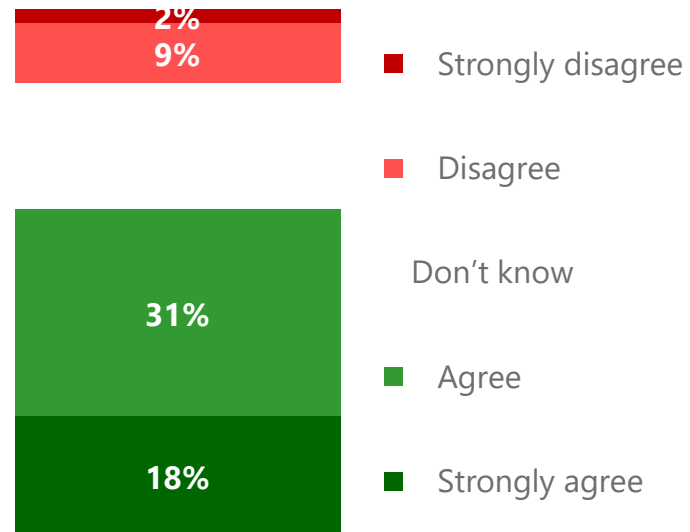
Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following

Most believe that members outside the family should intervene if a man mistreats his wife. Most would also report a case of domestic violence without the permission of the victim, although men would be slightly more likely to do this.

If a man mistreats his wife, others outside of the family should intervene



If a female relative has an obvious bruise which she states was caused by her partner, I would report it to the police even if I didn't have her permission



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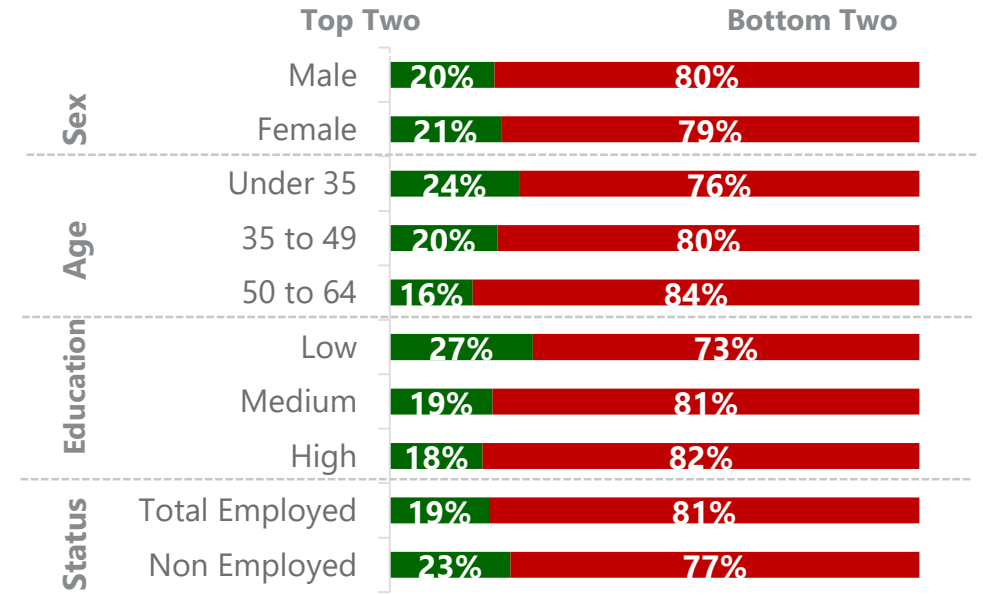
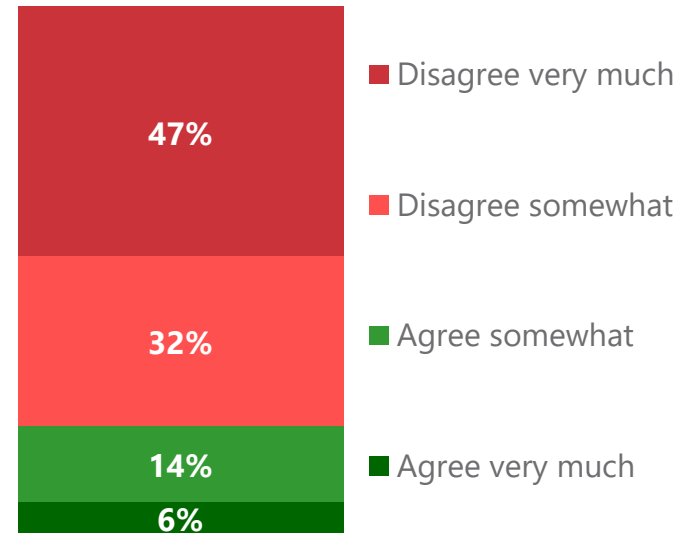
Talking and speaking out on gender disparities and violence

Most French people aren't afraid to speak out about VAW.

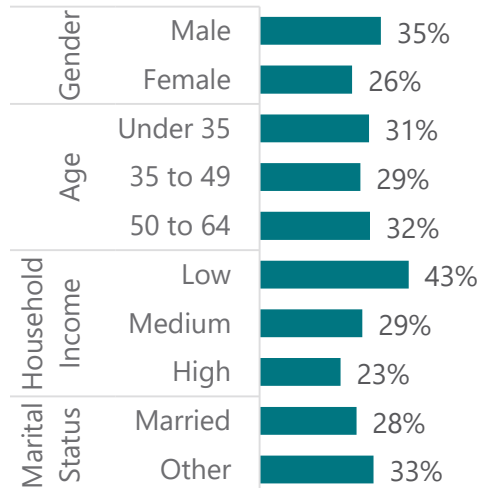
However, more than one third claimed not to speak "at all" of sexual discrimination, gender stereotyping, or sexual harassment within their families.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:

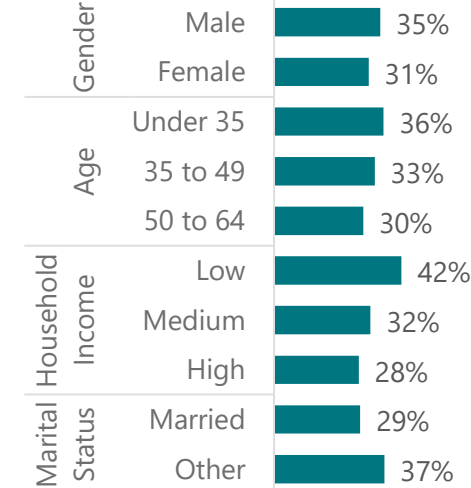
I am scared to speak out and advocate equal rights of women because of what might happen to me



How much are you currently talking about (...) with your family?



Sexual discrimination and gender stereotyping



Sexual harassment

METHODOLOGY

These are the findings from Ipsos Global Advisor surveys in February 2017, February 2018, and November 2018.

In total 1,000 interviews were conducted among adults aged 18-64 in France. Weighting was employed to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to the most recent country Census data, and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. A survey with an unweighted probability sample of this size and a 100% response rate would have an estimated margin of error of +/-3.1 percentage points for a sample of 1,000 and an estimated margin of error of +/- 4.5 percentage points. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

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