

Femicides in Greece : Truths & Understanding the Phenomenon.

National Survey Results
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We'll see...

- What is femicide?

- Perception and understanding of the phenomenon

- Seeking the causes & Identifying the perpetrators

- Measures and policies

Research Basic Specifications



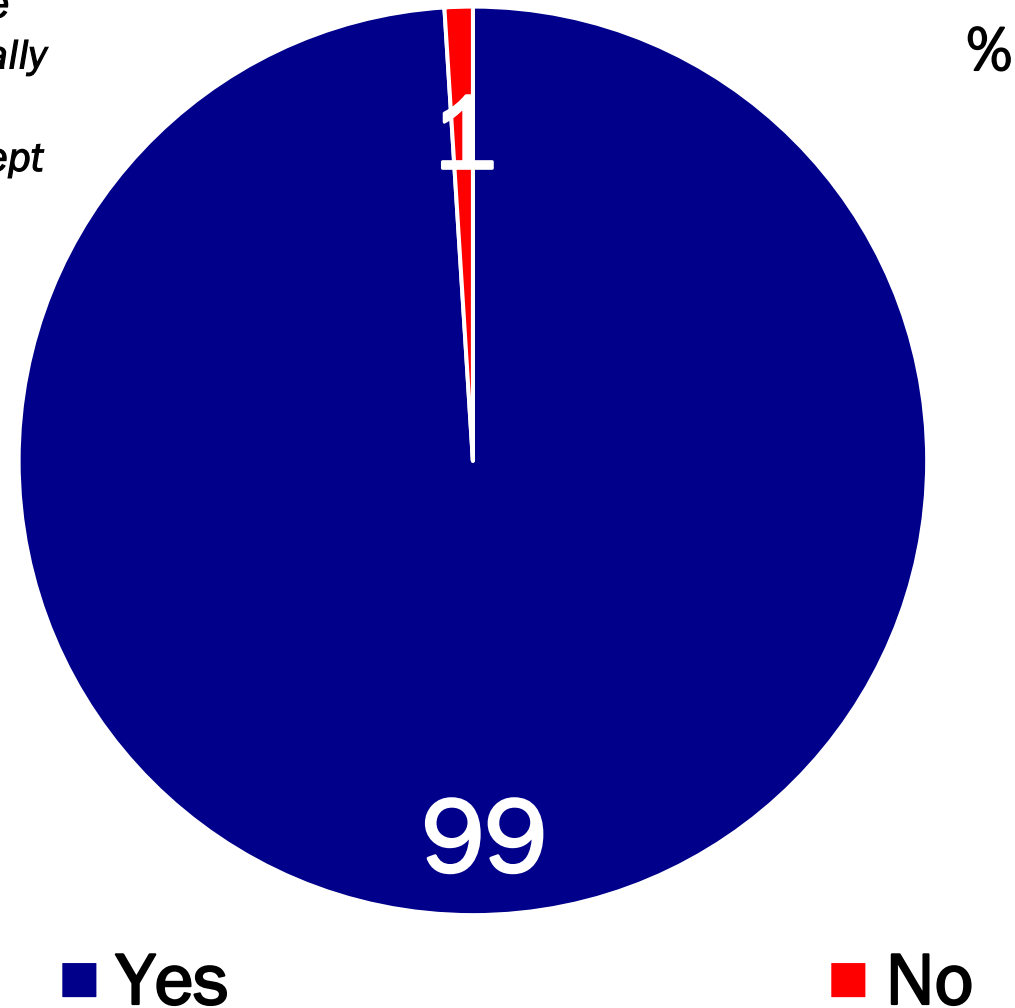
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- **Subject : Femicides in Greece: truths & Understanding the Phenomenon.**
- Online interviews via YouGov panel
- Structured questionnaire
- Population : Men & Women 18+ Nationwide
- Representative sample : 1000 persons
- Conduct : September 2023
- **Focus Bari is the Affiliate Partner of YouGov in Greece (www.yougov.com)**

What is femicide? Perception & understanding of the phenomenon

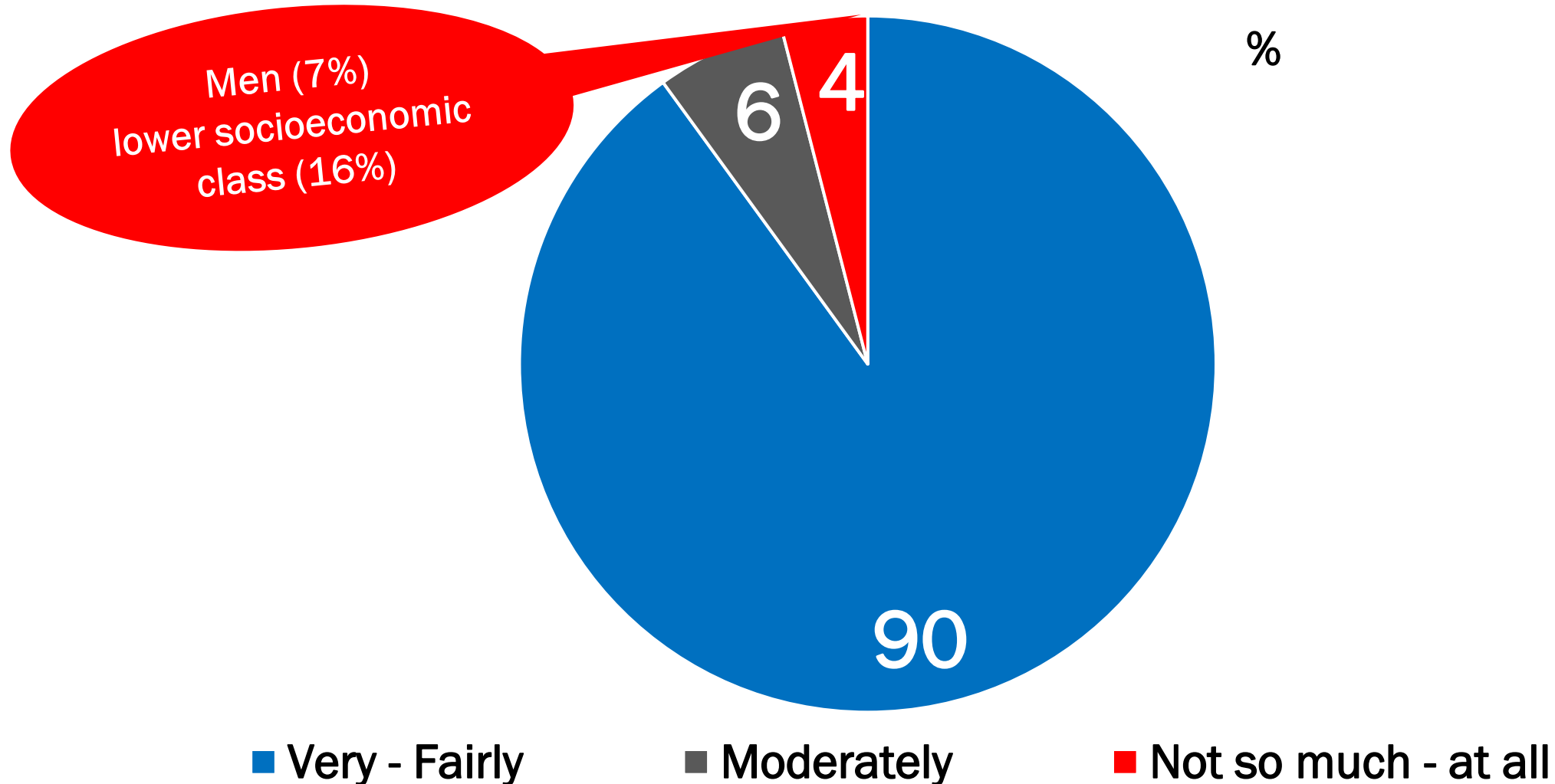
Femicide: all Greeks understand Gender Based Murders of Women!

"The term 'femicide' is used to describe gender-focused murders of women, usually involving partners, wives, mothers or daughters. Have you heard of this concept or not? "



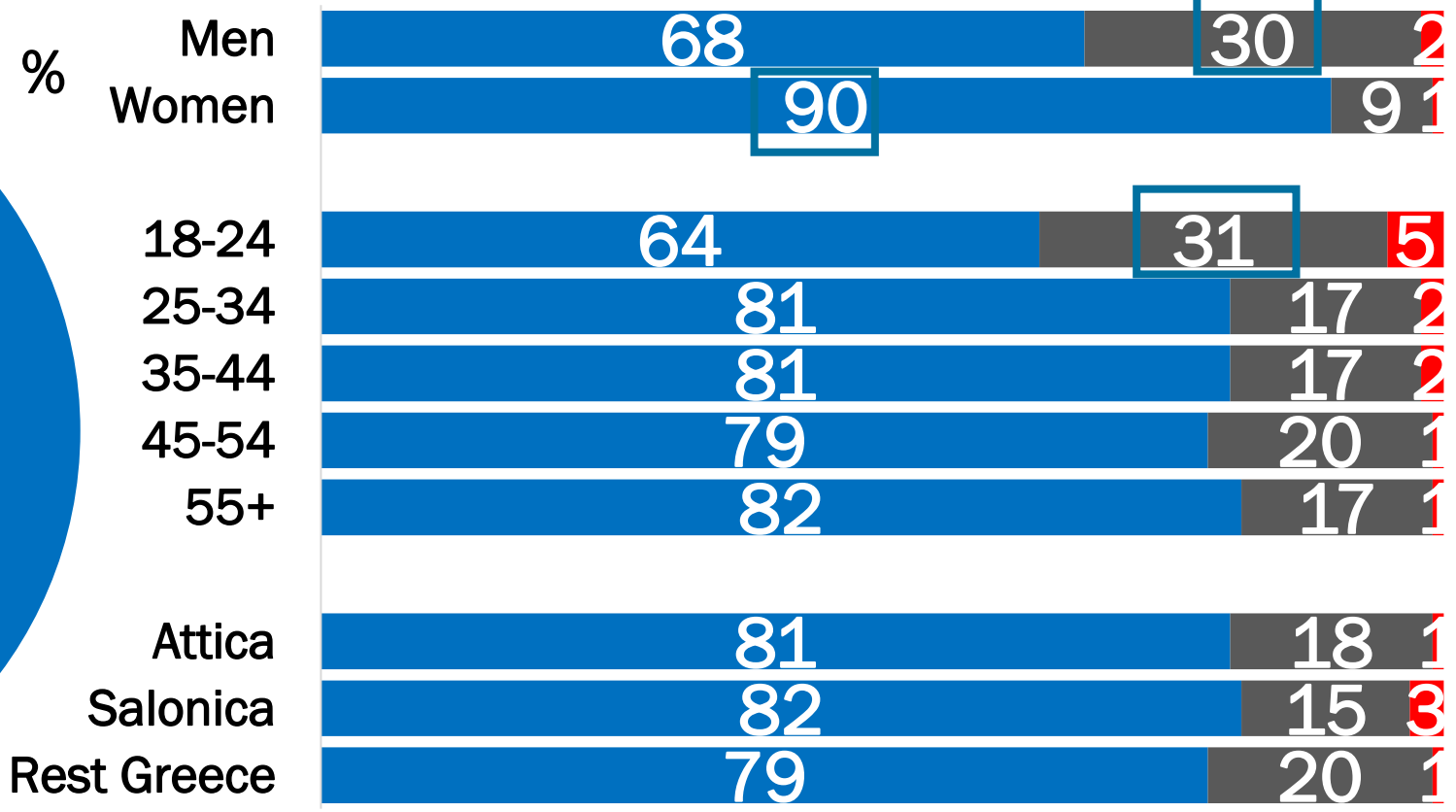
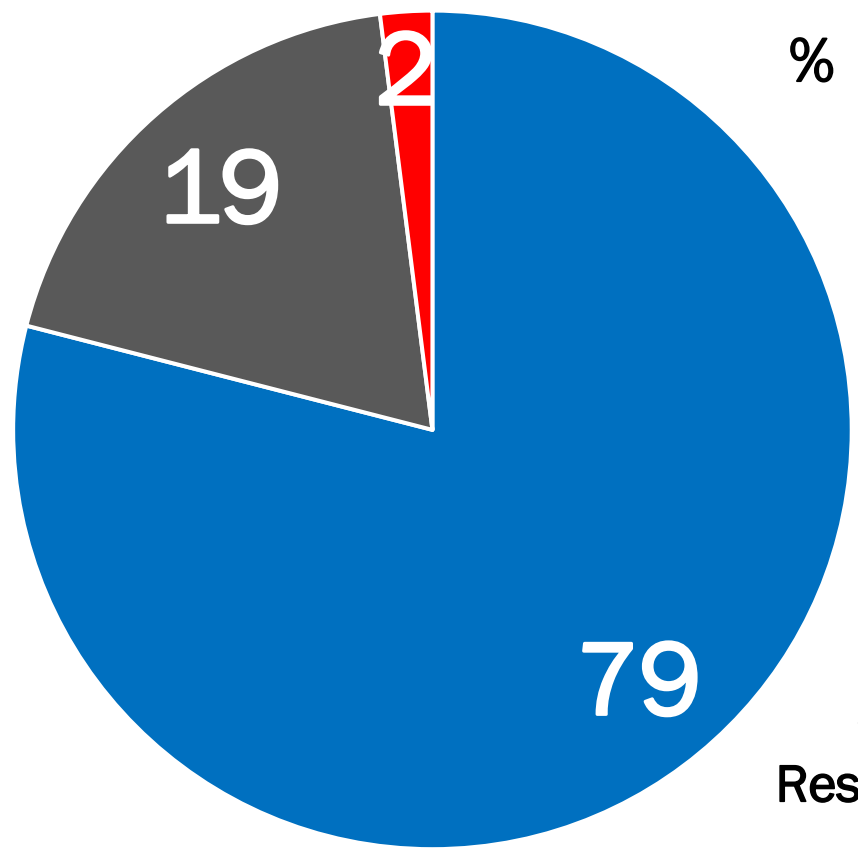
The vast majority of citizens rate the issue of femicide as very/somewhat serious, with the exception of men of lower socio-economic class!

"How serious or not do you think the issue of femicide is in our country?"



Four out of five Greeks feel that femicide in our country is on the rise: this perception is clearly stronger among women, and less pronounced in younger age groups.

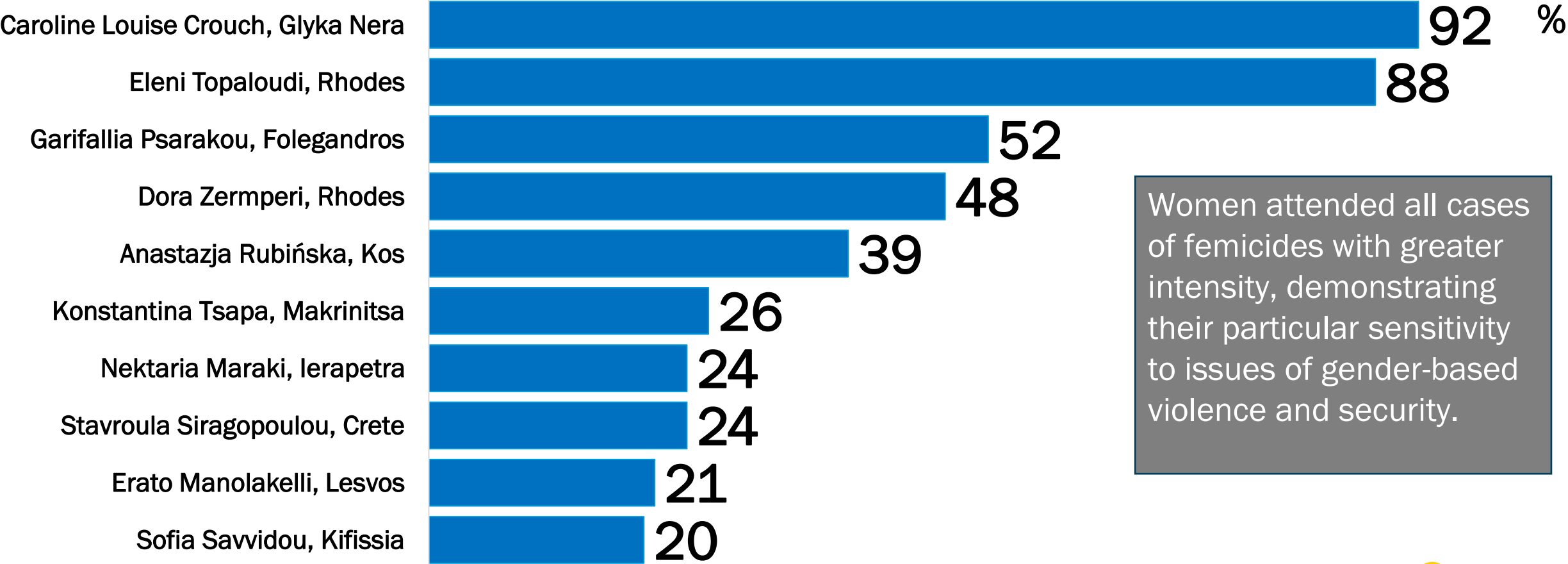
"From what you hear/are informed, you feel, that as time goes on, femicides in our country ..."



■ Increase ■ Stay the same ■ Decrease

The femicides that shocked Greece: The cases of Caroline Louise Crouch in Glyka Nera and Eleni Topaloudi in Rhodes continue to cause intense emotion in public opinion, remaining topical despite the passage of time...

"Which of the following femicides that have taken place in our country in recent years do you know, have you heard of, have you watched?"



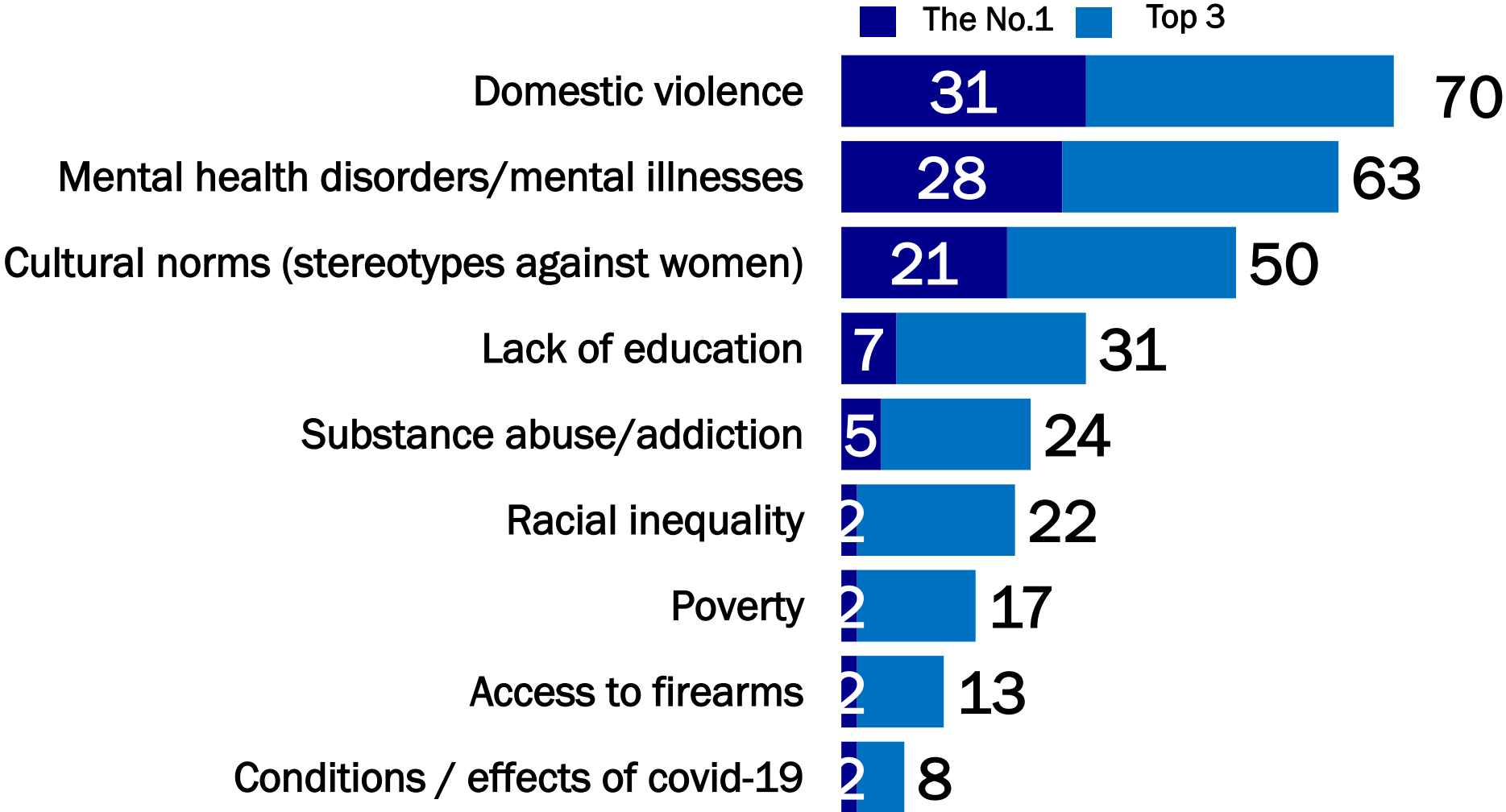
Women attended all cases of femicides with greater intensity, demonstrating their particular sensitivity to issues of gender-based violence and security.

Searching for the causes & identifying the perpetrators

Domestic violence and mental illness are considered the main causes of femicide, followed by stereotypes against women!

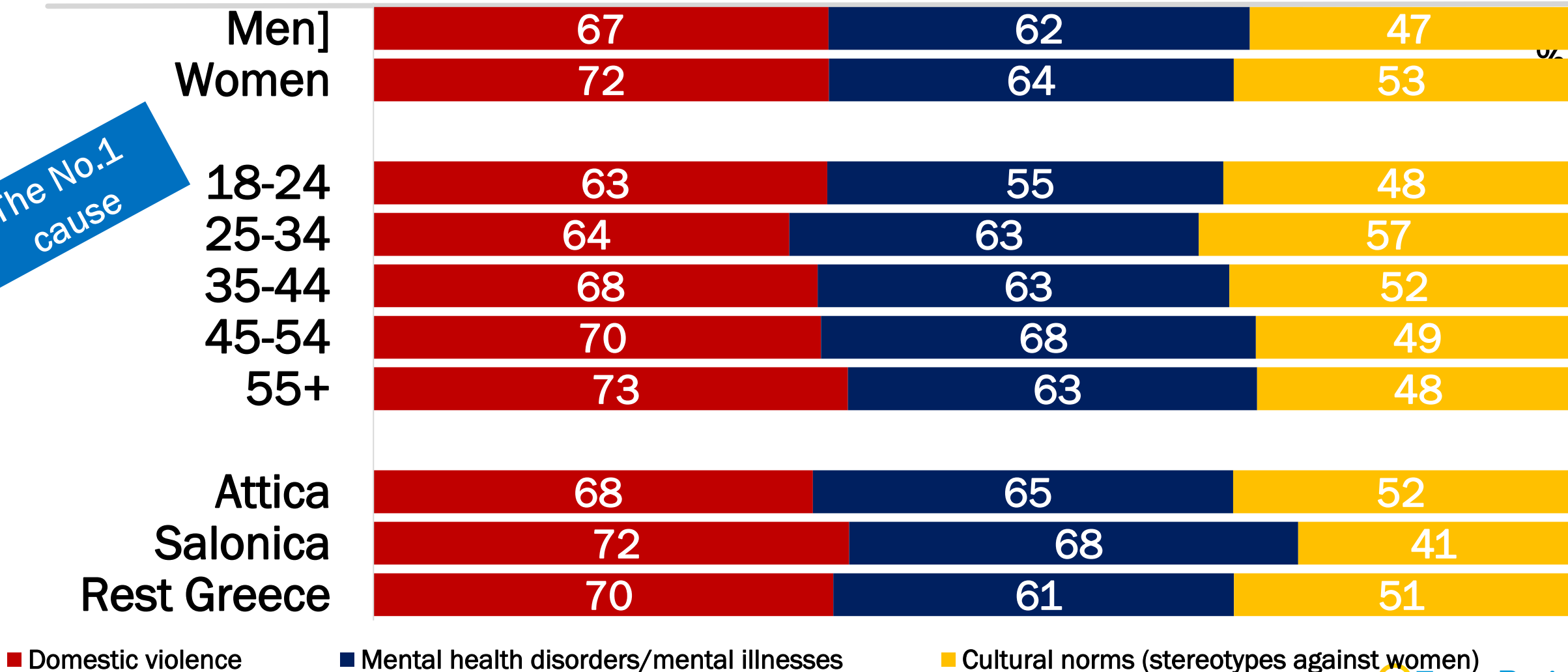
"What do you think are the causes of femicide?" Rank in order of priority.

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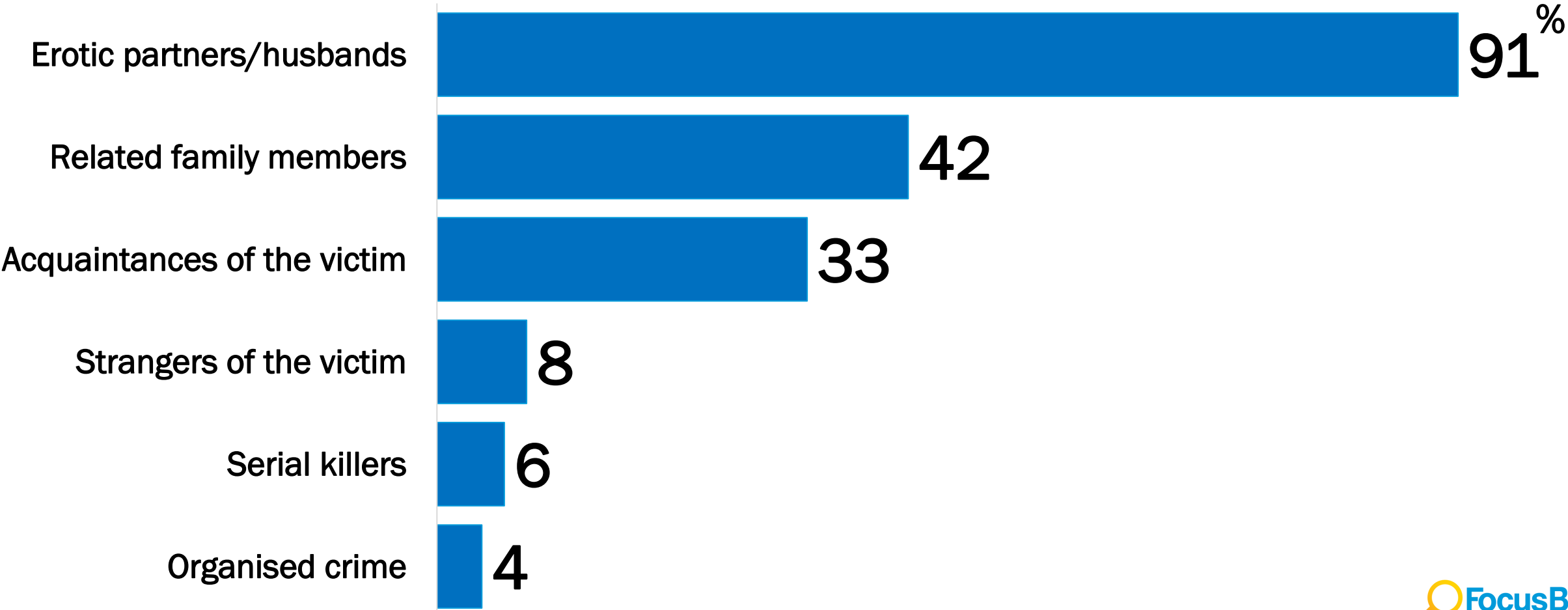
Domestic violence, mental disorders of the perpetrator and stereotypes against women are the primary motives for femicide for all demographic groups.

The No.1 cause



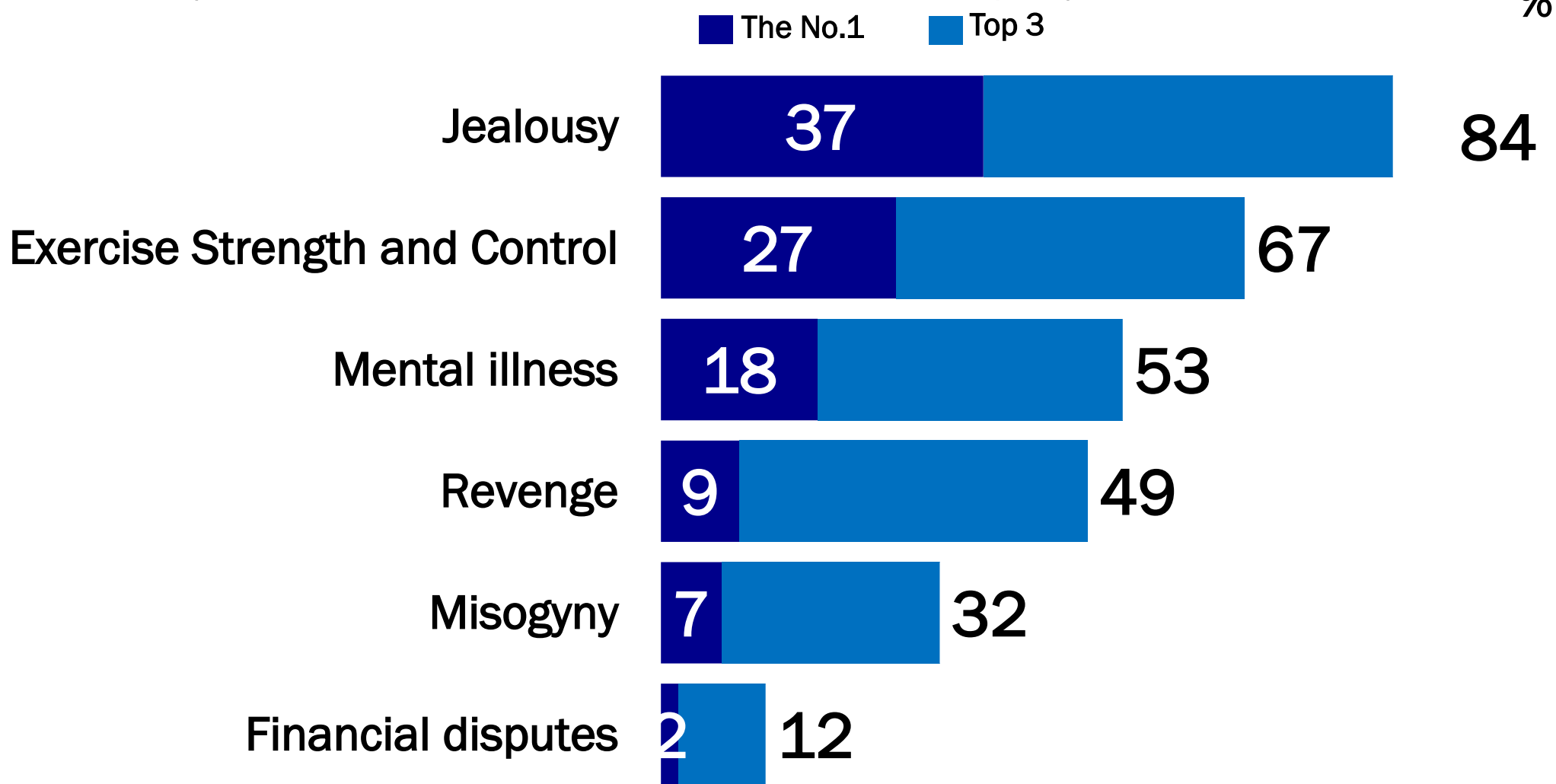
Nine out of ten Greeks consider erotic partners/spouses to be the main perpetrators of femicide. A considerable proportion of perpetrators are also attributed to related/family members and/or acquaintances.

"Based on your understanding, your perception, and what you've heard, who are the most common perpetrators of femicide?"

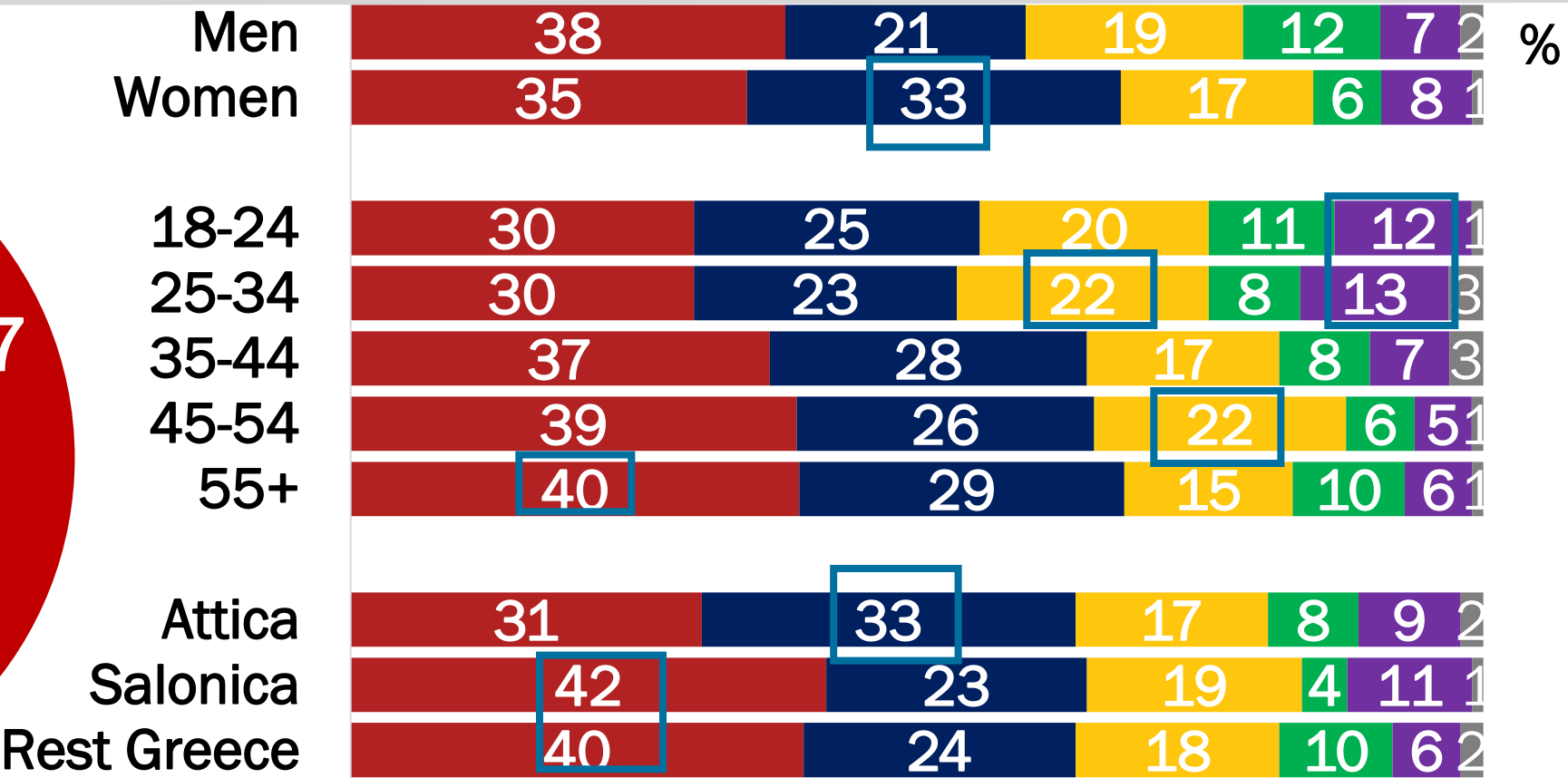
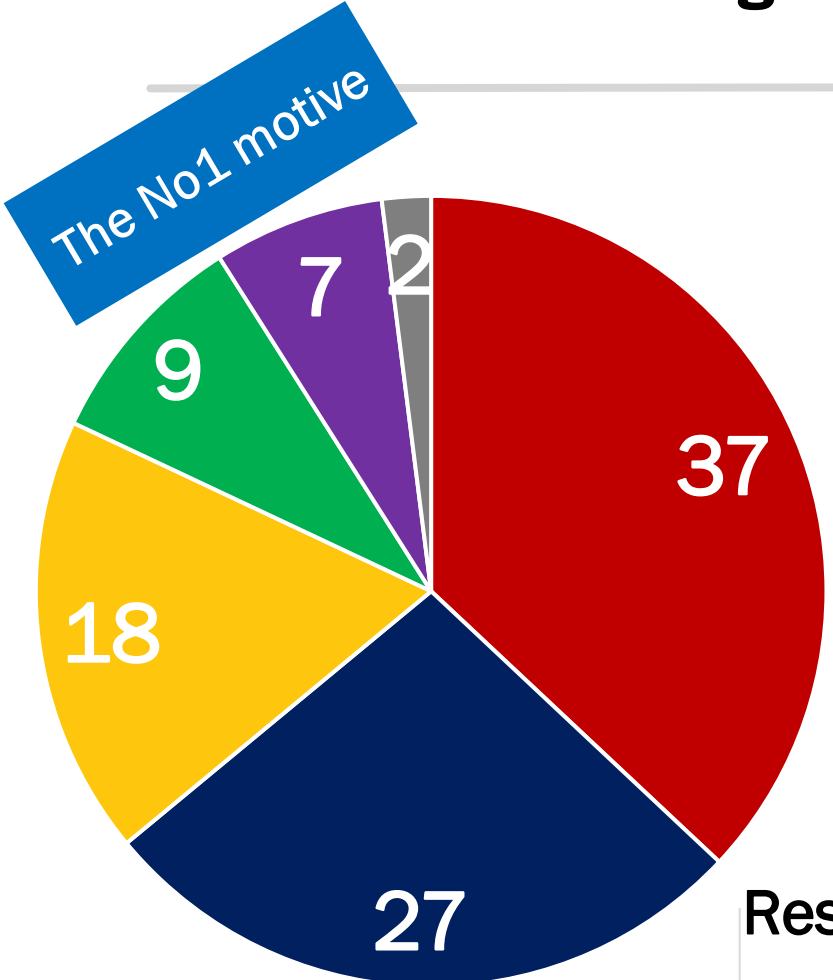


The No.1 motive for a femicide is considered to be the jealousy of the perpetrator towards the victim. This is followed by the need for strength/control, but also by mental illness and the need for revenge.

"What do you think are the main motives behind femicide?" Rank in order of priority.



Isolating the first motive leading to femicide, jealousy and the need for male strength/control over women are clearly considered the most important with little difference between demographic groups.

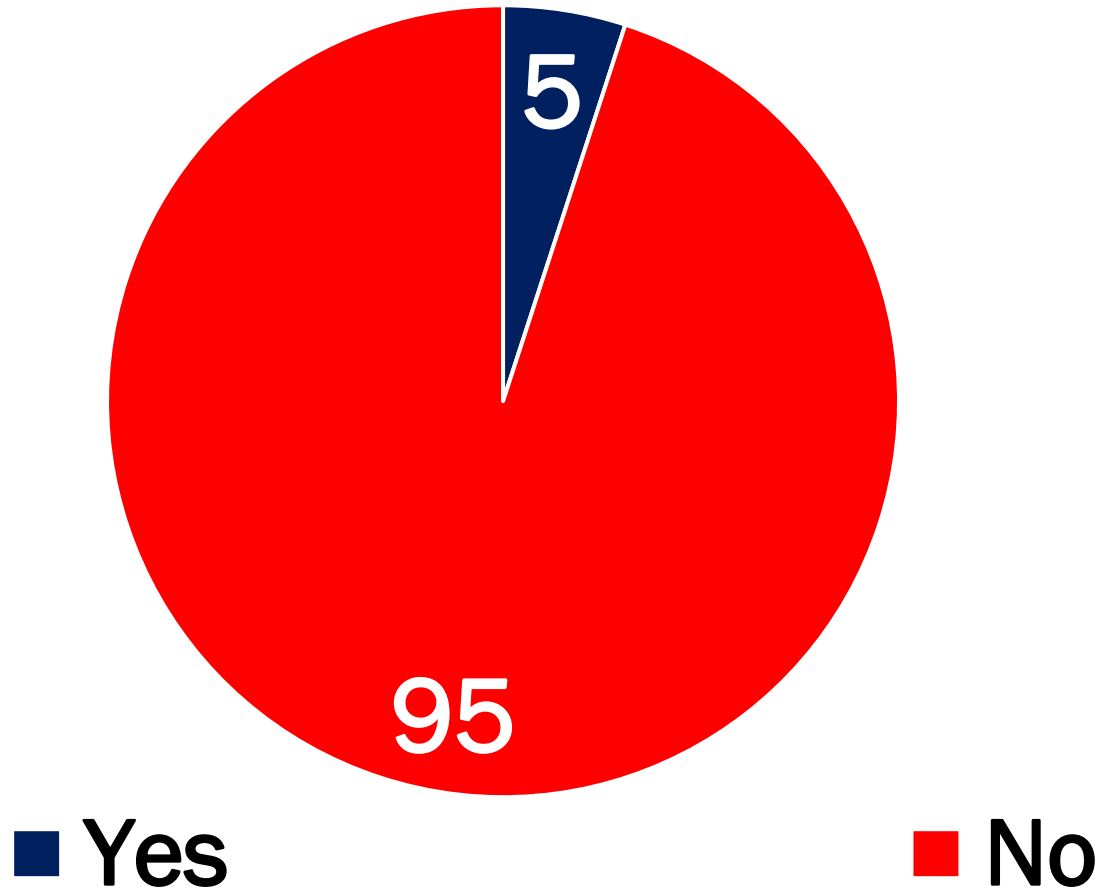


- Jealousy
- Exercise Strength and Control
- Mental illness
- Revenge
- Misogyny
- Financial disputes

Revealing: 95% of Greeks Ignore Laws and Initiatives Against Femicides!

"Are you aware of any specific law or initiative aimed at combating femicide in our country?"

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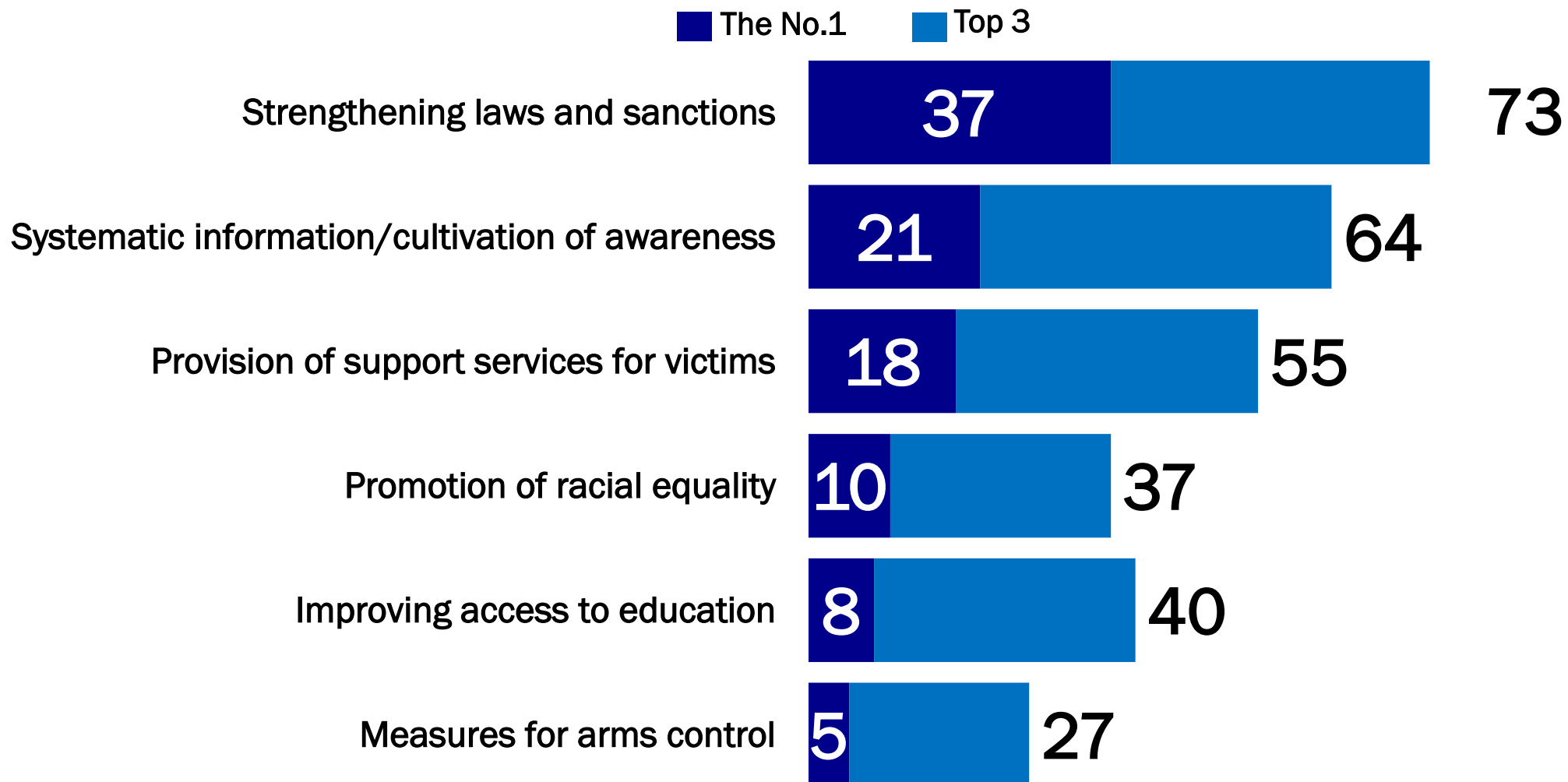


Measures & Policies

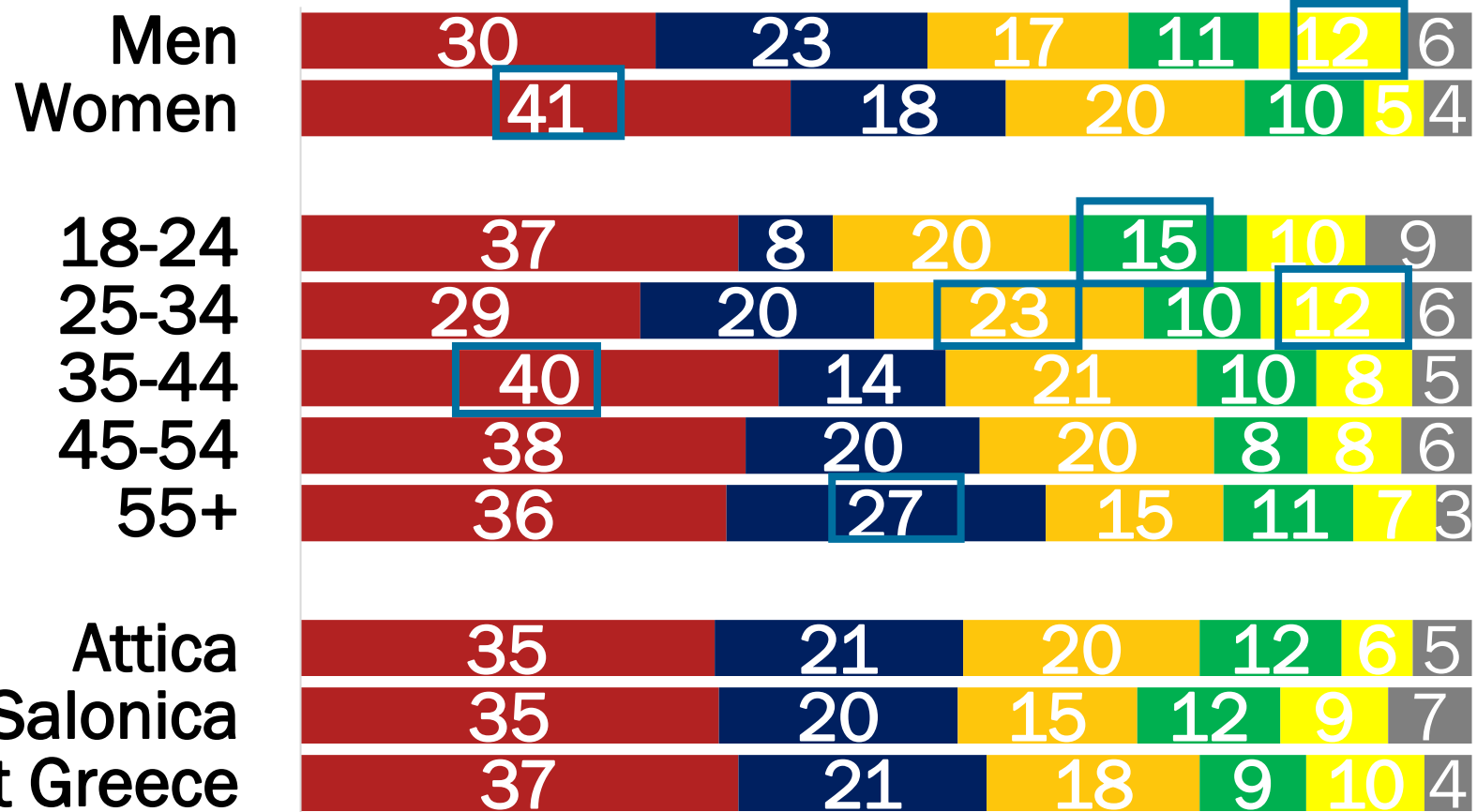
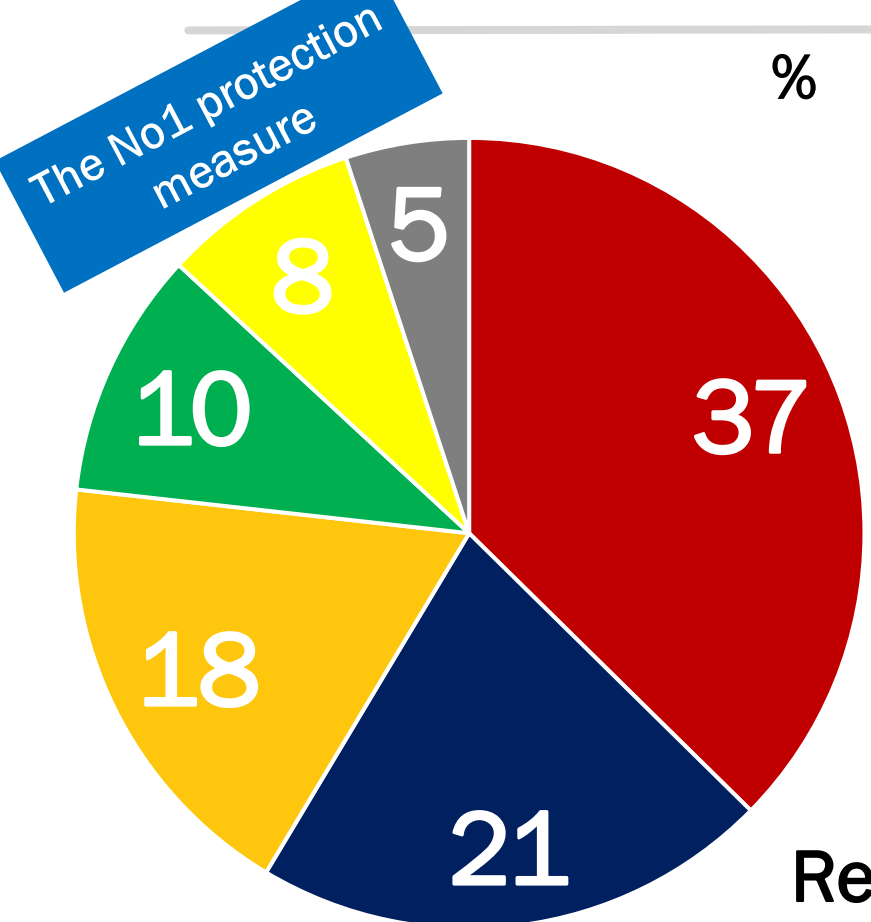
Proactive Measures for the Prevention of Femicide: of top importance are stricter laws and penalties for femicide, followed by systematic information/awareness raising and state provision of support services for victims!

"What prevention measures do you think could effectively reduce femicide? Rank in order of priority."

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Isolating the No.1 protection measure against femicide that citizens consider important, clearly strengthening laws and sanctions comes first - especially for women - followed by systematic information/education and victim support for all demographic groups.

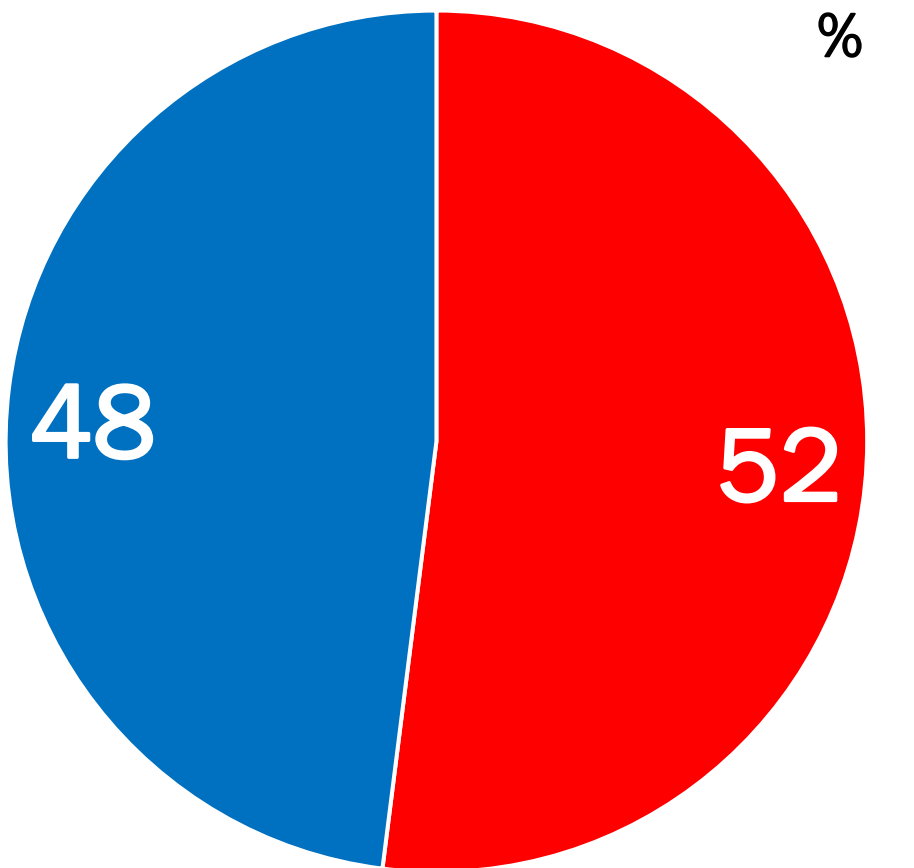


- Strengthening laws and sanctions
- Provision of support services for victims
- Improving access to education

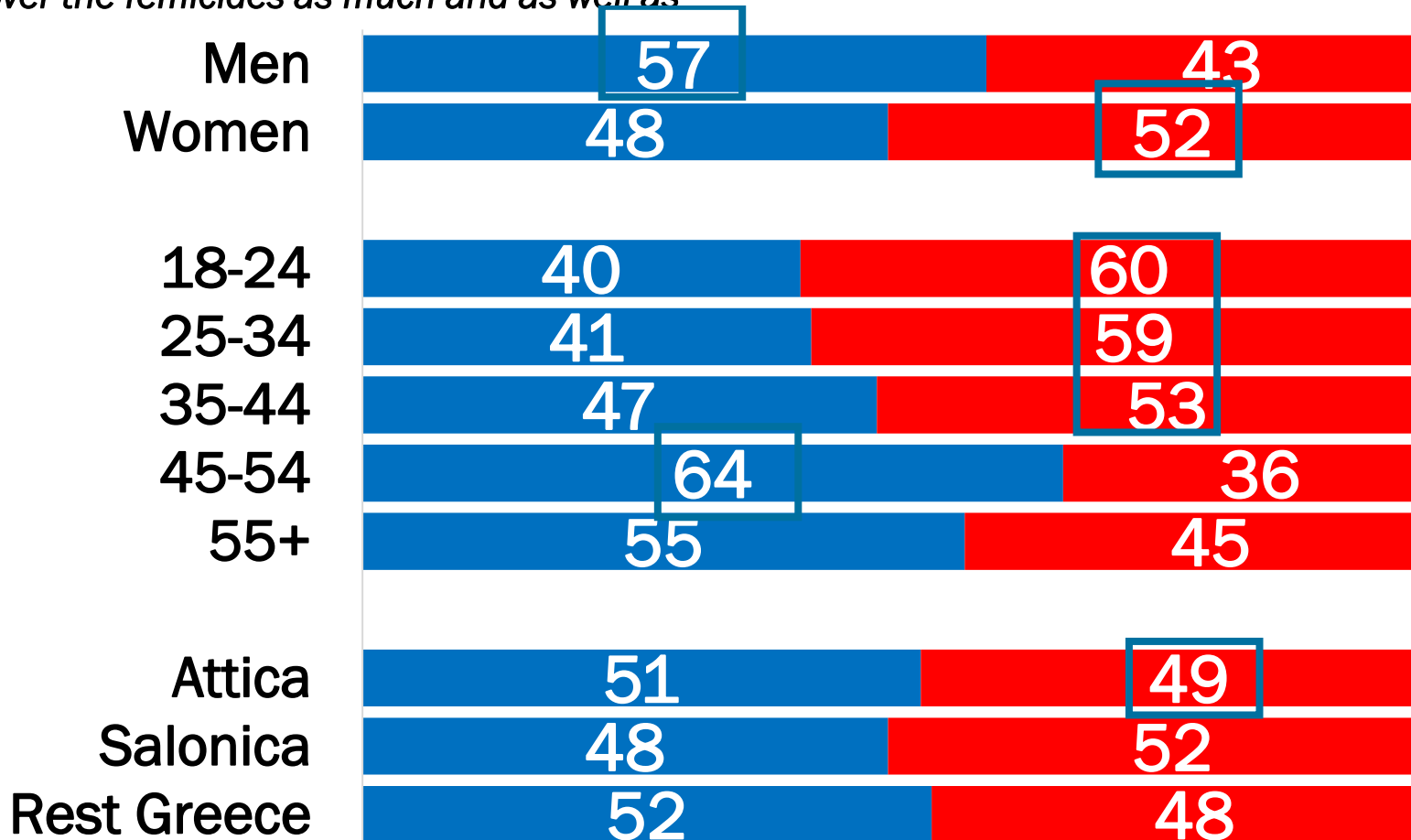
- Systematic information/cultivation of awareness
- Promotion of racial equality
- Measures for arms control

Media & Femicide: the public is divided with one in two believing that it is appropriate to show it and one in two believing the opposite.

"Do you or do you not believe that the media ... - Cover the femicides as much and as well as they should?"



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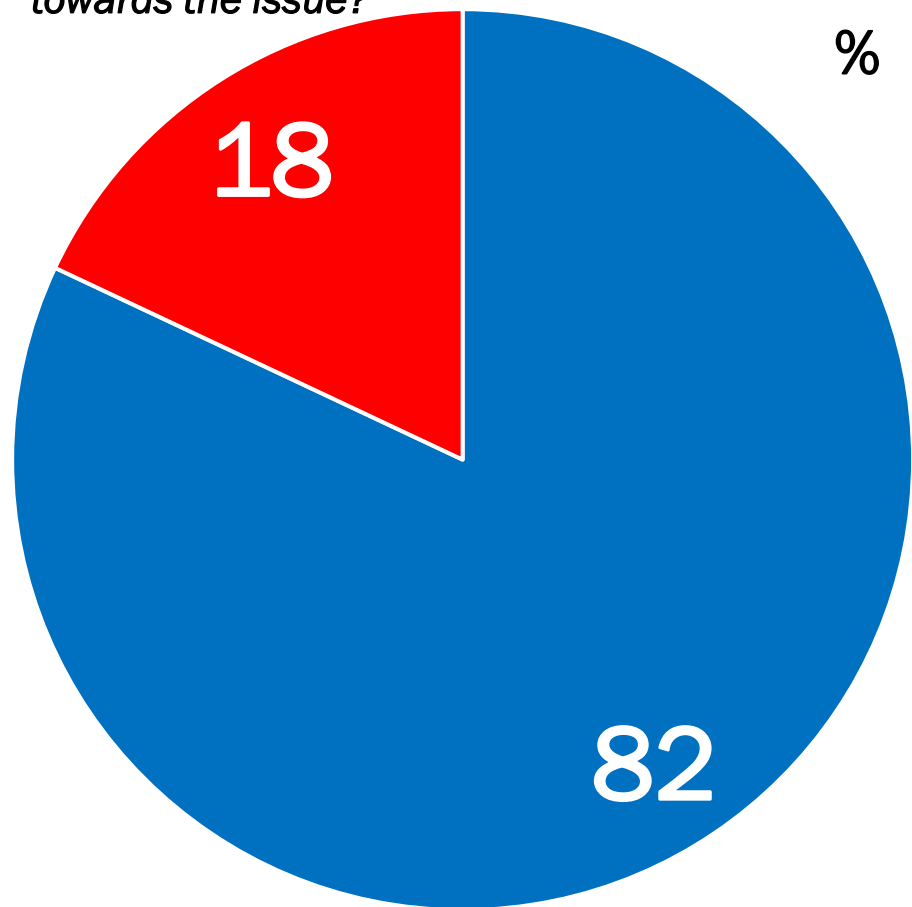


■ Yes

■ No

The vast majority consider the media's influence on the issue to be enormous, with little difference between demographic groups.

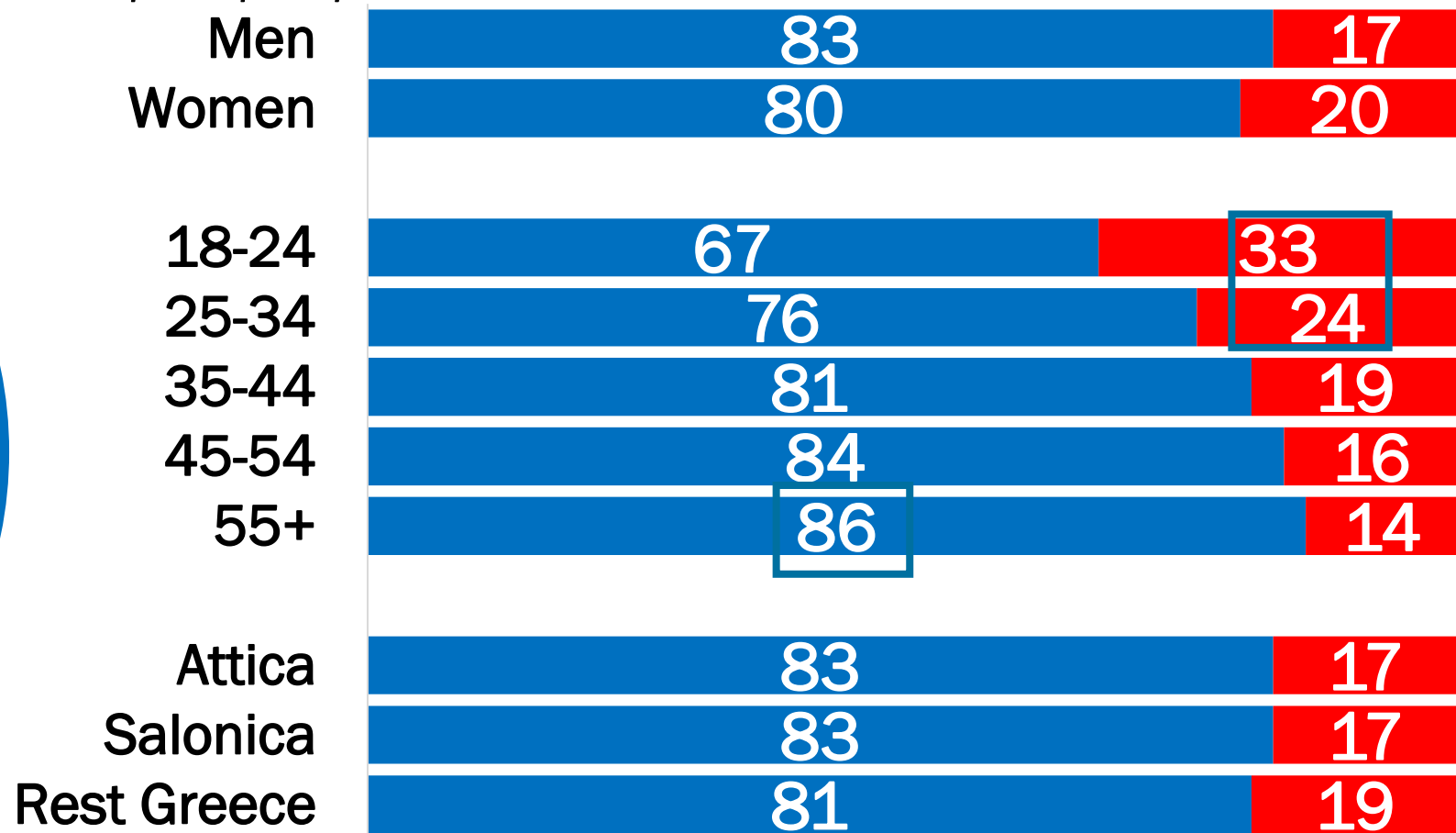
"Do you or do you not think that the media ... - Influence public perception and attitudes towards the issue?"



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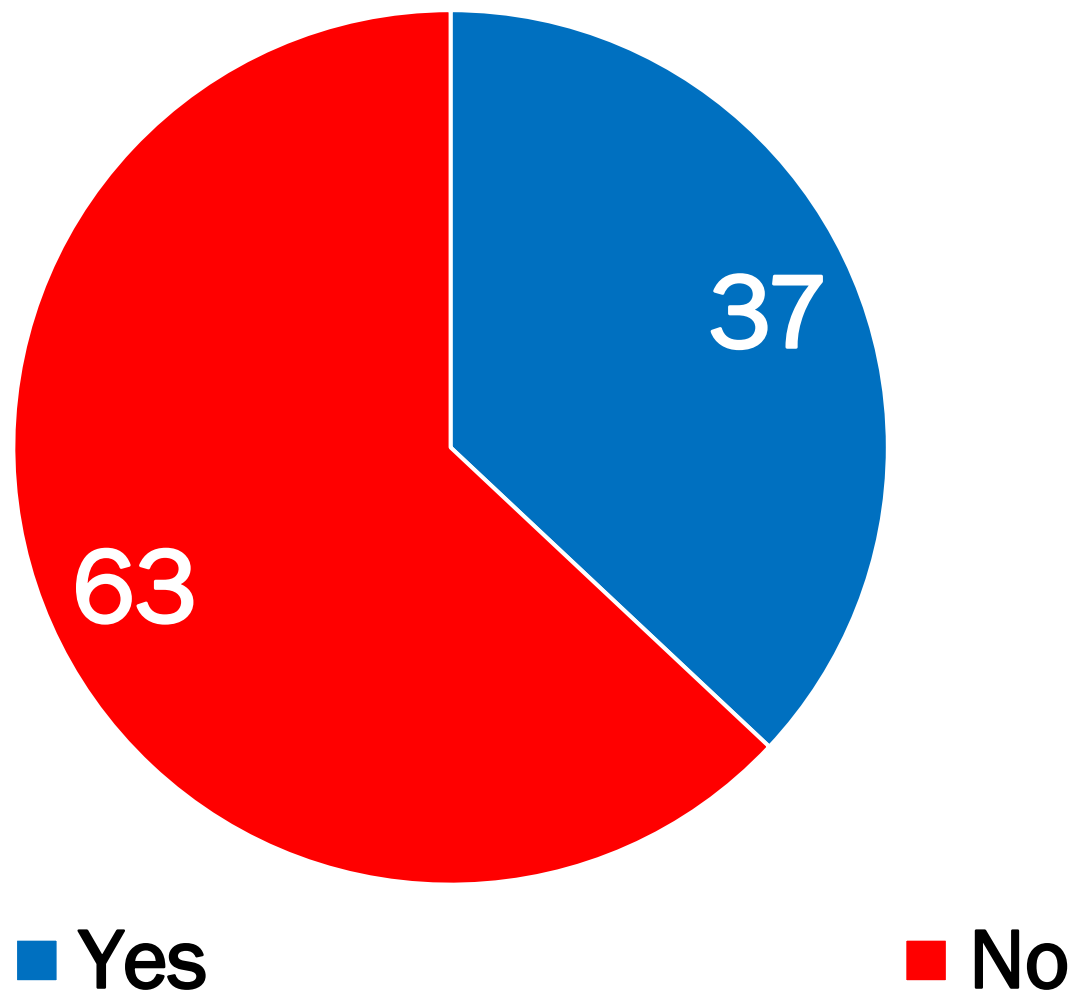
■ Yes

■ No



However, almost two out of three Greeks believe that the media does not adequately address the systemic issues that contribute to femicide!

"Do you or do you not believe that the media ... - adequately address the systemic issues that contribute to femicide?"



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The attitudes of Greeks on the individual issues of femicide.

The audience was asked to rank a number of **phrases on the issues of femicide using a four-point scale** (Agree a lot/ quite a lot, Disagree a lot/ quite a lot).

The phrases were:

"The judicial system does not effectively prosecute femicide cases"

"Integrating education on gender-based violence and femicide into school curricula will help prevent such crimes"

"Femicide has a significant impact on society as a whole"

"In our country there are sufficient support services available for survivors of femicide"

"Unfortunately there are factors that prevent cases of femicide or domestic violence from coming to light"

"Femicide has a long-lasting impact on security and community trust"

"The media present cases of femicide in such a way as to enhance their development"

"There should be more attention to the rehabilitation of the perpetrators of femicide"

"More campaigns and initiatives are needed to raise awareness about femicide"

The attitudes of Greeks on the individual issues of femicide.

"The State should encourage and protect those who report incidents of domestic violence against women"

"I know that in other countries there are successful strategies & interventions to combat femicide"

"Can educational institutions/schools play a more active role in educating students about healthy relationships and preventing future femicide?"

"There are specific social groups where the phenomenon of femicide is more pronounced (Low socio-economic level, Provincial areas, LGBTQI+, Low educational level, Minority communities, Disabled, Elderly, Mentally ill)"

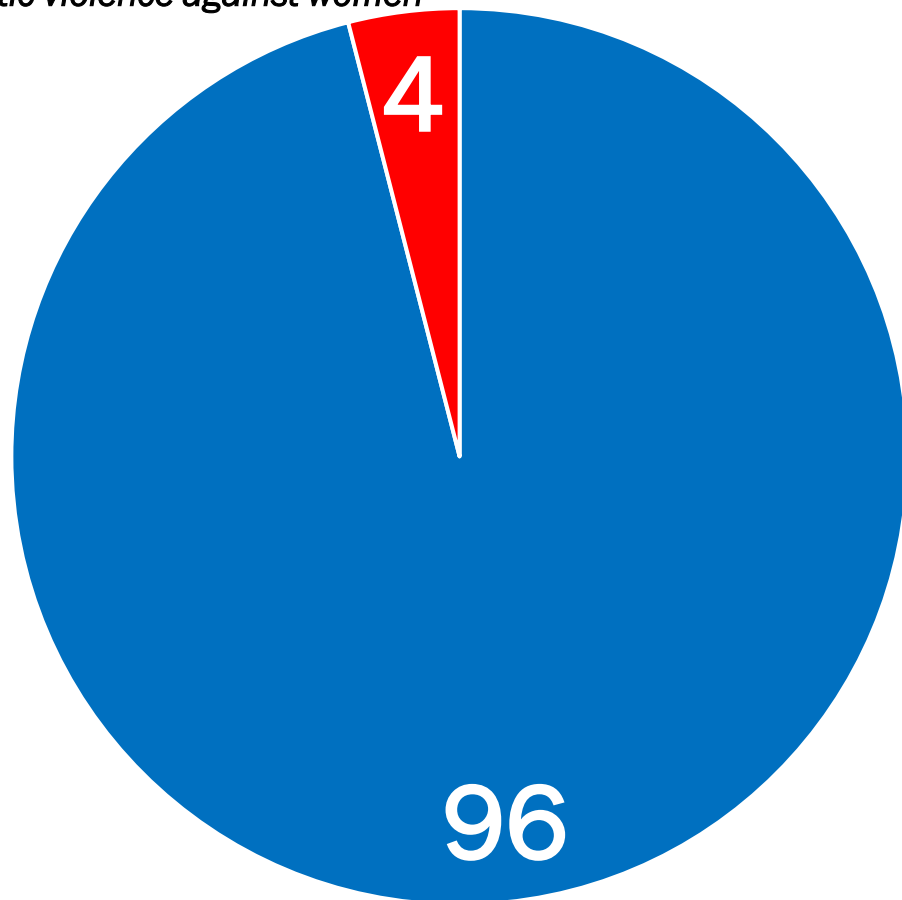
"Personally, I would be interested in taking an active part in an initiative to raise awareness and prevent femicide"

"The State should create special programmes for the rehabilitation and reintegration of those involved in femicide"

"Countries should work together to share practices and policies to combat femicide"

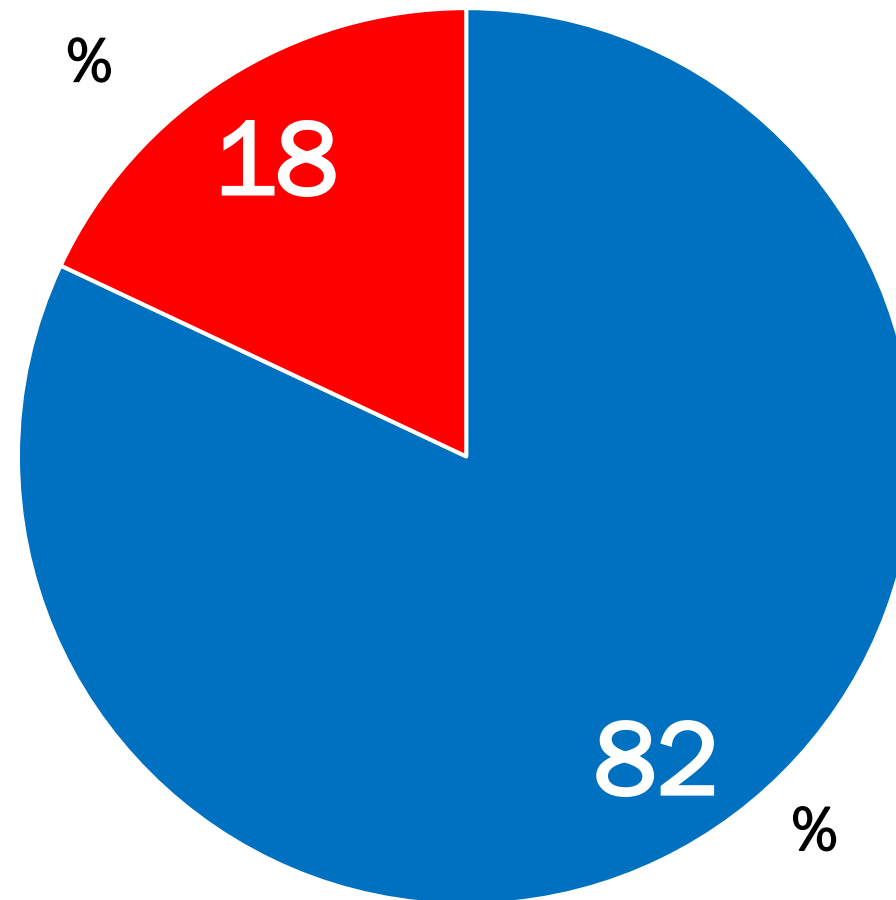
Greeks are not satisfied with the judicial system's treatment of femicide and are calling for state protection for those reporting domestic violence.

"The State should encourage and protect those who report incidents of domestic violence against women"



■ Agree a lot/quite a lot

"The judicial system does not effectively prosecute femicide cases"



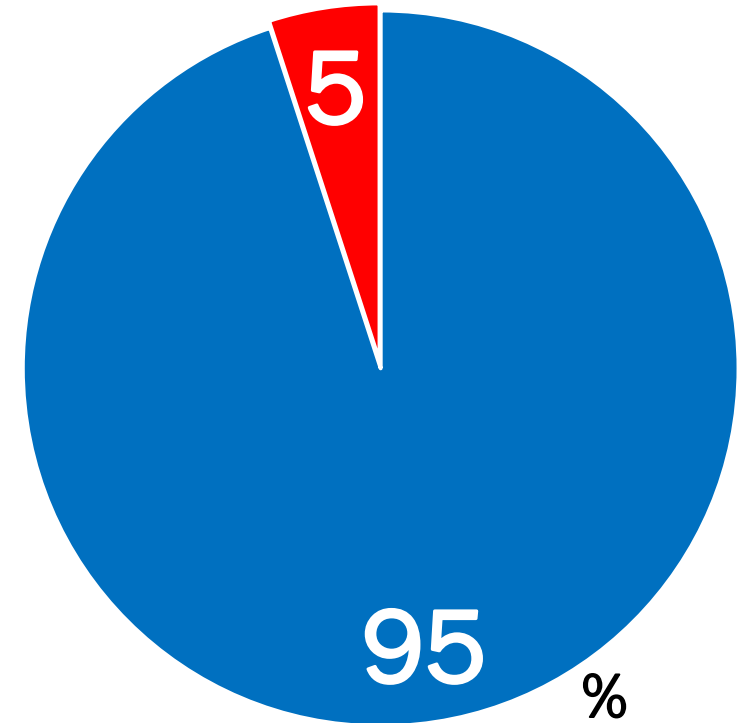
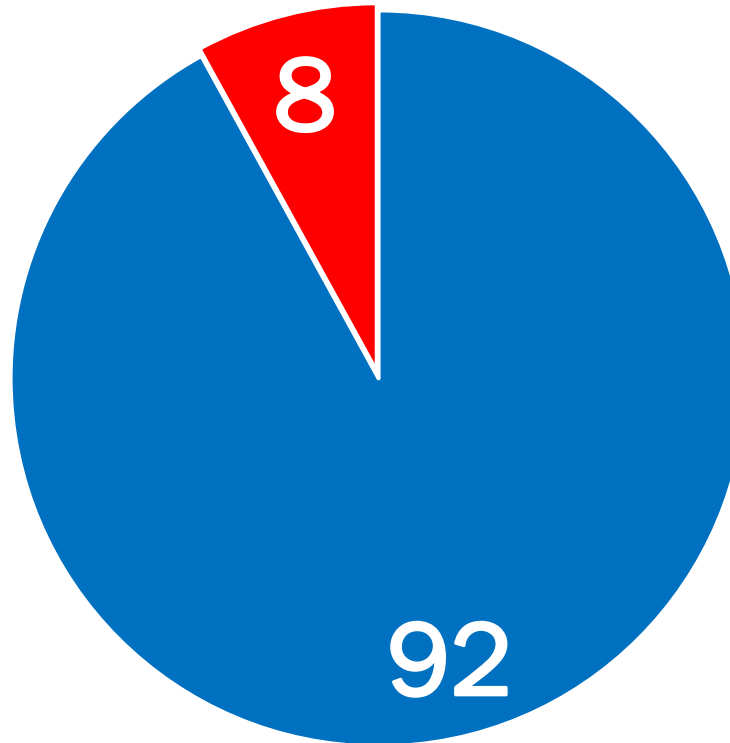
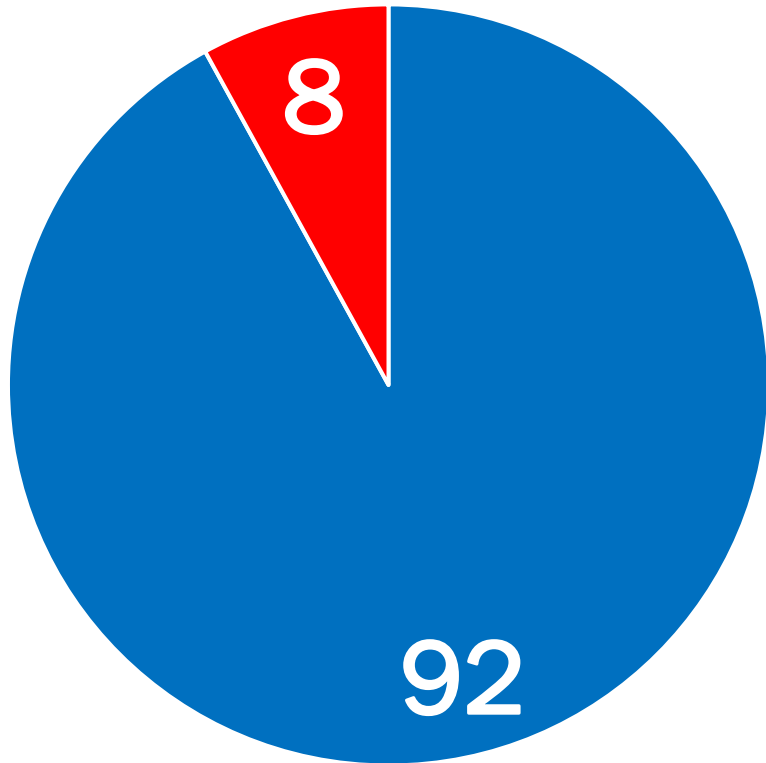
■ Disagree a lot/quite a lot

And it is clear that they are calling for immediate action to prevent femicide through education and awareness-raising.

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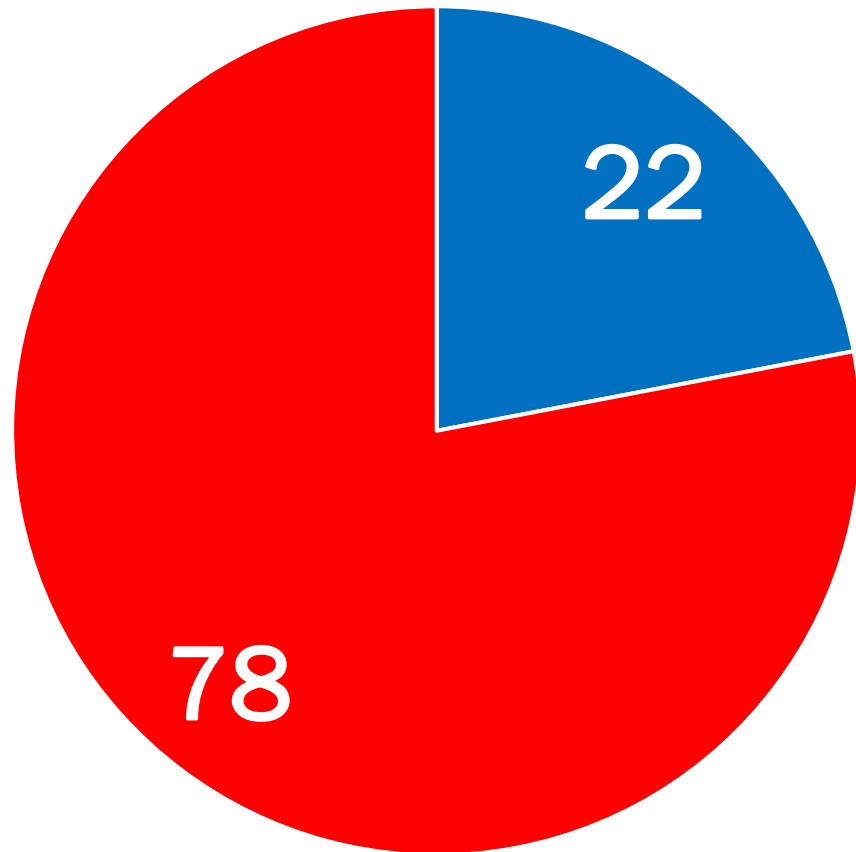


■ Agree a lot/quite a lot

■ Disagree a lot/quite a lot

Citizens are concerned about the adequacy of support services for survivors of femicide and call for state provision for the rehabilitation and reintegration of those involved.

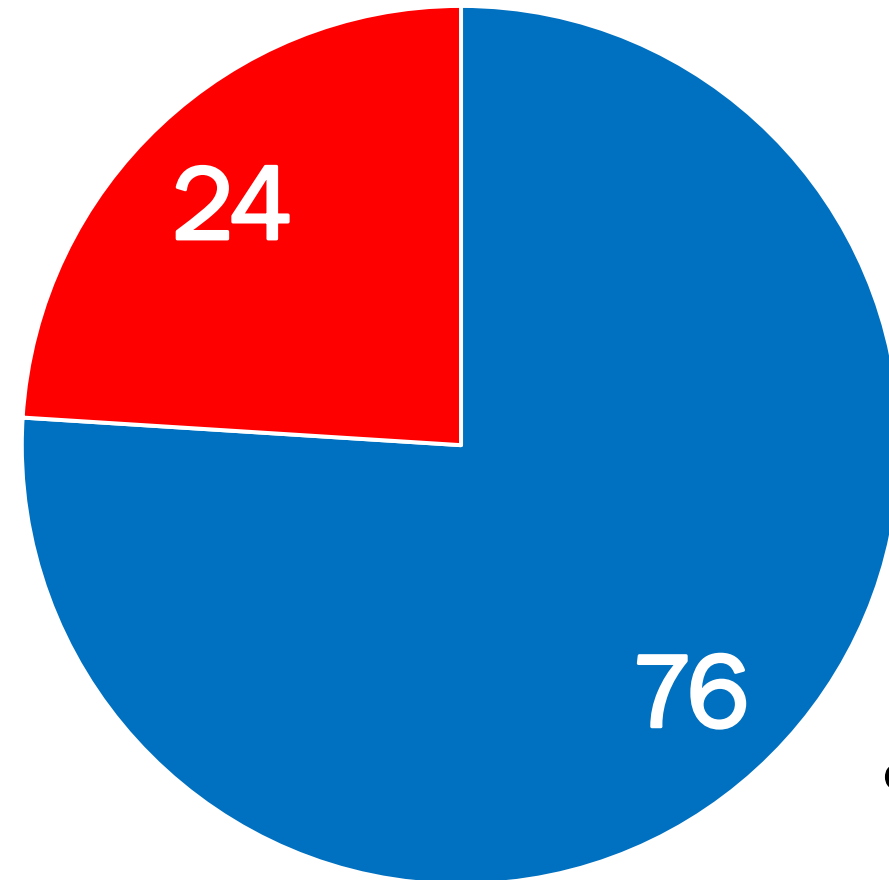
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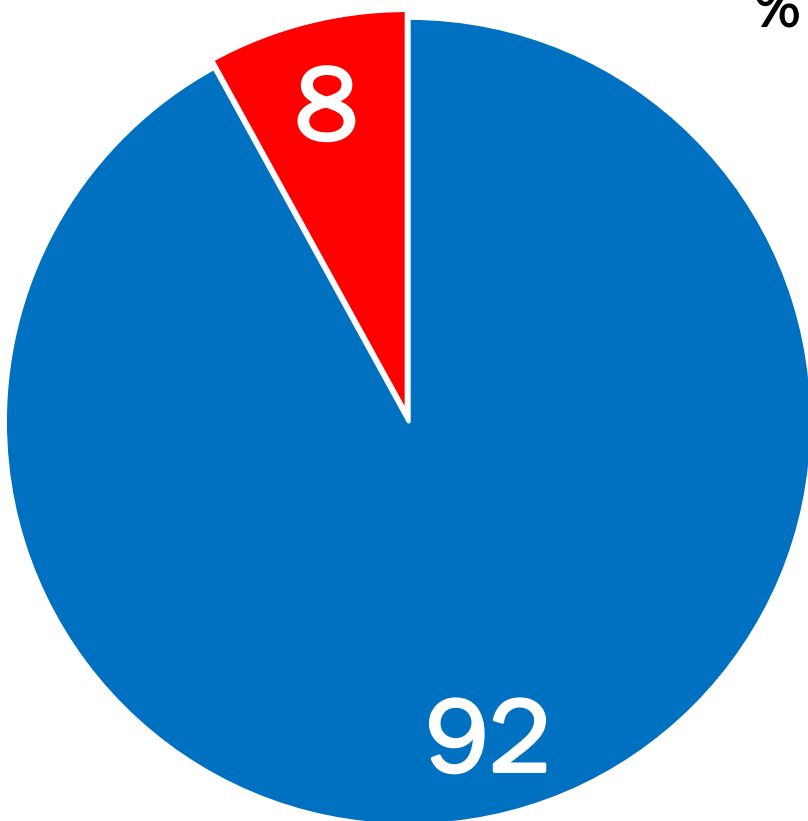
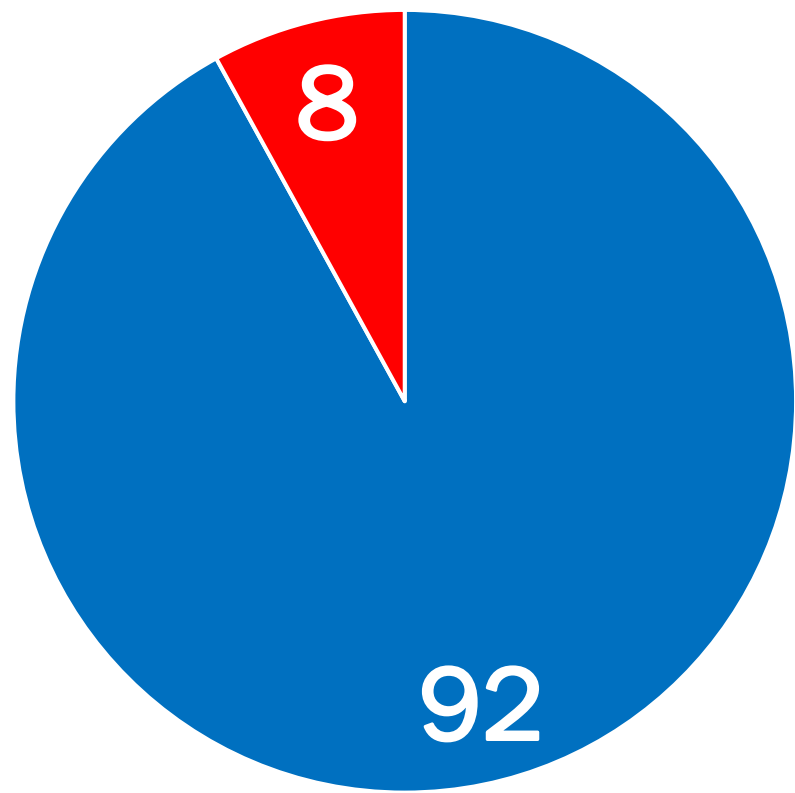
■ Disagree a lot/quite a lot

Femicide, a threat to social security: the vast majority of Greeks recognise the consequences, but also the obstacles to tackling the problem.

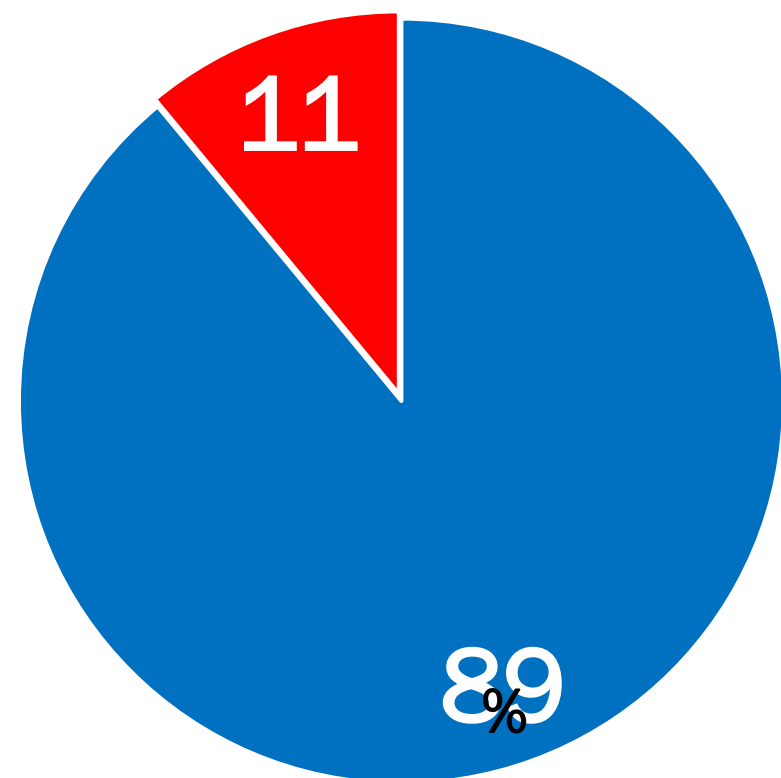
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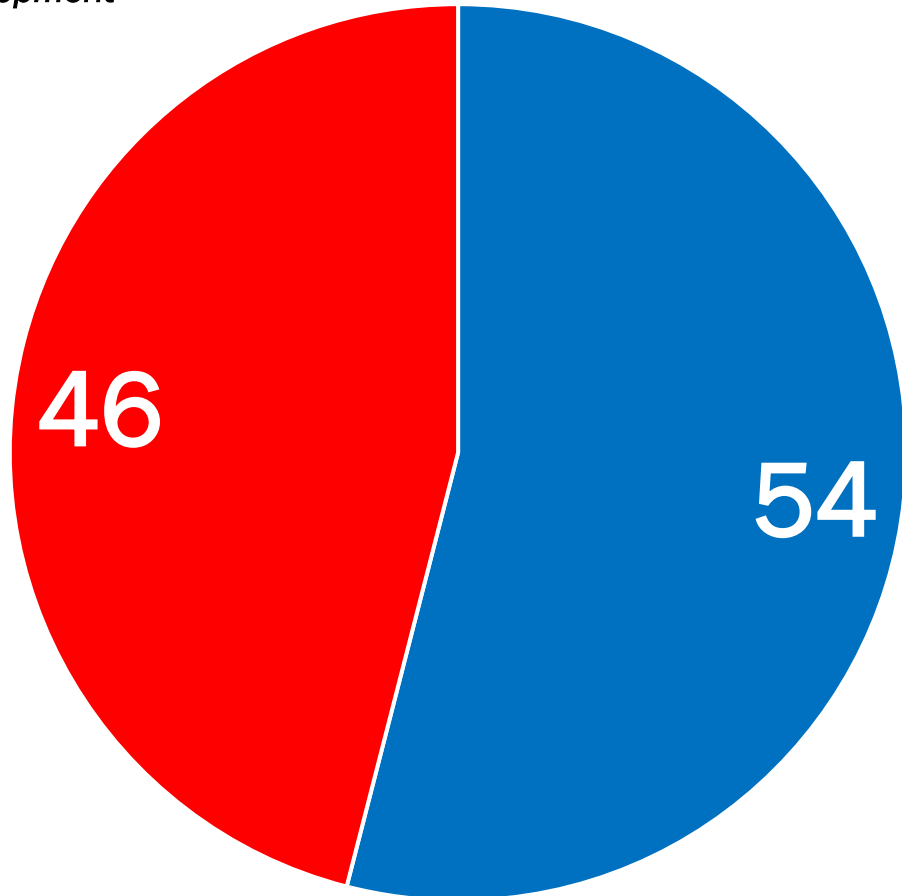


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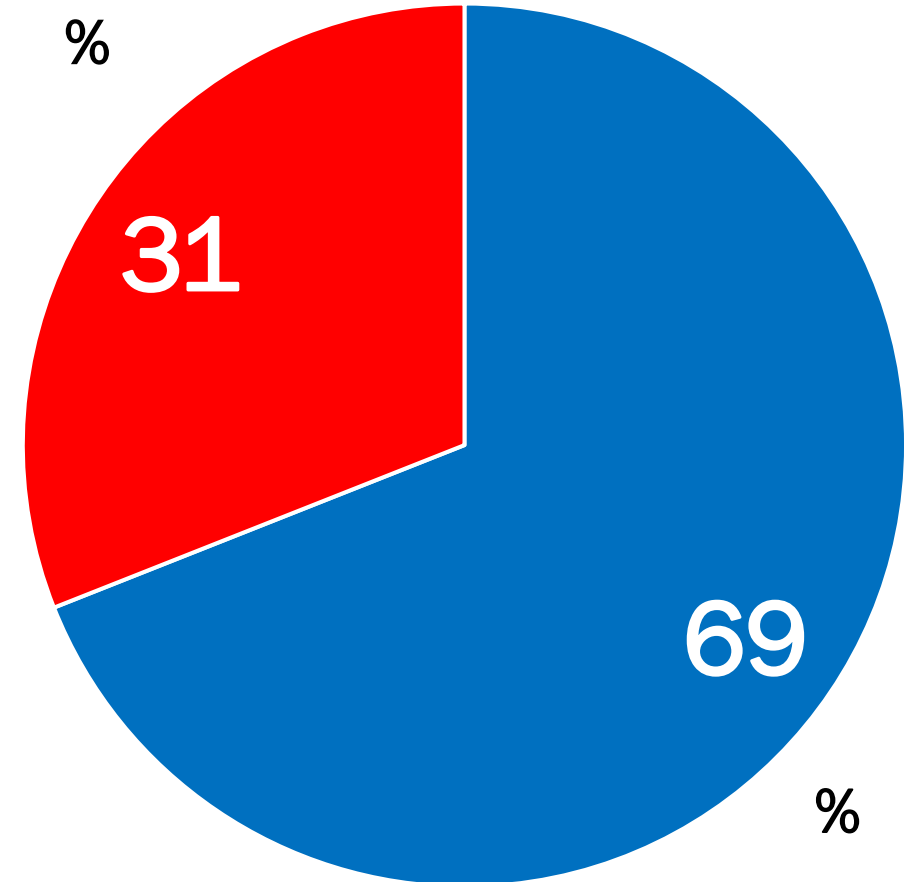
Half of Greeks believe that the media exacerbate the problem of femicide, while two out of three say that there is a need for rehabilitation of perpetrators.

"The media present cases of femicide in such a way as to enhance their development"



■ Agree a lot/quite a lot

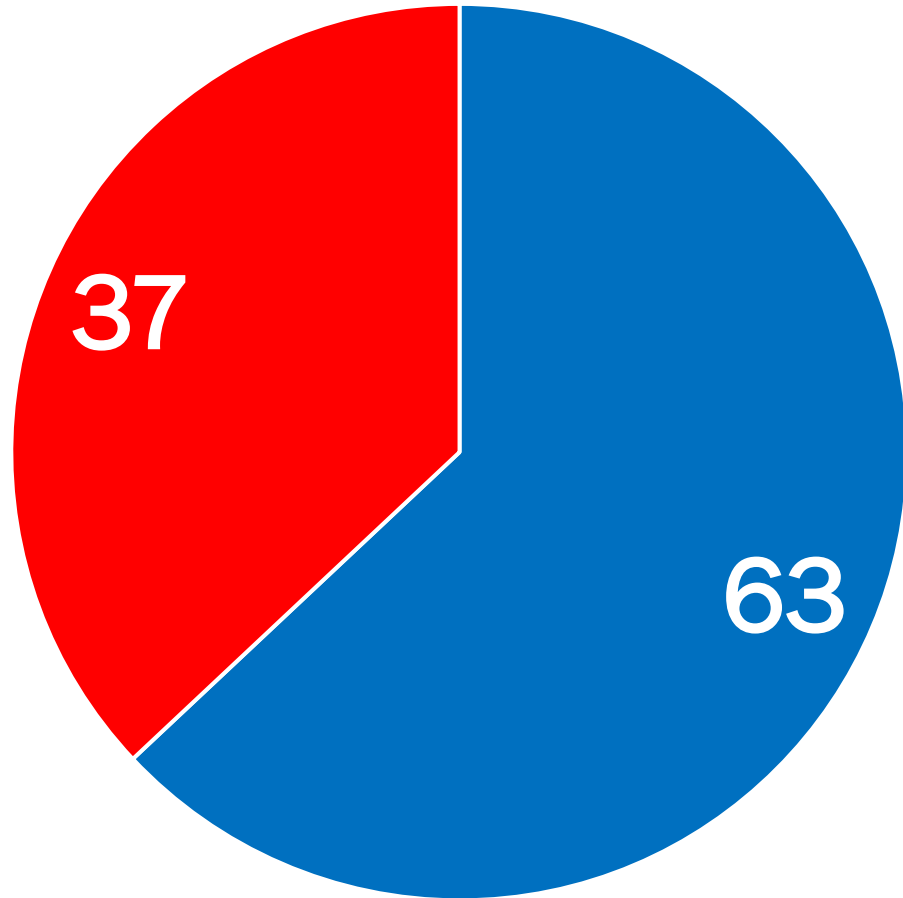
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■ Disagree a lot/quite a lot

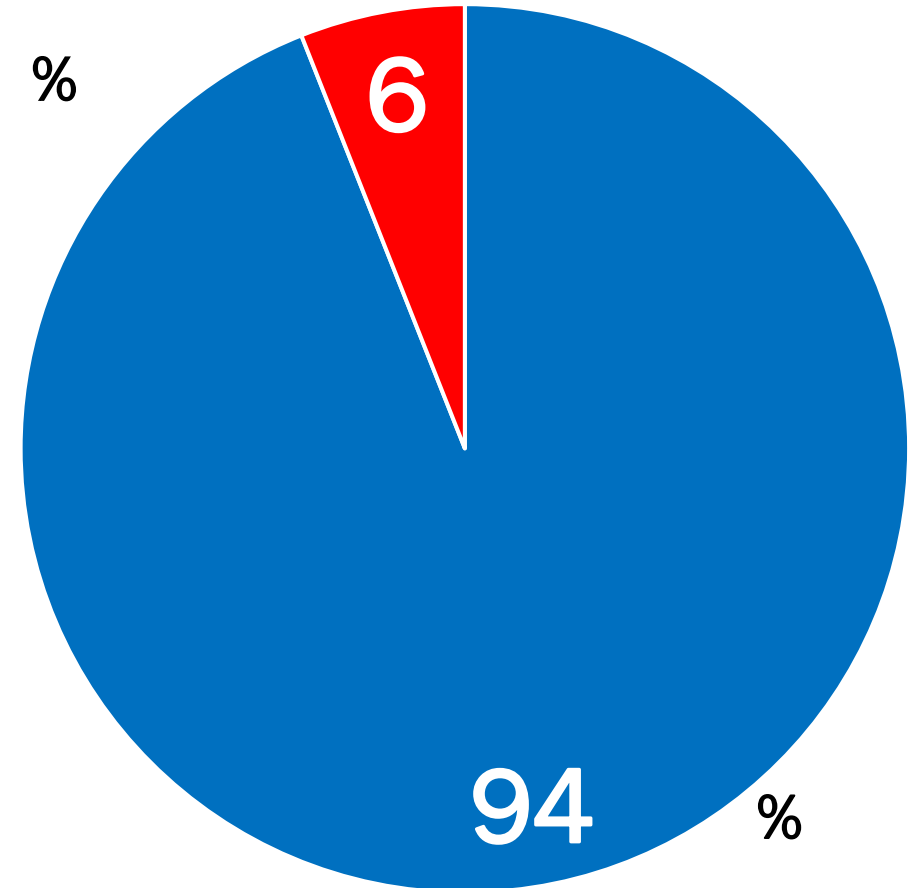
All citizens call for international cooperation to combat femicide, while almost two out of three believe in the effectiveness of foreign intervention.

"I know that in other countries there are successful strategies and interventions to combat femicide."



■ Agree a lot/quite a lot

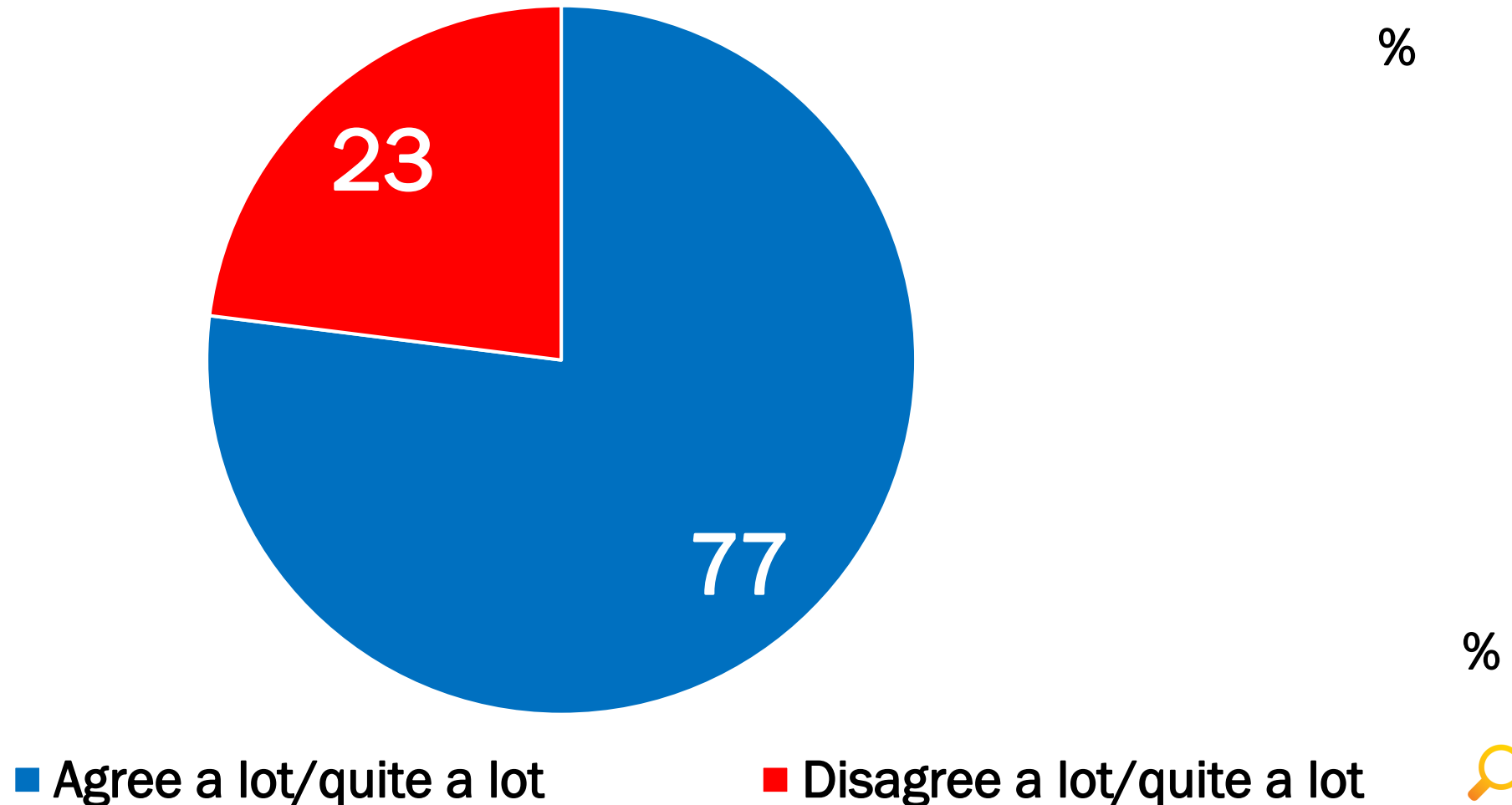
"Countries should work together to share practices and policies to combat femicide"



■ Disagree a lot/quite a lot

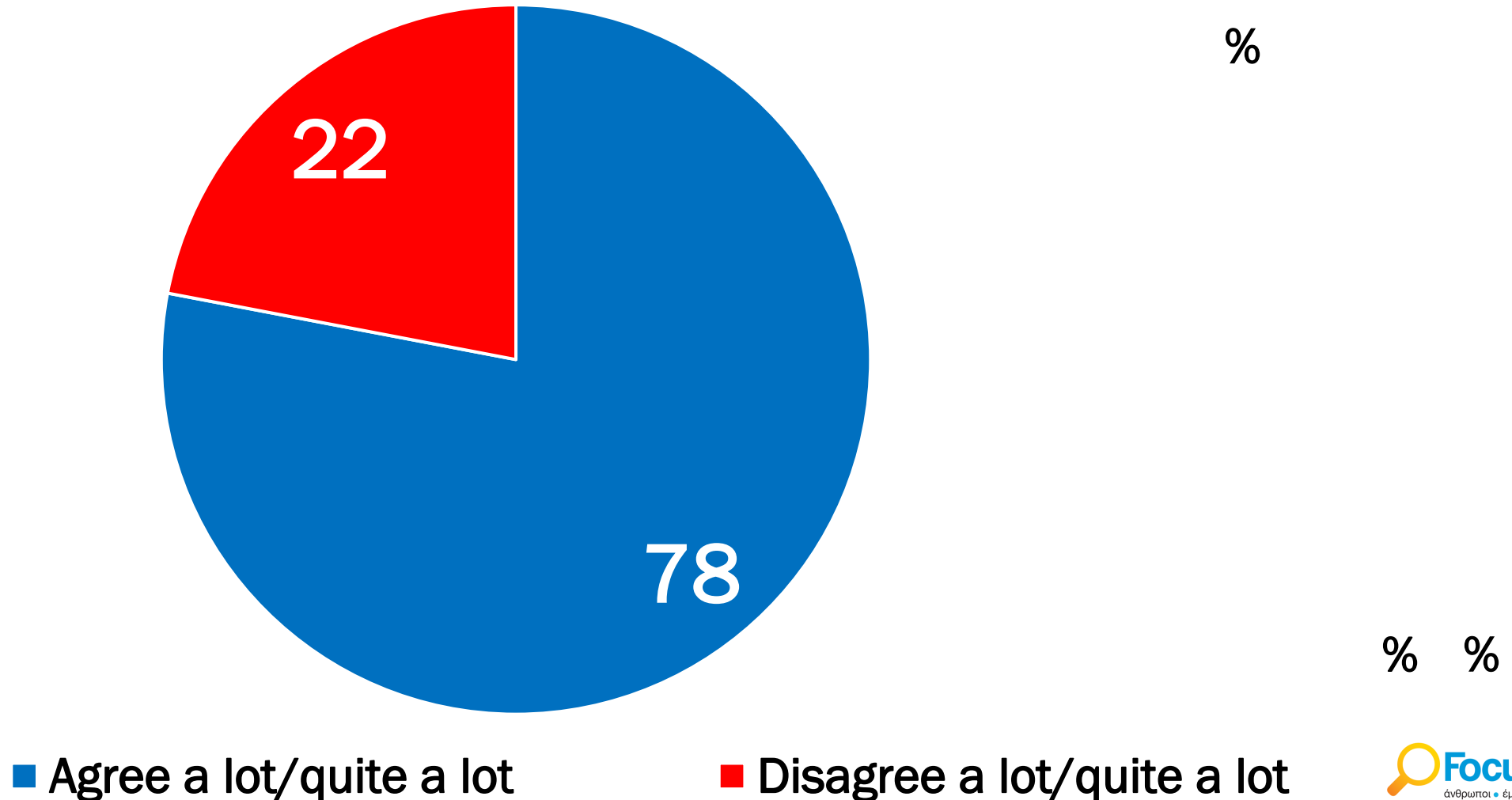
More than three out of four Greeks believe that social inequalities exacerbate femicide, affecting mainly vulnerable groups.

"There are specific social groups where femicide is more prevalent (low socioeconomic, rural, LGBTQI+, low education, minority communities, disabled, elderly, mentally ill)."



A significant majority of citizens want to be actively involved in actions to prevent femicide.

"Personally, I would be interested in taking an active part in an initiative to raise awareness and prevent femicide."



Citizens' Voices on Femicides...

"In the space below you can add any comment, opinion, observation or suggestion you wish to express on the phenomenon of femicide"

Citizens wrote in their own words feelings, opinions, advice, which are summarized below as follows:

Feelings

- "I'M AFRAID."
- «IM SORRY"
- "Rage"
- "The scourge of the age"
- "are constantly growing"

The reason is...

- "MENTAL HEALTH"
- «PATRIARCHY - misogyny"
- ""Selfishness, revenge, jealousy"
- "The lack of education in schools"
- "The home, the way we raise our children"
- "Domestic violence, people/women who do not speak out"

Legal Treatment of the Issue

- "Harsher punishments for perpetrators"
- "As long as perpetrators do not feel the fear of severe punishment, they act uncontrollably"
- "we want/need to feel SAFE"

Holistic perspective/uniqueness

- "Religious inequalities"
- "Racial inequalities"
- "There have always been femicides, but now they are more promoted by the media/internet"
- "Diversity/vulnerable social groups"
- "There are no femicides, but homicides"

What needs to be done...

- "CHILDHOOD"
- "PREVENTION / structures to strengthen the courage of potential victims to speak out"
- "Correct projection of the facts"
- "A legal framework that enhances citizens' security"
- Equality



Conclusions and Important "takeaways"

The **increase in femicides** in Greece has raised awareness among citizens, highlighting the serious **threat to social security**... However, only 5% are aware of existing laws or initiatives aimed at their prevention, highlighting the urgent need for education and awareness raising, which was also expressed with particular intensity in the comments of citizens.

The overwhelming majority of Greeks call for more education to prevent femicide, showing a general concern and a desire for change.

The cases of **Caroline Louise Crouch** and **Eleni Topaloudi** continue to shock the nation.

Shockingly, **91%** of citizens see sexual partners or spouses as the main perpetrators, with jealousy being the main motive (**84%**).

Conclusions and Important "takeaways"

Young people **identify additional causes**, such as mental illness, stereotypes against women, while older people focus mainly on domestic violence.

Young generations in particular recognise the phenomenon of femicide as a complex problem, linked to social inequalities and vulnerable groups, but also misogyny.

Society demands change: Almost all citizens call for special protection programmes for victims, while 78% are concerned about the adequacy of existing support services. A significant majority also support the need for rehabilitation programmes for both victims and perpetrators.

Almost all Greeks call for **international cooperation** to tackle femicide, while **63%** believe that **interventions by foreign countries are effective on this issue.**

Conclusions and Important "takeaways"

On the **media coverage of femicide**, opinions are **divided**: 52% consider it sufficient, while 48% call for more emphasis. Nevertheless, the vast **majority of citizens** recognise the importance of the media in **shaping public perception** and stress the need for **responsible and meaningful coverage of the issue**, **highlighting the systemic problems** that lead to femicide.

Citizens experience strong feelings of fear, sadness and anger, considering femicide as a "scourge of the times". They call for harsher penalties for perpetrators and a strong legal framework to ensure social cohesion. Above all, they recognise the need for better education, both in schools and in families, in order to strengthen prevention and protection of victims.

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