

WOMEN ACTION CAMPAIGN

SOUTH AFRICAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS GBV, RAPE, ISRAEL,
HAMMAS AND PALESTINE

MARKET RESEARCH FINDINGS
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1. METHODOLOGY

SUMMARY: Methodology

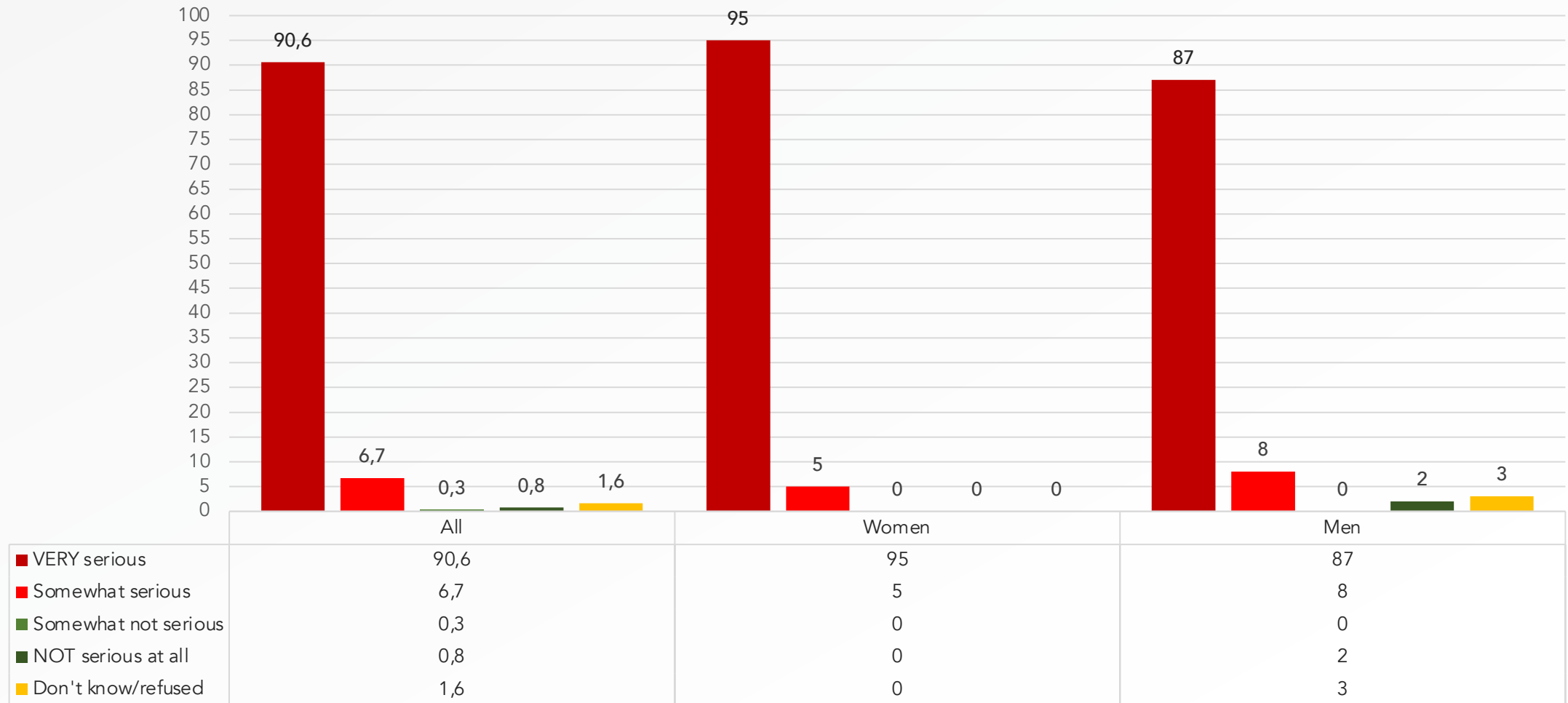
Indicator	Detail
Market:	South Africa
Screening:	South African adult citizens or residents over the age of 18
Sample:	808
Margin of Error:	3.5%
DEFF:	1.9695
MOE + DEFF	5.0%
Confidence level	95%
Methodology	The poll was conducted telephonically, using a single frame, random digit-dialling sampling design. Briefly: The sampling frame consists of every potential cell phone number in existence in South Africa, from which a probability sample is drawn. This approach ensures that every number stands an equal chance of being included in the study, which is the most basic condition that must be met for survey results to be generalizable to the population from which a sample is drawn.
In-field	14 to 20 February 2024
Weighting	The sample was fully demographically representative (weighted to ensure it aligns with all national demographic indicators: age, gender, language, race, rural/urban, income, education etc.)
Field Work Conducted By:	Victory Research

2. GENERAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS GBV AND RAPE

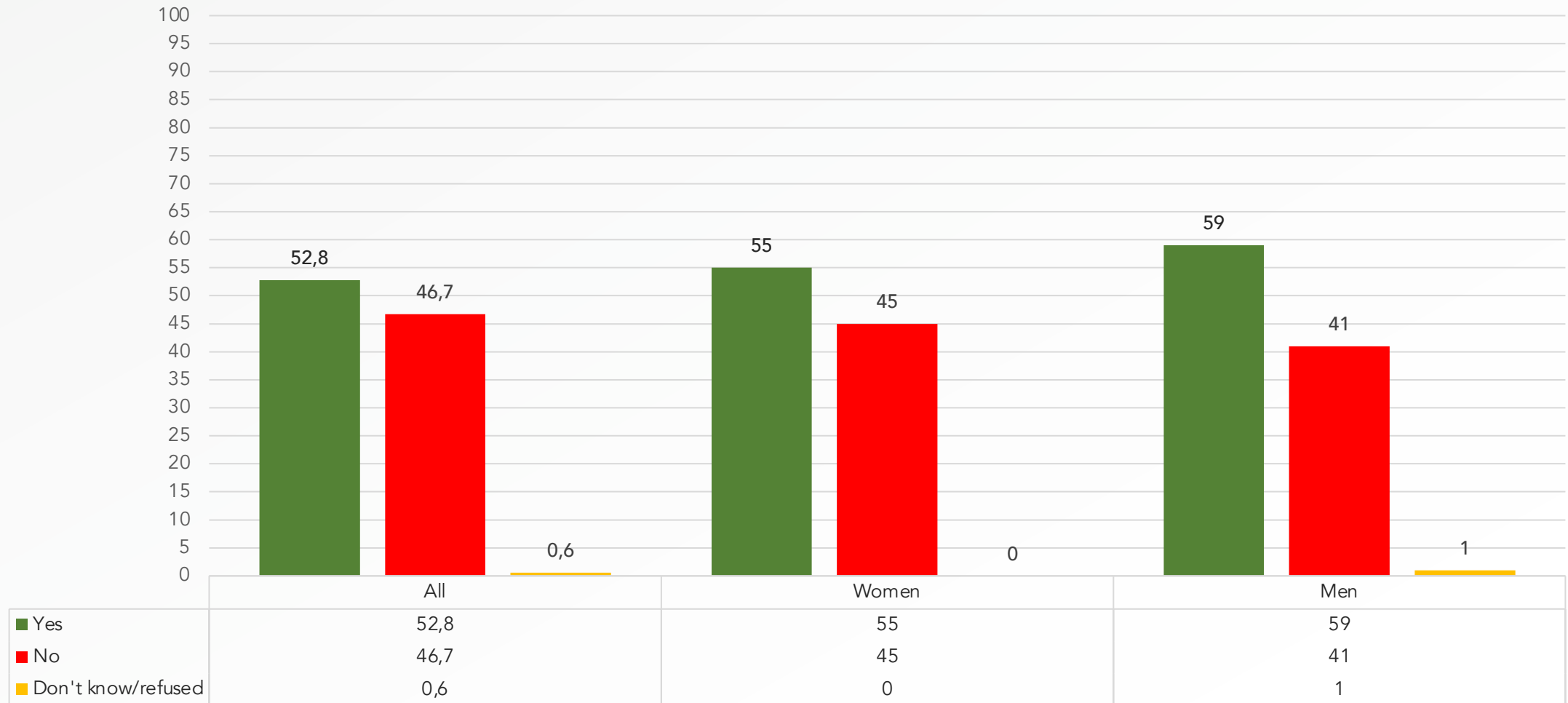
SUMMARY: GBV and Rape

No.	QUESTION	Serious Problem	Not Serious Problem	NETT
1.	<i>Do you believe Gender Based Violence, or GBV, and Rape are a problem in South Africa, or not a problem?</i>	97,3%	1,1%	+ 96,2 pts
		Yes	No	NETT
2.	<i>Do you personally know of anyone who has been a victim of Gender Based Violence (or GBV) in South Africa, among your friends, colleagues or family?</i>	52,8%	46,7%	+6,1 pts
3.	<i>Do you personally know of anyone who has been a victim of Rape in South Africa, among your friends, colleagues or family?</i>	46,9%	52,9%	- 6.0 pts
		Agree	Disagree	NETT
4.	<i>"All victims of Rape should be supported regardless of their race, culture, religion, or gender."</i>	89,6%	9,8%	+ 79,8 pts
5.	<i>"There are no circumstances in which Rape is justifiable."</i>	73,0%	24,6%	+ 48,4 pts
6.	<i>"Rape is always a horrific act but, during war time, when people are dying, in that context Rape can be justified as means of attacking and weakening the enemy"</i>	29,3%	69,1%	- 39,8 pts

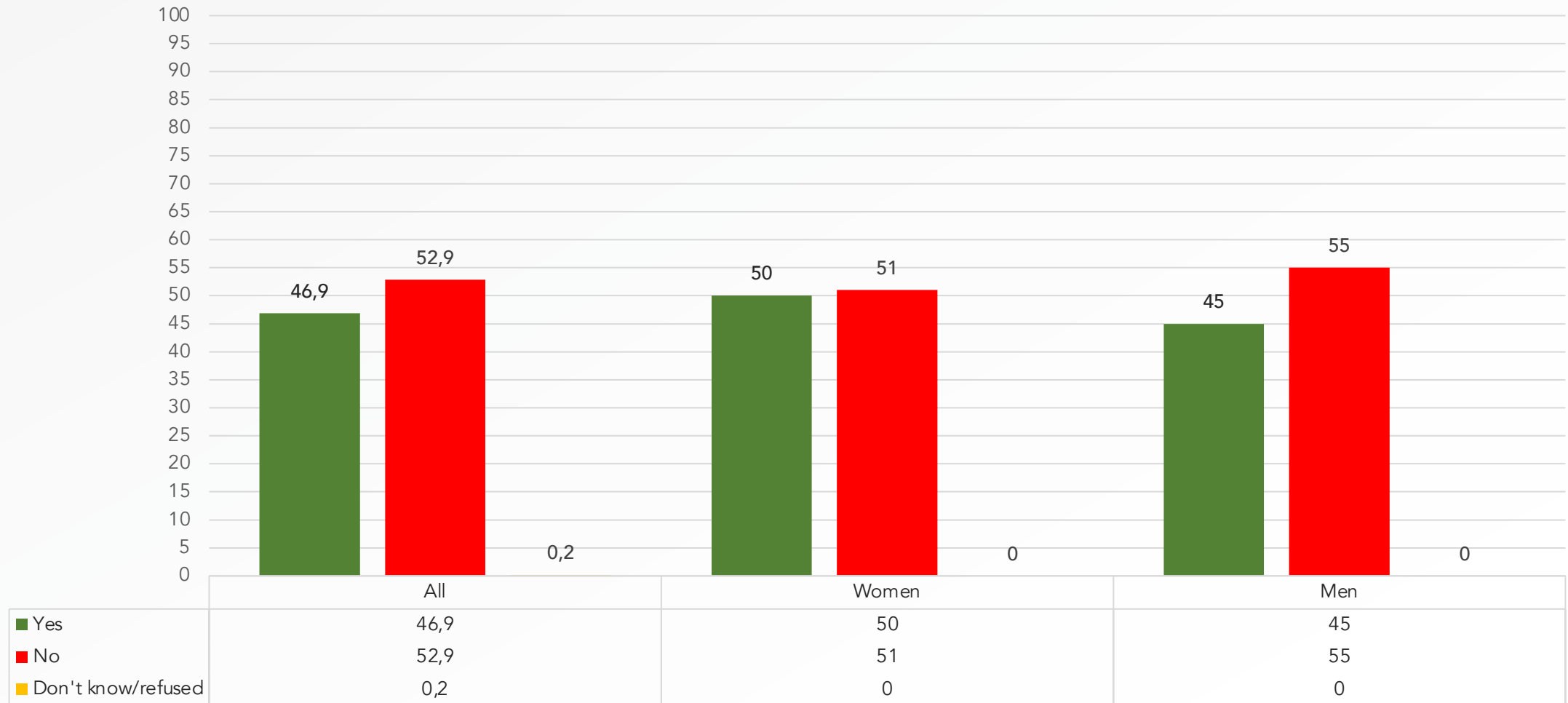
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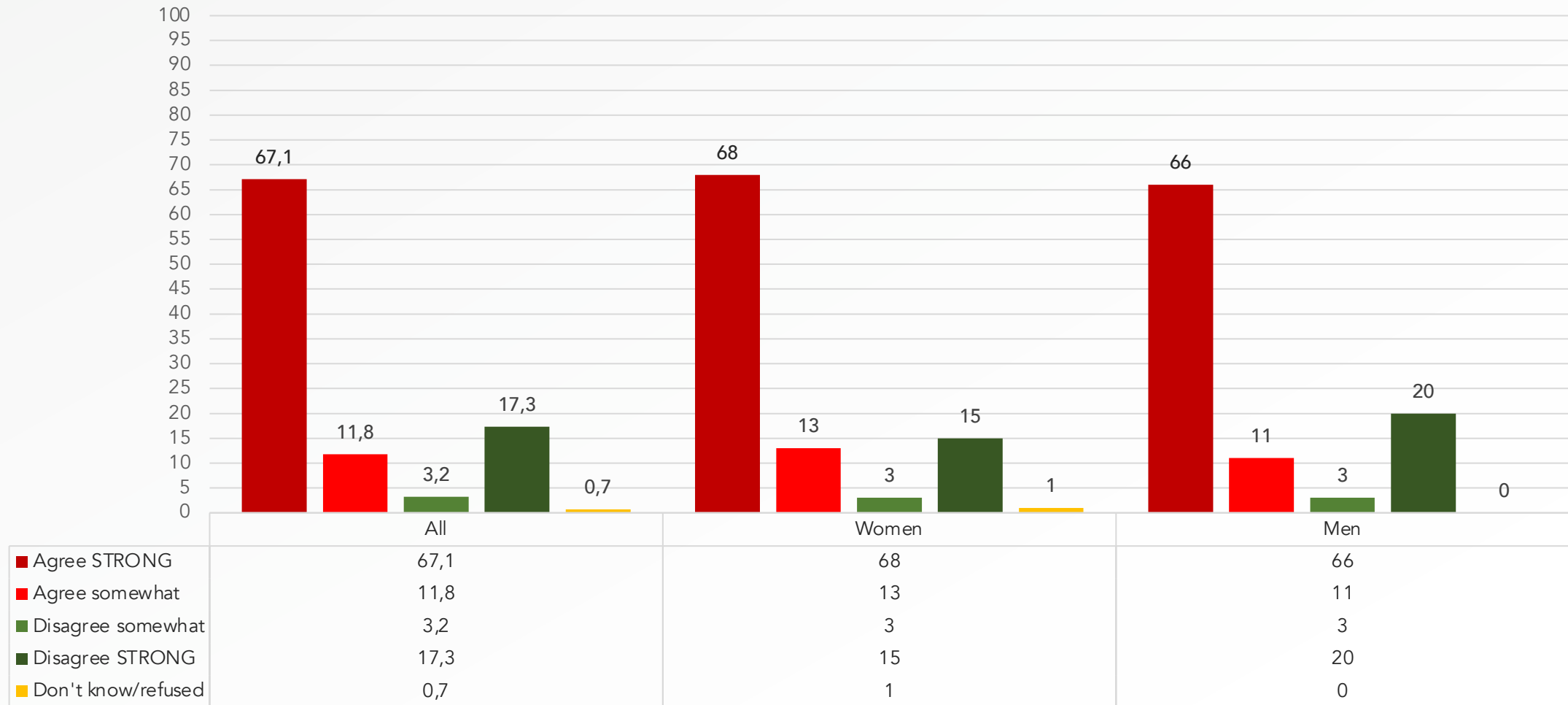
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Q: Do you personally know of anyone who has been a victim of Rape in South Africa, among your friends, colleagues or family?



Q: "All victims of Rape should generally be supported, however, there are circumstances in which their race, culture, religion, or gender can contribute to their situation, and that should be taken into account when offering support" Do you agree or disagree with this statement, and, how strongly you agree or disagree in each case do you agree very strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?

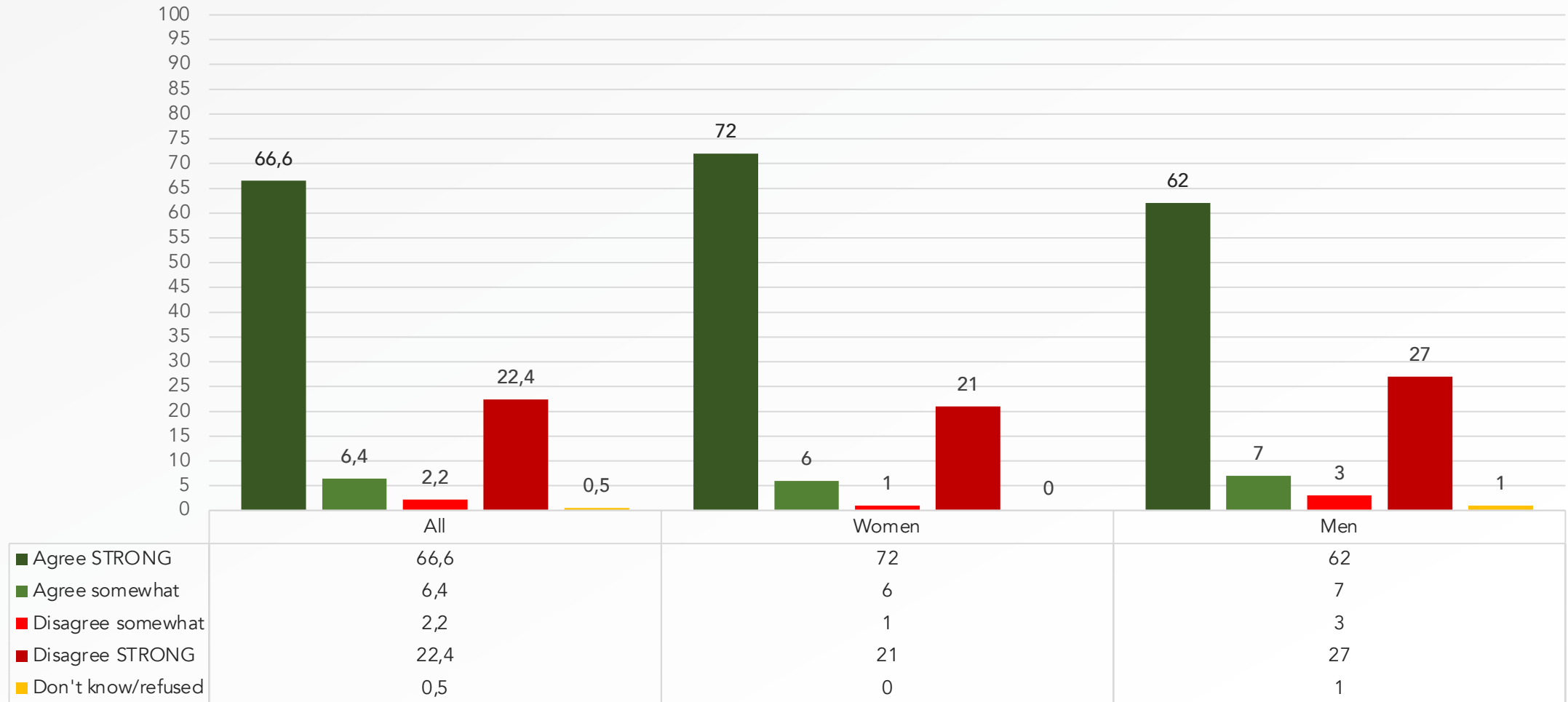


3. SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCE AROUND GBV AND RAPE

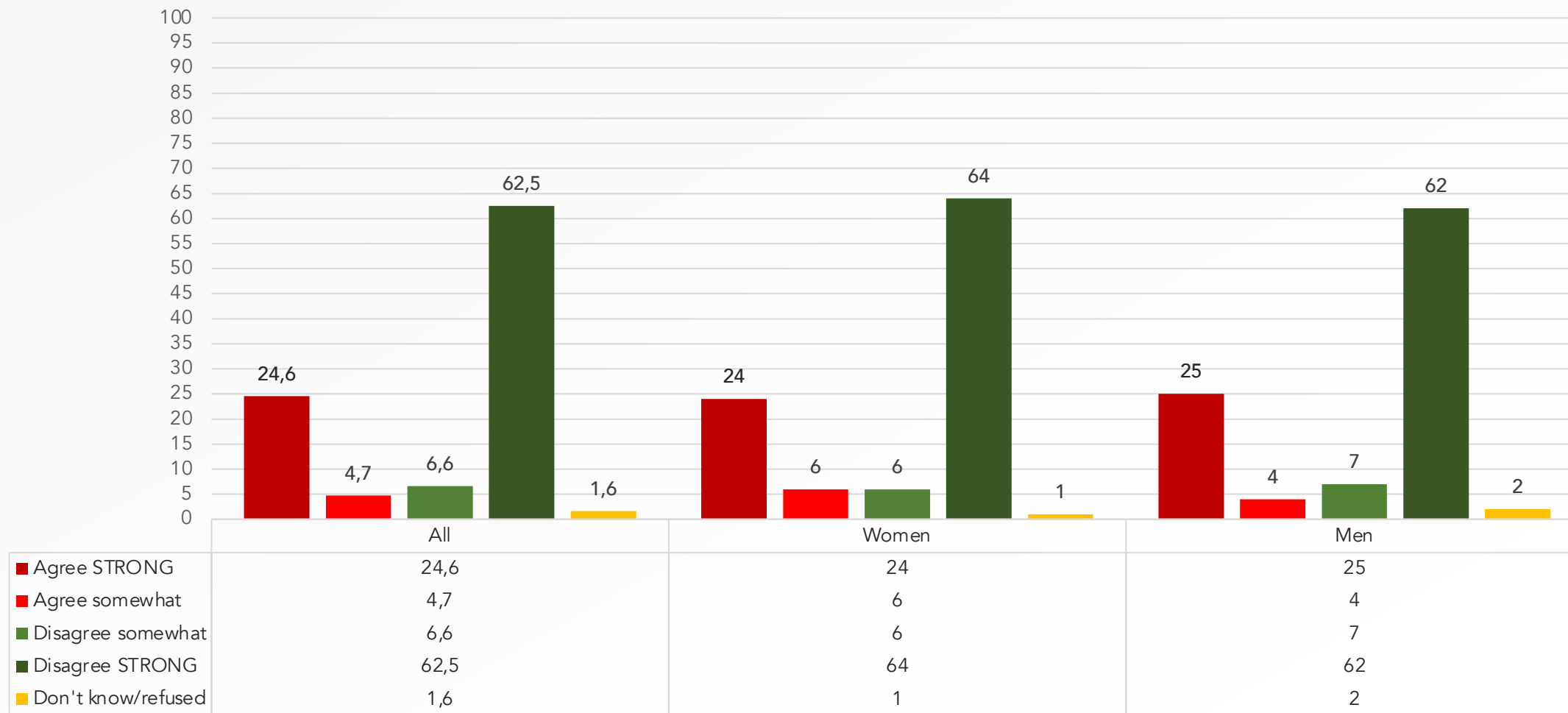
SUMMARY: Specific circumstance around GBV and Rape

No.	QUESTION	Agree	Disagree	NETT
1.	<i>"There are no circumstances in which Rape is justifiable."</i>	73,0%	24,6%	+ 48,4 pts
2.	<i>"Rape is always a horrific act but, during war time, when people are dying, in that context Rape can be justified as means of attacking and weakening the enemy"</i>	29,3%	69,1%	- 39,8 pts

Q: "There are no circumstances in which Rape is justifiable." Do you agree or disagree with this statement, and, how strongly you agree or disagree in each case do you agree very strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?



Q: "Rape is always a horrific act but, during war time, when people are dying, in that context Rape can be justified as means of attacking and weakening the enemy" Do you agree or disagree with this statement, and, how strongly you agree or disagree in each case do you agree very strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?

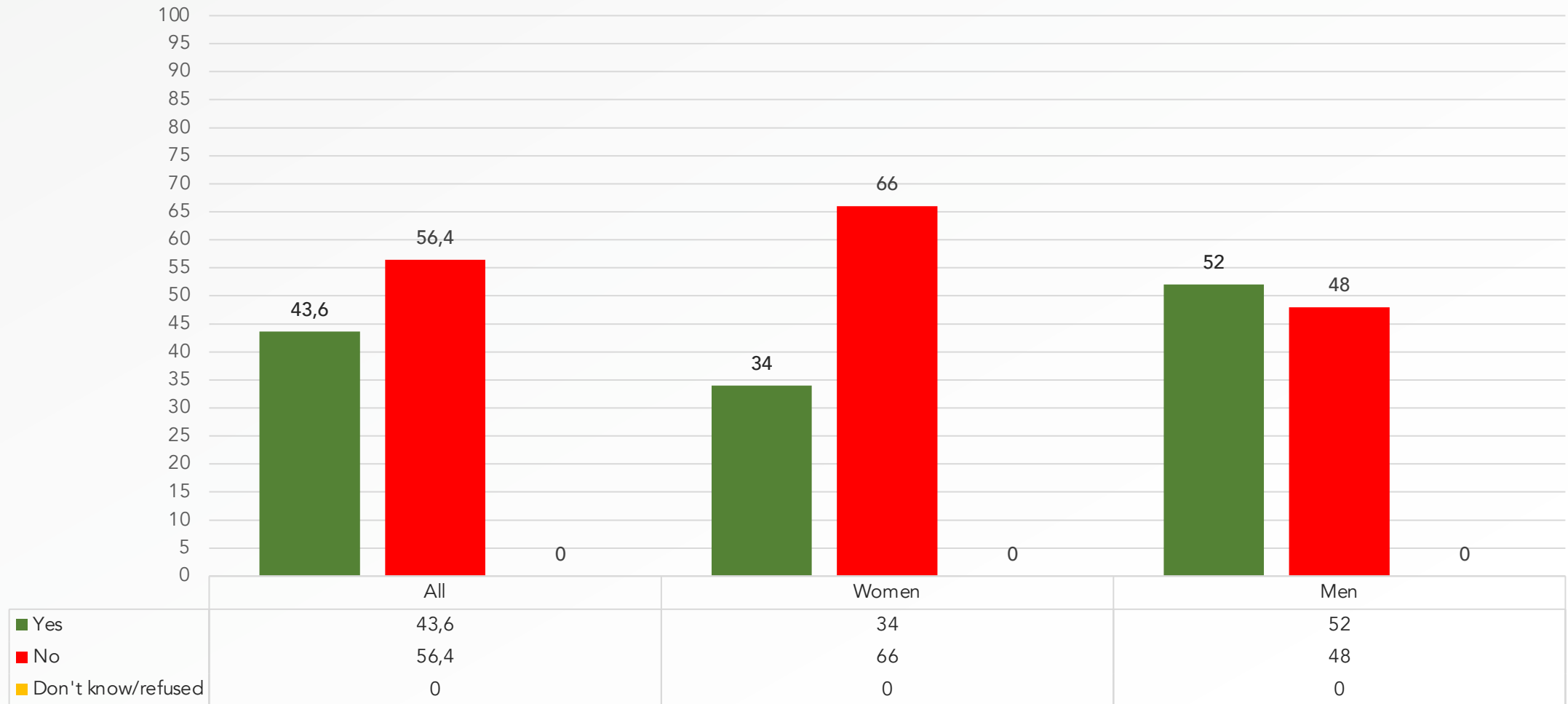


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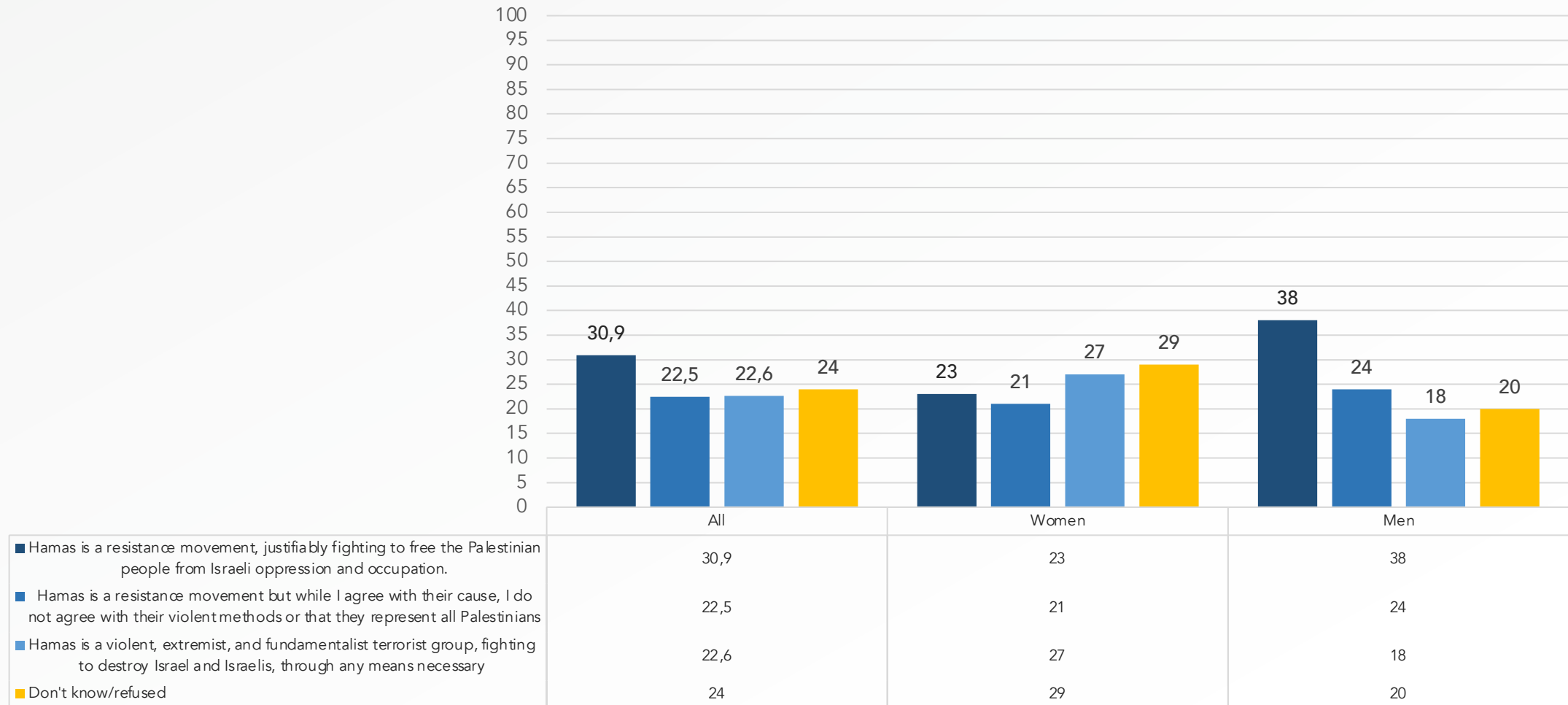
SUMMARY: Israel, Hamas and Palestine

No.	QUESTION	Yes	No	-	NETT
1.	Are you aware of the organisation called Hamas?	43,6%	56,4%	-	- 12,8 pts
		Resistance	Violent	Terrorist	NETT
2.	Which of the following statements would you say best describes Hamas, in your opinion?	30,9%	22,5%	22,6%	-
		Aware	Unaware	-	NETT
3.	Are you aware of the attack on Israel by Hamas, on 7 October 2023?	60,0%	39,5%	-	+ 20,5 pts
		Unjustified	Justified	-	NETT
4.	Which one of the following best describes your reaction to that description?	79,1%	17,5%	-	+ 61,6 pts
		Yes	No	-	NETT
5.	Do you believe reports that women, girls and men were raped, tortured and sexually assaulted by Hamas militants?	46,9%	40,2%	-	+ 6,7 pts
		Cannot Accept	Means to End	Israel Responsible	NETT
6.	Which one of the following statements comes closest to describing what you believe about consequences for Hamas militants, if they did rape, torture and kill Israeli citizens?	60,0%	9,2%	24,6%	-
		Prosecuted	Not Prosecuted	-	NETT
7.	International law classifies rape and other forms of sexual violence committed during conflict or war, especially against civilians, as Crimes Against Humanity or War Crimes. Given this, if Hamas militants did rape, torture and kill Israeli citizens, would you support their prosecution as war criminals, at the International Criminal Court, or would you not support it?	70,4%	27,1%	-	+ 43,3 pts
		More Pressure	Enough Pressure	No Pressure	NETT
8.	Do you believe that the South African government should apply more pressure on the relevant international authorities to find, arrest and prosecute those Hamas militants responsible for the rape, torture and killing of citizens on 7 October, that is has applied enough pressure, or that no pressure is needed?	54,2%	17,9%	25%	-

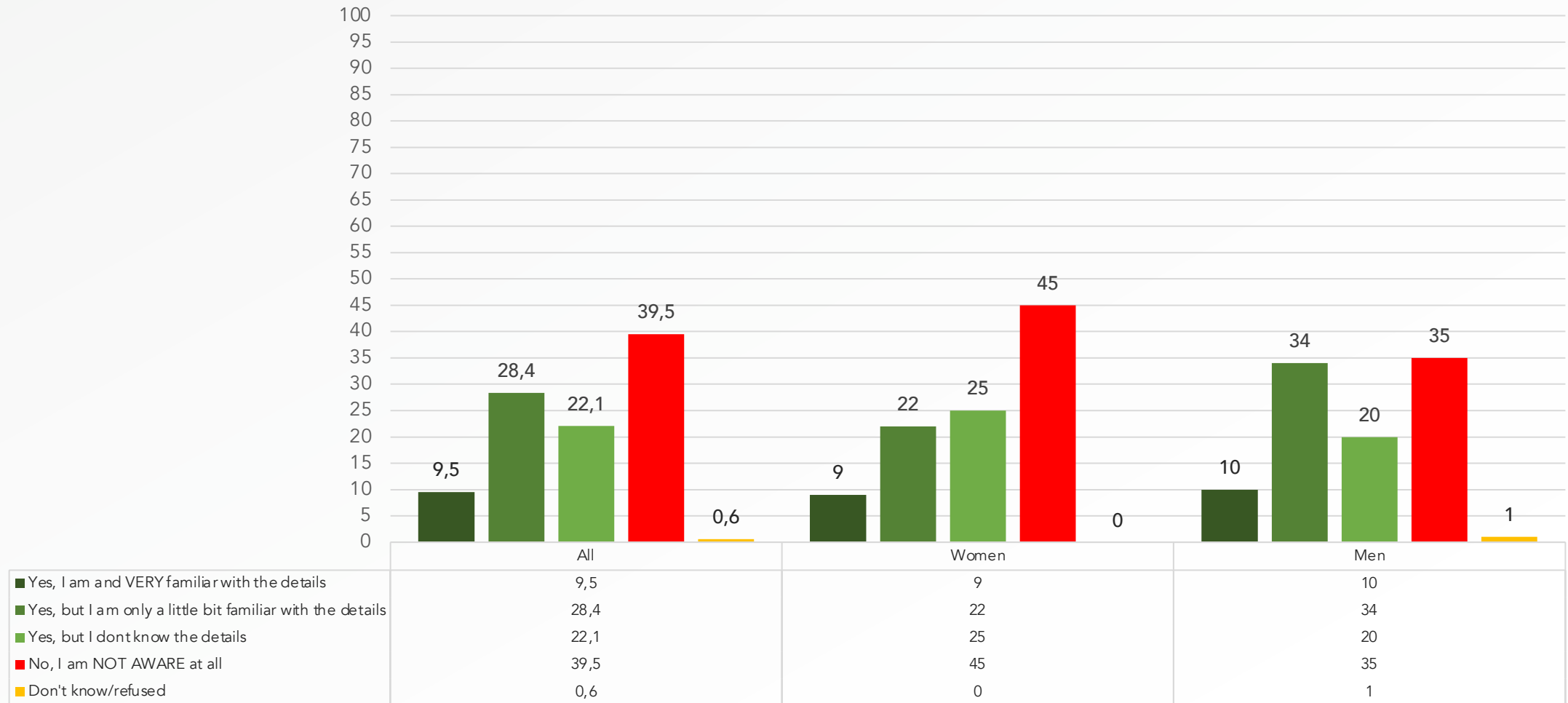
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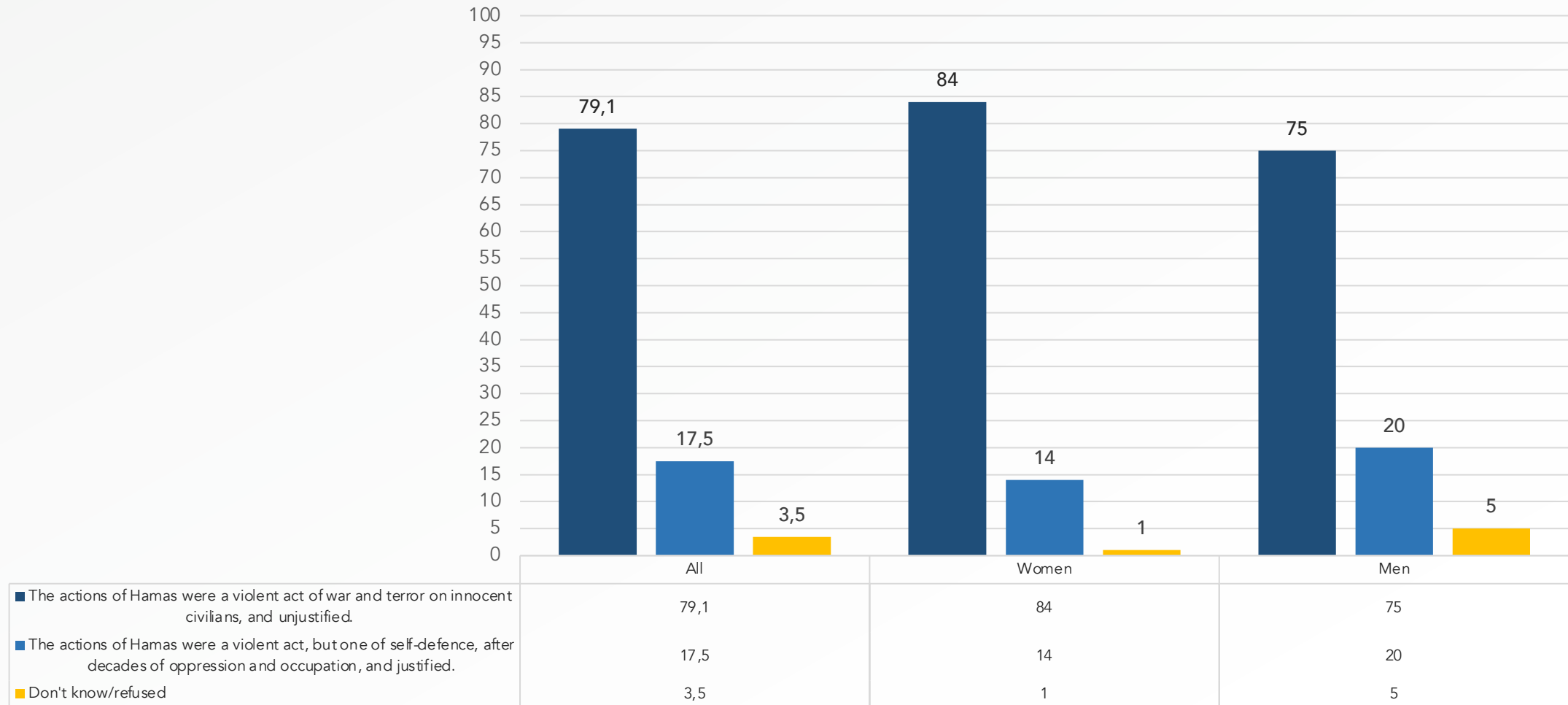


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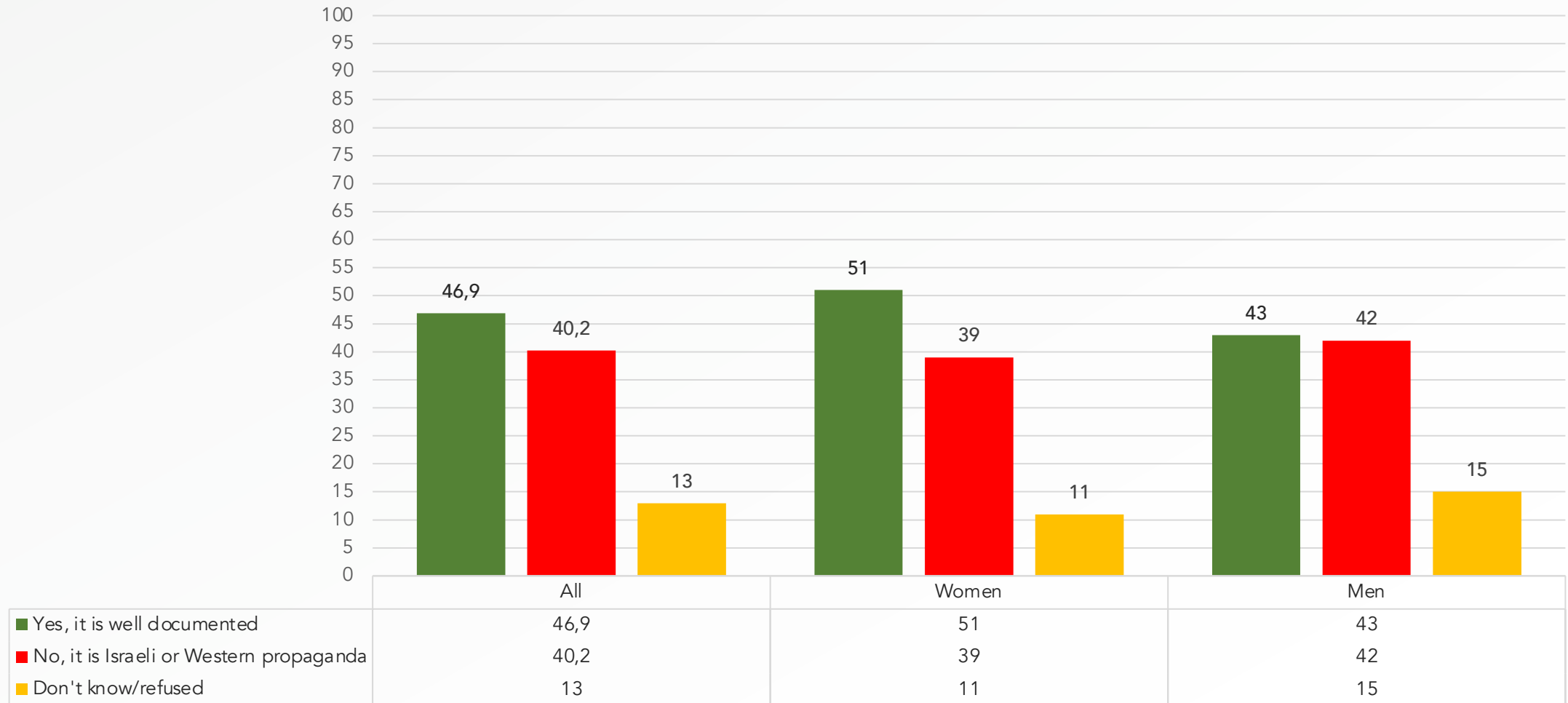
I am now going to read you a brief description of what happened on 7 October 2023, and then ask you a few questions about it:

“At 6.30am on Saturday 7 October 2023, an estimated 3,000 rockets were fired Israel by Hamas militants from Gaza. Over 1000 armed Hamas militants stormed across the border into Israel and attacked a number of communities (kibbutzim) and hundreds of young people attending an all-night music festival. According to a statement by international legal experts, Hamas targeted their attacks against large numbers of civilians, committing murder, torture, rape, mutilation and molestation of bodies. They then took about 240 Israeli citizens hostage - including mothers, babies, small children and the elderly - and carried them across the Gaza border. About 1,200 people were killed on 7 October. Most of them were civilians, including Israelis, Israeli Arabs, Thai farm workers and citizens from other countries. Released hostages confirm that women still held captive are subject to ongoing sexual abuse.”

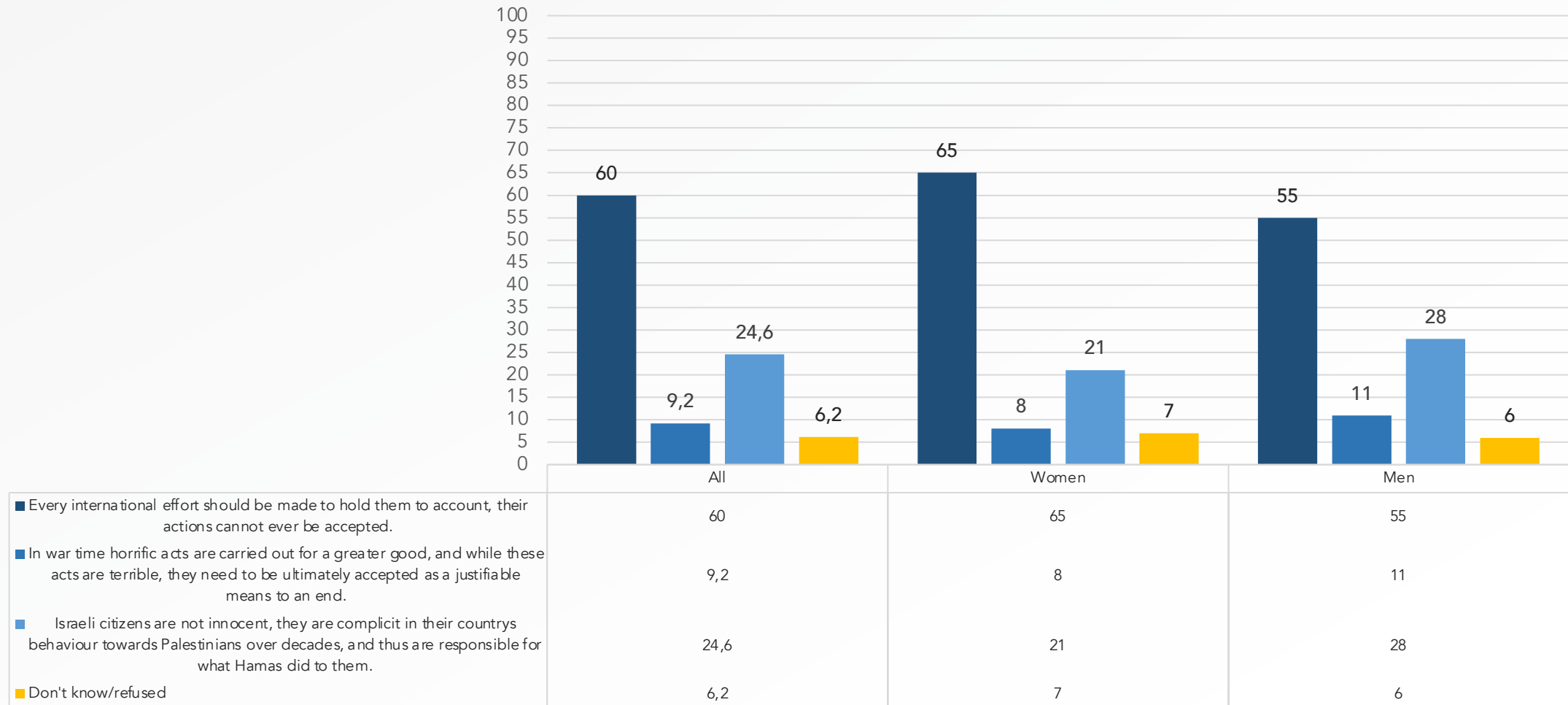
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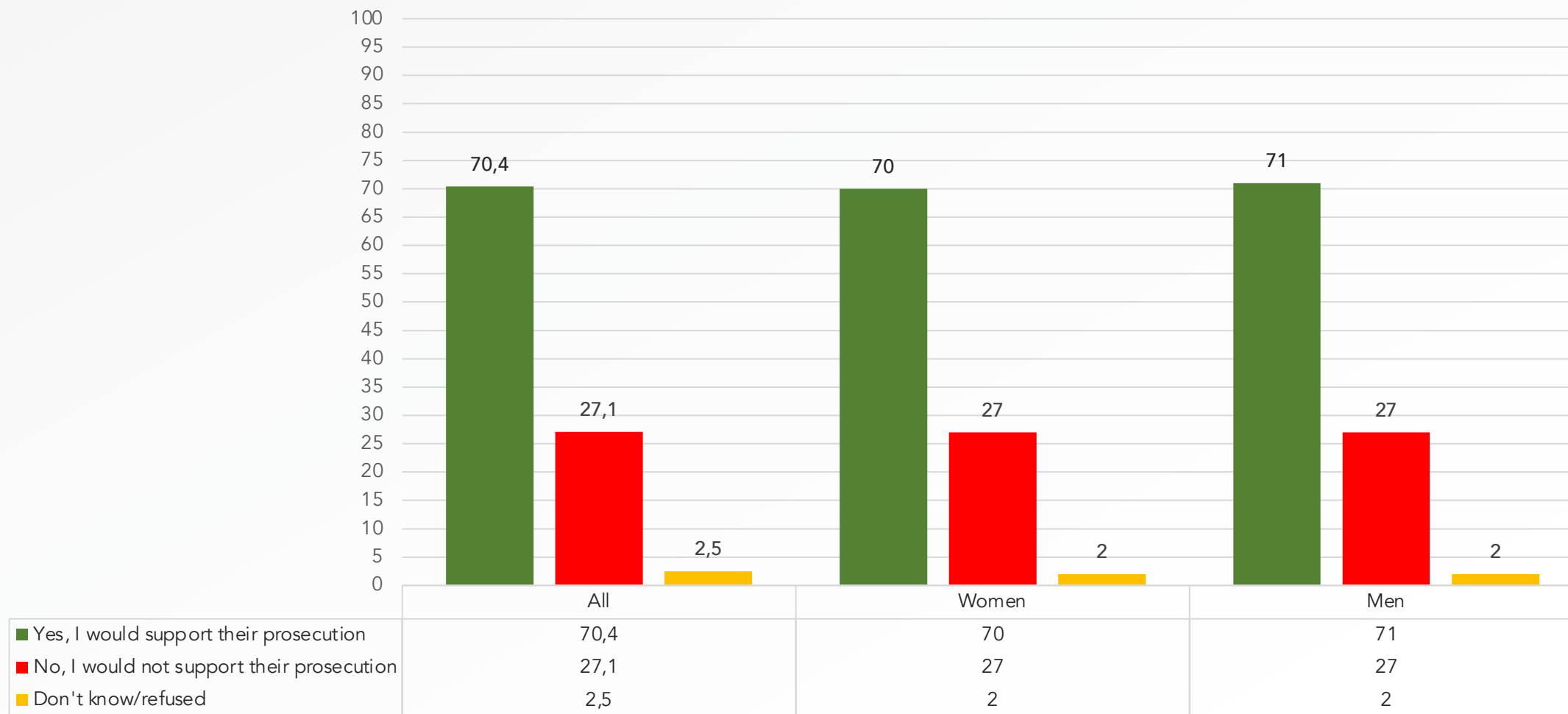
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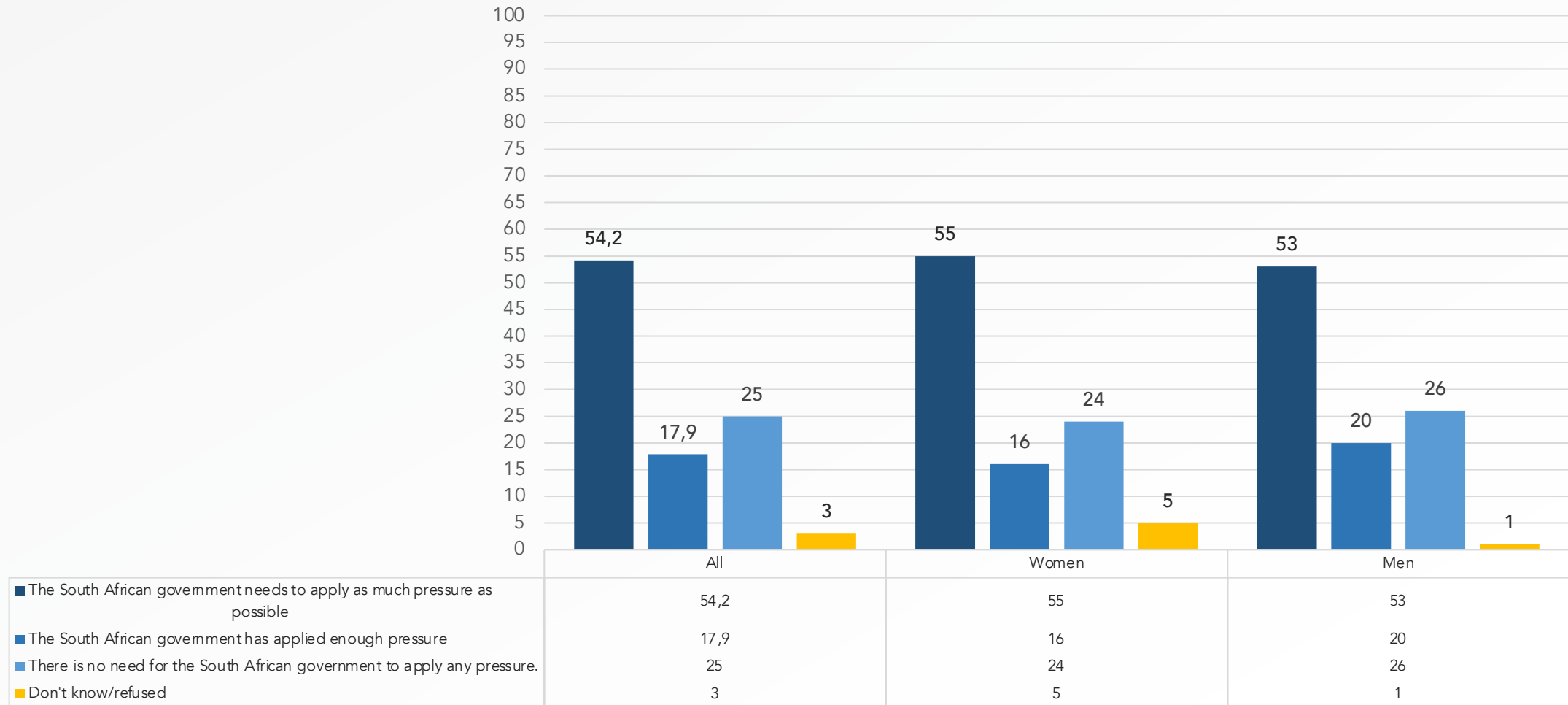
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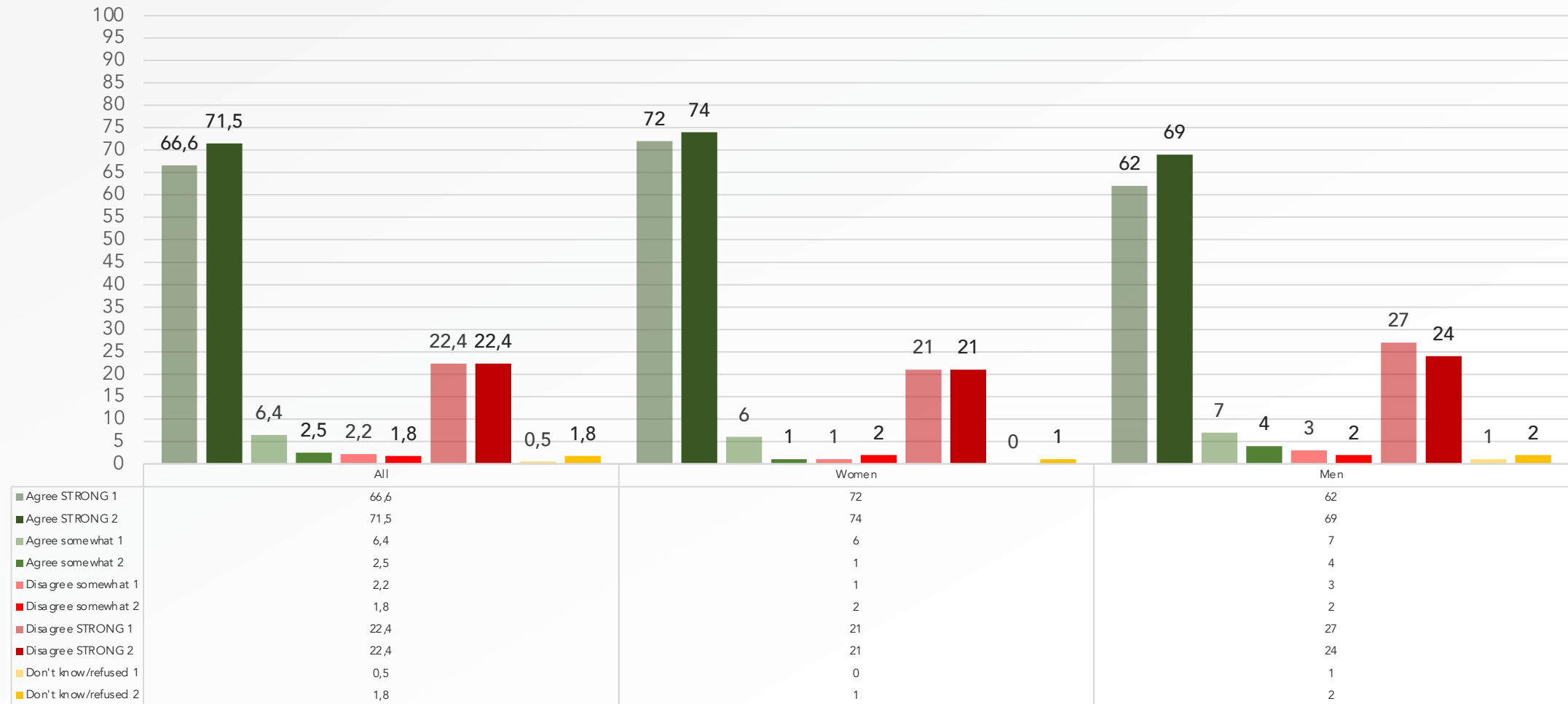


SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCE AROUND GBV AND RAPE: RETEST

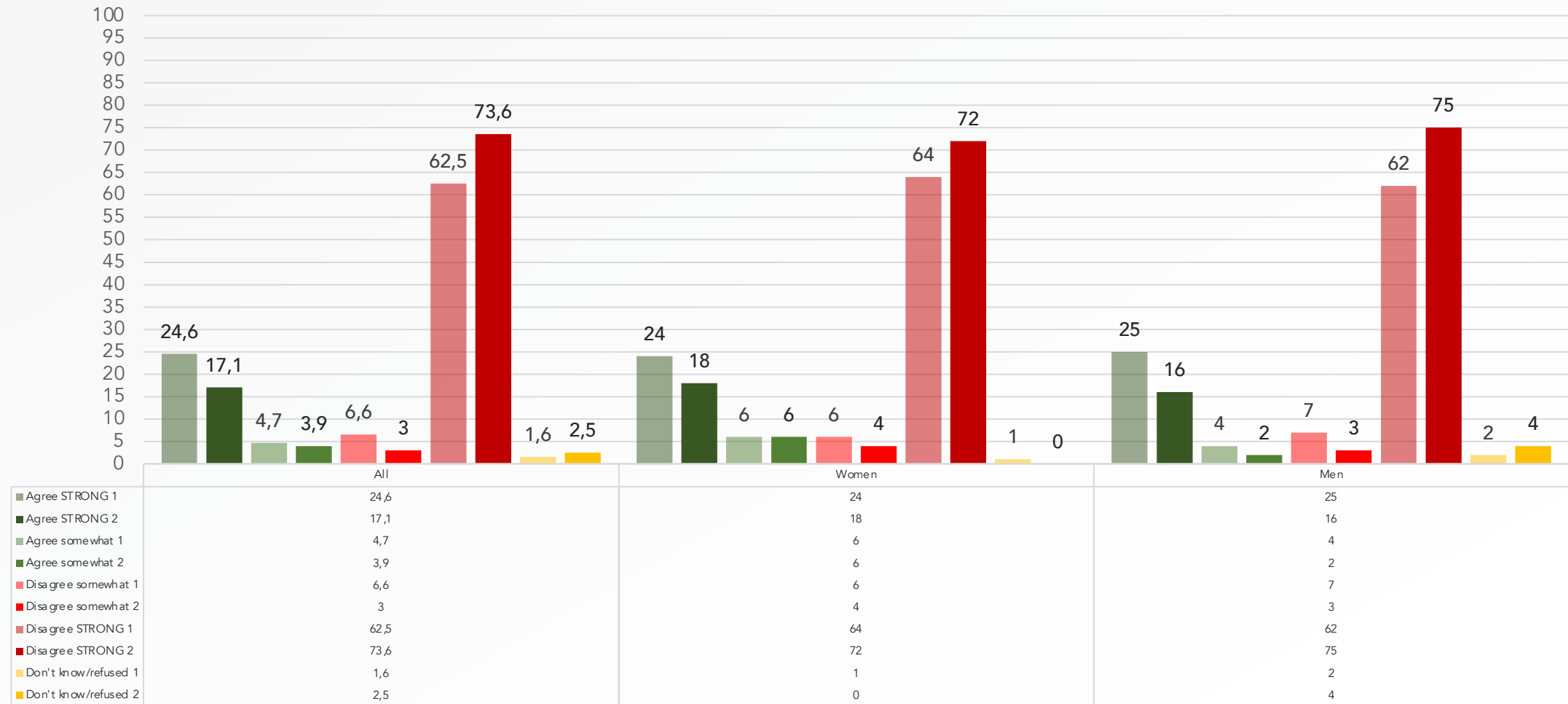
SUMMARY: Specific circumstance around GBV and Rape: Retest

N o.	QUESTION	Agree 1	Agree 2	Disagree 1	Disagree 2	NETT 1	NETT 2
1.	<i>"There are no circumstances in which Rape is justifiable."</i>	73,0%	74,0%	24,6%	24,4%	+ 48,4 pts	+ 49,6 pts
2.	<i>"Rape is always a horrific act but, during war time, when people are dying, in that context Rape can be justified as means of attacking and weakening the enemy"</i>	29,3%	21,0%	69,1%	76,6%	- 39,8 pts	- 47,3 pts

Q: Thinking about it again, Do you agree or disagree with this statement, and, how strongly you agree or disagree in each case do you agree very strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly? "There are no circumstances in which Rape is justifiable."



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5. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF SAMPLE

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	SUBSAMPLE	DETAIL
AGE	18-24 years:	30	7,8%
	25-34 years:	142	19,2%
	35-44 years:	137	16,0%
	45-64 years:	298	36,1%
	65+ years:	201	20,8%
SEX	Female:	388	47,3%
	Male:	420	52,7%
GEOGRAPHY: URBAN	Suburb:	240	19,1%
	Central Business District:	75	6,9%
	Township:	216	36,7%
	Informal Settlement:	42	5,1%
GEOGRAPHY: RURAL	Small holding:	12	0,4%
	Commercial Farm:	13	1,6%
	Traditional Land:	210	30,2%
RACE	Black:	475	77,2%
	Coloured:	130	9,1%
	Indian:	31	2,7%
	White:	172	11,1%

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	SUBSAMPLE	DETAIL
EDUCATION	No Formal Schooling:	12	4,0%
	Grade R to Grade 7:	92	14,9%
	Grade 8 to Grade 11:	278	35,1%
	Grade 12:	316	35,7%
	Undergraduate or higher:	106	10,2%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Not working:	67	10,6%
	Looking for work:	256	35,0%
	Working informally:	44	5,0%
	Own business: informal:	34	1,6%
	Working formally:	151	18,4%
	Own business: formal:	37	4,0%
MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME	Retired:	219	25,4%
	Less than R2k per month:	121	16,8%
	R2k to R2,999 per month:	118	17,6%
	R3k to R4,999 per month:	175	24,9%
	R5k to R7,999 per month:	71	10,0%
	R8k to R11,999 per month:	48	5,6%
	R12k to R19,999 per month:	57	5,3%
R20k per month or more:	143	11,2%	

CATEGORY	INDICATOR	SUBSAMPLE	DETAIL
RELIGION	African Traditional Religion:	132	19,2%
	Buddhist:	0	0,0%
	Christian:	580	72,7%
	Hinduism:	18	1,5%
	Islam:	21	1,6%
	Judaism:	2	0,0%
	None/atheist/agnostic:	39	2,8%
	Other:	6	0,9%
	Refused:	10	1,4%
SOCIAL MEDIA USE	Facebook:	403	48,0%
	Twitter:	55	7,2%
	Linkedin:	63	6,8%
	Instagram:	91	11,2%
	Whatsapp:	533	58,3%
	Snapchat:	26	3,9%
	Email:	251	23,0%
	YouTube:	162	16,7%
	TikTok:	107	12,8%
	None of the above:	194	32,7%