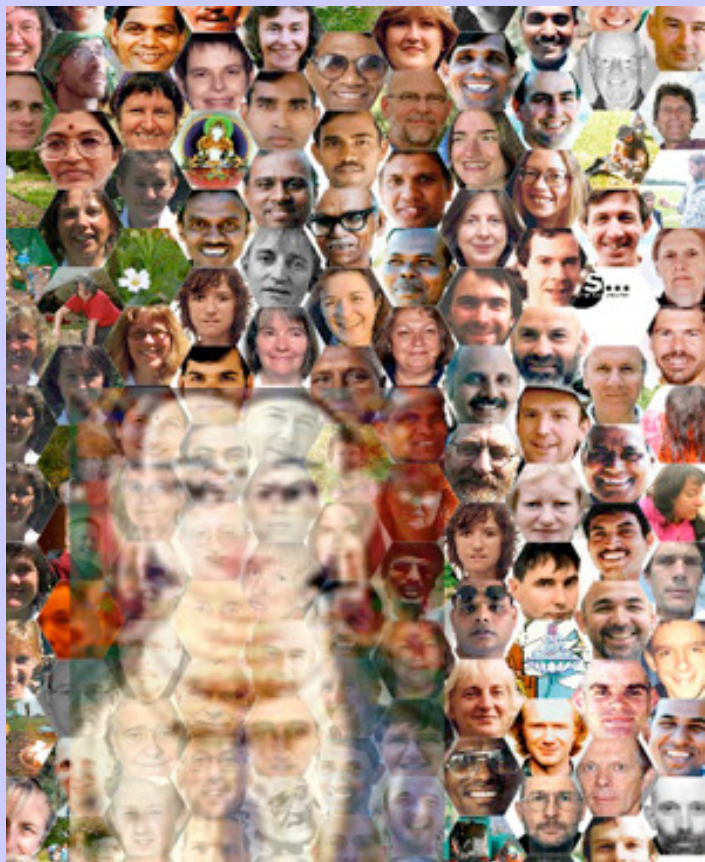
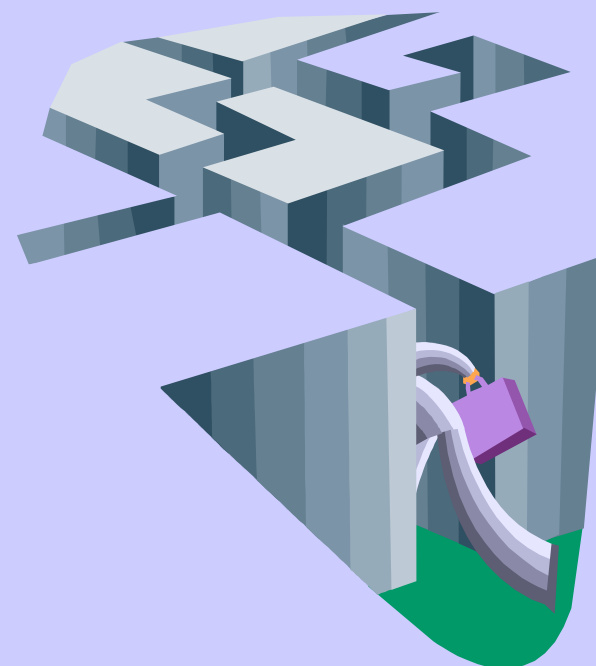


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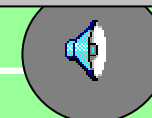
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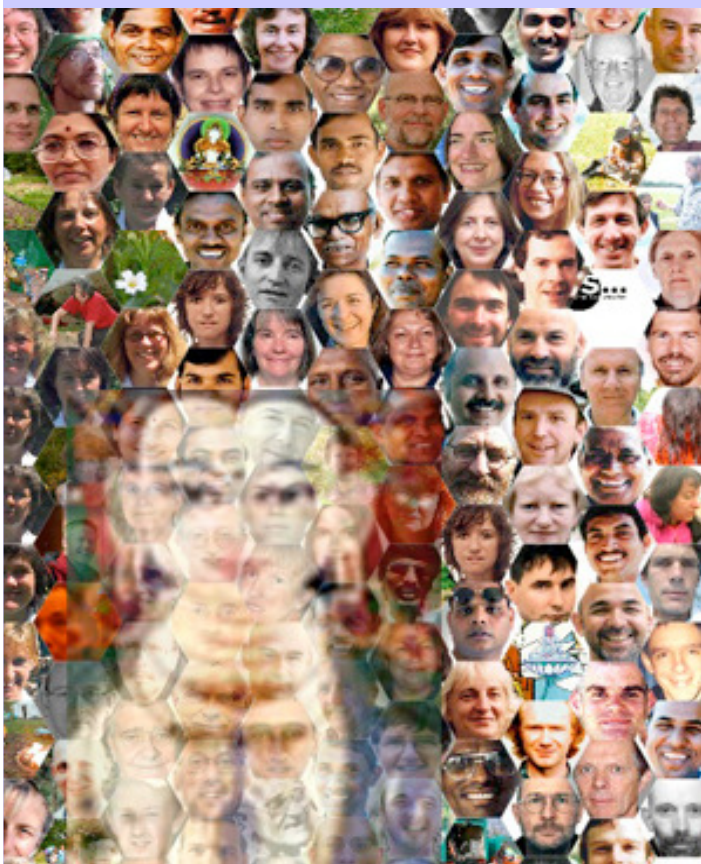
- **Summary reports** –  
*five anonymous reports summarising where we're at*
- **Open comments** –  
*five chapters of comments (for people who hate charts!)*
- **The Order Directory** –  
*five collections of shared interest and practice*



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## Why an Order Survey?

1,500 Order Members

40 years old

A time of transition

None knows everyone...

- Who are we?
- How are we living and practicing?
- What do we hope and fear?
- What might the future hold?

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# What is the Order Survey?



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The largest survey of the Order since the 1985 'Illustrated Order Register'.

A mixture of question types:

- multiple-choice
- 'open' comment
- anonymous
- non-anonymous

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# Uses for the Survey: anonymous

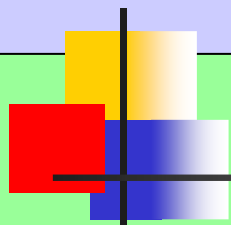


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- Raising awareness among the Order of its nature and trends
- Offering a means of objectifying and proving or disproving myths about the Order



# Uses for the Survey: non-anonymous The Order Directory



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**STOP PRESS!**

The Order Directory is still online and will remain so.

Just go to  
[www.survey.fwbo.org](http://www.survey.fwbo.org)

And add or amend your entry. You'll need your PIN. Ask Lokabandhu if you've not got it.

- Valuable data for special-interest groups eg: researching our care needs, Dharmaduta projects
- Making known the Order's diversity and richness
- On-line, searchable database for Order Members to find like-minded people (coming soon)

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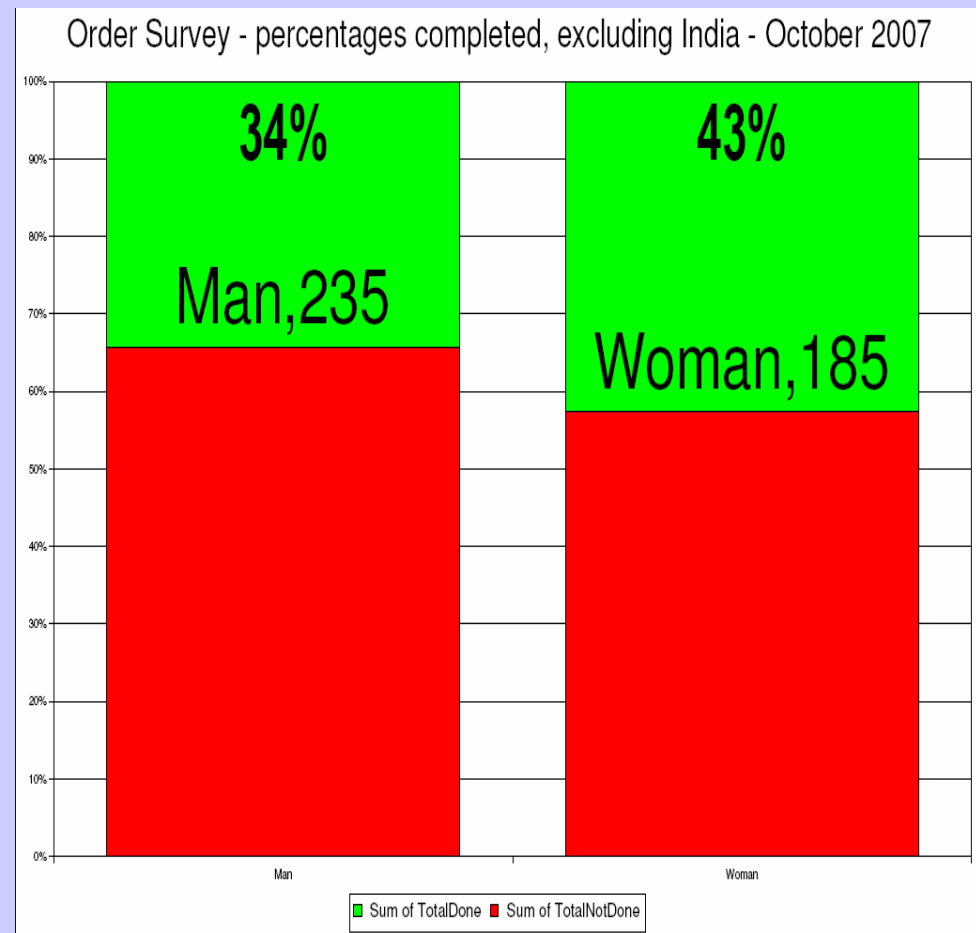
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# Completion rates: summary

Over 400 Order Members have completed some or all of the Order Survey, both men and women.

- Hopefully, enough for a fairly accurate statistical picture – see next slides.
- But not enough for a truly comprehensive Directory of Interests.



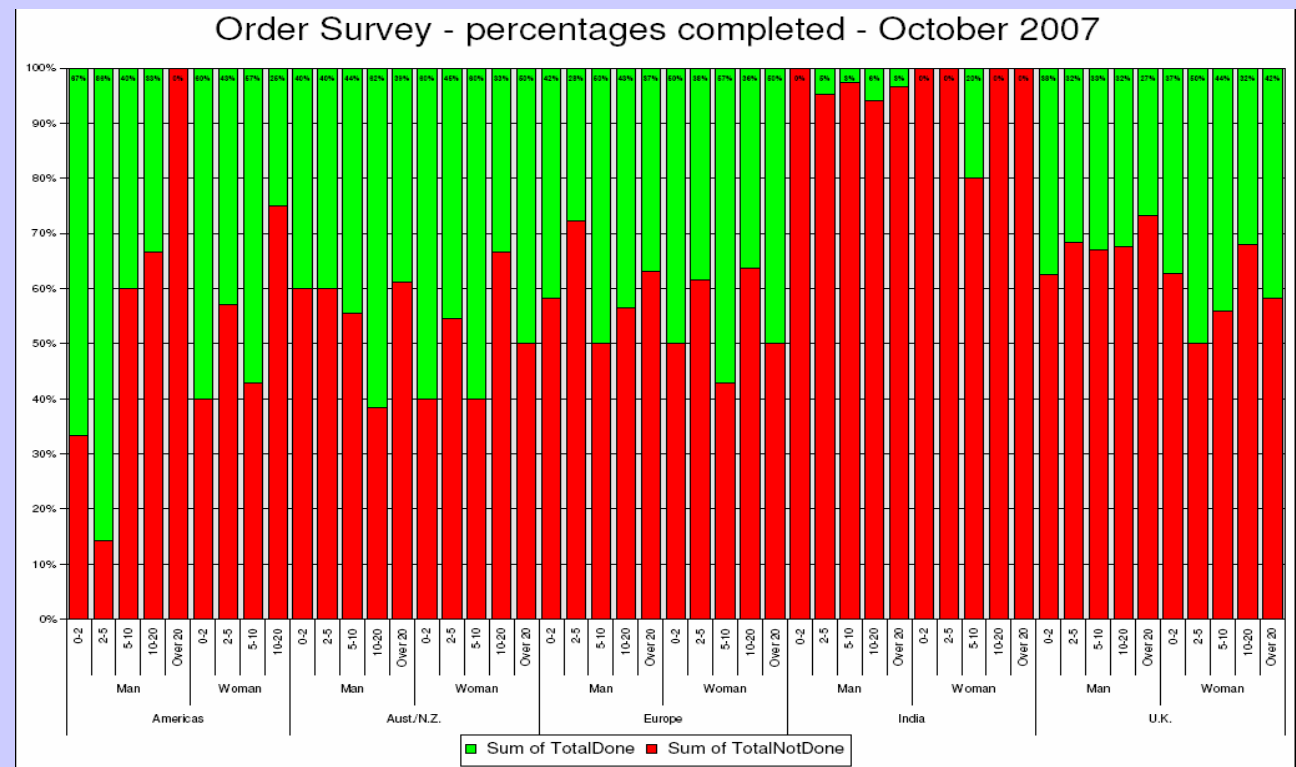
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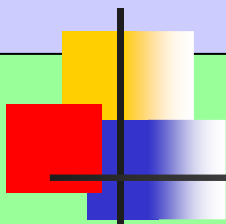
# Completion rates: detail

It's been completed by a good spread of OMs – this shows details by country, gender, and Order age.

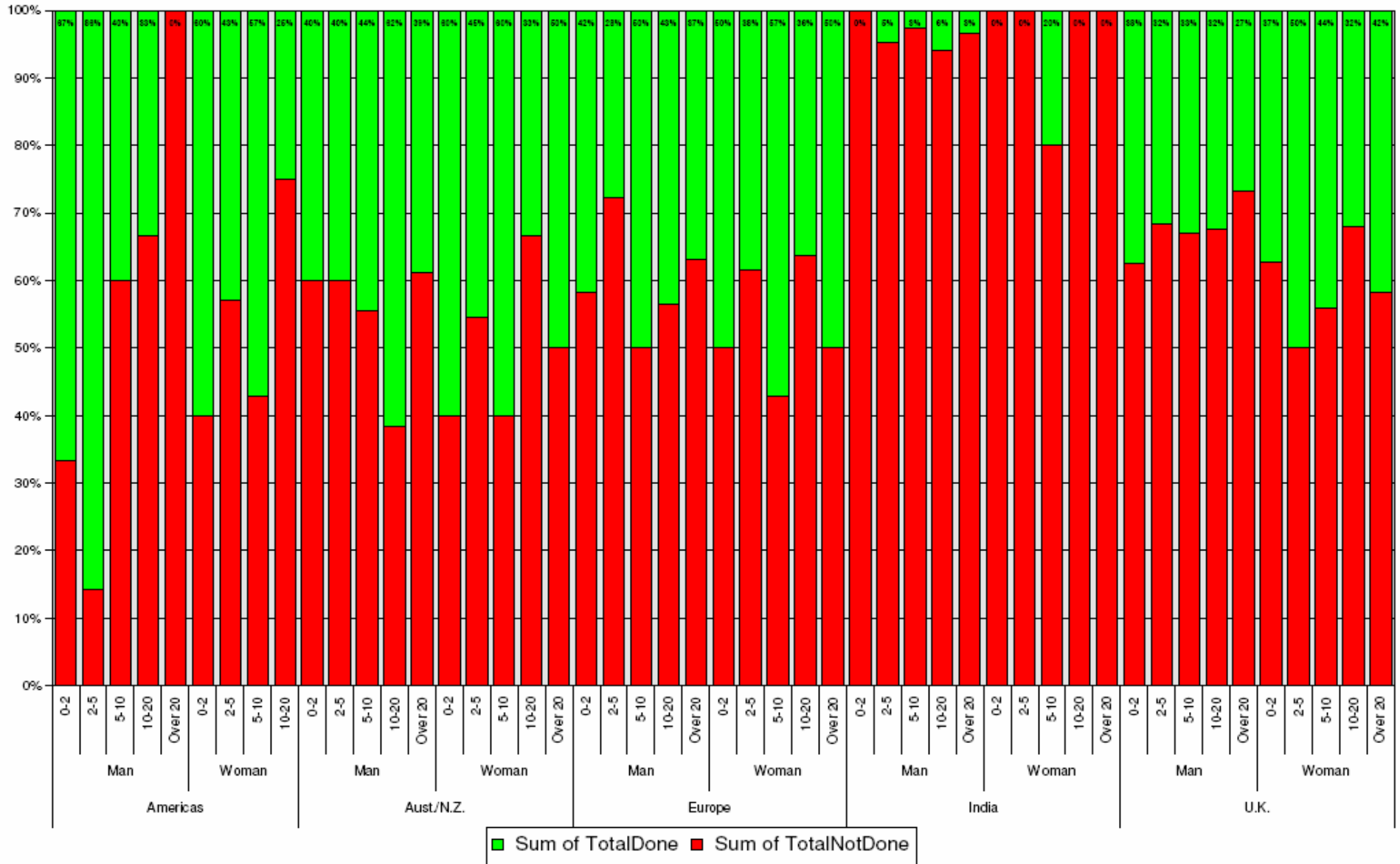
The exception is India – not surprisingly.



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# Order Survey - percentages completed - October 2007



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# Is it representative?

Are the respondents representative of the Order as a whole? Can the replies be 'scaled up' to the whole Order?

The answer to this question will never be certain but where we know data for the whole Order we can compare ratios of those who replied with the ratios for the whole Order. The following two slides show this for four variables –

- The gender balance of the Order
- The age distribution of the Order
- The geographical distribution of the Order
- The Order age distribution of the Order.

Overall the balance looks pretty good, with women slightly over-represented – and India very under-represented.

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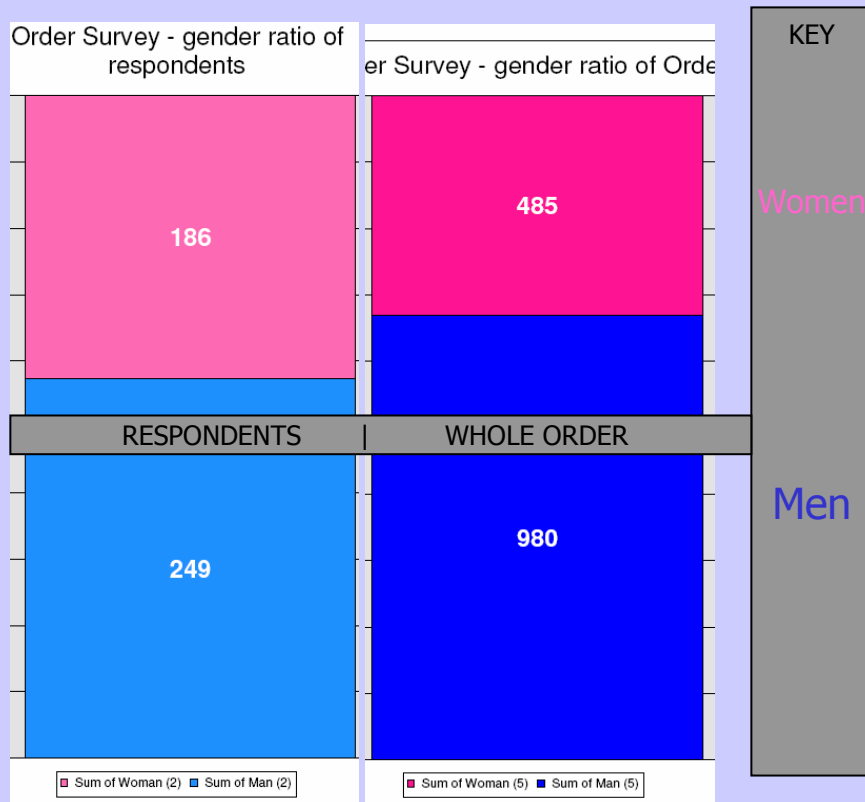


# Is it representative?

OMs:Survey respondents

## Gender ratios –

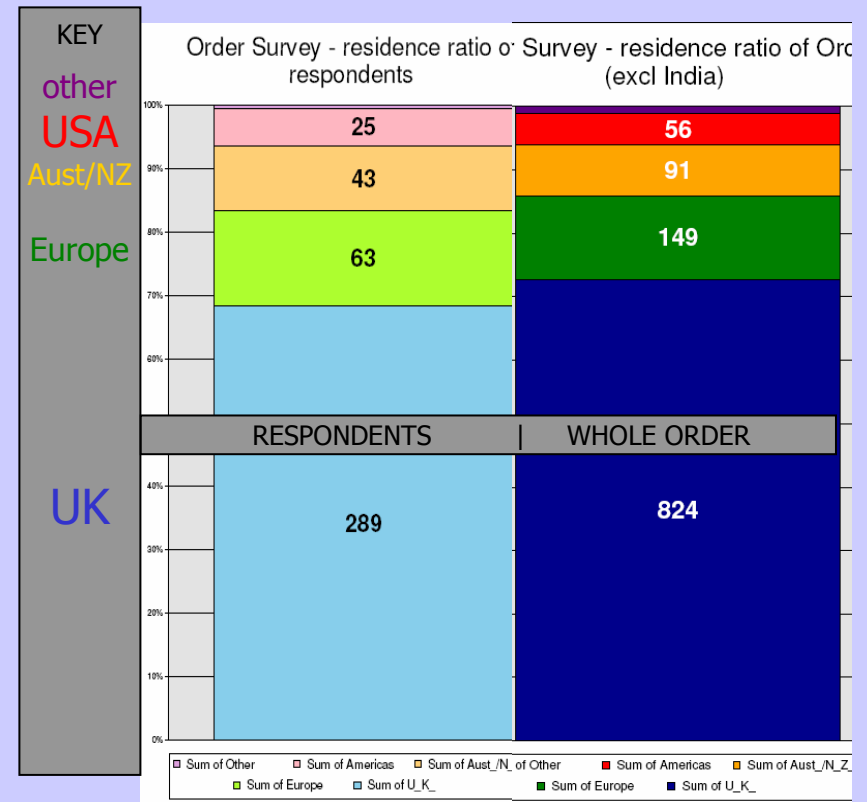
- women slightly over-represented



OMs:Survey respondents

## Residence ratios –

- UK slightly under-represented



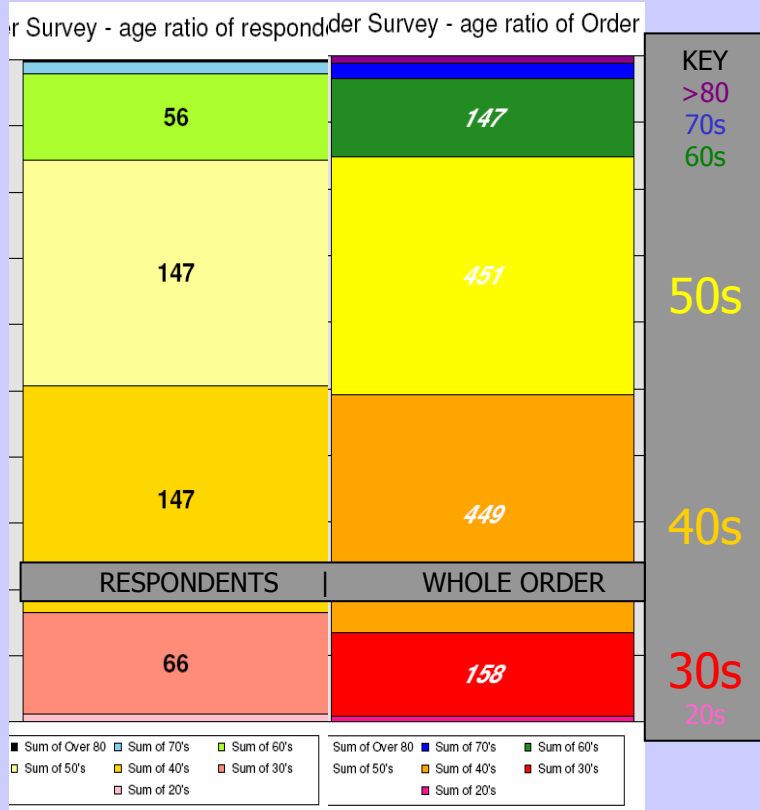
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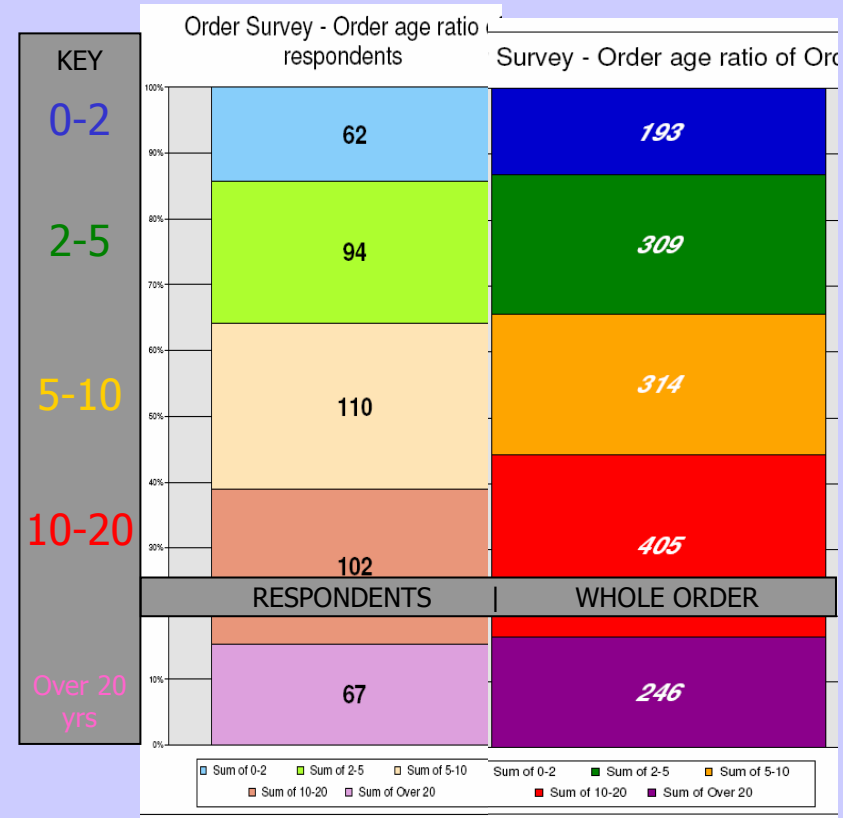
OMs:Survey respondents  
**Age ratios –**

- very close matches



OMs:Survey respondents  
**Order age ratios –**

- slightly less 10-20s, more 5-10s



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# Five summary reports

## Five reports based on OMs' anonymous responses:

- Survey completion statistics
- The FWBO and the Three Cs
- The Order's aging and future care needs
- Dharmaduta and Dharma teaching
- The Order's unity and change



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# Open comments (anonymous)

## Five chapters of open comment, in matched pairs:

- As you see us now – and 10 years ago
- Best and worst things to have happened
- The most exciting developments, and the most hoped-for
- Our sources of support, and cutting edges
- Our concerns, and sources of confidence



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# The Order Directory (non-anonymous)

## Five collections of shared interests:

- Countries and languages
- Arts, hobbies, and professional skills
- Livelihoods
- Lifestyles and health
- Dharma



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# The Order Directory: specimen results

- 15 Order Members registered an interest in **birdwatching**
- 8 in **cats**
- 8 in **astrology**
- 8 in **chronic pain**
- 30 in **Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche**
- and 5 in **Romance...**

A good place to meet people...?

Suggestion: return to the Order Survey ([survey.fwbo.org](http://survey.fwbo.org)) ,  
and add comments to your entries... It'll stay live indefinitely.

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# The Order Directory: countries

## Countries we're familiar with, or d

name	residing		
<b>Italy</b>		<b>Japan</b>	
Satyasthira	M Europe	Dharmasvara	M U.K.
Siddhimala	F U.K.	Gunabhadri	F Europe
Subha	F U.K.	Jnanavira	M Aust./N.Z.
Suchitta	F U.K.	Khajit	M Americas
Susiddhi	M U.K.	Khemadhamma	M Aust./N.Z.
Taravandana	F U.K.	Khemasiddhi	F U.K.
Thiradhamma	M Americas	Maitripala	F Aust./N.Z.
Varakhanti	F U.K.	Padmakirti	M U.K.
Vidyagita	F Europe	Padmalaya	F Aust./N.Z.
Vidyatara	F Aust./N.Z.	Prajnagita	F Europe
Vipulakirti	M U.K.	Sadhaka	M U.K.
Viriyalila	F Americas	Samamati	M U.K.
		Samayadevi	-
<b>Jamaica</b>		Sarajit	M Americas
Satyamala	F U.K.	Satyamala	F U.K.
		Shraddhavira	M Aust./N.Z.
<b>Japan</b>		Siladasa	M Aust./N.Z.
Abhaya	M U.K.	Sobhanandi	F Europe
Abhayamati	M U.K.	Suvarnamaitri	F U.K.
Akuppa	M U.K.	Taravajra	M U.K.
Amaradeva	M Americas	Vajradhara	M Other
		Vidyakaya	M U.K.

- 23 Order Members registered an interest in **Japan**
- 39 did so for **Italy**

A good place to start if you're thinking to go somewhere...

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# Future plans for the Survey (tentative)

- Promote it on paper and online
- Keep it alive
- Explore its uses
- Wait and see
- Extend to ORQ mitras?



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# Conclusion

The other four chapters of the Order Survey reports look at different facets of the Order's life –

- Our aging and care needs
- Our relationship to the 'FWBO', and collectivity
- Our unity and change
- And our interest in Dharmadhuta

Please bear in mind throughout that all responses have only been made by a sample of the Order and cannot necessarily be taken to represent the Order as a whole...

Enjoy...!



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