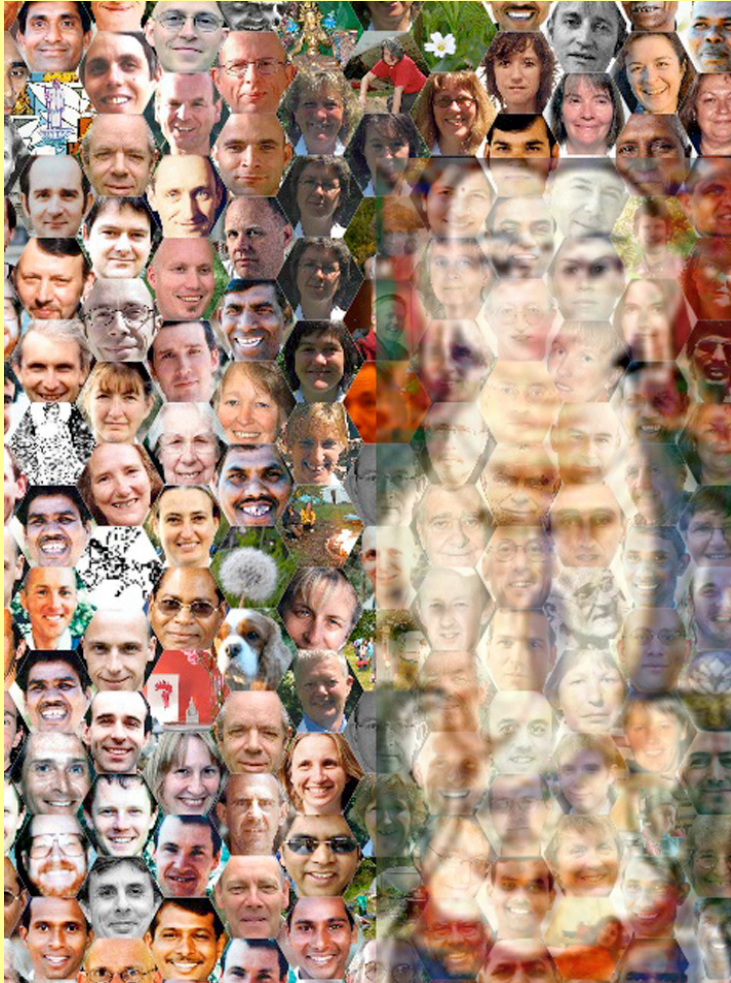
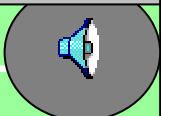
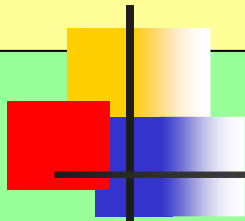


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- The Order's identification with 'the FWBO'.
- The Order's involvement in the 'Three Cs'.
- ♥ And a little about our love lives...



What is the FWBO?

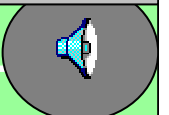
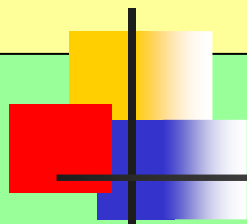
Changing conceptions?

- “The creation of a New Society is the purpose of the FWBO”.

(Subhuti, Buddhism for Today, 1983)

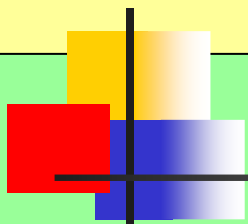
- The FWBO is “the aggregate of the altruistic and creative activity of Order members, together with mitras and friends”.

(Subhuti, Shabda, 2003)



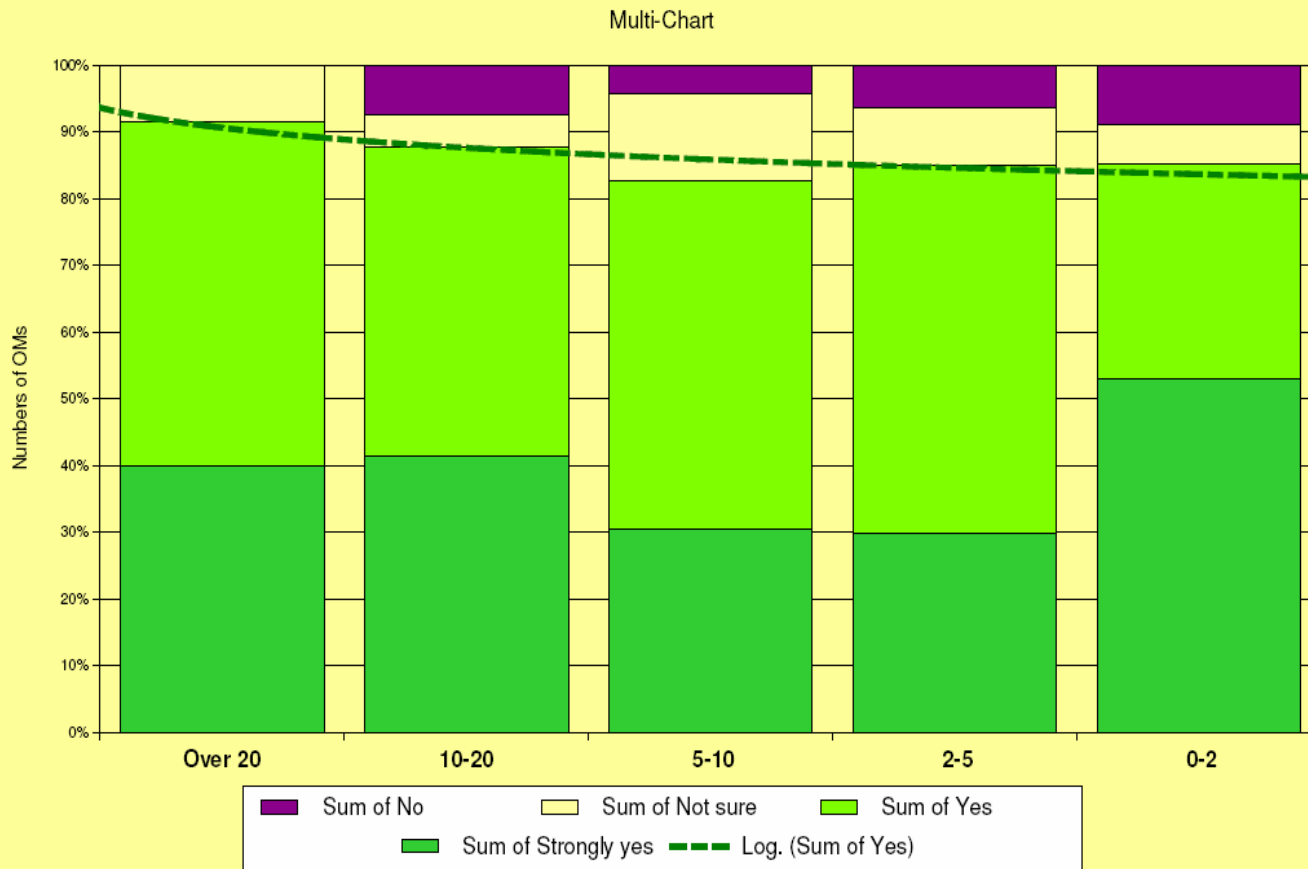
Statistical disclaimer... (the small print!)

- The Order Survey was answered by very few people in India – it doesn't aim to accurately reflect the views of the **Indian Order**.
- There are approximately 1,100 Order Members outside India; most of the questions in the Survey were answered by approx 350 Order Members – about 1/3rd of the total. Please bear in mind that the results of this sample do not necessarily reflect accurately the views of the Order as a whole.
- However the sample can be shown to reflect, surprisingly precisely, the profile of the whole Order in age, order age, gender, and residence.
- The 'law of averages' (and statistical theory more generally) would therefore suggest that the results presented here are probably but not necessarily a good indication of the Order as a whole.
- As the results are looked at in more detail (eg the views of women Order Members in America), the sample size becomes smaller and the results less likely to be representative.
- Please bear all this in mind when looking at all of the following charts. Thank you.



attitudes towards 'the Movement'

Order Members' wish to feel their activity is part of "The Movement"

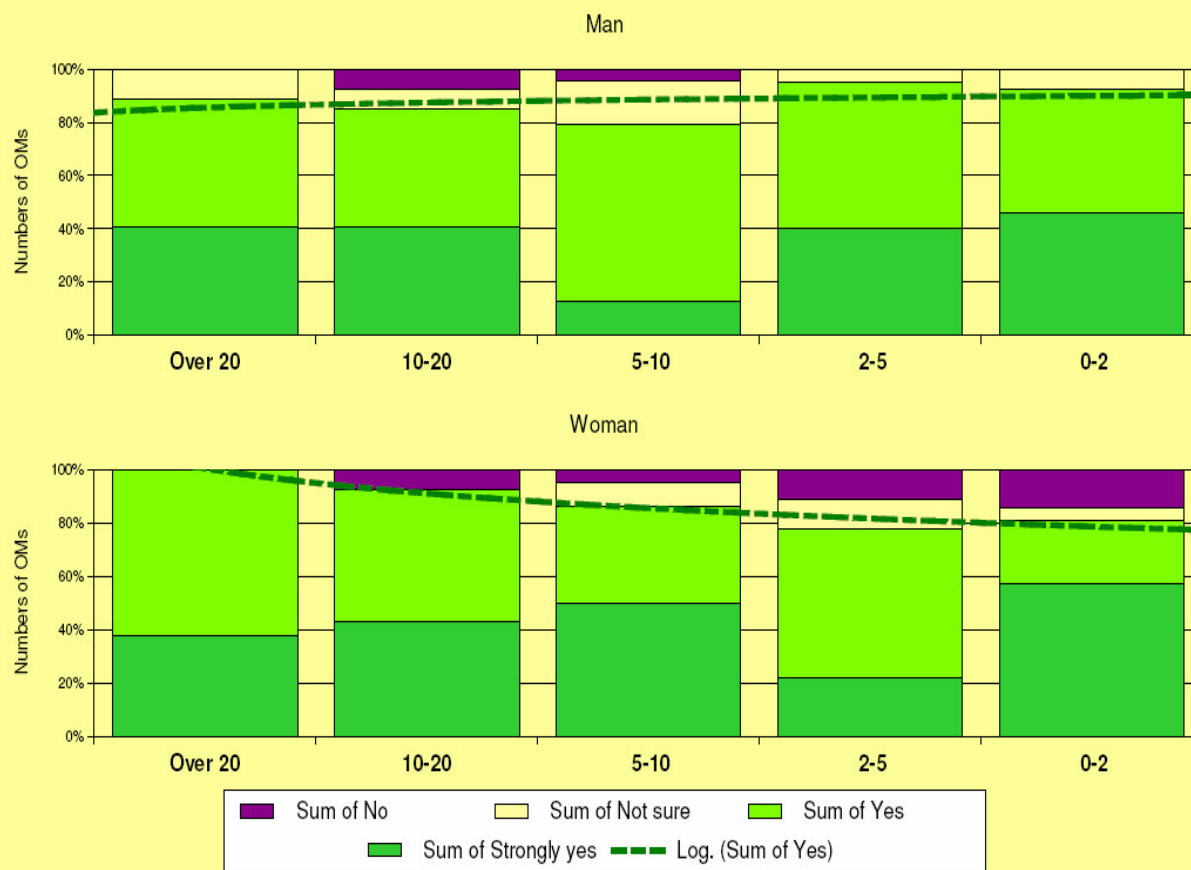


- Respondents had a near-unanimous wish to feel what they did was part of 'the Movement'.
- This seemed slightly less true of newer OMs.
- However a few did not share this.



Being part of 'the Movement'

Order Members' wish to feel their activity is part of "The Movement"



- Well over 80% of respondents wanted to feel what they did was part of 'the Movement'.

- Women, especially new ones, made up most of those who did not wish what they do to be seen as part of 'the Movement'.

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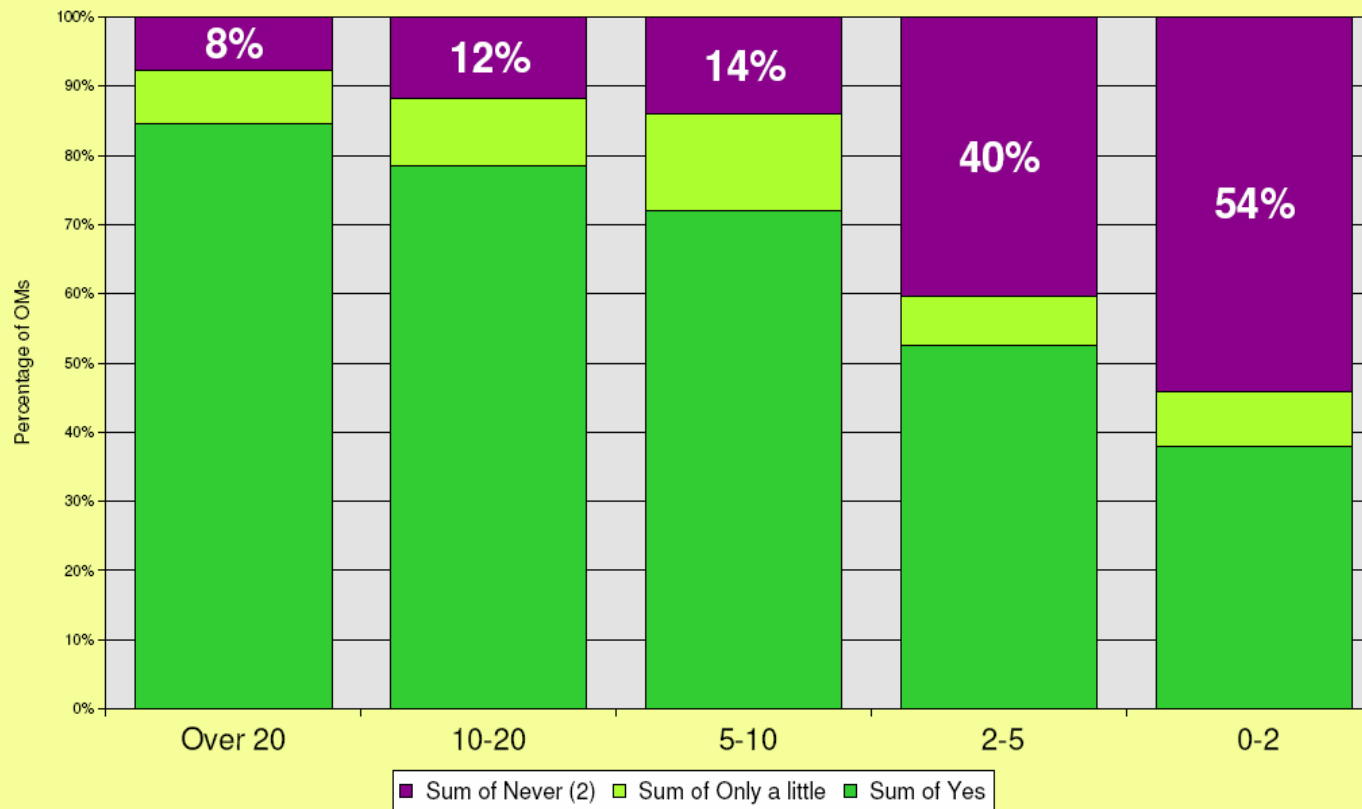
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Team-Based Right Livelihood

Experience of Team-Based Right Livelihood, by gender and order age

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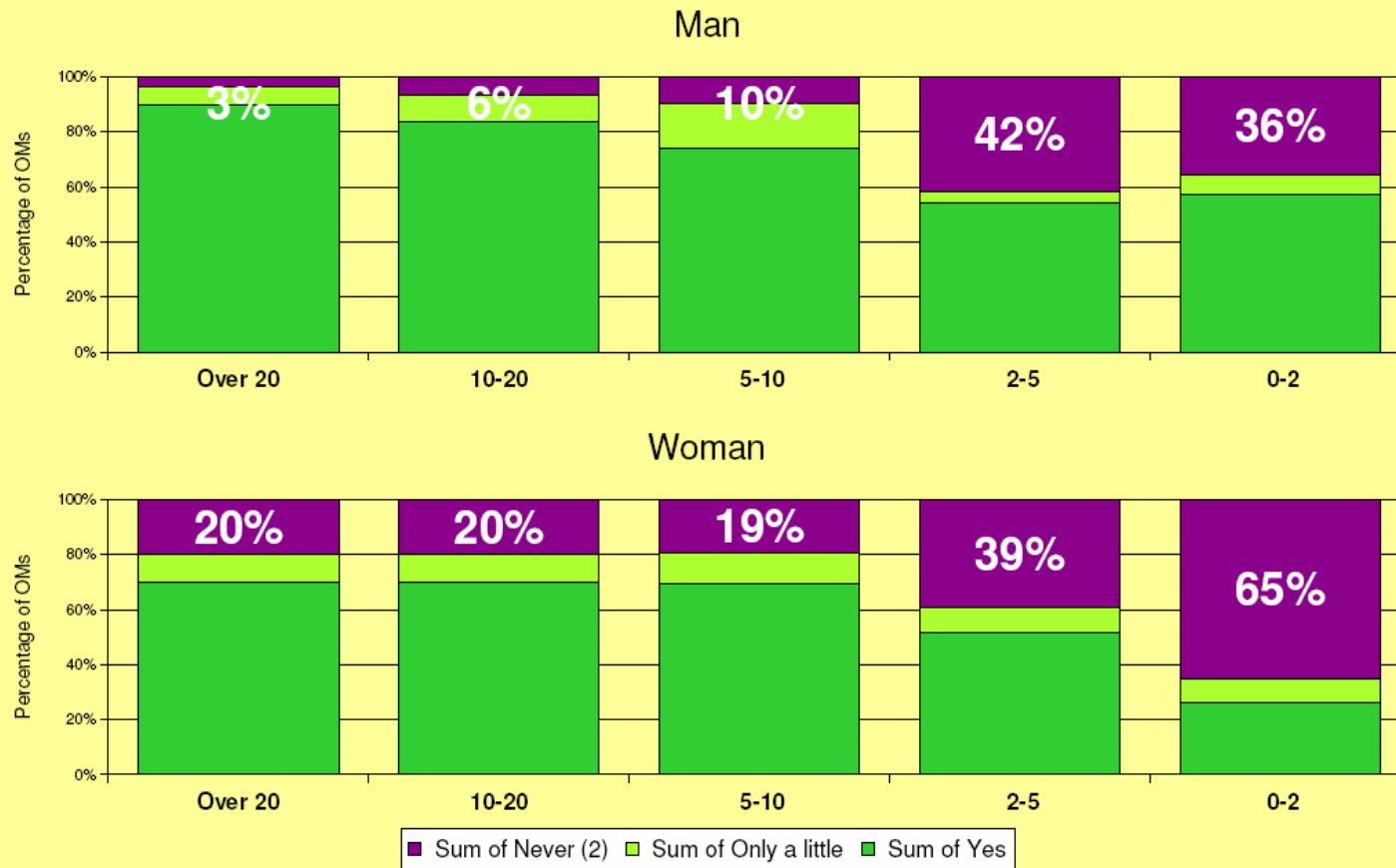


- The Survey seems to show a rapid increase in the percentage of new OMs who've **never** worked in TBRL.
- Almost all older OM respondents have had at least some experience of it.



Team-Based Right Livelihood

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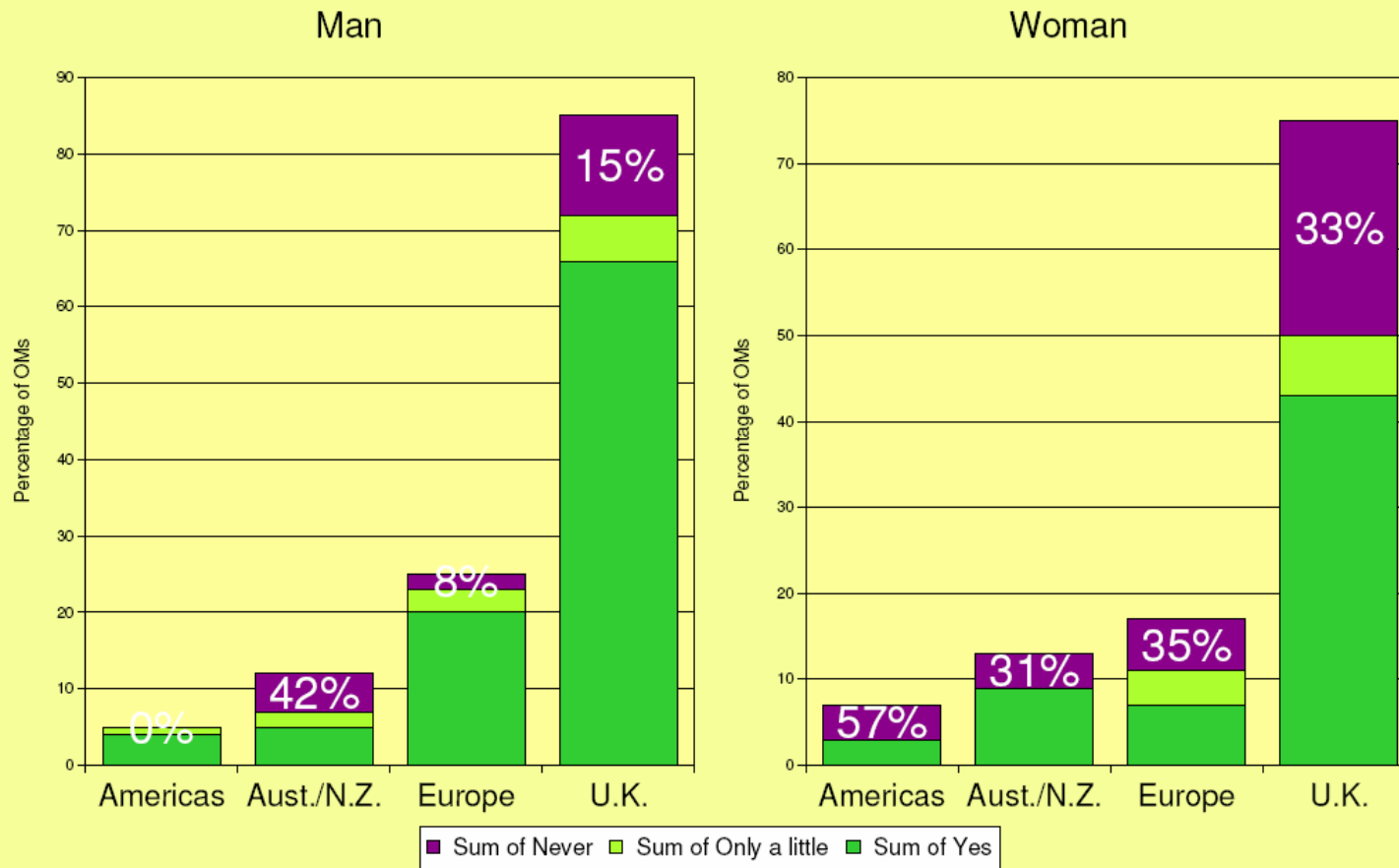


● The trend away from TBRL seems particularly strong among the women – almost double that of the men.



Team-Based Right Livelihood

Experience of Team-Based Right Livelihood, by gender and region

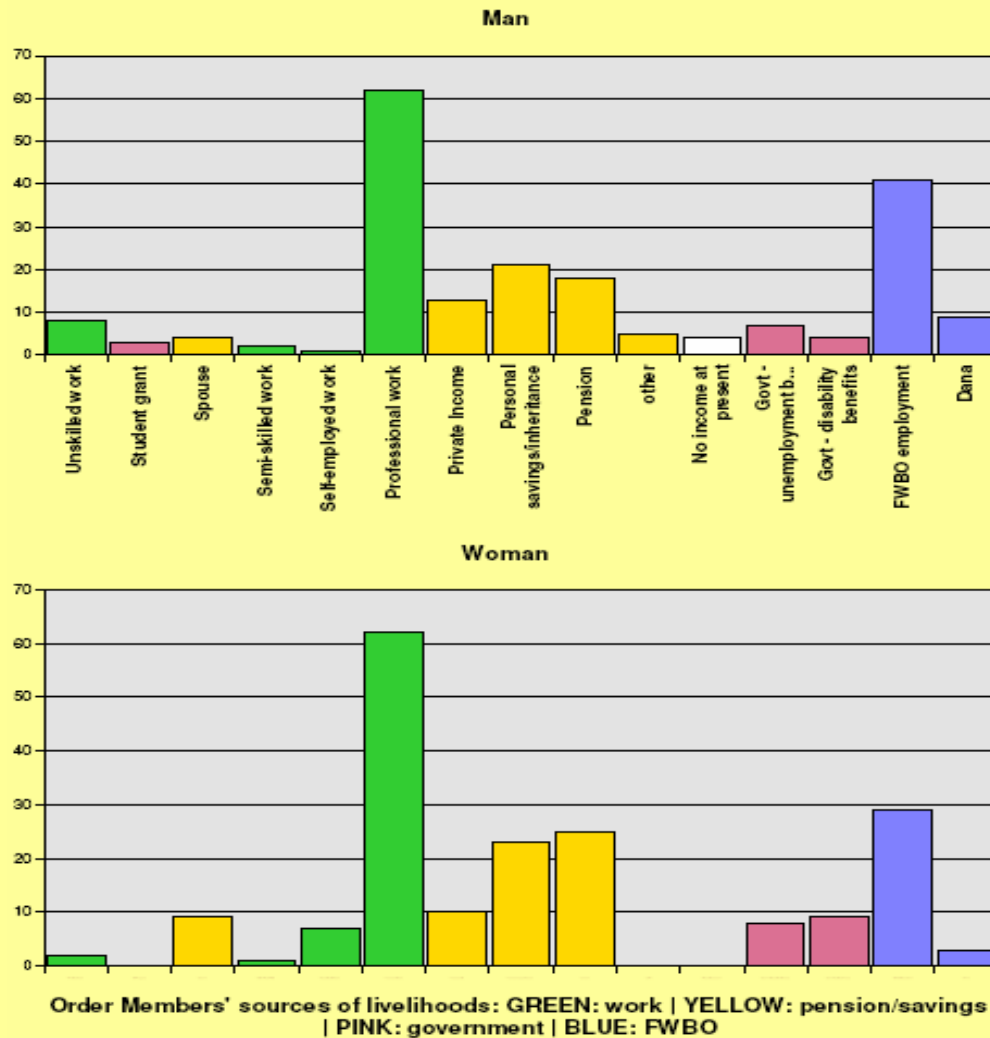


- There were respondents all over with no experience of TBRL, though the largest numbers were women in the UK. (this chart shows actual numbers not percentages)



OMs livelihoods: work, FWBO work, savings, Government benefits etc

Our livelihoods...



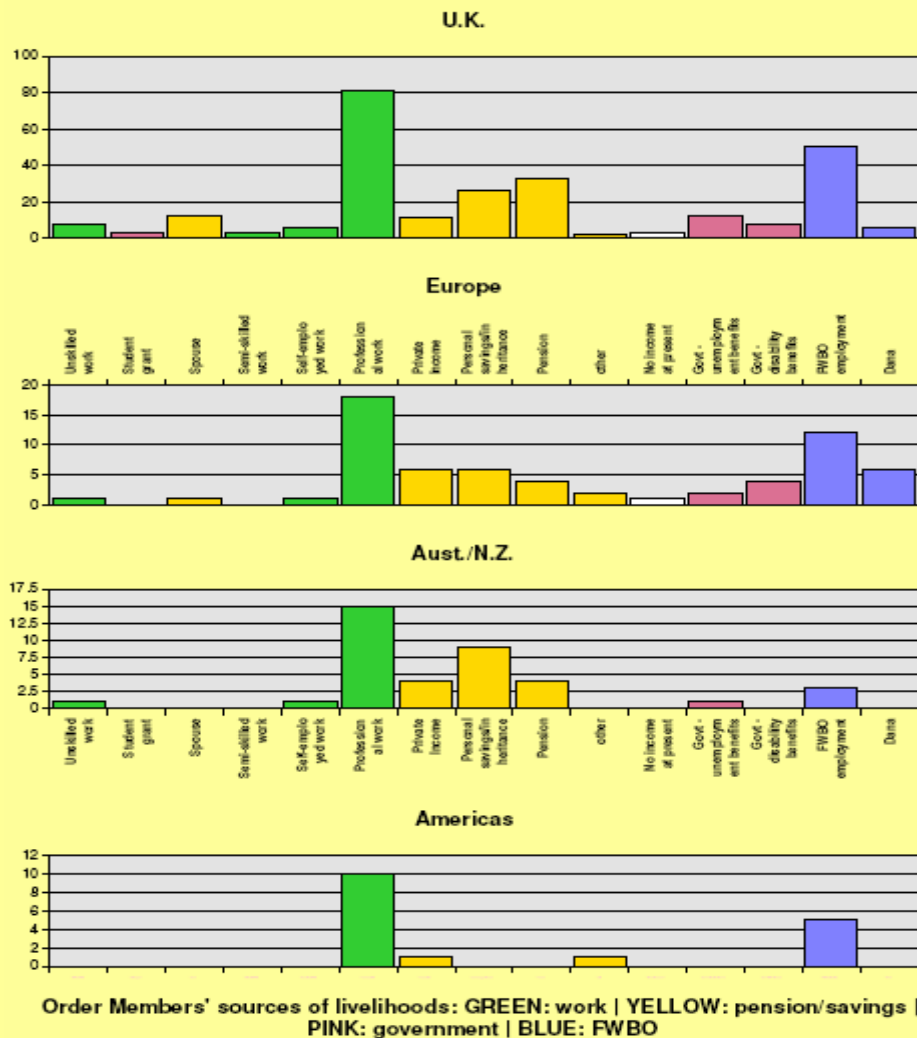
- Nearly 40% of respondents did professional work .
- Just over 30% lived off pensions and savings &c.
- Approx 20% of us are supported by the FWBO.
- Less than 10% lived off benefits – more women do.

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OMs livelihoods: work, FWBO work, savings, Government benefits etc



Our livelihoods – by region

For the Survey respondents -

- Professional work is the most common livelihood all over.
- Many live off pensions and savings all over.
- There's no benefits in America.
- There's almost no FWBO employment in Australia/NZ.

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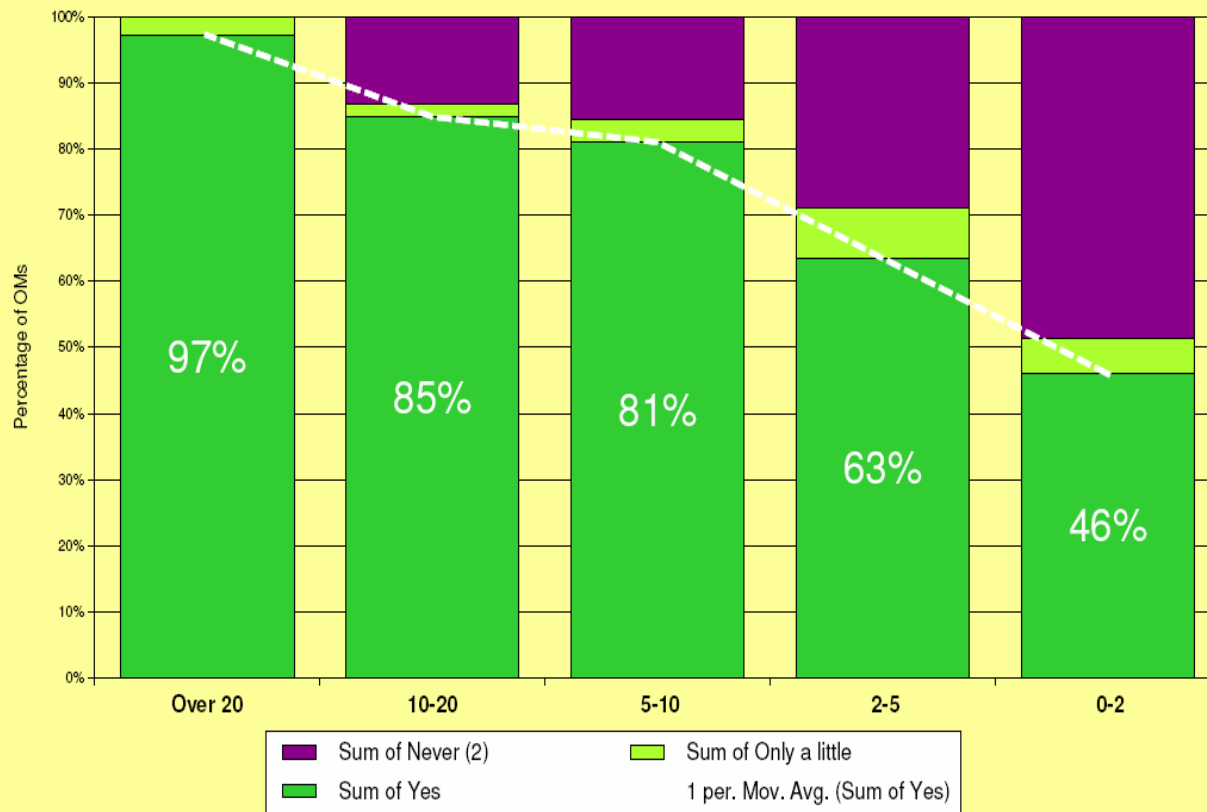
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FWBO community living

Experience of Single-sex communities, summary by order age

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- As with TBRLs, the Survey seems to show a rapid increase in the percentage of new OMs who've **never** lived in an FWBO single-sex community.

- Almost all longer-ordained respondents have had some experience of them.

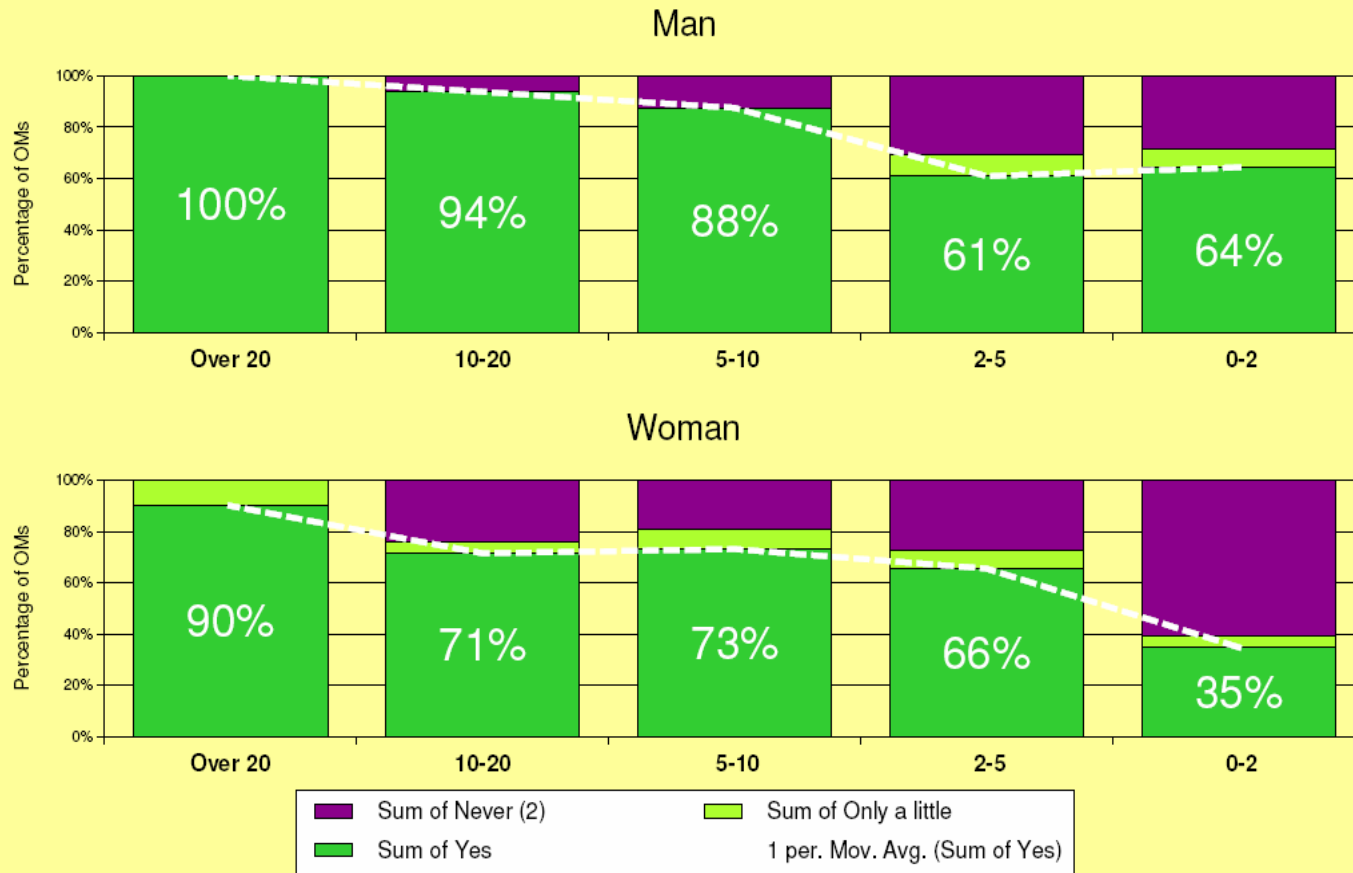
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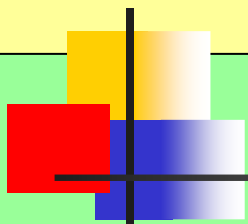
FWBO community living

Experience of Single-sex communities, summary by order age



● Again this trend seems particularly strong among women respondents.

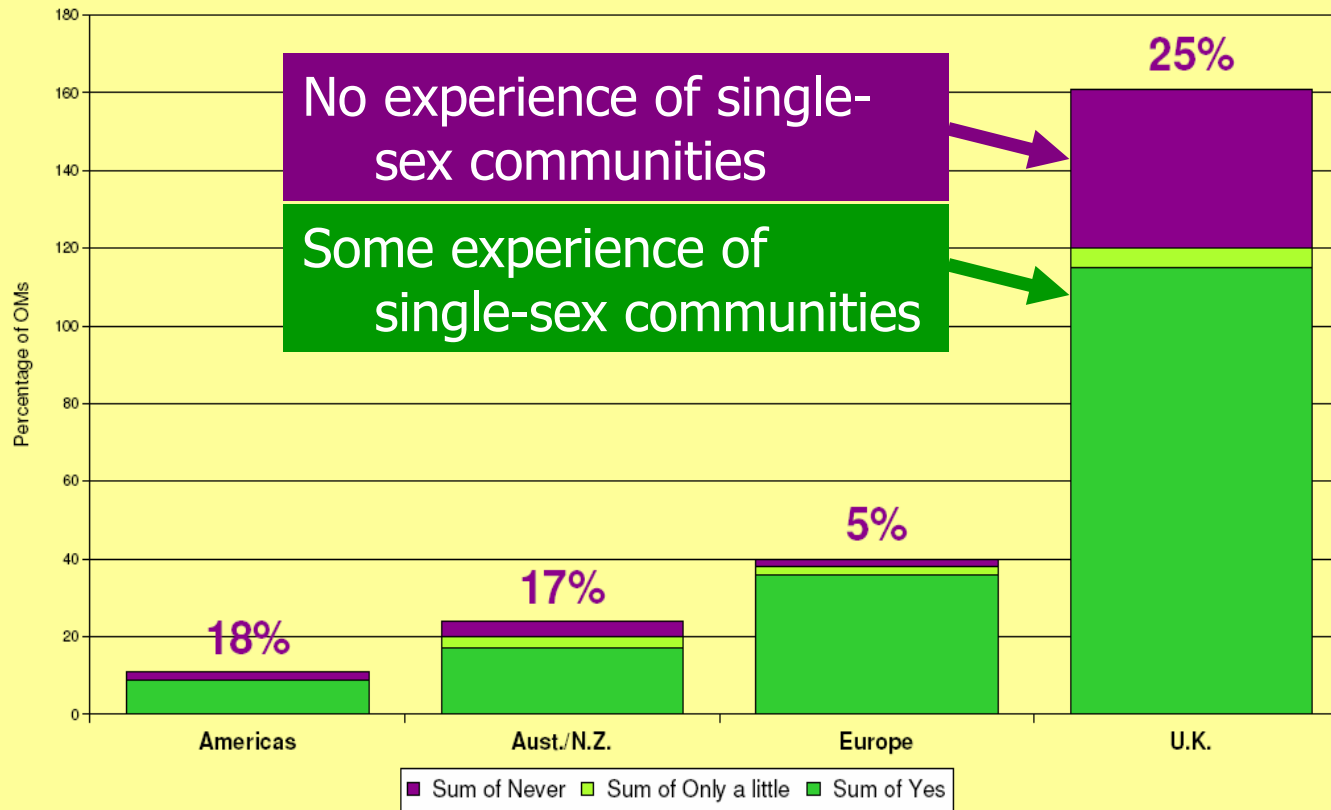
NB: would be good to do a 'cross-check' by looking at the Shabda intros to new OMs.



FWBO community living

Experience of community living, summary by gender and residence

Multi-Chart



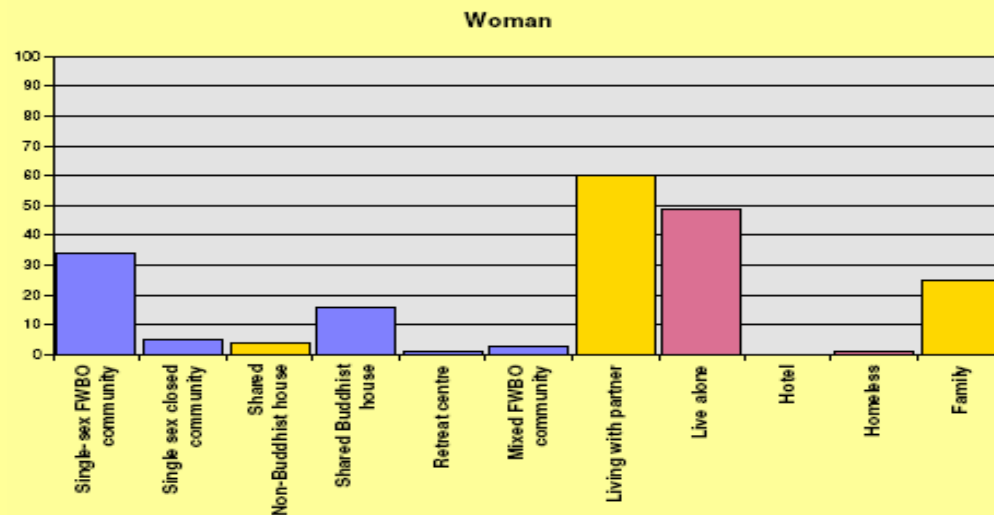
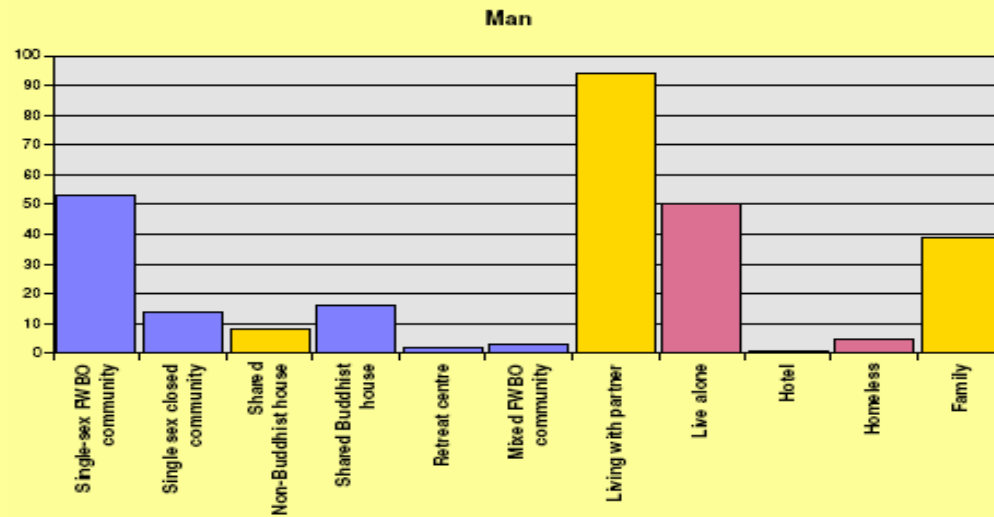
- There's still OMs all over the world with experience of community life.
- The largest reservoir of experience is in UK –
- And the largest numbers with no experience

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OMs living situations: FWBO Communities, family, living alone, etc...



How we live...

- Approx 30% of respondents live in FWBO communities.
- There's not many living in closed communities – less than 5% of respondents.
- Living with one's partner is the most popular way to live – just under 50%.
- About 20% choose to live alone – especially women.

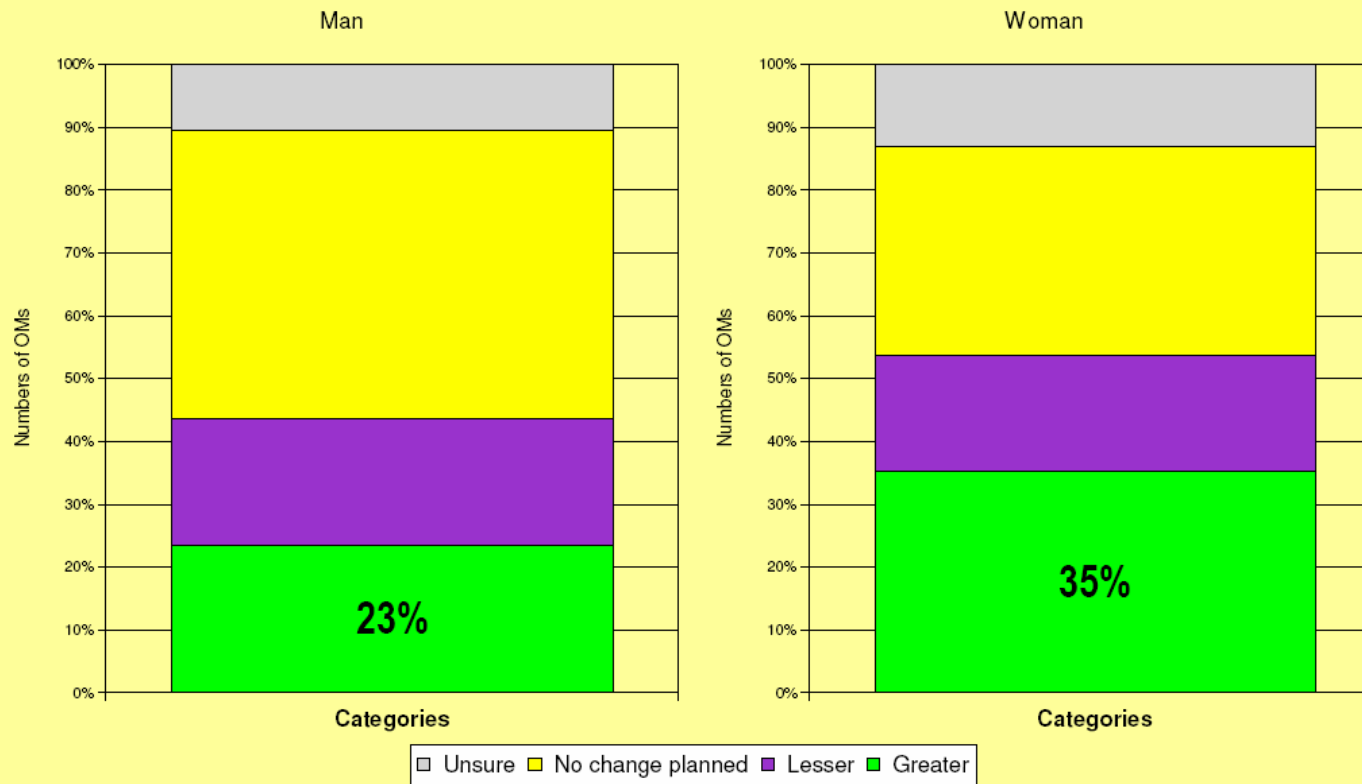
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getting more involved with our institutions?

Is greater or lesser involvement in the FWBO's institutions planned?
Summary by gender

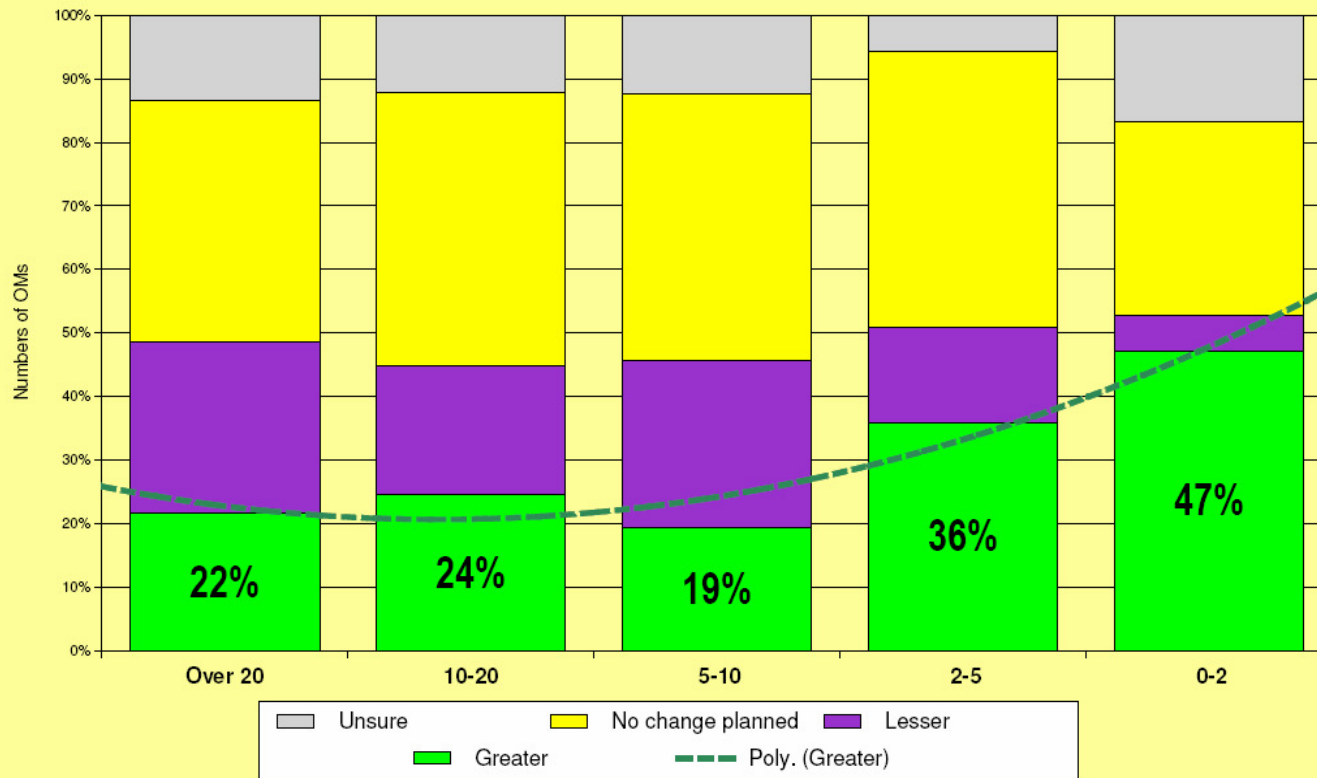


- A good many respondents are planning to get more involved with the FWBO's institutions.
- This is higher among the women.



getting more involved with our institutions?

Is greater or lesser involvement in the FWBO's institutions planned?
Arranged by order age



- Newer OM respondents were more likely to want to get more involved with FWBO institutions.

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Comments and reflections

Our institutions -

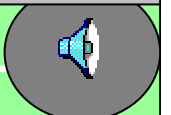
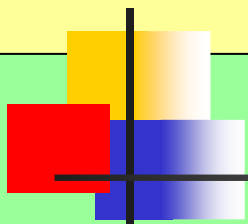
- It looks like a rapidly growing percentage of newer OMs have never had contact with TBRLs or single-sex communities.

Our feelings for the FWBO -

- OMs almost all still wish to be seen as part of the FWBO.
- Significant numbers say they are planning to get more involved with our institutions – especially newer women OMs.

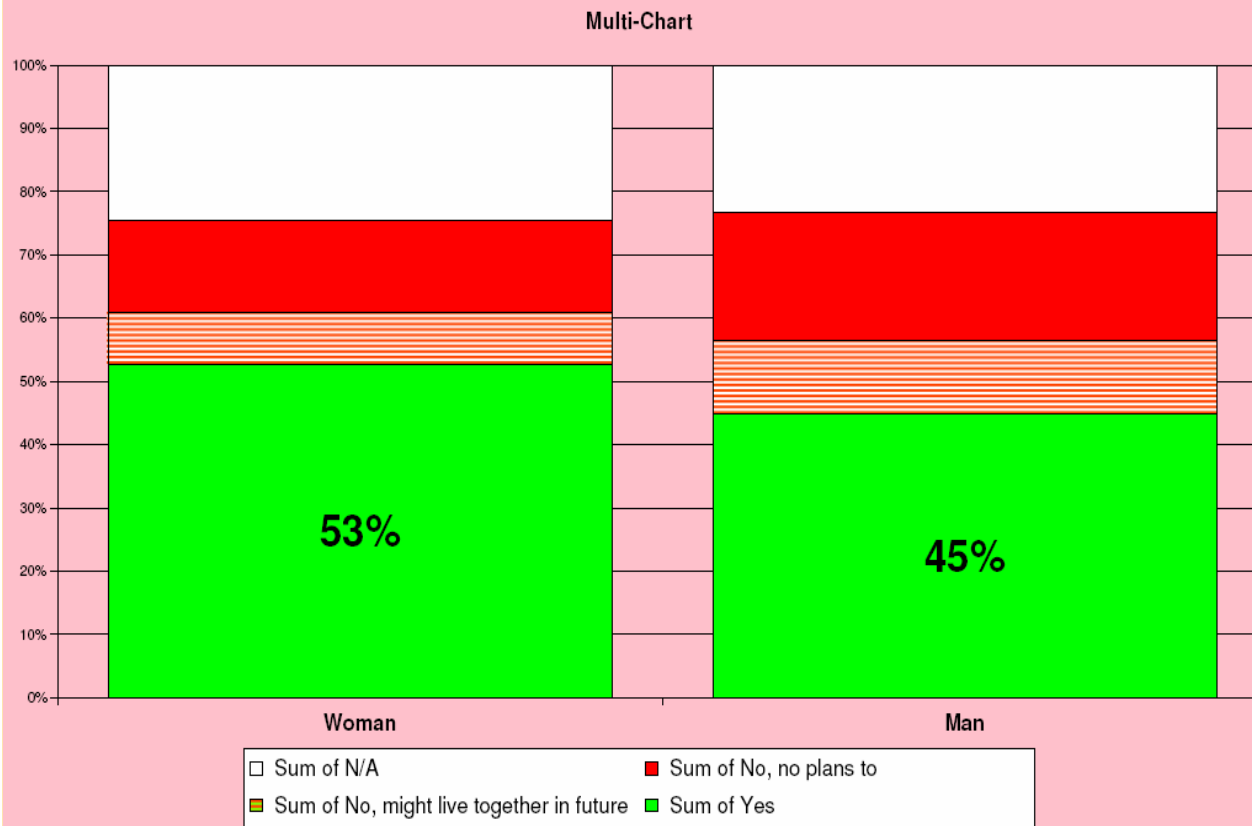
Much food for thought...

Subhuti's second definition seems to fit our current situation well...



A little about - our love lives: living with our partners

Order Members living with their partners - summary by gender



- Many respondents are now living with their partners.
- Over 50% of women seem to be.

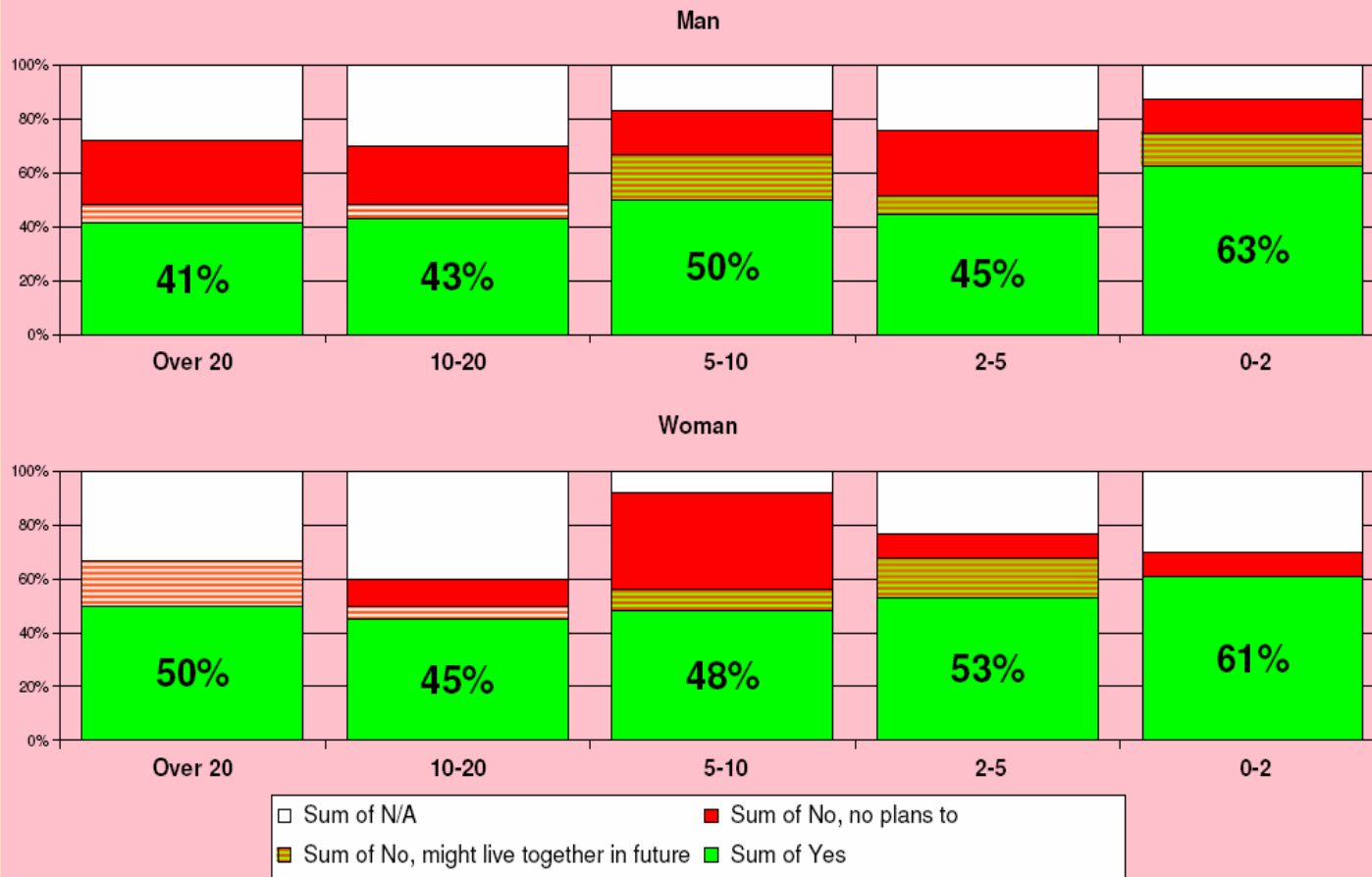
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Living with our partners...

Order Members living with their partners - by gender and order age



- Newer OM respondents (of both genders) are more likely to be living with their partners.

- Not many are still making up their minds.

- A good percentage of respondents are single/celibate.

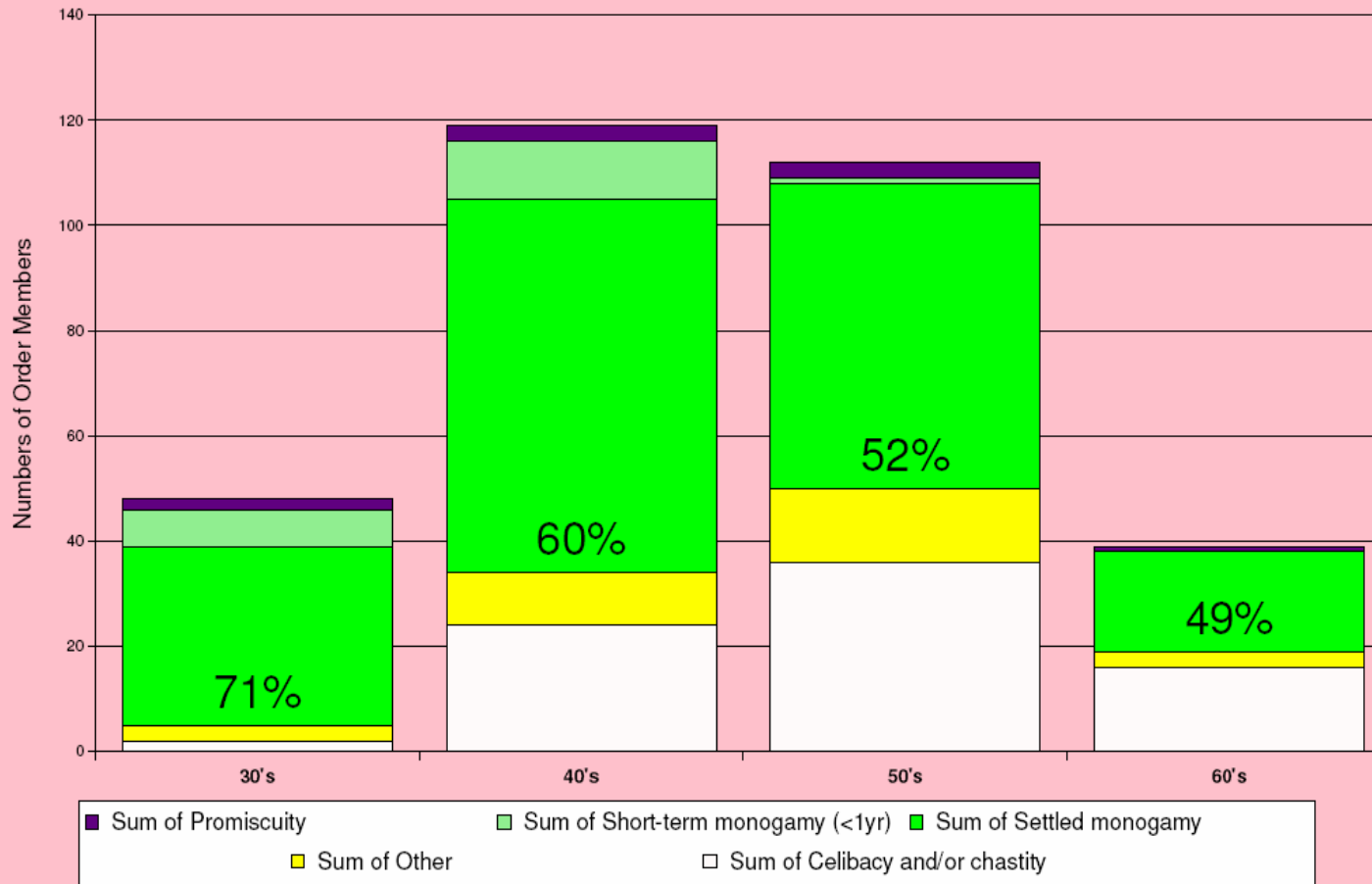
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A little about - our love lives...

Order Members's sexual relationships - their type and duration



- Most respondents are either single or practice 'settled monogamy'.

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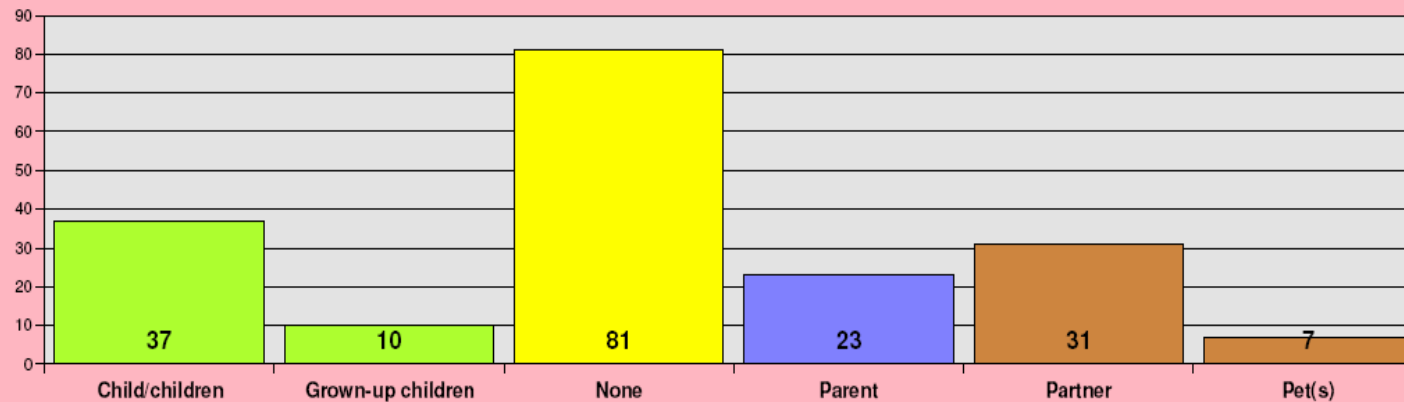
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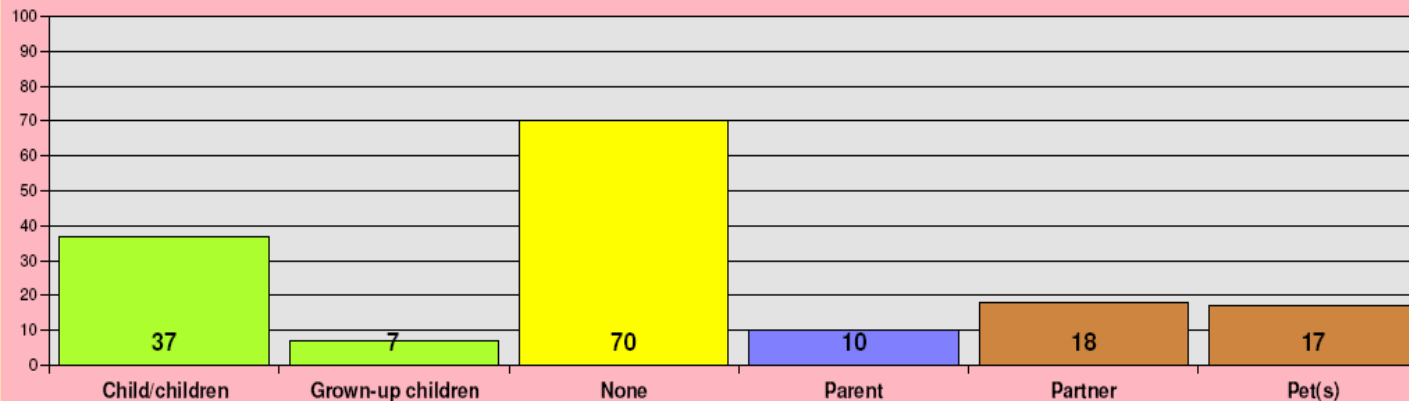
A little about - our dependents

OMs' dependents: children, parents, partners, and pets, etc...

Man



Woman



235 men and 185 women answered the Survey. Thus -

- About 20% of men OMs seem to have children, about 24% of women
- Approx 35% of men OMs report they have no dependents, 37% of women.
- Women are more likely to keep pets!

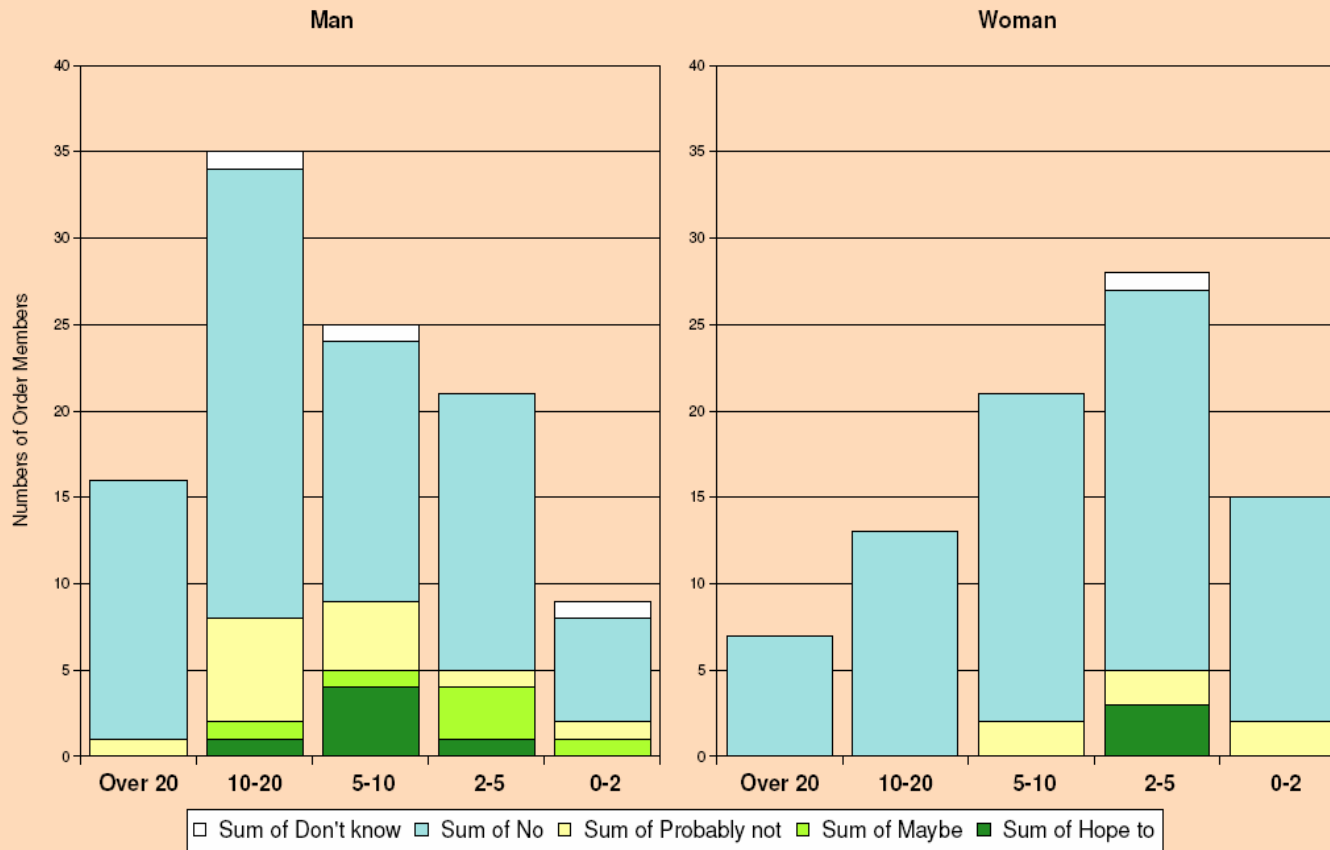
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A little about - our love lives: more children on the way?

More children planned - by order age and gender



- Men respondents were more interested than women in having kids in the future.

- Especially among OMs who've been ordained for longer.

(NB: slide shows absolute numbers not percentages)

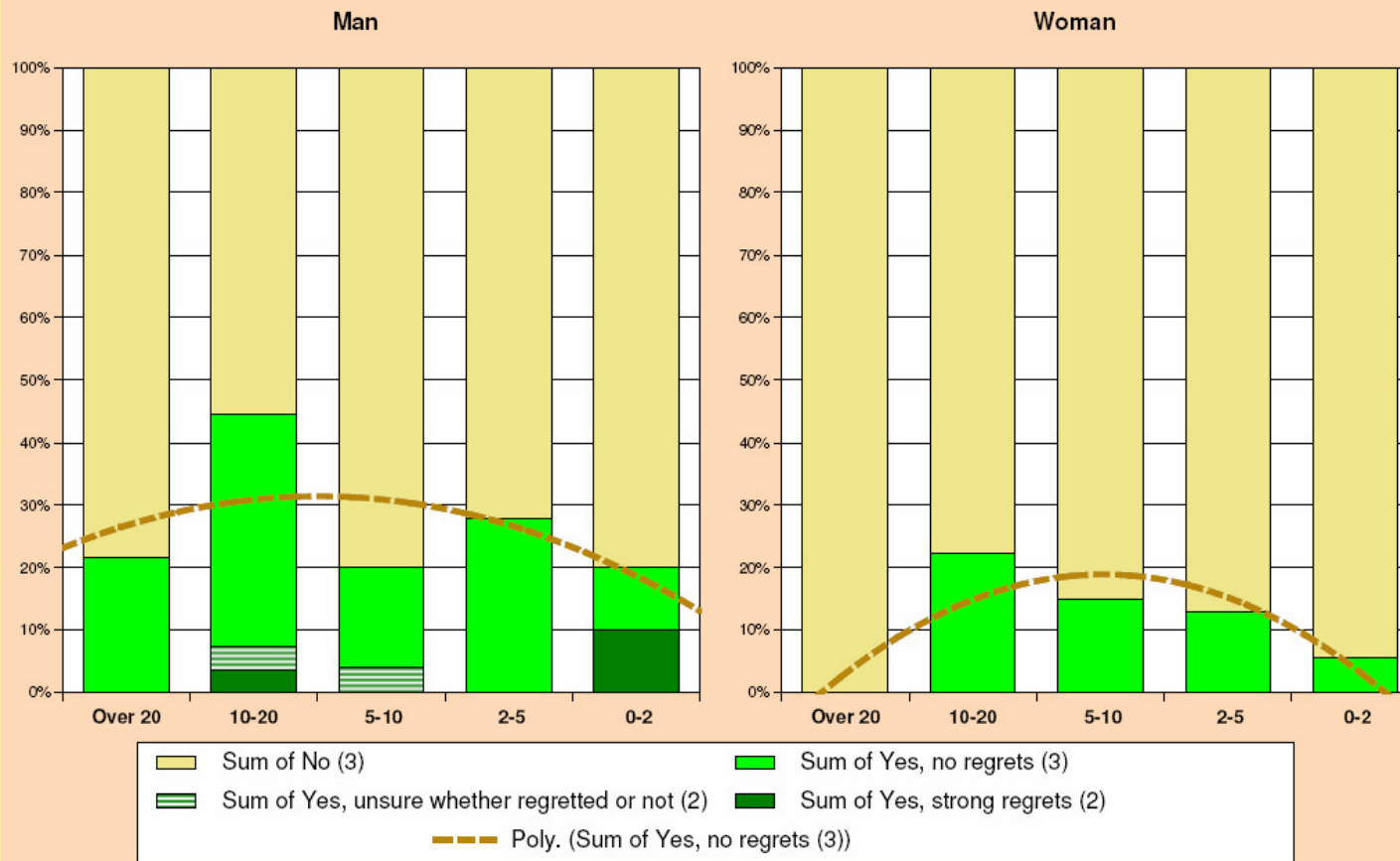
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A little about - our love lives: sterilisation operations

Sterilisations - with or without regrets - by order age and gender



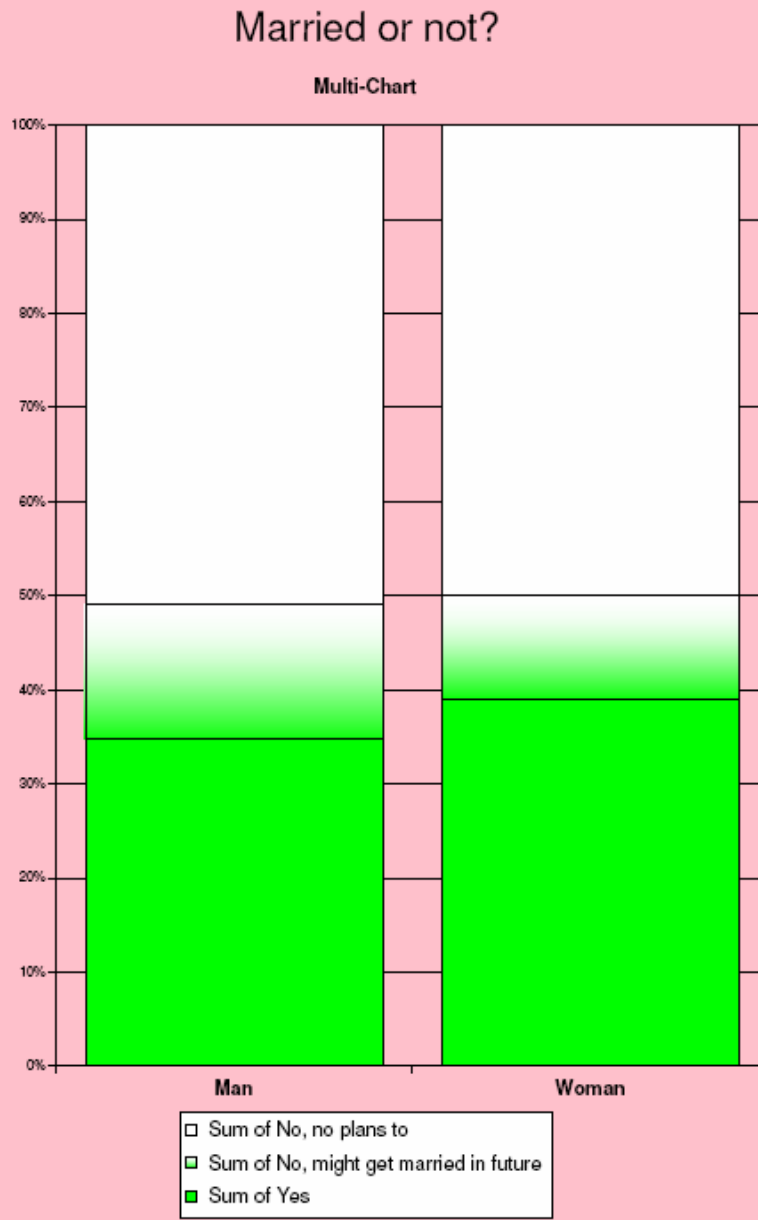
- 20% of new male OM respondents have had vasectomies.
- Not many respondents have regrets.
- See printouts for comments.

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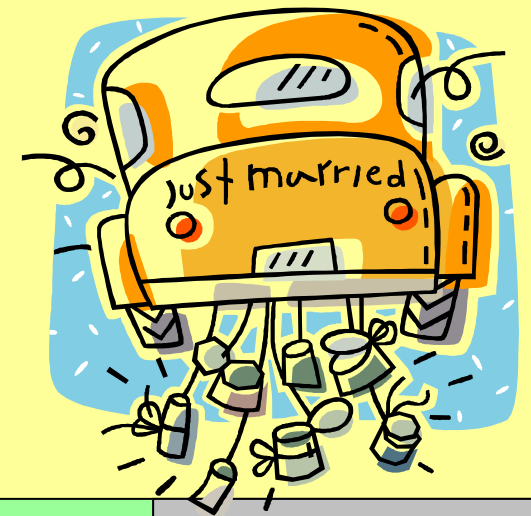
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Our love lives: marriage



- Over 1/3rd of respondents are married.
- Not many were still thinking of it.



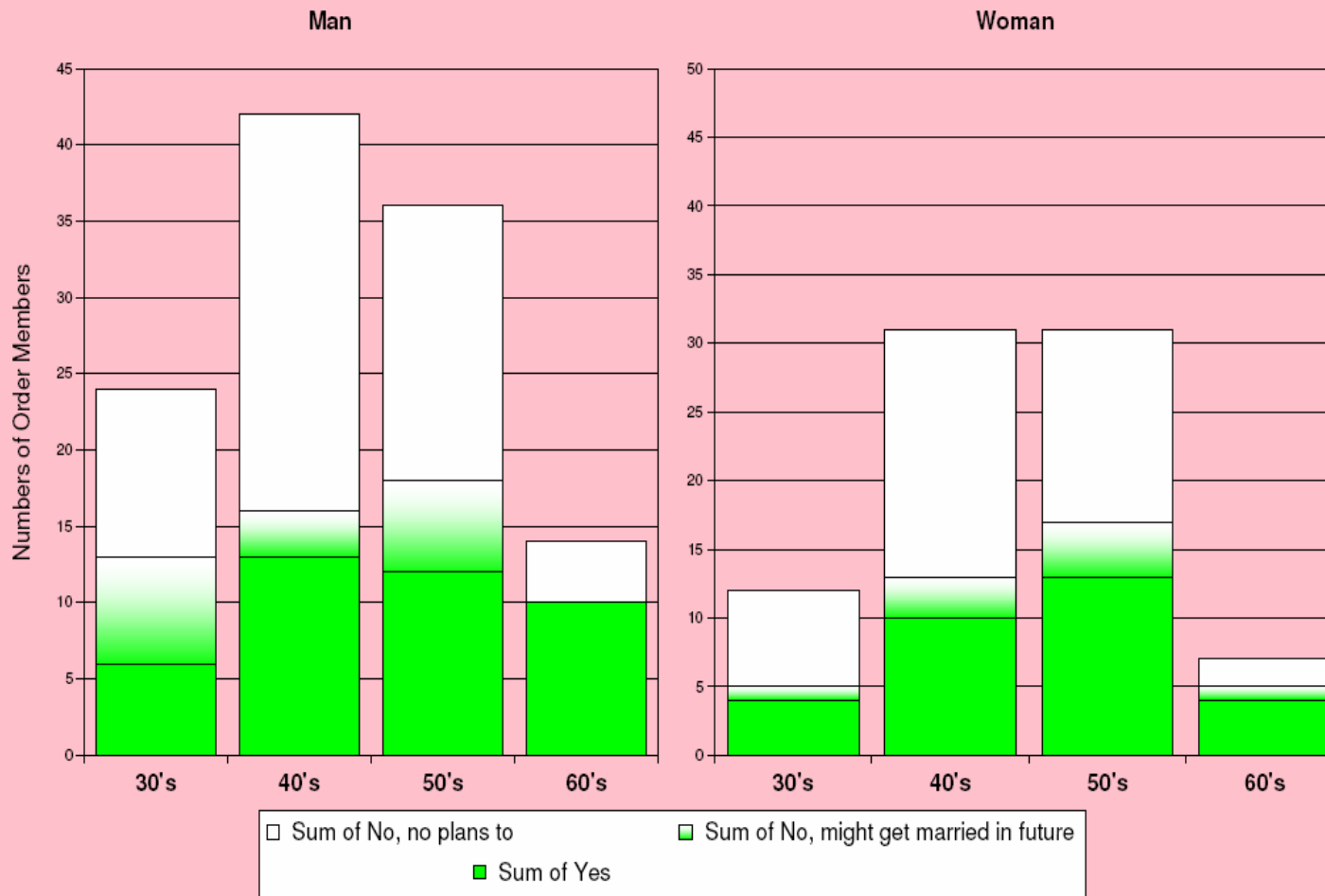
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A little about - marriage...

Married or not?



- More men respondents than women seemed to be still thinking of marriage – especially younger men OMs.

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Conclusion

Over to you...!

