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Realities of Parenthood and the Second Child

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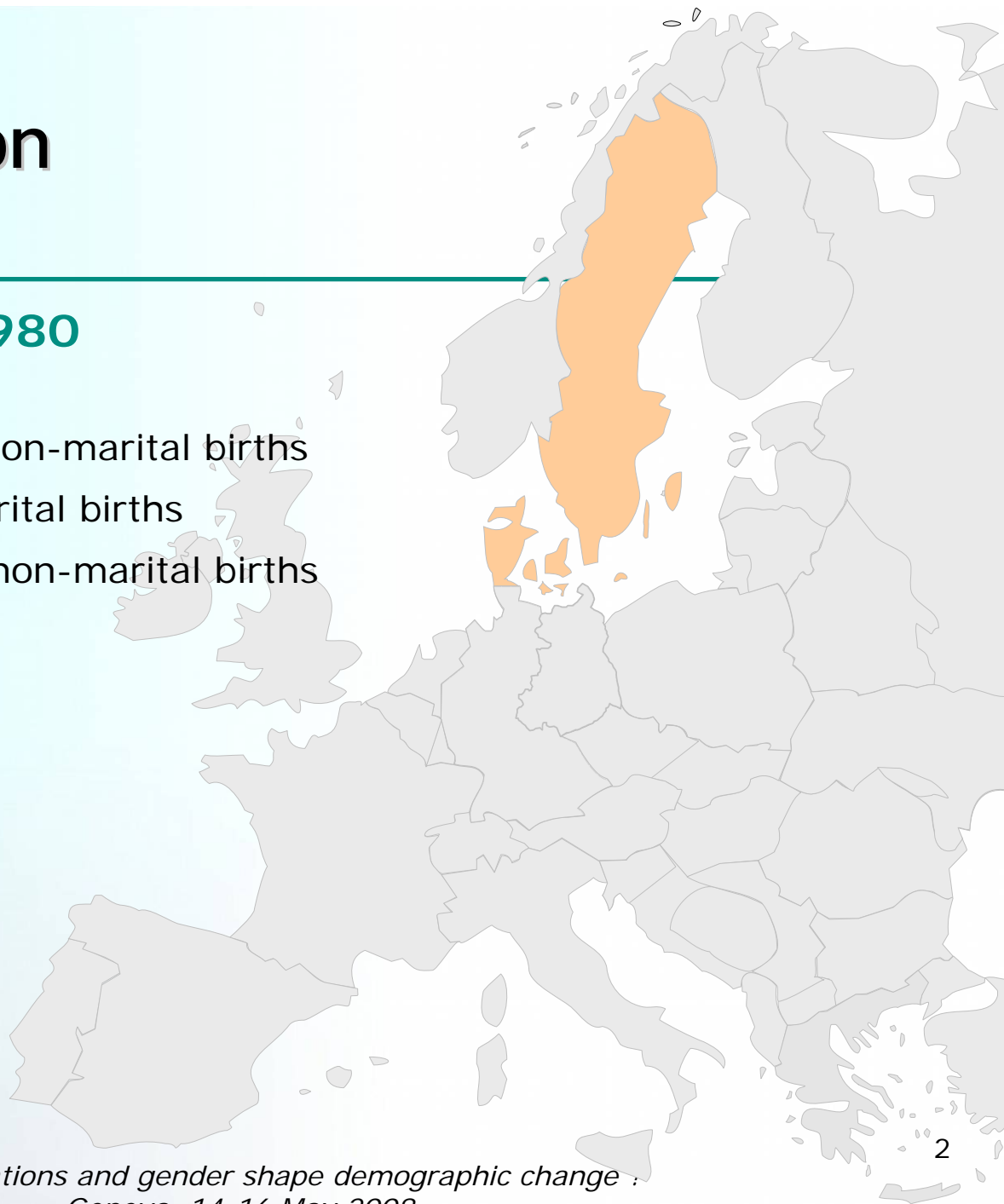
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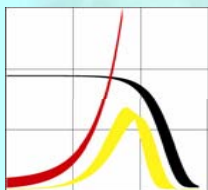


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Europe in 1980

- Less than 20% non-marital births
- 20-50% non-marital births
- More than 50% non-marital births

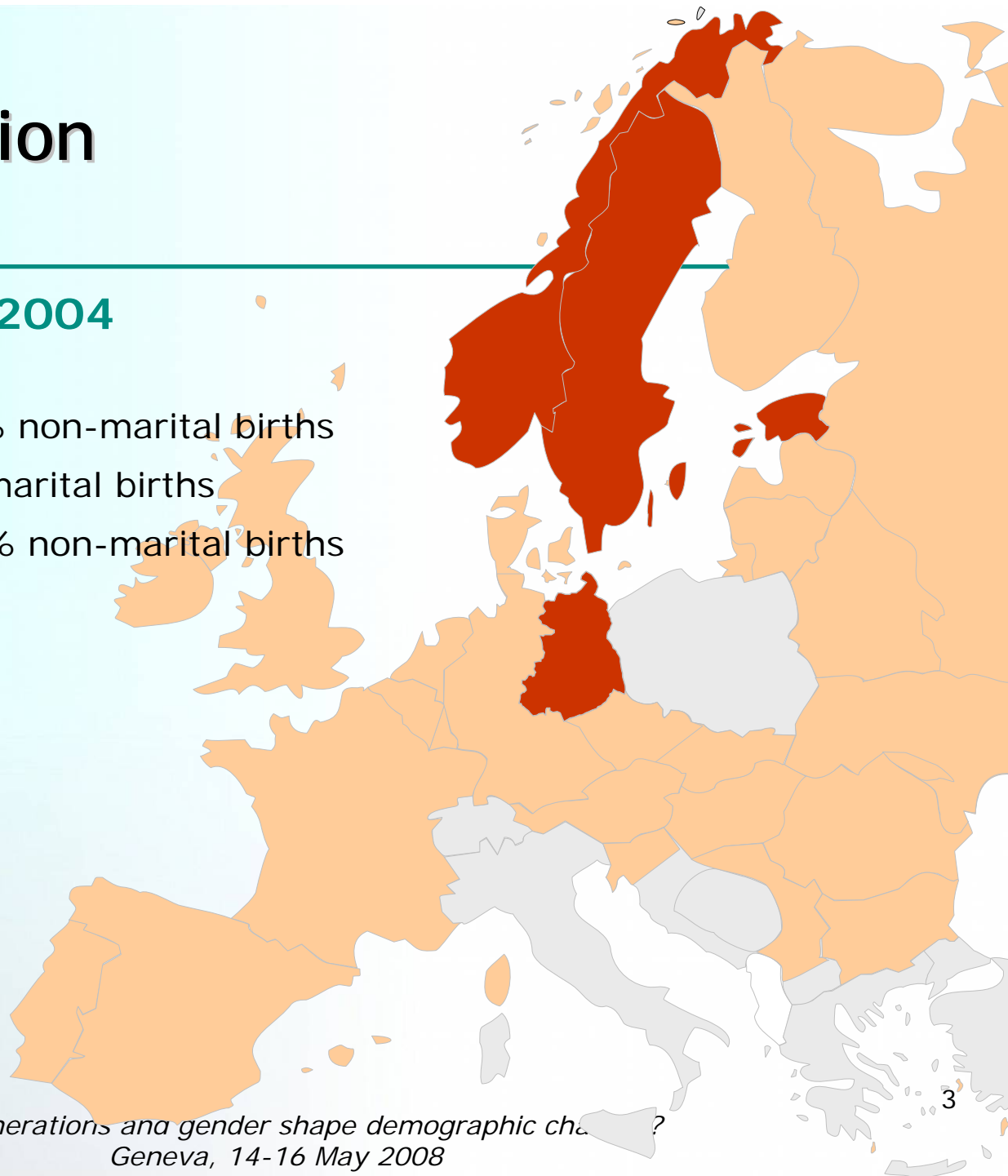


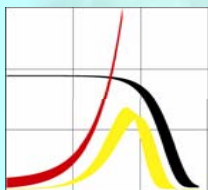


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Europe in 2004

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Introduction

Second Demographic Transition Theory

- Value change, secularization, female emancipation and individualization as major force behind family change.

Social Policy Approach

- Social policies provide incentives to work, marry, cohabit and divorce. By doing so, they favor or disfavor a particular family model.





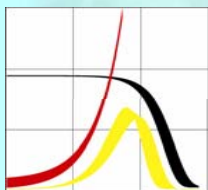
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Social Policies and the Family

- Families include single mothers and fathers, non-marital parenthood as well as step-families.
- The economic foundation of parenthood is changing, replacing the single-earner by the double-earner family in many countries.

Does family policy catch up to changing trends in family structures?



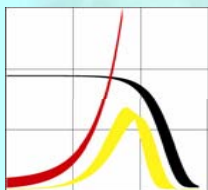


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Realities of Parenthood in Europe

- How do the “realities of parenthood” vary in cross-national perspective?
- How does the Generations and Gender Survey contribute to our understanding of the family?
- How do the “realities of parenthood” influence the desire for the second child?





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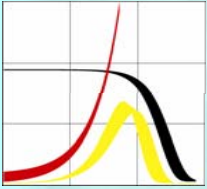
Selection of Regimes

- France
- West Germany
- East Germany
- Russia

Realities of Parenthood

- Living arrangement
- Employment
- Satisfaction with financial situation





Realities of Parenthood in France, Germany and Russia



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Data

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- Generations and Gender Survey

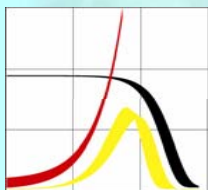
Selection of Sample

- Respondents with at least one child
- Women age 20-45

Sample Size

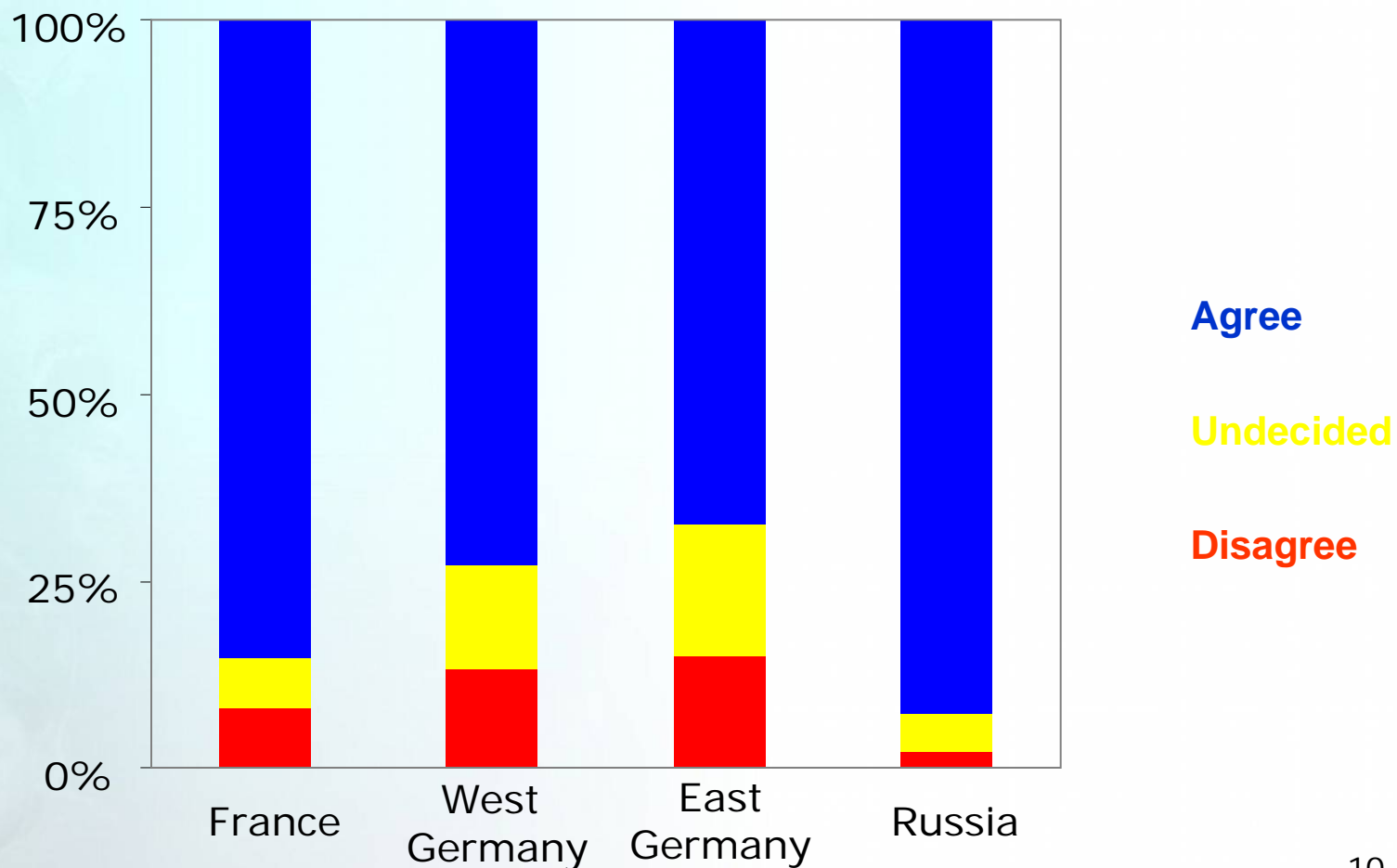
- France: 1378
- West Germany: 1392
- East Germany: 319
- Russia: 2218





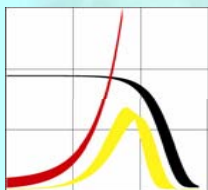
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A Child Needs a Home with Mother and Father to Grow Up Happily



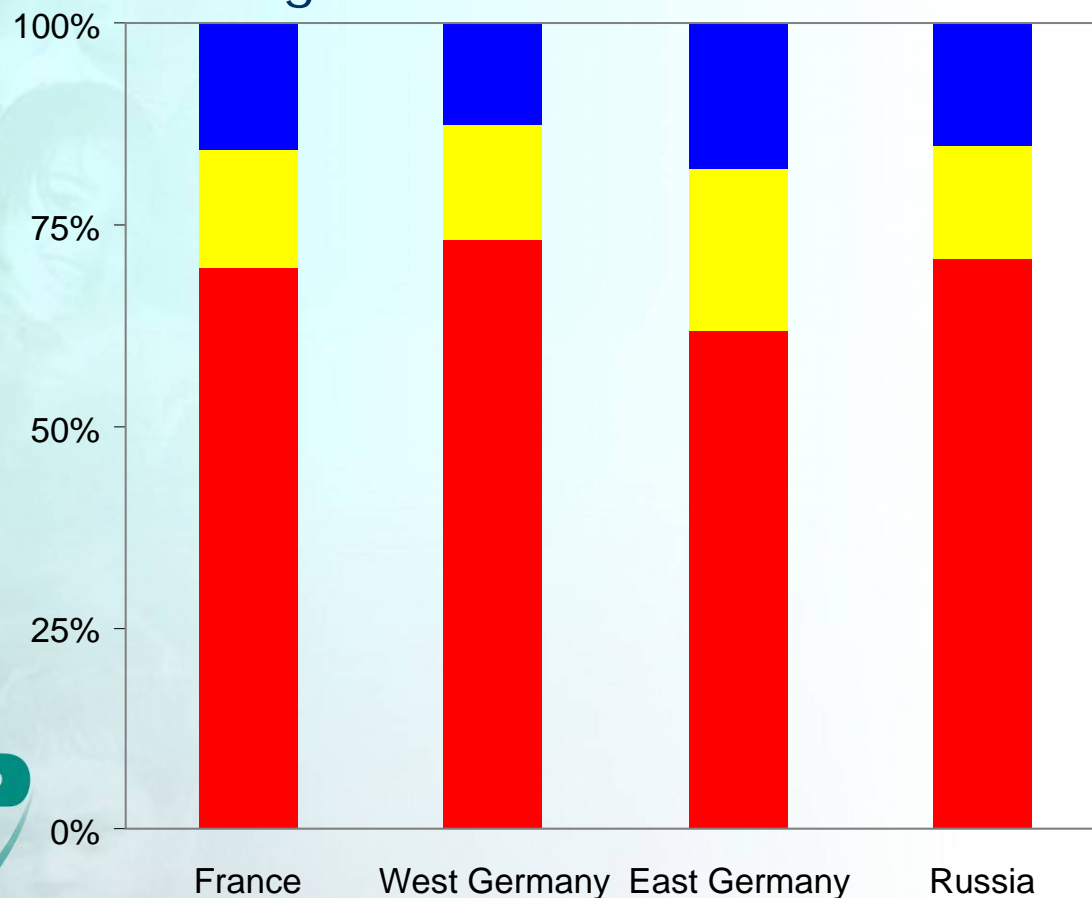
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Marriage is an Outdated Institution?

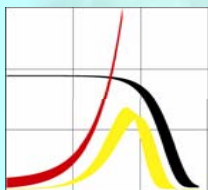


Agree

Undecided

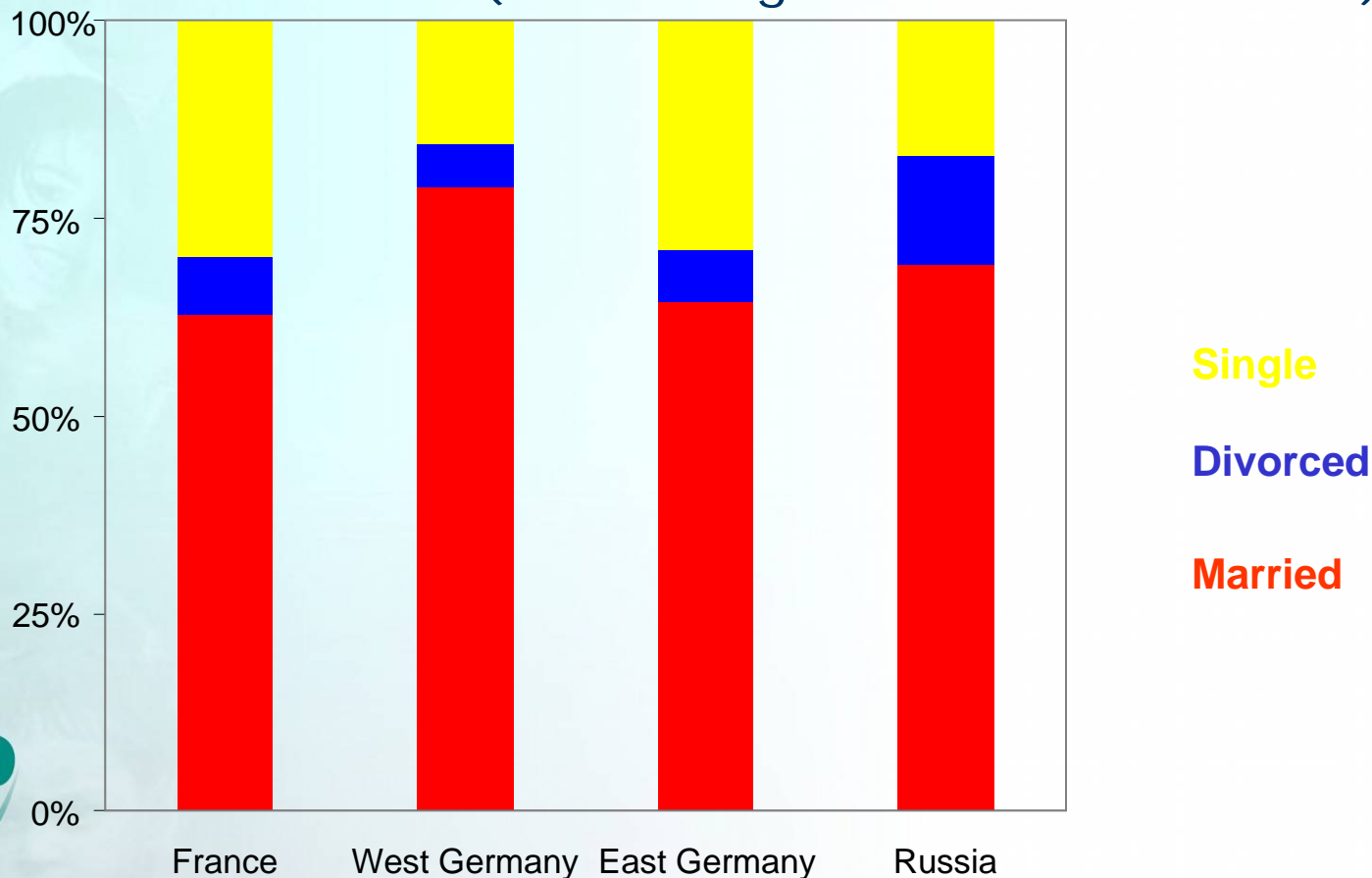
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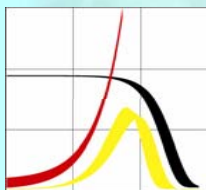




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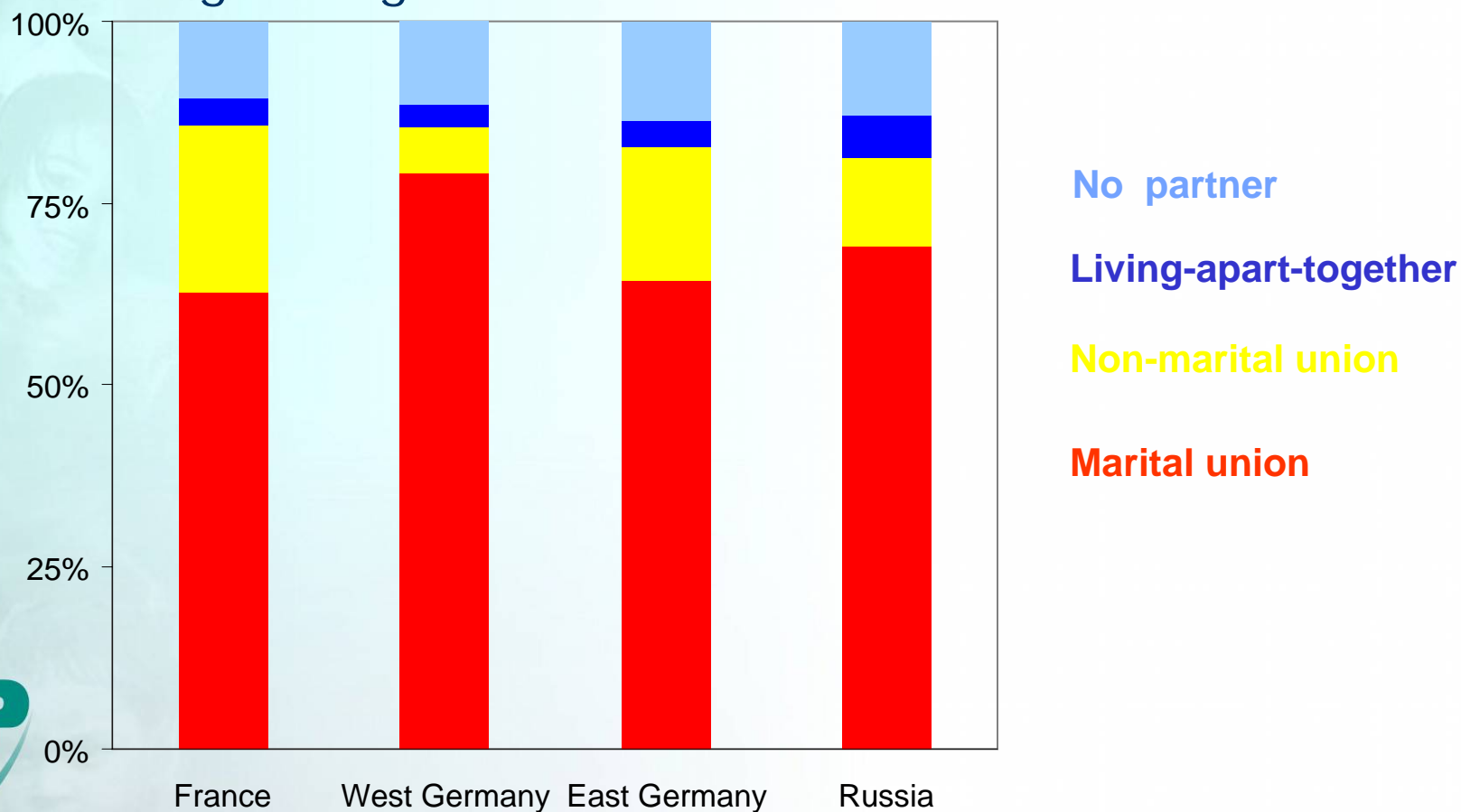
Marital Status (Women Age 20-45 with Children)





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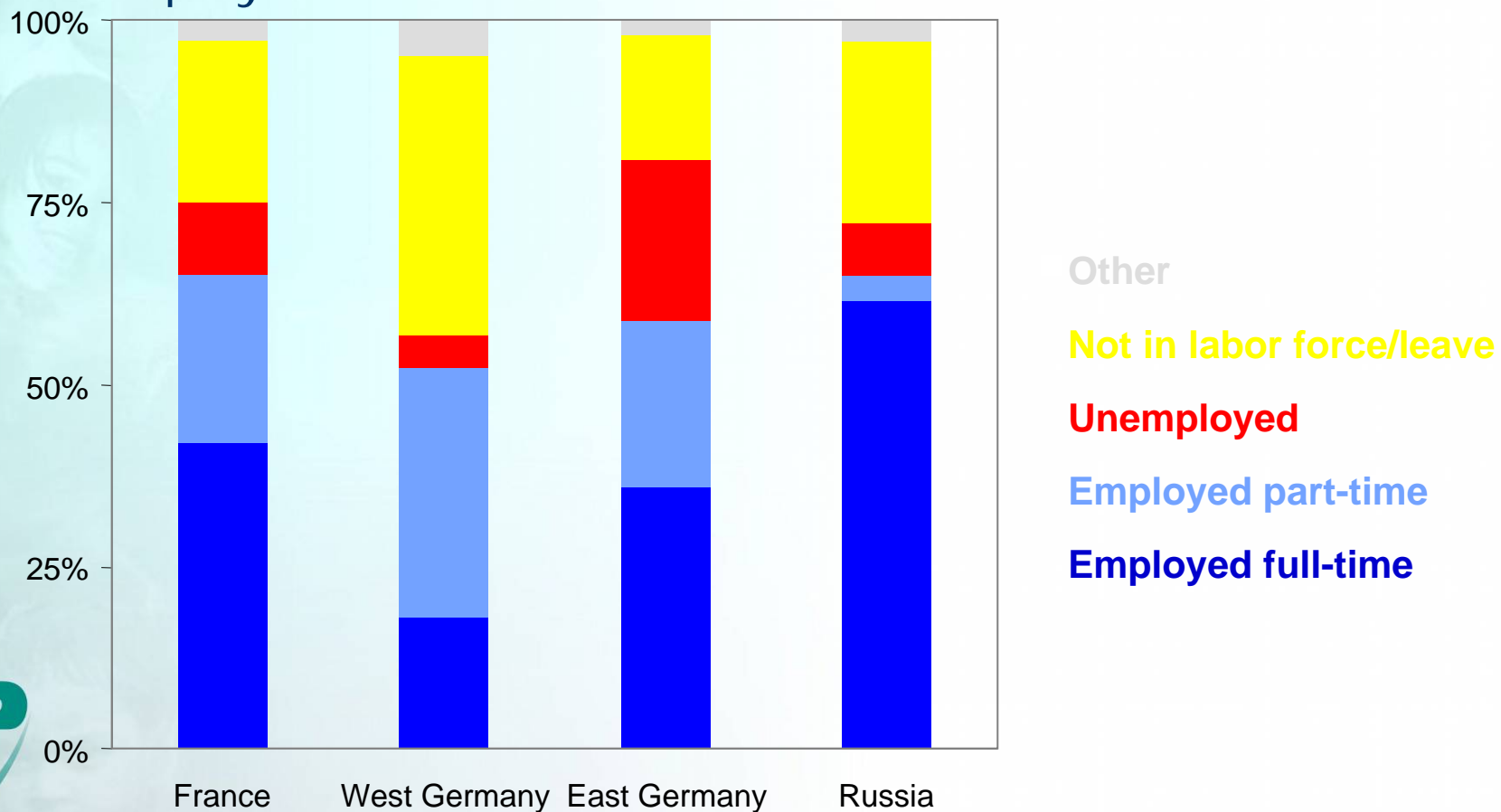
Living Arrangement of Women with Children

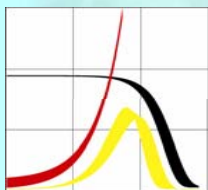




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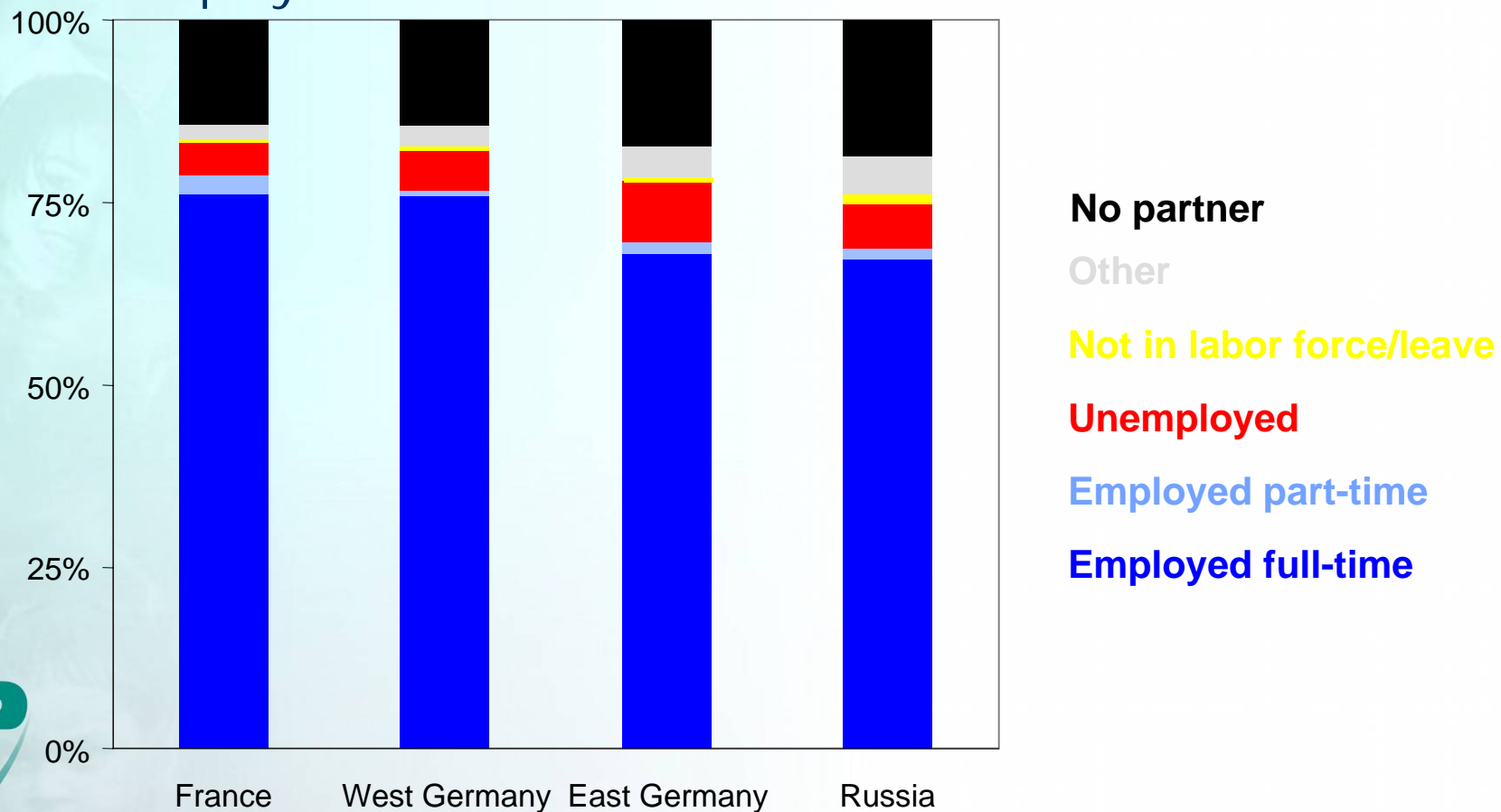
Employment Status of Women with Children

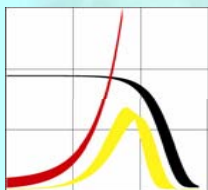




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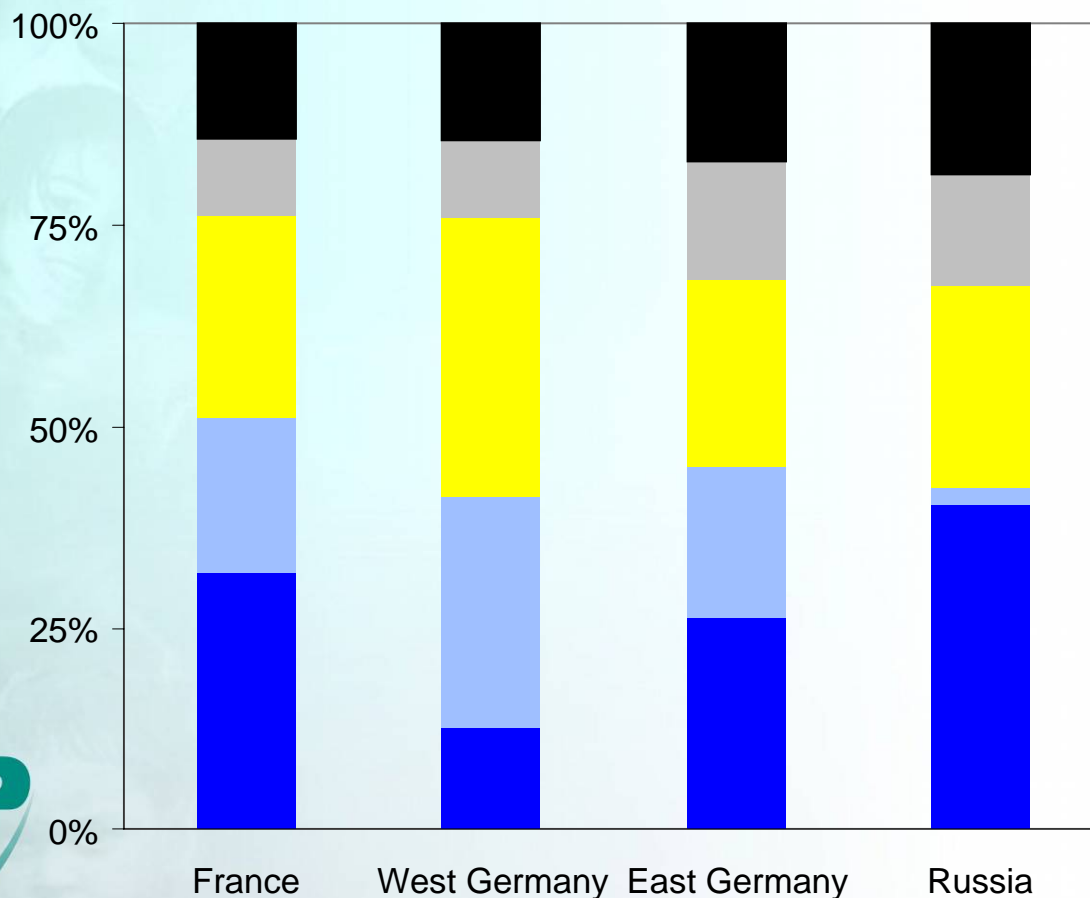
Employment Status of Partner





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Earner Model



No partner

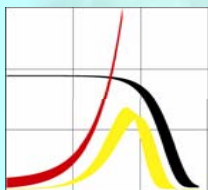
Other

Man full-time
Woman not employed

Man full-time/
Woman part-time

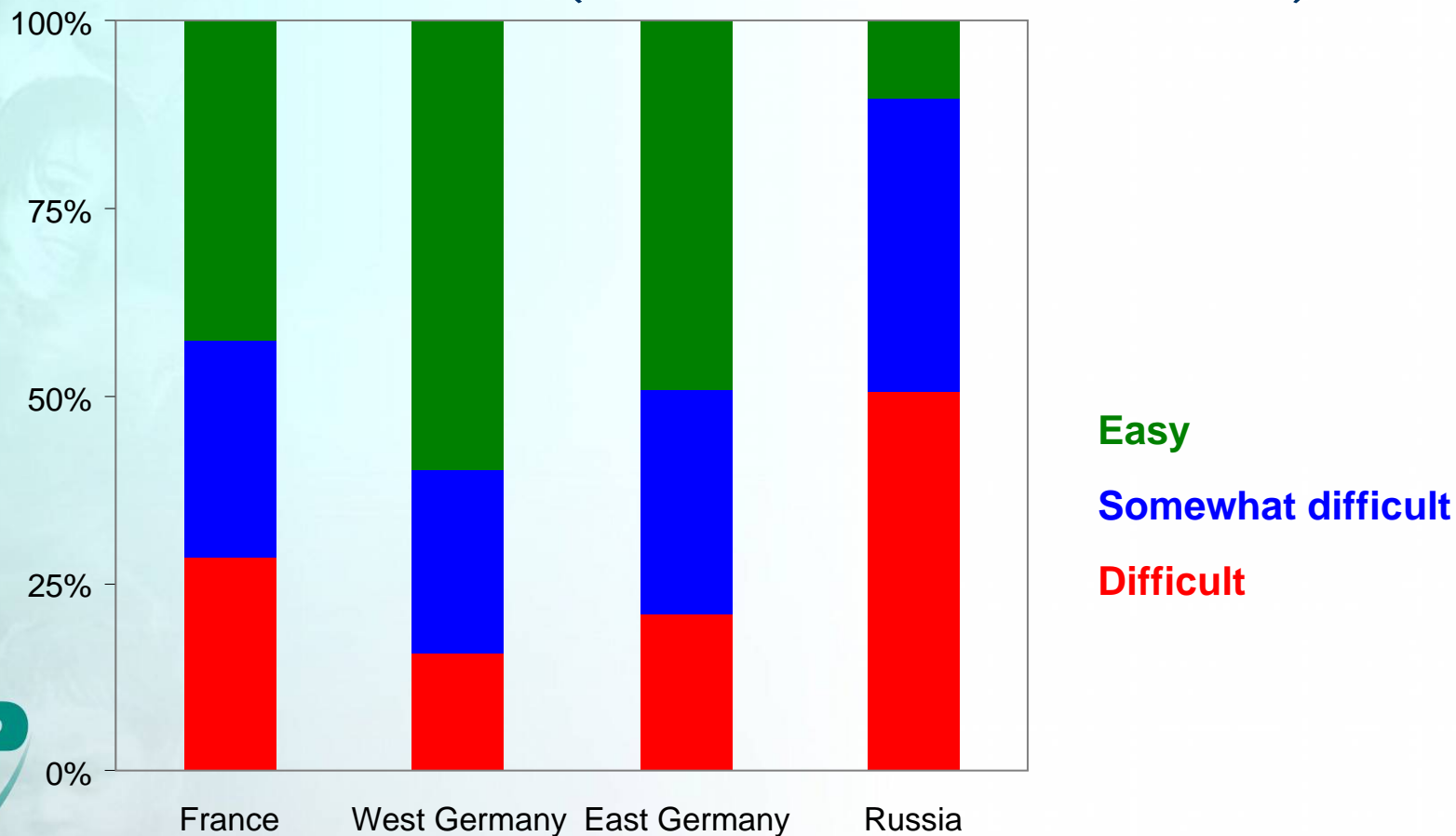
Man full-time/
Woman full-time





Realities of Parenthood

Financial Situation (Household Makes Ends Meet)





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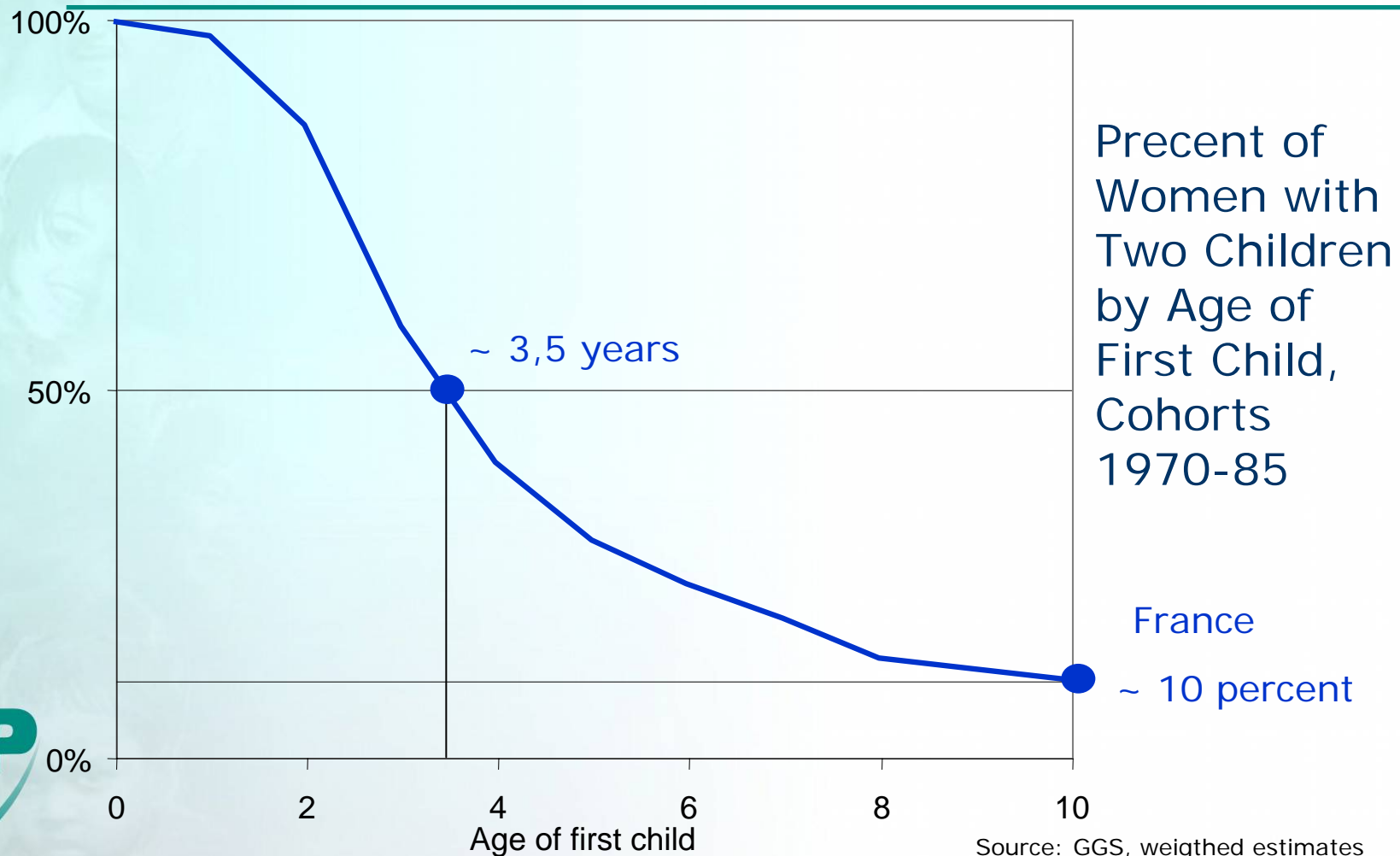


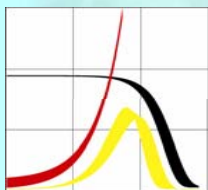
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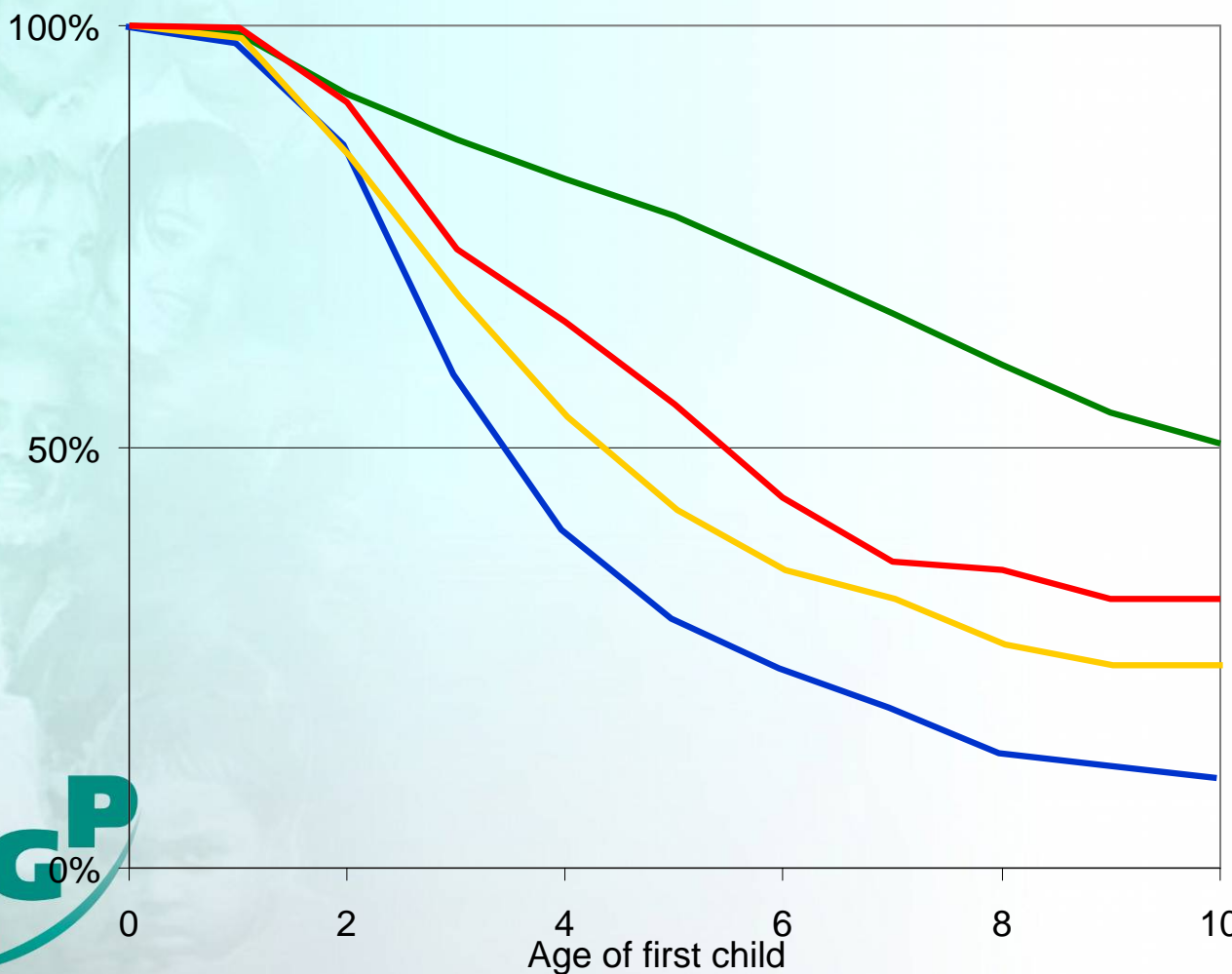


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Percent of Women with Two Children by Age of First Child, Cohorts 1970-85

Russia

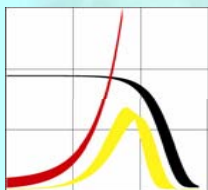
East Germany

West Germany

France

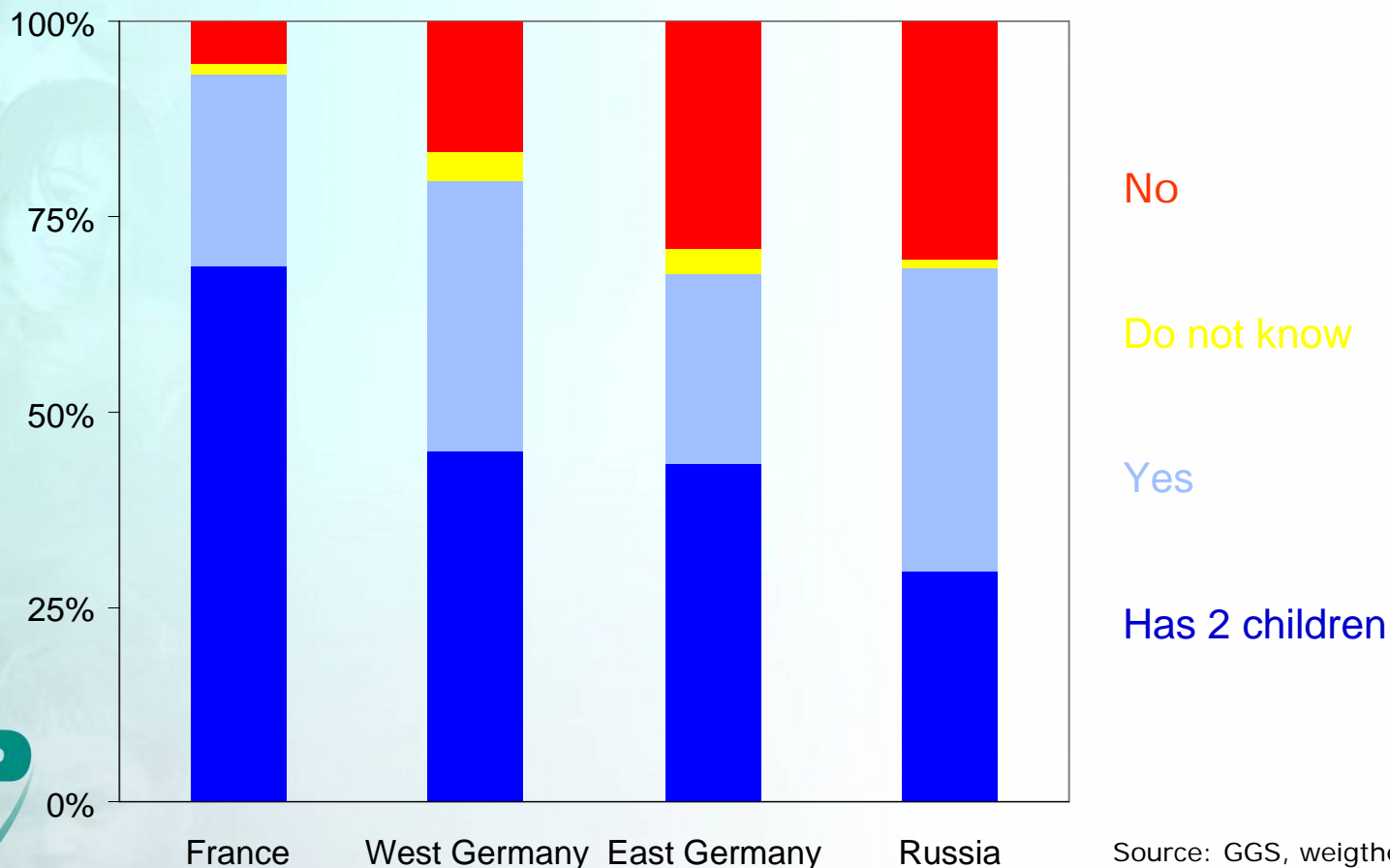
Source: GGS, weighed estimates





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Intention to Have Second Child (Within Next 3 Years), Cohorts 1970-85



Source: GGS, weighed estimates





The Second Child

Results From Logistic Regression on Intention to Have Second Child, Odds Ratios

| | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 4 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Regime | | | | |
| France | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| West Germany | 0.53*** | 0.50*** | 0.42*** | 0.42*** |
| East Germany | 0.24*** | 0.24*** | 0.22*** | 0.20*** |
| Russia | 0.32*** | 0.34*** | 0.29*** | 0.27*** |
| Financial situation | | | | |
| Difficult | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Somewhat difficult | | 1.60*** | 1.52*** | 1.36** |
| Easy | | 1.63*** | 1.60*** | 1.36* |
| Employment status | | | | |
| Employed | | | 1 | 1 |
| Unemployed | | | 0.72 | 0.77 |
| Not in labor force | | | 1.31* | 1.19 |
| Employment partner | | | | |
| No partner | | | | 0.54*** |
| Employed | | | | 1 |
| Unemployed | | | | 0.61* |

Note: Coding of dependent variable is 1 for "Respondent wants second child" and 0 for "Respondent does not want or does not know if she wants child within next 3 years". ***p<0.01; **p<0.05; *p<0.10. Other variables in model are age of woman, age of first child, born in country of interview





Conclusion

- What is the interplay between social policies and family dynamics?
- How does the Gender and Generation Survey broaden our understanding of the the family in Europe?

