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## Low fertility and policy options in Germany.

### A presentation to the media

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# Kinderwünsche in Deutschland

## Konsequenzen für eine nachhaltige Familienpolitik

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# Desired number of children

Basis: Women aged 20 to 39 years

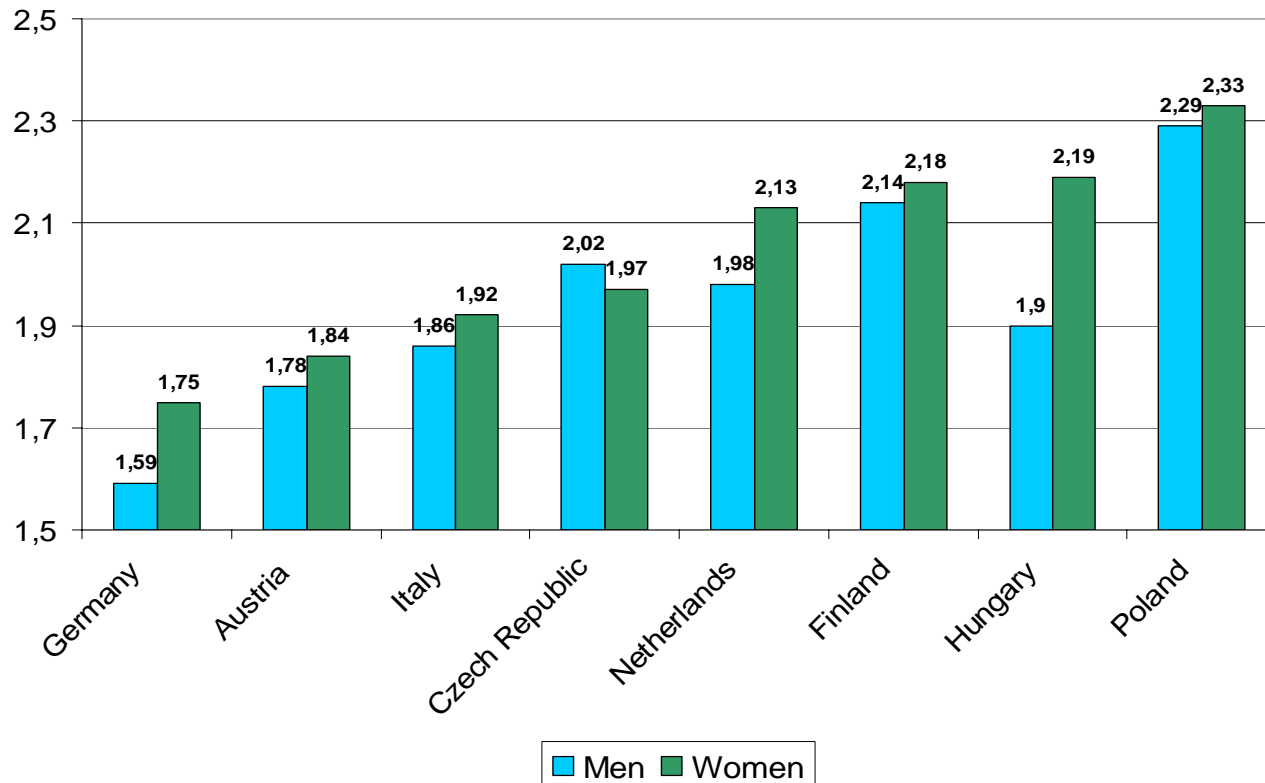
	1988*	1992	2003	2005
Average desired number of children	2,15	1,75	1,74	1,75
Source	FS	FFS	PPAS	GGG

*\*only West Germany. FS = Family Survey, DJI; FFS = Family and Fertility Survey, BiB; PPAS = Population Policy Acceptance Study, BiB; GGS = Generations and Gender Survey, BiB.*

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# Desired number of children in Europe by gender

Basis: Men and women aged 20 – 49 years



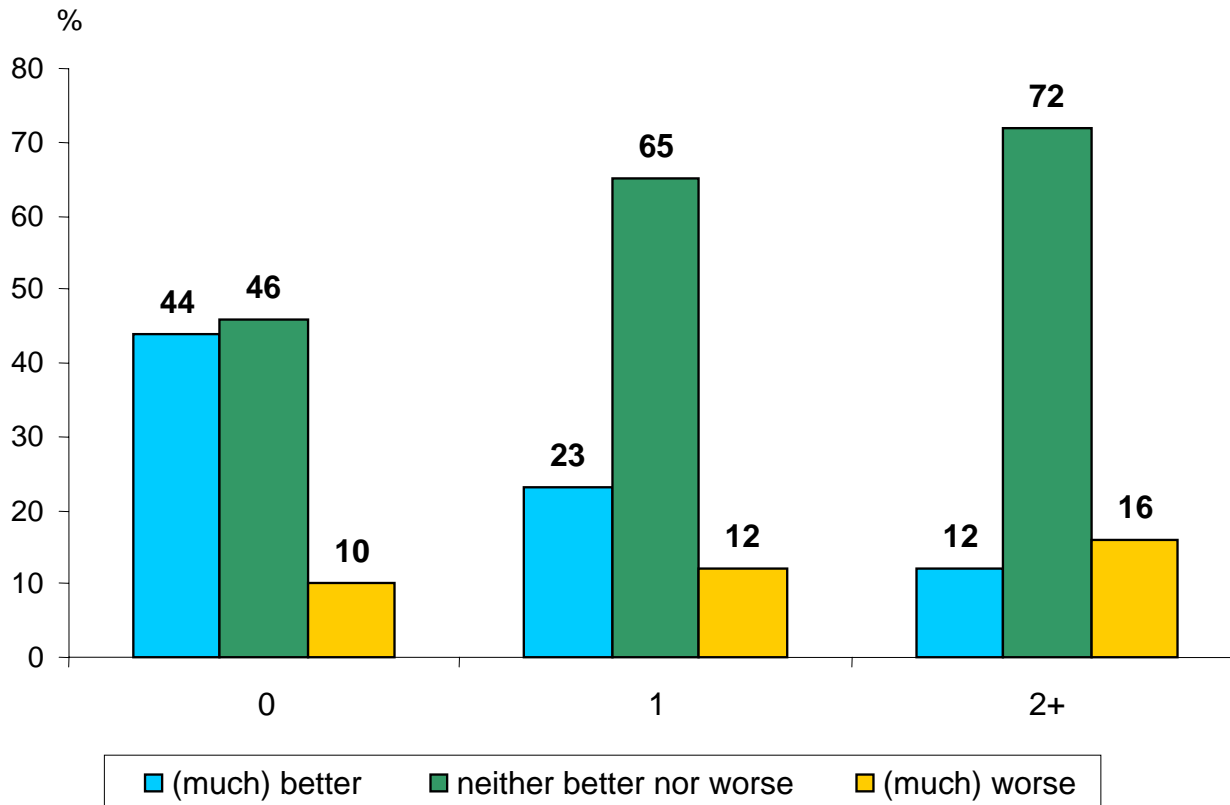
Source: Federal Institute for Population Research; PPAS 2003

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# Children hardly increase joy from life

“If you were to have a/another child during the next three years, would it be better or worse for the joy and satisfaction you get from life?”

Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years living with a partner by parity

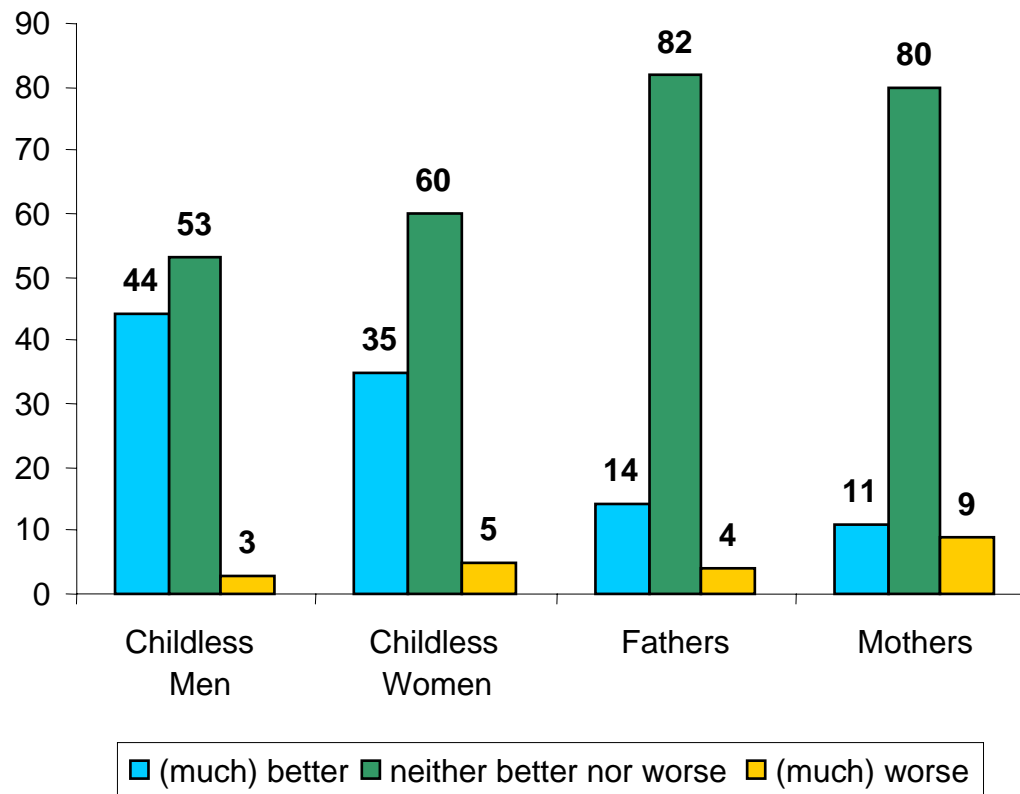


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# Family formation may improve partnership

„If you were to have a/another child during the next three years, would it be better or worse for the closeness between you and your partner/spouse?“

Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years living with a partner by gender  
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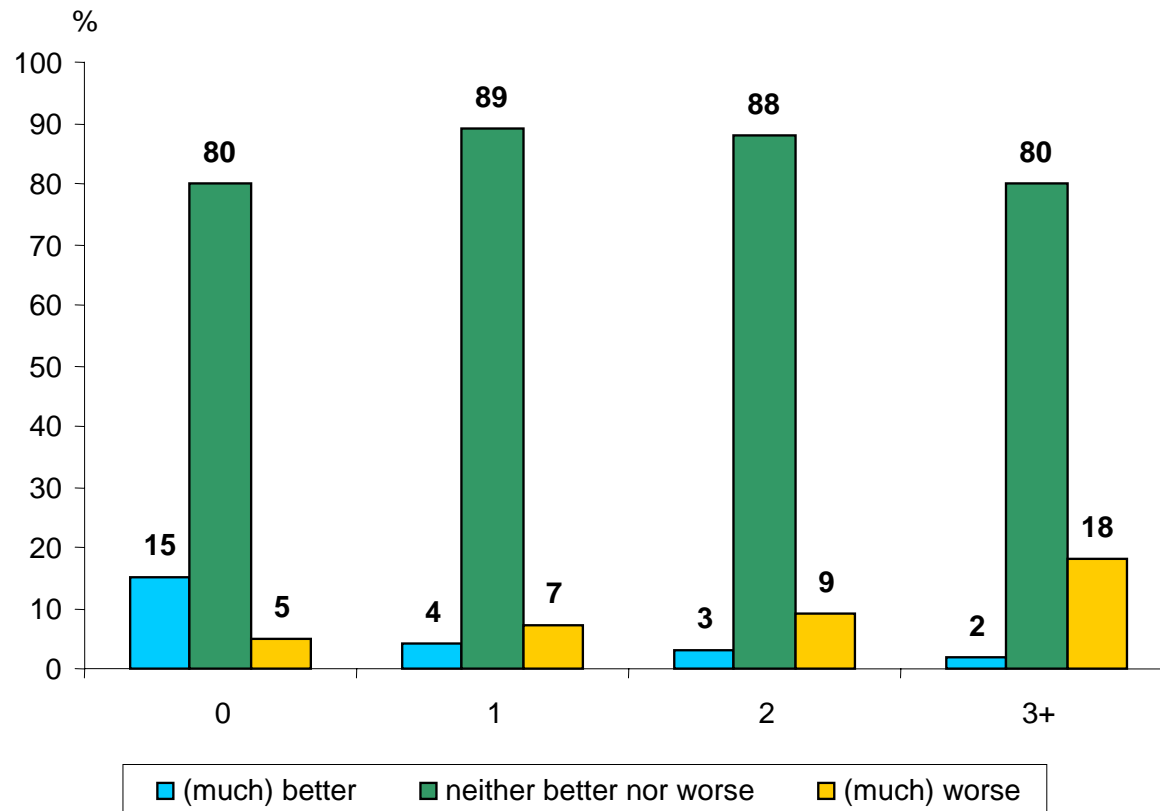


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# Families enjoy no special prestige

„If you were to have a/another child during the next three years, would it be better or worse for what people around you think of you?“

Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years living with a partner by parity

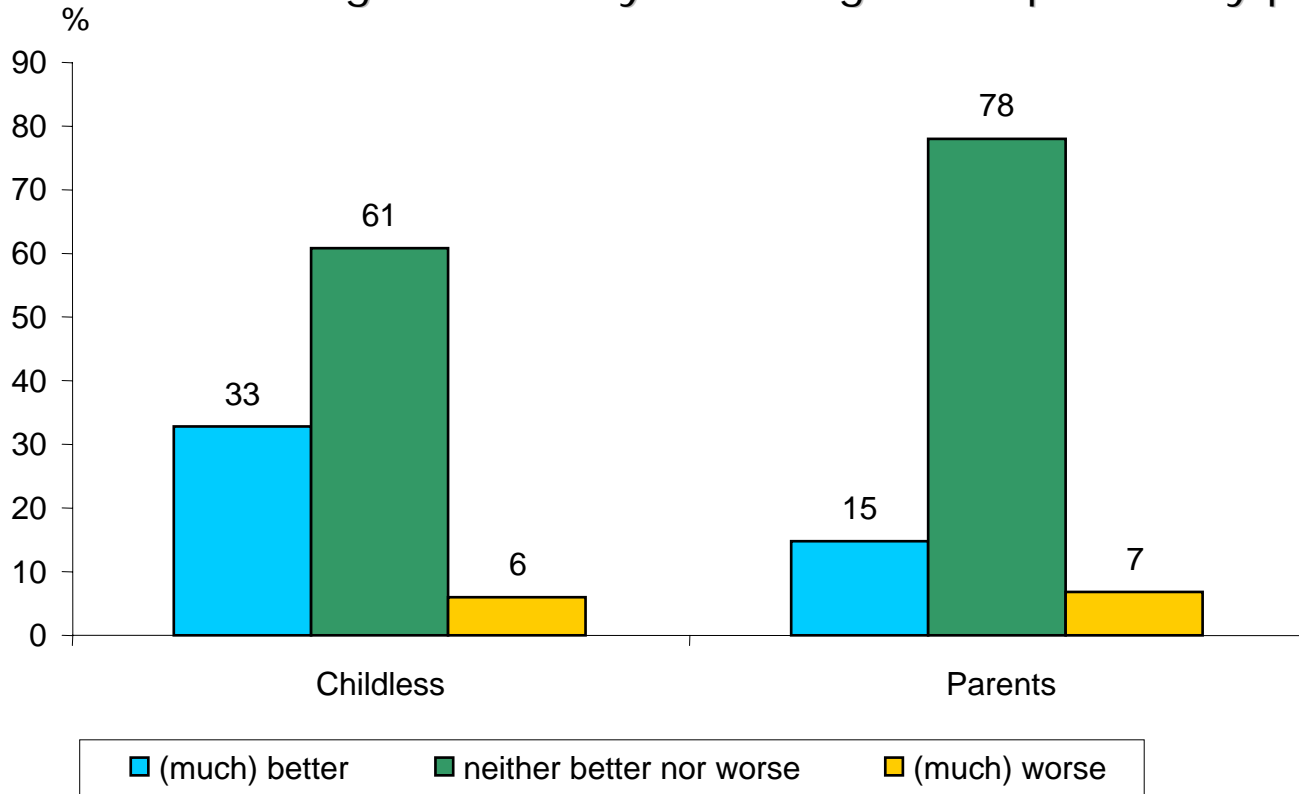


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# Security in old age hardly influenced by having children

„If you were to have a/another child during the next three years, would it be better or worse for the care and security you may get in old age?“

Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years living with a partner by parity



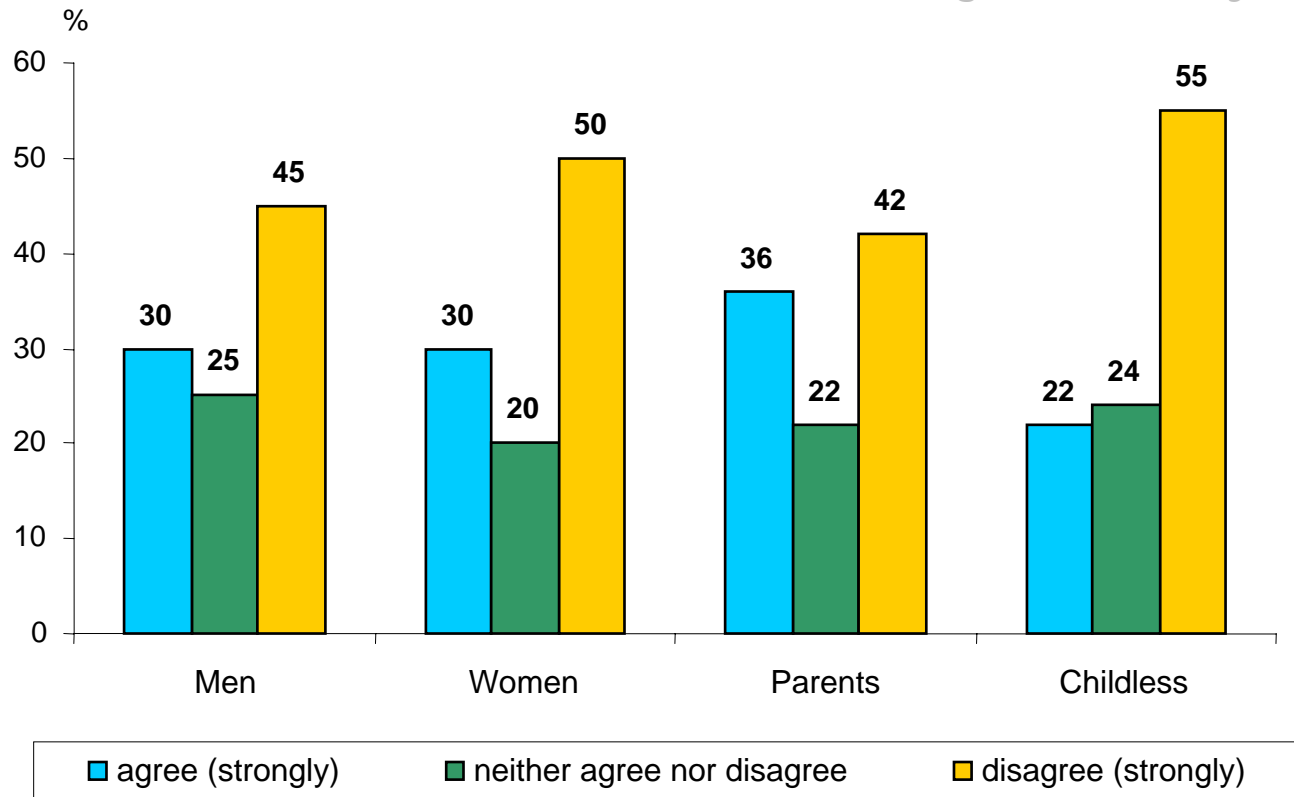
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# Children don't really matter for a female life

Agreement with the statement „A woman has to have children in order to be fulfilled“

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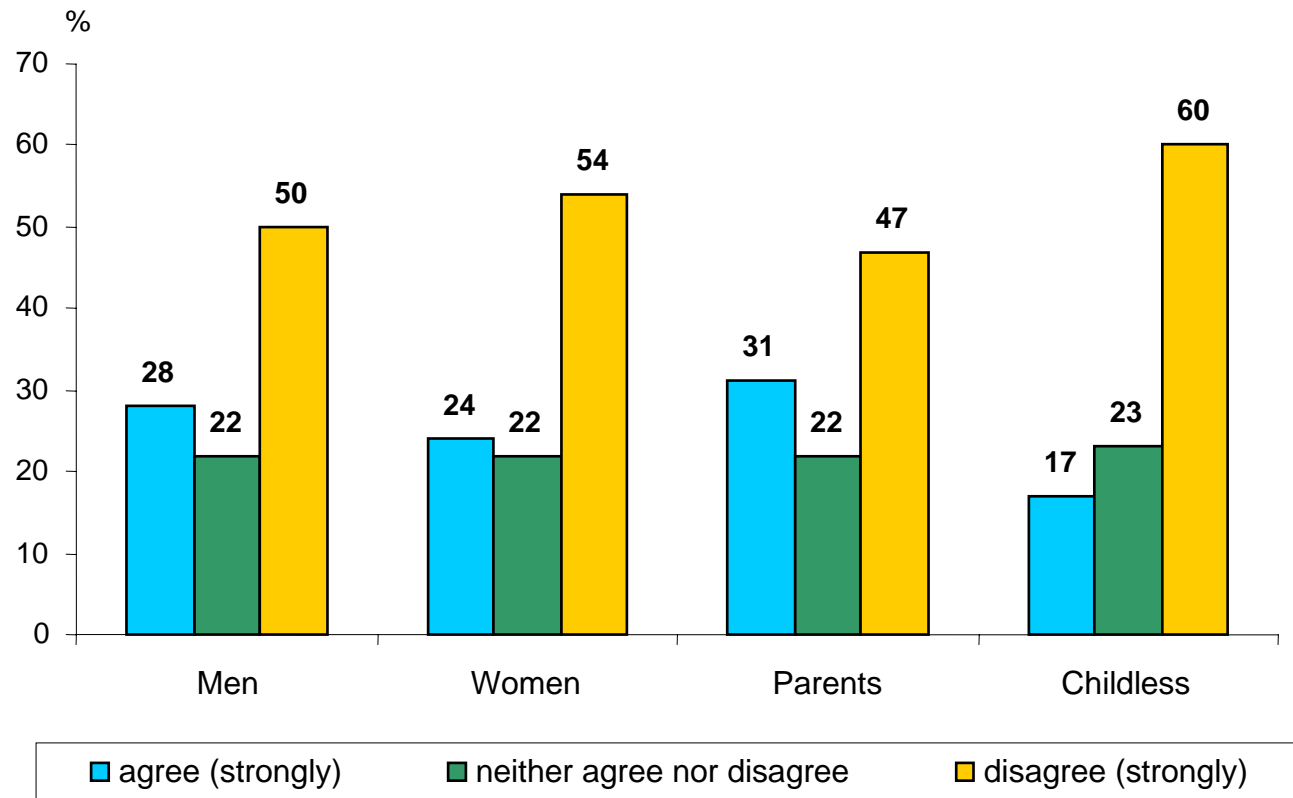


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# ... and for a male life neither

Agreement with the statement „A man has to have children in order to be fulfilled“

Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years

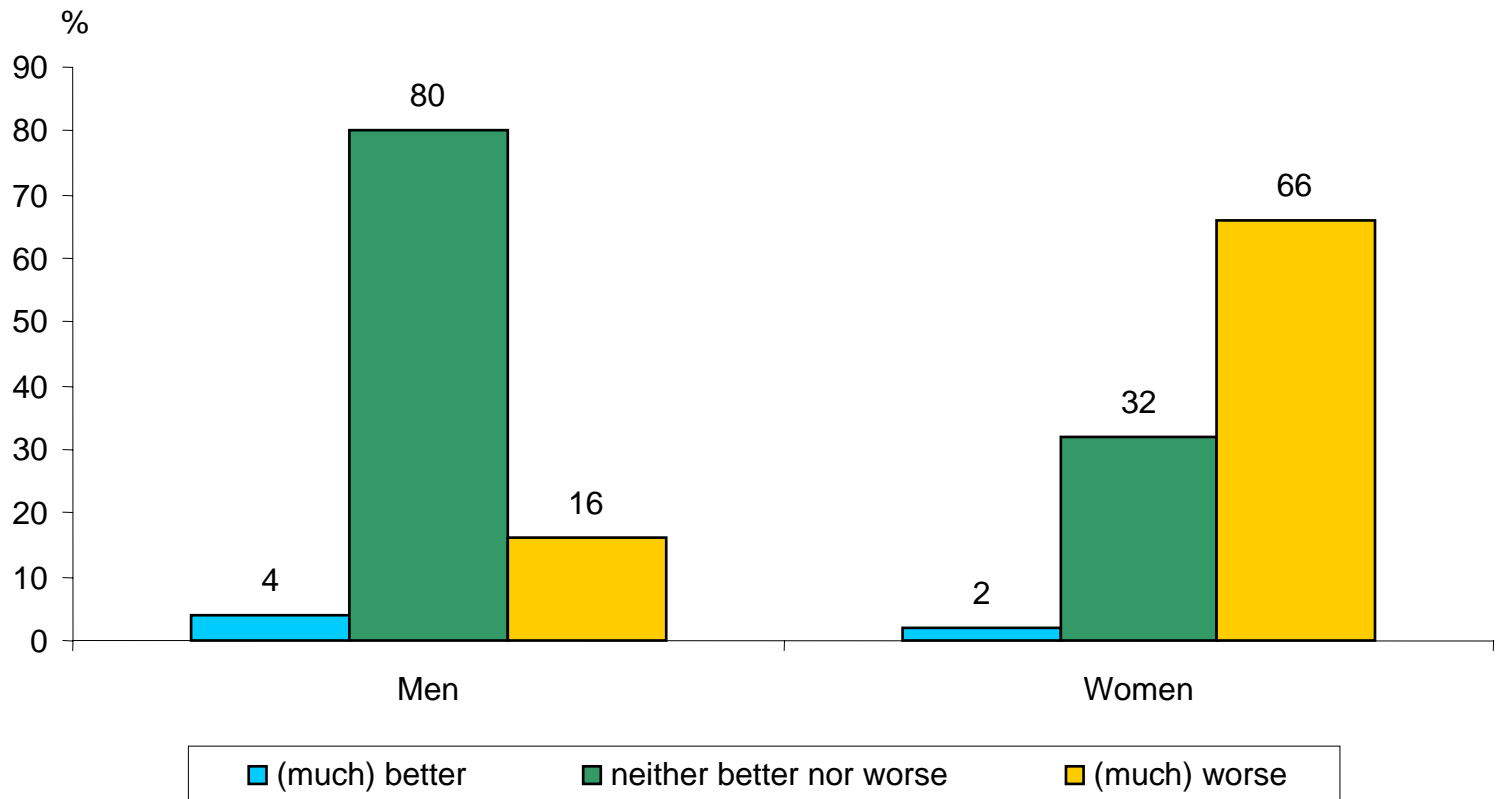


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# Women expect worse employment opportunities...

„If you were to have a/another child during the next three years, would it be better or worse for your employment opportunities?“

Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years living with a partner by gender

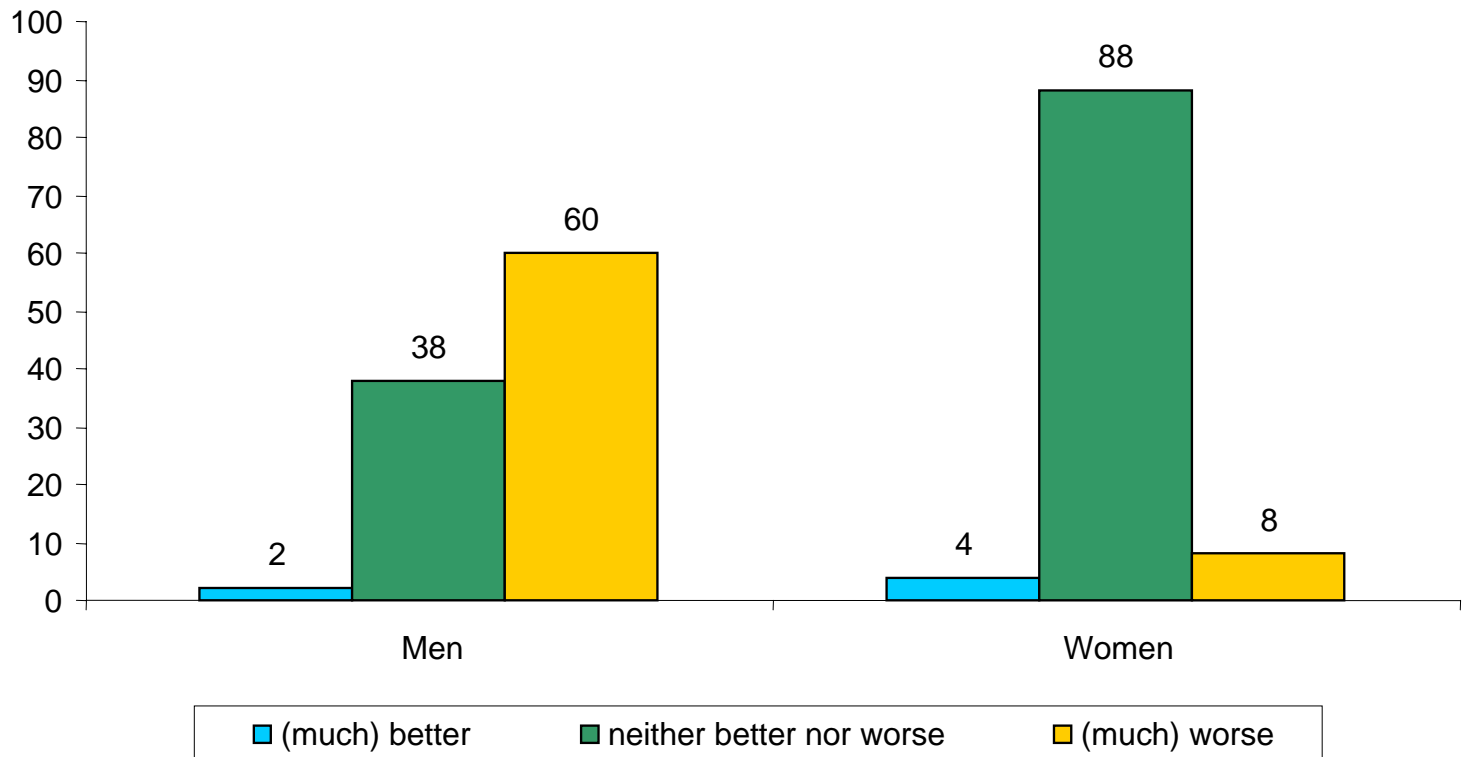


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# ... and men expect that for women as well

„If you were to have a/another child during the next three years, would it be better or worse for your partner's/spouse's employment opportunities?“

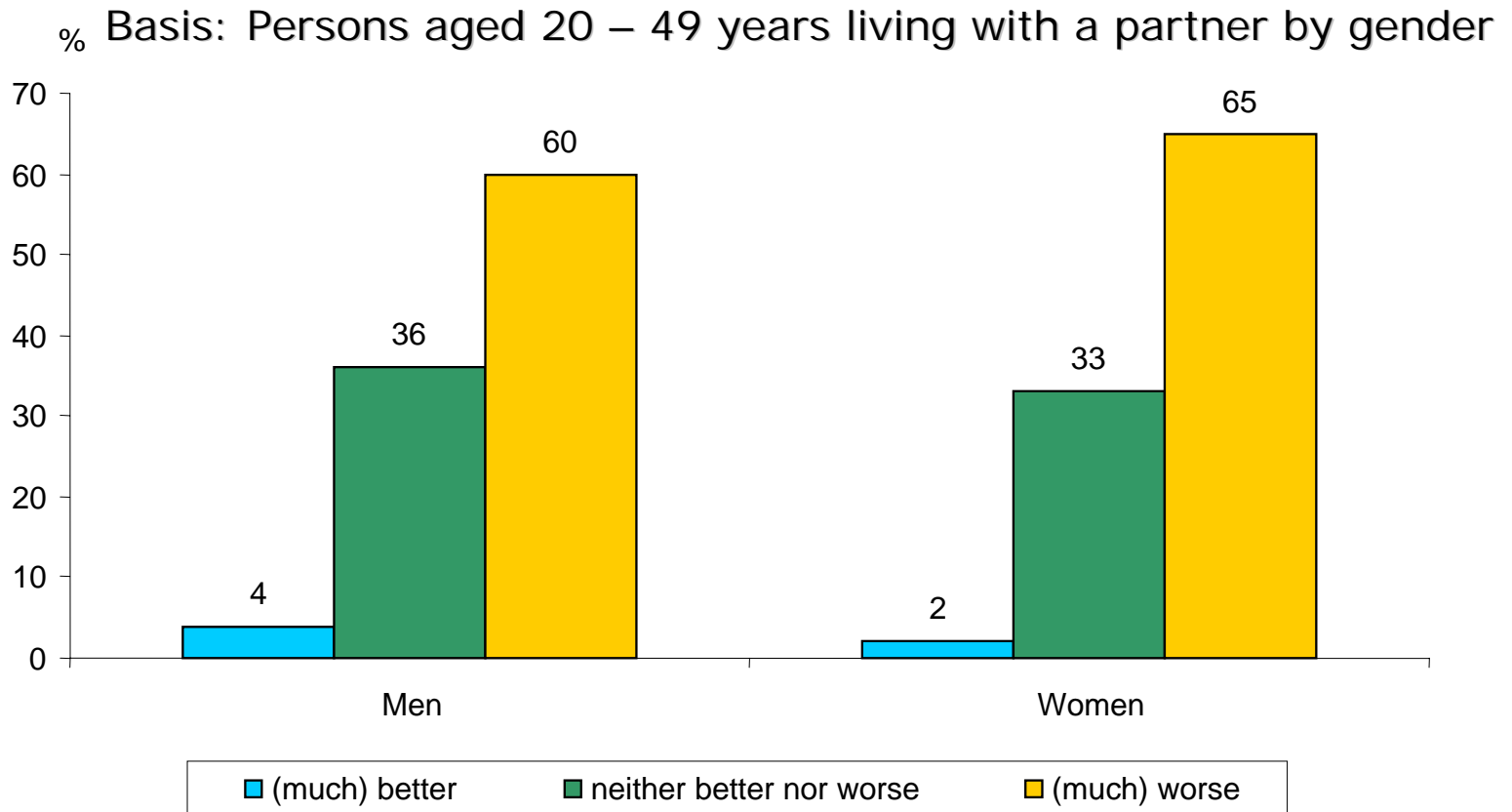
Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years living with a partner by gender  
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# (Potential) parents fear worse financial situation

„If you were to have a/another child during the next three years, would it be better or worse for your financial situation?“

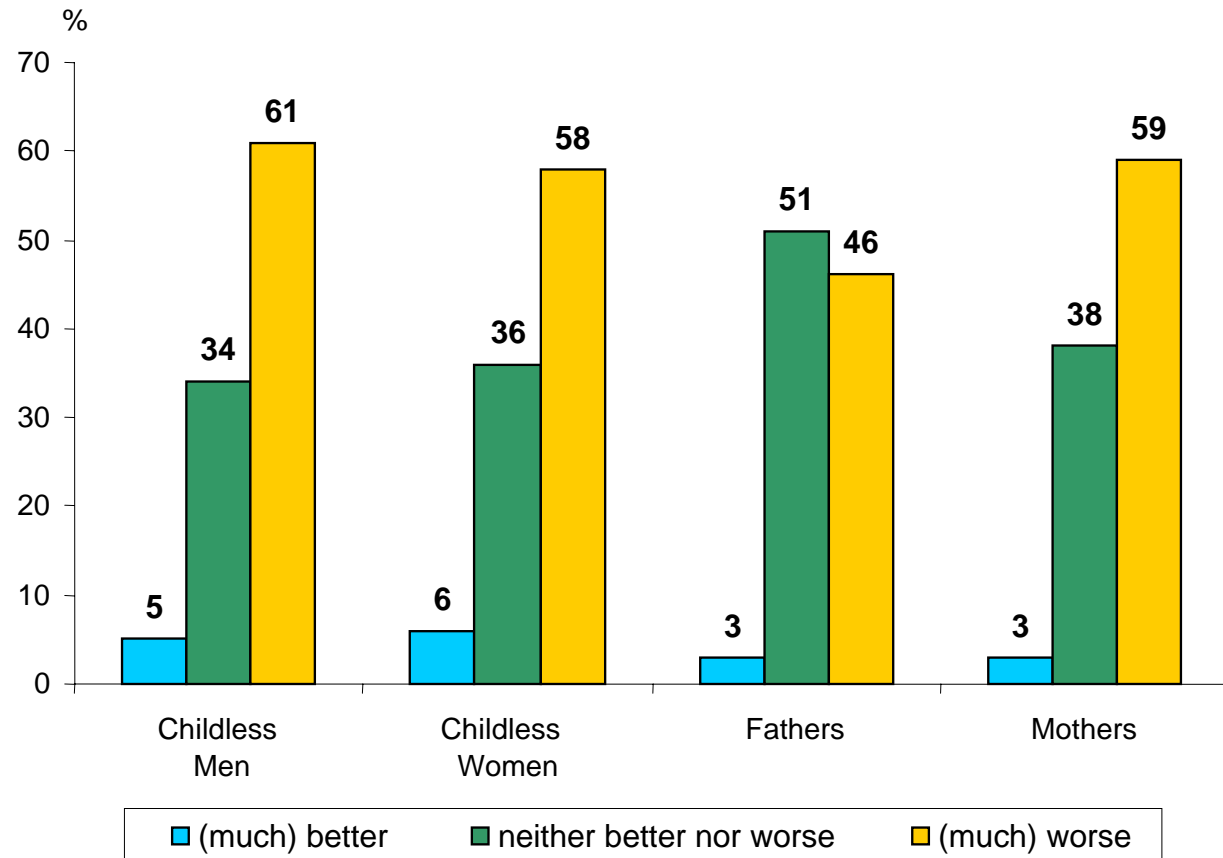


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# Children reduce free options

„If you were to have a/another child during the next three years, would it be better or worse for the possibility to do what you want?“

Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years living with a partner, by gender and parity

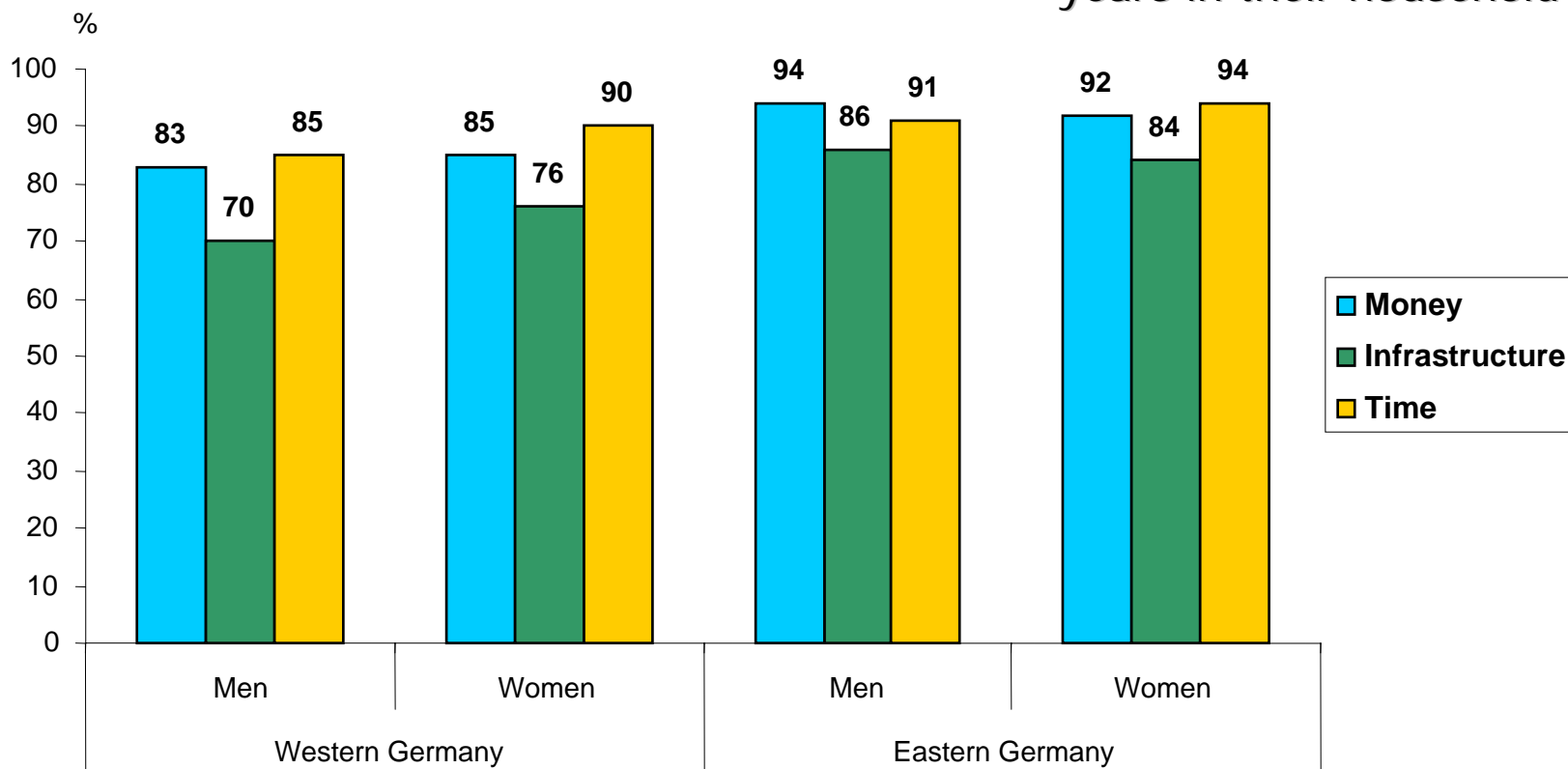


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# More money and better time options very important

Agreement (important and very important) to composite family political measures, men and women in eastern and western Germany

Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years with at least one child under 14 years in their household

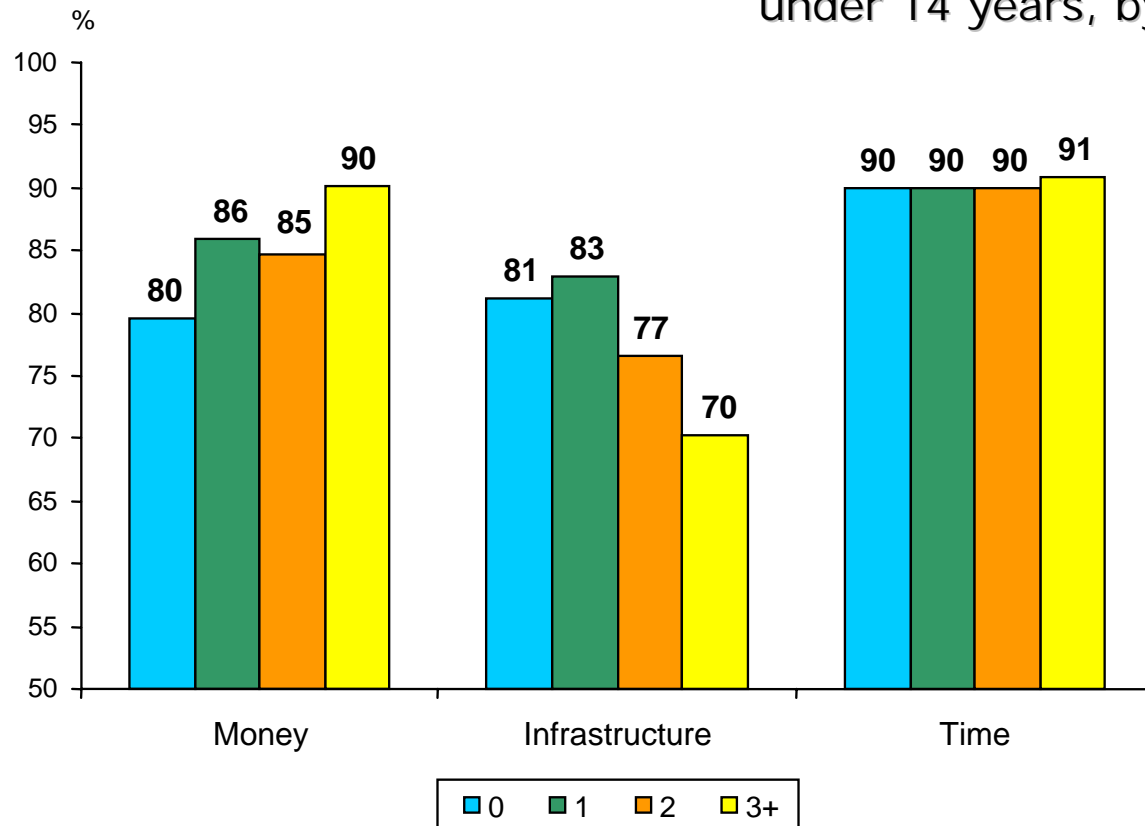


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# Large families rather need money, small rather infrastructure

Agreement (important and very important) to composite family political measures by number of children

Basis: Women aged 20 - 49 years, childless resp. with children under 14 years, by parity



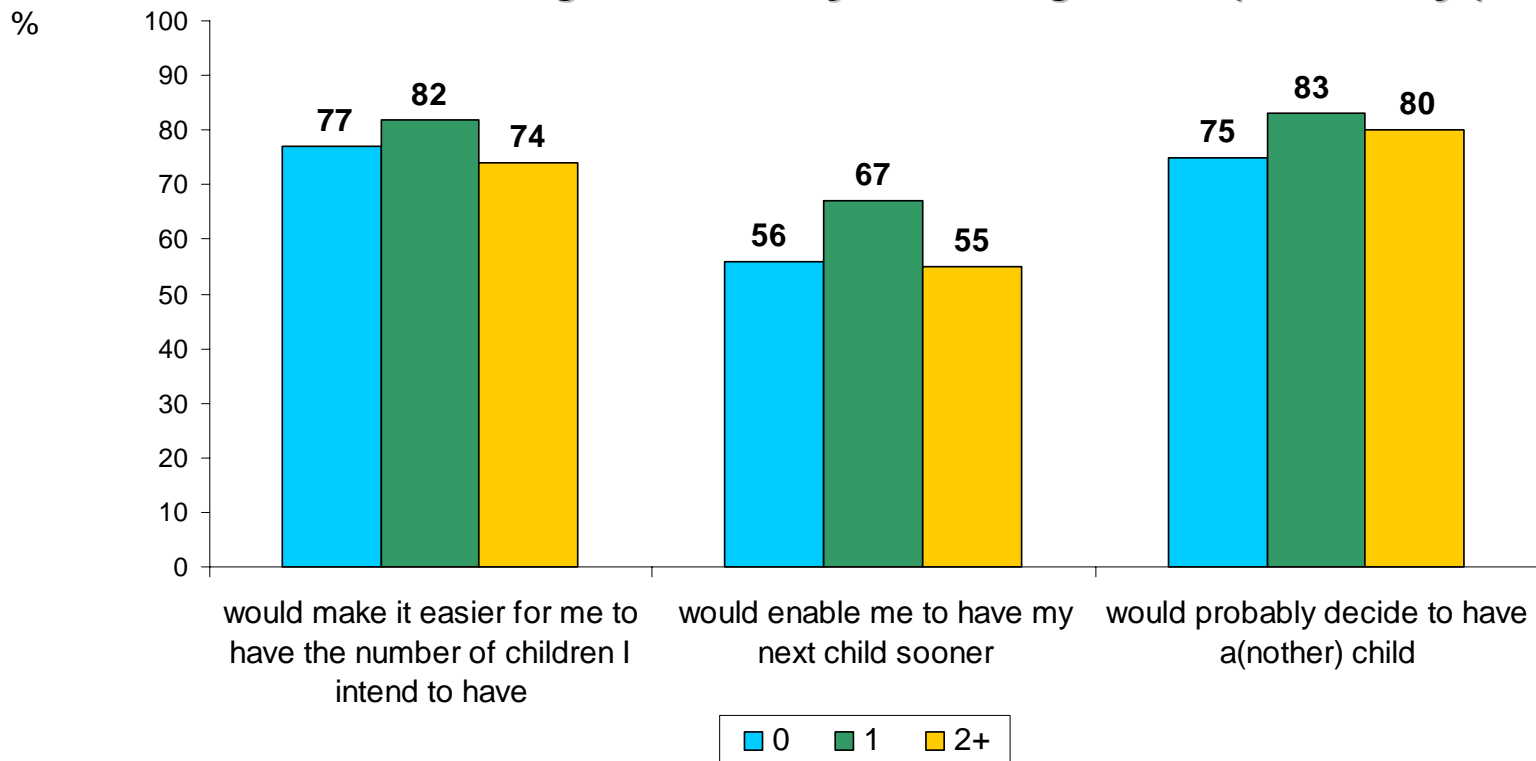
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# Improved family policy particularly attractive for 1-child-families

Agreement (important and very important) to Q:  
„If your preferred family political measures were introduced which would be the consequences for your own life?“

Basis: Persons aged 20 – 49 years living with a partner by parity

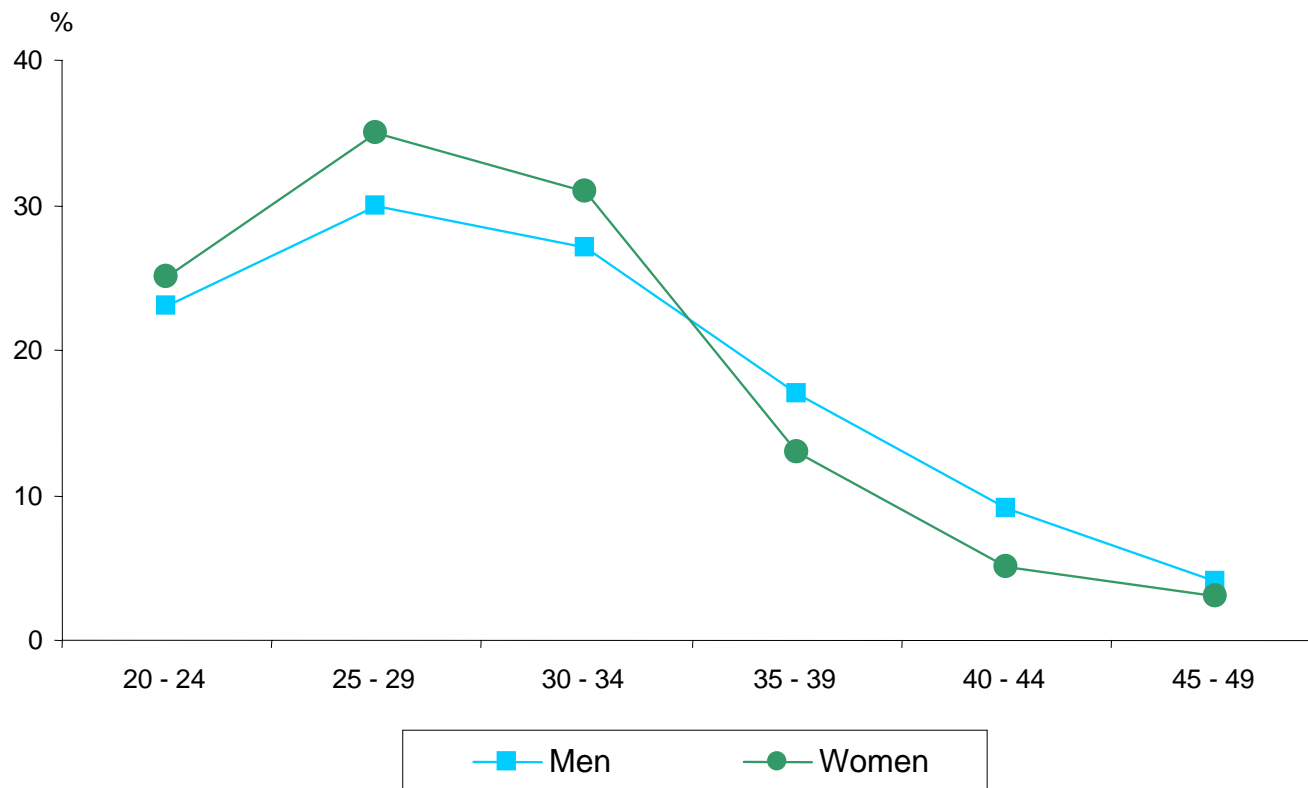


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# Considering to have a child by age

Answering „yes“ to question: „During the last three months, did you seriously consider having a/another child?“

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