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# Gender-specific differences in attitudes towards diversity and in experience of discrimination

## Survey on diversity and coexistence in Switzerland Project and findings

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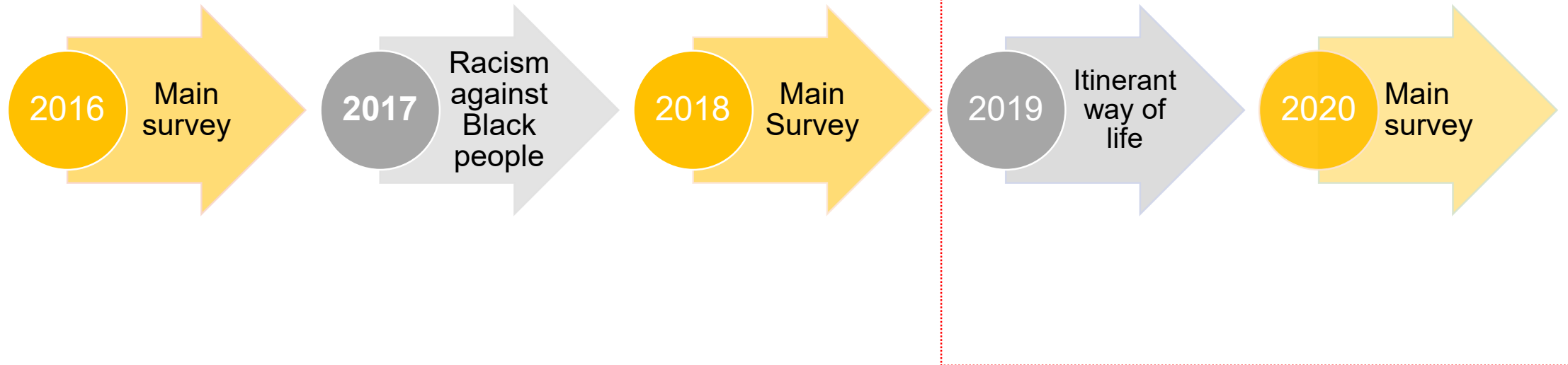


## The project

- monitoring of racist attitudes in Switzerland
- at the Swiss Federal Statistical Office since 2015
- requested by policy makers (Federal Council)
- in collaboration with the Service for Combating Racism
- in collaboration with the State Secretariat for Migration



# The project





## Context



- migratory flows
- diversity, variety of backgrounds
- coexistence
- ethnic, cultural and religious differences
- openness vs. closure
- trust vs. fears
- integration vs. rejection



## Goals

- measuring of racist attitudes in Switzerland (monitoring)
- provide information on the opinions and perceptions of the population
- allow for early diagnosis of tensions or areas of conflict
- identify the groups that are victims of discrimination
- analyze the relation between attitudes and various other factors
- contribute to improve existing policies (integration, fight against discrimination)



## Key concepts

racism (1)  
xenophobia (2)  
hostility towards Muslims (3)  
hostility towards Blacks (4)  
hostility towards Jews (anti-Semitism) (5)

+ various  
explanatory  
factors (12)



## Questionnaire

contact  
household composition

racism and attitudes towards foreigners  
policies on integration of migrants  
hostility and stereotypes towards Muslims  
hostility and stereotypes towards Blacks  
hostility and stereotypes towards Jews  
policies to fight against racism  
experience of discrimination

citizenship and migration  
religion and beliefs  
political affiliation  
education  
position on the labor market  
financial situation



## Sample

- representative survey
- 3,000 interviews
- permanent resident population
- private households
- from 15 to 88 years old

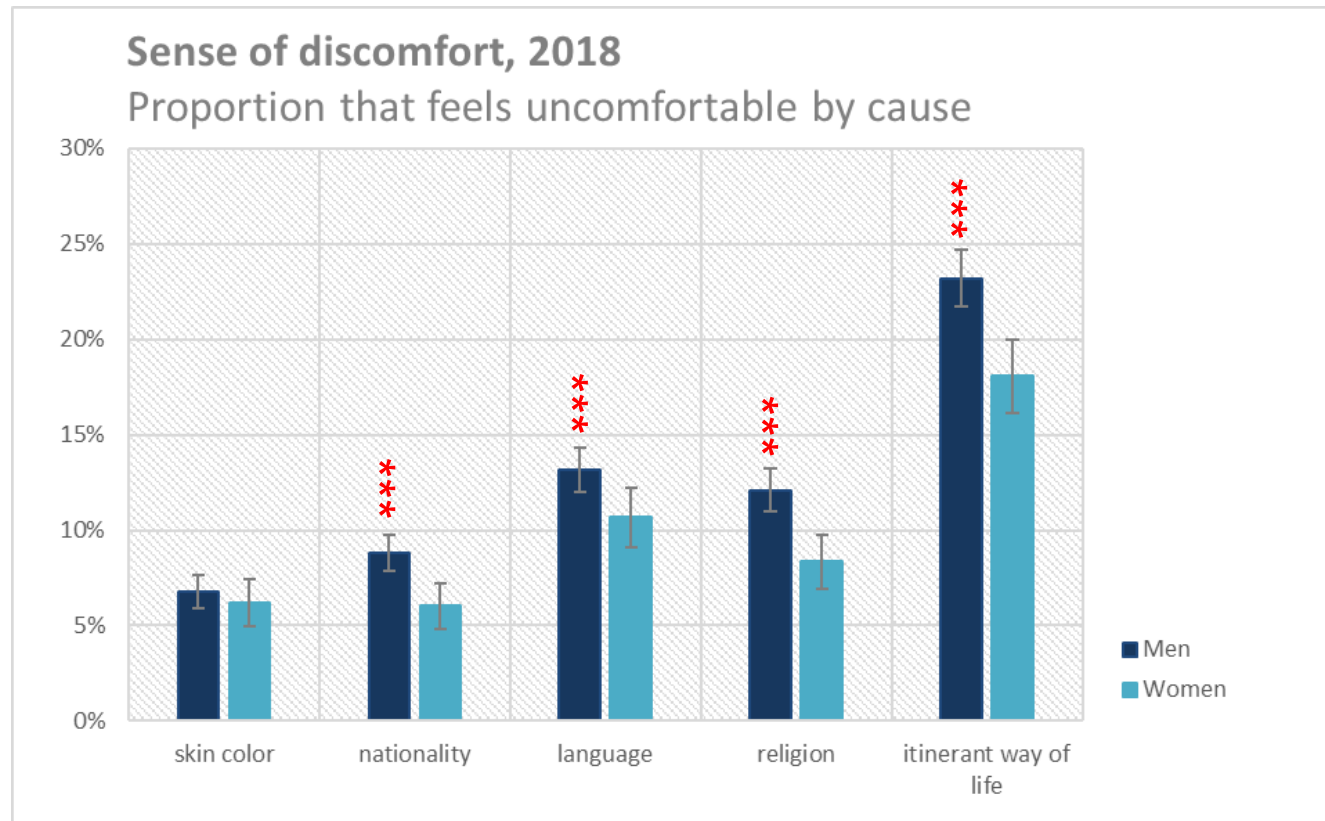
## Design

- data collection every year
- mixed-mode CAWI and CATI
- priority given to CAWI
- 3-month field phase
- standardized reminder system





# Findings

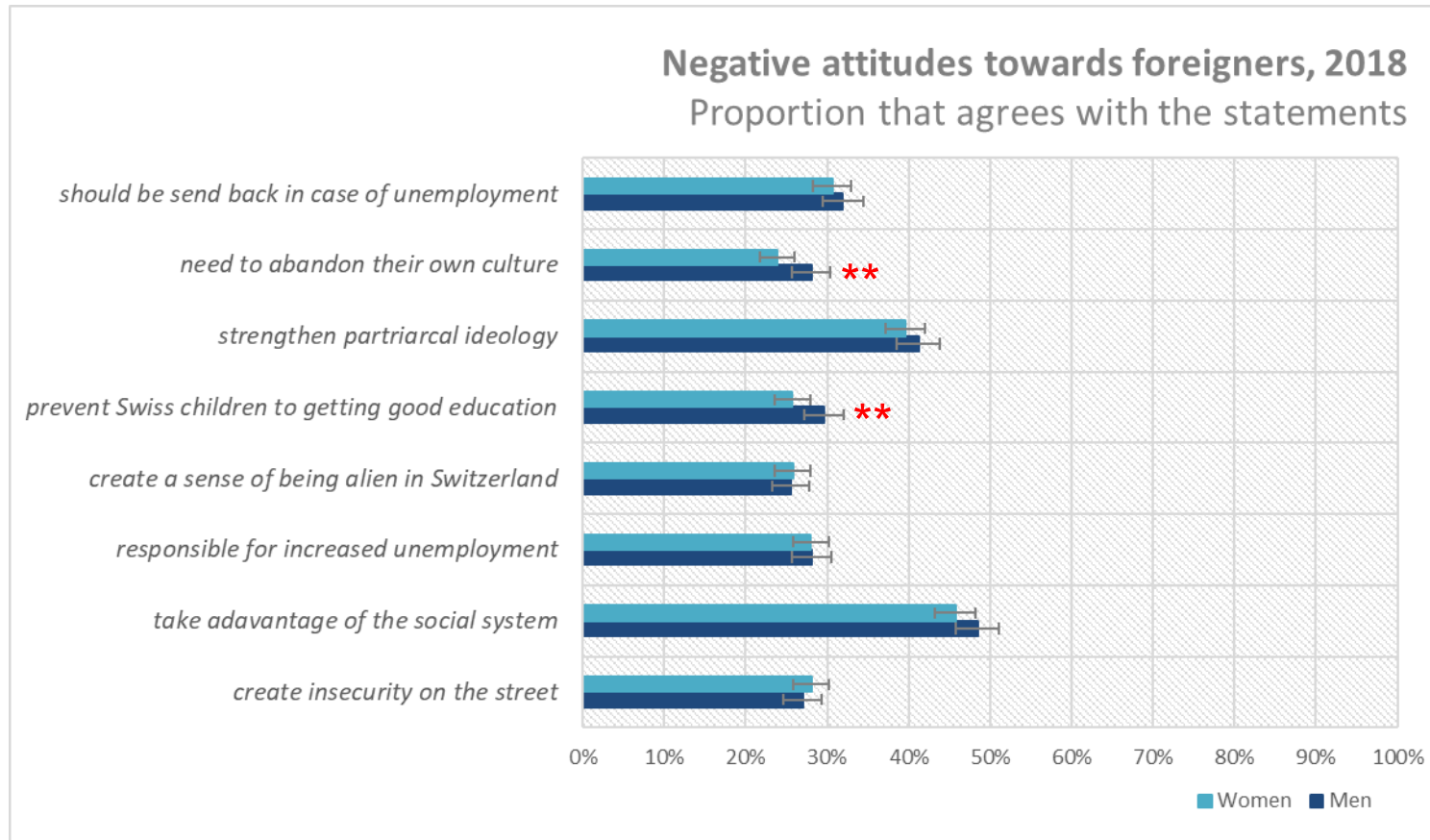


overall discomfort:  
33.4% for women and  
35.0% for men

greater at work for both women and men

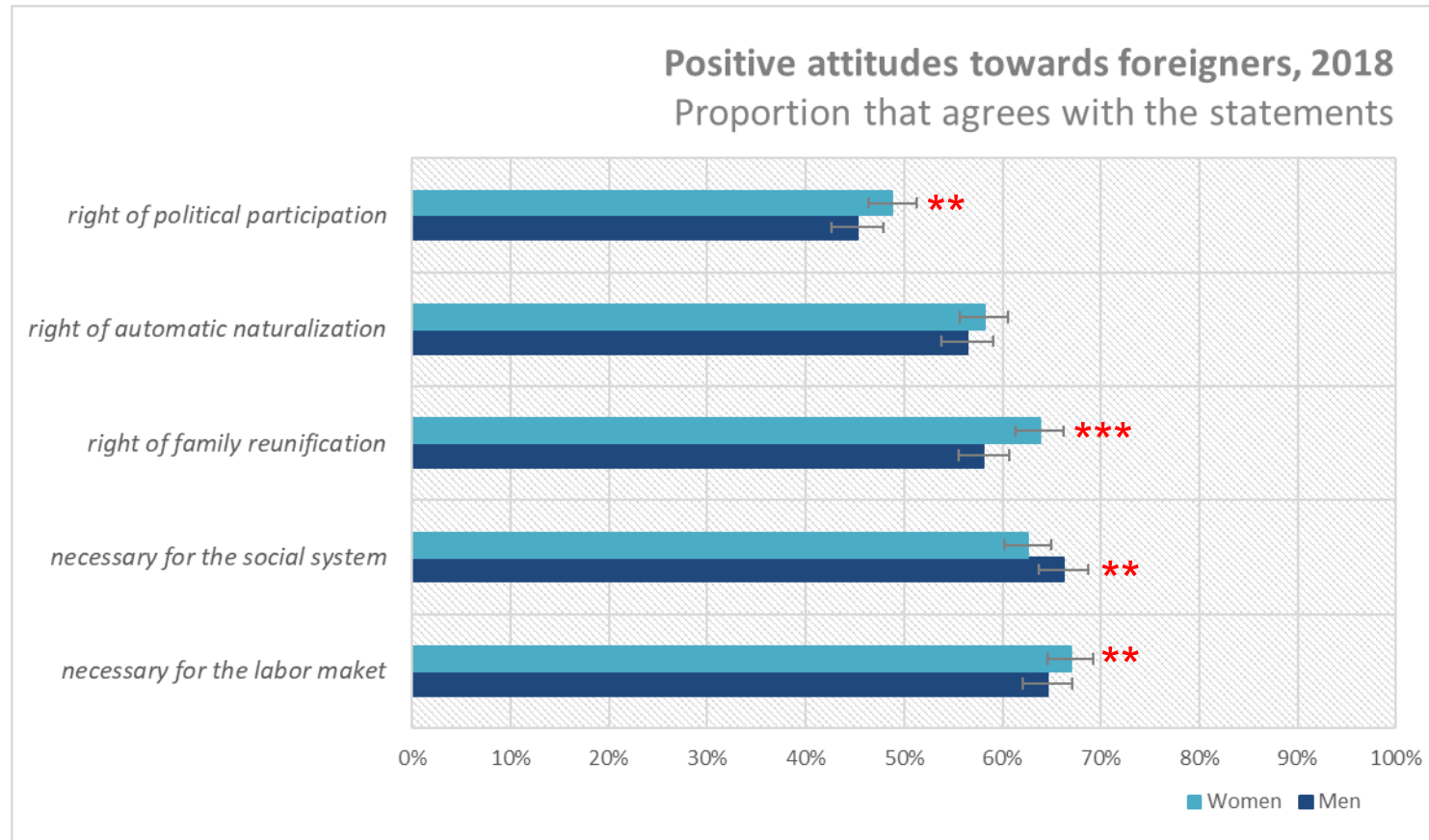


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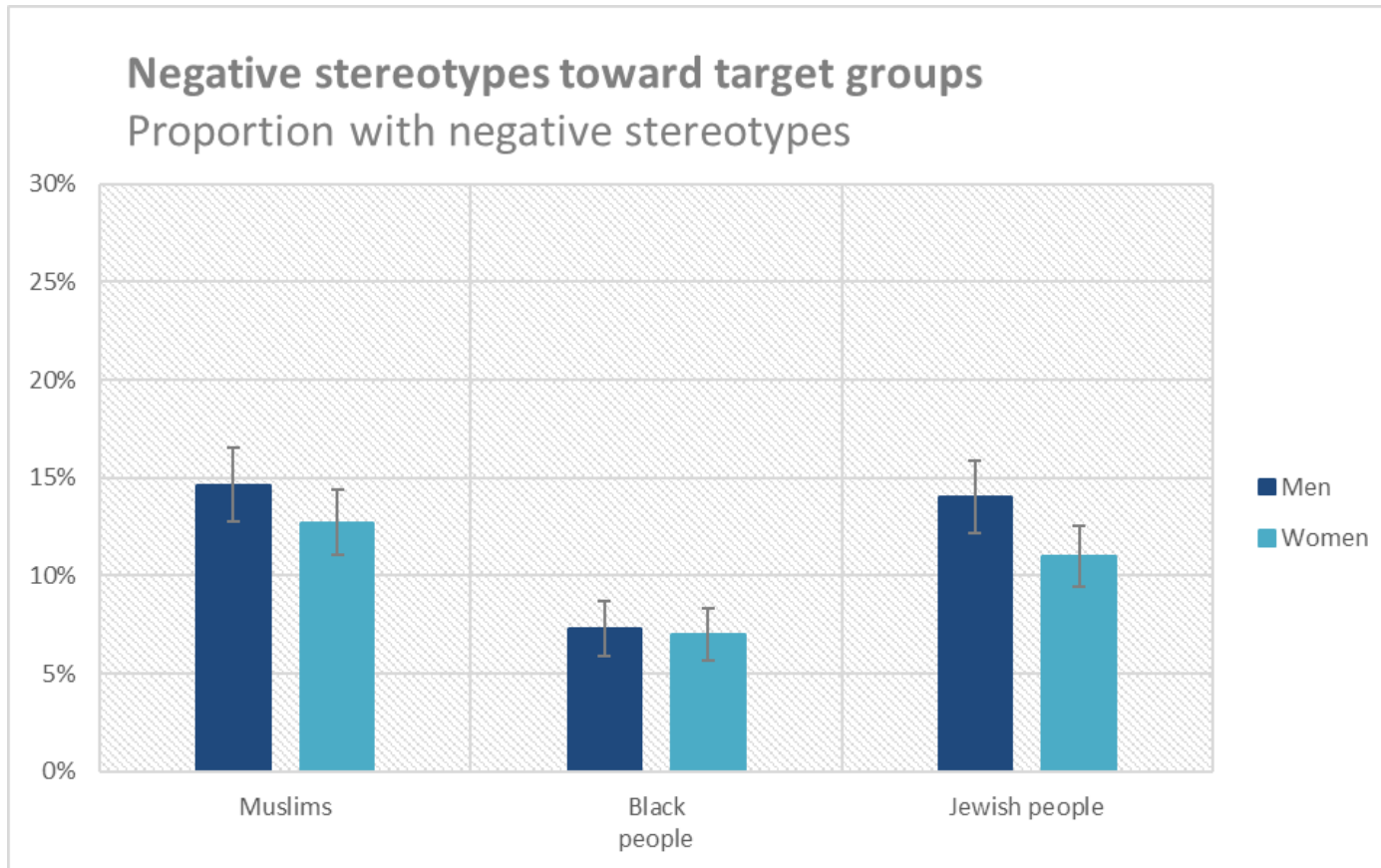


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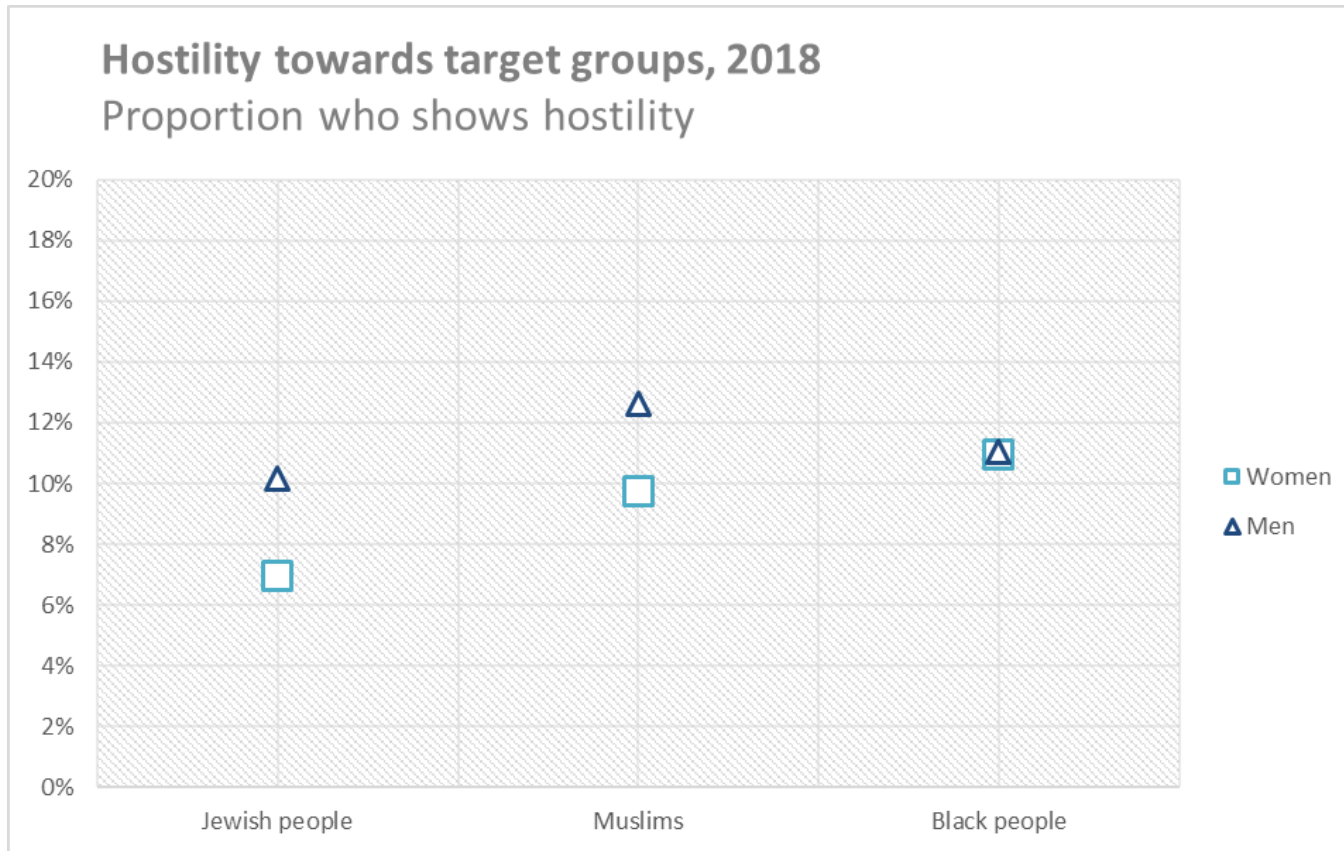


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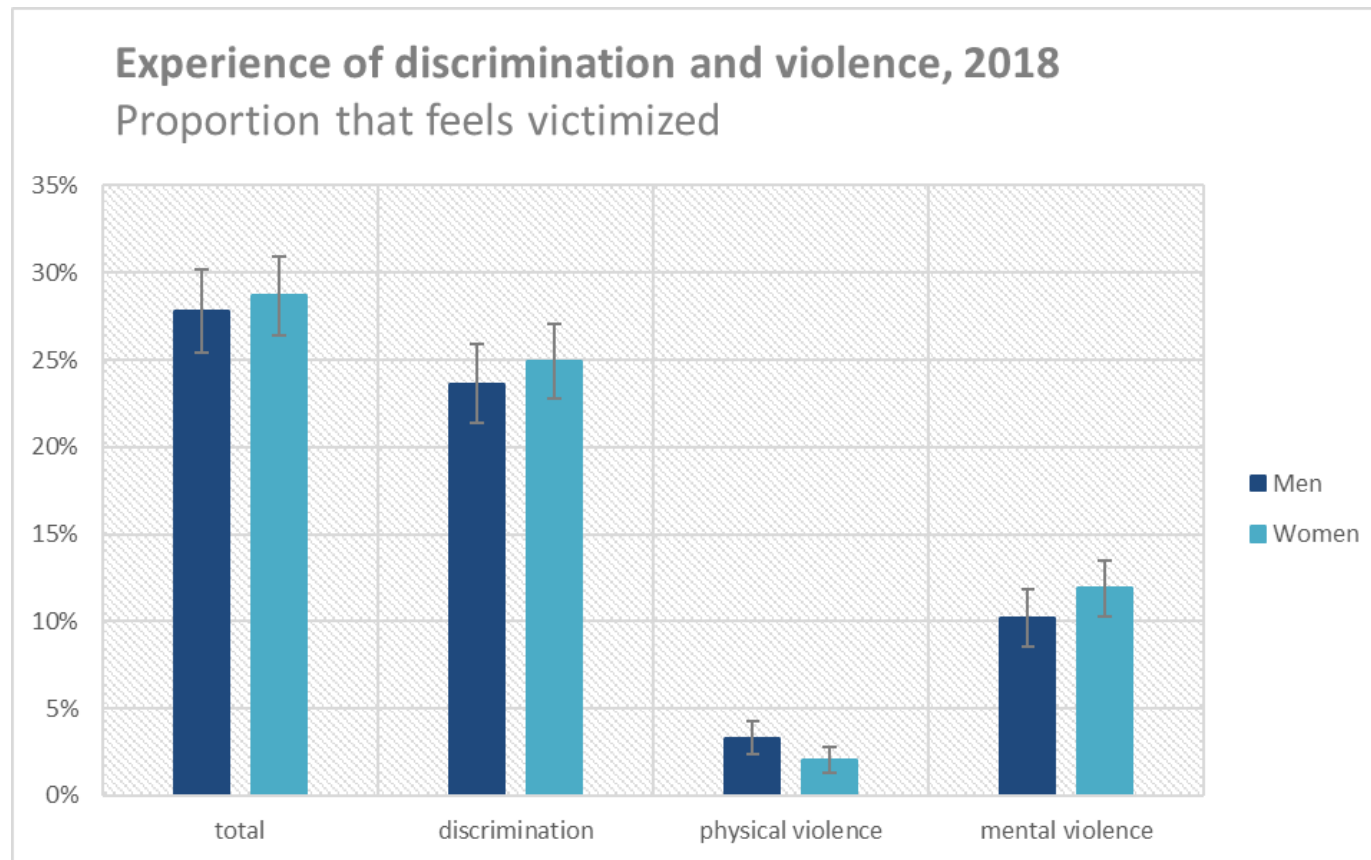


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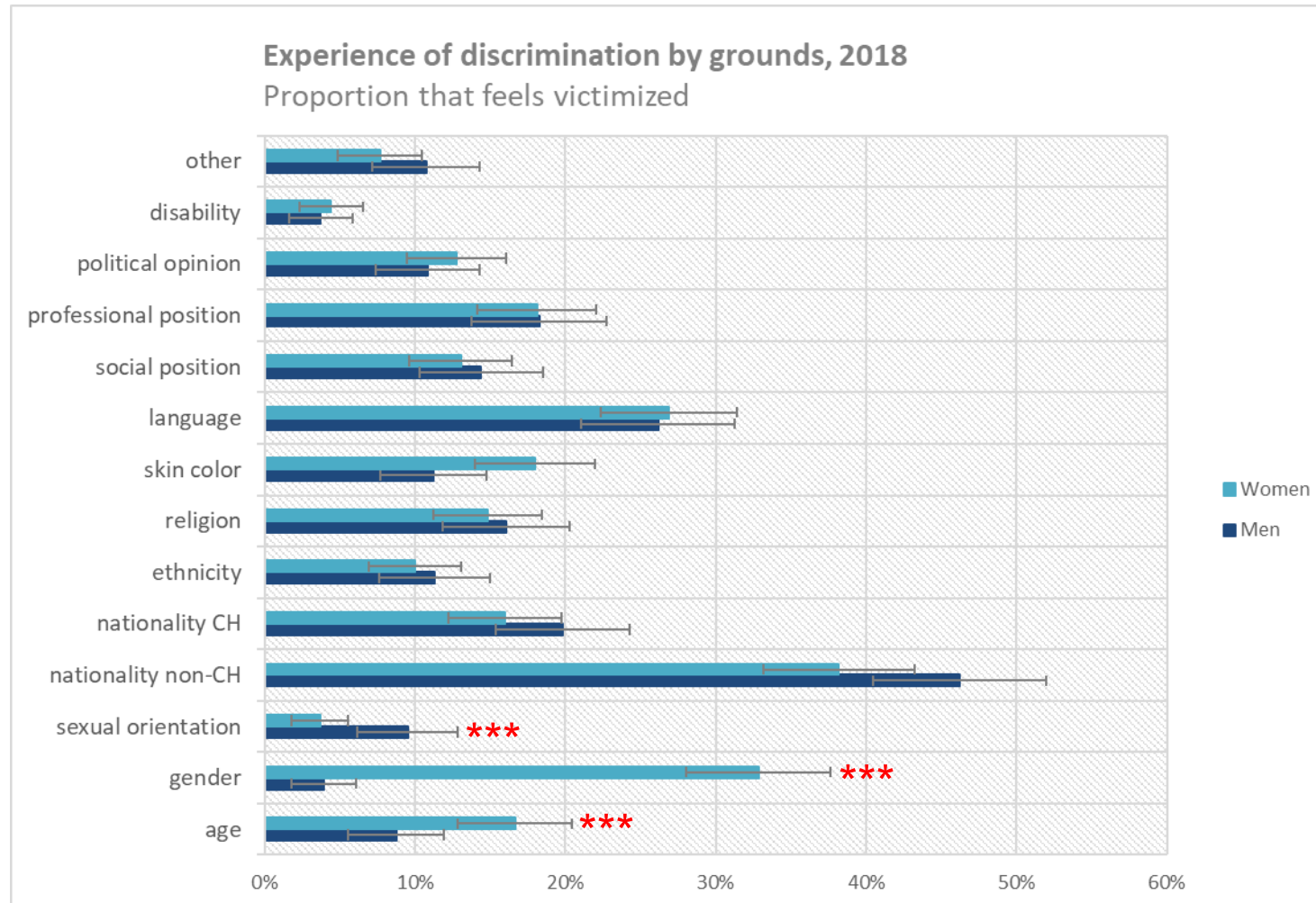
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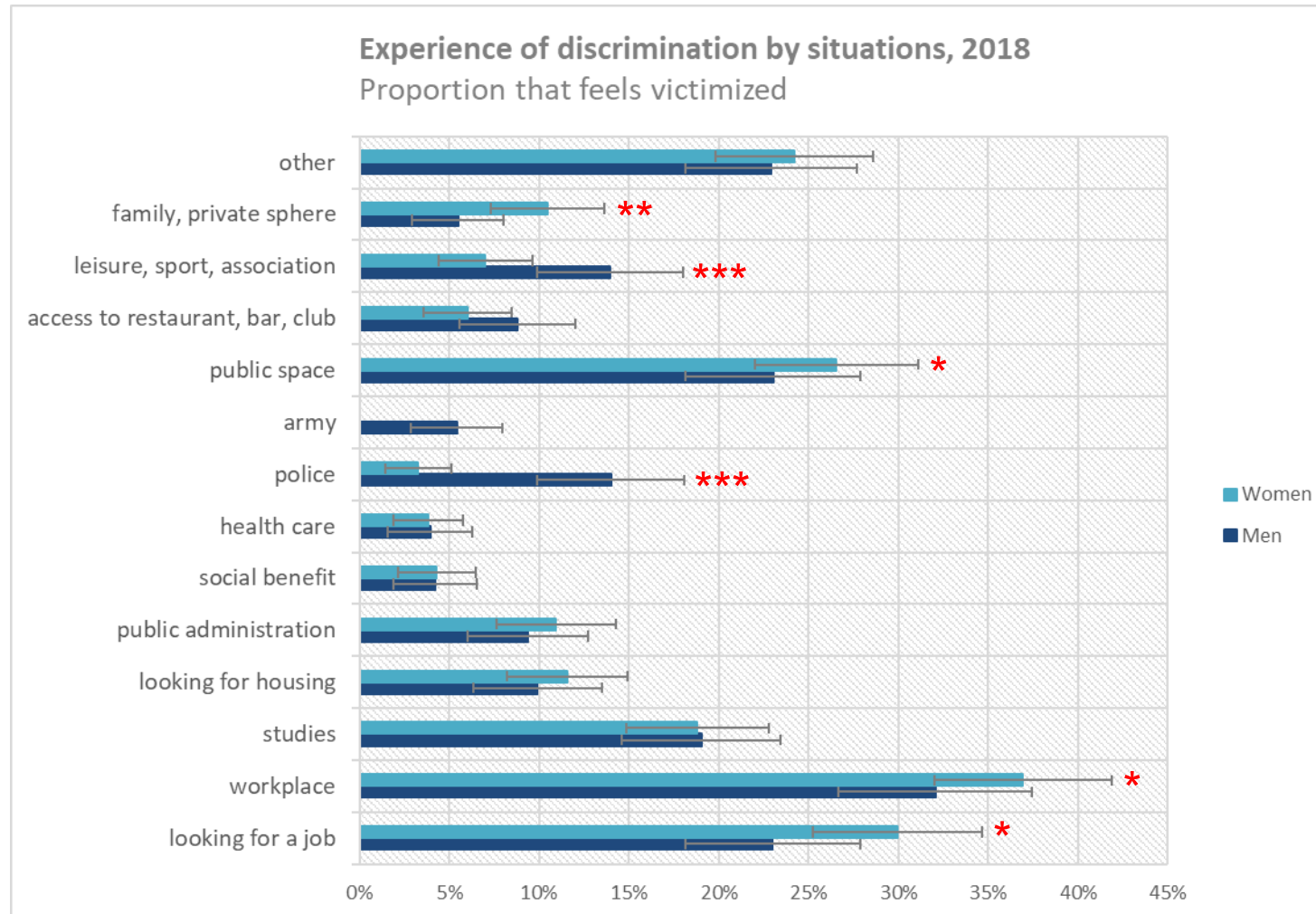


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## --- Conclusion



- attitudes towards diversity vary according to indicators
- a population between openness and closure
- tensions focus on specific groups or situations
- few differences in attitudes according to gender
- if differences occur: women tend to show more openness
- larger differences according to migration background



## Next steps



- survey 2019 about people with an itinerant way of life
- quality tests on the 2020 questionnaire
- launching of the 2020 main survey in September
- report by the Service for Combating Racism
- political analysis of FSO survey results
- upcoming indexes with new methodology



# Thank you for your attention.

More information about the survey and its results:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch>

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/population.html>

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Report of the Service for Combating Racism:

<https://www.edi.admin.ch/edi/fr/home/fachstellen/slr/actualite.html>

