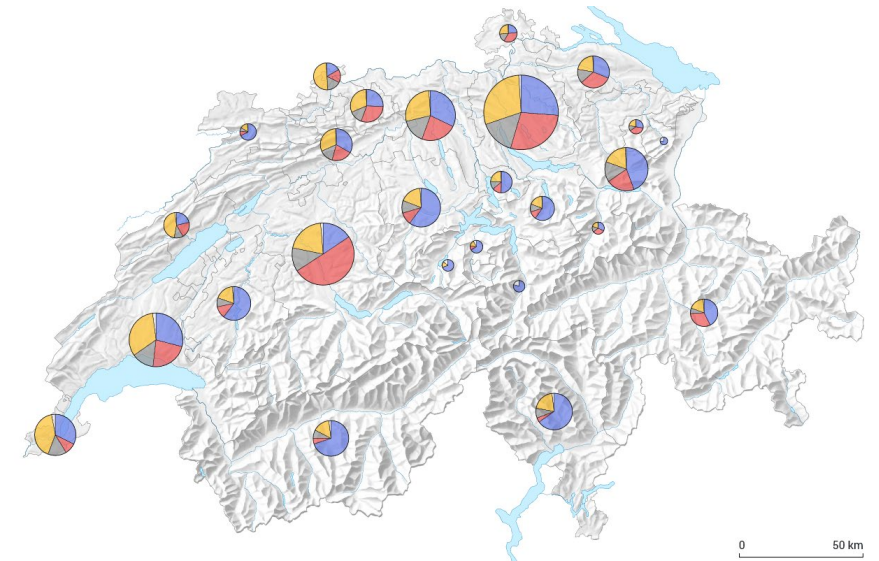




Religion, Spirituality and Gender in Switzerland



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Statistical sources on religion and spirituality at the FSO

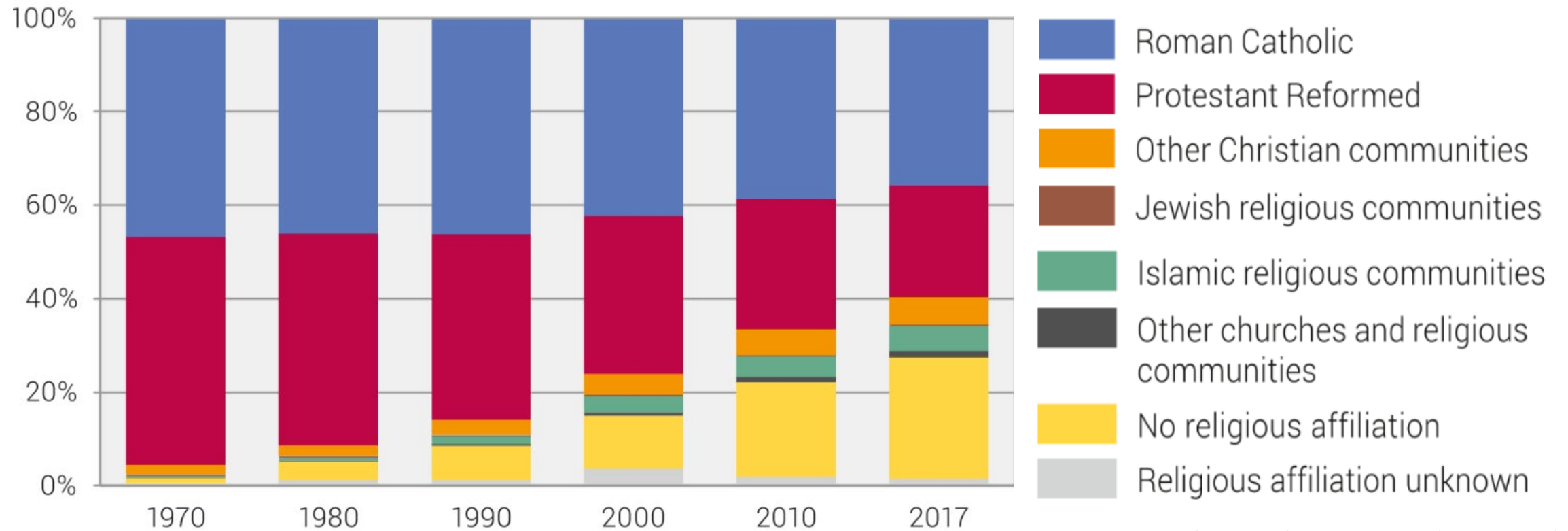
- Structural Survey: religious affiliation, sample > 200'000
- Language, Religion and Culture Survey: detailed questions on religion and spirituality, sample ca. 14'000
- Questions on religious affiliation and/or religiosity in other thematic surveys

- Issue of data protection: data on religion have a high degree of protection



Evolution of the religious landscape, 1970-2017

Permanent resident population 15 years and over

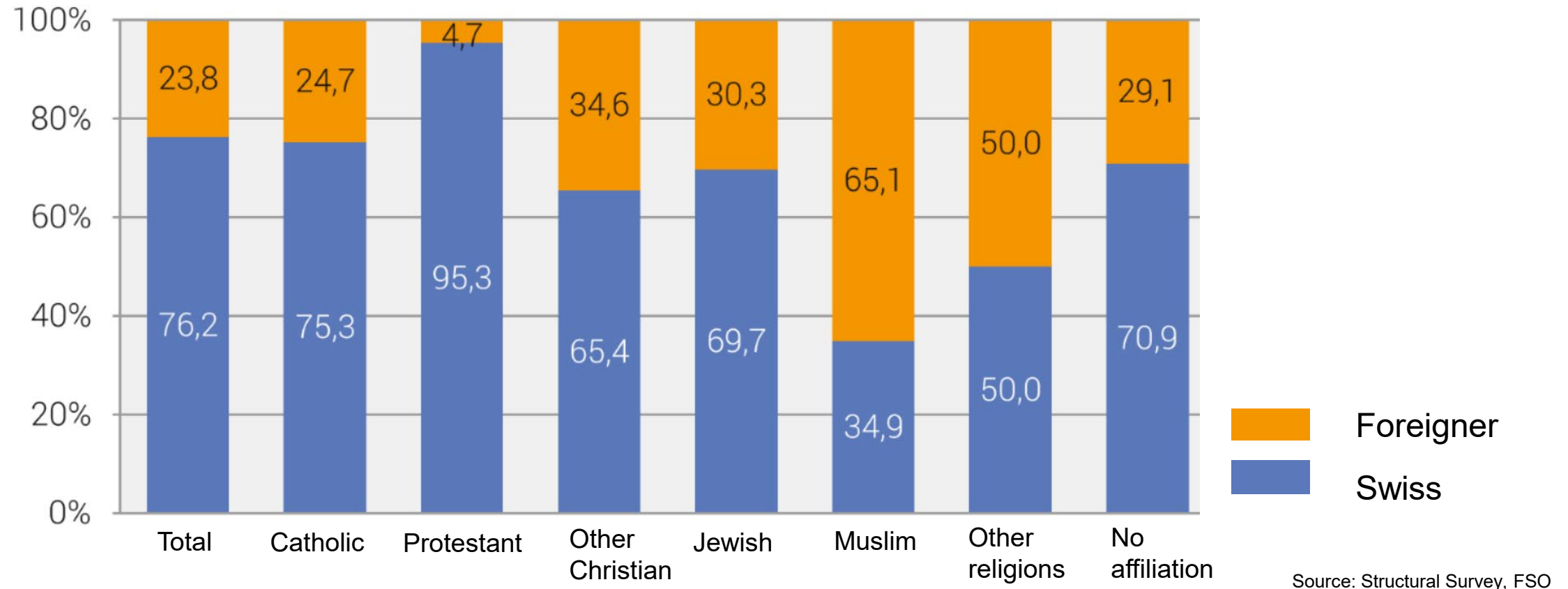


Sources: FSO – FPC (1970–2000), Structural Survey (SS, 2010–2017)



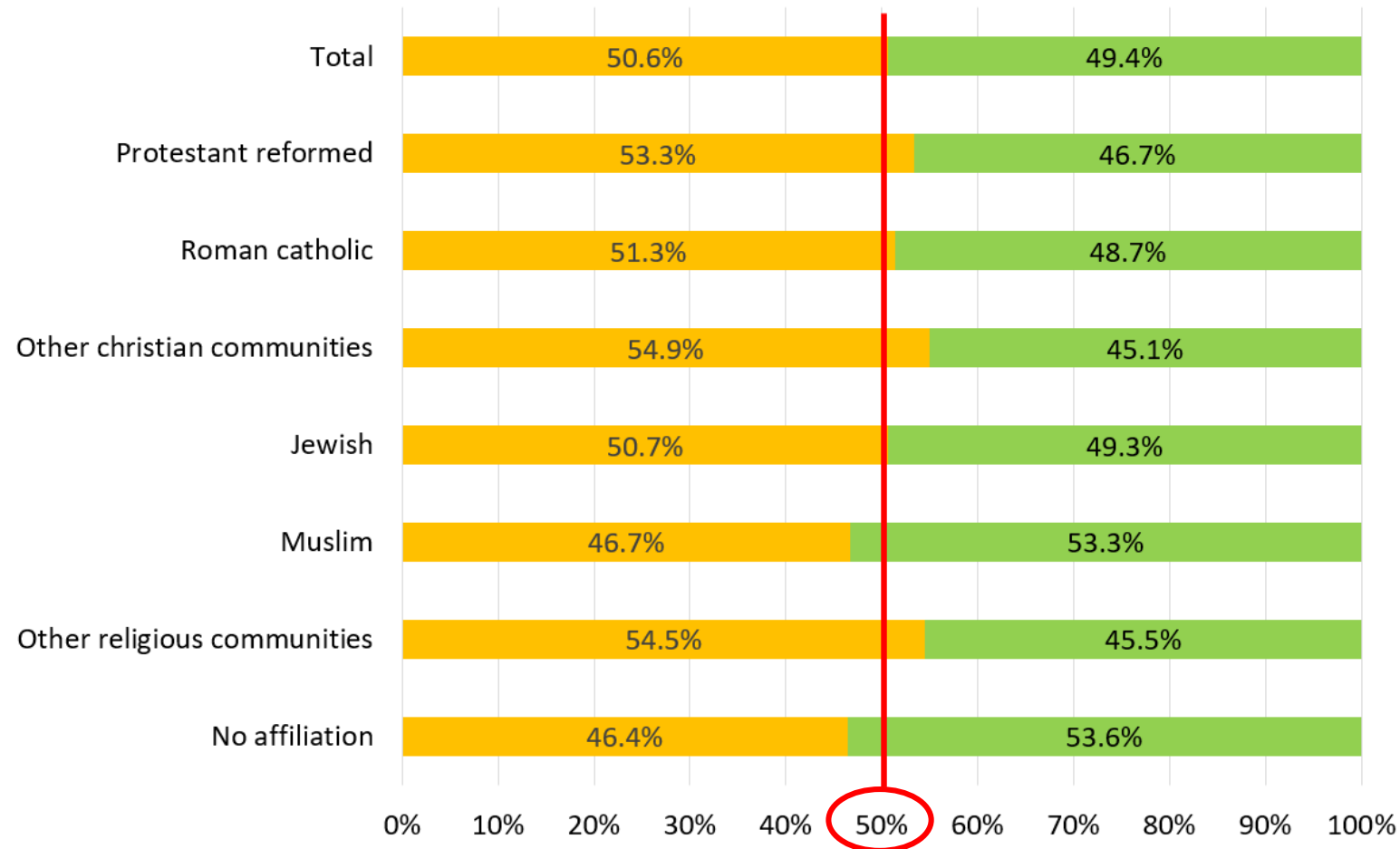
Religious affiliation by nationality

Permanent resident population 15 years and over, 2013-2017





Religious affiliation by gender, 2017

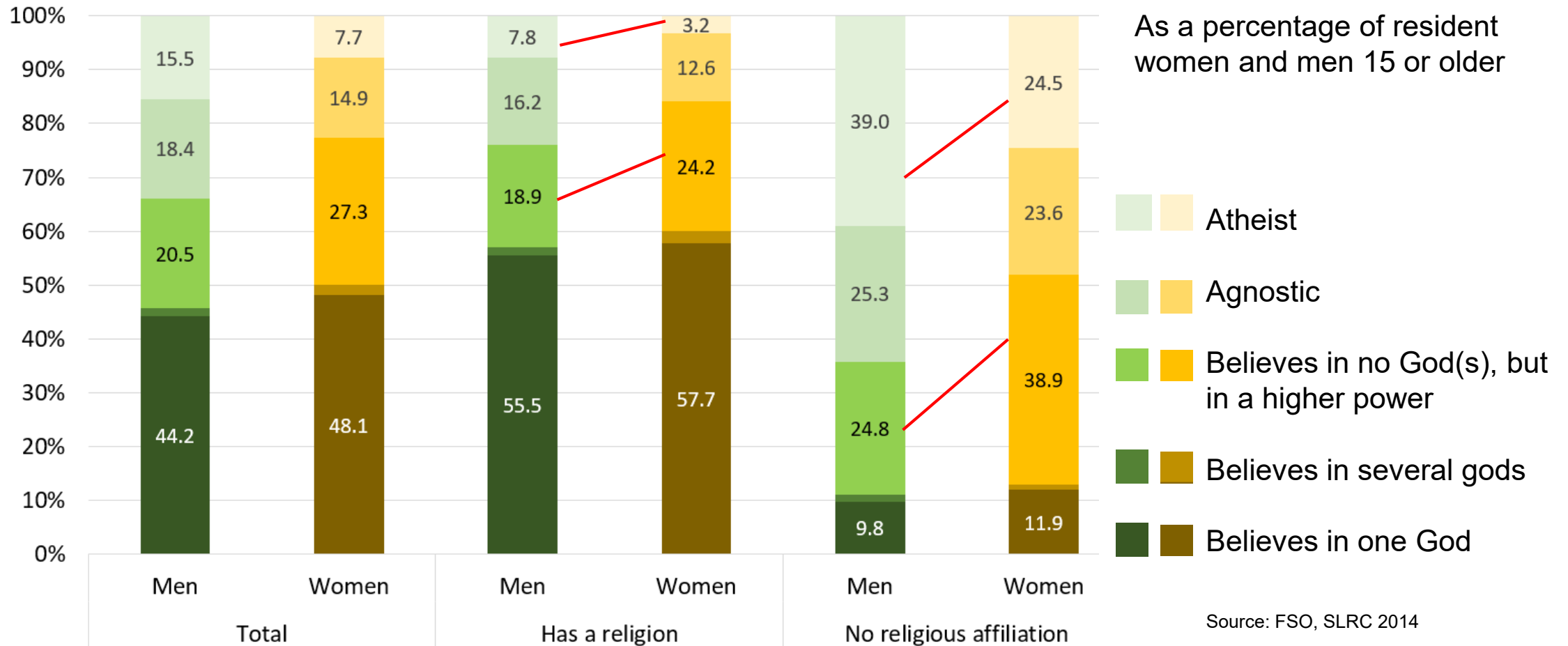


Women
Men

Source: Structural Survey, FSO

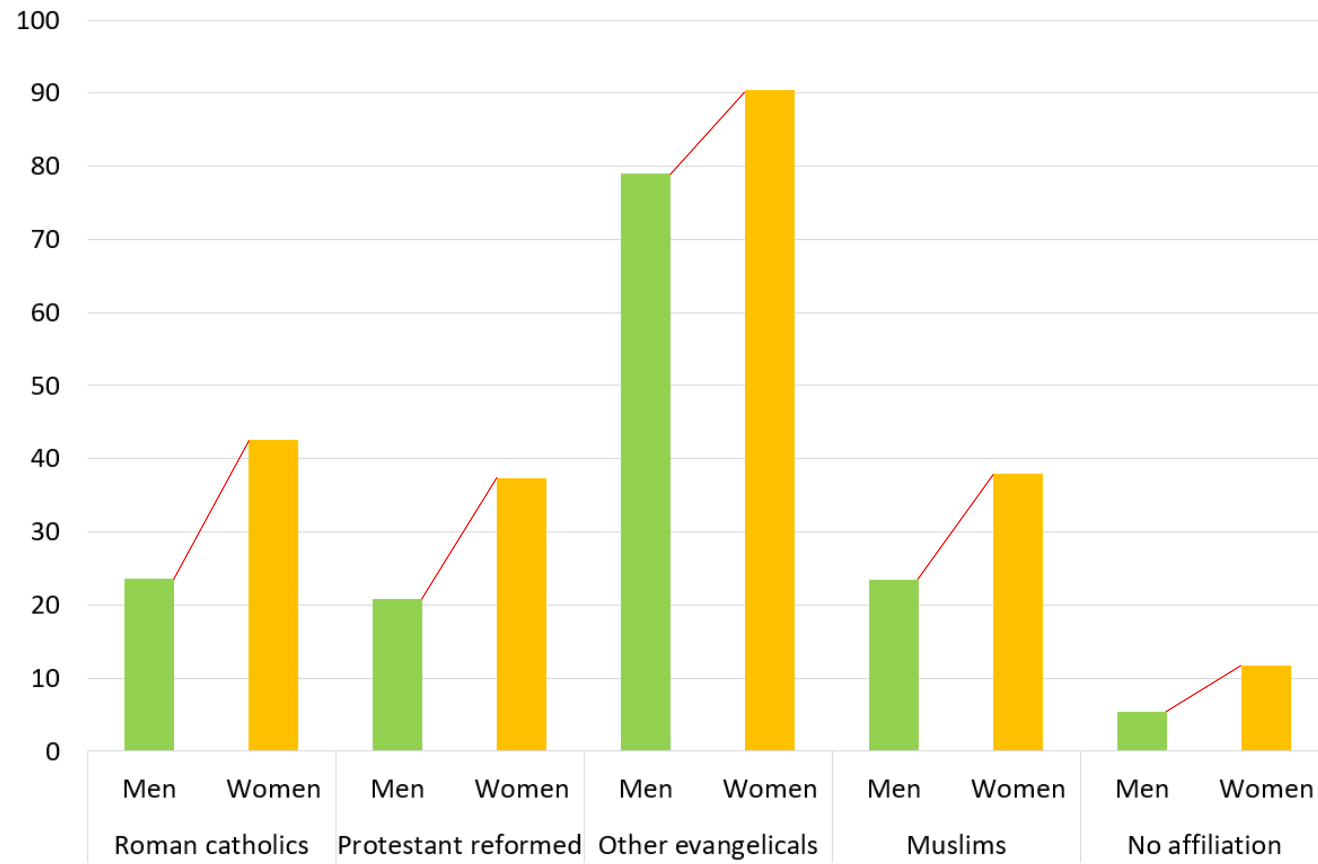


Belief in God(s) or in a higher power





Persons who have been praying at least almost every day in the last 12 months

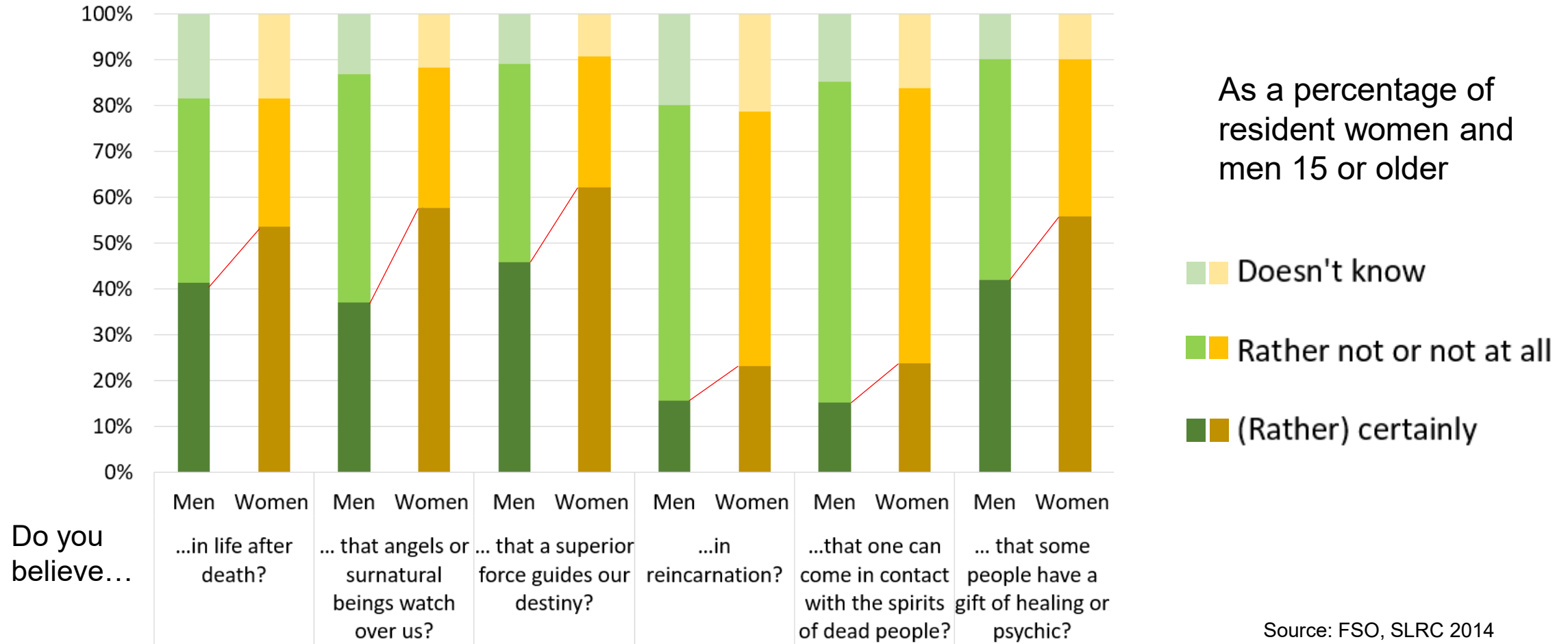


As a percentage of resident women and men 15 or older

Source: FSO, SLRC 2014



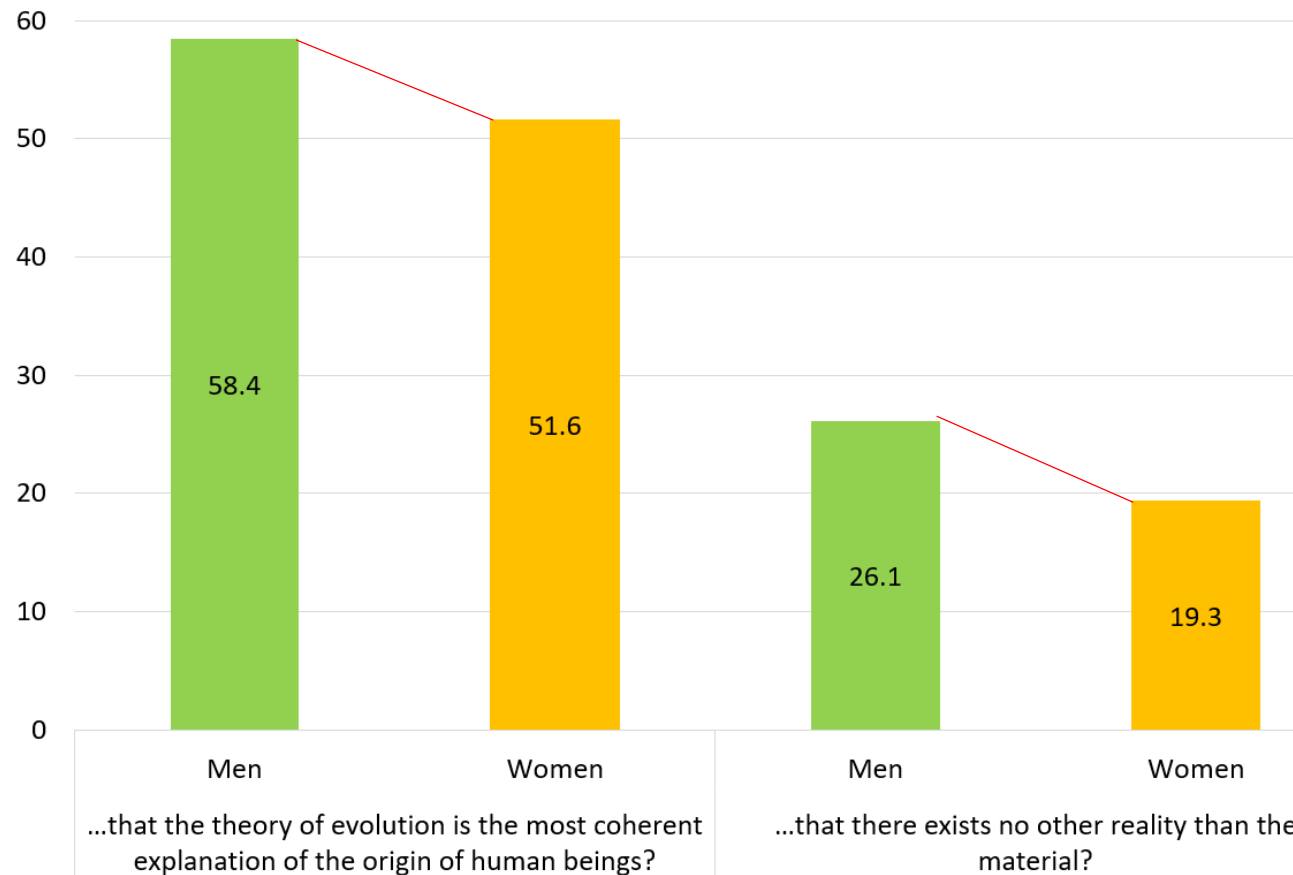
Metaphysical beliefs



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Scientific and materialistic beliefs: share of women and men who (rather) certainly believe ...

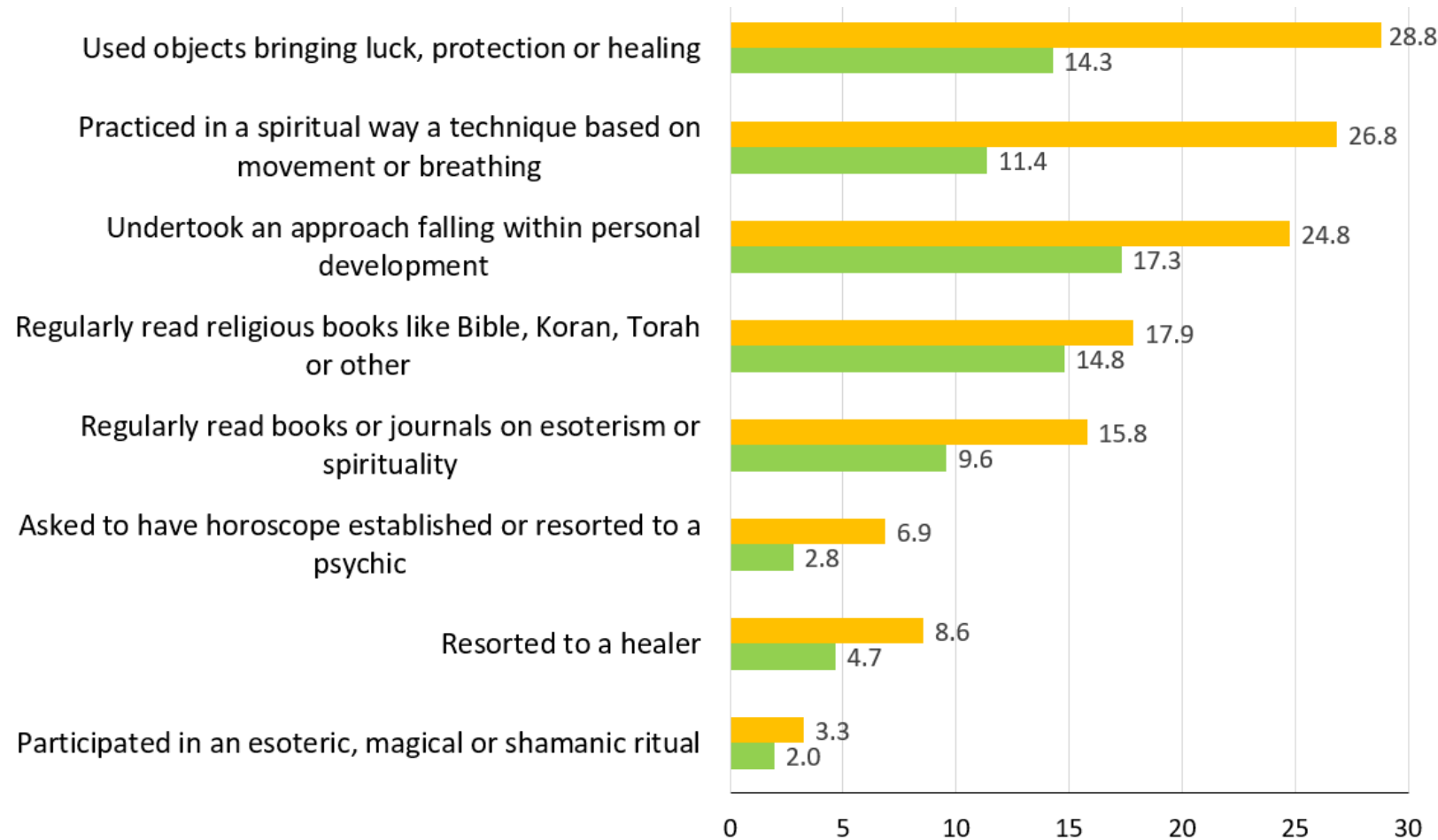


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Spiritual activities practiced in the last 12 months



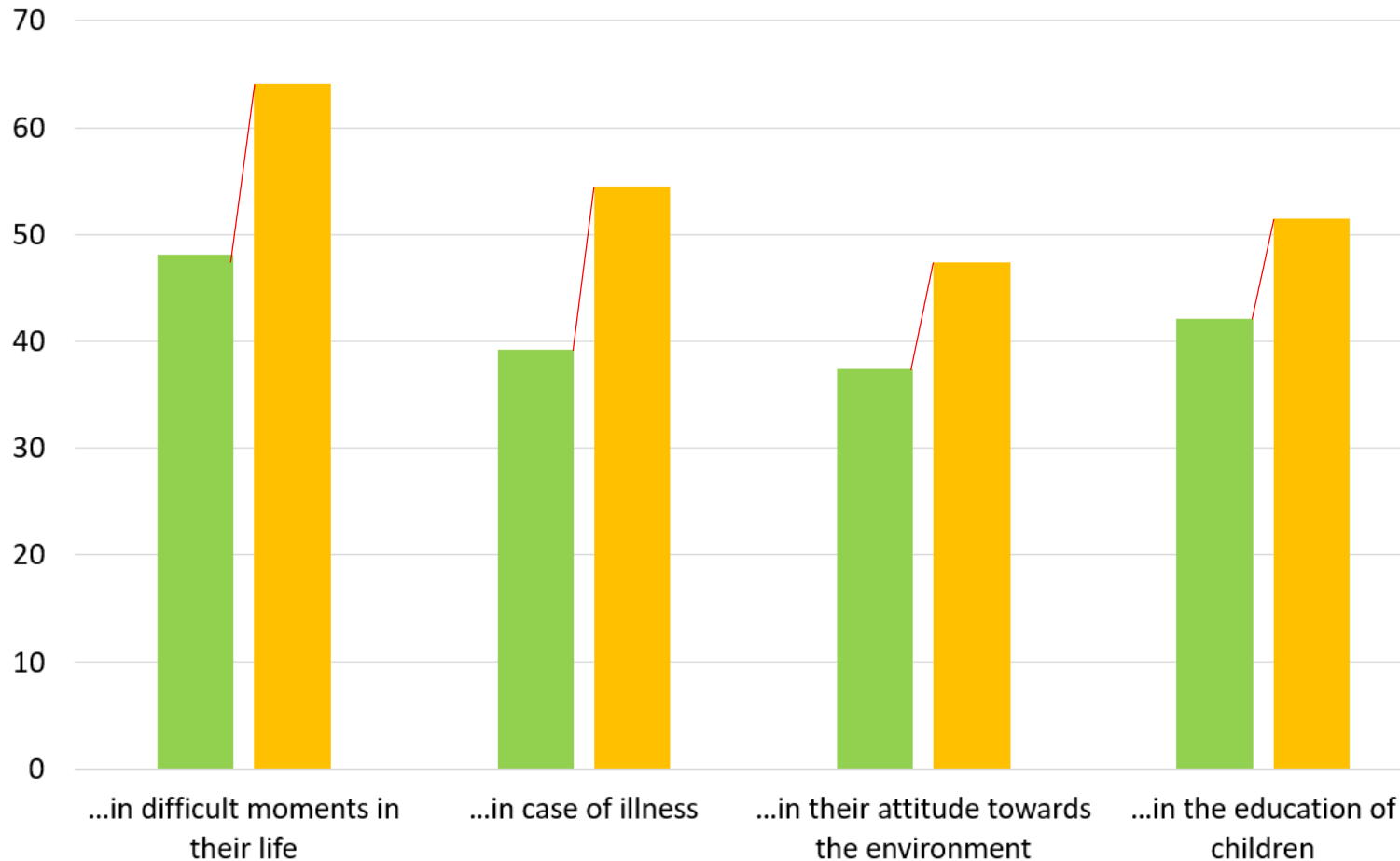
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Persons considering that religion or spirituality play an important role ...



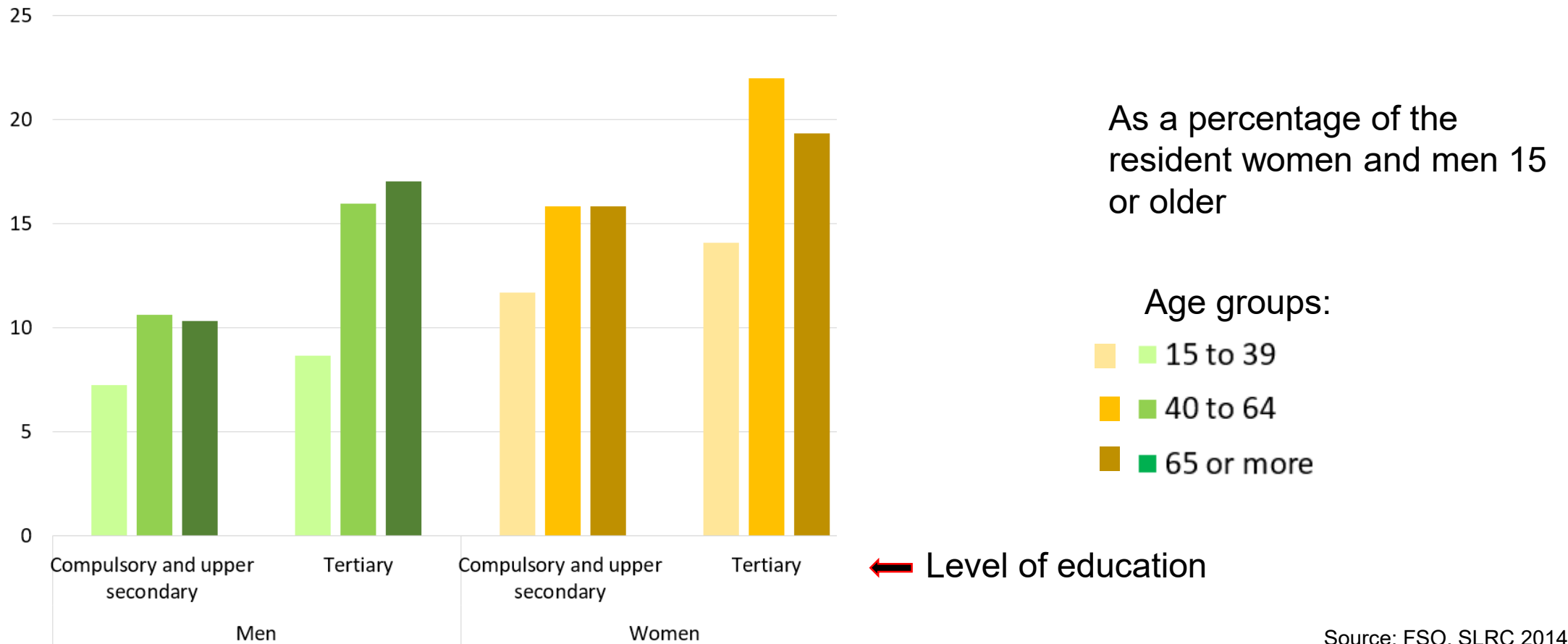
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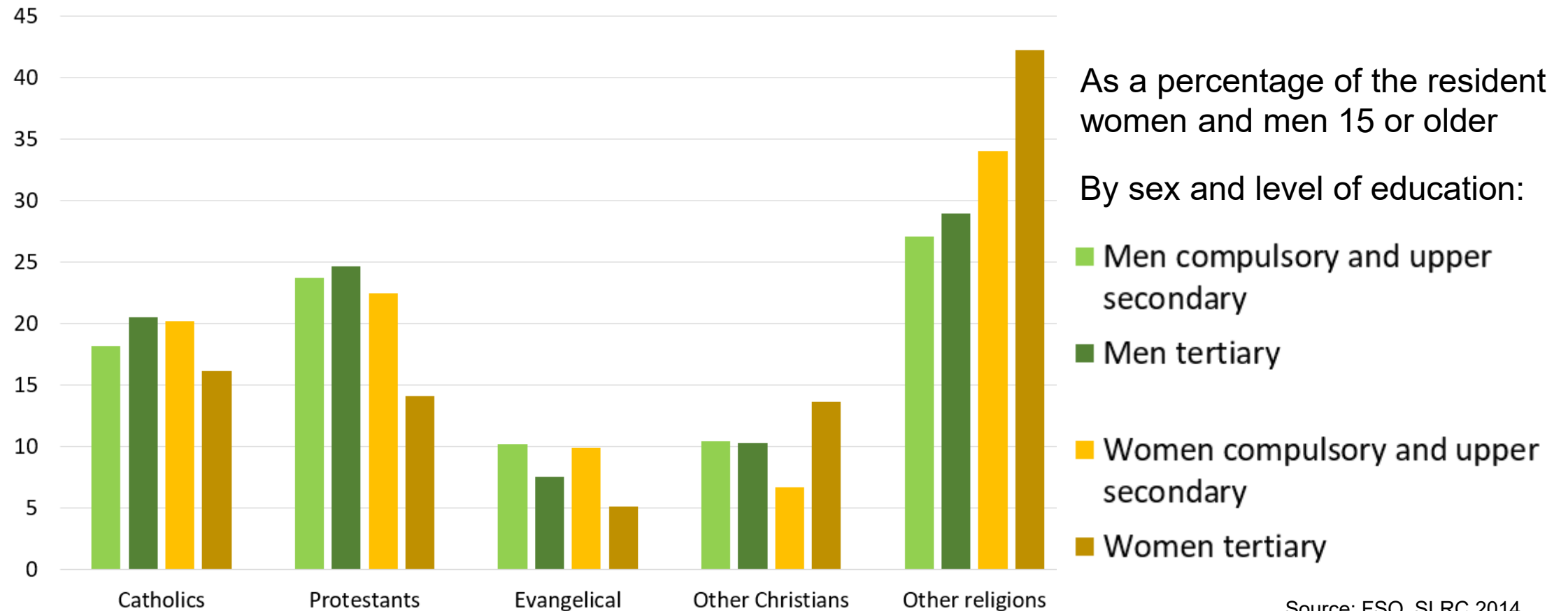
Persons feeling close to another religion



Source: FSO, SLRC 2014



Religions one feels close to, other than one's own



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Involvement in formal voluntary work, 2016

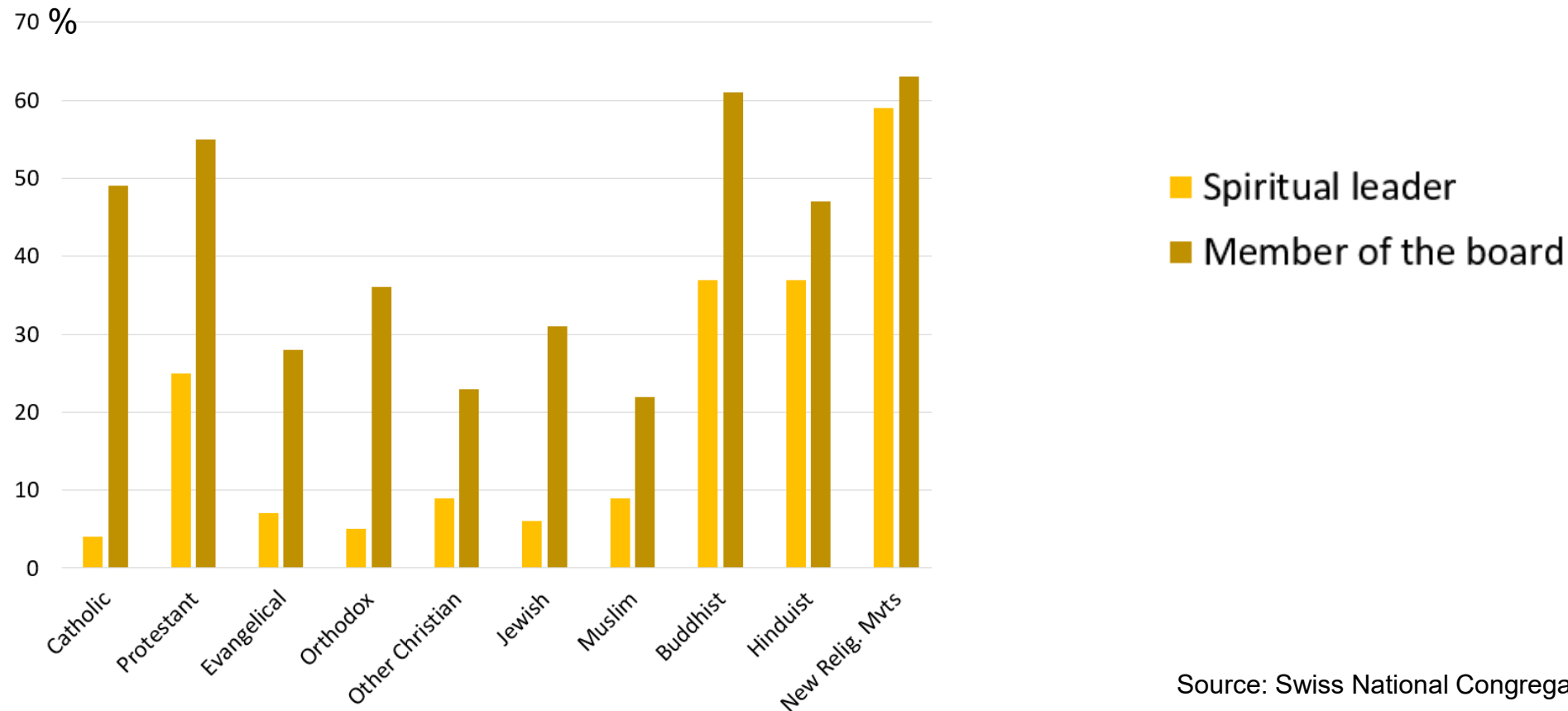
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Source: FSO – SLFS



Share of women as spiritual leaders and members of the board in religious congregations, 2008



Source: Swiss National Congregations Study, NSF NRP 58



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