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# Women in science

International survey

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Methodology

“*opinion* way”

# Methodology for the qualitative part



- ✓ **Five focus group lasting 3 hours, with 8 respondents with women or men recruited according to strict criteria**
- ✓ **Recruit 9 participants for 8 to show.** When on-site, participant's oral skills will be re-screened.
  - 100% male, 100% female according to the group,
  - Aged from 20 to 55 years old
  - CSP A, B and C+ (and local equivalence)
  - All working at least part time
- ✓ 4 women (or 4 men depending of the group), are employed in scientific area – science of matter, life science (ex : teacher, laboratory assistant, laboratory manager, researcher...) with a large range of different occupations,
  - Good mix of locations : town center, suburbs,
  - All continued to study post 18 – ALL to have studied for at least 2 years post 18.
- ✓ *All show excellent oral skills to express their opinion*
- ✓ *2 participants per group fit the idea that "sciences are more suitable for men"*



- ✓ The fieldwork was conducted **from 12 to 20 May 2015:**
  - **France:** Women on the 12 of May 2015 and Men on the 13 of May 2015
  - **United Kingdom:** Men on the 18 of May 2015
  - **Germany:** Women on the 19 of May 2015
  - **Spain:** Women on the 20 of May 2015



- ✓ OpinionWay has conducted thoses focus groups in accordance with **ISO 20252**

# Methodology for the quantitative part



- ✓ A sample size of **5032 people**, including 5 specific population samples:
  - **1001 people** aged 18 years and over, representative of the population of **Germany**
  - **1007 people** aged 18 years and over, representative of the population of the **United Kingdom**
  - **1003 people** aged 18 years and over, representative of the population of **Spain**
  - **1009 people** aged 18 years and over, representative of the population of **France**
  - **1012 people** aged 18 years and over, representative of the population of **Italy**
- ✓ Another sample size of **1003 people** aged 18 years and over, representative of the population of **China** has been interrogated. The results of this sample are excluded from the full sample size called “Europeans” in this publication.
- ✓ The samples were collected using the quota method based on gender, age, region and social class. Social class is measured on the basis of profession in France, the income in China, using the ESOMAR definition in the other countries.
- ✓ *The uncertainty margin is between 1 and 2 points for the full sample size.*
- ✓ *For each country-specific population sample the uncertainty margin is between 2 and 3 points.*



- ✓ **Sample was interviewed online with the CAWI system** (Computer Assistance for Web Interview)



- ✓ The fieldwork was conducted **from 10 to 15 June 2015** and **from 28 July to 6 August 2015** for **China**.



- ✓ OpinionWay has conducted this survey in accordance with **ISO 20252**

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Results

“*opinion* way”

## 1. *Misunderstanding of matter*



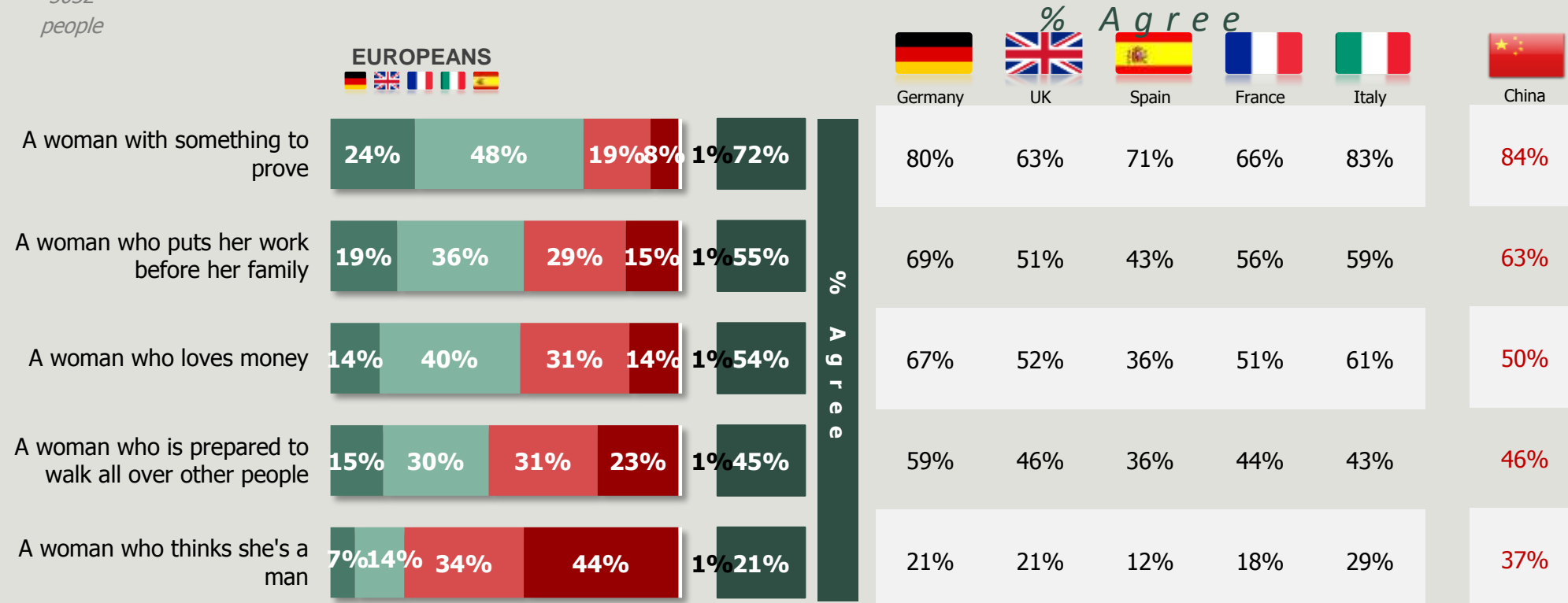
# The opinion about women doing everything in their power to advance their career

TOTAL



5032  
people

Question 1 - In your opinion, is a woman who does everything in her power to advance in her career...



Completely agree
  Somewhat agree
  Somewhat disagree
  Completely disagree
  DK

# The opinion about women doing everything in their power to advance their career

## EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers

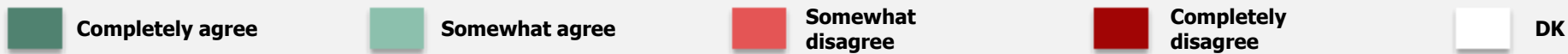
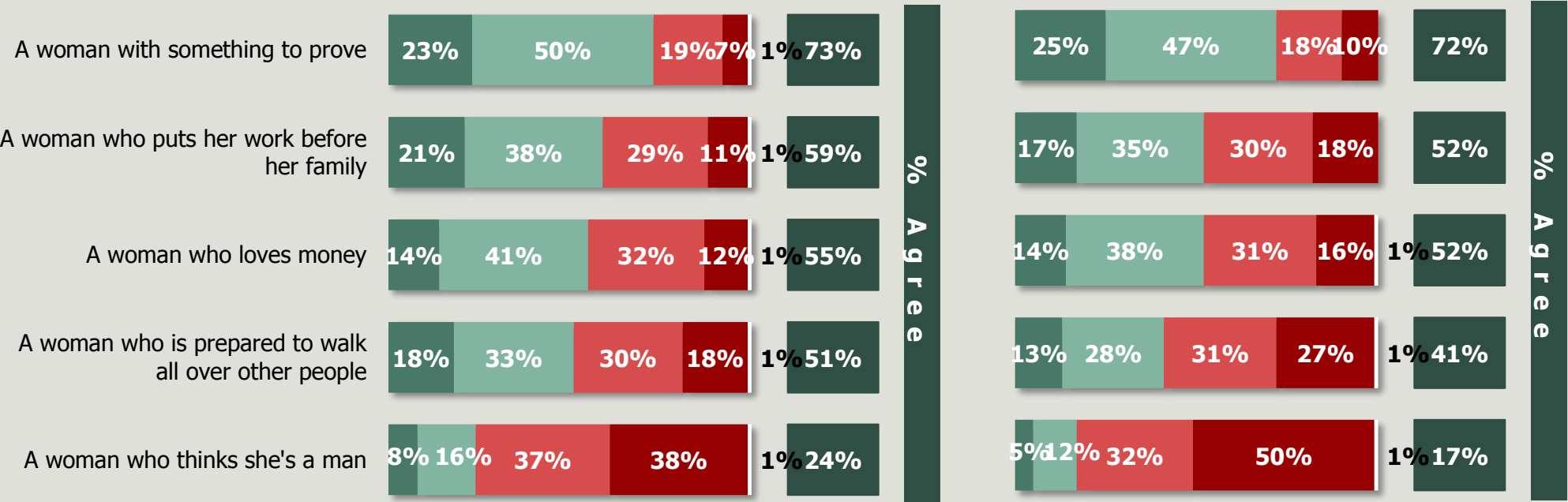


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### Men's answers

### Women's answers





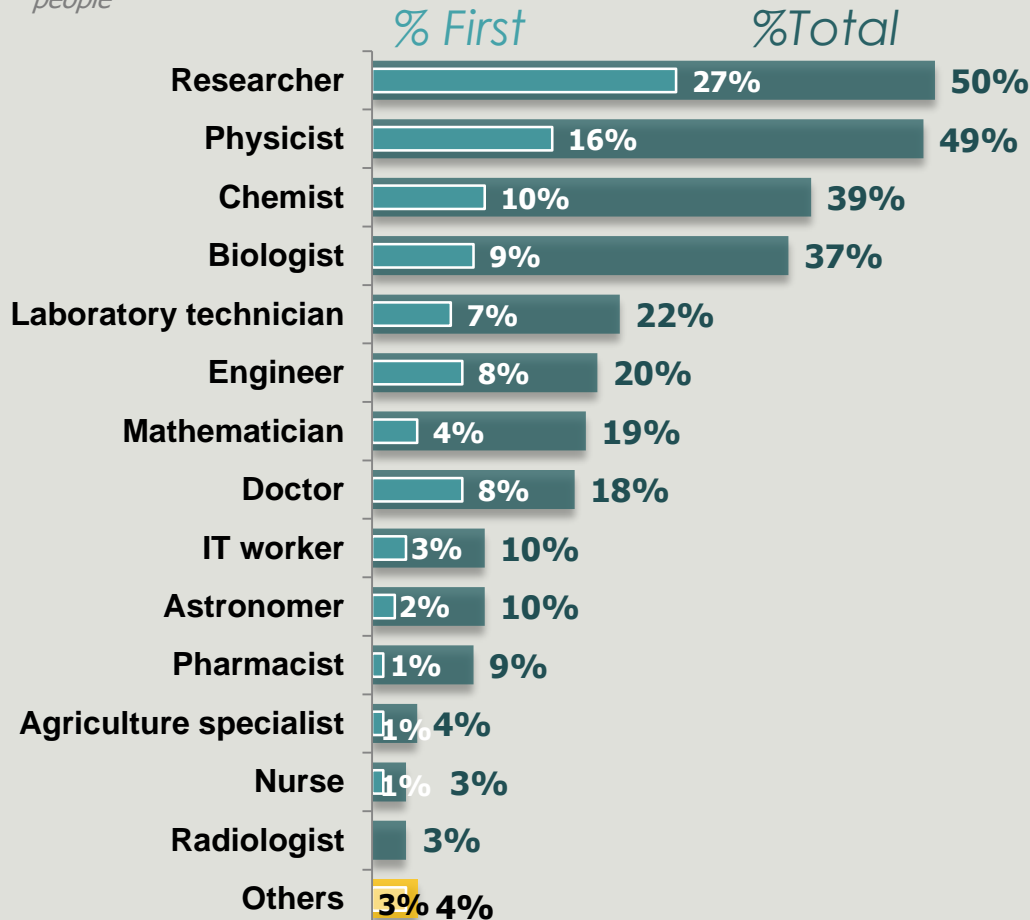
# First thoughts about working in science

## EUROPEANS

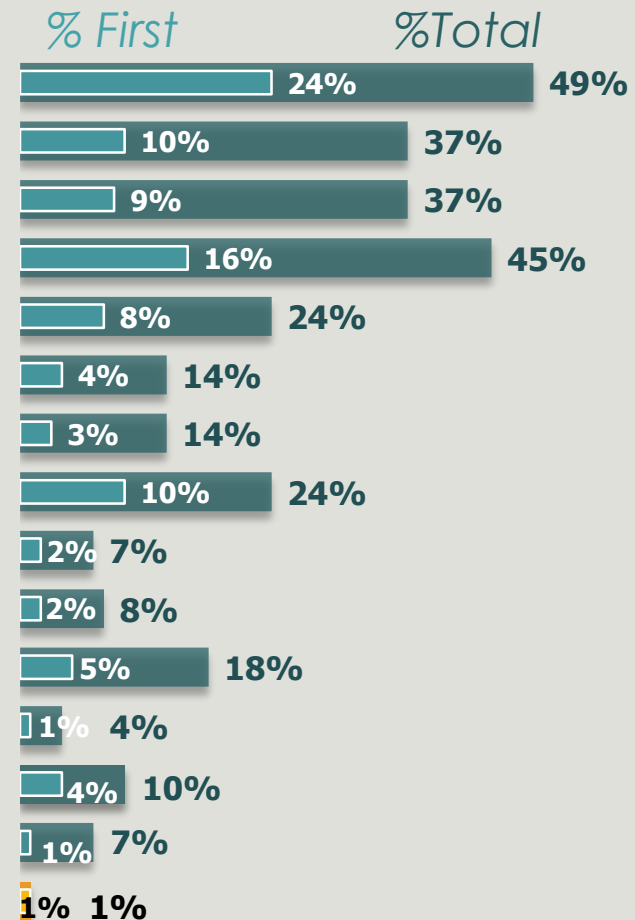


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people

Question 3 - When people talk about someone who works in science, what job do you think of first?  
*First? Then? Several answers possible- Total exceeds 100%*



Question 4 - And if people talk about a woman who works in science, which job do you think of first?  
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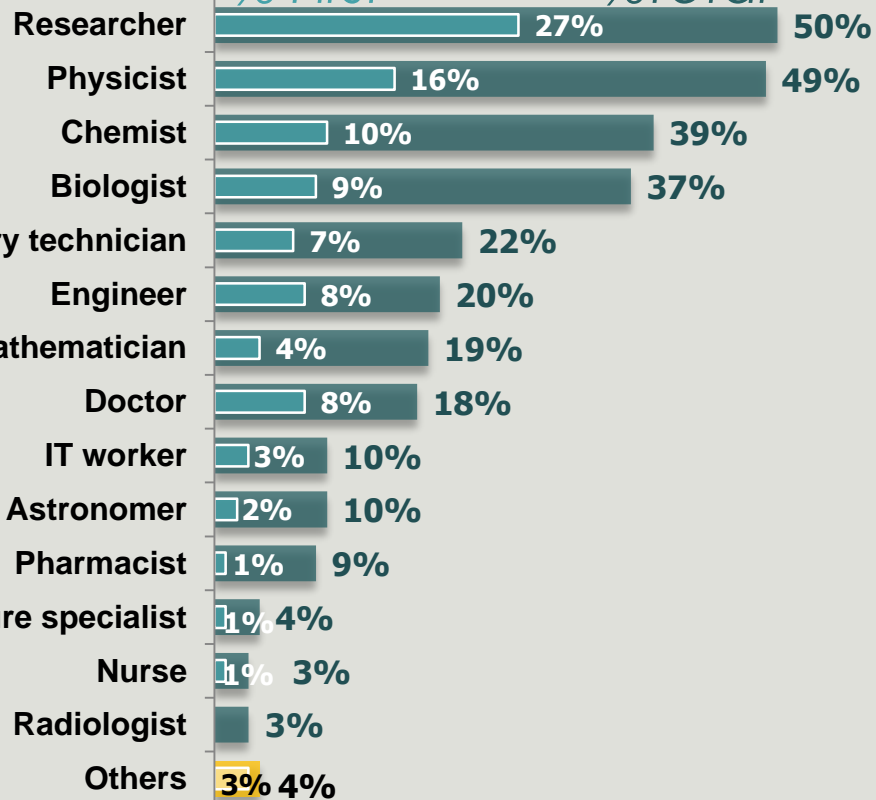
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EUROPEANS



% First

% Total



% Total



Germany



UK



Spain



France



Italy



China

	Germany	UK	Spain	France	Italy	China
Researcher	53%	35%	57%	56%	51%	34%
Physicist	50%	53%	44%	56%	41%	41%
Chemist	35%	41%	46%	40%	33%	21%
Biologist	31%	43%	37%	40%	33%	26%
Laboratory technician	14%	39%	26%	13%	16%	25%
Engineer	12%	13%	15%	33%	25%	36%
Mathematician	18%	6%	15%	29%	26%	19%
Doctor	14%	14%	20%	19%	25%	16%
IT worker	13%	5%	8%	12%	13%	16%
Astronomer	11%	11%	7%	12%	10%	31%
Pharmacist	4%	17%	9%	6%	8%	5%
Agriculture specialist	11%	1%	1%	3%	1%	6%
Nurse	2%	4%	2%	3%	4%	4%
Radiologist	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Others	6%	3%	6%	2%	3%	5%

# First thoughts about working in science

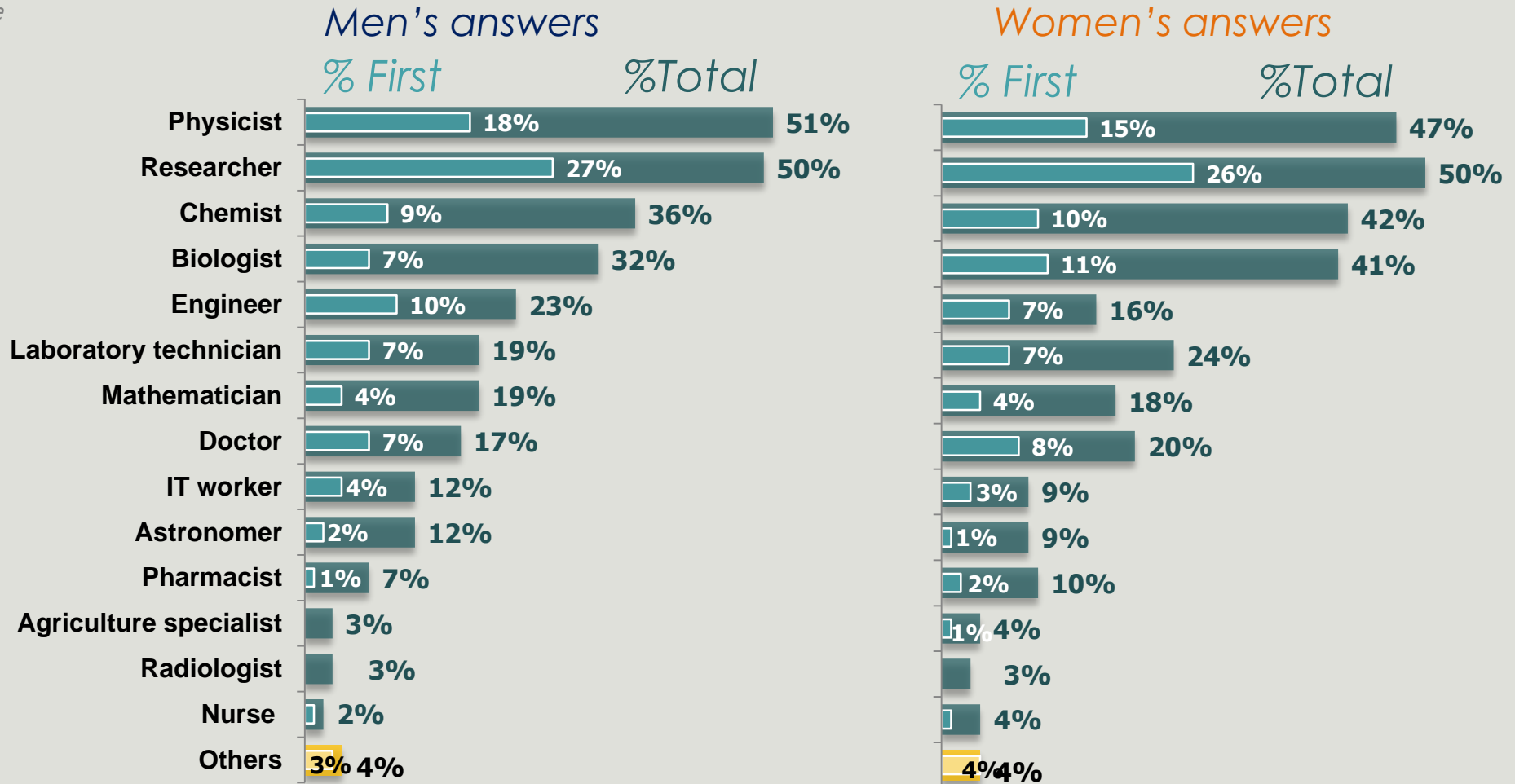
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# First thoughts about women working in science

TOTAL



5032  
people

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*First? Then? Several answers possible - Total exceeds 100%*

EUROPEANS



% First

% Total

% Total



Germany

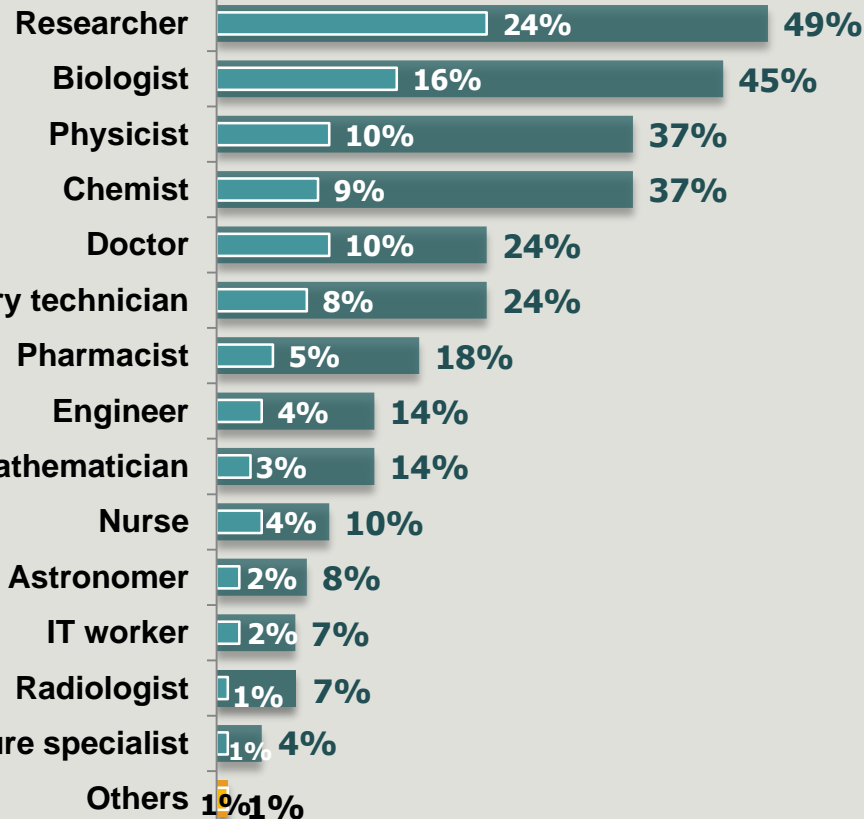
UK

Spain

France

Italy

China



Job	Germany	UK	Spain	France	Italy	China
Researcher	43%	32%	59%	57%	55%	34%
Biologist	43%	46%	44%	45%	49%	33%
Physicist	38%	35%	43%	54%	29%	13%
Chemist	38%	28%	35%	41%	28%	18%
Doctor	24%	22%	29%	19%	27%	41%
Laboratory technician	22%	38%	24%	23%	15%	35%
Pharmacist	10%	34%	15%	11%	21%	28%
Engineer	11%	6%	13%	28%	11%	12%
Mathematician	15%	4%	13%	22%	17%	9%
Nurse	5%	19%	6%	11%	11%	32%
Astronomer	8%	5%	7%	8%	11%	11%
IT worker	8%	4%	3%	10%	10%	9%
Radiologist	6%	19%	4%	3%	4%	8%
Agriculture specialist	12%	1%	1%	4%	1%	4%
Others	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%



# First thoughts about women working in science

EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



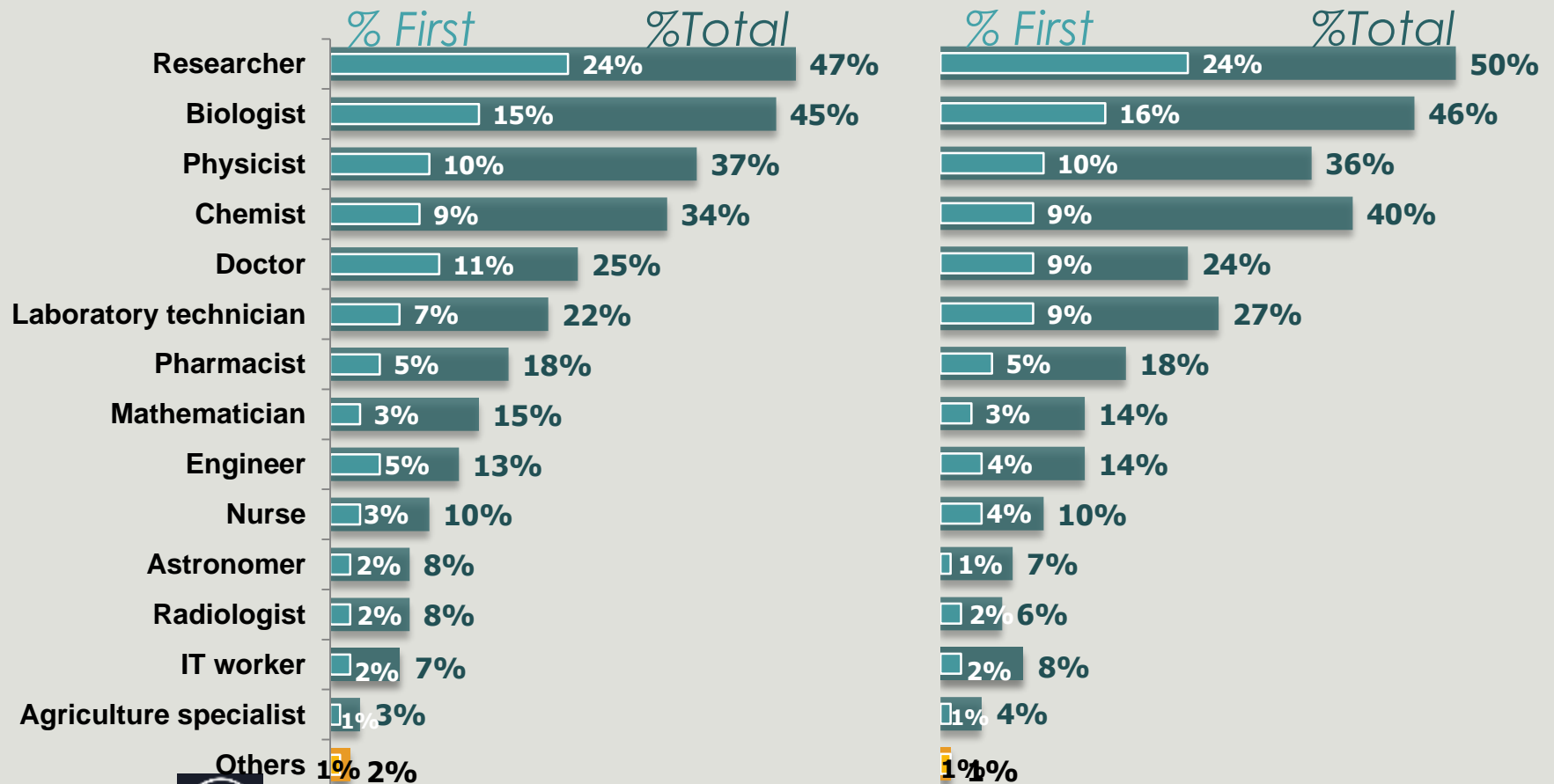
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## Men's answers

## Women's answers



# First thoughts about scientists who made a big breakthrough

TOTAL – TOP 3



5032  
people

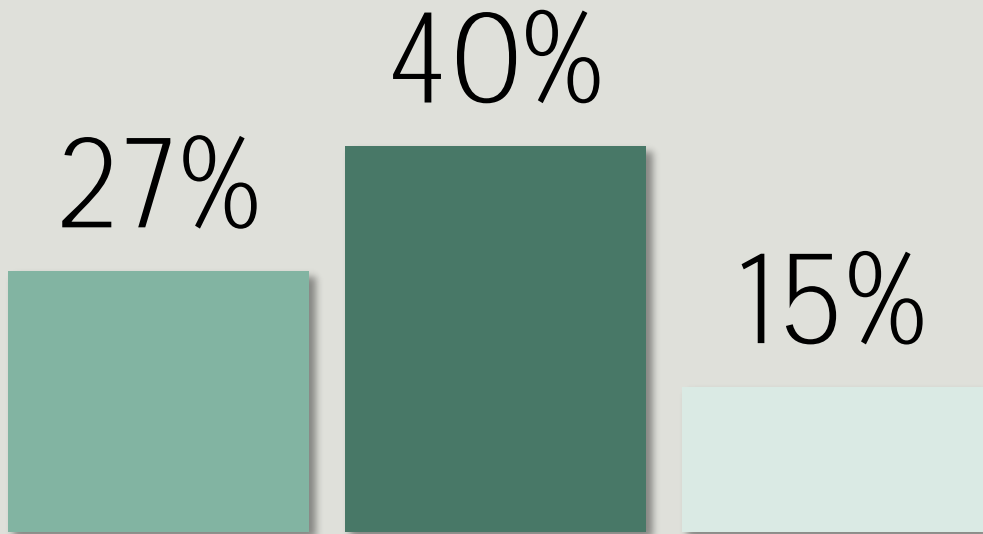
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Open question – Spontaneous answers

EUROPEANS

71% give  
men's names

33% give  
women's names



Marie Curie

Albert Einstein

Isaac Newton

**DK : 18%**

Ranking



A. Einstein	M. Curie	I. Newton	DK
<b>31%</b>	28%	7%	31%



A. Einstein	M. Curie	S. Hawking	DK
<b>42%</b>	26%	21%	22%



A. Einstein	M. Curie	I. Newton	DK
<b>49%</b>	34%	23%	10%



L. Pasteur	M. Curie	A. Einstein	DK
<b>41%</b>	36%	35%	16%



A. Einstein	Rita Levi-Montalcini	Galilée	DK
<b>45%</b>	21%	20%	12%



A. Einstein	I. Newton	Qian Xuesen	DK
<b>39%</b>	34%	24%	9%

# First thoughts about scientists who made a big breakthrough

TOTAL



5032 people

Question 6 - Off the top of your head, which three names of scientists who have made a big breakthrough come to mind first?

Open question – Spontaneous answers

1<sup>st</sup> answer  
2<sup>nd</sup> answer  
3<sup>rd</sup> answer

	Europeans	Germany	UK	Spain	France	Italy
Albert Einstein	40%	31%	42%	49%	35%	45%
Curie Family	38%	39%	29%	41%	59%	20%
... Marie Curie	27%	28%	26%	34%	36%	10%
... Pierre & Marie Curie	1%	-	-	-	6%	-
... Pierre Curie	1%	-	-	-	4%	-
... Curie (no precision)	10%	10%	4%	7%	17%	10%
Isaac Newton	15%	7%	20%	23%	11%	13%
Louis Pasteur	14%	1%	10%	14%	41%	7%
Alexander Fleming	8%	1%	10%	20%	5%	4%
Stephen Hawking	7%	2%	21%	7%	1%	2%
Galilée	6%	3%	2%	4%	4%	15%
Thomas Edison	5%	6%	3%	10%	4%	4%
Rita Levi-Montalcini	4%	-	-	-	-	21%
Charles Darwin	4%	1%	4%	5%	2%	6%
Leonard De Vinci	3%	1%	-	4%	2%	7%
Guglielmo Marconi	3%	-	1%	1%	-	11%
Qian Xuesen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hua Luogeng	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chen Jingrun	-	-	-	-	-	-

China
39%
36%
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-
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-
-
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1%
-
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10%

# First thoughts about scientists who made a big breakthrough

TOTAL



5032  
people

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Open question – Spontaneous answers

	Europeans	Germany	UK	Spain	France	Italy	China
Alfred Nobel	2%	5%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Alessandro Volta	2%	-	-	1%	-	9%	-
Santiago Ramon y Cajal	2%	-	-	10%	-	-	-
Alexander Graham Bell	2%	1%	4%	4%	1%	1%	1%
Nikola Tesla	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	-
Enrico Fermi	2%	-	-	-	-	8%	-
Margherita Hack	2%	-	-	-	-	8%	-
Nicolas Copernic	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	3%	-
Archimède	1%	-	-	1%	2%	2%	-
Severo Ochoa	1%	-	-	6%	-	-	-
Whilhelm Röntgen	1%	4%	-	-	-	-	-
Carlo Rubbia	1%	-	-	-	-	4%	-
Robert Koch	1%	3%	-	-	-	-	-
Auguste & Louis Lumière	1%	-	-	-	3%	1%	-
Albert Sabin	1%	-	-	-	-	3%	-
Benjamin Franklin	1%	-	-	2%	1%	-	-
James Watt	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	1%
Michael Faraday	1%	-	3%	-	-	-	-
Lise Meitner	1%	3%	-	-	-	-	-
Rosalind Franklin	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	-
Pythagore	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%
Blaise Pascal	1%	-	-	2%	1%	-	-
Antonino Zichichi	1%	-	-	-	-	3%	-



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Open question – Spontaneous answers

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Deng Jiaxian	-	-	-	-	-	-	7%
Li Siguang	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%
Yang (no precision)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%
Qian Sanqiang	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%
Zhu Kezhen	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%
Zhang Heng	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%
Bill Gates	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%
Dmitri Mendeleiev	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%
Mao Yisheng	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%
Other	<b>3%</b>	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	8%
DK	<b>18%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>9%</b>

# First thoughts about scientists who made a big breakthrough

EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers – TOP 3



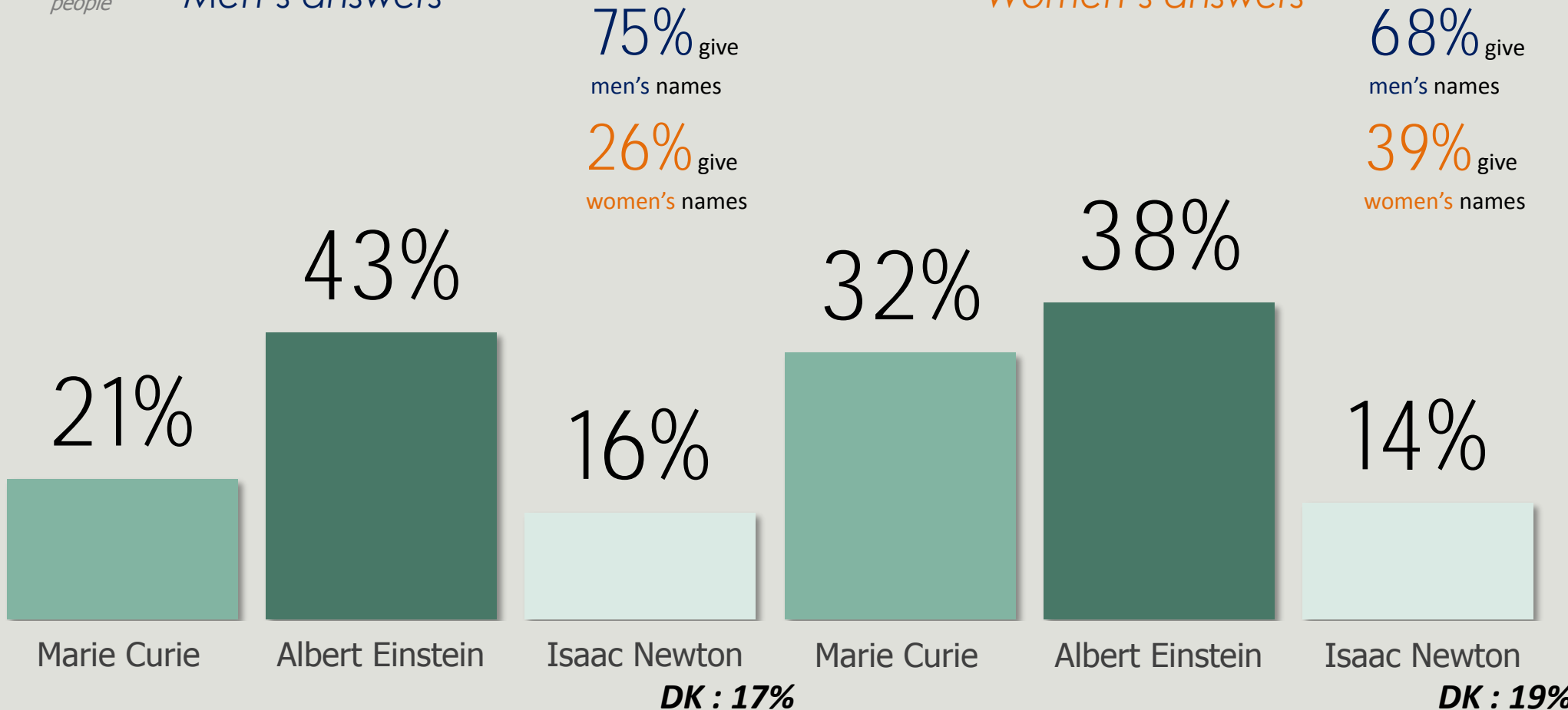
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Open question – Spontaneous answers

Men's answers

Women's answers



Can you name  
**MORETHANONE**  
female scientist?

- “ I also think that the big discoveries made in the world were almost always by men, it’s true that they researched in medicine, what are the great women doctors who made discoveries, Marie Curie...”*
- “ But they hide the woman’s name from us, for example in HIV...”*
- “ It’s proof that we don’t know any other women. There are usually more men in management jobs than women”.*
- “ It’s thanks to, I mean, it’s because of the image conveyed by all the media that people have false ideas about science”*
- “ If you made a list of the most famous scientists most of them are men.”*

# The knowledge about the origin of big breakthroughs

TOTAL



5032  
people

Question 7 - As far as you know, did each of the following big breakthroughs come from a man or a woman?

## EUROPEANS



Germany



UK



Spain



France



Italy



China

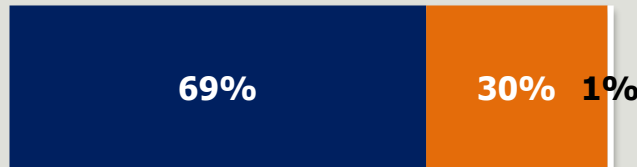
Discovering that the composition of stars is 98% hydrogen and helium



➤ A woman, Cecilia Payne, discovered it

Germany: 84% 16% | UK: 79% 20% | Spain: 80% 19% | France: 76% 21% | Italy: 64% 36% | China: 86% 13%

Identifying that human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) causes AIDS



➤ Françoise Barré-Sinoussi was in the team who discovered it

Germany: 71% 29% | UK: 71% 28% | Spain: 68% 31% | France: 70% 28% | Italy: 66% 34% | China: 80% 20%

Identifying the gene responsible for breast cancer and its hereditary nature



➤ A woman, Mary-Claire King, discovered it

Germany: 61% 39% | UK: 54% 45% | Spain: 44% 55% | France: 52% 45% | Italy: 46% 54% | China: 47% 53%

A man

A woman

DK

# The knowledge about the origin of big breakthroughs

## EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



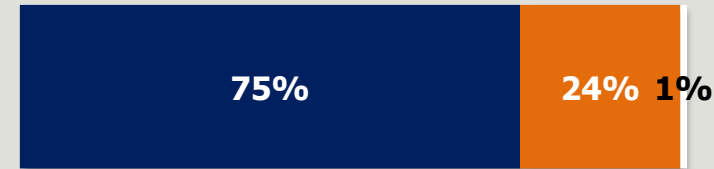
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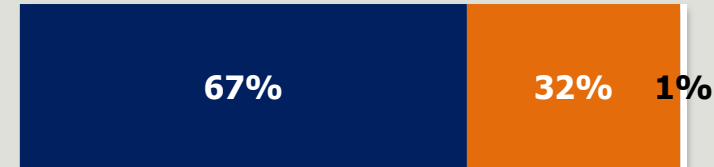
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 A man

 A woman

 DK

# The opinion about the proportion of women in science

## TOTAL



Question 8 - And in your opinion, how many...

*Open numeric question – spontaneous answers in %*

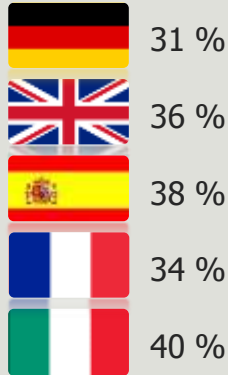
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people

...female doctorates are there amongst the world's scientific doctorates?

EUROPEANS

**36 %\***

Ranking



*\*According to an analysis conducted by the BCG the right answer is 25%*

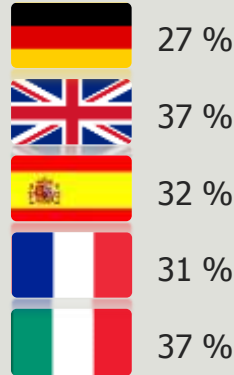


...female researchers are there amongst the world's scientific researchers?

EUROPEANS

**33 %\***

Ranking



*\*According to an analysis conducted by the BCG the right answer is 29%*

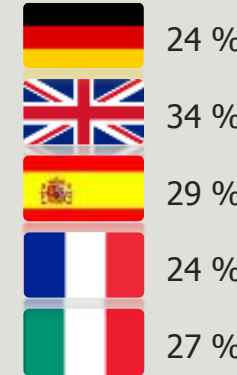


...women are there amongst the highest academic levels within the sciences in the European Union?

EUROPEANS

**28 %\***

Ranking



*\*According to an analysis conducted by the BCG the right answer is 11%*



# The opinion about the proportion of women in science

## EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



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people

Question 8 - And in your opinion, how many...

*Open numeric question – spontaneous answers in %*

**...female doctorates are there amongst the world's scientific doctorates?**

**...female researchers are there amongst the world's scientific researchers?**

**...women are there amongst the highest academic levels within the sciences in the European Union?**

Men's answers

35 %

33 %

28 %

Women's answers

36 %

33 %

27%



- “ Contrary to what people think now, there are more women in the laboratories than men so I think that 10 years from now the trend will be clearly reversed”*
- “ That’s all there are, I’m among the only guys in the department, and even in top management there are a lot of women, and they are very, very ambitious, perfectionist, run a tight ship, so I’m serene over the future”*
- “ For women wanting to get into a professional role it’s a very good time for them indeed. Science is definitely more accessible for women than a lot of other professions, it has been very liberating for them.”*
- “ All you have to do is see who graduates from med school, there’s a lot more than 15% of men and the rest are women, so pretty soon we’ll have more women doctors and in biology there is a majority of girls but then in physics no, physics is still very male and math is still male”.*
- “ I think it was a cliché. I remember in school, I mean in Terminal S, there were often more boys than girls and now the trend is reversed. And the top of the class were girls and in medicine it’s just girls. So I have the impression that it’s changing, perhaps it’s changing”*
- “ There didn’t use to be that many women scientists, it has changed now, but because that’s how it was, everyone sees that as the norm.”*



## 2. Prejudices about women in science



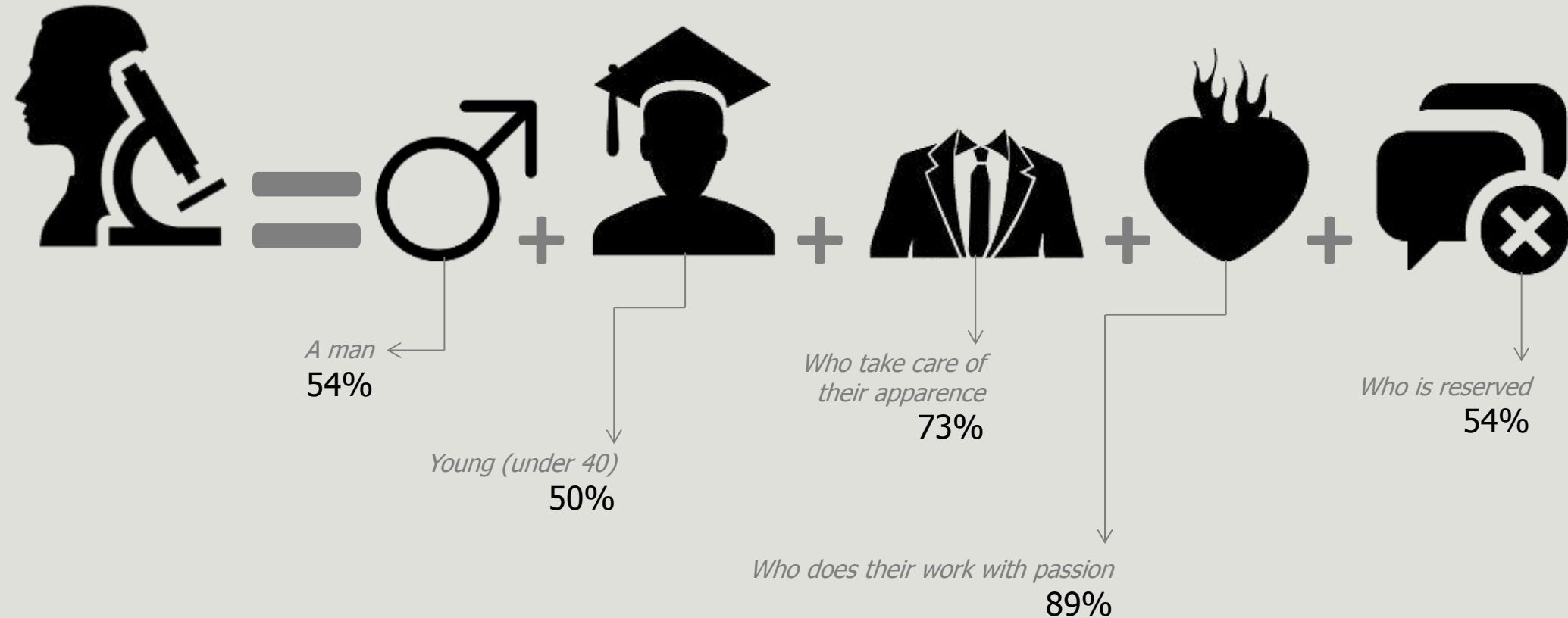
# The Identikit picture of someone doing scientific research

## EUROPEANS

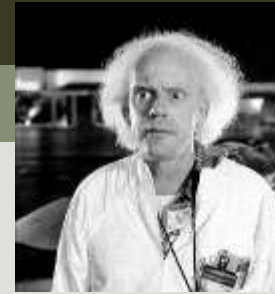


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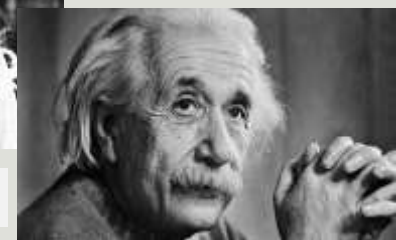
Question 5 - And if you had to put together an Identikit picture of someone who does scientific research, would you think of...?



Professeur  
Tournesol.  
Docteur Mamour.  
Pasteur.  
Einstein.



The neglected lone wolf



- “ 60-65 years old, with kind of messy hair”.*
- “ In other words, he has a little trouble communicating with others”.*
- “ Not a fashion victim”.* *“He wears totally out of style clothes”.*
- “ Someone passionate, he’s in his own little world”.*
- “ He has a form of intelligence. He doesn’t have any social intelligence”.*
- “ Rather calm and introverted, a little bit like Woody Allen”* *“A biologist was for me a tree-hugger with Birkenstocks, beards, neglected. But this is not true anymore today”*
- “ Everyone has the image of a researcher with his head in his lab bench, who talks to other researchers in incomprehensible words and who ultimately never leaves his lab”*
- “ He can’t, I mean, he can’t discuss his subject with just anybody. He has trouble dumbing it down”, “(...) It’s as if he lived in his ivory tower with other scientists from his field”, “He’s kind of autistic”*
- “ I think it’s related to our teachers in fact, at the time we had teachers who were like that”*
- “ I have the image of a biologist, it was, well, a [...] with big glasses and smoky and that will remain an image”*
- “ It’s Einstein isn’t it basically!”*
- “ The archetypal figure that you imagine is a bloke.” (UK non Scientist)*
- “ It’s the late C19th/early C20th media image of a mad scientist.”*



- " She's a career woman".*
- " She doesn't have a family".*
- " At worst she has a husband who's also career-minded, that way he [...] halfway around the world".*
- " She likes things that are well-done, and knowing why things are done, not memorizing it, you develop that-understanding why"*
- " She's not much fun"., "She's not friendly".*
- " Her hair pulled back. Something practical".*
- " She doesn't wear jewelry"., "She doesn't wear nail polish, she doesn't have any nails.", "Not the Chanel woman", "She's aloof, she's not very friendly".*
- " Not in a laboratory because in a lab you're not allowed to wear heels for safety reasons, you're not allowed to wear dresses for safety reasons, if you spill something on your legs, you have to wear pants to protect yourself from burns".*
- " She wears sneakers", "If she leaves work, in trousers"*
- " I didn't see her that way. I saw her with high heels, an attractive woman, with a lab coat, her hair pulled back but..."*
- " Super methodical", "Perfectionist", "A very scientific mind", "Needs to see the proof", "Open to finding out"*
- " She's 30, she speaks several languages, because the old guy there, I don't know... she travels, she is more dynamic"*
- " I had a (science) teacher in junior high, she was very, very masculine..."*
- " More someone around 40, mature, some miles on her, not necessarily someone young"*
- " I see her more in a laboratory, I don't know why"*
- " The females that I have worked with have not been explicitly feminine."*
- " Maybe women push that side of themselves in order to be seen as more serious."*

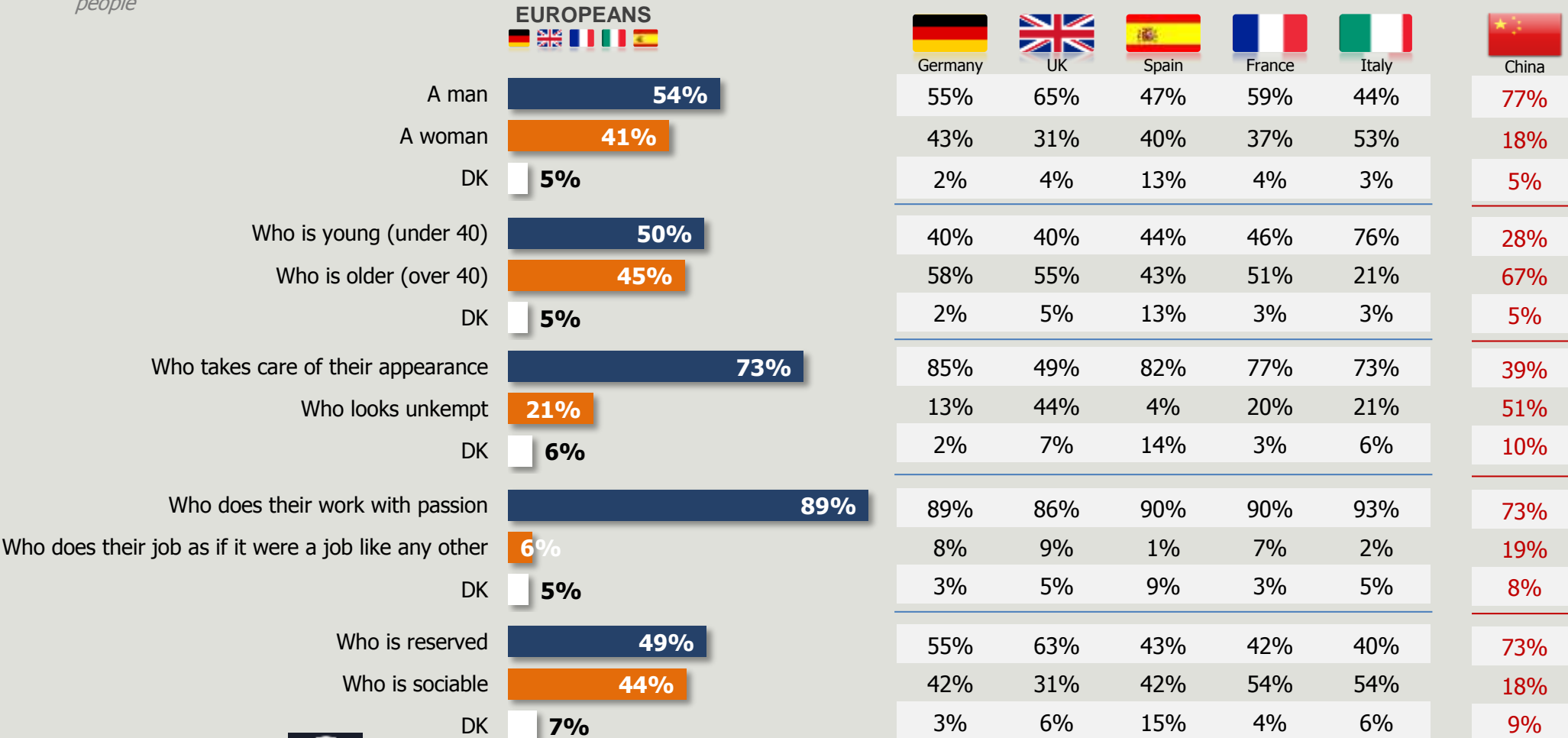
# The Identikit picture of someone doing scientific research

TOTAL



5032  
people

Question 5 - And if you had to put together an Identikit picture of someone who does scientific research, would you think of...?



# The Identikit picture of someone doing scientific research

EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers

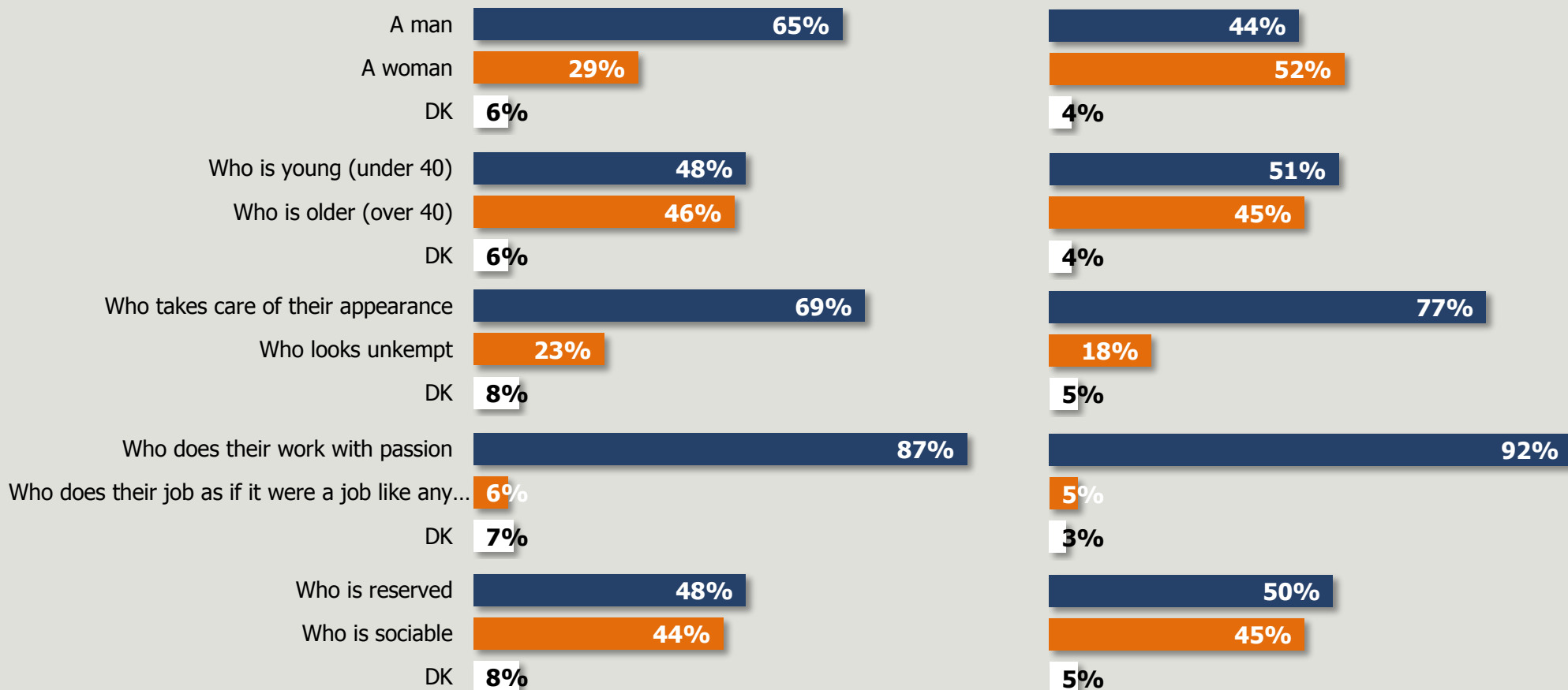


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people

Question 5 - And if you had to put together an Identikit picture of someone who does scientific research, would you think of...?

## Men's answers

## Women's answers



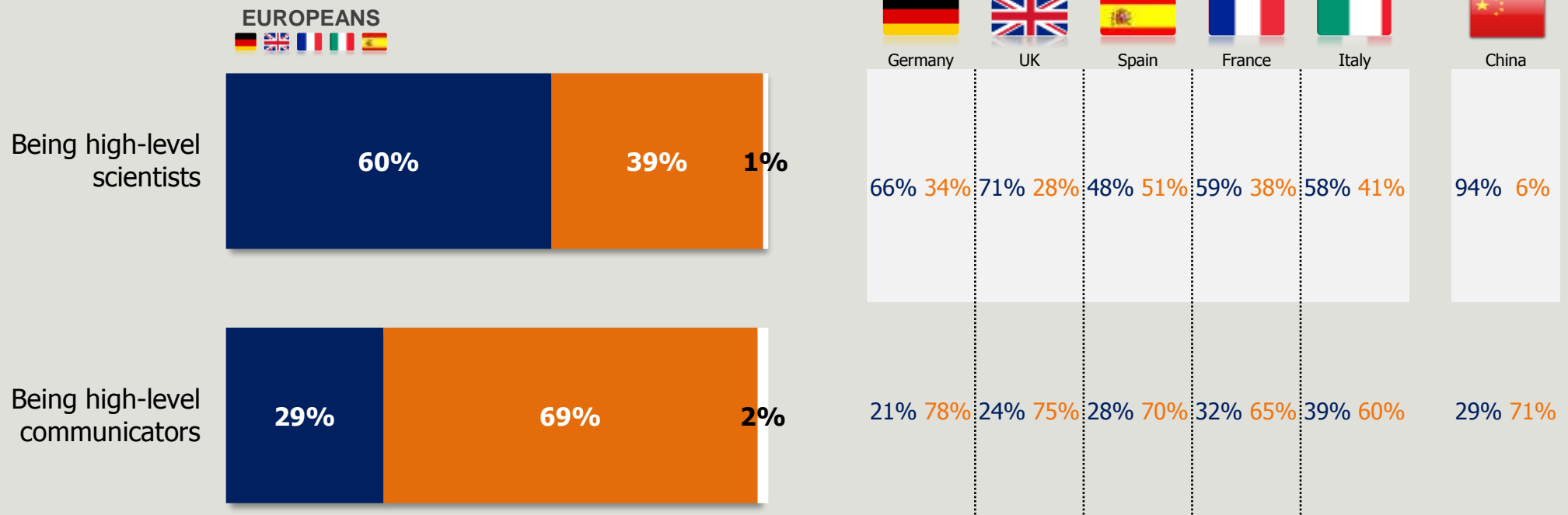
# The most suited abilities of men and women by business sectors

## TOTAL



Question 11 - In your opinion, are men or women more suited to...?

5032  
people



Men

Women

DK

# The most suited abilities of men and women by business sectors

EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



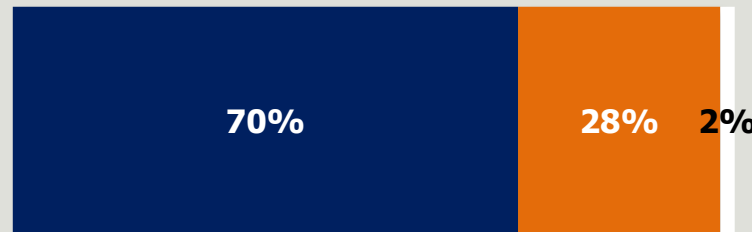
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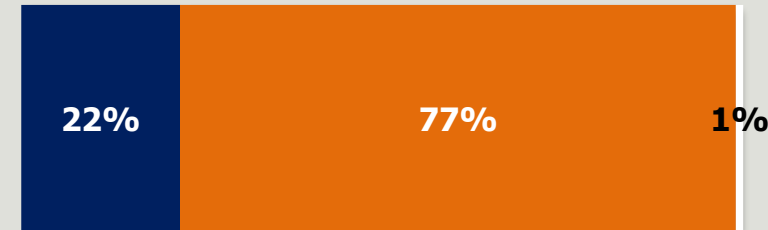
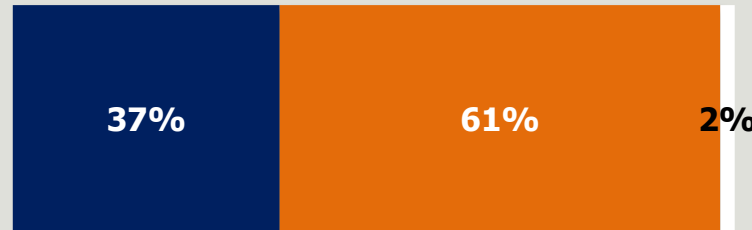
Men's answers

Women's answers

Being high-level scientists



Being high-level communicators



Men

Women

DK





- “ I think that we’re different and that it isn’t, and that in certain fields women are superior, I mean they’re more interested in that field, it’s not at all derogatory, they (men) have more abilities in certain fields and women have more abilities in other fields”.*
- “ Perhaps men go more towards jobs that pay while girls, we go more into jobs that interest us and the first criterion is not earning money that attracts us most, it’s the job [...] we would choose something”.*

# Women's aptitudes in various fields

## TOTAL



Question 12 - In your opinion, which of the following fields do women have the most aptitudes for?

5032  
people

### EUROPEANS



Germany



UK



Spain



France



Italy



China

Everything except sciences



**97%**

**91%**

**83%**

**88%**

**89%**

**98%**

...Social matters



45%

31%

36%

45%

35%

7%

...Communication



22%

22%

19%

19%

19%

24%

...Languages



17%

12%

9%

10%

16%

27%

...The arts



6%

12%

8%

6%

9%

35%

...Business



3%

9%

4%

5%

4%

4%

...Politics



4%

5%

7%

3%

6%

1%

The sciences



**3%**

**8%**

**16%**

**10%**

**11%**

**2%**

DK **1%**

-

1%

1%

2%

-

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# Women's aptitudes in various fields

EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers

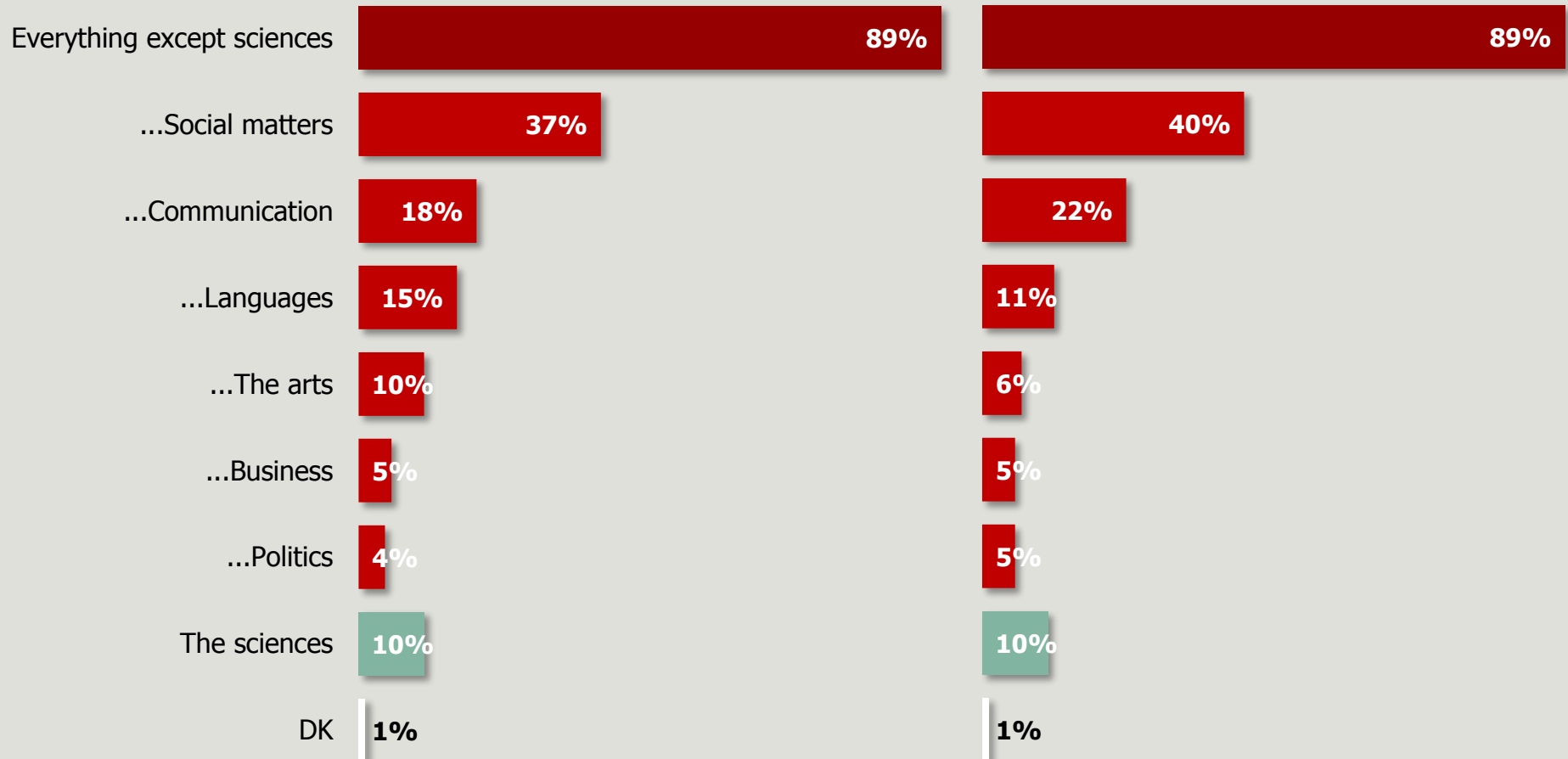


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people

Question 12 - In your opinion, which of the following fields do women have the most aptitudes for?

Men's answers

Women's answers



# The lacking abilities stopping women from becoming high-level scientists

## TOTAL

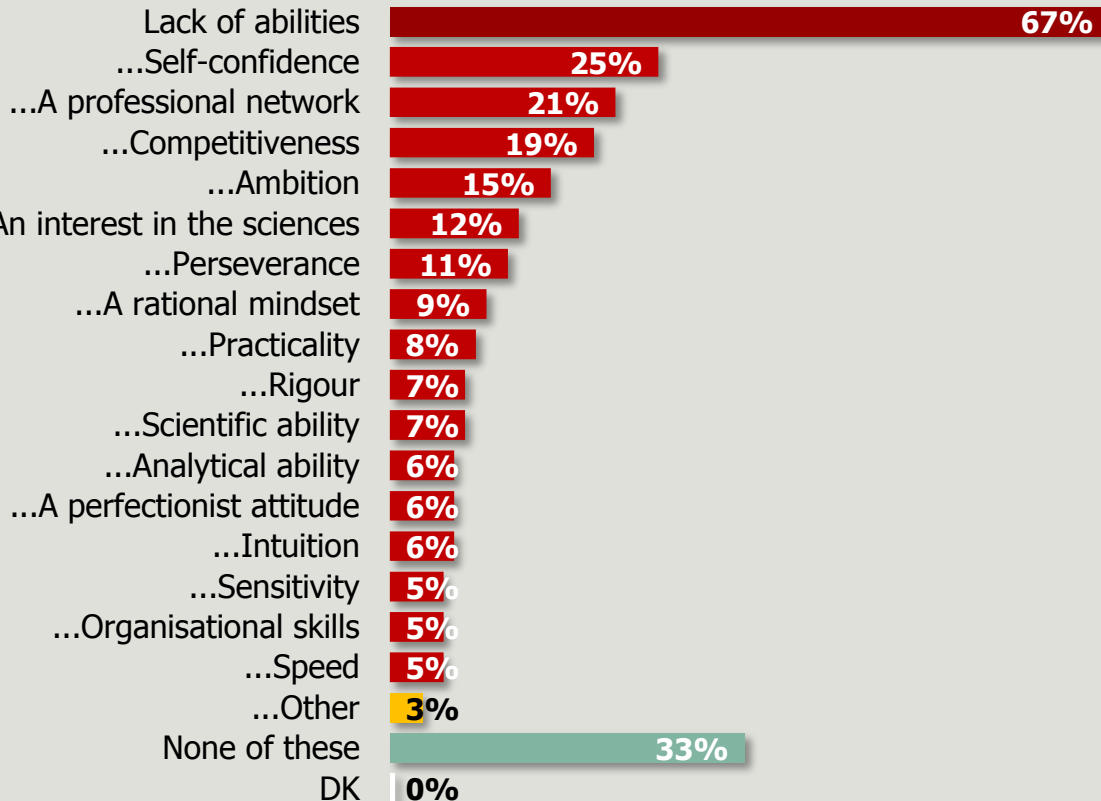


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people

Question 10 - And in your opinion, what abilities do women lack that stops them from becoming high-level scientists?

*Several answers possible– Total exceeds 100%*

### EUROPEANS



	Germany	UK	Spain	France	Italy	China
Lack of abilities	71%	64%	63%	64%	70%	93%
...Self-confidence	32%	23%	23%	25%	24%	22%
...A professional network	15%	18%	21%	30%	20%	14%
...Competitiveness	25%	15%	17%	20%	17%	22%
...Ambition	11%	12%	18%	18%	15%	18%
...An interest in the sciences	14%	15%	10%	13%	6%	30%
...Perseverance	15%	7%	13%	11%	10%	21%
...A rational mindset	11%	7%	9%	6%	10%	44%
...Practicality	9%	8%	8%	4%	10%	19%
...Rigour	15%	4%	8%	5%	6%	13%
...Scientific ability	8%	5%	10%	7%	5%	20%
...Analytical ability	9%	5%	7%	5%	6%	28%
...A perfectionist attitude	7%	5%	9%	4%	7%	12%
...Intuition	5%	4%	8%	2%	9%	8%
...Sensitivity	5%	8%	7%	3%	4%	13%
...Organisational skills	3%	3%	8%	3%	7%	16%
...Speed	4%	5%	6%	3%	6%	13%
...Other	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	1%
None of these	28%	36%	37%	35%	30%	7%
DK	1%	-	-	1%	-	-

# The lacking abilities stopping women from becoming high-level scientists

## EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



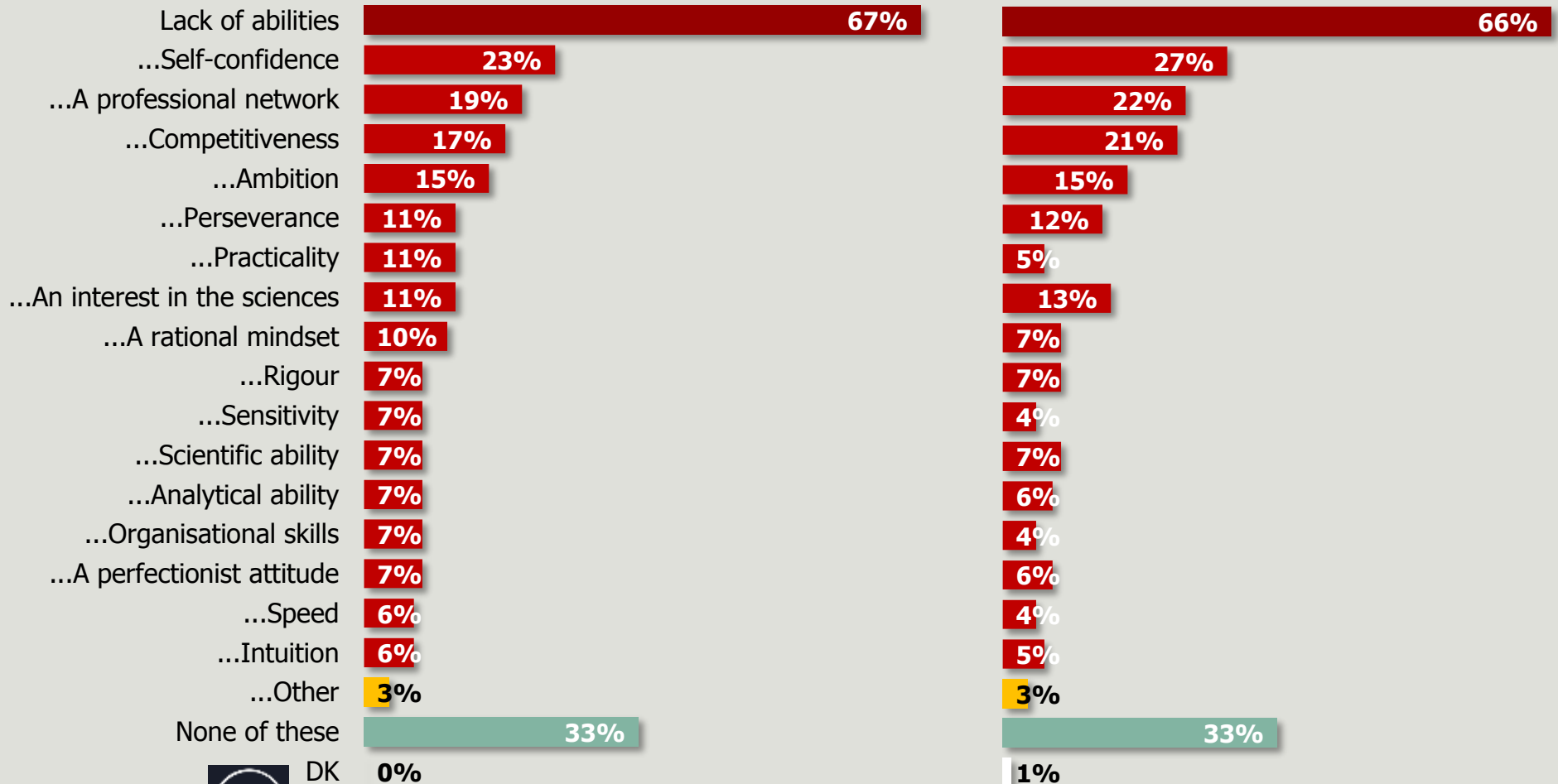
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*Several answers possible - Total exceeds 100%*

### Men's answers

### Women's answers





- “ Women need more than only the profession. We are not going to sacrifice everything for work”*
- “ Male researchers don’t have anything else- just science, they don’t have anything else in their lives”*
- “ They enjoy more life than their male colleagues. I can well imagine a professor in biology who enjoys the luxury of going to the theater or taking diving lessons.”*
- “ They (men) are more scientific and women are more literary, that’s my impression. It’s global, I think that everyone says so, the majority”.*
- “ For women, well, I don’t know if it’s a gene, well, in any case it’s been proven that women have less spatial vision than men”.*
- “ They (men) are more scientific and women are more literary, that’s my impression. It’s global, I think that everyone says so, the majority”.*
- “ Boys are perhaps more ambitious, for success, they like to be in competition, while we’re less...”*
- “ They tend to say, I don’t know whether there’s something scientific in it, that women don’t know how to interpret street plans or maps, they say that to all of us. I’ve got a sense of direction, and I’m a woman, and I have a period, I’m not blond, but...”*
- “ When we were doing our work experience with cows, the farmers still had a very deep-seated idea that women aren’t good vets, because of handling cows, the strength needed... “Women never do country work”, and they don’t tell it to your face- they always say it to your male colleague, and that ‘s what really annoys you.”*
- “ Perhaps in decision making or maybe precisely in discovering something, since we start from the fact that they don’t find as much as men, so maybe she is, in reputation, she’s maybe less useful as well”*
- “ It’s not a problem of competency in the field in fact, they could have it, it’s also more a matter of affinities”*

# Factors preventing women from being high-level scientists

## TOTAL



5032  
people

Question 9 - In your opinion, what is the biggest factor preventing women from being high-level scientists?

*Three answers possible - Total exceeds 100%*

### EUROPEANS



Germany



UK



Spain



France



Italy



China

They are impeded by cultural factors **49%**

44%

50%

56%

50%

47%

63%

They are impeded by men **43%**

33%

37%

49%

58%

37%

40%

They aren't supported by their management **40%**

48%

33%

38%

44%

39%

31%

They aren't supported by the regulations and laws in force **25%**

24%

14%

22%

32%

35%

9%

They aren't supported by their partner **18%**

29%

14%

12%

21%

16%

37%

They are impeded by other women **9%**

8%

11%

11%

8%

8%

14%

Other **7%**

6%

9%

7%

6%

5%

5%

# Factors preventing women from being high-level scientists

EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



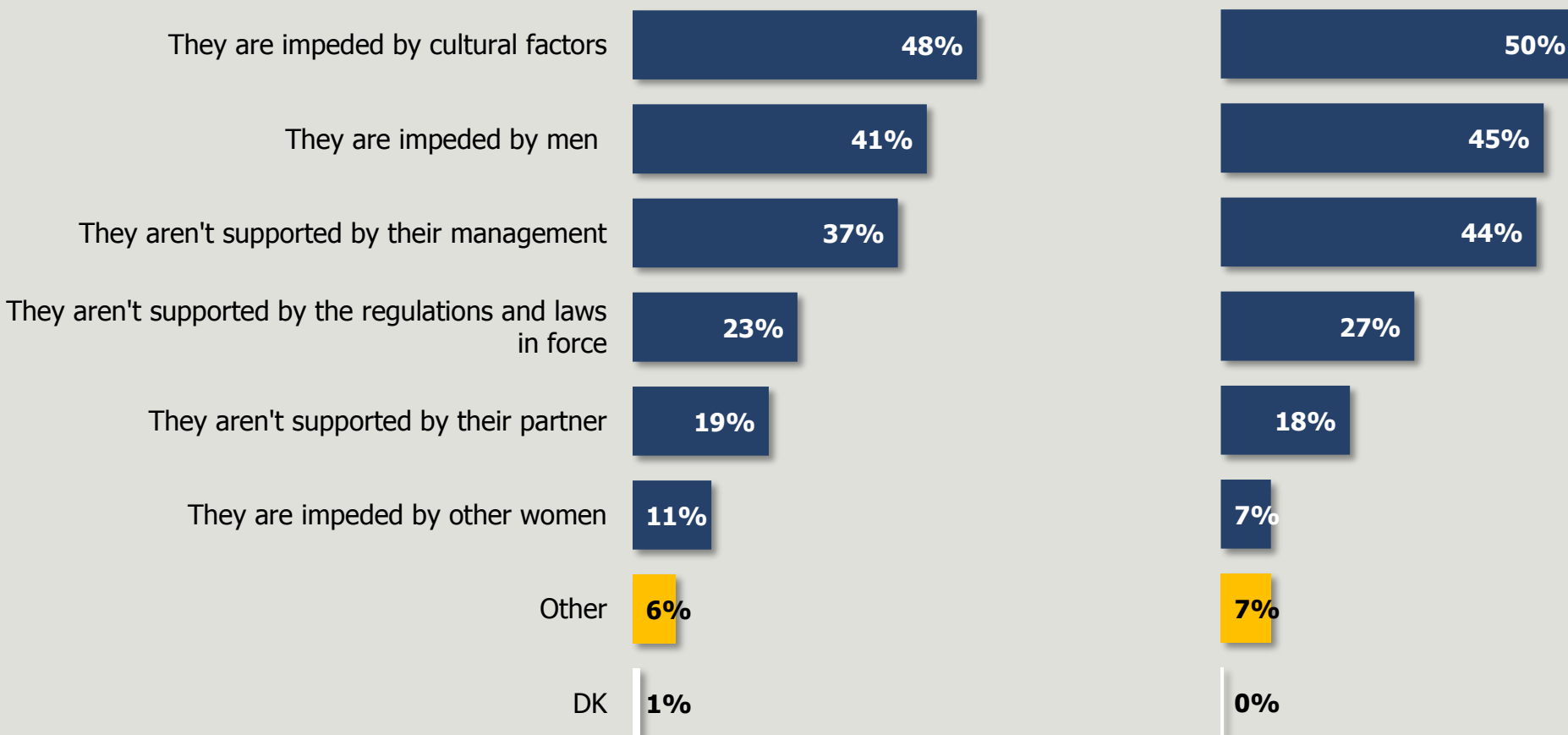
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Question 9 - In your opinion, what is the biggest factor preventing women from being high-level scientists?

Three answers possible - Total exceeds 100%

## Men's answers

## Women's answers







- “ I also think there’s something, it’s that women don’t work, I mean, they’ve been working for a lot less time than men so of course their progress is slower too. You really have to say what’s what, women have been in science for 100 years but men have done it for hundreds of years so naturally they’ve had more time to make more progress.”*
- “ Plus I think there’s a cultural thing in history, already, not so very long ago, we (women) weren’t allowed to aim for education, to work in that kind of field or anything, or even to hold jobs with responsibility even outside of the scientific field”.*
- “ They might perhaps be more sensitive, fall into little depressions on us, well, I don’t know. More fragile.”*
- “ Less rational than men, hyper emotional”.*
- “ And then to impose themselves, if we have a management level job dealing with a team of men or even a big team, they (men) could think we have less charisma”.*
- “ The fear that management would be too human”*
- “ Lacking assertiveness to make decisions”*
- “ It’s a problem with the family. When you have to look for jobs in the middle of a family a lot of us as women say: I give up, I quit looking in the sense that I won’t try to be a researcher, to have a position... because I want a family and it isn’t because, it’s just not compatible in fact”.*
- “ (Women) They trip each other up”*
- « (A woman who succeeds, people say that) it’s because she slept around, while when a man climbs it’s because he’s competent” (Une femme qui réussit, on dira que) c’est parce quelle est passée sous le bureau, alors qu’un homme il est monté parce qu’il a des compétences. »*
- “ When you work in an environment with a majority of women, there’s greater competitiveness between women themselves, more than with men”*
- “ Women plot against other women”*
- “ They (women) conform more to what society expects of them”*
- “ I’ve spoken to people who have said they would prefer to have a male boss any day than a woman.”*
- “ In fact I think it comes from them. They don’t allow themselves to go into science, they prefer more feminine fields like secretarial fields, well...”*

# The role played by teachers in one's decision to pursue science studies

*Those who pursued science studies (17% of the sample)*



Question 2 - In high school, what role did your teachers play in your decision to pursue studying science?

863  
people

## EUROPEANS



Germany



UK



Spain



France



Italy



China

They encouraged you to get involved

35%

They supported you in your choices

31%

They awakened a calling in you

14%

They said it was not the right field for you

8%

They put you off this field

6%

They discouraged you even though you were interested in it

6%

DK 0%

80%

Positive answers

20%

Negative answers

80%

89%

82%

79%

74%

81%

20%

11%

17%

20%

25%

18%

# The role played by teachers in one's decision to pursue science studies

EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers among those who pursued science studies

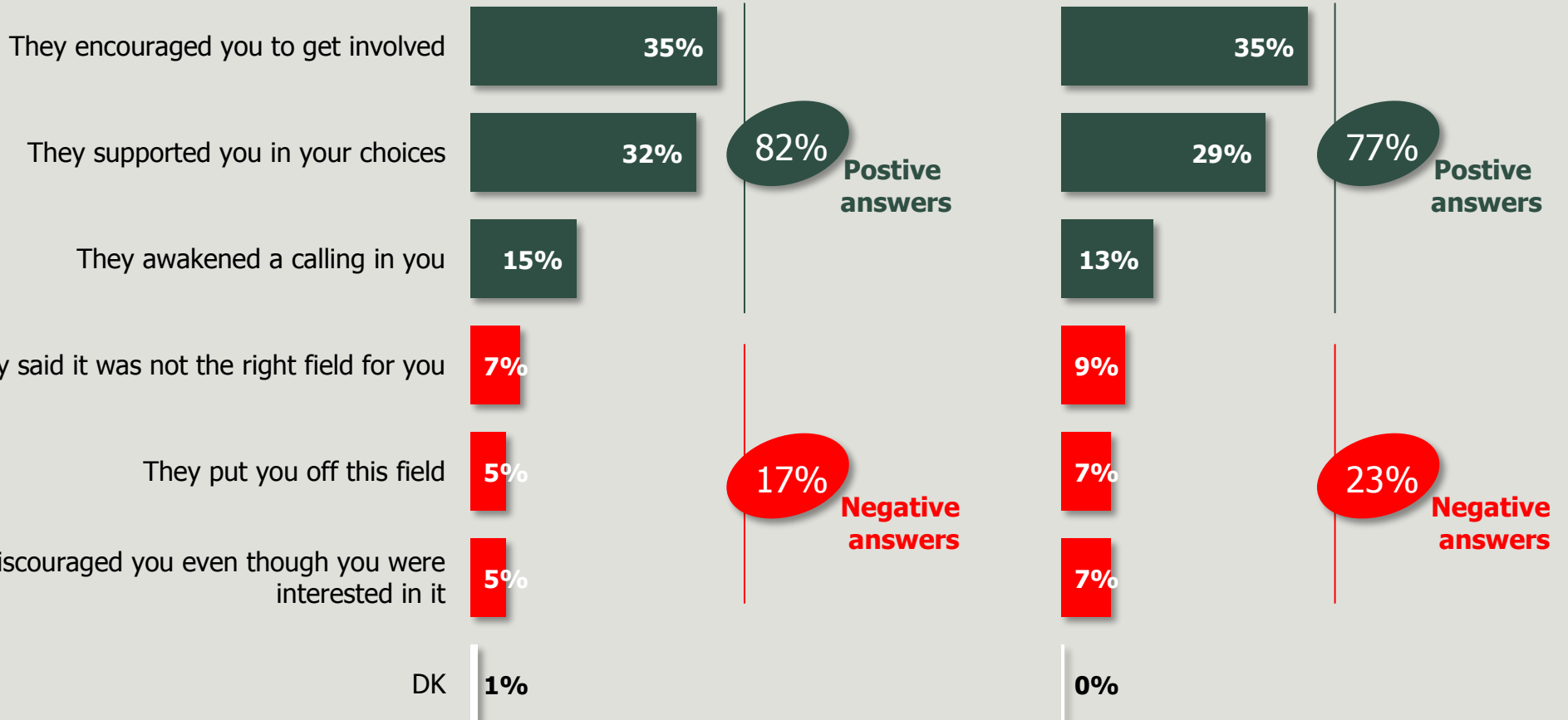


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## Men's answers

## Women's answers



### 3. The evolution prospects of women in science



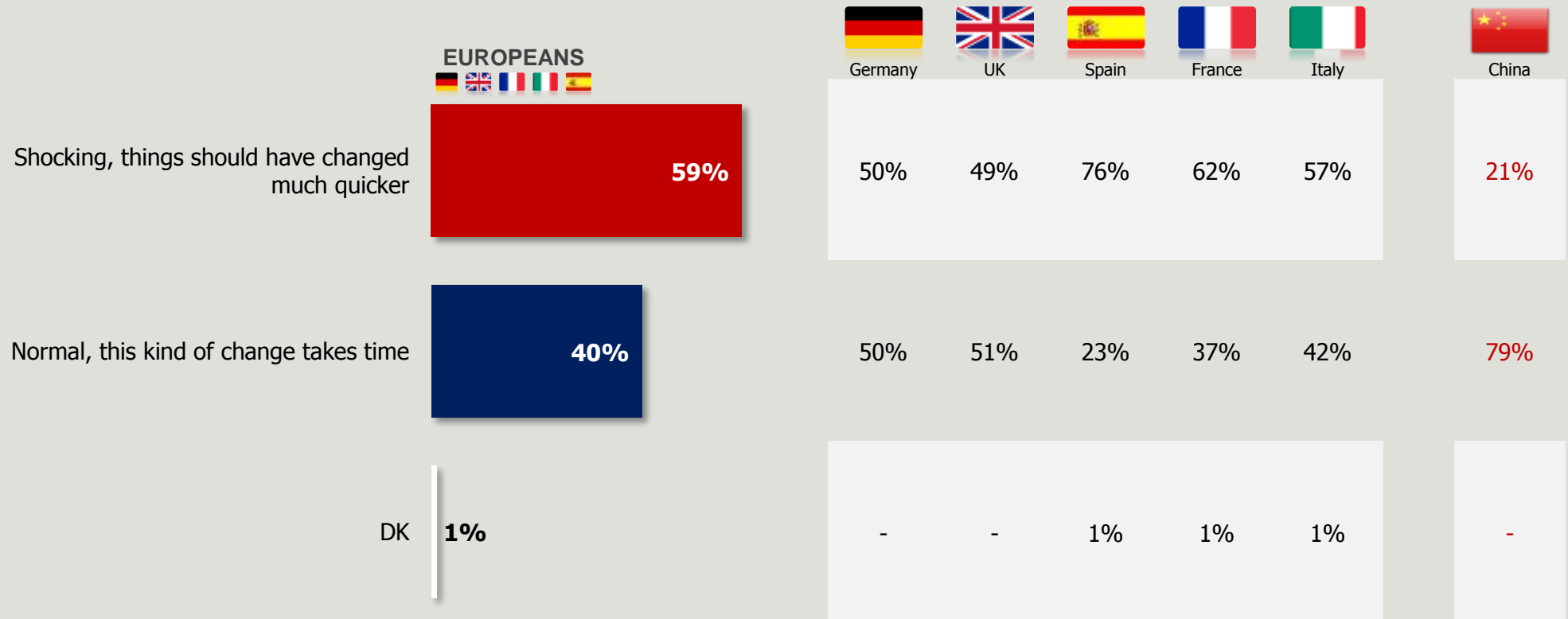
# The opinion about the evolution of women in research for 20 years

## TOTAL



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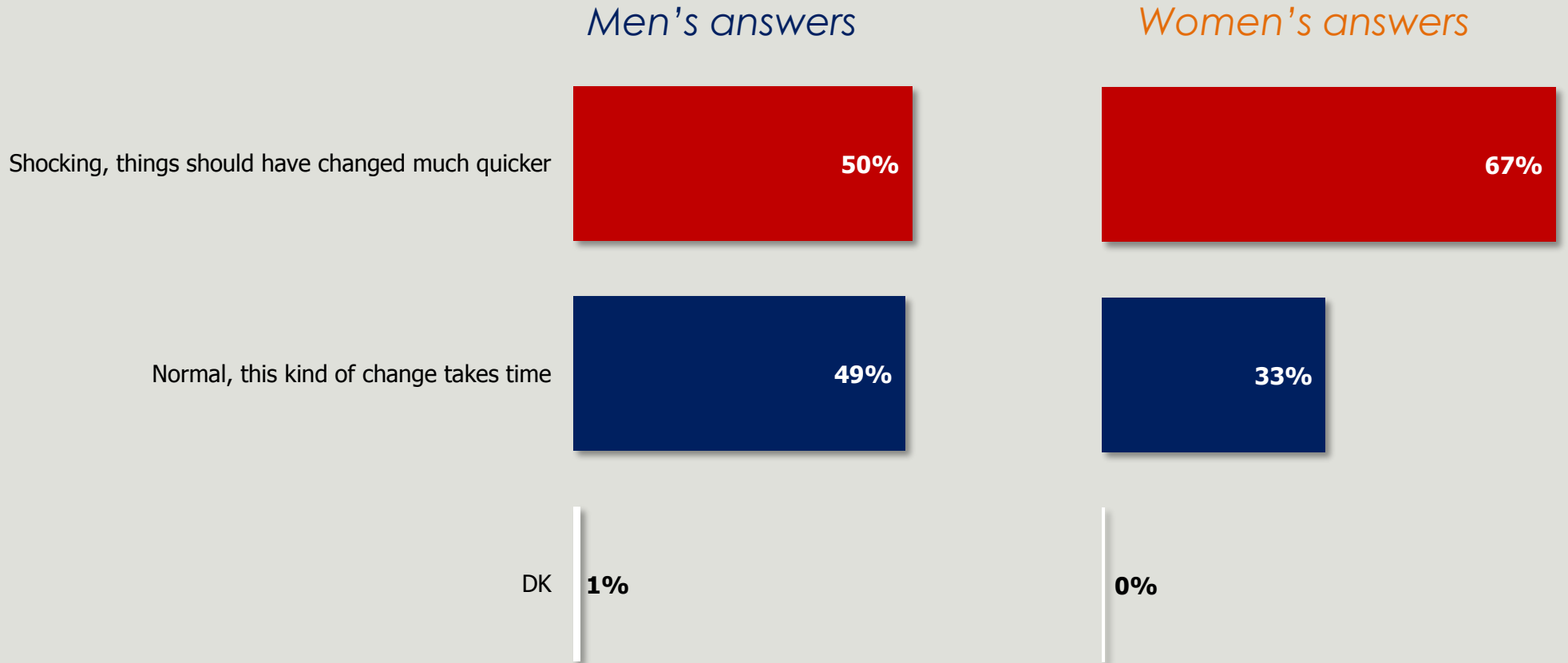
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## EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



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people

Question 14 - In 1990, 26% of the entire scientific research community was made up of women. In 2010, this figure was 29%. In your opinion is this... ?





- “ For women it has always been very difficult to get into any profession. That is something that has changed startlingly in my lifetime”*
- “ I think it’s going to change because society is changing, before women weren’t given a chance to study for long years and now it’s possible, and I think that just my daughter, for me I think it’s changing and I’m very proud and I think that, well, girls don’t have the same status as men in terms of studies but we’re starting...”*
- “ Unfortunately we’re used to it, it’s the way of thinking. Thinking is changing but it’s a slow change... so for now we were raised that way too so even us, if we participate in the change, we grew up with that, we know that for now that’s how boys see us, so it takes time but I’m sure that when I die people will still believe that scientists are men.”*

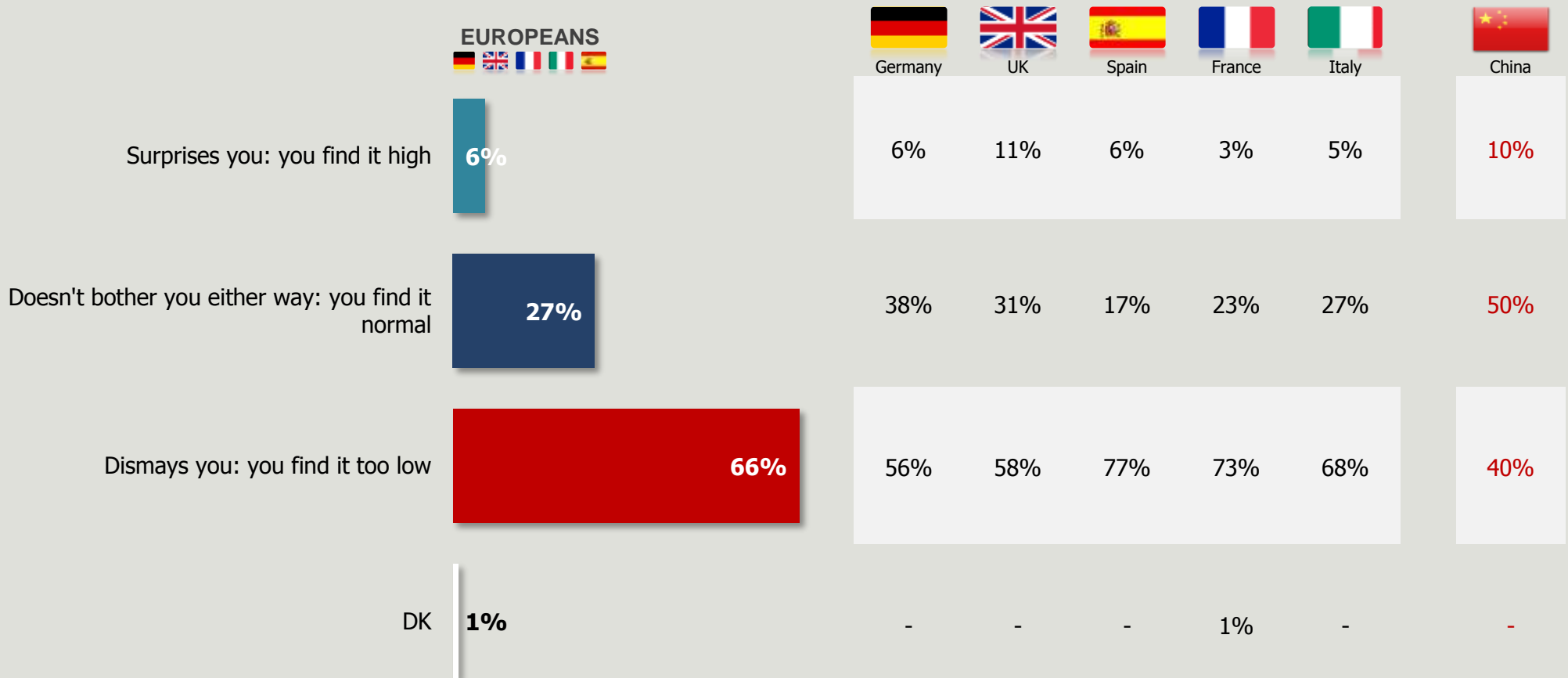
# The opinion about the share of Nobel prizes awarded to women

## TOTAL



Question 15 - Less than 3% of Nobel Prizes for science have been awarded to women since the prize was created in 1901. Would you personally say that this figure...

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people





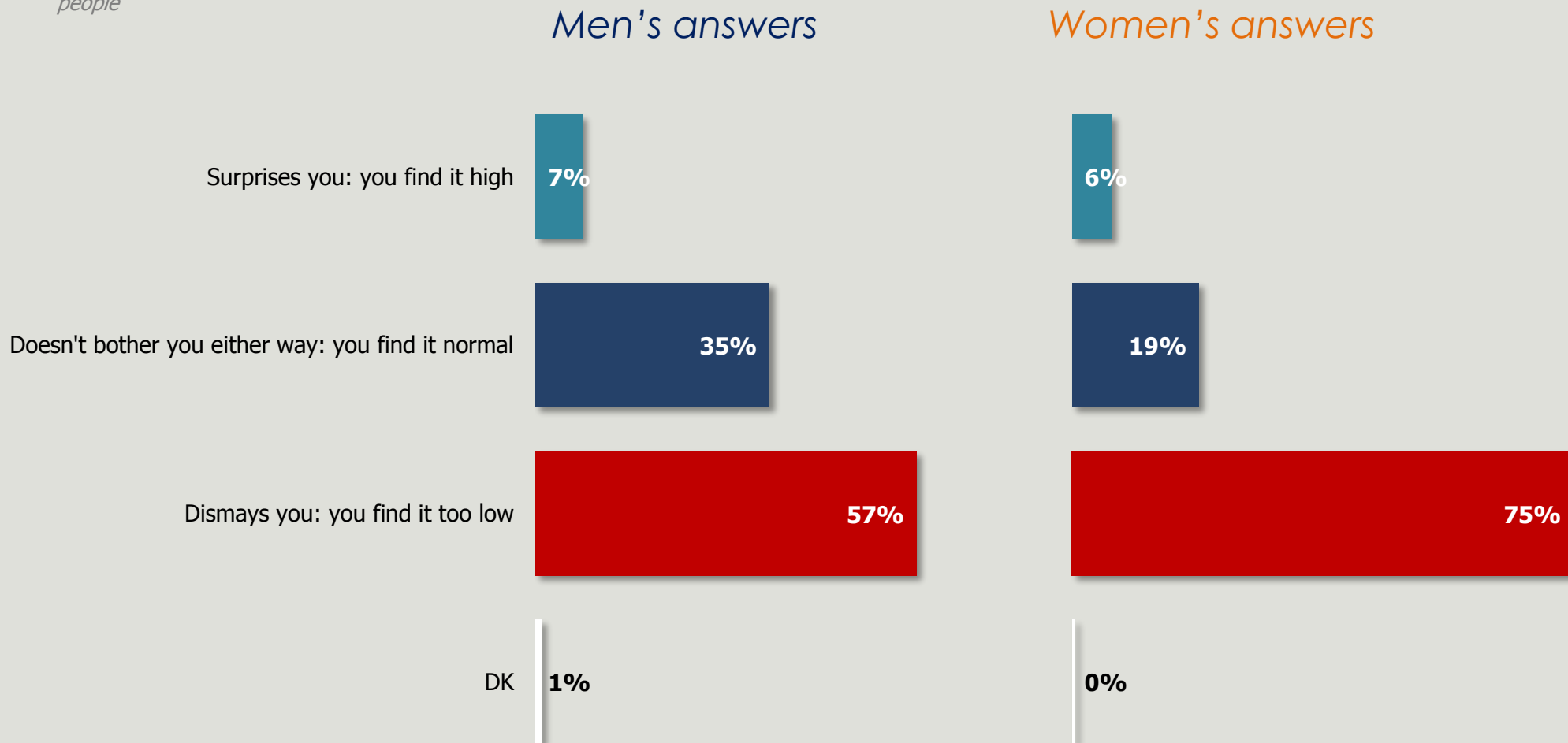
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## EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



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# The reaction in case of a strict male/female equality in Nobel Prizes shares

## TOTAL



Question 16 - If tomorrow there were as many women as men awarded the Nobel Prize for science, would you say that...

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### EUROPEANS



Germany



UK



Spain



France

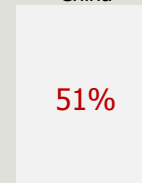
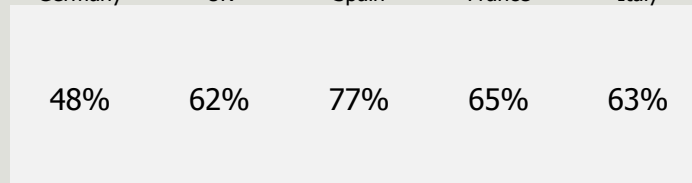


Italy

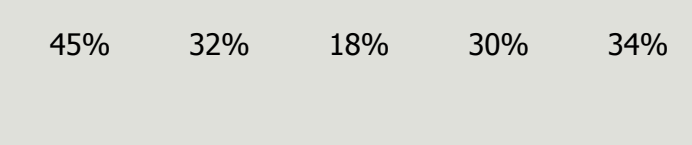


China

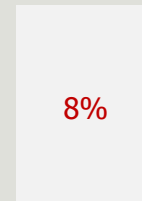
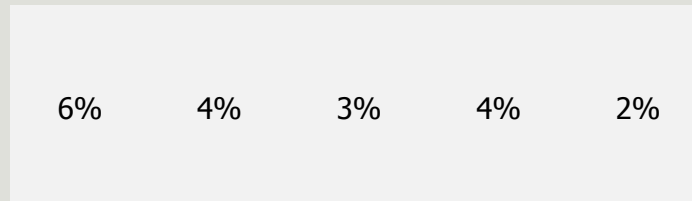
It's a good thing, we have been waiting for this for a long time



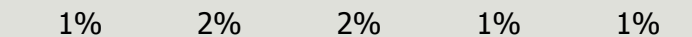
It's a PR campaign to encourage women into the sciences



It's a mistake, the jury must have made a mistake



DK 1%



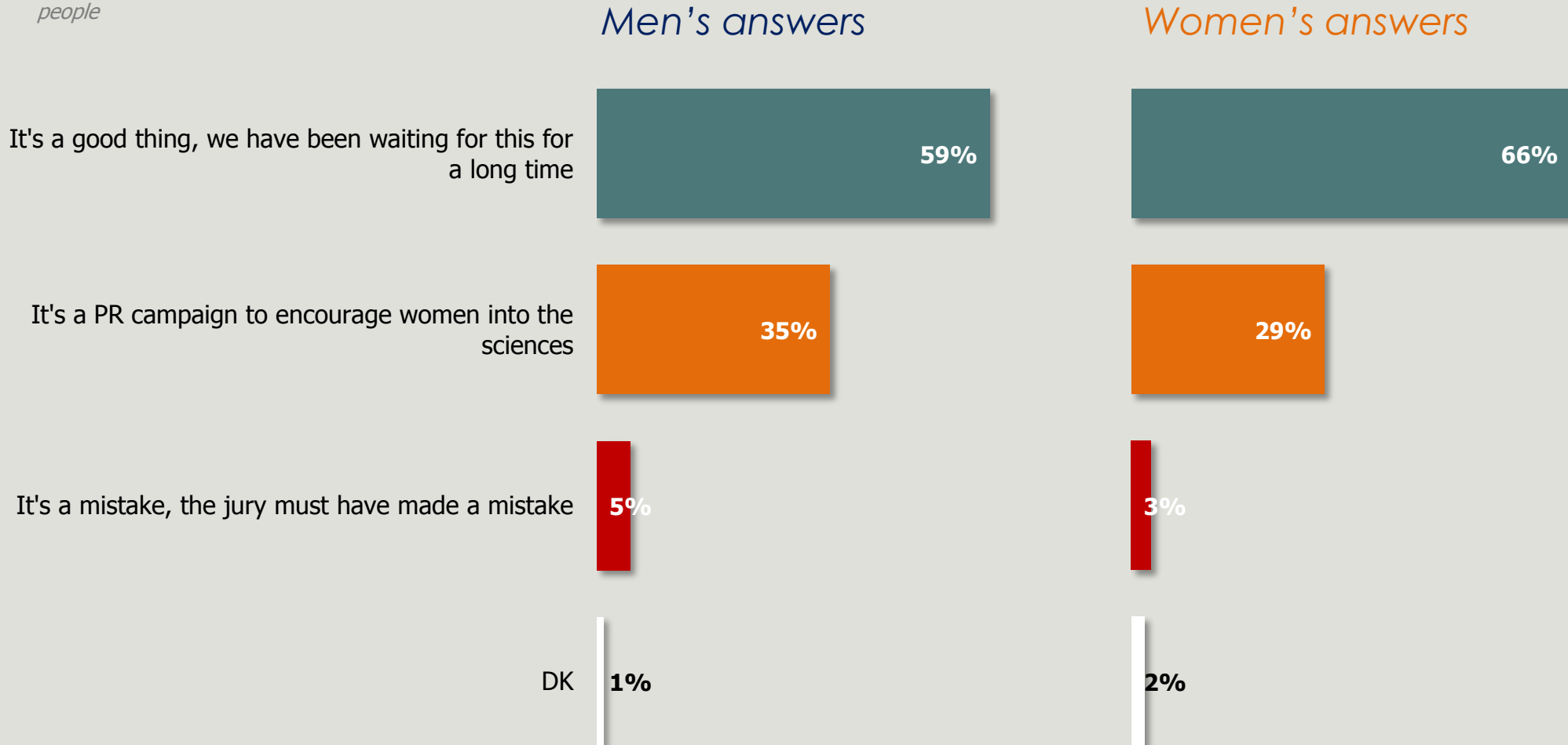
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## EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



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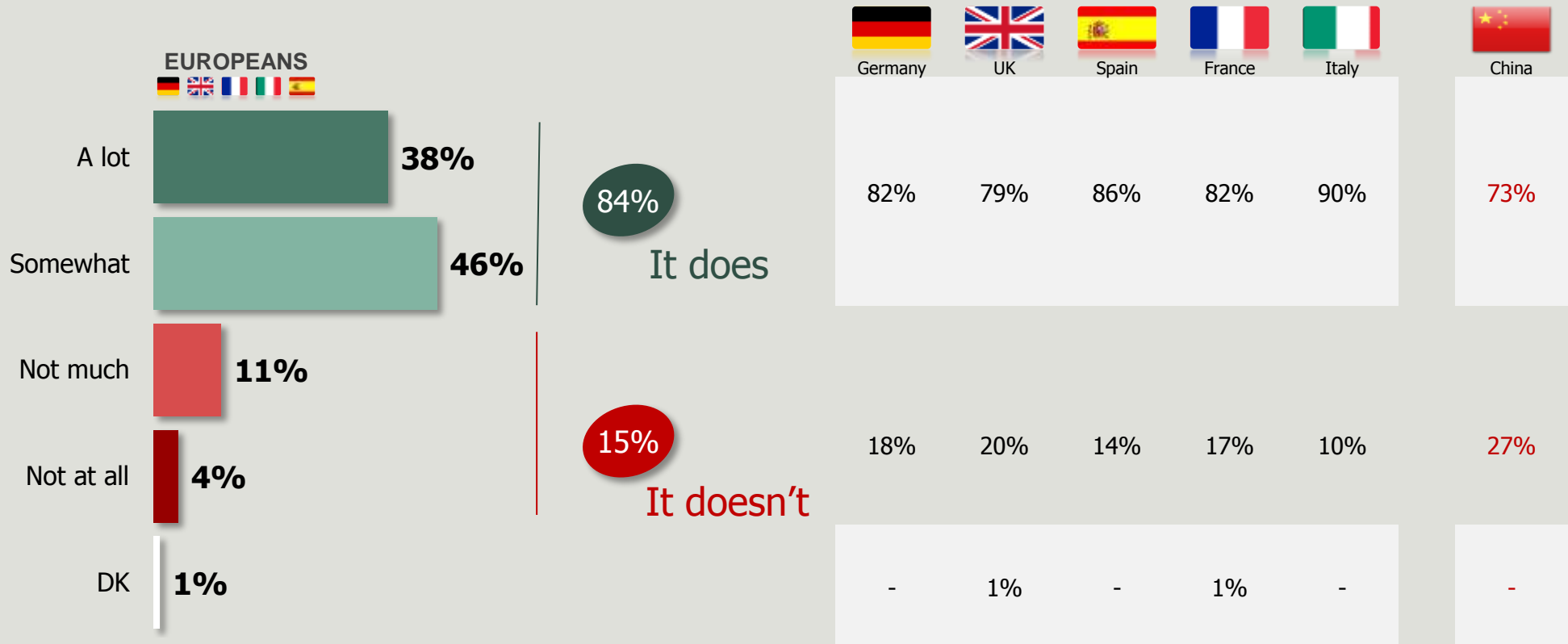
# The importance of struggling for male/female equality in high-level scientific posts

## TOTAL



Question 17 - In your opinion, to what extent does male-female equality in high-level scientific posts warrant people taking action?

5032 people



# The importance of struggling for male/female equality in high-level scientific posts

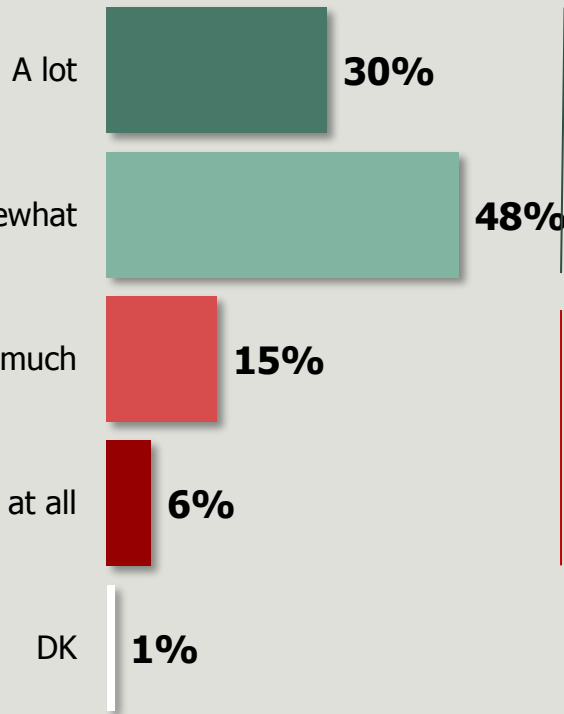
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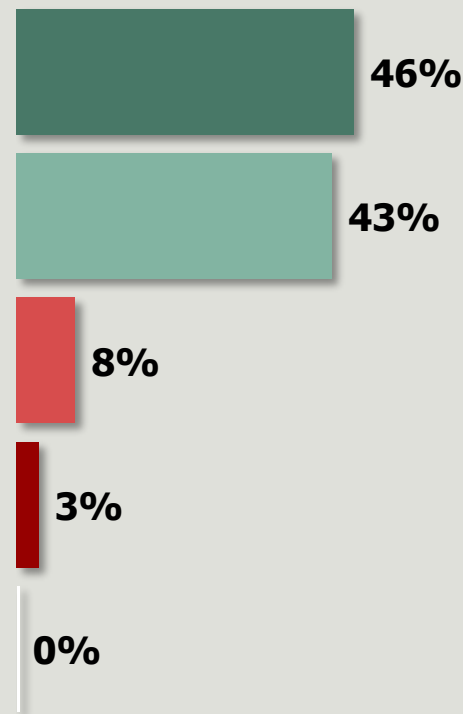
### Men's answers



78% It does

21% It doesn't

### Women's answers



89% It does

11% It doesn't

# The advantages of there being more women as high-level scientists

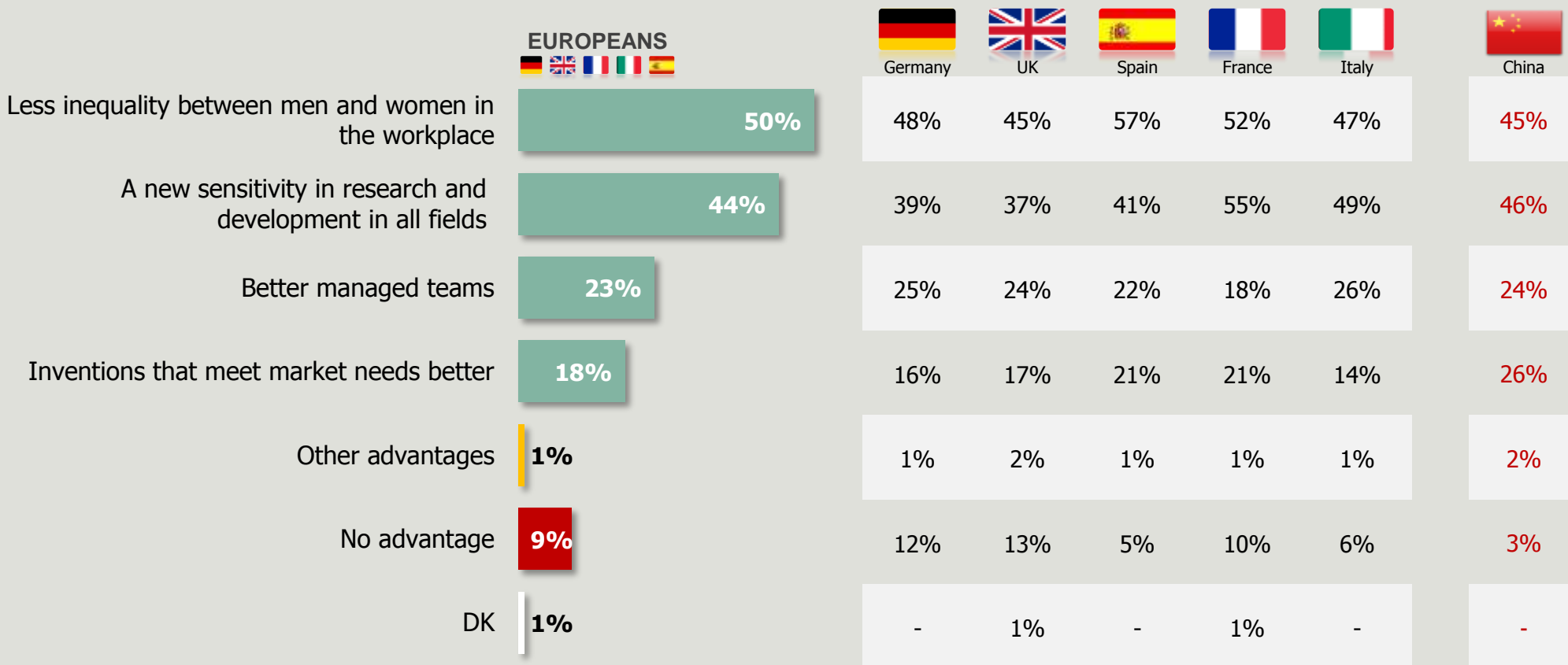
TOTAL



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people

Question 13 - And in your opinion, what would be the advantages of there being more women as high-level scientists?

*Two answers possible - Total exceeds 100%*



# The advantages of there being more women as high-level scientists

## EUROPEANS - Men's answers vs. Women's answers



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people

Question 13 - And in your opinion, what would be the advantages of there being more women as high-level scientists?

*Two answers possible - Total exceeds 100%*

