

2010 Arab Public Opinion Poll

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2010 Arab Public Opinion Poll

Survey conducted June 29 -July 20, 2010

**in Egypt, Jordan,
Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and UAE**

Sample size: 3,976
Margin of error: +/- 1.6%

Key Poll Findings

Among the key poll findings are:

- A substantial change in the assessment of President Obama, both as President of the United States and of Obama personally.
- Remarkably stable views on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the prospects of its resolution
- A majority of the Arab public now see a nuclear-armed Iran as being better for the Middle East

Samples and Polling Dates

| Country | Sample Size | Margin of Error | Start Date | End Date |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Egypt | 818 | +/- 3.5 | 6/29/10 | 7/18/10 |
| Saudi Arabia | 812 | +/- 3.5 | 6/30/10 | 7/16/10 |
| UAE | 512 | +/- 4.4 | 6/30/10 | 7/14/10 |
| Morocco | 816 | +/- 3.5 | 6/30/10 | 7/20/10 |
| Lebanon | 509 | +/- 4.4 | 6/29/10 | 7/13/10 |
| Jordan | 509 | +/- 4.5 | 6/30/10 | 7/16/10 |



United States & the Middle East

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How would you describe your views of President Barack Obama of the United States?

2010

2009

Positive



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Neutral



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28

Negative



62



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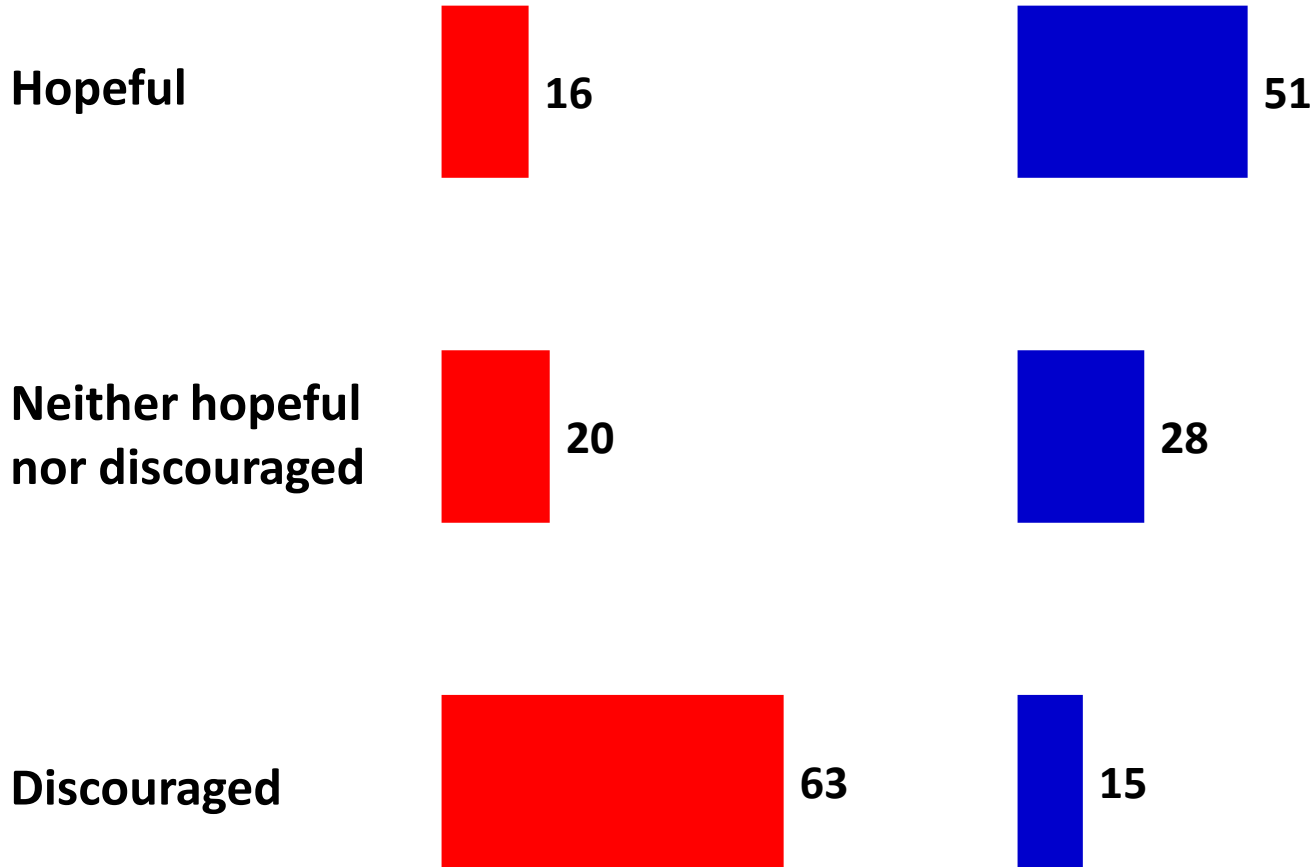


United States & the Middle East

How would you describe your attitudes toward the Obama Administration policy in the Middle East?

2010

2009



United States & the Middle East

When you look back at the past year of the Obama Administration, which one of the following policies are you most disappointed with?

2010

Palestine/Israel



Iraq



Attitudes toward Islam



Afghanistan



Human rights



Spreading democracy



Economic assistance



United States & the Middle East

When you look back at the past year of the Obama Administration, which one of the following policies are you most pleased with?

2010

Palestine/Israel

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Iraq

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Attitudes toward Islam

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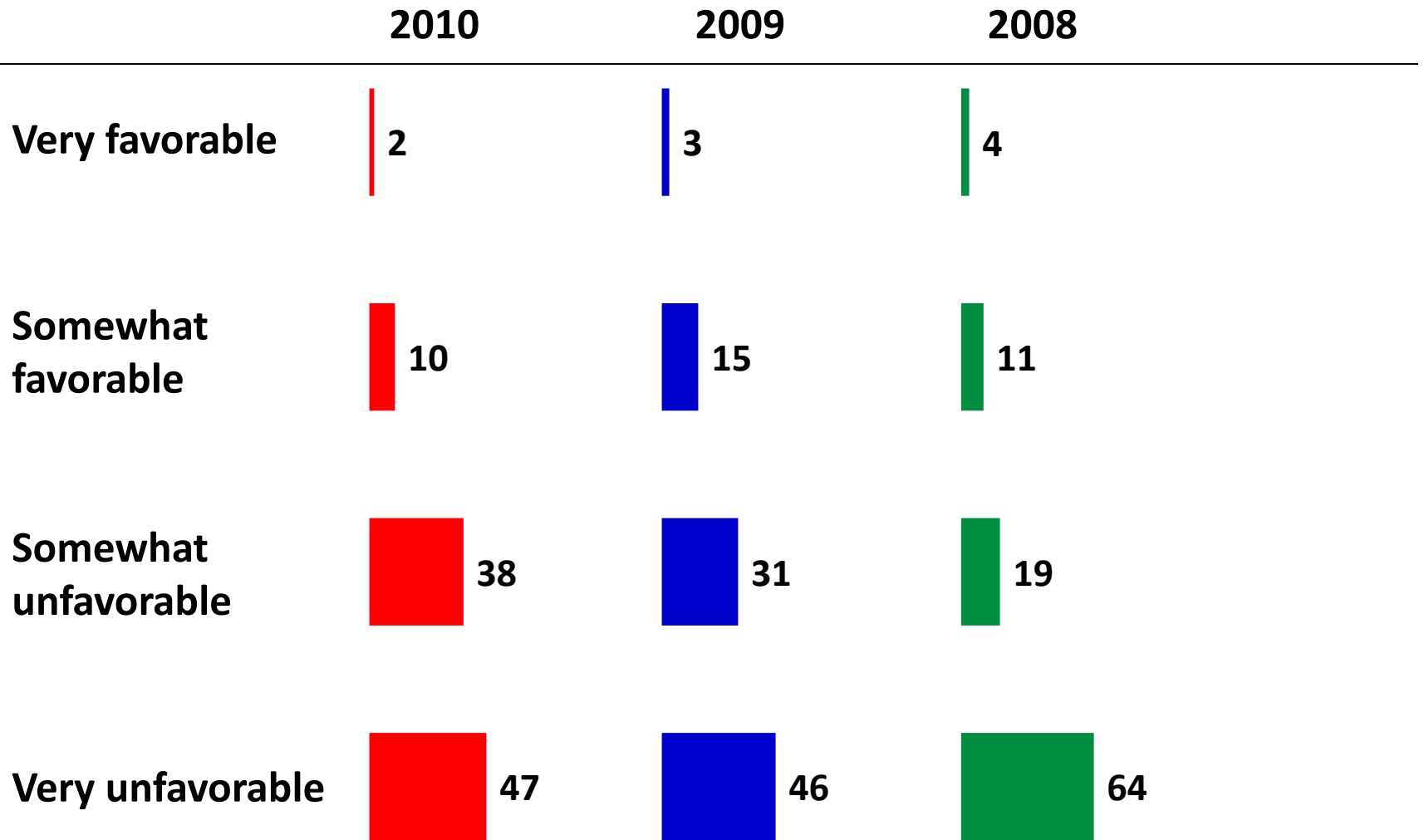
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Economic assistance

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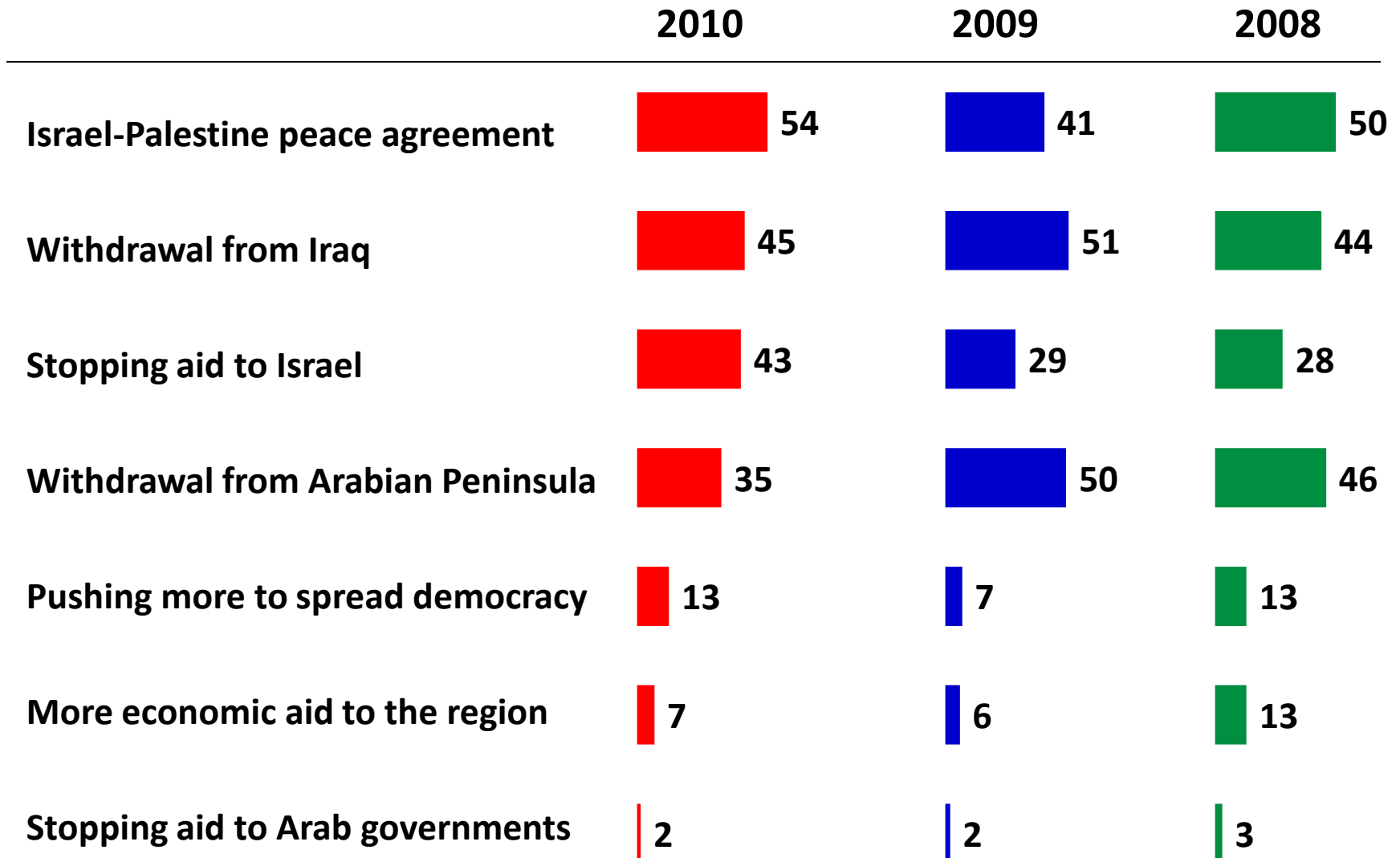
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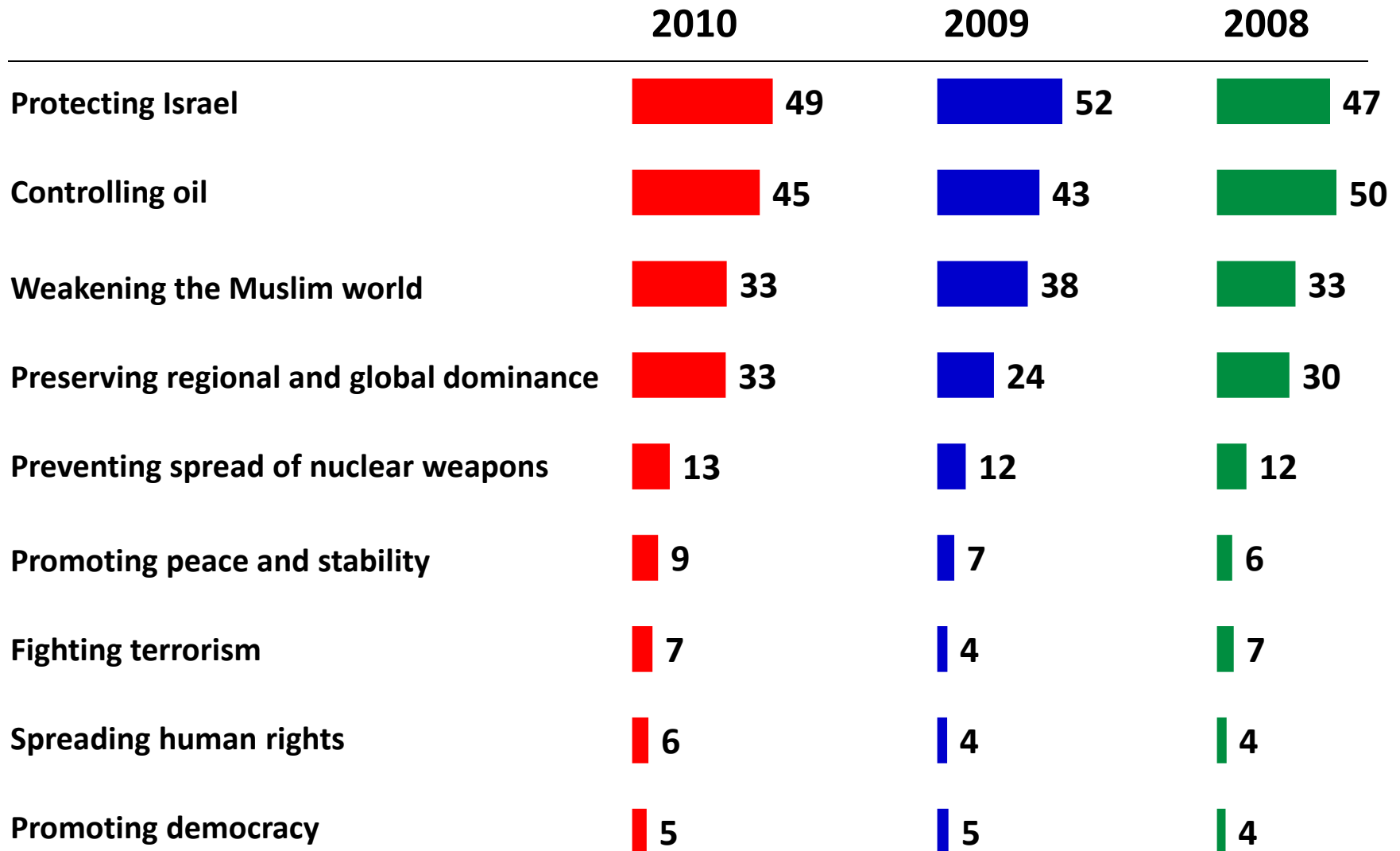
United States & the Middle East

What TWO steps by the United States would improve your views of the United States the most?



United States & the Middle East

Which TWO of the following factors do you believe are most important in driving American policy in the Middle East?



United States & the Middle East

Which of the following is closest to your views in describing US
President Barack Obama?

2010

Unfavorable view of him and I am
pessimistic about his foreign policy



Favorable personal view of him, but I
don't think the American system will
allow him to have a successful foreign
policy



Favorable personal view of him and I
am hopeful about his foreign policy



United States & the Middle East

Generally speaking, is your attitude about the American people...

2010 (All)

36 and over

Under 36

Very favorable



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Somewhat favorable



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Somewhat unfavorable



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Very unfavorable



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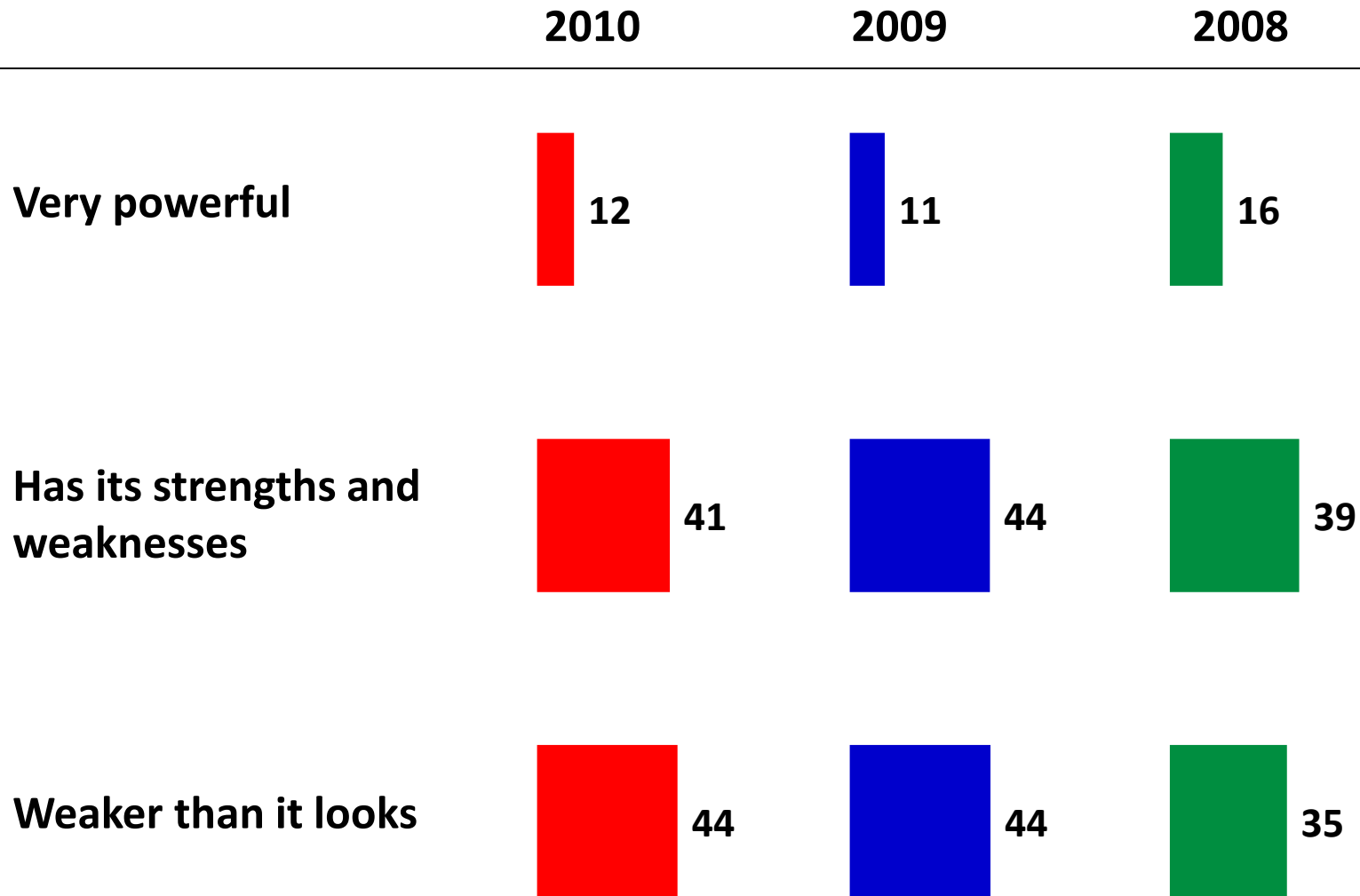


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Arab-Israeli Conflict

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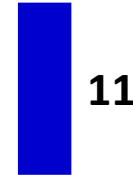
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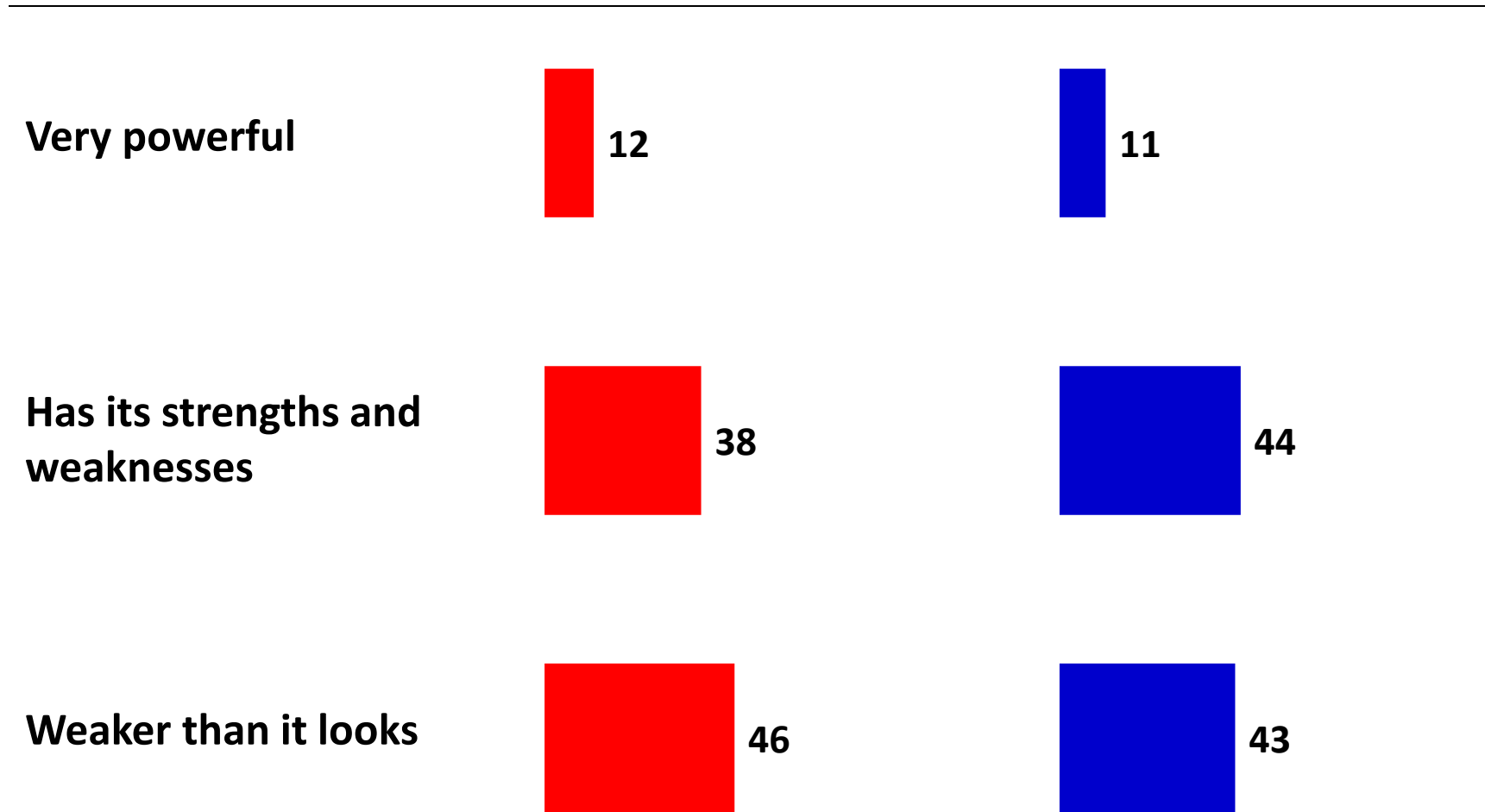
Very powerful



Has its strengths and weaknesses

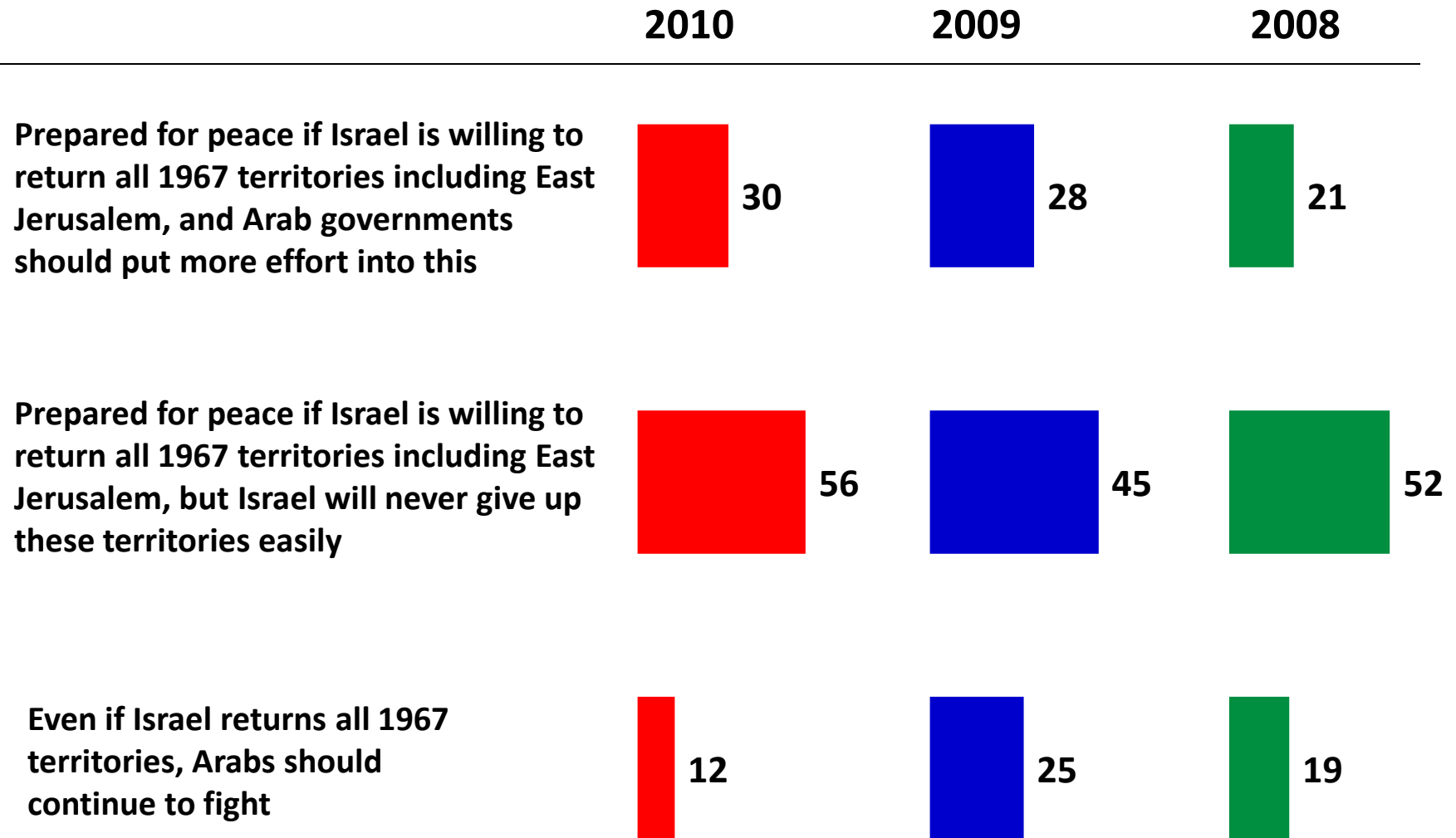


Weaker than it looks



Arab-Israeli Conflict

Which of the following statements is closer to your view?



Arab-Israeli Conflict

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36 and over

Under 36

Prepared for peace if Israel is willing to return all 1967 territories including East Jerusalem, and Arab governments should put more effort into this



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Prepared for peace if Israel is willing to return all 1967 territories including East Jerusalem, but Israel will never give up these territories easily



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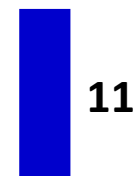


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Even if Israel returns all 1967 territories, Arabs should continue to fight



14



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Arab-Israeli Conflict

What do you believe motivates Israeli policies in the region and American support for these policies?

2010

2009

2008

Israel decides on its own interests and influences the US



47



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Israel is a tool of American foreign policy



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US and Israel have mutual interests



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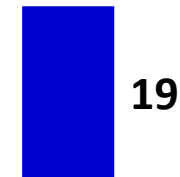
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2010

2009

2008

State of intense conflict for years to come



57



60



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Status quo will continue



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One-state solution in which Israelis and Palestinians are equal



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Palestinians will eventually surrender to Israeli power



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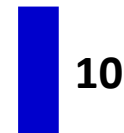


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One-state solution in which Israelis and Palestinians are equal



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Arab-Israeli Conflict

Which of the following statements is closest to your view about the prospects of lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians?

2010

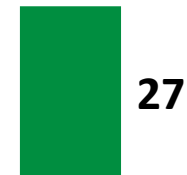
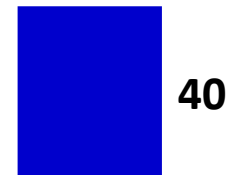
2009

2008

Don't believe it will ever happen



Inevitable, but it will take more time



Will happen in the next five years



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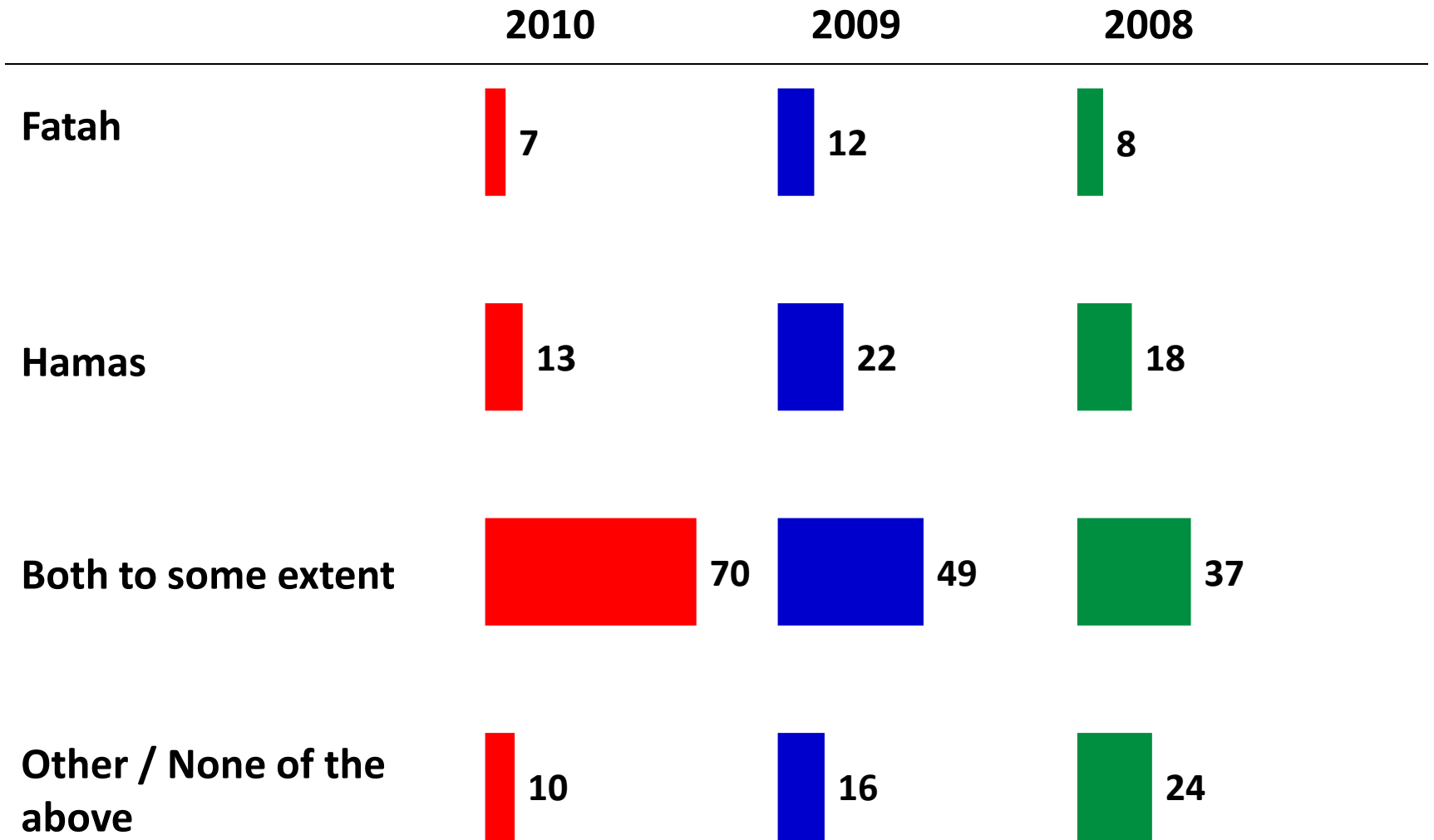
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Arab-Israeli Conflict

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Arab-Israeli Conflict

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Fatah



6



8

Hamas



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Both to some extent



71



70

Other / None of the above



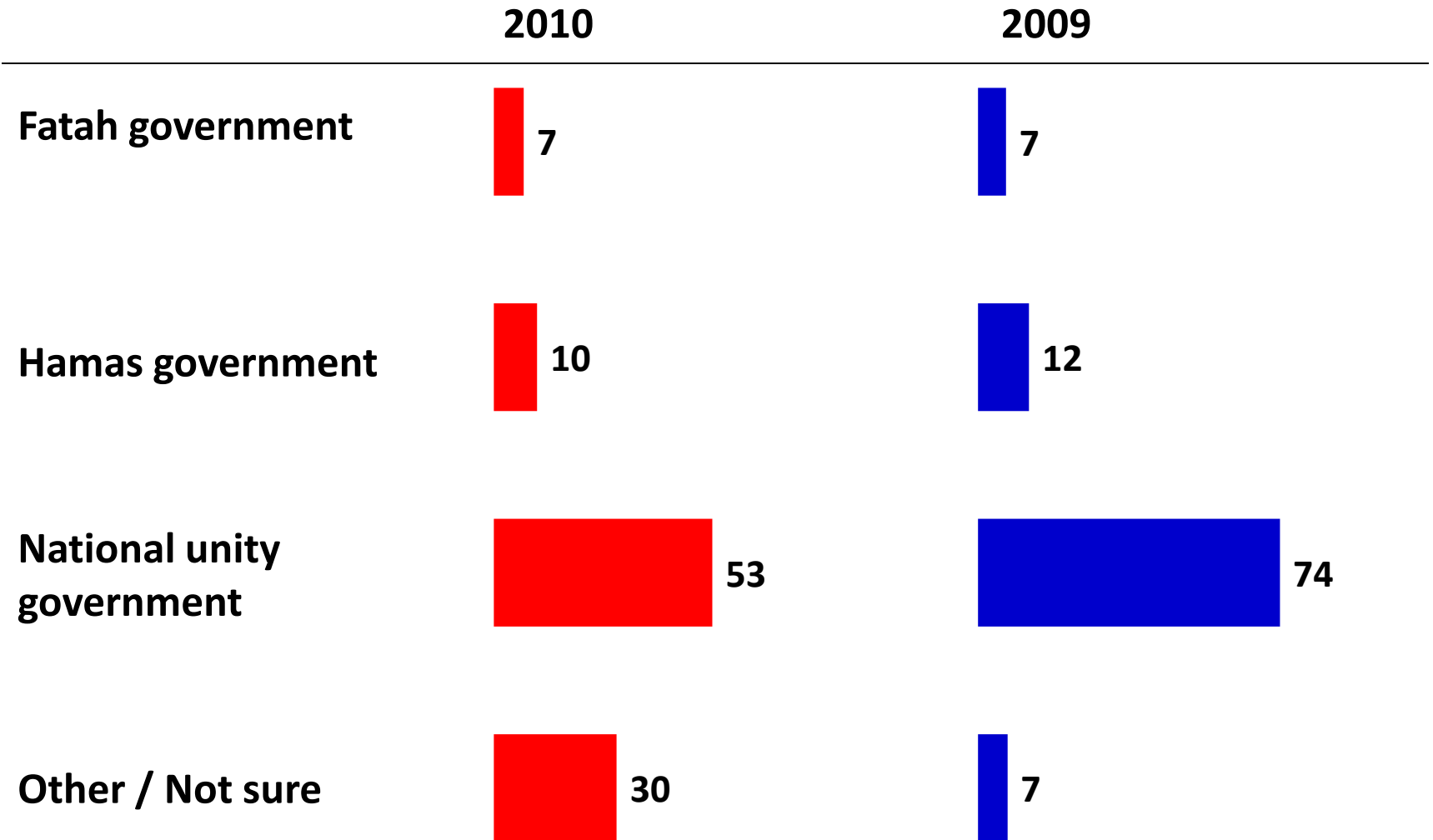
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Fatah government



Hamas government



National unity
government

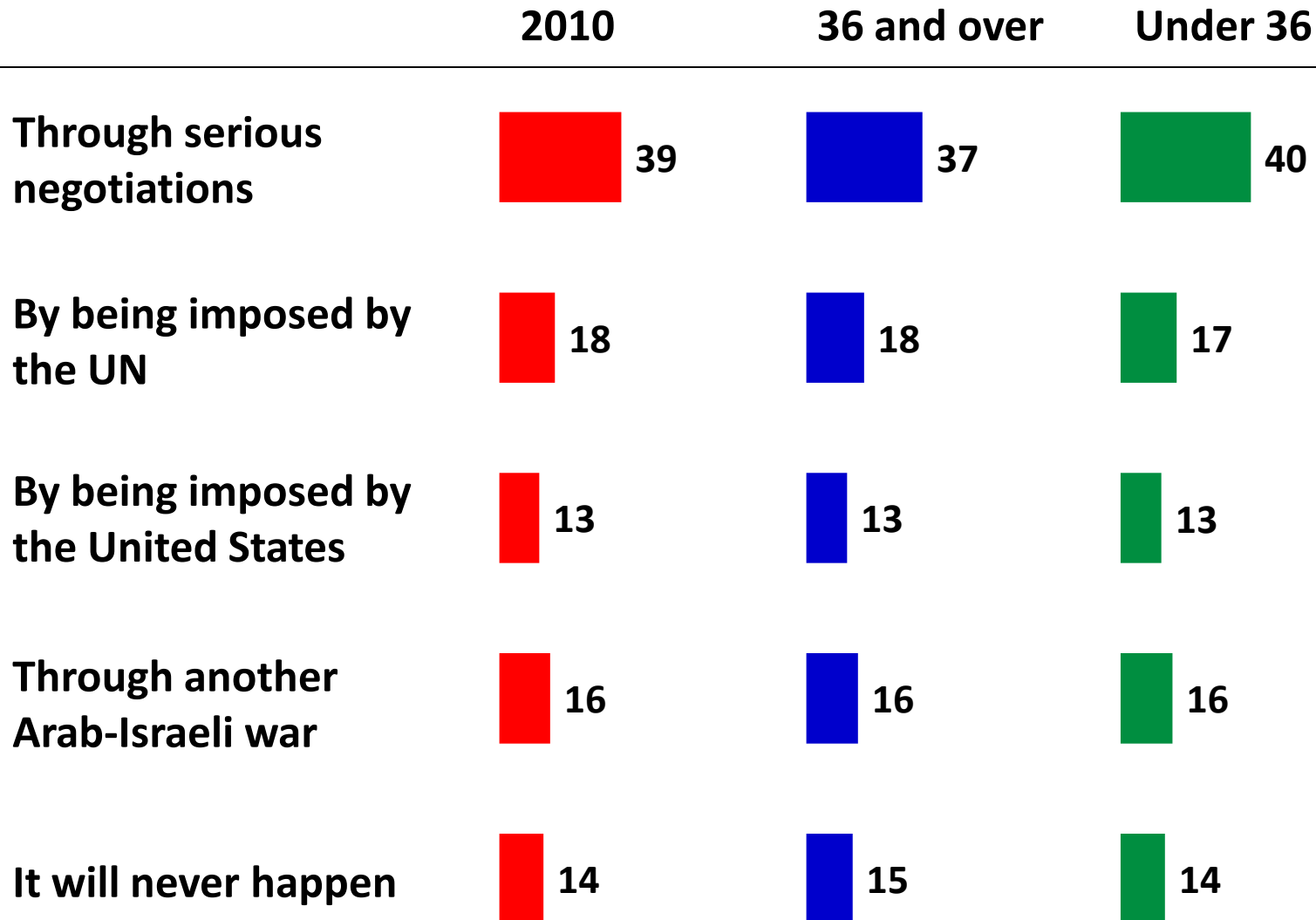


Other / Not sure



Arab-Israeli Conflict

A solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict that leads to the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, with East Jerusalem as its capital, will happen only:



Arab-Israeli Conflict

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2010 (All)

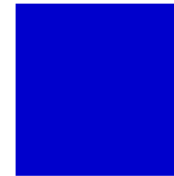
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Establishment of a fully independent contiguous Palestinian state in WBG



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Arab sovereignty over East Jerusalem



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Right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes



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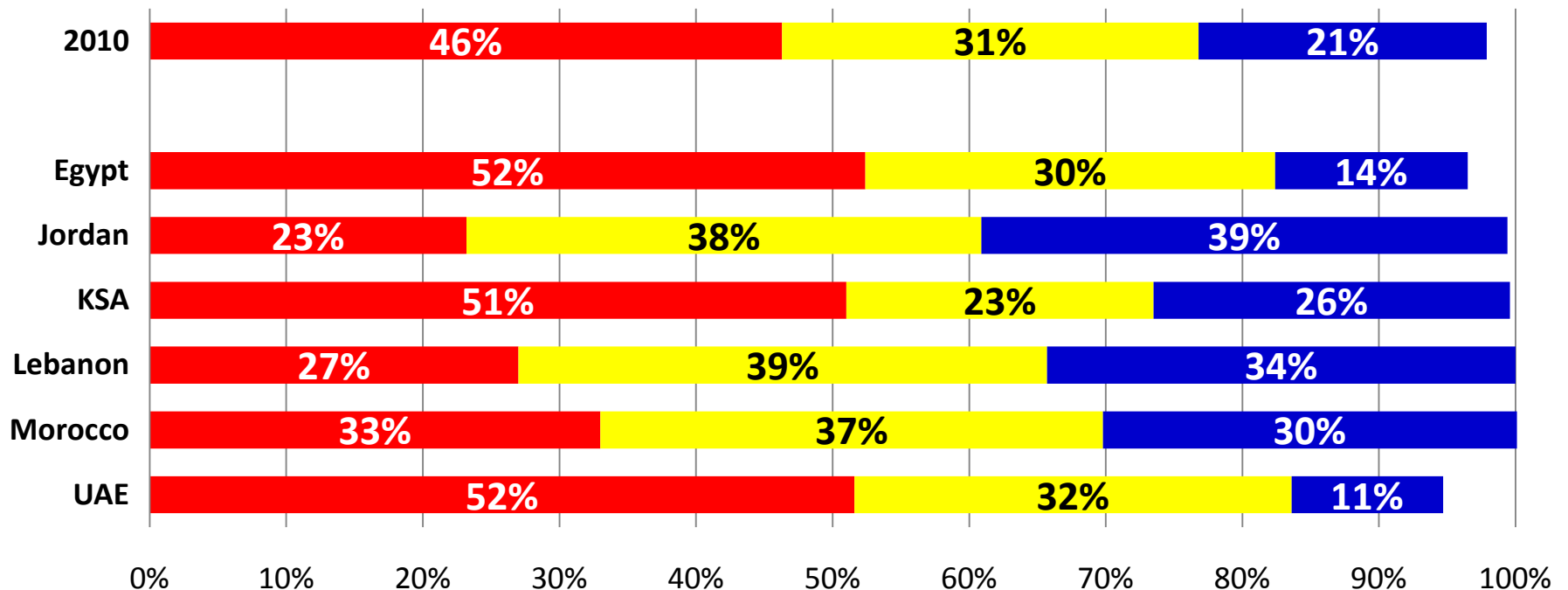


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Arab-Israeli Conflict

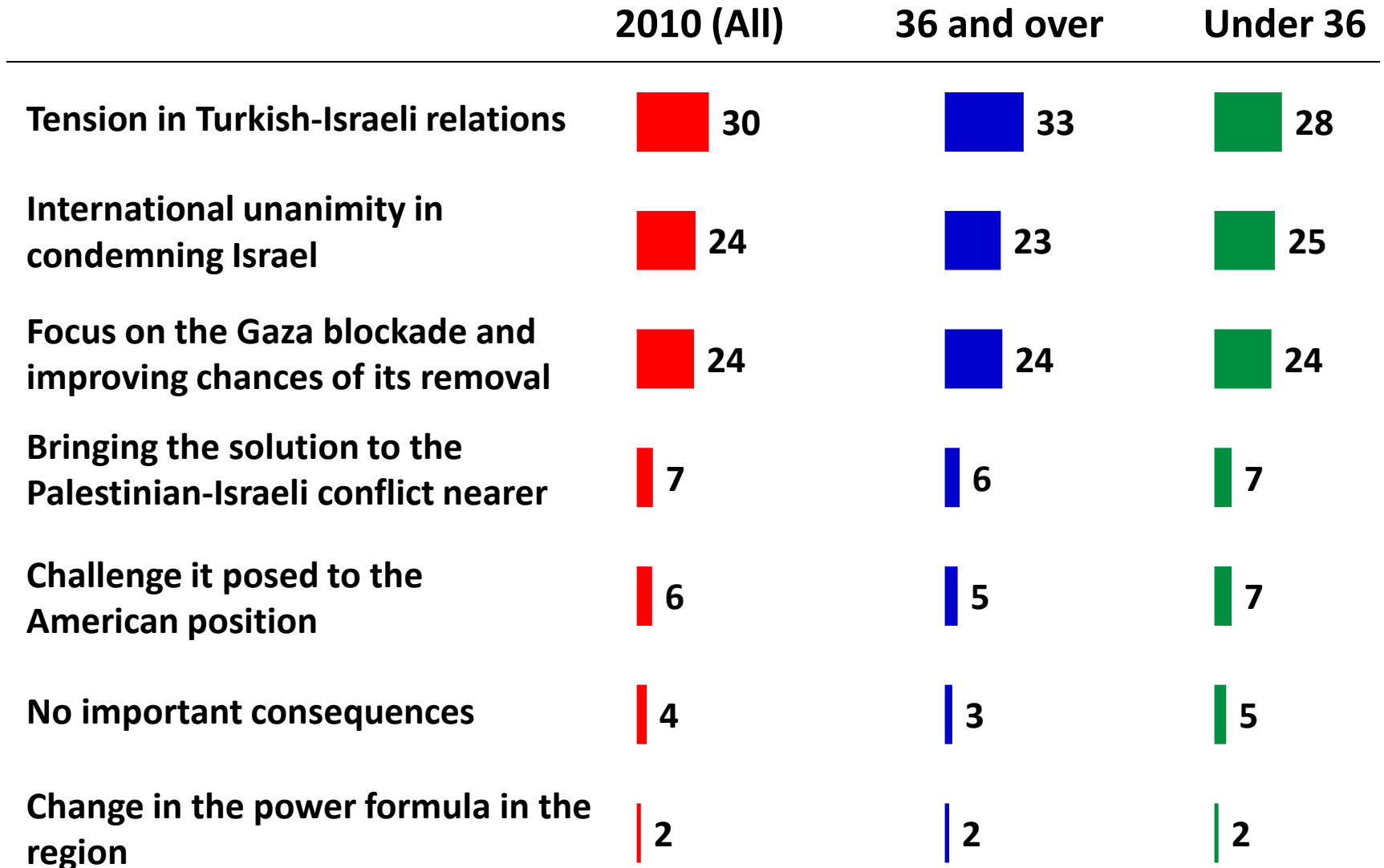
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Arab-Israeli Conflict

In your opinion, what has been the most important consequence of the Israeli attack on the Gaza Flotilla?



Arab-Israeli Conflict

Whom among Palestinian leaders/personalities do you admire most?

| | 2010 (All) | 36 and over | Under 36 |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
| Khalid Meshaal |  17 |  16 |  18 |
| Mahmoud Abbas |  15 |  17 |  15 |
| Marwan Barghouti |  13 |  12 |  14 |
| Ismail Haniyeh |  13 |  13 |  13 |
| Saeb Erekat |  10 |  10 |  10 |
| Shaikh Ahmad Yaseen |  7 |  8 |  7 |
| Salam Fayyad |  6 |  6 |  6 |
| Mustafa Barghouti |  5 |  4 |  6 |

Empathy

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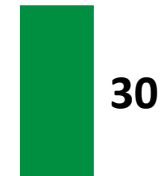
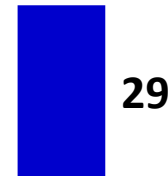
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Resent it as I feel it brings sympathy toward Israel and Jews at the expense of Palestinians and Arabs



I have mixed feelings



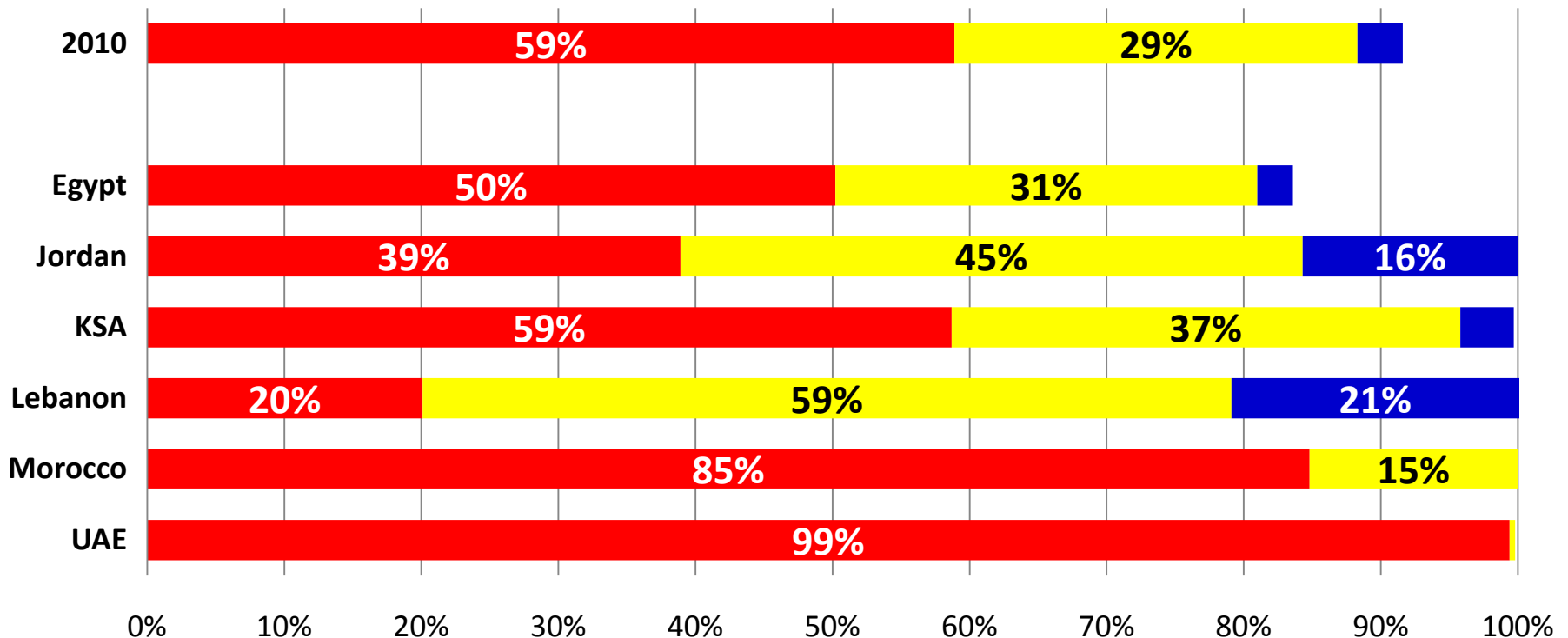
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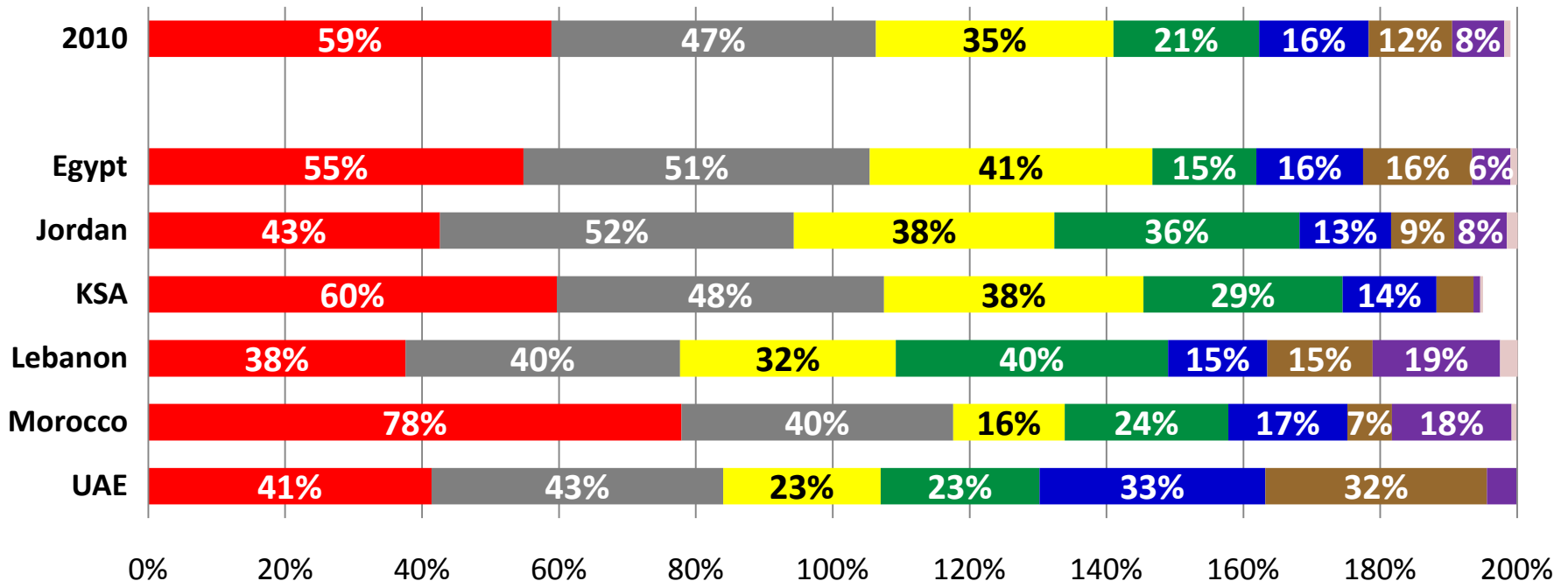
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Empathy

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- Empathy with the Palestinian victims
- Need for revenge against Israel
- Helpless
- Angry with Arab governments
- Angry with the US
- Angry with the Palestinian leadership
- Same as when I see other humans suffer
- Palestinians brought it upon themselves



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Empathy with the Israeli victims



Revenge for the Palestinians



Angry with Israeli leaders



Angry with the US



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Same as when I see other civilians killed



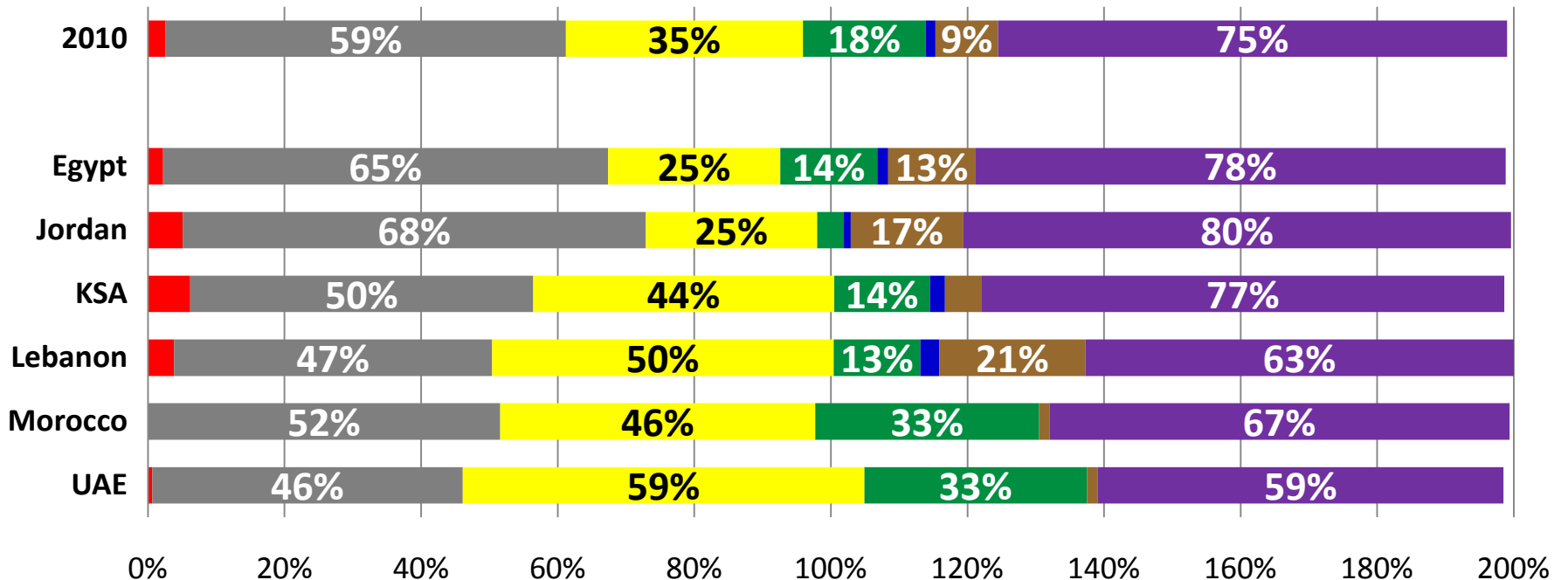
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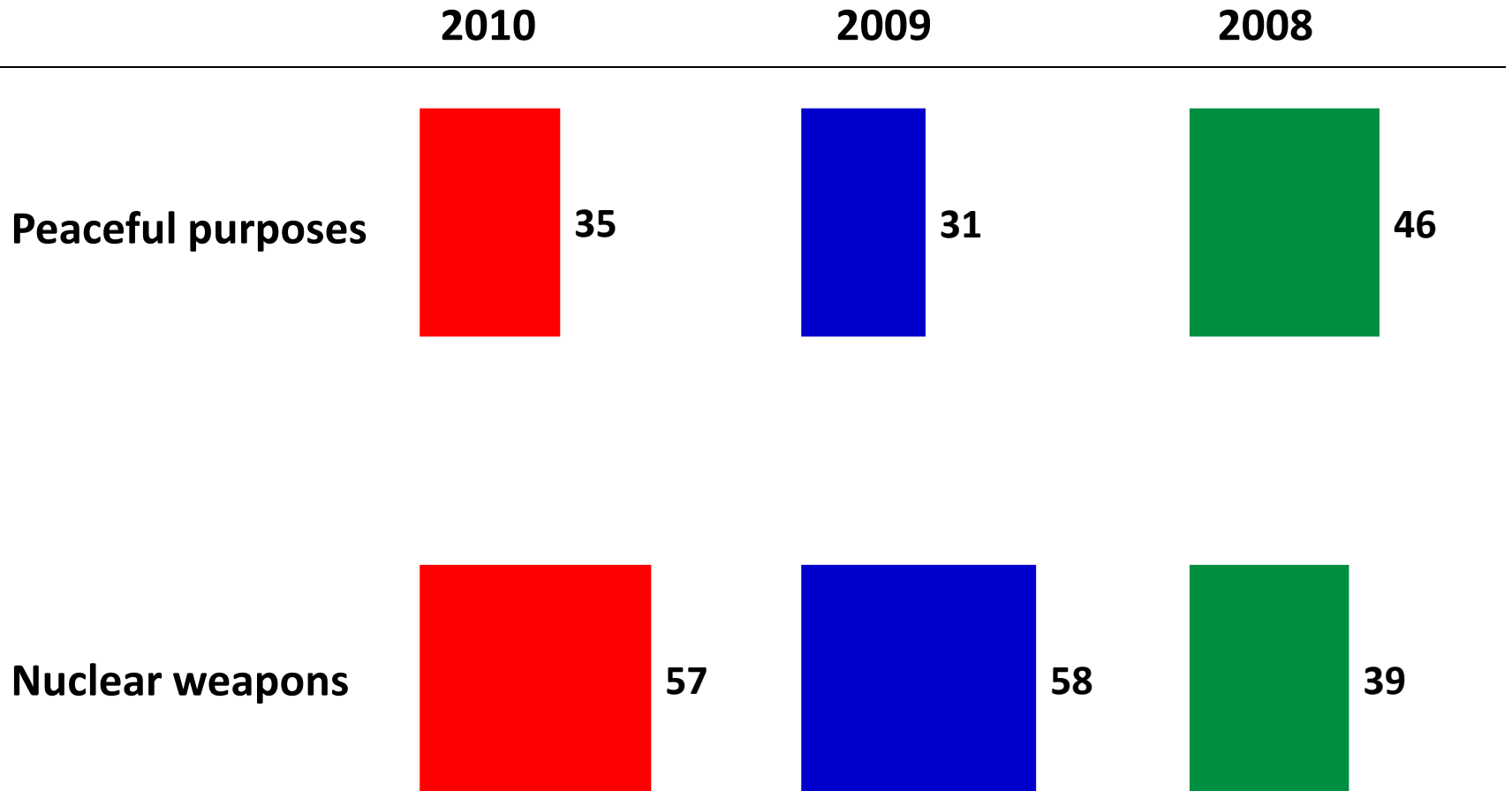
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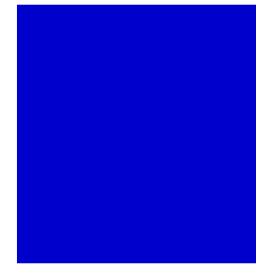
36 and over

Under 36

Peaceful purposes



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34

Nuclear weapons



55



59

Iran

There is international pressure on Iran to curtail its nuclear program. What is your opinion?

2010

2009

2008

Iran has the right to its nuclear program



77



53



67

Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program



20



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Iran has peaceful purposes

Iran seeks nuclear weapons

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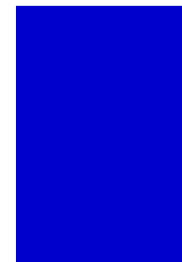


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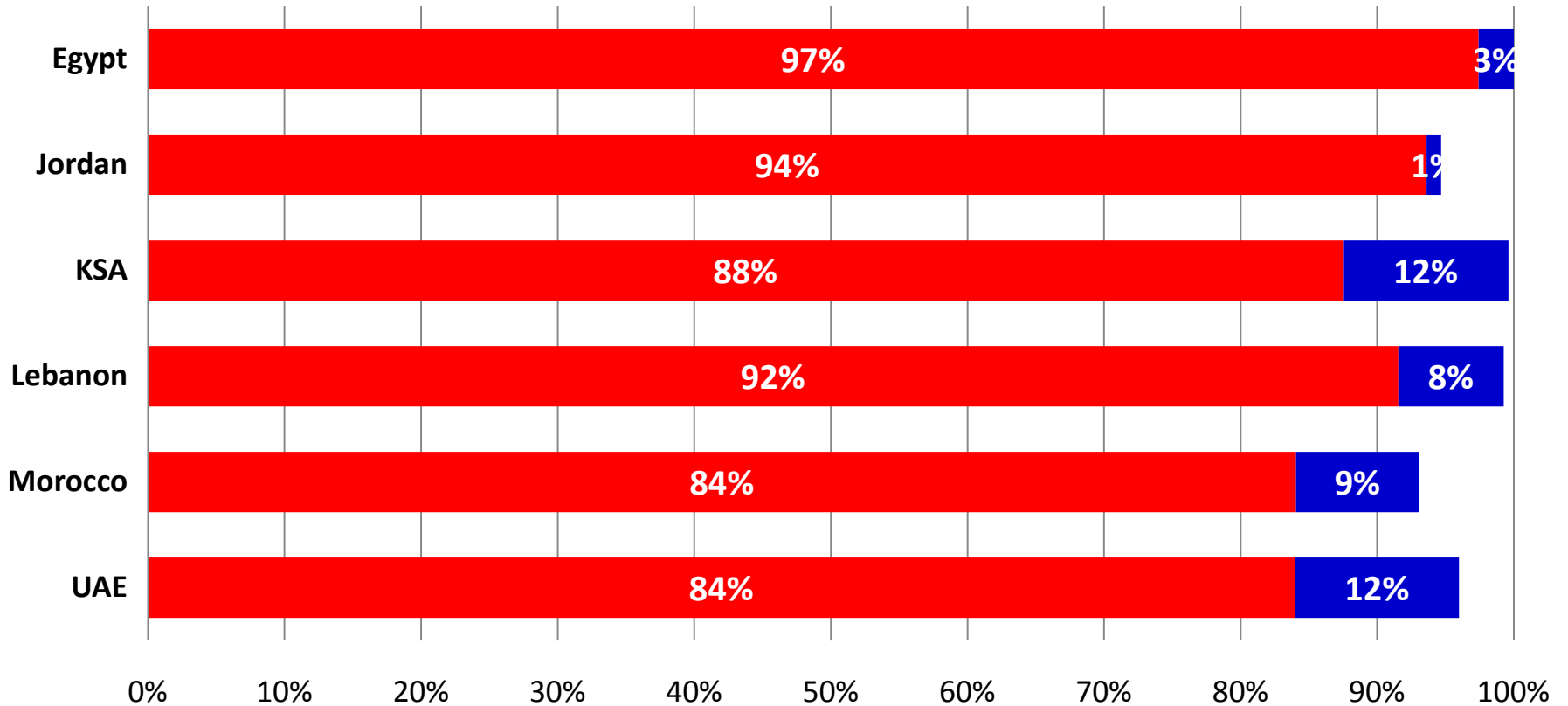


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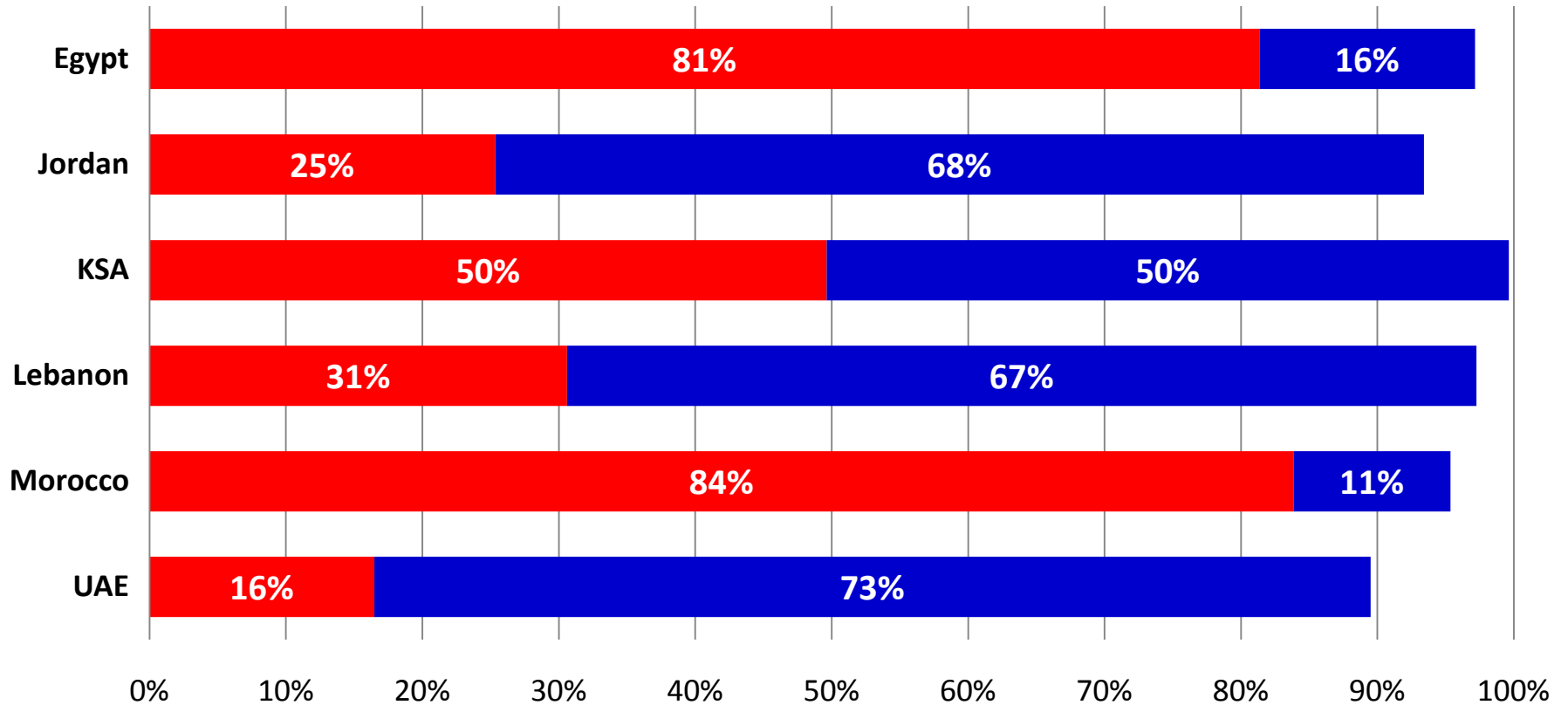
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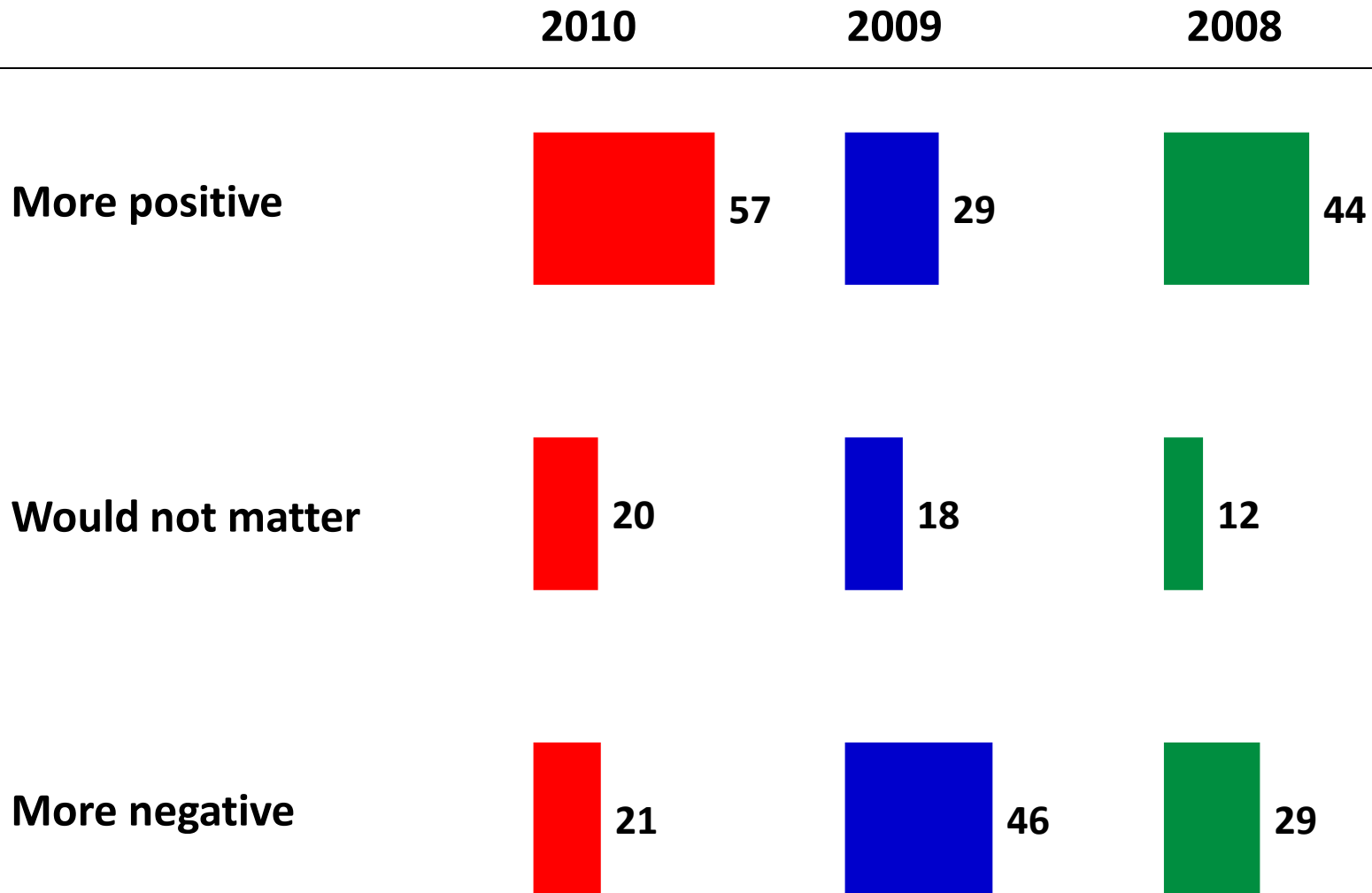
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More positive



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More negative



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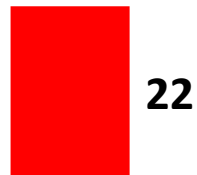


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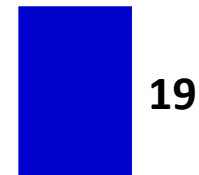


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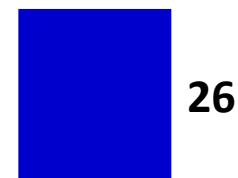


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More negative



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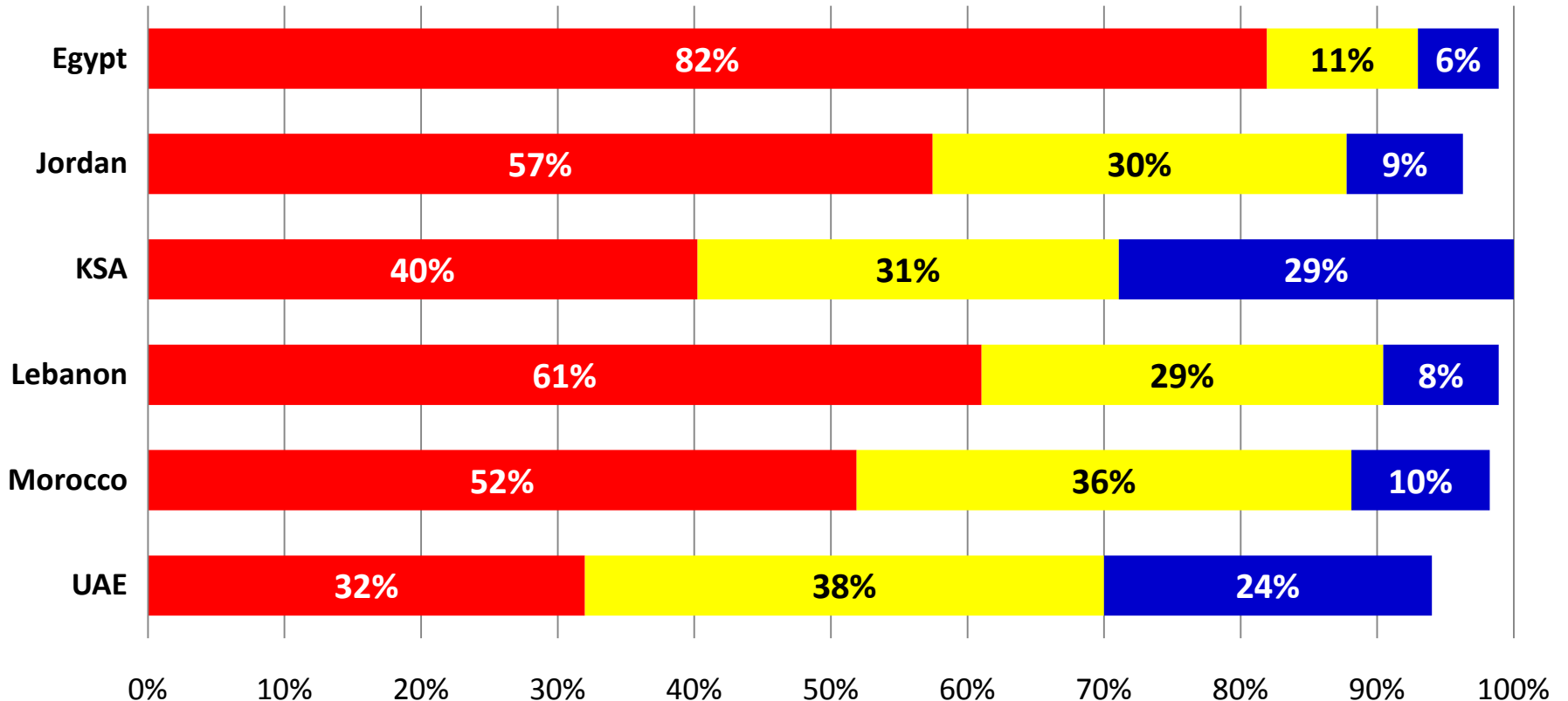


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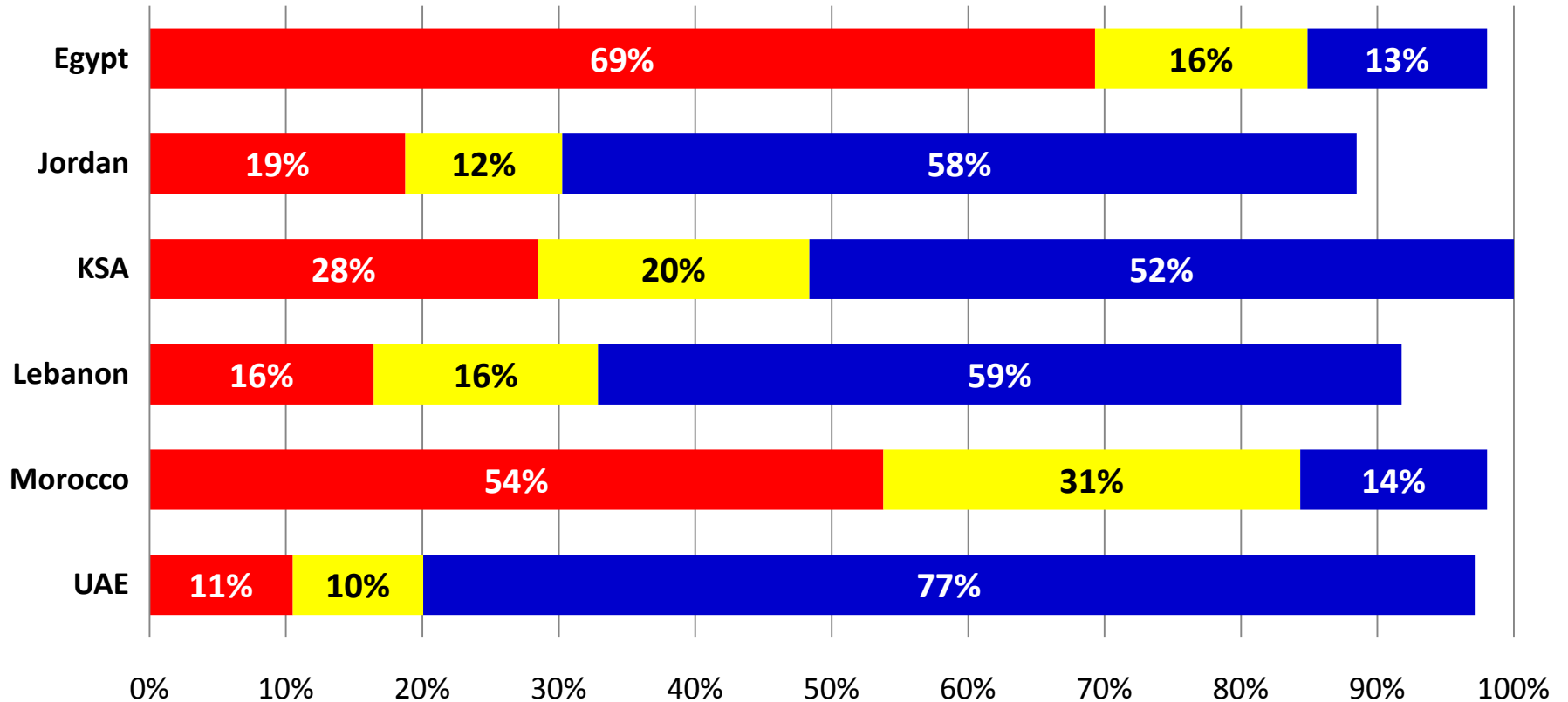
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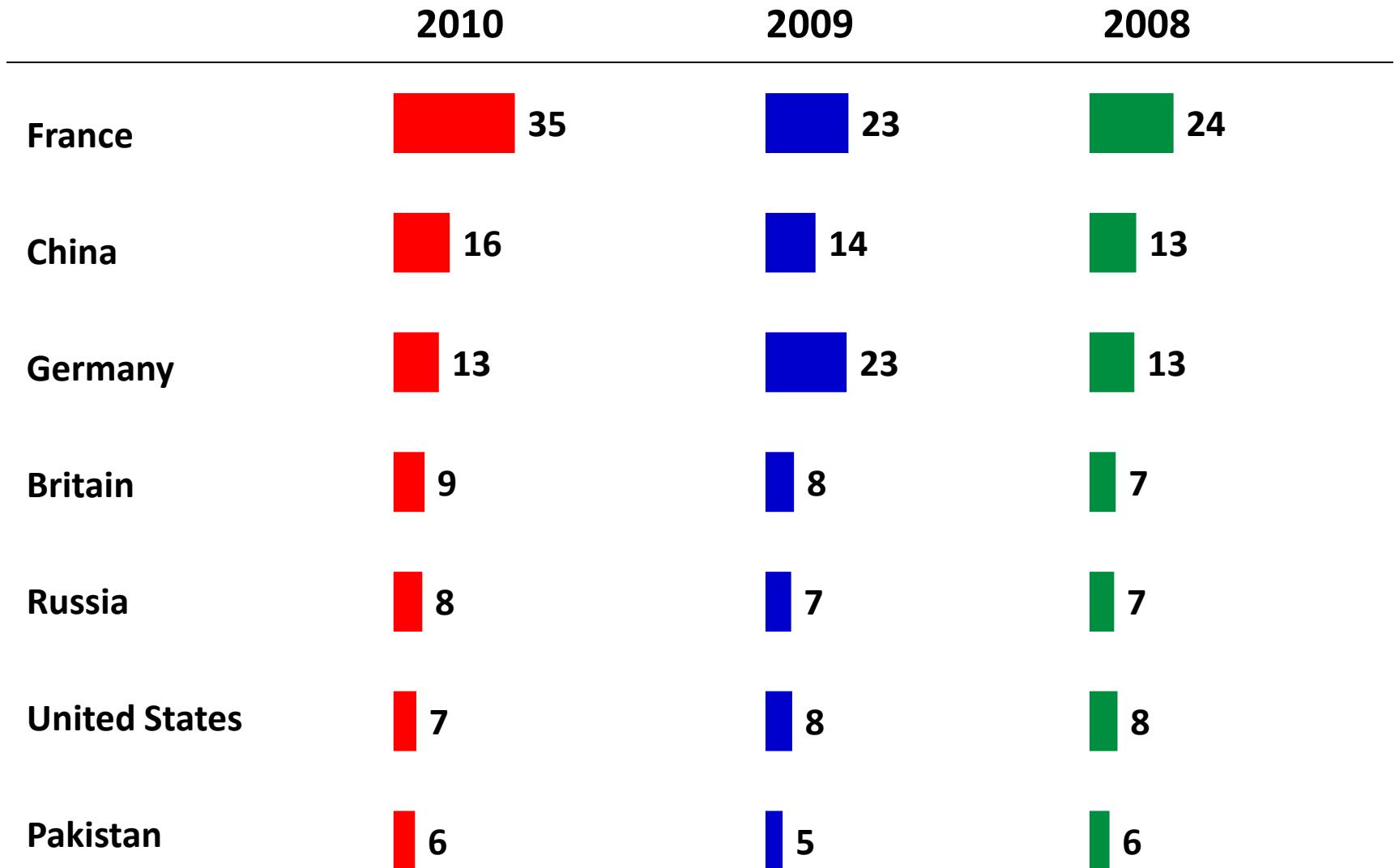
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World View

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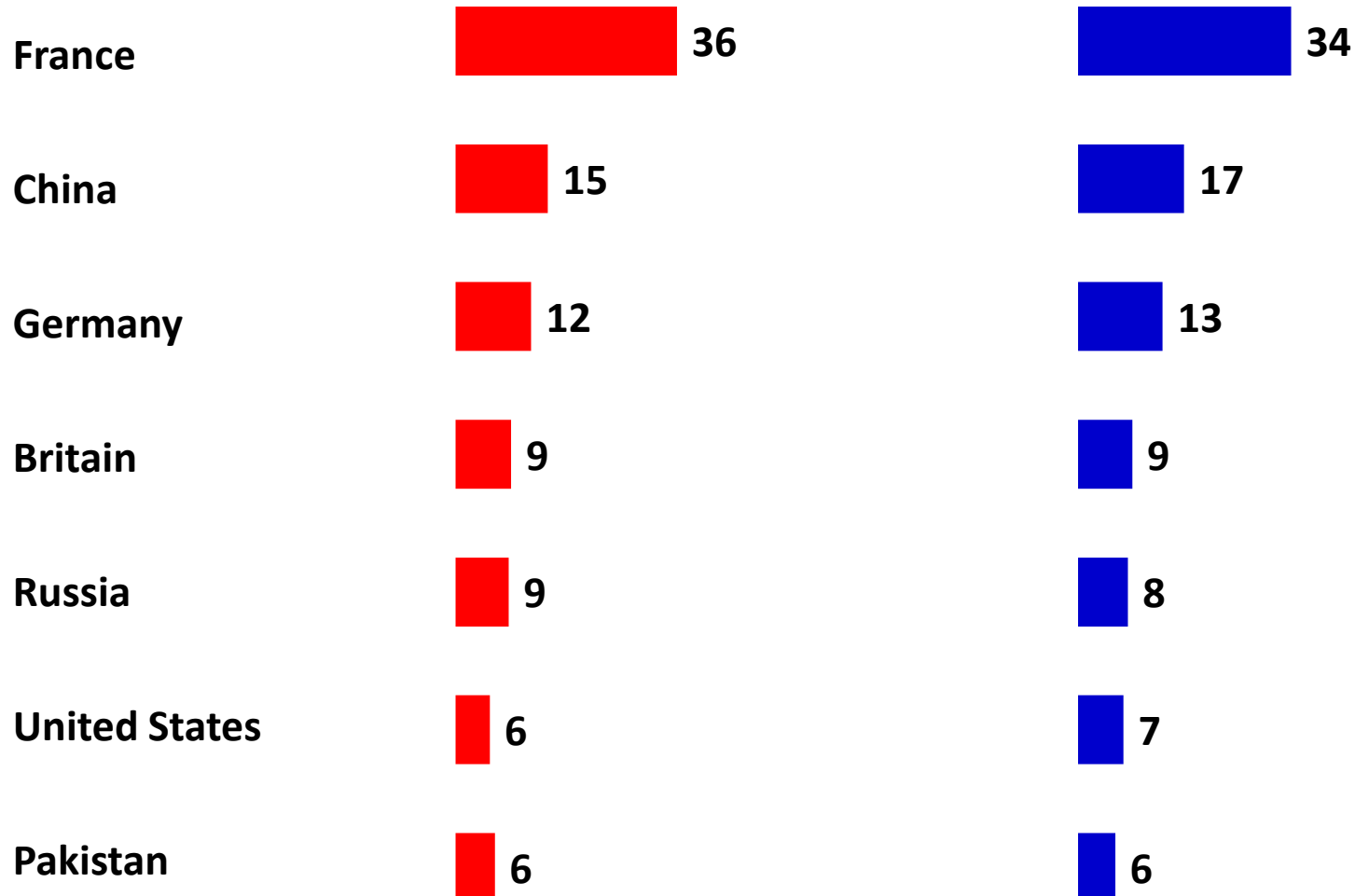


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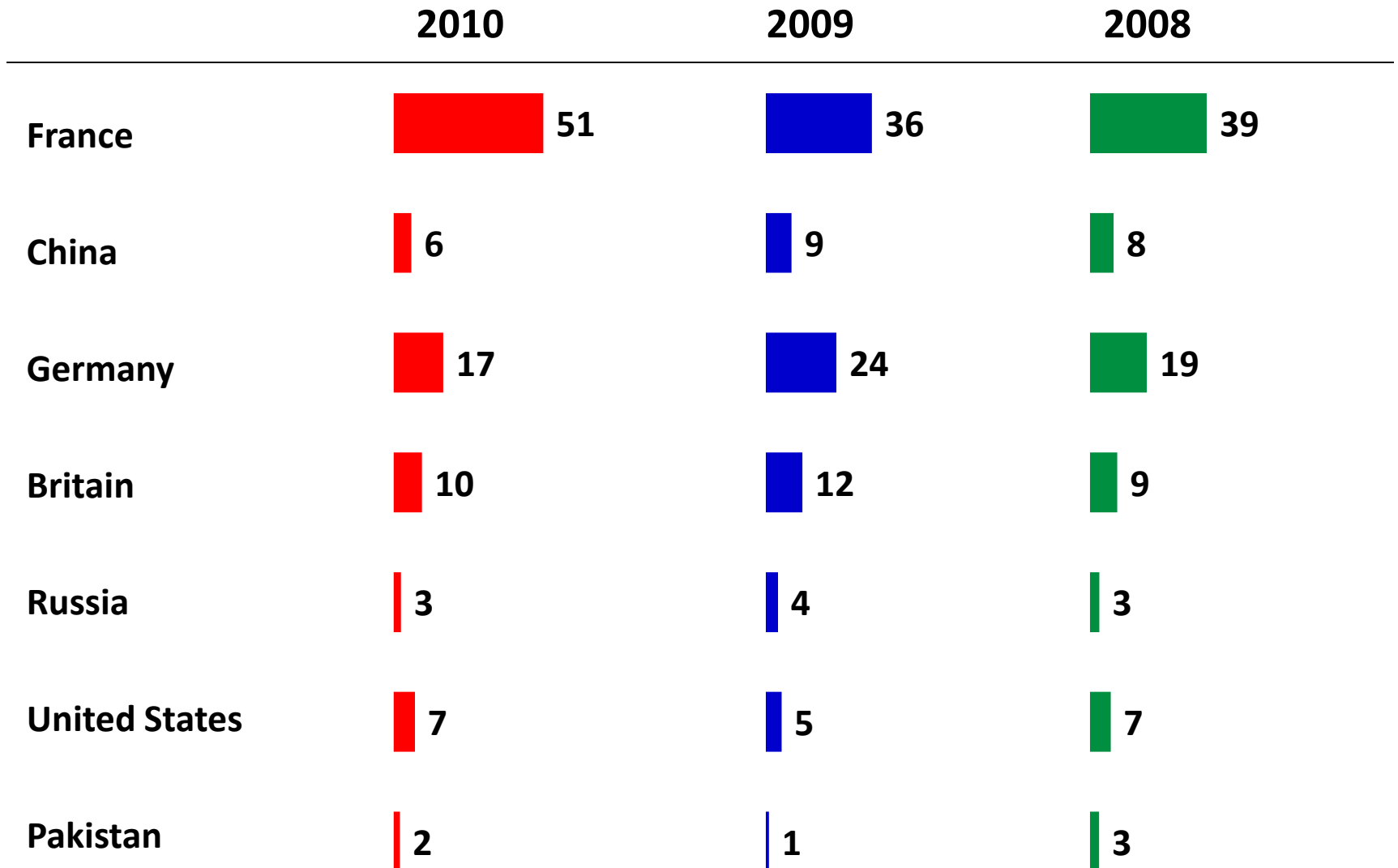
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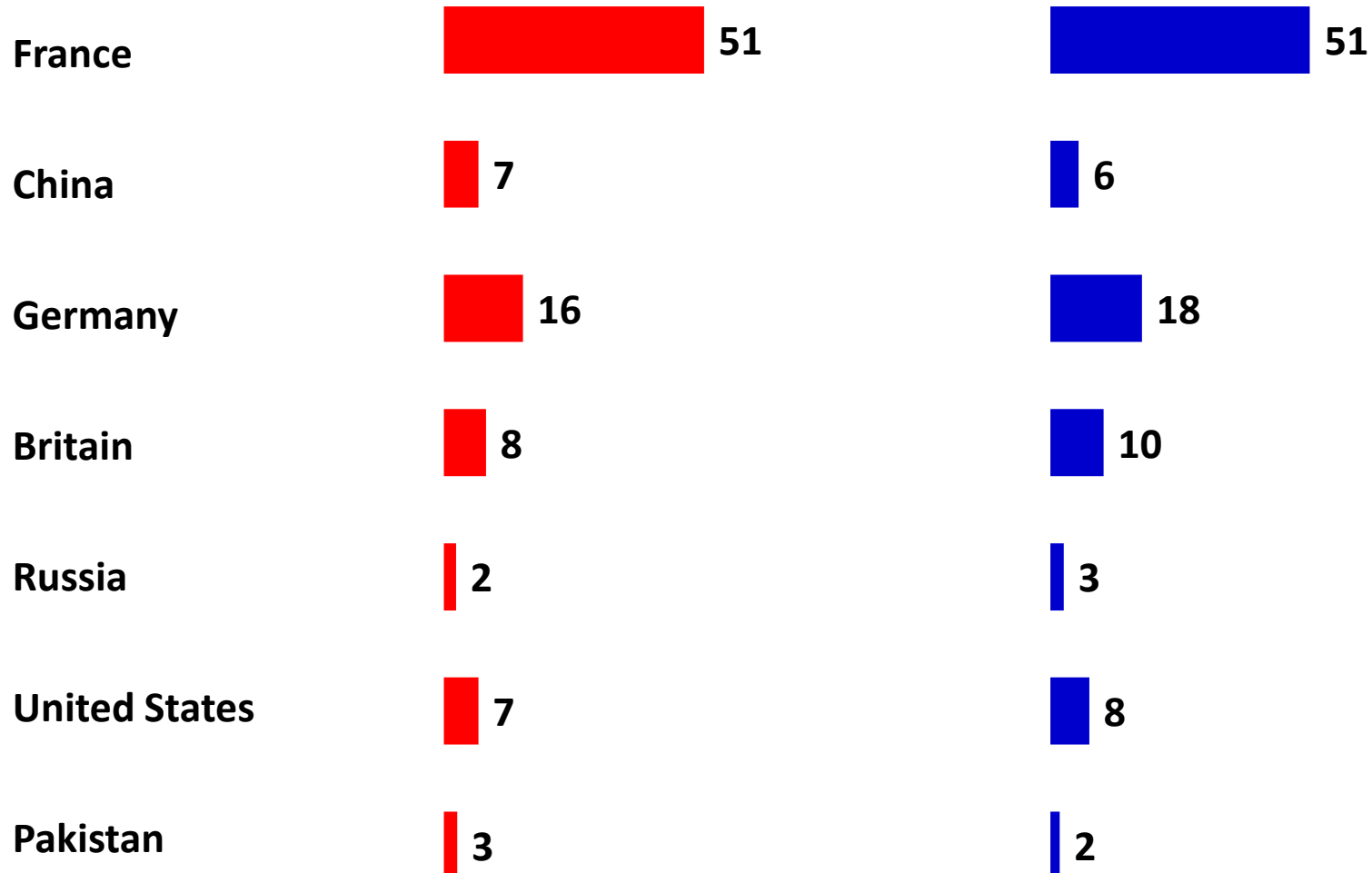


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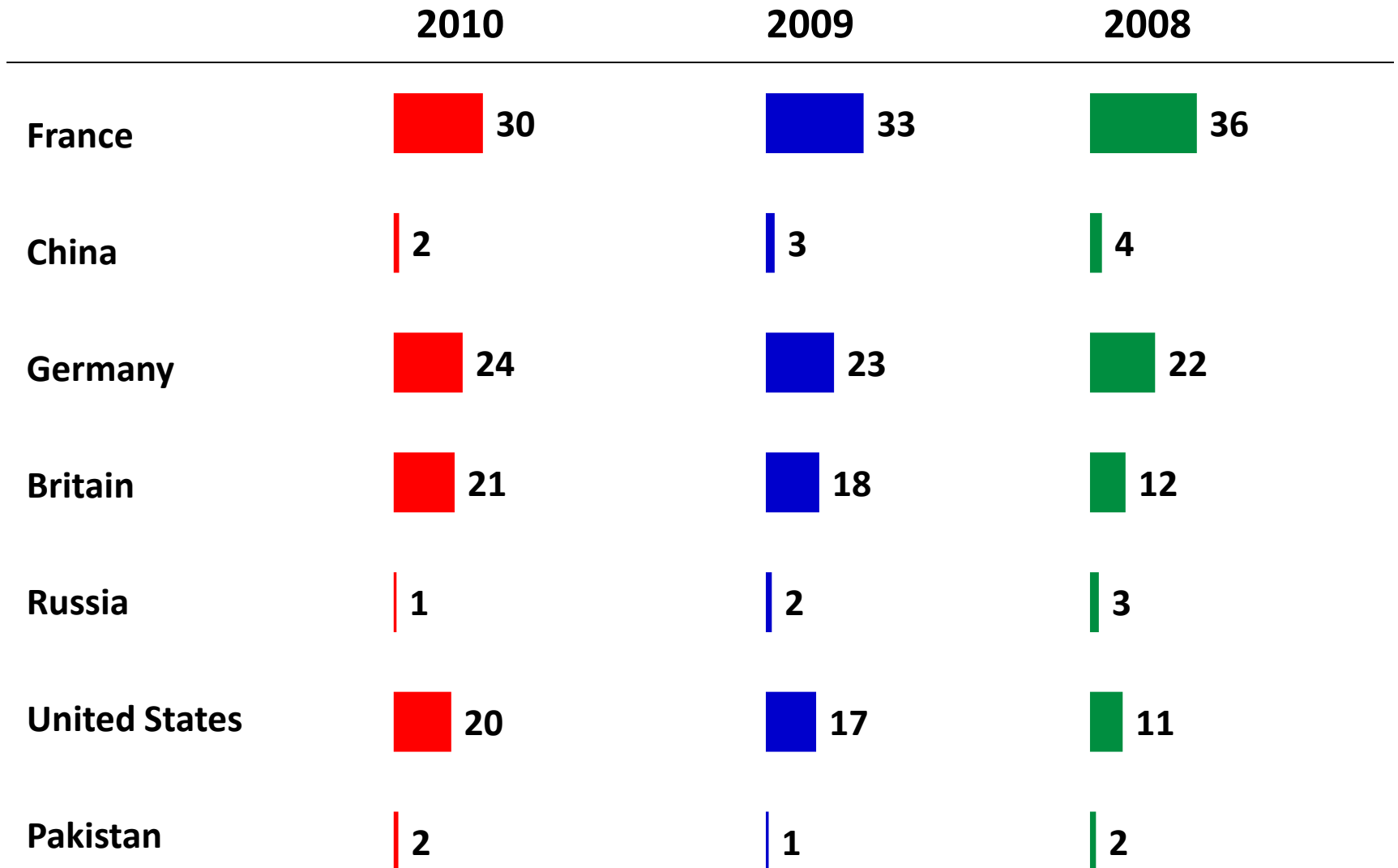
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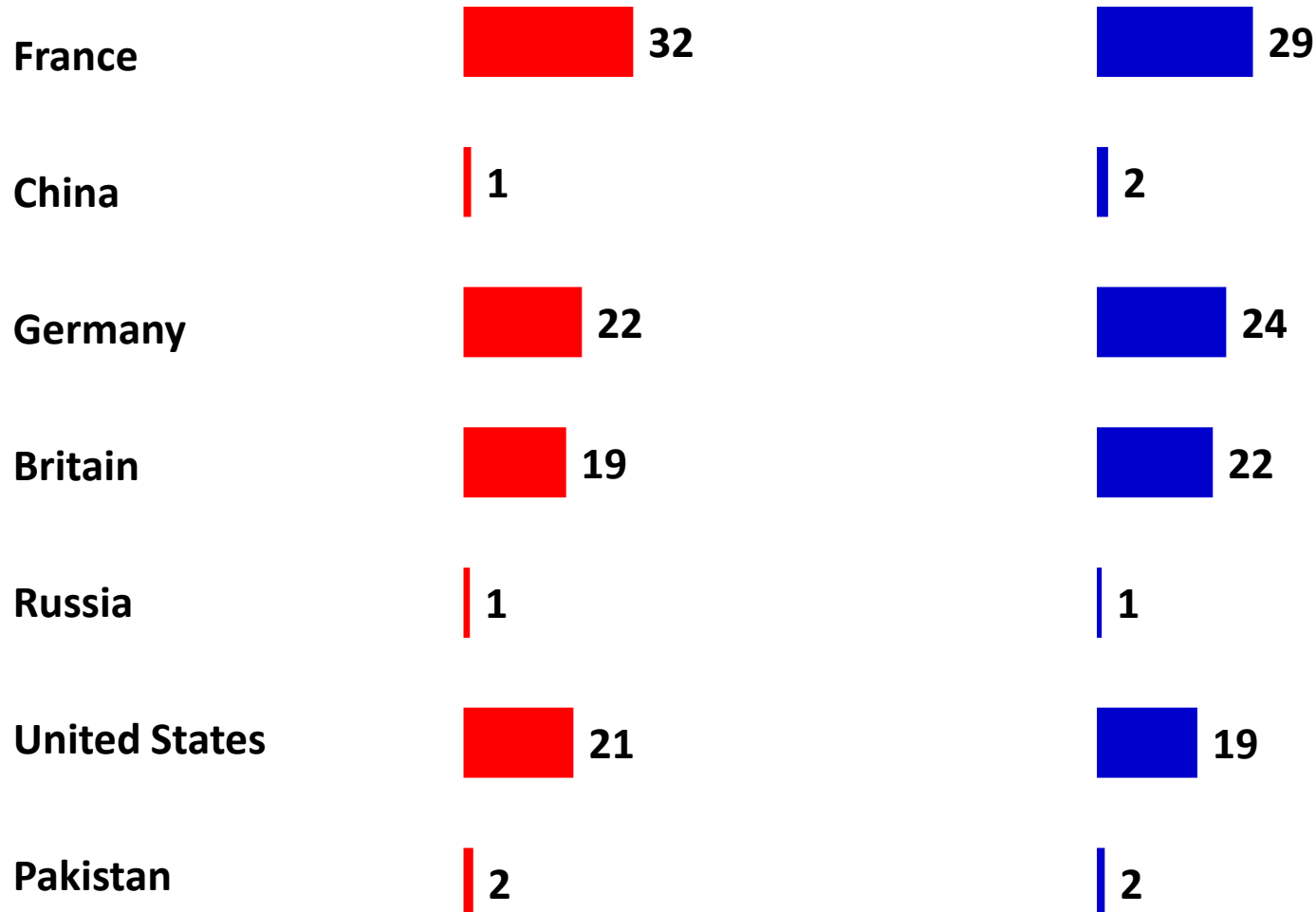


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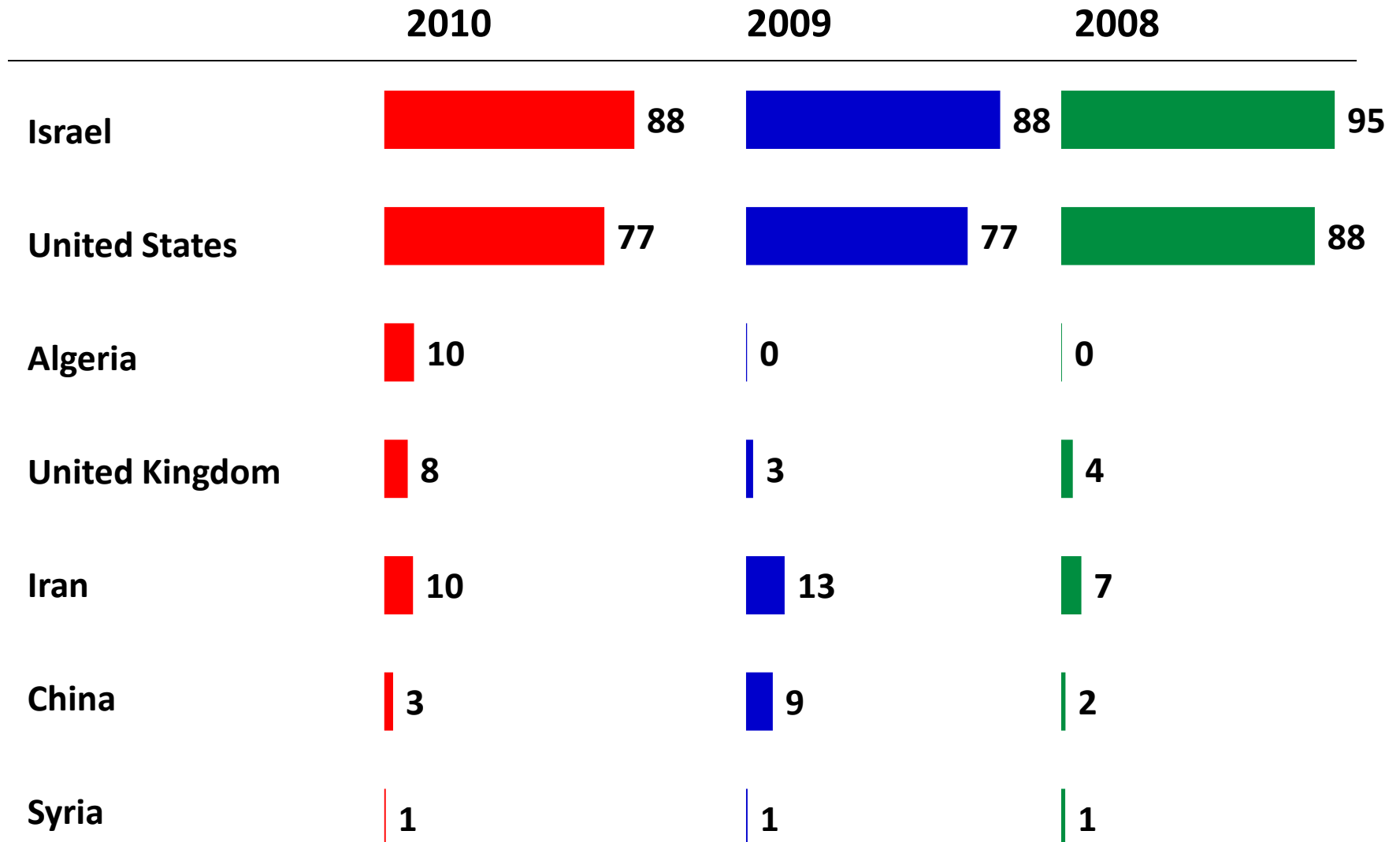
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World View

Name TWO countries that you think pose the biggest threat to you.



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Israel



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United States



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Algeria



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United Kingdom



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Syria



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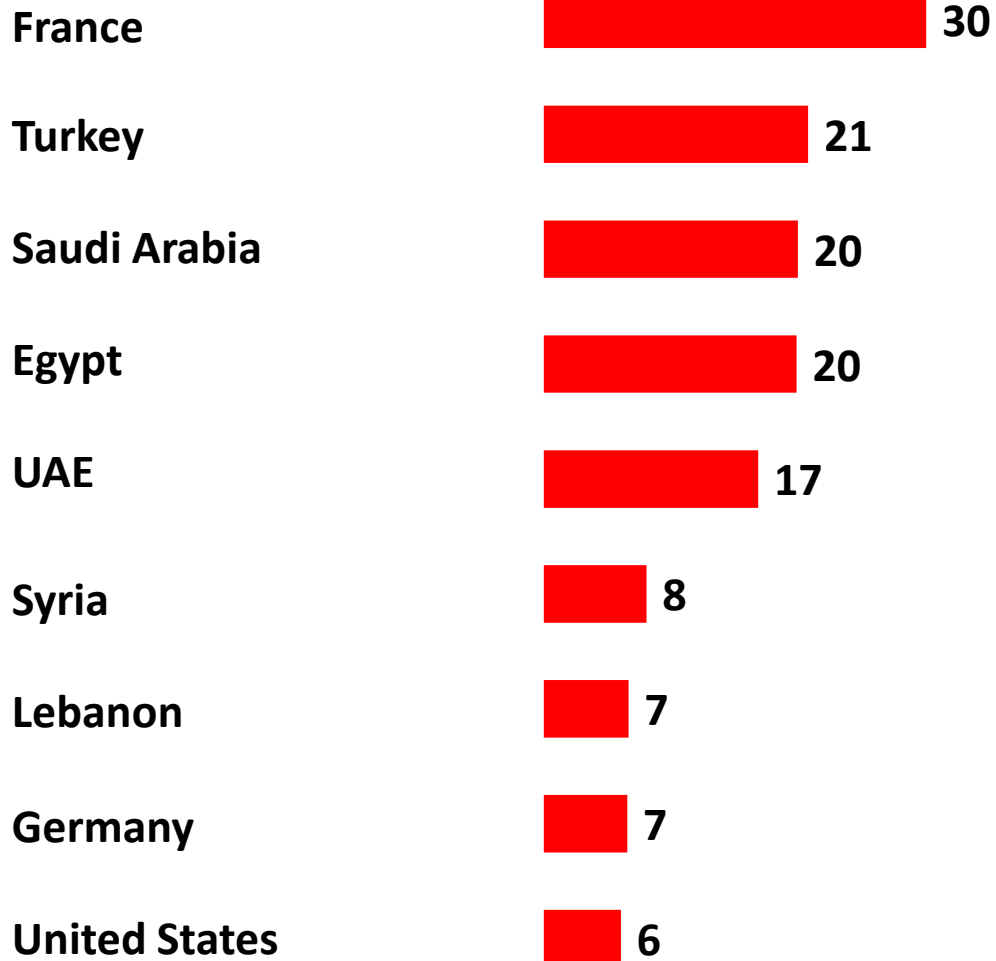


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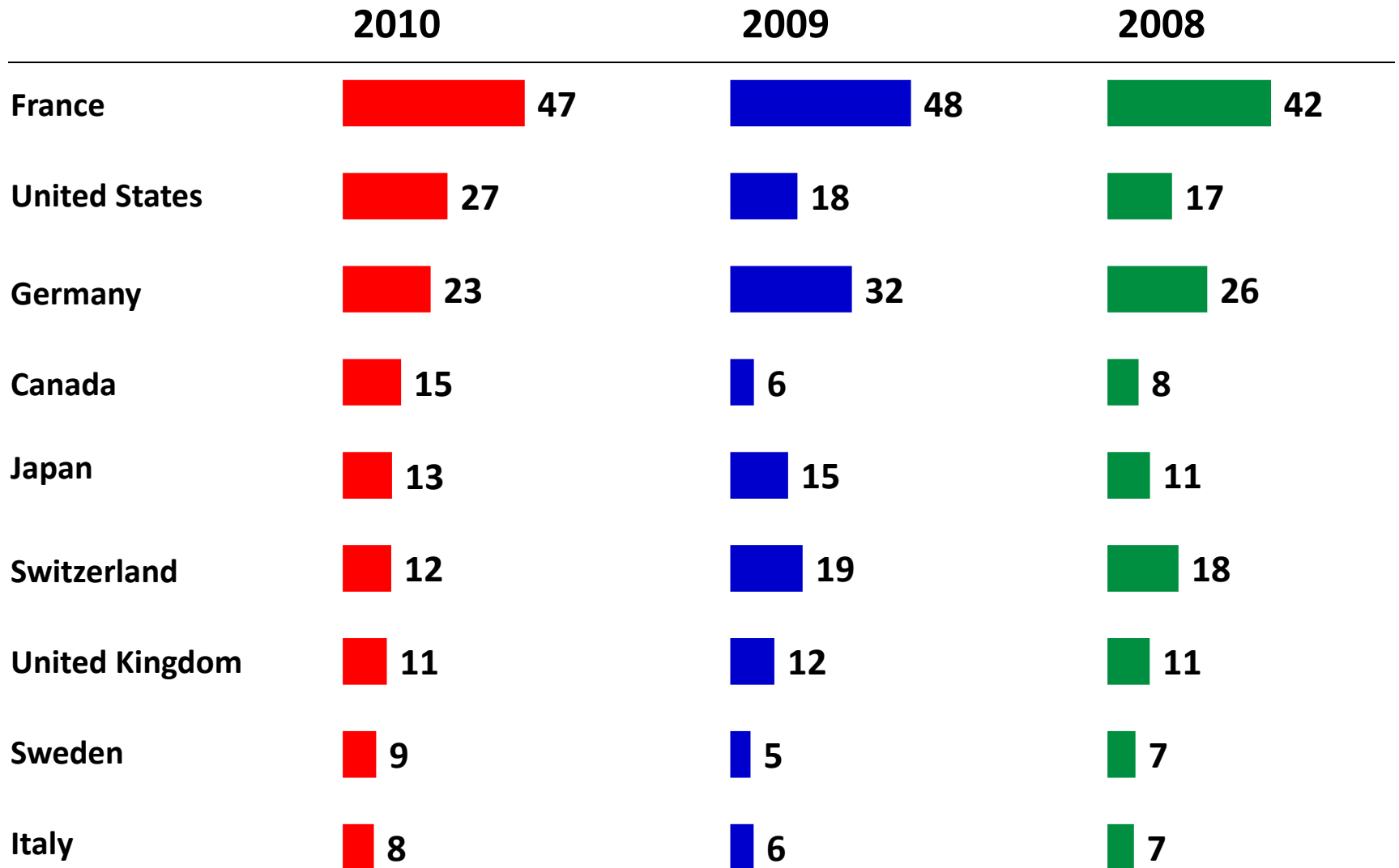
Which TWO countries, Arab and non-Arab, outside your own, are playing the most constructive role in the interest of the Middle East region?

2010



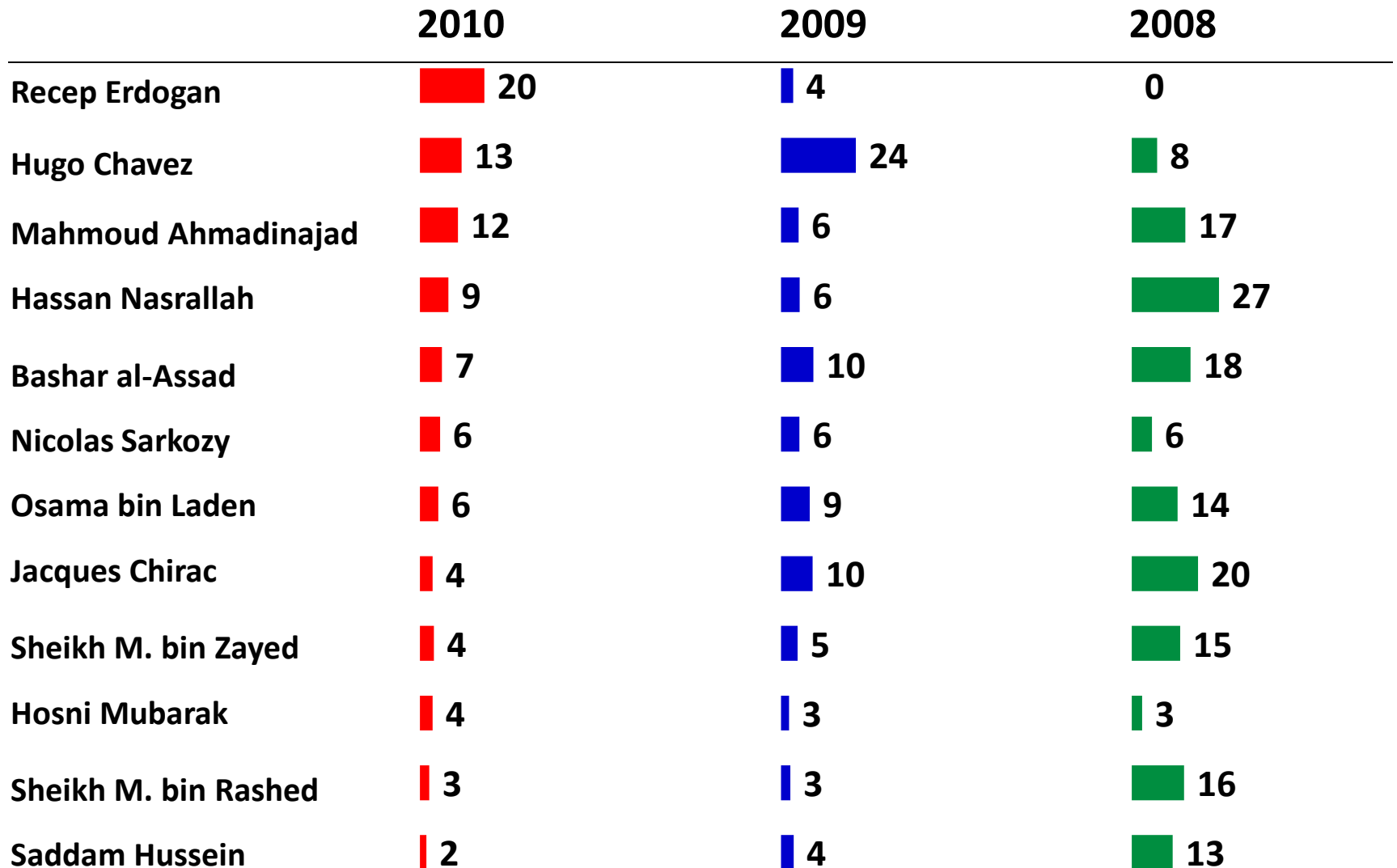
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Name TWO countries where you think there is the most freedom and democracy for their own people.






































World View

Which world leader (outside your own country) do you admire most?



World View

Which world leader (outside your own country) do you admire second most?

| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Recep Erdogan |  19 |  5 | 0 |
| Hugo Chavez |  9 |  13 |  4 |
| Mahmoud Ahmadinajad |  7 |  4 |  6 |
| Hassan Nasrallah |  3 |  5 |  1 |
| Bashar al-Assad |  5 |  7 |  2 |
| Nicolas Sarkozy |  4 |  8 |  1 |
| Osama bin Laden |  3 |  6 |  8 |
| Jacques Chirac |  8 |  8 |  18 |
| Sheikh M. bin Zayed |  8 |  10 |  13 |
| Hosni Mubarak |  4 |  3 |  2 |
| Sheikh M. bin Rashed |  5 |  4 |  11 |
| Saddam Hussein |  6 |  5 |  12 |

Identity

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When your government makes decisions, do you think it should base its decisions mostly on what is best for...

2010

2009

2008

Muslims



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Your country



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The world



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Your country



Arabs



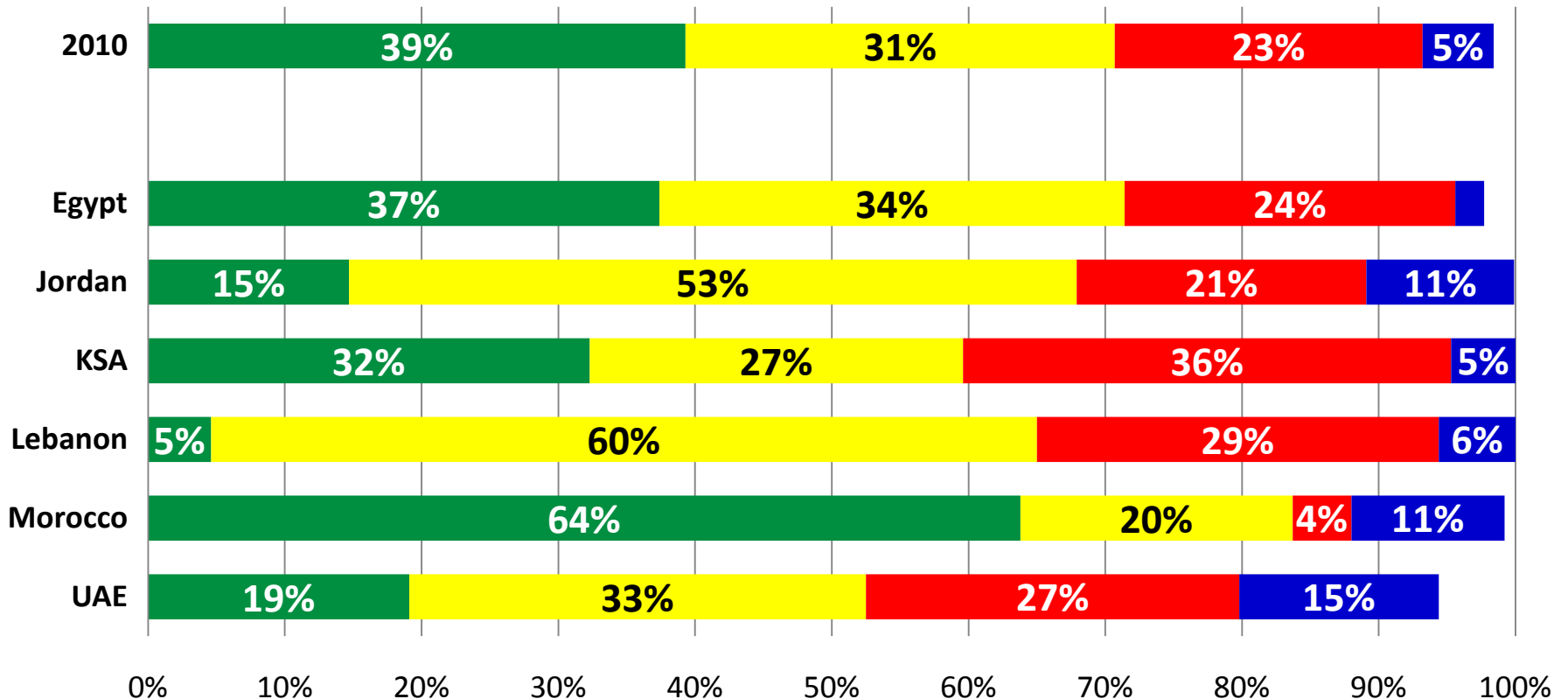
The world



Identity

When your government makes decisions, do you think it should base its decisions mostly on...

- What is best for Muslims
- What is best for your country
- What is best for Arabs
- What is best for the world



Identity

Which of the following is your most important identity?

2010

2009

2008

Muslim



39



32



36

Citizen of your country



32



35



39

Arab



25



32



20

Citizen of the world



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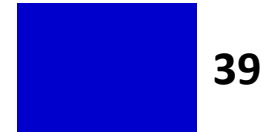
Identity

Which of the following is your most important identity? (2010)

36 and over

Under 36

Muslim



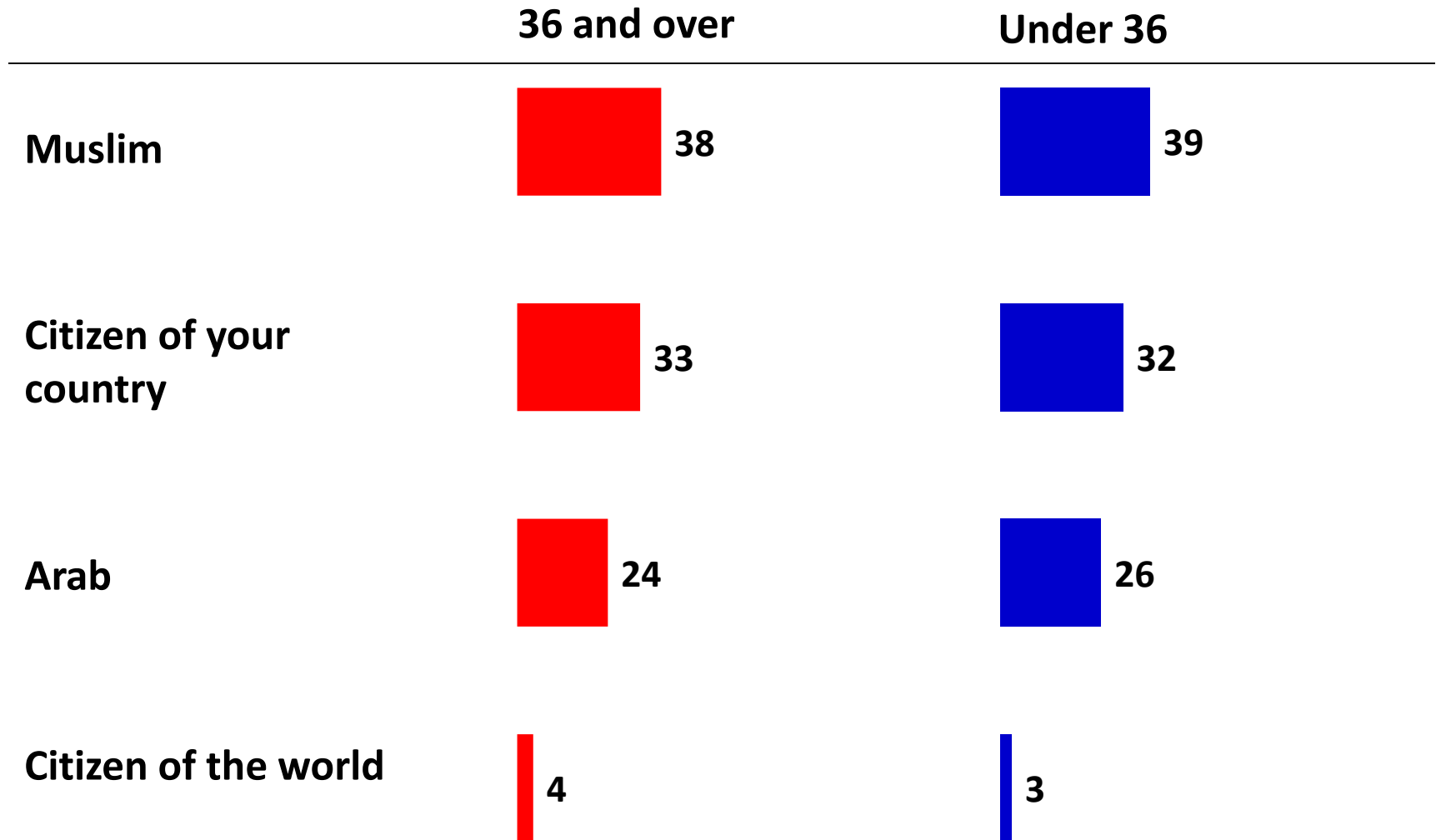
Citizen of your
country



Arab



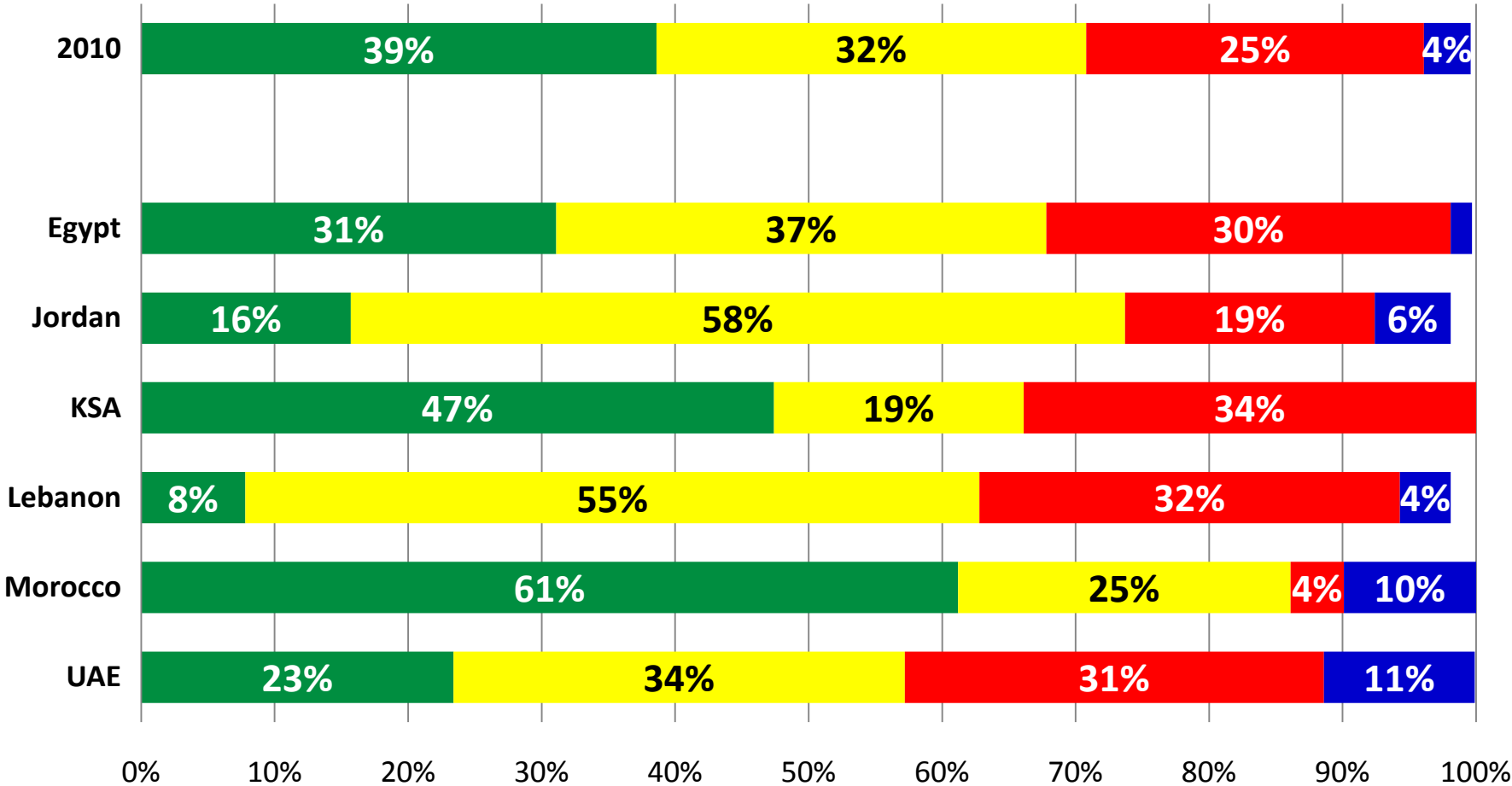
Citizen of the world



Identity

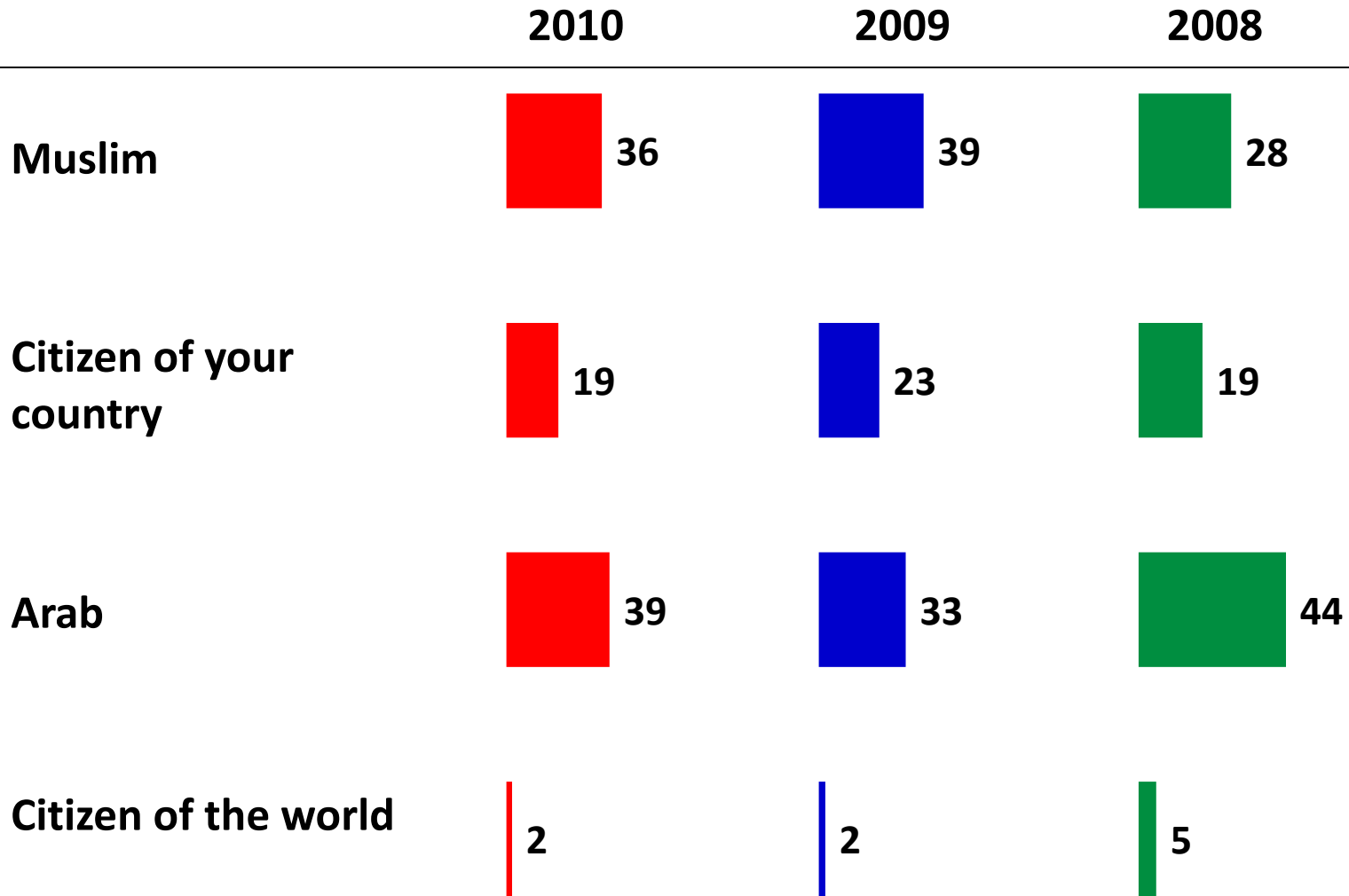
Which of the following is your most important identity?

Muslim Citizen of your country Arab Citizen of the world



Identity

Which of the following is your second most important identity?



Identity

Which of the following is your second most important identity? (2010)

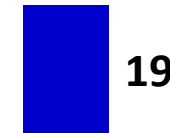
36 and over

Under 36

Muslim



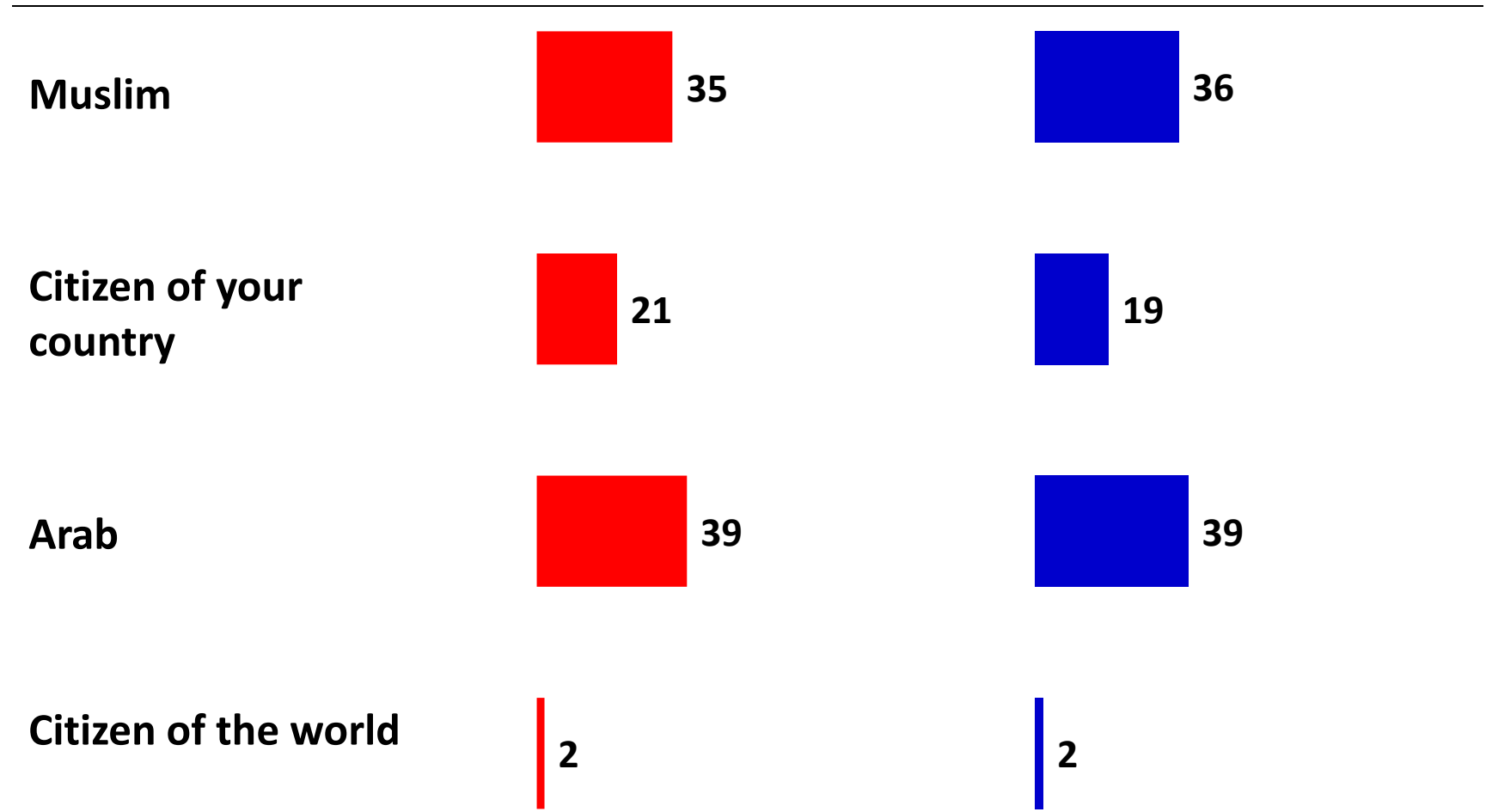
Citizen of your country



Arab



Citizen of the world



Identity

Which of the following is your most important identity?
(1st & 2nd choices combined)

2010

2009

2008

Muslim



74



71



64

Citizen of your
country



52



57



58

Arab



64



65



64

Citizen of the world



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Media

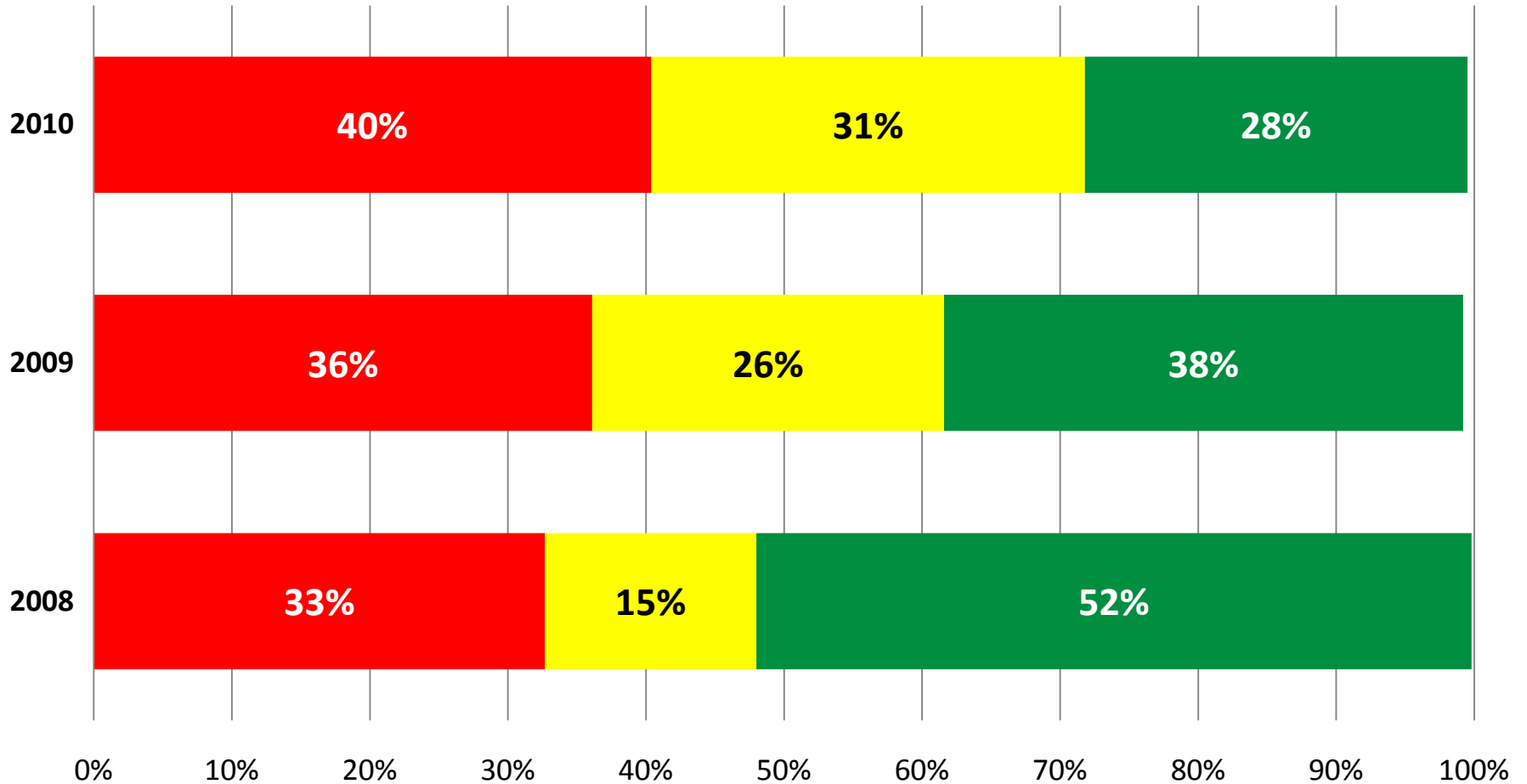
Media

How often do you use the internet, if at all?

■ Almost daily / Several times a week

■ Several times a month / Rarely

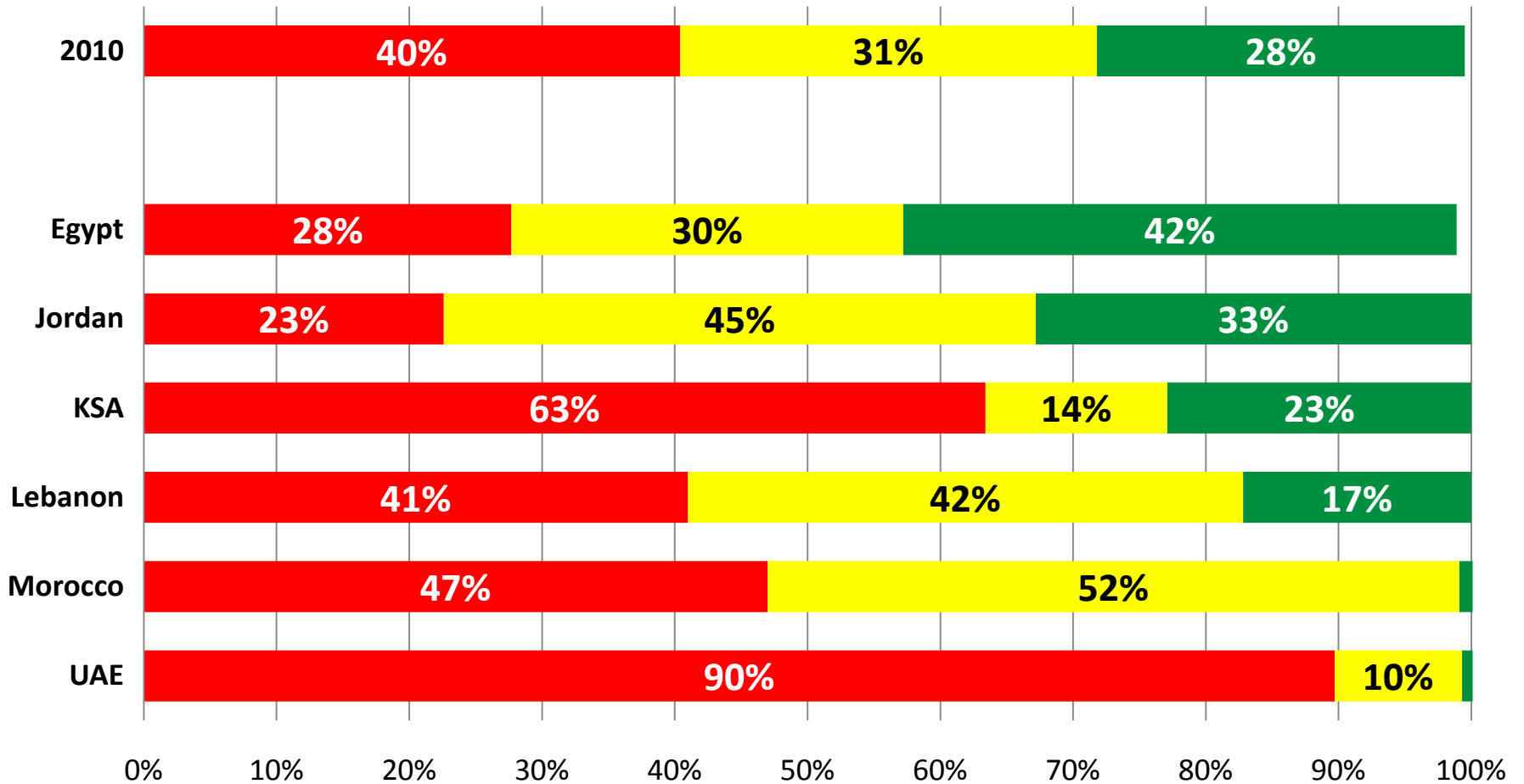
■ Never



Media

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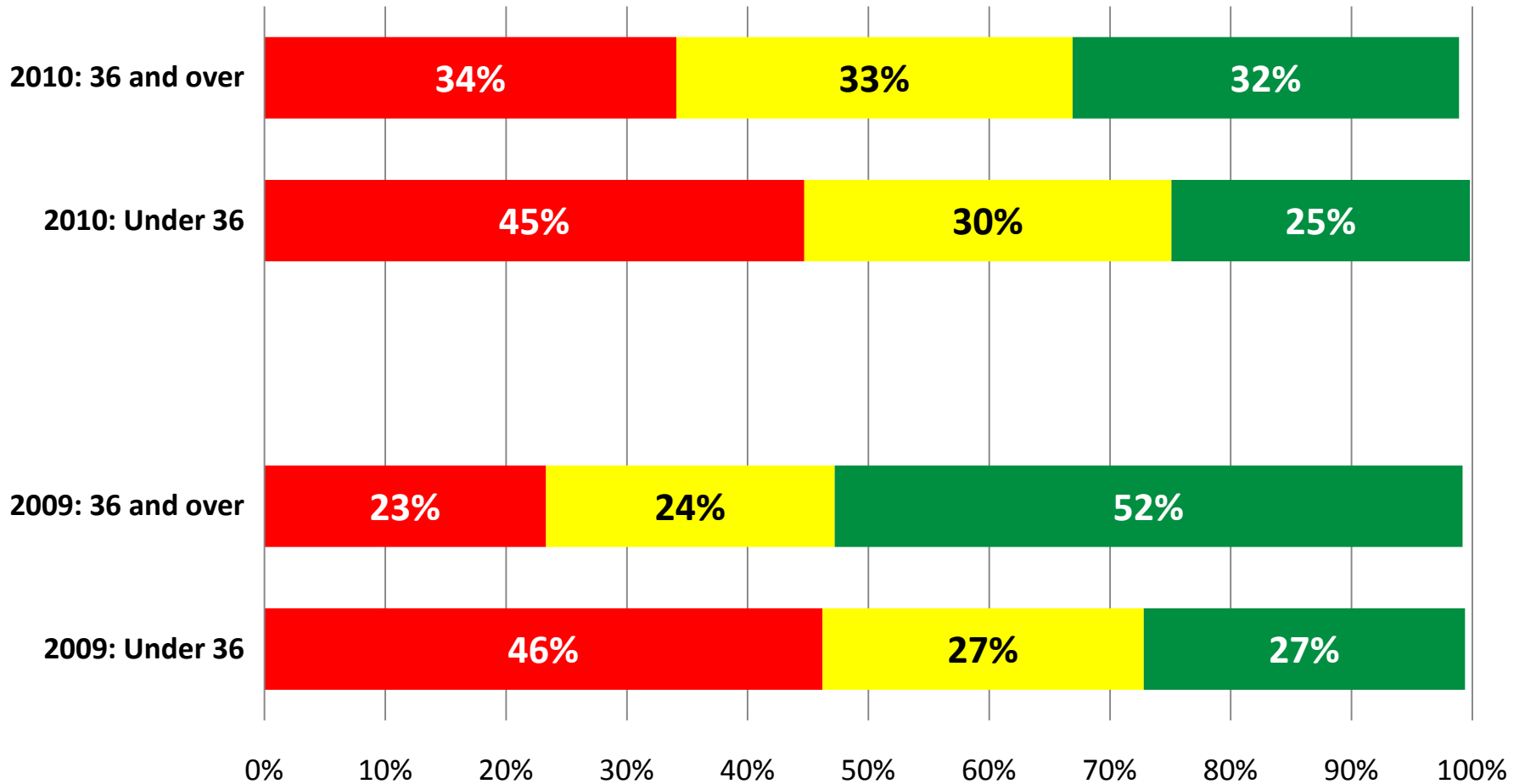
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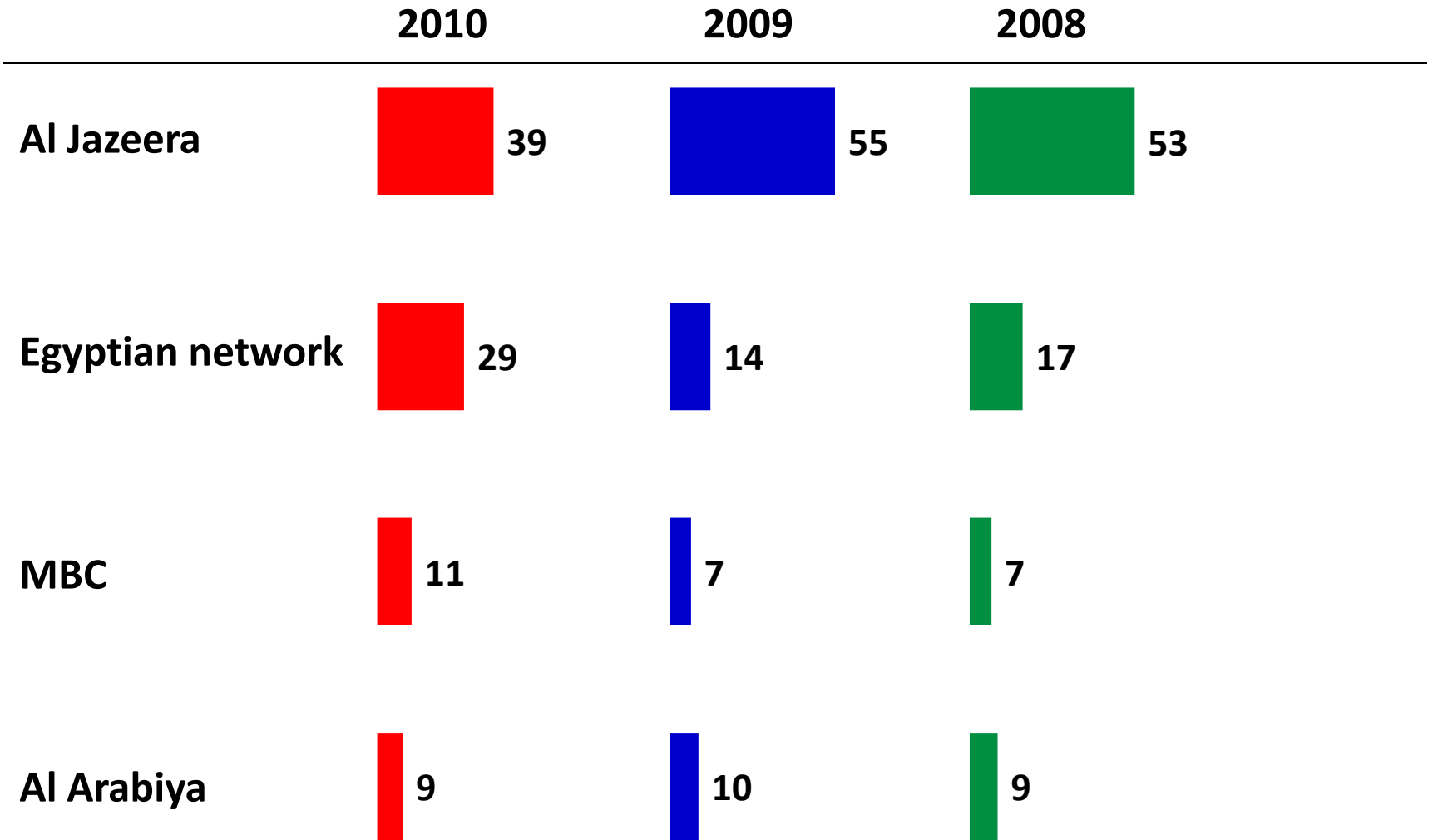
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■ Never



Media

When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?



Media

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2010 (w/ Egypt)

2010 (w/o Egypt)

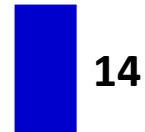
Al Jazeera



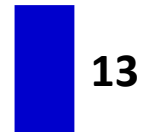
Egyptian network



MBC



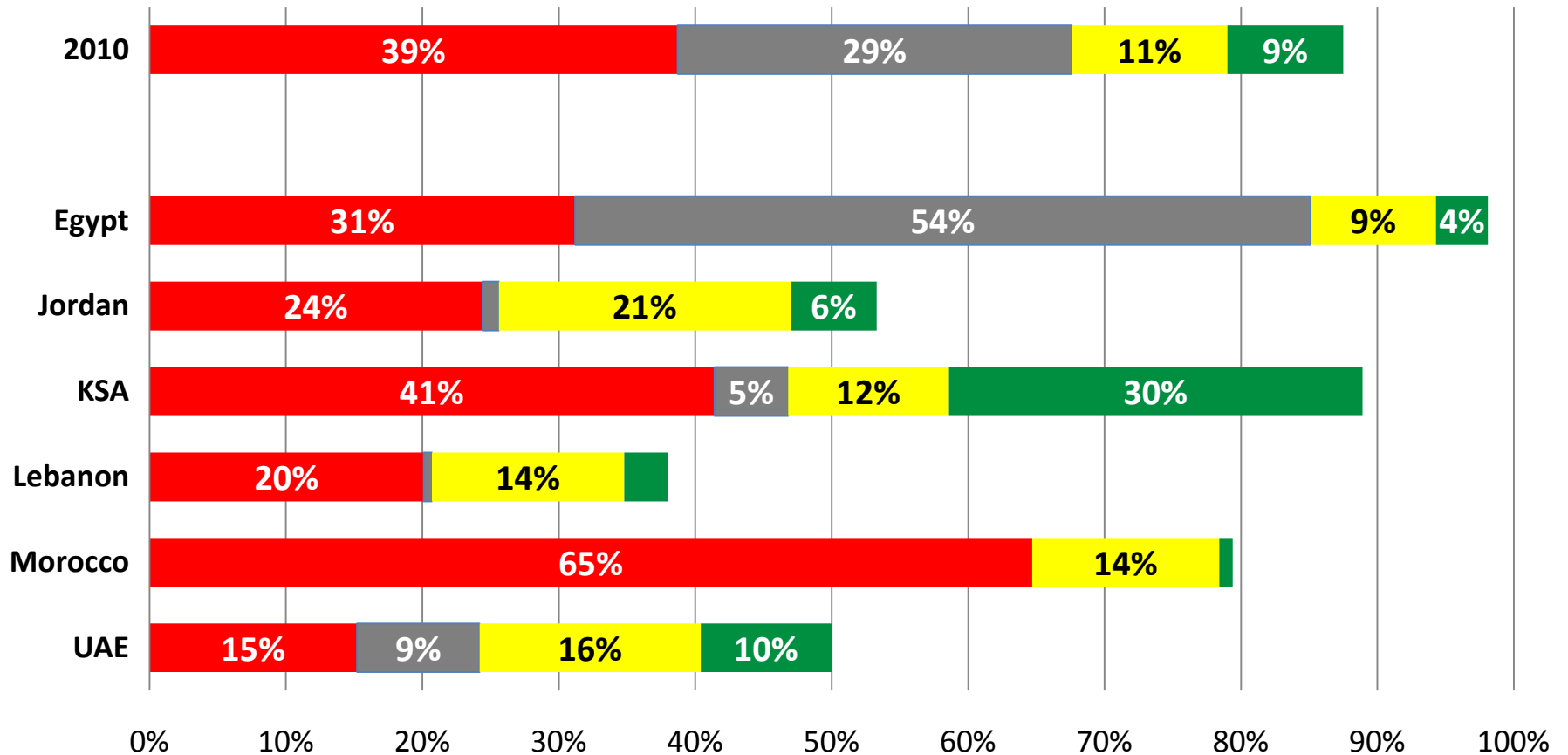
Al Arabiya



Media

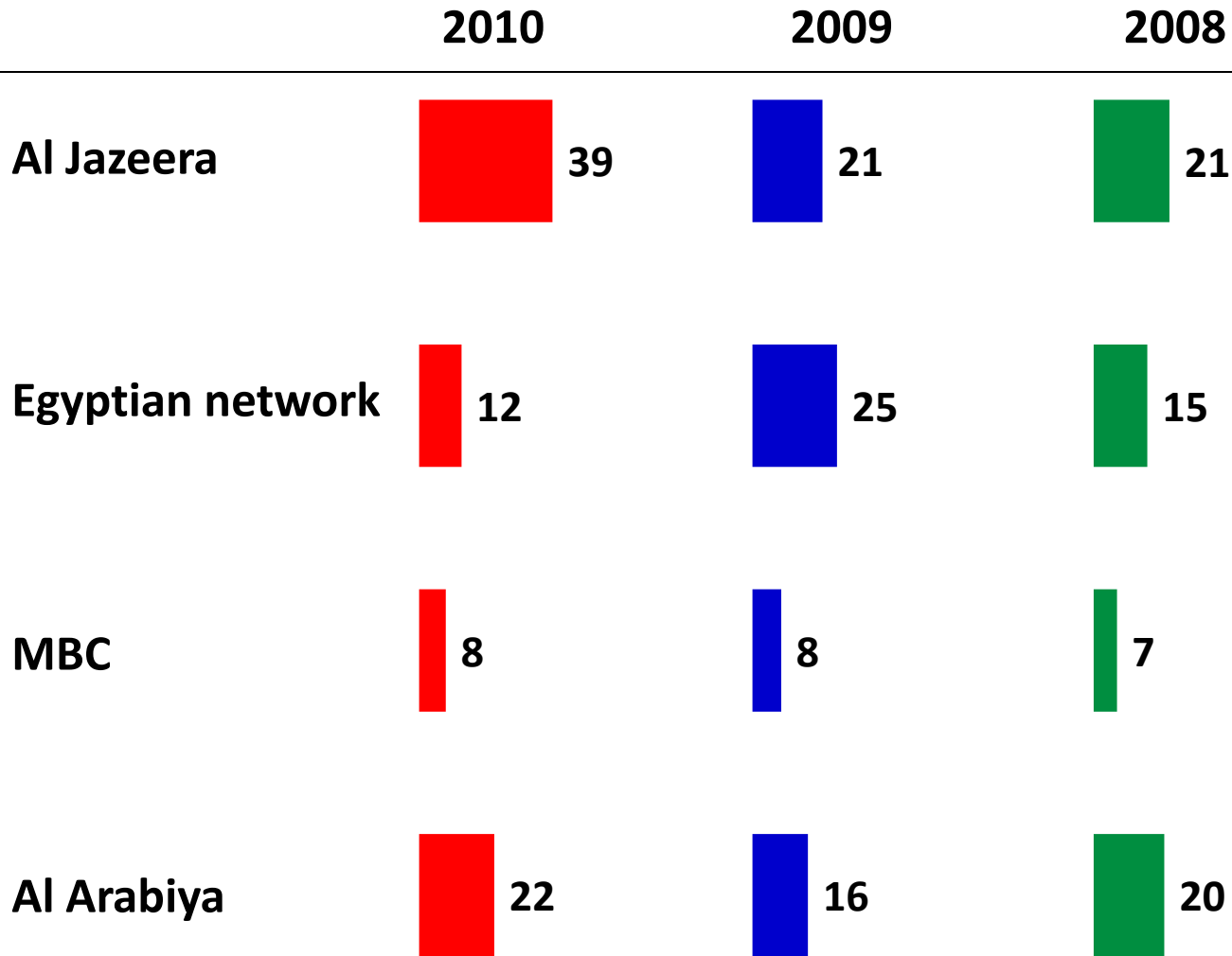
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Media

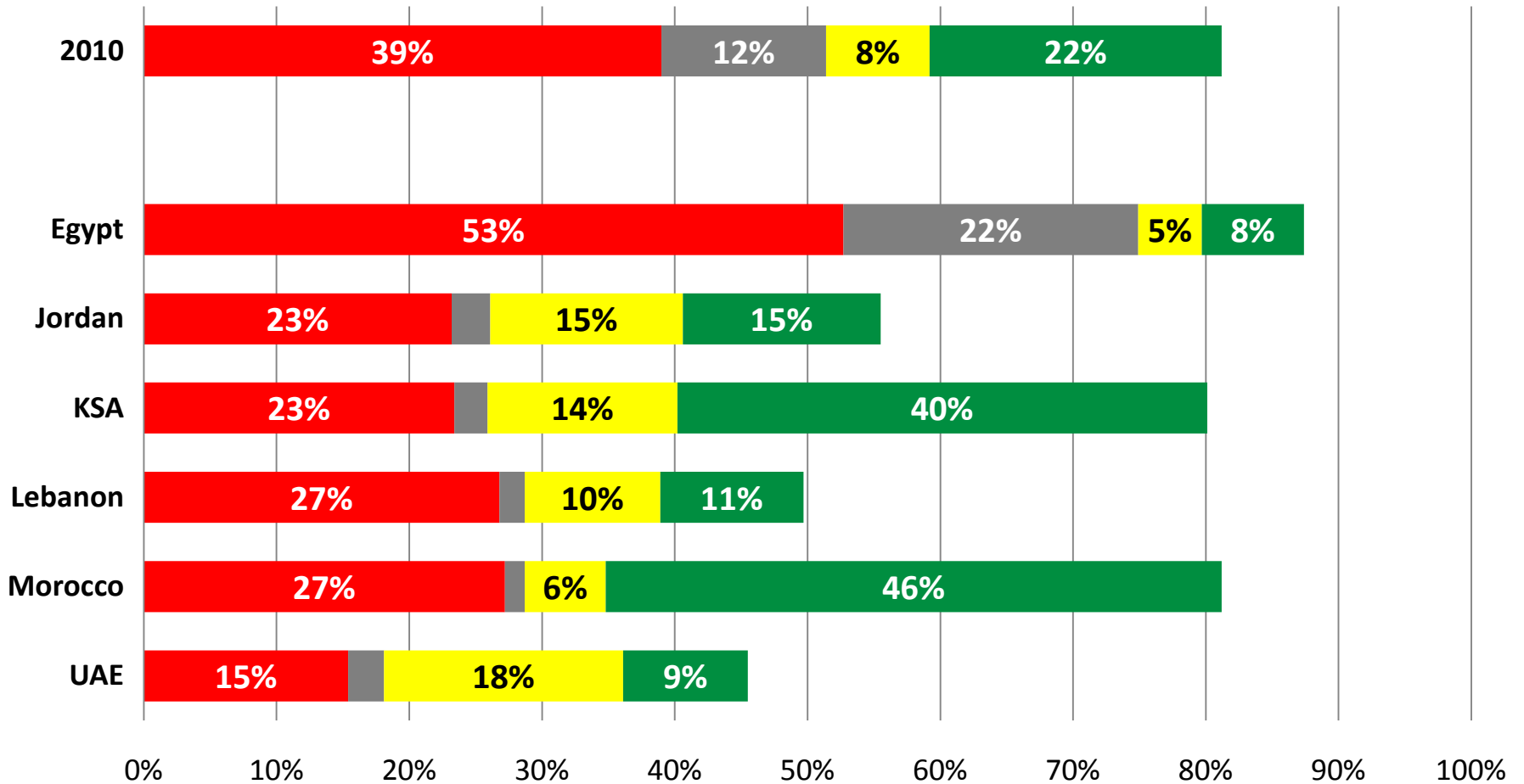
Which network's news broadcast is your second choice?



Media

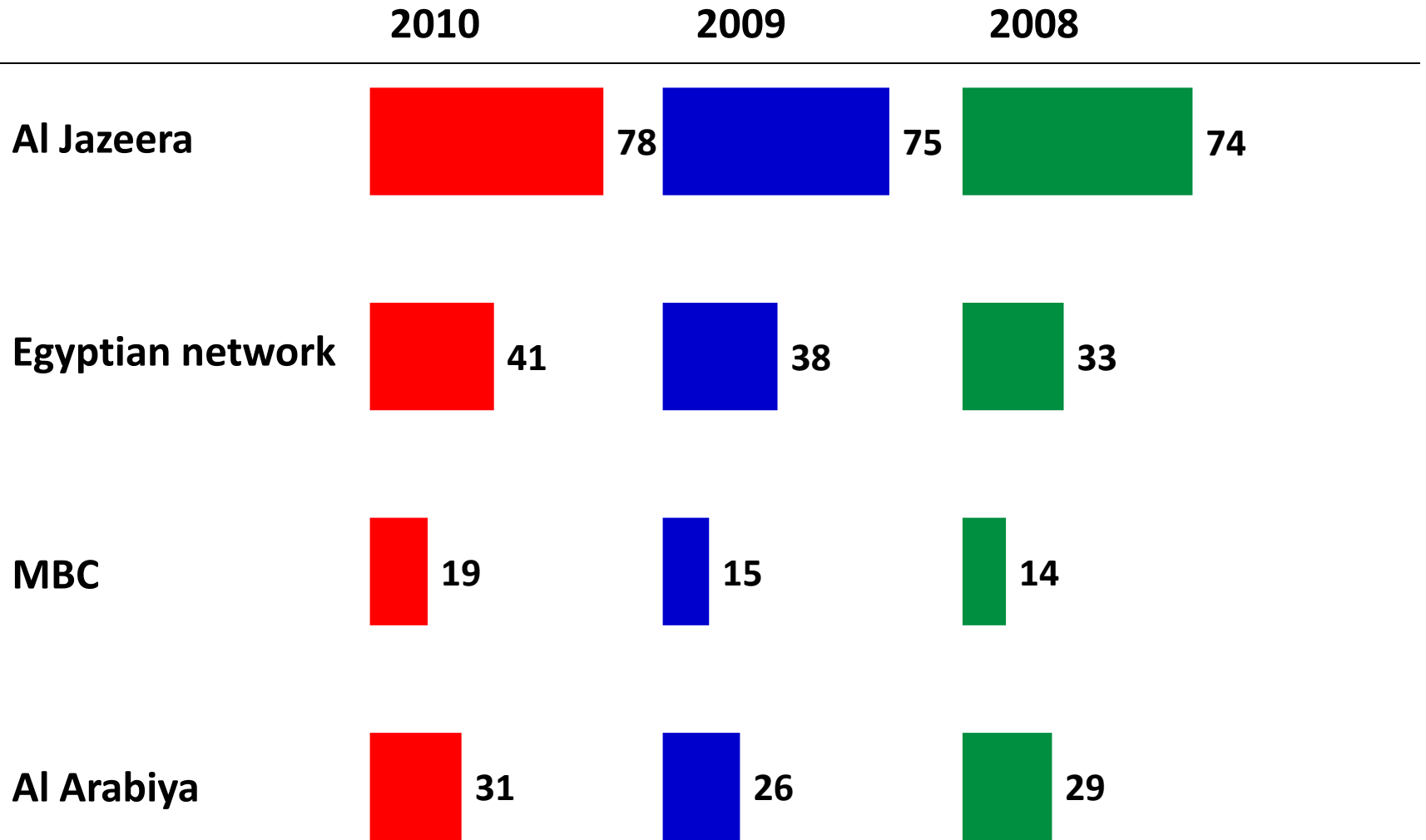
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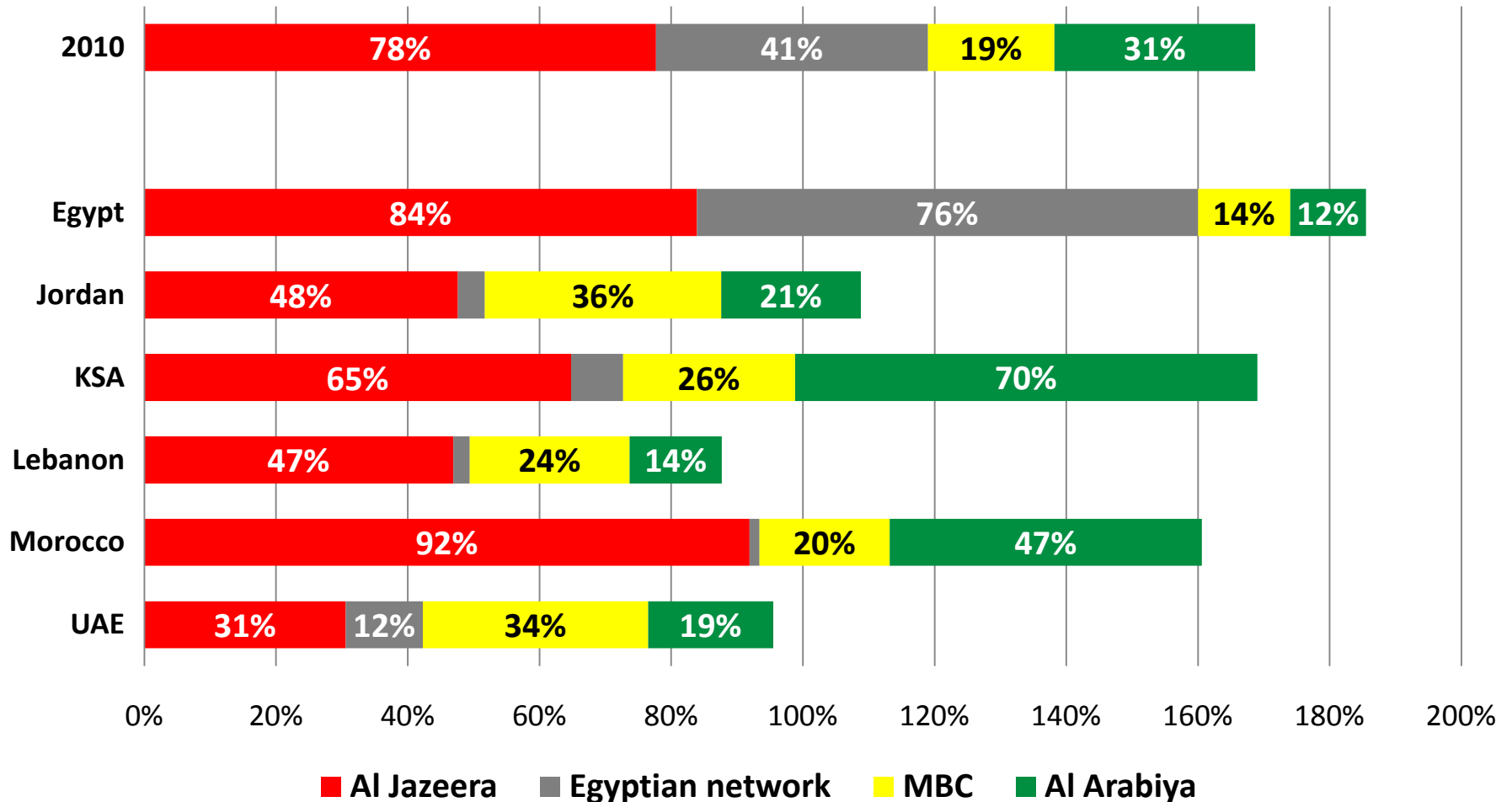
Media

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Media

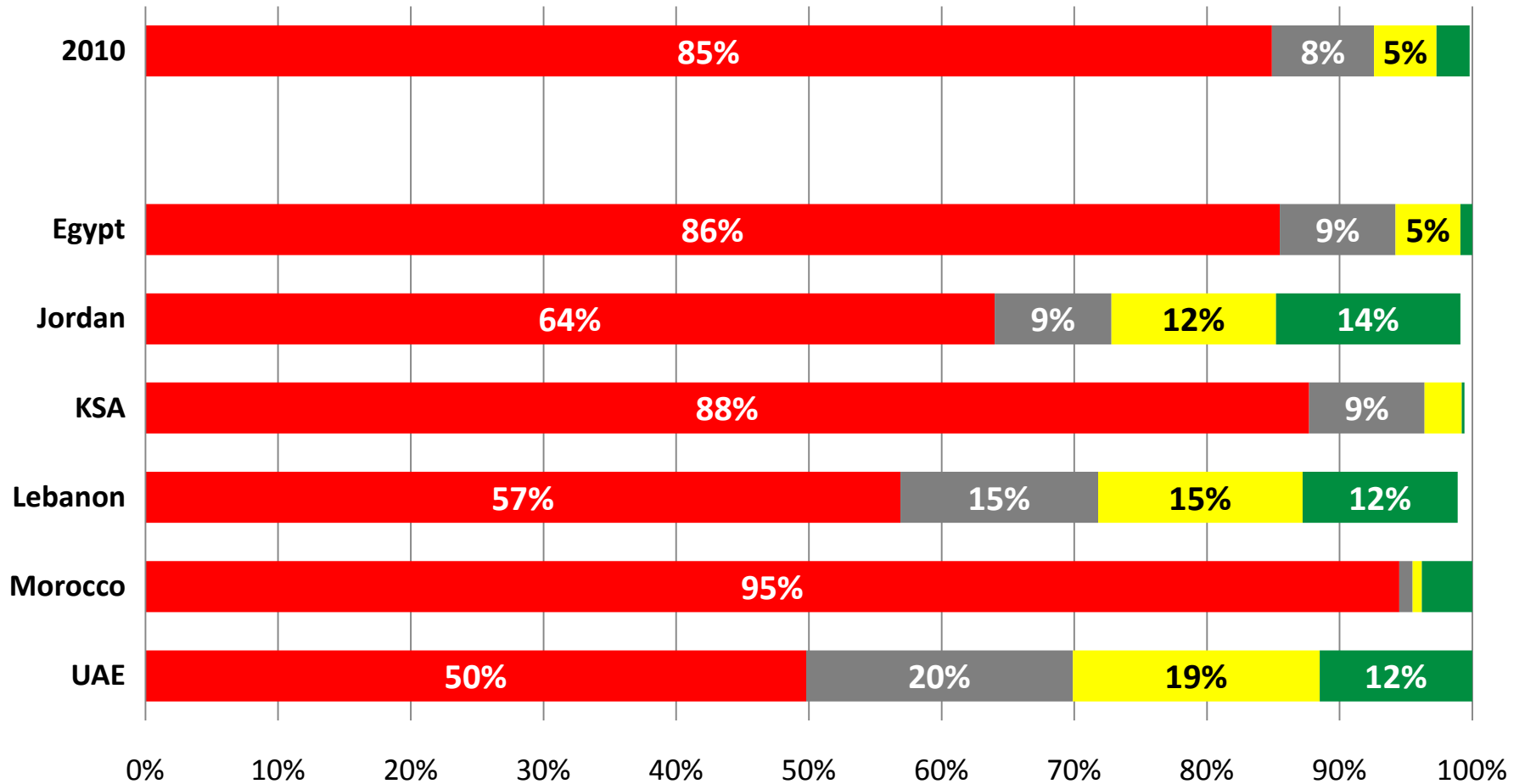
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Media

What is your primary source for international news?

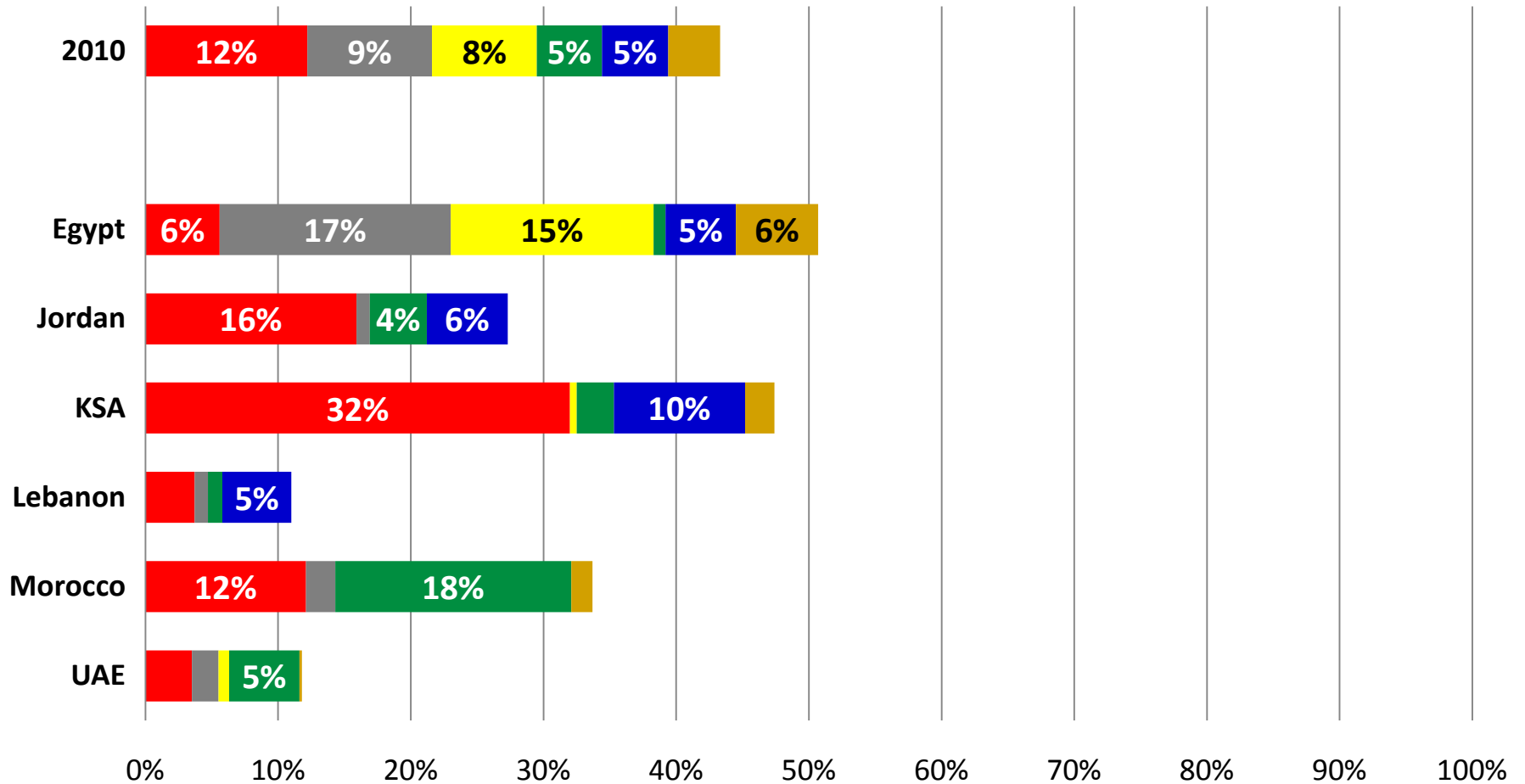
■ Television ■ Internet ■ Newspapers/Magazines ■ Radio



Media

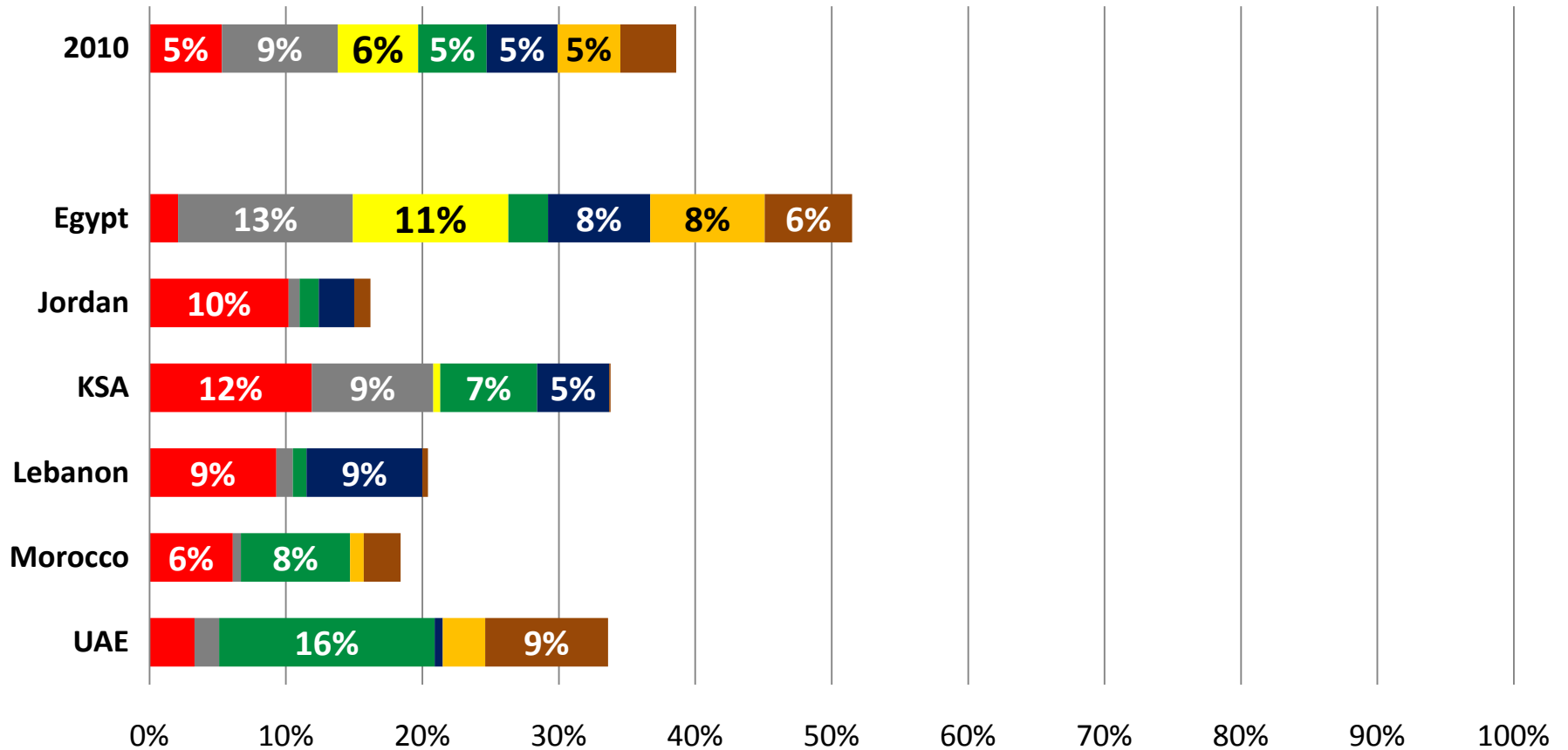
Which TV channel is your first choice for entertainment?

MBC Al Hayat Moga Comedy MBC-2 Rotana Egypt



Media

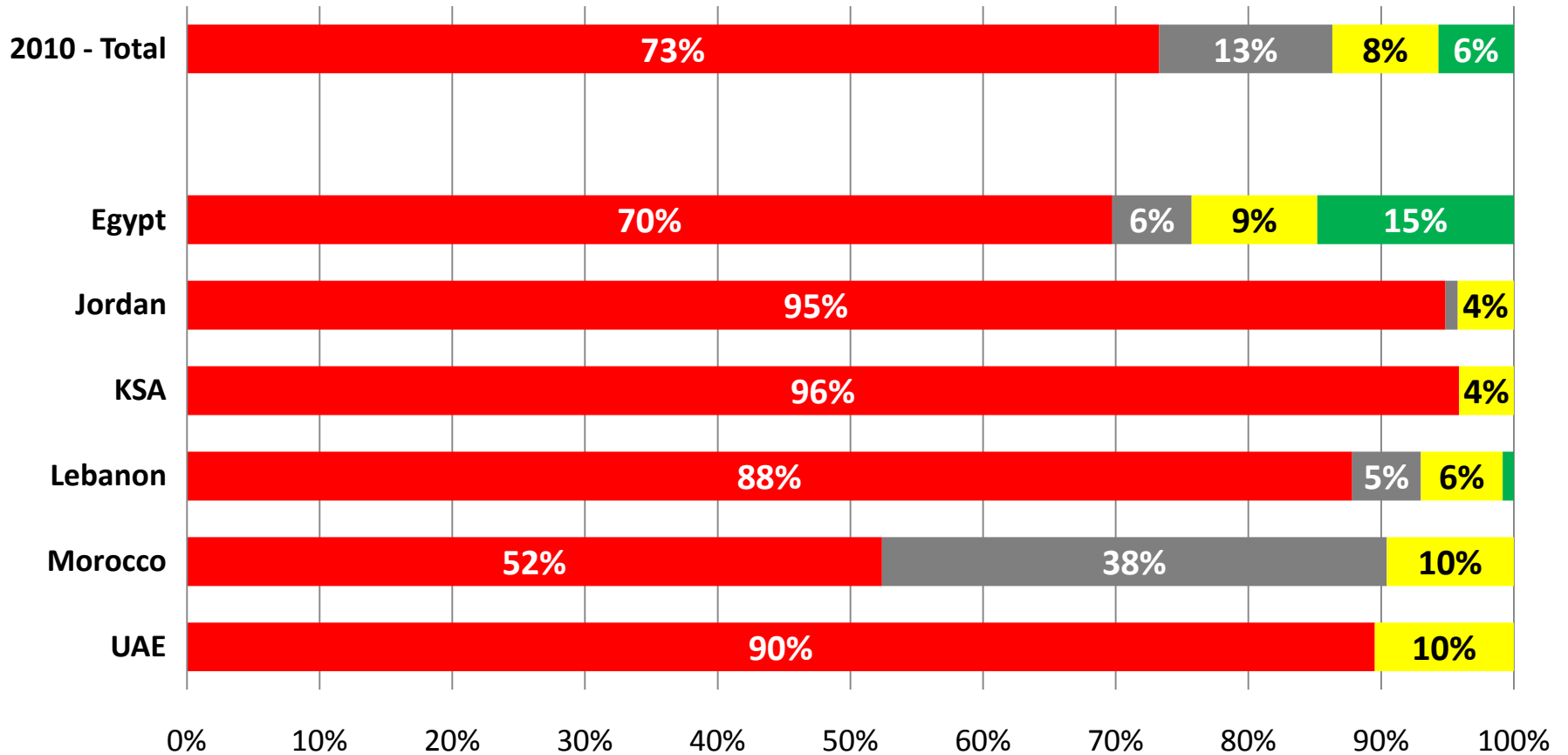
Which TV channel is your second choice for entertainment?



Media

When you use the internet, do you spend most of your time on ___ language sites? (Among internet users only)

■ Arabic ■ French ■ English ■ Other



Media

When you use the internet, do you spend most of your time on _____
language sites? (*Among internet users only*) (2010)

36 and over

Under 36

Arabic



71



75

French



16



12

English



9



8

Other



5

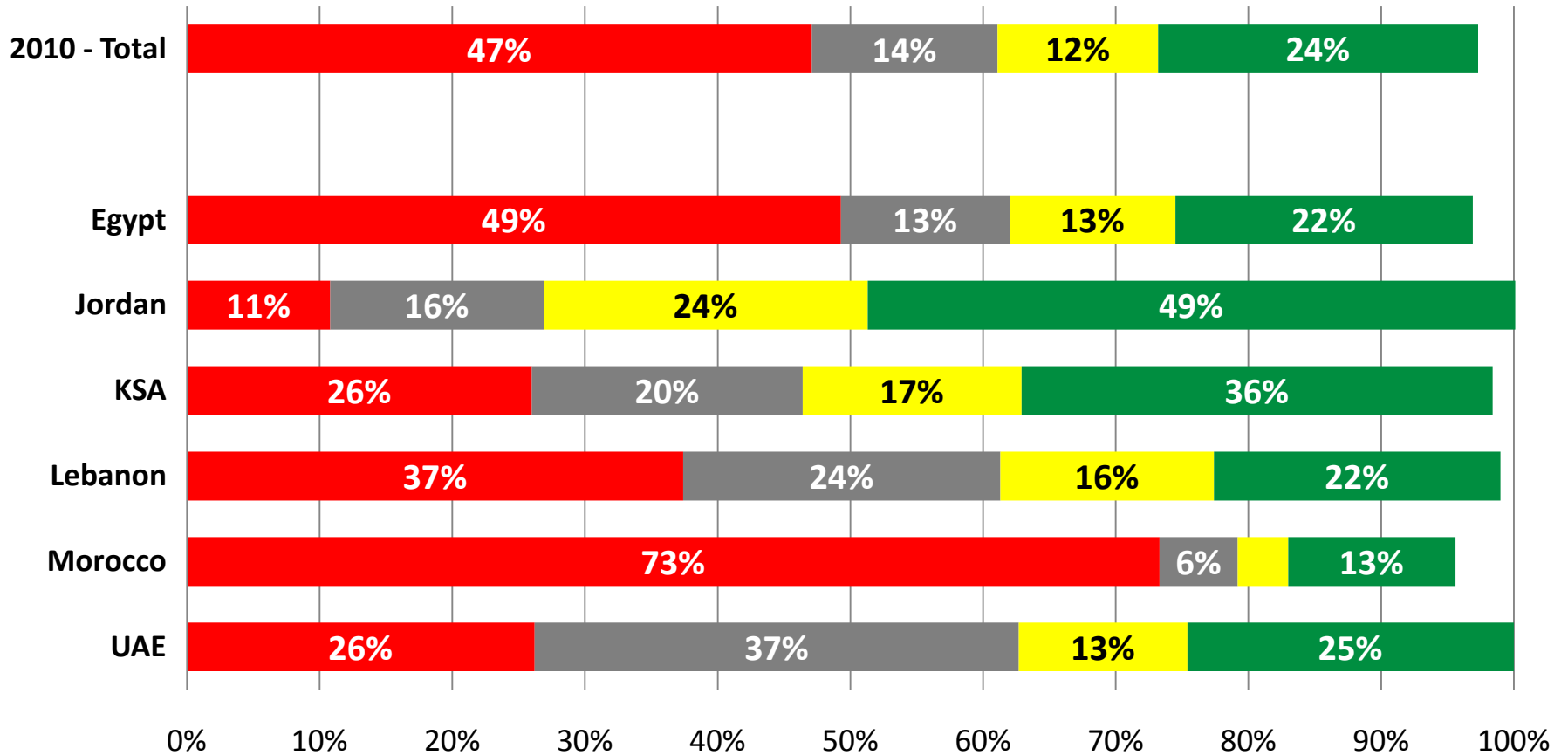


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Media

When you watch television, how many days per week do you watch American or European movies, shows or music videos?

■ Daily ■ 5-6 ■ 3-4 ■ 0-2



Media

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