



# EXPLORING WOMEN'S ROLES IN AFGHANISTAN

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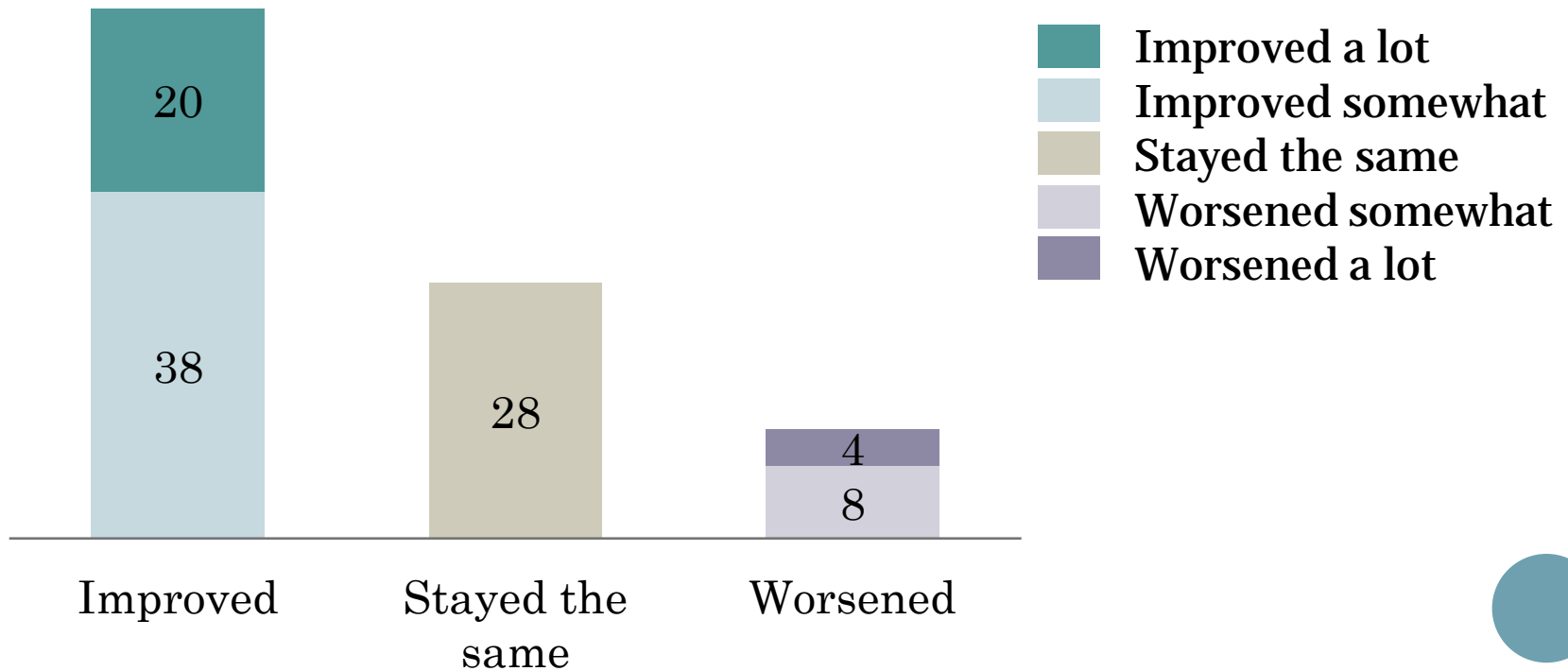
# METHODOLOGY

- **4,607 adult Afghans from across the nation - Jul. 29-Aug. 4, 2010**
- Representative of total adult population (15+)
  - Age, gender (56% male), ethnicity (41% Pashtun, 35% Tajik, 9% Uzbek, 9% Hazara, 6% Other), province, rural (77%), proportionally represented.
- Multi-stage stratification selection of settlements based on probability proportionate to size (PPS)
  - Stratified by province, urban/rural, male/female, districts as PSUs
- Random household selection (3<sup>rd</sup> street, n<sup>th</sup> house)
- Kish grid respondent selection – no substitution allowed
- ±3% Margin of error (plus 1-2% “design effect”)
- Fieldwork by local contractor – ACSOR
  - Questions/translations designed and checked by INR/OPN
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# AFGHANS SEE SITUATION FOR WOMEN IMPROVING

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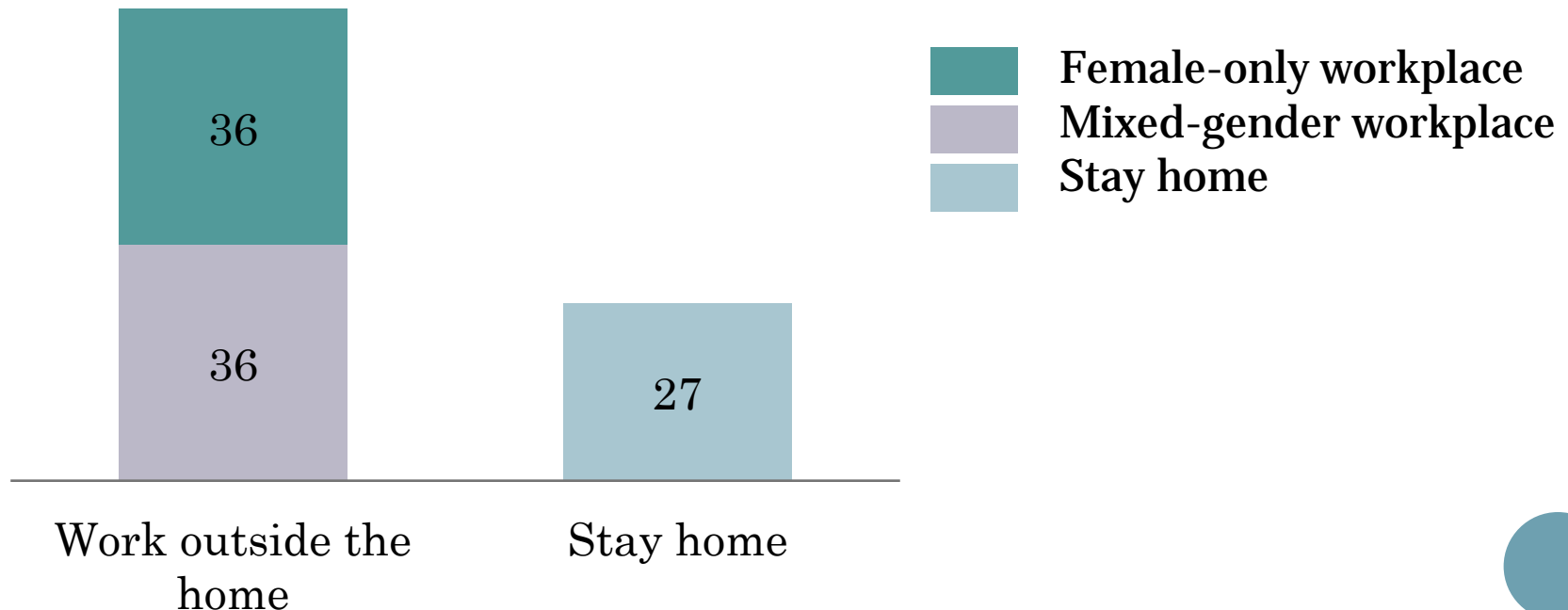
## WOMEN'S EDUCATION VALUED

- 69% of Afghans think equal resources should be spent on boys' and girls' education.
- Afghans say the most important benefits of a girl receiving an education are:
  - Our society is in need of girls' education - 22%
  - They can help their families economically – 22%
  - They can become smart and intelligent – 17%
  - They will help the people of their country – 16%



# AFGHANS SUPPORT WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

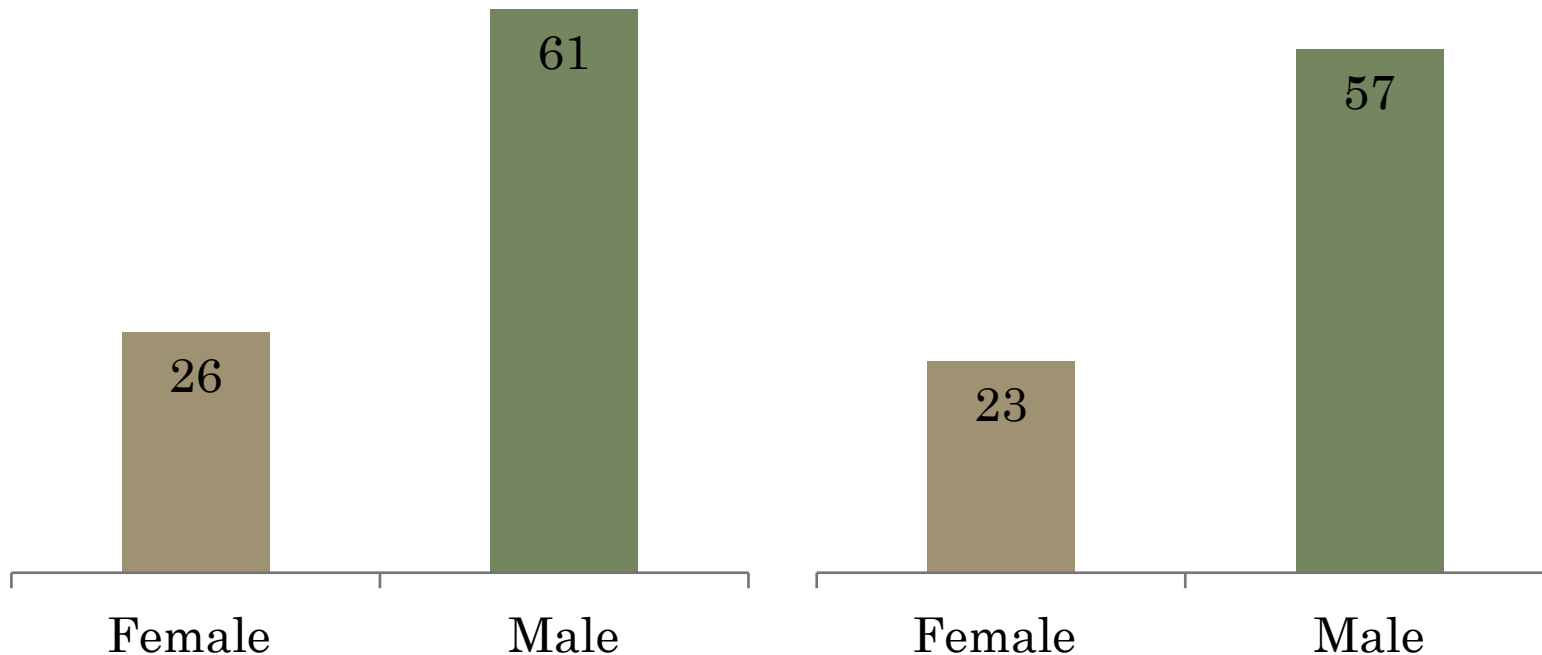
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# HEALTH CARE DECISIONS MADE BY MEN

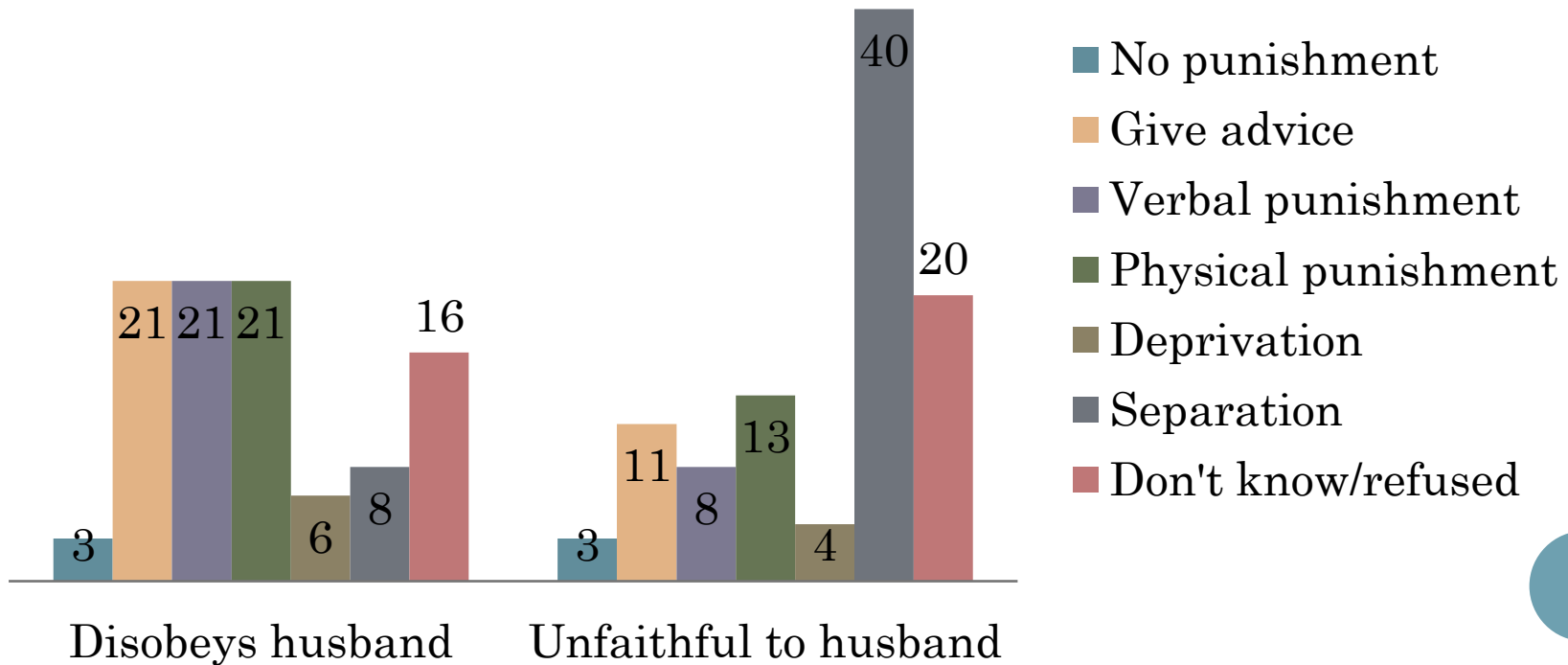
*Q: In your household, who generally makes the decision about whether a child is sick enough to go for treatment? (%)*

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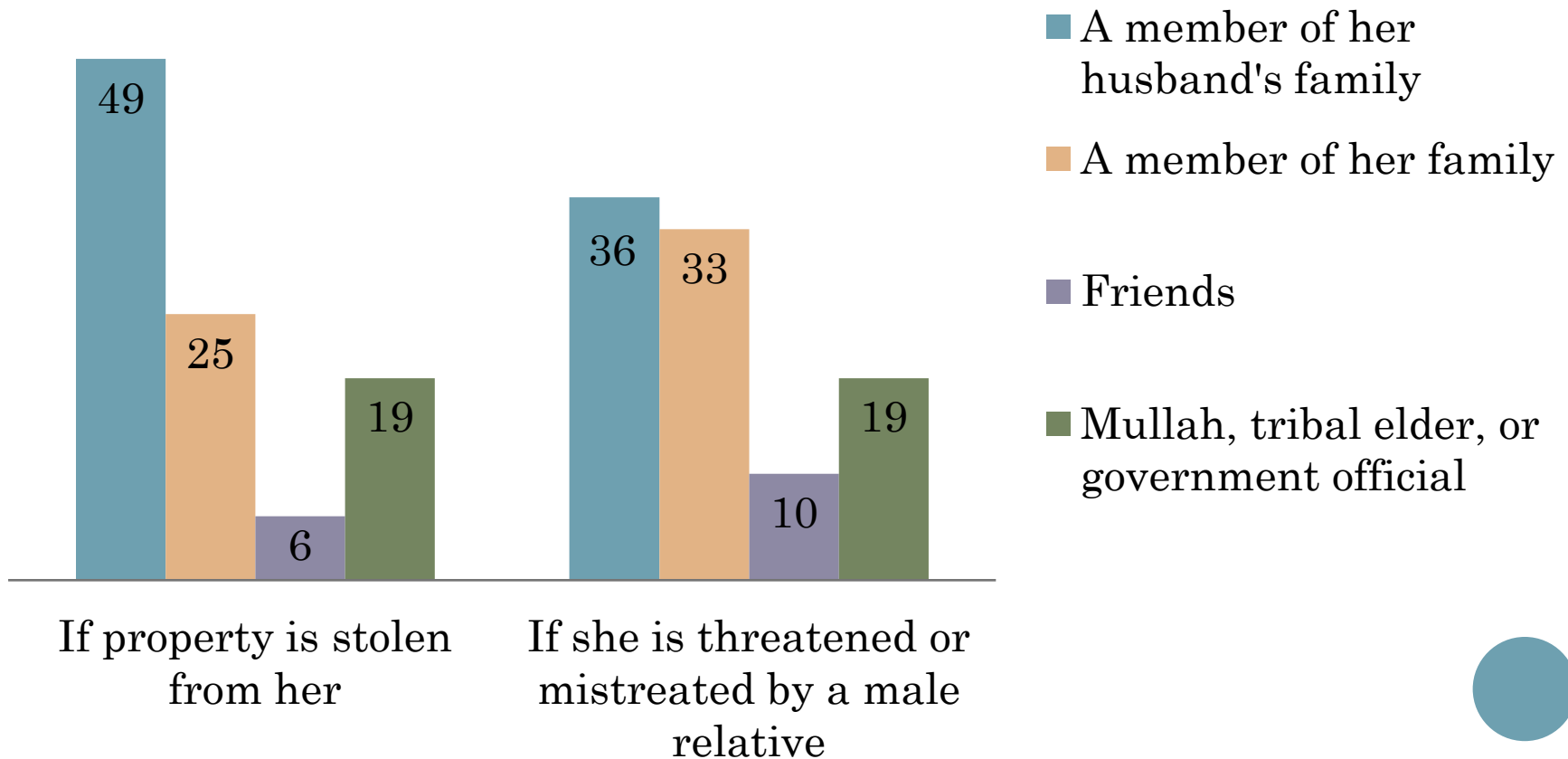
# IN DOMESTIC DISPUTES, 1-IN-5 AFGHANS SAY PHYSICAL PUNISHMENTS APPROPRIATE

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# JUSTICE FOR WOMEN COMES FROM FAMILY

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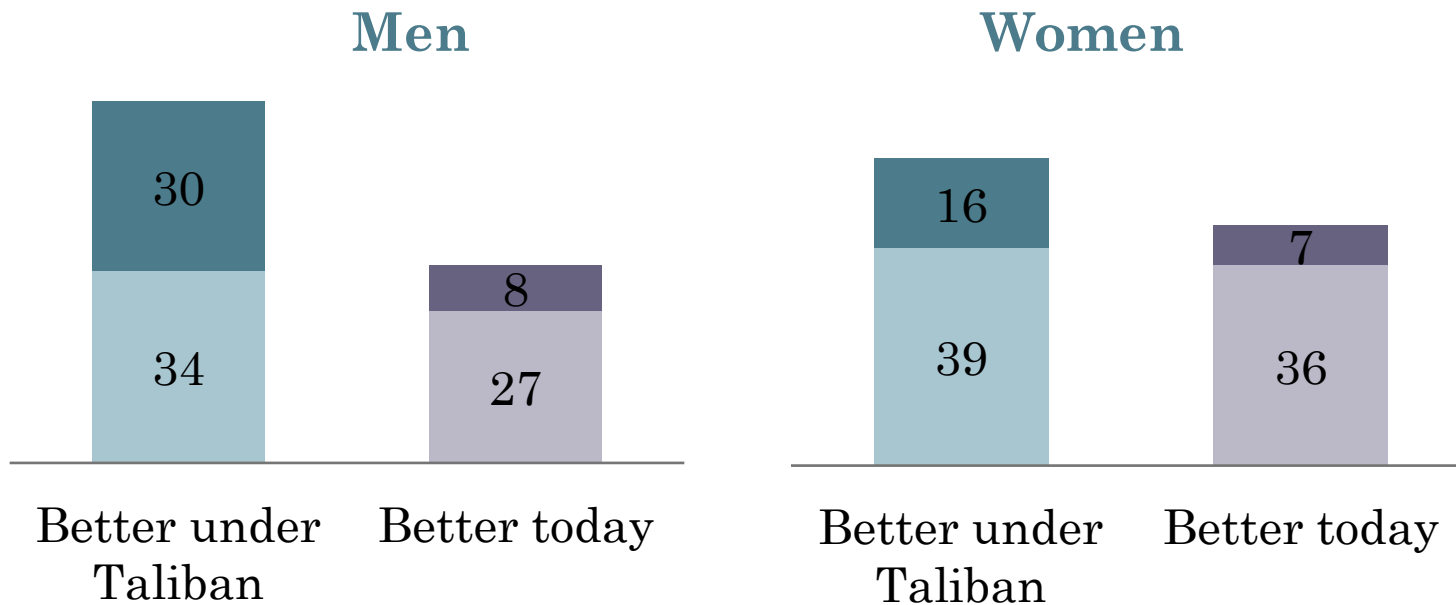
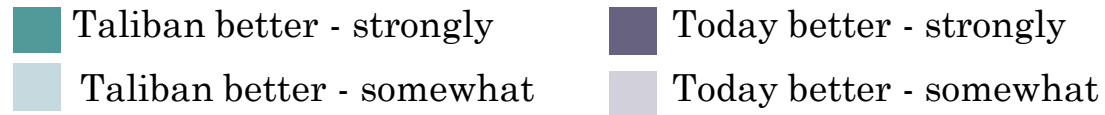
# SOUTHWEST AFGHANISTAN: PROGRESS IN QUESTION

Helmand, Kandahar, and Zabul



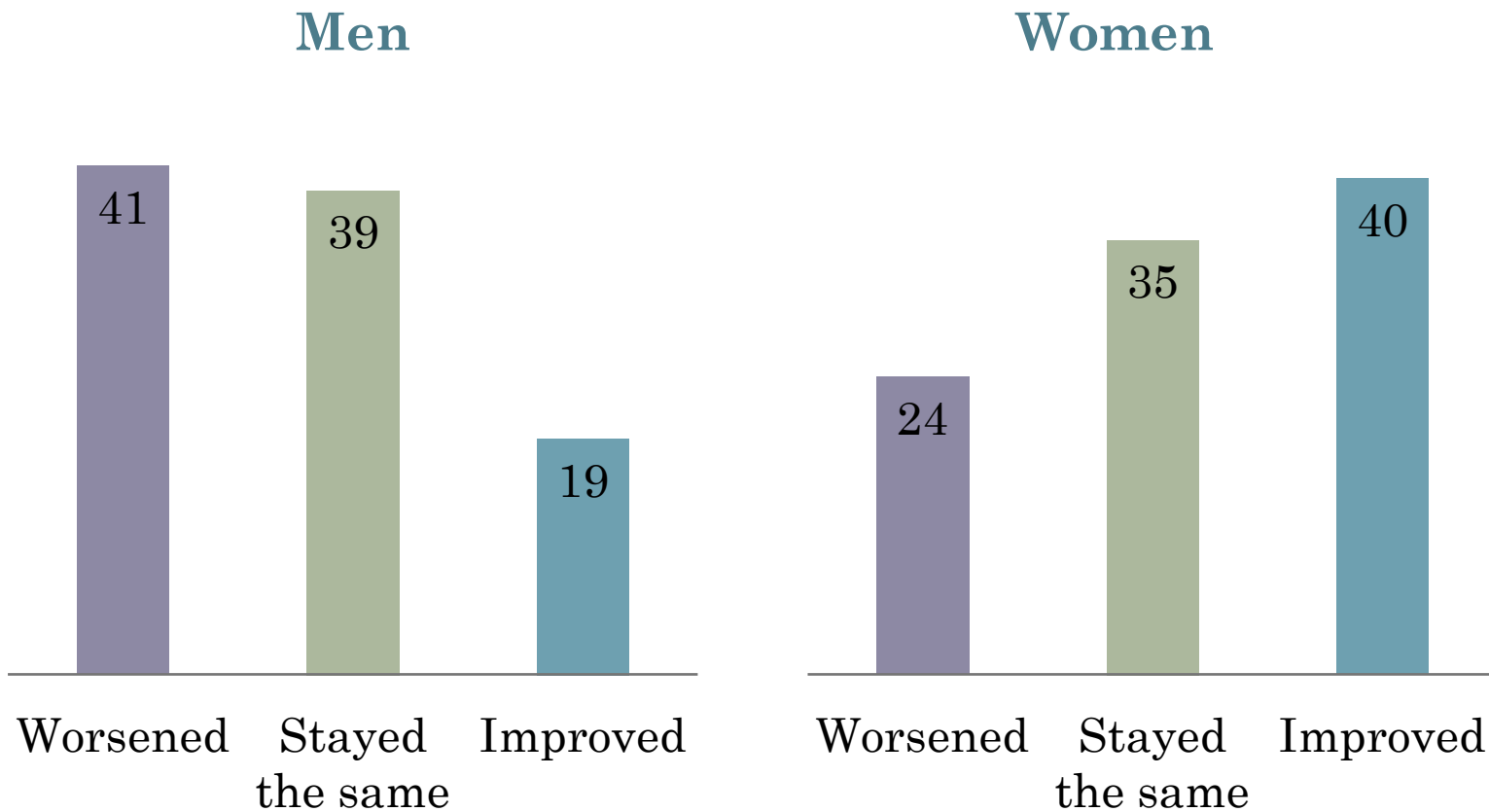
# SOUTHWESTERN AFGHANS SAY TALIBAN WAS BETTER FOR WOMEN

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# WOMEN AND MEN DIVERGE ON IMPACT OF THE PAST YEAR

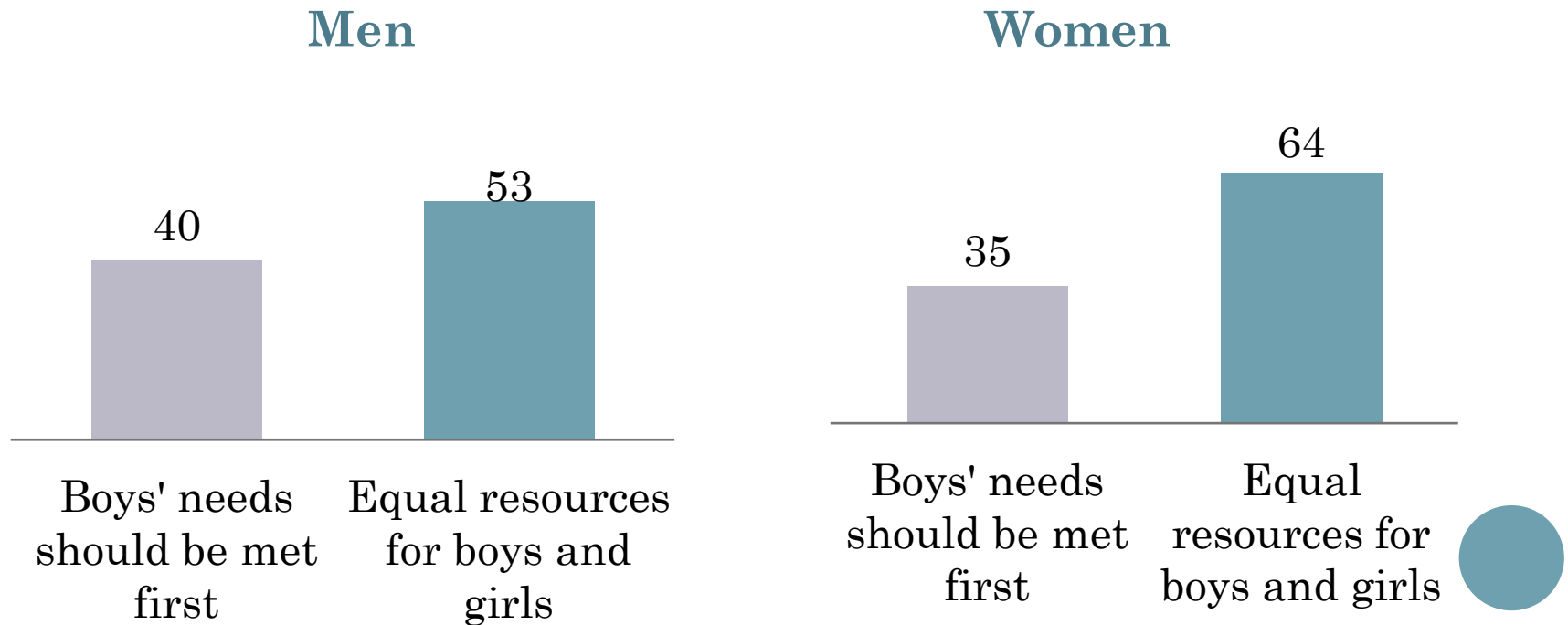
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# GIRLS' EDUCATION ENJOYS TENTATIVE SUPPORT IN SOUTHWEST AFGHANISTAN

- 35% of both men and women say the primary benefit of girls' education is women becoming doctors, engineers, and teachers.

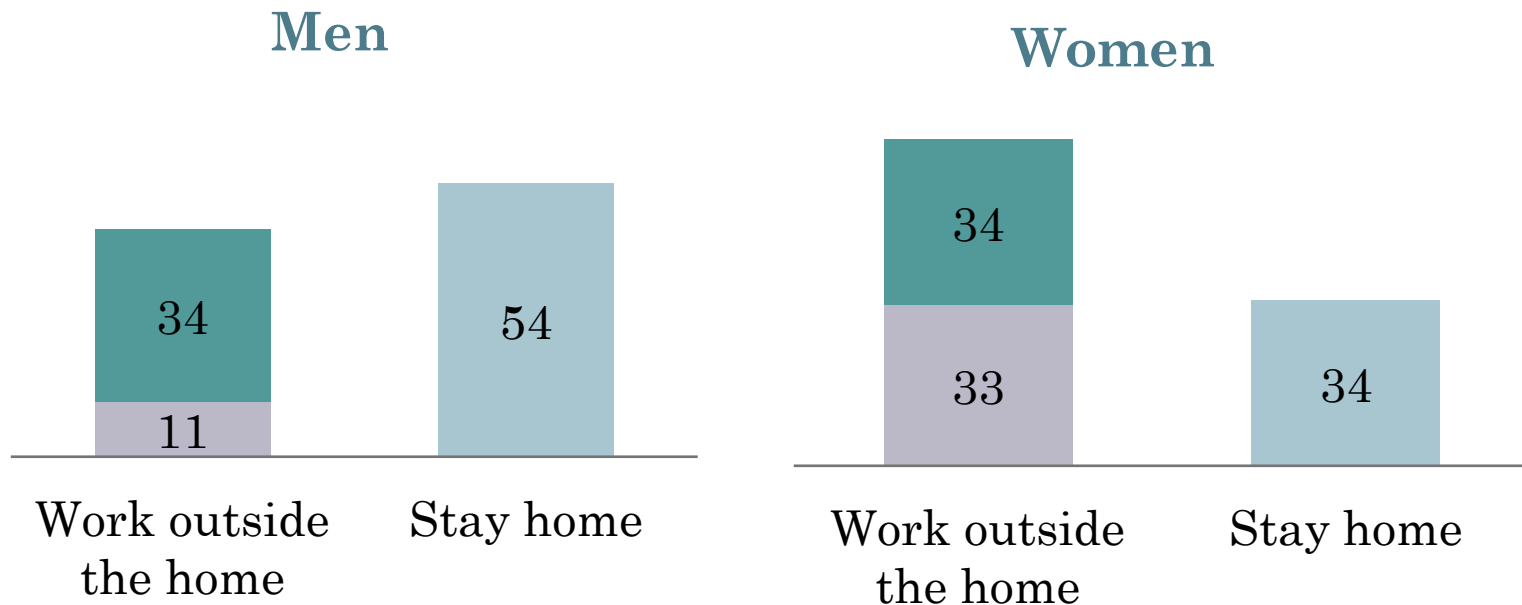
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# HALF OF SOUTHWESTERN MEN OPPOSE WOMEN WORKING OUTSIDE THE HOME

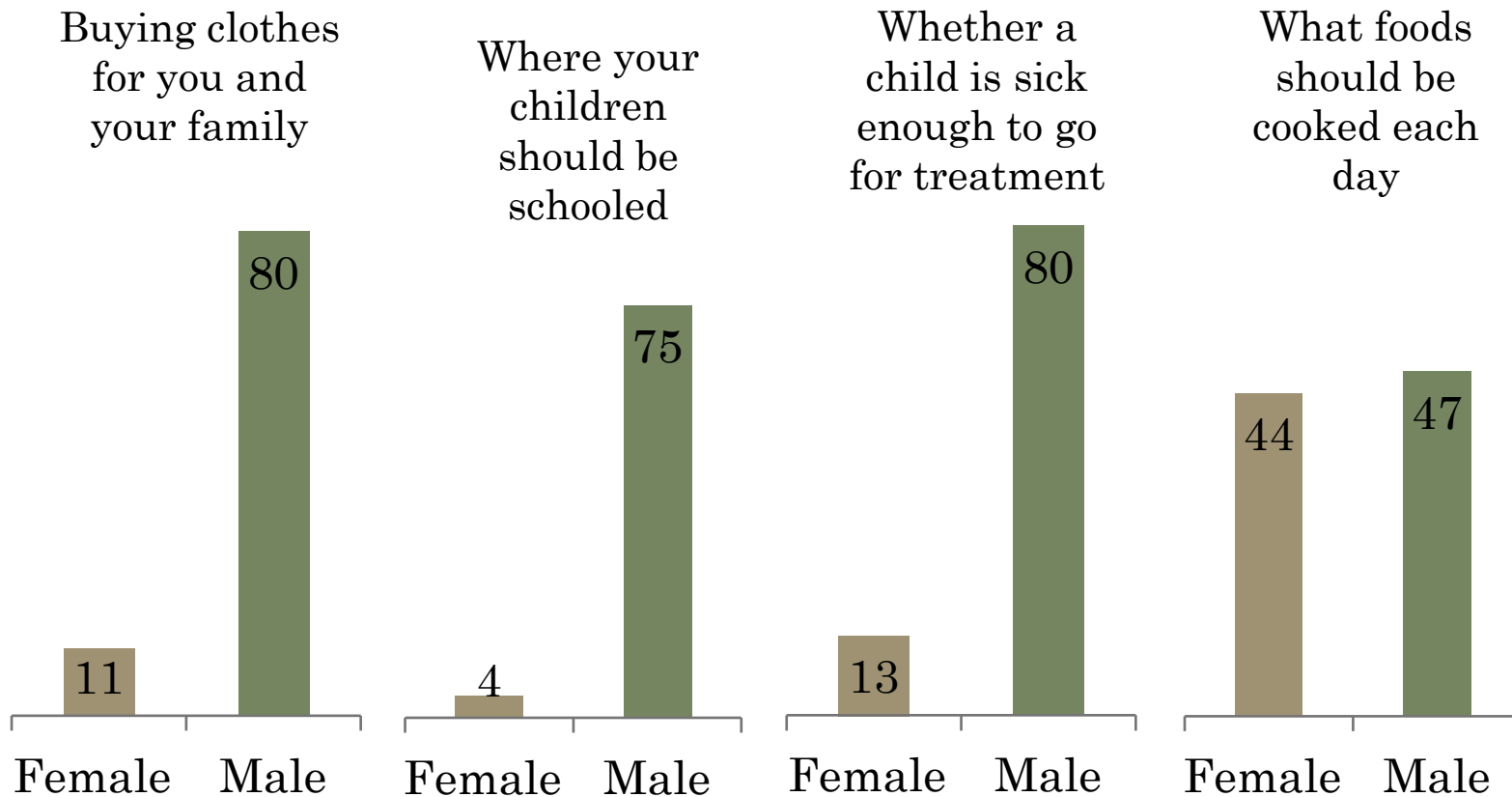
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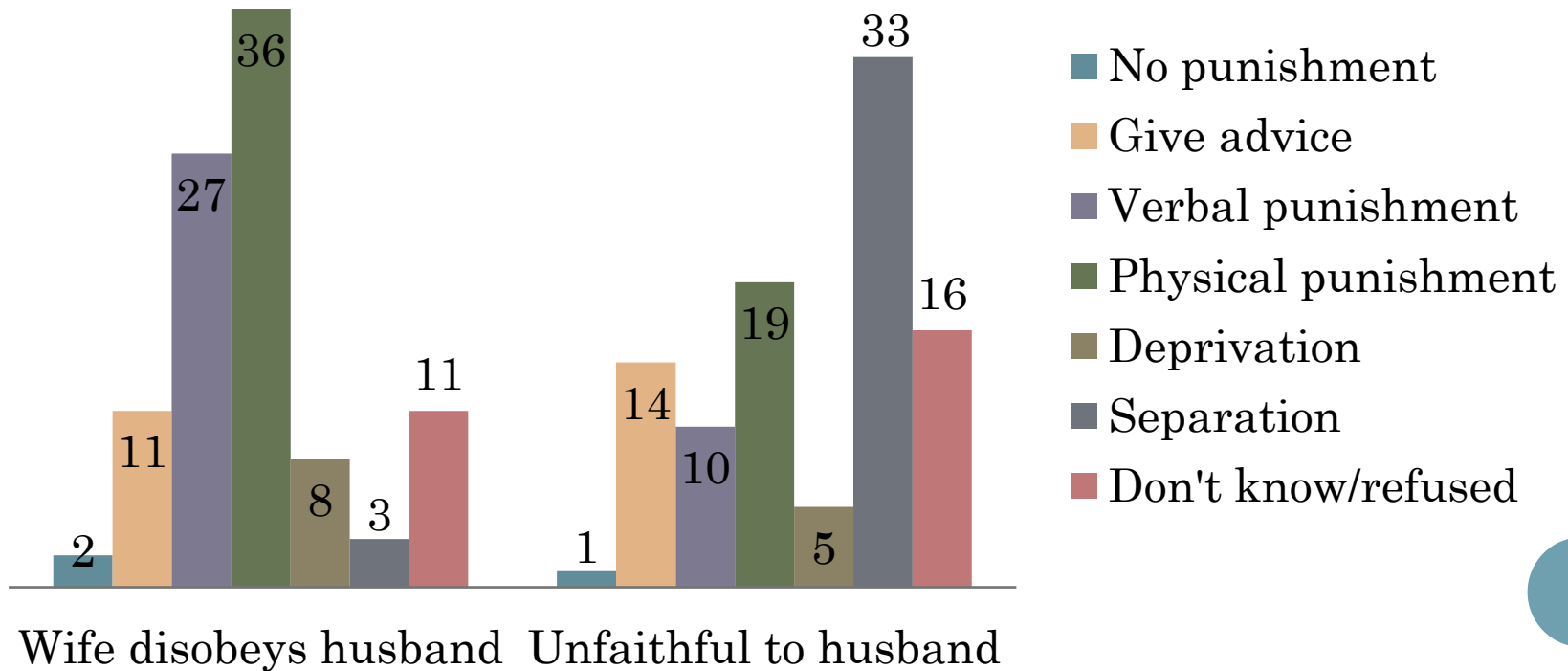
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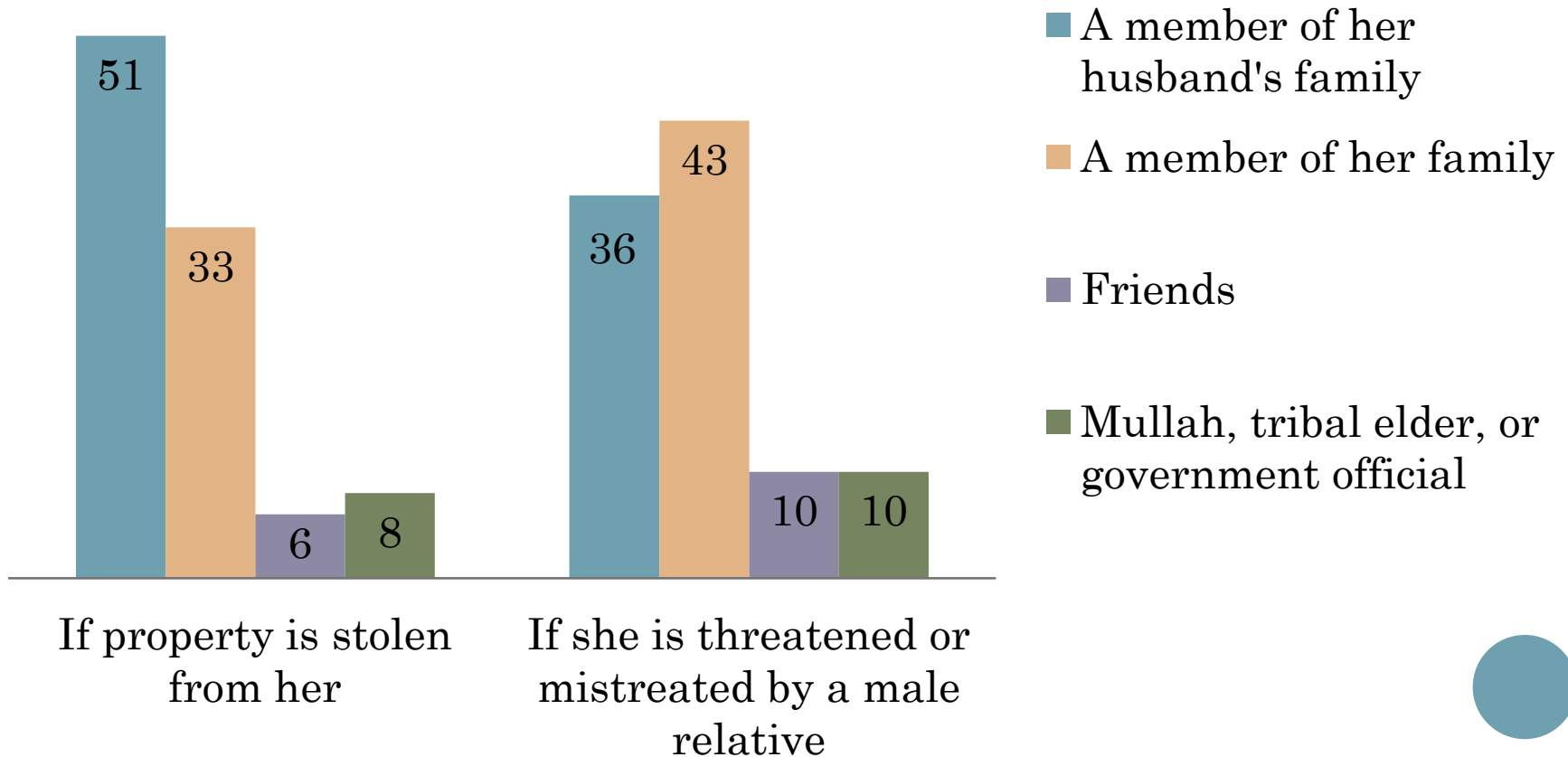
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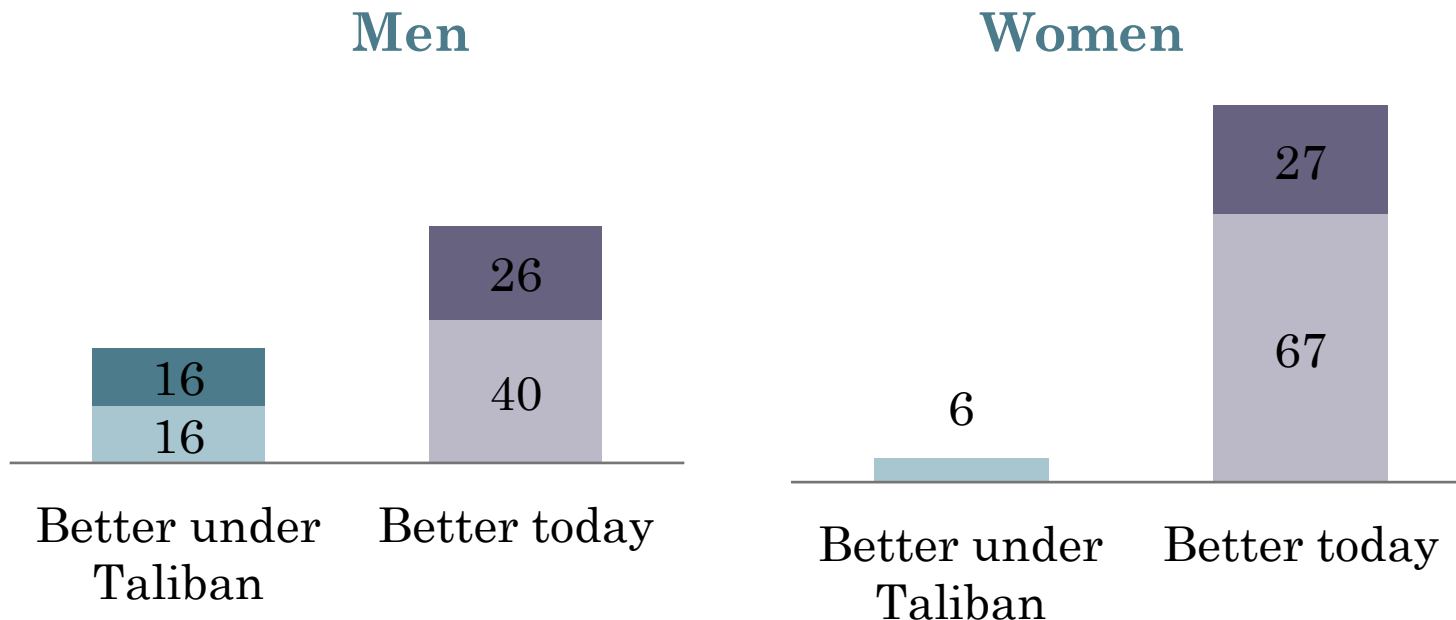
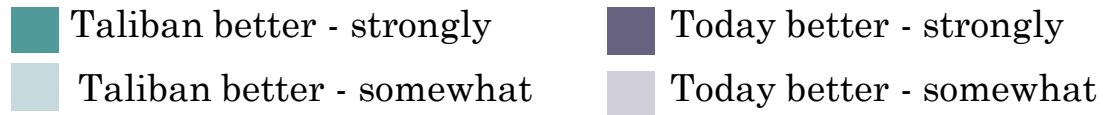
# WESTERN AFGHANISTAN: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Badghis, Herat, Farah, and Nimroz



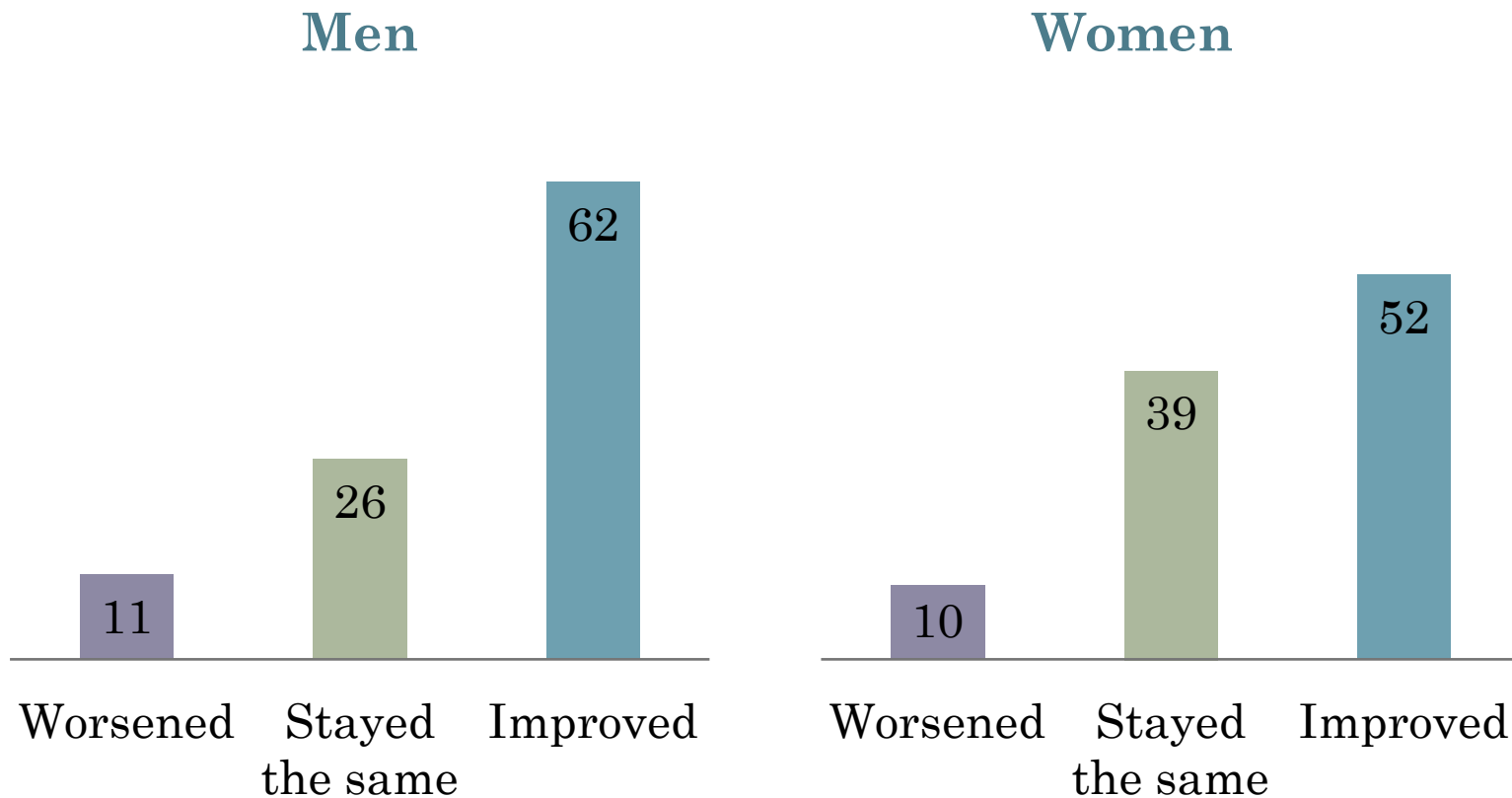
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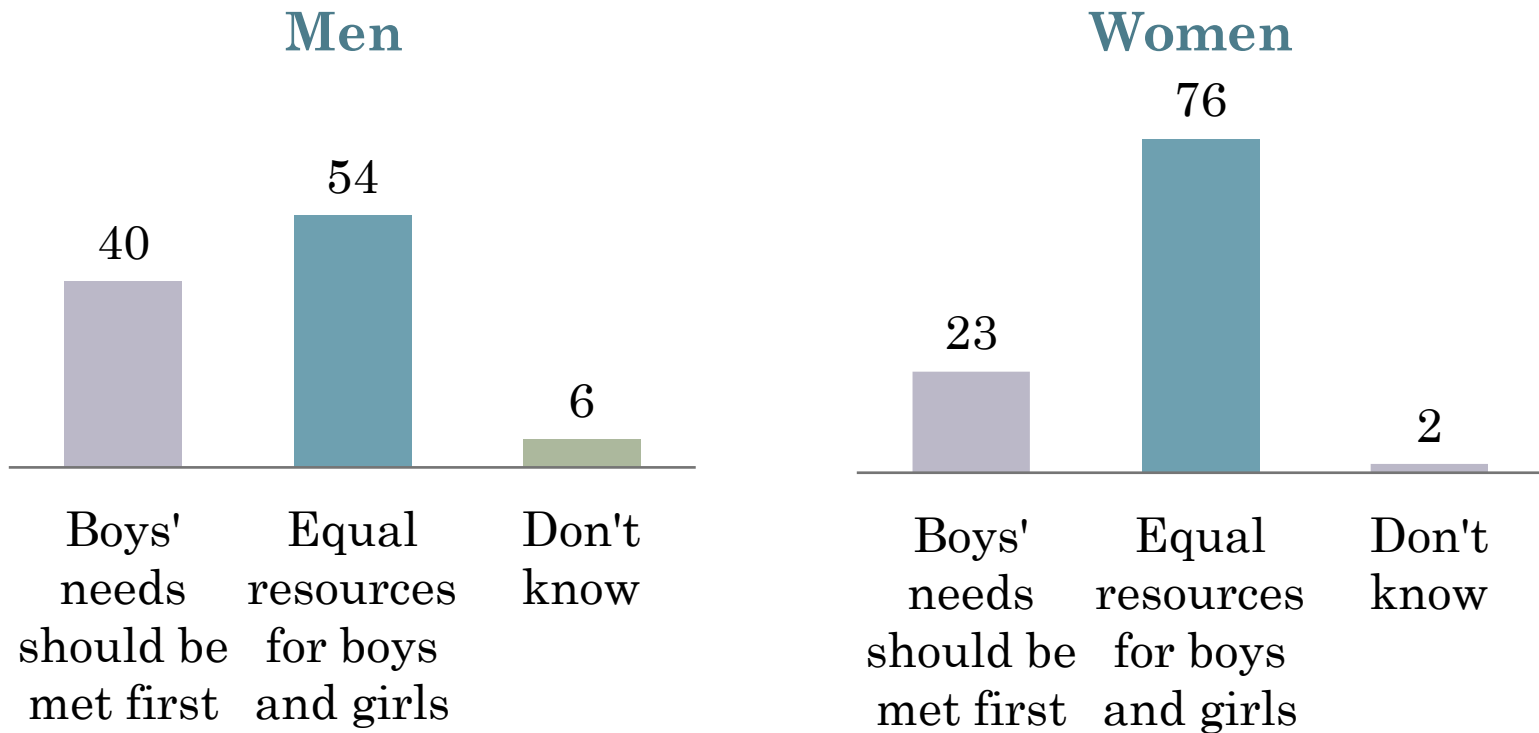
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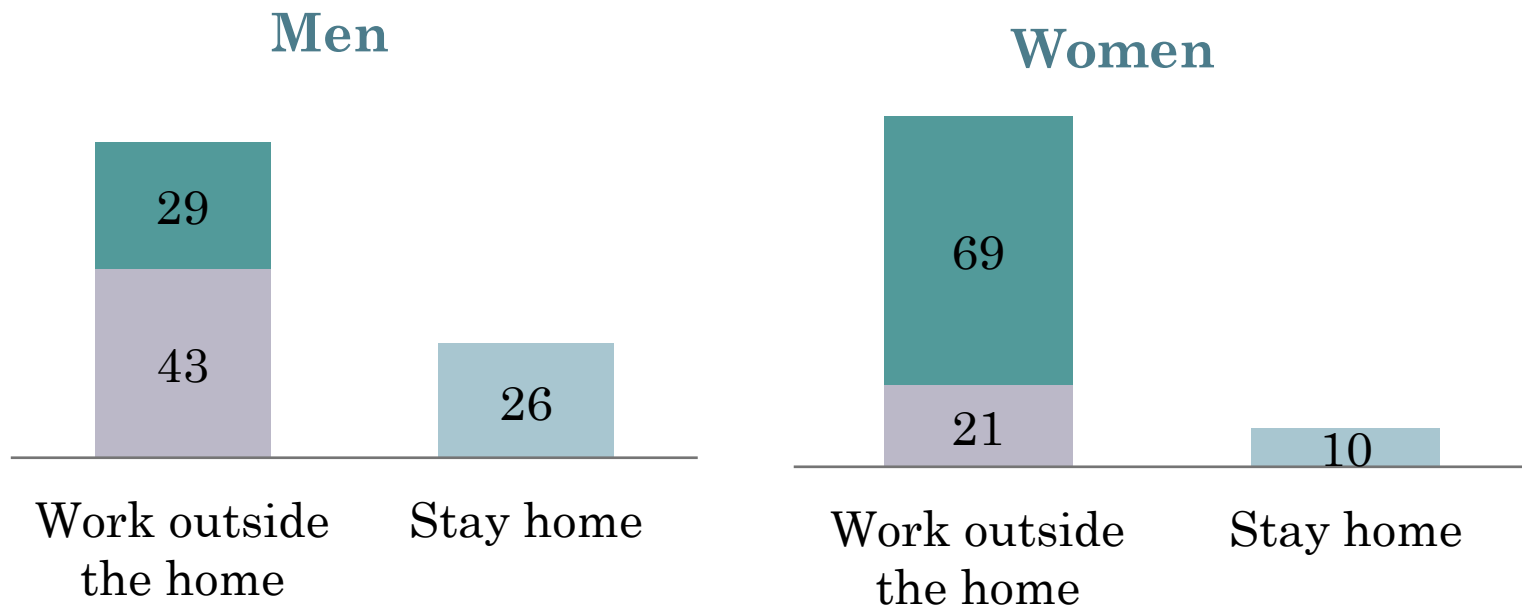
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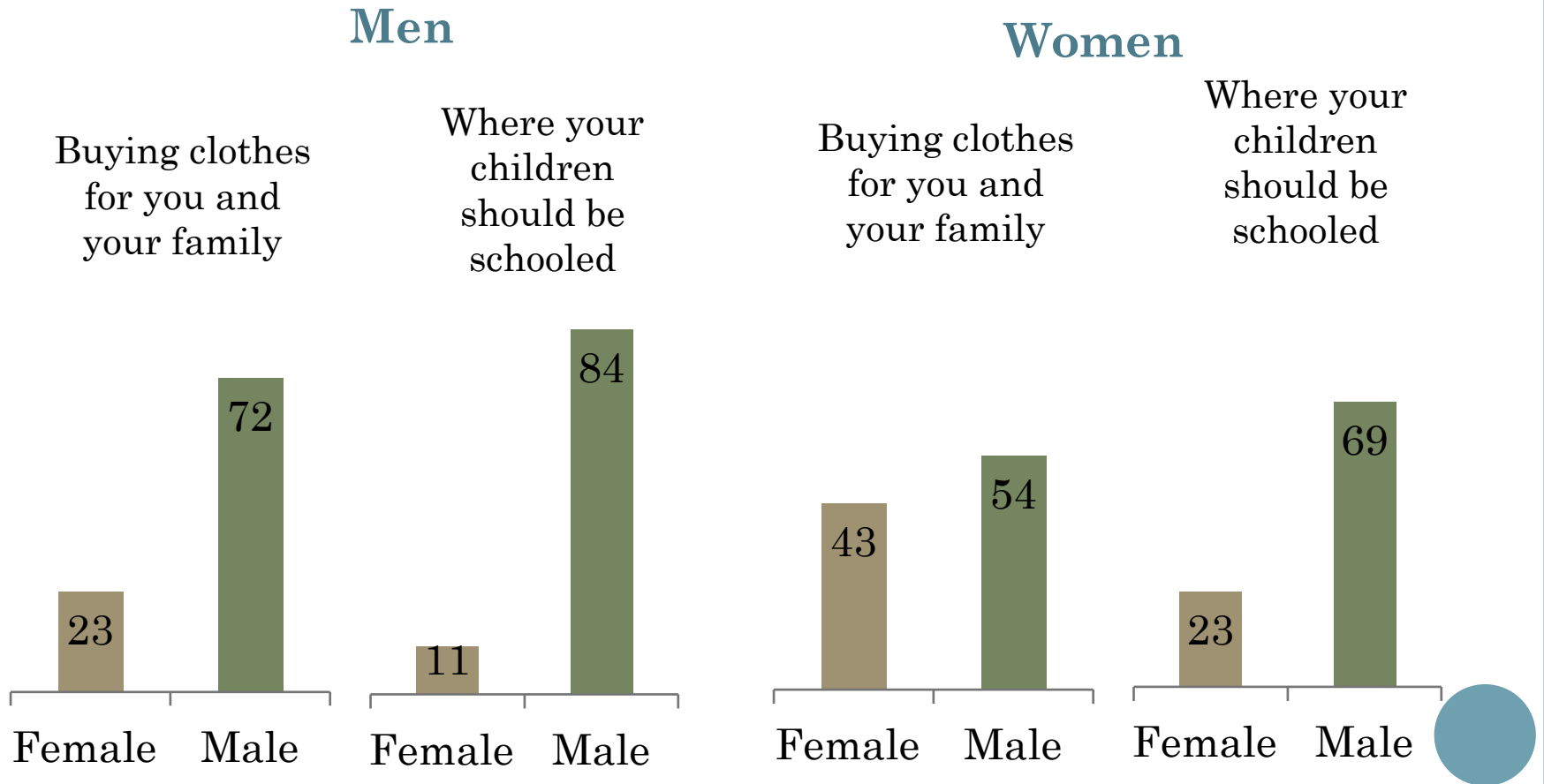
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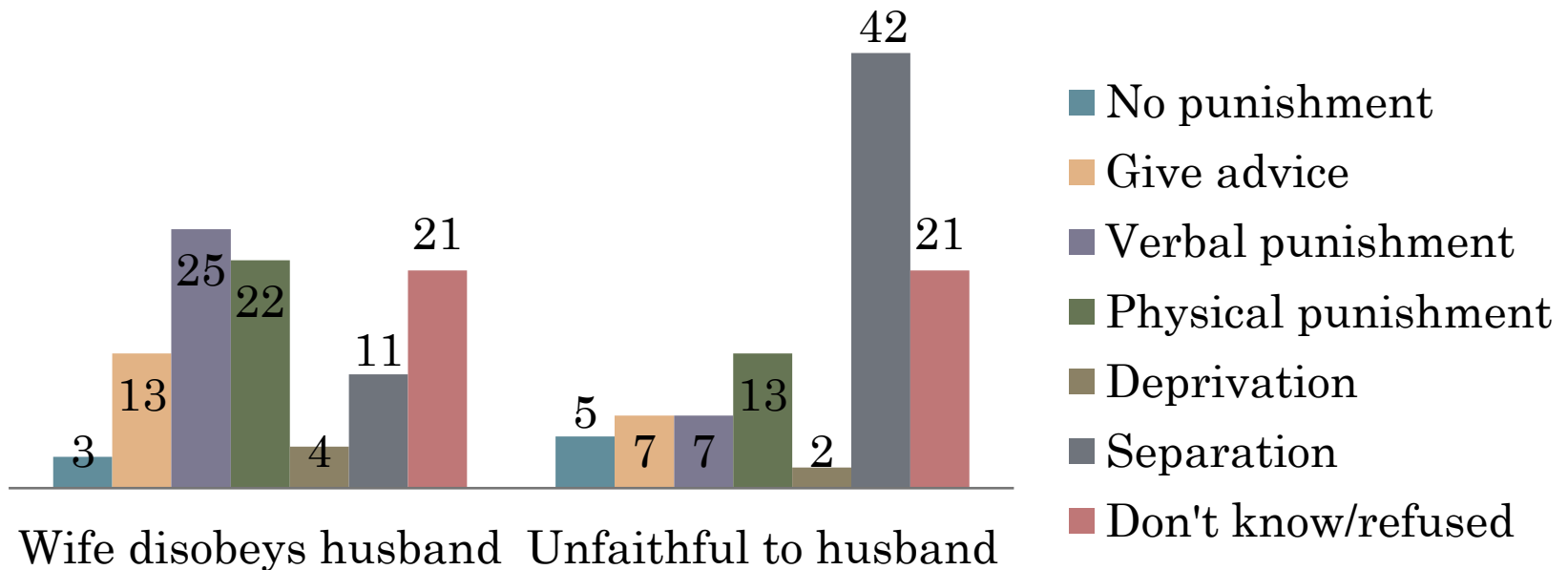
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