

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 |

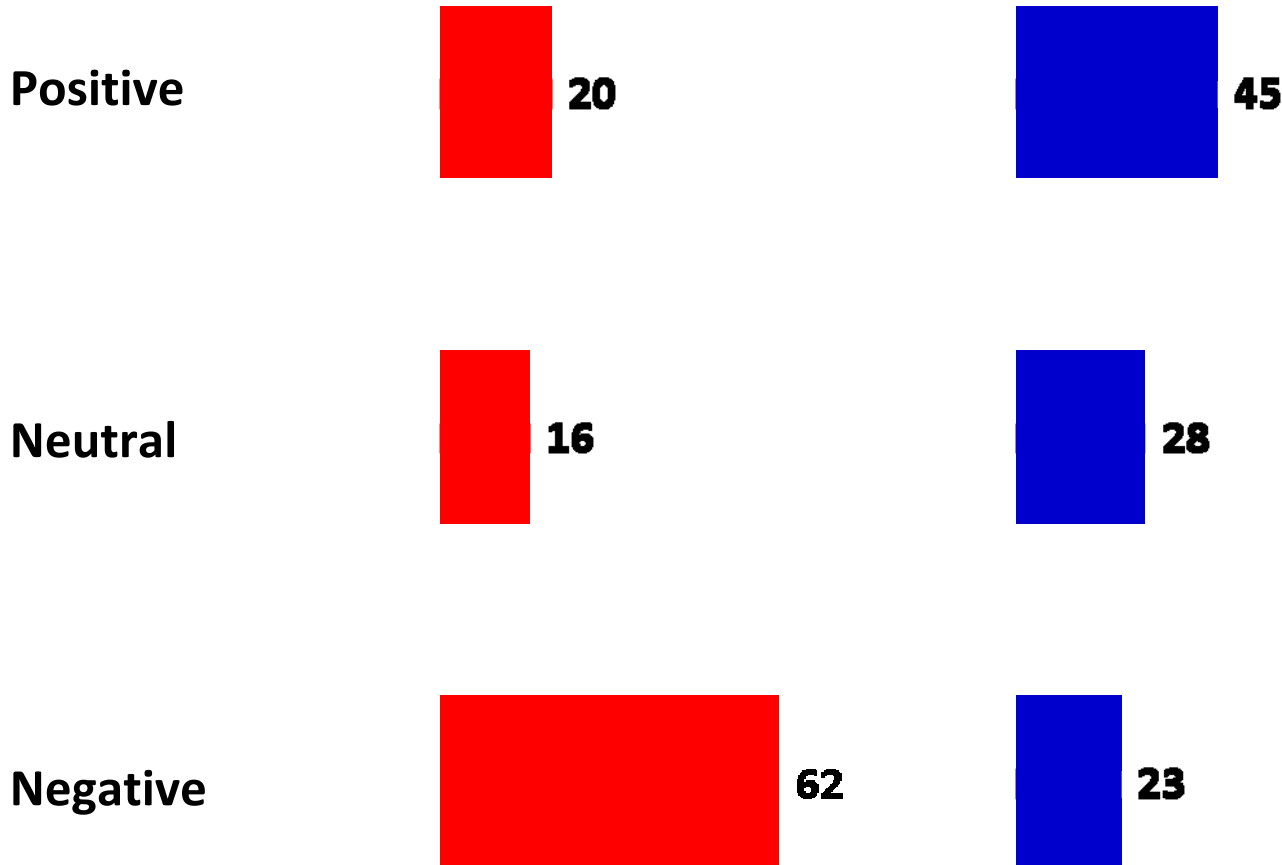
United States & the Middle East

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

2010

2009



United States & the Middle East

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

2010

2009

Hopeful



16



51

Neither hopeful
nor discouraged



20



28

Discouraged



63



15



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

3

Attitudes toward Islam

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Afghanistan

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Human rights

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Spreading democracy

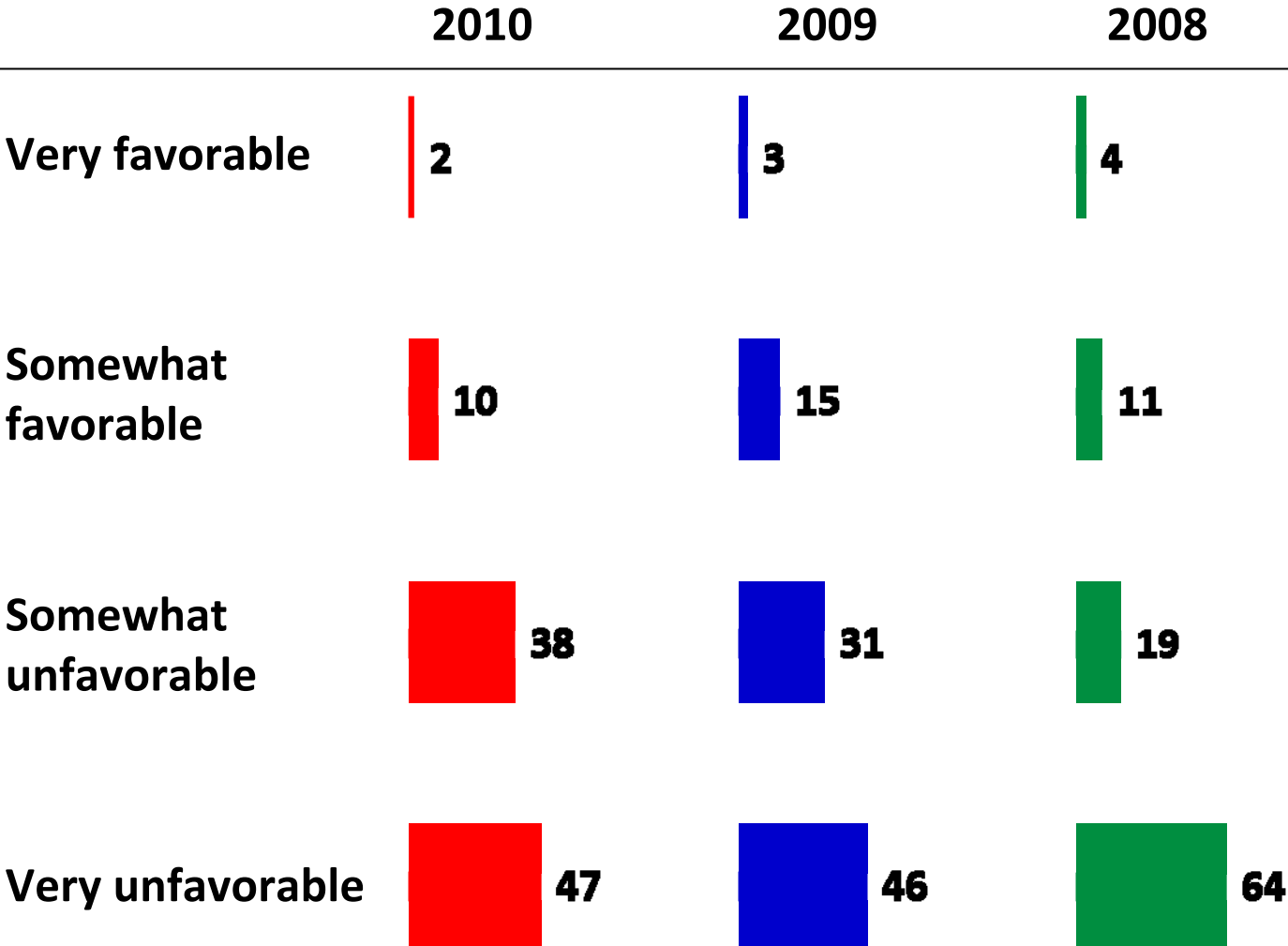
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Economic assistance

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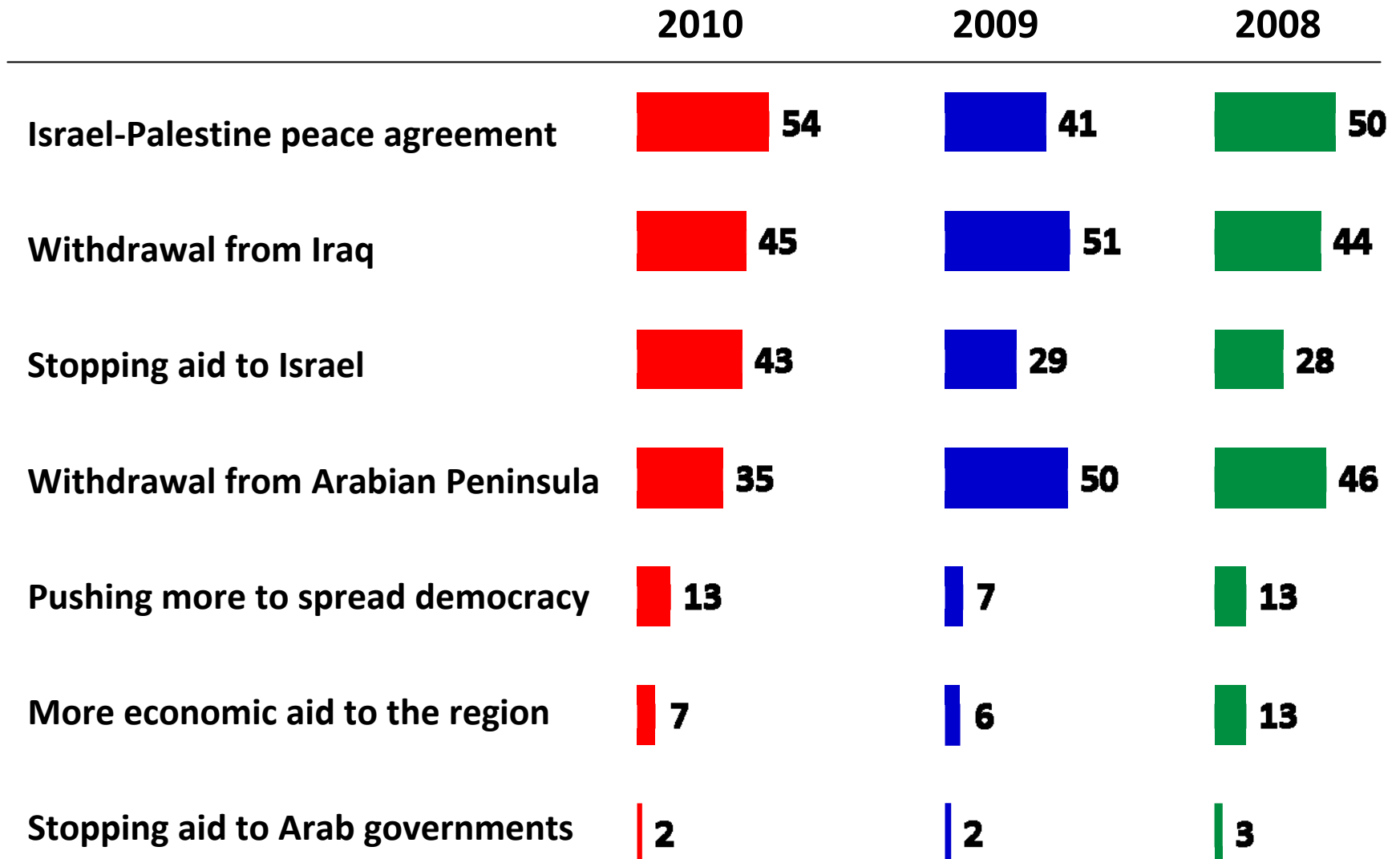
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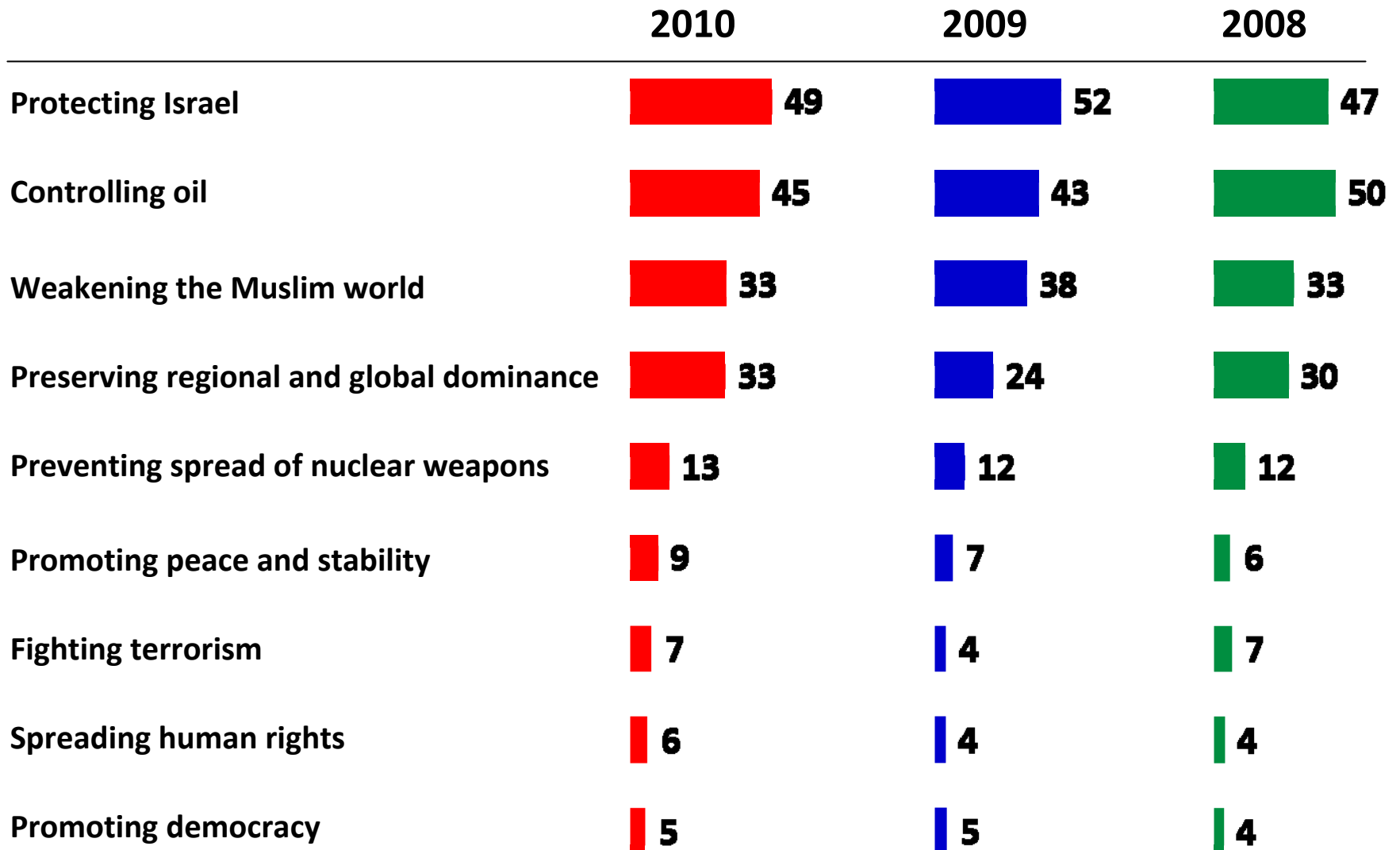
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What TWO steps by the United States would improve your views of the United States the most?



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?

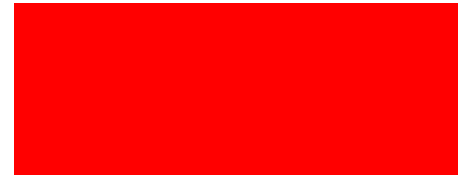


United States & the Middle East

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

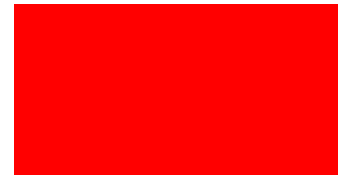
2010

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



51

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



38

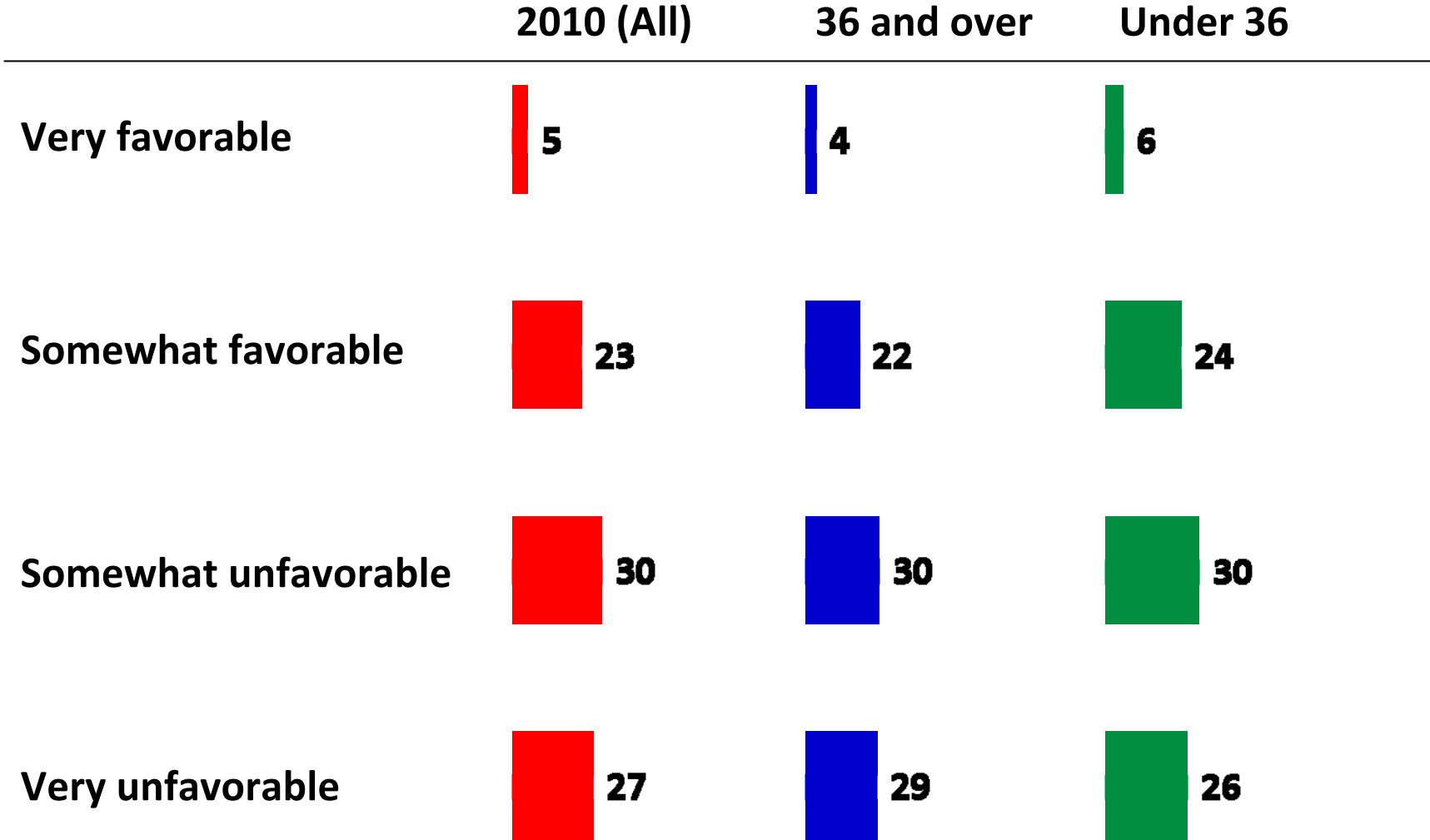
Favorable personal view of him and I
am hopeful about his foreign policy



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United States & the Middle East

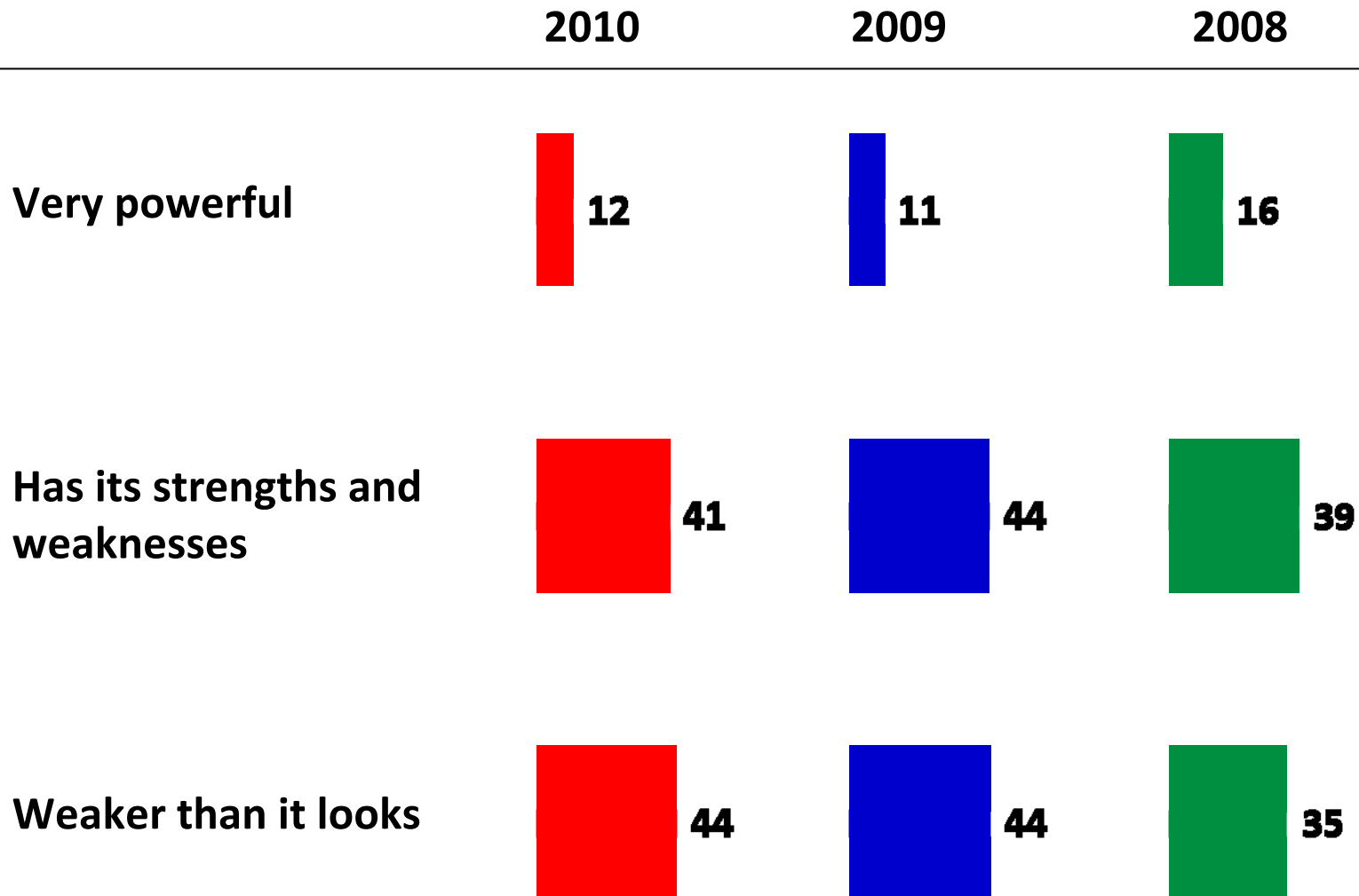
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Arab-Israeli Conflict

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Describe your attitude toward Israel's power:



Arab-Israeli Conflict

Describe your attitude toward Israel's power: (2010)

36 and over

Under 36

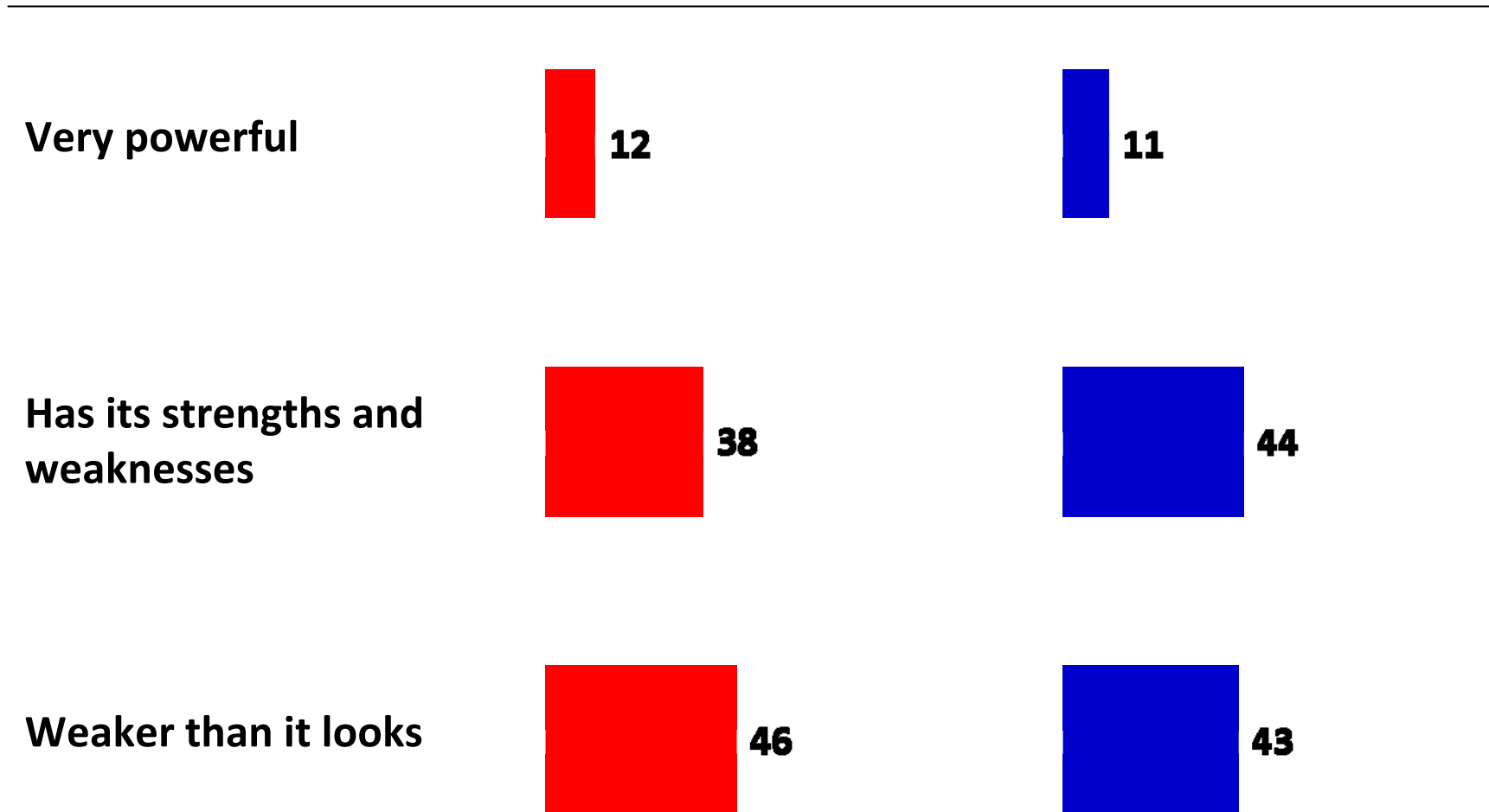
Very powerful



Has its strengths and weaknesses

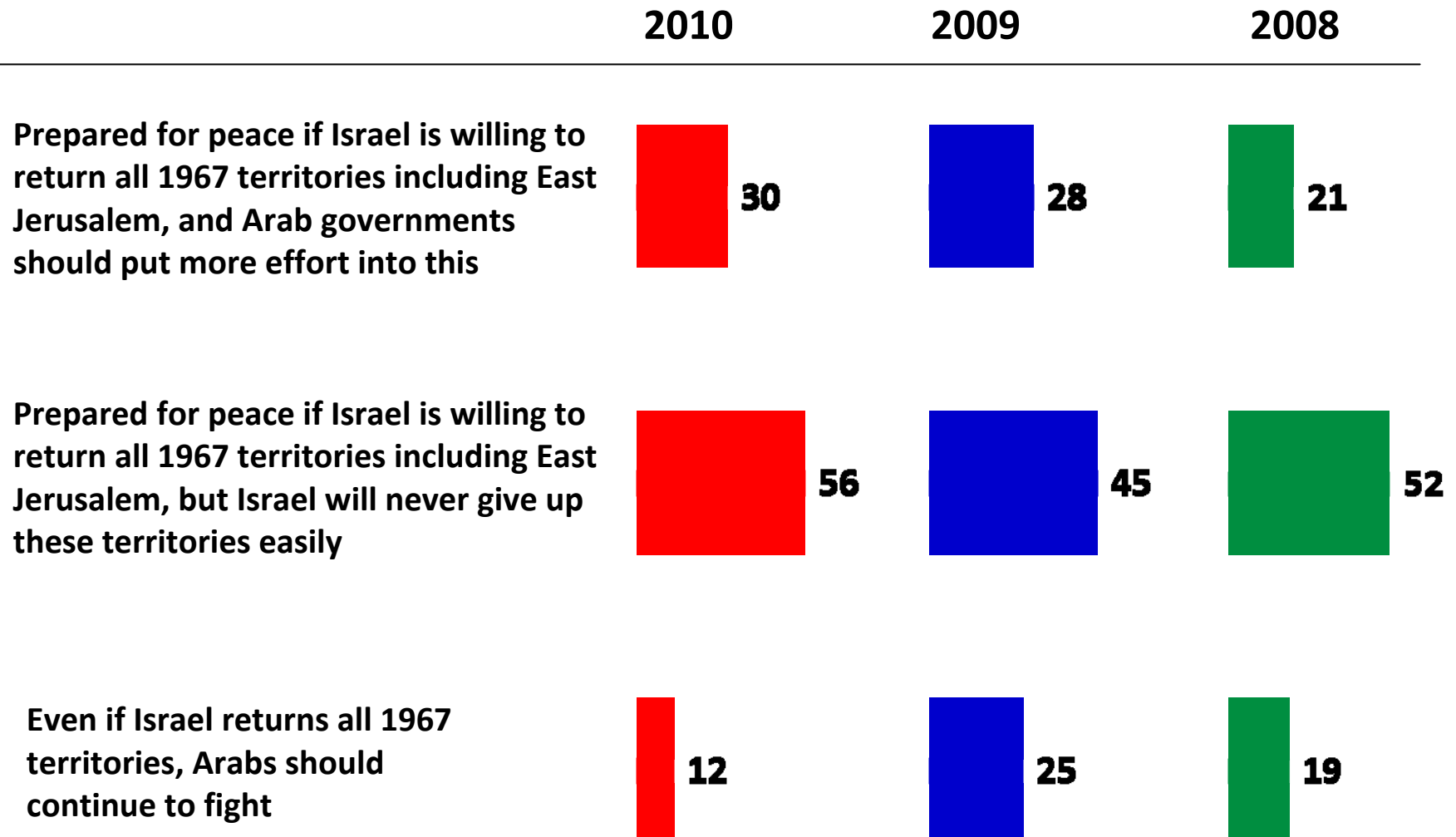


Weaker than it looks



Arab-Israeli Conflict

Which of the following statements is closer to your view?



Arab-Israeli Conflict

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36 and over

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



30



31

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



55



57

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



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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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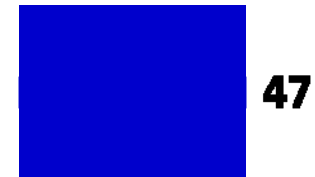
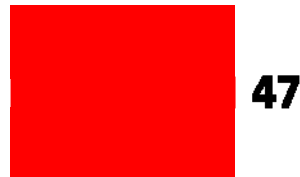
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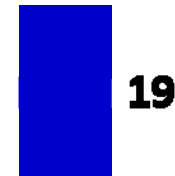
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2009

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State of intense conflict for years to come



Status quo will continue



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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



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Inevitable, but it will take more time



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Will happen in the next five years



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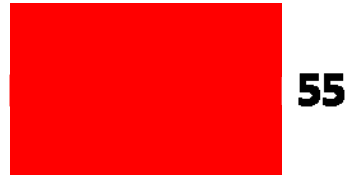
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Arab-Israeli Conflict

In the current conflict among the Palestinians,
with whom do you sympathize most?

2010

2009

2008

Fatah



7



12



8

Hamas



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22



18

Both to some extent



70



49



37

Other / None of the
above



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16



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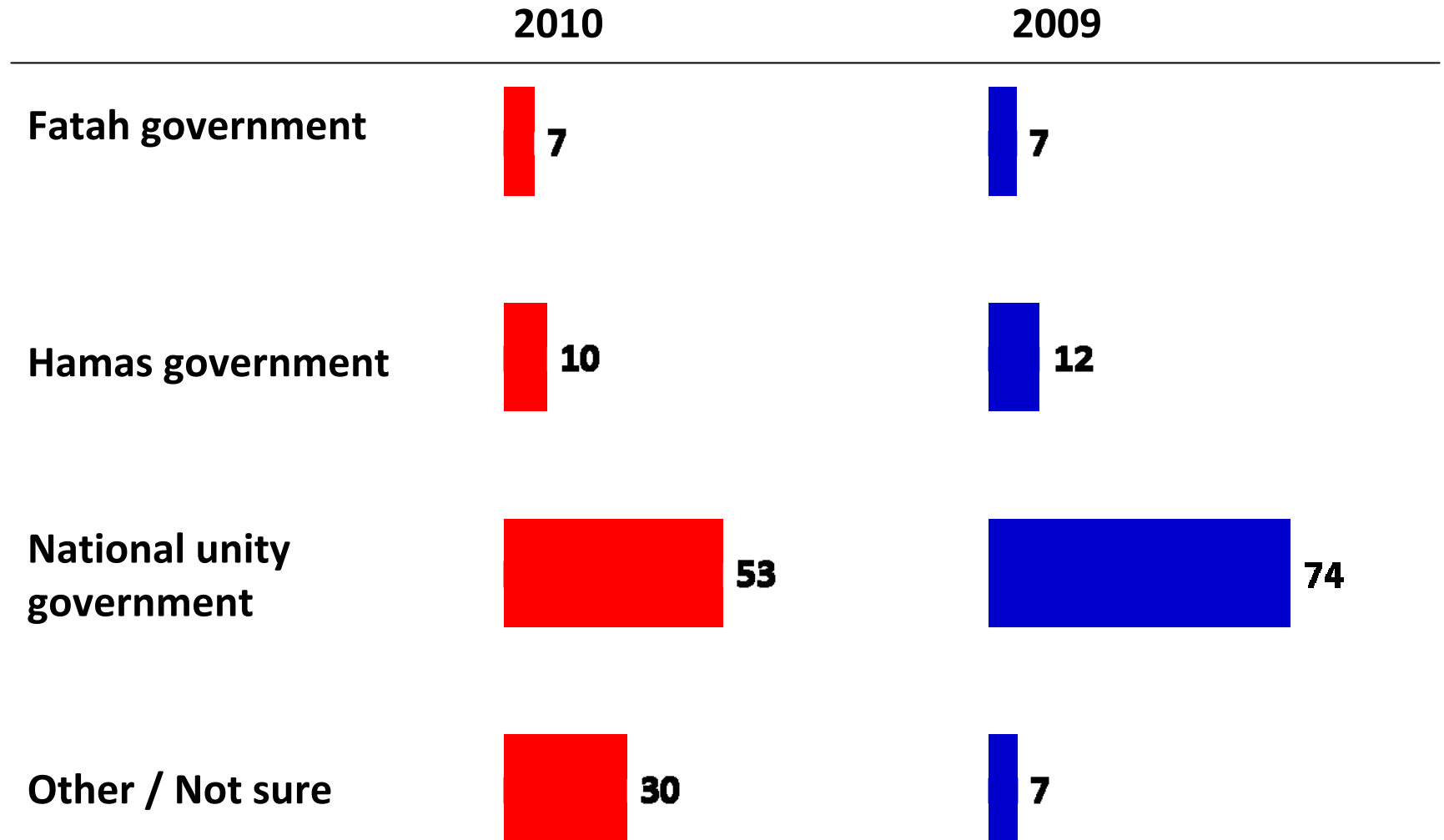
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Arab-Israeli Conflict

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(2010)

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National unity
government



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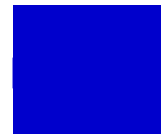


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Other / Not sure



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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:

2010

36 and over

Under 36

Through serious negotiations



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37



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By being imposed by the UN



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17

By being imposed by the United States



13



13



13

Through another Arab-Israeli war



16



16



16

It will never happen



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Arab-Israeli Conflict

When you look at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which of the following issues is the most central to you, assuming that they may all be important:

2010 (All)

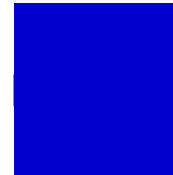
36 and over

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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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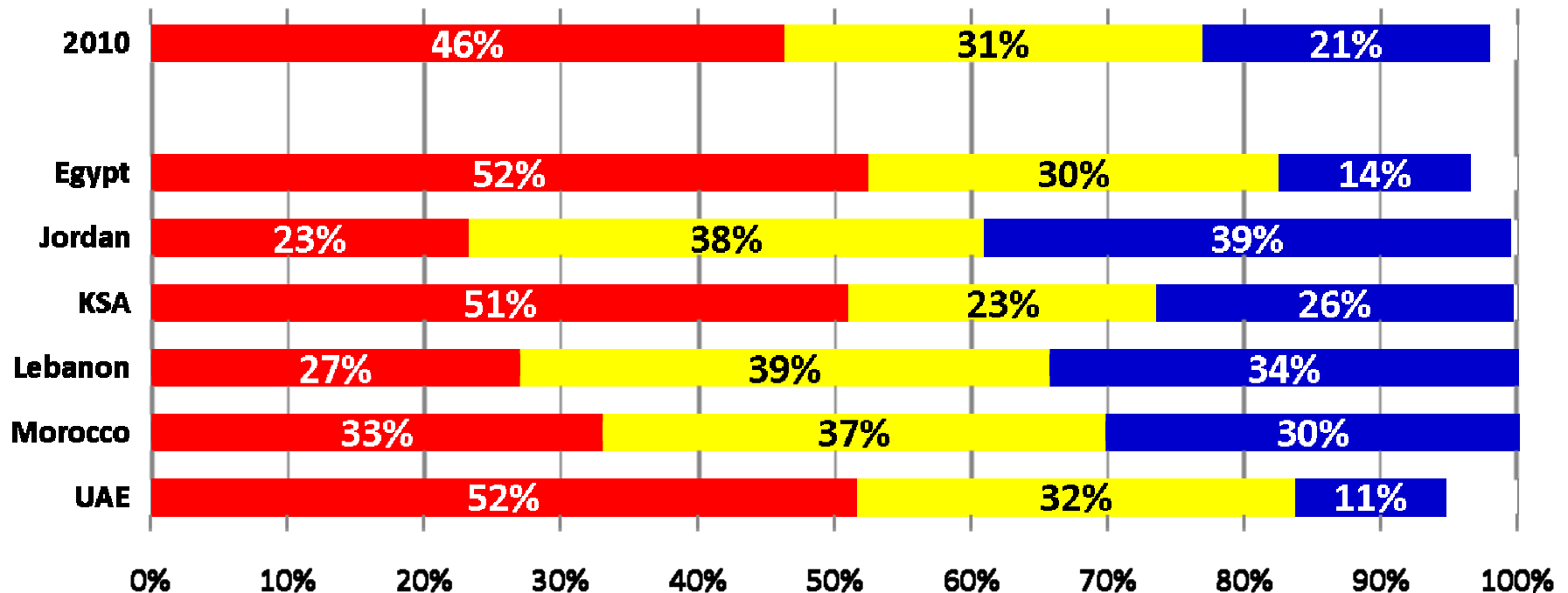


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Arab-Israeli Conflict

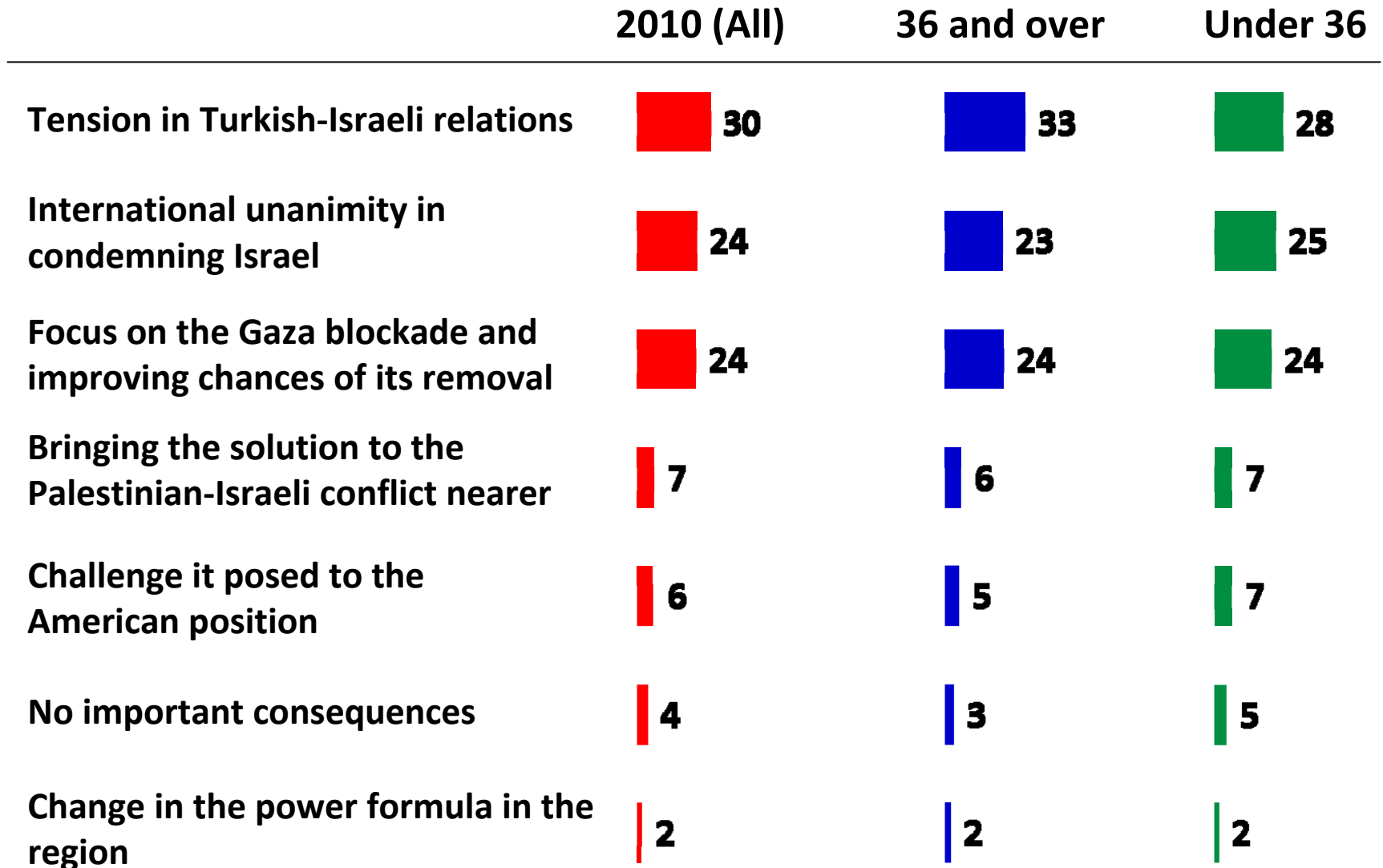
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Arab-Israeli Conflict

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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2010 (All)

36 and over

Under 36

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



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I have mixed feelings



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Empathize with the Jews who suffered under the Nazis



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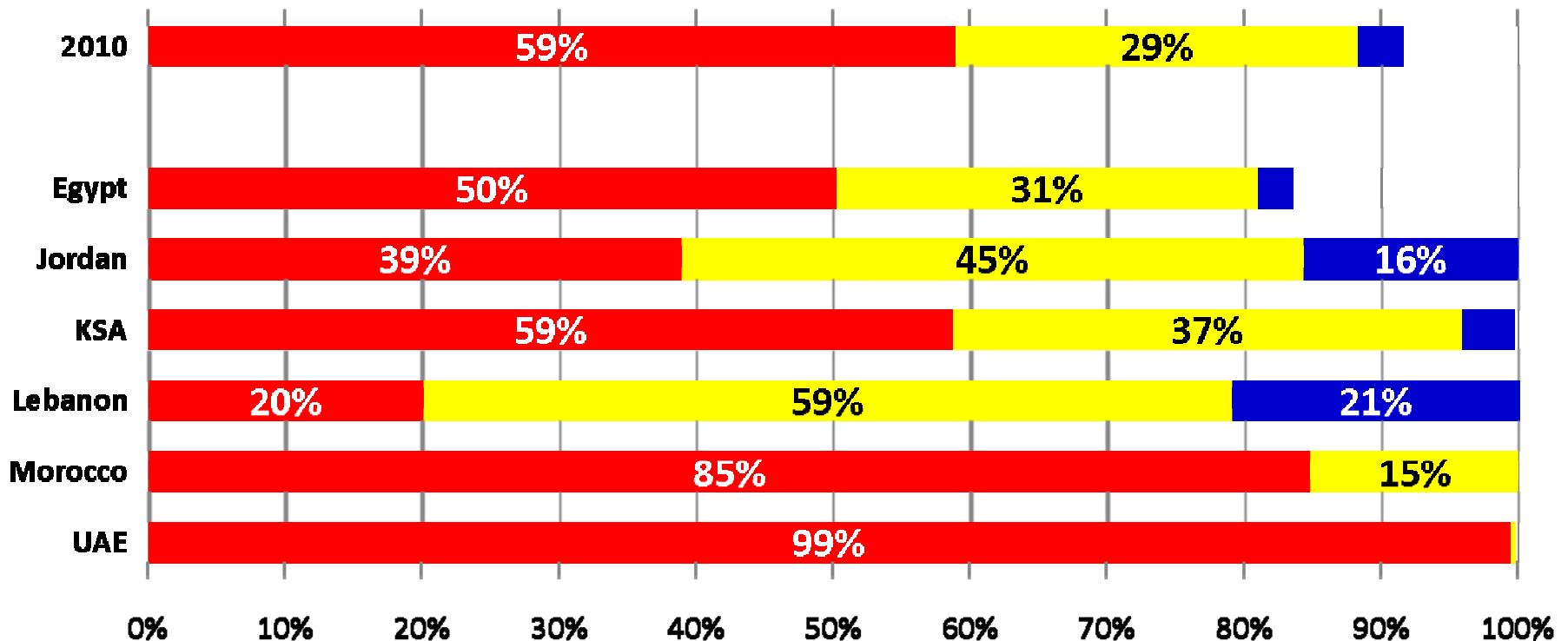


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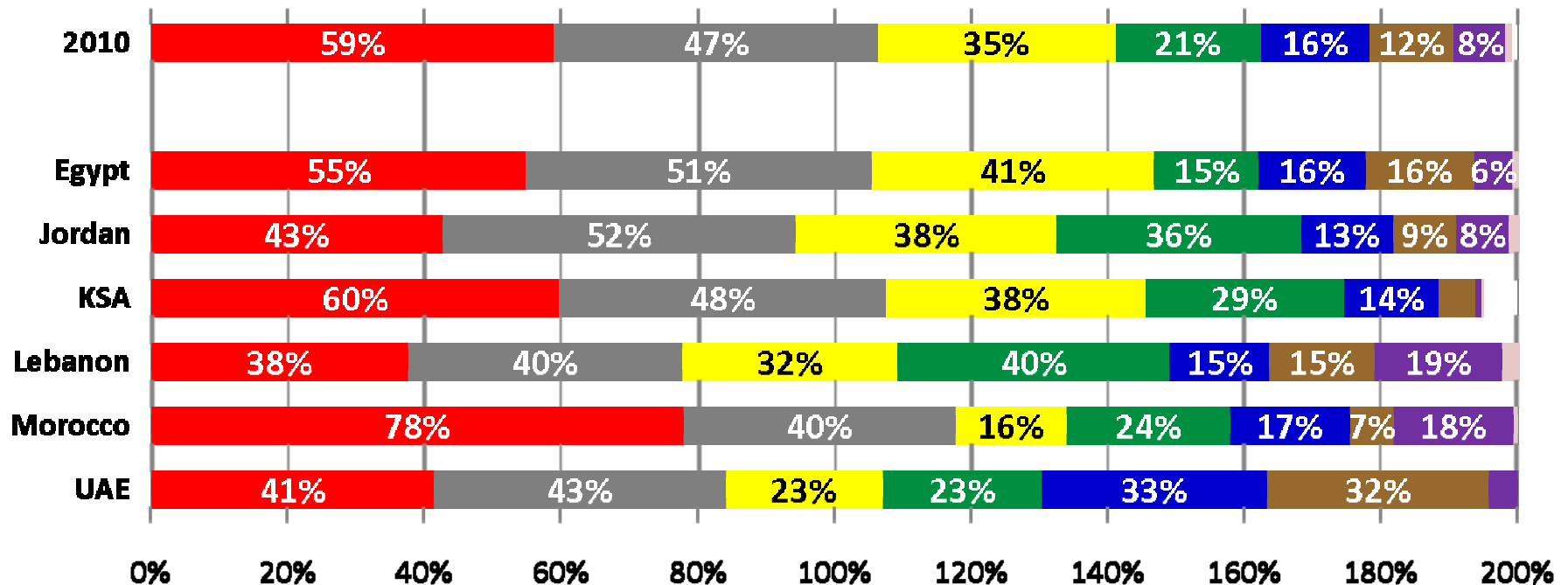
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Empathy

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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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2010 (All)

36 and over

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Revenge for the Palestinians



Angry with Israeli leaders



Angry with the US



Angry with the Palestinians



Same as when I see other civilians killed



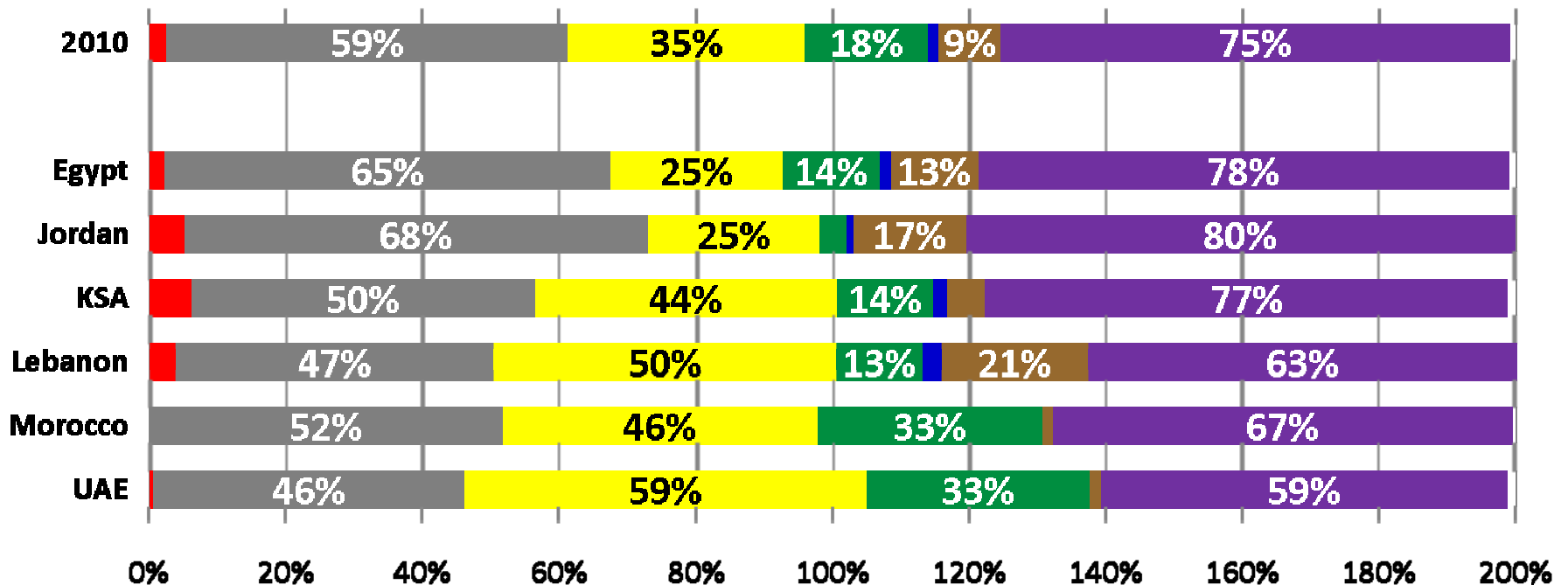
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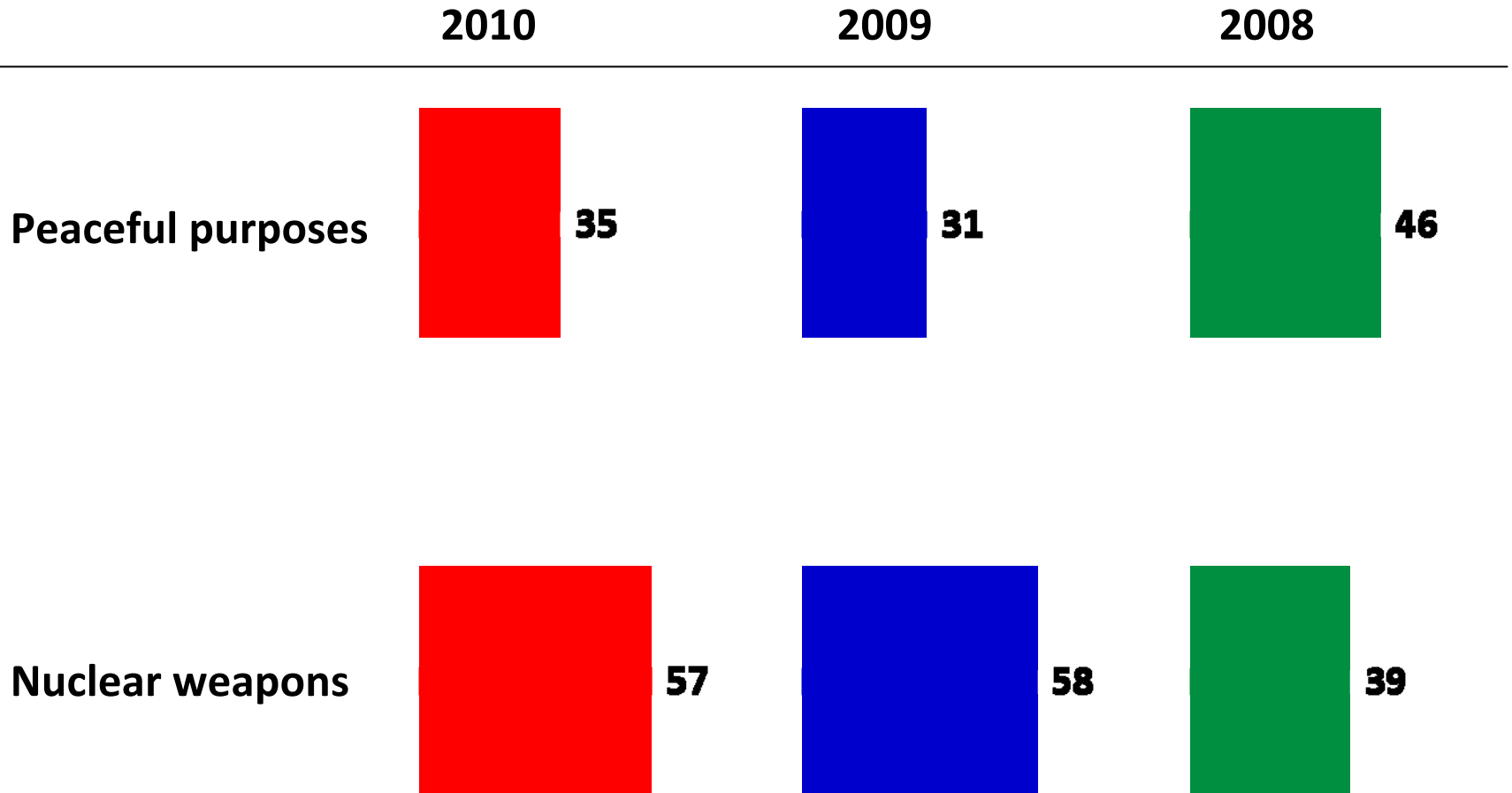
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Iran

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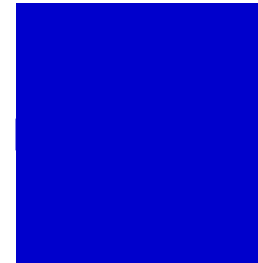
36 and over

Under 36

Peaceful purposes



37



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Nuclear weapons



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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



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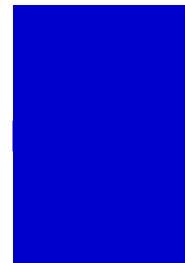


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Iran should be pressured to stop its nuclear program



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Iran

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36 and over

Under 36

Iran has the right to its nuclear program



78



76

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Iran

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Iran has peaceful purposes

Iran seeks nuclear weapons

Iran has the right to its nuclear program



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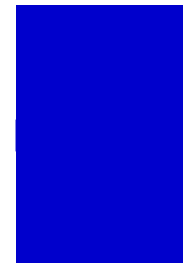


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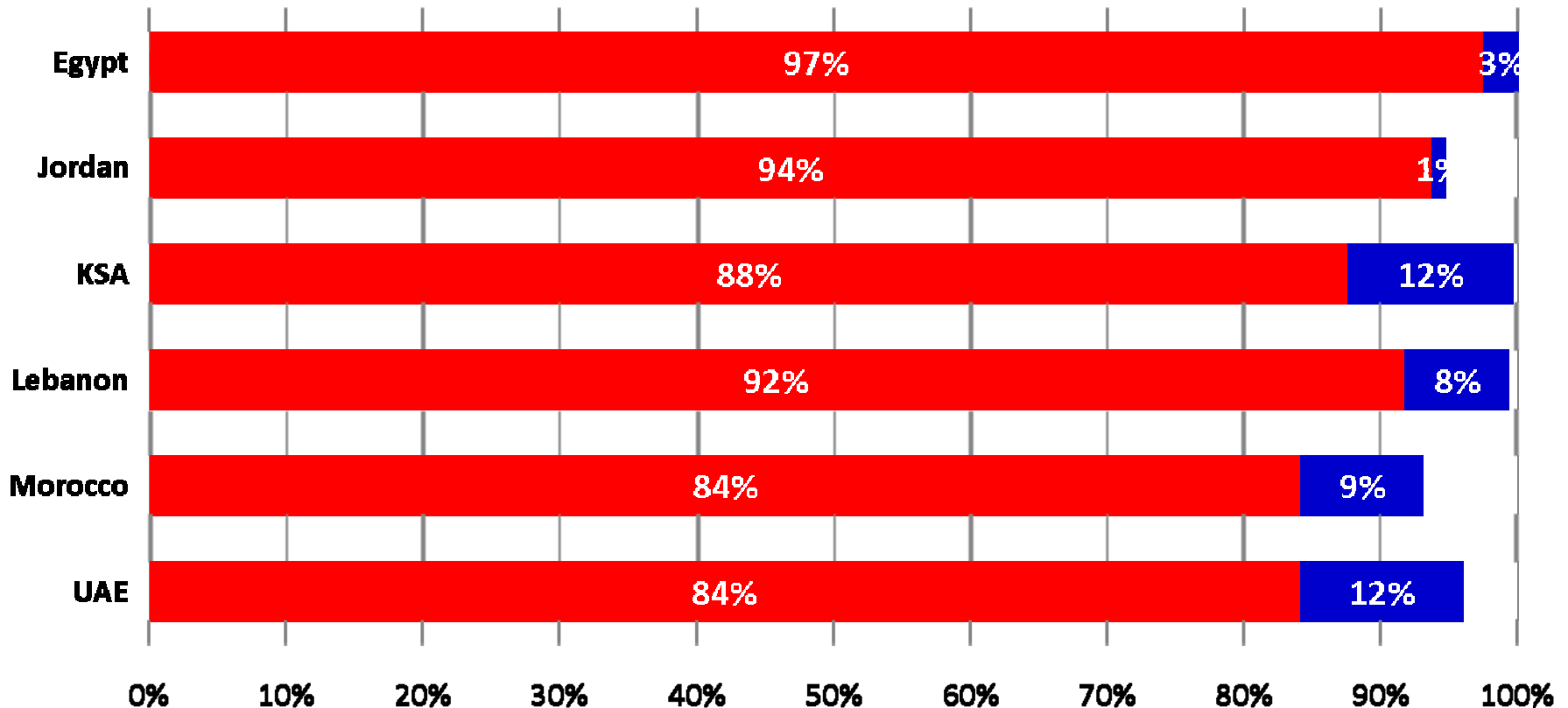


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Iran

There is international pressure on Iran to curtail its nuclear program. What is your opinion? *(Among those who believe Iran has peaceful goals)*

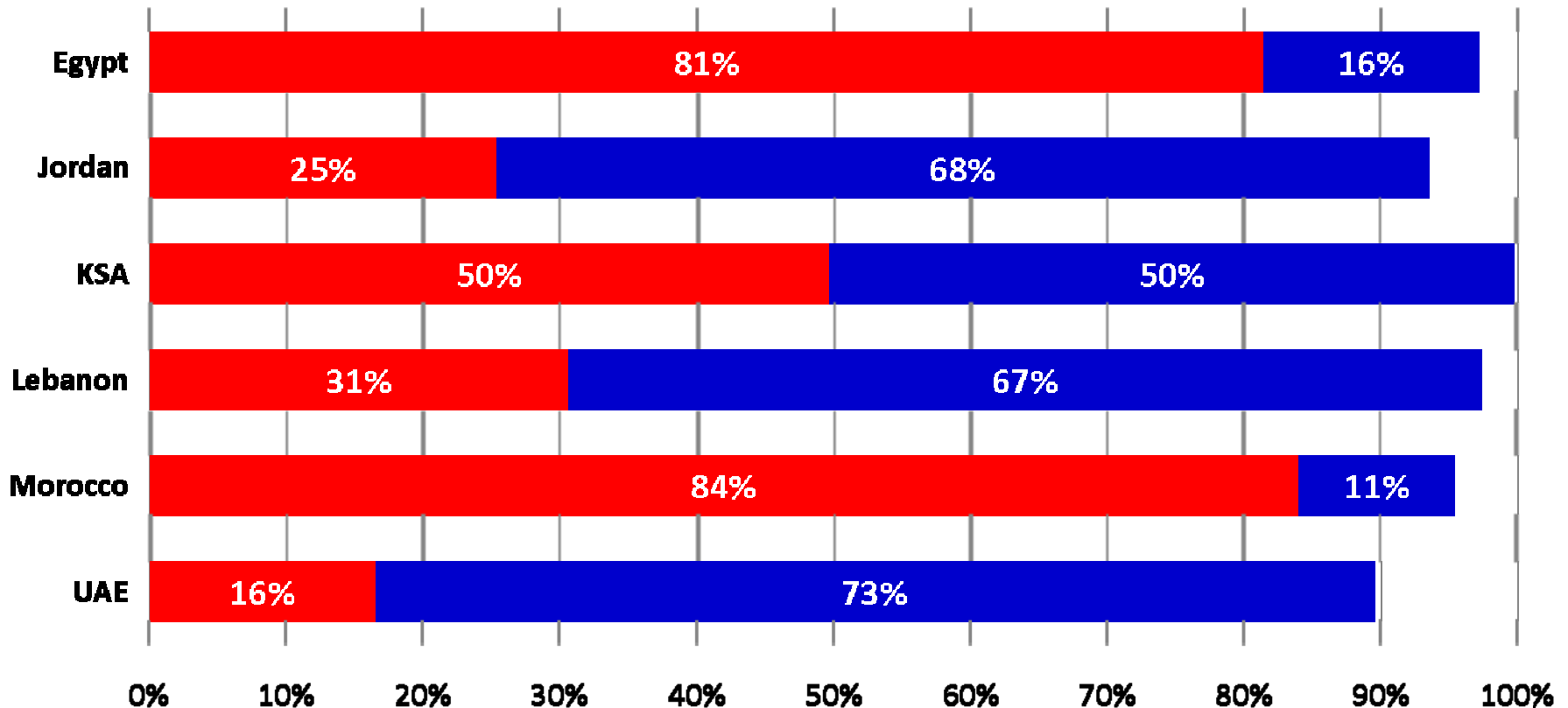
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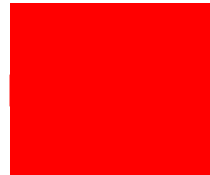
If Iran acquires nuclear weapons, which of the following is the likely outcome for the Middle East region?

2010

2009

2008

More positive



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Would not matter



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More negative



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46



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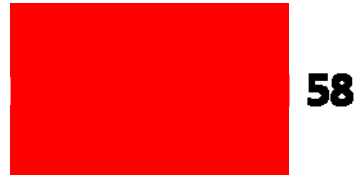
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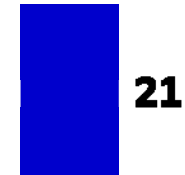
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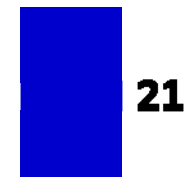
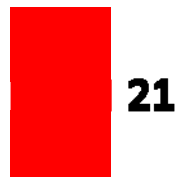
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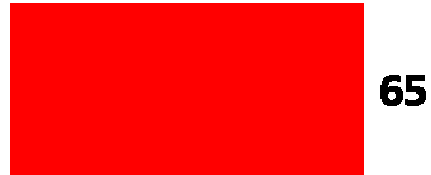
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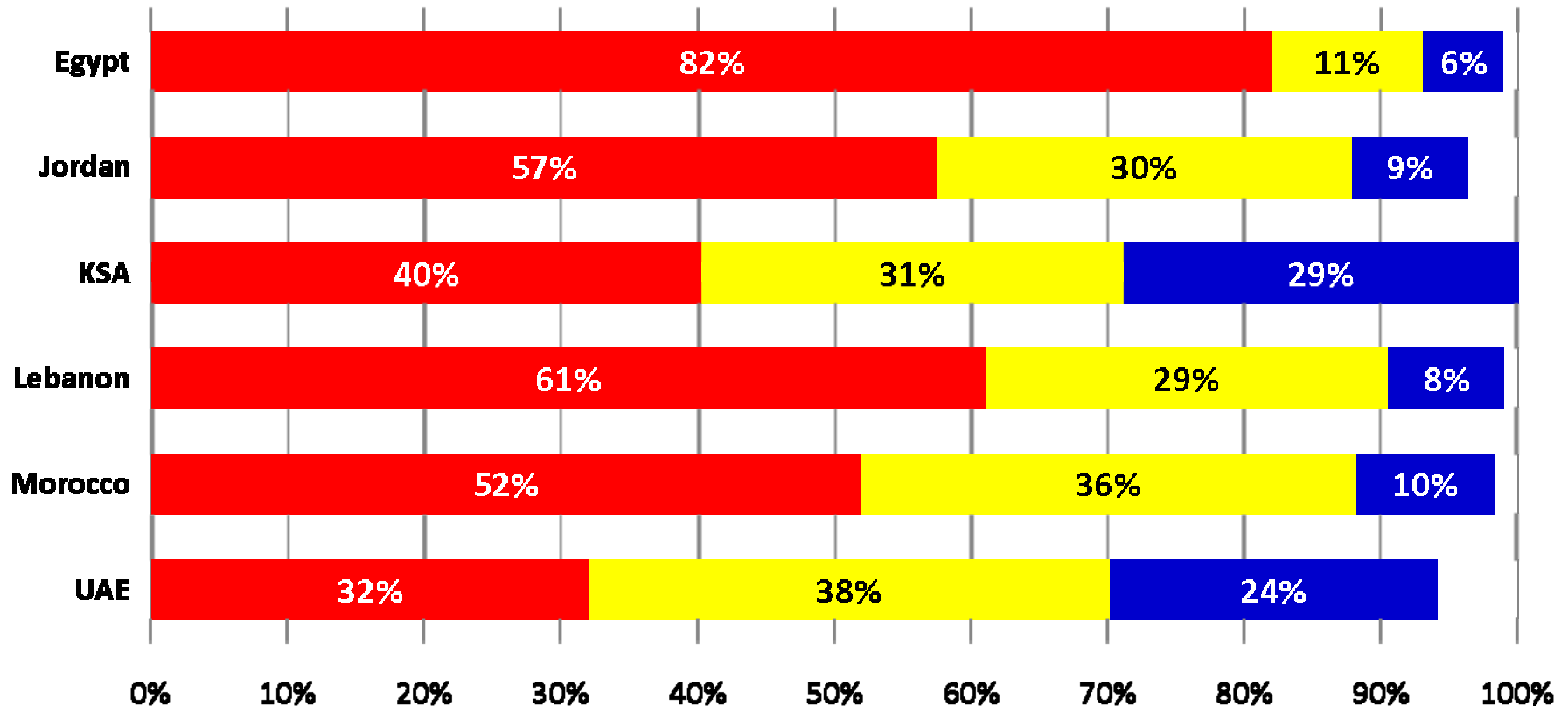


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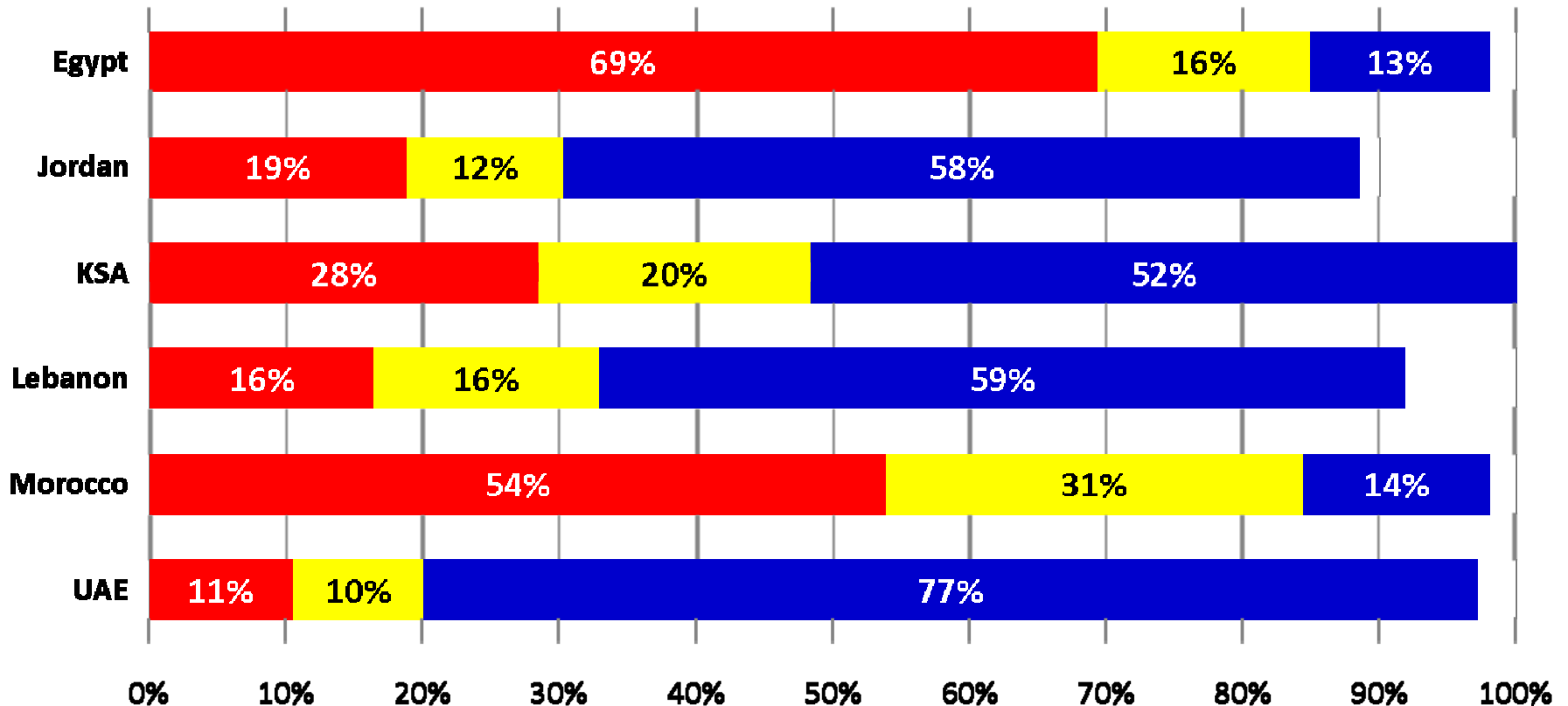
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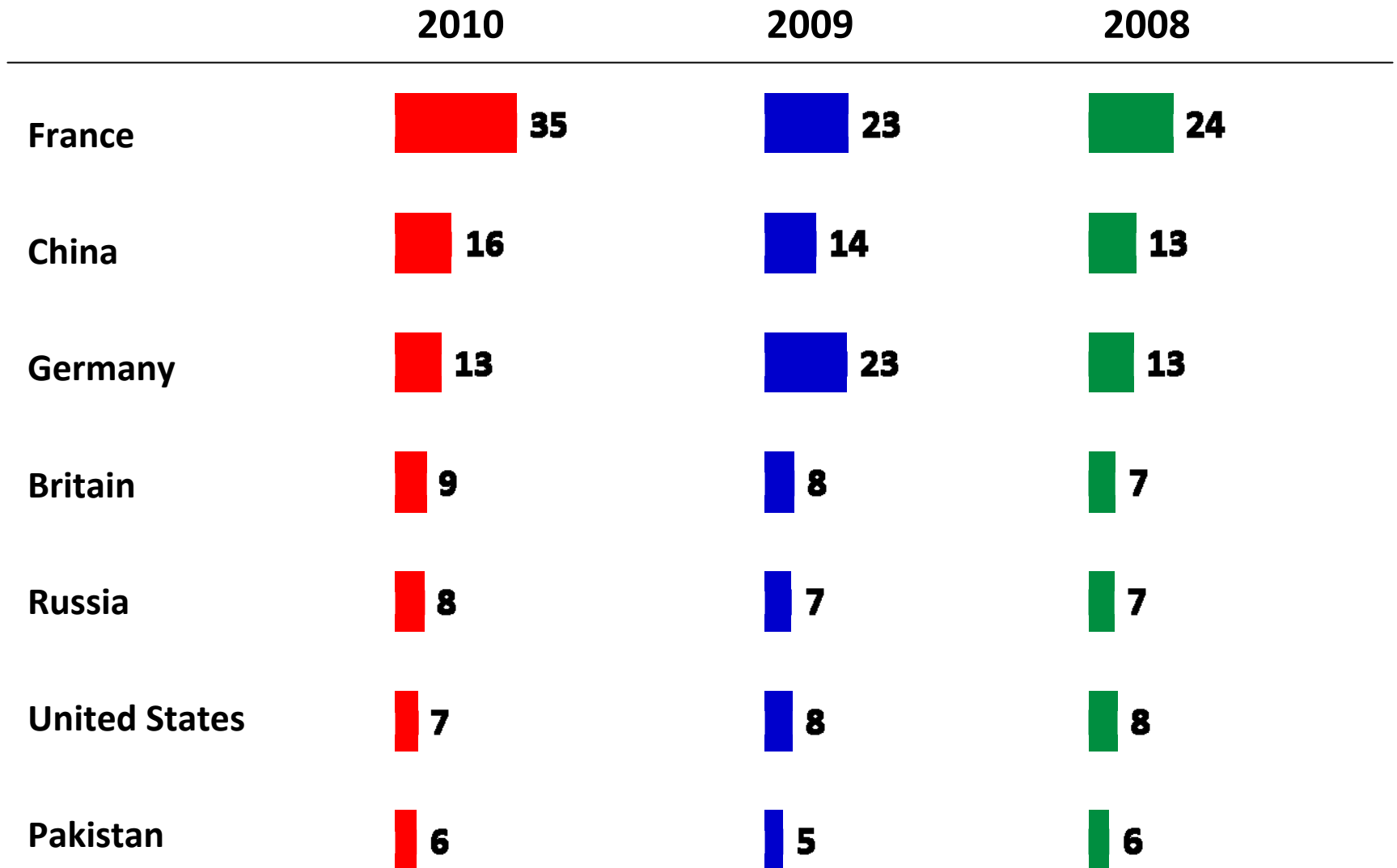
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World View

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In a world where there is only one superpower, which of the following countries would you prefer to be that superpower?



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36 and over

Under 36

France



36



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China



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Germany



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Britain



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Russia



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United States



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Pakistan



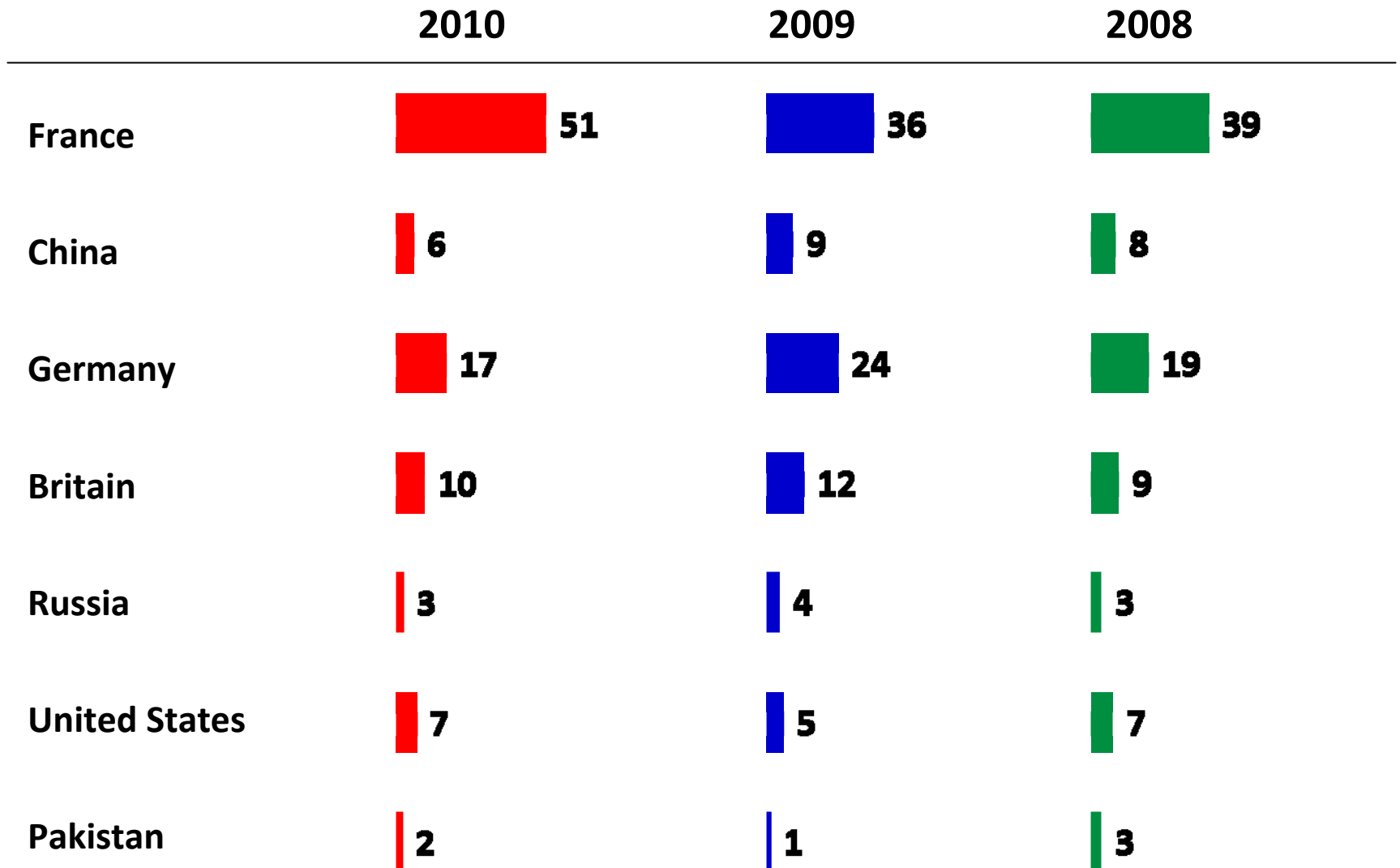
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World View

If you had to live in one of the following countries, which one would you prefer most?



World View

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36 and over

Under 36

France



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China



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Germany



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Britain



8



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Russia



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United States



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Pakistan



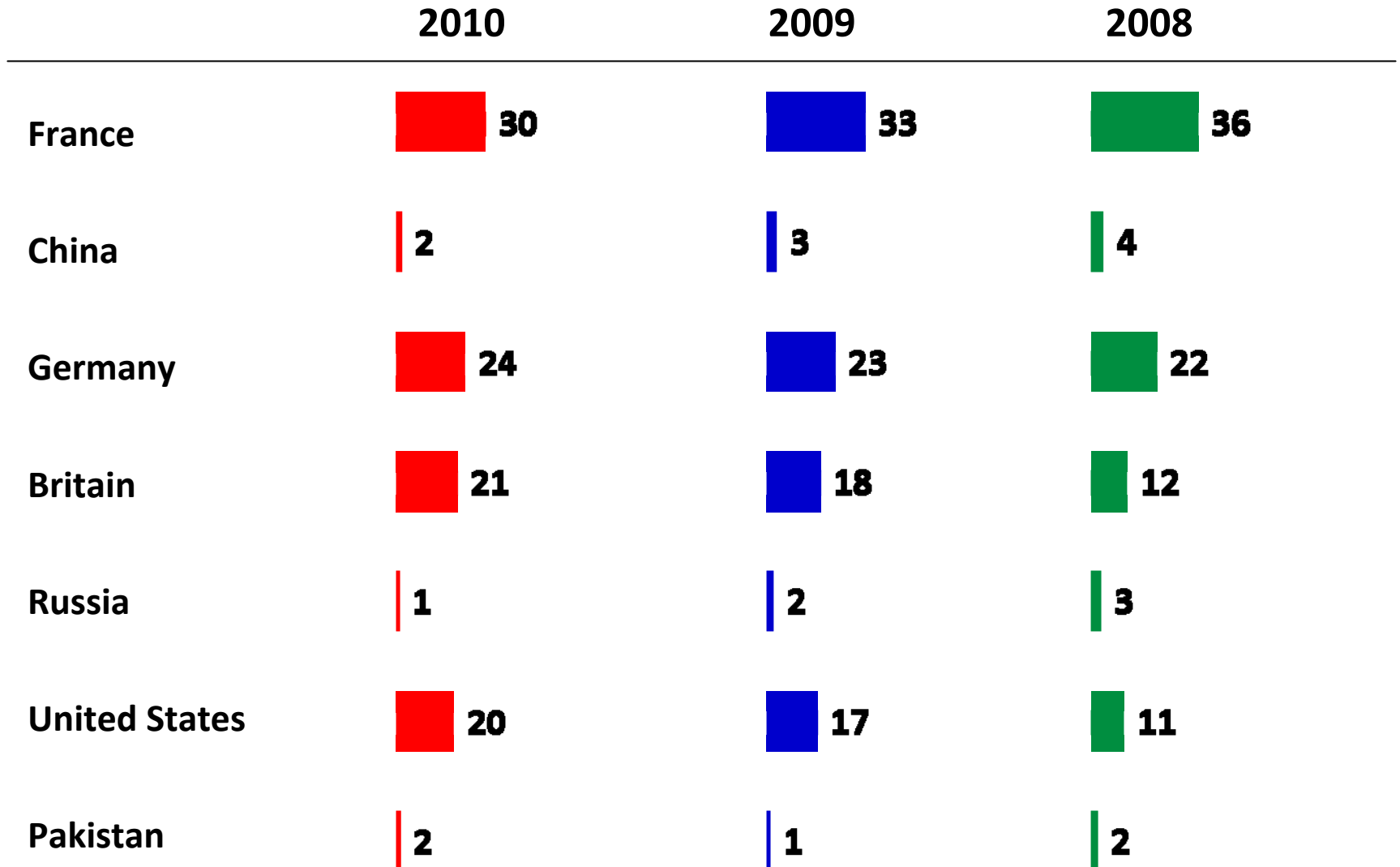
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World View

If a member of your family had to study in one of the following countries, which country would you prefer most?



World View

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36 and over

Under 36

France



China



Germany



Britain



Russia



United States

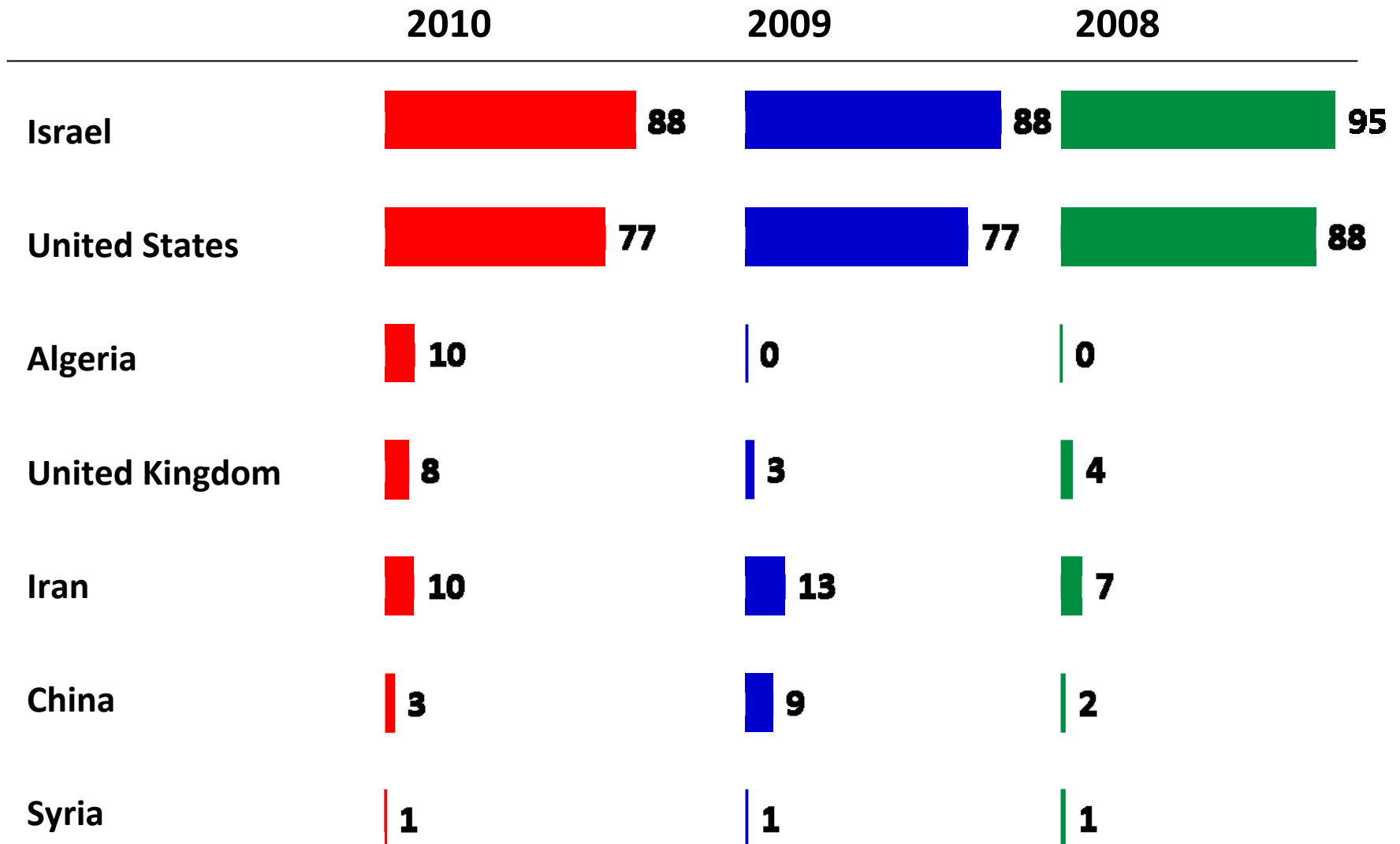


Pakistan



World View

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



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(2010)

36 and over

Under 36

Israel



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United States



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Algeria



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United Kingdom



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Iran



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China



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Syria



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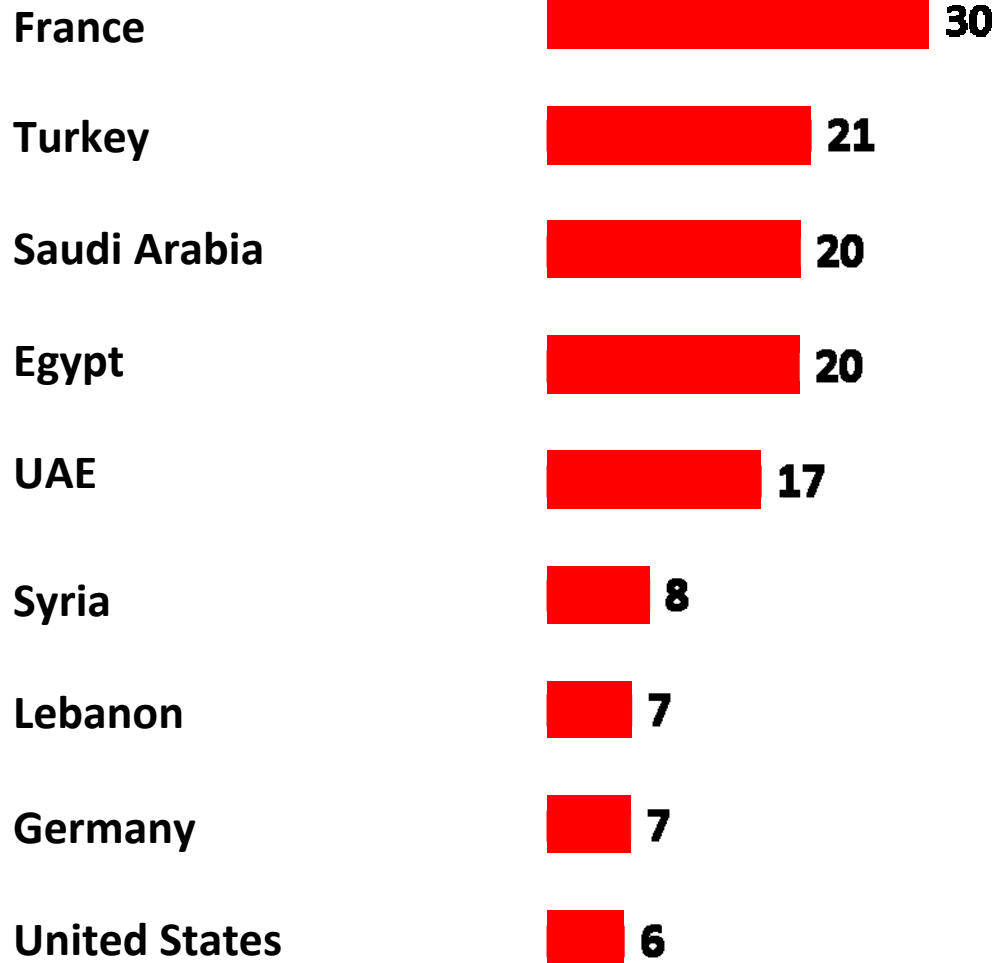


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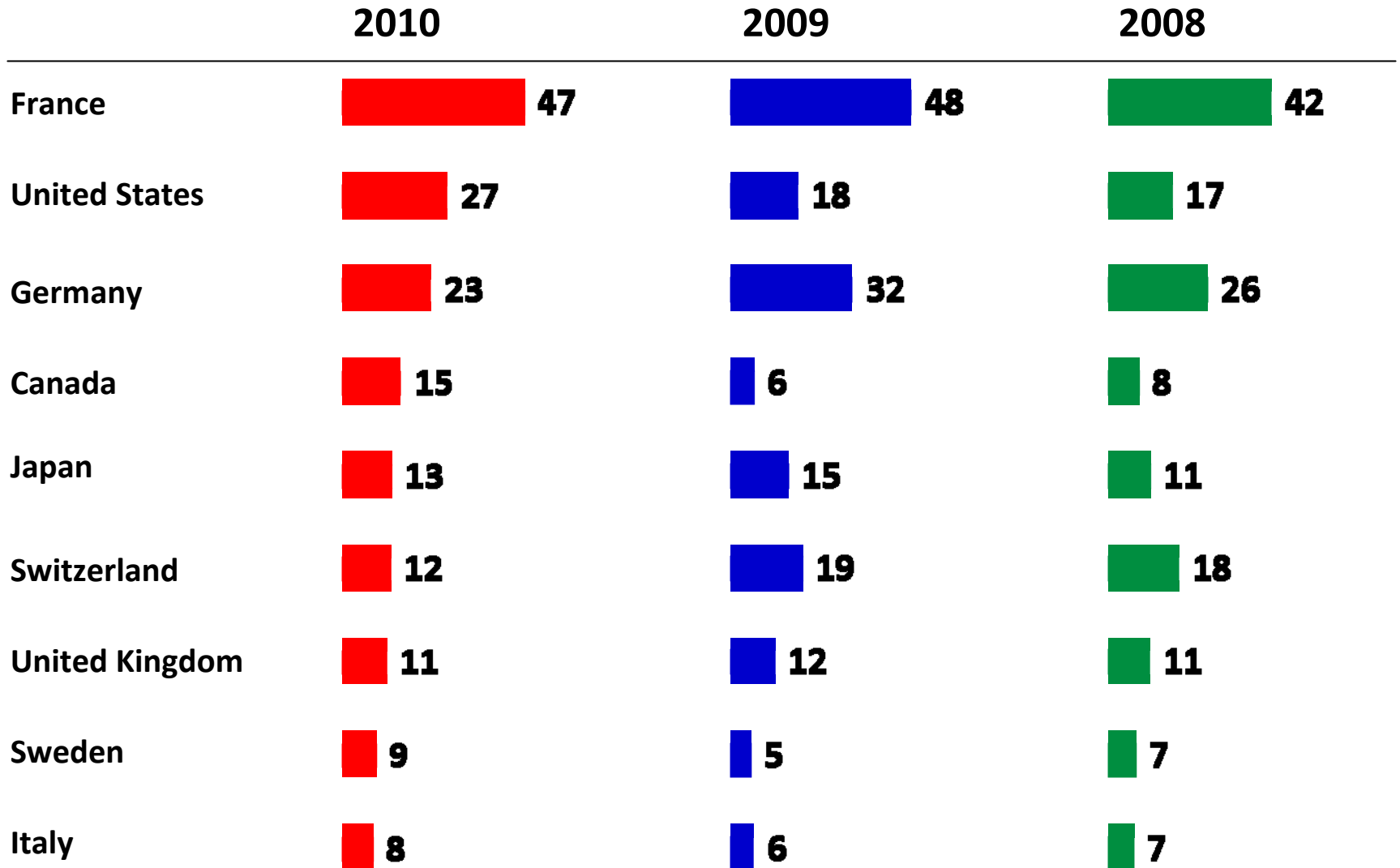
Which TWO countries, Arab and non-Arab, outside your own, are playing the most constructive role in the interest of the Middle East region?

2010



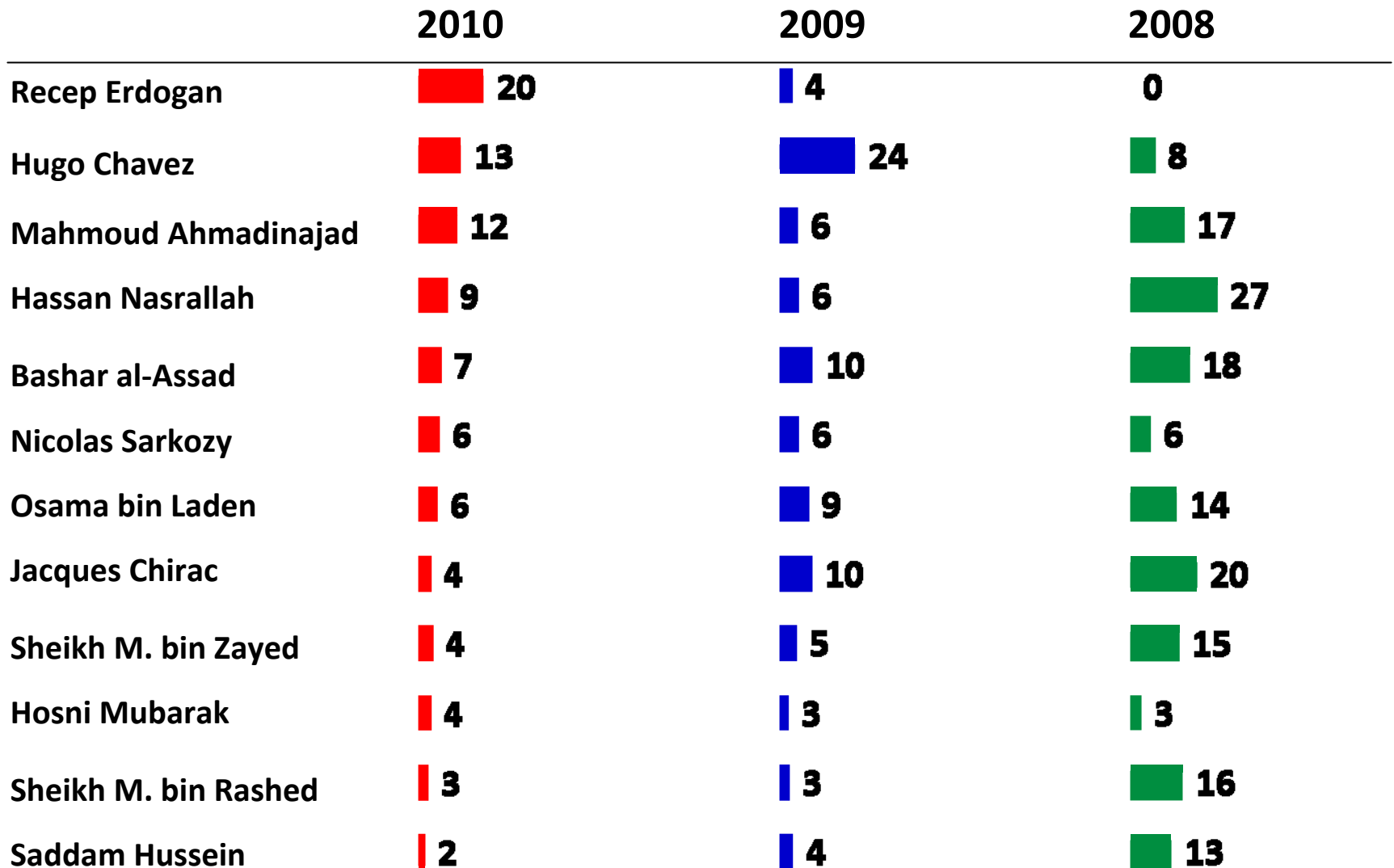
World View

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



39



24



22

Your country



31



50



38

Arabs



23



22



29

The world



5



4



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Identity

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36 and over

Under 36

Muslims



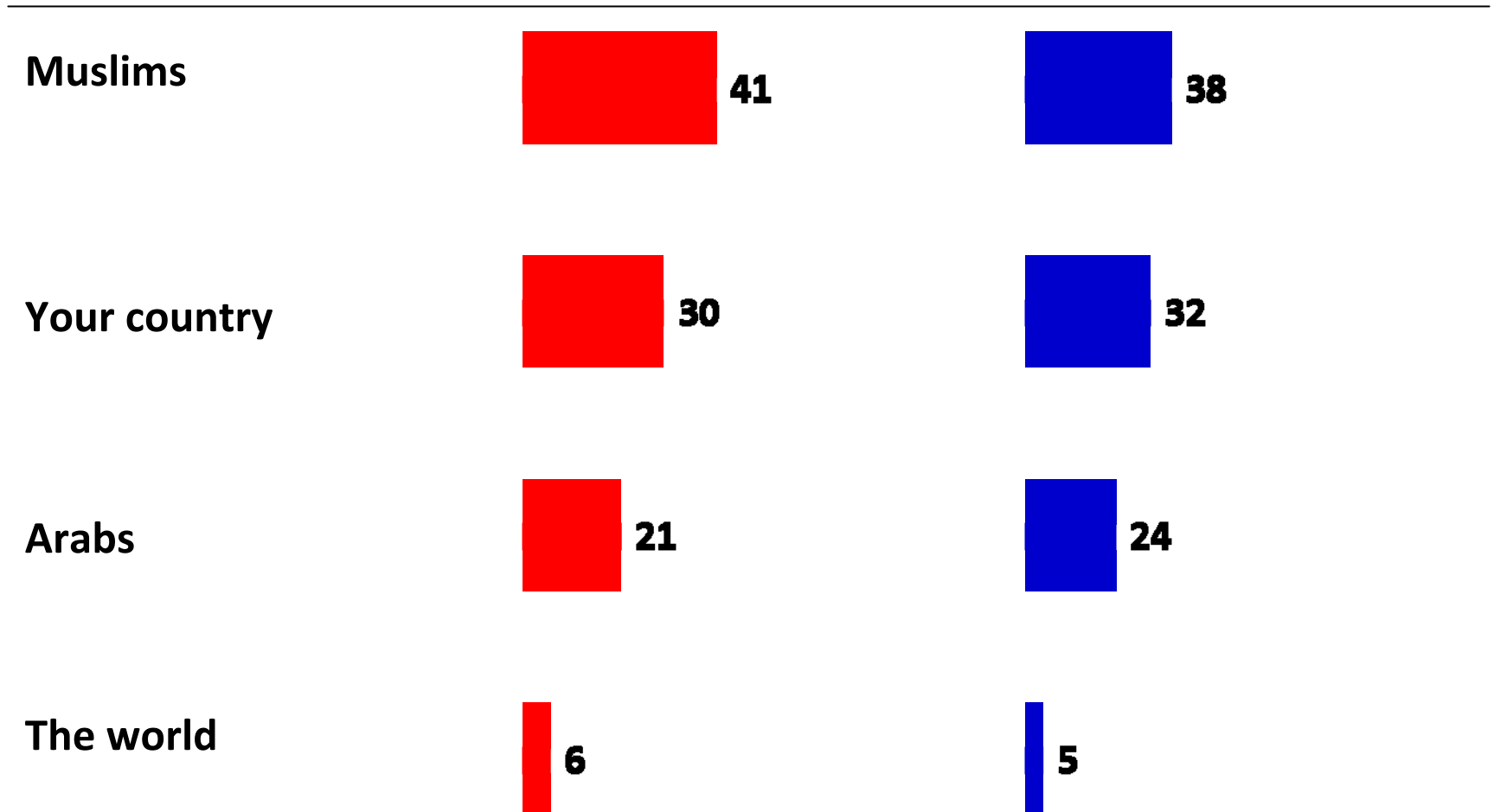
Your country



Arabs



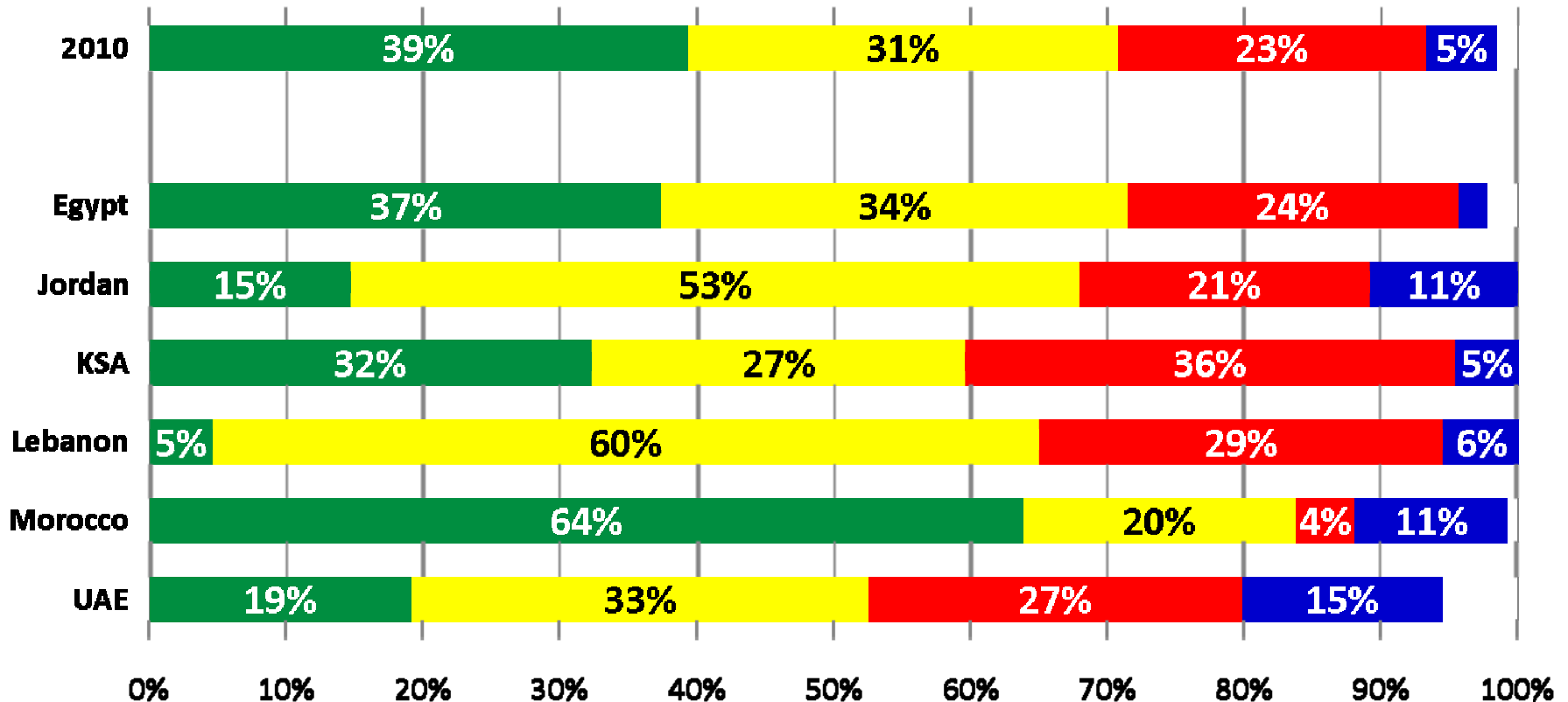
The world



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



Citizen of your country



Arab



Citizen of the world



Identity

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Muslim



Citizen of your
country



Arab



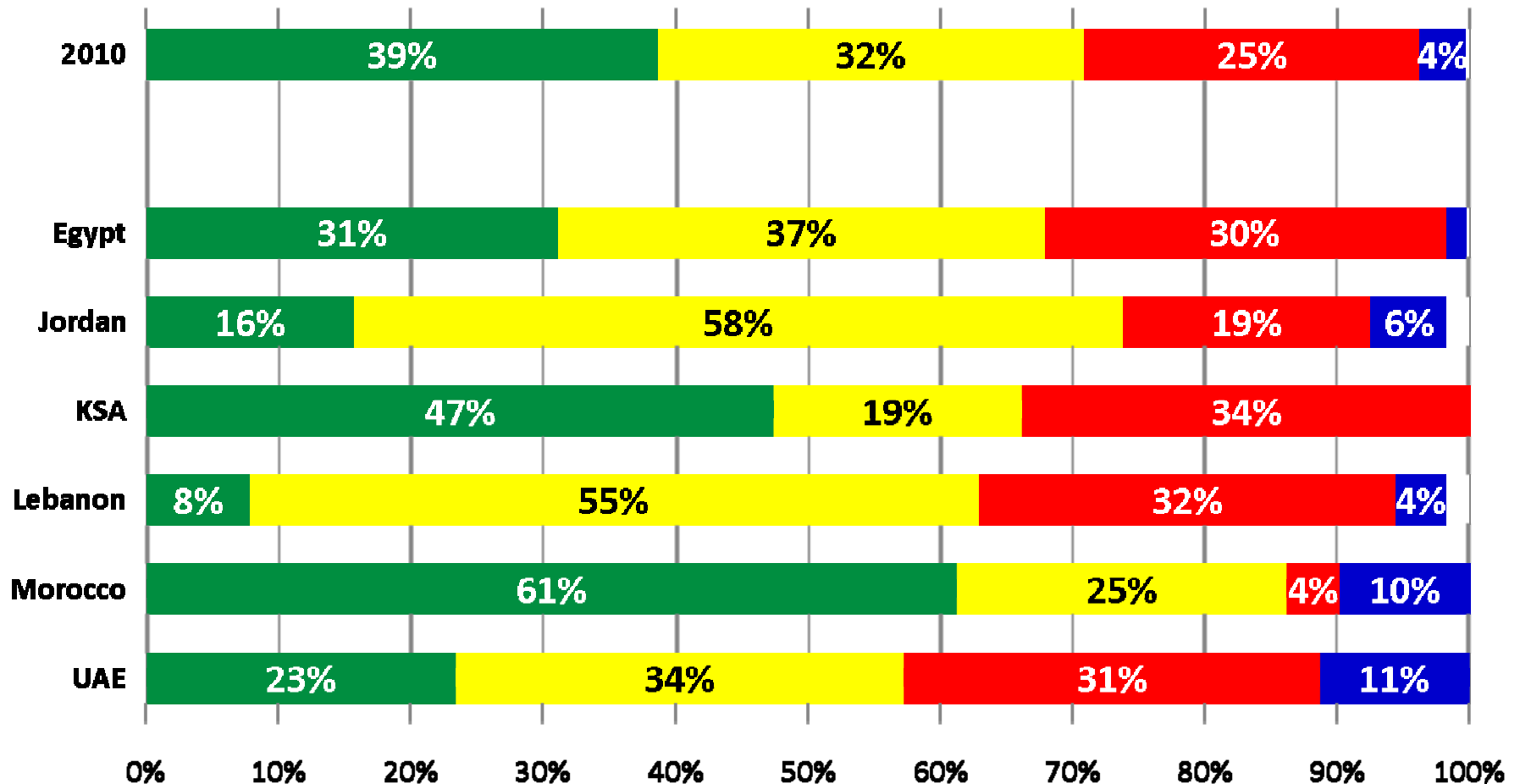
Citizen of the world



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?

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2008

Muslim



Citizen of your country



Arab



Citizen of the world



Identity

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

36 and over

Under 36

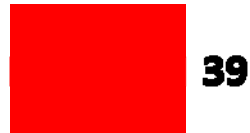
Muslim



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

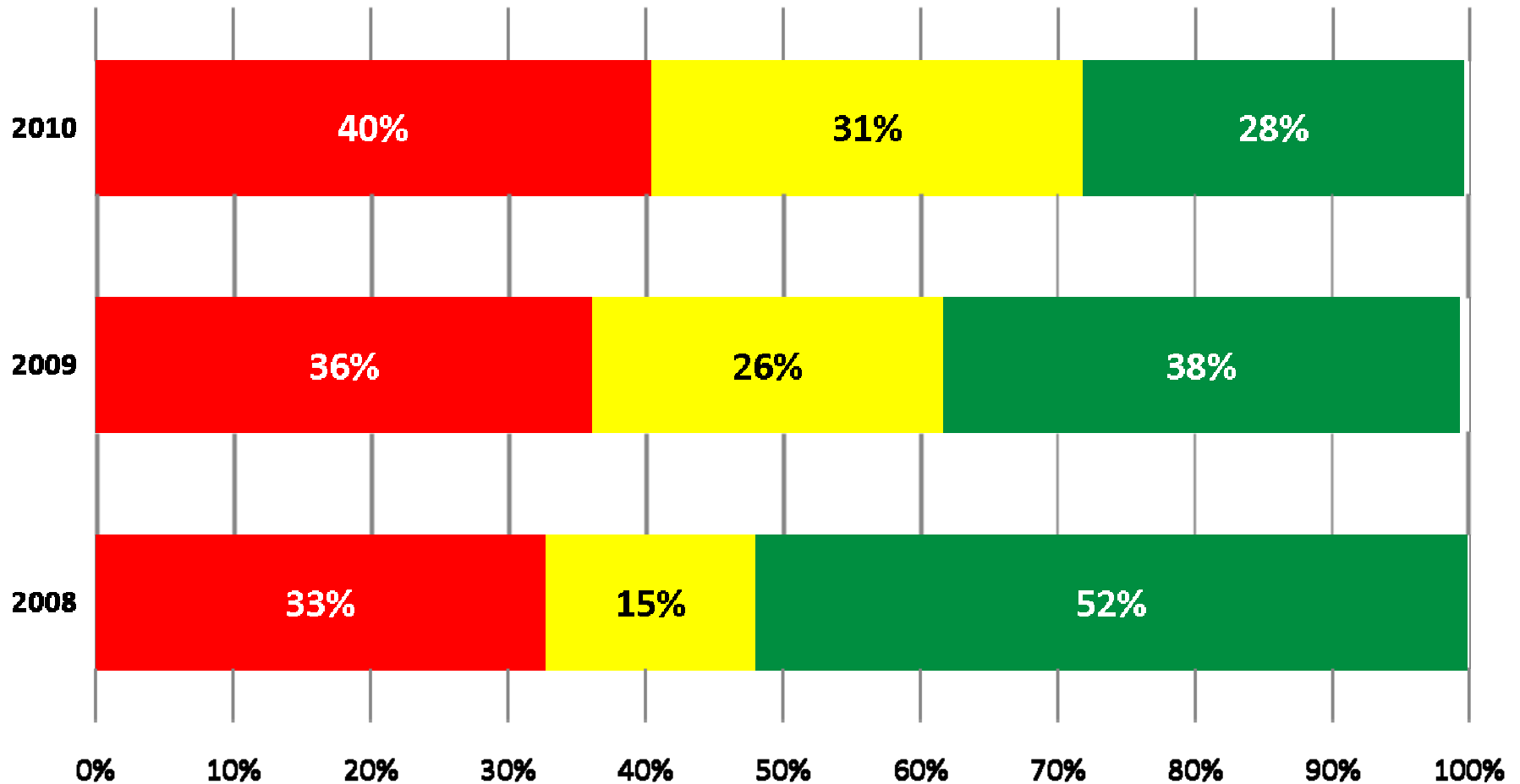
Media

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■ Almost dally / Several times a week

■ Several times a month / Rarely

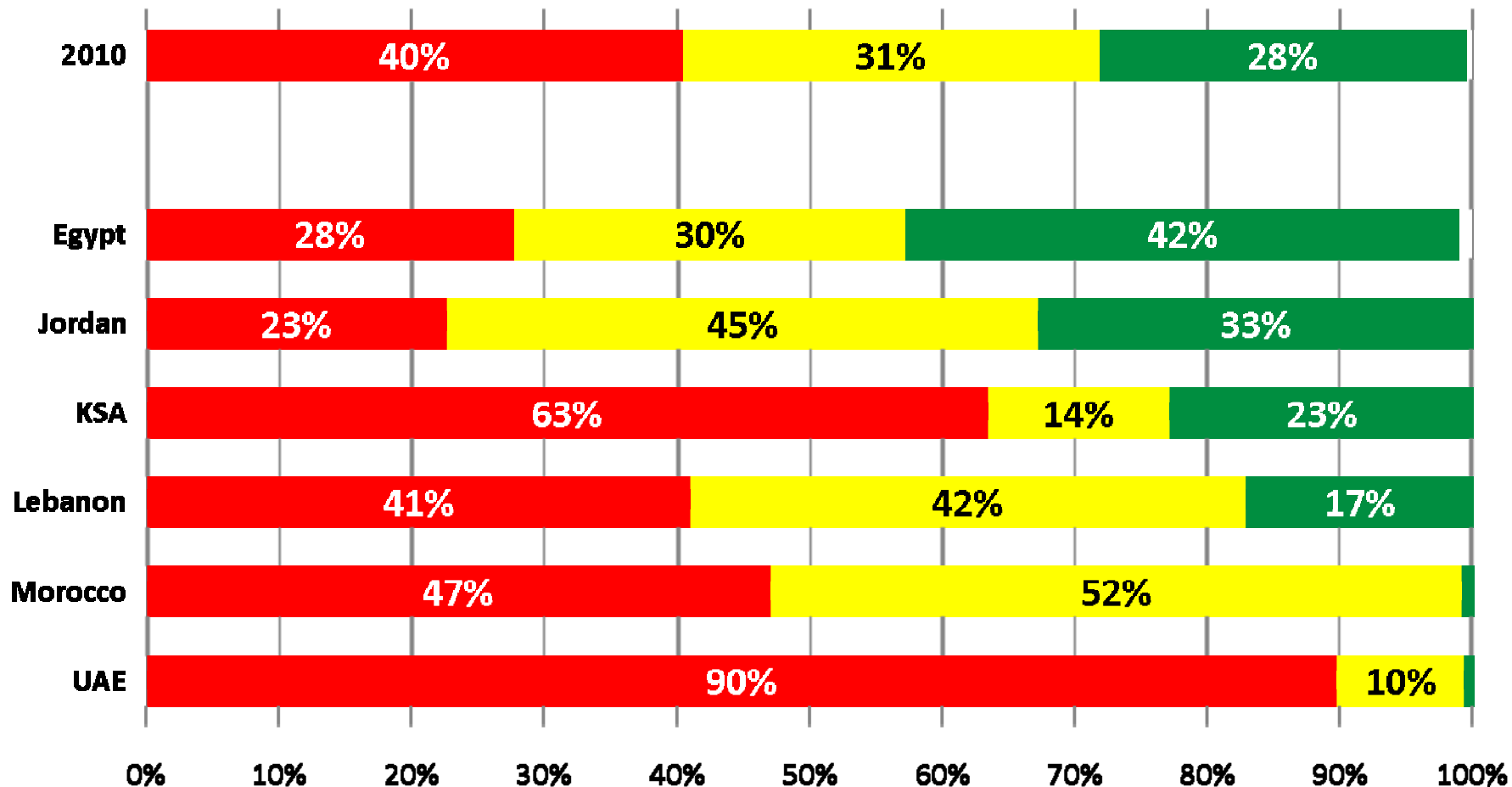
■ Never



Media

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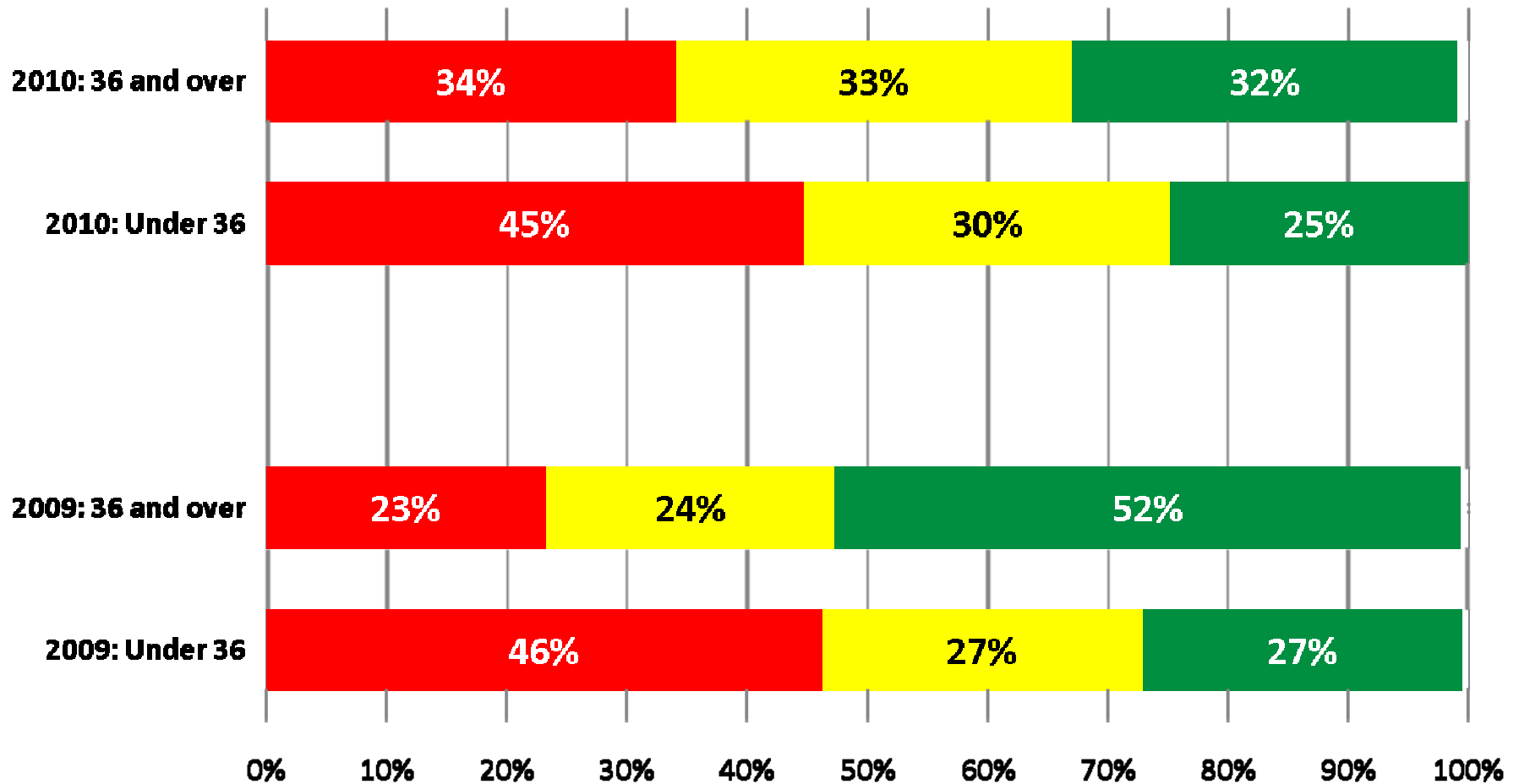
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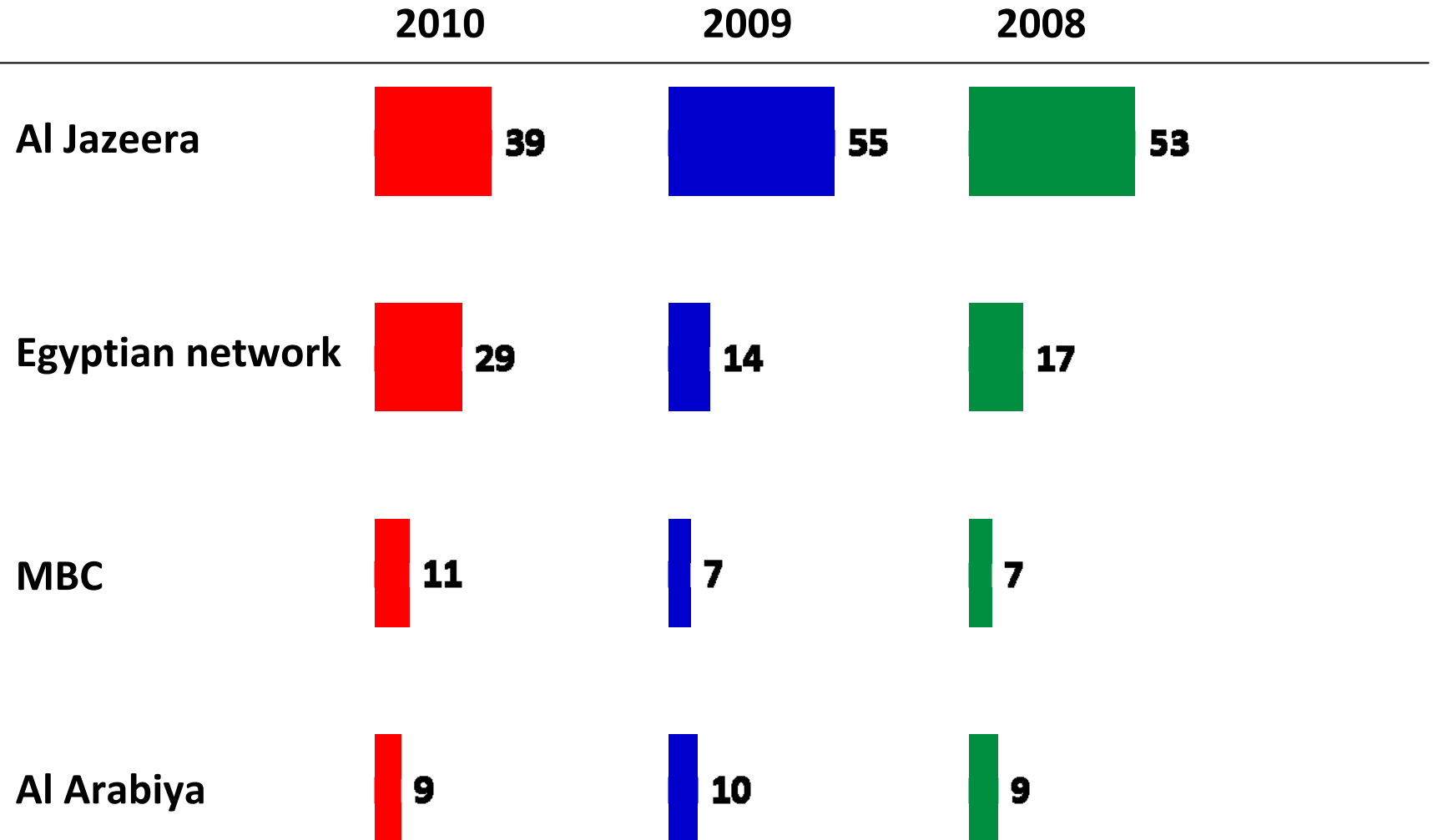
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2010 (w/ Egypt)

2010 (w/o Egypt)

Al Jazeera



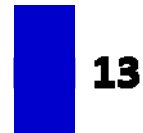
Egyptian network



MBC



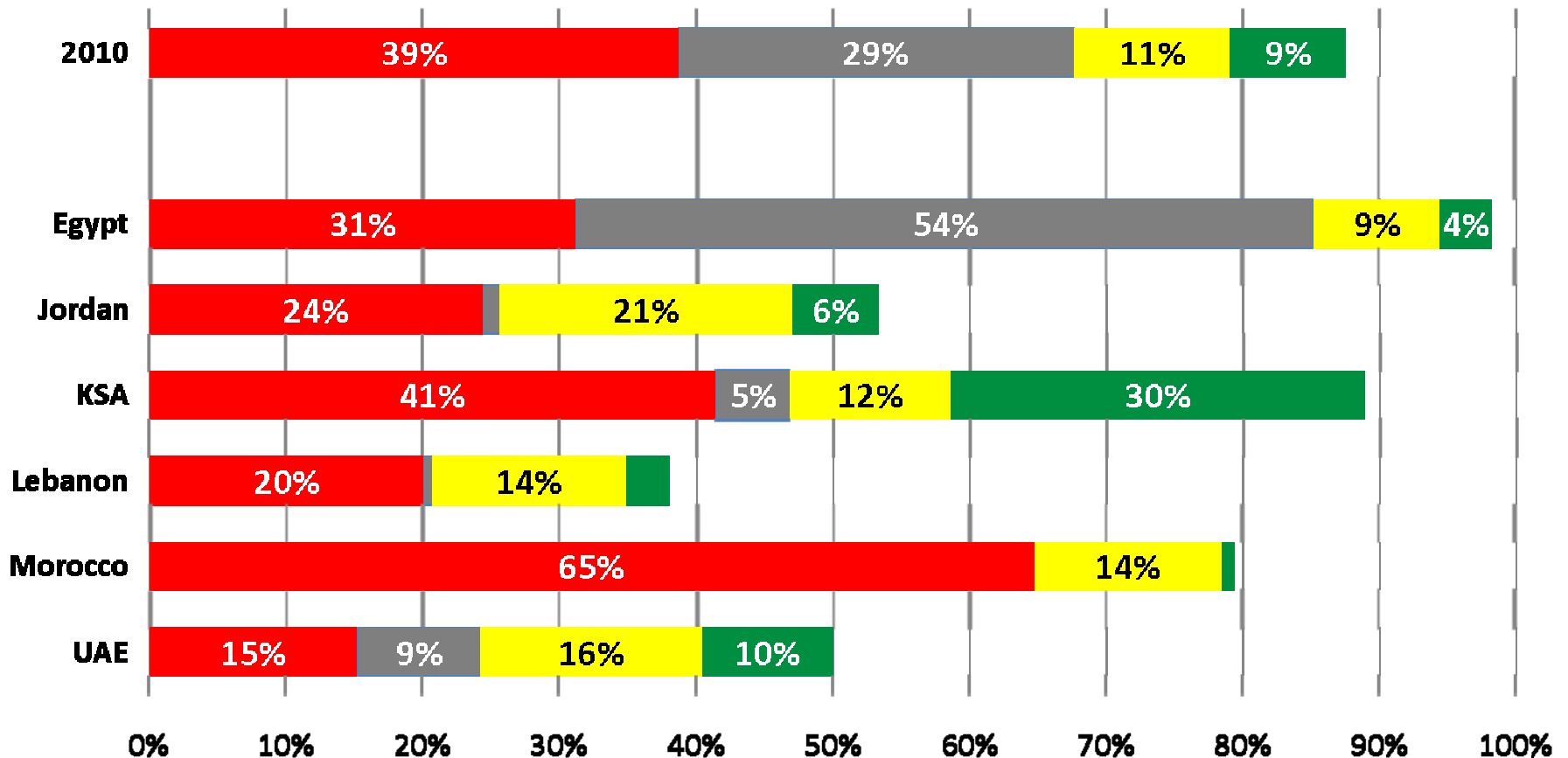
Al Arabiya



Media

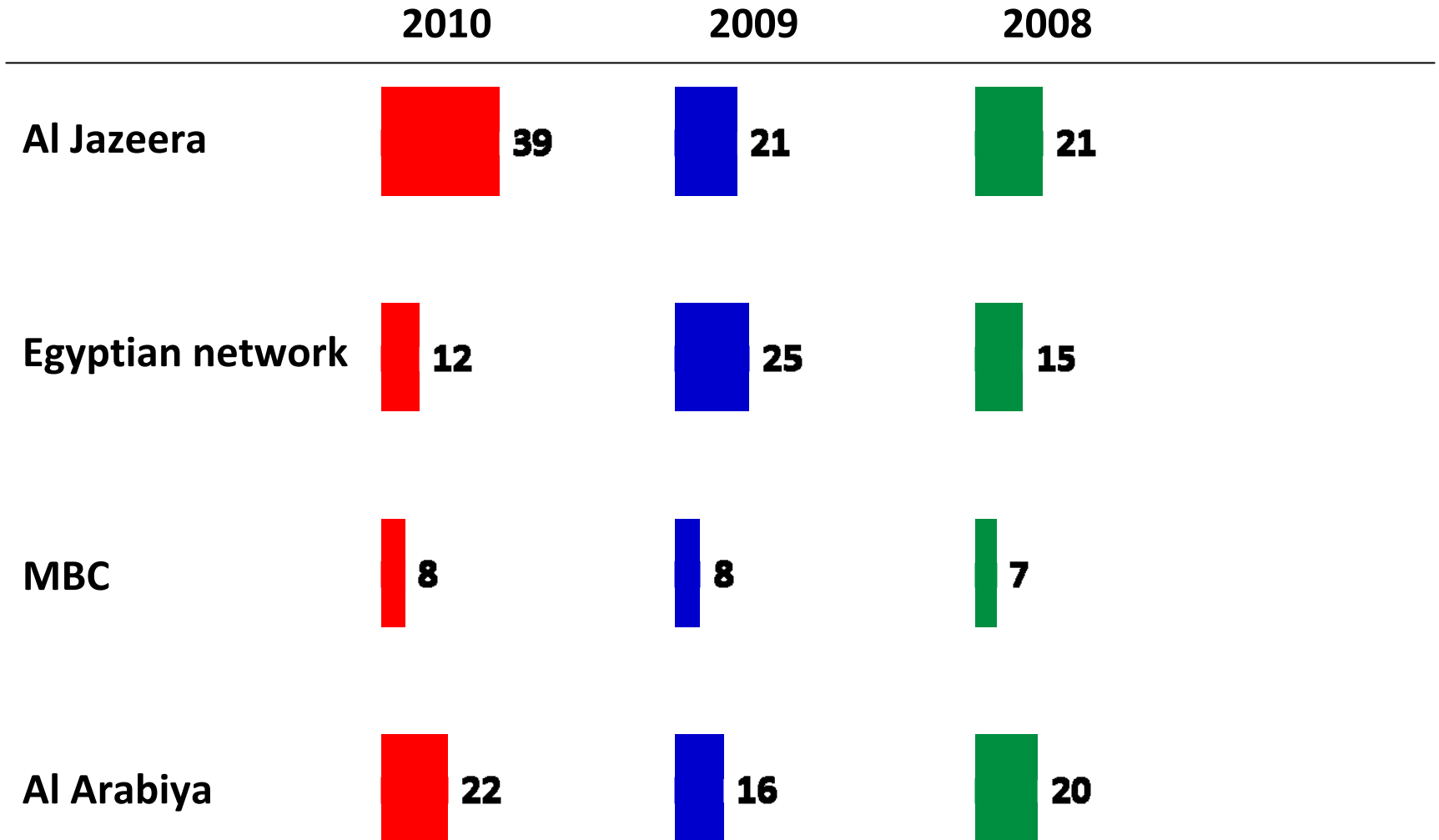
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Media

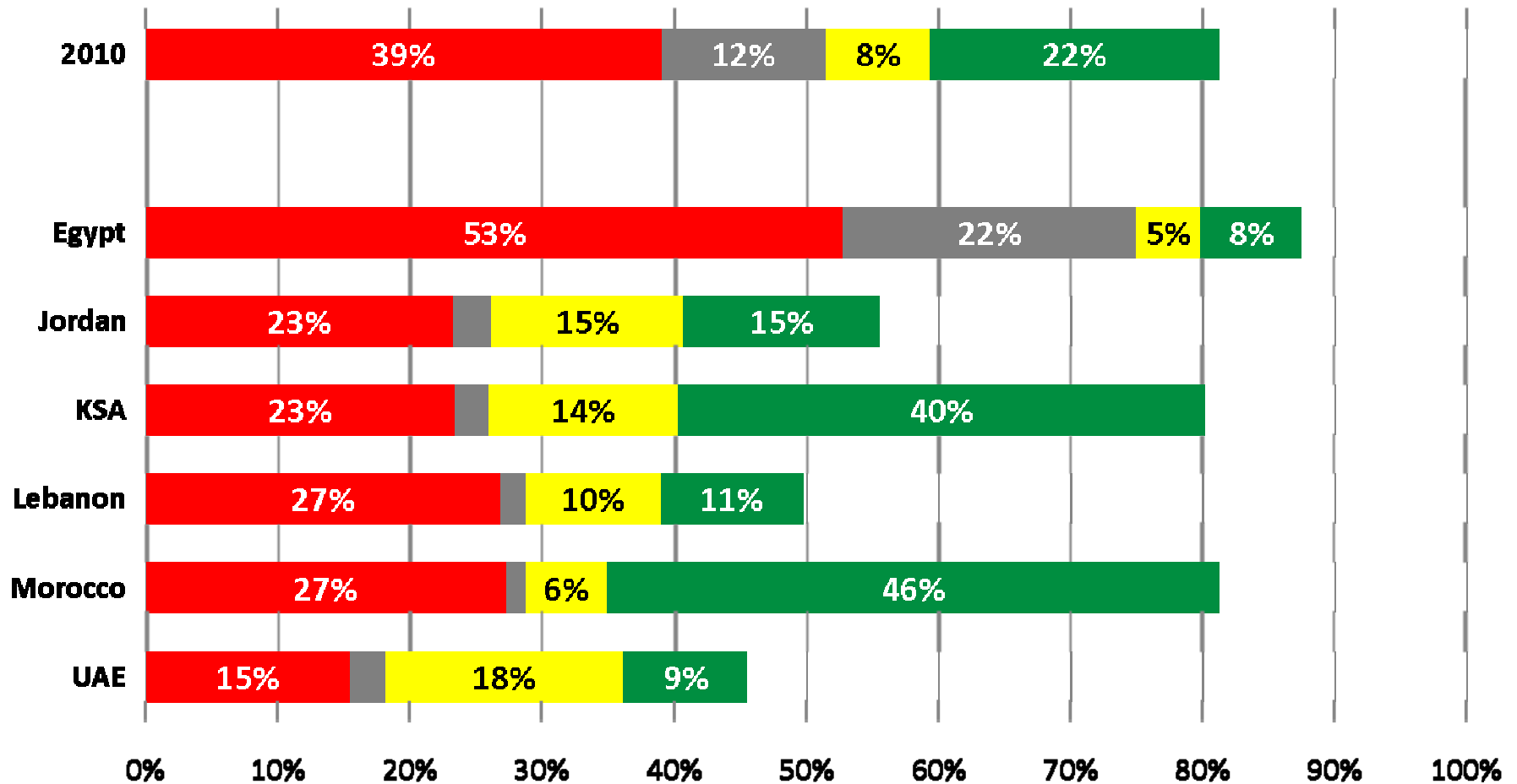
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Media

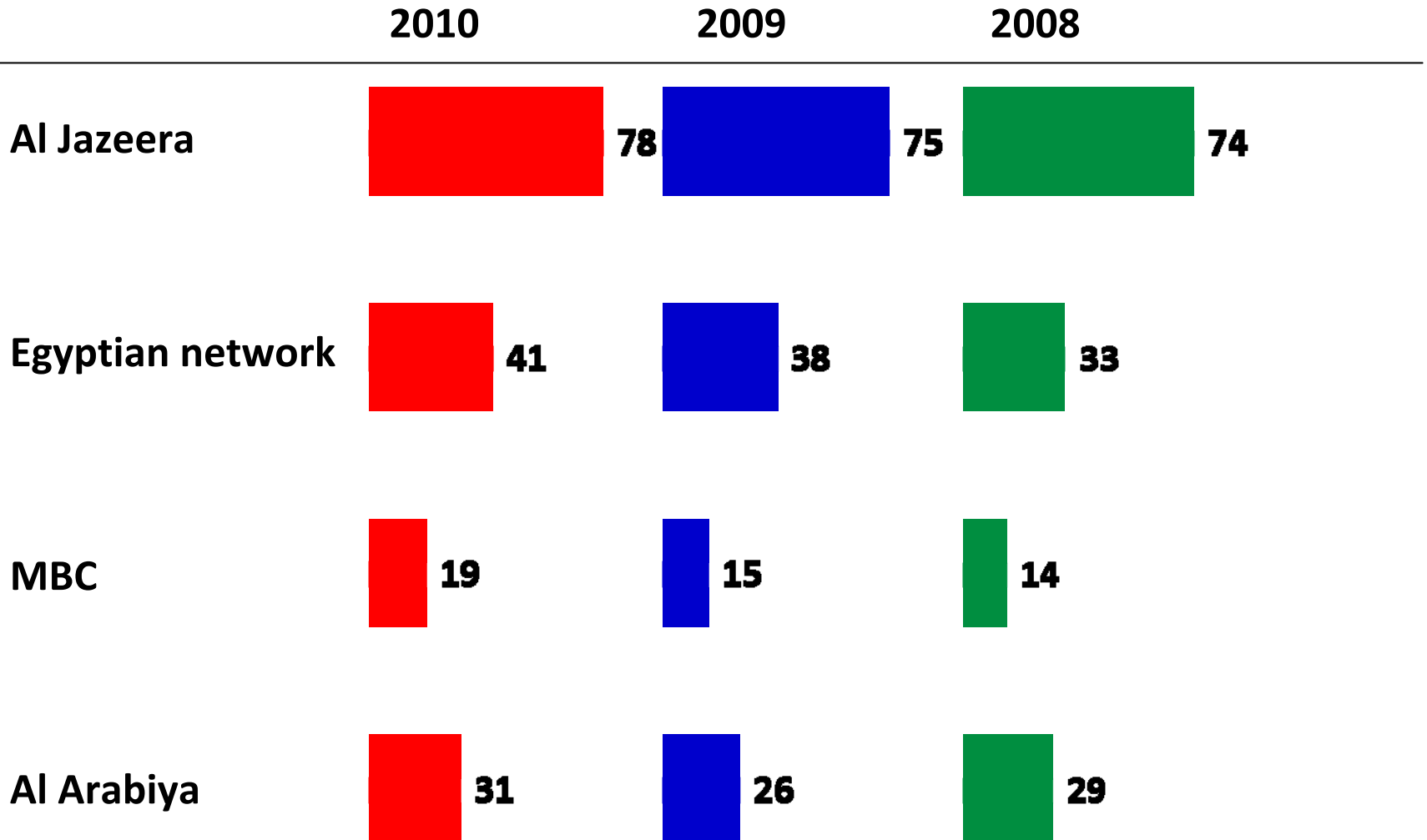
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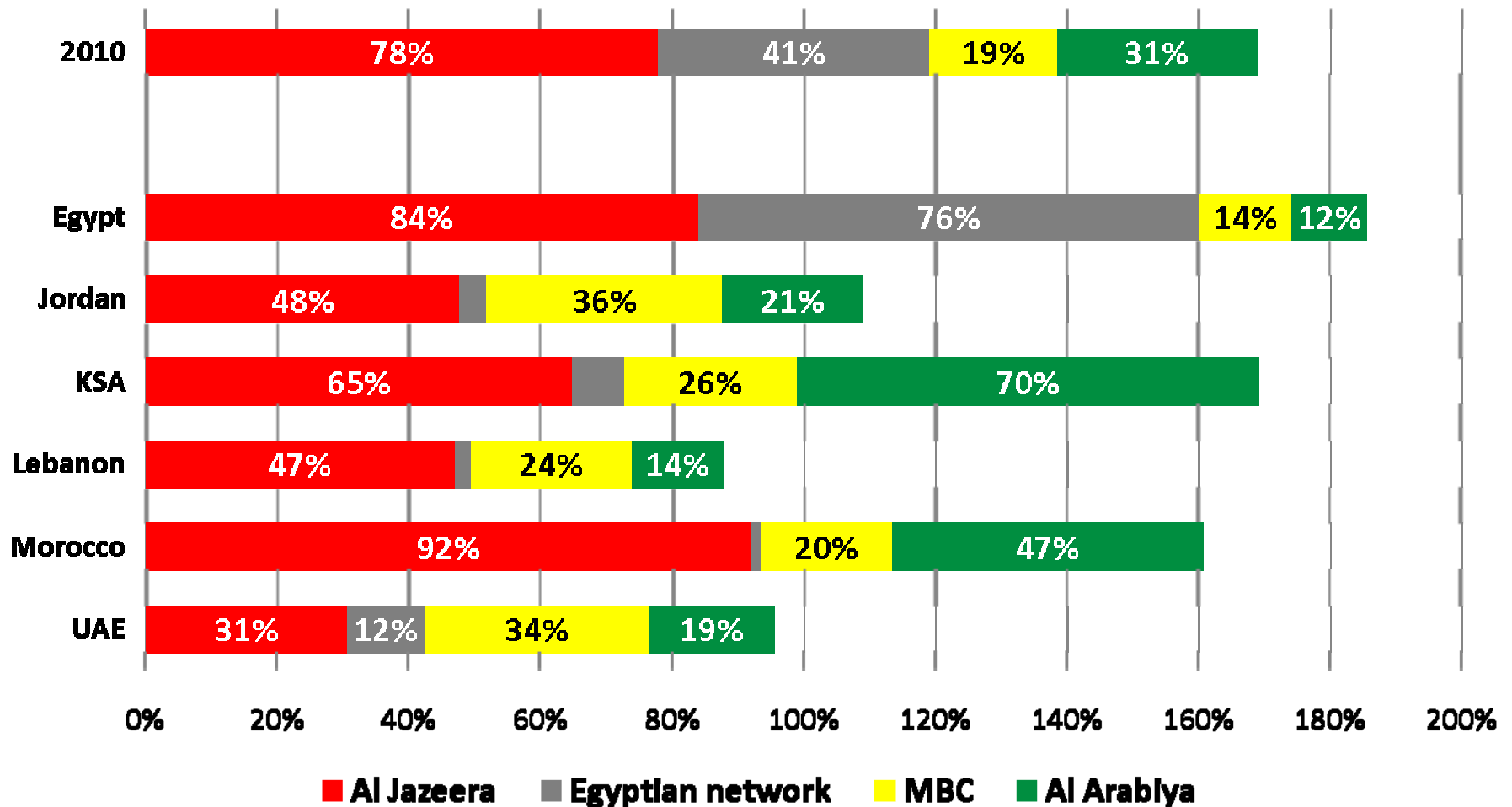
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Media

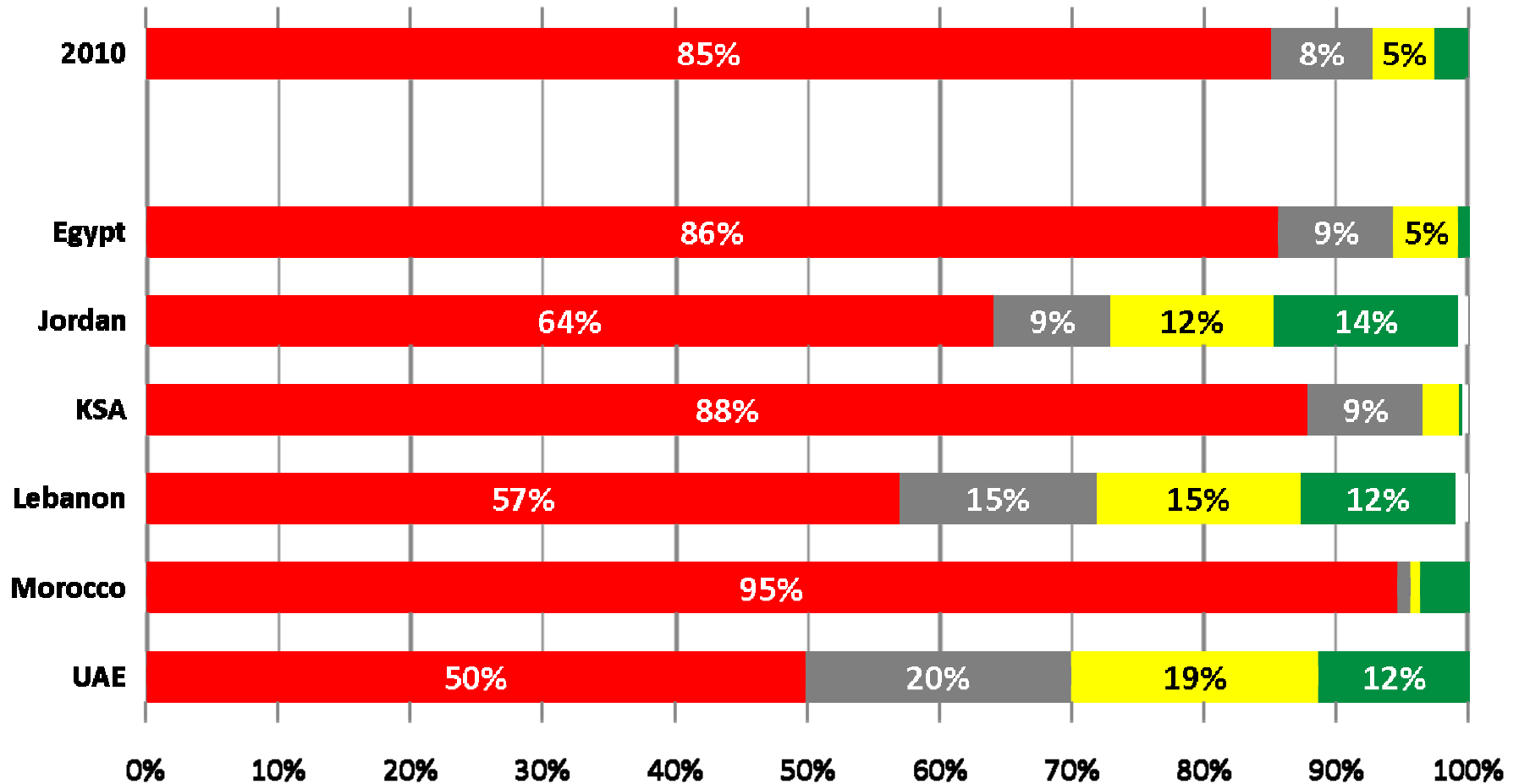
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Media

What is your primary source for international news?

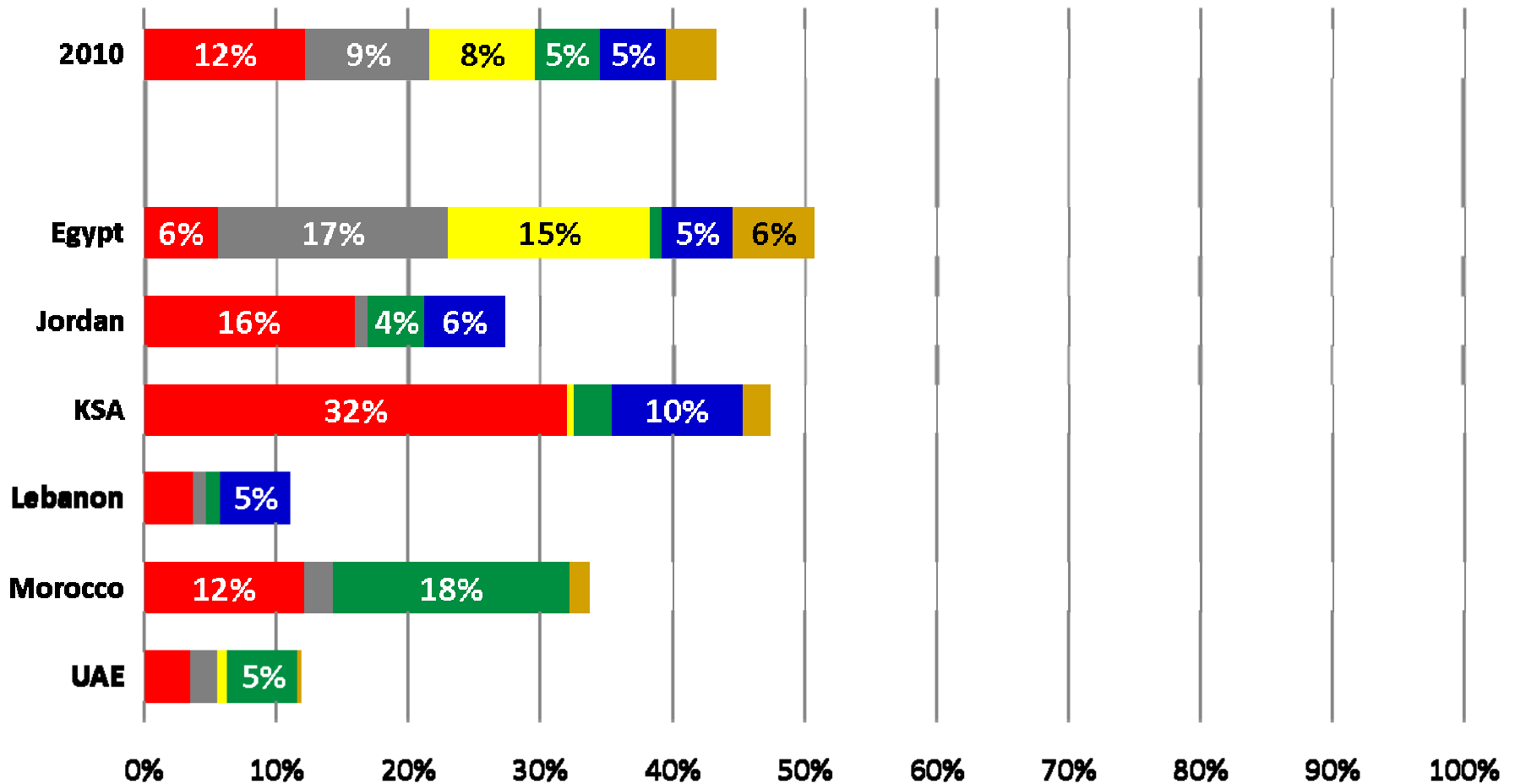
■ Television ■ Internet ■ Newspapers/Magazines ■ Radio



Media

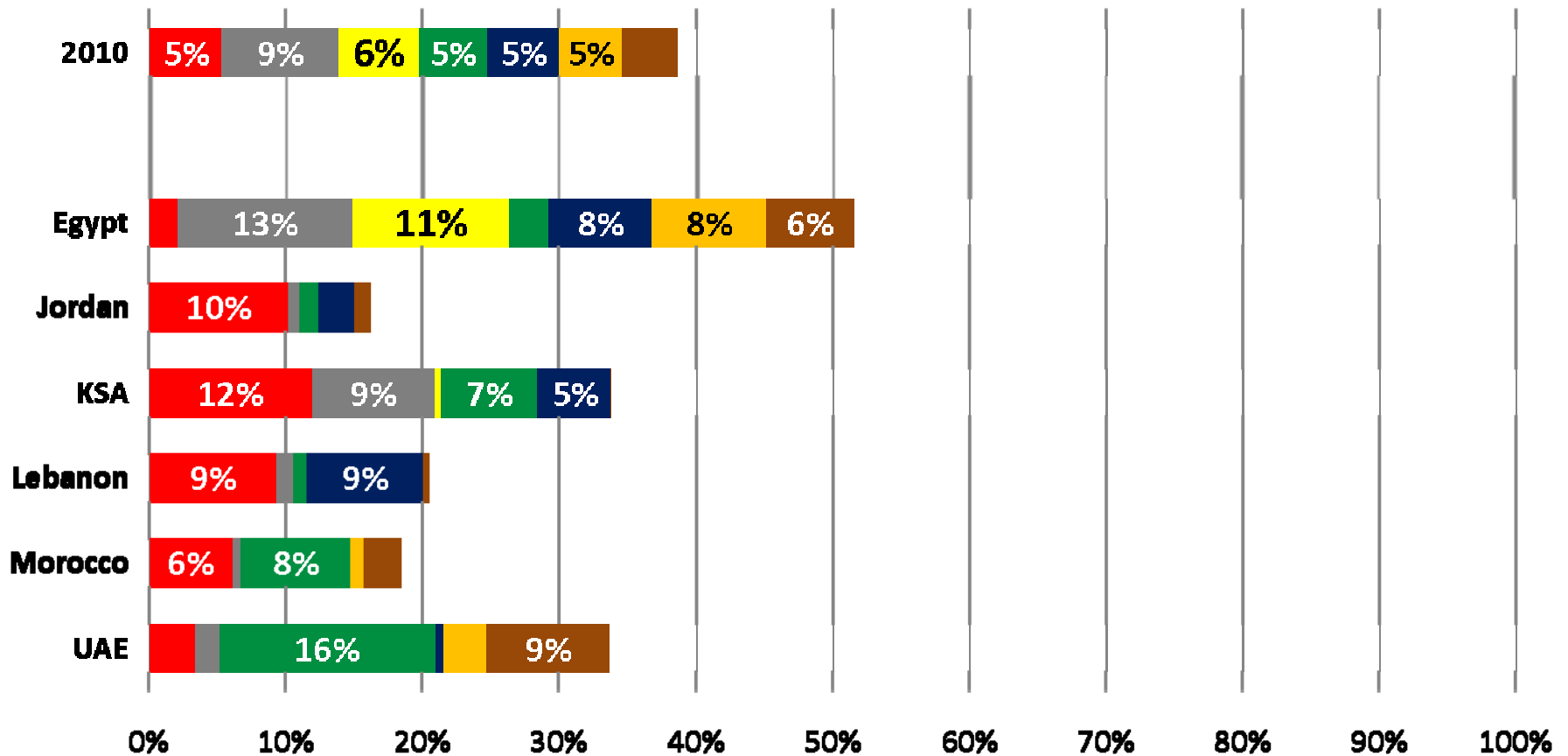
Which TV channel is your first choice for entertainment?

MBC Al Hayat Moga Comedy MBC-2 Rotana Egypt



Media

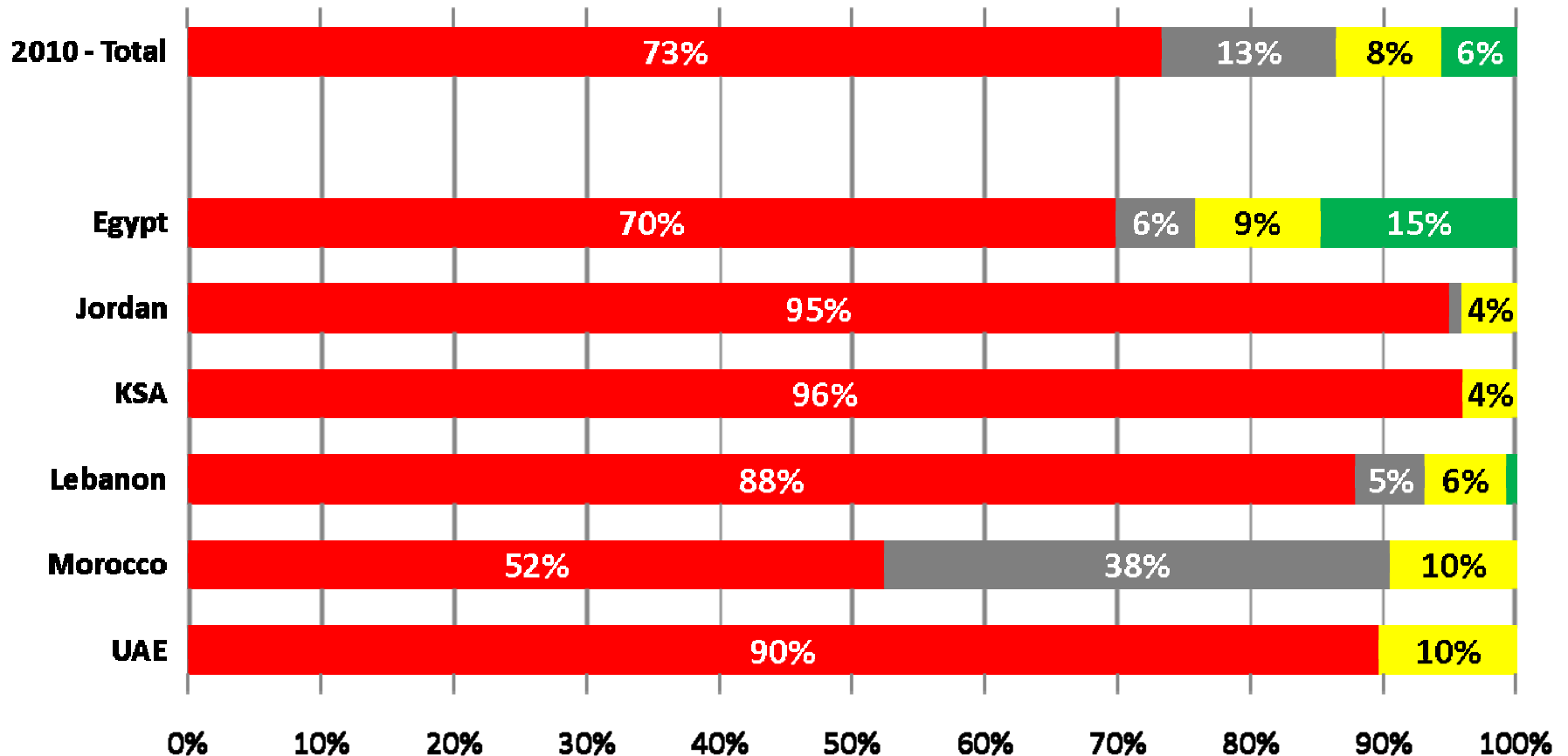
Which TV channel is your second choice for entertainment?



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 _____
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36 and over

Under 36

Arabic



71



75

French



16



12

English



9



8

Other



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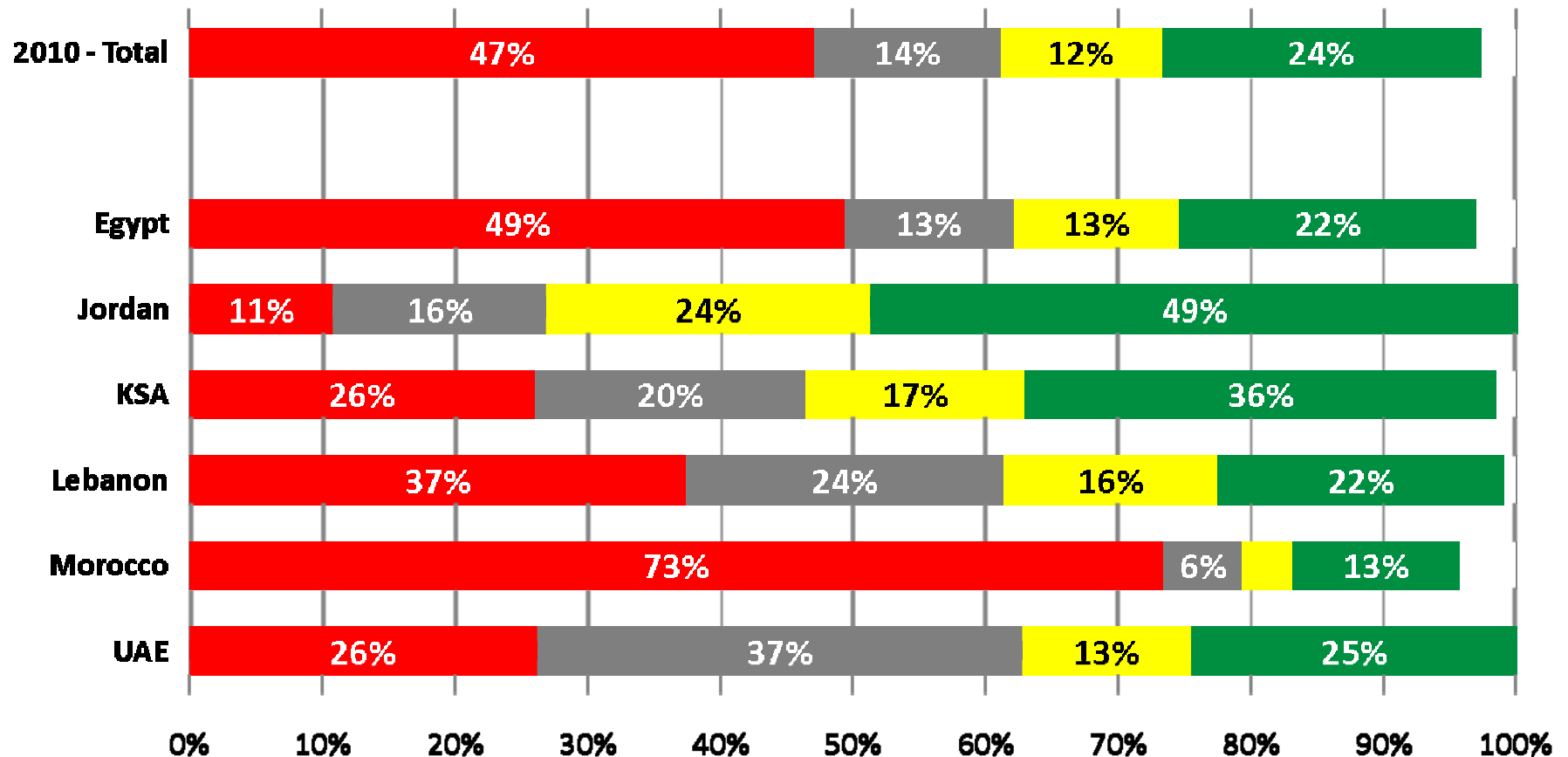


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Media

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■ Dally ■ 5-6 ■ 3-4 ■ 0-2



Media

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