

# VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN POLITICS

JORDAN, LEBANON, PALESTINE & TUNISIA

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# Women elected in municipal councils at time of research

Country	All	Men	Women	% women
 Jordan	3,322	2,264	1,058	31.8%
 Lebanon	15,032	14,435	597	4%
 Palestine	3,592	2,831	761	21.2%
 Tunisia	7,212	3,715	3,497	48.5%

# Quantitative study

Country	Number of elected women	Interviews completed	Response rate of sample	Margin of error
Jordan	1,058	399	37.7%	4%
Lebanon	597	321	53.8%	4%
Palestine	761	438	57.5%	3%
Tunisia	3,497 (sample = 420)	326	77.6%	5%

Interviews conducted in December 2021



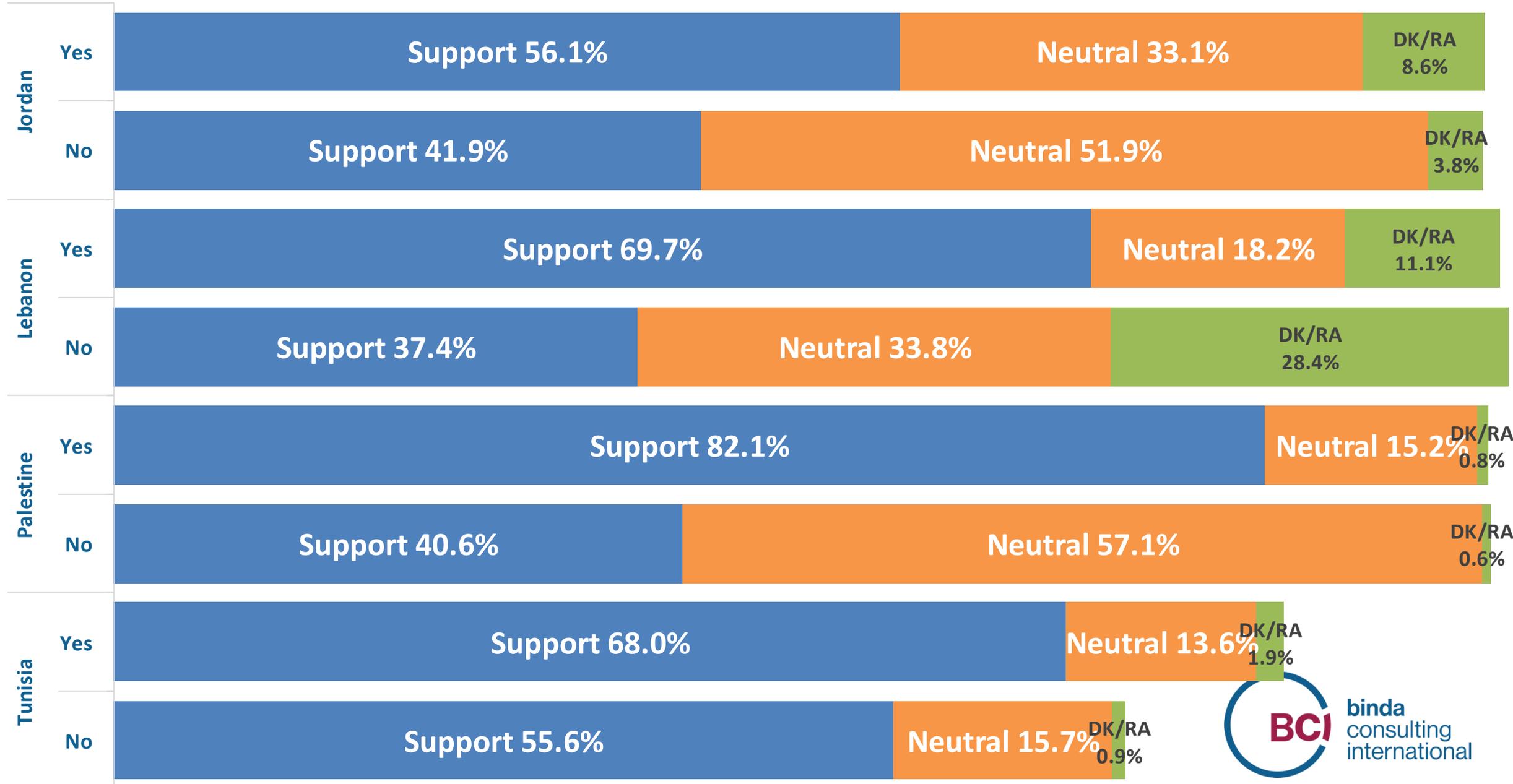
## Regional context



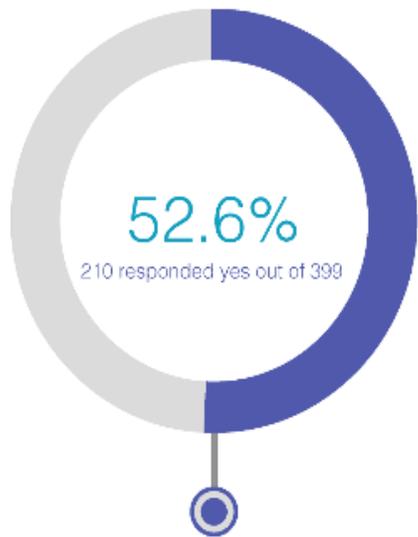
- ♀ Varied levels of political party engagement.
- ♀ Community engagement as pathway to office.
- ♀ Except Palestine, around 30% respondents affiliated with women's organisations.
- ♀ Correlation between support for candidacy from women's organisations and prior affiliation.

# Support from Women's Organisations for candidacy

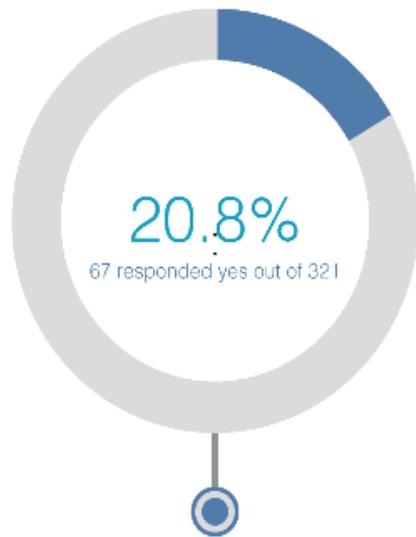
## Affiliation with Women's Organisations



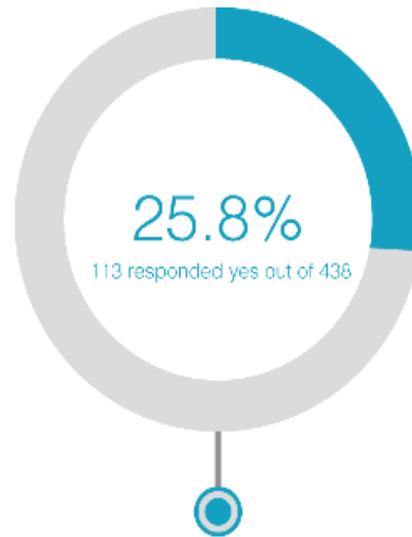
# Prevalence of violence in all four countries



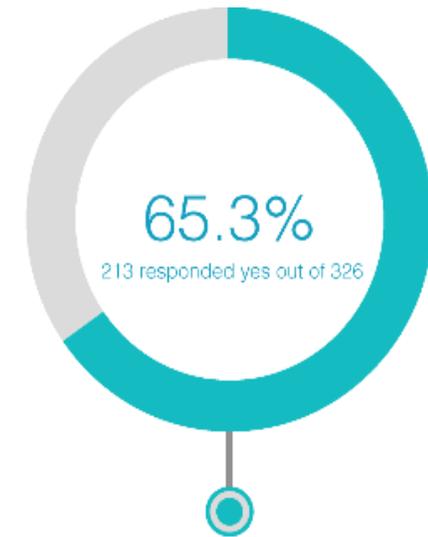
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Lebanon



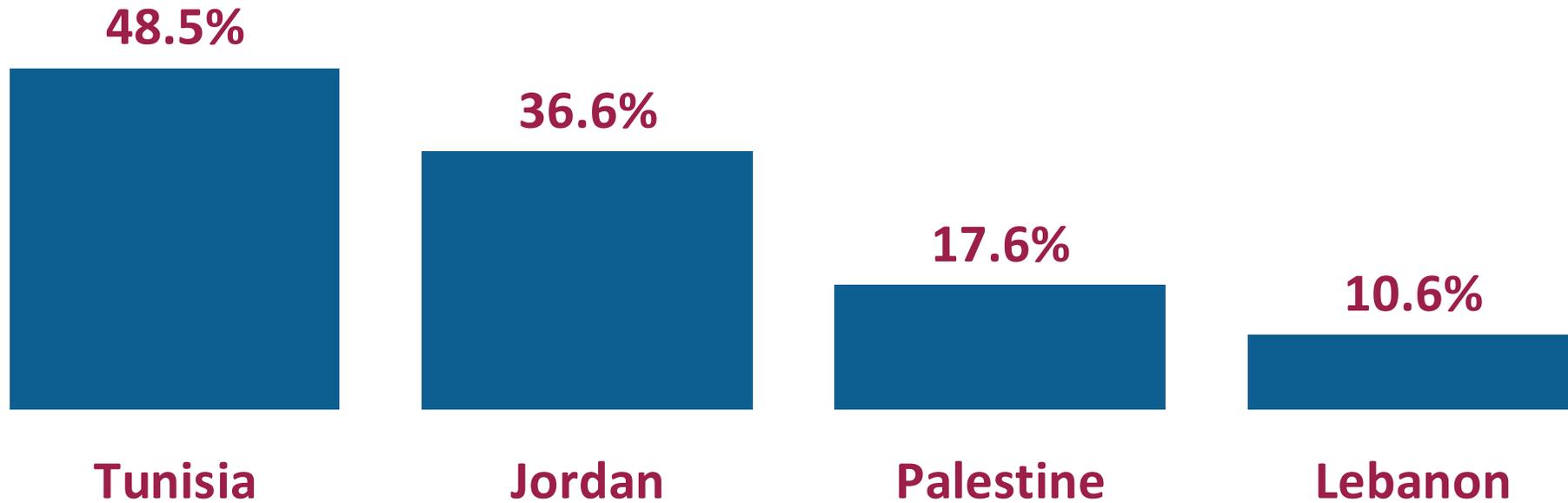
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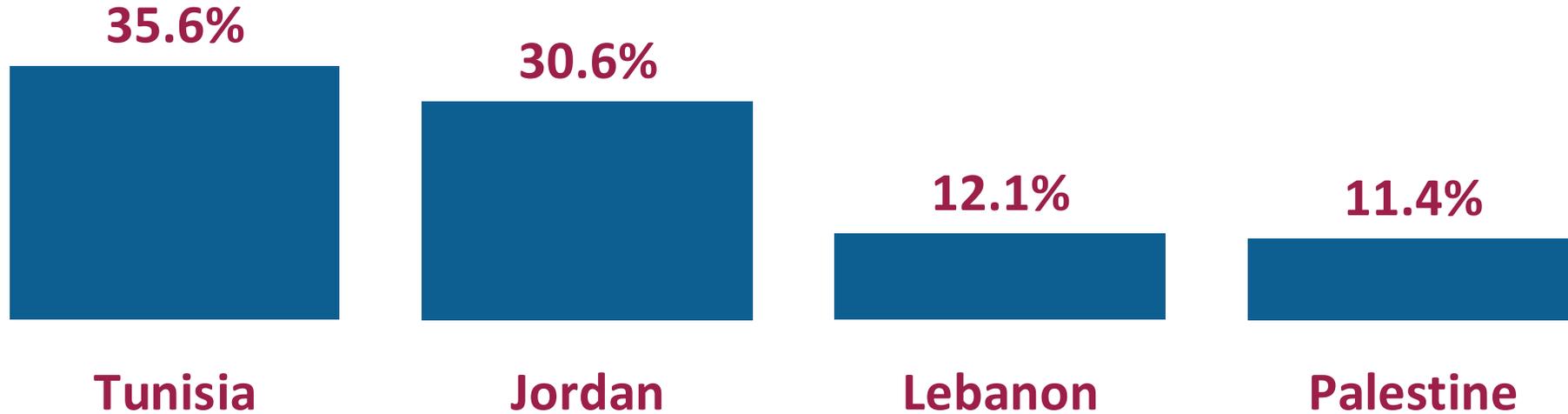
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# Context of VAWP

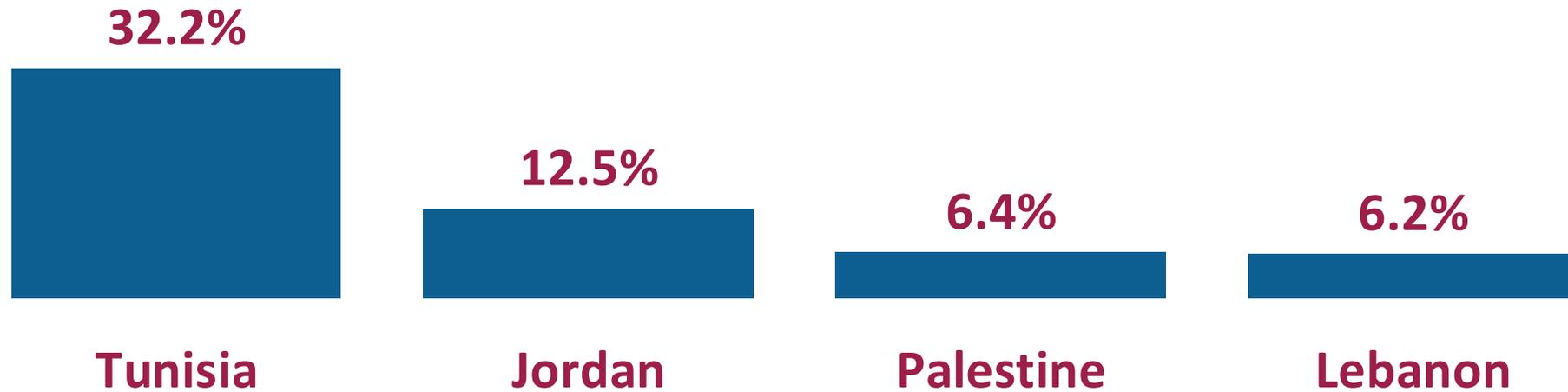
# Prevalence of Institutional Violence



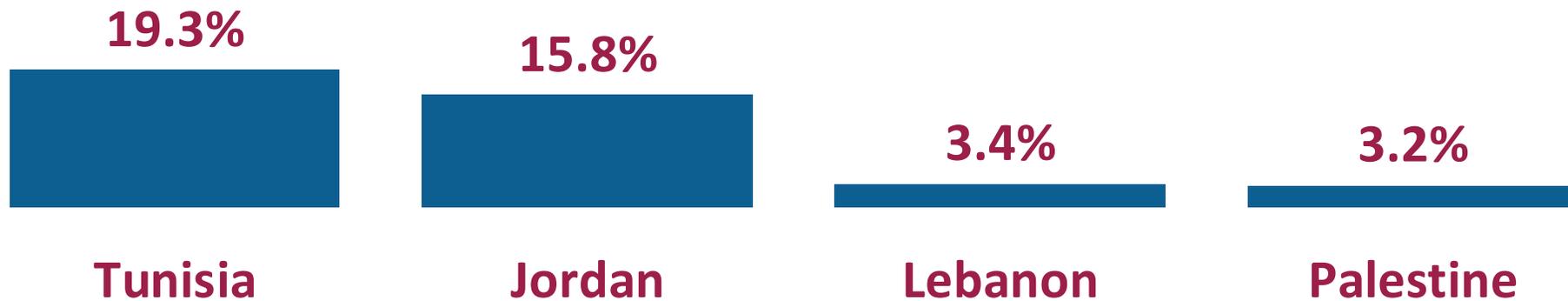
# Prevalence of **Community** Violence



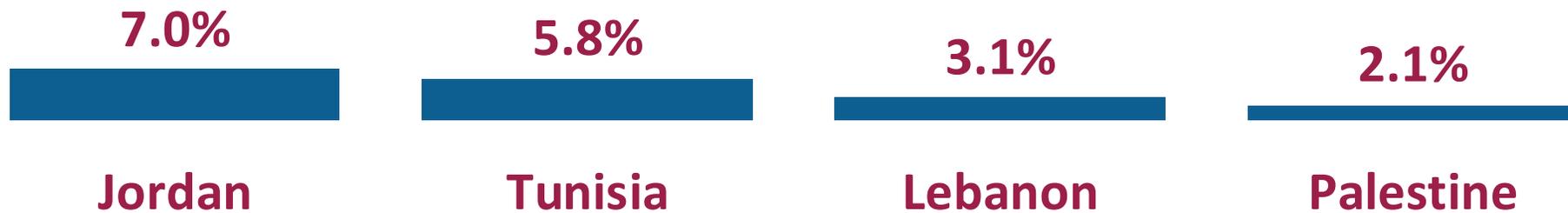
# Prevalence of **Family** Violence



# Prevalence of **Social Media** Violence

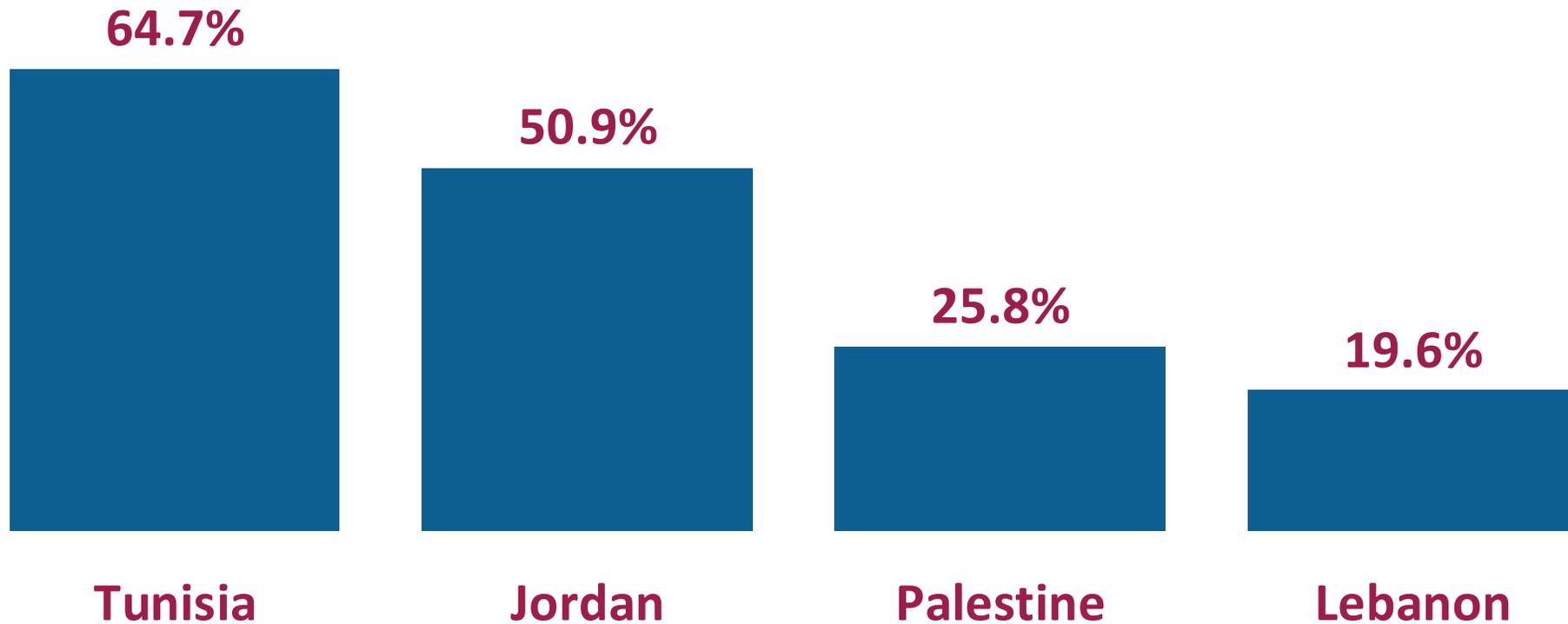


# Prevalence of Legacy Media Violence



# Type of VAWP

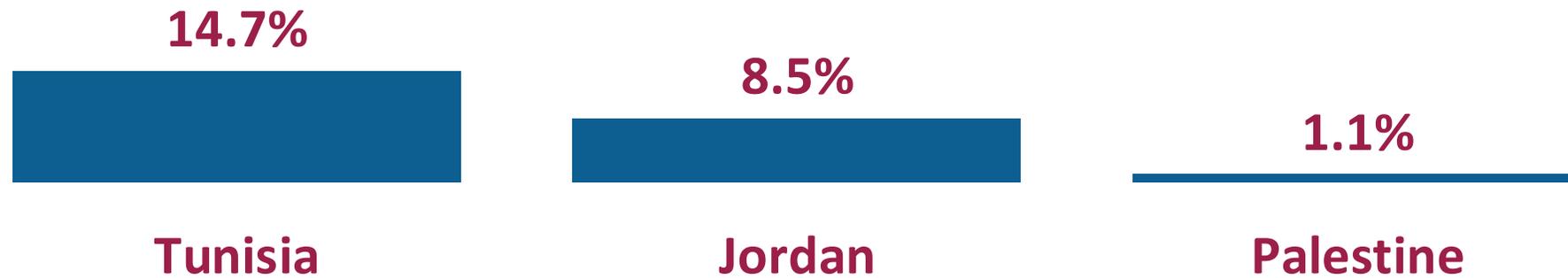
# Prevalence of Psychological Violence



# Prevalence of **Economic** Violence

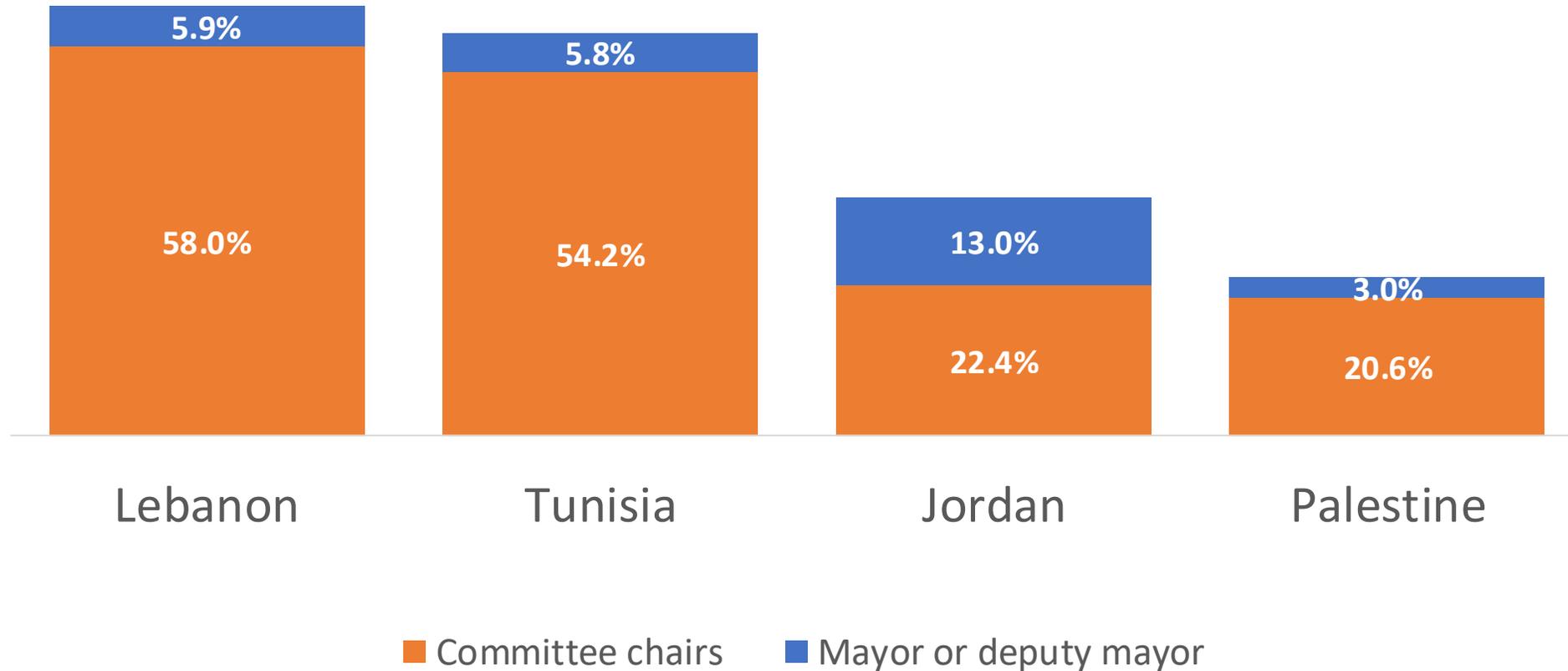


# Prevalence of **Sexual** Harassment

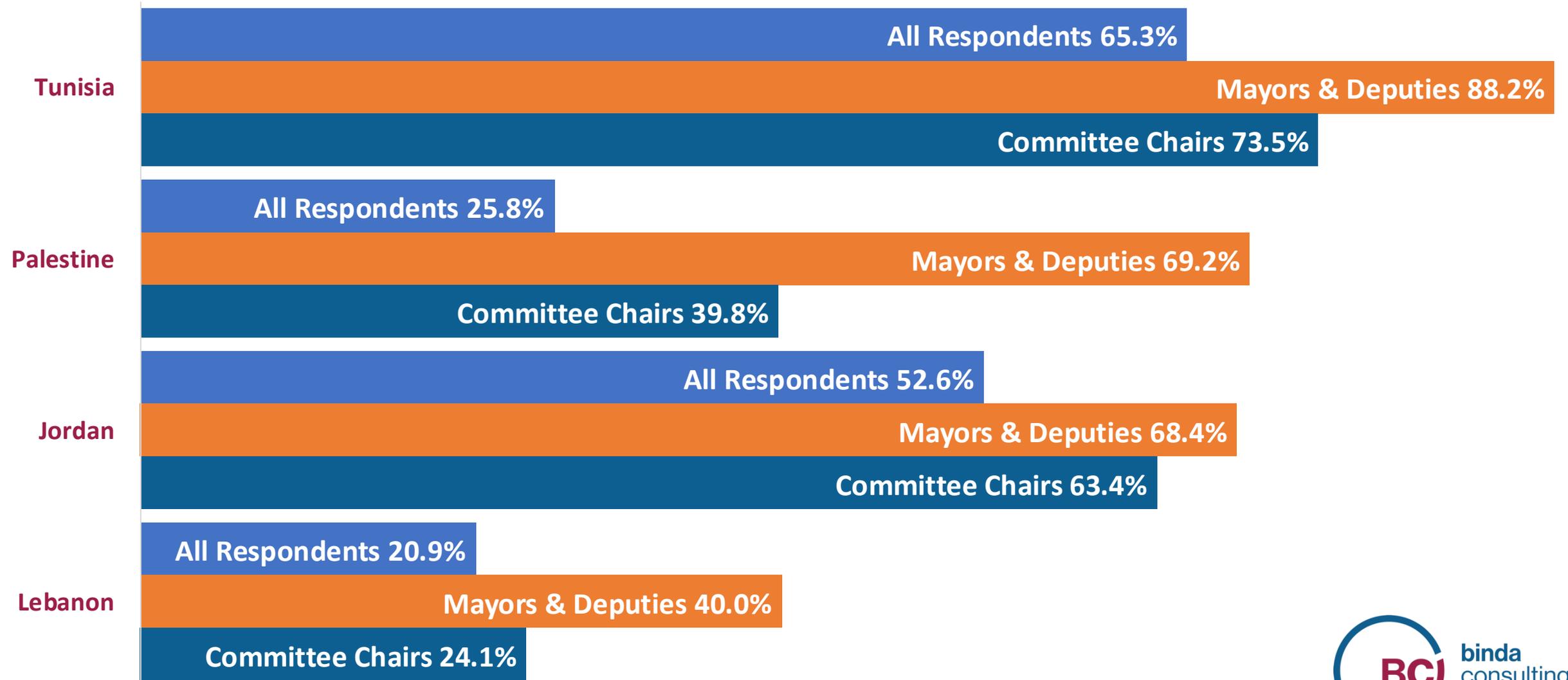


# Leadership & violence

# Leadership positions among respondents

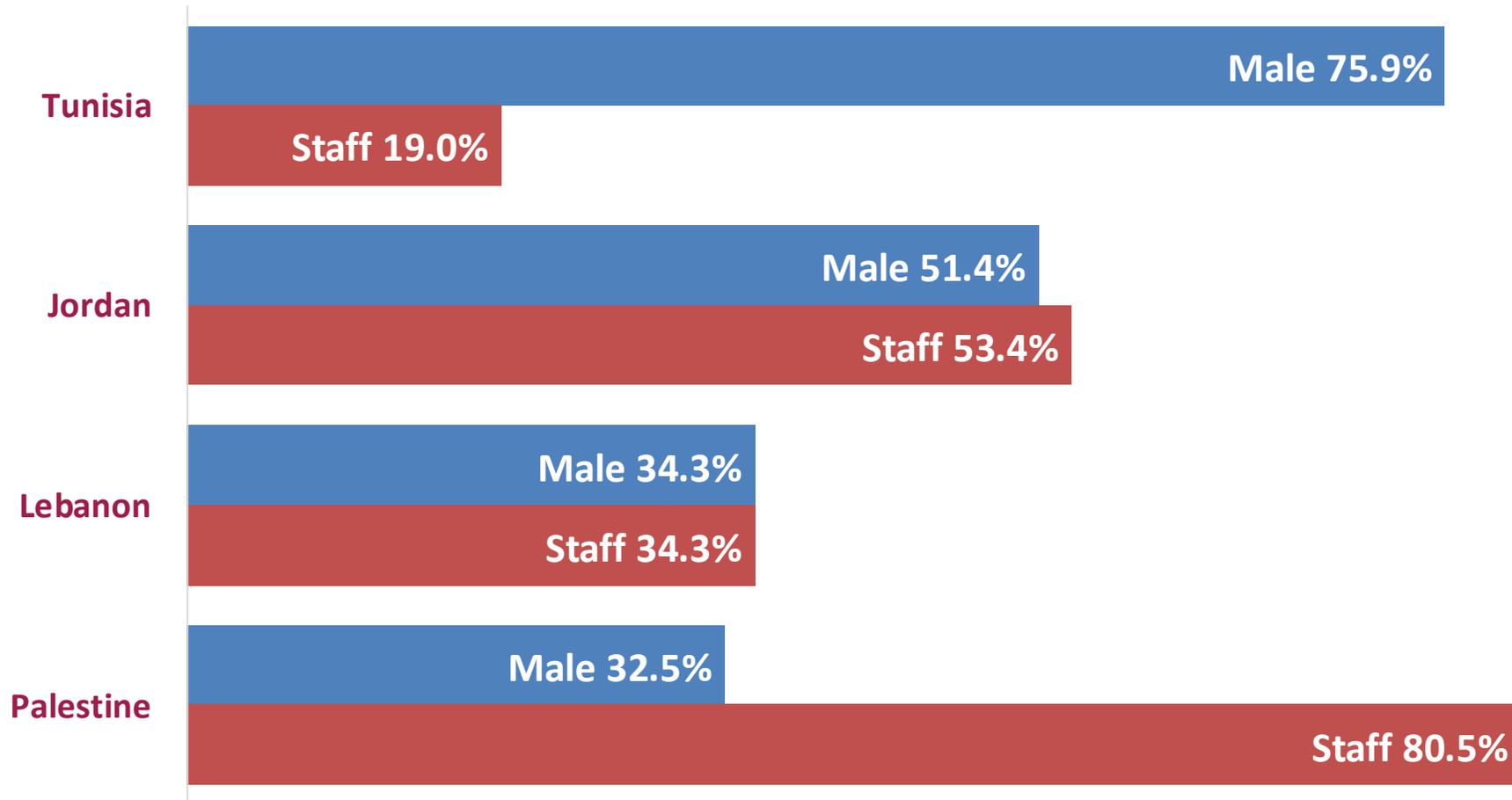


# % of Mayors, Deputy Mayors & Committee Chairs reporting at least one experience of VAWP



# Perpetrators

# Mentioned perpetrators among respondents who report institutional violence



# Formal complaint mechanisms



*“I took care of it myself”*

*“There was no evidence”*

# Impact

For reasons of person security, respondents...

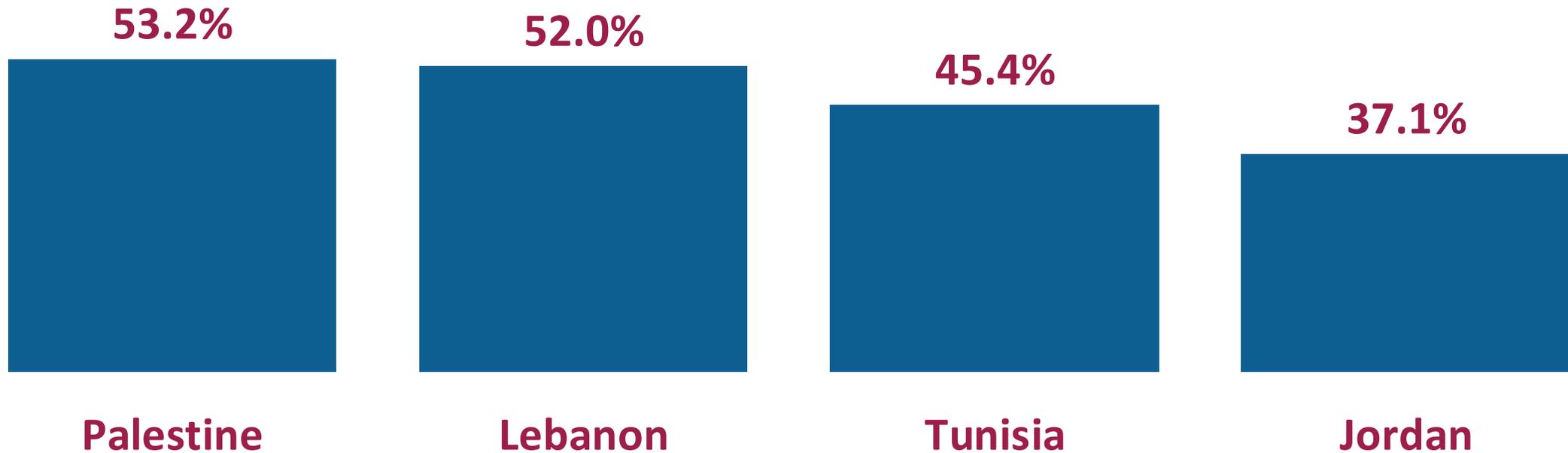
♀ Avoid using online media

♀ Avoid municipal council meetings

♀ Avoid political gatherings

♀ Decide not to stand again?

# Agree: "Threats, intimidation, harassment, and negative and derogatory comments are part of being in politics"



# Recommendations

 **LEGAL:** Provide training to law enforcement officials to recognize, investigate and prosecute violence against women in politics.

# Recommendations

 **POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS:** Establish dedicated, specialised and well-resourced bodies authorised to investigate and sanction VAWP.

# Recommendations

♀ **CIVIL SOCIETY:** Media organizations should increase reporting the work of women politicians to promote positive images of women in politics and abstain from using gender stereotypes to **normalize the participation of women in politics** and ensure equitable coverage of women and male politicians.

# Recommendations

 **INTERNATIONAL DONORS:** Condition assistance to political institutions on actions that mitigate or prevent VAWP.

# Challenges

♀ DATA, DATA, DATA!

# For future examination/action

- ♀ Role in CSOs versus support and violence
- ♀ Presence in media
- ♀ Political parties and role/support
- ♀ Root causes