

Not Against Muslims, but Against Islam as a Social Order

The Vox-Analysis of the Popular Initiative to Ban the Construction of Minarets in Switzerland

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Federal Council and Parliament

Federal Council No

Parliament No

Political Parties

Schweizer Demokraten Yes

Bürgerlich-Demokratische Partei der Schweiz (BDP) No

Christlichdemokratische Volkspartei der Schweiz (CVP) No

Christlich-soziale Partei der Schweiz (CSP) No

Eidgenössisch-Demokratische Union (EDU) Yes

Evangelische Volkspartei (EVP) No

FDP.Die Liberalen No

FDP.Die Liberalen Frauen No

Grüne Partei der Schweiz (GPS) No

Grünliberale Partei Schweiz (glp) No

Partei der Arbeit (PdA) No

Schweizerische Volkspartei (SVP) Yes

Sozialdemokratische Partei der Schweiz (SP) No

Associations, Trade Unions, Organisations

Centre Patronal No

Christlicher Friedensdienst (cfd) No

Demokratische Juristinnen und Juristen Schweiz (DJS) No

economiesuisse No

Hilfswerk der Evangelischen Kirchen Schweiz (HEKS) No

hotelleriesuisse No

Katholische Arbeitnehmerinnen-und Arbeitnehmer-Bewegung der Schweiz (KAB) No

Rat der Religionen (SCR) No

Schweizerische Arbeitgeberverband No

Schweizerische Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft (SGG) No

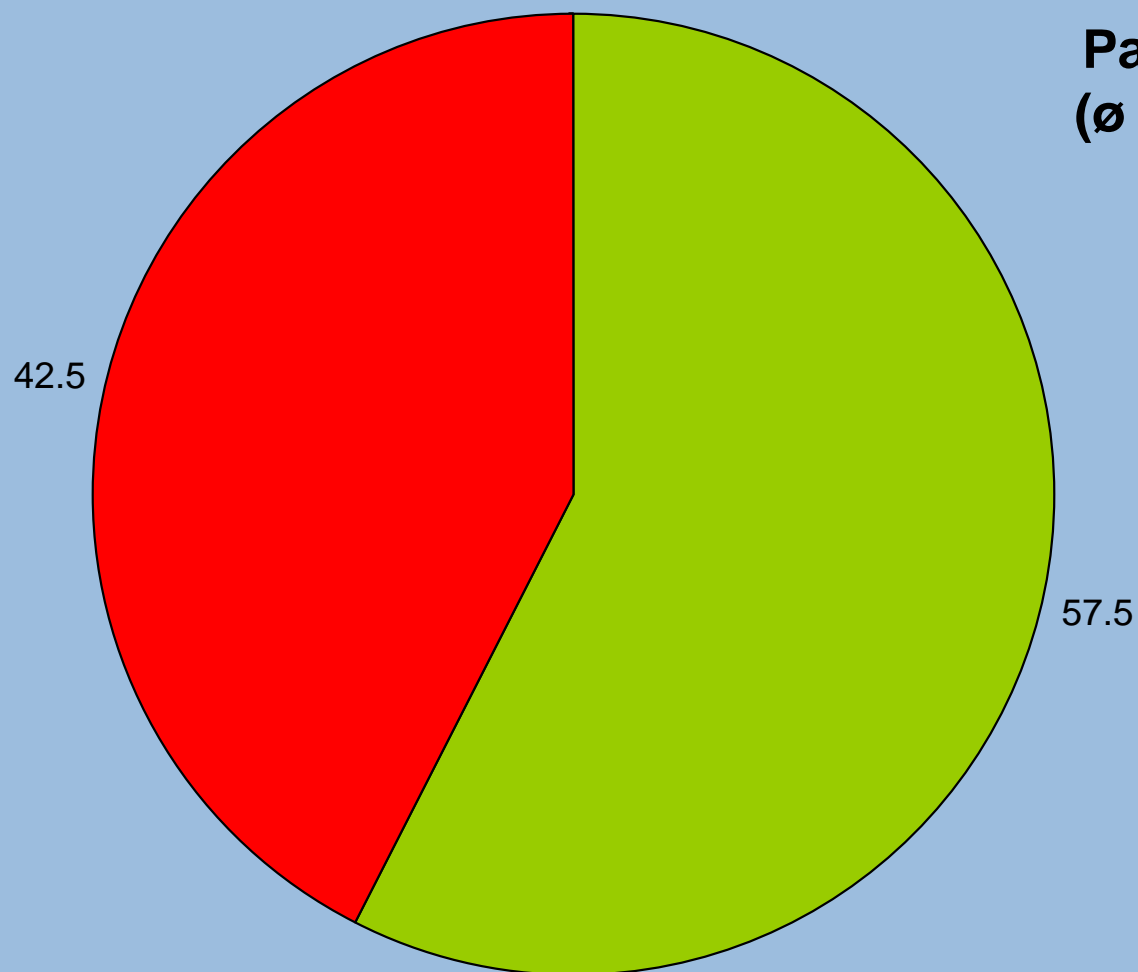
Schweizerischer Bauernverband free

Schweizerischer Gewerkschaftsbund (SGB) No

Unia No

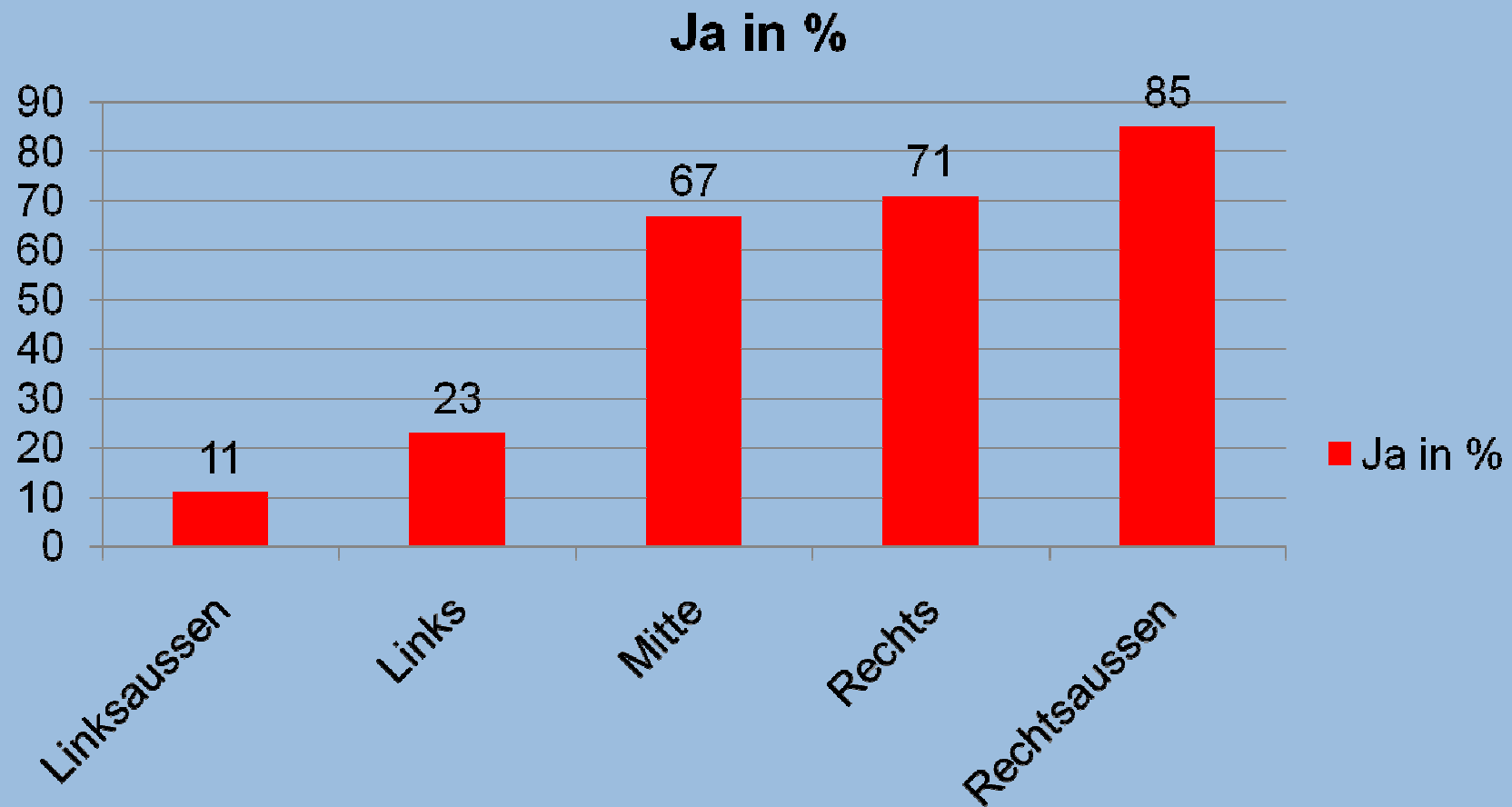
Result of the National Vote on the Popular Initiative to Ban the Construction of Minarets

Participation: 53.4%
(ø 1991-2009: 44.0%)

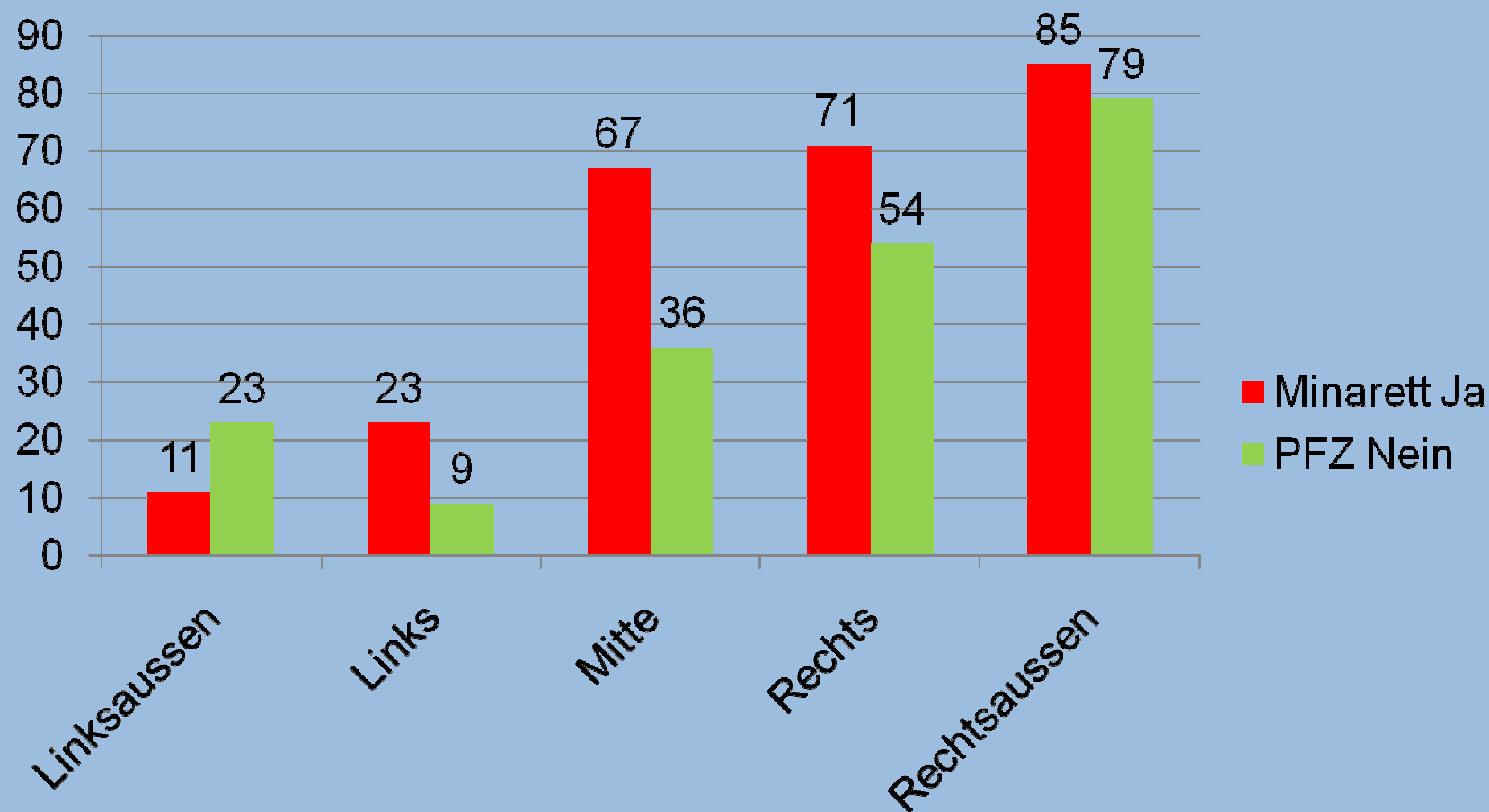


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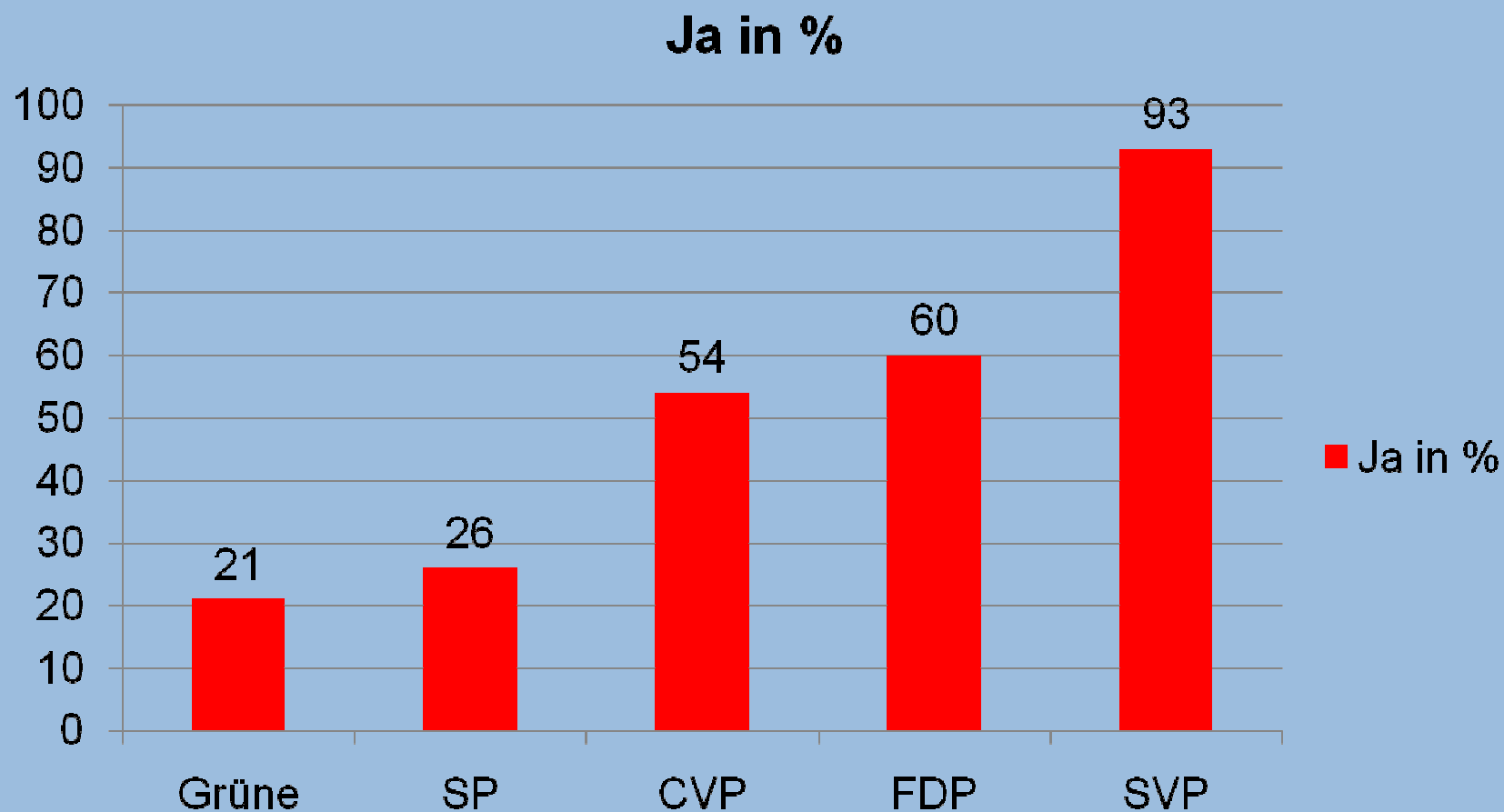
Percentage of Yes-Votes by Left-Right Self-Placement



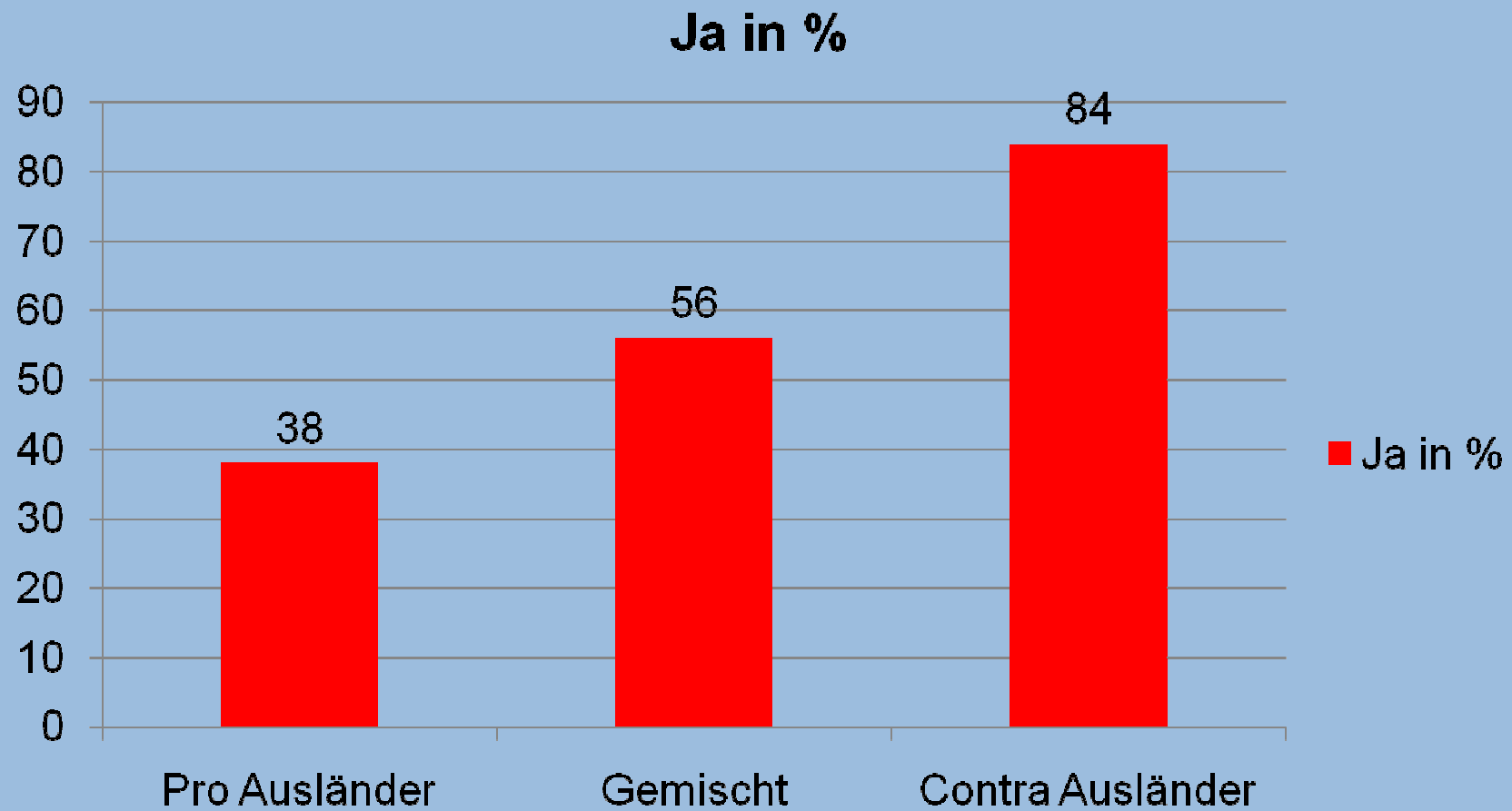
Left-Right Divide: Minaret Ban and Free Movement of Persons (Feb. 2009)



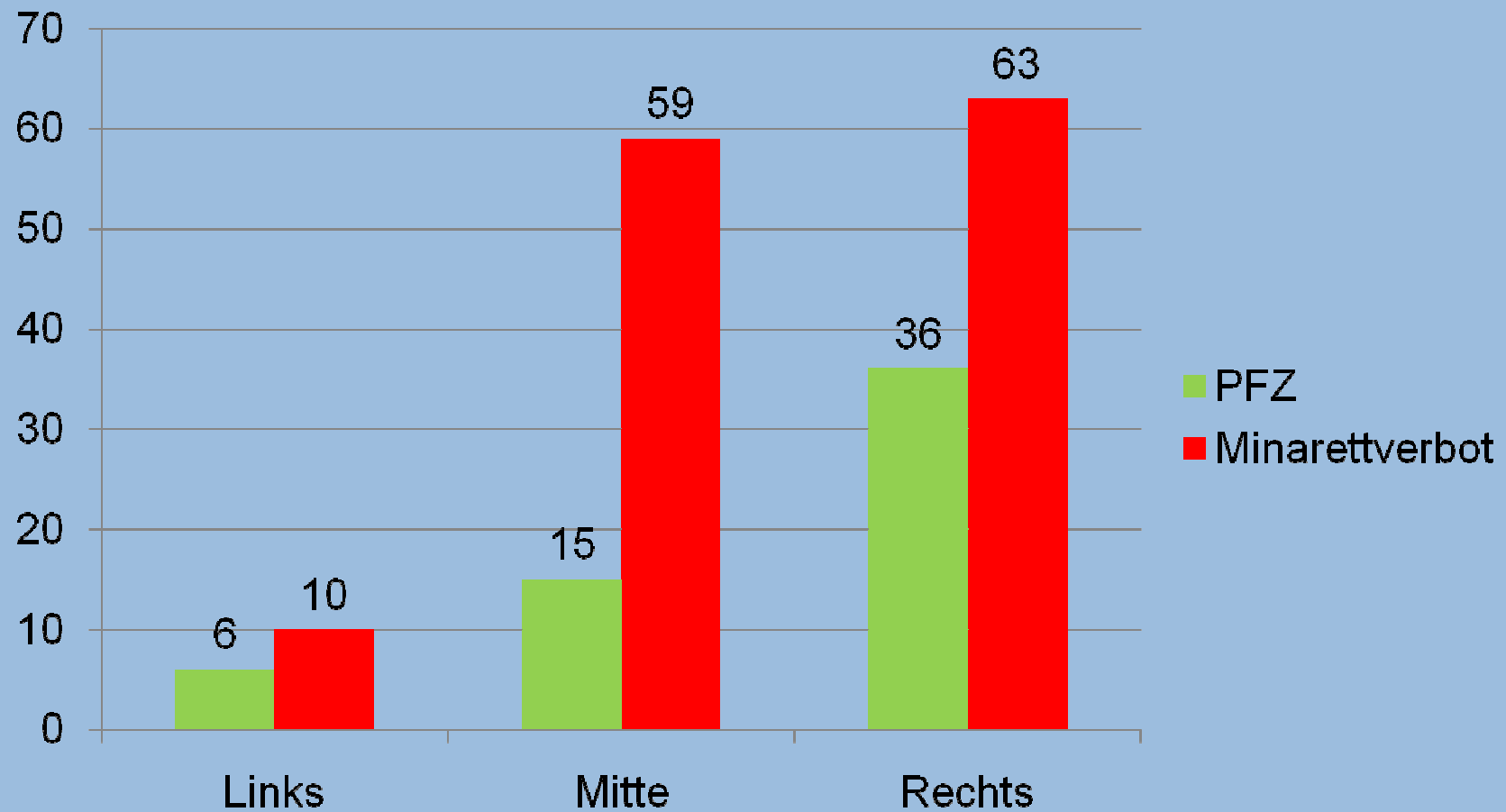
Percentage of Yes-Votes by Party Affiliation



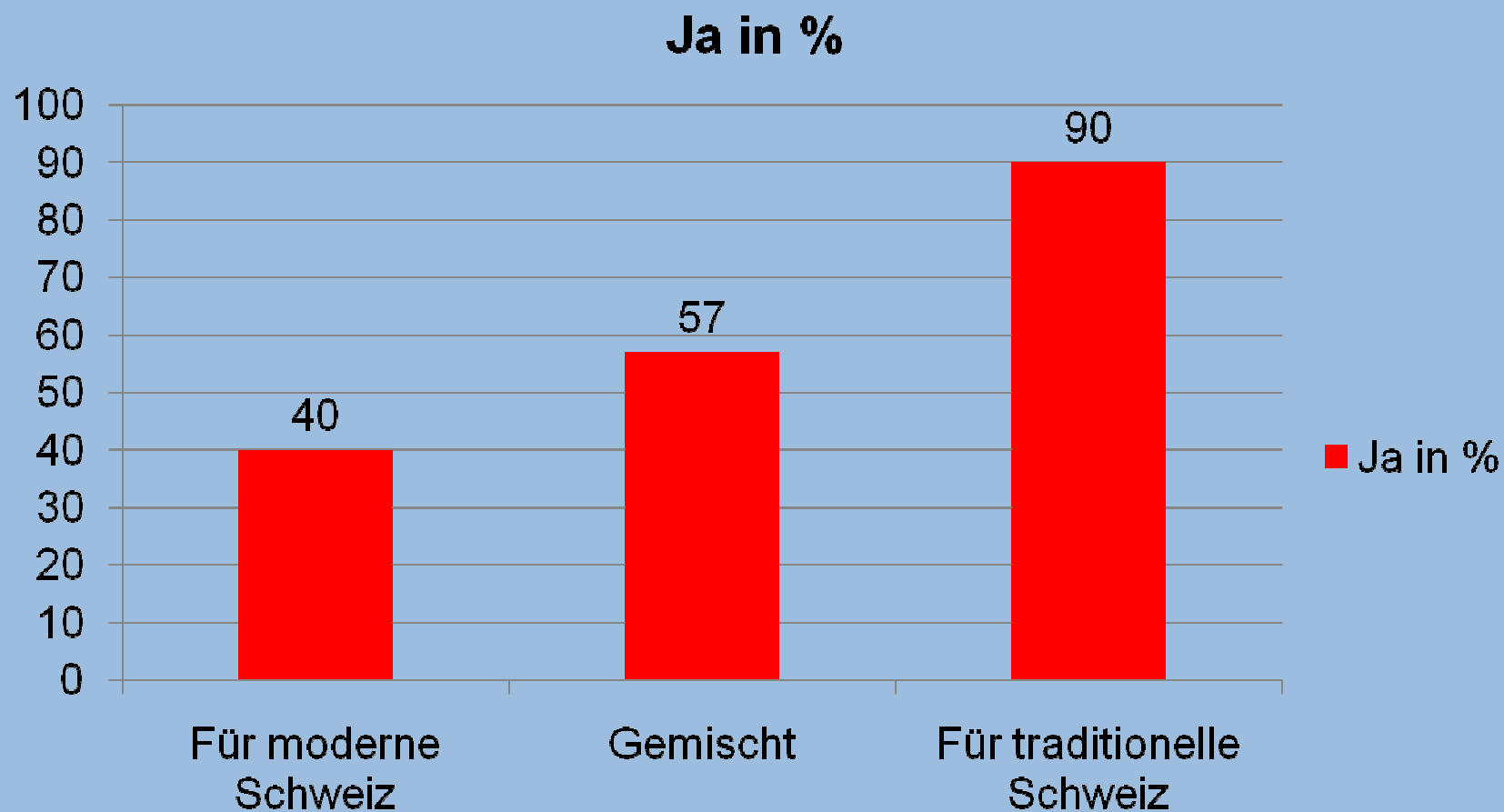
Percentage of Yes-Votes by Values: Attitude to Foreigners



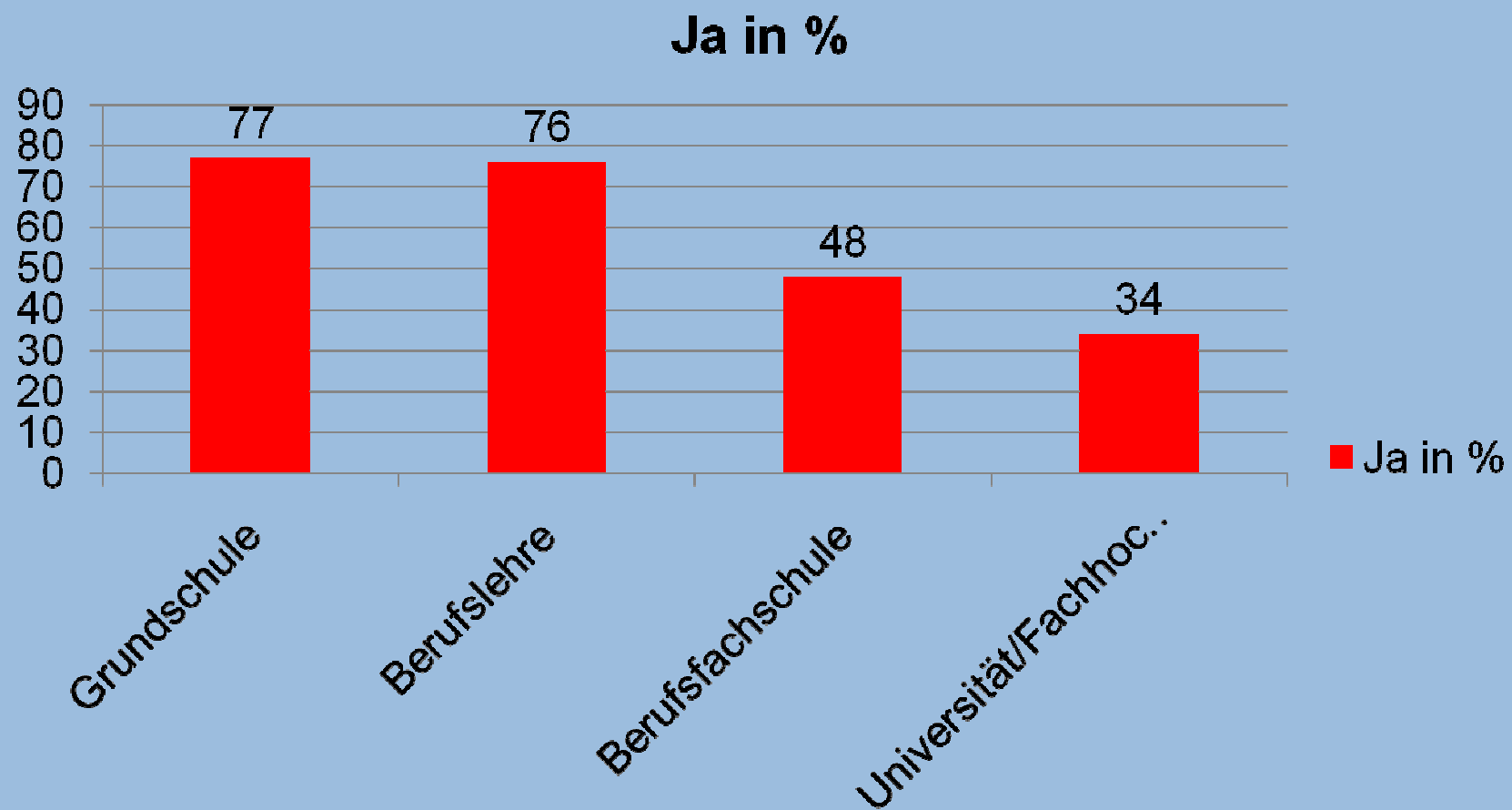
Yes-Votes Minaret Ban and Free Movement by Left-Right Self-Placement: Voters with Positive Attitude to Foreigners



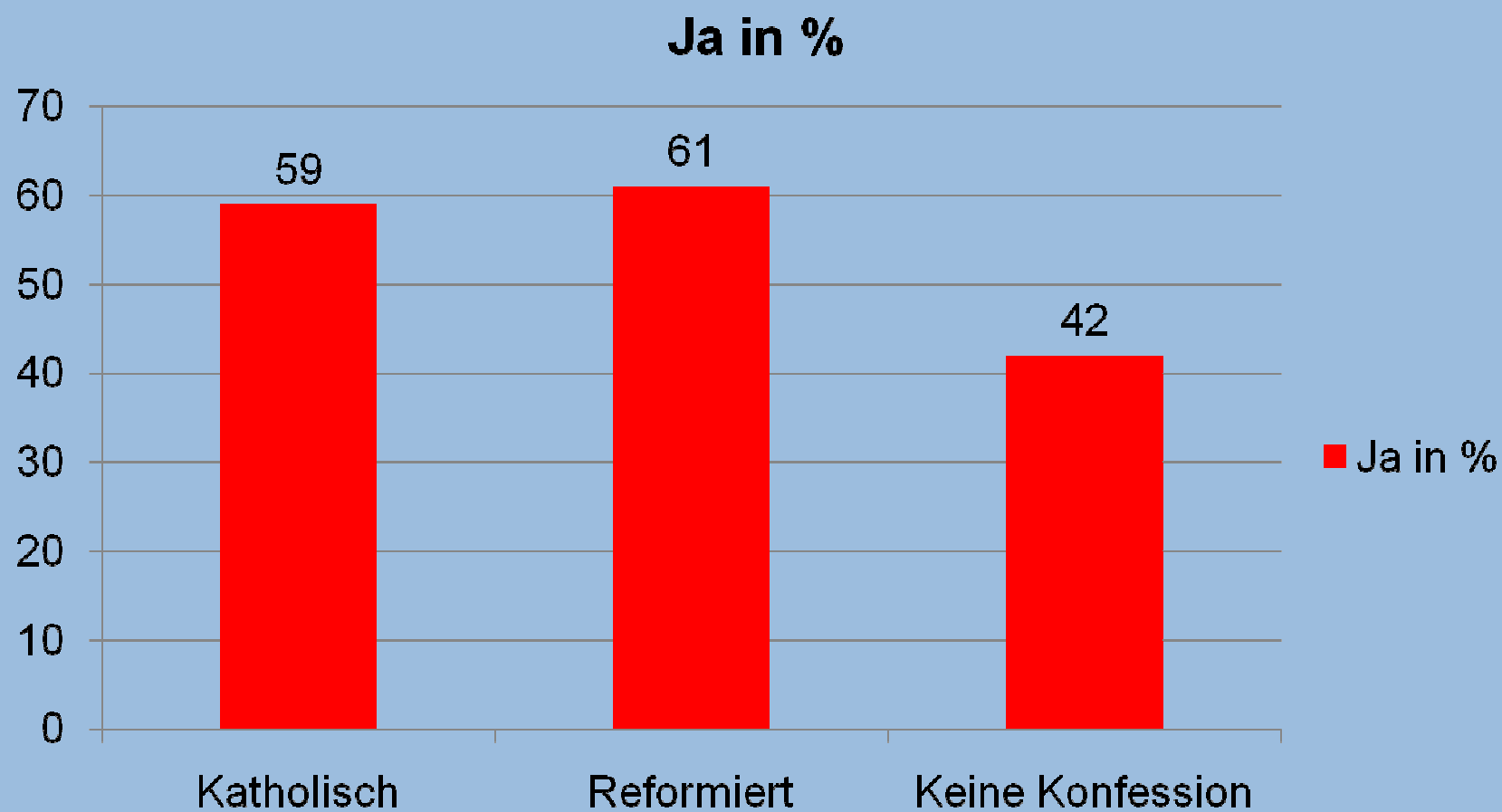
Percentage of Yes-Votes by Values: Modern vs. Traditional Switzerland



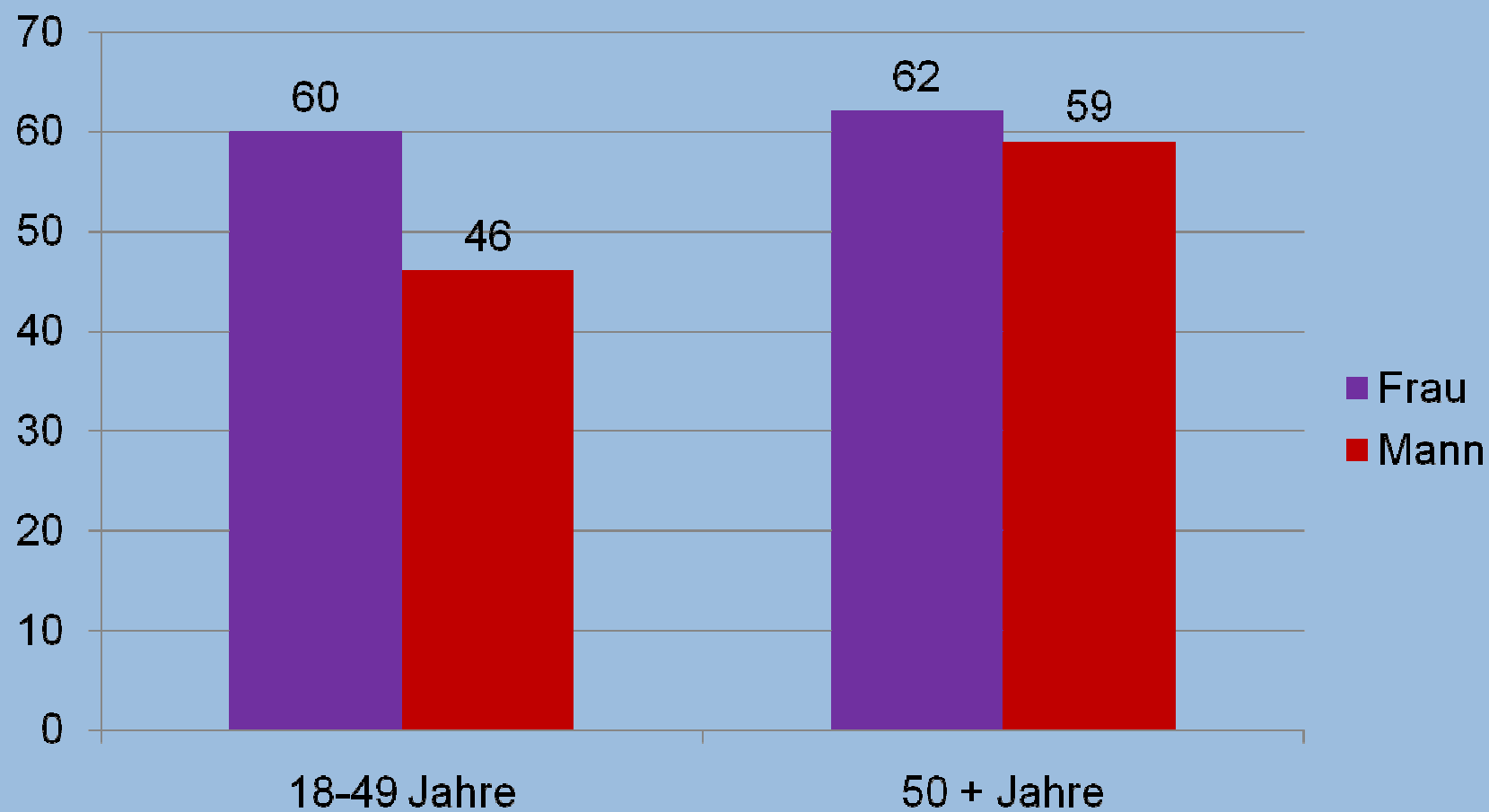
Percentage of Yes-Votes by Education



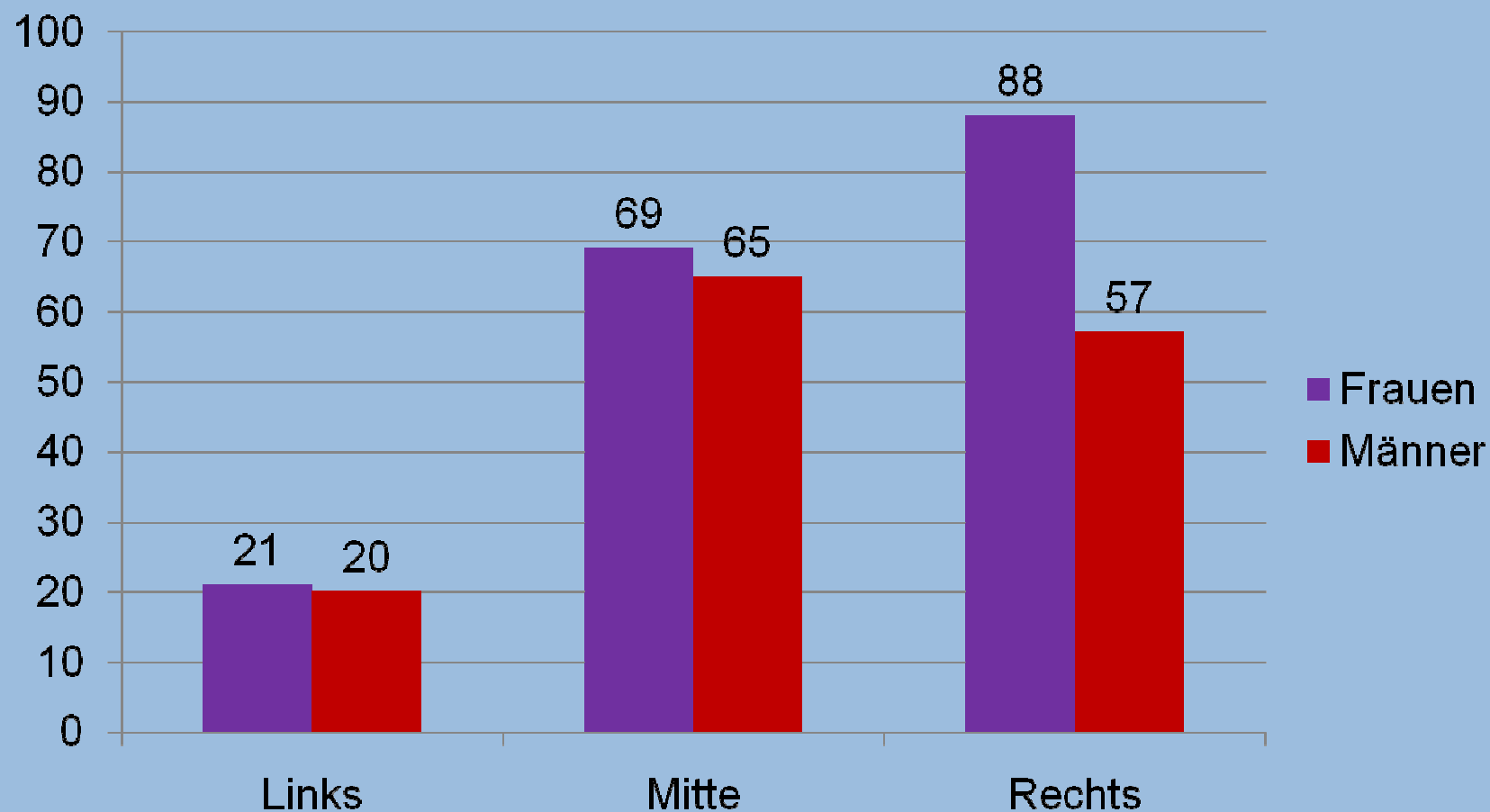
Percentage of Yes-Votes by Denomination



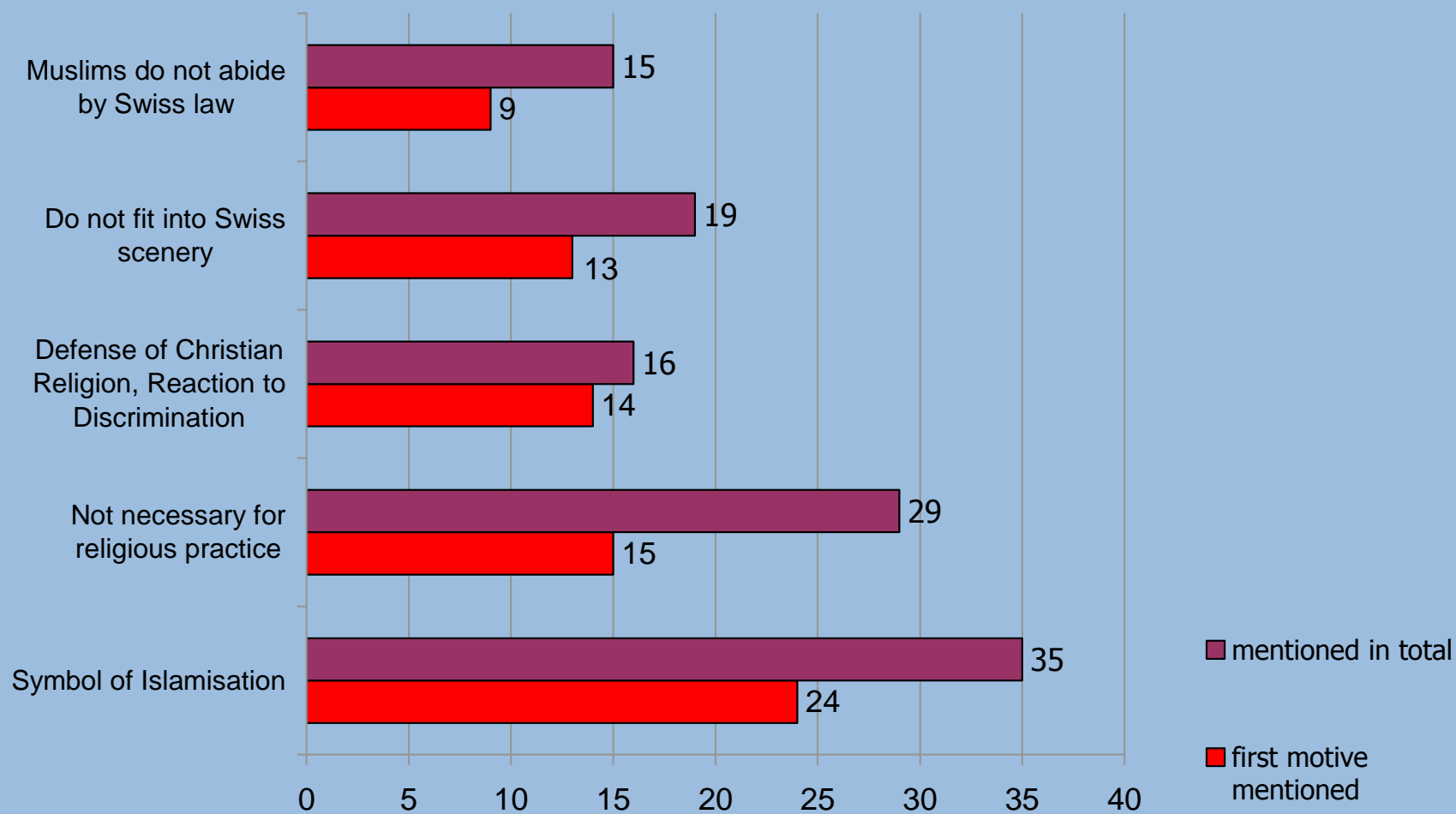
Percentage of Yes-Votes by Age and Gender



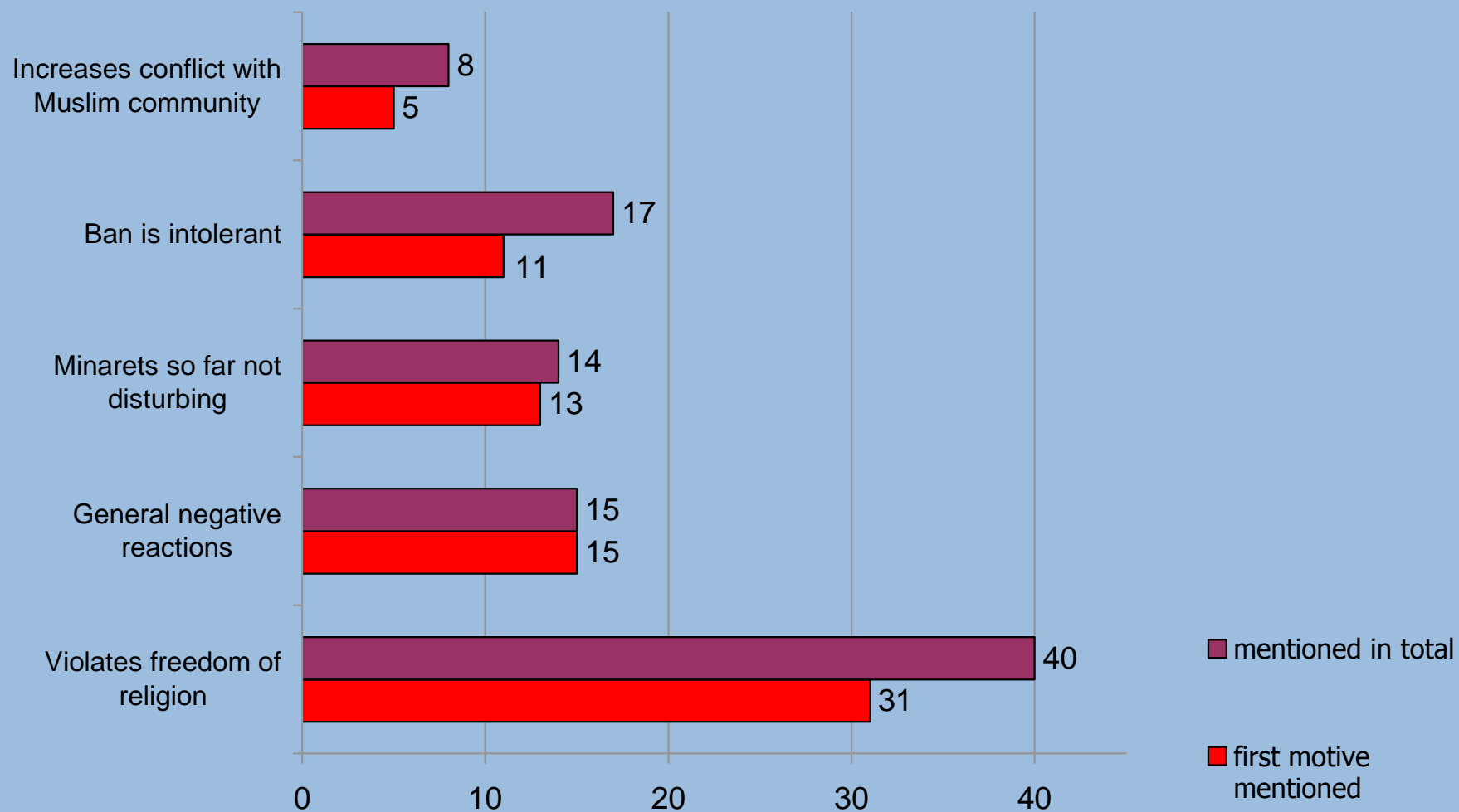
Percentage of Yes-Votes Voters < 50 by by Left-Right Self-Placement and Gender



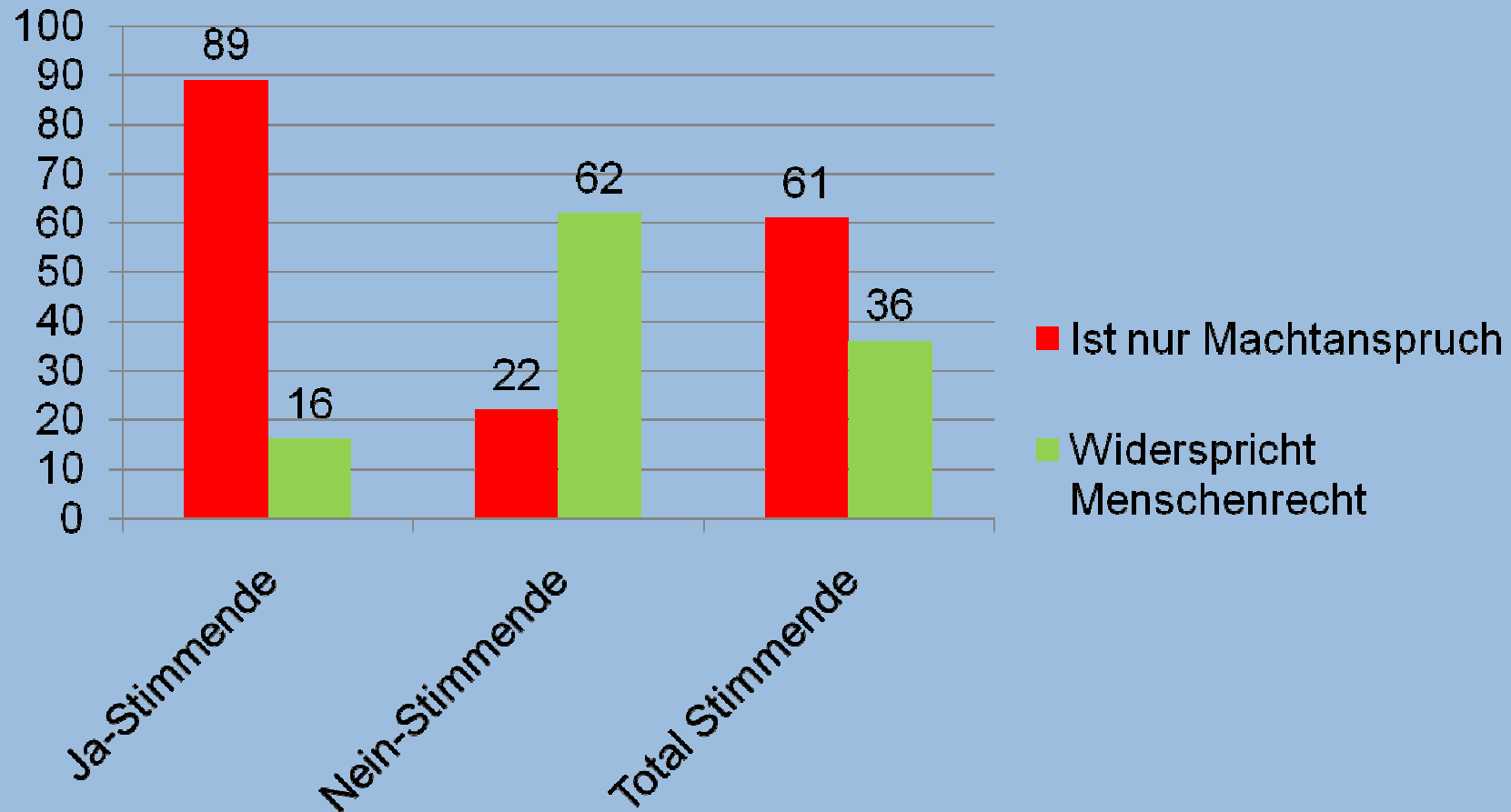
Motives of Supporters of the Initiative



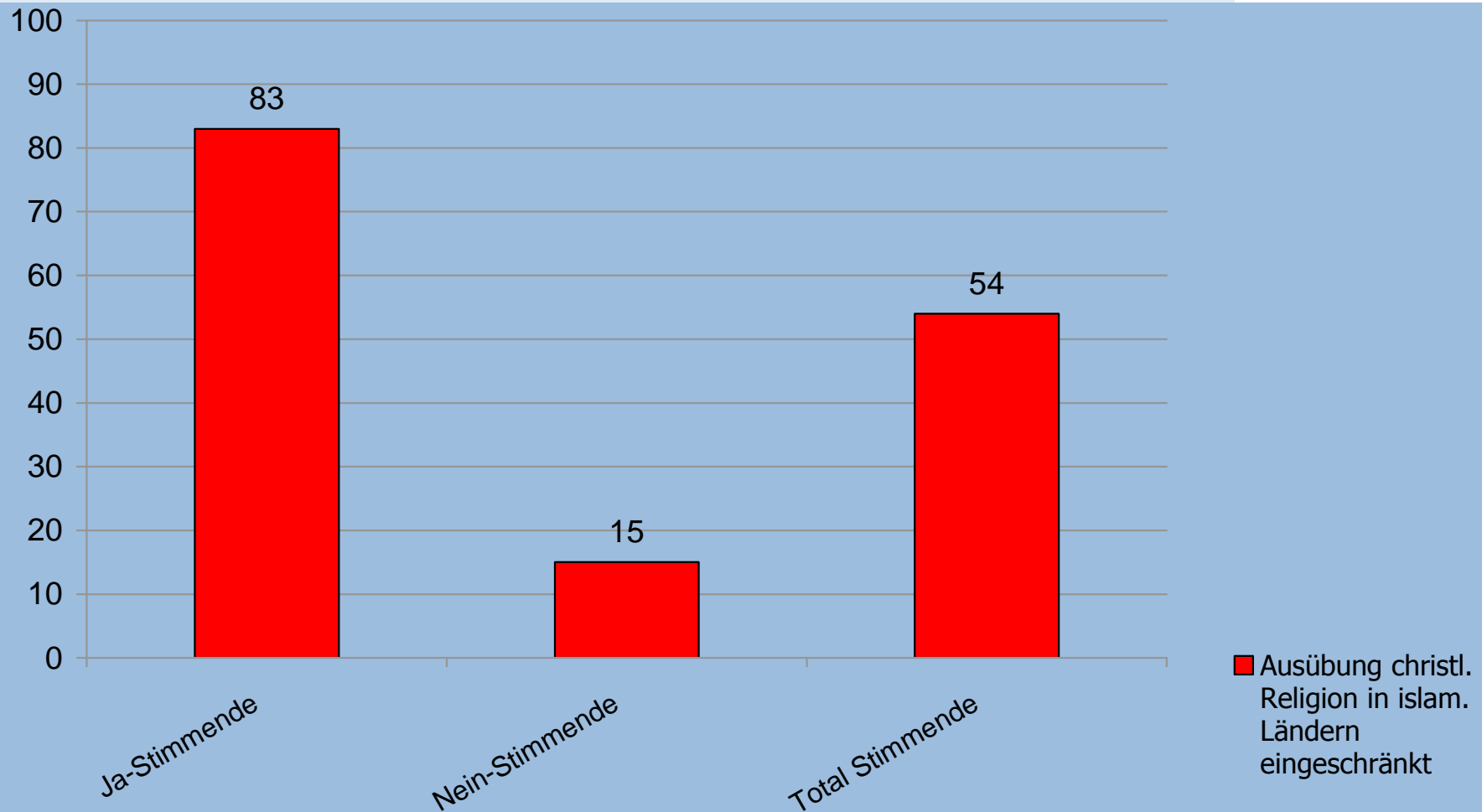
Motives of Opponents of the Initiative



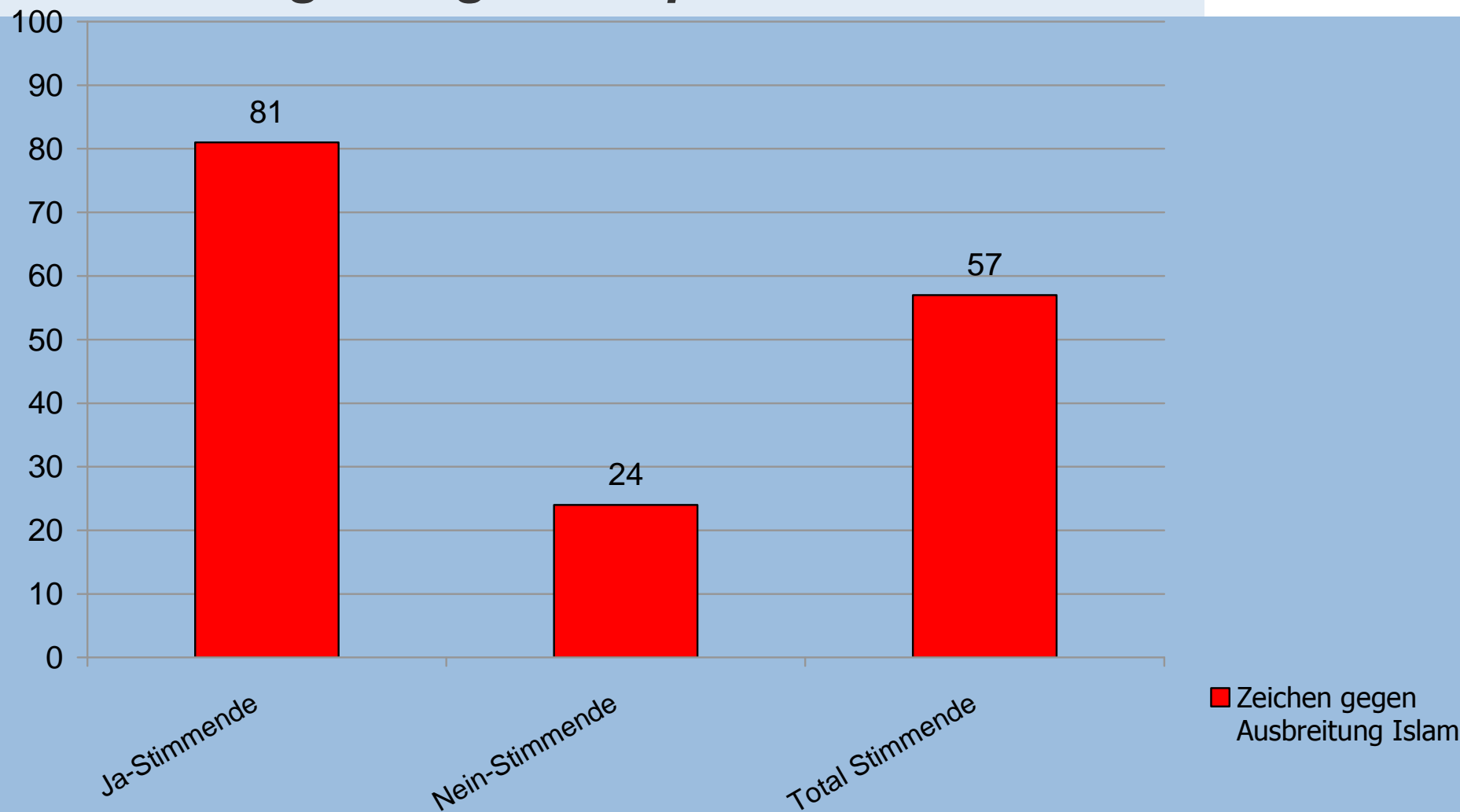
Agreement with Arguments: *Minaret is a Political Symbol of Muslim Claim to Power vs. Ban Violates Human Rights*



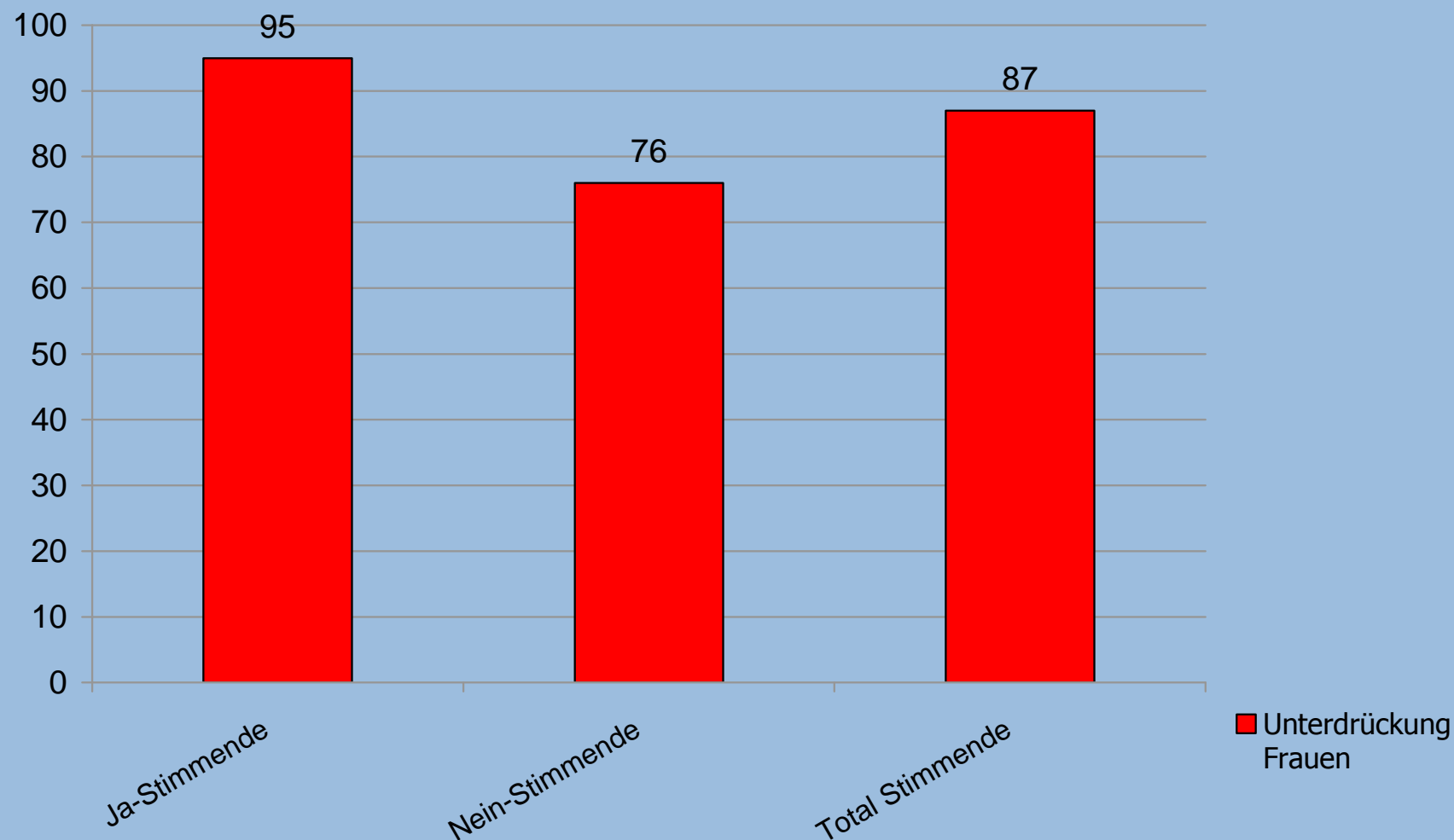
Agreement with Arguments: *Ban Justified by Restrictions on Religious Practice of Christians in Muslim Countries*



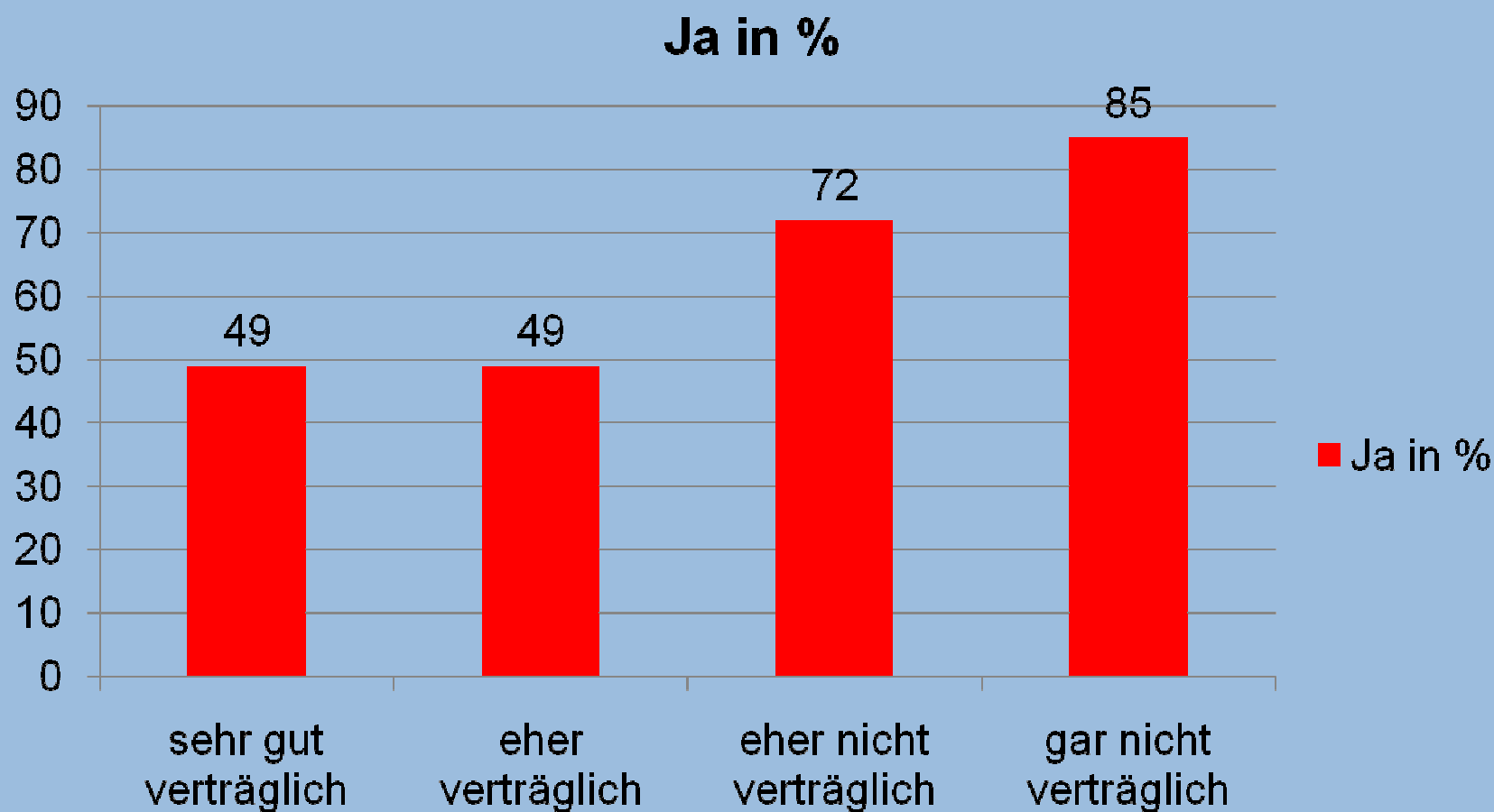
Agreement with Arguments: *Important to Send Signal Against Spread of Islam*



Agreement with Arguments: *Discrimination of Women in Islam*



Percentage of Yes-Votes by Compatibility Swiss/Muslim Way of Life



Summary

- > Voting behaviour of political centre decisive: difference to other votes concerning policies on foreigners
- > General attitudes to foreigners important, but not decisive
- > Voting behaviour not expression of perception of incompatibility of Swiss and Muslim way of life

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- > Expression of apprehension regarding Islam as a political and social order (symbolised by minarets in public perception)