

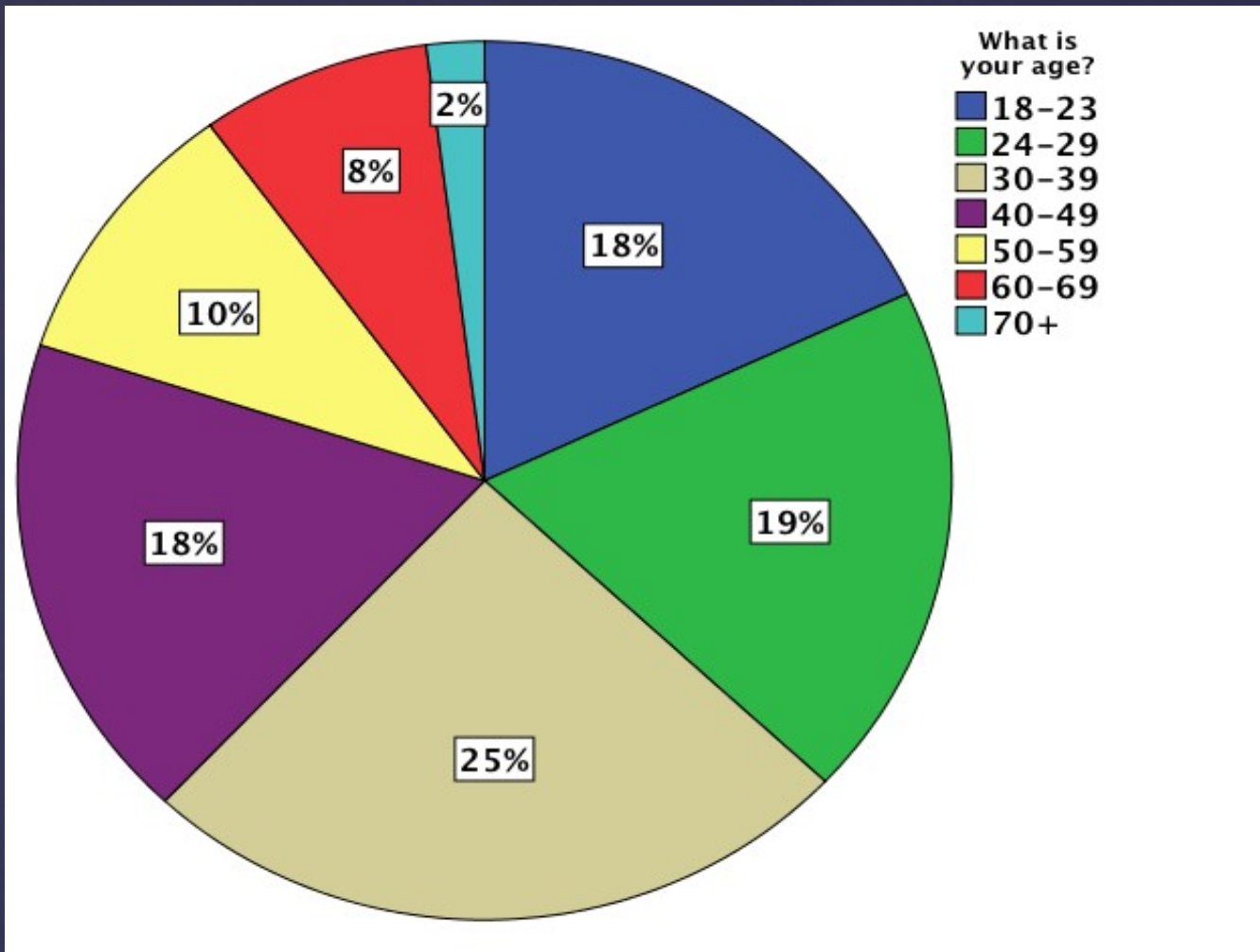
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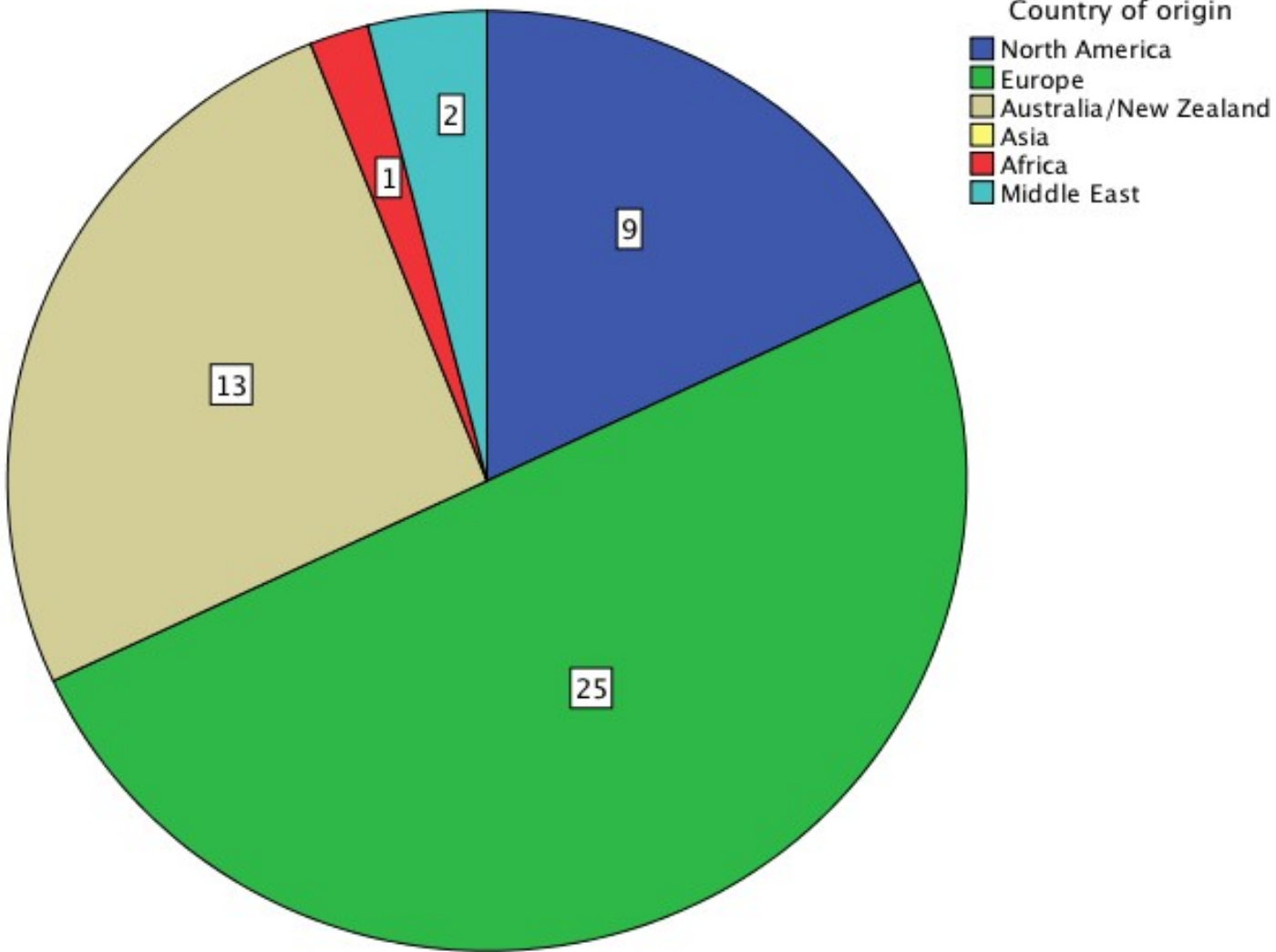
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Survey

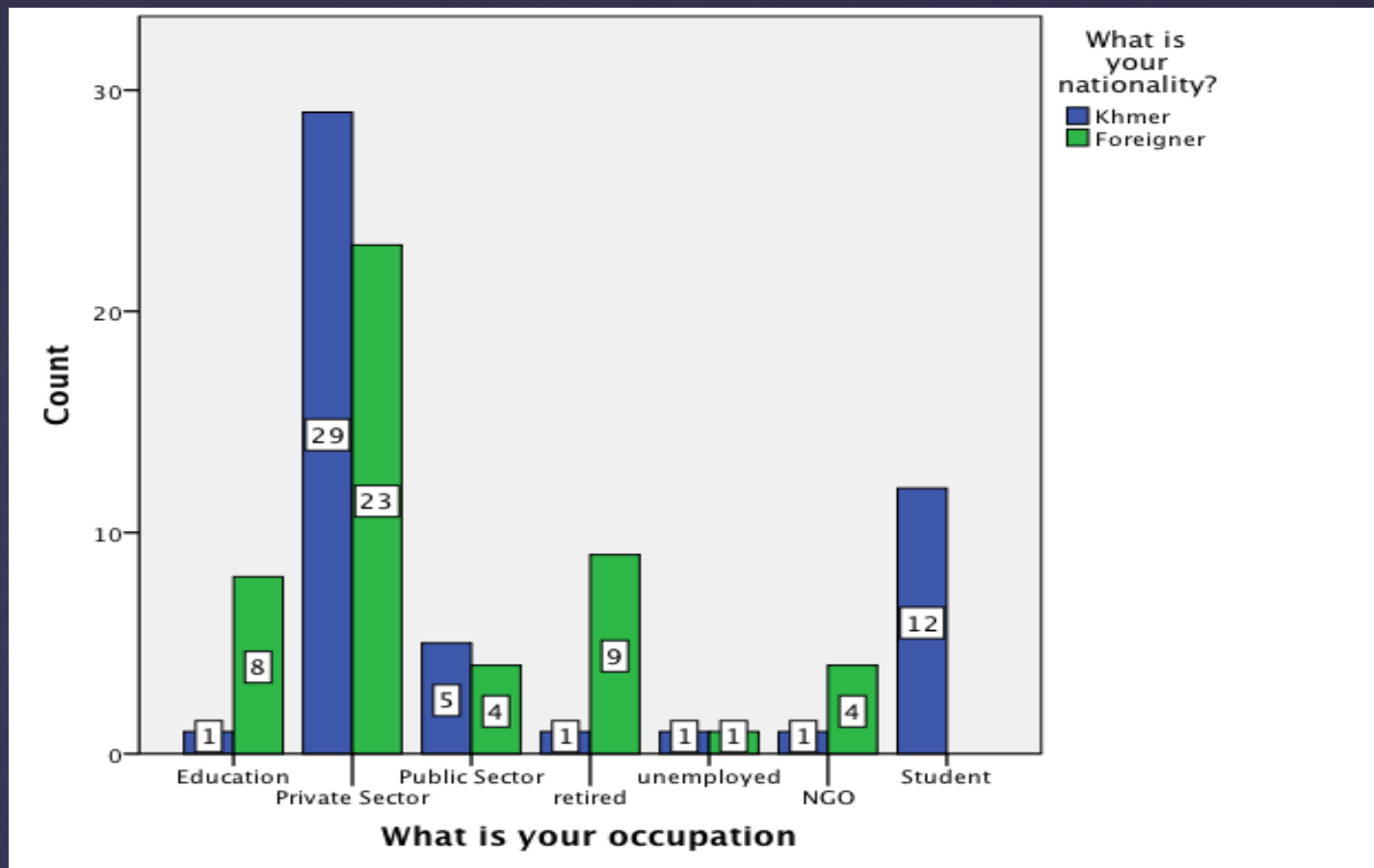
- 50 Foreigner and 50 Khmer heterosexual or bisexual males interviewed in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- Surveys were conducted from September to November 2013
- Foreign men were approached in areas known to be “Red Light Districts”
- Khmer men were interviewed in highly frequented areas including markets, parks and coffee shops
- Ethical Principals outlined by The Sexual Violence Research Initiative out of South Africa in 2008



Age Distribution



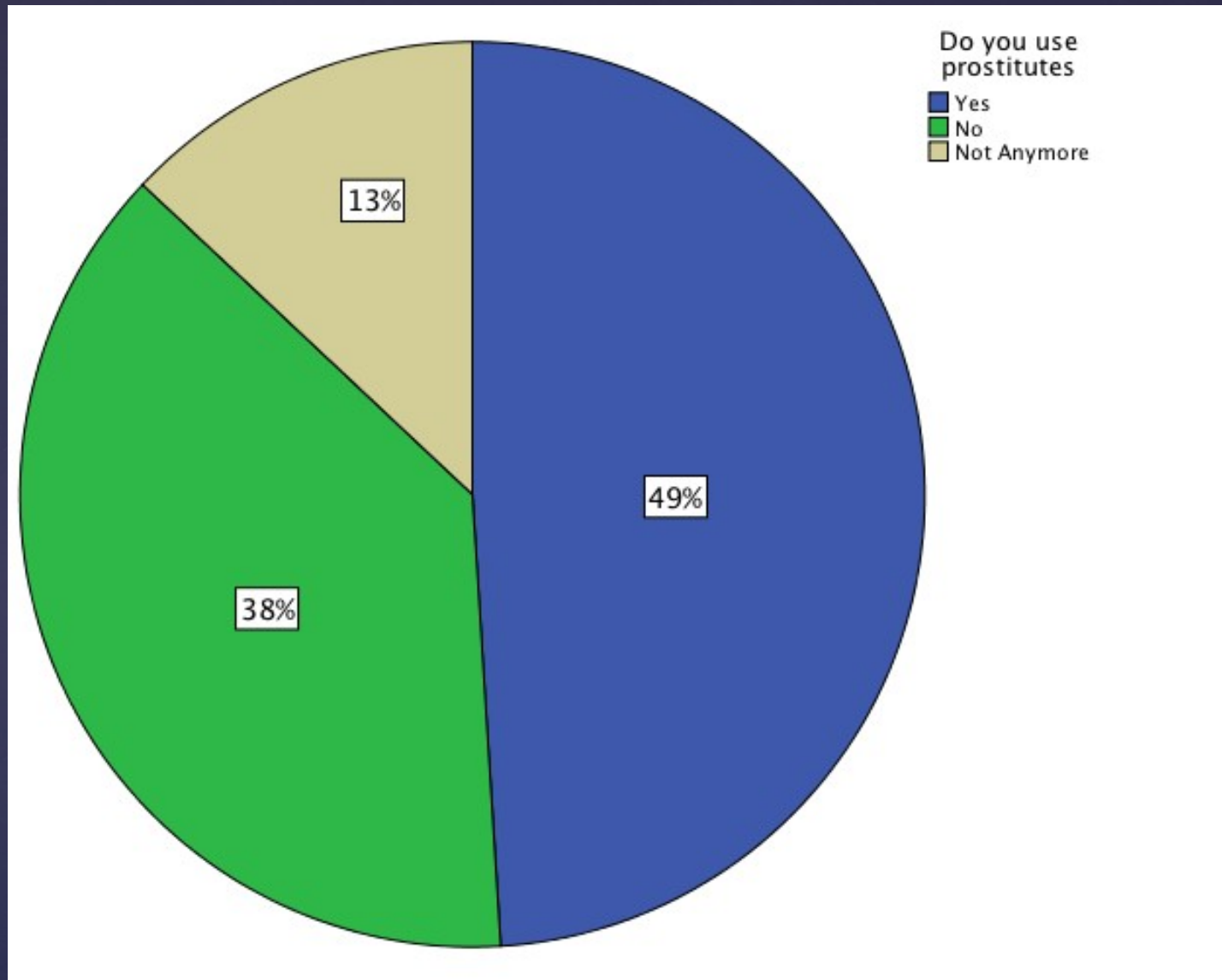
Country of Origin



Occupation and Income

- 18% of the foreign men were retired
- 24% of the Khmer men were University or Post-graduate students
- The majority of the Khmer men interviewed made \$100-500 per month
- The majority of the foreign men made over \$2,000 per month with the highest being over \$10,000

Do You Pay For Sex?



- Interviews were not stopped if the respondent had never paid for sex due to the understanding that they still held valuable information about their personal views towards the sex industry.

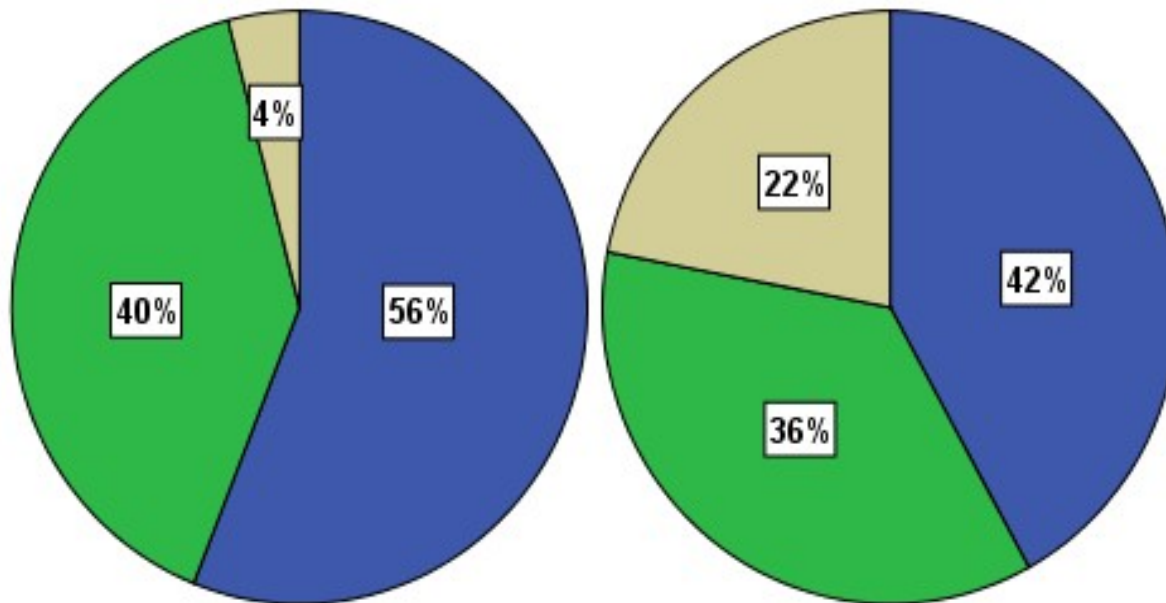
What is your nationality?

Khmer

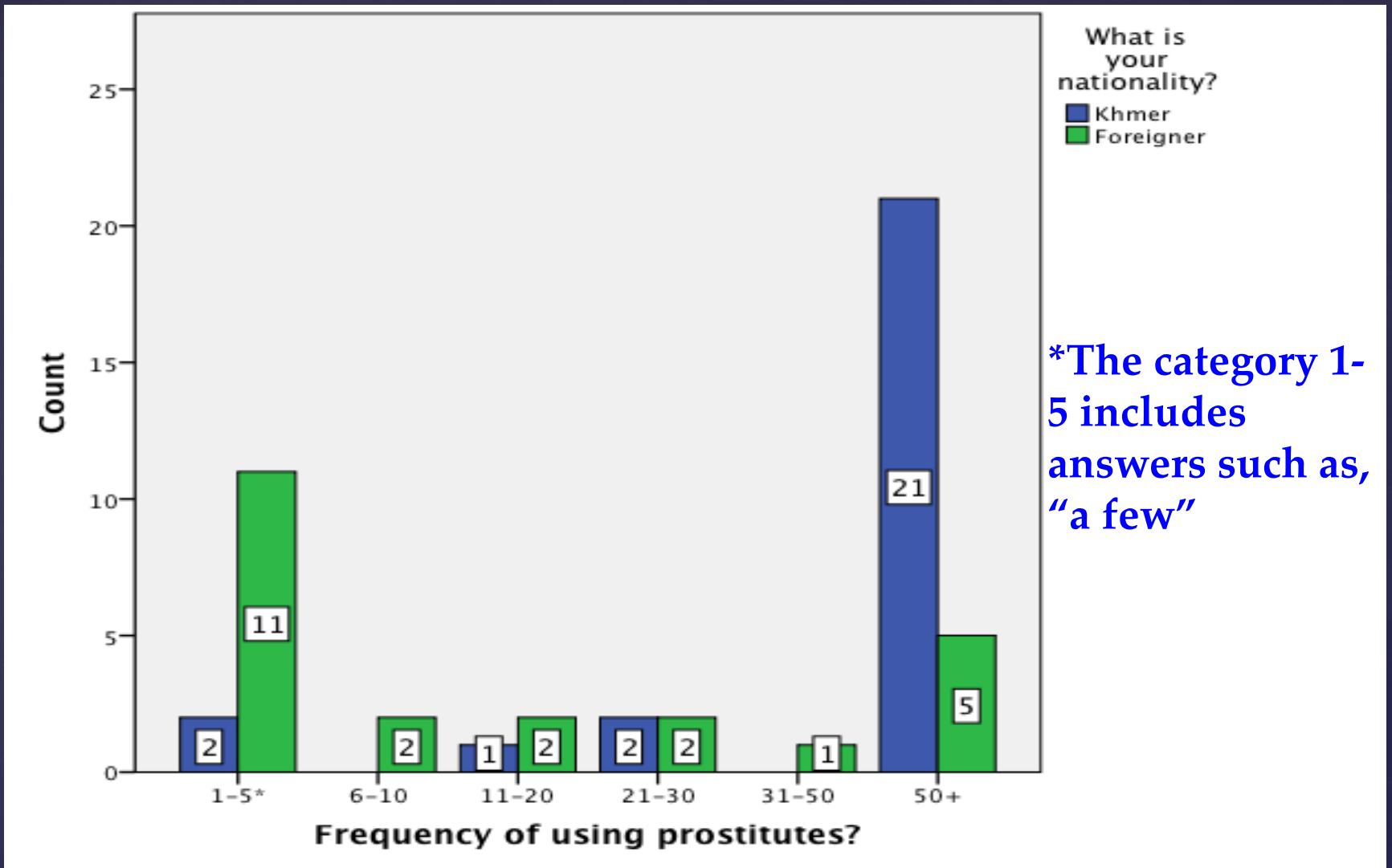
Foreigner

Do you use
prostitutes

- Yes
- No
- Not Anymore



Breakdown of Khmer and
foreigner prostitution use



How many times have the respondents paid for sex in their life?

Pros of Paying for Sex

Khmer:

- “It’s a release of sexual tension...after sleeping with a prostitute I don’t feel that sexual desire anymore”
- “It is normal for men [to pay for sex].”
- “I cannot buy love but I can buy sex!”

Foreigner:

- “If they happen [the sex worker] to meet a Westerner that will look after them...that’s like winning the jackpot!”
- “A lot of old guys here are very lonely.”
- “It’s a win-win situation for both. I have sex and I help her family.”

Cons of Paying for Sex

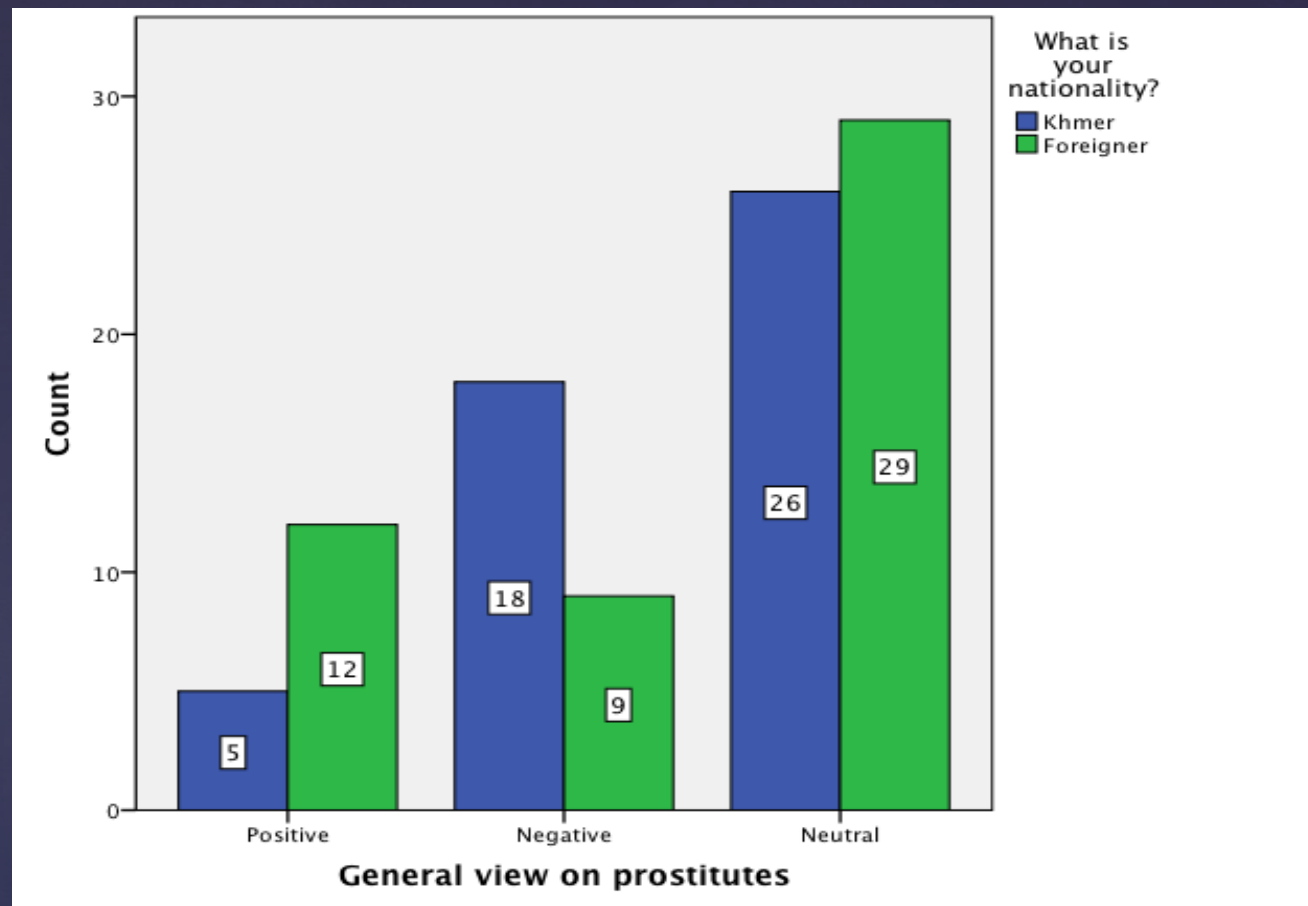
Khmer:

- “It’s a waste of time and money.”
- “I’m afraid of AIDS because my friend died of AIDS. I think about my children. I want to provide for them”
- “I understand how my wife would be heartbroken if I went [to a prostitute].”

Foreigner:

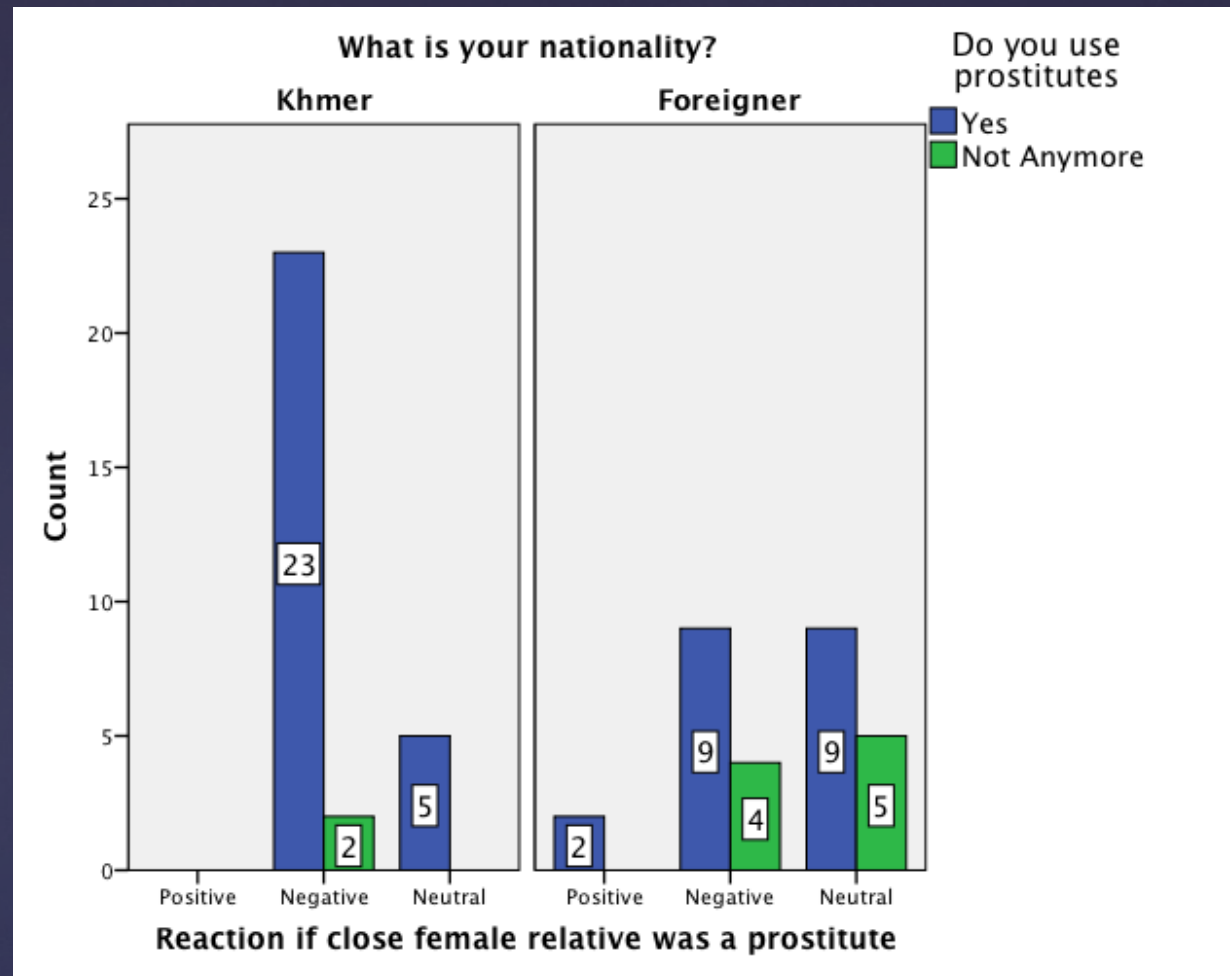
- “ It [prostitution] perpetuates human trafficking and sex slavery.”
- “The girls may not want to be doing it.”
- A common con given by foreigners was that women were forced into prostitution due to economic pressures and lack of opportunity

What is your general view of prostitution?



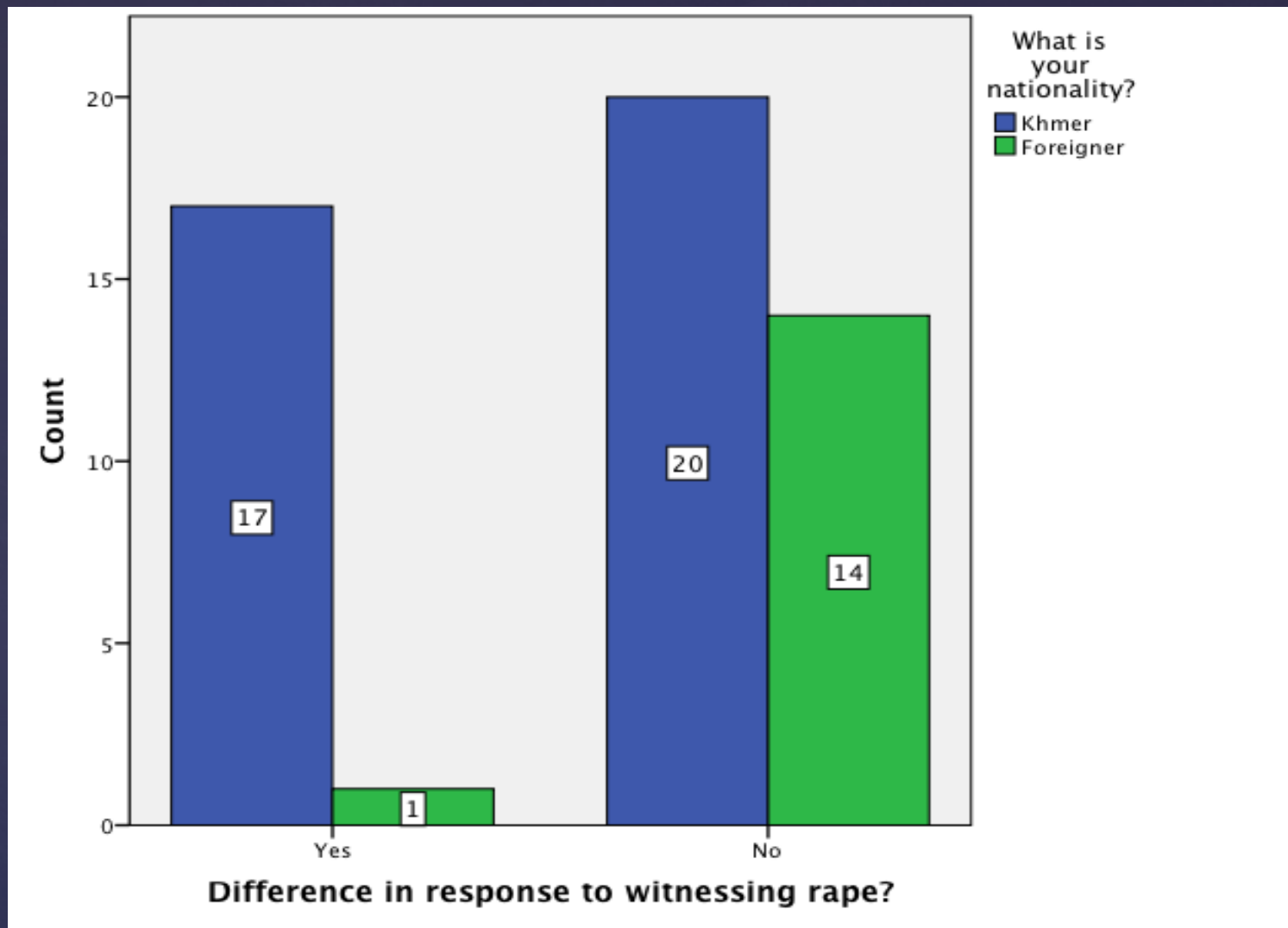
- The majority of the respondents had a neutral view of prostitution.
- All of the Khmer men who saw prostitution as positive were currently paying for sex.
- 17% of the foreign men interviewed who had never paid for sex found prostitution to be positive.

Relatives Prostituting themselves



- 77% of the Khmer men who currently pay for sex responded that they would react negatively if a close female relative was prostituting herself.
- “ ‘Normal’ Khmer girls are timid. Prostitutes like to talk about sex all the time.”

Is there a difference when a prostitute and a non-prostitute is raped?



“It’s different. It’s *normal* for prostitutes to be raped. It’s *wrong* for ‘normal’ women to be raped.”

Relationships with Prostitutes

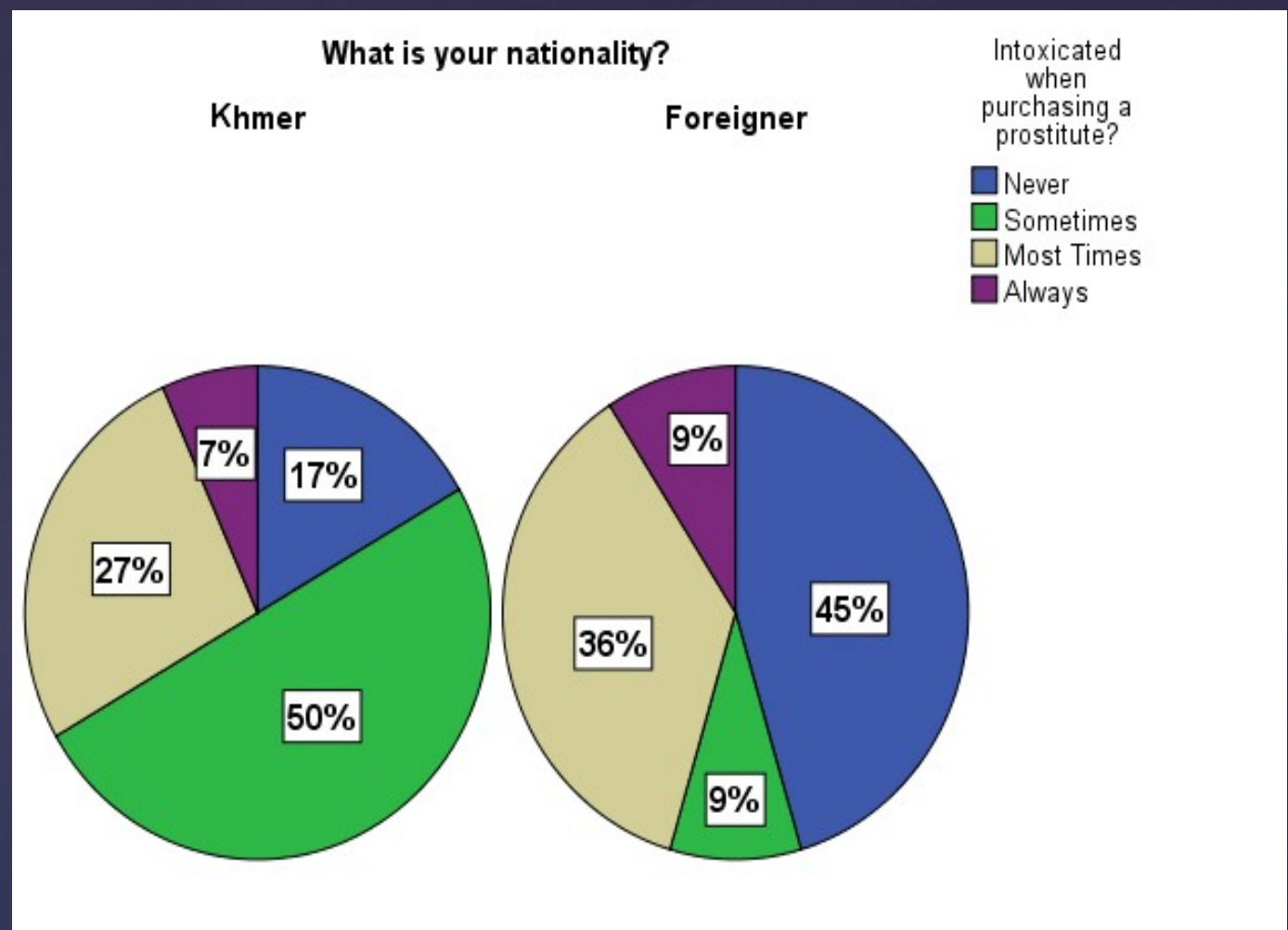
Out of 62 respondents who currently or have paid for sex in the past, 50% have also formed a romantic relationship with a prostitute.

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- “Prostitutes here are more like girlfriends.”
- “I had a girlfriend for two years. She was ‘kind-of’ a prostitute because she didn’t choose everybody.”

~verses~

- “I don’t want to [have a relationship with a prostitute]. It’s just a tension release. 90% of the time I go to different prostitutes and different guesthouses.”

How often are you intoxicated when purchasing sex?



- It was expected by the researchers that there would be a strong correlation between alcohol consumption and paying for sex. These results appear to indicate otherwise.

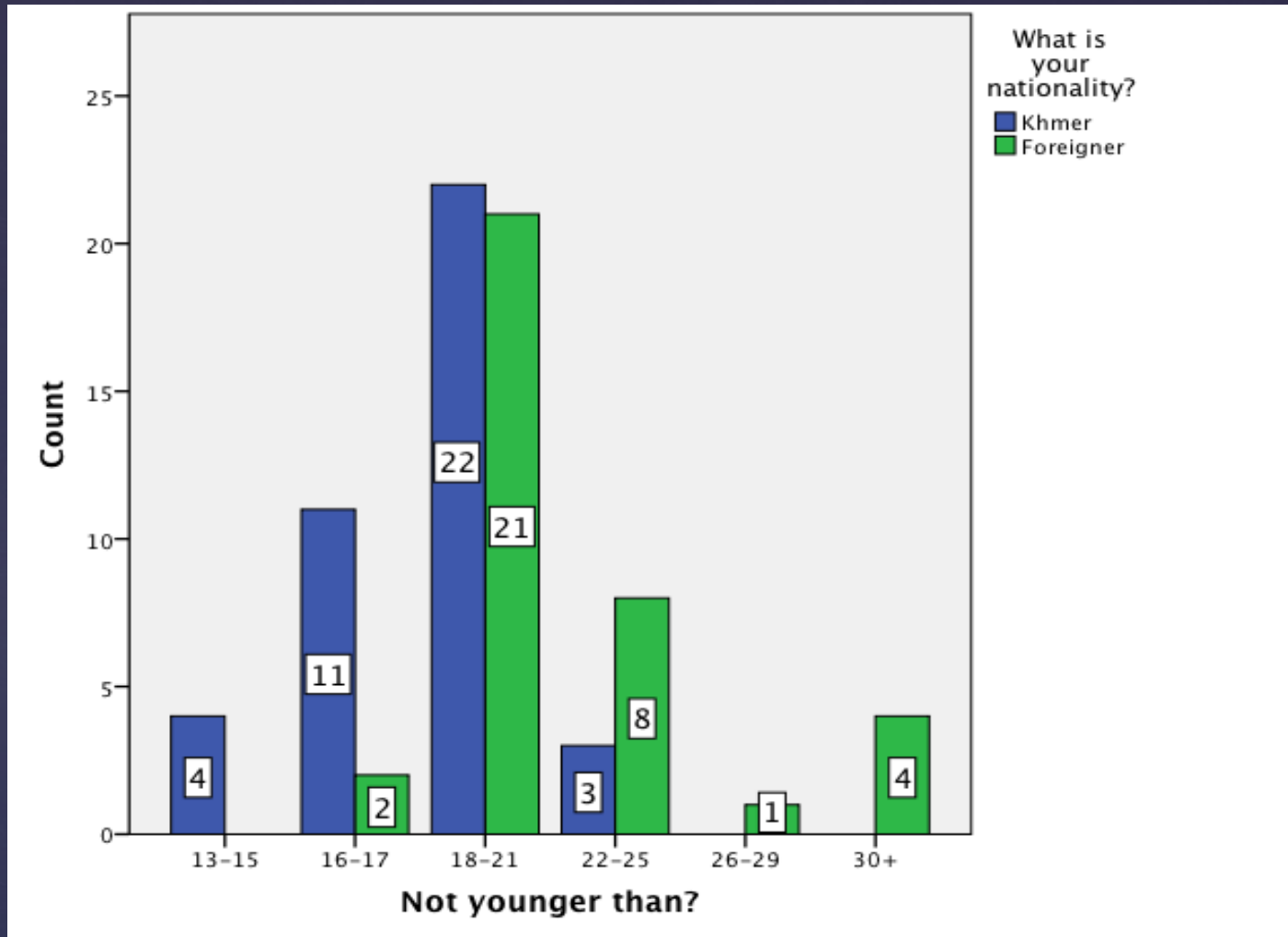
Correlation Between Pornography and Prostitution

- 53% of the Khmer respondents reported that pornography has an influence on their prostitution habits.

Khmer respondent:

- “[Porn makes me] understand more about sex and techniques, and makes me feel like wanting a prostitute.”

Age Limitations and Sex involving Minors



- 48% of the Khmer respondents said that they prefer virgin pornography.
- 19 (14 were foreigners) of the participants reported that they had been offered a minor for sex. Most of these men said that the propositions were made by Tuk-Tuk drivers.
- “An aunt would present her niece to you on the riverside.”

Case Studies

Ray

- Mid-30's American on vacation in SE Asia for less than a month.
- Claims he is not a sex tourist.
- Has paid for sex every night since his arrival in the region, paying \$20-25 to each girl.
- Wants to find a 'good' Khmer girl to be his wife, but in the meantime is paying for sex to satiate his day-to-day urges.

Thea

- A 45 year old Christian man who gave himself a '10 out of 10' when asked about his own perception of his self-value, saying "A man needs to give value to himself."
- He is married with children
- Thea claims he has paid for sex 500-600 times in his life and gives about \$5.
- He typically likes to have sex with girls who are 21 or 22 and does not like to have sex with the same girl so that there are no strings attached.
- He visits these women at their family's home in Phnom Penh.

Recommendations

- A more thorough and open sexual education curriculum and dialogue within school systems and other public forums within the Cambodian society.
- The Royal Cambodian Government-Ministry of the Interior should research the paradigm the Swedish government adopted in 1999 strengthening the penalties against those who *purchase* sexual services.
- Companies hiring foreigners to work in Cambodia and the tourist hospitality industry should provide specific training and educational tools about sexual exploitation and how these individuals can prevent its perpetuation during their time in the country.



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