

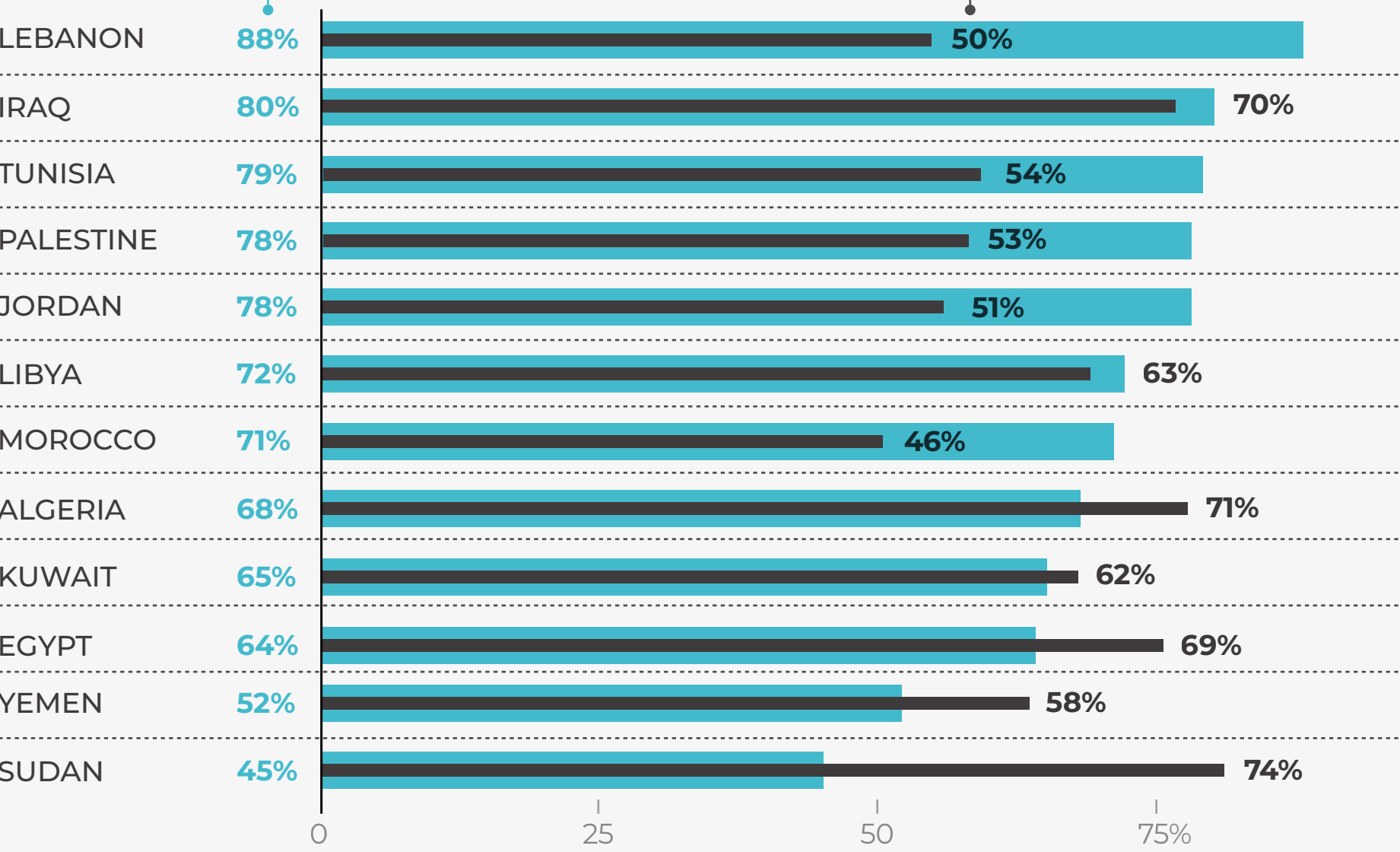
What Arabs think about the status of women in society

Opinions regarding women's rights and their roles in society are progressing unevenly in MENA. While Arabs are more approving of women's right to education, work and holding political office, there is far from universal agreement that women should have equal rights in all areas.

A LIMITED WILLINGNESS TO HAVE EQUAL ROLES

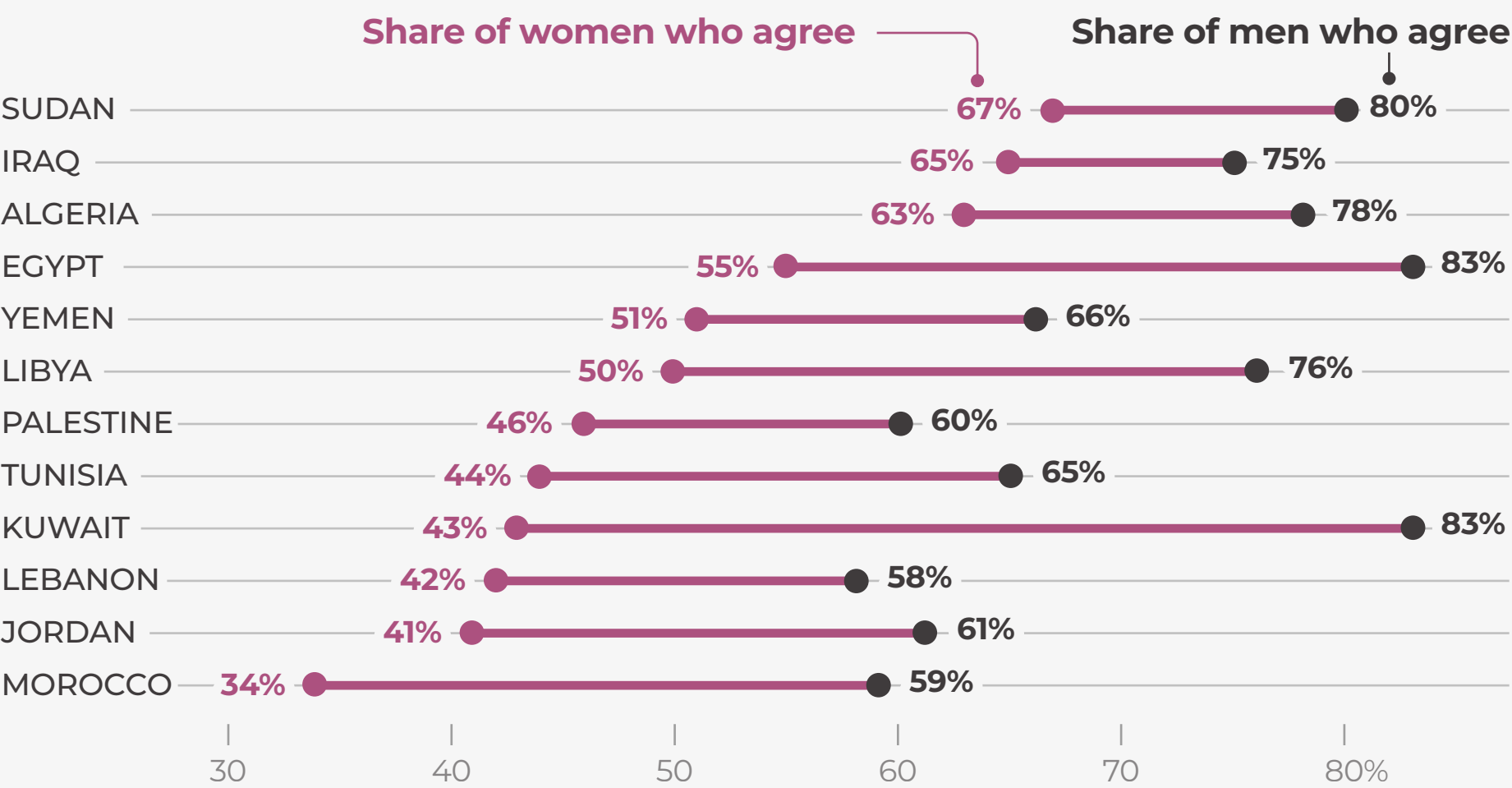
While in most countries a majority support an equal right to divorce for women ...

... around the same margin say that husbands, rather than wives, should always have the final say on family decisions.



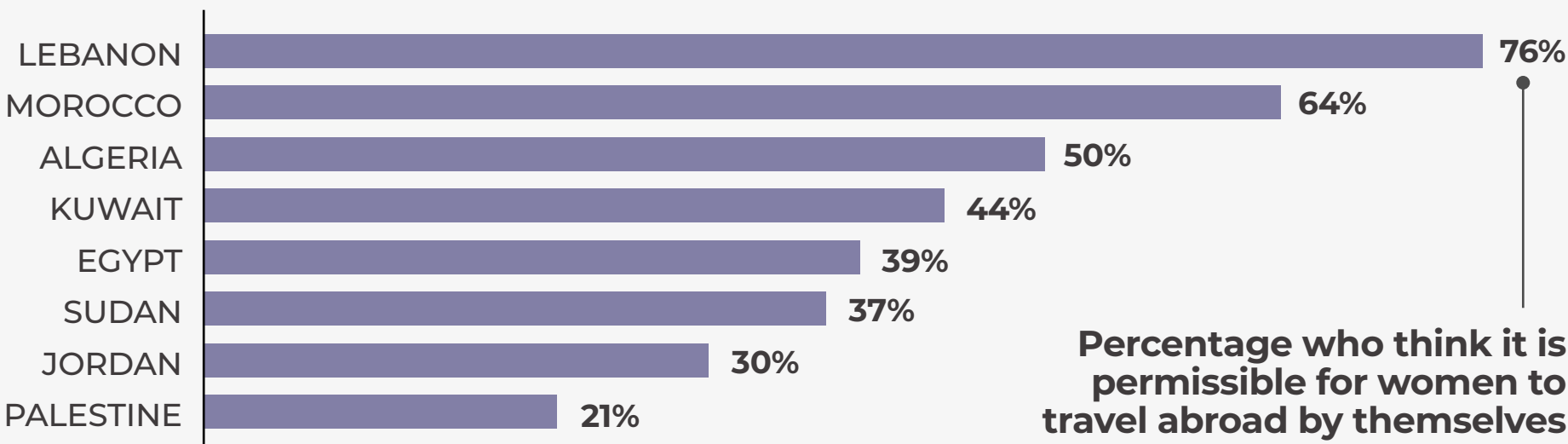
MANY WOMEN AGREE THEIR HUSBANDS SHOULD HAVE THE FINAL SAY

Traditional gender roles continue to constrain Arab women's autonomy in household decision-making.



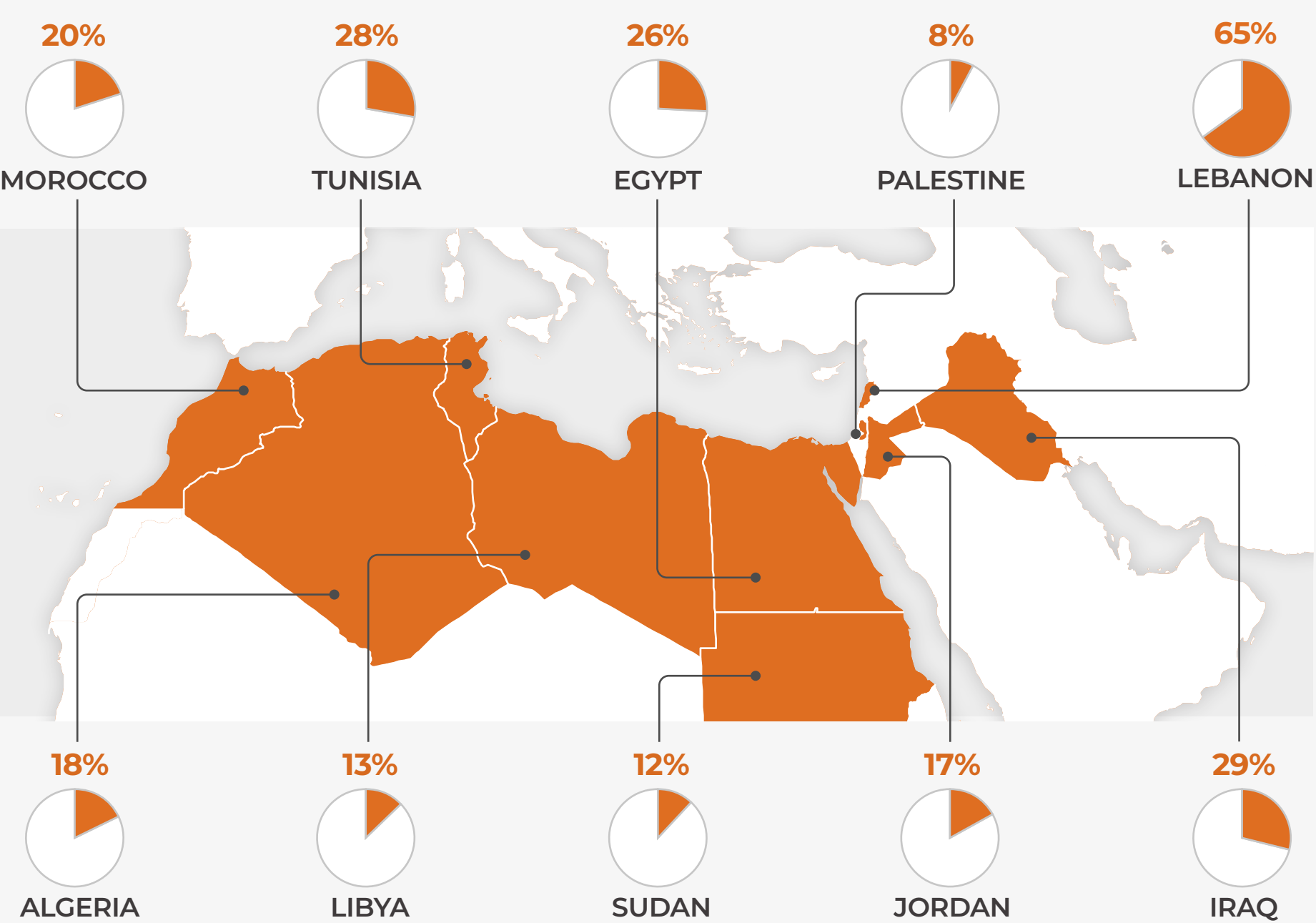
MOST THINK TRAVELING INDEPENDENTLY IS NOT AN OPTION FOR WOMEN

In a majority of countries surveyed, a minority say it is permissible for a woman to travel abroad by herself.



LIMITED SUPPORT FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN SHARE OF INHERITANCE

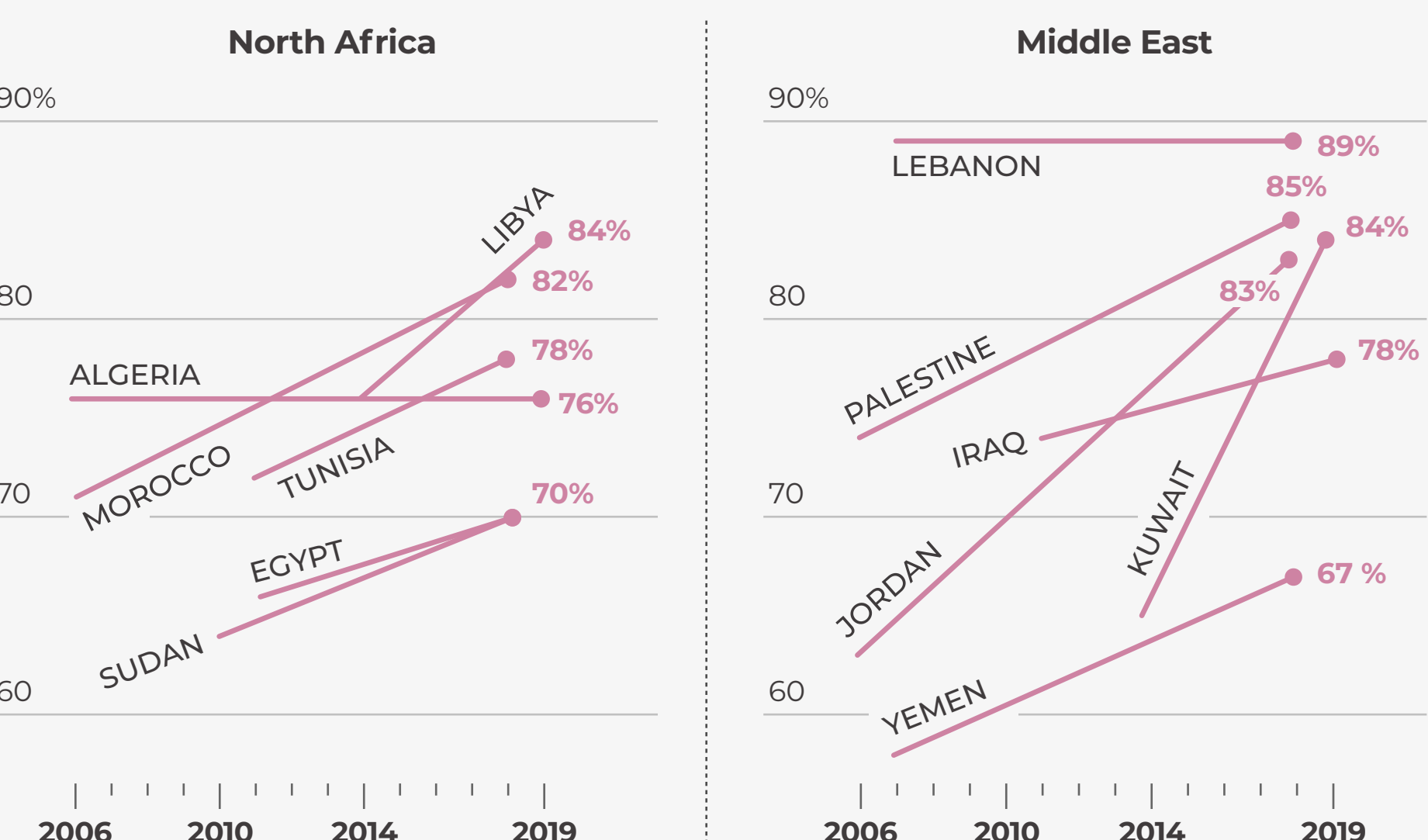
People who think women's share of inheritance should be equal to men's



PROGRESS SEEN IN OPINIONS ON RIGHT-TO-EDUCATION

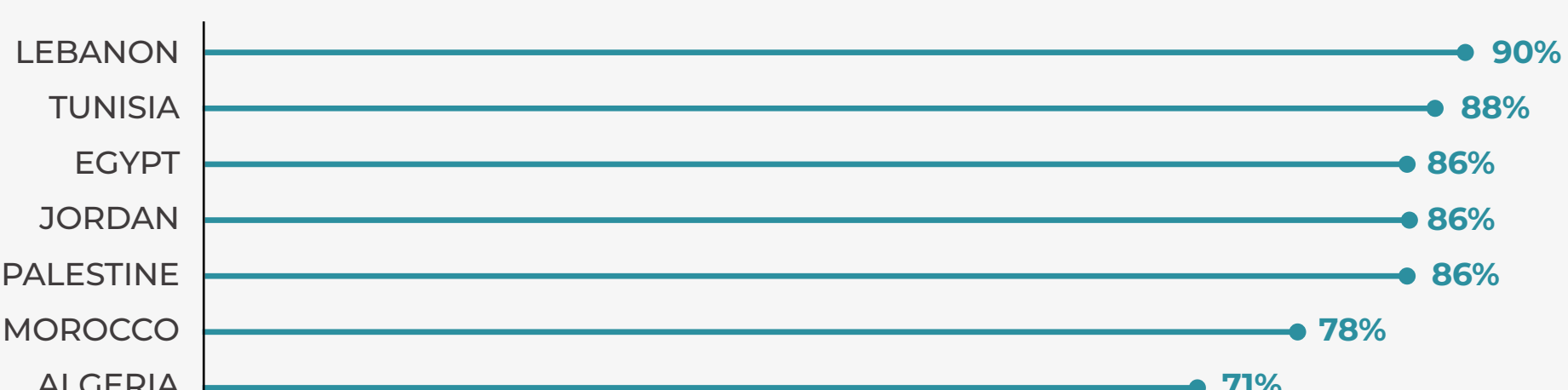
Relatively few say that university education is more important for a man than a woman and progress has been made in the past decade.

● Respondents who disagree with the notion that university education is more important for a man than a woman



A MAJORITY AGREE ON WOMEN'S RIGHT TO WORK

Respondents who agree a married woman can work outside the home



*RIGHT TO WORK DATA FROM ARAB BAROMETER, 2016-2017