

Advocacy, policy and support on male sexualities

Male intergenerational sexual relations in contemporary South Asia

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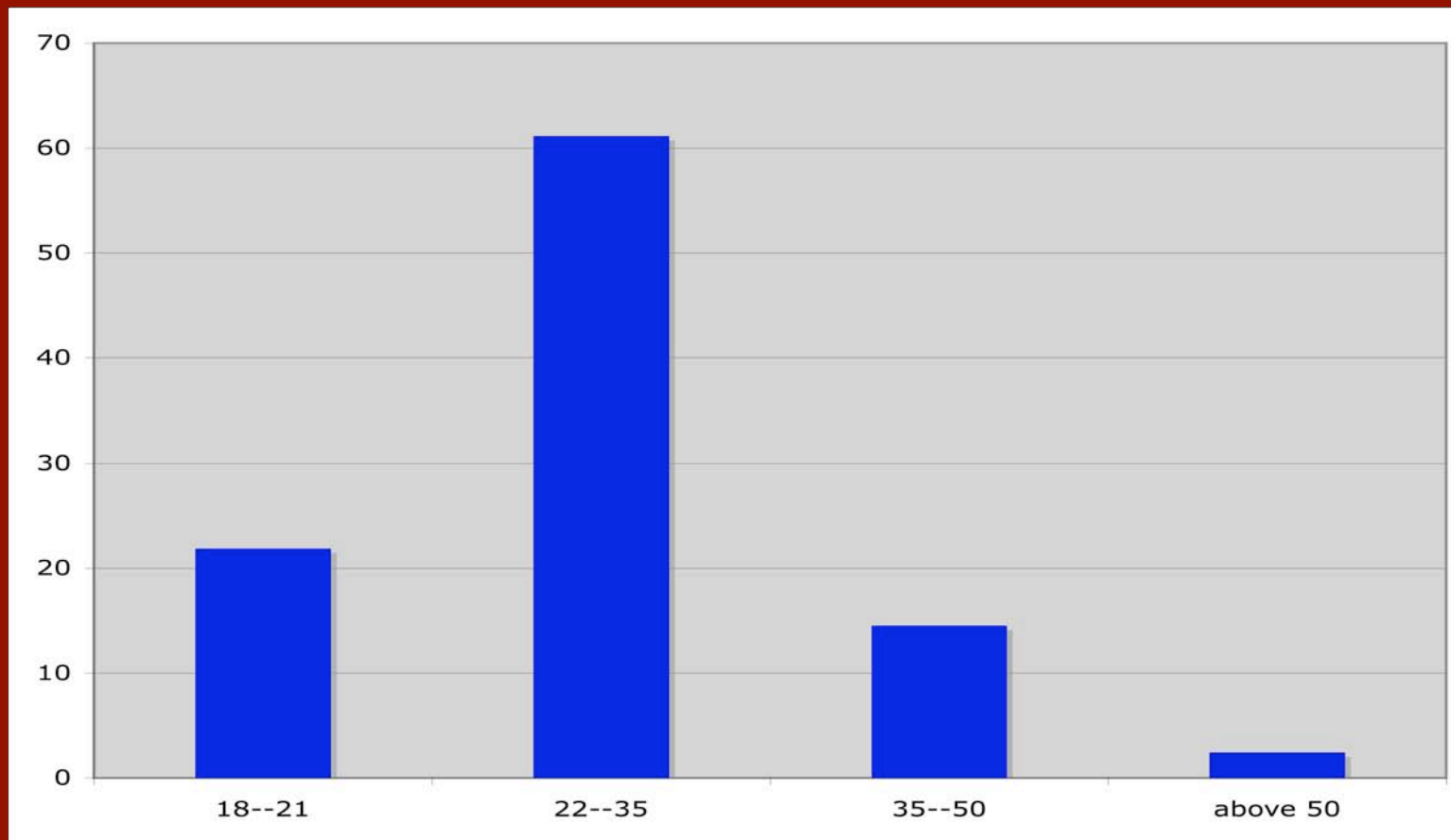
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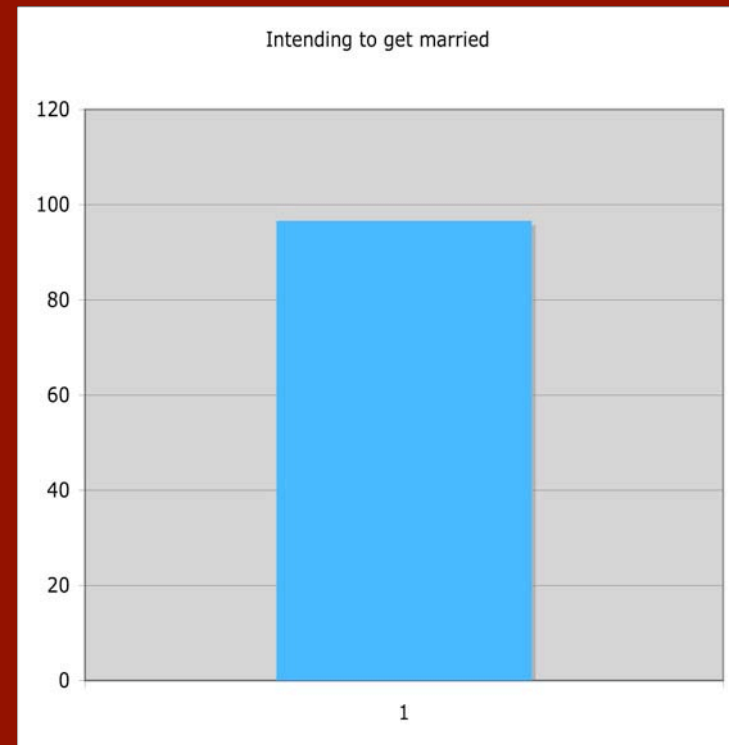
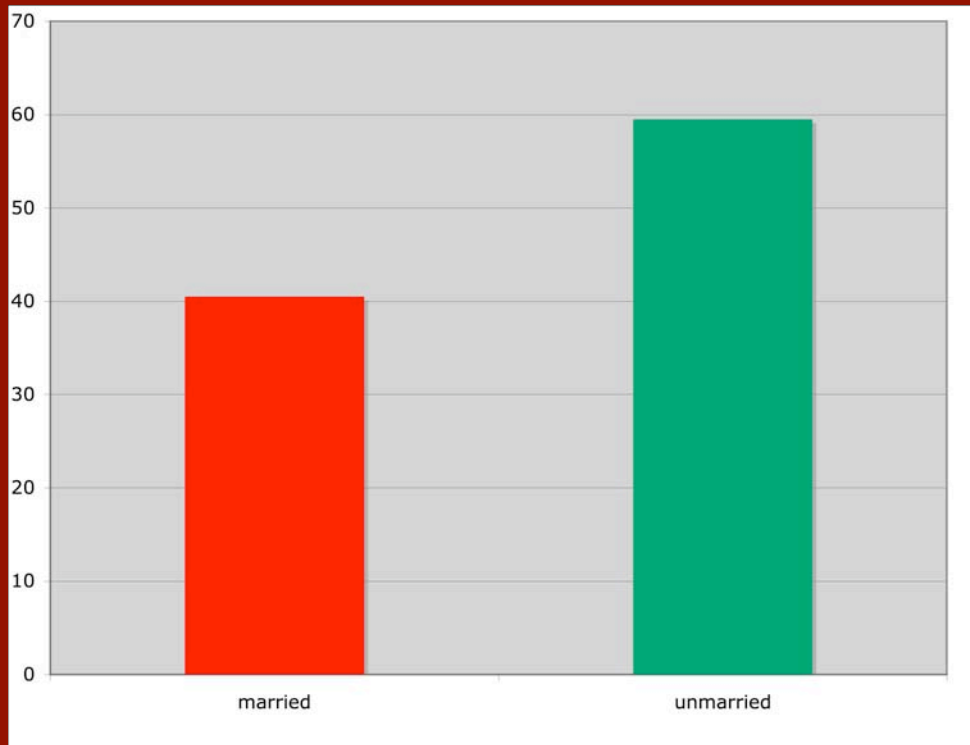
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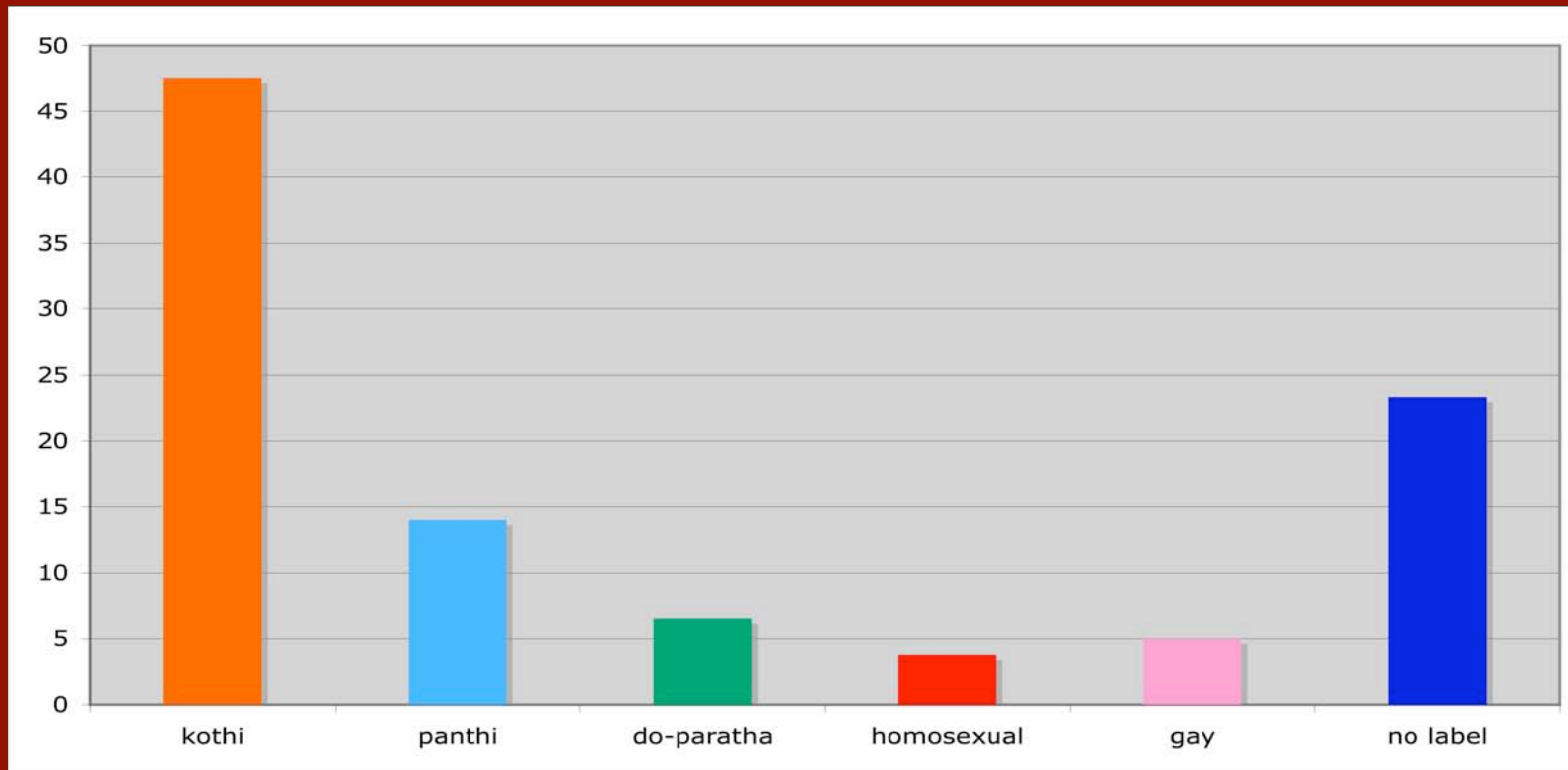
Age of respondents



Marital status



Self-identities



Femininity and male-male desire



Self-identified as *zenanas* in Afghanistan and Pakistan and *kothis* in India and Bangladesh

Beyond this are hijras - but that is another story.

Masculinities of male-male desire



“Real men” labelled as *panthis* or *giryas* by *kothis* and *zenanas* - they perceive themselves as men because they penetrate. They maintain their masculinities because their male sex partners are “not men”

Do-paratha

A label used by kothis to define those males/men who penetrate and get penetrated

Chapati-chapati

A label used by kothis to define those kothis/zenanas who have sex with each other

Both these sub-populations are stigmatised by kothis. As kothis have said

Why should men have sex with men? We are here for them.

A sexual trinity

Men

not-men

females/women



Boys are not men

A beardless youth - a *halekon* -
in Afghanistan

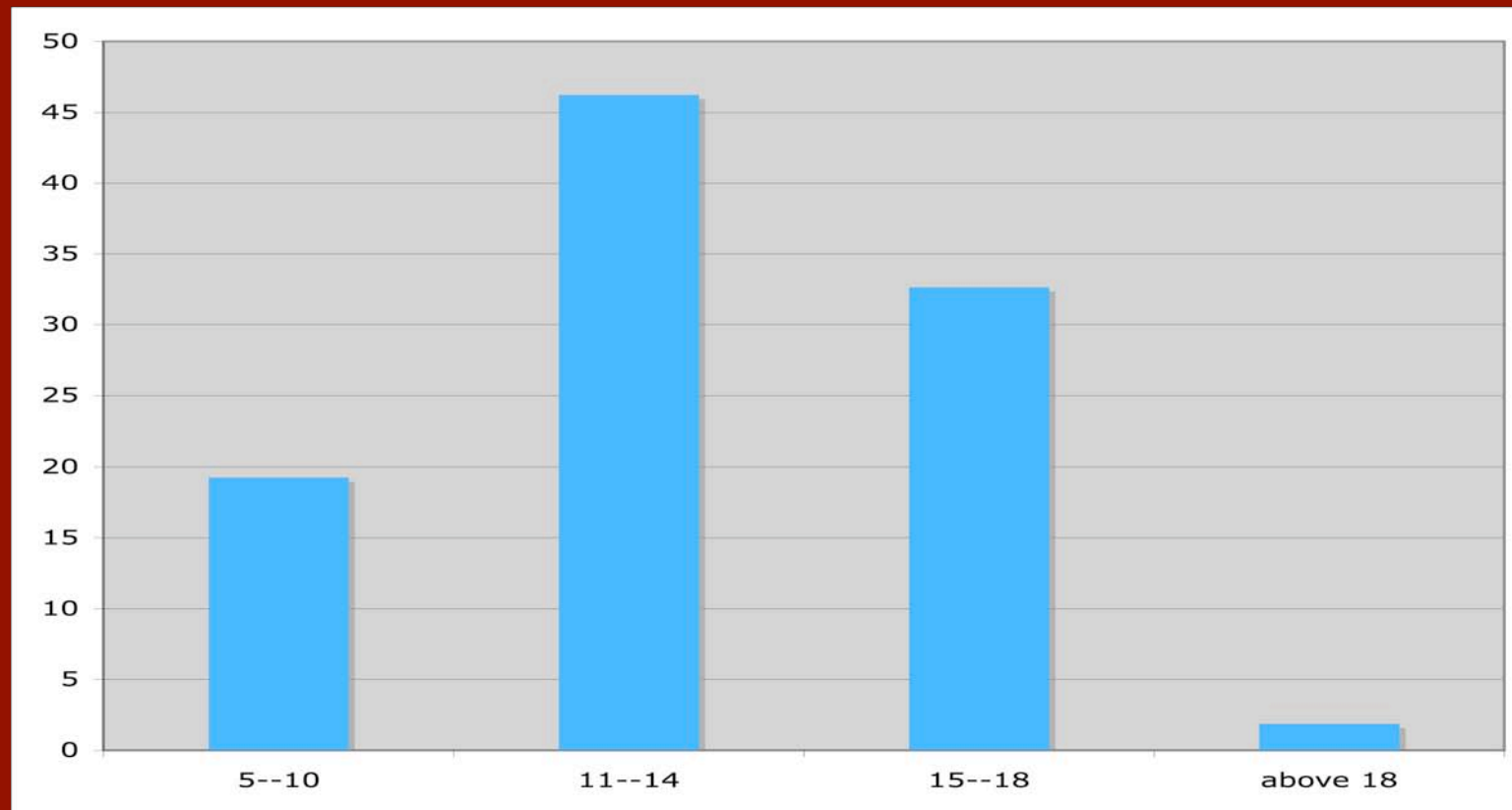
Framework of male-male sexualities and practices

- **“Beardless youth” are not men**
- **Receptive male partners are not men**

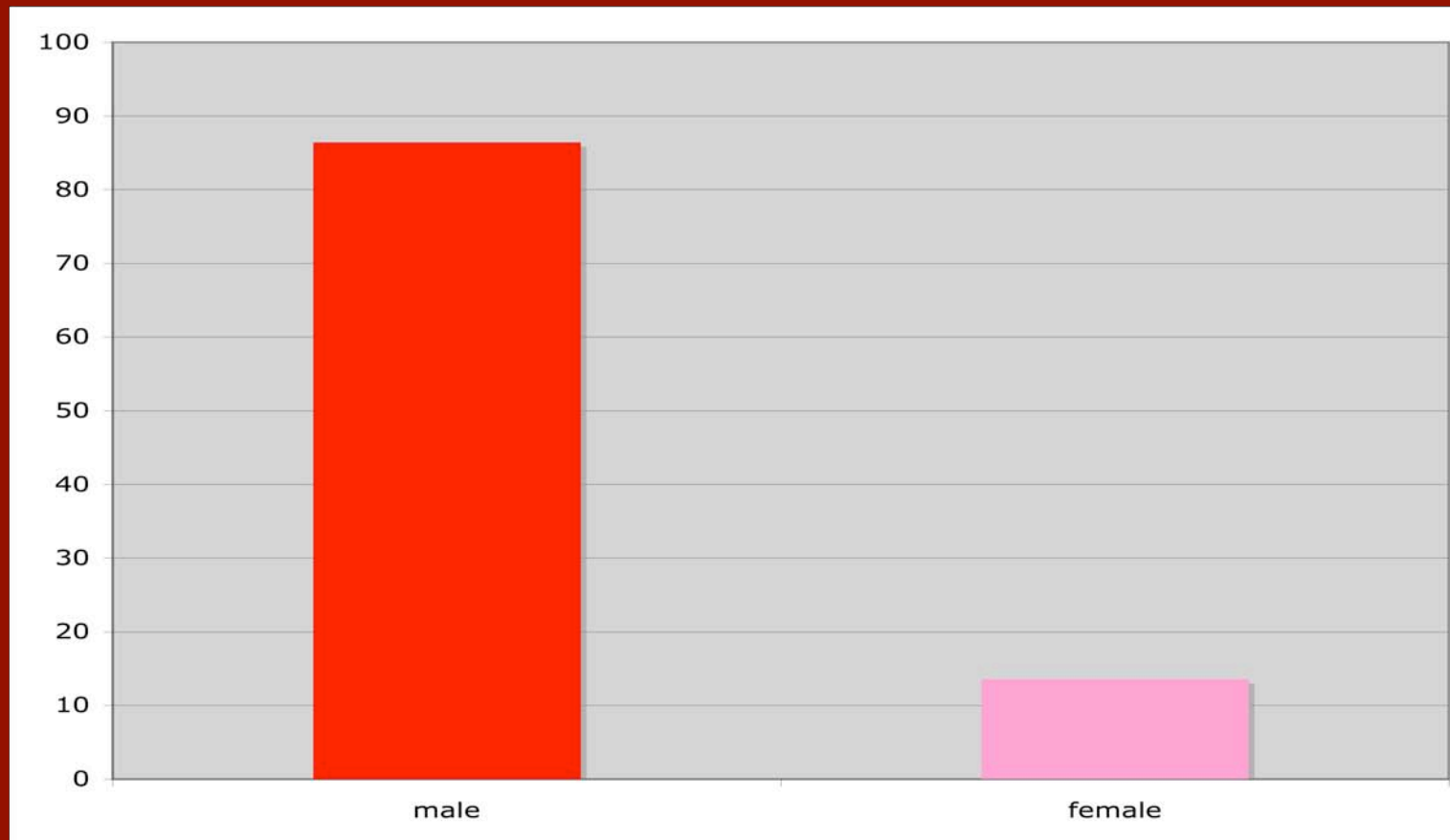
Masti

Non-vaginal sex is “not real sex” - it is “mischief”

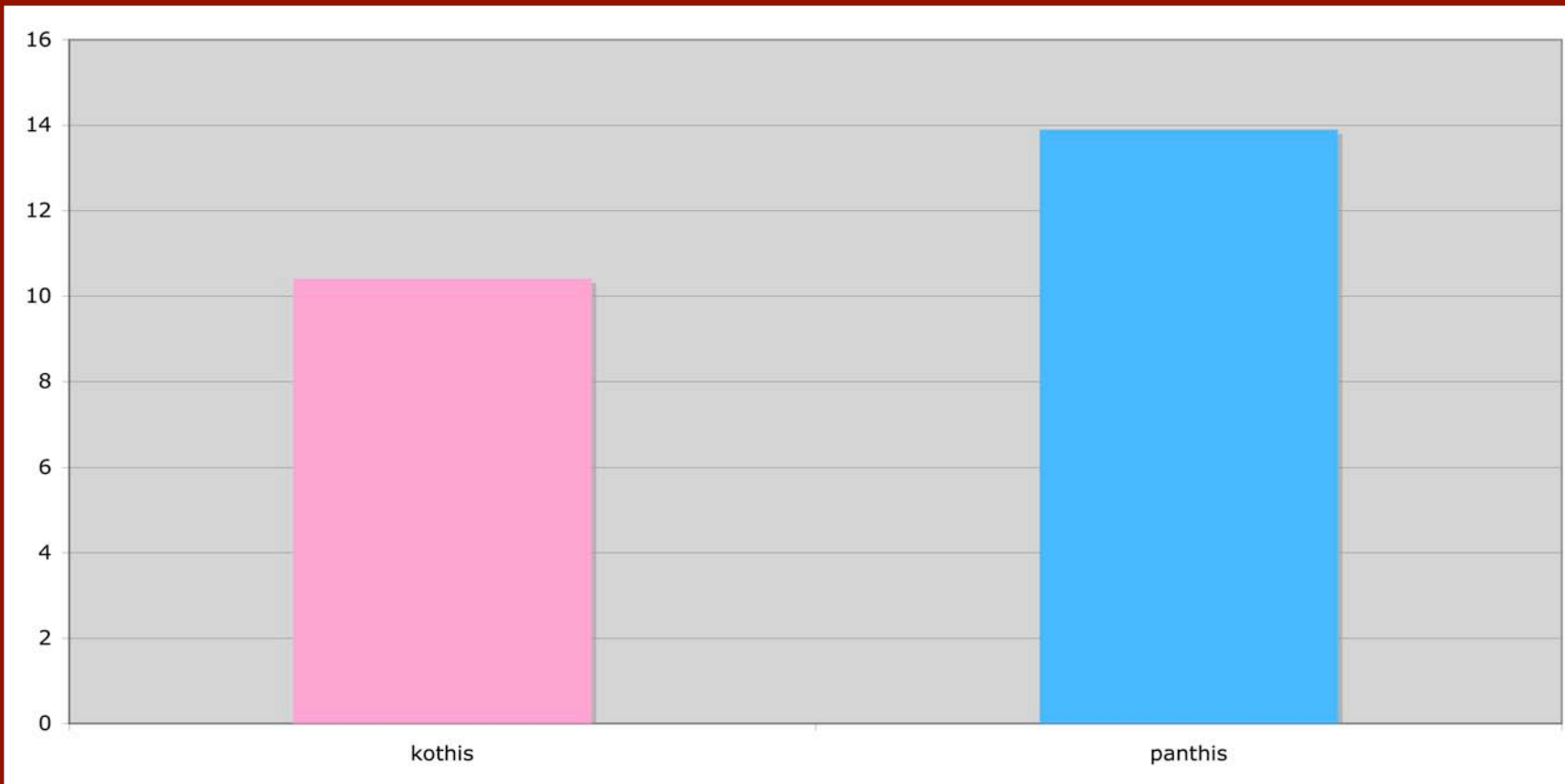
Age of first sex encounter



Gender of first sex partner



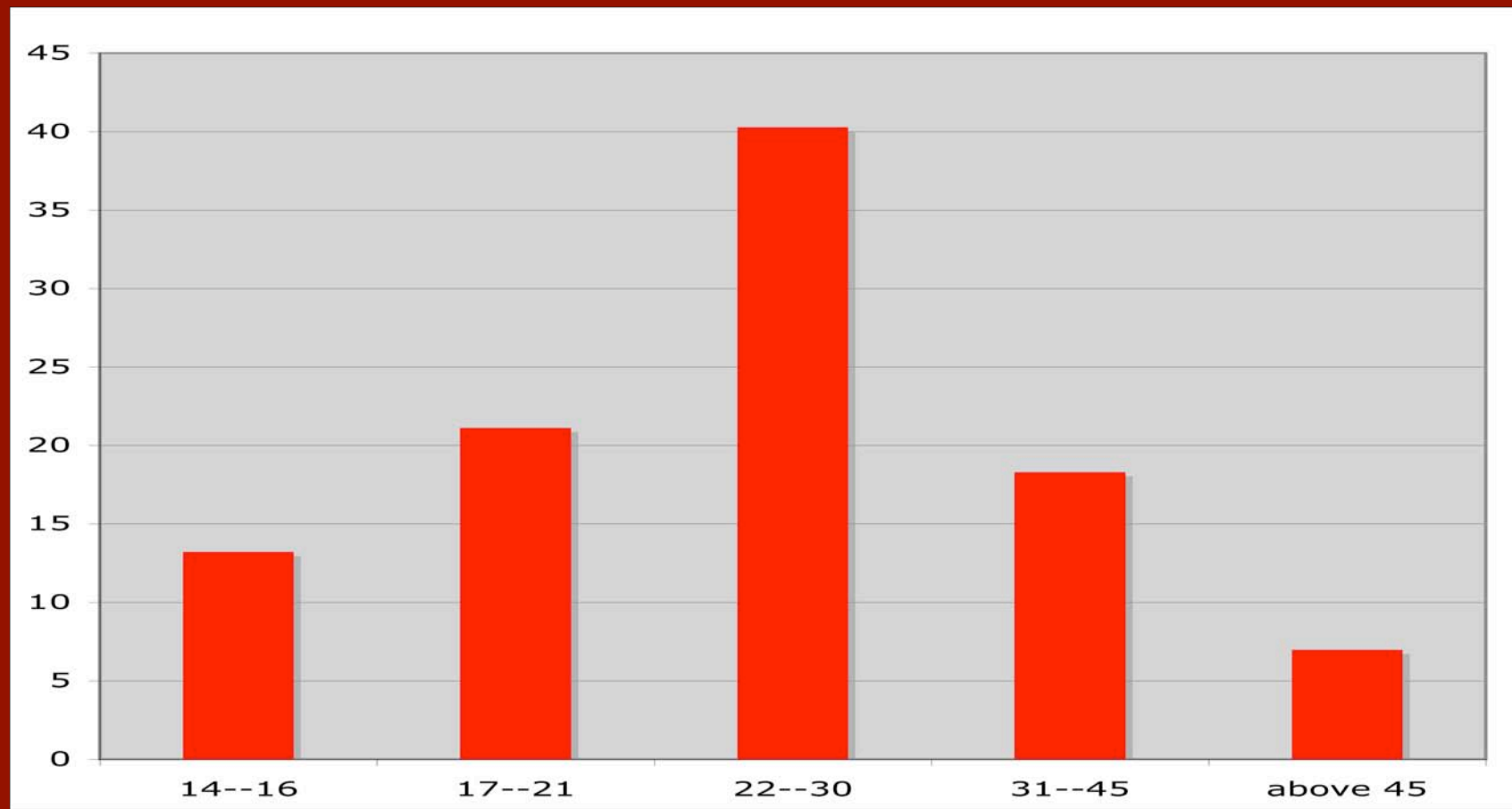
Age of first sex by labelling



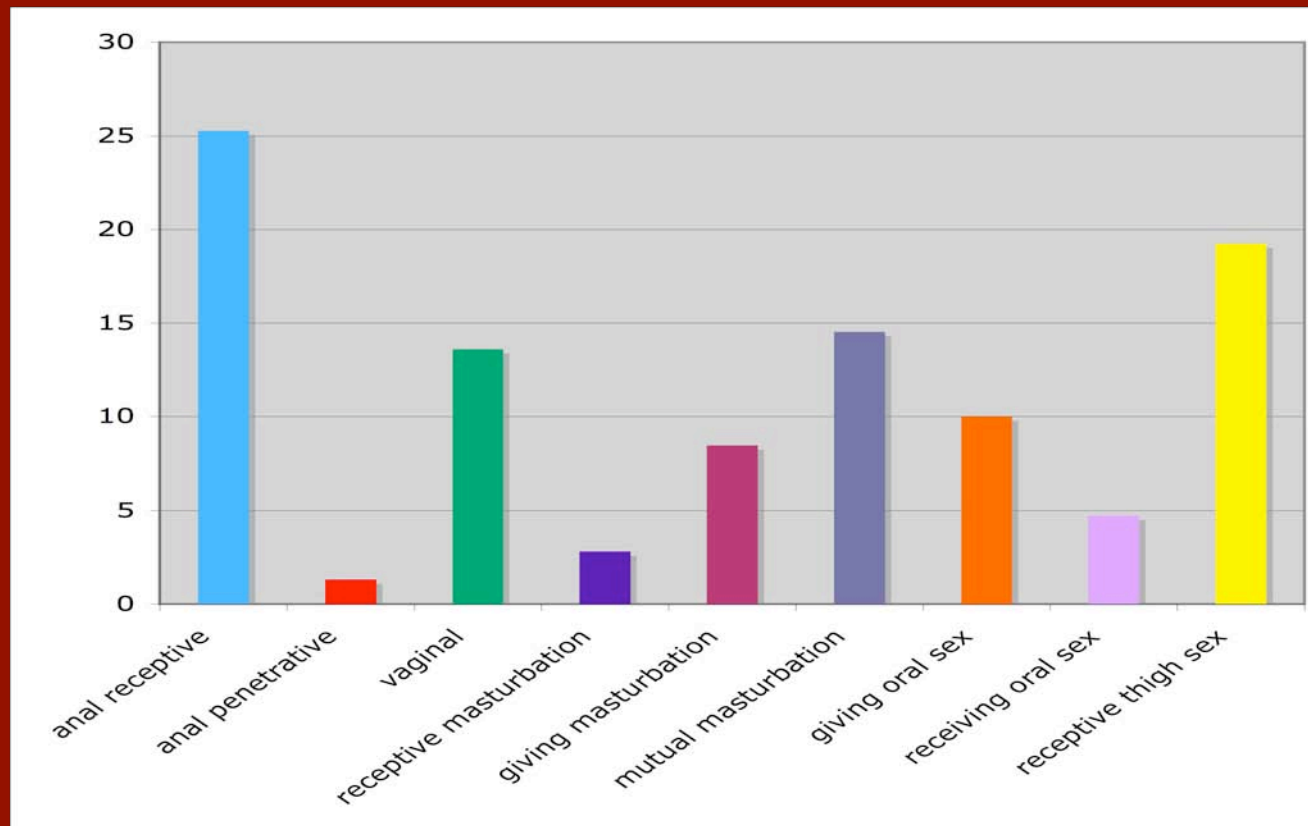


Learning to be a kothi

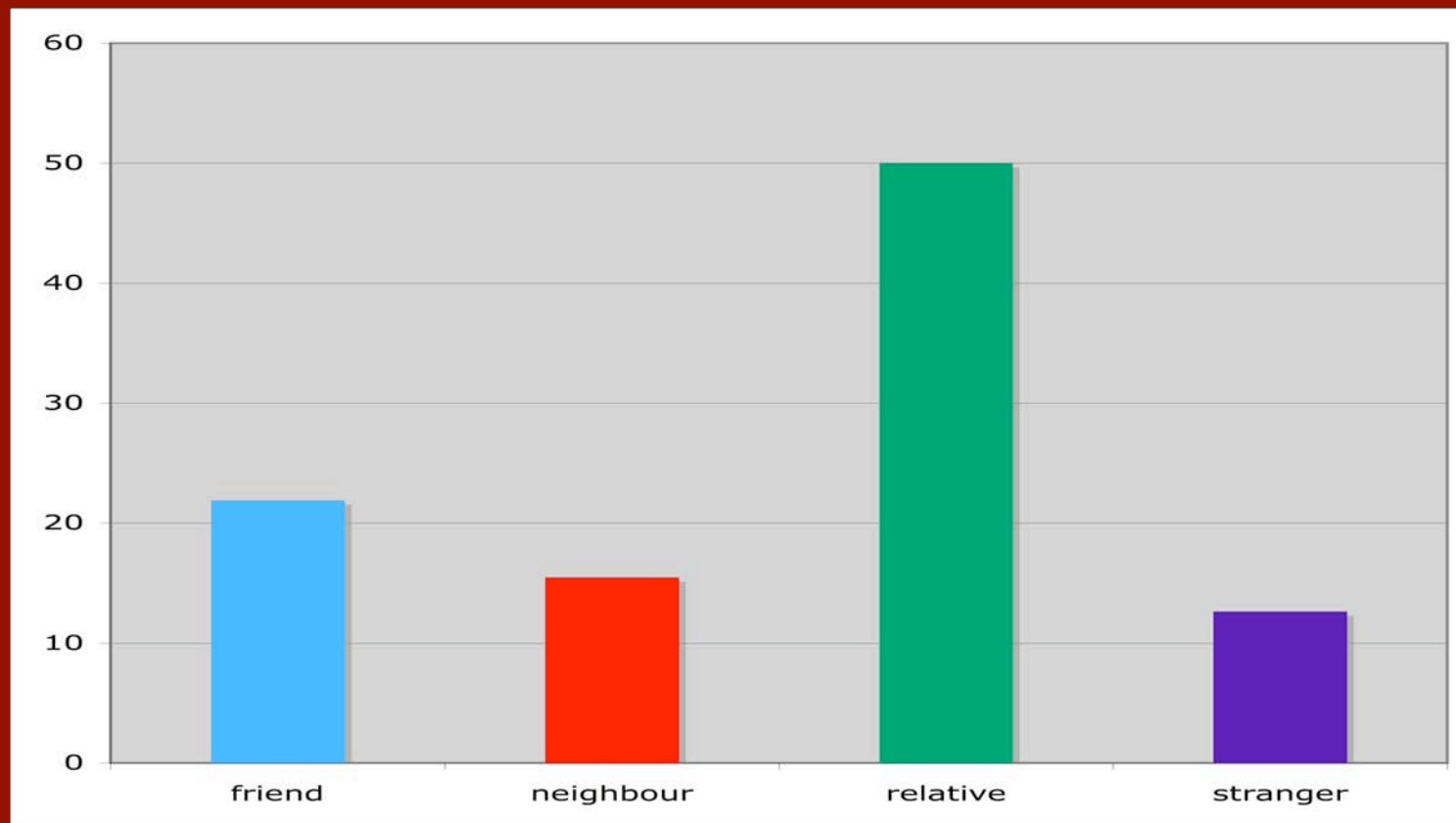
Age of first sex partner



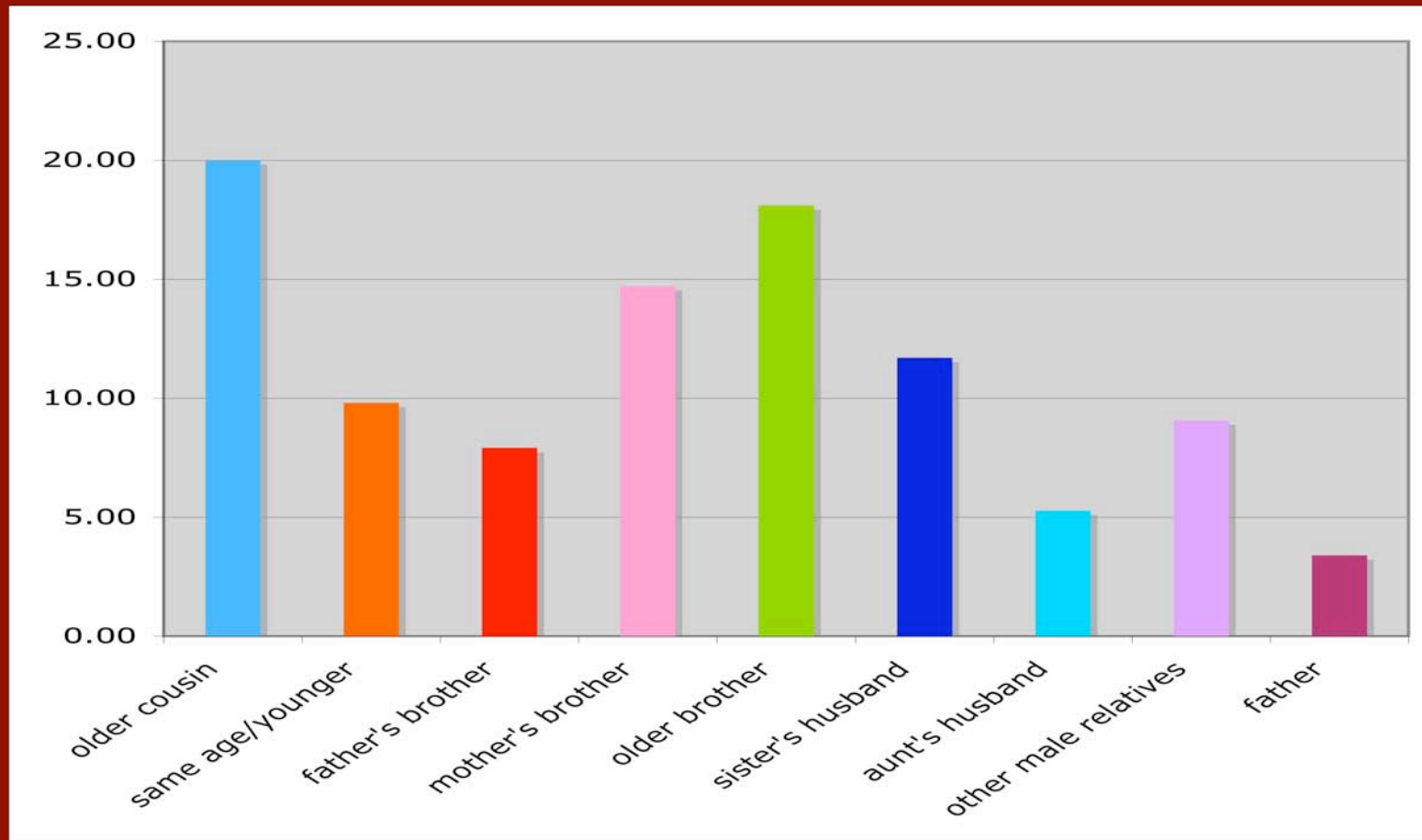
First sex act



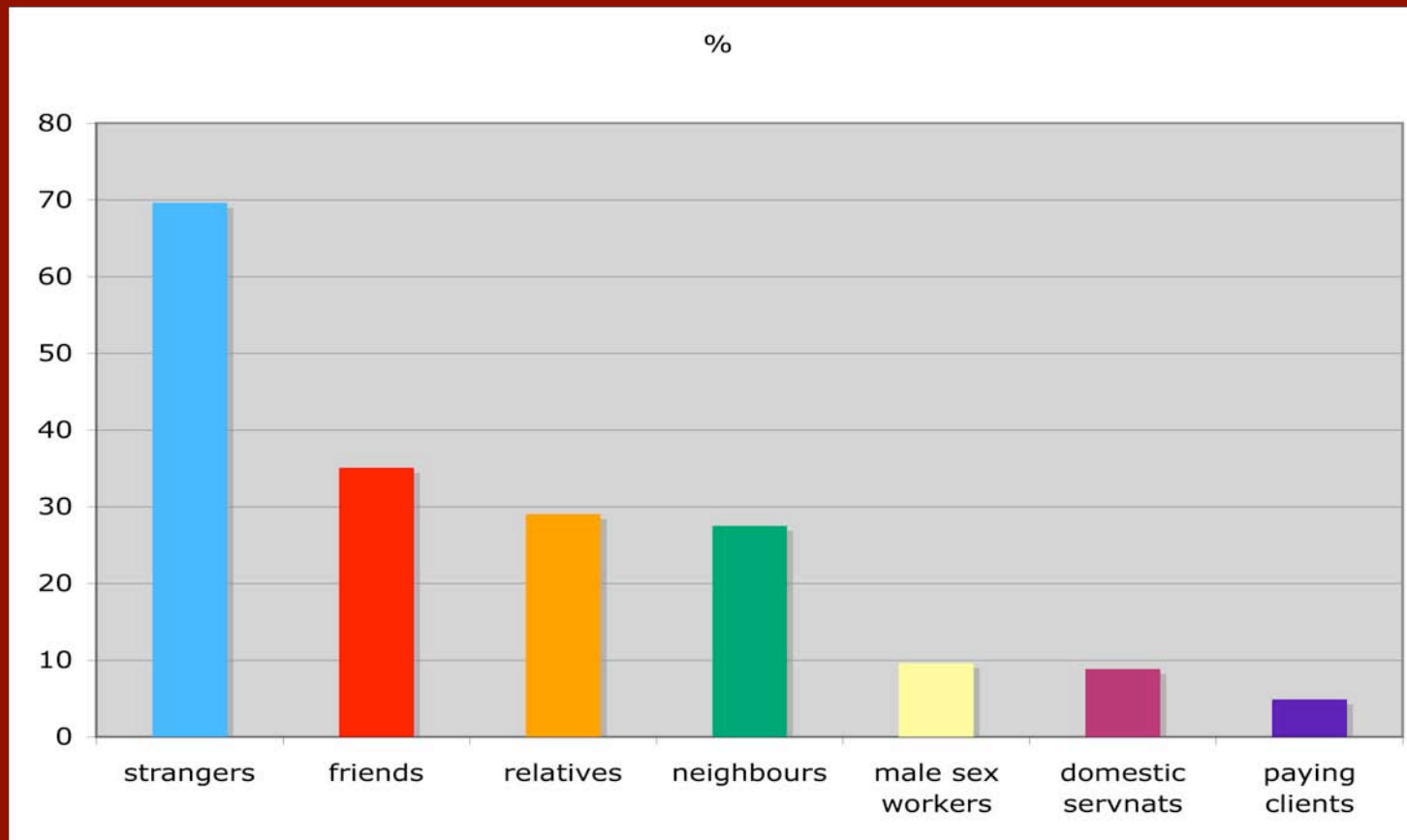
Relation to first sex partner



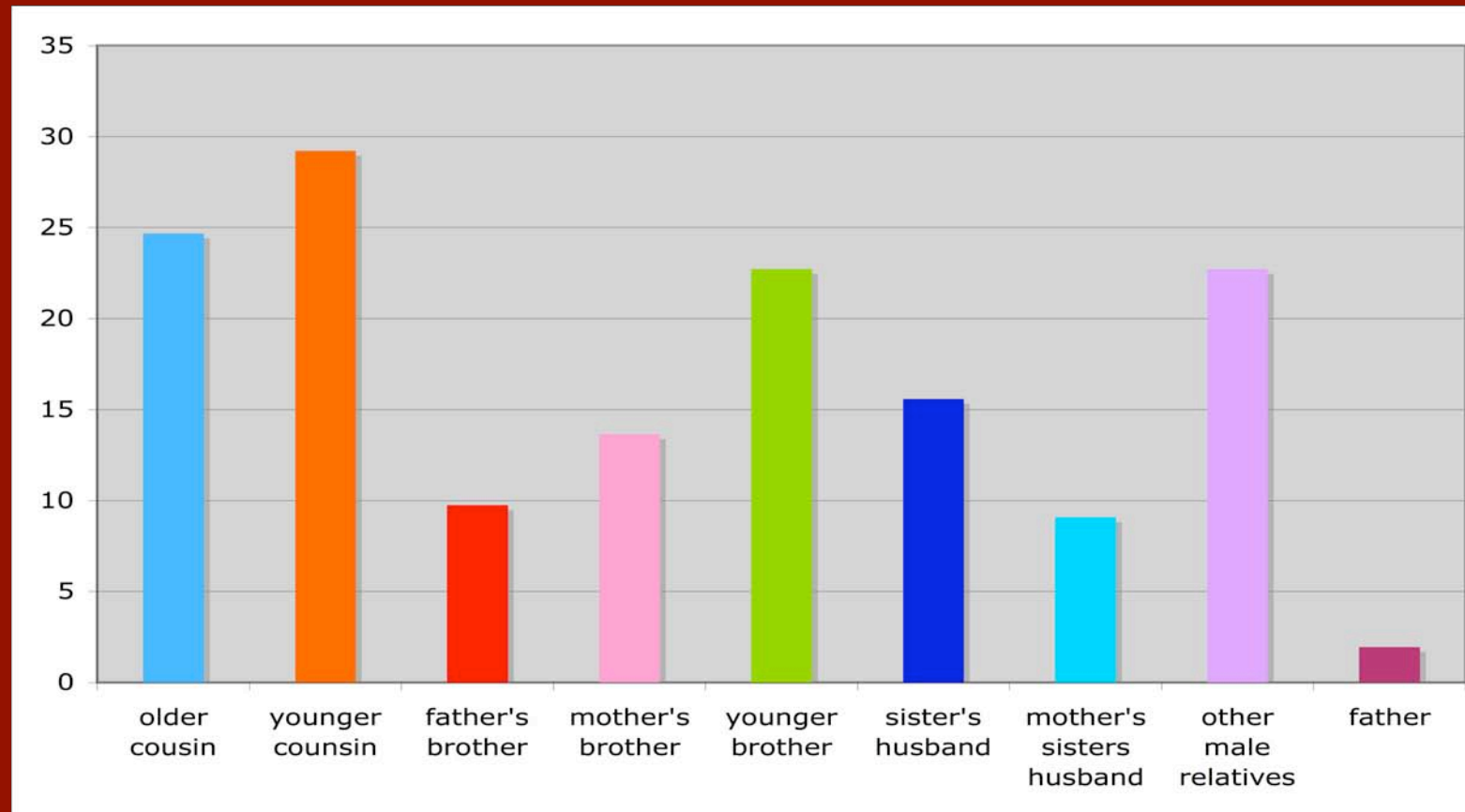
Family sex

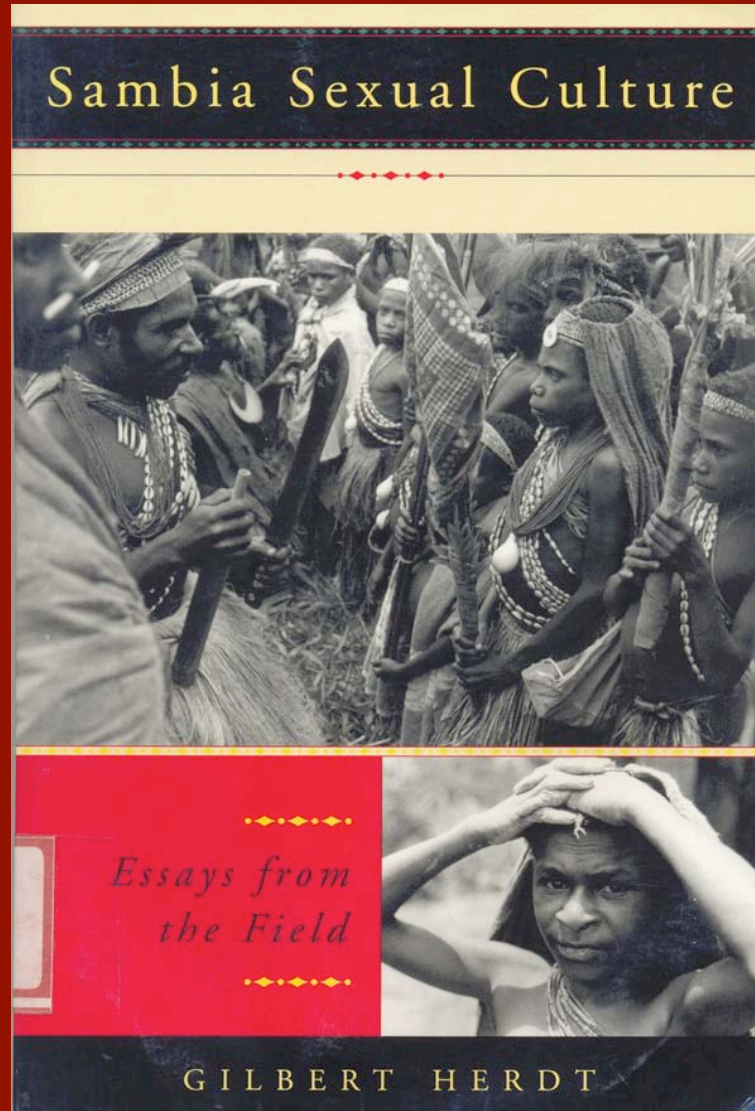


Current partners



Current family sex





***His beautiful attributes promise something delicious
His eyes shadowed with kohl, filled with temptation.
Upon whatever part of his body the eyes might rest,
It gives continual delight.....***

Abu Nuwas c.757-814 C.E)

**Throughout central Asia, the Middle-East and parts of
South Asia, poetry such as this was common, until the
beginnings of the 20th century.**

First gay 'marriage' in Pakistan...

A gay couple have become the first to get "married" in Pakistan, according to reports from the region. Witnesses said a 42-year-old Afghan refugee held a marriage ceremony with a local tribesman of 16 in the remote Khyber region bordering Afghanistan.....

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