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Annual Arab Public Opinion Survey

Survey conducted April-May 2009 in Egypt, Jordan,

Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia (KSA) and UAE

Sample size: 4,087

Margin of error: +/- 1.6%

Professor Shibley Telhami, Principal Investigator

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Some Key Findings

Sampling Methodology



Methodology

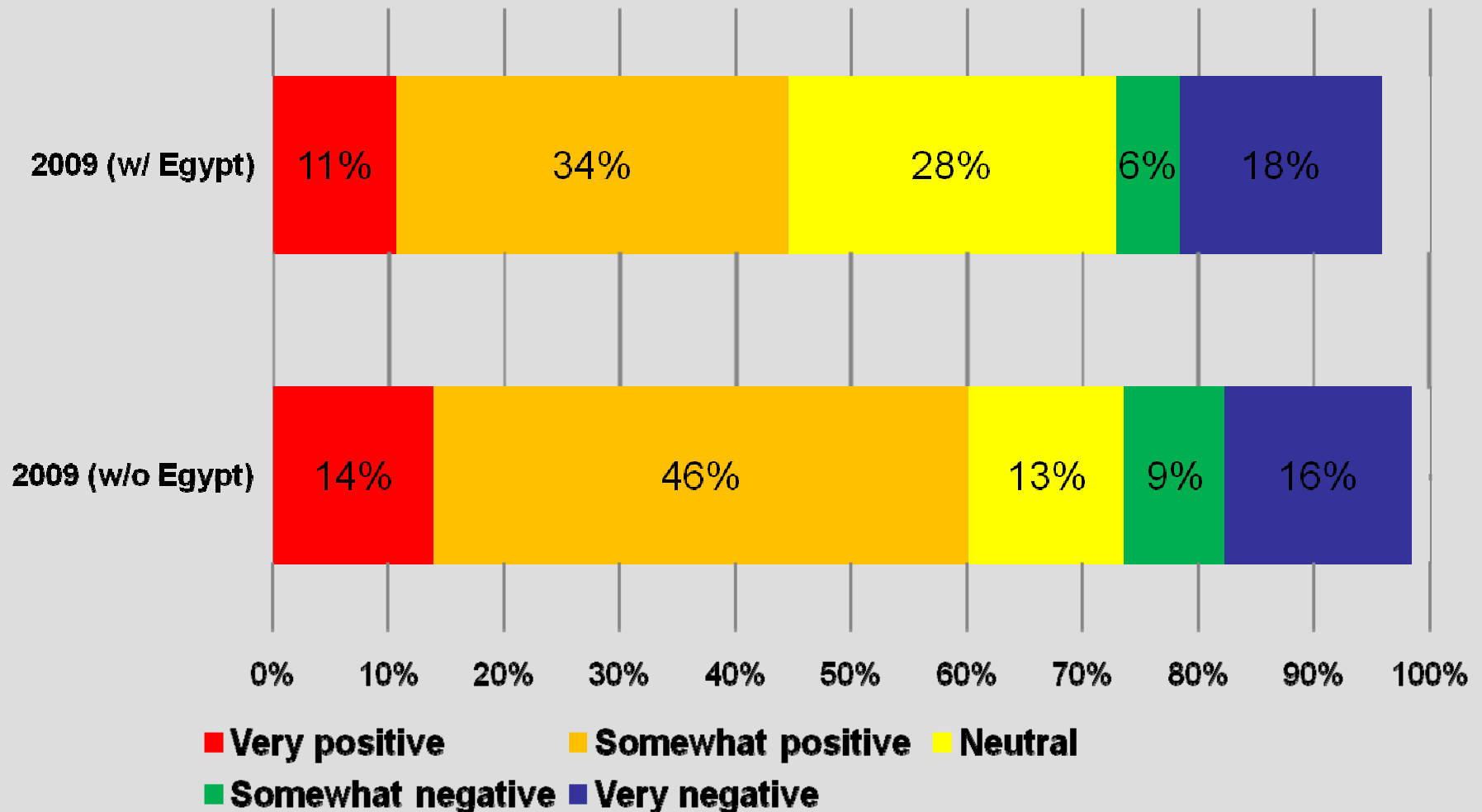
Sample	Sample Size	Margin of Error	Start Date	End Date
Egypt	853	+/- 3.6	4/21	5/6
KSA	760	+/- 3.6	4/21	5/6
UAE*	500	+/- 4.5	4/21	5/11
Morocco	774	+/- 3.6	4/21	5/6
Lebanon	600	+/- 4.1	4/24	5/8
Jordan	600	+/- 4.1	4/24	5/8

**All Interviews Conducted Face-to-Face. In UAE Survey Included 349 Nationals and 151 Arab Expats*

United States & the Middle East

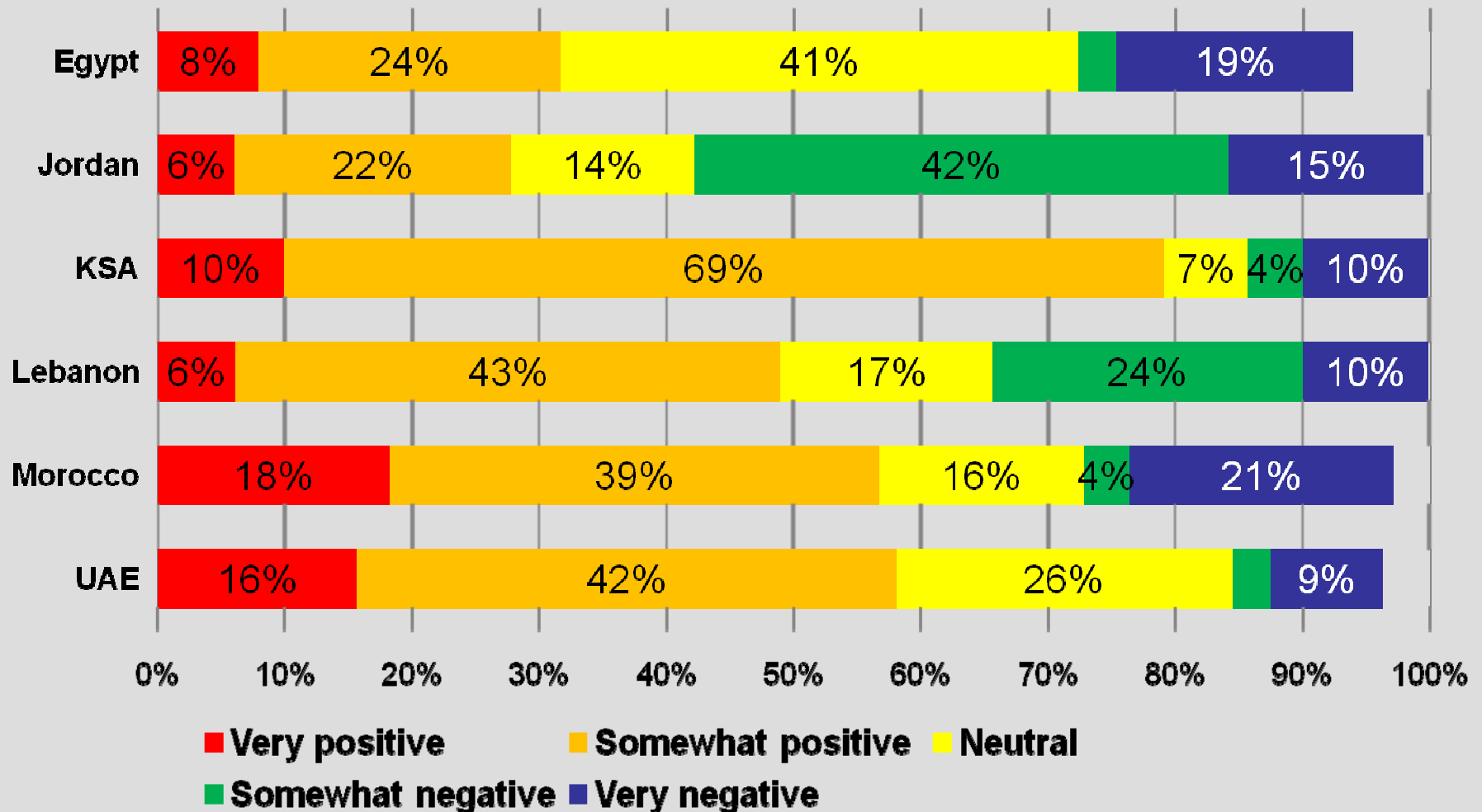
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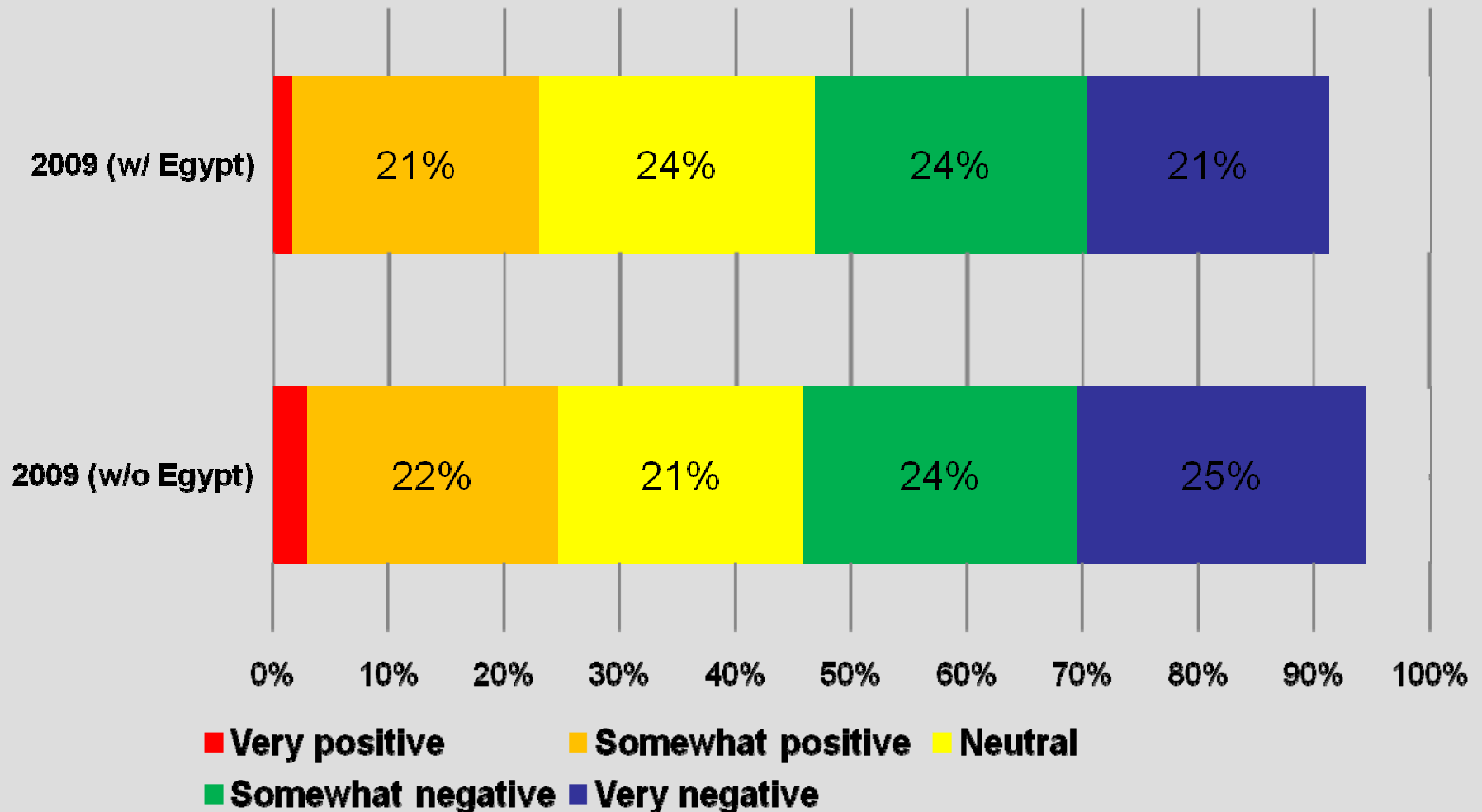
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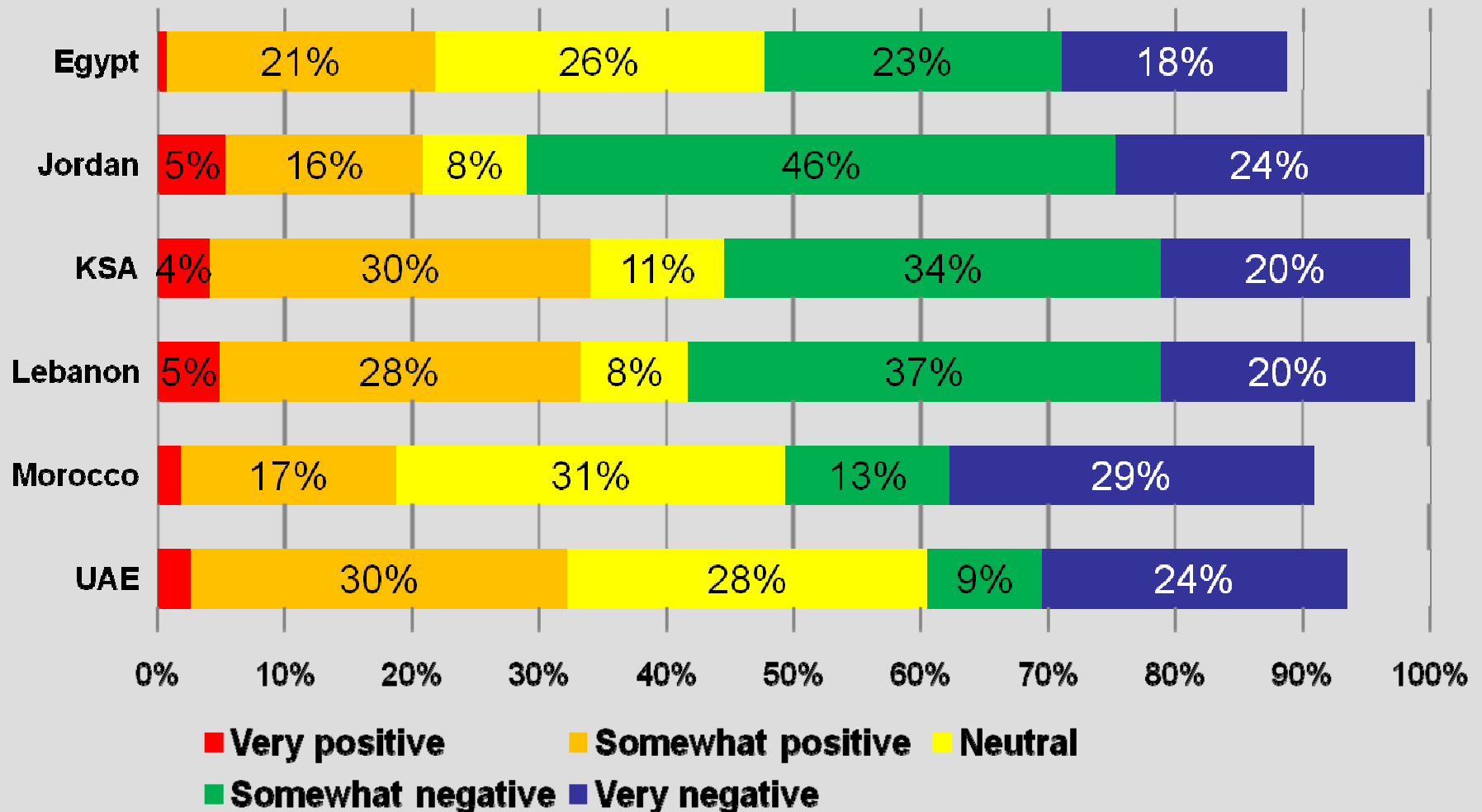
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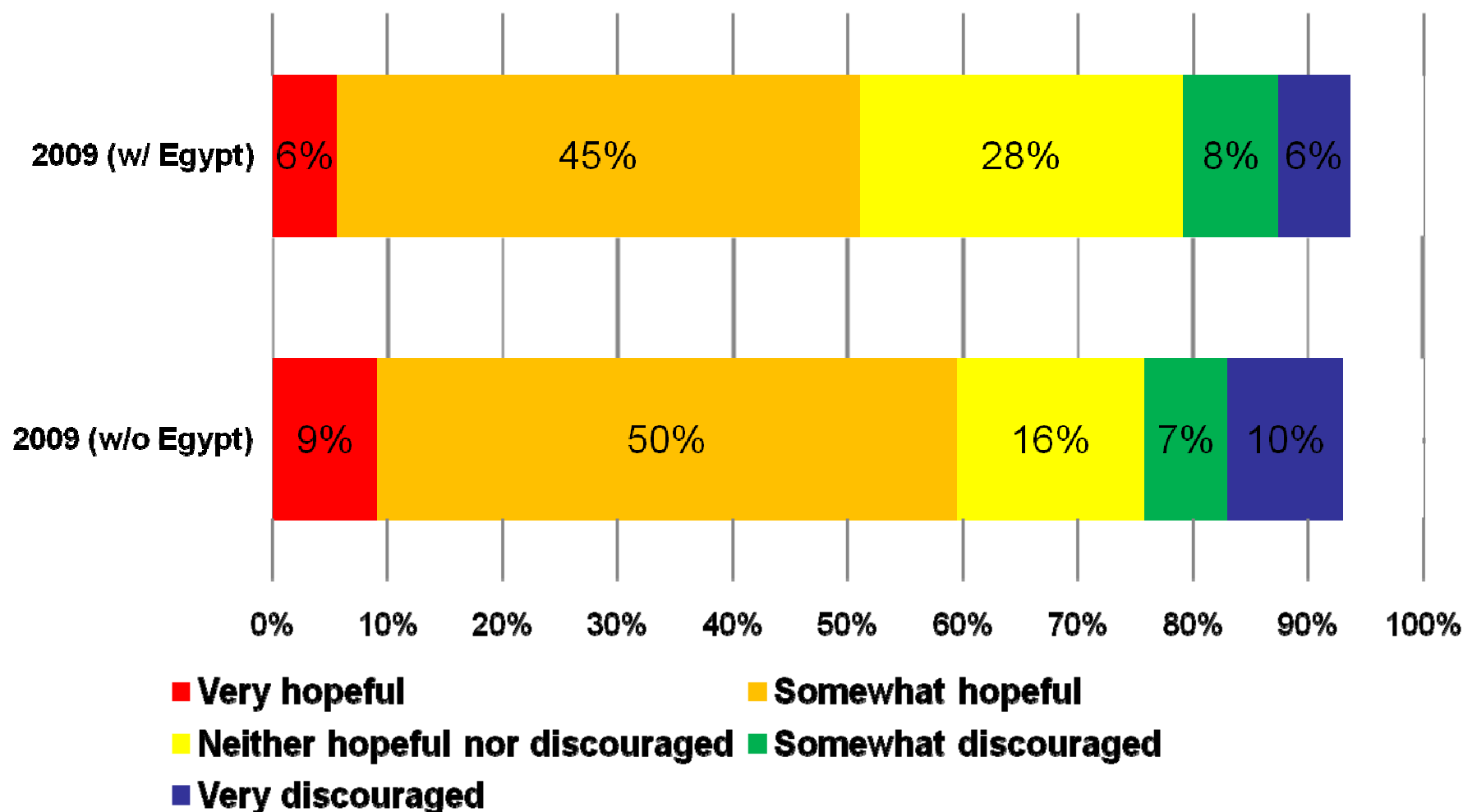
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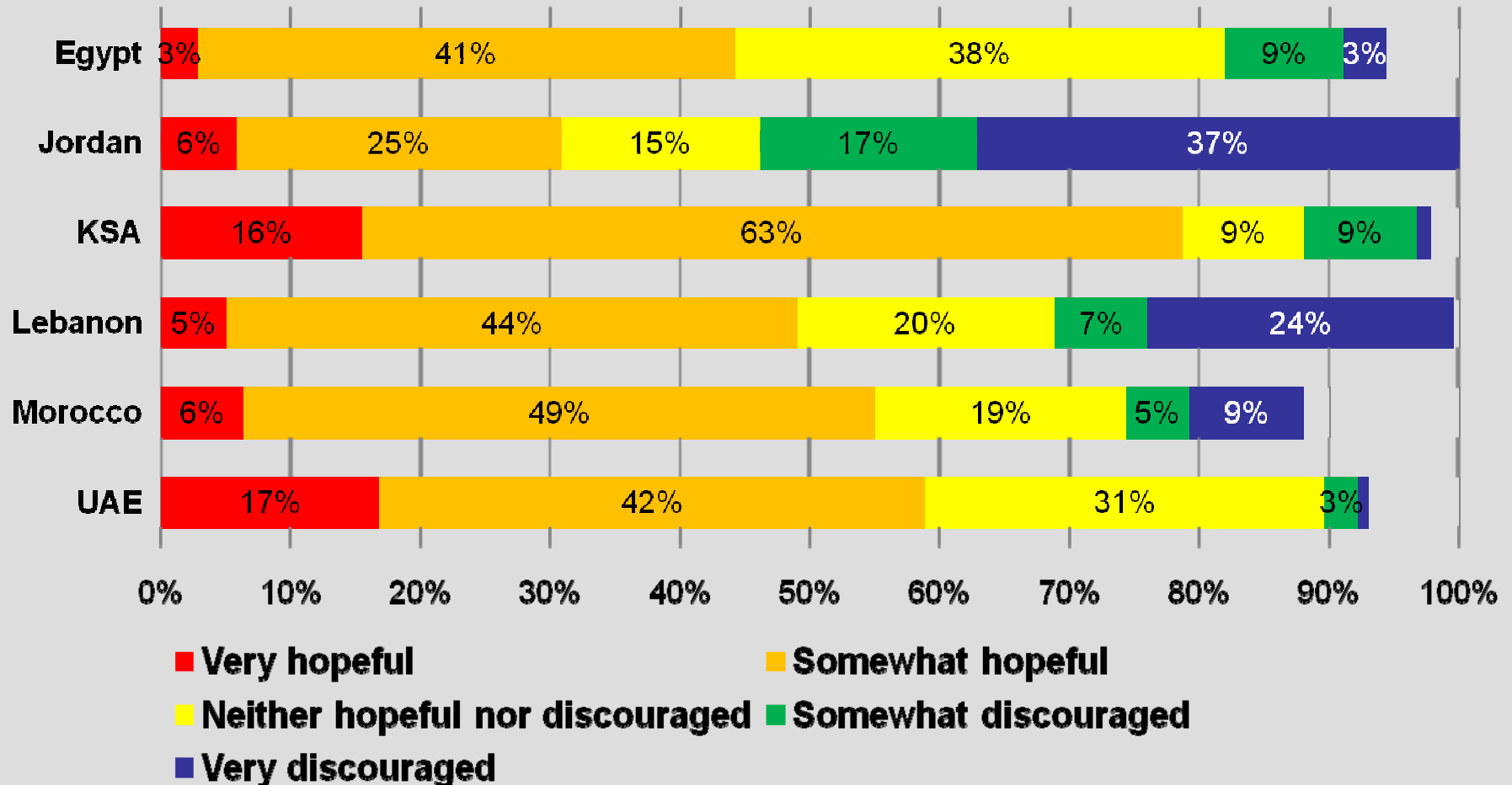
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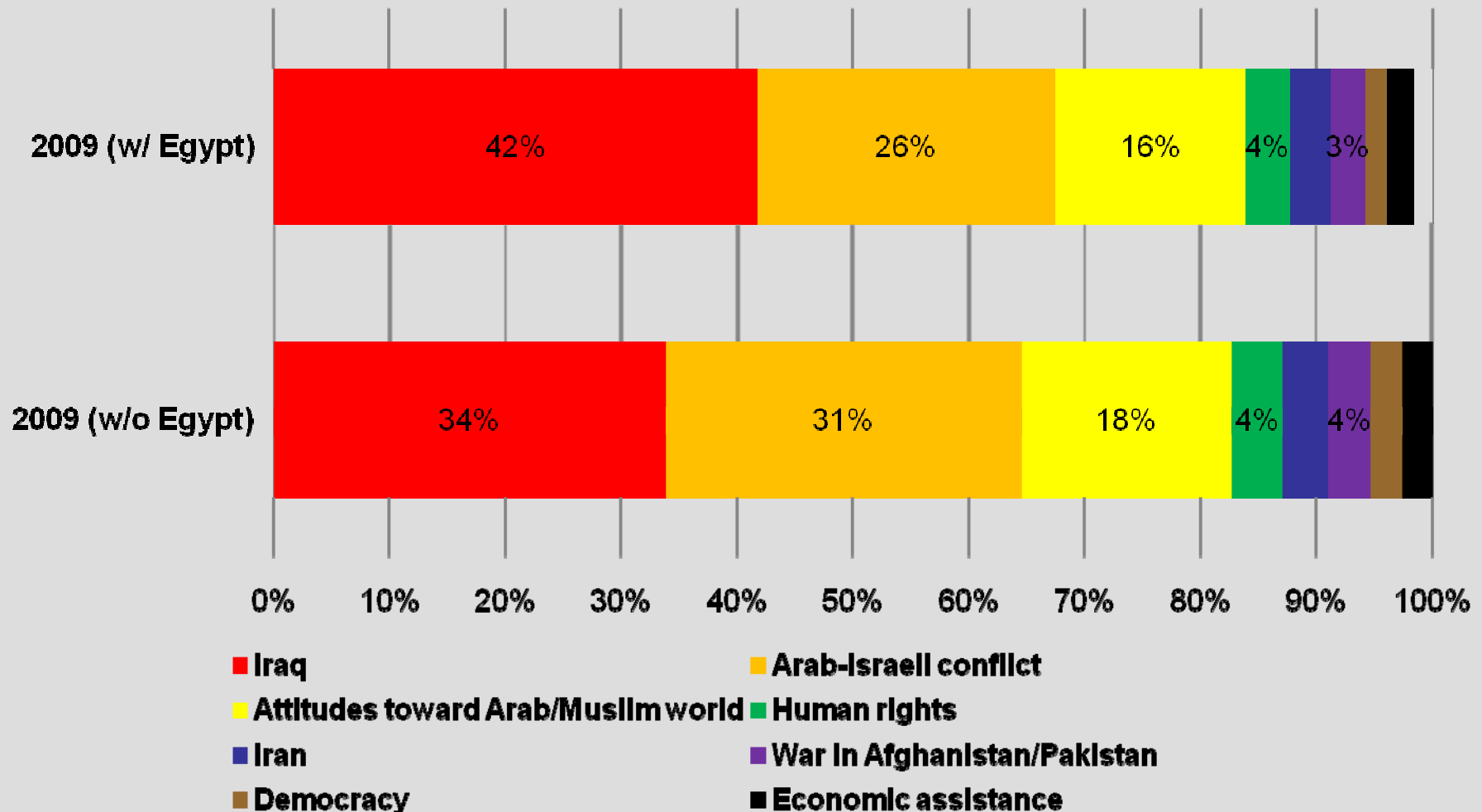
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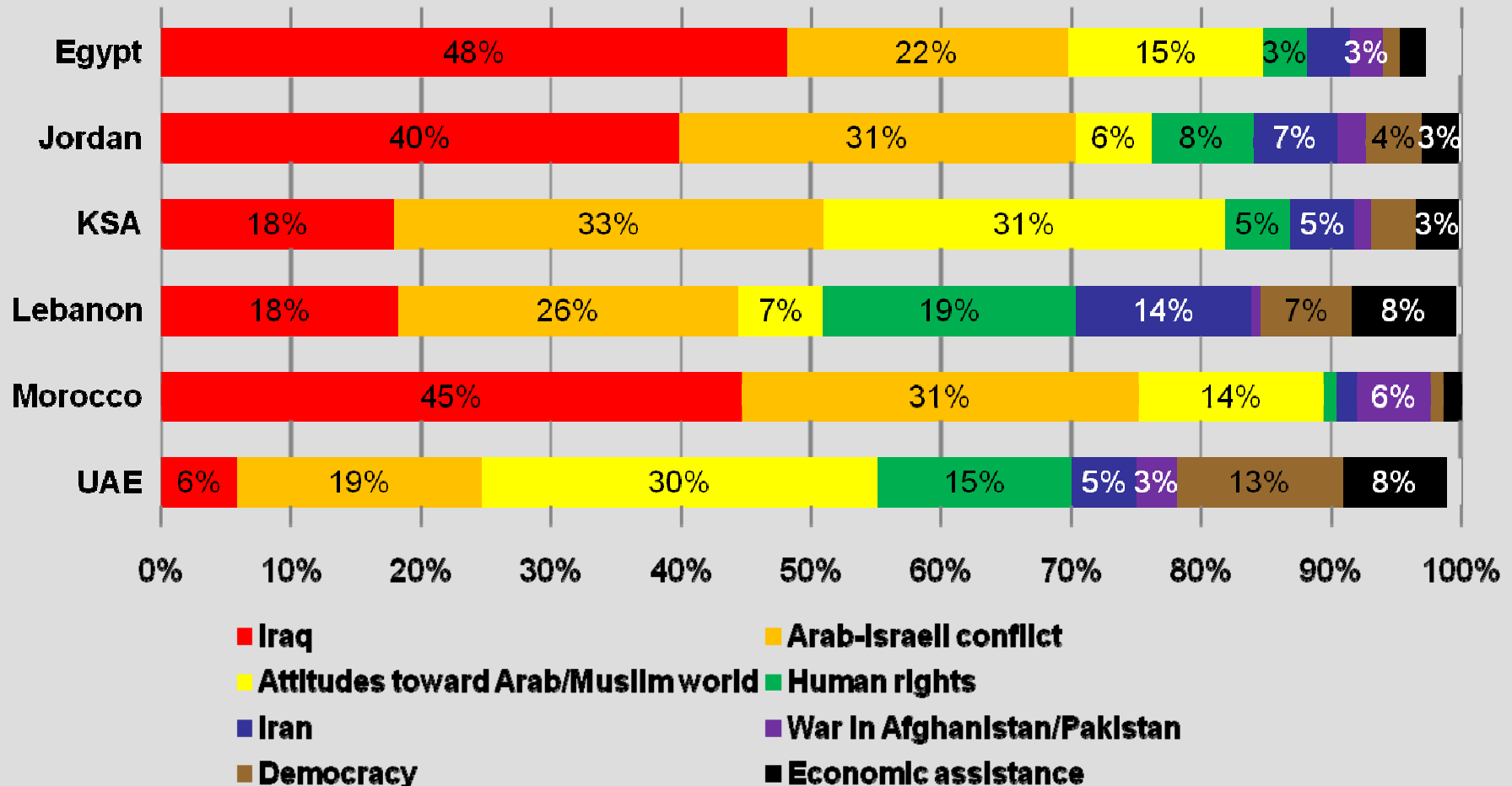
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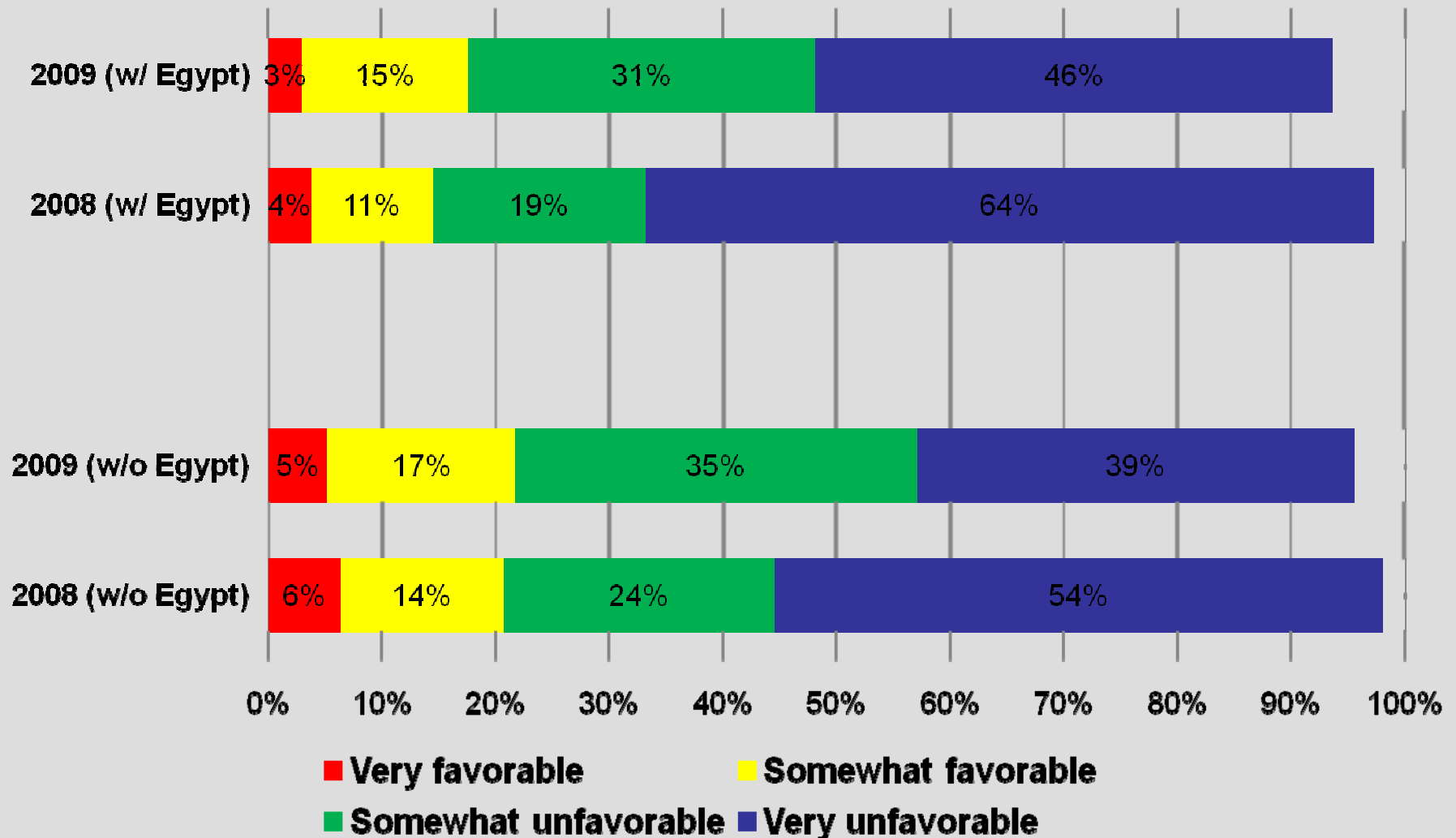
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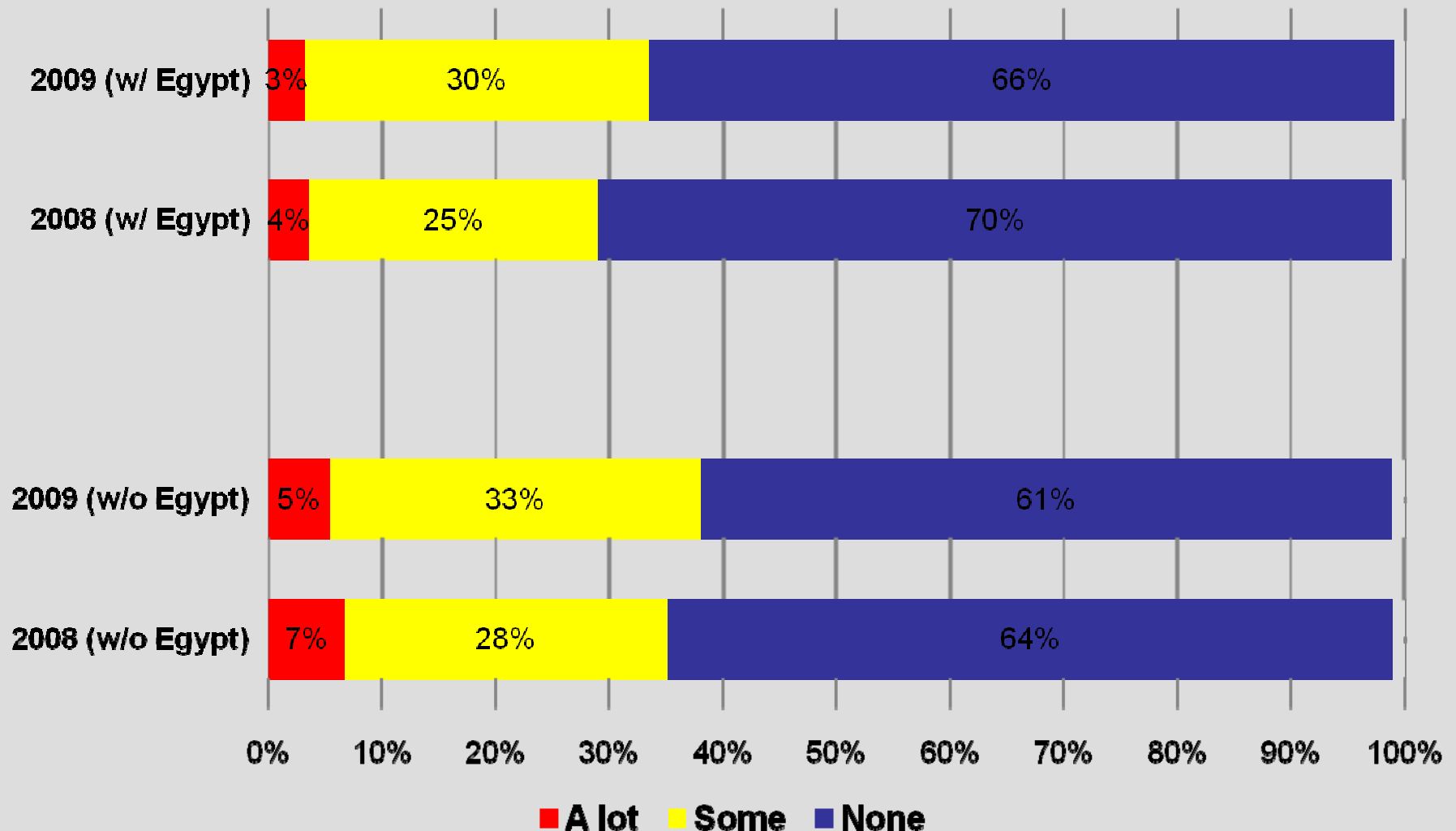
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Generally speaking, is your attitude toward the United States...



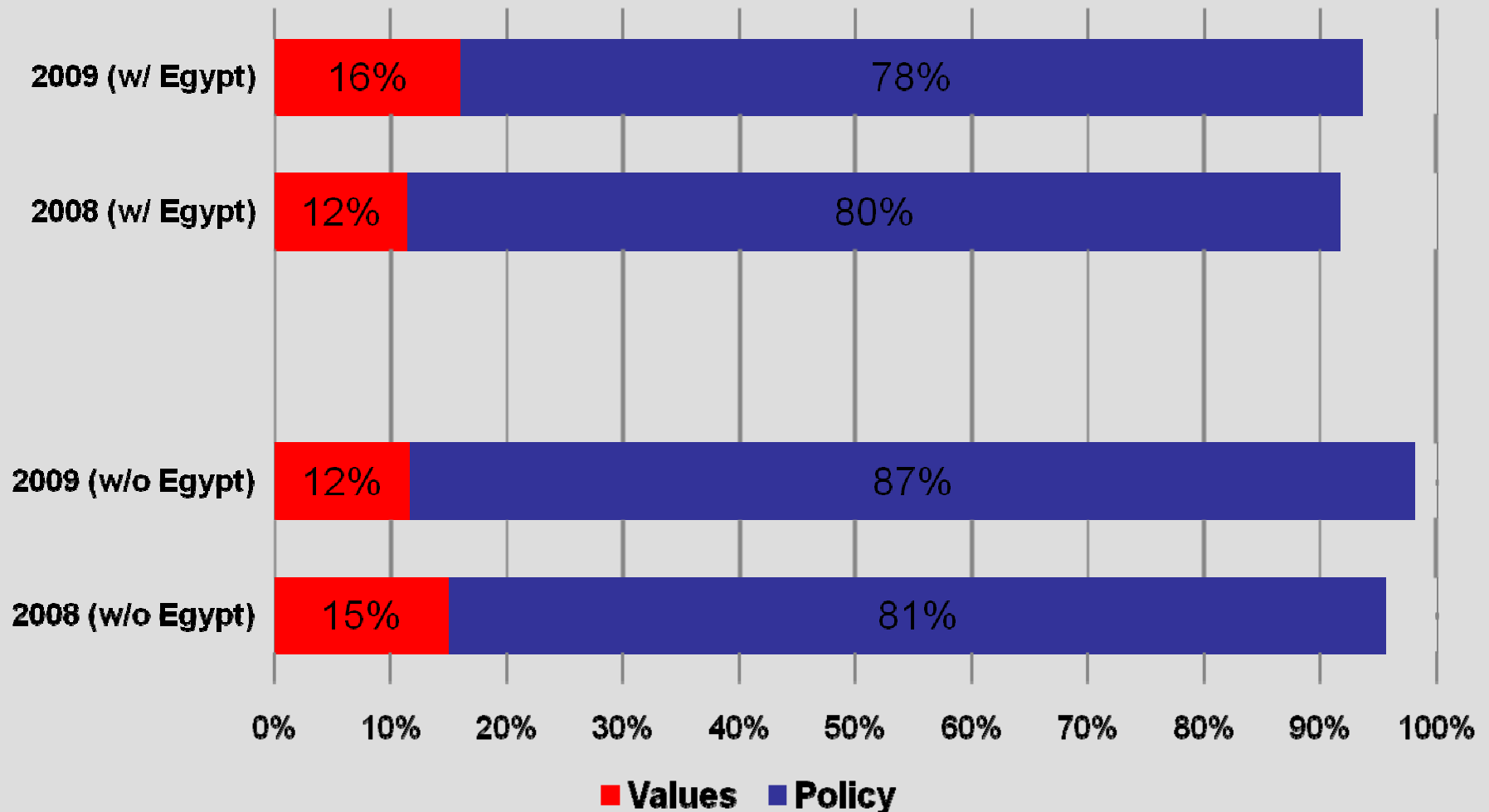
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How much confidence do you have in the United States of America?



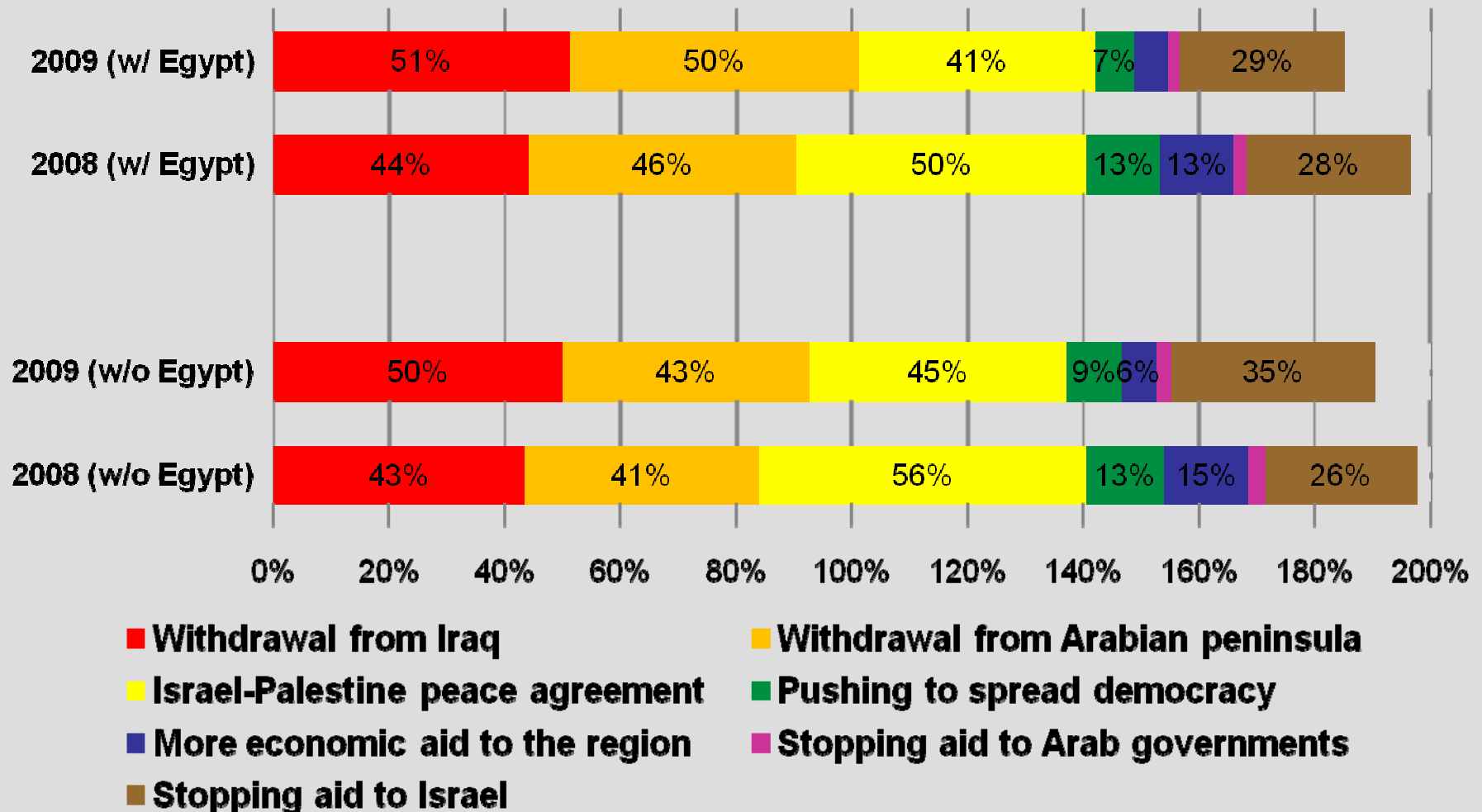
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Would you say that your attitudes toward the United States are based more on American values or on American policy in the Middle East?



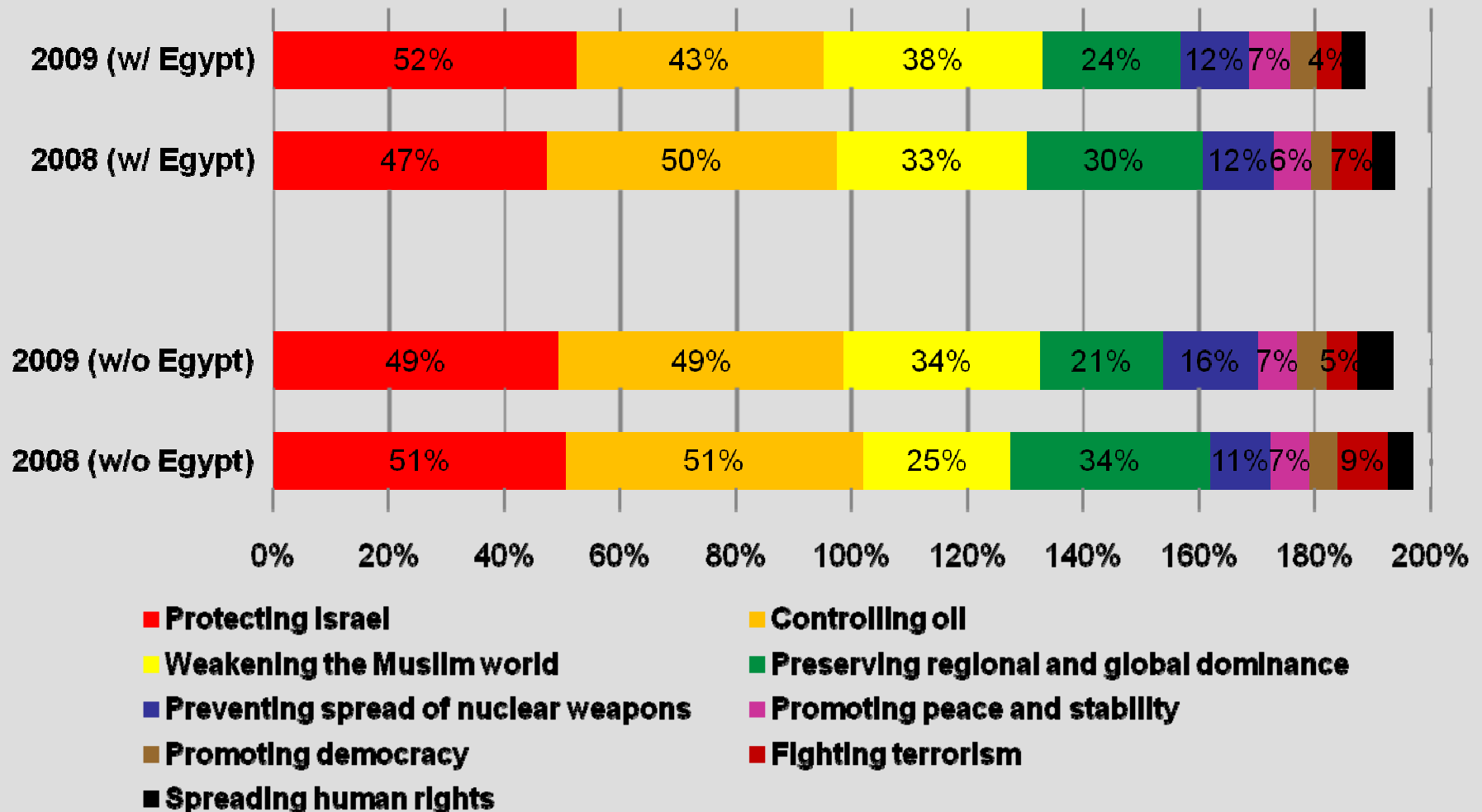
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What TWO steps by the United States would improve your views of the United States the most?



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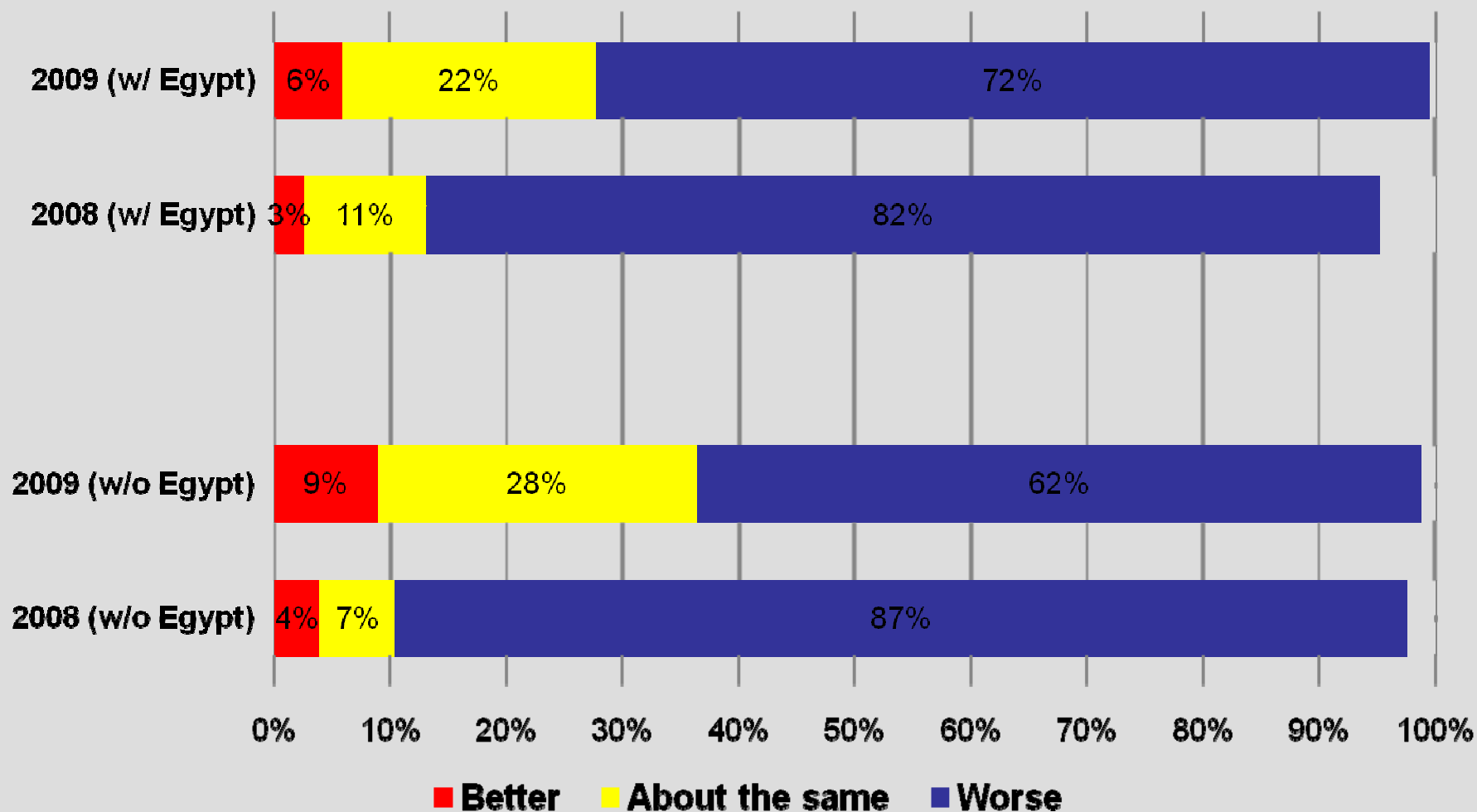
Which TWO of the following factors do you believe are most important in driving American policy in the Middle East?



Iraq

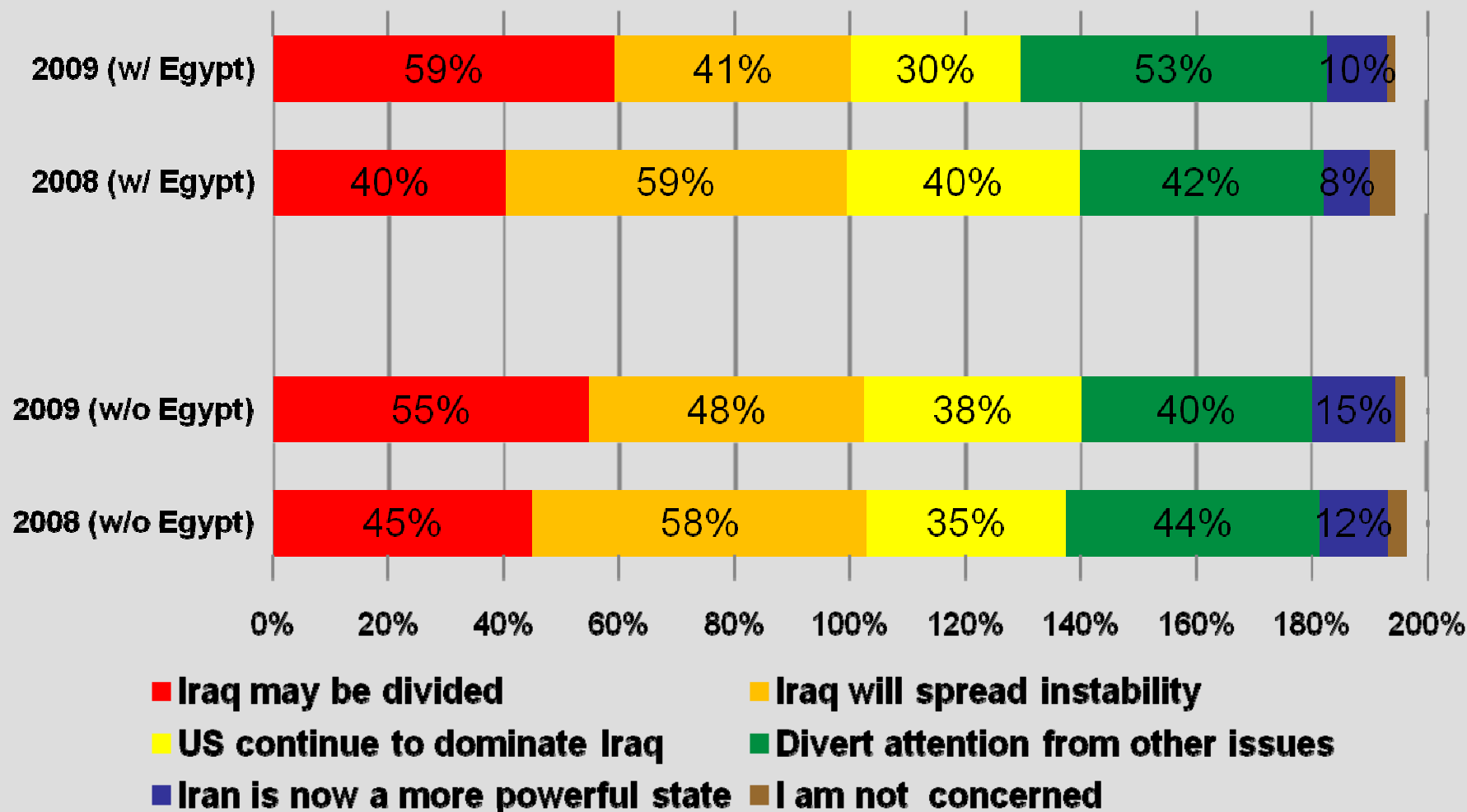
Iraq

Do you feel most of the Iraqi people are now better off or worse off after the war?



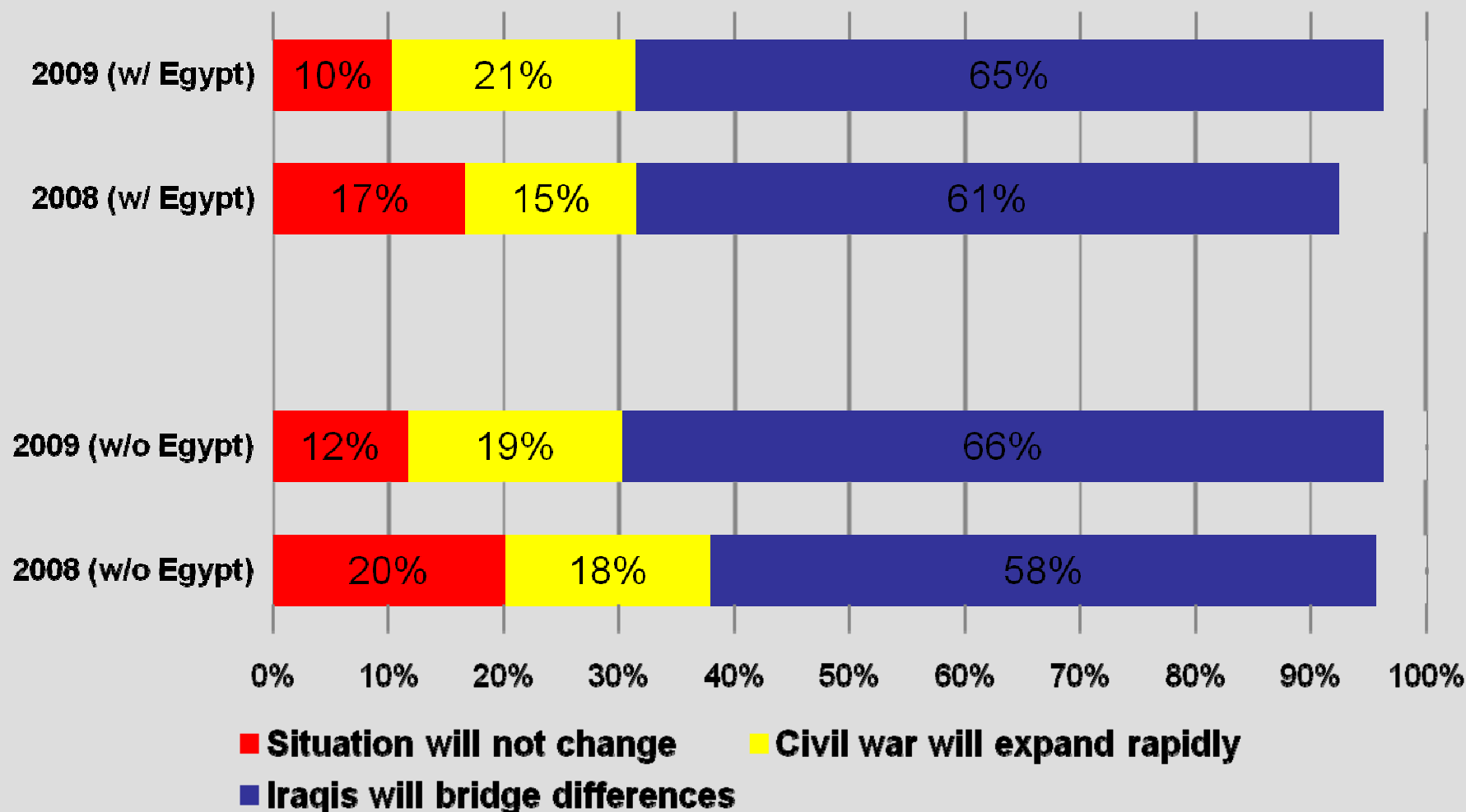
Iraq

Which of the following is your biggest concern about the consequences of war in Iraq?



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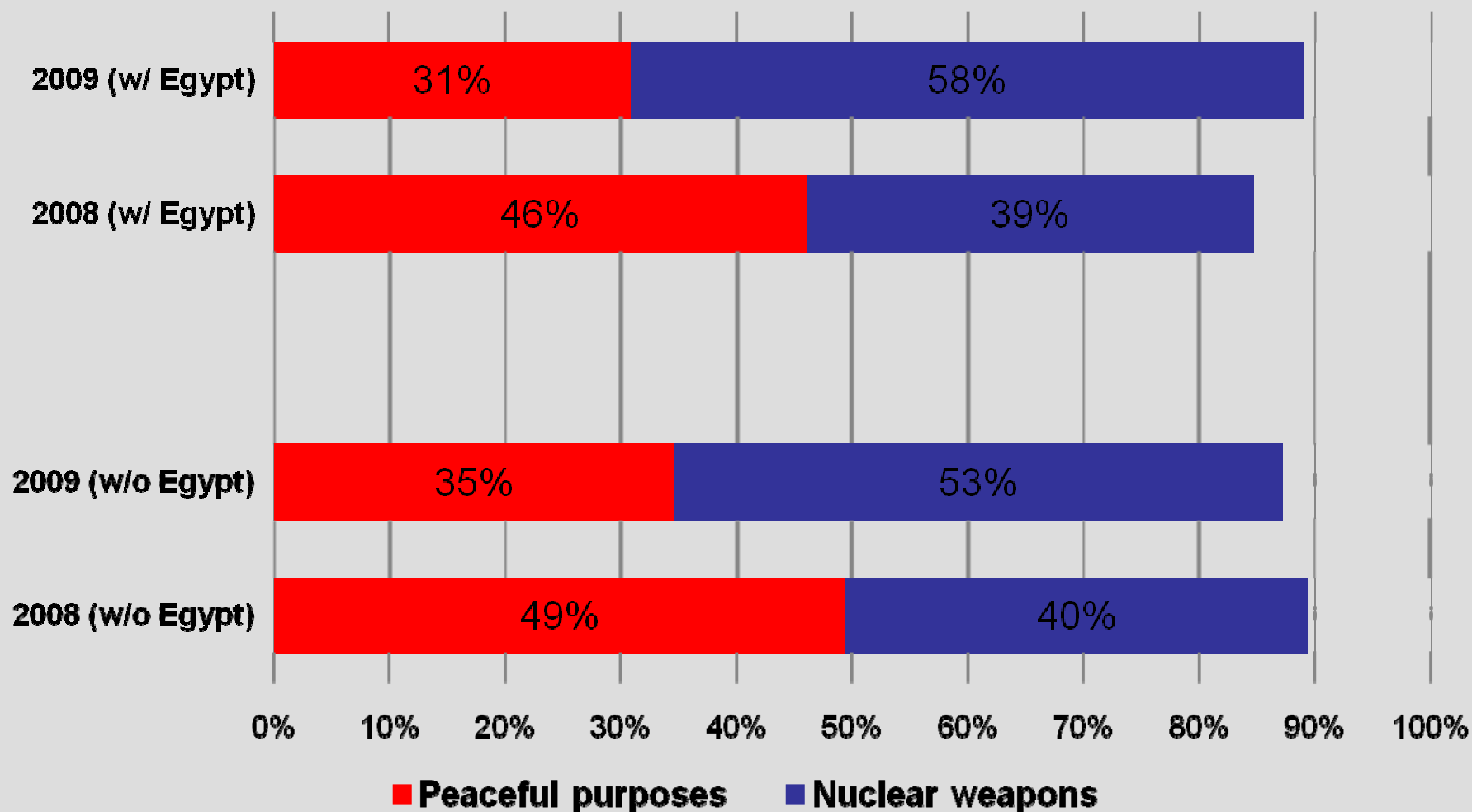
What do you believe would happen in Iraq if the United States quickly withdrew its forces by the end of 2011?



Iran

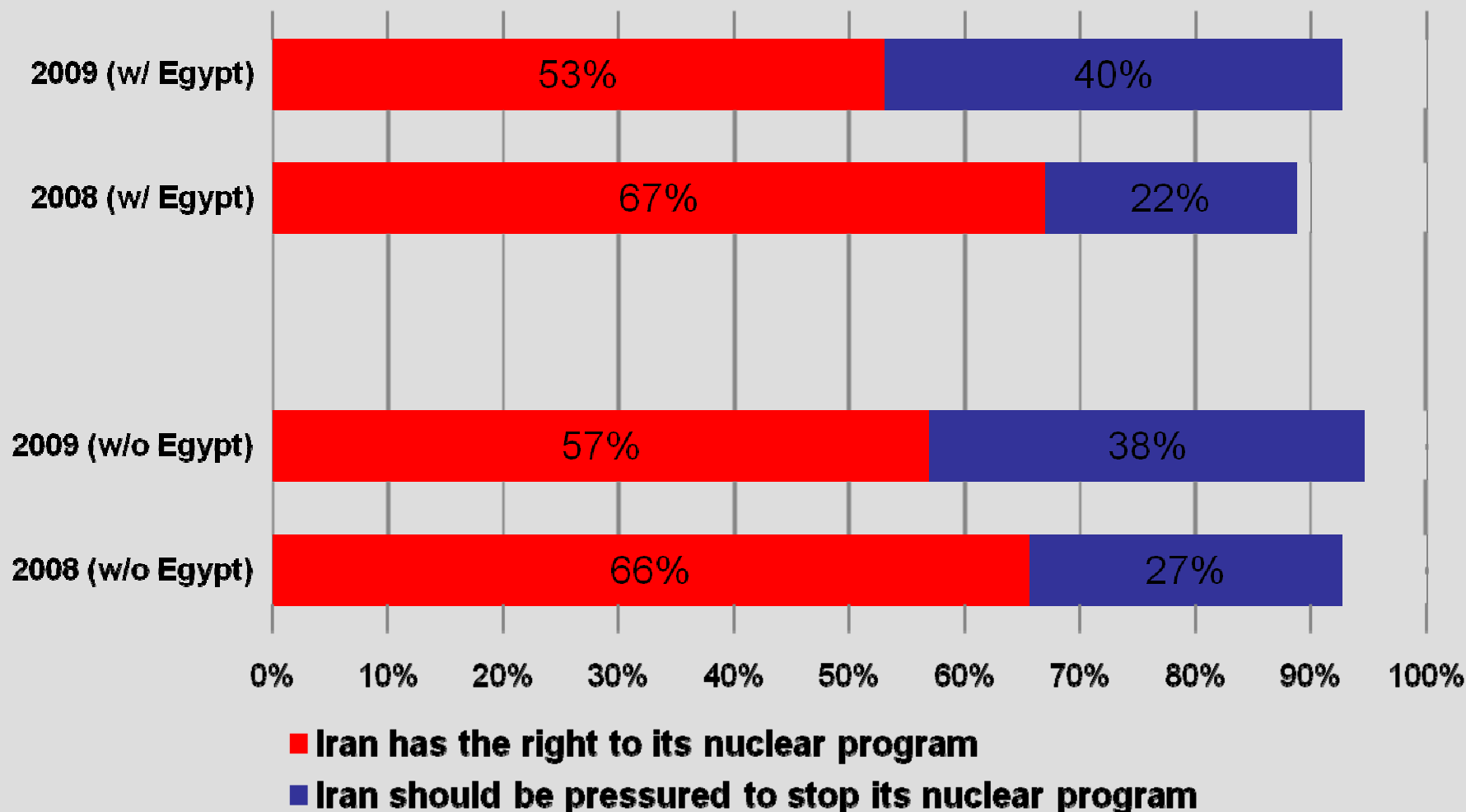
Iran

Do you believe that Iran is merely conducting research for peaceful purposes, or trying to develop nuclear weapons?



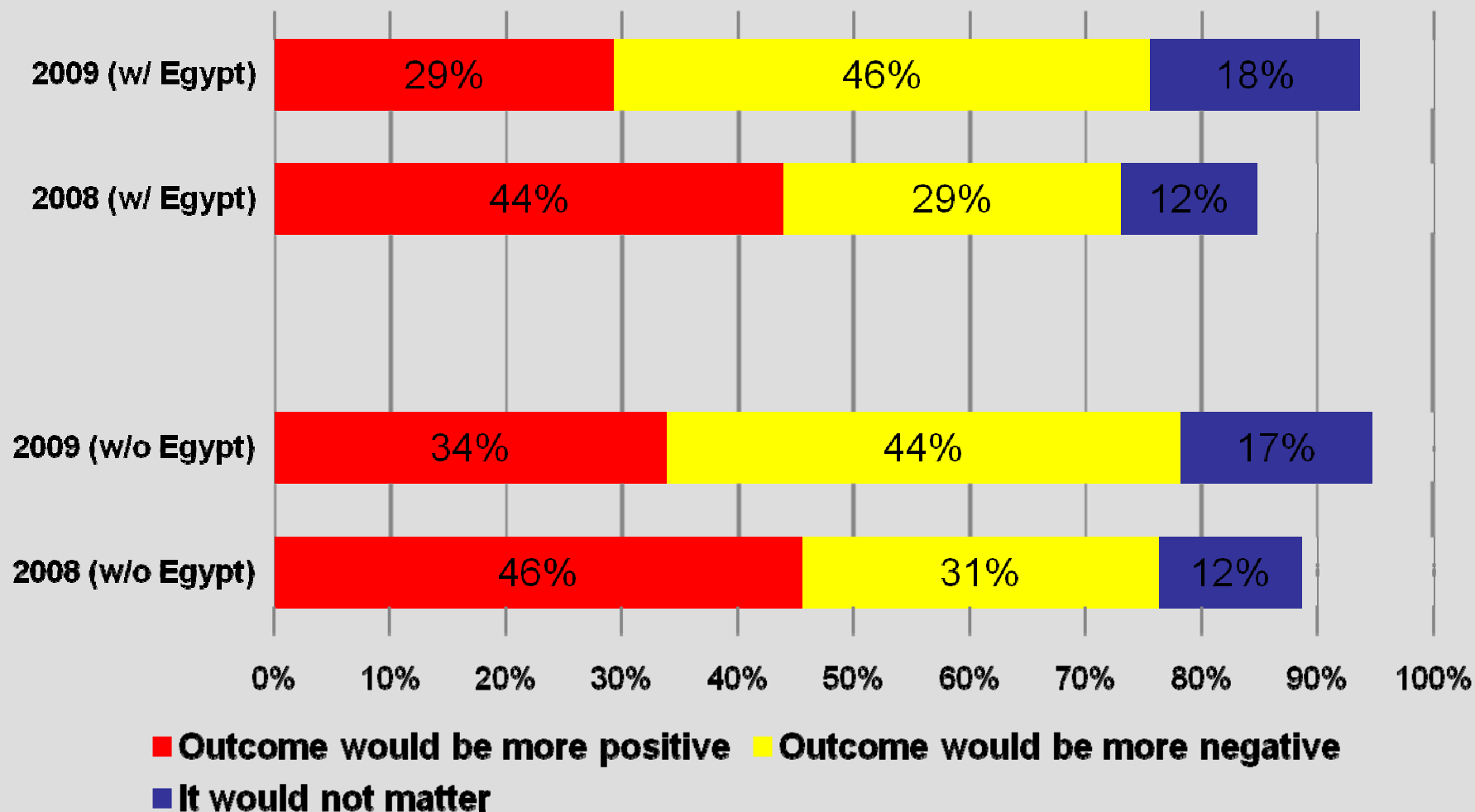
Iran

**There is international pressure on Iran to curtail its nuclear program.
What is your opinion?**



Iran

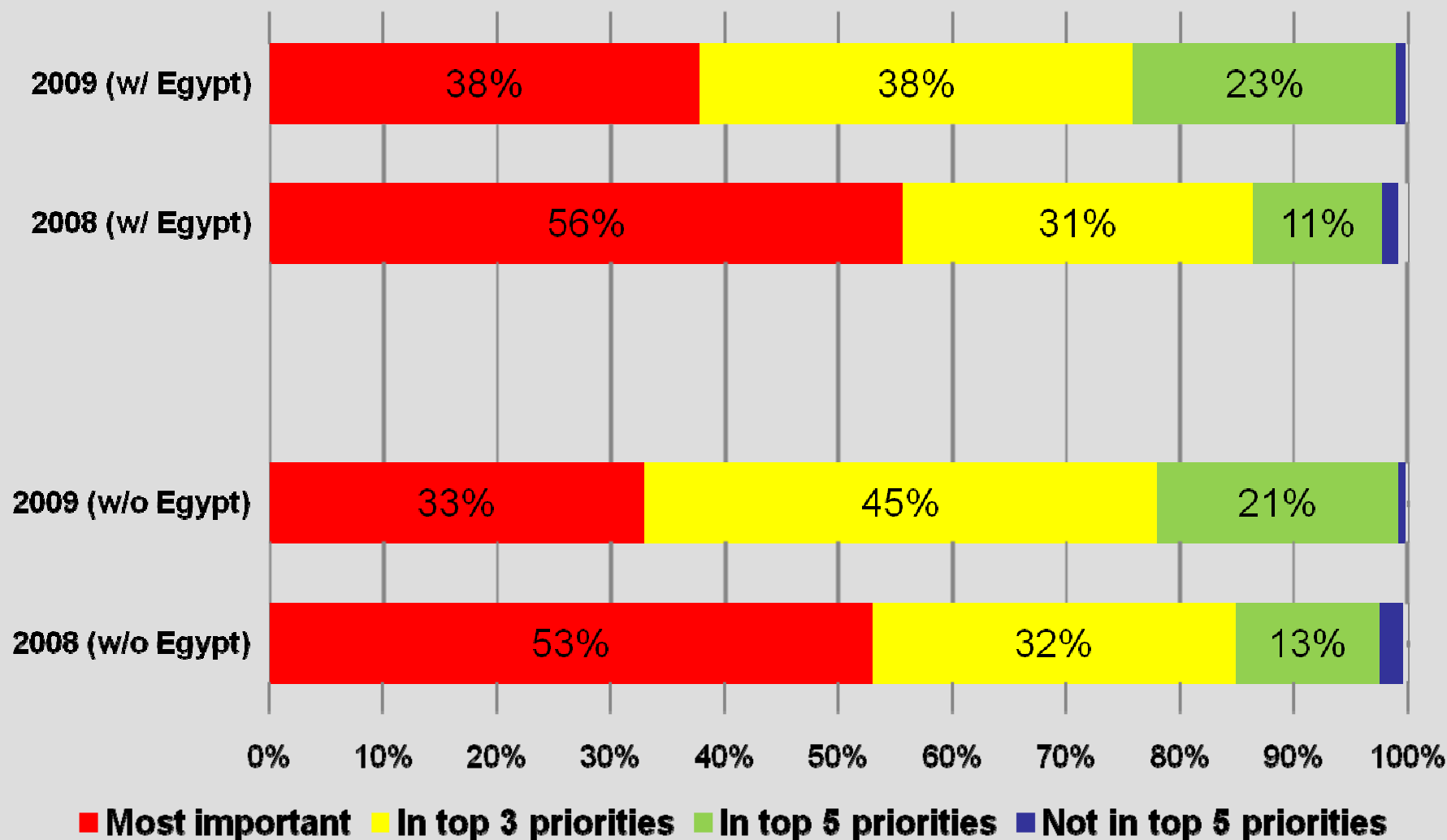
If Iran acquires nuclear weapons, which of the following is the likely outcome for the Middle East region?



The Arab-Israeli Conflict

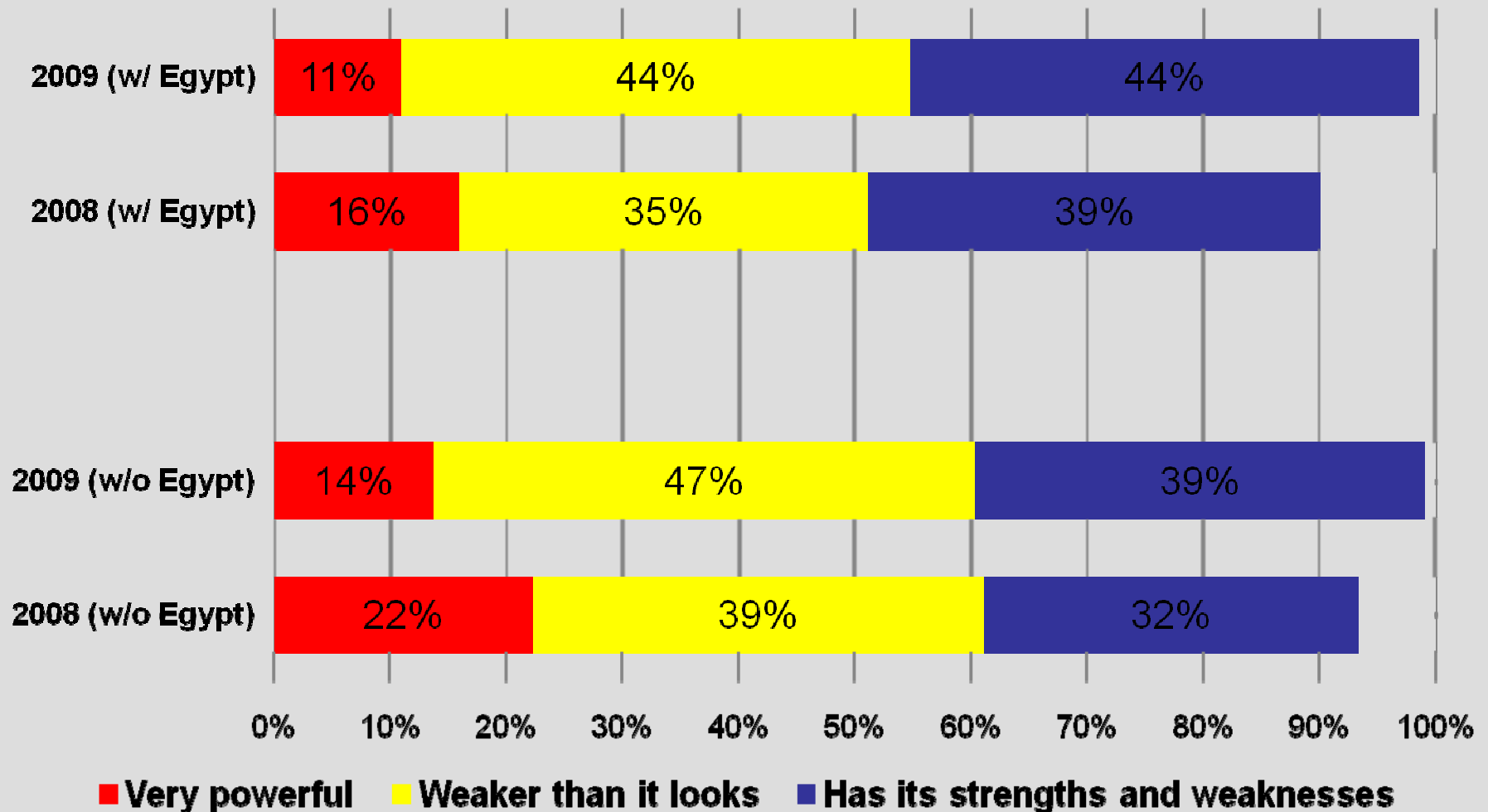
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How important is the Palestinian issue in your priorities?



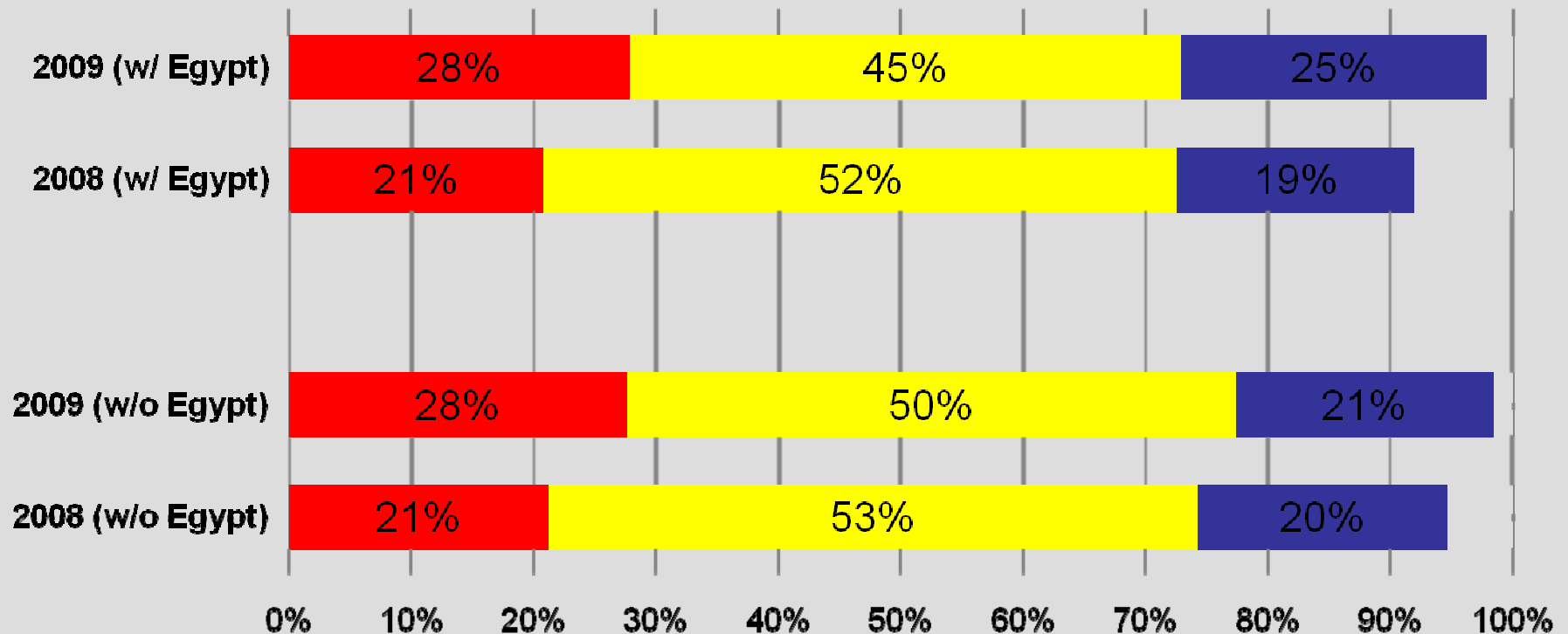
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Looking at recent violence in Lebanon and Gaza, describe your attitude toward Israel's power:



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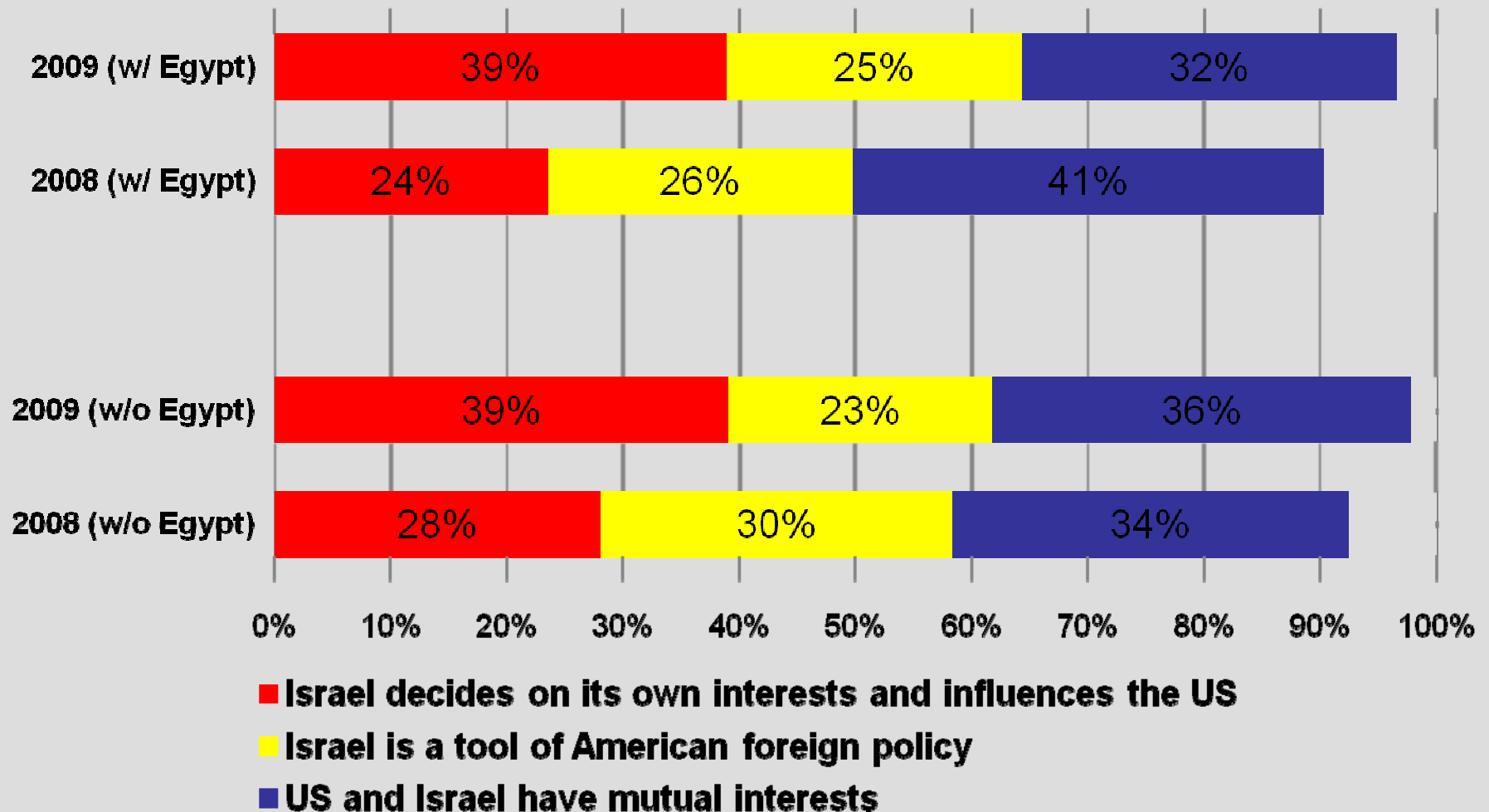
Which of the following statements is closer to your view?



- Prepared for peace if Israel is willing to return all 1967 territories including East Jerusalem, and Arab governments should put more effort into this
- Prepared for peace if Israel is willing to return all 1967 territories including East Jerusalem, but Israel will never give up these territories easily
- Even if Israel returns all 1967 territories, Arabs should continue to fight

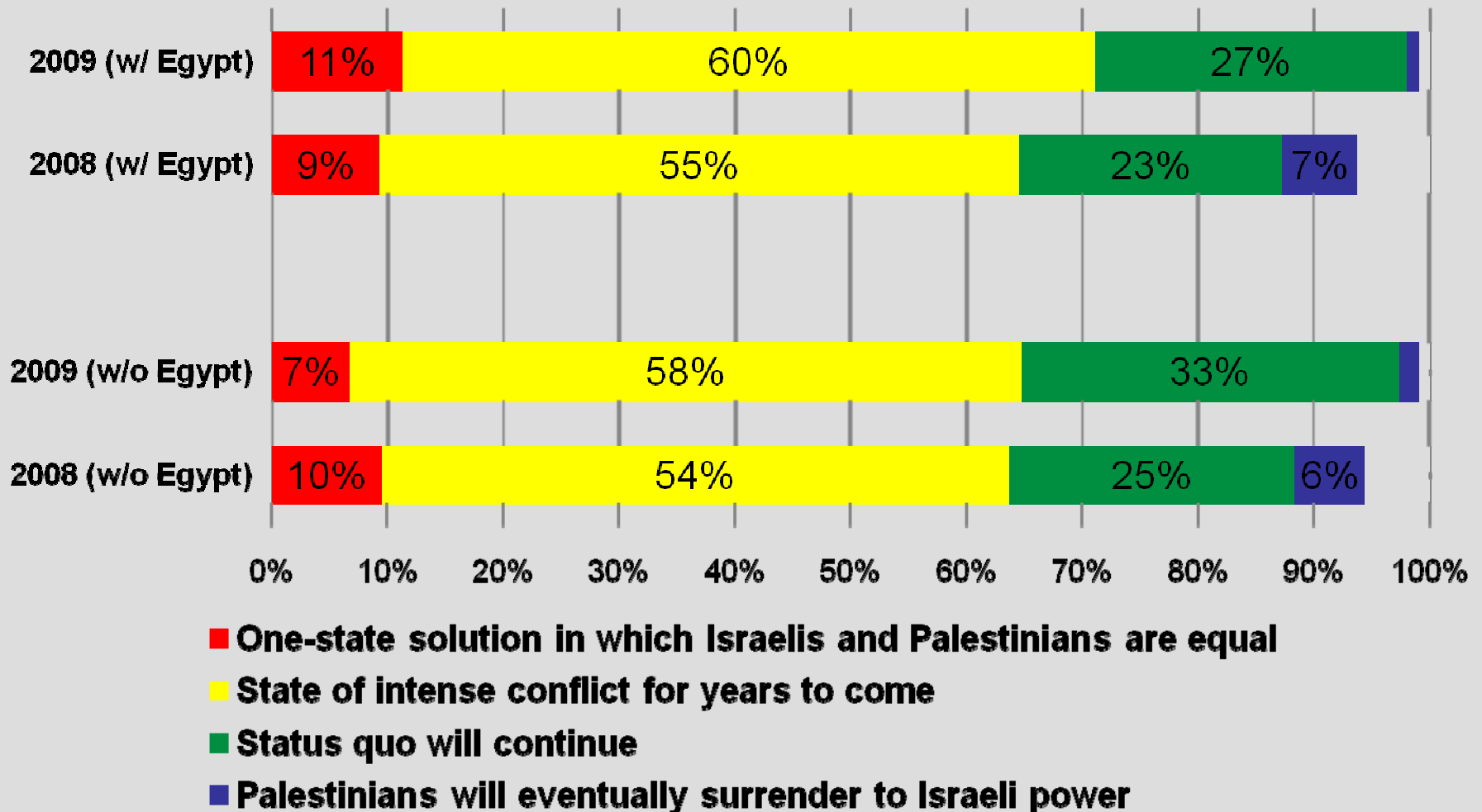
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What do you believe motivates Israeli policies in the region and American support for these policies?



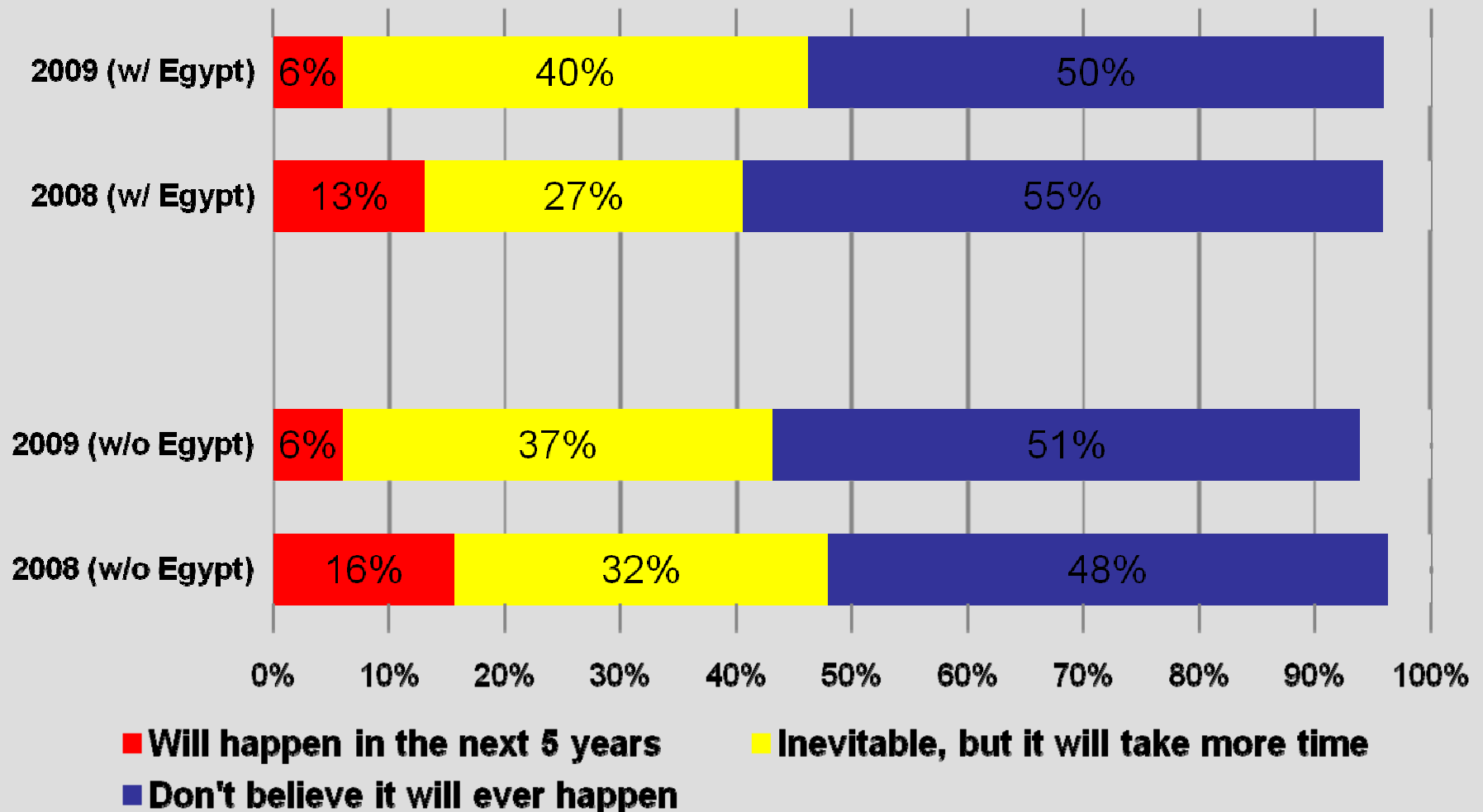
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What do you believe is the likely outcome if the prospects of a two-state solution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict collapse?



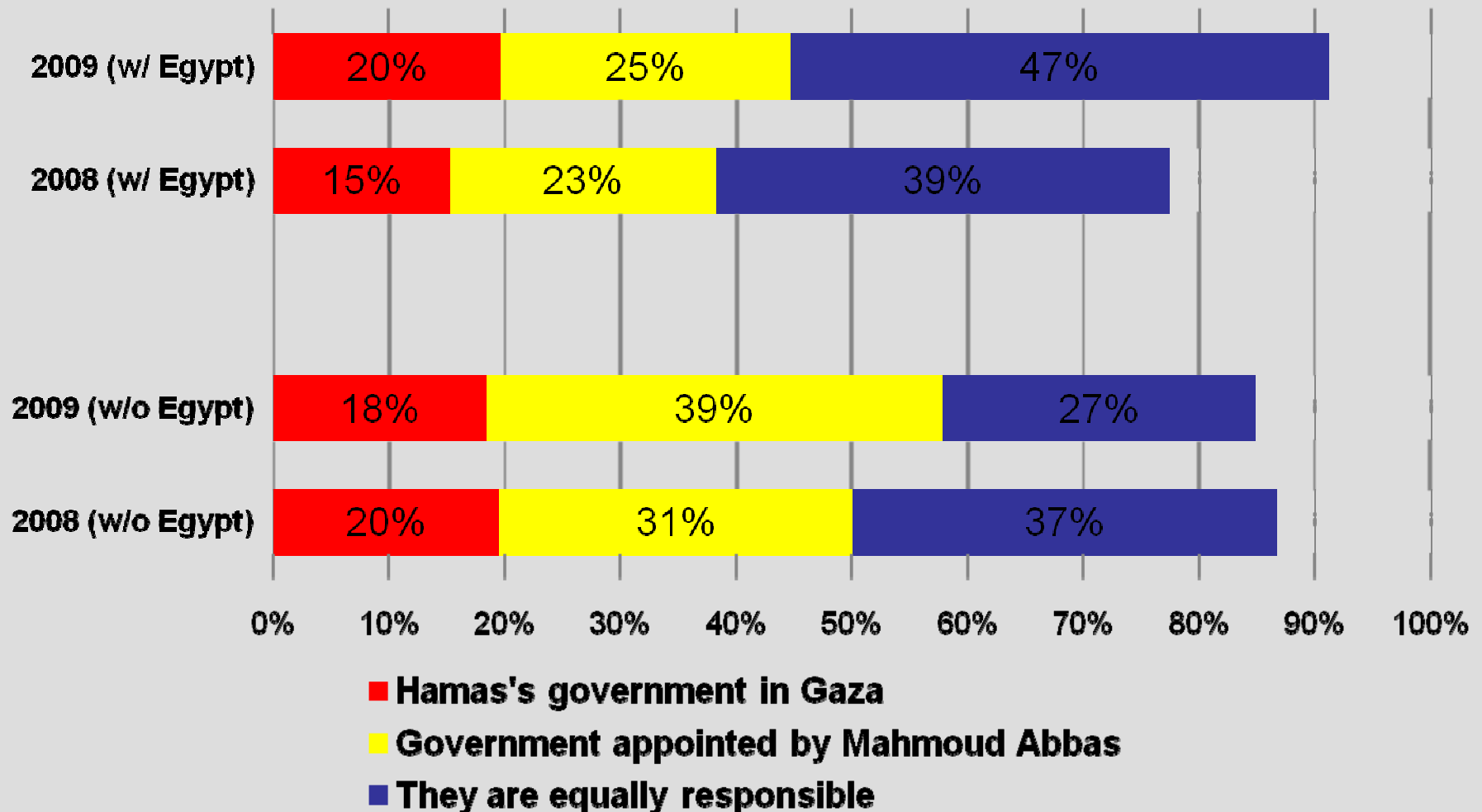
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Which of the following statements is closest to your view about the prospects of lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians?



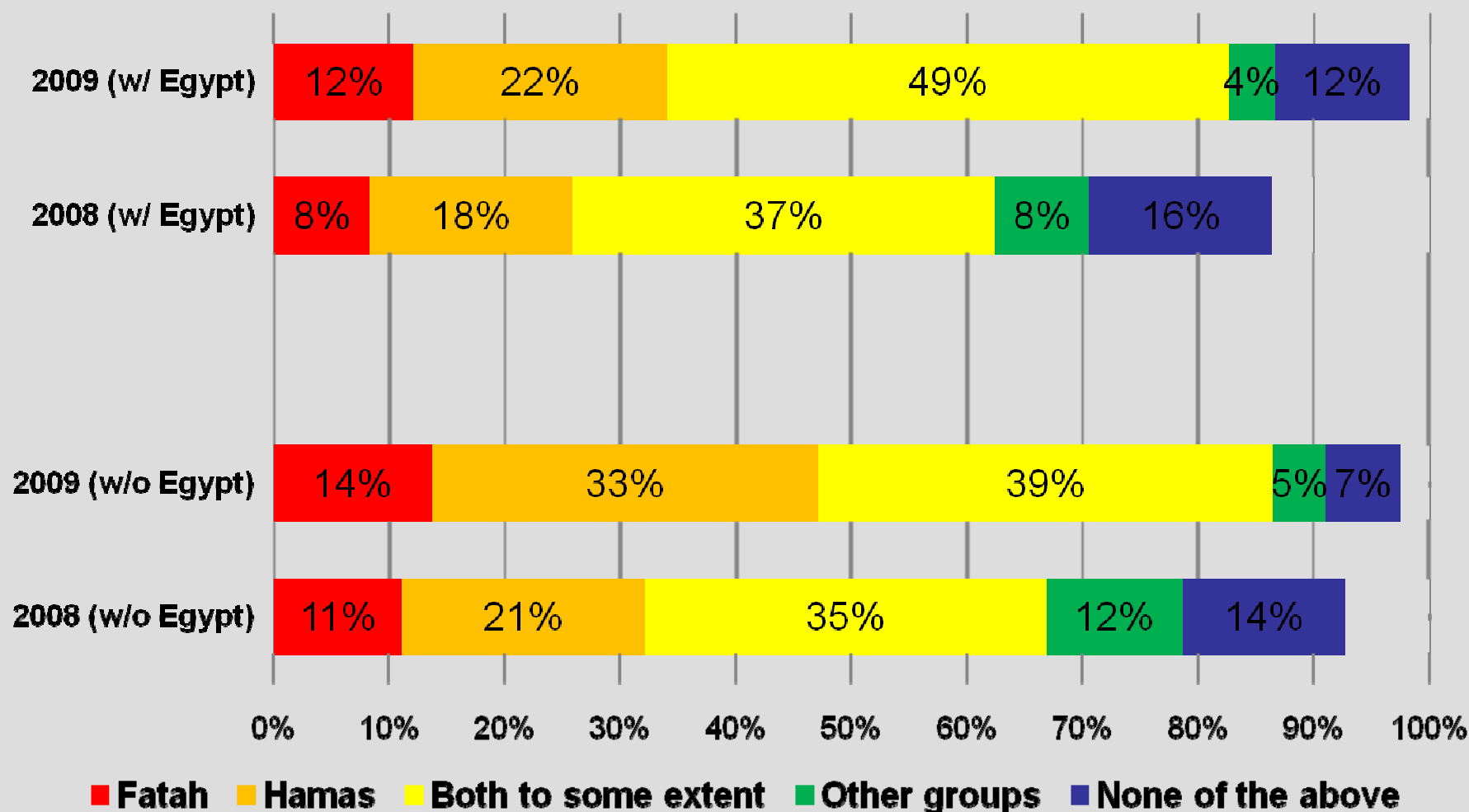
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When you observe the state of affairs in Gaza, which of the Palestinian parties do you believe is most responsible for it?



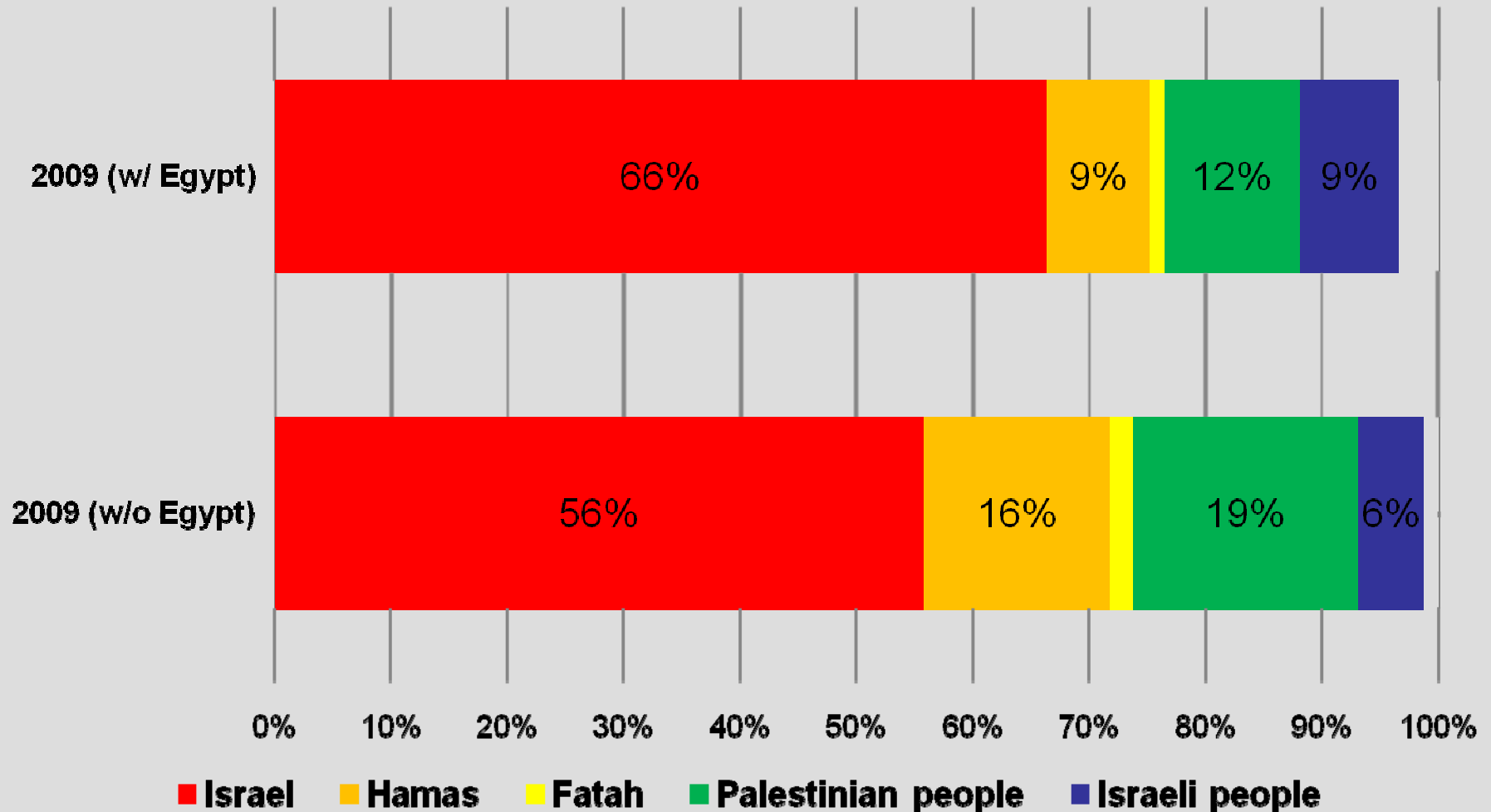
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In the current conflict among the Palestinians, with whom do you sympathize most?



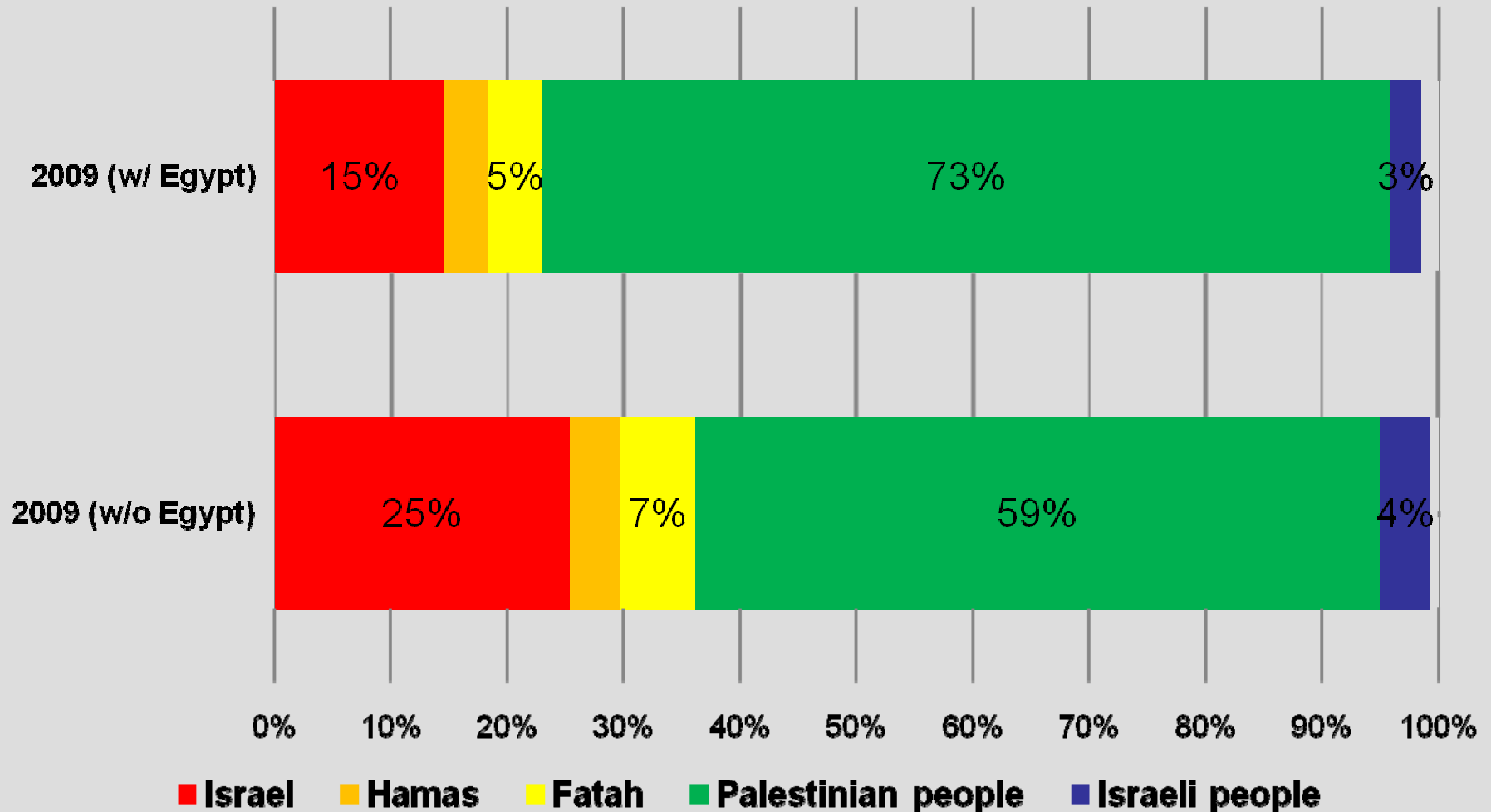
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When you look at the recent war in Gaza and its outcome, who do you believe was the biggest winner?



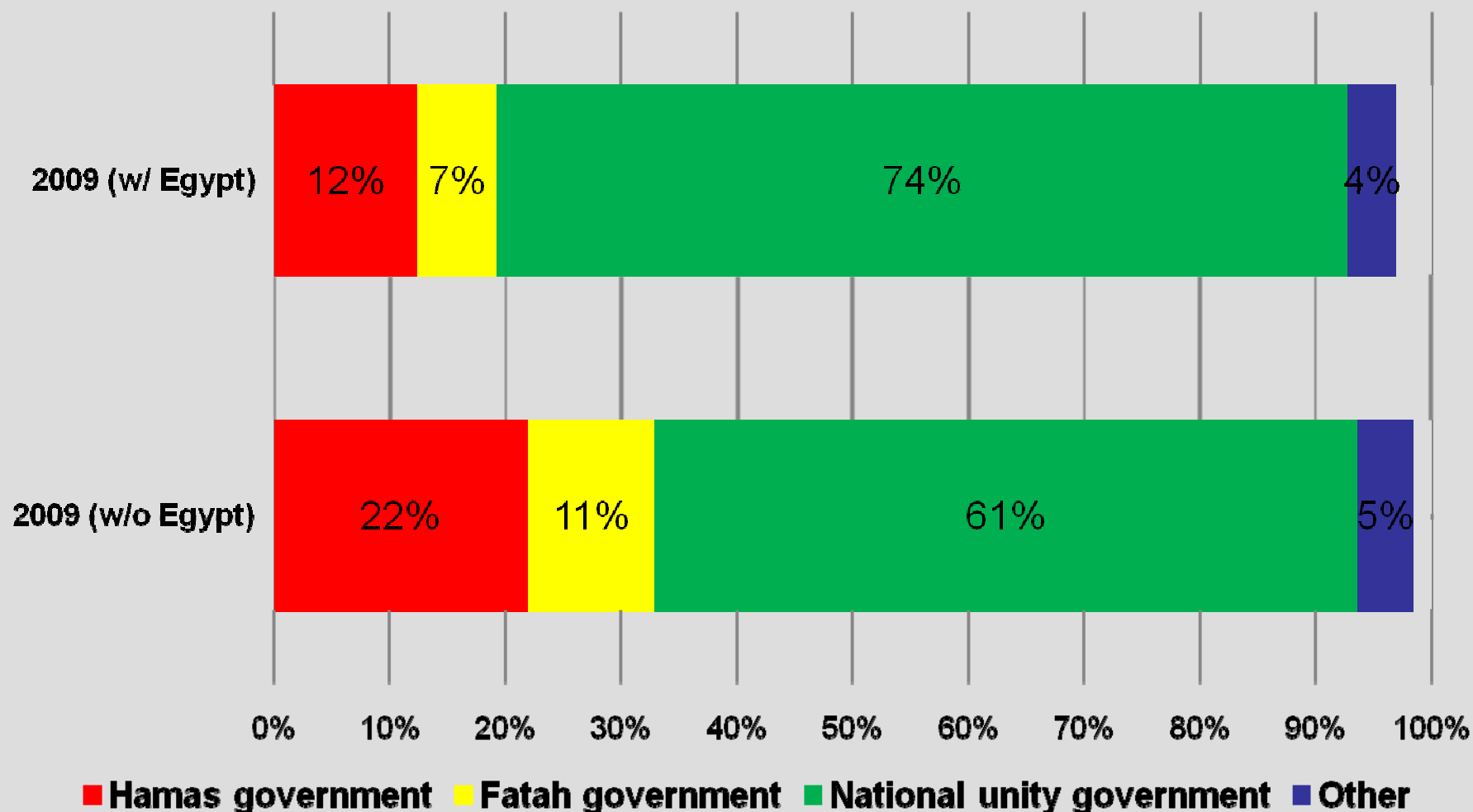
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When you look at the recent war in Gaza and its outcome, who do you think was the biggest loser?



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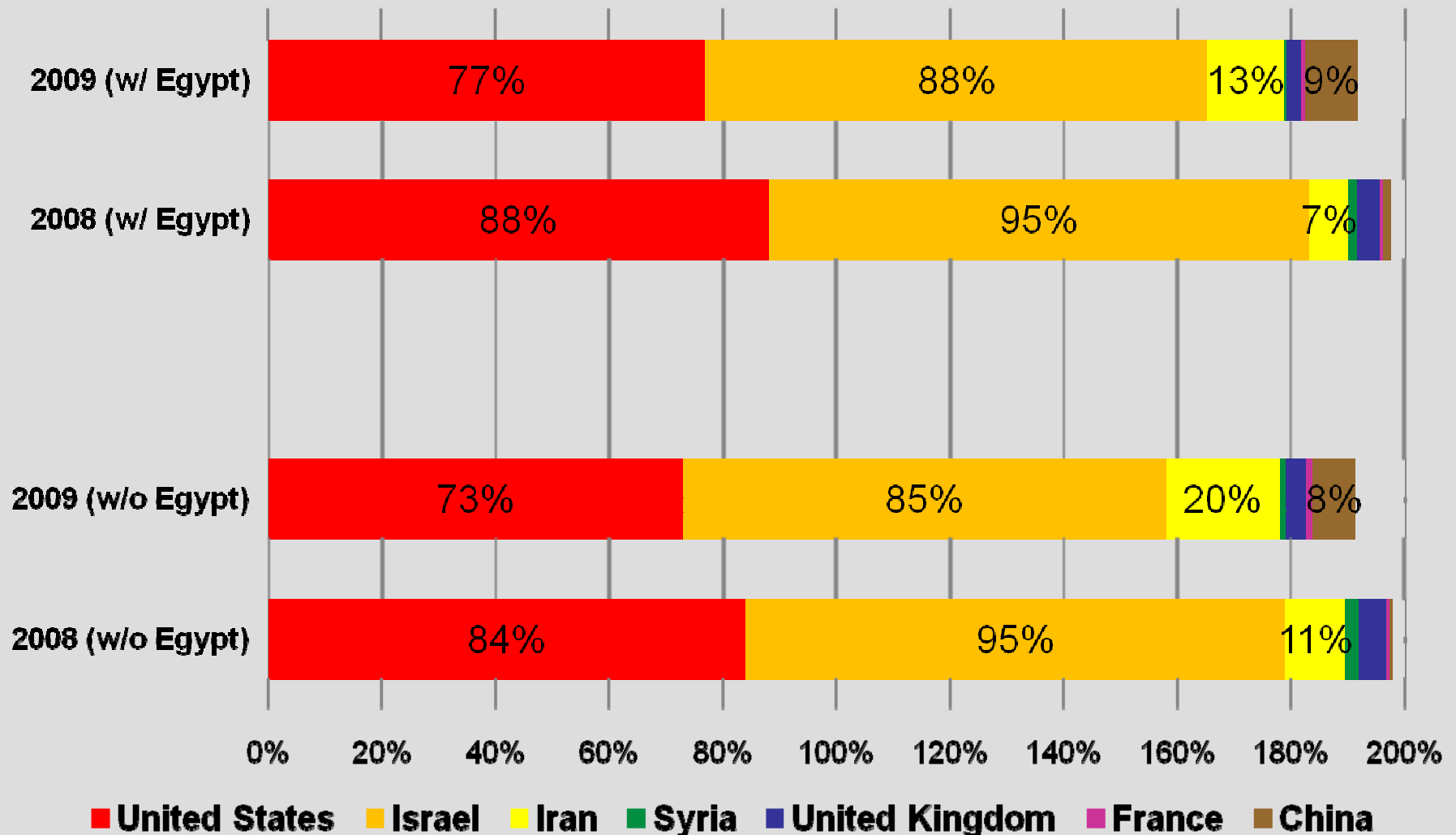
As you look at the internal Palestinian political divisions, do you prefer to see a:



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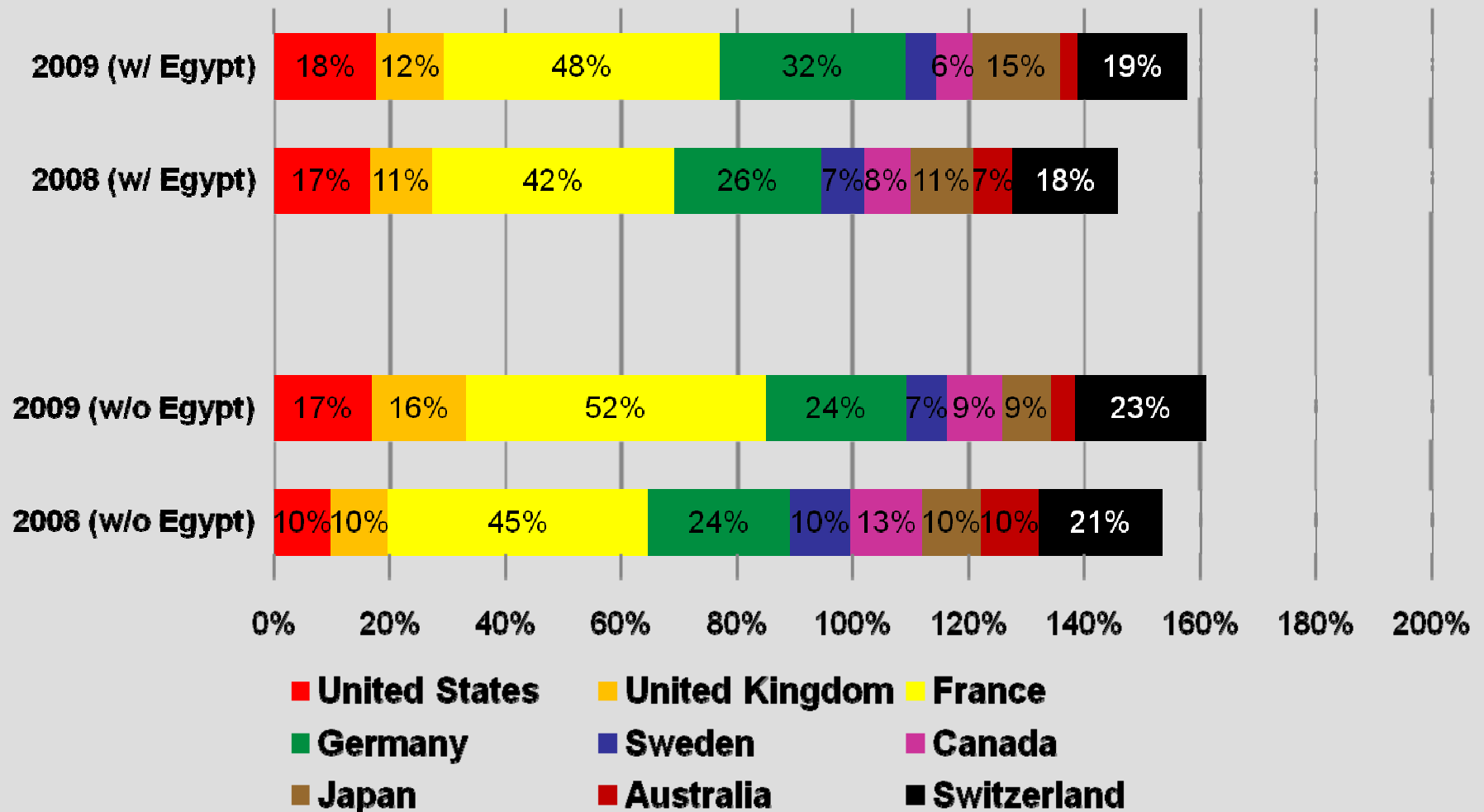
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Name TWO countries that you think pose the biggest threat to you.



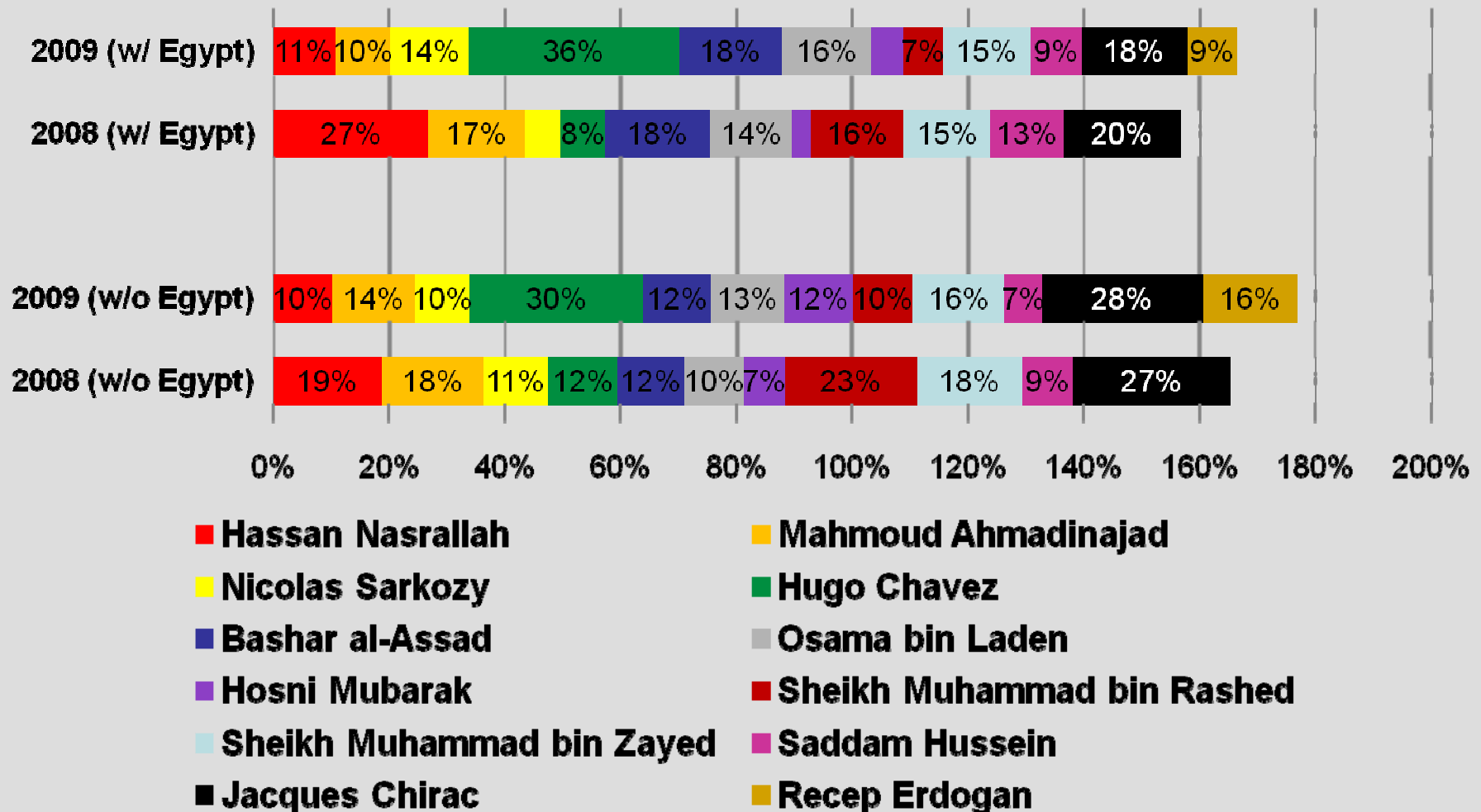
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Name TWO countries where you think there is the most freedom and democracy for their own people.



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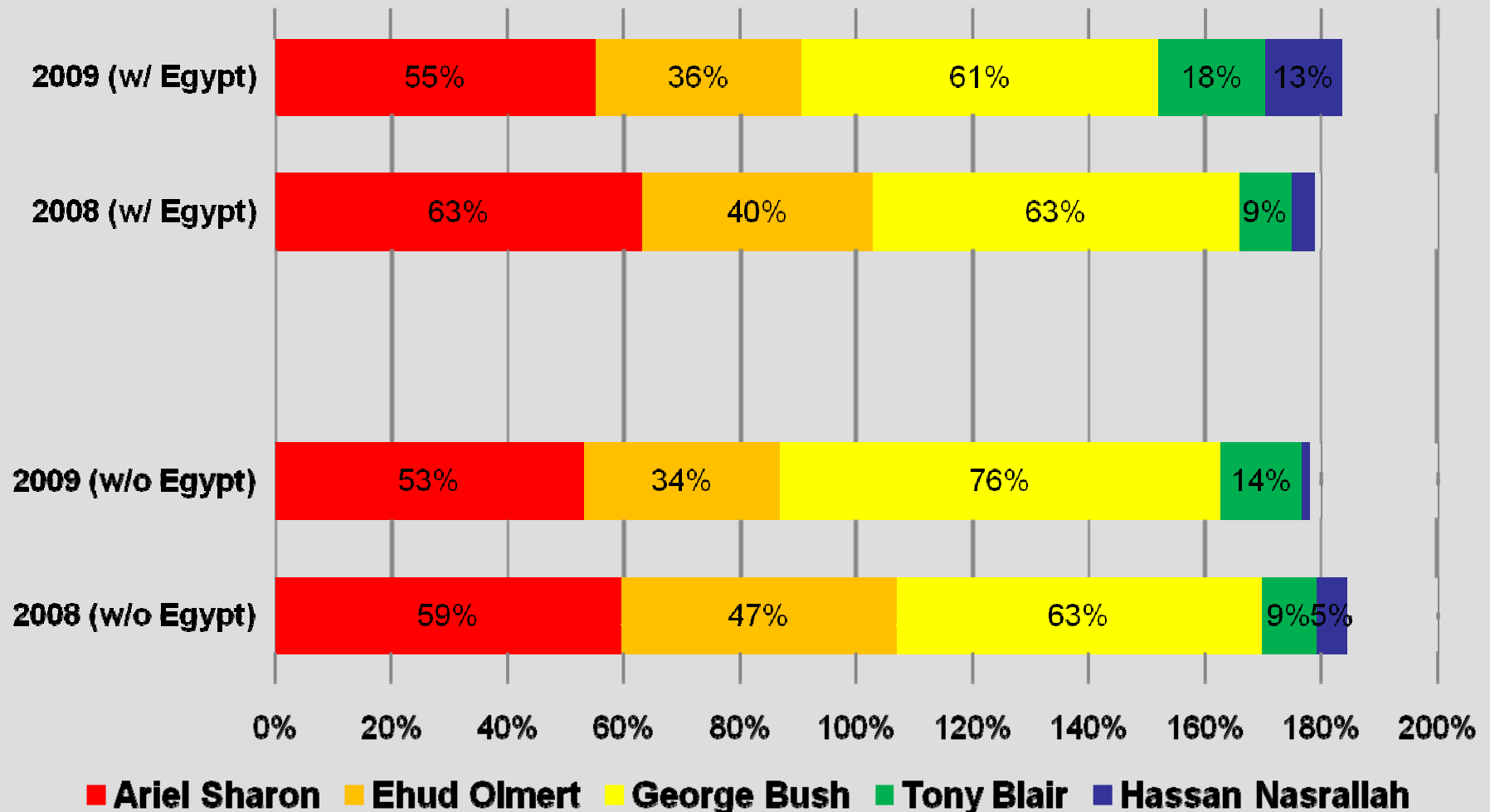
Which TWO* world leaders (outside your own country) do you admire most?



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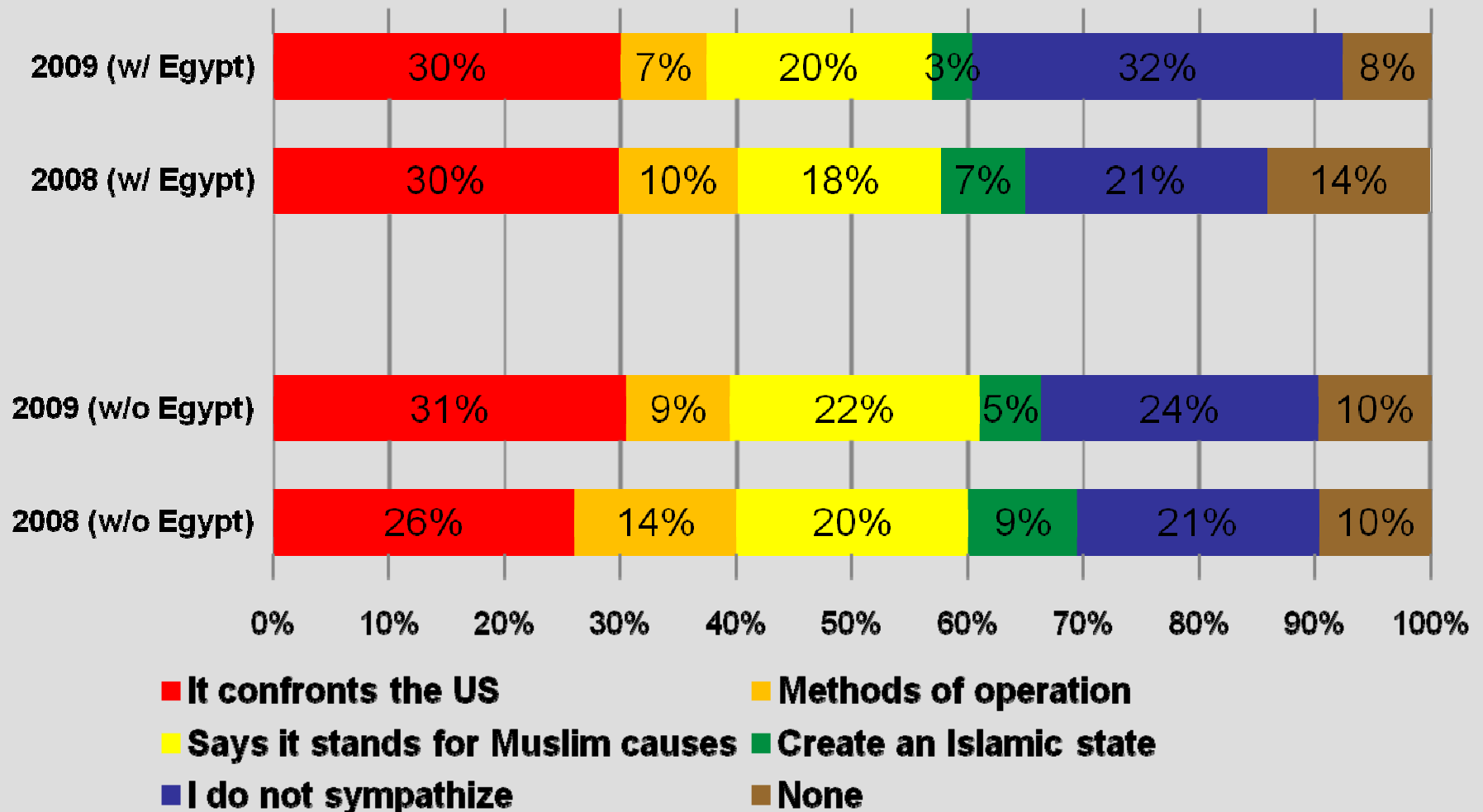
Which TWO* world leaders (outside your own country) do you dislike most?



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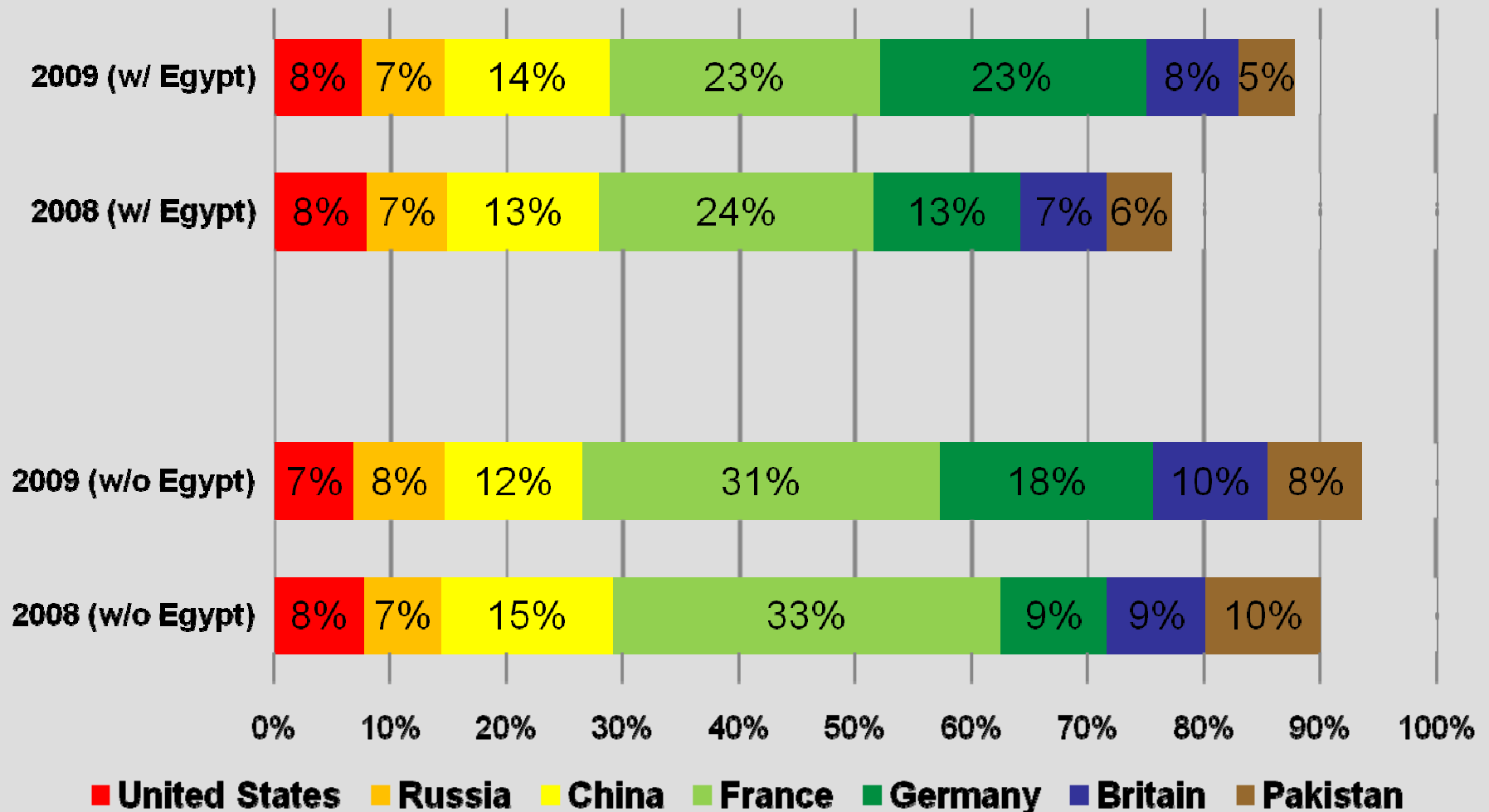
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When you think about al-Qaeda, what aspect of the organization, if any, do you sympathize with most?



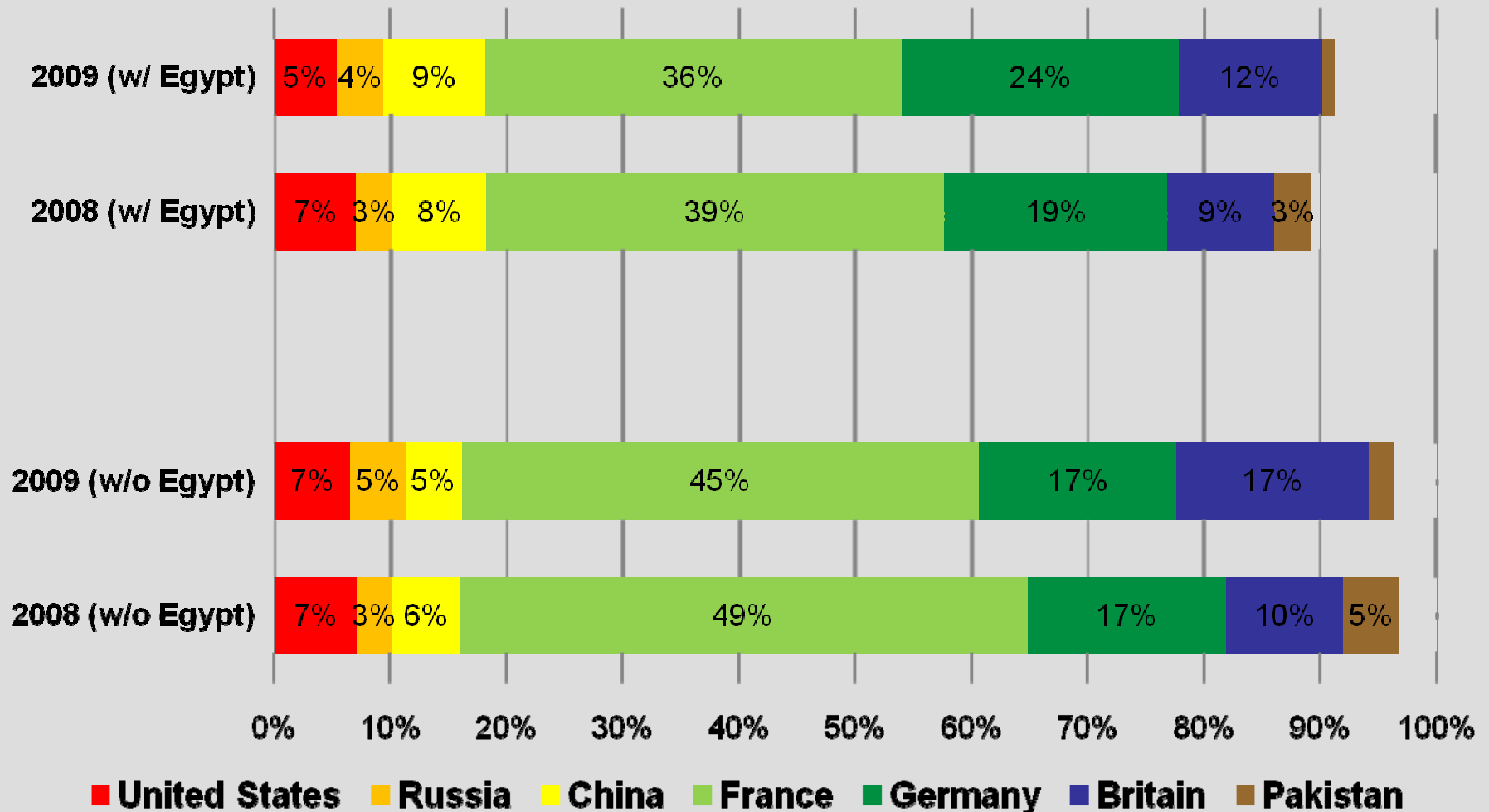
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In a world where there is only one superpower, which of the following countries would you prefer to be that superpower?



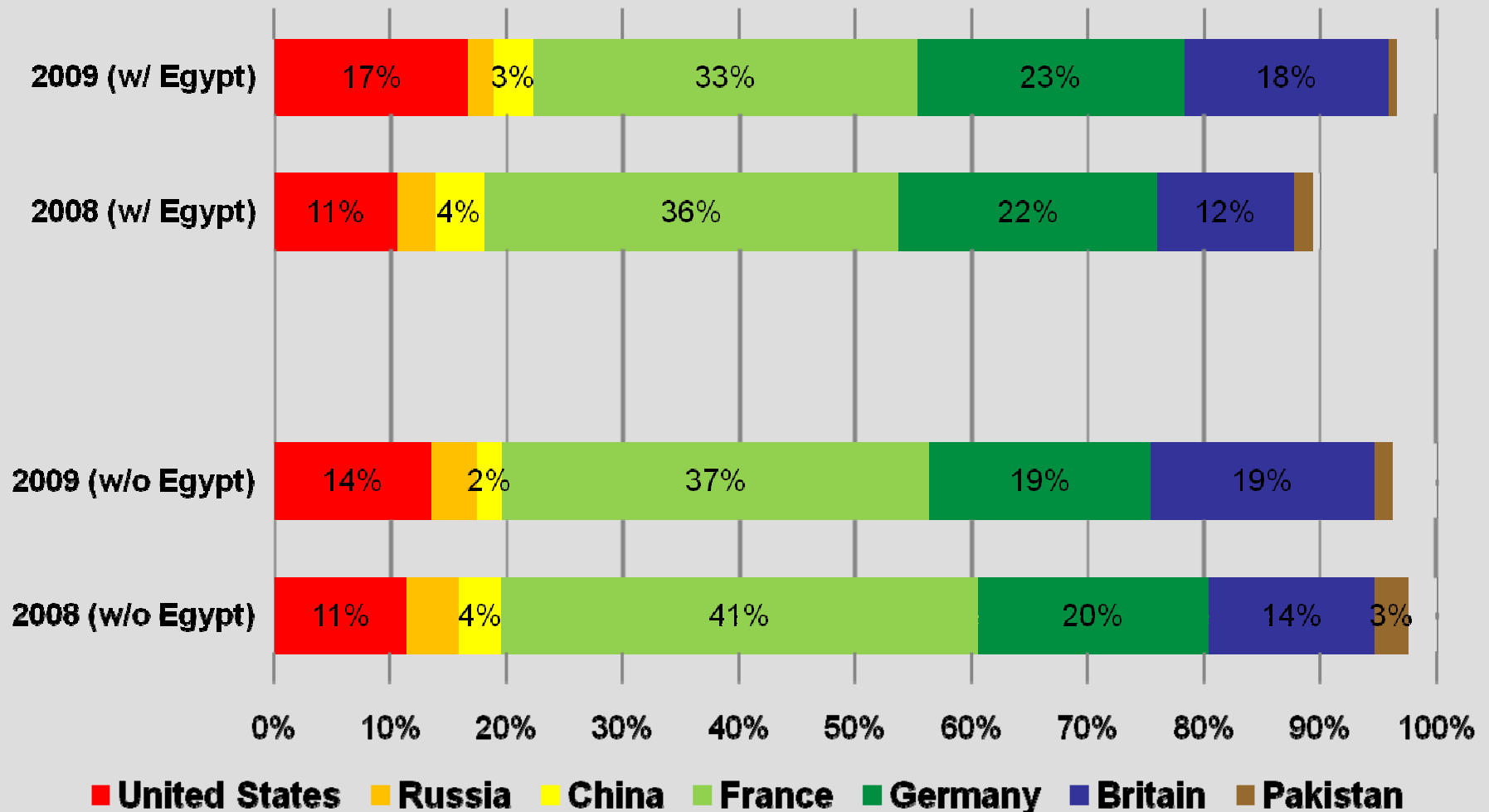
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If you had to live in one of the following countries, which one would you prefer most?



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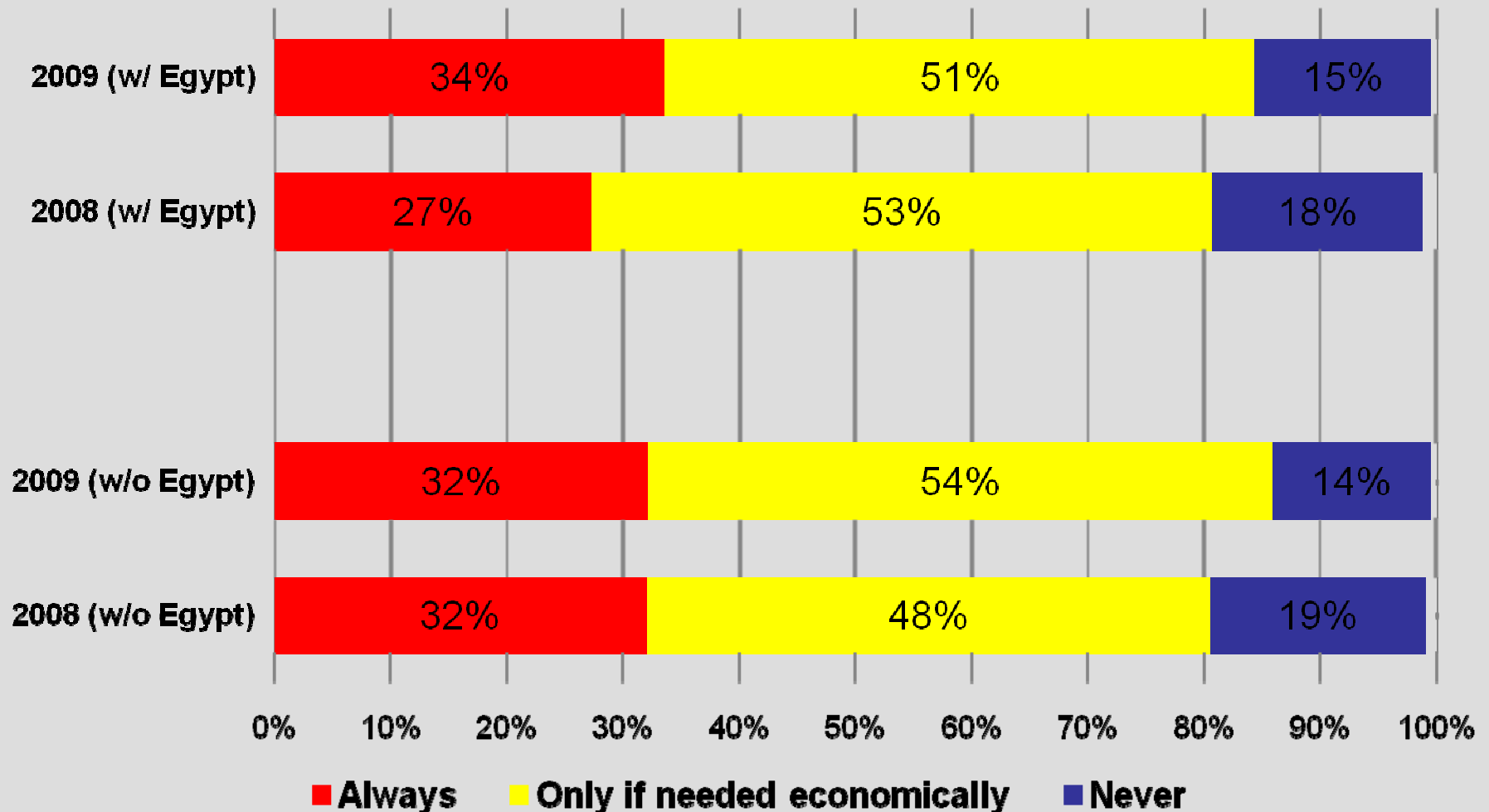
If a member of your family had to study in one of the following countries, which country would you prefer most?



Women's Rights

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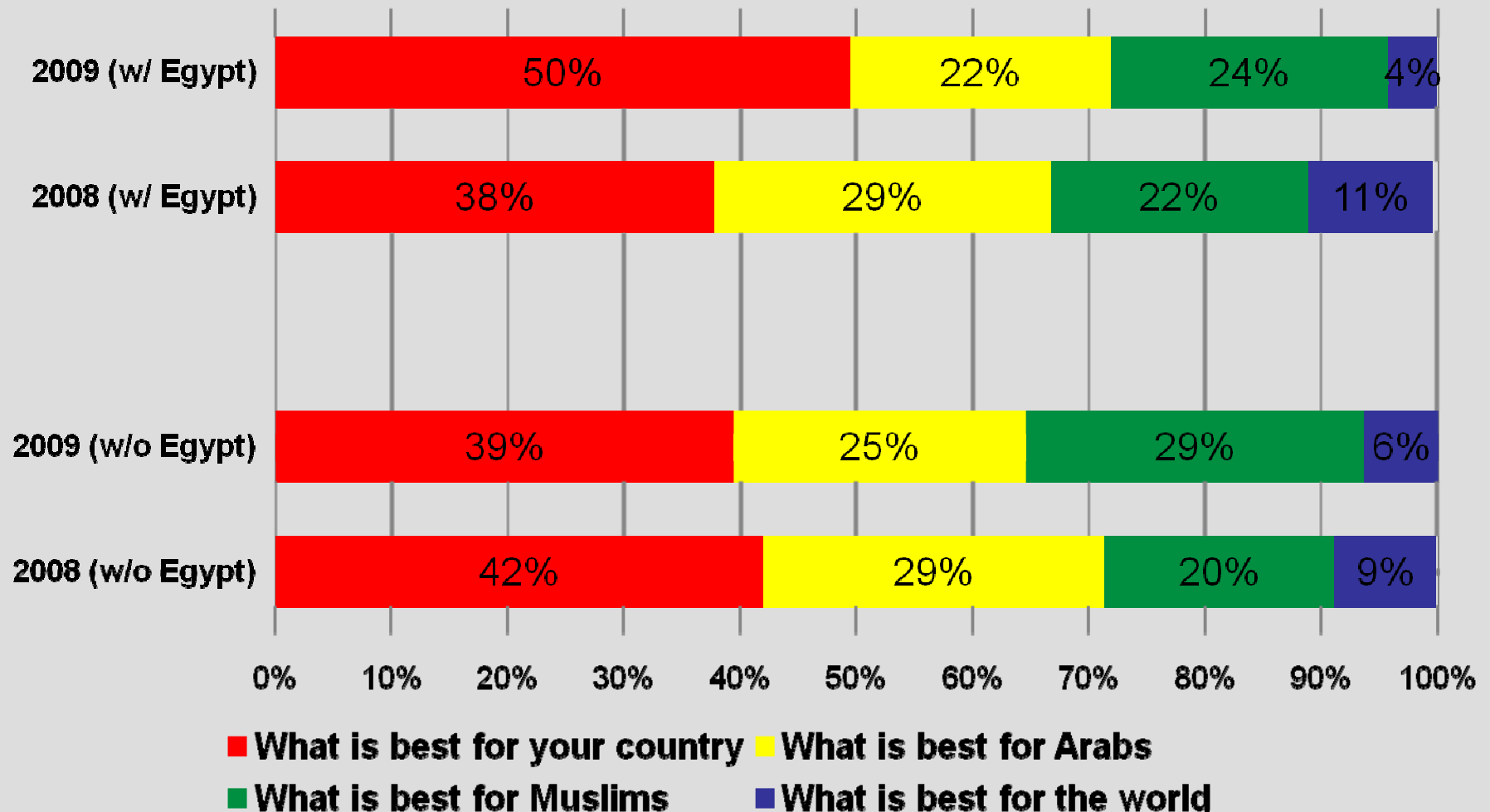
Do you think that women should have the right to work outside the home?



Identity

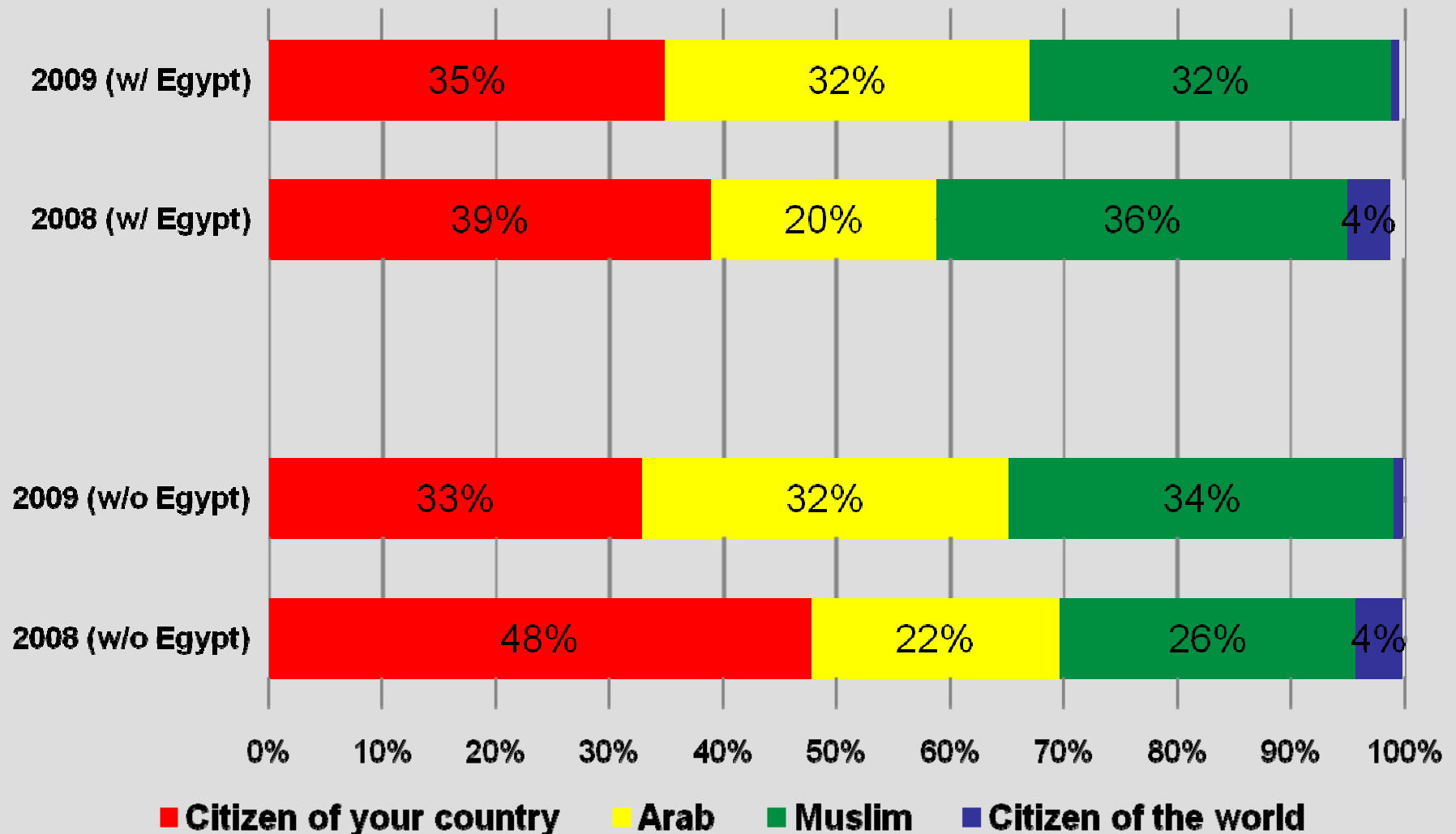
Identity

When your government makes decisions, do you think it should base its decisions mostly on...



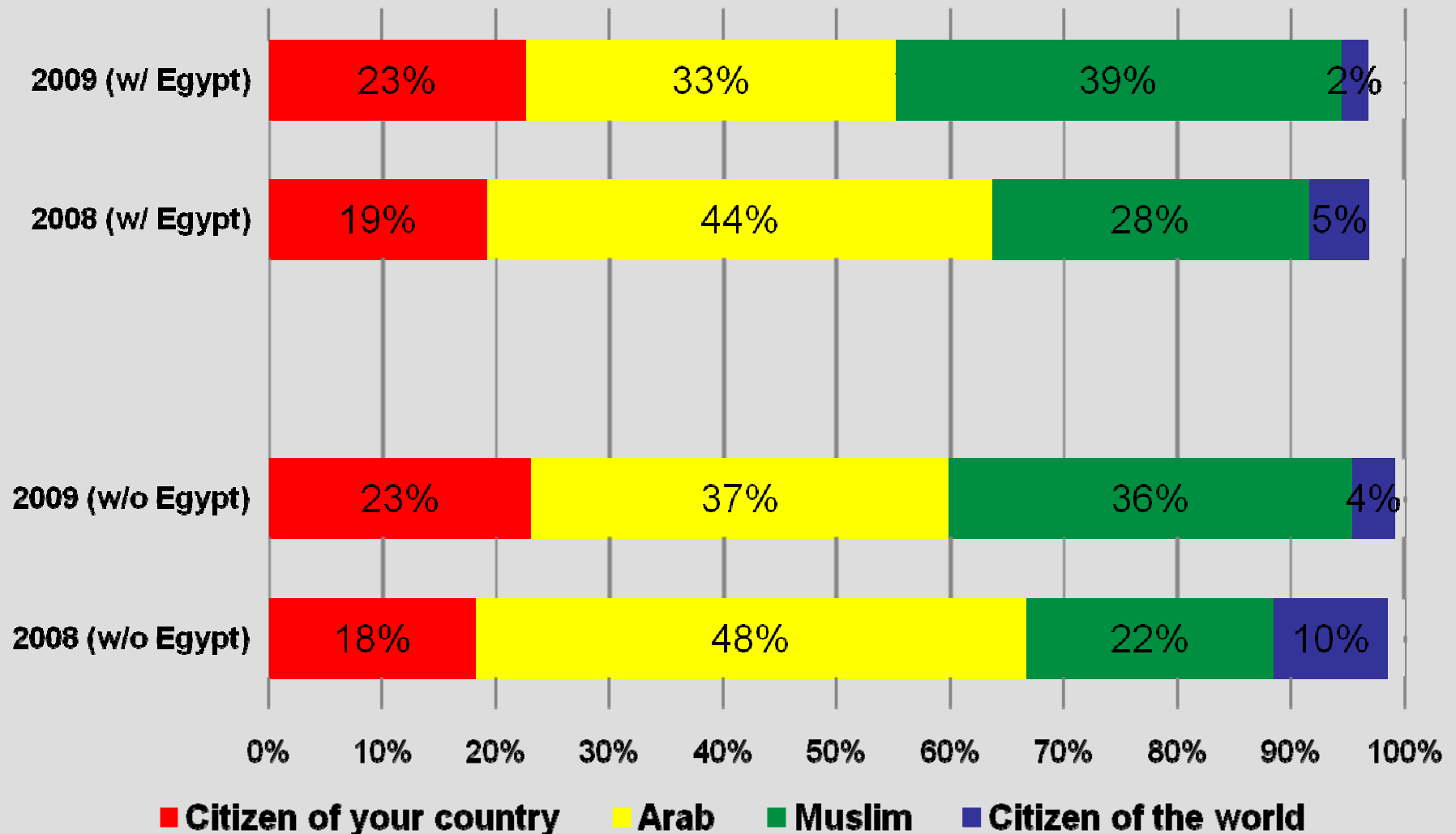
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Which of the following is your most important identity?



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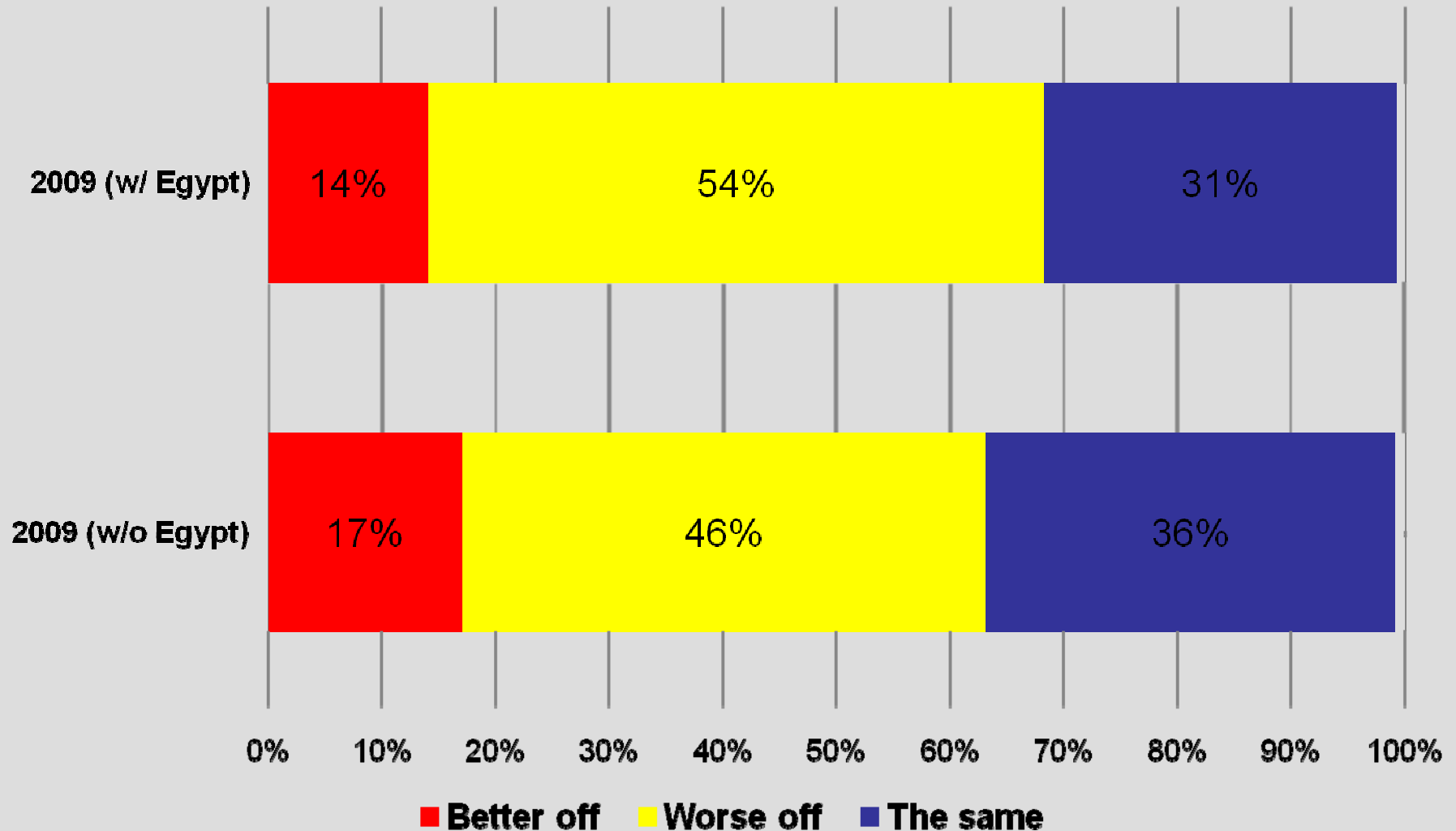
Which is your second most important identity?



Economy

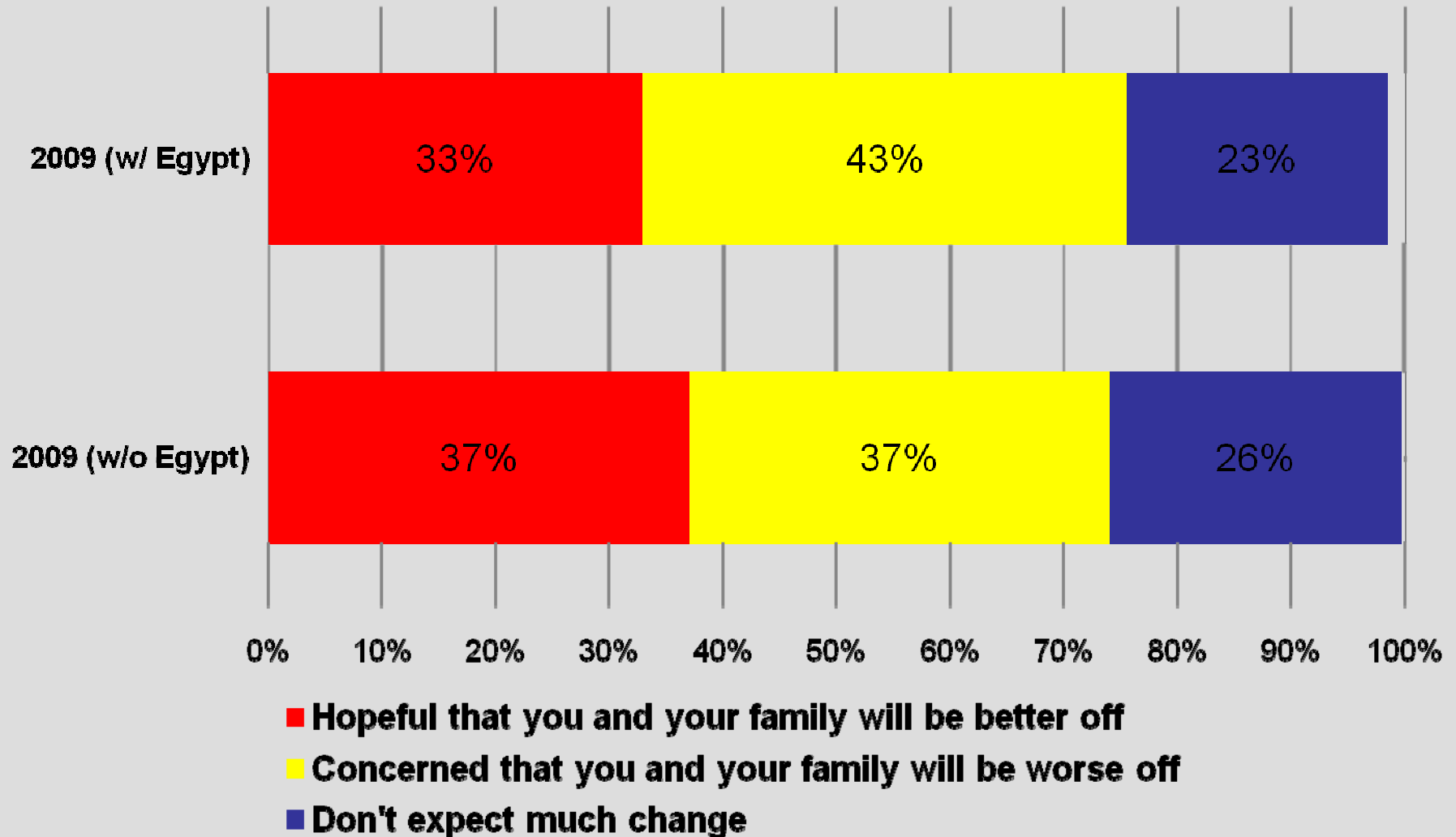
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Economically speaking, are you ____ now than a year ago?



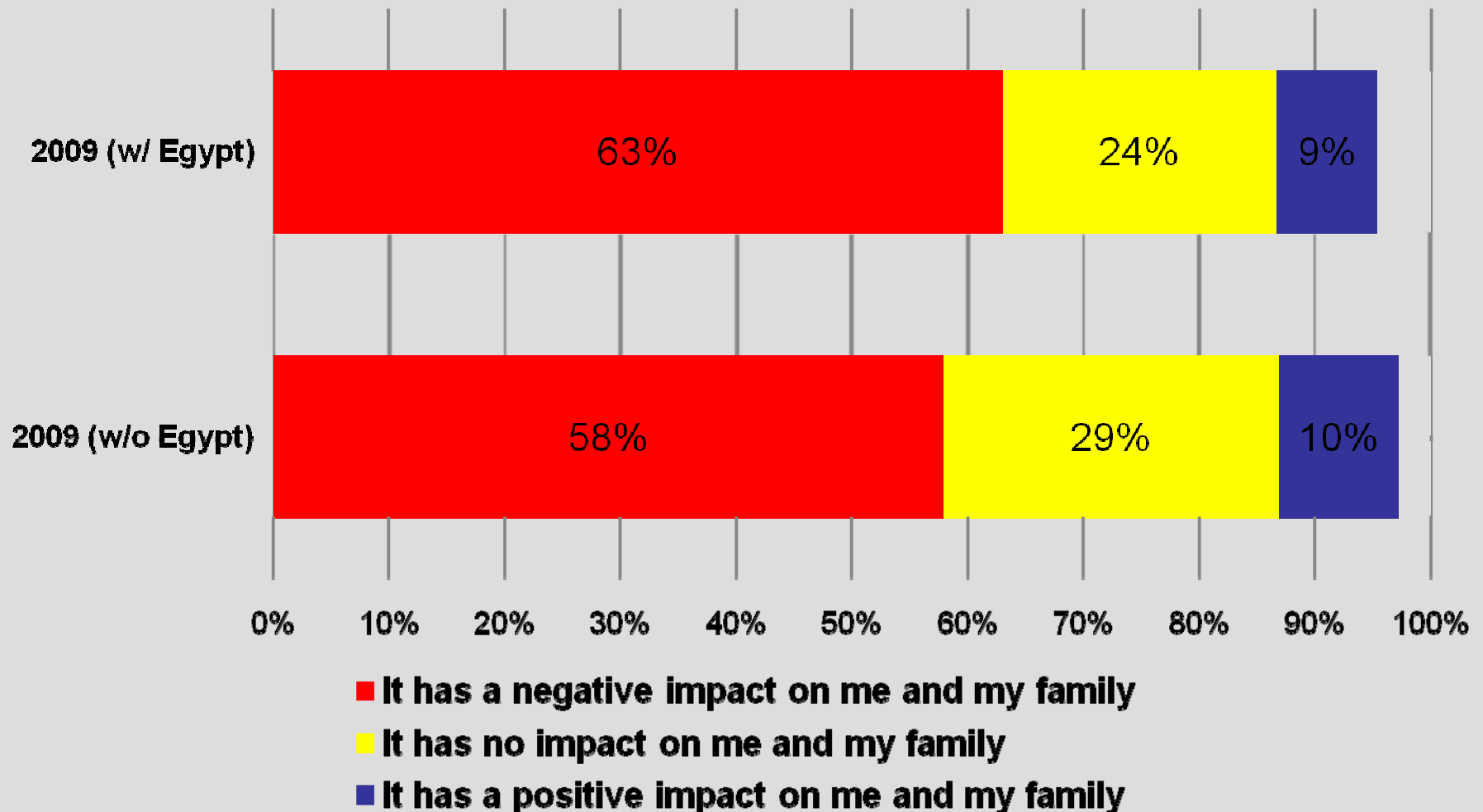
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Economically speaking, are you ____ a year from now?



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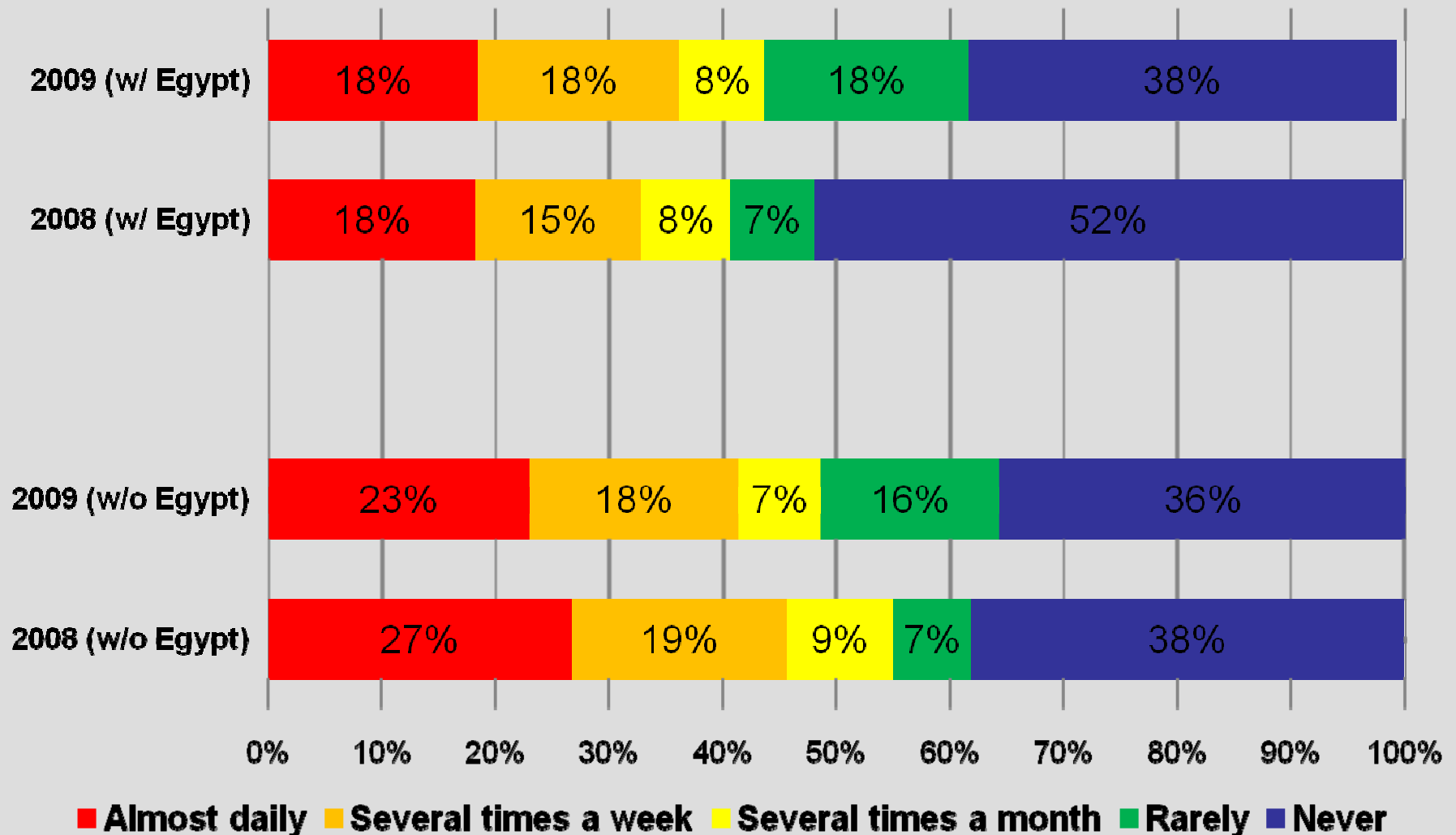
When you look at its global impact, which of the following is closer to your views about the weakened American economy?



Media

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How often do you use the internet, if at all?



Media

When you watch international news, which of the following network's news broadcasts do you watch most often?

