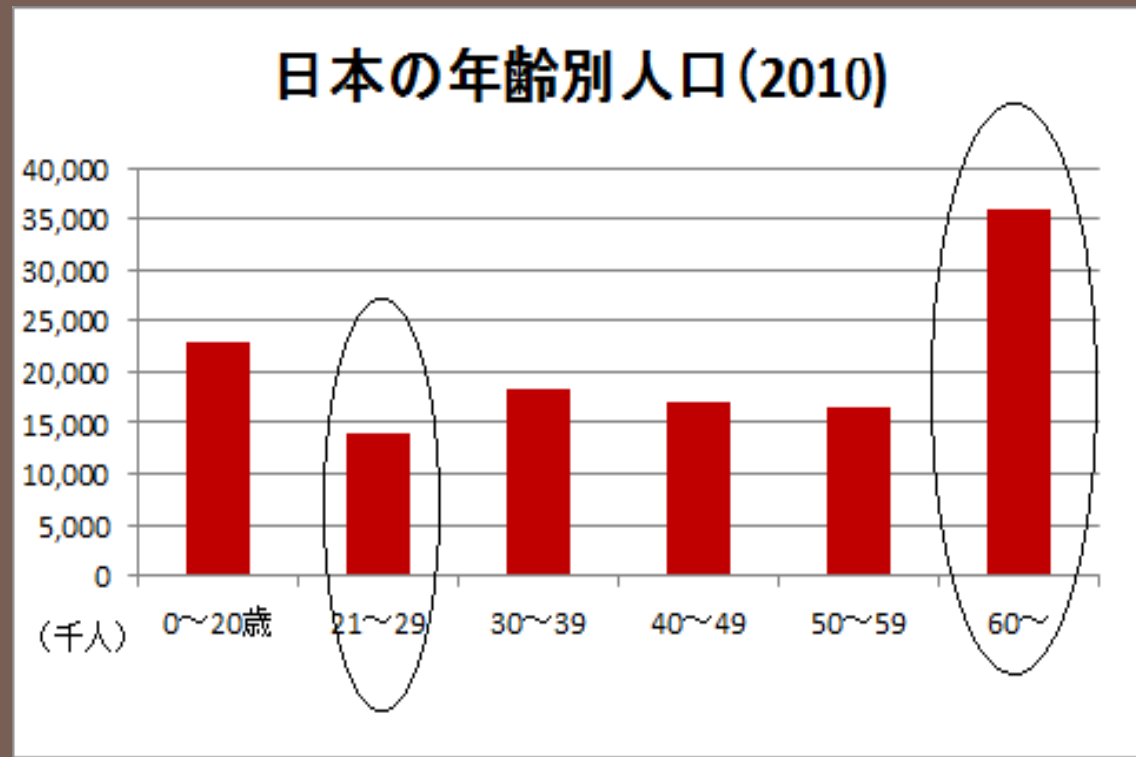
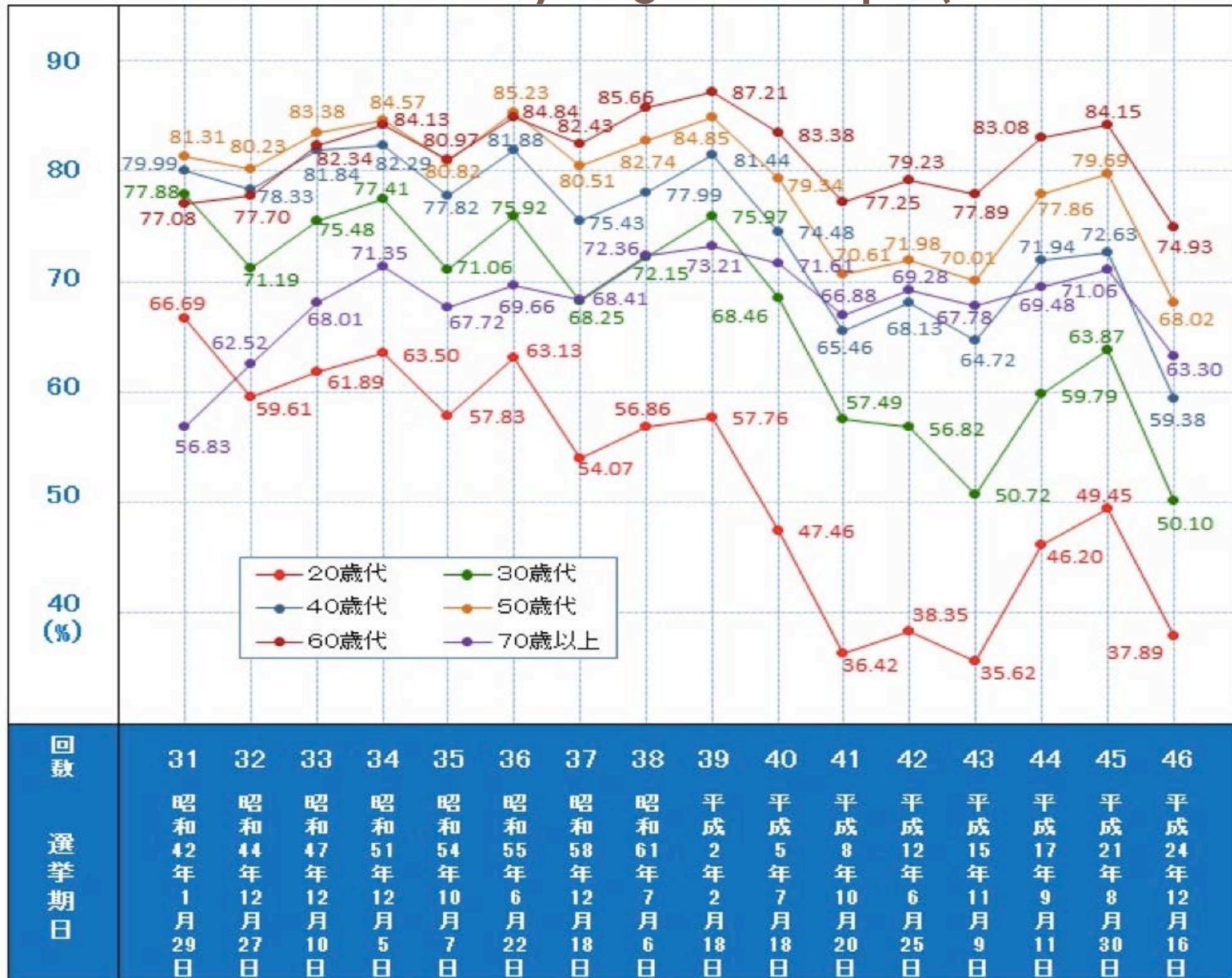


# JAPANESE YOUTHS AND THE POLITICS



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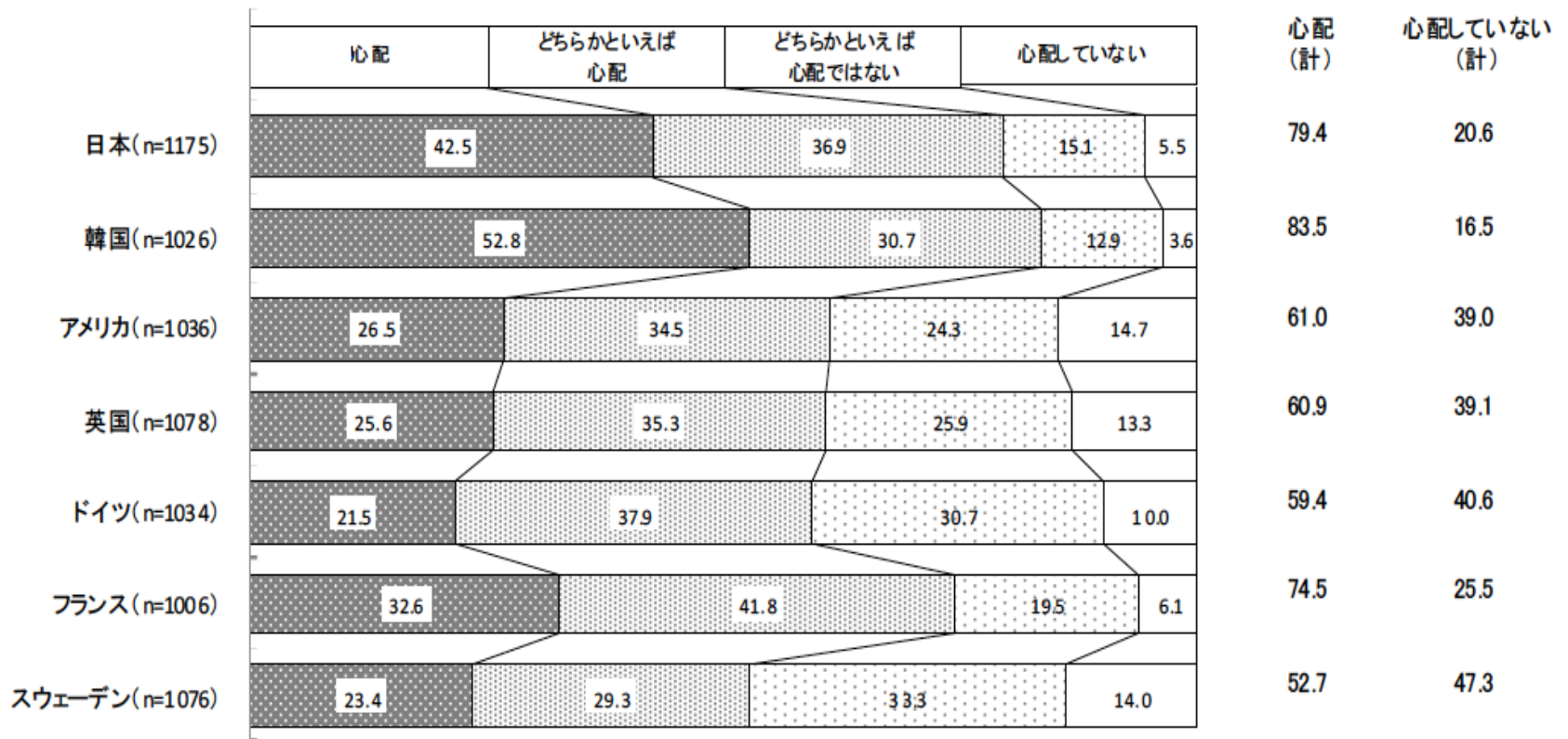
# Lower House Election Voting Rates by Age Group (1967-2012)



# Worry about your own future

(n) 自分の将来のこと

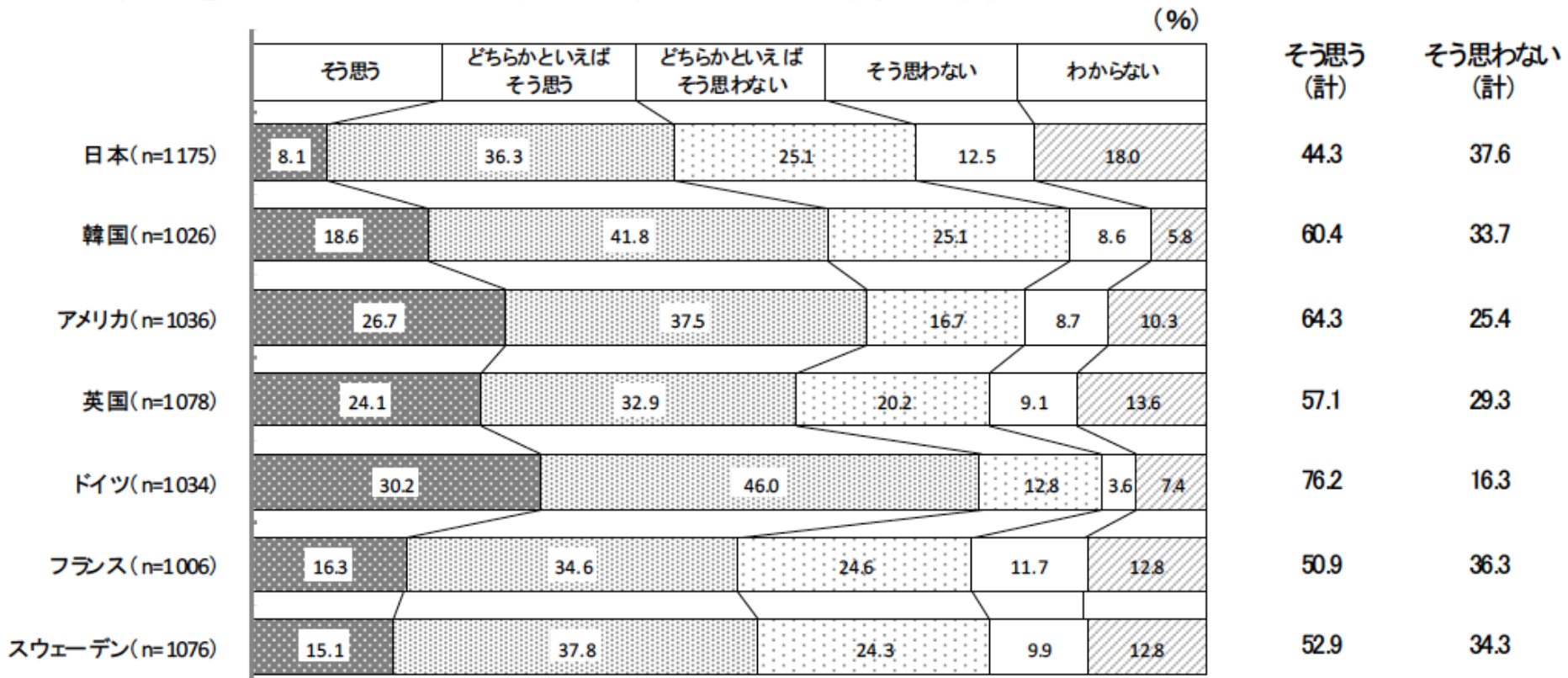
(%)



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# “I want to help solve social issues for the betterment of my society”

(a) 社会をよりよくするため、私は社会における問題に関与したい

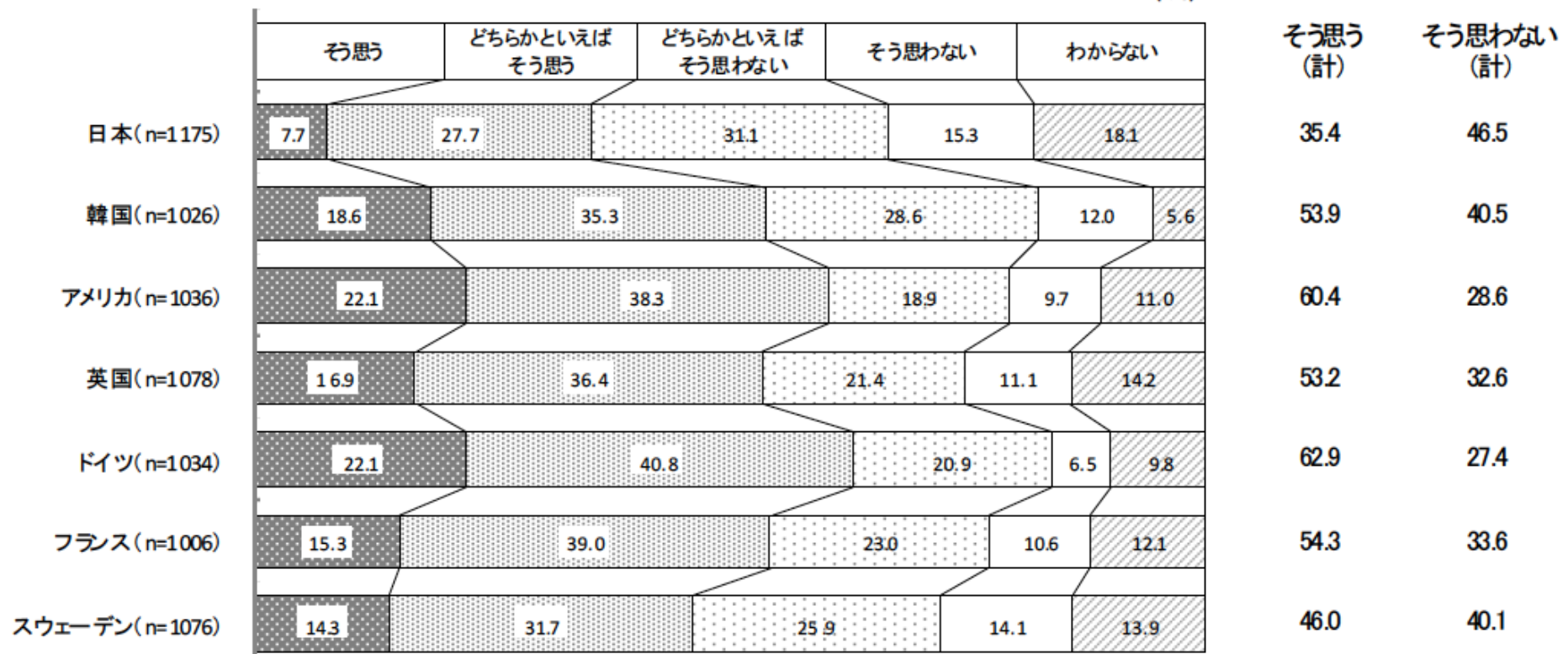


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# As a member of my country and my community I want to actively participate in policymaking processes

(b) 将来の国や地域の担い手として積極的に政策決定に参加したい (%)



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# Do you think government policies are helping youths?

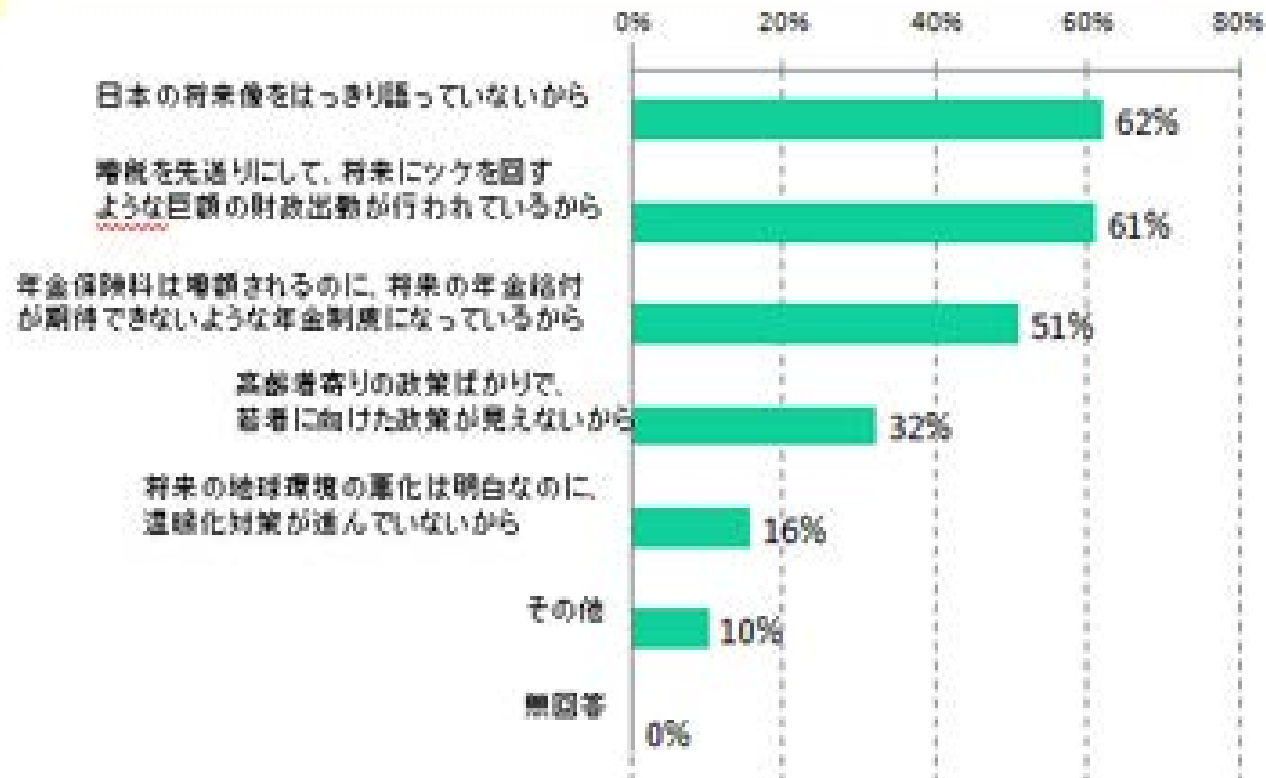
## Why do you think policies are not helping youths?

今の政治は、若者のための政策を実行していると思いますか。

【単数回答】

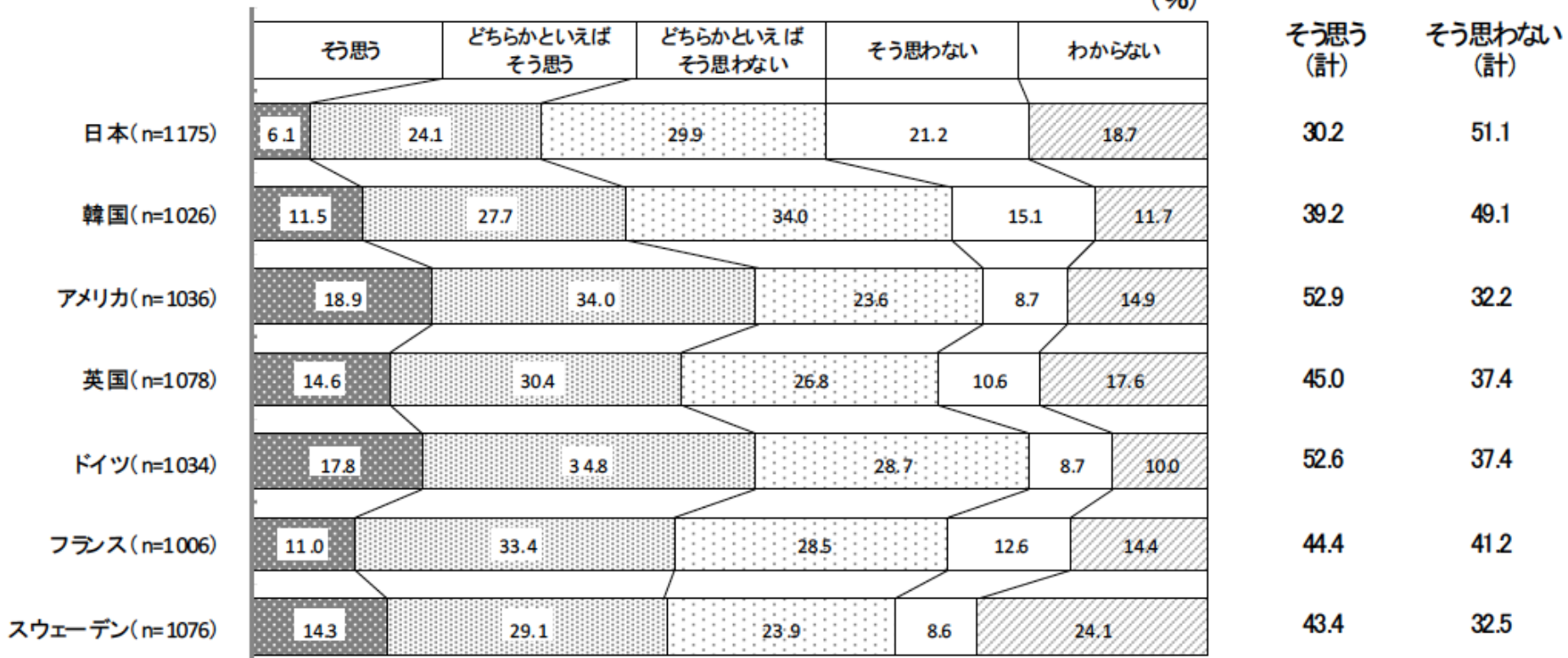


なぜ若者のための政策を実行していないと思うのですか。  
【いくつでも回答】



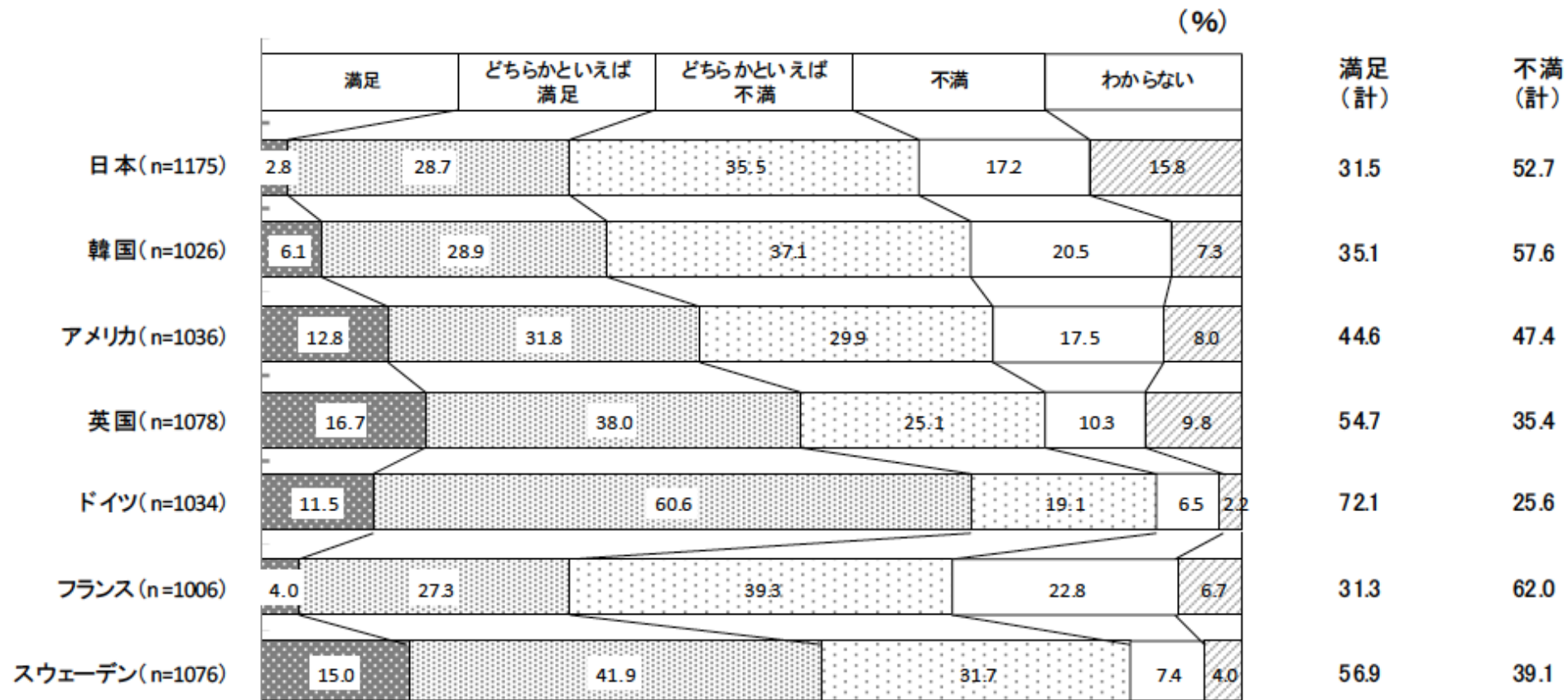
# I think it is possible to change the society through my participation

(e) 私の参加により、変えてほしい社会現象が少し変えられるかもしれない (%)



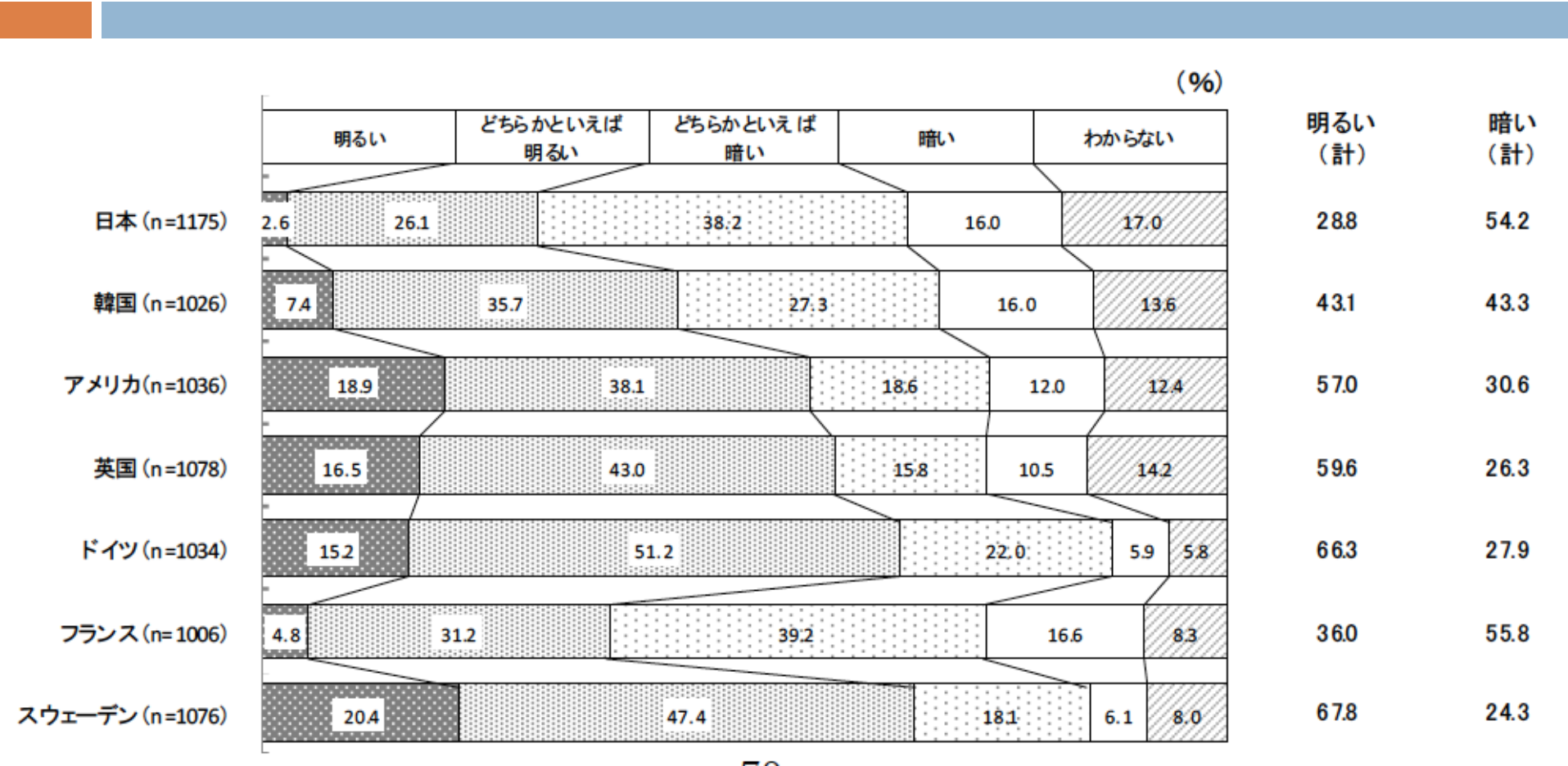
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# Are you satisfied with your country/society





# Do you think the future of your country is looking bright?



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# What do you see as your country's social problems

1. “Hard to find work and high unemployment” – 47.7%
2. “There is no reward for hard work” – 41.4%
3. “Politics is not sound” – 39.1%

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