



*World view  
research among  
young people of  
different  
nationalities*

The image shows two flags flying on tall poles against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The flag on the left is the Polish flag, featuring a white upper half and a red lower half. The flag on the right is the Dutch flag, featuring three horizontal stripes of red, white, and blue. Bare trees are visible in the background, suggesting a cool season. The text 'Poland vs the Netherlands' is overlaid in a black, italicized serif font, centered between the two flags.

*Poland*  
*vs*  
*the Netherlands*

# *Introduction*

As our project for we chose to compare world views among young people in Poland and the Netherlands. Having prepared questionnaires, we asked people between 16 and 19 years old to fill them.

# *Questionnaire*

It consist of 22 questions on generic topics such as family, economy, religion and tolerance. The point of the whole ordeal was to show where exactly our cultures differ the most - what opinions are responsible for differencies in attitude and behaviour of the Dutch and the Poles.



We began carrying out our project in Poland - at sixth High School in Białystok.

When we've had all the questionnaires filled we flew to the Netherlands in order to complete our research.

The image shows the exterior of a multi-story building, identified as Theresia Lyceum. The building has a light-colored facade with a prominent blue logo and the word "THERESIA" on the left side. The building features a series of windows and a central entrance area. The foreground is a paved area with some scattered leaves, and there are trees and greenery in the background. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

In The Netherlands we were  
working with students from  
Theresia Lyceum situated in  
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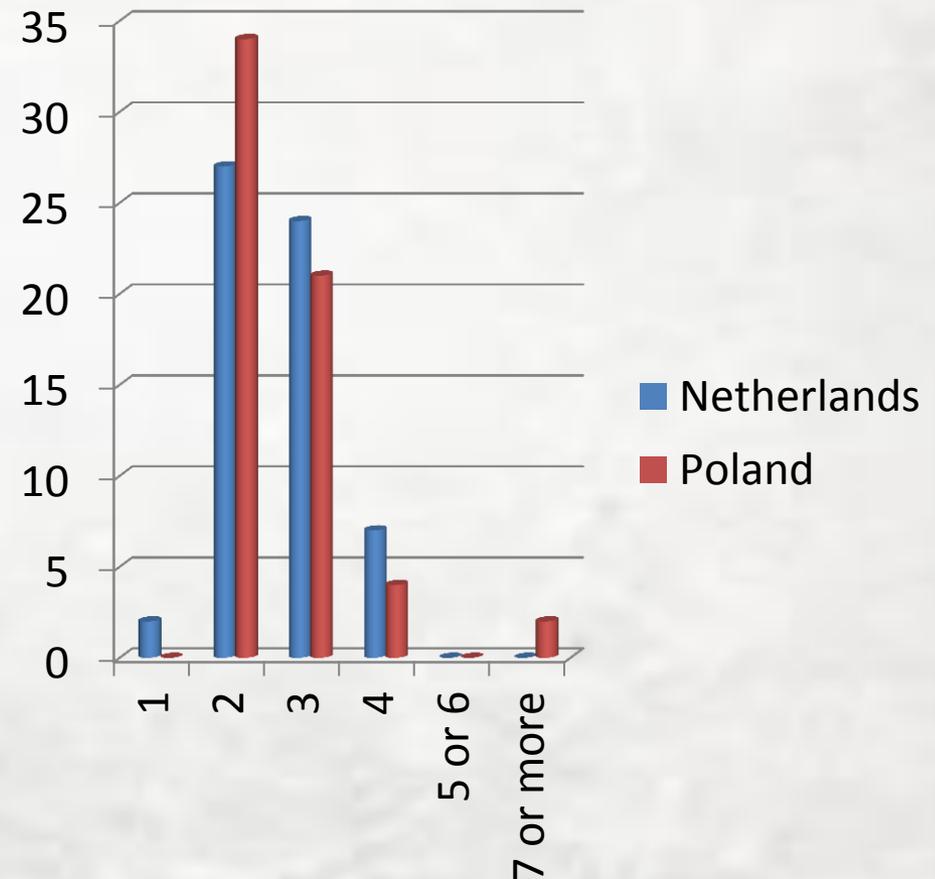
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# *Family*



# *How many kids should a family have ?*

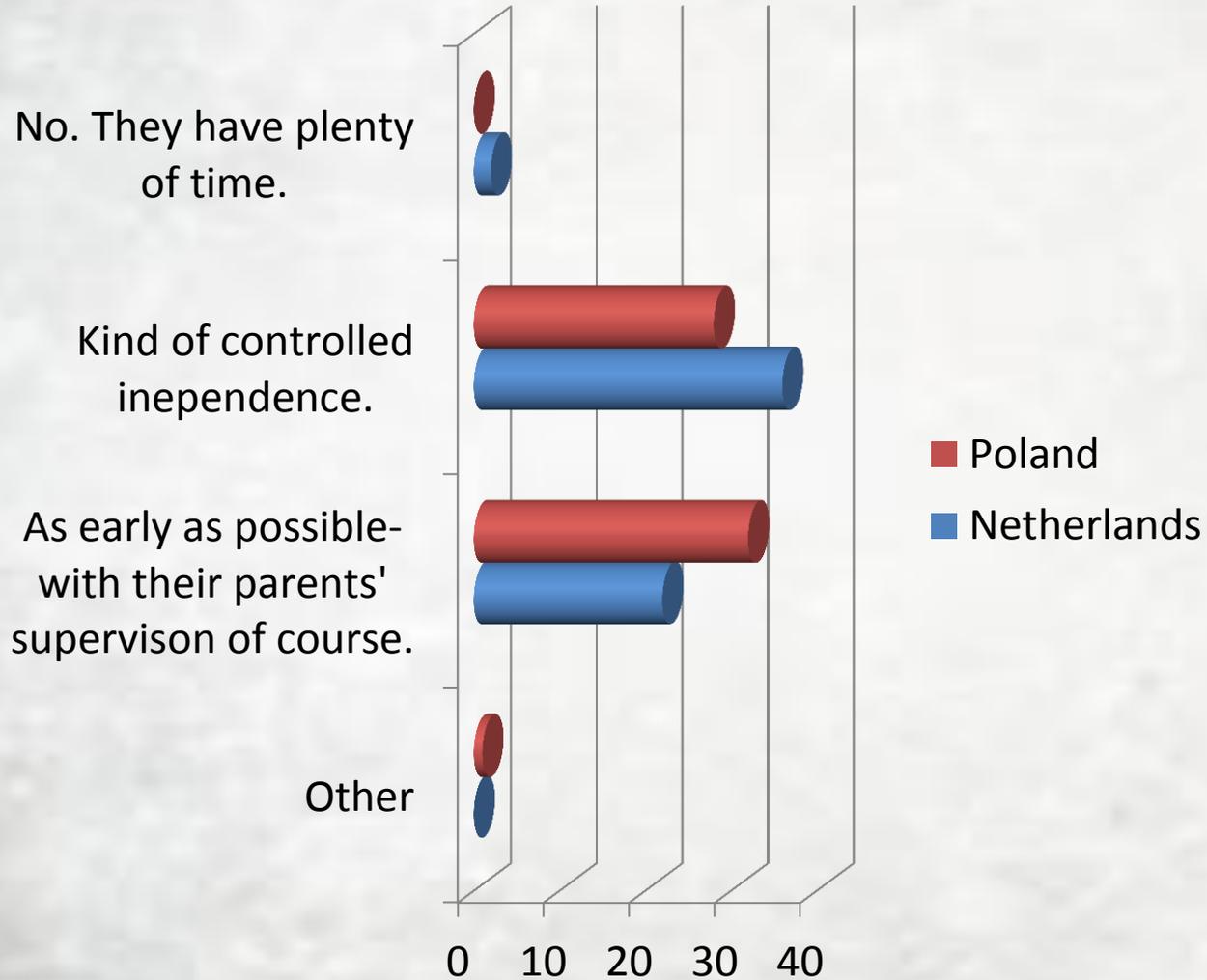
According to our research, in both Poland and the Netherlands a perfect family should have 2-3 kids, although in the Netherlands there's a greater minority who thinks it should be 4. The American 2+1 model doesn't seem to be working here.



# *Should kids learn independence ?*

Slightly higher percentage of people in Poland think that children should learn independence as early as possible by themselves rather than having an illusion of it - a helping hand on the way, whereas the Dutch definitely prefer the second option.

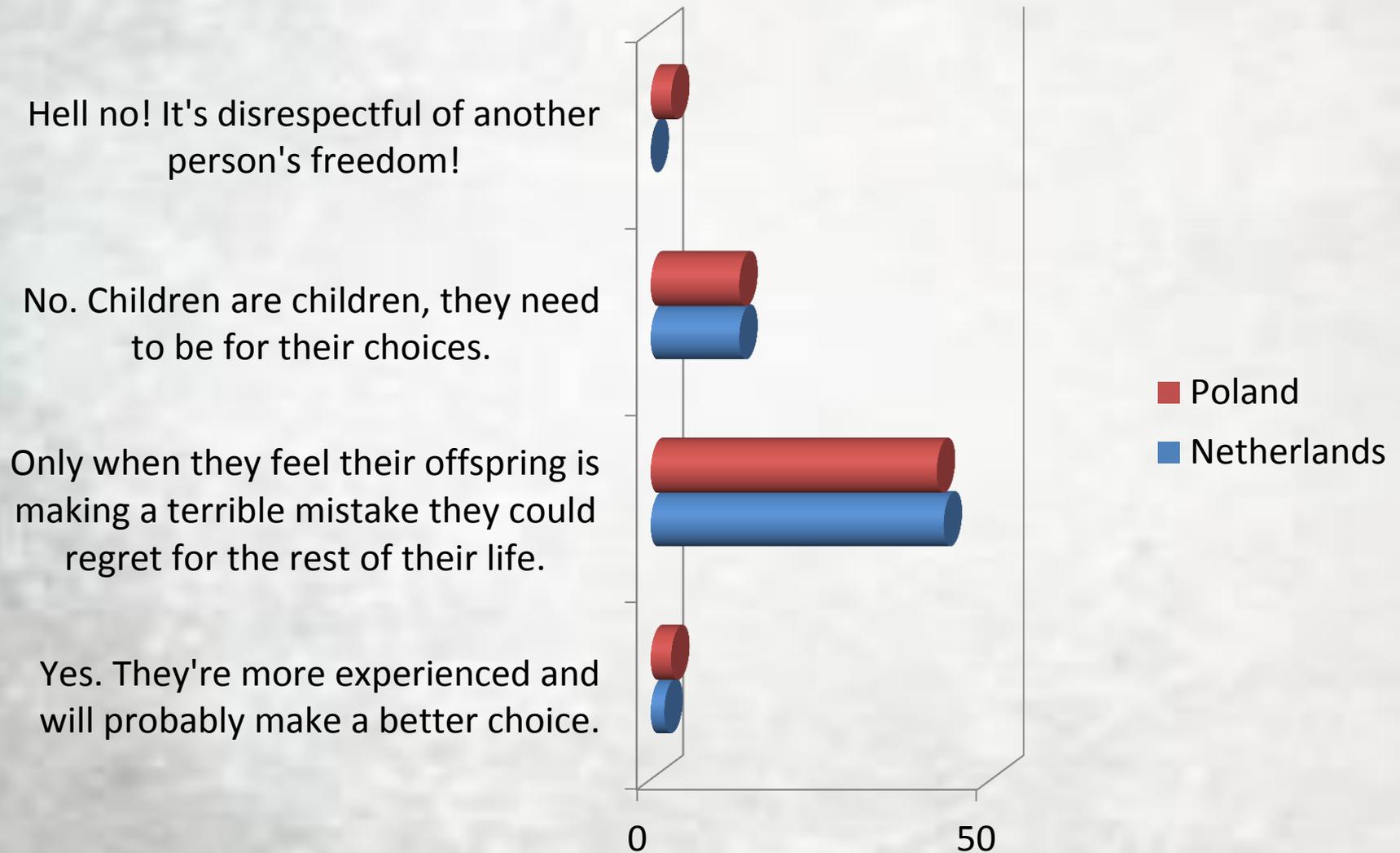
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As for influencing children's possibly terrible choices the results are strikingly similar, both nationalities accepting such behaviour in situations that require interference, however - some suggest leaving offsprings to make their own mistakes and learn from it.

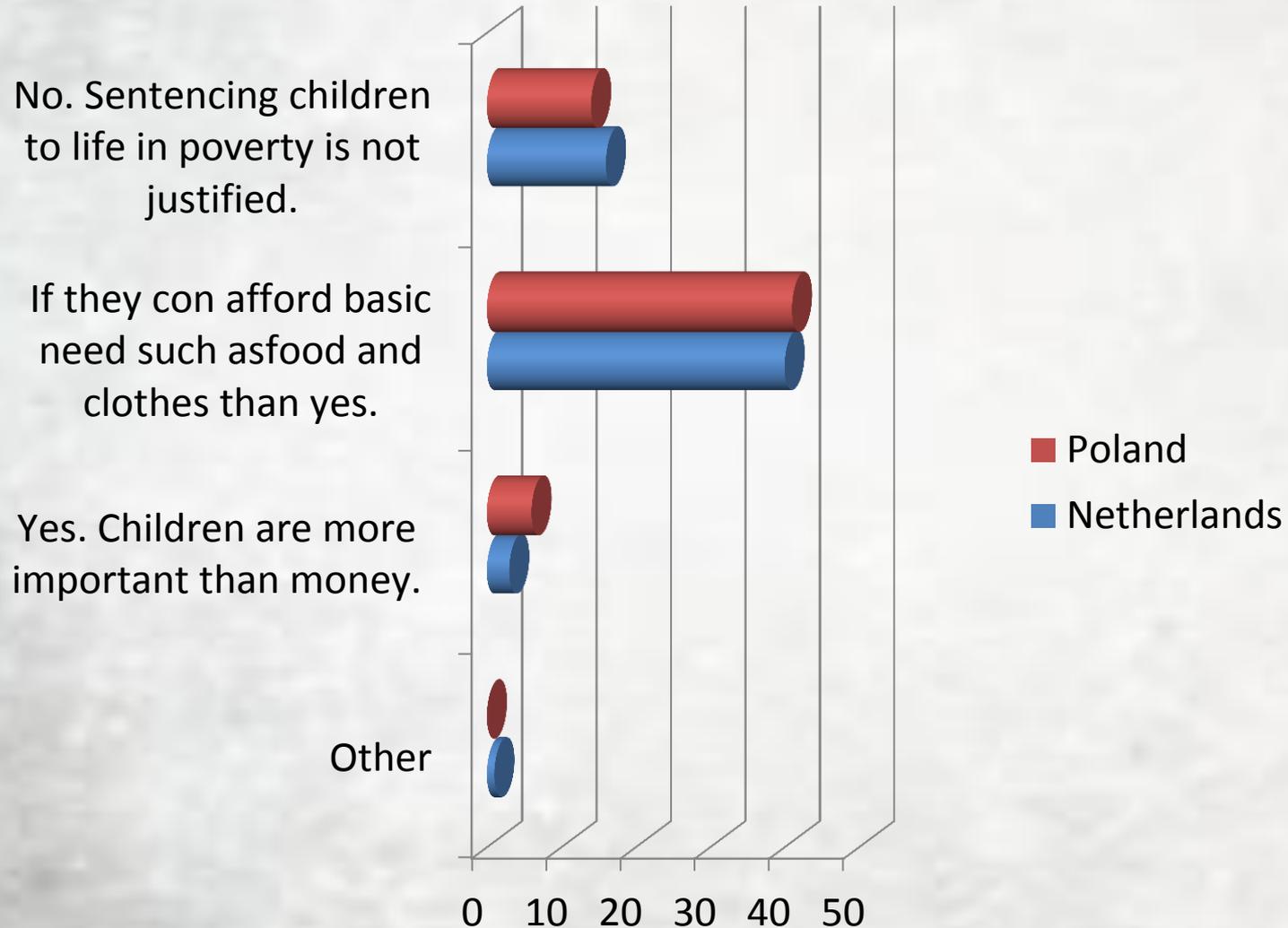
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Once again, similarly in both countries, it is accepted to plan family despite not being able to provide all necessary resources - as long as there's food and clothes. A considerable minority states otherwise.

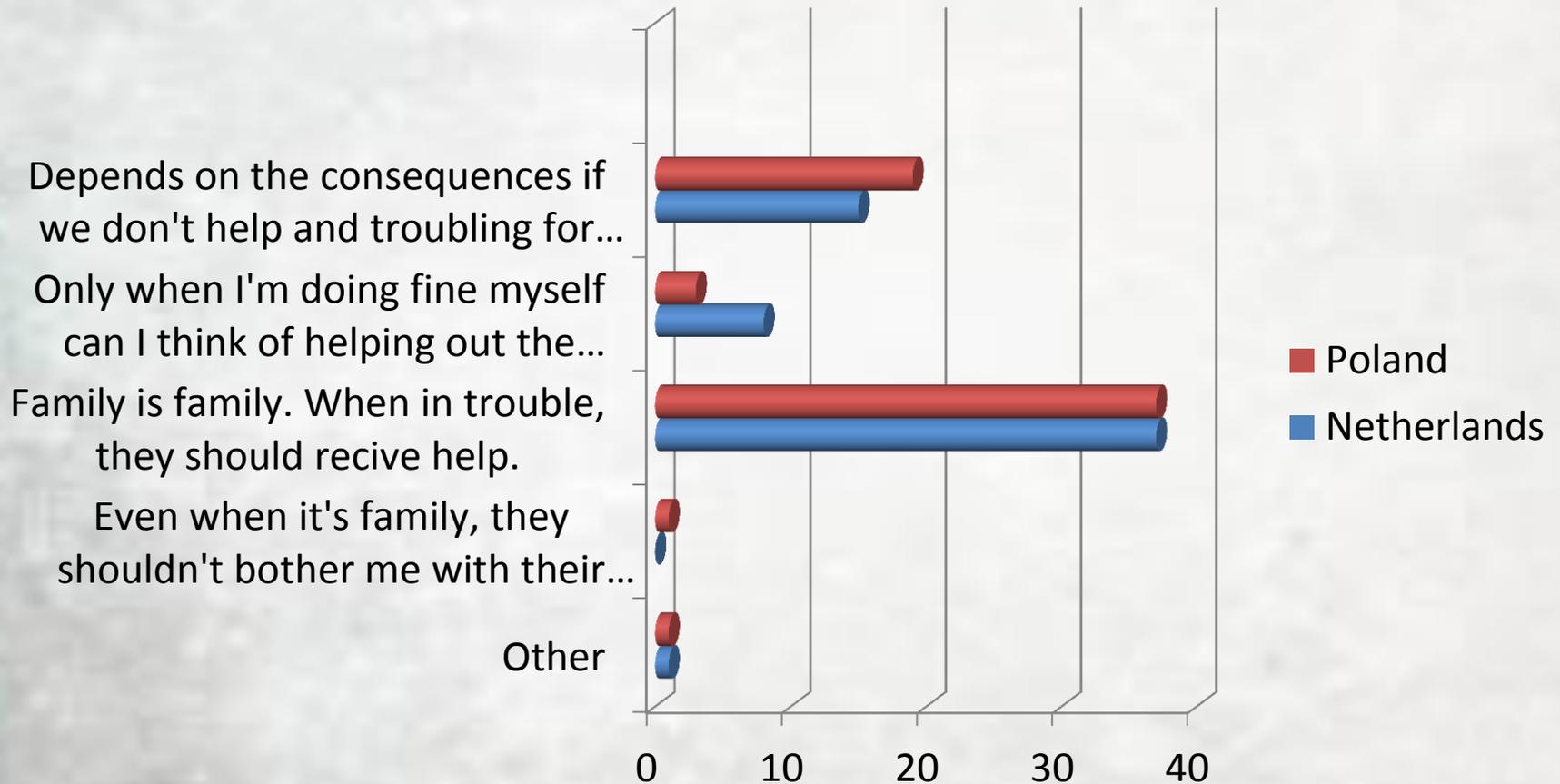
# *Should a family have children if they can't afford it ?*



# *How much responsibility should you take for your family members ?*

Both nationalities opt for helping family members in trouble; in the Netherlands however, there is a greater minority of people that will first need to be in stable situation themselves before aiding family - as opposed to the second most often chosen option: a balanced, the-effort-I-can-afford approach.

# *How much responsibility should you take for your family members ?*



A person's silhouette is visible on the right side of the frame, looking out over a vast ocean under a dramatic, golden sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and casting long, soft shadows across the water. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

*Faith  
and  
religion*

*Do you believe God/ a greater being exists?*

Here we observe a significant difference: almost nonexistent minority of Polish people who admit to believing there is no greater being / God is, in fact, a majority in the Netherlands, although there is a considerable number of the Dutch who believe in God as well. A peculiar fact is that a percentage of undecided remains the same in both countries.

# *Do you believe God/ a greater being exists?*



# *Should religion have influence over the law?*

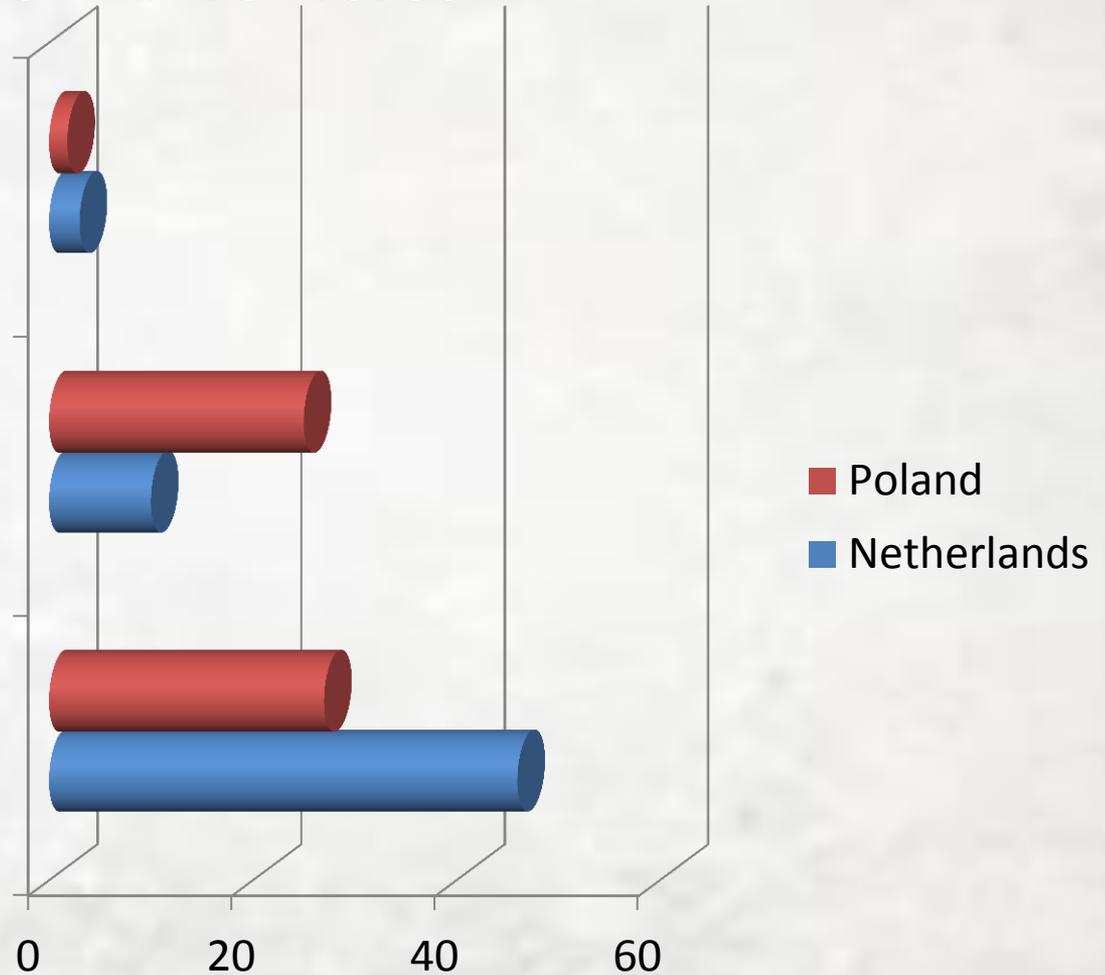
Knowing the results to the previous question, it shouldn't be surprising that most of the Dutch is strongly against religious influence over the law. In Poland voices are rather balanced - being either against or for some influence such as opinion of the Church/ similar unit being taken into consideration.

# *Should religion have influence over the law?*

Yes. Religion is the face of ethic and so, it should guard law from going astray. It also represents views of its believes.

Some, yes. But rather voicing its opinion and it being taken into consideration than actual influence.

No. Government and reigion should be separate.



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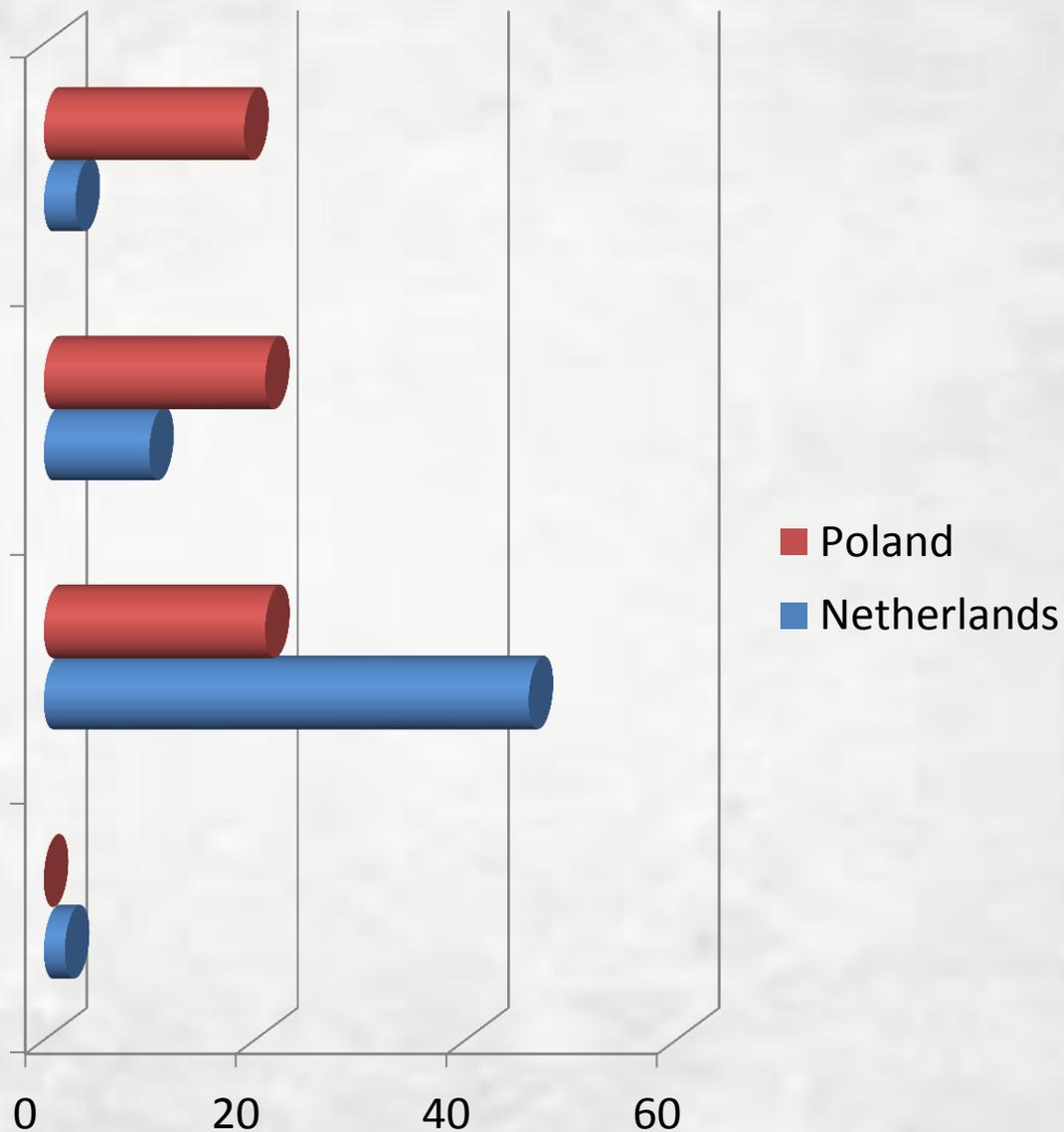
What might be surprising is the Netherlands being against separating religion from the professional side of our lives. Statistically, more Polish like the idea. The number of those voting for the healthy balance - more or less, don't say unless asked - remains the same in both countries.

Only to the point it doesn't interfere. If doing something is against my beliefs/ faith, I won't. But I don't...

No. Religion is a part of who we are and we shouldn't be ashamed to announce it.

Yes. Religious views is where we differ- so it shouldn't be a subject.

Other



# *Do atheists go to Hell ?*

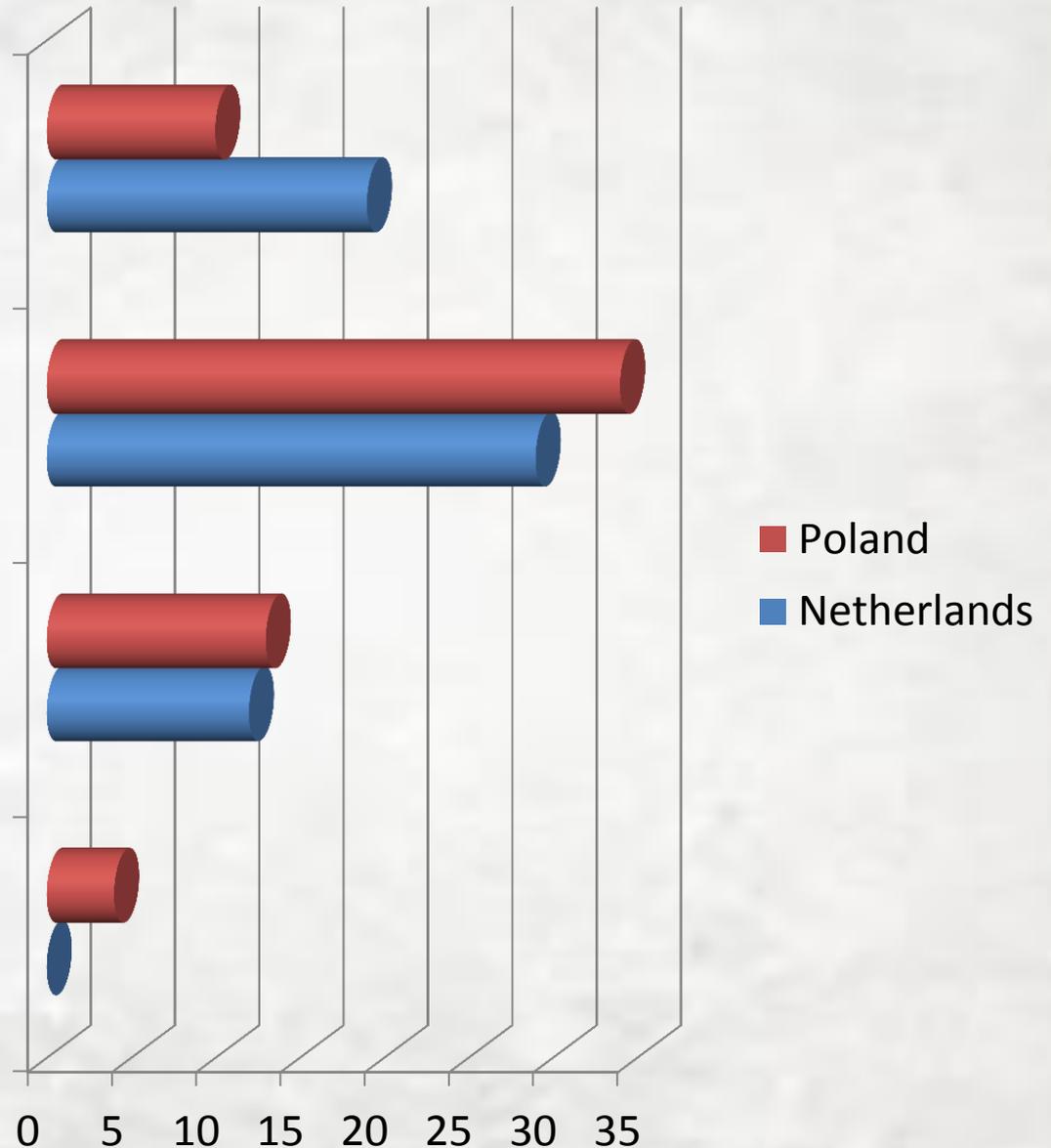
Asked if atheists go to Hell, more than a half of Polish will say no. The option that was most often picked in the Netherlands was "After death, people go wherever they believe they should go". Apparently, that can't be an option in religious Poland. You go either to Heaven or Hell, regardless of your beliefs.

People after death go wherever the heck they believe and if they decide they just disappear, that's what happens.

No. People's actions speak more of them than their beliefs- and so, it's not necessary to believe to go to Heaven.

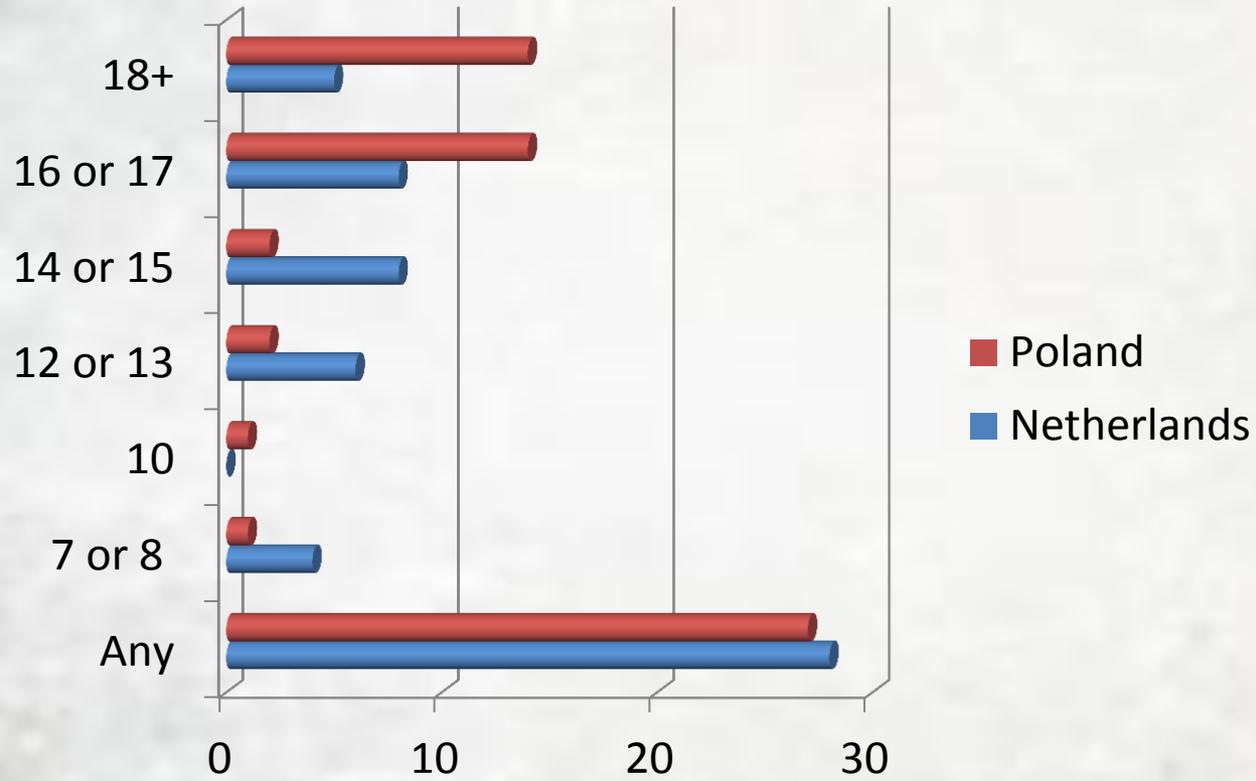
Yes. They throw away faith consciously, so by all means, they do.

Other



# *At what age can a person decide on their own religion/ faith ?*

In Poland, there's half a chance you'll be allowed to believe what you want at any age, and the other half - that you must be at least 16 to finally be able to decide on your own faith. Not so differently in Netherlands, however, there's a greater possibility you'll be allowed to decide earlier on. Very few require 16, 17 or 18 years to be eligible to choose your own beliefs. Of course, it might be linked with 16 being the age of adulthood in Netherlands.



# *Can one believe without a Church or something of the sort ?*

The Dutch don't mind not going to Church/  
other institution of the sort and still declaring  
yourself a believer. The Polish, although  
generally of the same opinion, find  
themselves also admitting that the Church is  
essential in the matters of faith.



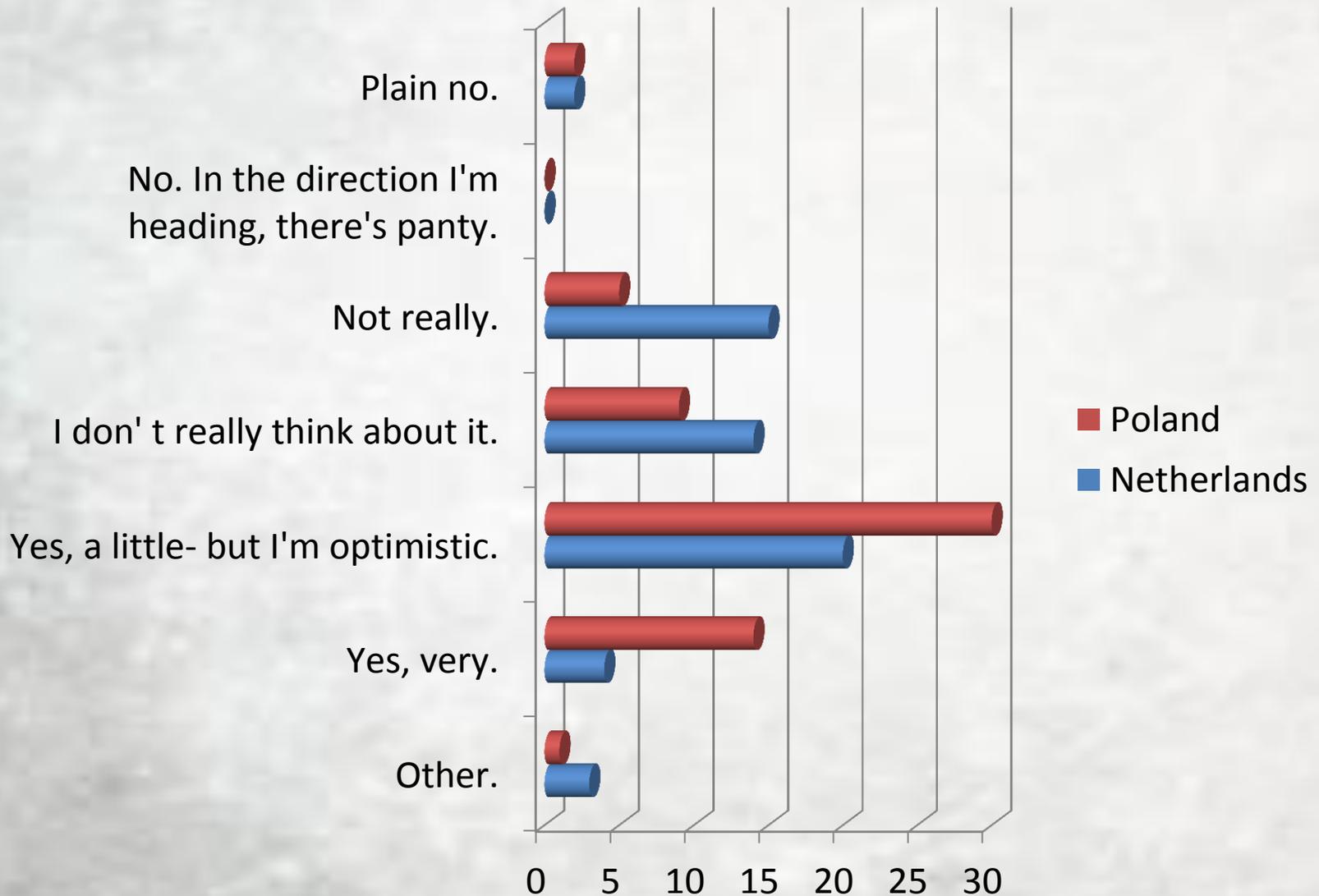
*Job / education*



*Are you anxious about finding a job when you finish studying?*

Differently than in Poland, few people in the Netherlands are anxious about finding job in the future. In both countries people are quite optimistic even if they are anxious about their future occupation. What may be found surprising, many Dutch don't dwell on job prospects.

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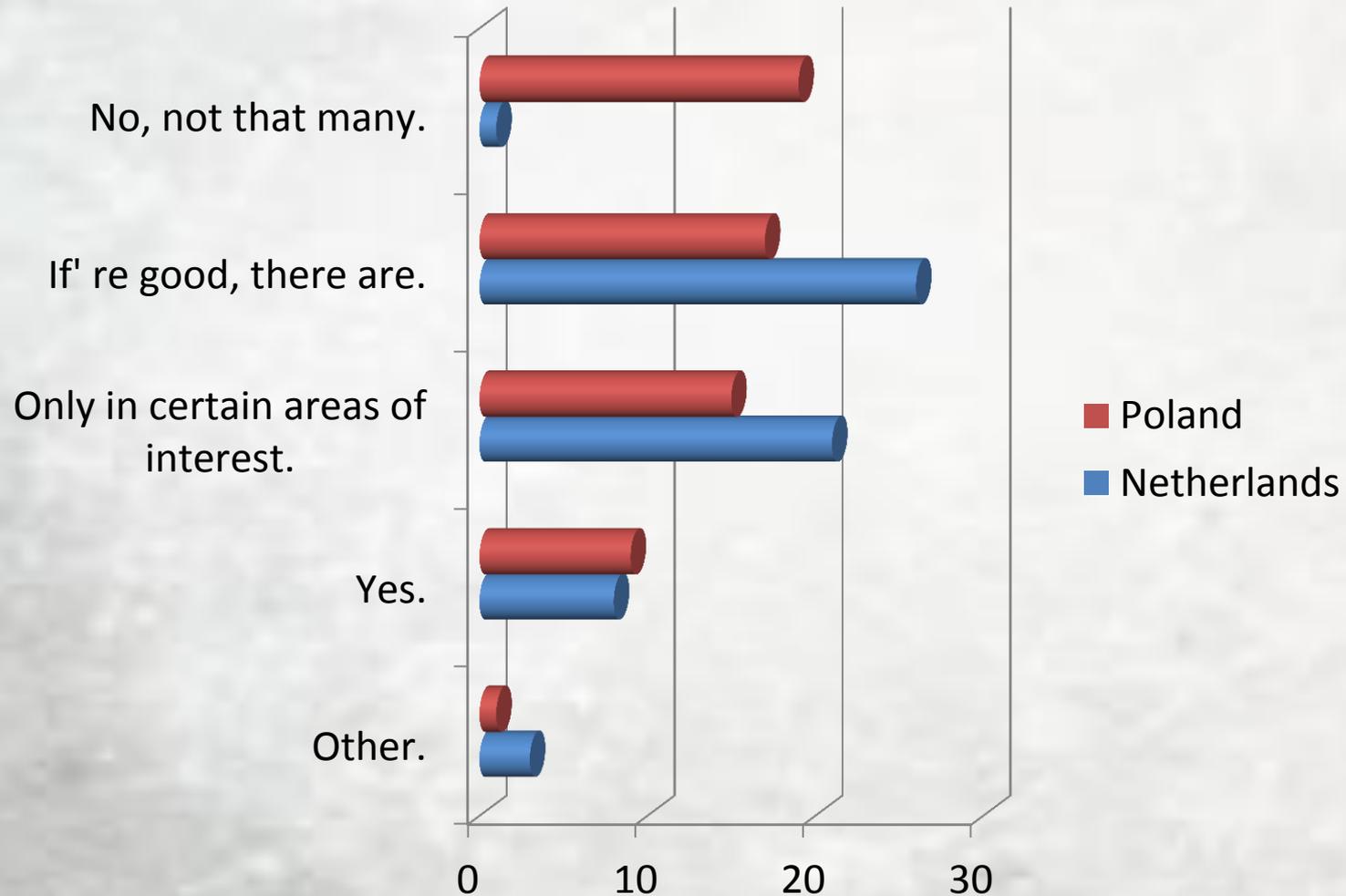


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The Polish are absolutely pessimistic when it comes to job opportunities - almost one third believes there are very few of those for young people after graduation, whereas close to none believe such thing in the Netherlands.

However, neither of the countries' young believe there ARE many jobs for them out there. Save for extremes, opinions are pretty balanced - between jobs only in certain areas of interest and jobs for people who are good at them.

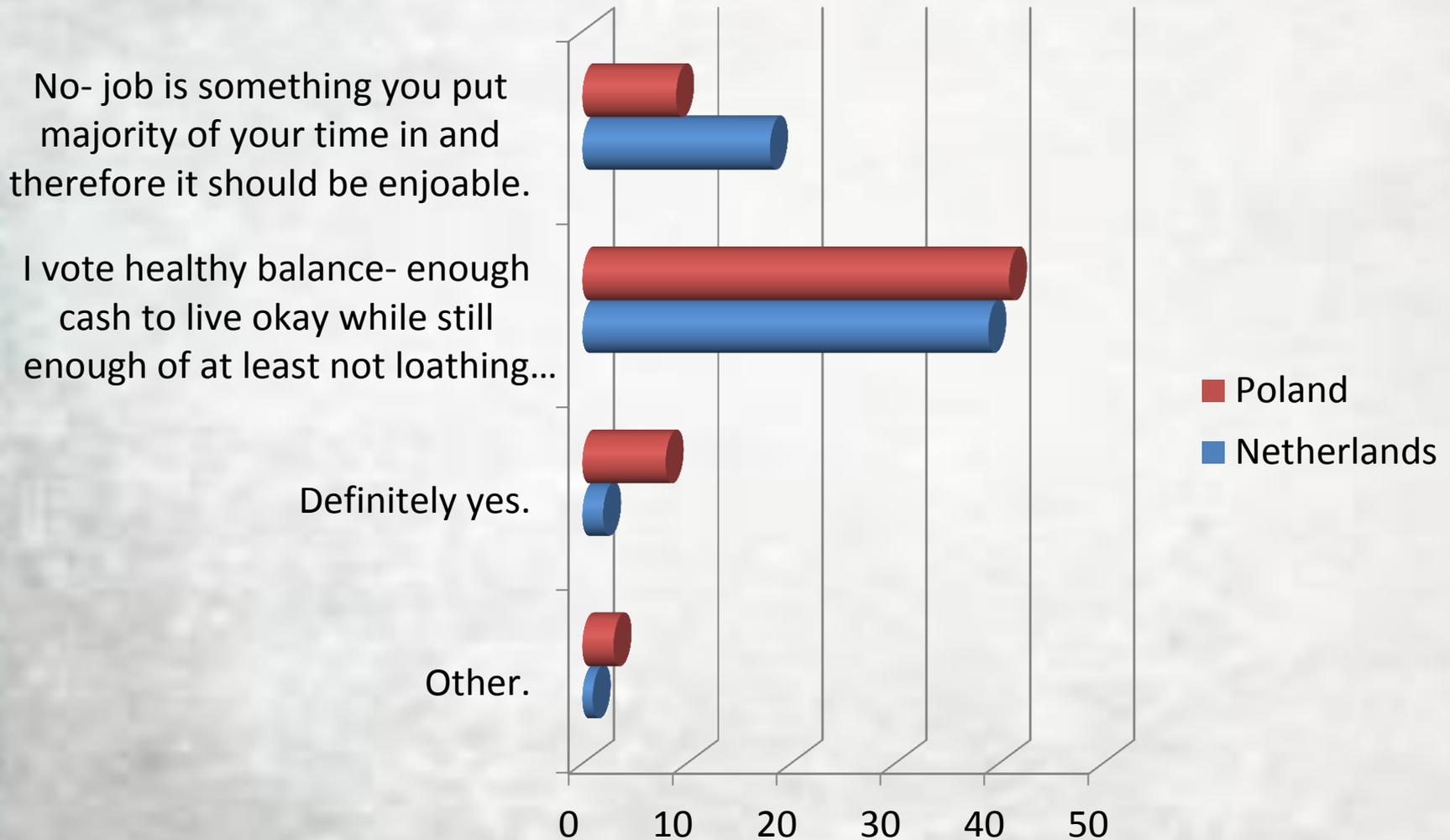
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Most of the Polish choose healthy balance between salary and satisfaction/enjoyment the job brings. Netherlands' votes go mostly for balance, too, but there's a significant number (about one third) that chooses satisfaction and enjoyment over nice wages.

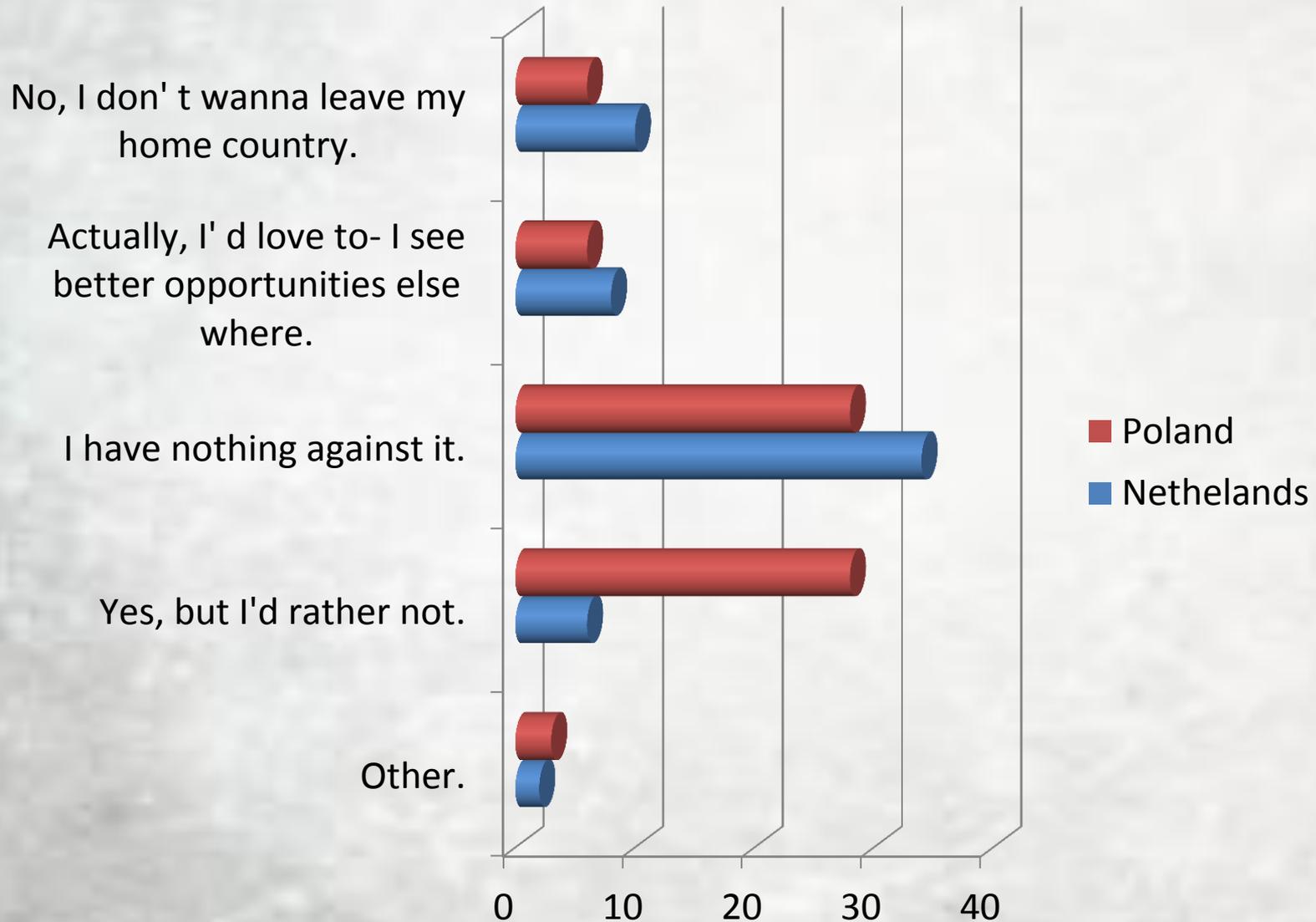
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*Have you ever thought about leaving your country for a job?*

Thoughts about leaving home country for a job are pretty common in Poland, but it's the Dutch who have nothing against it (statistically). It would seem Polish are very committed to the place of their birth.

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# *What's your attitude towards retirement?*

Polish people either look forward to retirement or declare they're going to work regardless - as long as health allows. In Netherlands it's the second option that prevails and almost as high a number for raising the retirement age - having country's economical balance in mind.

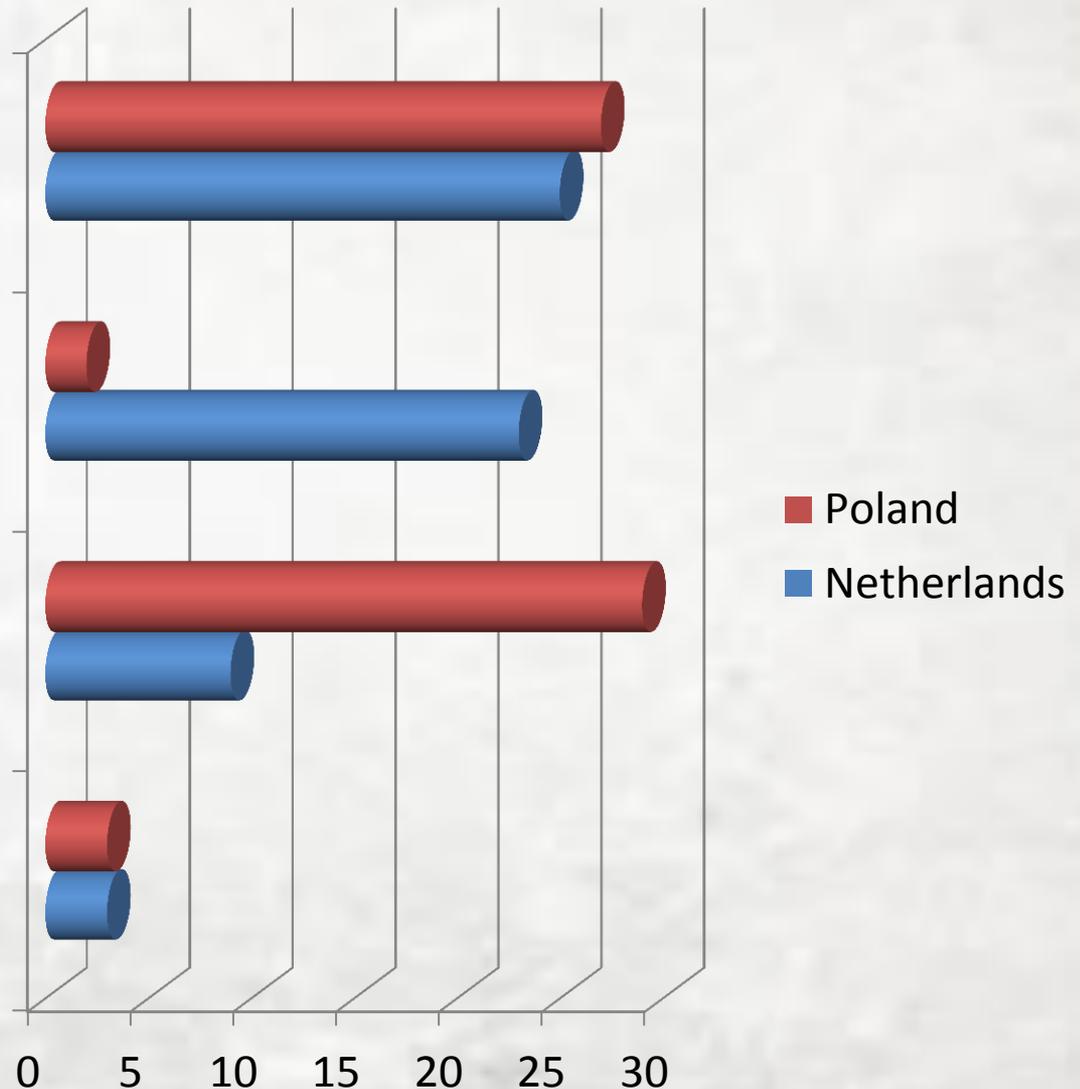
# *What's your attitude towards retirement?*

You don't care what the retirement age is- you'll work as long as the health allows.

You're only gonna work as long as needed, but you think the retirement age should be raised...

As soon as it's possible, you'd like to retire. Perhaps earlier- the less hard work, the better.

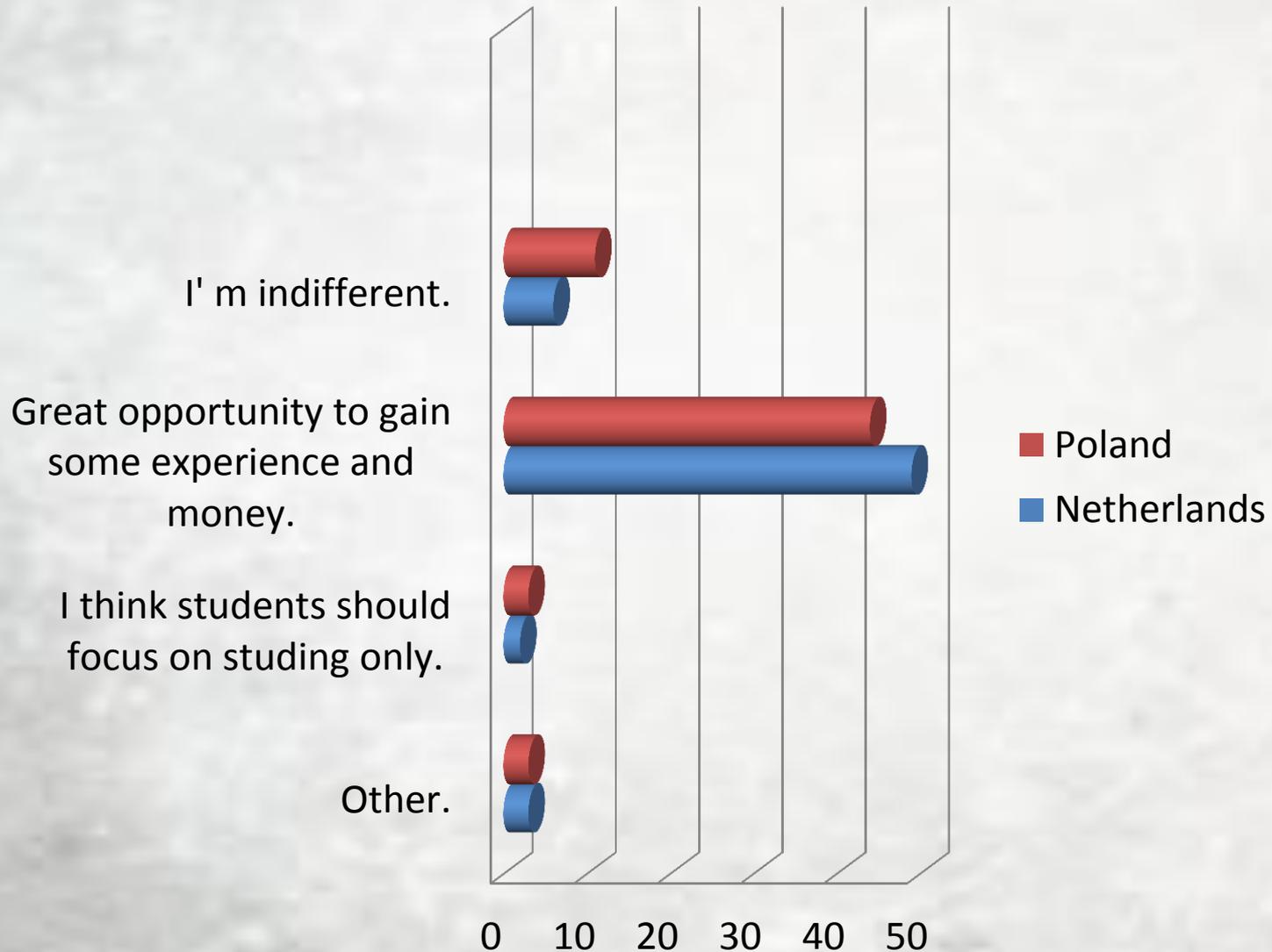
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Part-time jobs while studying are considered great opportunity in both countries, slightly more so in the Netherlands.

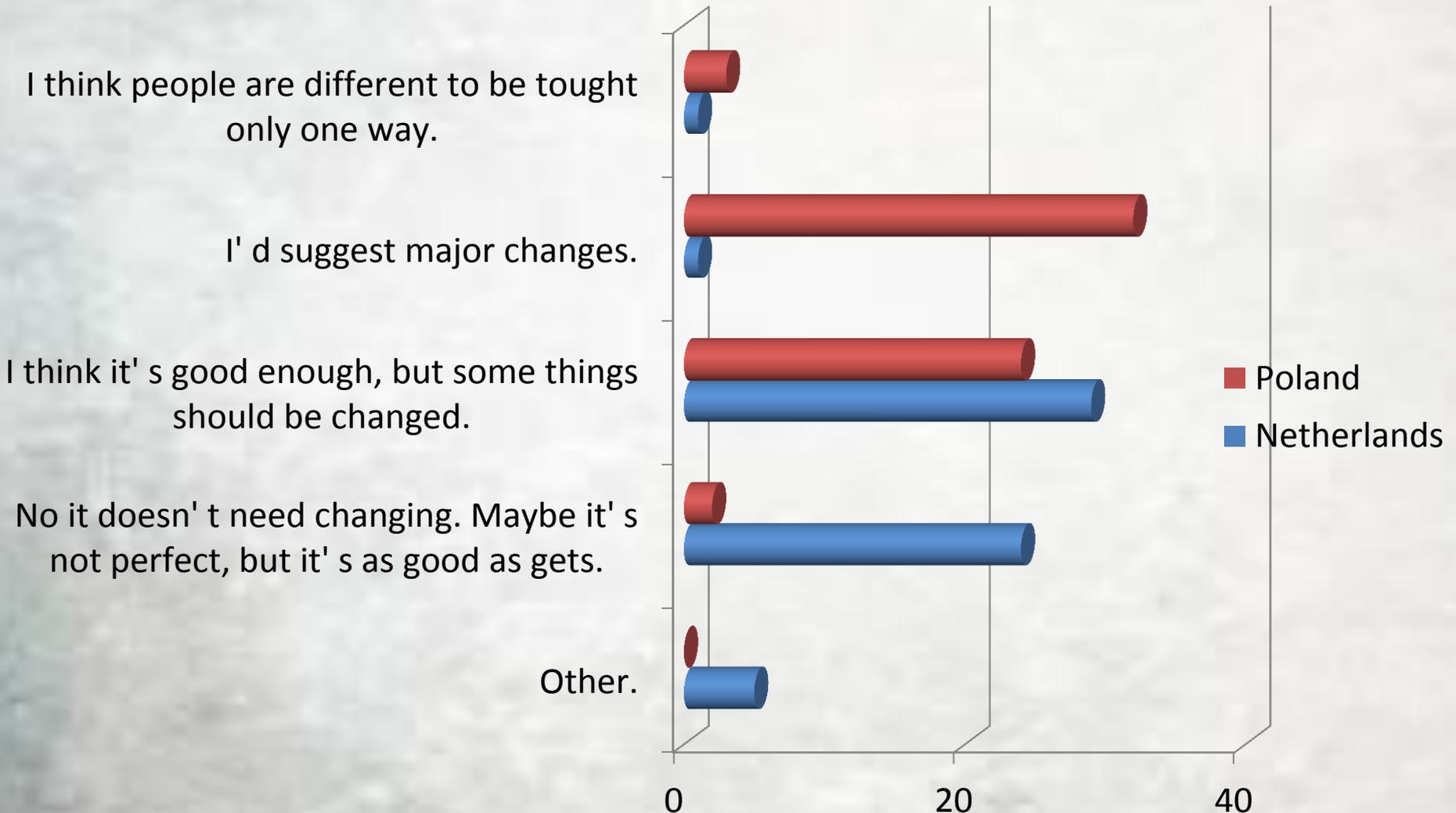
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*Do you think the educational system in your country is well-organised, or would you like to change it ?*

The Polish believe their educational system requires major (in most cases) or lesser changes, while the Dutch opt mostly for leaving theirs as it is or introducing some minor changes. Apparently, there is a great difference in a way of learning in Netherlands and it doesn't work in Poland's favor.

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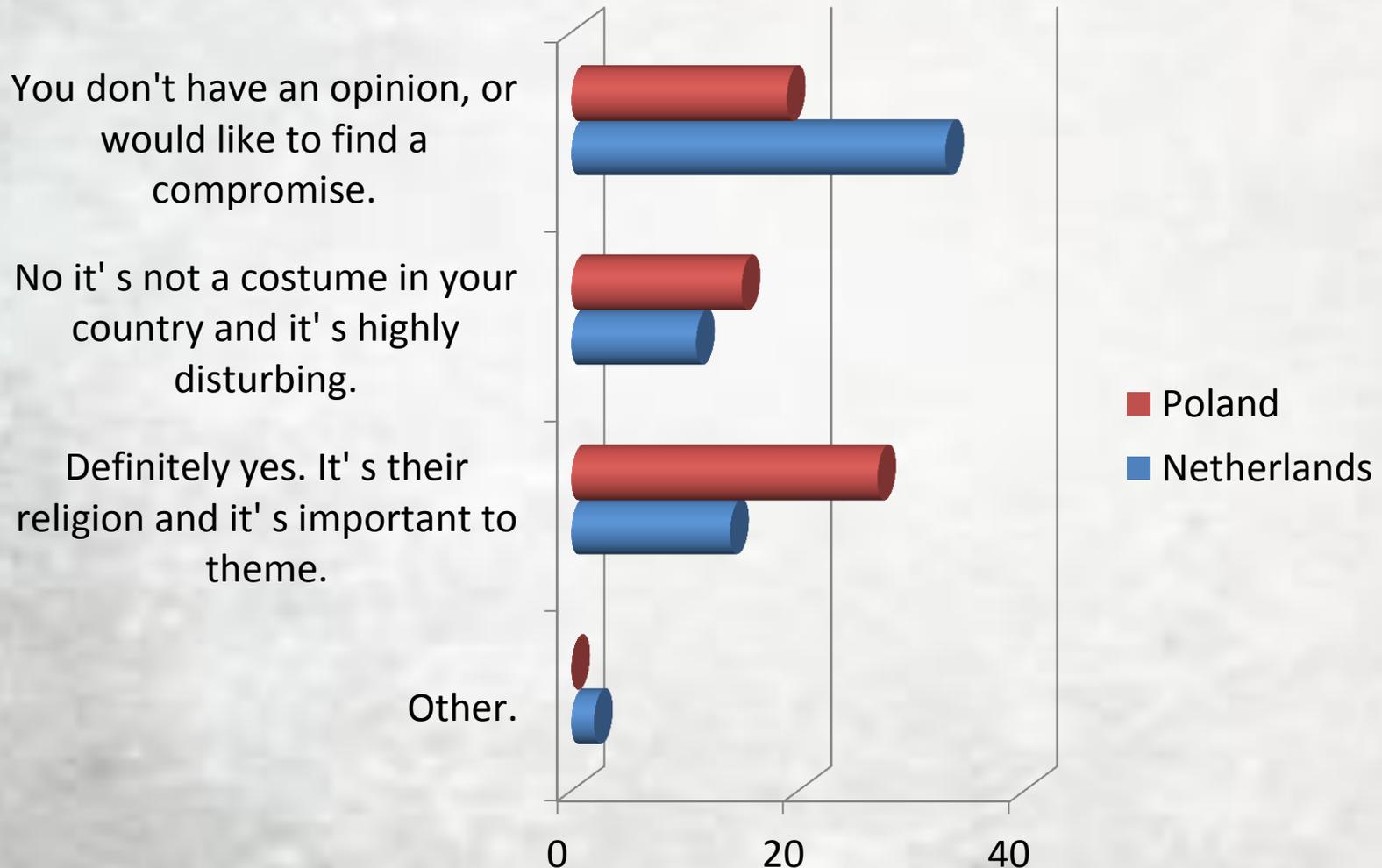


*International  
relationships  
and  
tolerance*

*Should Muslims be allowed to fulfill their traditions when in your country - cover their faces etc.?*

Surprisingly enough, in Poland more people declare being tolerant towards Muslim customs such as covering their heads and faces than in the Netherlands - where looking for a compromise is preferred.

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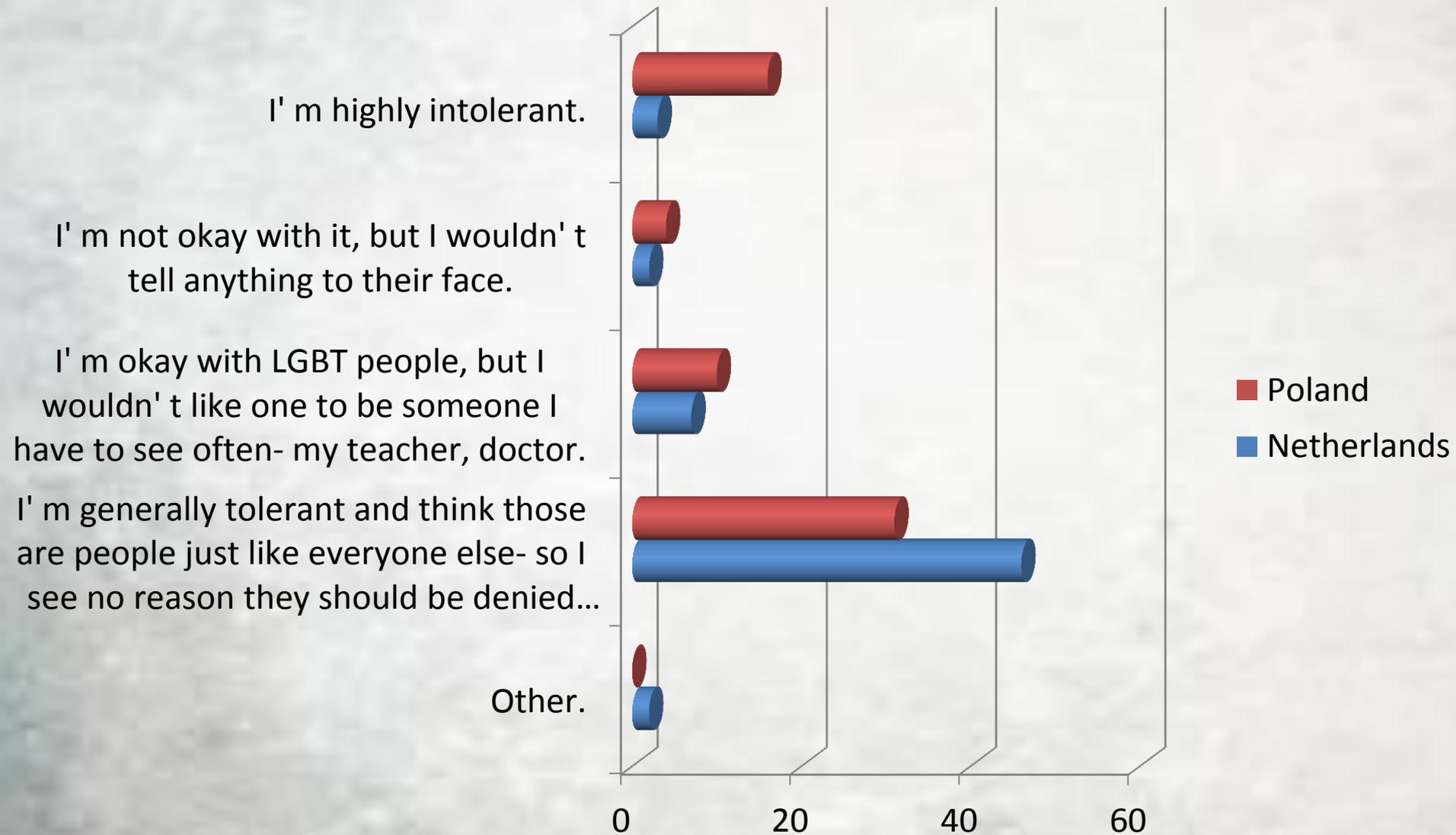


*What's your attitude towards  
LGBT (Lesbians, Gay, Bisexuals,  
Transgenderers)?*

In Netherlands we can observe a high level of LGBT tolerance whereas great part of Polish students openly admits to being intolerant.

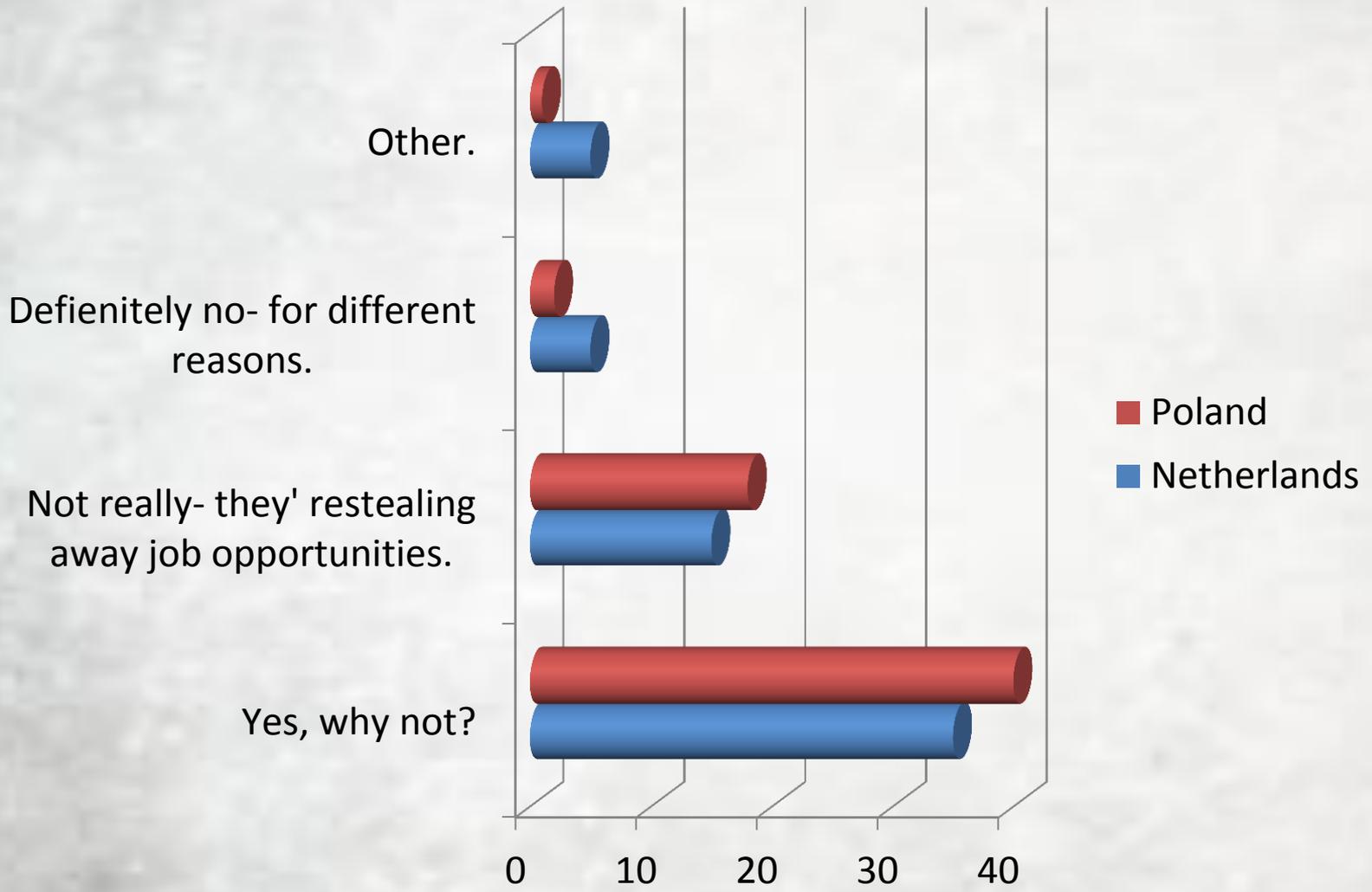
However, declarations of tolerance still prevail - in both countries.

# *What's your attitude towards LGBT?*



*Are you okay with foreigners  
coming to your country hunting  
for jobs?*

Ever so slightly, the Dutch are less welcoming to foreigners coming to their country for a job hunting, although still a majority sees nothing wrong in it.



*Do you have friends outside your country? Do you think international relations are important?*

More people in Poland seem to have foreign friends than in Netherlands, but roughly the same number considers international relationships important.

# *Are you okay with foreigners coming to your country hunting for jobs?*



*The End*