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Attitudes towards Corporal Punishment and Parental Practices in Poland, Latvia and Coatia

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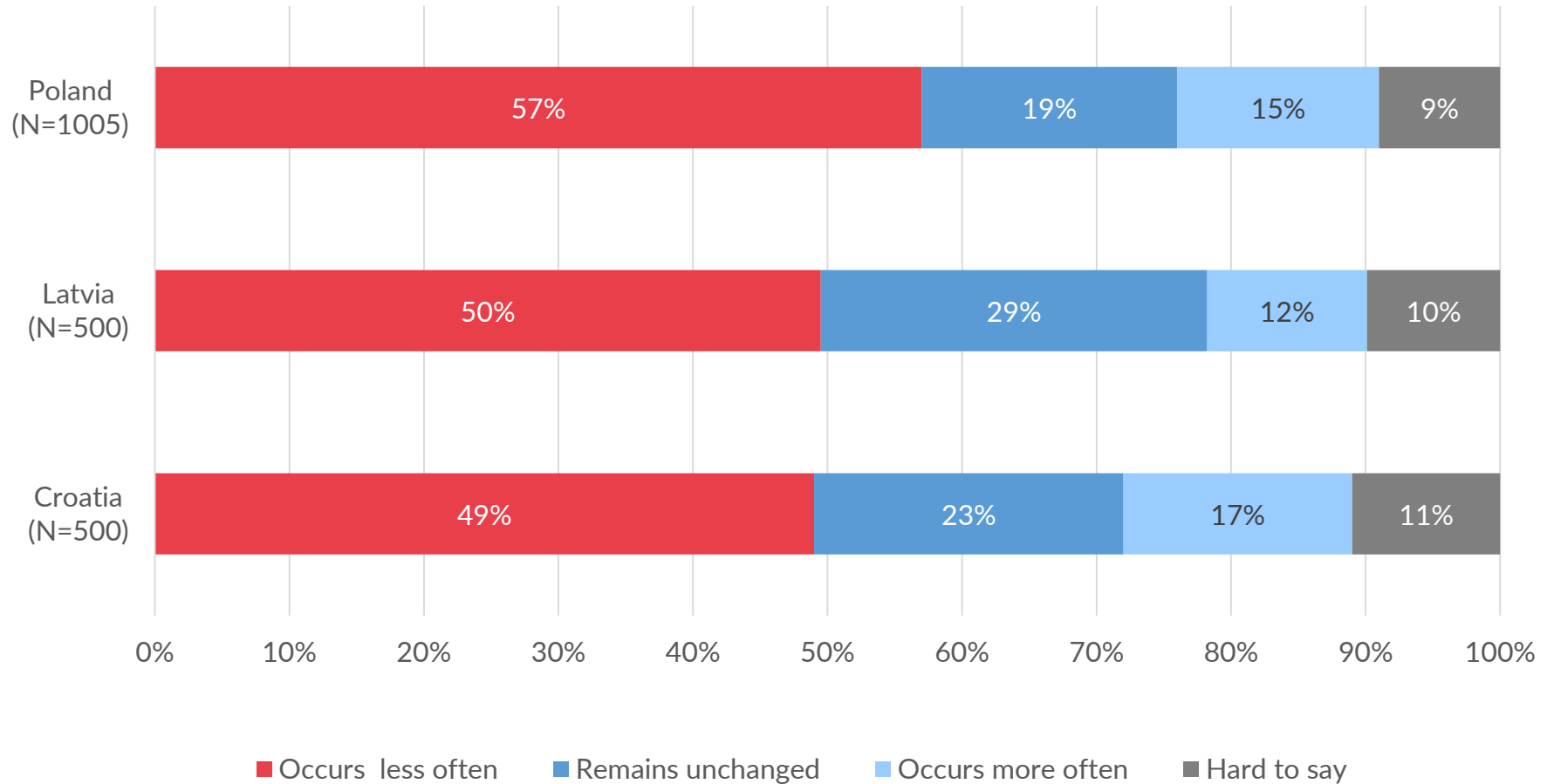
| | Poland | Latvia | Croatia |
|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| Sample | 1005 | 500 | 500 |
| Parents | 661 | 338 | 318 |



Changes in the
incidence of selected
parental behaviors in
the last 10 years

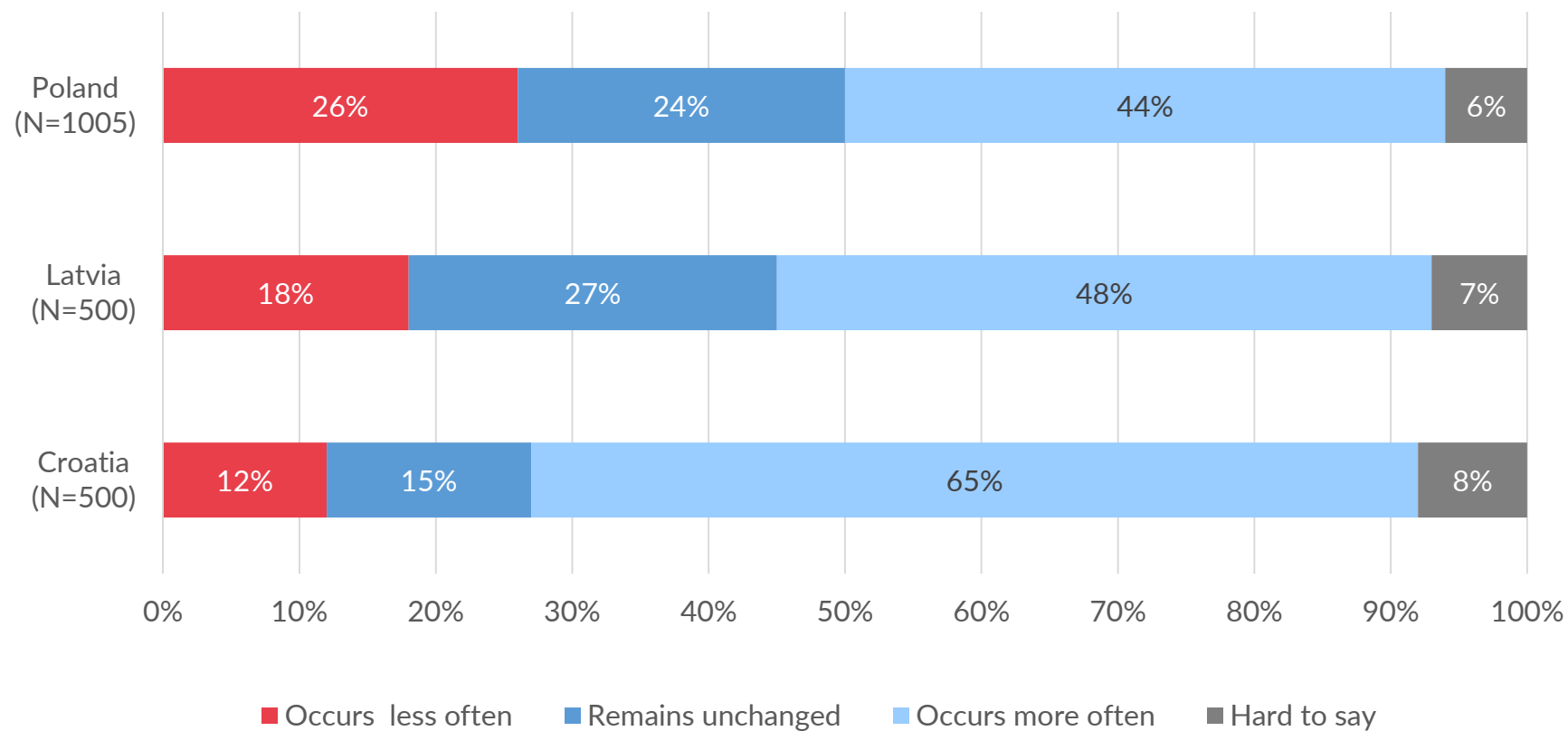


How do you estimate changes in the incidence of the following parental behaviors, which have been occurring in your country in the last 10 years?



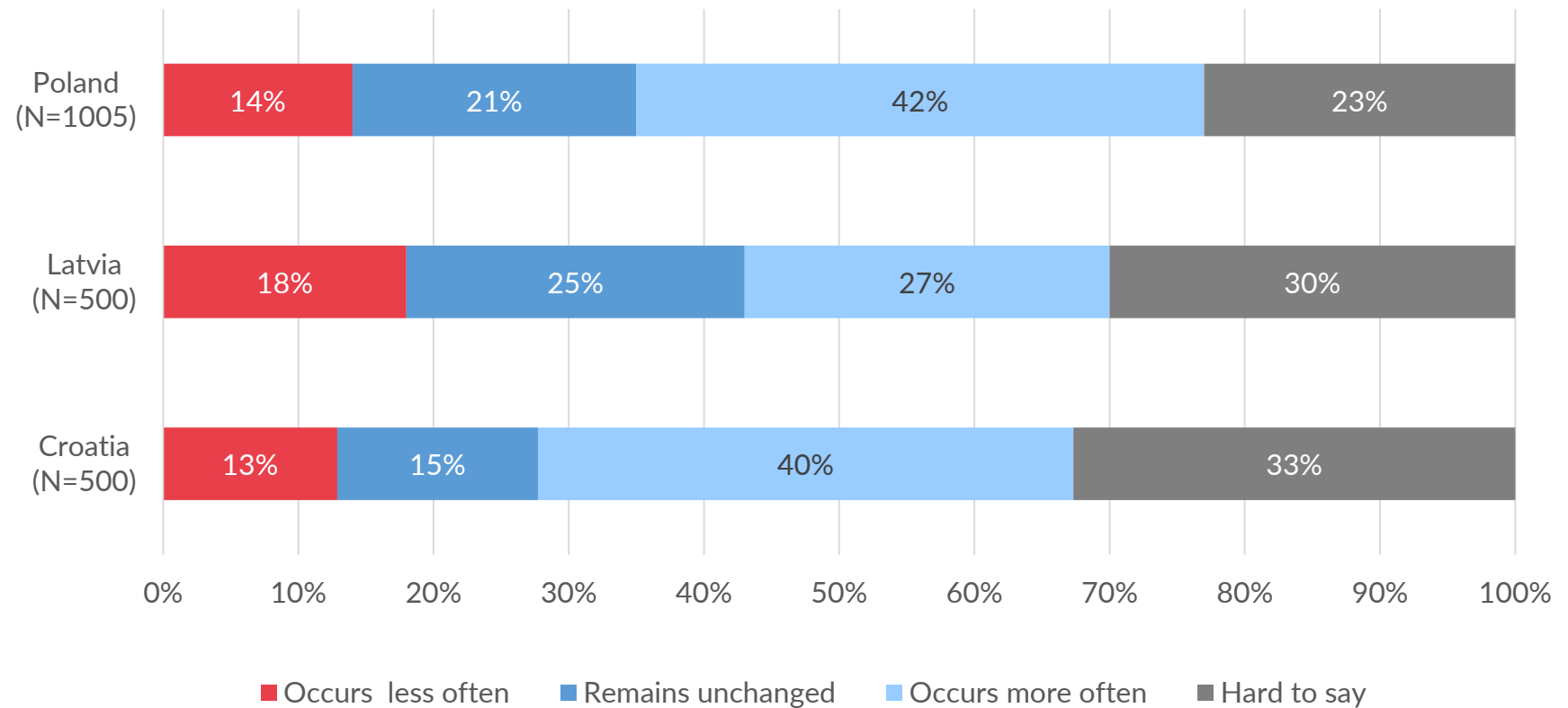


Lack of parental care



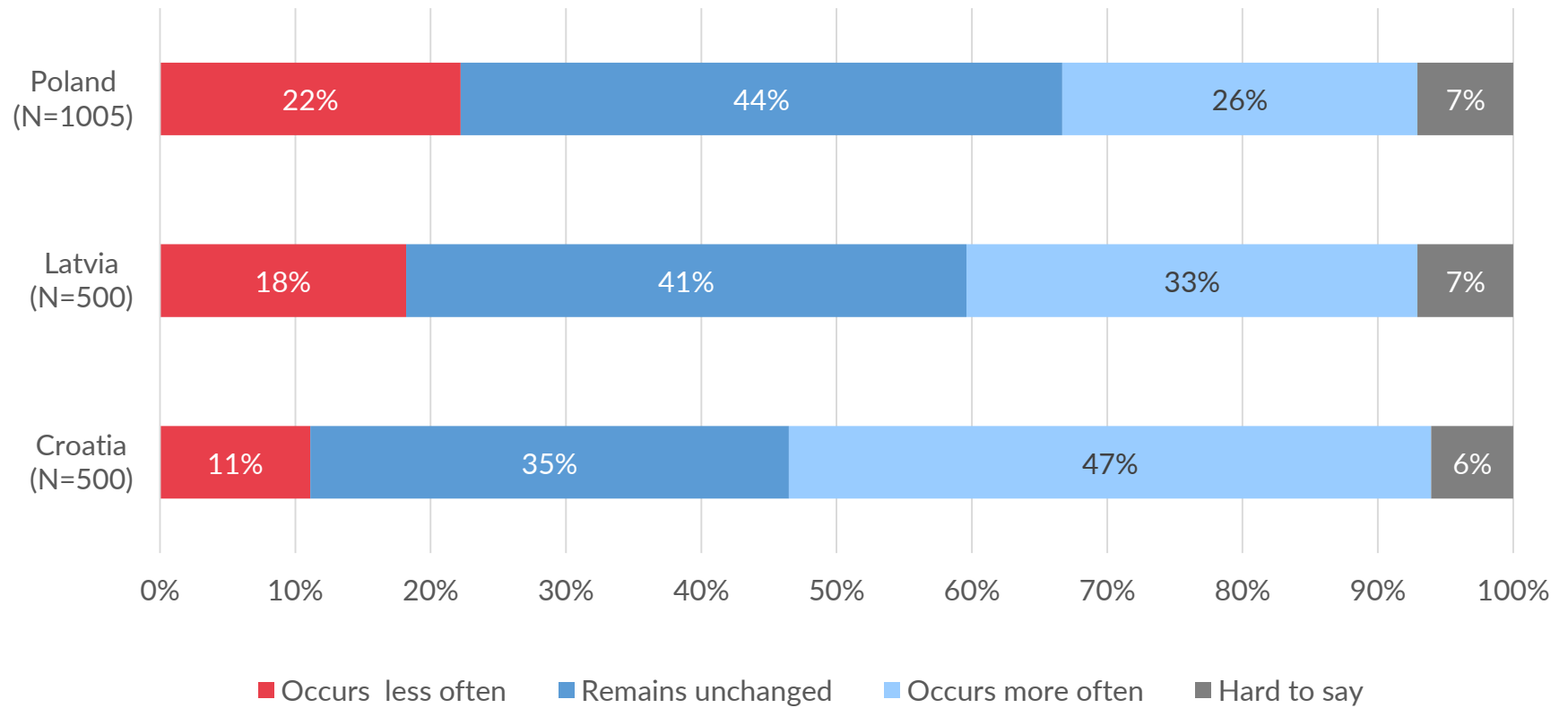


Sexual abuse of children



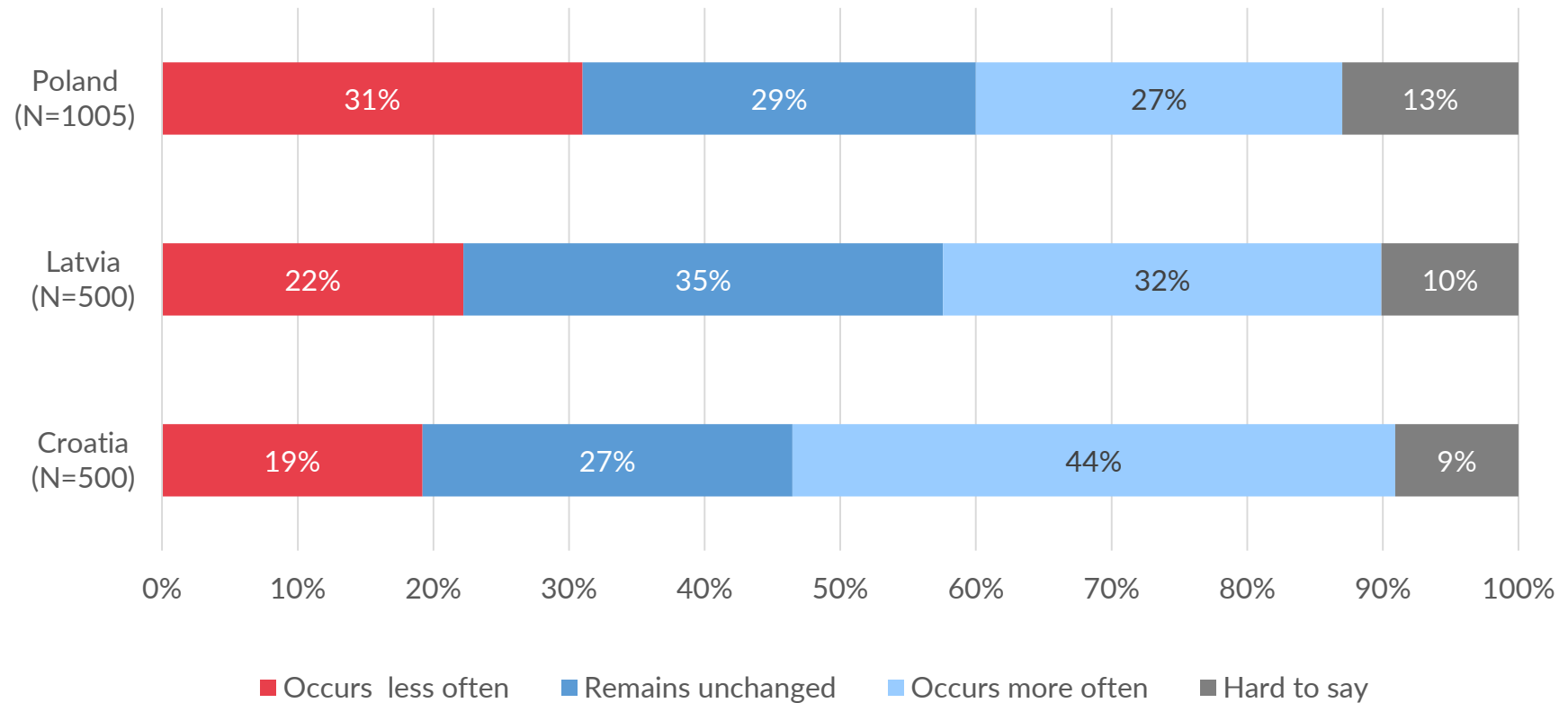


Yelling





Calling names, verbal humiliation

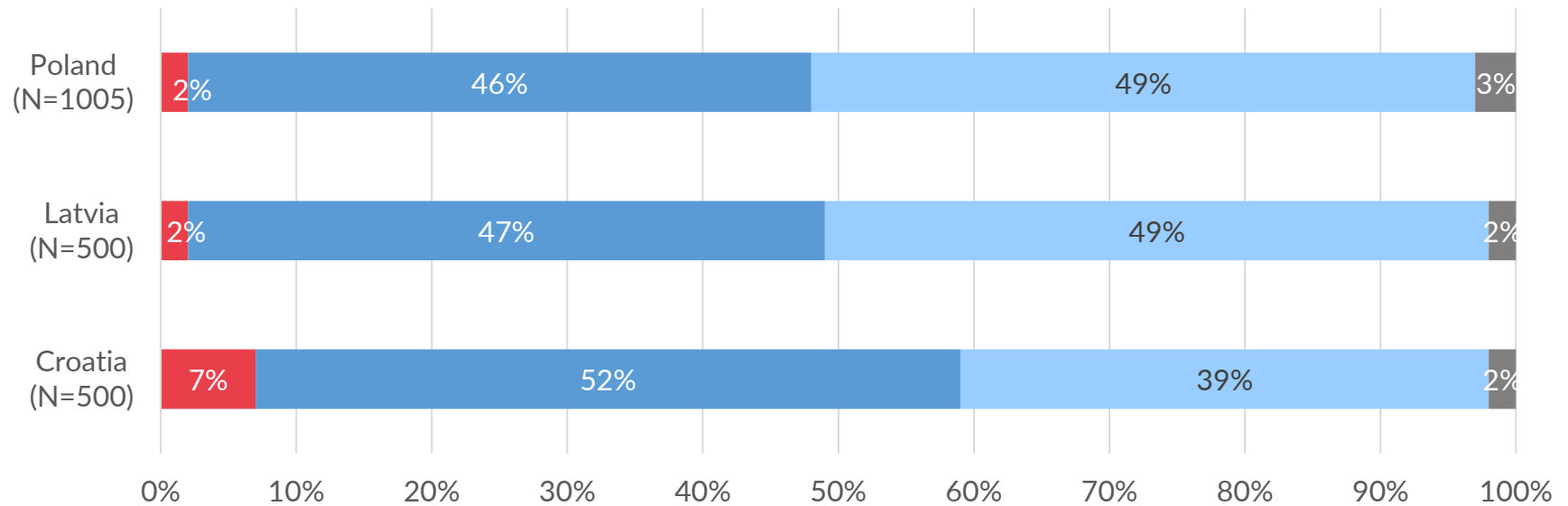




Attitudes towards corporal punishment and legal ban on corporal punishment



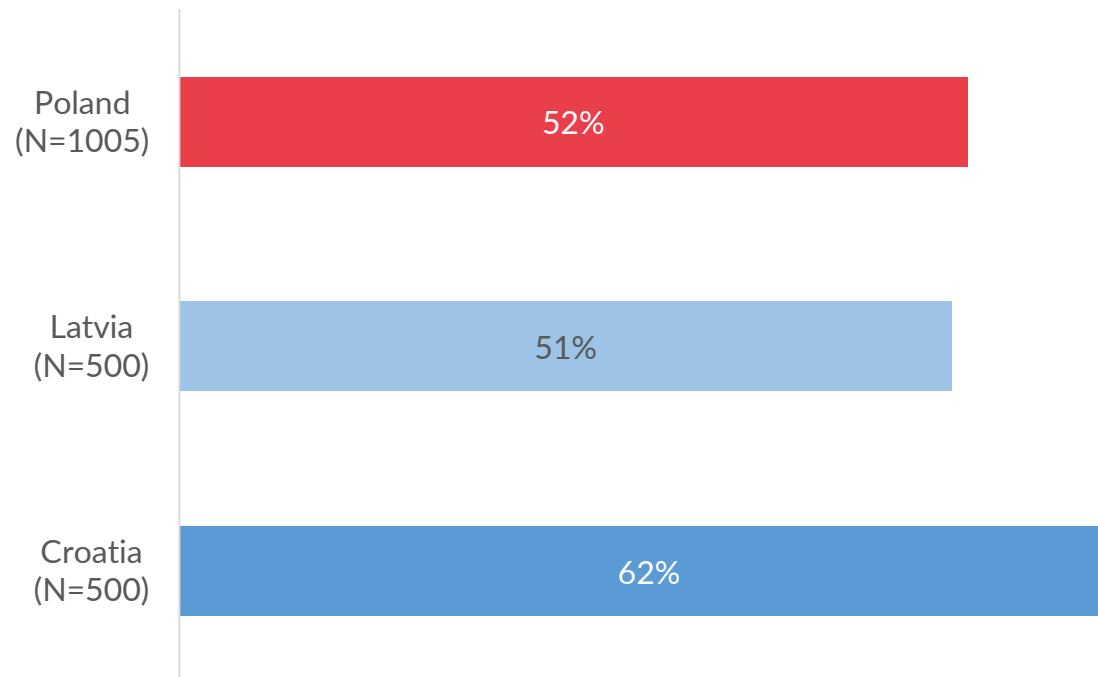
In your opinion, is beating a child as punishment a childrearing method, which:



- may be used whenever the parent believes it is going to be effective
- should not be used in general, but is justified in some situations
- should never be used
- Hard to say

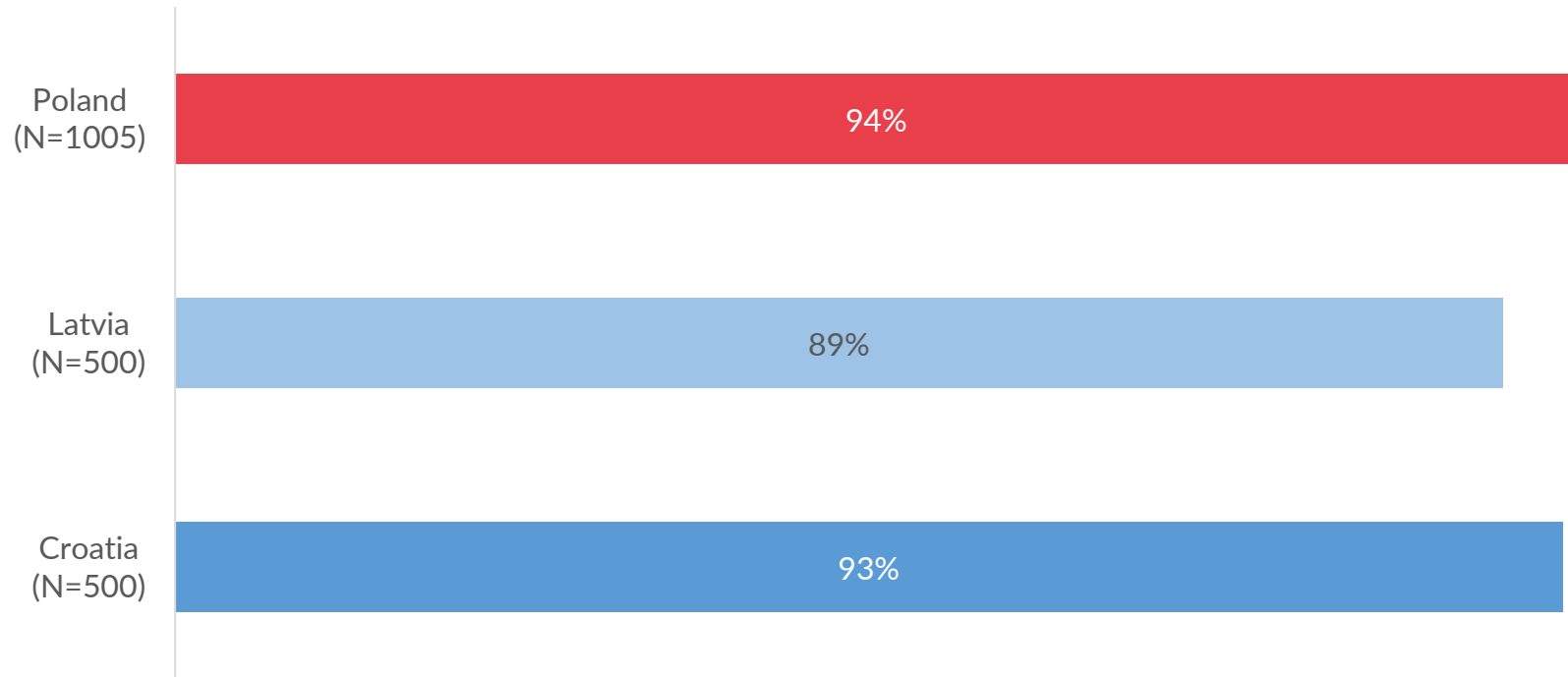


*Do you think that physical punishment of one's own children should be forbidden by law?
(definitely yes and rather yes)*



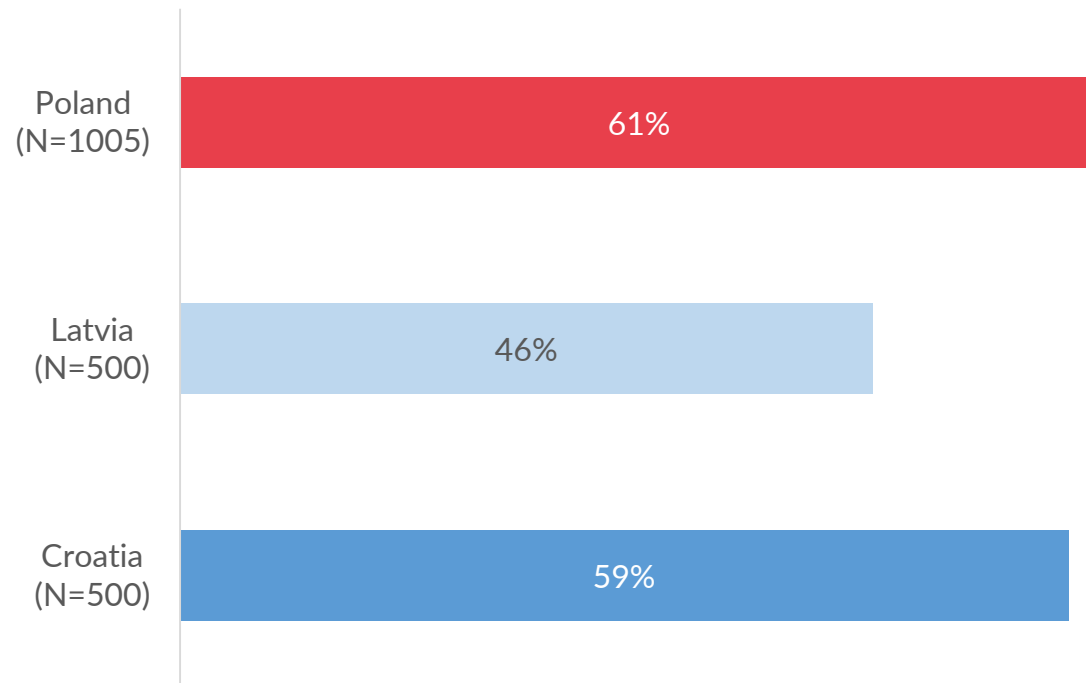


Do you think that physical punishment of children in nurseries and kindergardens should be forbidden by law?





Did you know that physical punishment of children is forbidden by law in our country?





In your opinion, should the following types of physical punishment used by parents towards their own children be forbidden by law? (top two box)

| | Poland (N=1005) | Latvia (N=500) | Croatia (N=500) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Beating with a belt or other objects | 88% | 68% | 88% |
| Slapping across the face | 90% | 64% | 78% |
| Strongly beating with hand / hitting | 83% | 73% | 86% |
| Spanking / smacking | 34% | 46% | 56% |
| Pulling hair or ear | 81% | 69% | 72% |
| Shaking/throwing a child | 76% | 71% | 89% |





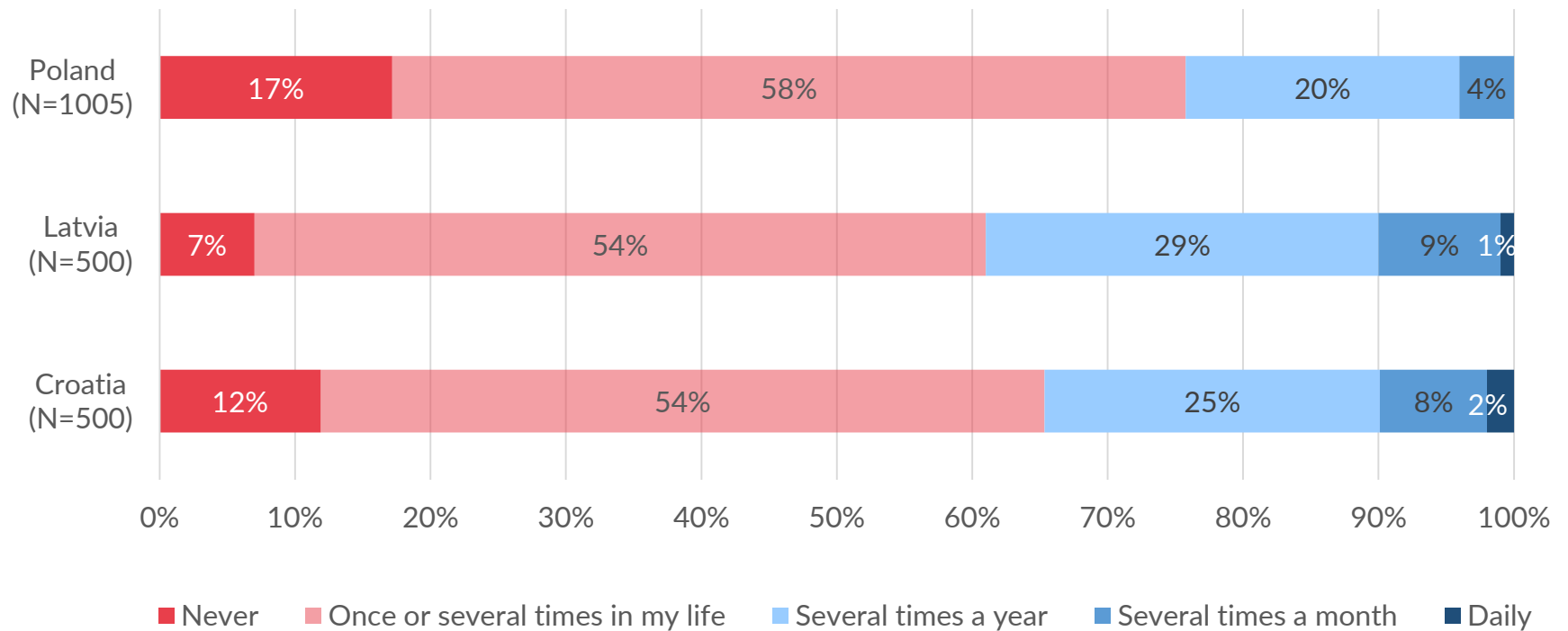
In your opinion, to what extent can children who suffer from family abuse/violence count on assistance from the following institutions? (top two box)

| | Poland (N=1005) | Latvia (N=500) | Croatia (N=500) |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| School, educational institutions | 41% | 40% | 26% |
| Kindergartens/day nurseries | 33% | 40% | 30% |
| Social services, social workers, welfare centers | 44% | 62% | 34% |
| Police | 57% | 57% | 38% |
| Justice system, court, public prosecutor's office | 48% | 39% | 23% |
| Non-Governmental Organizations | 44% | 31% | 32% |



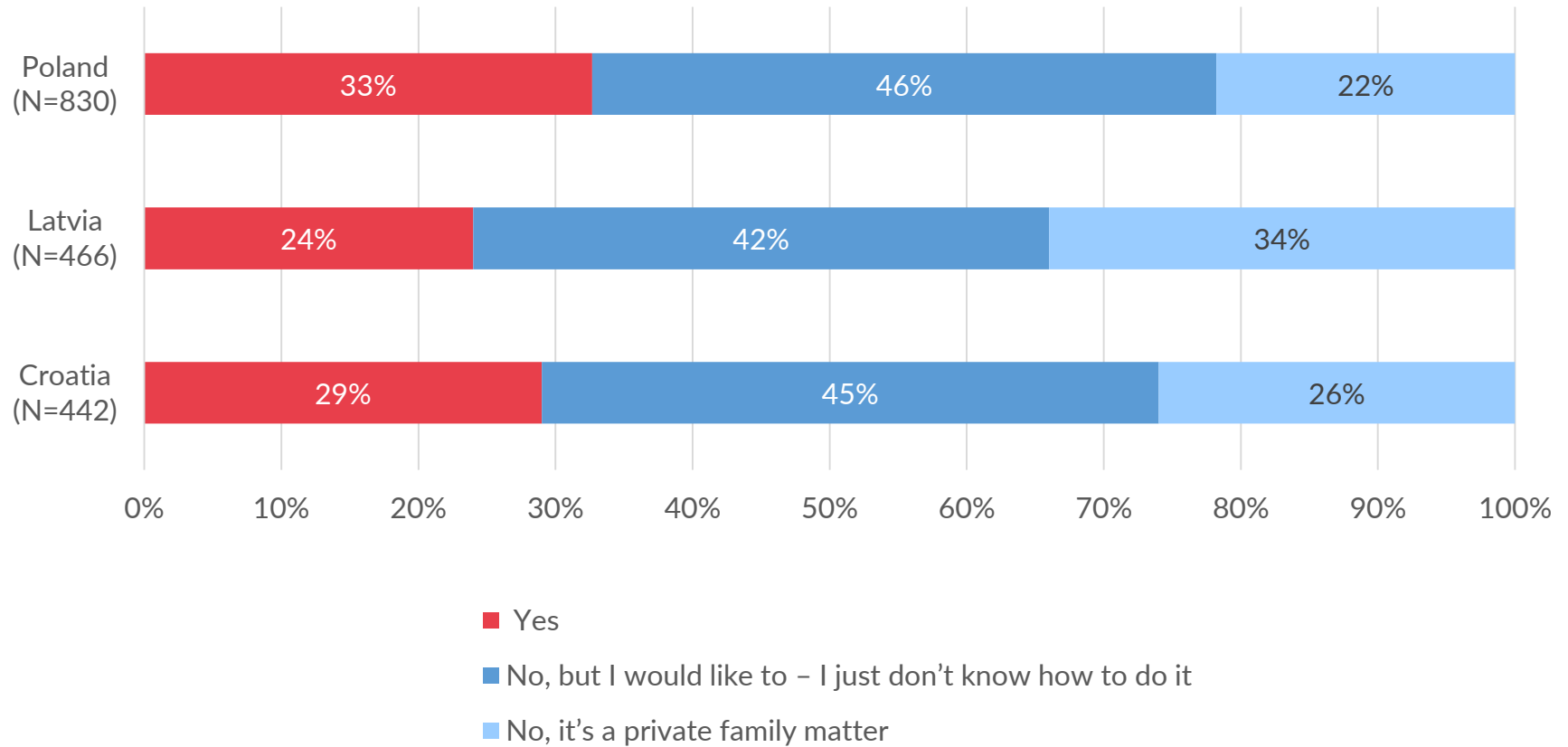


Have you encountered situations in your daily life, when an adult disciplines a child, using physical or emotional violence?





Have you interfered in these situations to stop the adult from abusing the child?





Source of information and advice about parenting



What is the most important source for you to get information and advice about the upbringing of children? (range - where 1 is the most important source, 9 – the least important)

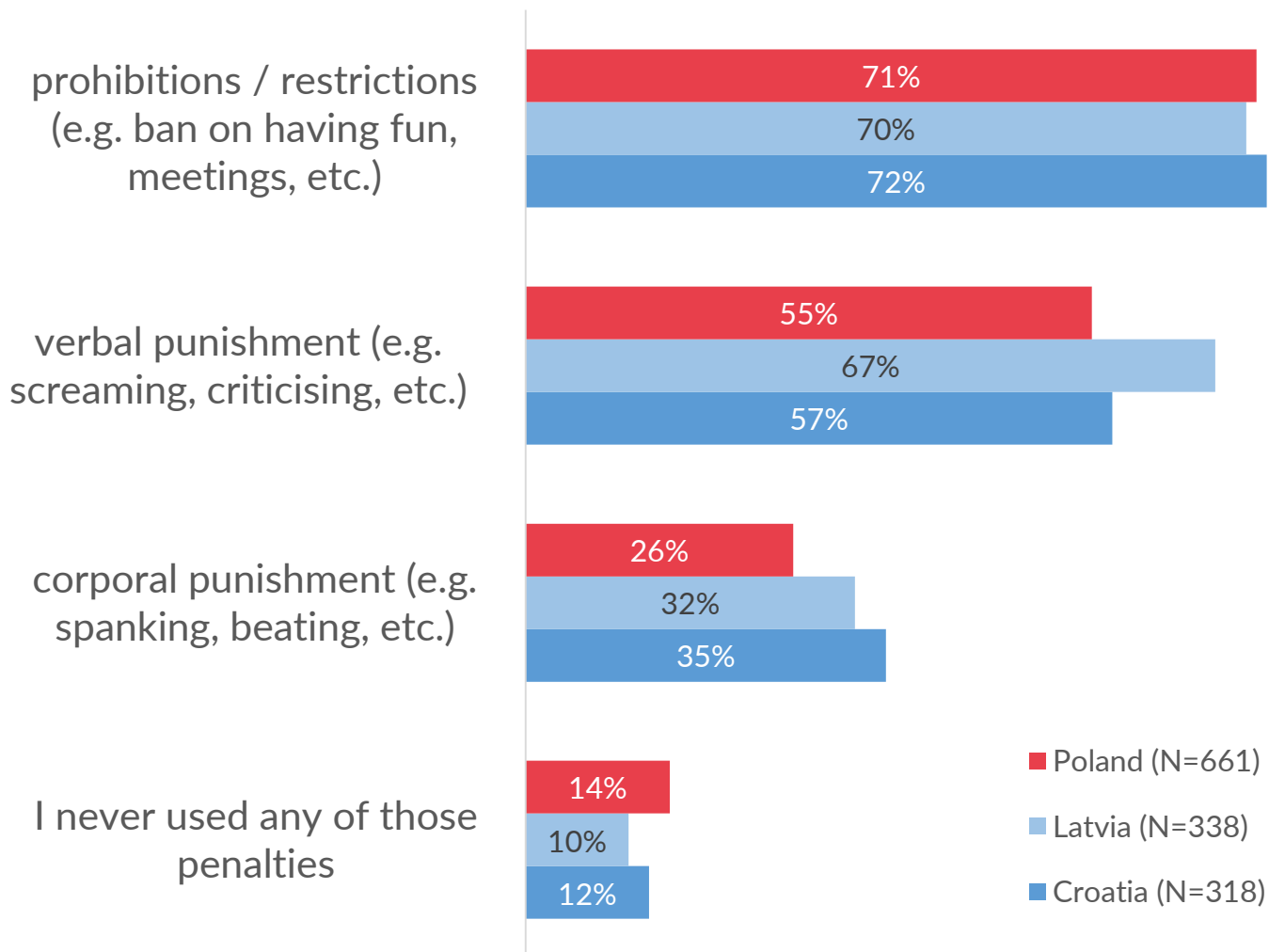
| | Poland (N=661) | Latvia (N=338) | Croatia (N=318) |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| own experience or intuition | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| family members or from friends | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| psychologists/pegagogues | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| carers/teachers in day nurseries/kinderkardens | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| midwives/nurses/doctors | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| from books/magazines/TV | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| workshops/trainings for parents | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Internet (blogs/internet for a/parenting websites) | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| other | 9 | 9 | 9 |



Child discipline methods used by parents



Child discipline methods





Prohibitions / restrictions

| Ban on devices/equipment | once | more than once |
|--------------------------|------|----------------|
| Poland (N=661) | 2% | 61% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 2% | 60% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 7% | 57% |
| Ban on meetings | once | more than once |
| Poland (N=661) | 7% | 41% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 10% | 37% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 14% | 35% |



How often do you use the following methods as a form of disciplining your child?

| Raising your voice | once | more than once |
|--------------------|------|----------------|
| Poland (N=661) | 3% | 45% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 3% | 60% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 3% | 52% |
| Criticizing | once | more than once |
| Poland (N=661) | 6% | 30% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 7% | 42% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 5% | 42% |
| Threatening | once | more than once |
| Poland (N=661) | 3% | 27% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 8% | 32% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 8% | 23% |
| Name calling | once | more than once |
| Poland (N=661) | 6% | 8% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 11% | 12% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 5% | 6% |



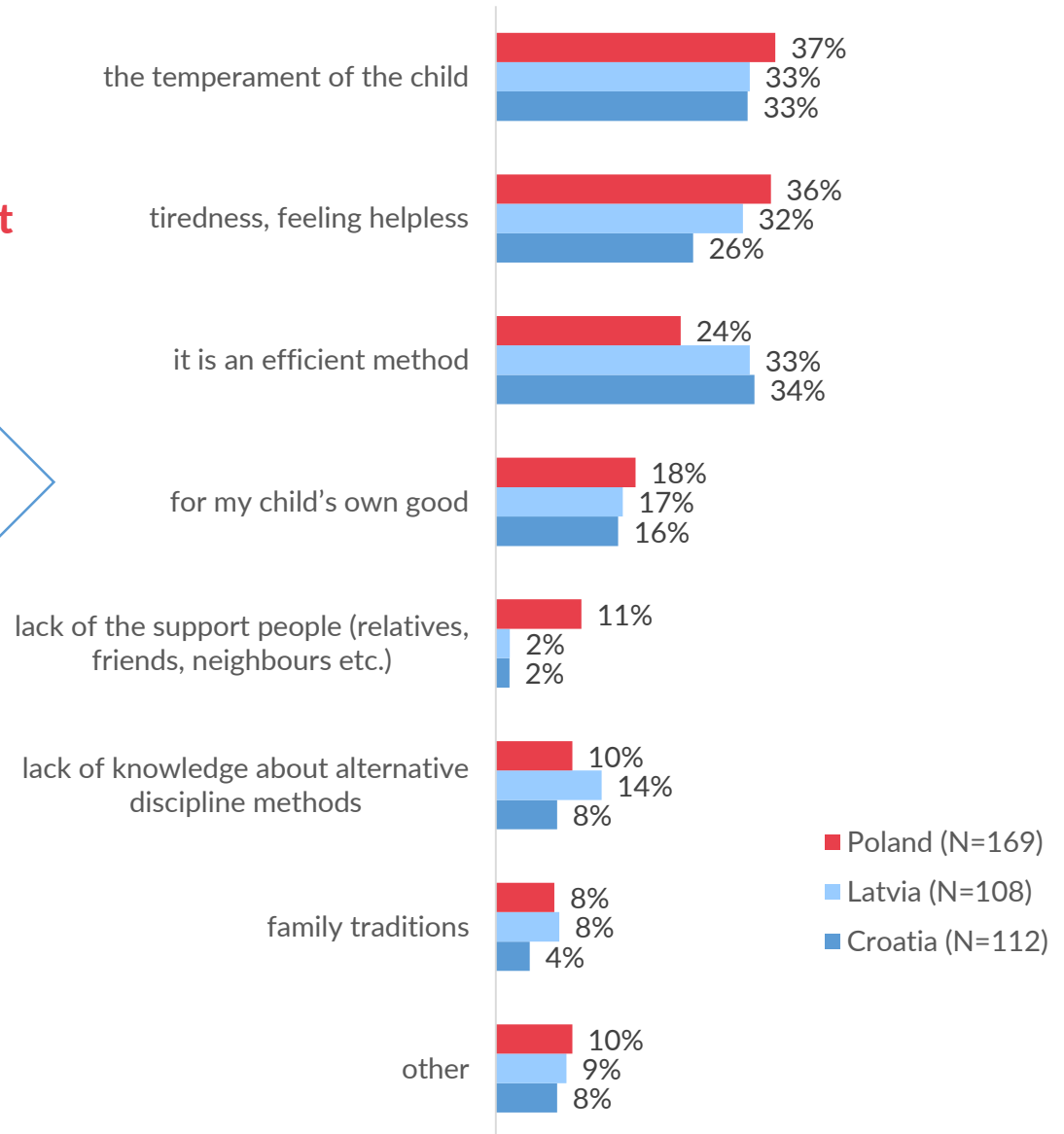
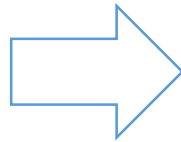
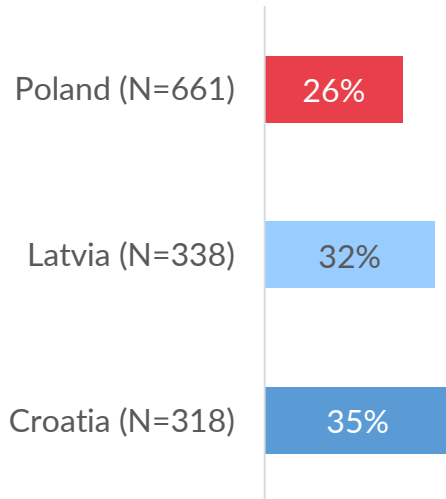
Corporal punishment

| Spanking / smacking | once | more than once |
|--------------------------|------|----------------|
| Poland (N=661) | 2% | 22% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 9% | 21% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 3% | 28% |
| Beating by hand/hitting | once | more than once |
| Poland (N=661) | 3% | 10% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 5% | 12% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 5% | 3% |
| Beating with a belt | once | more than once |
| Poland (N=661) | 3% | 3% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 6% | 4% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 3% | 1% |
| Pulling hair or ear | once | more than once |
| Poland (N=661) | 2% | 2% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 4% | 4% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 7% | 5% |
| Slapping across the face | once | more than once |
| Poland (N=661) | 3% | 1% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 6% | 7% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 8% | 3% |
| Pinching | once | more than once |
| Poland (N=661) | 1% | 2% |
| Latvia (N=338) | 3% | 2% |
| Croatia (N=318) | 2% | 1% |



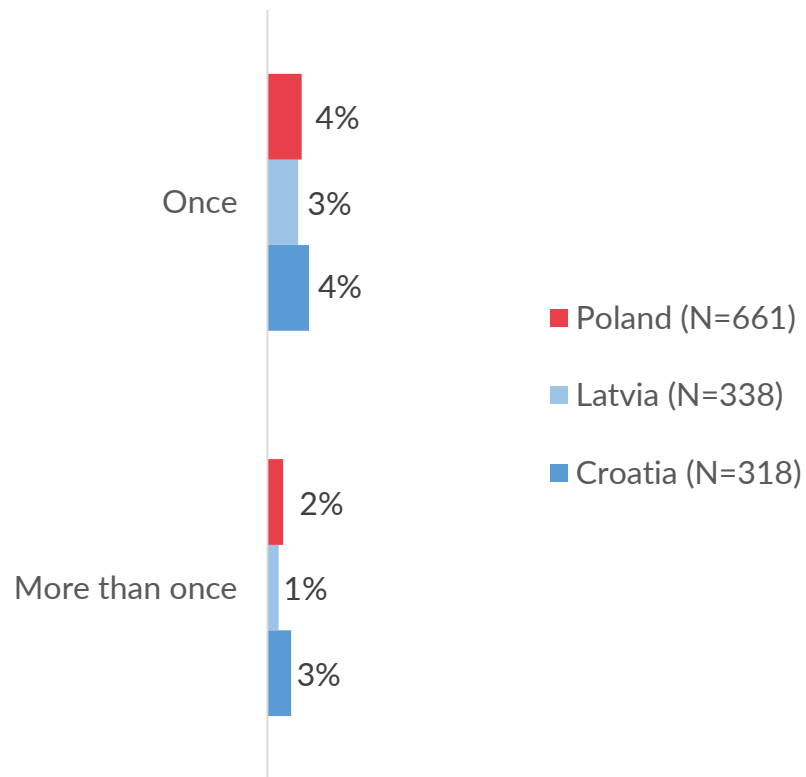
What are the reasons you choose to use corporal punishment?

Parents who used corporal punishment





Did you ever hit your child in a way that left marks (bruises, scratches) on his/her body?

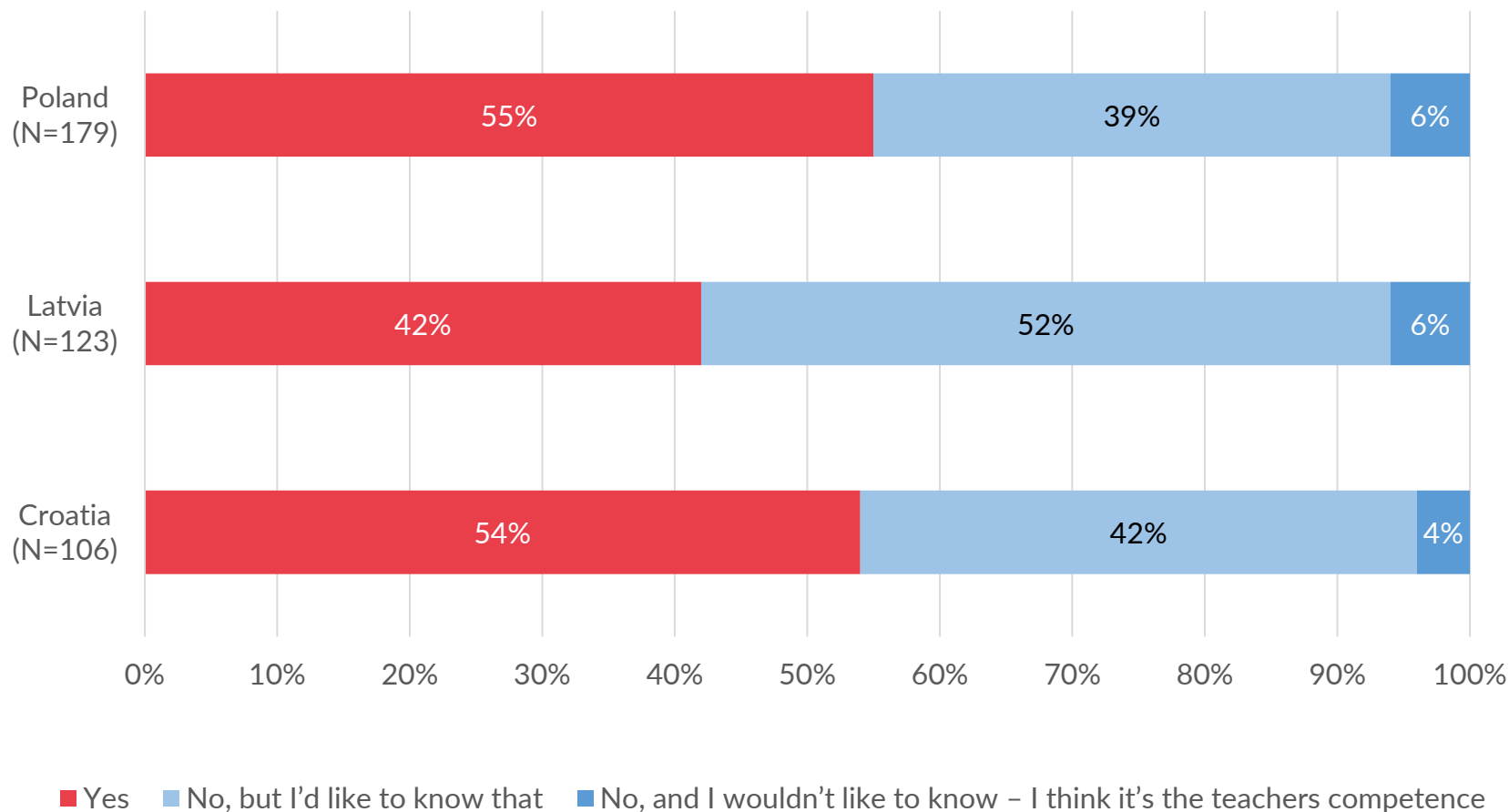




Child discipline methods in day nurseries and kindergartens



*Do you have the information what kind of discipline methods do your child's
kindergarden/nursery teachers use?*





According to your experience, how careres/teachers in day nursery or kindergarten encourage children to follow the rules?

| | Poland (N=179) | Latvia (N=123) | Croatia (N=106) |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| praise children for good behaviour | 69% | 67% | 72% |
| explain why one should behave in a certain way | 67% | 66% | 73% |
| use the system of rewards | 64% | 37% | 55% |
| use the system of punishments | 38% | 14% | 39% |
| use own example to show good behaviour | 37% | 44% | 40% |
| compare to other child | 21% | 31% | 17% |
| shout/criticise for bad behaviour | 17% | 20% | 10% |
| threaten | 6% | 4% | 7% |
| use corporal punishment | 4% | 2% | 2% |



Has your child ever been punished in the day nursery/kintergarten? Please indicate which of the following punishments were experienced by your child.

| | Poland (N=179) | Latvia (N=123) | Croatia (N=106) |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Time-out | 33% | 7% | 27% |
| Ban on playing | 24% | 18% | 15% |
| Saying that the child is „naughty”, „bad”, „stupid” | 13% | 11% | 4% |
| Indicating bad behaviour in front of other children | 8% | 26% | 18% |
| Shouting | 7% | 10% | 8% |
| No dessert / food / snack | 3% | 4% | 5% |
| Smacking/shaking | 2% | 3% | 2% |



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Thank you!