



# **Gender ratio: Egypt & the world**

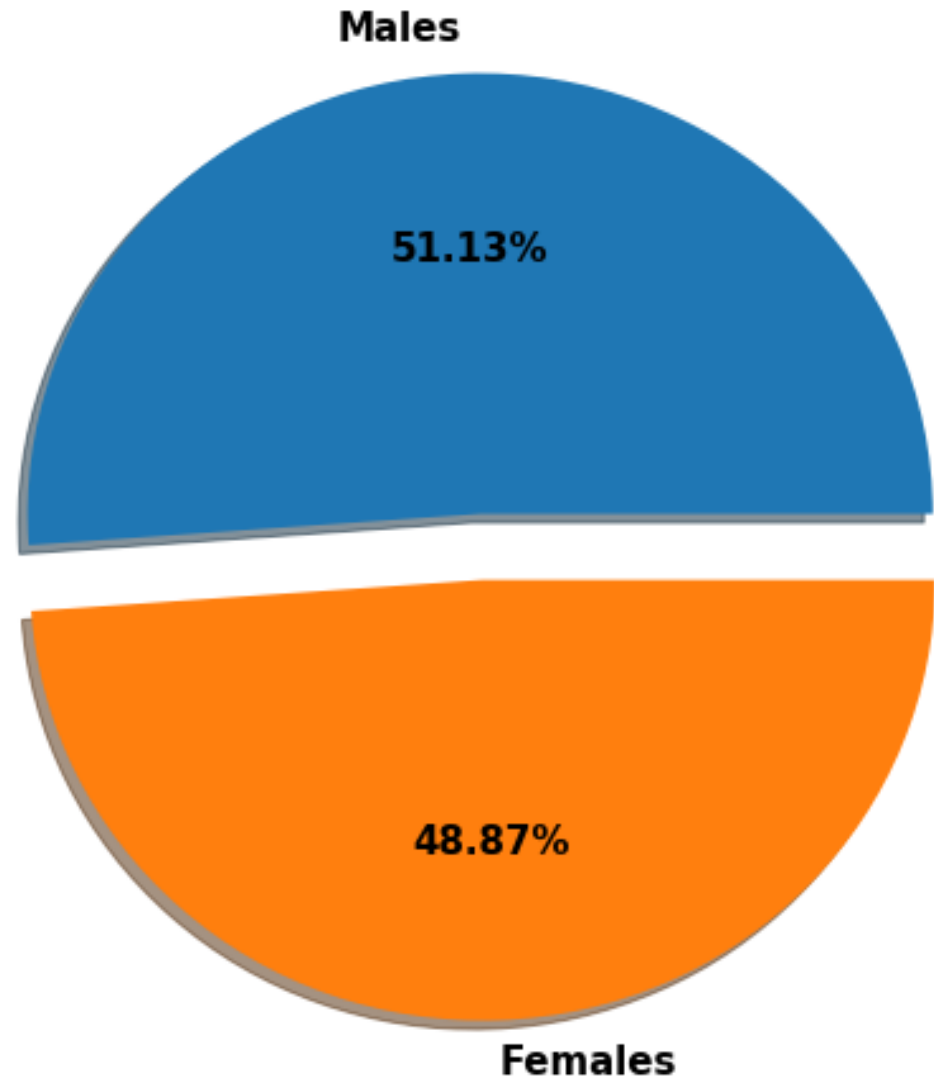
A Small Study



# Women are more than men?

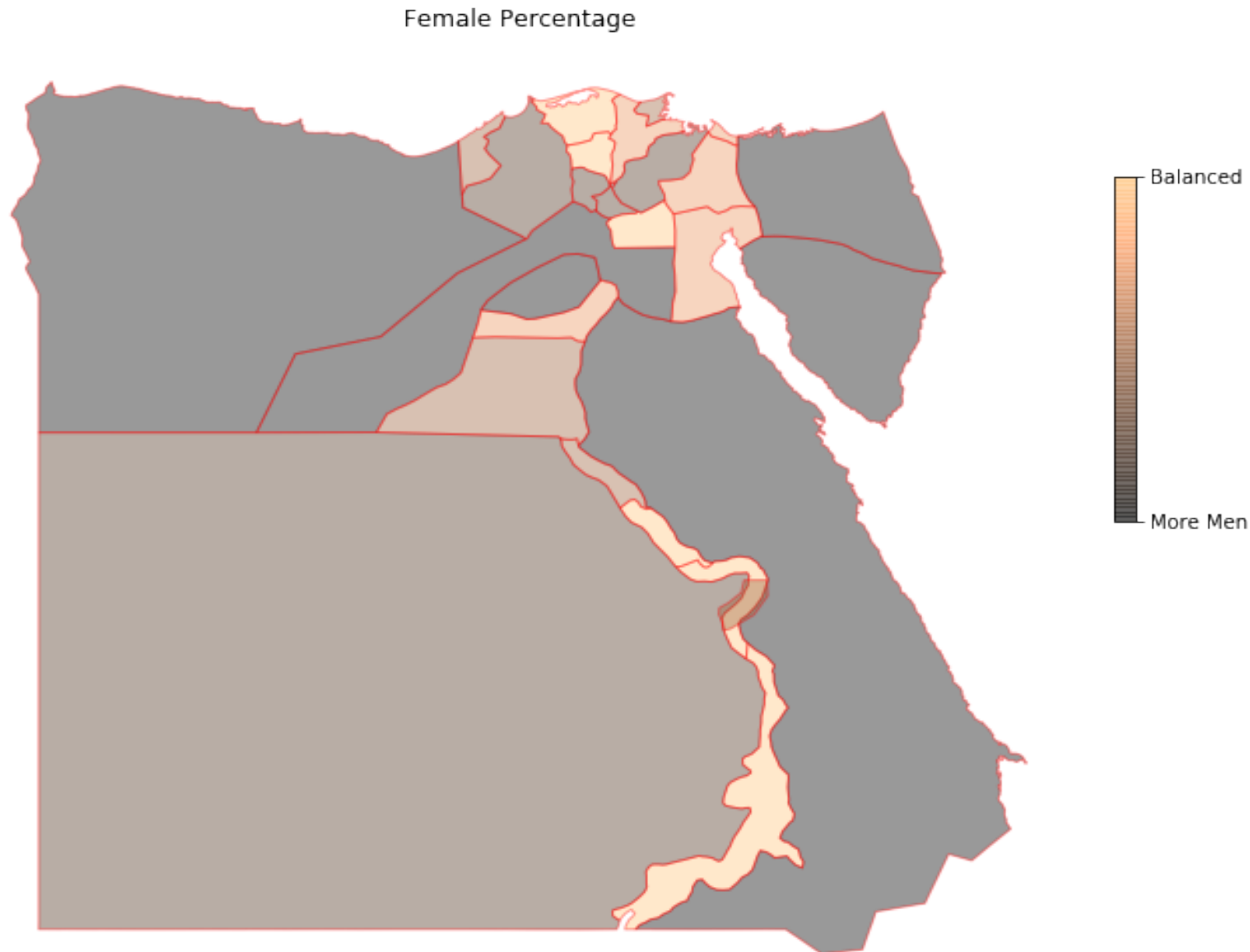
- Some people claim that the increasing rate of unmarried women is due to the fact that there are more females than males in Egypt.
- Is it true!
- & How do we compare to other nations?
- Let's look at some data!

# Males to females ratio in Egypt



- Males are more!

# It varies along Governorates: Top male ratio



# Why is this variation between governorates??



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الجريمة المسكوت عنها في سوهاج

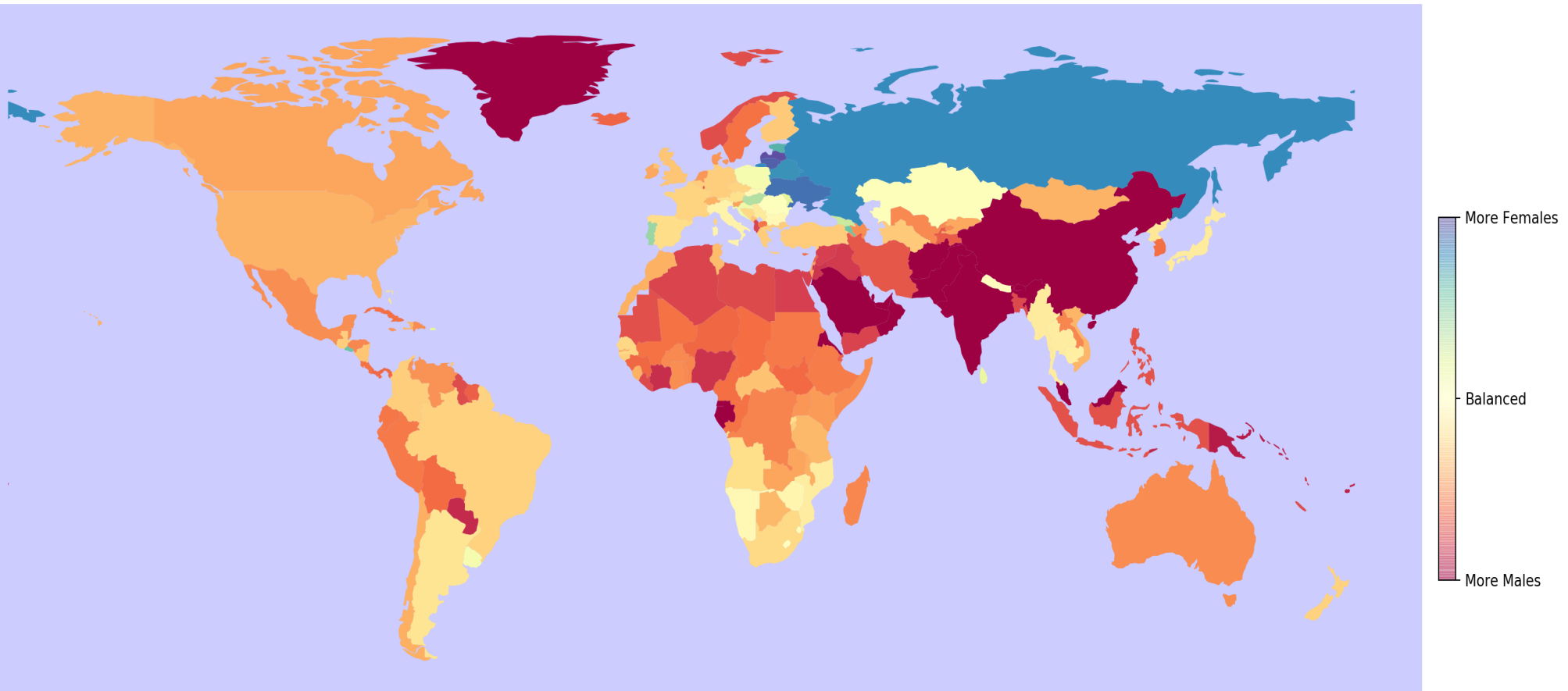
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تُشتهر محافظة سوهاج بتدين أهلها وطيبتهم، وهي من أكبر المحافظات **الطاردة للسكان**، والمرتفعة في نسبة الأمية، ومع ذلك فهي من أكثر المحافظات التي تصدر للعاصمة المفكرين والعلماء والمثقفين، وتضم عددا من القرى والمراكز ذات التاريخ السابق للفتح الإسلامي كجرجا والمراغة وطهطا وشطورة ومشطا وساقلة وجزيرة شندويل وباصونة والعراة المدفونة. وفي تراجم سوهاج كتب السيد أبوضيف (تاريخ إقليم سوهاج)، وعبدالله عثمان (البلدان السوهاجية)، وفي تراجم علماء المراغة كتب محمد حامد الجرجاوي: (فتح الوصيد في تراجم علماء مراغة الصعيد)، و(مراقى البلاغة في

# Why is this variation between governorates??

- One of the factors that affect this variation is the economic opportunities and conditions.
- In Sohag, 50.61% are males, because many male youth look for job opportunities as Sohag is known to be “demographically unattractive” city.
- Many go to work in touristic cities in South Sinai, leaving their families.
- South Sinai has an outstanding male ratio of 65.5%

# Comparing to other nations?



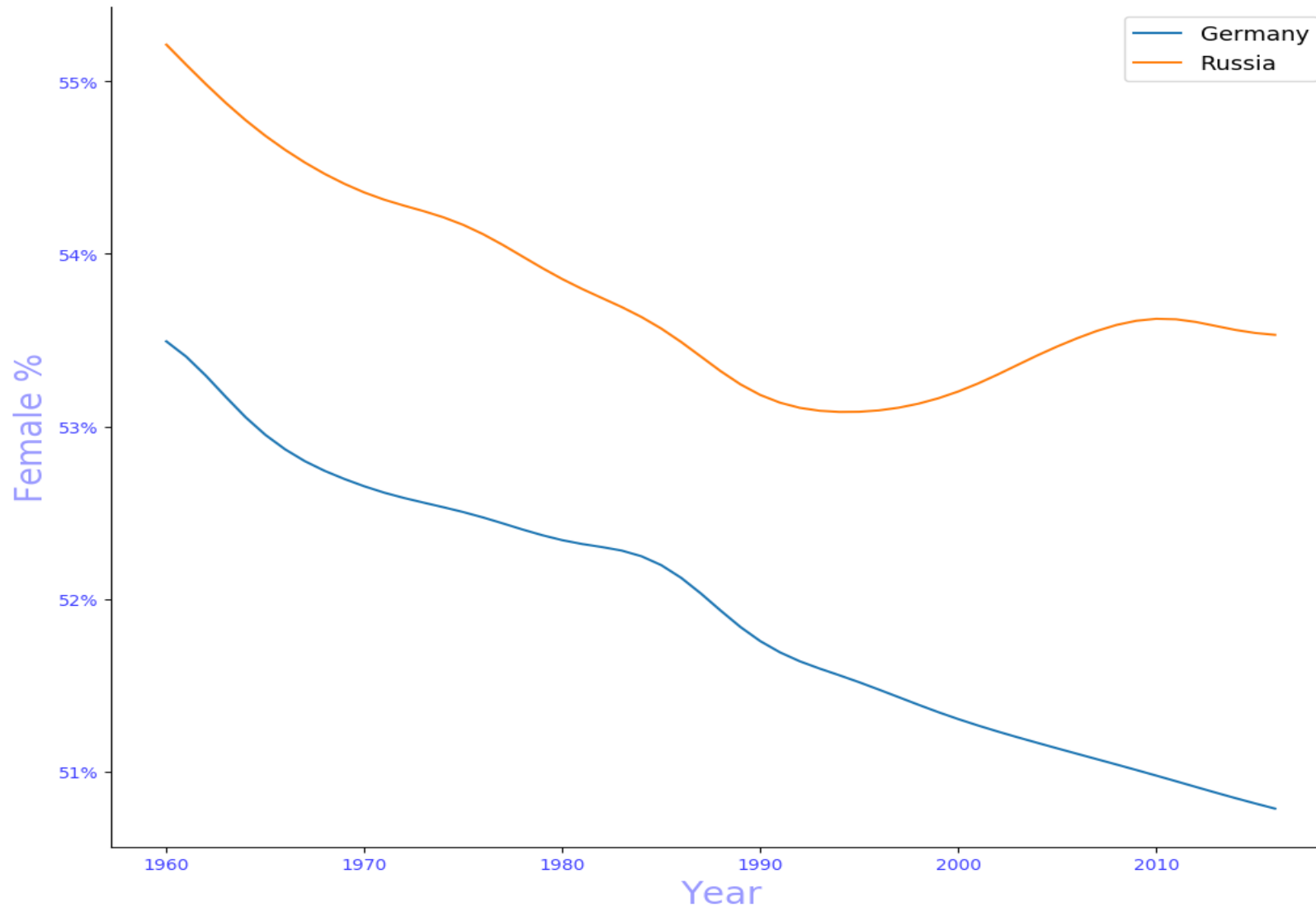




# Why is Russia so blue?

- Contrary to Egypt, Russia has much less male ratio, 46.5%.
- Historical factors: During World War I, II, Russia lost around 30 Million of its population, the majority were males. This lead to a historic imbalance between the genders.
- Other countries suffered from the same problem, like Germany, however Russia couldn't recover fully due to 1990s problems.

# Russia's demographic crisis





# Societal problems

- Germany had the same recovery curve, parallel to the Russian curve till the 1990s.
- Germany continued to improve economically and in the healthcare system, while an unusual imbalance in mortality rate between the genders in Russia is seen.
- Consequently life expectancy for females is higher.
- This is known as the “Demographic crisis of Russia”

# Russia's demographic crisis

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### ALCOHOL IN RUSSIA FREE

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#### Abstract

The contribution that alcohol has made to the large fluctuations in mortality in Russia in recent years is now widely recognized. An association between heavy drinking and Russia is part of popular culture. But what is the reality? This paper reviews the evidence on historical patterns of consumption in Russia, highlighting the difficulties of obtaining valid statistics during the Soviet period (1917–1991). It notes how the state, at various times, encouraged alcohol sales. By the early 1980s, the social cost of heavy drinking was becoming apparent. This led, in 1985, to the imposition of the wide-ranging and initially highly effective anti-alcohol campaign by Mikhail Gorbachev. The features of this campaign and of its subsequent collapse are described. In the 1990s, consumption of alcohol increased rapidly. There has, however, been a recent reduction in alcohol-related deaths. It is concluded that heavy drinking is not an inevitable feature of Russian life and that, as the state has done much to create the present problem, it also has a role to play in resolving it.



# Russia's demographic crisis

- Huge alcohol related deaths rates, for males, compared to other countries, and a huge gap in consumption between males and females in Russia.
- Economic conditions after the fall of the Soviet Union.



# China, opposite problem, different reasons

- Majority males 51.53% of total population
- A striking 53.9% males ratio for the coming generation of children under 15.
- The future seems to be biased to males in China!

# China, opposite problem, different reasons



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## China grapples with legacy of its 'missing girls'

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**BEIJING** — China is asking where all the girls have gone.

And the sobering answer is that this vast nation, now the world's fastest-growing economy, is confronting a self-perpetuated demographic disaster that some experts describe as "gendercide" -- the phenomenon caused by millions of families resorting to abortion and infanticide to make sure their one child was a boy.

The age-old bias for boys, combined with China's draconian one-child policy imposed



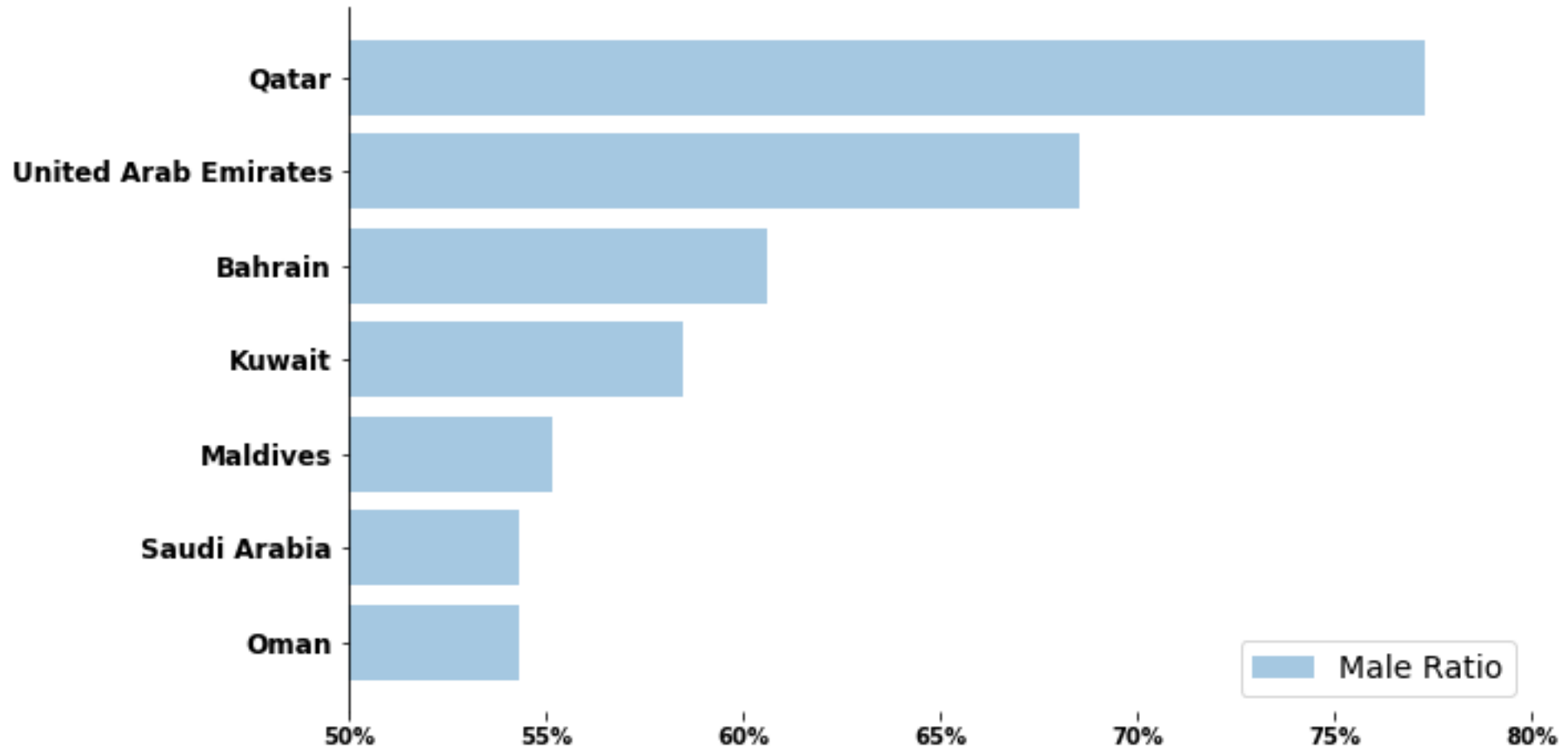




# China's "Missing Girls" problem

- Chinese one-child policy, and the desire of Chinese families to have males as children.
- Leading to sex-selective abortions for females,
- Chinese culture and tradition favors boys, for example in the Book of Songs (1000 – 700 B.C.):
  - When a son is born,
  - Let him sleep on the bed,
  - Clothe him with fine clothes,
  - And give him jade to play...
  - When a daughter is born,
  - Let her sleep on the ground,
  - Wrap her in common wrappings,
  - And give broken tiles to play...

# Highest total male ratios in the world



- Those are rich countries with labor shortage



# Highest total male ratios in the world

- Lots of workers from poorer countries (India, Philippines, Pakistan...etc) come to those countries leaving home to work
- Similar to men in Upper Egypt working in North-Sinai



# In conclusion

- Female to Male ratio varies among nations and for different factors:
  - Wars
  - Economic conditions
  - Jobs
  - Violence
  - Alcoholism
  - Societal beliefs and practices