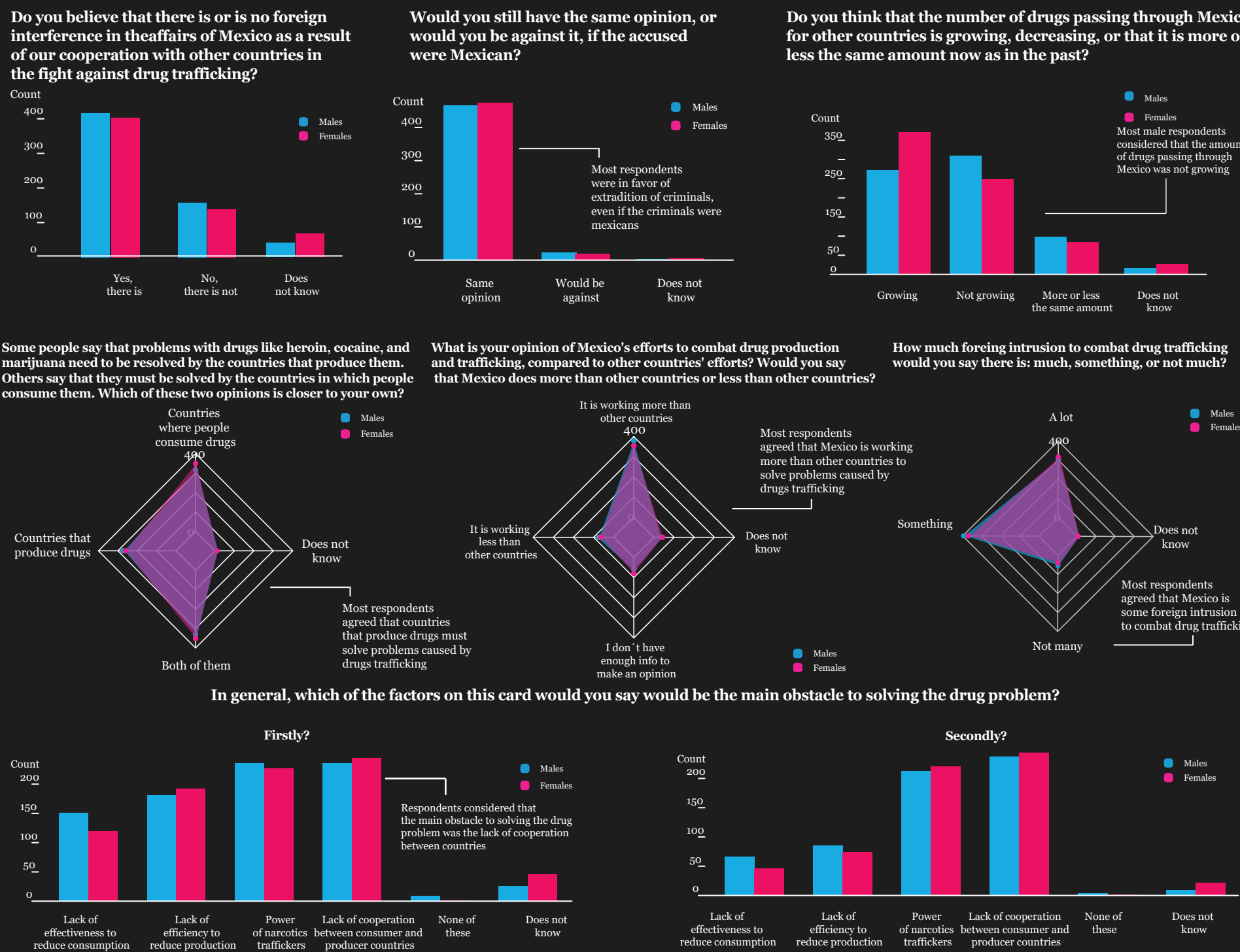
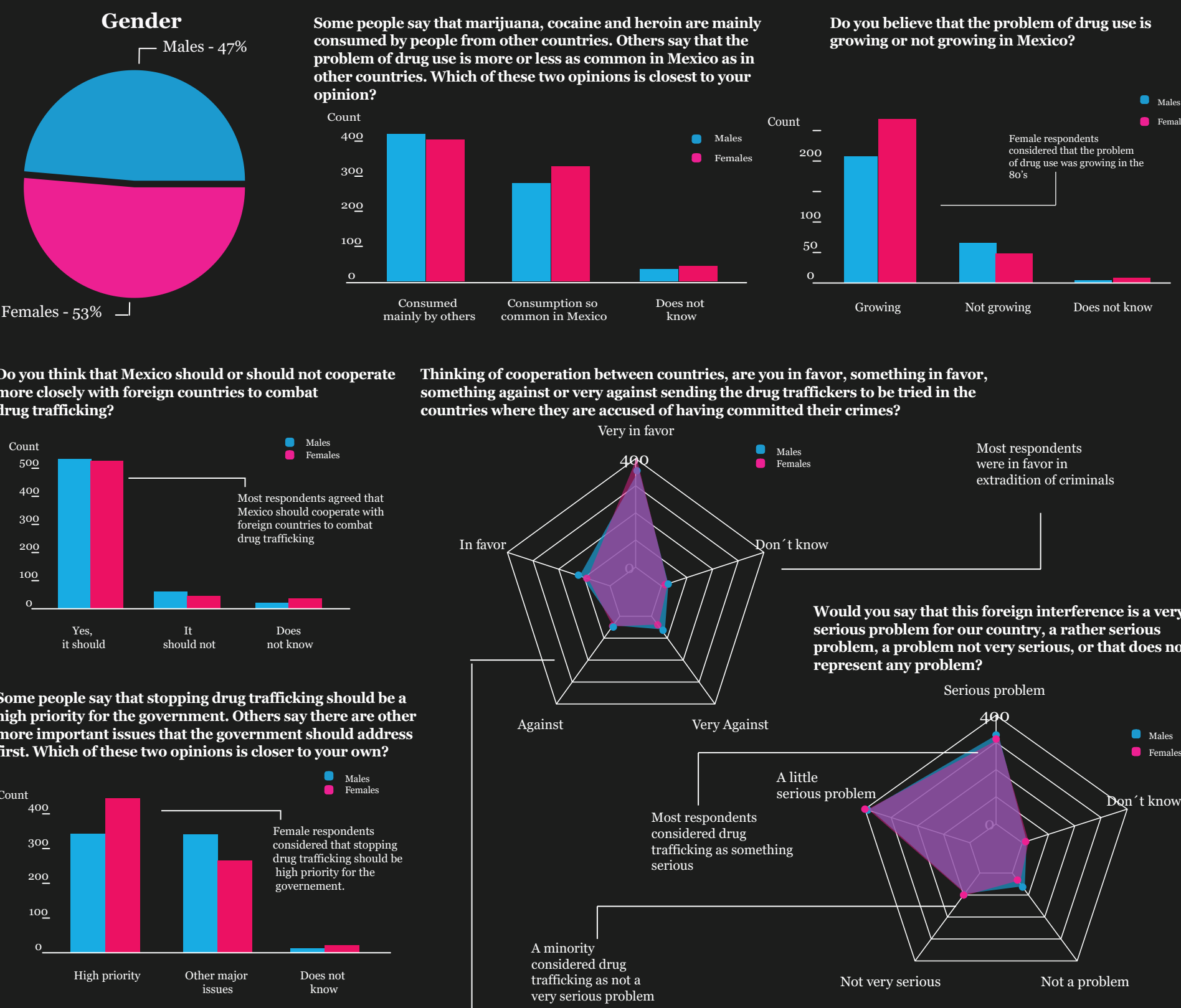


US-Mexico relationship and the battle against drug trafficking

The relationship between the US and Mexico has been characterized by the mutual cooperation to face security problems such as drug trafficking. Operation Interception, carried out in 1969 during the administration of President Nixon, can be considered the beginning of constant actions to combat drug trafficking [1]. In 2017, President Trump mentioned that “Mexico needs help on drug cartels.” [2] There is a constant debate between the benefits and costs of the actions of both countries to combat drug trafficking, among them Mexico's loss of Sovereignty; the increase of drug consumers in the United States, and the rise in violence caused by drug trafficking. The following charts show a comparison among the opinions of Mexicans regarding drug trafficking issues and the support of US to combat drug cartels.

1989

Survey by United States Information Agency [USIA]. Conducted by Gaither International, field dates: October 23 - November 18, 1989, sample: Adult residents of cities or towns with 10,000 inhabitants or more



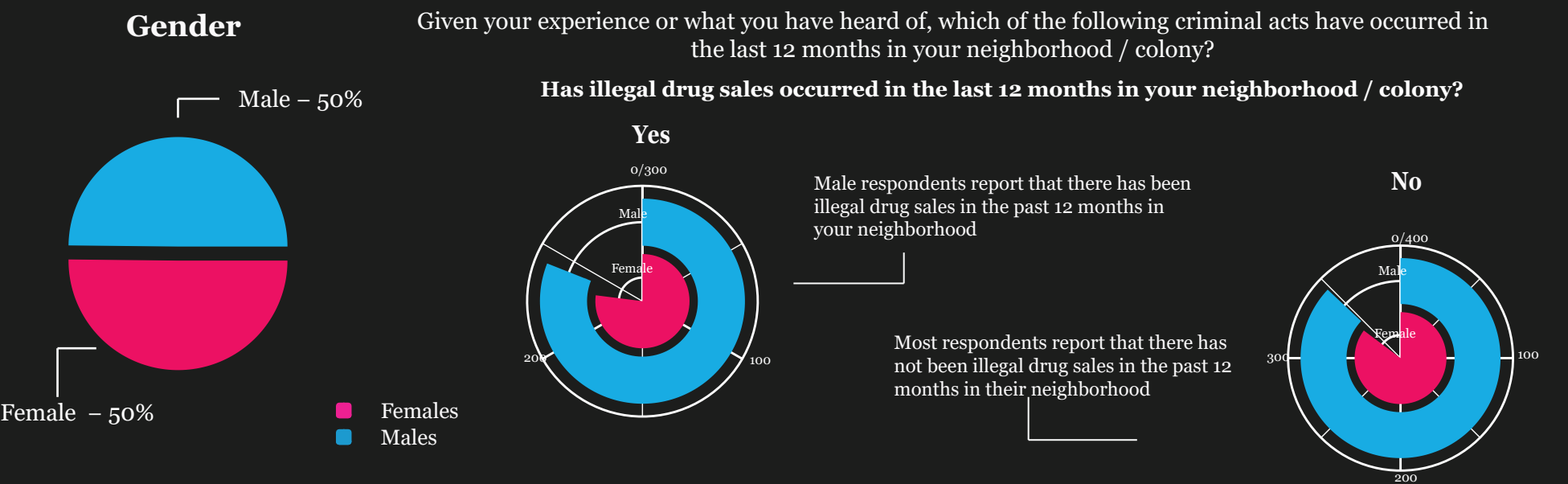
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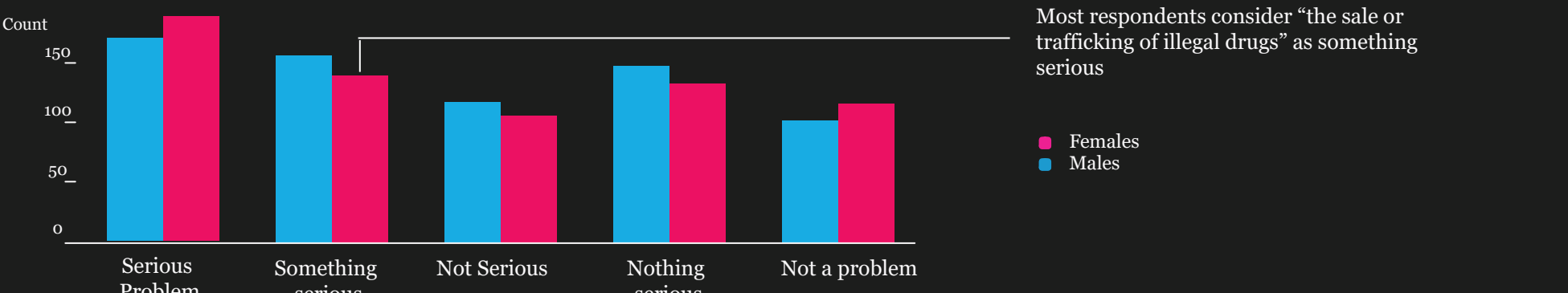
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Survey by Vanderbilt University. Conducted by Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, field dates: January 23-February 8, 2014, sample: National adult

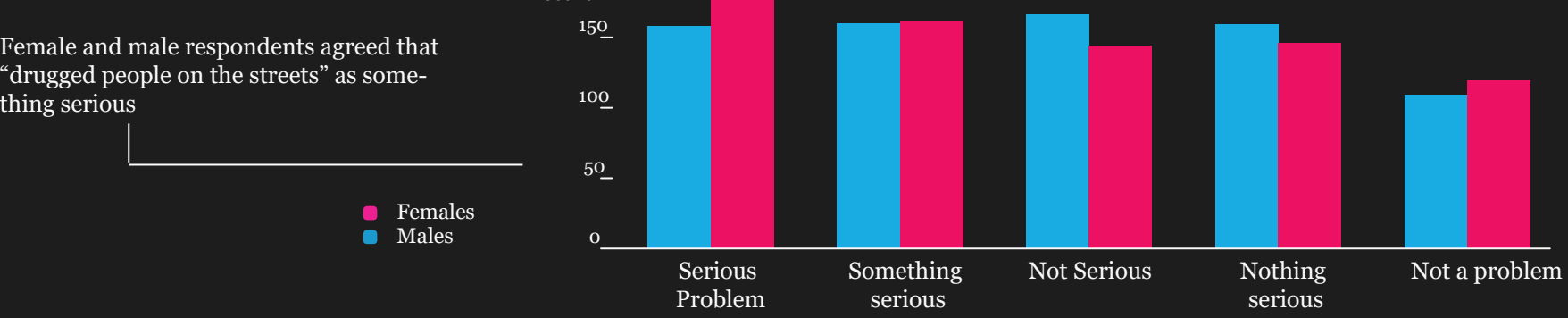


Please tell me if the following situations are a serious problem, something serious, not serious, nothing serious or not a problem in your neighborhood...

Sale or trafficking of illegal drugs here in your neighborhood



Drugged people on the streets



[1] Gonzalez Guadalupe. "Mexico y Estados Unidos en la Cadena Internacional del Narcotrafico". p.16. Fondo de Cultura Economica, 1989

[2] The Hill "Trump: Mexico needs help with drug cartels". Obtained from: <http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/318194-trump-mexico-needs-help-on-drug-cartels>. The Hill, February 2017