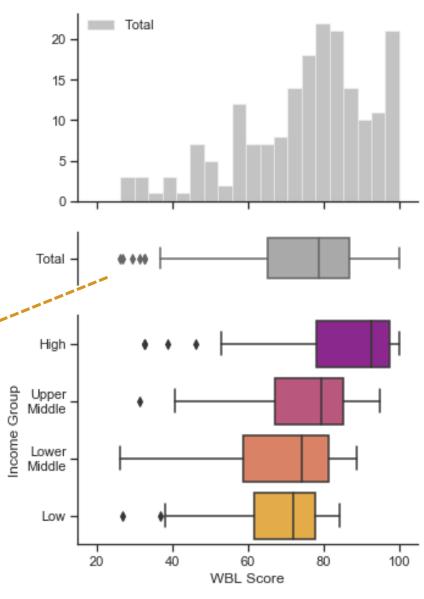
based on Women, Business & Law indexing data (WBL)¹

- The WBL score histogram skews left, an encouraging distribution, as most economies implement gender equality-focused policies (median 78.8, mean 75.2)
- WBL score distributions by relative national income aligns with assumption that higher income economies are more likely to support gender equality
- Surprisingly, 2 out of 6 outliers belong to high income group. The regions of the listed nations below suggest that strong cultural identities may be influencing the lower WBL scores:

	Economy	Region	Income Group	WBL
1	West Bank and Gaza	Middle East & North Africa	Lower Middle	26.3
2	Yemen	Middle East & North Africa	Low	26.9
3	Sudan	Sub-Saharan Africa	Lower Middle	29.4
4	Iran	Middle East & North Africa	Upper Middle	31.3
5	Kuwait	Middle East & North Africa	High	32.5
6	Qatar	Middle East & North Africa	High	32.5

2020 WBL Score Distribution



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