

Opinion survey regarding the Holocaust in Romania and the perception of interethnic relations

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Methodology

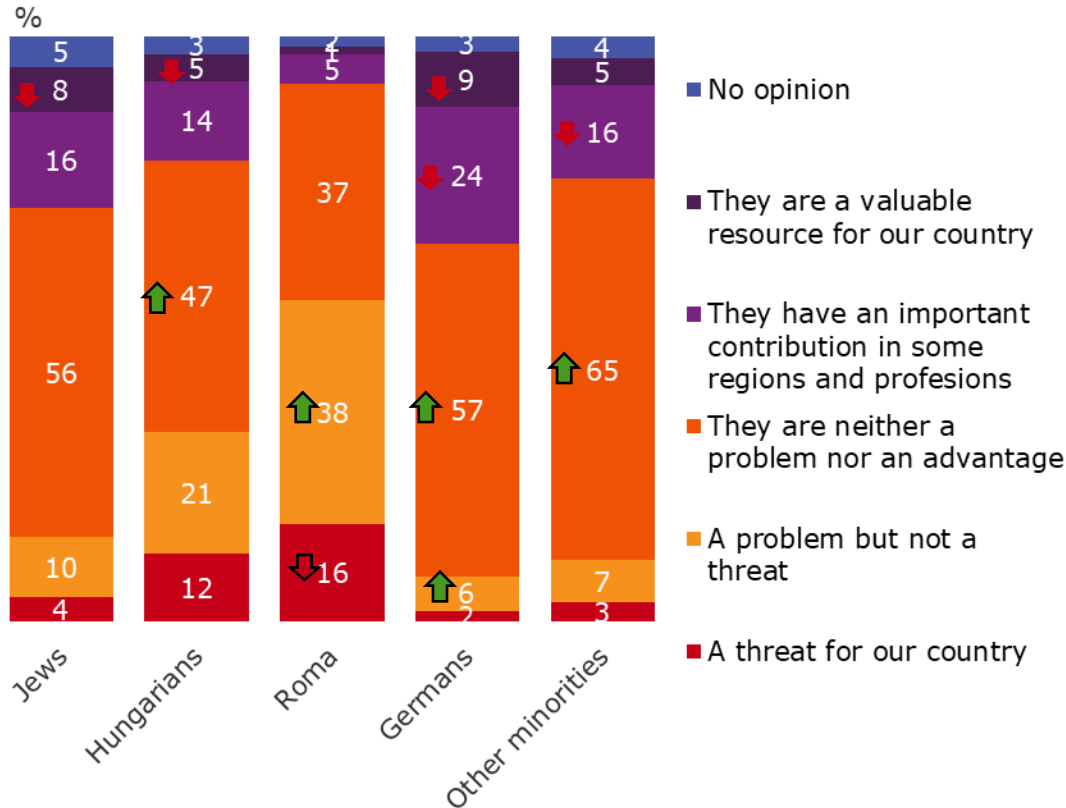
- ❑ **Profile of the respondents:** ≥ 18 years old, from Romania
- ❑ **Sample:** 1014 respondents; maximum sampling error $\pm 3.0\%$, probability 95%.
- ❑ **Methodology of data collection:** face-to-face interviews
- ❑ **Data collection:** 14 September – 6 October 2017

Perceptions regarding the ethnic minorities

General opinion regarding the minorities

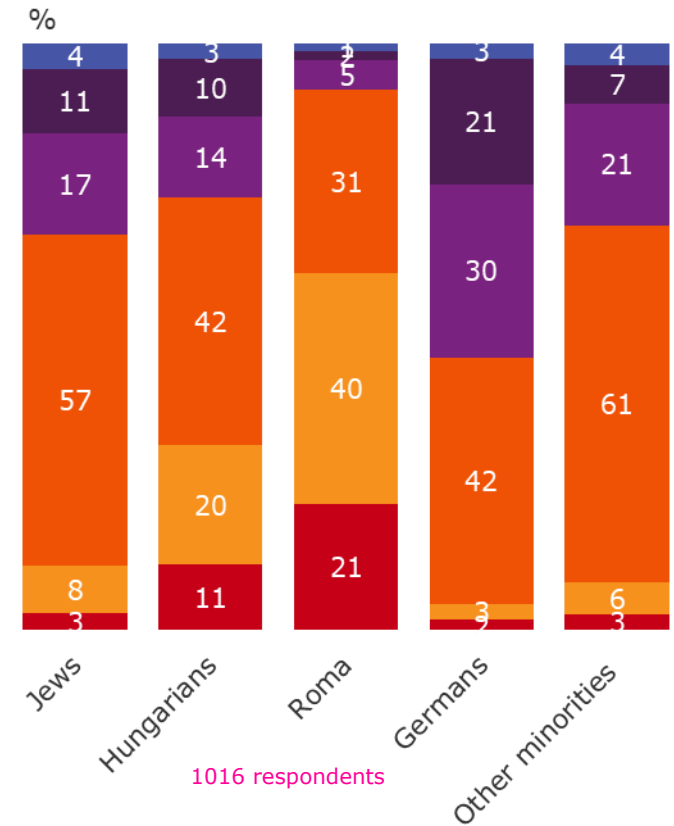
Q1. Thinking of your general opinion about national minorities in our country, you would say that the following minorities are: a threat for our country, neither a problem nor an advantage, they have an important contribution in some regions and professions or they are a valuable resource for our country?

2017



1014 respondents

2015



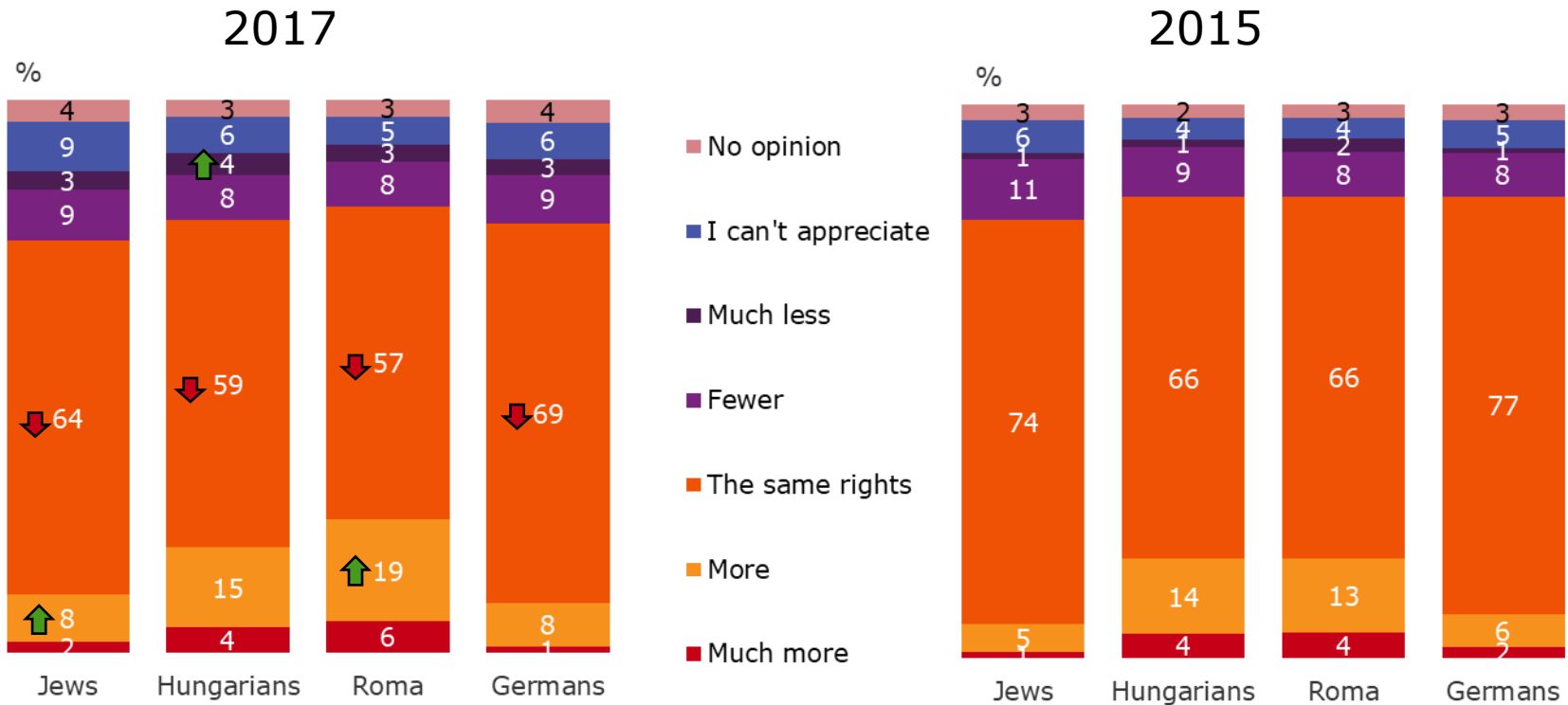
1016 respondents

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Minorities rights

Q2. Nowadays, you consider the following minorities having – much more, more, the same, fewer or much less rights when compared to the majority of population?



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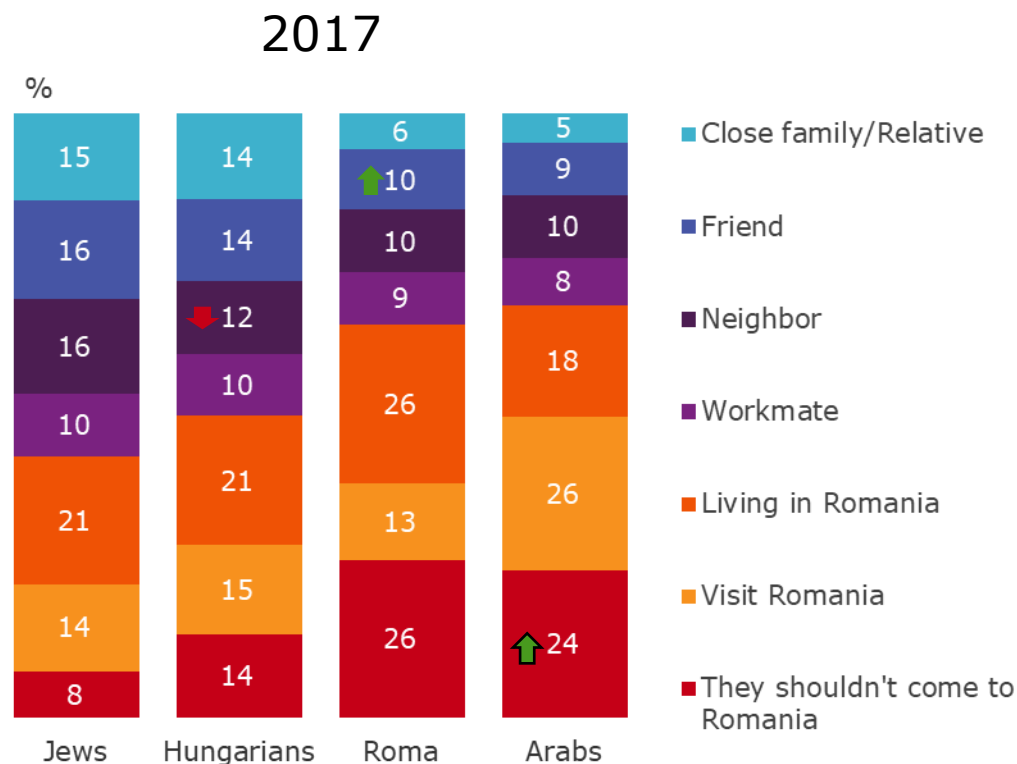
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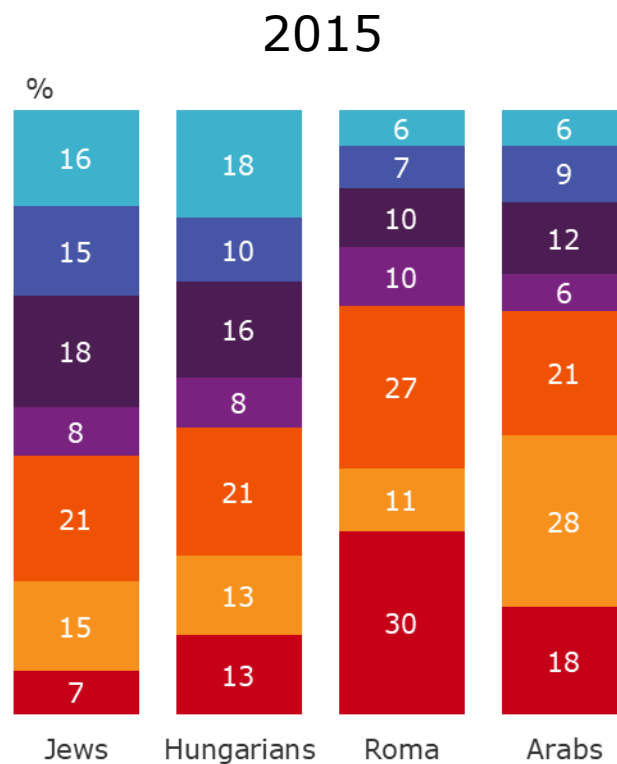
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Social distance toward minorities (1)

Q3. Please indicate the closest relationship you would accept with individuals belonging to the following minorities? (scale from 1 to 7)



1014 respondents



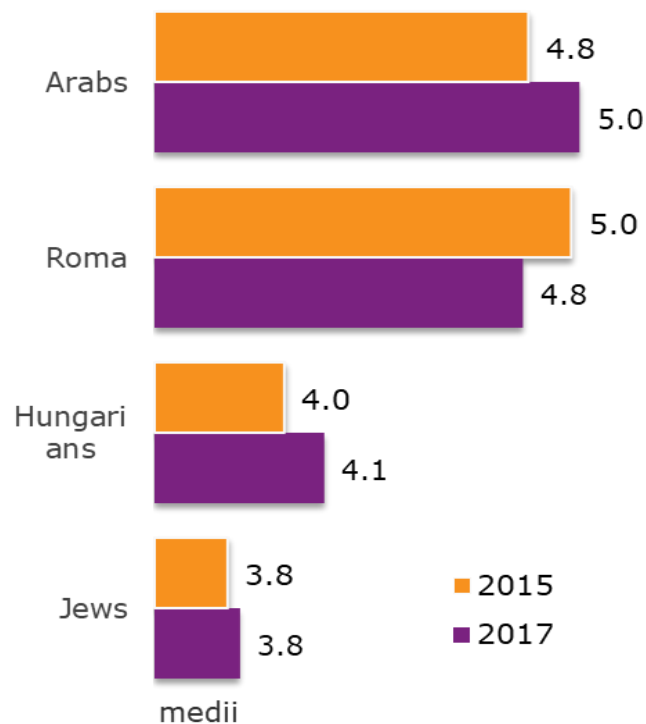
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Social distance toward minorities(2)

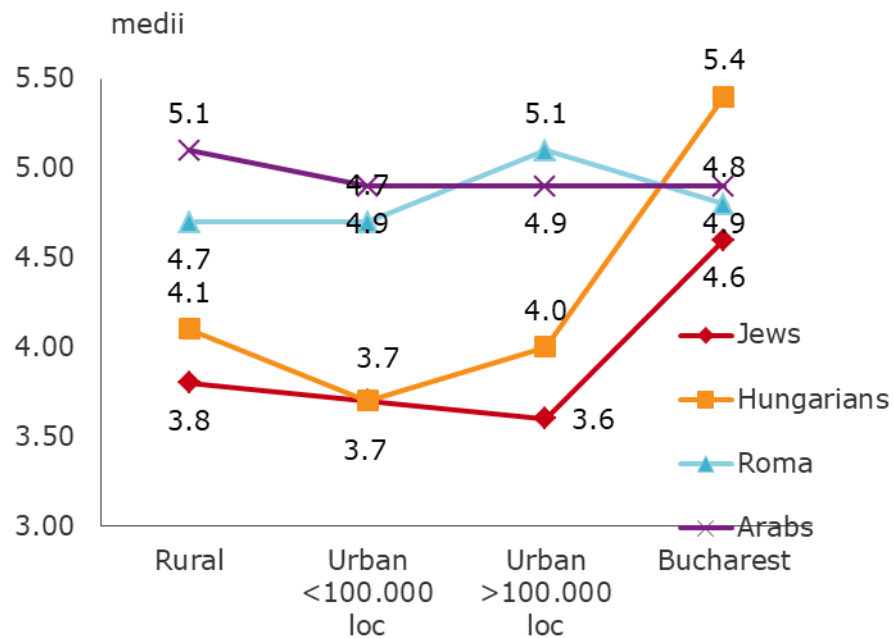
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2015: 1014 respondents

2017: 1016 respondents

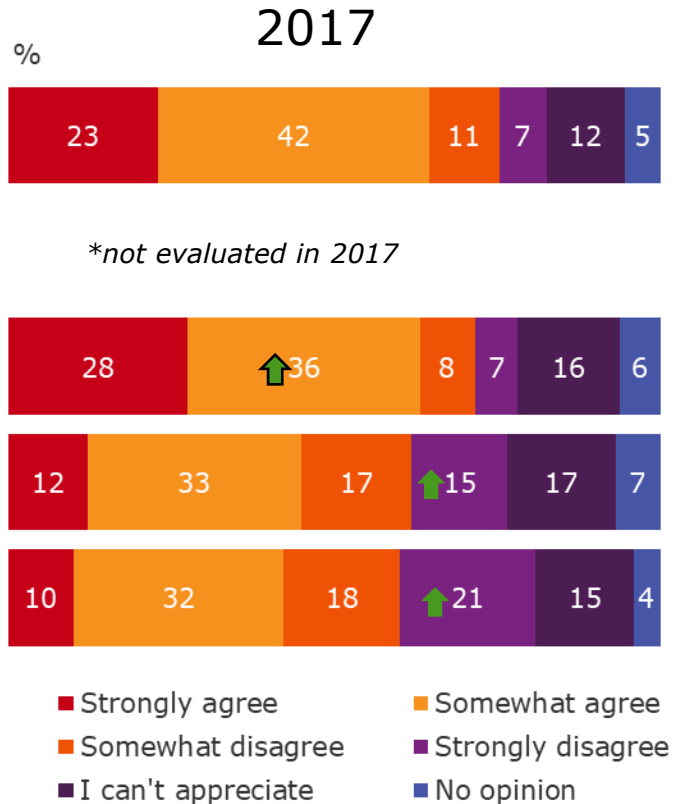
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Perceptions regarding the Jews

Positive statements

Q4. If we would now consider only the Jews, please indicate your agreement with the following statements?
(scale from 1 to 5)



1014 respondents

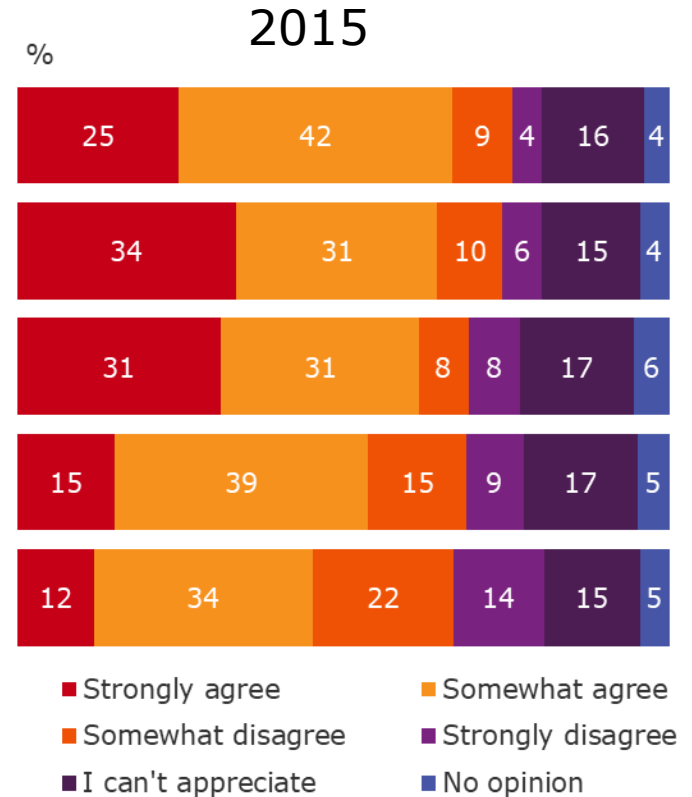
They have good relations with the rest of the Romanian population

They have much influence over global affairs

They have many personalities in various domains: scientific, technical, artistic, medicine

they bring progress to the country where they dwell

They are an important minority for Romania



1016 respondents

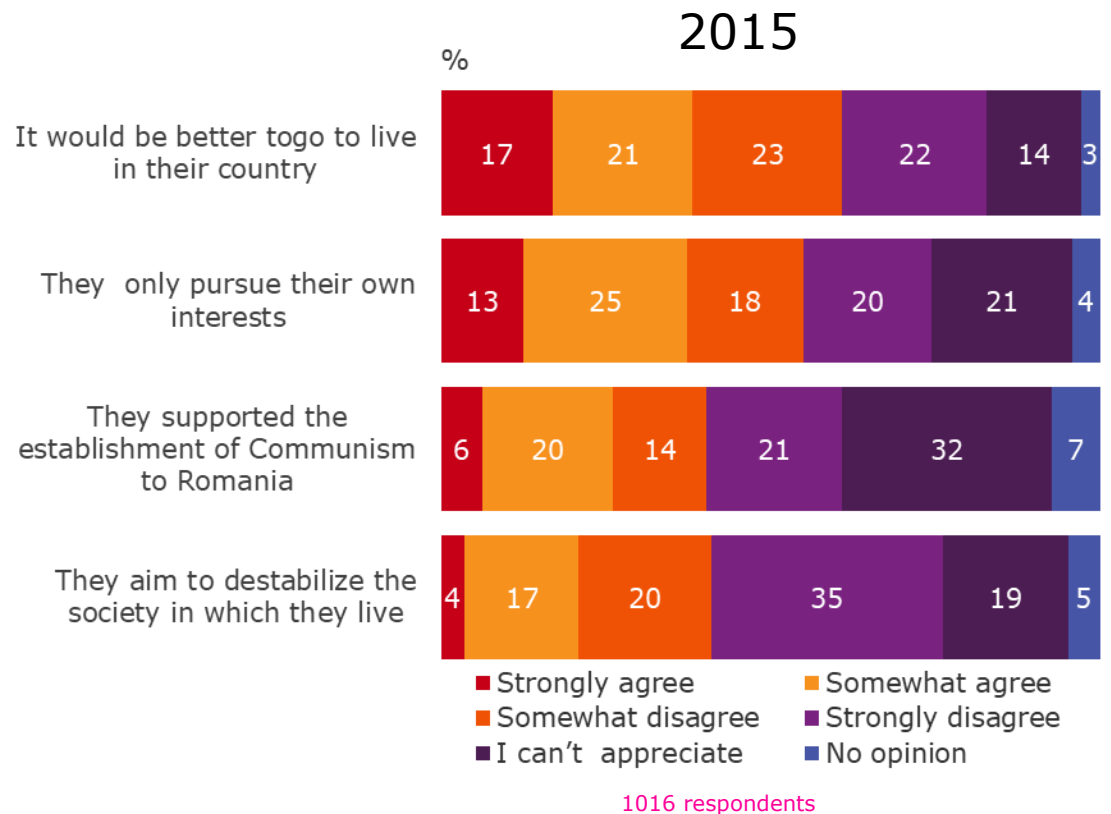
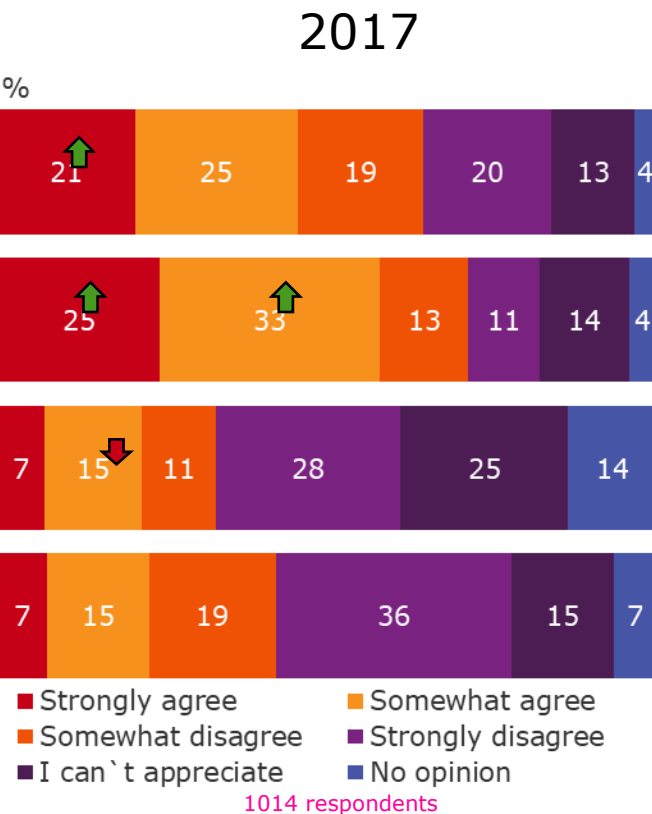
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Perceptions regarding the Jews

Negative statements

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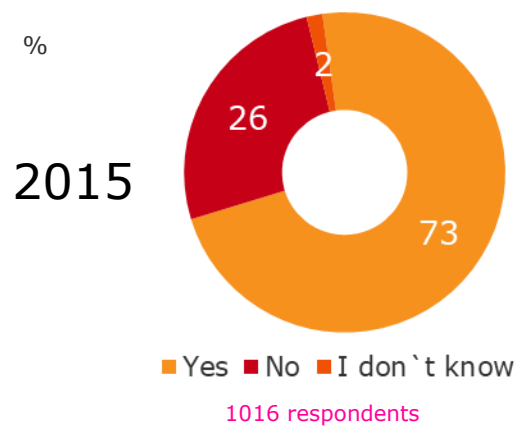
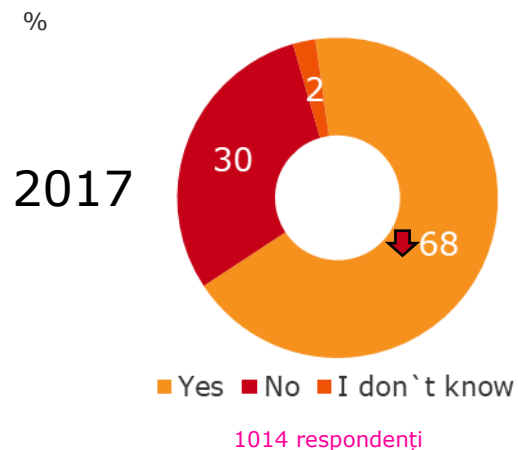
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Perception regarding the Holocaust

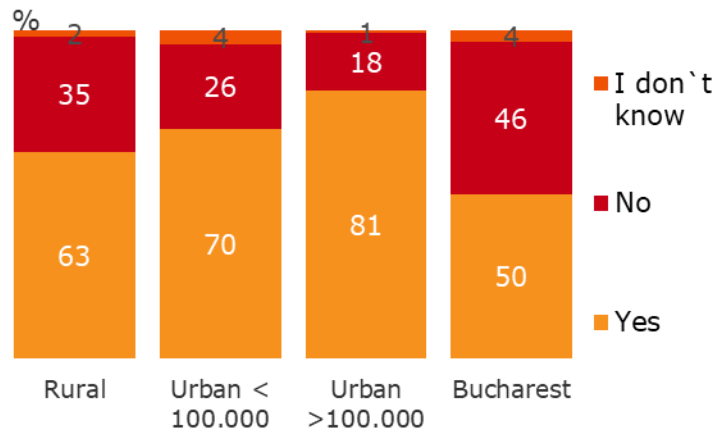
Holocaust – notoriety

Q6. Have you heard of the HOLOCAUST?

Notoriety Holocaust

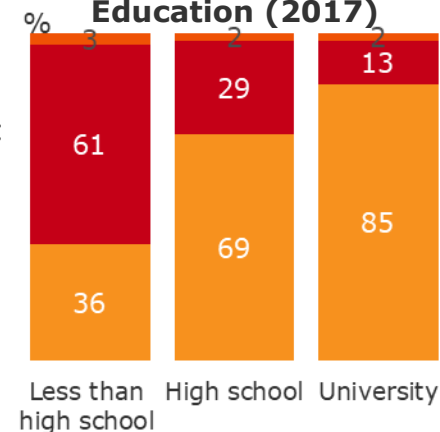


Residence (2017)



1014 respondents

Education (2017)

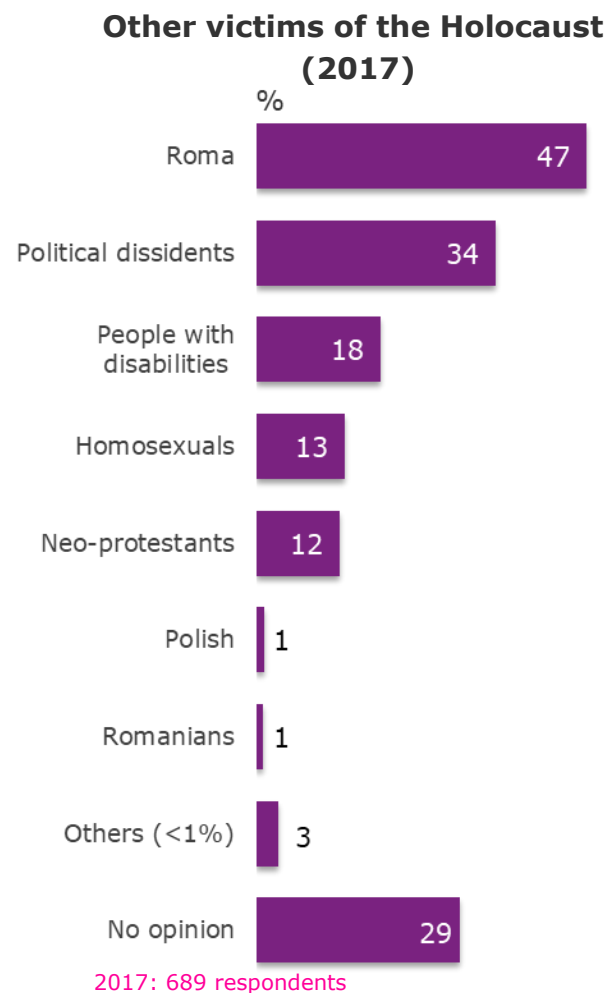
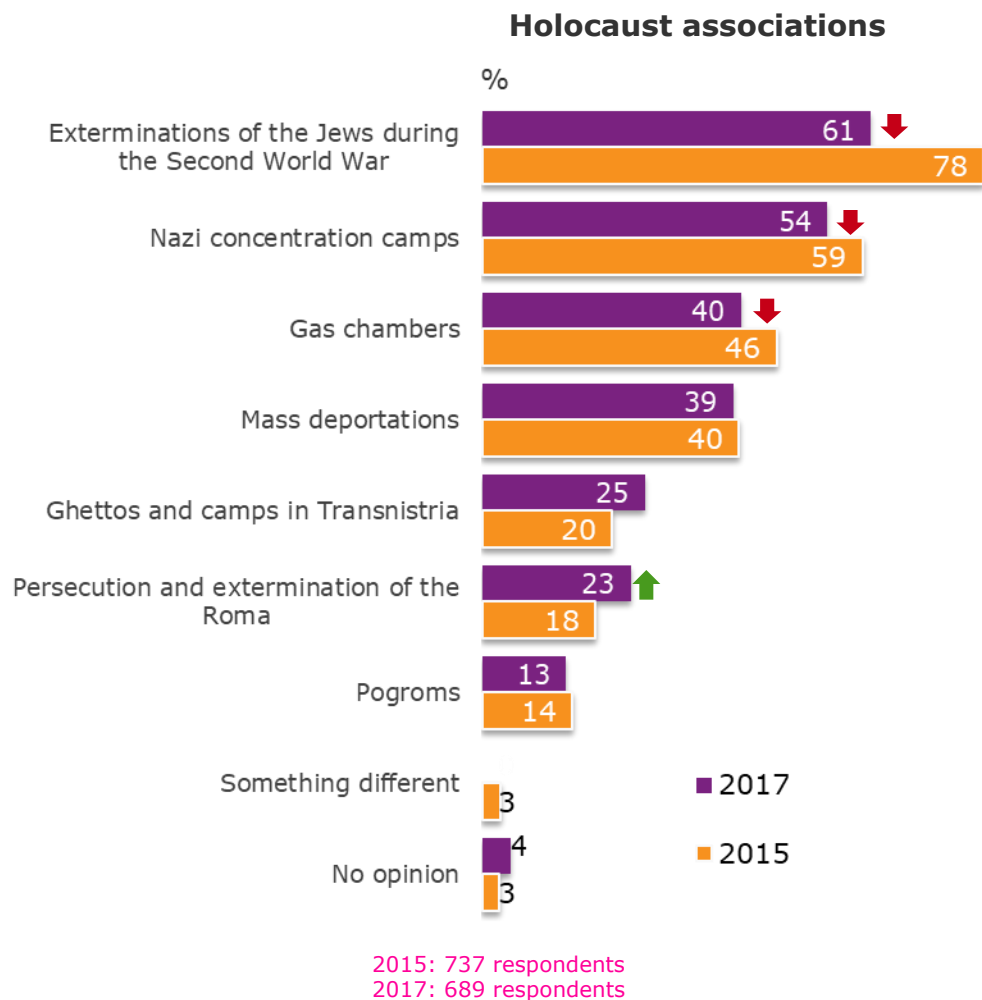


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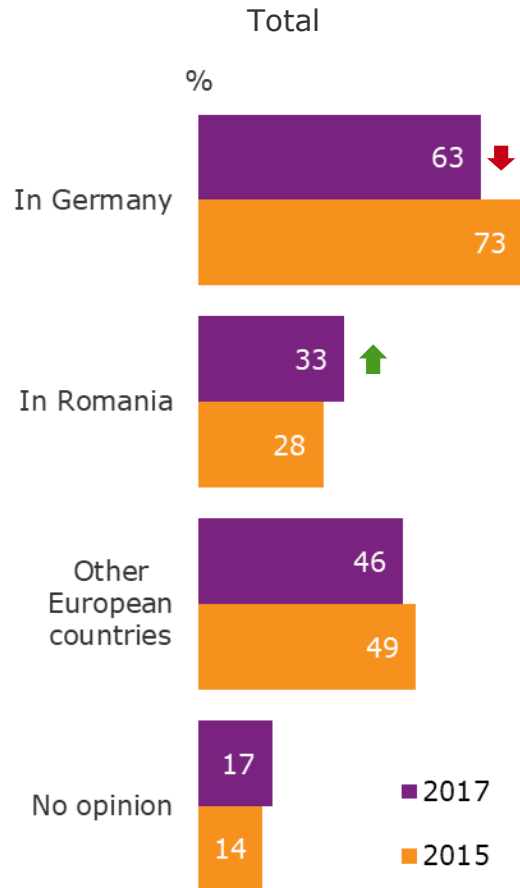
Holocaust – notoriety and meaning

Q7. Please tell me what are you thinking about when you hear the term HOLOCAUST? (*multiple answer*) Q7a. Could you point, apart from the Jews, other victims of the Holocaust in Romania?



Holocaust – localization

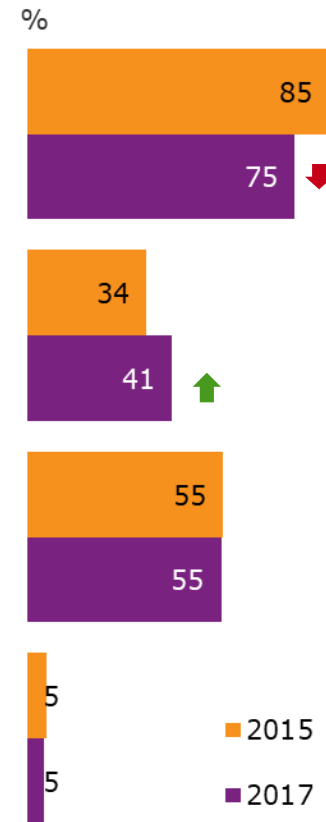
Q8. If you consider that the HOLOCAUST means systematic, state-sponsored persecution and extermination of the European Jews by Nazi Germany, its allies and collaborators do you think this has happened...? (*multiple answer*)



2015: 737 respondents

2017: 689 respondents

Percentage of persons that have heard about the Holocaust



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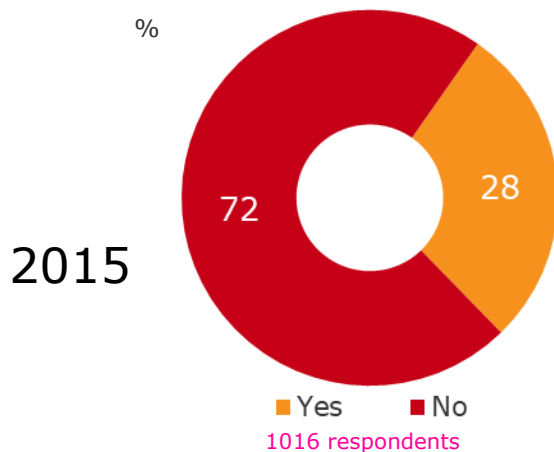
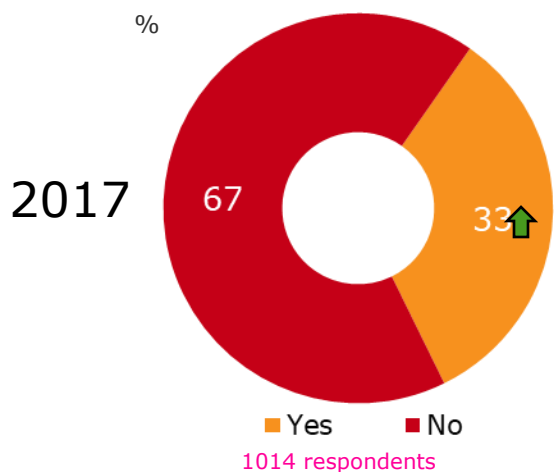
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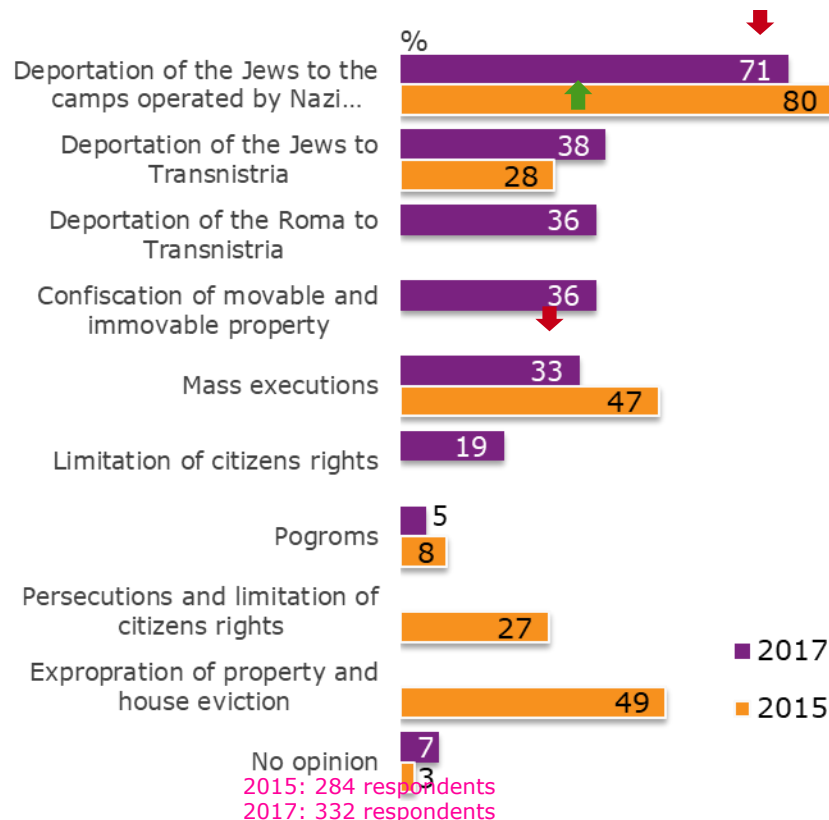
Holocaust in Romania – notoriety and meaning

Q8. If you consider that the term Holocaust means [...] do you consider this also happened in Romania? If YES→
Q9. What happened in Romania during HOLOCAUST? Please indicate 3 characteristics of the Holocaust.

Holocaust notoriety in Romania



Associations Holocaust in Romania

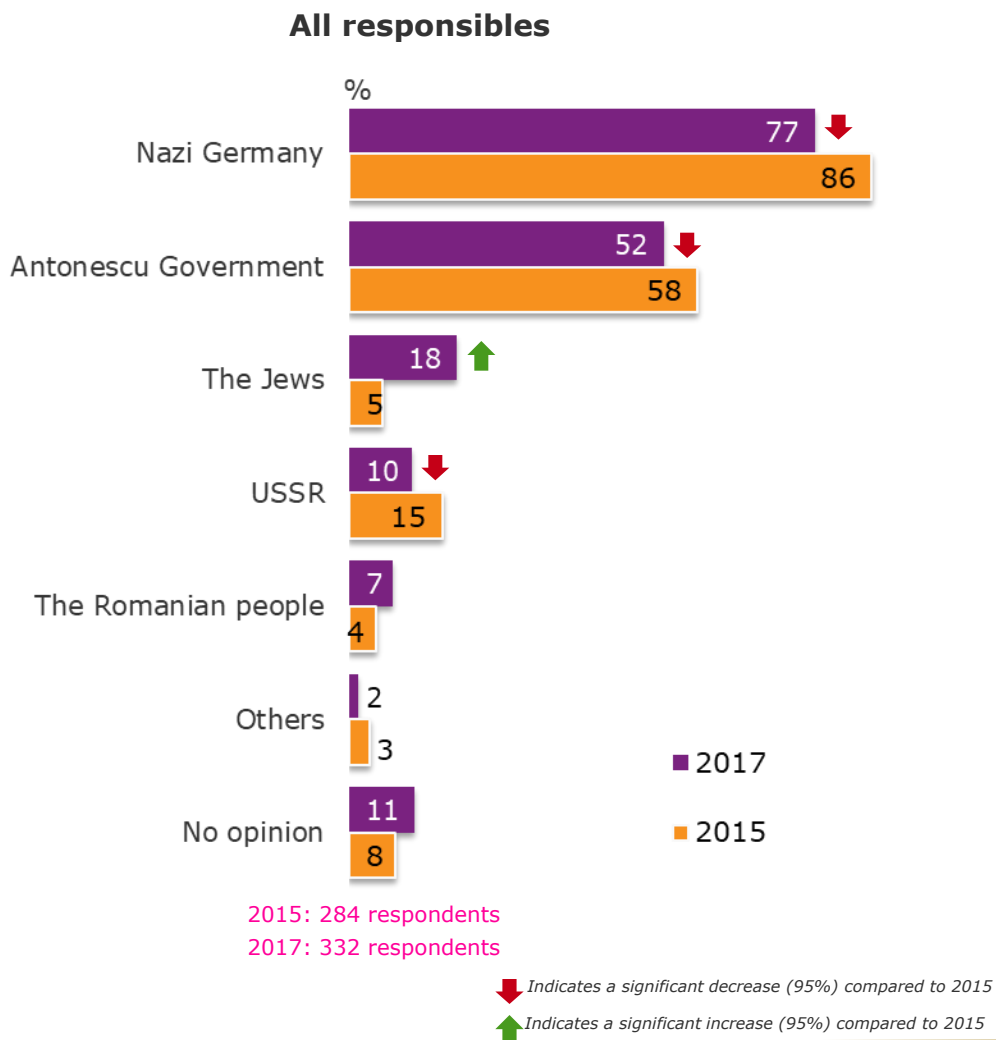
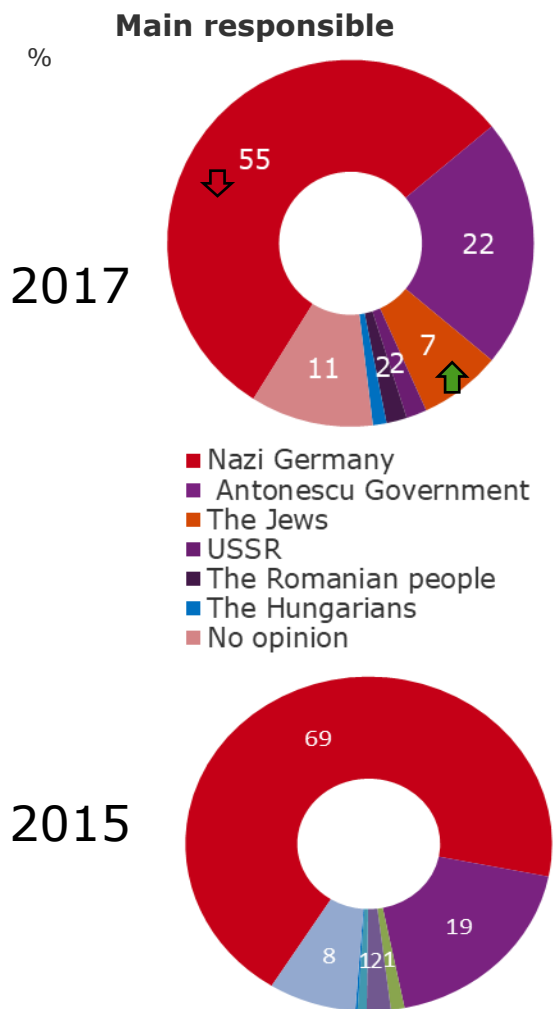


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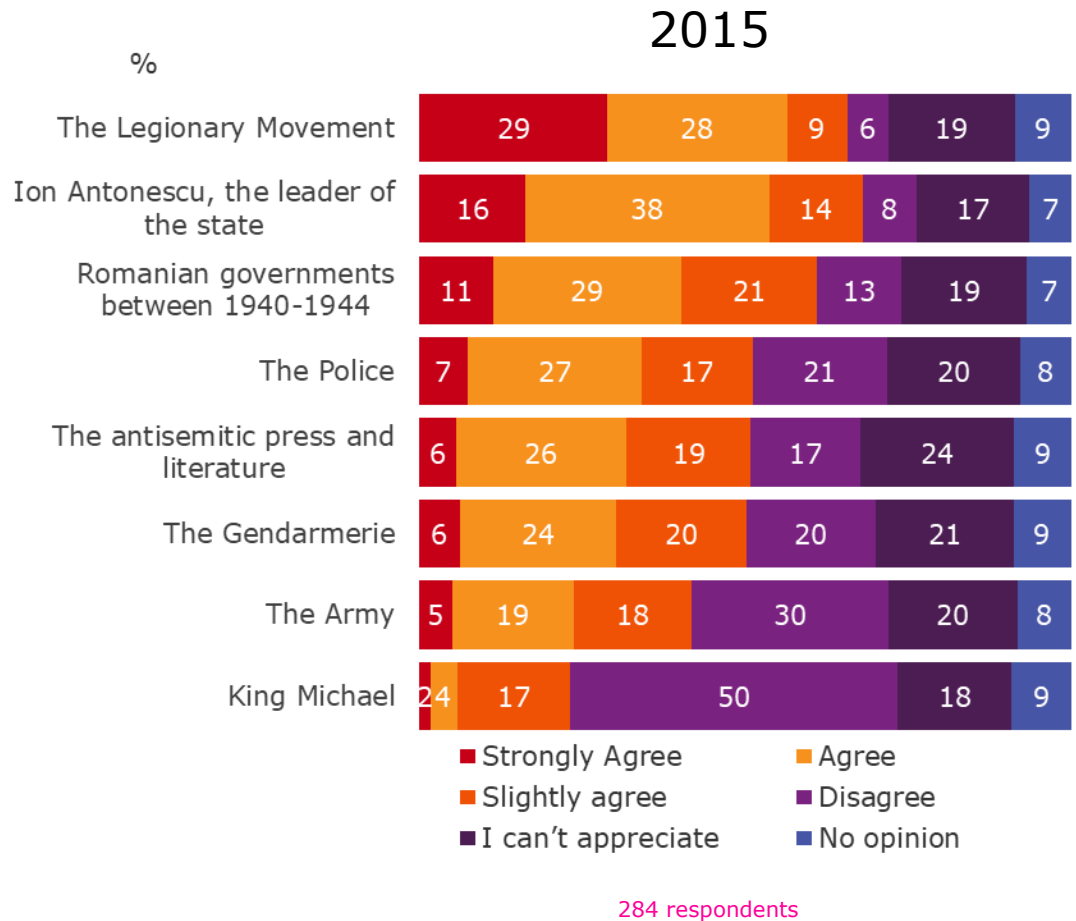
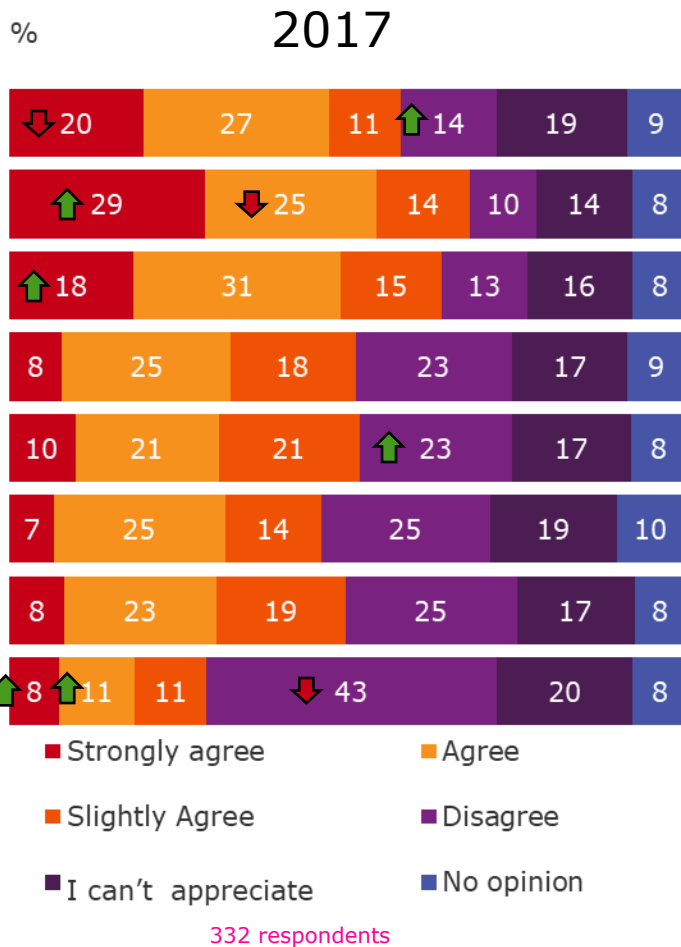
Holocaust in Romania –responsible factors

Q10. Who you consider to be the main responsible for the HOLOCAUST in Romania? Q11. There were other responsables? Could mention others apart for those from the list? (*multiple answer*)



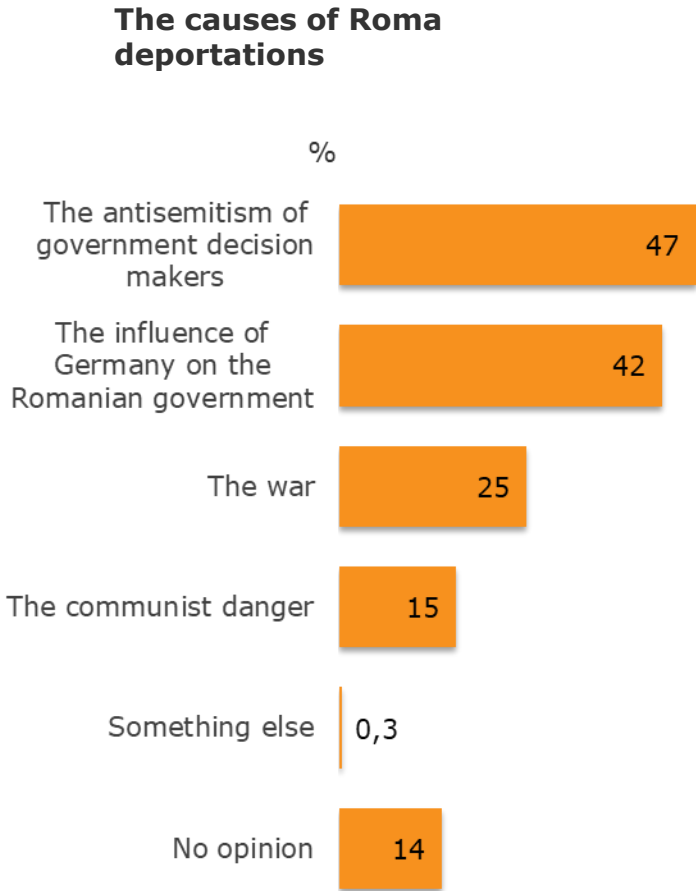
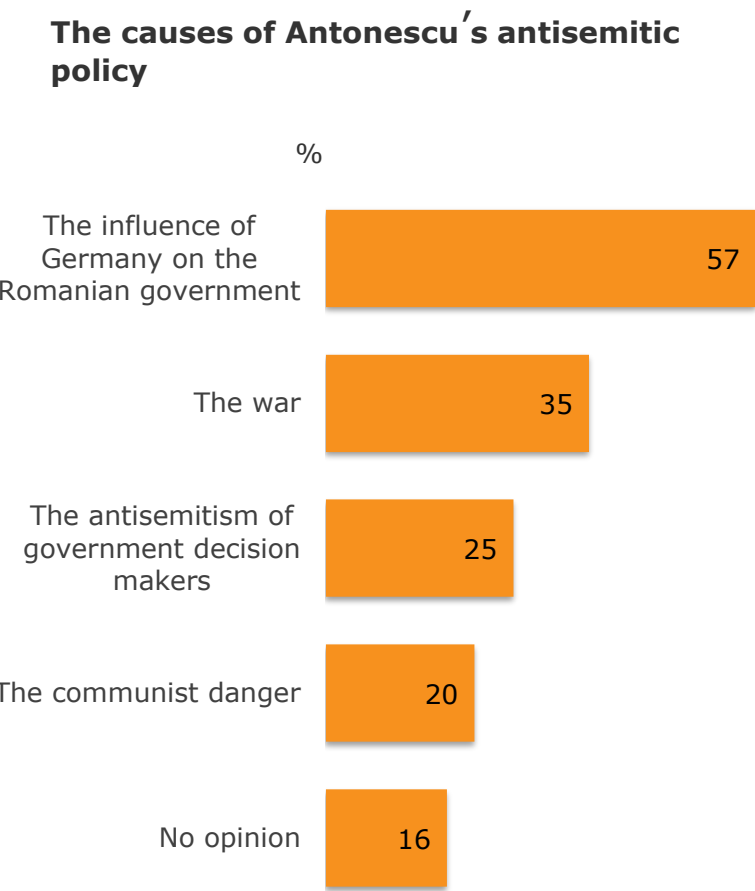
Holocaust in Romania – main responsables

Q12. To what extent do you consider the following categories to be responsible for the Holocaust in Romania?



The decision of Antonescu government (Holocaust) – perceived causes

Q13a. In your opinion, which were the reasons underlying the antisemitic policy of Antonescu government?
Q13b. What do you think were the reasons underlying the decision of Antonescu government to deport the Roma?



2017

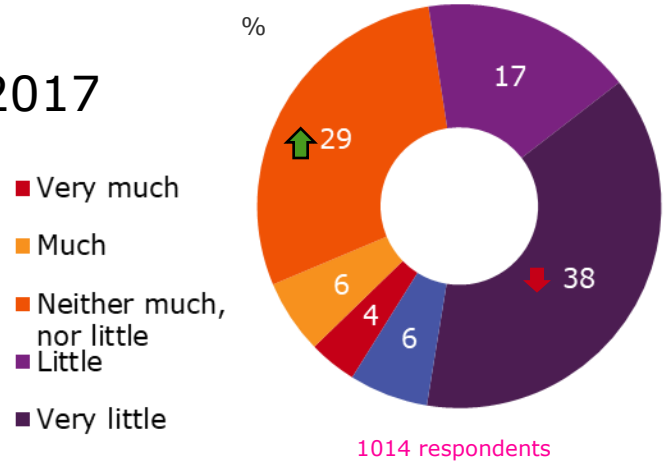
332 respondents

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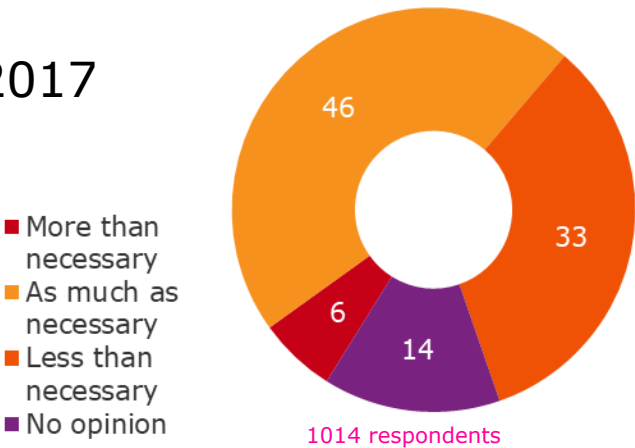
Holocaust in Romania – level of interest

Q14. Please indicate, how much interest you have in the problem of the HOLOCAUST? Q22. Do you think that in Romania, the Holocaust is discussed more than is necessary, as much as is necessary or less than necessary?

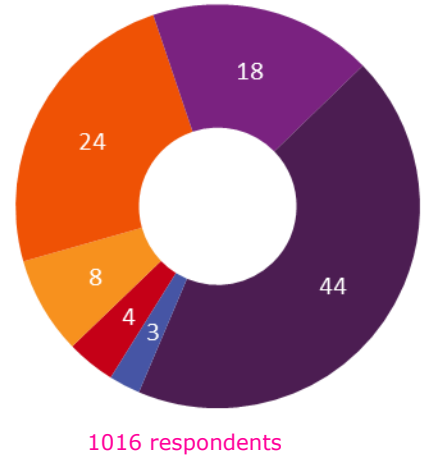
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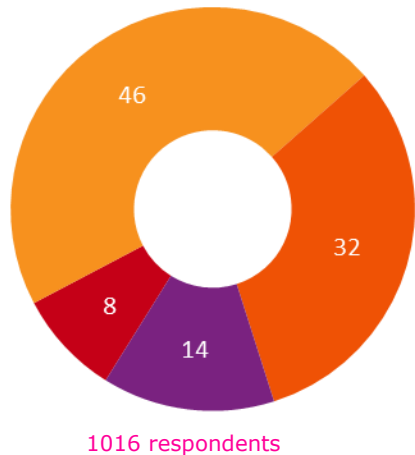
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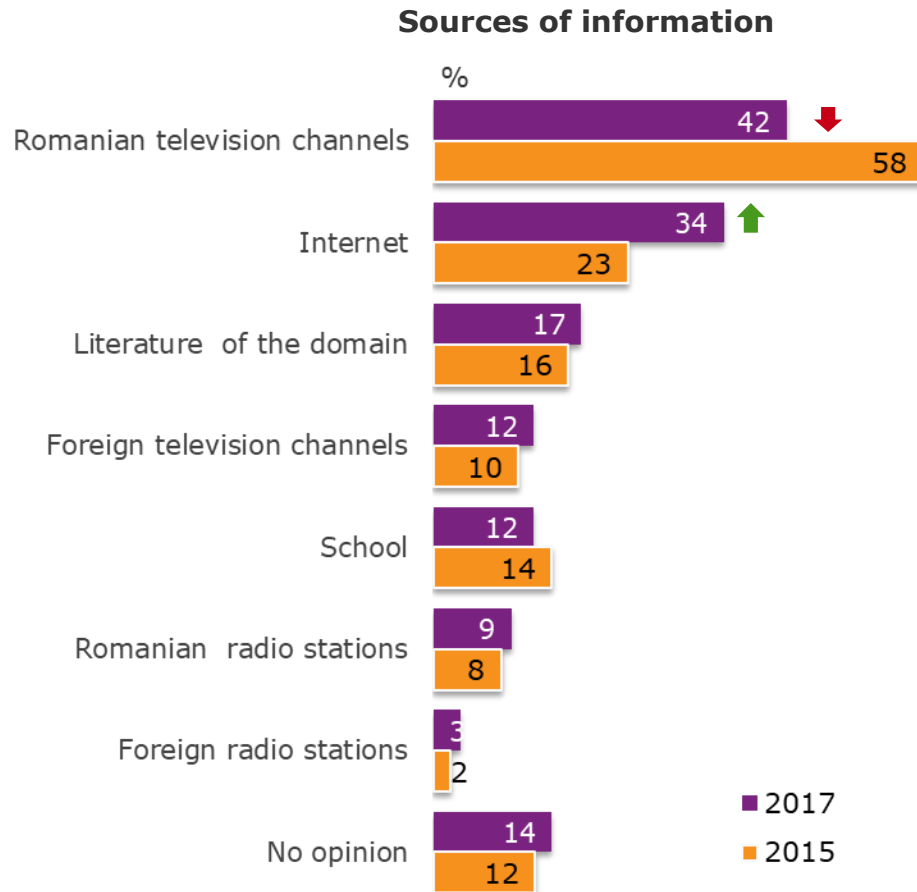


2015



Holocaust in Romania – sources of information

Q15. From where do you get the information about the Holocaust? (*multiple answer*)



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2015: 950 respondents

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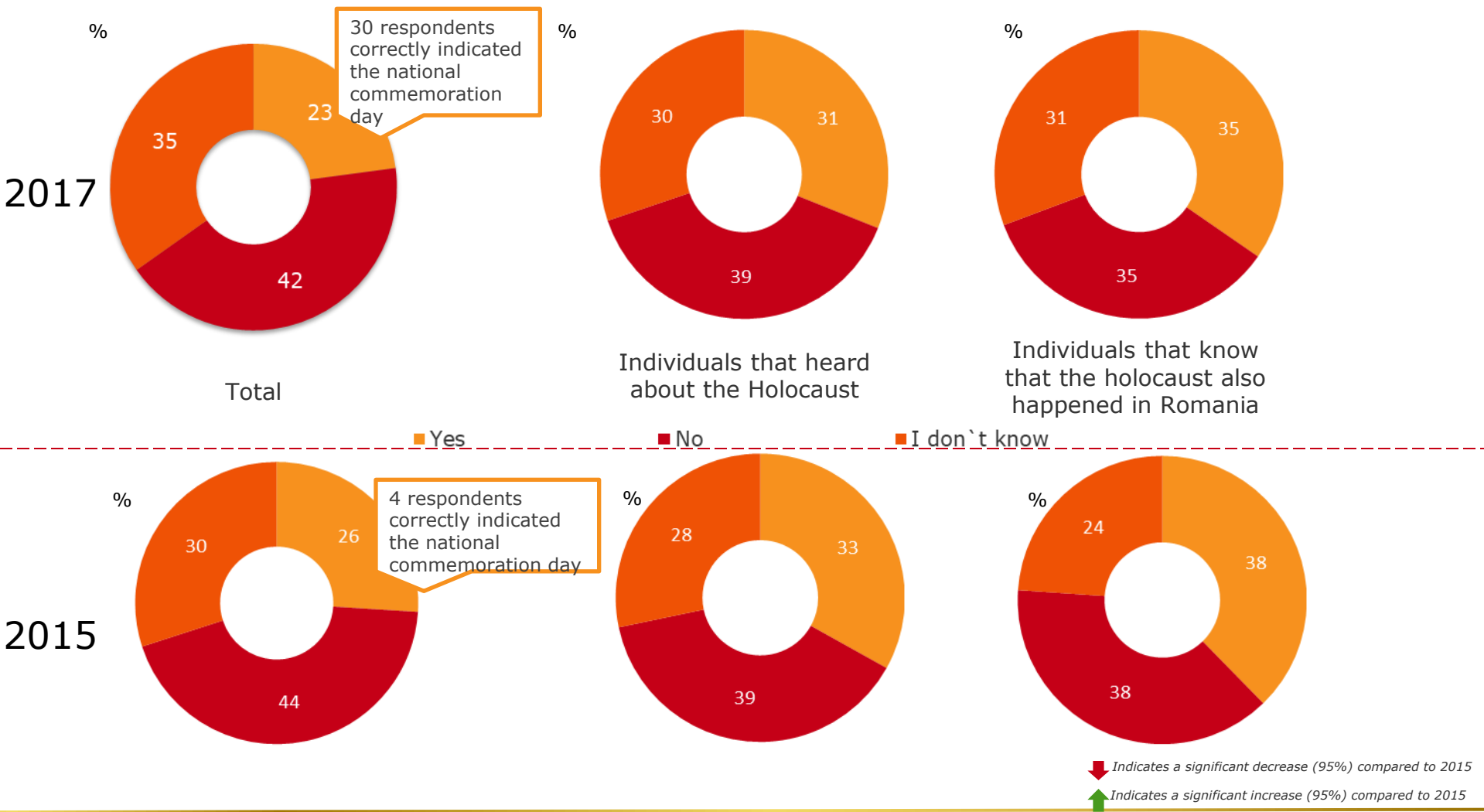
Holocaust in Romania – perception compared with other historical facts

Q21. I will read you a series of violent episodes in Romanian history and I would ask you to indicate how serious they are compared with the crimes and persecutions perpetrated against the Jews during the Holocaust in Romania?



Holocaust in Romania – commemoration day

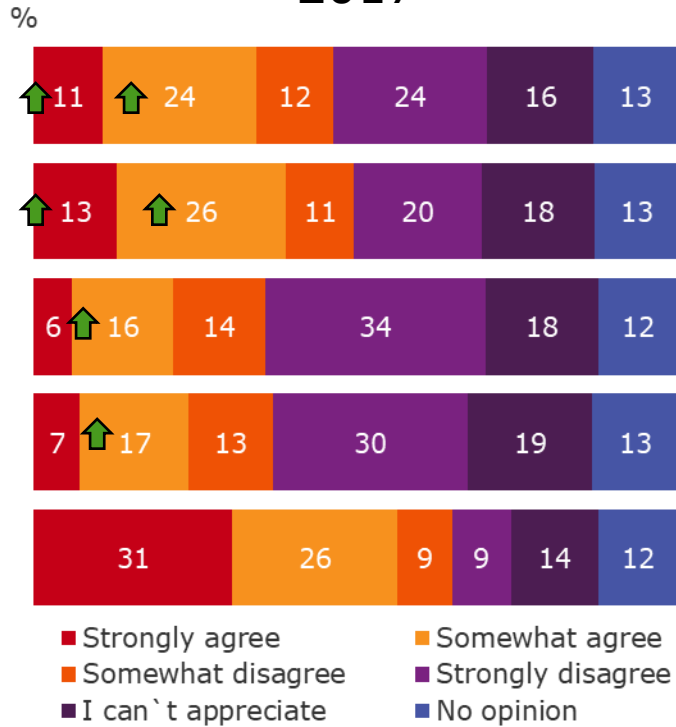
Q16. There is a national day in Romania to commemorate the Holocaust? **Sample: 1016 respondents** If YES → Q17. Please indicate this date? **Total: 260 respondents who know there is a national commemoration day**



Perception about the Jews and the Holocaust

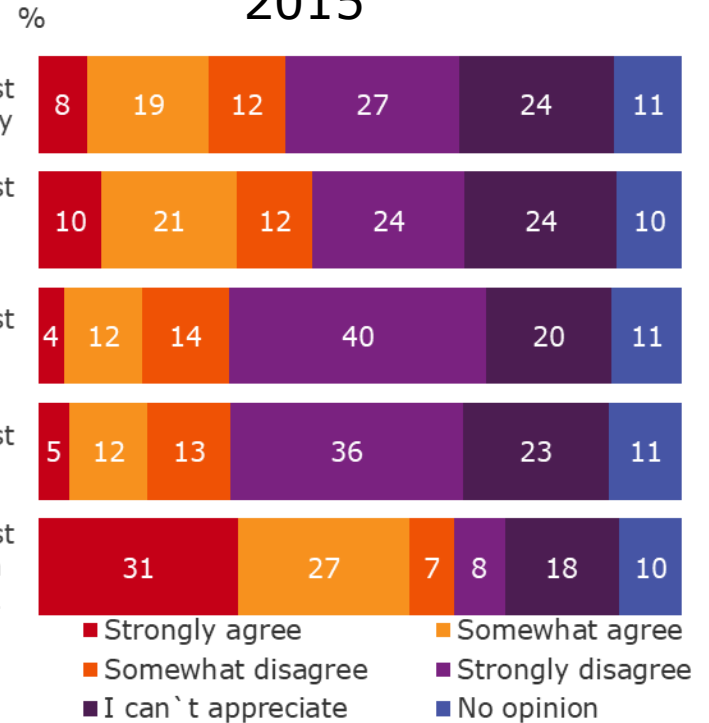
Q23. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the Jews and the Holocaust?

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2015



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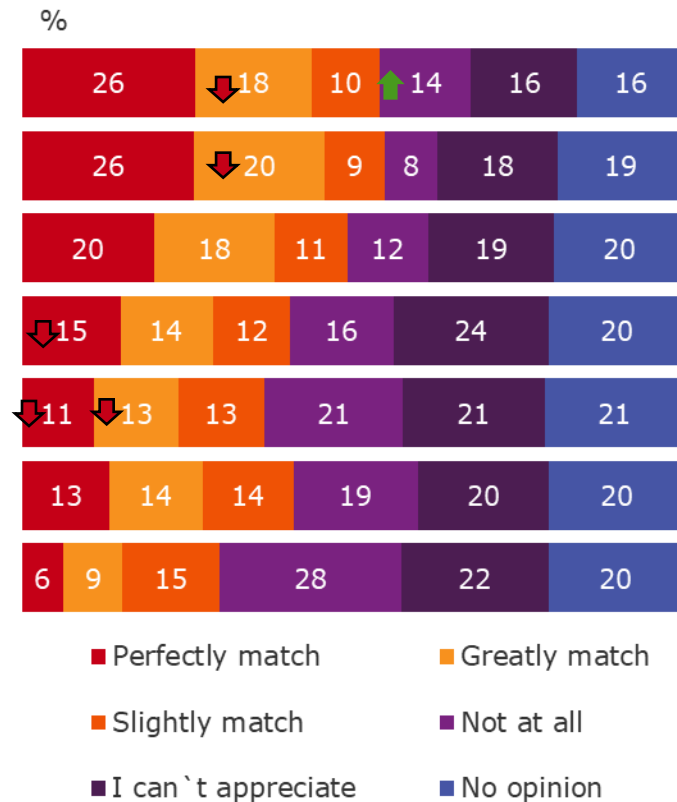
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Positive statements

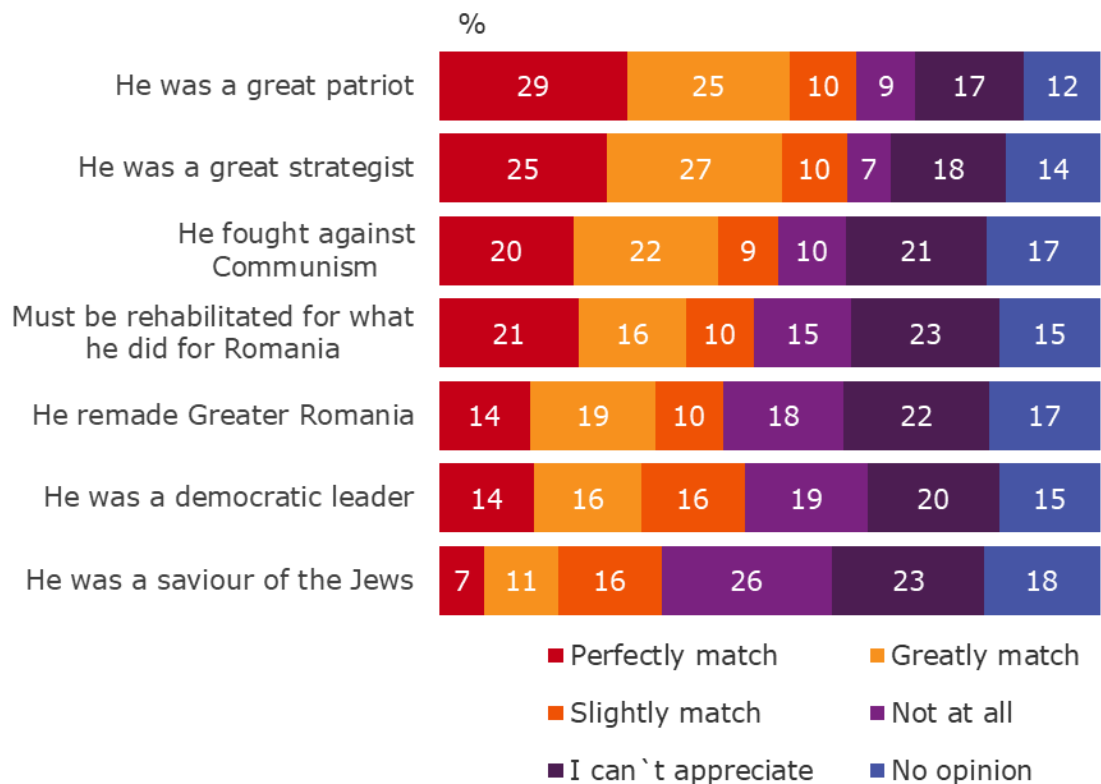
Q18. Marshal Ion Antonescu was the leader of Romania between 1940-1944. I will read a series of attributes of a state leader and ask you to indicate how well they fit this historic character.

2017



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2015



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The image of Marshal Ion Antonescu

Negative statements

Q18. Marshal Ion Antonescu was the leader of Romania between 1940-1944. I will read a series of attributes of a state leader and ask you to indicate how well they fit this historic character.

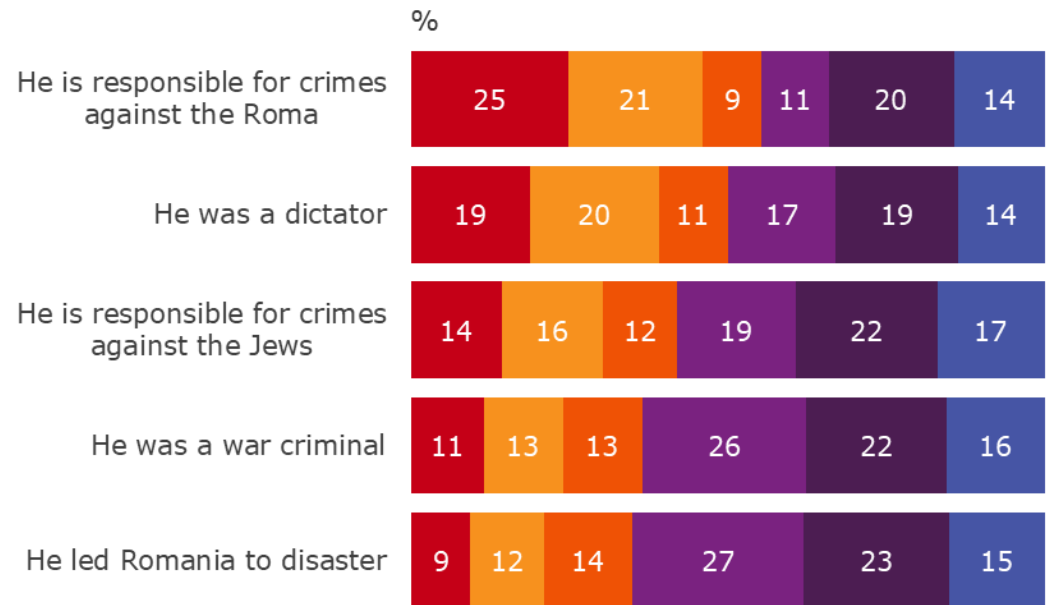
2017



Perfectly match
Greatly match
Slightly match
Not at all
I can't appreciate
No opinion

2017: 1014 respondents

2015



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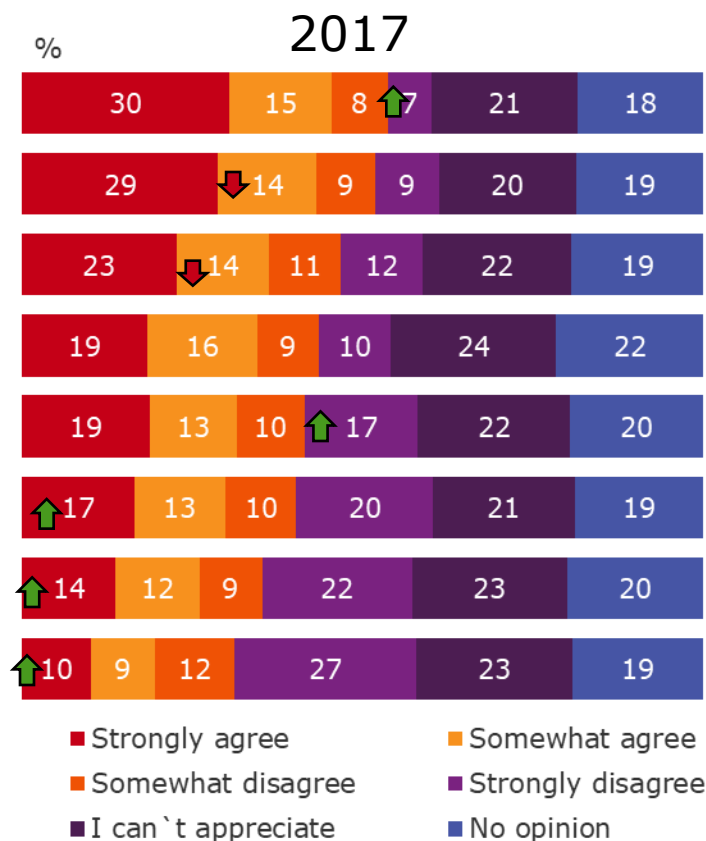
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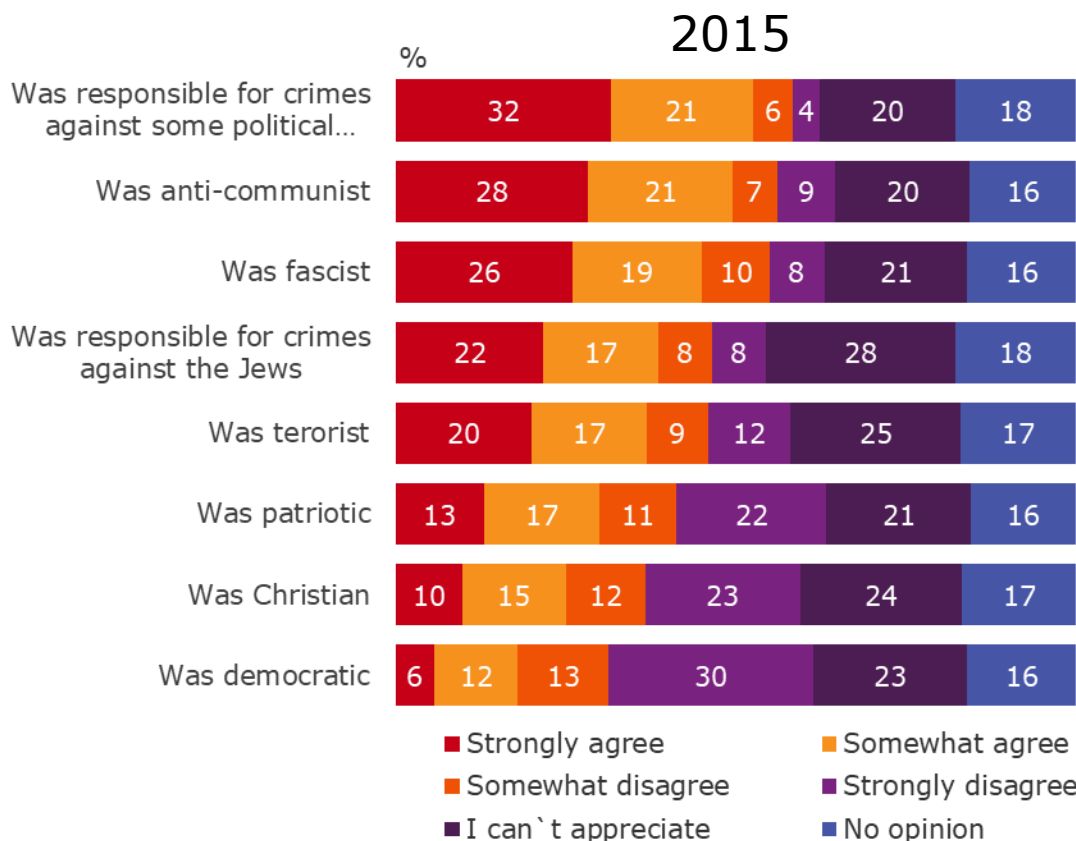
Perceptions regarding the Legionary Movement and other political organizations

The image of the Legionary Movement

Q24. Between 1927-1940, the Legionary Movement was a political organization in Romania. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?



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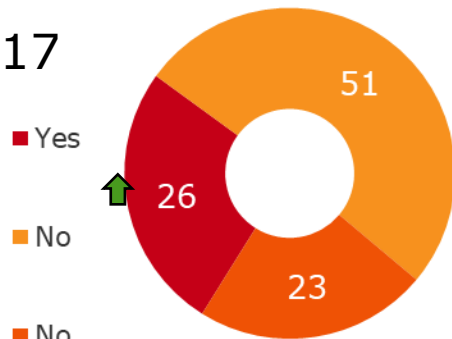
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Antisemitic parties or political organizations

Q19. In your opinion, in nowadays Romania, there are parties or political organizations with antisemitic messages? If YES→ Q20. Which are these parties? *(multiple answer)*

% **Antisemitic messages**

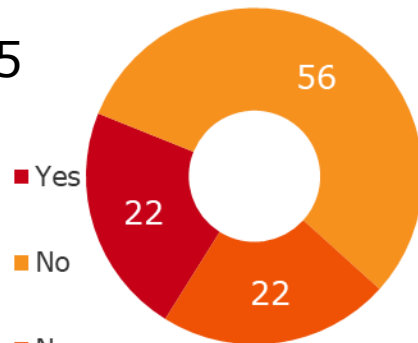
2017



■ Yes
■ No
■ No opinion

1014 respondents

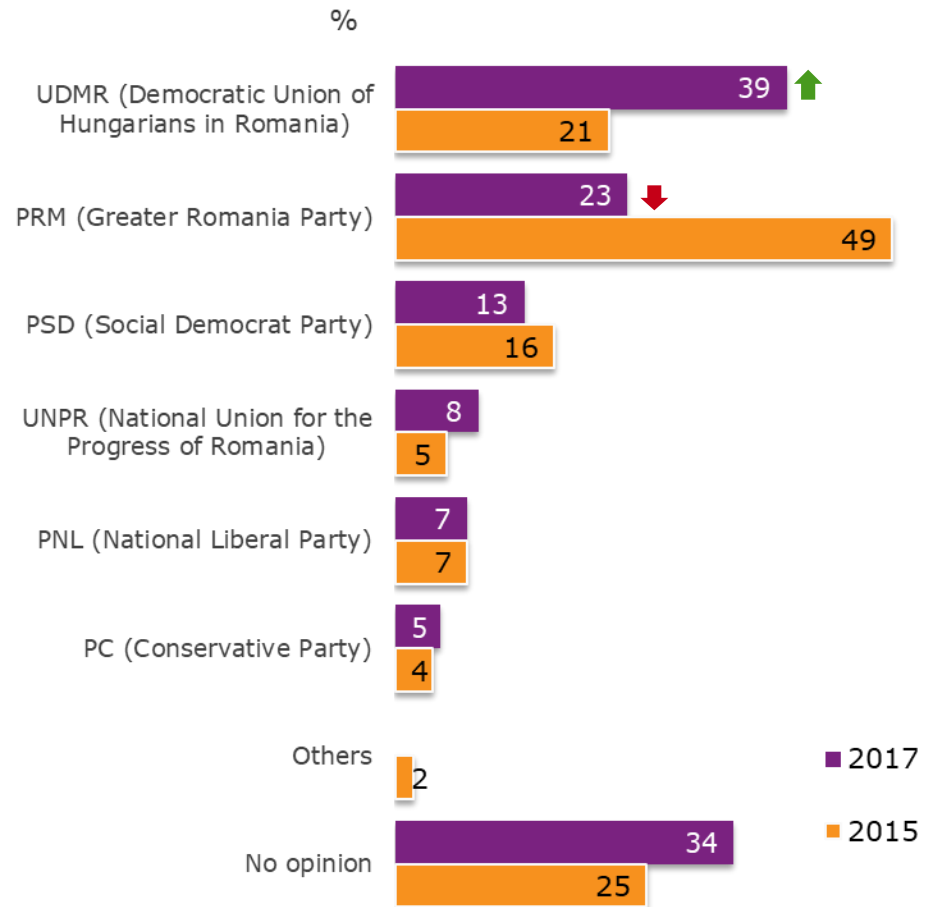
2015



■ Yes
■ No
■ No opinion

1016 respondents

% **Parties/ political organizations**



2015: 226 respondents

2017: 265 respondents