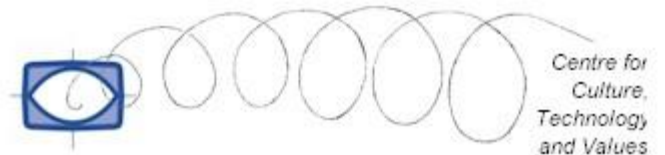
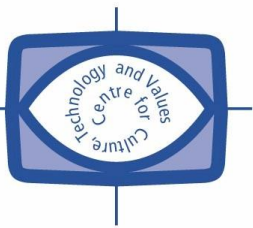


# "What we think we believe"

Extracts from the European Values Study

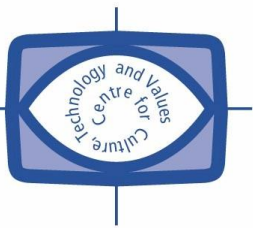
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## EVS in Ireland

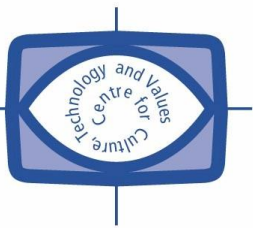
- 1012 completed interviews
- National random sample population, 18+
- Post fieldwork weighting of data by sex, age and educational level against 1997 Labour Force Survey population data
- Data generated by ESRI



## Unwanted Neighbours (No)

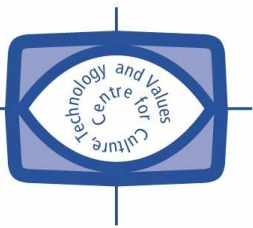
Drug Addicts	66%	Emotionally Unstable People	25%
People with a criminal record	56%	People with AIDS	23%
Itinerants/Travellers	50%	Muslims	14%
Heavy Drinkers	36%	Immigrants	12%
Left Wing Extremists	33%	People of a Different Race	12%
Right Wing Extremists	32%	Jews	11%
Homosexuals	27%	Large Families	9%
Gypsies	25%		





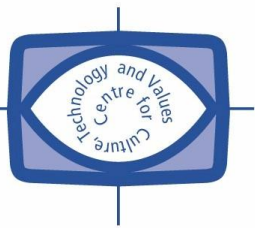
# Unwanted Neighbour Mentions by AGE

	Total Unwanted Neighbour Mentions				
	1	2	3	4	>5
18 to 24 years	30 21.1%	30 21.1%	26 18.3%	19 13.4%	37 26.1%
25 to 34 years	34 18.0%	32 16.9%	28 14.8%	29 15.3%	66 34.9%
35 to 44 years	16 8.7%	34 18.6%	26 14.2%	31 16.9%	76 41.5%
45 to 64 years	28 11.1%	25 9.9%	37 14.7%	32 12.7%	130 51.6%
65 years or more	16 11.2%	18 12.6%	19 13.3%	13 9.1%	77 53.8%
	124 13.6%	139 15.3%	136 15.0%	124 13.6%	386 42.5%



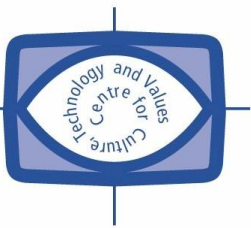
# Reasons for need by Age

	living in need first				
	unlucky	laziness or lack of willpower	injustice in society	part modern progress	none of these
18 to 24 years	30 19.4%	25 16.1%	59 38.1%	27 17.4%	14 9.0%
25 to 34 years	41 20.2%	37 18.2%	66 32.5%	49 24.1%	10 4.9%
35 to 44 years	50 24.3%	41 19.9%	58 28.2%	51 24.8%	6 2.9%
45 to 64 years	68 24.7%	56 20.4%	100 36.4%	46 16.7%	5 1.8%
65 years or more	39 26.9%	51 35.2%	38 26.2%	15 10.3%	2 1.4%
	228 23.2%	210 21.3%	321 32.6%	188 19.1%	37 3.8%



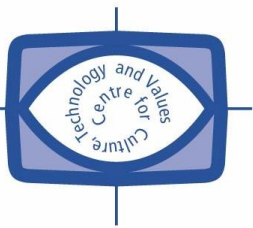
# Favour Irish over Immigrants by Age

	giving Irish priority		
	agree	disagree	neither
18 to 24 years	103 65.2%	44 27.8%	11 7.0%
25 to 34 years	138 68.3%	53 26.2%	11 5.4%
35 to 44 years	159 75.4%	40 19.0%	12 5.7%
45 to 64 years	206 74.4%	54 19.5%	17 6.1%
65 years or more	129 87.2%	15 10.1%	4 2.7%
Total	735 73.8%	206 20.7%	55 5.5%



# Absolute vs Relative Good by Age

	good and evil		
	clear guidelines good and evil	no clear guidelines good and evil	disagree with both
18 to 24 years	55 36.4%	83 55.0%	13 8.6%
25 to 34 years	67 32.7%	119 58.0%	19 9.3%
35 to 44 years	87 42.2%	101 49.0%	18 8.7%
45 to 64 years	113 42.0%	131 48.7%	25 9.3%
65 years or more	73 52.1%	53 37.9%	14 10.0%
Total	395 40.7%	487 50.2%	89 9.2%

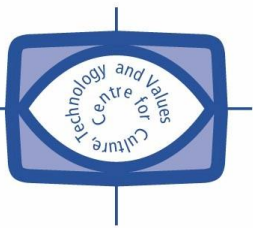


# Religious Identification by Age

	belong to religious denomination		Formerly YES
	yes	no	
18 to 24 years	141 89.2%	17 10.8%	11
25 to 34 years	179 85.6%	30 14.4%	23
35 to 44 years	193 91.0%	19 9.0%	7
45 to 64 years	267 94.7%	15 5.3%	12
65 years or more	145 96.7%	5 3.3%	3
Total	925 91.5%	86 8.5%	56

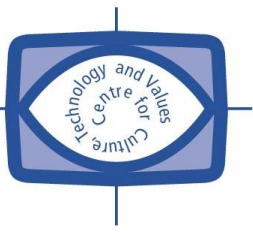




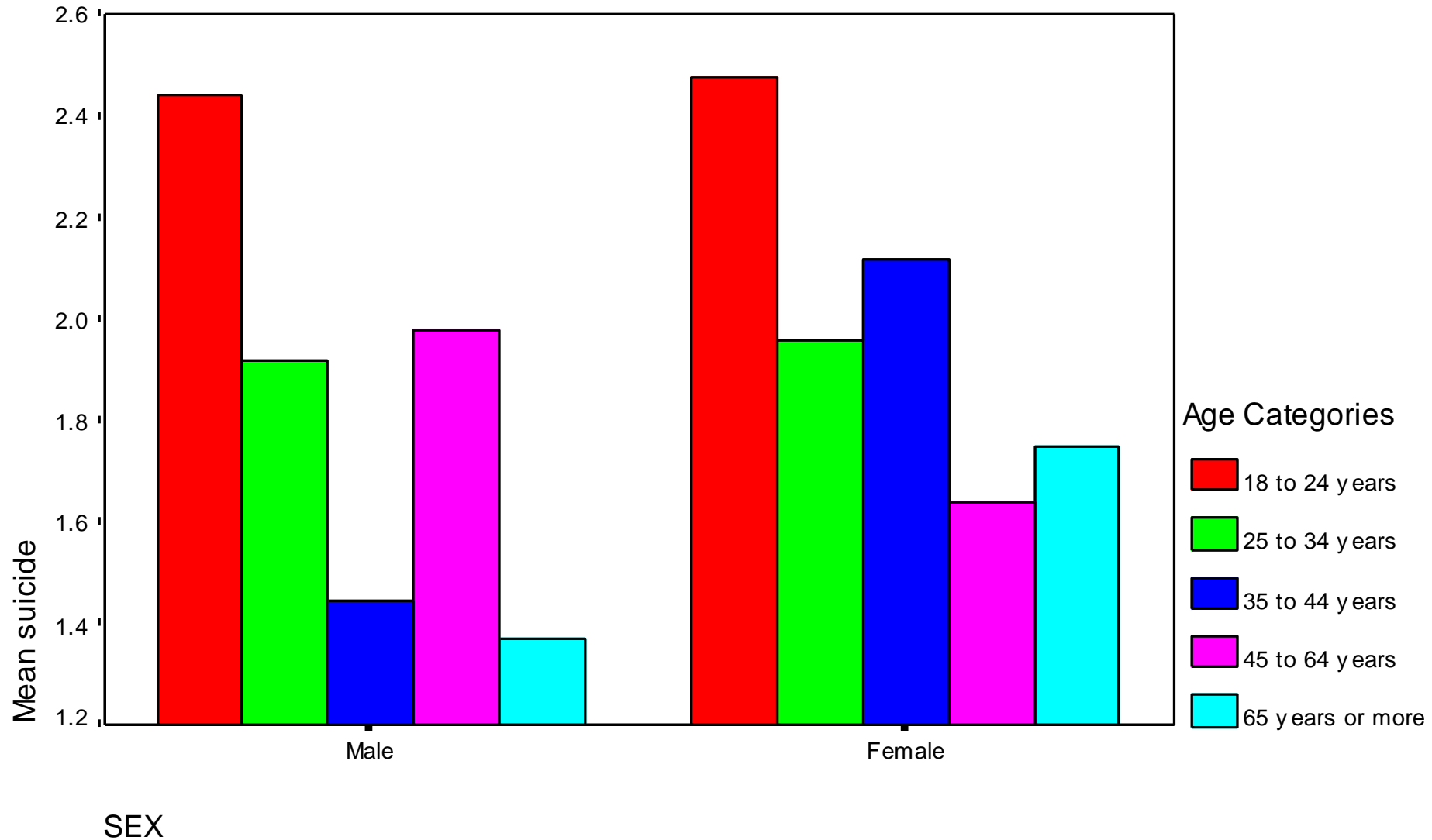


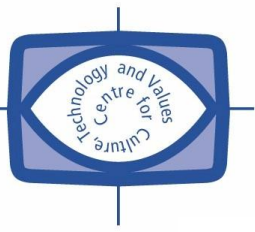
# Importance of God in your life

	importance of God in life									
	not at all	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very
<b>18 to 24 years</b>	12 7.6%	3 1.9%	9 5.7%	10 6.4%	36 23%	27 17%	26 17%	7 4.5%	11 7.0%	16 10.2%
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<b>65 years or more</b>	1 .7%	1 .7%	1 .7%	1 .7%	3 2.0%	3 2.0%	5 3.3%	20 13%	11 7.3%	104 69.3%
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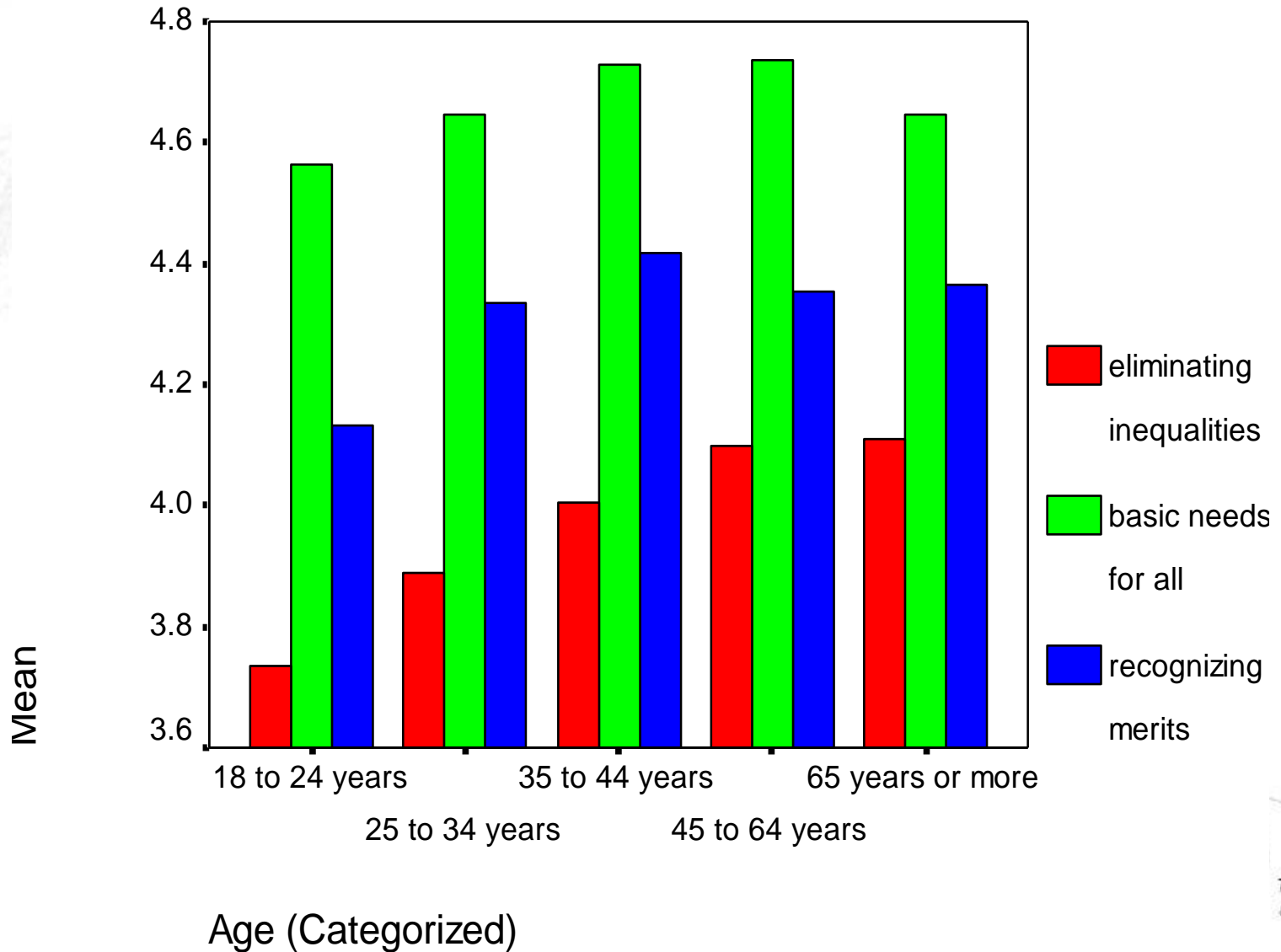


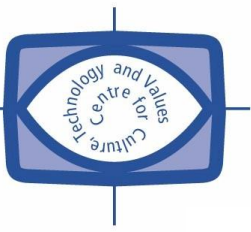
# “Suicide as Justified” Attitudes by Age by Sex



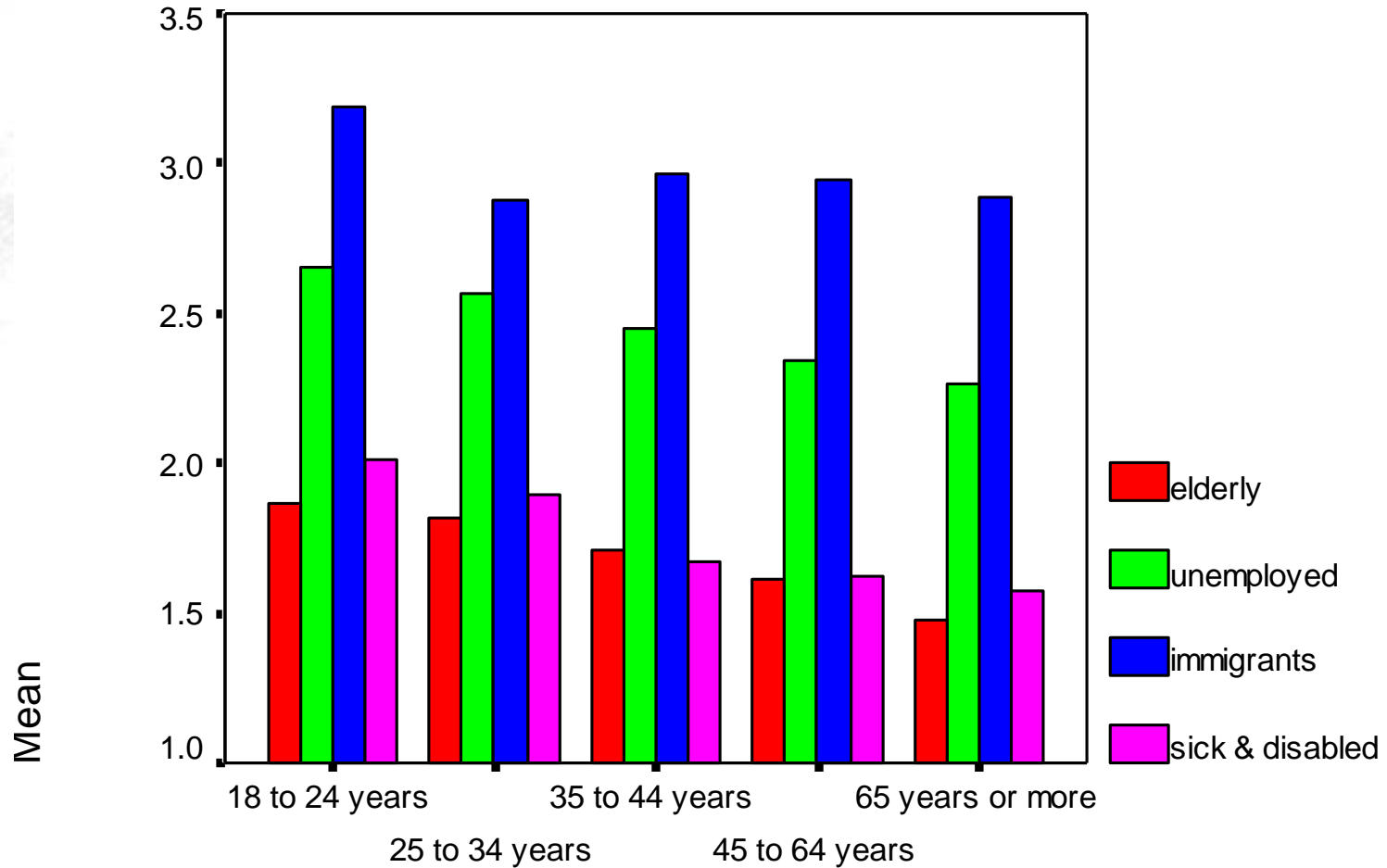


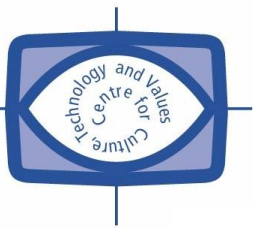
# Clustered Bar chart :Age by Social Targets



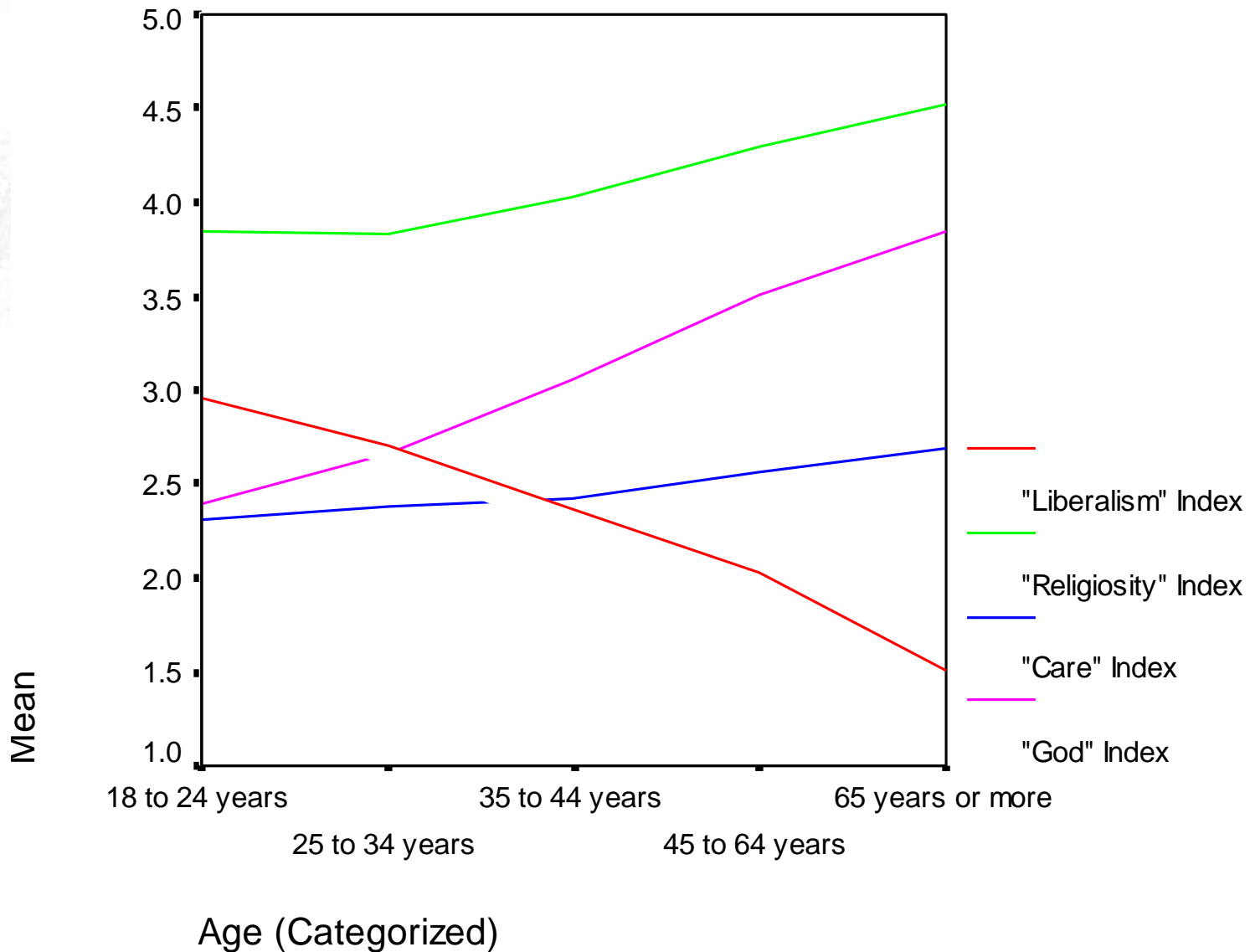


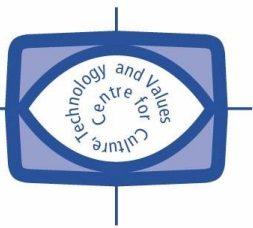
# Clustered Bar chart : Age by Concerns





# Various Indices by Age in Categories



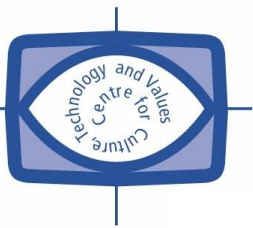


# Confidence Overall

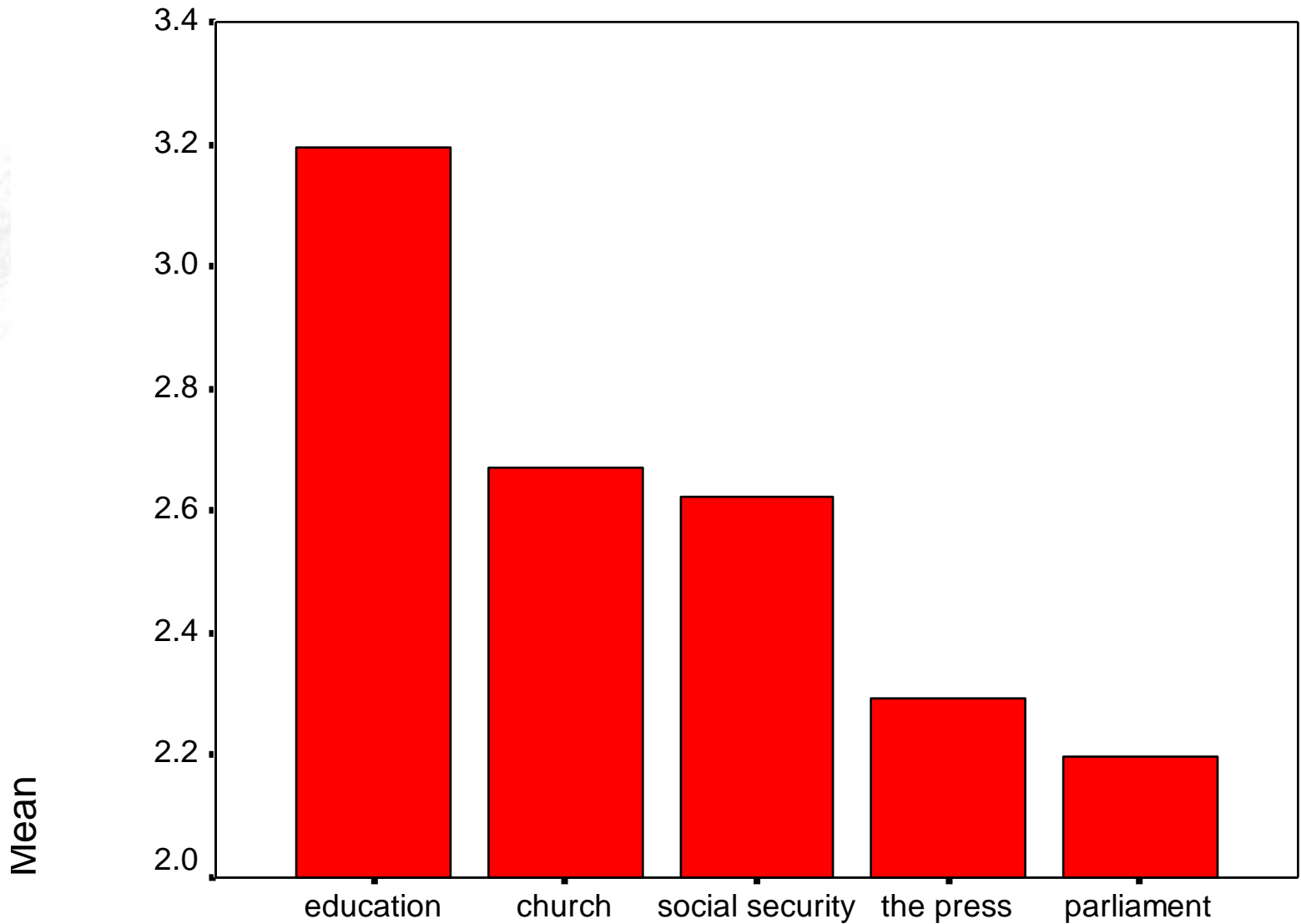
## *Levels of Confidence in Various Institutions*

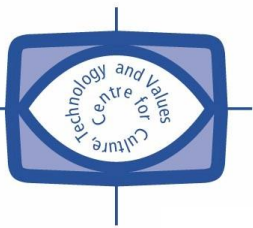
	N	Mean	Std. Deviation
education system	1001	3.20	.69
the police	1004	3.14	.79
united nations organisation	906	2.70	.83
armed forces	968	2.70	.84
health care system	1000	2.68	.83
church	1002	2.67	.91
civil service	973	2.67	.80
european union	914	2.63	.81
social security system	989	2.62	.77
justice system	993	2.61	.84
trade unions	953	2.45	.82
the press	988	2.29	.79
parliament	984	2.20	.83
political parties	980	1.95	.76



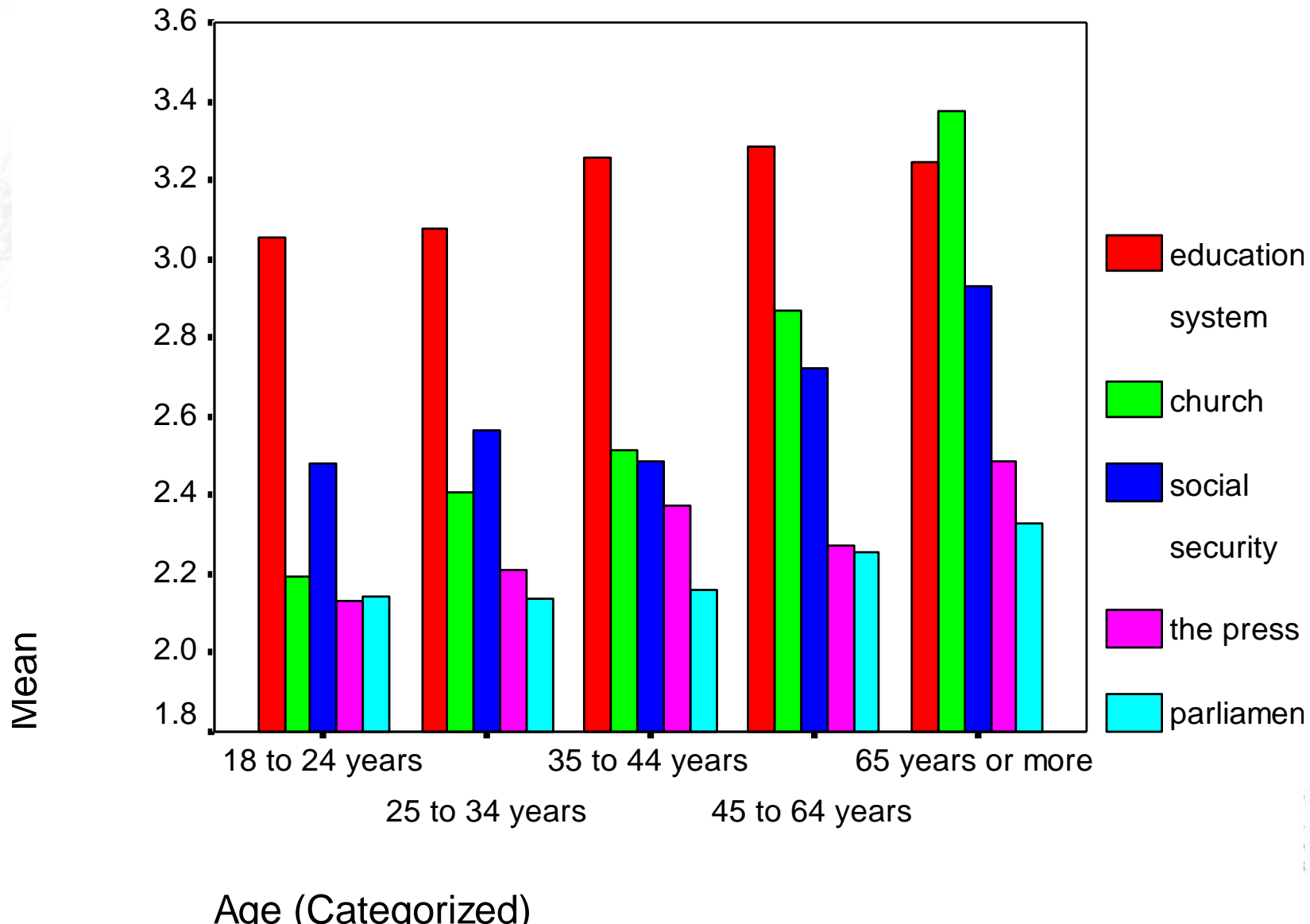


## Confidence Chart (selection)

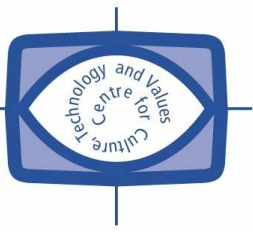




# Confidence by Age

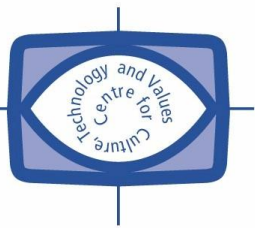






## Points to Ponder

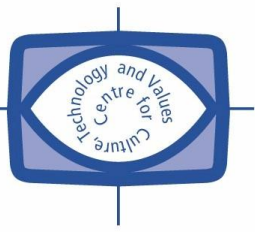
- There are significant differences between the age cohorts on social and religious values, sometimes to a very marked degree.
- It is not clear, however, whether such changes represent a real alteration over time or simply a generational difference.
- From anecdotal evidence it would seem reasonable to suspect the former rather than the latter.



## Some questions

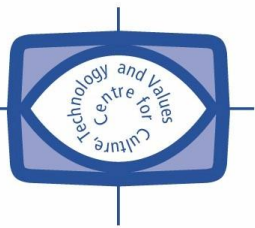
- If religious and social values and attitudes are changing, as strongly suggested here and elsewhere, then what are the implications for Irish society?
- As we become an increasingly educated society in quantifiable terms, what is happening to our value and belief systems?
- As those values, attitudes and beliefs change, how will such change be reflected in society?
- Does the erosion of church practice mean the erosion of religious values or are we simply witnessing a transference of allegiance from institutions to self?
- What about issues like care for others, concern for those in poverty, and the challenge of immigration?





## A final comment

- Is it incontrovertible that Ireland will be different in the future, that the social map will have very different contours, especially in relation to institutional religion.
- As a society how are we to manage change without doing violence to ourselves or others?
- What price will be paid, and by whom, for our transformation into something different?



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