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Sexual age orientation?

Chronophilias

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Pedophilia

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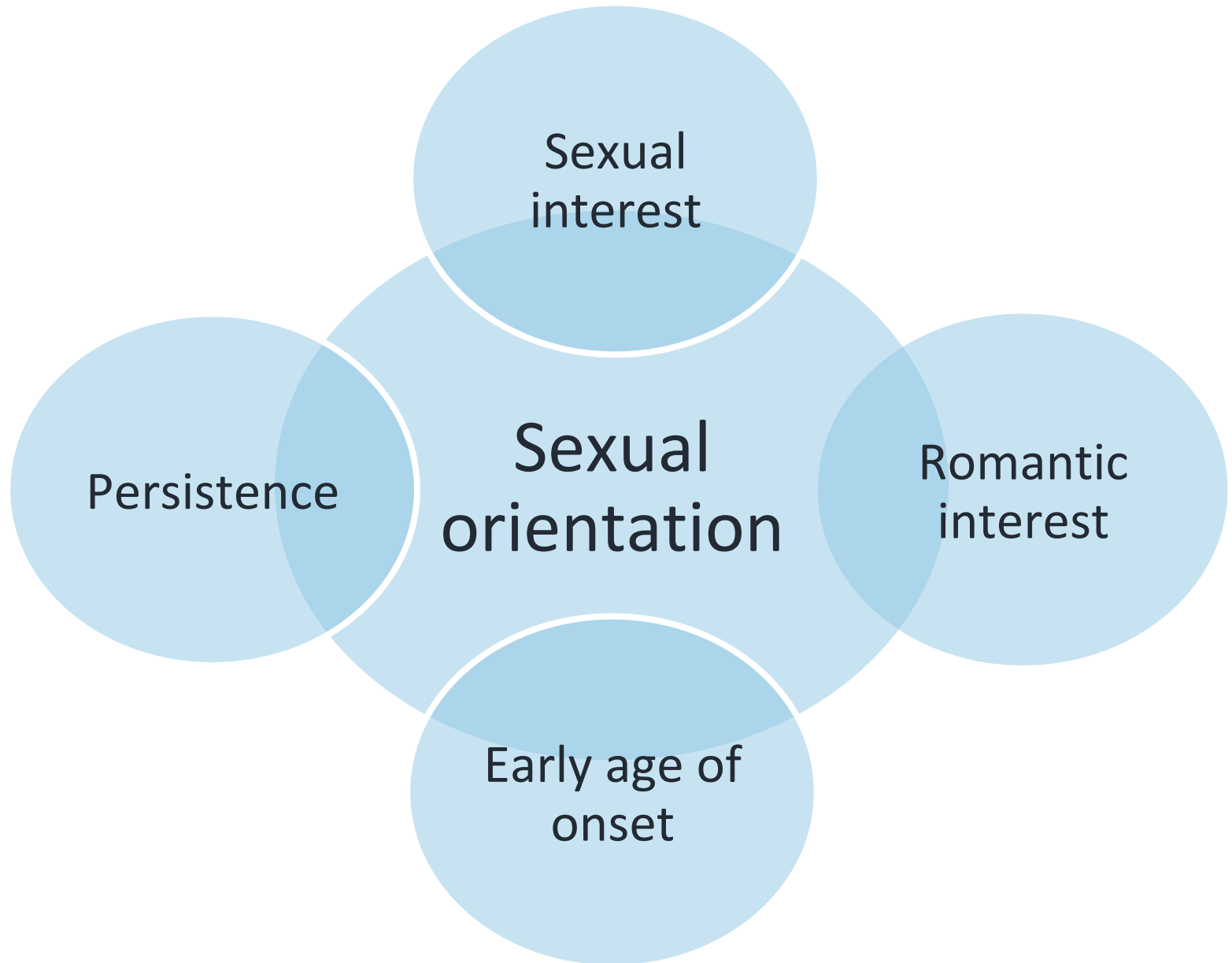
18 or older

Pedo-Hebephilia

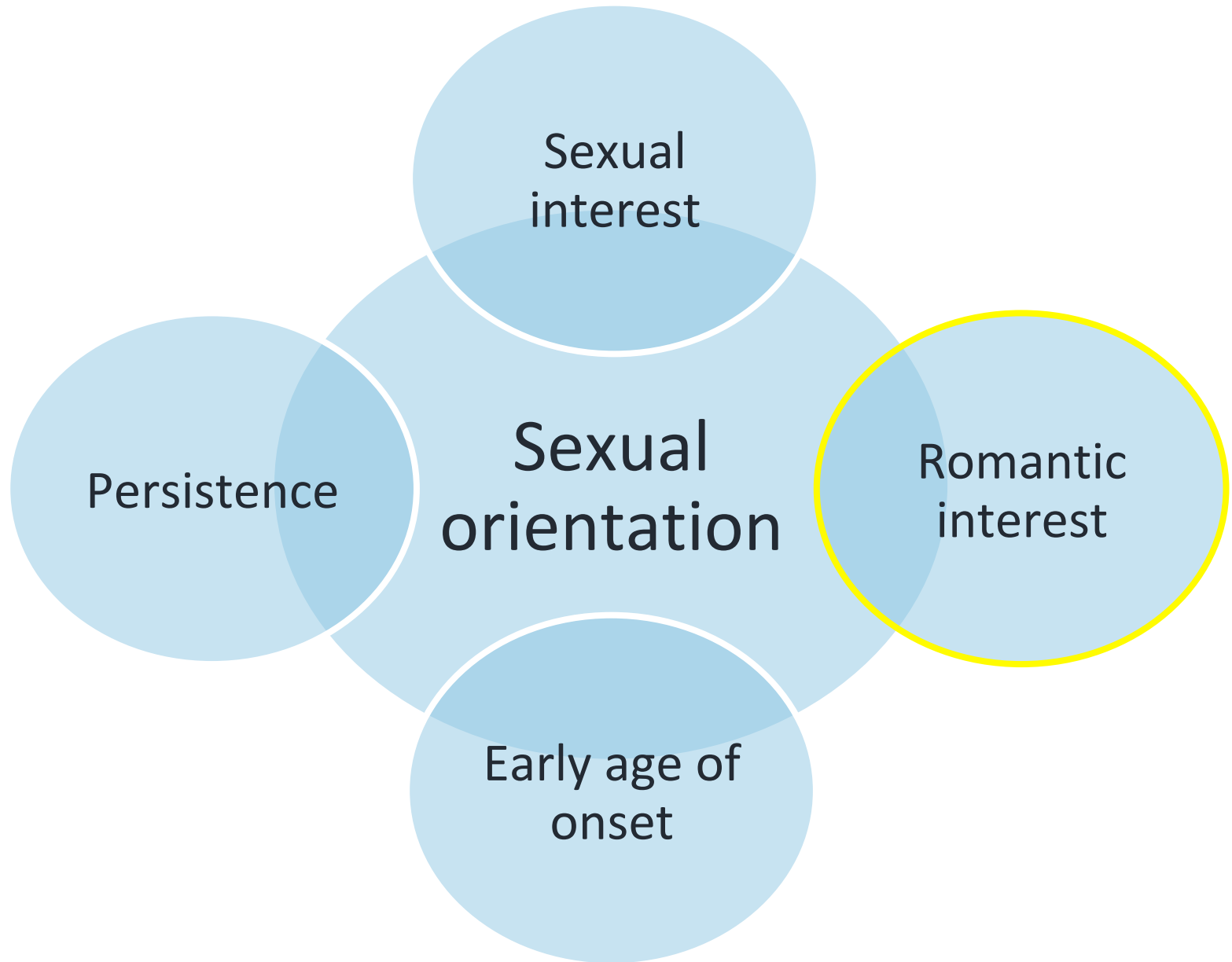
Hebe-Ephebophilia

Pedo-Hebe-Ephebophilia

Romantic attraction



Romantic attraction



Child-love in the literature

- Li (1991): *“I was in love, love deeper than I had ever before experienced.”*
- Brongersma (1991): *“To love a boy only makes sense if this love will help him develop himself, fulfil himself, realize himself completely [...]”*
- Bailey, Hsu, Bernard (2016): 68% reports having fallen in love with a child

Present study

- Prevalence and phenomenology of **romantic attraction**
- Does it differ by **pedophilia (P)**, **pedo-hebephilia (PH)**, or **pedo-hebe-ephebophilia (PHE)**?
- Does it differ by **exclusivity**?
- Does it differ by **gender preference**?

Methods

Participants ($N = 306$)

- Recruited on online support platforms (>10) for pedohebephilic attraction
- Seeking persons attracted to children 14 or younger
- All male
- Non incarcerated population

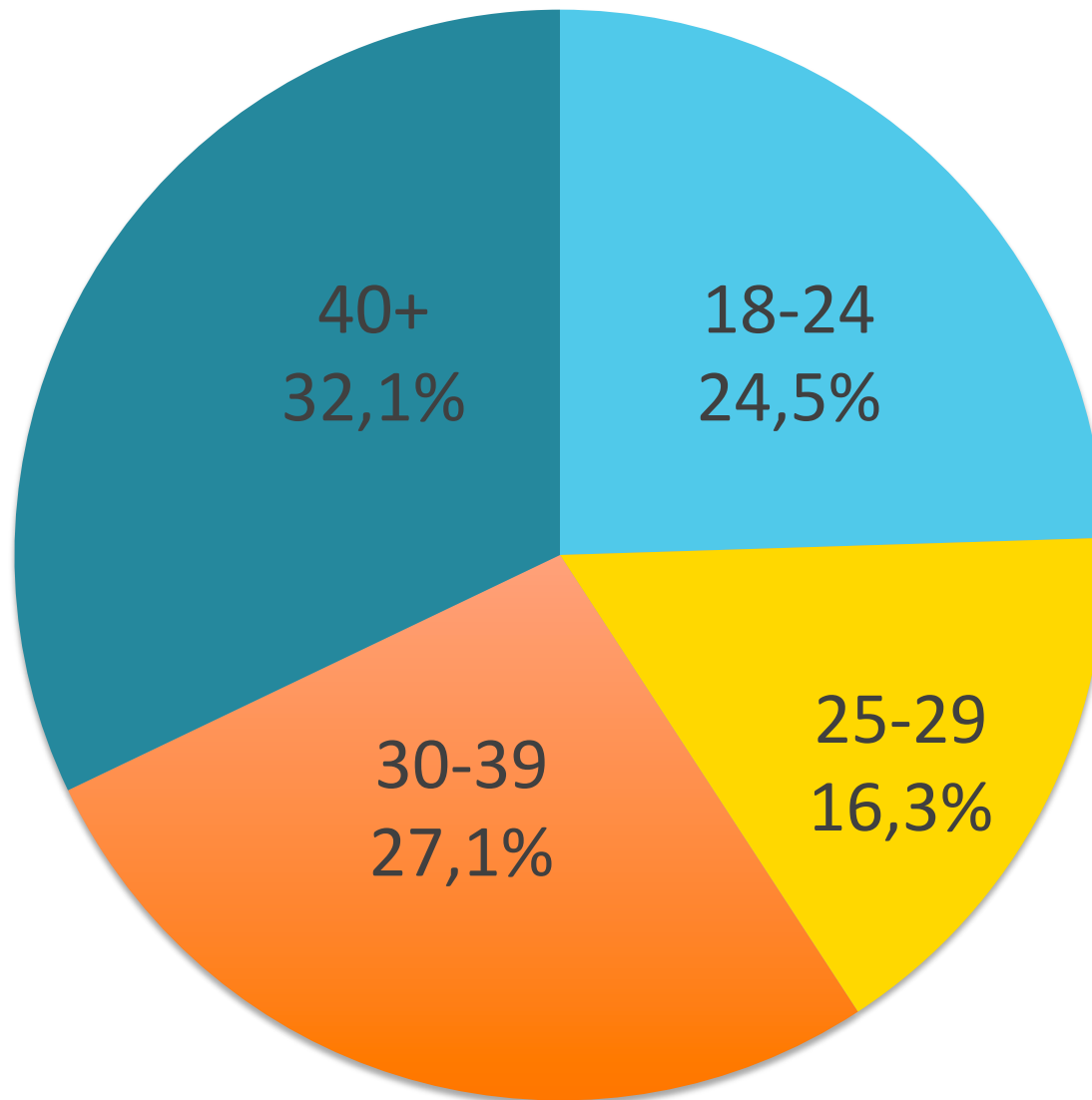
Survey:

- Anonymous
- Two part survey

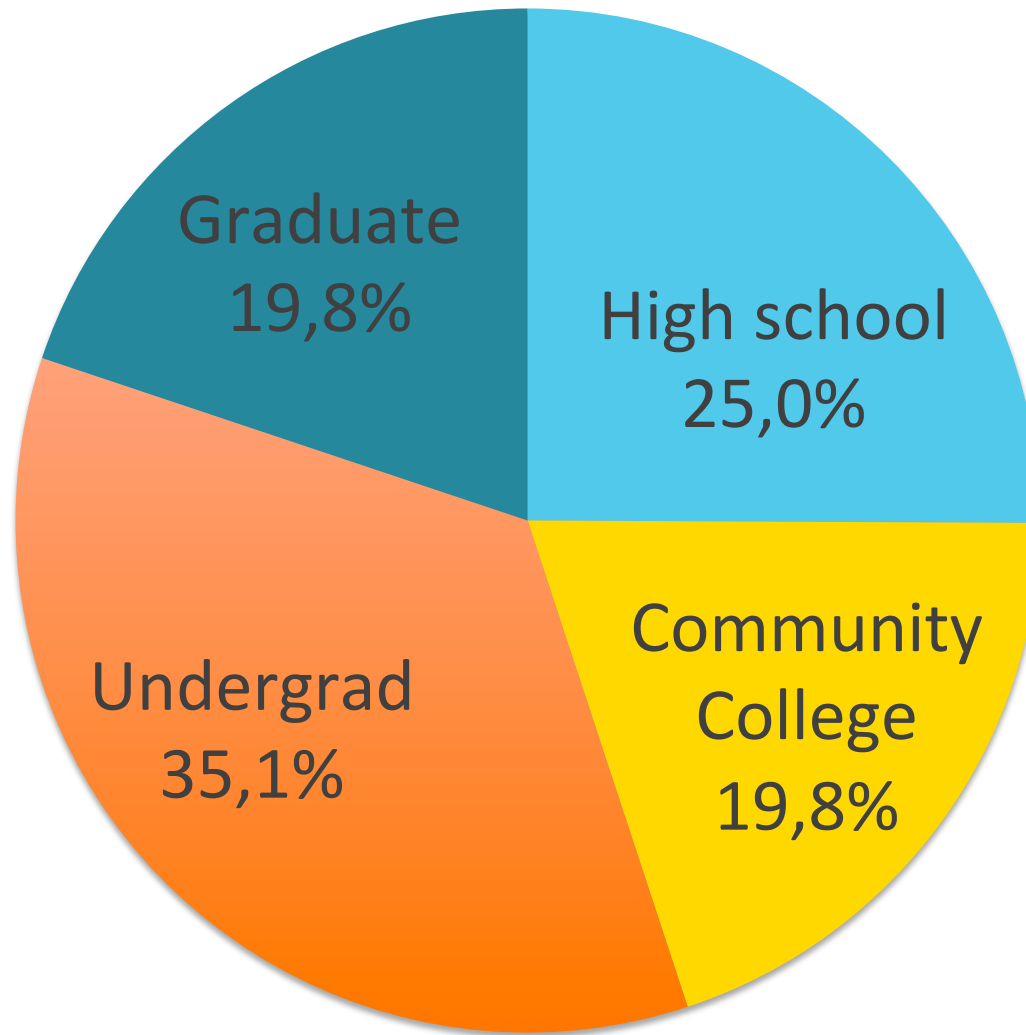
Demographics

All participants, $N = 306$

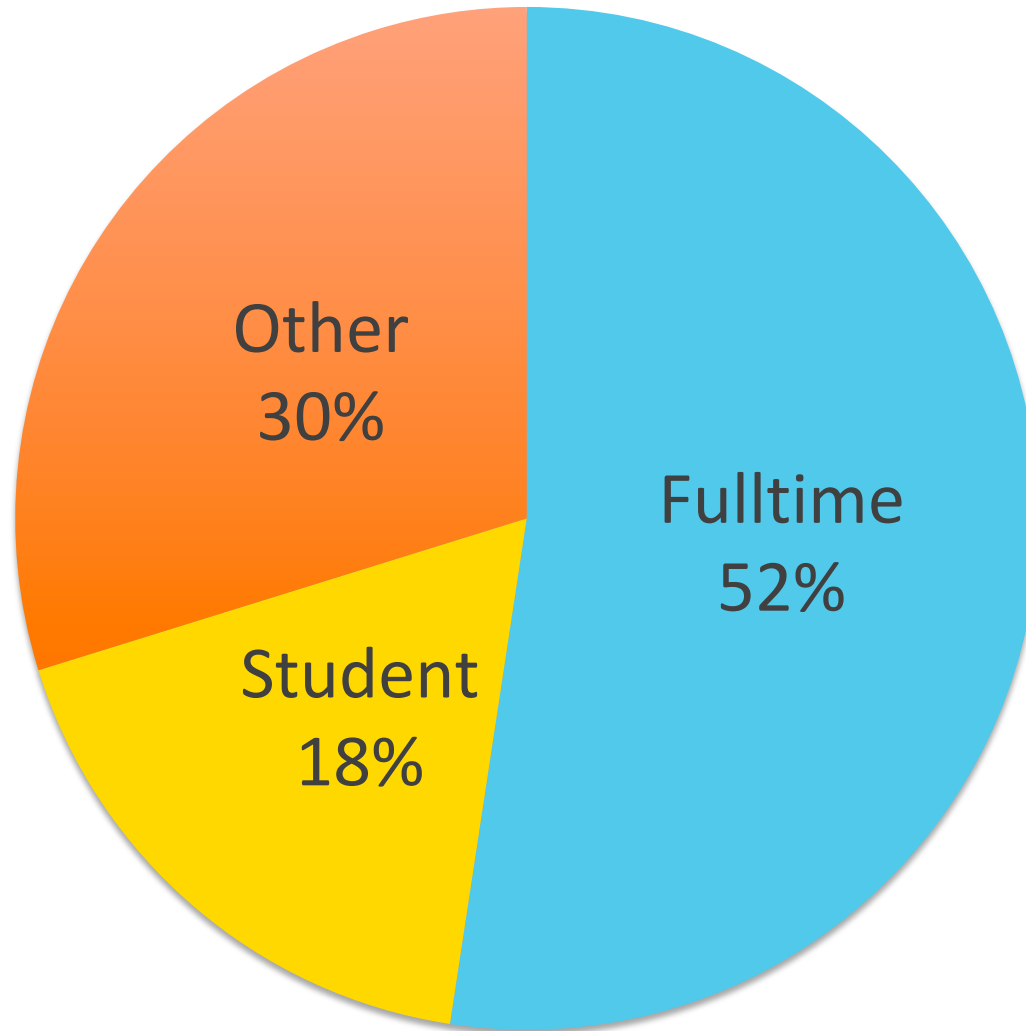
Age



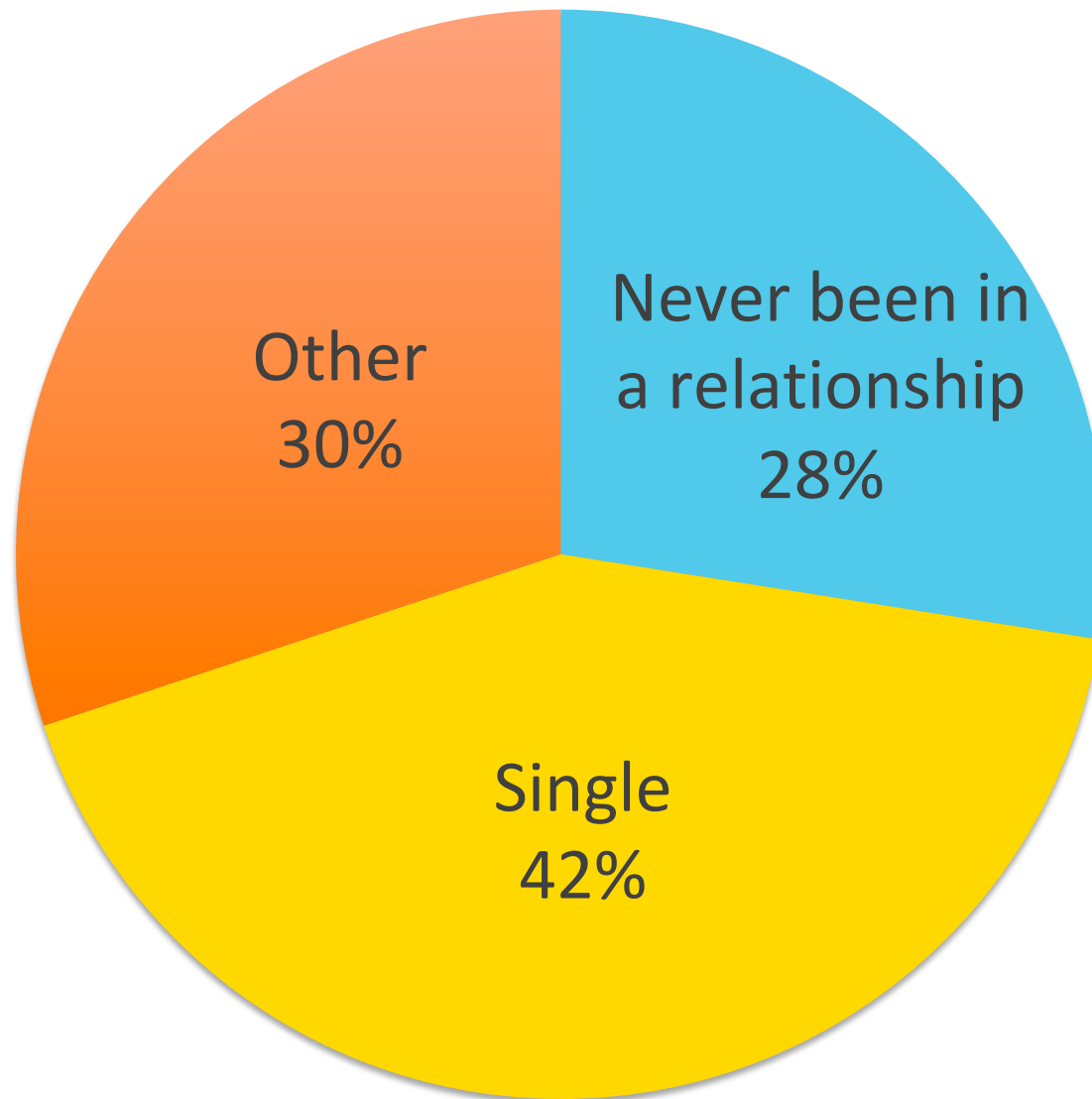
Education



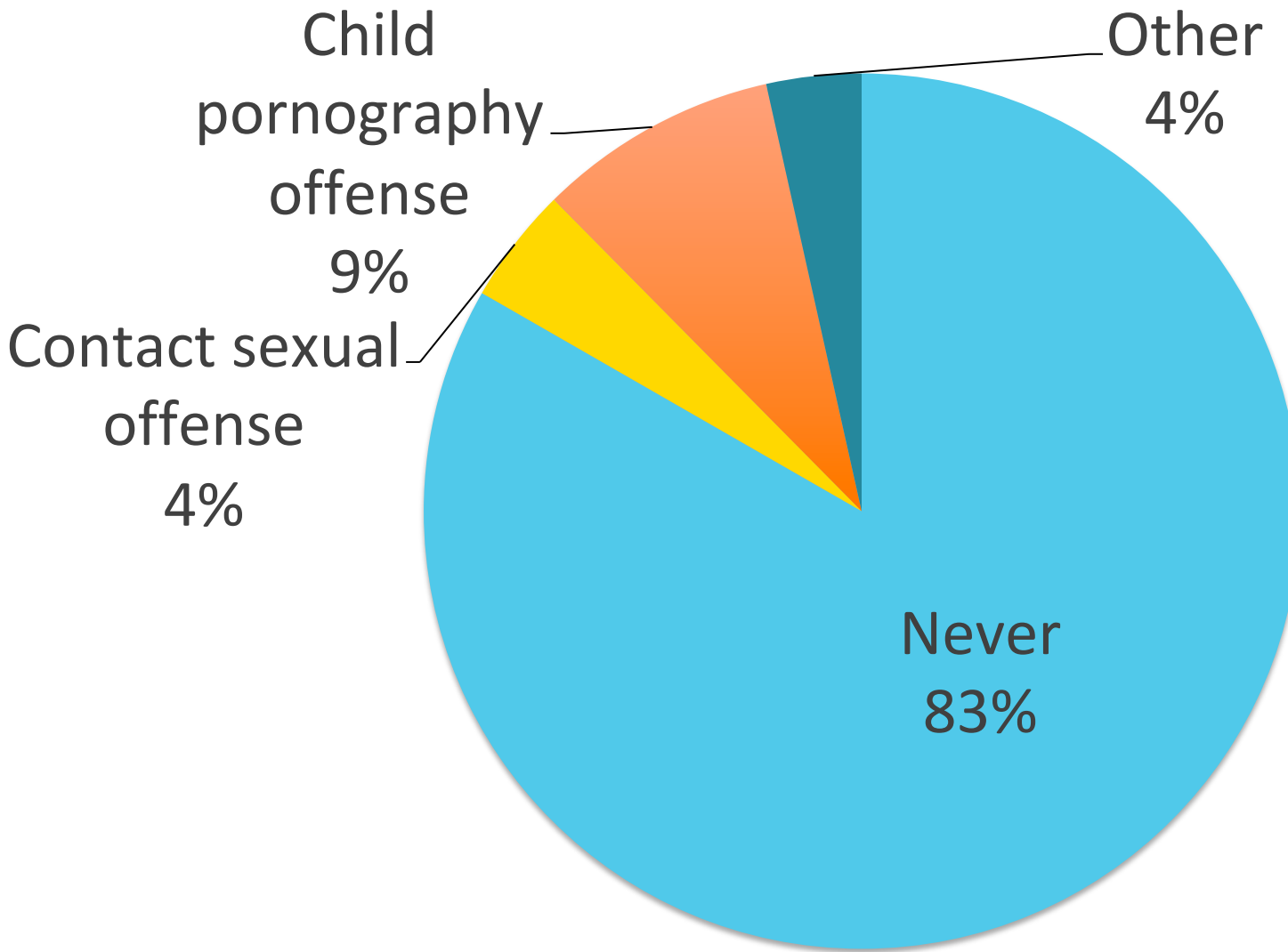
Employment



Relationship status



Offenses



Measures

1. Axiomatic (sexual) attraction indicators

Age

Exclusivity

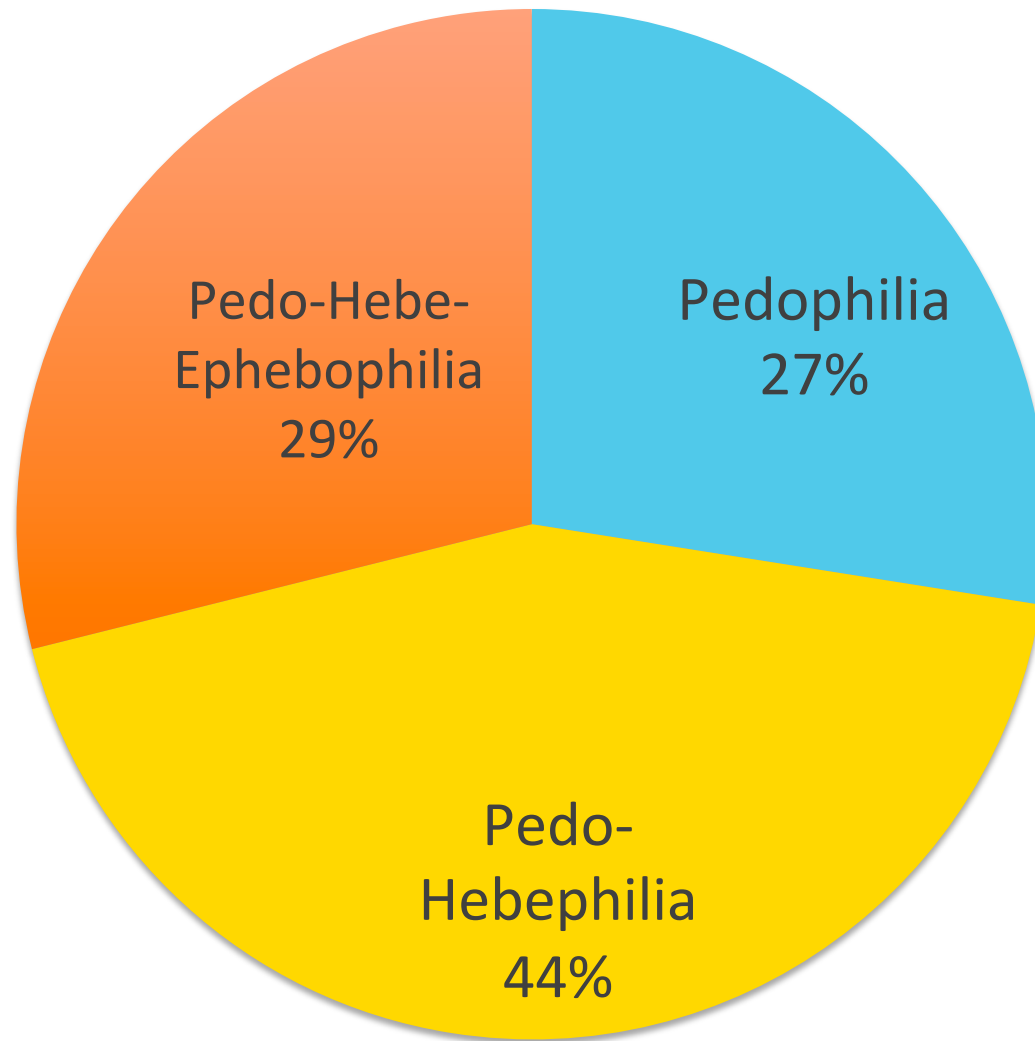
Gender

2. Falling in love

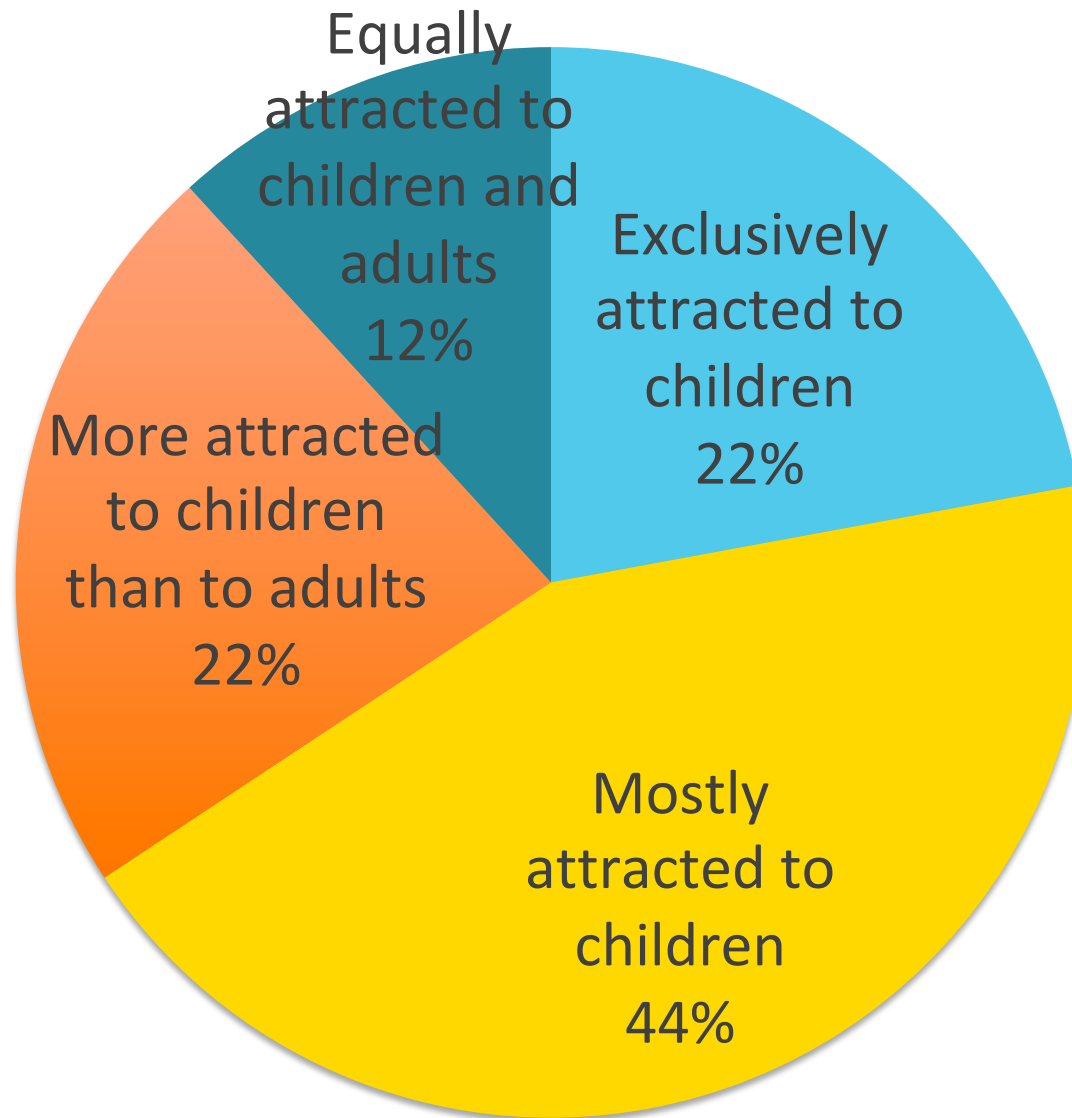
Statistical analyses

- **Frequency tables**
- **Chi-square analyses**
 - Followed up by
 - Chi-square of homogeneity analyses
 - One-way ANOVA's
 - T-tests
 - Binary logistic regression
 - Logistic regression
 - **All corrections - Bonferroni**

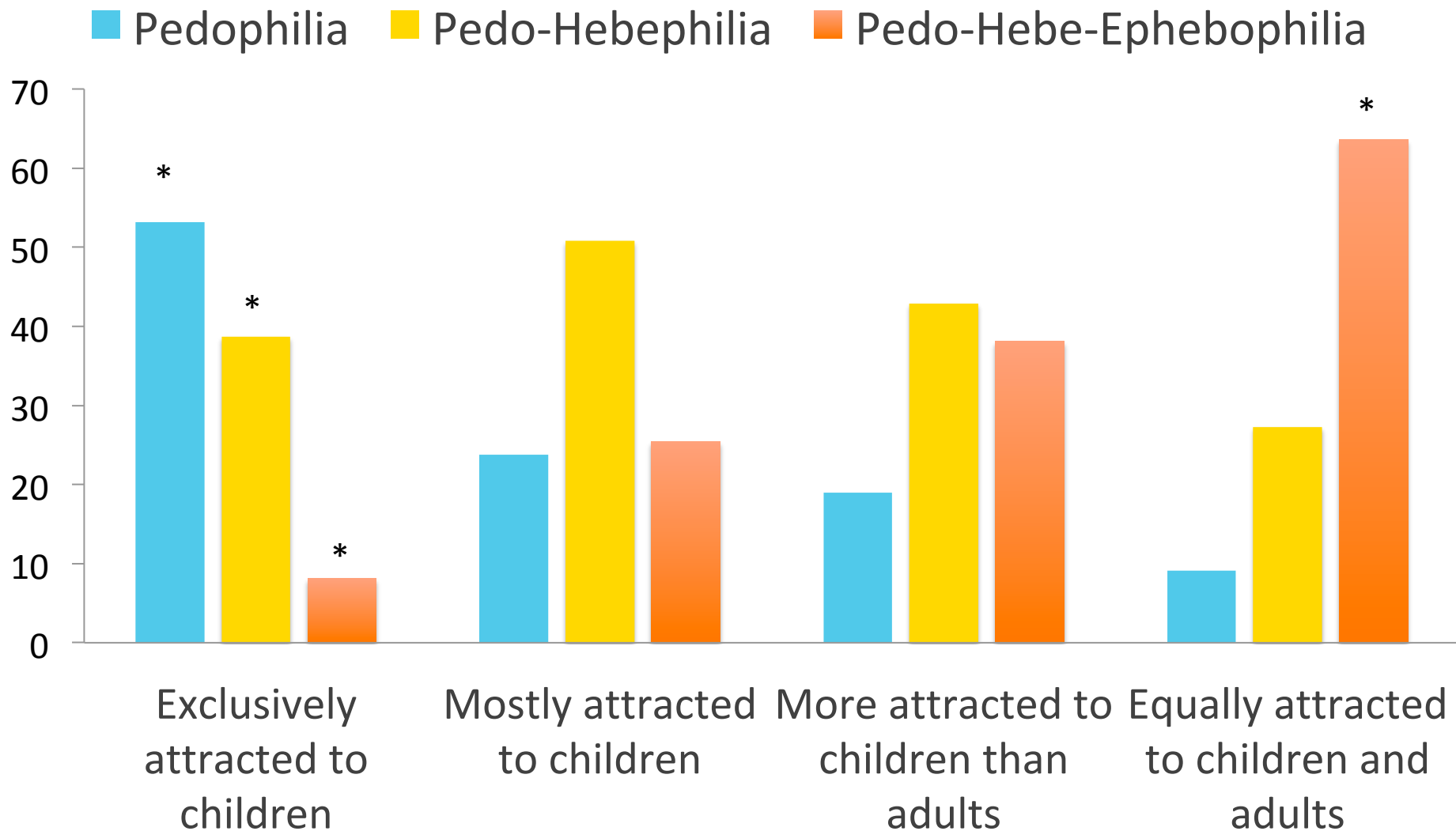
Age attraction, $N = 280$



Exclusivity



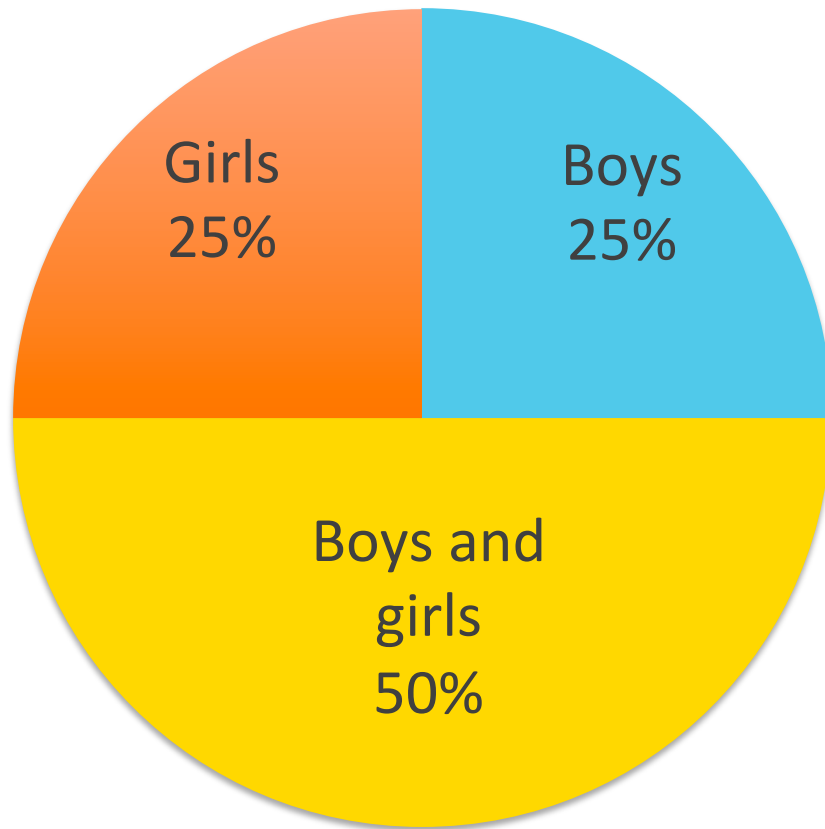
Does age attraction differ by degree of exclusivity?



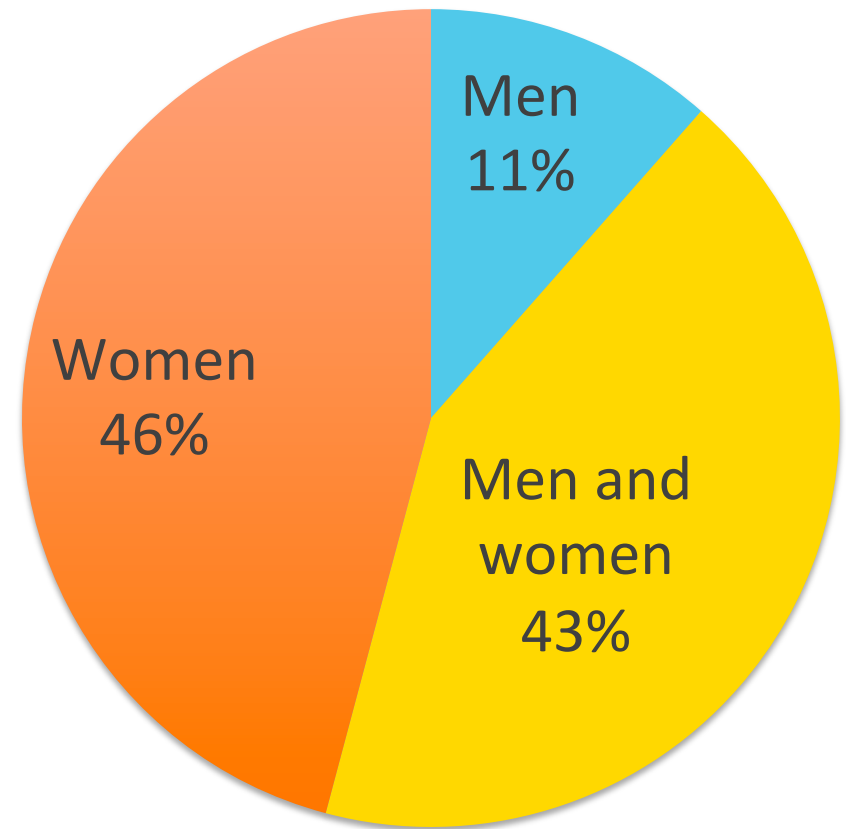
$\chi^2 (6) = 50.492, p < .001$

Gender attraction

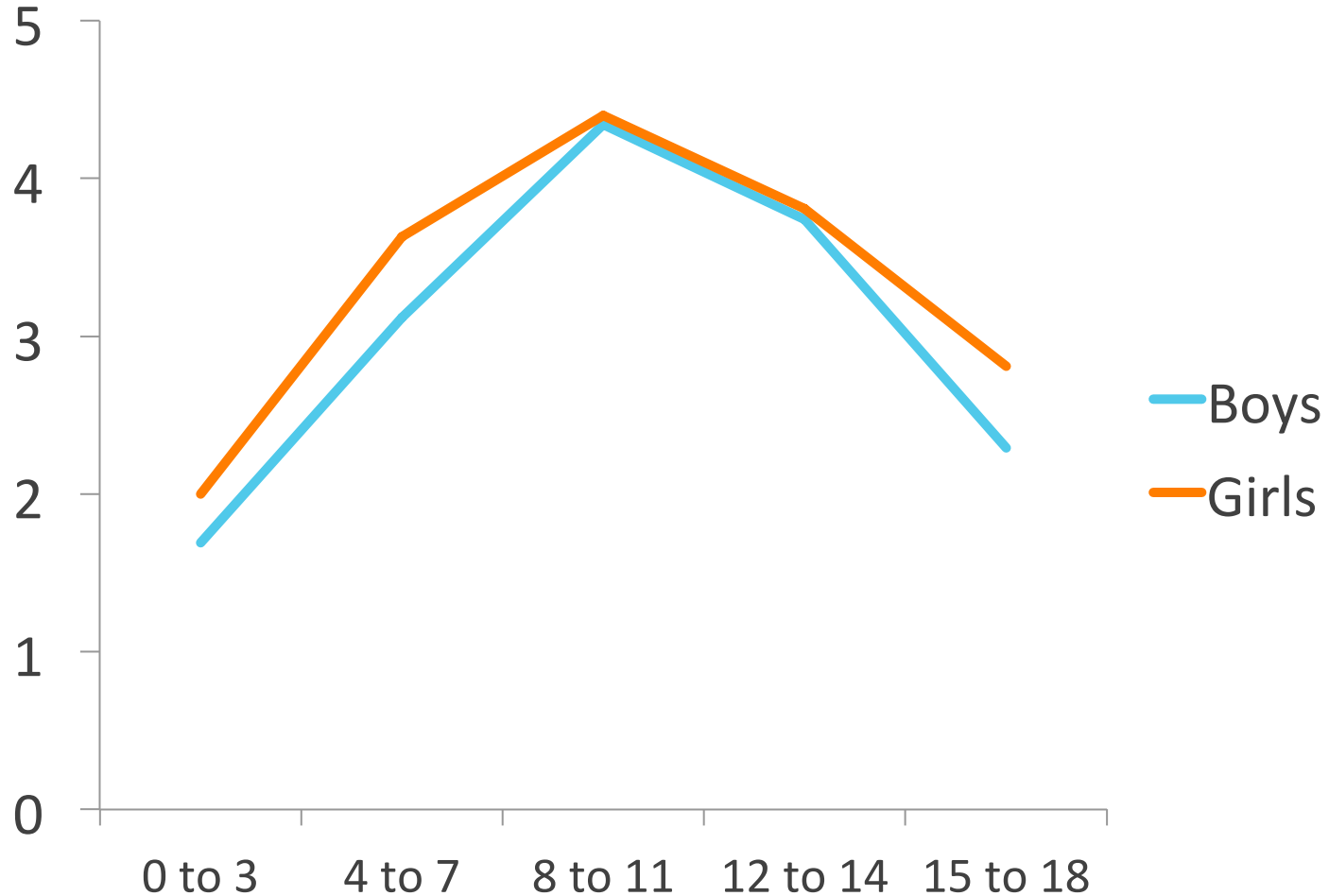
Children ($N = 280$)



Adults ($N = 218$)

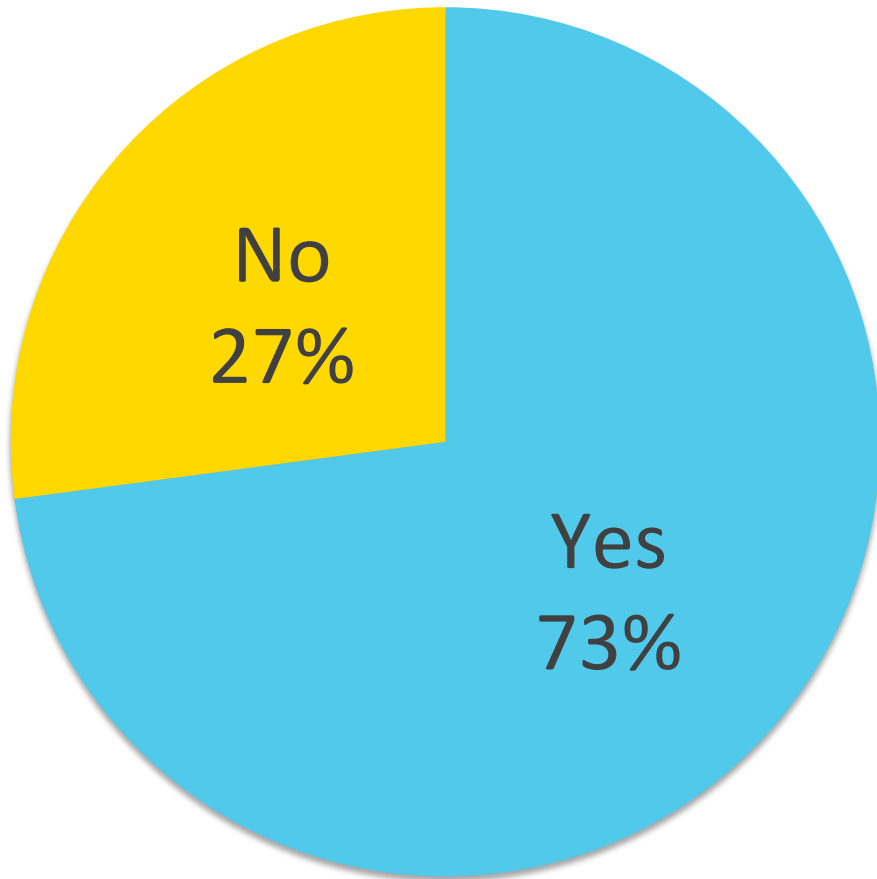


Peak attraction (ratings: 1 to 5)

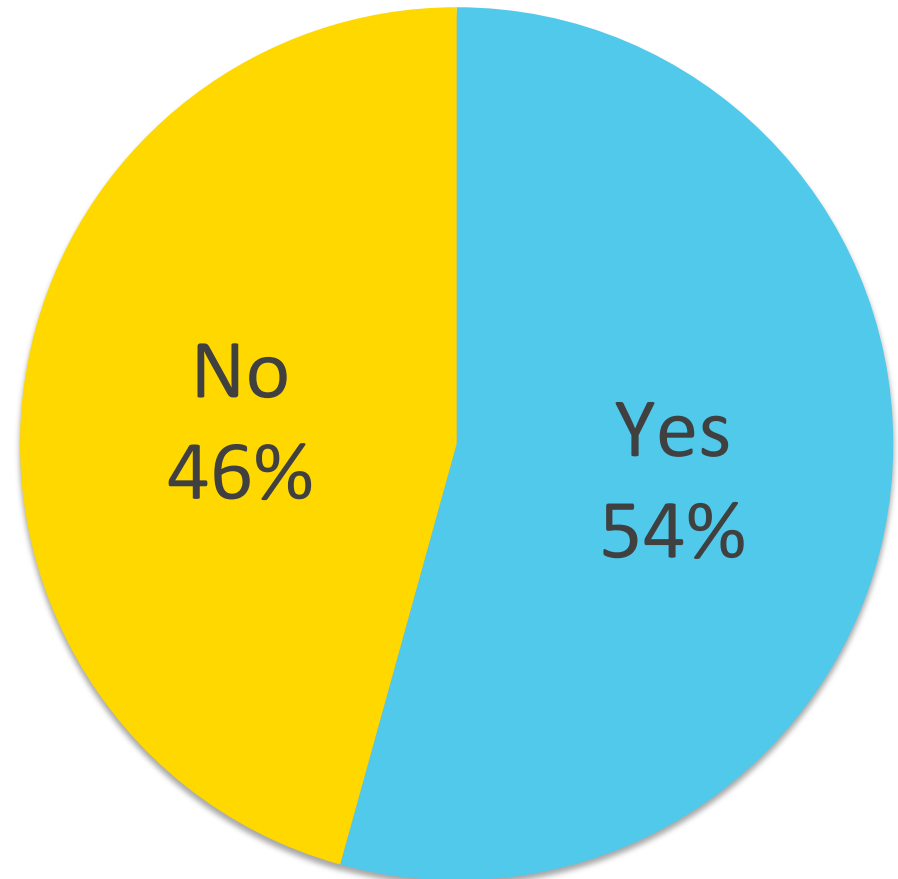


Falling in love with children and/or adults

Have you ever fallen in love with a child?



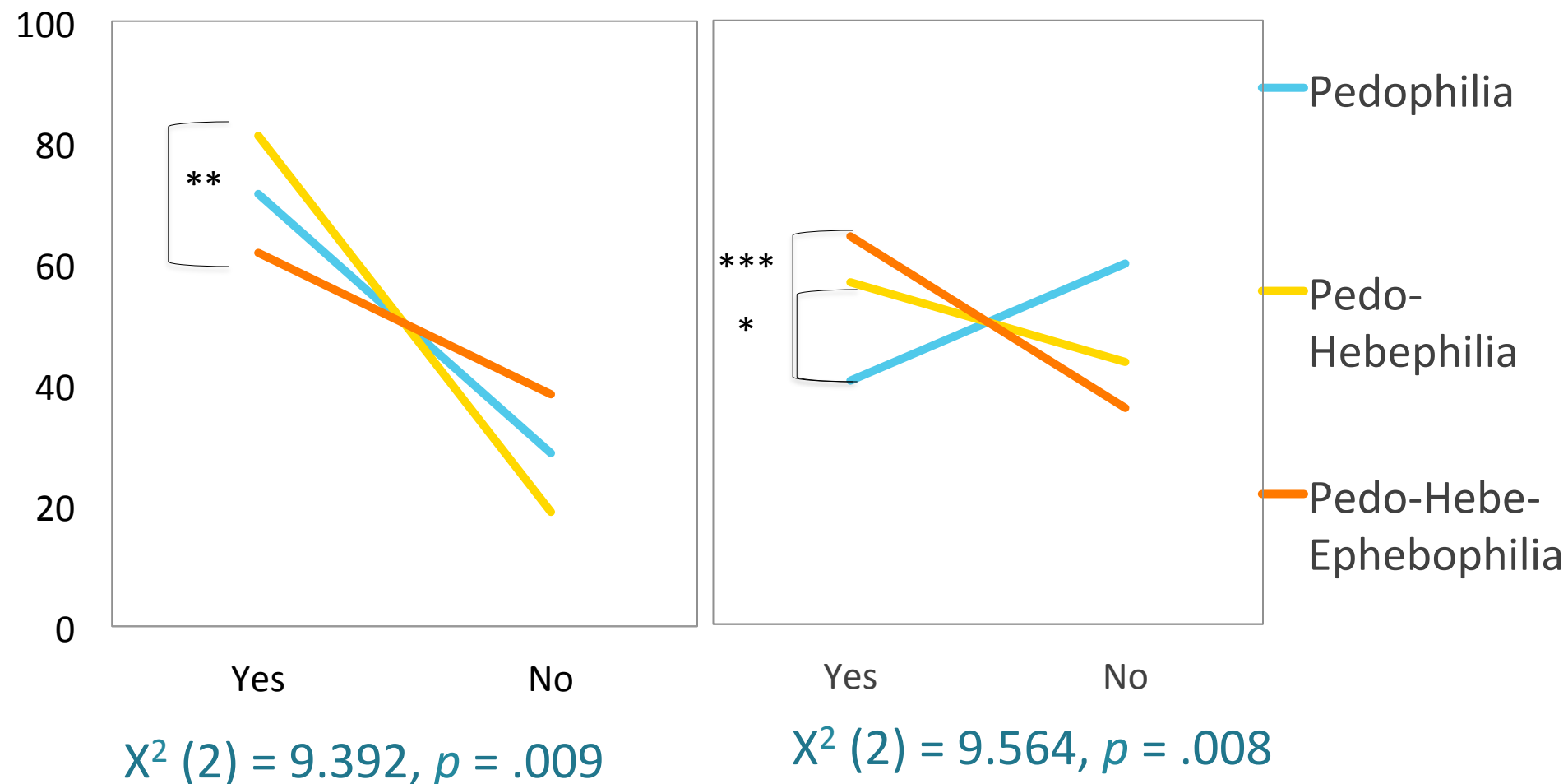
Have you ever fallen in love with an adult?



Falling in love - P, PH, and PHE

Have you ever fallen in love with a child?

Have you ever fallen in love with an adult?



Falling in love - exclusivity

— Exclusively attracted to children

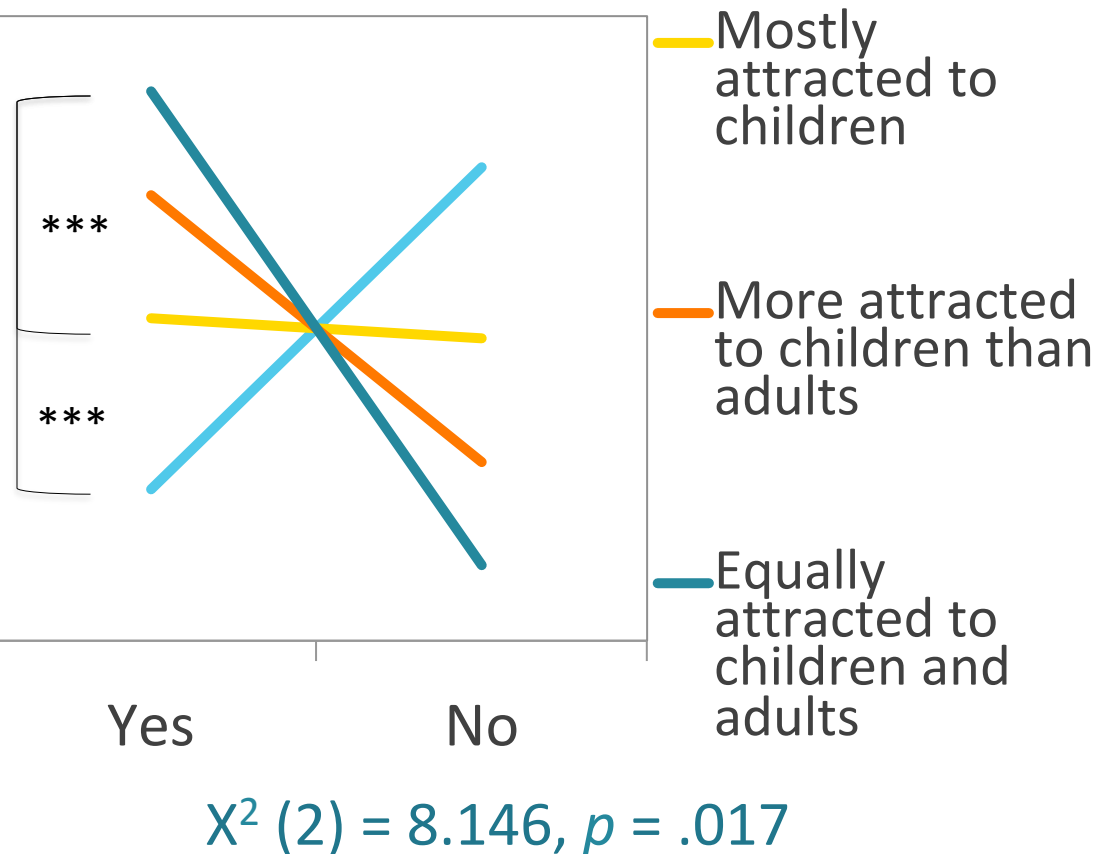
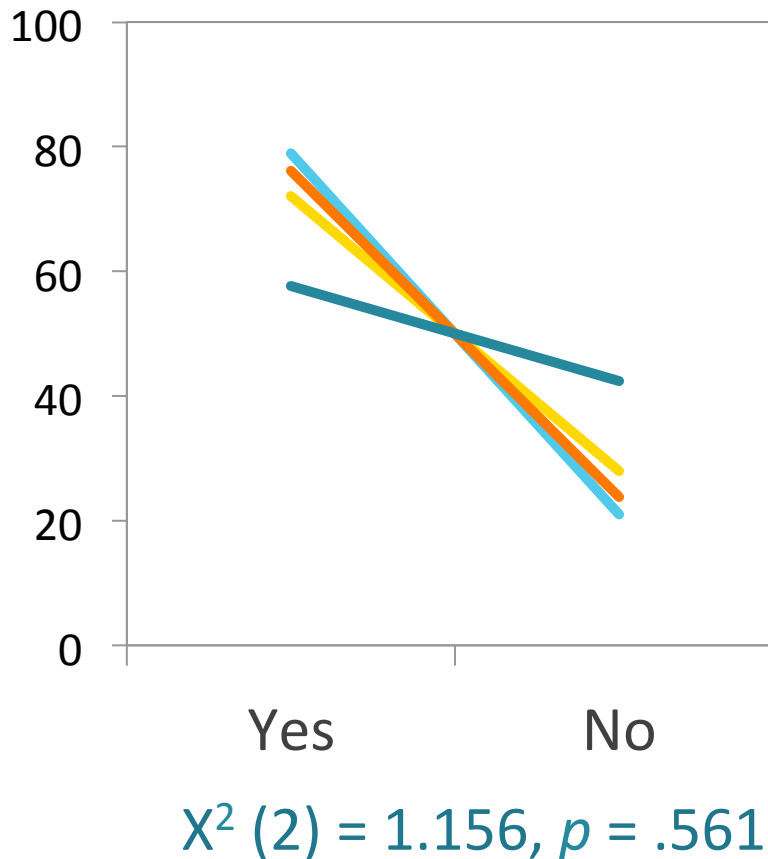
Have you ever fallen in love with a child?

Have you ever fallen in love with an adult?

— Mostly attracted to children

— More attracted to children than adults

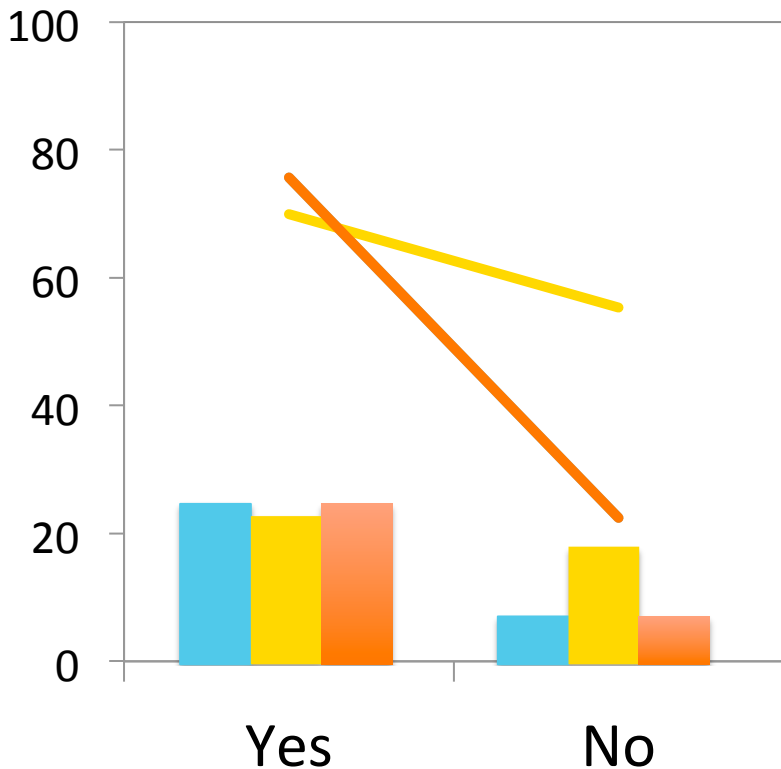
— Equally attracted to children and adults



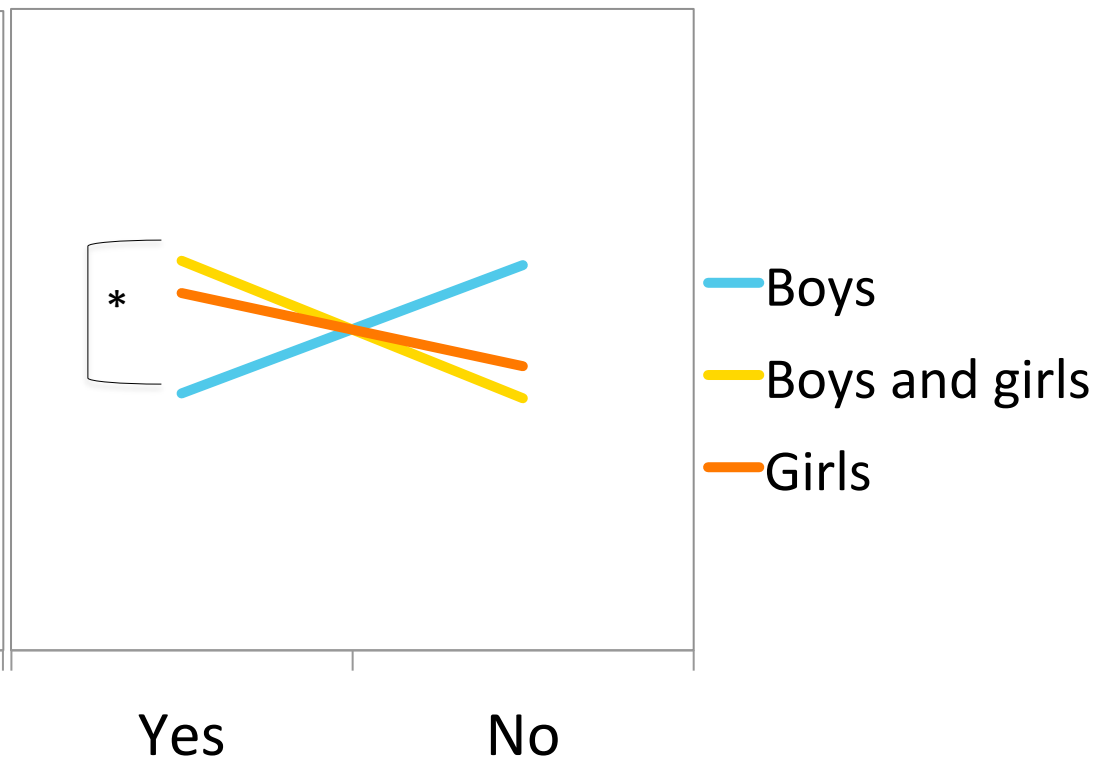
Falling in love - gender attraction

Have you ever fallen in love with a child?

Have you ever fallen in love with an adult?



$$X^2 (2) = 1.156, p = .561$$



$$X^2 (2) = 8.146, p = .017$$

Conclusions

- **Romantic attraction** common (73%) in this sample
- Not much variation in falling in love with a child regardless of **age attraction, exclusivity, or gender preference**
- Variation shows in whether the person has fallen in love with an **adult** (which is also relatively common, 54%): Less likely for
 - Persons with **Pedophilia**,
 - **Exclusively** attracted to children,
 - Only attracted to **boys**

Future directions

What role does romantic attraction play in pedohebephilia?

How does romantic attraction / falling in love relate to behaviour? E.g. Sexual contact with a child or more likely to have other types of contact?

Questions?

Attraction to physical and psychological features of children and/or adults in persons with pedohebephilia. (2018).

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What do persons with pedohebephilia find attractive about children?

- Sexual and romantic attraction co-occur (73% reports falling in love)
- **So what are the features that makes someone fall in love?**
 - Since Wilson & Cox (1983) no quantitative mention of attractive features
 - “their bodily shapes” (Goode, 2010)
 - “underdeveloped sex organs “ (Houtepen et al., 2016)

Reminder: Sexual age orientation

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Present study ($N = 197$)

Similar demographics to Study 1

Exploring **physical** and **psychological** characteristics that are deemed attractive by persons with pedohebephilia

- Do they differ by
 - **Age category**
 - **Age attraction**
 - **Exclusivity**
 - **Gender**
 - **Romantic attraction**

Measures

Which of the following items do you find physically/
psychologically attractive about children

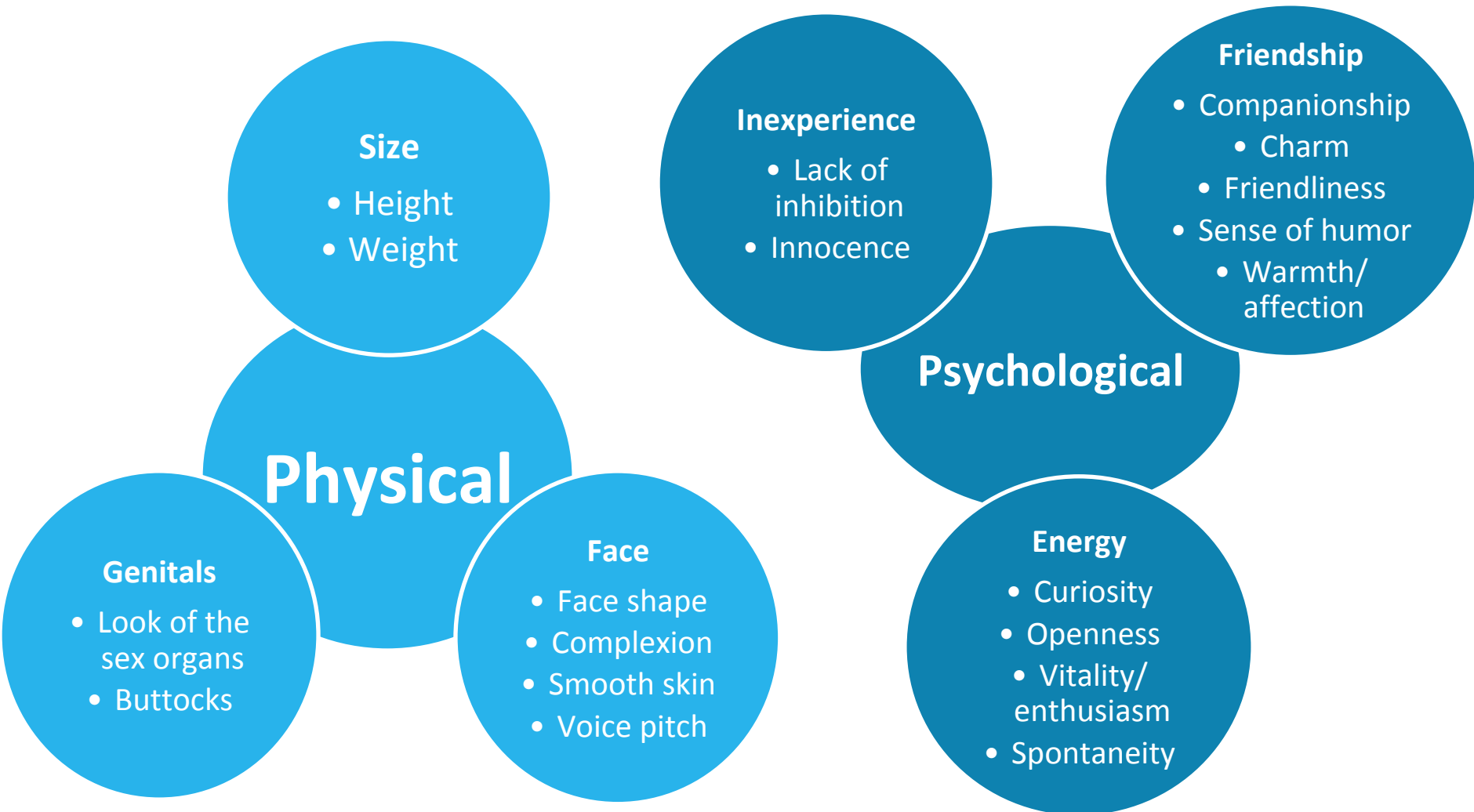
11 or younger - between 12 and 14 years old – adults (18+)?

Scale from 1 (= not attractive at all) to 5 (very attractive)

gender and age neutral

- 9 physical measures
- 12 psychological measures

Principal components analysis



*excluded: slimness

*excluded: honesty

Participant contribution



A pyramid diagram with five horizontal layers. Each layer contains a text box with a specific physical trait. The pyramid is orange, and the text boxes are white with blue borders. The traits listed from top to bottom are: Big eyes, Flat chest/developing breasts, Small extremities (hands, feet), Chubbiness, and "In-betweenness".

Big eyes

Flat chest/developing breasts

Small extremities
(hands, feet)

Chubbiness

"In-betweenness"

Physical



A pyramid diagram with five horizontal layers. Each layer contains a text box with a specific psychological trait. The pyramid is orange, and the text boxes are white with blue borders. The traits listed from top to bottom are: Intelligence, Rebelliousness, Open to learning/teachability, Being non-judgmental, and "Discovering and developing".

Intelligence

Rebelliousness

Open to learning/
teachability

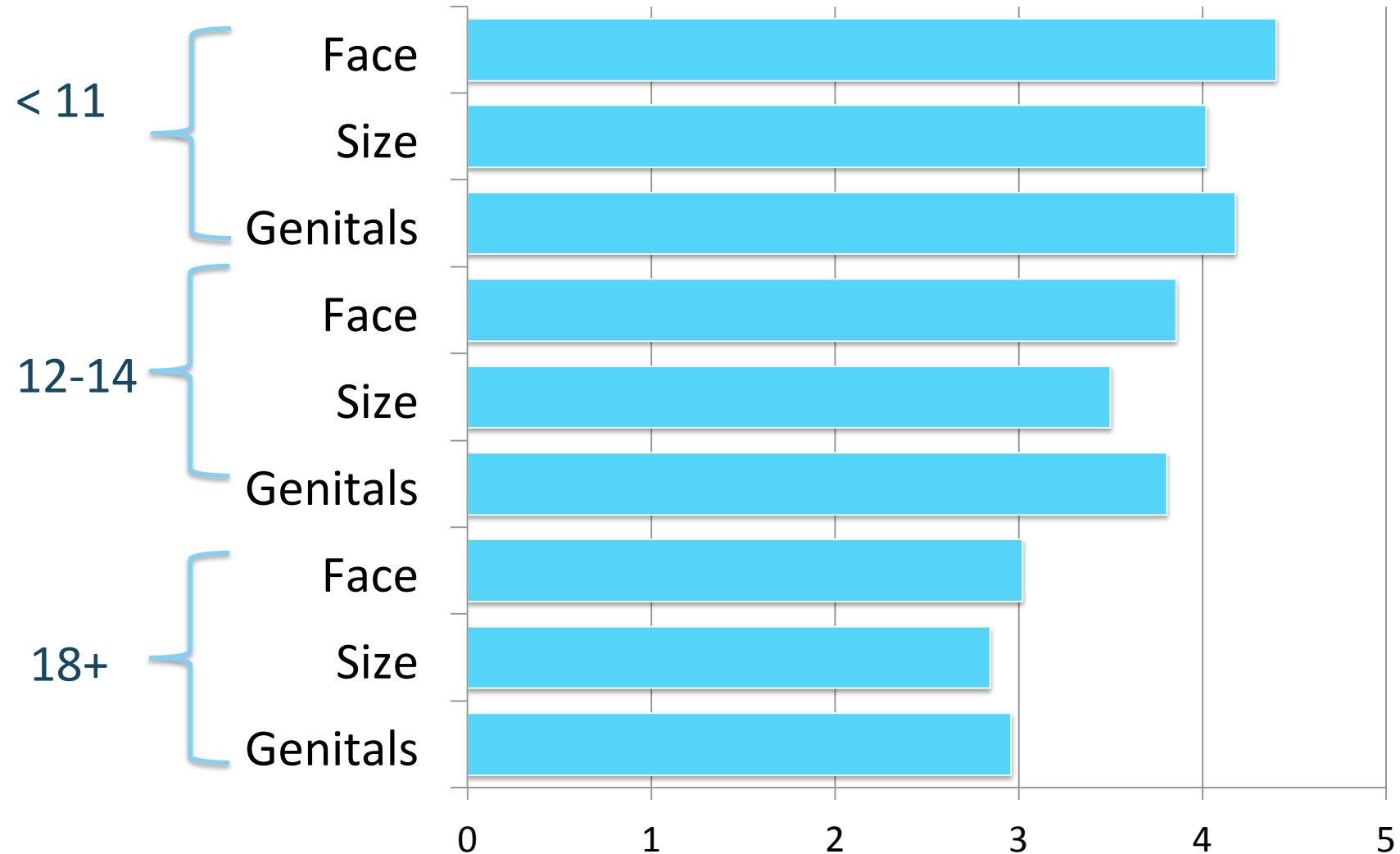
Being non-
judgmental

"Discovering and
developing"

Psychological

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Physical characteristics - overall



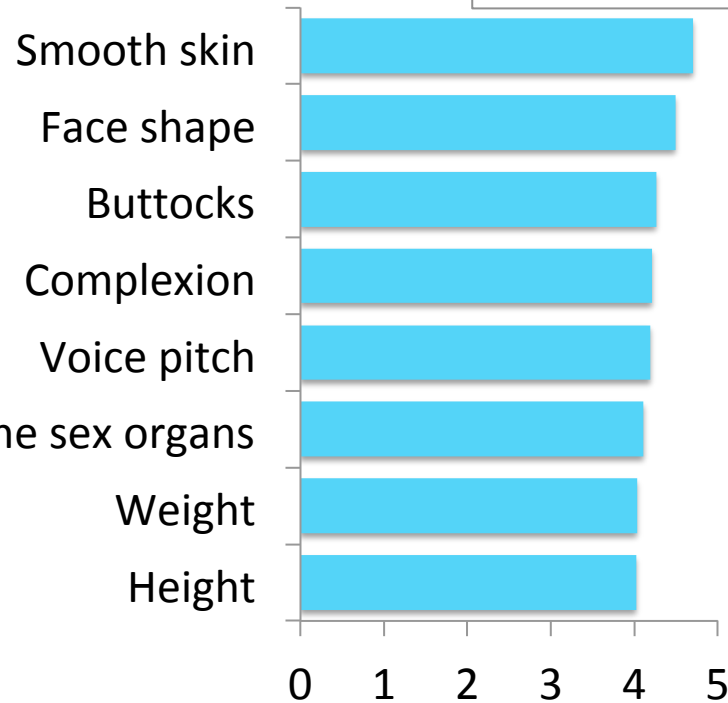
Phys

Wilson and Cox (1983)

1. Good looks
2. Hairlessness
3. Eyes
4. Slim stature

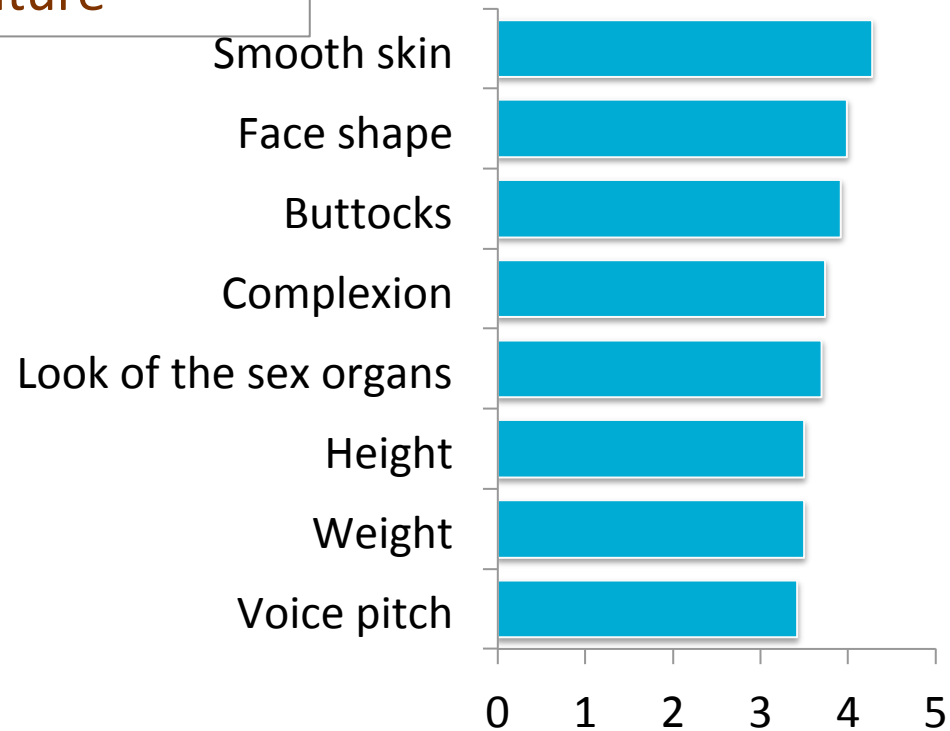
istics

11 or younger



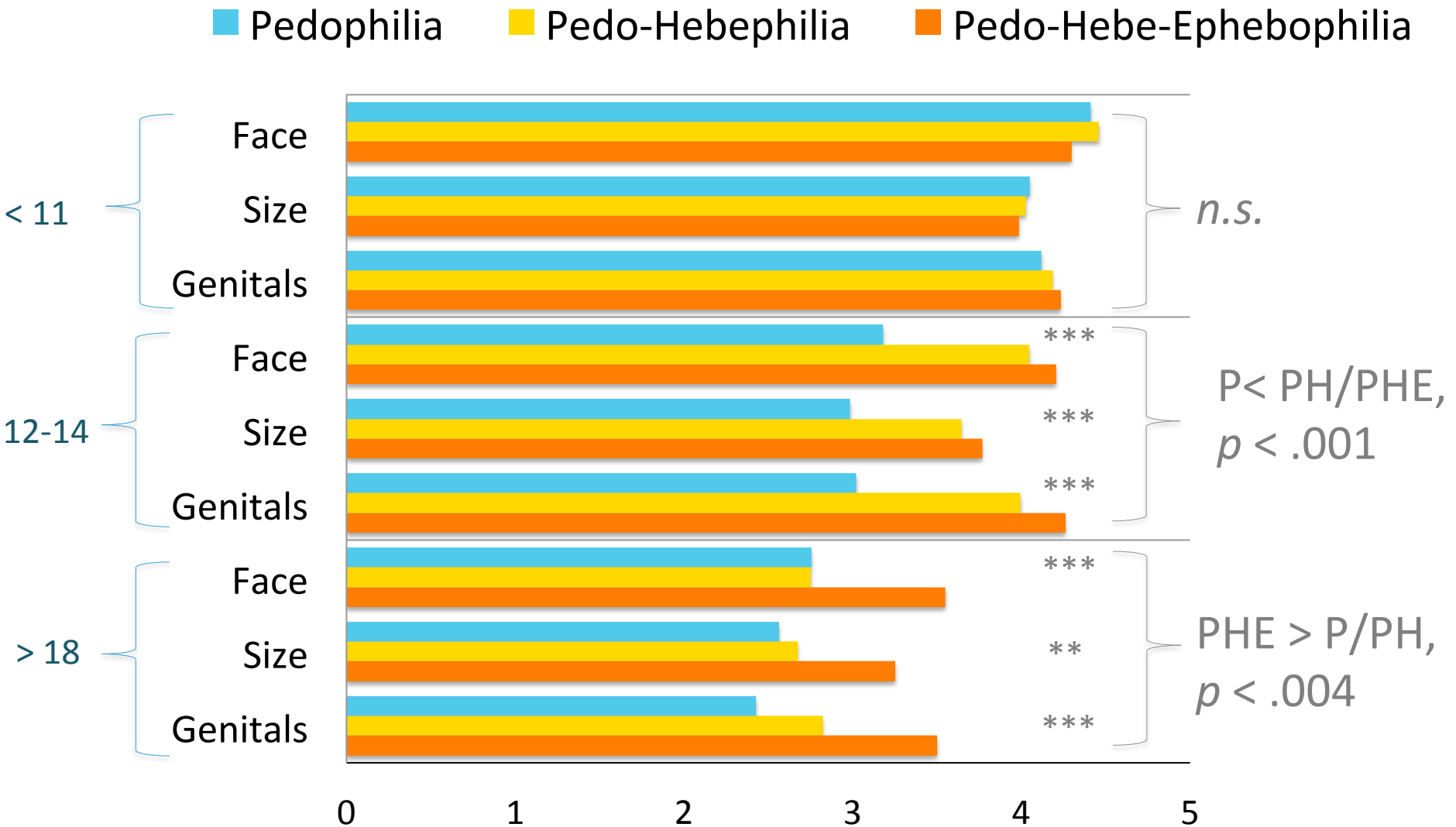
M: 4.26
SD: 0.54

12 to 14

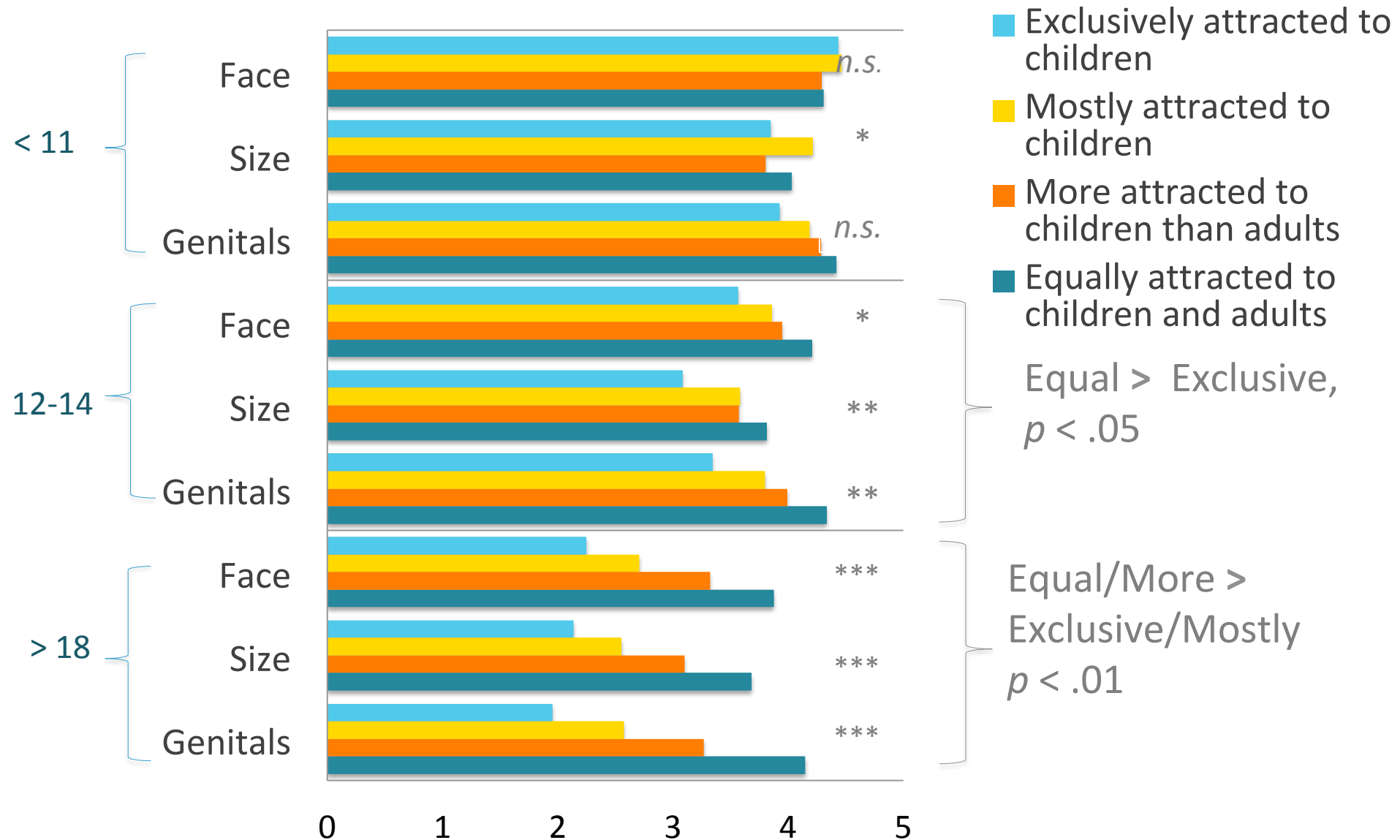


M: 3.80
SD: 0.83

Physical characteristics – P, PH, PHE

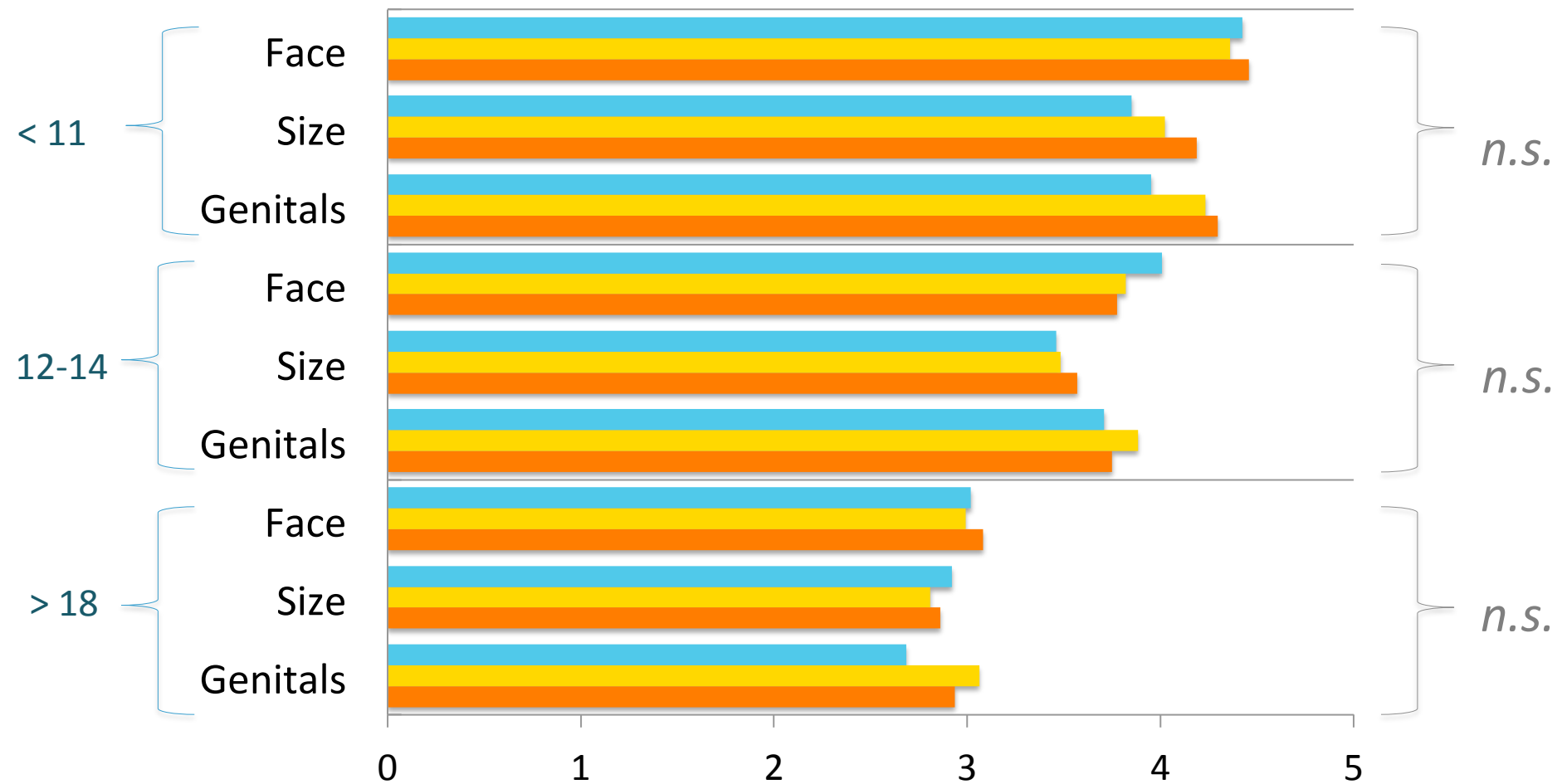


Physical characteristics - exclusivity

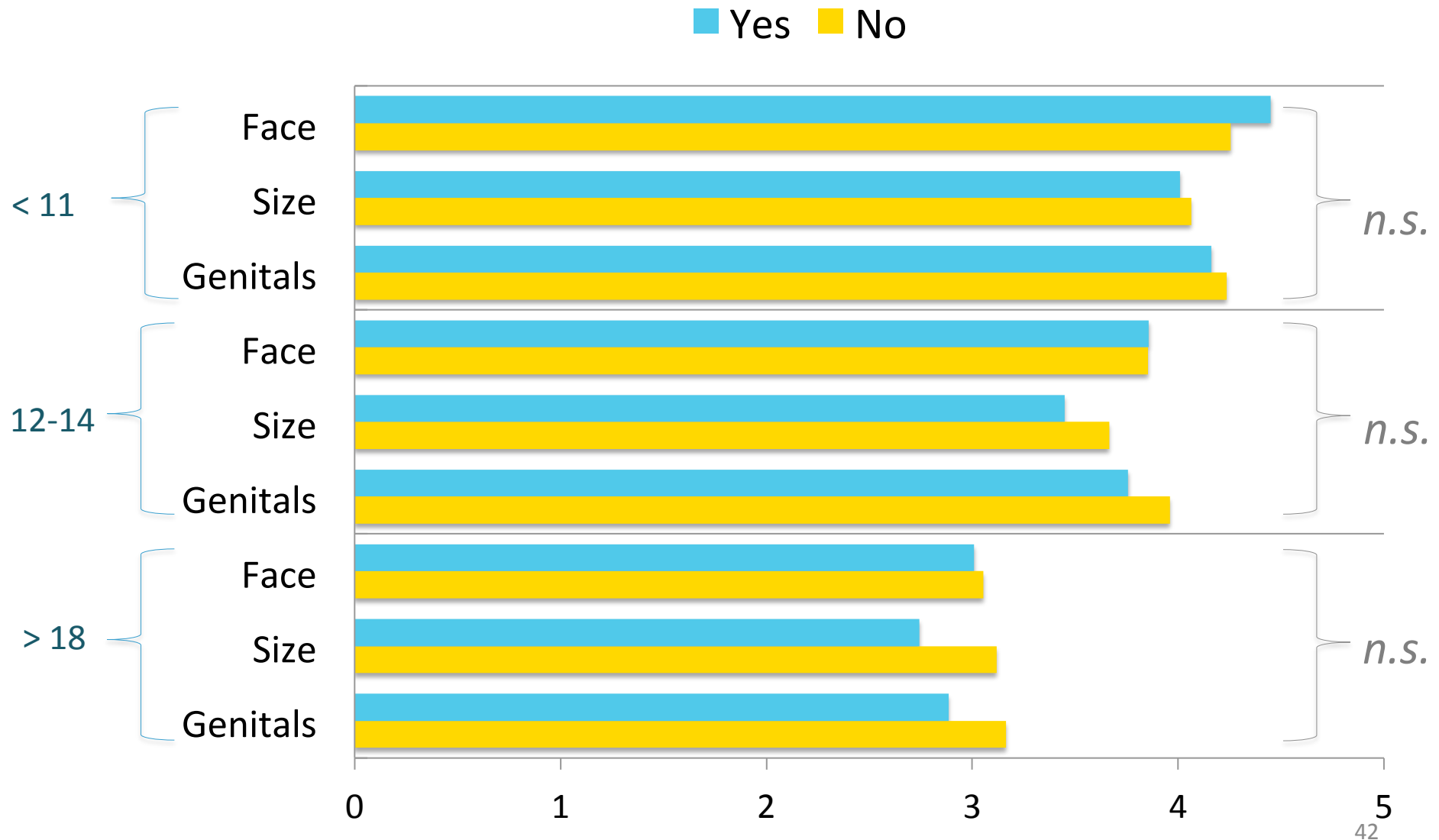


Physical characteristics – boys/girls/both

Boys Boys and girls Girls

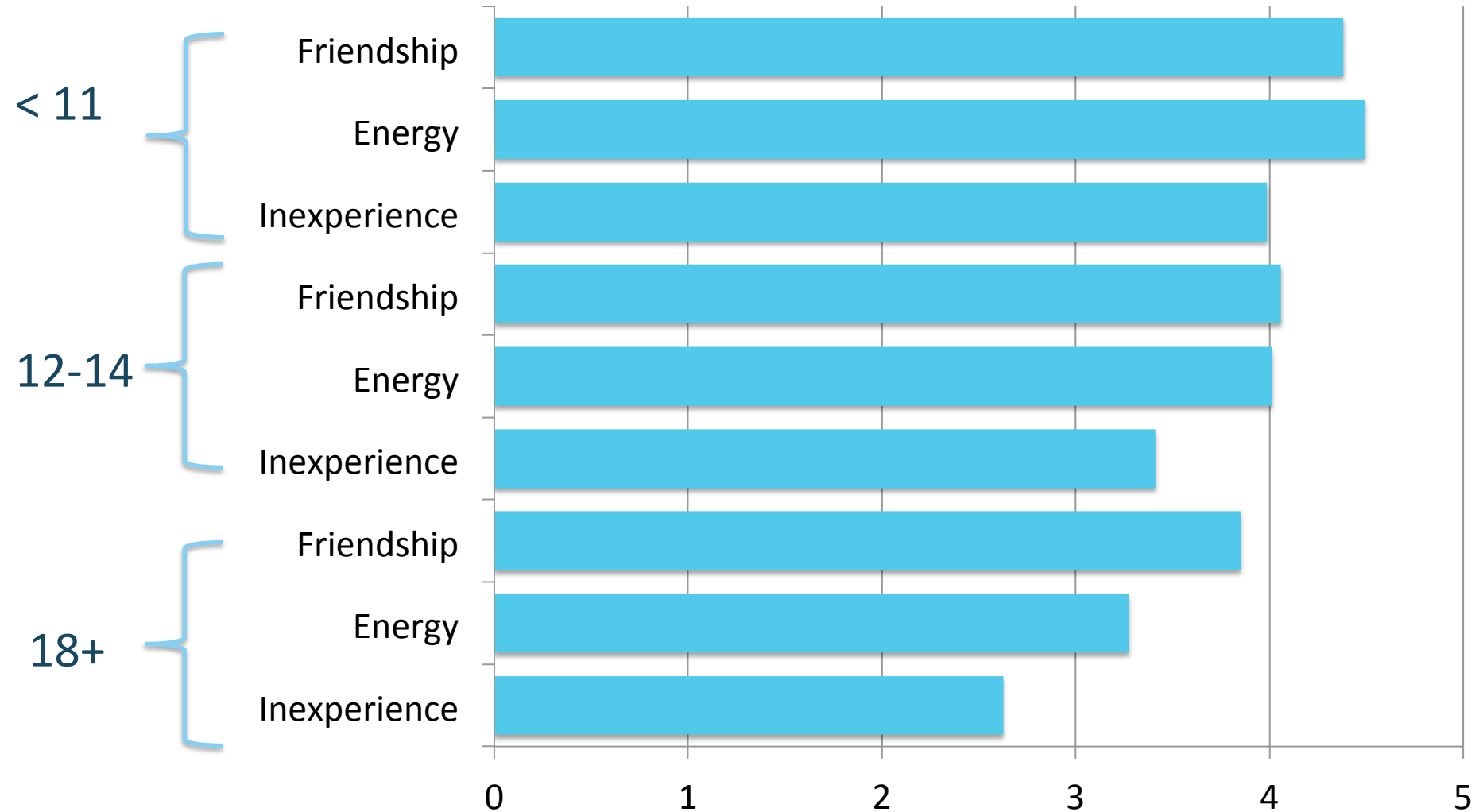


Physical characteristics - love



PSYCHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Psychological characteristics - overall



Psycho

Wilson and Cox (1983)

1. Innocence

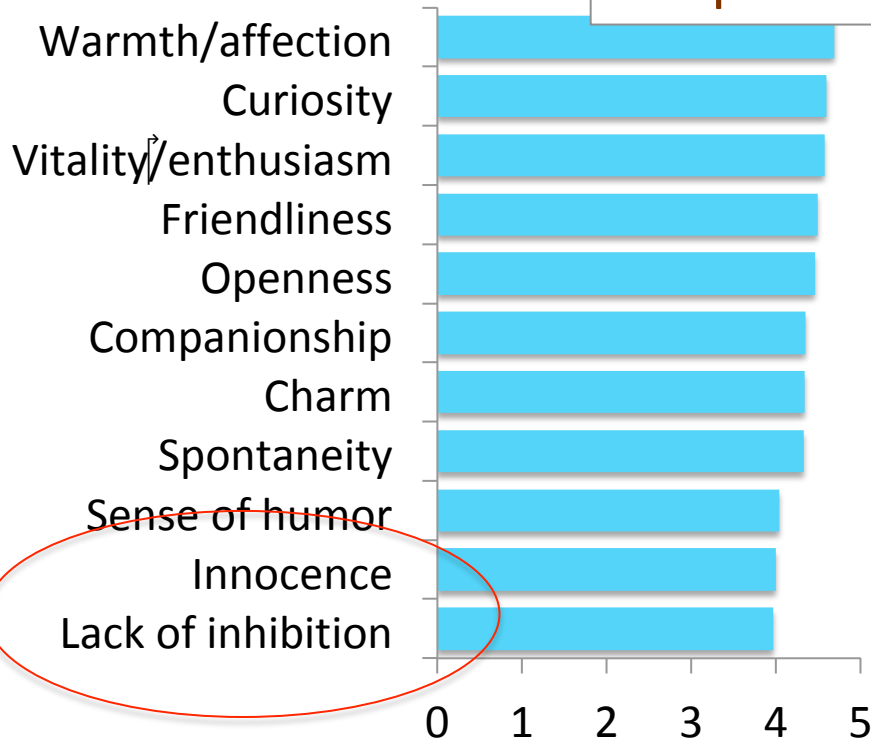
2. Openness

3. Curiosity

4. Spontaneity

eristics

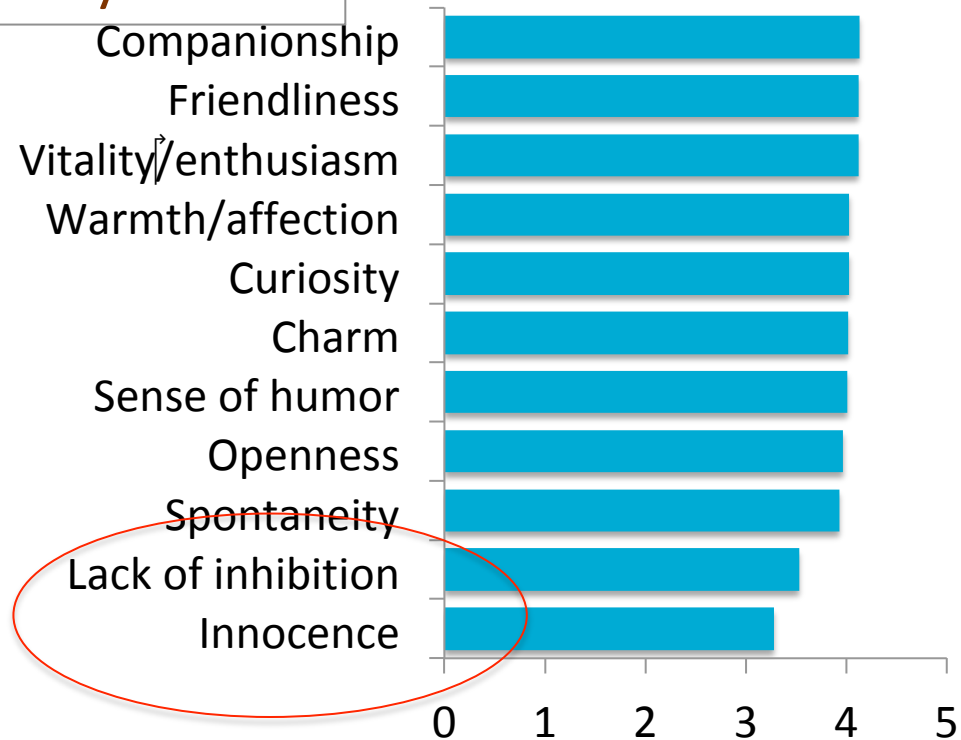
11 or younger



M: 4.31

SD: 0.54

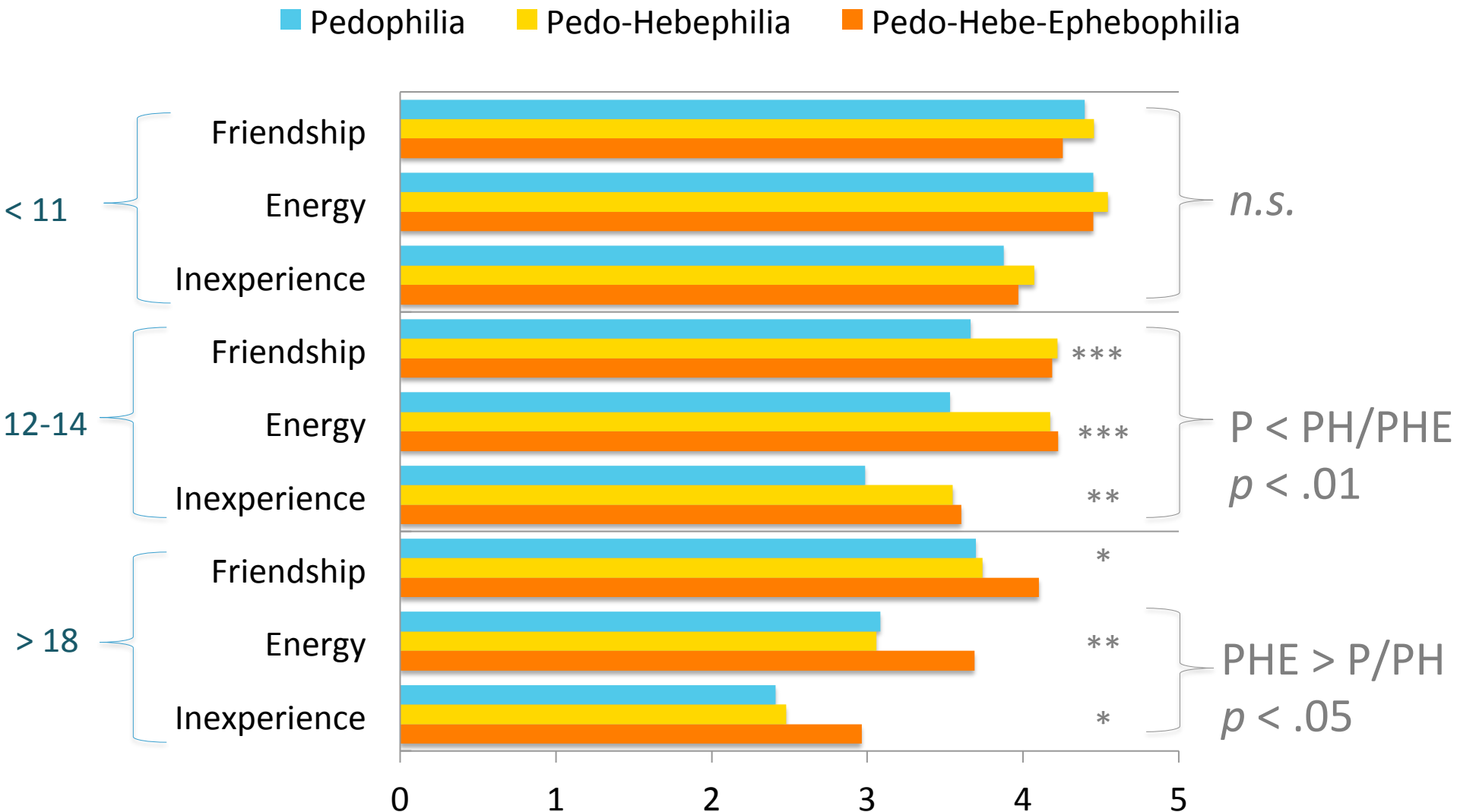
12 to 14



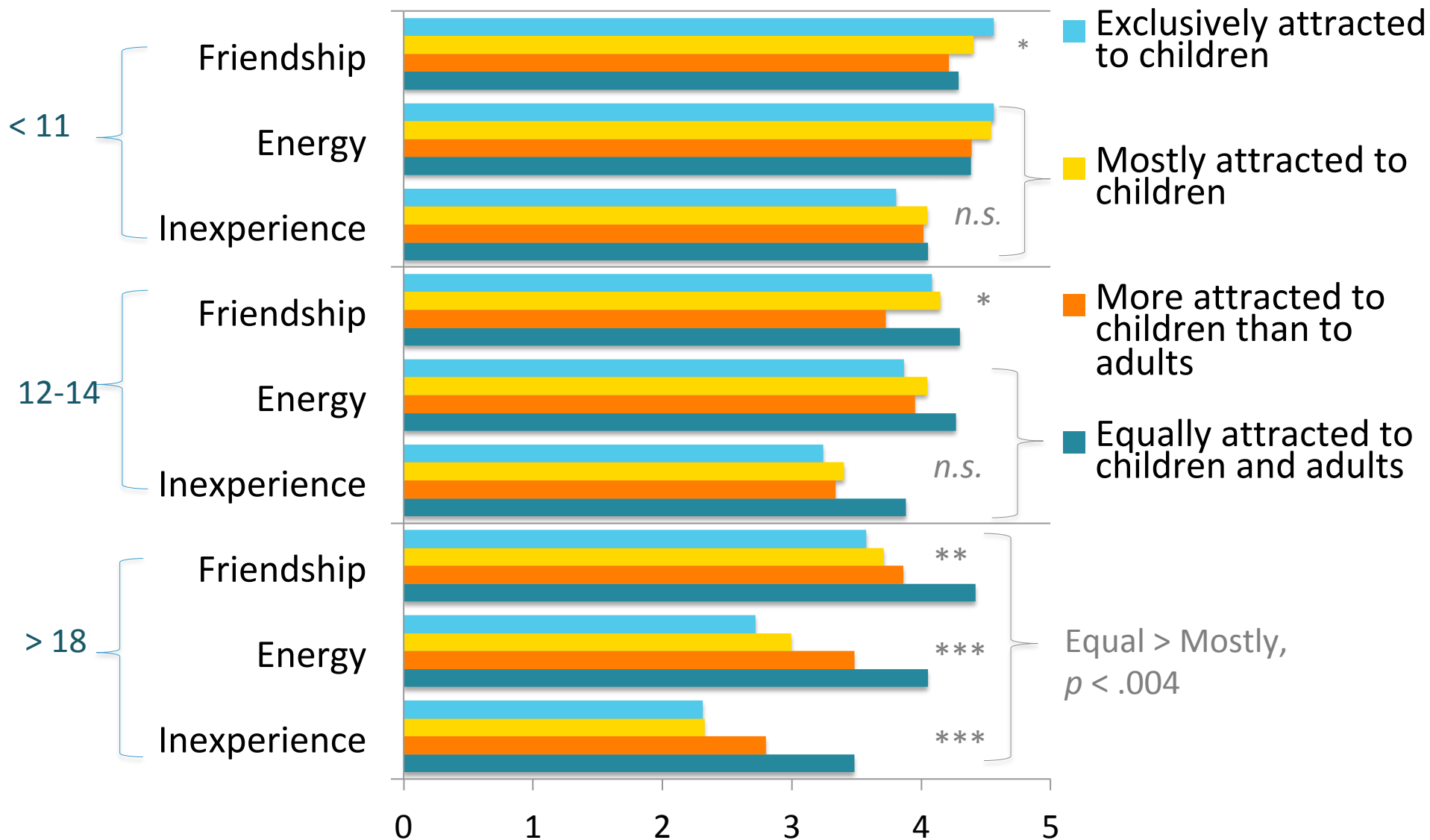
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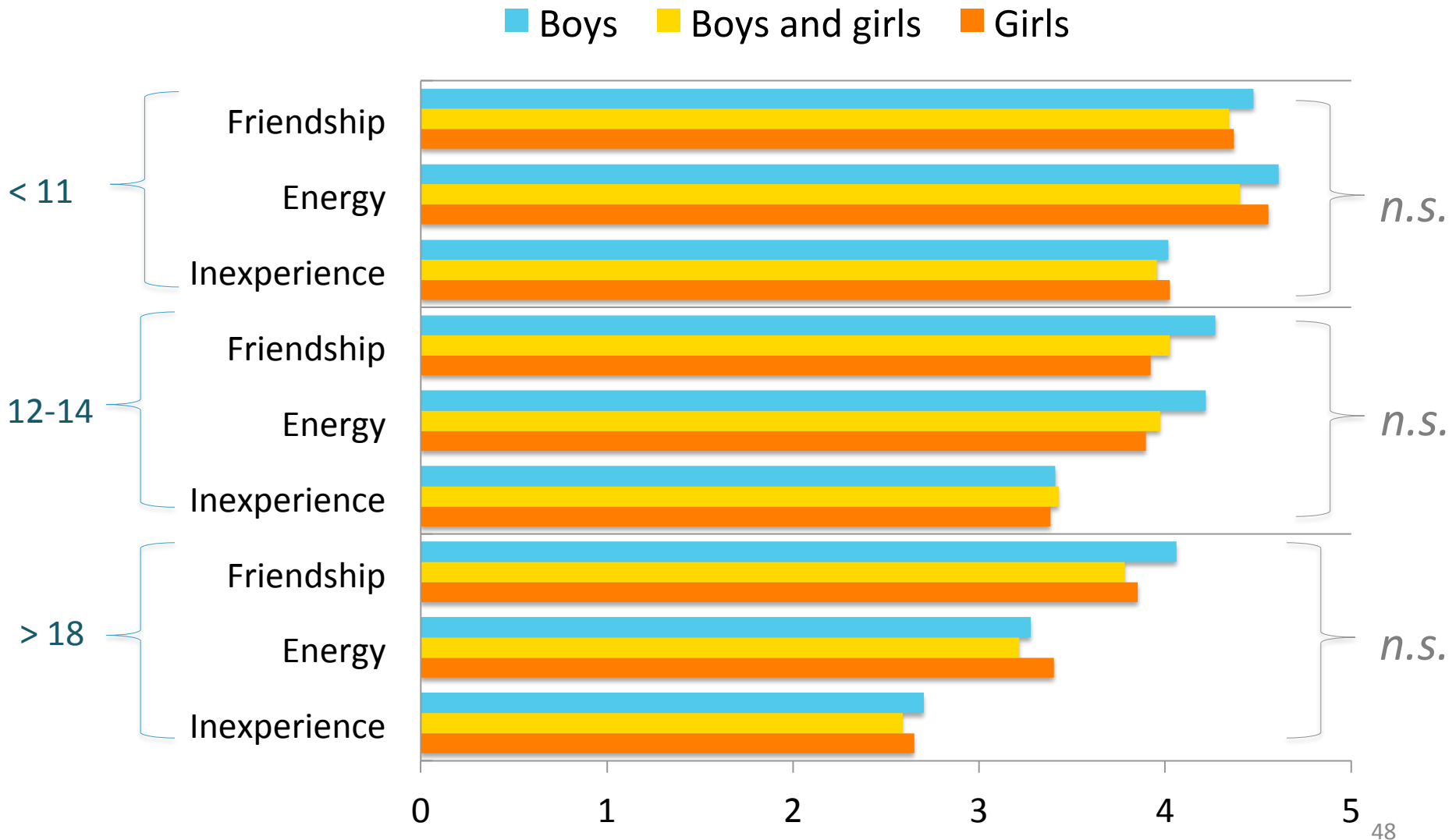
Psychological characteristics – P, PH, PHE



Psychological characteristics – Exclusivity

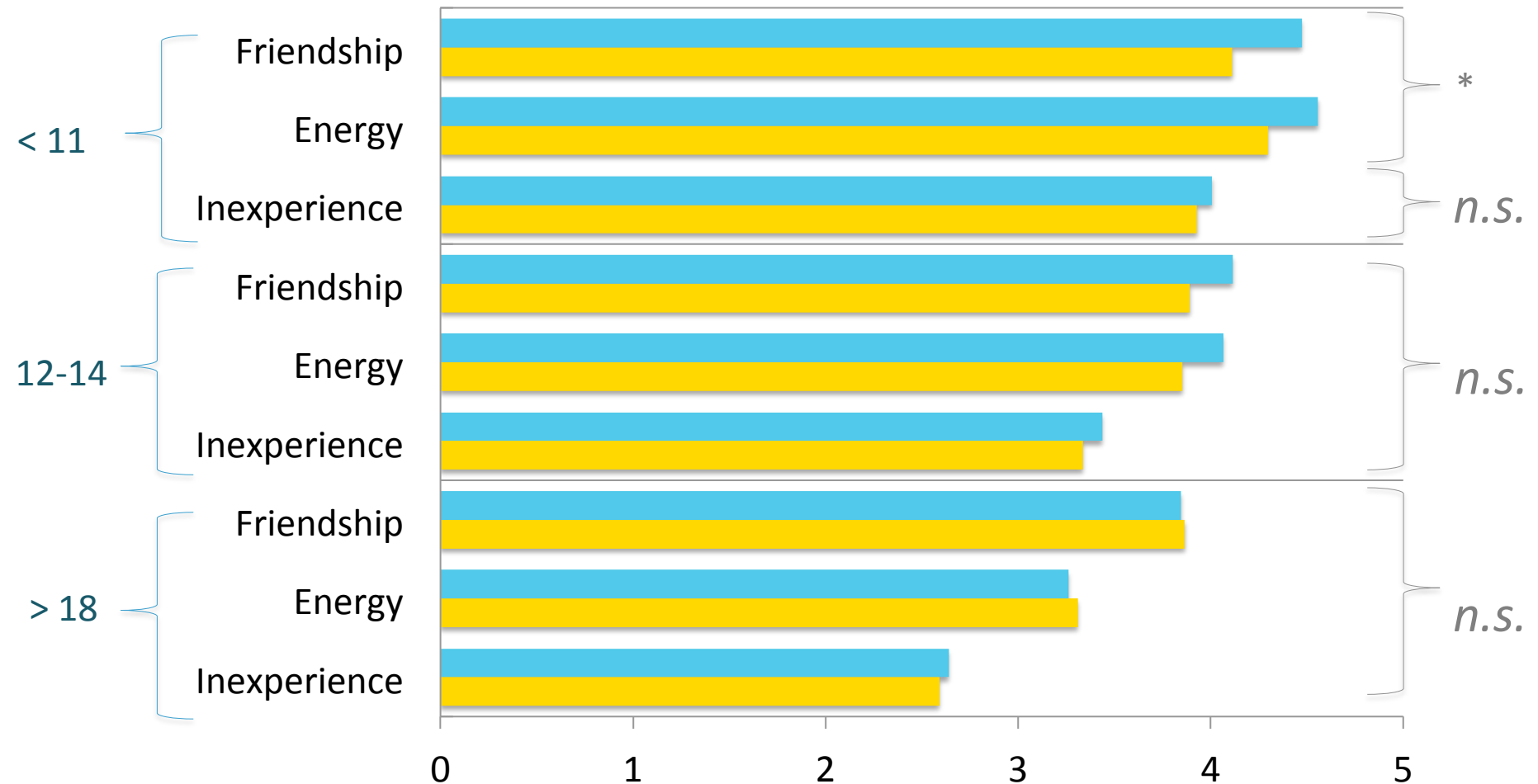


Psychological characteristics – boys/girls/both



Psychological characteristics – love

■ Yes ■ No



Conclusions

- Preferences in **physically** related characteristics (e.g. in participants' contribution)
- No clear differences as to what is attractive **psychologically** – (more) similar across children and adults
- Between group differences based on age preference, but **no between-group differences** in e.g. status of falling in love or gender preferences

Questions?

Thank you!

Please contact me for questions!

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