

Endangered Research and Research Endangered

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Middle East Area Studies background

- Historically, Area Studies post World War II exhibits commitments to
- Intensive language study.
- In-depth field research in the local language.
- Close attention to local histories materials and interpretations, and multi-disciplinary conversations across the boundaries of the social sciences.

Area Studies Funding's

- Most of the Area Studies Centers are depend on Title VI.
- Title VI secur funding for the area studies centers and student fellowships.
- Federal funds have helped scholars to travel for fieldwork ressearch, learn the language of a region,
- Secure the acquisition of books for the United States.



Challenges of Area Studies Today

- Less funding.
- Travel warning.
- Unsafe fieldwork



Title VI in the USA

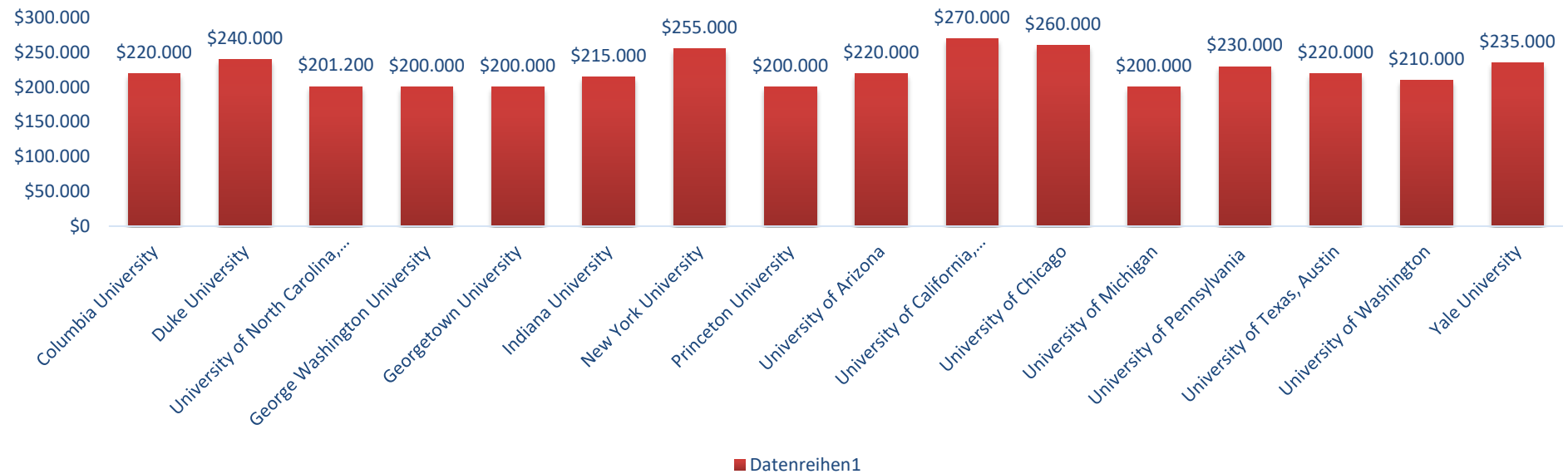
- Funds Centers, and department that teach area studies including the Middle East/ Near East centers or depamrents

The Purpose of the Title VI Program

- Teaching of any modern foreign language;
- Instruction in fields needed to provide full understanding of areas, regions, or countries in which the modern foreign language is commonly used
- Research and training in international studies and international and foreign language aspects of professional and other fields of study
- Instruction and research on issues in world affairs that concern one or more countries.



Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) Fiscal Year 2014 Awards to the Middle East Centers



Scholars in the Field

- Lisa Anderson. In the “Middle East Studies for the New Millennium: Infrastructures of Knowledge,” has concluded that the field of MES is facing limitations in access to both research sites and funding.

The Survey

- The survey has 19 questions
- Sent to 3000
- Faculty members:
- Doctoral, post doctoral undergraduate Students.
- Sent to:
- Universities in the USA, and England
- Public Universities
- Private Universities
- Sent to:
- Middle East, Near East, Islamic Studies, Anthropology, Political Science, History, Religion.





Total of Responses

Response Counts

Completion Rate:

100%



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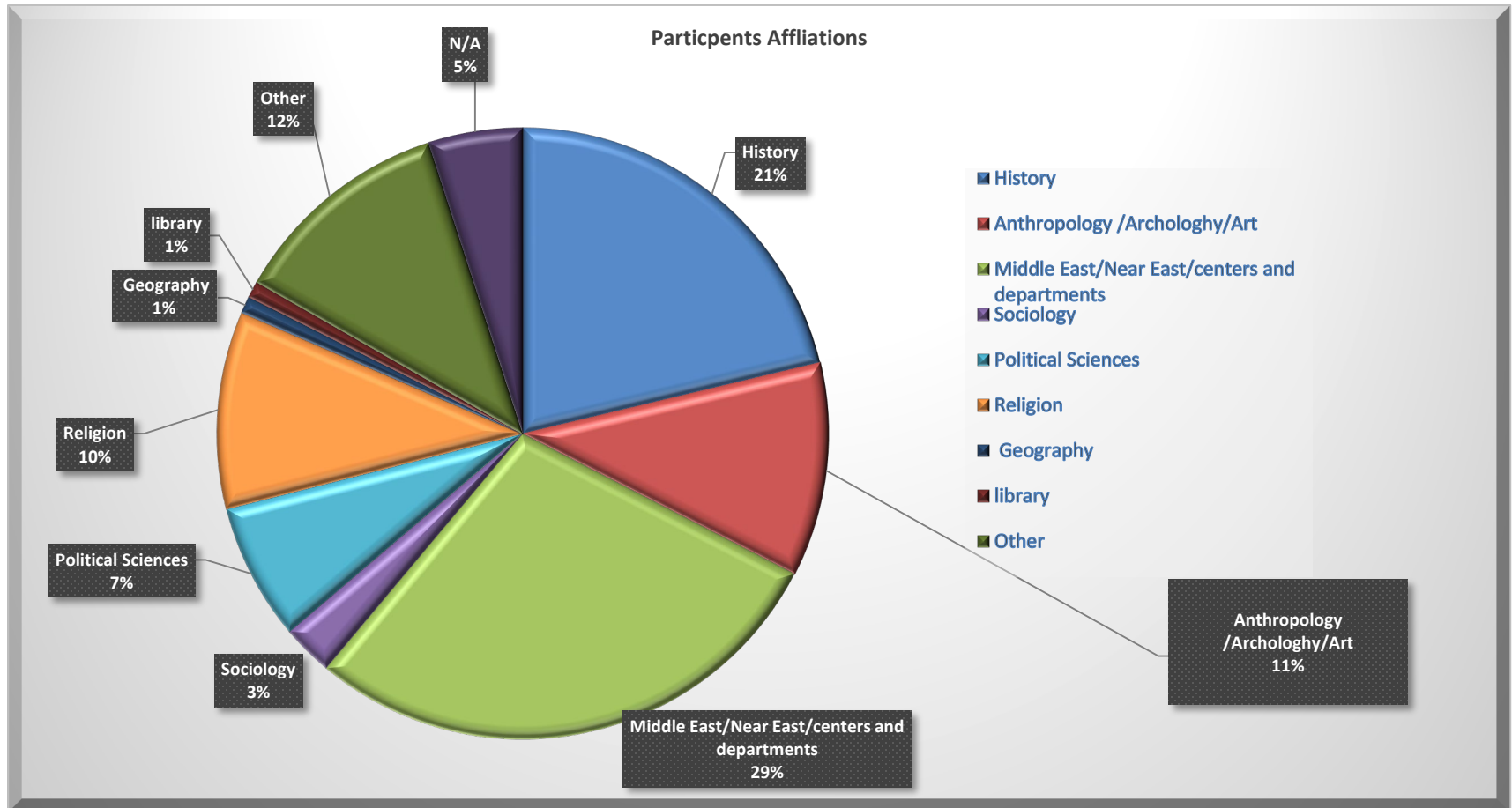


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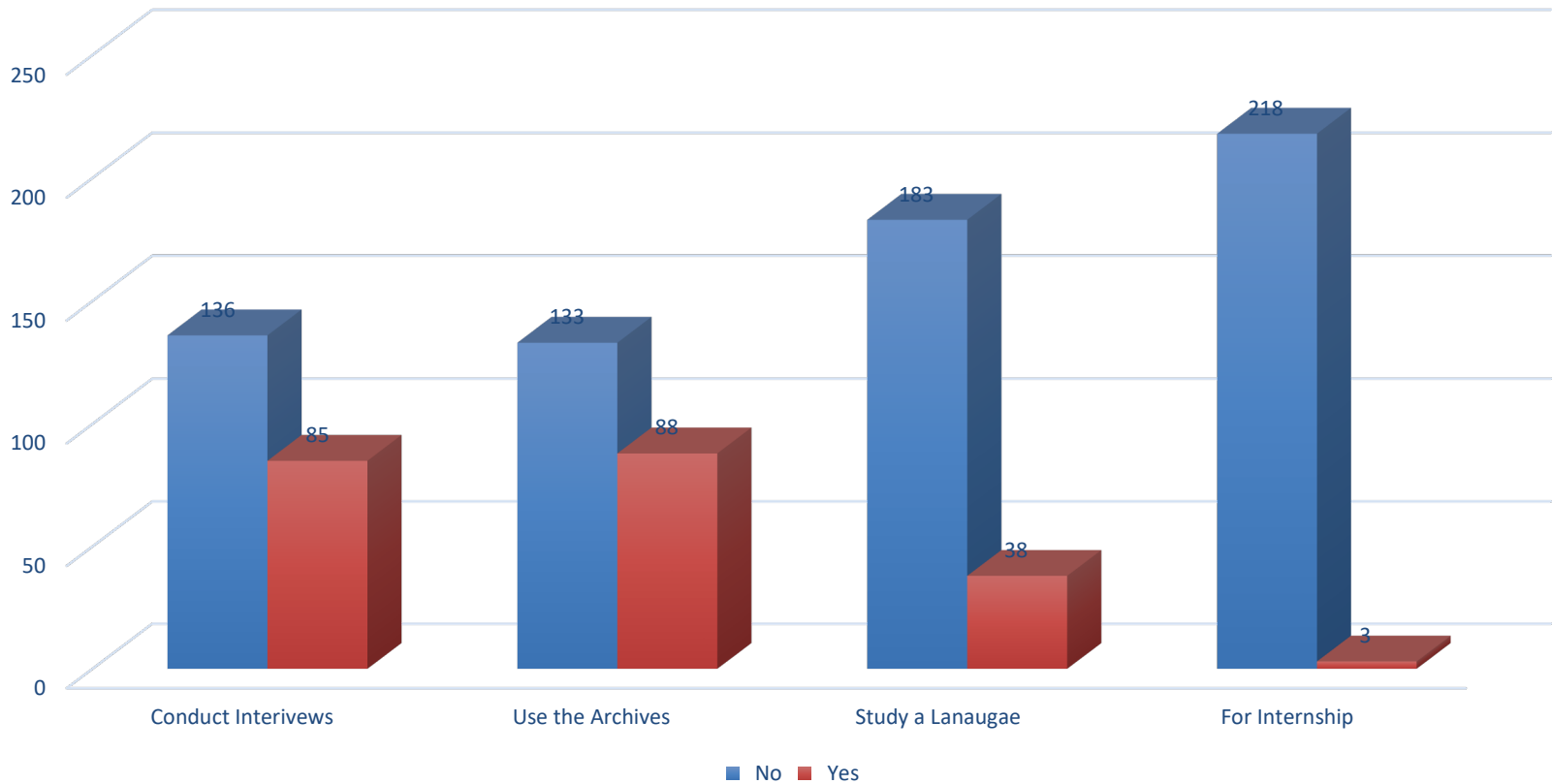


Participants Affiliations





What was the Purpose of your travel (Research, Study, Internship, Job)





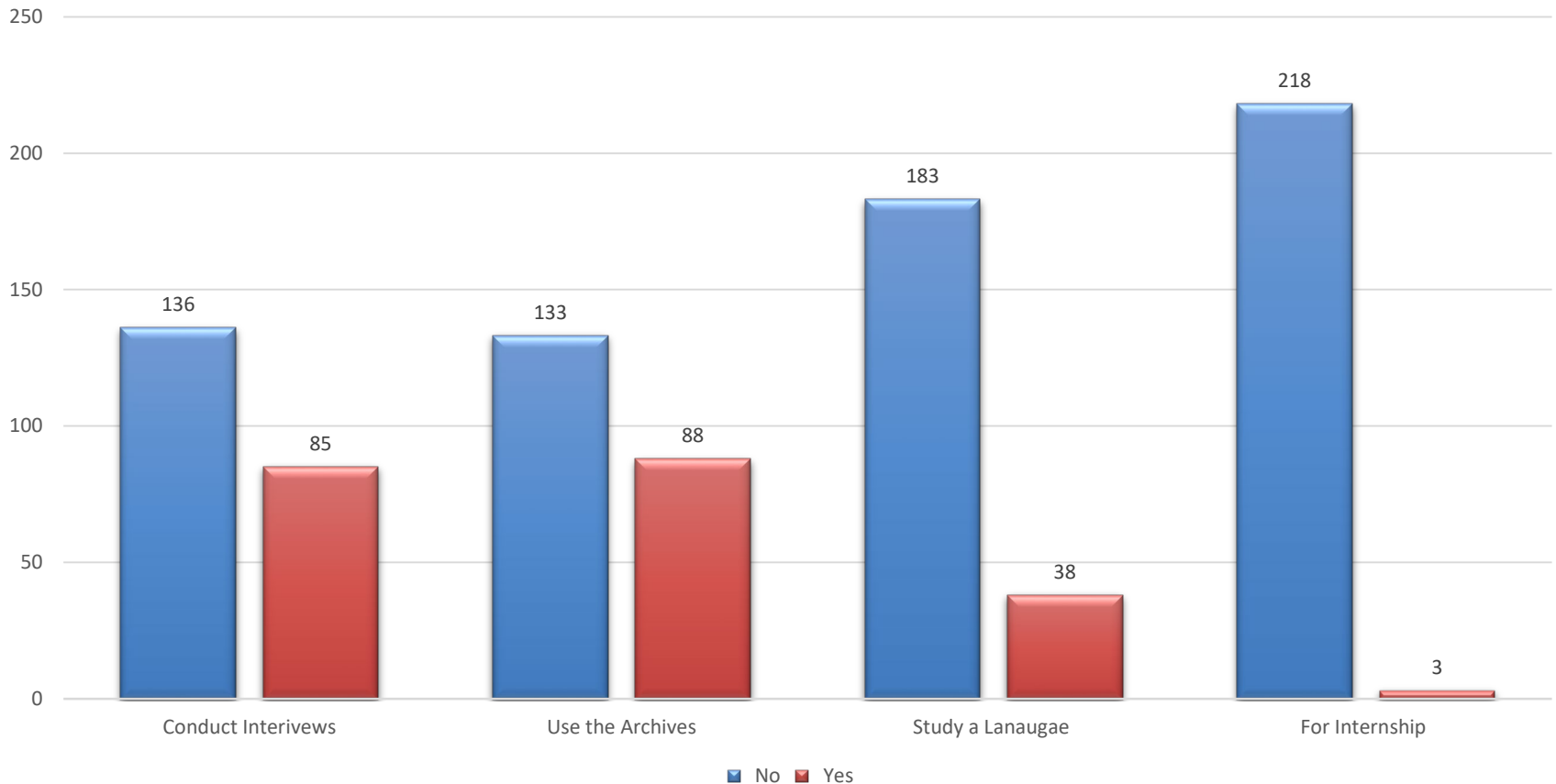
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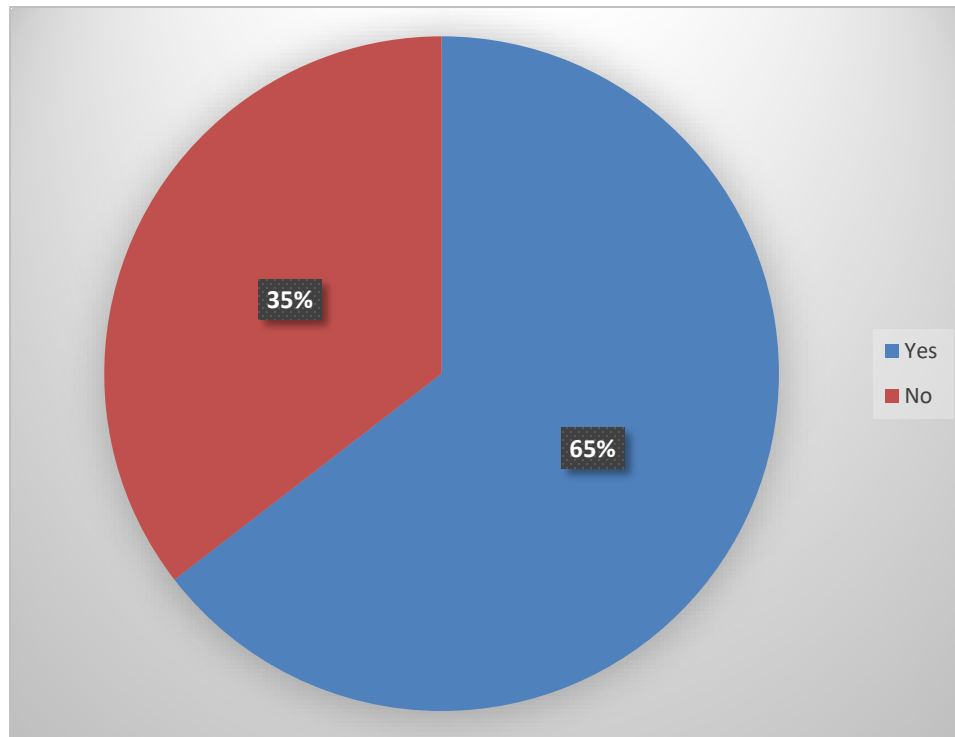


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Future Travel Plan to Conduct Interviews, Use the archives, Study a language, Internship

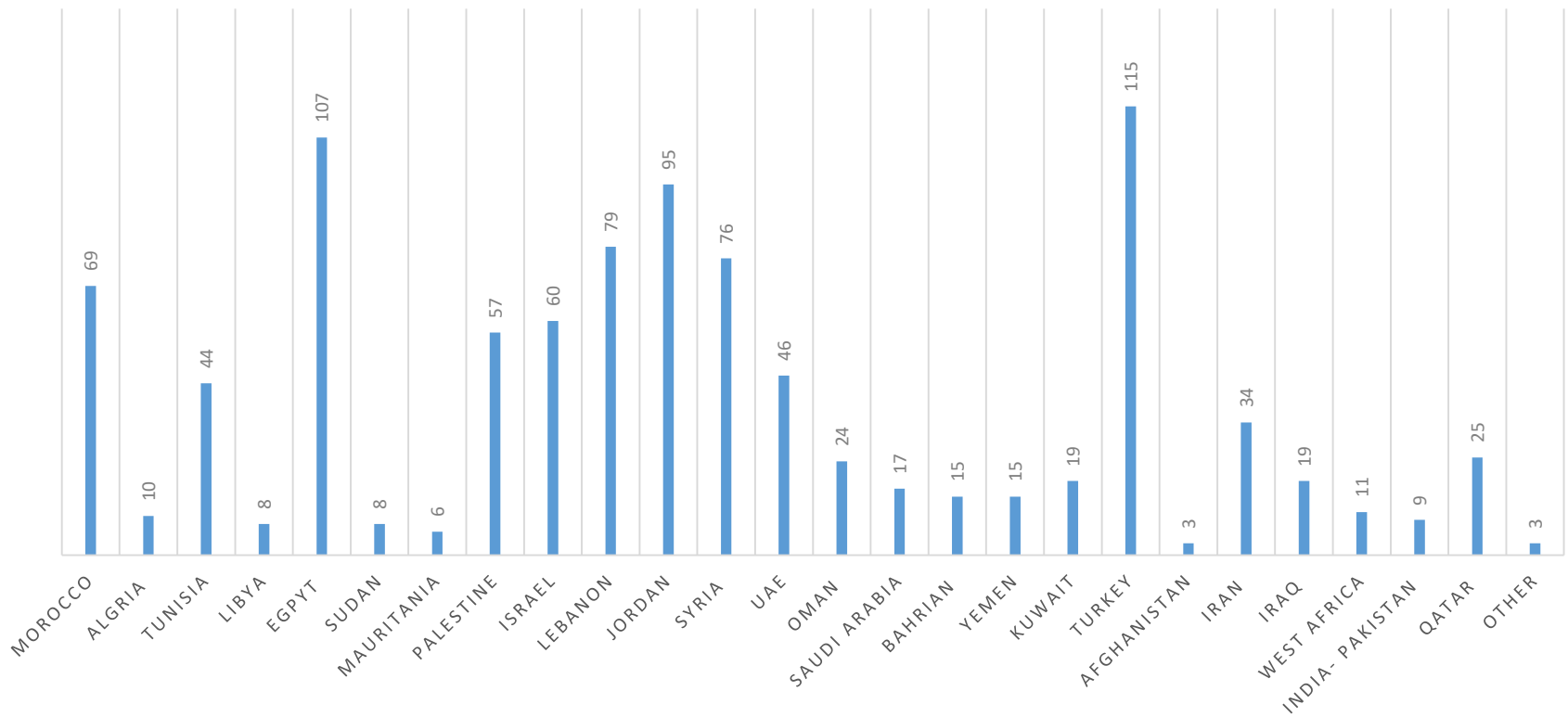


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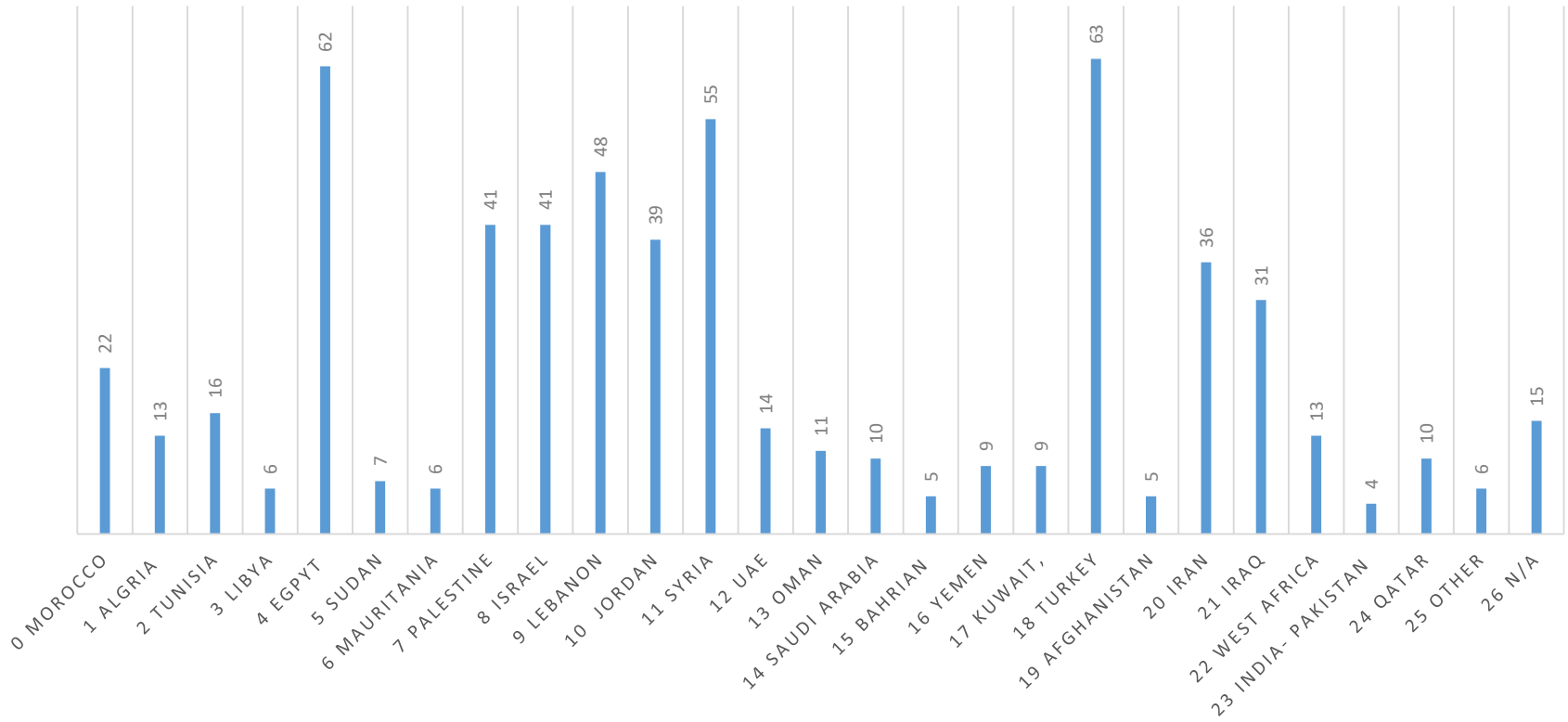


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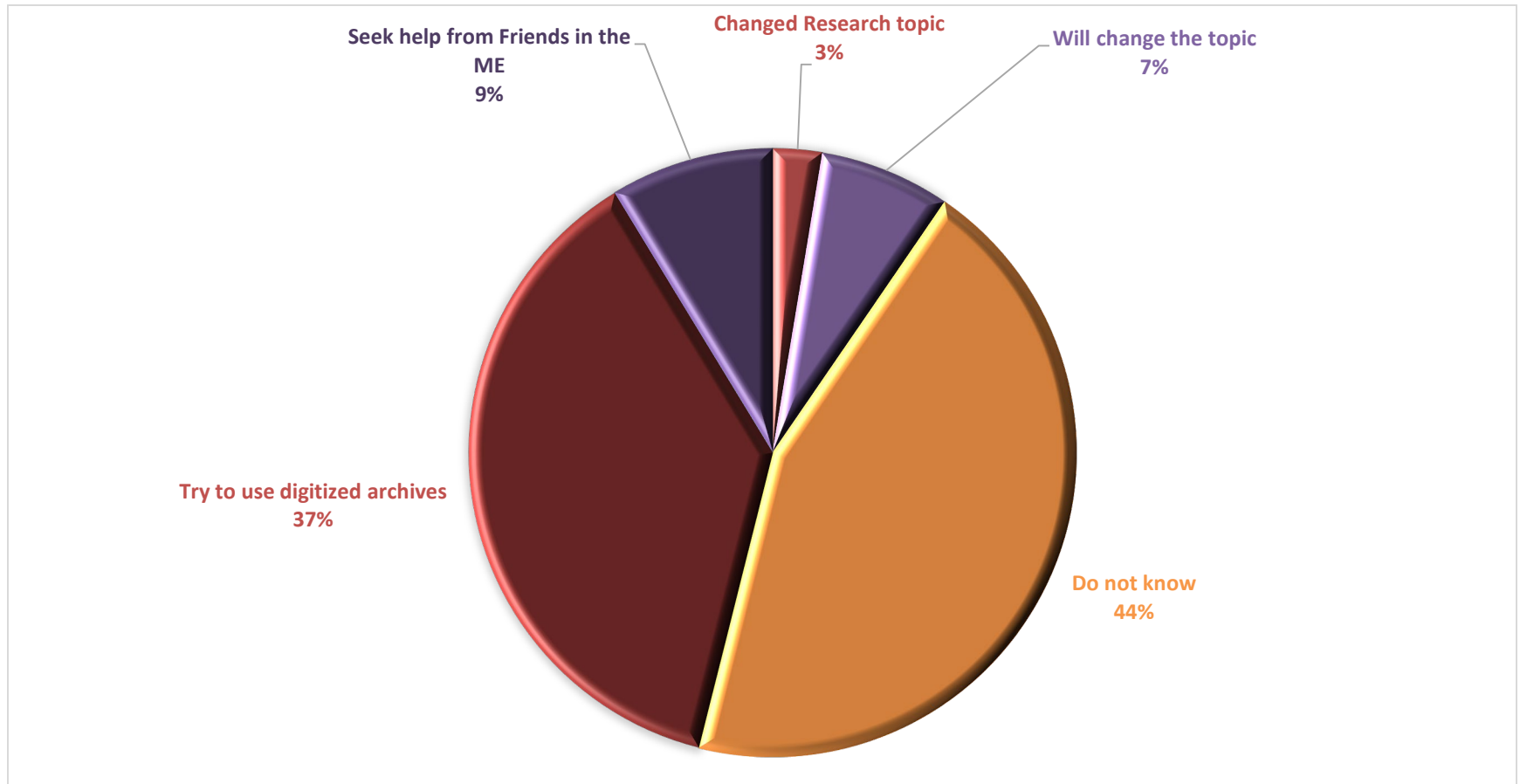




WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO GO IN THE FUTURE



Alternatives solution in case a researcher cannot visit the library or archives he/ she needs?



What is next





Conclusion

- Librarians and Archivists in the Middle East need to take more responsibilities and act to save their archives.
- Researchers, librarians and archivists should work together to create more digitized projects.
- More studies need to be carried to demonstrate the value of archival materials in the MES field, and to explore the challenges that scholars are facing because of turmoil in the region.
- The Middle East Libraries and Archivists need to Create Disaster Management Planning