

**Feminist Eye- Observation for Action**

Feminist Eye- Observation for Action is a feminist initiative that helps monitoring violence against women and girls in Syria, by highlighting legislations that tolerate violence, providing statistical data on this phenomenon, and proposing legal tools to combat it.

Feminist Eye- Observation for Action is a tool for knowledge, mobilization and advocacy for everyone striving for a society free of violence against women and girls.

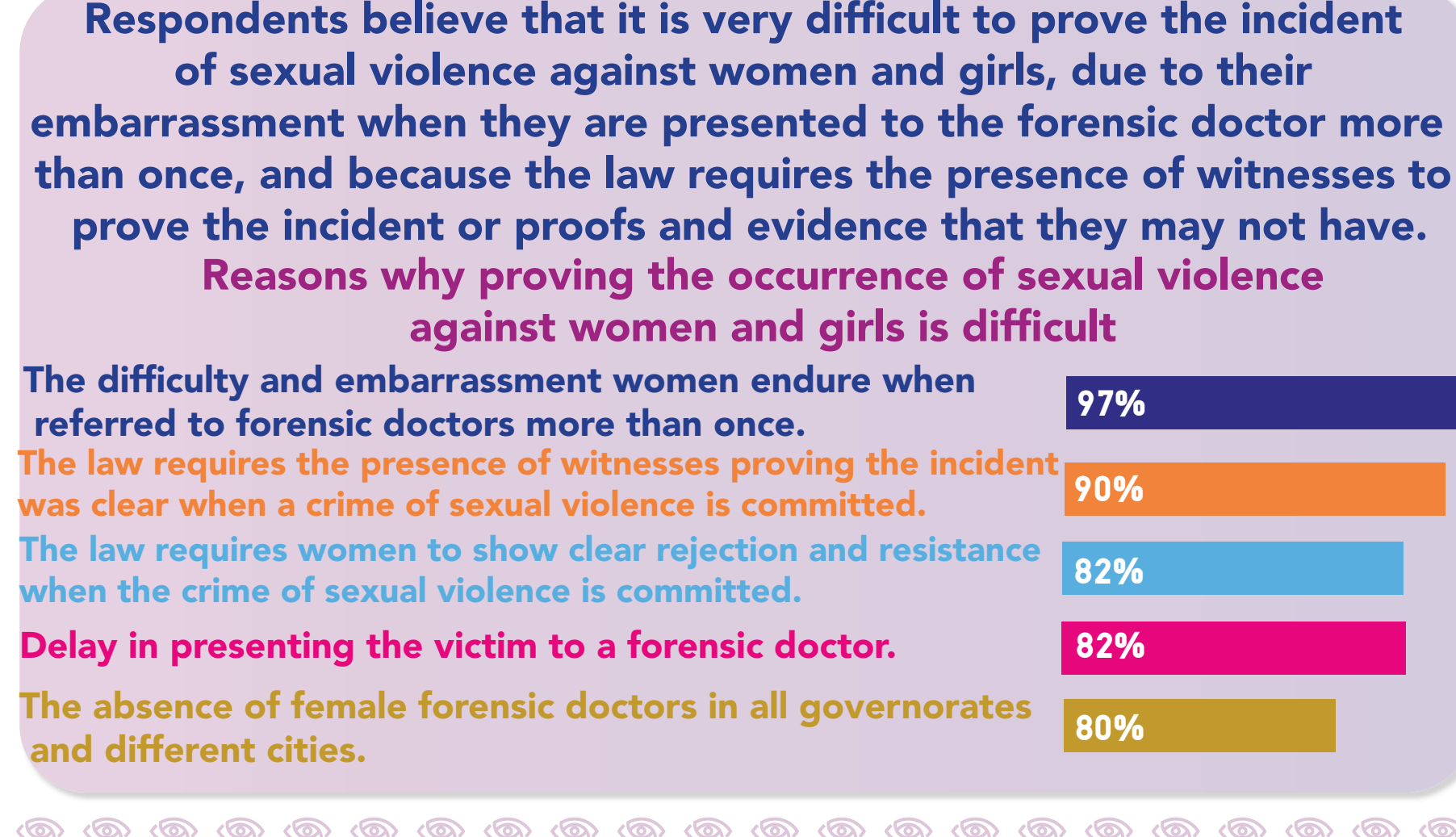
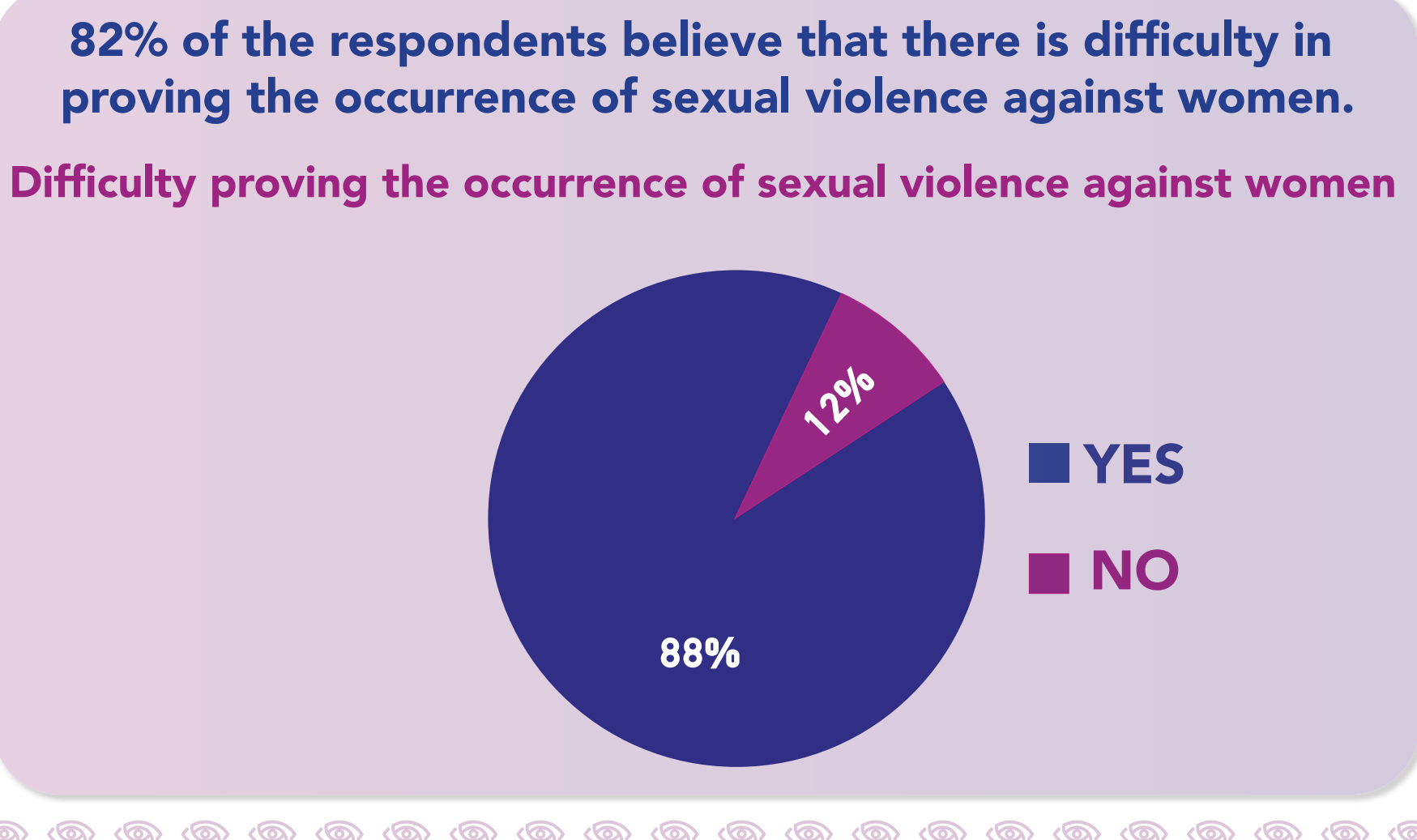
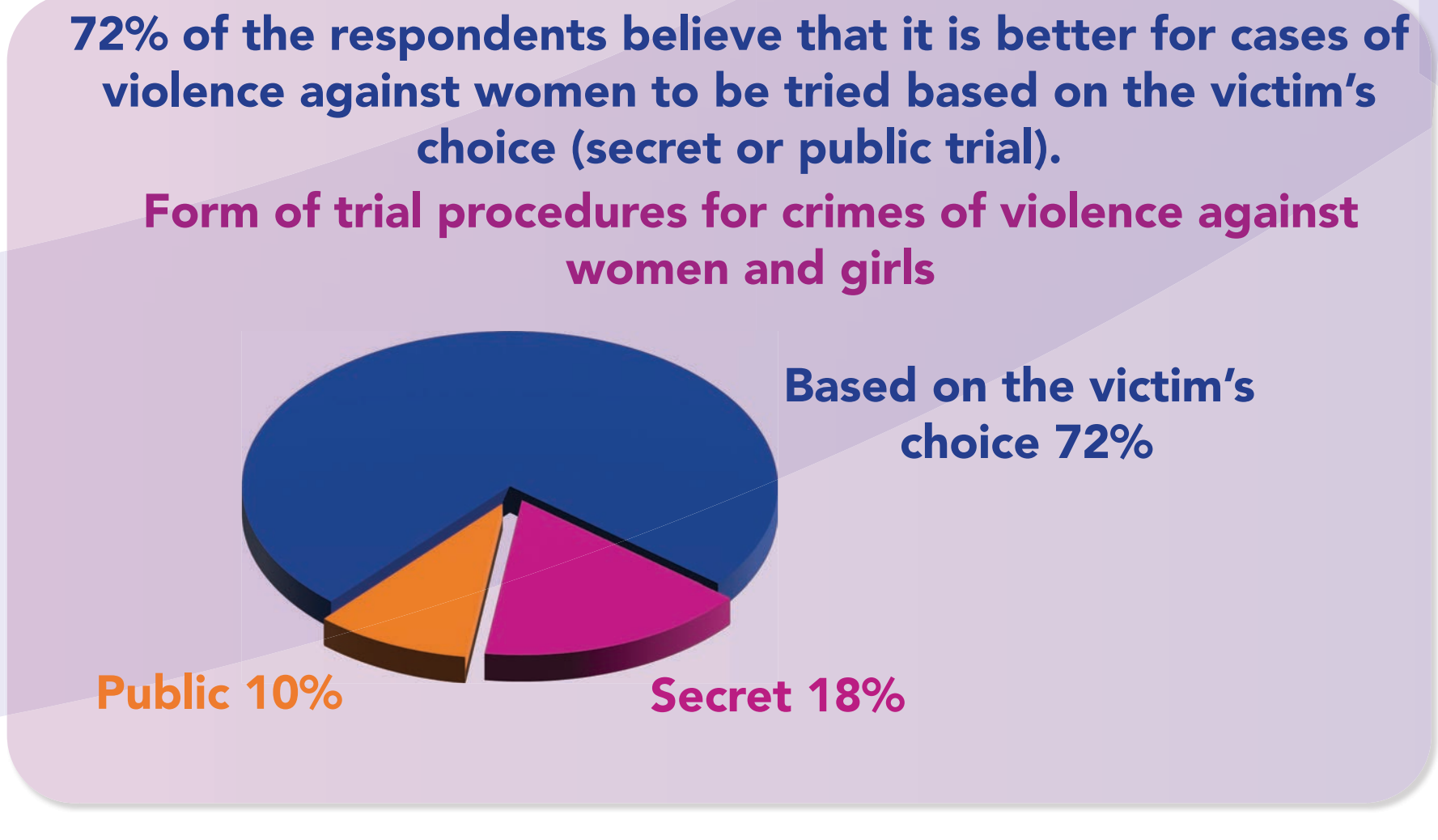
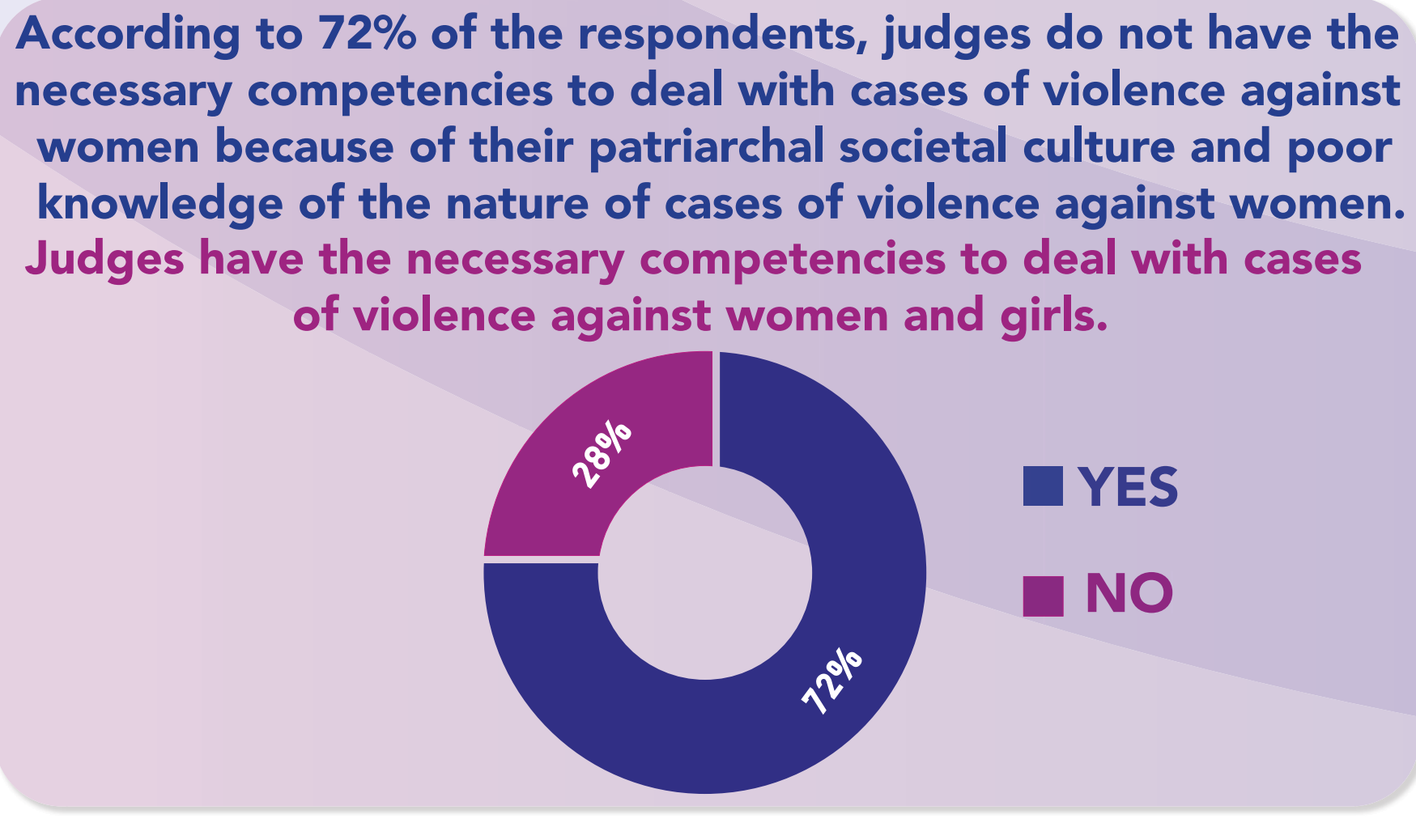
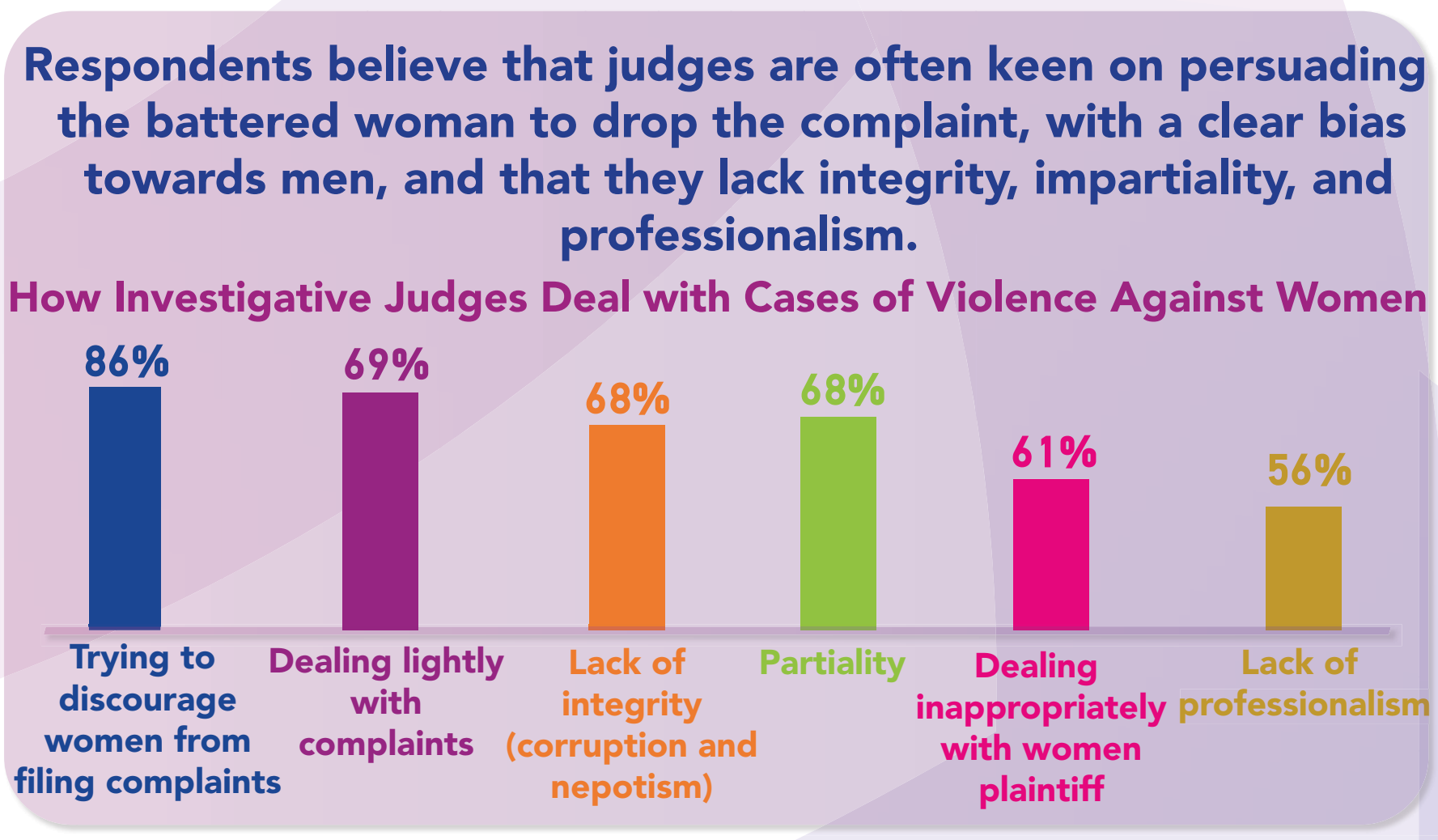
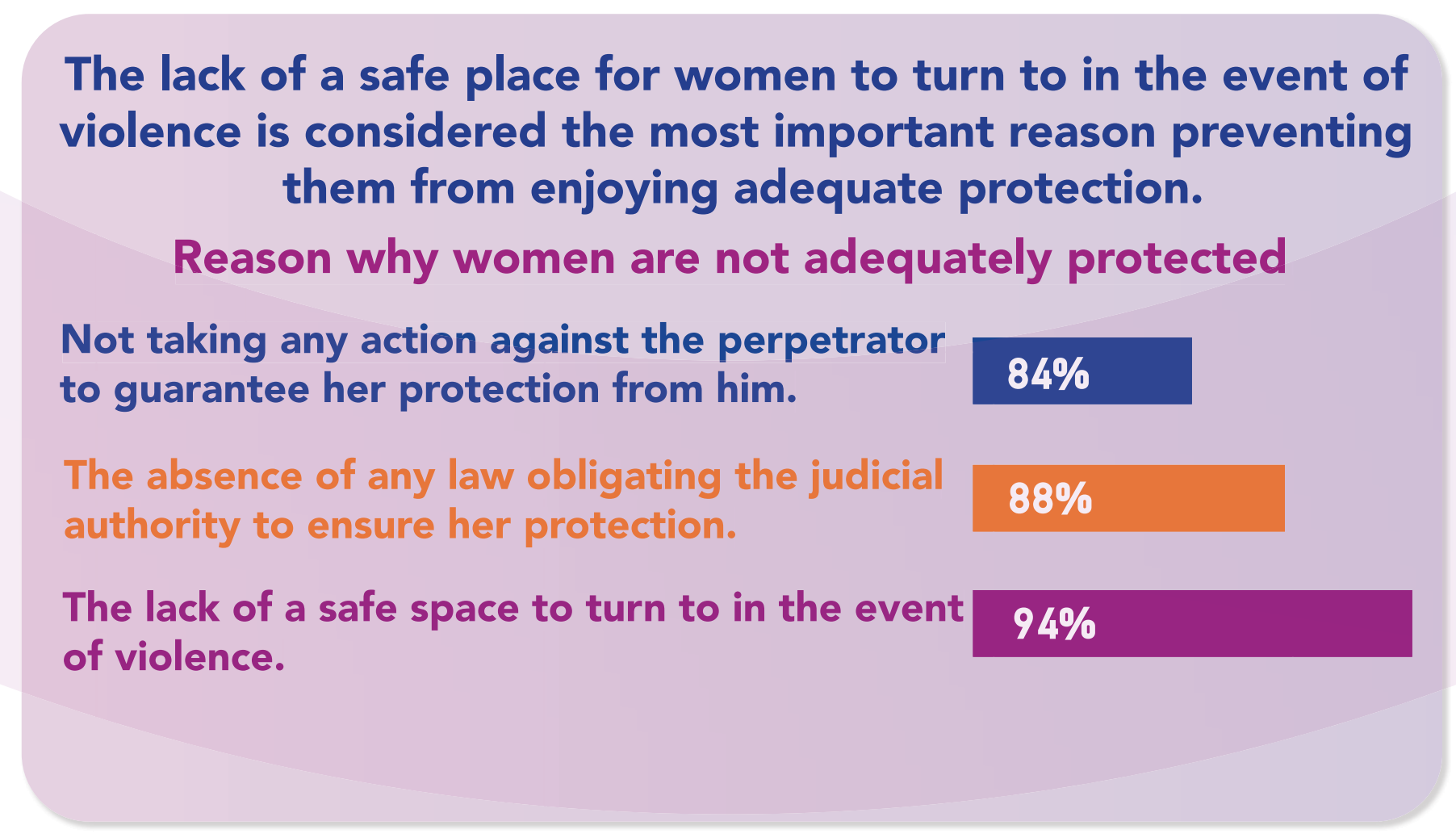
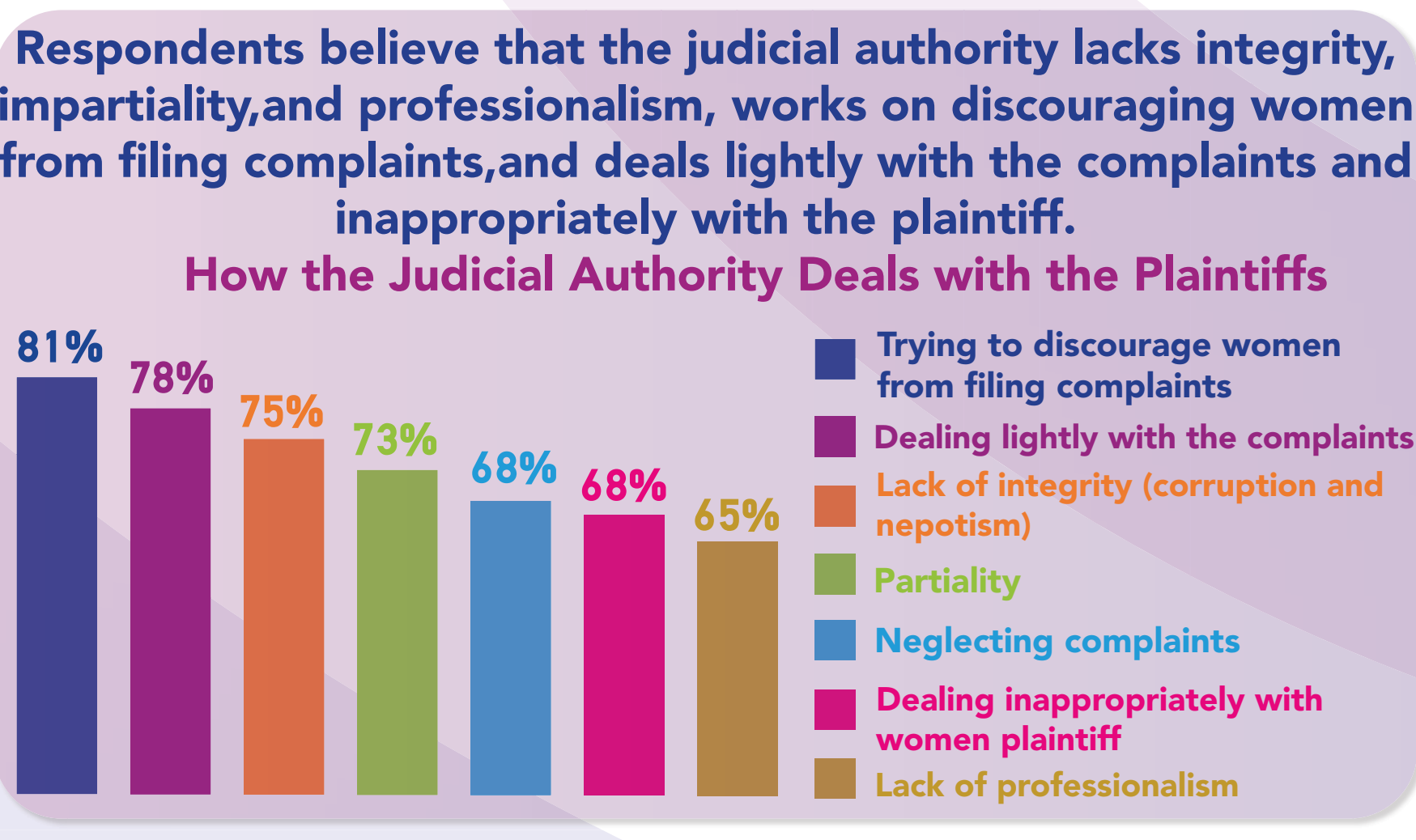
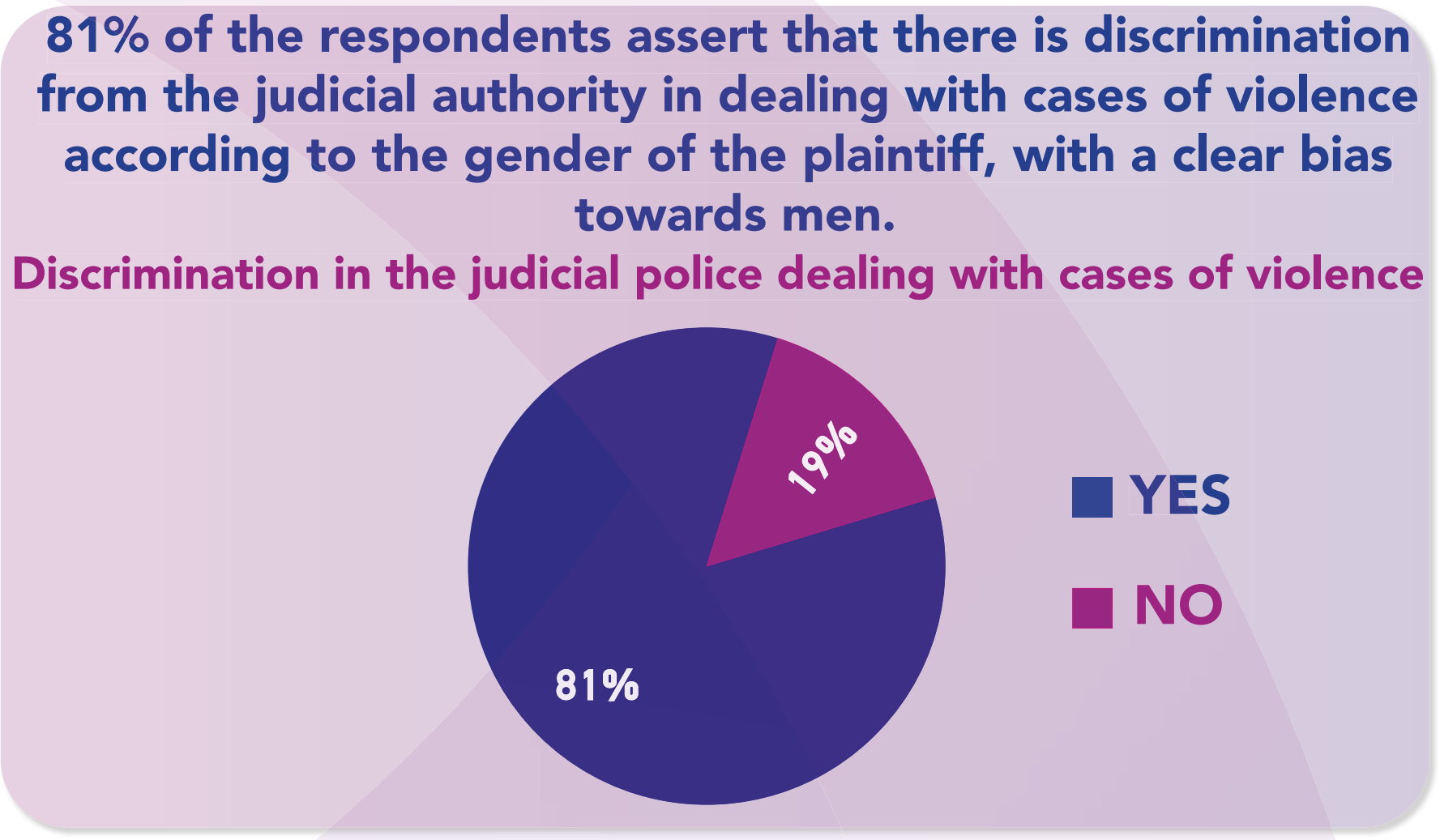
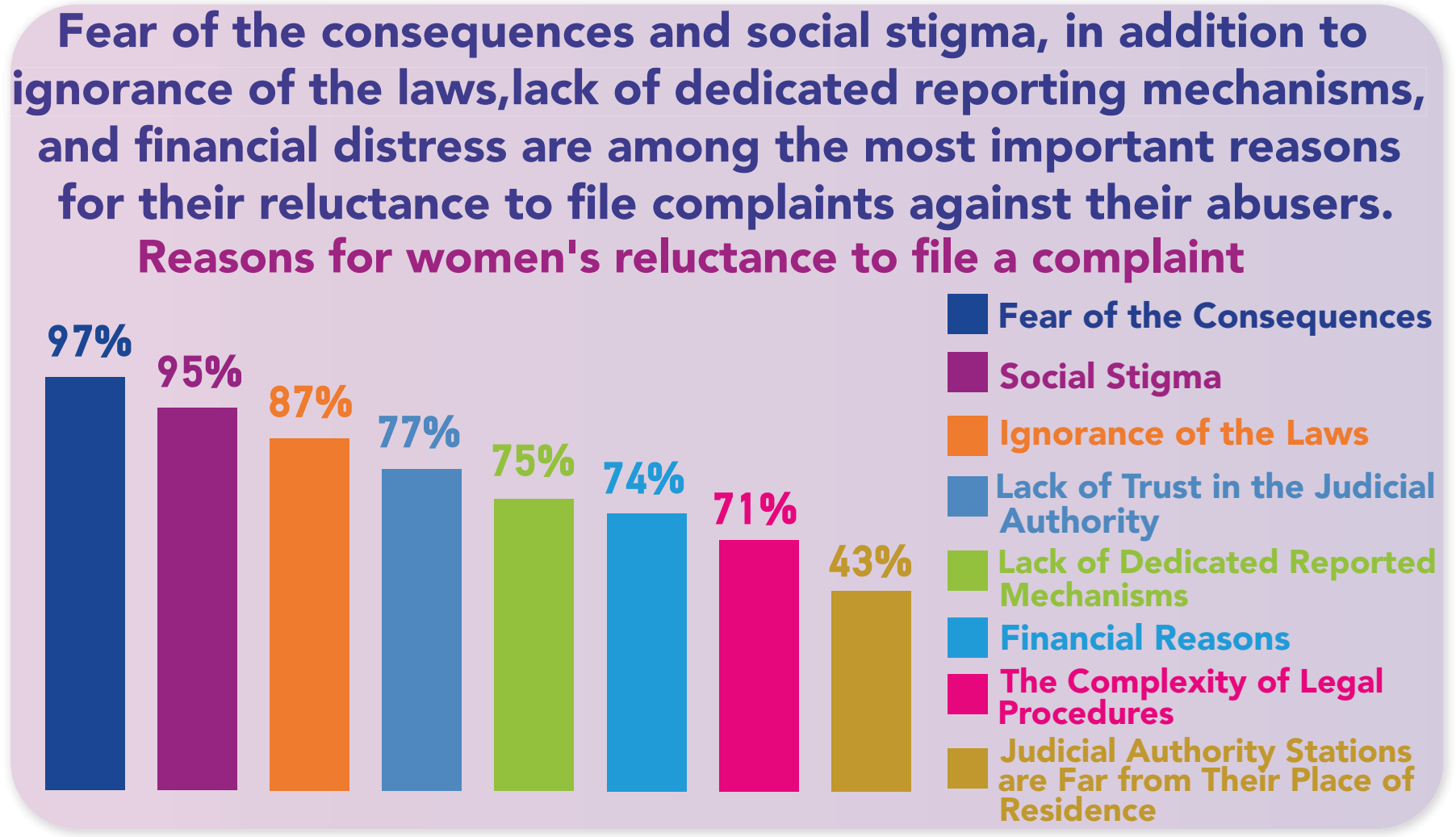
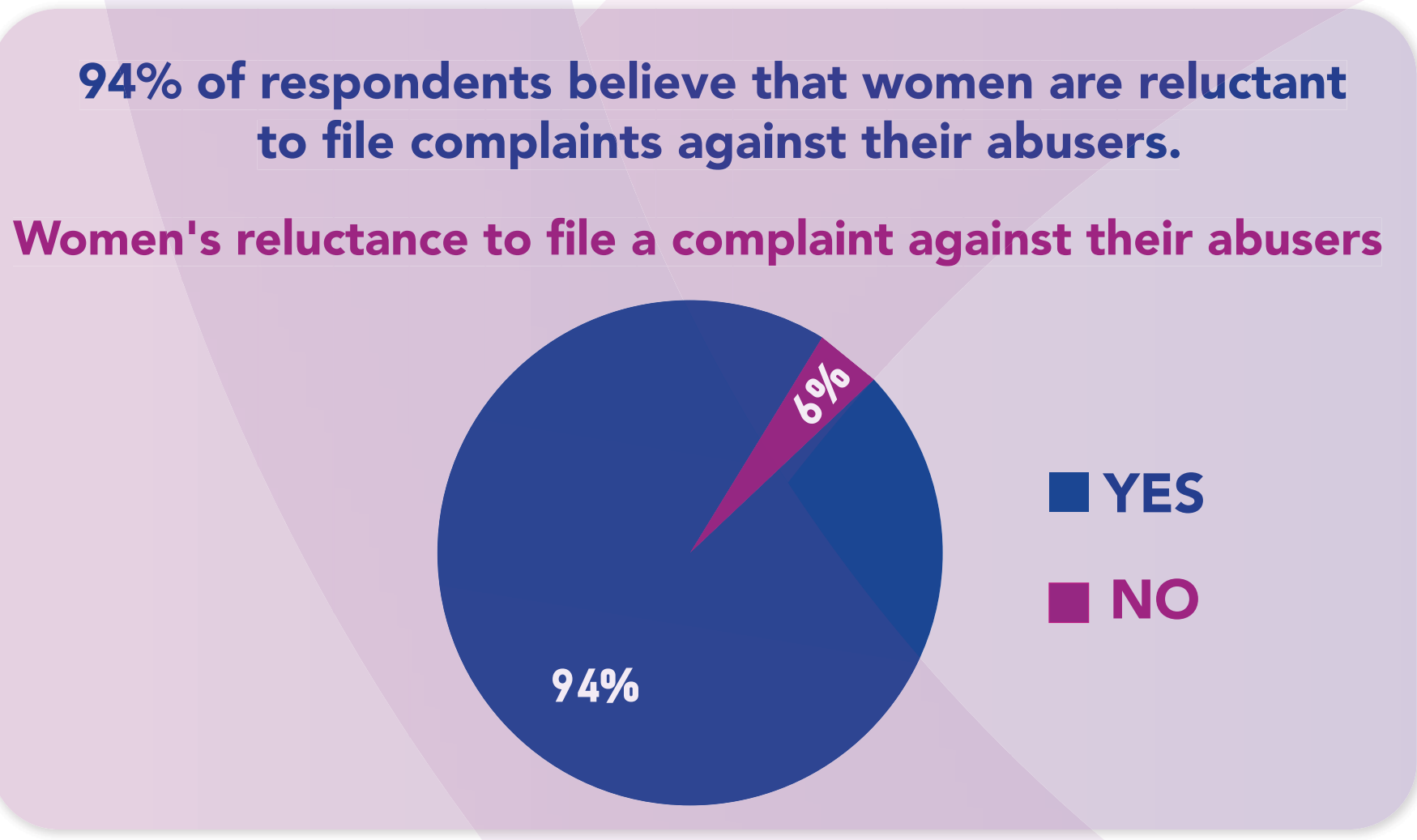
**Inductive Statistics**

"Feminist Eye... Observation for Action" carried out a study aimed at monitoring women's opinions about the litigation process in violence cases in Syria, the reasons that prevent them from filing complaints, and the difficulties they might encounter in the event of reporting.

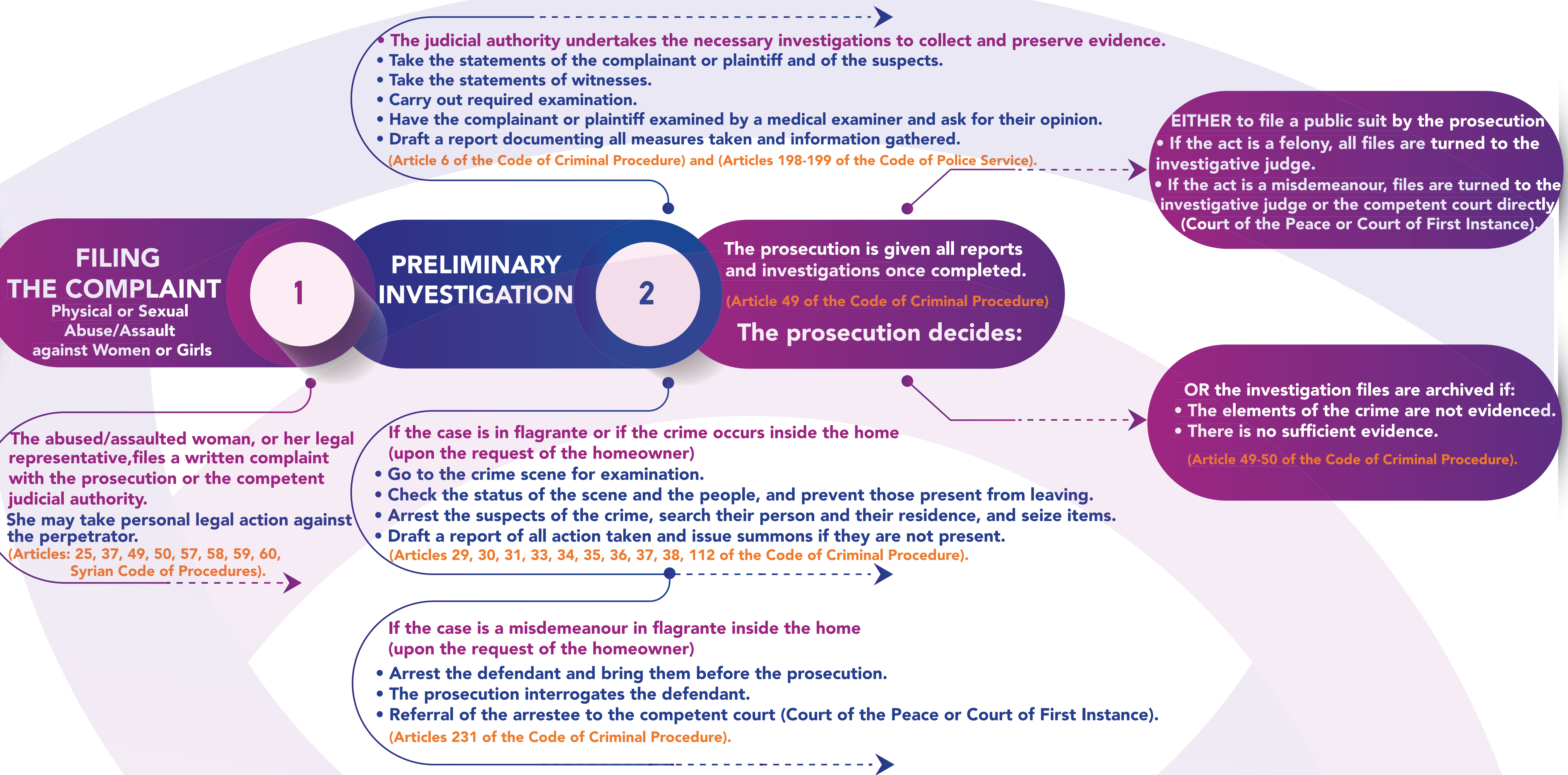
**Study Population and Sample**

**Sample Community:** Syrian women and girls and the like.

**Study Sample:** A non-probability sample (accidental or opportunity sampling) of 500 Syrian women. An electronic questionnaire was distributed online. We got 500 answers, 2% of them will be discarded because they were from non-Syrian women, so the sample will be 490 Syrian women and girls.







**2 Recommendations for the Preliminary Investigation**

- Establish dedicated competent parties to receive reports of violence against women and girls (such as through applications or the free national women's hotline, so that they can provide services to the surviving victims of violence in all hours of day and night)
- Establish a dedicated prosecution bureau to process complaints of violence against women and girls.
- Establish in the Ministry of Interior, as per its legislation and bylaws, departments of judicial authority to follow up on violent crimes against women and girls.
- Embed in penal laws legal provisions penalizing agents of judicial authority, under the law, who show negligence in processing complaints or reports regarding violence against women and girls, irrespective of the person filing them. Any attempt to coerce women into recanting their complaints would leave the judicial officer subject to disciplinary measures. Officers would be punished for pressuring victims or exercising any form of coercion to relinquish their rights, or change or recant the complaint.
- Embed in penal laws legal provisions obligating health clinics, community centres, public and private academic institutions to report any suspicious activities involving violence against women and girls, under the penalty of legal action.
- The law must also provide for expeditious and special rooms affiliated with health centres and hospitals to handle "judicial evidence" in cases of domestic violence, and undertake measures to prevent the loss of evidence due to time (bruises caused by rape will fade over time). The law must also punish all who show negligence or complacency.
- The law must provide for female medical examiners to prevent any embarrassment women and girls may feel if examined by men.
- Police departments (specialized in preliminary investigations and drafting the report) must include male and female non-commissioned officers and ranking officers, given the sensitive subject and to avoid any embarrassment women or girls may feel when talking about certain incidents in front of men.
- Provide emergency shelters for survivors, adequately dispersed based on geographic and population density considerations.
- The judicial authority in charge of the investigation, after seeking the approval of the prosecution, must provide all necessary protections to abused women, namely:
  - Move the victim and children living with her, when necessary, to safe locations in coordination with competent bodies and the Child Protection Delegate.
  - Transport the victim to receive medical attention if physically wounded.
  - Remove the defendant from the victim's place of residence or prevent the defendant from approaching the victim or going to her place of work in case of danger on the victim or children living with her.



