The Women Peace and Security (WPS) Index: Zooming in on the MENA region

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The MENA Region

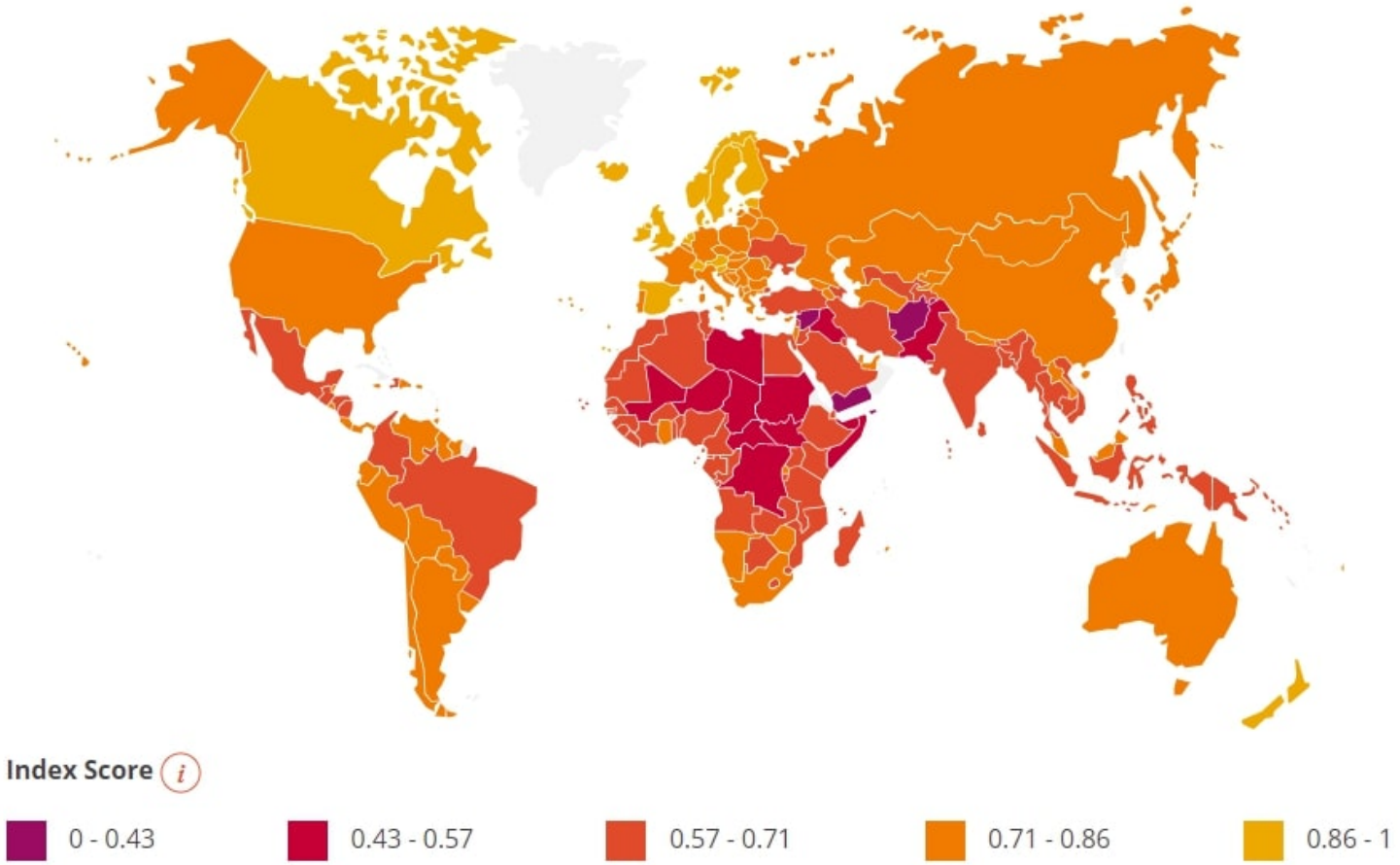
States included in the MENA region:

- Algeria
- Bahrain
- Egypt
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Morocco
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- Tunisia
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen

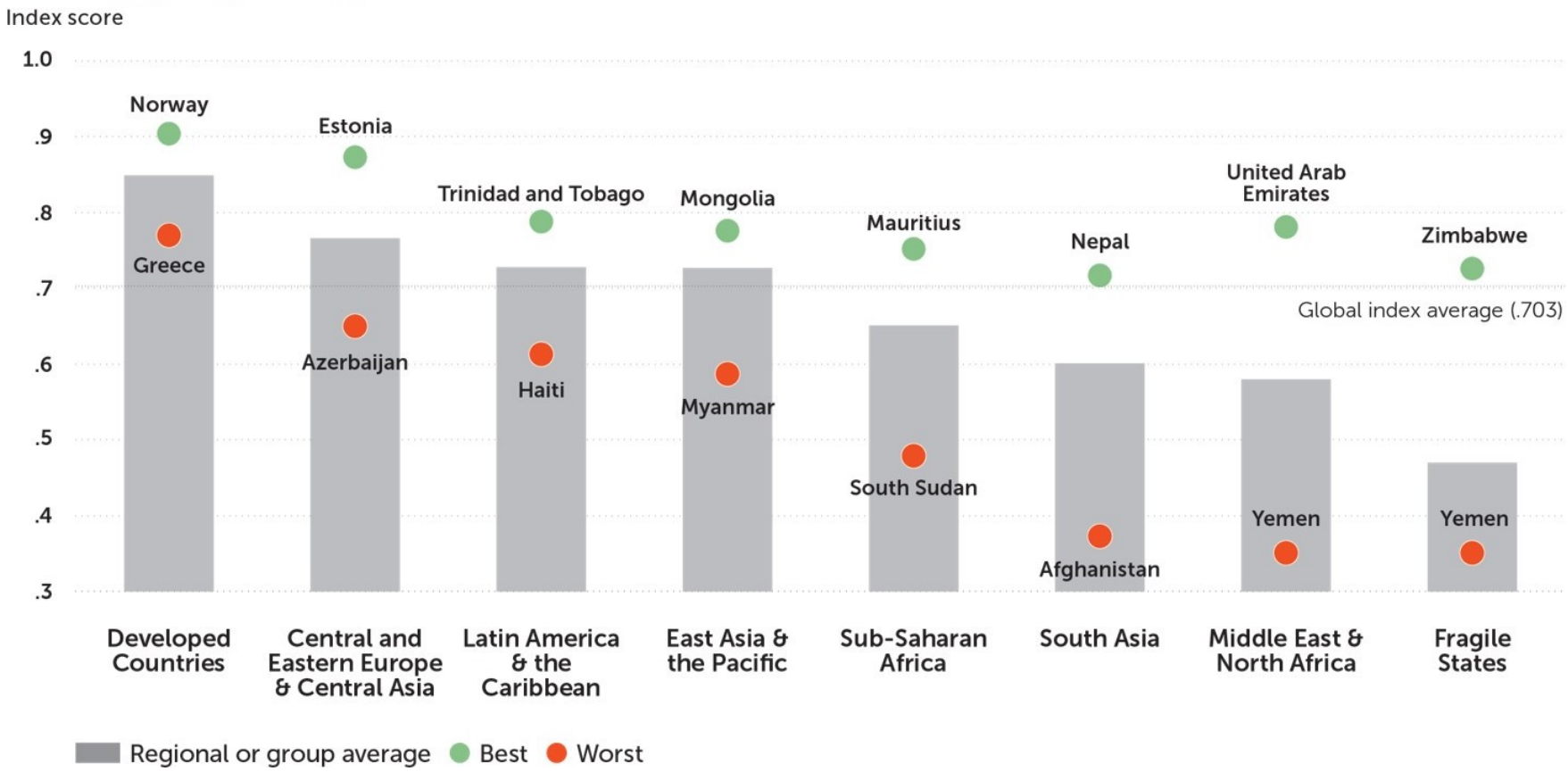
Task:

- What is your impression of Women, Peace and Security in the MENA region?
- Are there specific aspects you expect the MENA region, or specific countries to fare particularly well/bad on?

WPS scores



Regional differences

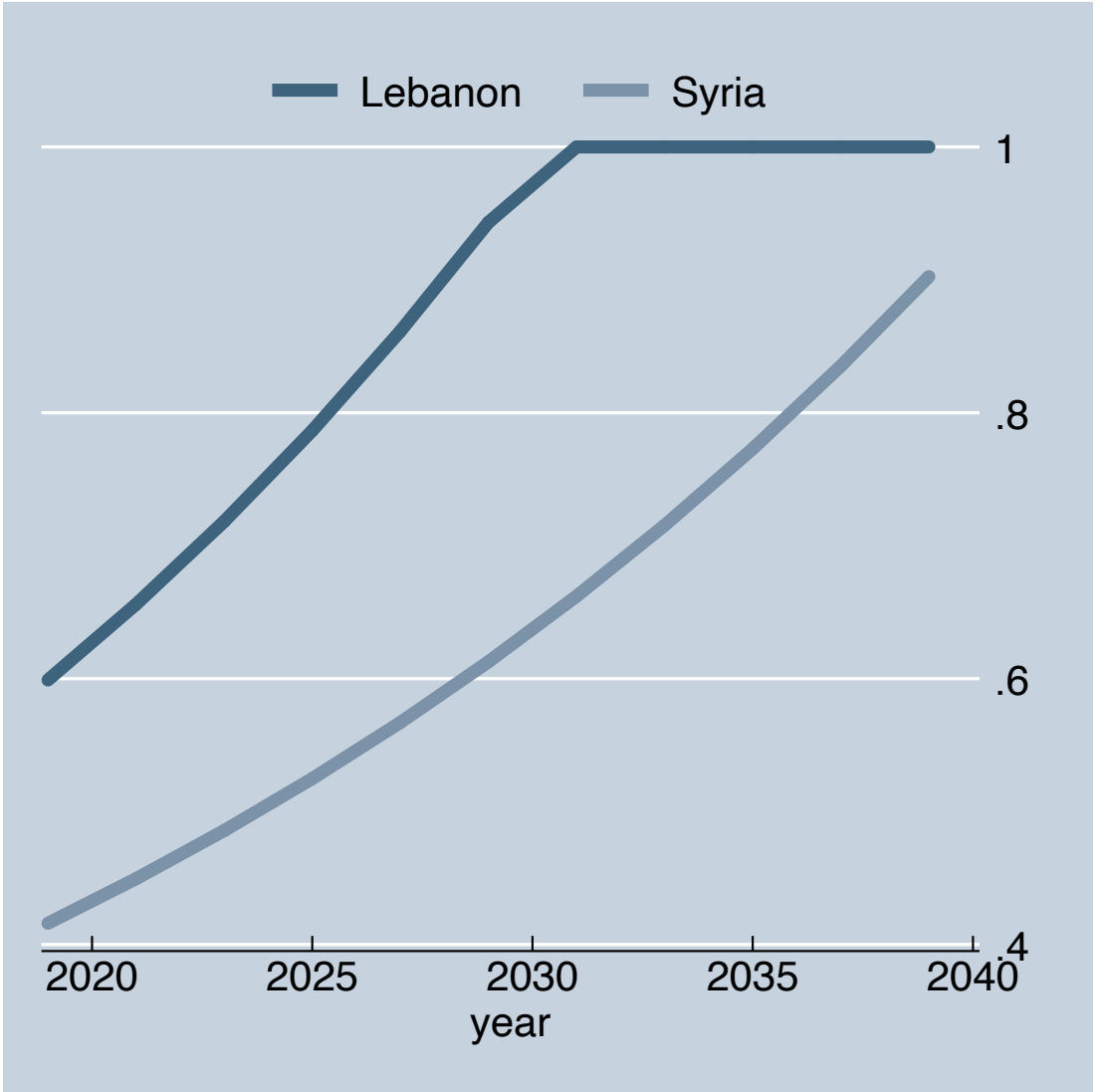


WPS scores in the MENA region

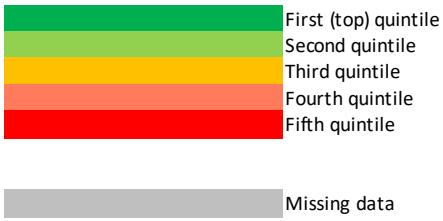
Country	Score 2019	Rank 2019	Score 2017	Rank 2017	Growth rate
United Arab Emirates	0.781	44	0.746	42	4.7%
Bahrain	0.719	83	0.709	63	1.4%
Kuwait	0.701	96	0.675	83	3.9%
Saudi Arabia	0.655	120	0.655	99	0
Tunisia	0.651	121	0.663	93	-1.8%
Jordan	0.629	129	0.627	110	0.3%
Morocco	0.625	133	0.623	113	0.3%
Algeria	0.611	143	0.595	123	2.7%
Lebanon	0.599	147	0.547	143	9.5%
Egypt	0.583	151	0.559	138	4.3%
Libya	0.546	158	--	--	
State of Palestine	0.521	160	--	--	
Iraq	0.49	162	0.5	147	-2%
Syria	0.416	165	0.385	152	8.1%
Yemen	0.351	167	0.407	151	-13.8%

Increase
Slight increase
Slight decline
Decline

What would the future look like if growth rate continued?



Good and bad performance:



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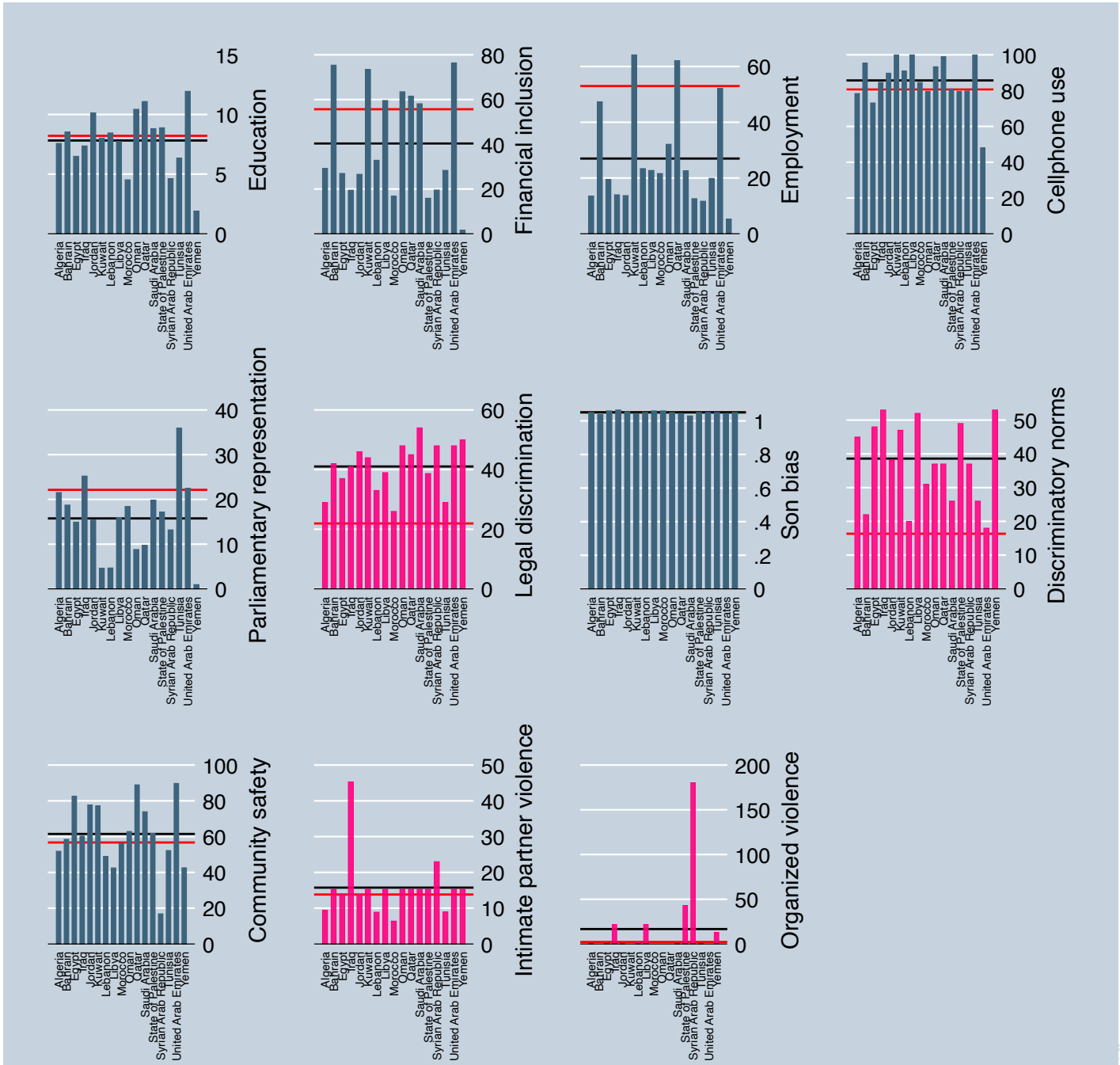
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Legal Discrimination

Country	Legal discrimination (score)	Legal discrimination (ranking)
Global average	22	
MENA average	41	
Morocco	26	125
Algeria	29	145
Tunisia	29	147
Lebanon	33	157
Egypt	37	166
Libya	39	171
Iraq	41	175
Bahrain	42	176
Kuwait	44	177
Qatar	45	178
Jordan	46	181
Oman	48	182
Syrian Arab Republic	48	183
United Arab Emirates	48	184
Yemen	50	186
Saudi Arabia	54	187

Discriminatory Norms

Country	Unacceptable (score)	Unacceptable (ranking)
Global average	16	
MENA average	38	
United Arab Emirates	18	116
Lebanon	20	127
Bahrain	22	138
Saudi Arabia	26	145
Tunisia	26	147
Morocco	31	152
Oman	37	161
Syrian Arab Republic	37	162
Qatar	37	163
Jordan	38	165
Algeria	45	167
Kuwait	47	168
Egypt	48	169
State of Palestine	49	170
Libya	52	172
Iraq	53	173
Yemen	53	174

Cellphone use

country	Cellphone (score)	Cellphone (ranking)
Global average	80	
MENA average	85	
Libya	100	1
Kuwait	100	1
United Arab Emirates	100	1
Saudi Arabia	99	8
Bahrain	95	26
Qatar	93	38
Lebanon	91	49
Jordan	90	58
Iraq	85	90
Morocco	85	91
State of Palestine	81	102
Tunisia	80	104
Syrian Arab Republic	80	106
Oman	80	107
Algeria	78	114
Egypt	73	133
Yemen	48	165

Community Safety

Country	Community safety (score, %)	Community safety (ranking)
Global average	57	
MENA average	61	
United Arab Emirates	90	2
Qatar	89	3
Egypt	83	14
Jordan	78	20
Kuwait	77	27
Saudi Arabia	74	38
Oman	63	64
State of Palestine	62	69
Iraq	60	75
Bahrain	59	81
Morocco	56	87
Tunisia	52	101
Algeria	52	102
Lebanon	49	113
Yemen	43	137
Libya	43	138
Syrian Arab Republic	17	175

Education

Country	Education (score)	Education (ranking)
Global average	8.2	
MENA average	7.8	
United Arab Emirates	11.9	30
Qatar	11.1	46
Oman	10.4	62
Jordan	10.1	68
State of Palestine	8.9	87
Saudi Arabia	8.8	88
Bahrain	8.5	93
Lebanon	8.5	95
Kuwait	8.0	101
Libya	7.7	104
Algeria	7.6	107
Iraq	7.3	113
Egypt	6.5	122
Tunisia	6.4	123
Syrian Arab Republic	4.6	139
Morocco	4.5	141
Yemen	1.9	170

Conclusion

- No MENA countries improve its rank between 2017 and 2019, but 9 countries improves their score.
- Only 3 countries do worse
- The MENA region is the region faring worst on the WPS index, but two countries United Arab Emirates and Bahrain outperform the global average
- It is the region with the biggest discrepancy in scores
- The MENA region does particularly poorly on *Legal Discrimination* and *Discriminatory norms*.
- It outperforms the global average on *Cellphone use* and *Community safety*.
- It is close to the global average on Education, and a few countries do extremely well here.
- if growth continues the same way, Lebanon will outperform Norway in 2039 and Lebanon as early as in 2029.