

# **Growing Incidence of Divorce in Indian Cities: A Study of Mumbai**







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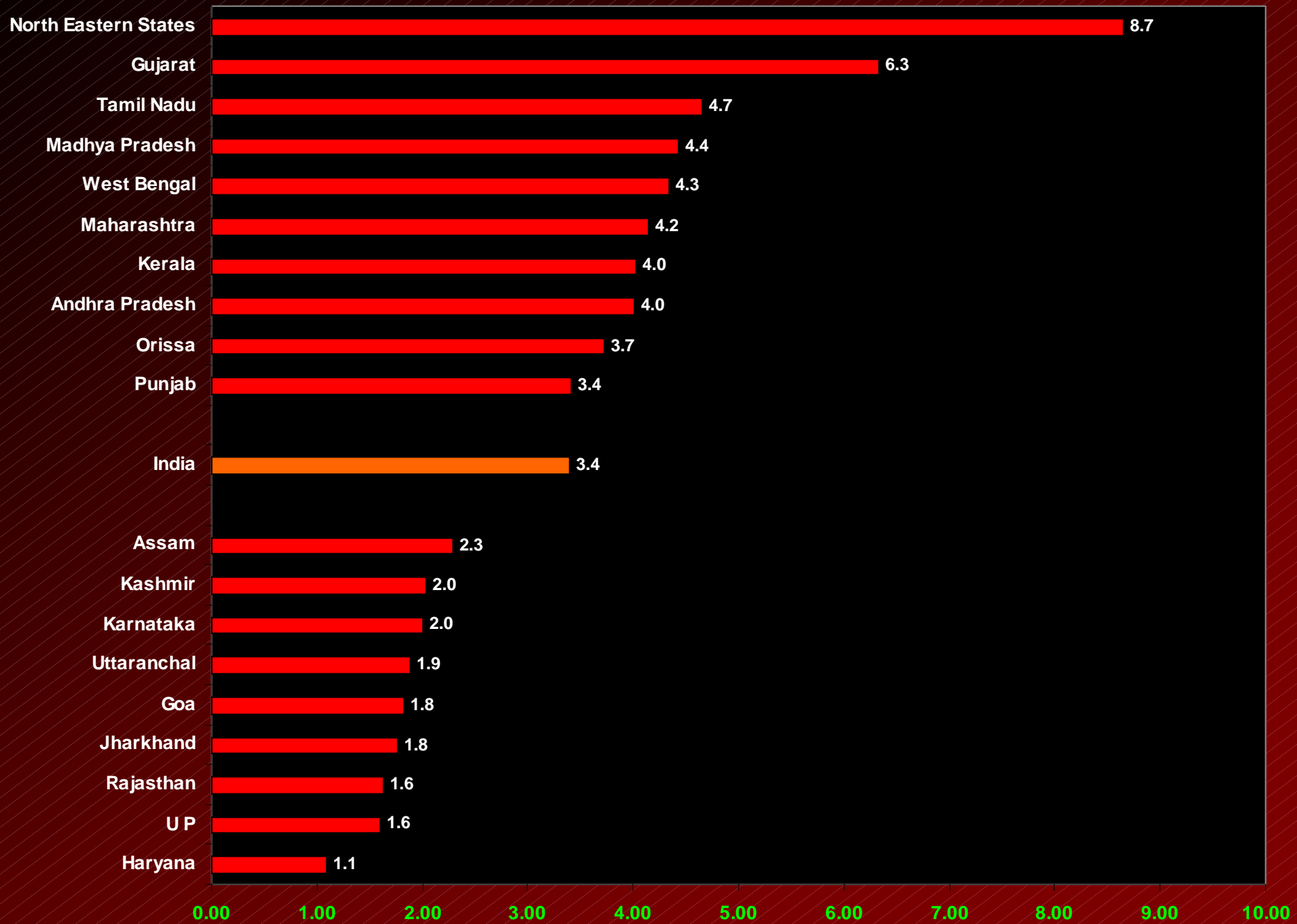
# Objectives of the Study

-  To study the situation of divorce phenomena for Mumbai Metropolis for the period 1991-2001, from the court records.
-  To study the process and procedures of divorce, such as the interval between marriage and the petition for divorce, the time taken for the decision of the judicial court, etc.
-  To examine the socio-economic and cultural background of the divorcees, and to analyse the factors which lead to dissolution.
-  To examine the perceptions regarding divorce among males and female divorcee and to access the social and legal difficulties in getting divorce.

## Data Source:

**Family Court Bandra, Mumbai; Census 2001 and National Journals**

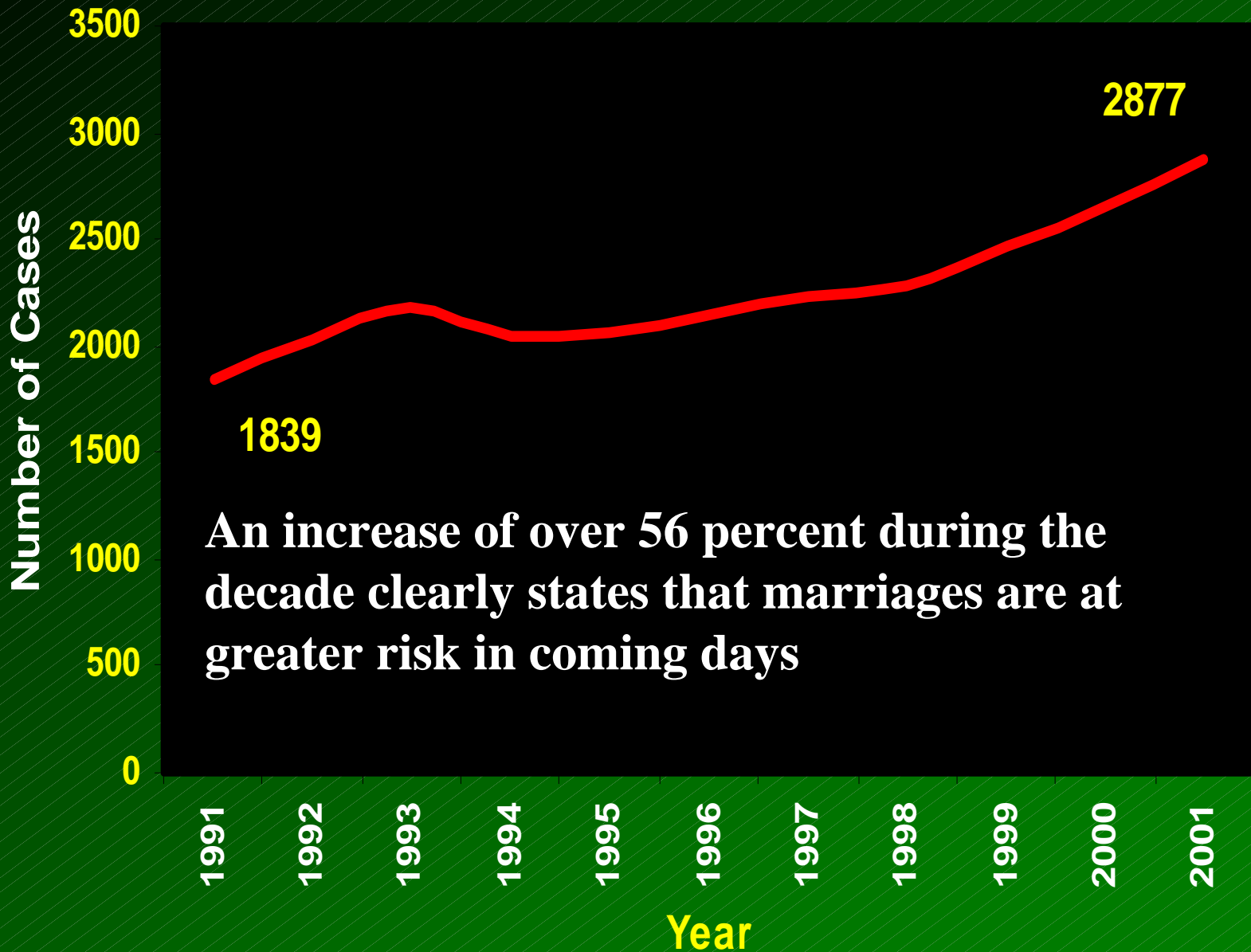
## Divorce situation across the States of India , Census 2001



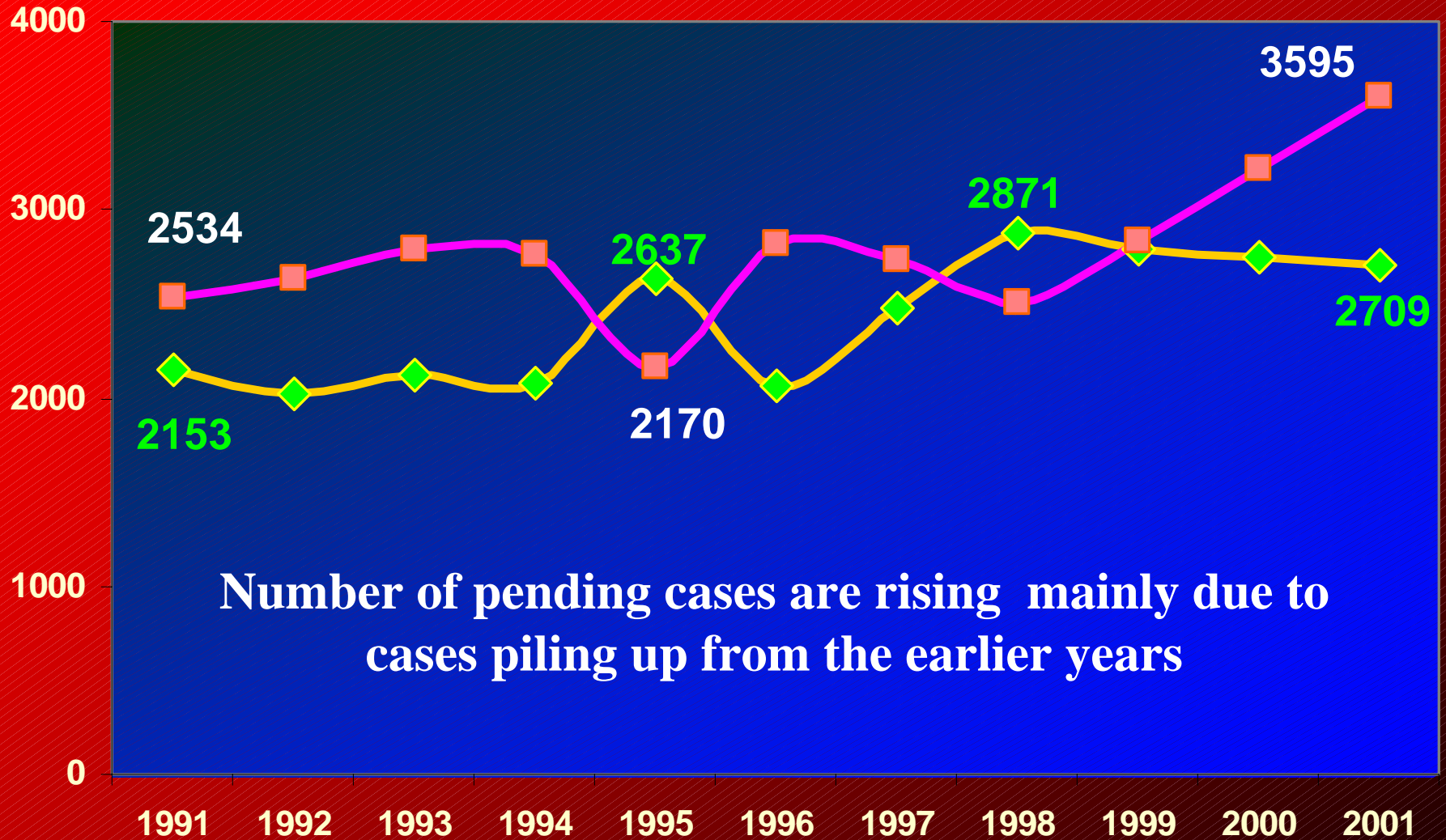
# Divorce Rate in India and selected Megacities by young and old age group, Census 2001



# Divorce case Instituted at Family Court Bandra, Mumbai



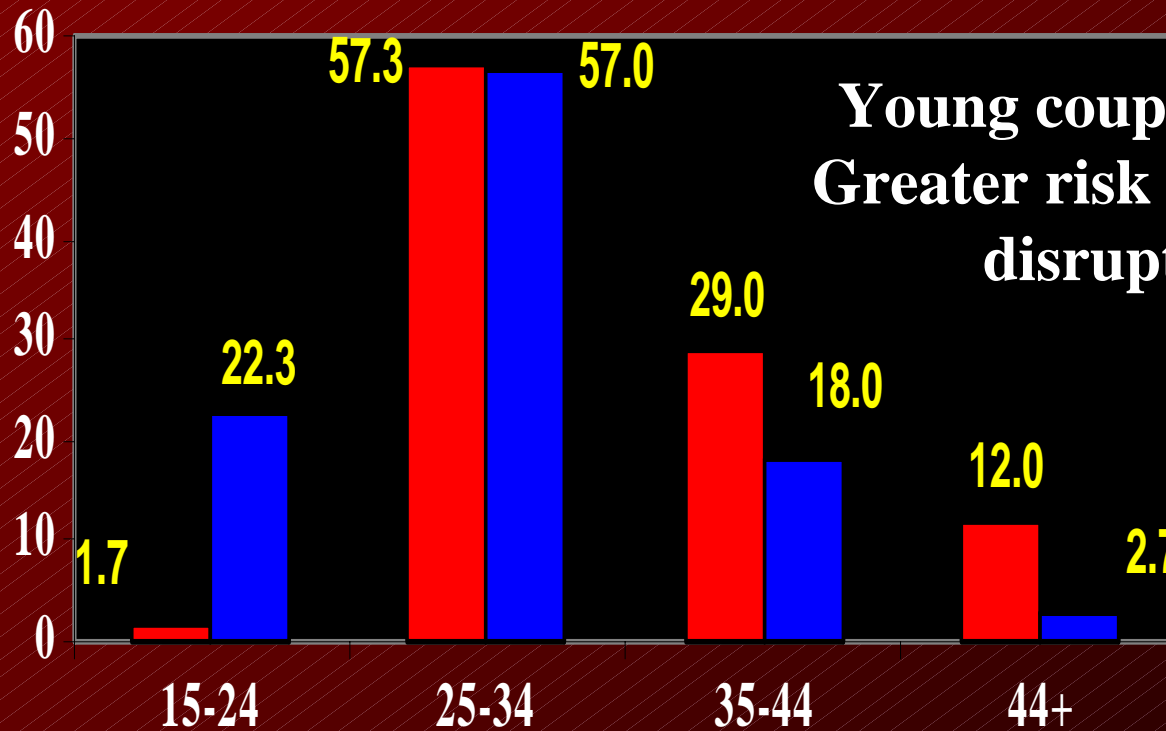
# Total Divorce Cases Disposed and Cases Pending



◆ Disposed

■ pending at the close of the year

# Age of the Petitioners

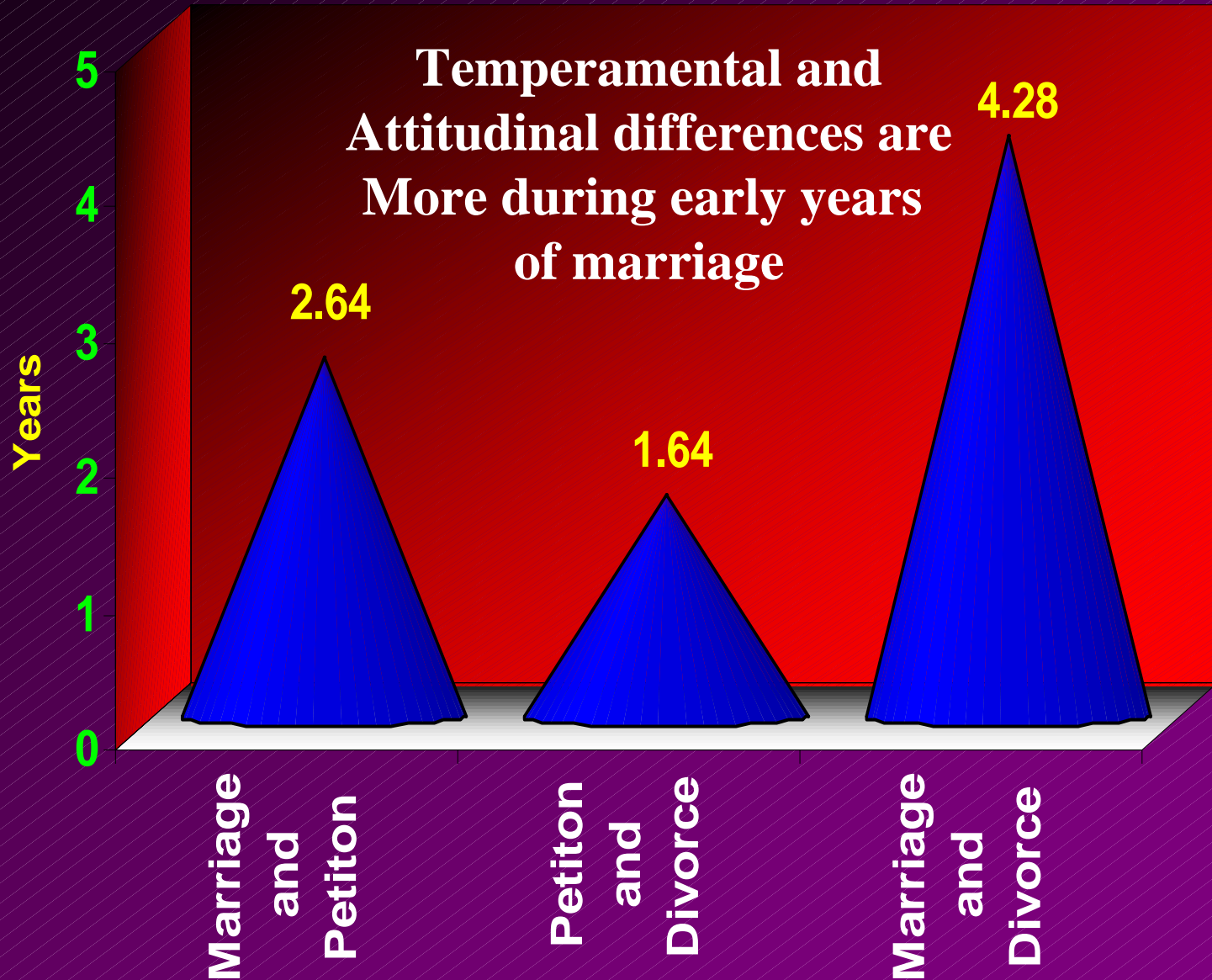


Age Group

■ Husband

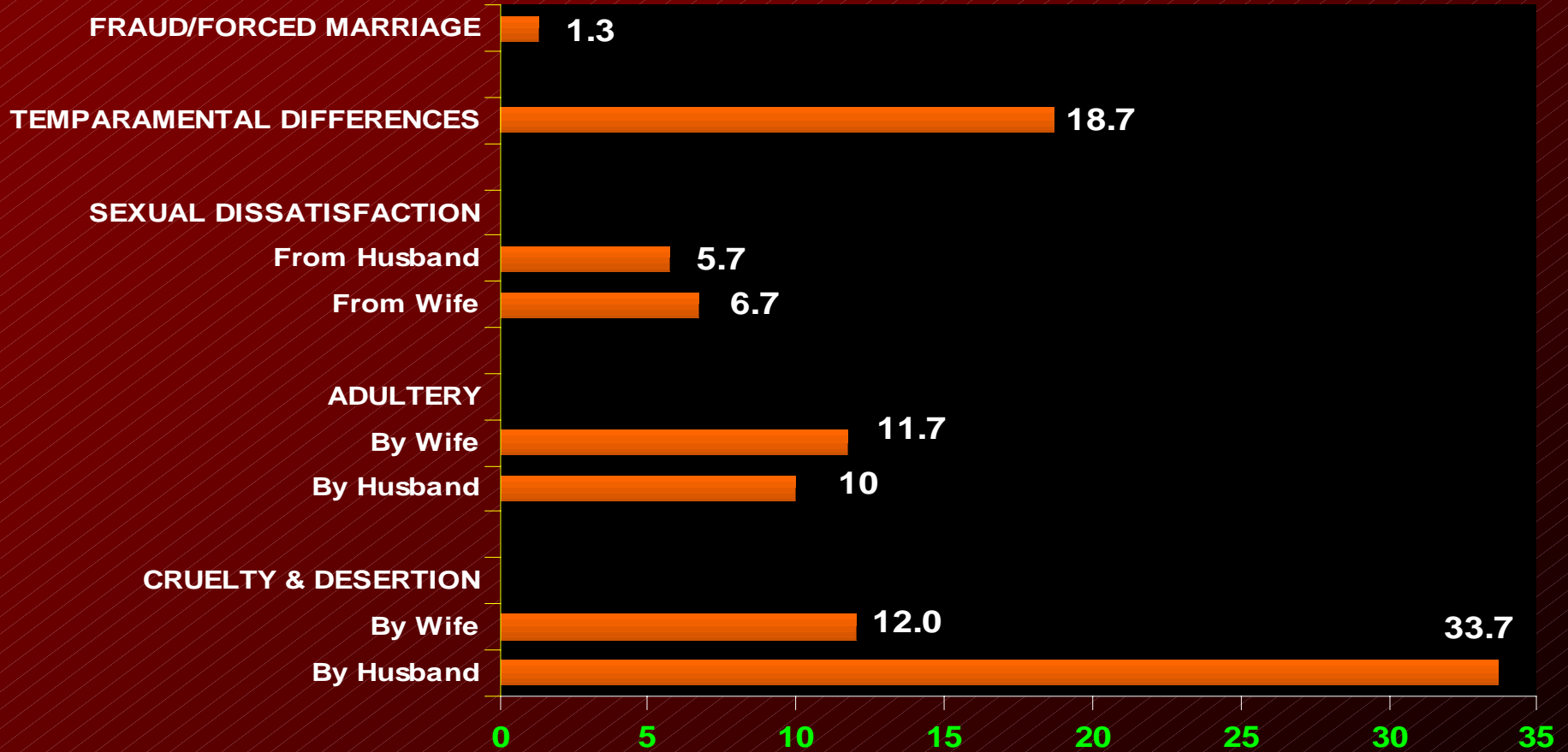
■ Wife

# Average Duration





# Reasons for Marriage Dissolution



## **The agony and desperation.....**

*“Life with my husband became so intolerable that I forgot every thing. I was so exhausted physically and mentally, that all I wanted was some peace of mind and reset I did not even think what I would do after he had left me.”*

*(27 years women; divorced recently)*

*“ He was in habit of using cheap language, and torture me both physically and mentally on account of childlessness, he suspected that I was using some method to avoid pregnancy and once he thrust his finger into the vagina stating that he wanted to check up whether I have placed any physical substances to avoid pregnancy.”*

*(33 years women ;divorced recently)*

# Conclusions

## Marriage is at risk

- During early years of marriage
- When both husband and wife is working
- When both are two different religious individual

## Reasons for Divorce

- Incompatibility and temperamental differences
- Cruelty by Husband
- Adultery
- Sexual dissatisfaction
- **More women than men are taking initiative for divorce**