# SURVEY OF <br> ICELANDIC FOLK BELIEF AND BELIEF ATTITUDES 

Paenl Survey: Social Sciences Institute<br>University of Iceland<br>July-September 2023

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## Descriptives

(Translation of Icelandic introduction)
In total, 2,792 members of the Social Science Institute net-panel answered the survey. The net-panel of the Social Science Institute of the University of Iceland is compoed of people aged 18 and over in the country as a whole wo have agreed to take part in the net surveys carried out by the Institute. The net-panel is based on a randomly chosen group taken from the National Register (Pjóðskrá). Collection of answers takes place at the same time, and the composition of the group is carefully checked. Among other things, care is taken to make sure that the makes of the group in terms of gender, age, place of residence, education and wage closely reflects that reflected in the nation as a whole (at least those aged 18 and over). By ensuring the quality of the net panel in this way, it is possible to make general statements in research that based on the answers drawn from such a survey.

Table 1: Methods and Number of Replies

| Method: | On-line survey (Panel survey) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Time of collection: | $30.06-08.092023$ |
| Number of surveys sent out: | 6,109 |
| Number of replies received: | 2,792 |
| Percentage of answers: | $45,7 \%$ |

Table 2: Comparison of the distribution of answers on the basis of gender, age, and place of residence of responders and population numbers as a whole

|  | Number of <br> responders | Percentage of <br> responders | Number in <br> population as a <br> whole | Percentage in <br> population as a <br> whole |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gender |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 1350 | $48.4 \%$ | 147,748 | $51.3 \%$ |
| Female | 1442 | $51.6 \%$ | 140,450 | $48.7 \%$ |
| Age | 130 |  |  |  |
| $18-25$ | 204 | $4.7 \%$ | 41,767 | $14.5 \%$ |
| $26-35$ | 381 | $13.6 \%$ | 59,484 | $20.6 \%$ |
| $36-45$ | 554 | $19.8 \%$ | 50,926 | $17.7 \%$ |
| $46-55$ | 632 | $22.6 \%$ | 45,222 | $15.7 \%$ |
| $56-65$ | 591 | $21.2 \%$ | 21,928 | $14.5 \%$ |
| $66-75$ | 300 | $10.7 \%$ | 19,019 | $10,4 \%$ |
| 76 and older |  | $61.6 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ |  |
| Place of residence | 1719 | $38.4 \%$ | 187,793 |  |
| Capital | 1073 | $10.3 \%$ | 100,470 | $34.9 \%$ |
| Countyside |  | $37.3 \%$ | 79,263 | $27.5 \%$ |
| Education | 278 | 105,751 | $36.7 \%$ |  |
| Secondary school | $22.4 \%$ | 103,249 | $35.8 \%$ |  |
| Sixth form college | 1002 |  |  |  |
| University | 1407 |  |  |  |

Table 3: Gender

|  | Total |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Before <br> weighting | After <br> weighting | Proportion | Vikmörk +/- | Proportion |
| Male | 1,350 | 1,404 | $50.3 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ | $50.3 \%$ |
| Female | 1,442 | 1,388 | $49.7 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ | $49.7 \%$ |
| Total | 2,792 | 2,792 | $100 \%$ |  |  |
|  |  | 2,792 | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Number <br> of <br> answers | 2,792 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |  |  |
| Did not <br> answer | 0 | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |  |  |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 7 9 2}$ |  |  |  |  |

Table 4: Age

|  | Total |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Before <br> weighting | After <br> weighting | Proportion | Confidence <br> interval +/- |
| $\mathbf{1 8 - 2 9}$ | 210 | 578 | $20.7 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3 0 - 4 4}$ | 505 | 821 | $29.4 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{4 5 - 5 9}$ | 866 | 661 | $23.7 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{6 0}$ and <br> older | 1,211 | 732 | $26.2 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 7 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 7 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |  |
|  |  | 2,792 | $100 \%$ |  |
| Number <br> of <br> answers | 2,792 | 0 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 \%}$ |  |
| Did not <br> answer | 0 | $\mathbf{2 , 7 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 7 9 2}$ |  |  |  |

## Table 5: Place of residence

|  | Total |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Before <br> weighting | After <br> weighting | Proportion | Confidence <br> interval +/- | Proportion |
| Capital | 1,719 | 1,802 | $64.6 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $64.6 \%$ |
| Countryside | 1.073 | 990 | $35.4 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $35.4 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 7 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 7 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |  |  |
|  |  | 2,792 | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Number of <br> answers | 2,792 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |  |  |
| Did not <br> answer | 0 | $\mathbf{2 , 7 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |  |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 7 9 2}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Are you "berdreymin"? In other words. do your dreams provide information about future events. or events taking place simultaneously elsewhere. which you would otherwise not know know about?

## Total:

|  | Total (W) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
| Yes (Já) | $39.7 \%$ | Numbers |
| No (Nei) | $60.3 \%$ | 1001 |



## Comparison:

(2023 W = weighted) (2023: without weighting)

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes (Já) | $36 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $38.4 \%$ | $39.7 \%$ |
| No (Nei) | $64 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $61.6 \%$ | $60.3 \%$ |

Gender:

|  | Male (Karl) | Female (Kona) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes (Já) | $31.8 \%$ | $47.5 \%$ |
| No (Nei) | $68.2 \%$ | $52.5 \%$ |



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## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes (Já) | $47.7 \%$ | $38.0 \%$ | $37.7 \%$ | $37.5 \%$ |
| No (Nei) | $52.3 \%$ | $62.0 \%$ | $62.3 \%$ | $62.5 \%$ |

## Education:

|  | Education up to <br> 15 (Grunnskóli) | Sixth form <br> (Framhalds) | University <br> (Háskóli) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes (Já) | $41.2 \%$ | $46.0 \%$ | $31.8 \%$ |
| No (Nei) | $58.8 \%$ | $54.0 \%$ | $68.2 \%$ |



Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík <br> (Höfuđborgar) | Countryside <br> (Landsbyggす) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes (Já) | $36.7 \%$ | $45.1 \%$ |
| No (Nei) | $63.3 \%$ | $54.9 \%$ |



## 2. Have you had the experience of someone being named after

 someone who appeared in a dream (Nafnavitjun)? In other words. have you received a message in a dream that led to the naming of an unchristened child?Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $5.9 \%$ | 162 |
| No | $94.1 \%$ |  |



## Comparison:

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ |
| No | $90 \%$ | $88 \%$ | $93.5 \%$ | $94.1 \%$ |

Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $1.4 \%$ | $10.5 \%$ |
| No | $98.6 \%$ | $89.5 \%$ |



Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $5.6 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ |
| No | $94.4 \%$ | $95.1 \%$ | $93.6 \%$ | $93.1 \%$ |

## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $8.5 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ |
| No | $91.5 \%$ | $94.8 \%$ | $95.2 \%$ |

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $5.1 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ |
| No | $94.9 \%$ | $92.5 \%$ |

## 2.1-7 Who was it that sent the message about the name?

| Close relation (Náið sky/dmenni) | $57.6 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Distant relation (Fjarlægt skyldmenni) | $9.3 \%$ |
| Friend (Vinur/vinkona) | $4.3 \%$ |
| Male/ female that you have aquaintance of (Karl/ <br> kona sem pú hefur haft einhver kynni af) | $8.6 \%$ |
| Unknown male/ female (Ókunnugur karl/ kona) | $18.9 \%$ |
| Someone else (Annar/önnur) | $12.8 \%$ |



## (2.7 SOMEONE ELSE: WHO?? INDIVIDUAL ANSWERS)

3. While awake, have you ever had the sense that something has happened, is happening, or will happen elsewhere, and later found out that you were right?

Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $55.4 \%$ | 1453 |
| No | $44.6 \%$ |  |



Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $27 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $55.4 \%$ |
| No | $73 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $44.6 \%$ |

Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $48.8 \%$ | 62.0 |
| No | $51.2 \%$ | 38.0 |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $63.3 \%$ | $55.6 \%$ | $56.5 \%$ | $47.7 \%$ |
| No | $36.7 \%$ | $44.4 \%$ | $43.5 \%$ | $52.3 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $53.6 \%$ | $58.5 \%$ | $53.3 \%$ |
| No | $46.4 \%$ | $41.5 \%$ | $46.7 \%$ |

## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $54.8 \%$ | $56.4 \%$ |
| No | $45.2 \%$ | $43.6 \%$ |

## 6. Have you ever been aware of the presence of someone who has passed away?

(No... Answer next question 10)

Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $35.6 \%$ | 918 |
| No | $64.4 \%$ |  |



Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $31 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $38.3 \%$ | $35.6 \%$ |
| No | $69 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $61.7 \%$ | $64.4 \%$ |

Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $25.0 \%$ | $46.3 \%$ |
| No | $75.0 \%$ | $53.7 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $27.7 \%$ | $31.1 \%$ | $41.6 \%$ | $41.5 \%$ |
| No | $72.3 \%$ | $68.9 \%$ | $58.4 \%$ | $58.5 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $37.4 \%$ | $40.1 \%$ | $29.1 \%$ |
| No | $62.6 \%$ | $59.9 \%$ | $70.9 \%$ |



## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $31.1 \%$ | $43.9 \%$ |
| No | $68.9 \%$ | $56.1 \%$ |


7.1-8 Was the deceased person you were aware of: (Mark more than one if applicable.)

| Partner (maki) | $2.1 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Close relation (Náiđ skyldmenni) | $58.9 \%$ |
| Distant relation (Fjarlægt skyldmenni) | $10.5 \%$ |
| Friend (Vinur/vinkona) | $9.5 \%$ |
| Male/ female that you have aquaintance of (karl/ <br> kona sem pú hefur haft einhver kynni af) | $11.6 \%$ |
| Unknown male/ female (Ókunnugur karl/ kona) | $45.6 \%$ |
| Famous person from history (Pekkt sögupersóna) | $1.0 \%$ |
| Someone else (Annar/önnur) | $4.9 \%$ |


8.1-5 In what way did you sense the presence of this deceased person? (Mark more than one if applicable.)

| I saw him/ her (Ég sá hann/ hana) | $50.8 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| I heard him/ her (Ég heyrđi í honum/ <br> henni) | $29.9 \%$ |
| He/ she touched me (Ég fann fyrir <br> snertingu hans/ hennar) | $25.8 \%$ |
| I smelt him/ her (Ég fann lykt af hinum/ <br> henni) | $23.4 \%$ |
| On some other way. What? (Á annan hátt, <br> hvađa?) | $24.1 \%$ |


(SOME OTHER WAY? HOW??? INDIVIDUAL TEXT)

### 9.1 In what conditions or on what occasion where you aware of this deceased person?

(INDIVIDUAL TEXT)
10. While awake. have you ever seen the shape/ image of a man or woman who has passed away?

## (No... Answer next question 14)

Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $16.7 \%$ | 446 |
| No | $83.3 \%$ |  |



## Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so |  | $17 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $16.7 \%$ |
| No |  | $83 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $84.5 \%$ | $83.3 \%$ |

Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $11.8 \%$ | $21.8 \%$ |
| No | $88.2 \%$ | $78.2 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $19.1 \%$ | $16.0 \%$ | $16.3 \%$ | $16.3 \%$ |
| No | $80.9 \%$ | $84.0 \%$ | $83.7 \%$ | $83.7 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $22.0 \%$ | $18.5 \%$ | $11.6 \%$ |
| No | $78.0 \%$ | $81.5 \%$ | $88.4 \%$ |

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Grunnskóli
Framhalds
Háskóli

## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $13.8 \%$ | $22.3 \%$ |
| No | $86.2 \%$ | $72.7 \%$ |


11. How often have you seen such shapes/ images?

Total:

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Once | $25.6 \%$ |
| Several times | $57.4 \%$ |
| Often | $16.9 \%$ |

14. Have you ever been aware of the presence of an animal which has passed away?
(No... Answer next question 17)

Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $11.5 \%$ | 309 |
| No | $88.5 \%$ |  |



Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so |  | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ |
| No |  | $90 \%$ | $88 \%$ | $89.2 \%$ | $88.5 \%$ |

Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $7.7 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ |
| No | $92.3 \%$ | $84.6 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $13.1 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ |
| No | $86.9 \%$ | $89.1 \%$ | $89.8 \%$ | $87.9 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $18.0 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ |
| No | $82.0 \%$ | $88.6 \%$ | $93.1 \%$ |



## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $9.0 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ |
| No | $91.2 \%$ | $83.2 \%$ |



## 15. Was the animal you were aware of a pet or another animal?

| Pet | $85.7 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Another animal | $14.3 \%$ |

## 16.1-5 In what way did you sense the presence of the animal?

(Mark more than one if applicable.)

| I saw it (Ég sá pađ) | $47.0 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| I heard it (Ég heyrđi í pví) | $37.5 \%$ |
| It touched me (Ég fann snertingu pess) | $35.6 \%$ |
| I noticed its scent (Ég fann lykt af pví) | $22.9 \%$ |
| In another way. How?? (Á annan hátt) | $16.7 \%$ |


(16.6: HOW?: INDIVIDUAL TEXT)

## 17. Have you ever seen anything move supernaturally? (Poltergeist activity.)

Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $12.4 \%$ | 326 |
| No | $87.6 \%$ |  |



## Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $9 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11.1 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ |
| No | $91 \%$ | $88 \%$ | $88 \%$ | $88.9 \%$ | $87.6 \%$ |

## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $10.8 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ |
| No | $89.2 \%$ | $86.0 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $22.7 \%$ | $7.6 \%$ | $11.9 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ |
| No | $77.3 \%$ | $92.4 \%$ | $88.1 \%$ | $89.6 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $15.0 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |
| No | $85.0 \%$ | $86.5 \%$ | $91.0 \%$ |



## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $10.7 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ |
| No | $89.3 \%$ | $84.5 \%$ |


18. Have you ever lived or stayed in a house which you have personal reason to believe was haunted?

Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $28.7 \%$ | 763 |
| No | $71.3 \%$ |  |



## Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $18 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $25.3 \%$ | $28.7 \%$ |
| No | $82 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $74.7 \%$ | $71 \%$ |

Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $19.7 \%$ | $37.7 \%$ |
| No | $80.1 \%$ | $62.3 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | 37,3 | 30,8 | 27,1 | 20,9 |
| No | 62,7 | 69,2 | 72,9 | 79,1 |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $33.5 \%$ | $30.4 \%$ | $23.8 \%$ |
| No | $66.5 \%$ | $69.6 \%$ | $76.2 \%$ |



## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $26.6 \%$ | $32.5 \%$ |
| No | $73.4 \%$ | $67.5 \%$ |



## 19. Have you ever seen álfar/ "elves" or huldufólk (hidden people?)²

## Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $5.9 \%$ | 158 |
| No | $94.1 \%$ |  |



## Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ |
| No | $95 \%$ | $95 \%$ | $94 \%$ | $94.3 \%$ | $94.1 \%$ |

## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $5.5 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ |
| No | $94.5 \%$ | $93.6 \%$ |



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## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $7.7 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ | $6.7 \%$ |
| No | $92.3 \%$ | $95.4 \%$ | $94.8 \%$ | $93.3 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $8.9 \%$ | $6.0 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ |
| No | $91.1 \%$ | $94.0 \%$ | $96.3 \%$ |



## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so. | $4.9 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| No | $95.1 \%$ | $92.1 \%$ |



## 19.2: How often have you seen álfar or huldufólk?

Total:

| Once | $31.5 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Twice | $16.7 \%$ |
| Three times | $9.7 \%$ |
| Four times | $12.9 \%$ |
| Five times | $5.2 \%$ |
| Six times | $1.1 \%$ |
| Seven times | $0.4 \%$ |
| Nine times or <br> more | $22.4 \%$ |

## 20. Have you ever experienced any difficulties that stem from disturbing things in/at a supposedly enchanted/ cursed place (an álagablettur³)?

(No.... Answer next question 25)
Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $4.8 \%$ | 123 |
| No | $95.2 \%$ |  |



Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ |
| No | $99 \%$ | $97 \%$ | $96 \%$ | $96.7 \%$ | $95.2 \%$ |

[^2]
## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $3.9 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ |
| No | $96.1 \%$ | $96.1 \%$ |



Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $6.7 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ |
| No | $93.3 \%$ | $95.8 \%$ | $96.0 \%$ | $97.5 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $8.3 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ |
| No | $91.7 \%$ | $95.2 \%$ | $97.6 \%$ |



Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $3.8 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ |
| No | $96.2 \%$ | $93.4 \%$ |


21. In what way was the site disturbed?

| The grass was cut | $31.0 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| It was cleared/ destroyed/ blown up | $37.6 \%$ |
| Another way. What? | $31.3 \%$ |

## (21.3 ANOTHER WAY: WHAT? INDIVIDUAL TEXTS)

22. What sort of difficulties did you have?

| Accident | $31.6 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Illness | $14.0 \%$ |
| Loss of possessions. such as animals | $27.3 \%$ |
| Other. What? | $27.0 \%$ |

## (22.4. OTHER: WHAT? INDIVIDUAL TEXTS)

23. What do you think caused the difficulties that you had?

| Huldufólk or álfar | $75.4 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Something else than huldufólk or álfar. What? | $24.6 \%$ |

(23.4. SOMETHING ELSE: WHAT? INDIVIDUAL TEXTS)
24. Have you any knowledge that other people view the disturbed site as being enchanted/ cursed?

| Yes | $67.1 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| No | $32.9 \%$ |

25. According to Icelandic folk belief, fylgjur(fetches), that is supernatural beings follow certain individuals or the members of certain families. Have you ever been aware of a fylgja in any way?
(No... Answer next question 46)

Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $17.3 \%$ | 447 |
| No | $82.7 \%$ |  |



Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $17 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $17.3 \%$ |
| No | $83 \%$ | $84 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $81 \%$ | $82.7 \%$ |

## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $11.9 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ |
| No | $88.1 \%$ | $76.8 \%$ |



Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $14.6 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ | $19.5 \%$ | $20.9 \%$ |
| No | $85.4 \%$ | $85.7 \%$ | $80.5 \%$ | $79.1 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $19.9 \%$ | $20.1 \%$ | $12.6 \%$ |
| No | $80.1 \%$ | $79.9 \%$ | $87.4 \%$ |

## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $14.2 \%$ | $23.2 \%$ |
| No | $85.8 \%$ | $76.8 \%$ |


26. Was this an ættarfylgja (a family spirit: a móri (male) or skotta (female) that follows certain families or a fylgja/ ára/ fyrirboð̃i(a fetch/ aura/ spirit omen. like a banshee) that follows individuals?

Total:

| A family spirit (ættarfylgja) | $14.8 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| A fylgja/ aura/ omen that follows <br> someone | $39.8 \%$ |
| I have seen both a fylgja/ aura/ <br> and omen that follows someone | $8.5 \%$ |
| I don't know if it was a fylgja/ <br> aura/ or omen that follows <br> someone | $37.8 \%$ |


27.1-4 In what way were you aware of the fylgja/ accompanying spirit? (Mark more than one if applicable)

| I saw it | $15.9 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| I heard it | $34.6 \%$ |
| I was aware of its movement or actions (for <br> example. things were moved) | $31.3 \%$ |
| I was aware of it in another way. How? | $40.1 \%$ |

(27.5: HOW? INDIVIDUAL TEXT)
28. In what conditions or on what occasion were you aware of the fylgja? (WHICH? INDIVIDUAL TEXT)
29. Have you had any knowledge that others were aware of this fylgja?

| Yes | $62.2 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| No | $37.8 \%$ |

46. Have you ever contacted a spiritual healer/ spirit doctor??
(No... Answer next question 48)

Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $12.0 \%$ | 327 |
| No | $88.0 \%$ |  |



Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $41 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ |
| No | $59 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $84.5 \%$ | $88.0 \%$ |

Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $9.9 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ |
| No | $90.1 \%$ | $85.9 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $5.2 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ |
| No | $94.8 \%$ | $94.1 \%$ | $84.9 \%$ | $78.7 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $12.3 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $8.6 \%$ |
| No | $87.7 \%$ | $85.9 \%$ | $91.4 \%$ |



## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $10.5 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ |
| No | $89.5 \%$ | $85.3 \%$ |


46.2 How often have you had contact with a spiritual healer/ spirit doctor?

| Once | $37.1 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Twice | $17.5 \%$ |
| Three times | $14.5 \%$ |
| Four times | $7.1 \%$ |
| Five times | $6.0 \%$ |
| Six times | $1.5 \%$ |
| Seven times | $0.9 \%$ |
| Eight times | $1.0 \%$ |
| Nine times or <br> more often | $14.4 \%$ |

47. How do you rate your experience of spiritual healers/ spirit doctors?

Total:

| Very useful | $39.3 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Useful | $49.6 \%$ |
| No use | $10.7 \%$ |
| Damaging | $0.3 \%$ |

48. Have you ever seen an unidentified flying object (UFO)?

Total:

|  | Total | Numbers |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $3.3 \%$ | 86 |
| No | $96.7 \%$ |  |



## Comparison:

|  | 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so |  | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ |
| No |  | $96 \%$ | $97 \%$ | $96.7 \%$ |

Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $3.4 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ |
| No | $96.6 \%$ | $96.8 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $3.4 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ |
| No | $96.6 \%$ | $96.1 \%$ | $96.9 \%$ | $97.5 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $4.2 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ |
| No | $95.8 \%$ | $96.3 \%$ | $97.7 \%$ |



## Place of Residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, I think so | $2.8 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ |
| No | $97.2 \%$ | $95.9 \%$ |


51. Do you think that telepathy or telepathic influence is...

## Total

Mean (OUT OF 5): 3.01

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $10.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $19.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $38.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $18.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $12.6 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | 1974 | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | $19.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $49 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $40.6 \%$ | $38.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $26 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $21.8 \%$ | $18.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $19 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $12.6 \%$ |

## Mean:

19742006200720232023 W

| 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.19 | 3.01 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible <br> (Óhugsanleg) | $17.0 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ |
| Unlikely <br> (Ólíkleg) | $24.9 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ |
| Possible <br> (Möguleg) | $33.8 \%$ | $43.7 \%$ |
| Probable <br> (Líkleg) | $15.7 \%$ | $21.5 \%$ |
| Certain (Viss) | $8.6 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ |



Mean: $\quad$ Male (Karl): Female (Kona):
2.74
3.29

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $15.6 \%$ | $18.0 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $26.5 \%$ | $24.7 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $38.7 \%$ | $35.2 \%$ | $40.1 \%$ | $41.7 \%$ |
| Probable | $10.4 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ | $22.9 \%$ | $26.1 \%$ |
| Certain | $8.8 \%$ | $8.6 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |



Mean: 18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}2.70 & 2.70 & 3.24 & 3.37\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $8.0 \%$ | $11.9 \%$ | $11.7 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $21.1 \%$ | $15.7 \%$ | $23.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $40.4 \%$ | $38.4 \%$ | $38.7 \%$ |
| Probable | $19.1 \%$ | $20.1 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |
| Certain | $11.3 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ |

Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
3.05
3.09
2.89

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík <br> (Höfuđborgar) | Countryside <br> (Landsbyggす) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $12.7 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $22.0 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $36.3 \%$ | $43.2 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.0 \%$ | $21.4 \%$ |
| Certain | $12.0 \%$ | $12.2 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:
$2.93 \quad 3.15$

## 52. Do you think some people have the ability to predict the future...?

Mean: $\mathbf{2 . 8 4}$

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $14.3 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $21.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $37.9 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.0 \%$ |
| Certain | $8.9 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 1974 | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $2 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $21.9 \%$ | $19.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $40 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $37.9 \%$ | $41.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $31 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ |
| Certain | $26 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $8.9 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 818 | 618 | 305 |  |  |

## Mean:

| 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.99 | 2.84 |

## Barchart:



## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $21.7 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $26.6 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ |
| Possible | $32.9 \%$ | $43.1 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.3 \%$ | $19.8 \%$ |
| Certain | $4.4 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:
$2.54 \quad 3.17$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $19.5 \%$ | $22.8 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $6.0 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $25.3 \%$ | $27.1 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $33.2 \%$ | $30.5 \%$ | $45.1 \%$ | $43.6 \%$ |
| Probable | $12.9 \%$ | $12.6 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ | $23.7 \%$ |
| Certain | $9.1 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ | $9.3 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ |



Mean:
18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}2.67 & 2.54 & 3.02 & 3.17\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $14.2 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $19.6 \%$ | $19.4 \%$ | $26.6 \%$ |
| Possible | $37.7 \%$ | $38.0 \%$ | $37.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.0 \%$ | $19.0 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $11.5 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ |

Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
2.92
2.95
2.68

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $17.6 \%$ | $8.2 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $22.9 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ |
| Possible | $35.7 \%$ | $42.1 \%$ |
| Probable | $15.9 \%$ | $19.0 \%$ |
| Certain | $7.9 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:
$2.74 \quad 3.04$

## 53. Do you think that dreams can provide us with knowledge about the future?

Mean: 3.16

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $10.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $16.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $35.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $21.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $15.8 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $42 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $38.5 \%$ | $35.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $26 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $23.4 \%$ | $21.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $24 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $16.0 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 642 | 317 |  |  |

Mean:
$\begin{array}{lllll}1974 & 2006 & 2007 & 2023 & 2023 \text { W }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}3.6 & 3.5 & 3.26 & 3.16\end{array}$

Barchart:


Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $16.9 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $22.3 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $32.3 \%$ | $38.2 \%$ |
| Probable | $19.4 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $9.1 \%$ | $22.4 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:
2.813 .49

Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $13.8 \%$ | $18.8 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $20.5 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ | $15.2 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ |
| Possible | $32.3 \%$ | $29.9 \%$ | $38.5 \%$ | $40.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $18.2 \%$ | $18.5 \%$ | $24.1 \%$ | $26.4 \%$ |
| Certain | $15.2 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ | $16.5 \%$ | $18.6 \%$ |



Mean:
18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}3.01 & 2.87 & 3.3 & 3.45\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $9.5 \%$ | $10.3 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $12.3 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ | $22.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $34.2 \%$ | $34.3 \%$ | $36.2 \%$ |
| Probable | $24.8 \%$ | $23.8 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ |
| Certain | $19.3 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ |


Mean:
Education to 15: Sixth form:
3.32
3.26
University:
2.93

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $13.8 \%$ | $5.5 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $17.8 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ |
| Possible | $34.9 \%$ | $36.0 \%$ |
| Probable | $19.1 \%$ | $26.8 \%$ |
| Certain | $14.4 \%$ | $18.3 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:
3.03
3.39
54. Do you think that clairvoyance (the ability to see deceased individuals)
is...?
Mean: 2.97

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $16.2 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $20.6 \%$ |
| Possible | $29.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $16.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $16.7 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 1974 | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $2 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $17.9 \%$ | $20.6 \%$ |
| Possible | $33 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $33.1 \%$ | $29.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $19.2 \%$ | $16.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $33 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $17.2 \%$ | $16.7 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 833 | 640 | 313 |  |  |

Mean:
19742006200720232023 W
$\begin{array}{llll}3.6 & 3.5 & 3.11 & 2.97\end{array}$

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $24.9 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $26.1 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ |
| Possible | $25.5 \%$ | $33.4 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.2 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ |
| Certain | $9.5 \%$ | $23.9 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:
$2.58 \quad 3.37$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $21.0 \%$ | $24.0 \%$ | $11.0 \%$ | $8.2 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $26.6 \%$ | $25.0 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $25.7 \%$ | $23.4 \%$ | $32.9 \%$ | $36.4 \%$ |
| Probable | $12.6 \%$ | $12.6 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ | $23.2 \%$ |
| Certain | $14.1 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ | $20.2 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ |



Mean:
18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
2.72 & 2.69 & 3.21 & 3.28
\end{array}
$$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $13.6 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ | $19.4 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $20.7 \%$ | $17.6 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ |
| Possible | $29.6 \%$ | $29.5 \%$ | $28.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.3 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $18.8 \%$ | $19.9 \%$ | $11.9 \%$ |

Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
3.07
3.10
2.76

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $20.5 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $22.8 \%$ | $16.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $27.9 \%$ | $32.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.4 \%$ | $21.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $14.4 \%$ | $20.9 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:
2.79
3.29
55. Do you think that the appearance of images/ shapes of deceased people is ...?

Mean: $\mathbf{2 . 7 4}$

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $19.1 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $24.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $30.9 \%$ |
| Probable | $15.4 \%$ |
| Certain | $10.4 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 1974 | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $15.3 \%$ | $19.1 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $7 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $22.3 \%$ | $24.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $39 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $33.8 \%$ | $30.9 \%$ |
| Probable | $25 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $17.2 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ |
| Certain | $25 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 802 | 606 | 303 |  |  |

Mean:
$197420062007 \quad 2023 \quad 2023$ W
$\begin{array}{llll}3.3 & 3.3 & 2.87 & 2.74\end{array}$

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $27.7 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $28.0 \%$ | $20.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $26.6 \%$ | $35.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $12.2 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $5.5 \%$ | $15.7 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:
$2.4 \quad 3.11$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $22.2 \%$ | $28.4 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ | $10.3 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $29.5 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ | $21.5 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ |
| Possible | $31.2 \%$ | $23.2 \%$ | $32.8 \%$ | $37.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $11.4 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $18.4 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $5.7 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ |



Mean:
18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}2.49 & 2.47 & 2.95 & 3.05\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $17.4 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $25.3 \%$ | $21.0 \%$ | $27.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $29.0 \%$ | $34.4 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $15.1 \%$ | $16.0 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $13.2 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ |

Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
2.81
2.87
2.54

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $23.6 \%$ | $11.0 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $26.2 \%$ | $20.7 \%$ |
| Possible | $27.6 \%$ | $36.6 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.2 \%$ | $17.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $8.3 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ |


Mean:

Reykjavík:
2.57

Countryside:
3.03

## 56. Do you think that the haunting of places is...

Mean: 2.81

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $16.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $25.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $30.1 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $12.7 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 1974 | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $11 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ | $16.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $26 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ | $25.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $39 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $32.8 \%$ | $30.1 \%$ |
| Probable | $14 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $11 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $11.1 \%$ | $12.7 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 761 | 619 | 308 |  |  |

## Mean:

19742006200720232023 W
$\begin{array}{llll}3.2 & 3.1 & 2.81 & 2.81\end{array}$

## Barchart:



## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $25.7 \%$ | $7.6 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $30.7 \%$ | $20.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $26.8 \%$ | $33.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $11.4 \%$ | $17.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $5.4 \%$ | $20.2 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $20.2 \%$ | $23.9 \%$ | $11.8 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $24.7 \%$ | $25.5 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ |
| Possible | $26.9 \%$ | $25.1 \%$ | $33.2 \%$ | $35.6 \%$ |
| Probable | $11.7 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ | $17.9 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ |
| Certain | $16.6 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |



Mean: 18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
2.8
2.65
2.99
2.83

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $12.4 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ | $21.0 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $24.8 \%$ | $23.5 \%$ | $28.6 \%$ |
| Possible | $29.4 \%$ | $32.0 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $19.0 \%$ | $13.2 \%$ | $13.1 \%$ |
| Certain | $14.5 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |



Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
2.98
2.89
2.61

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $21.0 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $27.3 \%$ | $23.3 \%$ |
| Possible | $27.4 \%$ | $34.9 \%$ |
| Probable | $13.2 \%$ | $16.8 \%$ |
| Certain | $11.1 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:
2.66
3.06
58. Do you think that the existence of huldufólk (hidden people) and álfaris...

Mean: 2.48

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $26.7 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $27.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $24.6 \%$ |
| Probable | $12.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $8.4 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 1974 | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $4 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $22.0 \%$ | $26.7 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $8 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $28.1 \%$ | $27.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $40 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $27.5 \%$ | $24.6 \%$ |
| Probable | $24 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $24 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $8.4 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 755 | 602 | 305 |  |  |

## Mean:

| 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.58 | 2.48 |

Barchart:


Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $35.2 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $28.1 \%$ | $27.7 \%$ |
| Possible | $21.1 \%$ | $28.1 \%$ |
| Probable | $10.8 \%$ | $13.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $4.8 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | 35.7 | 35.3 | 20.2 | 15.4 |
| Unlikely | 31.9 | 29.1 | 27.8 | 23.5 |
| Possible | 19.6 | 22.4 | 23.5 | 32.1 |
| Probable | 4.6 | 6.2 | 18.3 | 20.2 |
| Certain | 8.2 | 7.0 | 10.1 | 8.7 |



Mean:
18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}2.18 & 2.21 & 2.7 & 2.83\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $22.6 \%$ | $26.1 \%$ | $30.5 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $22.9 \%$ | $28.0 \%$ | $31.6 \%$ |
| Possible | $24.6 \%$ | $25.2 \%$ | $24.2 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.4 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $8.2 \%$ |
| Certain | $12.5 \%$ | $8.3 \%$ | $5.5 \%$ |



Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
2.74
2.49
2.27

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $32.5 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $28.6 \%$ | $26.7 \%$ |
| Possible | $22.4 \%$ | $28.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $9.1 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ |
| Certain | $7.4 \%$ | $10.3 \%$ |



Mean:
Reykjavík: Countryside:
$2.3 \quad 2.79$
59. Do you think that there is a difference between Icelandic álfarand huldufólk?

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Yes (Já) | $20.7 \%$ |
| Not certain <br> (Ekki viss) | $39.2 \%$ |
| No (Nei) | $40.1 \%$ |

## Barchart:



Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $19.2 \%$ | $21.9 \%$ |
| Not certain | $37.9 \%$ | $40.3 \%$ |
| No | $42.8 \%$ | $37.8 \%$ |

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $30.5 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ |
| Not certain | $36.2 \%$ | $43.2 \%$ | $38.4 \%$ | $38.3 \%$ |
| No | $33.3 \%$ | $36.7 \%$ | $42.7 \%$ | $45.1 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $21.0 \%$ | $18.4 \%$ | $22.9 \%$ |
| Not certain | $40.9 \%$ | $40.4 \%$ | $37.8 \%$ |
| No | $38.1 \%$ | $41.2 \%$ | $39.4 \%$ |

Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $20.9 \%$ | $20.3 \%$ |
| Ekki Certain | $37.4 \%$ | $42.0 \%$ |
| No | $41.6 \%$ | $37.7 \%$ |

### 59.2.1-9 How are huldufólk different to álfar?

(Mark more than one if applicable.)

| Huldufólk are bigger than álfar | $62 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Álfar are bigger than huldufólk | $2.9 \%$ |
| Huldufólk are more like humans than álfar | $83.3 \%$ |
| Álfar are more like humans than huldufólk | $2.7 \%$ |
| Huldufólk are hazy/ half see through but álfar <br> not | $28.1 \%$ |
| Álfar are hazy/ half see through but huldufólk <br> not | $4.0 \%$ |
| Huldufólk have big pointy ears. but álfar not | $0.0 \%$ |
| Álfar have big pointy ears but huldufólk not | $16.4 \%$ |
| Different in another way. How? | $6.8 \%$ |

(HOW?: INDIVIDUAL TEXT)
60. How does the appearance of huldufólk compare to that of human beings?

|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| A similar size and appearance to humans (Svipađ í stærठ og útliti og menn) | 55.5\% |
| Bigger than humans but in other ways similar in appearance (Stærra en menn en ađ örðu leyti svipað útlits og menn) | 4.8\% |
| Bigger than humans and in other ways different in appearance to humans (Strerra en menn og að öđru leyti ólikt í útliti en menn) | 1.2\% |
| Smaller than humans but in other ways similar in appearance (Minna en menn en að örđu leyti svipað útlits og menn) | 31.7\% |
| Smaller than humans and in other ways different in appearance (Minna en menn og ađ öðru leyti ólíkt í útliti en menn) | 4.0\% |
| Other differences; what? (Annad, hvaす?) | 2.8\% |



## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A similar size and <br> appearance to <br> humans | $56.2 \%$ | $55.1 \%$ |
| Bigger than <br> humans but in <br> other ways <br> similar in <br> appearance | $3.9 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ |
| Bigger than <br> humans and in <br> other ways <br> different in <br> appearance to <br> humans | $1.3 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ |
| Smaller than <br> humans but in <br> other ways <br> similar in <br> appearance | $32.9 \%$ | $31.0 \%$ |
| Smaller than <br> humans and in <br> other ways <br> different in <br> appearance | $2.8 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ |
| Other <br> differences; <br> what? | $2.8 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A similar size and <br> appearance to <br> humans | $65.6 \%$ | $52.9 \%$ | $56.8 \%$ | $49.4 \%$ |
| Bigger than <br> humans but in <br> other ways <br> similar in <br> appearance | $7.4 \%$ | $7.2 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ |
| Bigger than <br> humans and in <br> other ways <br> different in <br> appearance | $0.0 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ |
| Smaller than <br> humans but <br> otherwise similar <br> in appearance | $20.5 \%$ | $31.0 \%$ | $33.7 \%$ | $39.7 \%$ |
| Smaller than <br> humans and in <br> other ways <br> different in <br> appearance | $2.9 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ |
| Other <br> differences; <br> what? | $3.7 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | 3.9 |



A similar Bigger than Bigger than Smaller thanSmaller than Other size and humans buthumans and humans but humans and differences; appearance in other in other in others in other what? to humans ways similar ways ways similar ways
in different in in different in appearance appearance appearance appearance

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46-60
161
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## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A similar size <br> and <br> appearance to <br> humans | $57.5 \%$ | $53.4 \%$ | $58.4 \%$ |
| Bigger than <br> humans but in <br> other ways <br> similar in <br> appearance | $3.4 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ |
| Bigger than <br> humans and in <br> other ways <br> different in <br> appearance to <br> humans | $0.5 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ |  |
| Smaller than <br> humans but in <br> other ways <br> similar in <br> appearance | $33.1 \%$ | $31.5 \%$ | $29.1 \%$ |
| Smaller than <br> humans and in <br> other ways <br> different in <br> appearance | $3.5 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ |  |
| Other <br> differences; <br> what? | $2.0 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ |

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A similar size and <br> appearance to <br> humans | $54.1 \%$ | $57.7 \%$ |
| Bigger than <br> humans but in <br> other ways <br> similar in <br> appearance | $5.3 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ |
| Bigger than <br> humans and in <br> other ways <br> different in <br> appearance to <br> humans | $0.8 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ |
| Smaller than <br> humans but in <br> other ways <br> similar in <br> appearance | $33.2 \%$ | $29.6 \%$ |
| Smaller than <br> humans and in <br> other ways <br> different in <br> appearance | $3.7 \%$ | $4.4 \%$ |
| Other <br> differences; <br> what? | $2.9 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ |

(INDIVIDUAL TEXT: OTHER DIFFERENCES)
61. Do you think that blómálfar (flower elves/ fairies) are ...

Mean: 1.93

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $44.9 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $28.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $17.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $6.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $2.5 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $25 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $40.2 \%$ | $44.9 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $38 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $31.0 \%$ | $28.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $26 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ | $17.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $7.2 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 525 | 274 |  |  |

Mean:
$197420062007 \quad 2023 \quad 2023$ W $\begin{array}{llll}2.3 & 2.4 & 2.02 & 1.93\end{array}$

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $52.7 \%$ | $36.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $26.4 \%$ | $31.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $14.4 \%$ | $20.4 \%$ |
| Probable | $5.6 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ |
| Certain | $1.0 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:
$1.76 \quad 2.11$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $51.9 \%$ | $55.4 \%$ | $39.3 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $28.1 \%$ | $28.0 \%$ | $28.8 \%$ | $30.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $16.3 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $19.1 \%$ | $24.9 \%$ |
| Probable | $3.7 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $8.7 \%$ | $10.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $0.0 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ |



Mean: $\quad 18-30: 31-45: 46-60:$ 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}1.72 & 1.68 & 2.10 & 2.3\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $37.2 \%$ | $44.5 \%$ | $50.5 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $26.4 \%$ | $27.6 \%$ | $31.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $22.1 \%$ | $19.4 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ |
| Probable | $9.4 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $4.9 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ |


| Mean: | Education to 15: | Sixth form: | University: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 2.18 | 1.93 | 1.75 |

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $50.5 \%$ | $34.3 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $28.1 \%$ | $29.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $14.6 \%$ | $22.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $4.8 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ |
| Certain | $2.0 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:
$1.8 \quad 2.18$

## 63. Do you think that ættarfylgjur (spirits that follow families) are...

Mean: 2.49

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $26.1 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $27.0 \%$ |
| Possible | $26.0 \%$ |
| Probable | $13.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $7.3 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $22.9 \%$ | $26.1 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $24 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $28.1 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ |
| Possible | $43 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $29.4 \%$ | $26.0 \%$ |
| Probable | $13 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $13.2 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 586 | 292 |  |  |

Mean:

| 1974 | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 28 | 2.8 | 252 | 2.49 |

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $36.0 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $29.1 \%$ | $24.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $21.3 \%$ | $30.9 \%$ |
| Probable | $10.6 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $3.0 \%$ | $11.8 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:

## $2.16 \quad 2.83$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $28.6 \%$ | $33.9 \%$ | $21.4 \%$ | $18.6 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $25.8 \%$ | $27.5 \%$ | $24.4 \%$ | $29.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $22.9 \%$ | $20.3 \%$ | $30.8 \%$ | $31.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.6 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $8.0 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $6.7 \%$ |



Mean: 18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:

## $\begin{array}{llll}2.48 & 2.3 & 2.64 & 2.60\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $23.7 \%$ | $24.9 \%$ | $29.0 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $24.7 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ | $31.3 \%$ |
| Possible | $22.1 \%$ | $28.8 \%$ | $25.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.2 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ | $9.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $12.3 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ | $4.2 \%$ |



Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
2.7
2.55
2.29

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $30.7 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $28.0 \%$ | $25.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $24.1 \%$ | $29.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $10.5 \%$ | $19.0 \%$ |
| Certain | $6.7 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:

### 2.35 <br> 2.75

## 64. Do you think that ghosts/ spirits/ auras/ spirits as omens that follow individuals are ...

## Mean: 2.75

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $21.7 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $20.5 \%$ |
| Possible | $30.4 \%$ |
| Probable | $16.1 \%$ |
| Certain | $11.4 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ | $21.7 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $14 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ | $20.5 \%$ |
| Possible | $45 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $33.2 \%$ | $30.4 \%$ |
| Probable | $19 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ | $16.1 \%$ |
| Certain | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 597 | 298 |  |  |

Mean:
19742006200720232023 W
$\begin{array}{llll}3.1 & 3.1 & 2.82 & 2.75\end{array}$

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $33.0 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $23.2 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $25.0 \%$ | $35.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $12.9 \%$ | $19.2 \%$ |
| Certain | $5.9 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:
$2.36 \quad 3.15$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $28.6 \%$ | $28.5 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $13.7 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $18.3 \%$ | $23.0 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ | $20.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $25.2 \%$ | $26.3 \%$ | $33.0 \%$ | $36.9 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.6 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ | $20.6 \%$ | $16.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $10.2 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $12.2 \%$ | $11.6 \%$ |



Mean: 18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}2.63 & 2.54 & 2.95 & 2.92\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $21.0 \%$ | $20.4 \%$ | $23.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $17.8 \%$ | $16.1 \%$ | $26.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $28.4 \%$ | $32.9 \%$ | $29.4 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.7 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ | $12.7 \%$ |
| Certain | $15.5 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ |


| Mean: | Education to 15: | Sixth form: | University: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\mathbf{2 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 8 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 5 4}$ |

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $25.6 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $21.9 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $28.6 \%$ | $33.6 \%$ |
| Probable | $13.9 \%$ | $20.1 \%$ |
| Certain | $10.0 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:

## 65. Do you think that the idea of a curse/ enchantment causing bad luck if a certain place is disturbed (álagablettir) is...

Mean: $\mathbf{2 . 5 7}$

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $23.4 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $24.3 \%$ |
| Possible | $31.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.1 \%$ |
| Certain | $6.9 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 1974 | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $6 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ | $23.4 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $16 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $24.7 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ |
| Possible | $40 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $34.0 \%$ | $31.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $25 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $16.5 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ |
| Certain | $13 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $6.6 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 763 | 599 | 297 |  |  |

Mean:
19742006200720232023 W
$\begin{array}{llll}2.9 & 3.0 & 2.69 & 2.57\end{array}$

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $32.3 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $26.3 \%$ | $22.3 \%$ |
| Possible | $25.3 \%$ | $37.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $11.9 \%$ | $16.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $4.3 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ |



## Mean: Male: Female:

## $\begin{array}{ll}2.3 & 2.85\end{array}$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $29.6 \%$ | $33.7 \%$ | $16.7 \%$ | $12.6 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $27.0 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $23.5 \%$ | $21.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $26.7 \%$ | $28.1 \%$ | $33.6 \%$ | $36.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $10.0 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ | $17.1 \%$ | $20.7 \%$ |
| Certain | $5.8 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | $8.9 \%$ |



Mean:
18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}2.36 & 2.23 & 2.78 & 2.92\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $22.4 \%$ | $22.0 \%$ | $25.6 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $19.5 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ | $31.3 \%$ |
| Possible | $31.8 \%$ | $33.7 \%$ | $28.1 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.1 \%$ | $16.1 \%$ | $11.7 \%$ |
| Certain | $12.1 \%$ | $6.9 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ |



| Mean: | Education to 15: | Sixth form: | University: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\mathbf{2 . 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 3 6}$ |

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | 28.2 | 14.6 |
| Unlikely | 26.0 | 21.3 |
| Possible | 28.4 | 36.6 |
| Probable | 12.0 | 17.9 |
| Certain | 5.5 | 9.6 |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside
$2.41 \quad 2.87$
66. Do you believe that deceased people sometimes try to have influence on the naming of a child (by, for example, passing on a message in a dream about the naming of an unchristened child) (Nafnavitjun)?

Mean: 2.67

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $20.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $23.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $32.1 \%$ |
| Probable | $13.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $9.7 \%$ |

Comparison:

|  | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $16.8 \%$ | $20.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $17 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $23.4 \%$ | $23.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $39 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $34.8 \%$ | $32.1 \%$ |
| Probable | $22 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ |
| Certain | $14 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 617 | 305 |  |  |

Mean:
19742006200720232023 W
$\begin{array}{llll}3.2 & 3.2 & 2.78 & 2.67\end{array}$

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $30.3 \%$ | $11.2 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $29.0 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ |
| Possible | $25.0 \%$ | $39.2 \%$ |
| Probable | $10.7 \%$ | $16.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $4.9 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:
$2.31 \quad 3.04$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $28.1 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $11.6 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $23.1 \%$ | $27.8 \%$ | $24.0 \%$ | $19.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $31.0 \%$ | $24.9 \%$ | $36.0 \%$ | $37.7 \%$ |
| Probable | $11.1 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ |
| Certain | $6.7 \%$ | $8.2 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ | $12.8 \%$ |



Mean:
18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}2.45 & 2.43 & 2.8 & 3.01\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $18.7 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ | $24.4 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $22.9 \%$ | $20.3 \%$ | $28.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $28.5 \%$ | $34.9 \%$ | $30.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $18.0 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |
| Certain | $11.7 \%$ | $11.3 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ |

Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
2.81
2.79
2.45

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $24.7 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $25.9 \%$ | $20.2 \%$ |
| Possible | $31.3 \%$ | $33.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $10.6 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ |
| Certain | $7.4 \%$ | $13.9 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:
2.5
2.99
67. Do you believe in life after death. in other words that the soul/ spirit lives on after the death of the body?

Mean: 2.95

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $15.9 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $21.7 \%$ |
| Possible | $28.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $18.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $15.1 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 1974 | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $5 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $21.7 \%$ |
| Possible | $21 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $29.0 \%$ | $28.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $30 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ | $18.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $43 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $16.7 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 847 | 630 | 301 |  |  |
| *Statistical difference in the survey from 1974 and the survey from2006 |  |  |  |  |  |

Mean:
$197420062007 \quad 2023 \quad 2023$ W
$\begin{array}{llll}3.5 & 3.4 & 3.04 & 2.95\end{array}$

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $24.2 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $25.5 \%$ | $17.8 \%$ |
| Possible | $25.0 \%$ | $32.6 \%$ |
| Probable | $15.0 \%$ | $22.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $10.2 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:
$2.62 \quad 3.30$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $16.1 \%$ | $20.7 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $11.9 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $20.3 \%$ | $28.2 \%$ | $19.1 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ |
| Possible | $31.5 \%$ | $27.7 \%$ | $30.6 \%$ | $26.1 \%$ |
| Probable | $19.3 \%$ | $13.8 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ | $24.0 \%$ |
| Certain | $12.8 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ | $18.0 \%$ | $20.3 \%$ |



Mean:
18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:

## $\begin{array}{llll}2.92 & 2.64 & 3.07 & 3.23\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $13.9 \%$ | $17.2 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $19.8 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $26.5 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ | $29.6 \%$ |
| Probable | $20.1 \%$ | $20.6 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $19.6 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ |



Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
3.12
2.97
2.81

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $17.8 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $23.3 \%$ | $18.5 \%$ |
| Possible | $27.7 \%$ | $30.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.7 \%$ | $20.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $13.5 \%$ | $18.1 \%$ |



Mean: Reykjavík: Countryside:
2.86
3.13

## 69. Do you believe unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are...?

Mean: 2.71

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $14.0 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $31.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $32.2 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $8.2 \%$ |

## Comparison:

|  | Survey 2006 | Survey 2007 | Survey 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $16 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $32 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $35.3 \%$ | $31.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $29 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $30.9 \%$ | $32.2 \%$ |
| Probable | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ |
| Certain | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ | $8.2 \%$ |
| Sum | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |  |  |
| Total | 651 | 275 |  |  |

Mean:
19742006200720232023 W
$\begin{array}{llll}2.5 & 2.4 & 2.57 & 2.71\end{array}$

Barchart:


## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $13.1 \%$ | $14.9 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $29.1 \%$ | $33.9 \%$ |
| Possible | $31.0 \%$ | $33.5 \%$ |
| Probable | $17.6 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ |
| Certain | $9.2 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ |



Mean: Male: Female:
$2.81 \quad 2.61$

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $11.9 \%$ | $12.2 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $17.7 \%$ | $26.9 \%$ | $30.3 \%$ | $36.4 \%$ |
| Possible | $26.1 \%$ | $34.4 \%$ | $33.6 \%$ | $31.3 \%$ |
| Probable | $24.0 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ | $15.1 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ |
| Certain | $17.3 \%$ | $11.0 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ |



Mean:
18-30: 31-45: 46-60: 61-:
$\begin{array}{llll}2.86 & 2.8 & 2.77 & 2.42\end{array}$

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $12.9 \%$ | $14.8 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $21.3 \%$ | $30.9 \%$ | $38.5 \%$ |
| Possible | $32.9 \%$ | $33.6 \%$ | $29.8 \%$ |
| Probable | $20.4 \%$ | $12.1 \%$ | $12.8 \%$ |
| Certain | $12.4 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ | $5.4 \%$ |

Mean: Education to 15: Sixth form: University:
2.98
2.69
2.58

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Impossible | $14.5 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ |
| Unlikely | $32.1 \%$ | $30.1 \%$ |
| Possible | $31.3 \%$ | $33.9 \%$ |
| Probable | $14.3 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ |
| Certain | $7.8 \%$ | $8.8 \%$ |



Mean:

| Reykjavík: | Countryside: |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{2 . 6 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 7 6}$ |

70. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your own attitude?
(Please mark only one answer.)

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| A loving god <br> exists that we <br> can pray to | $25.2 \%$ |
| There is no <br> other god than <br> that mankind <br> has created | $33.0 \%$ |
| We have no <br> proof that god <br> exists | $21.3 \%$ |
| God must exist <br> otherwise life <br> has no purpose | $3.8 \%$ |
| God created the <br> world and rules <br> it | $1.3 \%$ |
| None of the <br> above reflects <br> my opinion | $15.4 \%$ |



## Comparison:

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A loving god <br> exists that we <br> can pray to | $45 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $32.2 \%$ | $25.2 \%$ |
| There is no <br> other god than <br> that mankind <br> has created | $20 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $31.9 \%$ | $33.0 \%$ |
| We have no <br> proof that god <br> exists | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $16.3 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ |
| God must exist <br> otherwise life <br> has no purpose | 9 | $8 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ |
| God created the <br> world and rules <br> it | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ |
| None of the <br> above reflects <br> my opinion | $12 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ |

## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A loving god <br> exists that we <br> can pray to | $22.1 \%$ | $28.5 \%$ |
| There is no <br> other god than <br> that mankind <br> has created | $35.3 \%$ | $30.7 \%$ |
| We have no <br> proof that god <br> exists | $22.7 \%$ | $19.8 \%$ |
| God must exist <br> otherwise life <br> has no purpose | $4.0 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ |
| God created the <br> world and rules <br> it | $1.6 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ |
| None of the <br> above reflects <br> my opinion | $14.3 \%$ | $16.5 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A loving god <br> exists that we <br> can pray to | $11.6 \%$ | $12.7 \%$ | $33.5 \%$ | $42.0 \%$ |
| There is no <br> other god than <br> that mankind <br> has created | $31.7 \%$ | $41.1 \%$ | $30.9 \%$ | $26.8 \%$ |
| We have no <br> proof that god <br> exists | $33.0 \%$ | $27.0 \%$ | $16.8 \%$ | $10.1 \%$ |
| God must exist <br> otherwise life <br> has no purpose | $0.0 \%$ | $1.4 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ |
| God created <br> the world and <br> rules it | $1.3 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $1.0 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ |
| None of the <br> above reflects <br> my opinion | $22.3 \%$ | $16.9 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ |



## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A loving god <br> exists that we <br> can pray to | $25.9 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $23.6 \%$ |
| There is no <br> other god than <br> that mankind <br> has created | $28.3 \%$ | $29.5 \%$ | $39.7 \%$ |
| We have no <br> proof that god <br> exists | $23.3 \%$ | $22.4 \%$ | $19.9 \%$ |
| God must exist <br> otherwise life <br> has no purpose | $4.5 \%$ | $4.9 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ |
| God created <br> the world and <br> rules it | $2.3 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
| None of the <br> above reflects <br> my opinion | $15.6 \%$ | $16.2 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ |

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A loving god <br> exists that we <br> can pray to | $24.6 \%$ | $26.5 \%$ |
| There is no <br> other god than <br> that mankind <br> has created | $34.5 \%$ | $30.2 \%$ |
| We have no <br> proof that god <br> exists | $22.5 \%$ | $19.0 \%$ |
| God must exist <br> otherwise life <br> has no purpose | $3.6 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ |
| God created <br> the world and <br> rules it | $1.0 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ |
| None of the <br> above reflects <br> my opinion | $13.8 \%$ | $18.4 \%$ |


73. What is your position as regards the Old Norse religion (ásatrú)?
(Please mark just one statement.)

|  | Total |
| :---: | :---: |
| The Old Norse religion and culture is important to me personally (Heiðinn siđur og heiðin menning eru mikilvæg fyrir mig persónulega) | 2.9\% |
| The Old Norse religion is important as a piece of Icelandic heritage (Heiðinn siður er mikilvægur sem menningararfur Íslendinga) | 46.5\% |
| I accept the Old <br> Norse religion <br> like any other <br> religion (Ég <br> umber heiđin <br> sið eins og <br> önnur <br> trúarbrögす) | 46.0\% |
| I reject the Old Norse religion and everything associated with it (Eg hafna heiðnum sið og pví sem viむ hann er kennt) | 4.6\% |

(See next page for bar chart)


## Comparison

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The Old Norse <br> religion and <br> culture is <br> important to <br> me personally | $2 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ |
| The Old Norse <br> religion is <br> important as a <br> piece of <br> Icelandic <br> heritage | $38 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $43.7 \%$ | $46.5 \%$ |
| Iaccept the <br> Old Norse <br> religion like <br> any other <br> religion | $53 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $50.3 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Ireject the Old <br> Norse religion <br> and everything <br> associated <br> with it | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ |

## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The Old Norse <br> religion and <br> culture is <br> important to <br> me personally | $3.6 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ |
| The Old Norse <br> religion is <br> important as a <br> piece of <br> Icelandic <br> heritage | $44.2 \%$ | $49.1 \%$ |
| I accept the <br> Old Norse <br> religion like <br> any other <br> religion | $46.9 \%$ | $45.1 \%$ |
| I reject the Old <br> Norse religion <br> and everything <br> associated <br> with it | $5.3 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ |



## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The Old Norse <br> religion and <br> culture is <br> important to <br> me personally | $7.2 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ |
| The Old Norse <br> religion is <br> important as a <br> piece of <br> Icelandic <br> heritage | $54.8 \%$ | $55.3 \%$ | $44.3 \%$ | $33.1 \%$ |
| I accept the <br> Old Norse <br> religion like <br> any other <br> religion | $28.9 \%$ | $41.3 \%$ | $50.2 \%$ | $59.0 \%$ |
| I reject the Old <br> Norse religion <br> and everything <br> associated <br> with it | $9.1 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ |



■ Heiðinn siđur er mikilvægur sem menningararfur Íslendinga

- Ég umber heiðin sið eins og önnur trúarbrögð

■ Eg hafna heiðnum sið og pví sem við hann er kennt

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The Old Norse <br> religion and <br> culture is <br> important to <br> me personally | $4.7 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ |
| The Old Norse <br> religion is <br> important as a <br> piece of <br> Icelandic <br> heritage | $40.8 \%$ | $43.0 \%$ | $53.4 \%$ |
| I accept the <br> Old Norse <br> religion like <br> any other <br> religion | $47.9 \%$ | $48.4 \%$ | $43.2 \%$ |
| I reject the Old <br> Norse religion <br> and everything <br> associated <br> with it | $6.5 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ |

## Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The Old Norse <br> religion and <br> culture is <br> important to <br> me personally | $2.4 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ |
| The Old Norse <br> religion is <br> important as a <br> piece of <br> Icelandic <br> heritage | $46.2 \%$ | $47.2 \%$ |
| I accept the <br> Old Norse <br> religion like <br> any other <br> religion | $46.4 \%$ | $45.3 \%$ |
| I reject the Old <br> Norse religion <br> and everything <br> associated <br> with it | $5.1 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ |


74. Do you believe in the Old Norse gods (Ásatrú)?

|  | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Yes. I believe <br> in the Old <br> Norse gods | $5.8 \%$ |
| No. I don't <br> believe in the <br> Old Norse <br> gods | $55.3 \%$ |
| I have no <br> particular <br> feeling about <br> the Old Norse <br> gods | $38.9 \%$ |



## Comparison:

|  | 2006 | 2007 | 2023 W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes. I believe <br> in the Old <br> Norse gods | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ |
| No. I don't <br> believe in the | $56 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $55.3 \%$ |
| Old Norse <br> gods |  |  |  |
| I have no <br> particular <br> feeling about <br> the Old Norse <br> gods | $42 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $38.9 \%$ |

## Gender:

|  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes. I believe <br> in the Old <br> Norse gods | $5.6 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ |
| No. I don't <br> believe in the <br> Old Norse <br> gods | $61.3 \%$ | $49.3 \%$ |
| I have no <br> particular <br> feeling about <br> the Old Norse <br> gods | $33.2 \%$ | $44.7 \%$ |

## Age:

|  | $18-30$ | $31-45$ | $46-60$ | $61-$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes. I believe <br> in the Old <br> Norse gods | $9.9 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ | $6.4 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ |
| No. I don't <br> believe in the <br> Old Norse <br> gods | $50.3 \%$ | $56.3 \%$ | $51.2 \%$ | $61.7 \%$ |
| I have no <br> particular <br> feeling about <br> the Old Norse <br> gods | $39.8 \%$ | $37.4 \%$ | $42.5 \%$ | $36.5 \%$ |

## Education:

|  | Education to <br> 15 | Sixth form | University |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes. I believe <br> in the Old <br> Norse gods | $9.9 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ |
| No. I don't <br> believe in the <br> Old Norse <br> gods | $43.7 \%$ | $53.2 \%$ | $64.7 \%$ |
| I have no <br> particular <br> feeling about <br> the Old Norse <br> gods | $46.5 \%$ | $41.5 \%$ | $32.0 \%$ |

Place of residence:

|  | Reykjavík | Countryside |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes. I believe in the Old Norse gods (Já, ég trúi á hin heiðnu goす) | 4.0\% | 9.2\% |
| No. I don't believe in the Old Norse gods (Nei, ég trúi ekki á hin heiðnu goð) | 61.1\% | 44.6\% |
| I have no particular feeling about the Old Norse gods (Ég hef enga sérstaka afstöðu til heiđinna gođa) | 34.9\% | 46.2\% |
| 70 |  |  |
| 60 |  |  |
| 50 |  |  |
| 40 |  |  |
| , 30 |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |
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| Já, ég truíi á hin heid | nu gõ Nei, ég t | hin heiơnu Ég hef en til h |
|  | - Höfuôbor | andsbyggб |

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