SURVEY OF ICELANDIC FOLK BELIEF AND BELIEF ATTITUDES

Paenl Survey: Social Sciences Institute University of Iceland 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 (*Þjóðskrá*). 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.

Method:	On-line survey (Panel survey)
Time of collection:	30.06-08.09 2023
Number of surveys sent out:	6,109
Number of replies received:	2,792
Percentage of answers:	45,7%

Table 1: Methods and Number of Replies

	Number of responders	Percentage of responders	Number in population as a whole	Percentage in population as a whole
Gender				
Male	1350	48.4%	147,748	51.3%
Female	1442	51.6%	140,450	48.7%
Age				
18-25	130	4.7%	41,767	14.5%
26-35	204	7.3%	59, 484	20.6%
36-45	381	13.6%	50,926	17.7%
46-55	554	19.8%	45,222	15.7%
56-65	632	22.6%	41,928	14.5%
66-75	591	21.2%	29,920	10,4%
76 and older	300	10.7%	19,019	6.6%
Place of residence				
Capital	1719	61.6%	187,793	66.1%
Countyside	1073	38.4%	100,470	34.9%
Education				
Secondary school	278	10.3%	79,263	27.5%
Sixth form college	1002	37.3%	105,751	36.7%
University	1407	52.4%	103,249	35.8%

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

Table 3: Gender

	Total				
	Before weighting	After 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%		
Number of answers	2,792	2,792	100%		
Did not answer	0	0	0.0%		
Total	2,792	2,792	100%		

Table 4: Age

	Total			
	Before weighting	After weighting	Proportion	Confidence interval +/-
18-29	210	578	20.7%	1.5%
30-44	505	821	29.4%	1.7%
45-59	866	661	23.7%	1.6%
60 and older	1,211	732	26.2%	1.6%
Total	2,792	2,792	100%	
Number of answers	2,792	2,792	100%	
Did not answer	0	0	0.0%	
Total	2,792	2,792	100%	

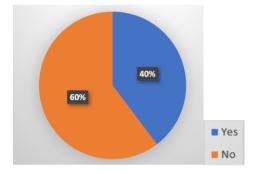
Table 5: Place of residence

	Total				
	Before weighting	After weighting	Proportion	Confidence interval +/-	Proportion
Capital	1,719	1,802	64.6%	1.8%	64.6%
Countryside	1.073	990	35.4%	1.8%	35.4%
Total	2,792	2,792	100%		
Number of answers	2,792	2,792	100%		
Did not answer	0	0	0.0%		
Total	2,792	2,792	100%		

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) ¹	Numbers
Yes (Já)	39.7%	1001
No (<i>Nei</i>)	60.3%	

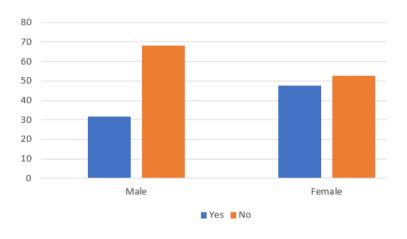


Comparison:

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

	1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
Yes (Já)	36%	39%	42%	38.4%	39.7%
No (<i>Nei</i>)	64%	61%	58%	61.6%	60.3%

	Male (Karl)	Female (Kona)
Yes (Já)	31.8%	47.5%
No (<i>Nei</i>)	68.2%	52.5%



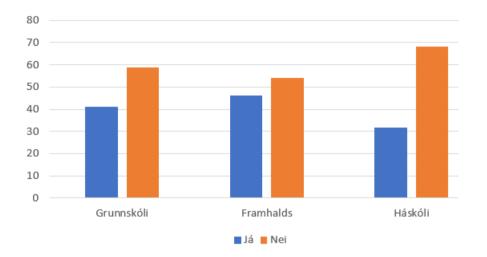
¹ W: Weighted: see above

Age:

	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
Yes (Já)	47.7%	38.0%	37.7%	37.5%
No (<i>Nei</i>)	52.3%	62.0%	62.3%	62.5%

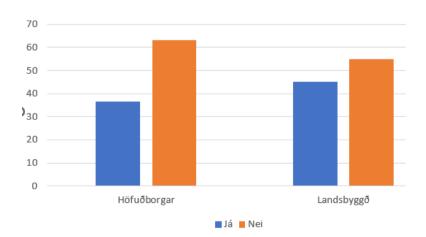
Education:

	Education up to 15 (<i>Grunnskóli</i>)	Sixth form (Framhalds)	University (<i>Háskóli</i>)
Yes (Já)	41.2%	46.0%	31.8%
No (<i>Nei</i>)	58.8%	54.0%	68.2%



Place of Residence:

	Reykjavík	Countryside
	(Höfuðborgar)	(Landsbyggð)
Yes (Já)	36.7%	45.1%
No (Nei)	63.3%	54.9%

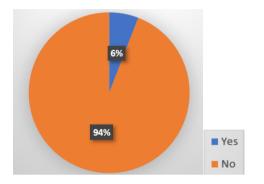


2. Have you had the experience of someone being named after

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:

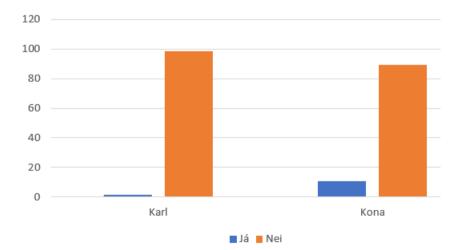
	Total	Numbers
Yes	5.9%	162
No	94.1%	



Comparison:

	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
Yes	10%	12%	6.5%	5.9%
No	90%	88%	93.5%	94.1%

	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:

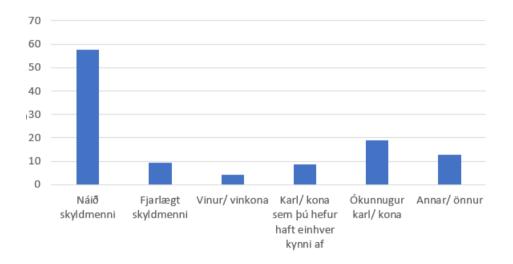
	Education to 15	Sixth form	University
Yes	8.5%	5.2%	4.8%
No	91.5%	94.8%	95.2%

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 skyldmenni)	57.6%
Distant relation (Fjarlægt skyldmenni)	9.3%
Friend (Vinur/ vinkona)	4.3%
Male/ female that you have aquaintance of (Karl/	8.6%
kona sem þú hefur haft einhver kynni af)	
Unknown male/ female (Ókunnugur karl/ kona)	18.9%
Someone else (Annar/ önnur)	12.8%

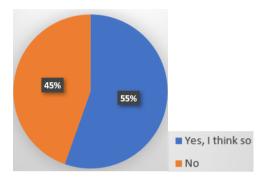


(2.7 SOMEONE ELSE: WHO?? INDIVIDUAL ANSWERS)

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?

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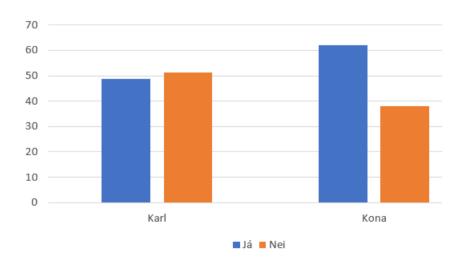
	Total	Numbers
Yes, I think so	55.4%	1453
No	44.6%	



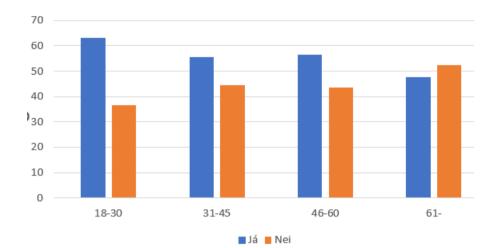
Comparison:

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

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	48.8%	62.0
No	51.2%	38.0



	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%

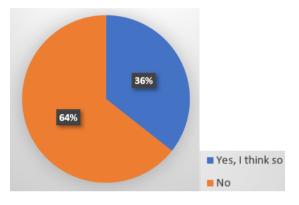
Age:

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

(No... Answer next question 10)

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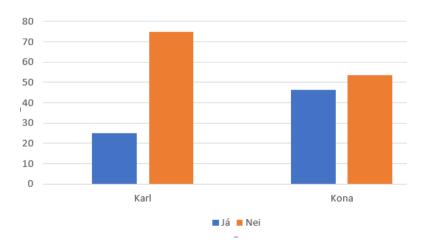
	Total	Numbers
Yes, I think so	35.6%	918
No	64.4%	



Comparison:

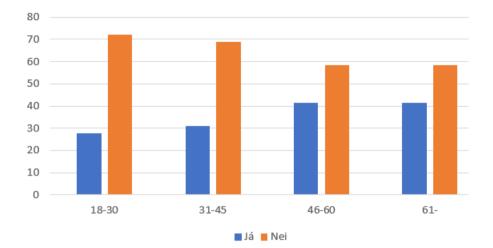
	1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
Yes, I think so	31%	38%	44%	38.3%	35.6%
No	69%	62%	56%	61.7%	64.4%

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	25.0%	46.3%
No	75.0%	53.7%



	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%

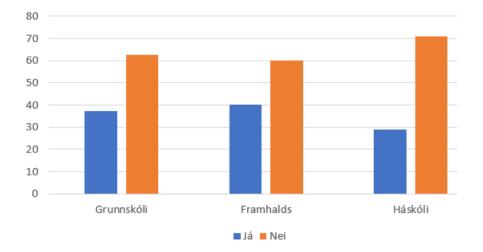
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Education:

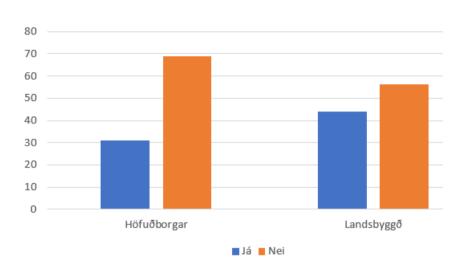
Age:

	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:

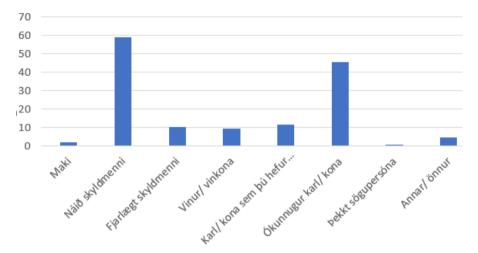
	Reykjavík	Countryside
Yes, I think so	31.1%	43.9%
No	68.9%	56.1%



7.1-8 Was the deceased person you were aware of:

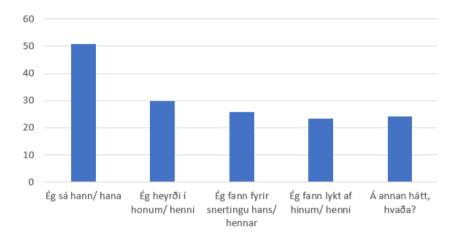
(Mark more than one if applicable.)

Partner (<i>maki</i>)	2.1%
Close relation (Náið skyldmenni)	58.9%
Distant relation (Fjarlægt skyldmenni)	10.5%
Friend (Vinur/ vinkona)	9.5%
Male/ female that you have aquaintance of (karl/	11.6%
kona sem þú hefur haft einhver kynni af)	
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 heyrði í honum/ henni)	29.9%
He/ she touched me (Ég fann fyrir snertingu hans/ hennar)	25.8%
I smelt him/ her (<i>Ég fann lykt af hinum/</i> <i>henni</i>)	23.4%
On some other way. What? (Á annan hátt, hvaða?)	24.1%



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

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

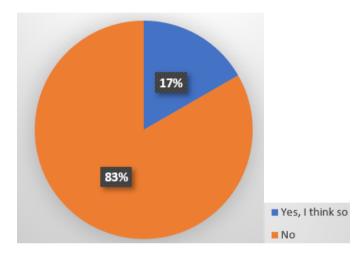
(INDIVIDUAL TEXT)

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:

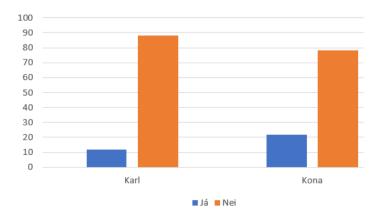
	Total	Numbers
Yes, I think so	16.7%	446
No	83.3%	



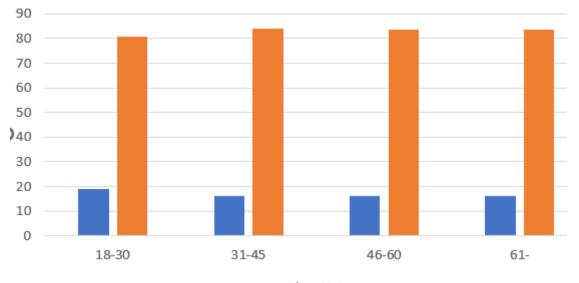
Comparison:

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

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	11.8%	21.8%
No	88.2%	78.2%

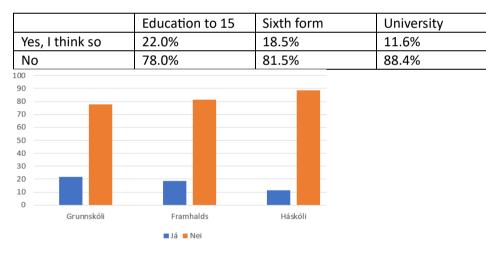


	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
Yes, I think so	19.1%	16.0%	16.3%	16.3%
No	80.9%	84.0%	83.7%	83.7%



📕 Já 📕 Nei

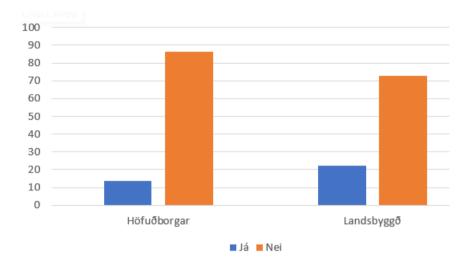
Education:



Age:

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:

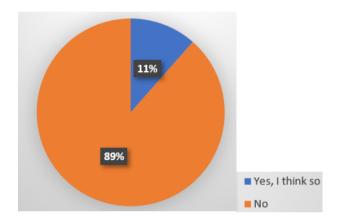
	Total
Once	25.6%
Several times	57.4%
Often	16.9%

14. Have you ever been aware of the presence of an animal which has passed away?

(No... Answer next question 17)

Total:

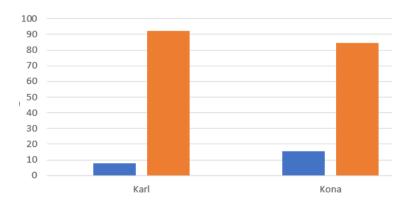
	Total	Numbers
Yes, I think so	11.5%	309
No	88.5%	



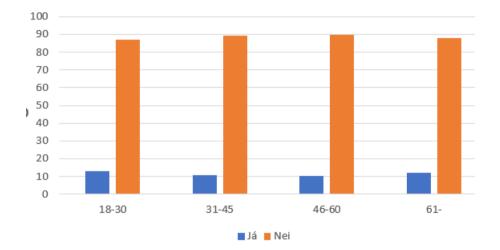
Comparison:

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

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	7.7%	15.4%
No	92.3%	84.6%

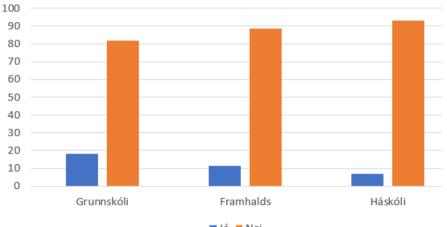


	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
Yes, I think so	13.1%	10.9%	10.2%	12.1%
No	86.9%	89.1%	89.8%	87.9%



Education:

	Education to 15	Sixth form	University
Yes, I think so	18.0%	11.4%	6.9%
No	82.0%	88.6%	93.1%

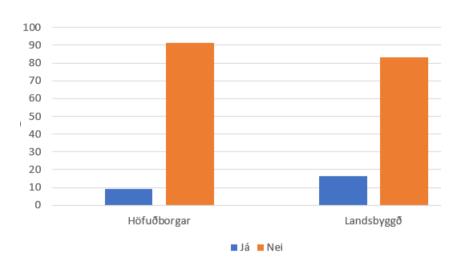


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Age:

Place of Residence:

	Reykjavík	Countryside
Yes, I think so	9.0%	16.2%
No	91.2%	83.2%



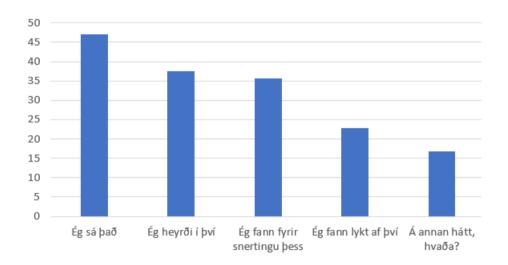
15. Was the animal you were aware of a pet or another animal?

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 það)	47.0%
l heard it (<i>Ég heyrði í því</i>)	37.5%
It touched me (Ég fann snertingu þess)	35.6%
I noticed its scent (Ég fann lykt af því)	22.9%
In another way. How?? (Á annan hátt)	16.7%

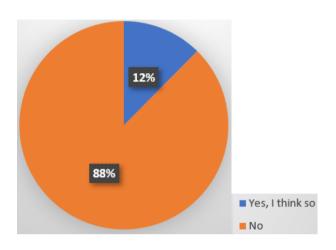


(16.6: HOW?: INDIVIDUAL TEXT)

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

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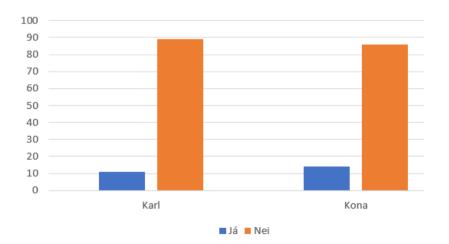
	Total	Numbers
Yes, I think so	12.4%	326
No	87.6%	



Comparison:

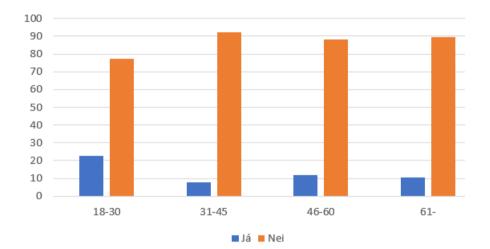
	1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
Yes, I think so	9%	12%	12%	11.1%	12.4%
No	91%	88%	88%	88.9%	87.6%

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	10.8%	14.0%
No	89.2%	86.0%



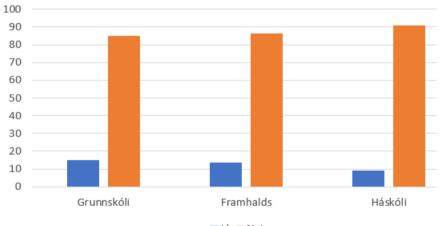
Age	
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	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
Yes, I think so	22.7%	7.6%	11.9%	10.4%
No	77.3%	92.4%	88.1%	89.6%



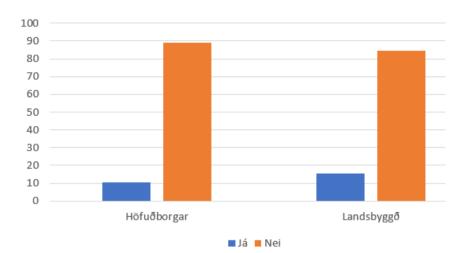
Education:

	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:

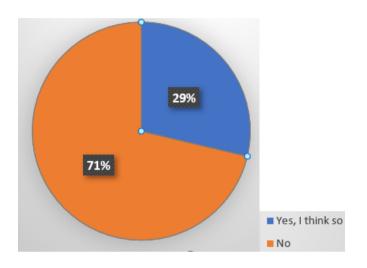
	Reykjavík	Countryside
Yes, I think so	10.7%	15.5%
No	89.3%	84.5%



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

Total:

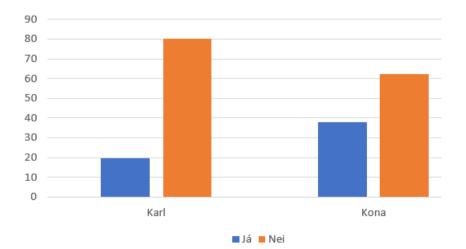
	Total	Numbers
Yes, I think so	28.7%	763
No	71.3%	



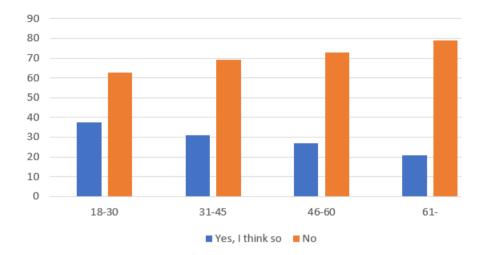
Comparison:

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

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	19.7%	37.7%
No	80.1%	62.3%

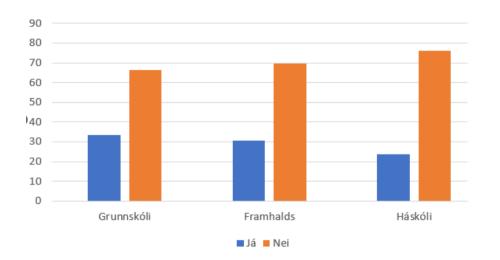


	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
Yes, I think so	37,3	30,8	27,1	20,9
No	62,7	69,2	72,9	79,1



Education:

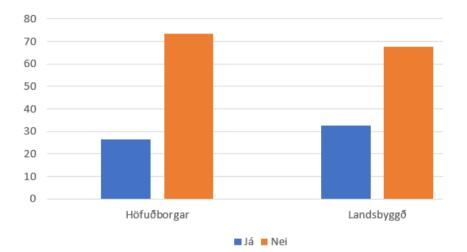
	Education to 15	Sixth form	University
Yes, I think so	33.5%	30.4%	23.8%
No	66.5%	69.6%	76.2%



Age:

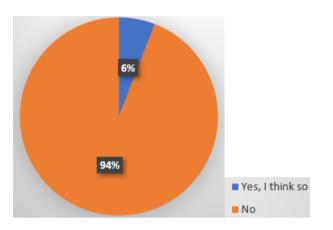
Place of Residence:

	Reykjavík	Countryside
Yes, I think so	26.6%	32.5%
No	73.4%	67.5%



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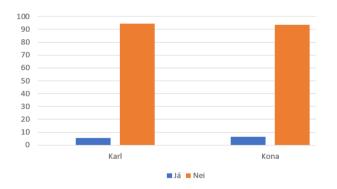
	Total	Numbers
Yes, I think so	5.9%	158
No	94.1%	



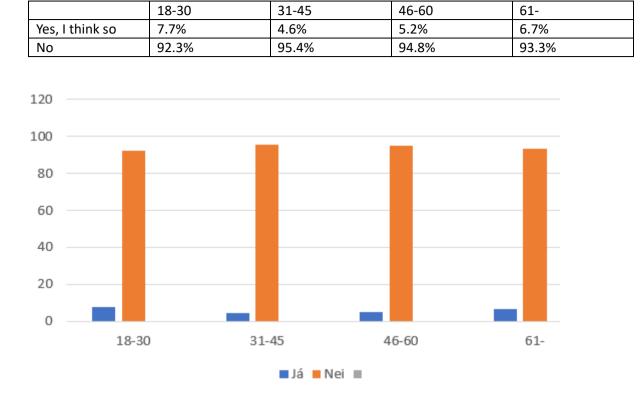
Comparison:

	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%

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	5.5%	6.4%
No	94.5%	93.6%

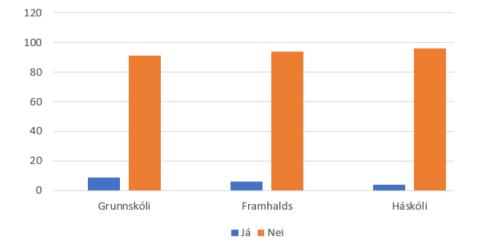


² On these beliefs, see further Terry Gunnell, "How Elvish Were the Álfar?" in *Constructing Nations, Reconstructing Myth: Essays in Honour of T. A. Shippey*, ed. Andrew Wawn, Graham Johnson and John Walter (Turnhout, 2007), 111-130; "The *Álfar*, the Clerics, and the Enlightenment: Conceptions of the Supernatural in the Age of Reason in Iceland", in *Fairies, Demons and Nature Spirits*, ed. Michael Ostling. Palgrave Historical Studies in Witchcraft and Magic London, 217), 191-212; and "Modern Legends in Iceland", in *Narratives Across Space and Time: Transmissions and Adaptions: Proceedings of the 15th Congress of the International Society For Folk Narrative Research (June 21-June 27 Athens)*, 3 vols (Athens, 2014), I, 337-351.



Education:

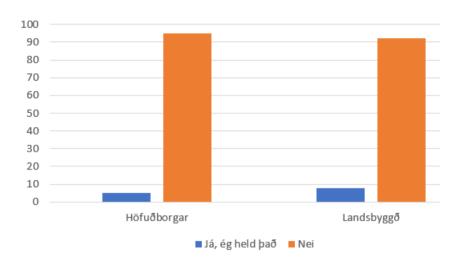
	Education to 15	Sixth form	University
Yes, I think so	8.9%	6.0%	3.7%
No	91.1%	94.0%	96.3%



Age:

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	
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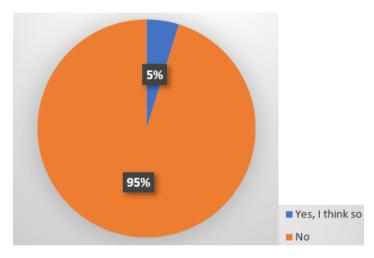
Once	31.5%
Twice	16.7%
Three times	9.7%
Four times	12.9%
Five times	5.2%
Six times	1.1%
Seven times	0.4%
Nine times or	22.4%
more	

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%	



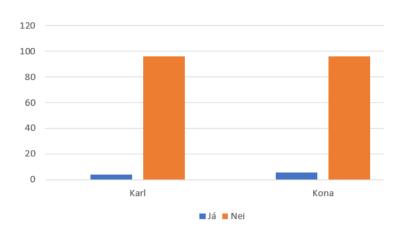
Comparison:

	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%

³ See Terry Gunnell, "Nordic Folk Legends, Folk Traditions and Grave Mounds: The Value of Folkloristics for the Study of Old Nordic Religions", in *New Focus on Retrospective Methods: Resuming Methodological Discussions: Case Studies from Northern Europe*, ed. Eldar Heide and Karen Bek-Pedersen (Helsinki, 2014), 17-41; and "The Power in the Place Icelandic *Álagablettir* Legends in a Comparative Context", in *Storied and Supernatural Places: Studies in Spatial and Social Dimensions of Folklore and Sagas*, ed. Ülo Valk and Daniel Sävborg. Studia Fennica Folkloristica 23. (Helsinki, 2018), 27-41. See also Valdimar Hafstein, "The Elves' Point of View: Cultural Identity in Contemporary Icelandic Elf-Tradition", *Fabula* 41 (2000) 87-104. See also the stories in Bjarni Harðarson, *Landið, folkið og þjóðtrúin* (Selfoss 2001); and Dagrún Jónsdóttir and Jón Jónsson, *Álagablettir á Ströndum* (Reykjavík, 2021).

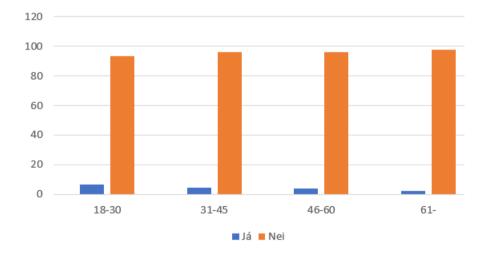
Gender:

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	3.9%	5.8%
No	96.1%	96.1%



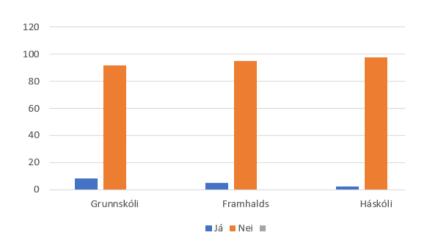
Age:

	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%



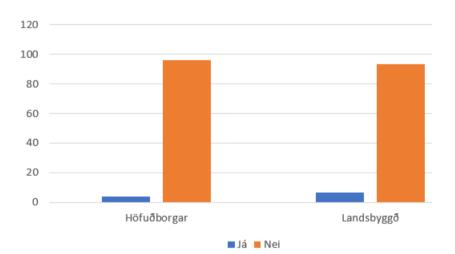
Education:

	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?

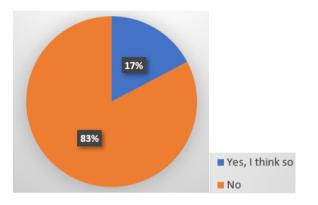
Yes	67.1%
No	32.9%

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%	

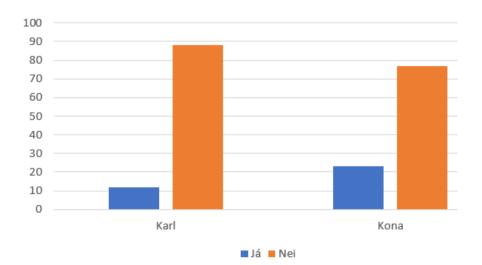


Comparison:

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

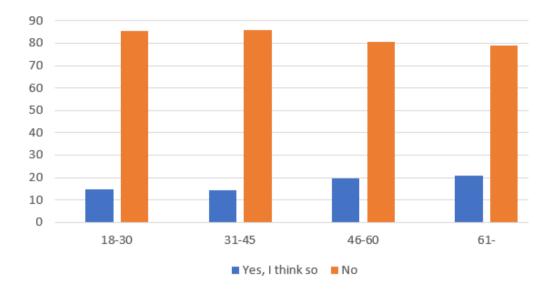
Gender:

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	11.9%	23.1%
No	88.1%	76.8%



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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%

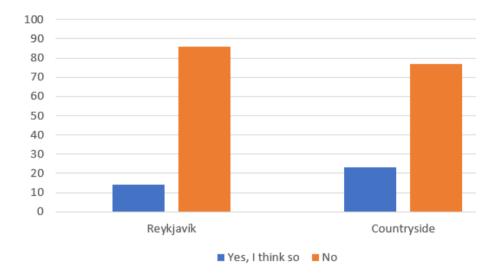


Education:

	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:

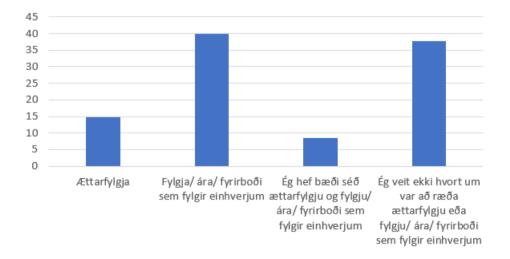
	Reykjavík	Countryside
Yes, I think so	14.2%	23.2%
No	85.8%	76.8%



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

Total:

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



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	31.3%
example. things were moved)	
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*?

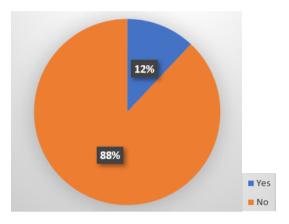
Yes	62.2%
No	37.8%

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%	

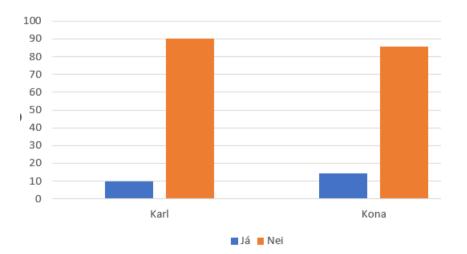


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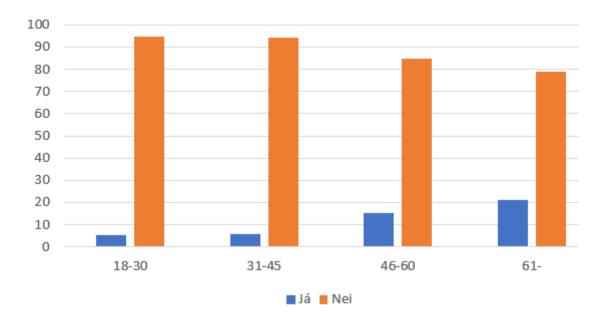
	1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
Yes	41%	25%	27%	15.5%	12.0%
No	59%	75%	73%	84.5%	88.0%

Gender:

	Male	Female
Yes	9.9%	14.1%
No	90.1%	85.9%



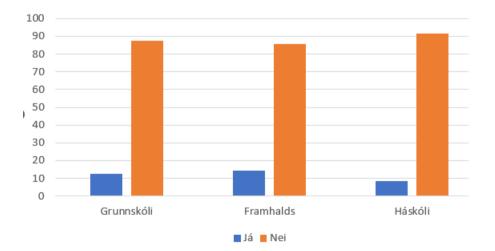
	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
Yes	5.2%	5.9%	15.1%	21.3%
No	94.8%	94.1%	84.9%	78.7%



Education:

Age:

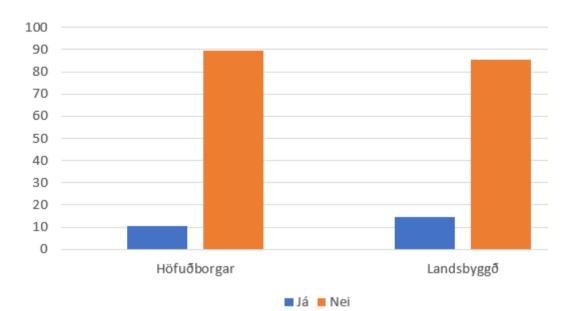
	Education to 15	Sixth form	University
Yes	12.3%	14.1%	8.6%
No	87.7%	85.9%	91.4%



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Place of Residence:

	Reykjavík	Countryside
Yes	10.5%	14.7%
No	89.5%	85.3%



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	14.4%
more often	

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

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

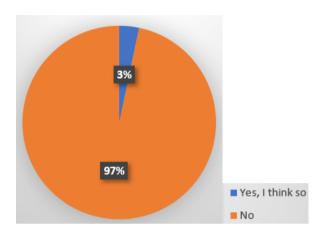
Total:

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%	

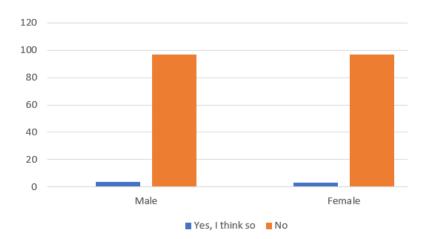


Comparison:

	1974	2006	2007	2023 W
Yes, I think so		4%	3%	3.3%
No		96%	97%	96.7%

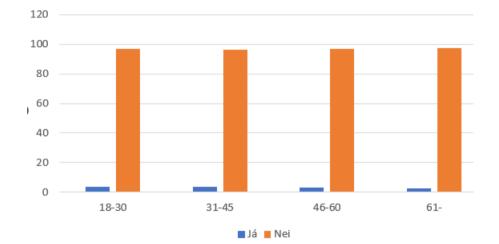
Gender:

	Male	Female
Yes, I think so	3.4%	3.2%
No	96.6%	96.8%



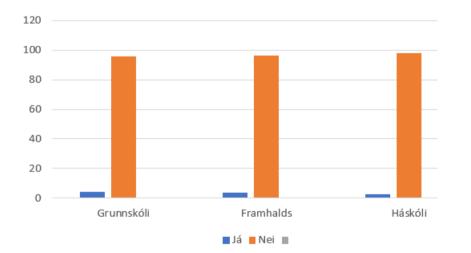
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	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
Yes, I think so	3.4%	3.9%	3.1%	2.5%
No	96.6%	96.1%	96.9%	97.5%



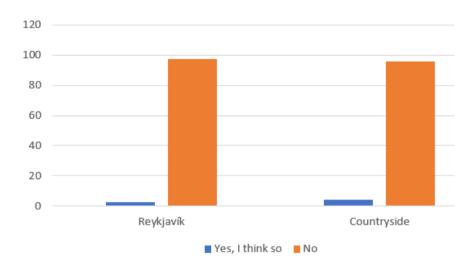
Education:

	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%

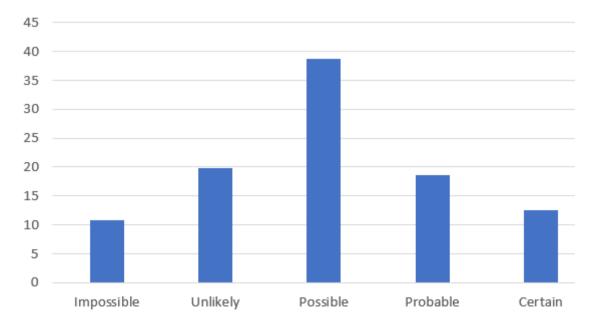
Comparison:

	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:

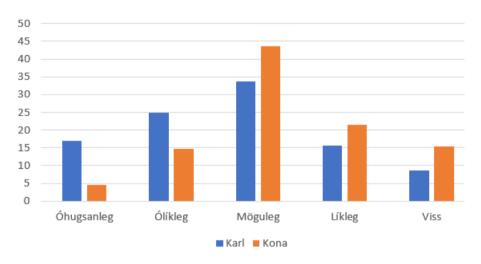
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	3.6	3.4	3.19	3.01

Barchart:



Gender:

	Male	Female
Impossible	17.0%	4.6%
(Óhugsanleg)		
Unlikely	24.9%	14.7%
(Ólíkleg)		
Possible	33.8%	43.7%
(Möguleg)		
Probable	15.7%	21.5%
(Líkleg)		
Certain (Viss)	8.6%	15.5%

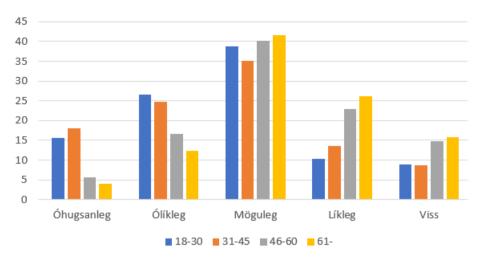


Mean: Male (Karl): Female (Kona):

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-:

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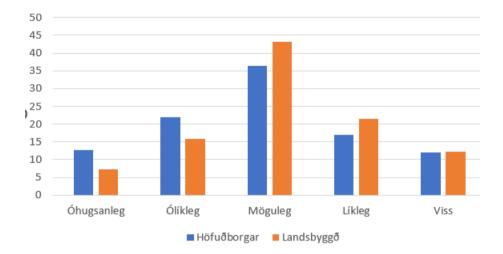
Education:

	Education to 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	Countryside
	(Höfuðborgar)	(Landsbyggð)
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	3.15

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

Mean: 2.84

	Total
Impossible	14.3%
Unlikely	21.9%
Possible	37.9%
Probable	17.0%
Certain	8.9%

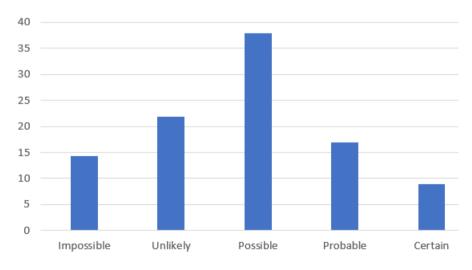
Comparison:

	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:

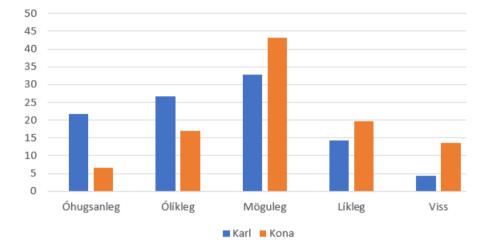
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	3.3	3.2	2.99	2.84

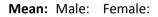
Barchart:



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%



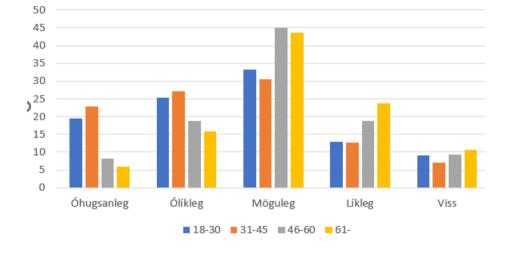


2.54 3.17

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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-:
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2.67 2.54 3.02 3.17

Education:

	Education to 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:

2.95

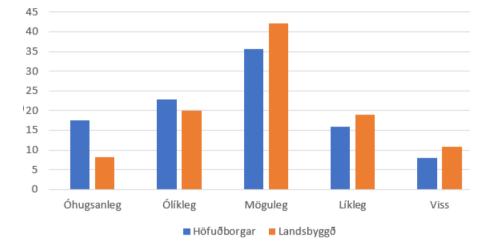
University:

2.68

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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	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%

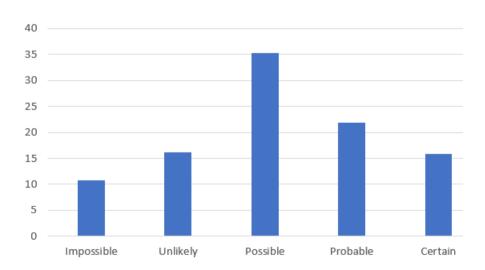
Comparison:

	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:

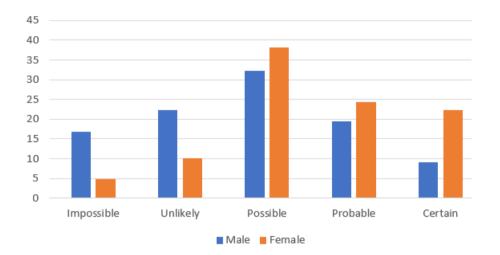
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	3.6	3.5	3.26	3.16

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%

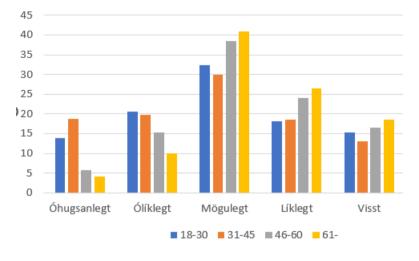




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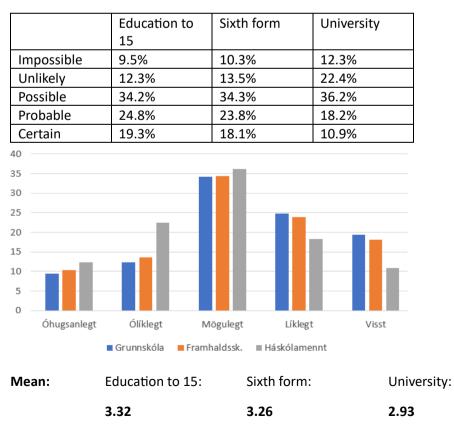
	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
Impossible	13.8%	18.8%	5.7%	4.1%
Unlikely	20.5%	19.7%	15.2%	10.0%
Possible	32.3%	29.9%	38.5%	40.8%
Probable	18.2%	18.5%	24.1%	26.4%
Certain	15.2%	13.1%	16.5%	18.6%



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

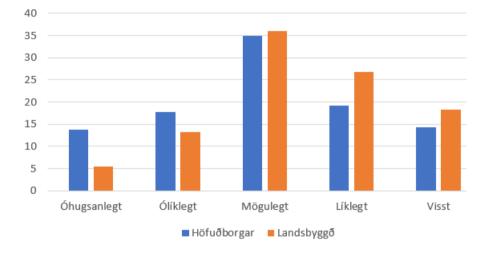
3.01 2.87 3.3 3.45

Education:



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

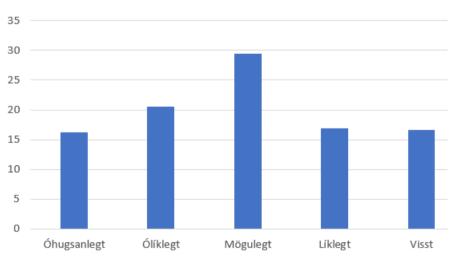
	Total
Impossible	16.2%
Unlikely	20.6%
Possible	29.5%
Probable	16.9%
Certain	16.7%

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		

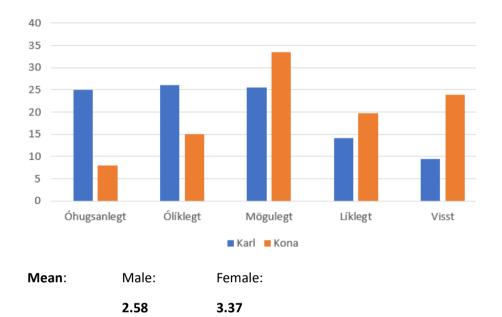
Mean: 1974 2006 2007 2023 2023 W 3.6 3.5 3.11 2.97

Barchart:

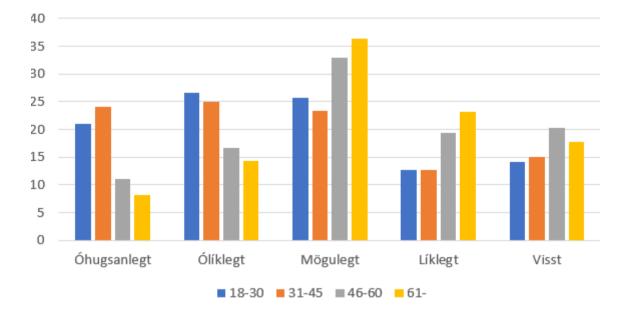


Gender:

	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%



	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-:

2.72 2.69 3.21 3.28

Education:

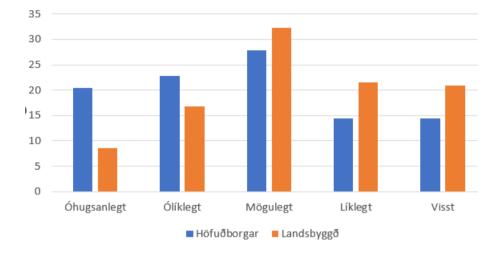
	Education to	Sixth form	University
	15		
Impossible	13.6%	15.0%	19.4%
Unlikely	20.7%	17.6%	24.3%
Possible	29.6%	29.5%	28.8%
Probable	17.3%	18.1%	15.5%
Certain	18.8%	19.9%	11.9%

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

Age:

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: 2.74

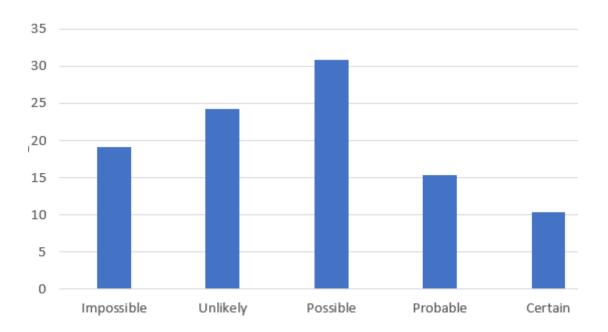
	Total
Impossible	19.1%
Unlikely	24.2%
Possible	30.9%
Probable	15.4%
Certain	10.4%

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		

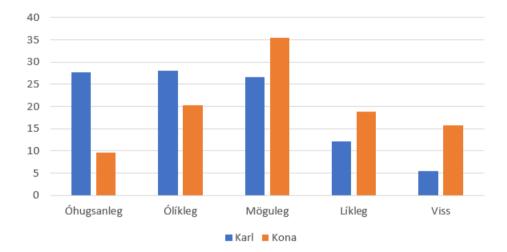
Mean:				
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	3.3	3.3	2.87	2.74

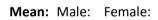
Barchart:



Gender	:
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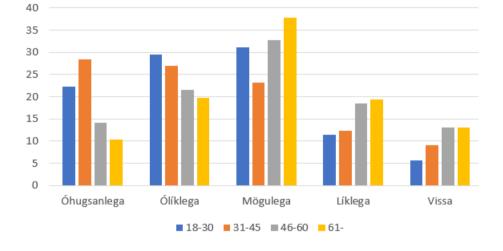
	Male	Female
Impossible	27.7%	9.7%
Unlikely	28.0%	20.2%
Possible	26.6%	35.5%
Probable	12.2%	18.9%
Certain	5.5%	15.7%





2.4 3.11

	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-:
	2.49	2.47	2.95	3.05

Education:

Age:

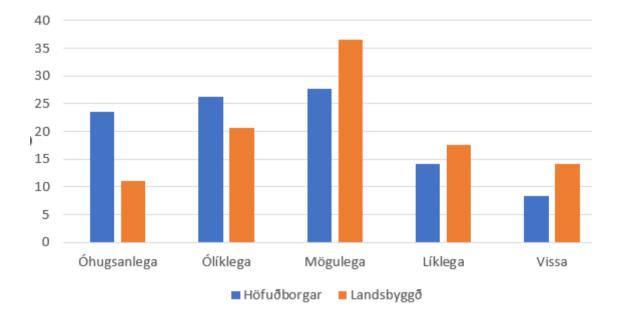
	Education to	Sixth form	University
	15		
Impossible	17.4%	16.4%	23.1%
Unlikely	25.3%	21.0%	27.4%
Possible	29.0%	34.4%	28.3%
Probable	15.1%	16.0%	14.5%
Certain	13.2%	12.1%	6.6%

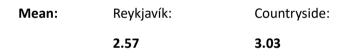
Mean:	Education to 15:	Sixth form:	University:
	2.81	2.87	2.54

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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%





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

Mean: 2.81

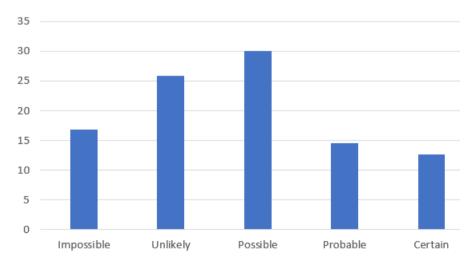
	Total
Impossible	16.8%
Unlikely	25.9%
Possible	30.1%
Probable	14.6%
Certain	12.7%

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		

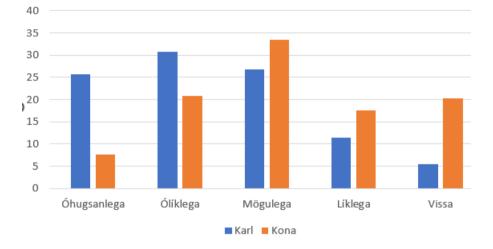
Mean:				
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	3.2	3.1	2.81	2.81

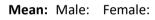
Barchart:



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%





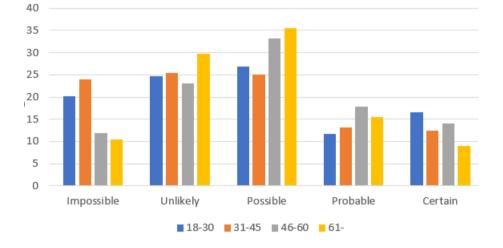
2.40 3.22

18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
20.2%	23.9%	11.8%	10.4%
24.7%	25.5%	23.1%	29.7%

25.1%

13.1%

12.4%



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

26.9%

11.7%

16.6%

Age:

Impossible

Unlikely

Possible

Probable

Certain

33.2%

17.9%

14.0%

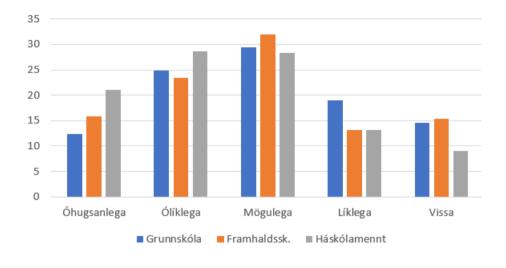
35.6%

15.4%

9.0%

Education:

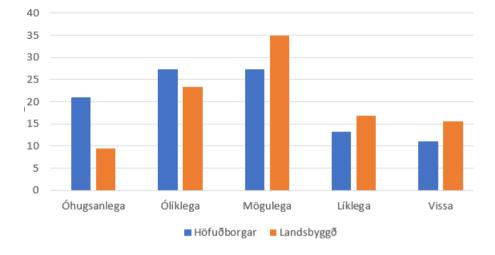
	Education to 15	Sixth form	University
Impossible	12.4%	15.9%	21.0%
Unlikely	24.8%	23.5%	28.6%
Possible	29.4%	32.0%	28.3%
Probable	19.0%	13.2%	13.1%
Certain	14.5%	15.4%	9.0%



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 *álfar* is...

Mean: 2.48

	Total
Impossible	26.7%
Unlikely	27.9%
Possible	24.6%
Probable	12.3%
Certain	8.4%

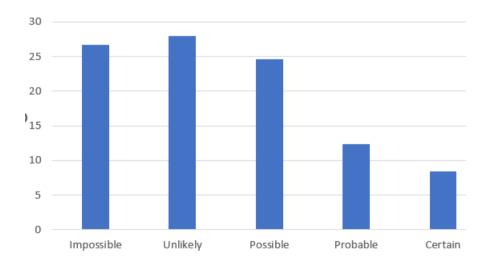
Comparison:

	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:

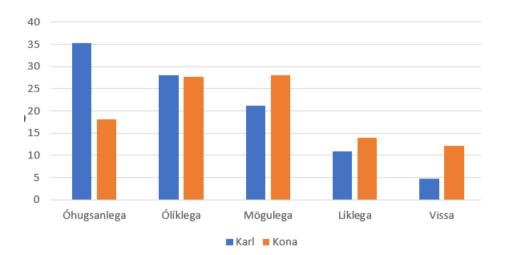
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	2.8	2.9	2.58	2.48

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%

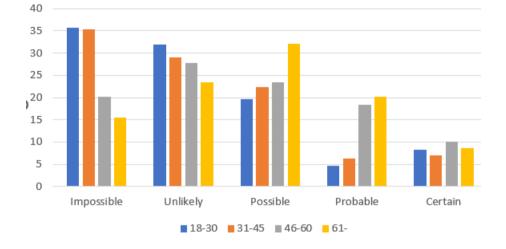


Mean: Male: Female:

2.22 2.74

	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

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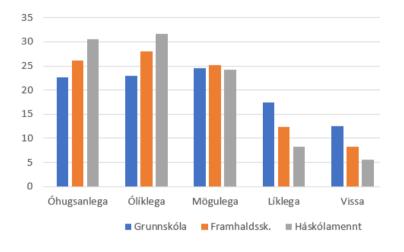


Mean:	18-30:	31-45:	46-60:	61-:
	2.18	2.21	2.7	2.83

Age:

Education:

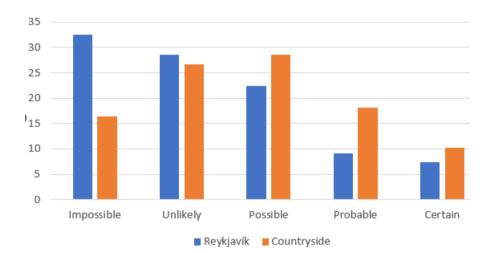
	Education to	Sixth form	University
	15		
Impossible	22.6%	26.1%	30.5%
Unlikely	22.9%	28.0%	31.6%
Possible	24.6%	25.2%	24.2%
Probable	17.4%	12.4%	8.2%
Certain	12.5%	8.3%	5.5%



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%

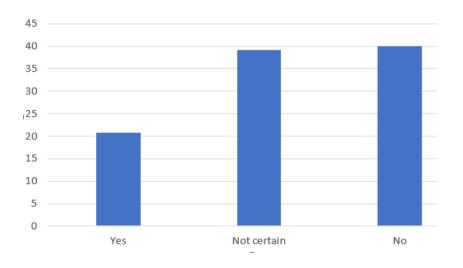


Mean:	Reykjavík:	Countryside:
	2.3	2.79

Yes (Já)	20.7%
Not certain	39.2%
(Ekki viss)	
No (<i>Nei</i>)	40.1%

59. Do you think that there is a difference between Icelandic *álfar* and *huldufólk*?

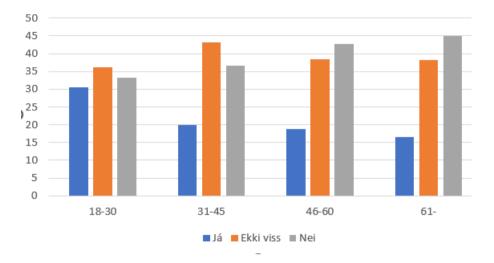
Barchart:



Gender:

	Male	Female
Yes	19.2%	21.9%
Not certain	37.9%	40.3%
No	42.8%	37.8%

	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 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%

Age:

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	28.1%
not	
Álfar are hazy/ half see through but huldufólk	4.0%
not	
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)

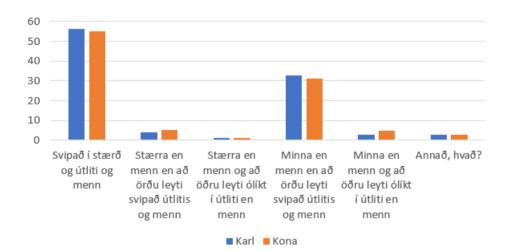
A similar size and appearance to humans (<i>Svipað í</i>	55.5%
stærð og útliti og menn) Bigger than	1.00%
humans but in other ways similar in appearance (Stærra en menn en að örðu leyti	4.8%
svipað útlits og menn)	1.20/
Bigger than humans and in other ways different in appearance to humans (<i>Stærra</i> <i>en menn og að</i> öðru leyti ólíkt í útliti en menn)	1.2%
Smaller than humans but in other ways similar in appearance (Minna en menn en að örðu leyti svipað útlits og menn)	31.7%
Smaller than humans and in other ways different in appearance (<i>Minna en menn</i> og að öðru leyti ólíkt í útliti en menn)	4.0%
Other differences; what? (Annað, hvað?)	2.8%

60 50 40 30 20 10 0 Svipað í stærð Stærra en Stærra en Minna en Minna en Annað, hvað? og útliti og menn en að menn og að menn en að menn og að menn örðu leyti öðru leyti ólíkt örðu leyti öðru leyti ólíkt svipað útlitis í útliti en svipað útlitis og menn menn og menn í útliti en menn

60. How does the appearance of *huldufólk* compare to that of human beings?

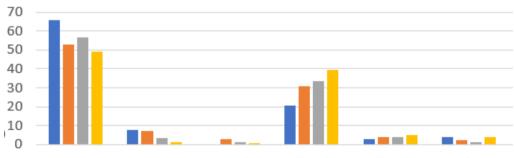
Gender:

	Male	Female
A similar size and	56.2%	55.1%
appearance to		
humans		
Bigger than	3.9%	5.3%
humans but in		
other ways		
similar in		
appearance		
Bigger than	1.3%	1.1%
humans and in		
other ways		
different in		
appearance to		
humans		
Smaller than		31.0%
humans but in	22.00/	
other ways	32.9%	
similar in		
appearance	0.00/	. = . (
Smaller than	2.8%	4.7%
humans and in		
other ways		
different in		
appearance		0.001
Other	2.8%	2.8%
differences;		
what?		



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Age	

	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
A similar size and	65.6%	52.9%	56.8%	49.4%
appearance to				
humans				
Bigger than	7.4%	7.2%	3.3%	1.3%
humans but in				
other ways				
similar in				
appearance				
Bigger than	0.0%	2.8%	1.0%	0.5%
humans and in				
other ways				
different in				
appearance				
Smaller than		31.0%	33.7%	39.7%
humans but	20.5%			
otherwise similar	20.370			
in appearance				
Smaller than	2.9%	3.6%	3.9%	5.2%
humans and in				
other ways				
different in				
appearance				
Other	3.7%	2.4%	1.1%	3.9
differences;				
what?				



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

■ 18-30 ■ 31-45 ■ 46-60 ■ 61-

Education:

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

Place of residence:

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

(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%

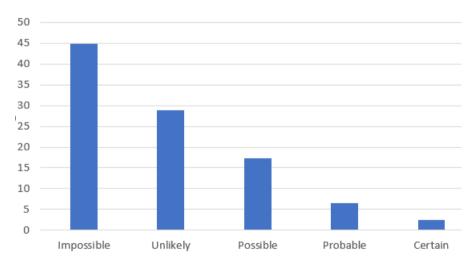
Comparison:

	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:

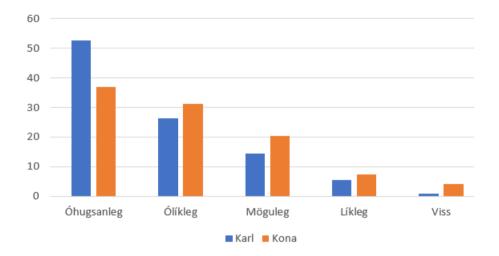
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	2.3	2.4	2.02	1.93

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%



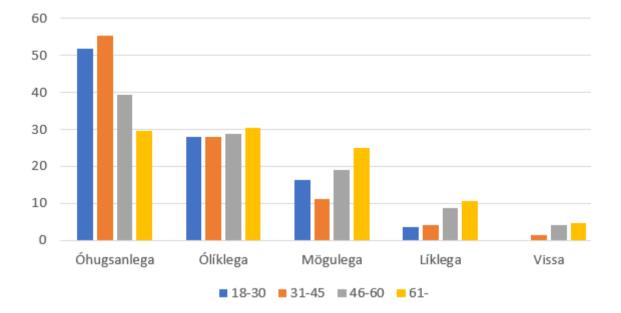
Mean: Male: Female:

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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:	18-30:	31-45:	46-60:	61-:
	1.72	1.68	2.10	2.3

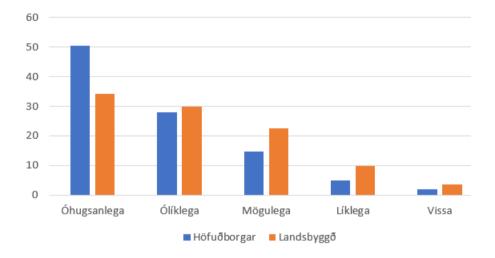
Education:

	Education to 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	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%

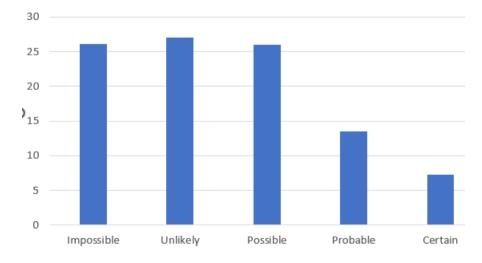
Comparison:

	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:

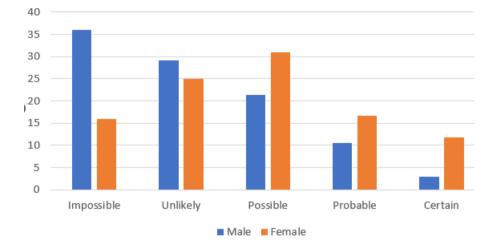
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	2.8	2.8	2.52	2.49

Barchart:



Gender:

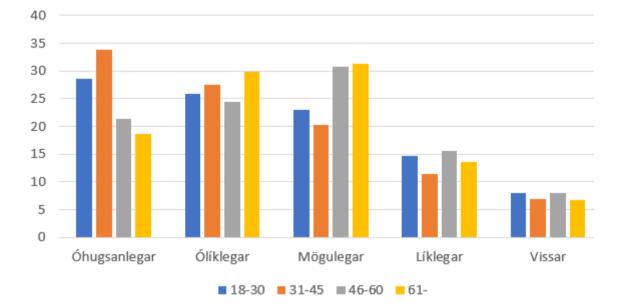
	Male	Female
Impossible	36.0%	15.9%
Unlikely	29.1%	24.9%
Possible	21.3%	30.9%
Probable	10.6%	16.6%
Certain	3.0%	11.8%



Mean: Male: Female:

2.16 2.83

	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%

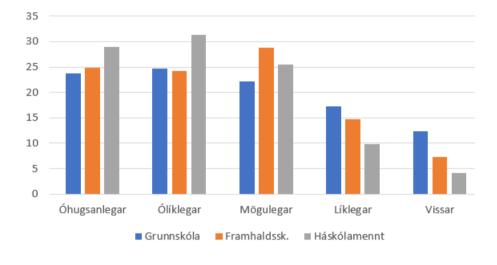


Mean:	18-30:	31-45:	46-60:	61-:
	2.48	2.3	2.64	2.60

Age:

Education:

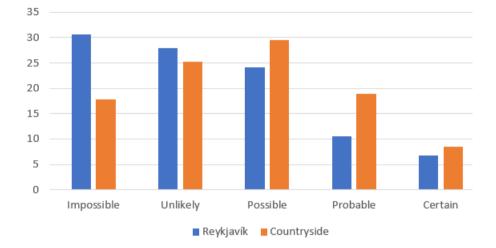
	Education to	Sixth form	University
	15		
Impossible	23.7%	24.9%	29.0%
Unlikely	24.7%	24.3%	31.3%
Possible	22.1%	28.8%	25.5%
Probable	17.2%	14.7%	9.9%
Certain	12.3%	7.3%	4.2%



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	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%

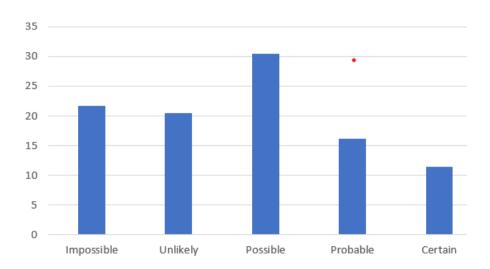
Comparison:

	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:

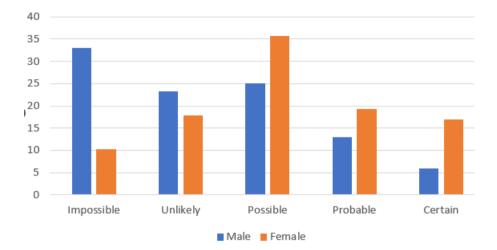
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	3.1	3.1	2.82	2.75

Barchart:



Gender:

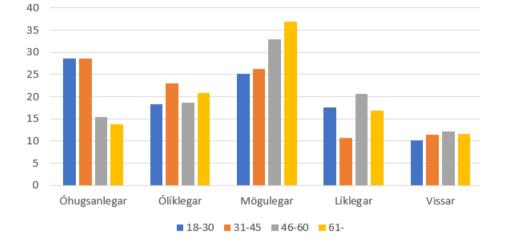
	Male	Female
Impossible	33.0%	10.2%
Unlikely	23.2%	17.8%
Possible	25.0%	35.8%
Probable	12.9%	19.2%
Certain	5.9%	17.0%



Mean: Male: Female:

2.36 3.15

	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-:
	2.63	2.54	2.95	2.92

Age:

99

Education:

	Education to	Sixth form	University
	15		
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%

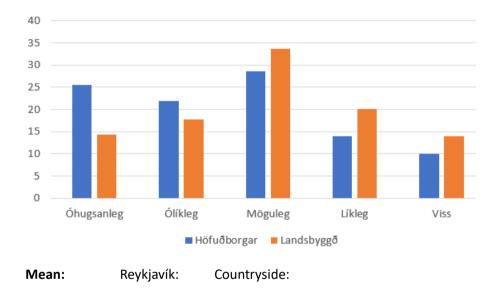
Mean:	Education to 15:	Sixth form:	University:

2.8	2.86	2.54

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%

2.61



3.01

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

Mean: 2.57

	Total
Impossible	23.4%
Unlikely	24.3%
Possible	31.3%
Probable	14.1%
Certain	6.9%

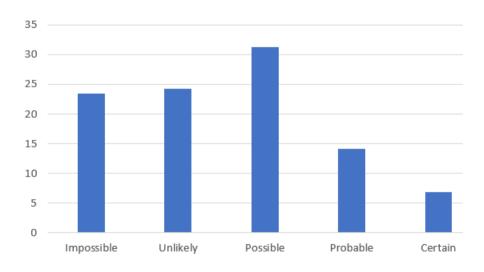
Comparison:

	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:

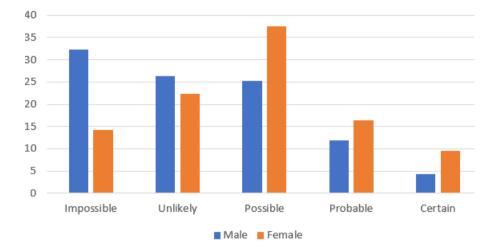
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	2.9	3.0	2.69	2.57

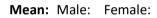
Barchart:



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%



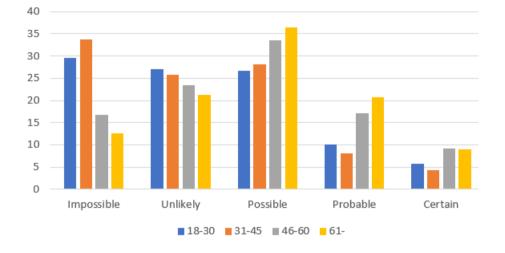


2.3 2.85

1	0	3
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	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%

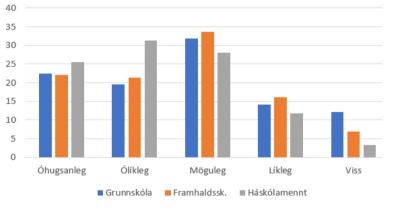
Age:



Mean:	10-30.	51-45.	46-60:	01
	2.36	2.23	2.78	2.92

Education:

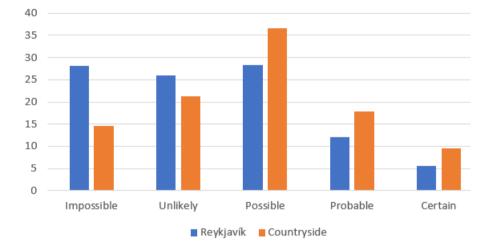
	Education to	Sixth form	University
	15		
Impossible	22.4%	22.0%	25.6%
Unlikely	19.5%	21.3%	31.3%
Possible	31.8%	33.7%	28.1%
Probable	14.1%	16.1%	11.7%
Certain	12.1%	6.9%	3.3%



Mean:	Education to 15:	Sixth form:	University:
	2.74	2.65	2.36

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	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

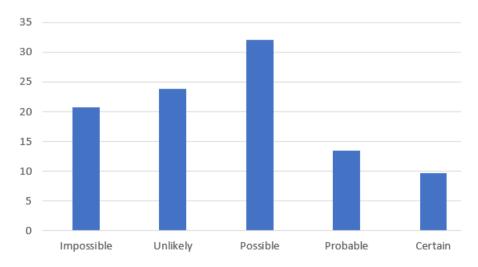
	Total
Impossible	20.8%
Unlikely	23.9%
Possible	32.1%
Probable	13.5%
Certain	9.7%

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		

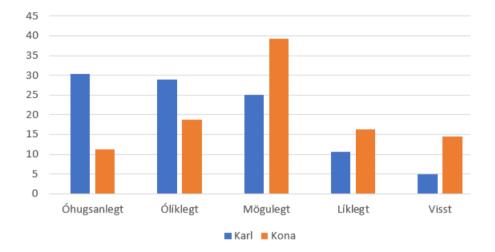
Mean:				
1974	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
	3.2	3.2	2.78	2.67

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%



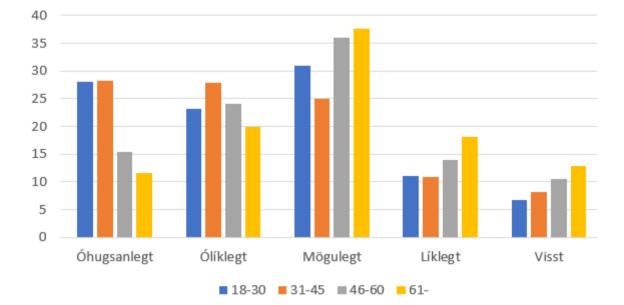
Mean: Male: Female:

2.31 3.04

1	0	8
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	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-

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

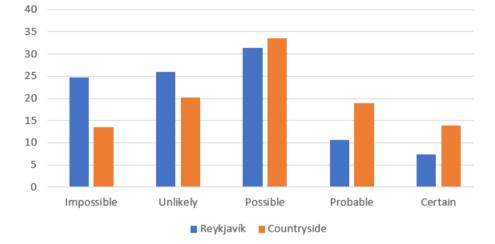
2.45 2.43 2.8 3.01

Education:

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

	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%

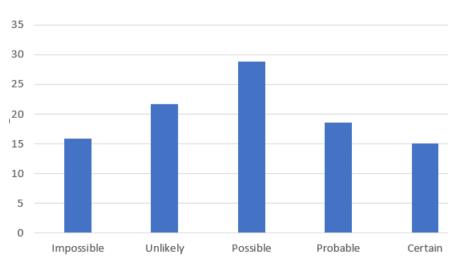
Comparison:

	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		

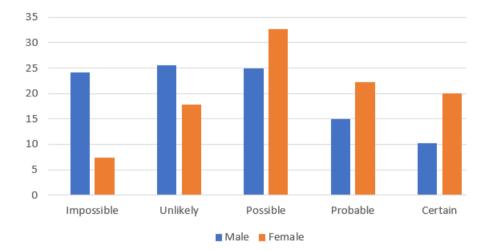
*Statistical difference in the survey from 1974 and the survey from2006

Mean: 1974 2006 2007 2023 2023 W 3.5 3.4 3.04 2.95

Barchart:



	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%

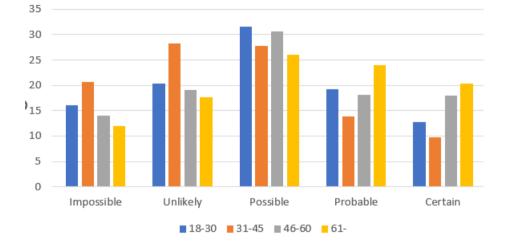


Mean: Male: Female:

2.62 3.30

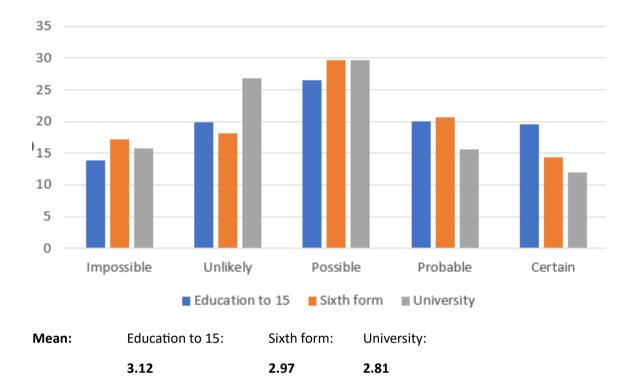
	18-30	31-45	46-60	61-
Impossible	16.1%	20.7%	14.1%	11.9%
Unlikely	20.3%	28.2%	19.1%	17.7%
Possible	31.5%	27.7%	30.6%	26.1%
Probable	19.3%	13.8%	18.2%	24.0%
Certain	12.8%	9.7%	18.0%	20.3%



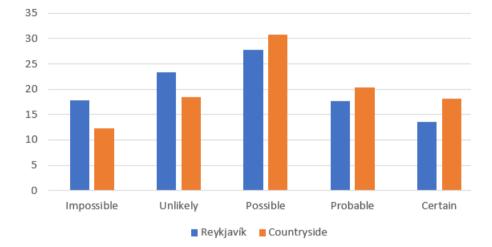


	2.92	2.64	3.07	3.23
Mean:	18-30:	31-45:	46-60:	61-:

	Education to	Sixth form	University
	15		
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%



	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

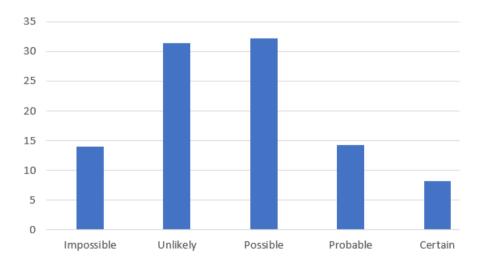
	Total
Impossible	14.0%
Unlikely	31.4%
Possible	32.2%
Probable	14.3%
Certain	8.2%

Comparison:

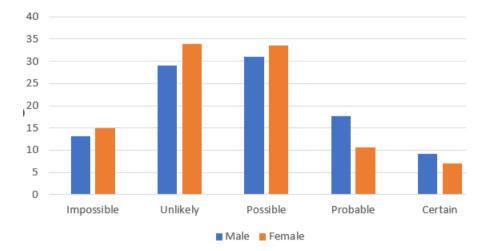
	Survey 2006	Survey 2007	Survey 2023	2023 W
Impossible	16%	19%	15.9%	14.0%
Unlikely	32%	40%	35.3%	31.4%
Possible	29%	28%	30.9%	32.2%
Probable	9%	9%	12.1%	14.3%
Certain	3%	4%	5.8%	8.2%
Sum	100%	100%		
Total	651	275		

Mean: 1974 2006 2007 2023 2023 W 2.5 2.4 2.57 2.71

Barchart:



	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%

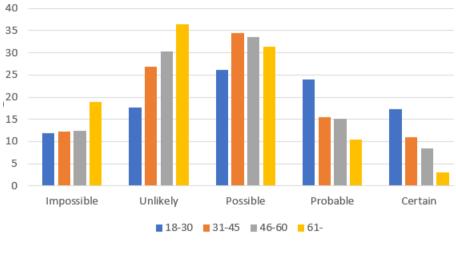


Mean: M	lale:	Female:
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2.81 2.61

	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%





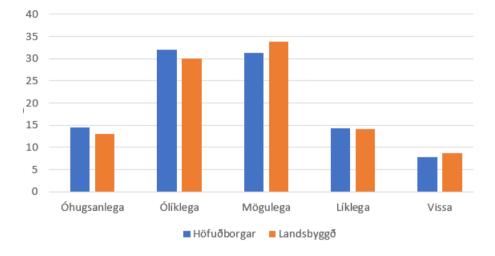
Mean:		31-45:		-
	2.86	2.8	2.77	2.42

	Education to	Sixth form	University
	15		
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

	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%

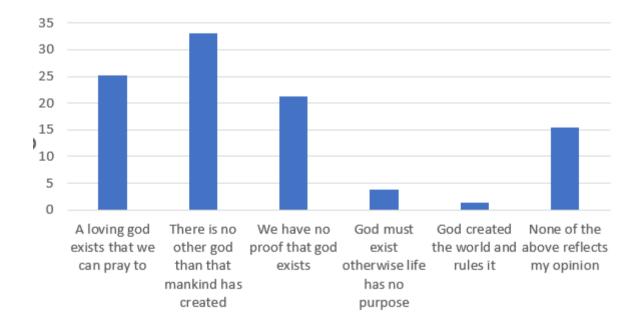


Mean:	Reykjavík:	Countryside:
	2.69	2.76

70. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your own attitude?

(Please mark only one answer.)

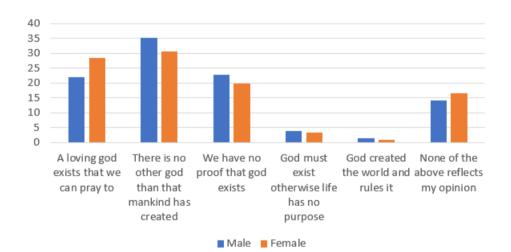
	Total
A loving god	25.2%
exists that we	
can pray to	
There is no	33.0%
other god than	
that mankind	
has created	
We have no	21.3%
proof that god	
exists	
God must exist	3.8%
otherwise life	
has no purpose	
God created the	1.3%
world and rules	
it	
None of the	15.4%
above reflects	
my opinion	



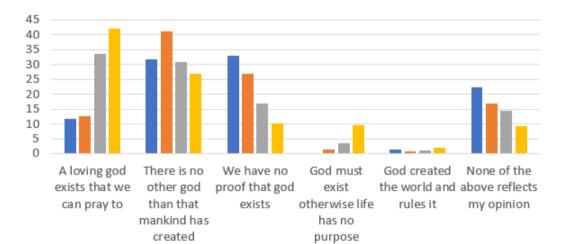
Comparison:

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

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



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

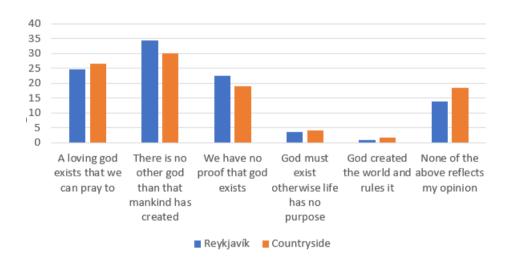


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	- 1	20 21	15	16	60	- 4	61.	

Age:

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

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

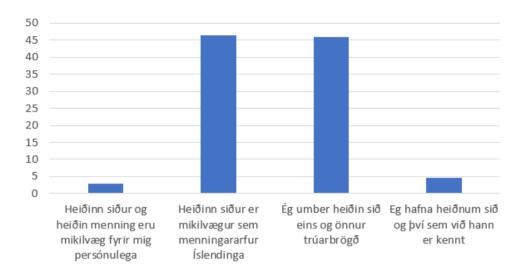


73. What is your position as regards the Old Norse religion (*ásatrú*)?

(Please mark just one statement.)

	Total
The Old Norse	2.9%
religion and	2.370
culture is	
important to	
me personally	
(Heiðinn siður	
og heiðin	
menning eru	
mikilvæg fyrir	
mig	
persónulega)	
The Old Norse	46.5%
religion is	
important as a	
piece of	
Icelandic	
heritage	
(Heiðinn siður	
er mikilvægur	
sem	
menningararfur	
Íslendinga)	
I accept the Old	46.0%
Norse religion	
like any other	
religion (Ég	
umber heiðin	
sið eins og	
önnur	
trúarbrögð)	
I reject the Old	4.6%
Norse religion	
and everything	
associated with	
it (Eg hafna	
heiðnum sið og	
því sem við	
hann er kennt)	

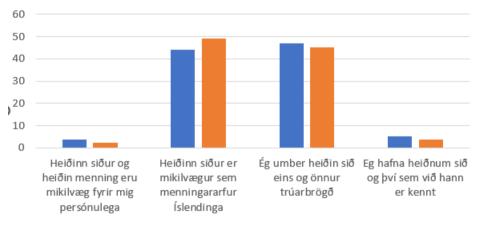
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Comparison

	2006	2007	2023	2023 W
The Old Norse religion and culture is important to me personally	2%	8%	2.2%	2.9%
The Old Norse religion is important as a piece of Icelandic heritage	38%	48%	43.7%	46.5%
I accept the Old Norse religion like any other religion	53%	42%	50.3%	46%
I reject the Old Norse religion and everything associated with it	6%	3%	3.8%	4.6%

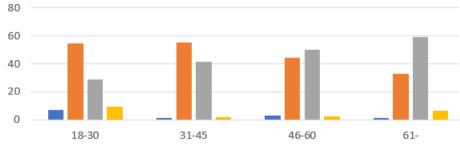
	Male	Female
The Old Norse	3.6%	2.1%
religion and		
culture is		
important to		
me personally		
The Old Norse	44.2%	49.1%
religion is		
important as a		
piece of		
Icelandic		
heritage		
I accept the	46.9%	45.1%
Old Norse		
religion like		
any other		
religion		
I reject the Old	5.3%	3.7%
Norse religion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





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



Heiðinn siður og heiðin menning eru mikilvæg fyrir mig persónulega

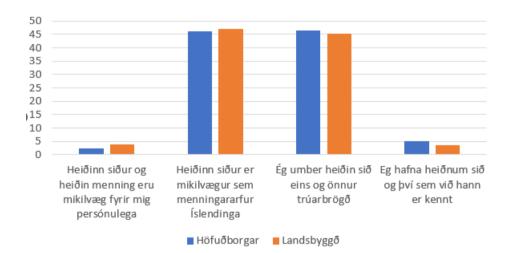
■ Ég umber heiðin sið eins og önnur trúarbrögð

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Heiðinn siður er mikilvægur sem menningararfur Íslendinga

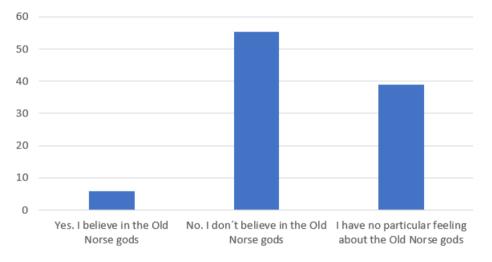
	Education to 15	Sixth form	University
The Old Norse religion and culture is important to me personally	4.7%	2.5%	1.8%
The Old Norse religion is important as a piece of Icelandic heritage	40.8%	43.0%	53.4%
I accept the Old Norse religion like any other religion	47.9%	48.4%	43.2%
I reject the Old Norse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

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



	Total
Yes. I believe	5.8%
in the Old	
Norse gods	
No. I don't	55.3%
believe in the	
Old Norse	
gods	
I have no	38.9%
particular	
feeling about	
the Old Norse	
gods	

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



Comparison:

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

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	Male	Female
Yes. I believe	5.6%	6.1%
in the Old		
Norse gods		
No. I don't	61.3%	49.3%
believe in the		
Old Norse		
gods		
I have no	33.2%	44.7%
particular		
feeling about		
the Old Norse		
gods		

Age:

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

	Education to	Sixth form	University
Yes. I believe in the Old Norse gods	9.9%	5.2%	3.4%
No. I don't believe in the Old Norse gods	43.7%	53.2%	64.7%
I have no particular feeling about the Old Norse gods	46.5%	41.5%	32.0%

	Reykjavík	Countryside			
Yes. I believe in the Old Norse gods (Já, ég trúi á hin heiðnu	4.0%	9.2%			
goð) No. I don't believe in the Old Norse gods (<i>Nei, ég</i> 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 heiðinna goða)	34.9%	46.2%			
60					
50			_		
40 _30					
20					
10					
0 Já, ég trúi á hin heið	nu goð Nei, ég trúi ekki a goð	á hin heiðnu Ég hef enga sé til heiðin			
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