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Will highly educated women have more children?

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Reflections

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IN ABSOLUTE OR RELATIVE TERMS? RESPECT TO THE LOW- EDUCATED WOMEN OR THE HIGH-EDUCATED **MEN**?

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IS THERE A **ROOM** FOR INCREASING FERTILITY OF HIGHLY EDUCATED?

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IN WHICH COUNTRIES OR **INSTITUTIONAL** SETTING?

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WILL FERTILITY **INTENTIONS** OF HIGHLY EDUCATED WOMEN CHANGE?

Determinants of fertility

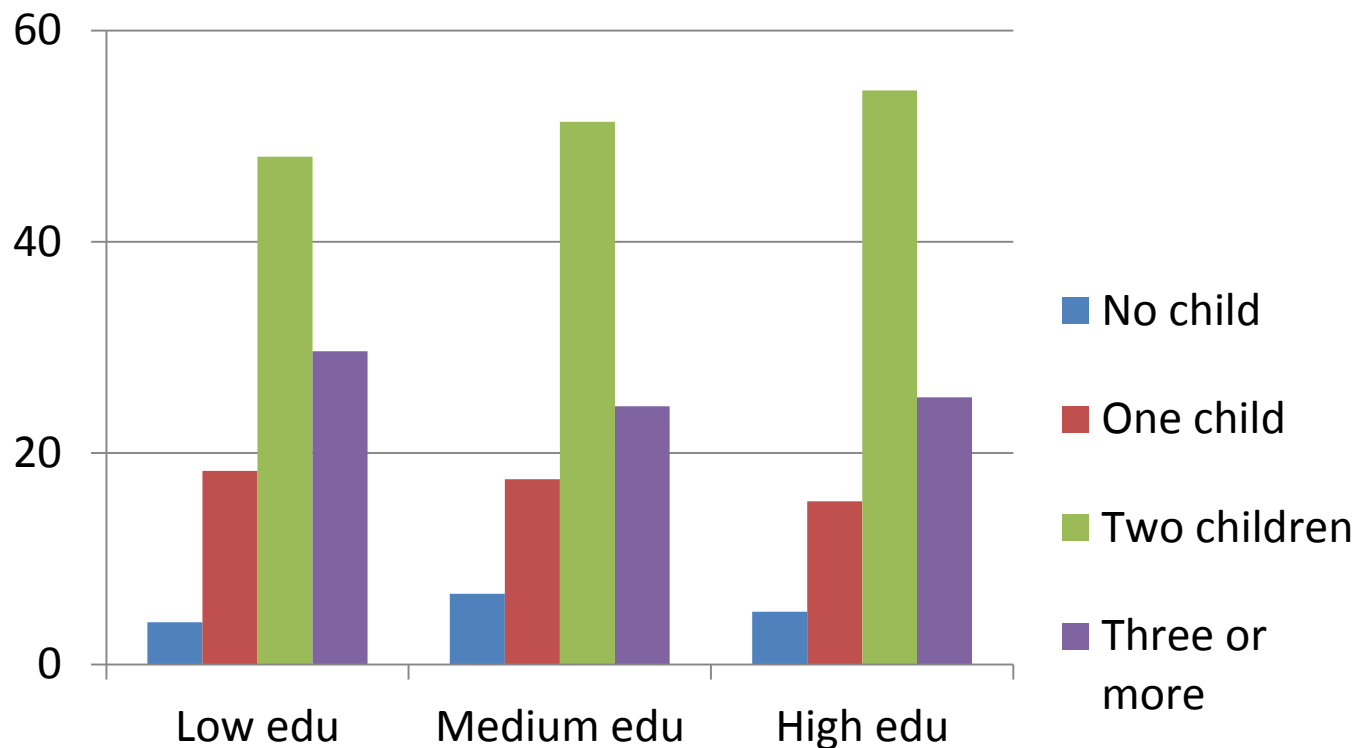
IS THERE A **ROOM** FOR INCREASING FERTILITY OF HIGHLY EDUCATED WOMEN?

	TODAY's scenario	FUTURE's scenario
Intended fertility	Yes (++)	Yes (+)
Partnership	Yes (++)	Yes (+)
Competing life paths	Some countries (—) Some countries (++)	Convergence towards a uniform setting?
Fecundity	No(—)	No/Neutral(=-)

Distribution of women aged 20-45 by ultimately intended family size and educational levels. Eurobarometer 2011



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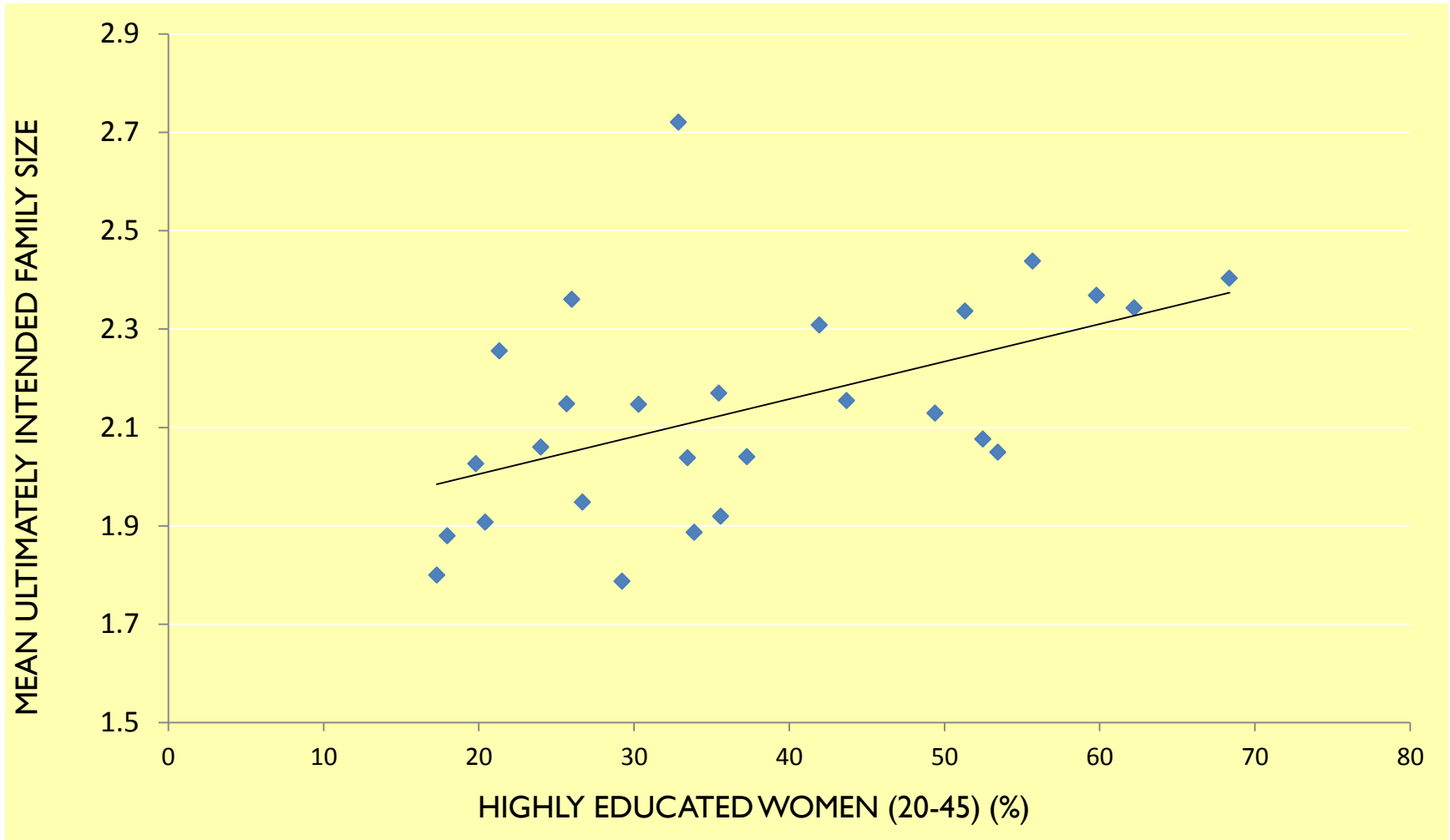


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EDUCATION & INTENDED FAMILY SIZE



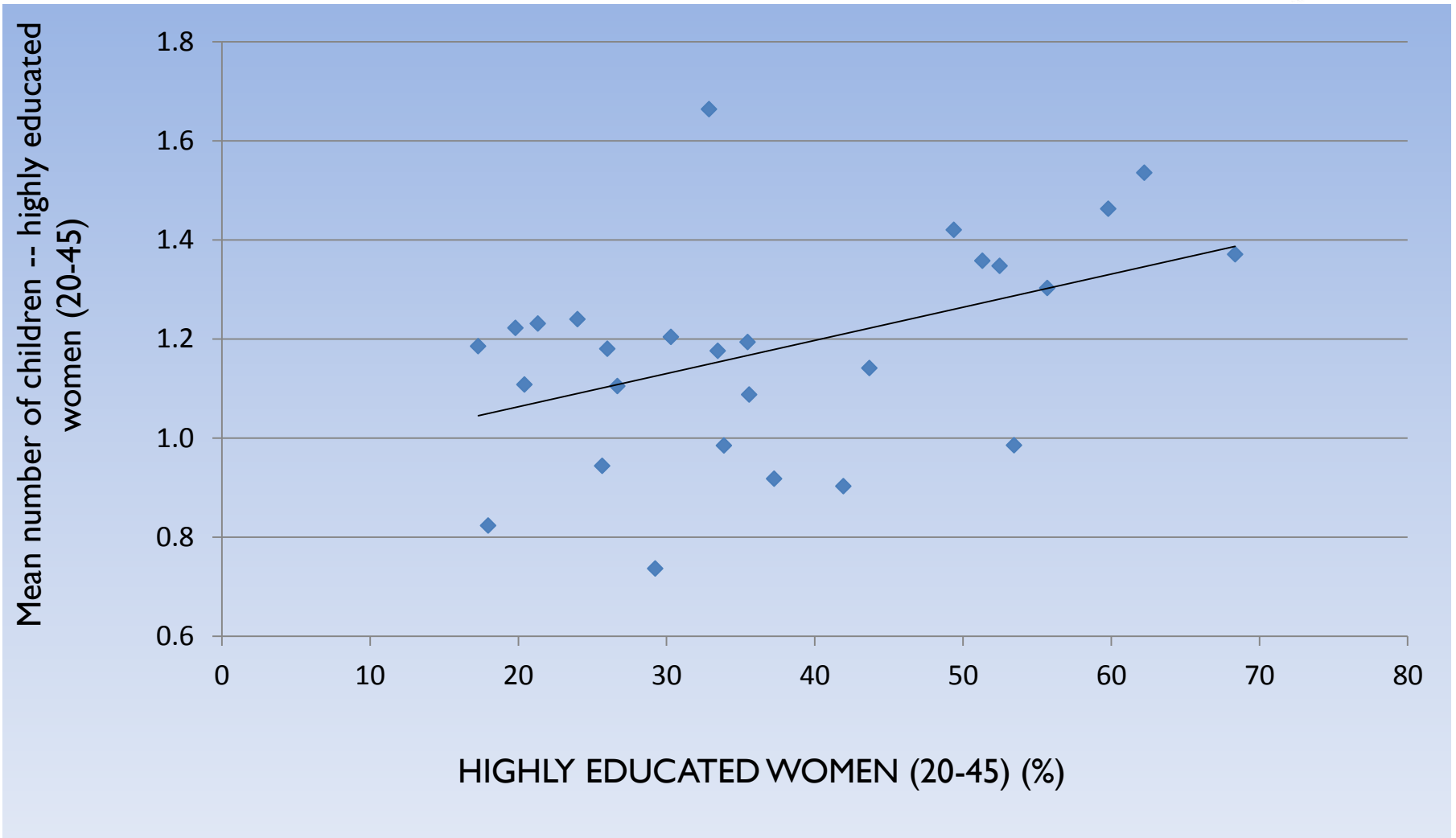
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EDUCATION & ACTUAL FAMILY SIZE



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Will highly educated women have more
children in the future?

Yes, but only if they are allowed to have a
career in the family and in the market



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