



Children's SWB around the world

Findings from the Children's Worlds project
(ISCWeB)

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Children's Worlds

- **World-wide** research survey on children's subjective well-being
- Aim to **improve children's well-being** by creating awareness among children, their parents and their communities, but also among opinion leaders, decision makers, professionals and the general public
- By collecting **solid and representative** data on children's **lives and daily activities**, their time use, and in particular on their own perception of their well-being

History

Planning

2009

Proposing a questionnaire that could be used in a variety of countries (industrialized or developing).

First pilot

Summer and autumn of 2010
Preliminary questionnaire was piloted, in Brazil, England, Germany, Honduras, Israel and Spain

December 2010
Findings were presented and discussed.
questionnaire was revised and developed
Questionnaire and data will be freely available

History

Extended pilot

2011-2012

Questionnaires were tested among 3 age groups: 8, 10, & 12 in fourteen countries

Early 2013

Questionnaire was revised and finalized

Summer of 2013

The global database was created

Full Survey

Fall-Winter 2013

Representative samples of 15 countries/regions

Supported by the Jacobs Foundation

The first wave

- The data is from surveys of children aged 8, 10 and 12 in **fourteen countries**.
- For 8 year olds we have **over 8,400** responses from 8 countries
- For 10 year olds we have **over 9,000** responses from 11 countries
- For 12 year olds we have **over 16,900** responses from 11 countries
- Data has been **checked and cleaned** and cases with high levels of missing data and response patterns have been removed
- For the analysis the data for each country has been **weighted equally by gender**

Extended Wave – Participants

Country	8 years	10 years	12 years
1. Algeria Habib Tiliouine	✓	✓	✓
2. Brazil Jorge Castellá Sarriera	✓	✓	✓
3. Canada Ashley Stewart-Tufescu	✓	✓	
4. Chile Jaime Alfaro Juan Carlos Oyanedel	✓	✓	✓
5. England Gwyther Rees Jonathan Bradshaw			✓
6. Israel Asher Ben-Arieh	✓	✓	✓
7. Korea Bong Joo Lee	✓	✓	✓
8. Nepal Sabine Andresen Johanna Wilmes		✓	

Country	8 years	10 years	12 years
9. Romania Sergiu Baltatescu Brindusa Grigoras Claudia Osvat	✓	✓	✓
10. Rwanda Sabine Andresen Miriam Zeleke		✓	
11. South Africa Shazly Savahl			✓
12. Spain Ferran Casas	✓	✓	✓
13. Uganda Radya Ebrahim (ARK) Henry Senkasi (Build Africa, Uganda)		✓	✓
14. USA Michael Lawler	✓	✓	✓

You

- Age
- Gender
- Place of living

Your home and the people you live with

- Sleeping place
- The home you live
- People you live with

Money and things you have

- Pocket money
- 8 things you have
- 1 satisfaction with things you have

Your friends and other people

- 2 agreement
- 3 satisfaction
- 3 activities

The area where you live

- 3 agreement
- 4 satisfaction

School

- 4 agreements
- 2 bulling
- 6 satisfaction

How you use your time

- Bob's list

More about you

- 9 satisfaction
- 5 changes

How you feel about yourself

- 4 satisfaction
- Happiness

Your life and your future

- Huebner SLSS
- values aspired

Challenges

- Different languages

Need to adapt to different languages

- Diverse cultures

Appropriate for a wide range of cultures (developed-developing; various living situations...)

- Various ages

Suitable for the developmental and cognitive level of children aged 8-12

12 year-old

The context of children's lives

Born in this country

Country	Yes %	No %
Algeria	99.3%	0.7%
Brazil	99.8%	0.2%
Chile	99.2%	0.8%
England	89.4%	10.6%
Israel	91.0%	9.0%
South Africa	97.9%	2.1%
South Korea	99.4%	0.6%
Spain	88.8%	11.2%
Uganda	99.8%	0.2%
USA	98.4%	1.6%

Type of home

Country	My family	Foster home	Children's hone
Algeria	96.7%	3.3%	-
Brazil	98.9%	0.1%	-
Chile	99.0%	1.0%	-
Israel	99.2%	0.6%	0.2%
South Korea	99.7%	0.1%	0.2%
Spain	97.5%	0.6%	0.2%
Uganda	99.2%	0.8%	-
USA	99.9%	0.1%	-

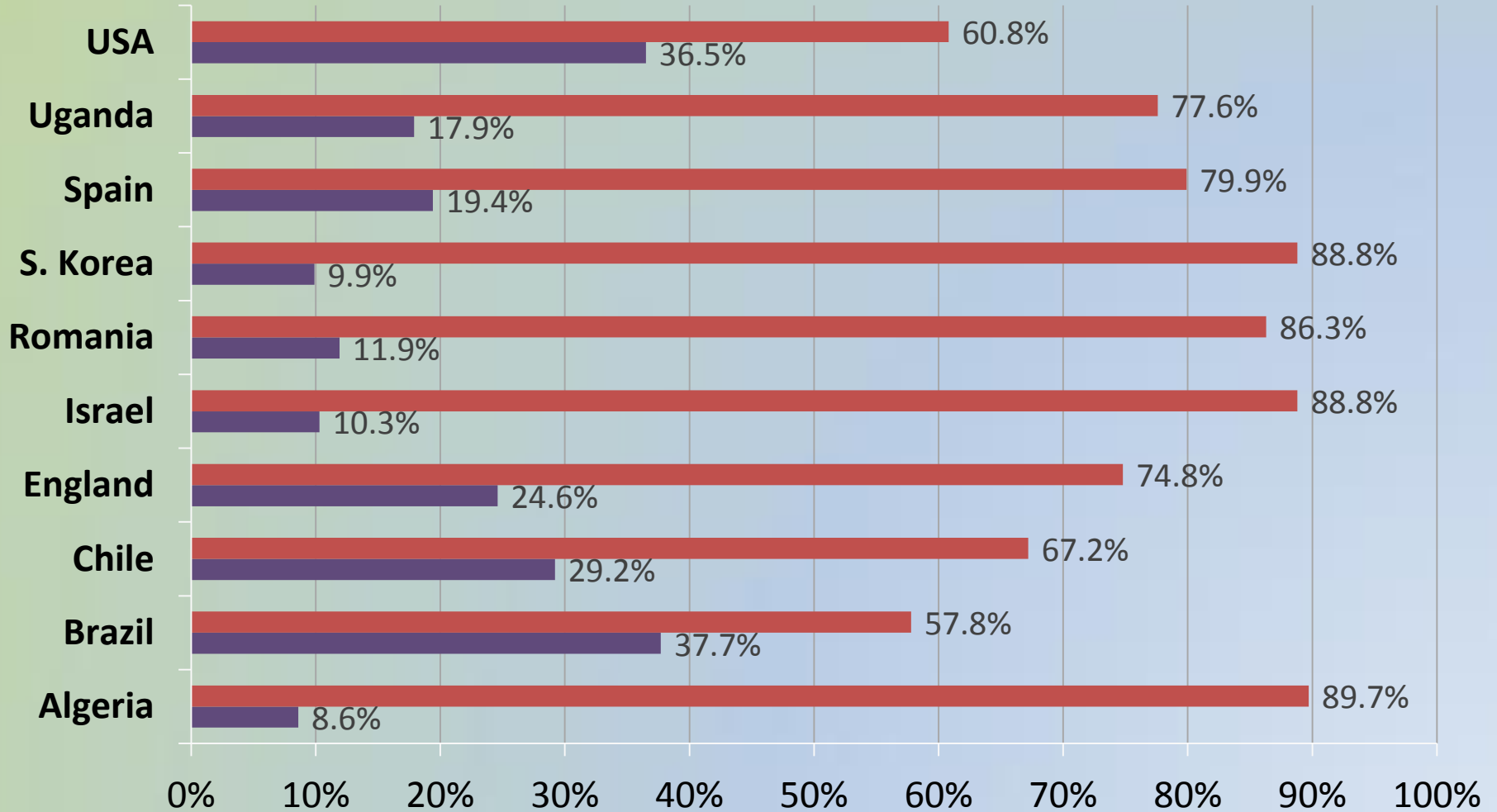
Number of homes

Country	One	More than one
Algeria	95.1%	4.9%
Brazil	86.0%	14.0%
Chile	90.3%	9.7%
England	86.3%	13.7%
Israel	95.6%	4.4%
Romania	90.9%	9.1%
Spain	85.8%	14.2%
Uganda	99.2%	0.8%
USA	79.1%	20.9%

12 year-old

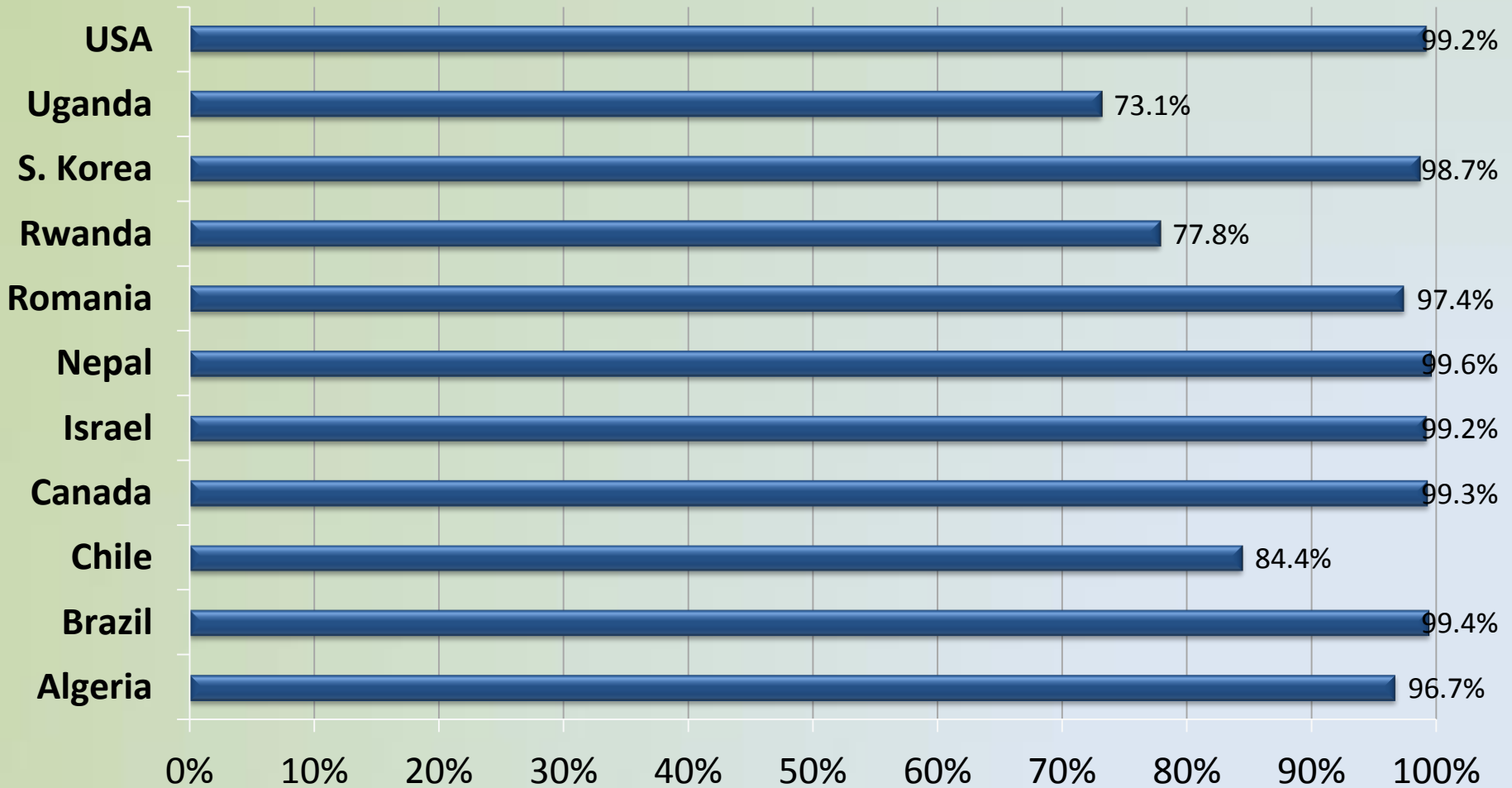
First or only home

Two parents One parent



10 year-old

I have clothes in good condition to go to school in

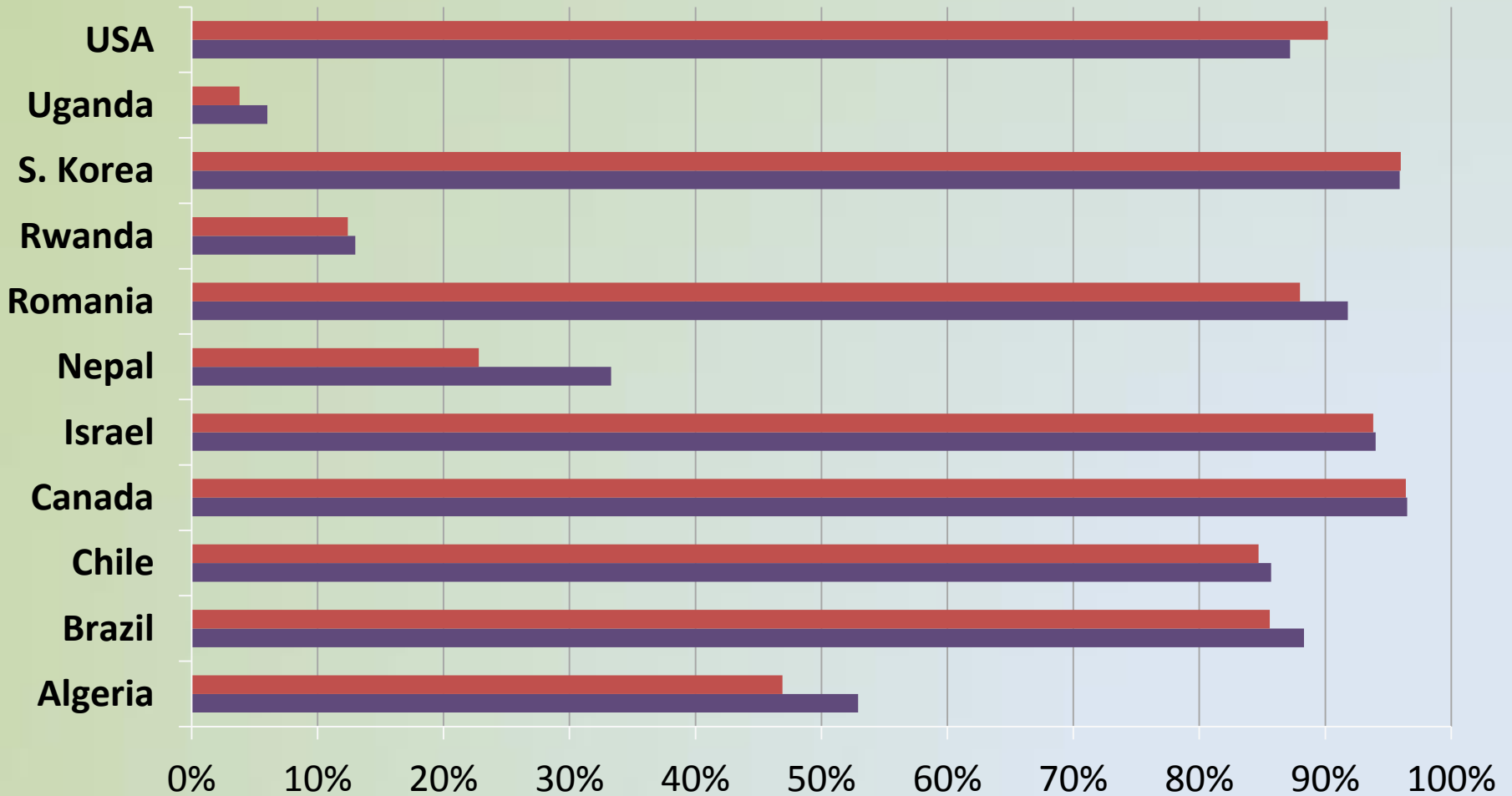


10 year-old

I have...

Access to computer at home

Access to Internet

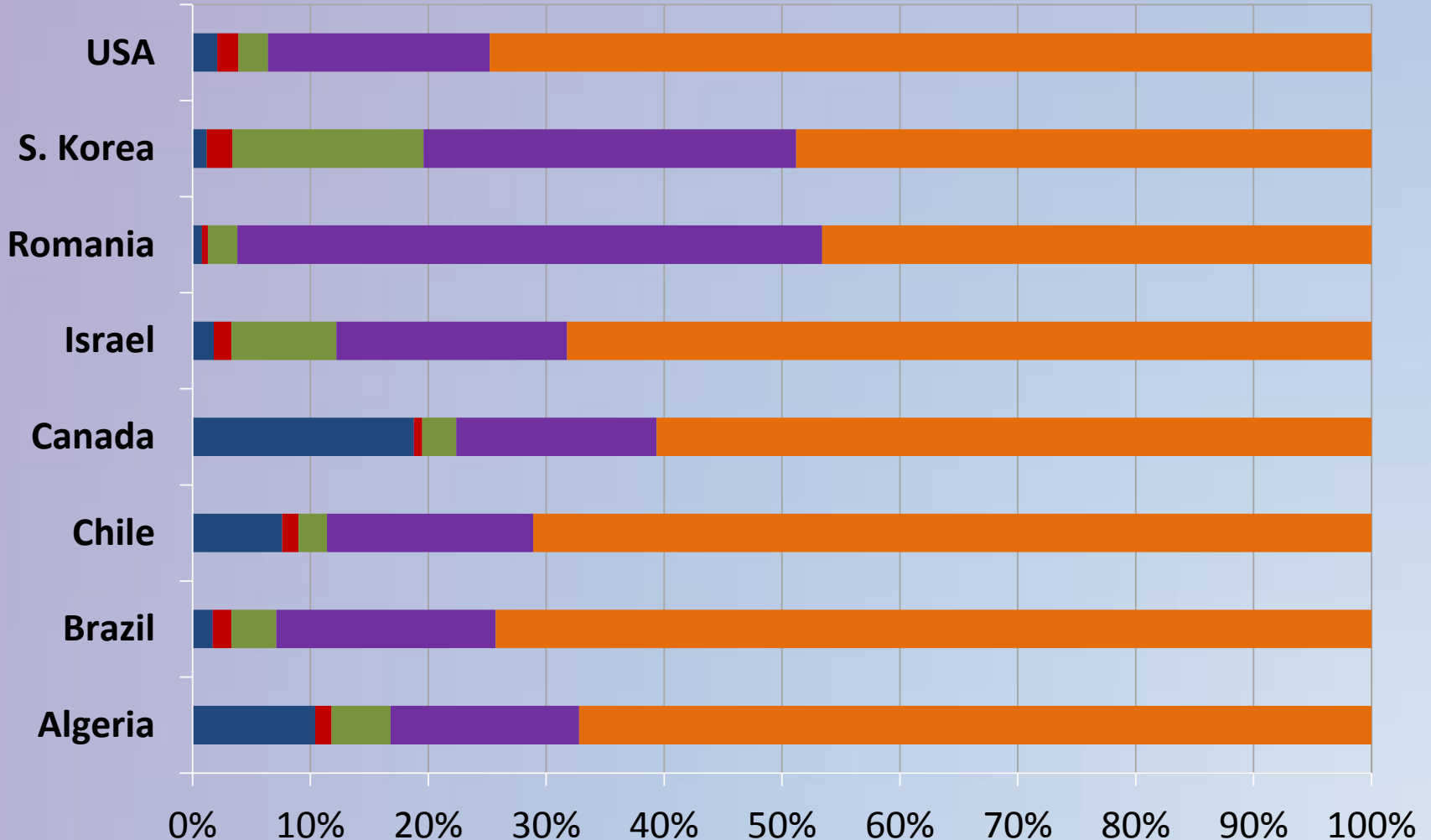


8 year-old

Particular aspects of life

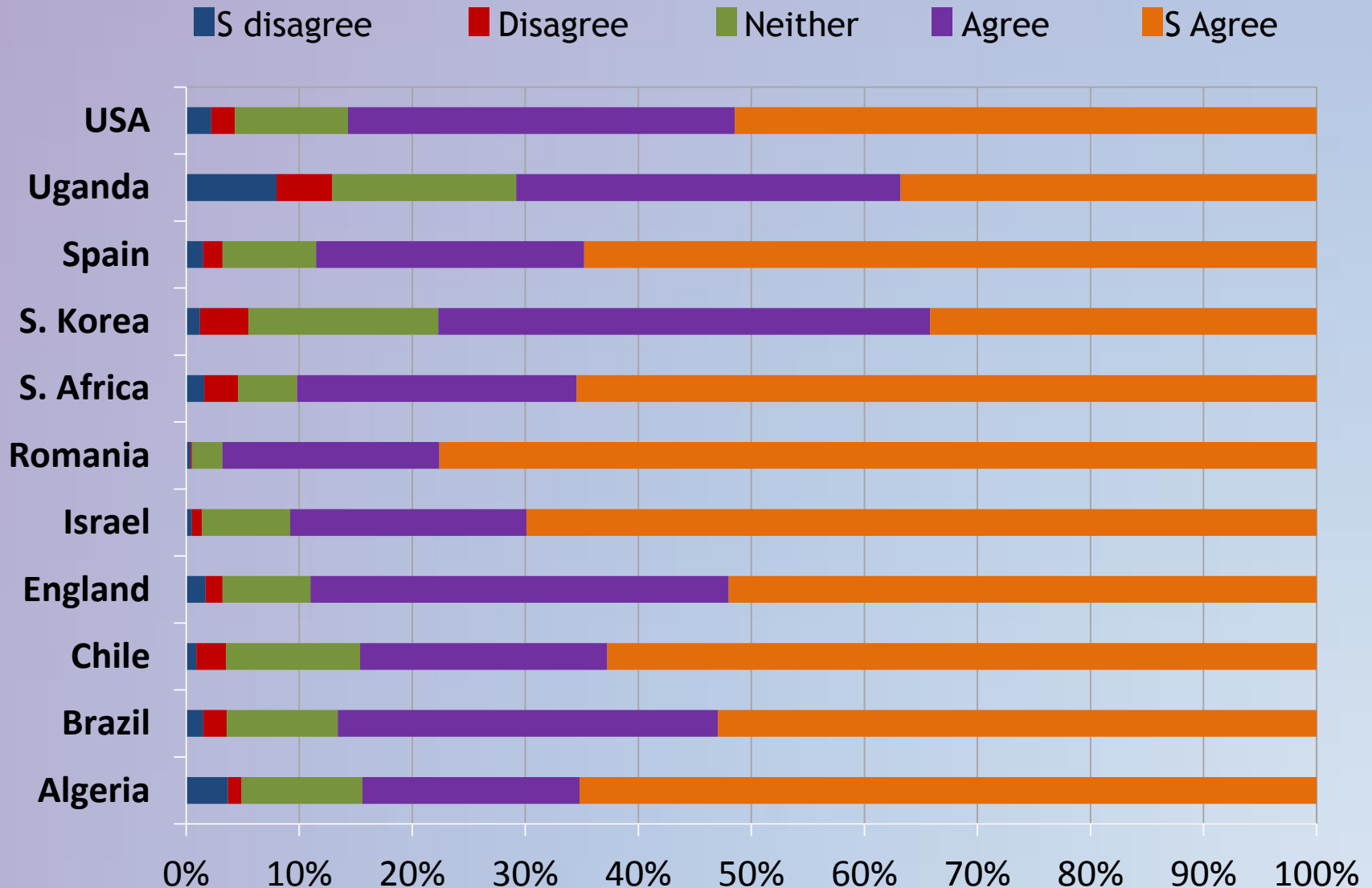
I feel safe at home

S disagree Disagree Neither Agree S Agree



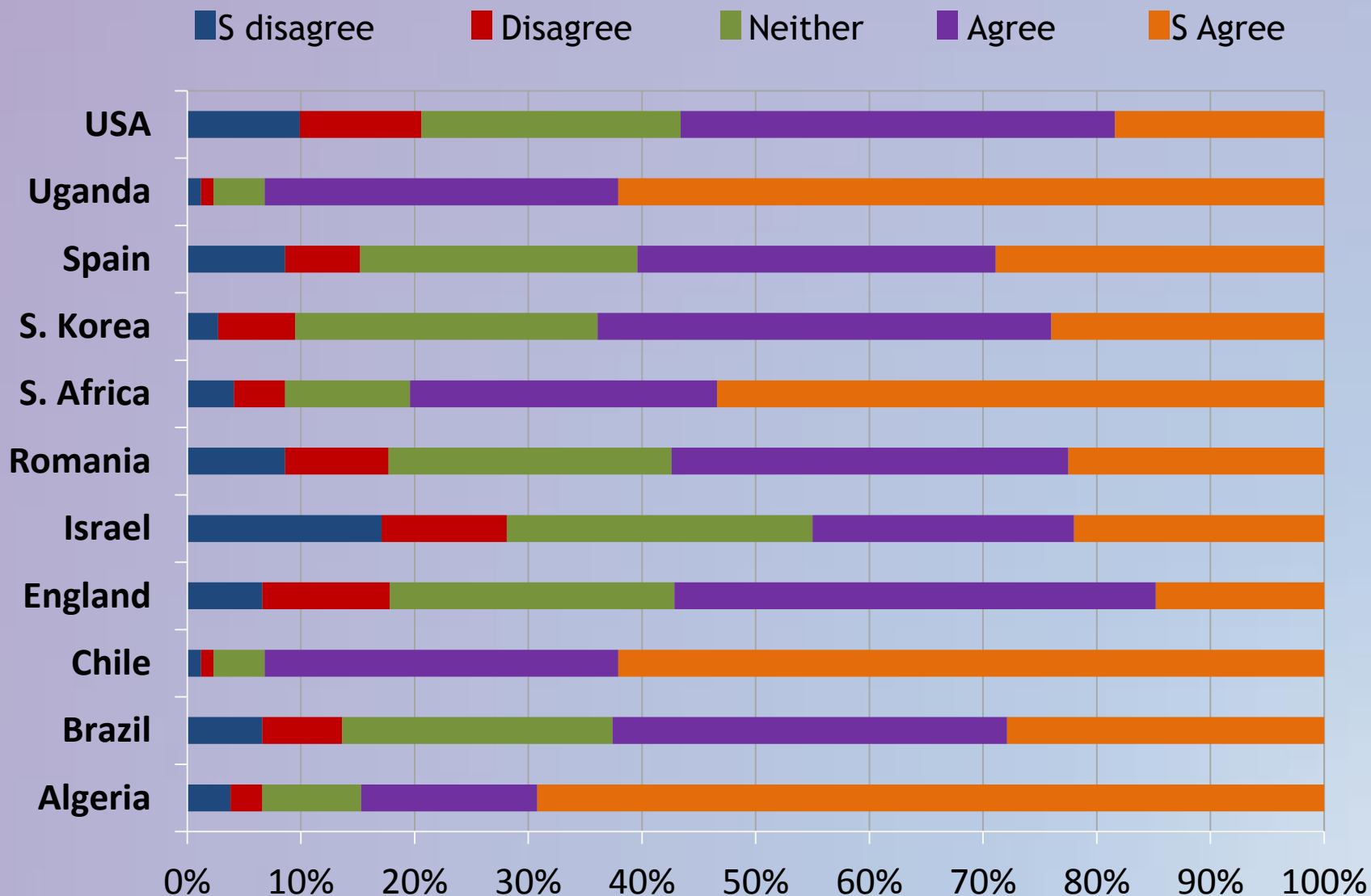
12 year-old

We have a good time together in my family



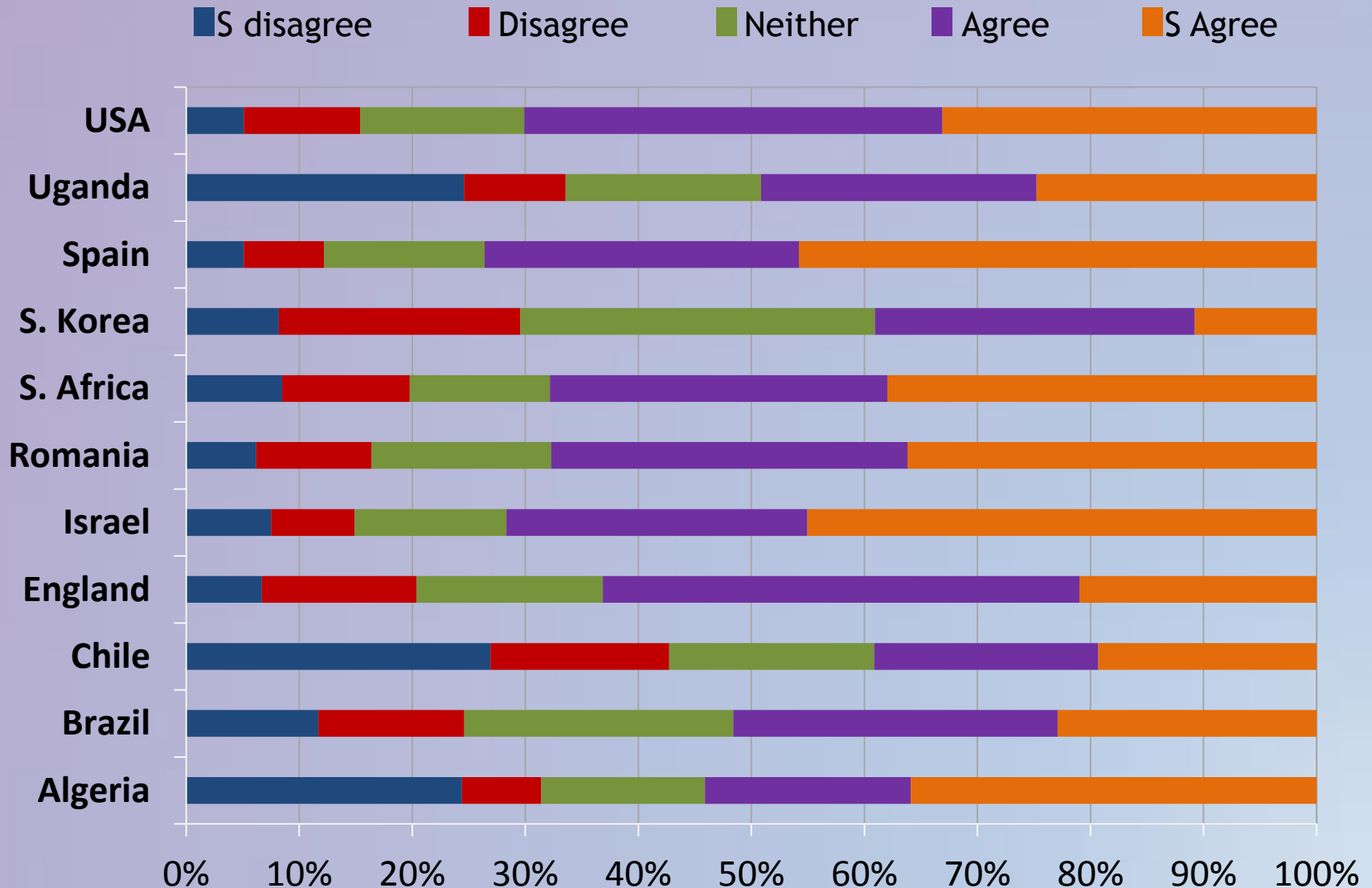
12 year-old

I like going to school



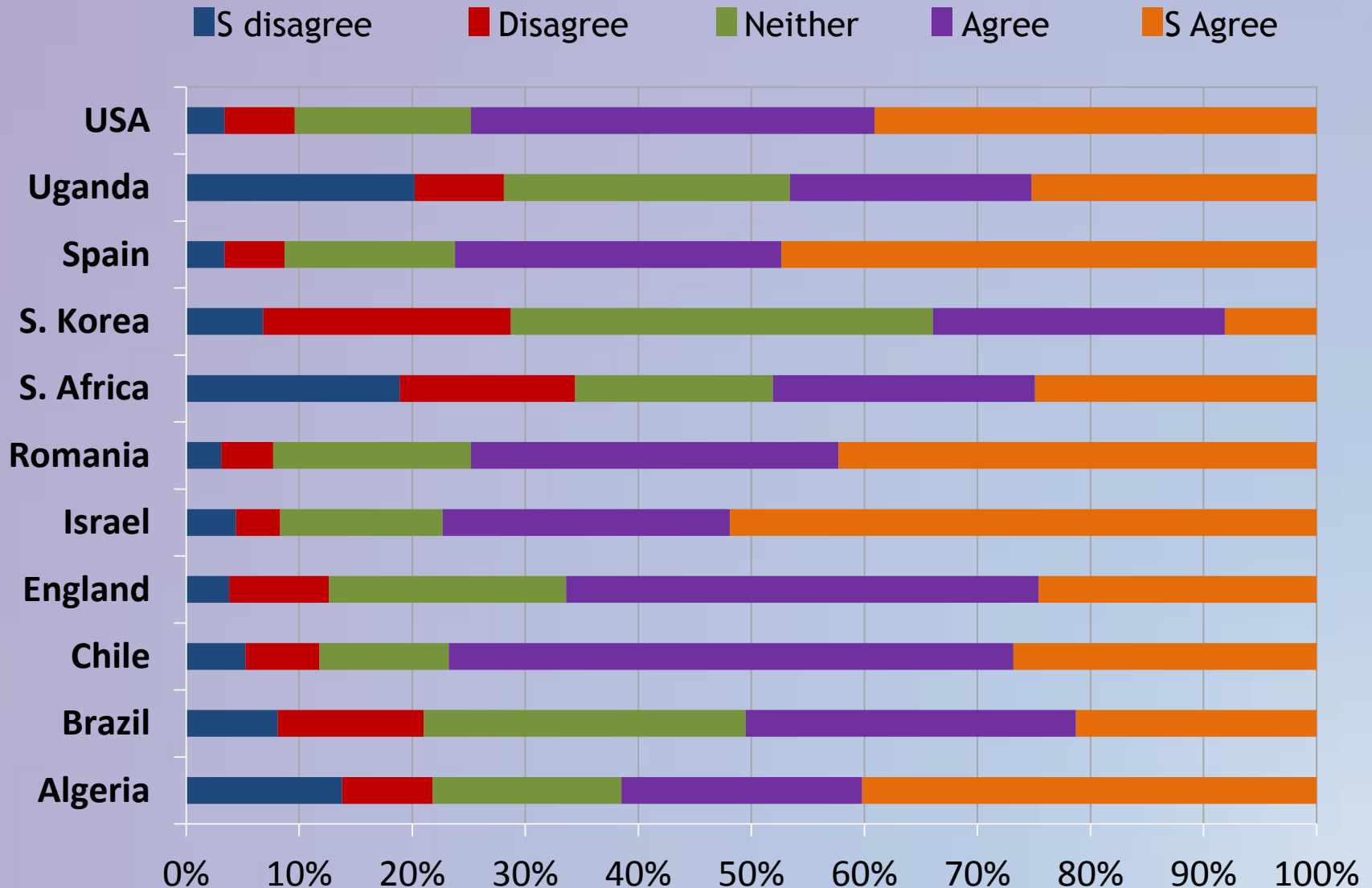
12 year-old

In my area there are enough places to play or to have a good time



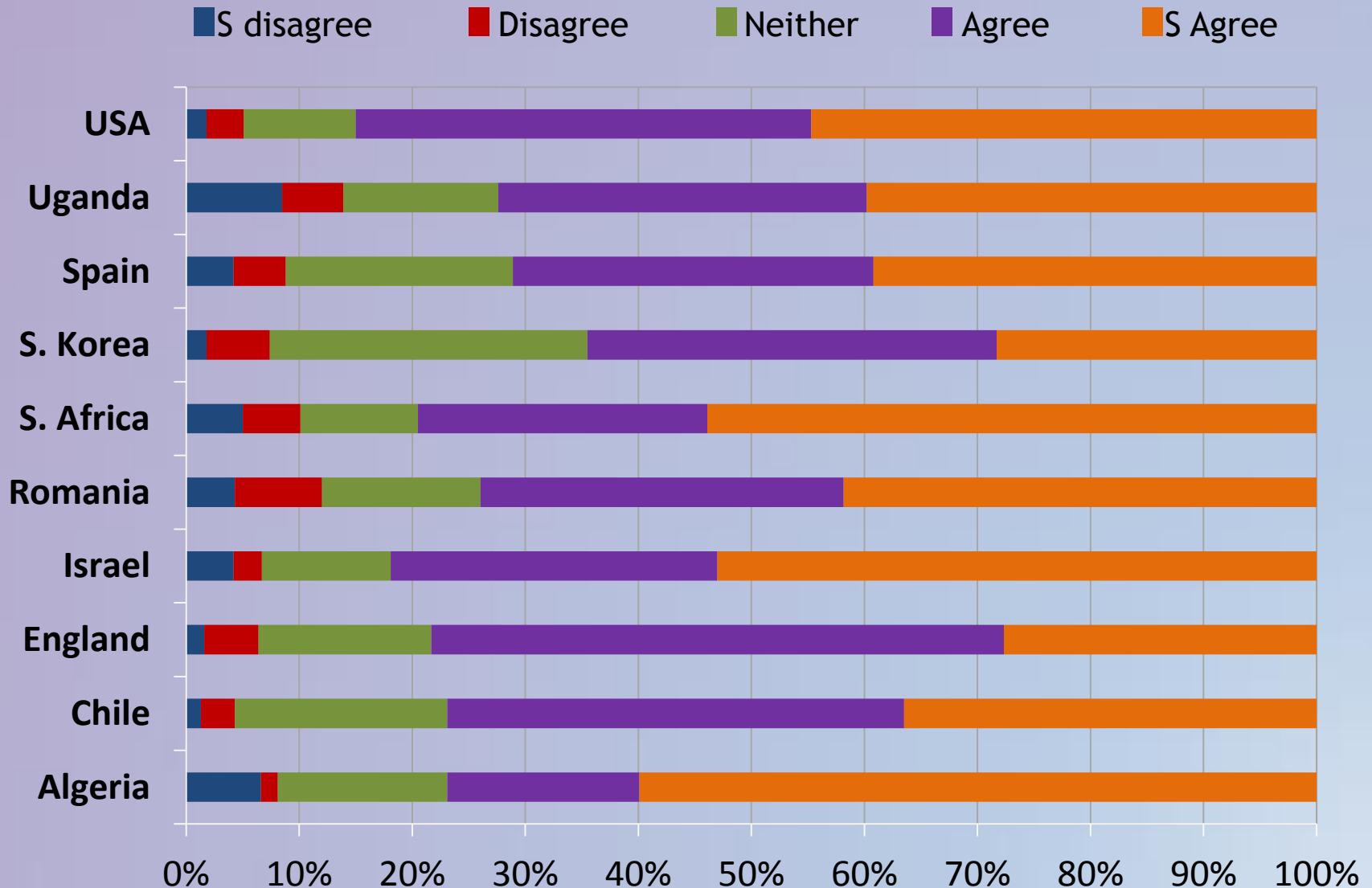
12 year-old

I feel safe when I walk around in the area I live in



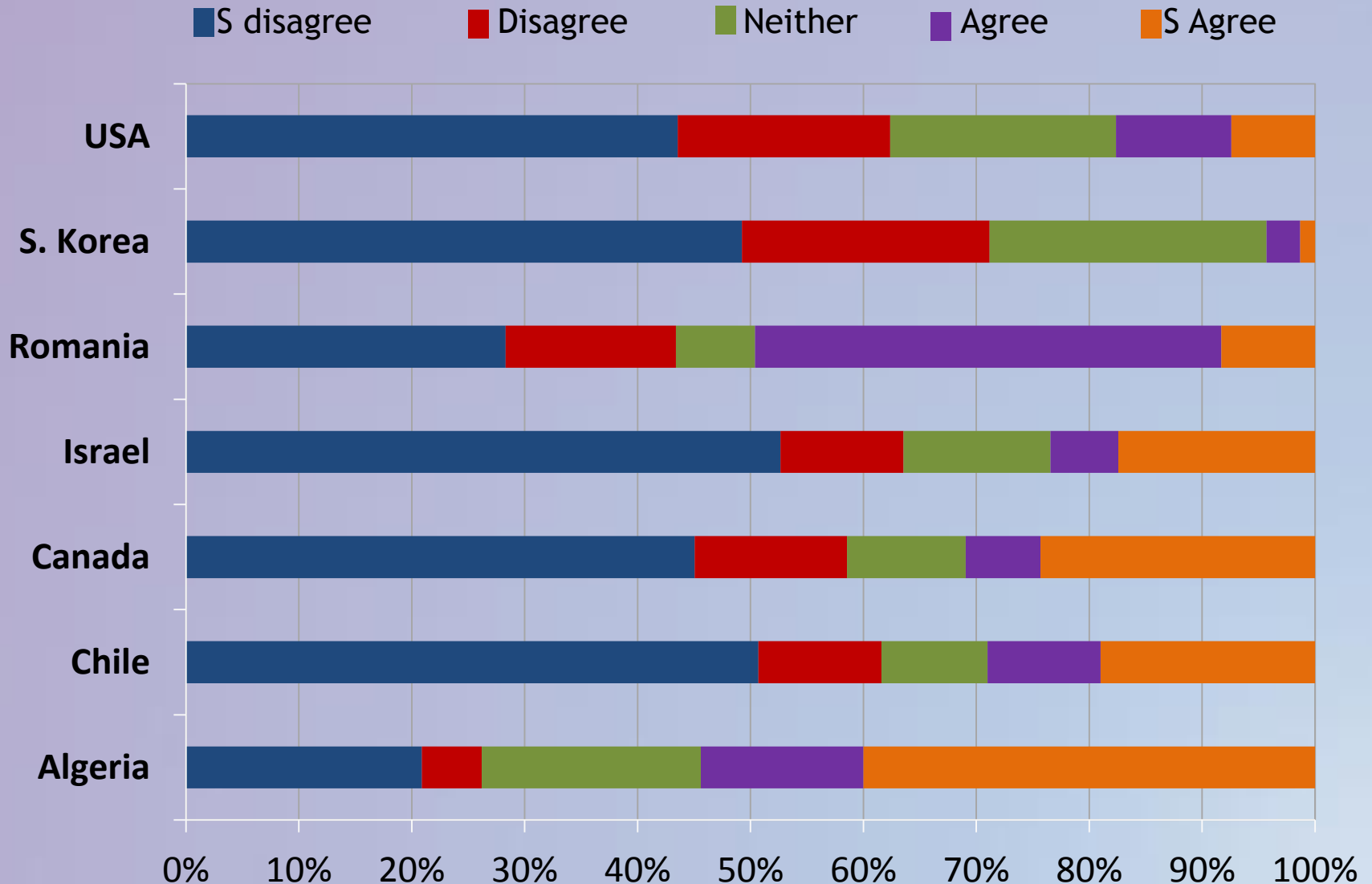
12 year-old

I feel positive about the future



8 year-old

I feel lonely

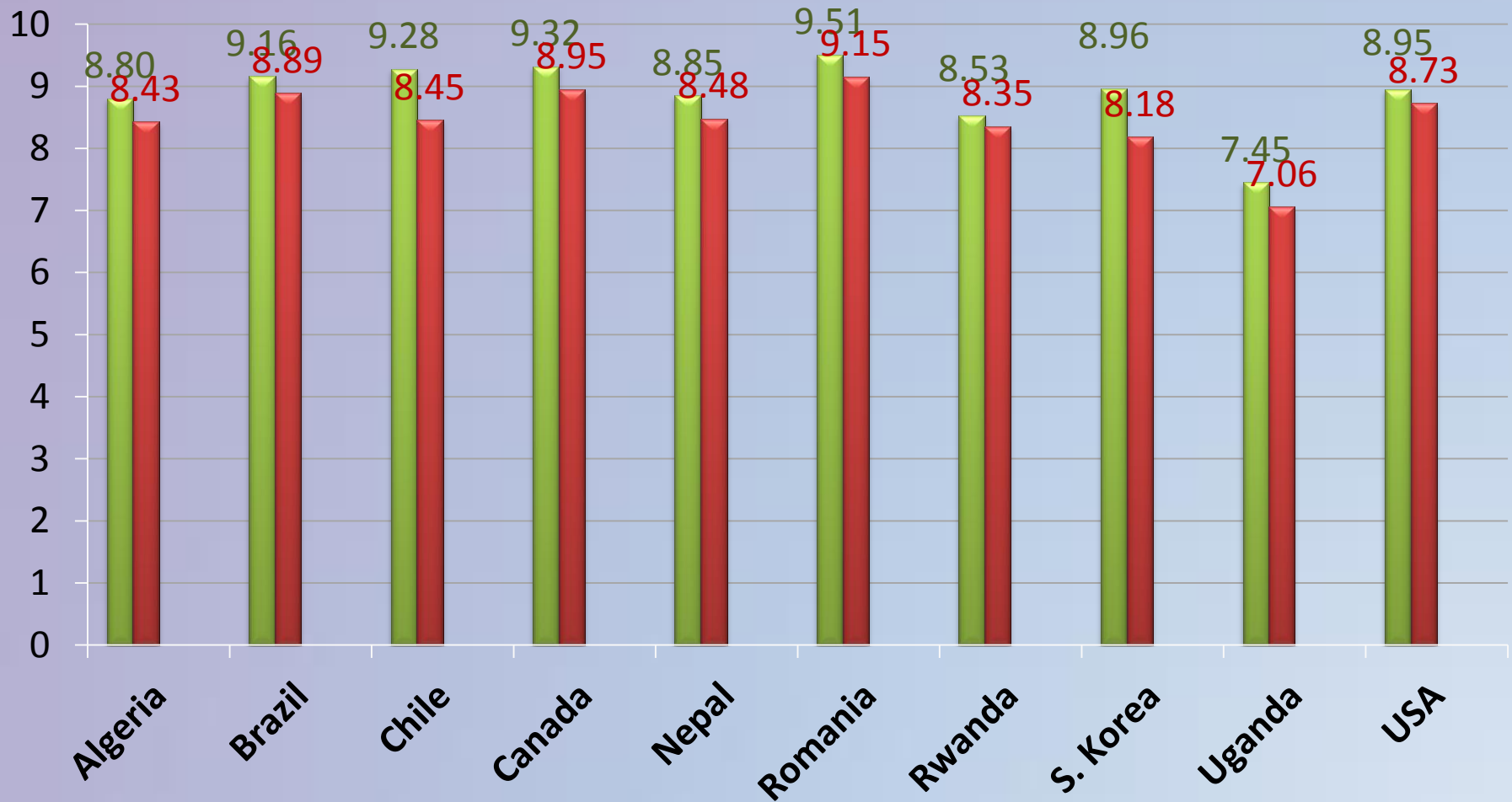


10 year-old

How satisfied are you with...

■ Family and home

■ Average of satisfaction items

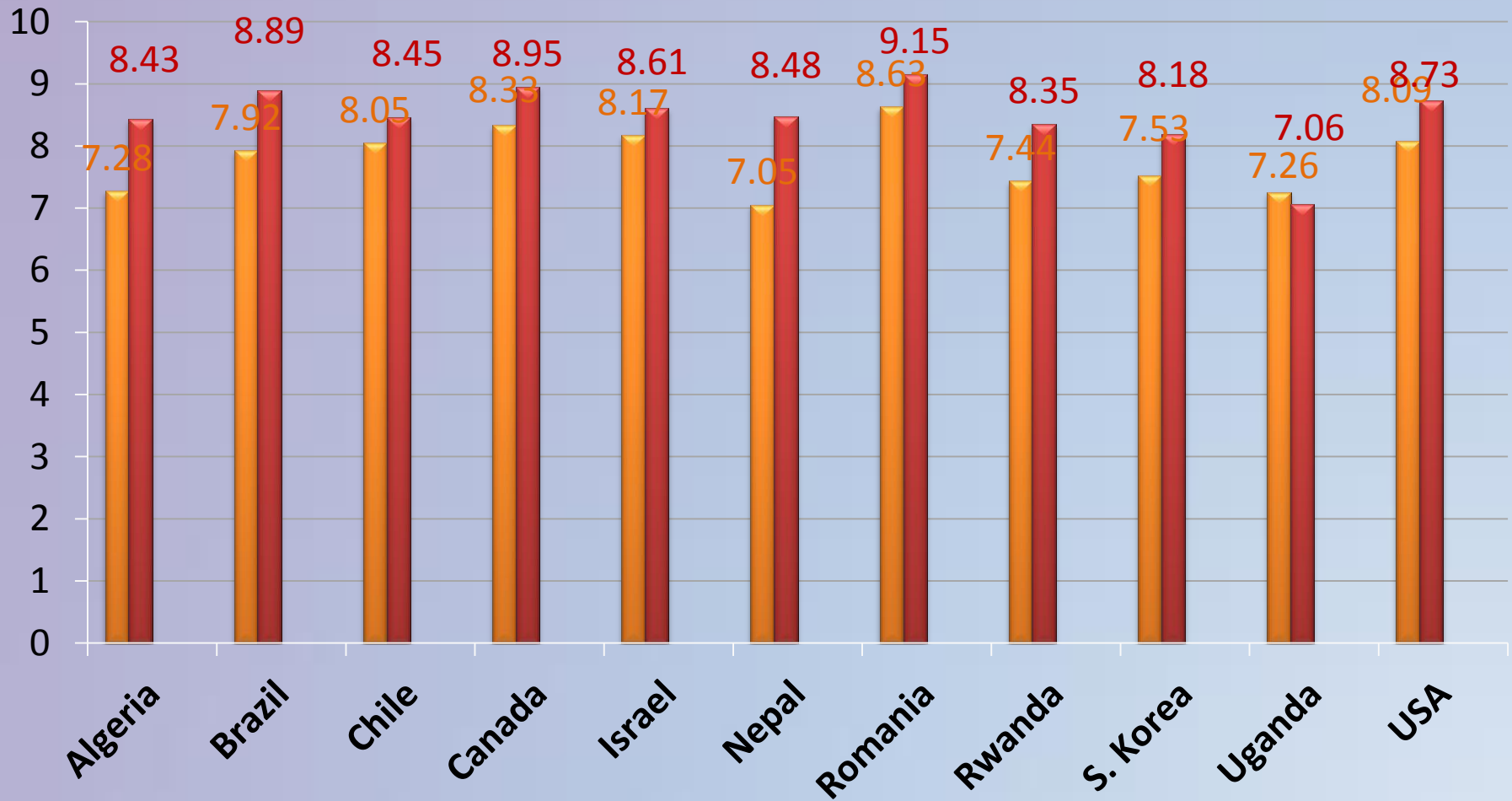


10 year-old

How satisfied are you with...

■ The area where you live

■ Average of satisfaction items

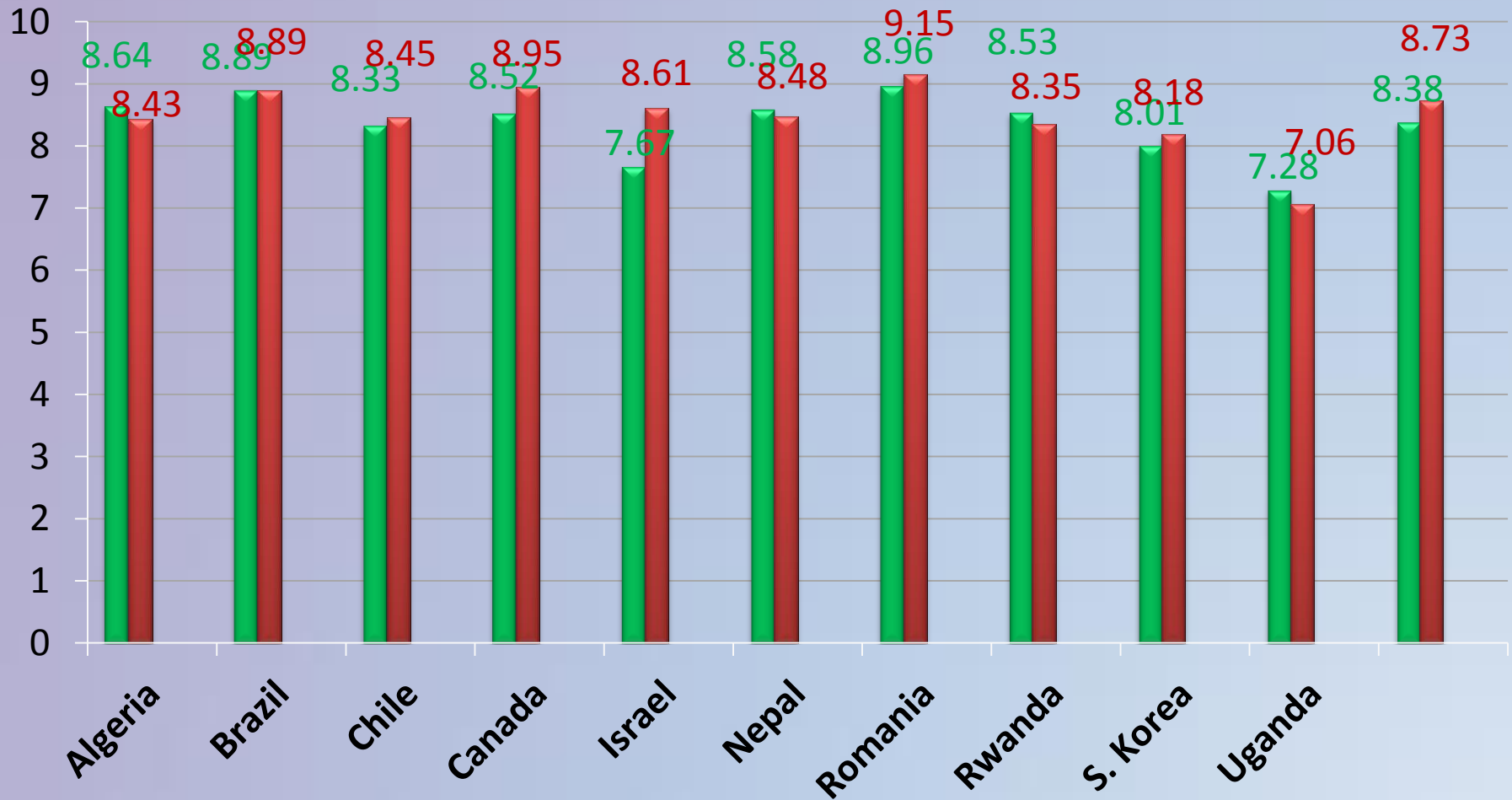


10 year-old

How satisfied are you with...

■ School

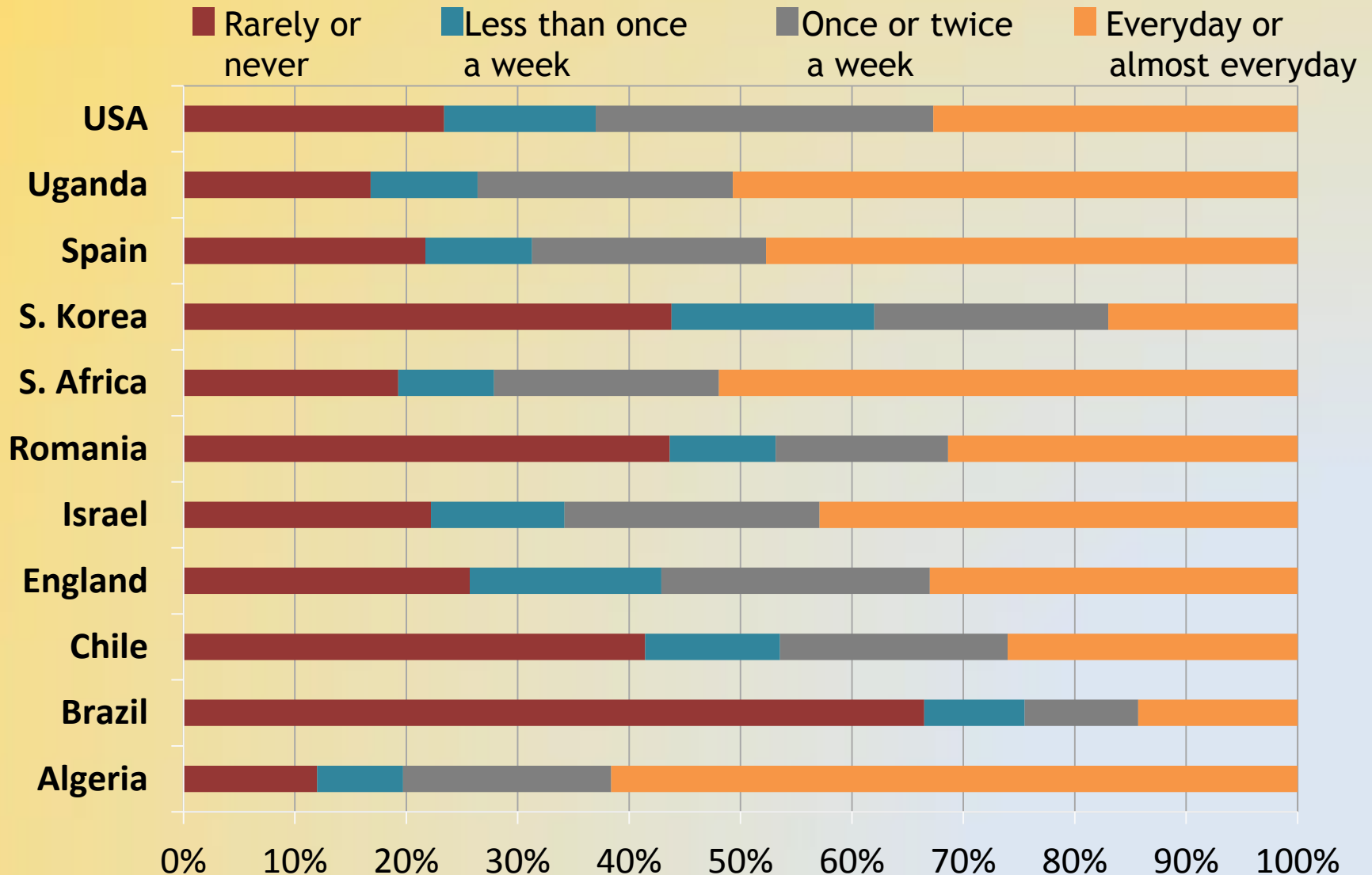
■ Average of satisfaction items



12 year-old

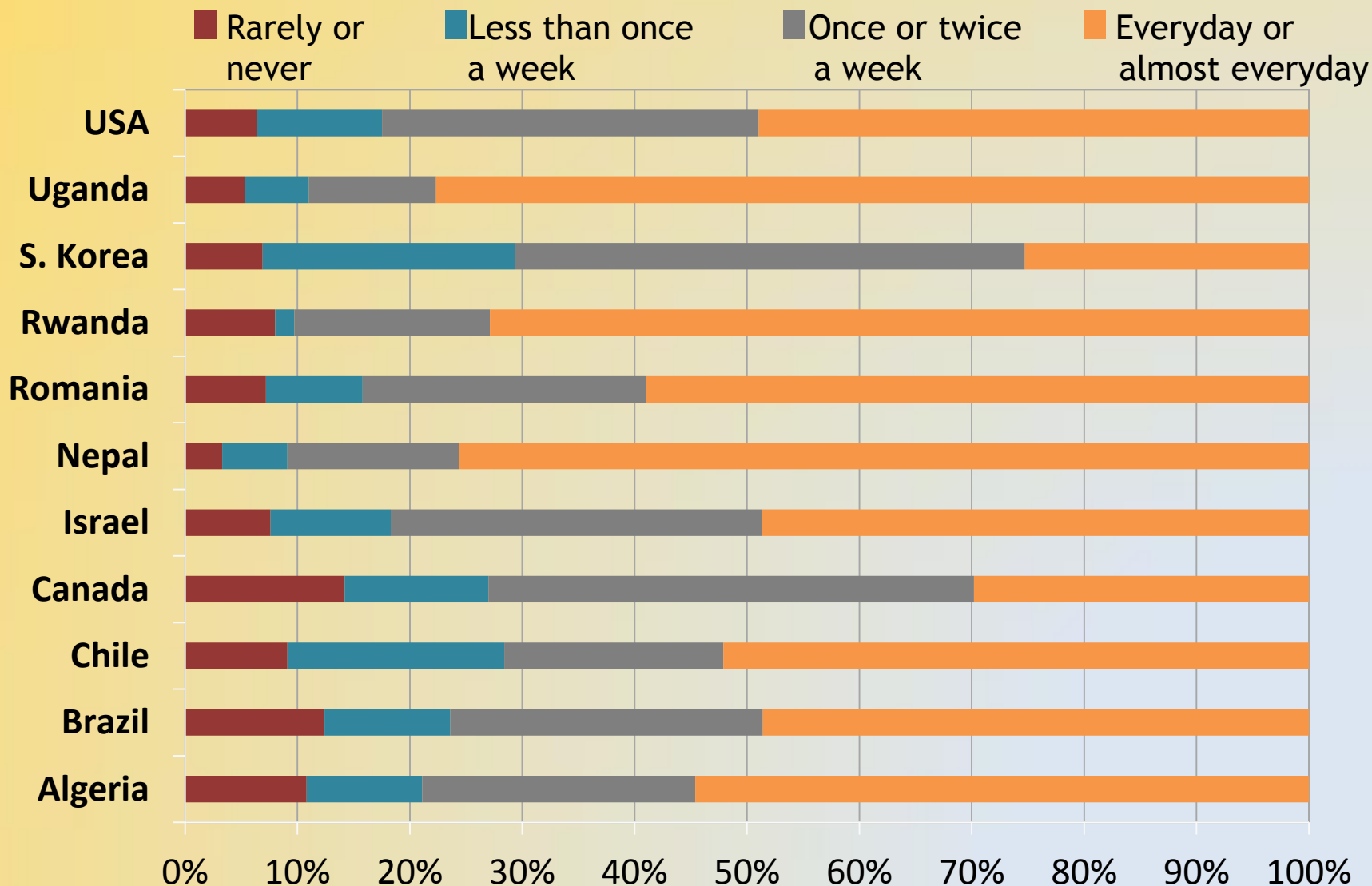
Time use

Taking care of family members



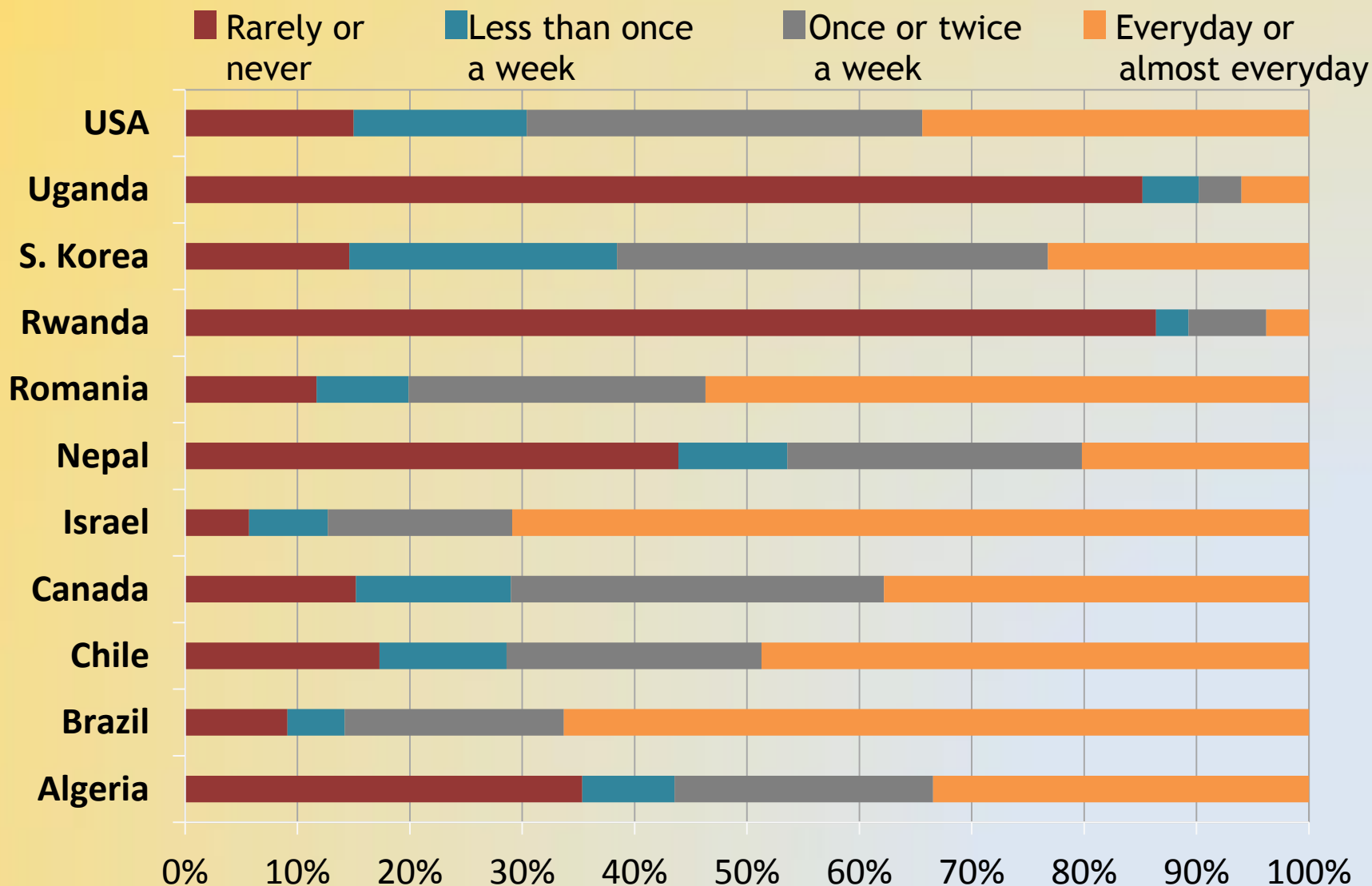
10 year-old

Helping with housework



10 year-old

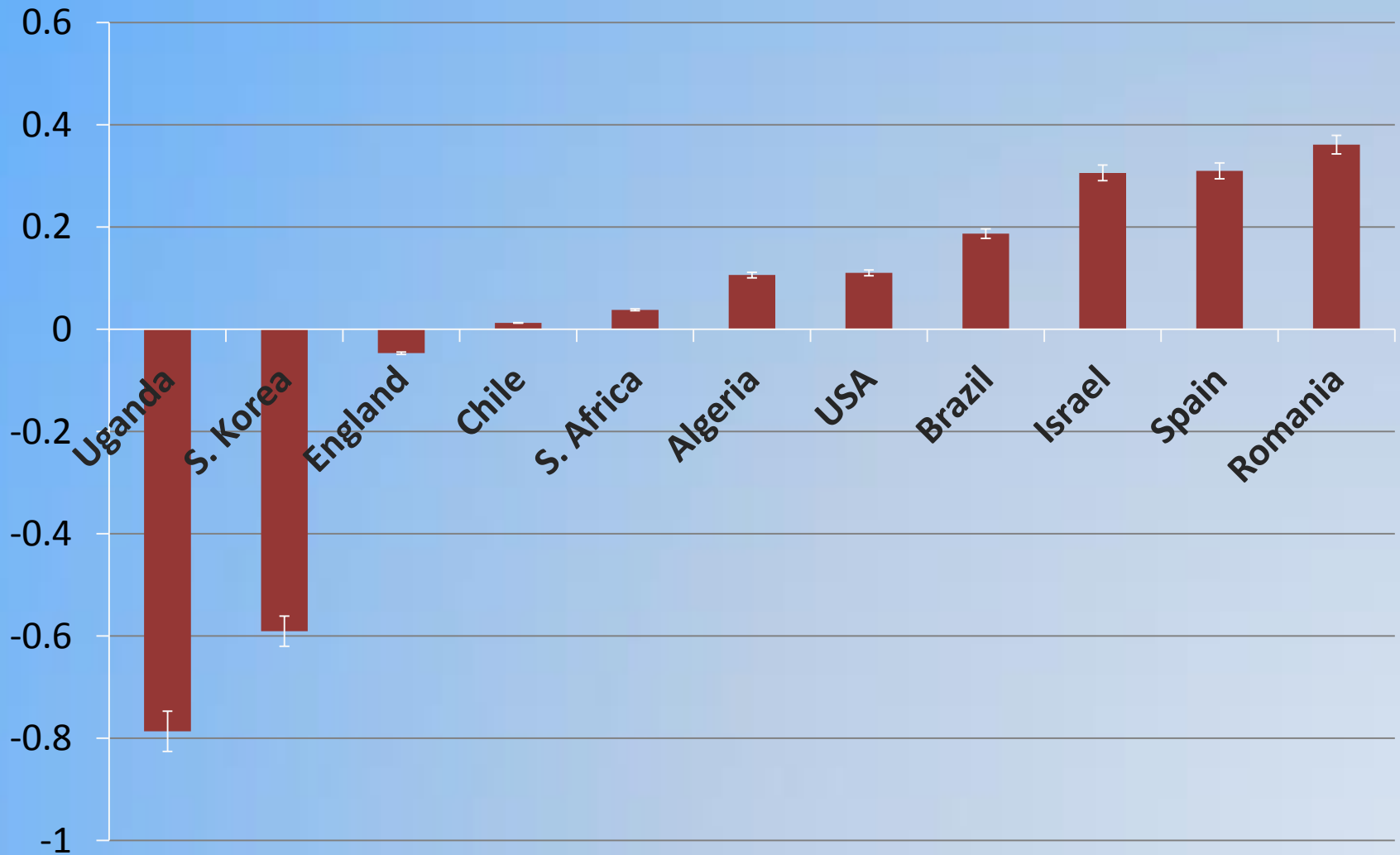
Using a computer



12 year-old

Overall life satisfaction (OLS)

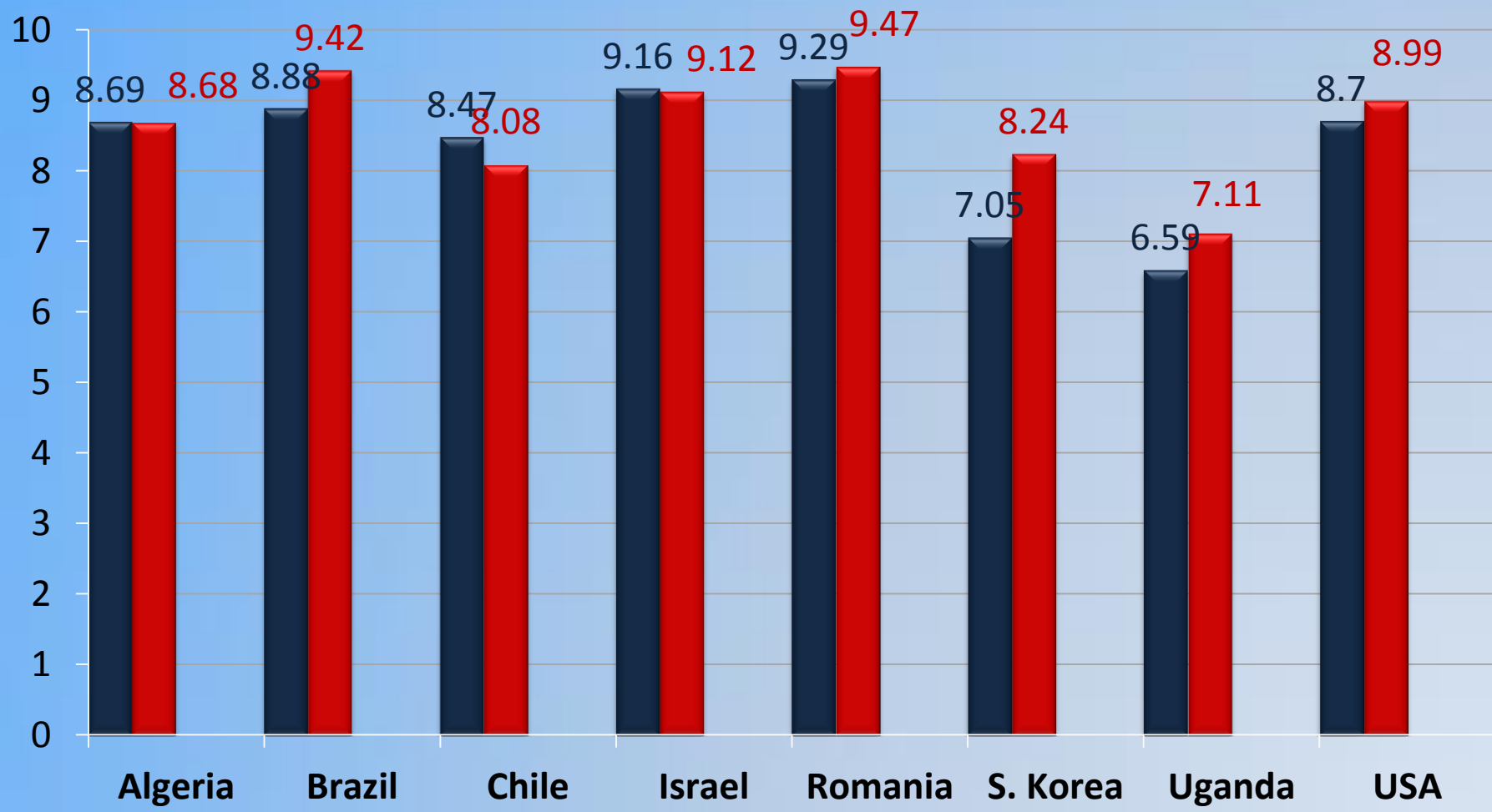
Comparison with the average of the total sample



12 and 10 year-old

Overall Life Satisfaction (OLS)

■ 12 year-old ■ 10 year-old



Some thoughts for conclusion

- Importance of the information collected from children themselves
- Common “childhood”?
- Significant differences between the children (context of children's lives , time use)
- Taking into account cultural context and potential cultural biases when studying children's SWB

The current phase - main advantages

- At least 1,000 children were surveyed in each of the three age group in every country. **A total of 45,000 children**
- **Representative sample** of a country or region
- **Deep translation** (language and cultural) and **profound testing** of the questionnaires (focus groups and depth interviews)
- A combined large **international database**
- The ability to explore **a broad picture** of findings that compare the SWB of children from **varied countries** around the globe
- **Advanced analysis**. e.g.: validating tools and new indicators, similarities and differences in the children's lives

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Want more information?

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