



MORAL CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA

With particular reference to the youth

- “ I’m going to initiate a national conversation on the moral code, on our values as a country”

Jacob Zuma

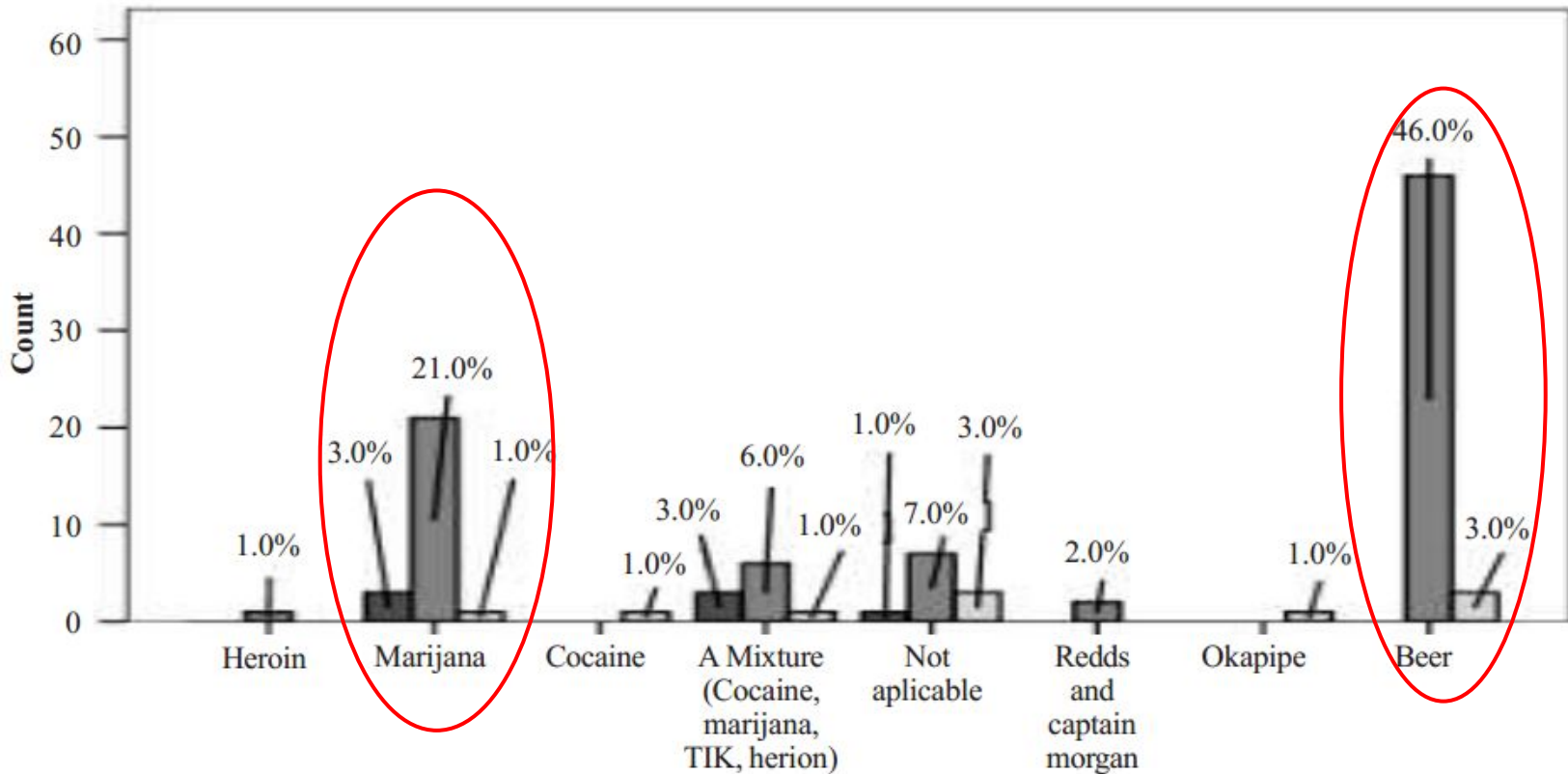


Zuma with his three wives

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Alcohol and drug addiction



What type of drugs/alcohol you use?

How older were you when you used it (drugs or alcohol) for the first time

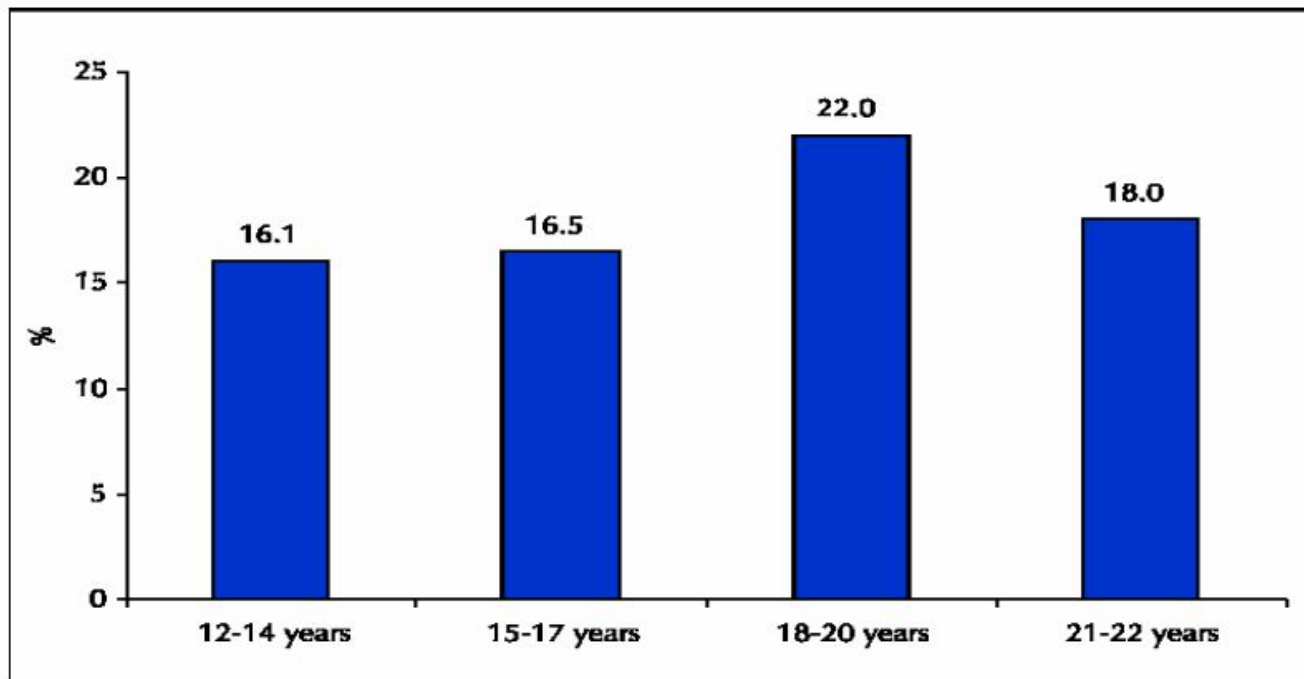
- Between 8 and 12
- Between 13 and 17
- Older than 17

Sources of Your Drug/Alcohol

□ Shebeens/taverns/nightclubs	41.8 %
□ I do not use drugs	32.5 %
□ Friends	11.2 %
□ Not applicable	5.6 %
□ Relatives	3.1 %
□ Multiple sources	3.1 %
□ Pimps	2.5 %

Incidence of Crime

Youth who had considered committing crime



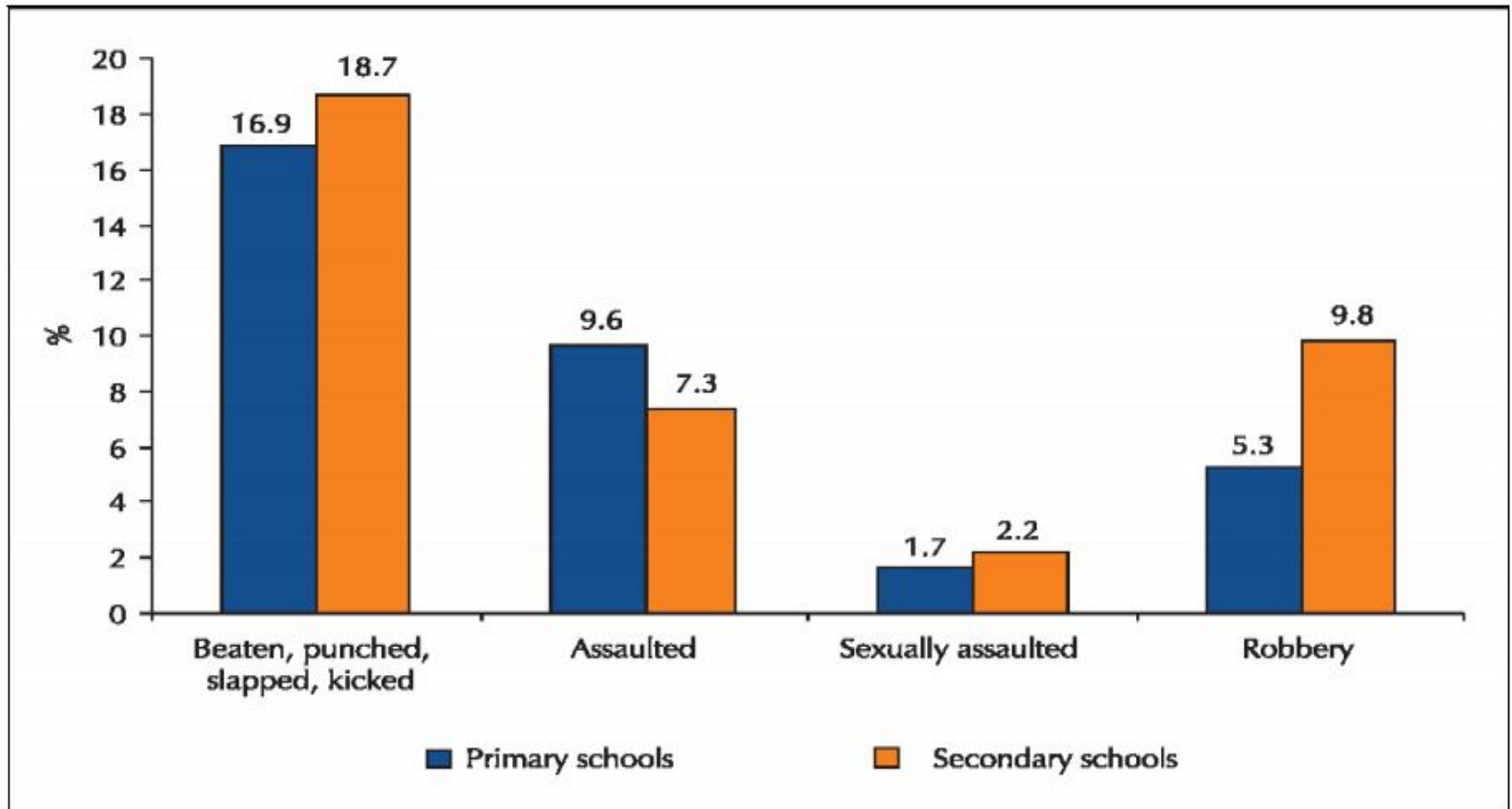
For half of these young people (50.2%), thinking about it was not enough – they admitted they had already committed what they knew was a criminal offence.

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| □ Have you ever been involved in a fight in/out of school? | Yes 33.8 %
No 66.3 % |
| □ Have you attacked anyone in/out of school before? | Yes 16.9 %
No 83.1 % |



The Gates of Pollsmoor, a prison where young prisoners are “corrected” (Cape Town)

Personal Experience of Violence at Home



What to Do?

- Parents
- Teachers
- State
- Church
- UBUNTU ?