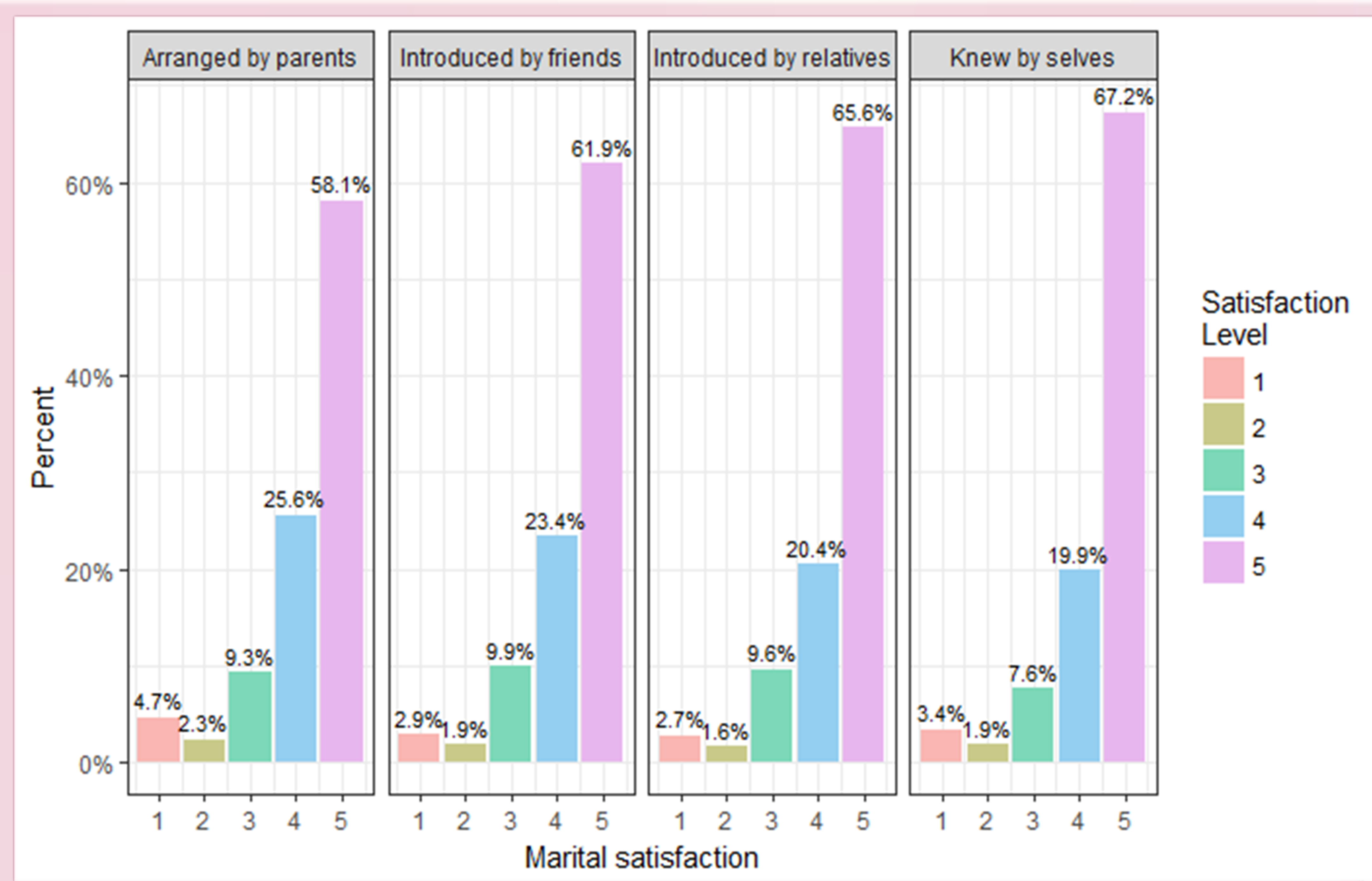# From First Meeting to Marriage: Mate Sorting and Marital Satisfaction in China

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Percent of Respondents with Different Marital Satisfaction by Ways of First Meeting

Left to right:

Increasing percentage of people with level 5;

A decline of the percentage of level 4 people;

General decrease in the percentage of low satisfaction people.

Summary of Ordinal Logistic Regressions by Gender

	Male		Female	
	Logits	Odds	Logits	Odds
First Meeting				
Introduced by relatives	0.2290	1.2573	0.8047.	2.2360
Introduced by friends	0.0103	1.0104	0.8238.	2.2791
Knew by selves	0.2783	1.3209	0.7883.	2.1997
Attitudes on male and female's social status	0.0281	1.0285	0.0709**	1.0735
Control Variables				
Urban	0.1636	1.1778	-0.0500	0.9512
Age	0.0110	1.0111	-0.0216	0.9786
Income/1000	0.0015	1.0015	0.0068	1.0007
SES	0.1988**	1.2199	0.0262	1.0266
Year of marriage	-0.0177	0.9825	0.0080	1.0081
Number of children	-0.0099	0.9901	0.0591	1.0609
Income satisfaction	0.7820***	2.1859	1.1149***	3.0492
Housework satisfaction	0.7099***	2.0339	0.2591***	1.2957

What happens with Chinese women?

Ways of first meeting exerts more influences on female's rating than male's;

Attitudes on male and female's social status bears positive relationship with male's and female's marital satisfaction, yet the relationship is specially significant for females.