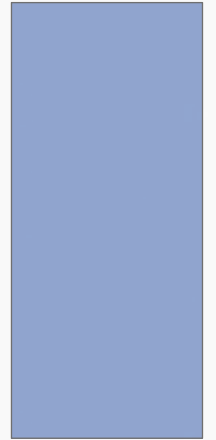




# ISLAMOPHOBIA AND THE MOBILITY OF YOUNG MUSLIMS IN SYDNEY

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## Constructivist Definitions of Islamophobia as 'New Racism'

(Dunn *et al.*, 2007; Forrest & Dunn, 2006; Noble & Poynting, 2010, 2004; Howard, 2006; Poynting & Mason, 2006, 2008; Poynting *et al.* 2004; Pratt, 2011; Tabar *et al.*, 2010)

## Socio-spatial dimensions of Racism

(Cresswell, 1996; Poulsen *et al.*, 2004; Forrest & Dunn, 2010; Forrest & Dunn, 2006, 2007; Poynting & Mason, 2006)

## Mental Maps of Inclusion or Exclusion

(Noble & Poynting, 2010; Tindale *et al.*, 2014)

# MIXED- METHOD STUDY

- Muslims, aged 18-30 years, living in Sydney
  - Third largest religious group
  - 44% of Muslim population lives in Sydney
  - Experiences of Islamophobia – heavily reported by young Muslims
    - HREOC 'ISMA- Listen' - National Consultations on eliminating prejudice against Arab and Muslim Australians (2004)
    - 'Arabs and Muslims living with Racism' (Poynting & Noble's 2004 on behalf of HREOC)
    - National Muslim Youth Summit 2005 - Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DOIC) (2008).
- **Web-based Survey**
  - July 2014
    - 100 survey responses, 75 analysed
- Follow up in-depth Interviews\*

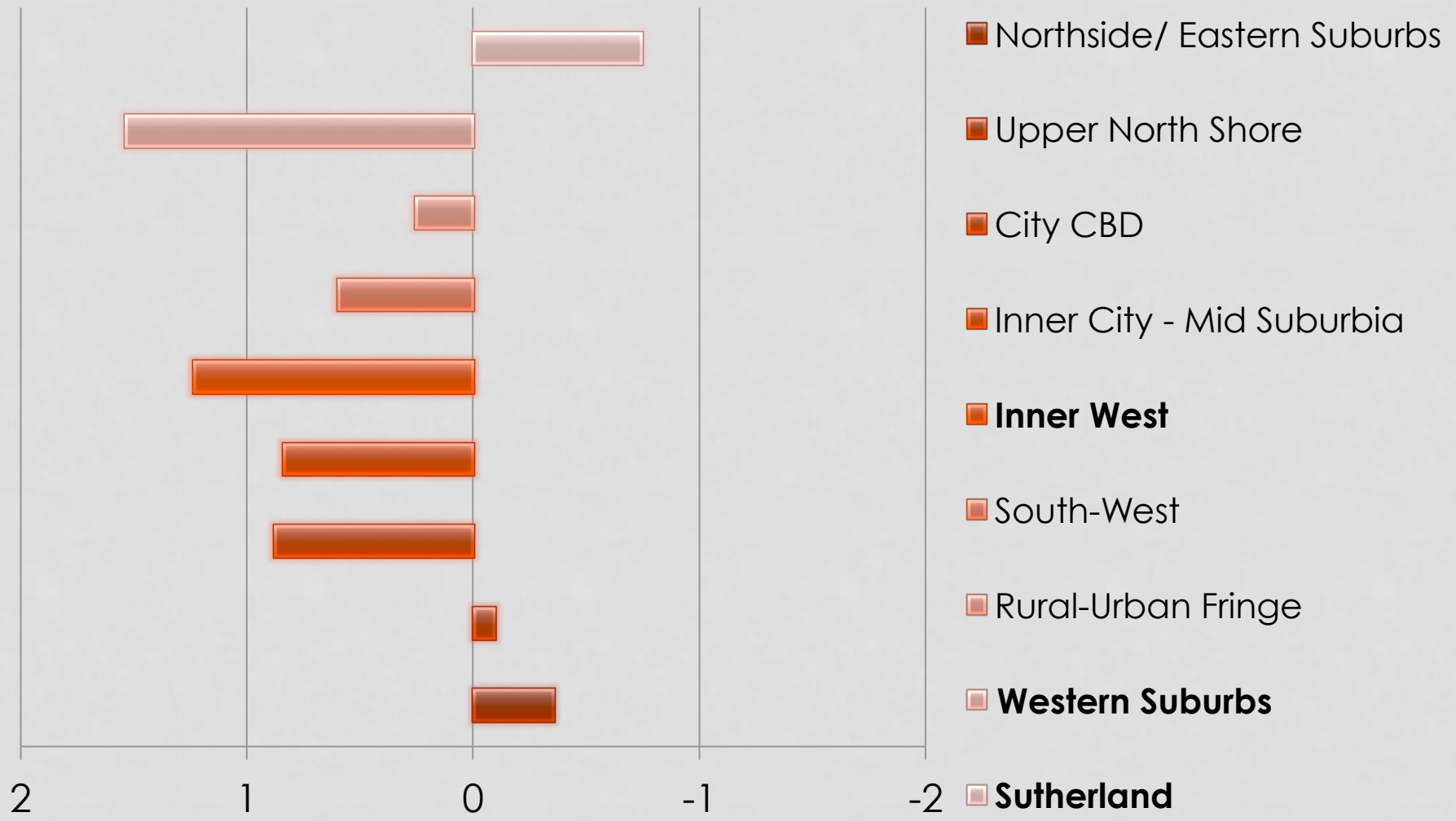
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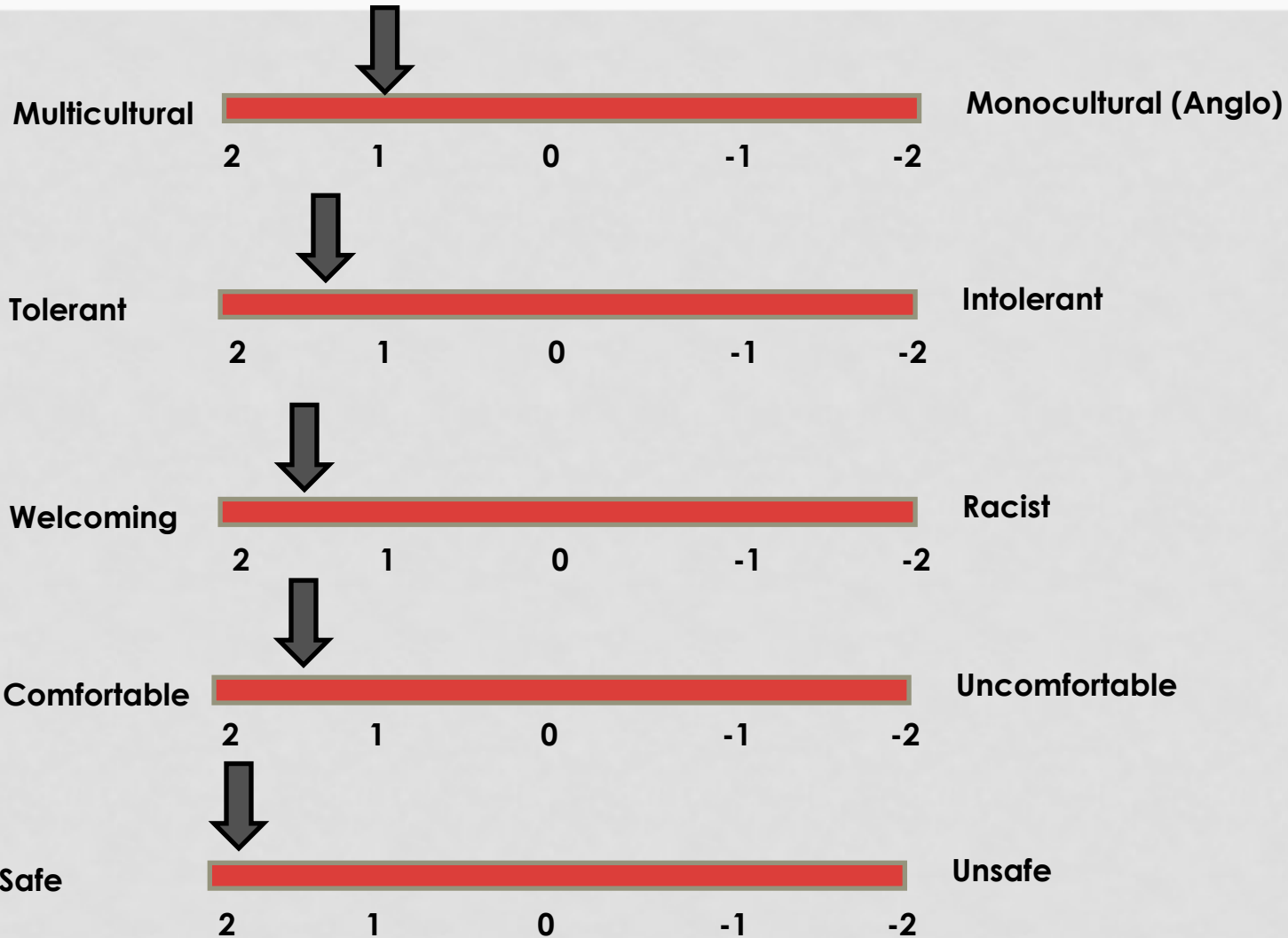
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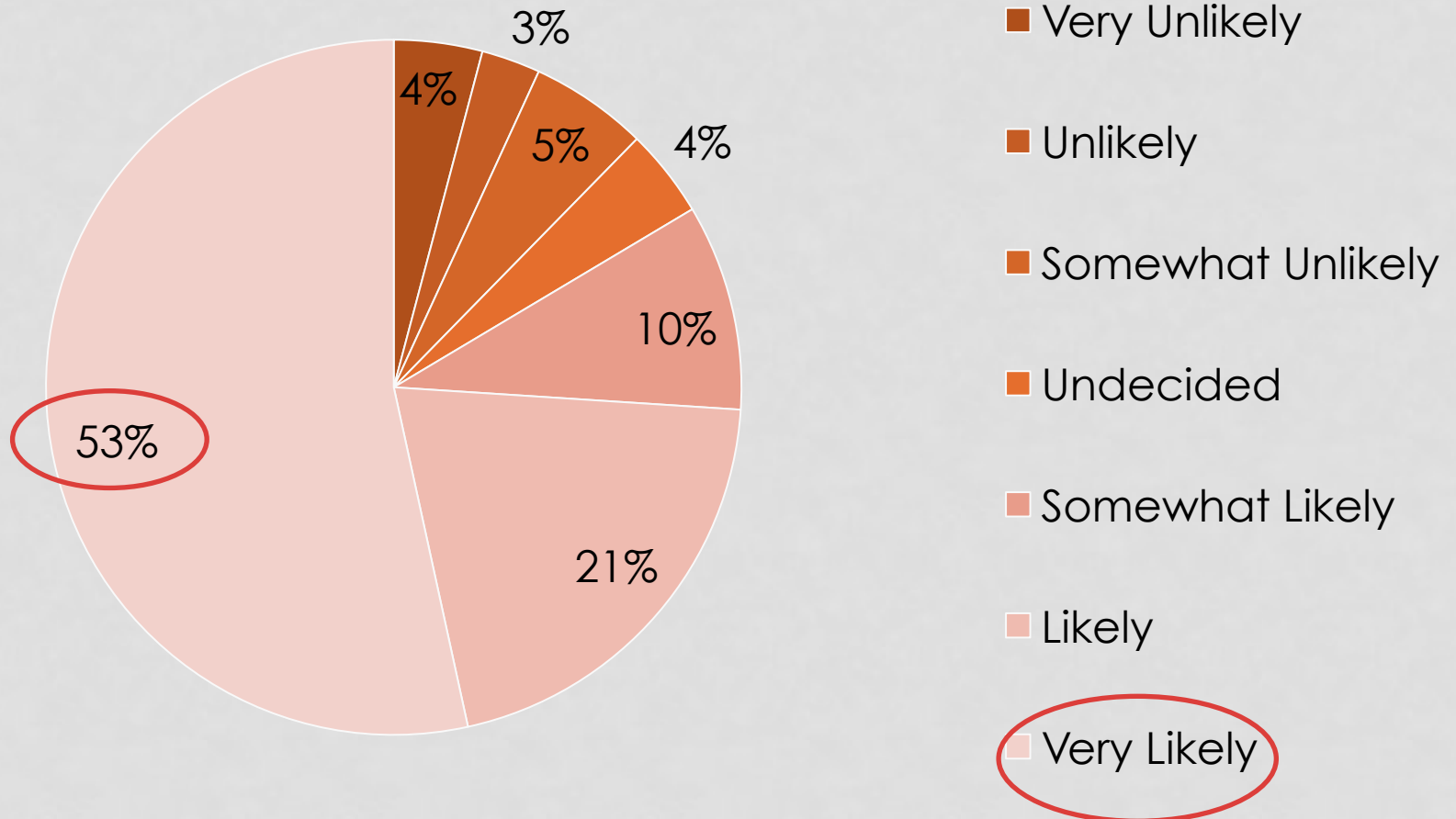


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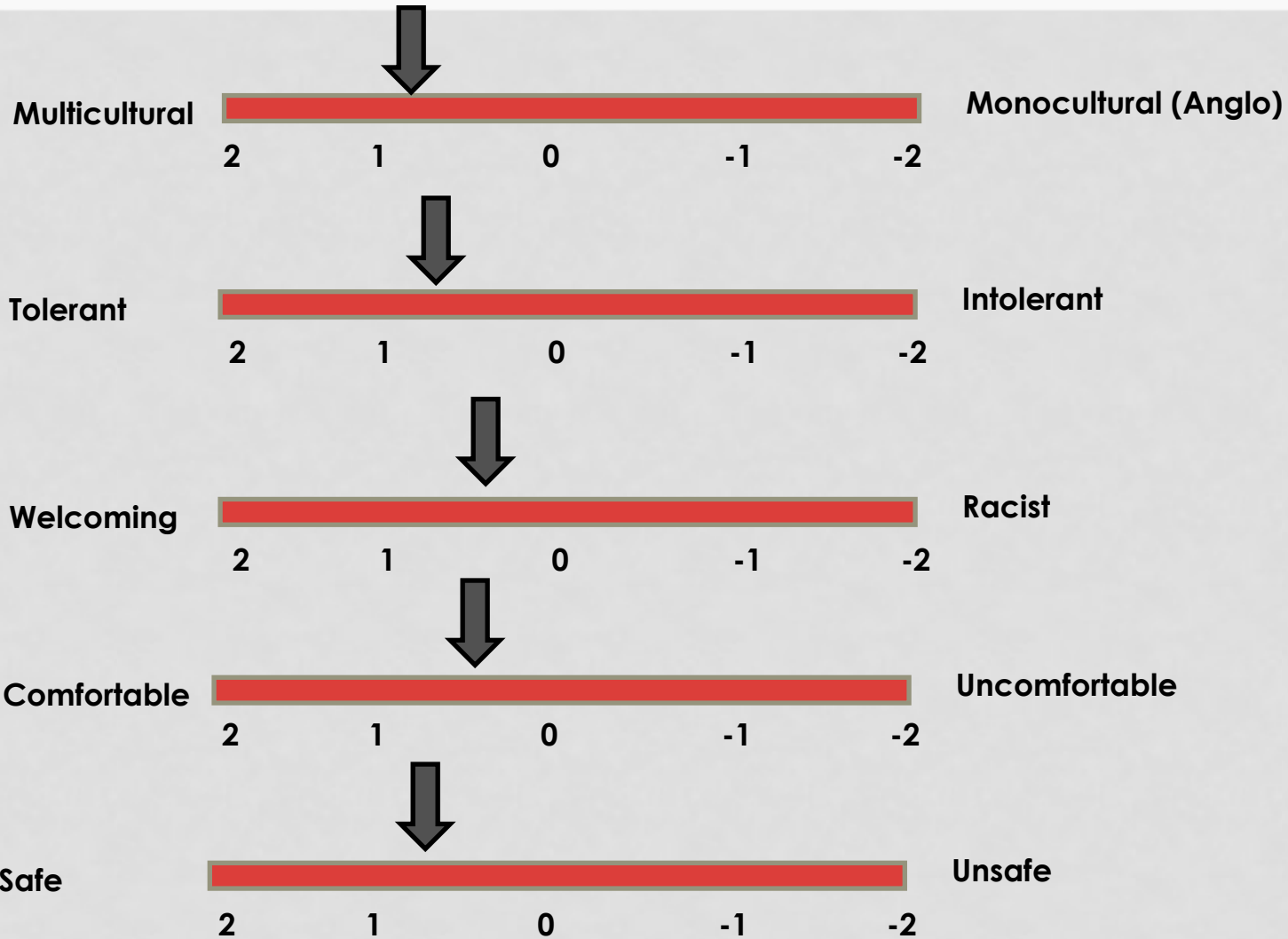
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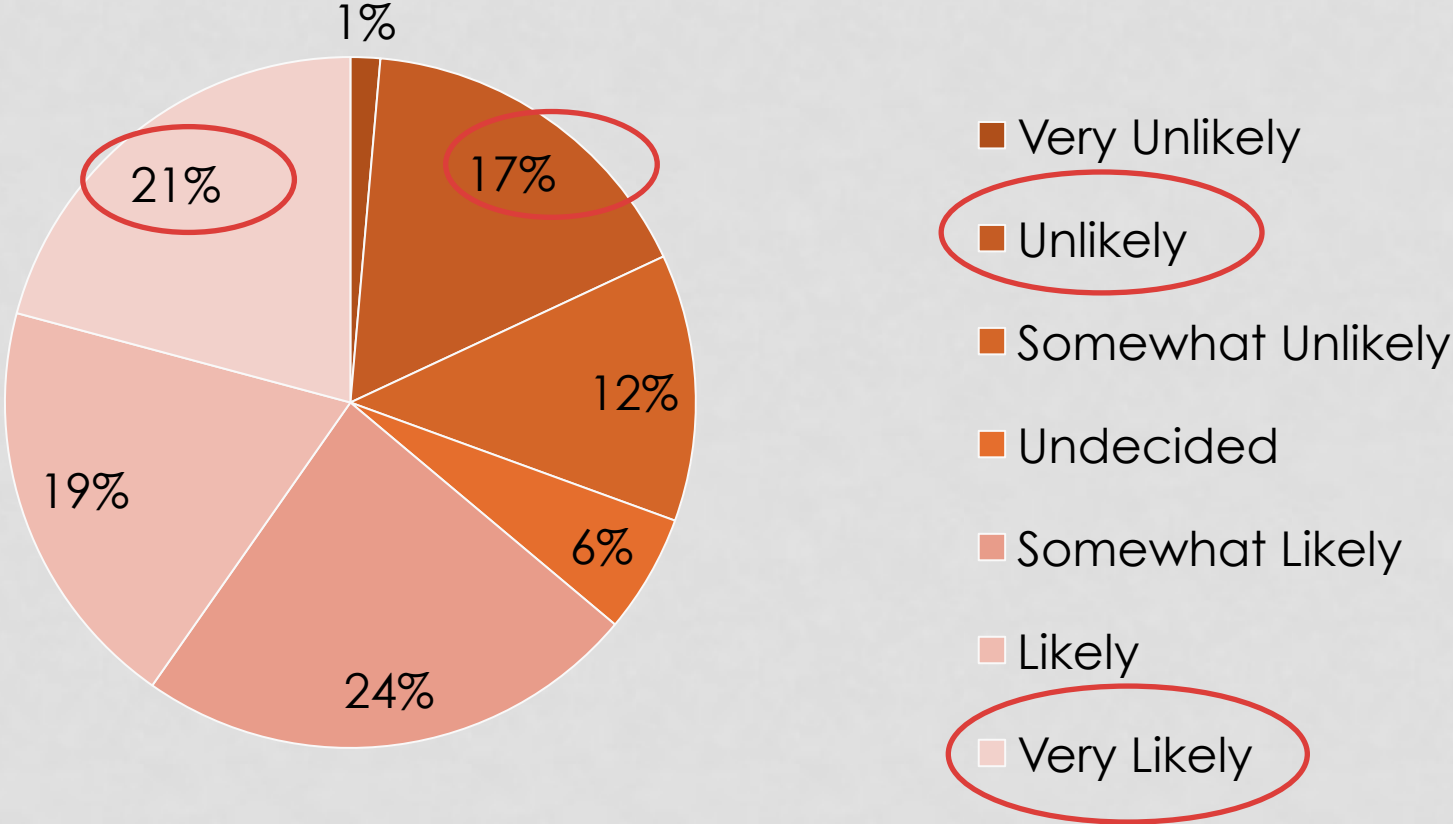


# SYDNEY'S INNER WEST TO MID-SUBURBIA

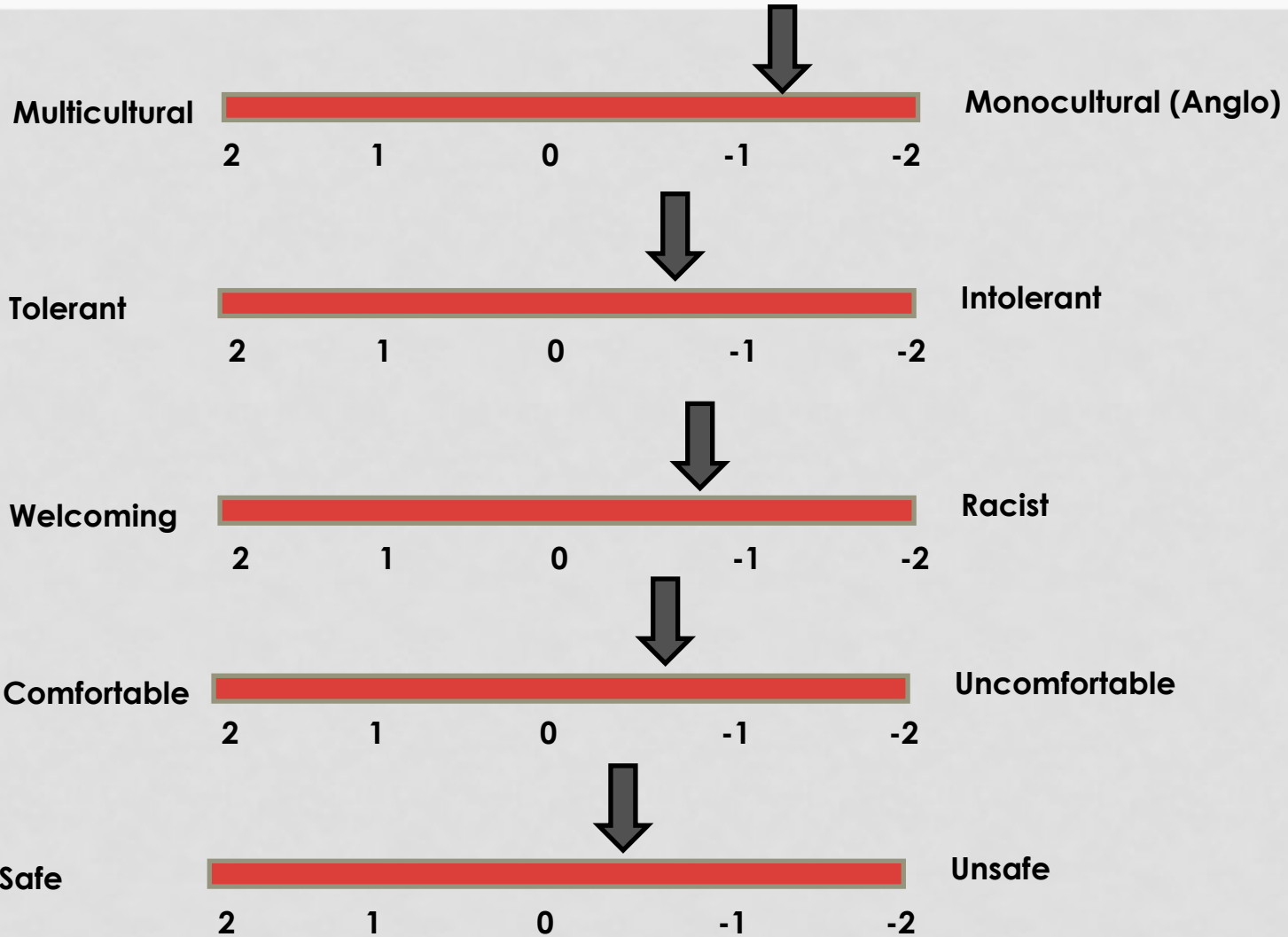


# SYDNEY'S INNER CITY TO MID SUBURBAN AREAS

## Likelihood to use Public Spaces

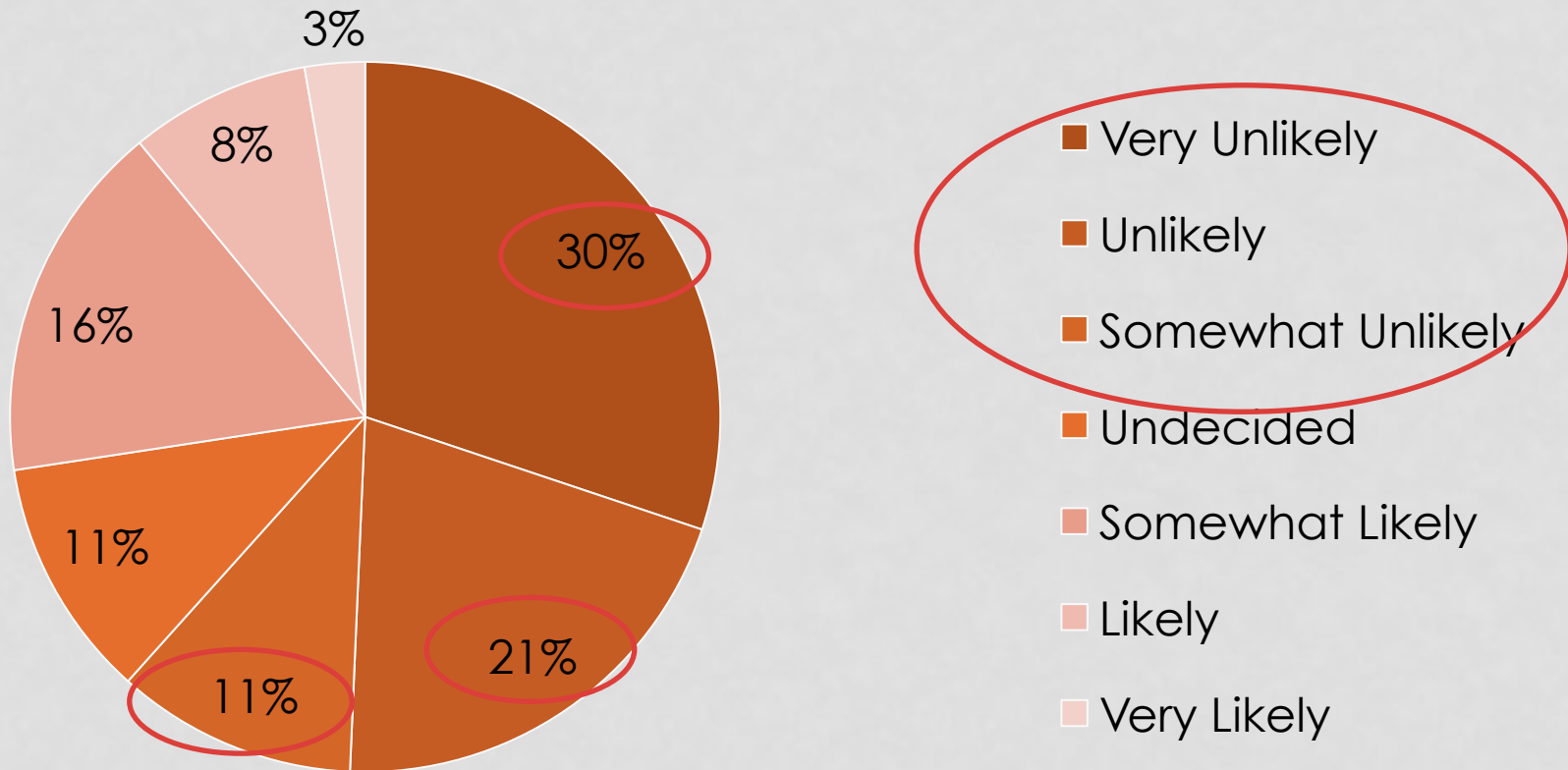


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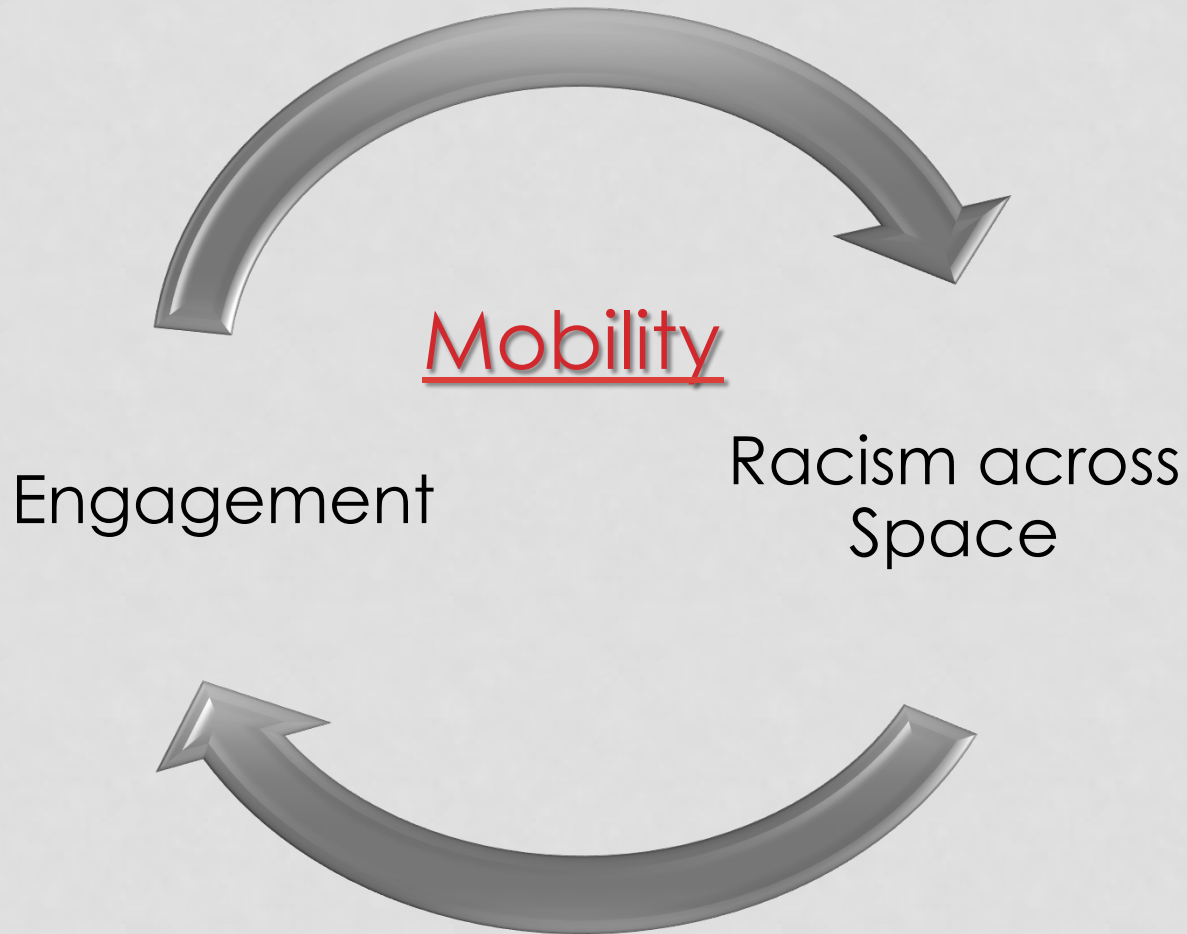


# CRONULLA RIOT - 2005



*'...show wogs that this is our beach and they are never welcome' (McIlveen, 2005, p. 39)*

# IMPLICATIONS



# FUTURE RESEARCH AND POLICIES

- Spatial effects of racism:
  - Perception of Suburbs
  - Engagement in spaces within suburbs
  - Motility of minority groups
- More specialised studies:
  - Larger samples
  - Variety of ethnic minority groups
- Islamophobia as 'new racism' = a barrier to achieving social cohesion
  - Racism reduces mobility, and limits opportunities for social interactions

*The equal capacity to navigate  
across multiple social settings in  
an increasingly mobile world.*





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