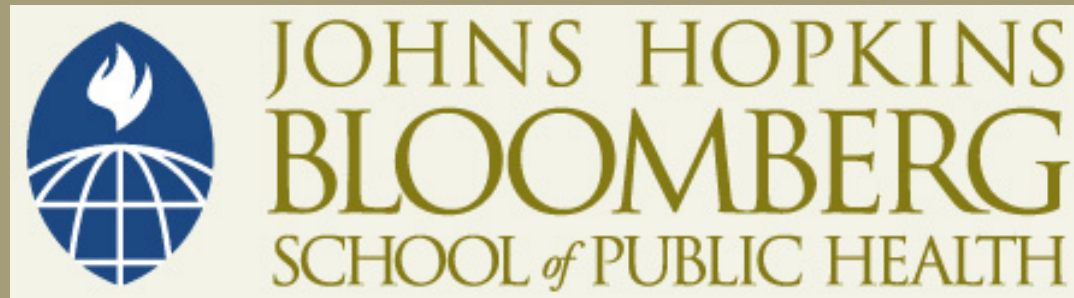


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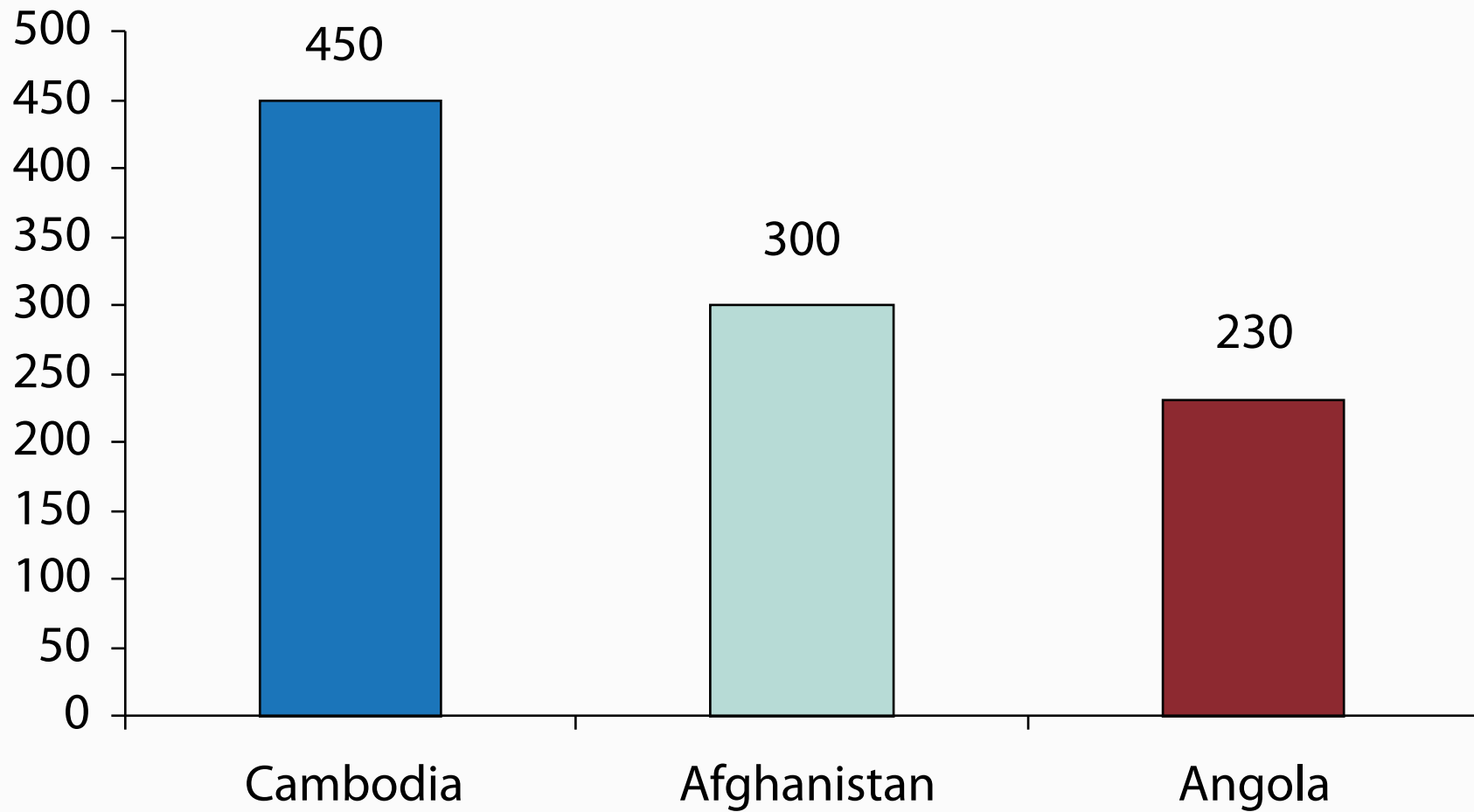


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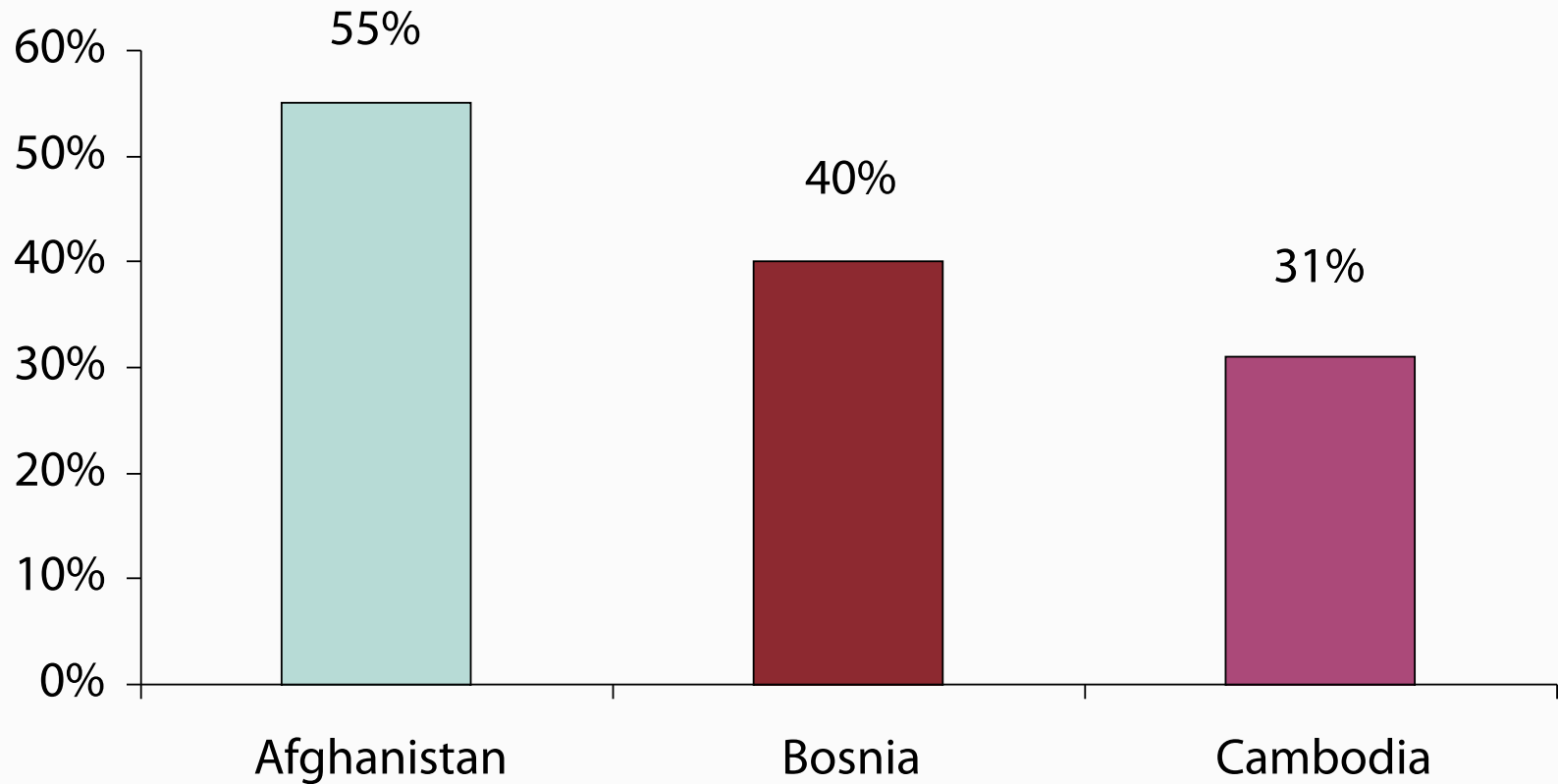
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Landmines and Suicides

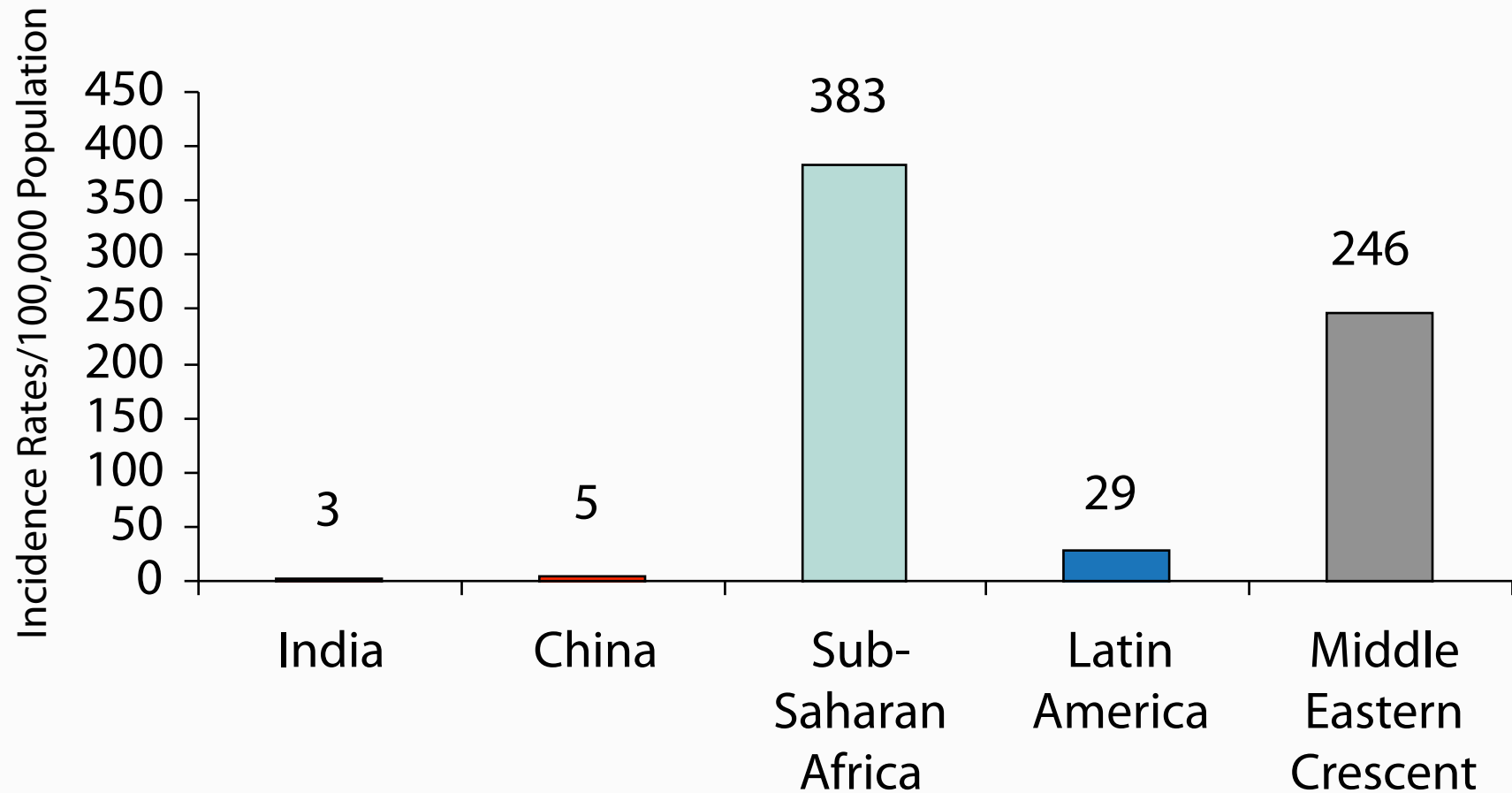
Prevalence/100,000 Pop. of Amputees from Land Mines



Percentage of Landmine Injuries Resulting in Deaths



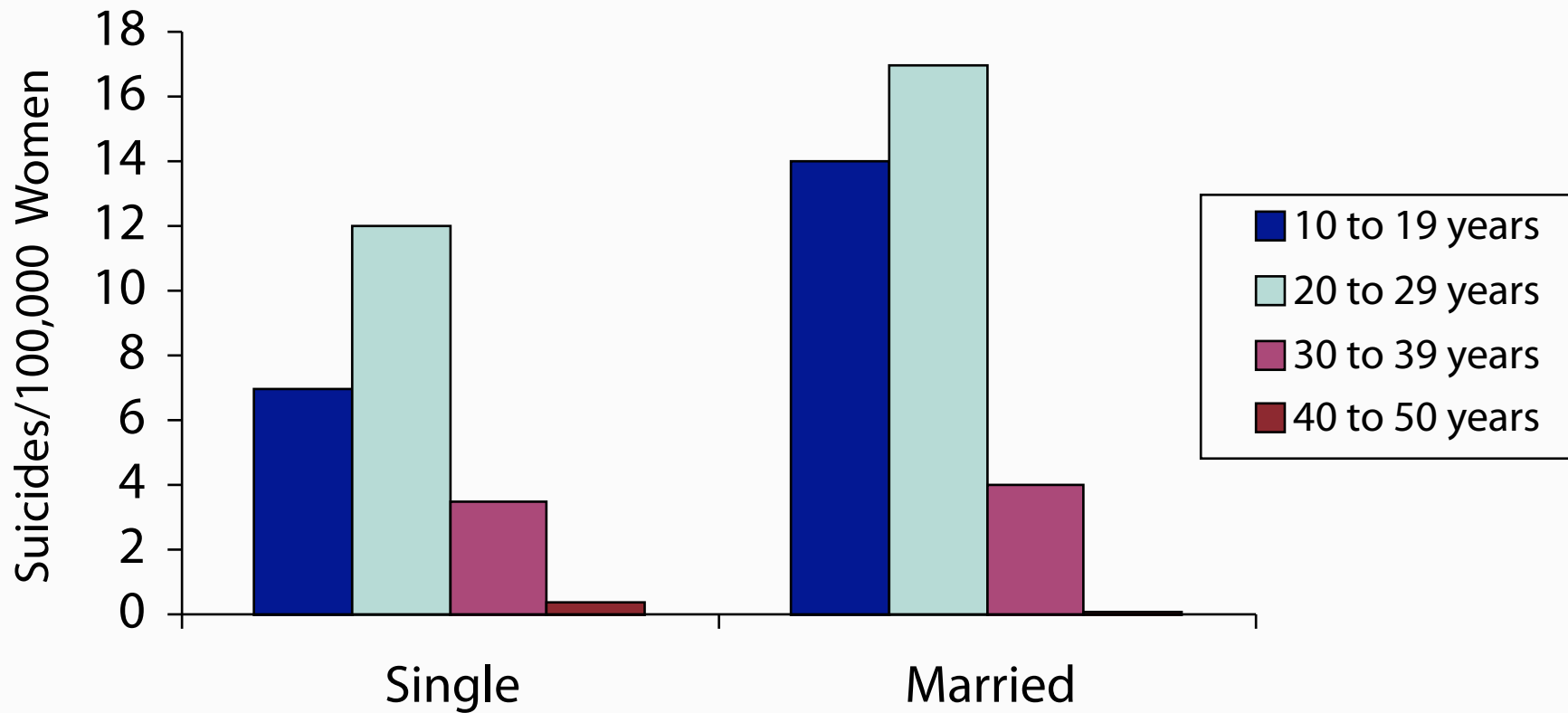
Comparison of Death Rates from War in World Regions



Suicide

- “A deliberate, willful, self-inflicted, and life-threatening act resulting in death”

Female Suicide Rates by Age/Marital Status: Bangladesh



Characteristics of Suicide Victims in Bangladesh

- Suicide attributed to about 50% of the total deaths caused by injuries among women 10–50 years of age
 - 71% were married
 - 98% resided in the villages
 - 64% belonged to either the poor or lower middle class
 - 56% were illiterate

Suicide Attempted by Burning in Brazil

- From 1984–1995 a total of 82 patients were admitted to a burn center in Sao Paulo with a history of attempted suicide
- 70.7% were males and 29.3% females
- Mortality rate was 44%
- Methyl alcohol was used by 87.5% of the patients to ignite the fire

Trends in Suicides

- In developed countries, completed suicides tend to be more common among males and attempted suicides in females (Barrs, 1997)
- This is not always the case in developing countries, where suicide rates are sometimes very high among rural females (e.g., the suicide rate in rural China among women)

Female “Suicides” Admitted to Salt River Mortuary

- Female “suicides,” by race, admitted to Salt River Mortuary in South Africa between January 1990 and June 1991

