

**Table 6. Percentage of ever-married women who favor or oppose continuation of female circumcision, by reasons given for attitude, according to region**

Reason for attitude	Haj-Yousif (N=744)	Shendi (N=569)	Juba (N=35)
<b>Favor</b>			
Good tradition	18.7	13.5	8.6
Custom	69.4	75.0	34.3
Religious demand	11.2	17.0	40.0
Cleanliness	25.7	26.0	62.9
Better marriage prospects	1.0	3.3	68.6
Greater pleasure of husband	6.9	6.3	31.4
Preservation of virginity	12.9	6.2	0.0
Increases fertility	1.2	0.2	0.0
Never thought about reason	0.8	0.7	0.0
Other	3.5	0.5	0.0
Missing	1.3	1.9	0.0
<b>Oppose</b>	(N=368)	(N=445)	(N=955)
Religious prohibition	27.9	31.9	65.0
Sexual dissatisfaction	6.5	5.4	6.9
Medical complication	63.0	87.9	31.4
Painful personal experience	28.8	27.9	7.7
Against woman's dignity	4.5	7.4	22.6
Other	7.6	0.7	0.2
Missing	4.9	1.6	19.4

Note: Percentages do not add to 100% because of multiple responses.