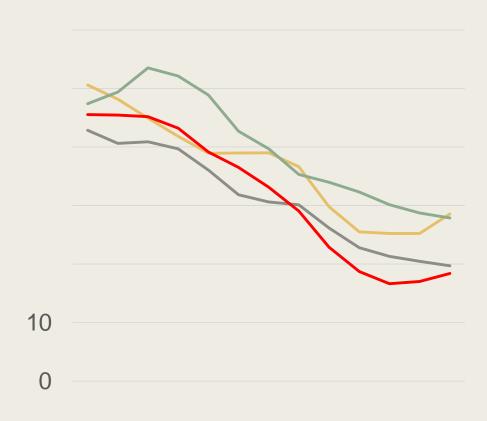
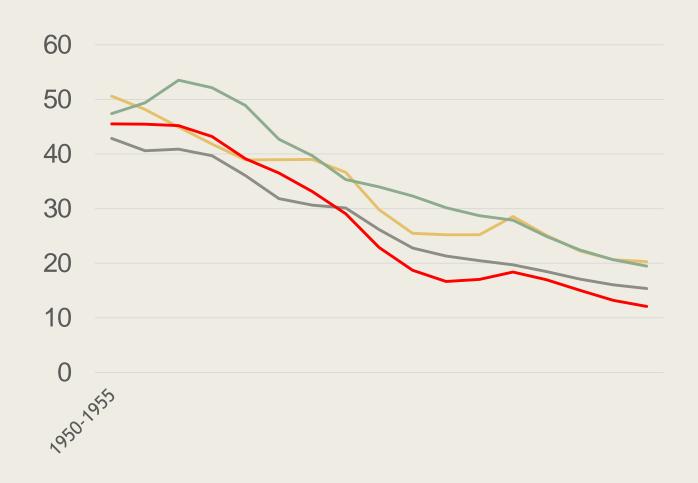
# BEWARE OF THE ECHO THE YOUTH BULGE AND FERTILITY IN SELECTED ARAB COUNTRIES

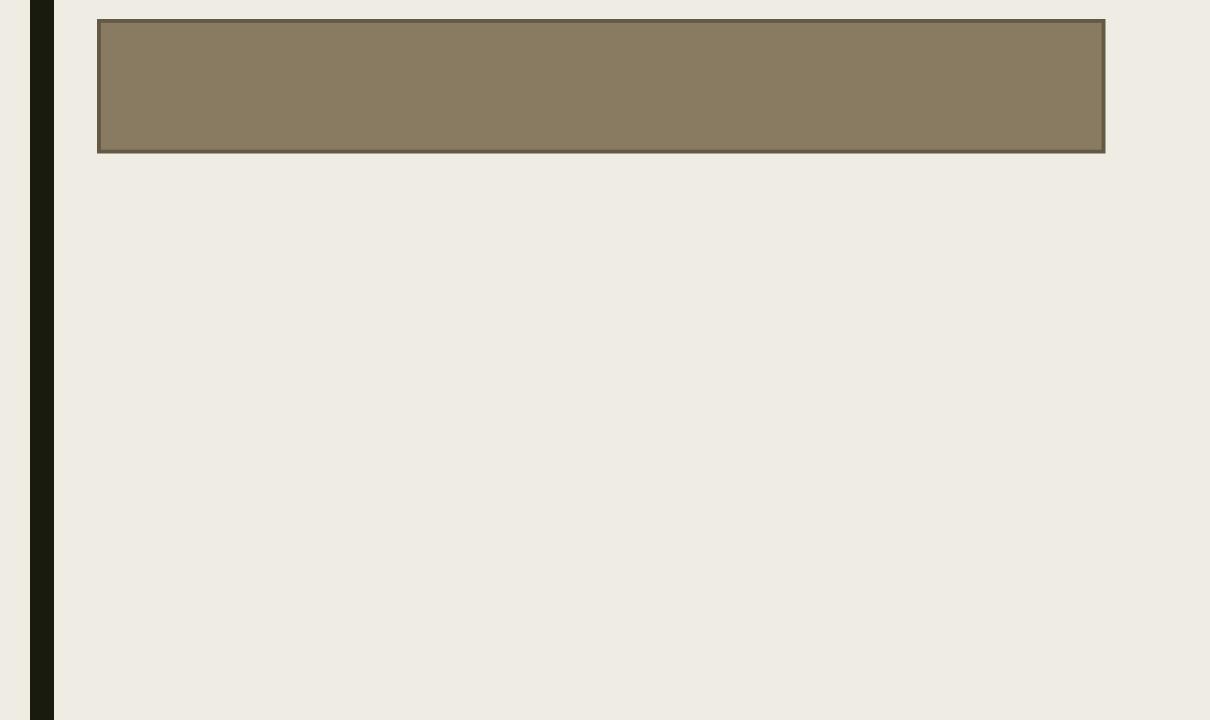
#### Echo of the youth bulge is starting to become apparent in rising birth rates in Egypt and Tunisia



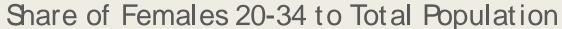
#### Medium variant projections show resumption of decline, but is that really likely to happen?

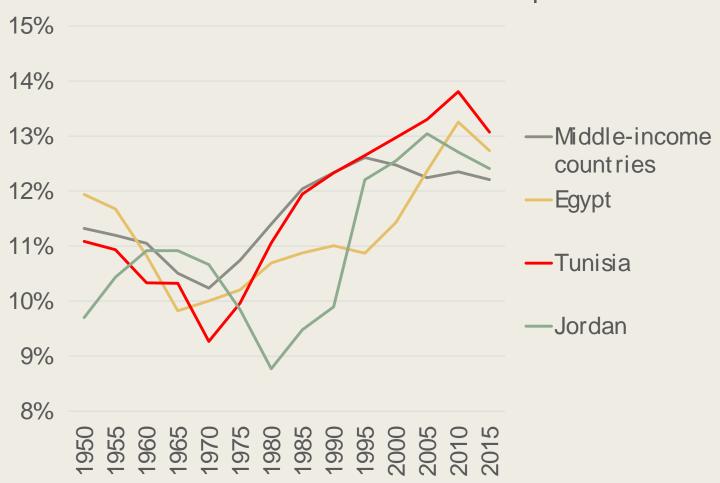


Source: UN Population Prospects, 2015 Revision, Medium Variant



#### Share of females in peak child bearing years has increased substantially in past two decades

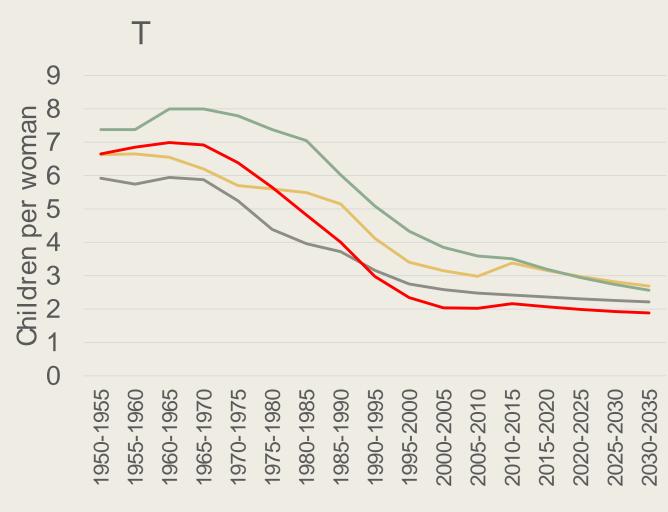




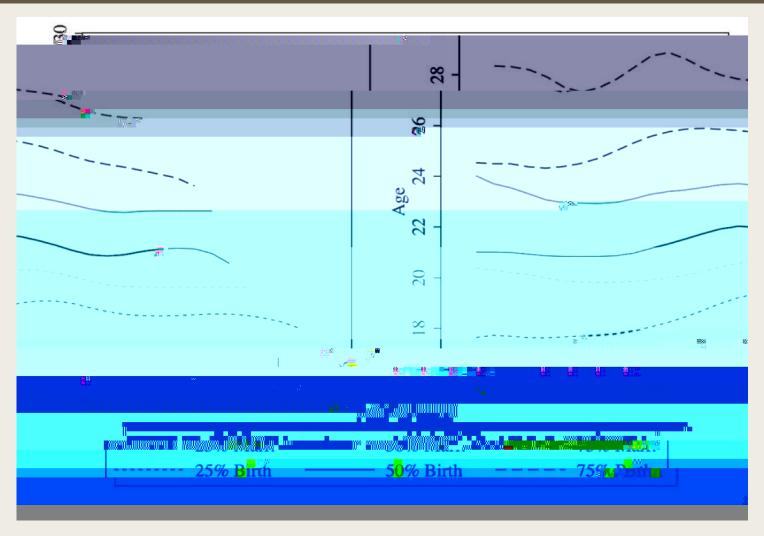
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### Again, the medium variant projections assume that the increase is a mere blip, but is that really the

case 2025-2030

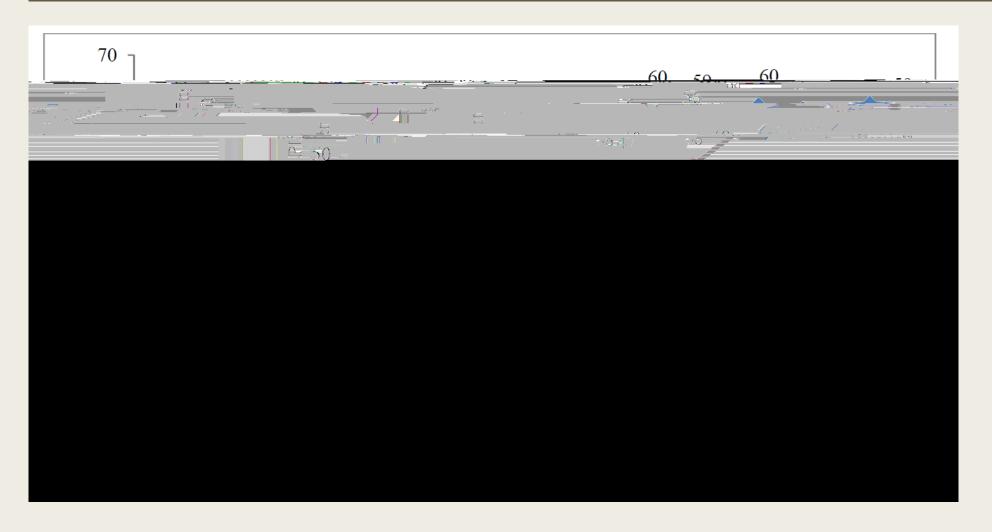


## Why is fertility rising again in Egypt? Explanation #1: Age of Marriage and First Birth are no longer rising



Source: Krafft

#### Explanation #2: stagnation or even decline in contraceptive use within marriage

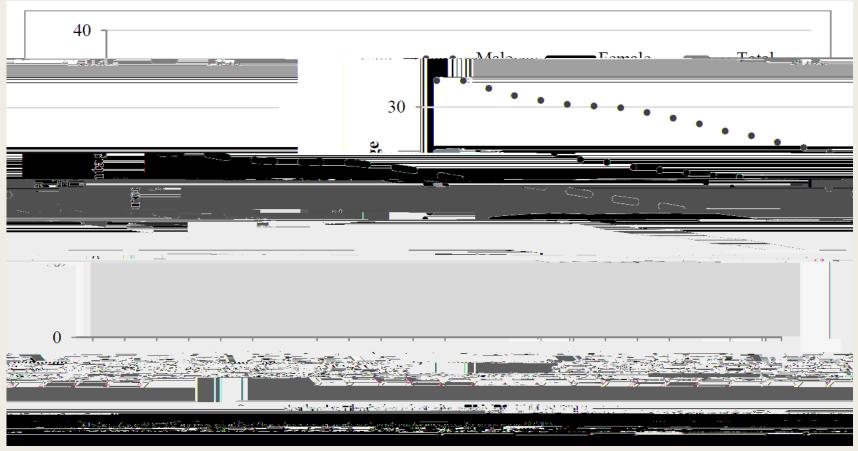


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#### More fundamentally, the increase in fertility in Egypt is

#### cost of time, resulting for falling public sector employment

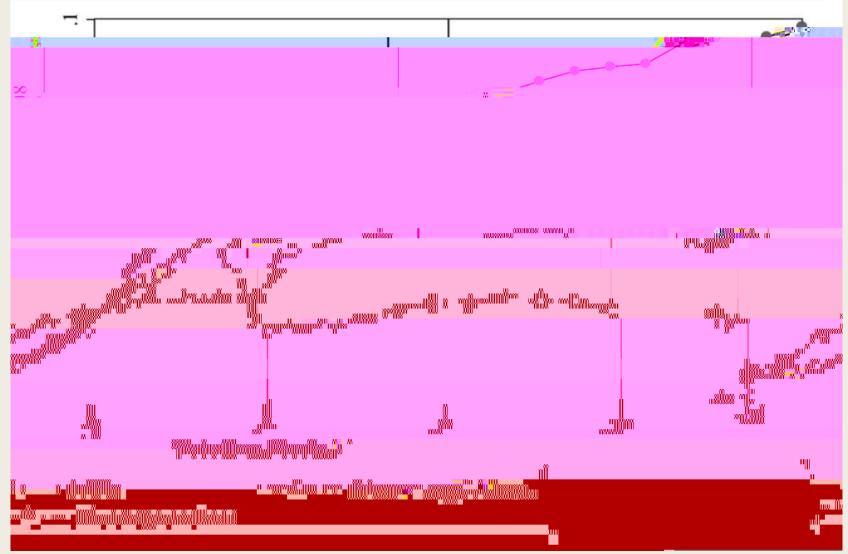
Percentage of the Population employed in the Public Sector over Time by Sex, Ages 25-39



Source: Krafft

Private sector wage employment is highly inhospitable to married women in Egypt. Most women leave it at

marriage



Source: Krafft