CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HAREDI SOCIETY

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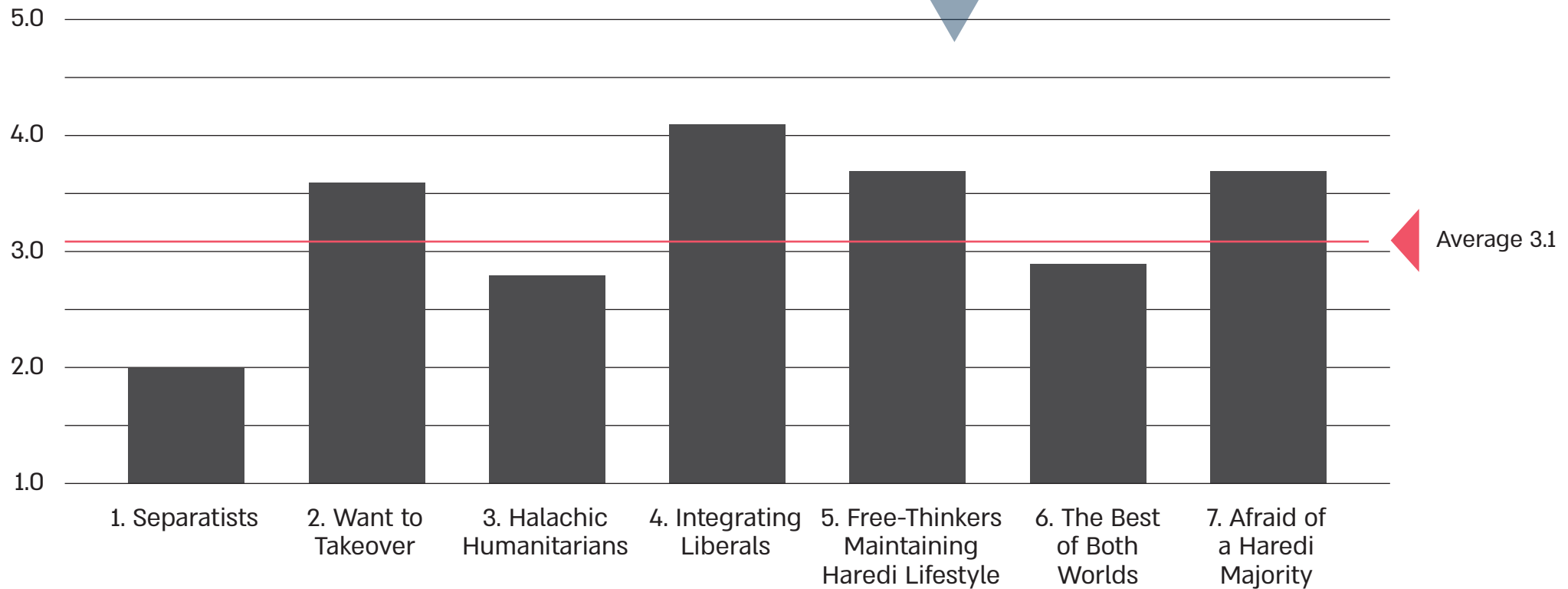
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IDENTIFIED SUBGROUPS

1. Separatists 30.5%

2. Want to Takeover 21.7%

3. Halachic Humanitarians 16.6%

4. Integrating Liberals – 8.3%

5. Free-Thinkers Maintaining Haredi Lifestyle 8.2%

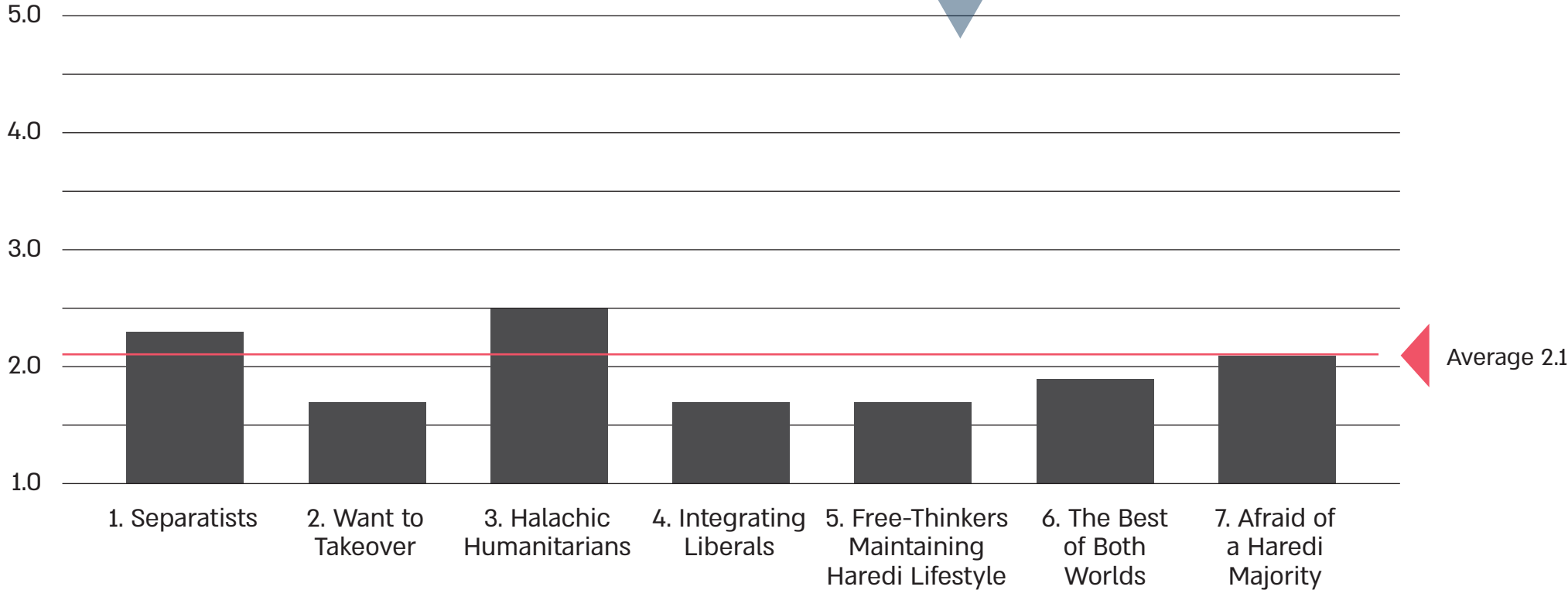6. The Best of Both Worlds 7.9%

7. Afraid of a Haredi Majority 6.7%
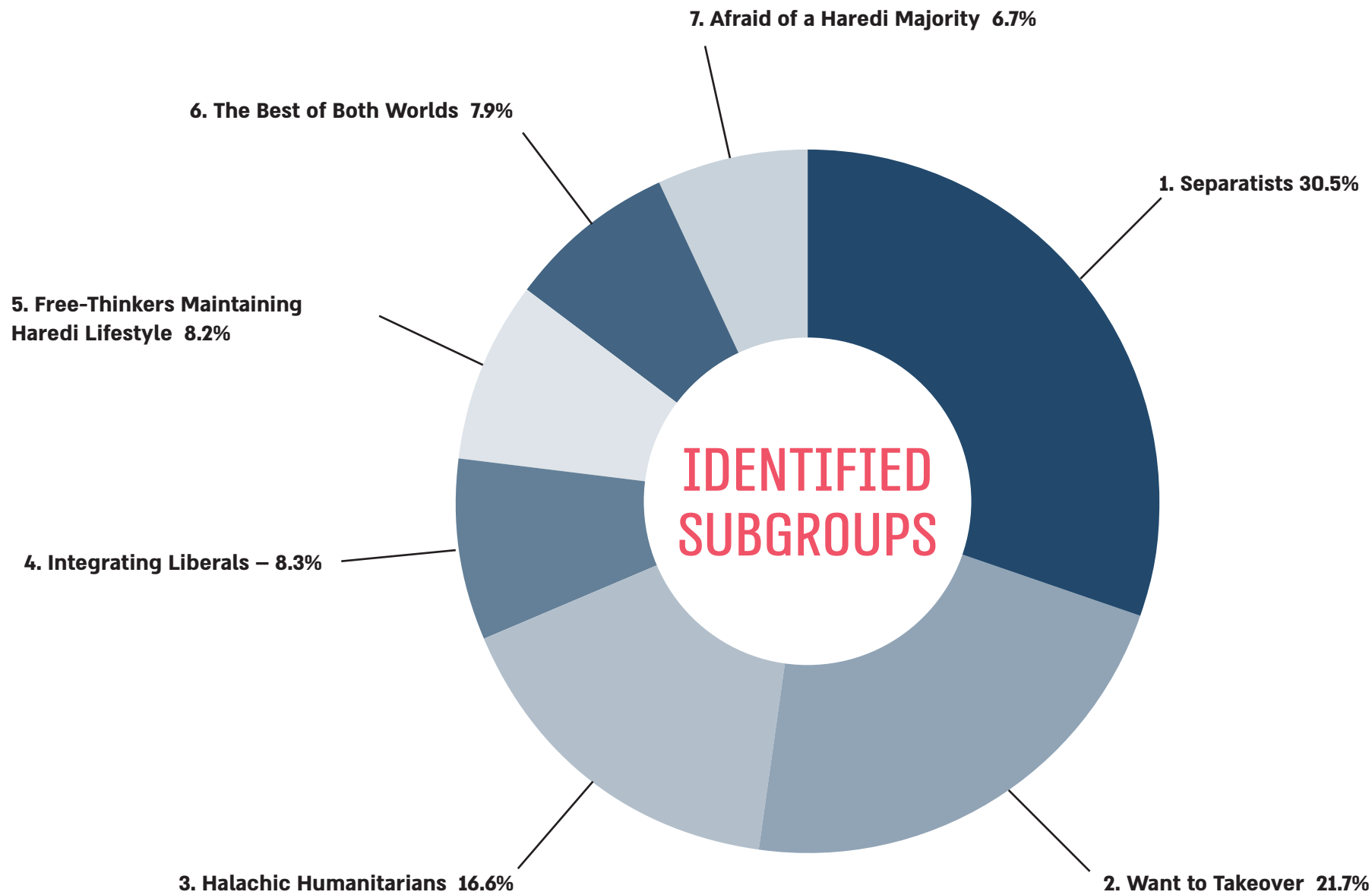
TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU IDENTIFY WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL?

Most of the subgroups, but not all of them, identify with the State of Israel

Average 3.1

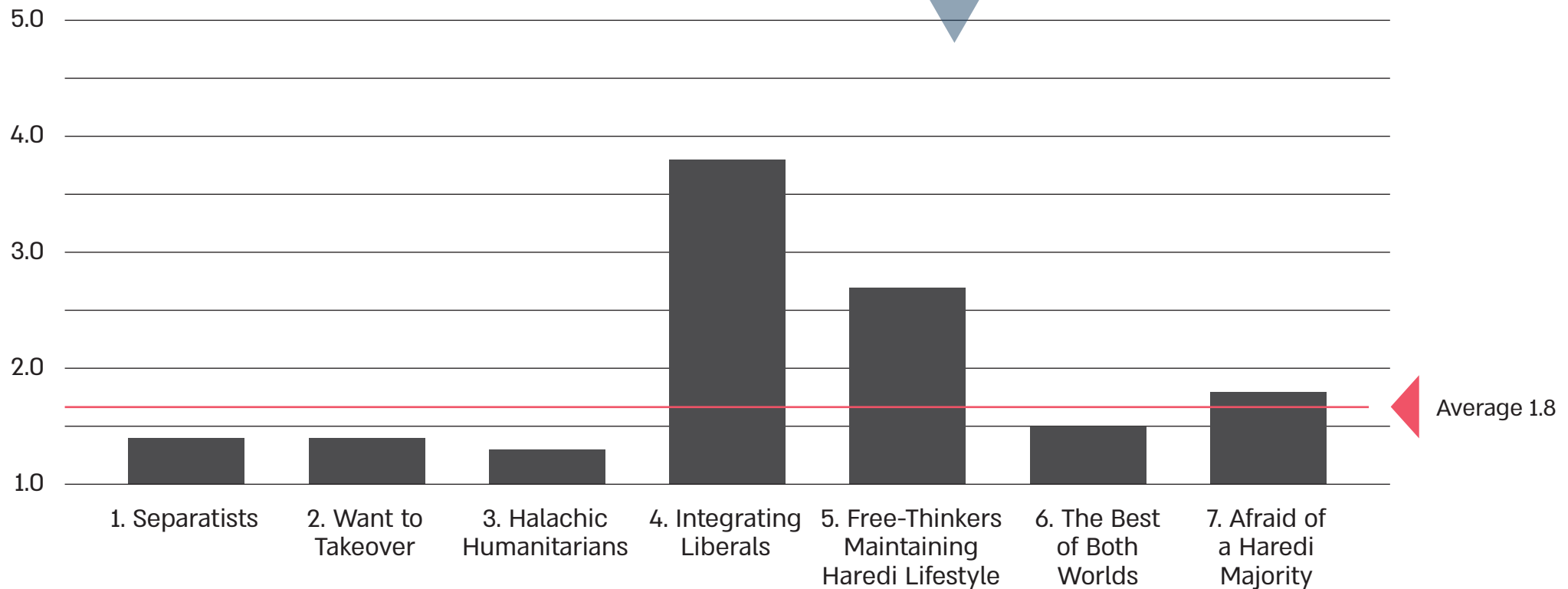|	Value
1. Separatists	2.0
2. Want to Takeover	3.6
3. Halachic Humanitarians	2.8
4. Integrating Liberals	4.1
5. Free-Thinkers Maintaining Haredi Lifestyle	3.7
6. The Best of Both Worlds	2.9
7. Afraid of a Haredi Majority	3.7

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I FEEL DISCONNECTED FROM WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ISRAEL

The Haredi public, in all of its many layers, doesn't feel disconnected from the country

Average 2.1

5.0

4.0

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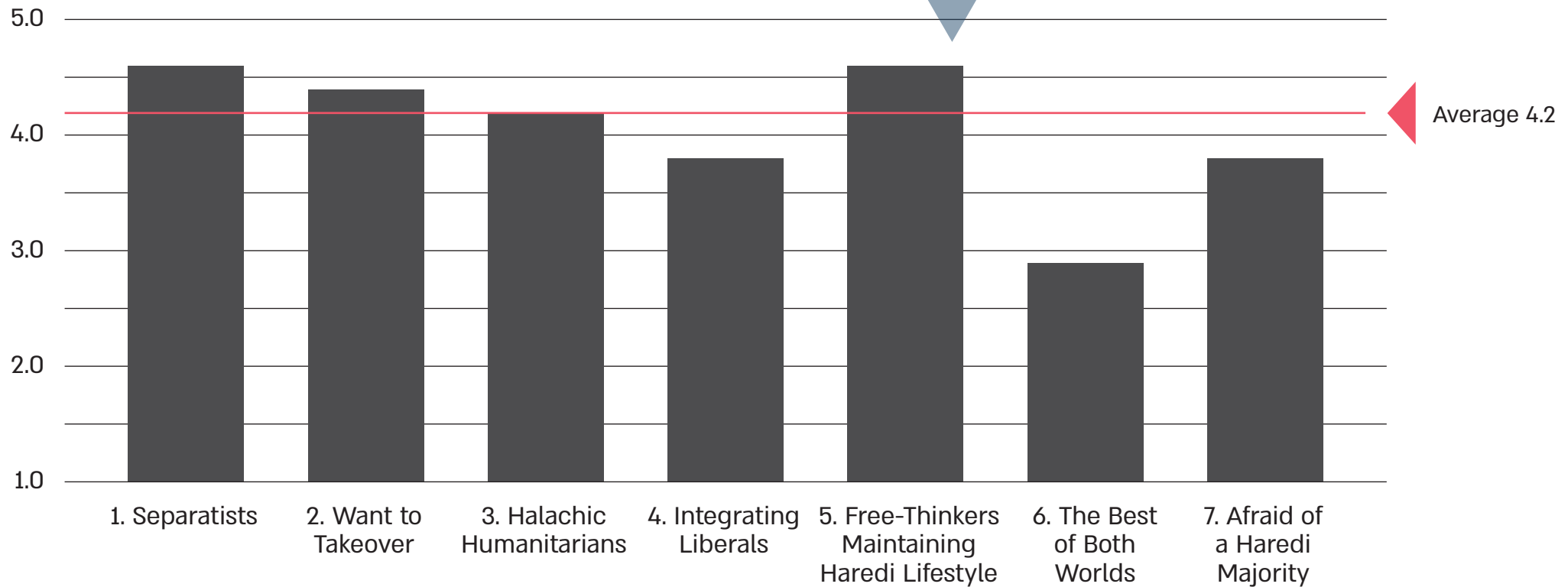7. Afraid of a Haredi Majority

I SEE MYSELF AS AN INDEPENDENT PERSON WHO PRIMARILY ACTS BASED ON MY CONSCIENCE AND NOT RABBINIC DECREE

Most of the subgroups, although again not all, see themselves as acting based on Rabbinic decree

Average 1.8

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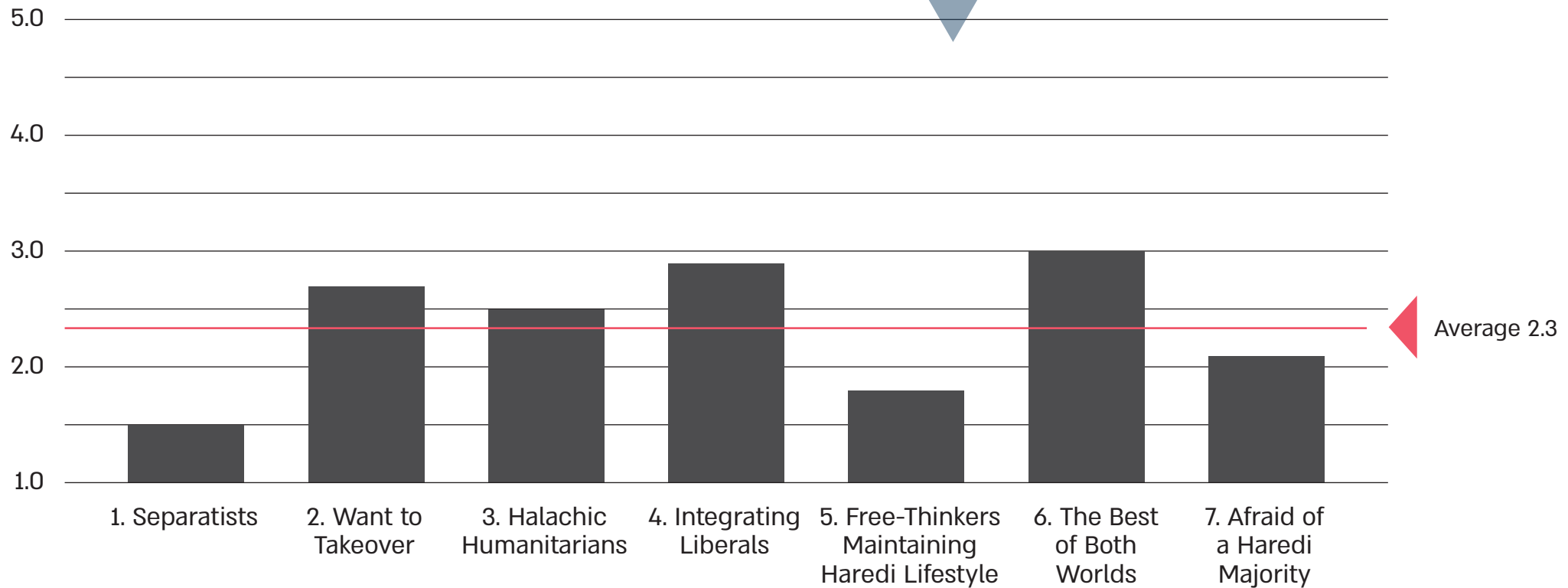# IN MY OPINION, THE ONLY WAY TO MEET A HUSBAND OR WIFE IS THROUGH MATCHMAKING

Almost all of the subgroups very much identify with matchmaking as the way to meet a partner for marriage

Average 4.2

5.0

4.0

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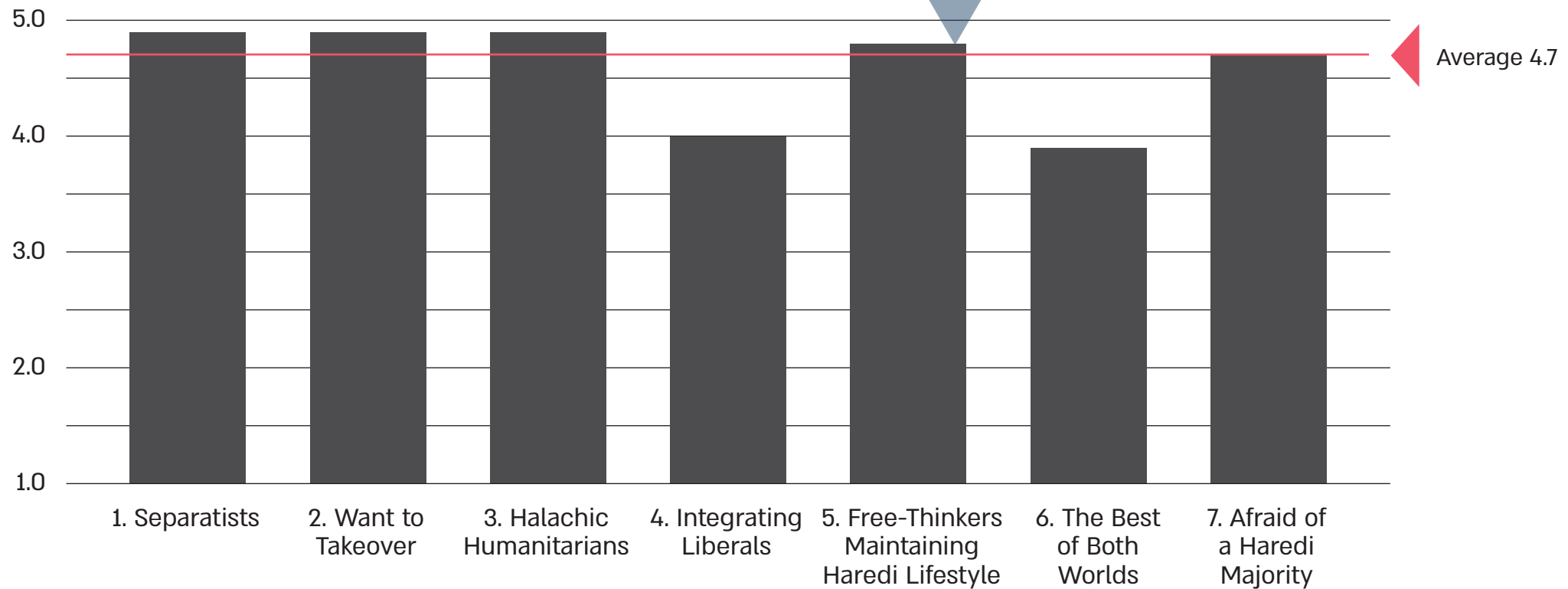# I'M IN FAVOR OF FAMILY PLANNING

Opposition ranges from light to very strong to the idea of family planning

Average 2.3

5.0

4.0

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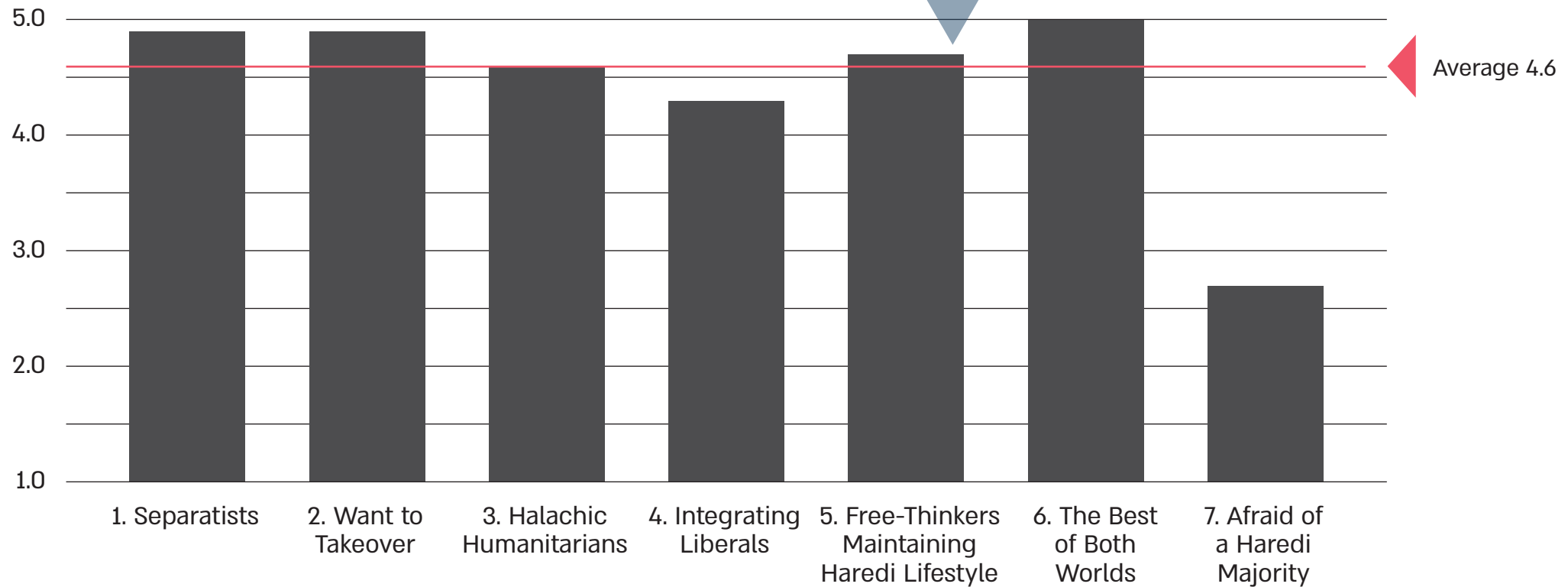# I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HAREDI EDUCATION IS BETTER THAN NON-HAREDI EDUCATION

There's an overwhelming consensus that Haredi education better prepares children for life than the other forms of education

Average 4.7

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

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I BELIEVE THAT THE ROLE OF THE HAREDI SOCIETY IN ISRAEL IS TO PRESERVE THE PLACE OF JUDAISM

Except for the "Afraid of a Haredi Majority" subgroup, each group sees the role of the Haredi society in Israel as protecting its Jewish character

Average 4.6

5.0

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2.0

1.0

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THE DEMOGRAPHIC PROJECTIONS THAT THERE WILL BE A HAREDI MAJORITY IN ISRAEL MAKE ME HAPPY

Again excluding "Afraid of a Haredi Majority," each group sees a potential Haredi majority as a source of happiness
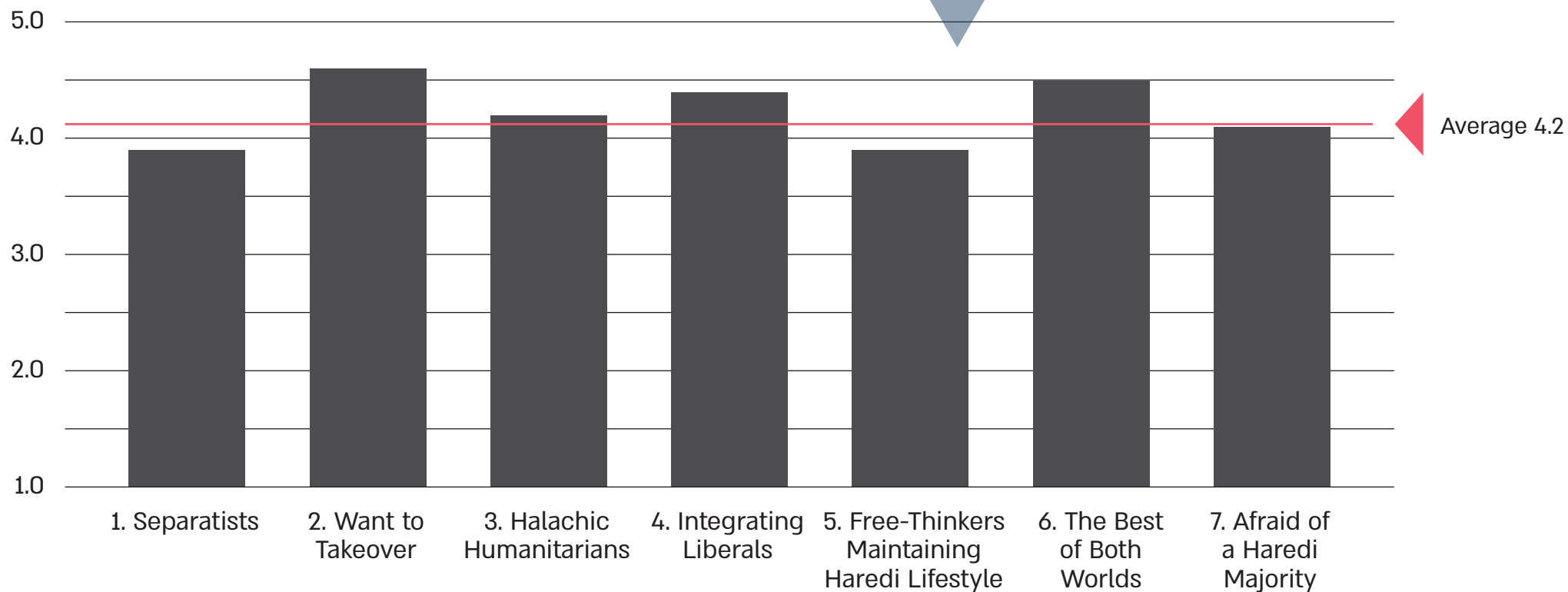
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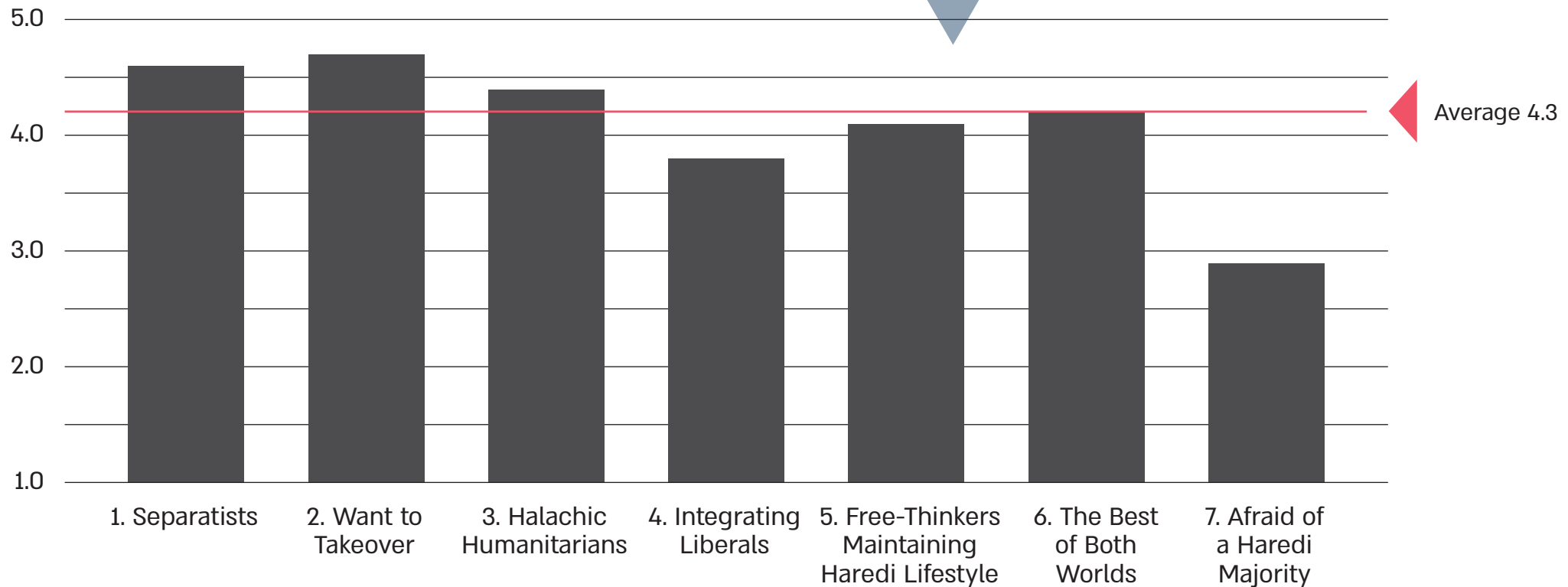
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO HAVE A GOOD FINANCIAL SITUATION

Here things start to change from the Haredi consensus. The vast majority of respondents want to be financially stable

Average 4.2

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I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE HAREDIM INTEGRATE INTO THE WORKFORCE

Most of the subgroups are very supportive of the integration of Haredim into the workforce, with some ambivalent or against

Average 3.3

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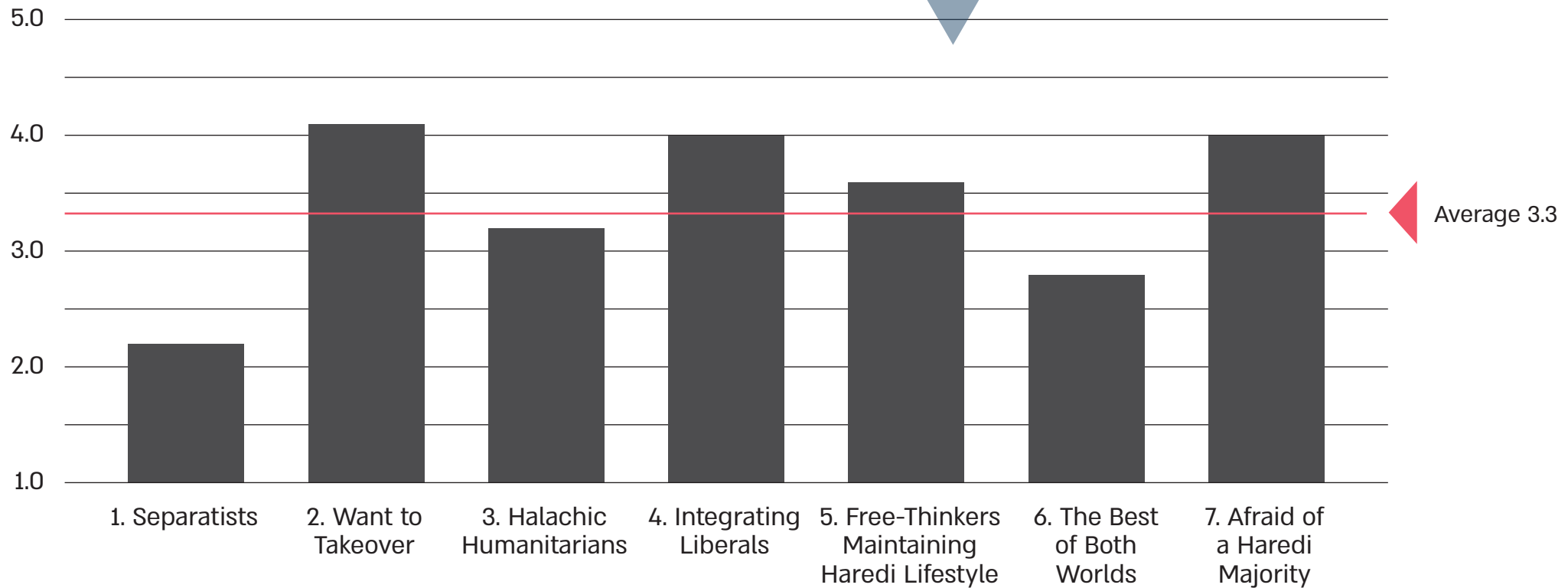
I THINK THAT WOMEN CAN AND SHOULD FILL MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

There is overwhelming support for women in management positions excluding one subgroup that is ambivalent and one that is against

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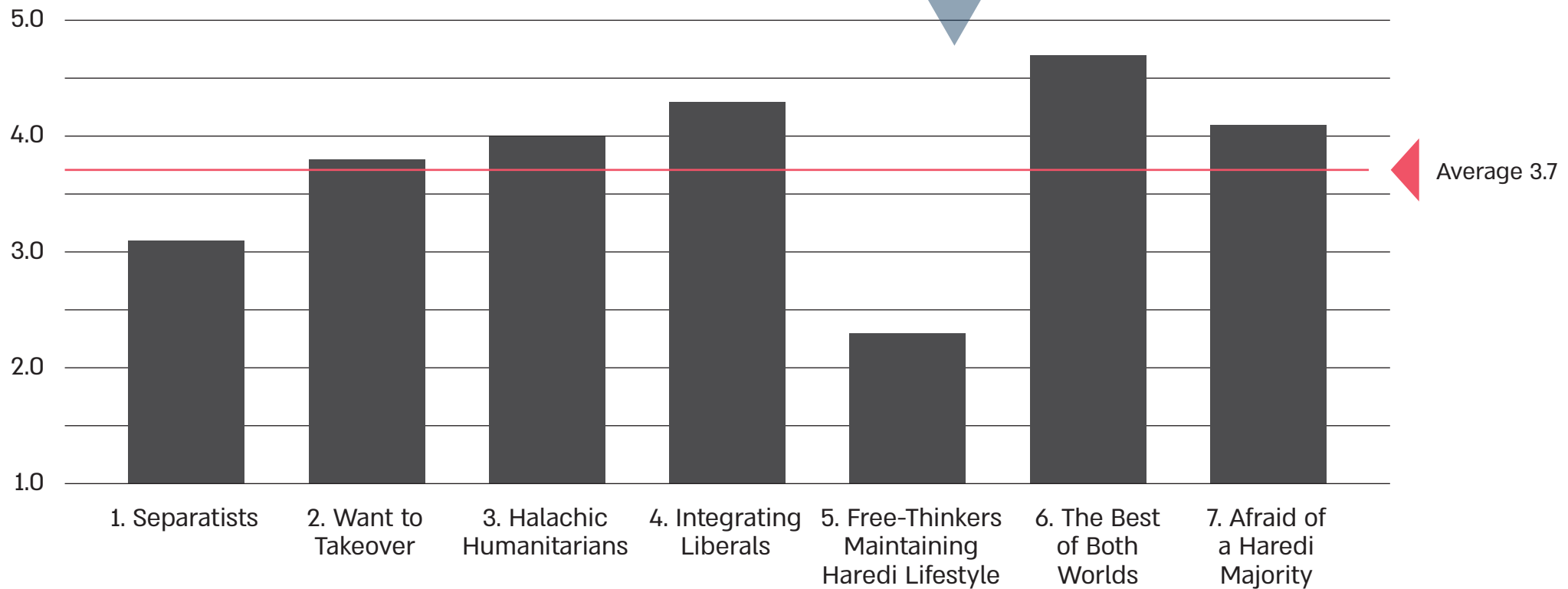
I'M HAPPY TO SEE MORE HAREDIM STUDYING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

There's a tendency to support the entrance of Haredim into higher education, excluding two subgroups who are very against

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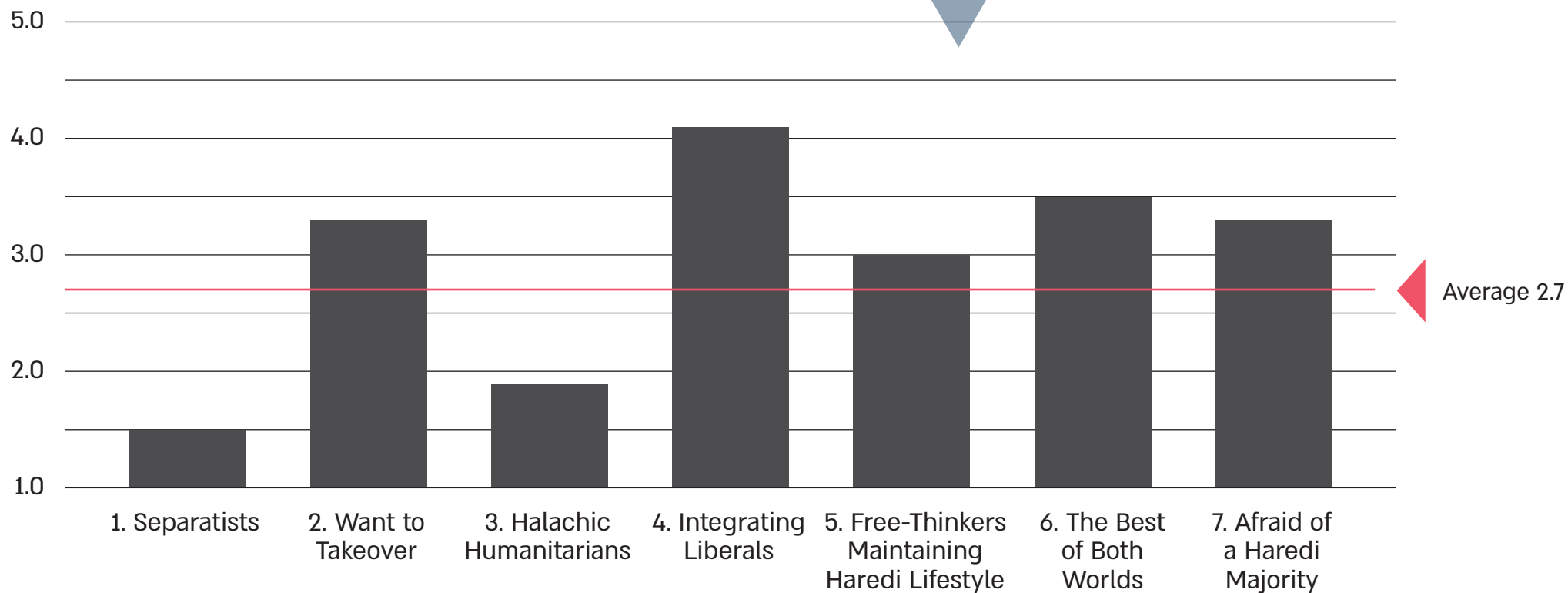
I'M AGAINST THE CORE CURRICULUM BEING TAUGHT IN HAREDI SCHOOLS

Haredi society is divided about the core curriculum, with four groups vehemently opposed, one ambivalent, and two groups very much in favor

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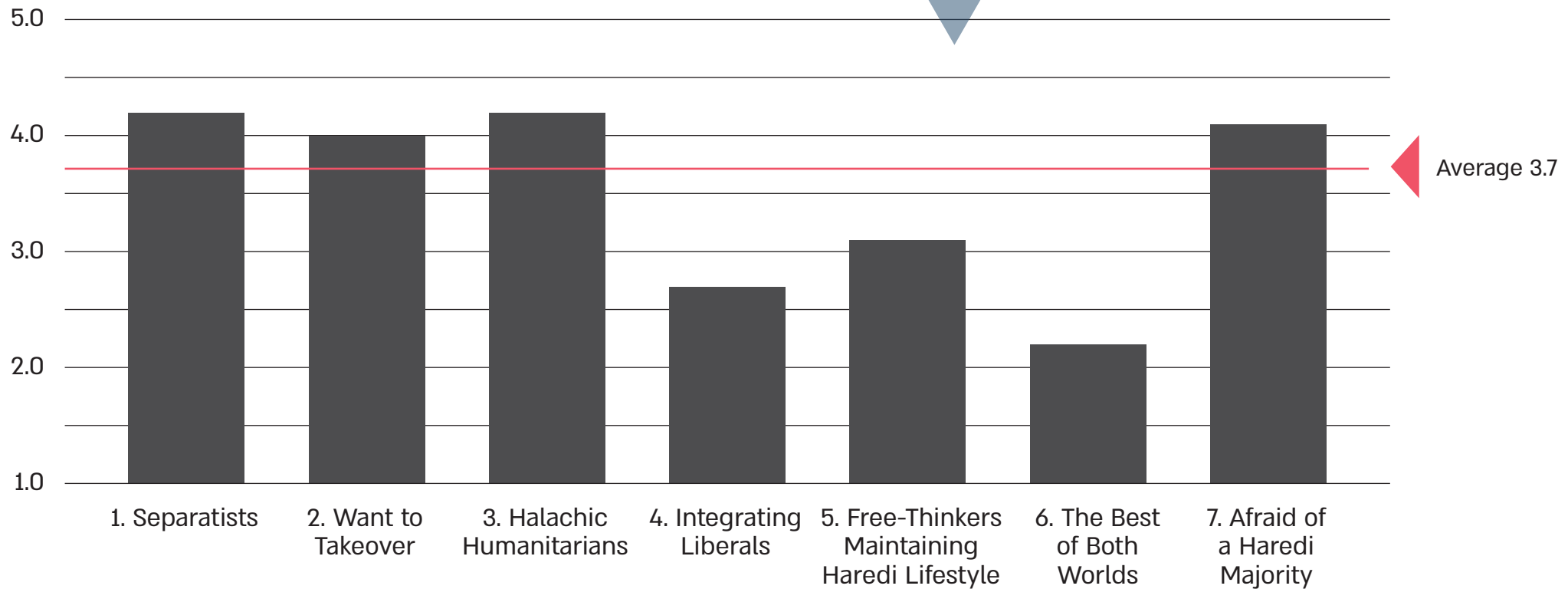
IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME THAT HAREDI MEN THAT DON'T STUDY IN YESHIVAS GO TO THE ARMY OR DO NATIONAL SERVICE

> Excluding two subgroups, there is clear support for young men not studying in Yeshivas to serve in the army or to do national service
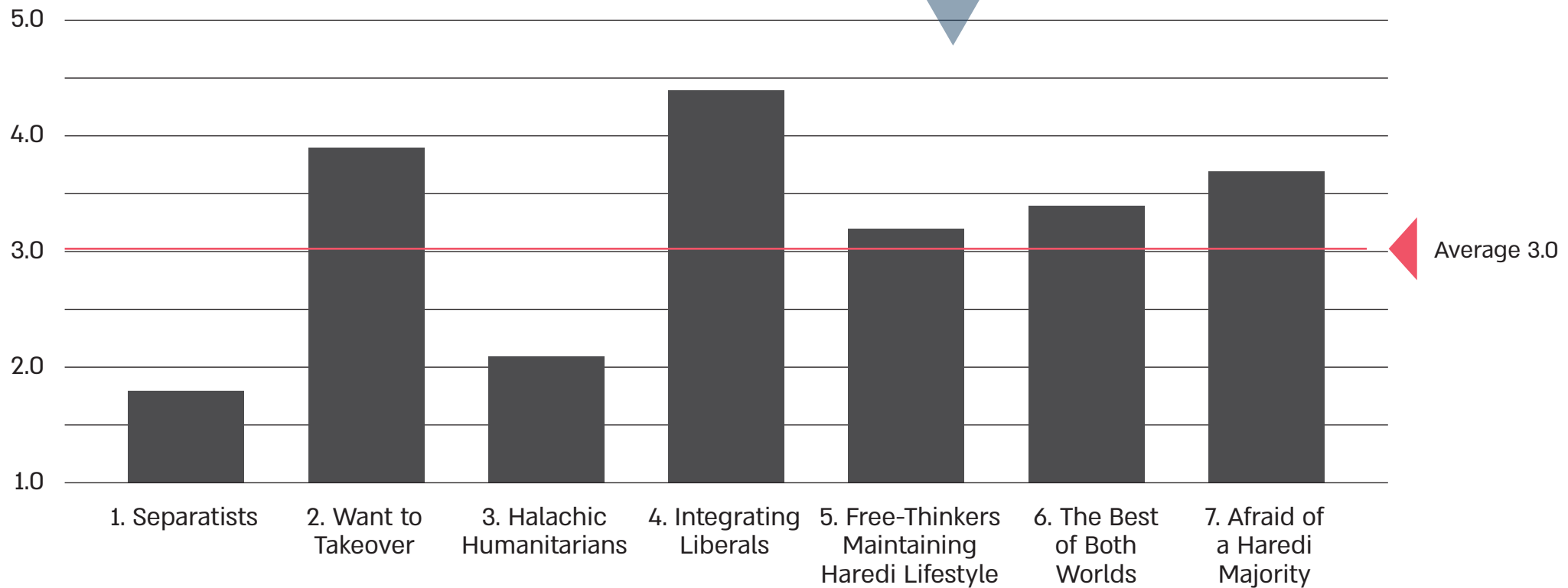
Average 3.0

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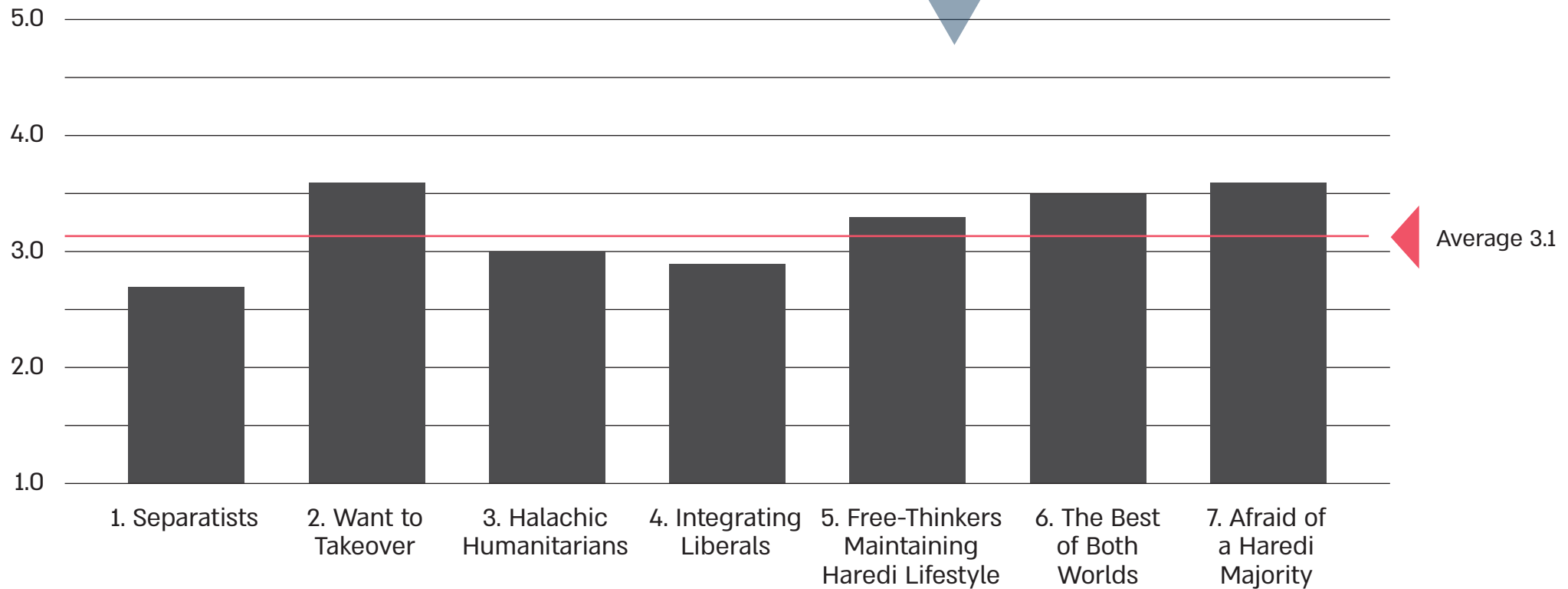
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE SECULAR PEOPLE

Most are in favor of more connections with secular people excluding two subgroups that are ambivalent and one that is against

Average 2.9

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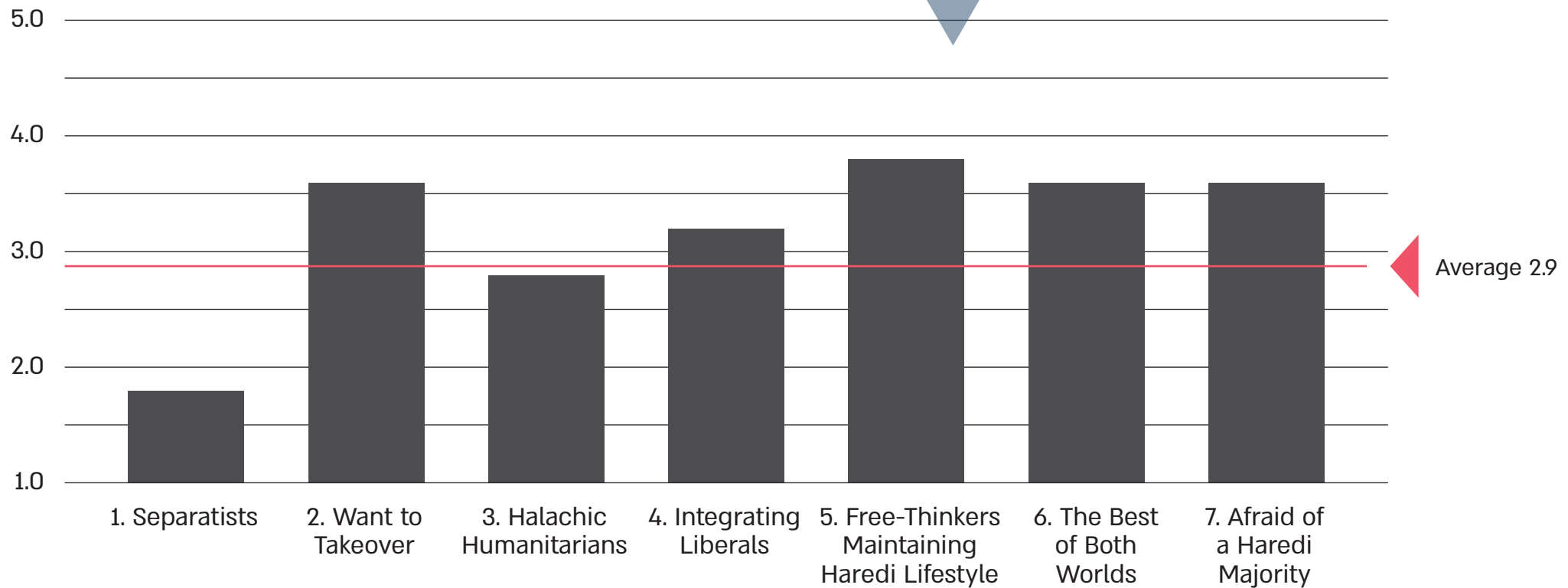
I'M IN FAVOR OF HAREDIM BEING EXPOSED TO NON-HAREDI MEDIA

Most of the community opposes Haredim being exposed to non-Haredi media...

Average 1.9

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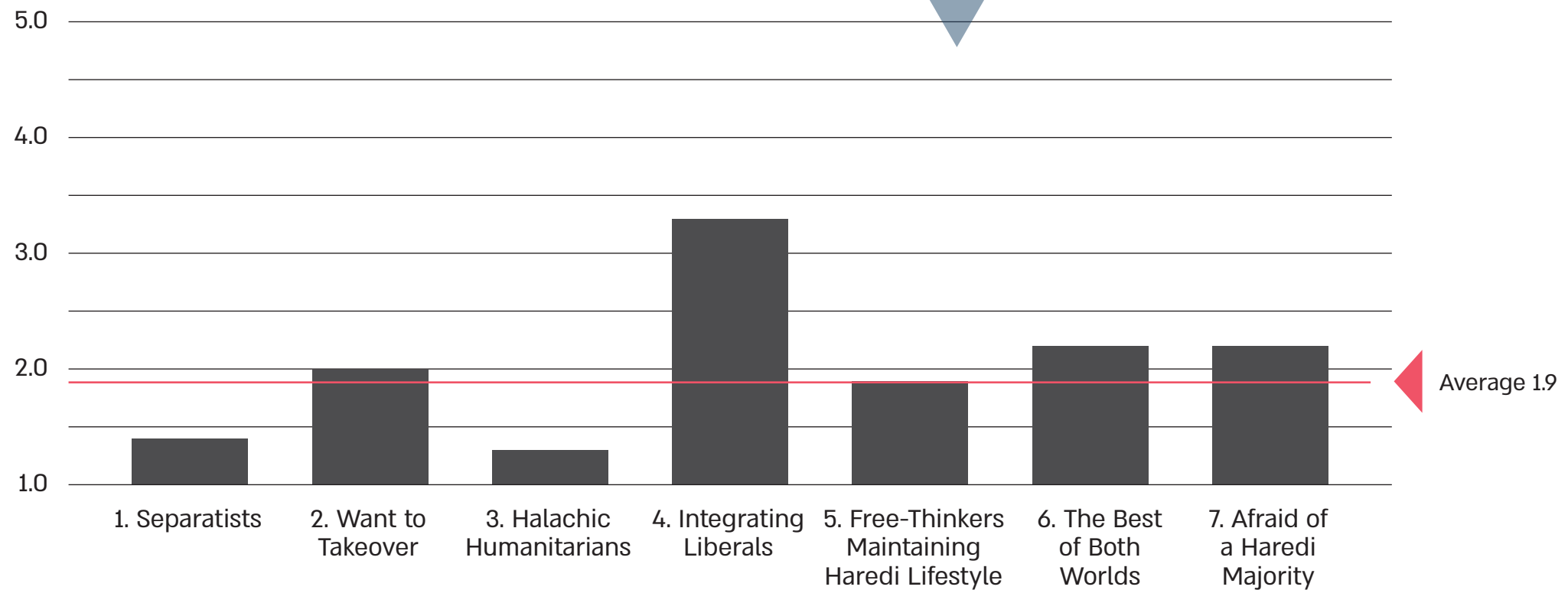
TO WHAT EXTENT ARE YOU EXPOSED TO NON-HAREDI MEDIA — NEWSPAPERS, RADIO, TV, OR WEBSITES?

... Yet in actuality most consume more secular media than they believe to be optimal, particular two of the subgroups

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

Average 2.2

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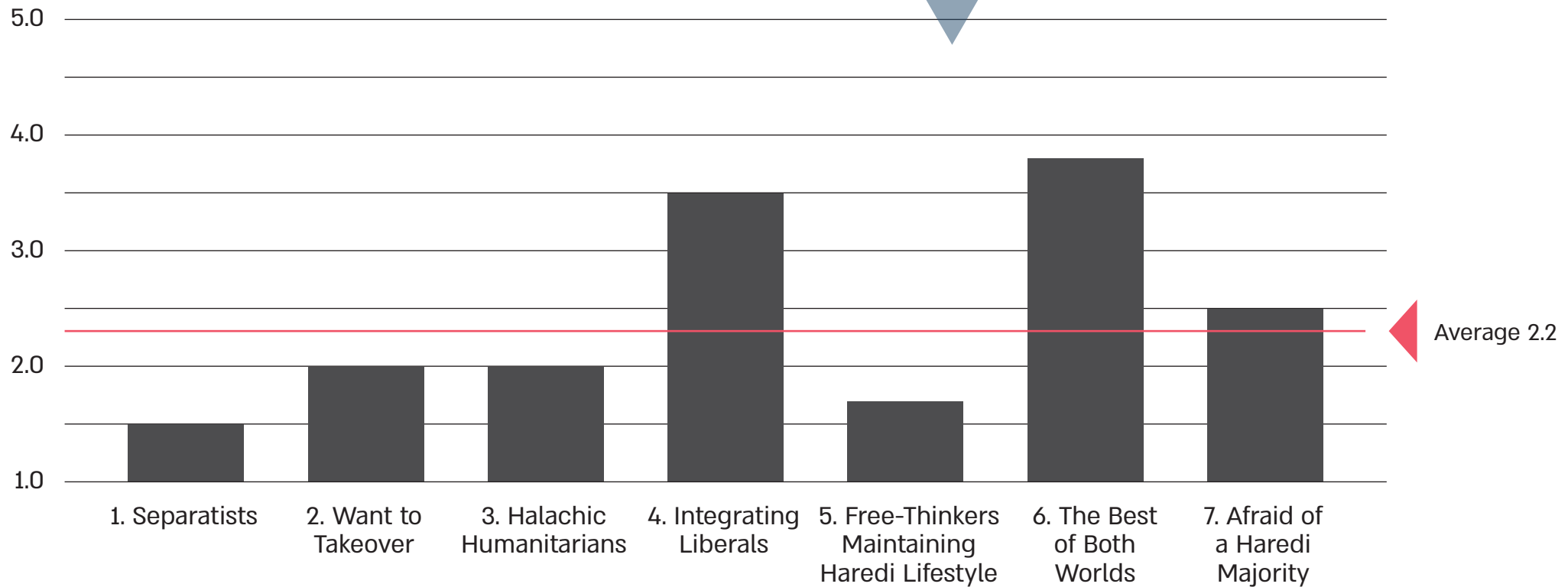
TO WHAT EXTENT ARE YOU AGAINST PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN SATURDAYS IN TOTALLY SECULAR AREAS?

There's overwhelming opposition to public transportation on Shabbat in secular neighborhoods

Average 4.1

5.0
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TO WHAT EXTENT IS SEPARATION BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN PUBLIC PLACES, LIKE TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The three largest subgroups are very supportive of gender separation, the four additional groups are varyingly ambivalent

Average 4.0

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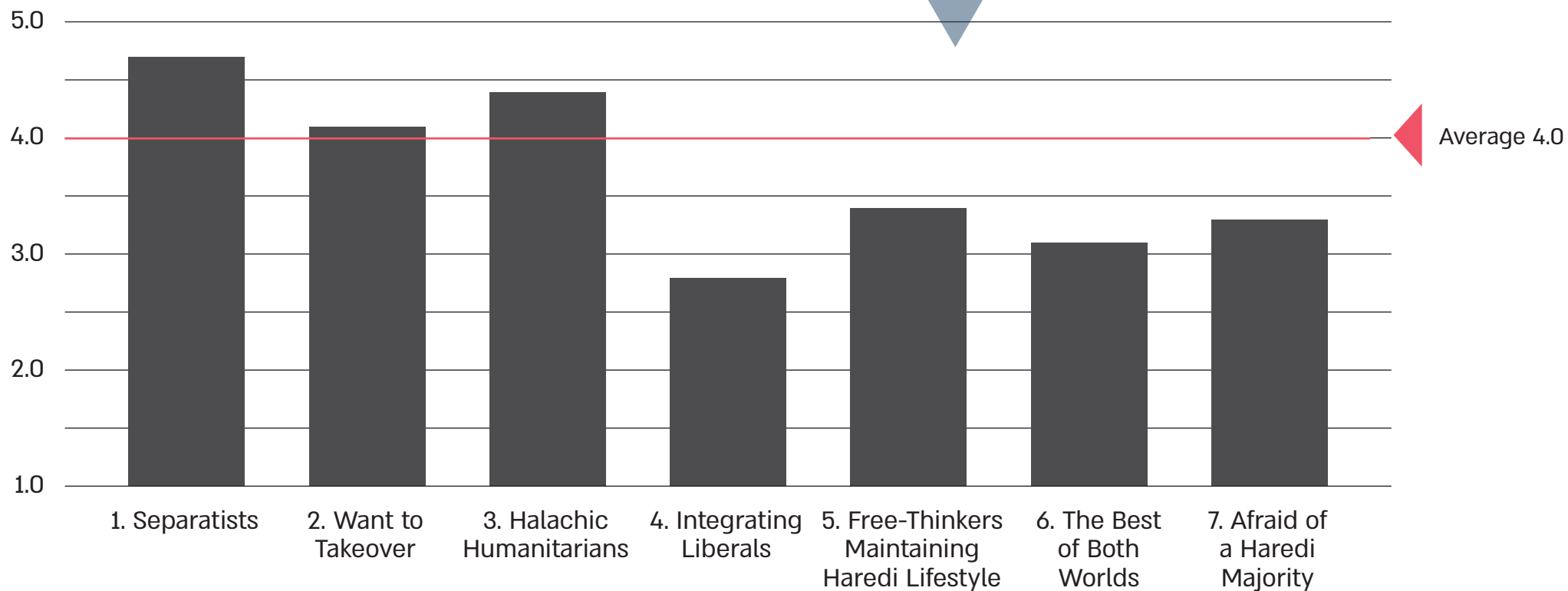
I BELIEVE THAT ARAB CITIZENS OF ISRAEL SHOULD HAVE FULL AND EQUAL RIGHTS

There is opposition to strong opposition to Arab Israelis having equal rights, excluding two subgroups that support equal rights

Average 2.6

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I AM STRONGLY AGAINST "LAND FOR PEACE"

Most of the subgroups opposing returning territories, with 2-3 subgroups being ambivalent

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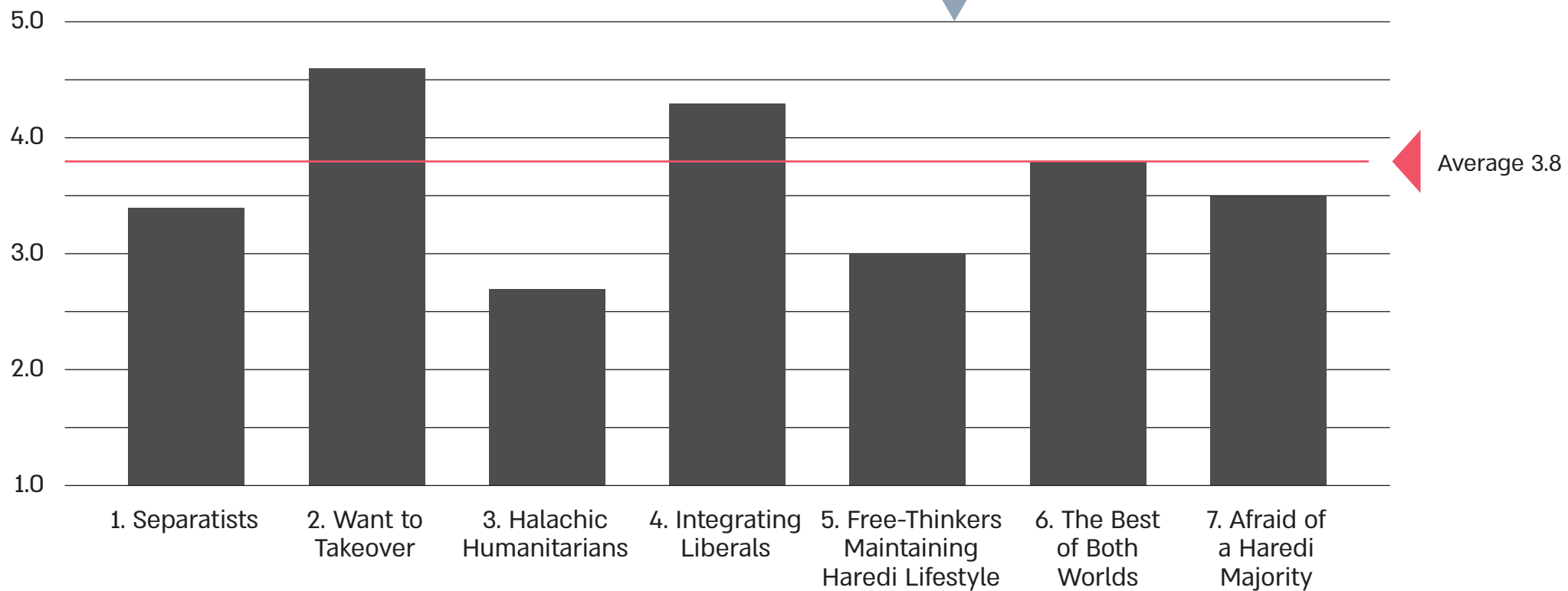
APPENDIX:
ANALYSIS OF THE SUBGROUPS

HOW THE SUBGROUPS WERE IDENTIFIED

The analysis was done in several steps

1. Factor Analysis — to avoid overlapping results

2. Cluster Analysis — To identify groups; identified seven subgroups

3. Each group that was identified was characterized by averaging the results of the factors, demographic information, and their responses

INTEGRATION INTO THE COUNTRY

2.5	
2.0	
1.5	
1.0	
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I'm Happy to See More Haredim Studying in Higher Education

It's Important to Me that Haredim That Don't Study in Yeshivas Go to the Army or Do National Service

To What Extent Do You Identify with the State of Israel?

I'm in Favor of Haredim Being Exposed to Non-Haredi Media

I Would Like to See More Haredim Integrate into the Workforce
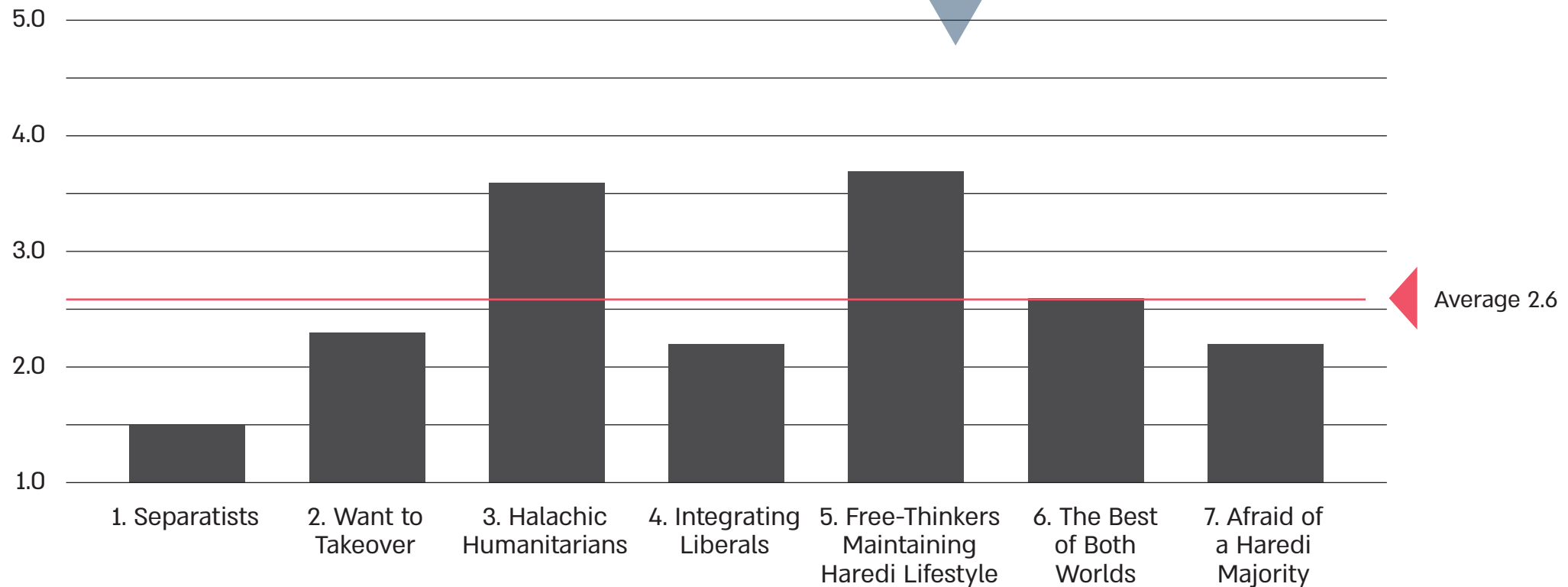
To What Extent is Separation Between Men and Women in Public Places, Like Transportation, Important to You?

To What Extent Do You Support the Phenomenon of Haredi Women Working for Equal Rights for Women?

I See Myself as an Independent Person Who Primarily Acts Based on my Conscience and not Rabbinic Decree

SEGREGATION AND SEPARATION FROM ISRAELI SOCIETY — MAINTAINING A HAREDI LIFESTYLE

To What Extent Are You Exposed to Non-Haredi Media — Newspapers, Radio, TV, or Websites?

When You Go on Vacation, How Important is it to You to be Surrounded by Other Haredim?

In My Opinion, the Only Way to Meet a Husband or Wife is Through Matchmaking

I Have No Doubt that Haredi Education is Better than Non-Haredi Education

I Think that Women Can and Should Fill Management Positions

I'm Against the Core Curriculum Being Taught in Haredi Schools

I'm in Favor of Family Planning

DESIRE FOR HAREDI CONTROL

	2.5
	2.0
	1.5
	1.0
	0.5
	0
	-0.5
	-1.0
	-1.5
	-2.0
	-2.5

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I'm Very Much in Favor of Israel Becoming a Halachic State

I Believe That the Role of the Haredi Society in Israel is to Preserve the Place of Judaism

The Demographic Projections that there will be a Haredi Majority in Israel Make Me Happy

DESIRE FOR SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Bar chart with y-axis ranging from -2.5 to 2.5:

- 1. Separatists: approximately -0.4
- 2. Want to Takeover: approximately 0.7
- 3. Halachic Humanitarians: approximately -0.5
- 4. Integrating Liberals: approximately -0.8
- 5. Free-Thinkers Maintaining Haredi Lifestyle: approximately 0.5
- 6. The Best of Both Worlds: approximately 0.6
- 7. Afraid of a Haredi Majority: approximately 0.6

To What Extent Do You Talk with People Who Aren't Haredi?
I Would Like to Know More Secular People
I'm Against Jewish Settlements in the West Bank

HUMANITARIANISM

Chart showing values by group:

Group	Value
1. Separatists	-0.5
2. Want to Takeover	-0.3
3. Halachic Humanitarians	1.2
4. Integrating Liberals	-0.15
5. Free-Thinkers Maintaining Haredi Lifestyle	0.9
6. The Best of Both Worlds	-0.2
7. Afraid of a Haredi Majority	-0.25

I Believe That Arab Citizens of Israel Should Have Full and Equal Rights
I Support Giving Medical Aid, Food, and Humanitarian Supplies to the Gaza Strip

OBEDIENCE TO RABBINIC DECREE

2.5						
2.0						
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I Believe That What Rabbis Say is their True Opinion and Isn't Influenced by Outside Factors

To What Extent Do You Feel Rabbinic Decree Must be Followed, Even if it's Against Your Personal Opinion?

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