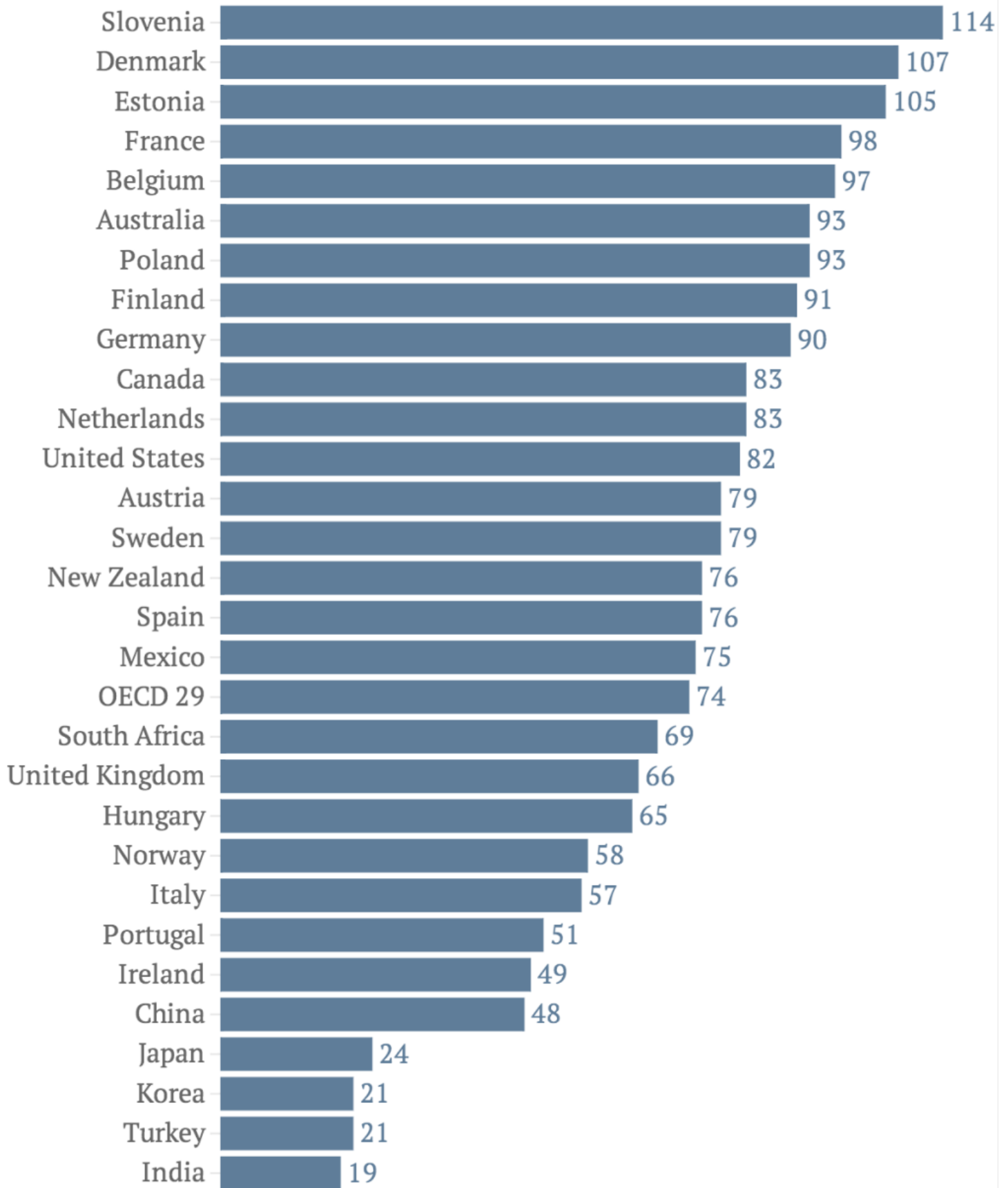


It's true, Indian men hardly do any housework



It may come as no surprise to Indian women, but their menfolk do some of the least housework in the world. At least, that's what the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development found when they looked at [gender disparities in various nations](#).

Average minutes per day men spend on unpaid housework



India consistently ranks quite low on various measures of gender equality. (The United Nations placed India at 132 out of 148 countries in its [recent gender inequality index](#).) The housework issue is a decidedly less dire example than the country's increasingly high-profile [problem with sexual violence](#).

But it is another indication of the fact that weak female economic participation is still a drag on India's economic development. Perhaps that will change, as the country looks for new drives to counter [its declining rates of GDP growth](#). But don't hold your breath.