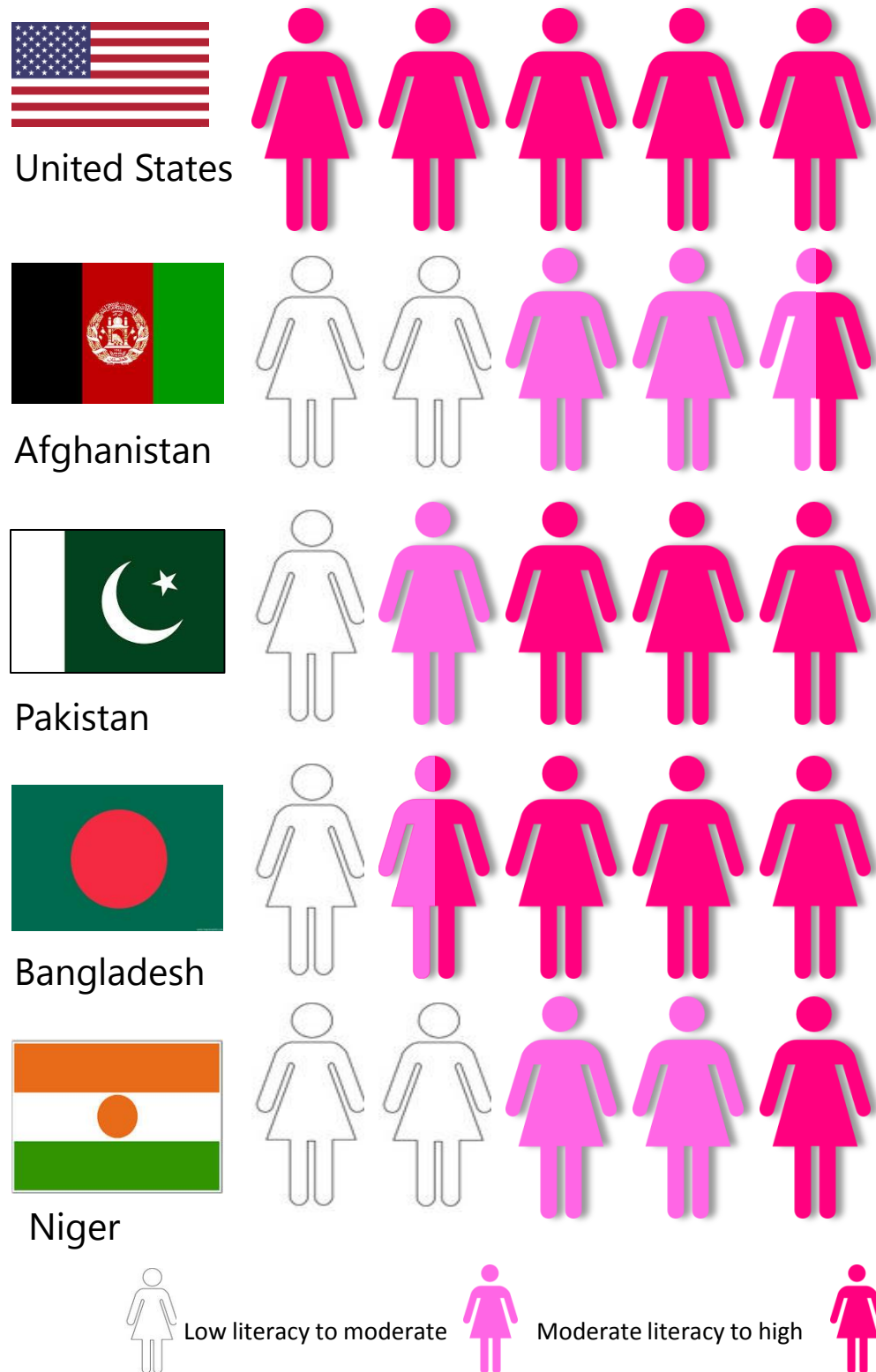


Female Education Levels Around the World

Color scale of the female population who can read and write



Educating young girls in underdeveloped areas are often the last priorities in a community. If a girl is lucky enough to attend school she will miss 1 out of 4 weeks because of the lack of sanitation during menstruation. In Africa, most females only accumulate one year of education in their lives. Dark green areas receive 12 to 14 years of education. Other risks of attending school involve sexual assault and exploitation. In developing countries the cost of sending a child to school is $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the yearly income.



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