

Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1973

50th Reunion

****Confidential****

Class Survey

Results to be presented

on Wednesday, May 31, 2023

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Sanders Theatre



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Welcome

Thank You

The Survey Committee

Chairs:

Stan Mark and Walt Mercer

Committee members

Marilyn Go, Rich Kelly, Manuel Monteiro, Walter Morris, Therese Steiner, Rick Weil

Additional thanks go out to several classmates who offered their comments and suggestions: Jesse Ausubel, Donna Brown, Ellen Fireman, Dick Friedman, Louise Ritchie, Natalie Shiras, and Bob Waldinger.

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Vince produced and presented the survey for the Class of 1972 last year so he provided us with his wonderful experience and insight that steered the committee away from any pitfalls that we might have faced. Vince spent countless hours working with the committee to make this survey the best it could be, and we are so grateful for his involvement.

Thank you!

Additional Thanks

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She also helped Vince with his **Class Survey** presentation last year at the **50th Reunion of the Class of 1972**.

Thank you!

Class Overview

Members of Class:	~1,500
Deceased:	153
Classmates Attending Reunion:	485
Submitted Class Survey:	481

Class Survey Submissions

% of Submitters Attending: 55% (264/481)

Survey Submission: Female	26% (125/475)*
Male	73% (348/475)*
Trans	0.4% (2/475)*

*** 6 did not answer Gender question**

Text Fields

of Words Entered

174,881

~400 words per classmate

Profile Highlights from 481 respondents by high percentage answers

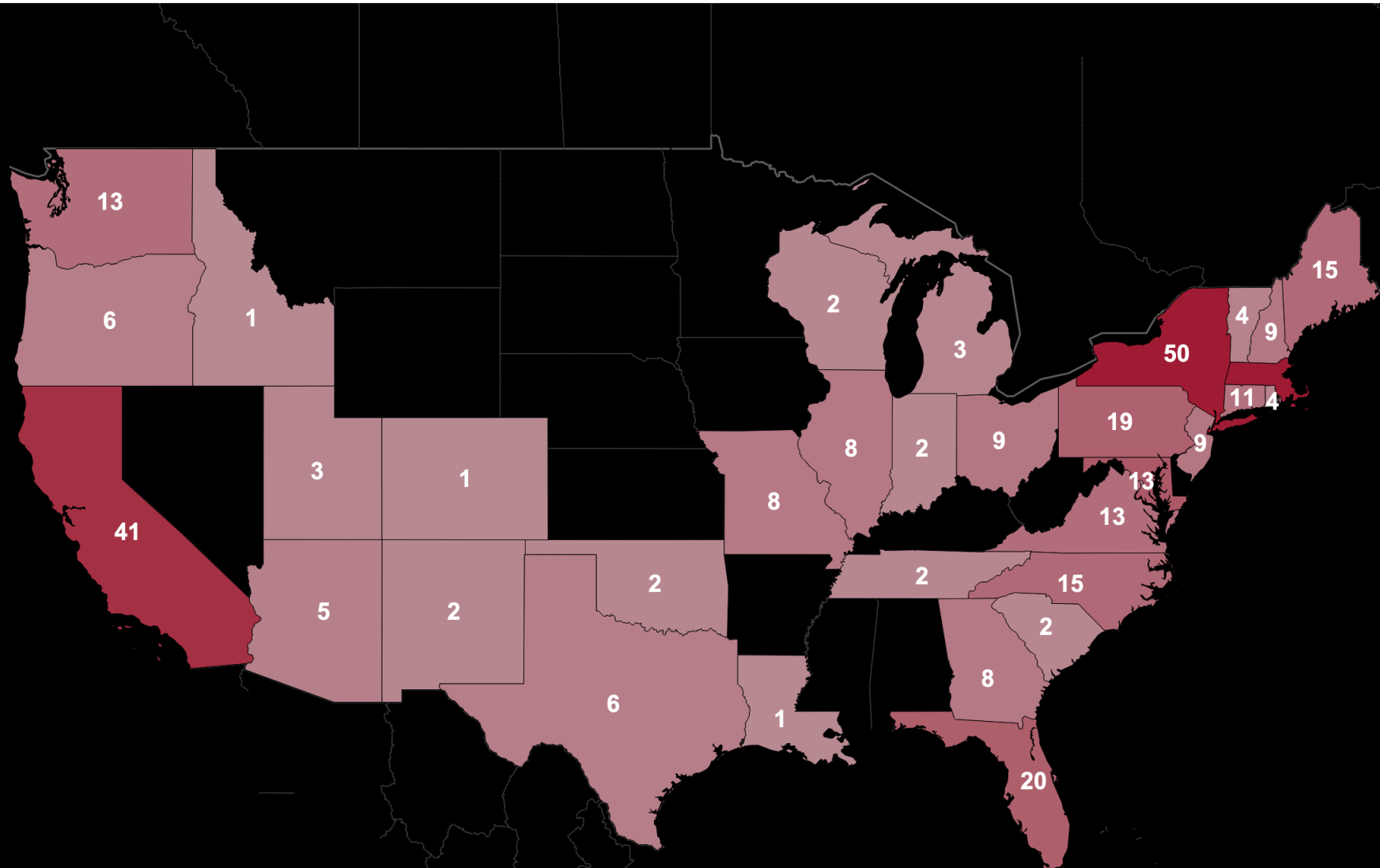
- **Married**
- **2.0 Kids**
- **1.9 Grandchildren**
- **Talk to or see kids every week**
- **25% still working/43% retired**

- **8+ of 10 on a 10-point scale said they are happy**
- **High career satisfaction and believe we had successful career**
- **Most do 1-10 hours of voluntary work per week**
- **Big readers, life long learners**
- **Love to hike and walk**
- **For the future: want to travel and stay healthy (physically and mentally)**

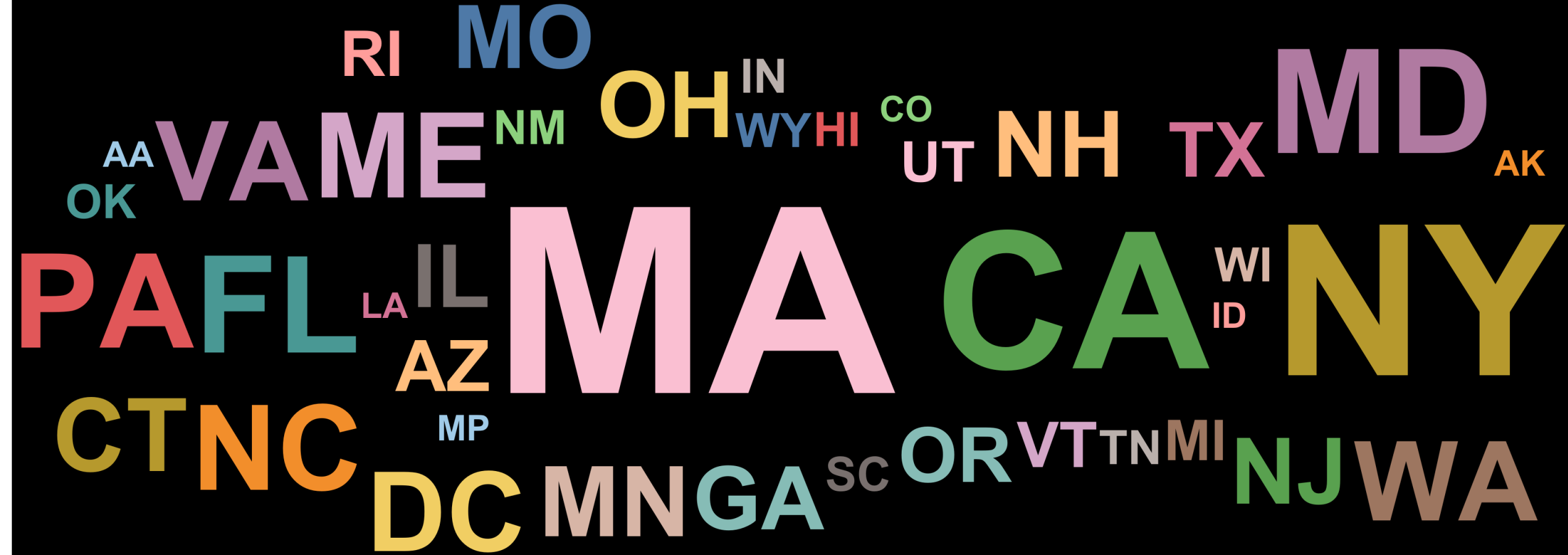
- **40% said they were basically happy at H-R**
- **Most thought concentration helped their career**
- **Non-academic activities in college topped by sports and 38% worked**
- **If we could have had a mulligan, 30% said they would have liked to studied more**
- **96% vote regularly**

Class of 1973

Submitted 50th Reunion Survey



Class Surveys Submitted from these States



Class Surveys Submitted from these States



Sections

(# of questions in each section)

2 Family and Friendships (14)

3 Career and Employment (8)

4 Avocations and Free Time (8)

5 Lifestyles and Personal Choices (11)

6 Harvard Experience (16)

7 Political and Social Issues (19)

8 Technology (16)

9 Aging and Future (10)

10 COVID/Pandemic/Its Impact (14)

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Family and Friendships

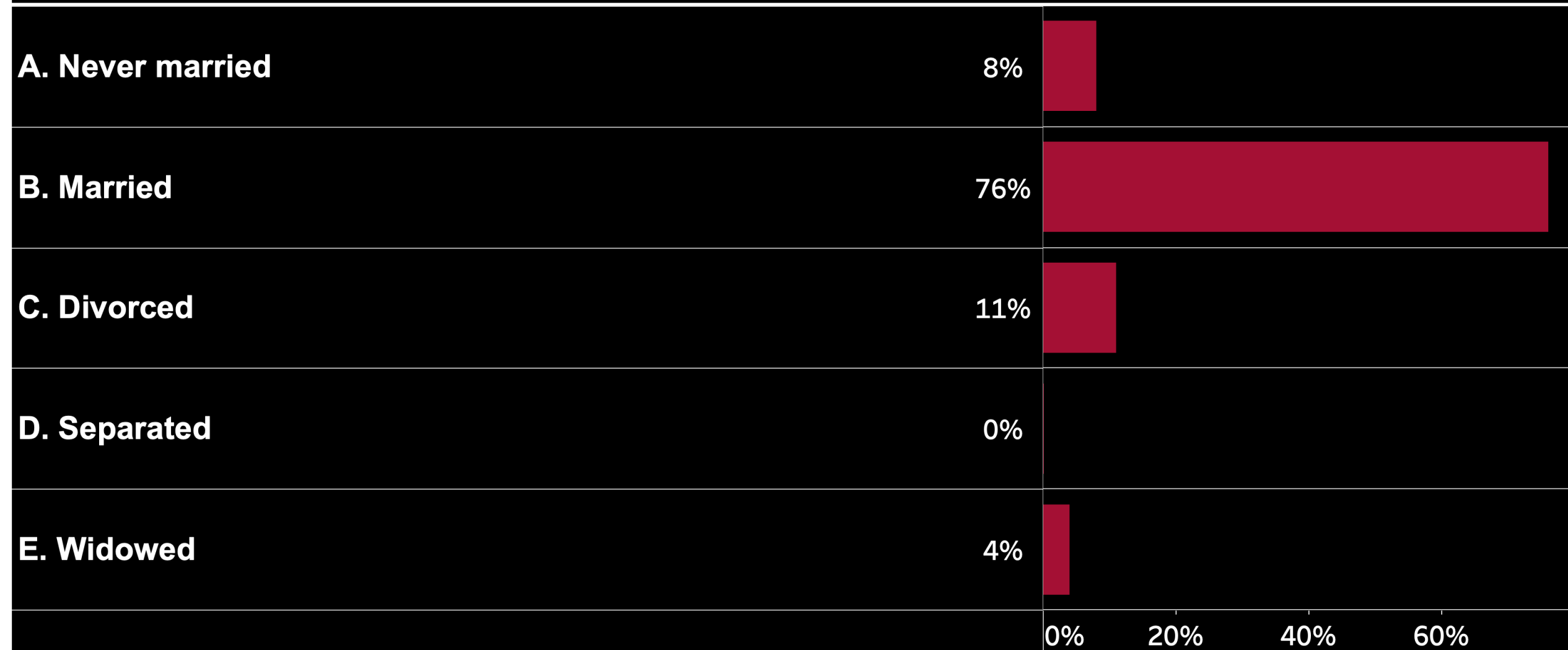


**I'm not your little girl anymore,
Mom, I'm in third grade.**

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Family and Friendships

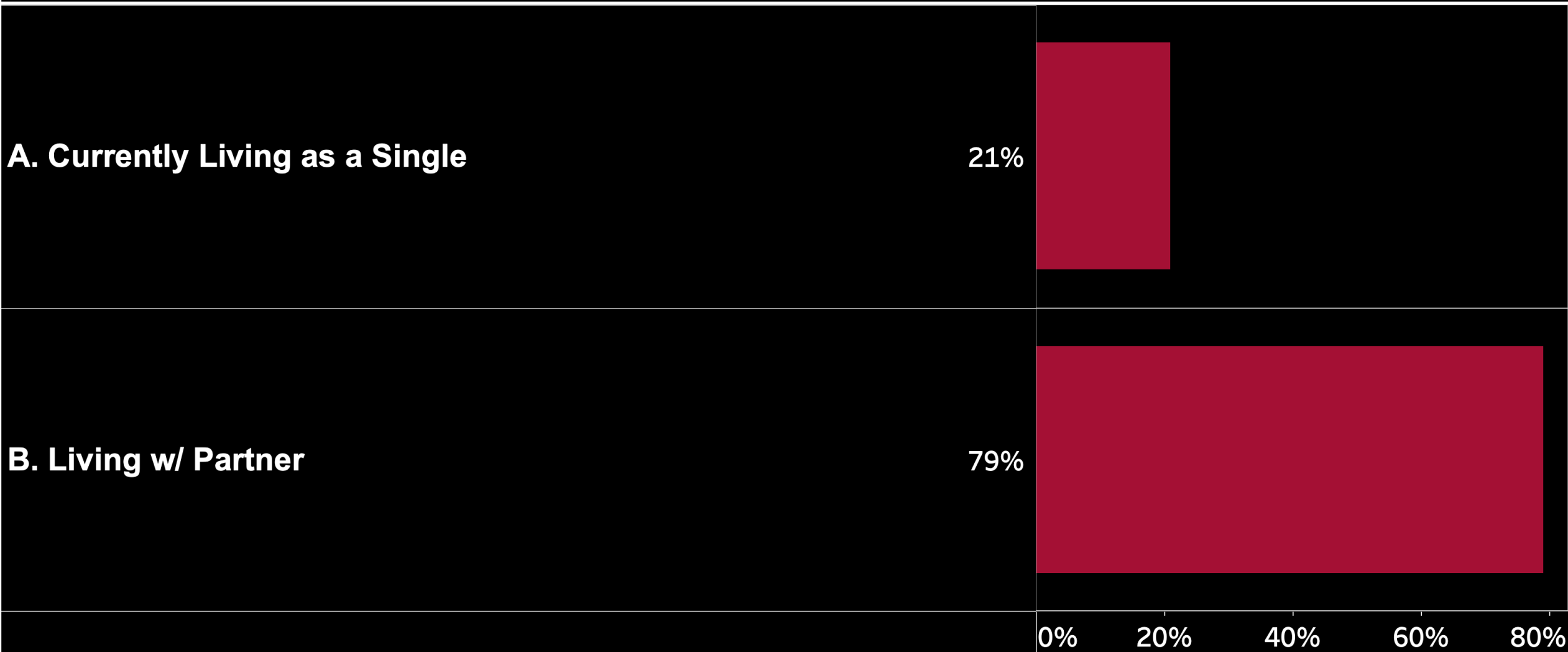
Current Marital Status



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Family and Friendships

Current Partnership Status



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Family and Friendships

Children

2.0

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MOM & POP GROCERETTE

WE NEVER
SEE YOU
ANYMORE!

WHAT'S THE
MATTER?
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GUESS YOU'RE
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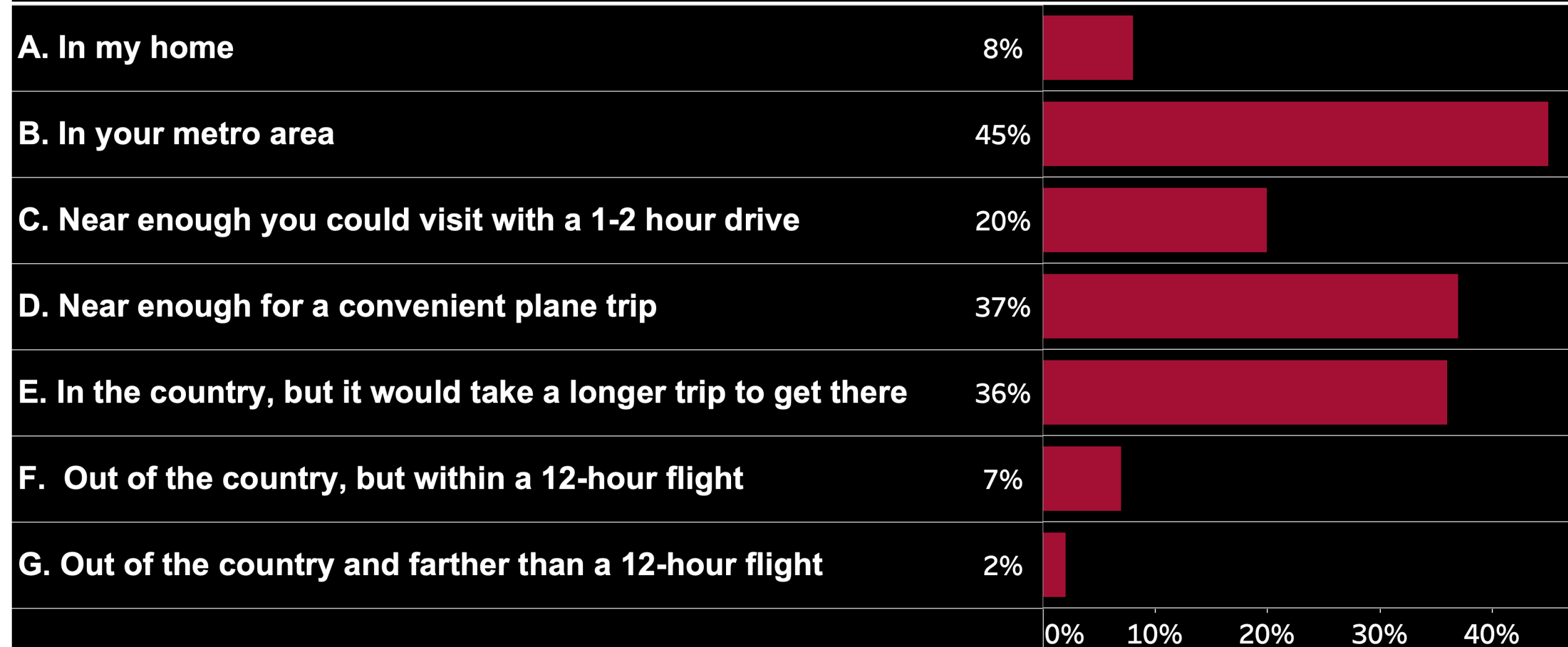
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT US!



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Family and Friendships

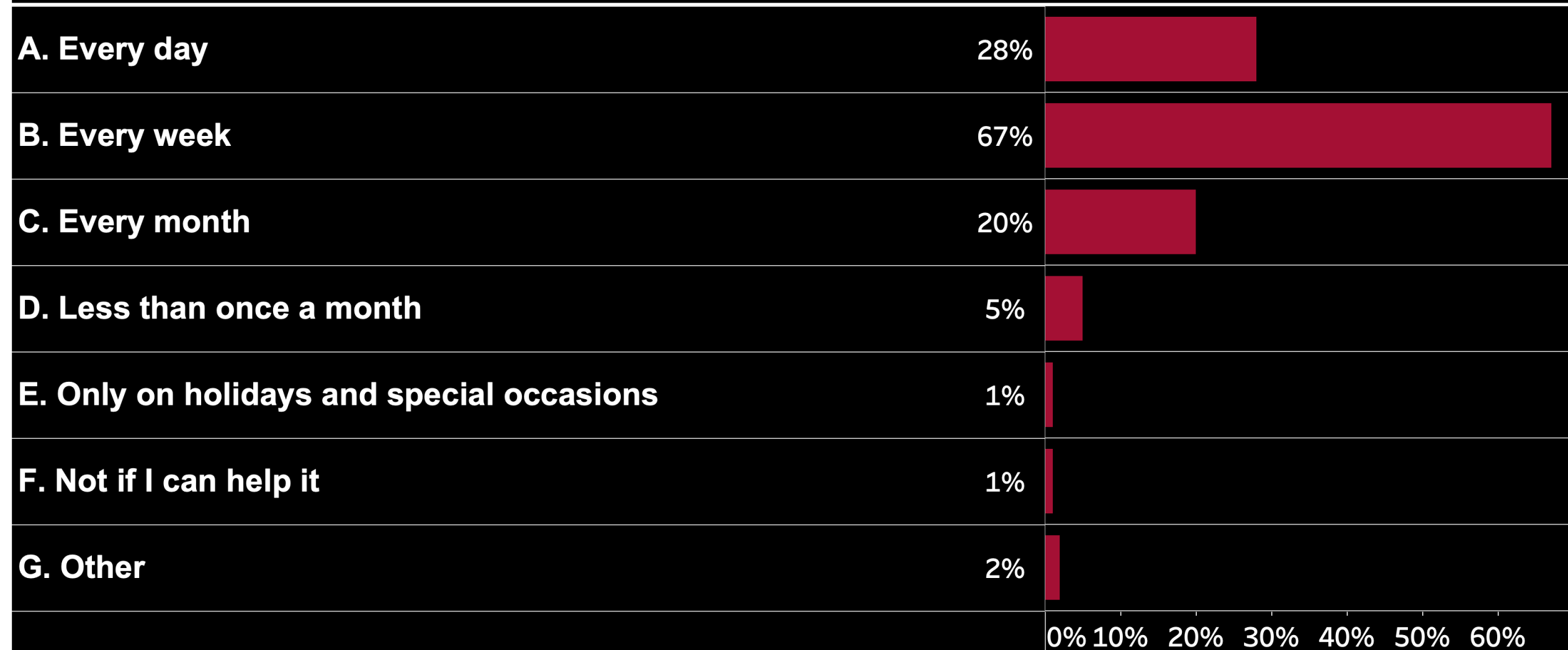
Location of children



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Family and Friendships

How often do you
see or talk with your children



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Family and Friendships

Grandchildren

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Family and Friendships

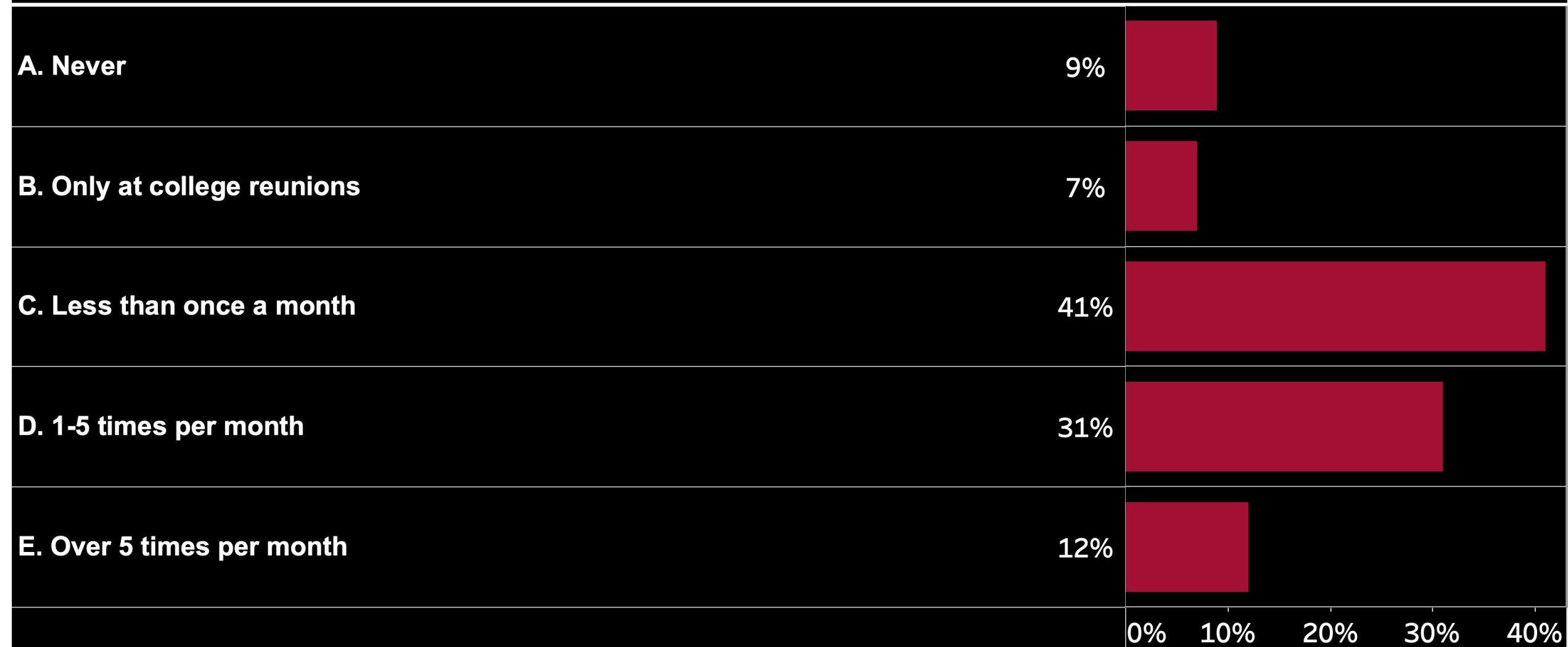
Contact with HIGH SCHOOL classmates



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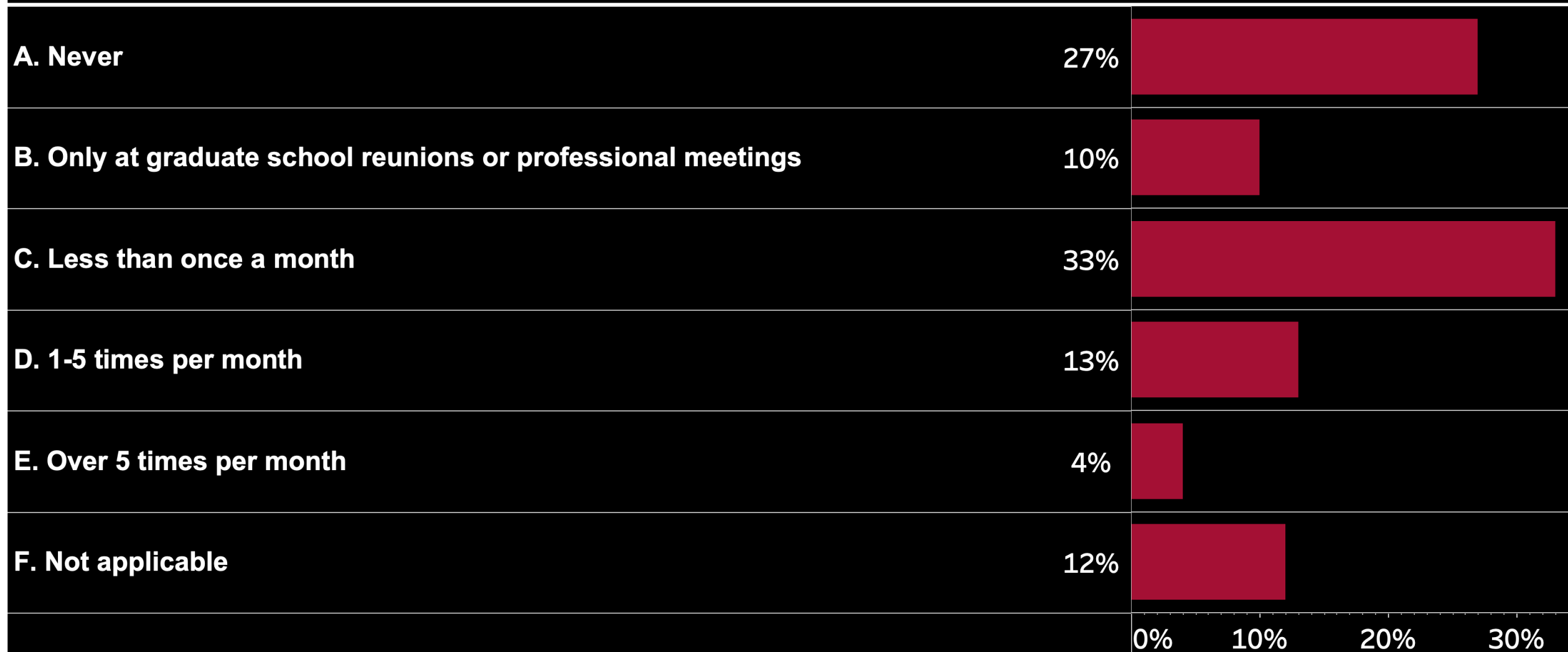
Contact with COLLEGE classmates



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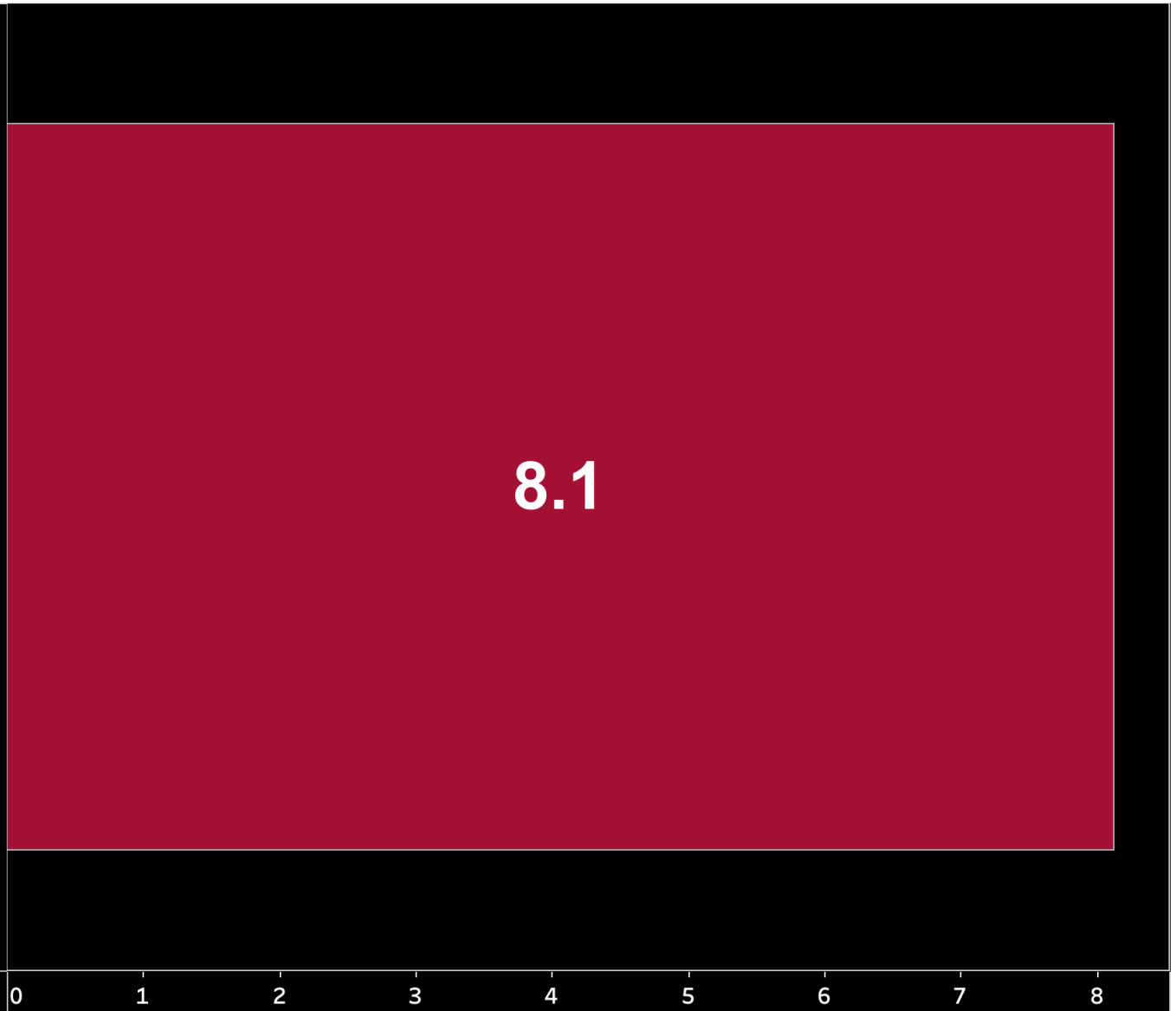
Contact with GRADUATE SCHOOL classmates



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Family and Friendships

Overall happiness



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Career and Employment




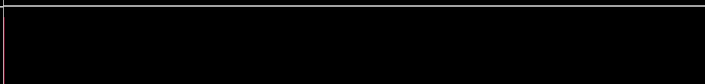

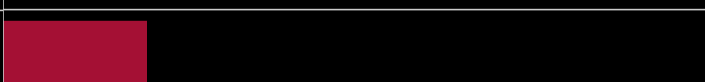
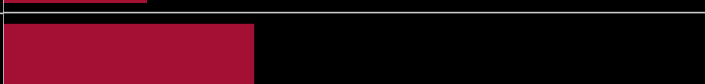






First job interview?

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Career and Employment

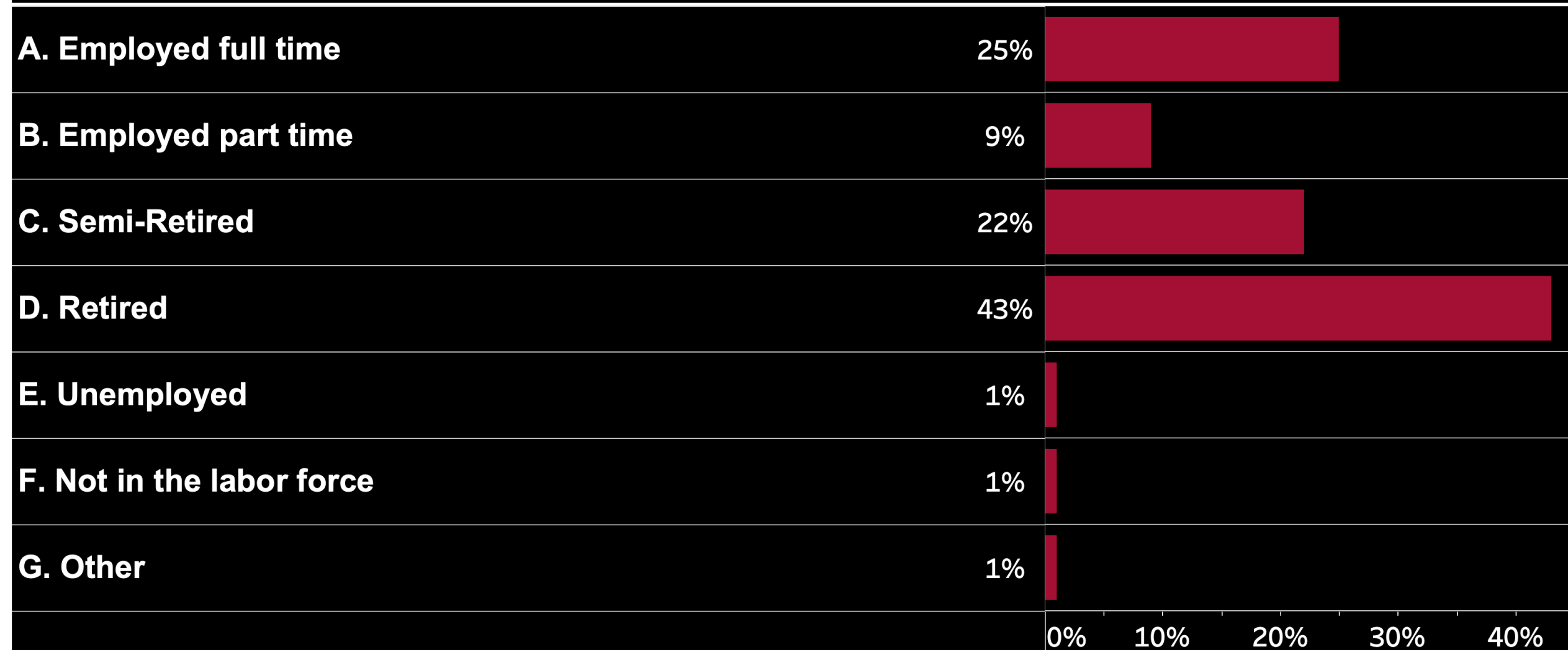
Career: largest segment
of your work experience

A. Academia / Research	17%	
B. Arts	6%	
C. Business / Finance / Consulting	19%	
D. Domestic Engineer	0%	
E. Education / Administration (K - 12)	2%	
F. Engineering / Technology	4%	
G. Government / Public	7%	
H. Judicial / Legal System	17%	
I. Medicine	19%	
J. Non-Profit Services	5%	
K. Other	13%	
		0% 5% 10% 15%

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Career and Employment

Current employment status



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Successful Career

- Professional recognition and self-fulfillment
- Making the world a better place
- Gratifying profession from interacting with people, financially rewarding, pleasure in helping others, and as a good role model for my family
- Raising children, grandchildren. Adding to health, happiness of others
- Meaningful work, adequate compensation, ability to balance work with family life
- No idea

3.07

Career Satisfaction (1 of 4)

- **The most important thing I accomplished was a stable home life and raising four accomplished children.**
- **I did what I intended to do -- work in the public sector – and contribute to making government work better at both the national and the local level.**
- **I have reinvented myself several times and will keep doing so...**
- **I consider myself very lucky to have worked with creative people my entire career. Same frustration I suspect many female members of our class feel in terms of compensation and constantly being interrupted in meetings!**

3.07

Career Satisfaction (2 of 4)

- I have spent my entire career in the field of aging which has brought more professional and personal joy than I could have ever imagined as an undergraduate.**
- I worked for most of my career in public interest law or in government to protect environmental quality and biodiversity. I care deeply about those values and found my work very meaningful. I also deeply appreciated the people I worked with in my career who shared these values and were a source of inspiration and community.**

3.07

Career Satisfaction (3 of 4)

- **My career working as a college advisor in a big, diverse public high school was meaningful EVERY SINGLE DAY. Sometimes it was painful, sometimes it was joyous, it was never boring or ordinary.**
- **I have kept the aspects of the career that meant the most to me and continued to do them in my retirement (but not as a business!)**
- **Became an accomplished chef and sourdough bread maker.**

3.07

Career Satisfaction (4 of 4)

- **Developed an interest in Craftsman art and architecture, purchased and restored a Craftsman home and collected Gustav Stickley furnishings and oriental carpets, and collectibles.**
- **Learned about gardening flowers and designed a garden with over 2,500 bulbs and 100 shrubs and trees and planted most of them.**
- **Studied gunsmithing and hand loading cartridges, built custom firearms, trained for more than ten years in tactical self-defense, hostage rescue, with handguns, rifles, and shotguns.**

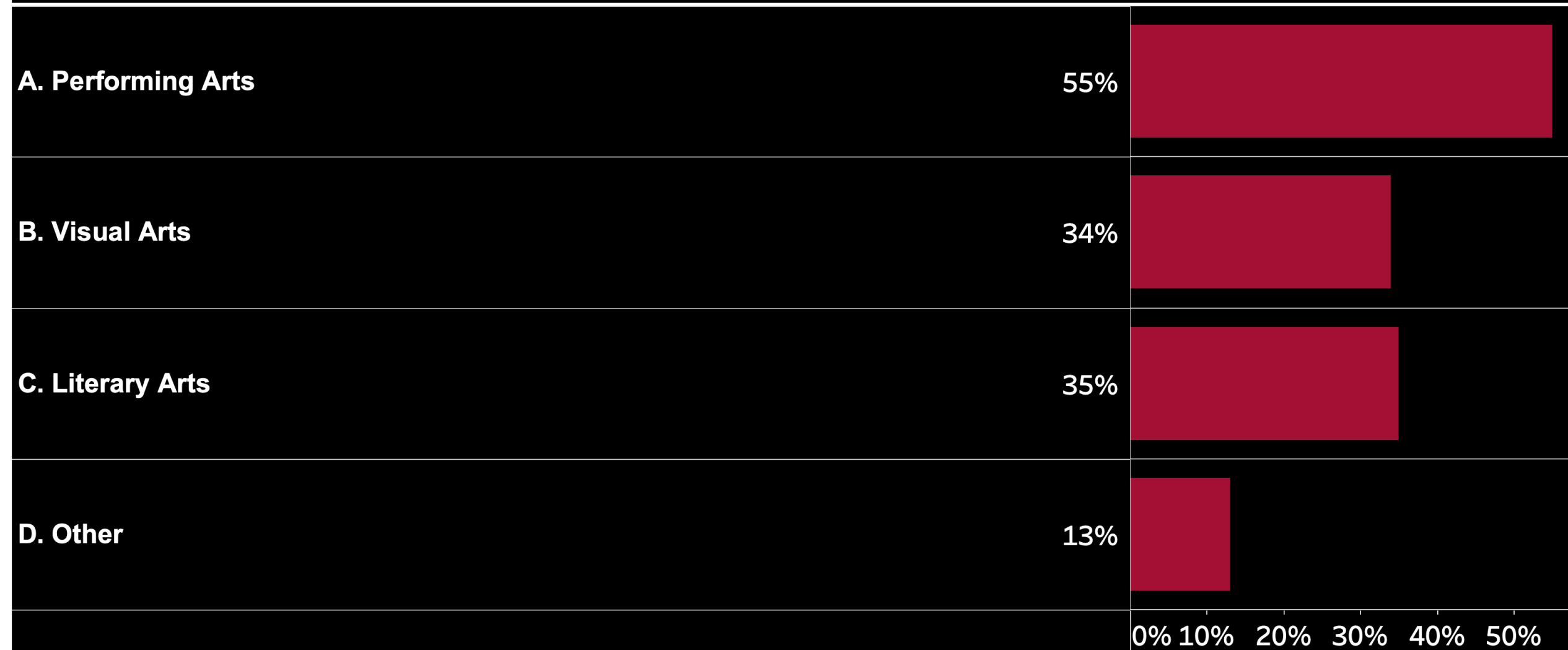
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Avocations and Free Time

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Avocations and Free Time

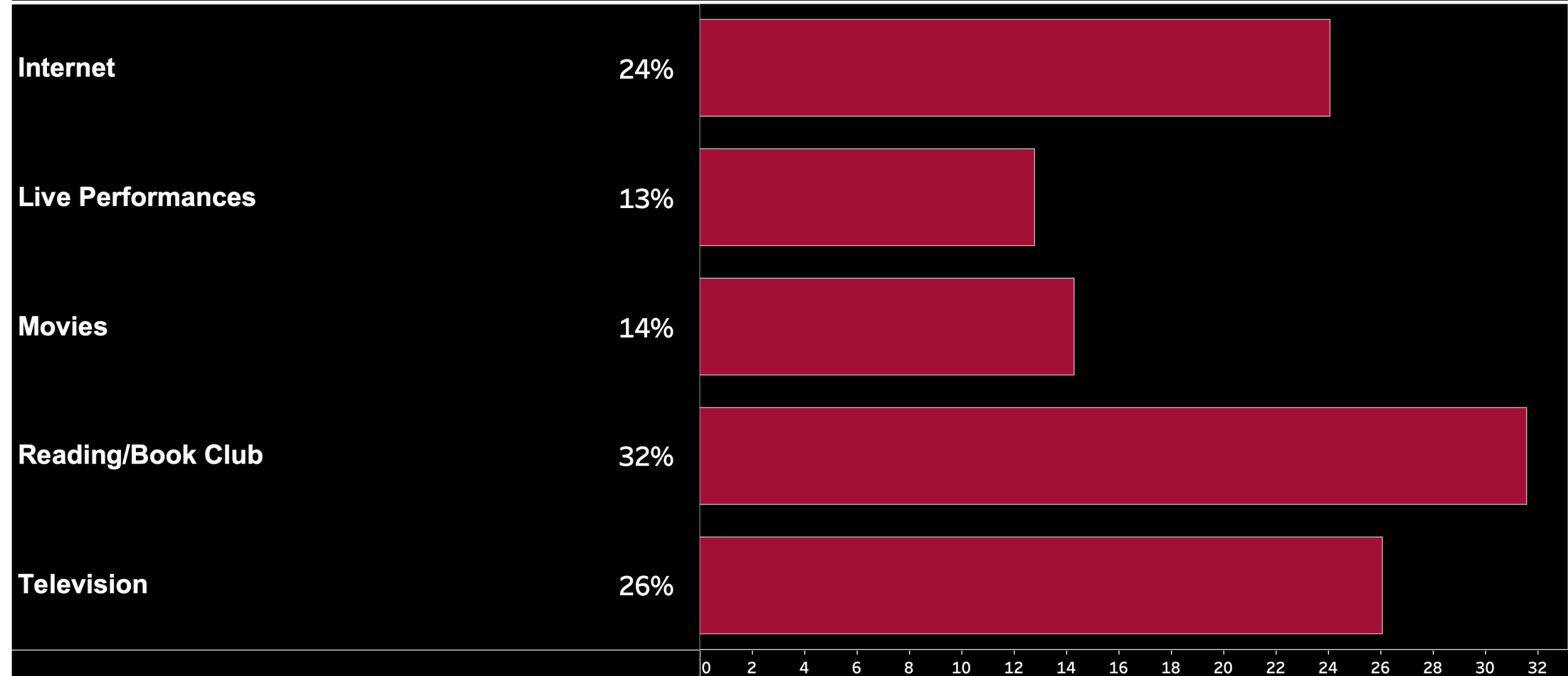
How involved in the arts:
Performing, Visual, Literary, Other

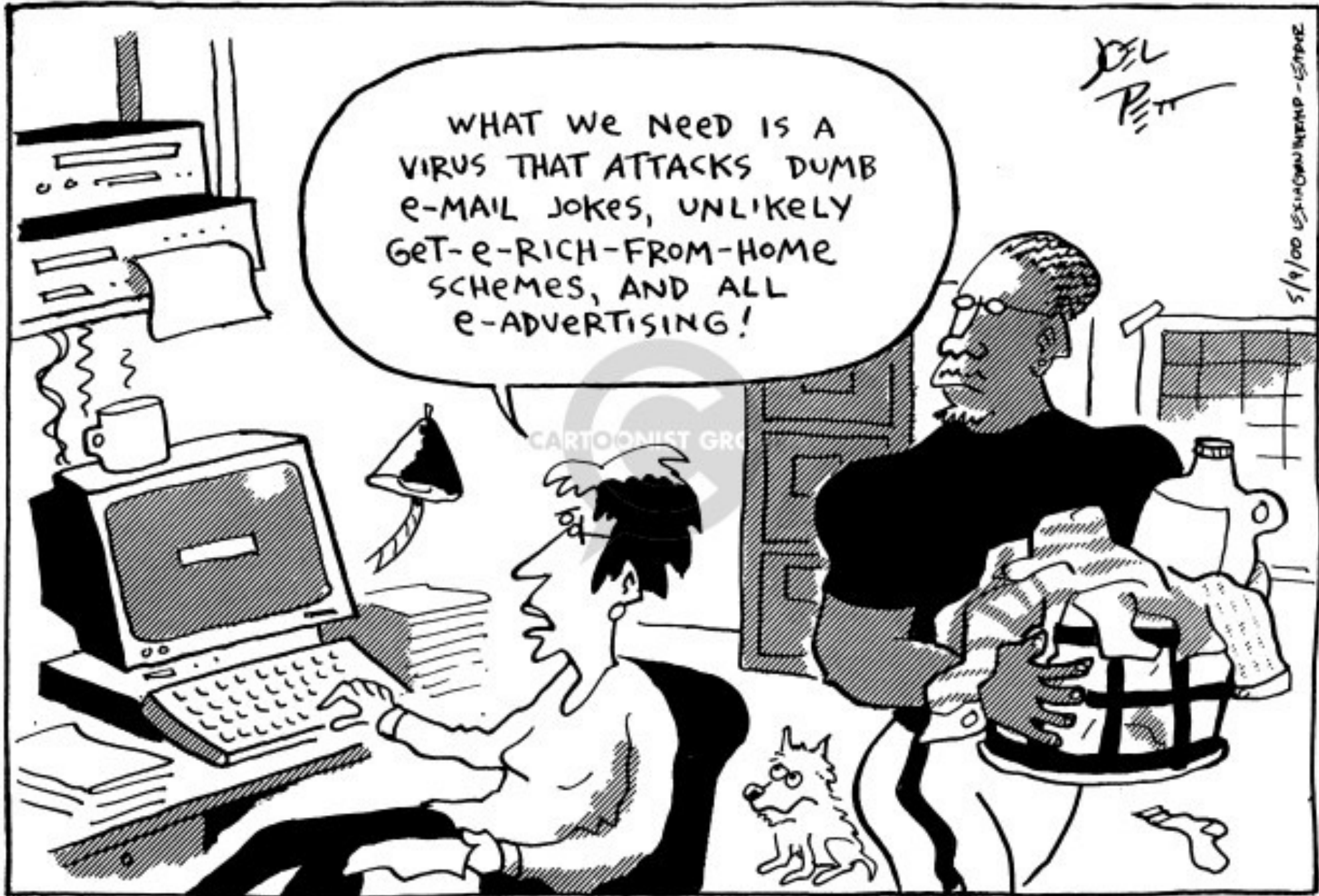


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Avocations and Free Time

(Allocation of Entertainment Time)

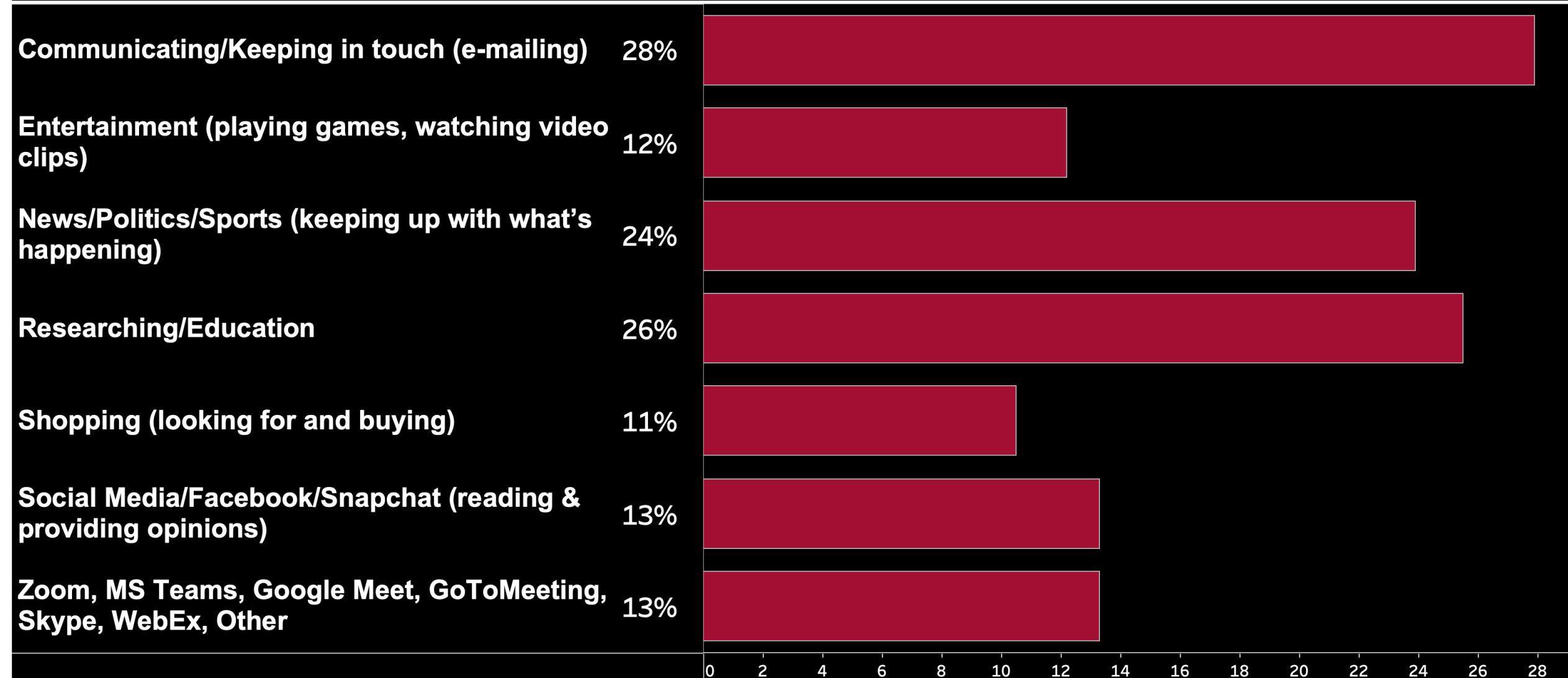




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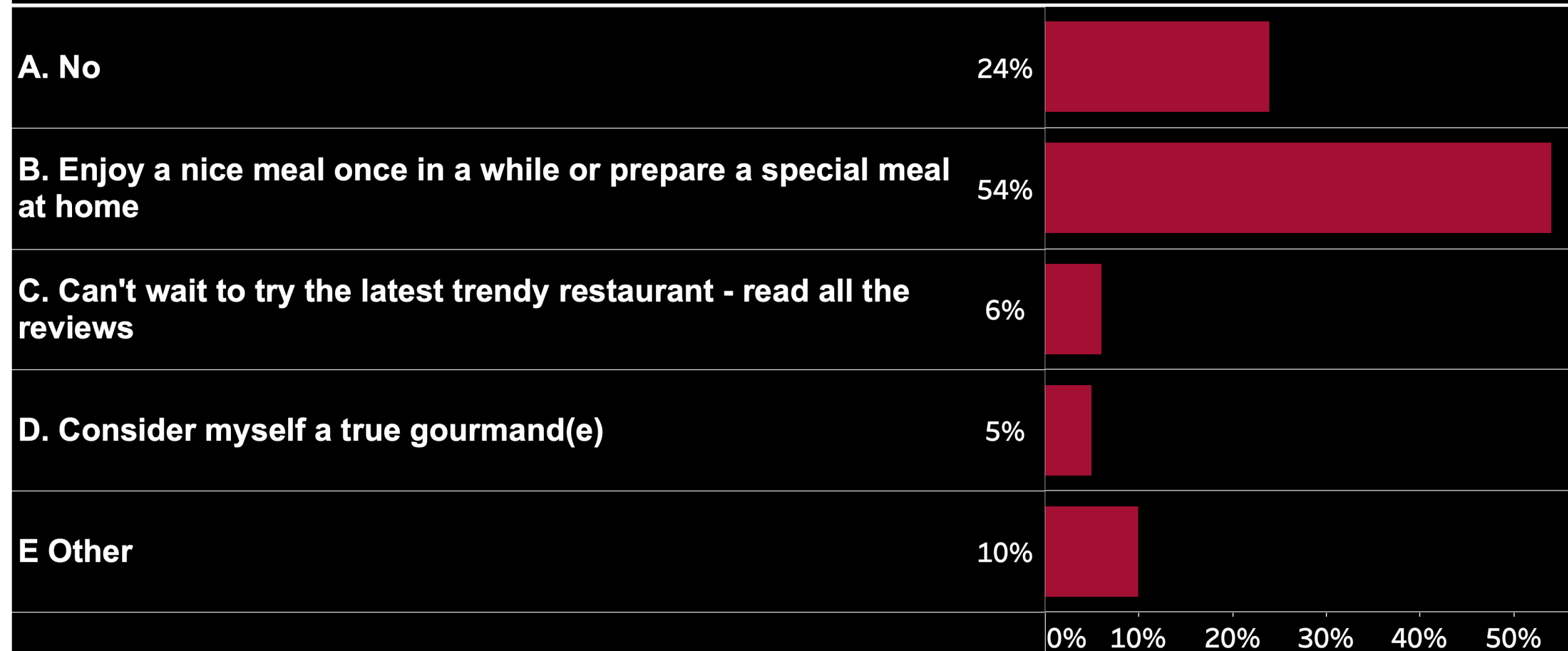
(Allocation of Online Time)



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Avocations and Free Time

Are you a foodie



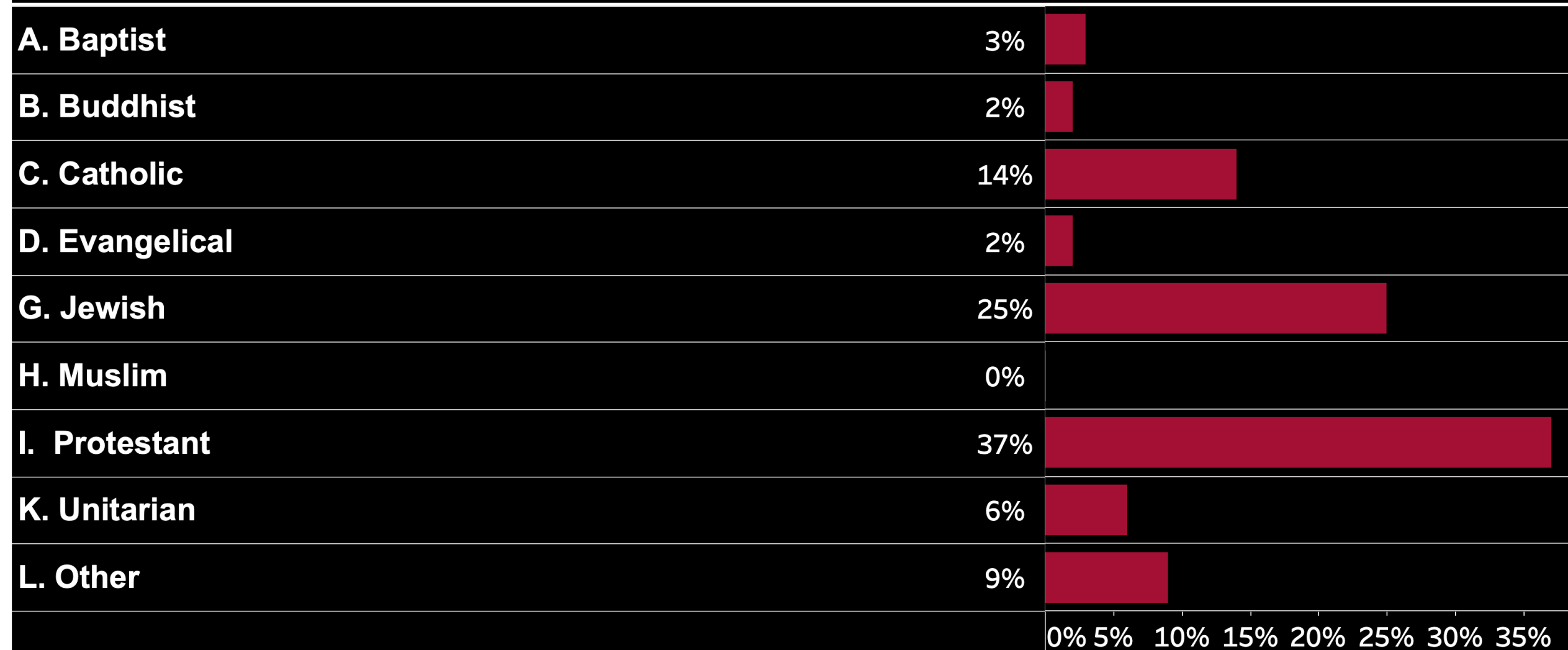
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Lifestyles and Personal Choices

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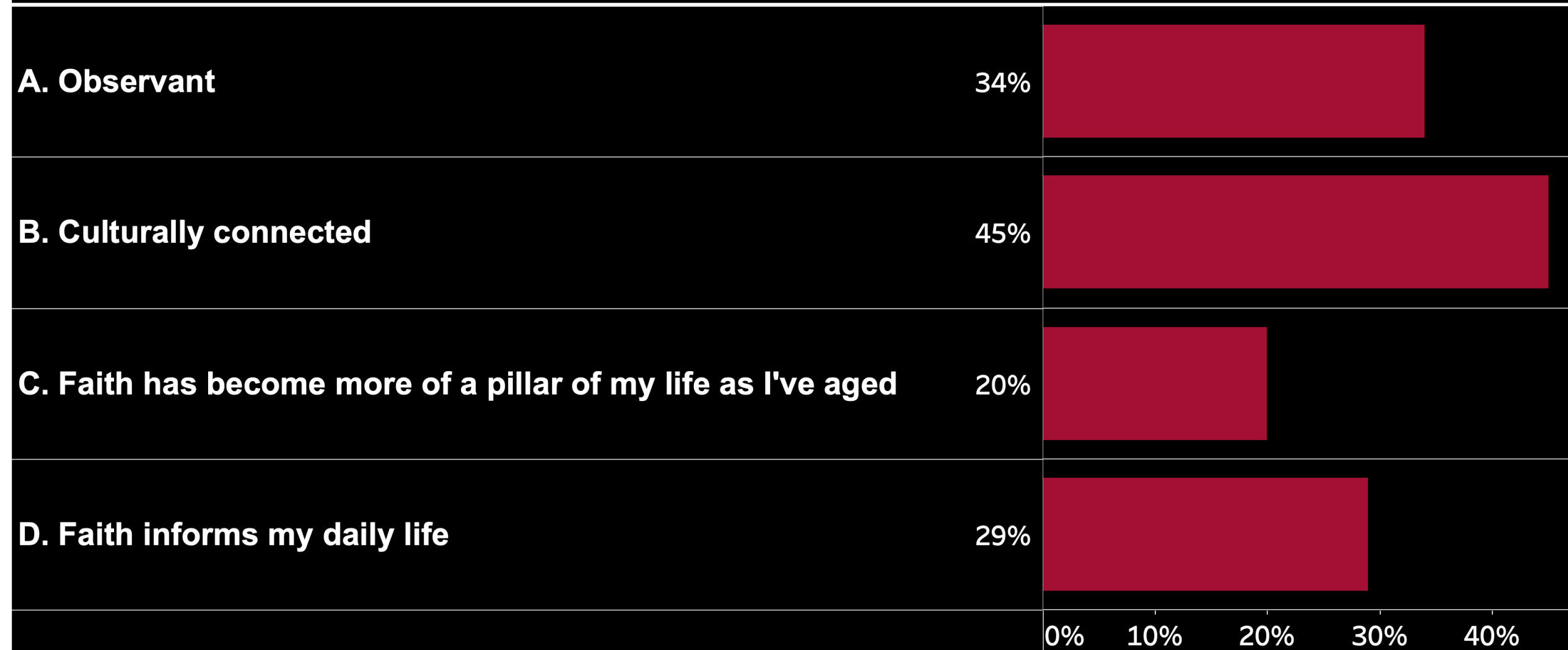
Current denomination



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Lifestyles and Personal Choices

Do you consider yourself



The joyful, loving,
eternally forgiving nature of
dogs never tipped you off?

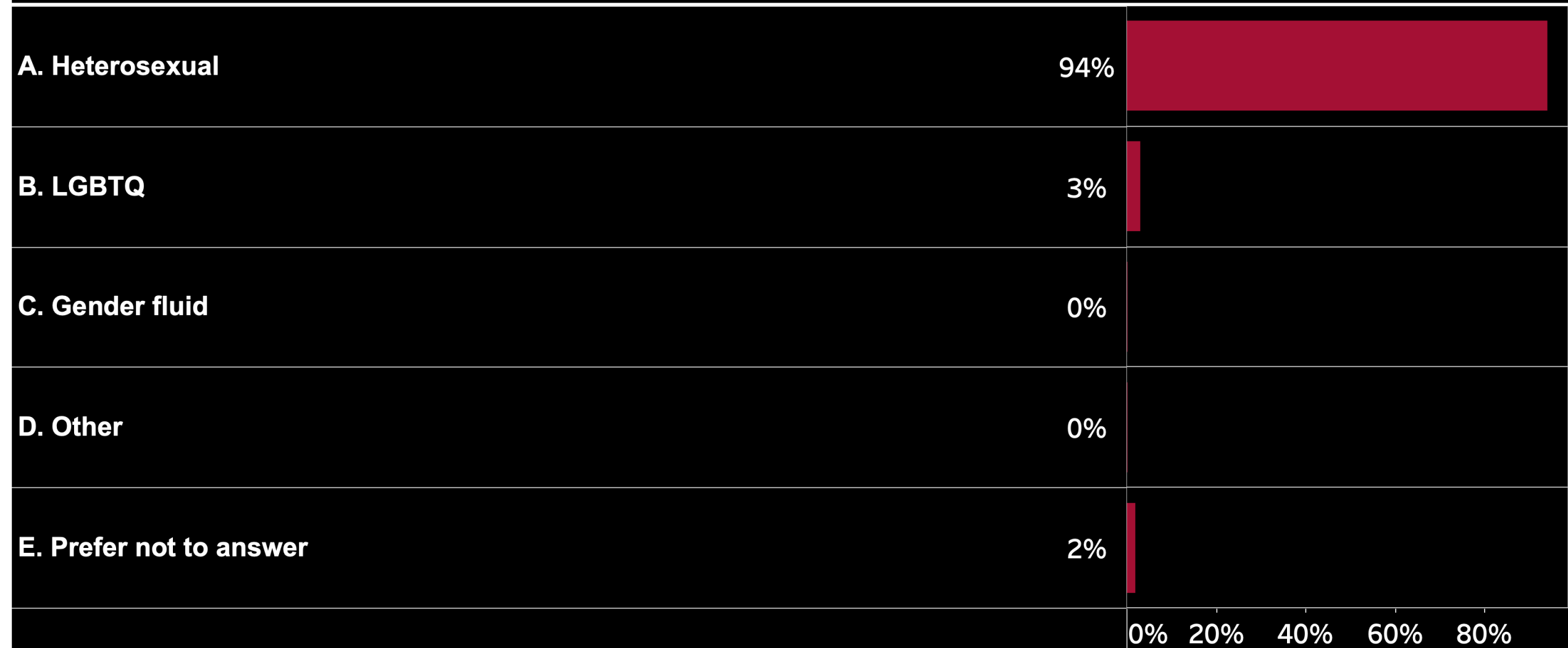
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Lifestyles and Personal Choices

Sexual orientation



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Lifestyles and Personal Choices

Have you experienced prejudice or bias such as sexism or racism



0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Percent

I AM
SUPPOSED TO
BE HERE.



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Lifestyles and Personal Choices

Experienced prejudice or bias such as
sexism or racism: when, where

A. In childhood

45%

51%

B. In high school

42%

46%

C. At Harvard

63%

32%

D. During your career

91%

76%

0% 20% 40% 60% 80%

Prejudice

- **Hasn't every sentient woman experienced sexism?!**
- **I am African-American and the family dealt with a legacy of breaking barriers.**
- **As a child, I encountered anti-Semitism from my Latin relatives and anti-Latin bias from my Jewish relatives. I encountered periodic anti-semitism at Harvard. I was told I couldn't be a rabbi because I was a girl and that I could never be ambassador to the USSR because I was a woman, a Jew, and not rich.**
- **Not racism or sexism but growing up on less than a dollar a day I have experienced a lot of elitism from people who have no understanding about poverty in the US.**
- **There was and is a strong, and totally unjustified, bias against conservative thought.**

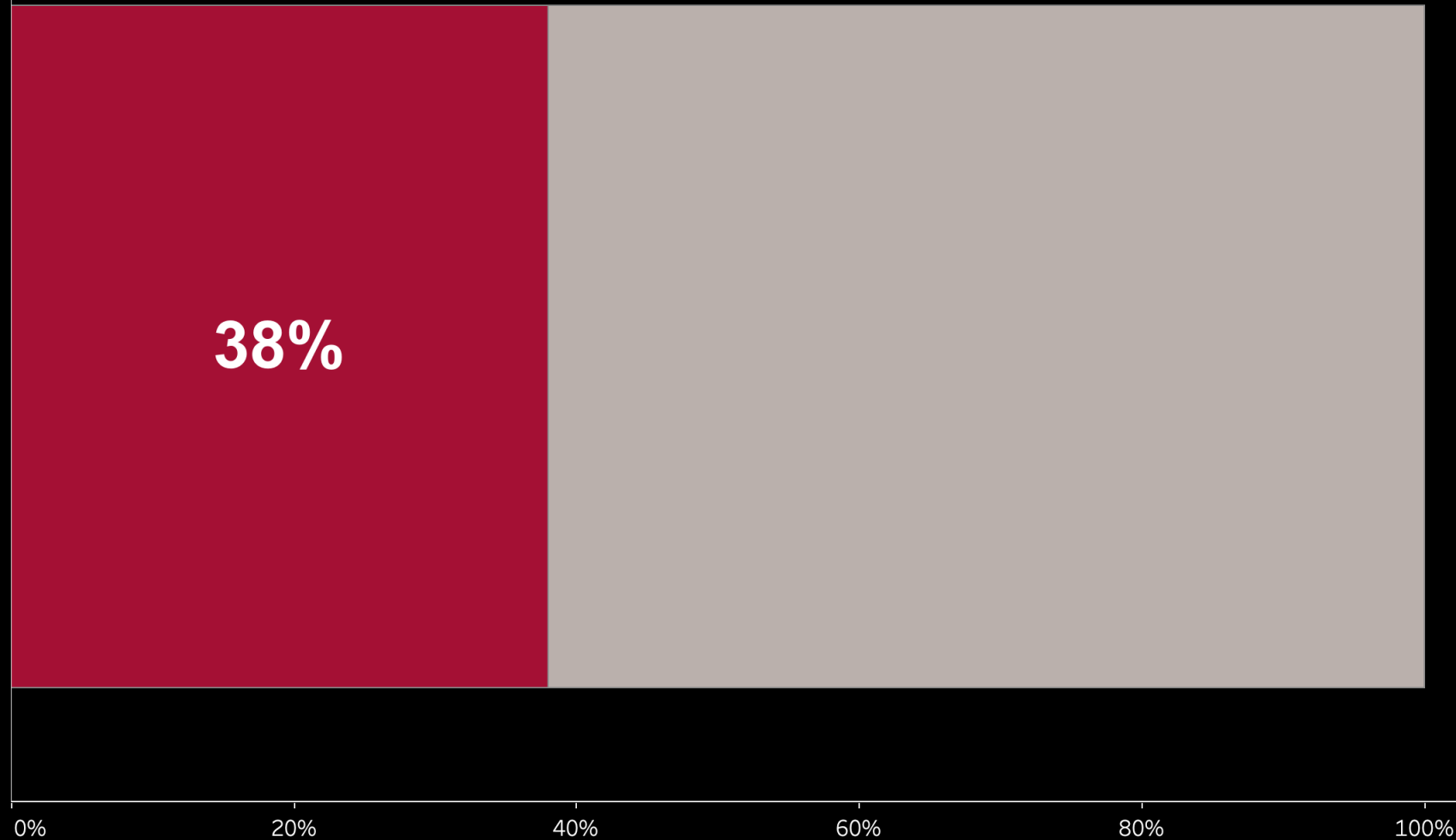
At Harvard

- Chairman of my department made it clear the quid pro quo if he were to write me a letter of recommendation. I later found out he was famous for sleeping with his students.**
- I remember the "master" of Leverett House explaining that women should not be allowed to eat in the houses because it would decrease the intellectual atmosphere.**
- As a child and at Harvard, I felt the impact of antisemitism. During my career just before retirement, ageism became an issue.**

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Lifestyles and Personal Choices

Have you or anyone in your family suffered from a serious mental illness



Percent



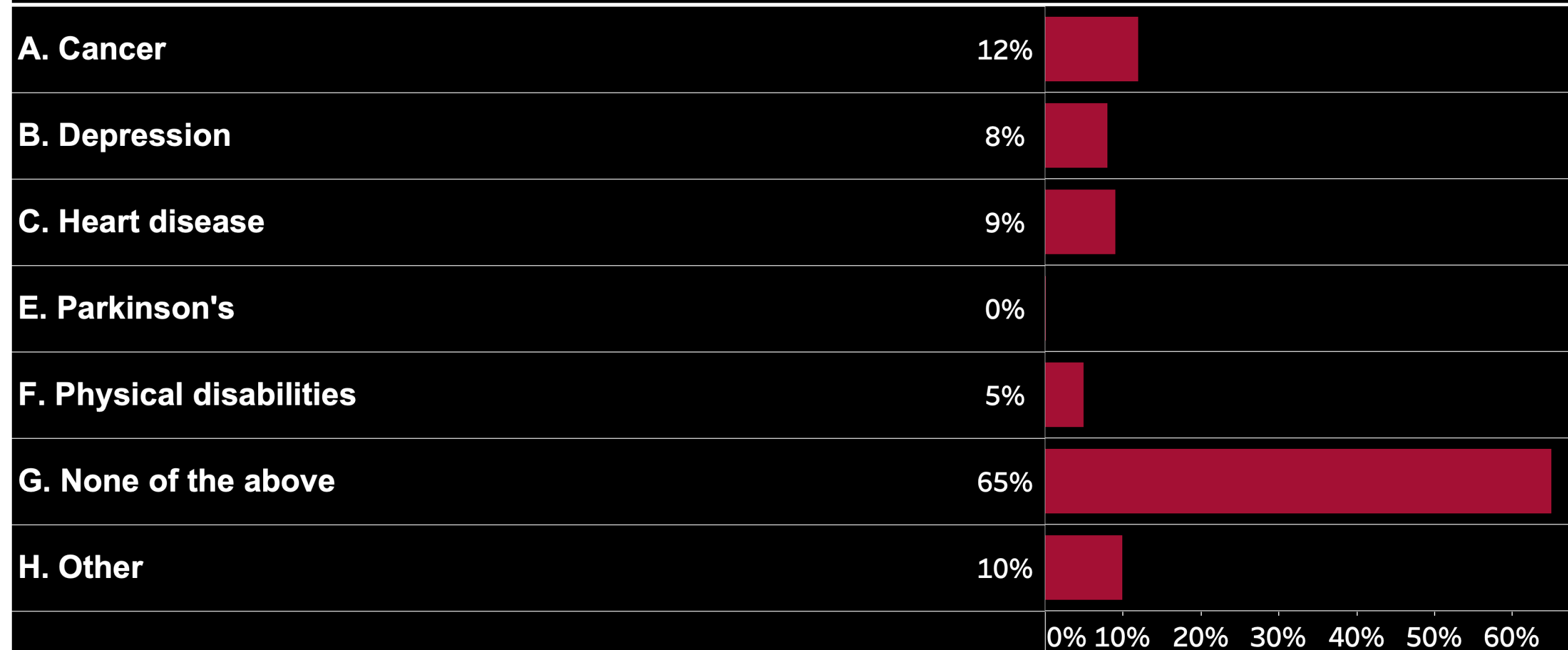
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Lifestyles and Personal Choices

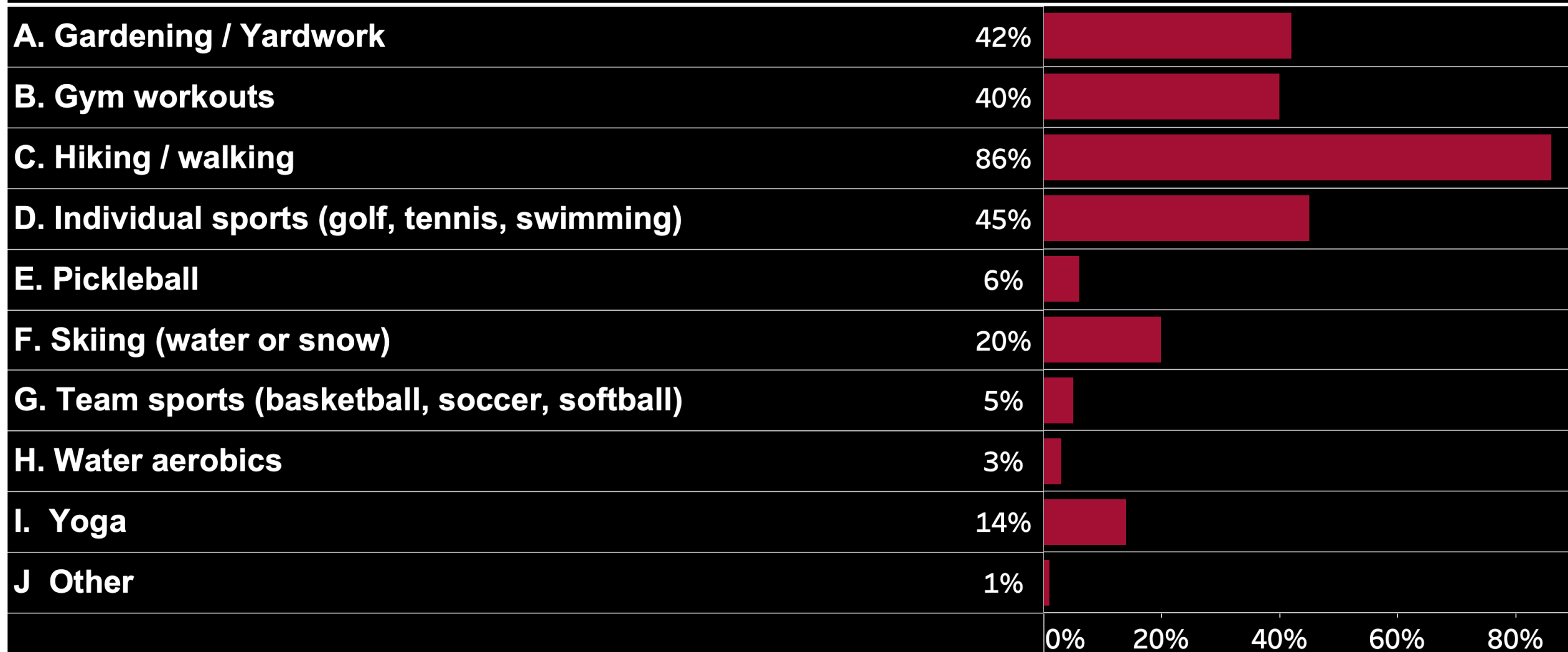
Health issues that have resulted in permanent change to your life



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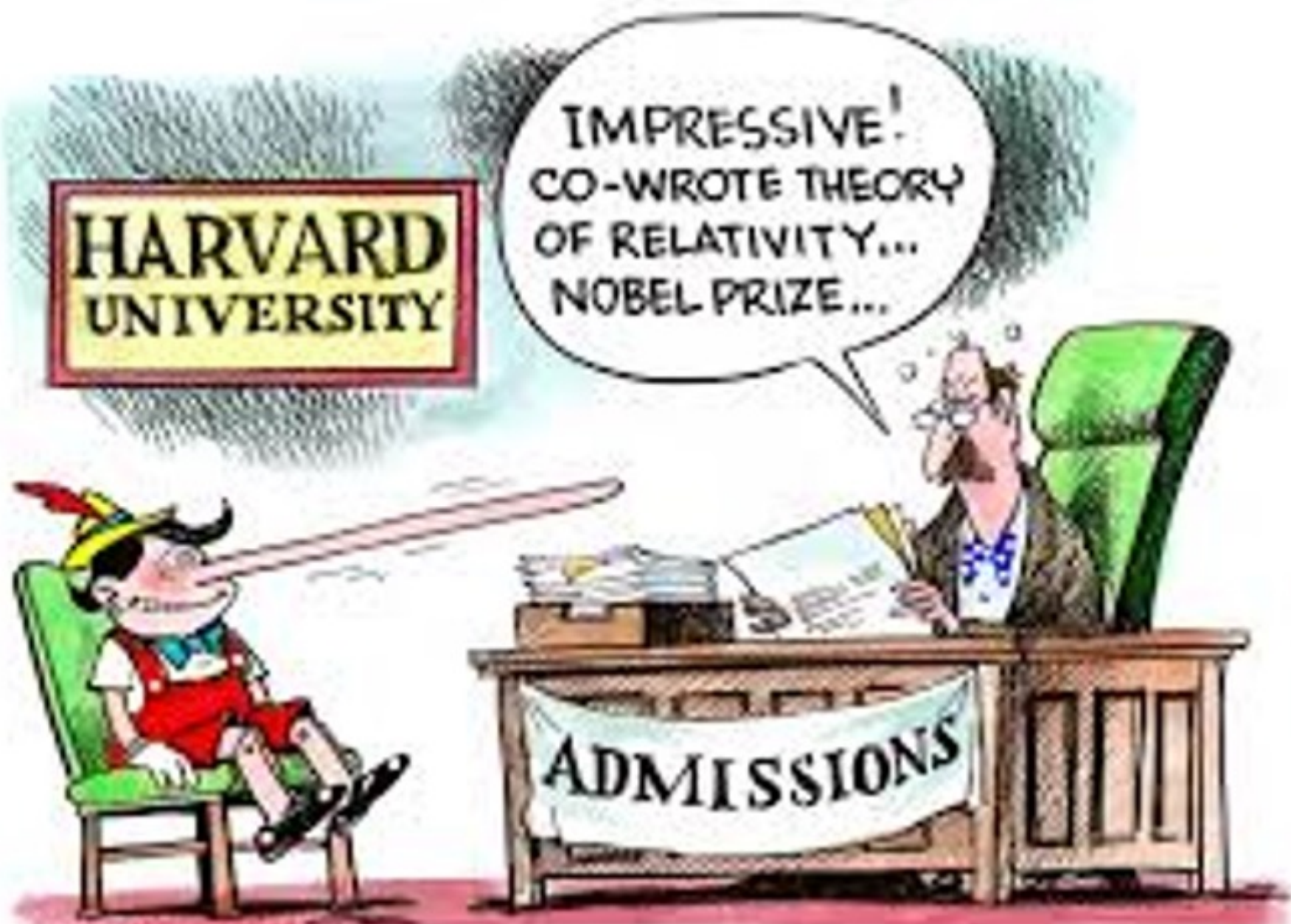
Lifestyles and Personal Choices

Physical activities



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Harvard Experience



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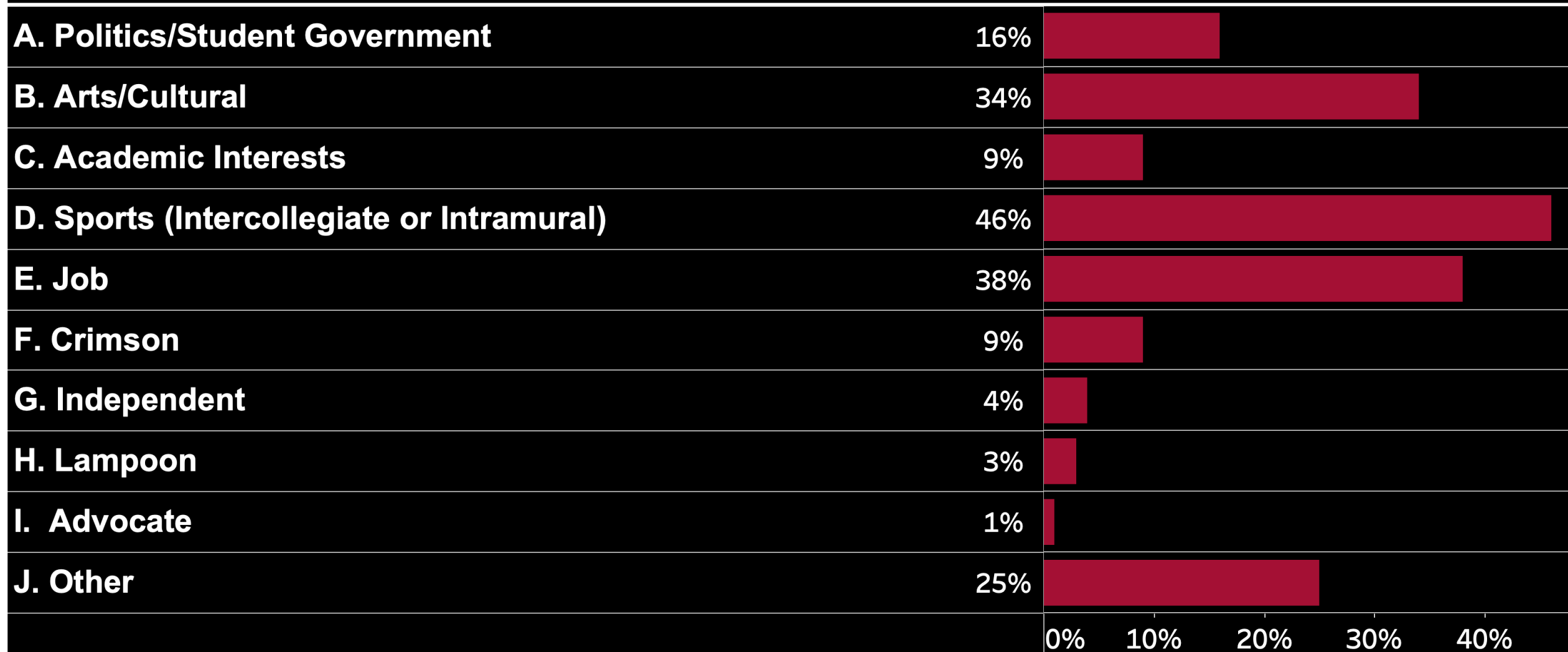
Concentration helped your career



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Harvard Experience

Extracurricular activities

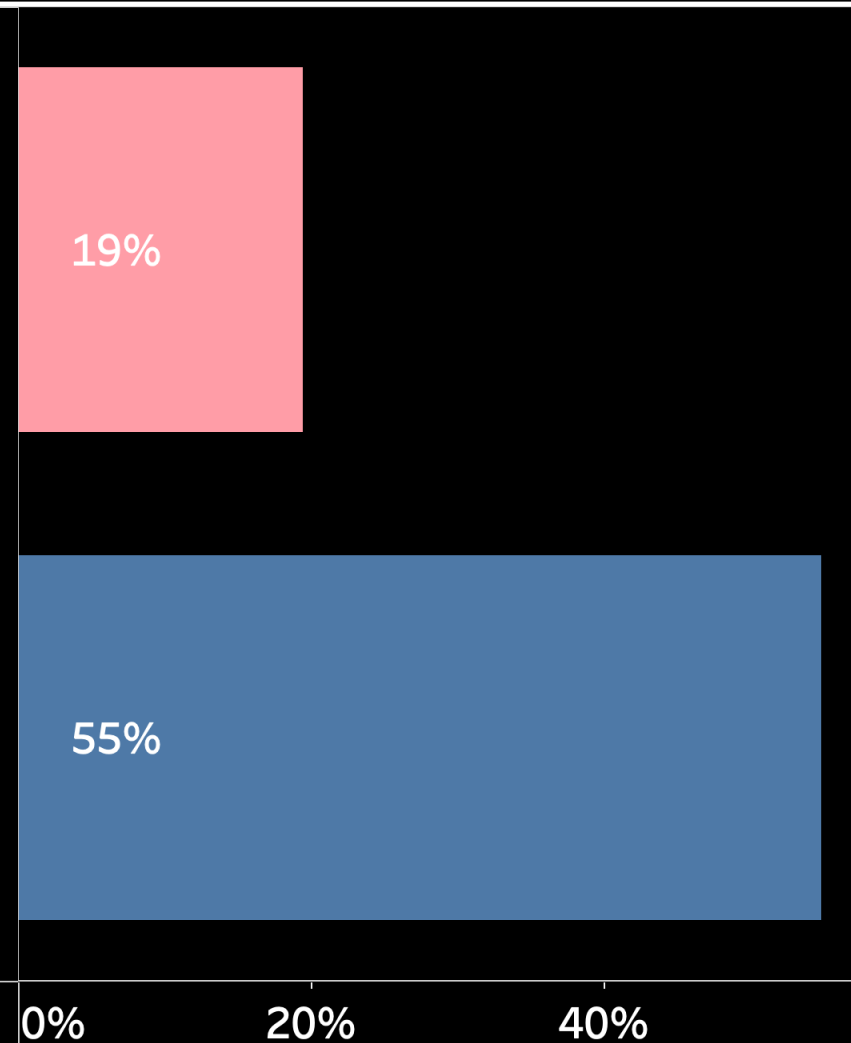


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Harvard Experience

Extracurricular activities

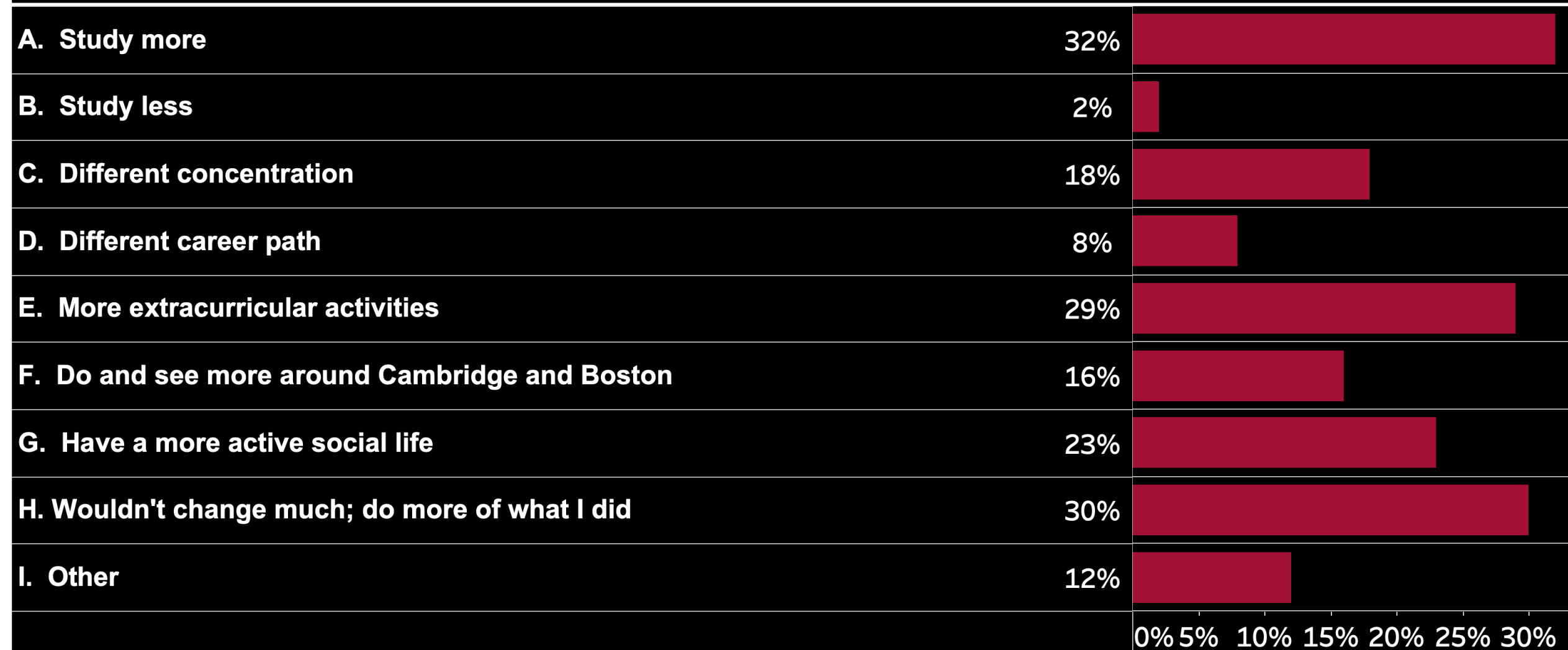
D. Sports (Intercollegiate or Intramural)



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Harvard Experience

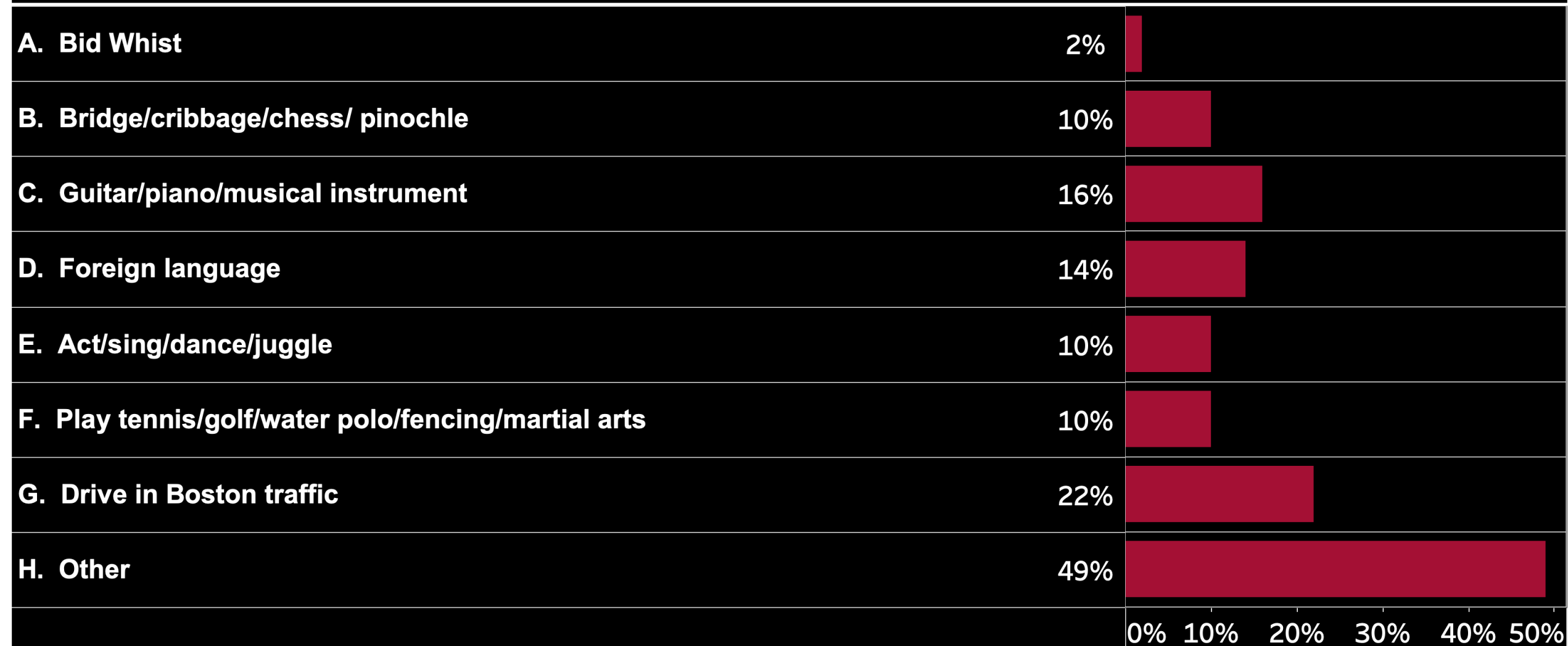
What changes would you make during college if given a mulligan



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Harvard Experience

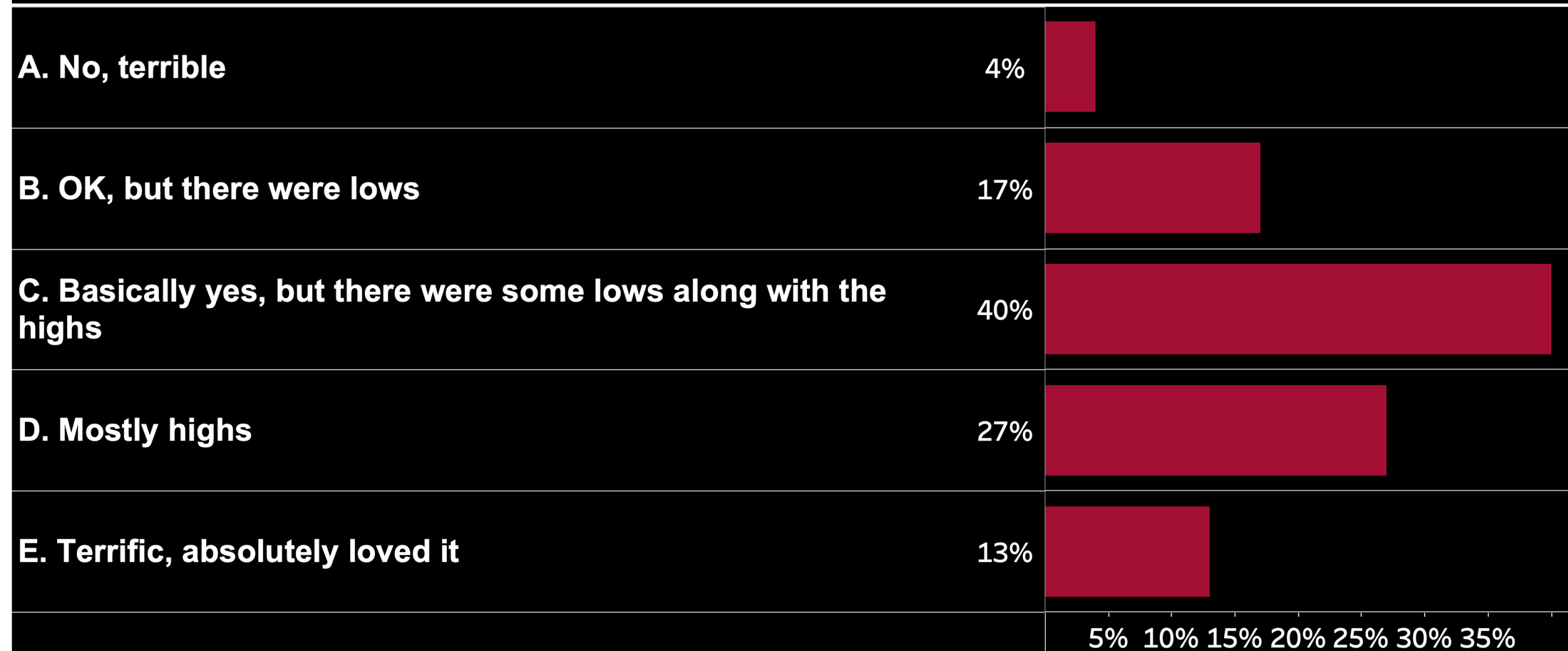
Non-academic college
skill/talent you are proud of



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Harvard Experience

Happy during college



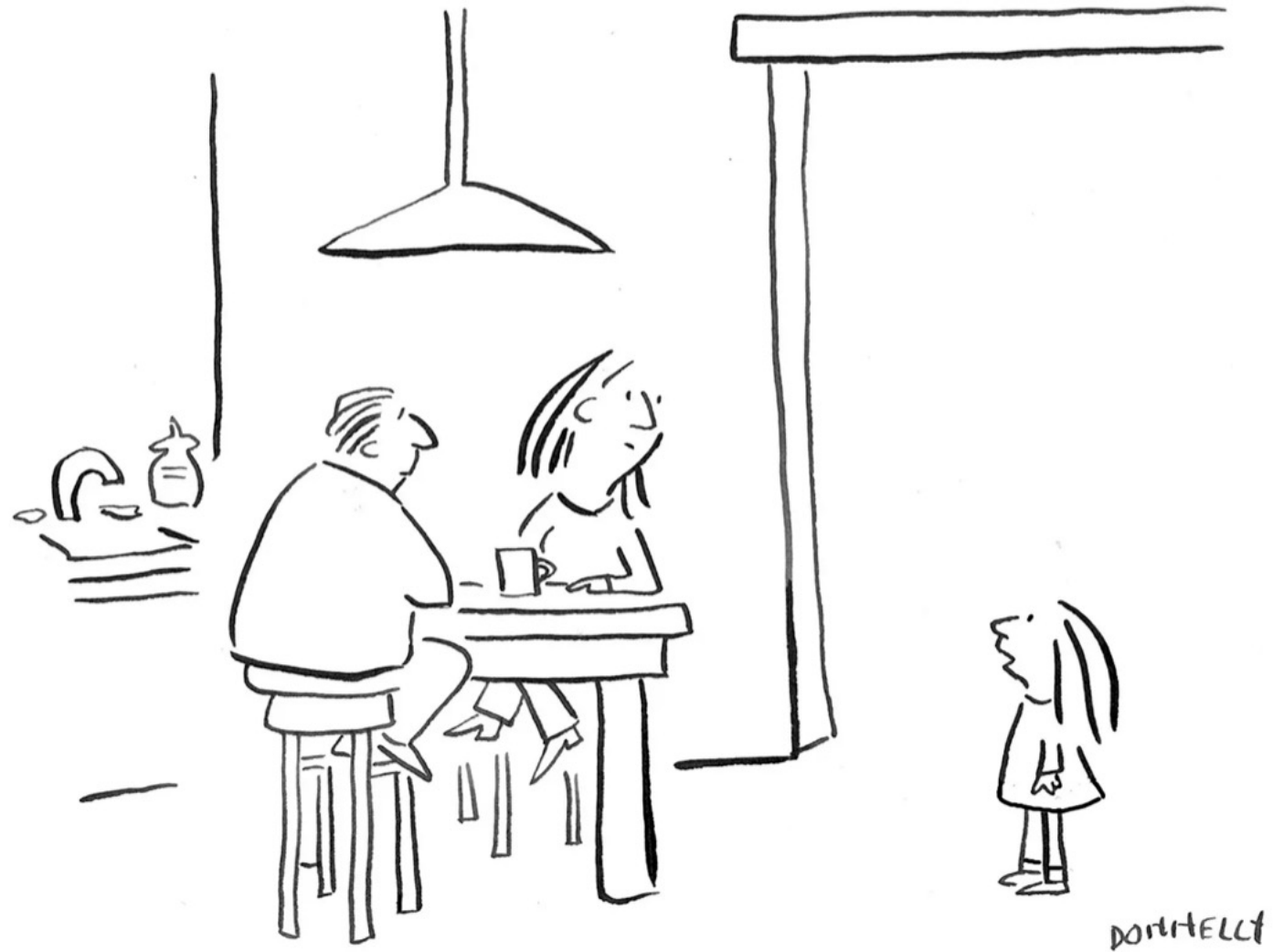
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Life Different at State School Honors Program

- I would have probably done less interesting and challenging things
- I wouldn't have gotten to know so many great people
- The Harvard diploma has opened opportunities to me that I don't think I would have had with a State University diploma
- Not a choice, I'm a preppie
- Probably happier
- No idea

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Political and Social Issues

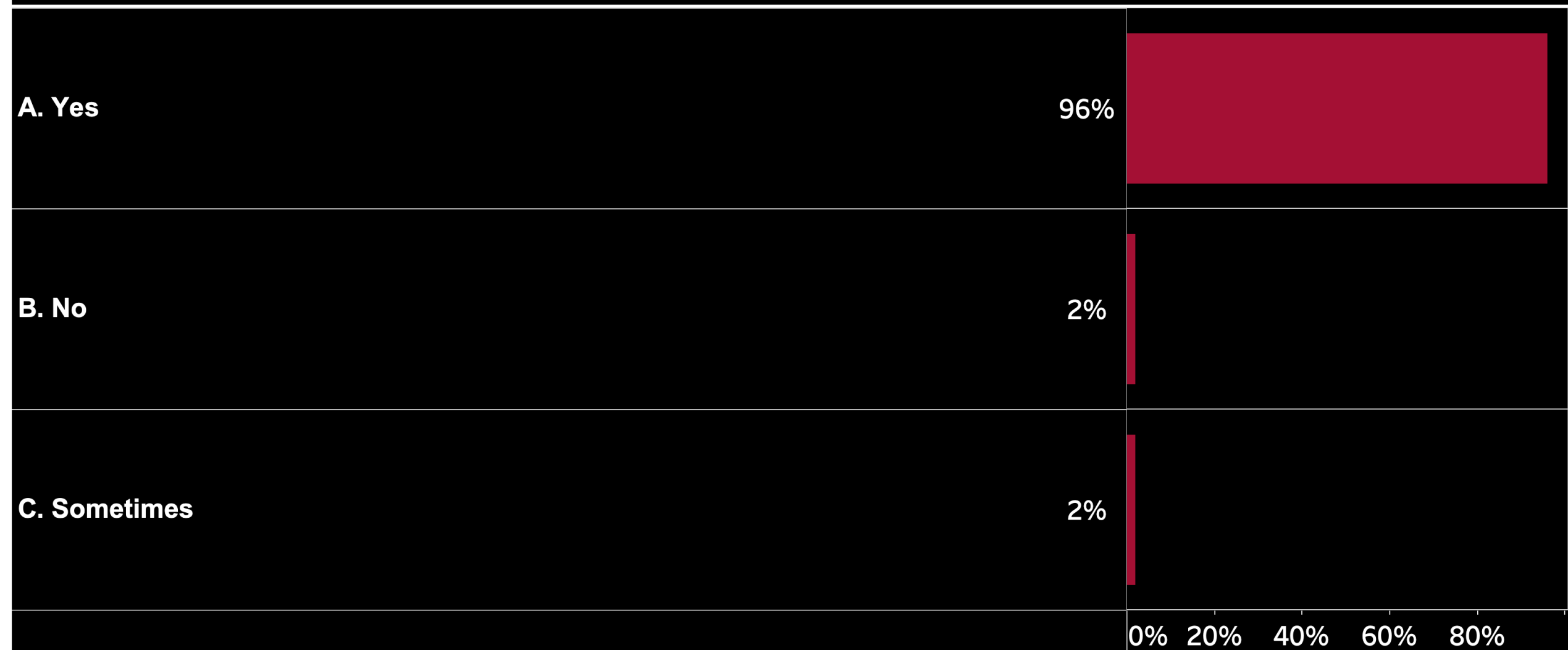


"Am I affiliated with a party?"

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Political and Social Issues

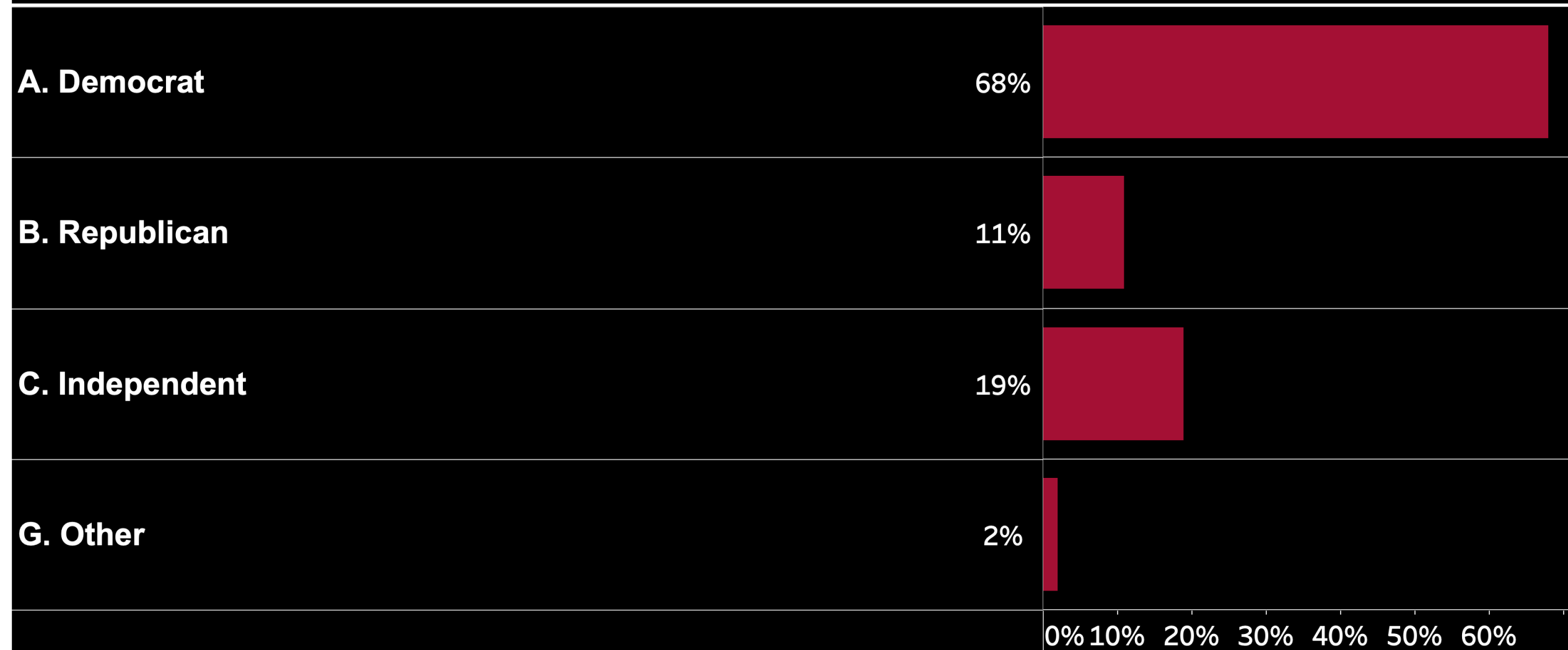
Vote regularly or participate in the U.S.
or home country political process



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Political and Social Issues

If U.S. voter, how registered





COME ON, LEKESIA, WHAT GOOD IS MY ONE MEASLY OL' VOTE ANYWAY?



THE IDEA IS TO PUT ALL OUR "MEASLY OL'" VOTES TOGETHER AND MAKE THEM COUNT FOR SOMETHING



HMM... I GUESS.



JUDY, DO YOU REALIZE OUR PEOPLE HAD TO FIGHT LONG AND HARD - MANY WERE KILLED IN THE PROCESS - TO GET YOU YOUR "MEASLY OL' VOTE"?



OKAY OKAY, I'LL VOTE ... WHO ARE YOU VOTING FOR ANYWAY?



I'M NOT VOTING FOR ANYONE.



YOU PREACHED ALL THAT YANG AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN VOTING?!



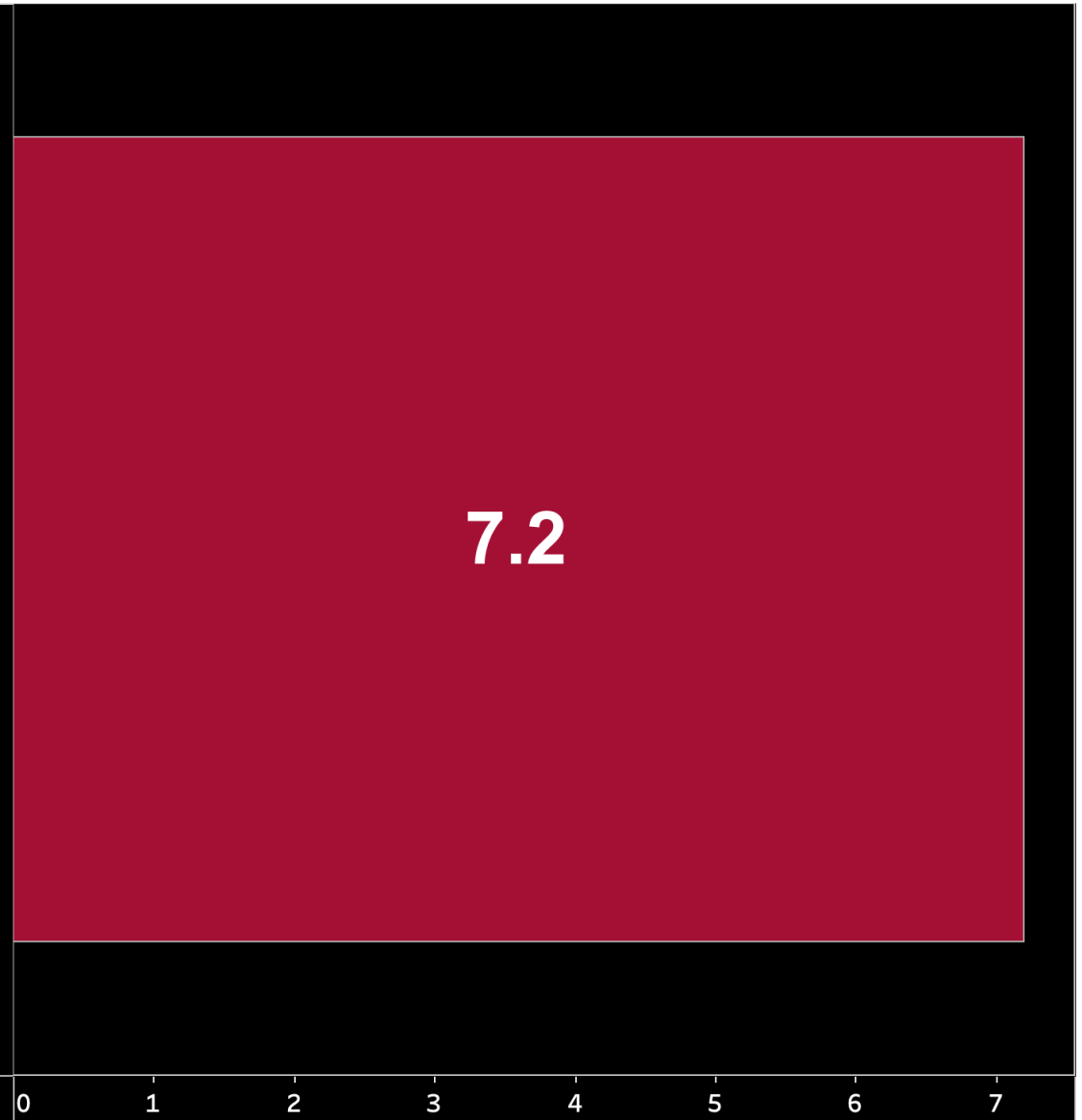
I'M NOT VOTING FOR ANYONE; I'M VOTING AGAINST THE CANDIDATE I LIKE THE LEAST ... IT'S BECOME THE AMERICAN WAY.

AMERICA

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Political and Social Issues

Where on POLITICAL spectrum (1 Conserv, 10 Liberal)



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Political and Social Issues

Where you THINK class is (1 Conserv, 10 Liberal)

6.8

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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Political and Social Issues

1 = not significant

10 = highly important and relevant

Woman's Freedom of Choice for Healthcare Decisions



Woman's Right to Abortion



Woman's Access to Mefipristone



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Political and Social Issues

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Enhancing Gun Safety Measures**Improving Quality of Education****Expanding Environmental Protection****Improving Racial Equity****Implementing Universal Health Coverage**

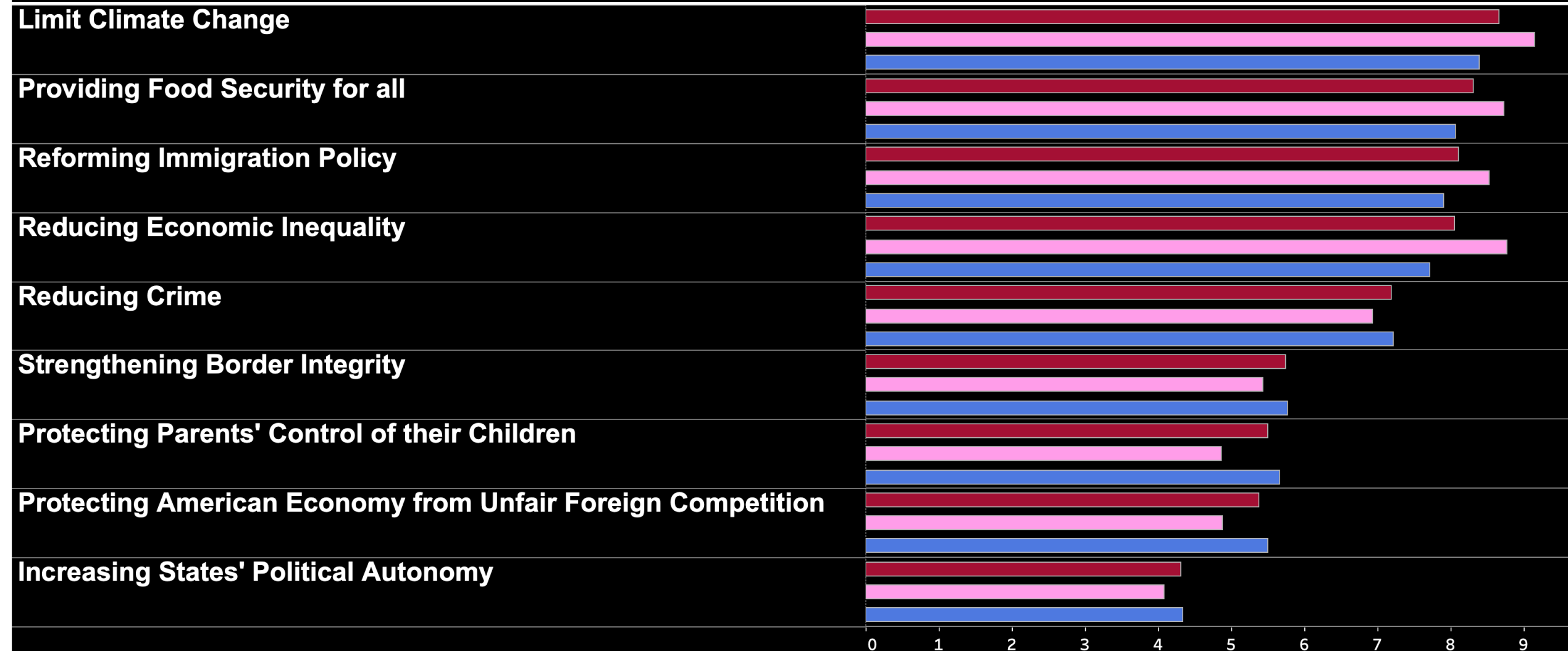
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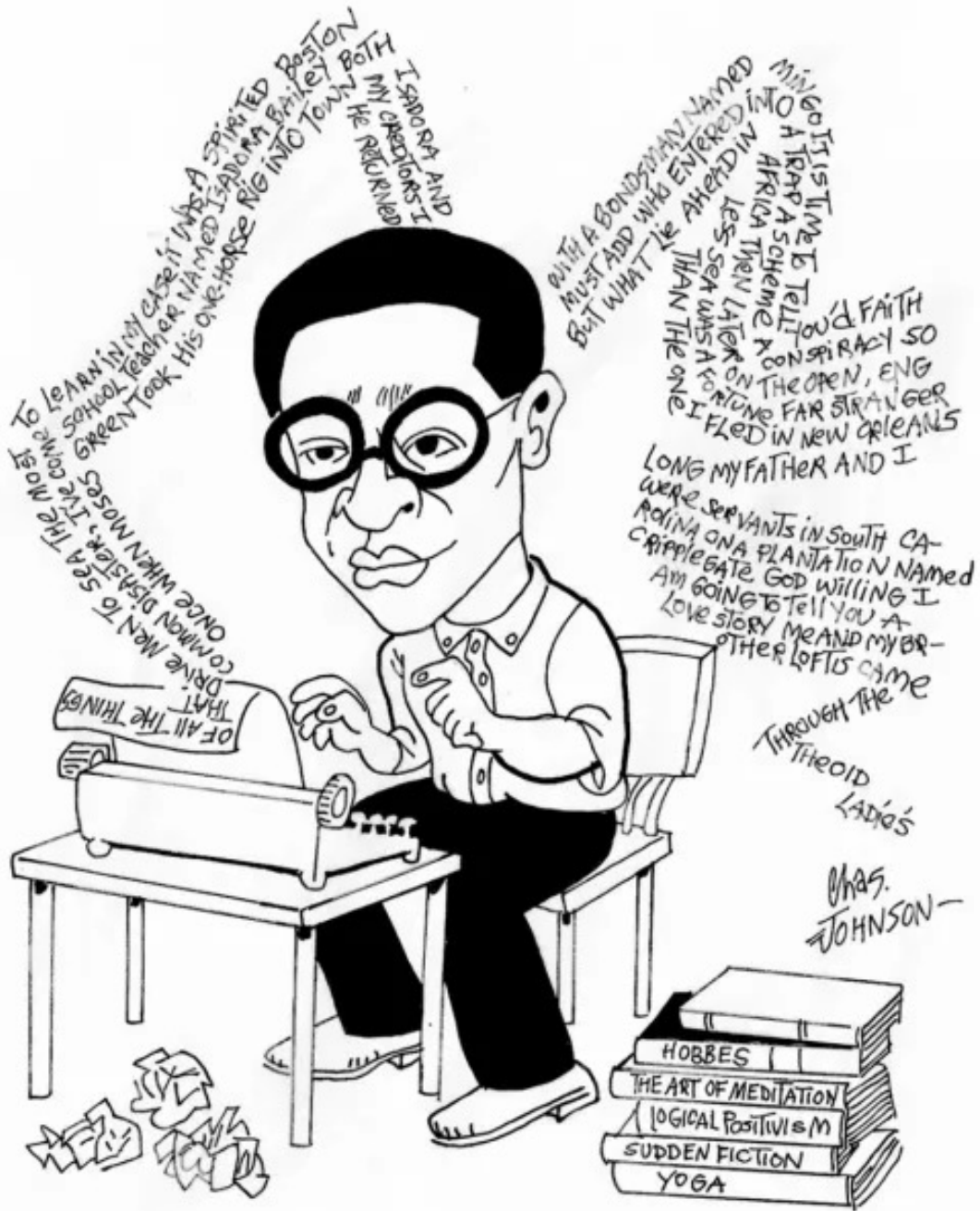
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TO LEARN IN MY CASE IT WAS A SPIRITED BOSTON SCHOOL TEACHER NAMED LISAPONA BAILEY BOTH MY CREATORS I TOLD RA AND HE RETURNED

WITH A BONDSMAN NAMED MUST ADD WHO ENTERED BUT WHAT I AM HERE IN MINOR IT IS TIME TO TELL YOU'D FAITH OF A TRAP A SCHEME & CONSPIRACY SO AFRICA THEN LATER I FLED IN NEW ORLEANS LESS SEAT WAS A ROOM FAR STRANGER THAN THE ONE I FLED IN NEW ORLEANS

LONG MY FATHER AND I WERE SERVANTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA ON A PLANTATION NAMED CARRIGATE. GOD WILLING I AM GOING TO TELL YOU A LOVE STORY ME AND MY BROTHER LOFTIS CAME THROUGH THE THEOID LADIES

CHAS. JOHNSON

HOBBS
THE ART OF MEDITATION
LOGICAL POSITIVISM
SUDDEN FICTION
YOGA

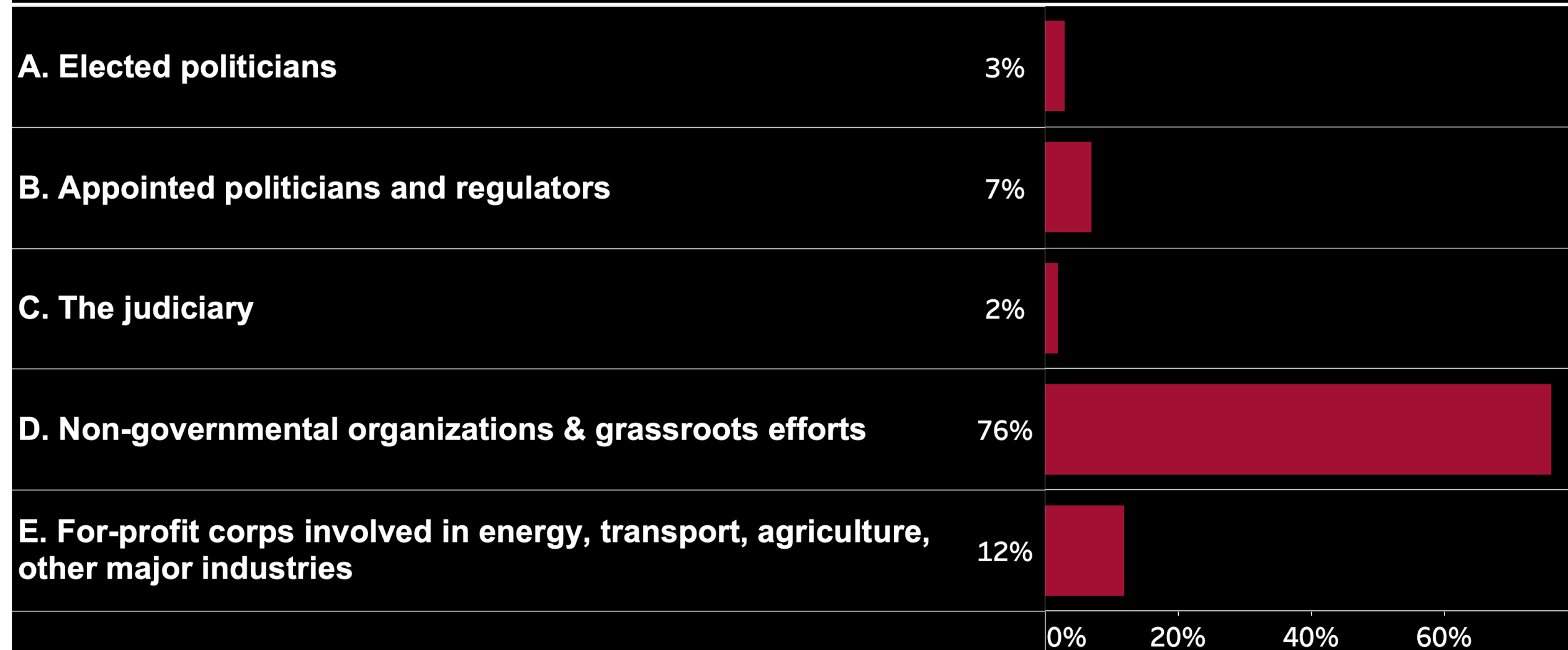
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Political and Social Issues

Most trust following for sound environmental conservation and practices

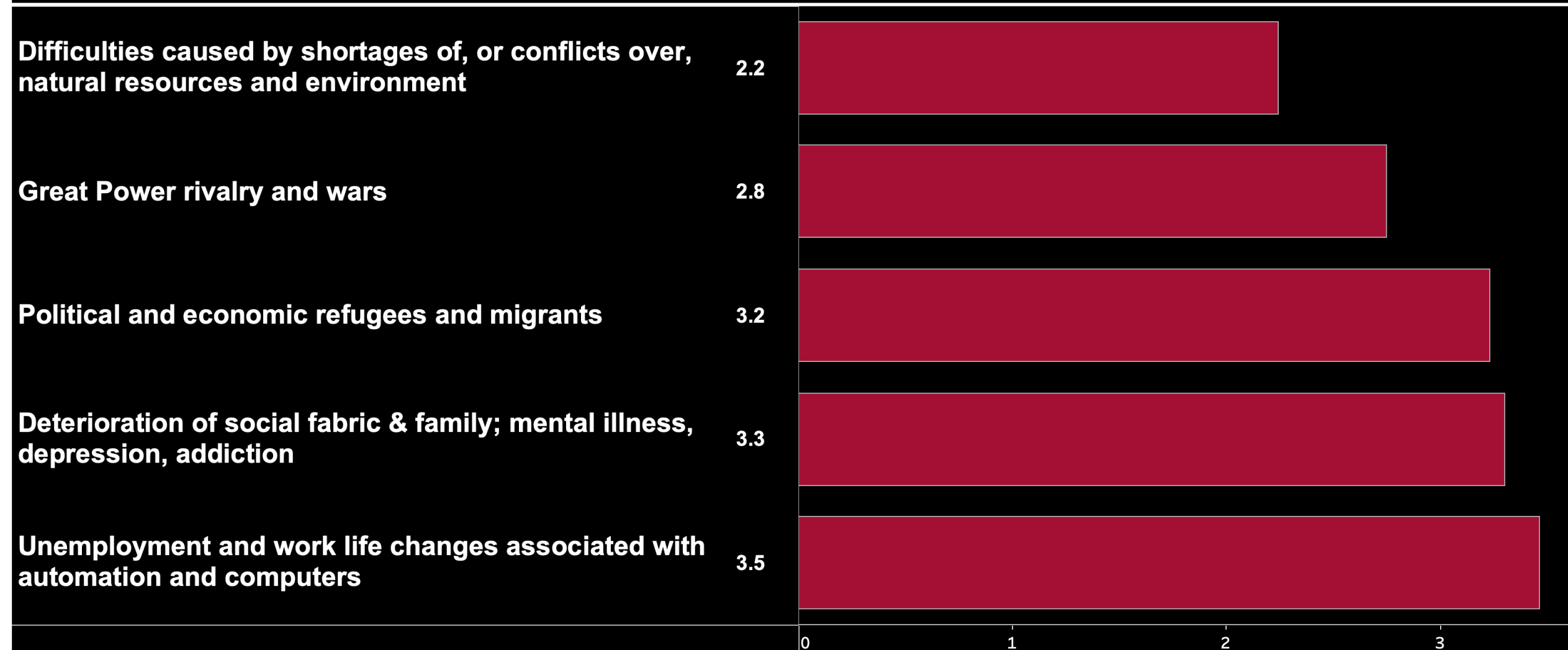




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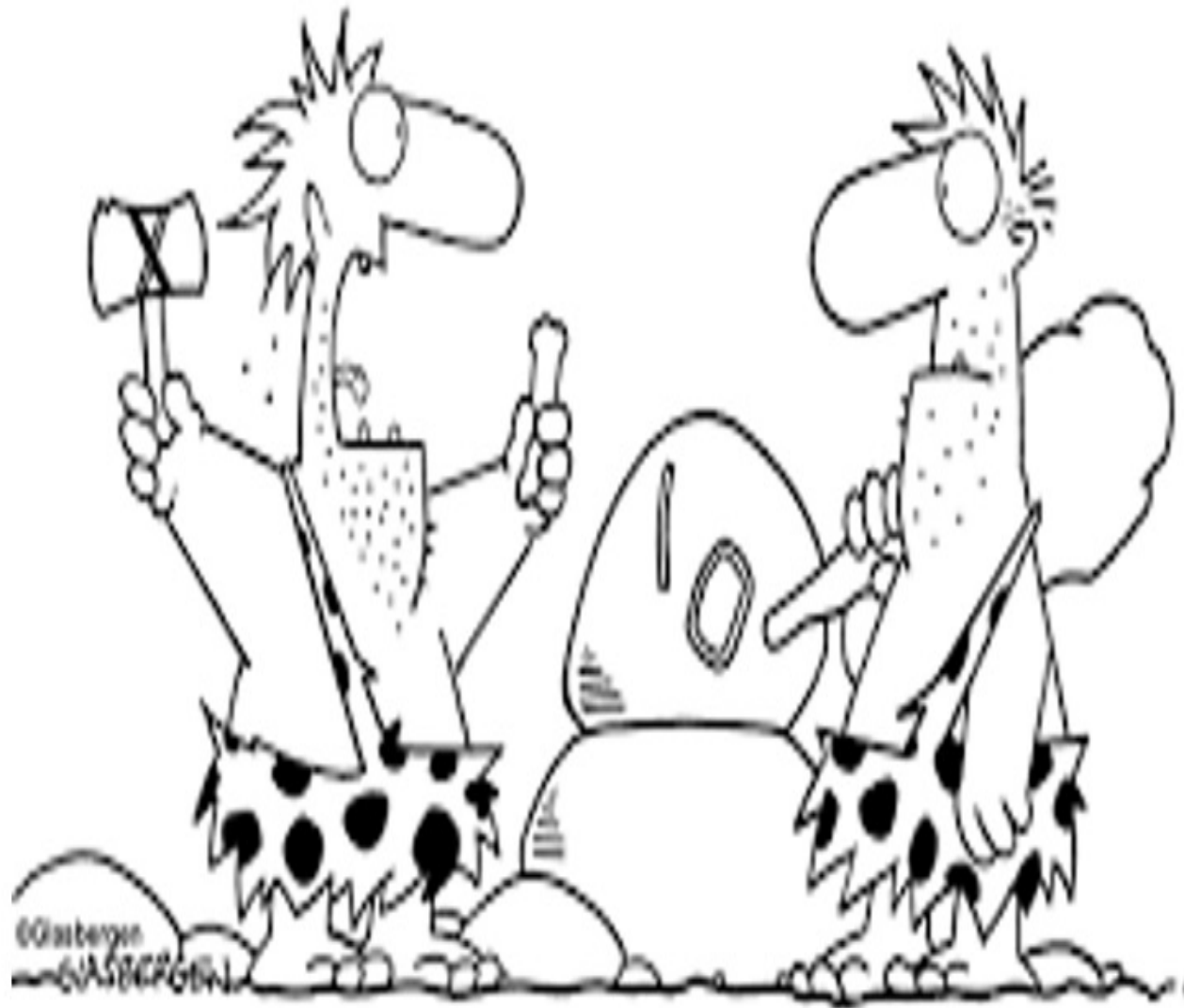
Political and Social Issues

Rank by Biggest Problem
in the Next 25 Years (1 = high)



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Technology

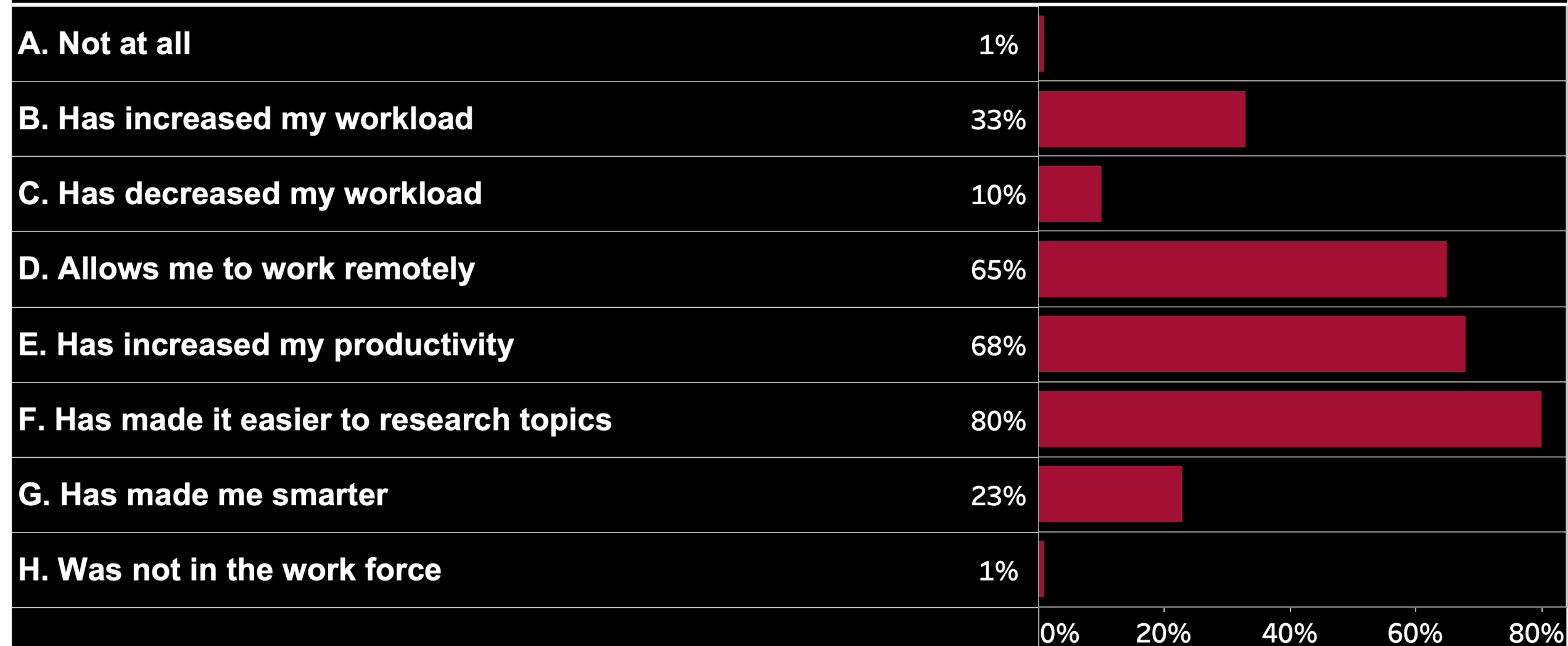


**I just invented the “one” and the “zero”.
Let the Digital Revolution begin.**

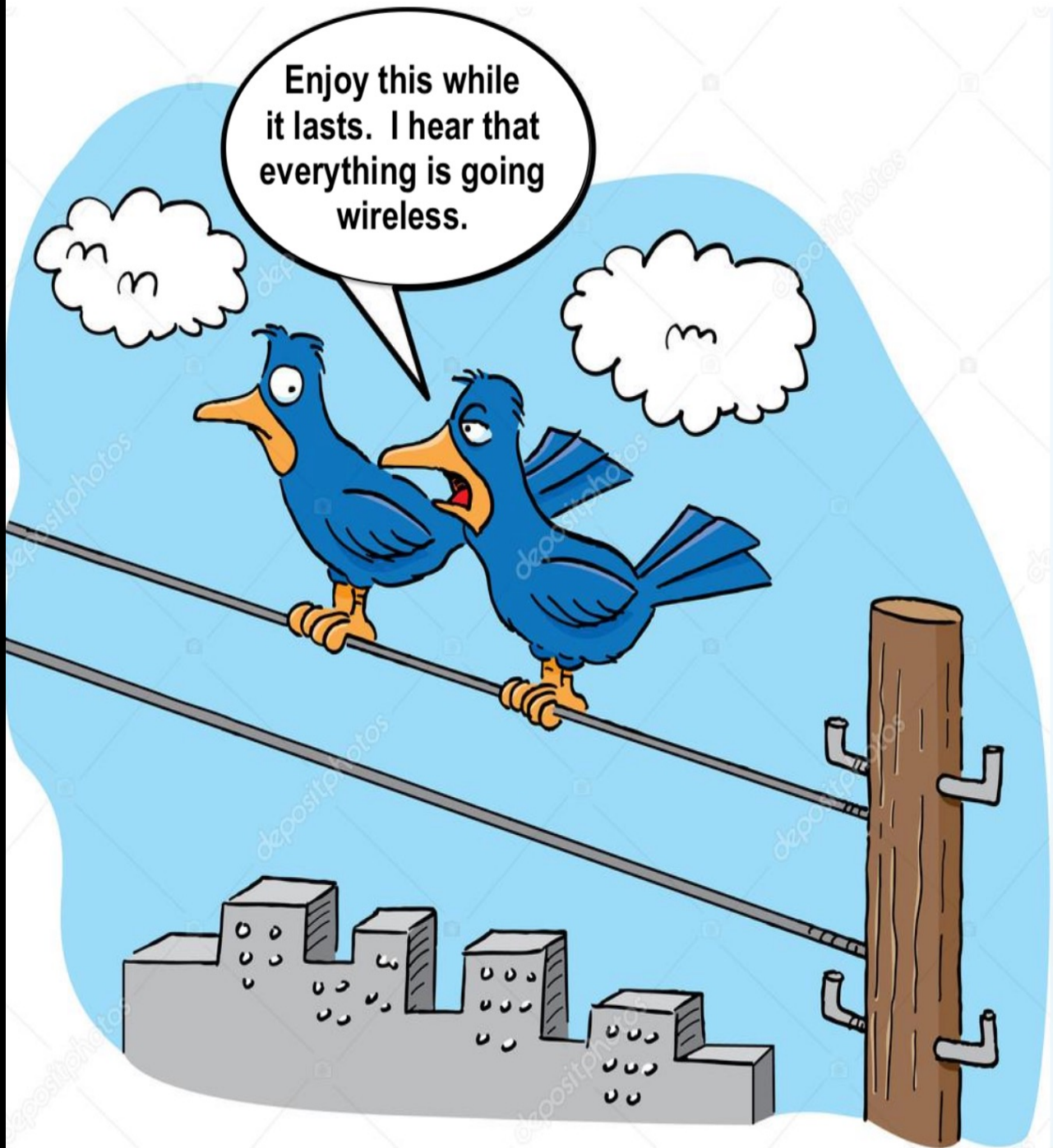
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Technology

Technology impacted work/career



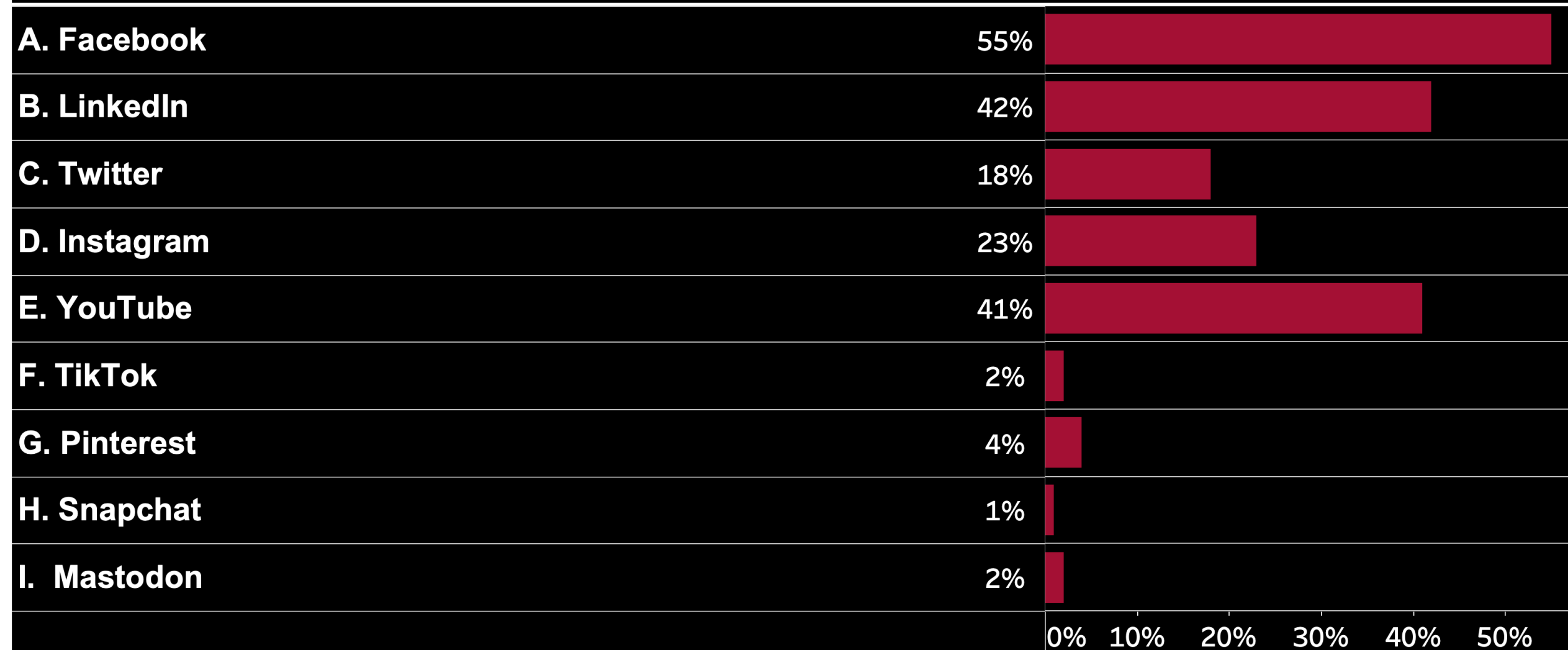
Enjoy this while it lasts. I hear that everything is going wireless.



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Technology

Active on social media?
If yes which ones



Dude—you didn't even have a Facebook account. Talk about not existing!

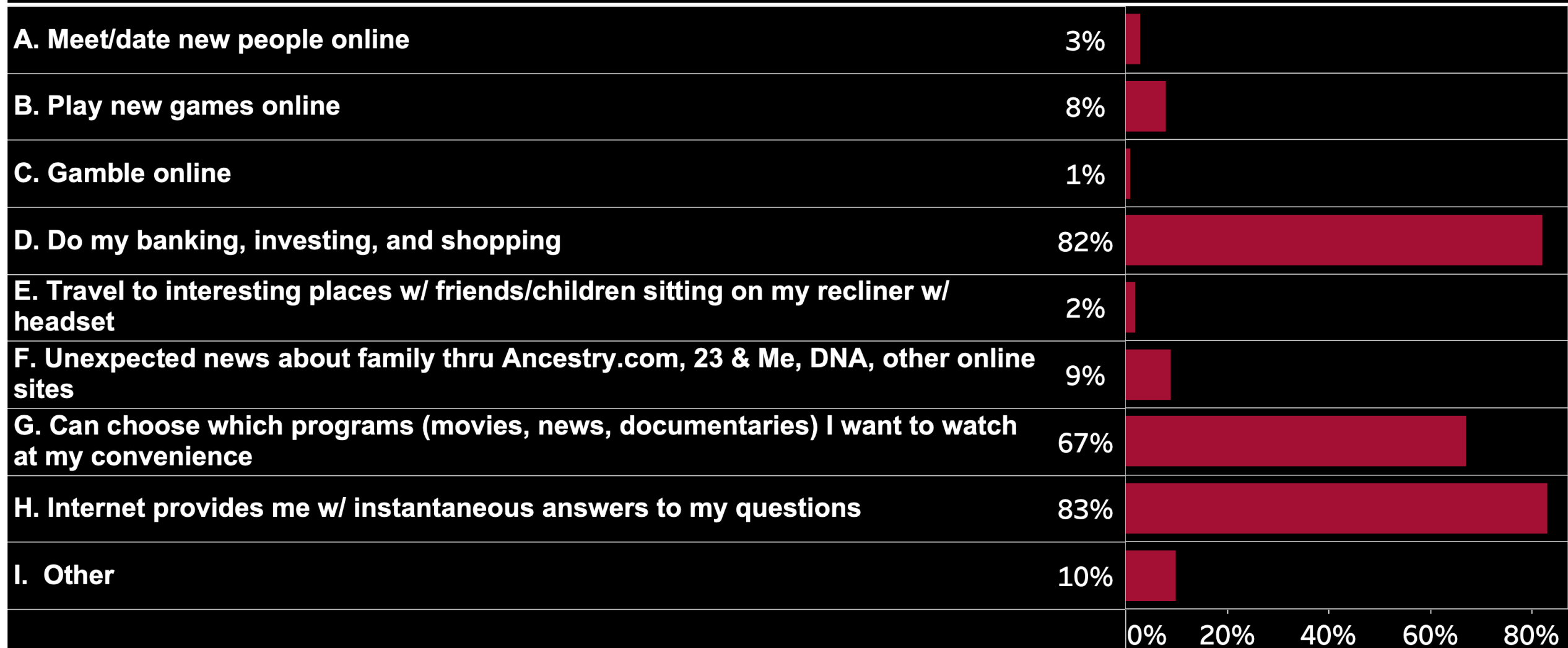


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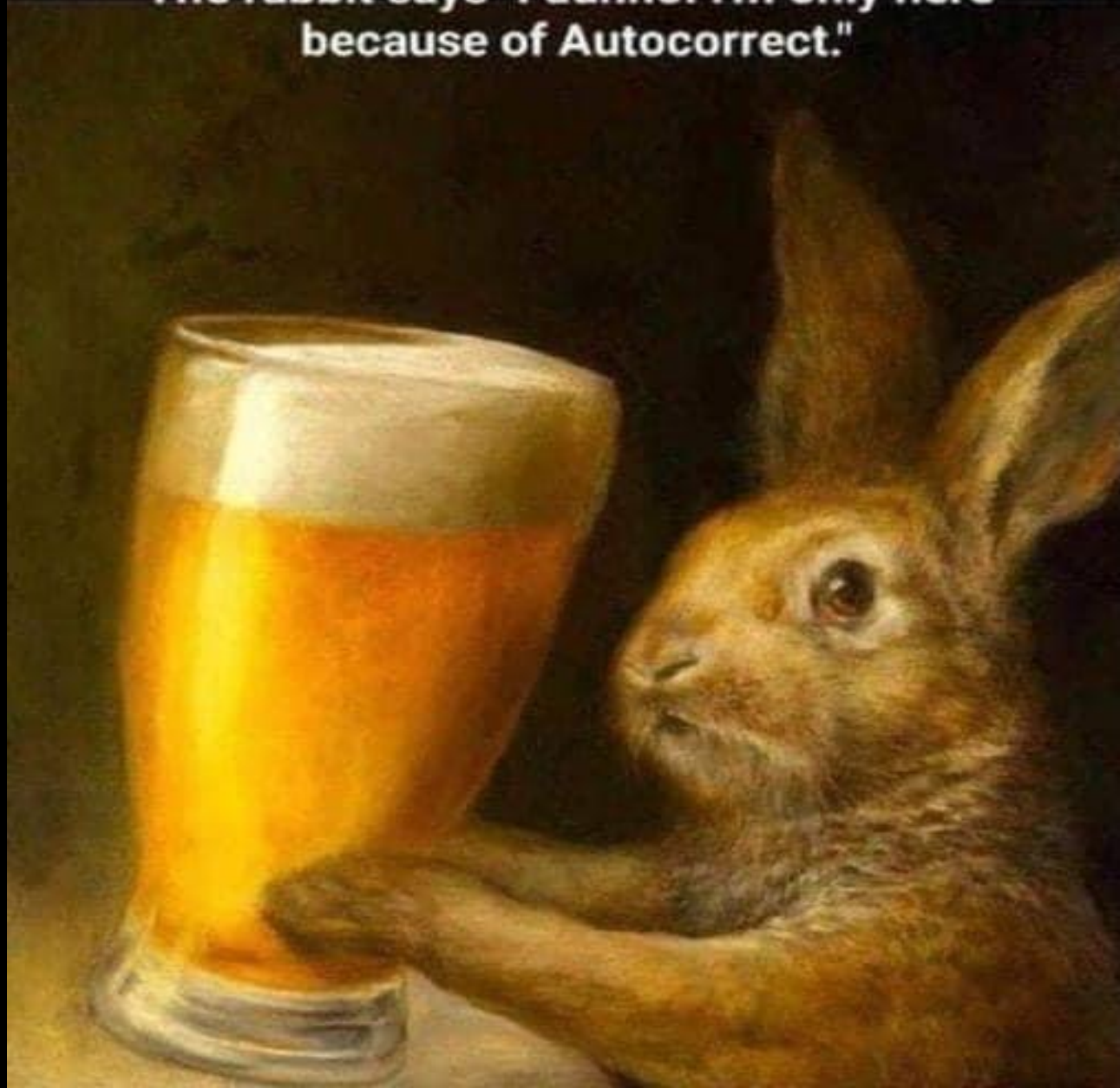
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Technology

Use Internet as follows:



**A priest, a rabbit and a minister walk into a bar.
The bartender asks the rabbit "what'll ya have?"
The rabbit says "I dunno. I'm only here
because of Autocorrect."**



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Aging and Future

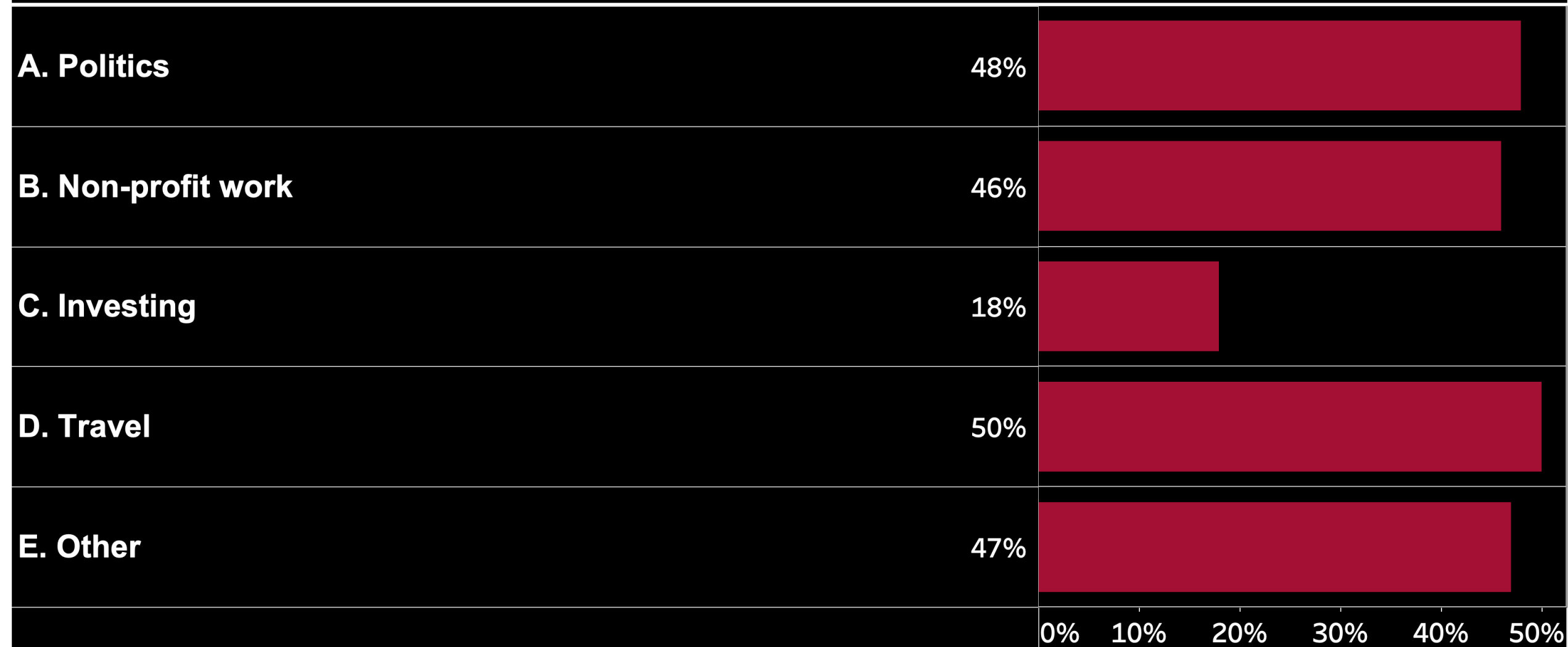


"Good news, honey—seventy is the new fifty."

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Aging and Future

Main interests



9.03

3 top Bucket List Items

- Travel, travel, travel
- Spending time with family and friends
- See my kids happy and fulfilled in life
- Digitize a lot of stuff so my kids will have an easier time deleting me eventually; get rid of stuff in our basement and closets so our kids won't go through what we had to go through; stay alive and healthy a few more years (30 more would be nice.)
- Getting off all boards/committees
- Outlive my ex-wife
- Shoot my age on my 120th birthday
- Learn something every day
- I don't have a bucket list

9.09

Legacy

- **Tried to do the right thing**
- **Worked hard**
- **Made people think**
- **Made people smile**
- **Passing on a good life to my children and their families and helping my community**
- **Helping women get elected to office**
- **Good husband and father. Nothing else matters as much to me.**
- **Service to others**
- **No idea**

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Next 20 Years

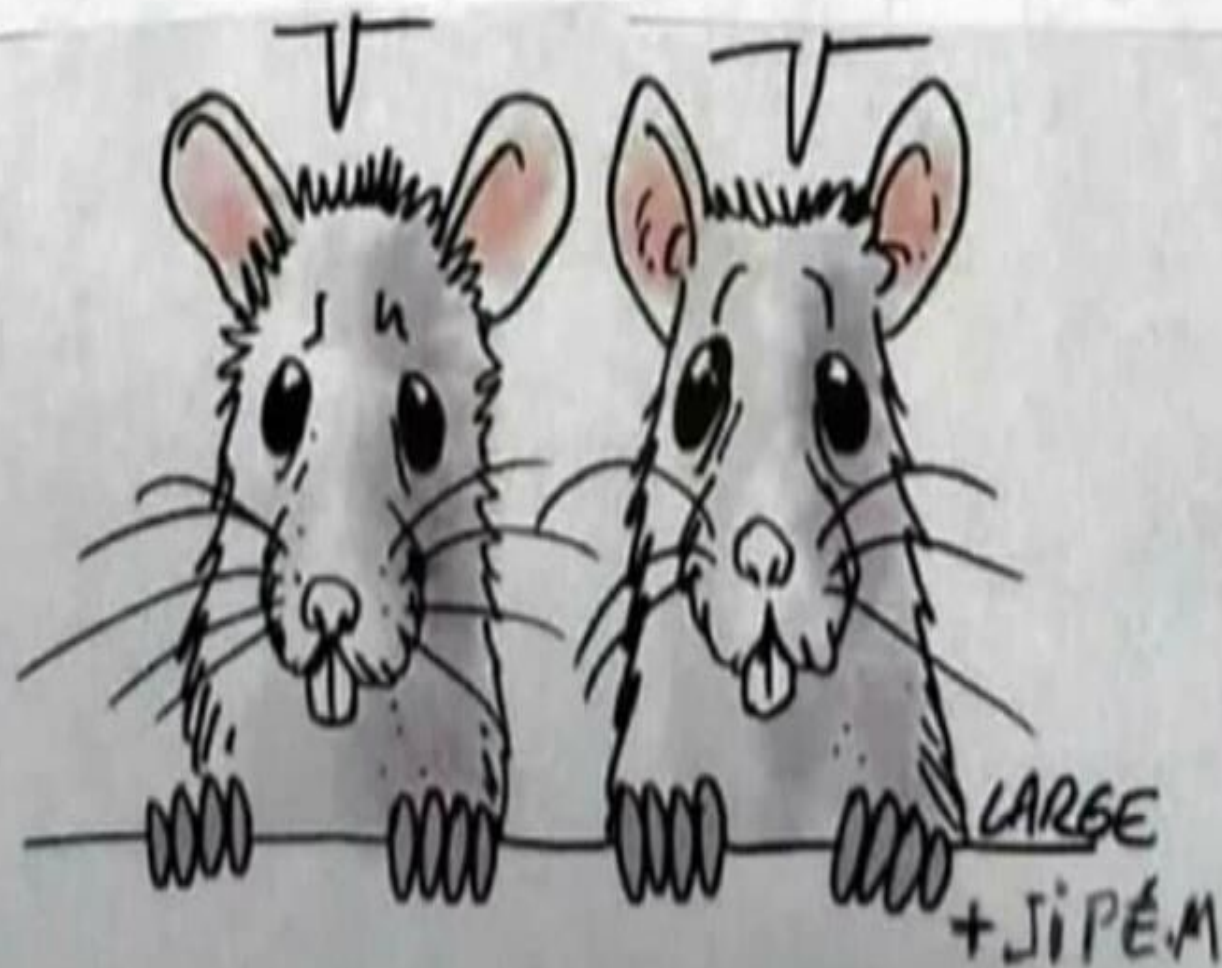
- **Traveling, staying healthy, both physically and mentally**
- **Making my wife happy and helping my children and grandchildren**
- **Reading, painting, and traveling before old age closes all of those windows.**
- **20 years!!! You're kidding. Given my health I don't think past the coming year**
- **Just enjoying each day, and praying to keep my health**
- **Writing, playing music, dancing, traveling and gardening**
- **I want lots of family time, and I hope to find new focus on some community efforts in which I can be helpful as a volunteer**
- **Grandchildren**
- **No idea**

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COVID - Pandemic - Its Impact

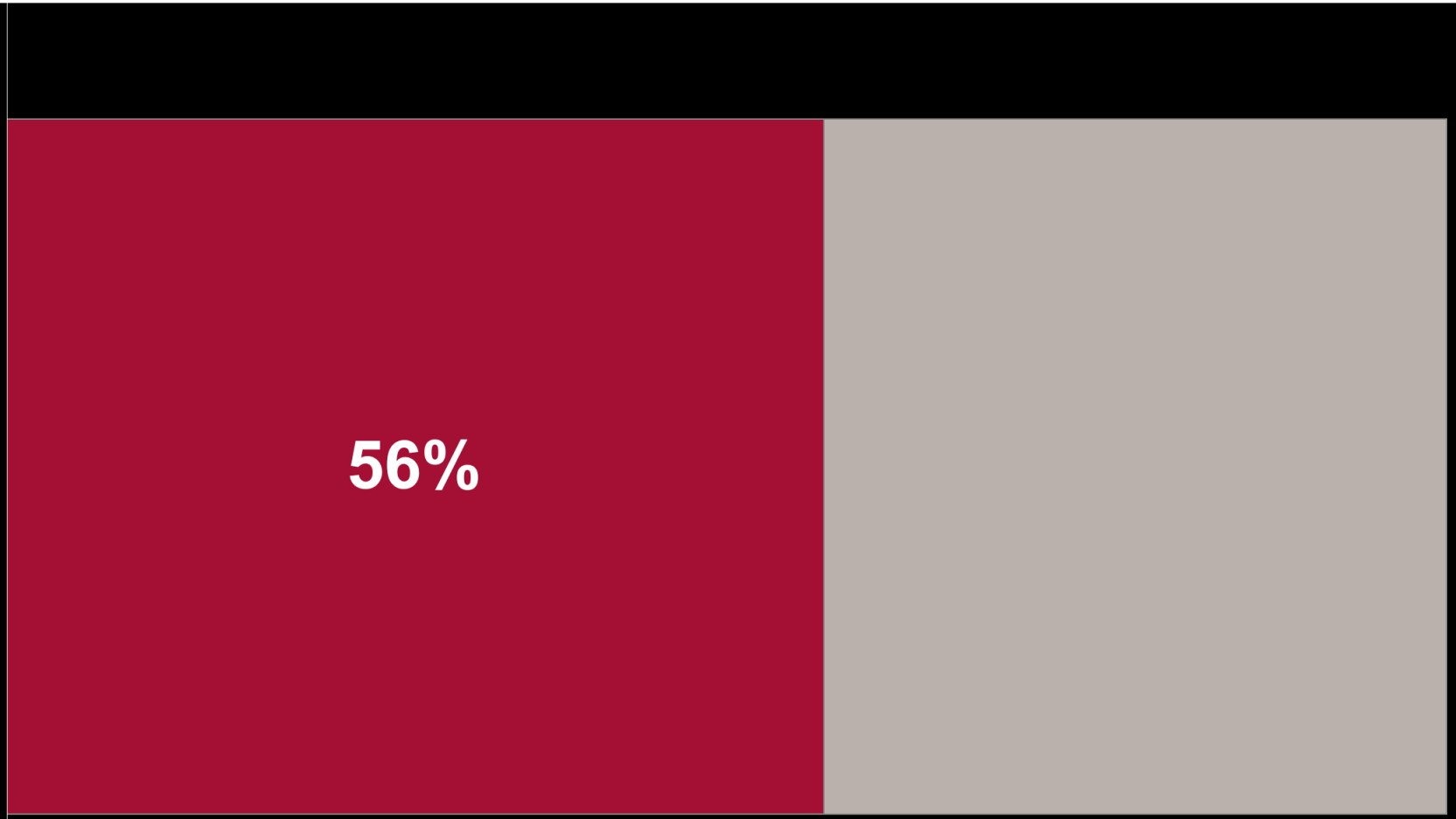
Are you going
to get vaccinated?

You're crazy!,
they haven't finished
human trials!



10 COVID - Pandemic - Its Impact

Did you contract COVID



0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Percent

10.11

Zoom

- **Connecting with family and friends and colleagues**
- **For at least 10 hours on most days as I took zoom acting classes**
- **For book club meetings and other social get-togethers.**
- **Professionally and to maintain contact with friends/family. It enabled me to participate in many meetings/conferences I usually would have attended in person. Kept me in the game.**
- **See patients**
- **Family chats**
- **Business/Personal/Faith Connection**
- **No idea**

Halloween Zoom Call



10.12

New Normal

- **Aging population, more political and cultural division, less sense of everyone being part of the same community**
- **More flexibility about work, young people postponing life decisions**
- **More awareness about priorities**
- **You can stay home more**
- **Smaller circle of friends, less extraneous stuff**
- **72 is the new 50**
- **No idea**

I KNEW
IT WAS TOO
GOOD TO BE
TRUE.



Thank You

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or

ClassACT HR73 website

<https://classacthr73.org/>

Conclusion

As our kids' favorite short story goes:

“Once upon a time...the end”

Thank you!

See you at the next '73 reunion

Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1973

50th Reunion

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Class Survey

Results to be presented

on Wednesday, May 31, 2023

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Sanders Theatre

