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## The Freshman Survey

### 2010

First-time Full-time Freshmen who entered College in 2010

# University of California-San Diego

## N=3,114



# The Freshman Survey

- **The CIRP Freshman Survey provides institutions with information on the characteristics, values, and expectations of your incoming first-year students. Providing insight on how your incoming class changes over time and compares to your peers, the survey is most valuable as the start of a longitudinal assessment program that continues with the Your First College Year Survey, the Diverse Learning Environments Survey, and the College Senior Survey.**
- **This presentation is designed to provide a visual executive summary of the results.**



# Presentation Summary

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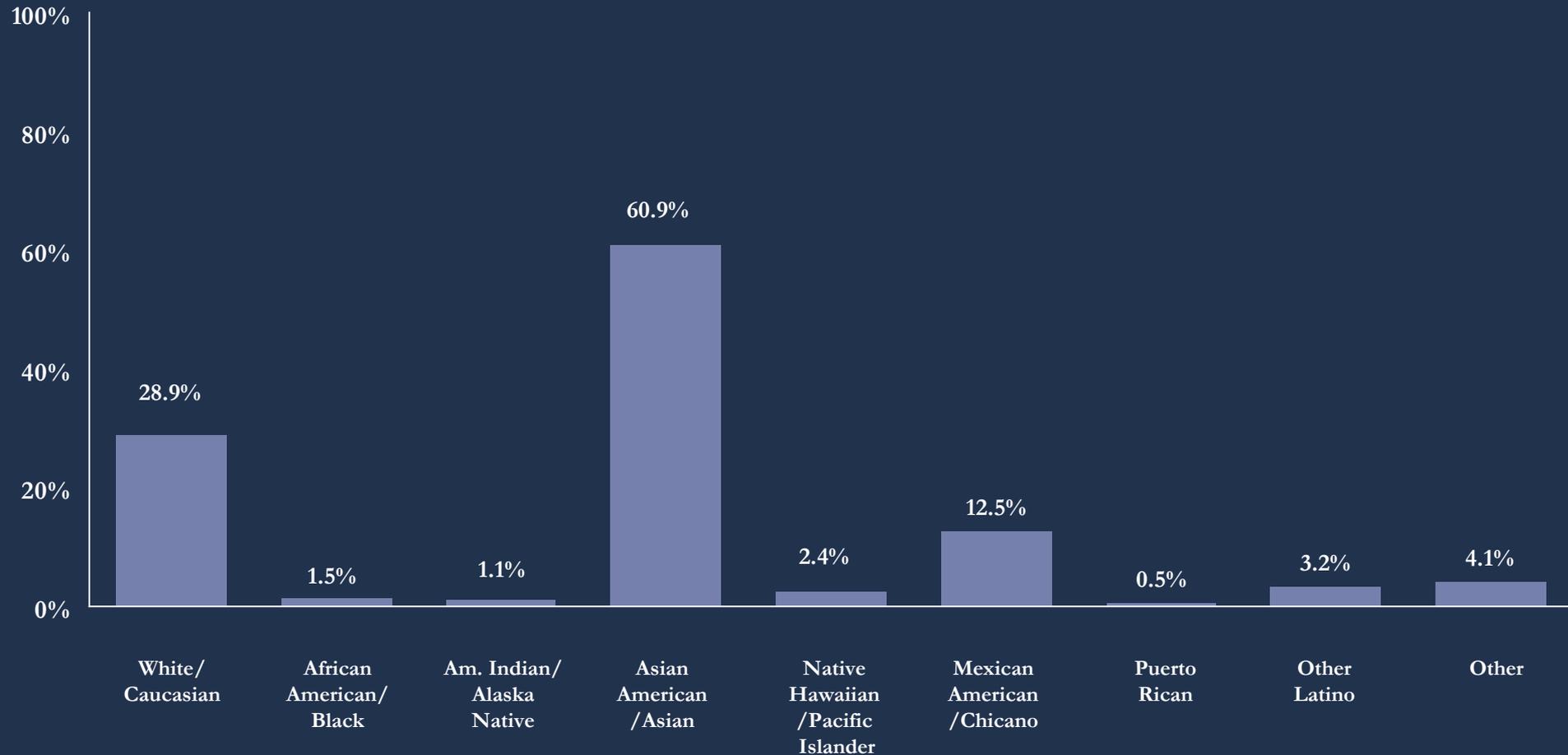
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# Demographics



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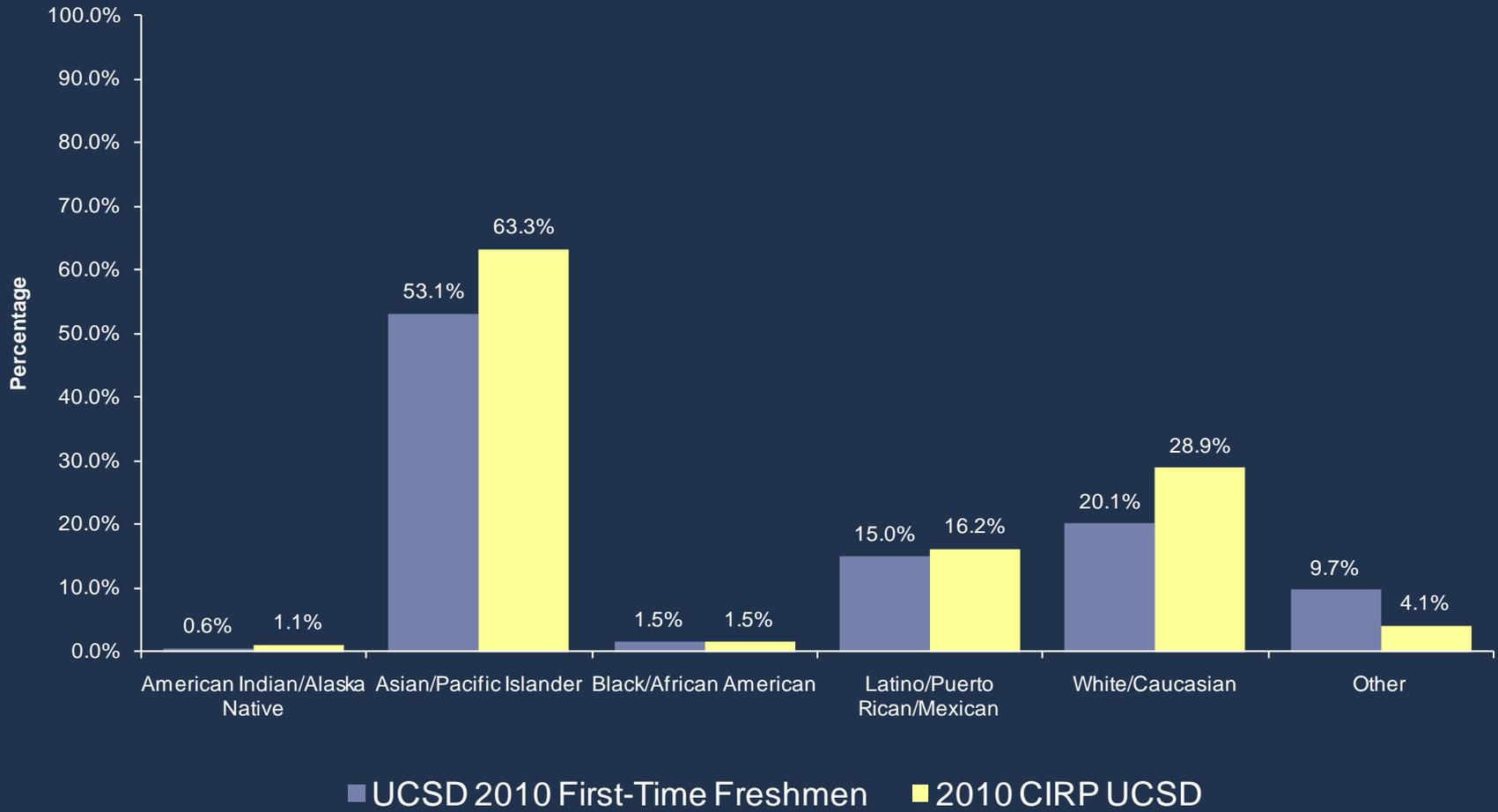




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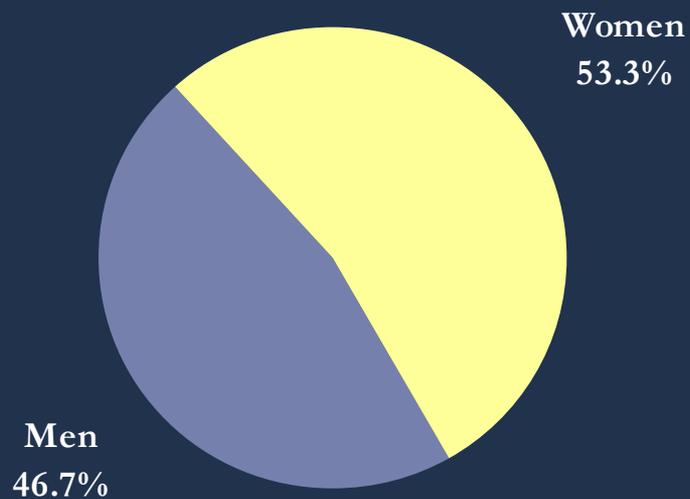
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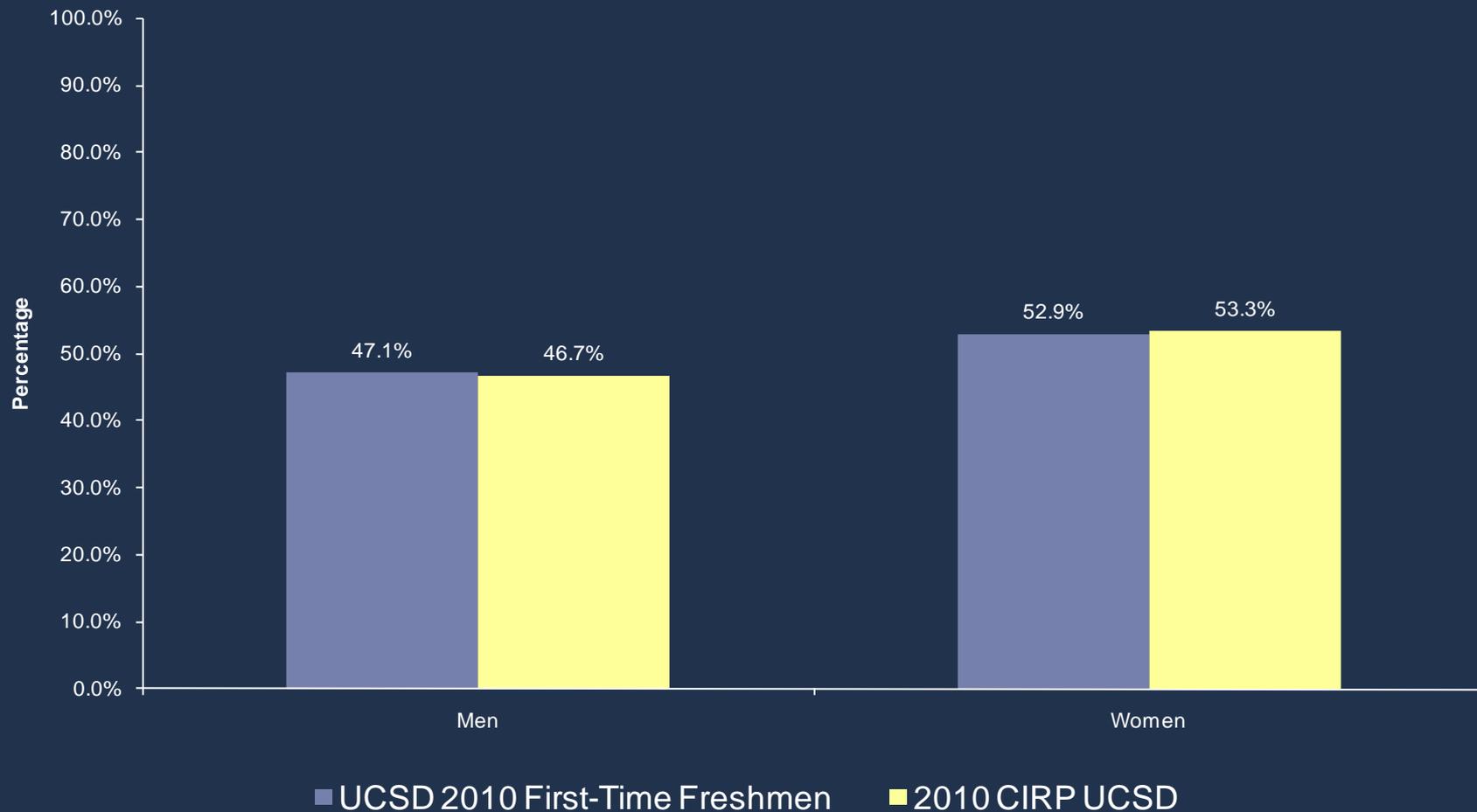
## Sex





# Demographics

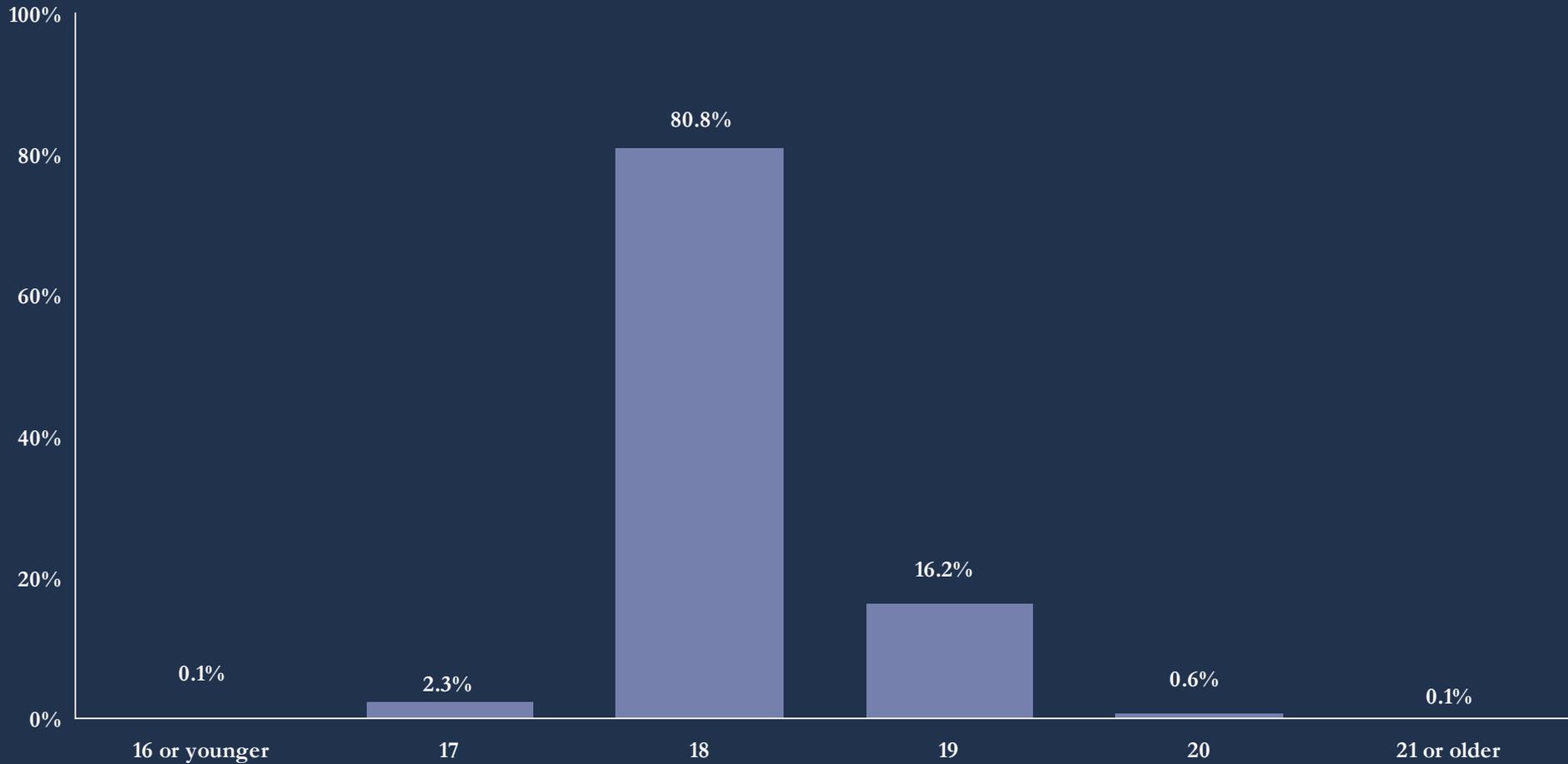
## Gender





# Demographics

## Age

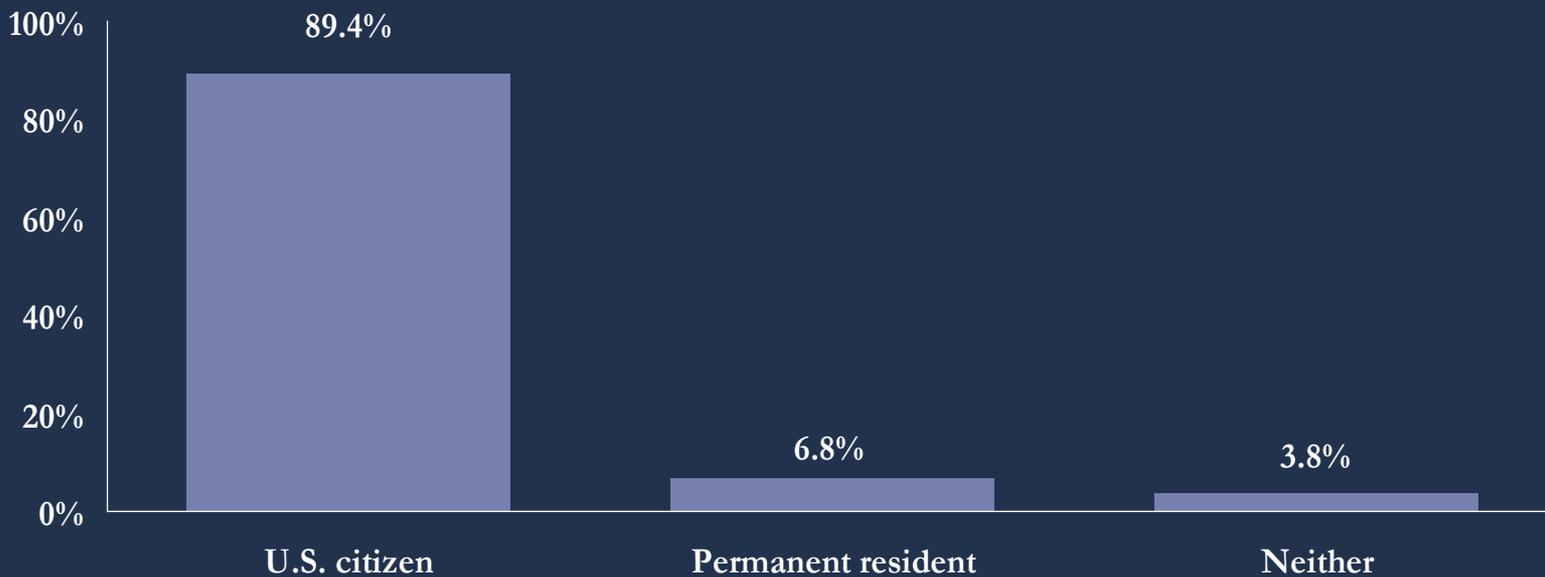




# Demographics

	Yes
First-generation in college	26.9%
Veteran	0.2%
Native English speaker	65.0%

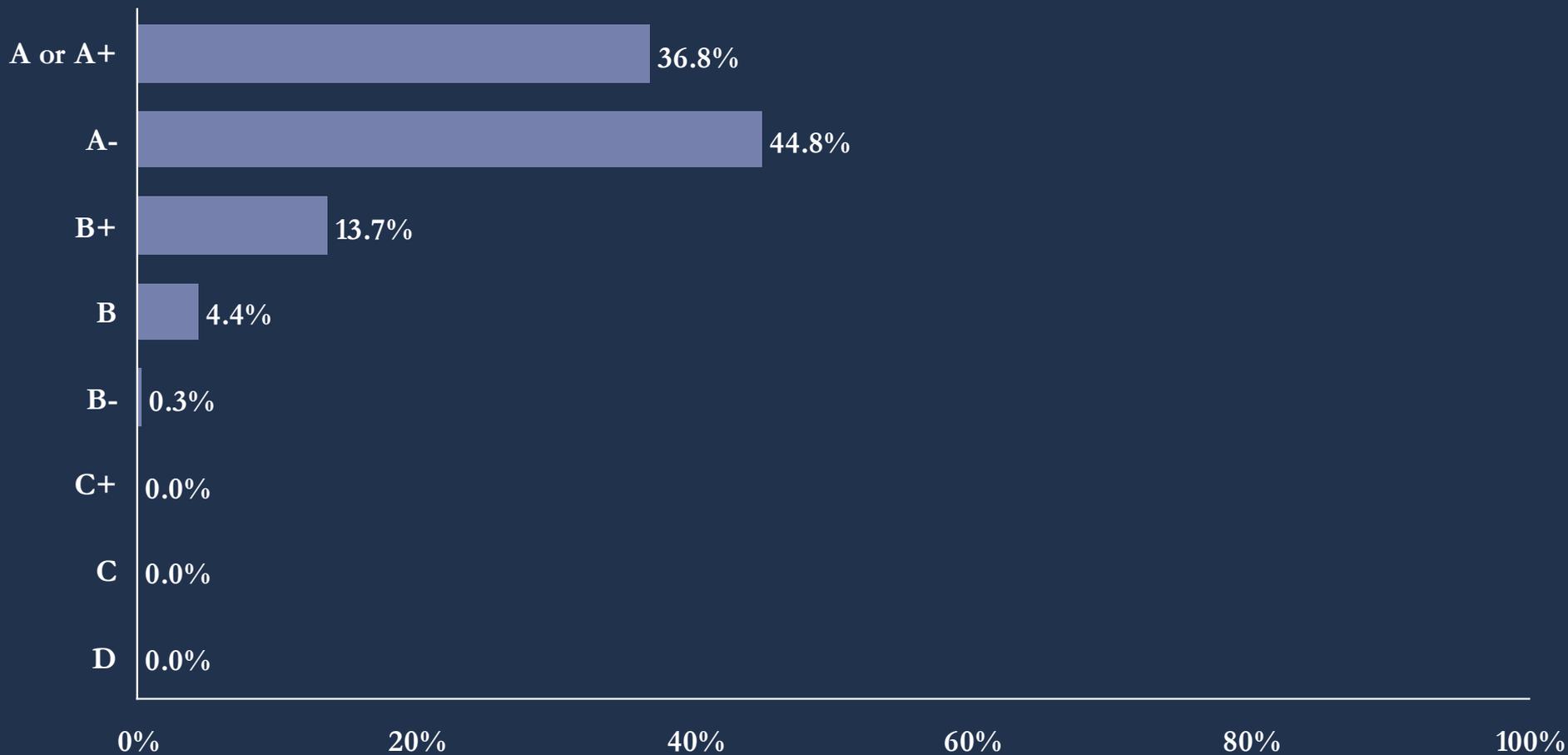
## Citizenship Status





# Demographics

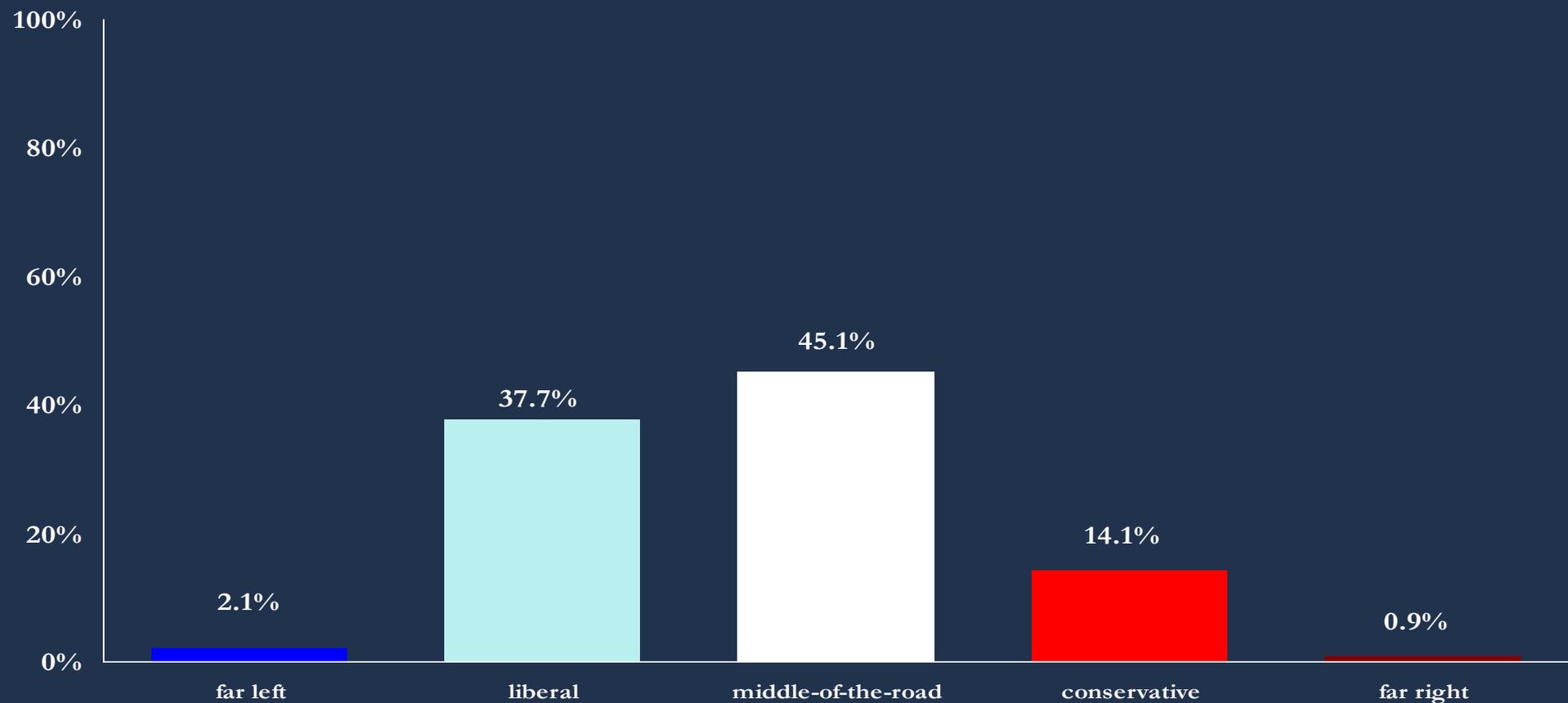
## Average Grade in High School





# Demographics

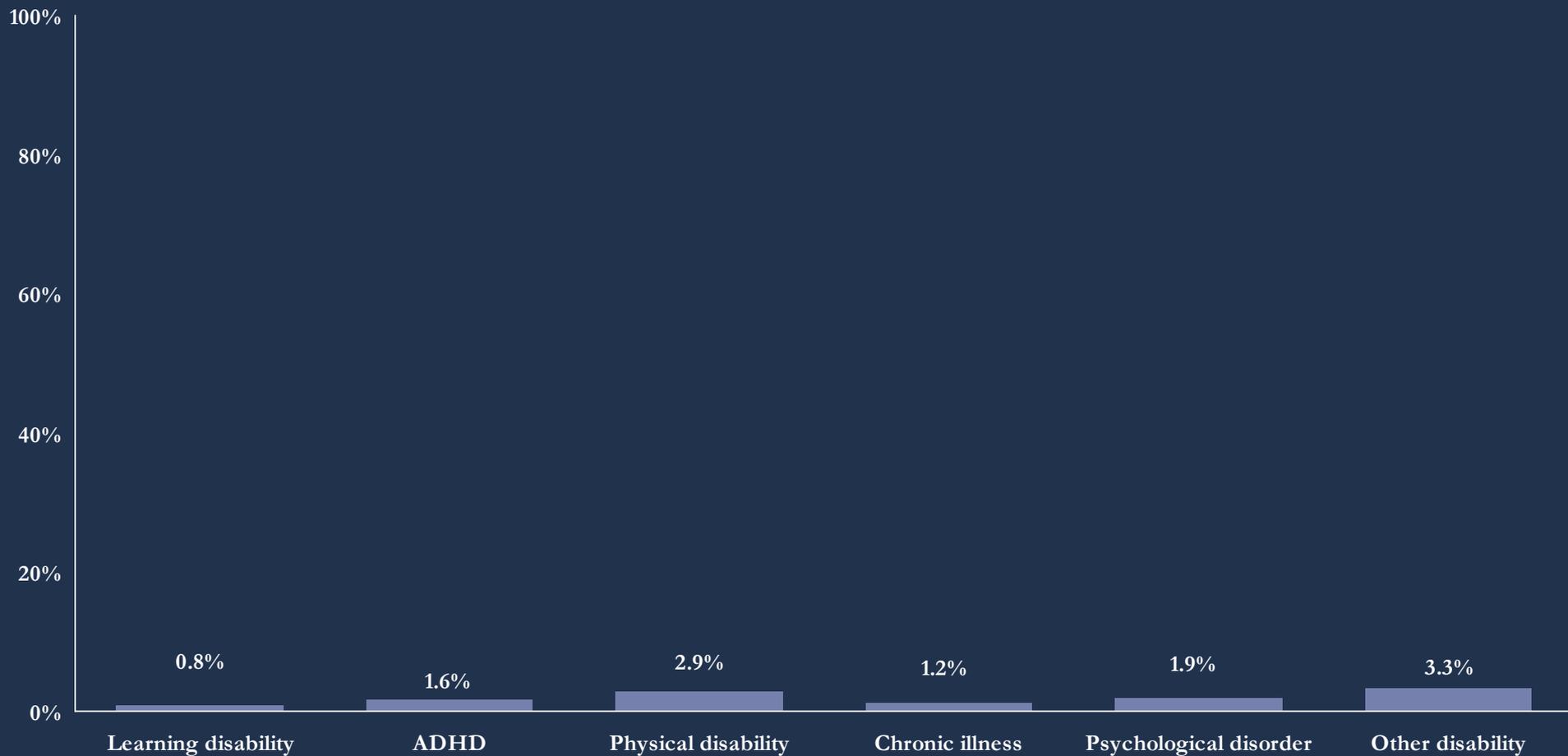
How would you characterize your political views?





# Demographics

## Disabilities





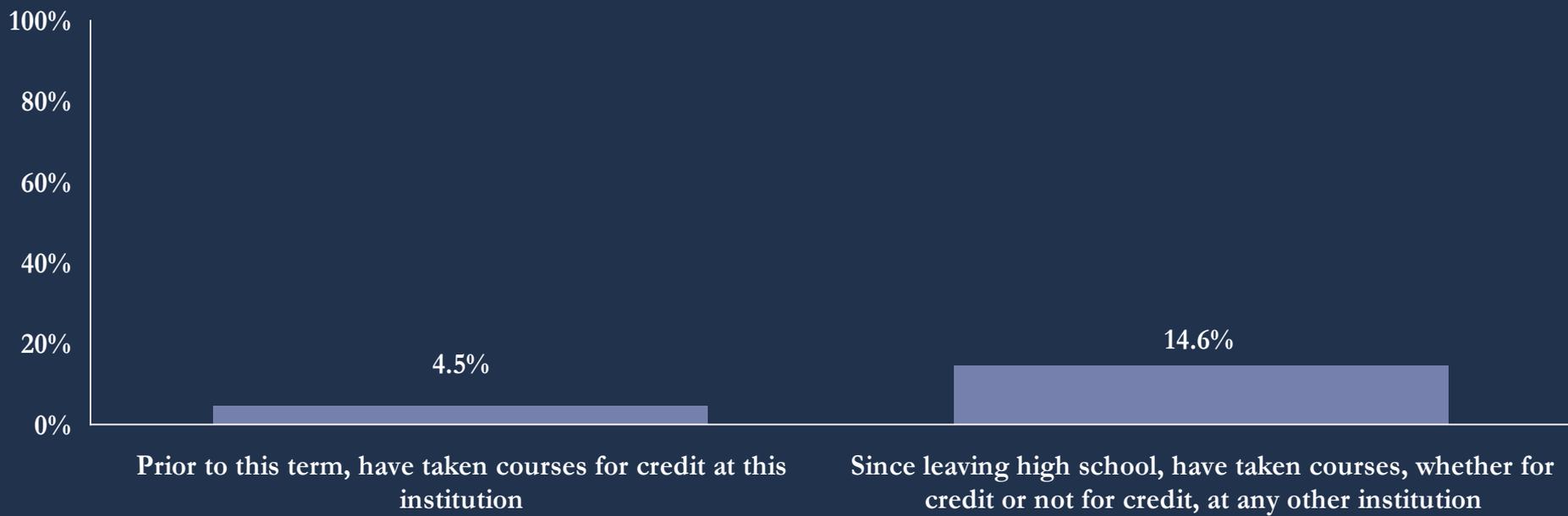
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# Academic



# Academic Preparation

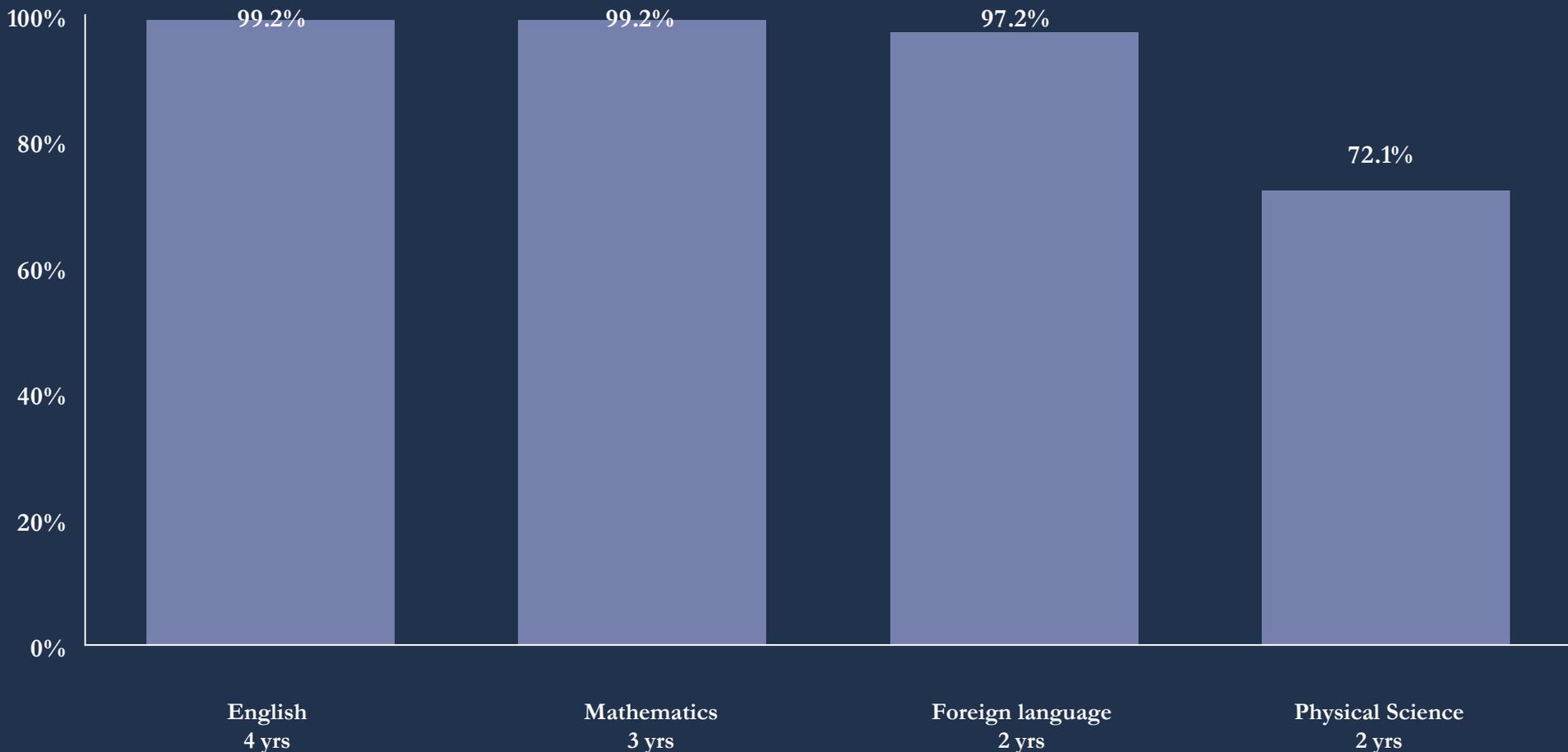
	Mean	Median
SAT Verbal	630	640
Sat Math	683	690
SAT Writing	647	660
ACT Composite	28	29





# Academic Preparation

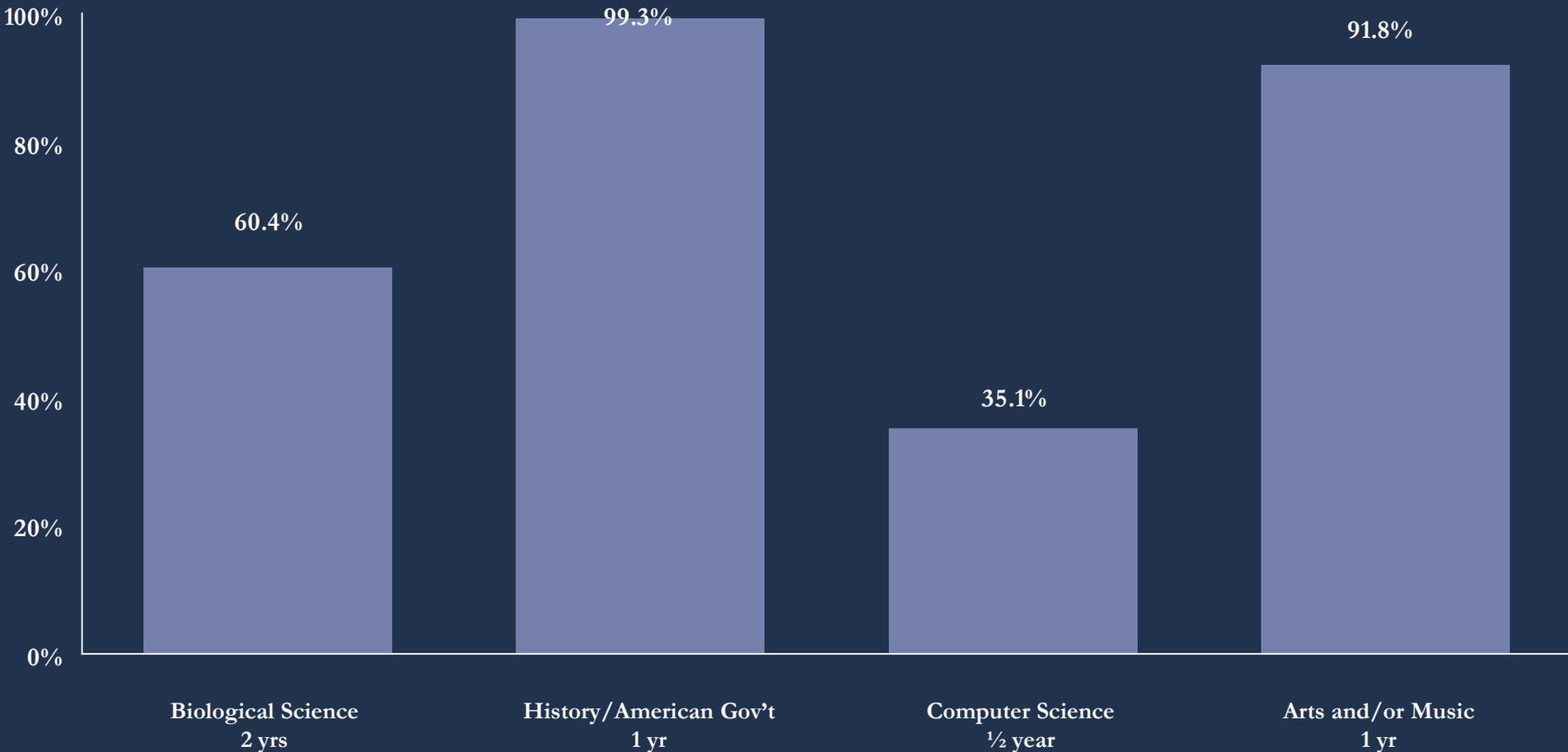
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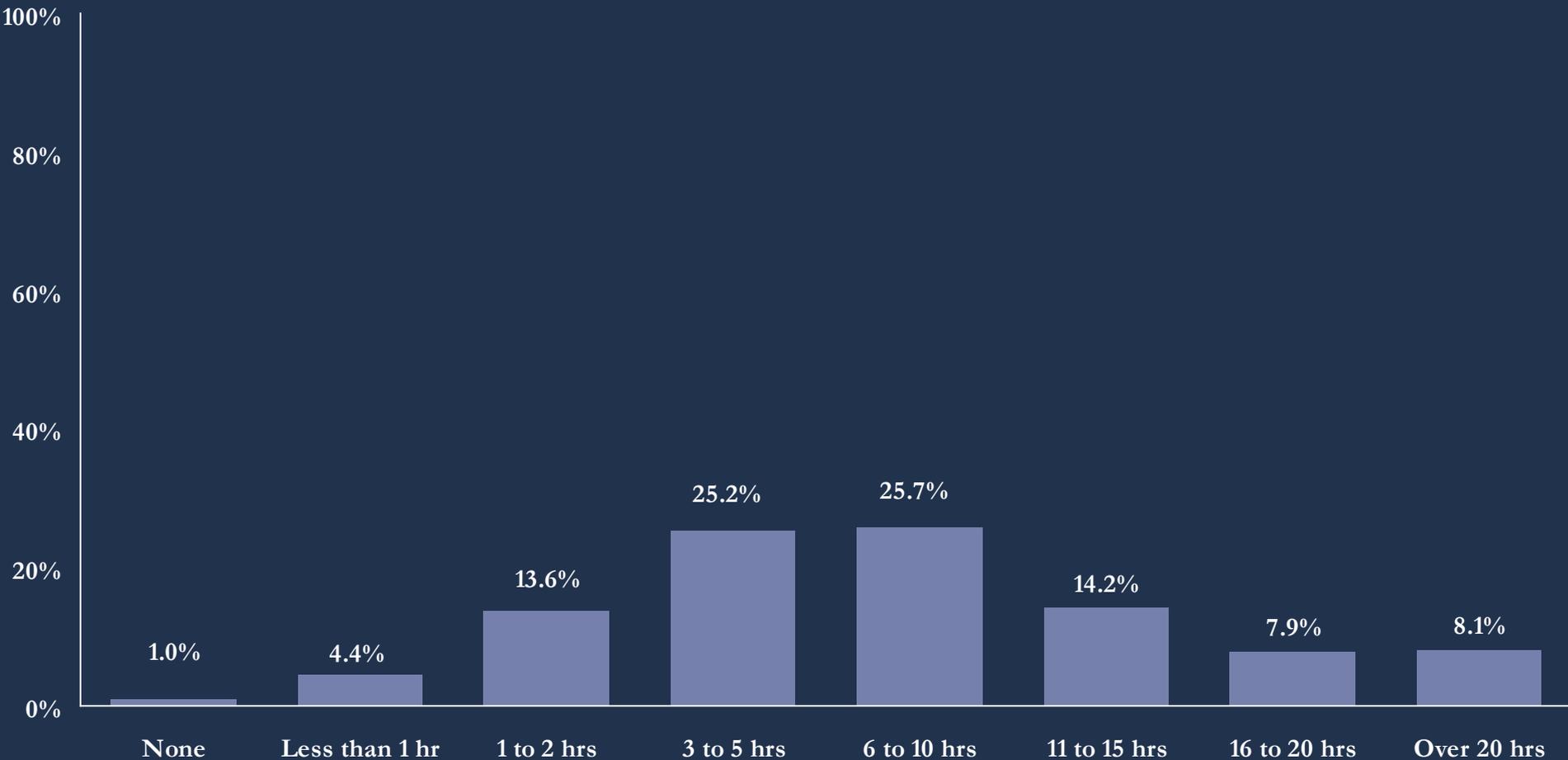
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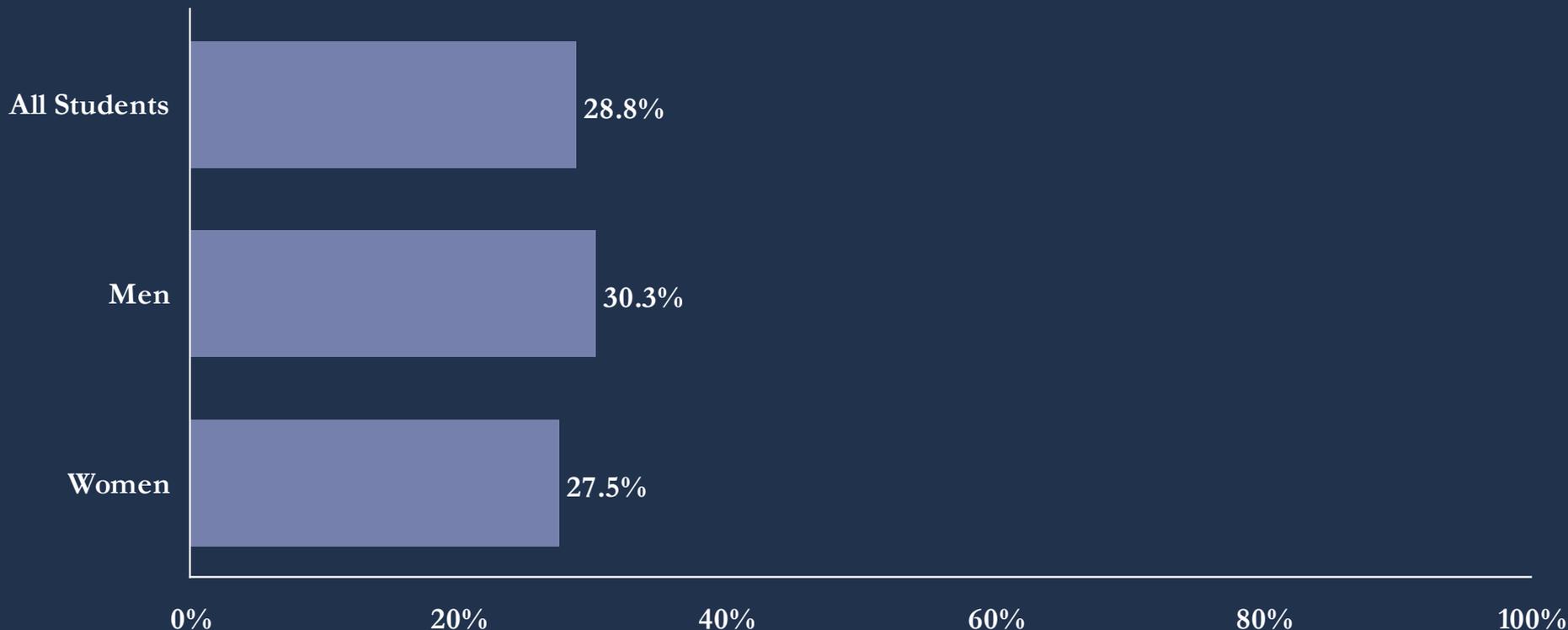




# Habits of Mind

*Habits of Mind* is a unified measure of the behaviors and traits associated with academic success. These learning behaviors are seen as the foundation for lifelong learning.

## High Habits of Mind



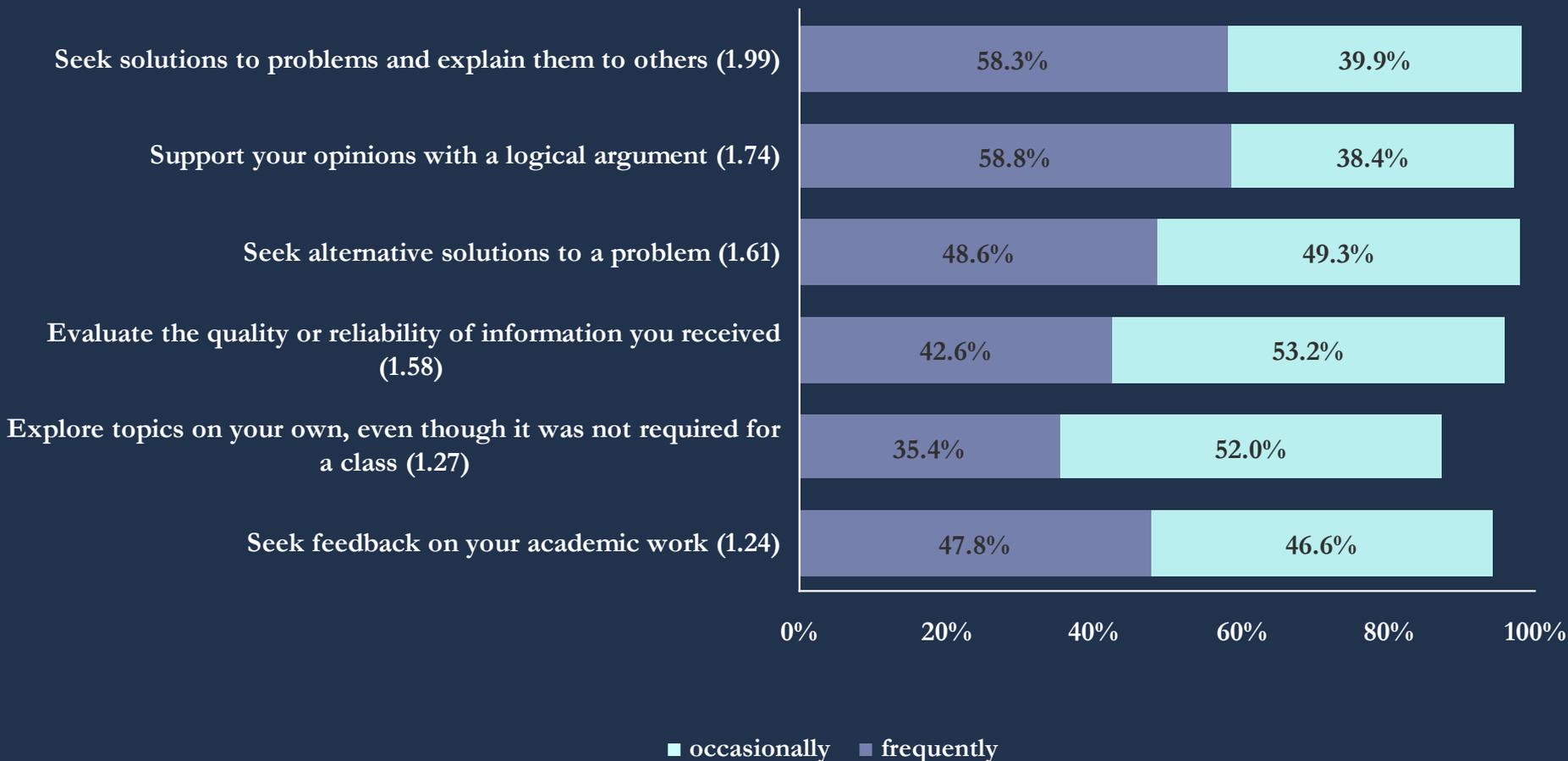
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## CIRP Construct Survey Items

# Habits of Mind

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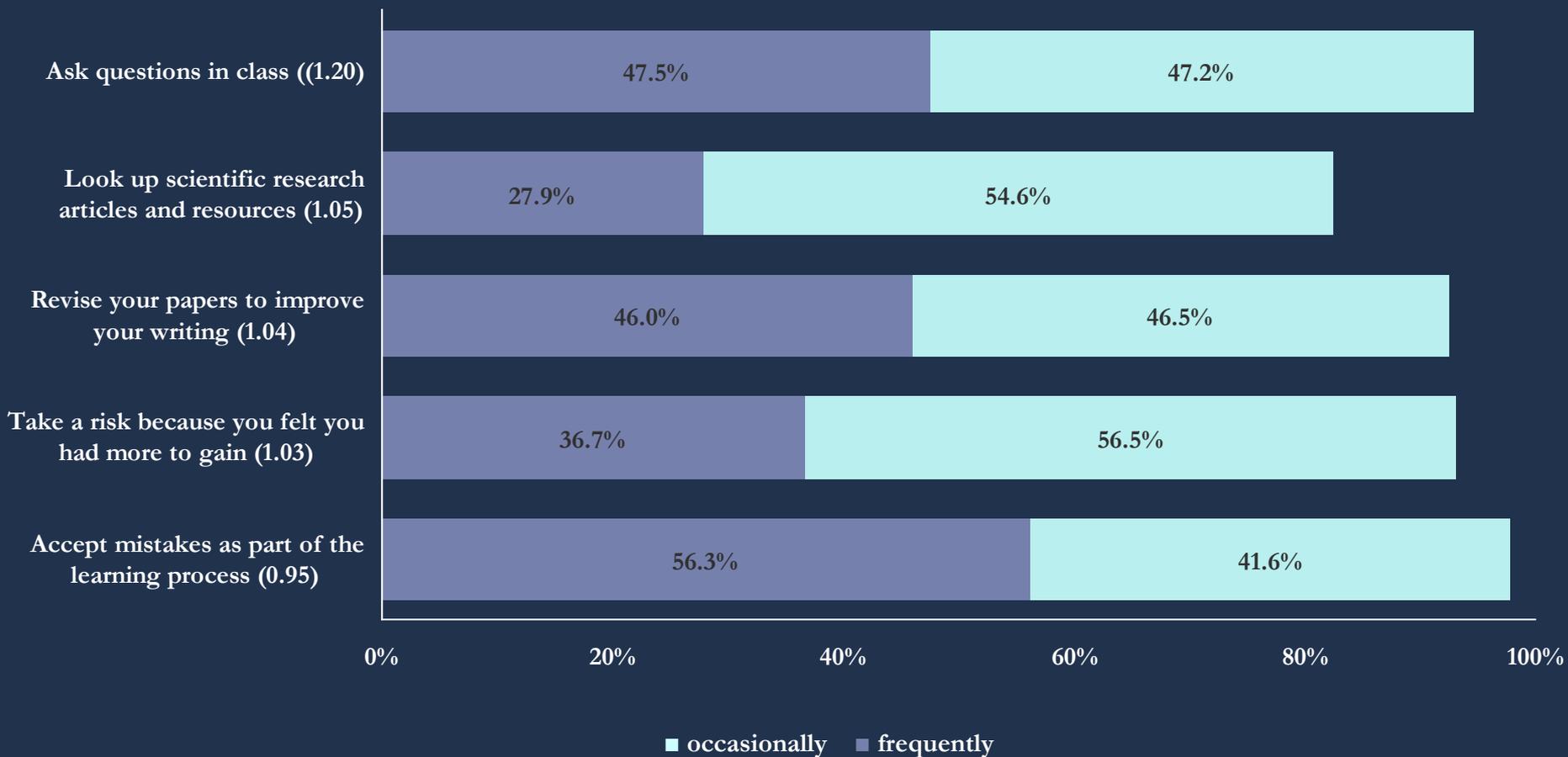




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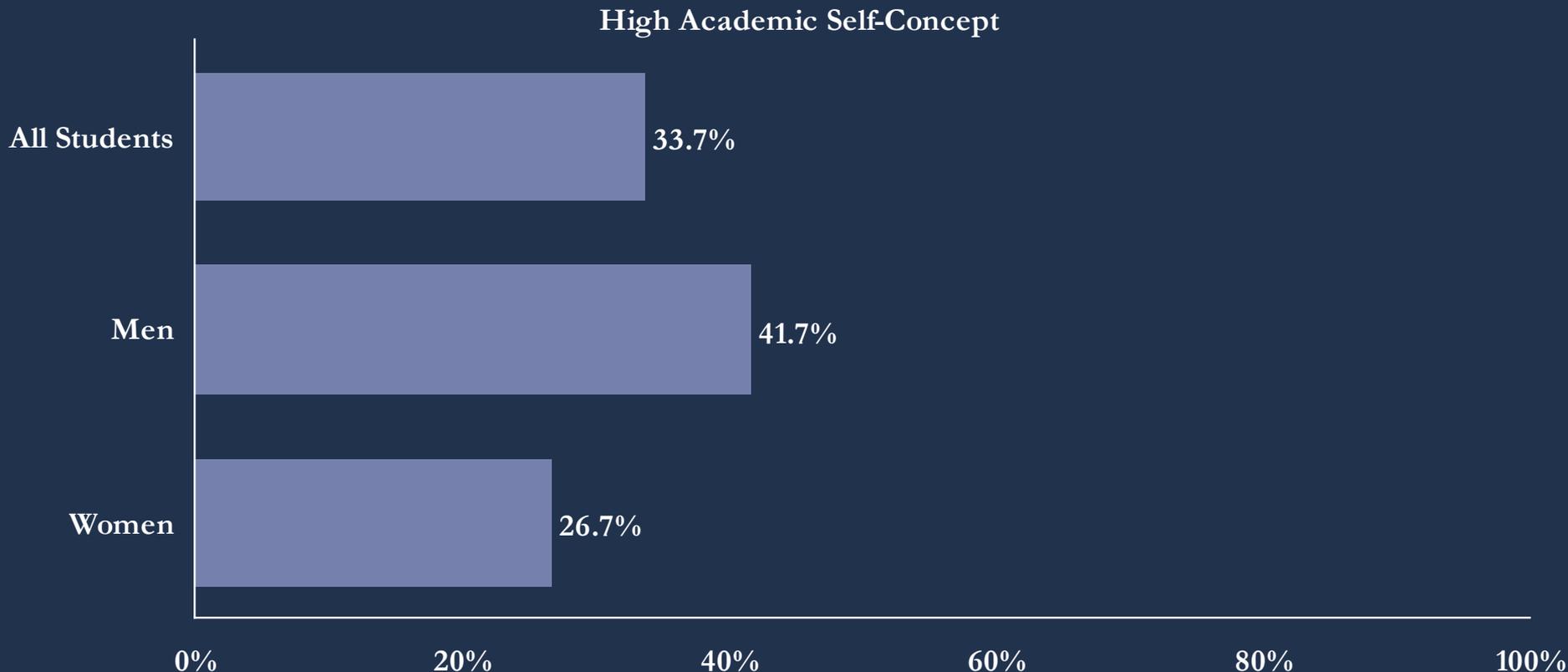
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# Academic Self-Concept

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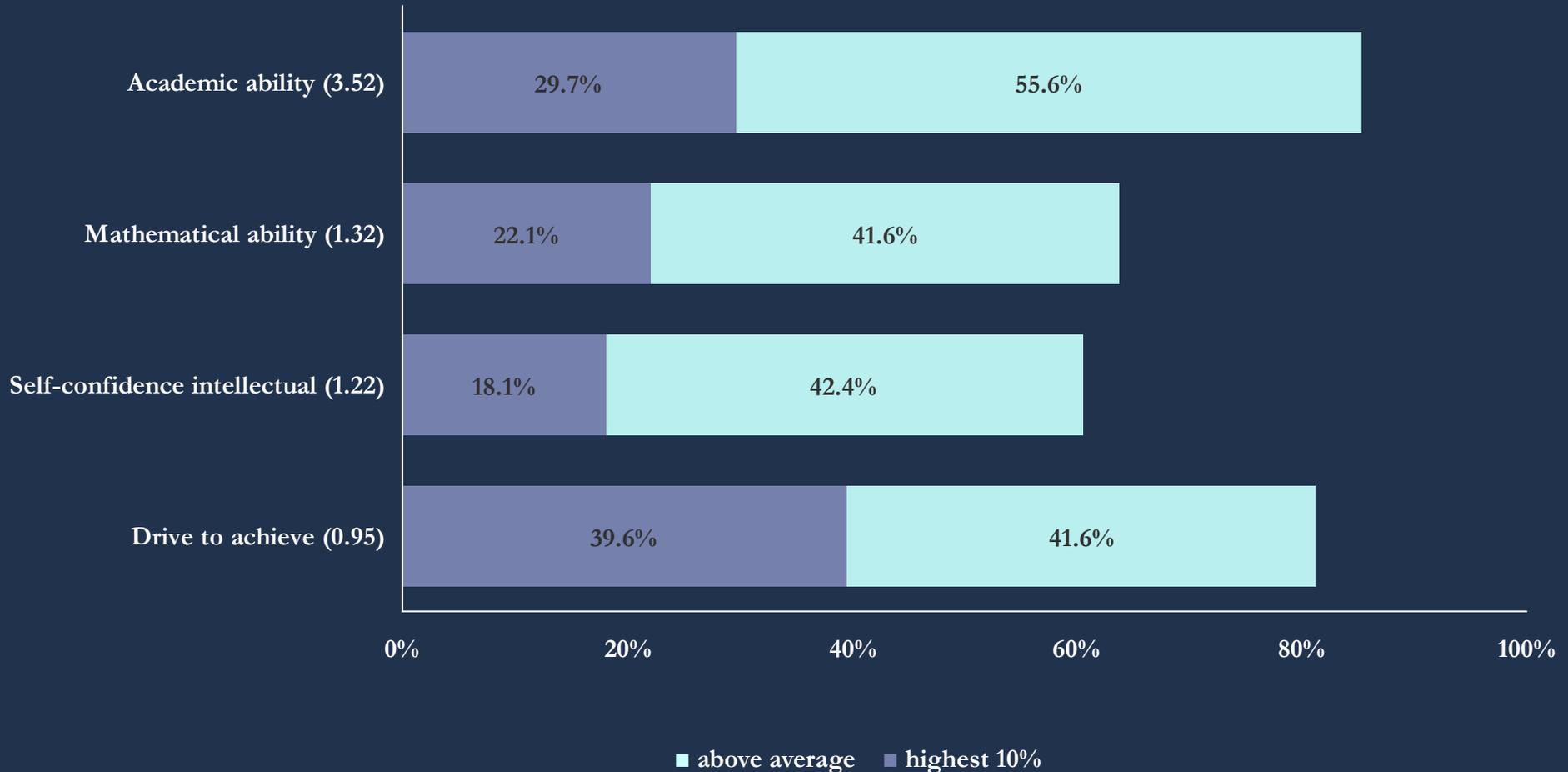
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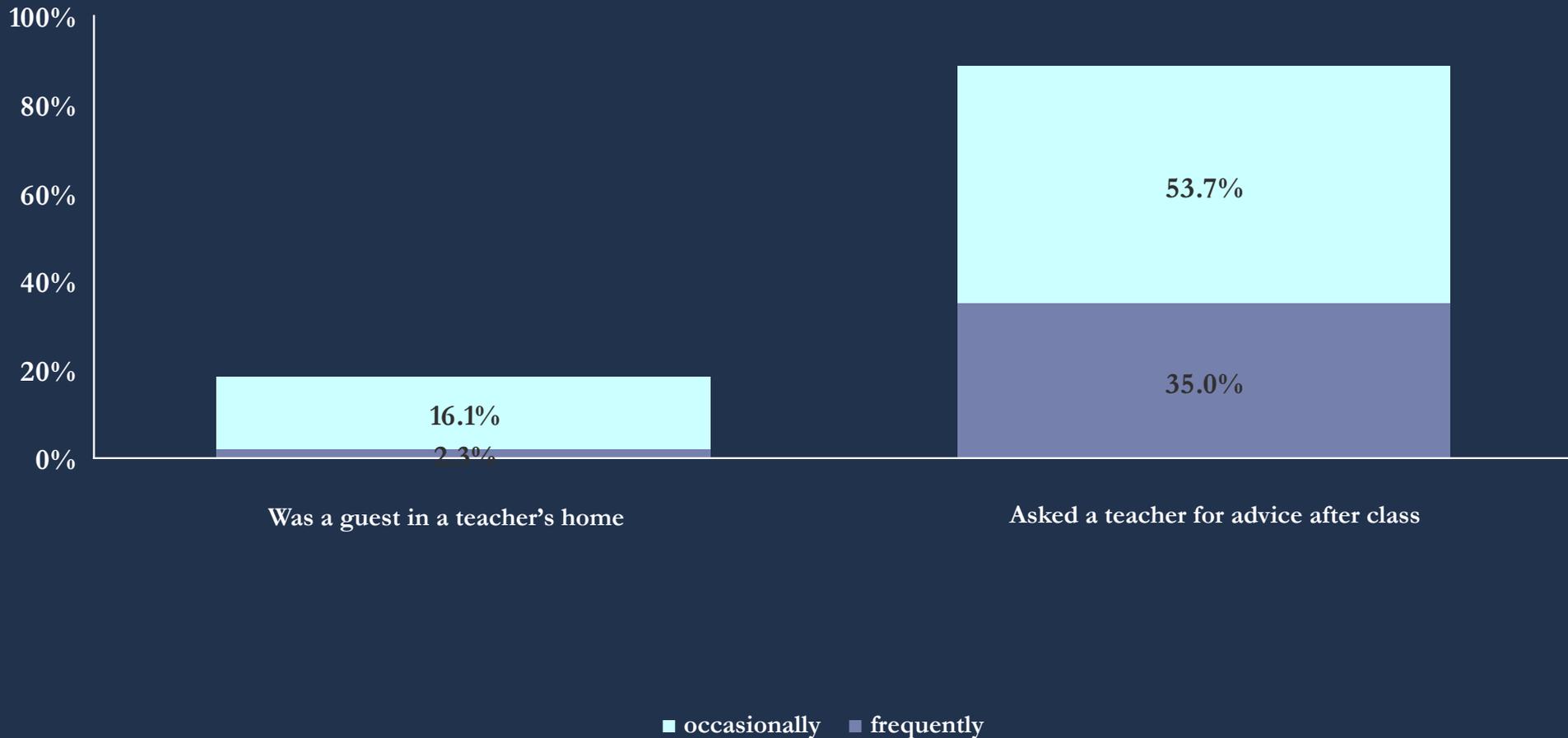
Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age:





# Interaction with Teachers

Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior

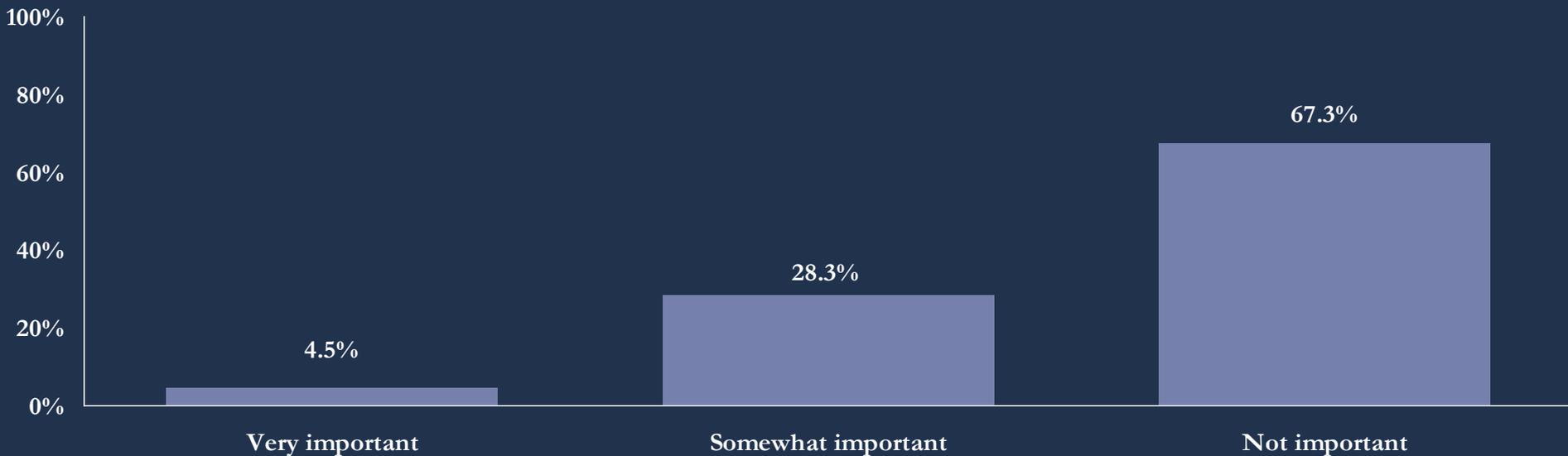




# Interaction with Teachers

Hours spent during typical week while in high school	None	< 1 hr	1-2 hrs	3-5 hrs	6-10 hrs	11+ hrs
Talking with teachers outside of class	8.4%	42.3%	32.8%	12.3%	2.6%	1.7%

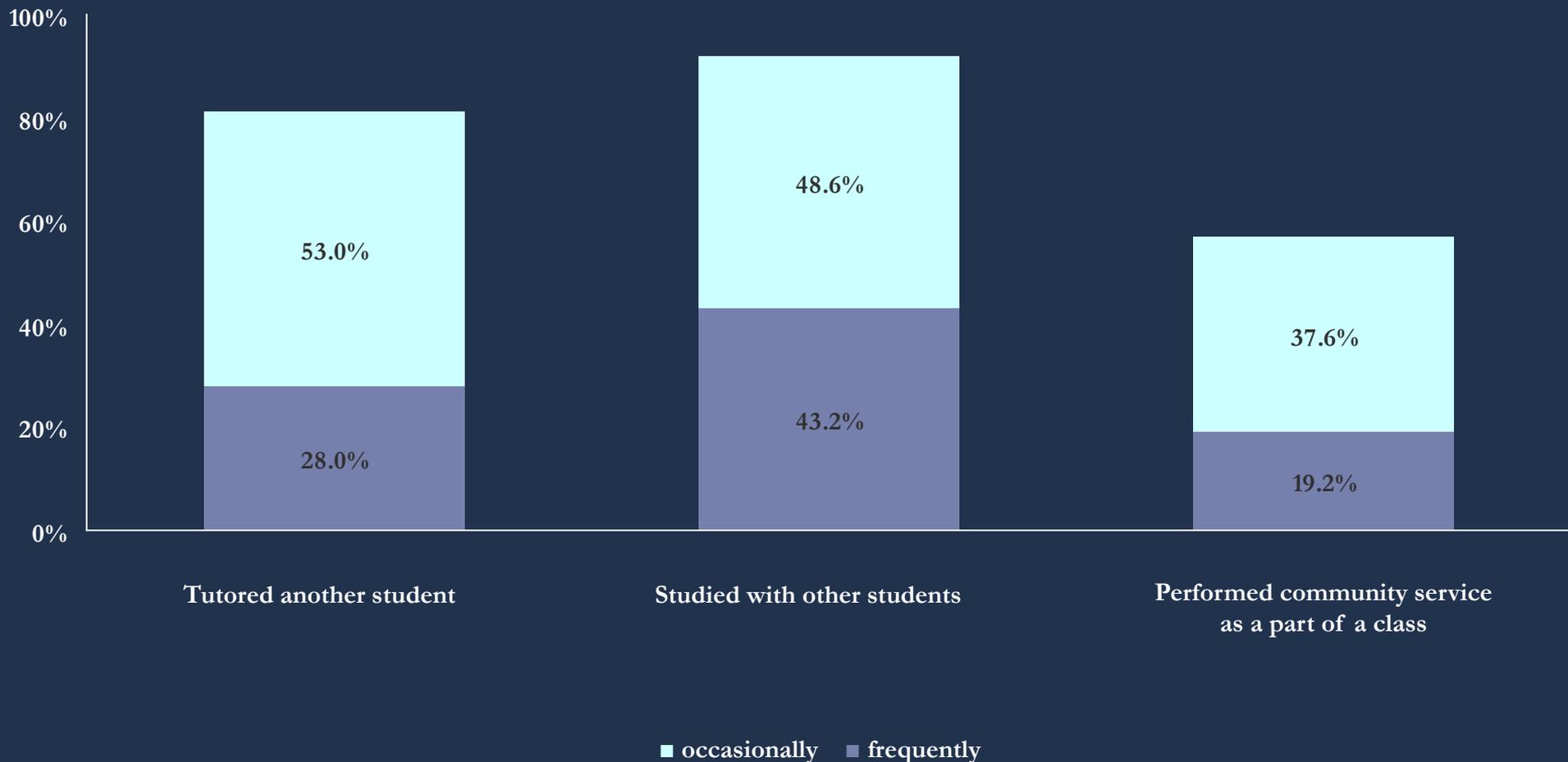
Reason attend this college: My teacher advised me





# Active and Collaborative Learning

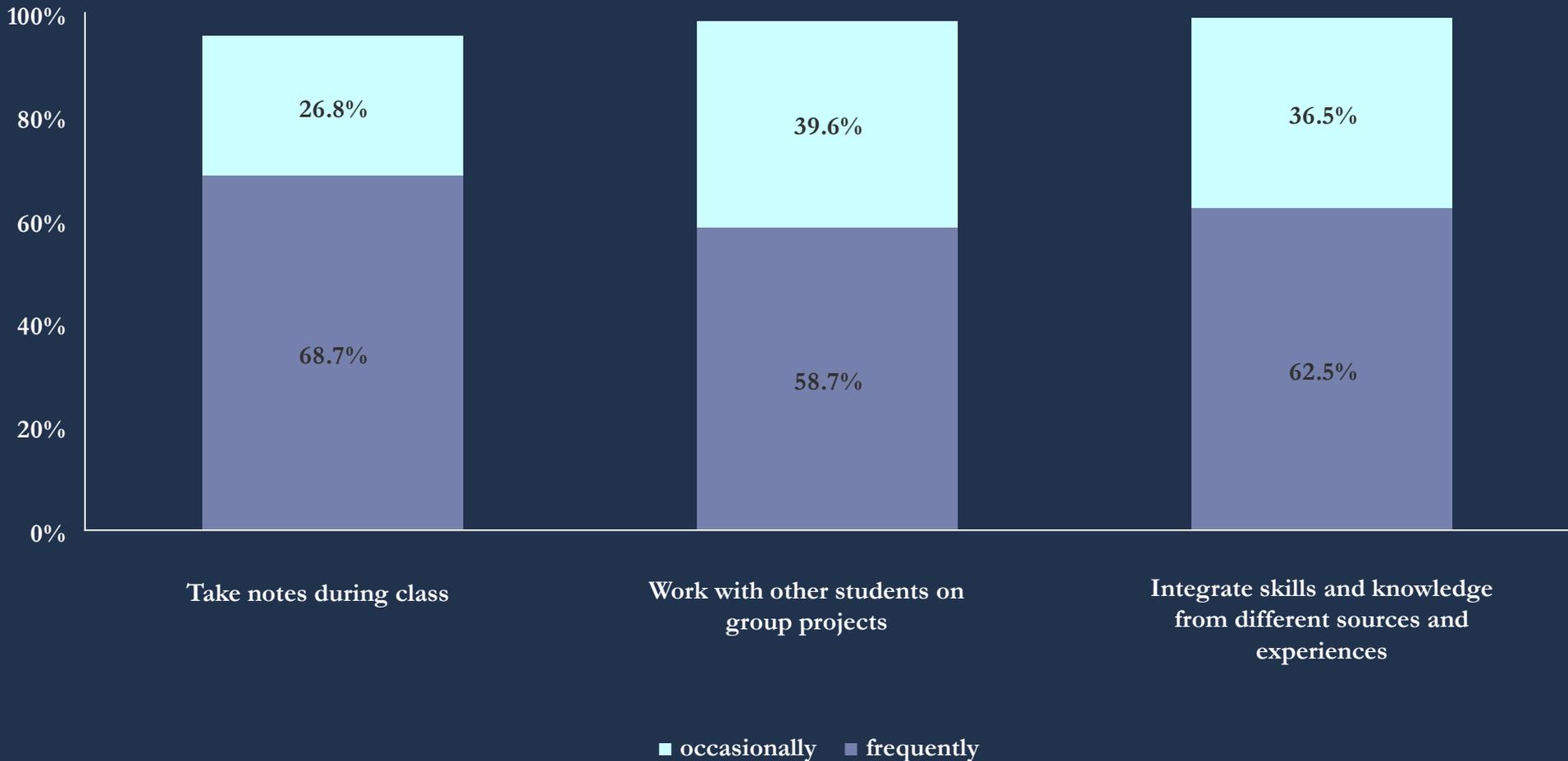
Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior





# Active and Collaborative Learning

How often in the past year did you...





# Active and Collaborative Learning

What is your best guess as to the chances that you will...



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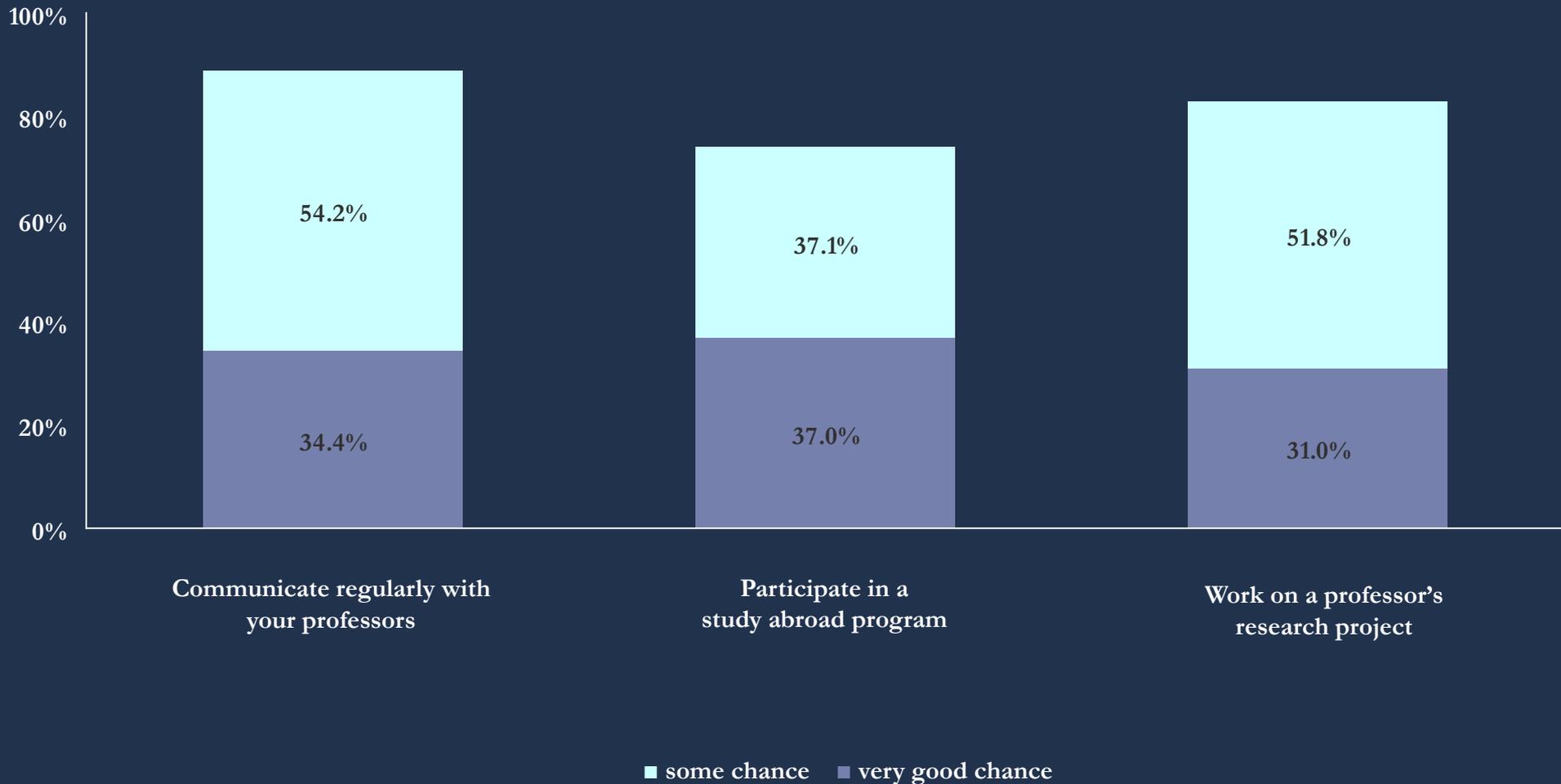
Rate yourself as compared to the average person your age:





# Academic Enhancement Experiences

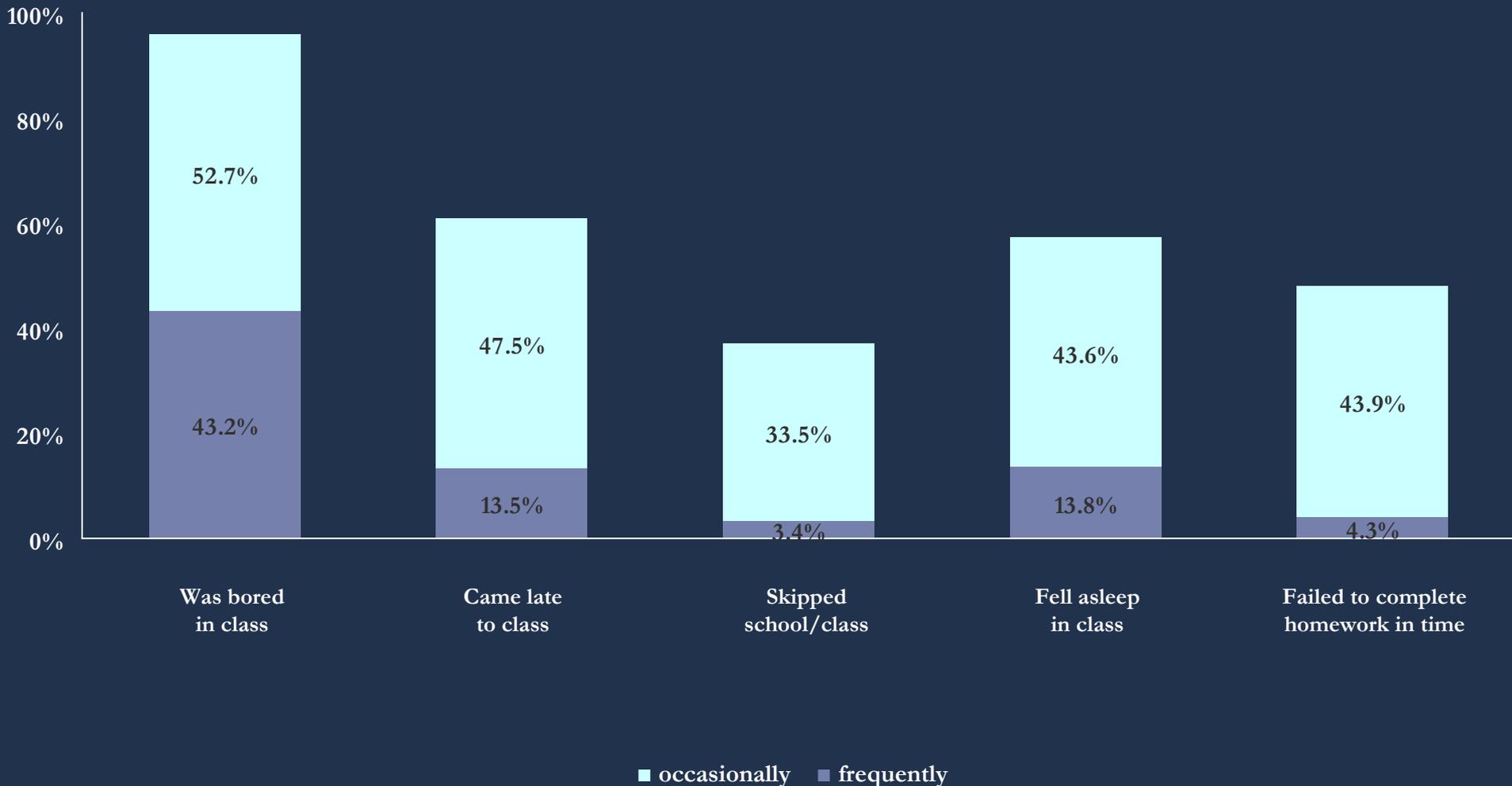
What is your best guess that you will...





# Academic Disengagement

Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior





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# Civic Engagement

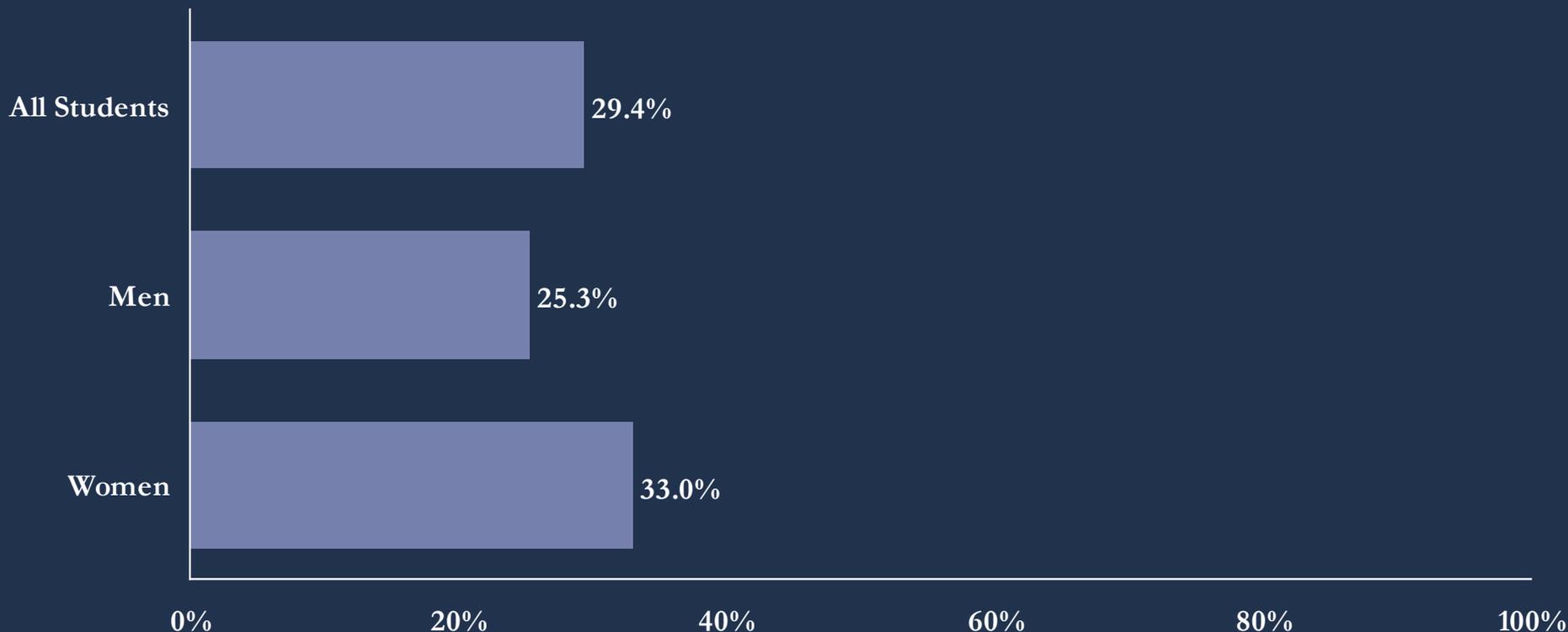


## CIRP Construct

# Social Agency

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### High Social Agency



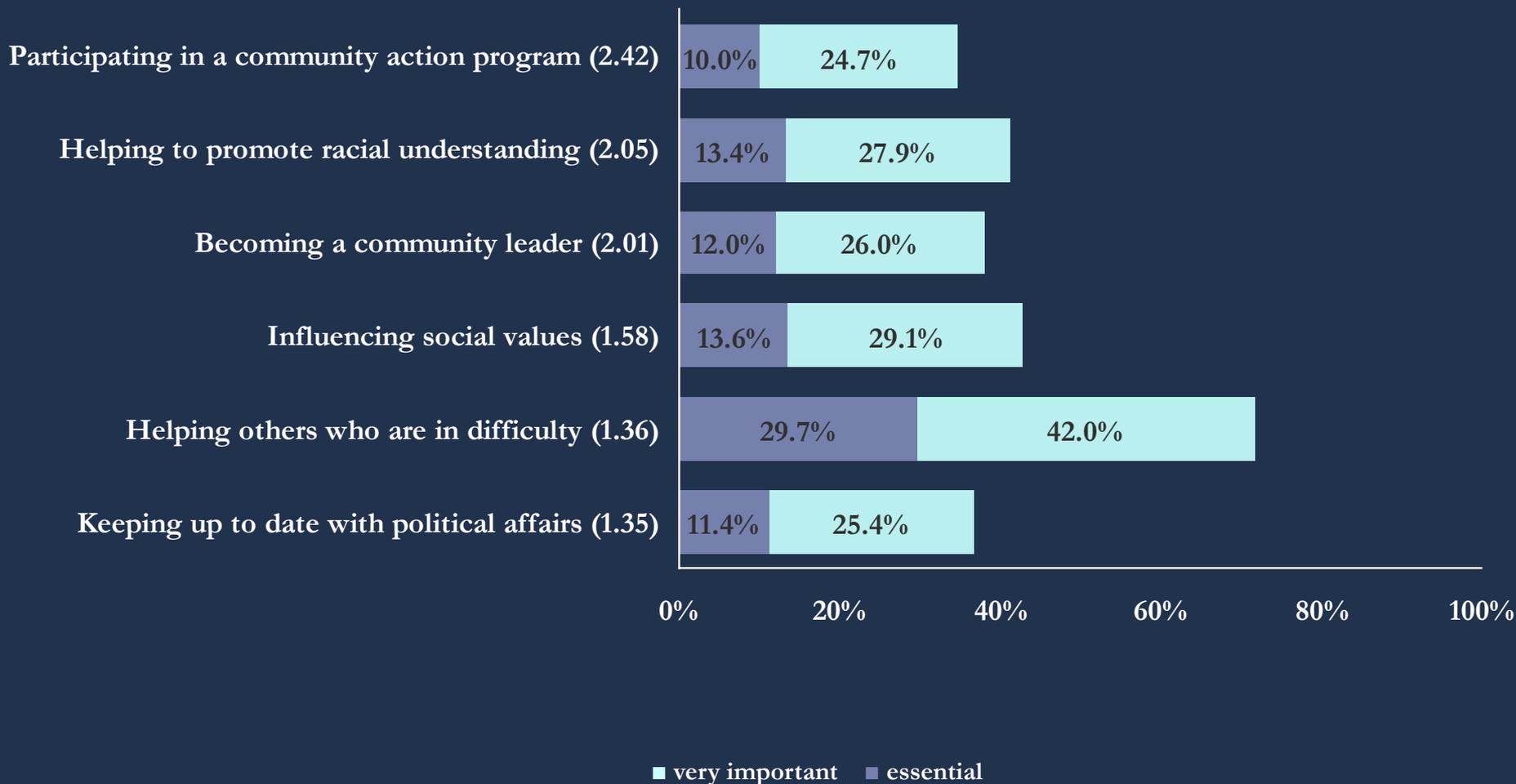
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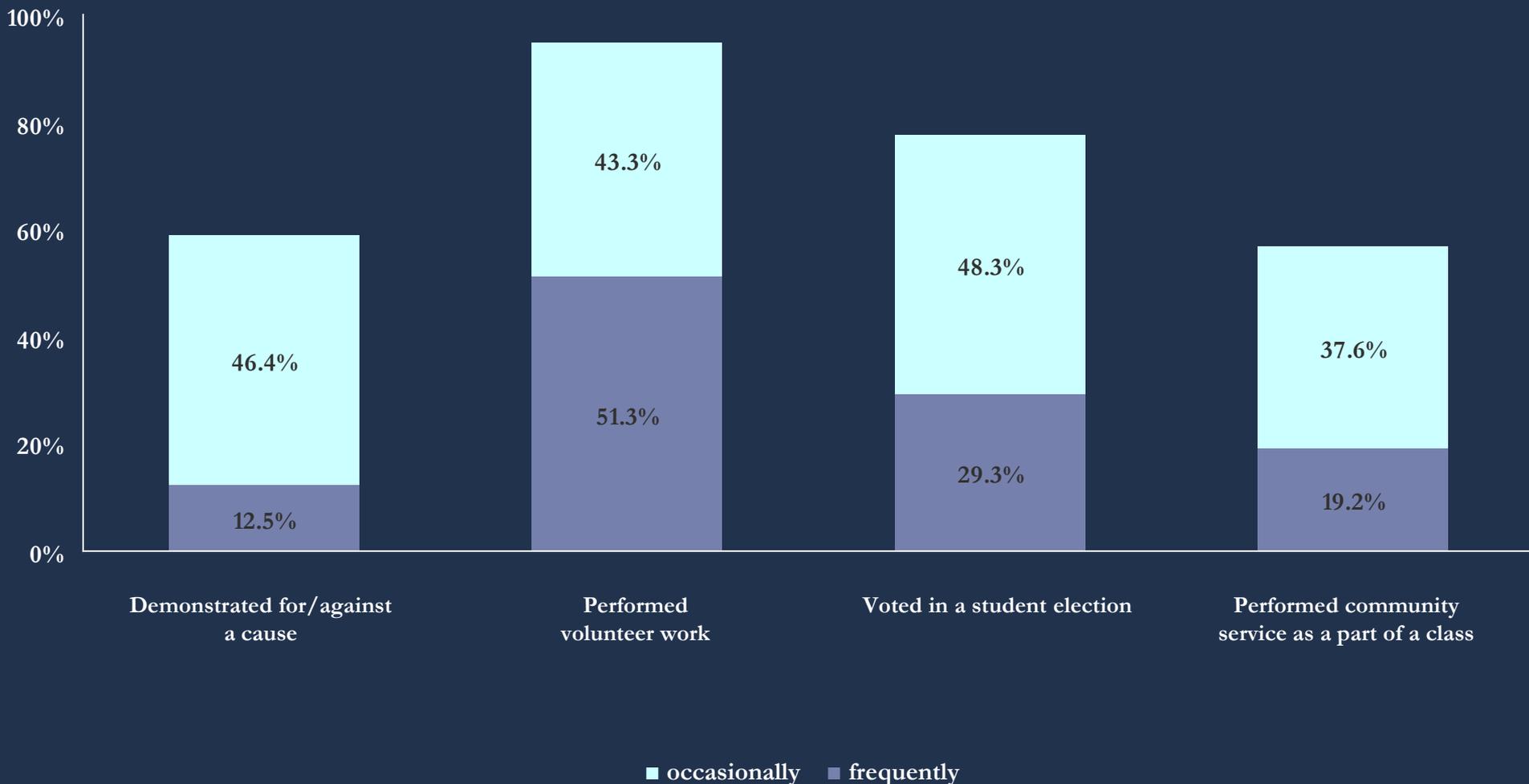
Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following:





# Civic Engagement

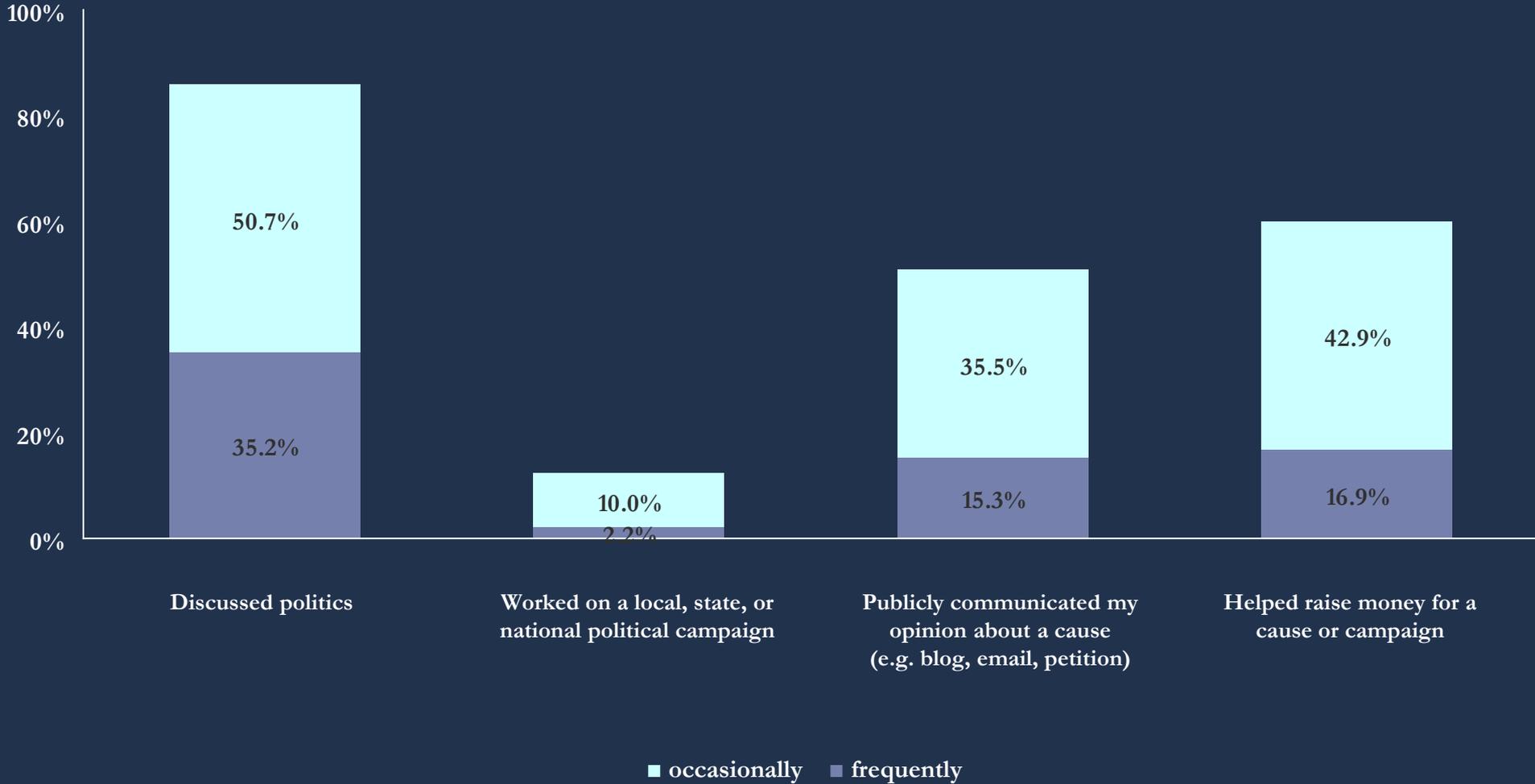
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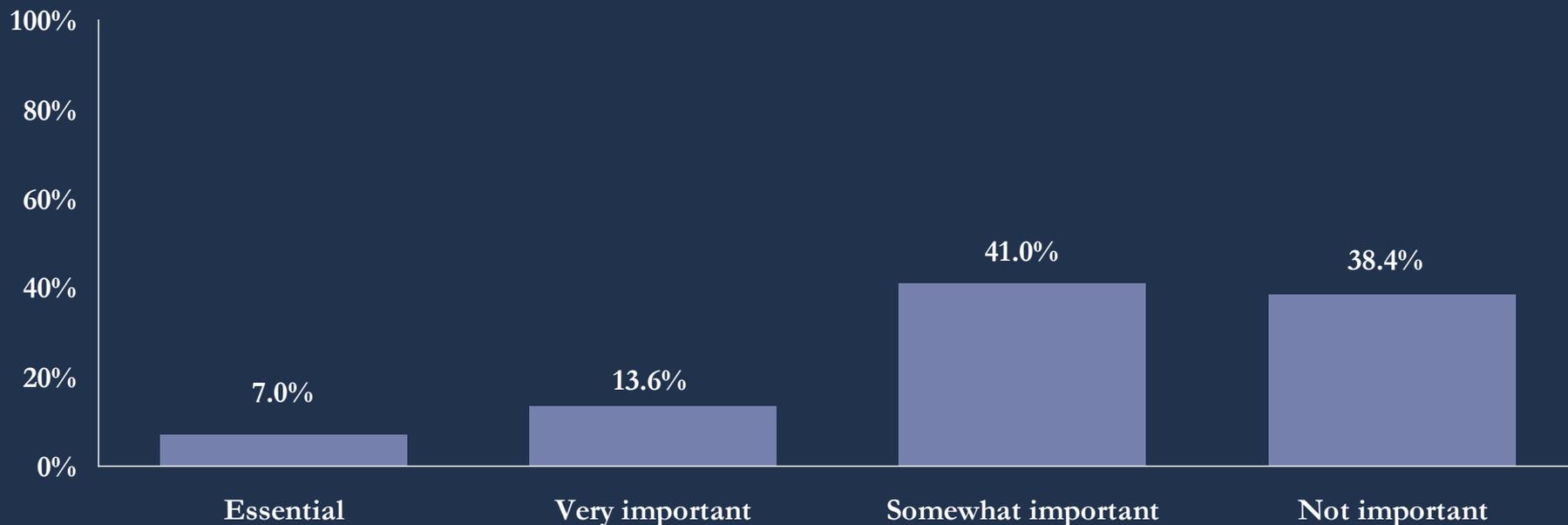




# Civic Engagement

Hours spent during typical week while in high school	None	< 1 hr	1-2 hrs	3-5 hrs	6-10 hrs	11+ hrs
Volunteer work	15.7%	18.4%	26.6%	23.5%	9.5%	6.3%

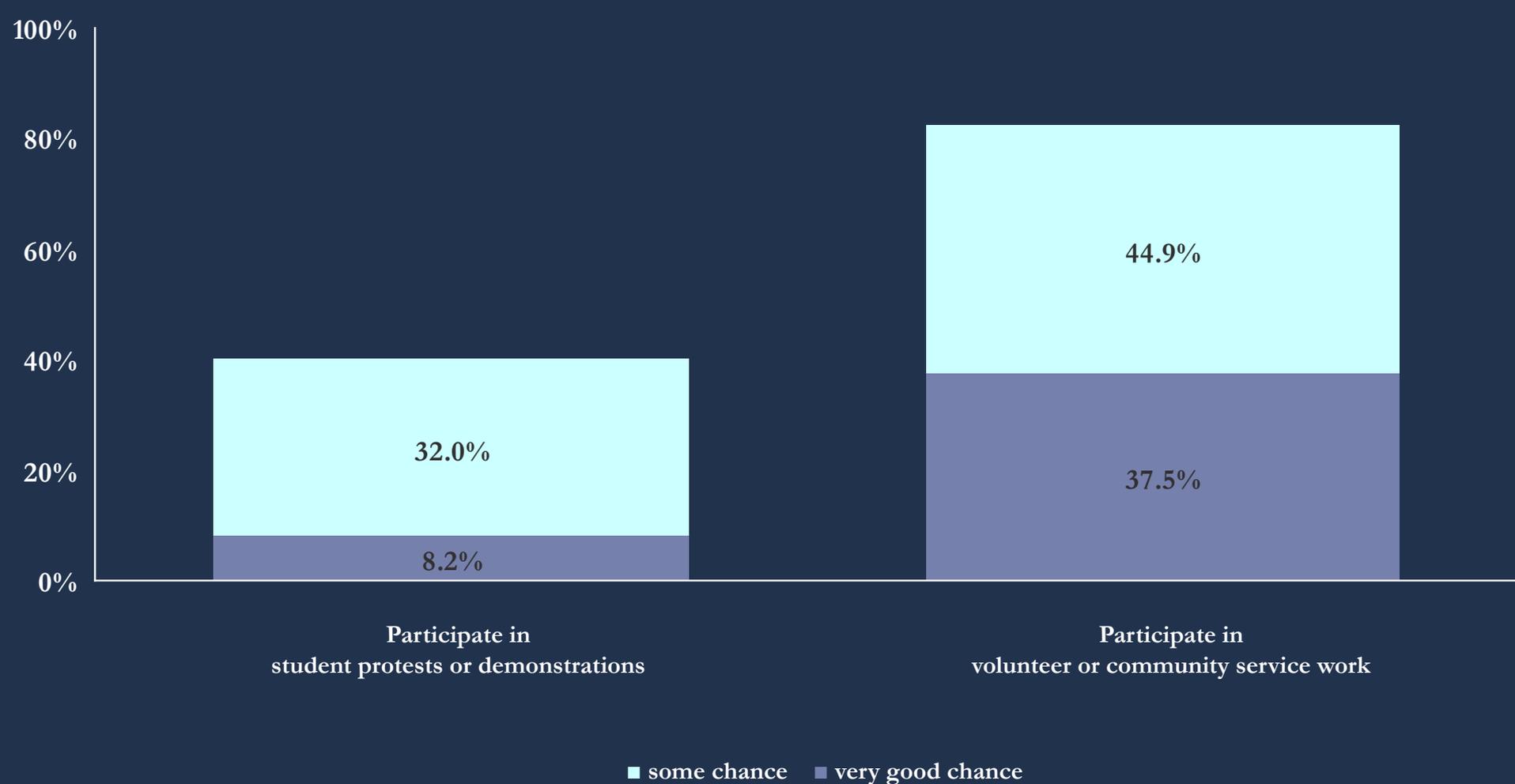
Importance: Influencing the political structure





# Civic Engagement

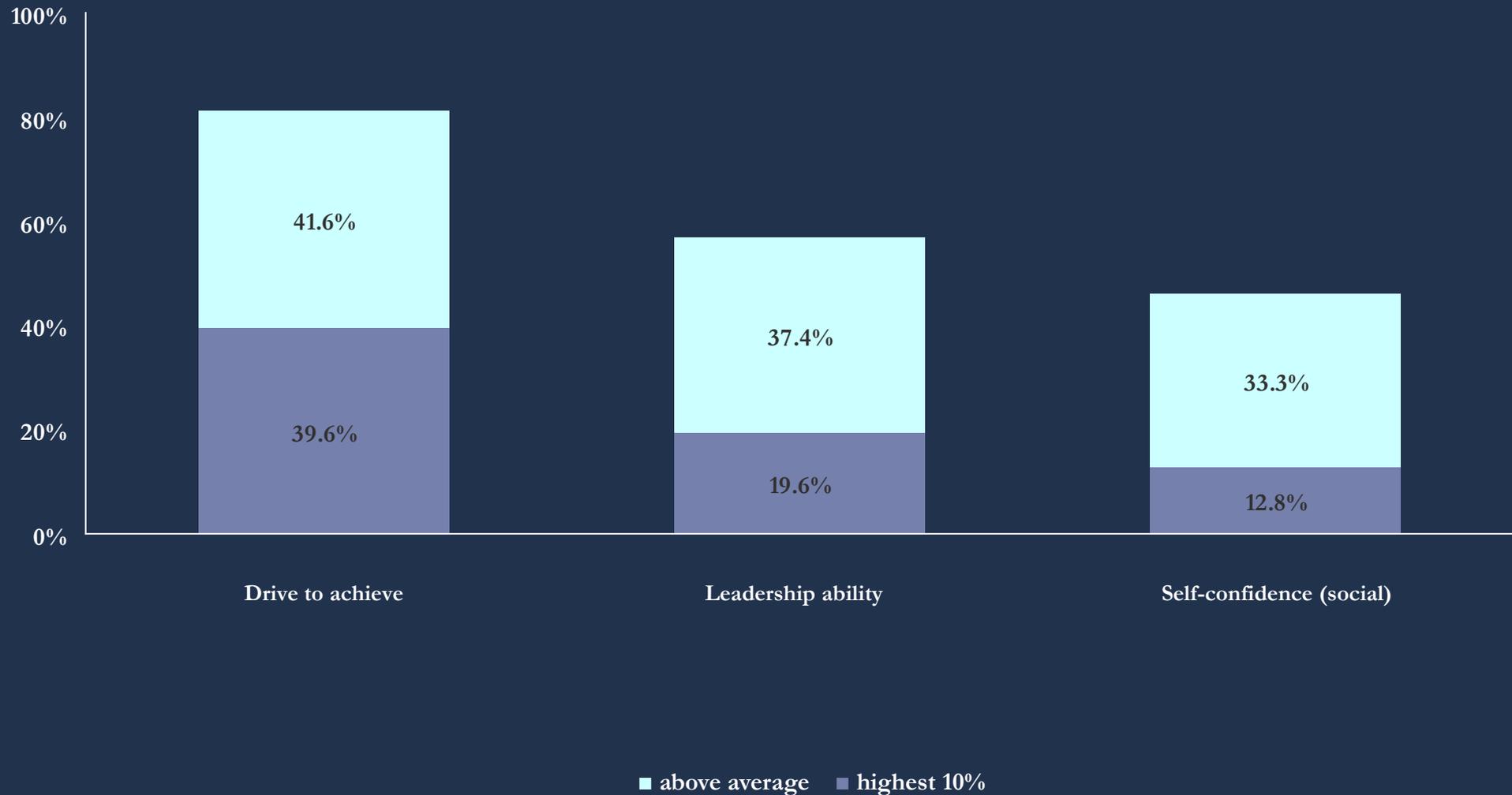
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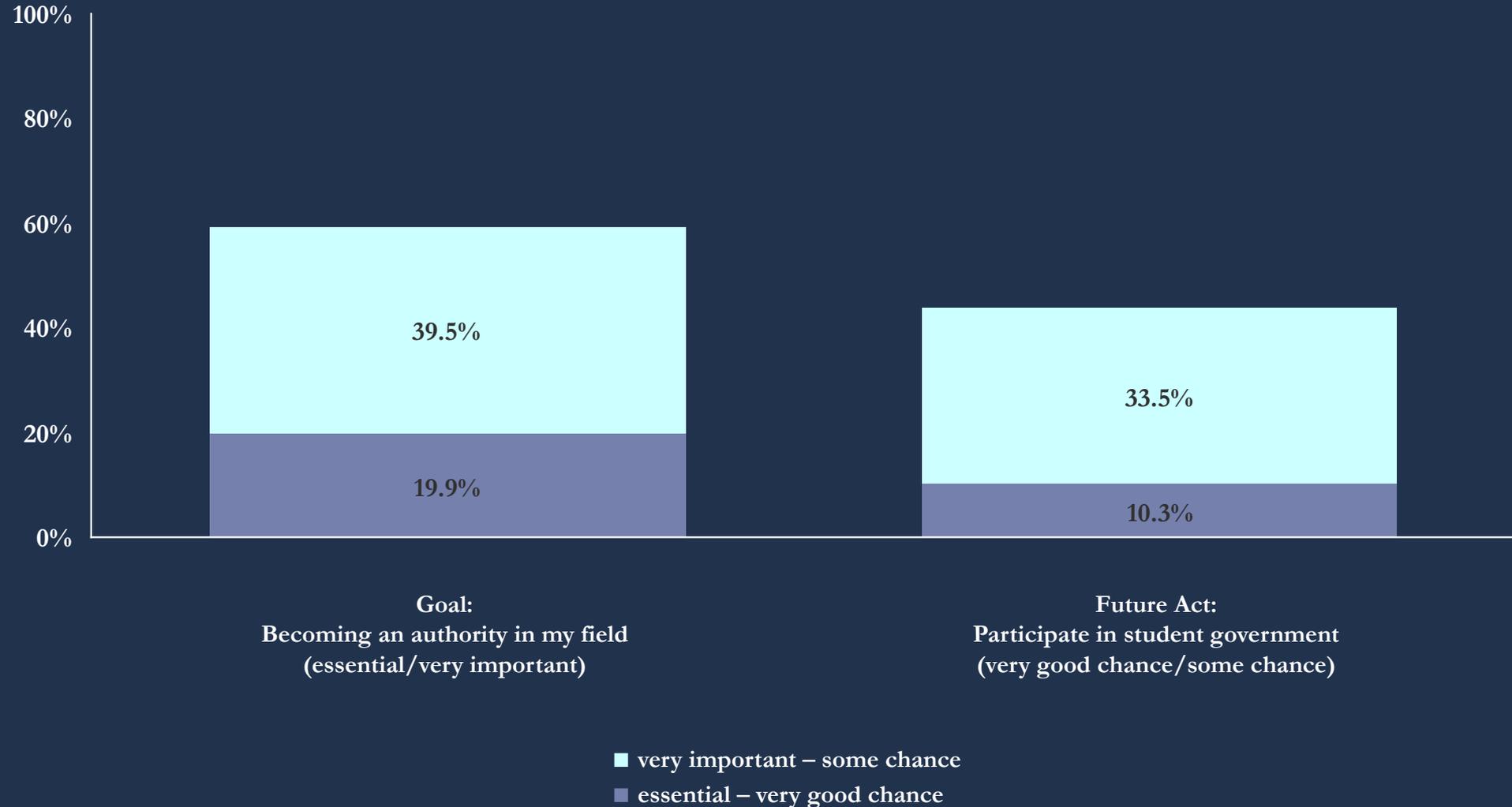
## CIRP Theme Leadership

Compared to the average person your age, rate yourself on your...





# CIRP Theme Leadership





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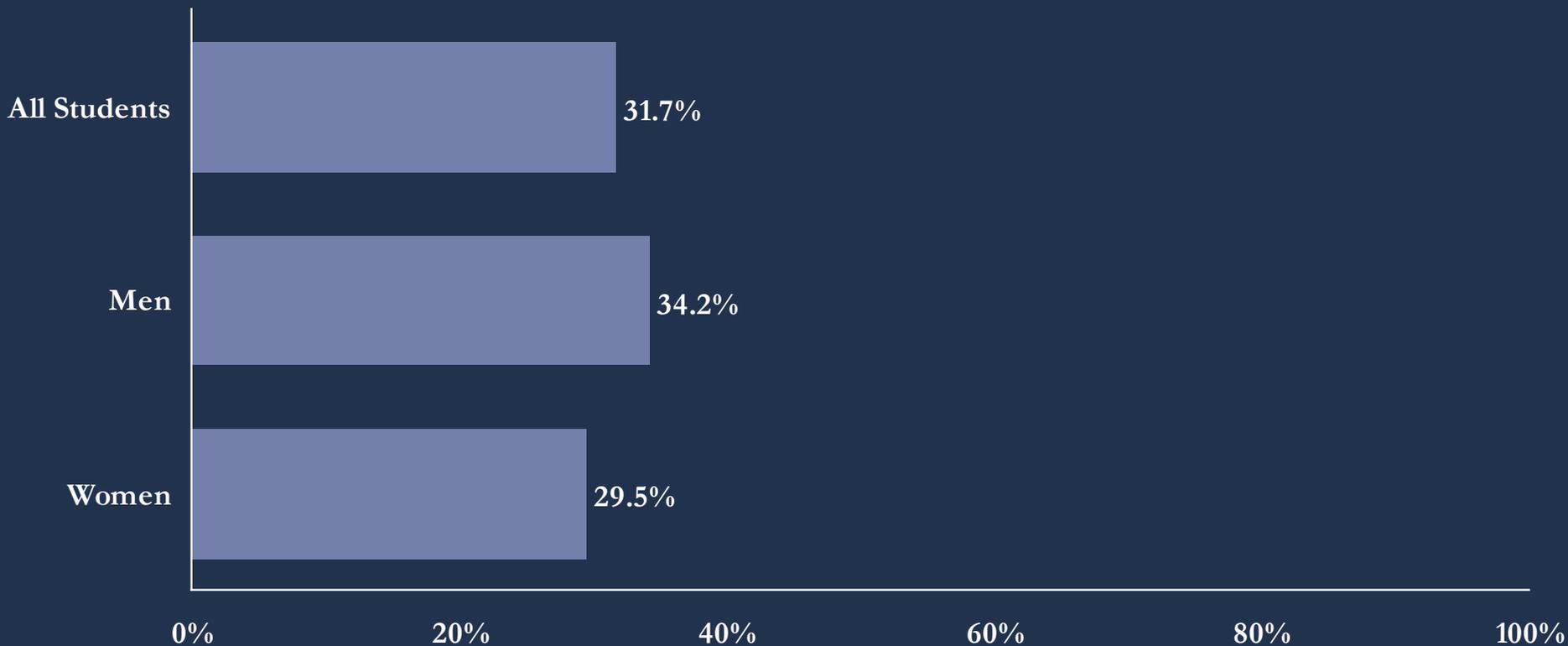
# Diversity



# Pluralistic Orientation

*Pluralistic Orientation* measures skills and dispositions appropriate for living and working in a diverse society.

## High Pluralistic Orientation



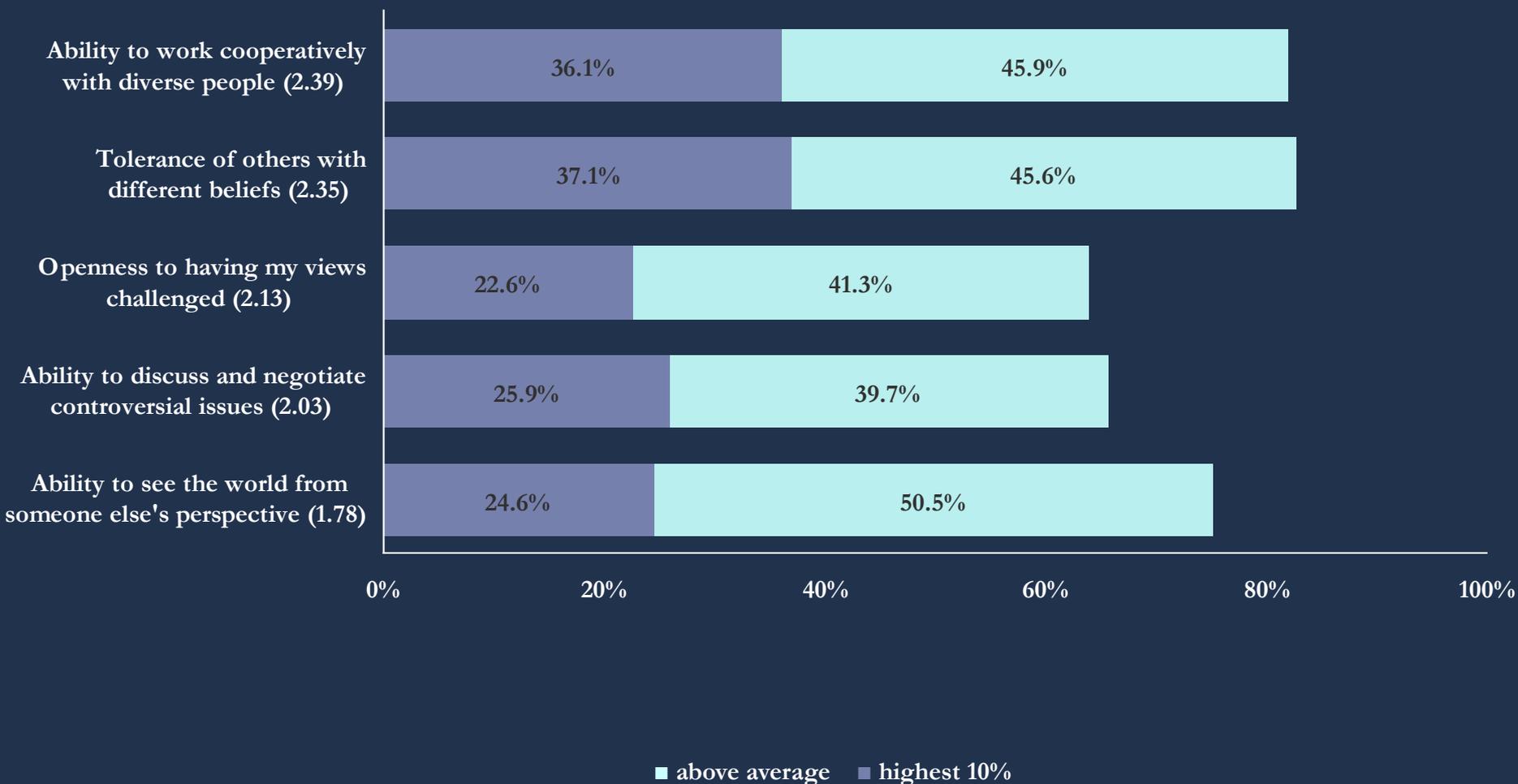
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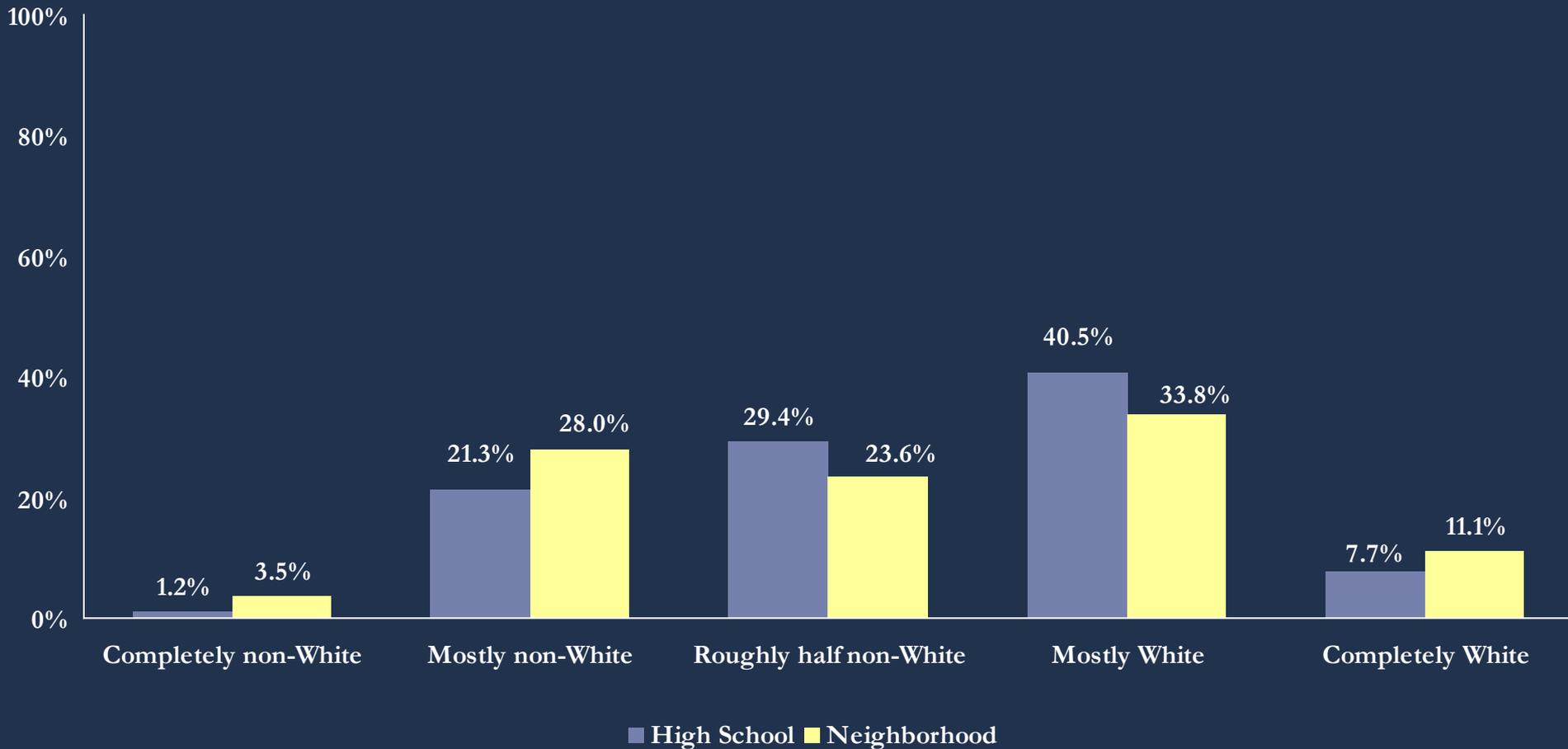
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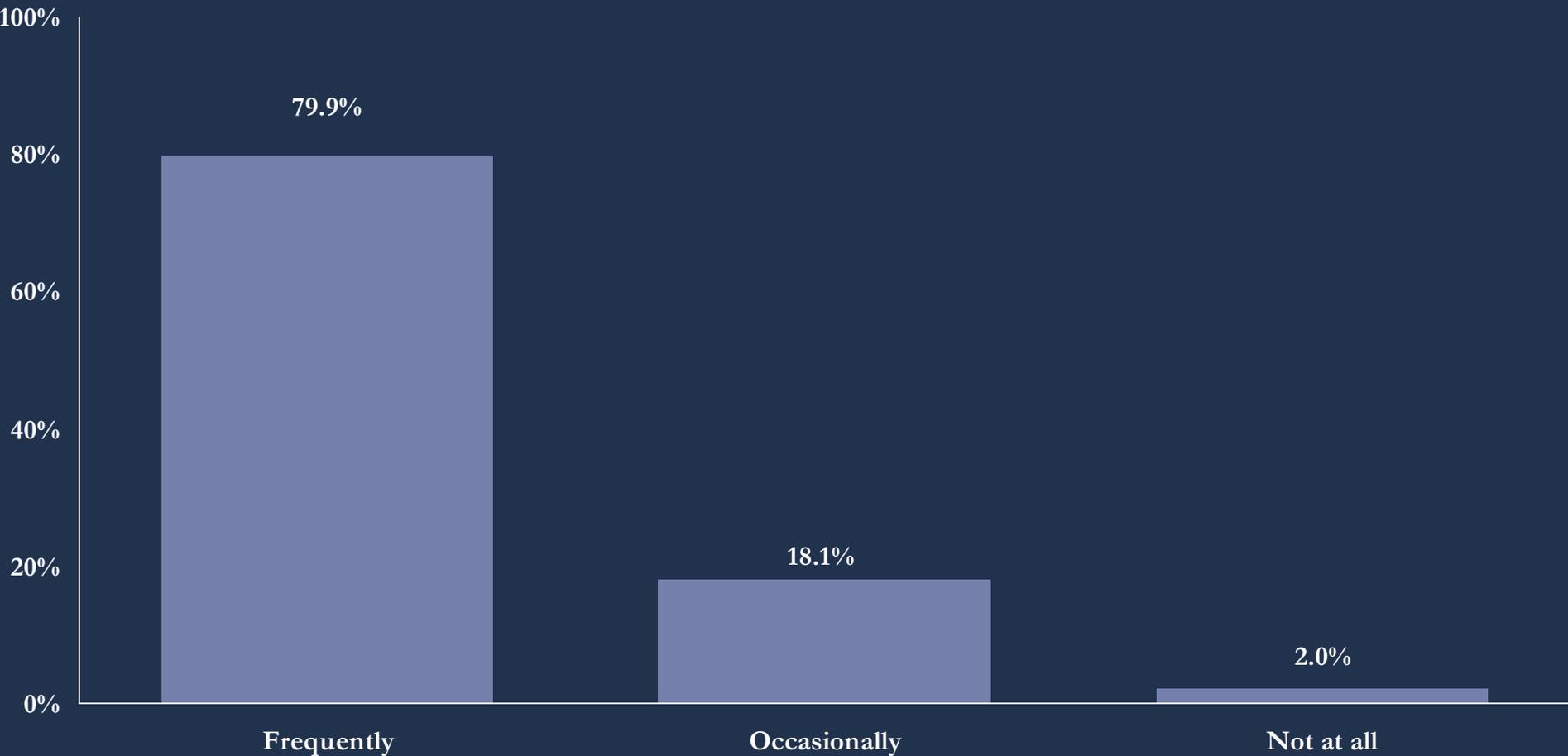
How would you describe the racial composition of the high school/neighborhood you last attend?





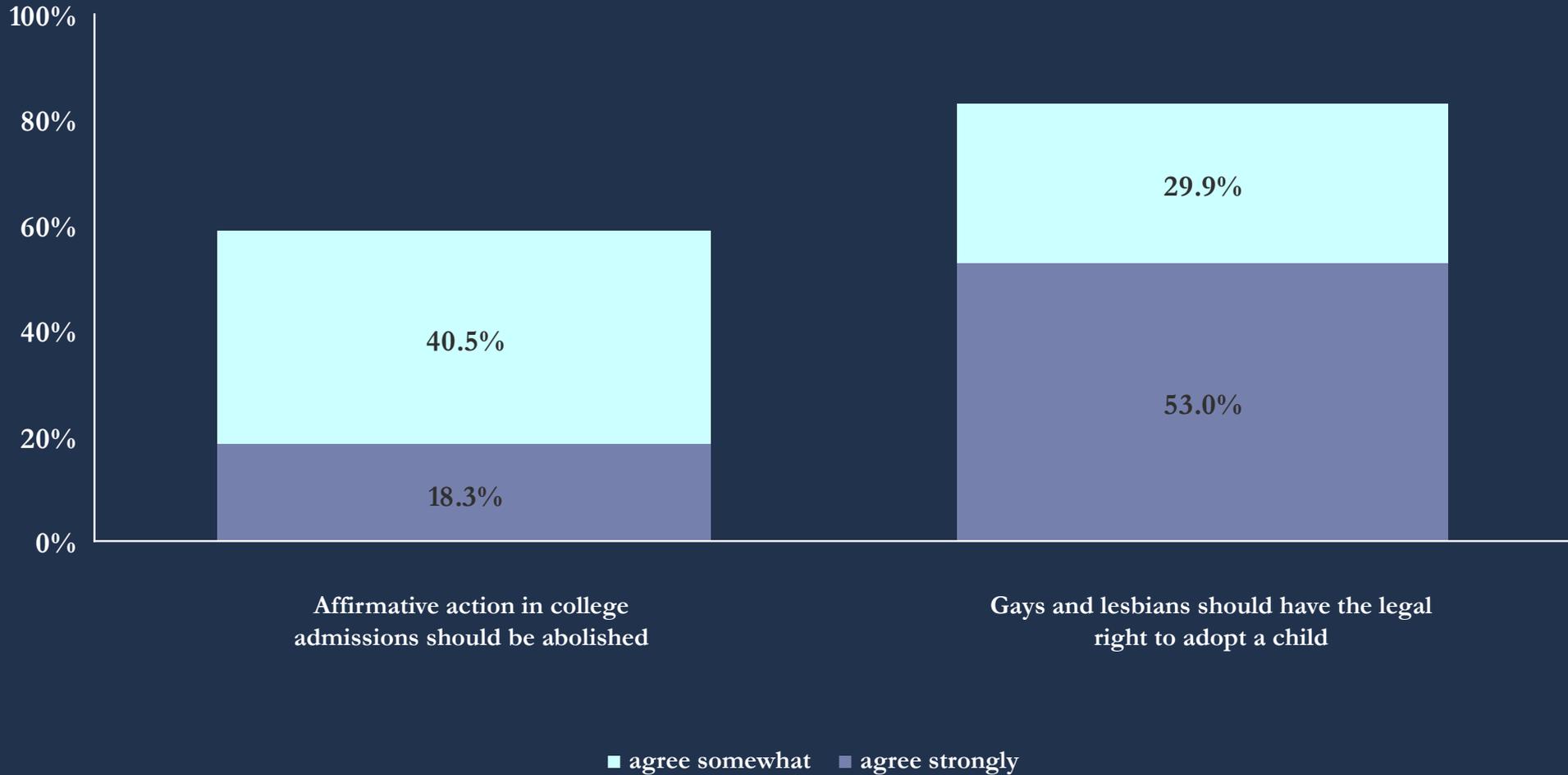
## CIRP Theme Diversity

In the past year, socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group





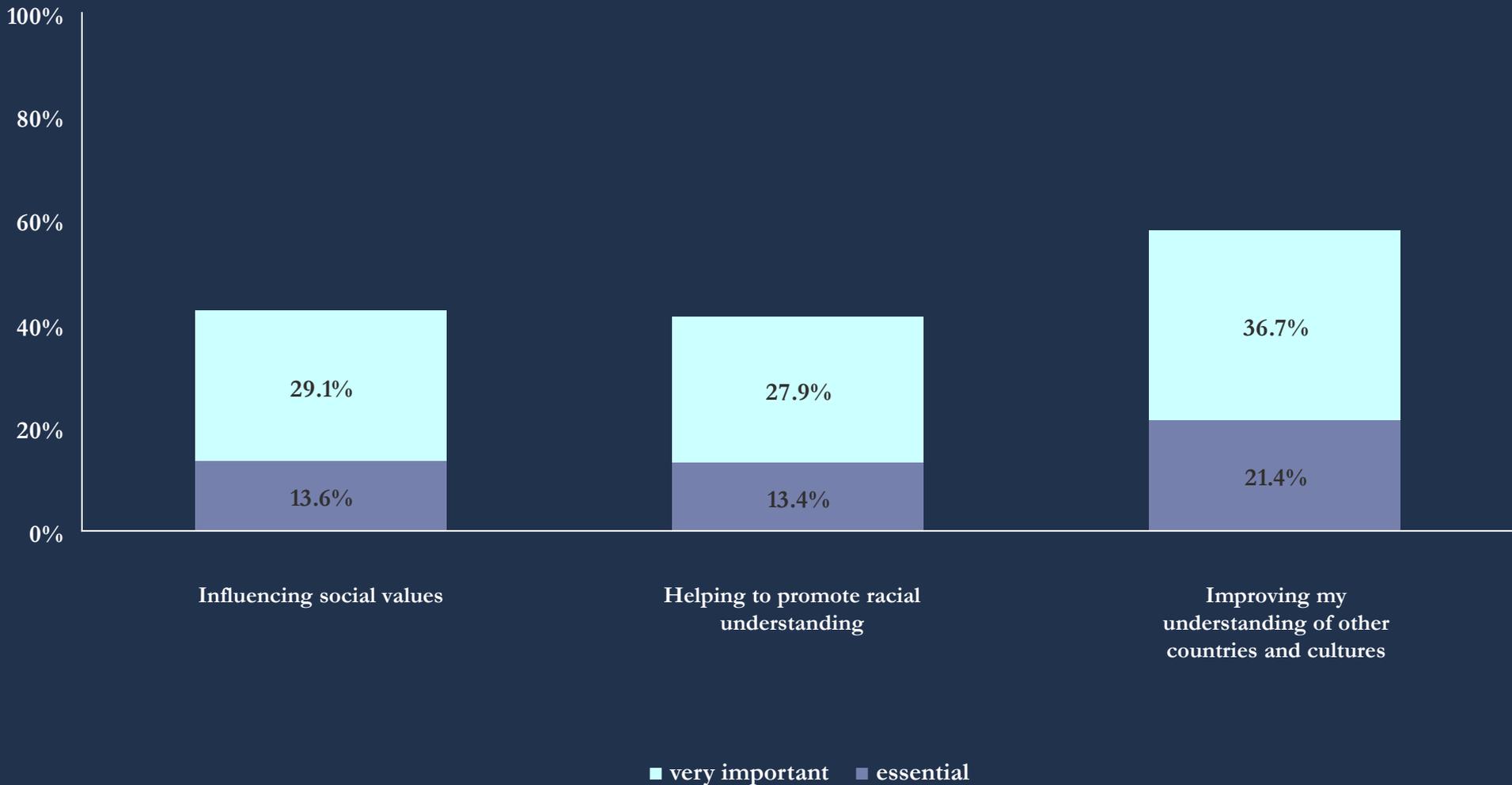
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**Diversity**  
Personal Views





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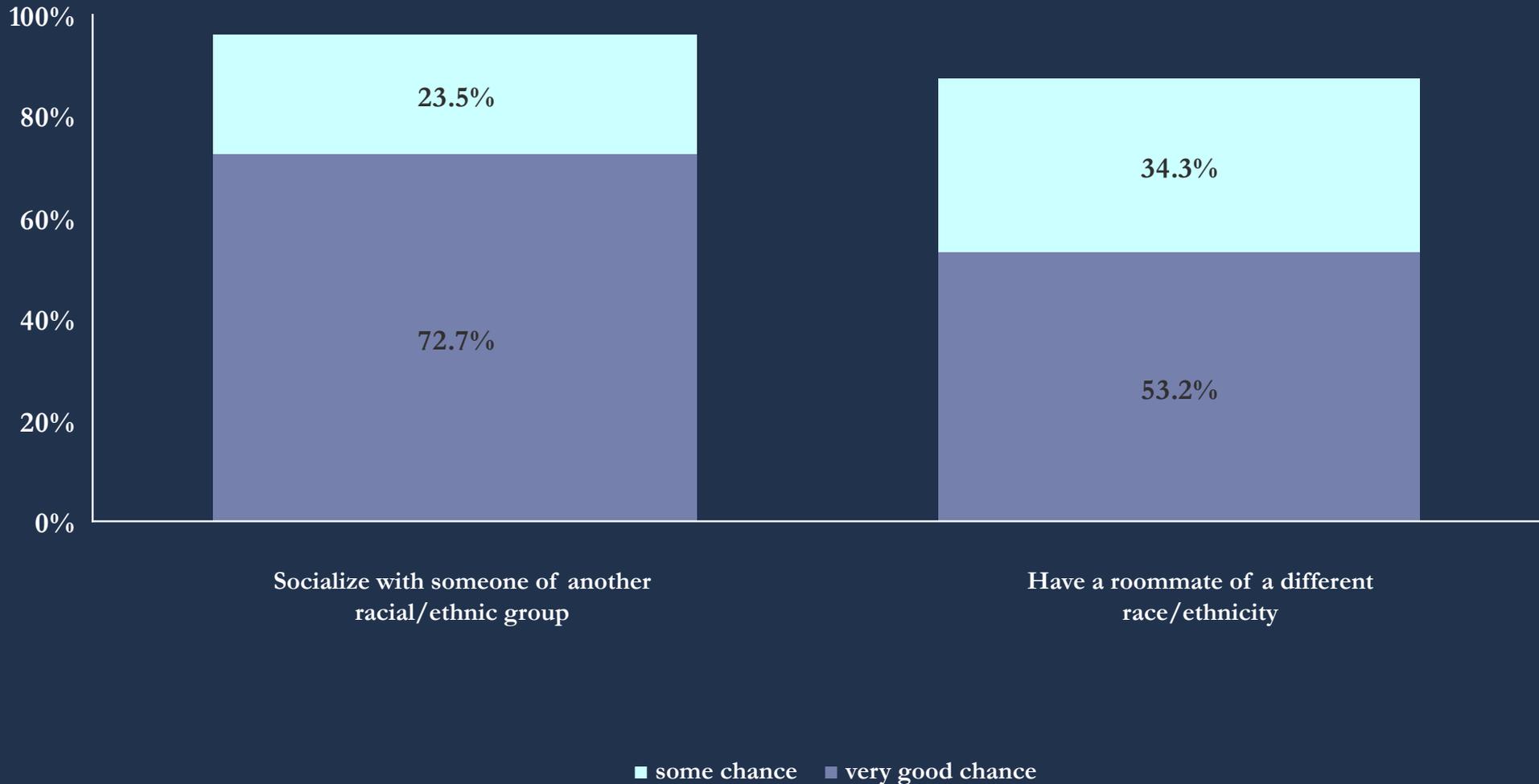
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# CIRP Theme Diversity

What is your best guess as to the chances that you will...





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# Social Life

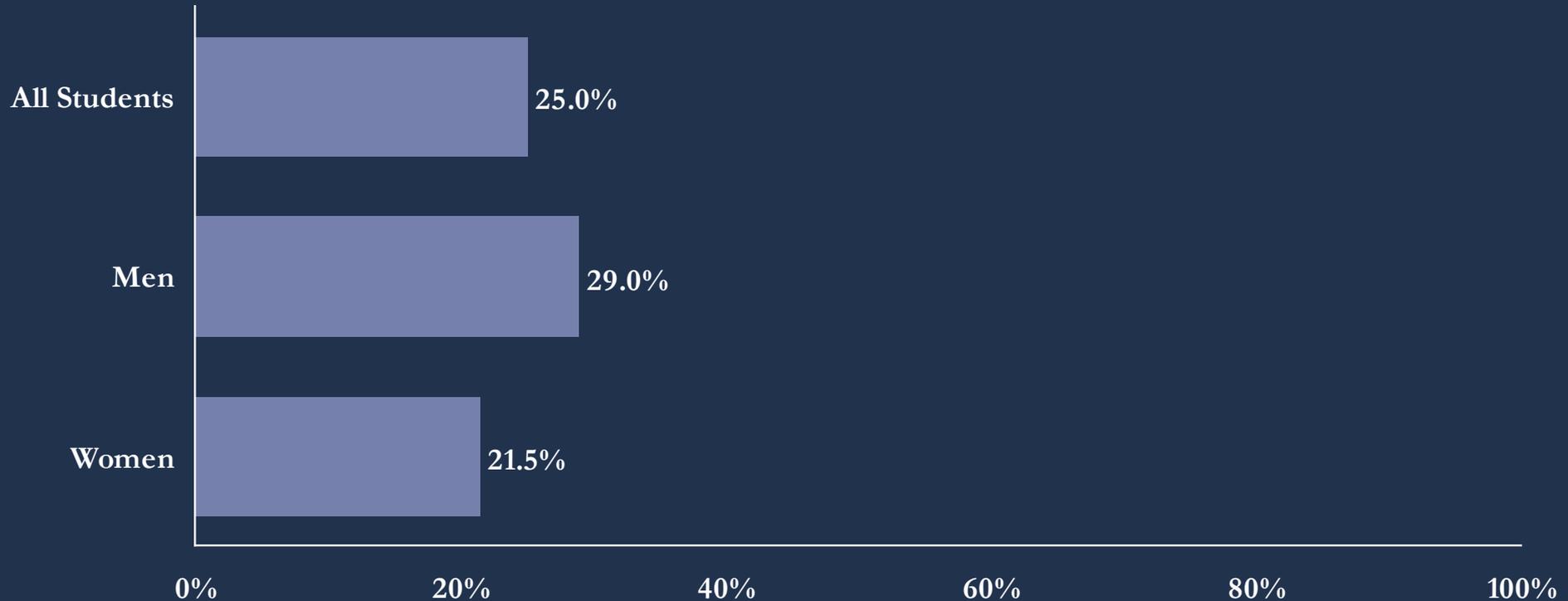


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### High Social Self-Concept



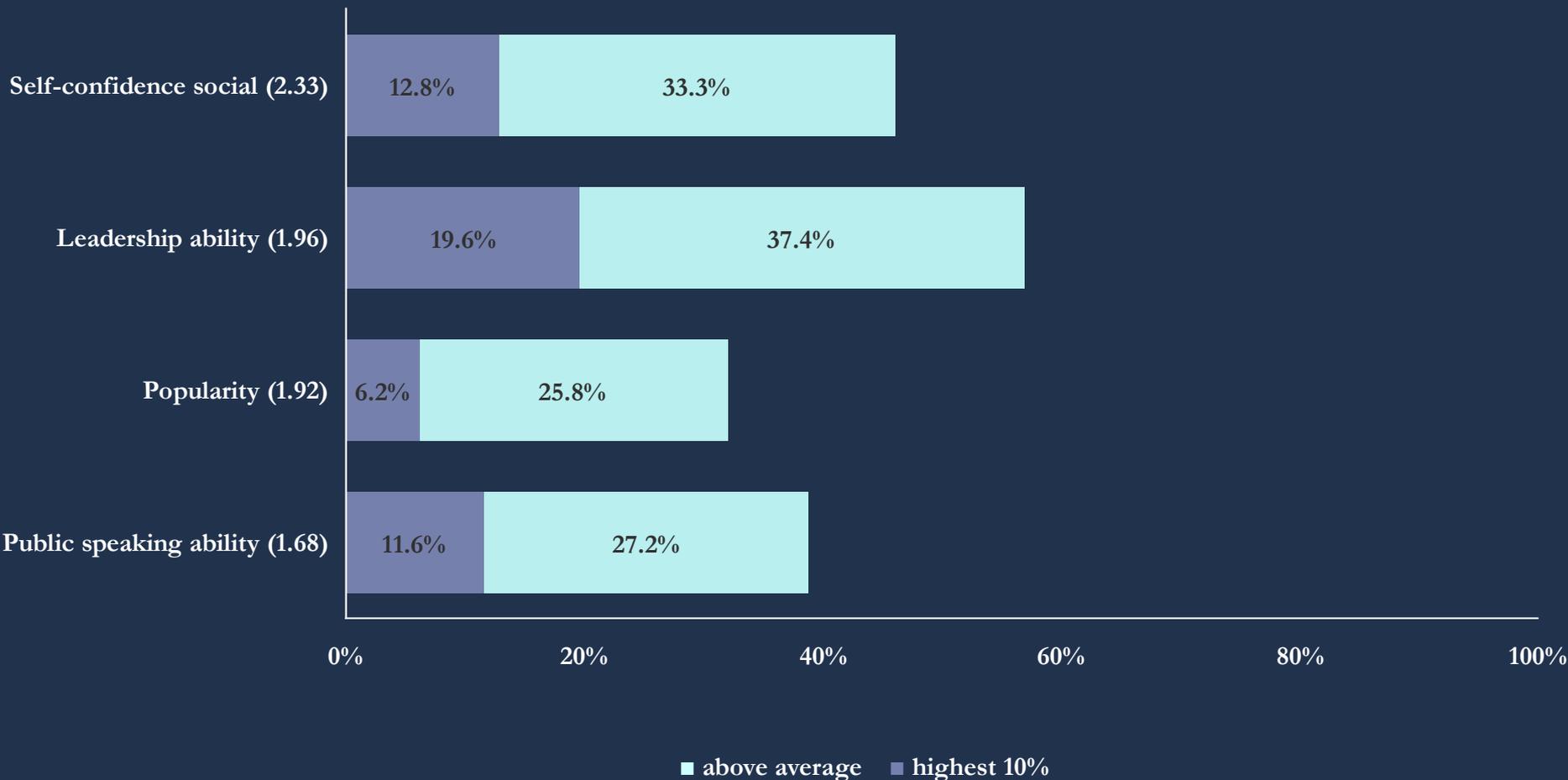
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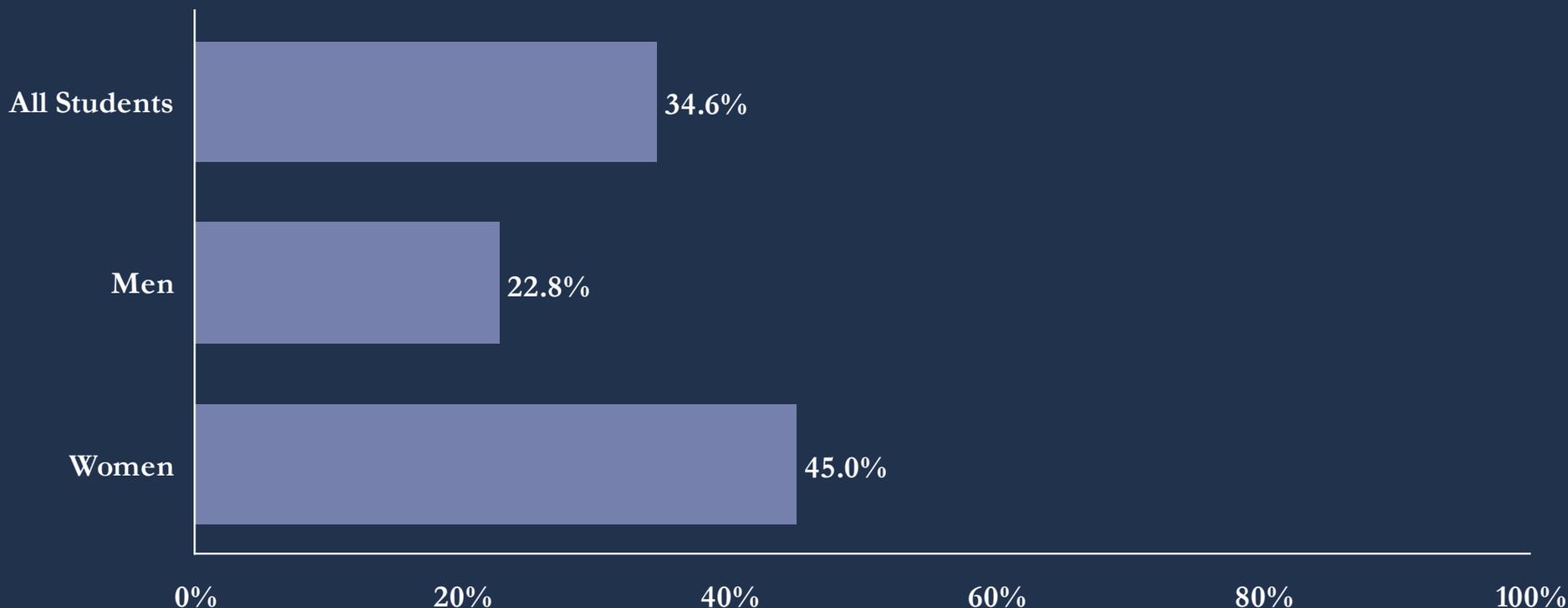




# Likelihood of College Involvement

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## High Likelihood of College Involvement



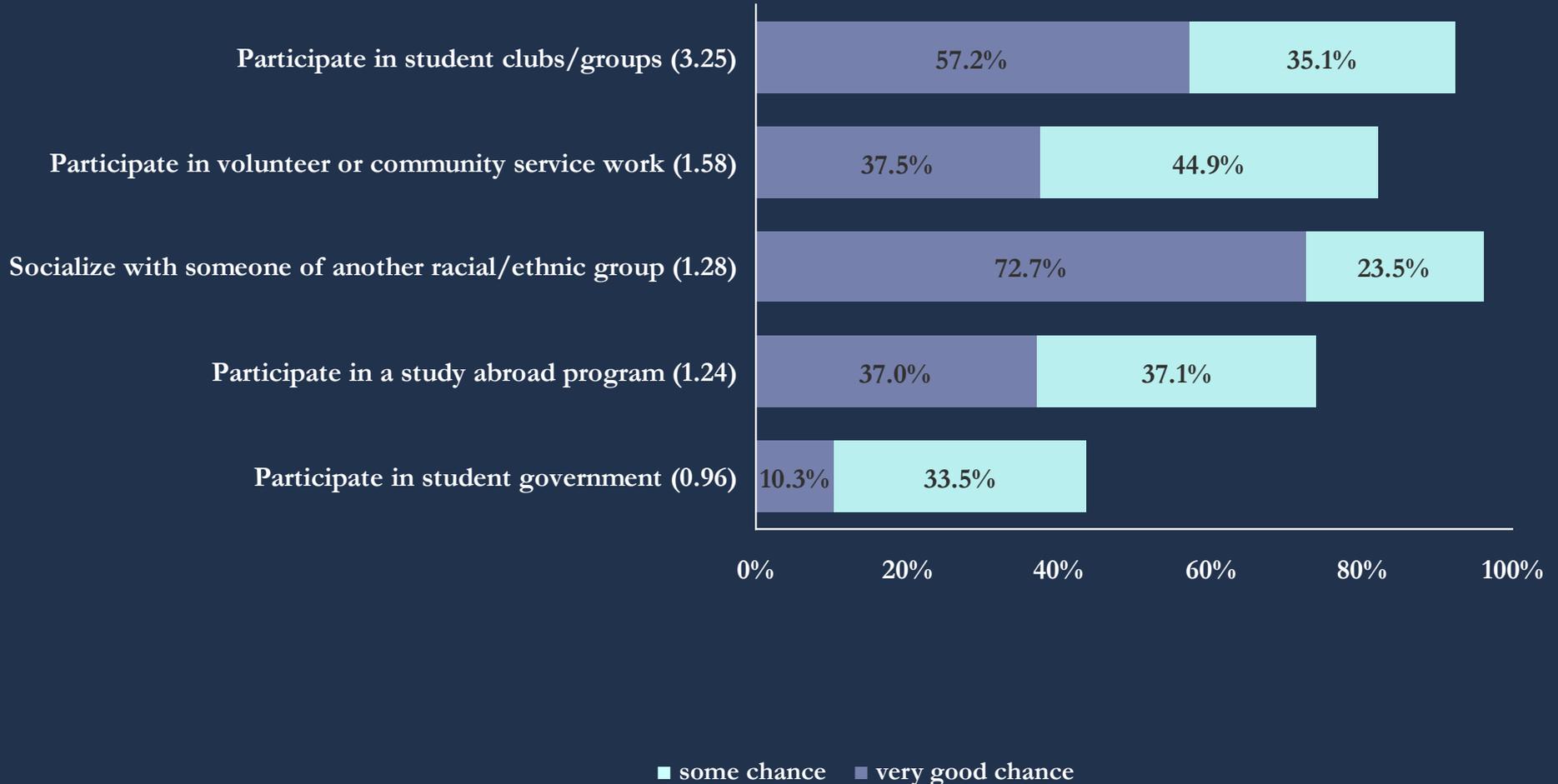
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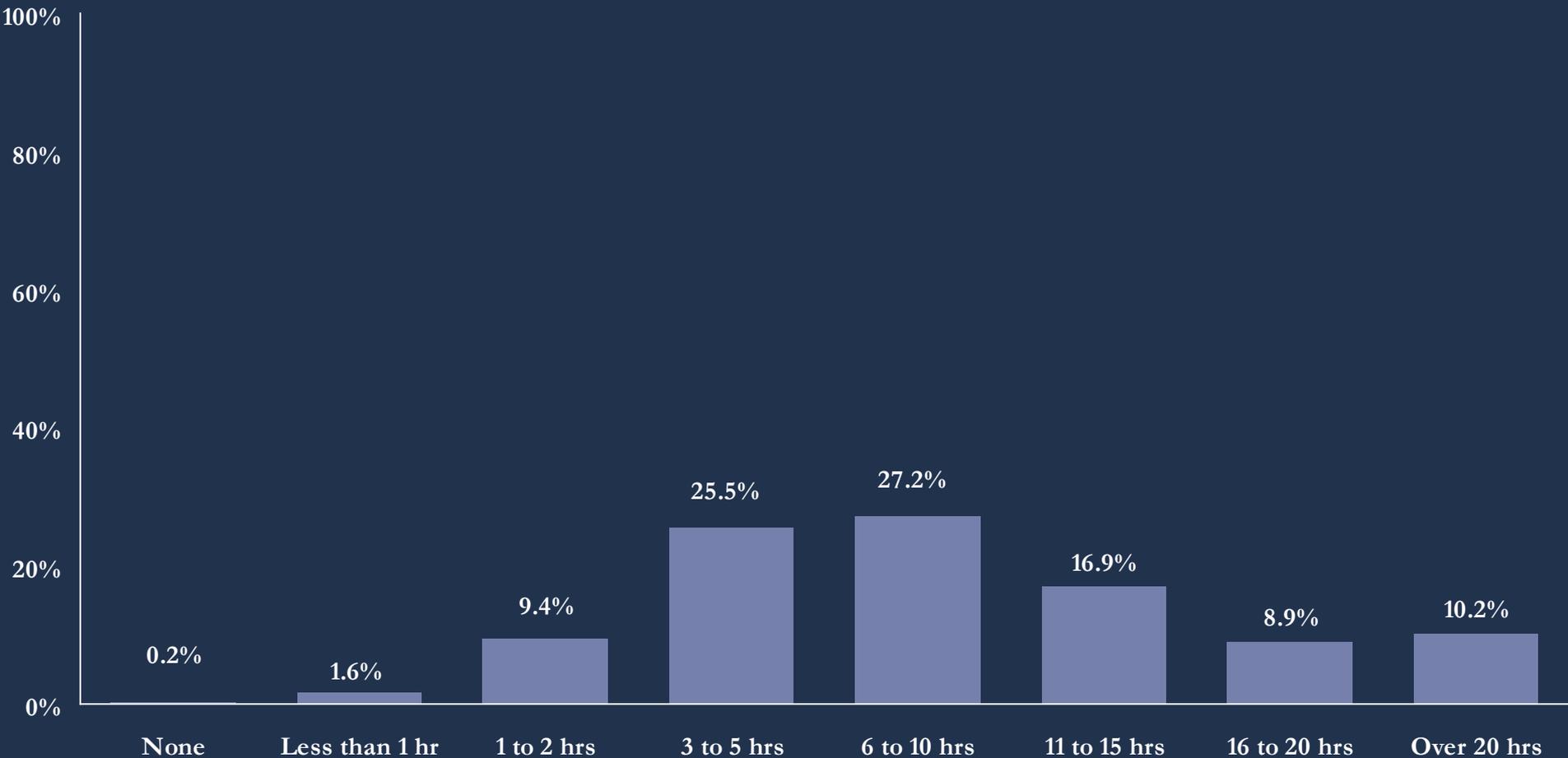
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# Social Life

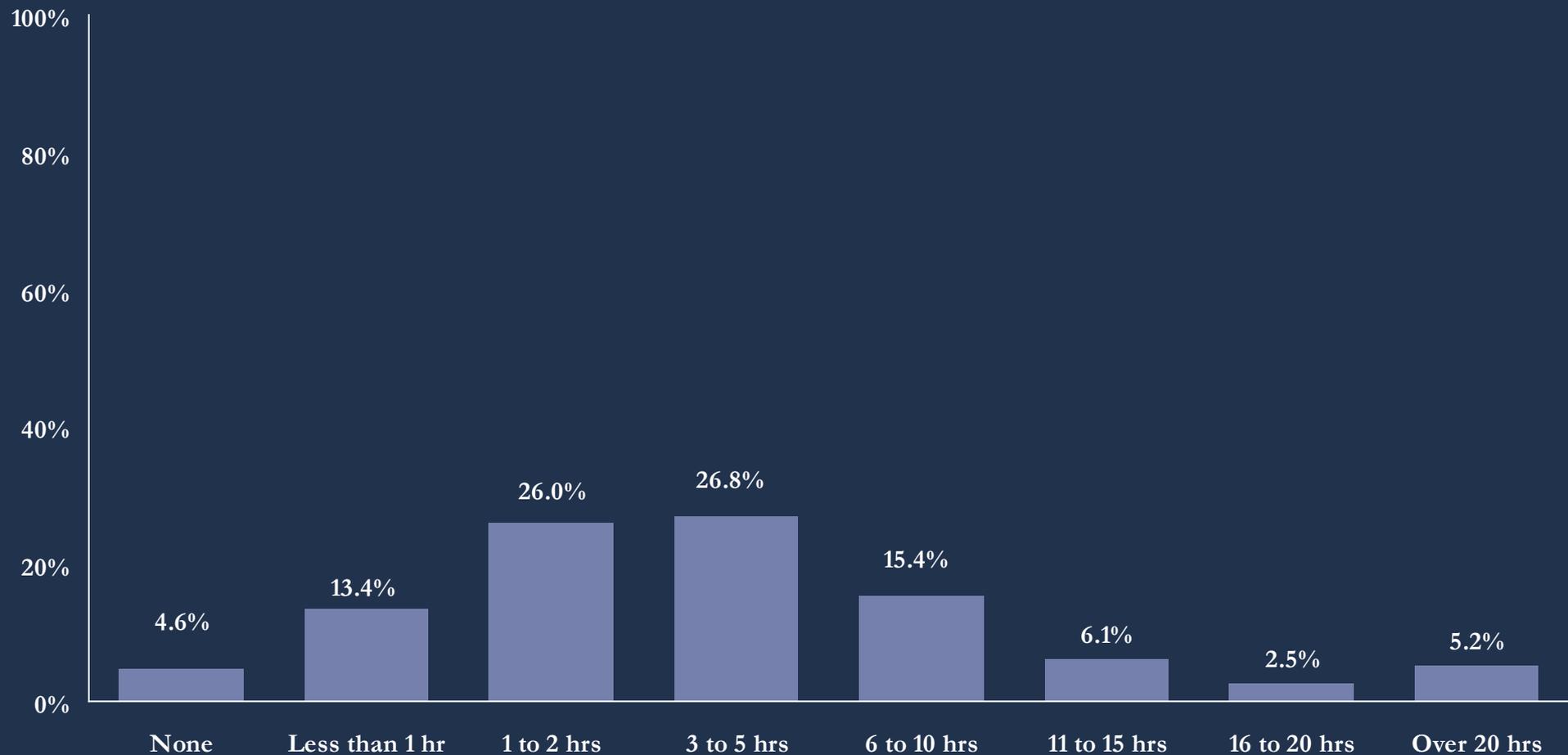
How much time did you spend during the typical week socializing with friends?





# Social Life

How much time did you spend during the typical week  
online social networks (Myspace, Facebook, etc.)?





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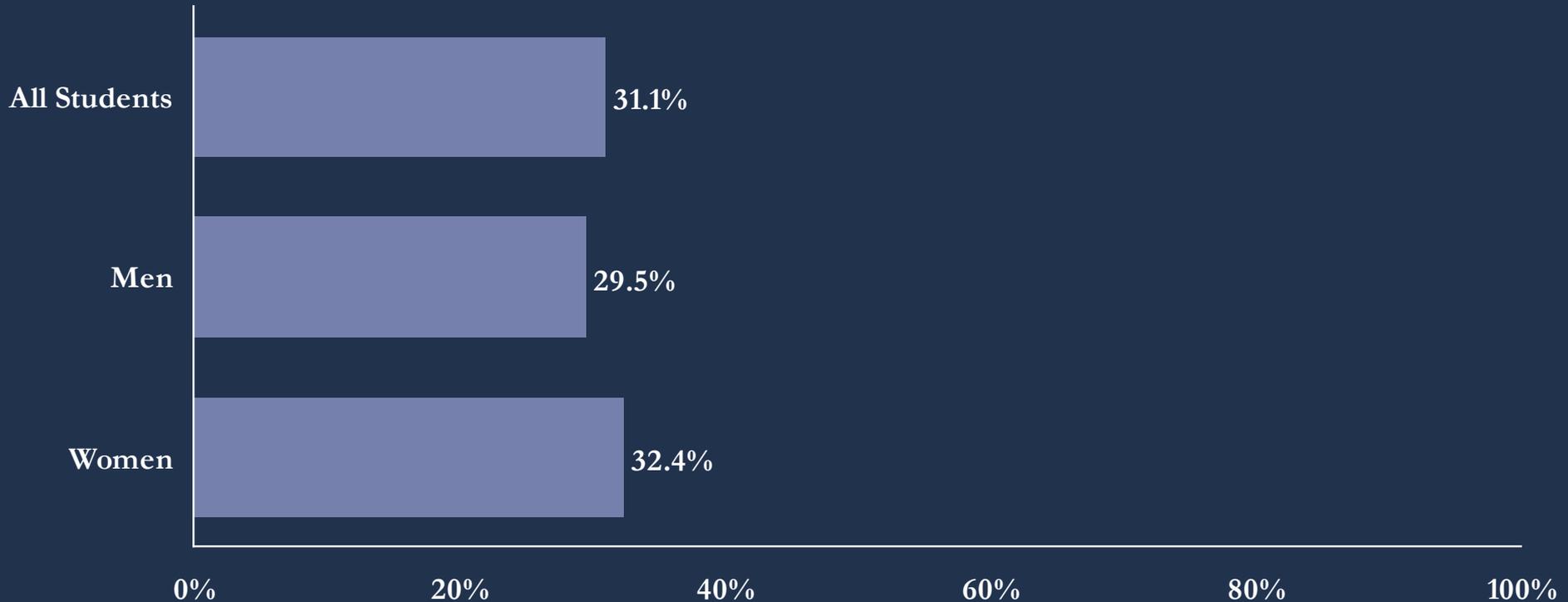
# Choosing College



# College Reputation Orientation

*College Reputation Orientation* measures the degree to which students value academic reputation and future career potential as a reason for choosing this college.

## High College Reputation Orientation



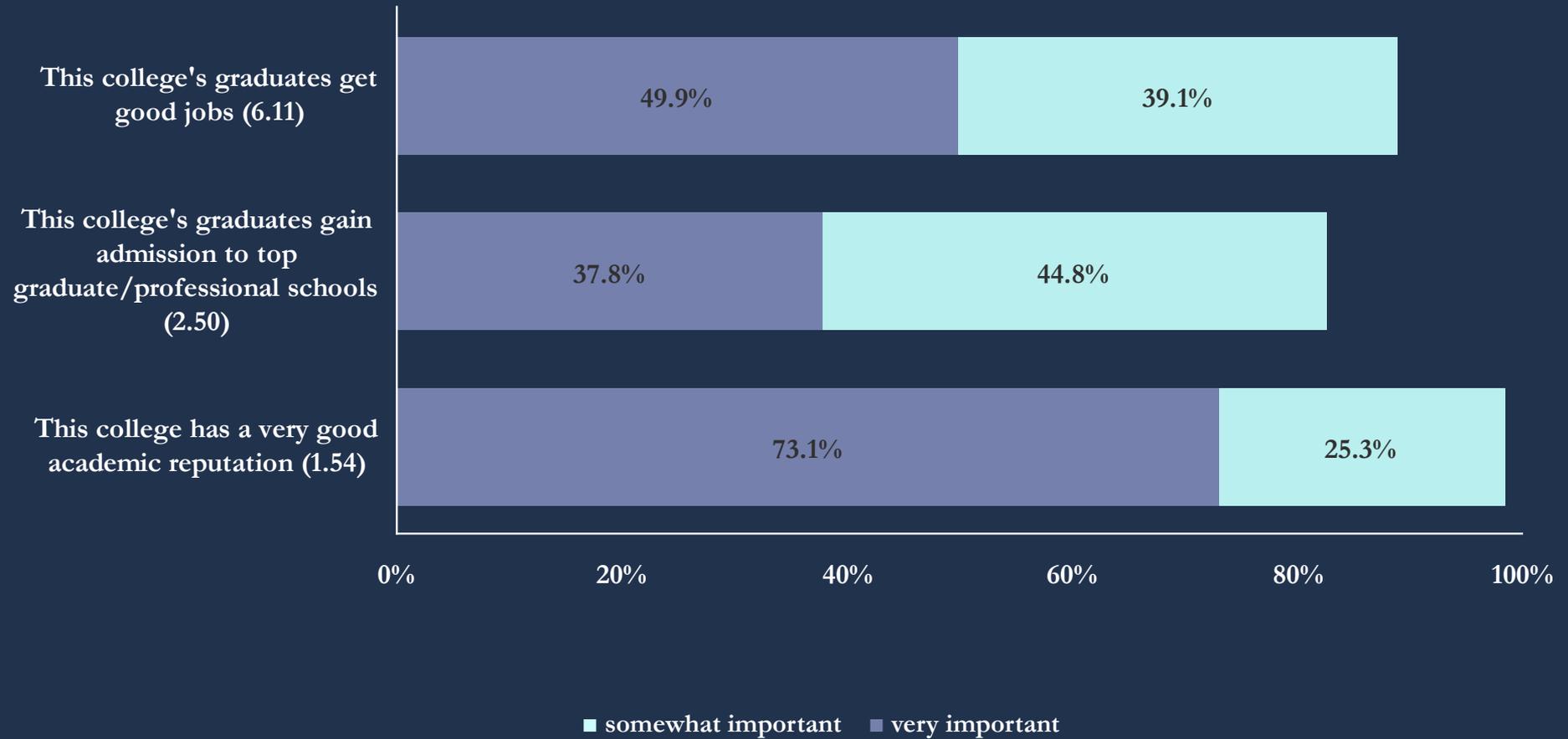
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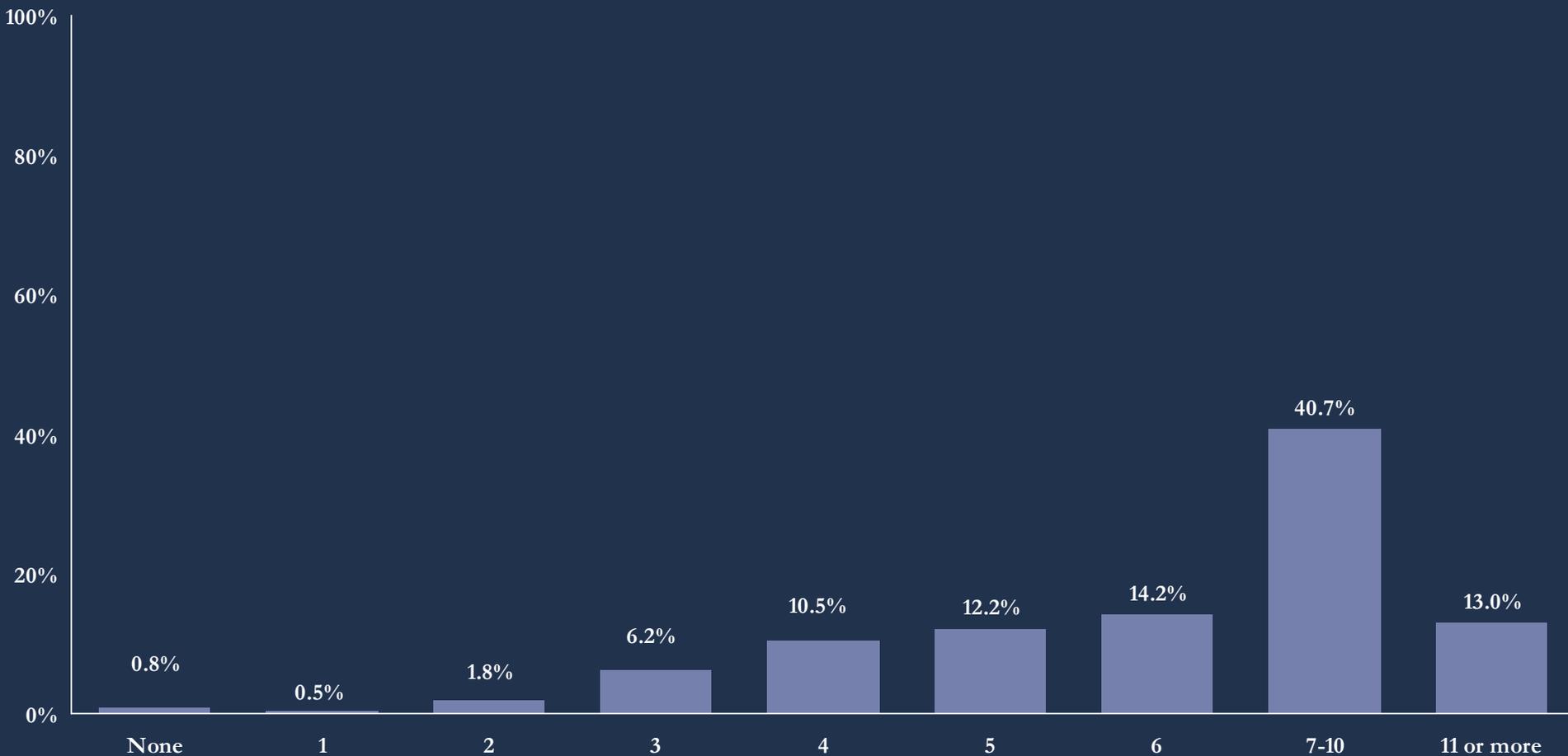
How important was each reason in your decision to come here?





## CIRP Theme College Choice

To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year?

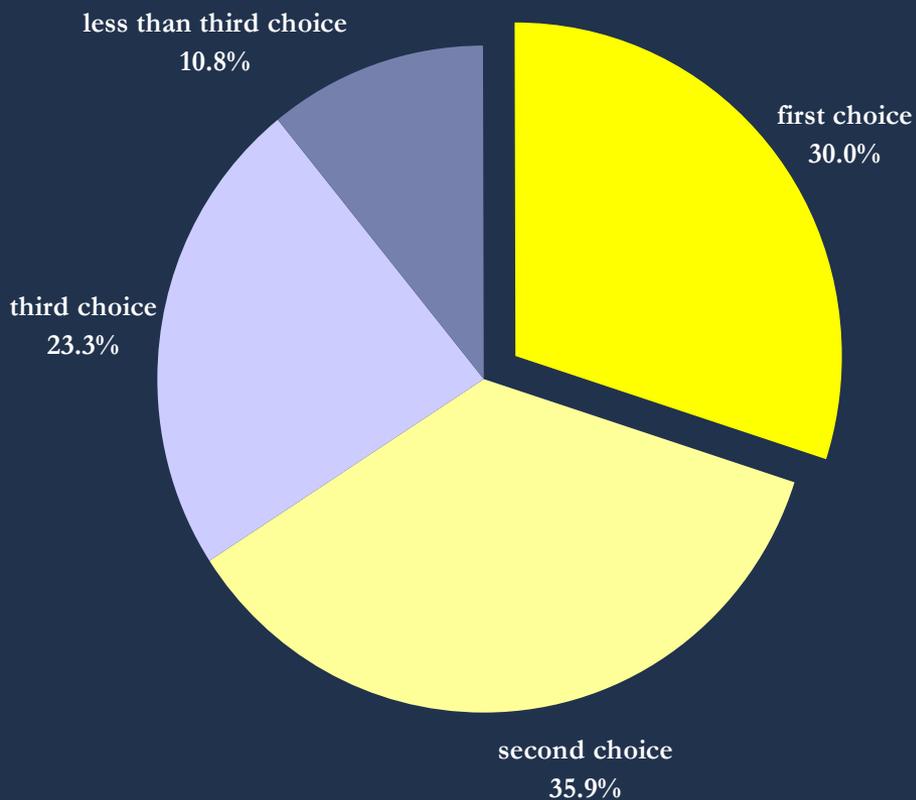




# CIRP Theme College Choice

	Yes
Were you accepted by your first choice college?	38.1%

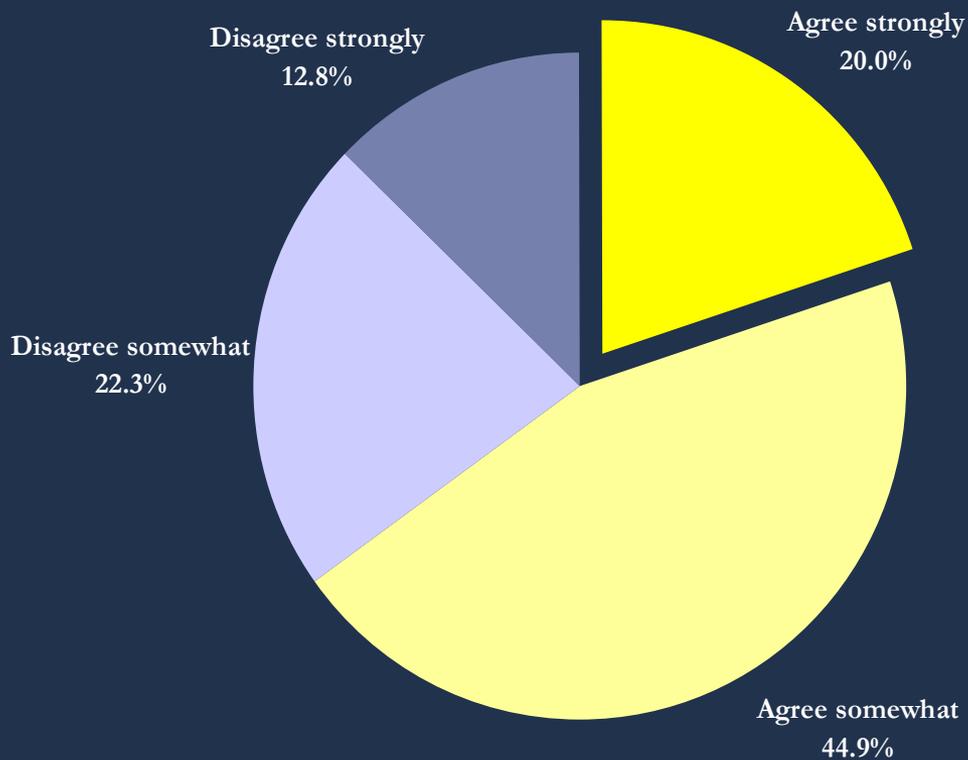
Is this college your...





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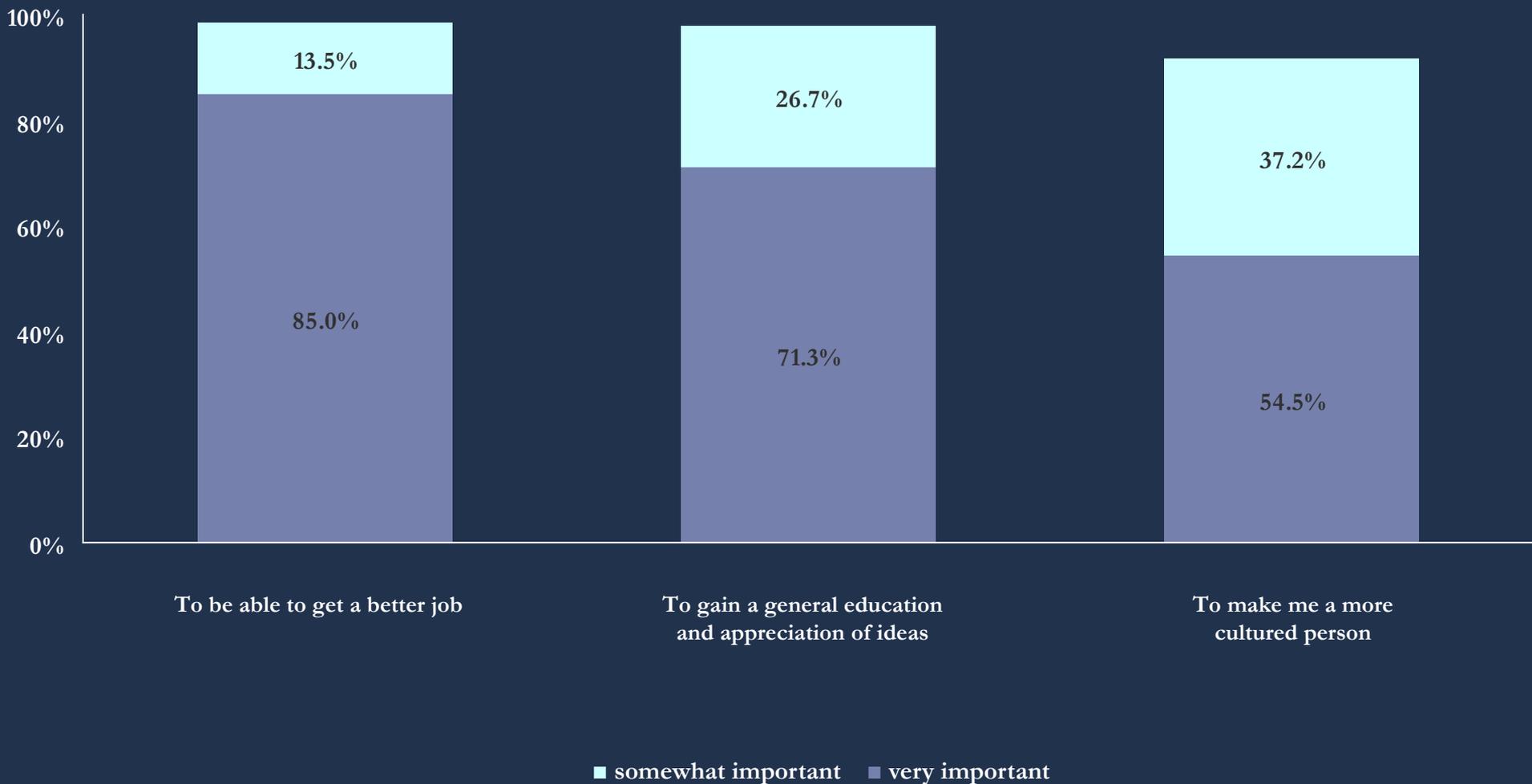
The current economic situation significantly affected my college choice?





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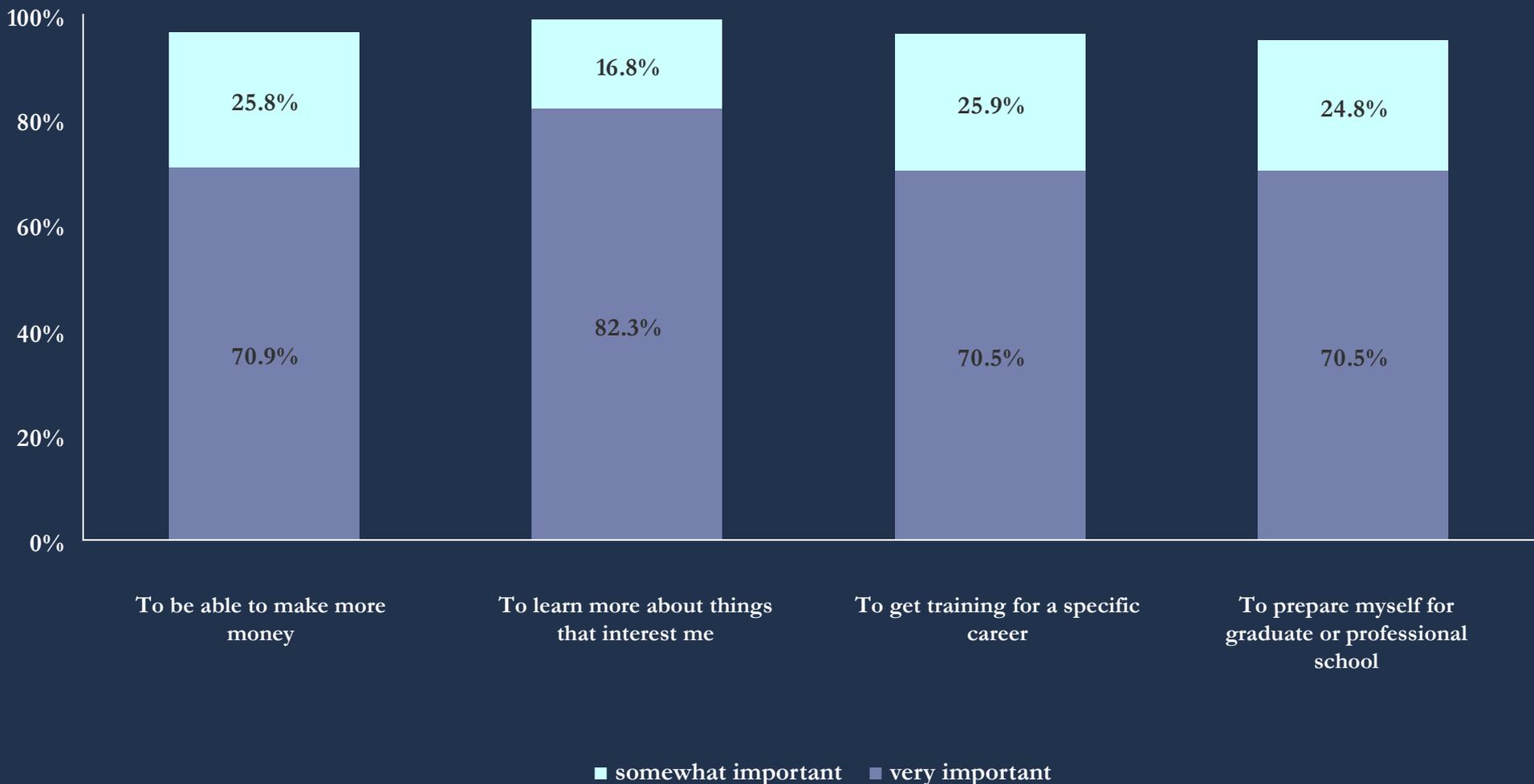
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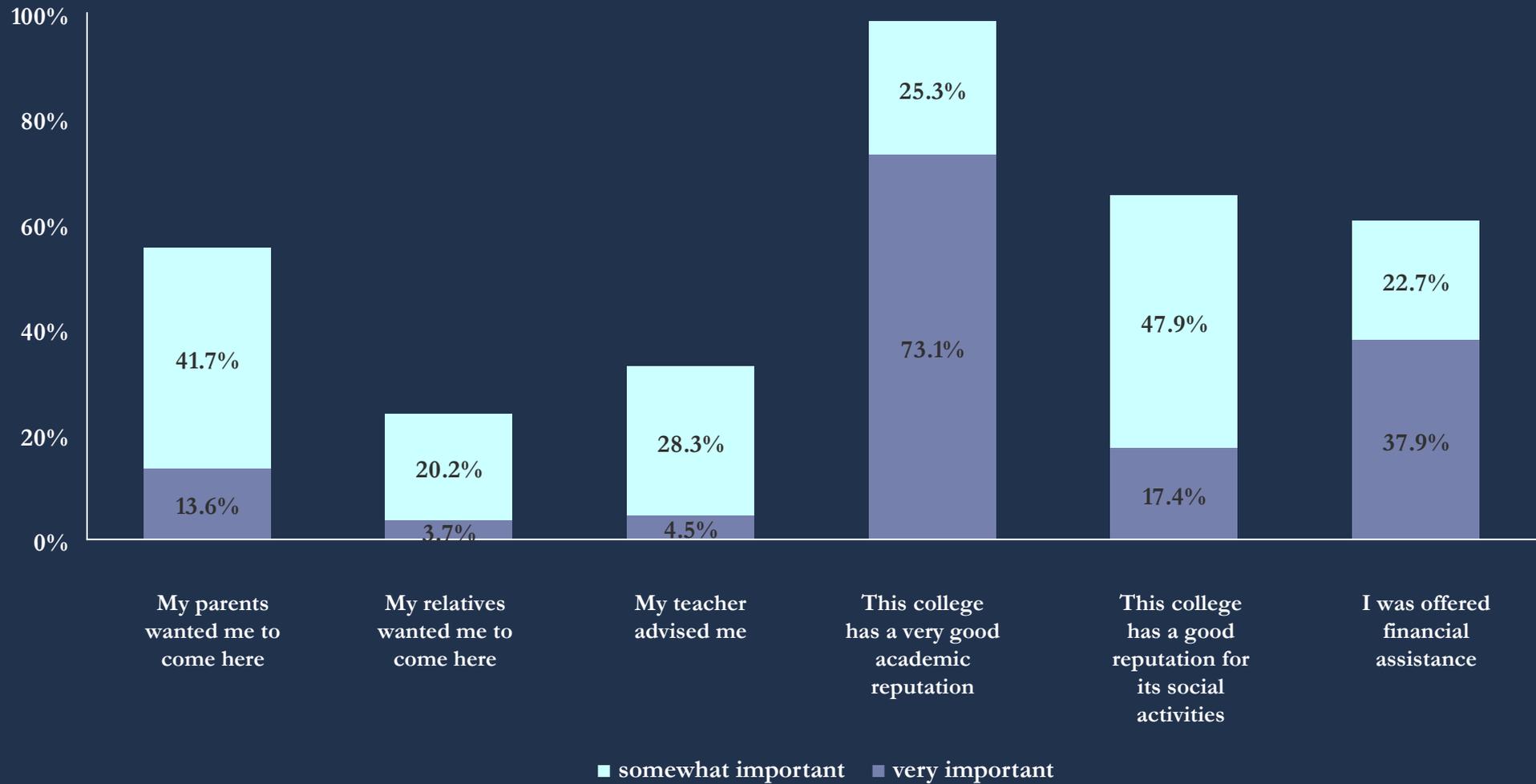
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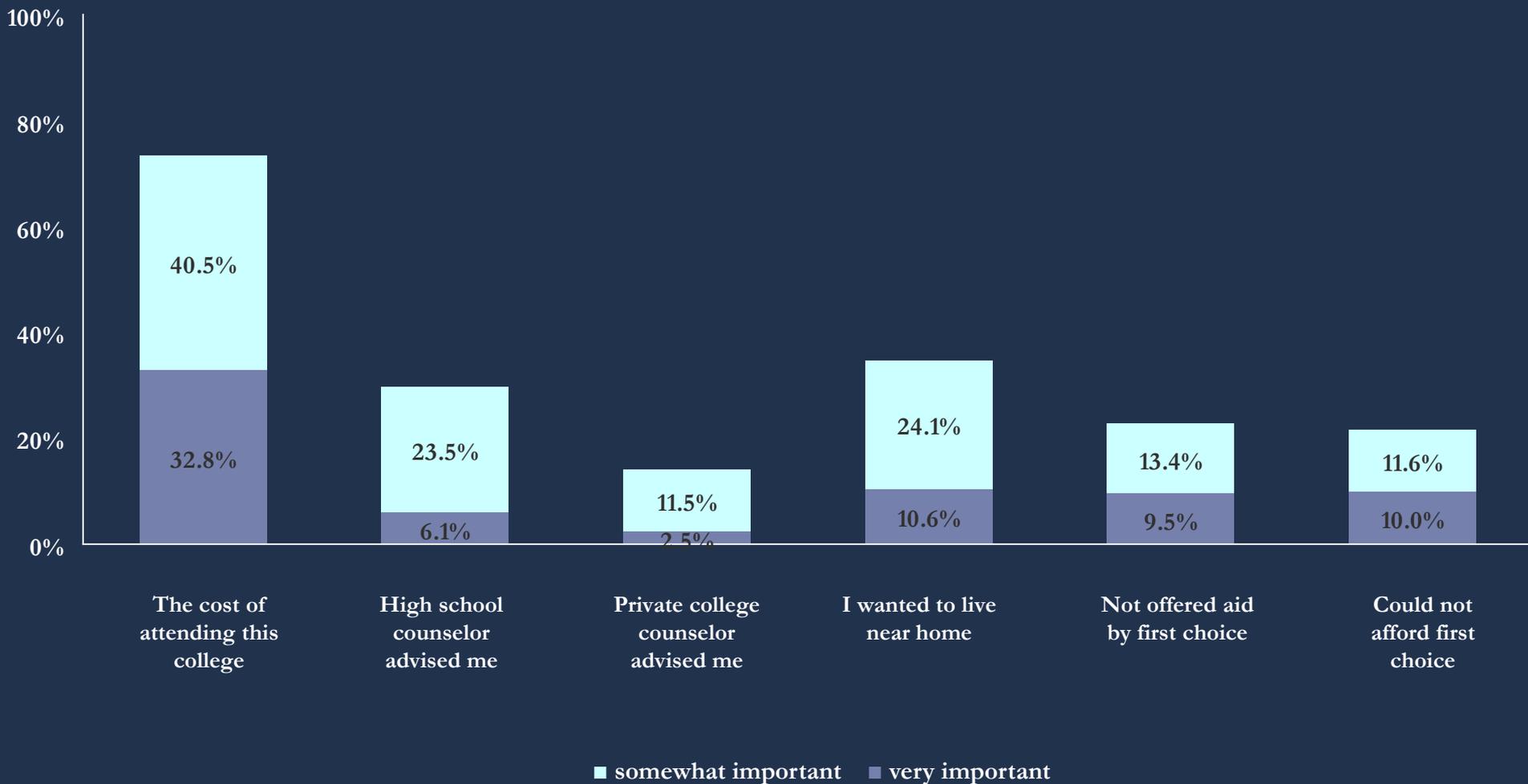
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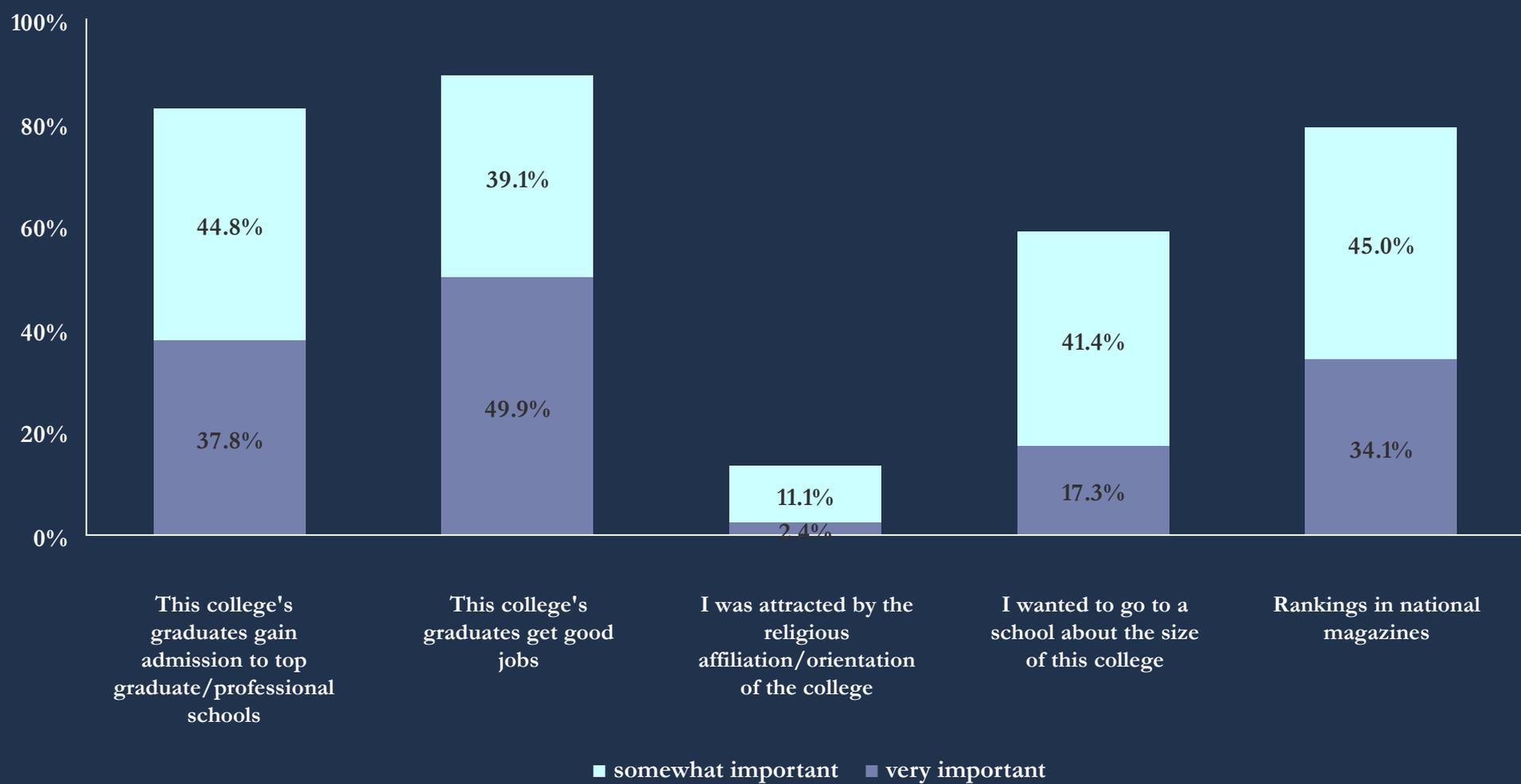
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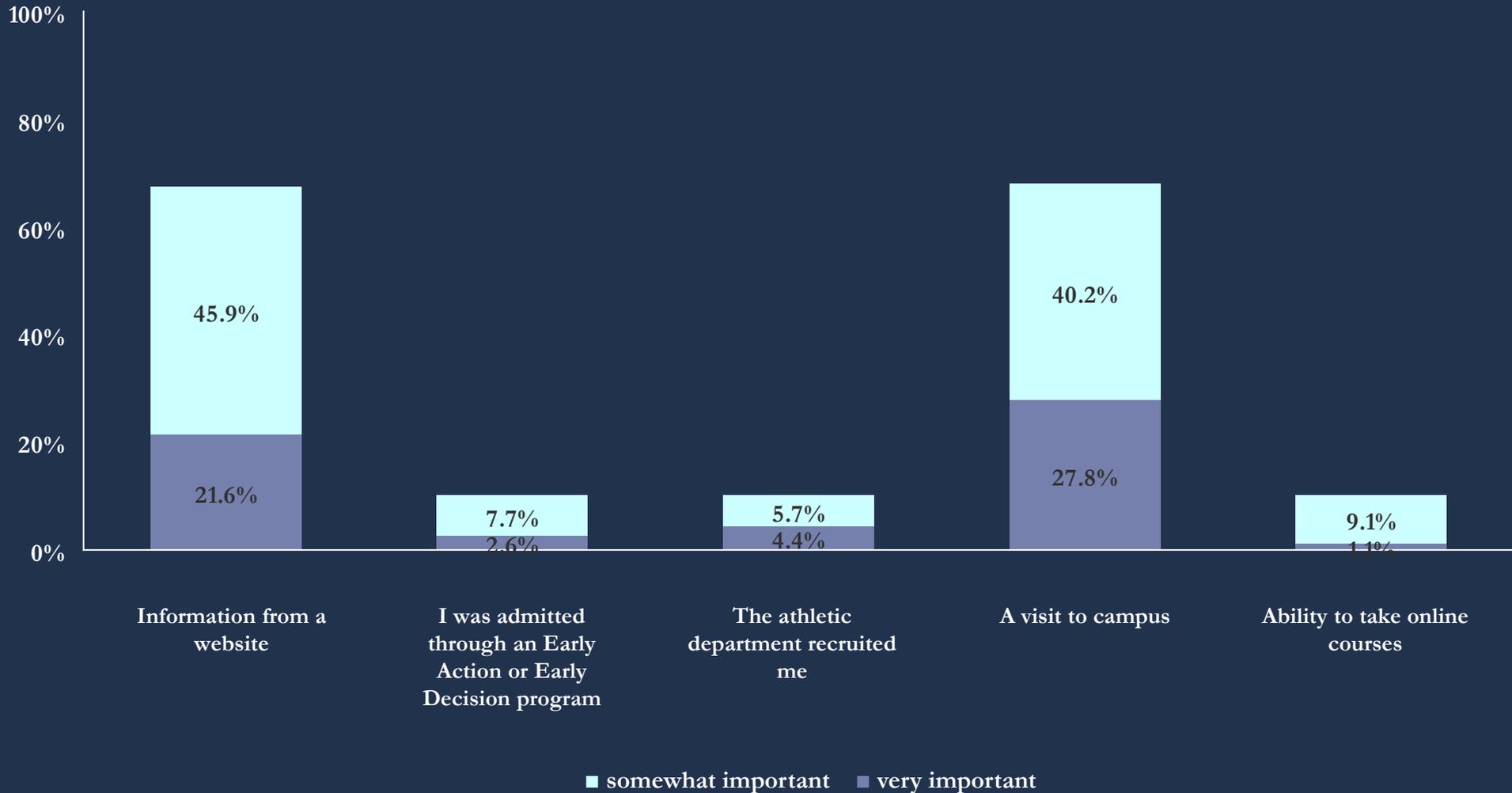
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# Financing College

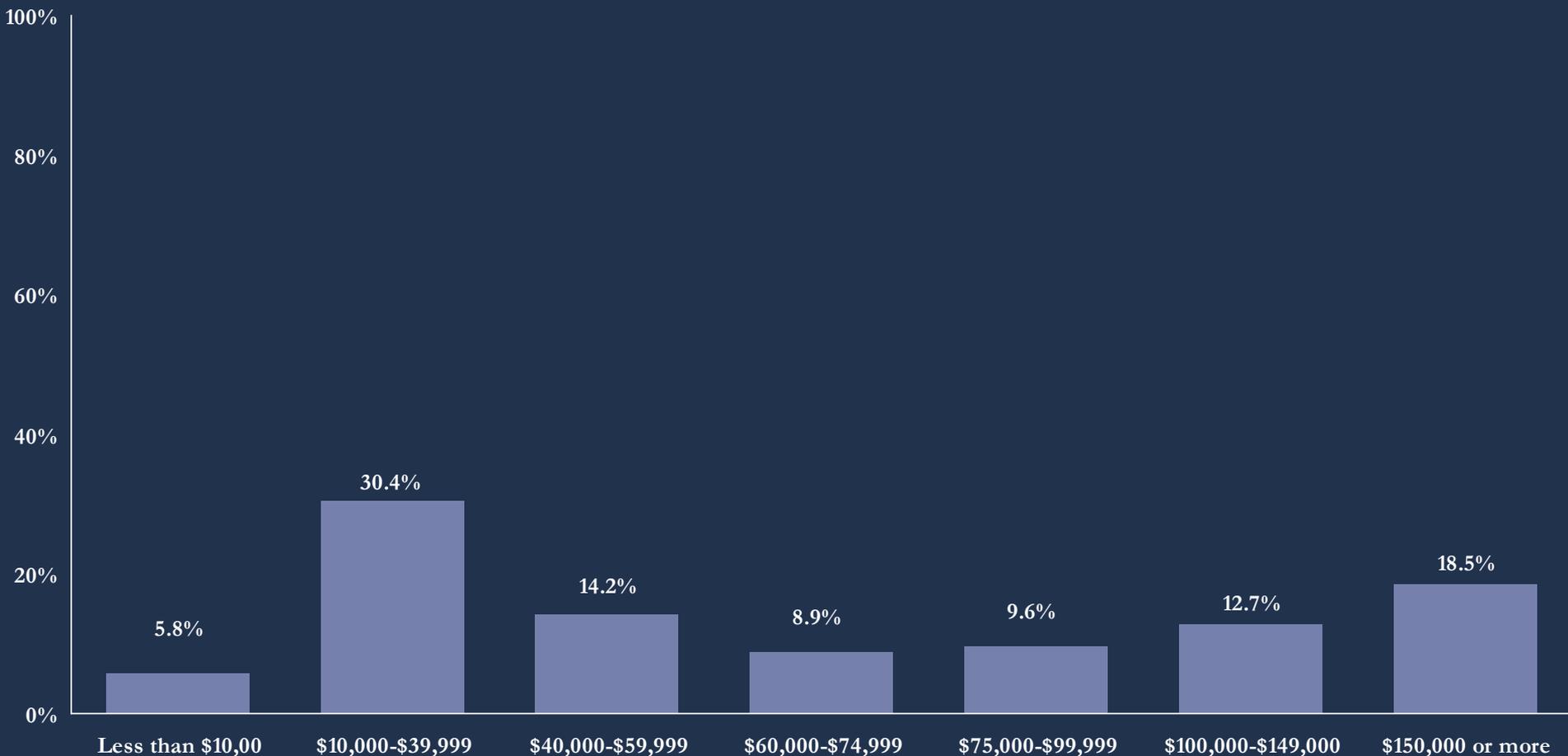
How much of your first year's educational expenses do you expect to cover from each of the sources listed below?

	None	Less than \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$9,999	\$10,000+
Family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.)	18.7%	11.5%	10.9%	9.2%	9.6%	40.2%
My own resources (savings from work, work-study, other income)	30.5%	28.2%	28.2%	8.8%	2.9%	1.4%
Aid which need <u>not</u> be repaid (grants, scholarships, military funding, etc.)	29.5%	7.1%	8.1%	6.8%	6.5%	42.0%
Aid which <u>must</u> be repaid ((loans, etc.)	45.6%	2.9%	9.7%	21.7%	11.2%	8.9%
Other than above	93.5%	2.5%	1.4%	1.0%	0.6%	0.9%



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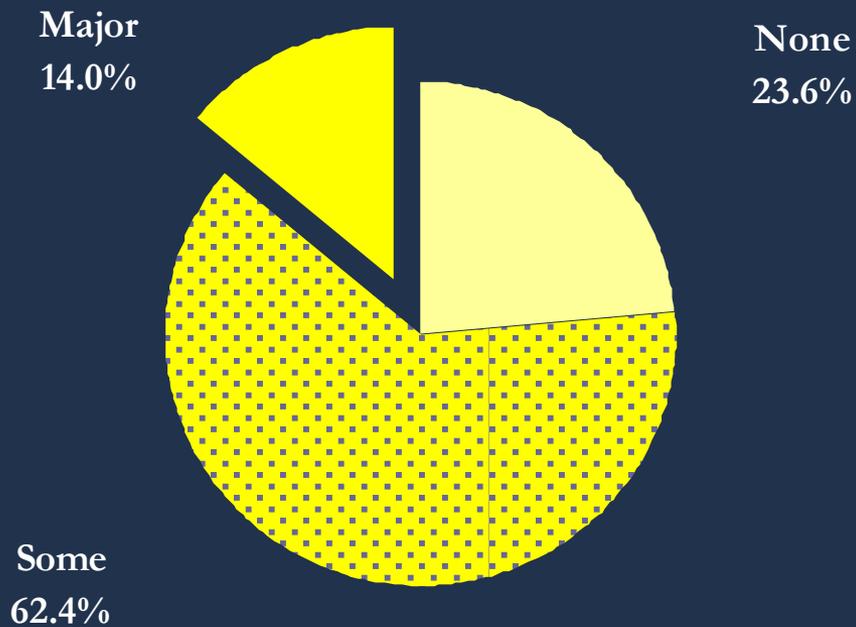
What is your best estimate of your parents' total income last year?





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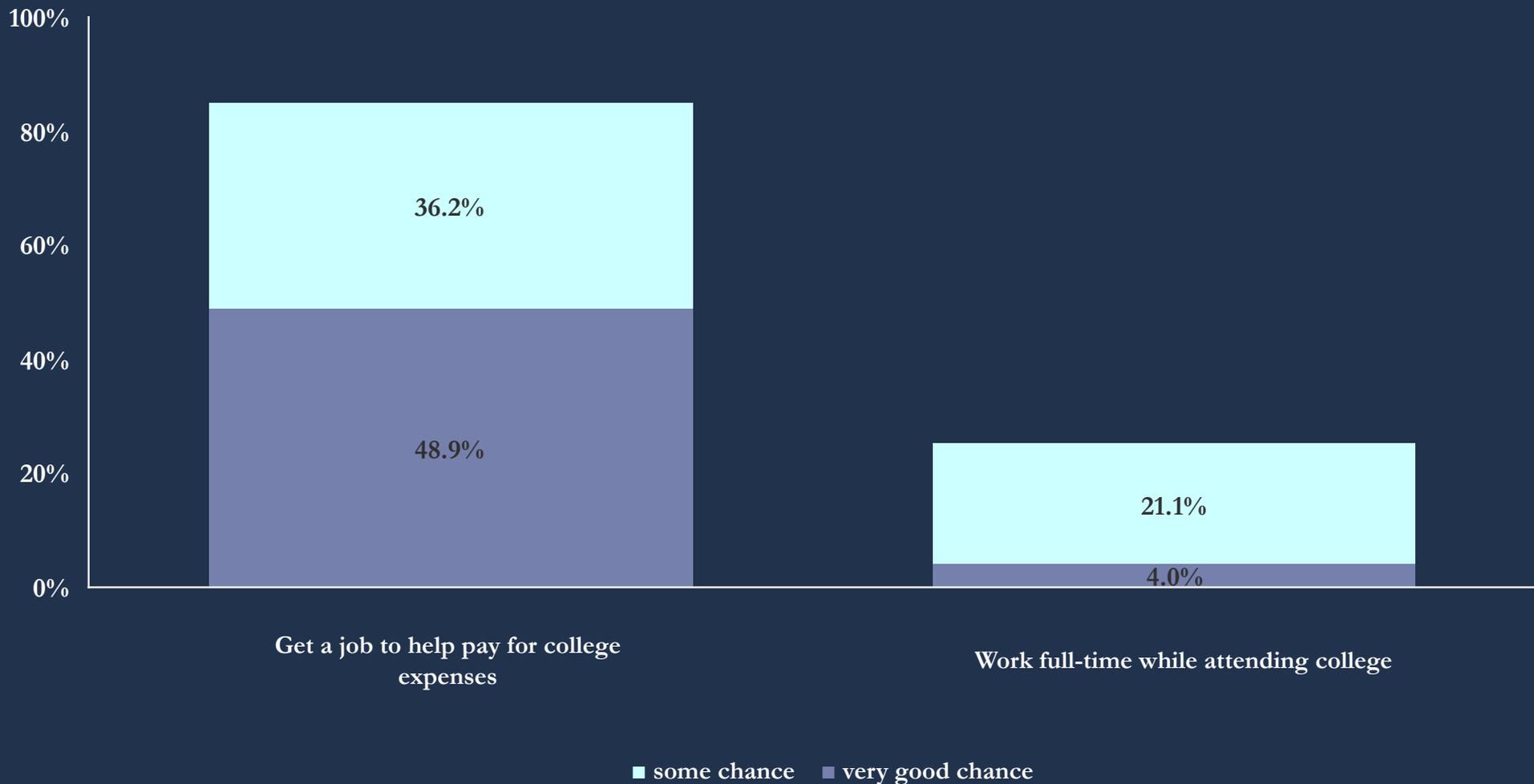
## Level of Concern About Ability to Finance College Education





# Financing College

What is your best guess as to the chances that you will...





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# Career Planning



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# Career Planning

## Highest Degree Planned to Obtain

None	0.3%
Vocational certificate	0.0%
Associate (A.A. or equivalent)	0.1%
Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)	7.5%
Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)	36.0%
Ph.D. or Ed.D.	29.6%
M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.	20.3%
J.D. (Law)	4.6%
B.D. or M.DIV. (Divinity)	0.2%
Other	1.5%



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## Career Planning

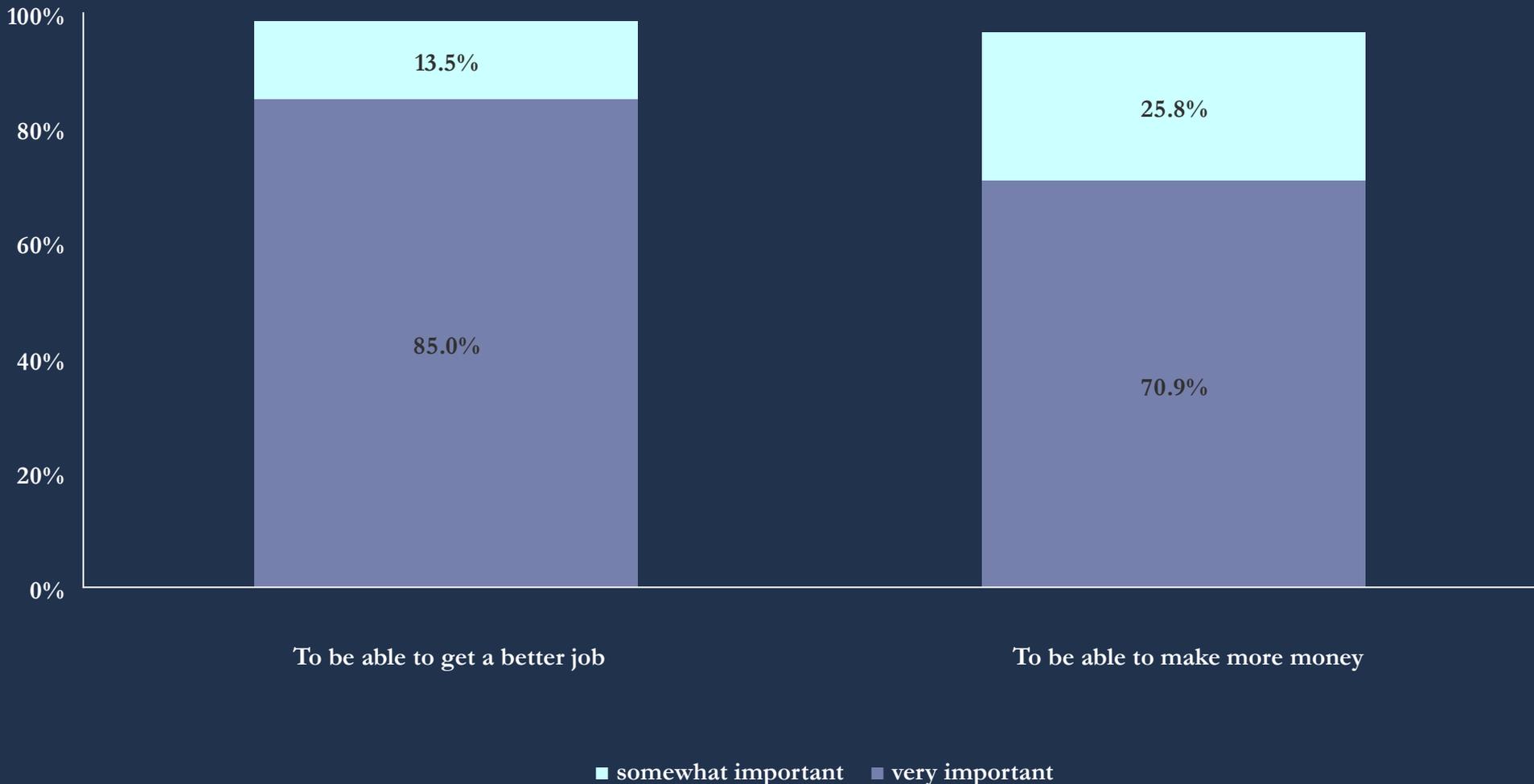
### Career/Occupation

	student	father	mother		student	father	mother
Artist	3.3%	0.9%	1.5%	Lawyer	4.2%	1.5%	0.8%
Business	7.2%	23.4%	17.4%	Military (career)	0.0%	0.9%	0.1%
Business (clerical)	0.4%	1.9%	3.3%	Nurse	0.6%	0.3%	3.9%
Clergy	0.1%	0.8%	0.2%	Research scientist	4.4%	1.7%	1.0%
College teacher	0.3%	0.7%	0.5%	Social, welfare, rec. worker	0.8%	0.7%	1.6%
Doctor (MD or DDS)	16.9%	3.3%	1.5%	Skilled worker	0.2%	4.1%	1.8%
Education (secondary)	1.4%	1.4%	2.2%	Semi-skilled worker	0.1%	4.0%	3.3%
Education (elementary)	0.7%	0.6%	4.8%	Unskilled worker	0.1%	4.1%	3.4%
Engineer	16.7%	14.4%	3.2%	Unemployed	2.1%	6.4%	11.9%
Farmer or forester	0.5%	0.6%	0.1%	Other	13.7%	26.1%	20.6%
Health professional	8.3%	1.5%	3.2%	Undecided	17.9%	--	--
Homemaker (full-time)	0.0%	0.7%	13.6%				



# Career Planning

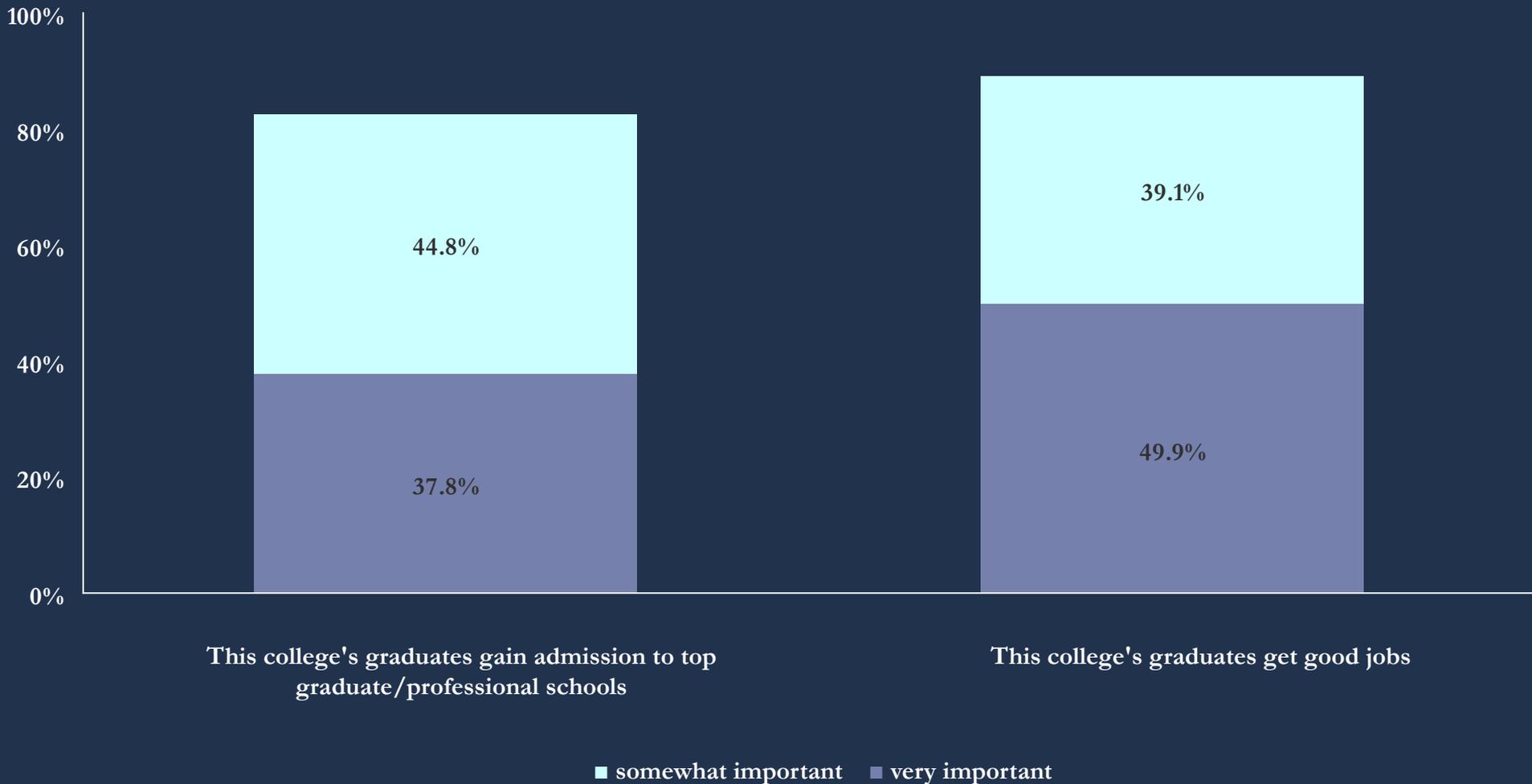
In deciding to go to college, how important to you was each of the following reasons?





# Career Planning

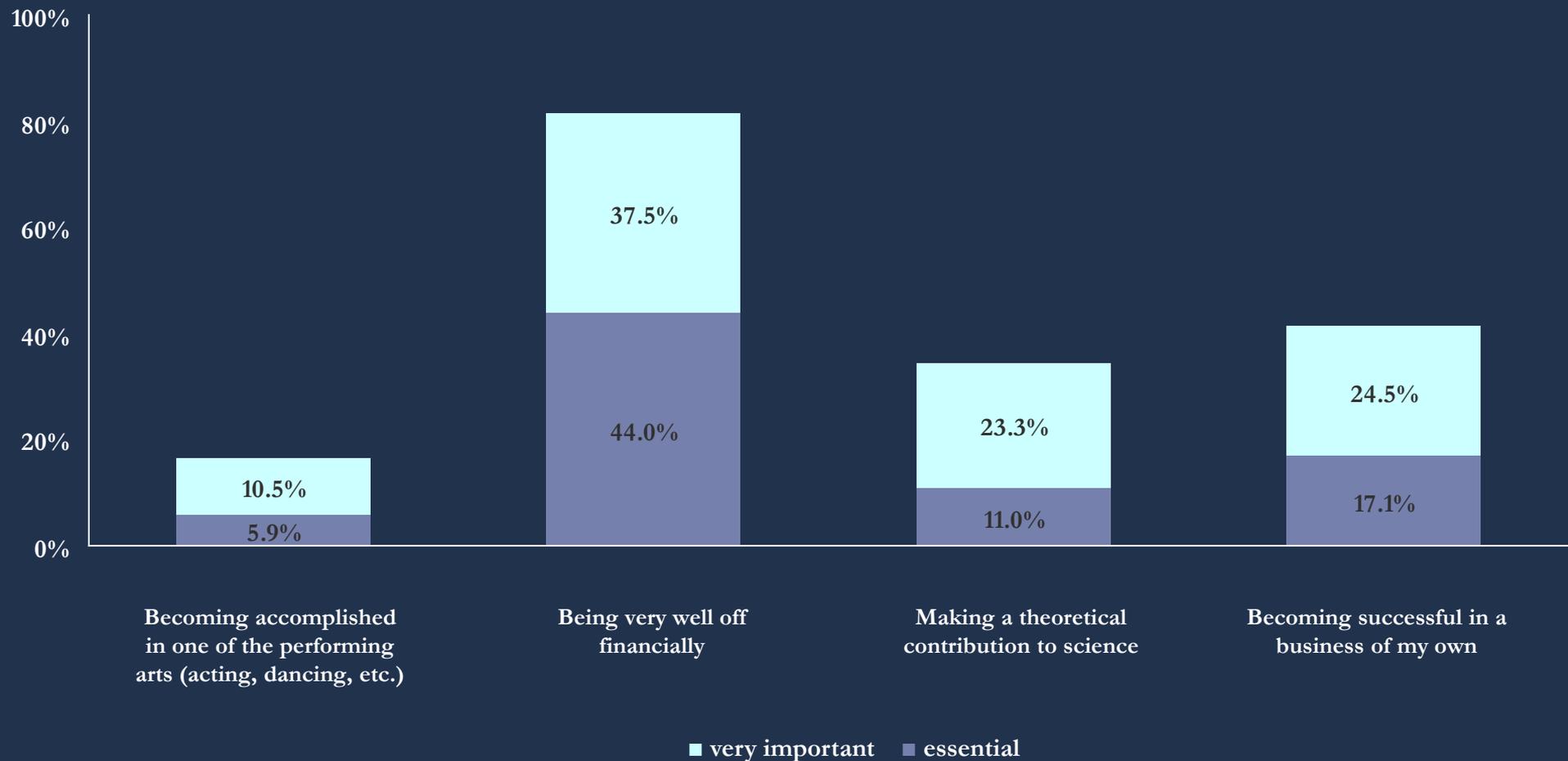
How important was each reason in your decision to come here?





## CIRP Theme College Choice

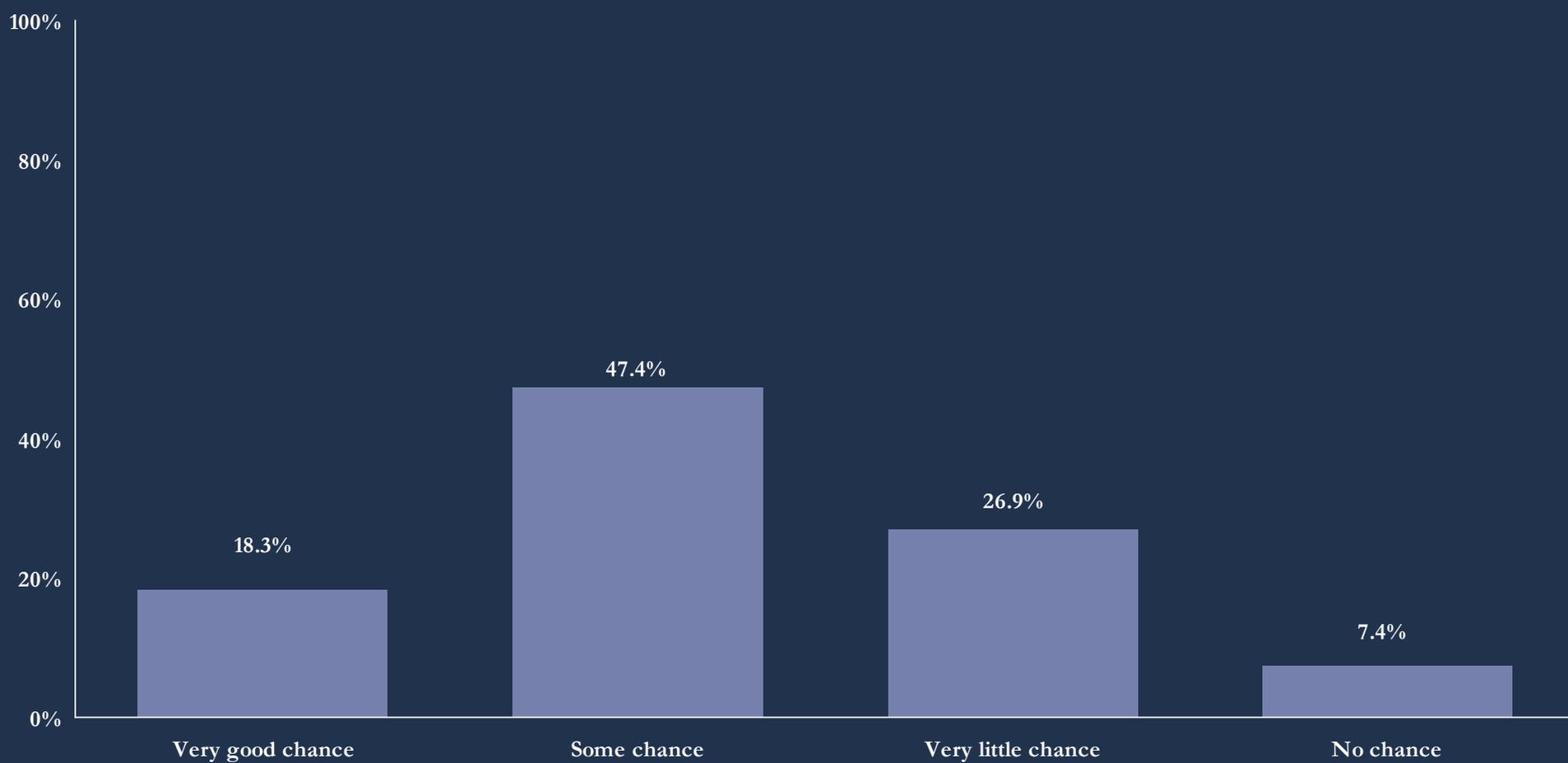
Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following:





# Career Planning

What is your best guess that you will change career choice?





University of California  
San Diego

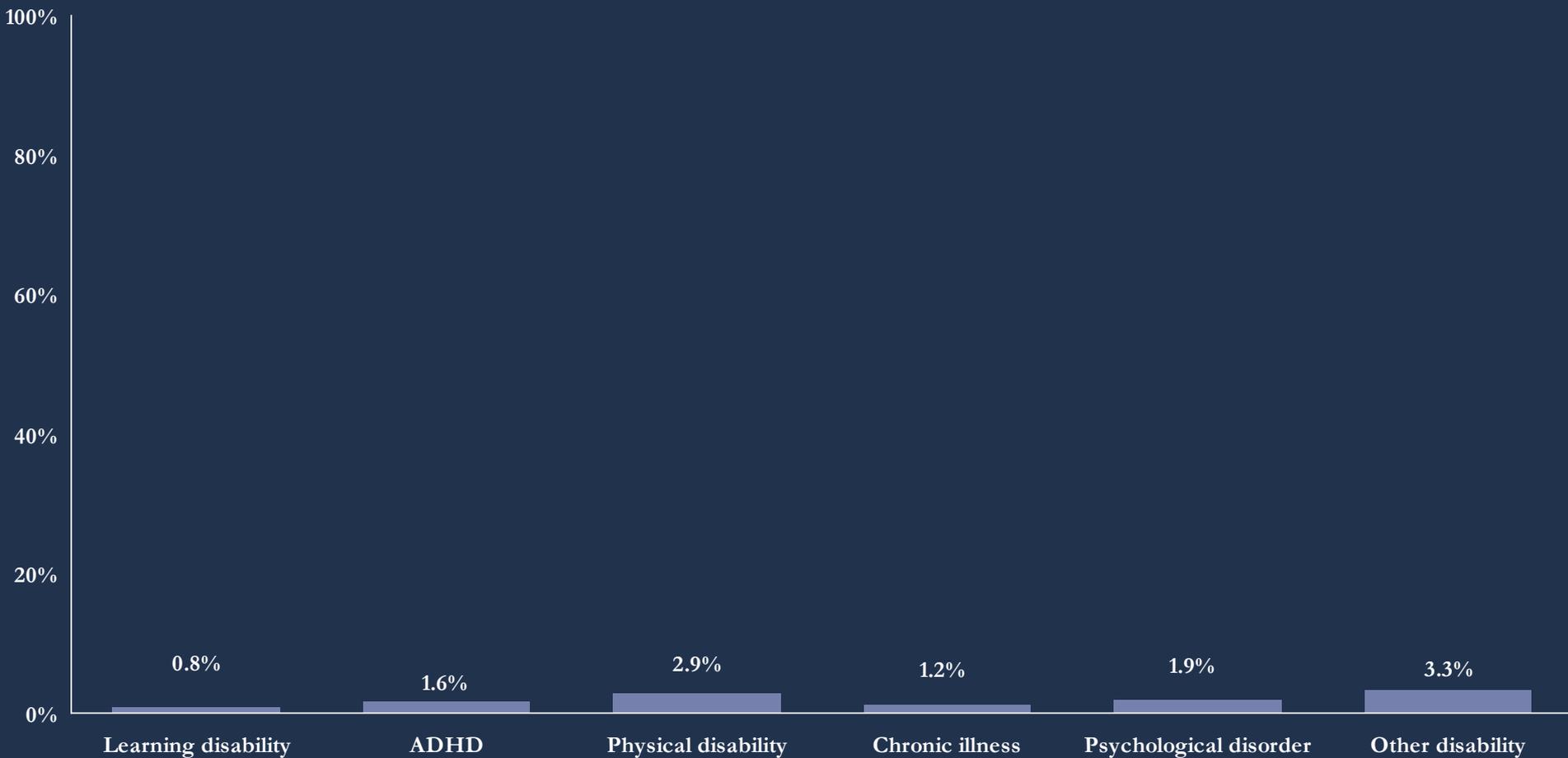
# Health and Wellness



# CIRP Theme

## Health and Wellness

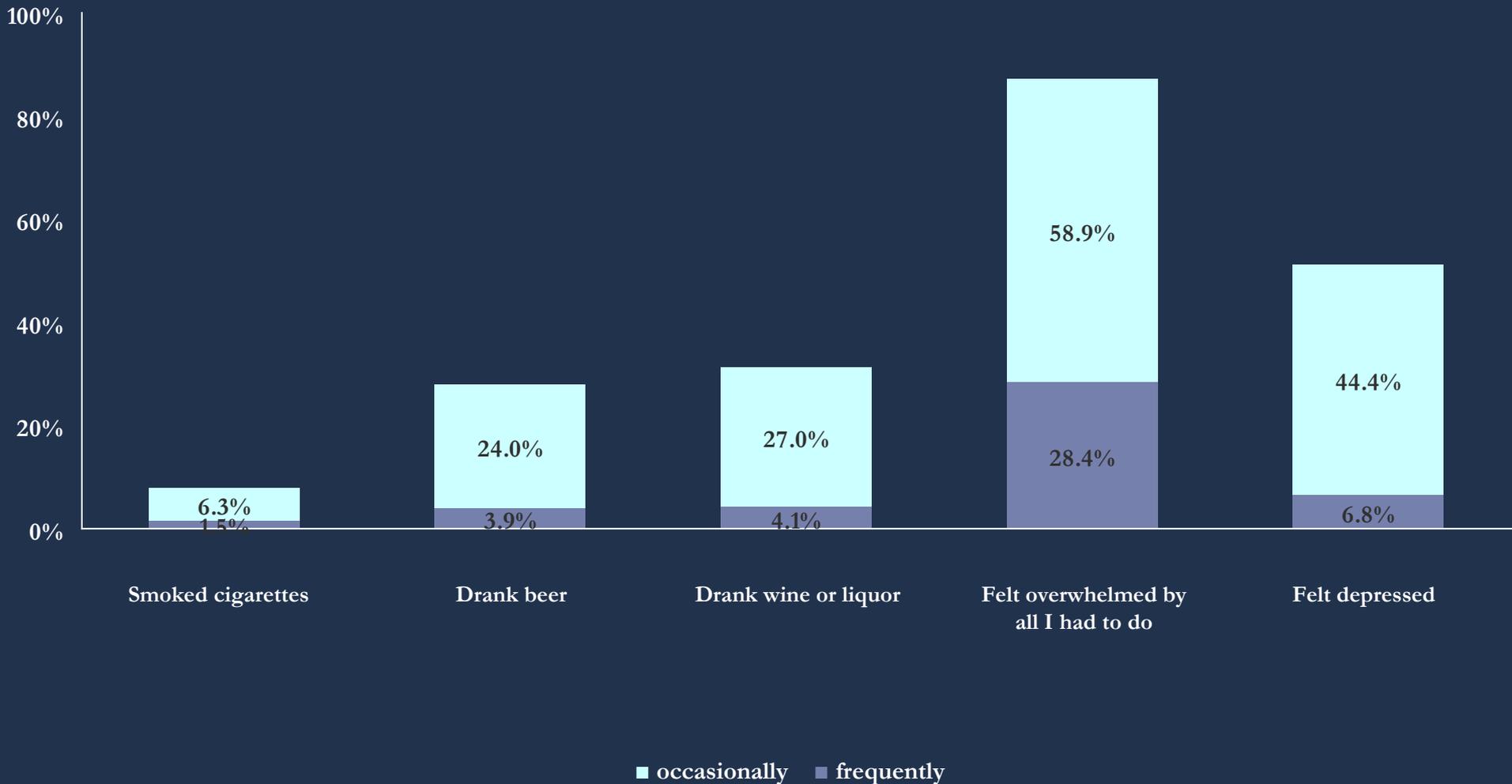
### Disabilities





# Health and Wellness

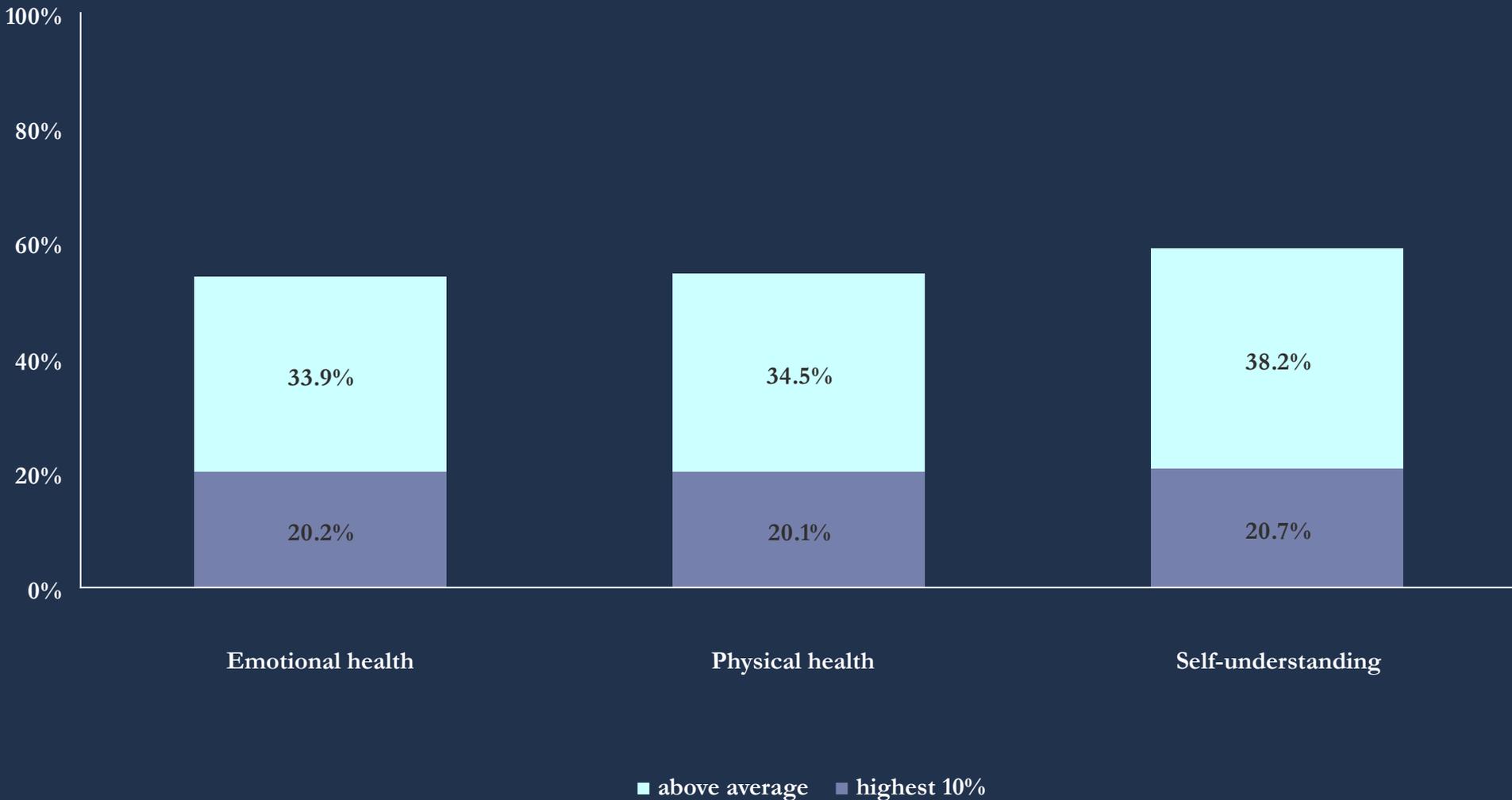
## Frequency of Activity During the Past Year as High School Senior





# Health and Wellness

Compared to the average person your age, rate yourself on your...





# Health and Wellness

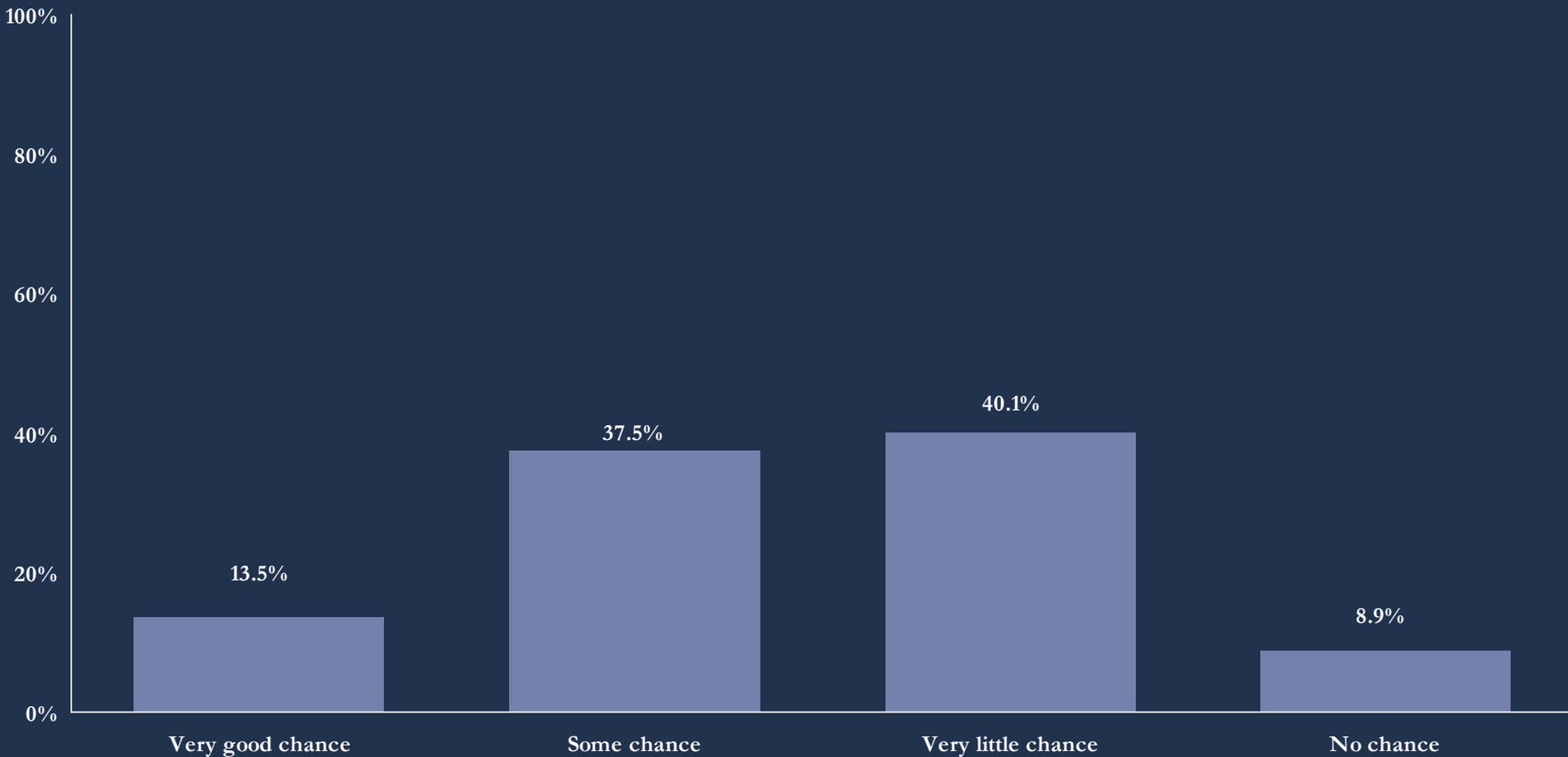
During the past year, how much time did you spend during the typical week doing the following activities:

	None	< 1 hr	1-2 hrs	3-5 hrs	6+ hrs
Exercising/sports	4.9%	10.7%	18.1%	22.1%	44.2%
Partying	39.1%	20.0%	19.0%	13.1%	8.7%



# Health and Wellness

What is your best guess that you will seek personal counseling?





University of California  
San Diego

# Religiosity / Spirituality



CIRP Theme

# Religiosity/Spirituality

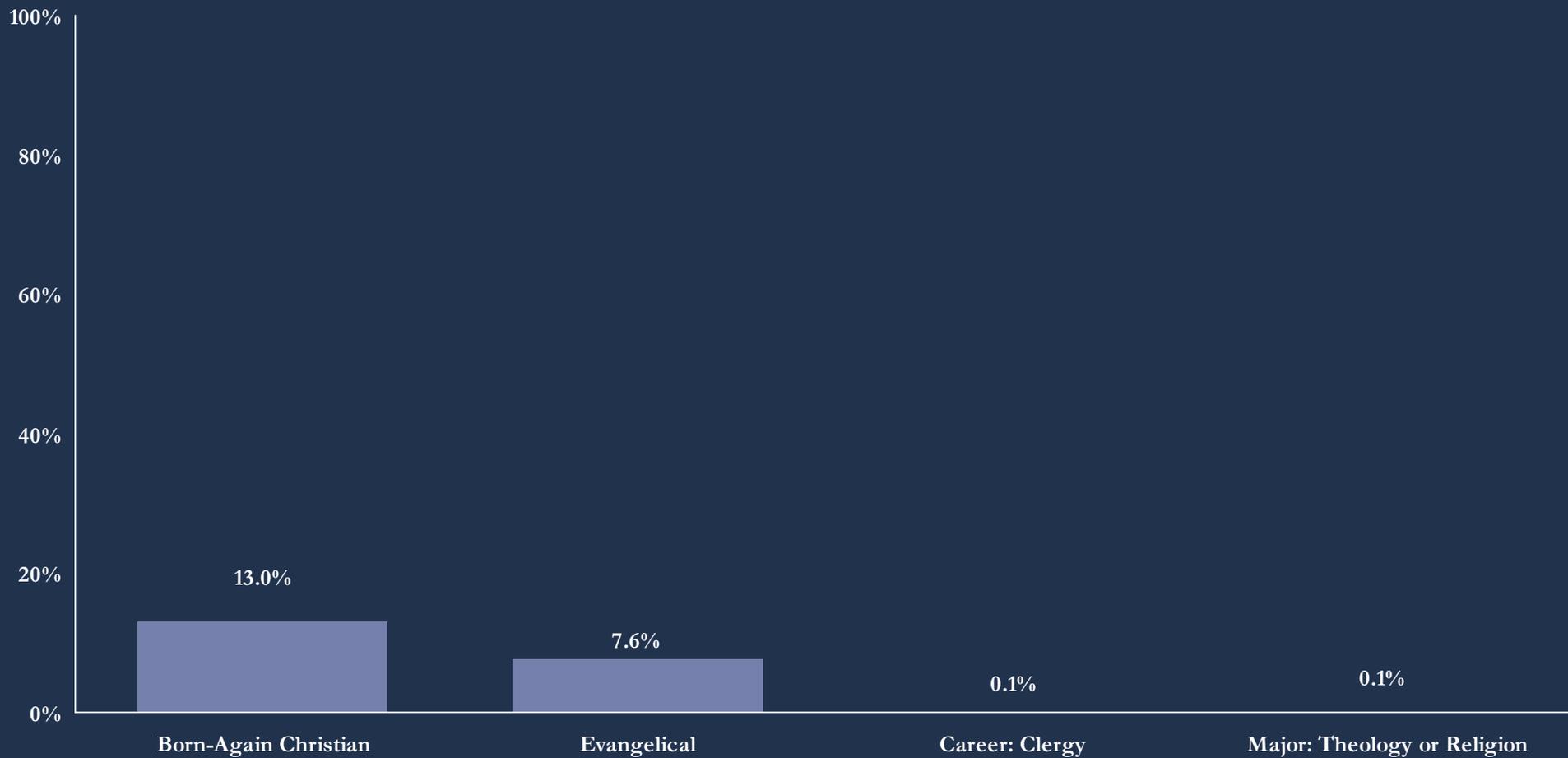
## Current religious preference:

	student	father	mother		student	father	mother
Baptist	3.6%	2.9%	3.5%	Muslim	1.2%	1.5%	1.4%
Buddhist	7.8%	13.8%	14.5%	Presbyterian	6.1%	5.7%	6.5%
Church of Christ	3.8%	3.5%	3.9%	Quaker	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Eastern Orthodox	0.6%	0.8%	0.8%	Roman Catholic	17.5%	20.6%	22.3%
Episcopalian	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	Seventh Day Adventist	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Hindu	2.6%	3.6%	3.5%	United Church of Christ/Congregational	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Jewish	2.4%	3.0%	3.0%	Other Christian	11.0%	10.0%	11.8%
LDS (Mormon)	0.2%	0.5%	0.5%	Other Religion	3.1%	3.0%	3.3%
Lutheran	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	None	37.5%	28.0%	21.3%
Methodist	0.8%	1.1%	1.2%				



# CIRP Theme

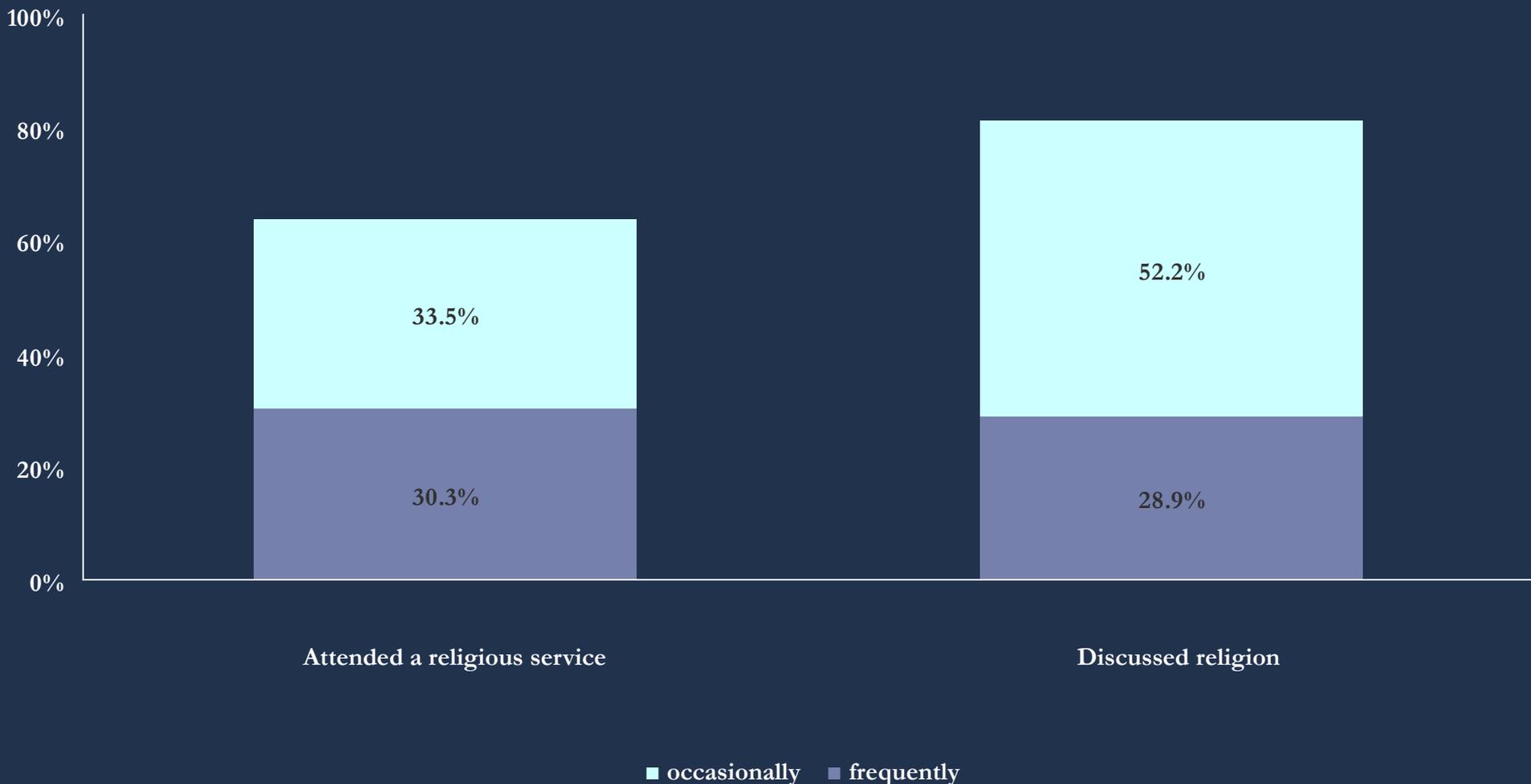
## Religiosity/Spirituality





# Religiosity/Spirituality

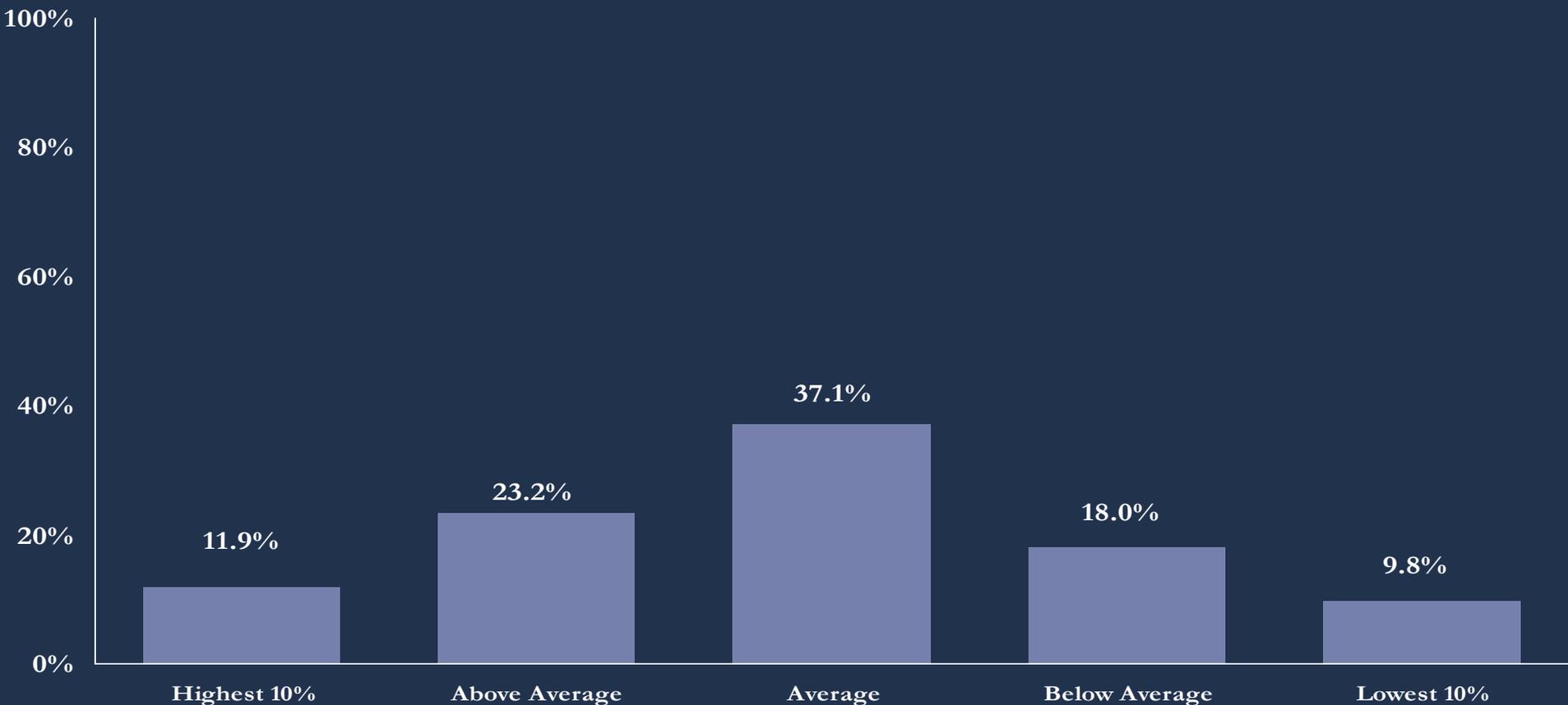
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# Religiosity/Spirituality

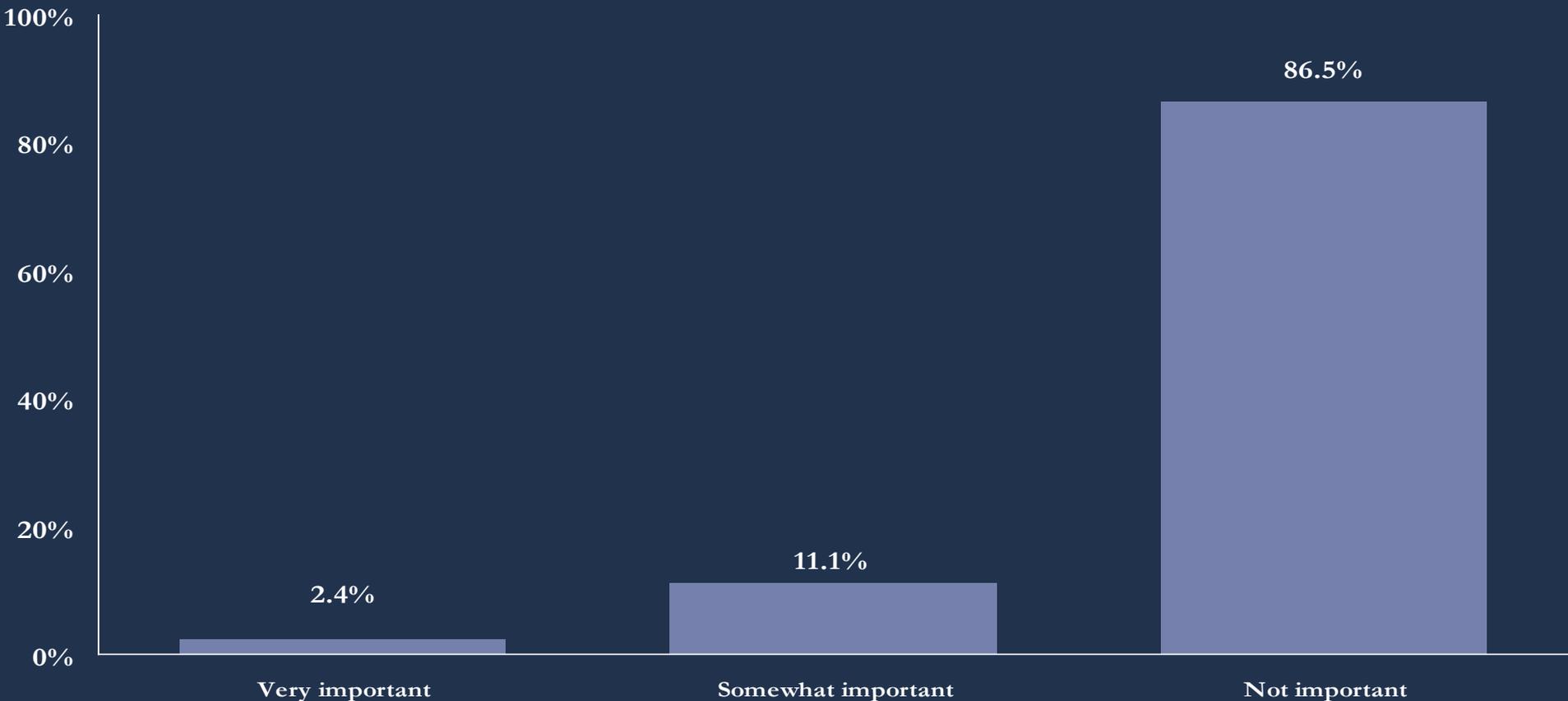
Self-Rating – “Spirituality”





# Religiosity/Spirituality

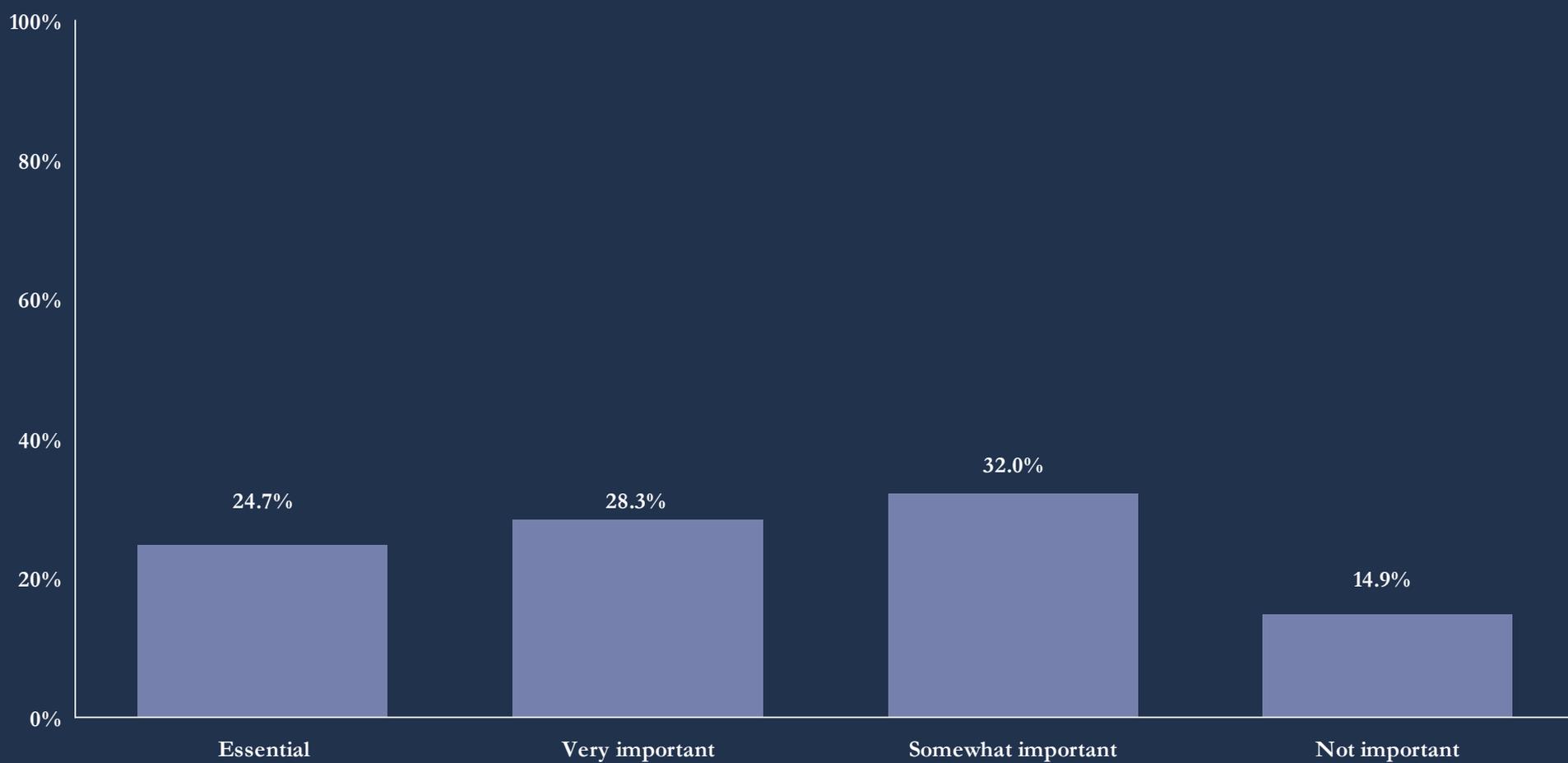
Reason come here: I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of the college





# Religiosity/Spirituality

How important is it to you to develop a meaningful philosophy of life?





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