Comparing Discipline

National Comparisons of Charter and Traditional Public Schools

December 7, 2016

Competing Narratives on Charters

1. Serve Disadvantaged
2. Mission Driven
3. Innovative

1. Cream skimmers
2. Privatizers
3. Punitive

Charter Schools, Civil Rights and School Discipline

A Comprehensive Review

The Center for Civil Rights Remedies

at The Civil Rights Project | *Proyecto Derechos Civiles*

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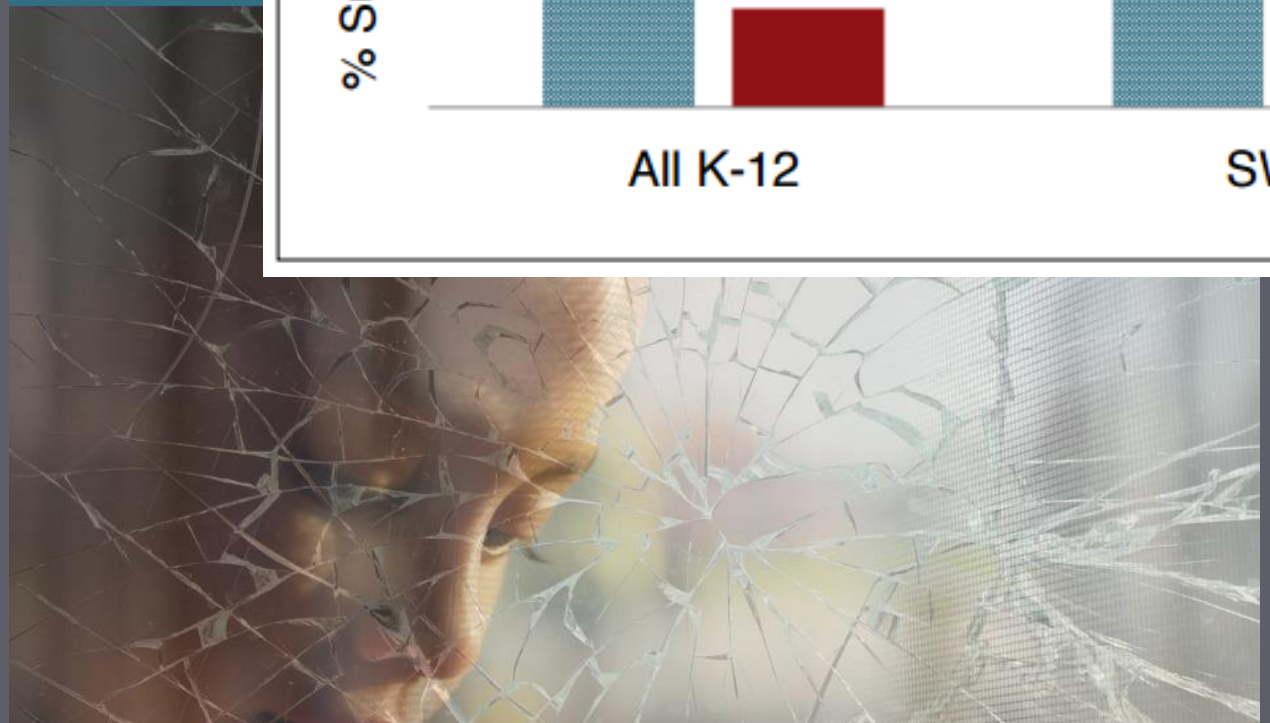

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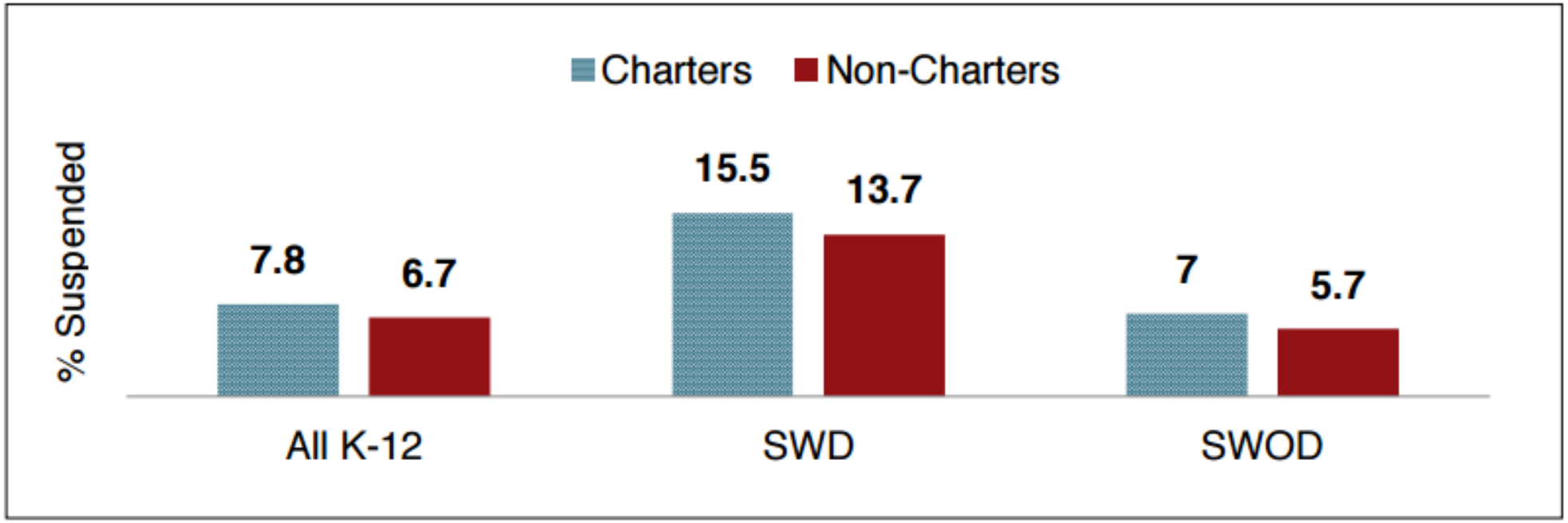

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Table 5b. Secondary Suspension Rates, Including All Schools Reporting Zero Suspensions

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Charter	11.6	10.9	5.4	3.3	22	9.1	5.6	9.9	20.8	1,765
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Black students are four times as likely to be suspended from charter schools as white students, according to a new analysis of federal education data. And students with disabilities, the study found, are suspended two to three times the rate of nondisabled students in charter schools.

These inequities are similar to those in traditional public schools, where black and disabled students are disproportionately disciplined for even minor infractions, and as early as preschool — although on average, charter schools suspend pupils at slightly higher rates than traditional public schools.

The analysis of charter school data from the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights of close to 5,000 charters was done by the Center for Civil Rights Remedies at the University of California, Los Angeles, a nonprofit civil rights research and policy organization.

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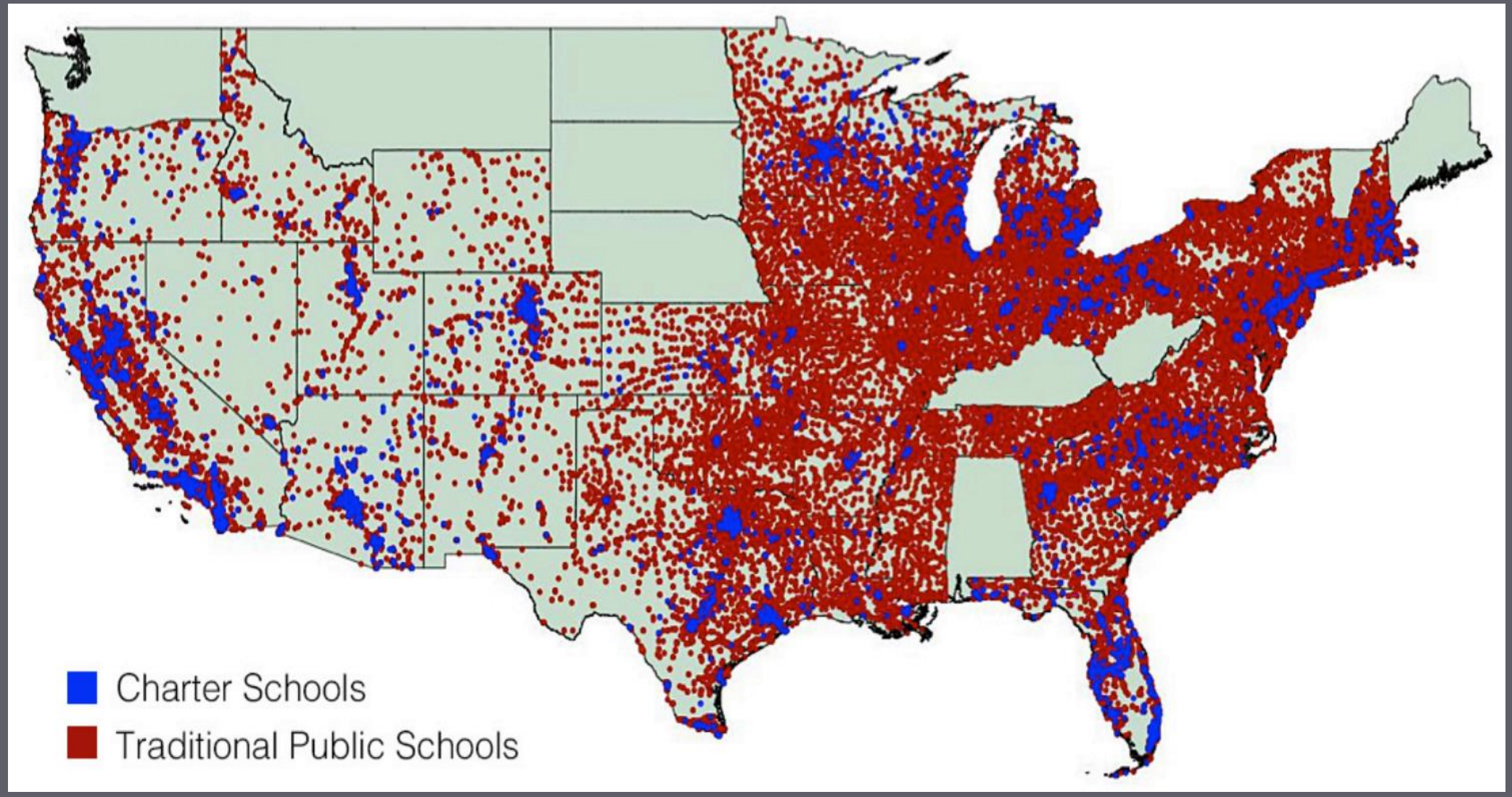
Charter Schools
Traditional Public Schools

Identify neighboring traditional public schools

Match Charters:

- To the nearest 5 traditional public schools (TPS)
- Serving the same grade ranges
- In the same jurisdiction.

Compare Charters to all TPSs, **and to their neighboring TPSs**.

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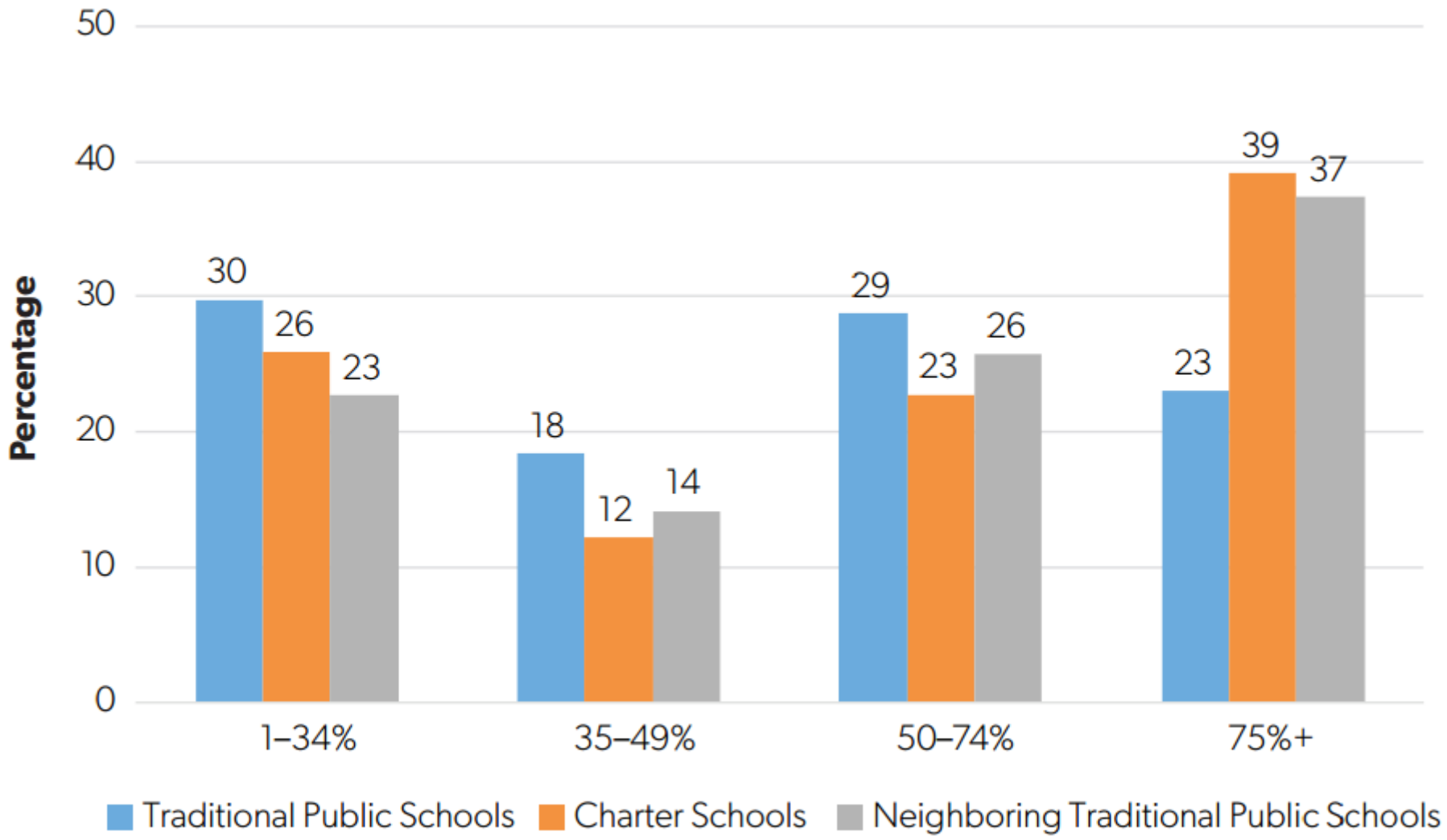

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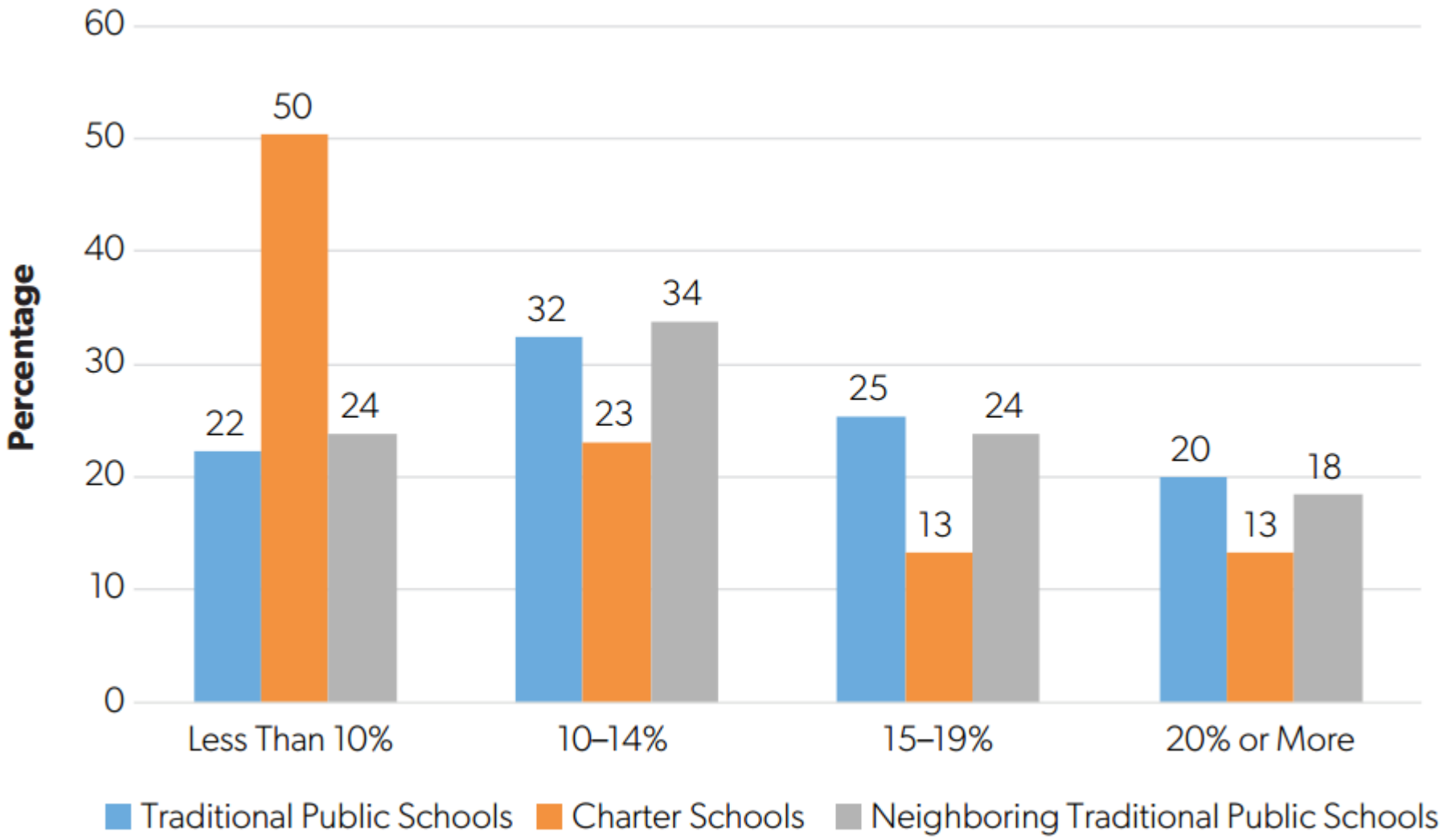

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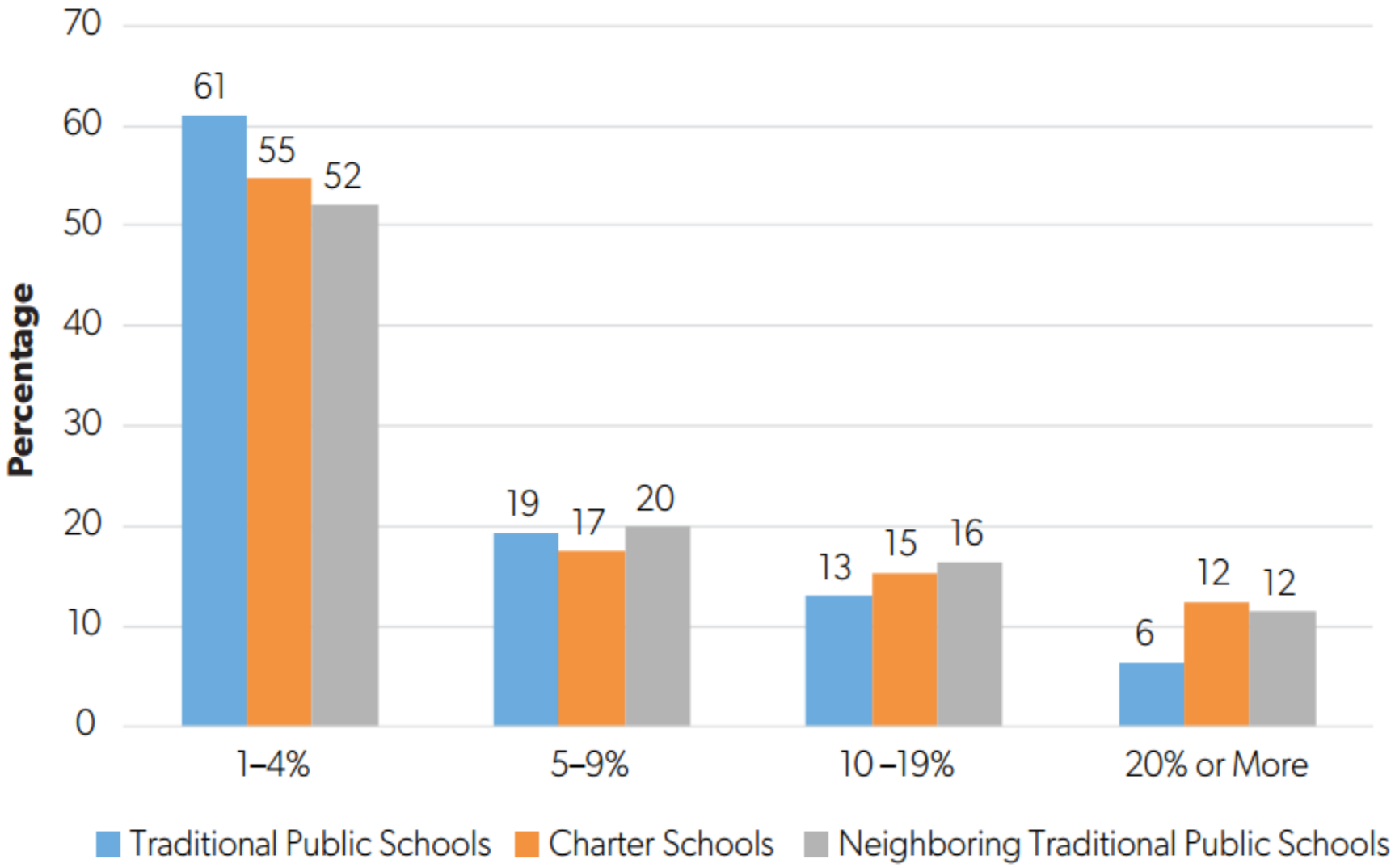

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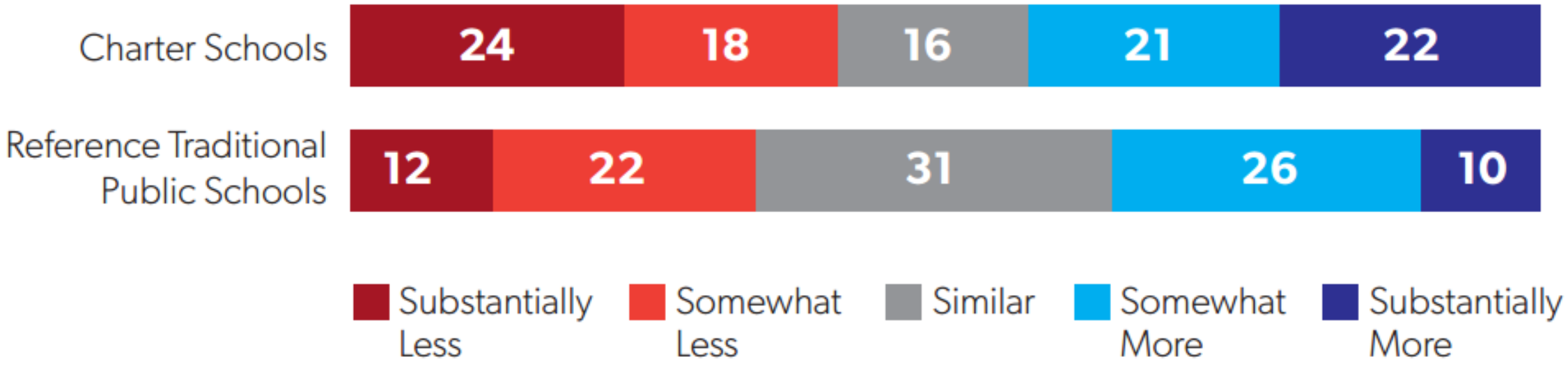

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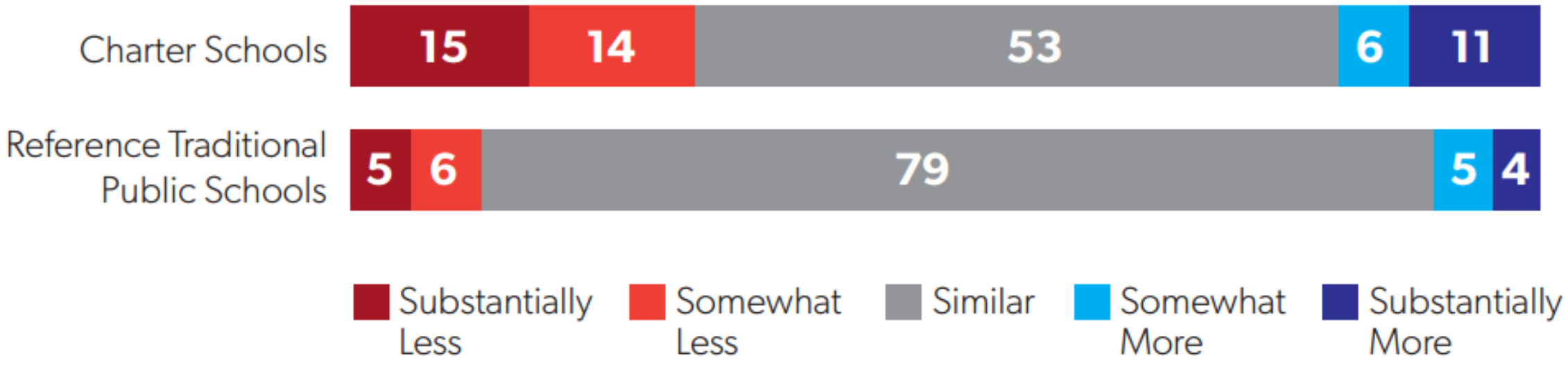

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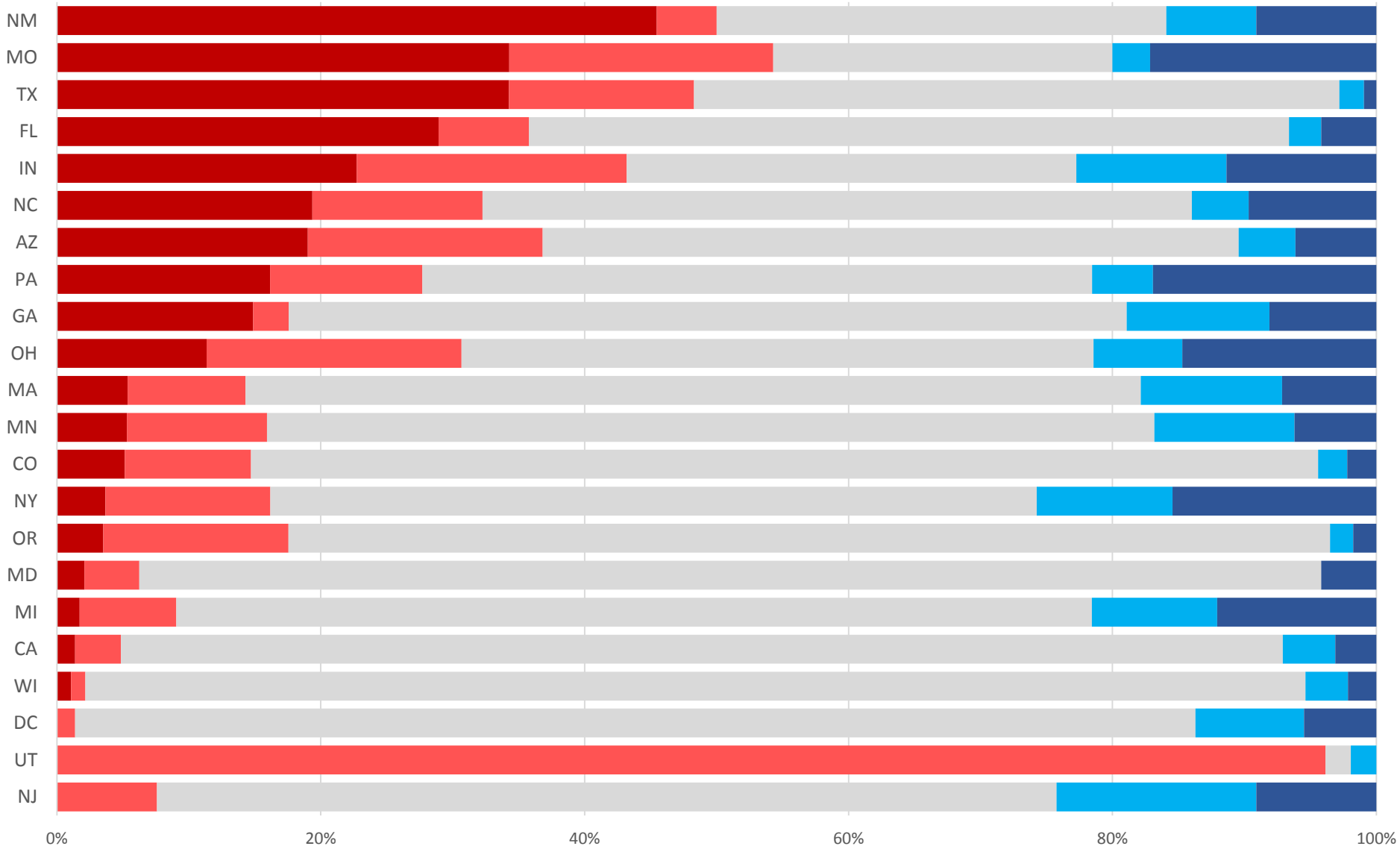

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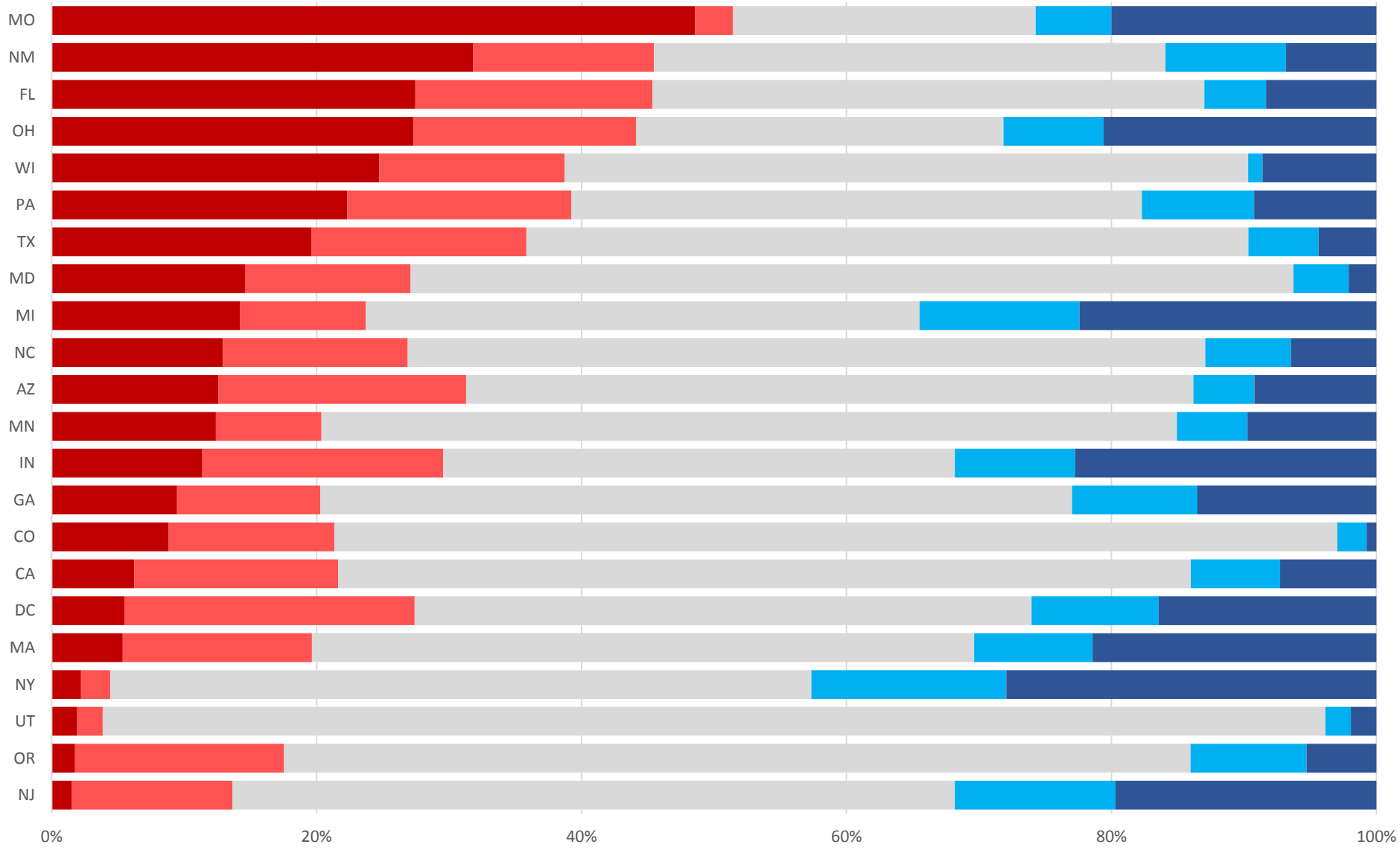

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Discipline by Charter Academic Model

-Models coded by NAPCS & AEI

- General (2019)
- No Excuses (259)
- STEM (230)
- ARTS (142)
- Classical (87)
- Purposefully Diverse (17)
- Single Sex (30)
- International (180)
- Progressive (349)
- Credit Recovery (146)
- Public Policy (10)
- Vocational (53)
- Military (13)

Source: Civil Rights Data Collection, NAPCS. See McShane & Hatfield, *Measuring Diversity in Charter School Offerings*, AEI

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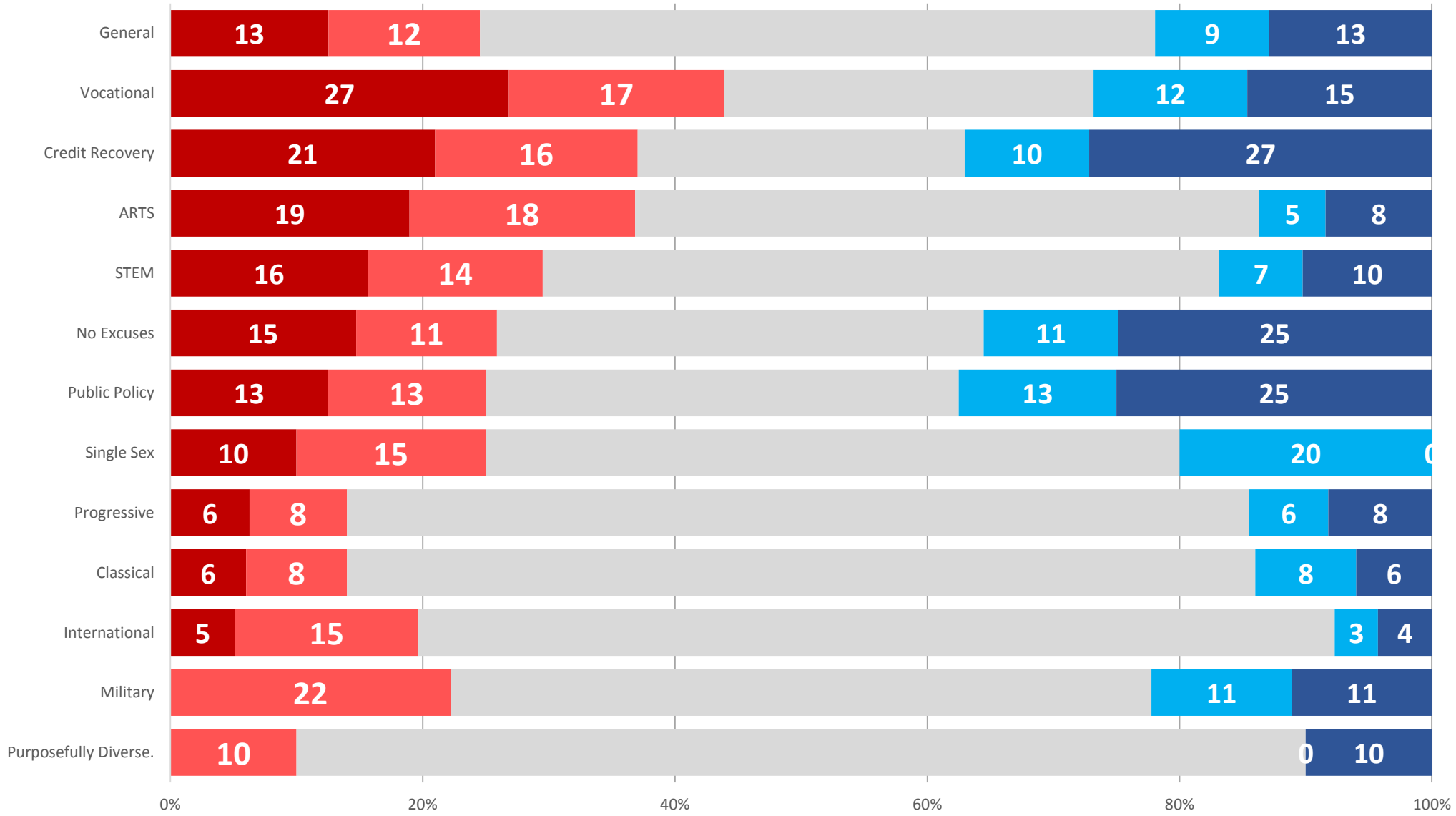

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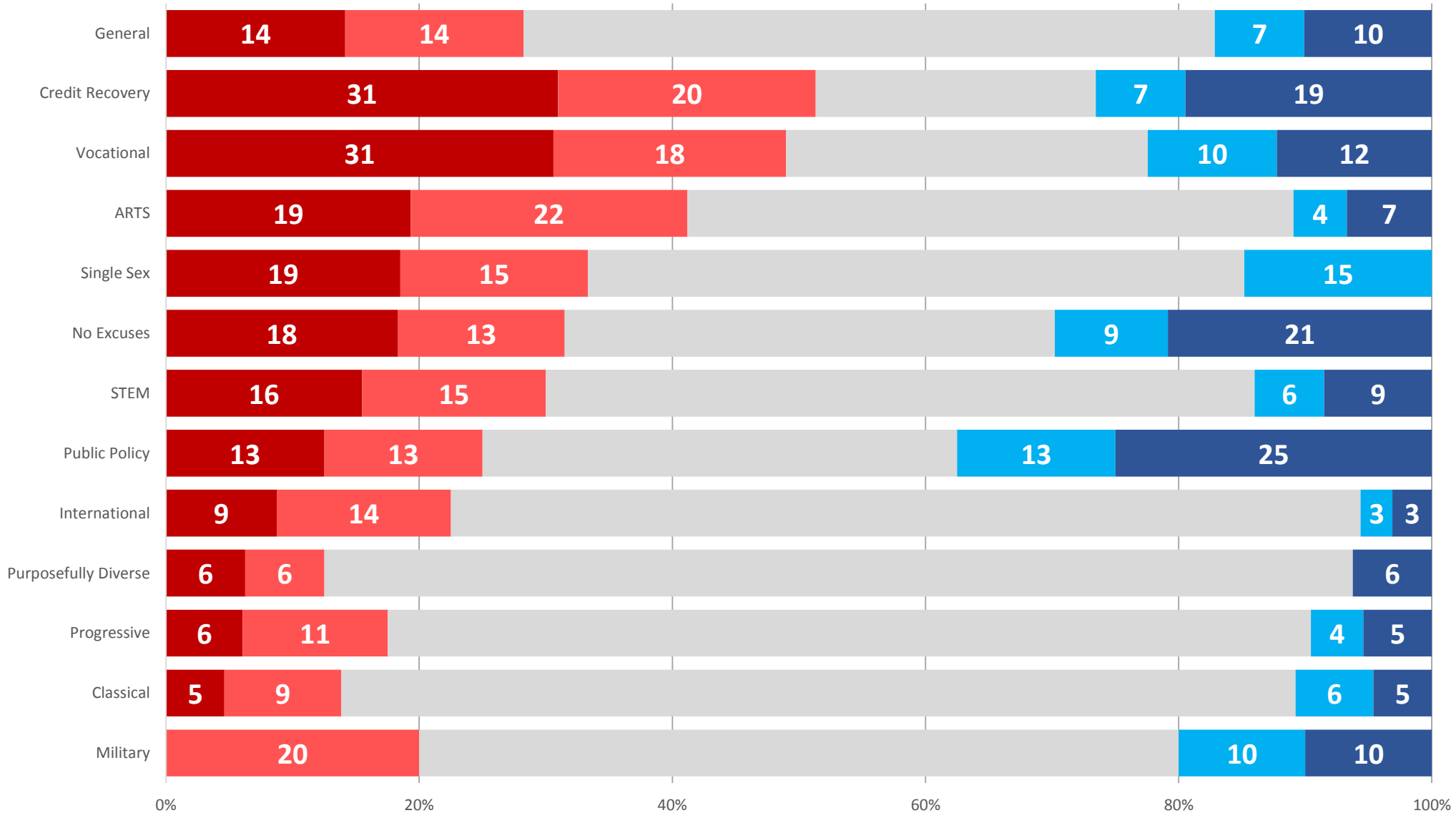

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Thank You

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