




# Search Institute Survey Results: 2006

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# Outline

- Adolescence
- Why care about underage drinking?
- Parties
- What works? What doesn't?
- Conclusions and Recommendations

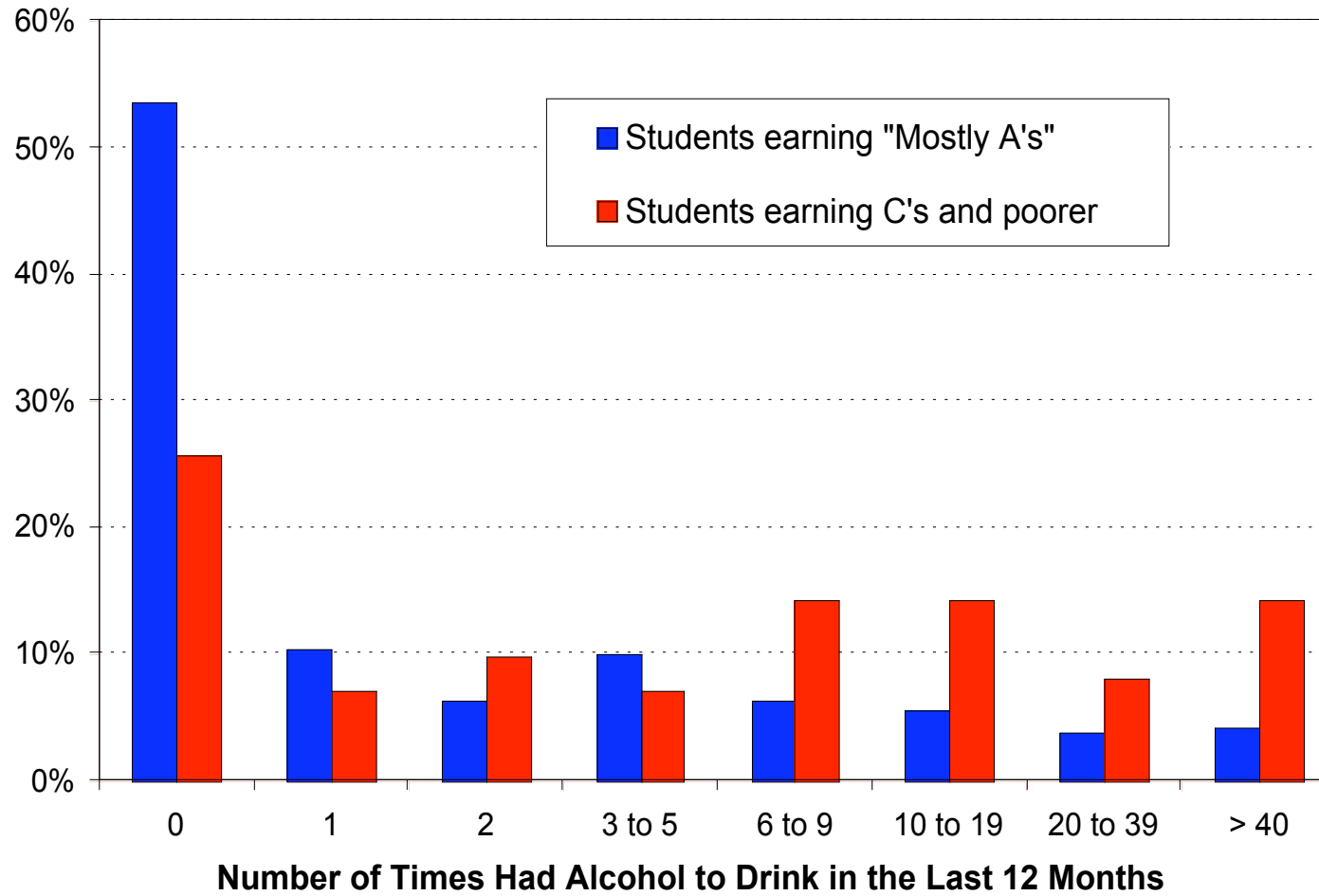


# The great question for an adolescent: MIOK?

- How do I get OK?
  - Religion? Grades? Weights? Diet?
  - Sports? Clubs? Olions? Debate? Music?
  - Dating? Dancing?
  - Drugs? Alcohol?**
- How many choose drugs/alcohol?
- How can we identify and help them?

# What's wrong with drinking? Grades

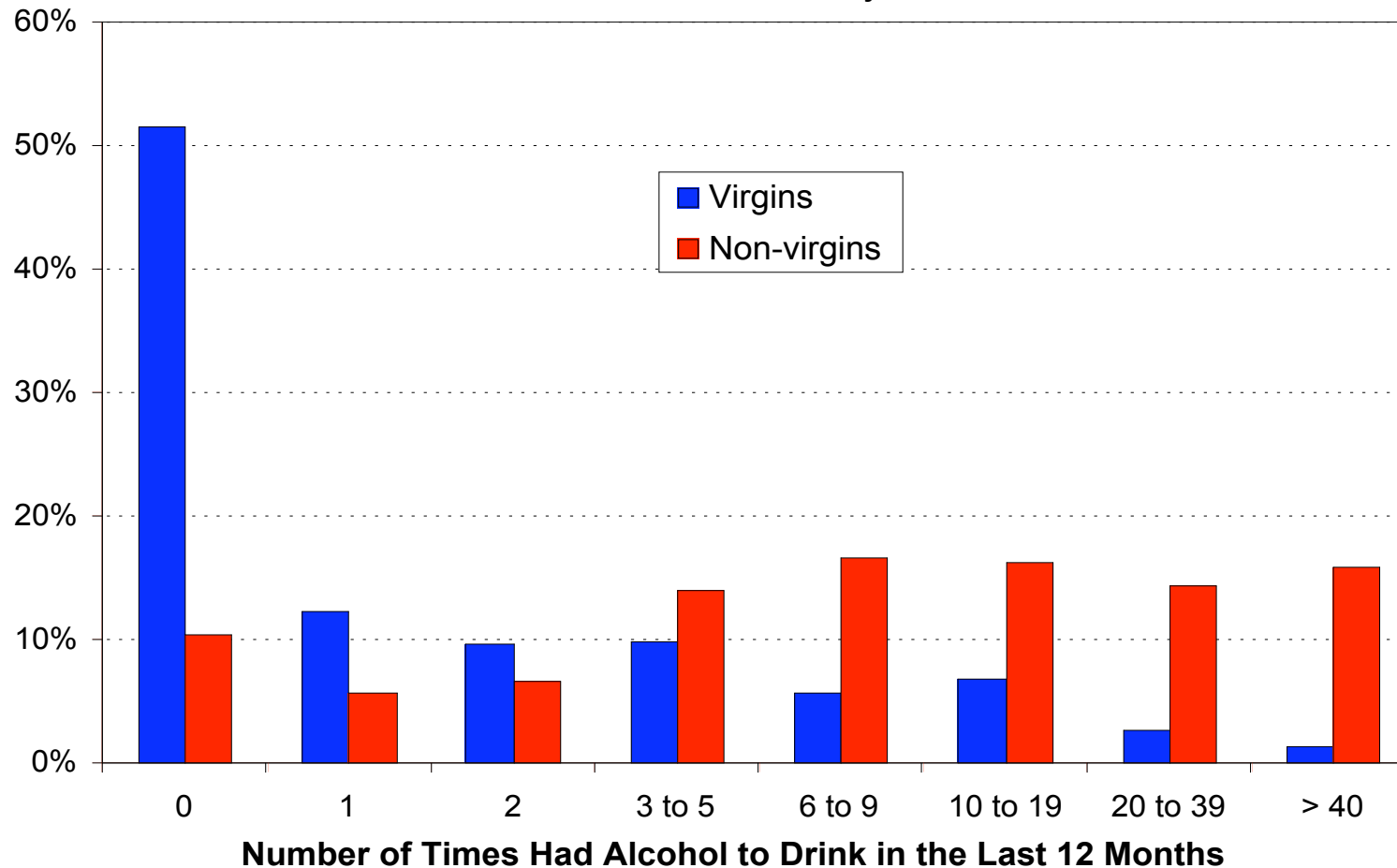
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# What's wrong with drinking? Sexual Activity

## Impact of Alcohol Use on Sexual Activity

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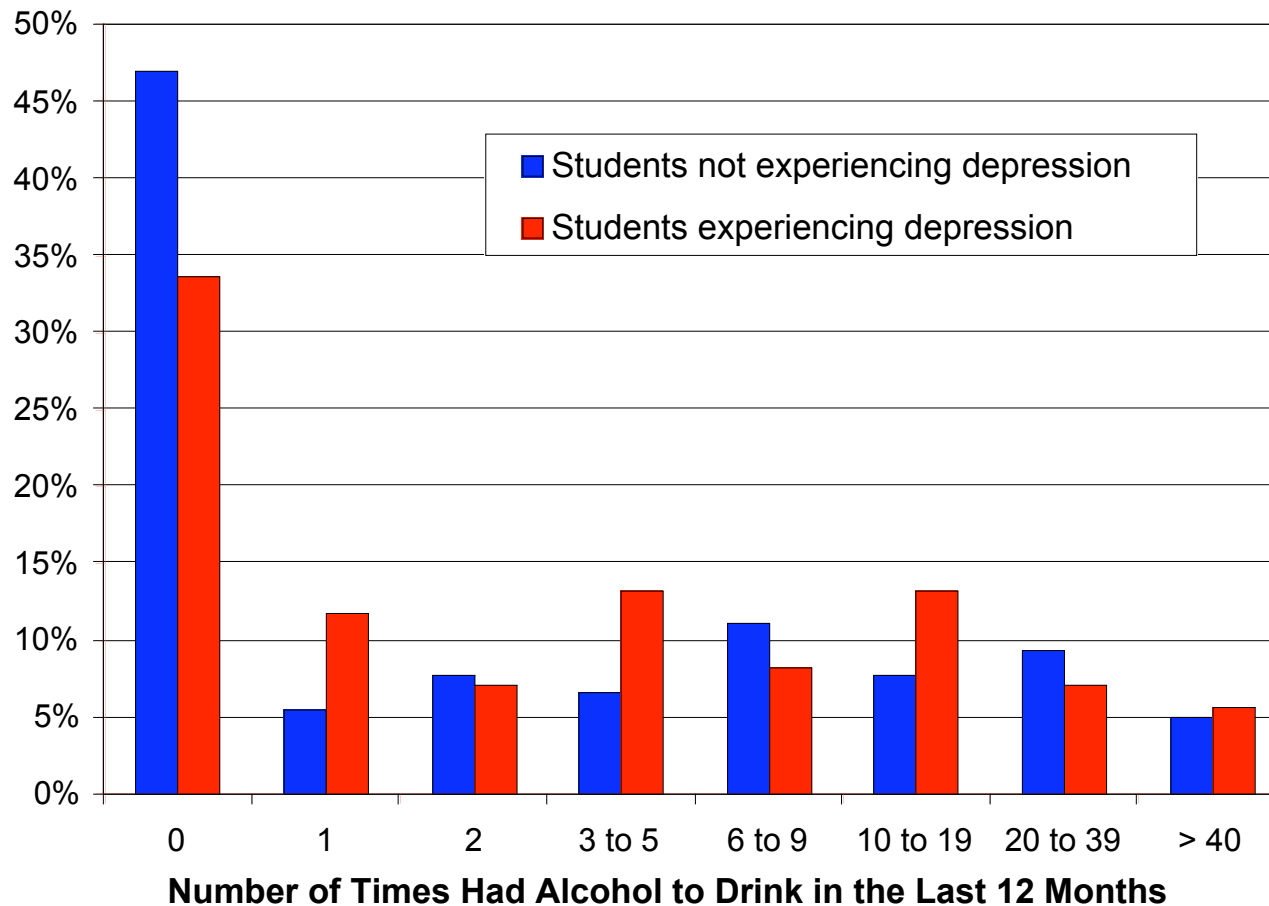
# Sexually Transmitted Depression – The New STD?

- A November 29, 2005 column by Warren Throckmorton, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology at Grove City (PA) College.
- Nearly every discussion about sexual education focuses on preventing sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy. However, recent research published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* finds that, especially for girls, the discussion needs to include a third negative possibility: depression.
- The study by Dr. Denise Hallfors found that depression often follows risky behavior. For girls, the findings are stunning: Even low levels of alcohol, drug or sexual experimentation increased the probability of depression for girls.

# What's wrong with drinking? Depression

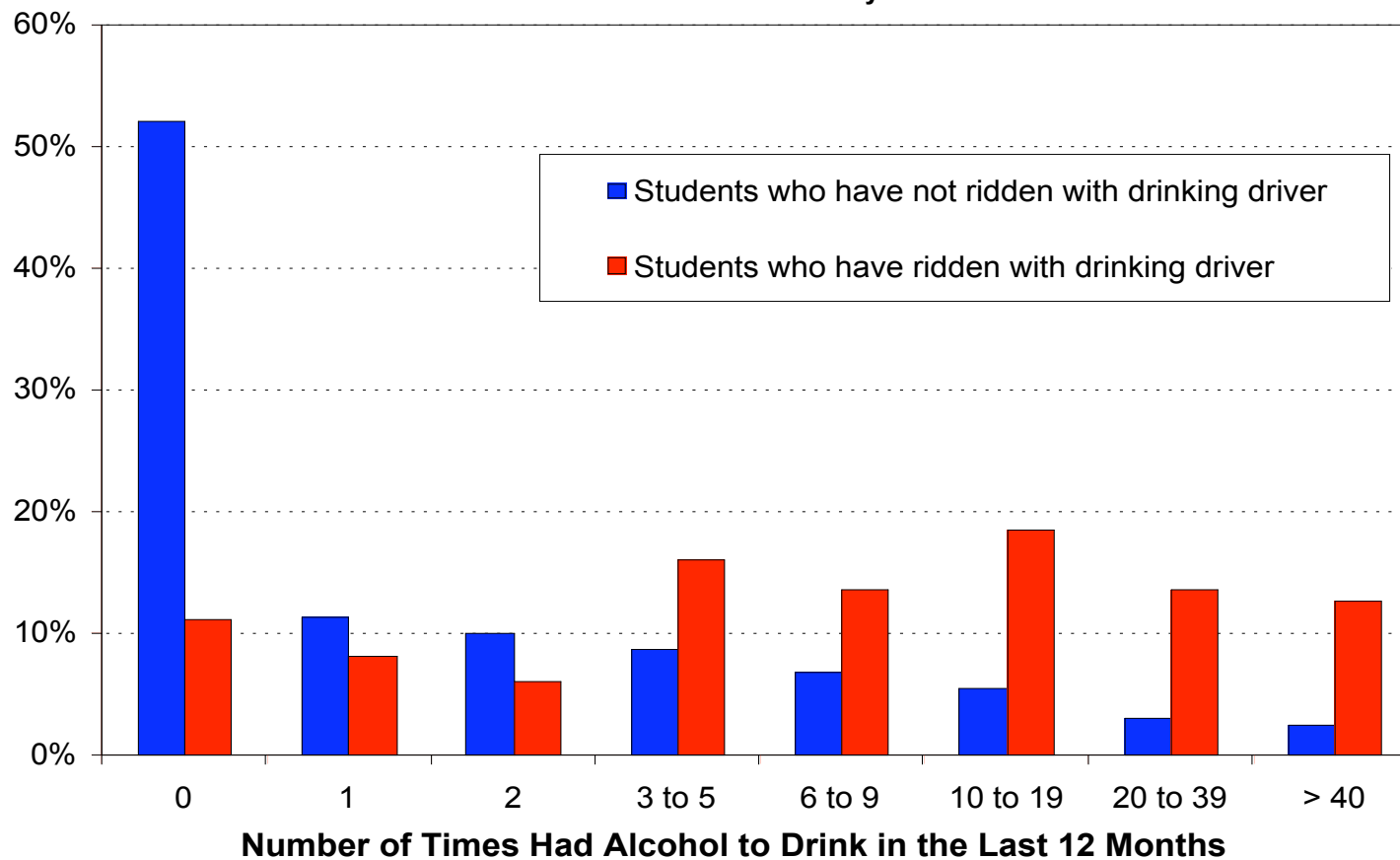
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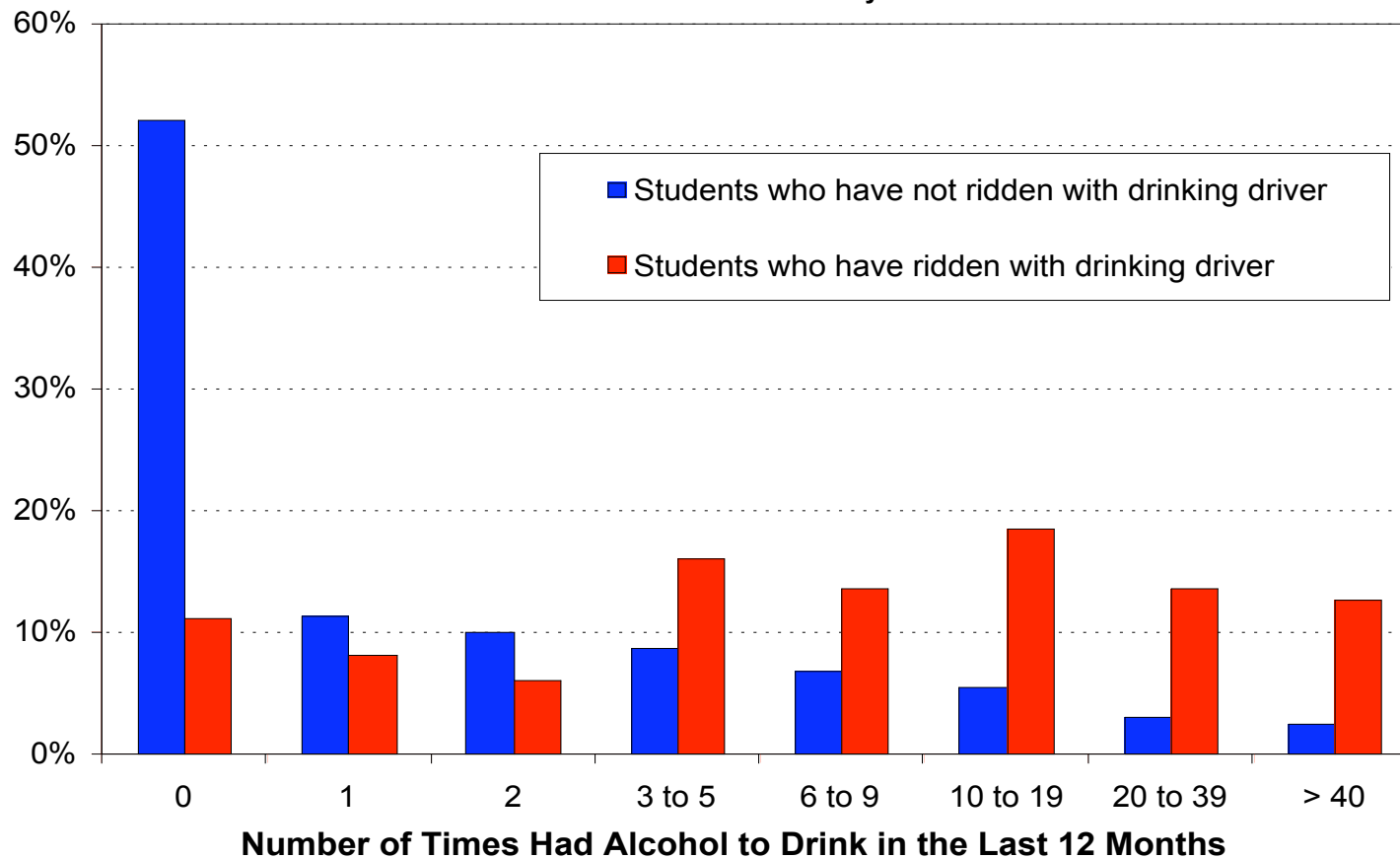
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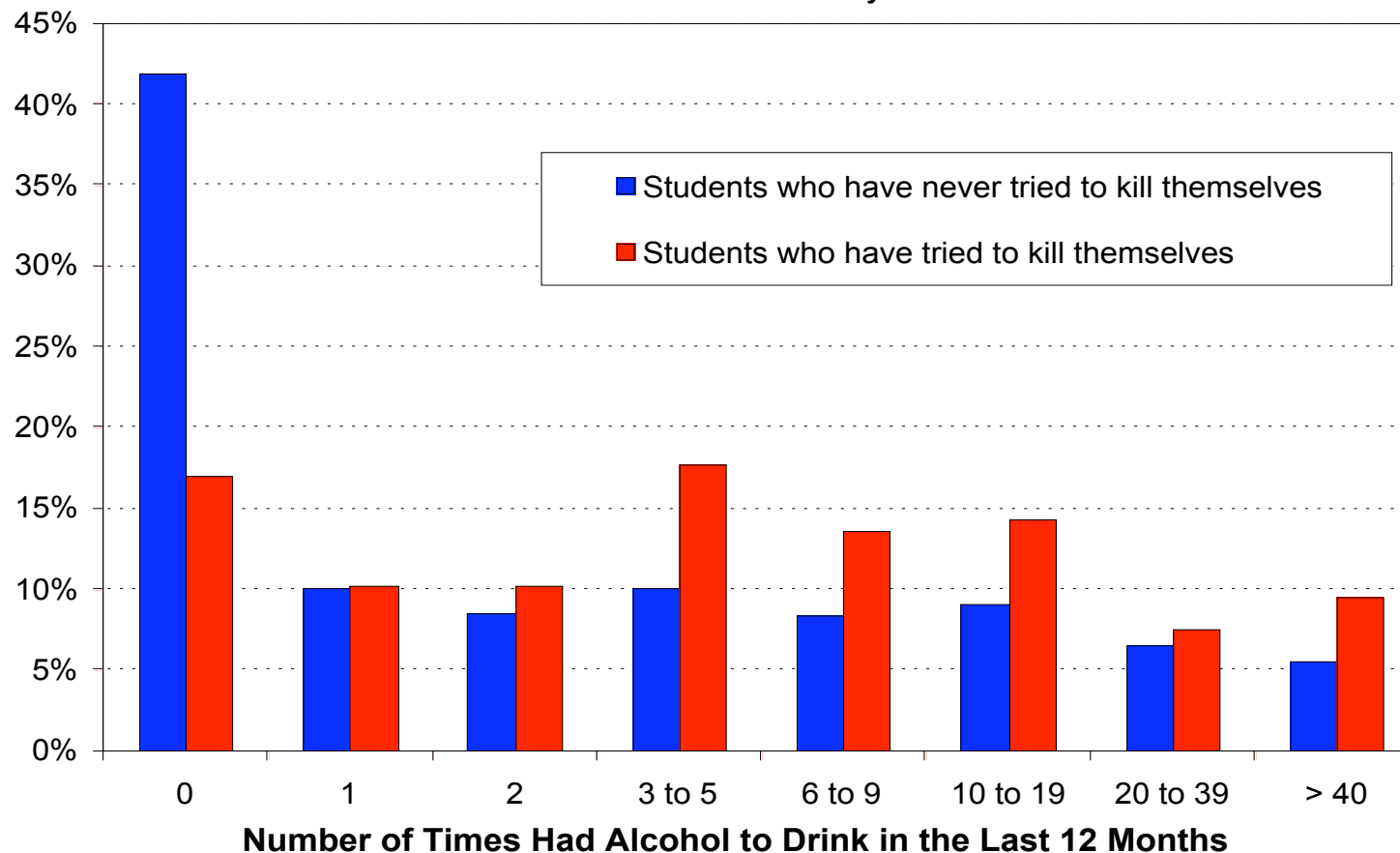
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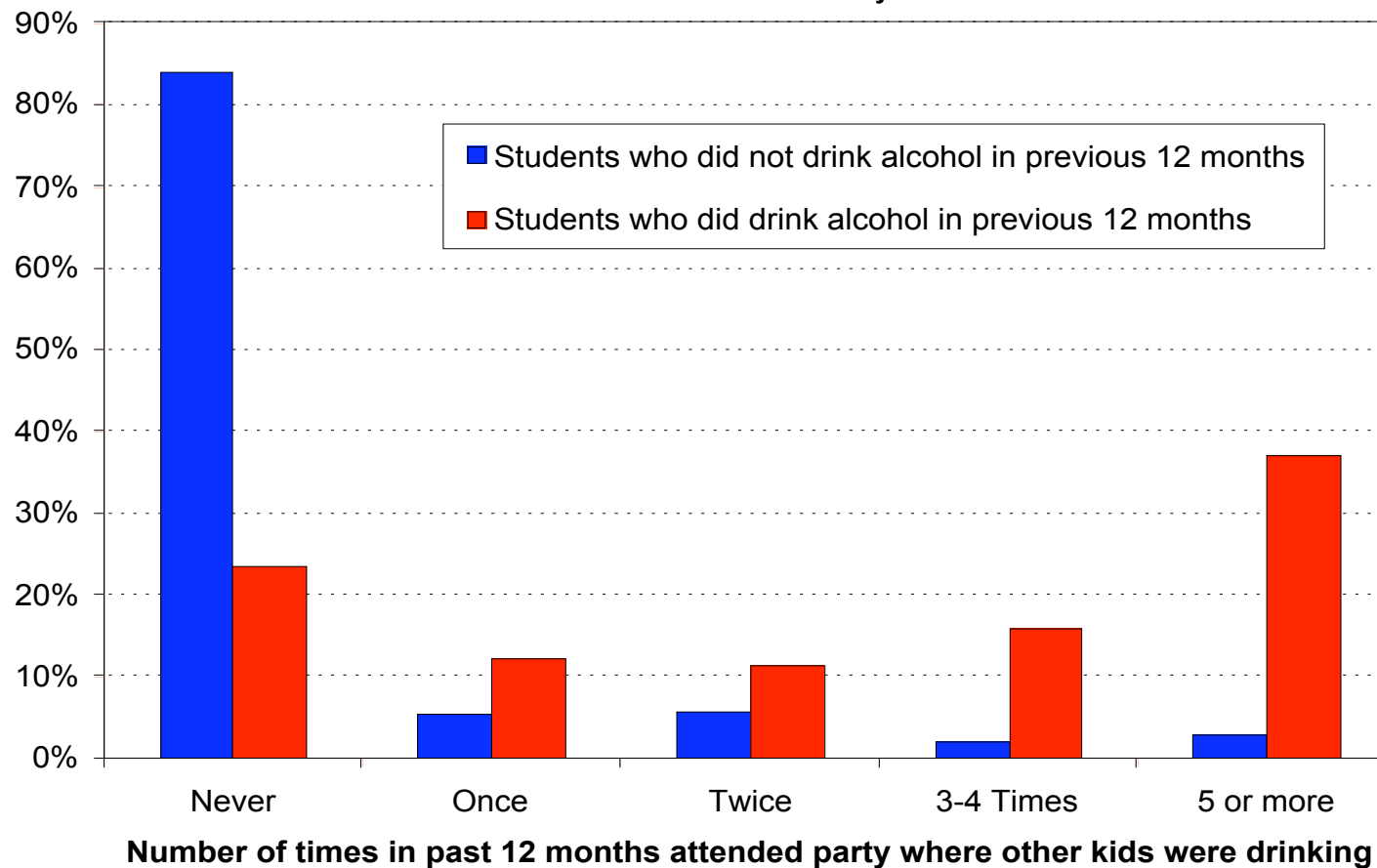
# What's wrong with drinking? Suicide Attempts

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# Do students attend parties and not drink?

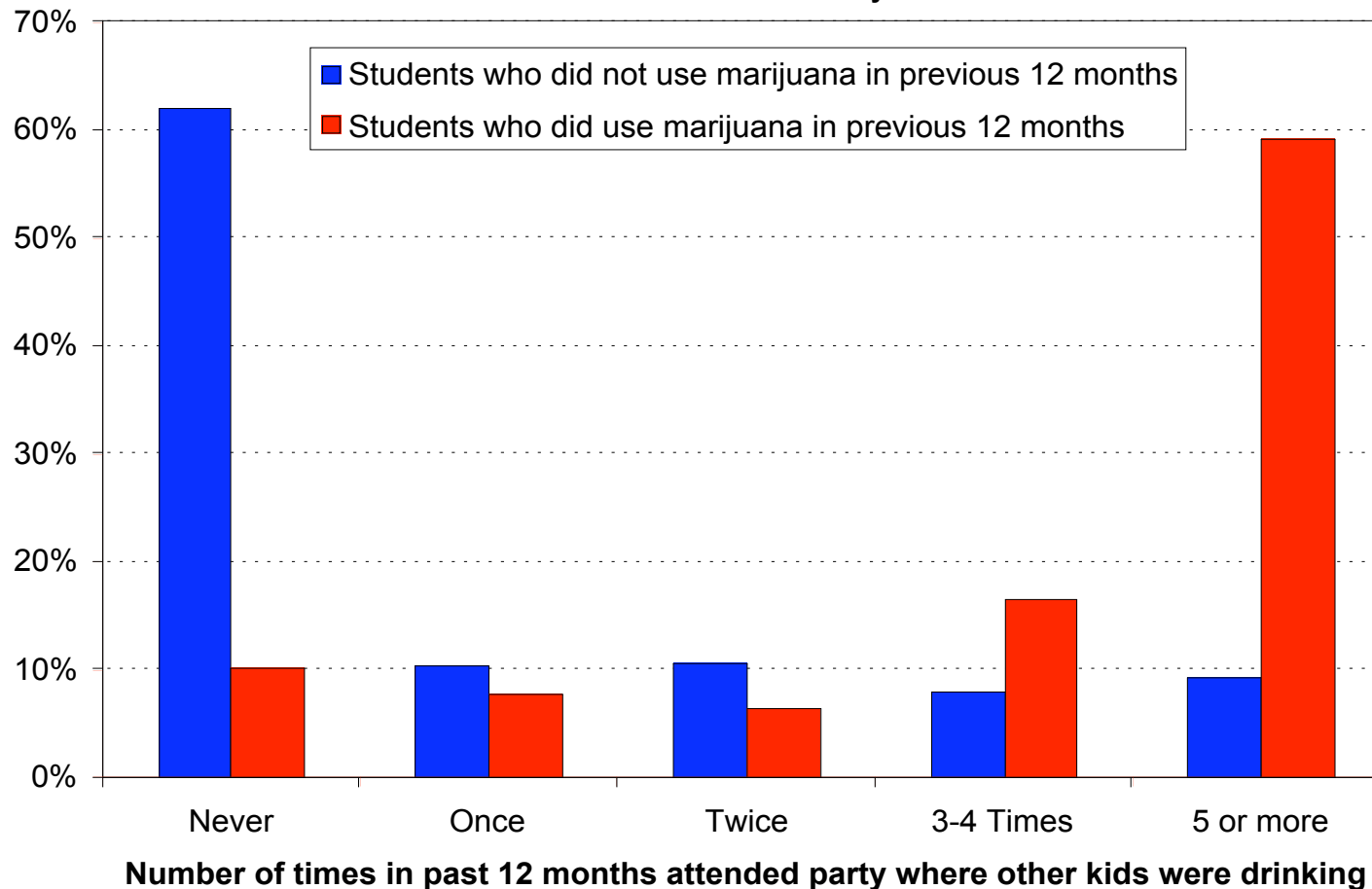
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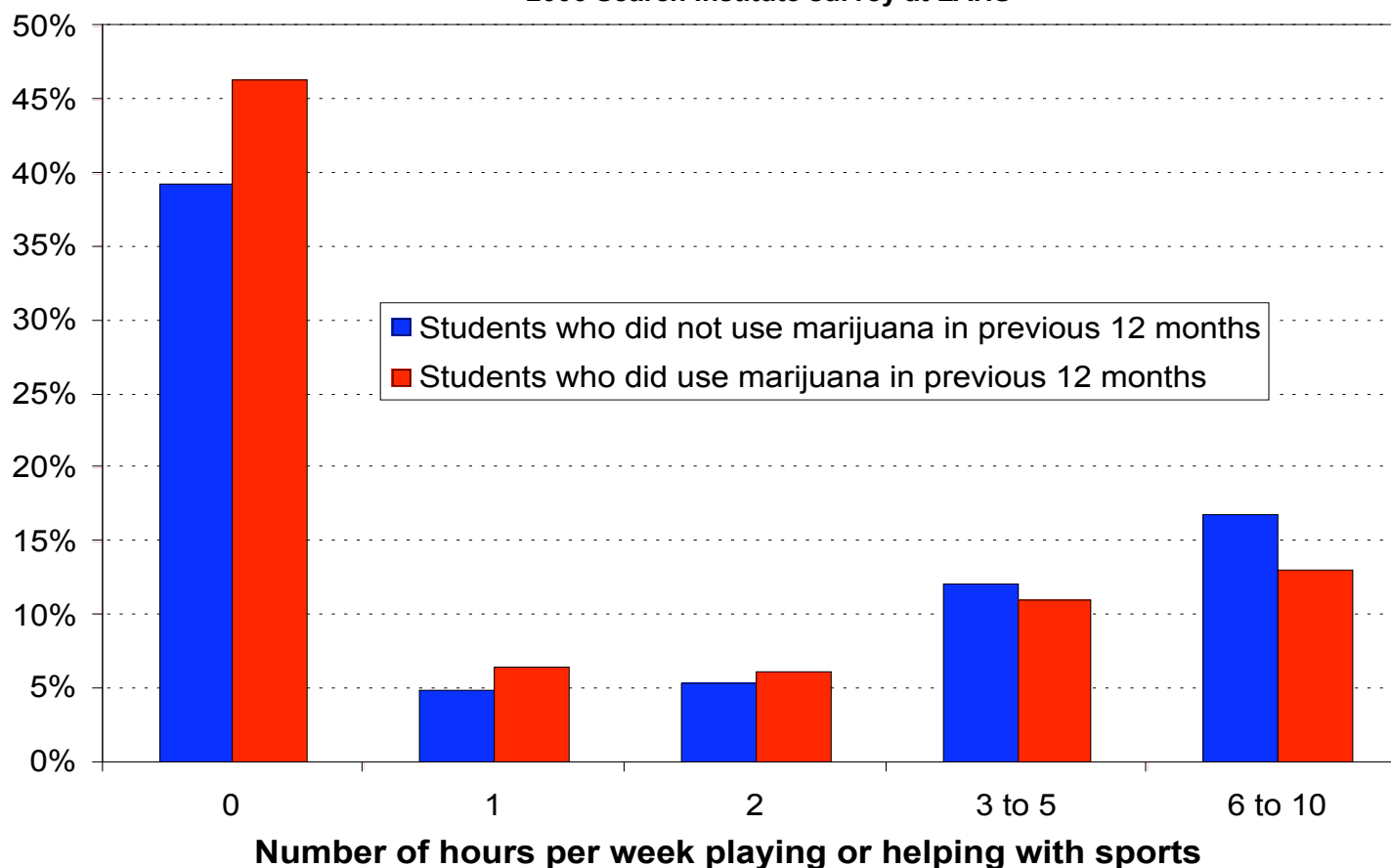
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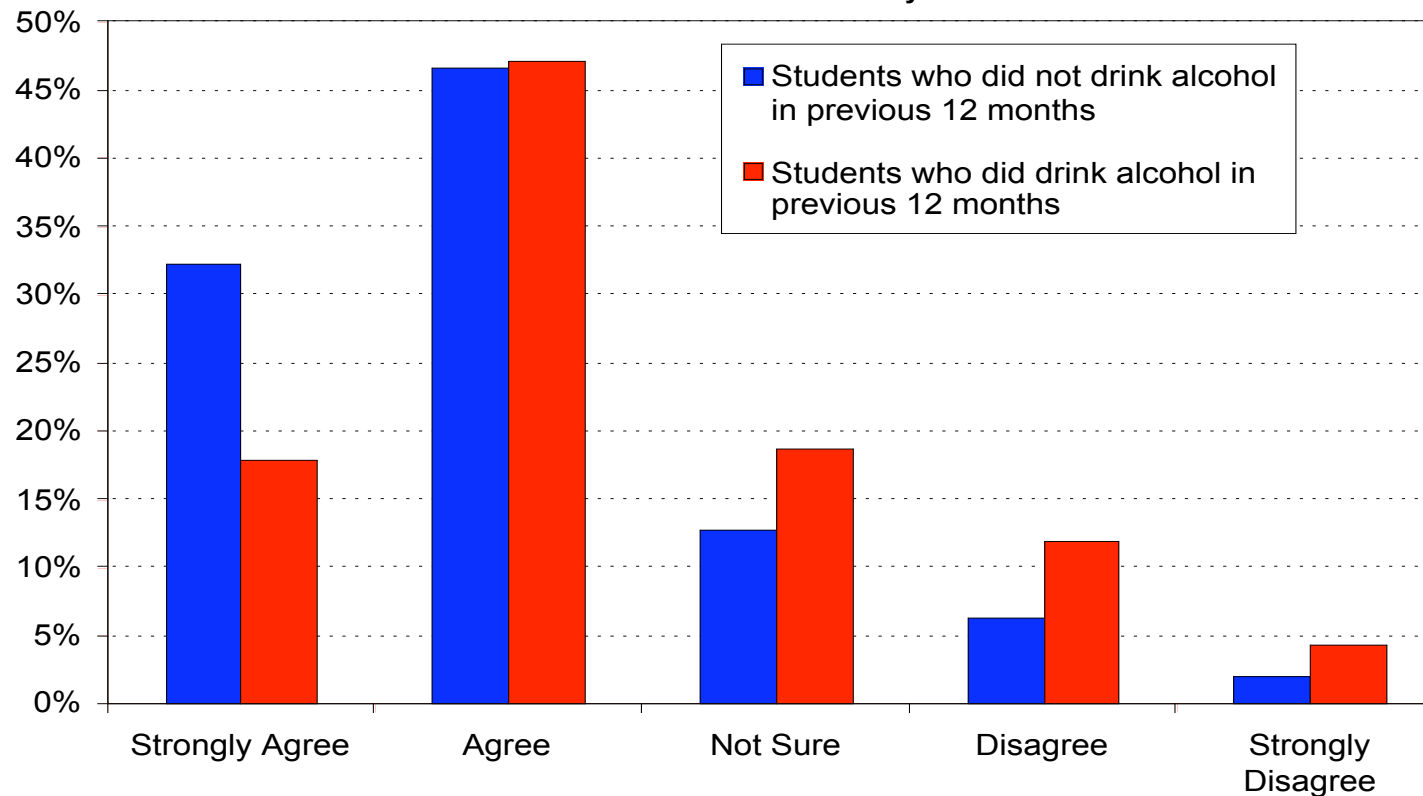
# Sports participation not effective in reducing marijuana use

Impact of Participating in Sports on Use of Marijuana  
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# Clear family rules effective in reducing alcohol use

**Impact of Clear Family Rules on Use of Alcohol**  
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**In my family there are clear rules about what I can and cannot do**



# Conclusions

- Survey numbers are credible
- Alcohol use is a serious problem
- Suicide is a serious problem
- Skipping school is under-reported
- Skipping school, getting in trouble at school and smoking are outward signs of problems – tips of icebergs
- Participation in school and community activities is a protective factor; playing sports is neutral



# Recommendations

- Continue to survey in secondary schools; we are a data-driven district
- Get help to students and families based on the identified outward signs of problems
- Parents and teachers need to increase “preaching” to high school students – is the high school health class given in the correct year?
- Spread the word – not the information to keep secret – make something happen/change!



# Backup slides



# Why survey?

- We are a data-driven school district
- Educate students, parents, school personnel and law enforcement about problem behaviors
- Educate parents about effectiveness of prevention techniques
- Develop the prevention curricula and other strategies for the schools and community
- Validate intervention clues for school officials, law enforcement and counselors
- Data used by agencies to secure grant funding