



Seeing education through the prism of international comparisons

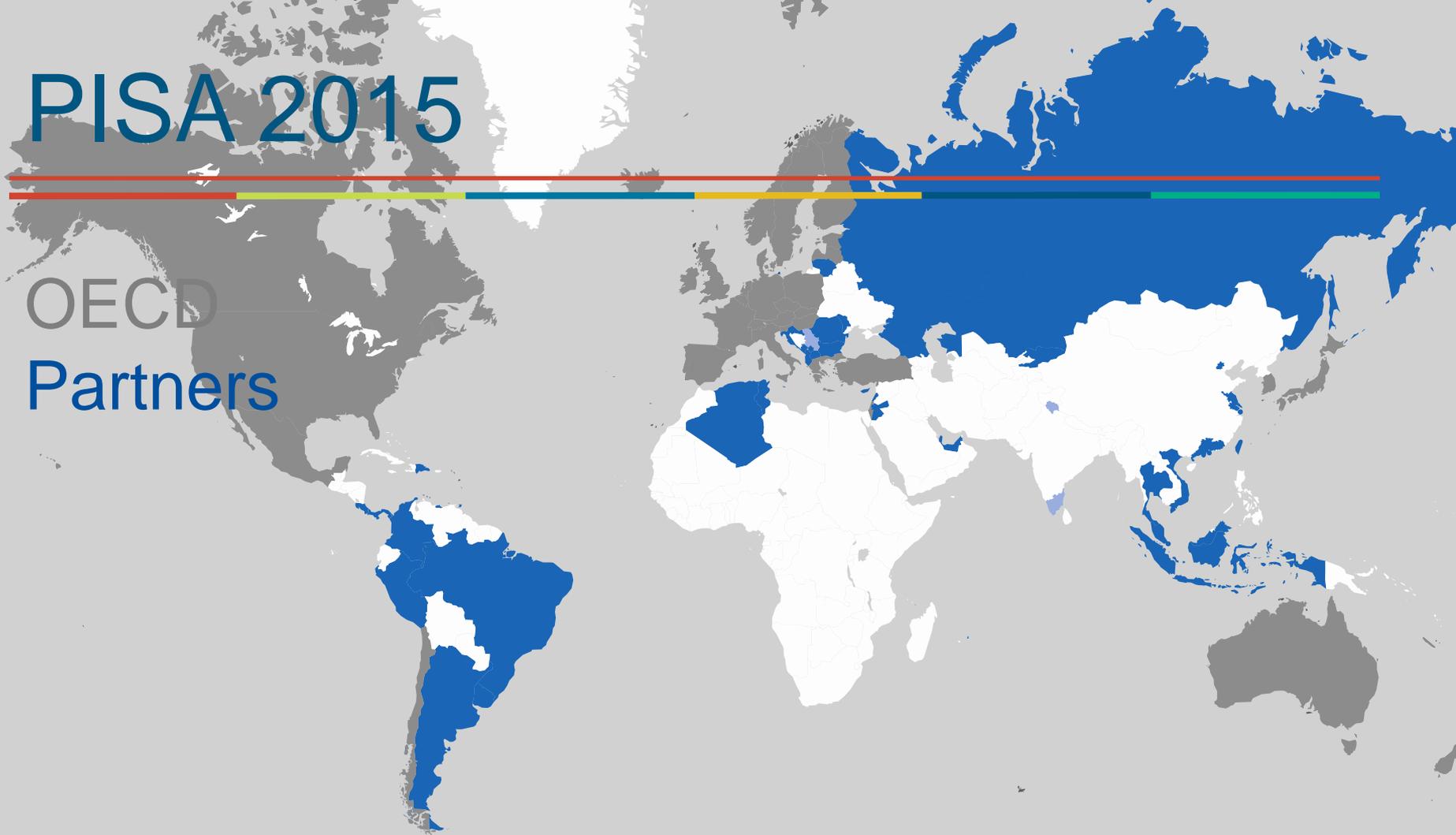
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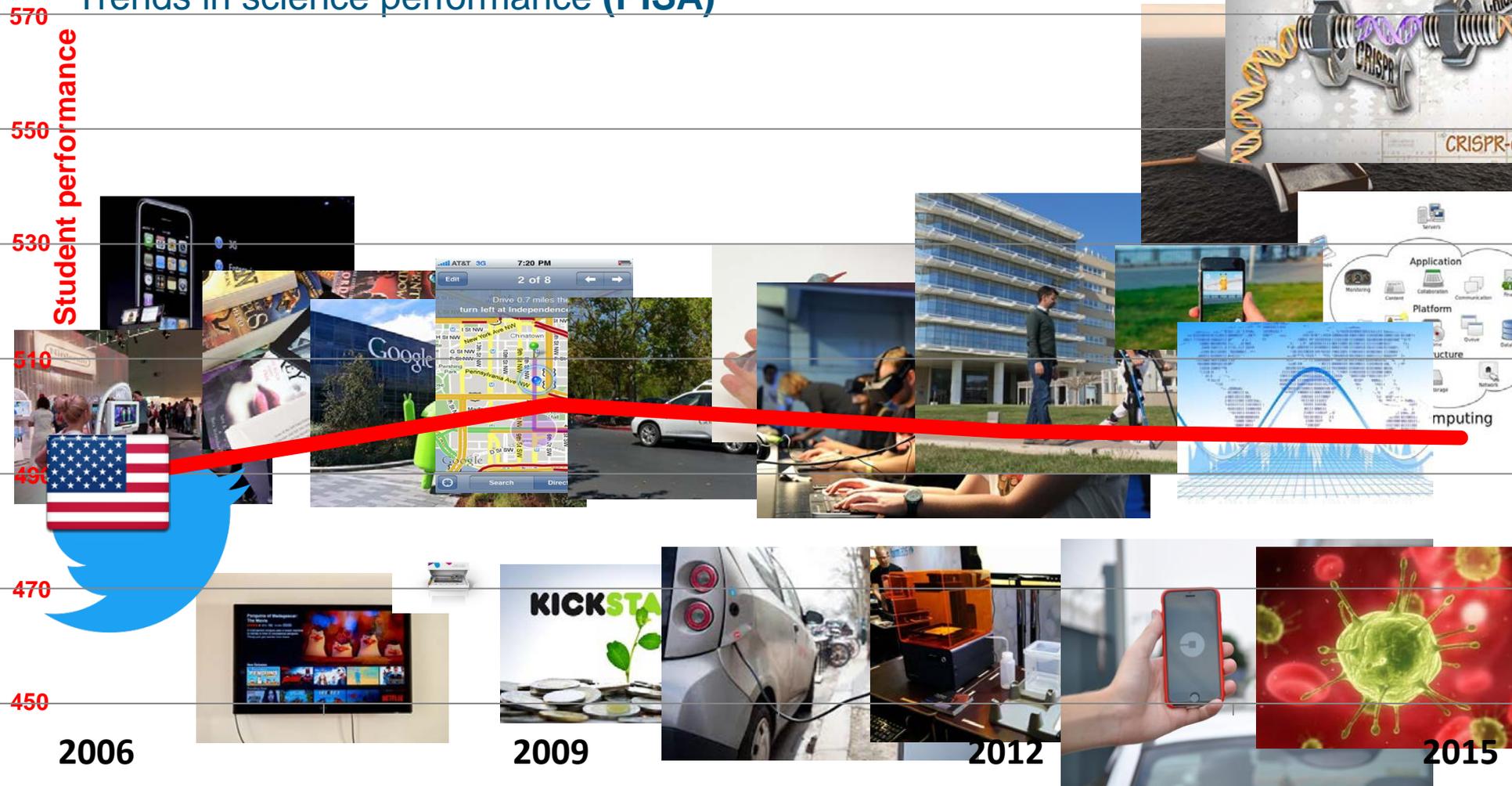


PISA 2015

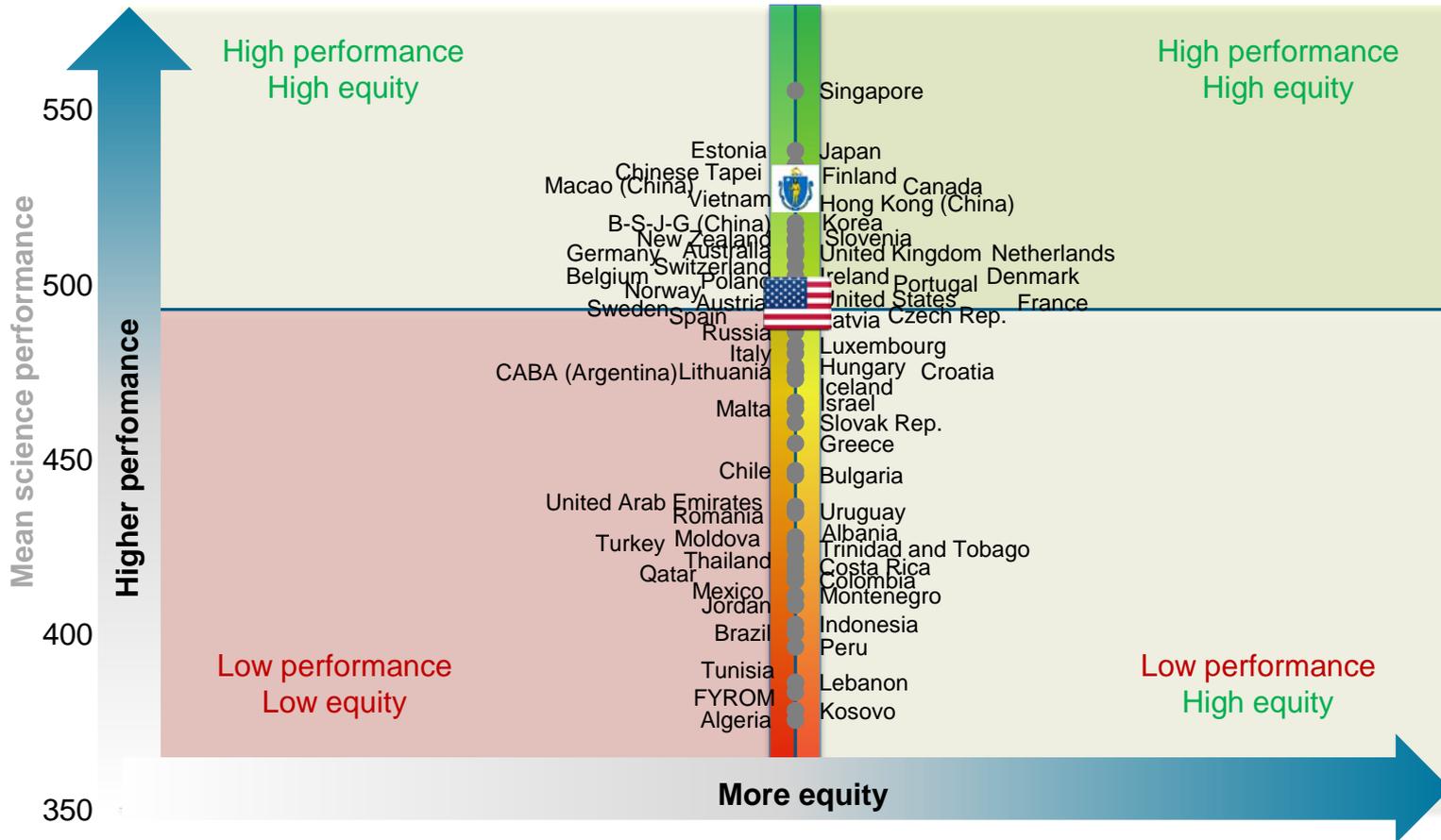
OECD
Partners



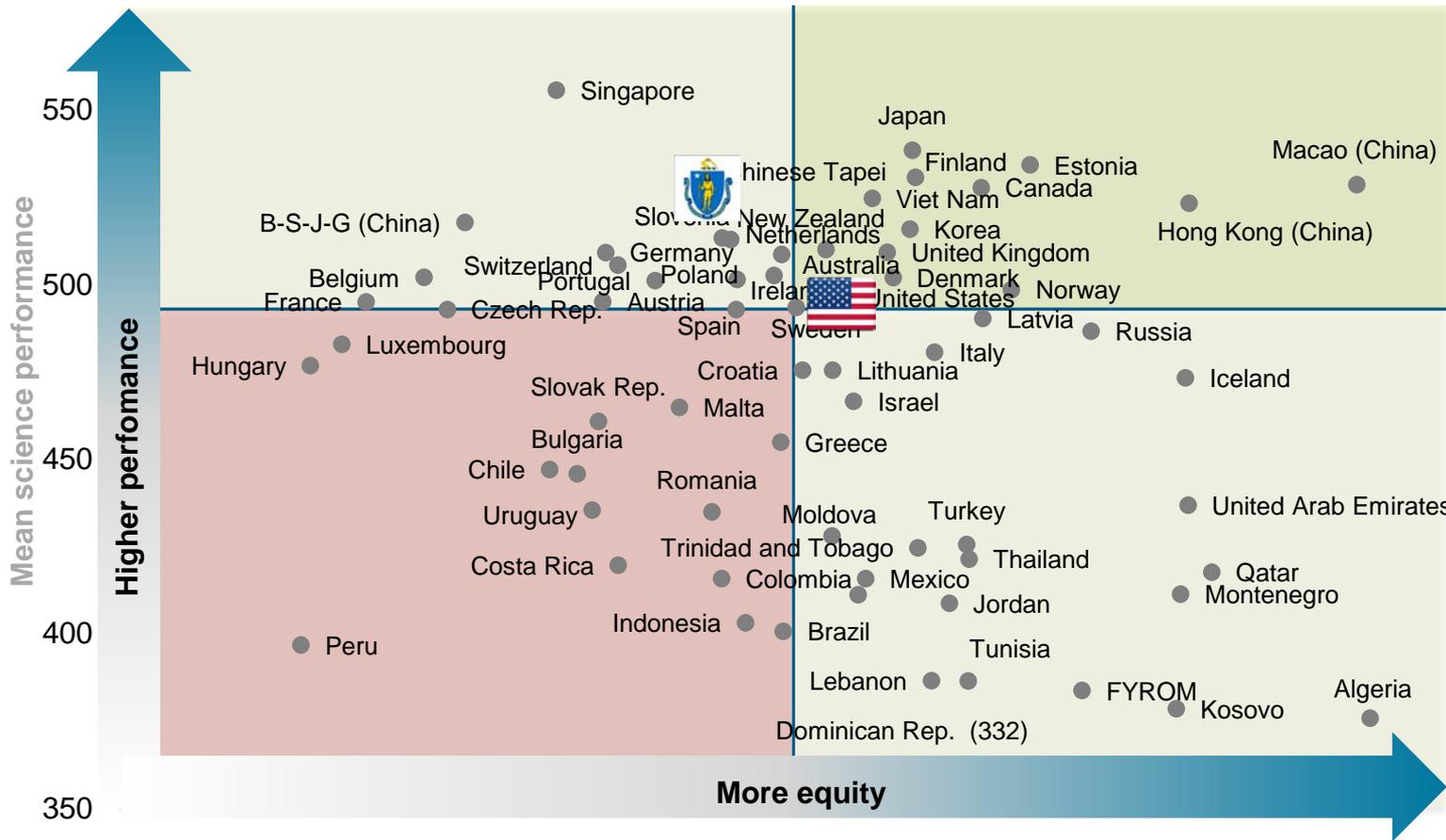
Trends in science performance (PISA)



Science performance in PISA (2015)



Science performance and equity in PISA (2015)

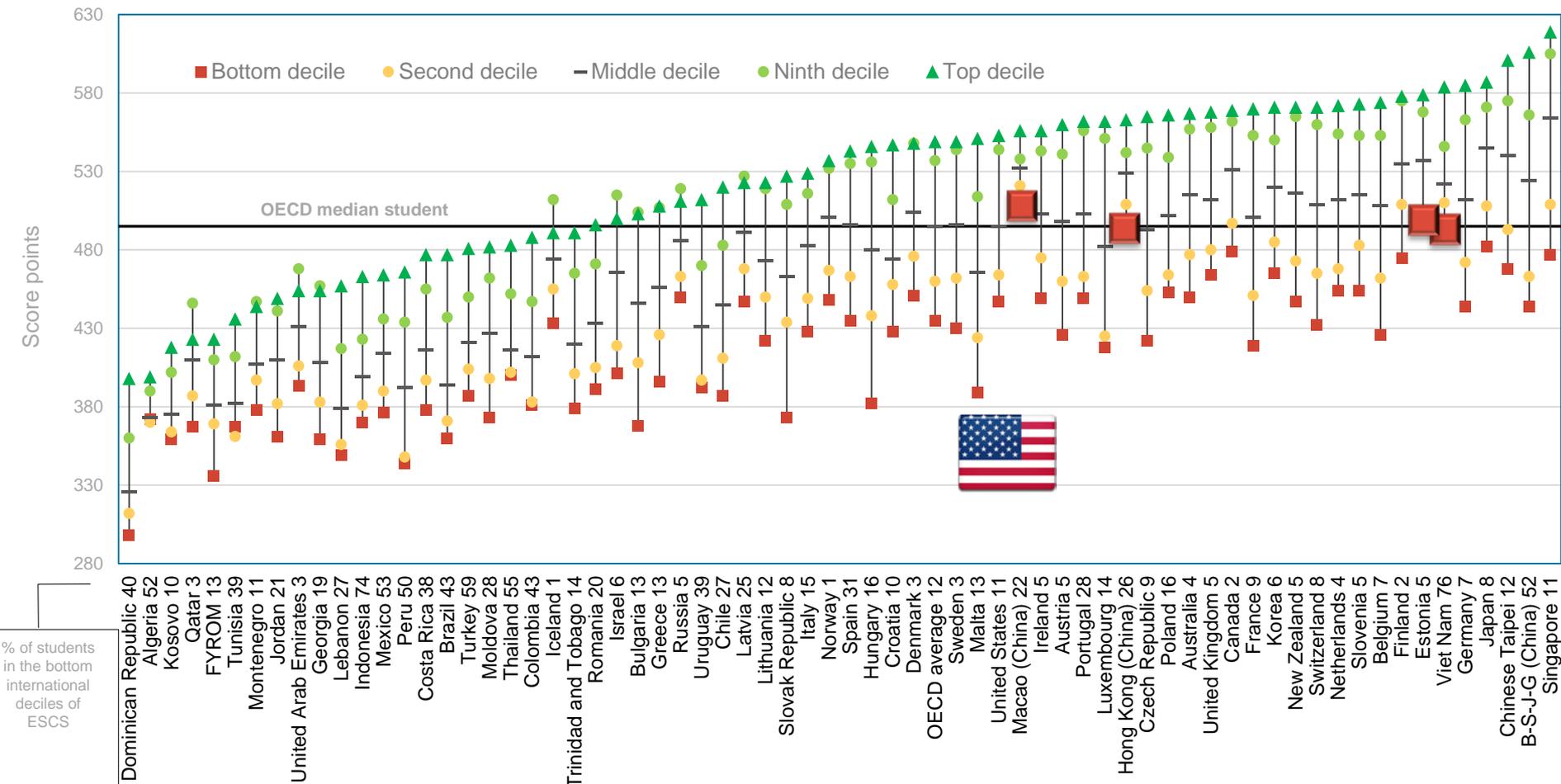


Some countries combine excellence with equity

Poverty is not destiny – Learning outcomes

by international deciles of the PISA index of economic, social and cultural status (ESCS)

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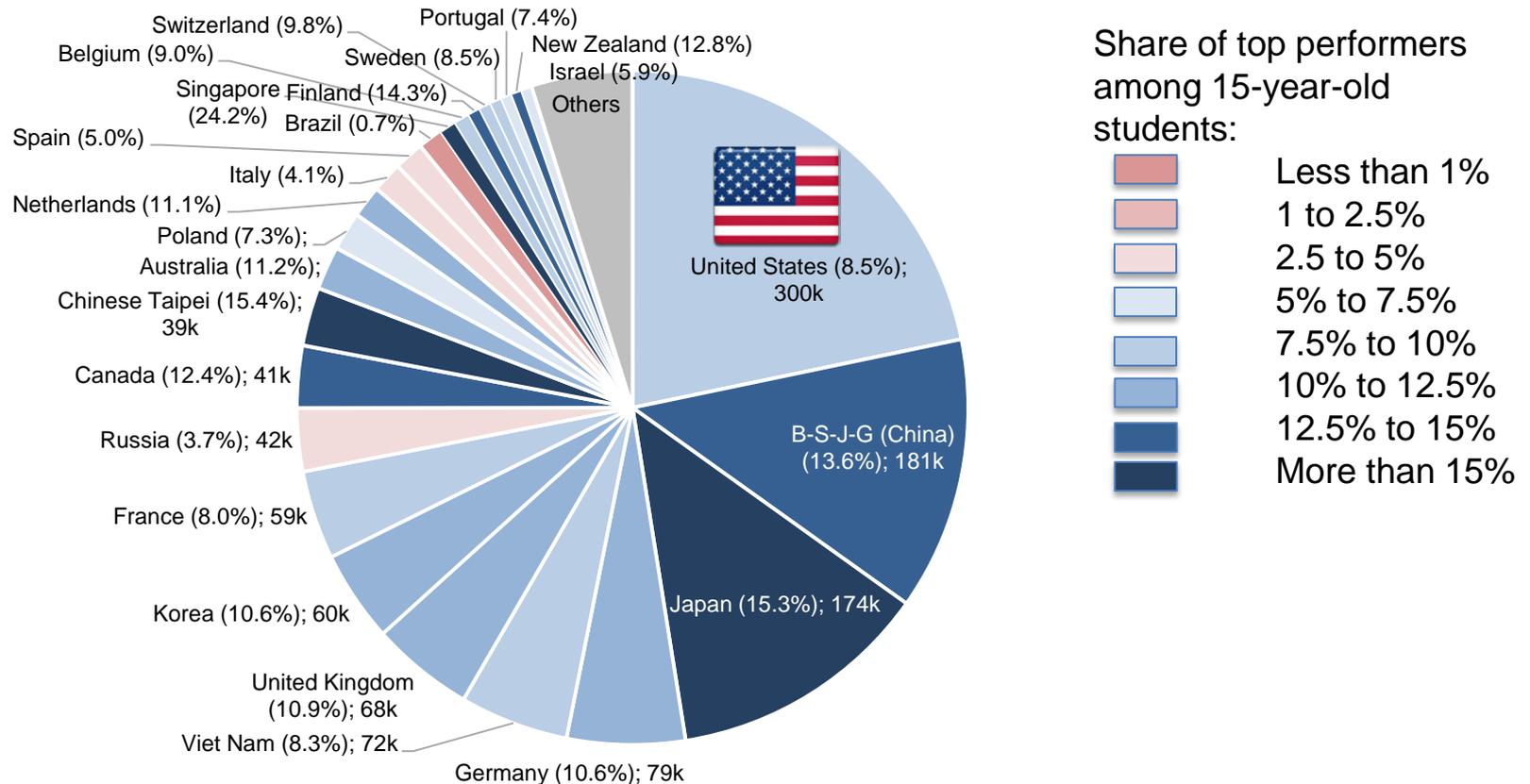


% of students in the bottom international deciles of ESCS

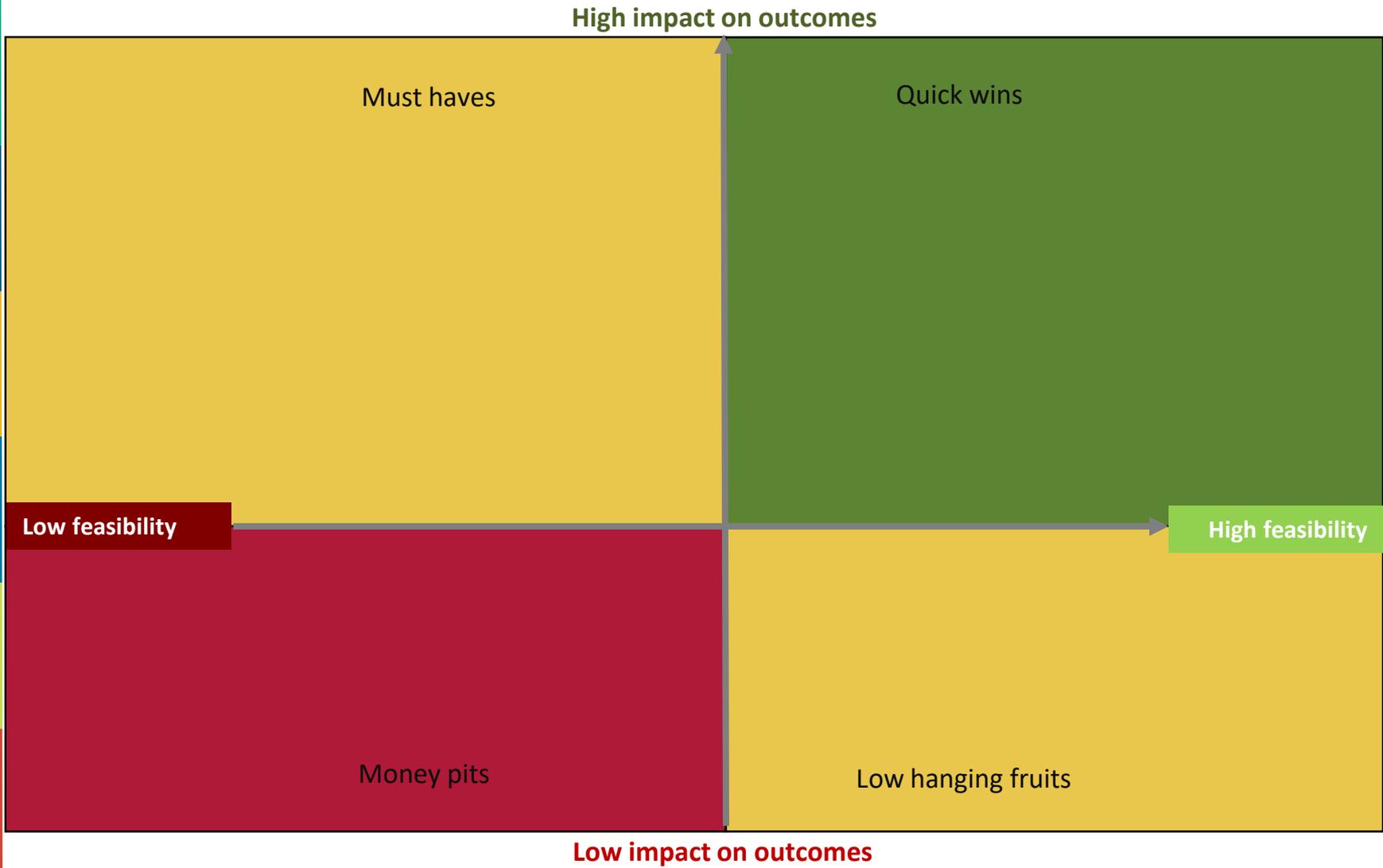
Top performers

Students who can develop and work with models for complex science situations, identifying constraints and specifying assumptions. They can select, compare and evaluate appropriate problem-solving strategies for dealing with complex problems related to these models.

The global pool of top performers: A PISA perspective



Lessons from PISA



High impact on outcomes

Must haves

Quick wins

Low feasibility

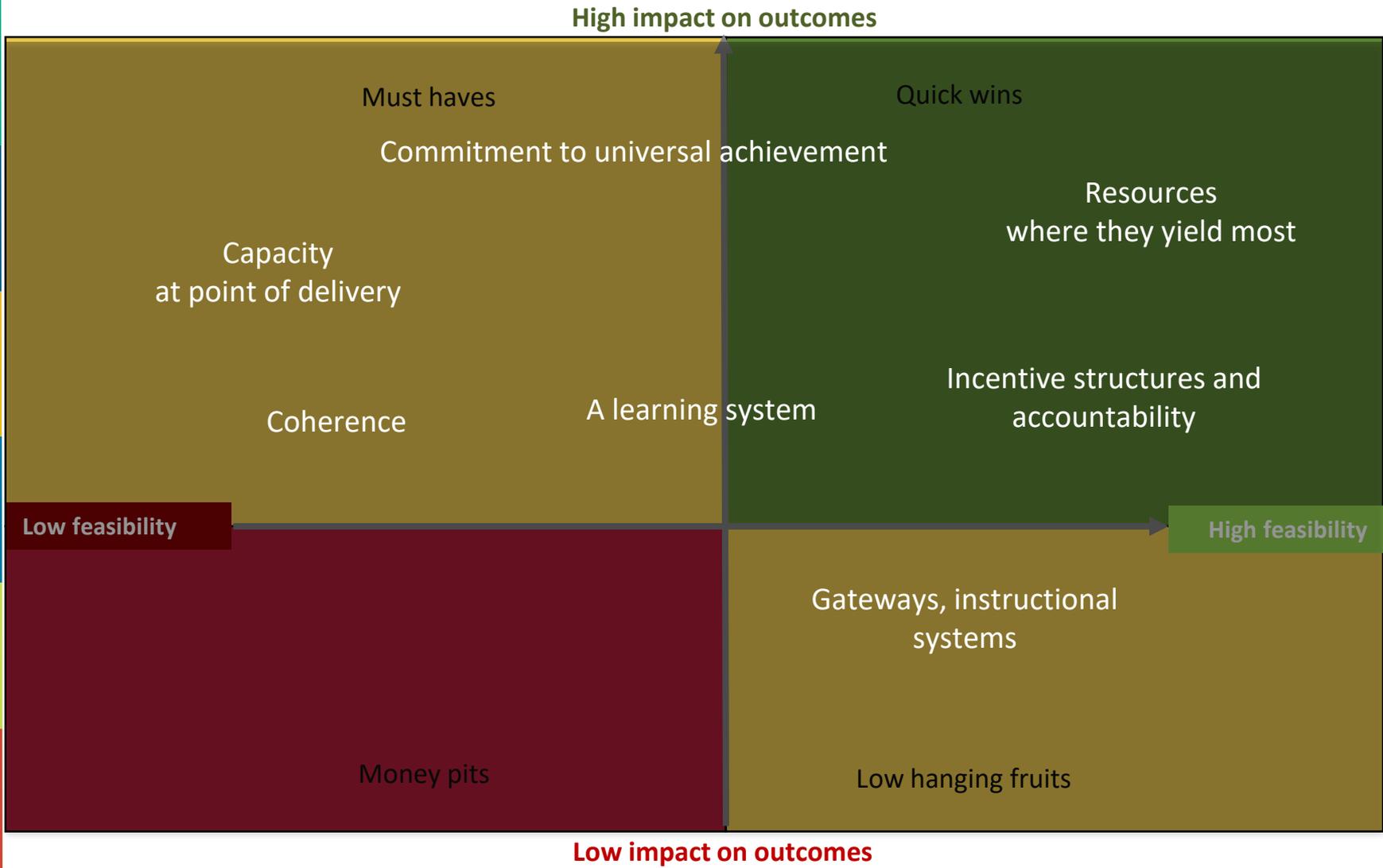
High feasibility

Money pits

Low hanging fruits

Low impact on outcomes

Lessons from PISA



High impact on outcomes

Must haves

Commitment to universal achievement

Capacity
at point of delivery

Coherence

Low feasibility

A learning system

Incentive structures and
accountability

Quick wins

Resources
where they yield most

High feasibility

Gateways, instructional
systems

Money pits

Low hanging fruits

Low impact on outcomes

Spending per student from the age of 6 to 15 and science performance

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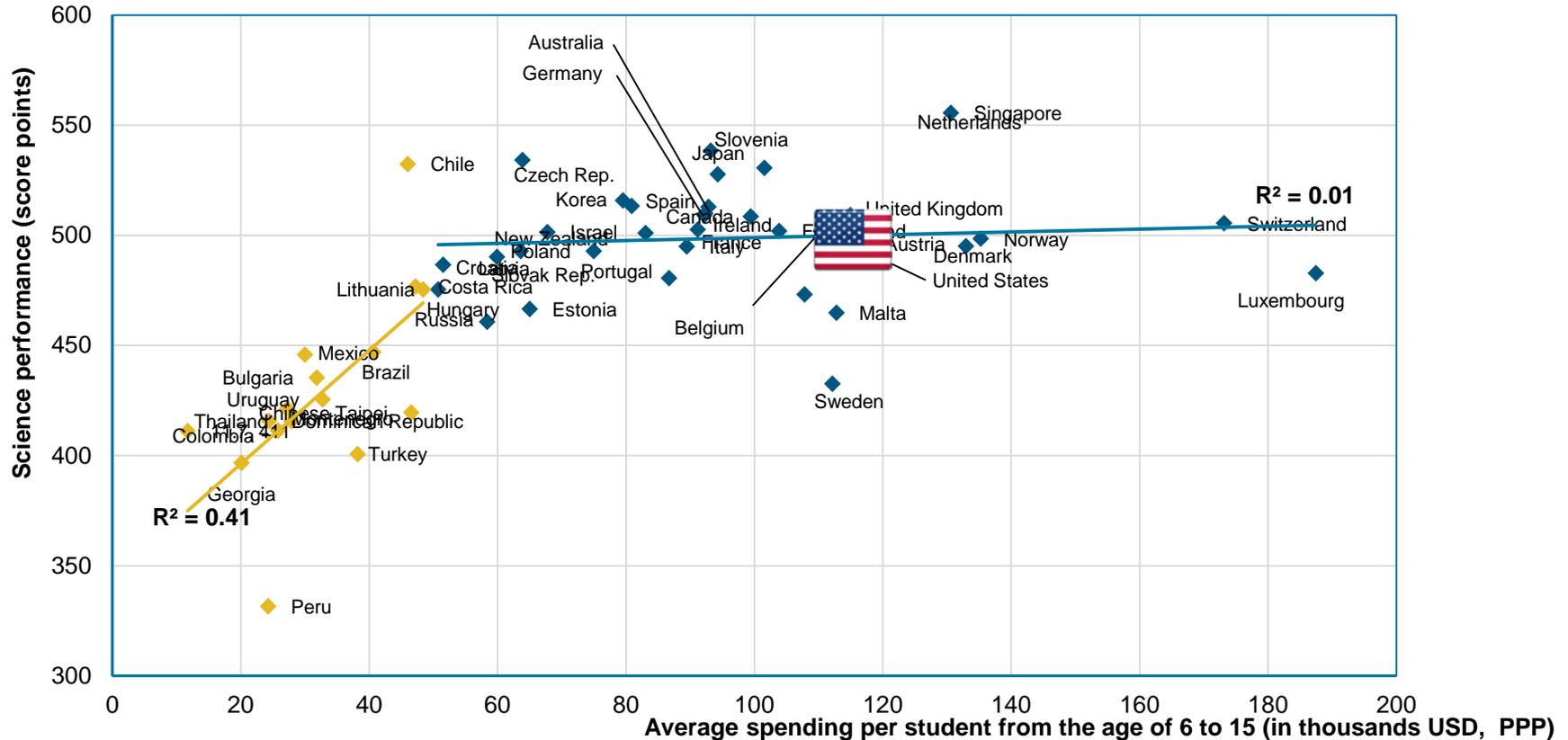
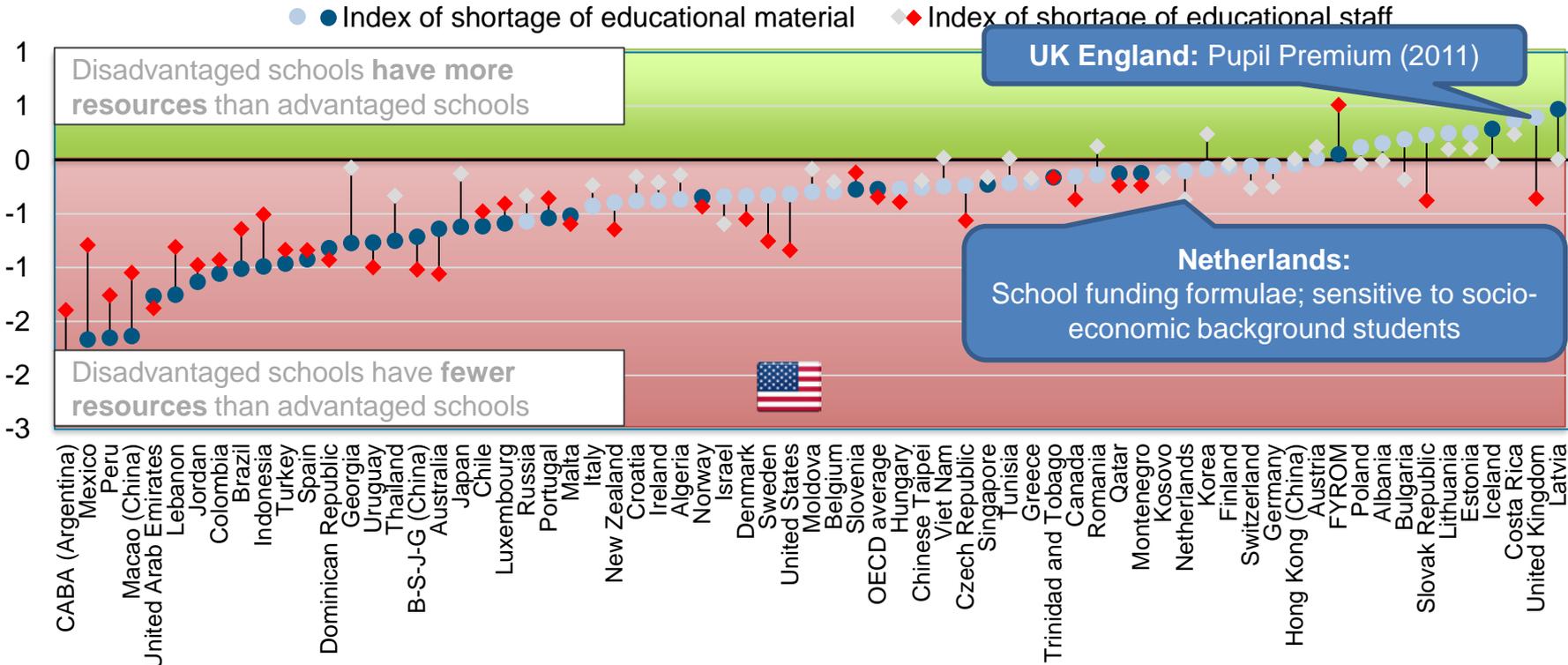


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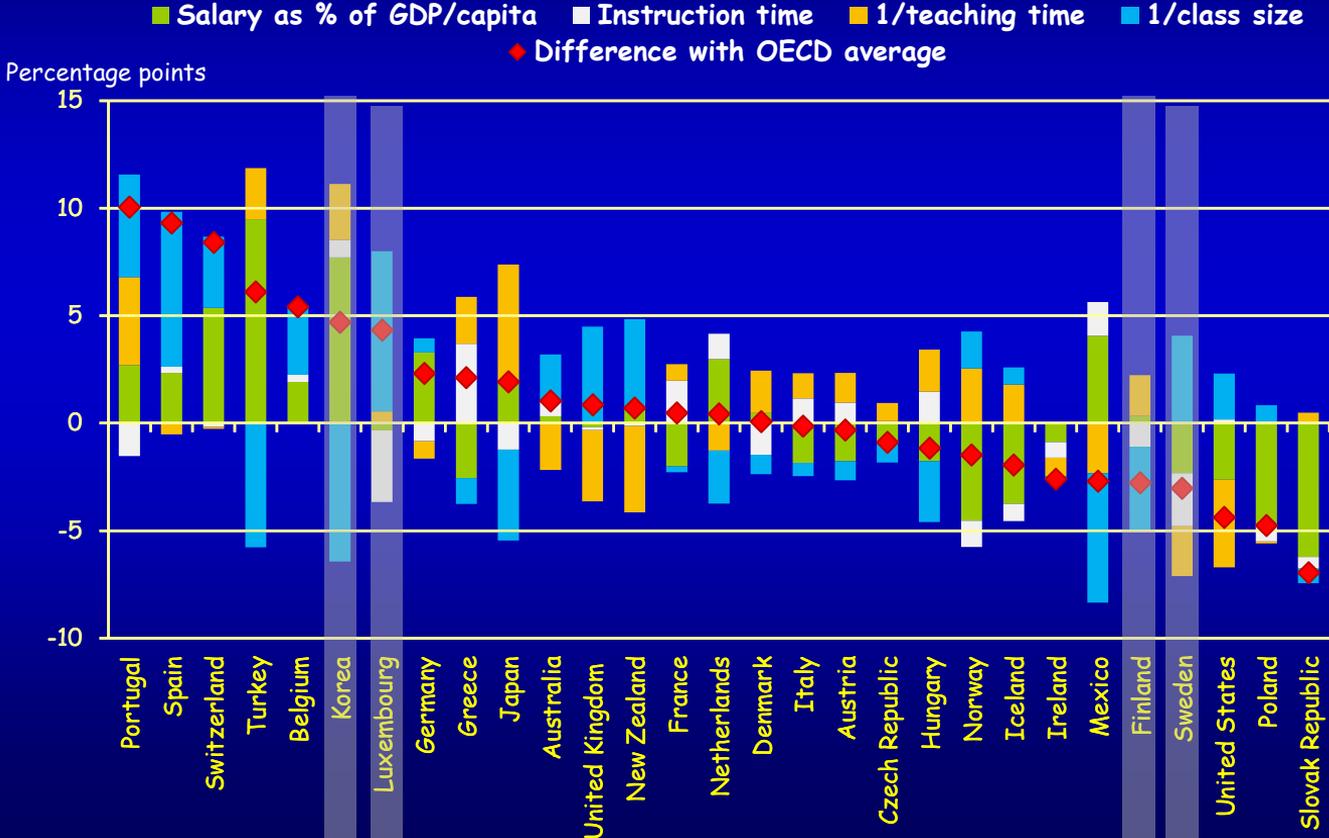
Differences in educational resources between advantaged and disadvantaged schools

Mean index difference between advantaged and disadvantaged schools

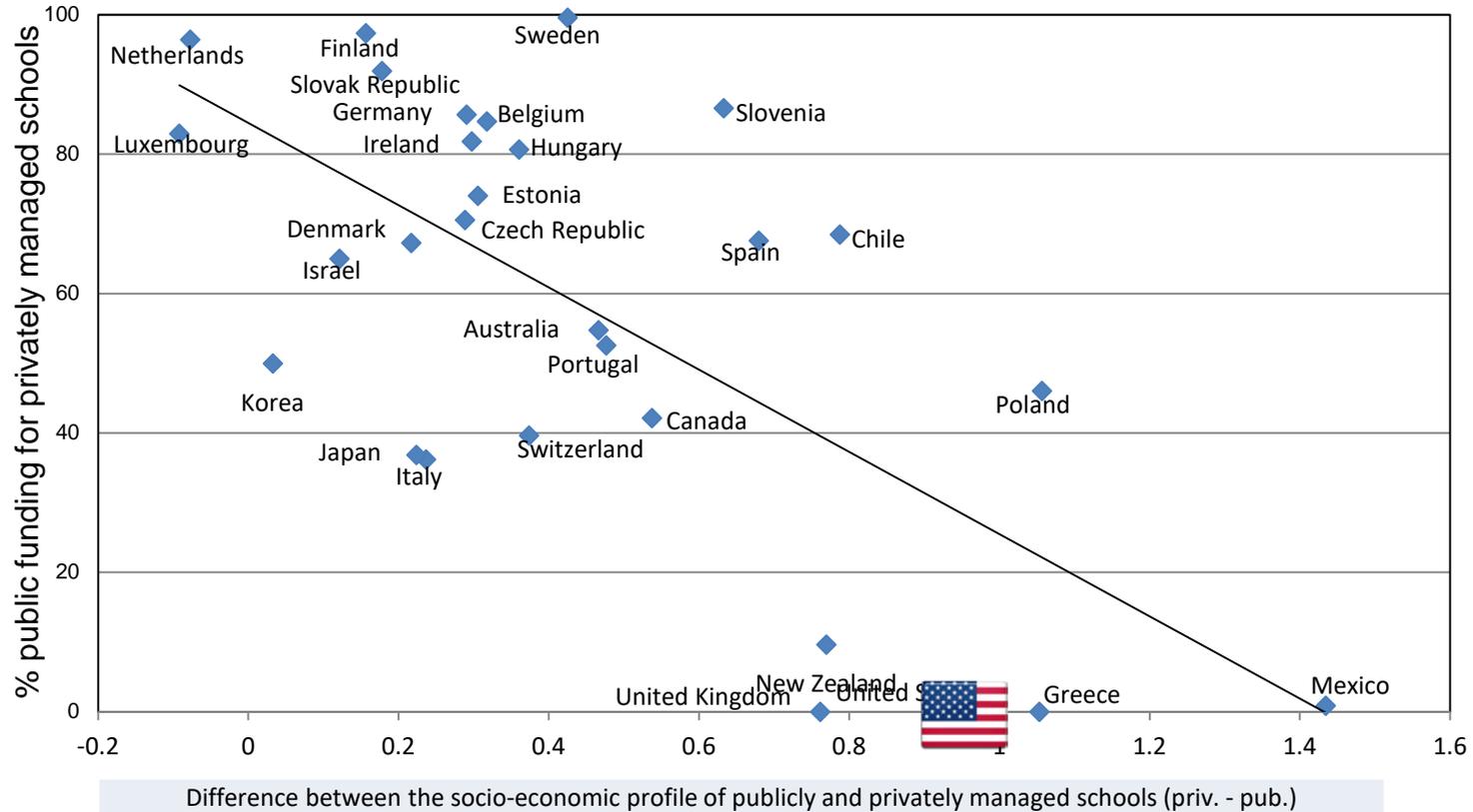


Spending choices on secondary schools

Contribution of various factors to upper secondary teacher compensation costs per student as a percentage of GDP per capita

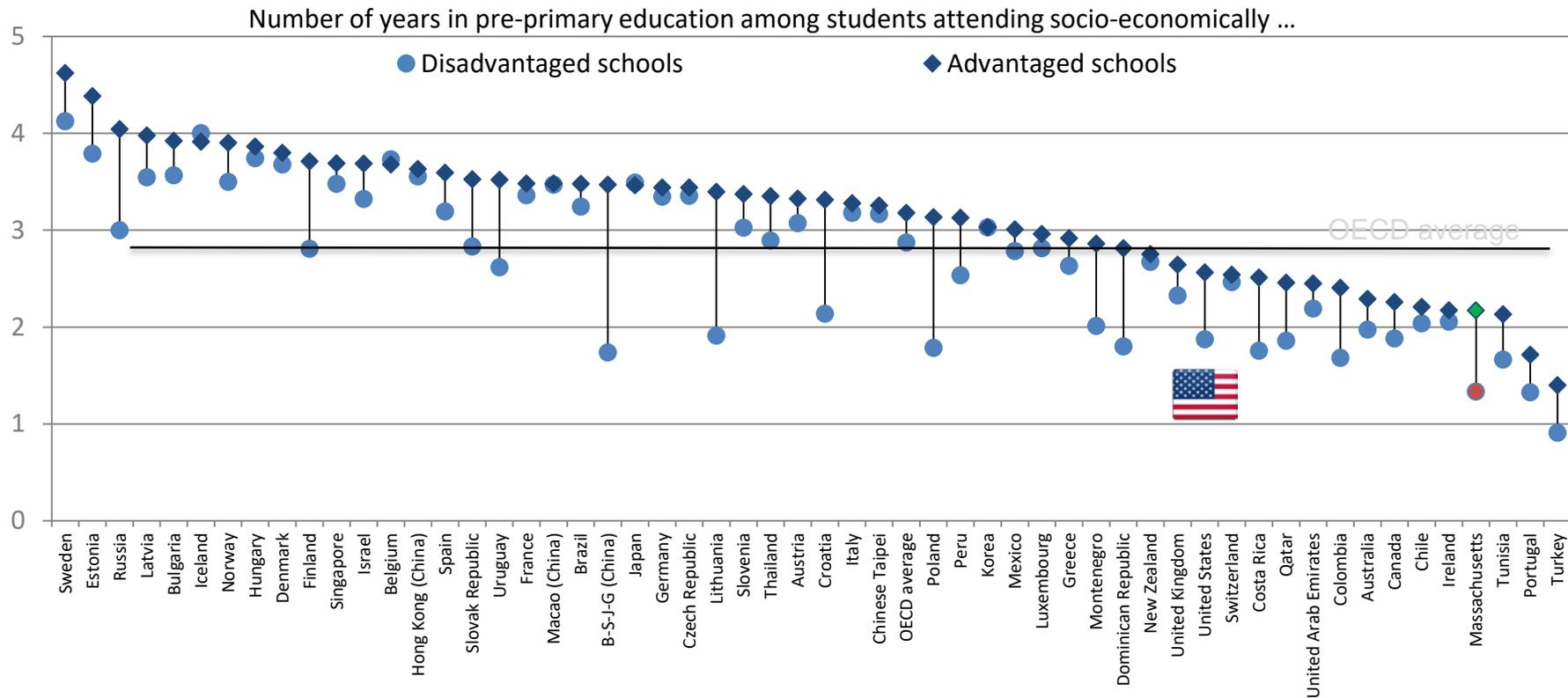


Countries that invest more public funds in privately managed schools tend to have less of a difference between the socio-economic profiles of publicly and privately managed schools

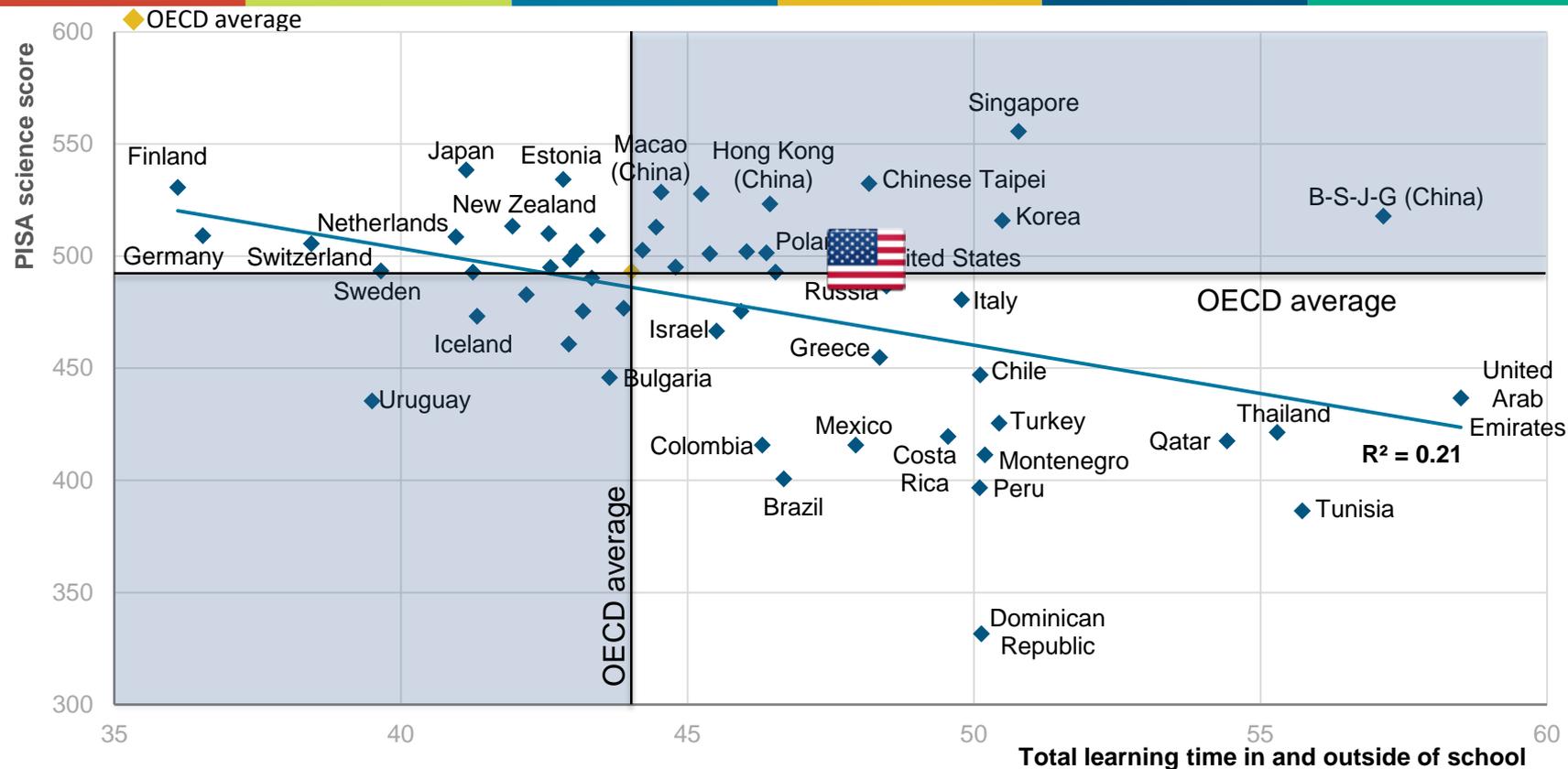


Attendance at pre-primary school

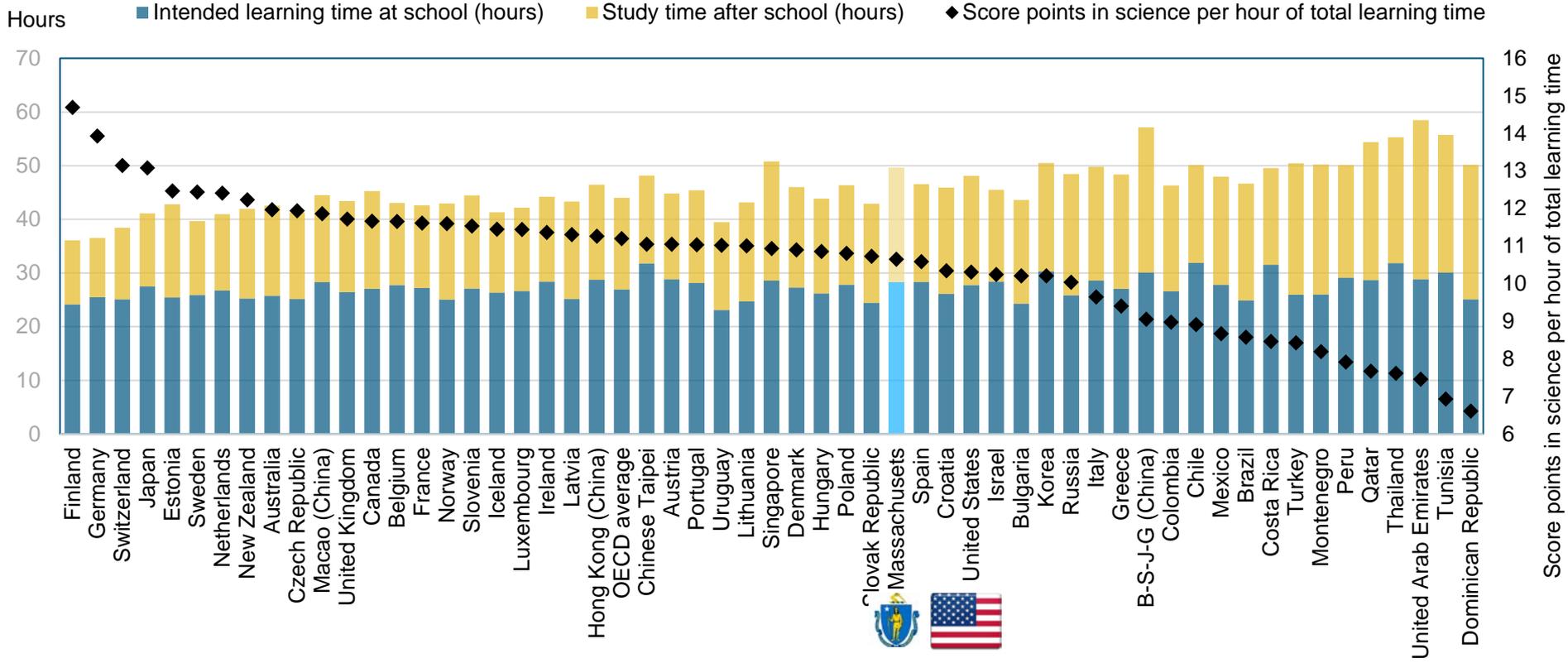
by schools' socio-economic profile



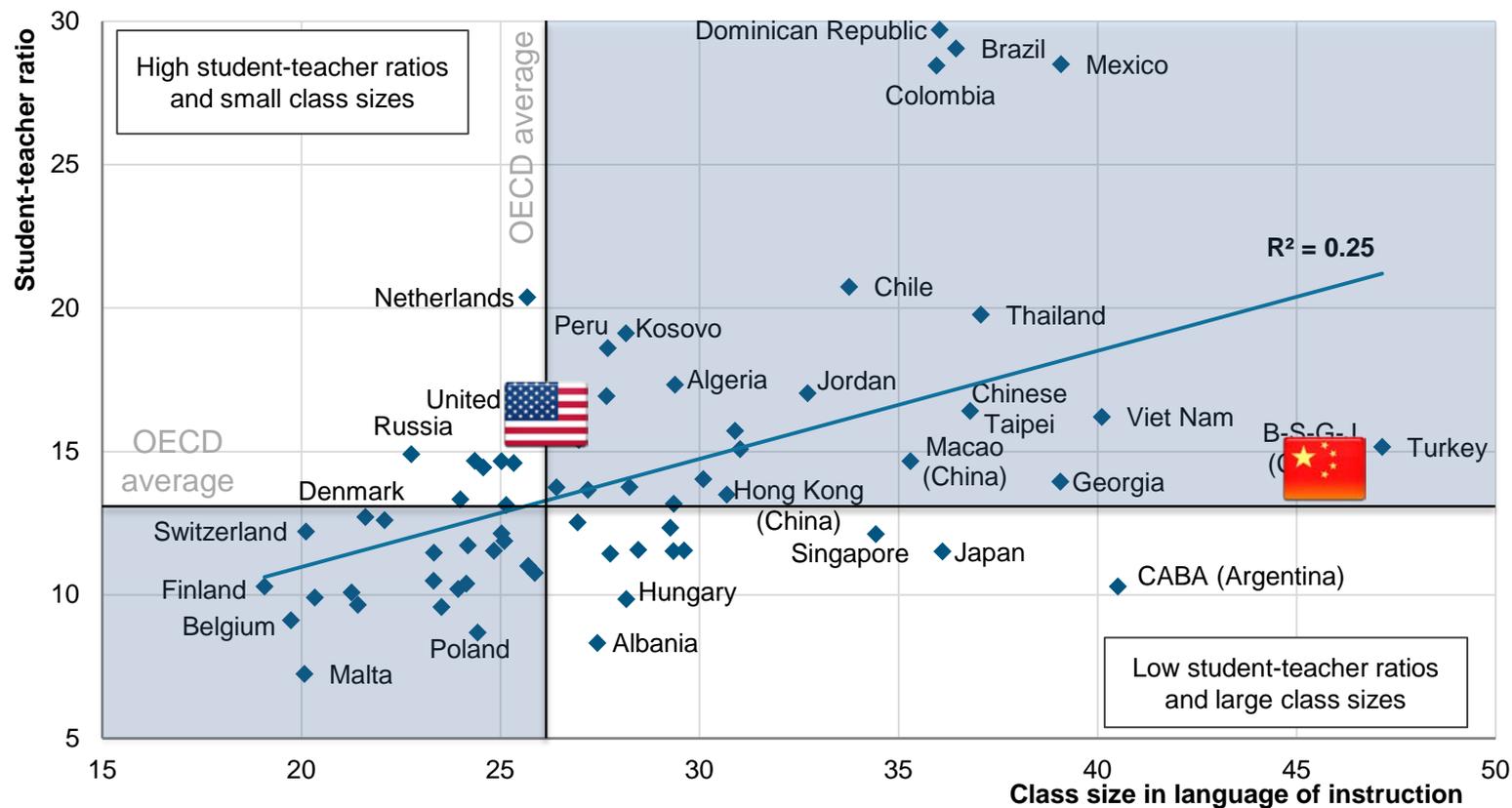
Learning time and science performance



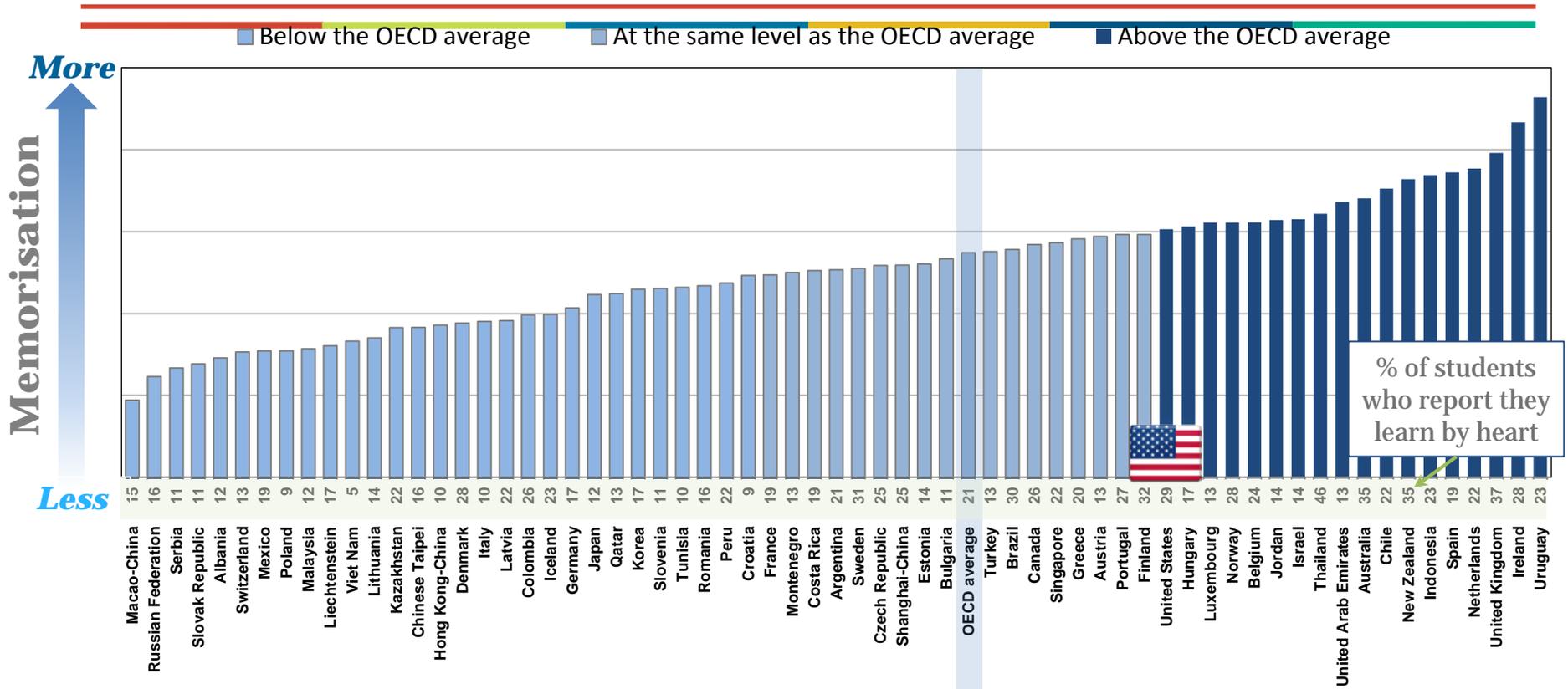
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Student-teacher ratios and class size

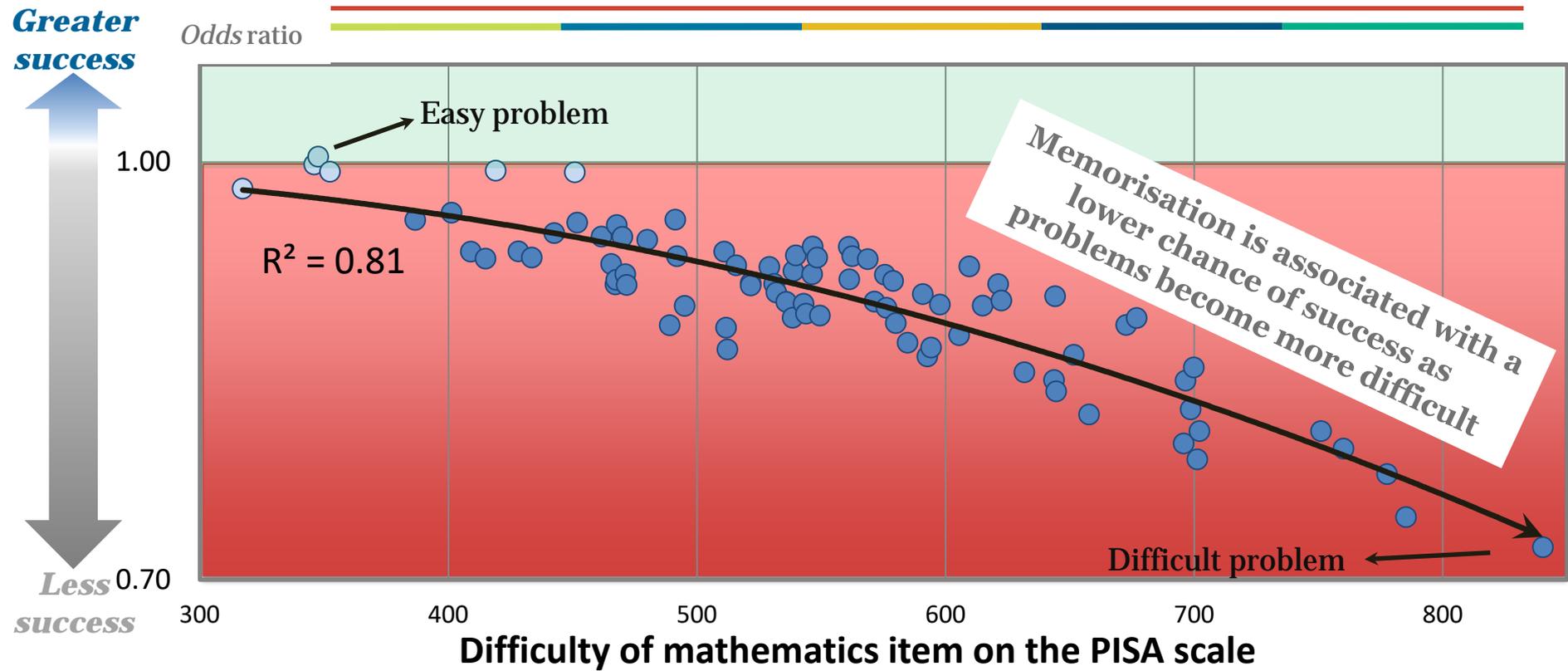


Students' use of memorisation strategies



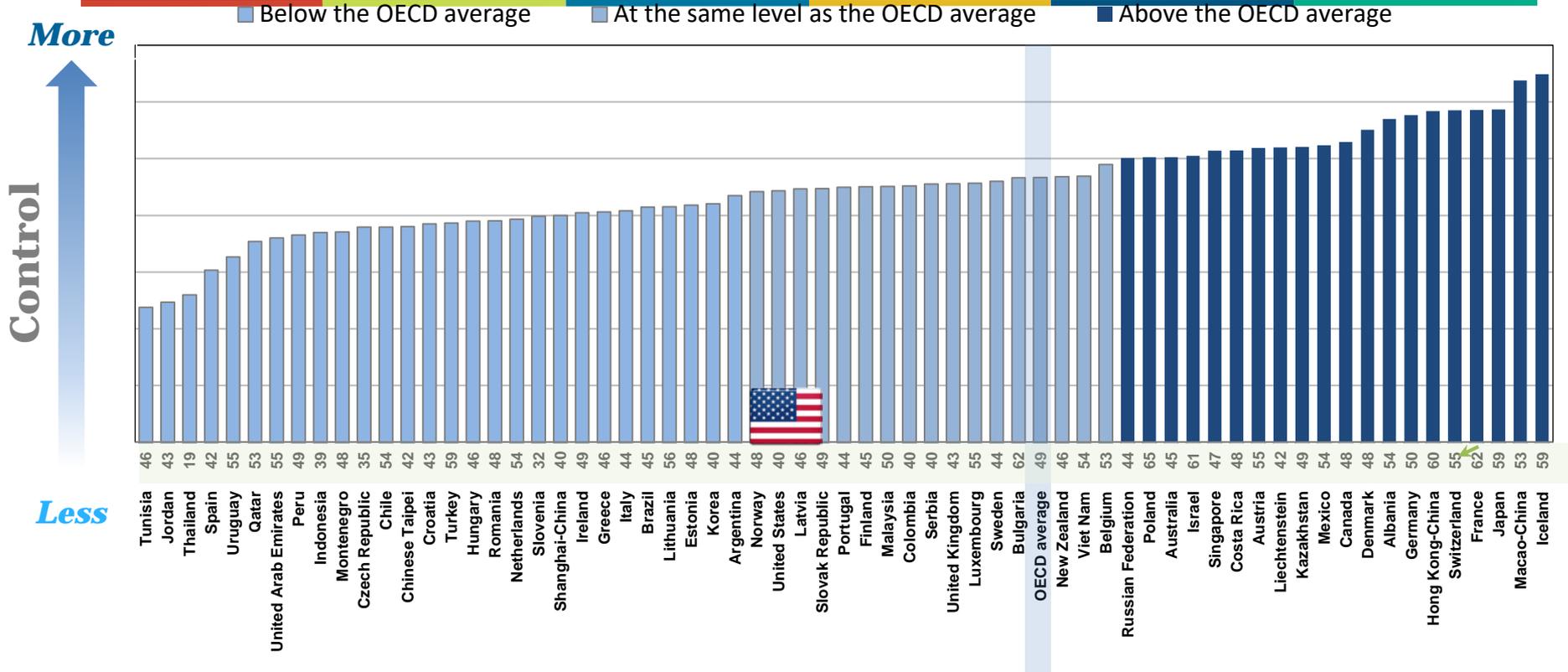
Source: Figure 4.1

Memorisation is less useful as problems become more difficult (*OECD average*)



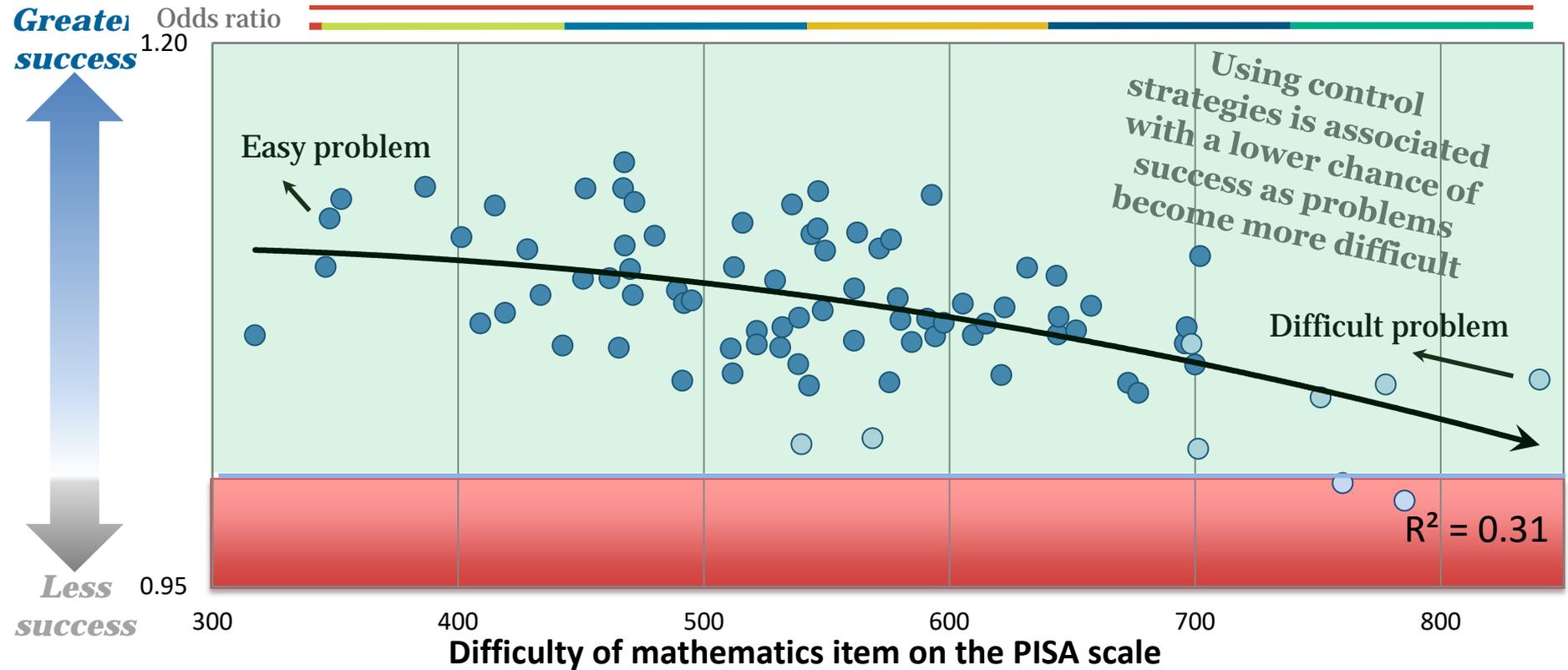
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There are large international differences in the use of control strategies

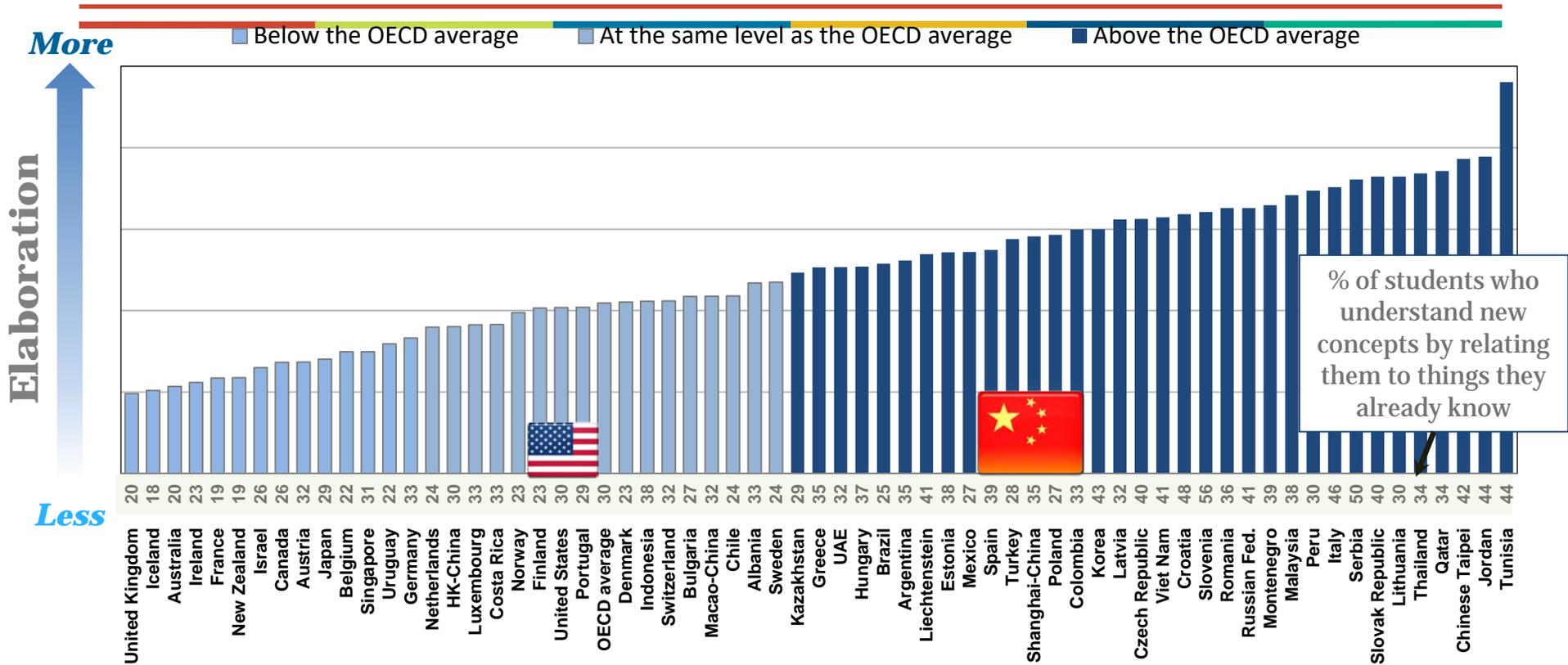


Source: Figure 5.1

Control strategies are always helpful but less so as problems become more difficult (OECD average)



Students' use of elaboration strategies



Source: Figure 6.1

Elaboration strategies are more useful as problems become more difficult (*OECD average*)

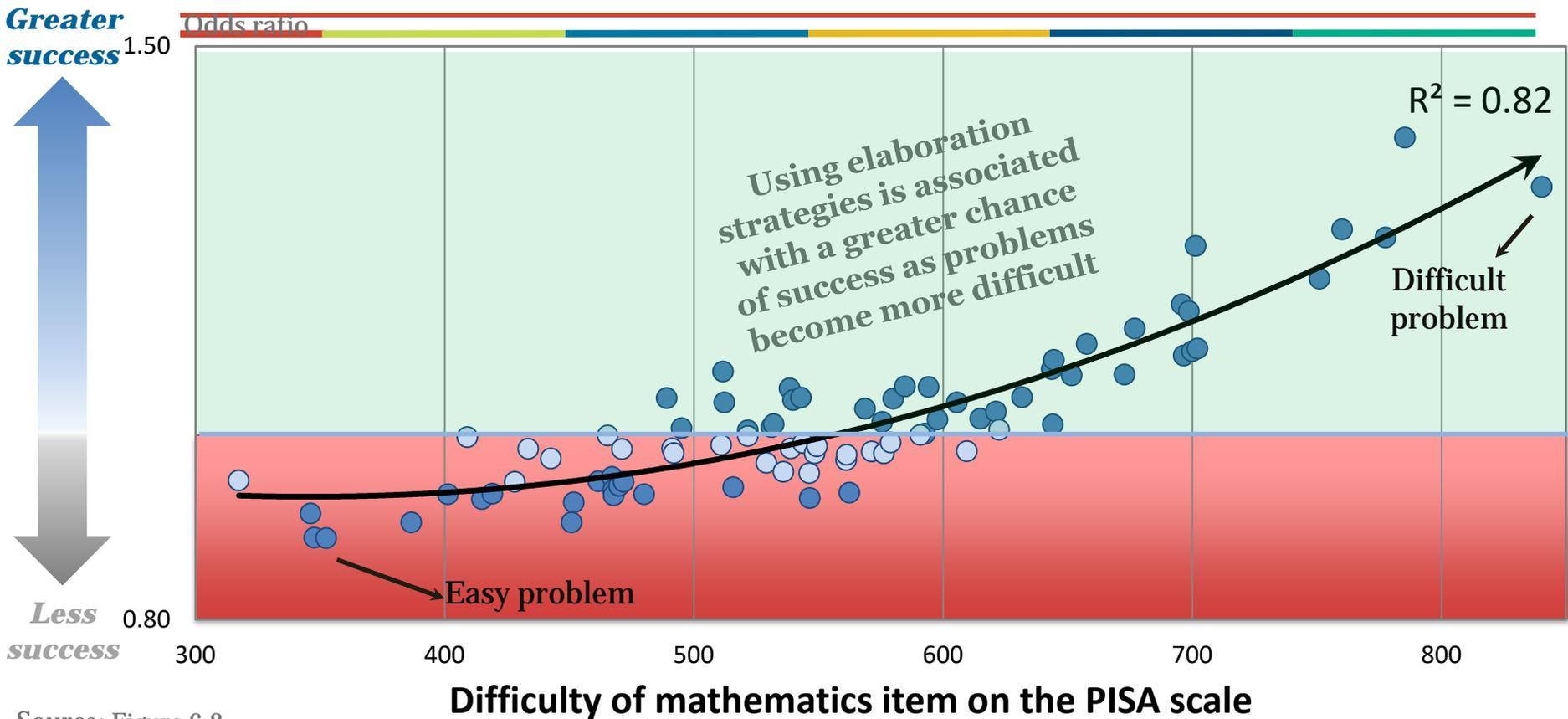
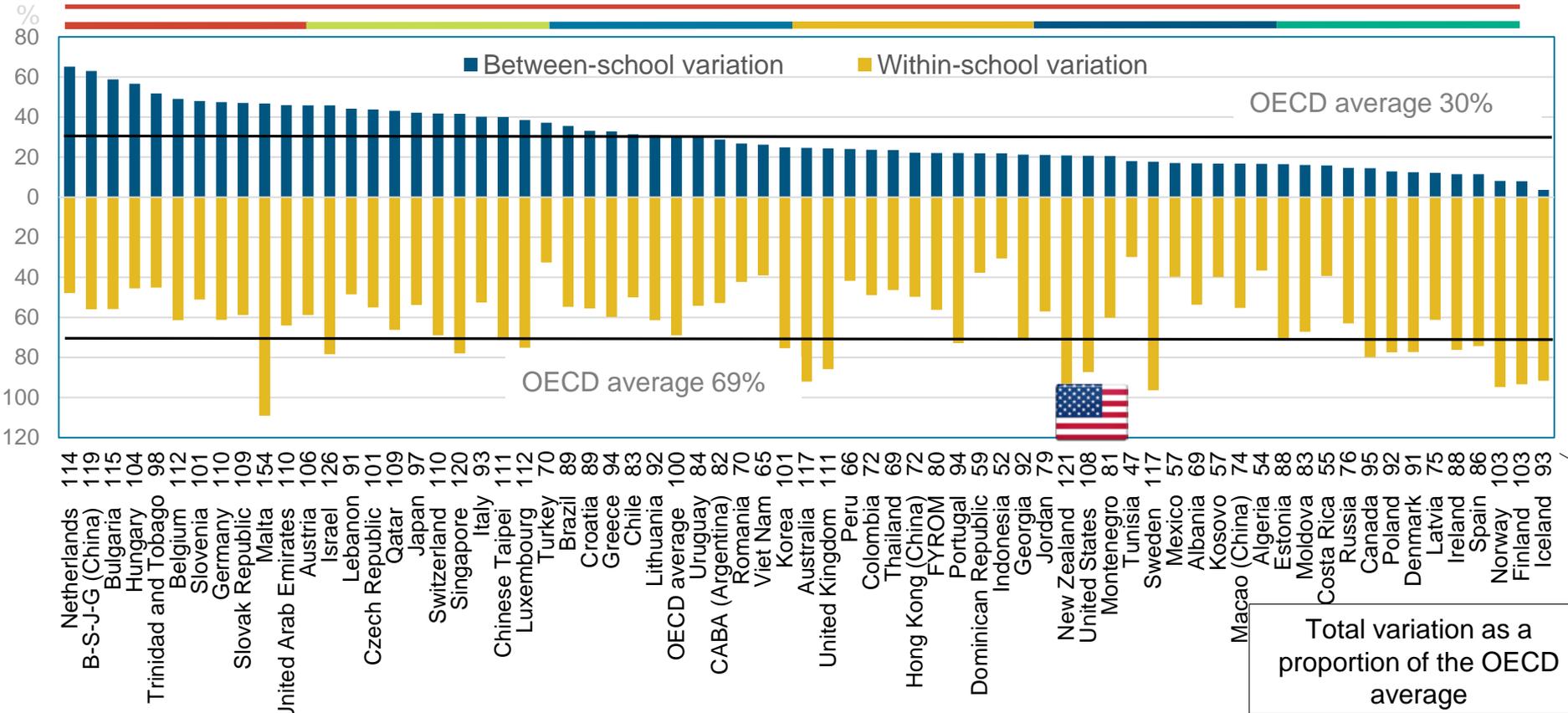


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Variation in science performance between and within schools

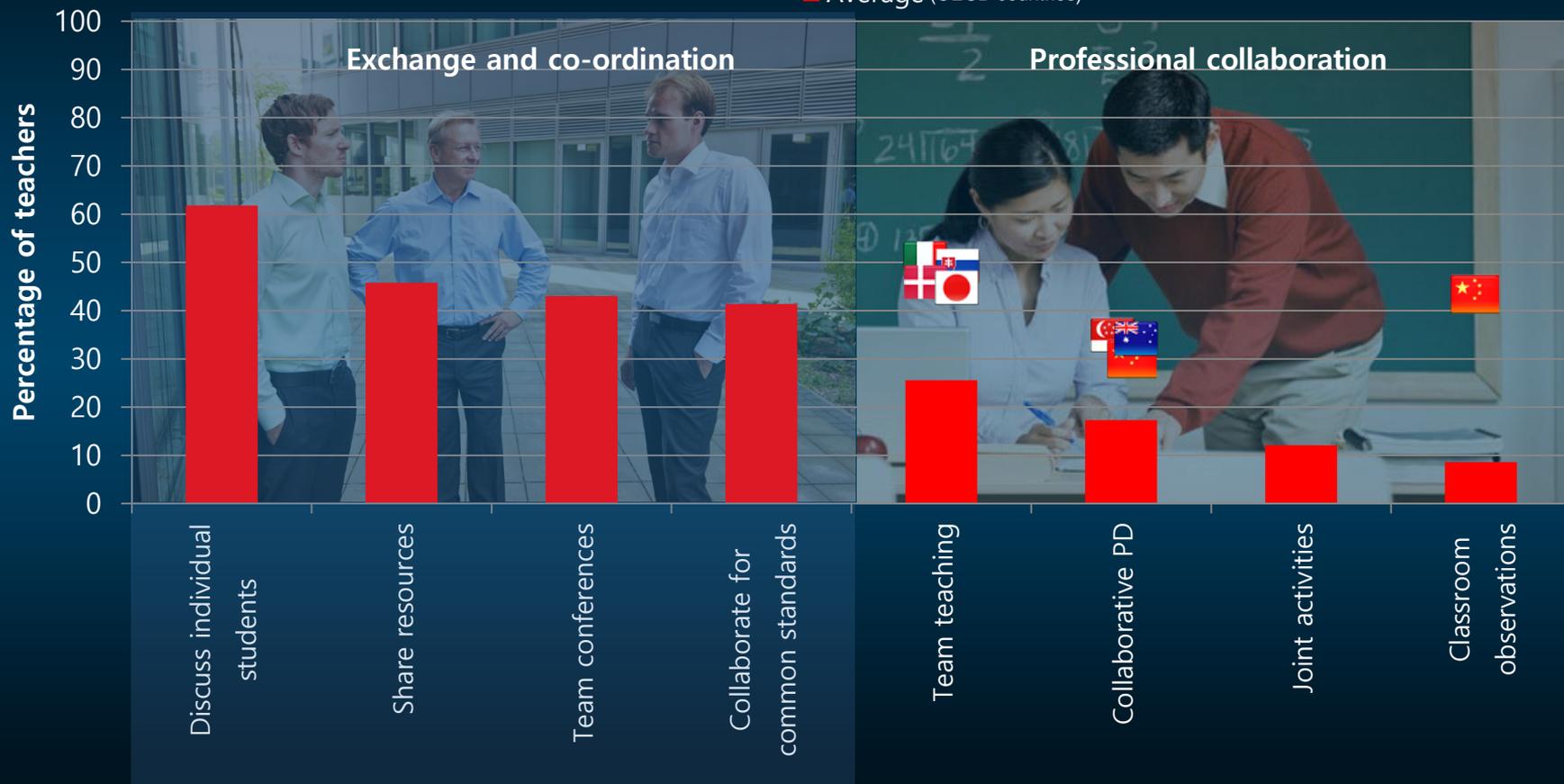


Total variation as a proportion of the OECD average

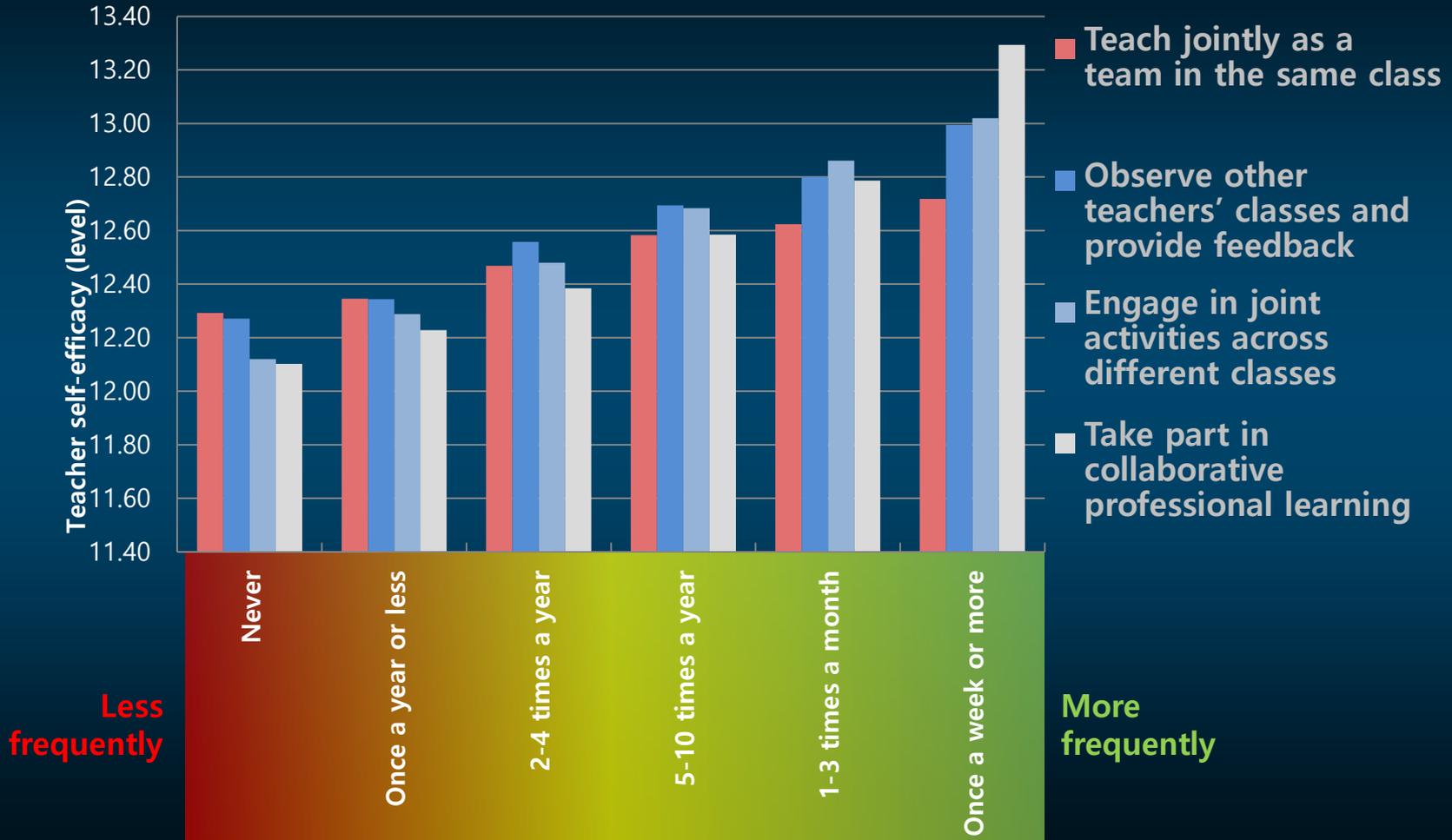
Professional collaboration among teachers

Percentage of lower secondary teachers who report doing the following activities at least once per month

■ Average (OECD countries)

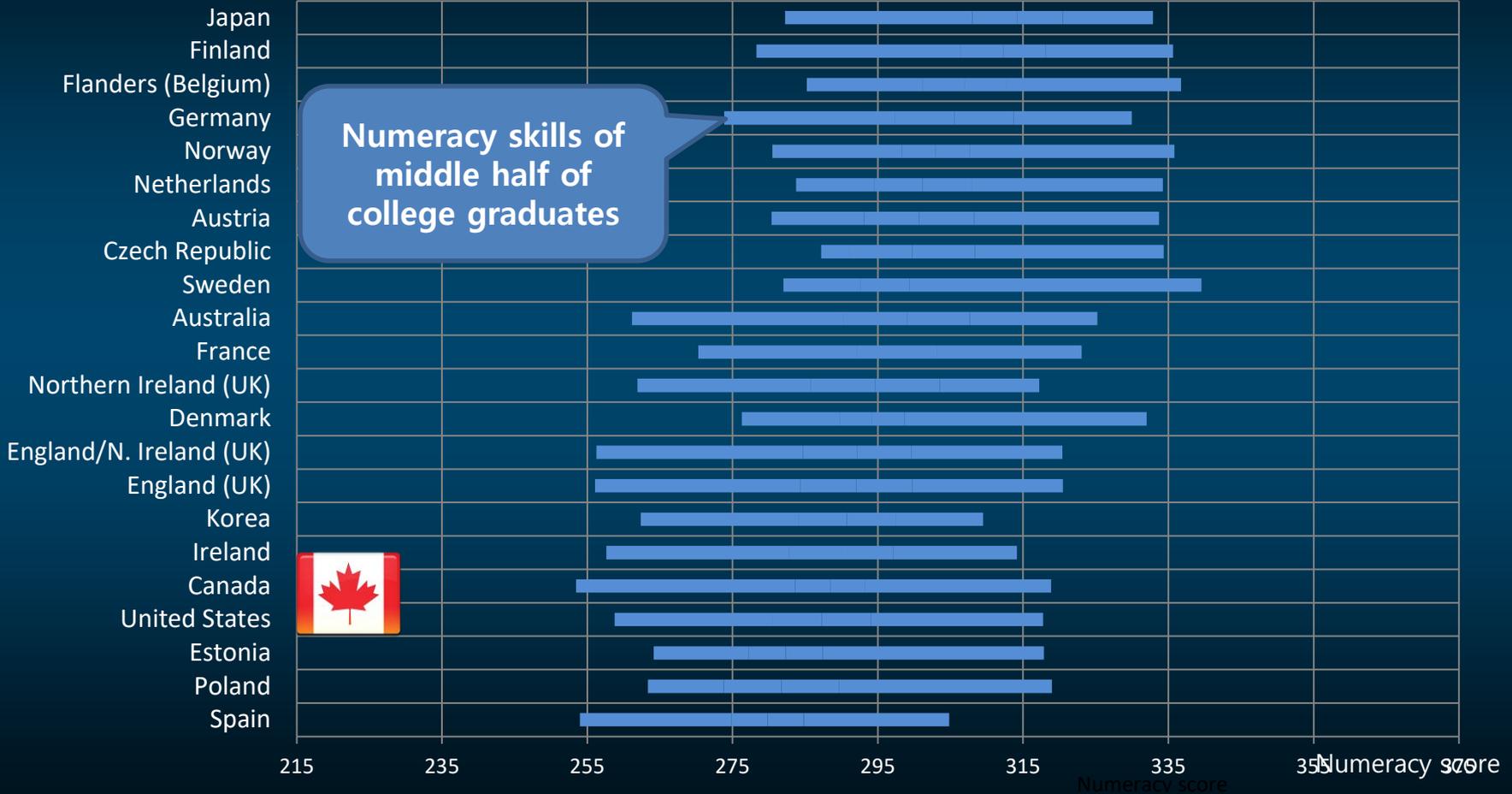


Teachers Self-Efficacy and Professional Collaboration



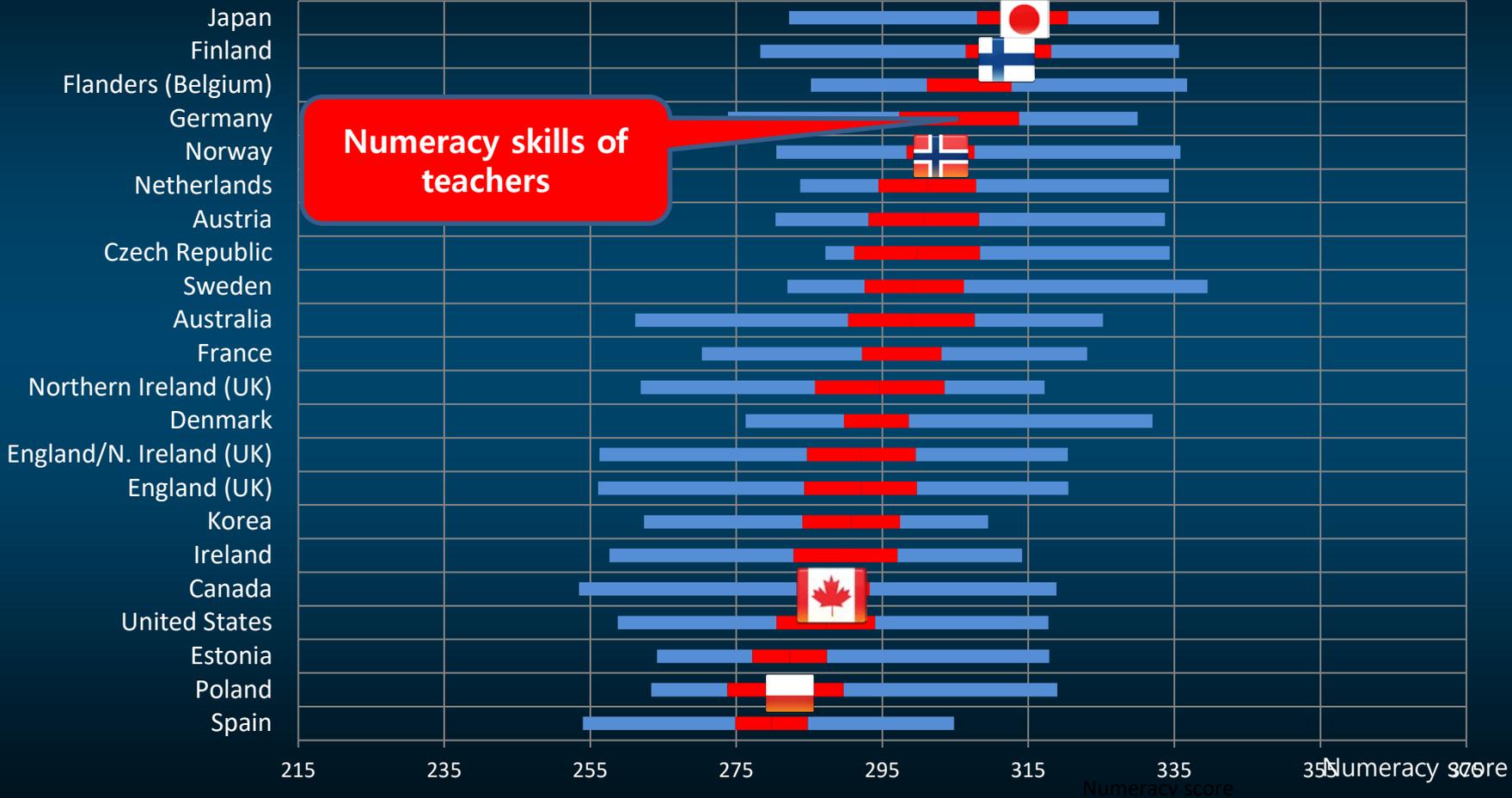
Teachers' skills

Numeracy test scores of tertiary graduates and teachers



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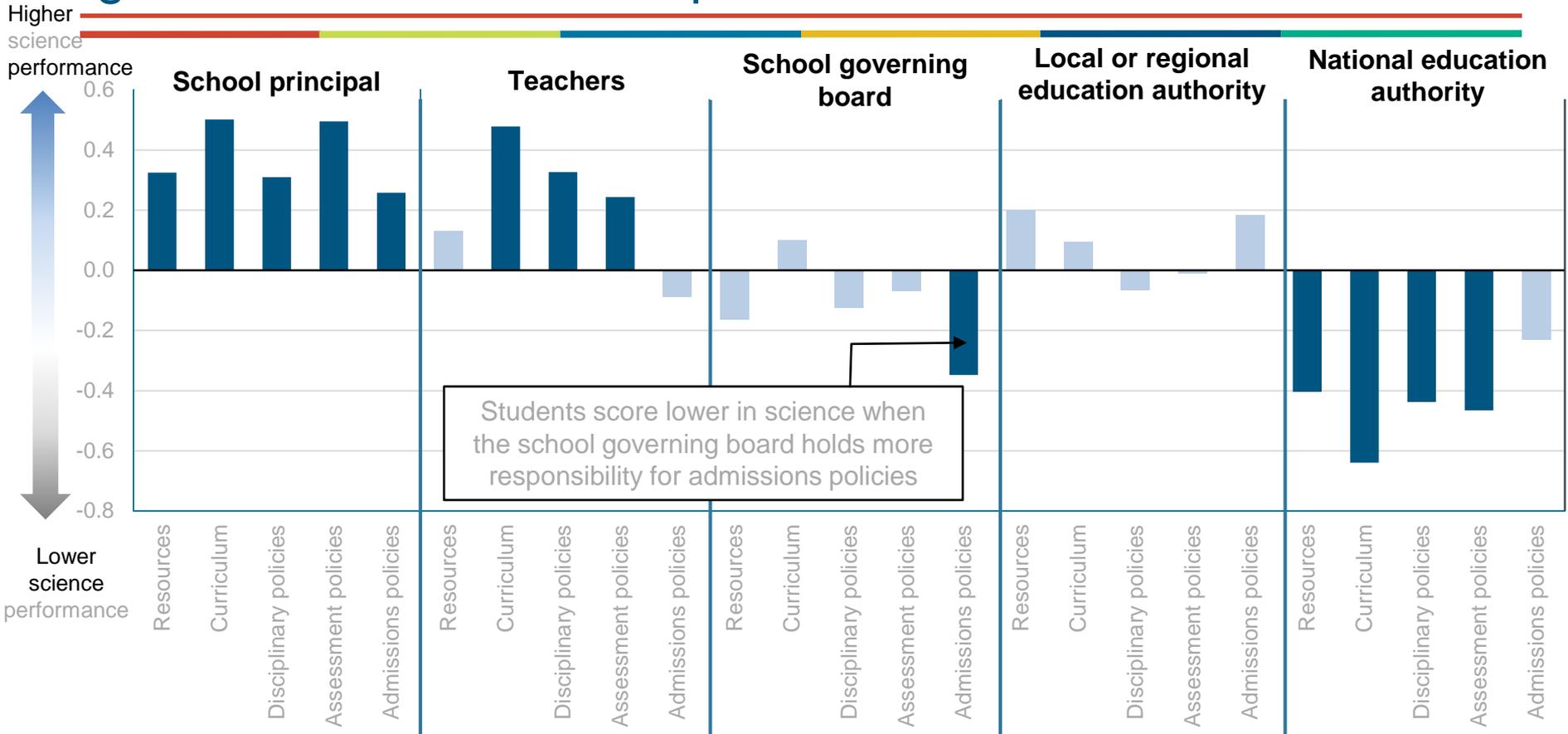


Governance

Across the OECD, 70% of students attend schools whose principals have considerable responsibility for hiring teachers, and in half the cases also over budget allocations within the school

Correlations between the responsibilities for school governance and science performance

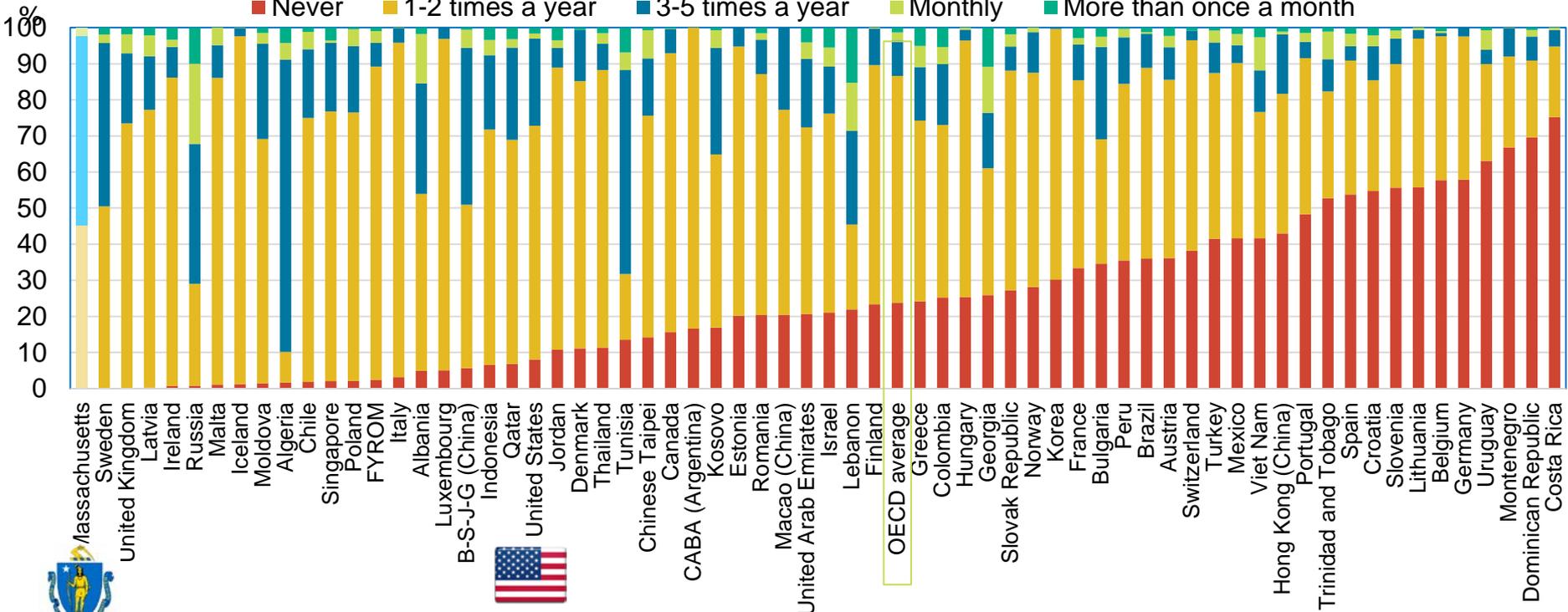
Figure II.4.8



Frequency of mandatory standardised tests at school

Percentage of students in schools where mandatory standardised tests are used:

Legend: ■ Never ■ 1-2 times a year ■ 3-5 times a year ■ Monthly ■ More than once a month



System transformations

The old bureaucratic system

The modern enabling system

Student inclusion

Some students learn at high levels (sorting)

All students need to learn at high levels

Curriculum, instruction and assessment

Routine cognitive skills

Complex ways of thinking, complex ways of doing, collective capacity

Teacher quality

Standardisation and compliance

High-level professional knowledge workers

Work organisation

'Tayloristic', hierarchical

Flat, collegial

Accountability

Primarily to authorities

Primarily to peers and stakeholders

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