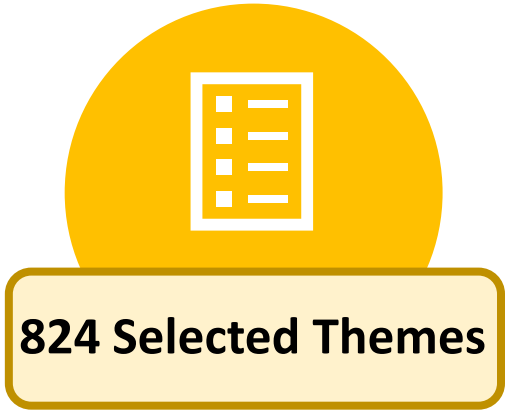
Internet Governance Forum 2024

Programme Development

February 2024

Results – IGF 2024 Call for Thematic Inputs



- Open call for over **eight weeks** via an IGF online submission system
- Participants to select up to three themes and three issues from a list of **eleven themes**, each being assigned a set of specific **issues**
- The call included a **comment section** on ways the IGF could contribute to global initiatives relevant to its work

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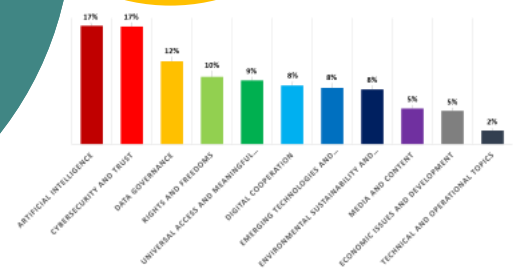
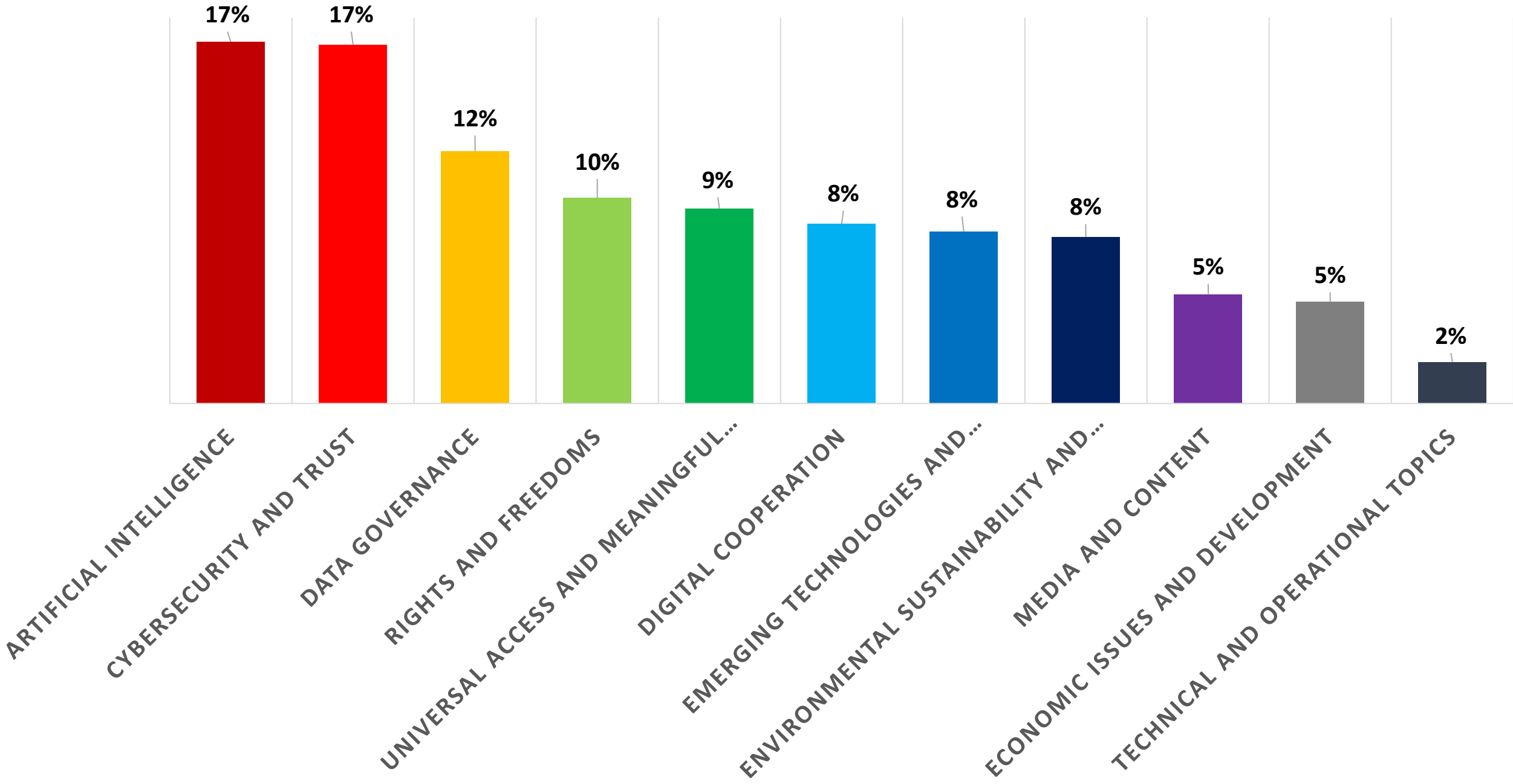
Selected Themes

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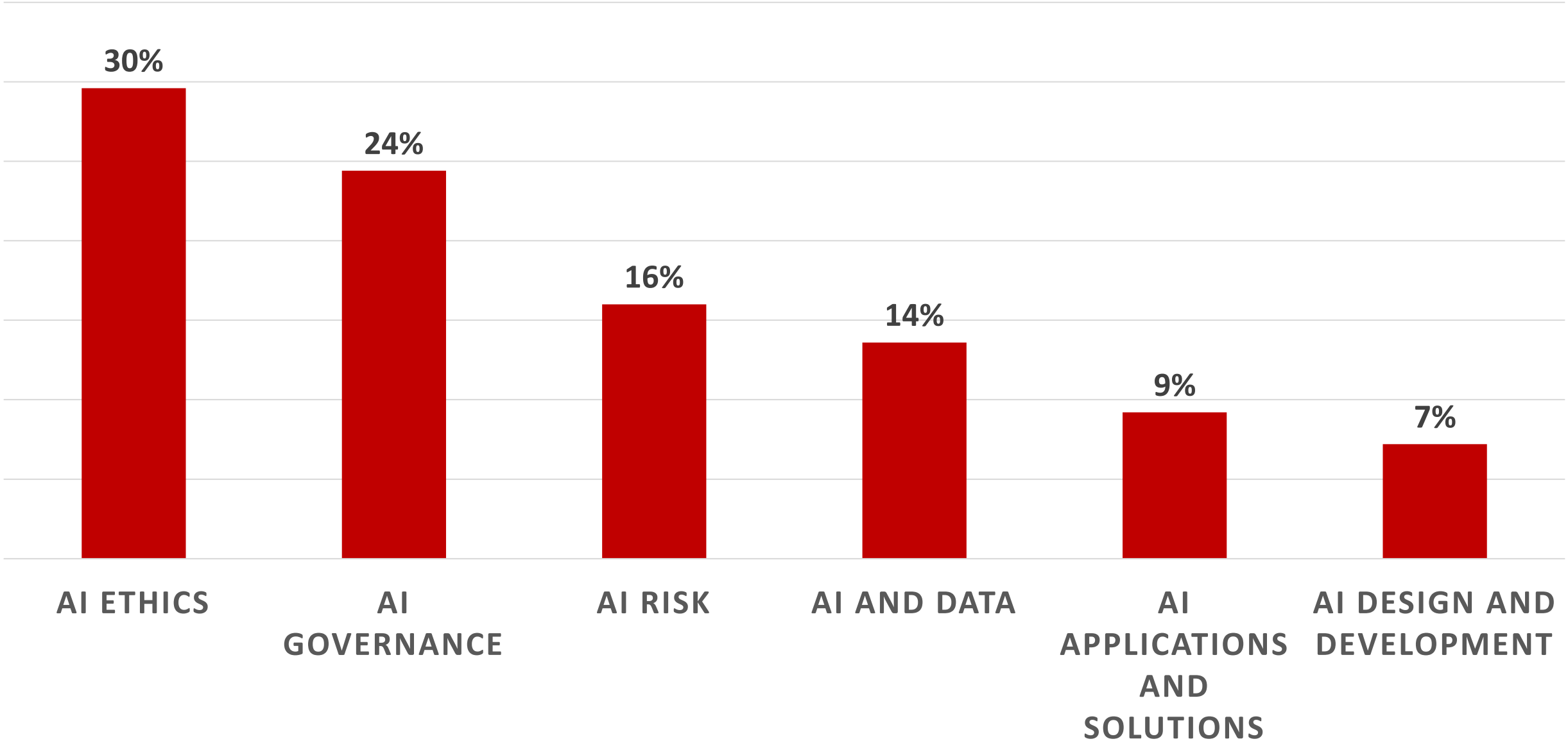

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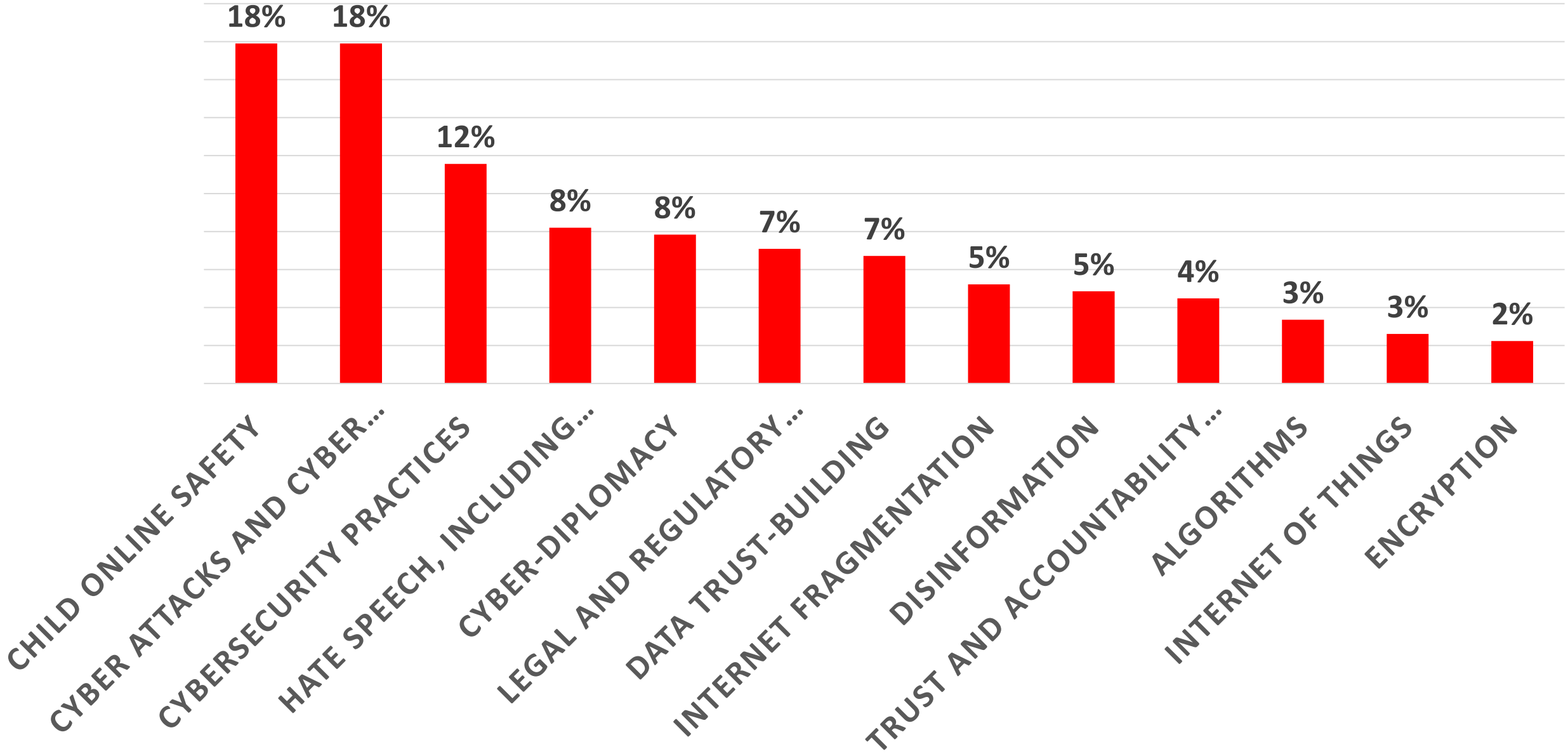

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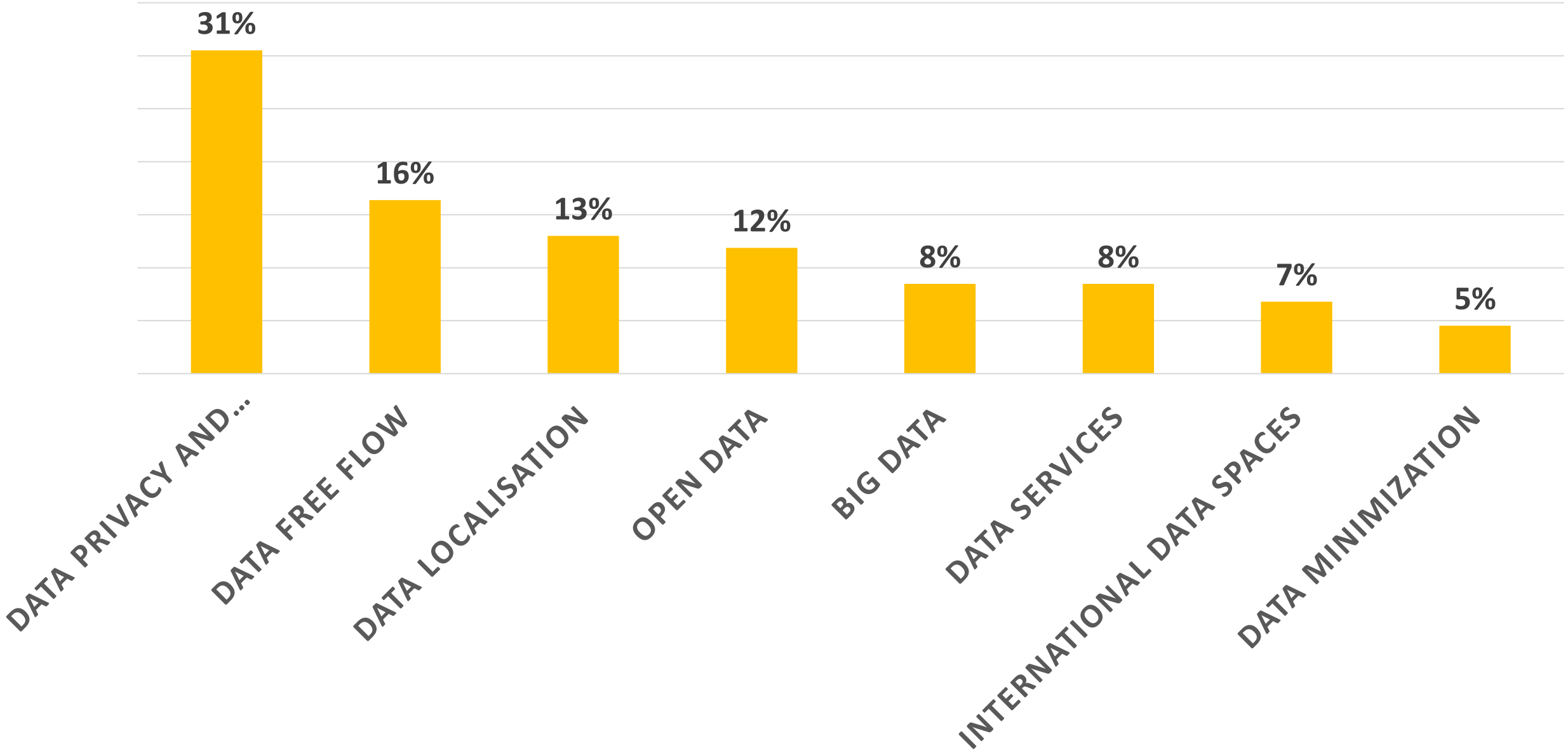

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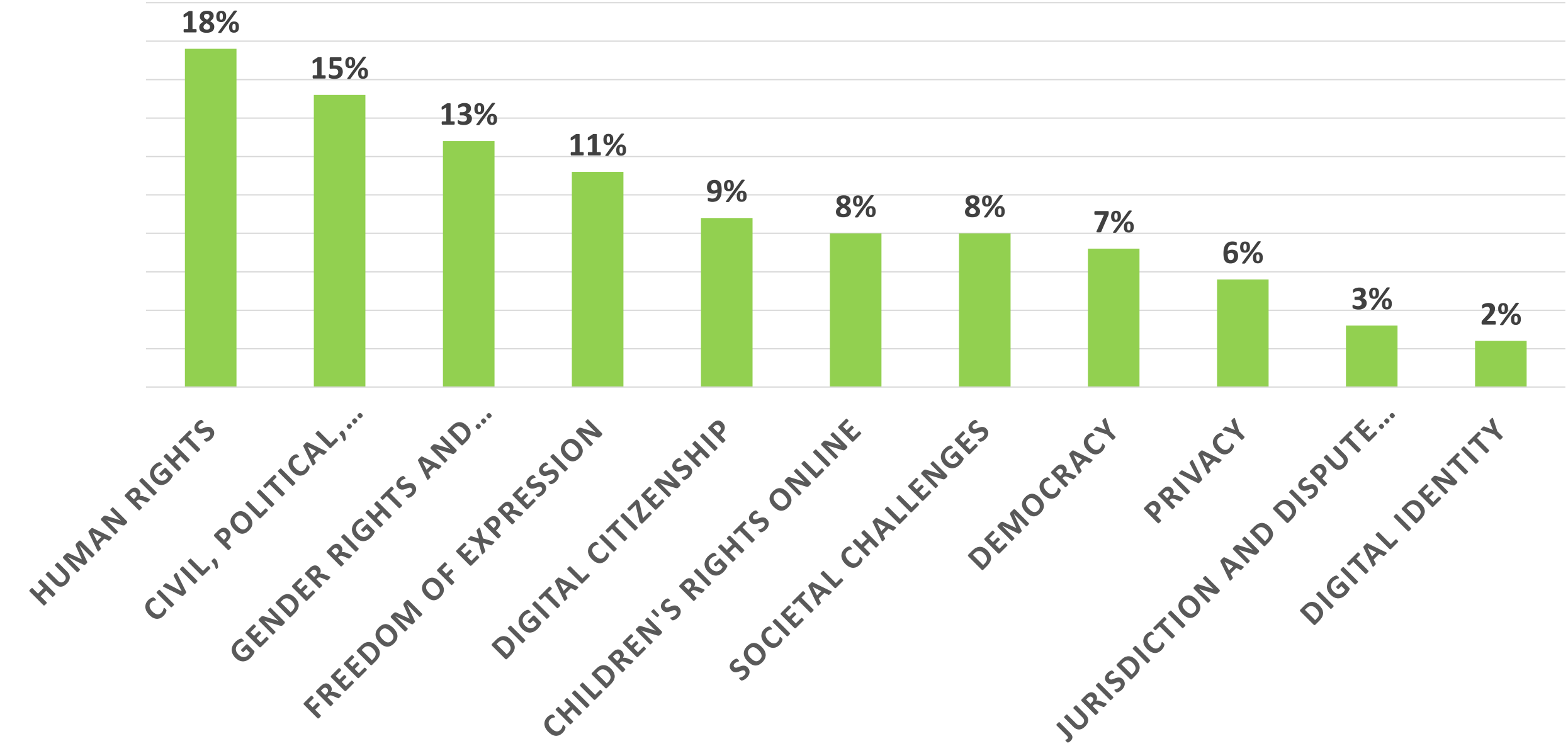

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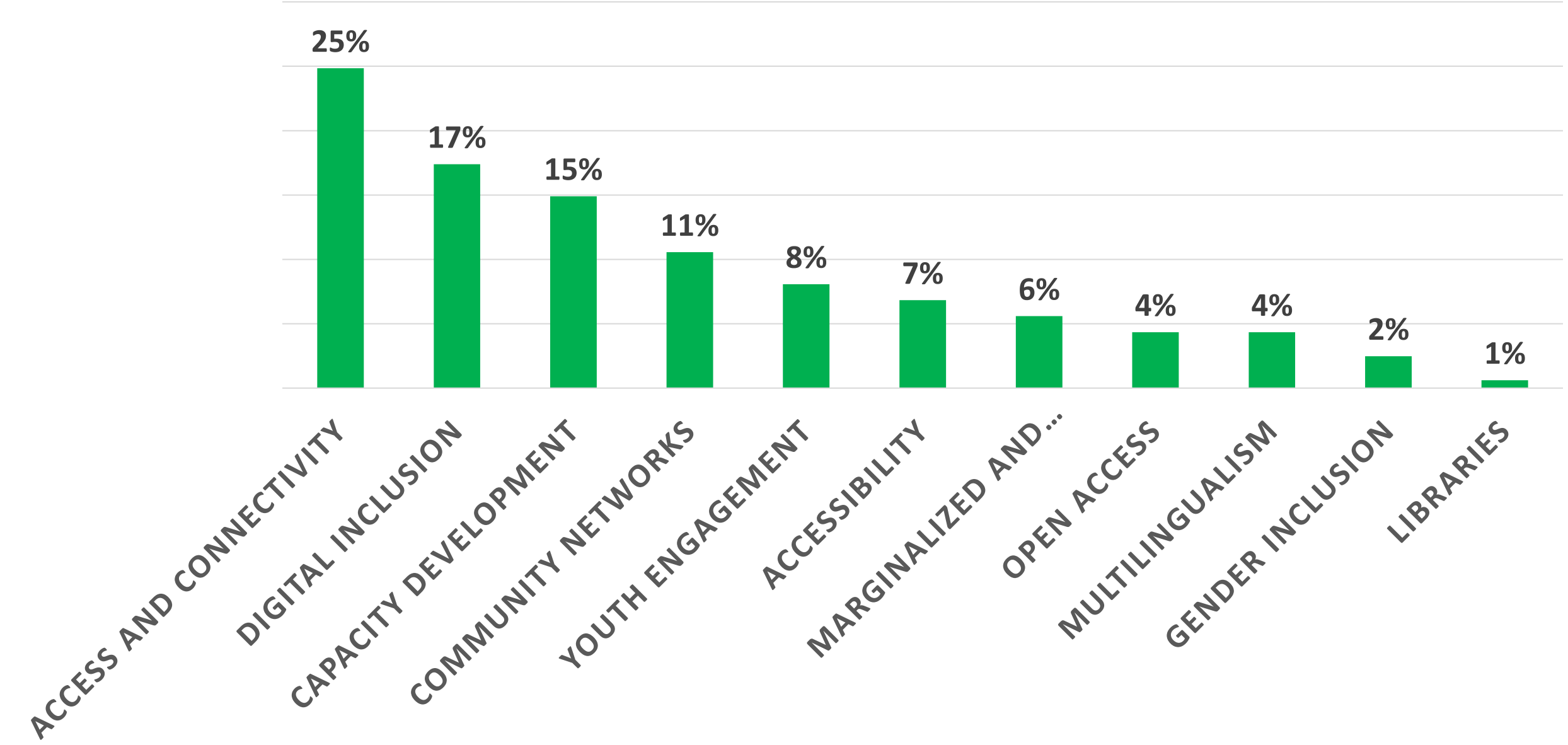

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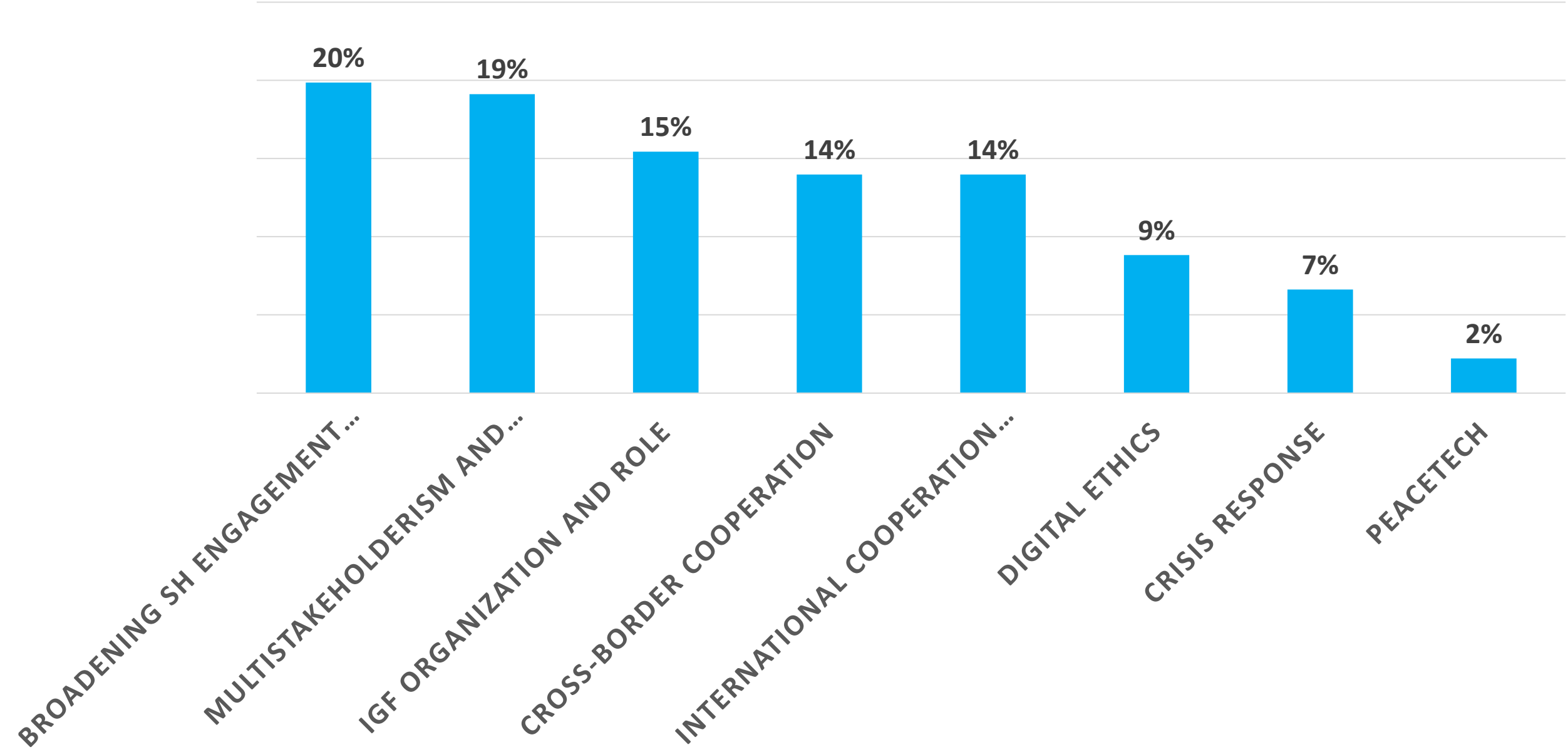

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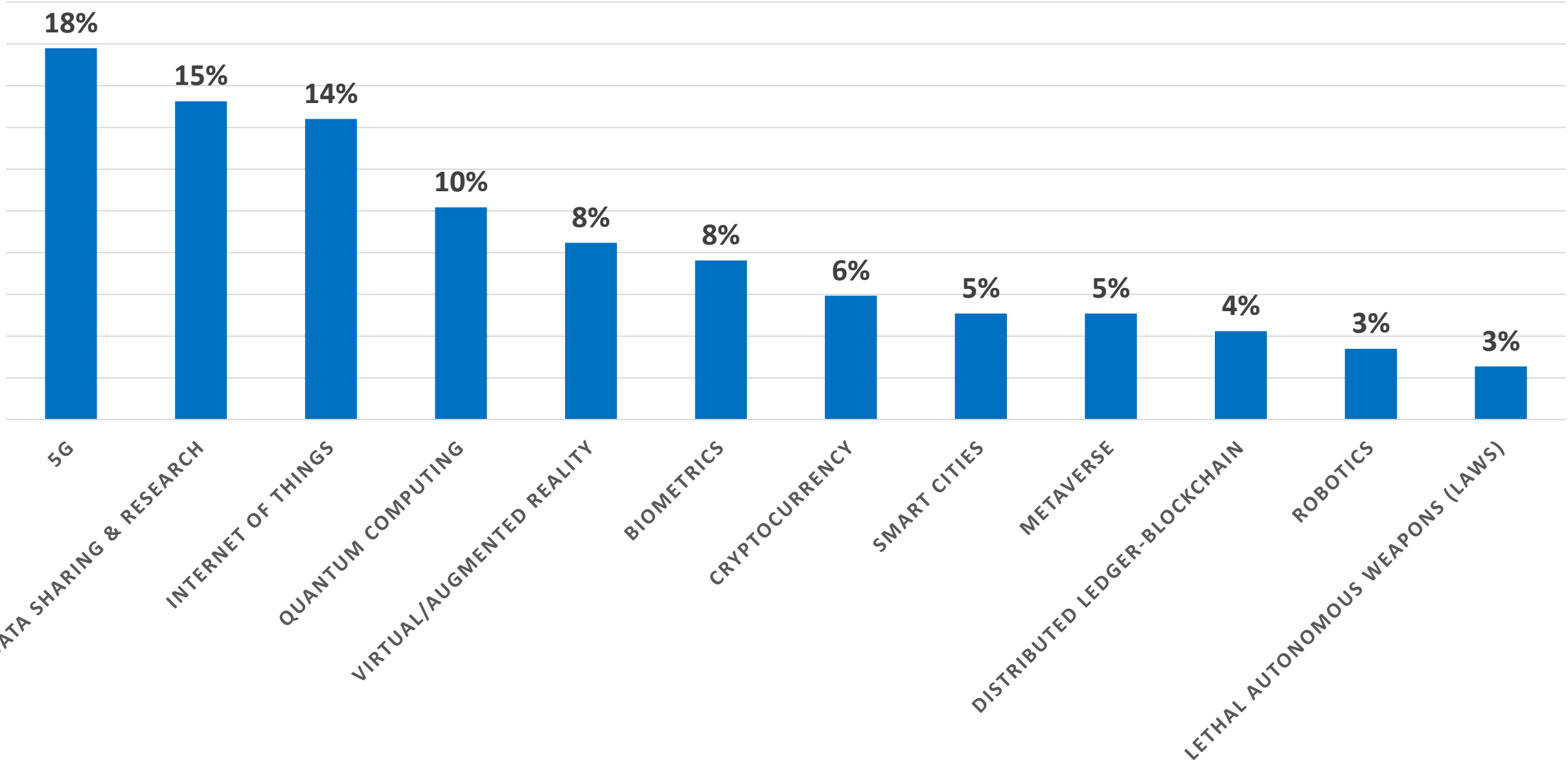

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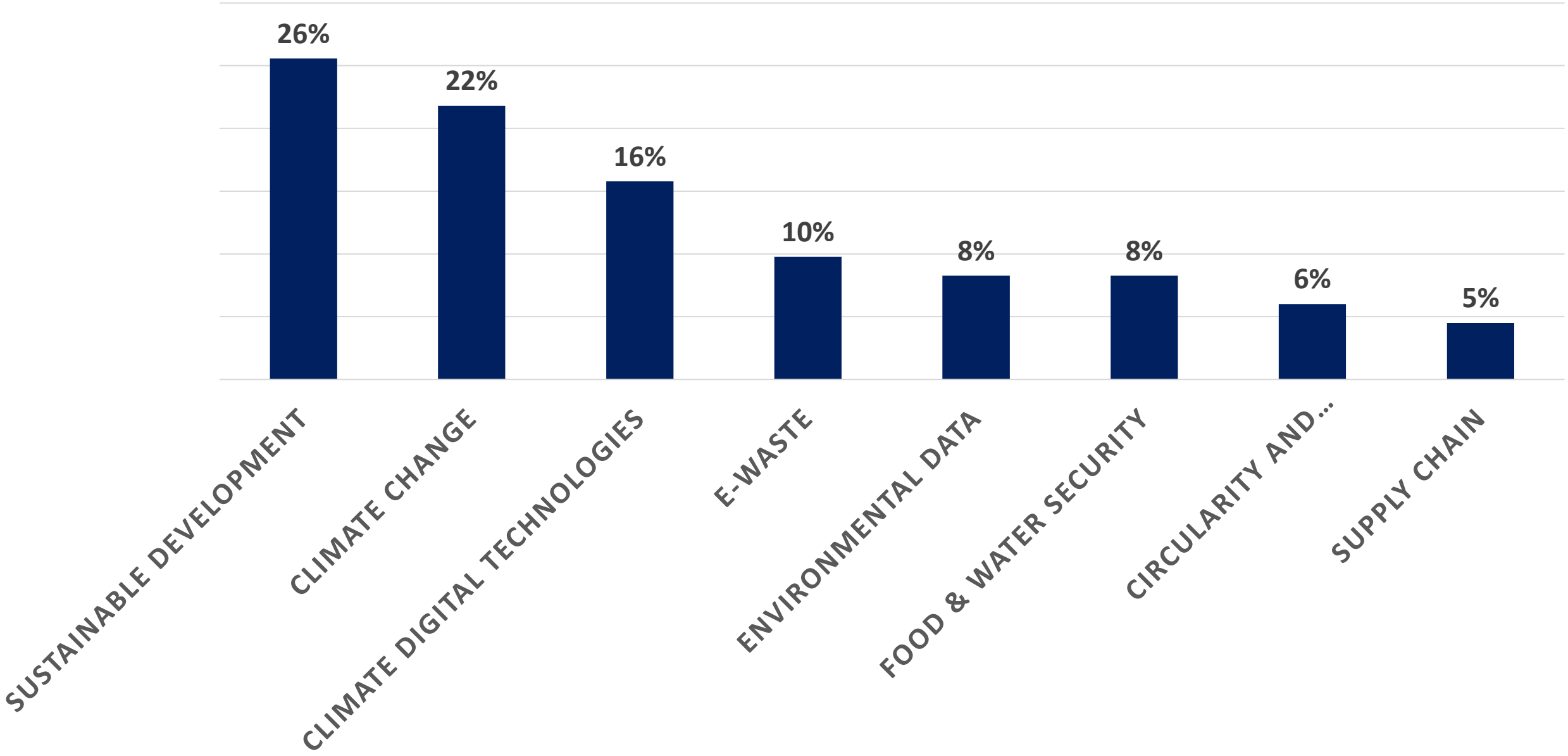

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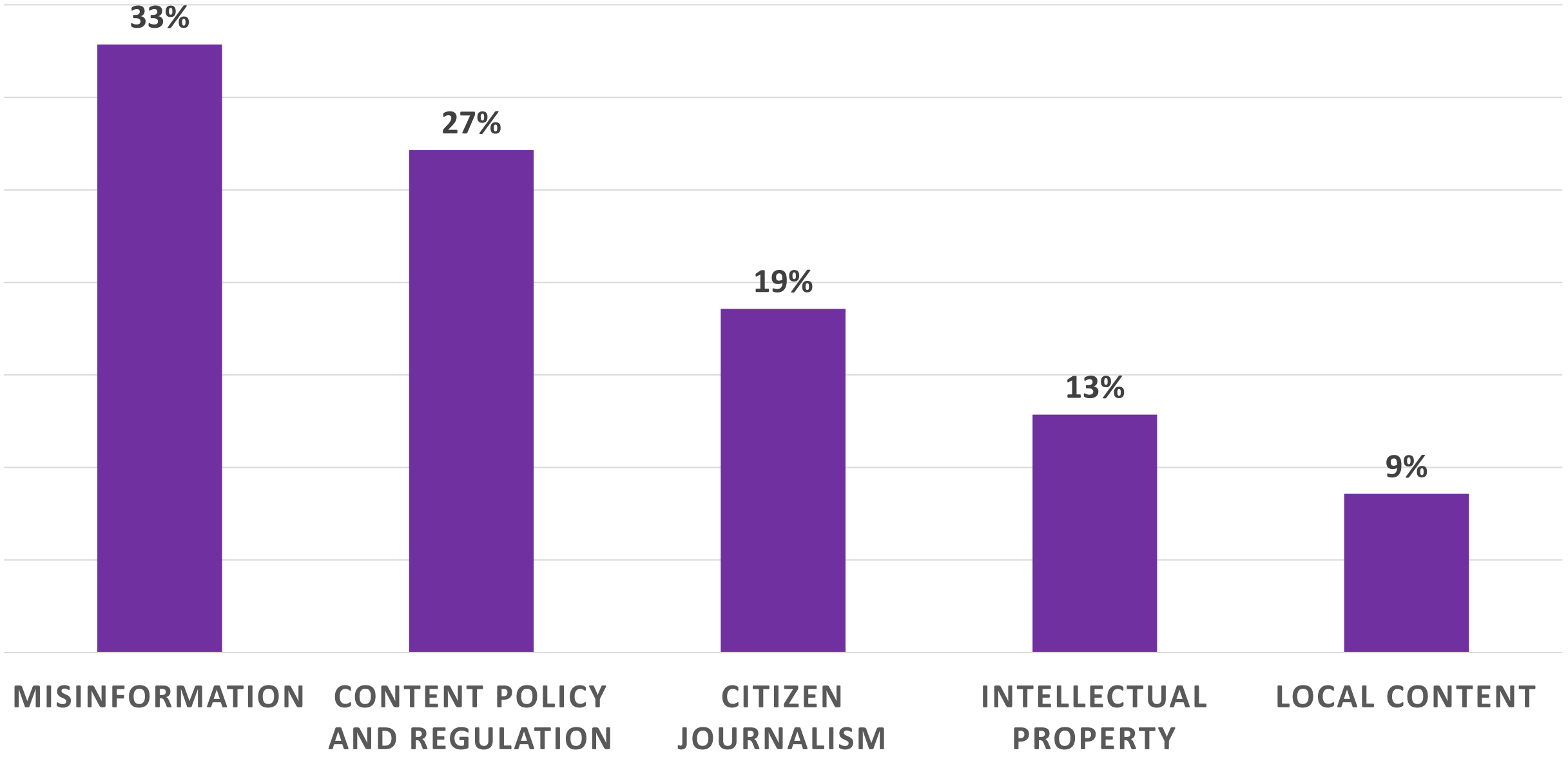

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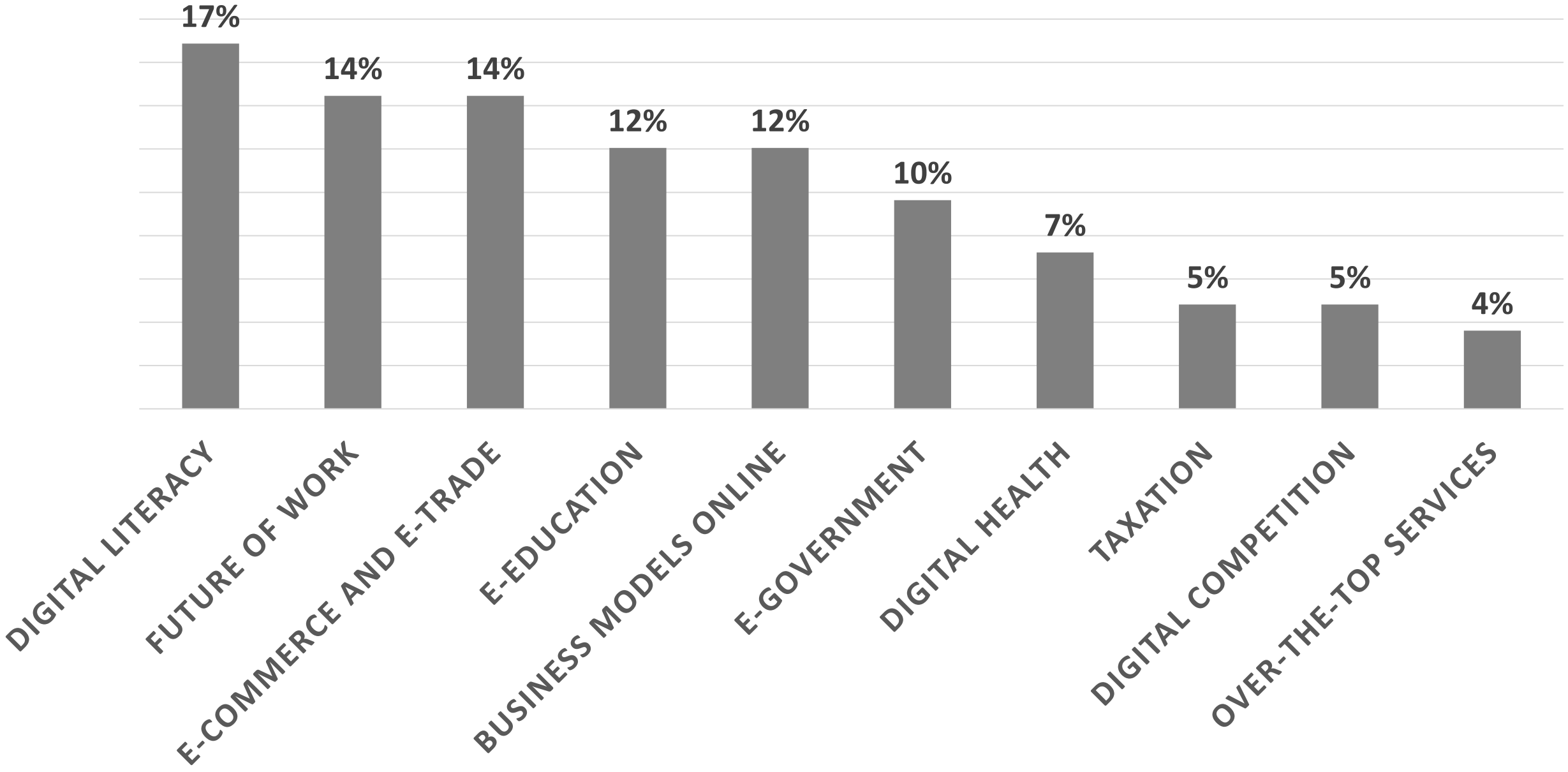

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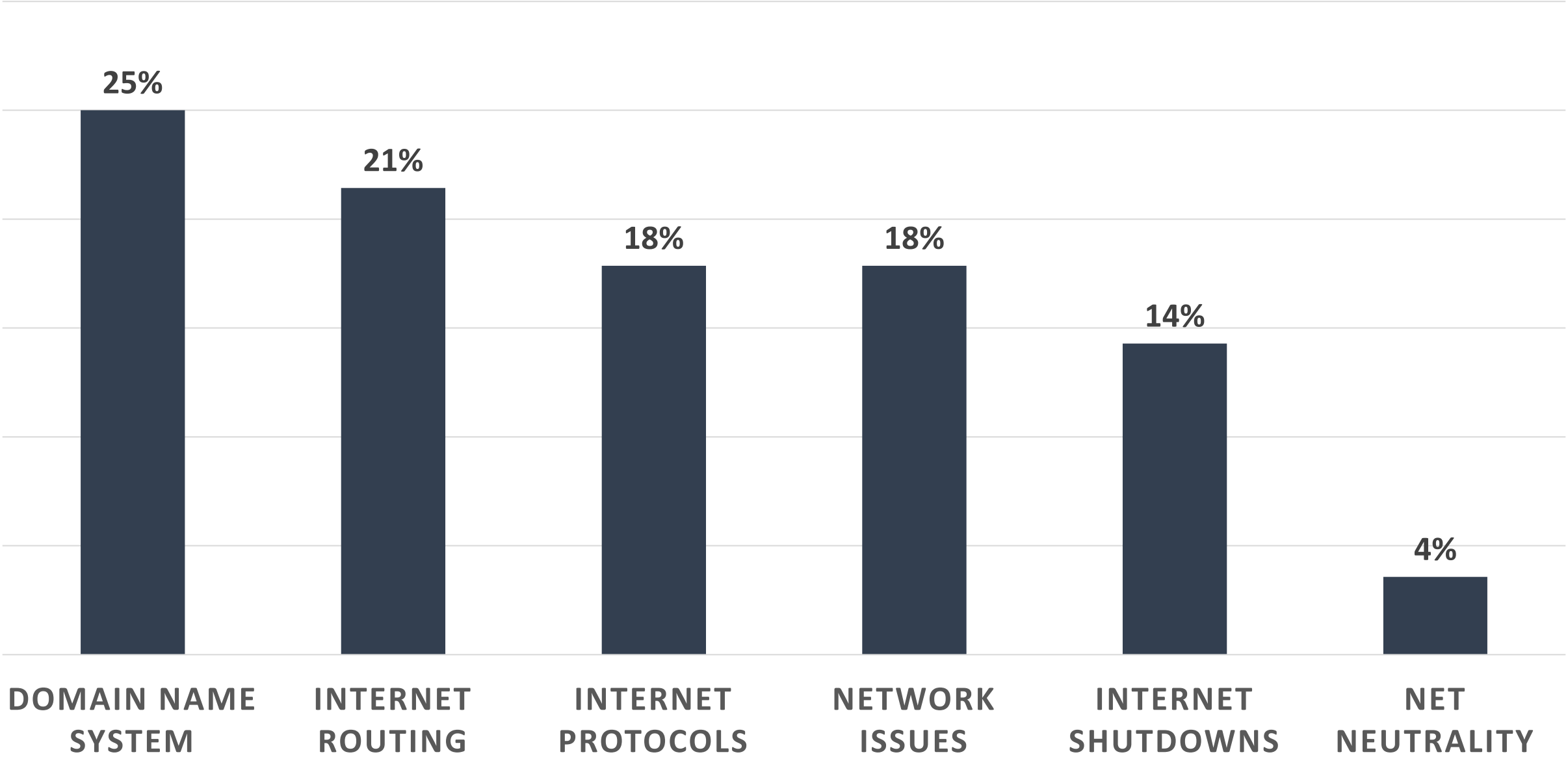

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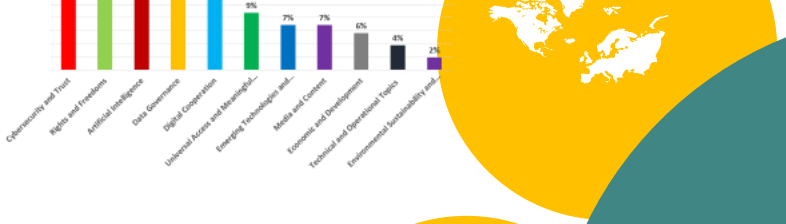

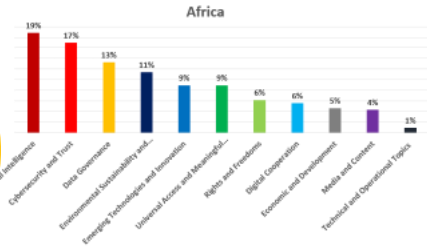

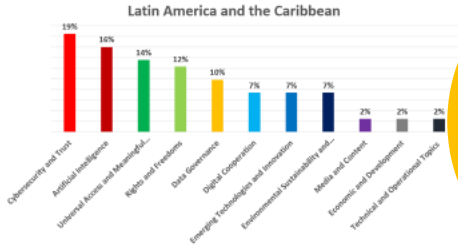

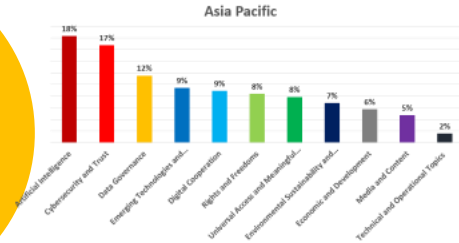

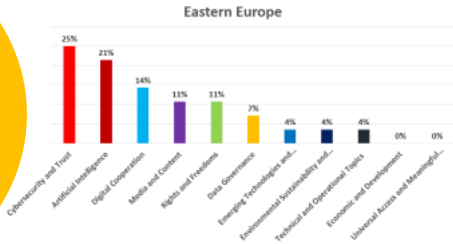

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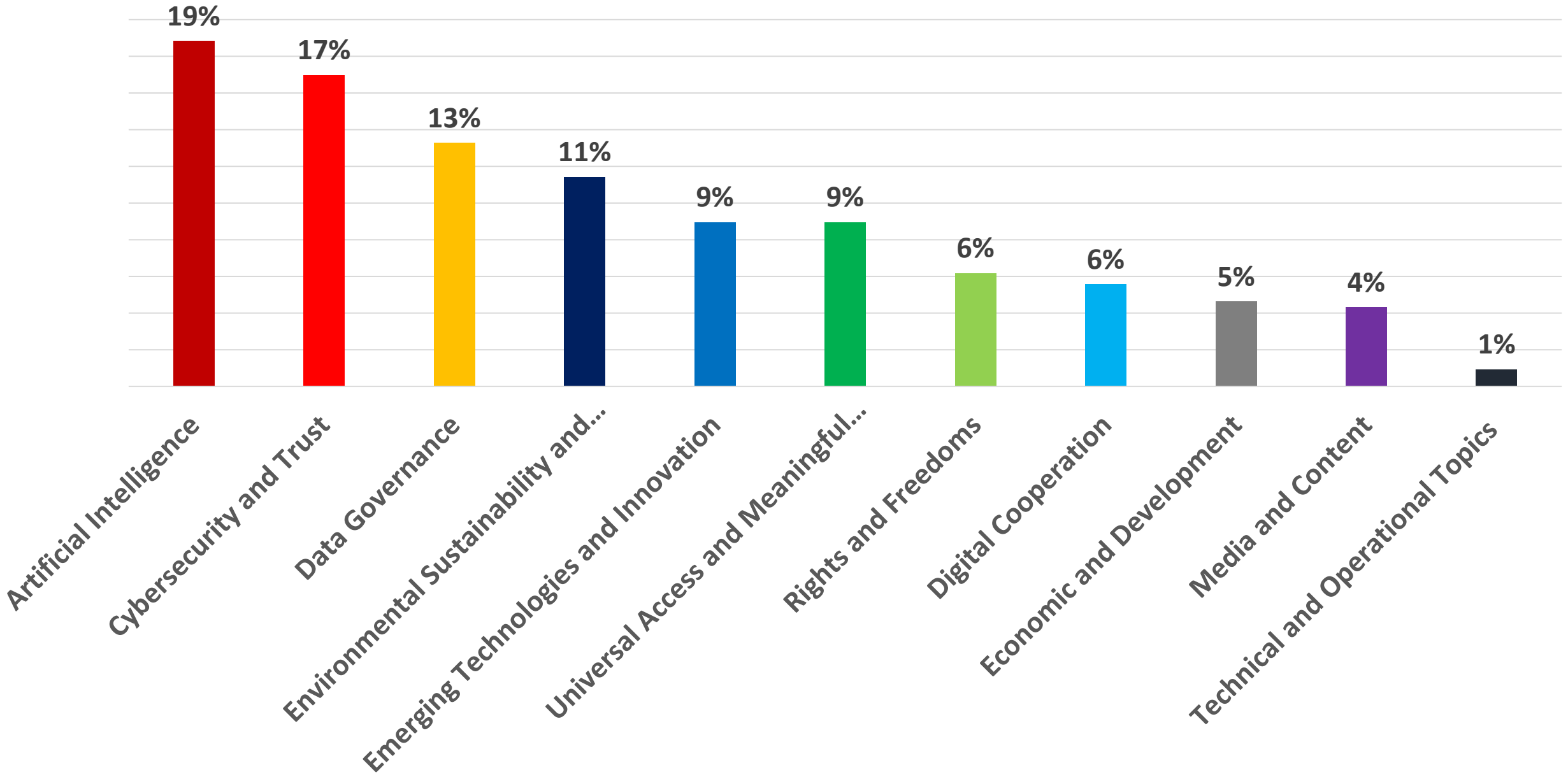
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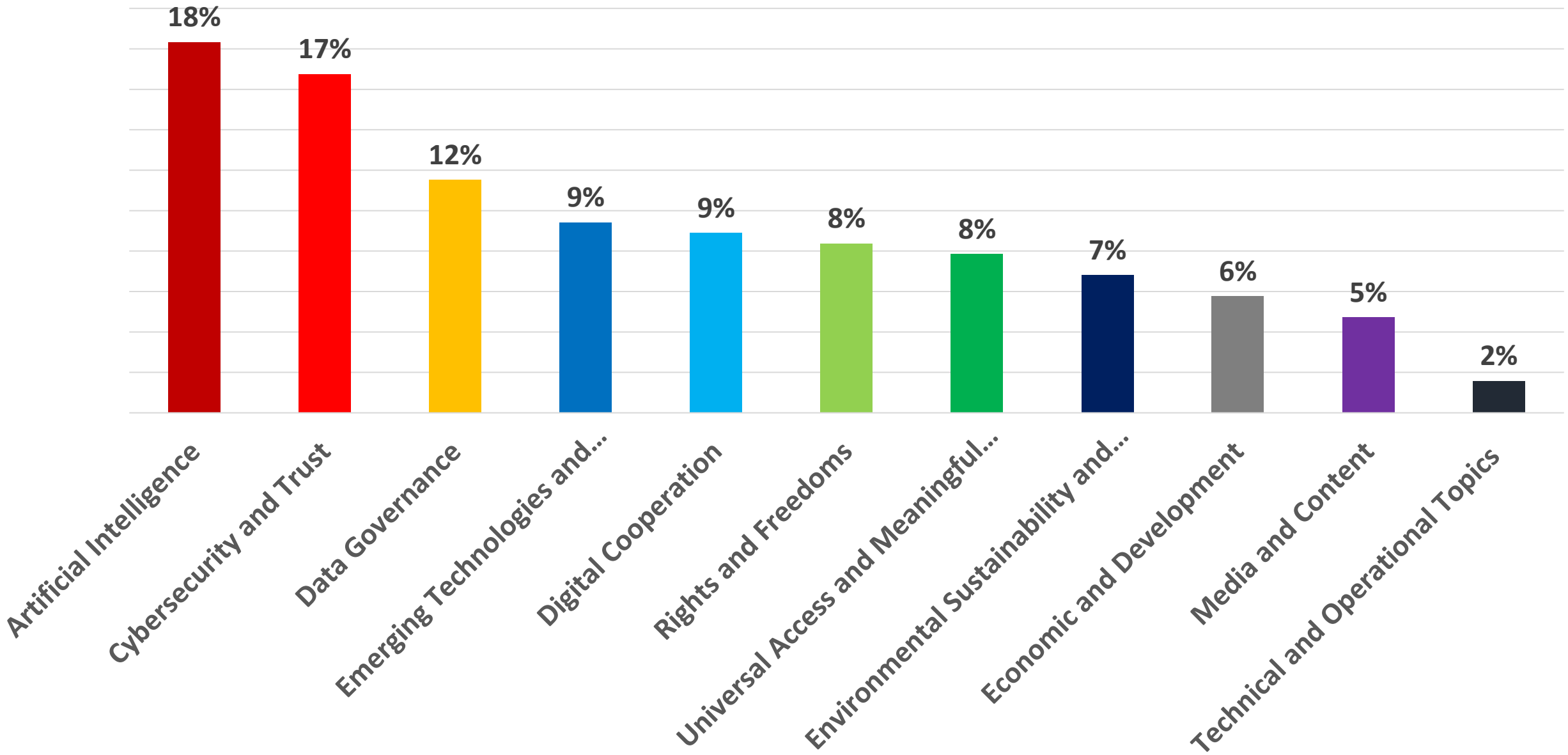

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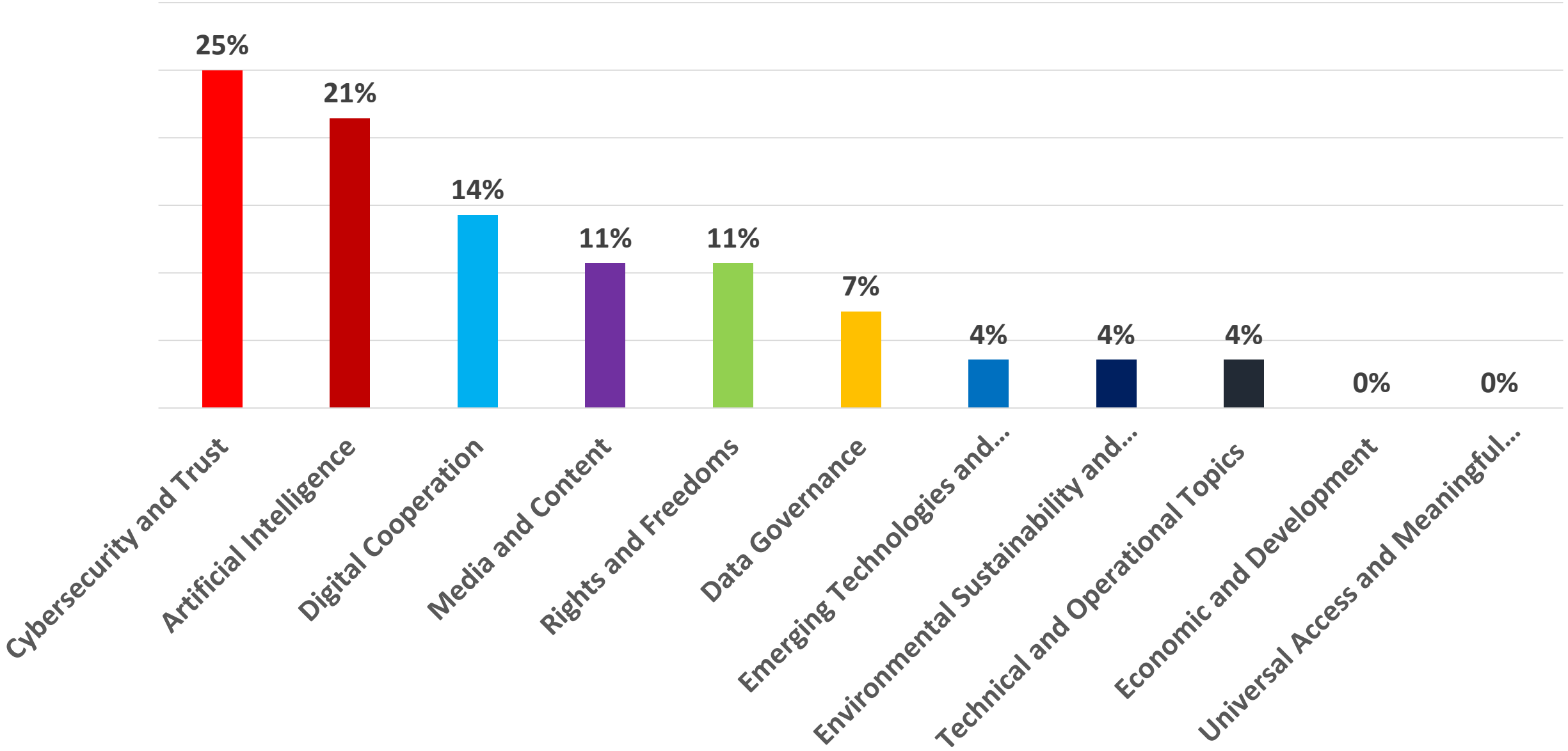

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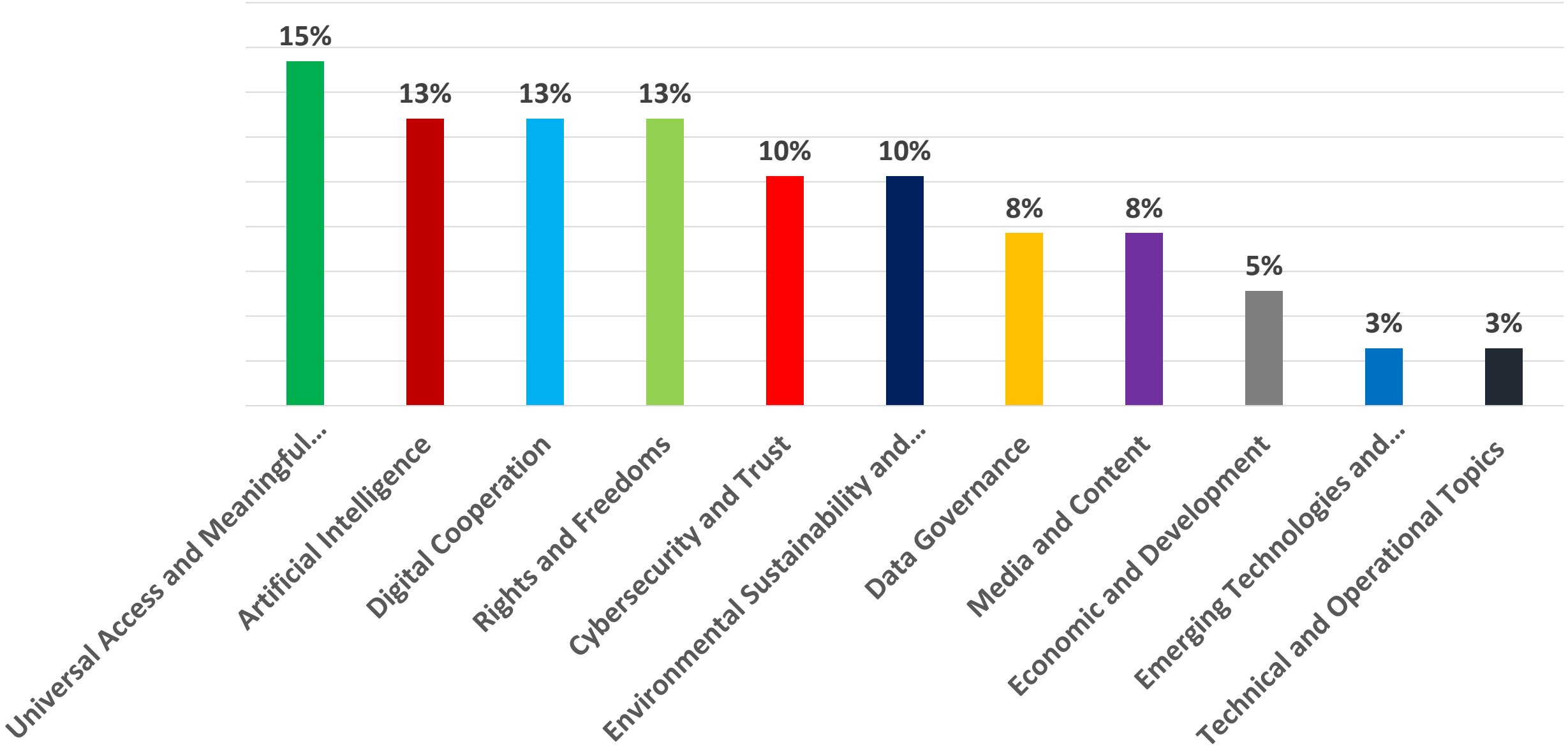

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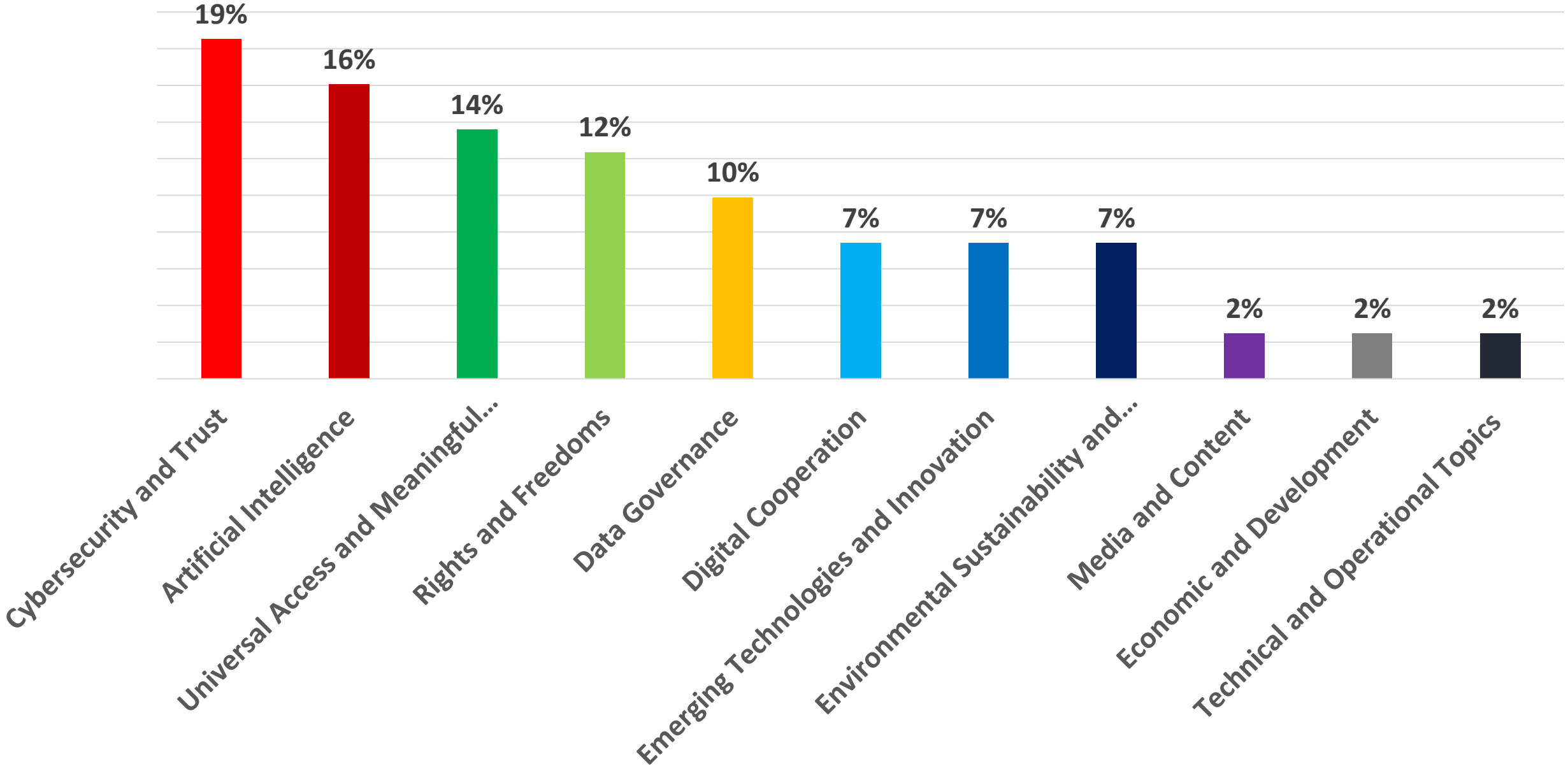

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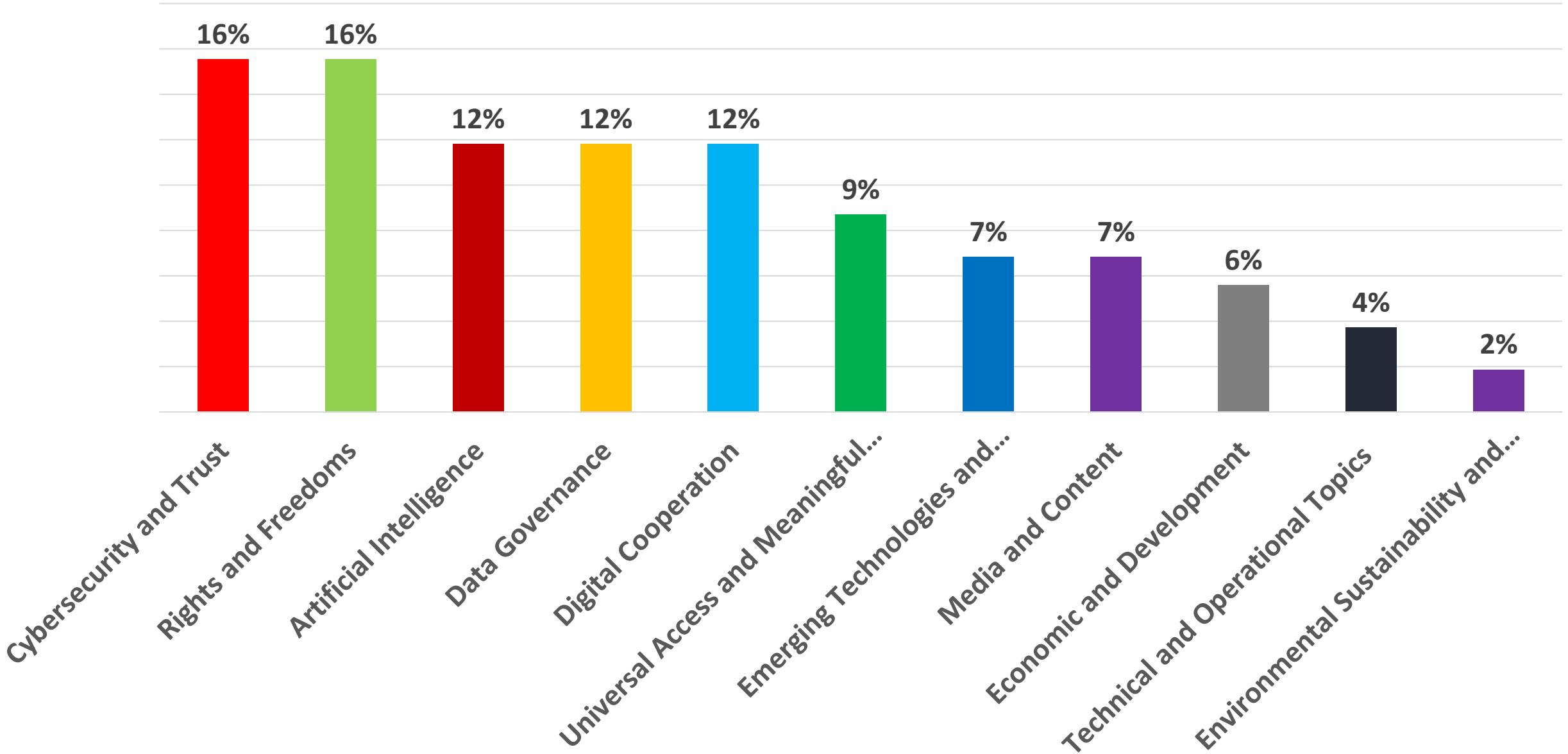

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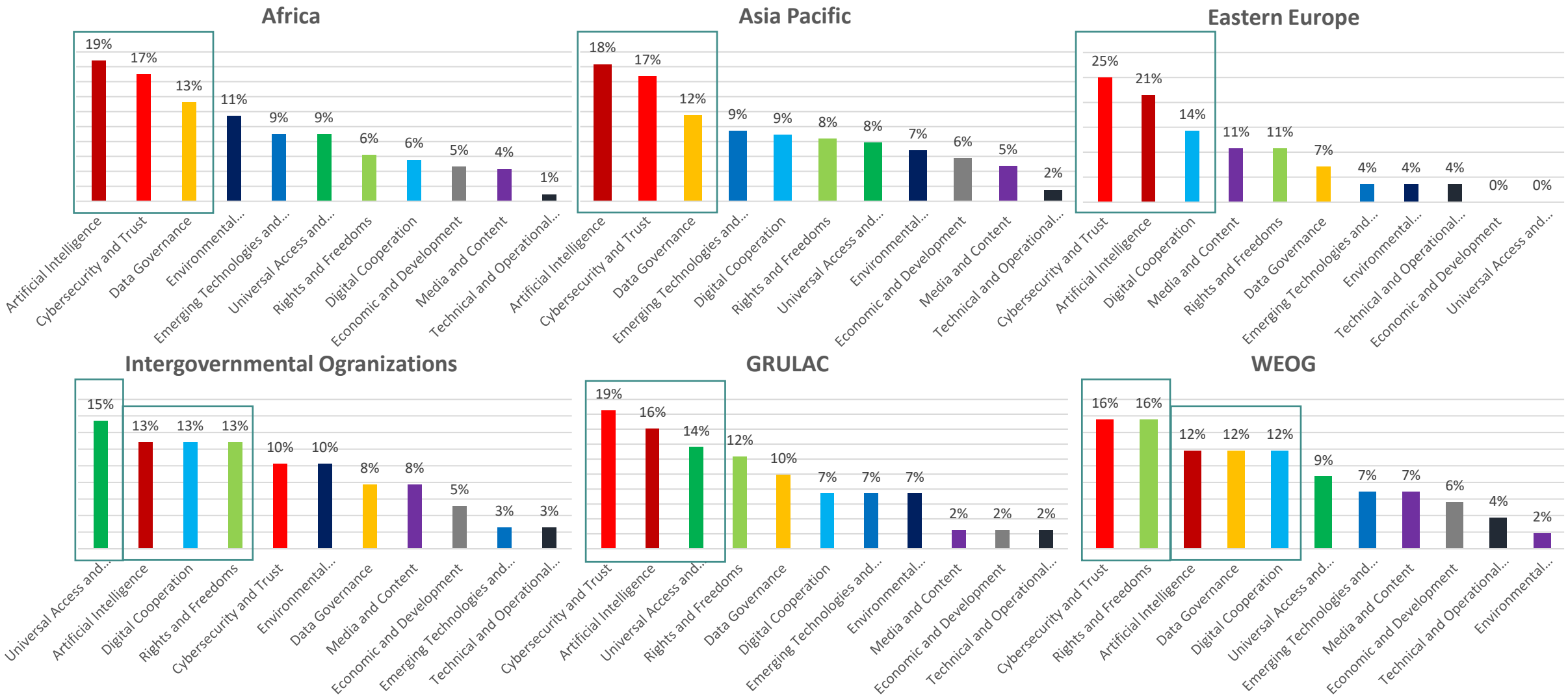

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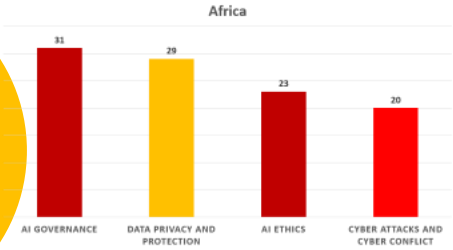

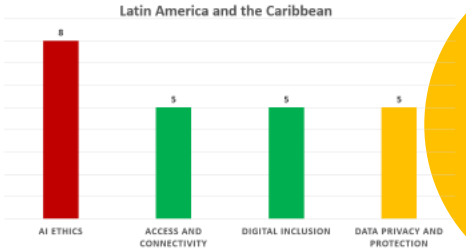

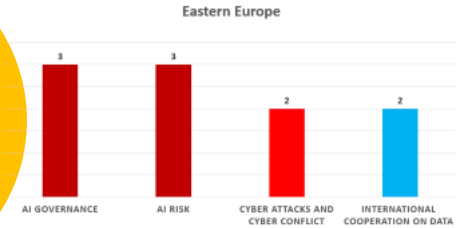

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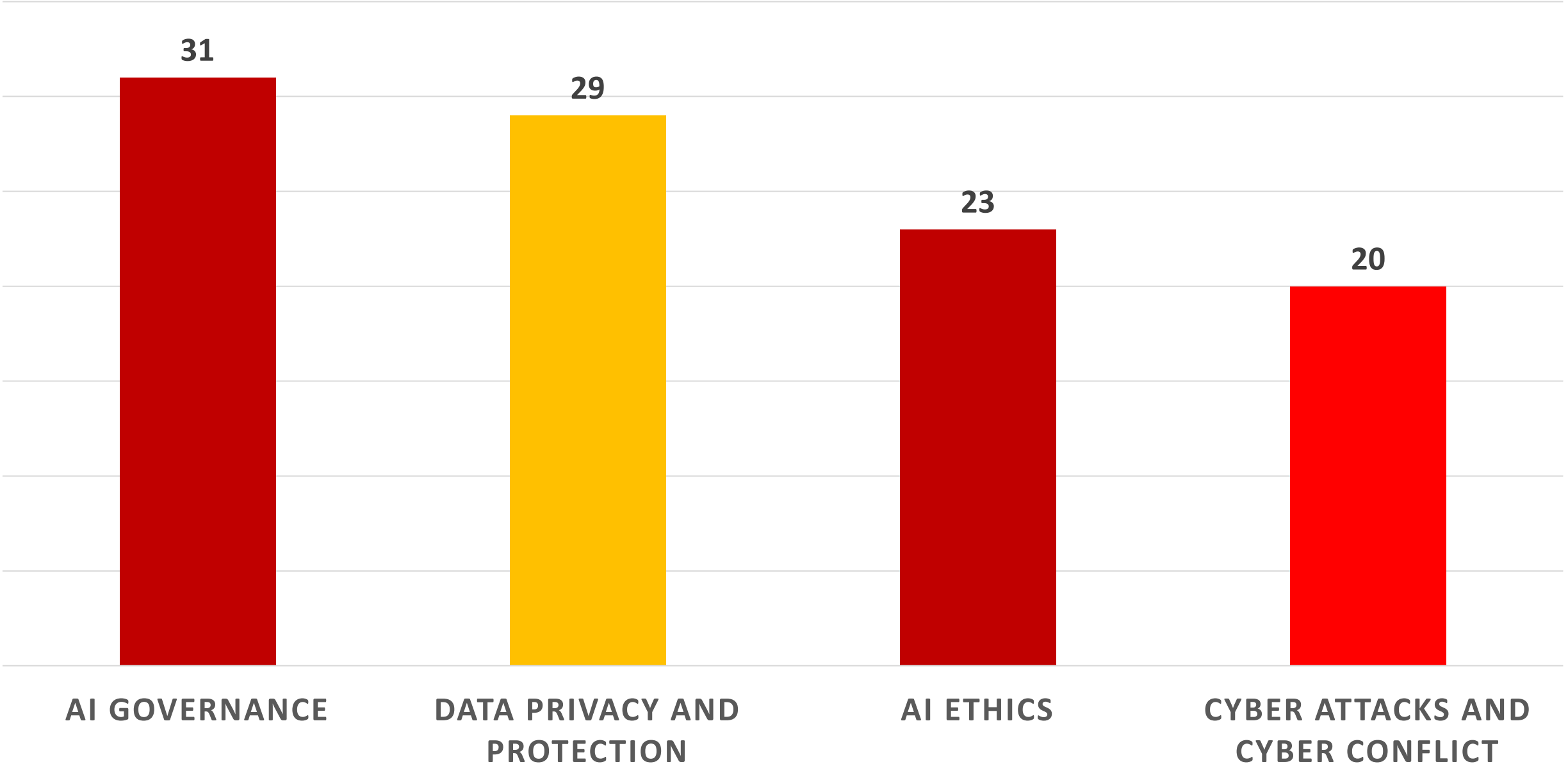
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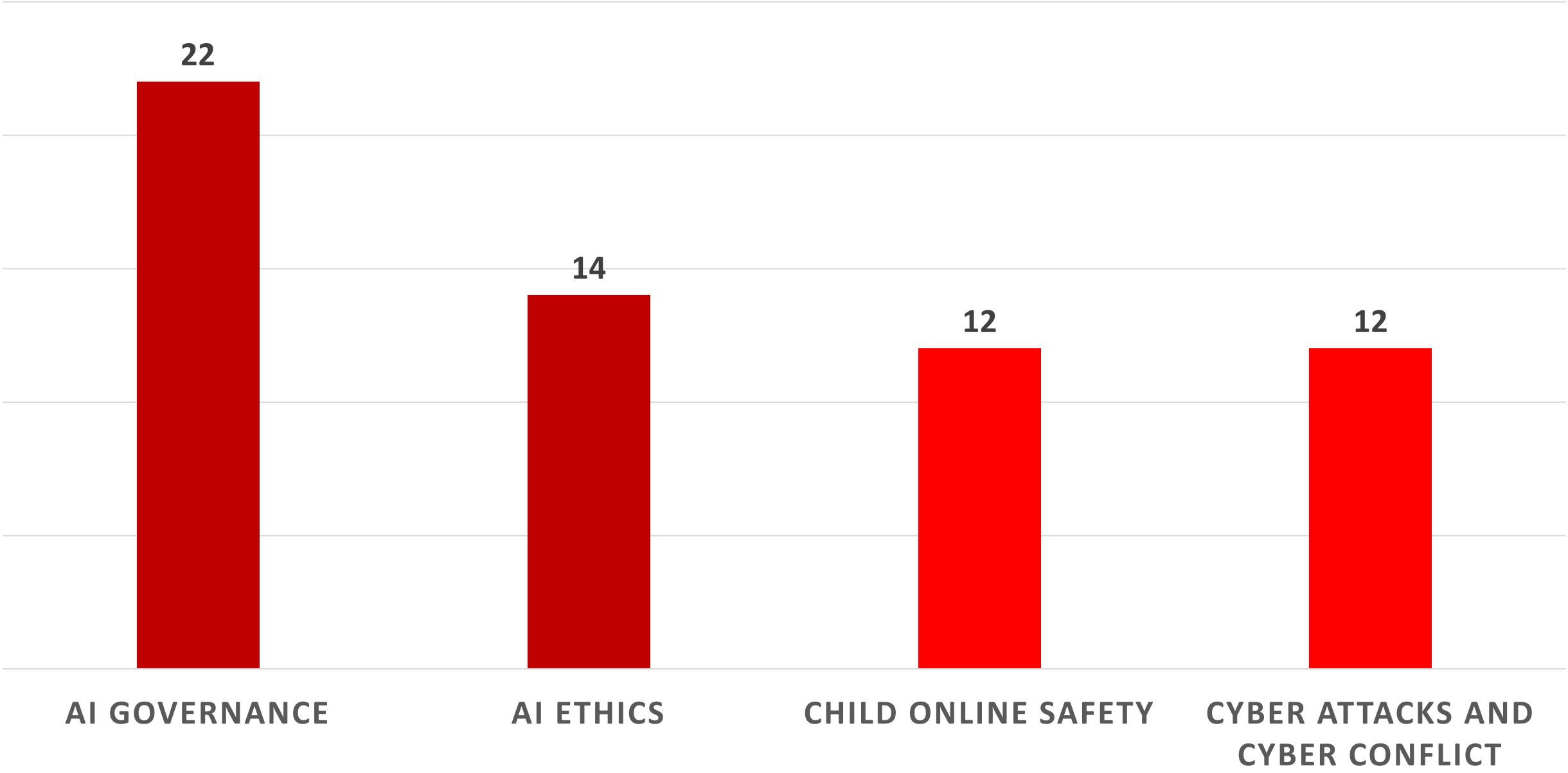

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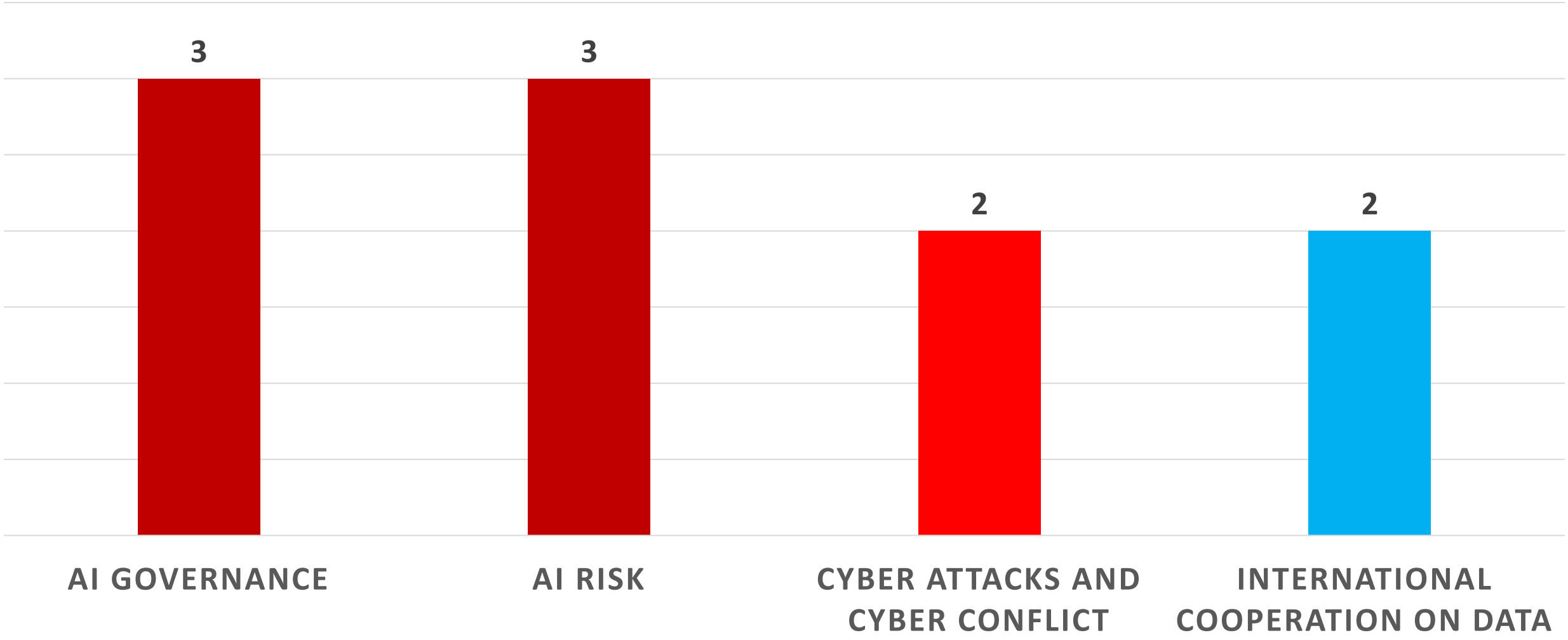

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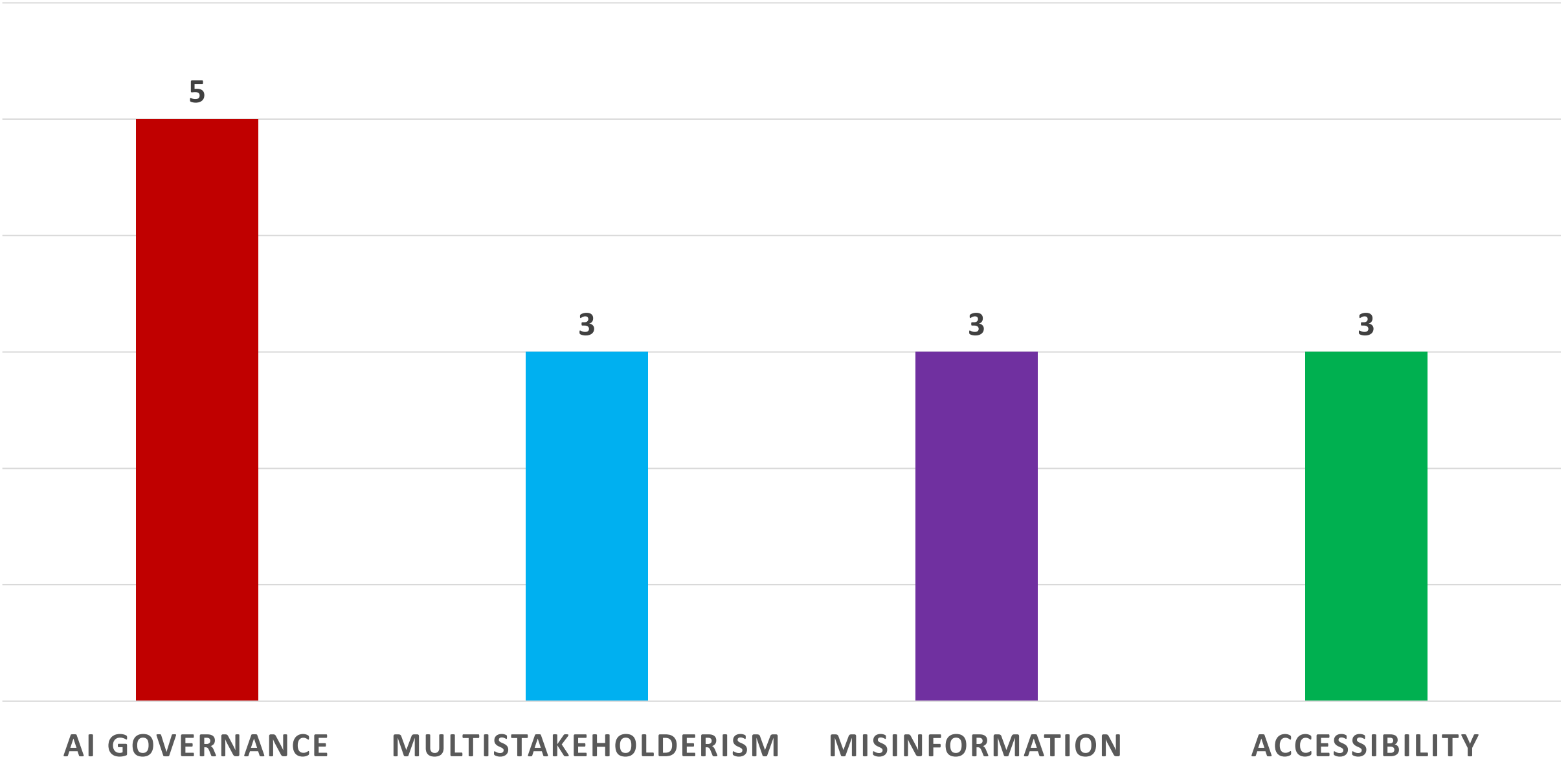

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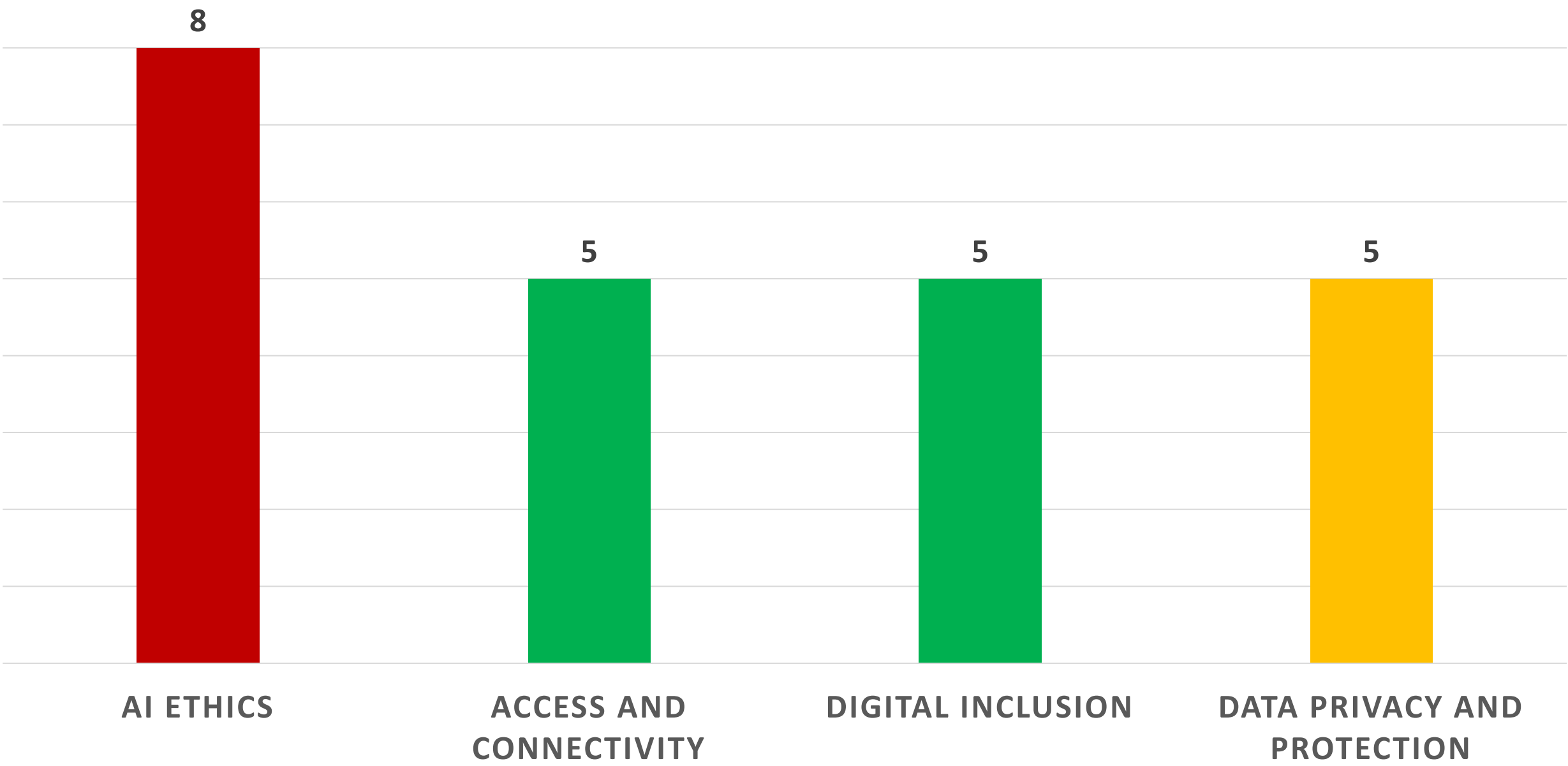

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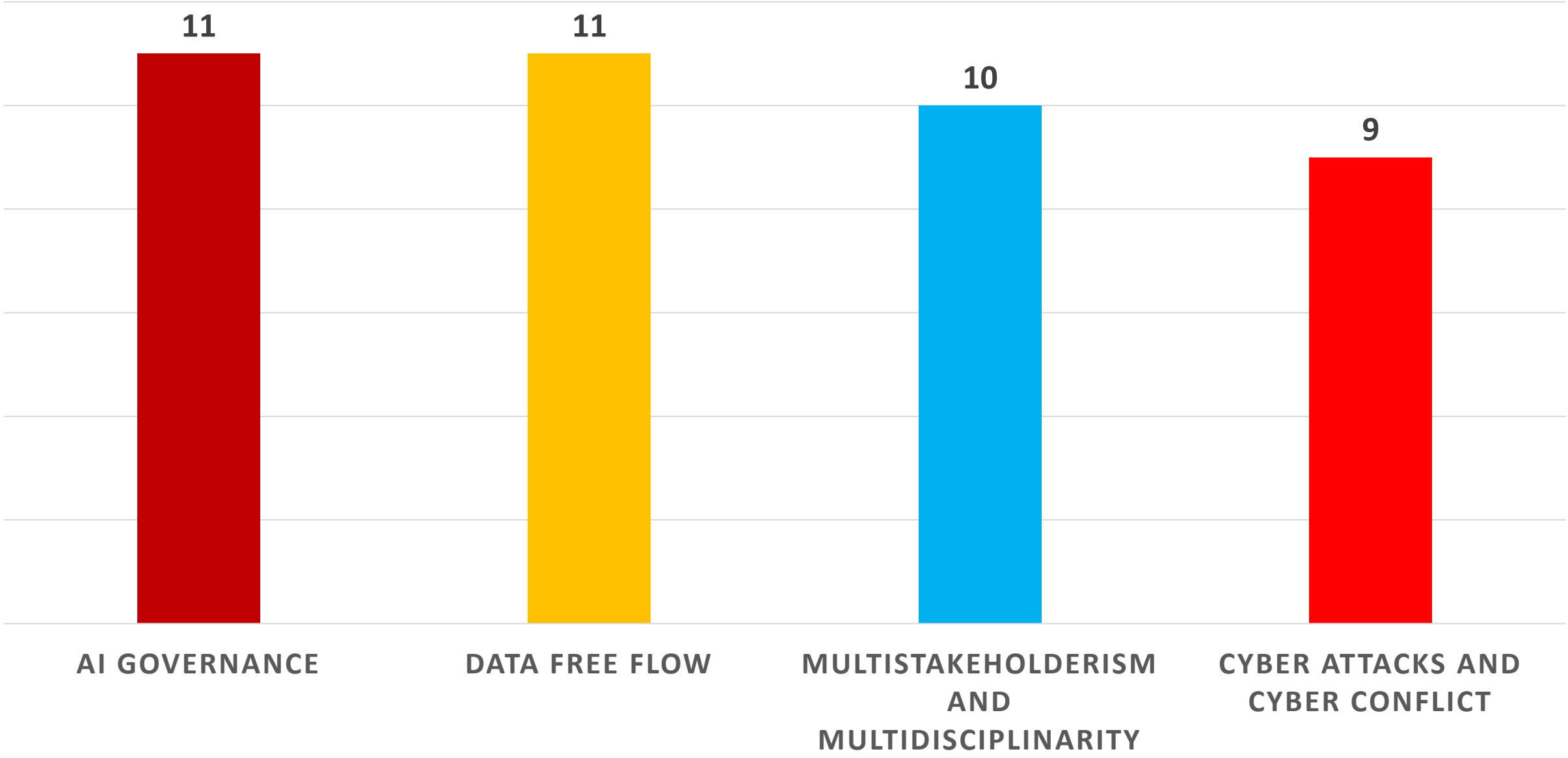

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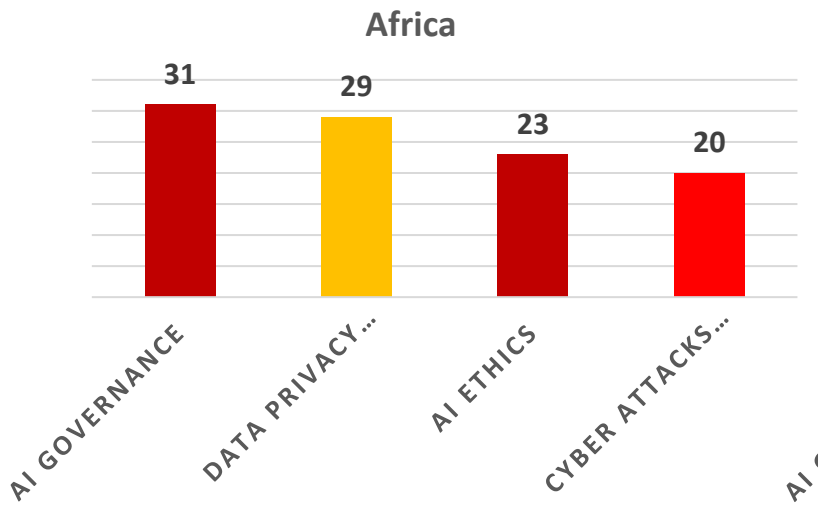

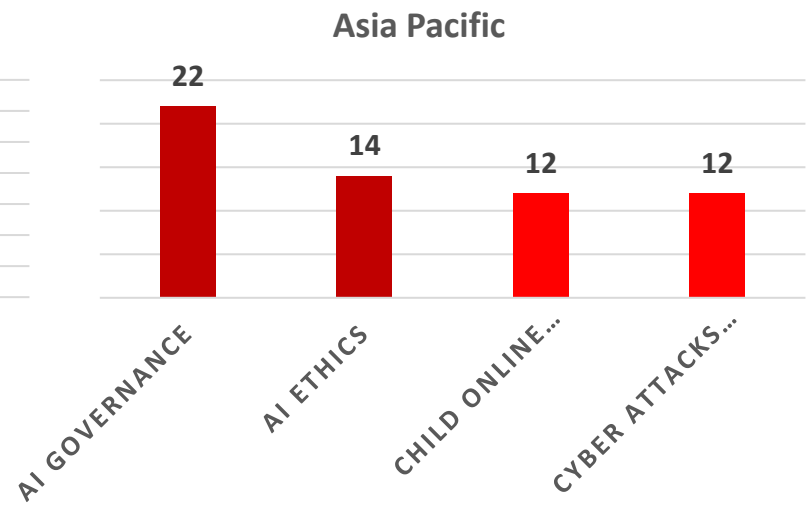

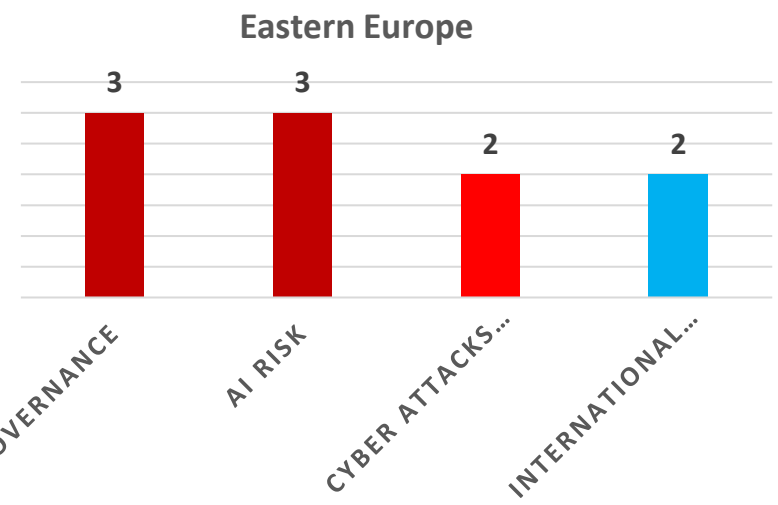

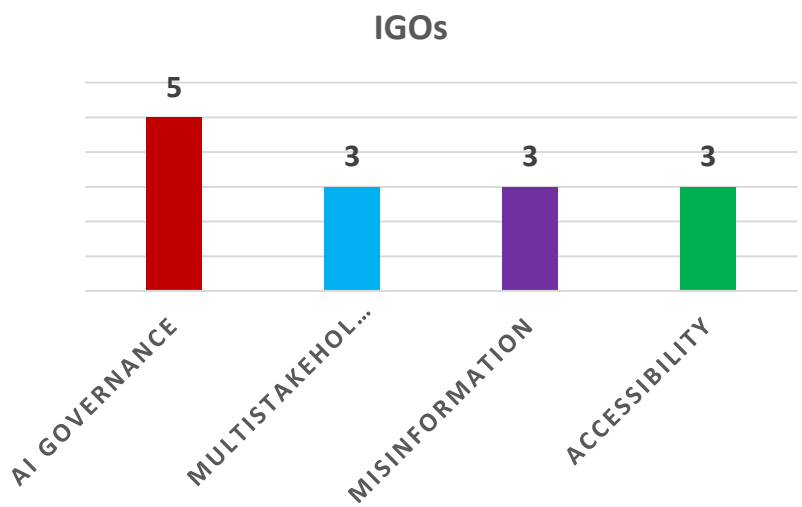

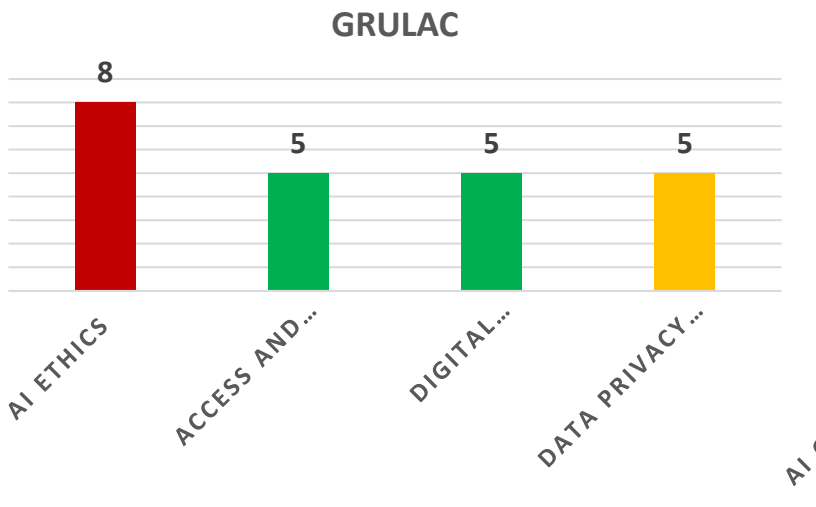

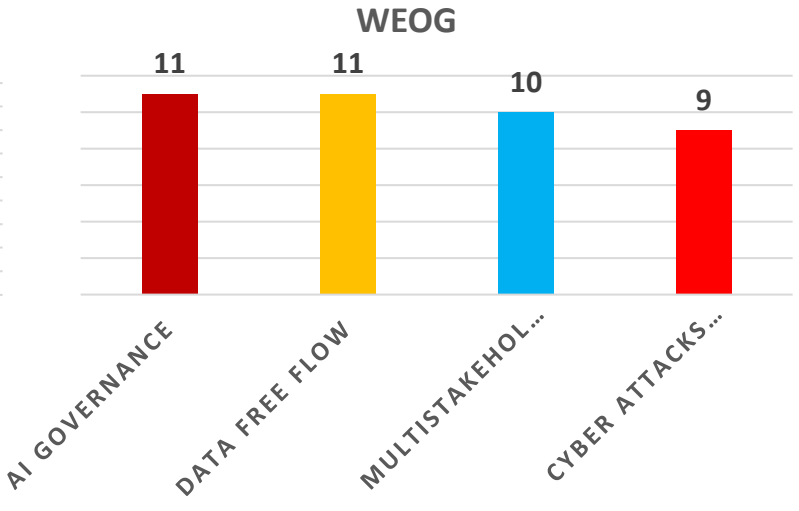

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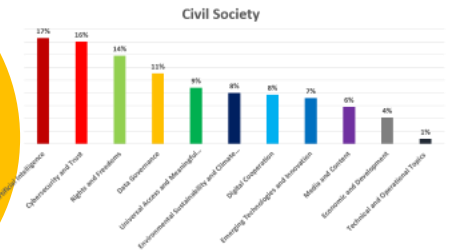

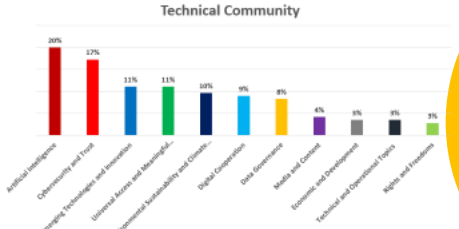

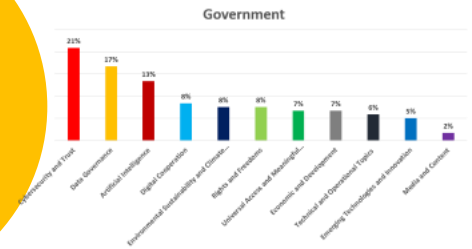

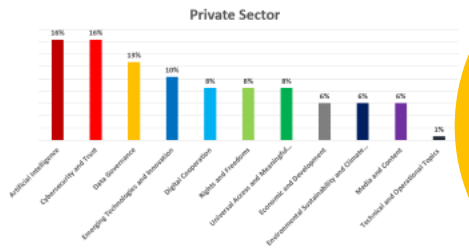

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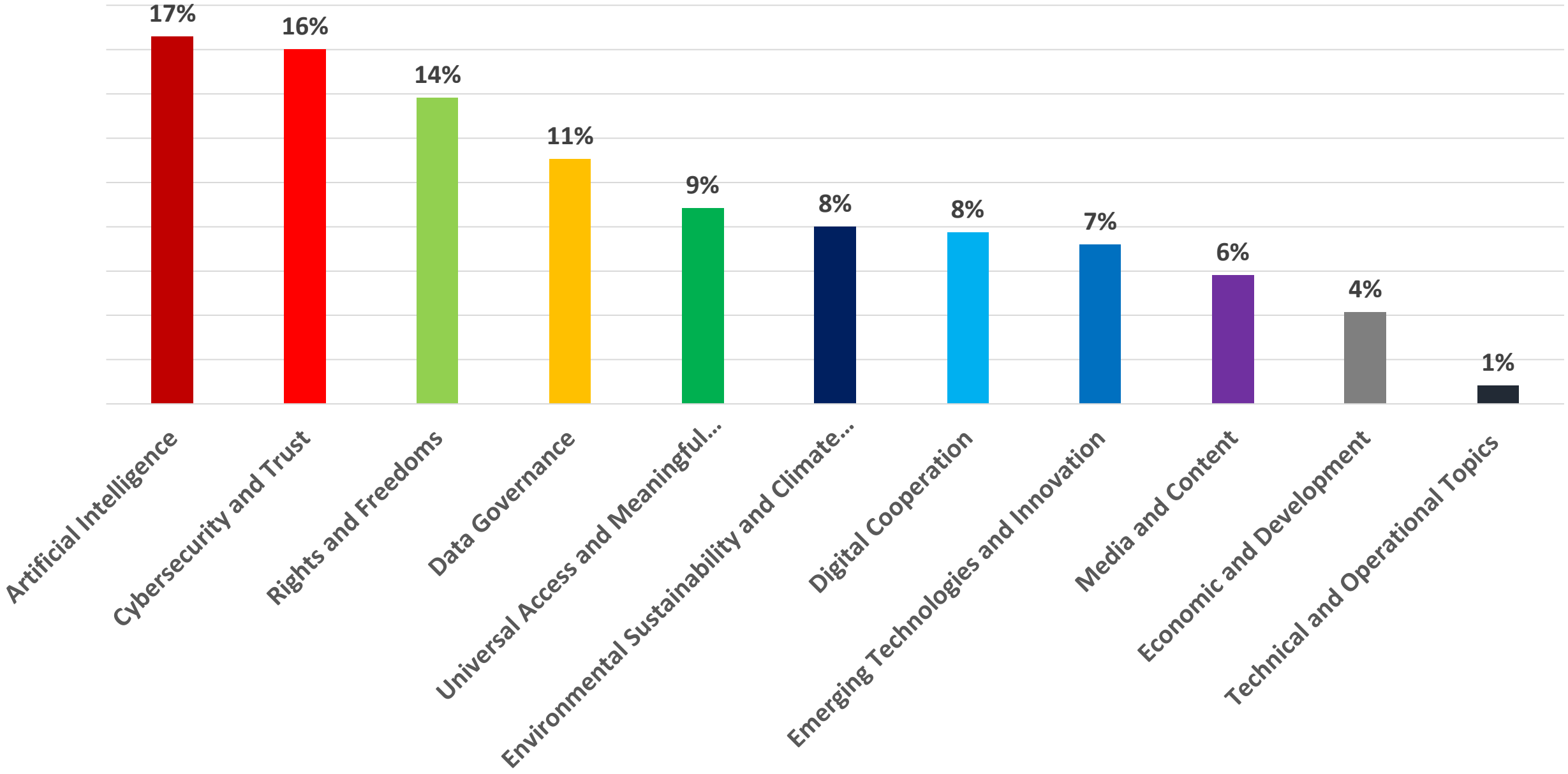

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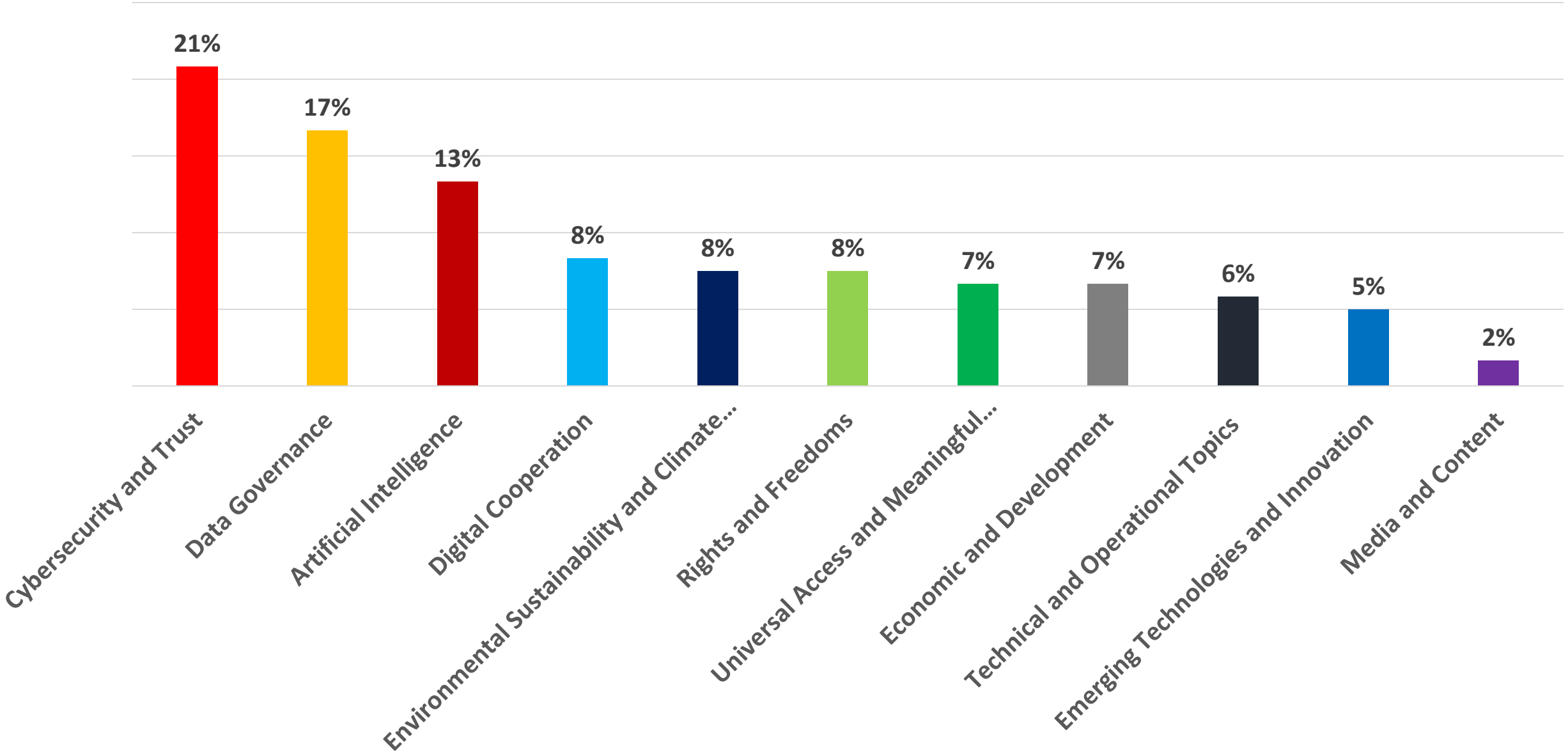
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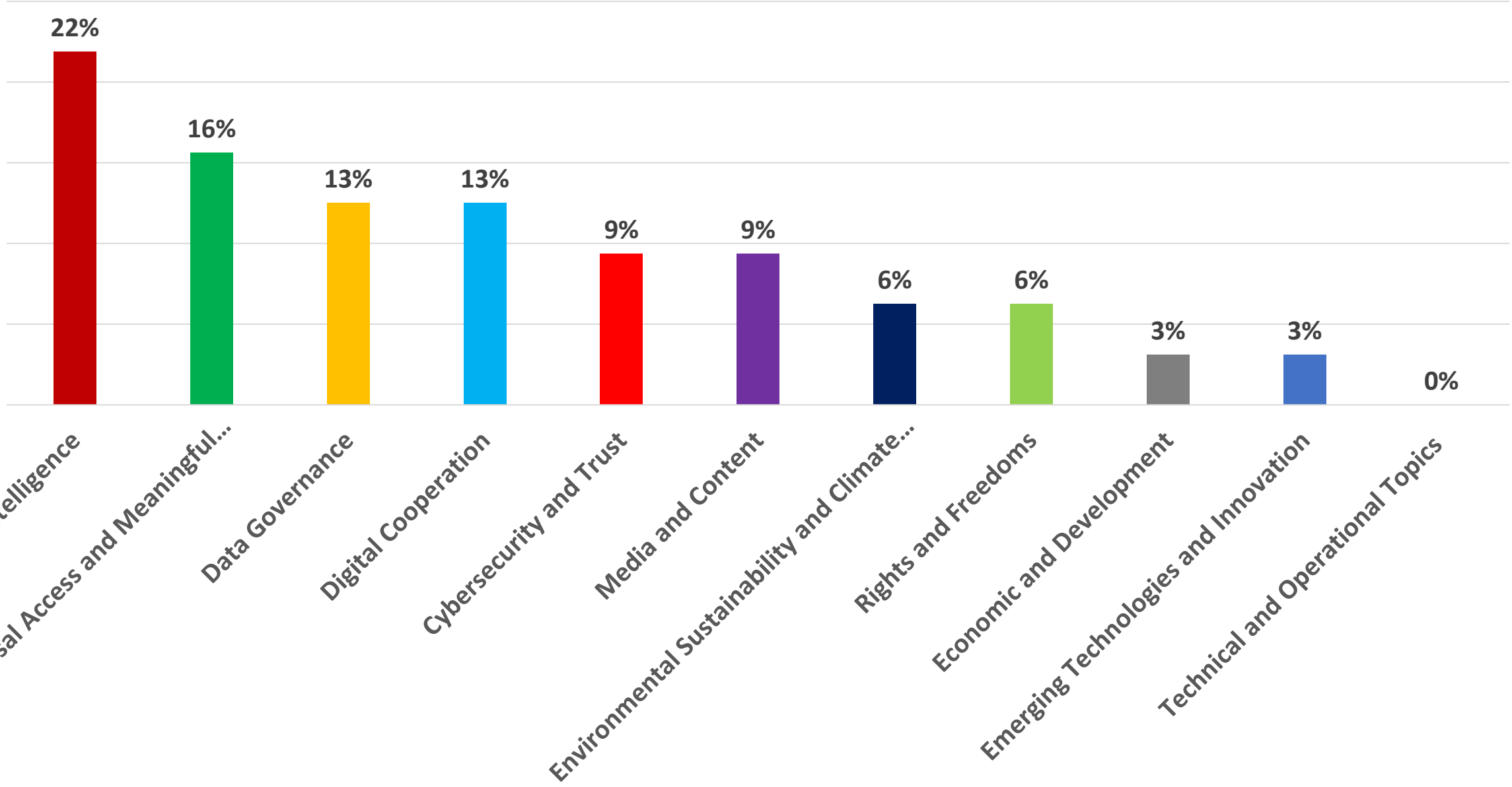

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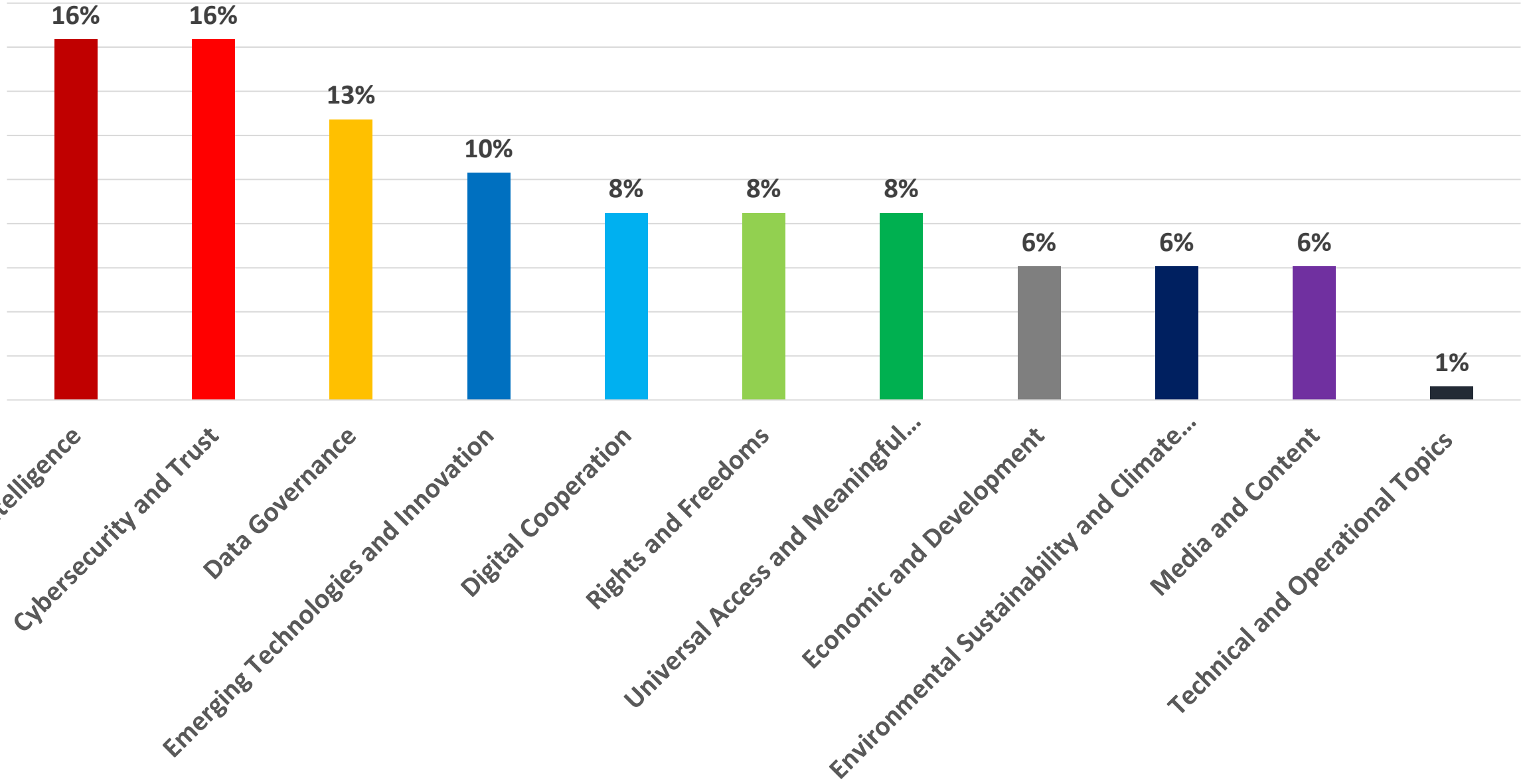

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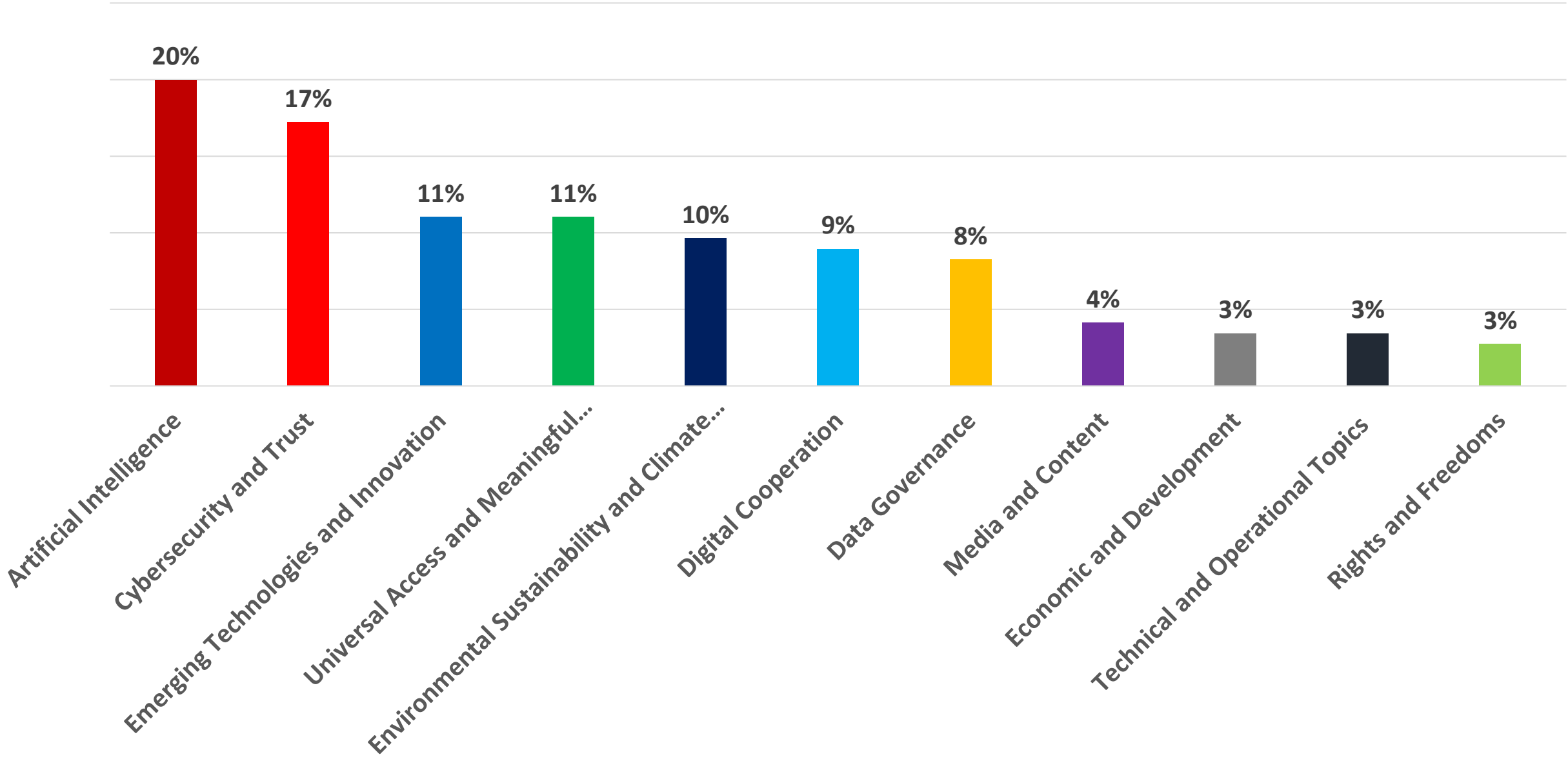

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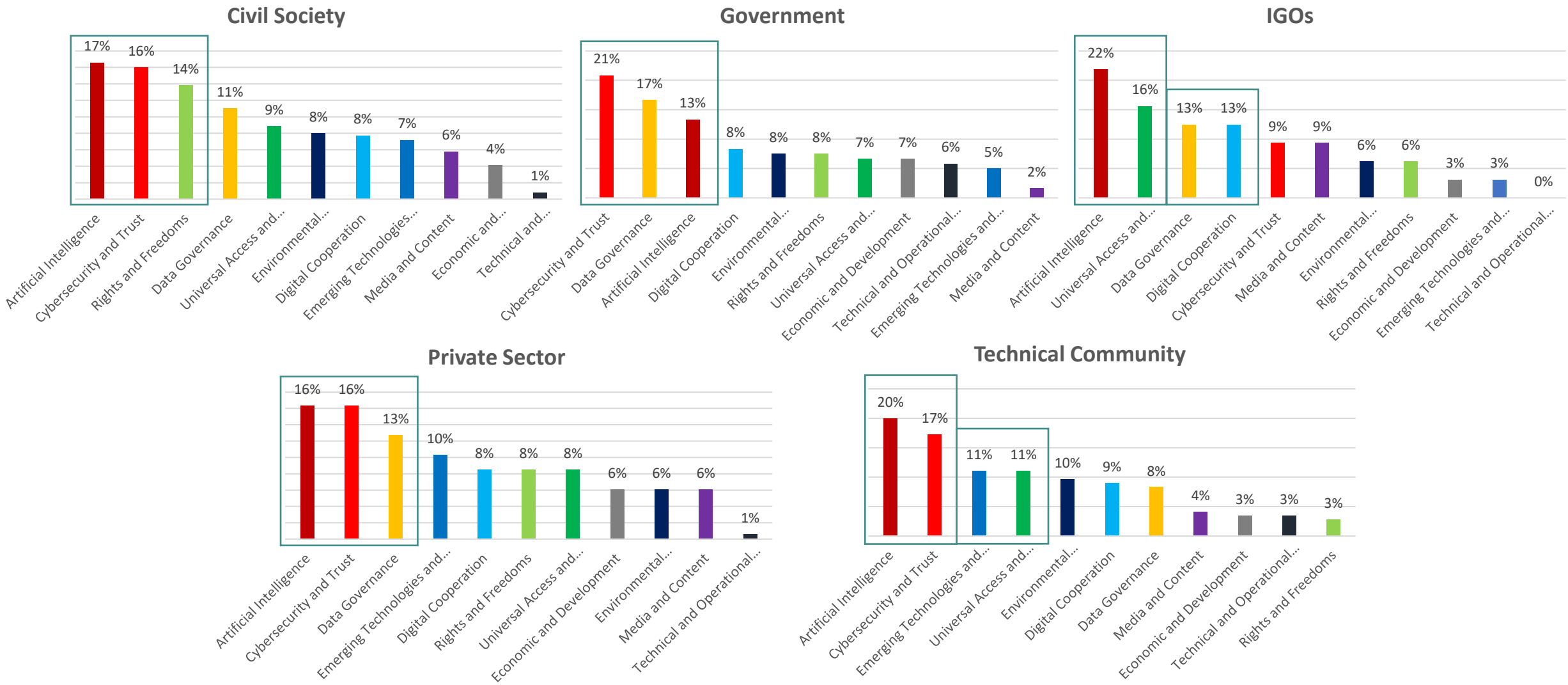

Comment Section

Overall Format and Design of the IGF

- **Limit the number of thematic tracks** in favour of a more focused agenda in which important cross-cutting themes are present throughout
- **Simplify the IGF programme** by reducing the number of sessions and types to decrease the complex environment
- **Review the allocation of sessions in the programme** that are not workshops and evaluated by the Multistakeholder Advisory Group
- **Enhance the interactive schedule** and release it in an accessible format
- **Organize fully virtual sessions** to better support and provide to session organizers equal access to the IGF
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