

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT'S OPINION ABOUT ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION FOR TRANSPLANT

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Introduction: People information is the most important thing to obtain their participation in transplant process. We designed an outreach project about transplant-donation (Tx-D) aimed at high-school students in our province: Girona (Spain).

Transplant needs society: there is no transplant without donors

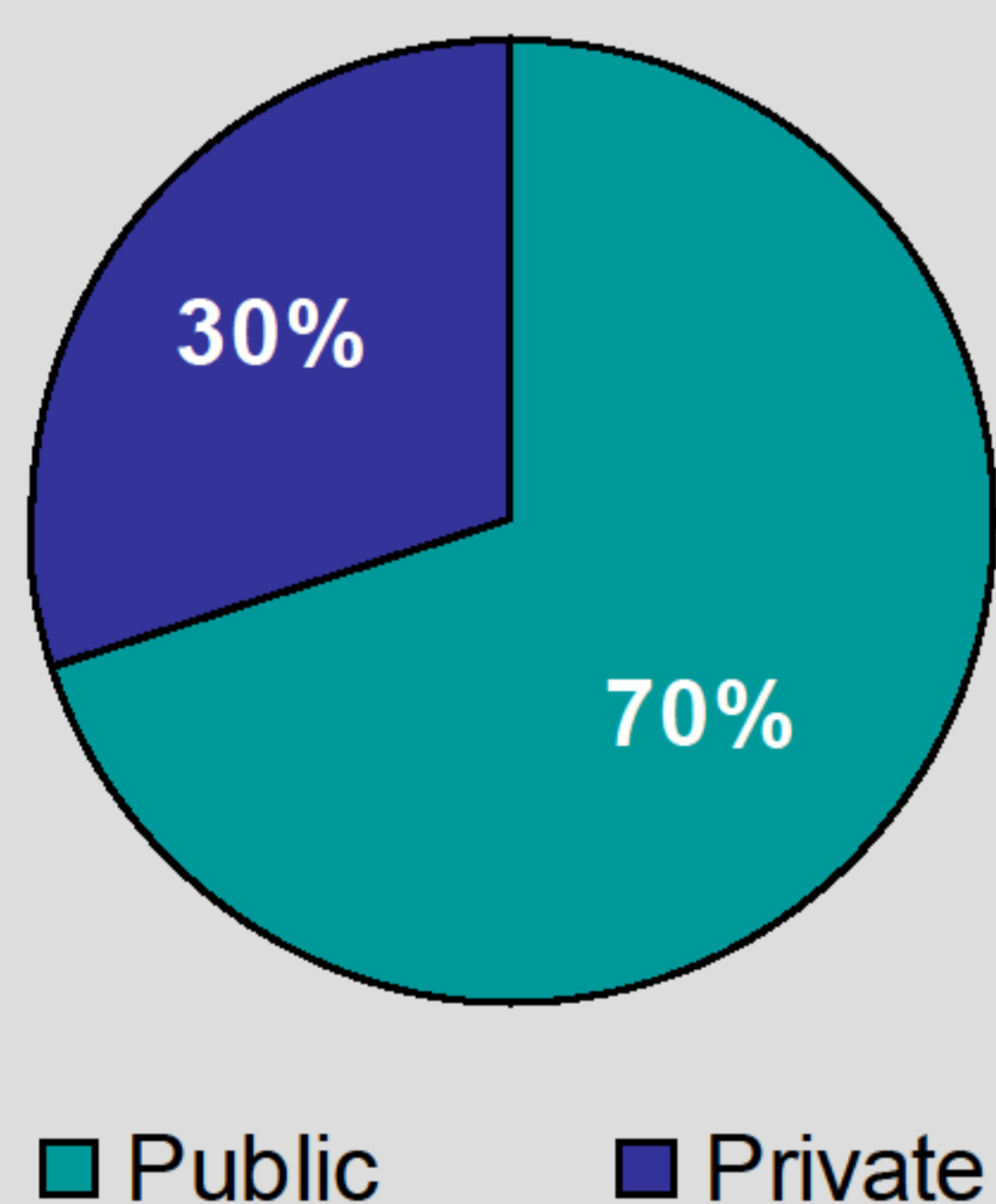
Method: We developed our project over 8 years, offering our informative lesson performed by health professionals, nurses and doctors from the coordination department, to high-school students.

We went to the classrooms of students seeking a direct approach sometimes accompanied by transplant recipients talking about their own experience. We used blackboard and chalk as a communication way with students and we seek their participation conducting a seminar on the topic.

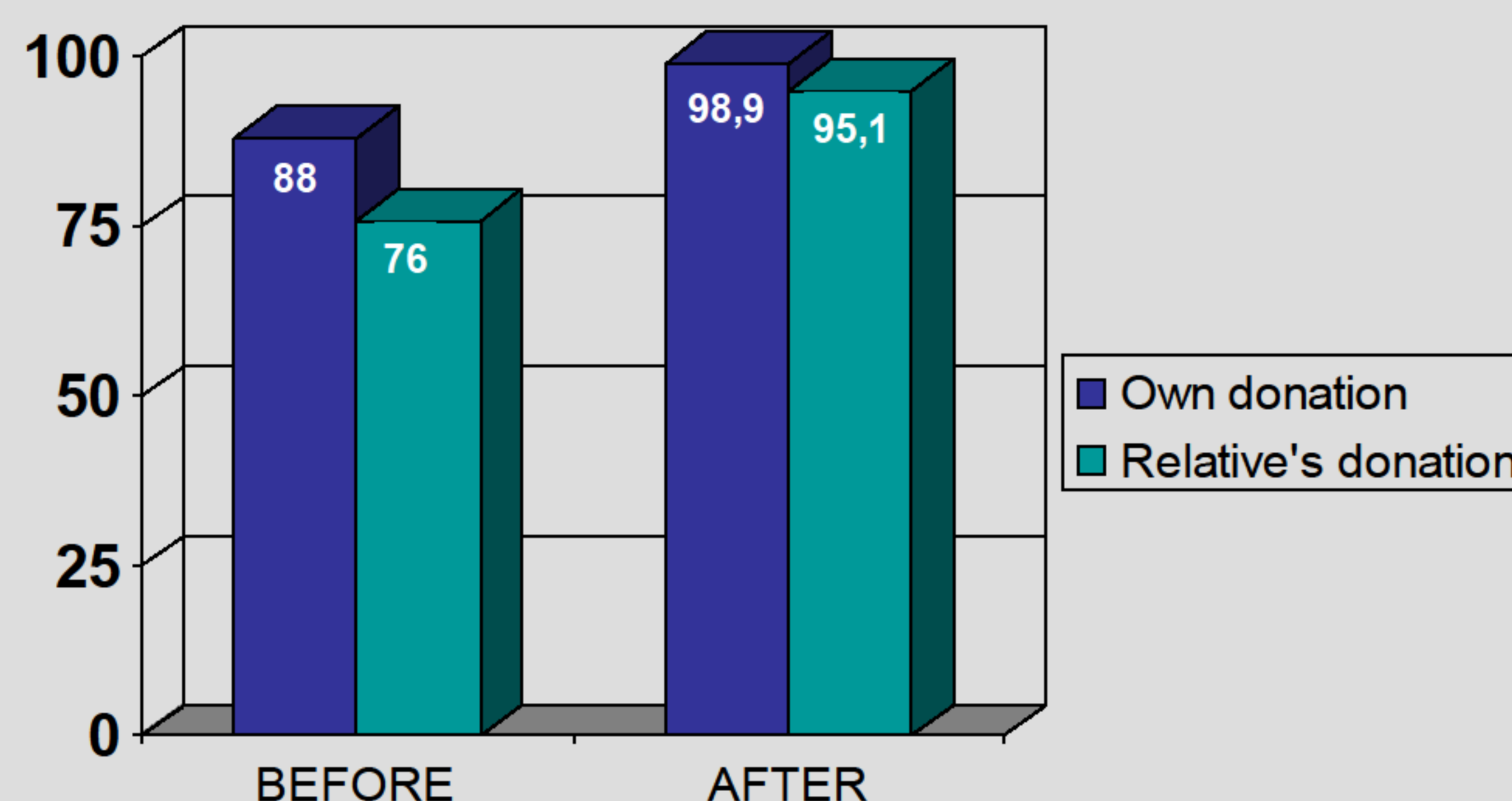
RESULTS

46 High schools
175 visits (35/course)
418 lessons (>83/course)
16842 inquiries collected
- 9140 before lesson
- 7702 after lesson

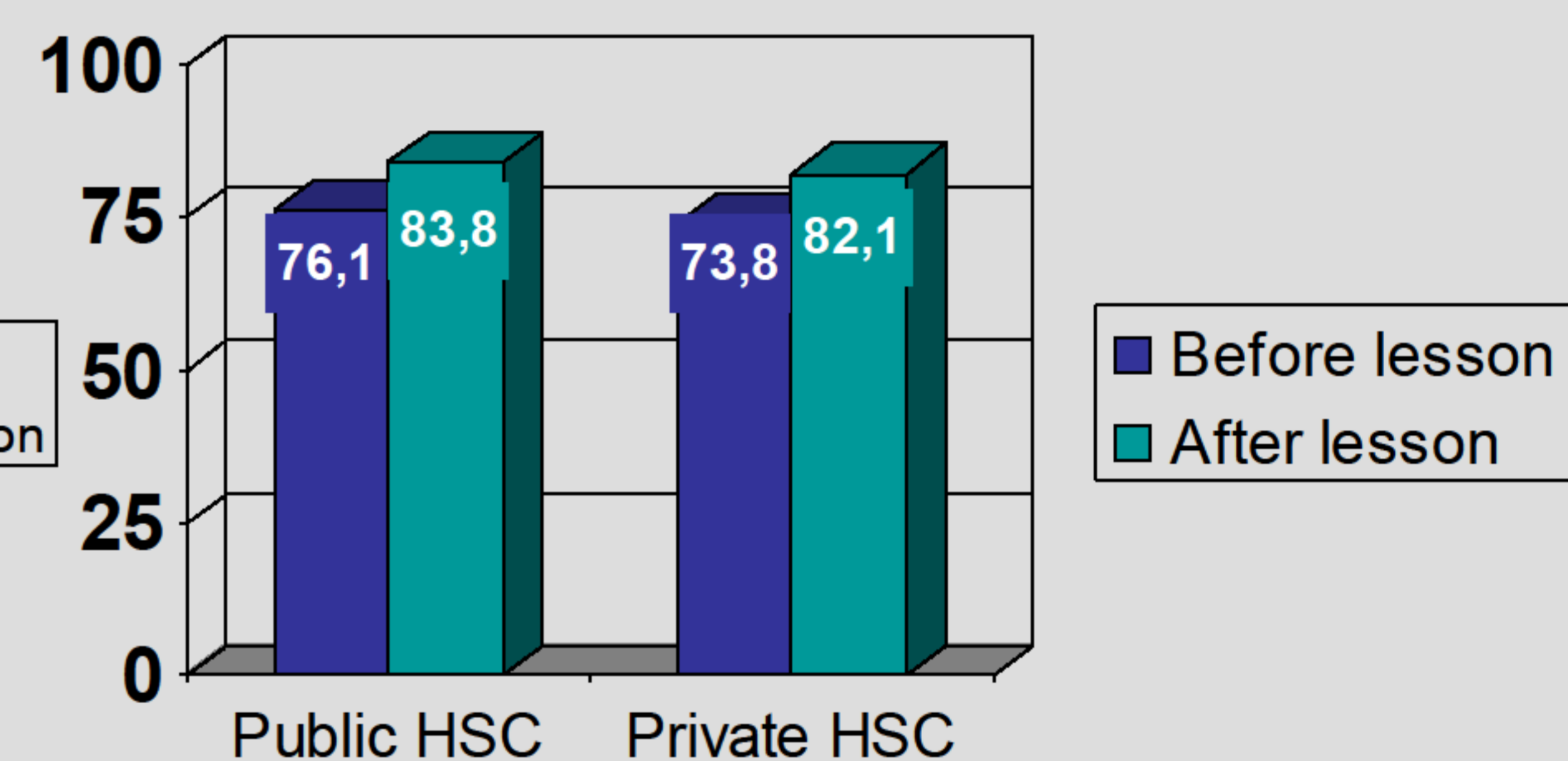
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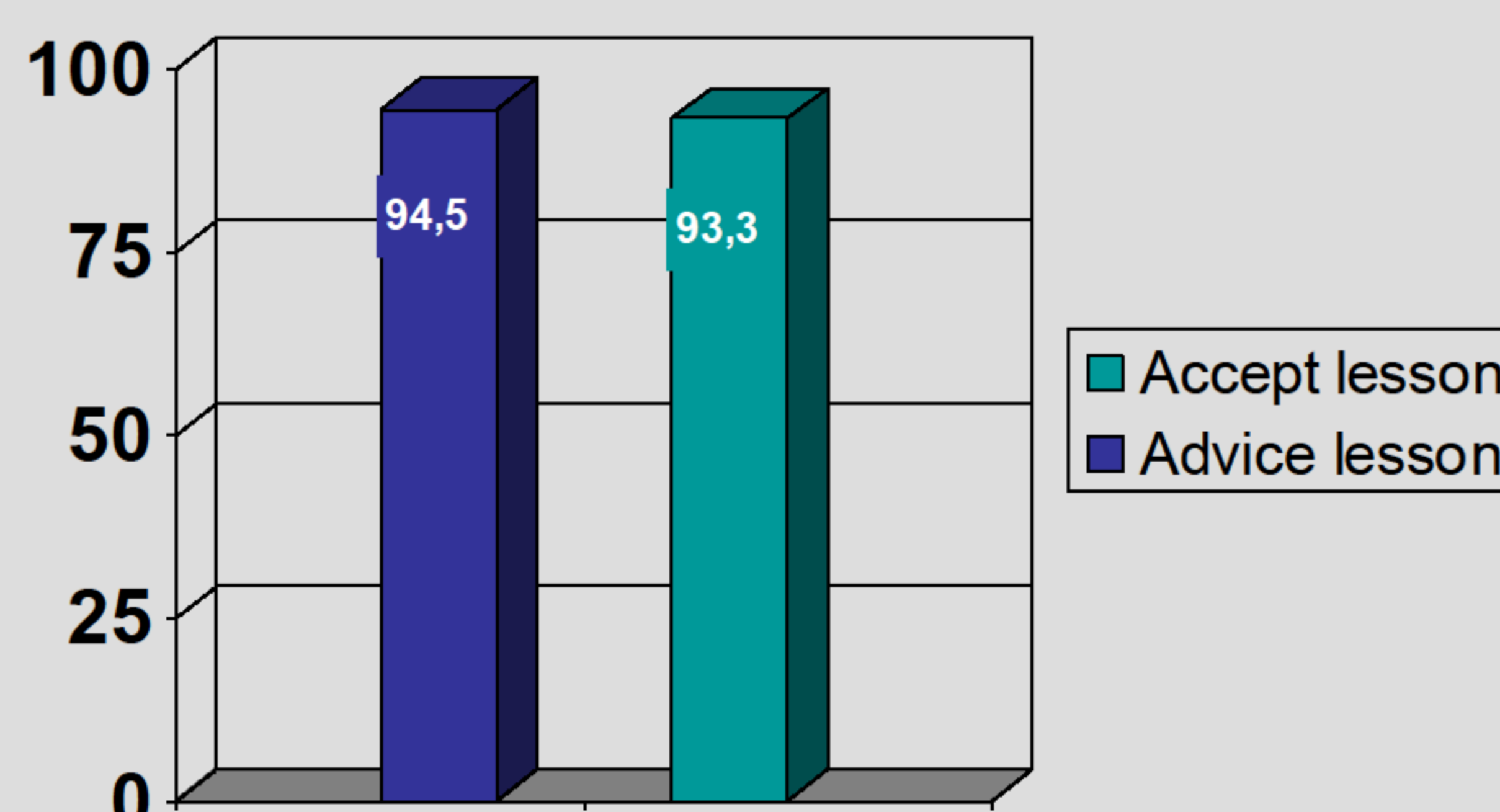
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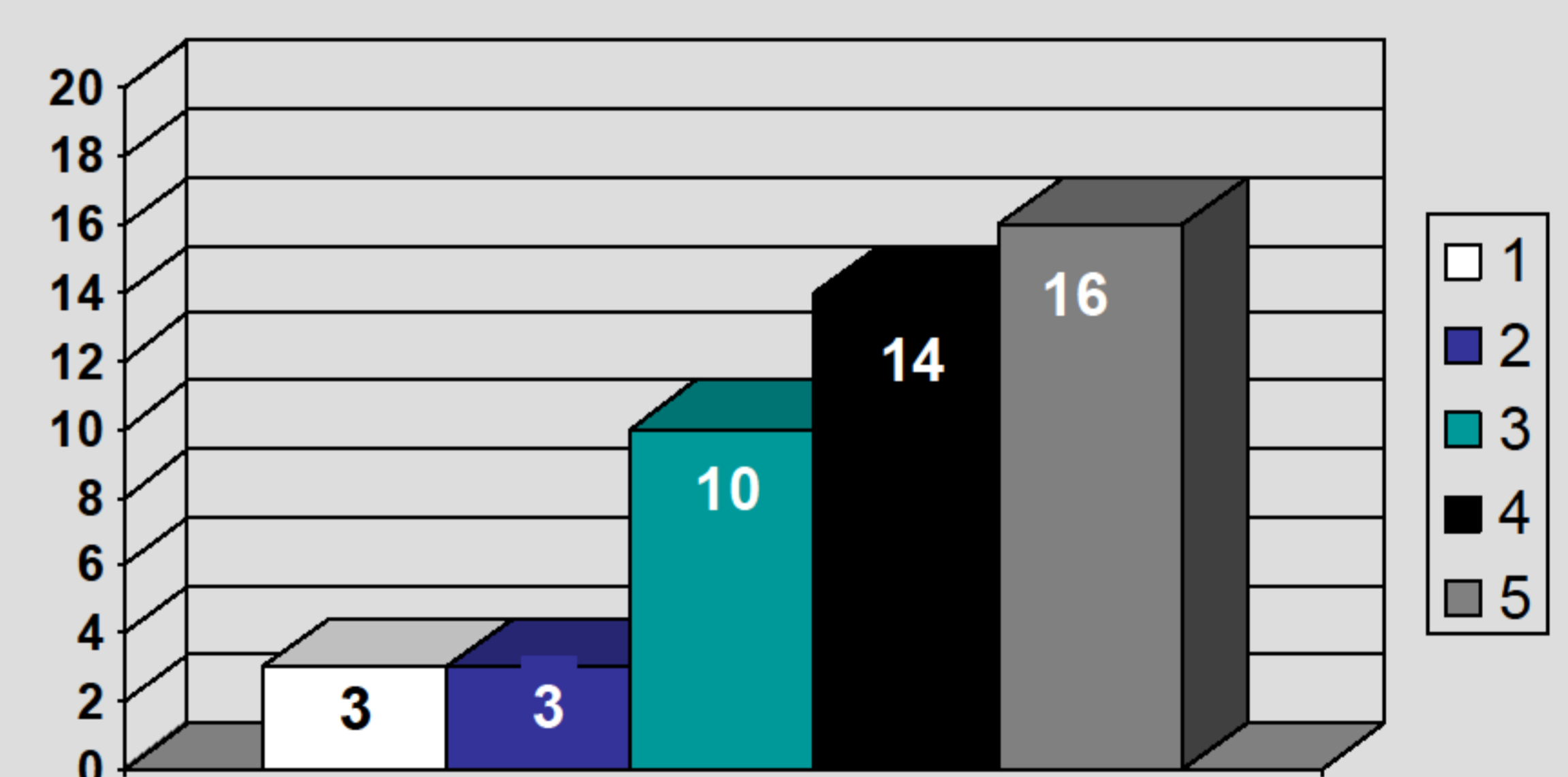
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INFORMATIVE LESSON



FIDELITY



We compare high school centers placed in urban vs rural areas: will of donation was a little higher in urban areas. Comparing centers near the coast vs mountain areas, these are more favorable to donation of own organ or from relatives after informative lessons.

CONCLUSIONS

Our method has been well received by students and teachers of high schools centers.

Females students, those from public centers in urban areas, but near the mountain are more favorable to organ and tissues donation.

Our method is good to give information like others but it seems to be close, direct, easy and participative with a greater impact on their mind. Additionally, in these times of crisis, the method is less expensive compared to others using modern technology.

