



Dominican University
CIRP Freshman Survey
2016 Results

OIE Data Dialogue
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What is the CIRP freshman survey?

The CIRP Freshmen Survey (TFS) provides data on incoming college students' background characteristics, high school experiences, attitudes, behaviors, and expectations for college. Since 1966, over 15 million students at over 1,900 institutions have participated in the survey. DU has participated in it since 1972.

Key sections of the survey we'll examine today:

- College admissions decisions
- Concerns about financing college
- Self-efficacy and perceived skills and abilities
- Expectations for college life

Who responded?

At DU, the CIRP Freshman Survey is administered electronically during SOAR. As a result, response rates are very high; reaching 97% for the Fall 2016 incoming class.

First-time, Full-time Freshmen

Dominican University

N=478

Comparison Group

Catholic 4-yr Colleges of medium selectivity

N=2,223

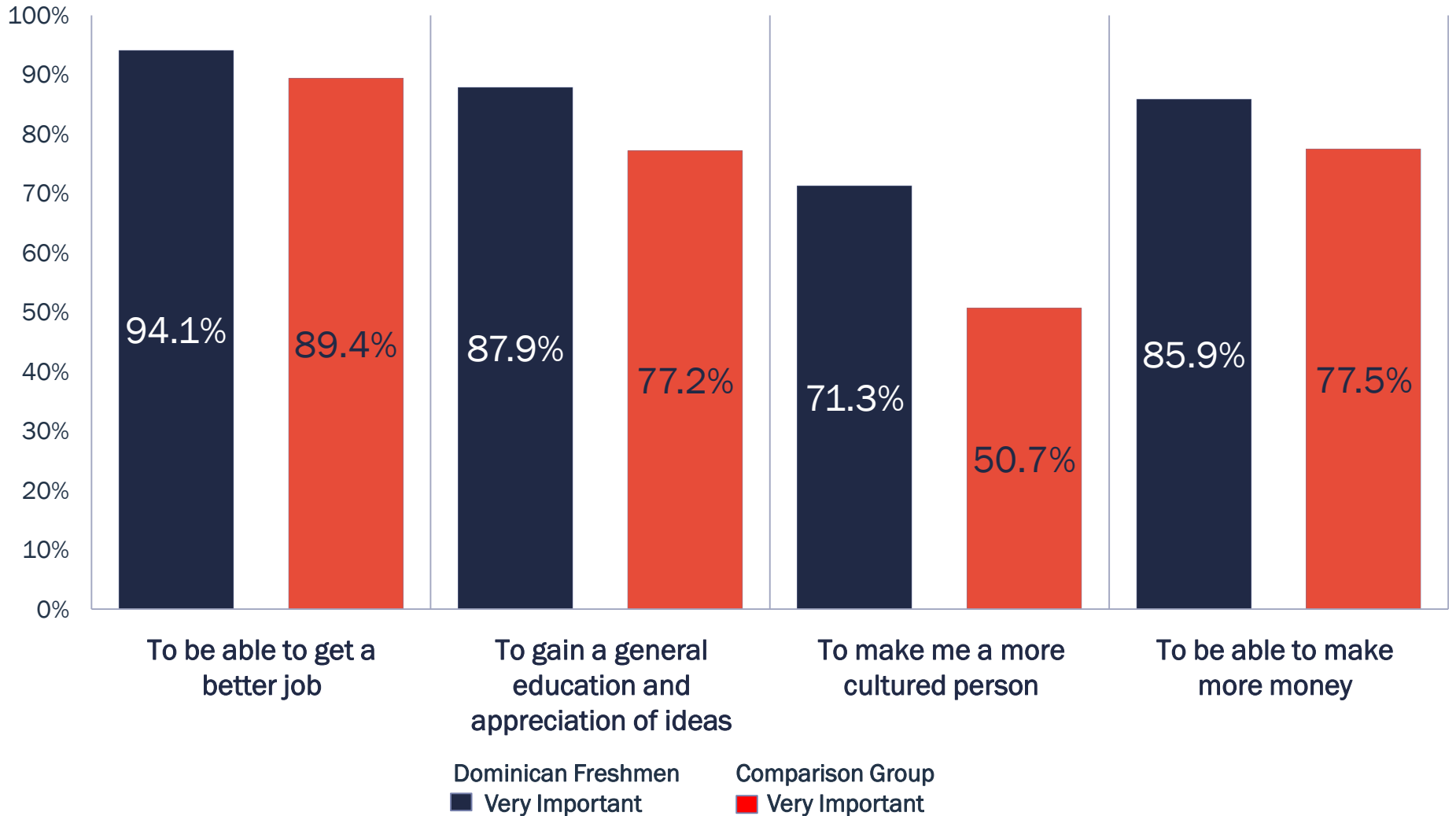


College Admissions Decisions:

Students' reasons for choosing to go to college
and items that impacted their decision to attend
Dominican

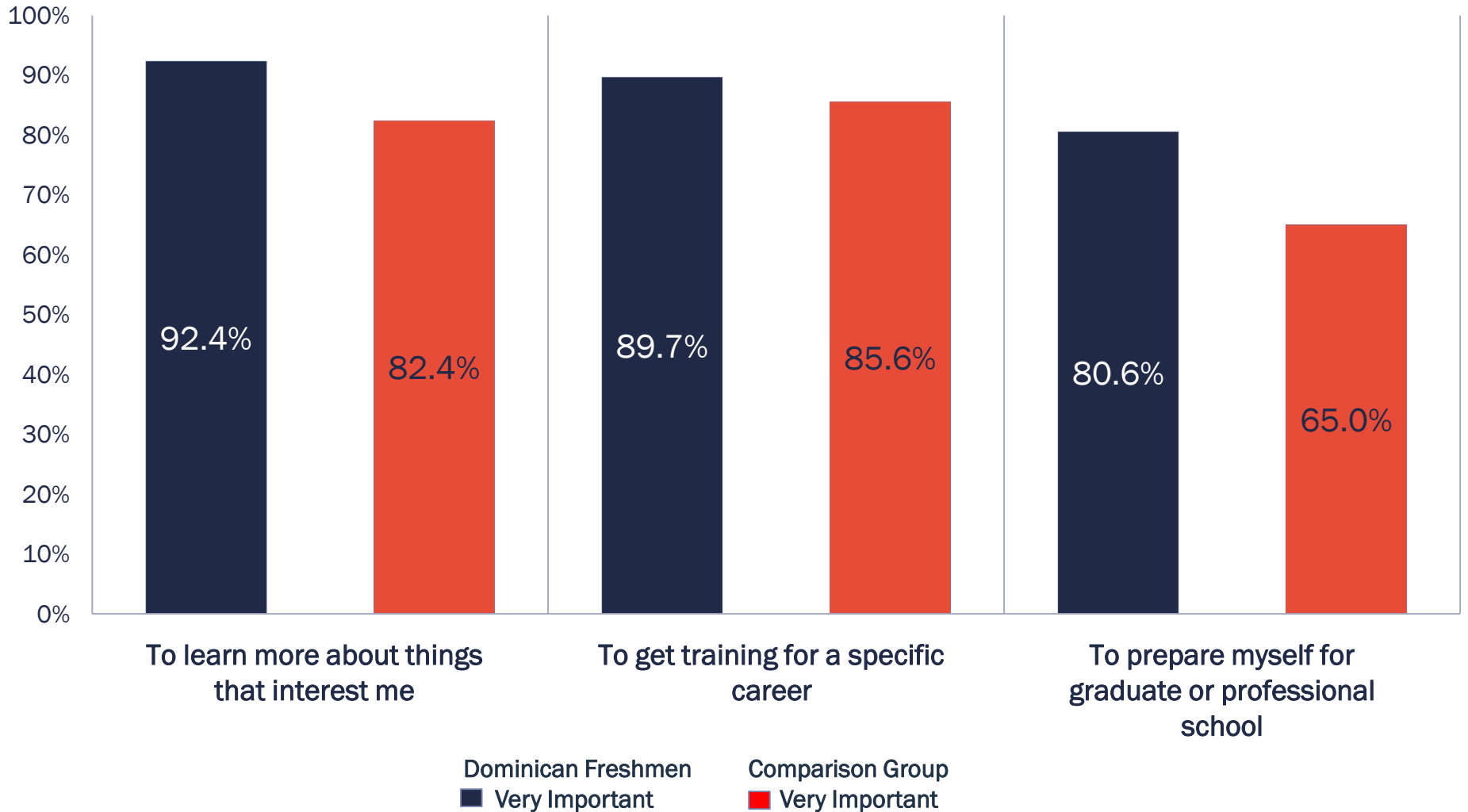
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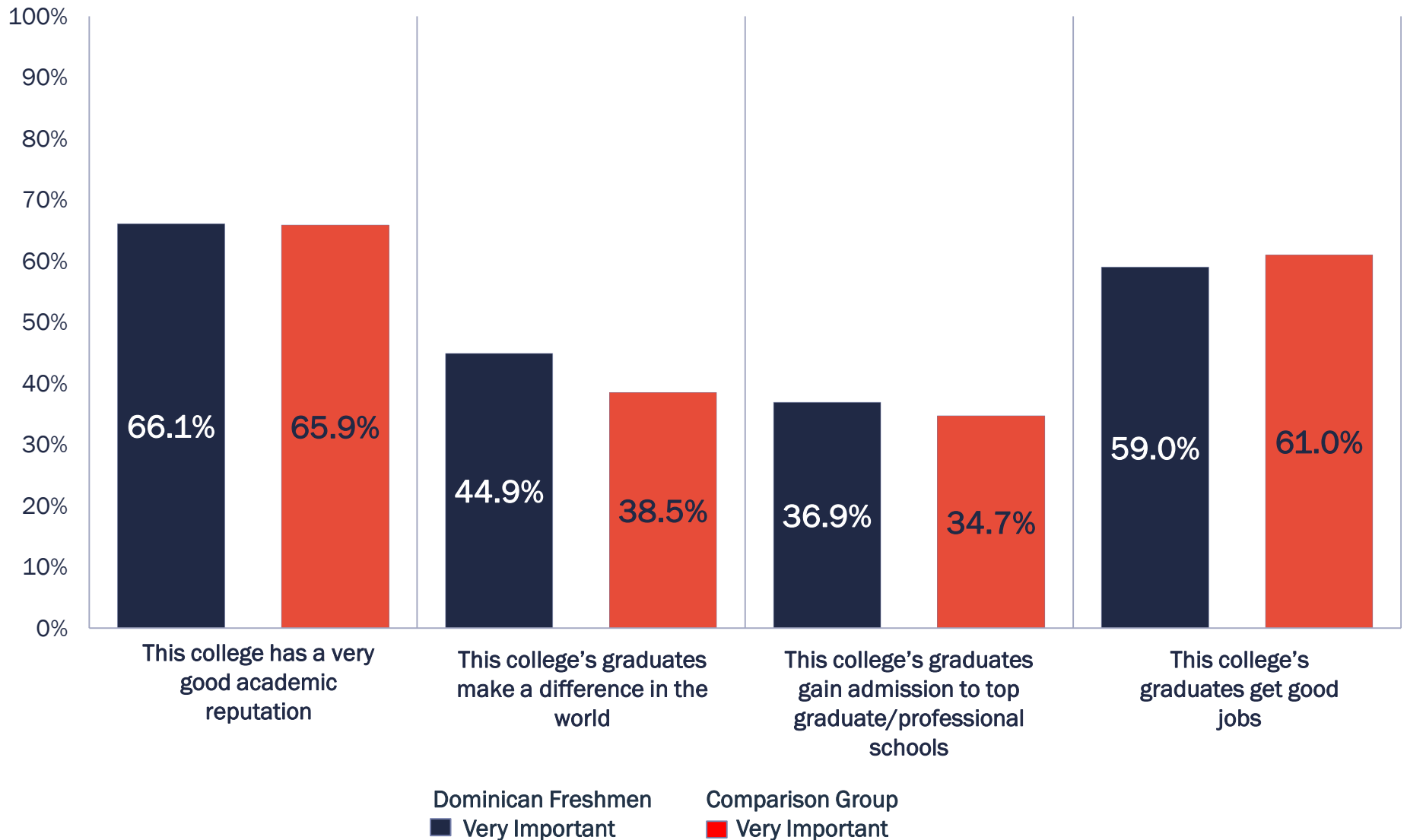
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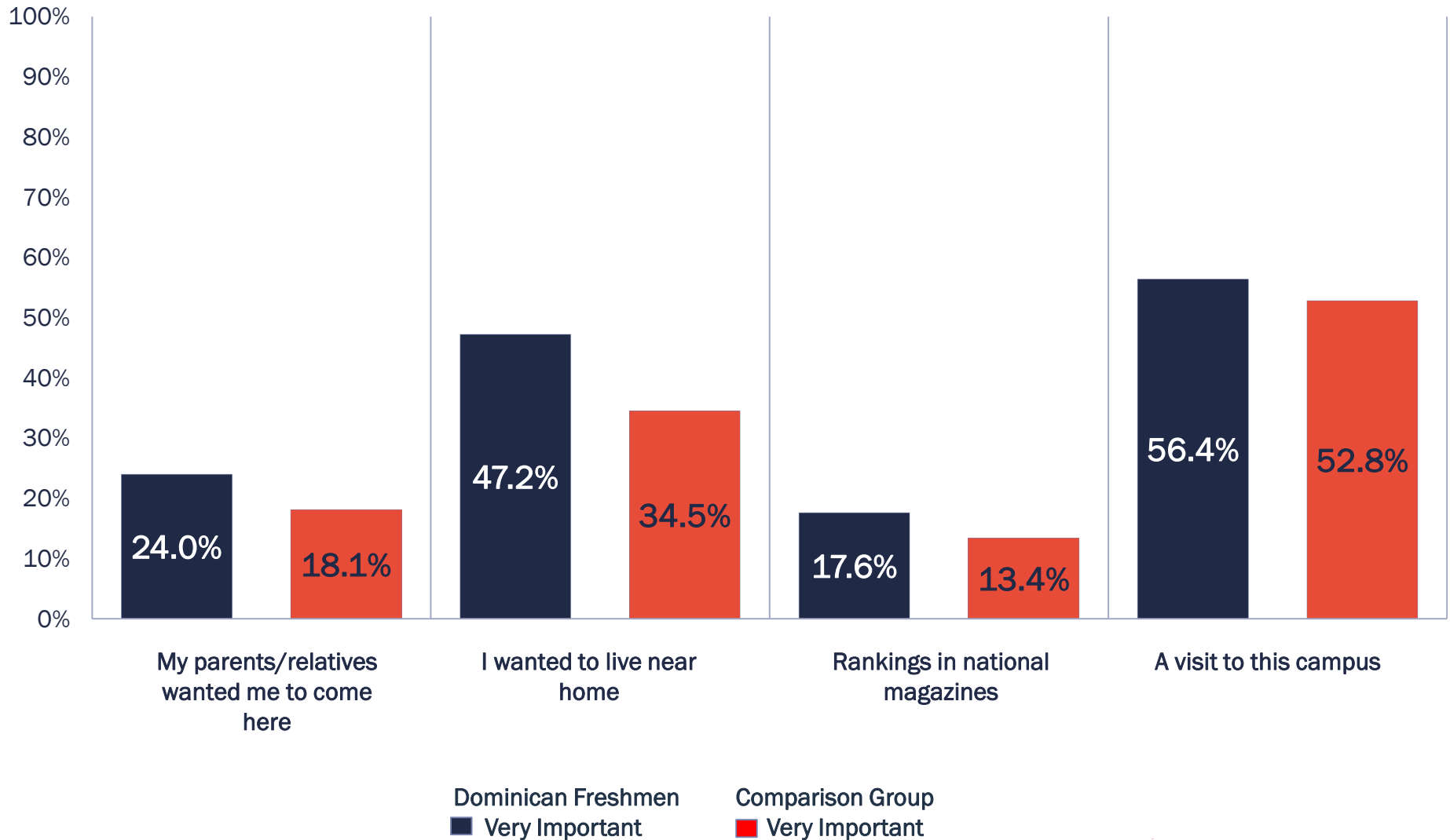
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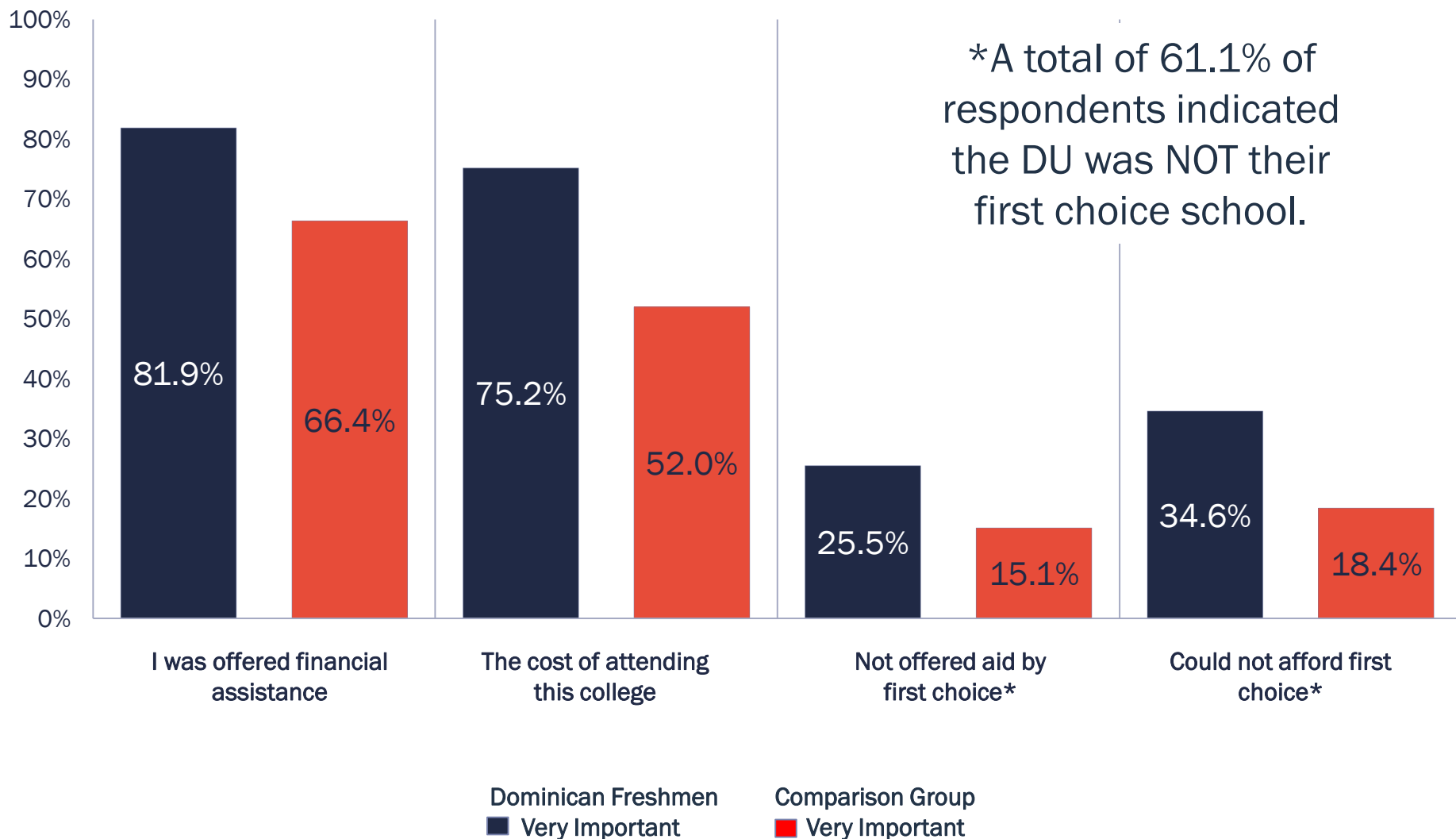
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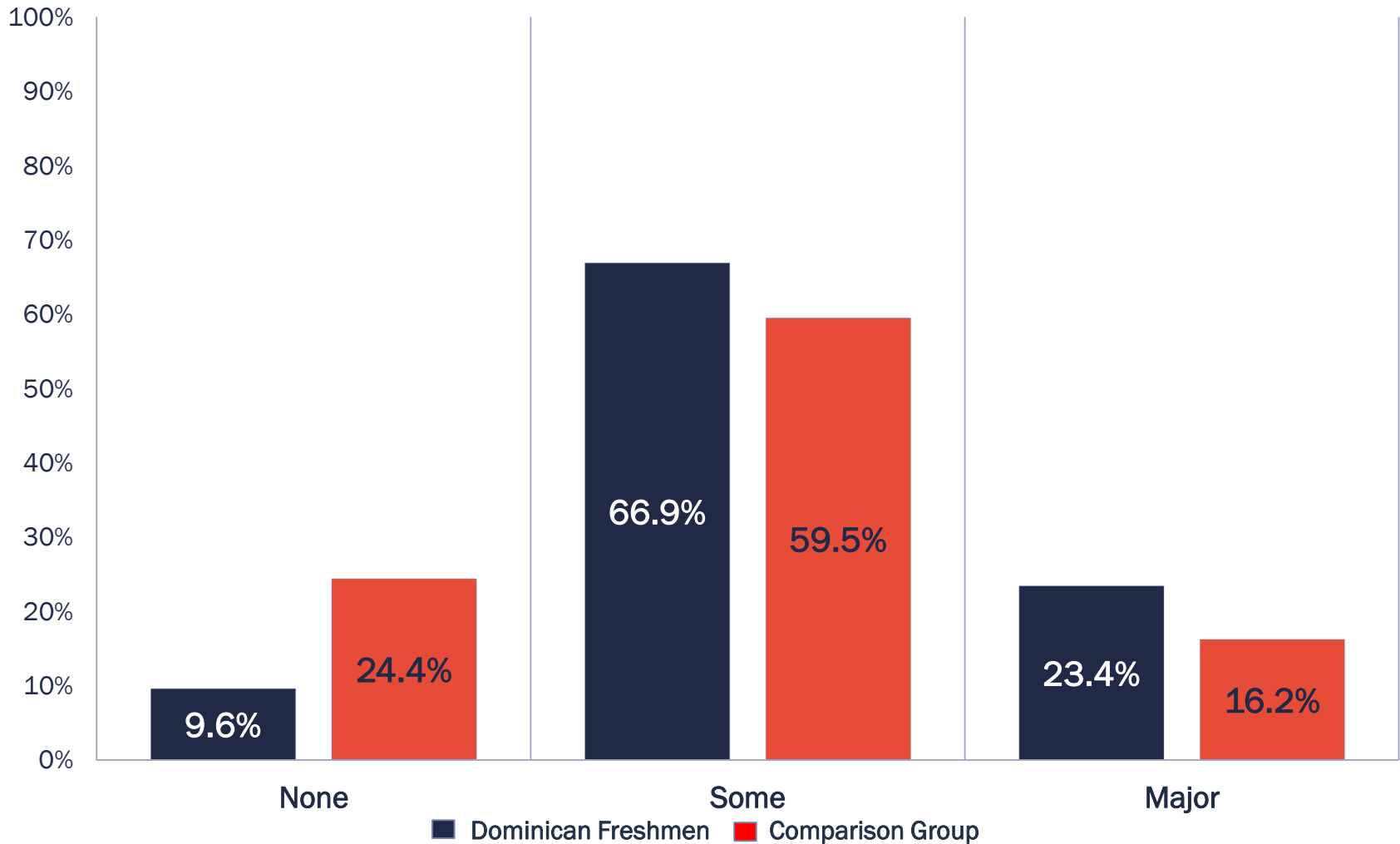
College Choice: Why Dominican - Financial Factors

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Financing College

Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?

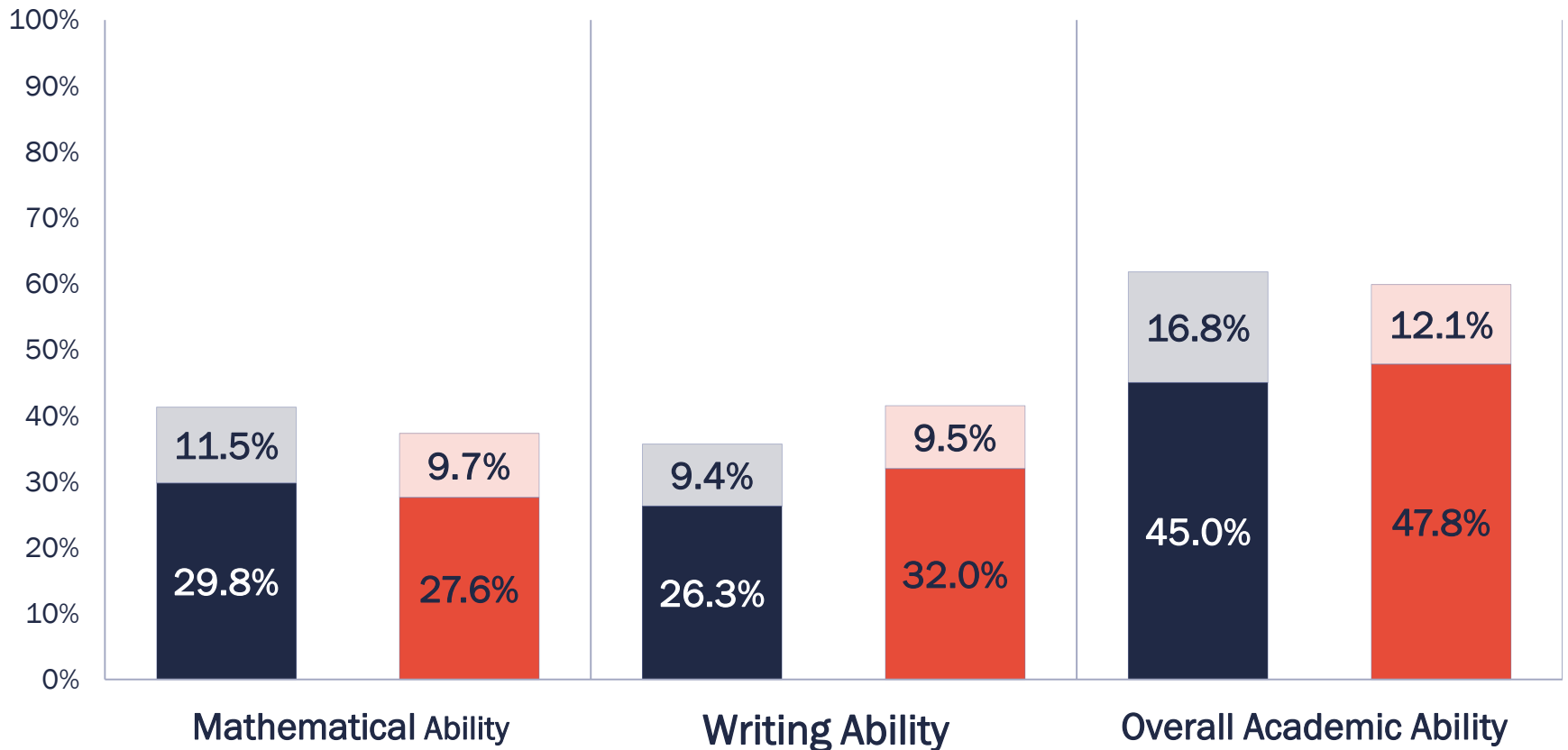


College Preparation:

These items illustrate students' perceptions of their academic preparation and readiness for college

Academic Self-Concept

How would you rate yourself compared with the average person your age?

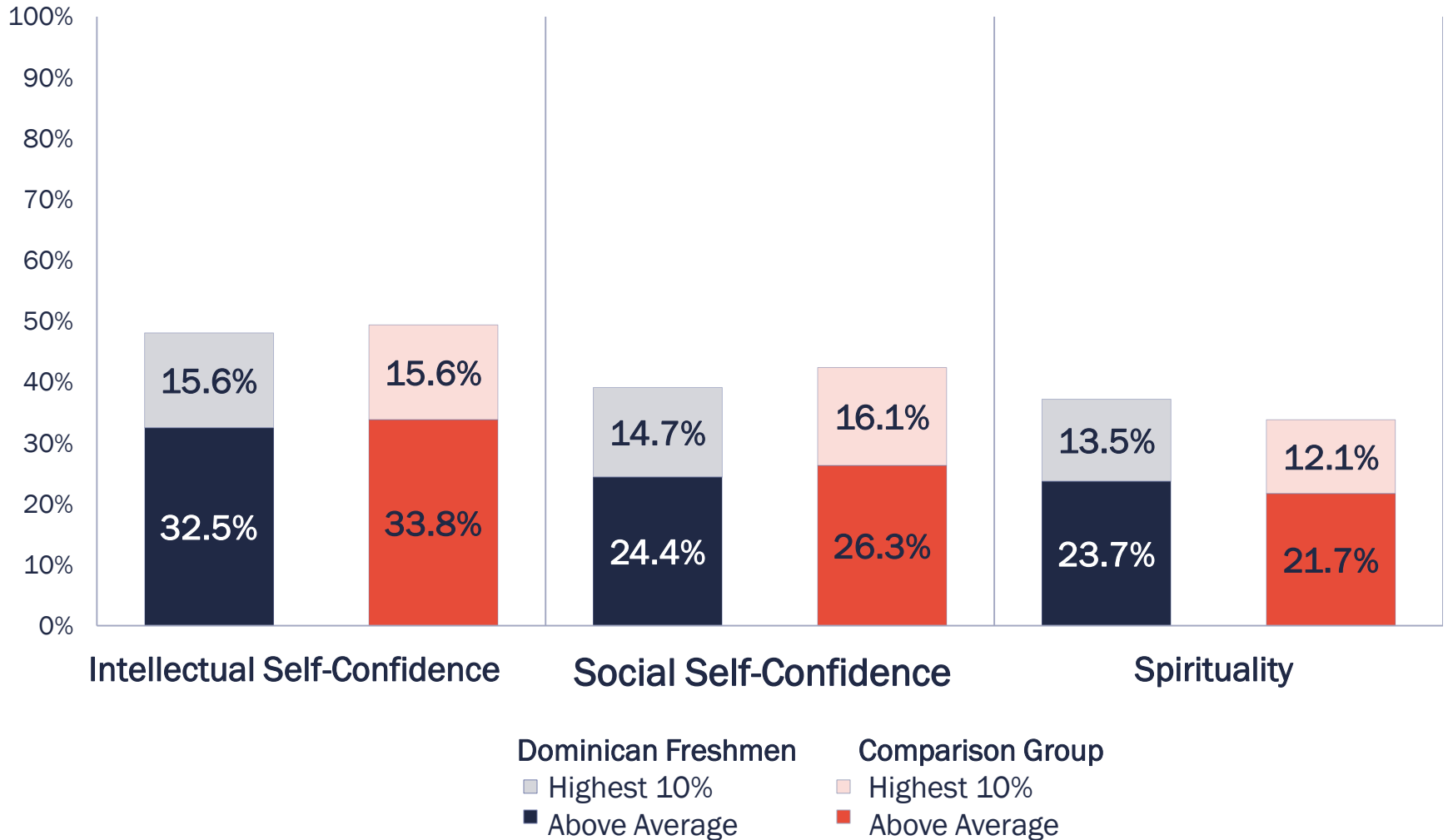


Dominican Freshmen
 ■ Highest 10%
 ■ Above Average

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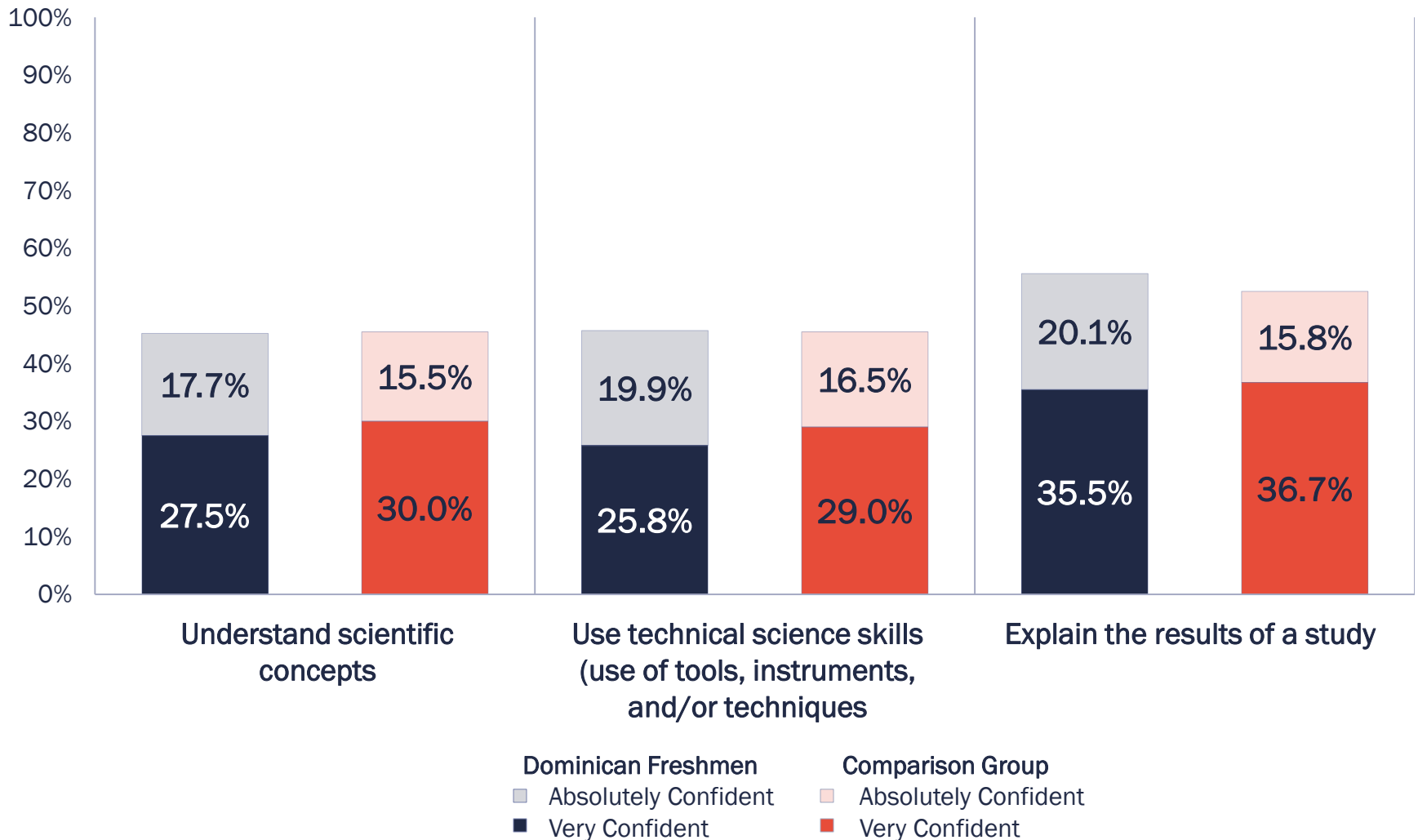
Self-Confidence

How would you rate yourself compared with the average person your age?



Science/Research Self-Efficacy

How confident are you that you can do the following?

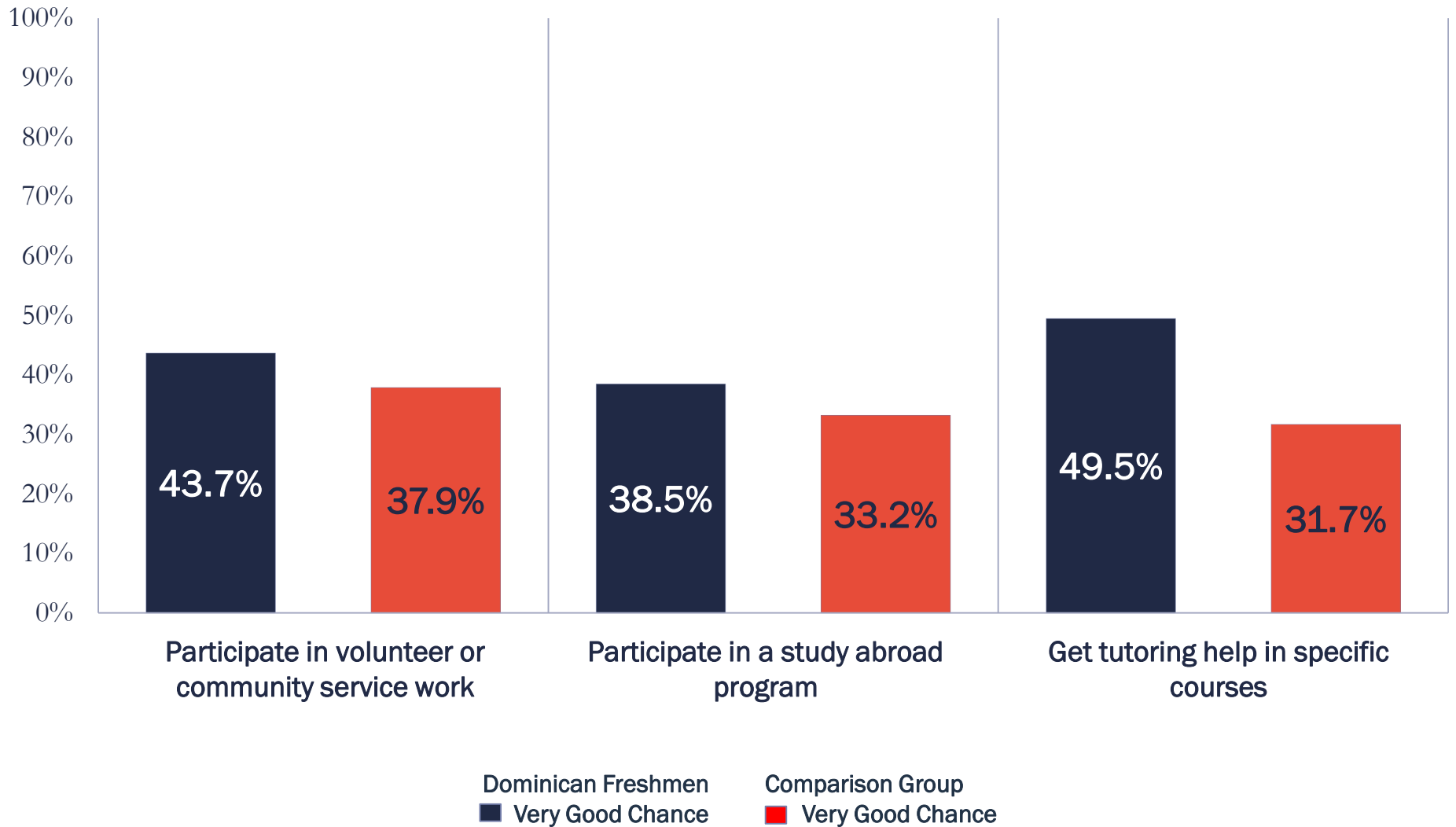


Expectations for College Life

How likely are Dominican freshmen to participate in specific activities and practices while in college?

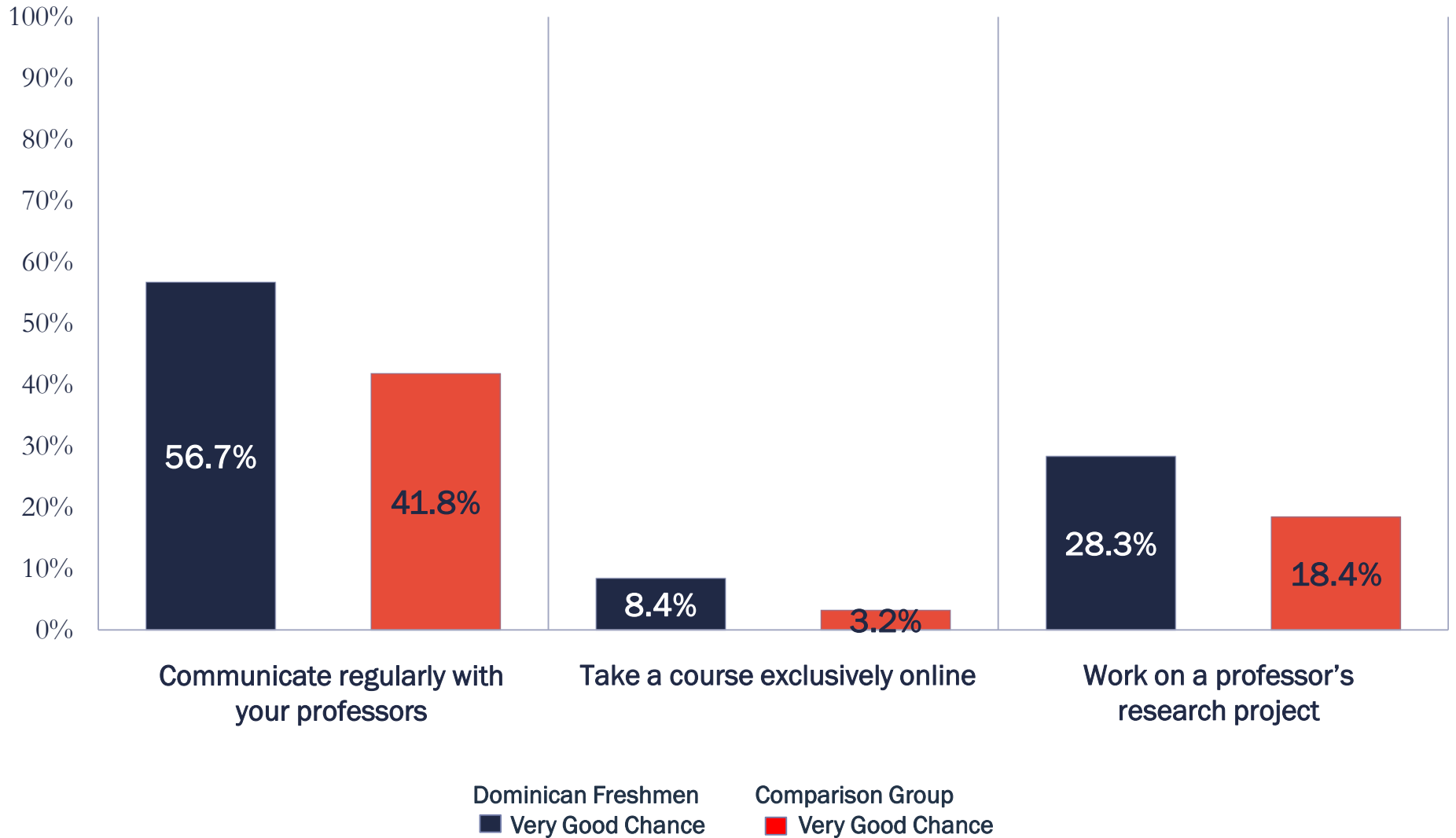
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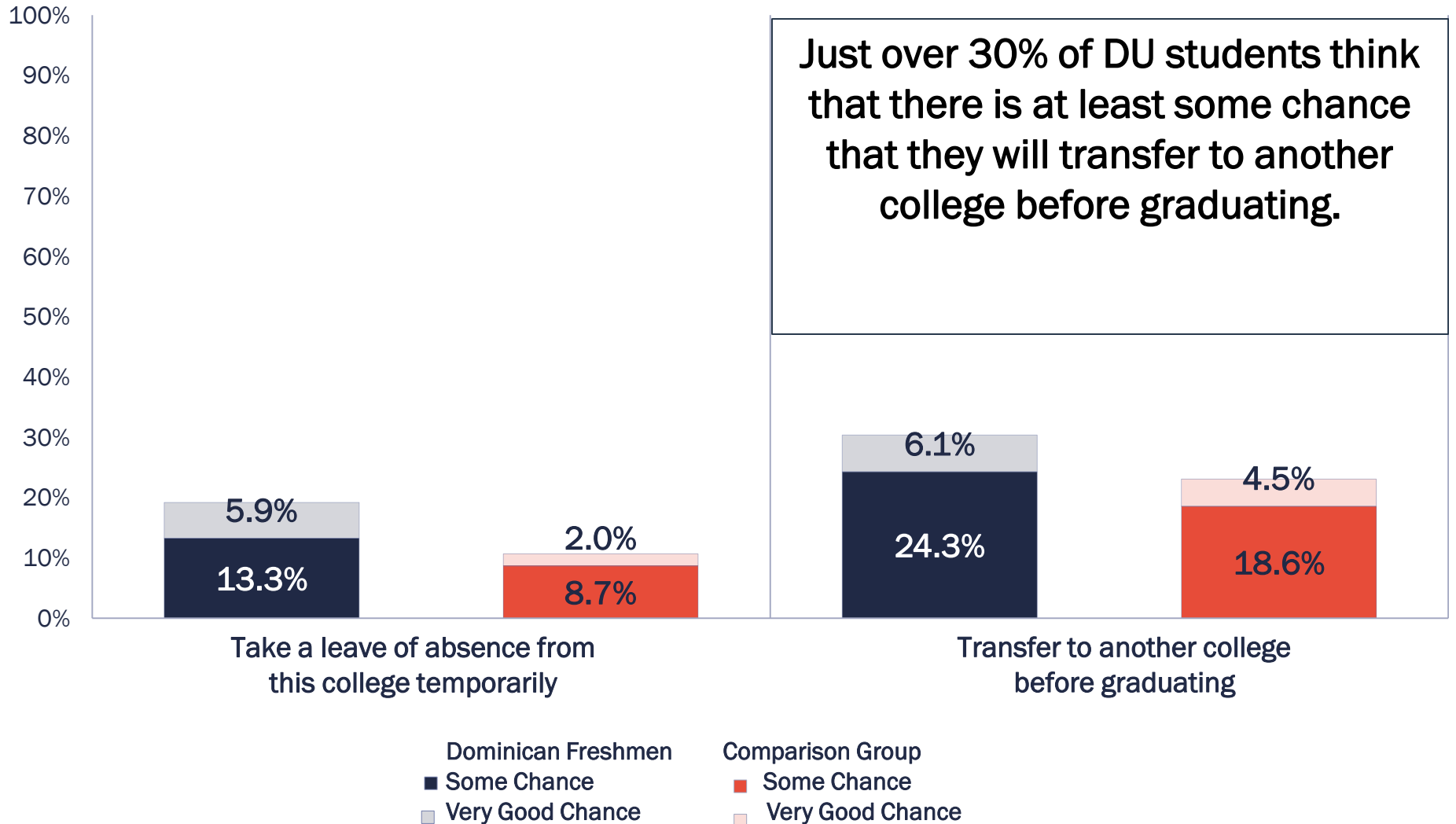
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Discussion

What are the implications of these data for:

- Curriculum
- Policy
- Programs
- Services