

On A Road to Nowhere:

Global Educational Reform Movement

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*Well we know where we're going
But we don't know where we've been
And we know what we're knowing
But we can't say what we've seen
And we're not little children
And we know what we want
And the future is certain
Give us time to work it out*

- Talking Heads 1985



POLICY LOGIC OF CHANGE

Innovations

Schools don't matter

Higher expectations

Competition

Governing by numbers

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Education for all

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Focus on learning

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Focus on core subjects

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Standardisation

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Testing

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Test-based accountability

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More reform

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Control

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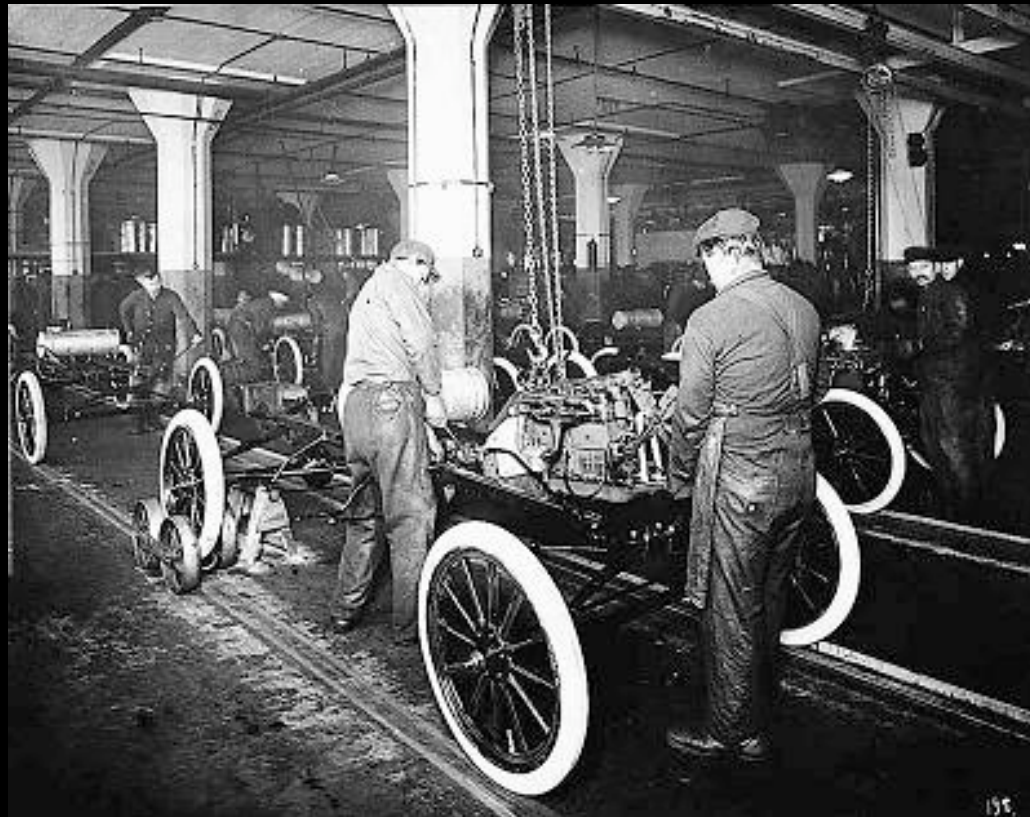
- Focus on core subjects
- Standardisation
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Another way

- Broad curriculum
- Creativity
- Smart assessment
- Responsibility
- Learning from the past
- Trust

This is a road to nowhere





Problem 1: Industrial model of organisation



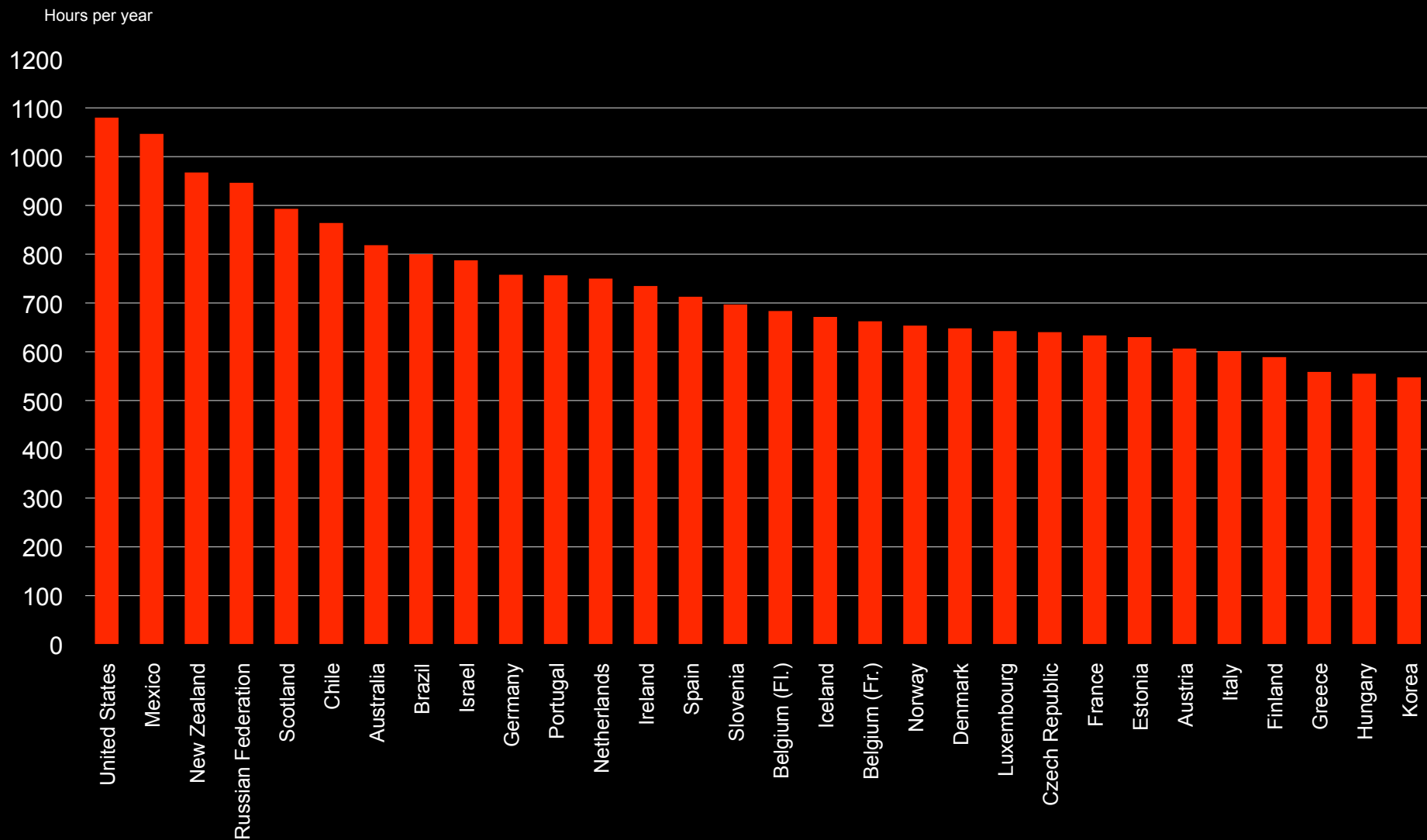
Problem 2: Academic model of ability



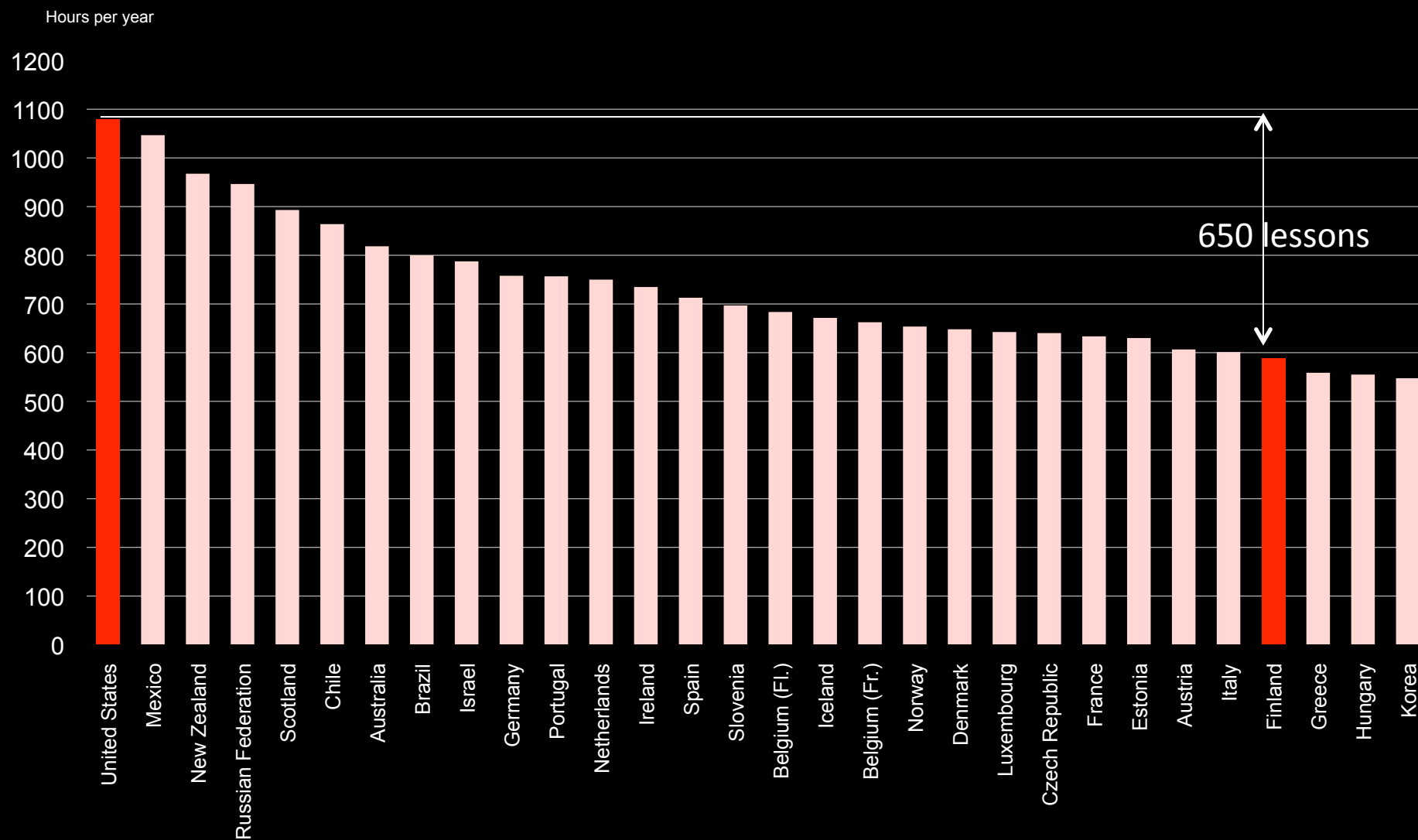
Problem 3: Competition model of social interaction

Less is more

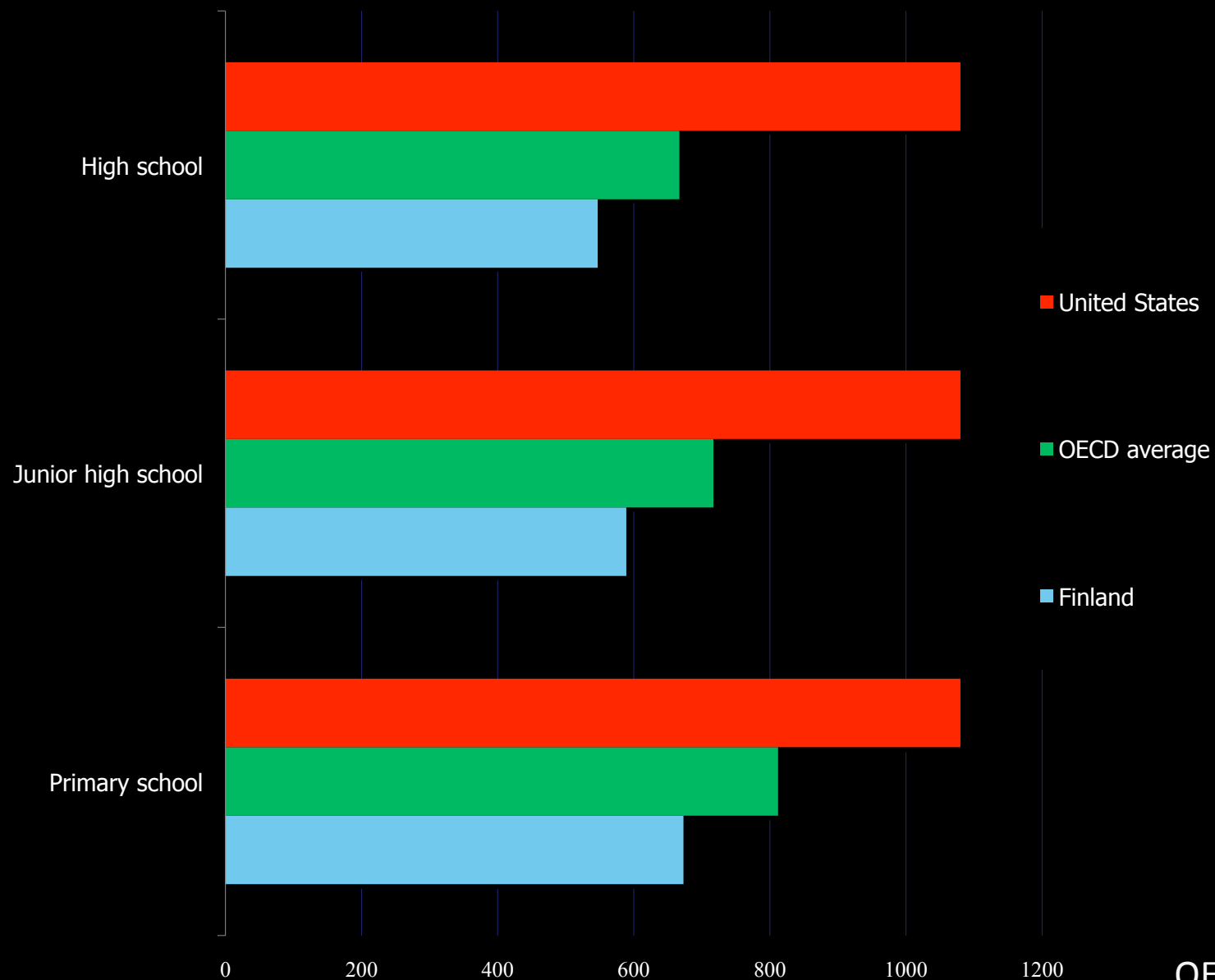
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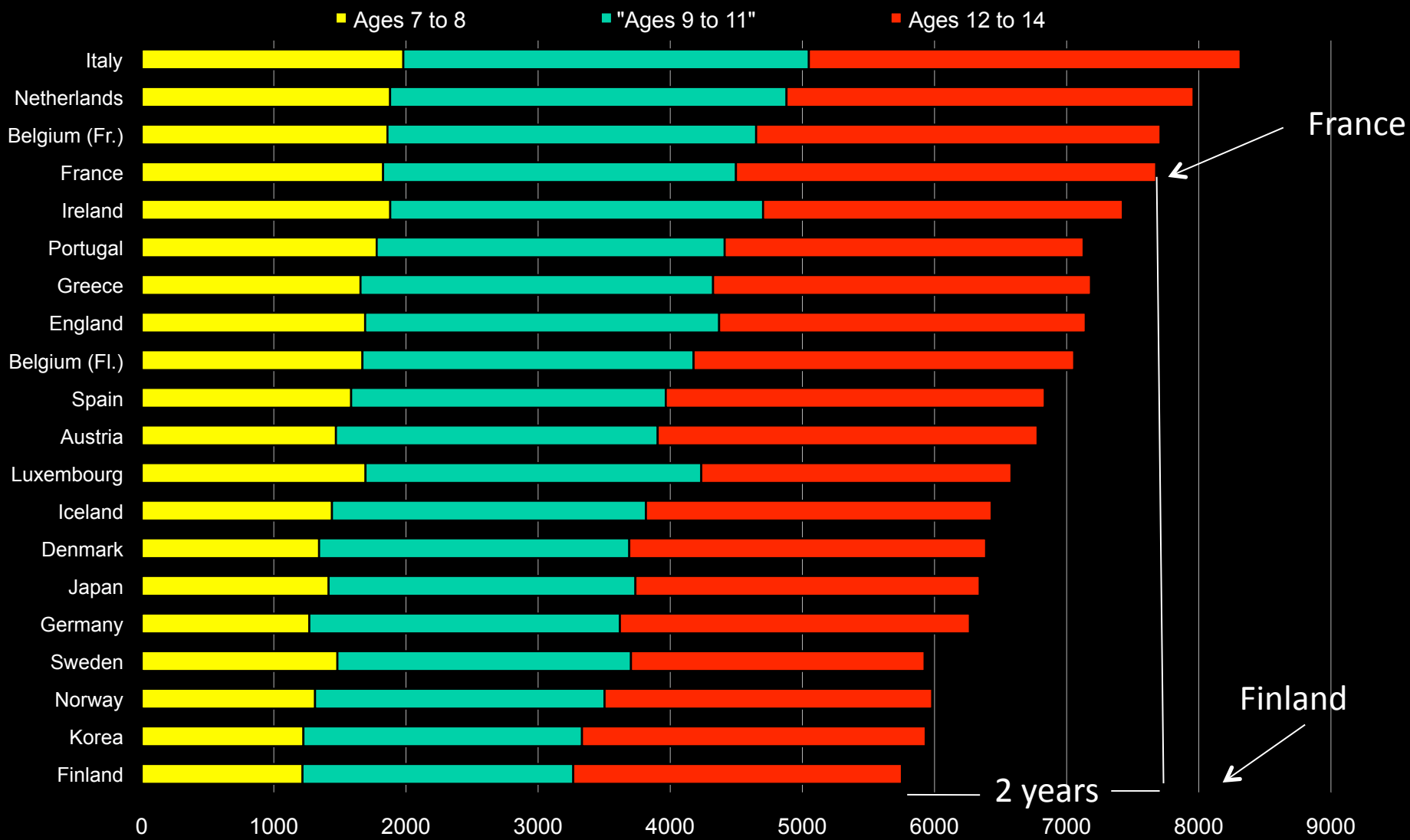
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How much do they really teach?



How many lessons do students sit?



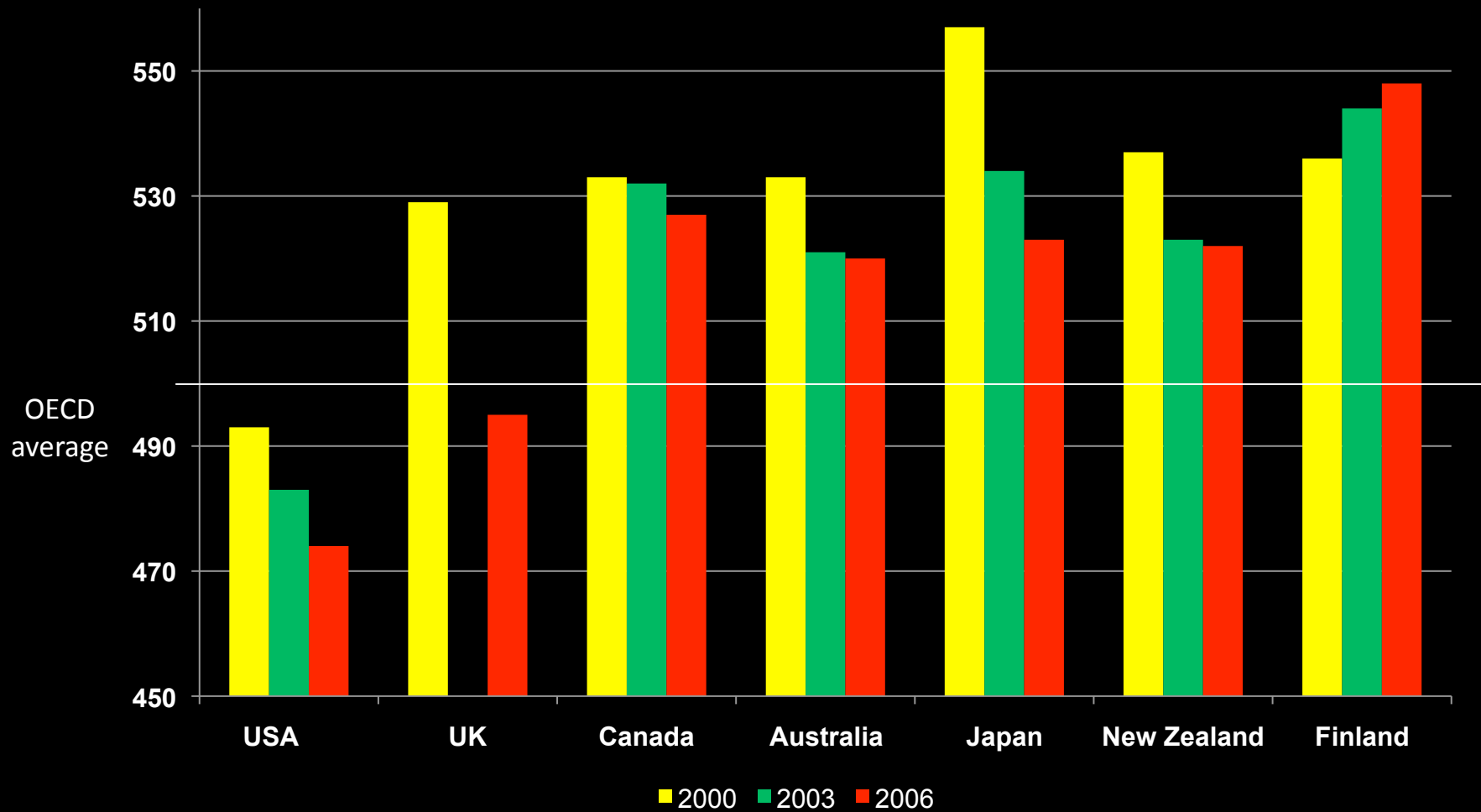
2 years

OECD 2007

Test less,
learn more

Student learning

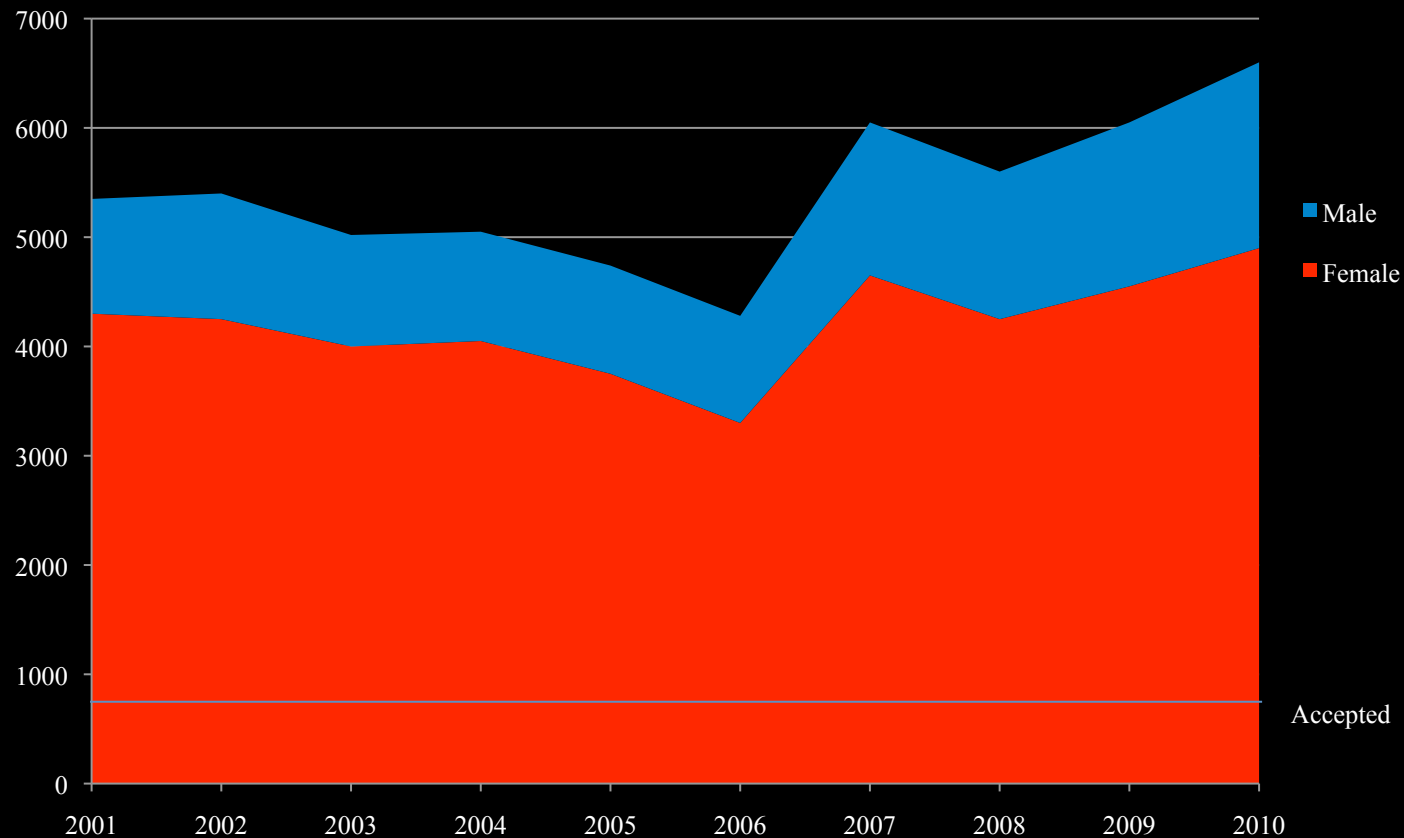
National averages of 15-year-old students learning in mathematics (PISA 2000-06)



Best in class

The most wanted: Teachers and teaching

Applicants to primary school teacher education in Finland 2001-10



Another way



Personalised learning

Less teaching

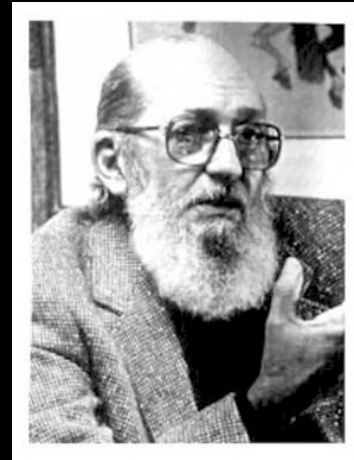
Interaction skills

Risk-taking, creativity and
engagement

Rachel Carson (1907 – 1964)



Who are the *Rachel Carsons* of educational change?





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Thank you
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