POLI 203, Quiz and Survey Results
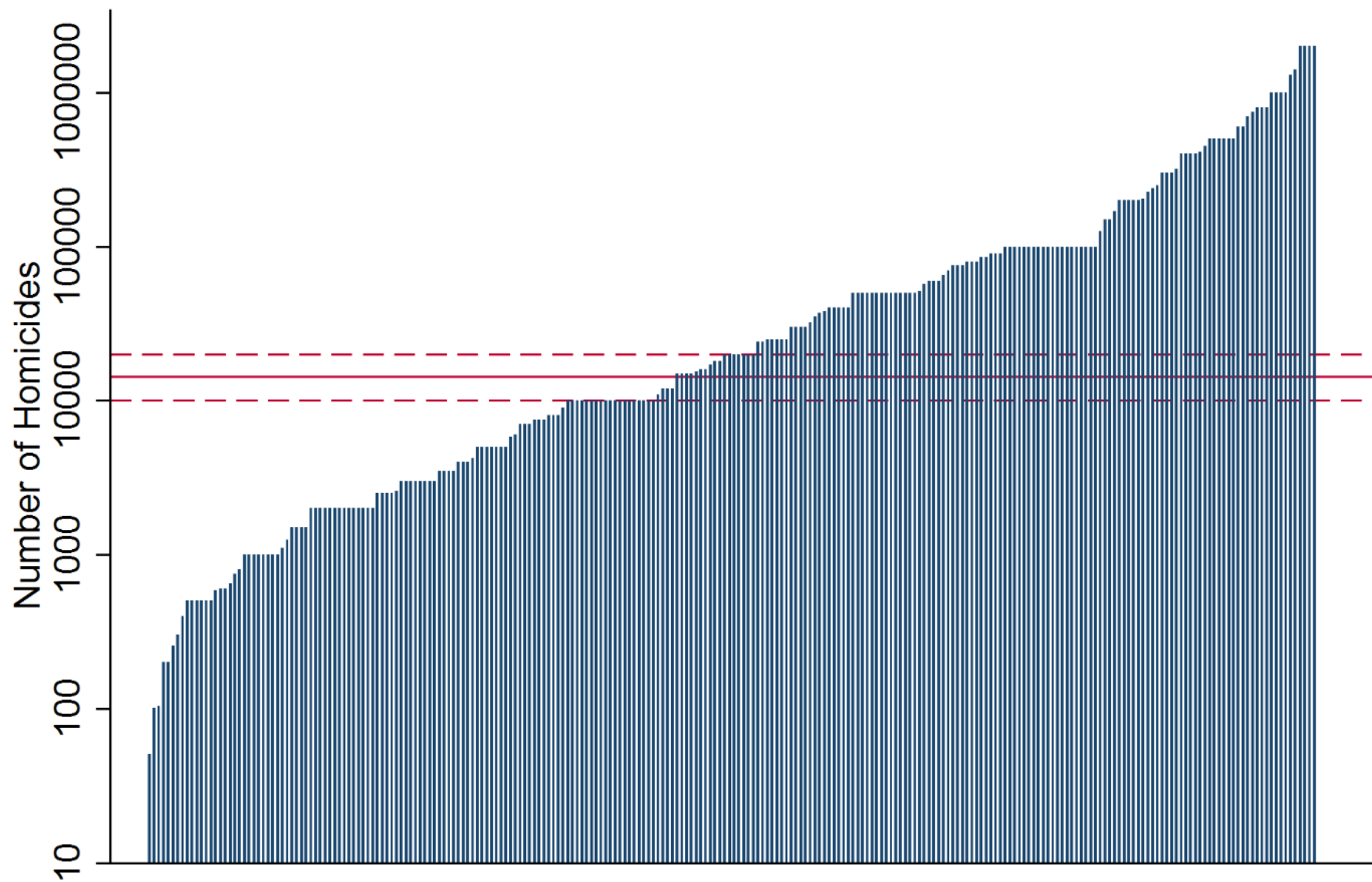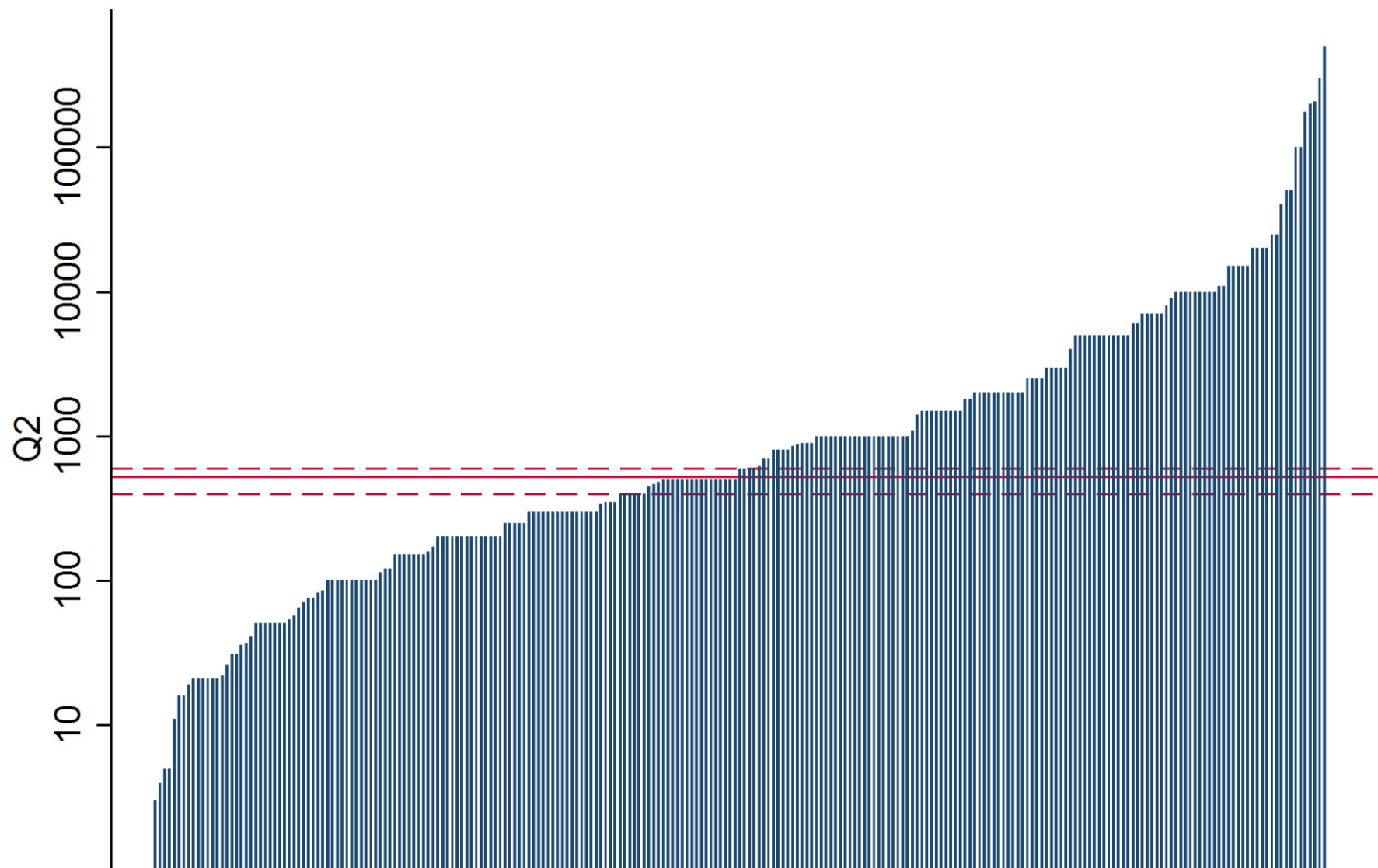
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QUIZ RESULTS

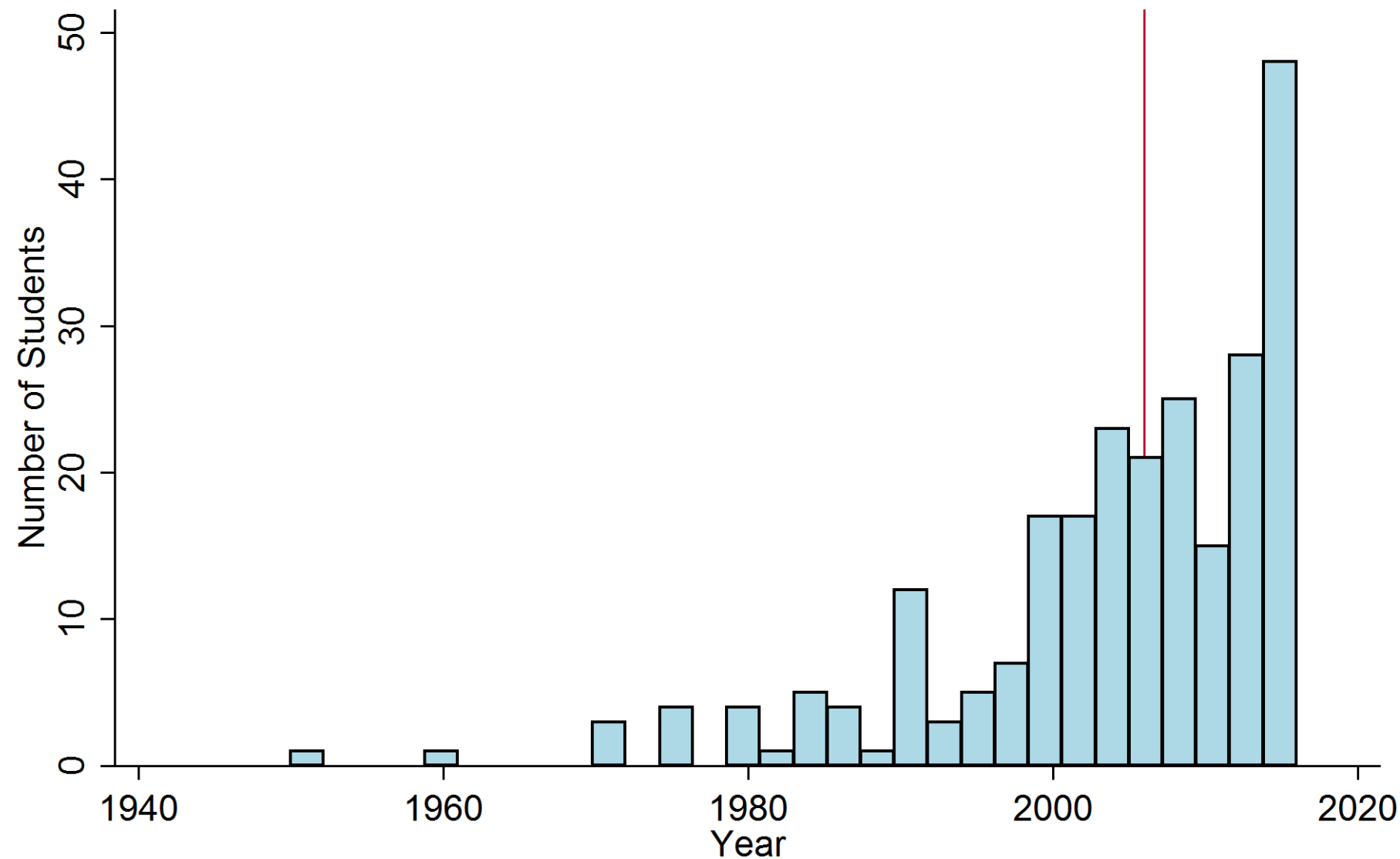Q1: Number of Homicides - 2014
A: 14,249
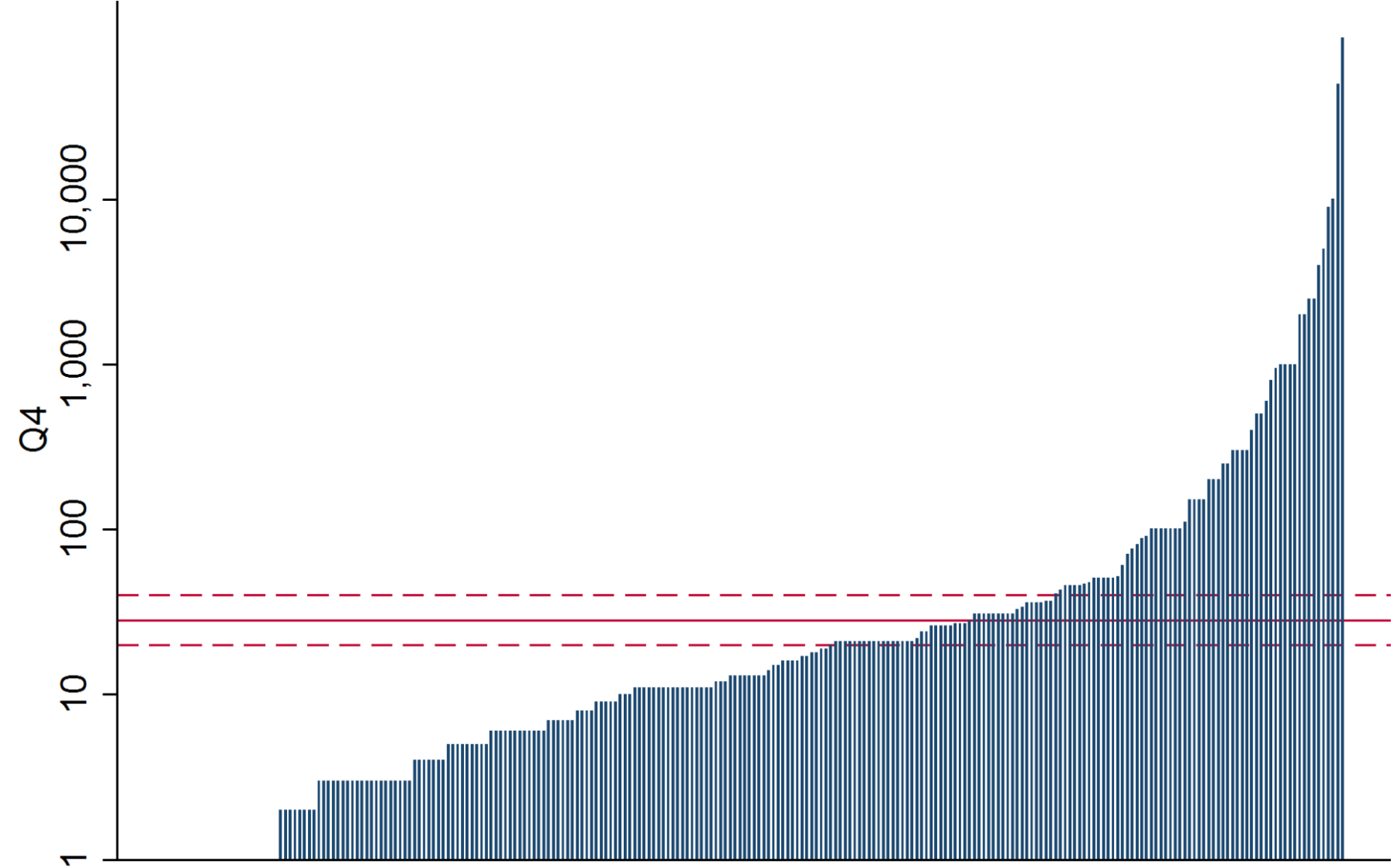
2: Number of Homicides in NC - 2014

A: 527

Q3: Most Recent Execution in North Carolina
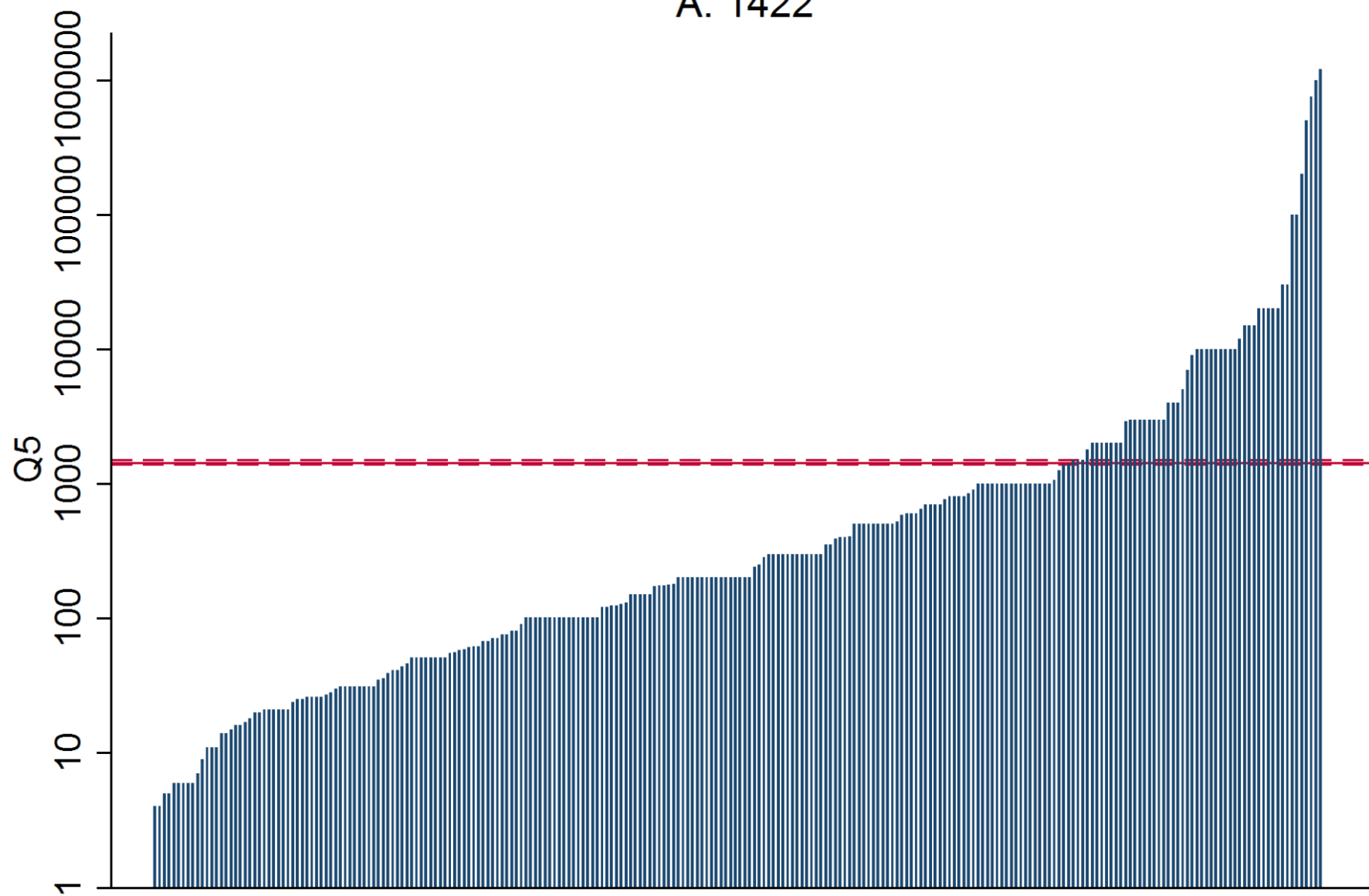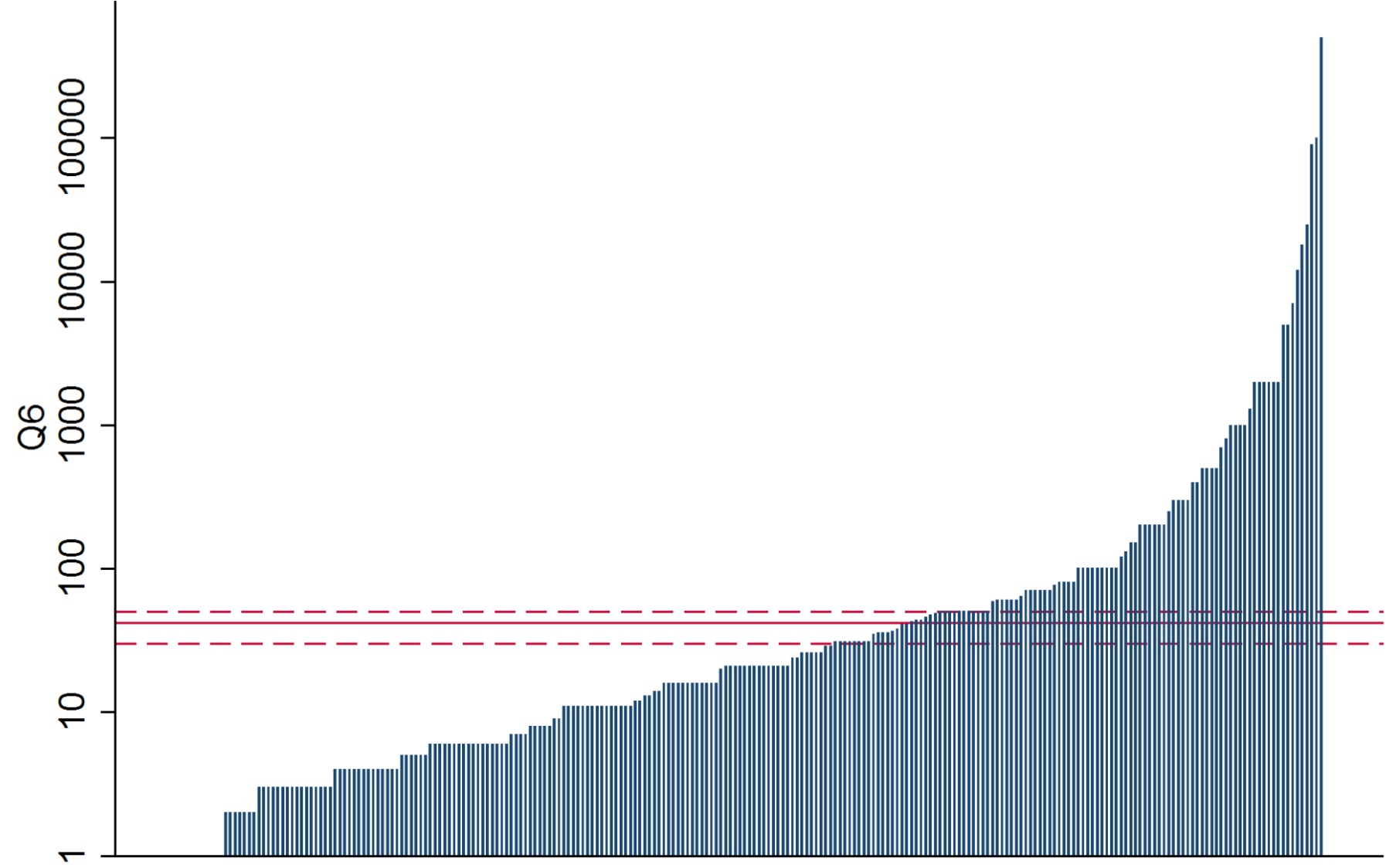A: 2006

Q4: Executions in the US - 2015

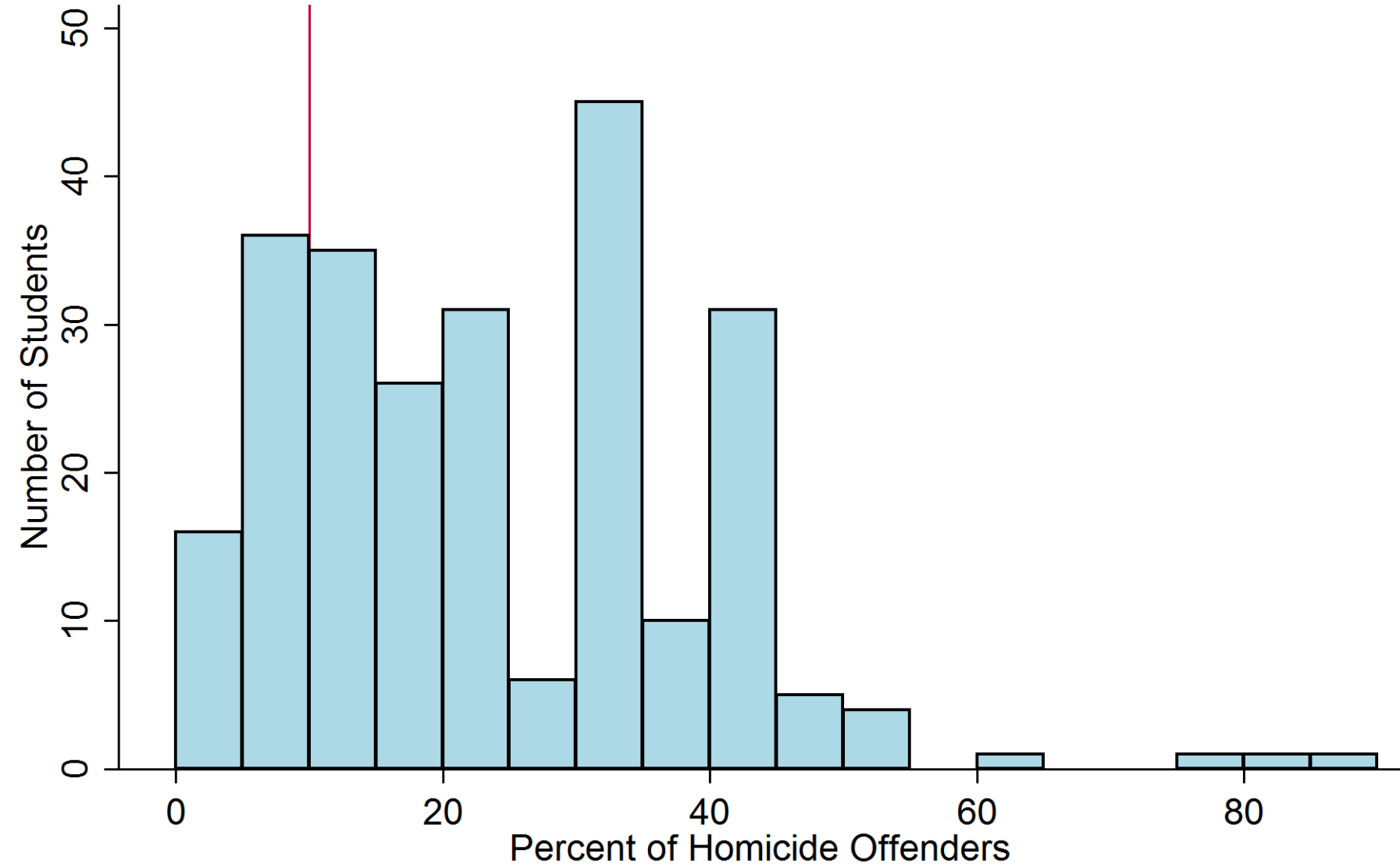A: 28

Q5: Total Executions since 1976

A: 1422

Q6: Number of Executions in NC since 1976
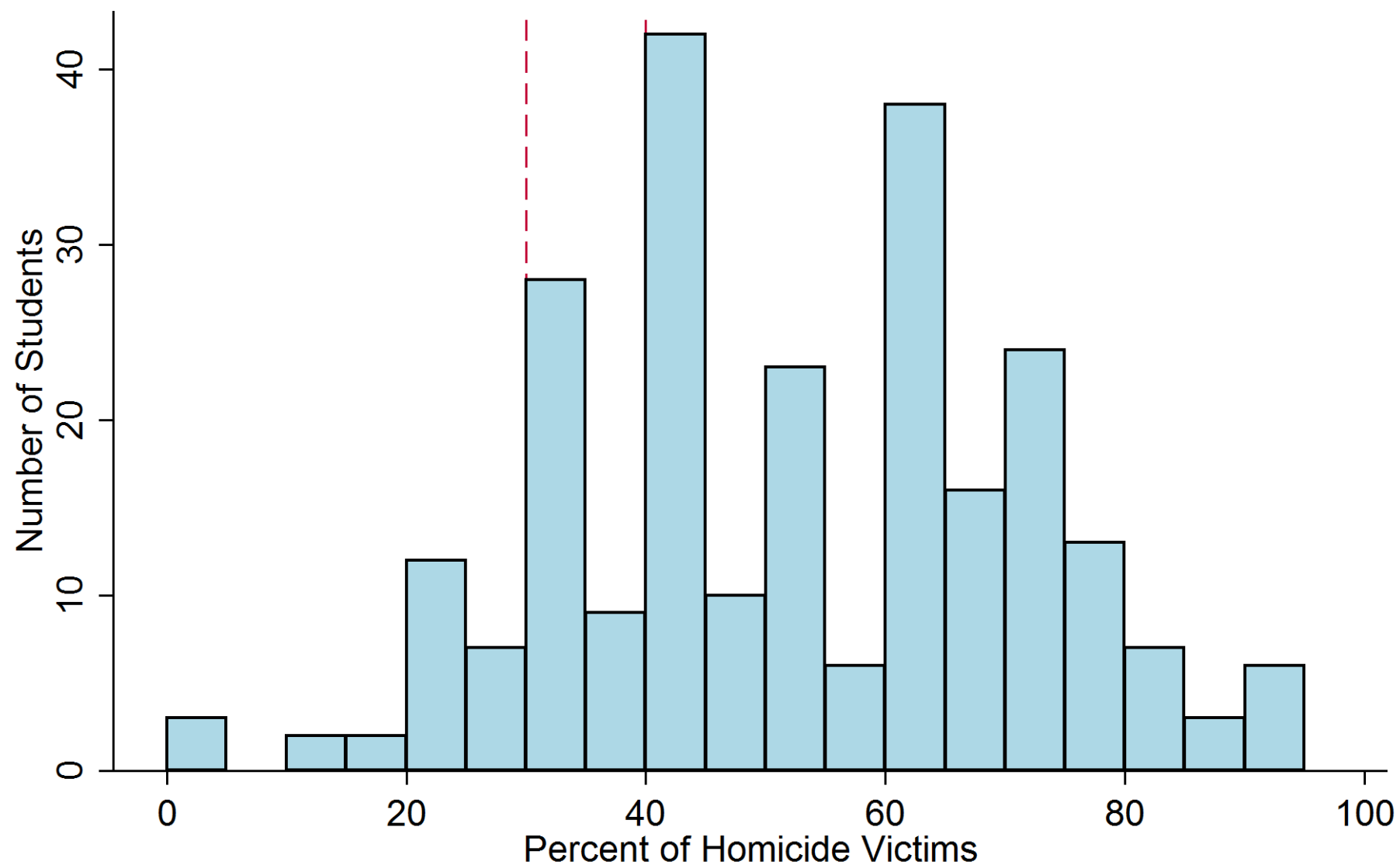
A: 42

Q7: Percent of Homicide Offenders - Female
A: 10%

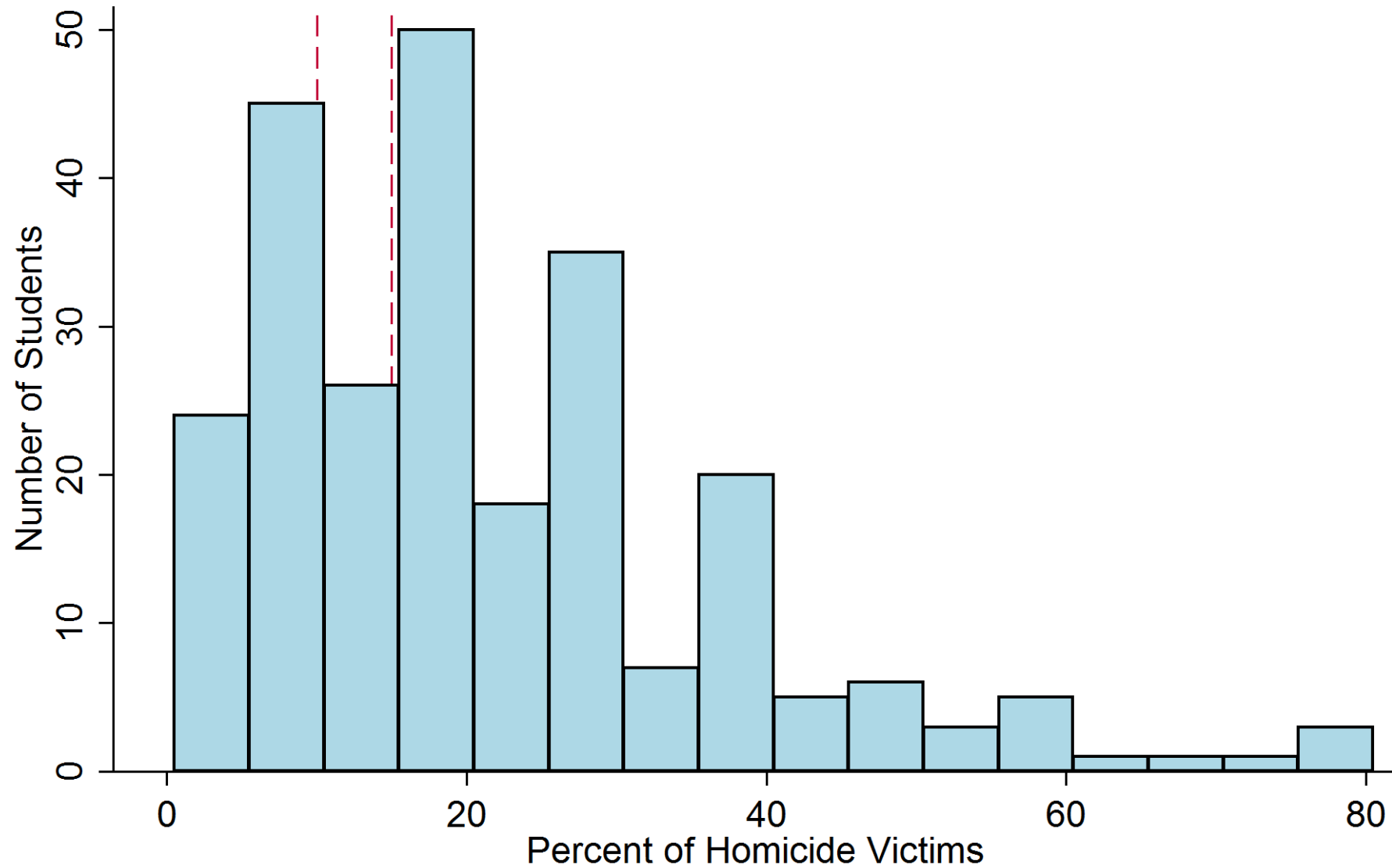Q8: Percent of Homicide Victims - Black Male

A: 30-40%

Q9: Percent of Homicide Victims - White Female
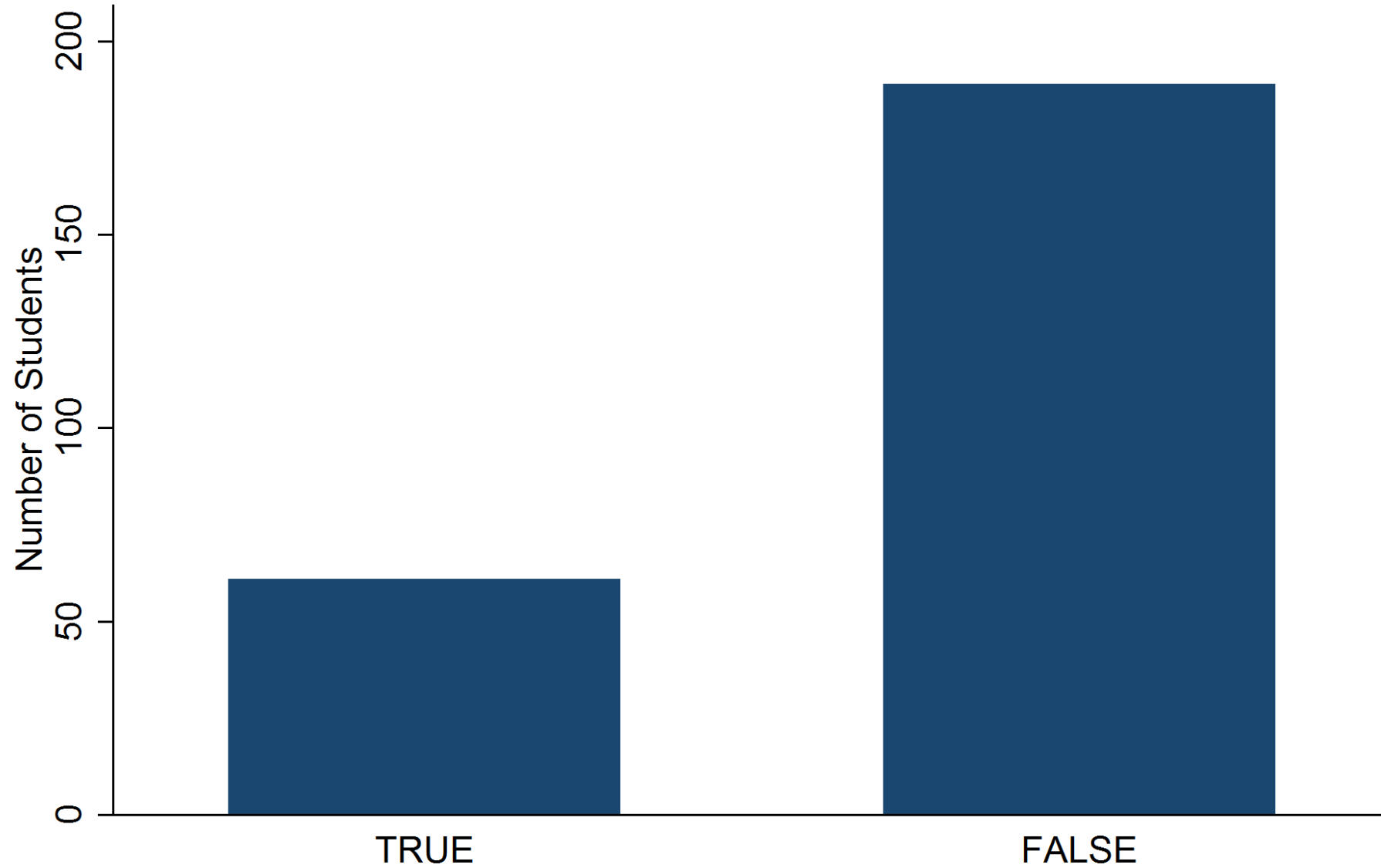
A: 10-15%

Q10: SC invalidated death penalty in 1965 in Miranda.
A: FALSE

Q11: McCleskey v. Kemp

A: FALSE
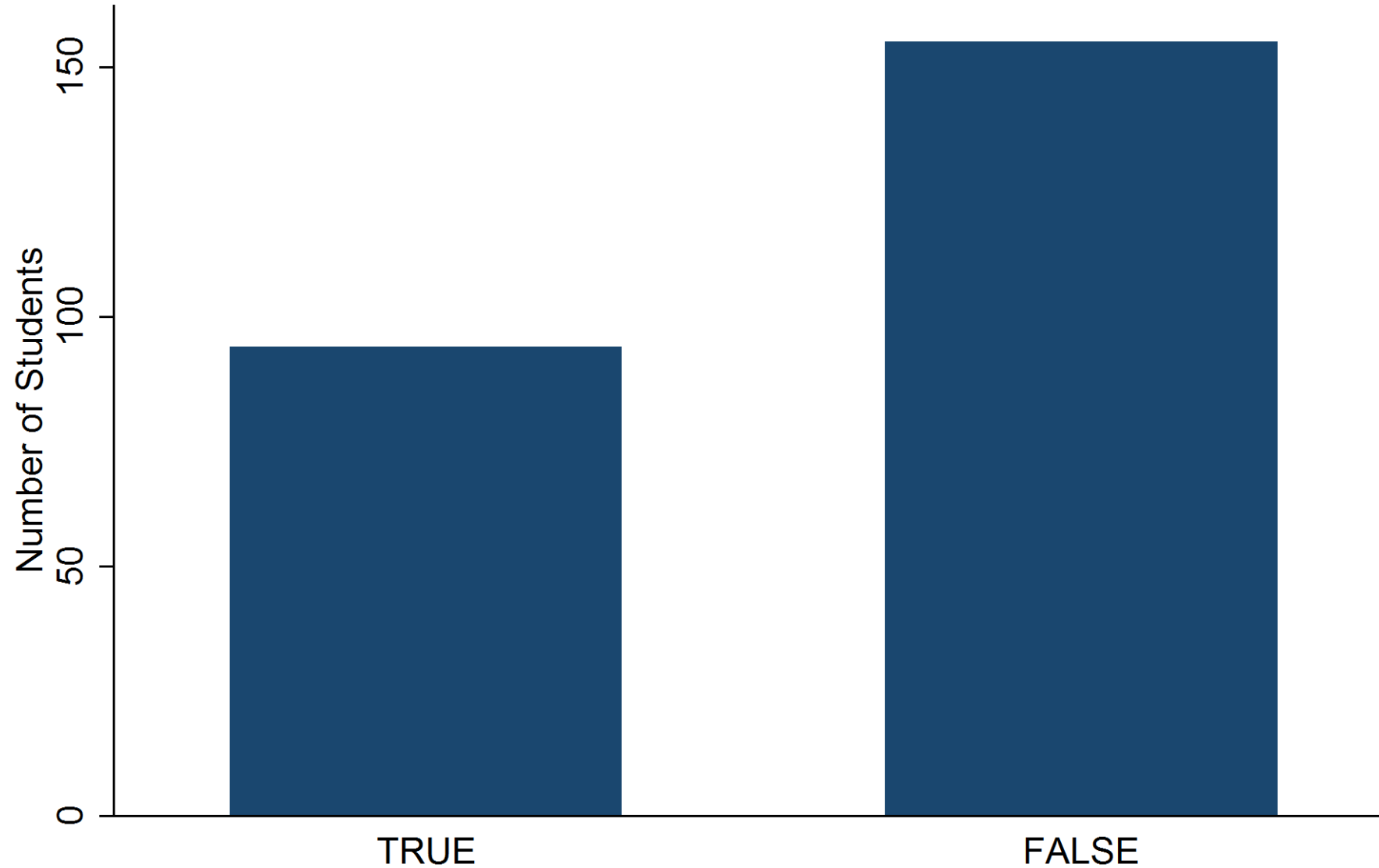
Q12: Serve on Capital Jury only if you support DP
A: TRUE
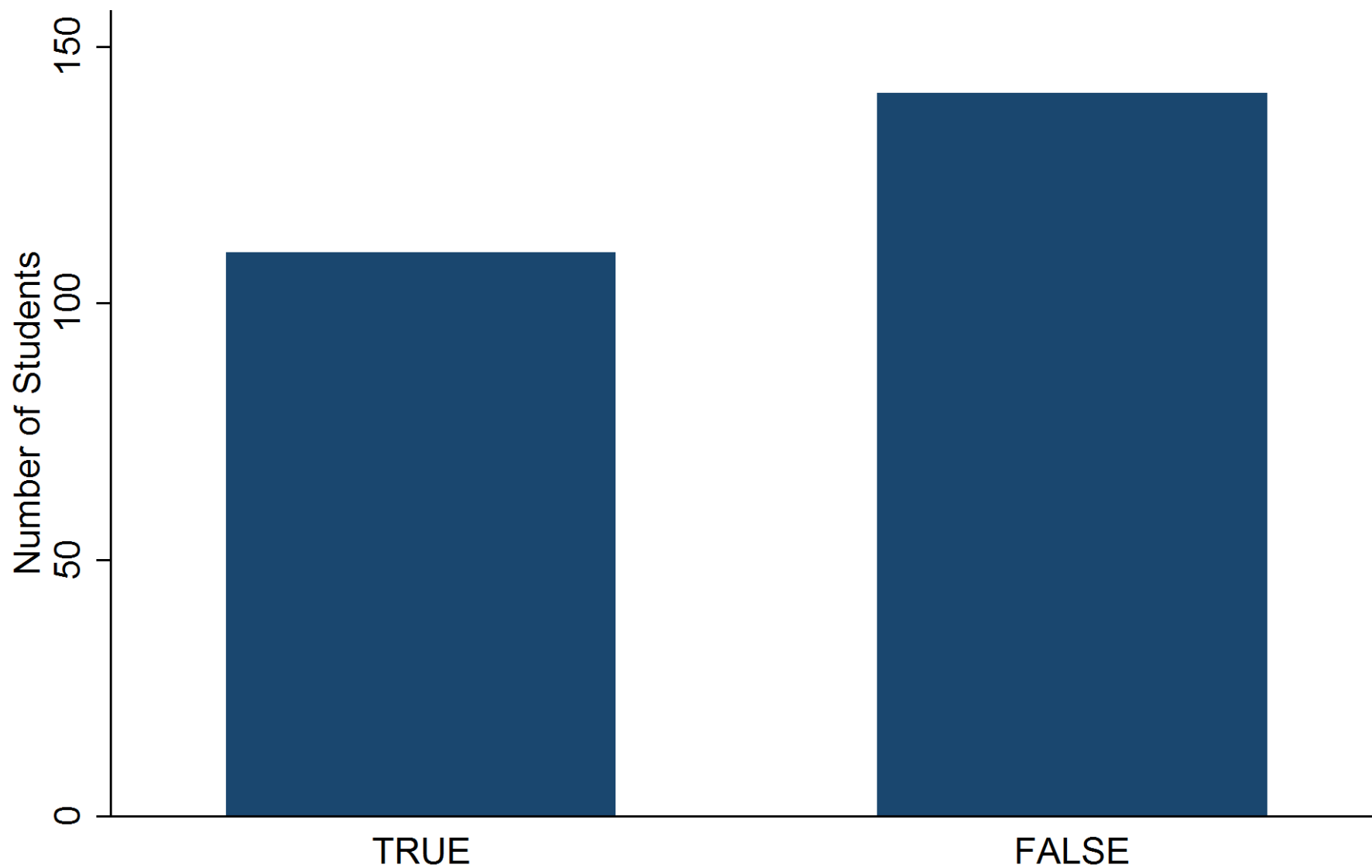
Q13: Percent of Those Sentenced to Death Executed

A: 10-15%
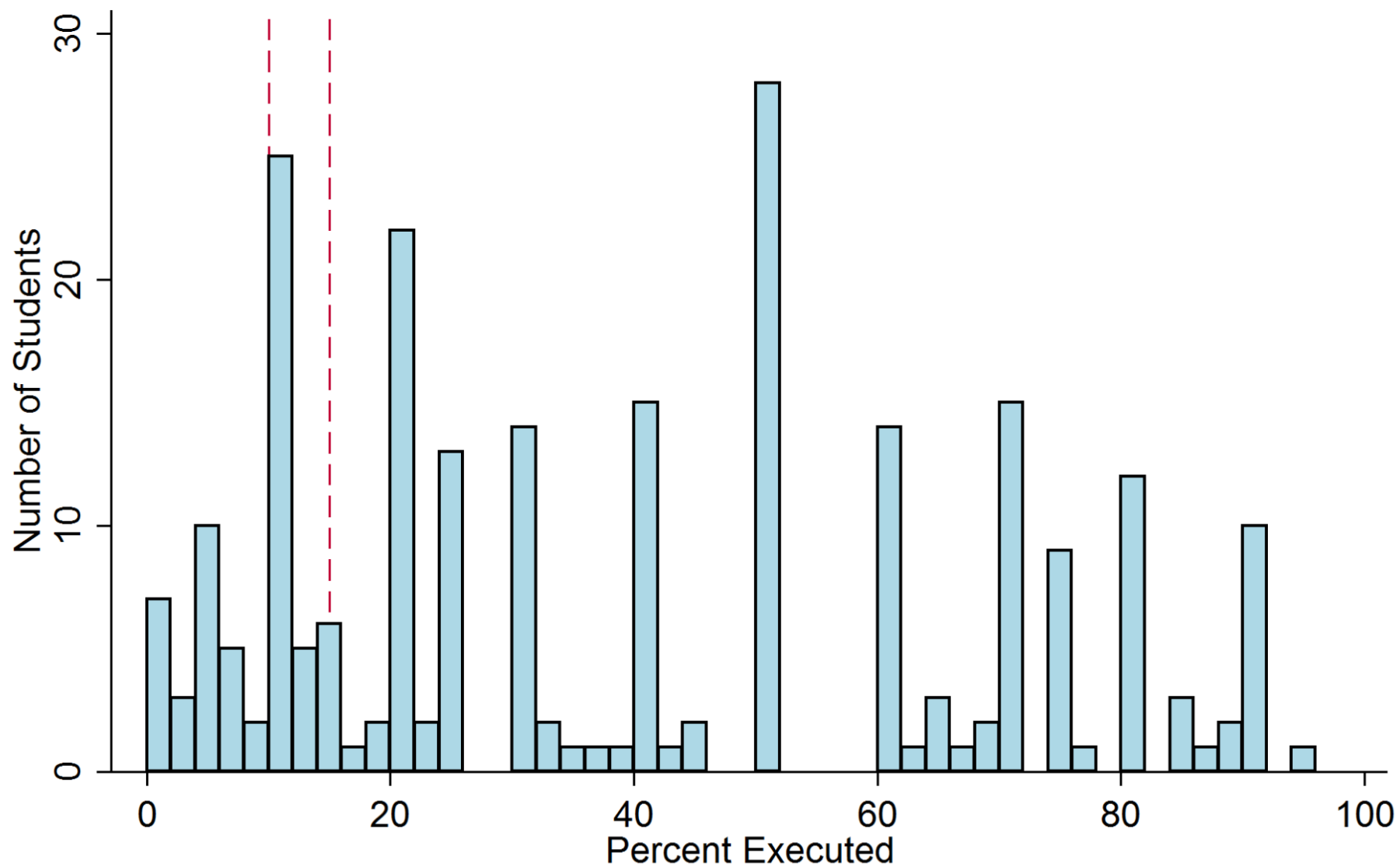
Q14: State with Largest Death Row
A: California
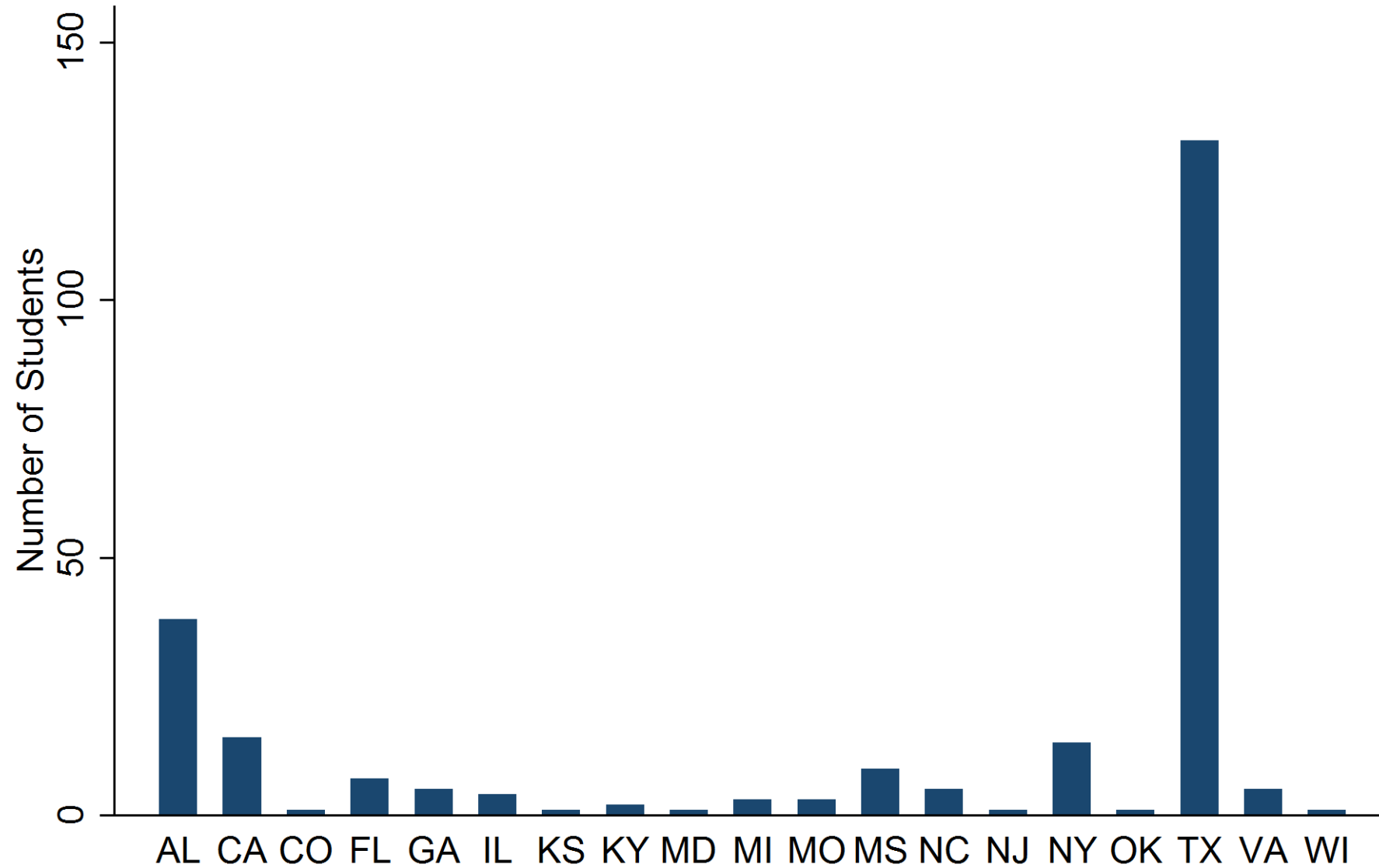
Q15: State with Most Executions

A: Texas
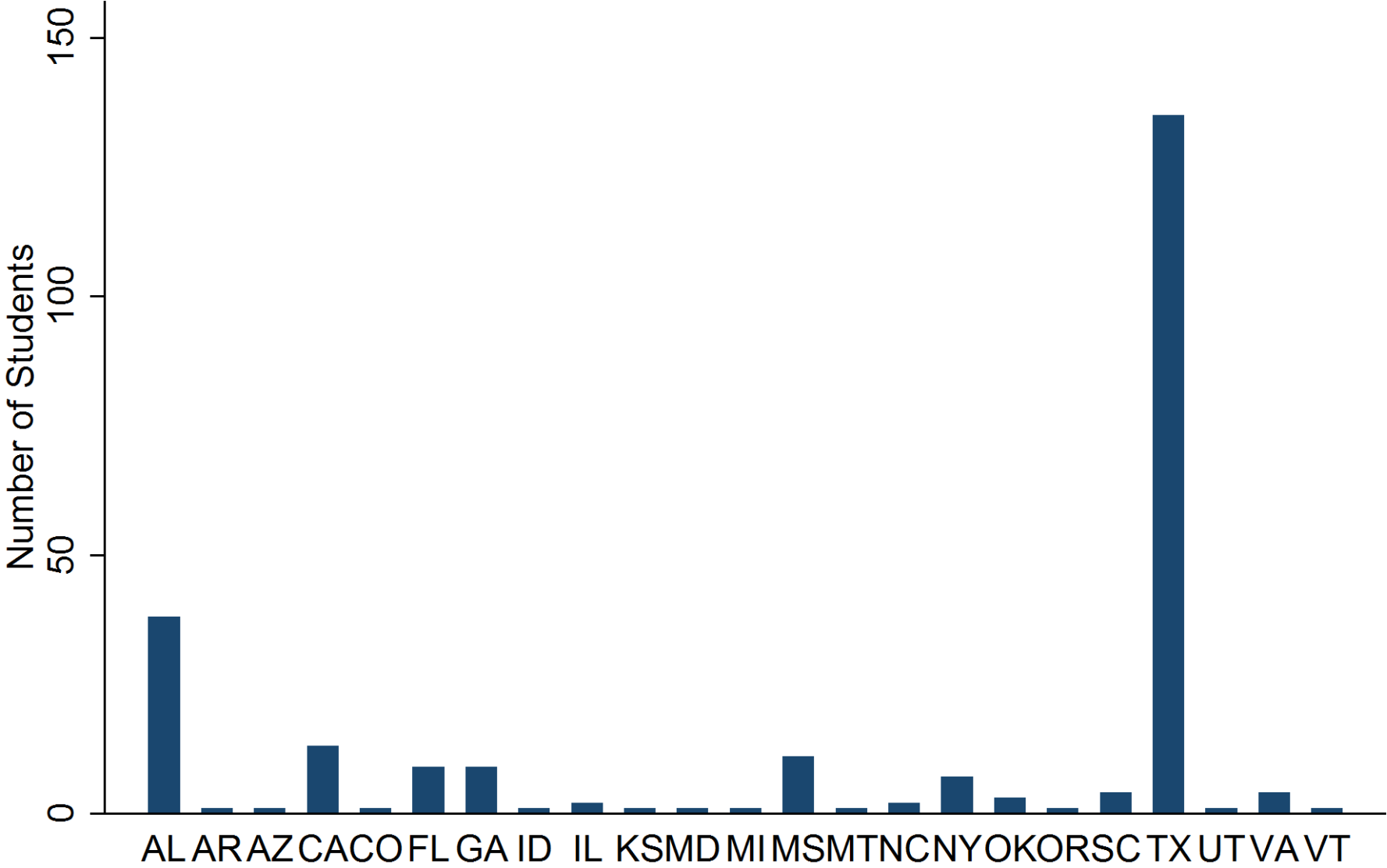
Q16: Countries with Death Penalty

A: None
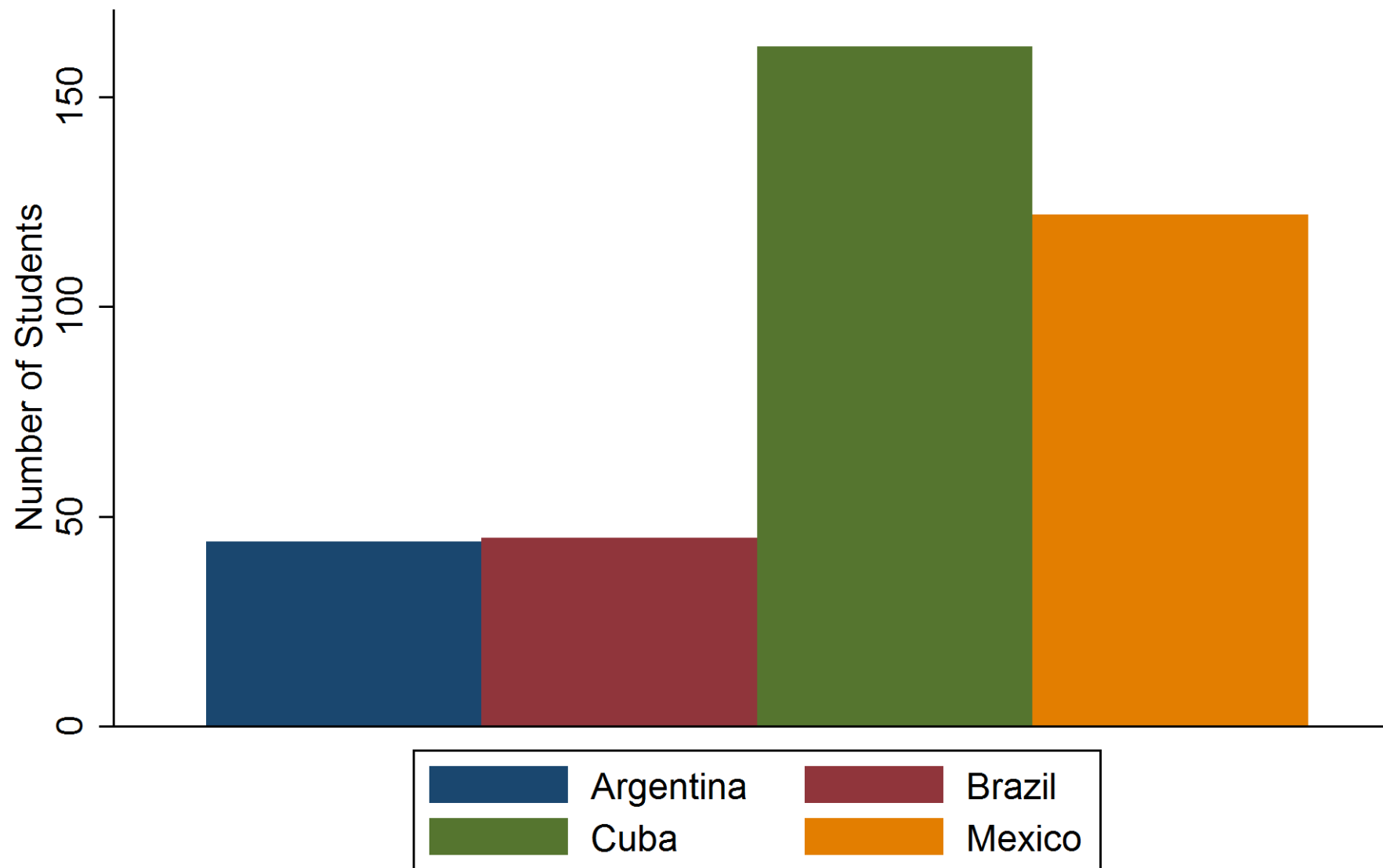
Q17: Countries with Death Penalty

A: China and Japan
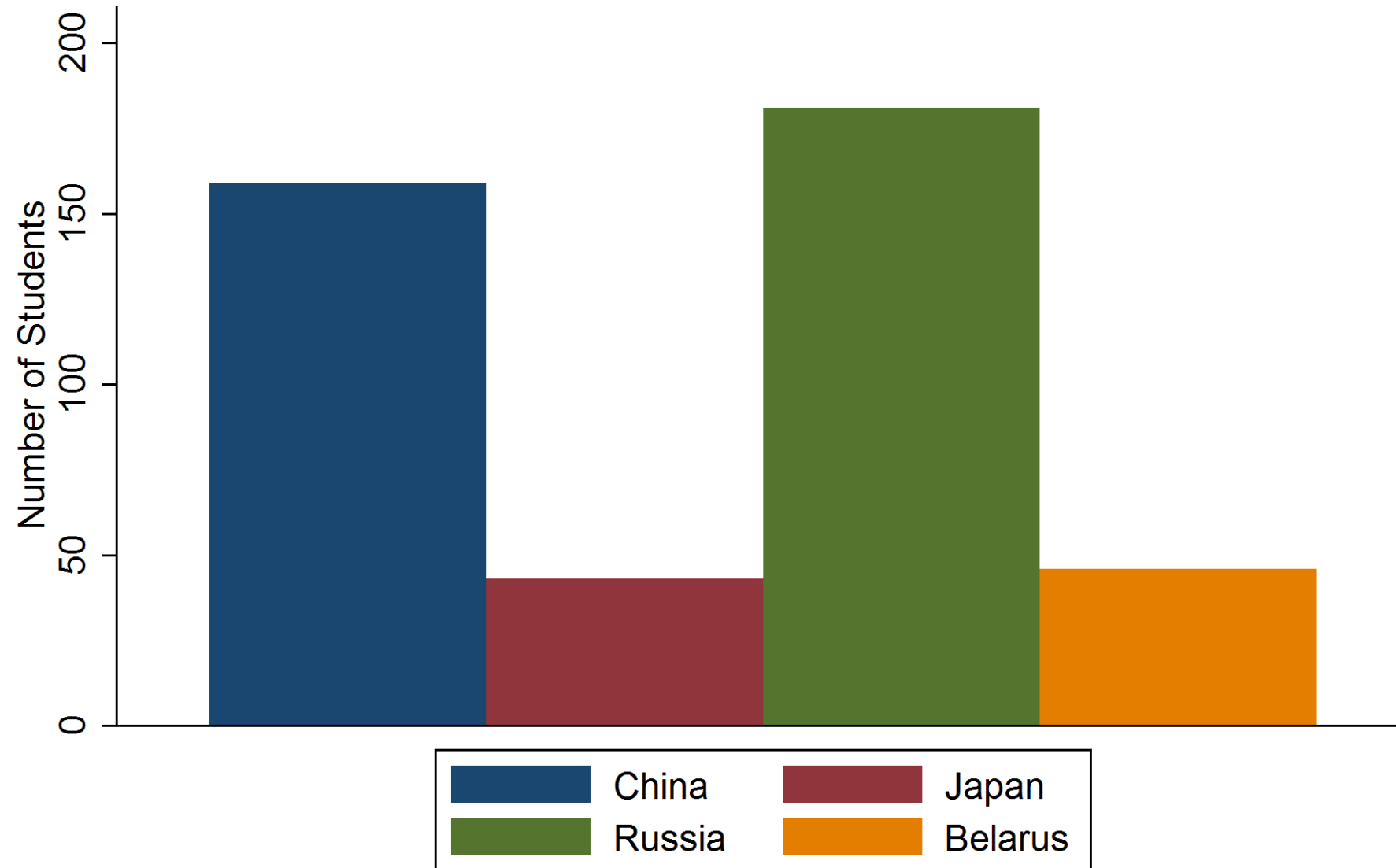
Q18: Abolished death penalty in last decade
A: Illinois and New Mexico
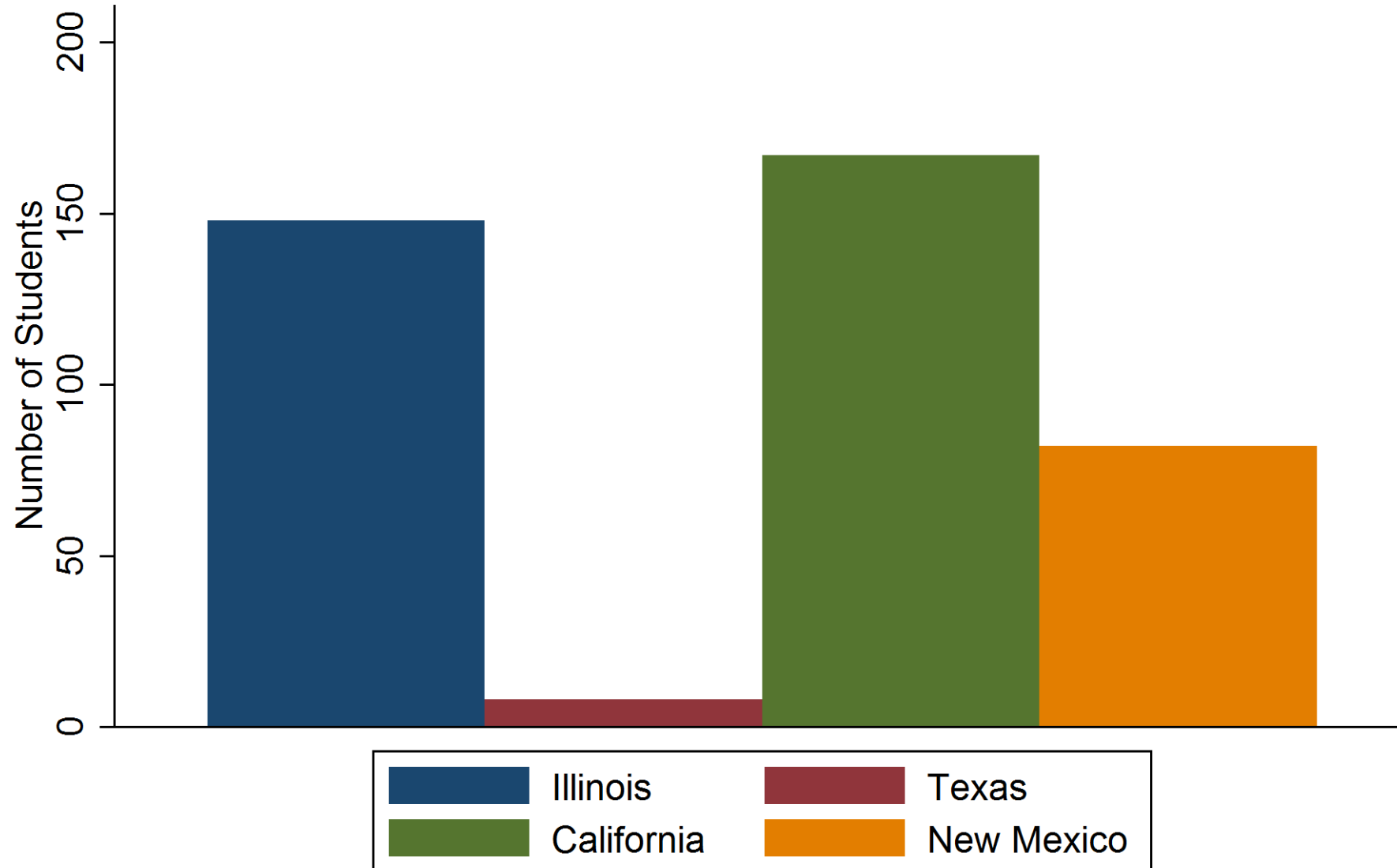
Q19: Number of Exonerees from Death Row
A: 150-160
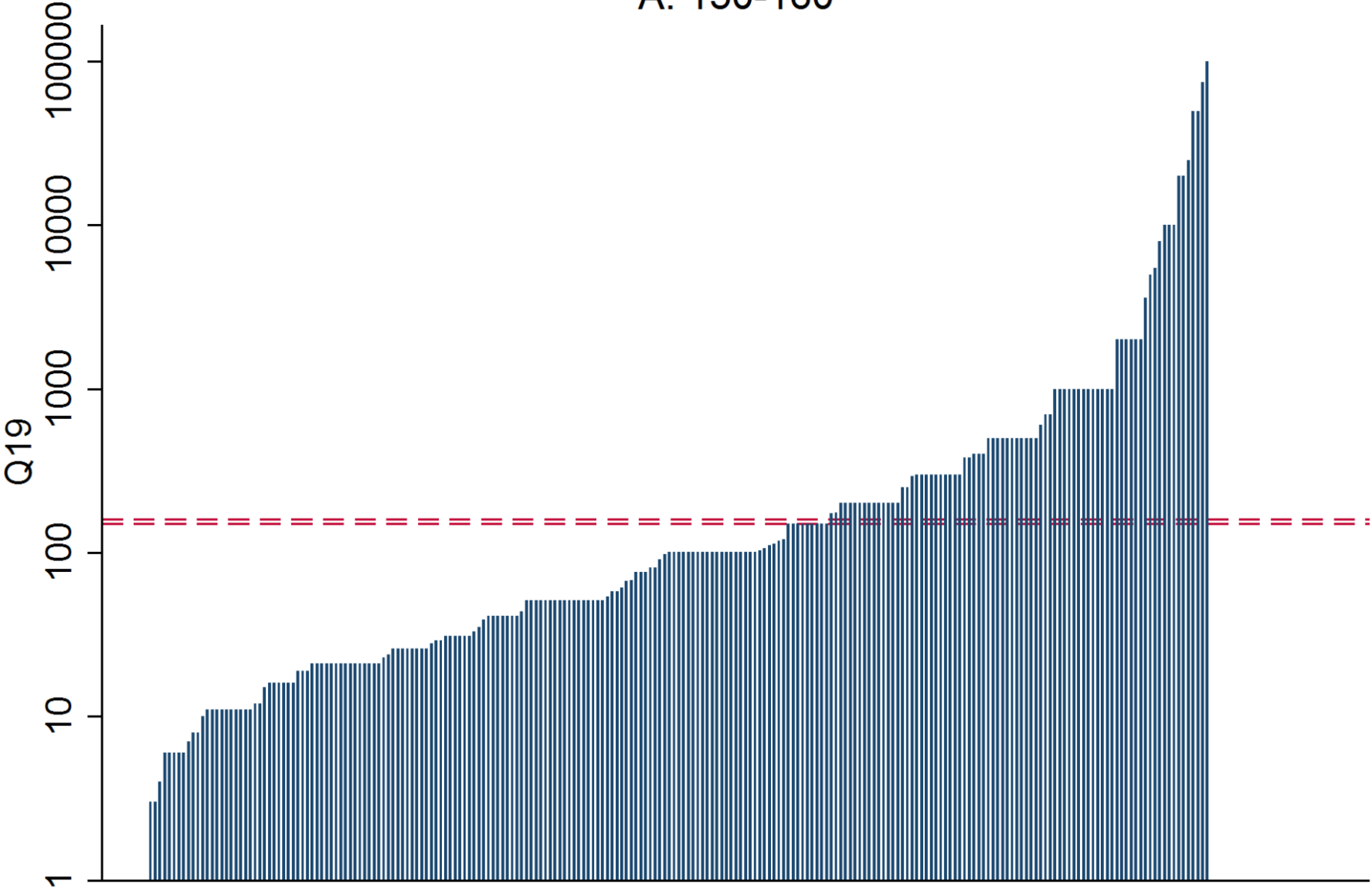
Q20: County w/ most Death Sentences since 1976, NC

A: Robeson
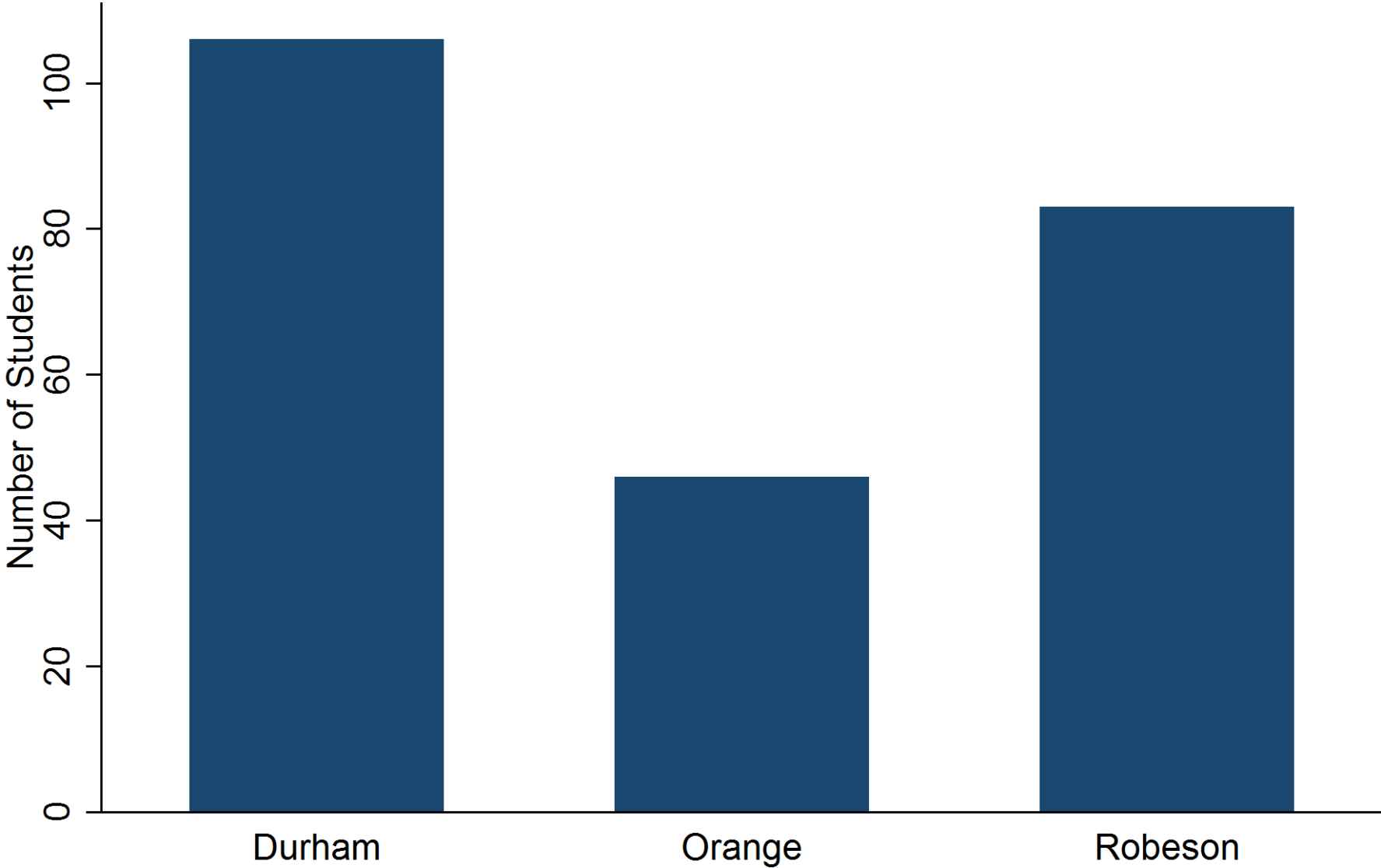
Q21: State Most Likely to Execute
A: Virginia
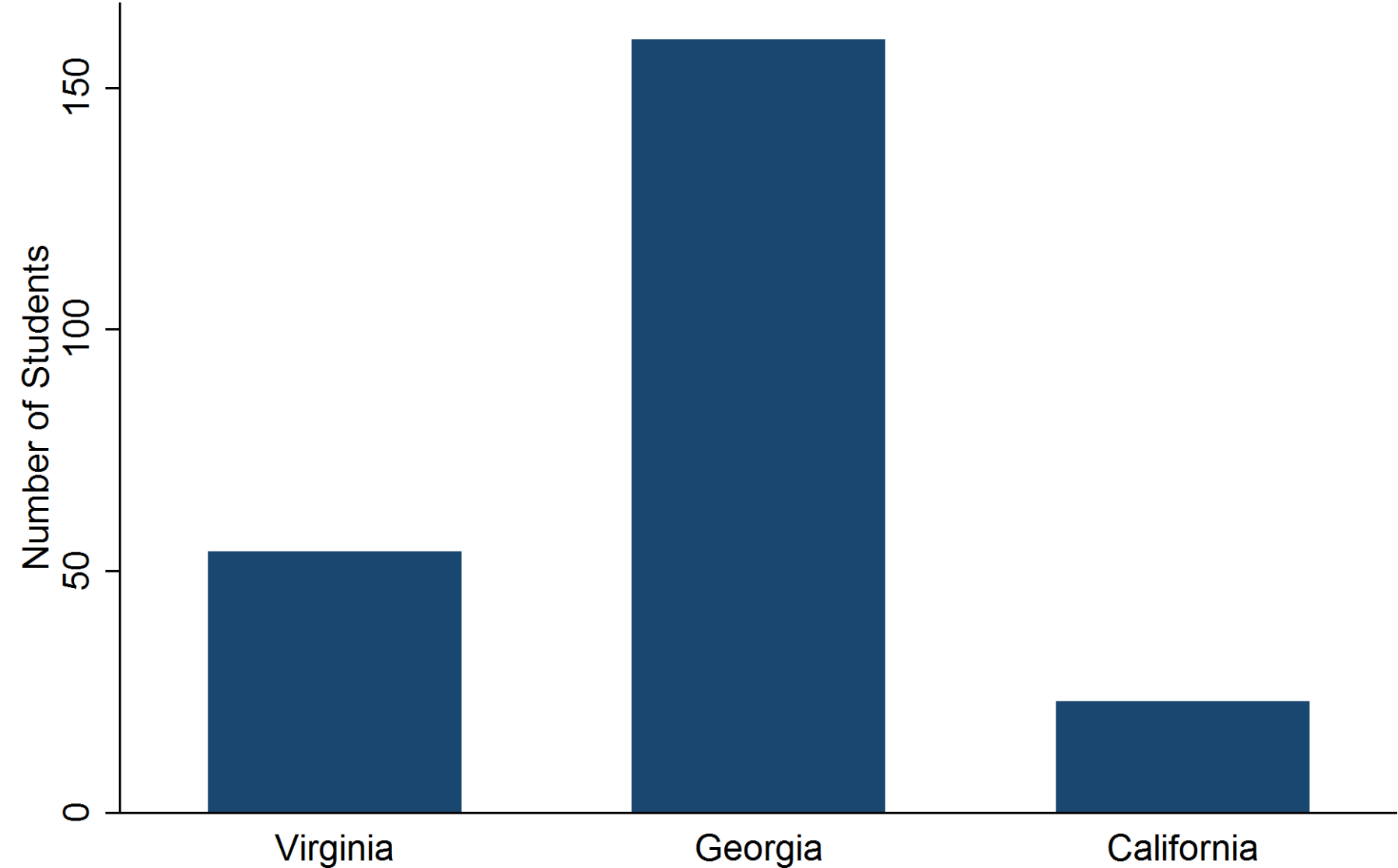
Q22: Most Homicides

A: Los Angeles
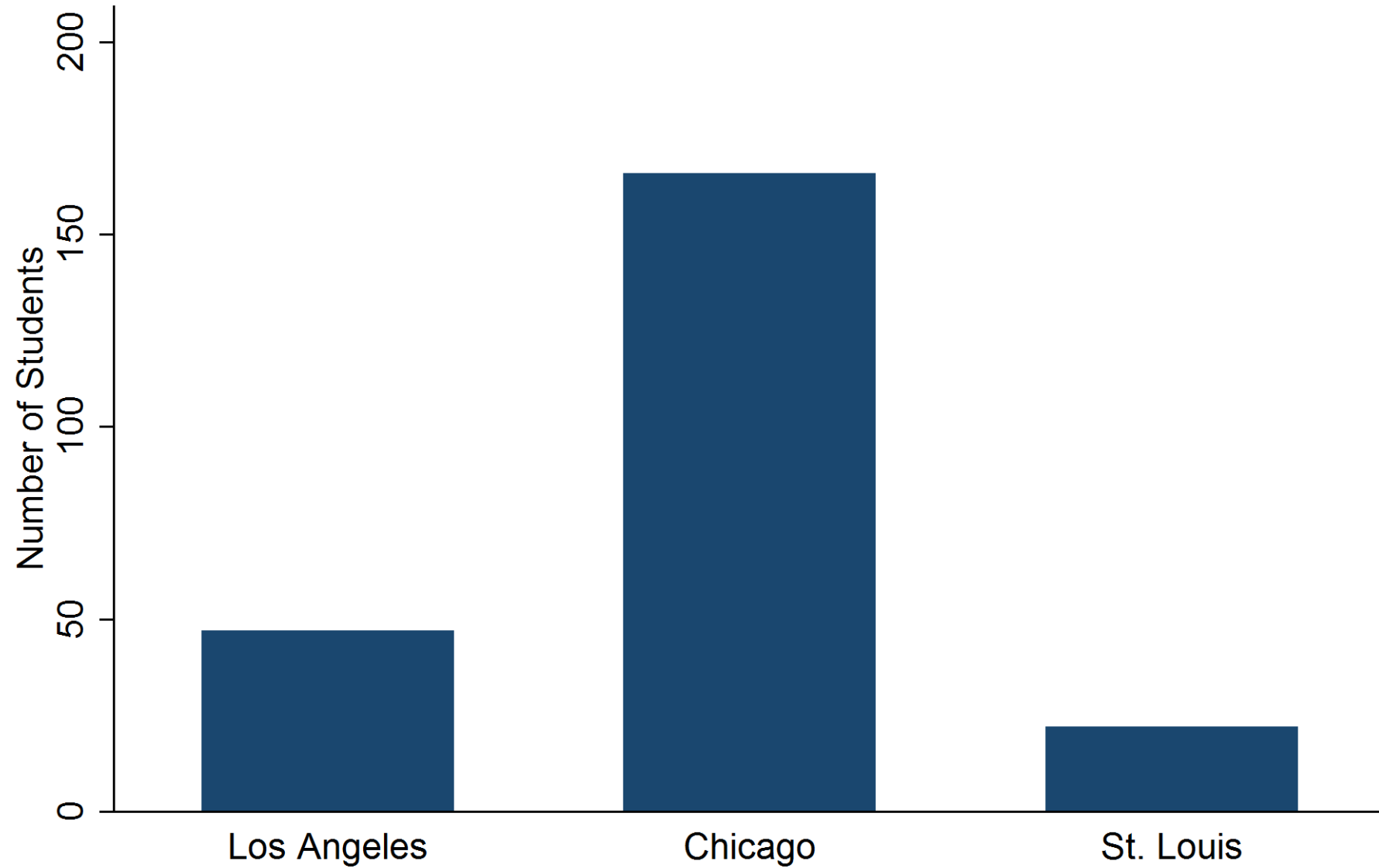
Q23: Most Executions

A: St. Louis
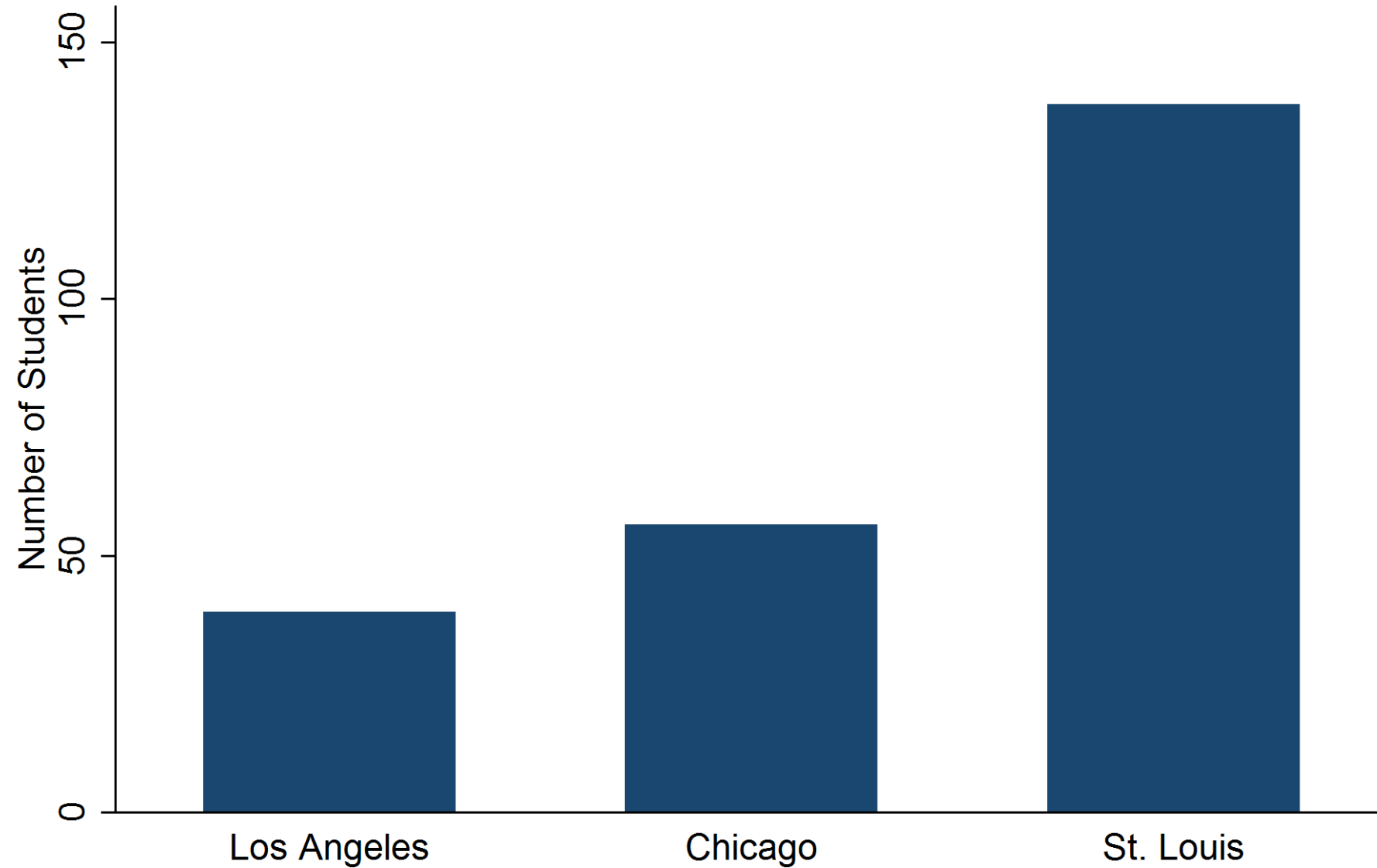
Q24: City/County w/ Most Executions
A: Houston, TX/Harris County, TX

Number of Students (y-axis: 0, 10, 20, 30)

Categories (x-axis): Alabama, Atlanta, Auburn, Austin, Baltimore, Baton Rouge, Birmingham, Boston, California, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, El Paso, Georgia, Guilford, Houston, Jackson MS, Los Angeles, Louisiana, Mobile, Montgomery, New Orleans, New York, Orange, Orange County, Orange County CA, Philadelphia, Rowen, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Francisco, Savannah, St. Louis, Tallahassee, Texas, Tuscaloosa

Q25: Currently Has Death Penalty

A: Oregon
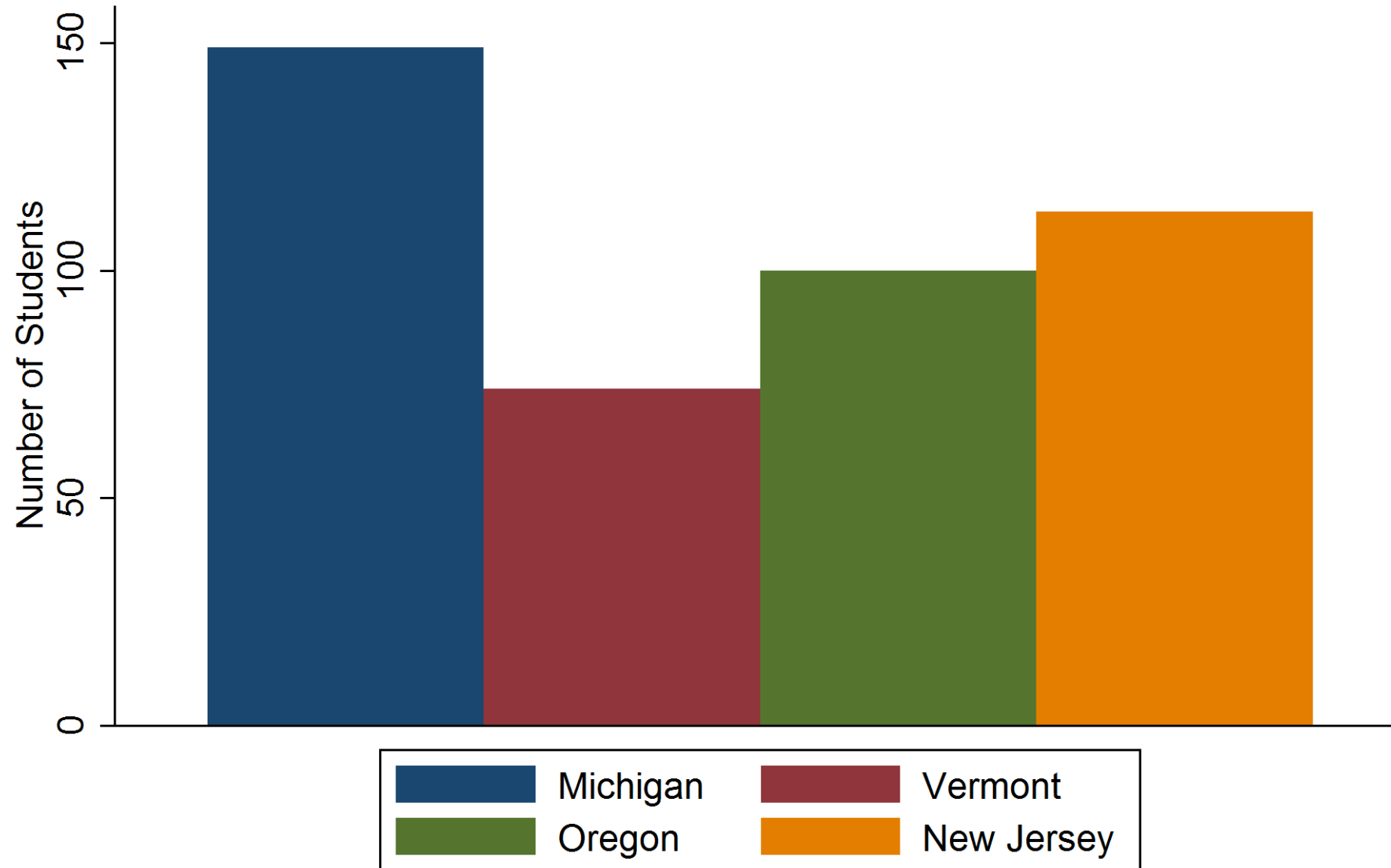
Distribution of Quiz Scores (out of 25)

Mean: 5.65, Median: 6
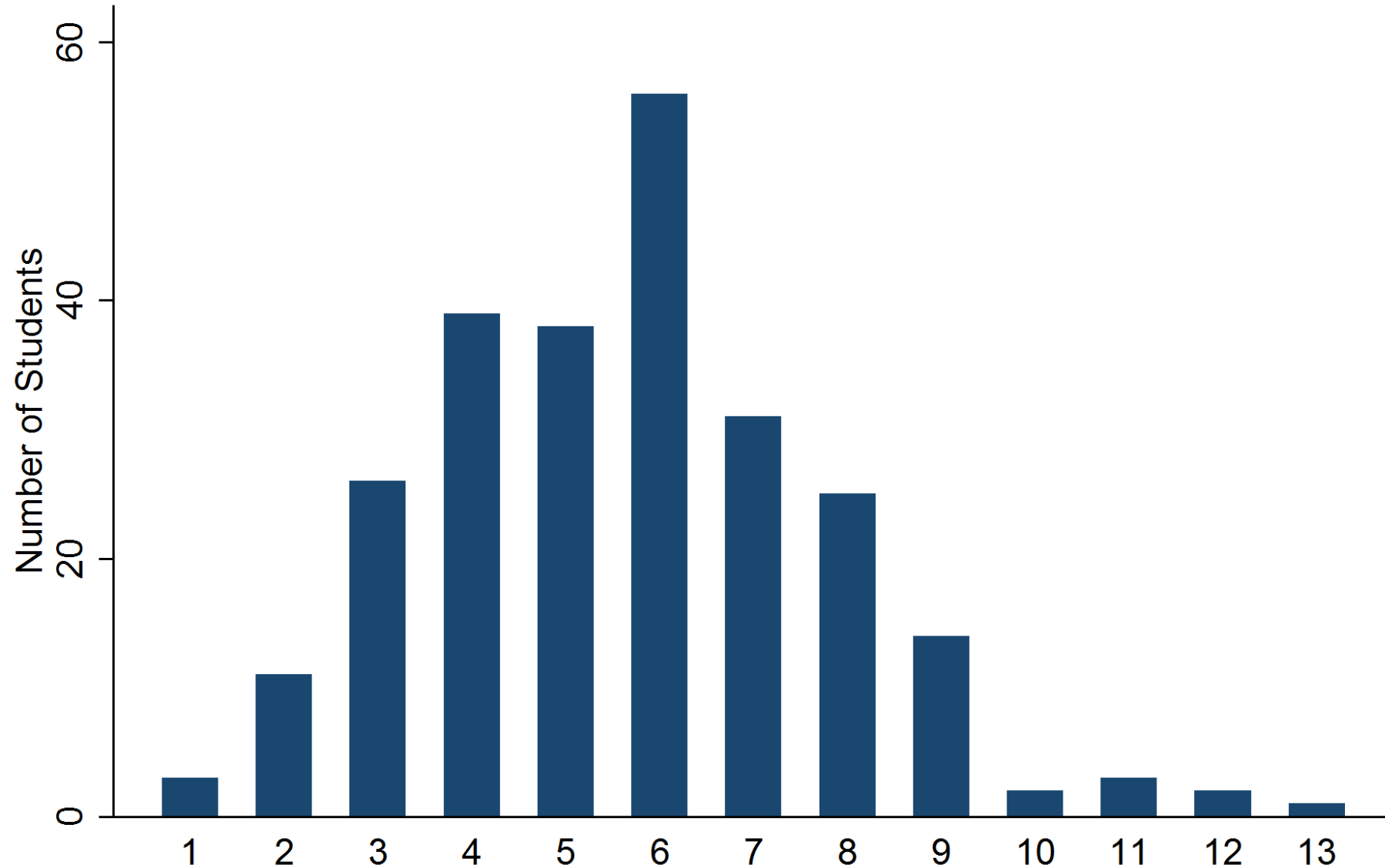
SURVEY RESULTS

Q1: Statement Closest to Death Penalty Opinion
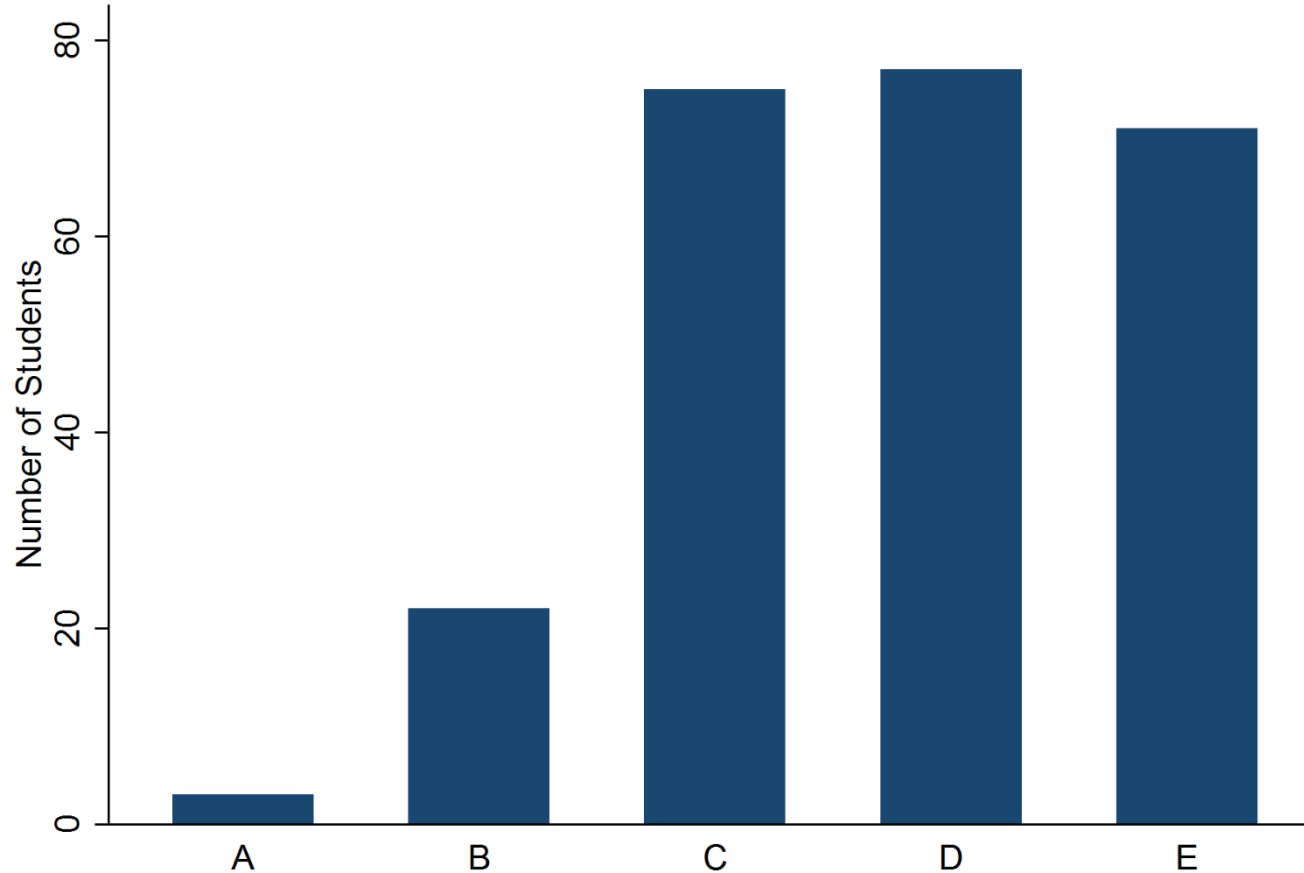
- a. Any homicide should be punished by death, with minimal appeals or legal technicalities.

- b. Some crimes are so horrendous that the offender deserves to die. In fact, it is not used enough.

- c. The death penalty should be available but only used in the most extreme cases. It should be used less often than it is now, but should not be eliminated.

- d. The death penalty is acceptable in the abstract; however, there are too many practical problems with how it is applied, so it should be abolished.

- e. The death penalty is morally wrong and should never be used in any circumstances.

Q2: Give three key words that summarize the reasons for your opinion above.

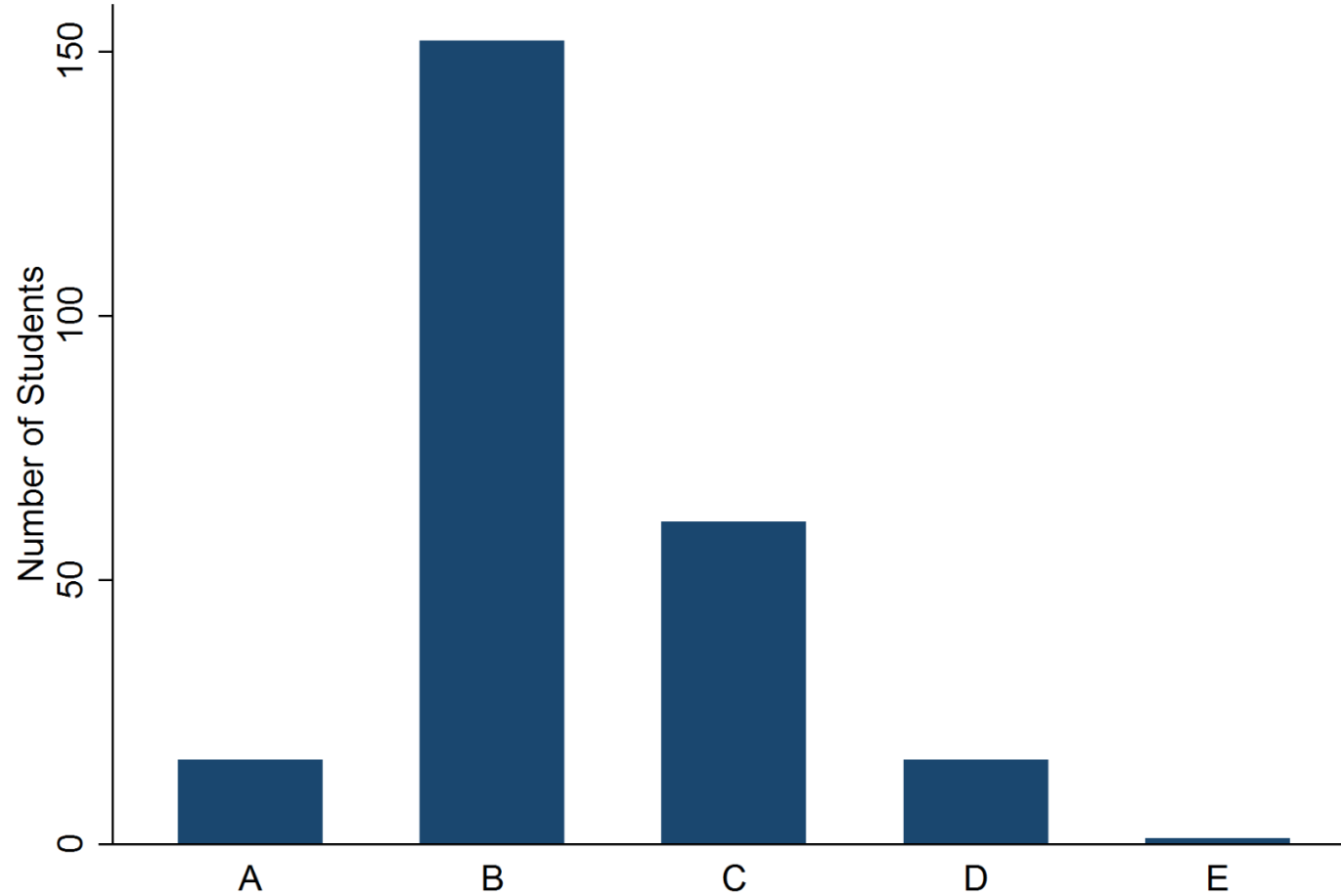Q3: Three key words that you believe represent the strongest arguments in favor of the death penalty:

Q4: Three key words that represent what you believe to be the strongest arguments against the death penalty:.

Q5: Knowledge of Death Penalty

- a. I really have to admit I don't know much about it. In fact, I have never really thought much about it.

- b. Like many people my age, I've thought about it some but I'm not really more knowledgeable than others.

- c. I'm probably above average in terms of knowledge.

- d. I've studied it a fair bit, actually, for example for some term paper or school projects.

- e. Not to brag, but I really know a lot about it.

Q6: Strength of opinion
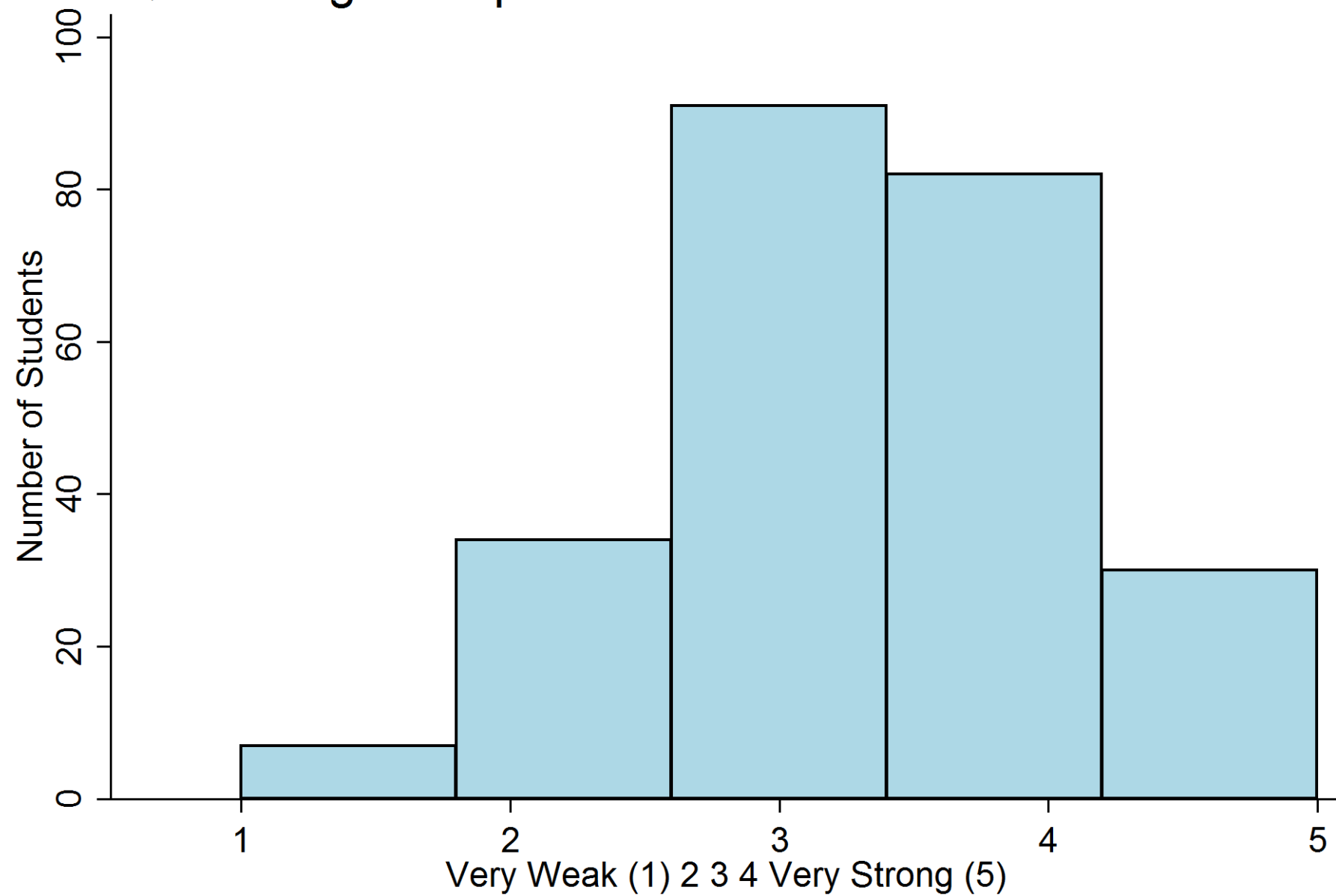
Q7: Which describes your opinion?
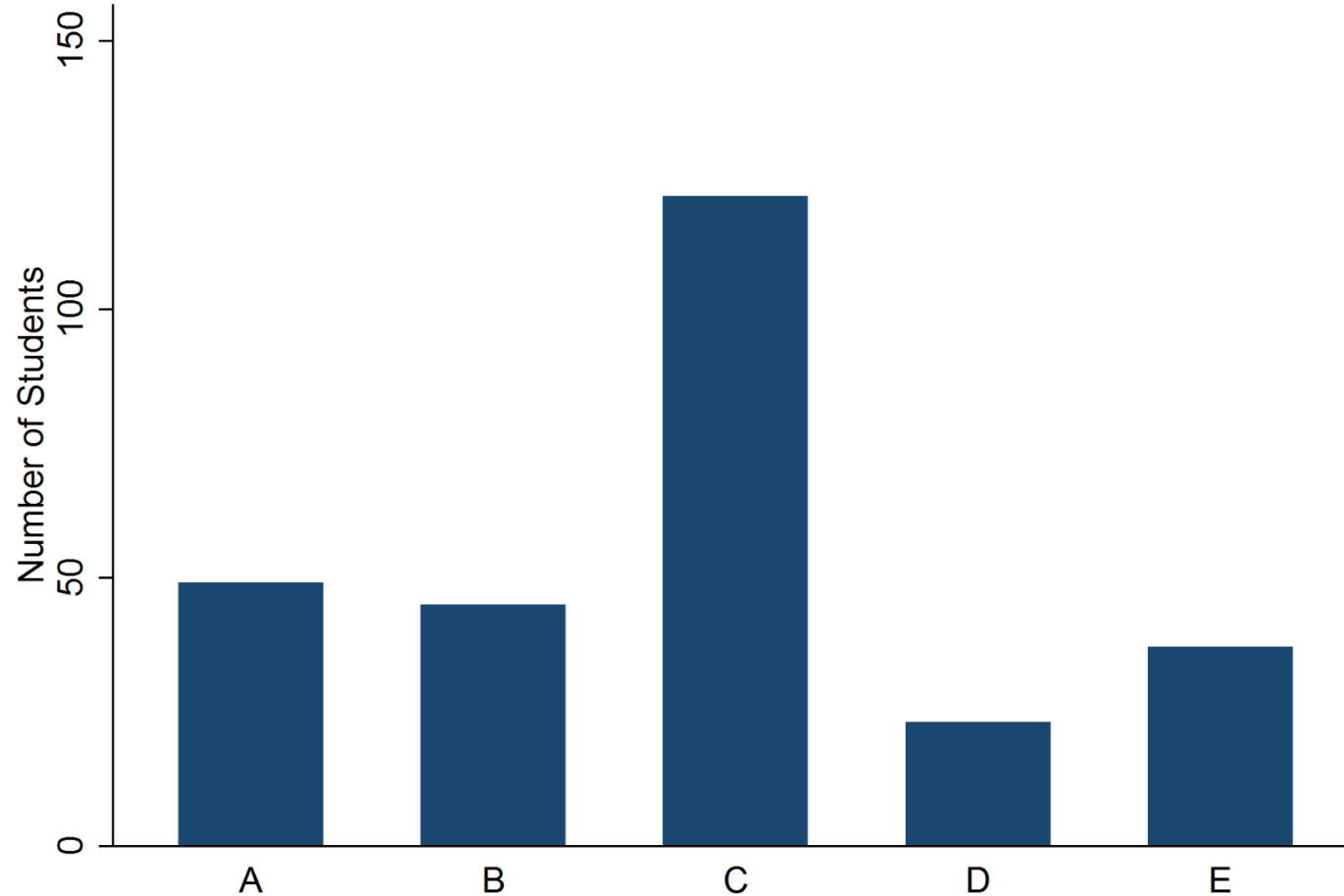
- a. My opinions are not really very strong; I could be convinced either way really.

- b. I don't really know that much about it, but I do have strong opinions anyway because I got a feel for what is right or wrong from my family or church.

- c. My opinions on the death penalty are about as strong as my opinions on other issues, no stronger or weaker.

- d. I know that the death penalty is [right or wrong] and frankly it really doesn't matter to me what the facts are. It's an abstract question based on morality.

- e. My opinions on the death penalty are central to my political, family, or religious identity.