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International Benchmarking and PISA: No Time to Sit on the Sidelines

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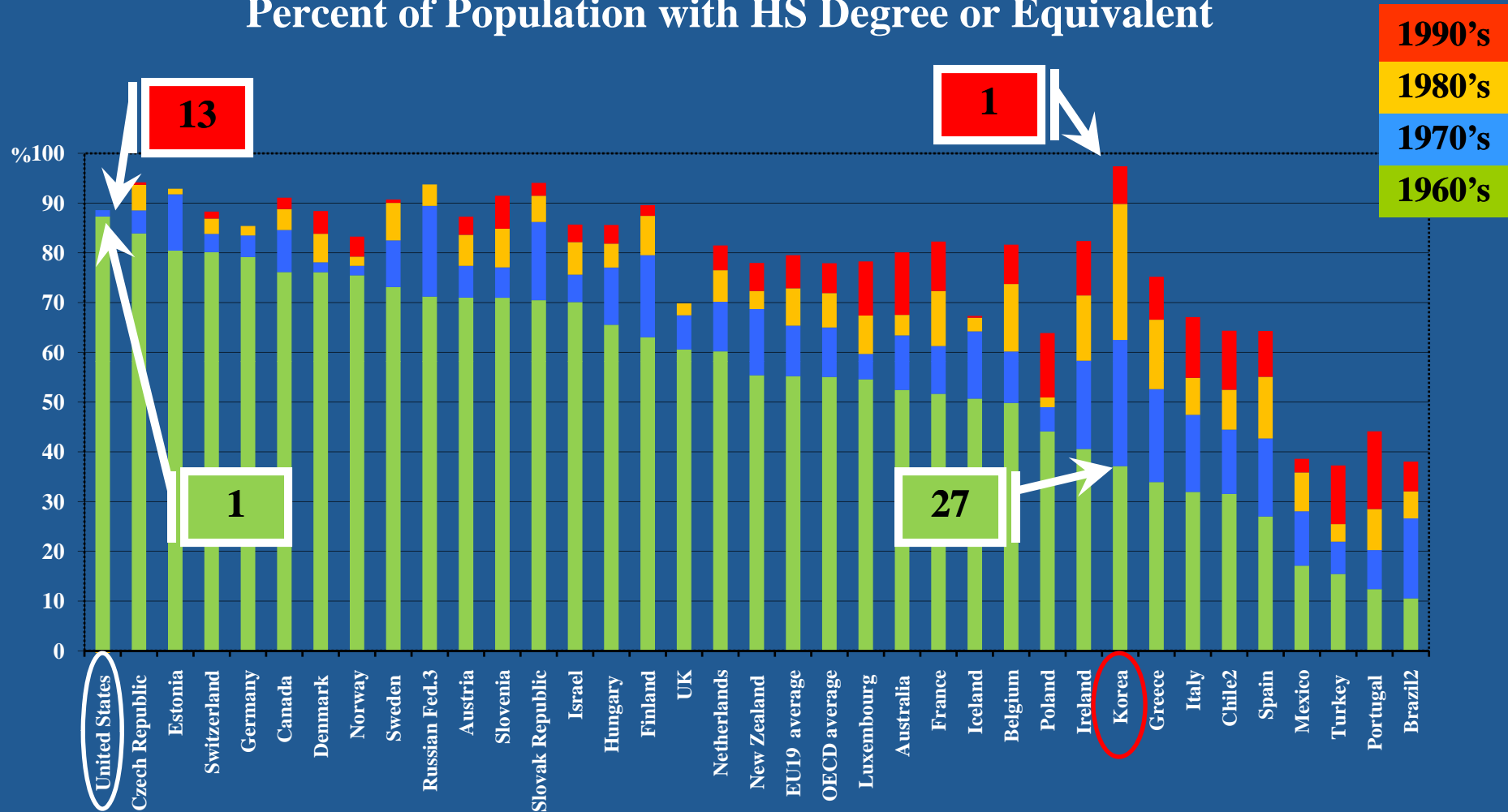
PISA Myths

- The U.S. cannot learn from other countries because the U.S. has different challenges, such as a high number of immigrant students.
- Other countries only send their best students while the US sends all students.
- We cannot compare results from the U.S. to results from small countries like Finland.



As Others Rise to the Challenge, U.S. Advantage Drops

Percent of Population with HS Degree or Equivalent



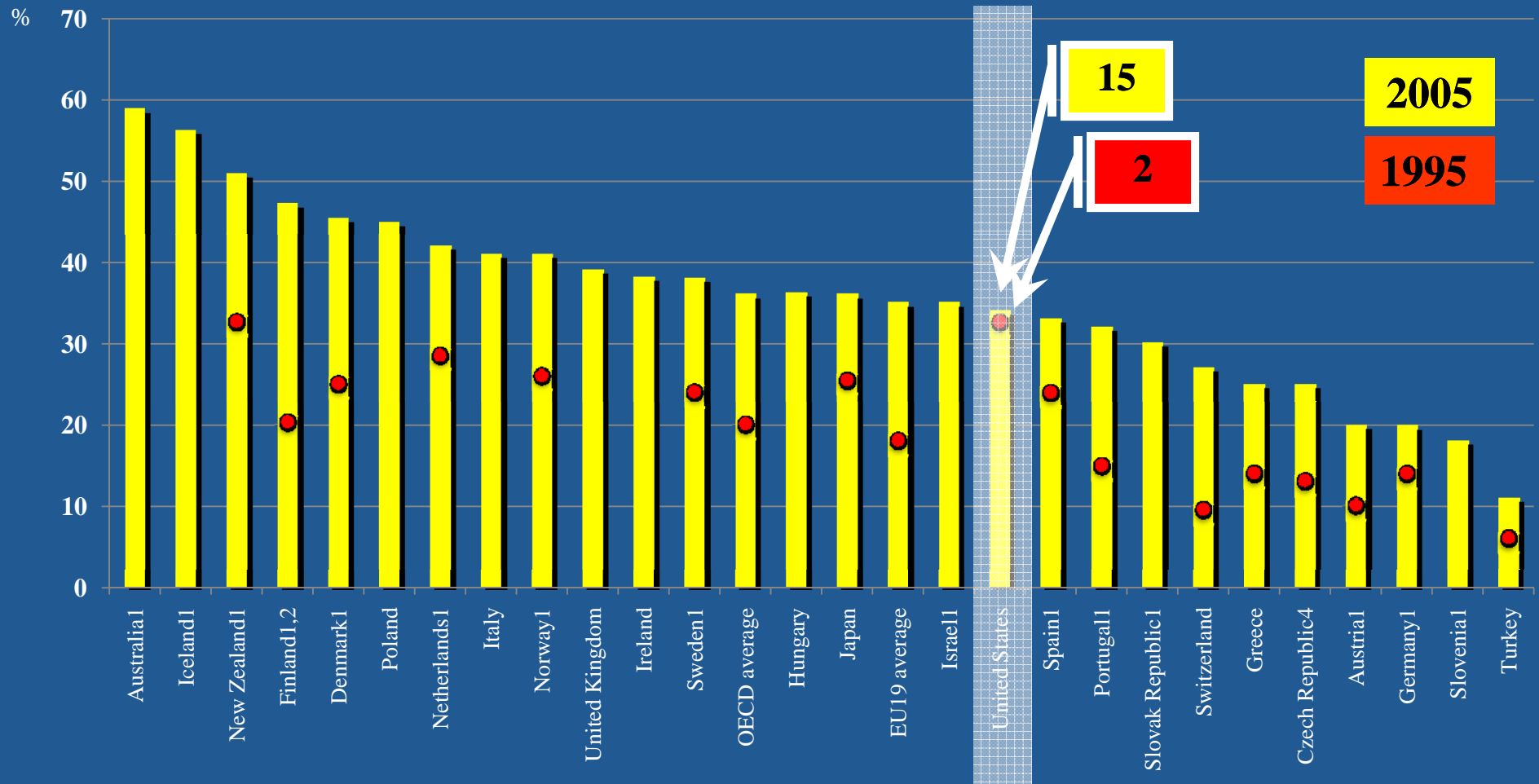
Notes: 1) Excluding ISCED 3C short programmes; 2) Year of reference 2004; 3) Year of reference 2003. 4) Percent population receiving a HS degree in each decade is approximated by the age cohort typically receiving diplomas at that time; e.g. 1960s is approximated by the proportion of 55-64 year olds with a high school diploma.

Source: OECD 2008



Even in Higher Education, the World is Catching up...

College Graduation Rates



Note: 1. Net graduation rate is calculated by summing the graduation rates by single year of age in 2005. 2. Year of reference 2004.

Source: OECD 2007



International Benchmarking Opportunities

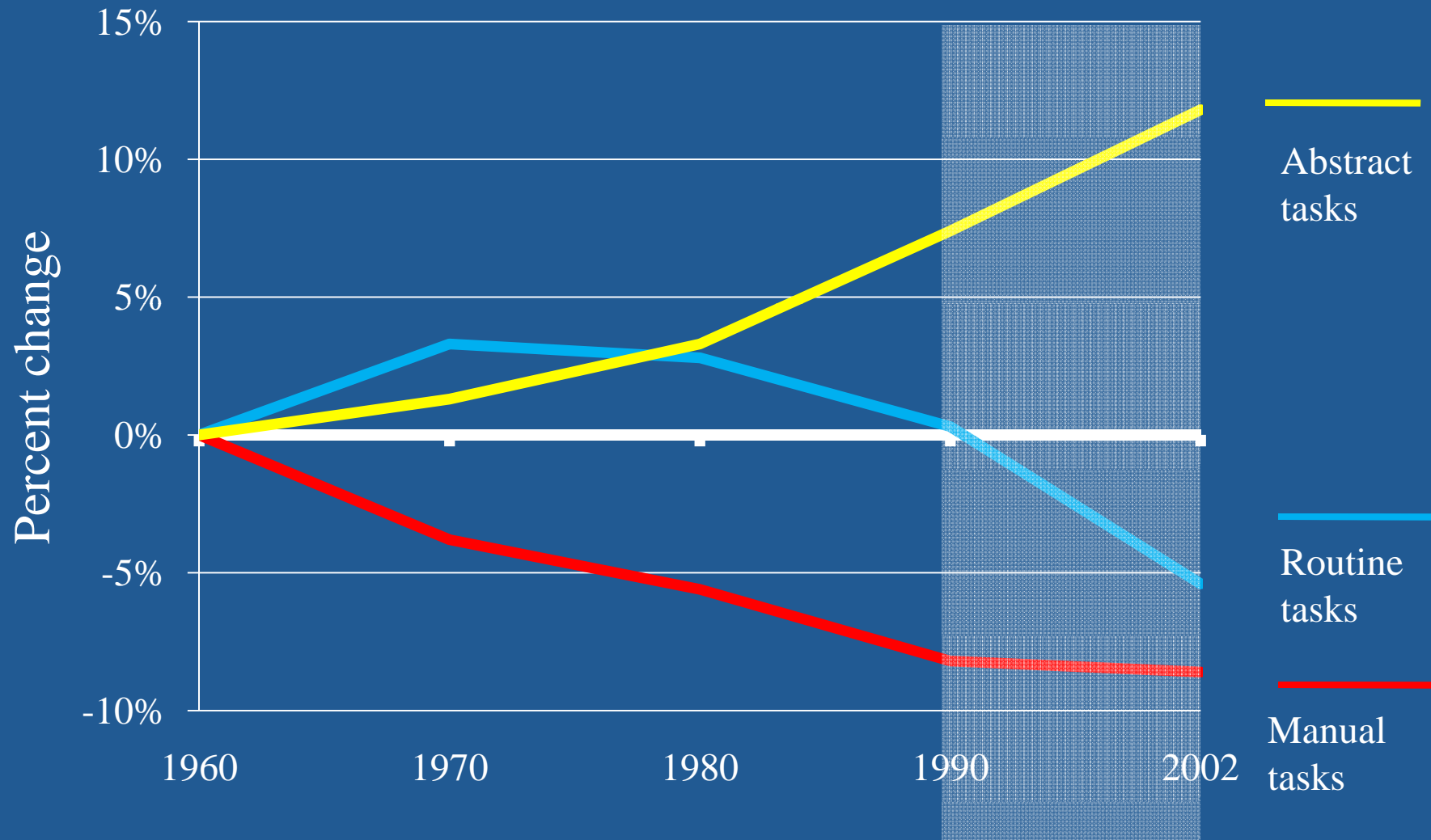
On-Site Reviews of National Policies for Education	Attracting, Developing and Retaining Effective Teachers - Analytical Review	Attracting, Developing and Retaining Effective Teachers - Country Review	Higher Education for the Knowledge Society - Analytical Review	Higher Education for the Knowledge Society- Country Review	Improving School Leadership	Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS)
Albania	Australia	Austria	Australia	China	Australia	Australia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Austria	Belgium (1)	Belgium (3)	Croatia	Austria	Austria
Bulgaria	Belgium (1)	Germany	Chile	Czech Republic	Belgium (4)	Belgium
Chile	Canada (2)	Hungary	China	Estonia	Chile	Brazil
Croatia	Chile	Italy	Croatia	Finland	Denmark	Bulgaria
Denmark	Denmark	Korea	Czech Republic	Iceland	Finland	Denmark
Dominican Republic	Finland	Spain	Estonia	Japan	France	Estonia
Estonia	France	Sweden	Finland	Korea	Hungary	Hungary
Finland	Germany	Switzerland	France	Mexico	Ireland	Iceland
Macedonia (FYROM)	Greece		Greece	Netherlands	Israel	Ireland
Ireland	Hungary		Iceland	New Zealand	Korea	Italy
Italy	Ireland		Japan	Norway	Netherlands	Korea
Kazakhstan	Israel		Korea	Poland	New Zealand	Lithuania
Korea	Italy		Mexico	Spain	Norway	Malta
Kosovo	Japan		Netherlands		Portugal	Malaysia
Latvia	Korea		New Zealand		Slovenia	Mexico
Lithuania	Mexico		Norway		Spain	Netherlands
Moldava	Netherlands		Poland		Sweden	Norway
Montenegro	Norway		Portugal		United Kingdom (5)	Poland
Norway	Slovak Republic		Russian Federation			Portugal
Portugal	Spain		Spain			Spain
Romania	Sweden		Sweden			Slovak Republic
Russian Federation	Switzerland		Switzerland			Slovenia
Scotland	United Kingdom		United Kingdom			Turkey
Serbia	United States					
Switzerland						
Turkey						

NOTES: 1) Flemish and French Communities, 2) Quebec only, 3) Flemish Community, 4) Flanders and French Community 5) England, Northern Ireland, and Scotland individually



The Economy Has Changed...Have Our Schools?

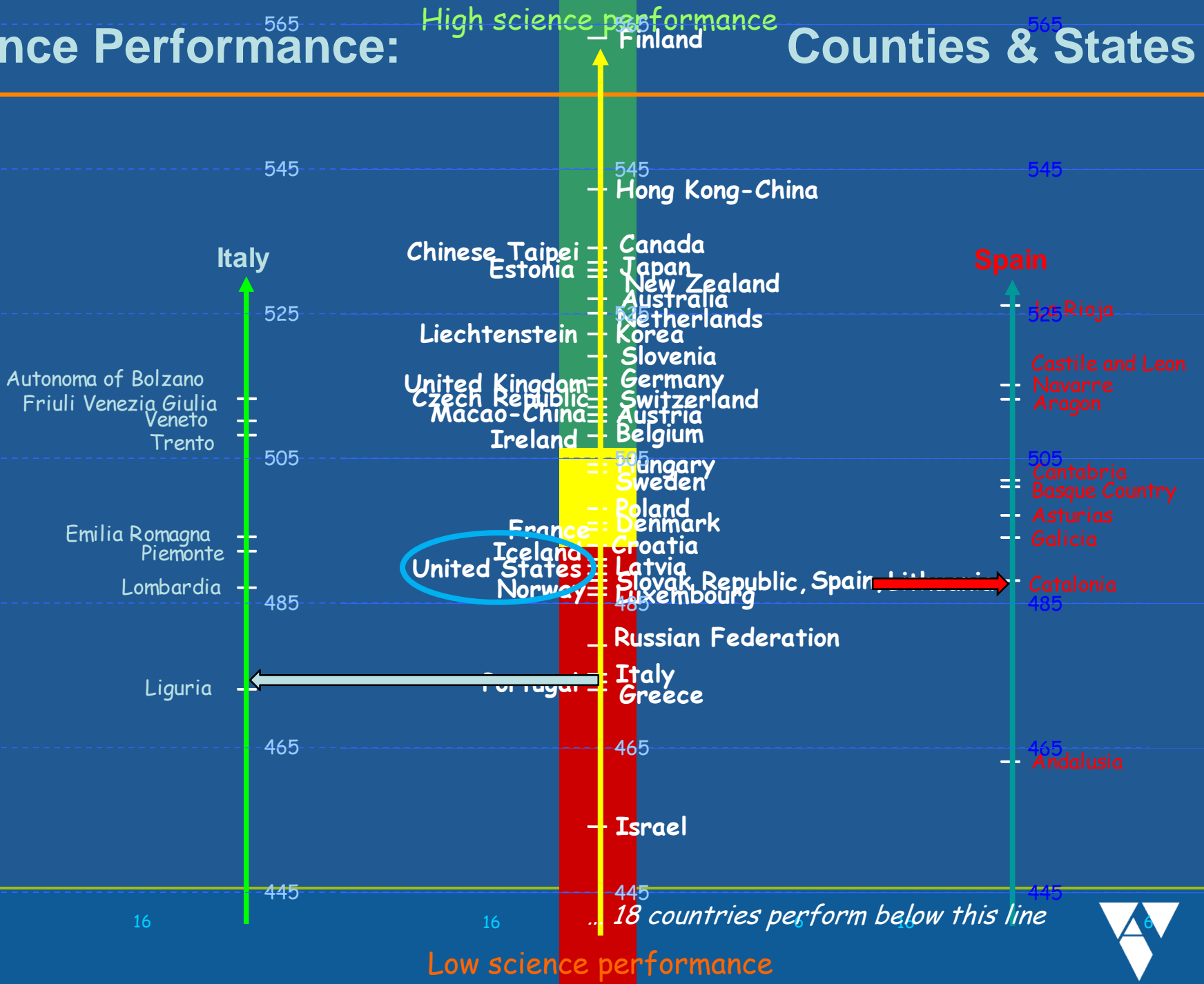
Tasks carried out by the American workforce 1960-2002



Sources: Autor, Levy, and Murnane 2003.

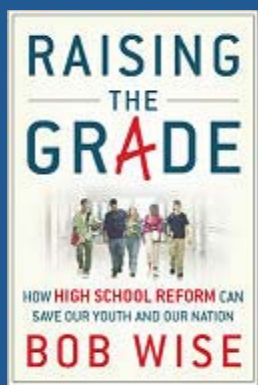


Science Performance: Counties & States



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