

# **GENDER EQUALITY MATTERS IN EDUCATION REFORM**

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# THREE FINNISH INNOVATIONS

# **1. BABY BOX**

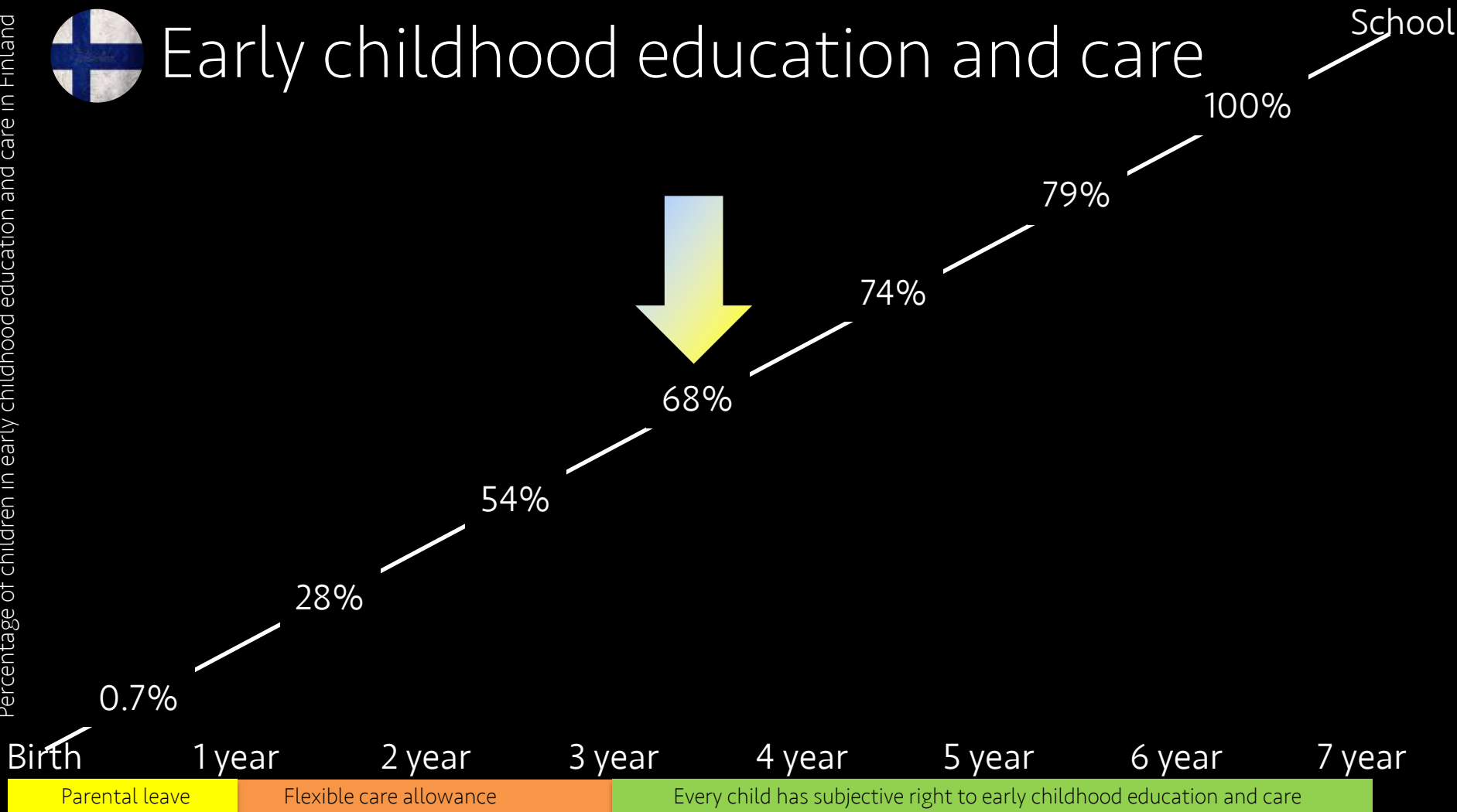
## **2. FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

# **3. RIGHT TO EARLY EDUCATION**



# Early childhood education and care

Percentage of children in early childhood education and care in Finland



Birth 1 year 2 year 3 year 4 year 5 year 6 year 7 year

Parental leave Flexible care allowance Every child has subjective right to early childhood education and care

**Other accomplishments influenced  
by women**

**Child-focused policies:**

**TIME**



# Time spent in school around the world

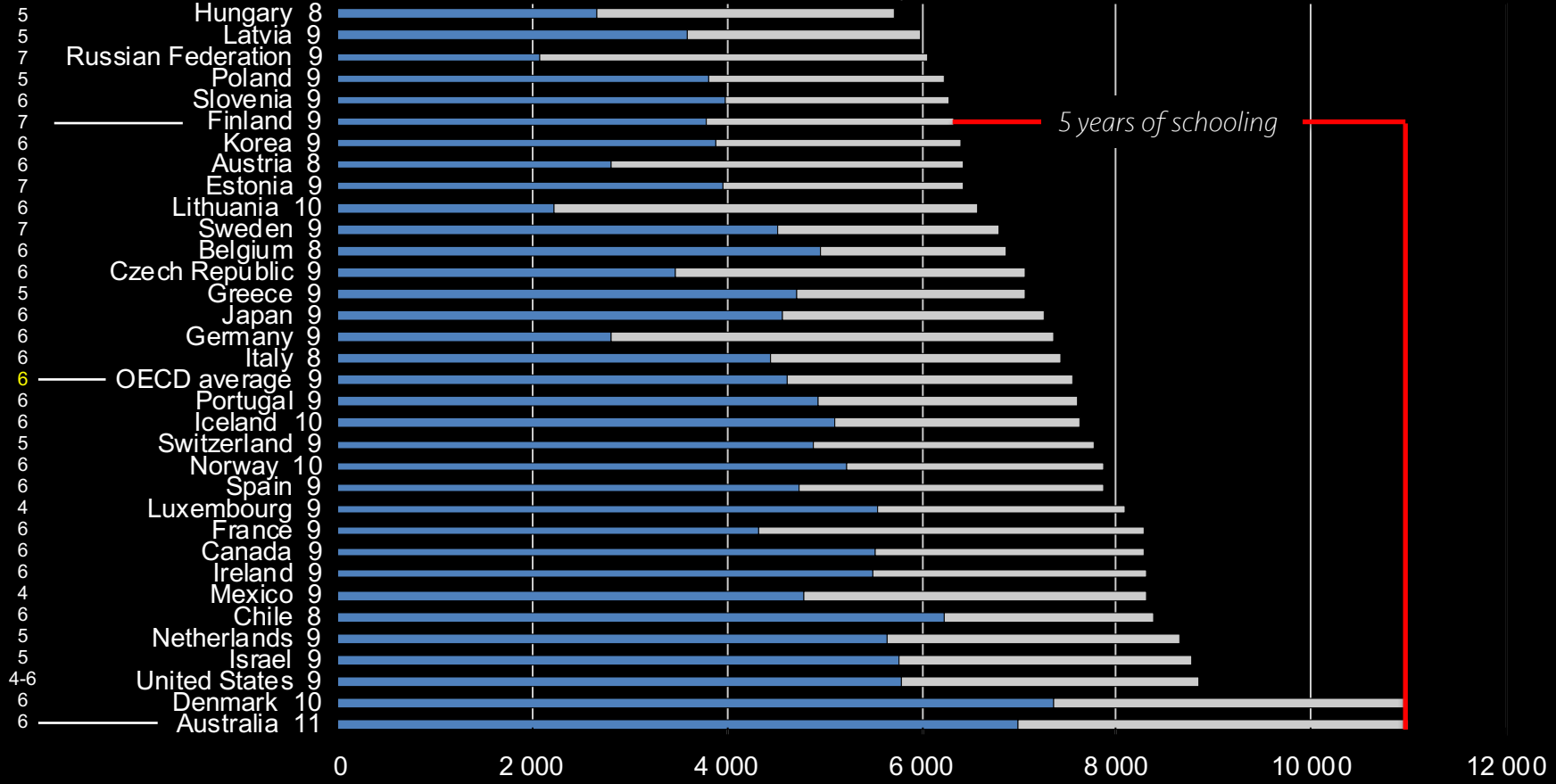
Starting age of compulsory education

Duration of primary and lower secondary education, in years

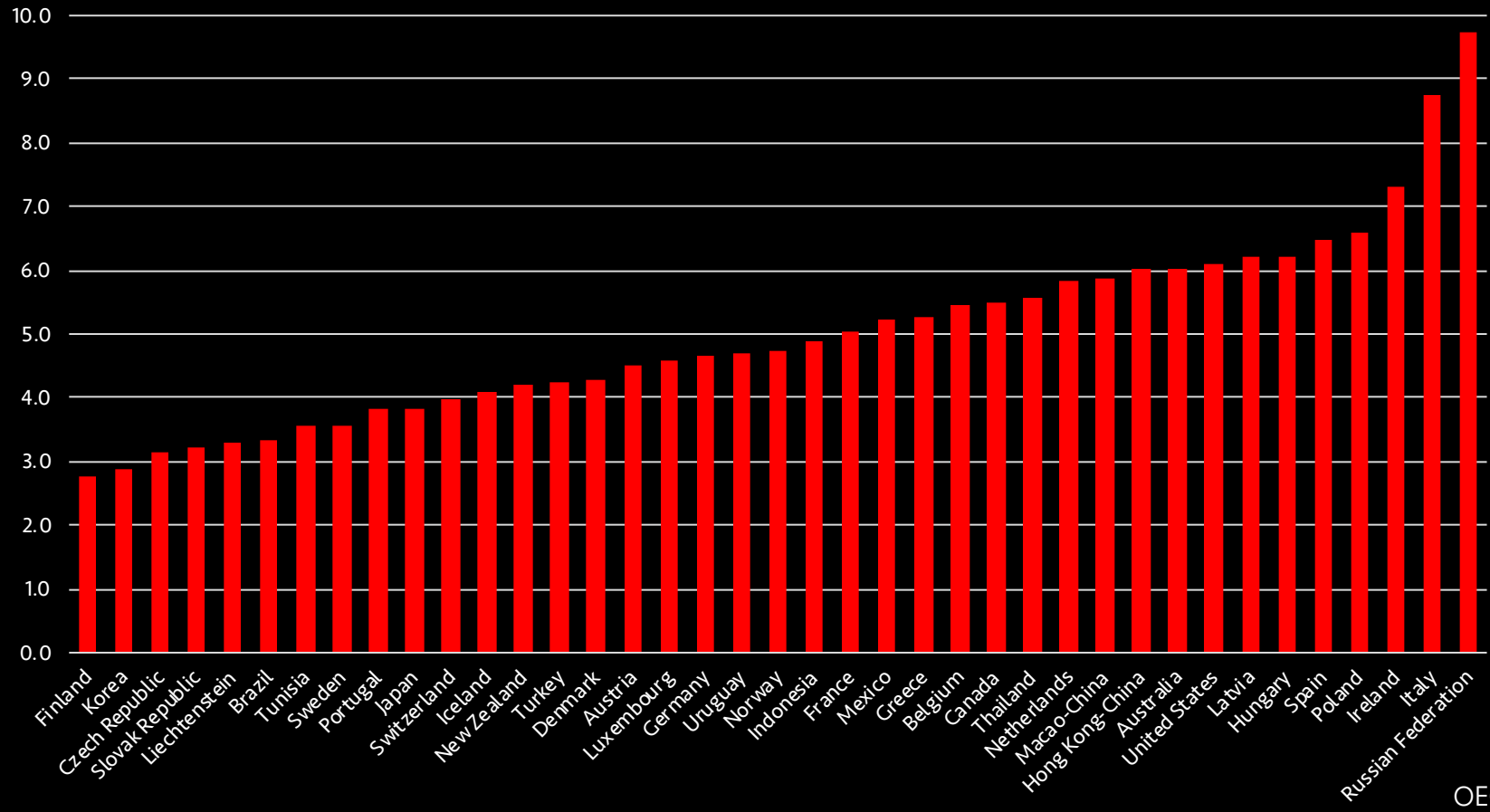
■ Primary

■ Lower secondary

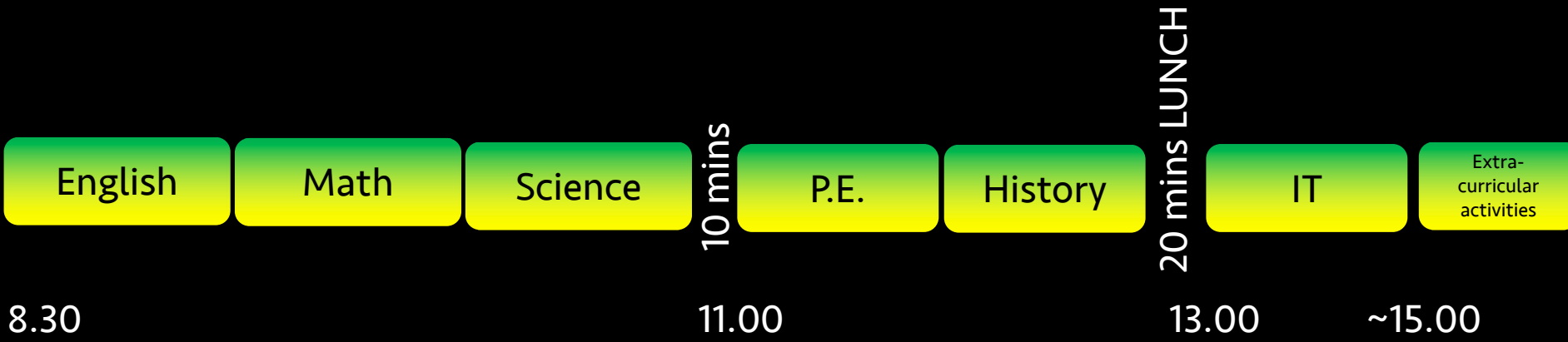
Total number of compulsory instruction hours



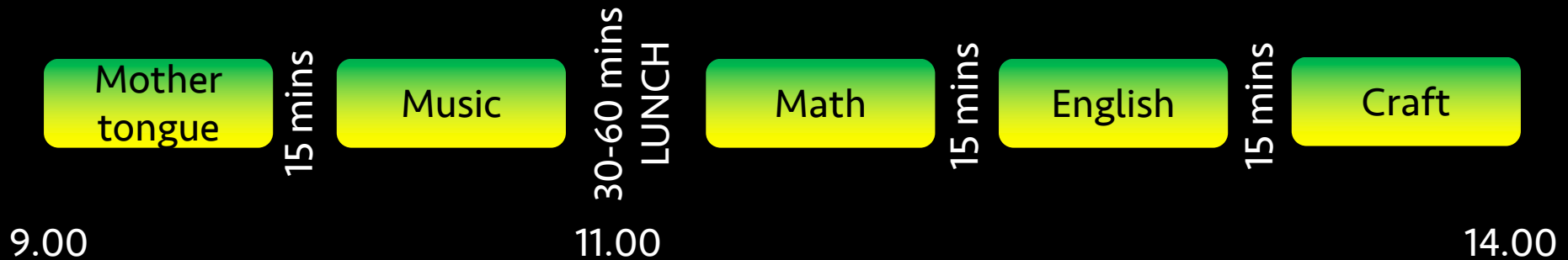
# Homework or other study set by teachers per week (hours)



# A typical 5<sup>th</sup> grade school day



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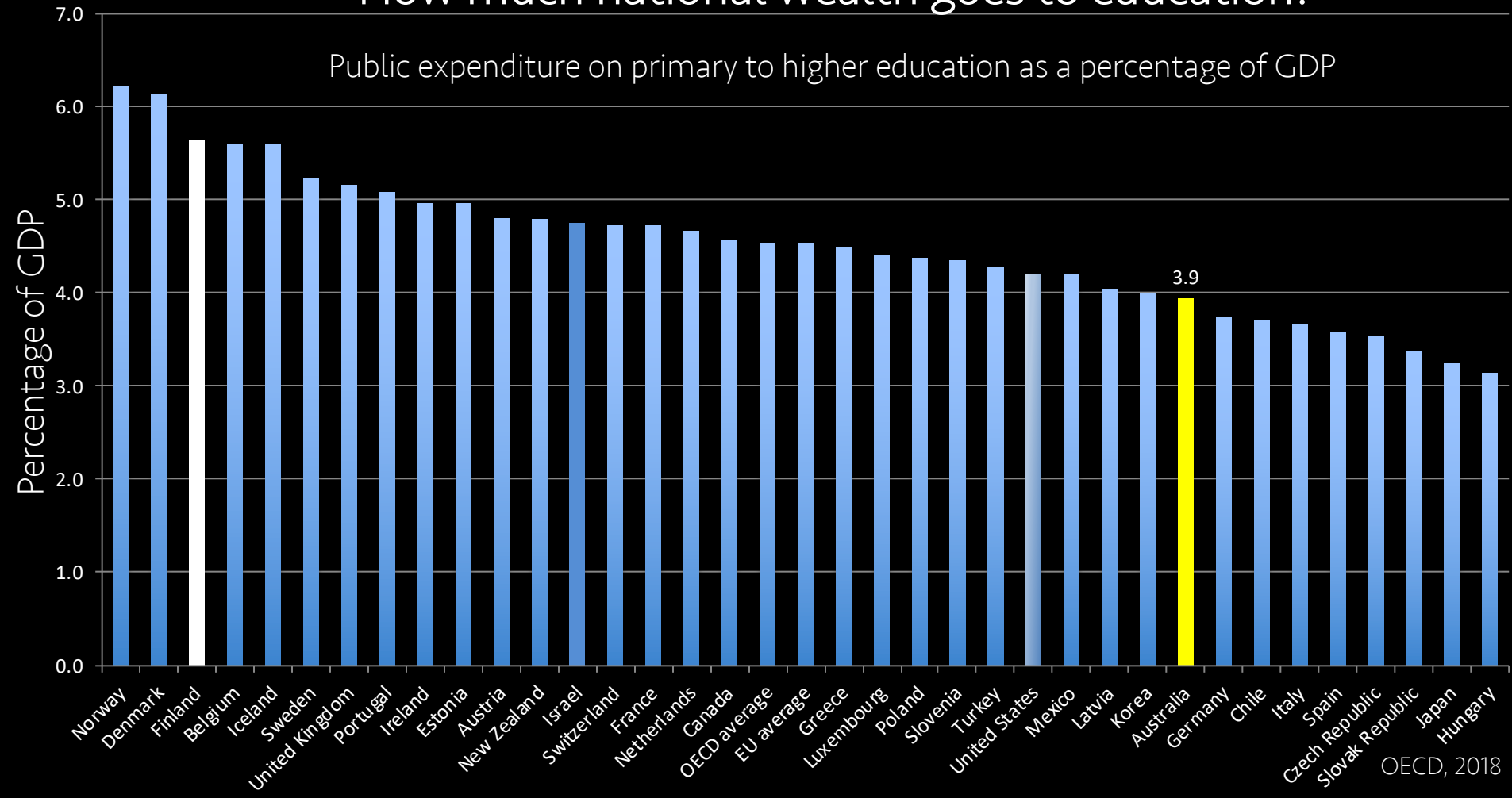


**Child-focused policies:**

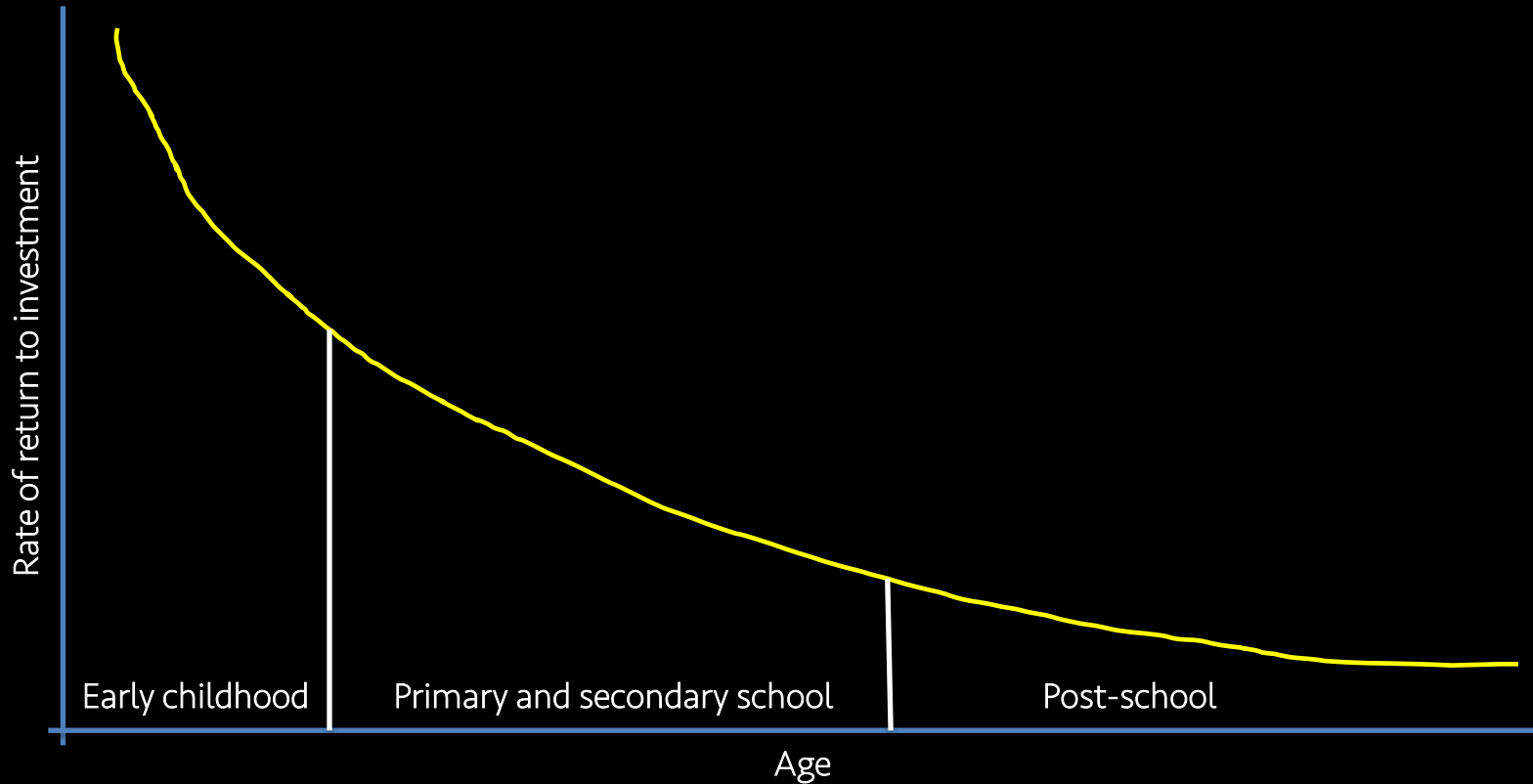
**MONEY**

# How much national wealth goes to education?

Public expenditure on primary to higher education as a percentage of GDP

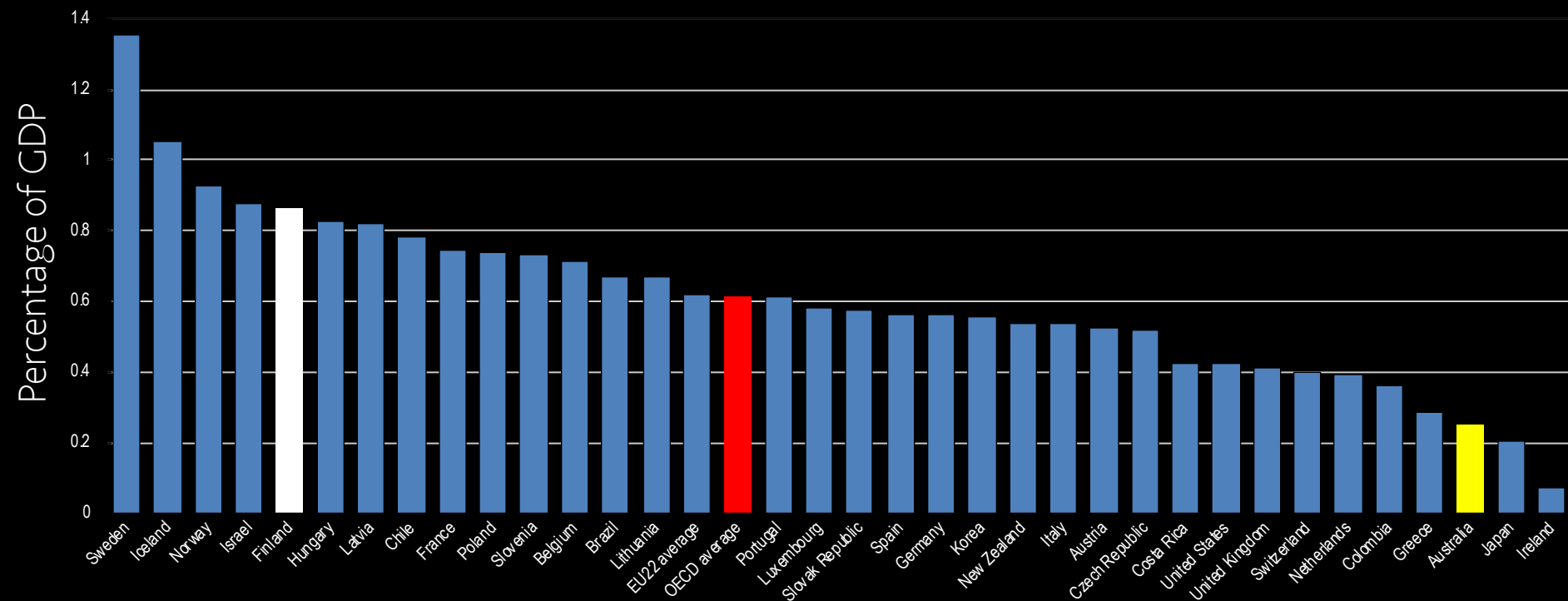


# Is there a smart way to invest in people?



# How much national wealth goes to early childhood education?

Expenditure on pre-primary education as a percentage of GDP





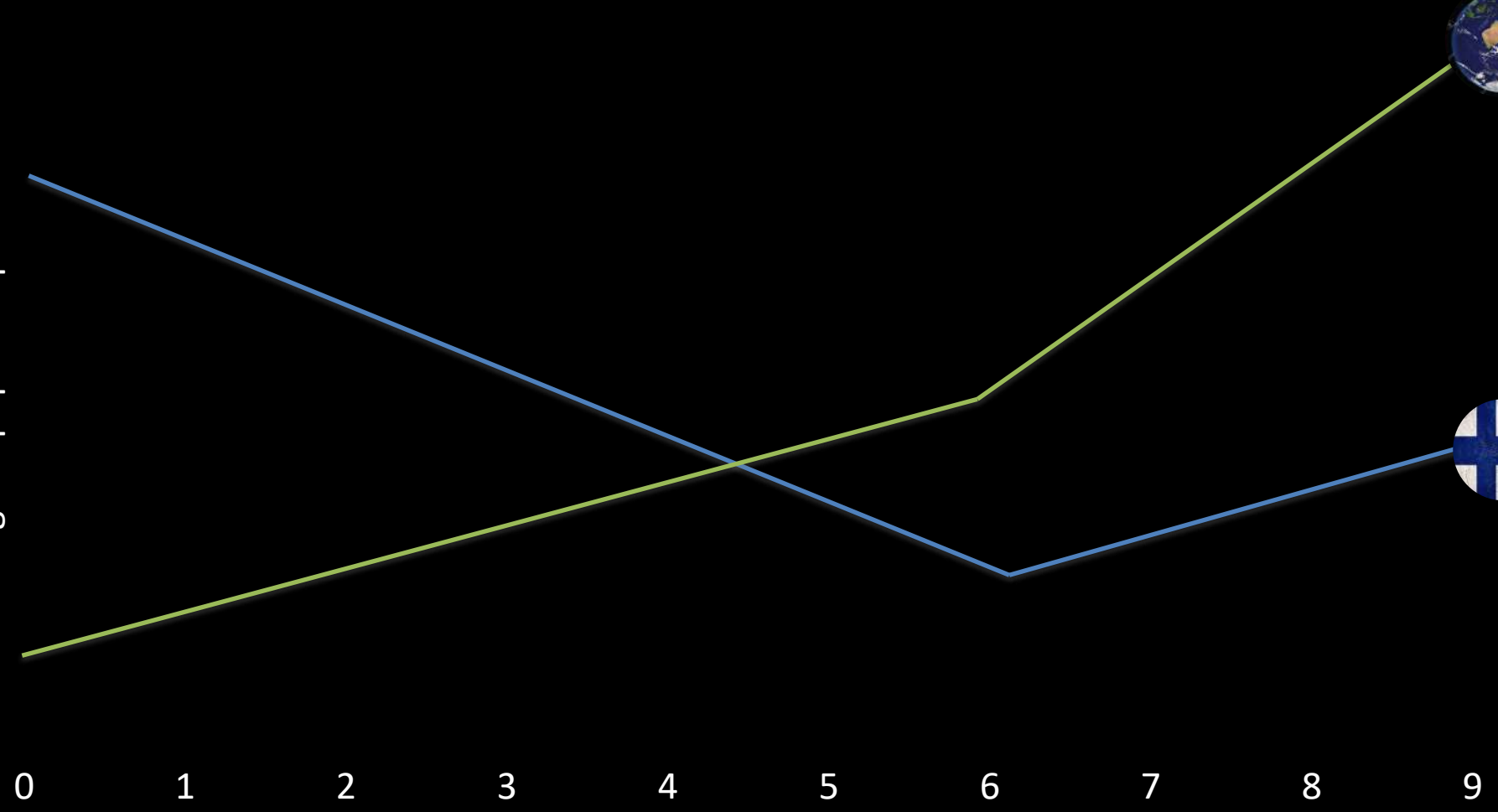
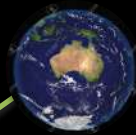
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**EQUITY**

Percentage of pupils in special education

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

School years

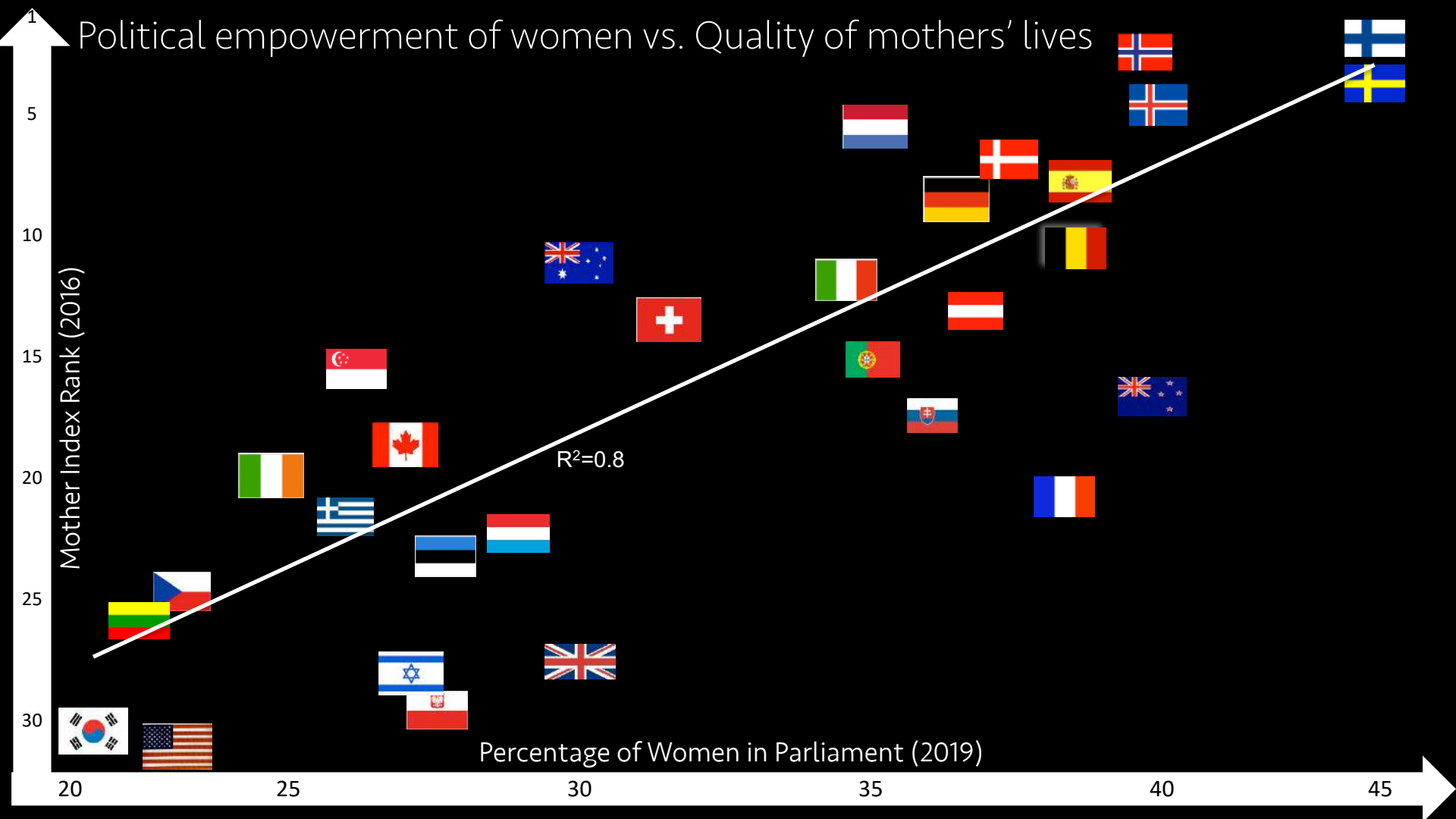


"Non-educators often assume that standardised tests are accurate and objective. Wrong. The same student can take the same test on different points of time and get different results."

"All standardised tests accurately reflect family income and parents' education."

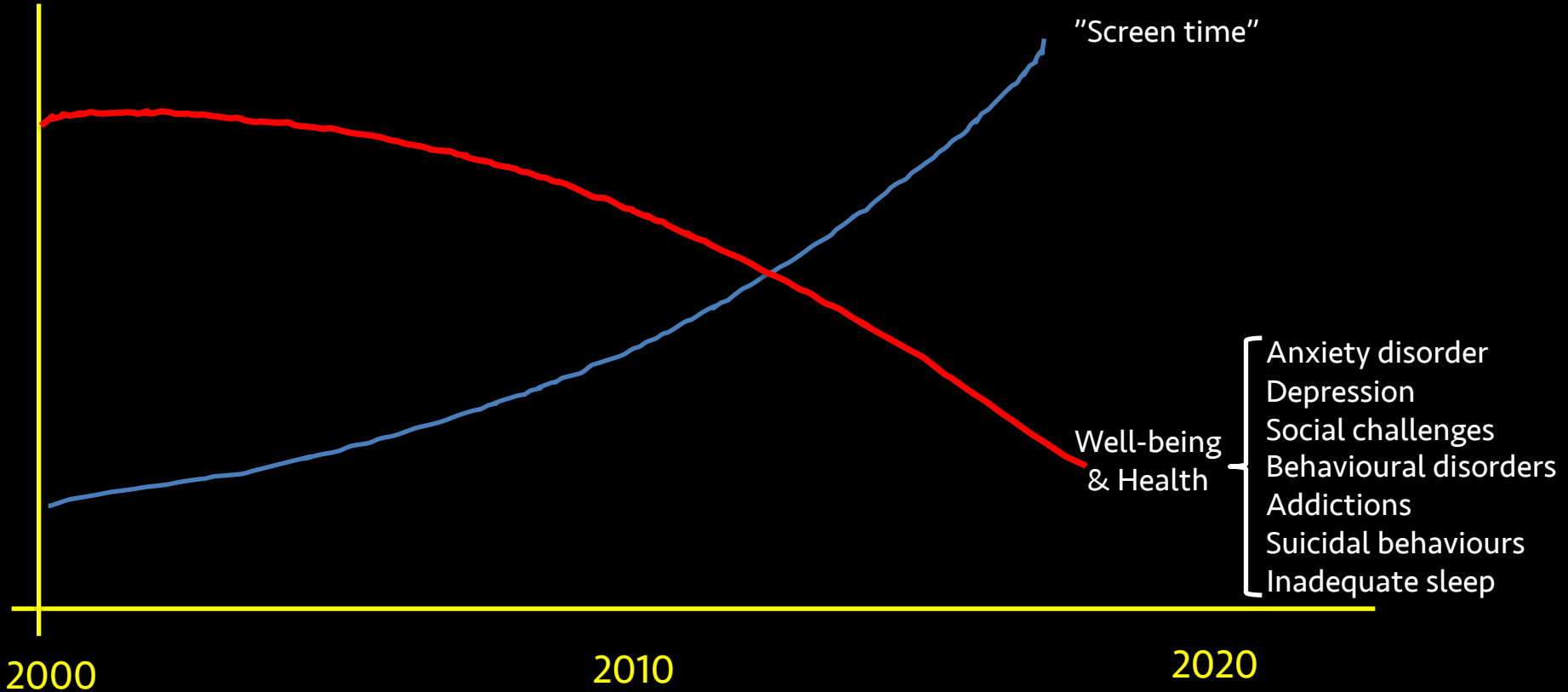
- Diane Ravitch, 2019

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**WELLBEING**

# THE KIDS ARE NOT ALRIGHT



**CLIMATE**





SKOLSTREJK  
FÖR  
KLIMATET

**PLAY**

# THANK YOU!



I believe in the power of the voice of  
women.

— Malala Yousafzai —

