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“Too many students? On the purpose, legitimacy and adequacy of university entry and orientation tests”

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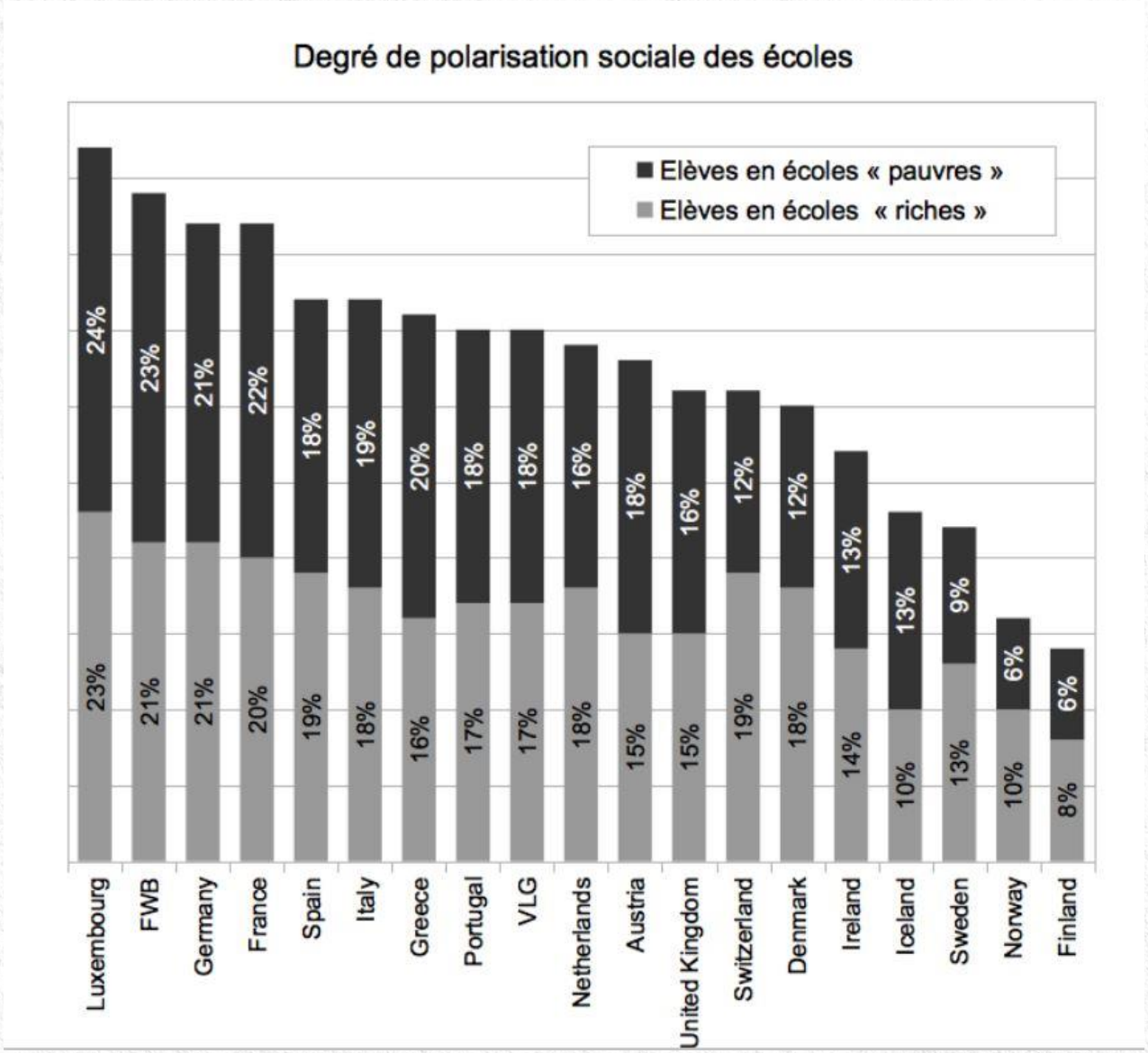

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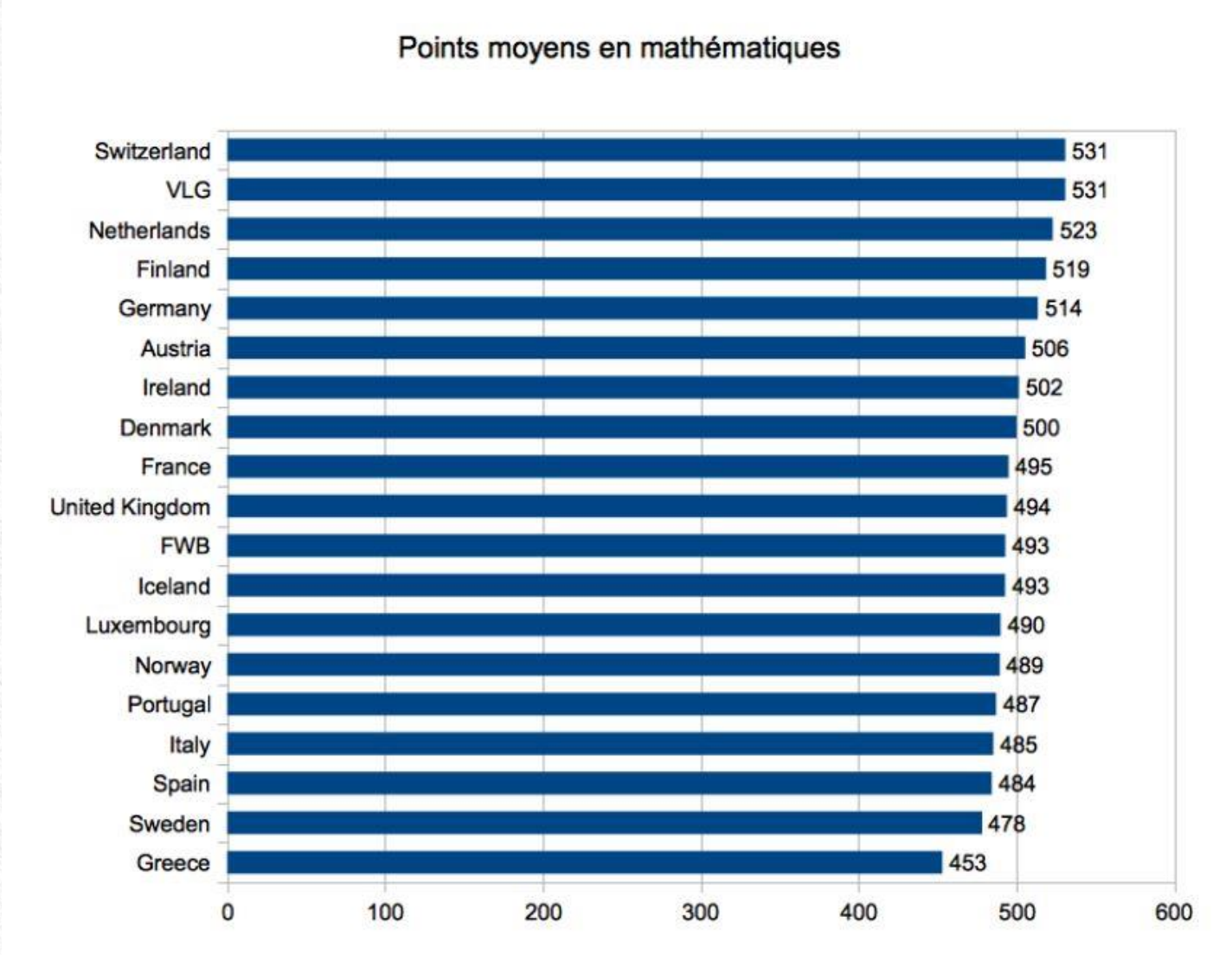

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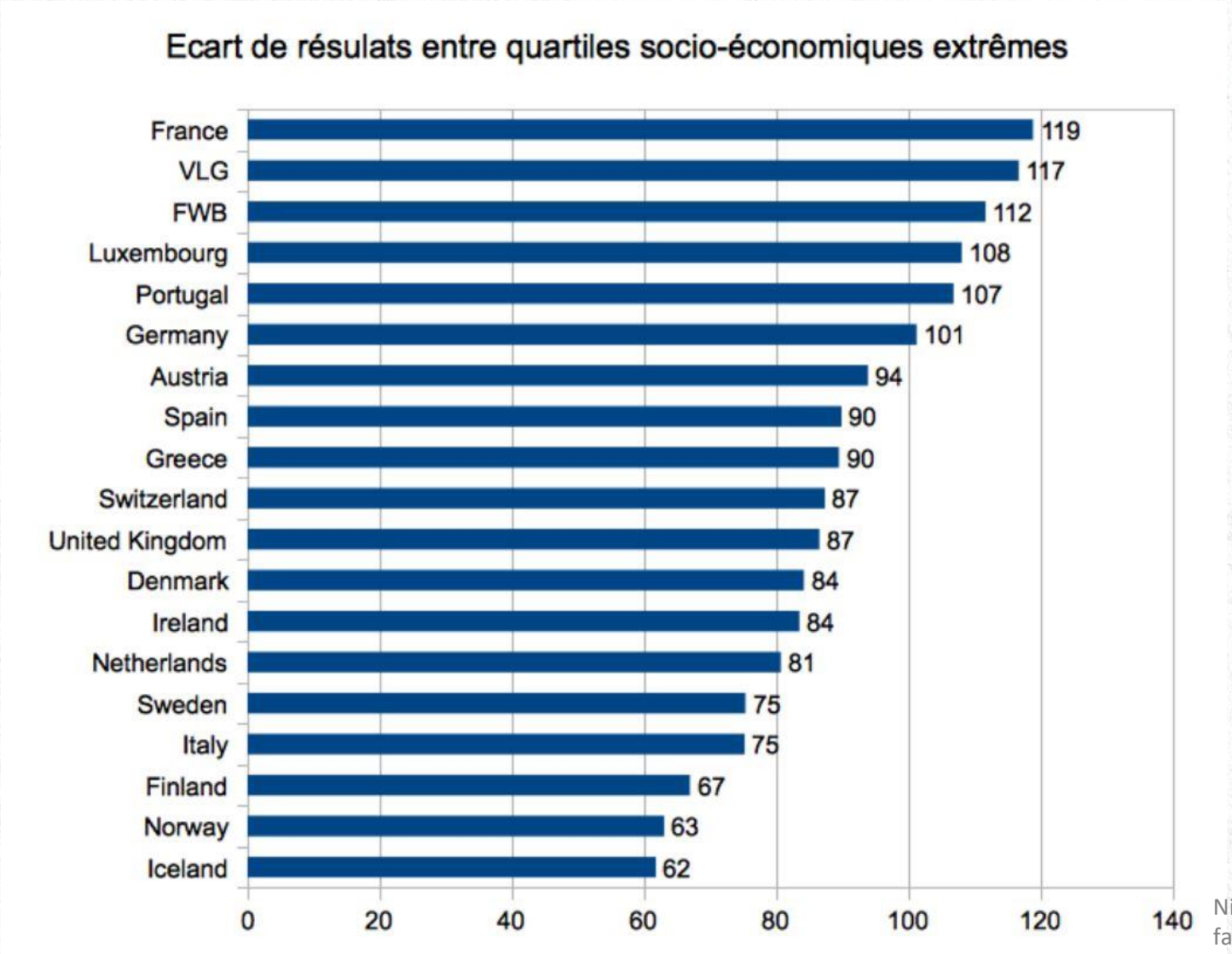

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Higher Education

Who goes to higher education ?

- 27 % of male population (40 – 64 y.o.) have a HE degree.
- 66% of student's fathers have a HE degree.

Vermandele; Plaigin; Dupriez; Maroy; Van Campenhoudt. Profil des étudiants entamant des études universitaires et analyse des choix d'études. Les cahiers de recherche en éducation et formation, no. 78, 2010

Who successfully passes exams ?

- 70% of failure rate for less advantaged socio-economic background and 45% of failure rate for advantaged socio-economic background today.
- 40% of failure rate in the 60's for all.

=> Teacher ratio halved.

Van Campenhoudt, Dell 'Aquila, Dupriez. La démocratisation de l'enseignement supérieur en Communauté Française de Belgique: état des lieux. Les cahiers de recherches en éducation et formation, no. 65, 2008

Who's "fit" and who's "unfit" to learn?

P. Merieux's principle of educability

"everyone can learn"

1799 : Pestalozzi - citoyen d'honneur de la République Française

et les orphelins de Stans

The consequences of entry exams

Success rate at the end of the first year :

- 40 % overall
- 46,5 % engineer school

Parents with university diploma :

- 43,9 % overall
- 63,8 % engineer school

Students with scholarship :

- 25 % overall
- 19 % engineer school (lowest rate)

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The predictability of entry exams

Entry exam or something else?

- Bureau d'Appui Pédagogique de Polytechnique :
  - Seminars, counsel, …
  - Student coaching
  - "Blocus assisté"
  - Exam simulation
  - Project learning

- Student teacher ratio

Tanguy Ollinger; Yannick Breyne (BEP). L'examen d'entrée en polytechnique, quelle réalité? 2013

Too many students?

Eric De Keuleneer :

“Either we welcome too many students compared to our capacity, or we do not have sufficient means with respect to the number of students”.

Le Soir

Not enough money.

- OECD : 1 € invested in public higher education, can bring you up to 4 € through tax.

- budgetary or fiscal problem :
  - 12 billion € in tax avoidance
  - 8 to 12 billion € in tax fraud

Michel Gevers, Le Soir du 13 novembre 2014

Any questions?