

Context

Imagine you are apart of the American Library Association...



Book Bans in the United States

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In the past 2 years, there were _____ books banned in K-12 Schools in the United States.

In the past 2 years, there were 5,894 books banned in K-12 Schools in the United States.

Why should you care if a book gets banned?

Books provide...

Access to **Diversity in Education**

Encouraging **Critical Thinking** through
Exposure

Promoting **Equal Access**

Safeguarding **Freedom of Expression**

Developing **Cultural Understanding**



DATA

PEN America's Index of School Book Bans

Highlights restrictions on student access to books in US school libraries or classrooms

Includes: Title, Author, School District, State

Period: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023

Data collected each Year , Data is **not** cumulative

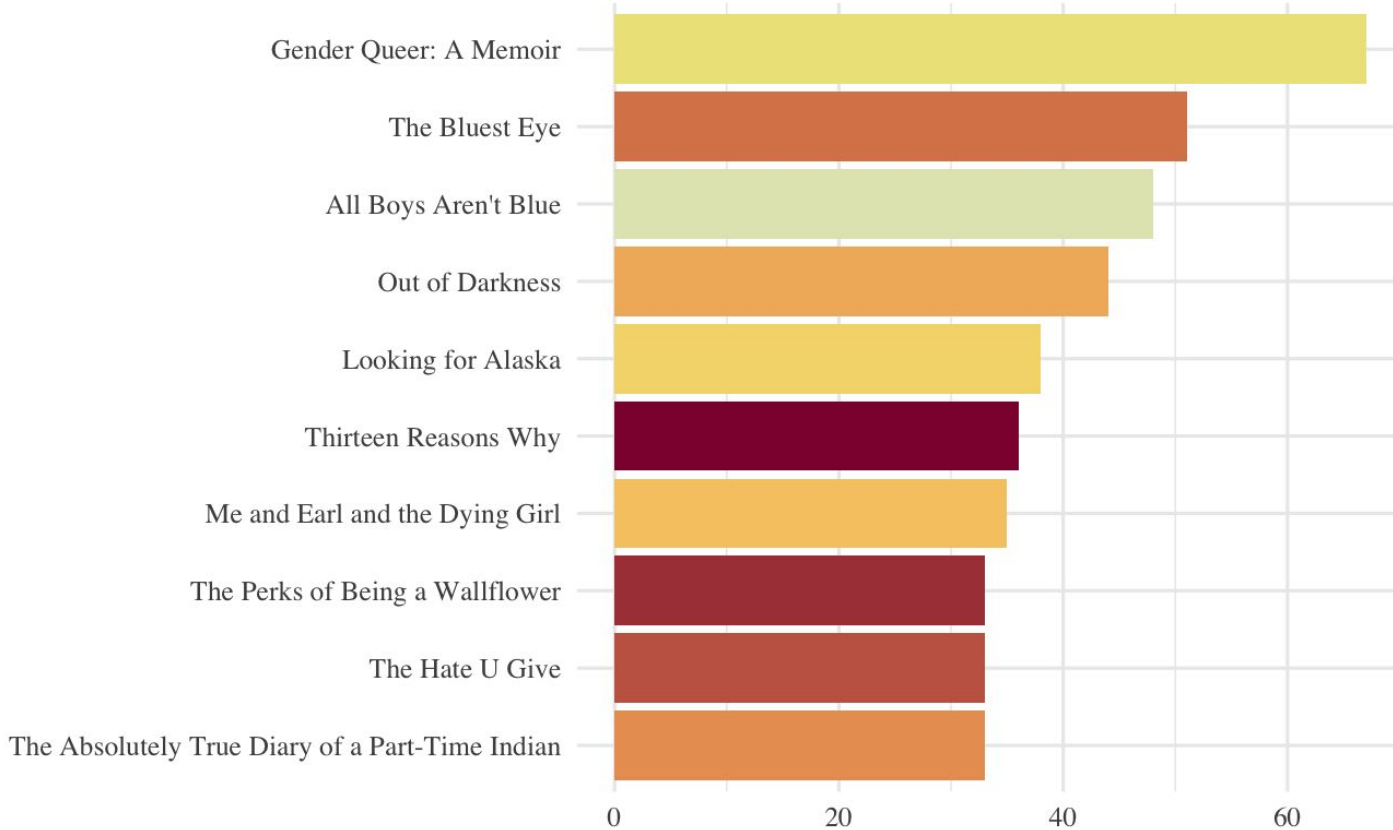
Some bans lifted, others ongoing.

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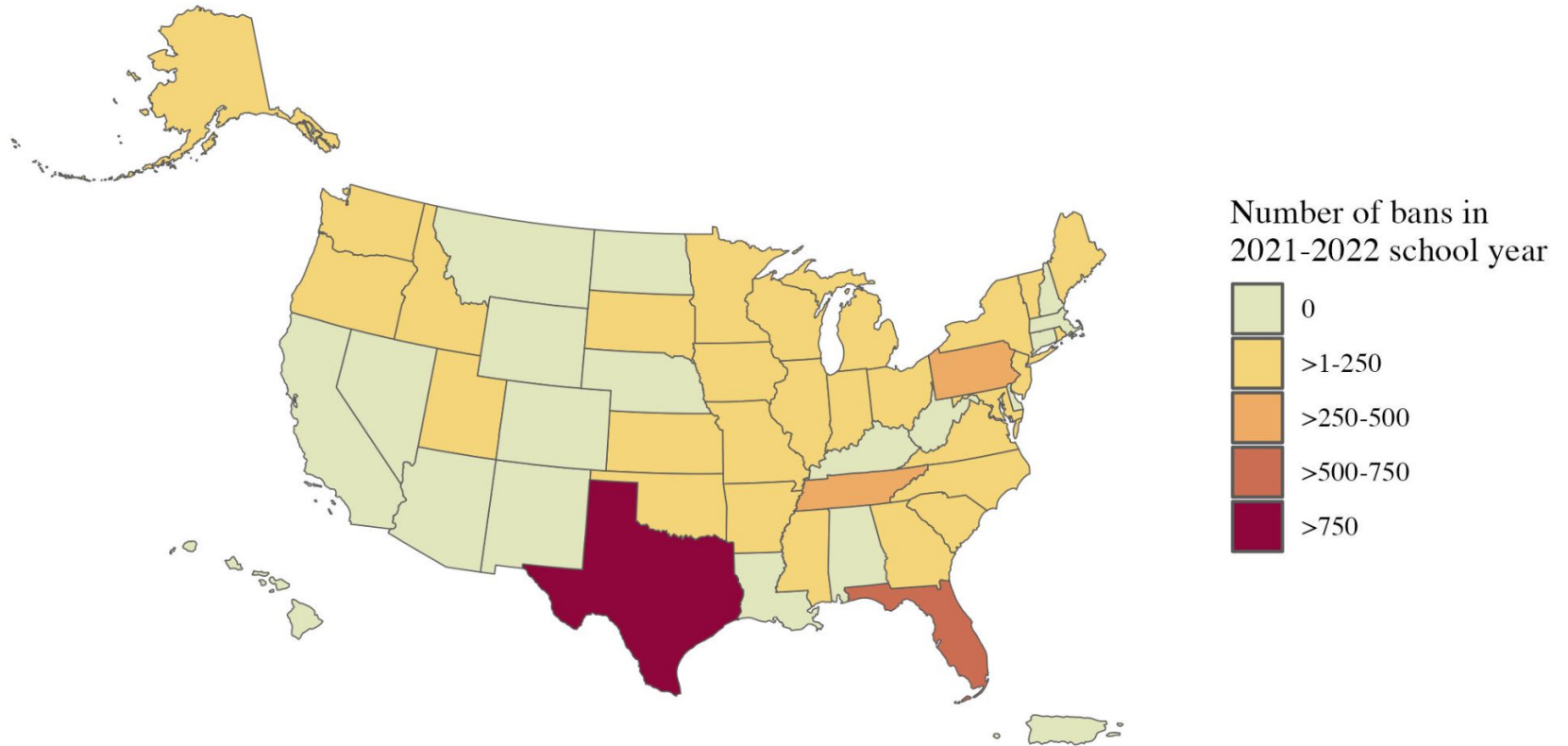
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Themes

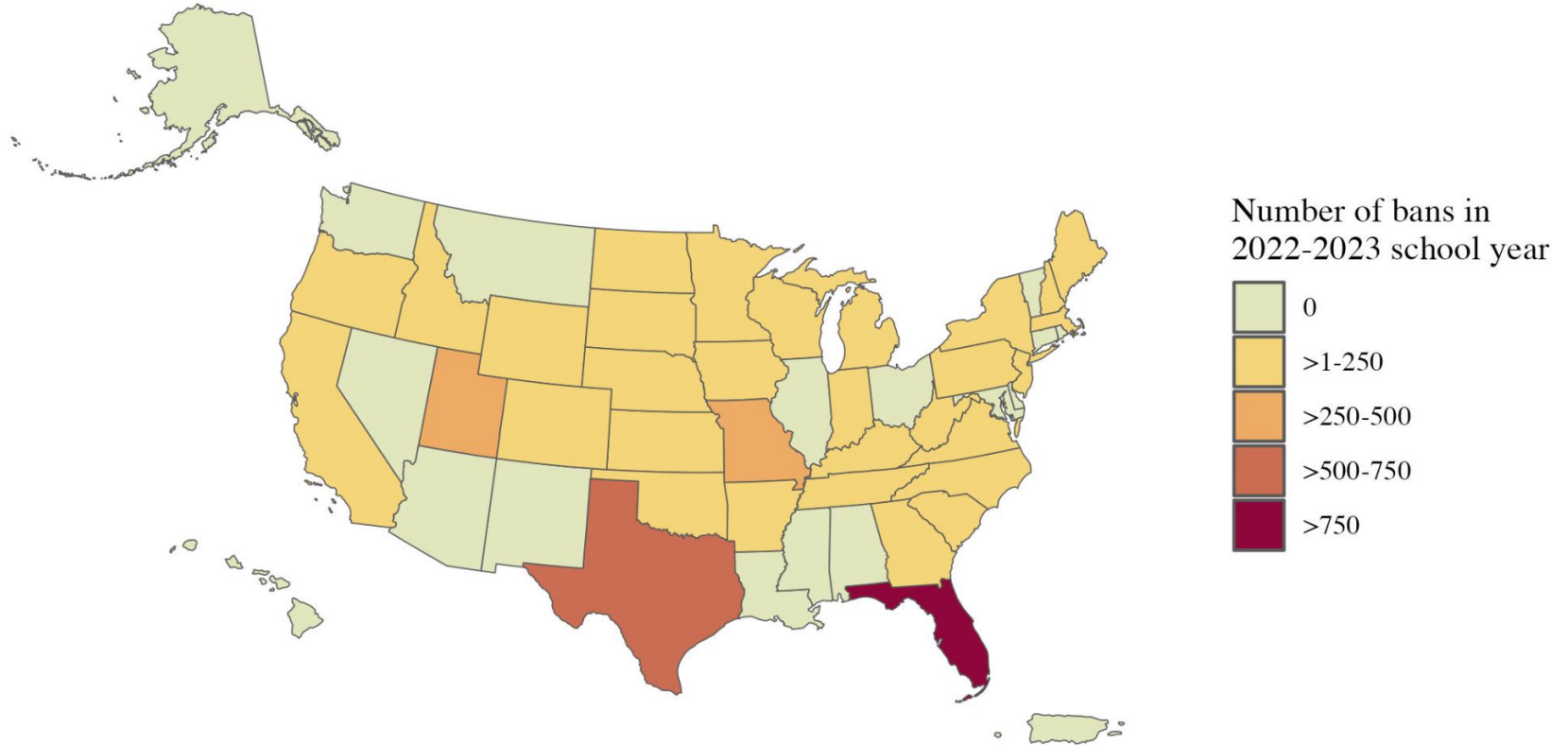
- Identity
- Coming-of-Age
- Social Issues
- Acceptance and Belonging
- Friendship and Relationships

Book bans across the United States



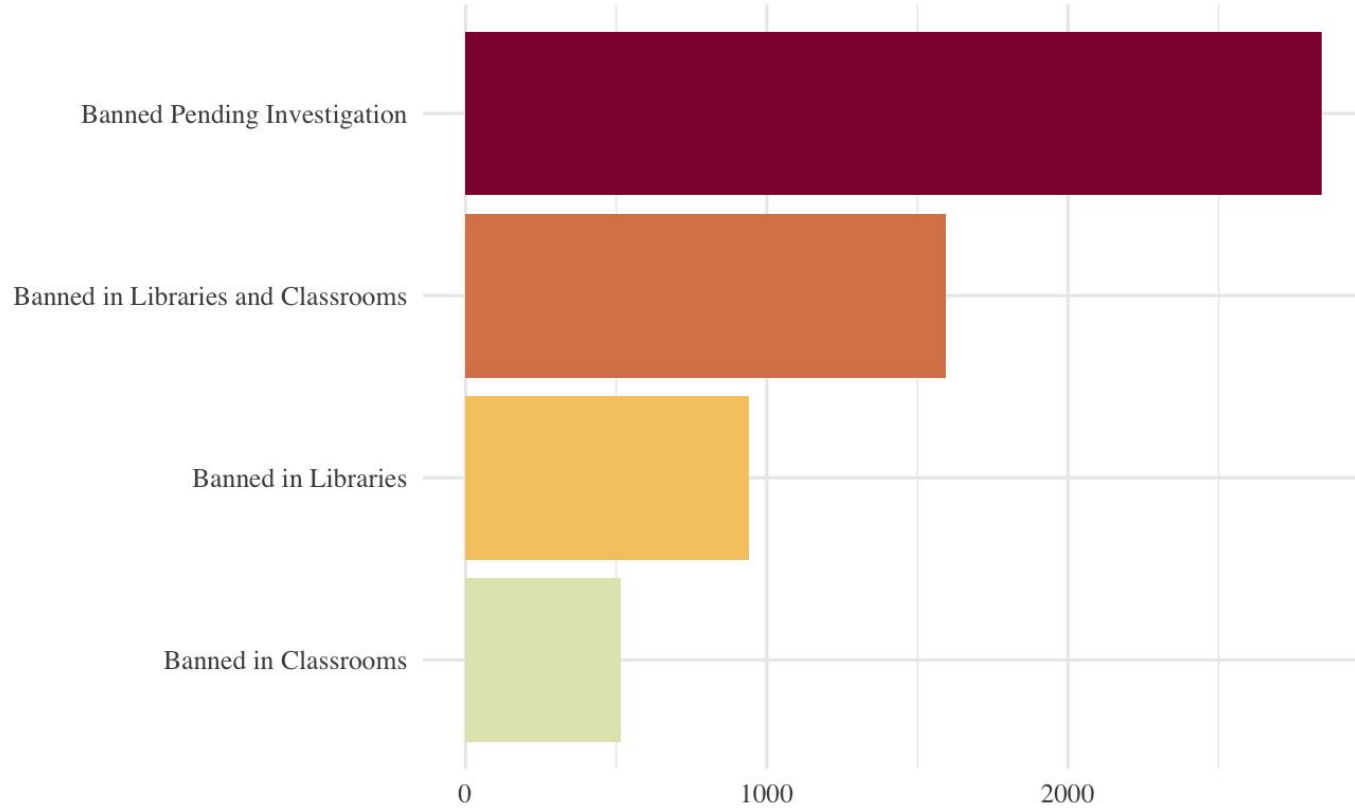
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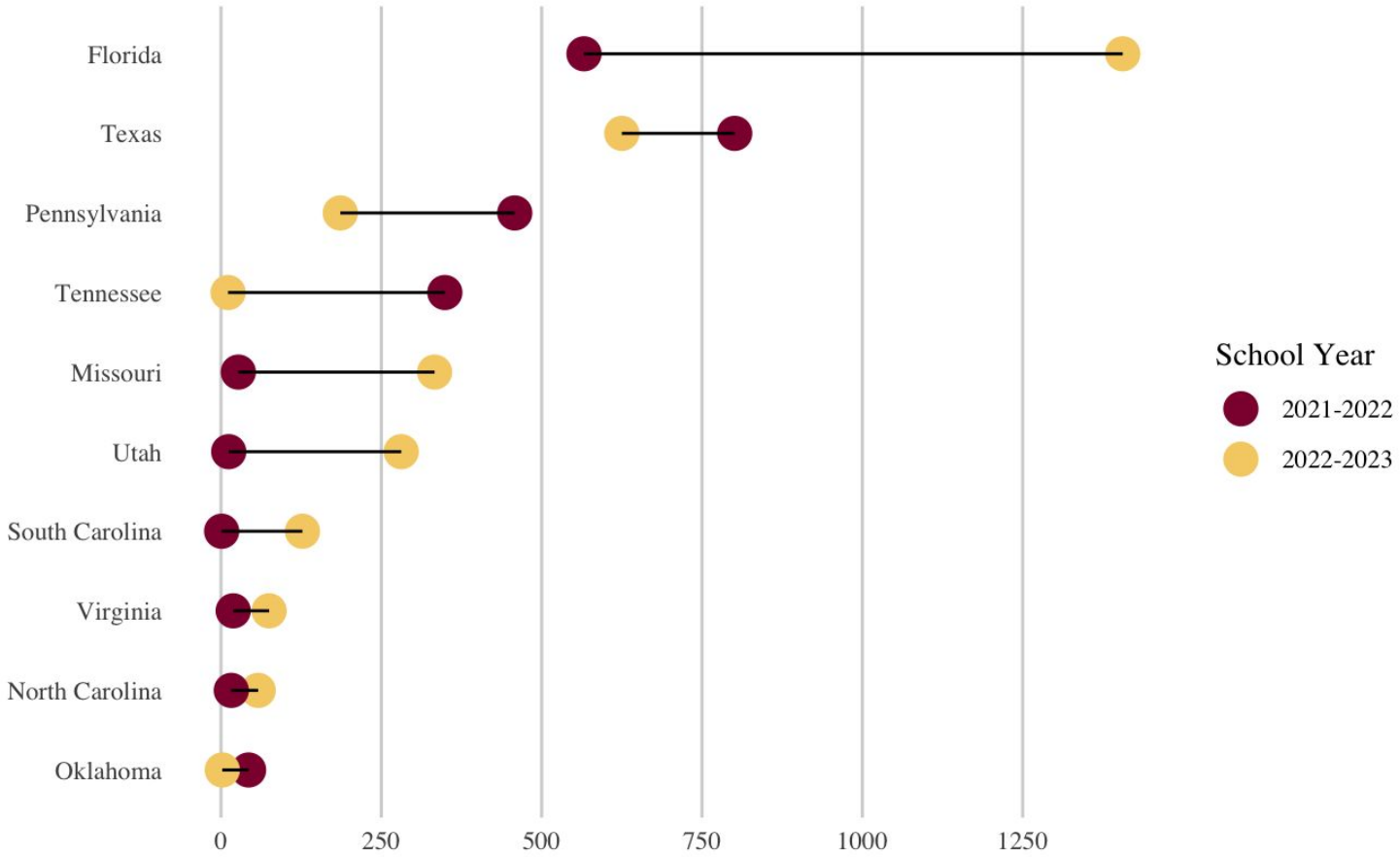
Where were books banned in the United States? (July 2021 to June 2023)



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Book bans on the rise

Top ten states with the most bans



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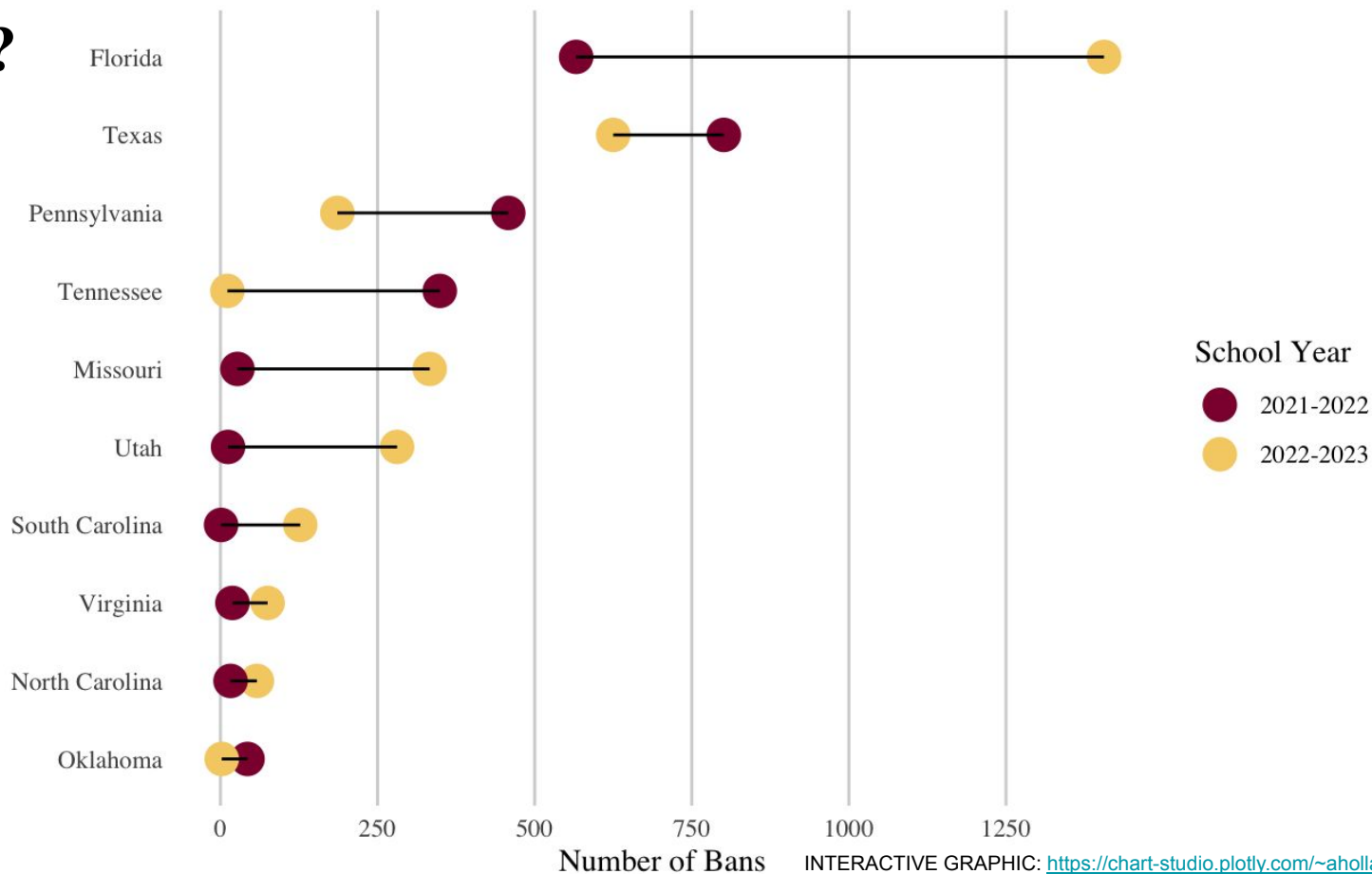
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American Library Association to create a program that allows youth under the age of 21 access to digital libraries regardless of their geographic location.

Questions?

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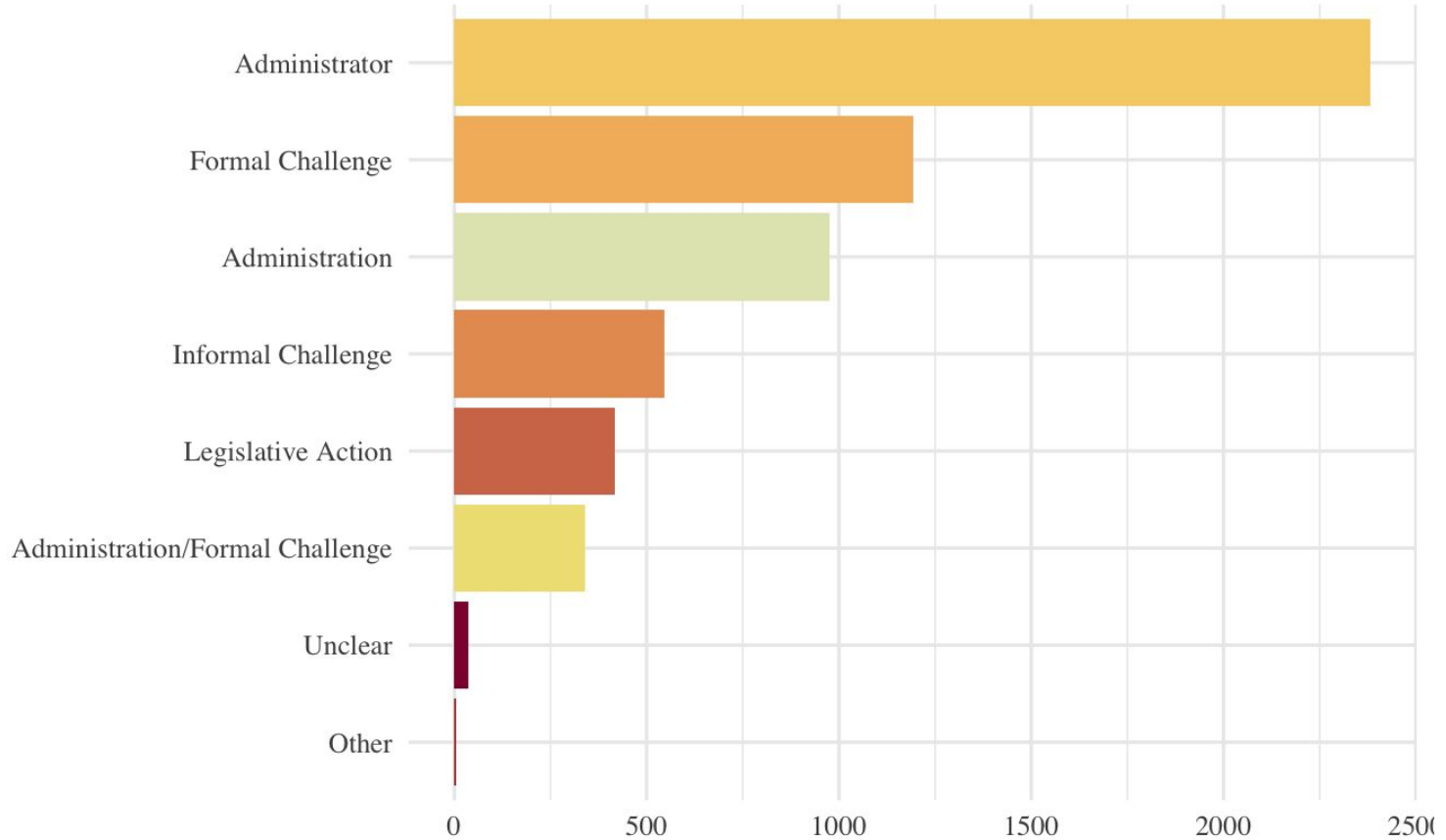
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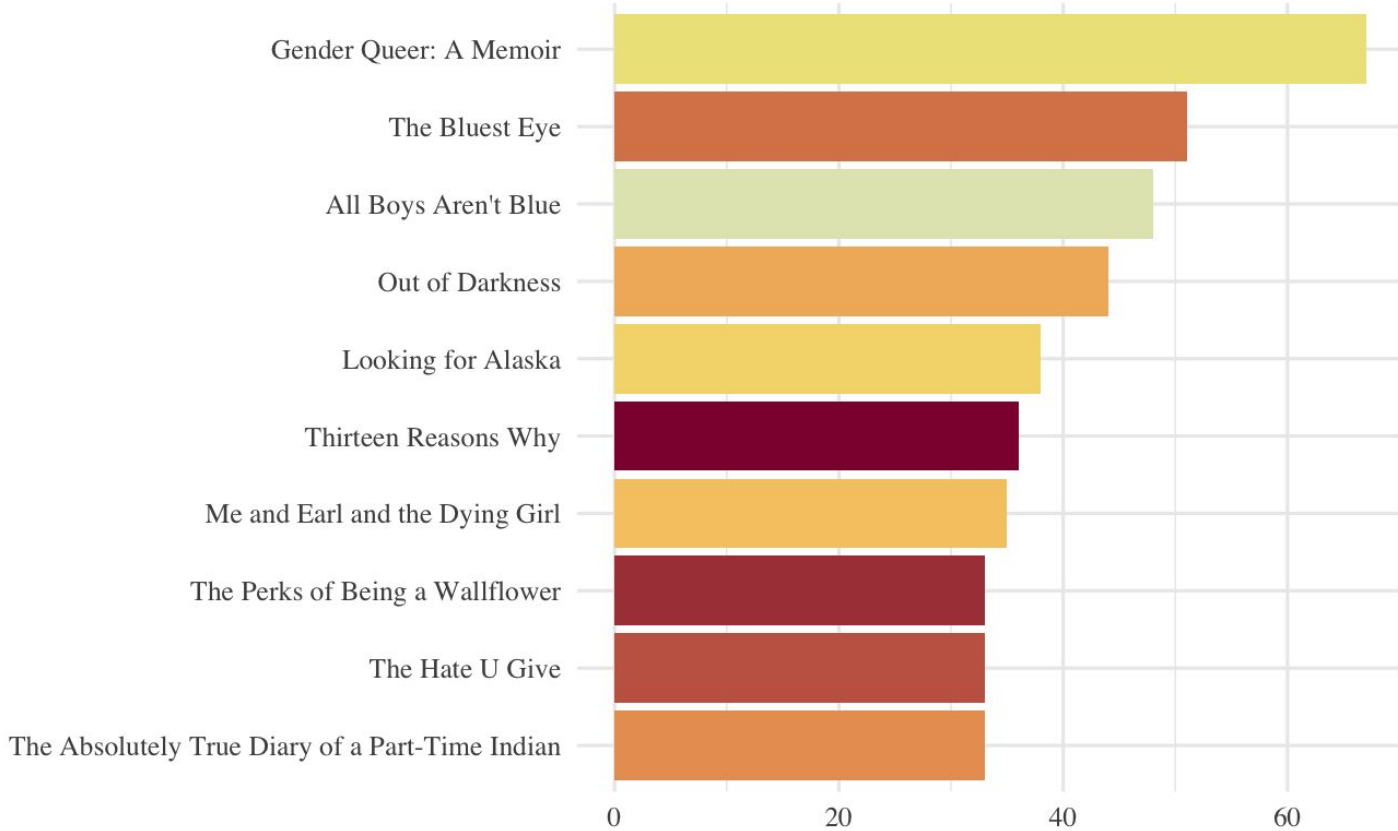
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Additional Information

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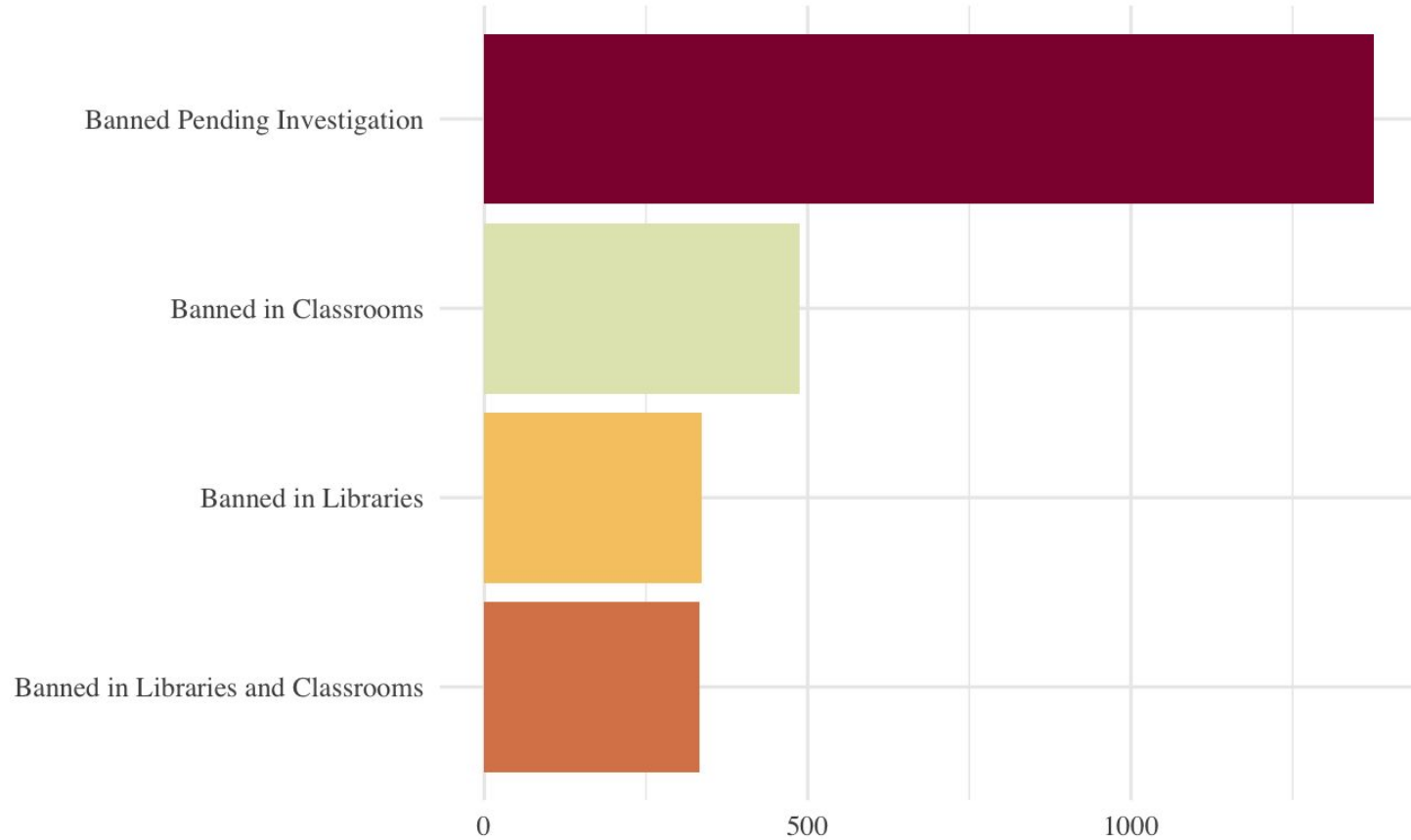
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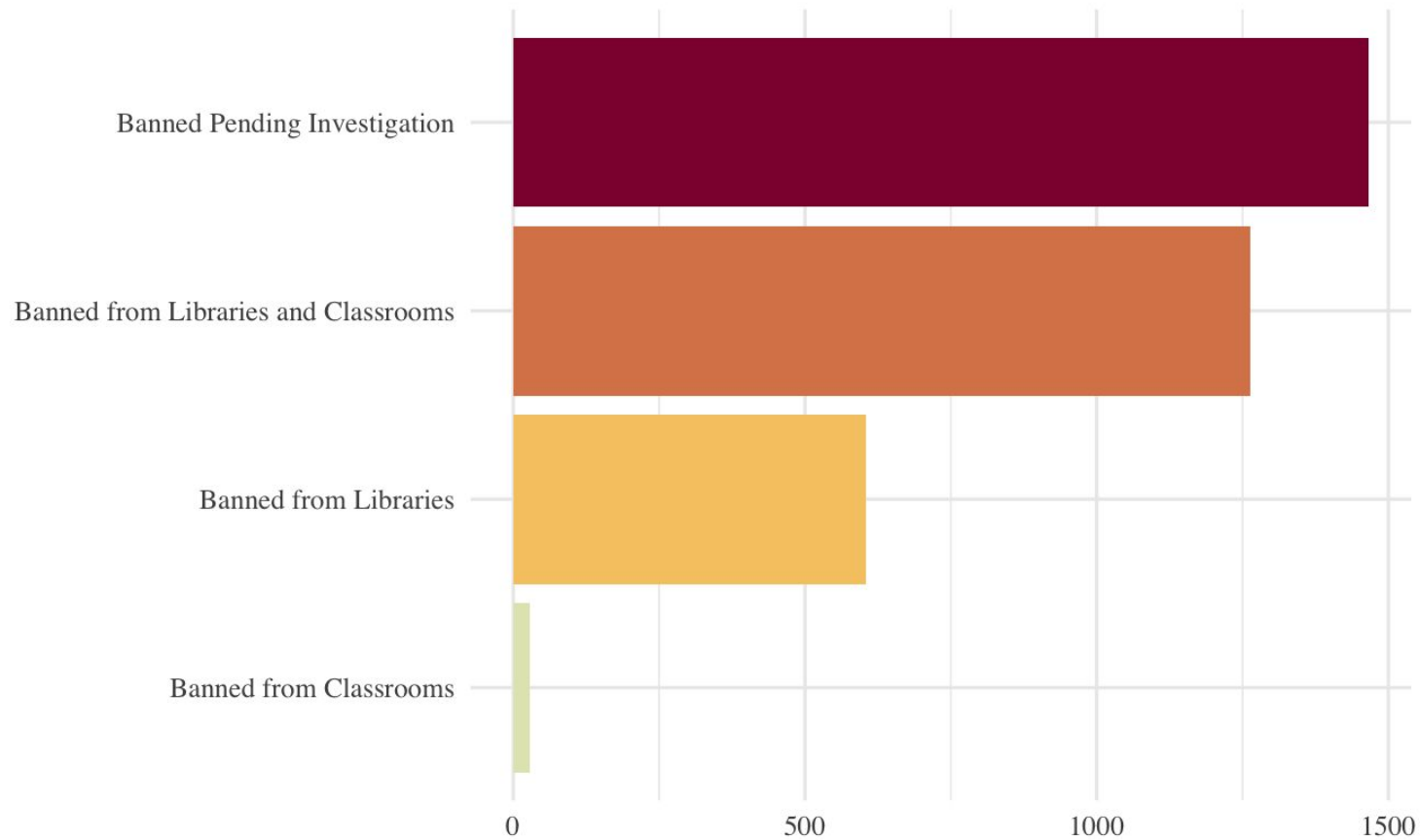
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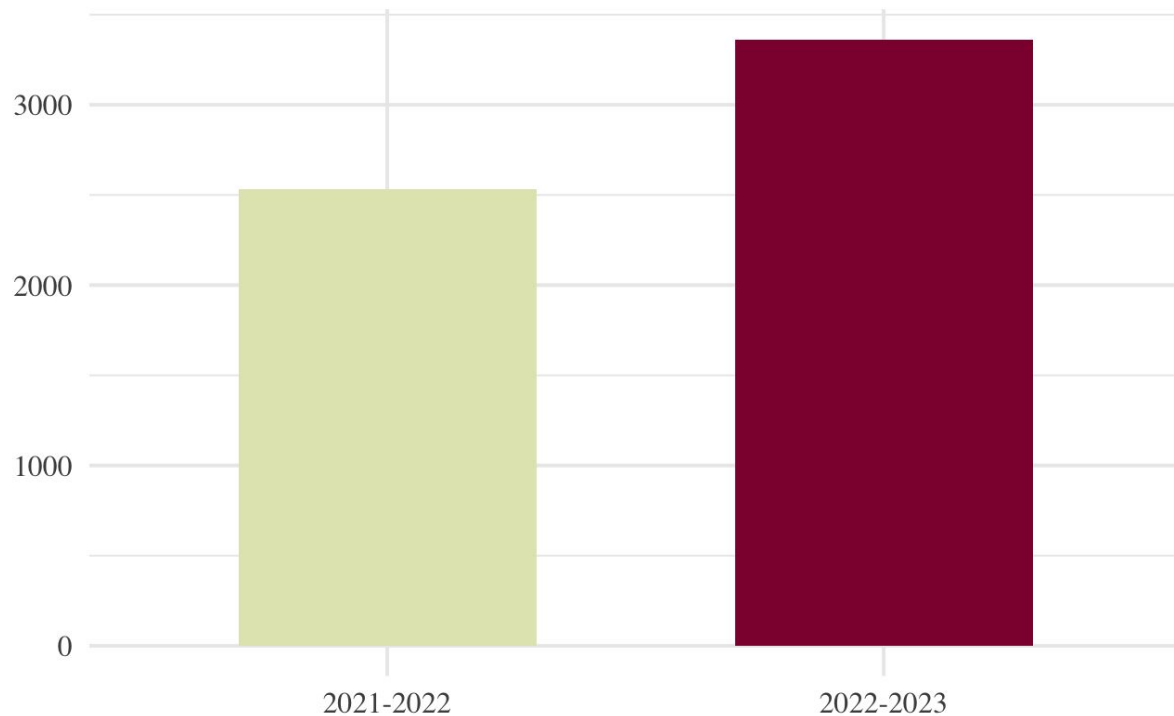


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Book Bans in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023



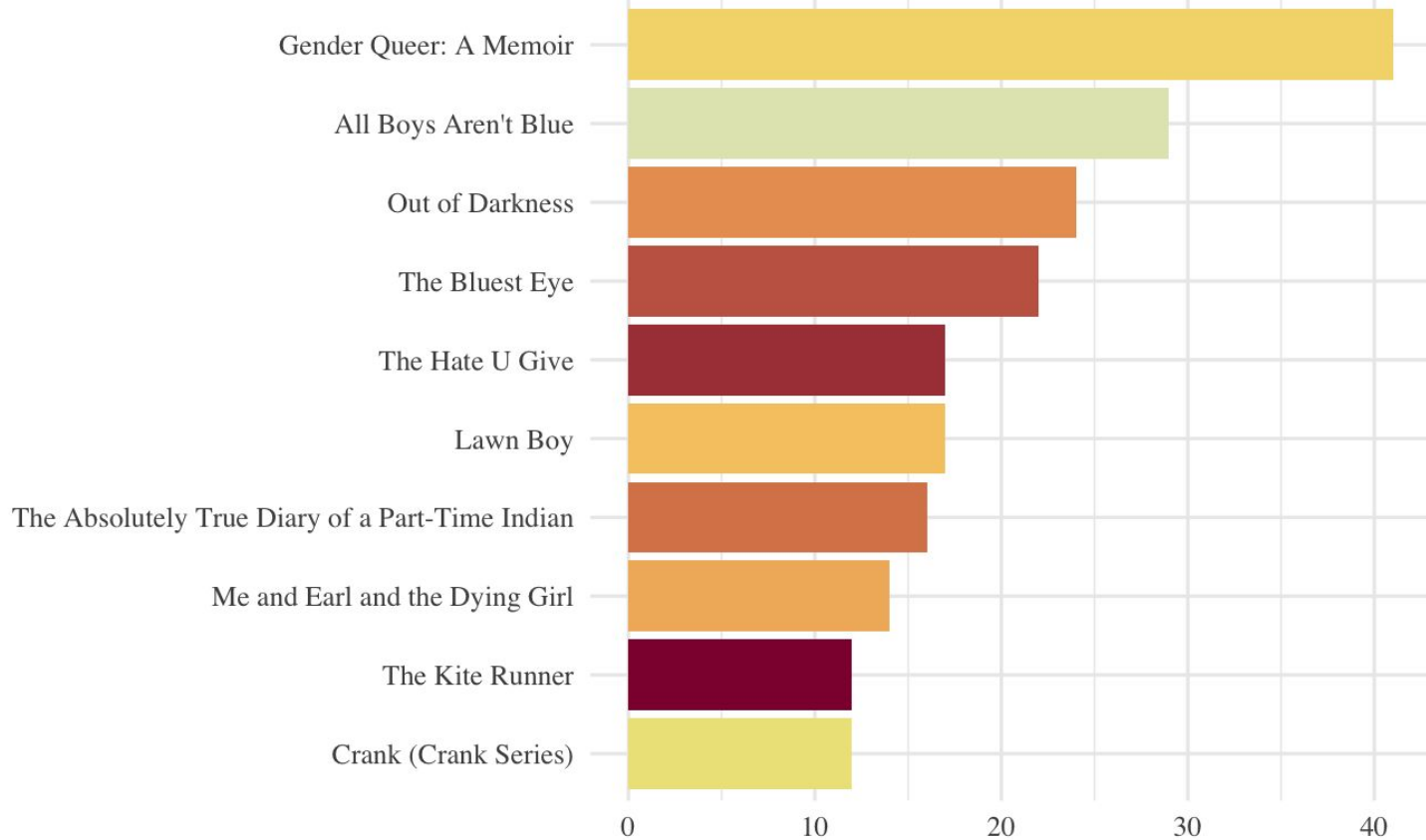
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Almost 1000 titles

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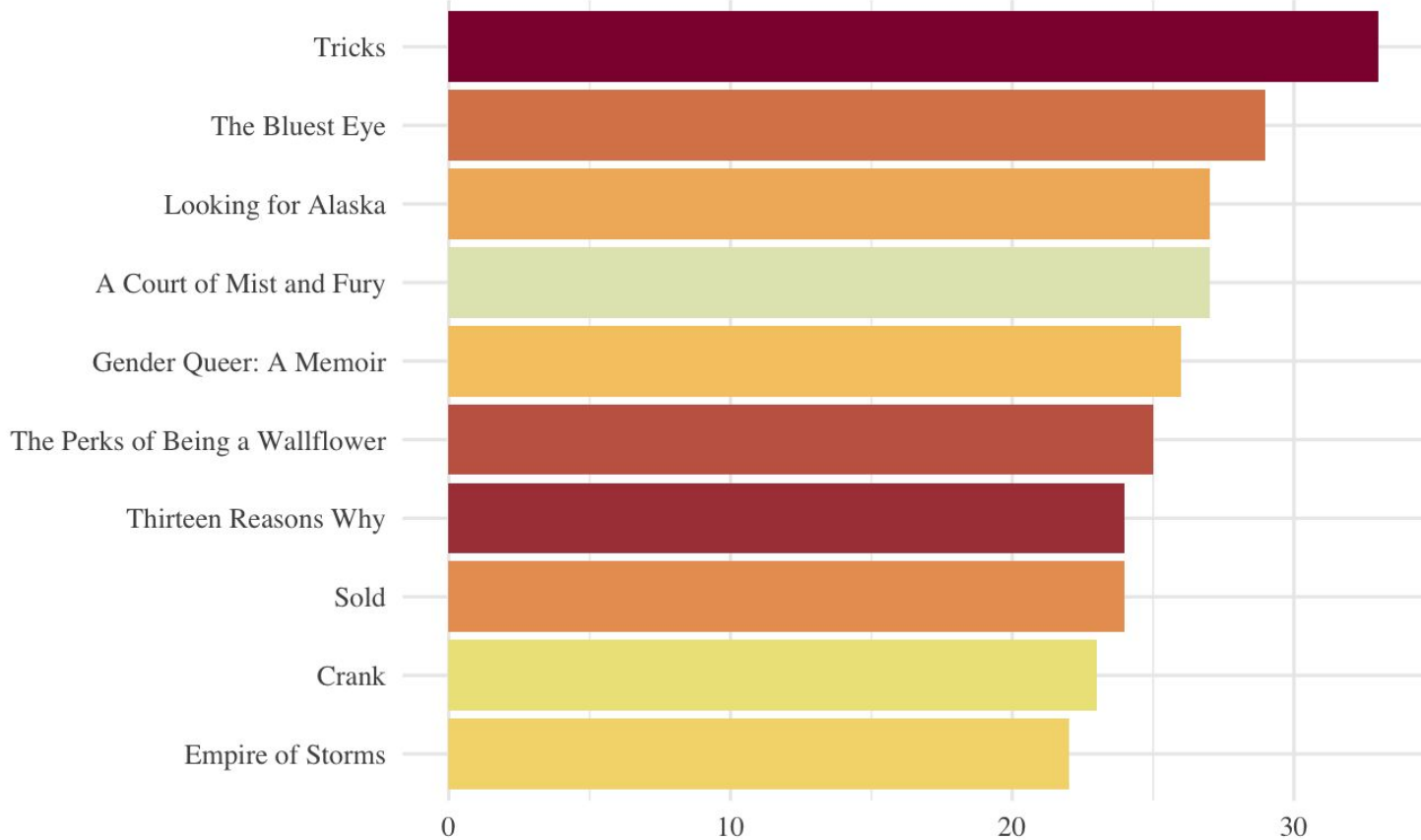
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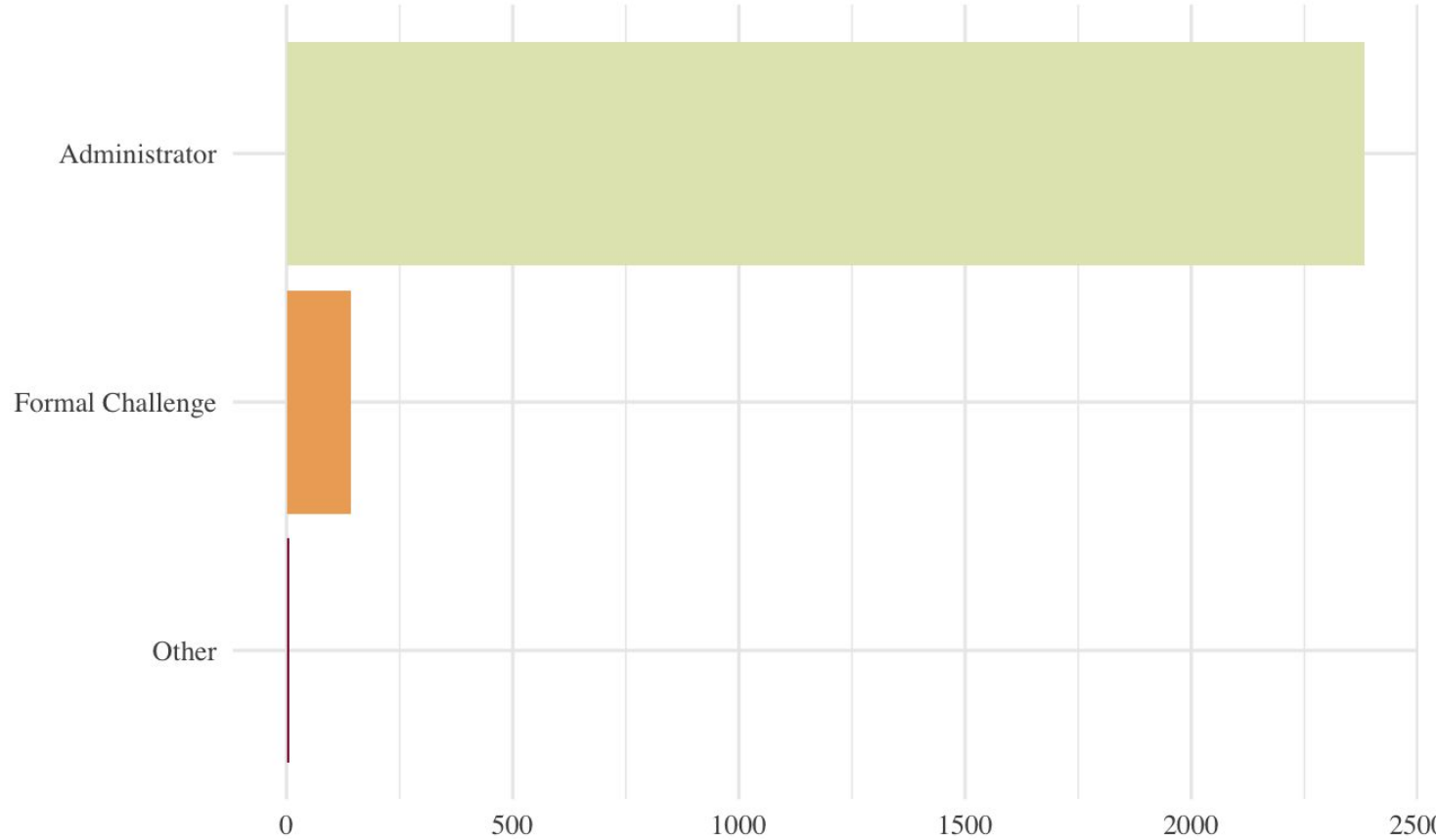
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