Presentation

The Bechdel Test Movie List

The Bechdel test–popularized by Alison Bechdel's comic ‘Dykes to Watch Out For’ in a 1985 strip called ‘The Rule’–is a measure of the representation of women in movies. The test names the following three criteria

Criteria 1

There are two named women

Criteria 2

The two named women speak to each other

Criteria 3

The two named women speak to each other about something other than a man

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Pt. II

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Failed
overall

Pixar

Pixar: only 29% of pixar movies pass the bechdel test

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Movie list

2019 (16 movies)

- ✓ Alita: Battle Angel
- ✓ American Woman
- ✓ Captain Marvel
- ✓ Close
- ✗ Cold Pursuit
- ✓ Fighting with My Family
- ✗ How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World
- ✗ Isn't It Romantic
- ✗ The Kid Who Would Be King
- ✗ Le chant du loup
- ✓ The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part
- ✗ Polar
- ✗ Serenity
- ✓ Soni
- ✓ The Wandering Earth (Liu Lang Di Qiu)
- ✗ We Are Little Zombies

2018 (151 movies)

- ✓ 6 Balloons
- ✗ A private war

About

The **Bechdel Test**, sometimes called the *Mo Movie Measure* or *Bechdel Rule* is a simple test which names the following three criteria: (1) it has to have at least two women in it, who (2) who talk to each other, about (3) something besides a man. The test was popularized by **Alison Bechdel**'s comic **Dykes to Watch Out For**, in a 1985 strip called *The Rule*. For a nice video introduction to the subject please check out The Bechdel Test for Women in Movies on feministfrequency.com.

If you need access to the raw data, check out the docs for the api.

Add a movie

If you want to add a movie to this list, please go to the **Add a movie** page and fill in the form. If you disagree with a rating, please leave a comment on the appropriate movie page instead.

Recent activity

Currently 8076 movies in the database. The five latest additions:

2019-03-19 17:12: ✓ Fighting with My Family (2019)
2019-03-18 19:34: ✓ Bullitt County (2018)
2019-03-16 14:09: ✗ The World, The Flesh and The Devil (1959)
2019-03-15 23:10: ✓ Flame in the Streets (1961)
2019-03-14 18:13: ✗ A Walk in the Woods (2015)

The five latest comments were on:

2019-05-09 06:30: ✗ Highway (2014)
2019-05-09 03:22: ✗ Bajirao Mastani (2015)
2019-05-08 01:02: ✓ Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius (2001)
2019-05-07 16:18: ✗ Hannah Montana (2006)
2019-05-07 15:23: ✗ Mid90s (2018)

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- ✓ Don't Leave Home
- ✓ Dude
- ✓ Dumplin'
- ✗ Early Man
- ✓ Eighth Grade
- ✗ En guerre
- ✗ En liberte!
- ✗ Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald
- ✓ The Favourite
- ✓ First Man
- ✓ First Match
- ✓ The First Purge
- ✗ Free Solo
- ✓ Game Night
- ✓ The Girl in the Spider's Web
- ✗ Green Book
- ✓ Greta
- ✓ The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
- ✓ Halloween
- ✓ The Hate U Give
- ✓ Hearts Beat Loud
- ✓ The Heiresses
- ✓ Hereditary
- ✗ Hold the Dark
- ✗ The House with a Clock in Its Walls
- ✓ I Feel Pretty
- ✓ If Beale Street Could Talk
- ✓ Incredibles 2
- ✓ Instant Family

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Search

To search the database, enter a search term below. Currently, only the titles of the movies are searchable. Omit "The" from search term for best results.

Enter search term: Search

Or, you can show the list for one or more years:

2019
2018
2017
2016
2015
2014
2013
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There are 3 results for your search:

2010 (1 movie)

Toy Story 3

1999 (1 movie)

Toy Story 2

1995 (1 movie)

Toy Story

Enter search term: toy story Search

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Goal 1

Highlight trends

Goal 2

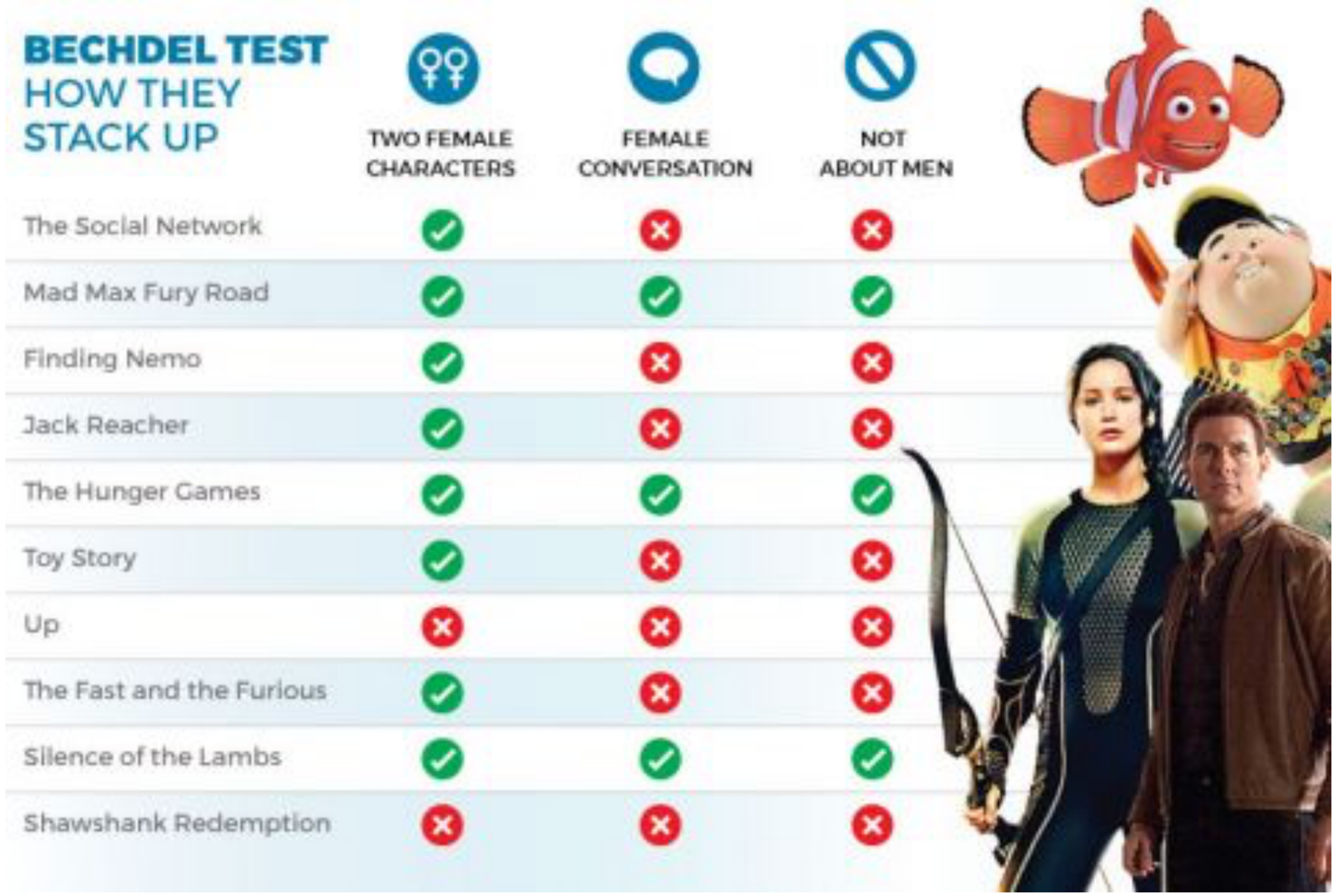
Discoverability and exploration

Goal 3

Maintain focus on individual movies

Initial plan: Week 1

Bechdel test idea



Category: a data set i'm curious about

Story: Movies are such a strong influencer on our culture and society; if women don't even have voices in this highly influencial media, where will girls and women find pop-culture, strong role-models? I want to analyze trends to see if this issue is getting better over the years and also highlight specific movies/genres/years/etc.

Setting: I want to specifically cater toward the general population to highlight the struggles for women to even get valid representation (interested in extending this to race and sexuality)

Source: A flat file drawn from the bechdel test website

Bechdel test idea

Goals

Draw attention to the discrepencies between male lines and women lines. Only looking at singular movies and not movies as a whole/trends is not as helpful

Group movies together by what parts of the test they fulfill and which they don't

Highlight certain movies and stories / genres / companies

Groupings

Group 1: Trends over time, groupings by if movie passes or not, highlighted movies

Group 2: Trends, groupings by pass/not, groupings by genre

Group 3: Trends, grouping by pass/not, groupings by genre, overall list of inputs

Current plan

Organizations of the data: Trends, grouping by pass/not, groupings by genre (could be difficult, so I might need to have a third section that only focuses on a specific company or director)

And, within each of these three organizations, I will highligh specific movies or years that need attention

I also want to spend time on an introduction to the Bechdel test (what it is, its history, notable movies, etc.)

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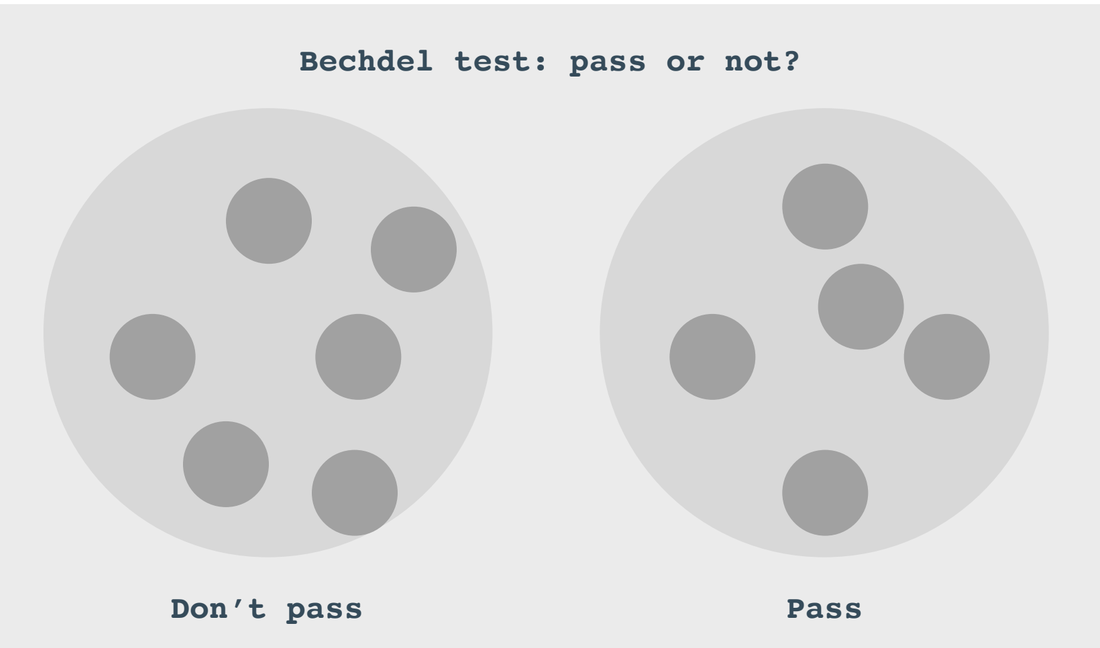

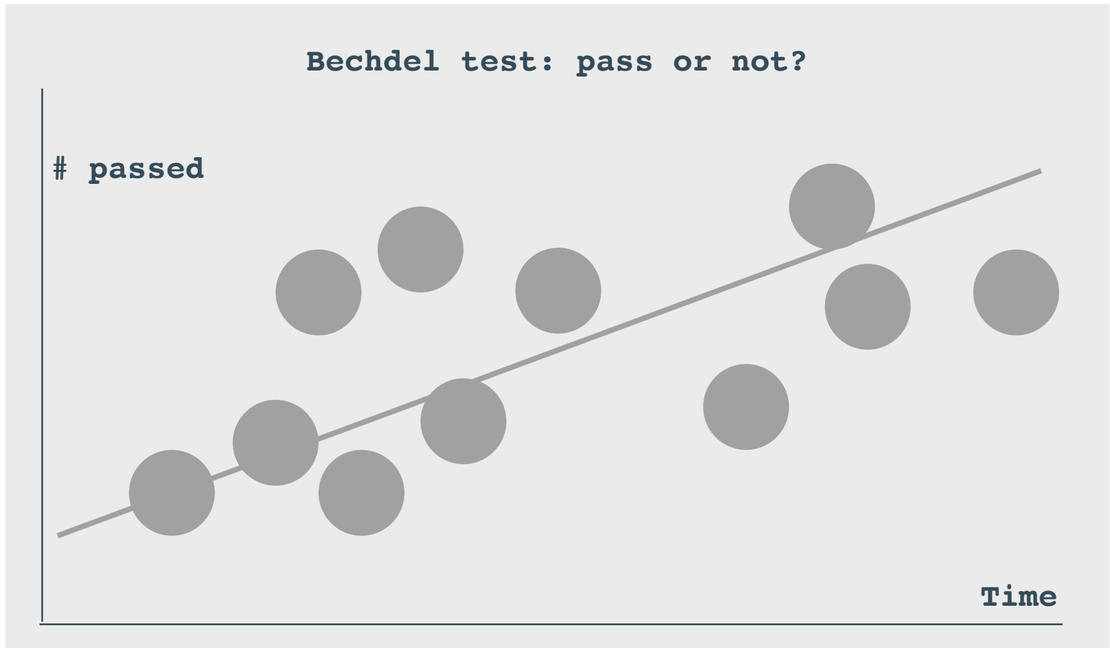

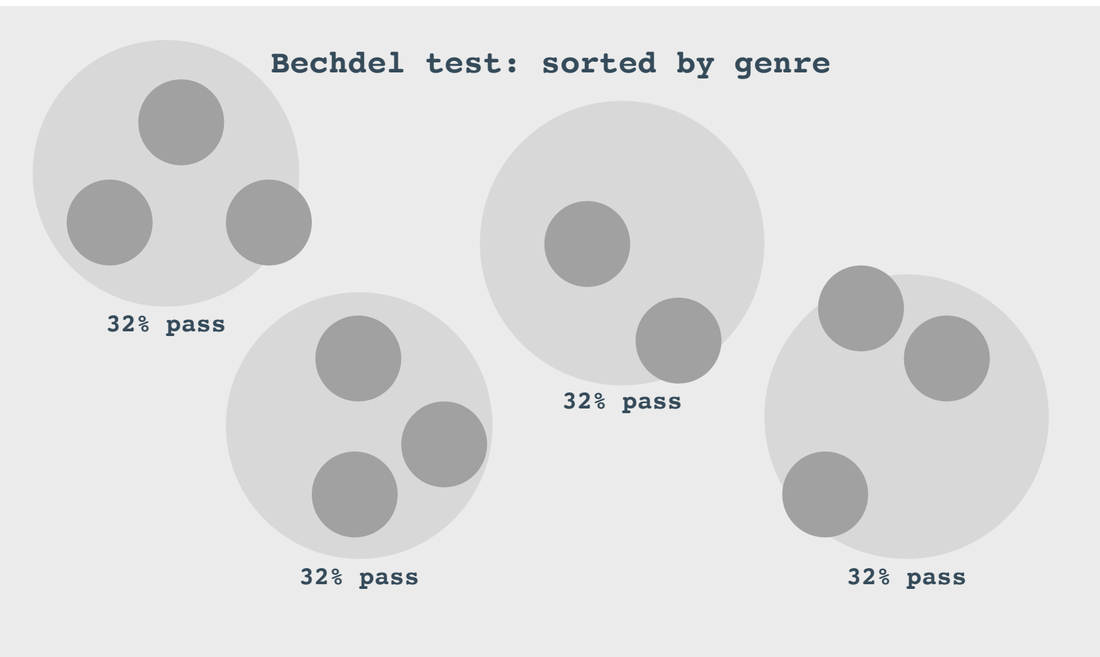

First iteration: Week 2

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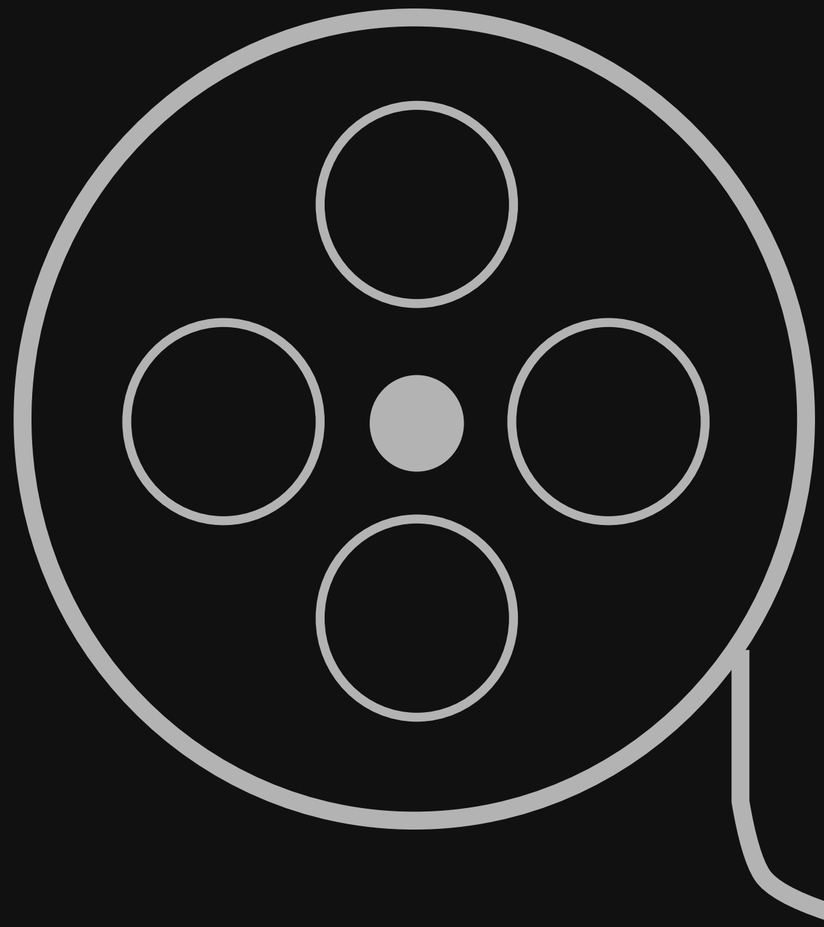
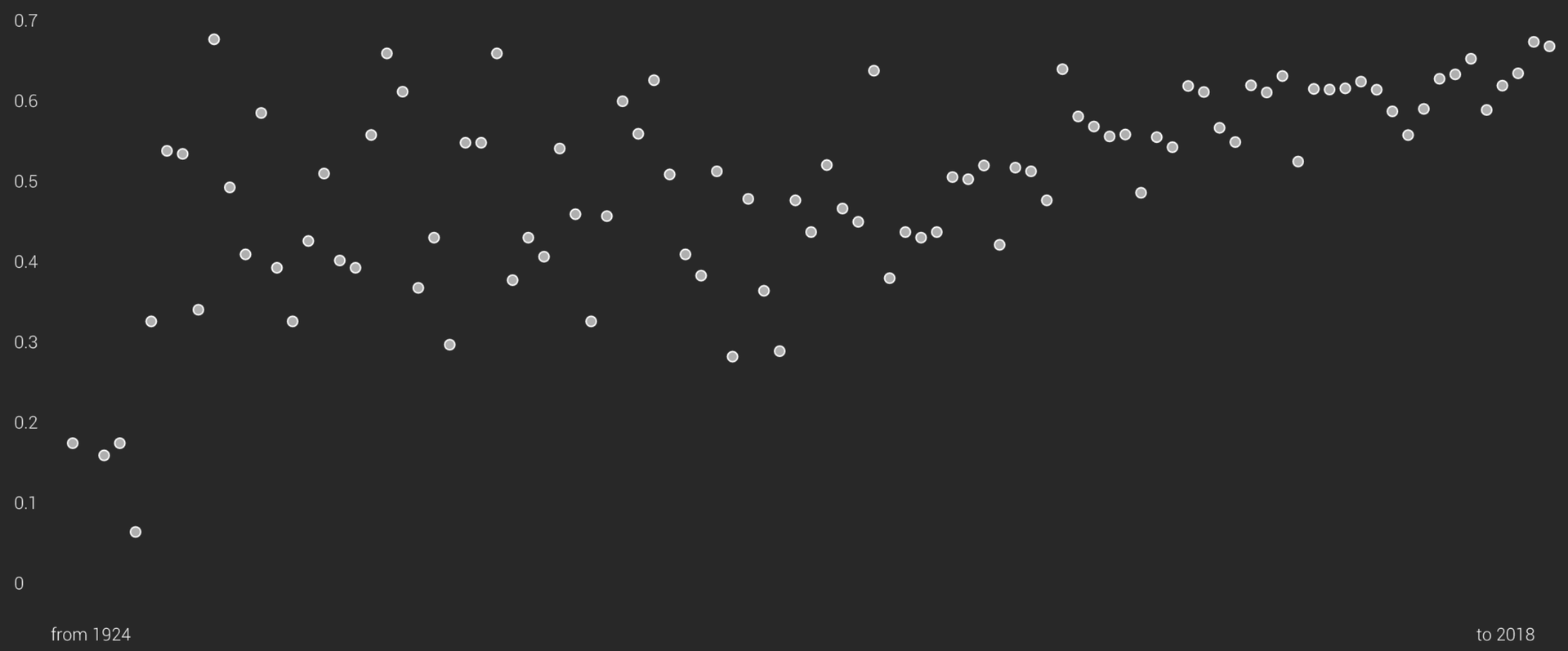


Fraction of movies that pass the bechdel test over the years

1. Select a point to the right to highlight movies from that year.
2. Scroll down after you have selected a date
3. Click anywhere to deselect that year



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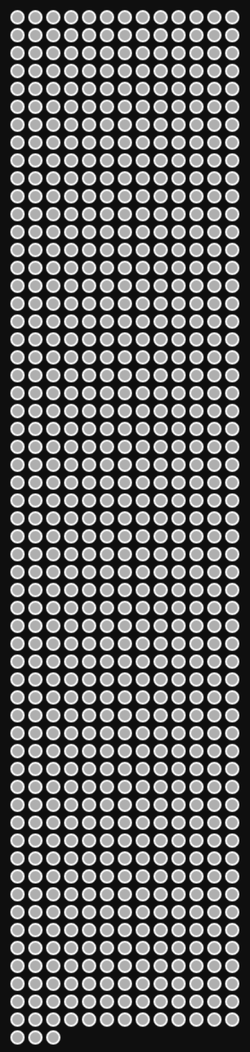

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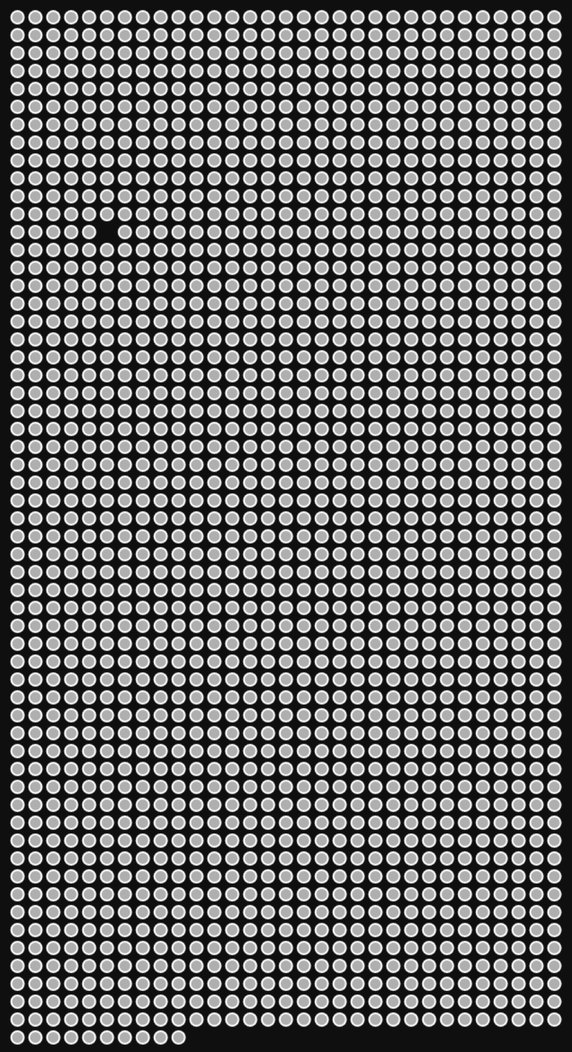

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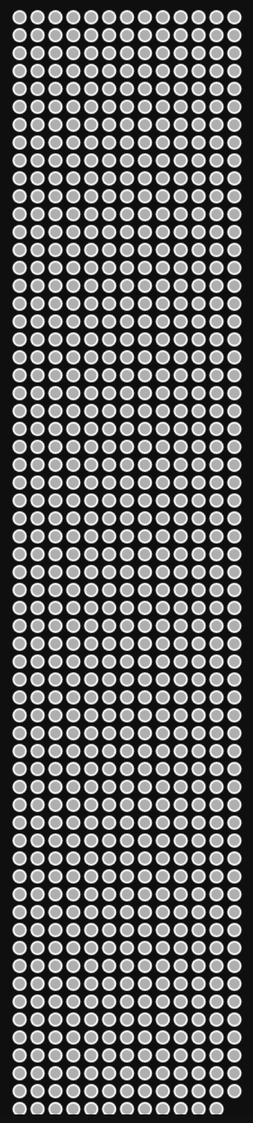
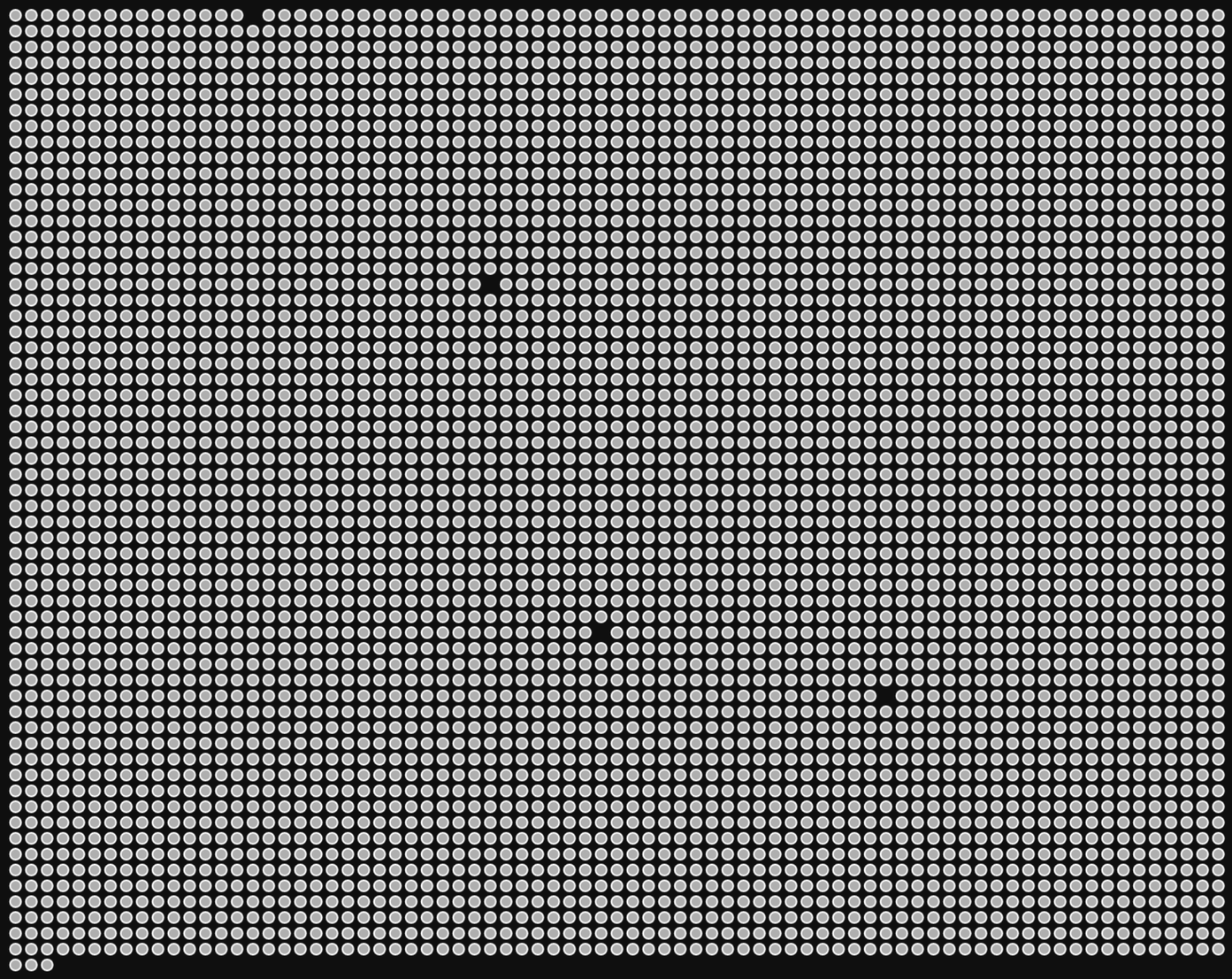


3 criteria passed



What I did this week

I made all the technical parts of this project work, but I did not focus that much on the design and experience of the data.

Areas for feedback

How can I make the overall experience better? Is the current experience enjoyable, or is it too much data to sift through? What would make it more enjoyable and insightful?

What information should I highligh or guide users toward?

What needs more instruction or clarity?

Week 3: Iteration 2

Goals

① - show trends over time

② - show like movies (lump movies that fail w/ each other)

③ - allow for deeper exploration.

Trends - why?

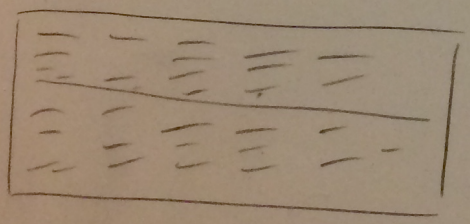
↳ · want to show improvement or lack thereof
· want to show current state.

Like-movies - why?

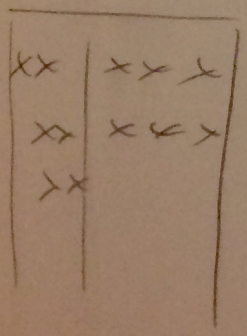
↳ show if there is a certain type of movie that fails
· Even "good" movies fail

Deep exploration: why?

↳ · people can find their favorite movies
· feel like



one screen: needs to be horizontal w/ ease in finding movies
Good for goals: 1 + 2
Bad for goal: 3



scroll: focus on specific years + movies
- less ability to even see trends.
Good for: 2 & 3
Bad for: 1 and kinda 3.

Takeaway: scroll is less effective (at least by itself).

1 - Trend User Journey

Open data viz

↓

See trend immediately

↓

Want to explore + see specific movies

- happy about inc. trend but sad about how far we have to go.
  - ↳ need clear trend + clear scale ★

- want to see what movies led to pass + fail.

2 - Like Movies

Select criteria passed to look at

↓

Look at specific movies

- choose pass/fail (or in between)
  - ↳ clear divide between criteria ★

- want to find specific movie/interesting movies
- look to find movies you know
- excited/sad when movies you know pass/fail
  - ↳ clear ★ what specific movie & if it passes/fails ★

3 - Exploration

Take-aways

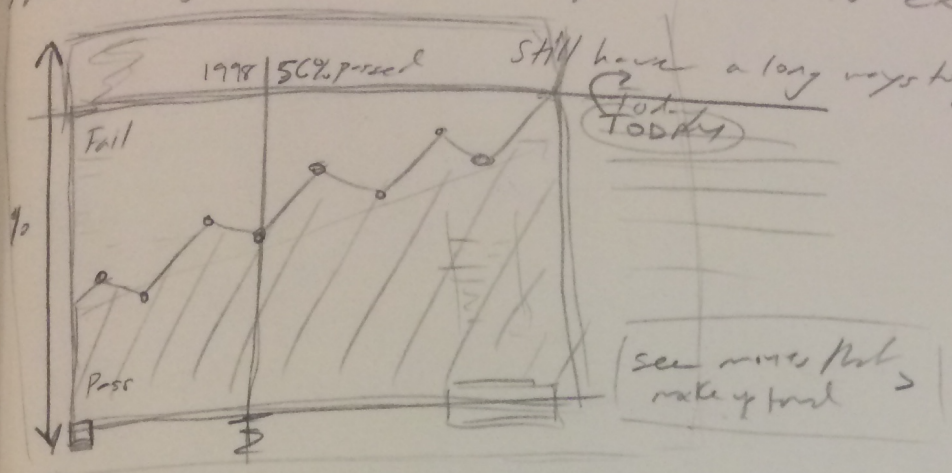
- need clear trend + clear scale
- clear divide between criteria
- clear what specific movie & if it passes/fails + highlighted movies

1-Trend

Need: clear trend + scale

→ + clear there is still a long way to go

This is just the surface part → call to explore more.

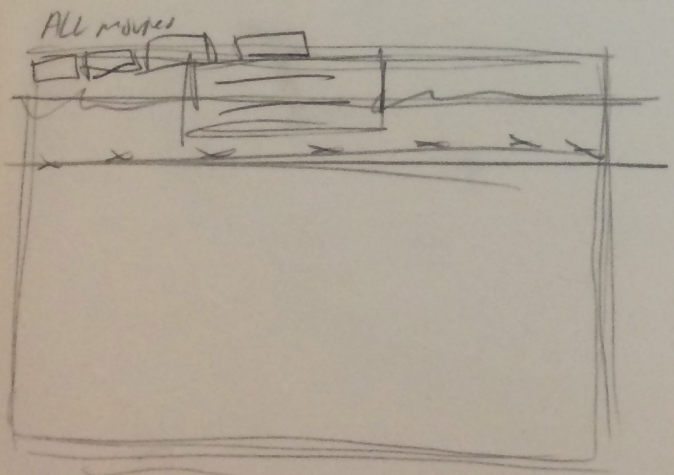


2- Like Movies / Explore

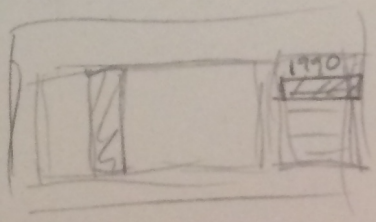
Need: clear divide between criteria → Title + Date + Pass?

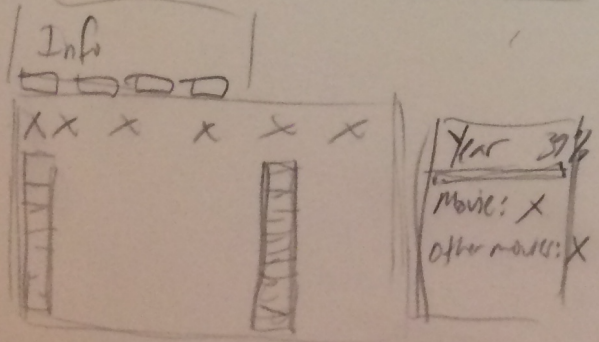
→ clear specific movies

+ organize by date to narrow down data more



Aggregate vs. specific movies





Carter List

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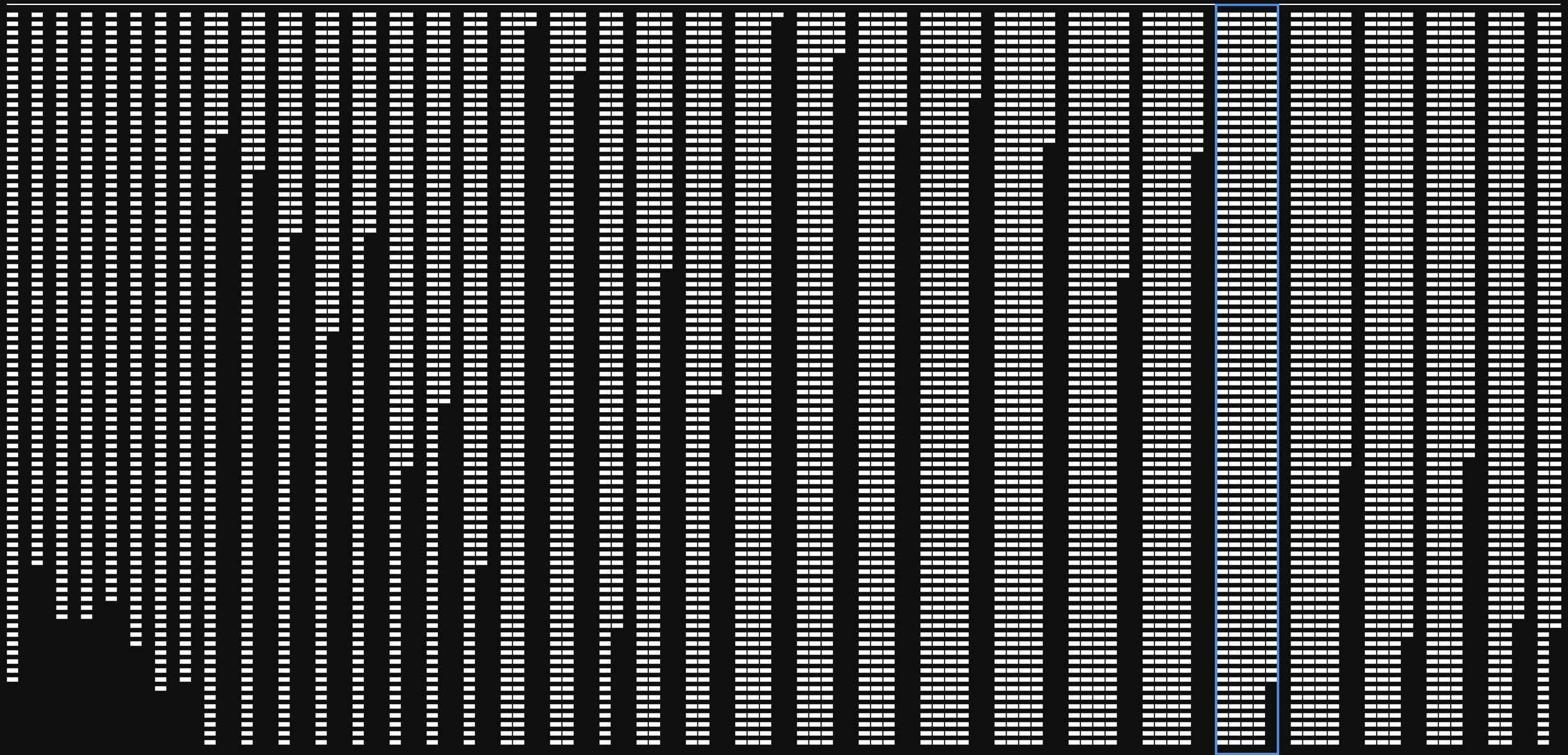

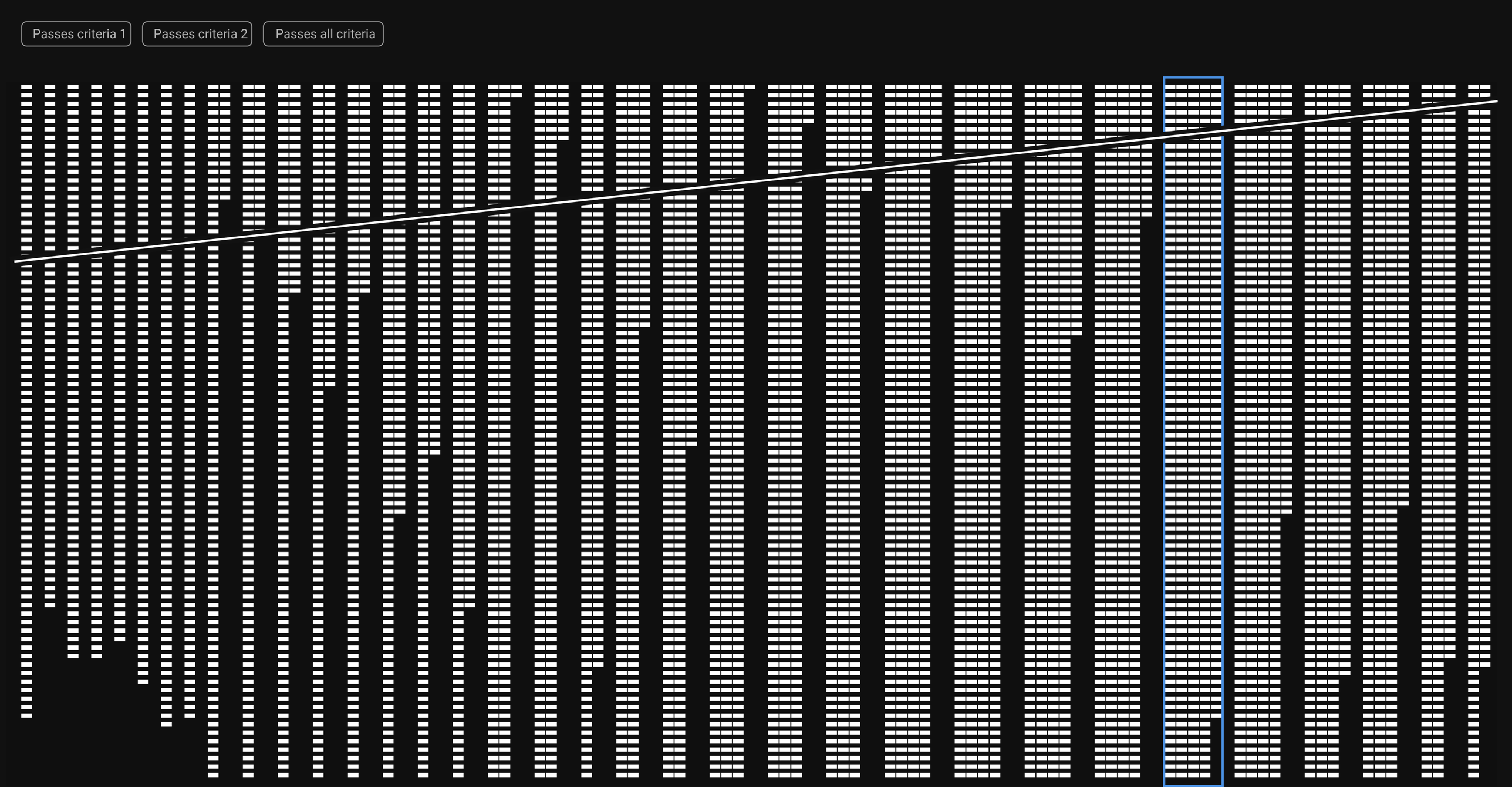
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Week 3: Iteration 3

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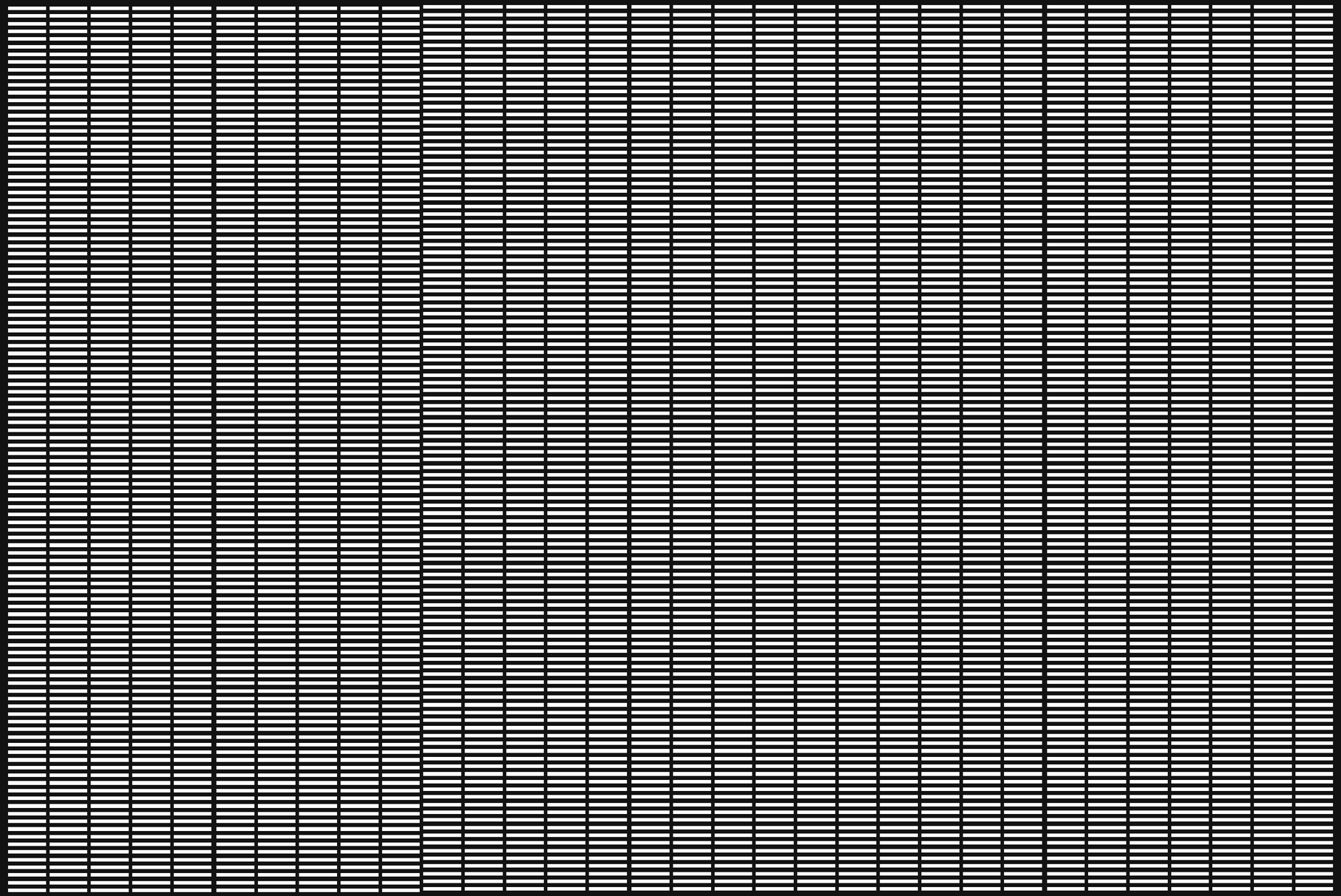

1990

37% passed

Selected movie

Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse

Failed
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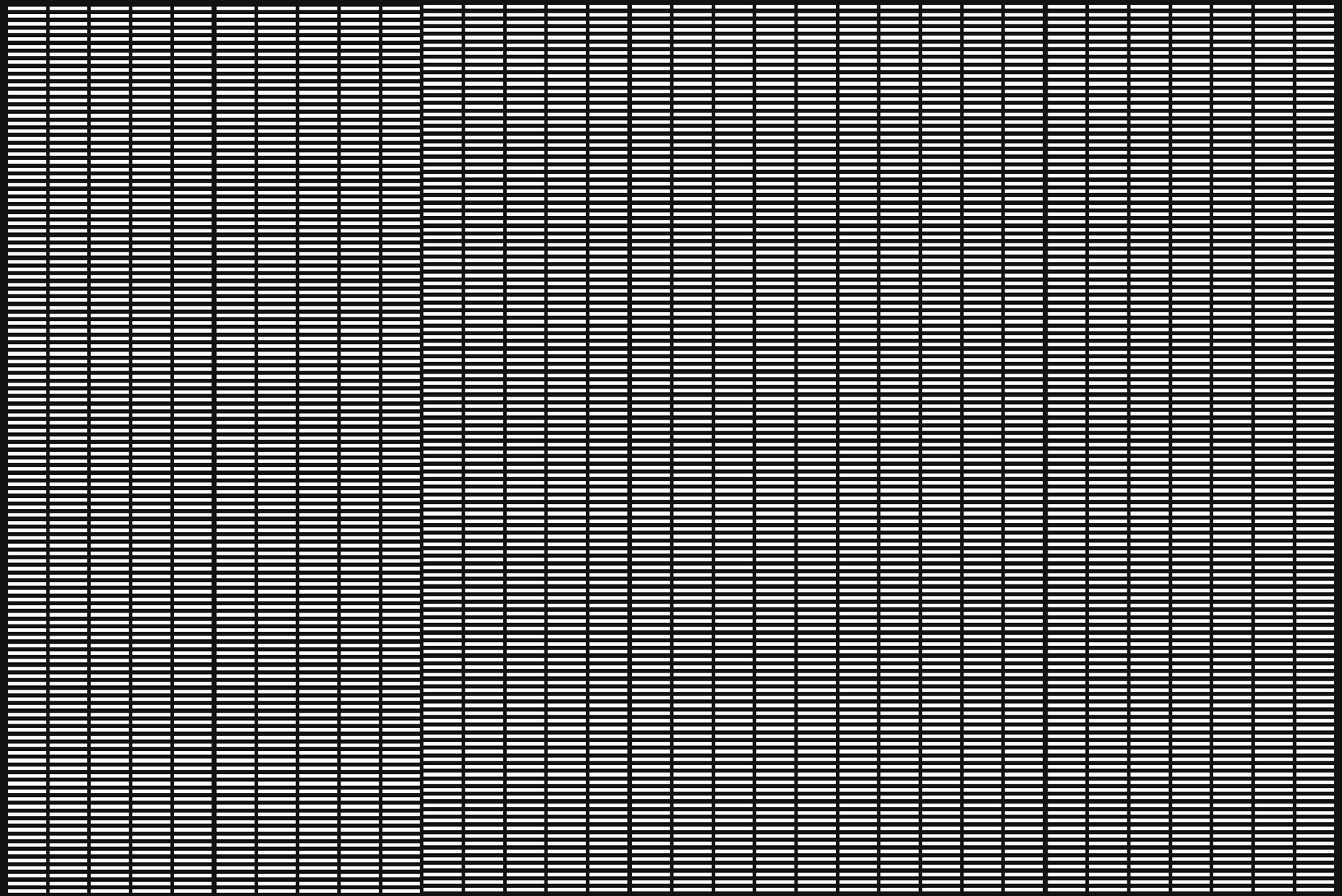

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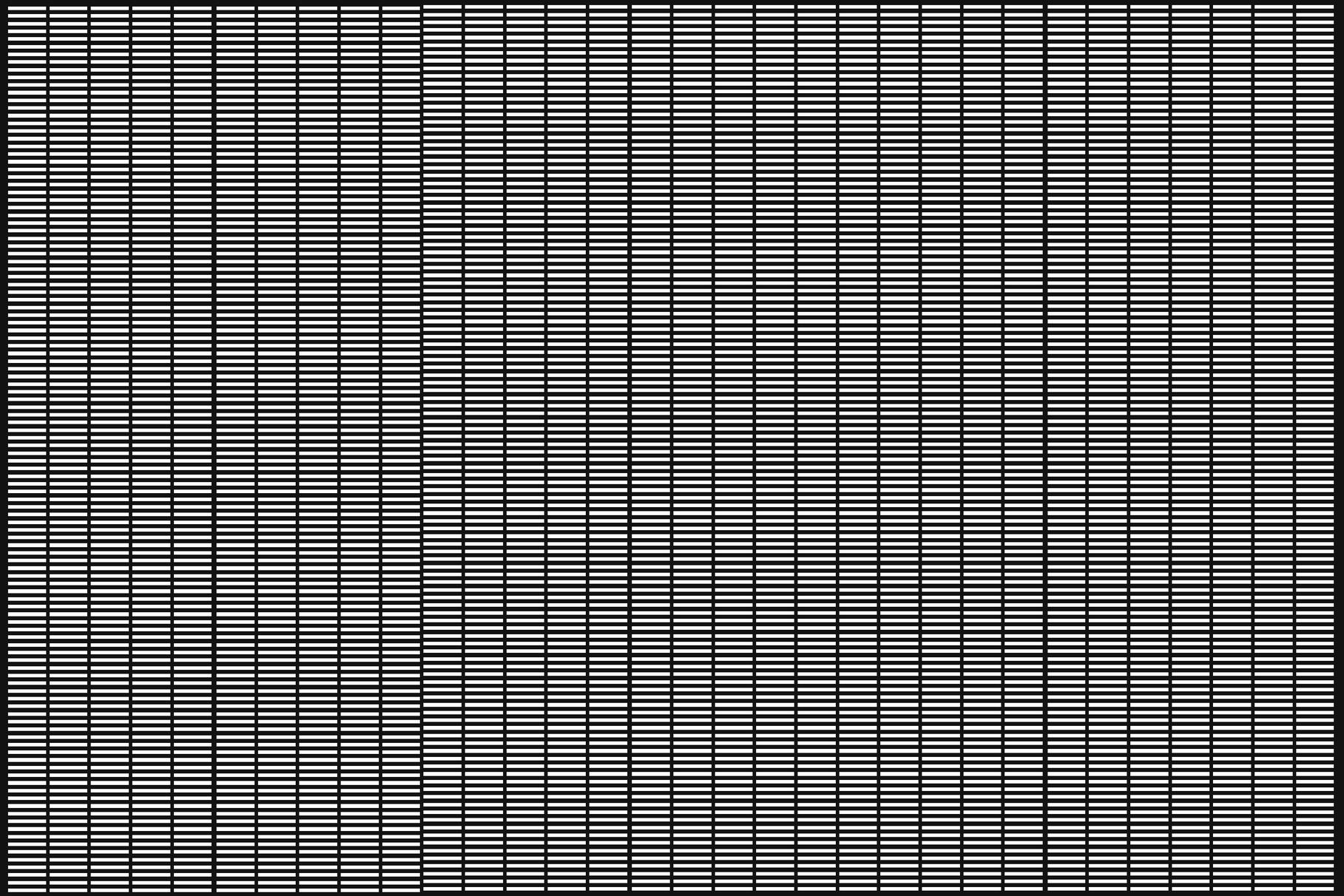

Hover over a point to the left to explore

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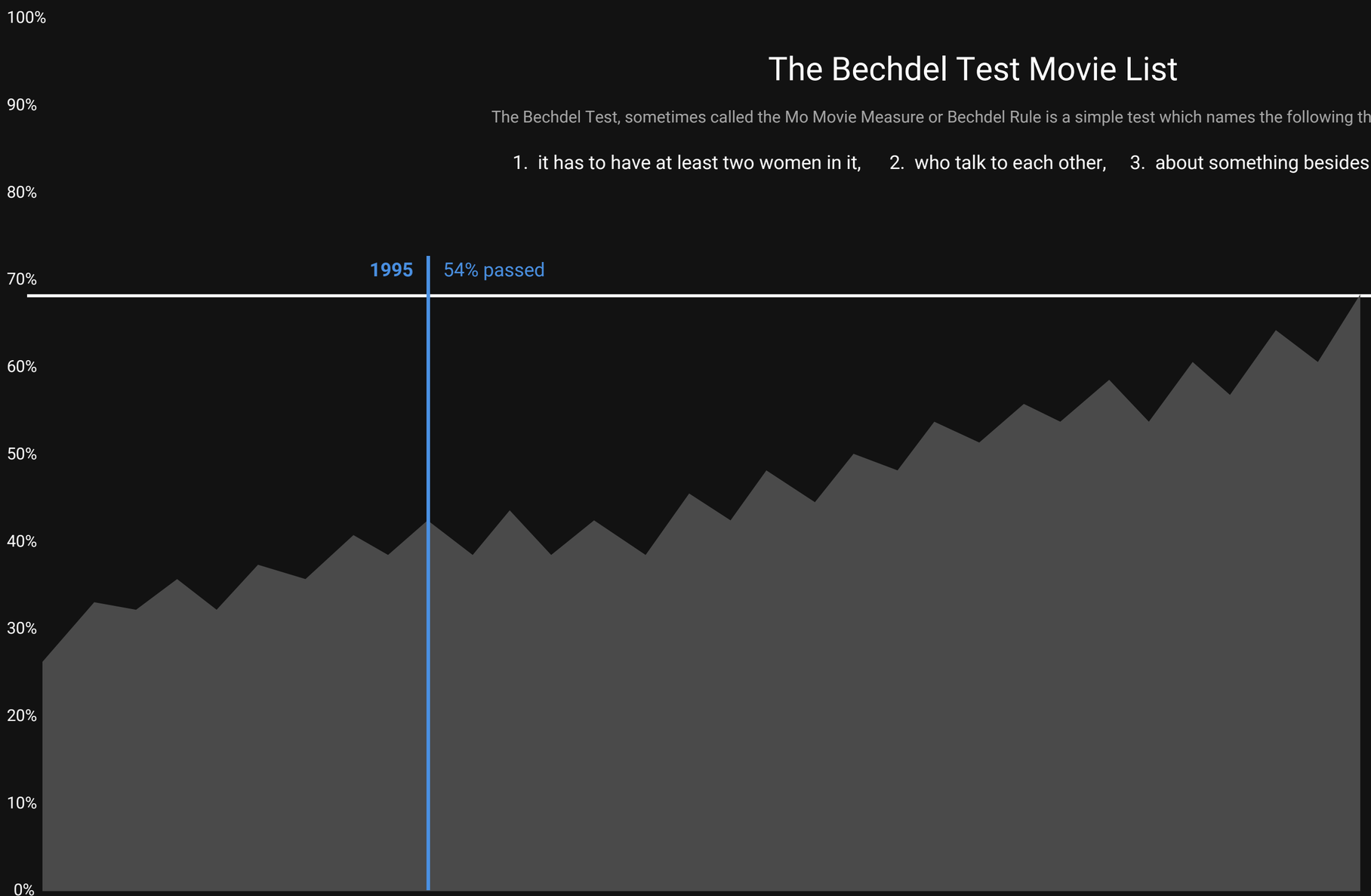

Percent of movies that passed the bechdel test since the test was created in 1985

While there is an upward trend, 30% of movies last year did not pass the test.

This test only requires that two named women speak to each other about something other than a man.

Give that low bar, movies still have a long way to go in closing this gender gap.

Explore specific movies

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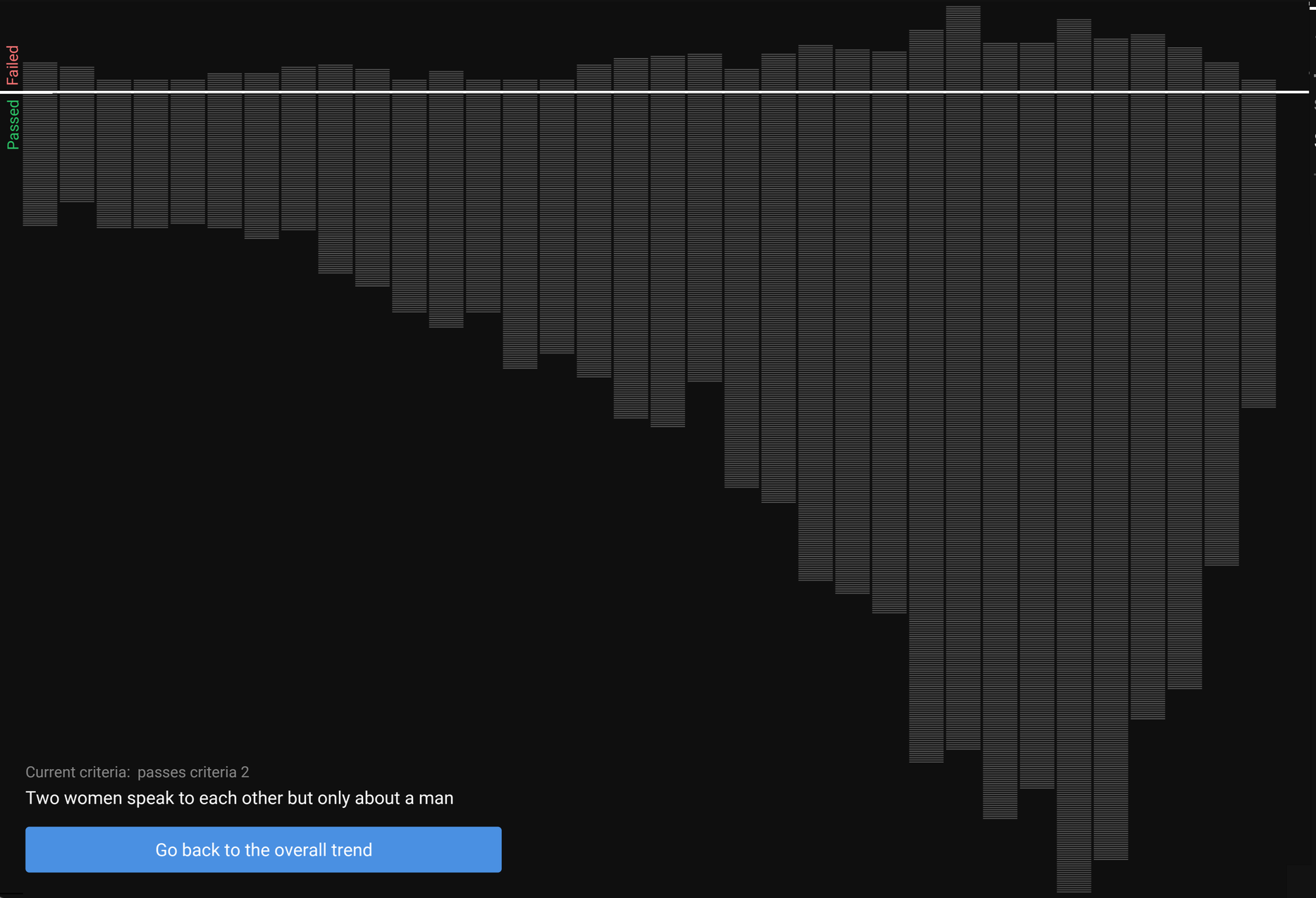

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Current criteria: passes criteria 2

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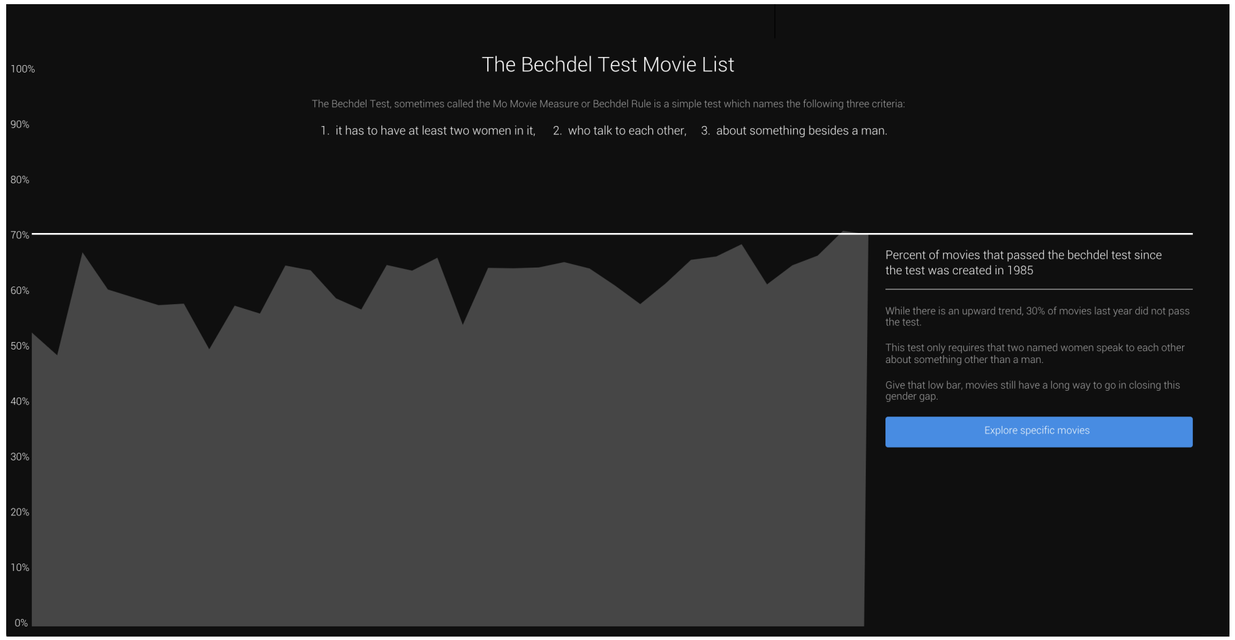
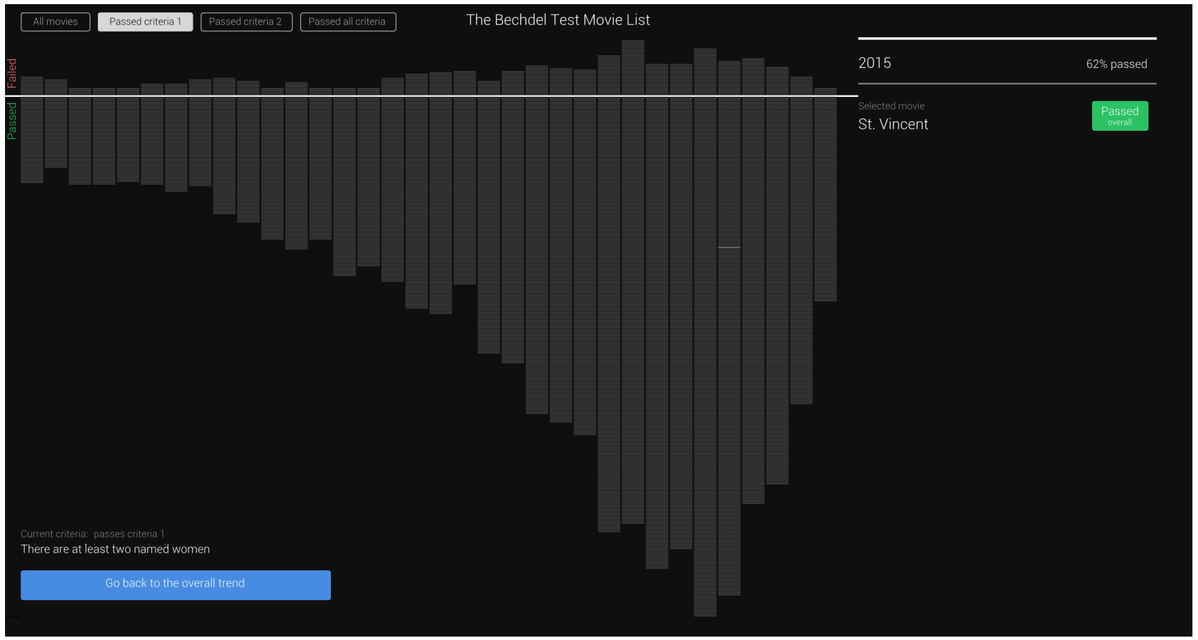
Go back to the overall trend

Last week: process





Goal 1: combine these two screens

Currently break context by switching back and forth between two screens. Worse user experience with the two screens.

Goal 2: take emphasis off number of movies each year

Currently puts a lot of emphasis on the number of movies and the trend of those growing # of movies. Need to stretch out each bar to the same length

Goal 3: Reorganize titles/label

Break context by not organizing all titles in the same place

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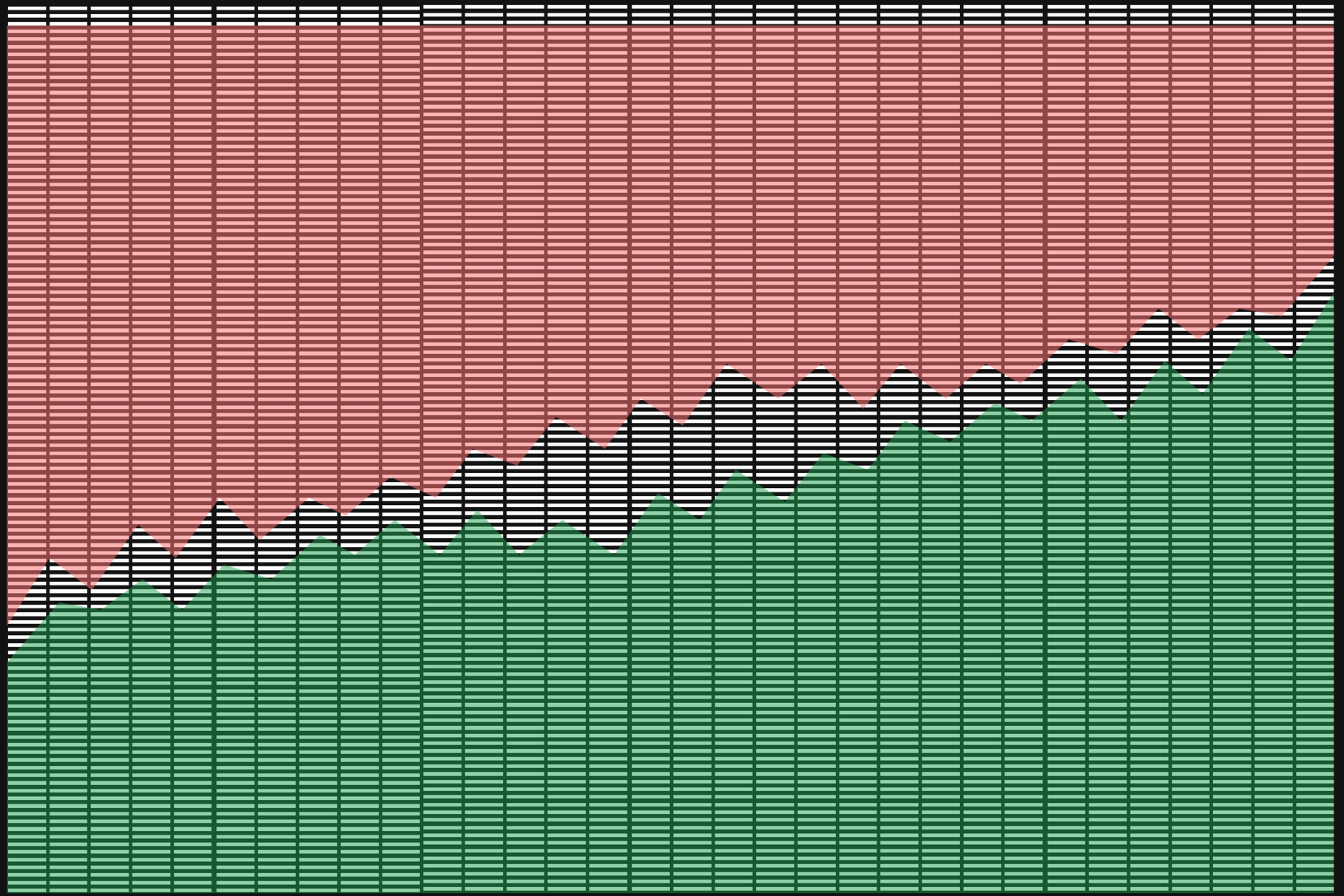

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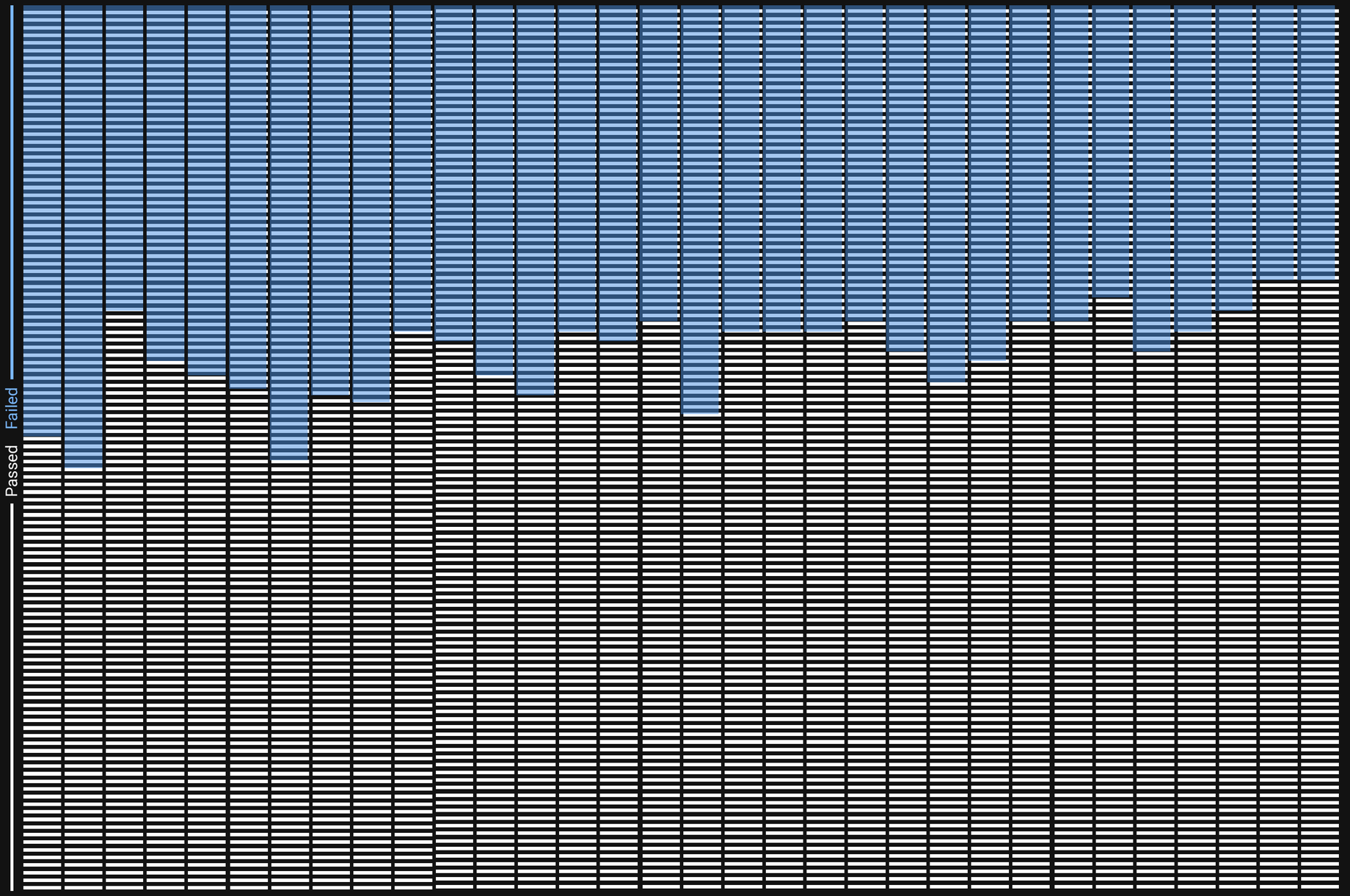

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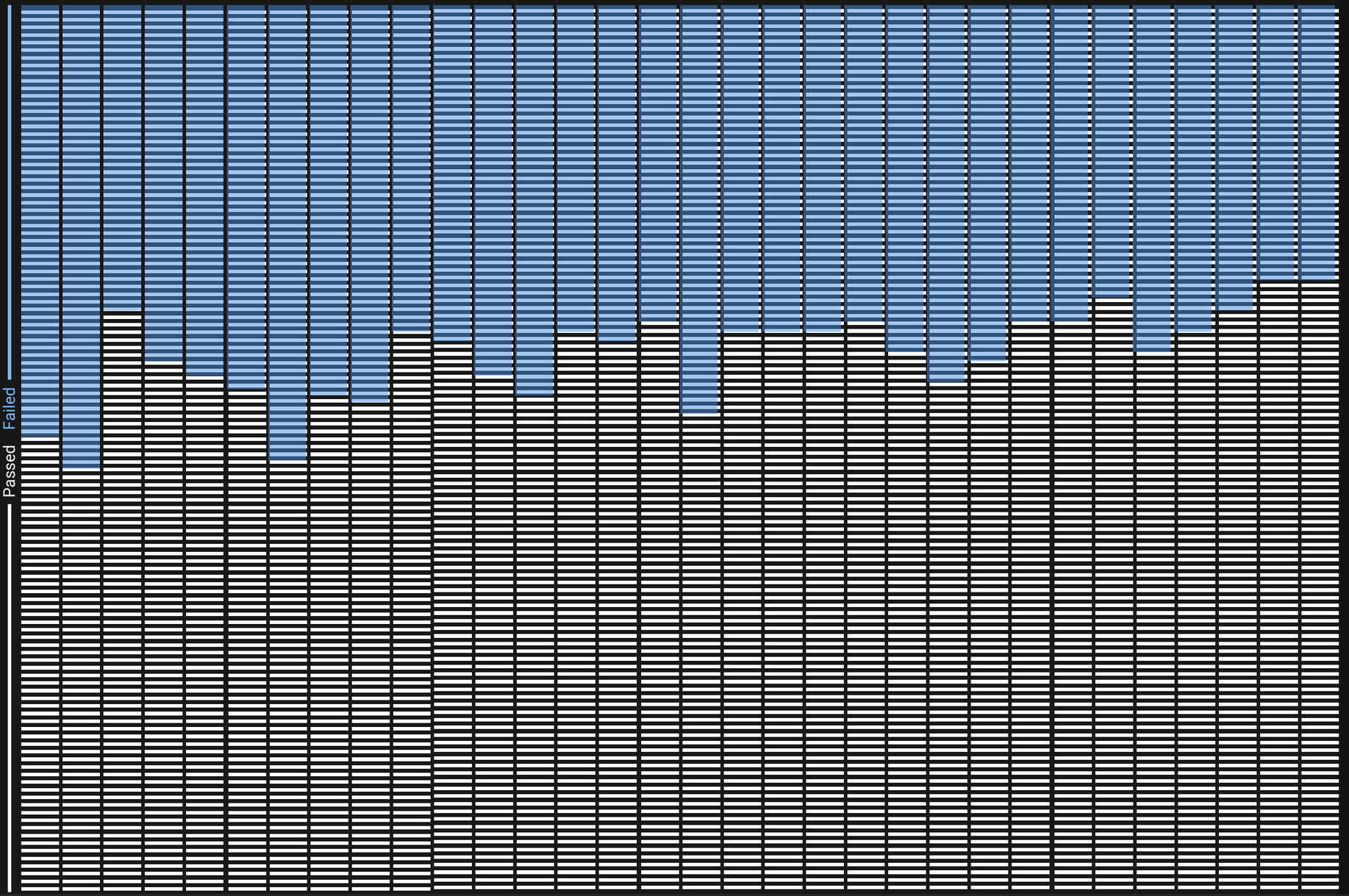

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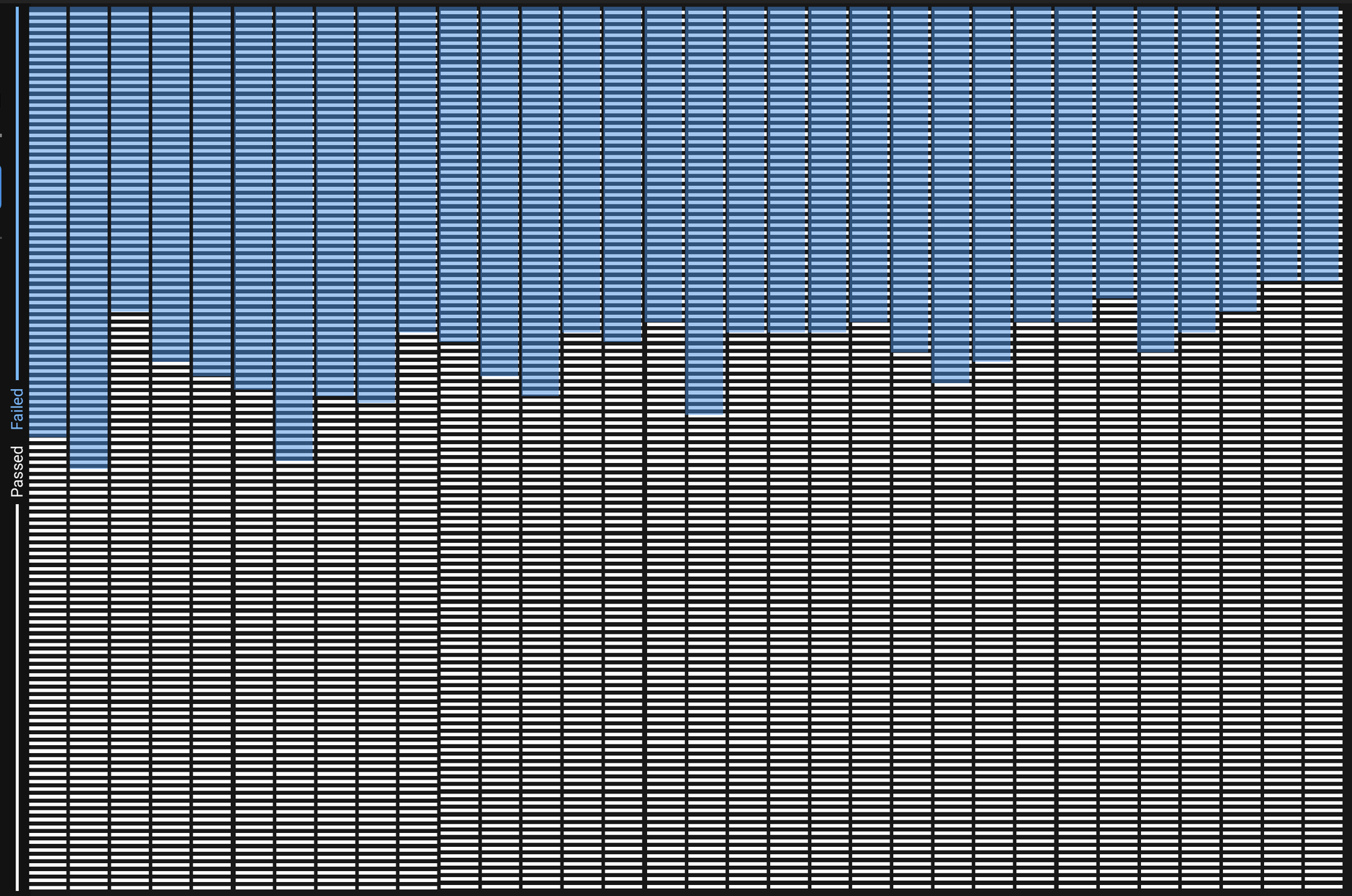

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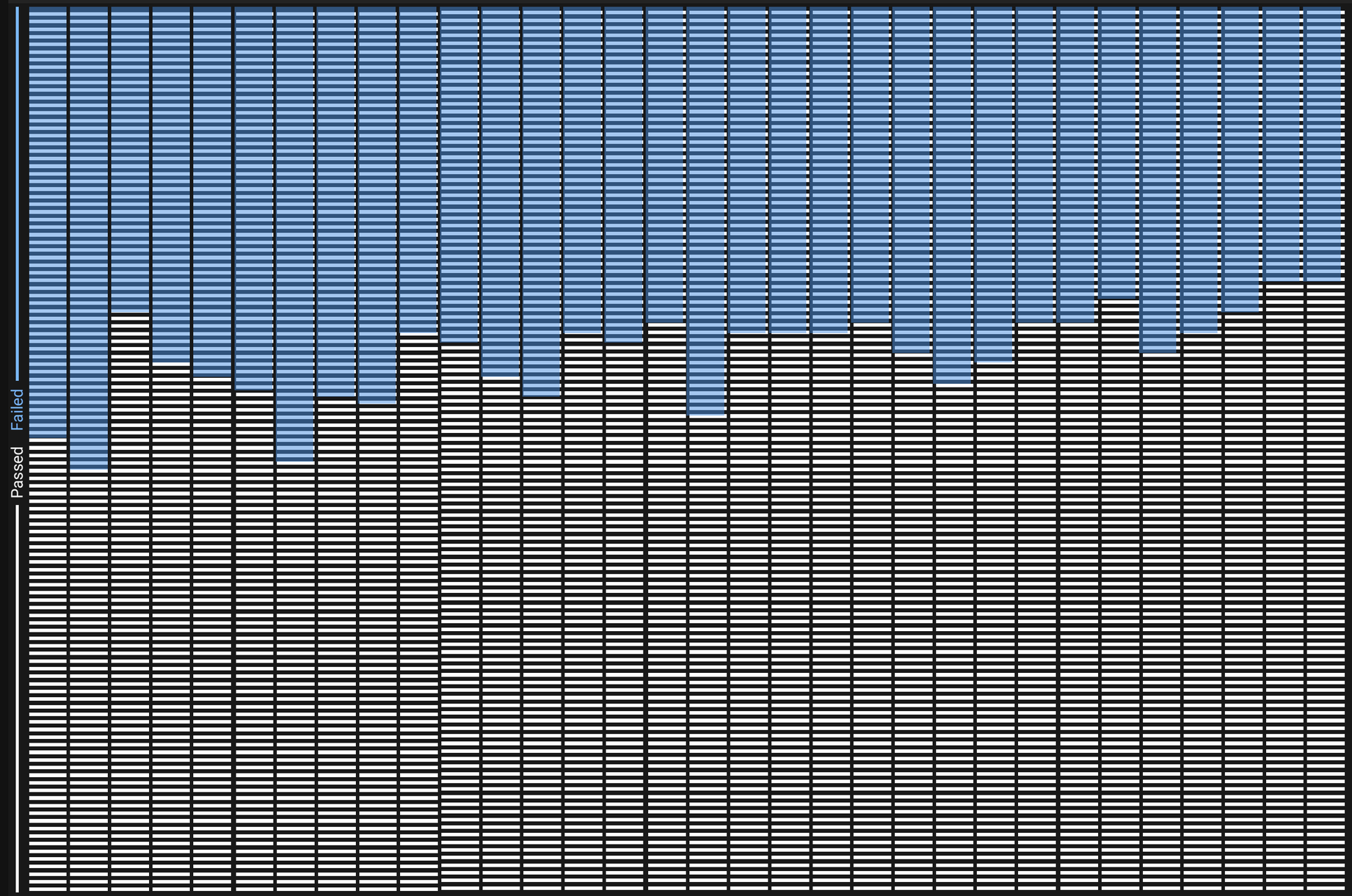

The Bechdel Test Movie List

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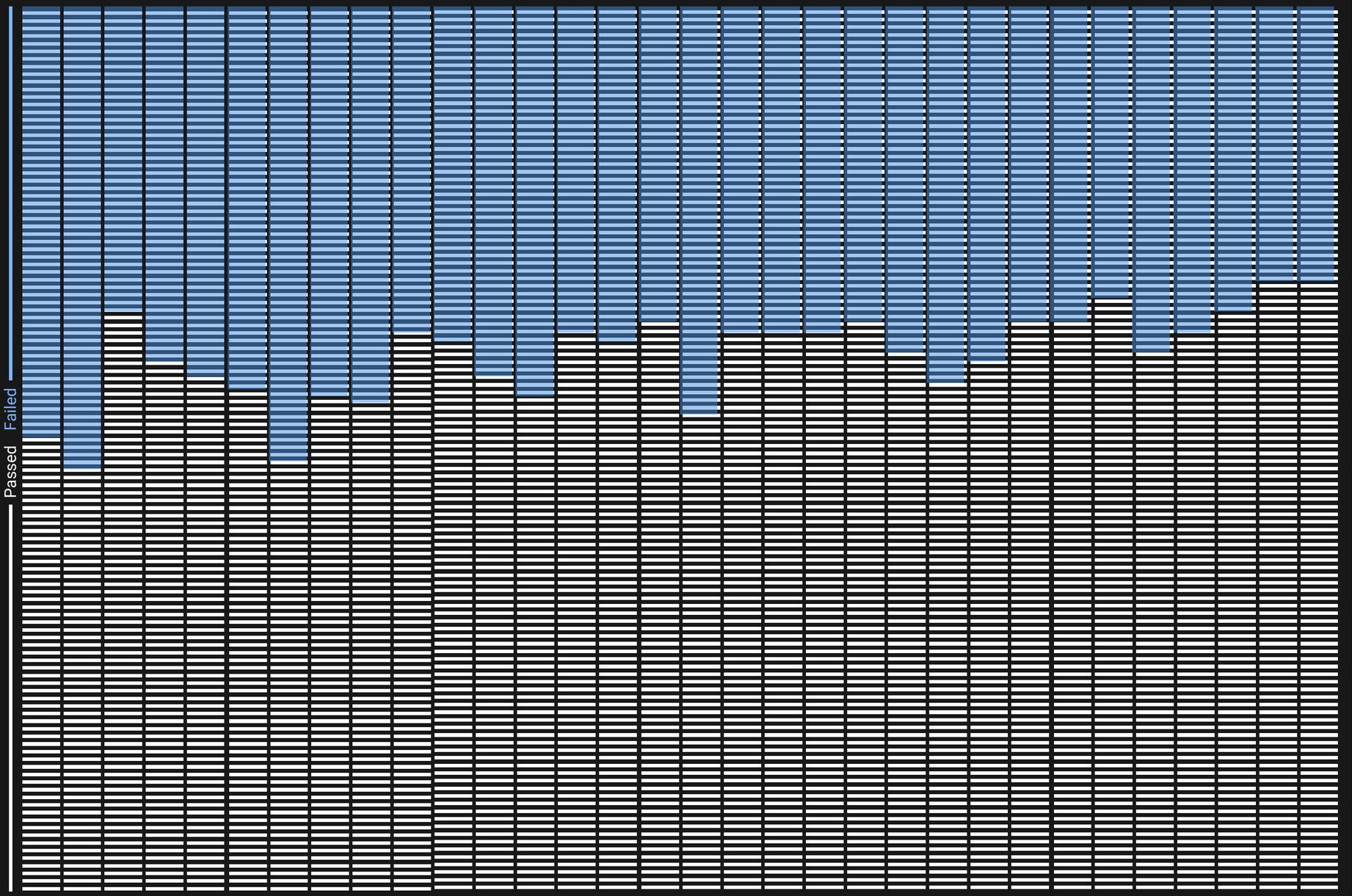

1990

37% passed

Selected movie

Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse

Failed
overall

Similar movies

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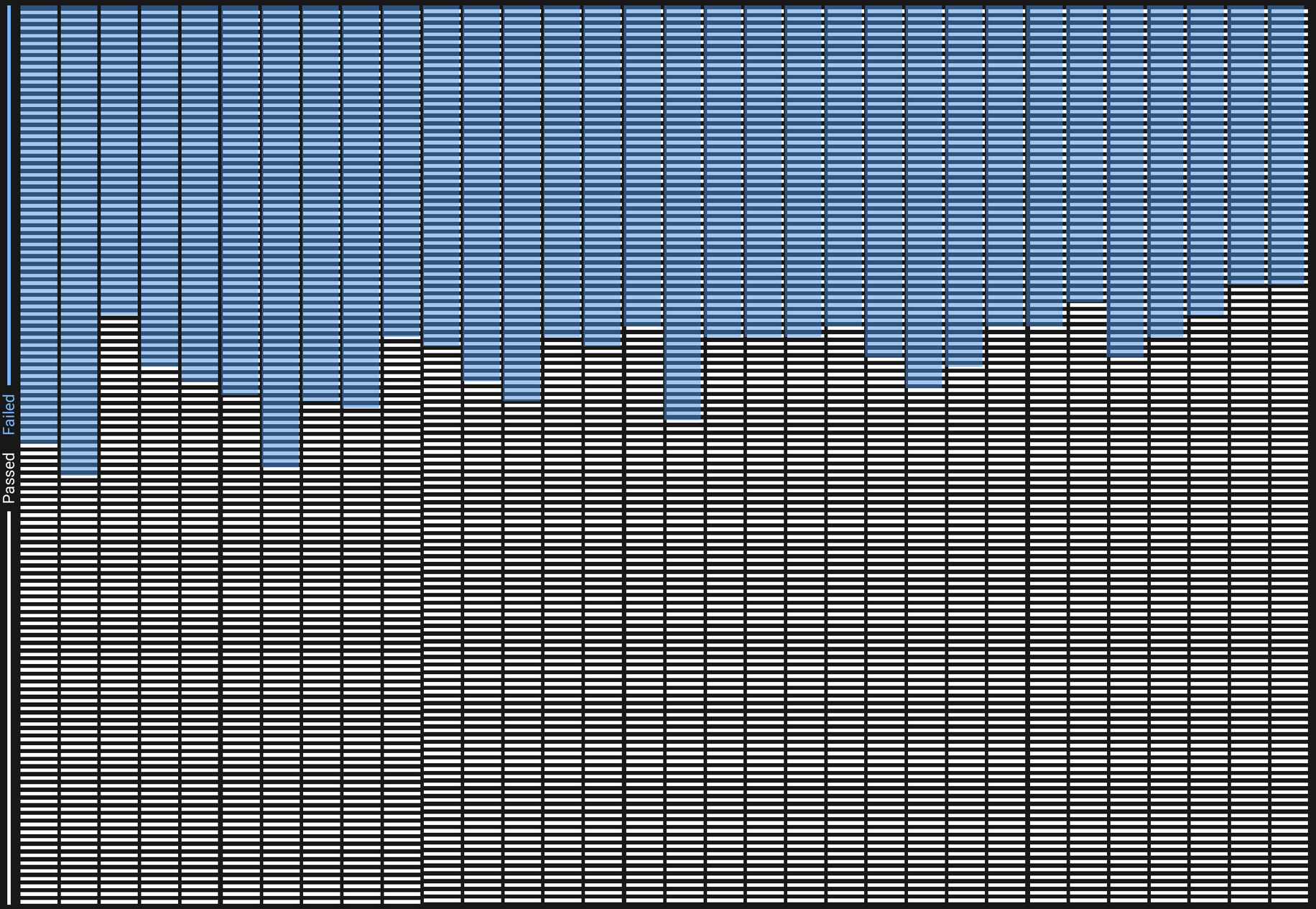

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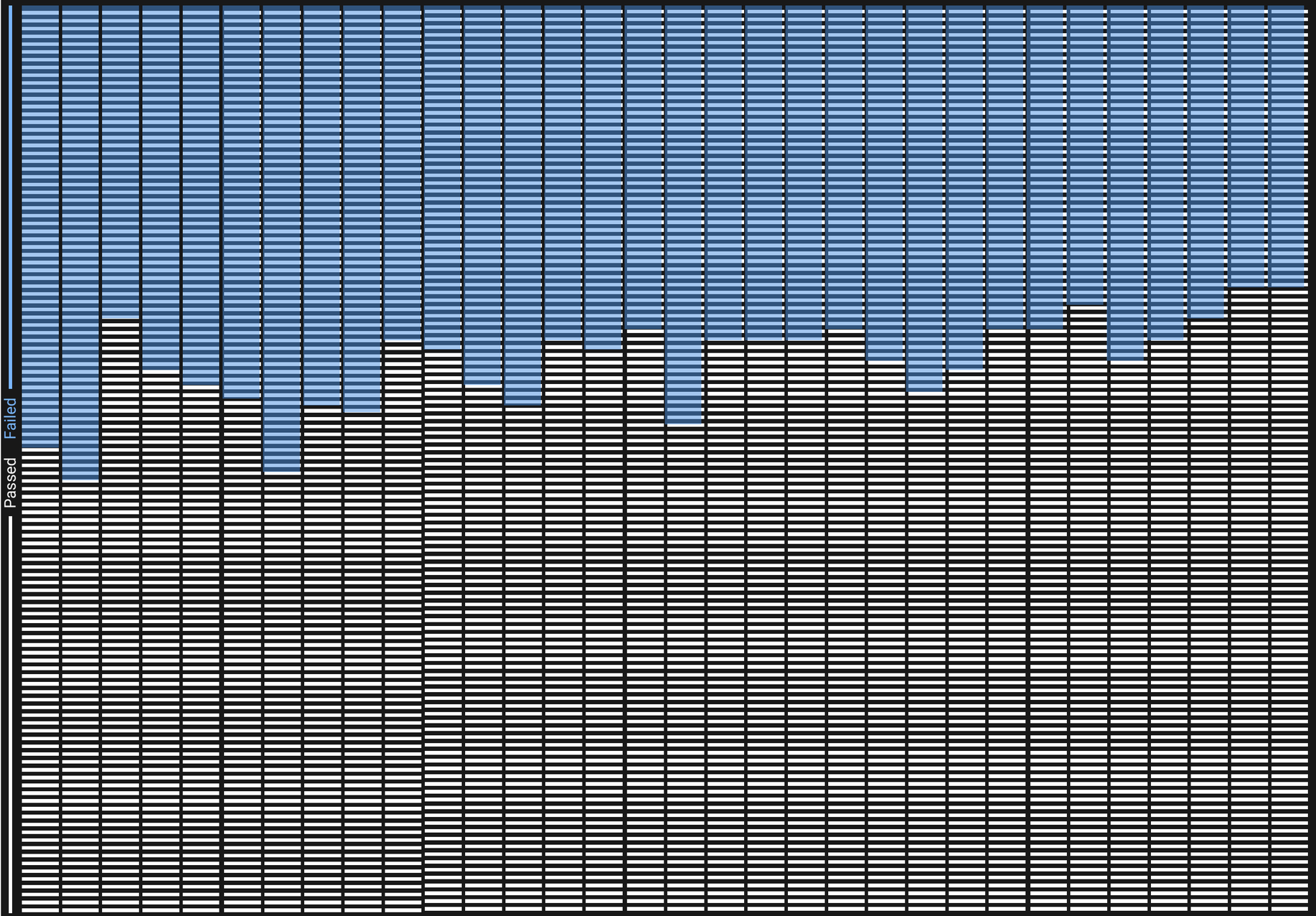

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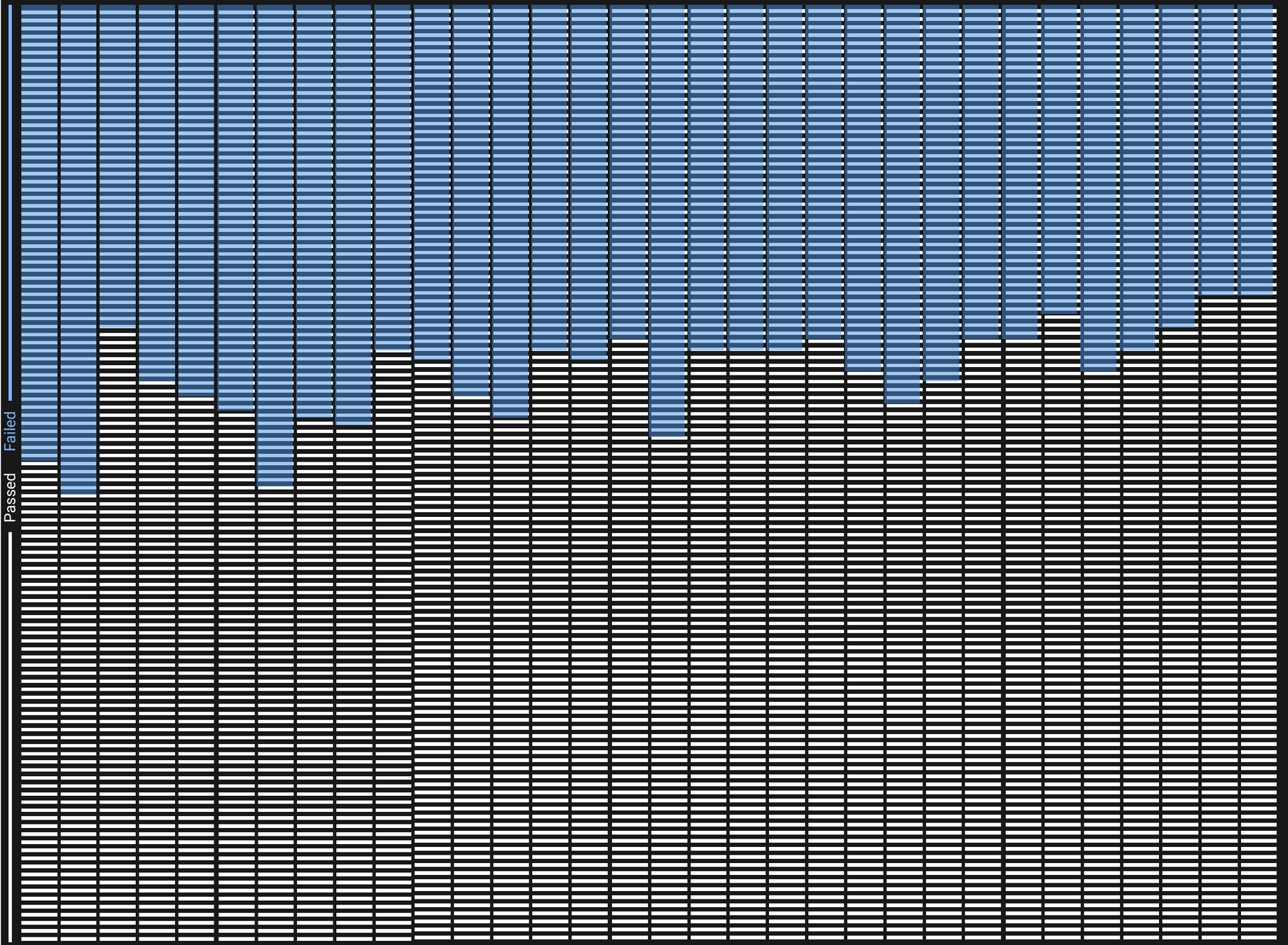

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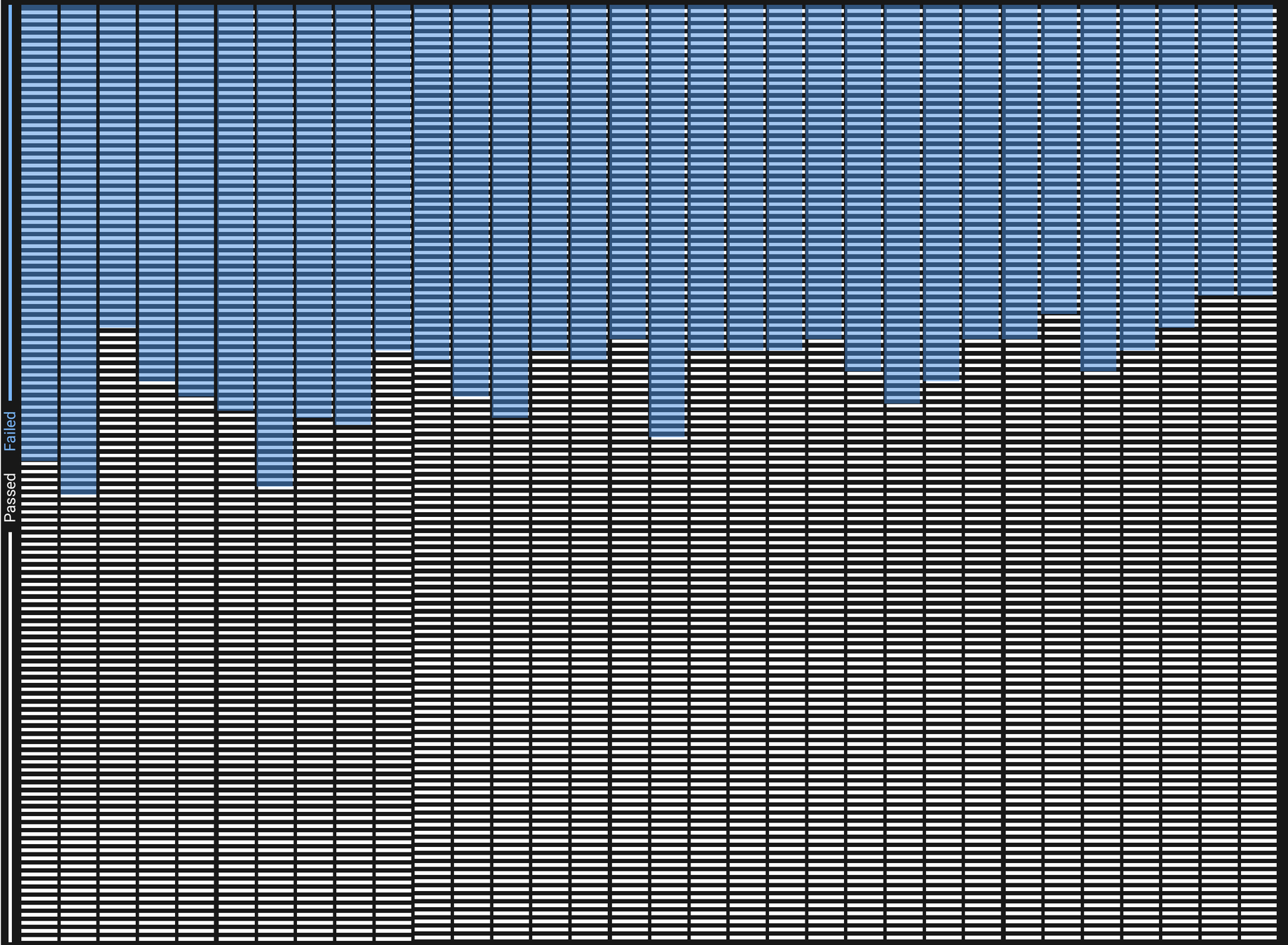

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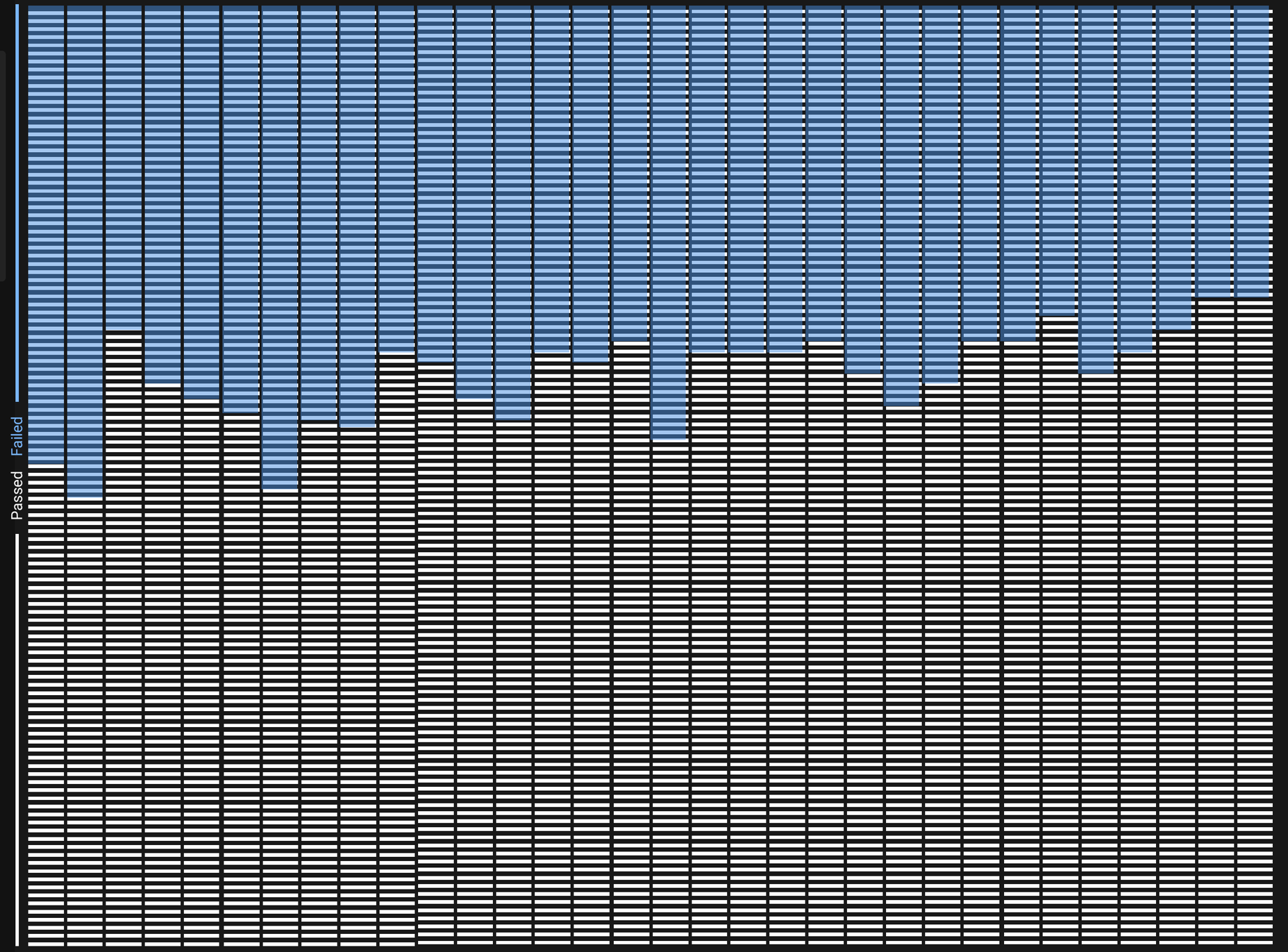

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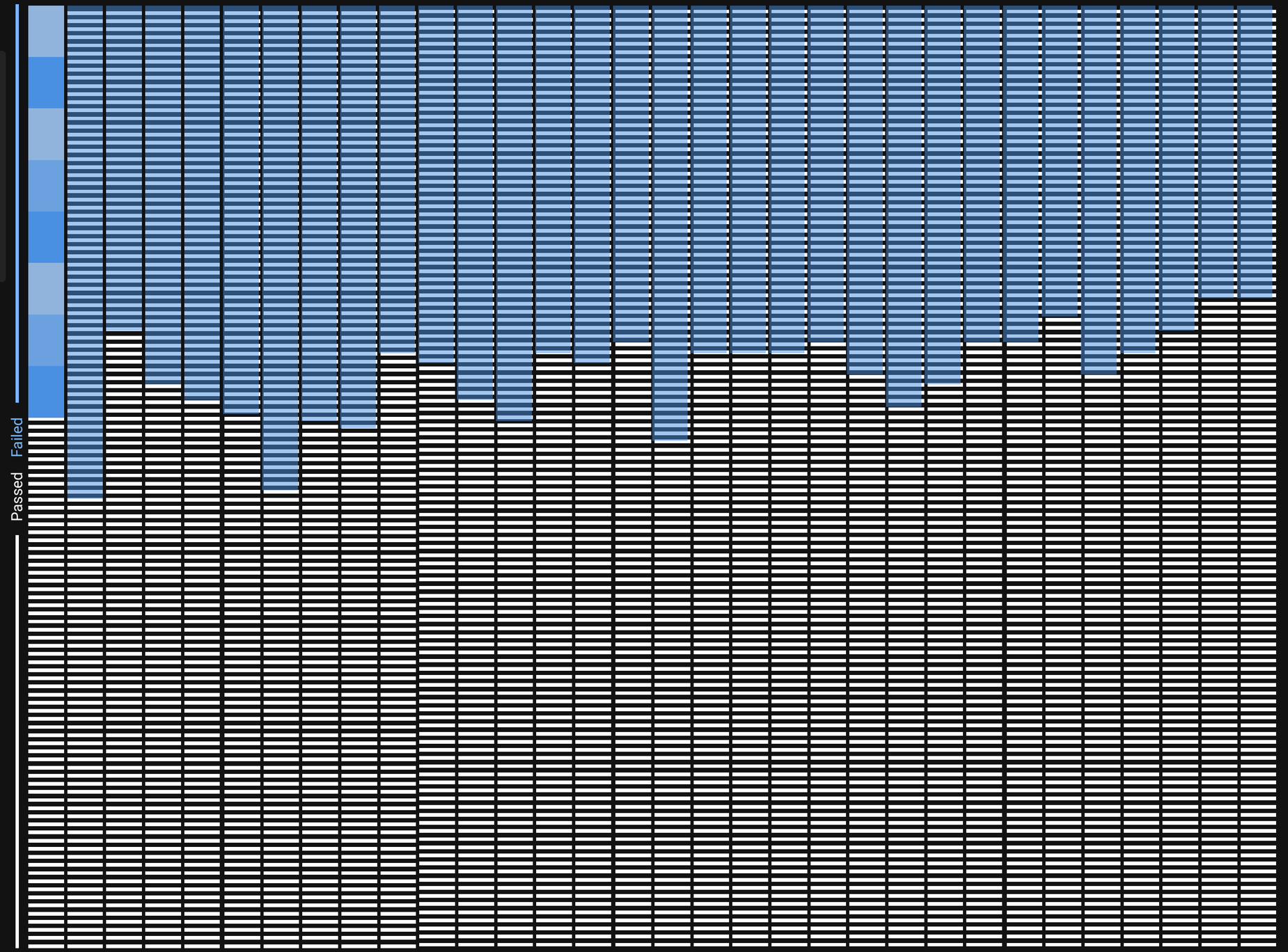


Tackled Goals:

Goal 1: combine these two screens
Currently break context by switching back and forth between two screens. Worse user experience with the two screens.

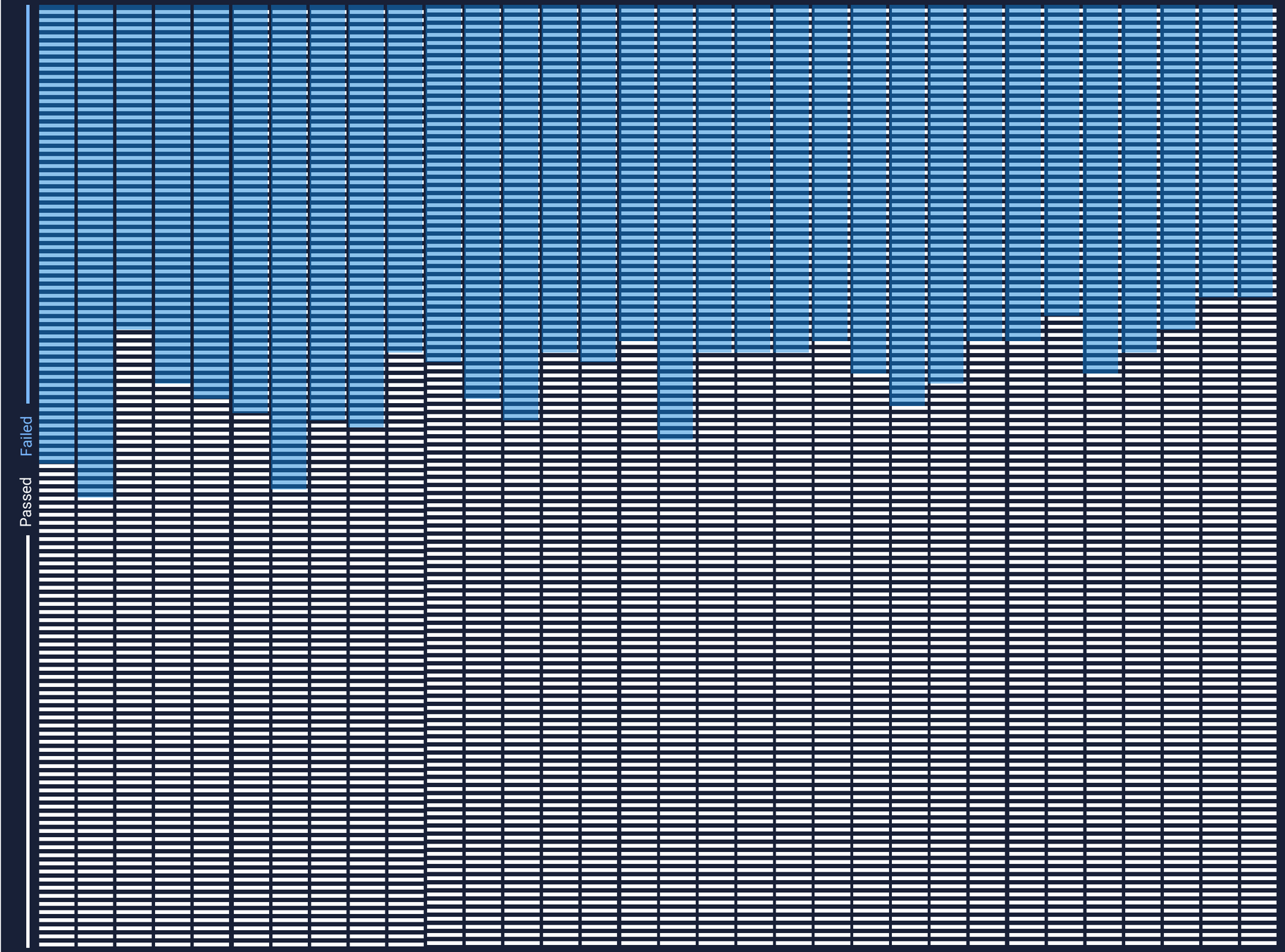
Goal 2: take emphasis off number of movies each year
Currently puts a lot of emphasis on the number of movies and the trend of those growing # of movies. Need to stretch out each bar to the same length

Goal 3: Reorganize titles/label
Break context by not organizing all titles in the same place

Next Iterations:

Goal 1: emphasize the upward trend (+ still having a long way to go)
As of now, the trend is not clear becasue, mainly, there is no scale on either axis. Could also emphasize this additionally in other ways

Goal 2: add which criteria each movie does pass when hovered over
Users cannot immediately see which criteria a single movies does indeed pass without clicking the next criteria and searching for it again.
Additionally, will want to implement ability to click on a specific movie and follow its movements



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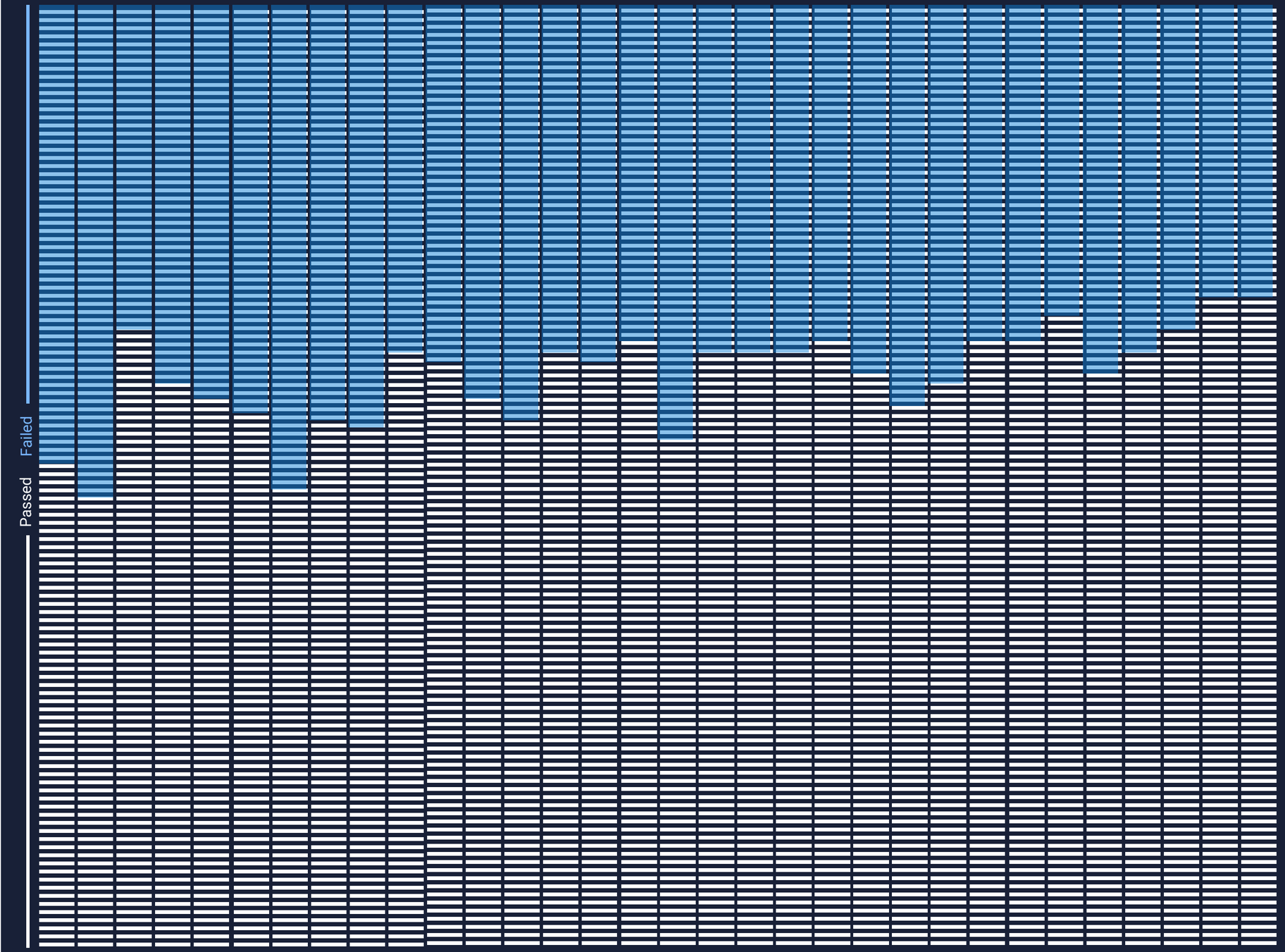

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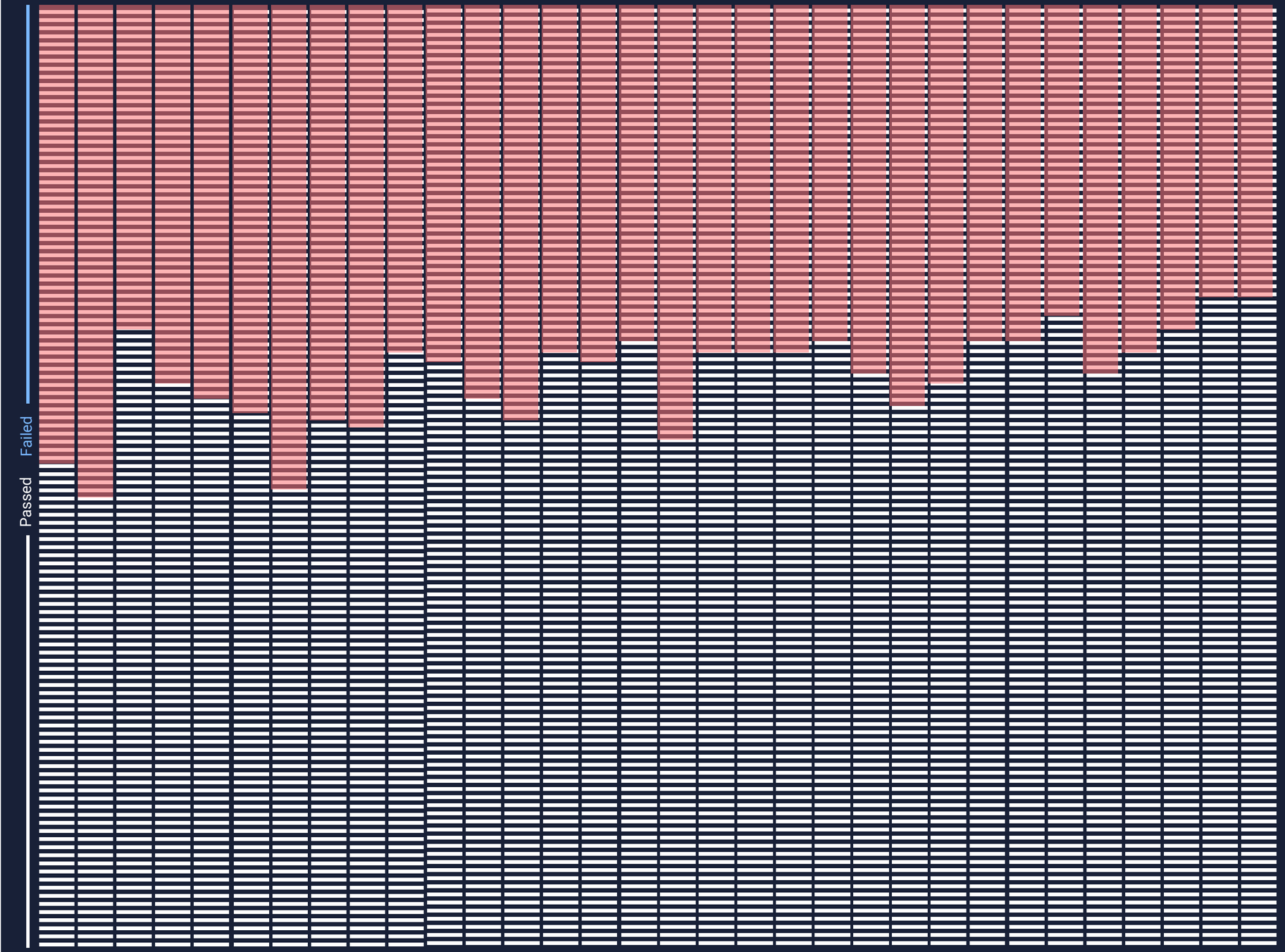

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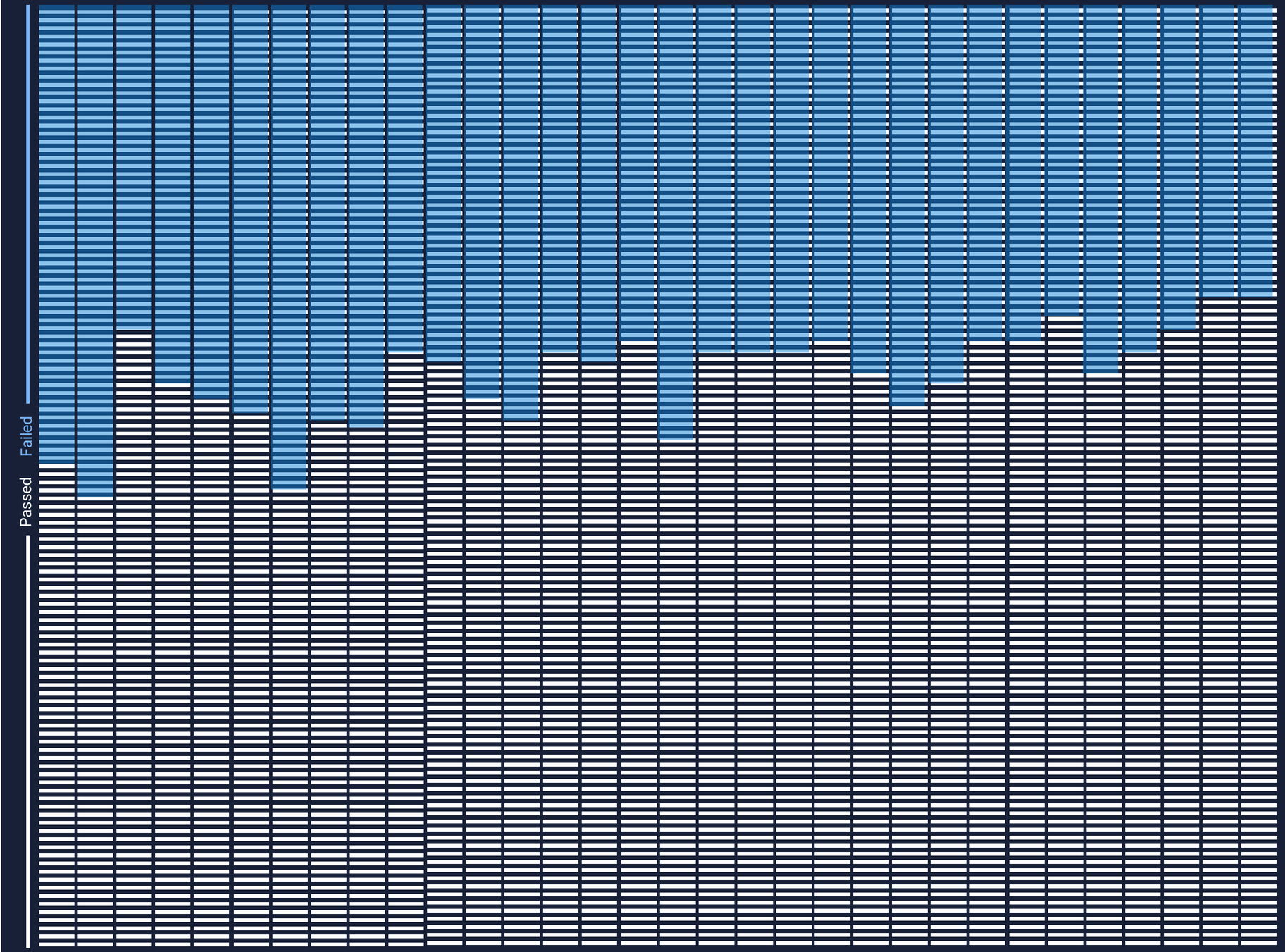

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1990 — 37% passed

This movie

Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse

Failed overall

Criteria stats

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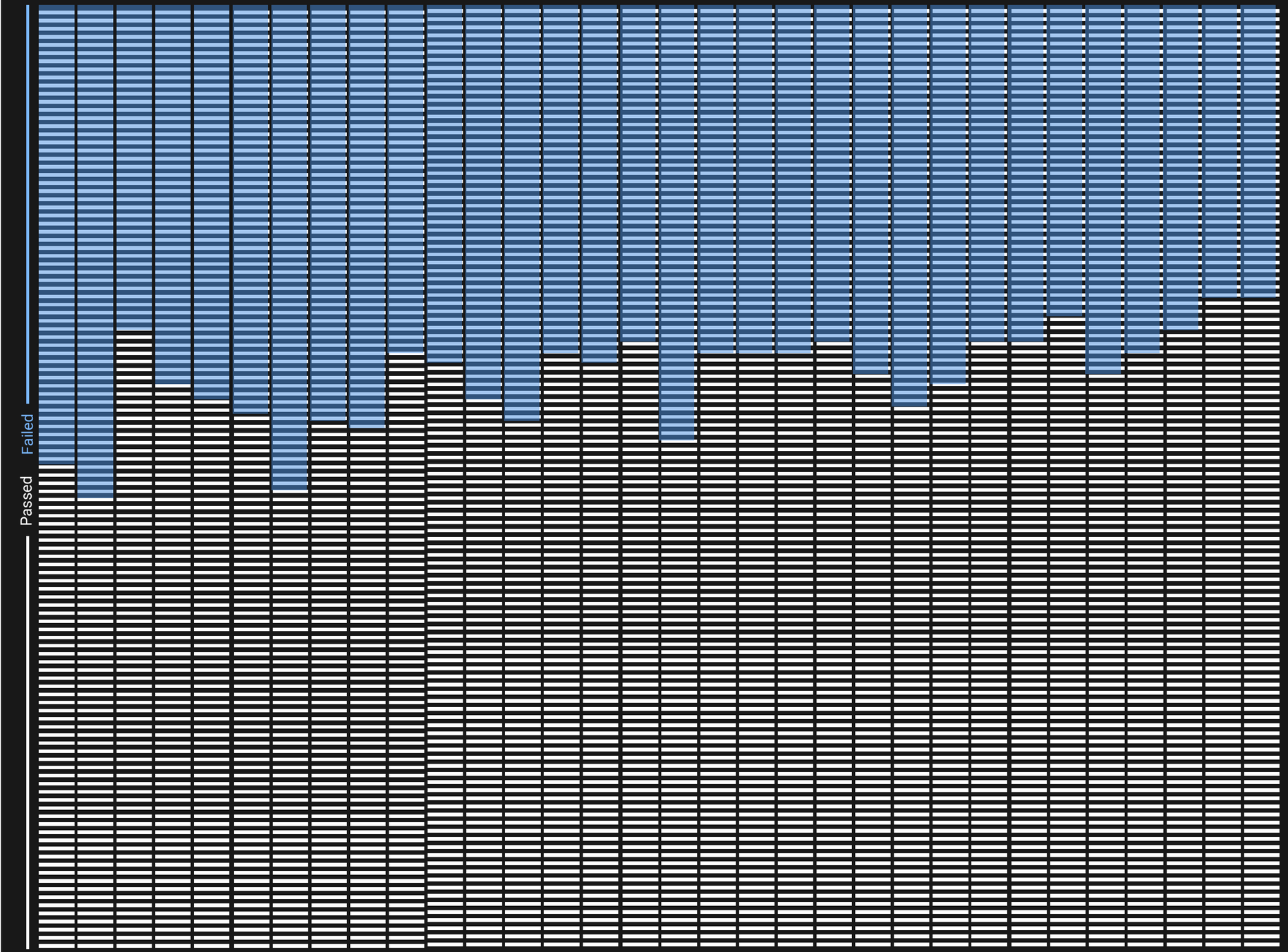
Failed criteria 2
Failed criteria 3

You selected

Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse

Passes 1 criteria



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- All movies
- **Criteria 1**
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Selected movie

Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse

Failed overall

Criteria stats

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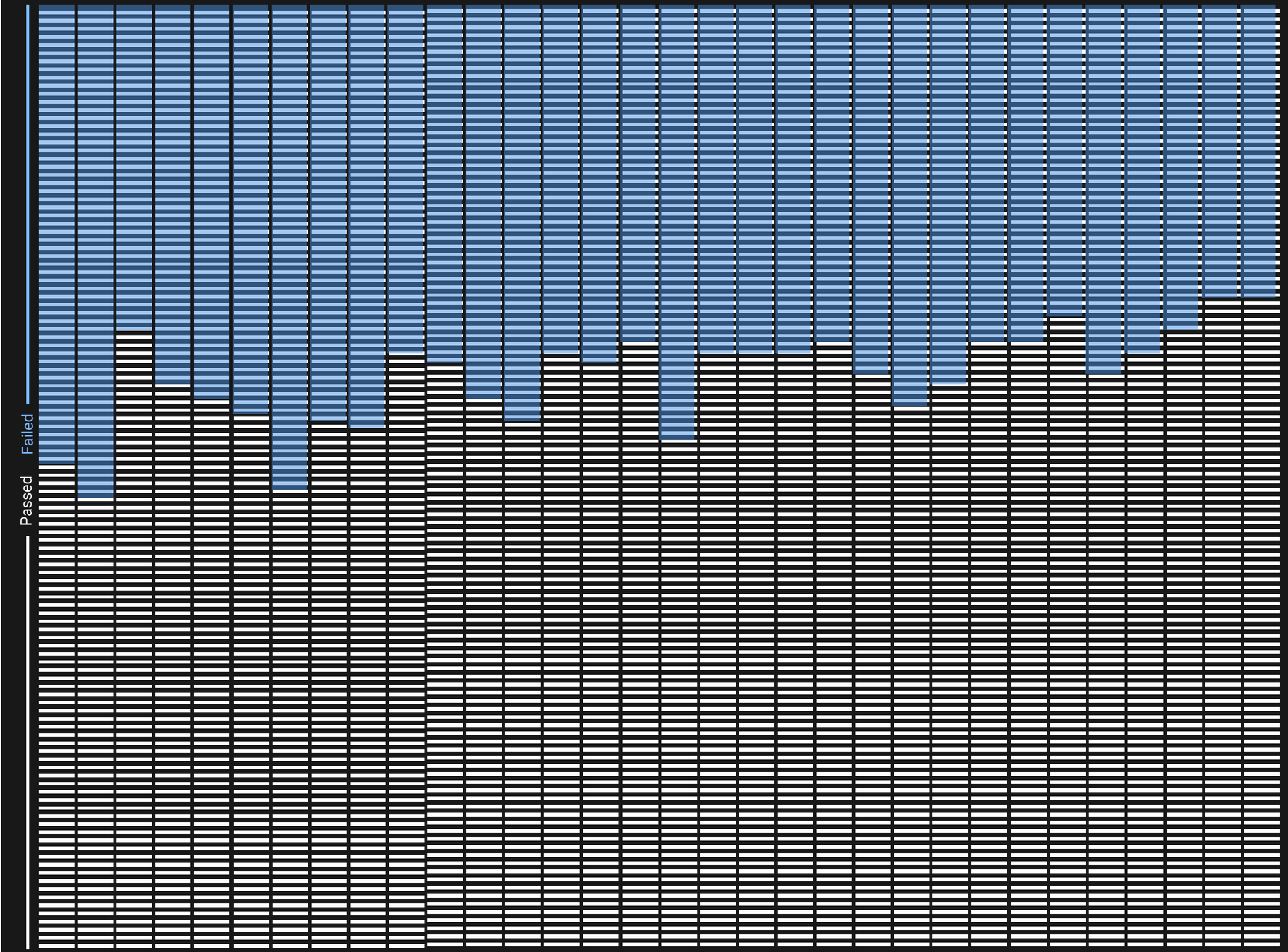

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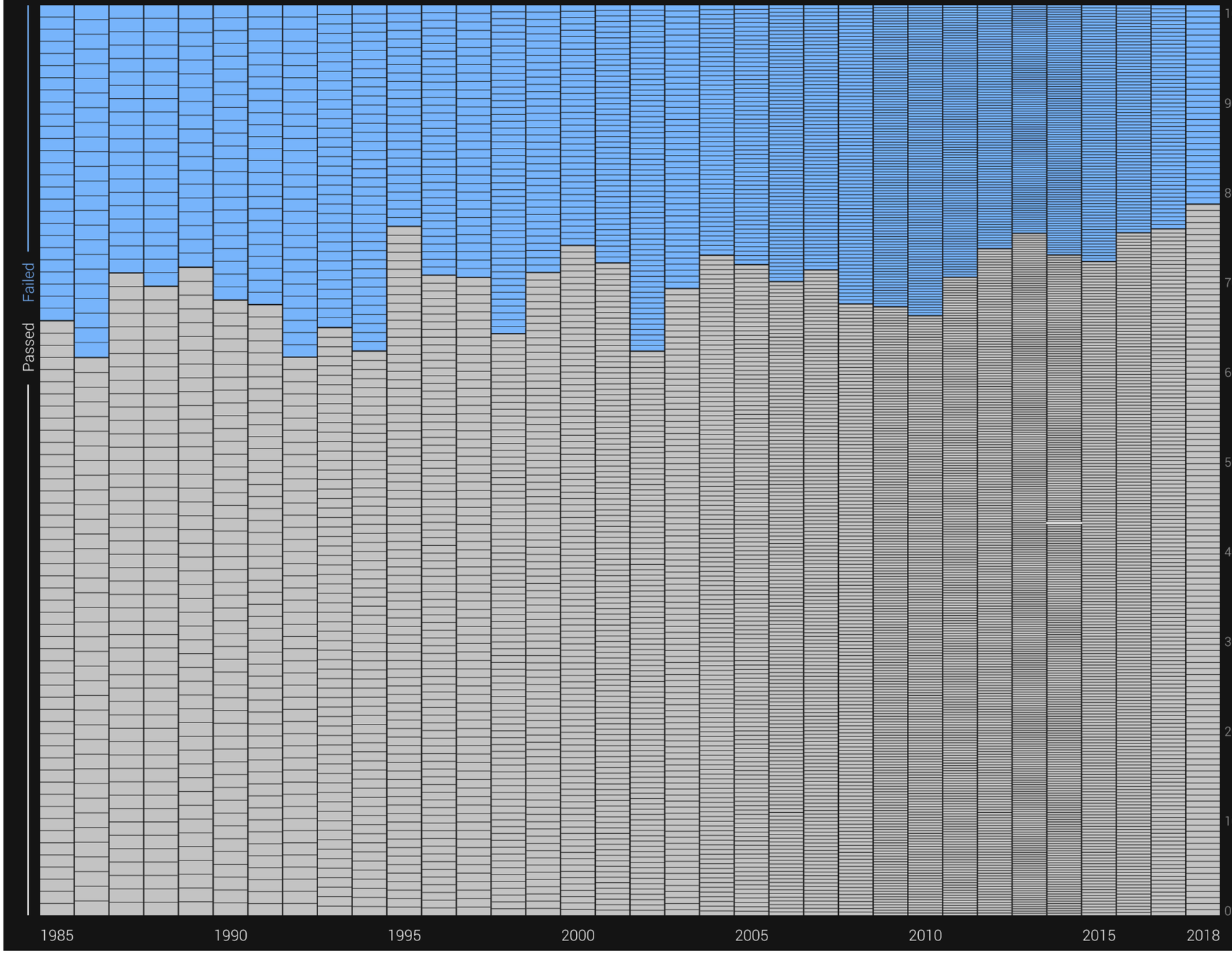
Final sketch



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Selected movie

Ventos de Agosto

Passed
overall

Breakdown of criteria stats

Passed criteria 1
Passed criteria 2
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