

# Research Integrity and Professional Codes of Ethics: A Qualitative Comparison Across Social Sciences

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# Objective

Identify the research ethics priorities and behavioral expectations for US professional organizations that are communicated in the contents of their code of ethics.

# Method: Sample

Discipline	Organization	Document
Anthropology	American Anthropological Association (AAA)	Statement on Ethics: Principles of Professional Responsibilities (2012)
Economics	American Economic Association (AEA)	AER: Editorial Policy; Disclosure Policy (2012); Data Availability Policy
Geography	Association of American Geographers (AAG)	Statement on Professional Ethics (2009)
International Studies	International Studies Association (ISA)	ISA Policies And Practices (2016)
Political Science	American Political Science Association (APSA)	A Guide to Professional Ethics in Political Science (2012)
Psychology	American Psychological Association (APA)	Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct (2010)
Sociology	American Sociological Association (ASA)	Code of Ethics and Policies and Procedures (2008)

# Method: Coding Scheme

## The Big 9:

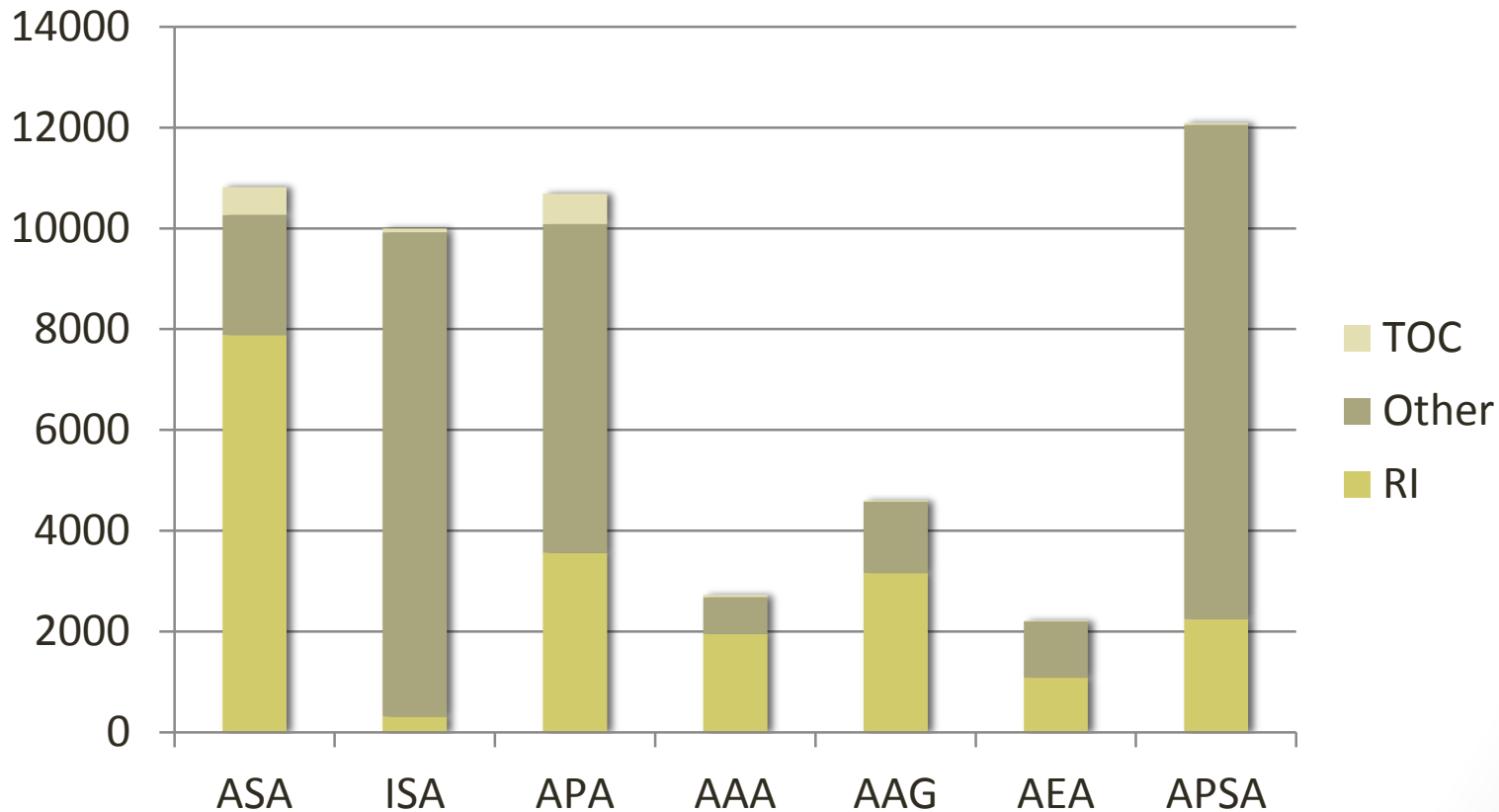
1. Conflict of interest
2. Human and animal subjects
3. Mentoring
4. Collaborative research
5. Peer review
6. Data
7. Research misconduct
8. Authorship and publication
9. Scientist and society

## Additional topics:

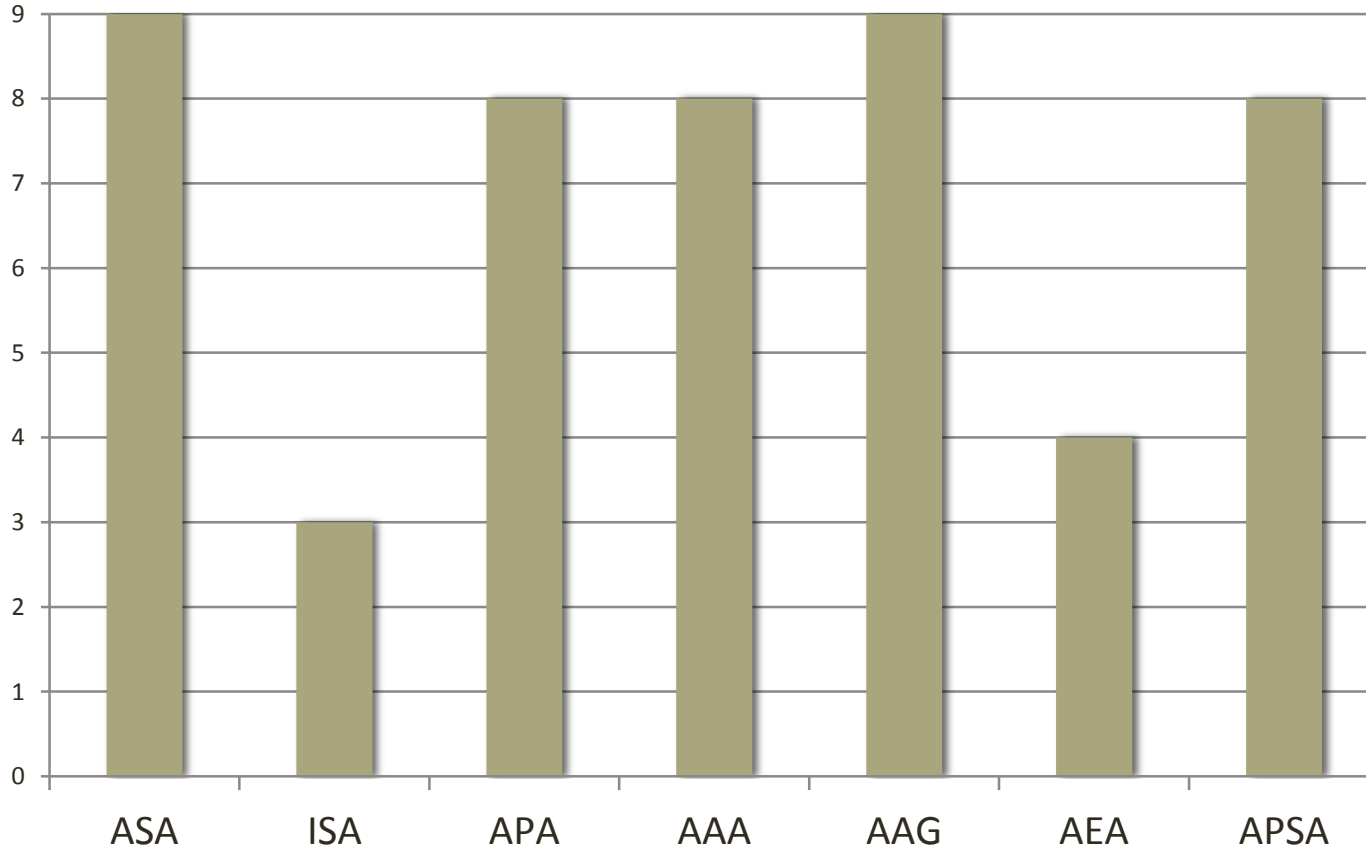
10. Purpose
11. How to use
12. Guiding values
13. Target/subject

# Sample Characteristics

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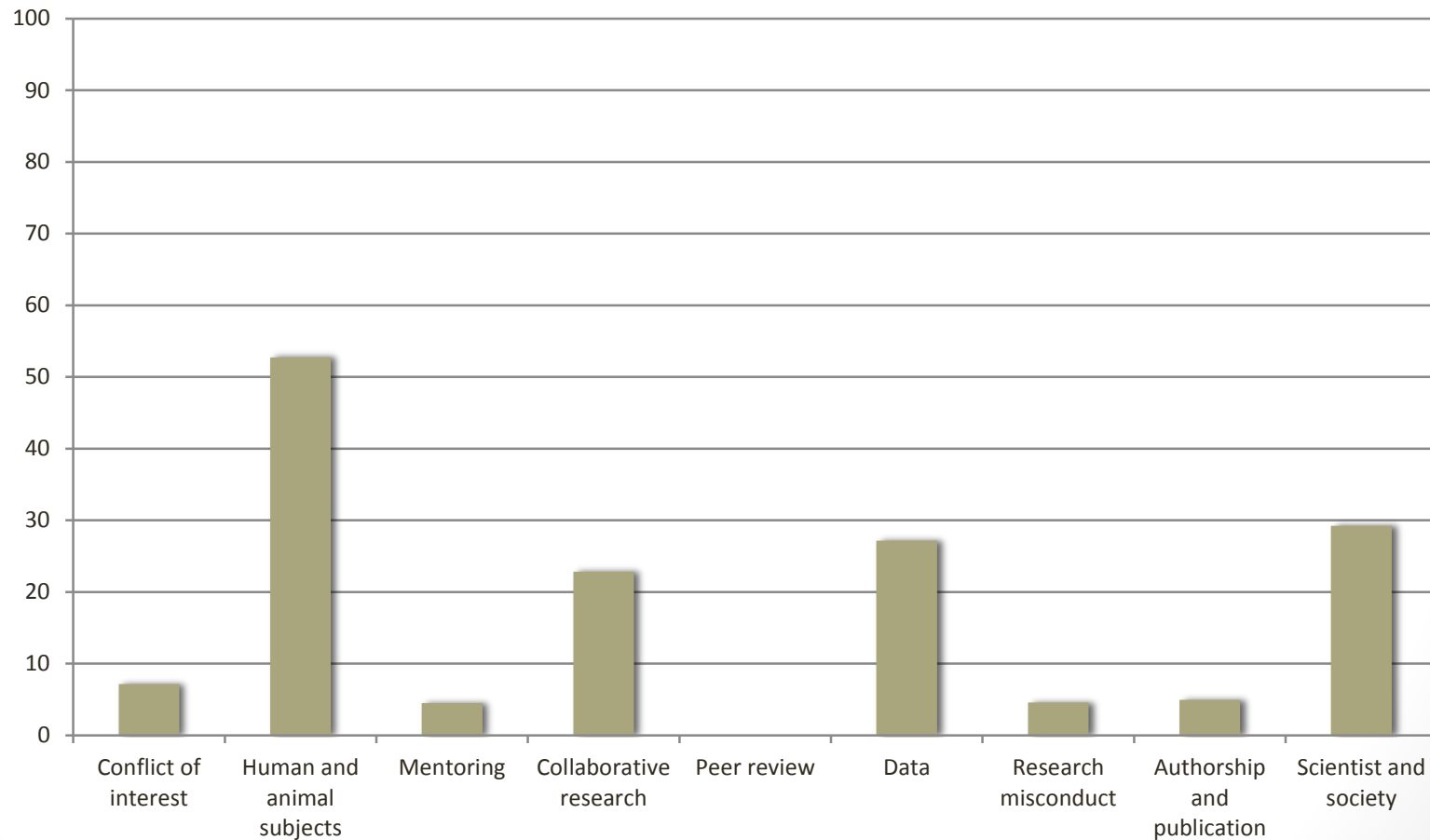


# Topic Coverage



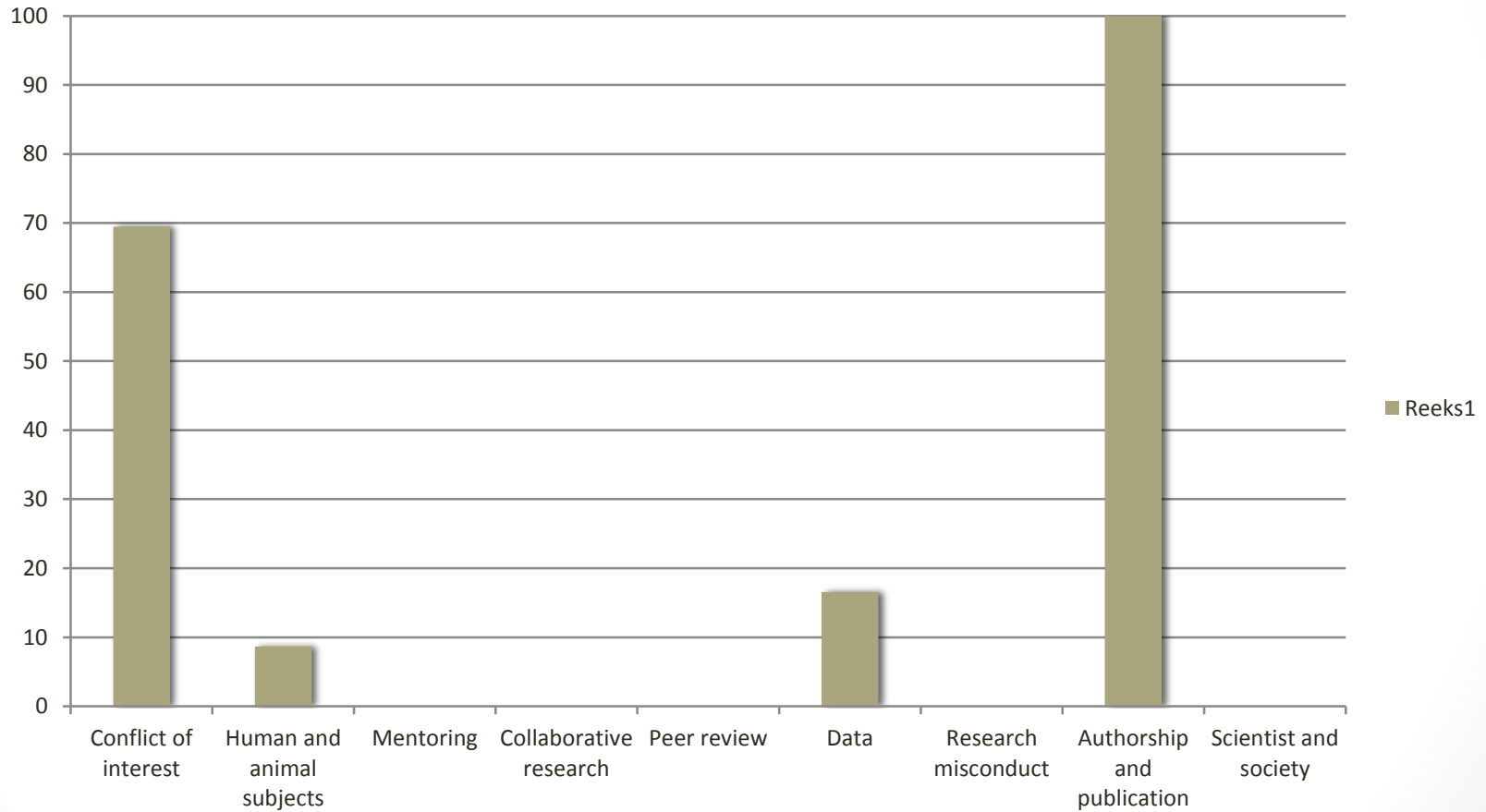
# Anthropology (AAA)

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# Economics (AEA)

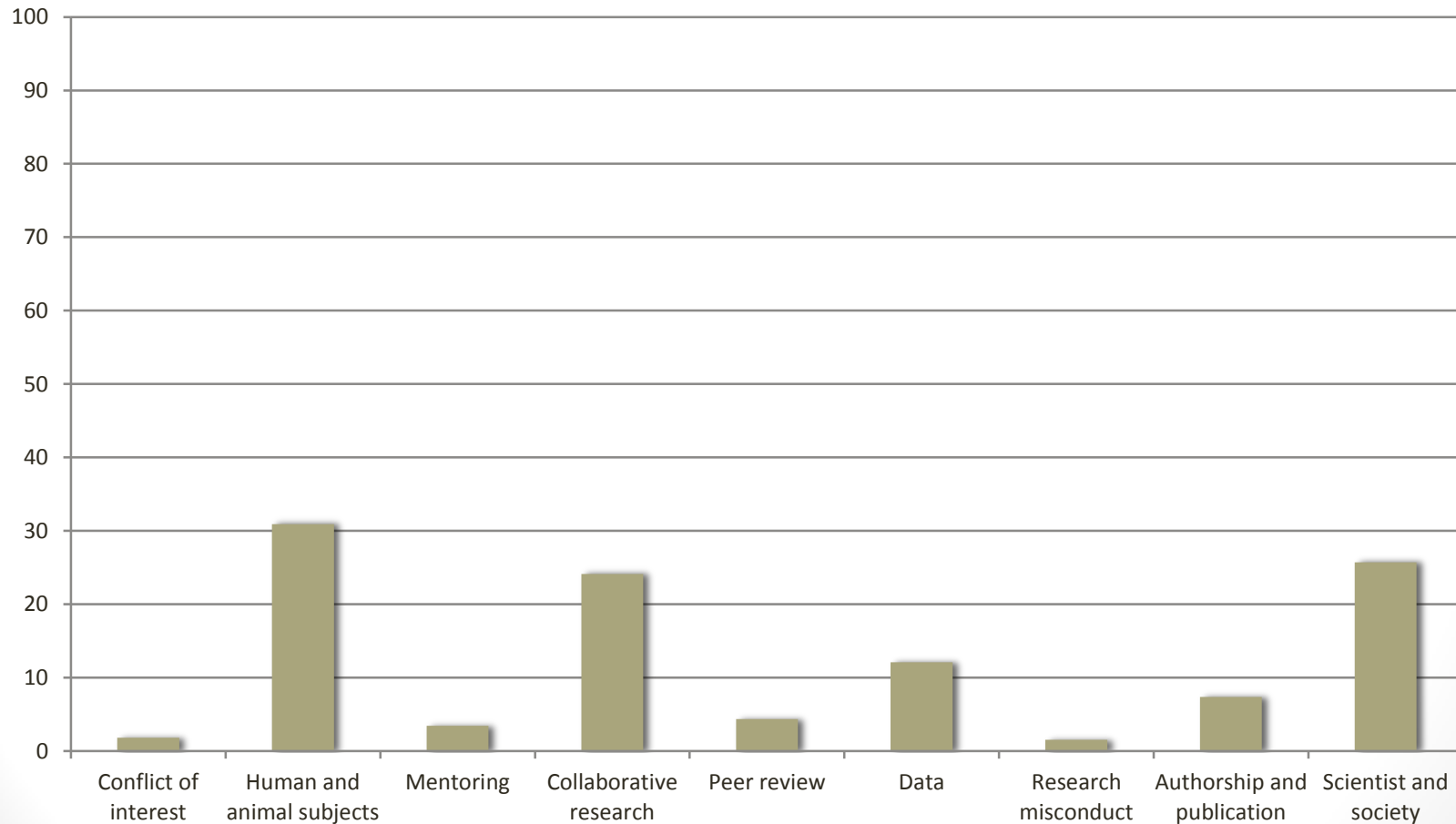
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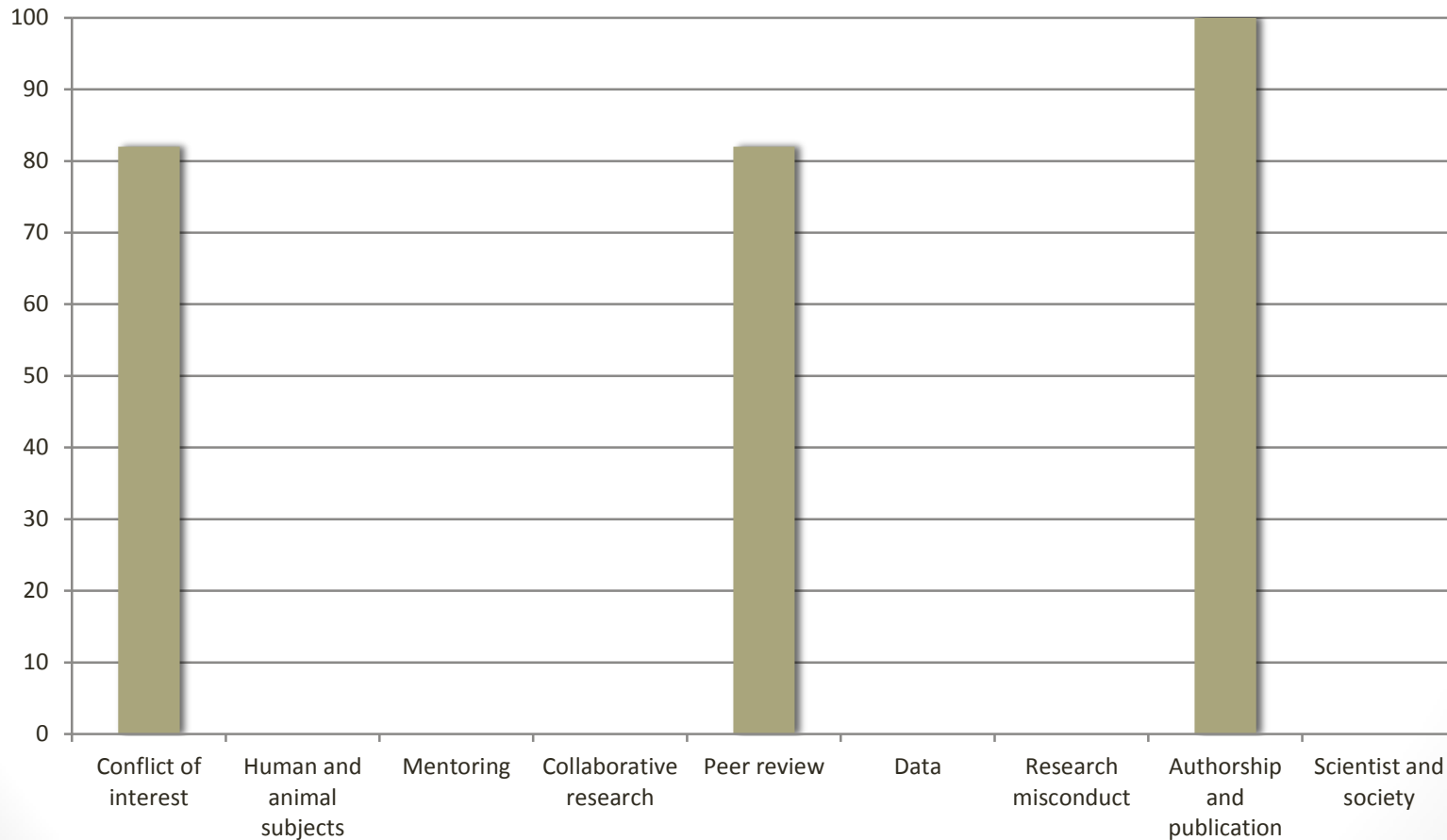
# Geography (AAG)

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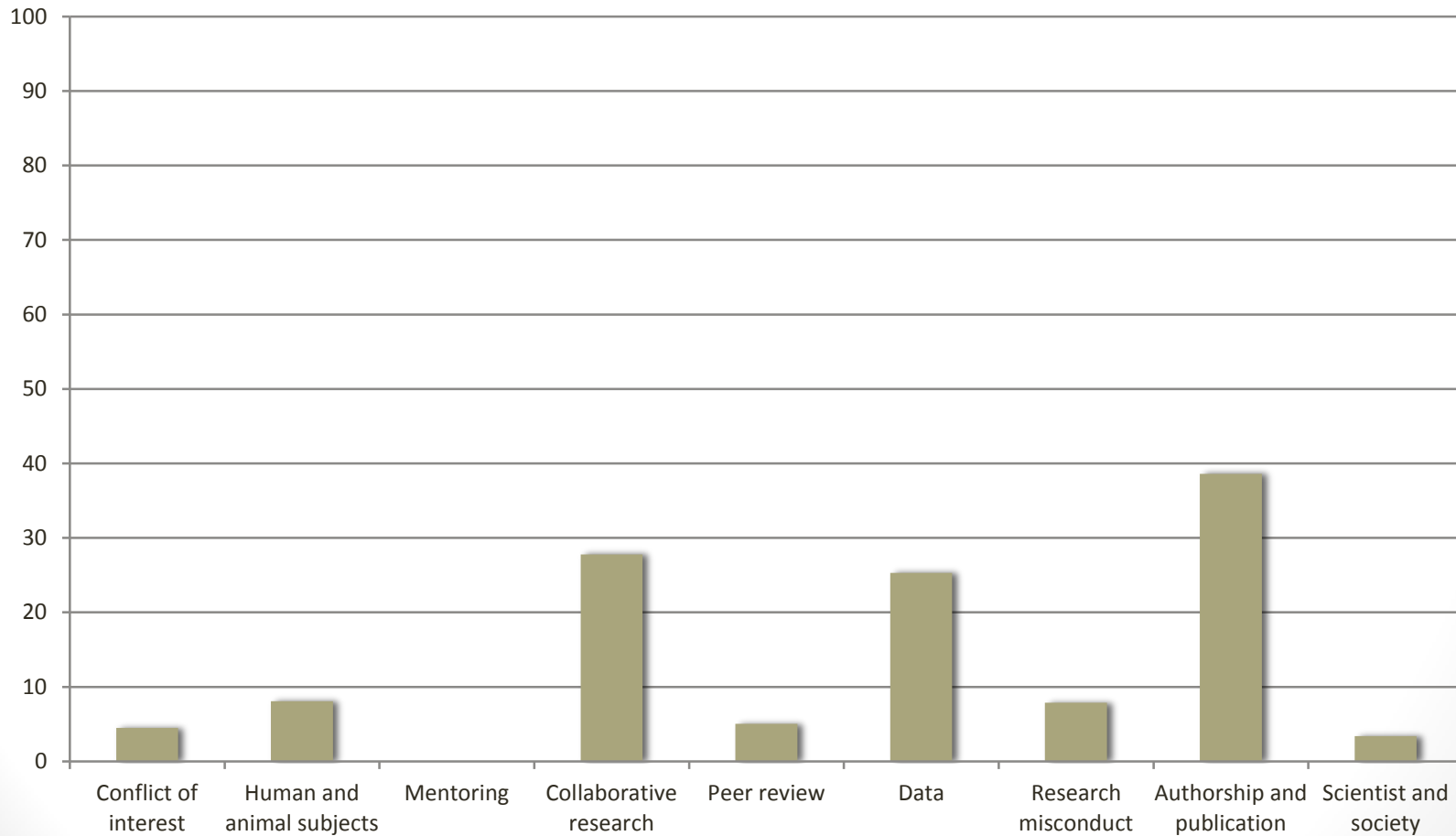
# International Studies (ISA)

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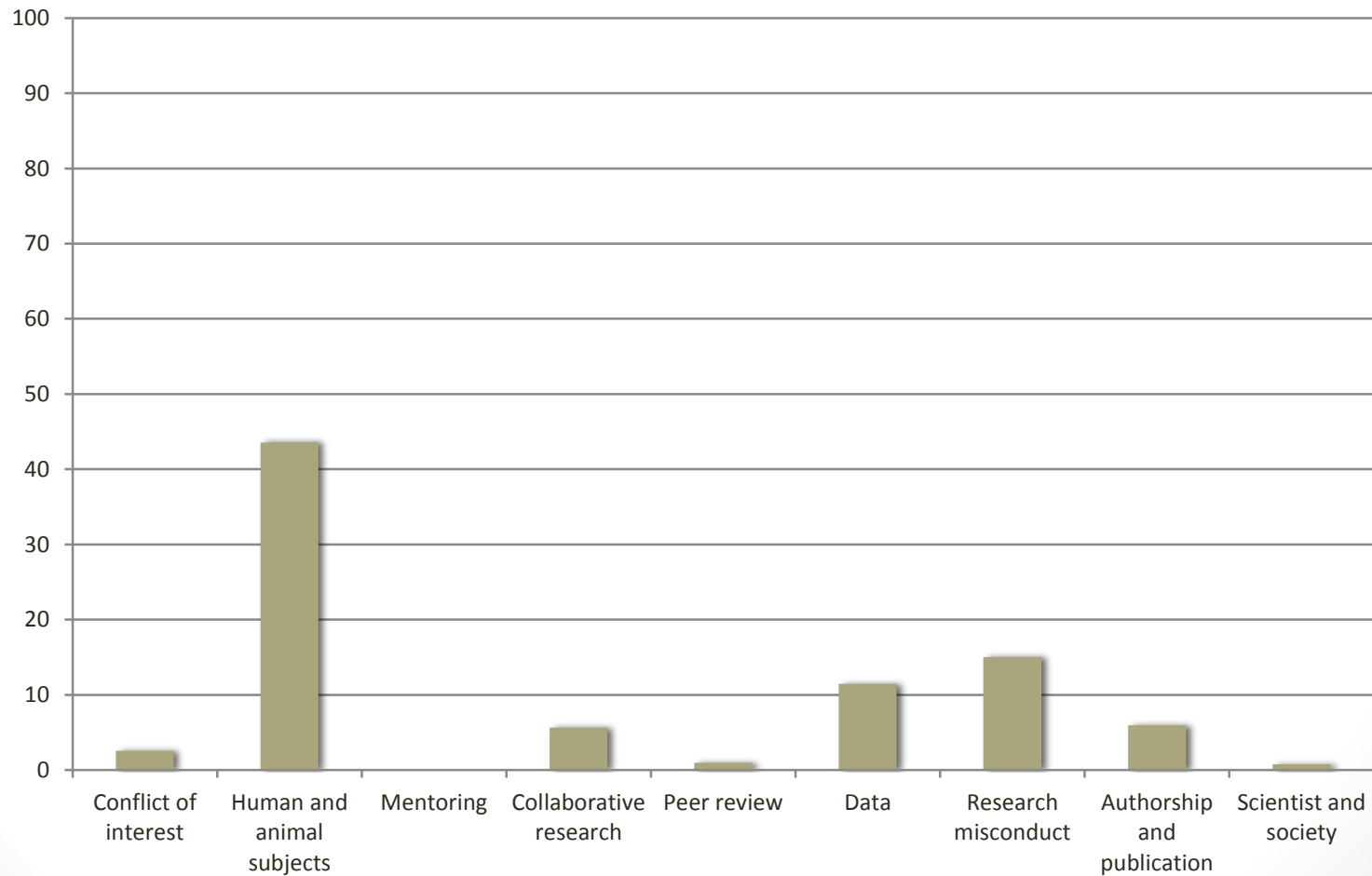
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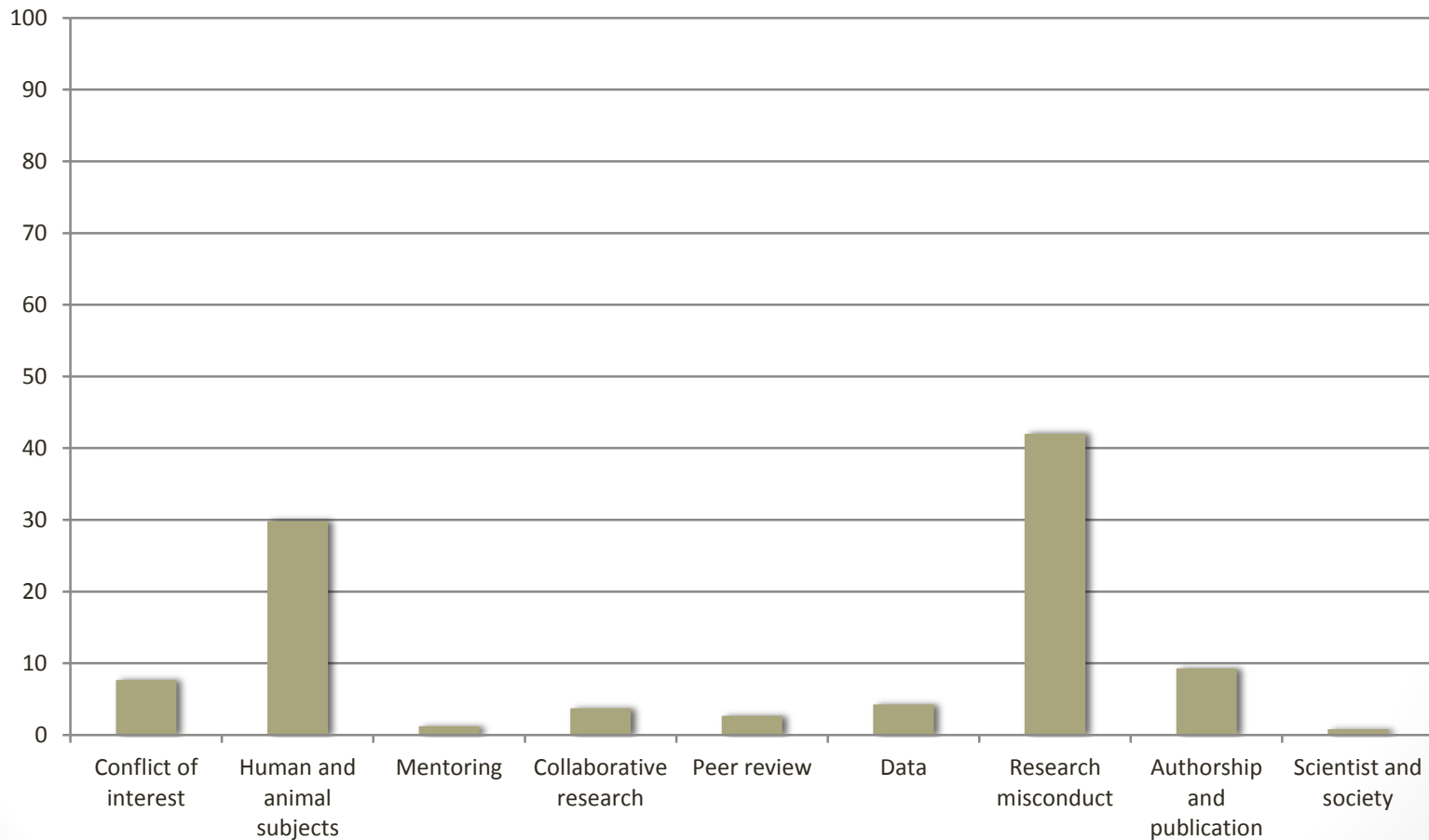
# Psychology (APA)

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# Sociology (ASA)

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# Comparison by Topic

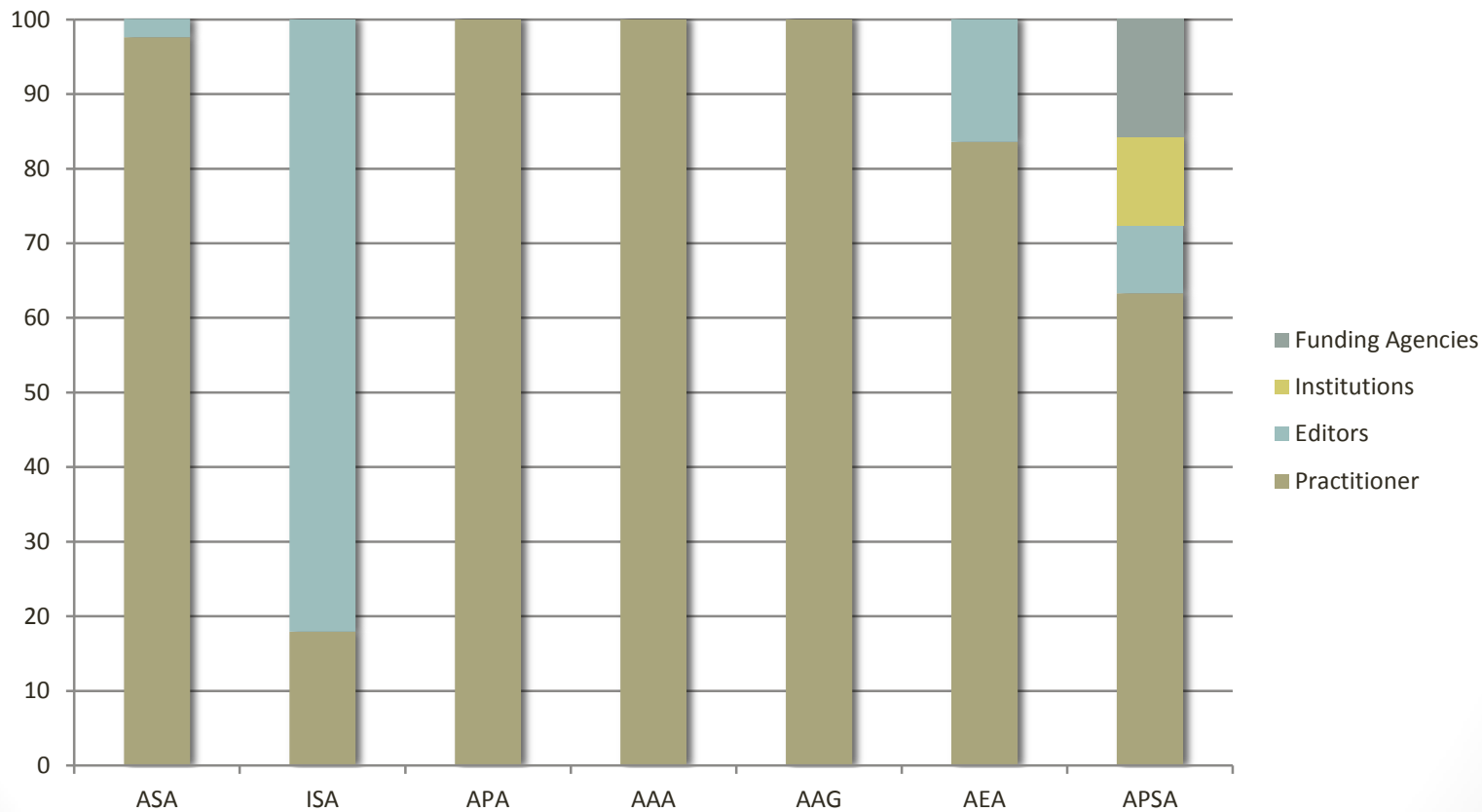
- IRB approval
- Consent
- Deception
- Compensation
- Authorship guidelines

# Other Interesting Findings

- Structure of normative statements
- Subject of normative statements

# Subject of Normative Statements

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# Conclusions

- Coverage of topics inconsistent
- Many of the documents are incoherent
- Need continuing review

