

Using what we learned about driving forces and their impacts during our driving forces workshops, we've identified four possible futures for the region.

Scenario

A

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B

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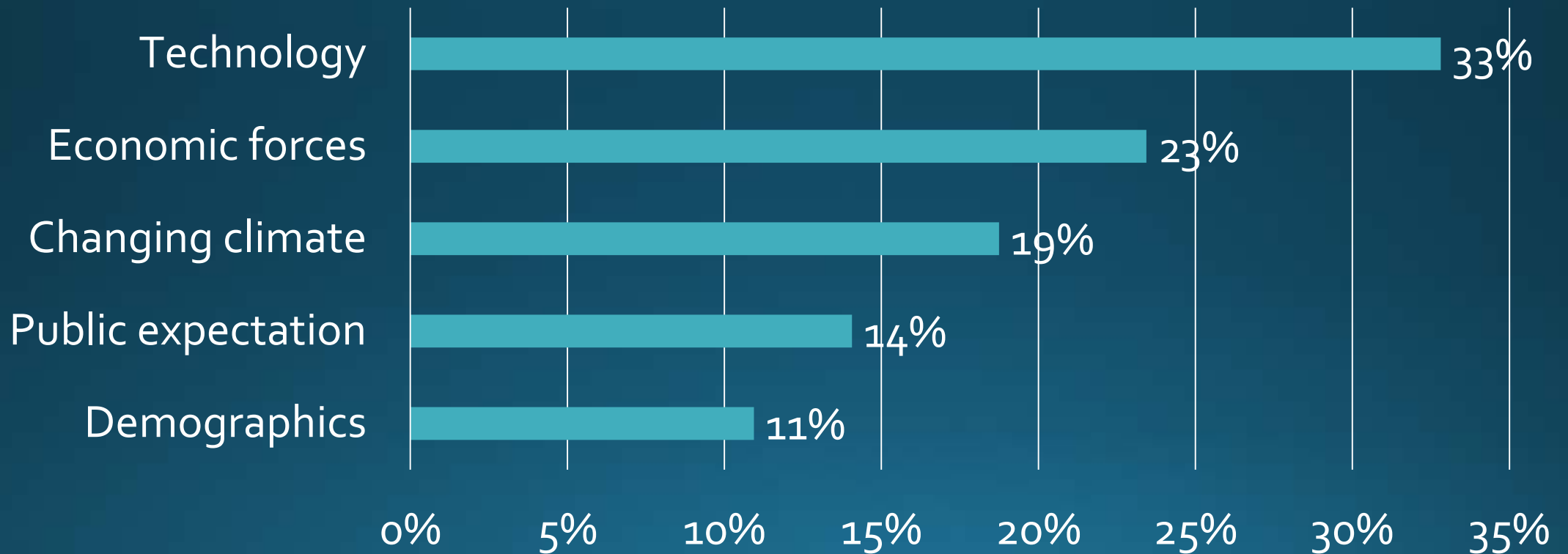
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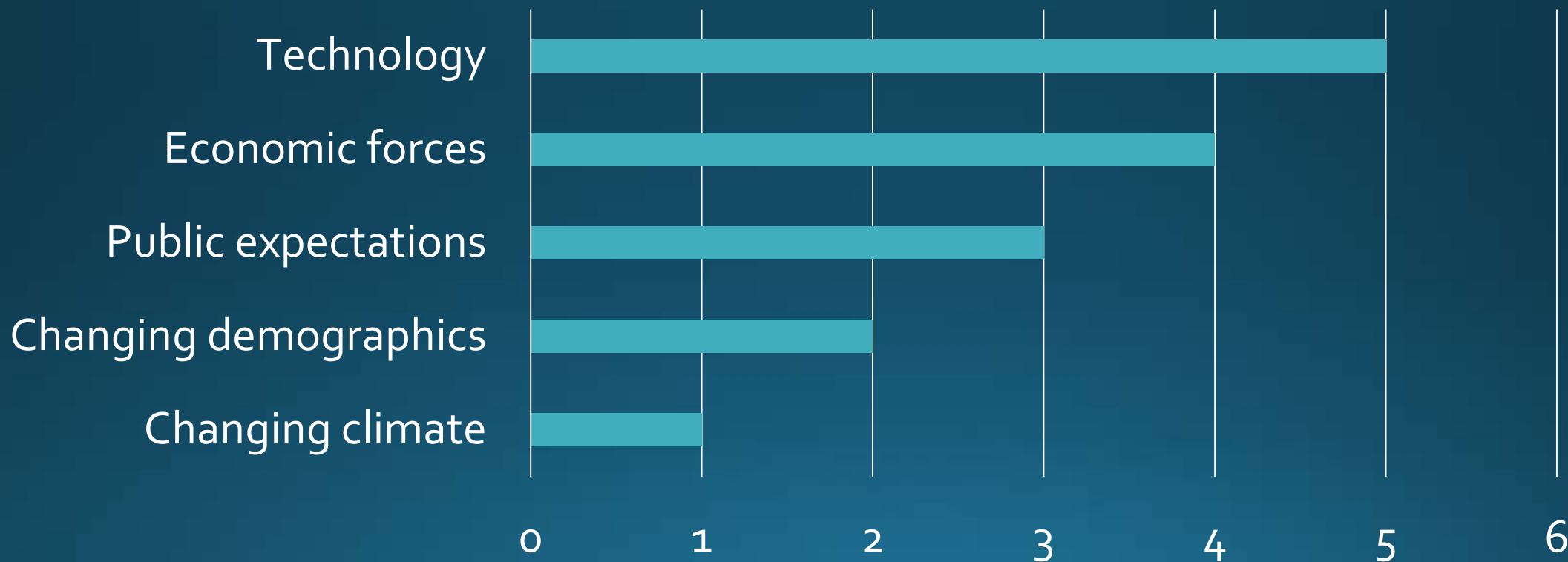
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Which force is most important to you?



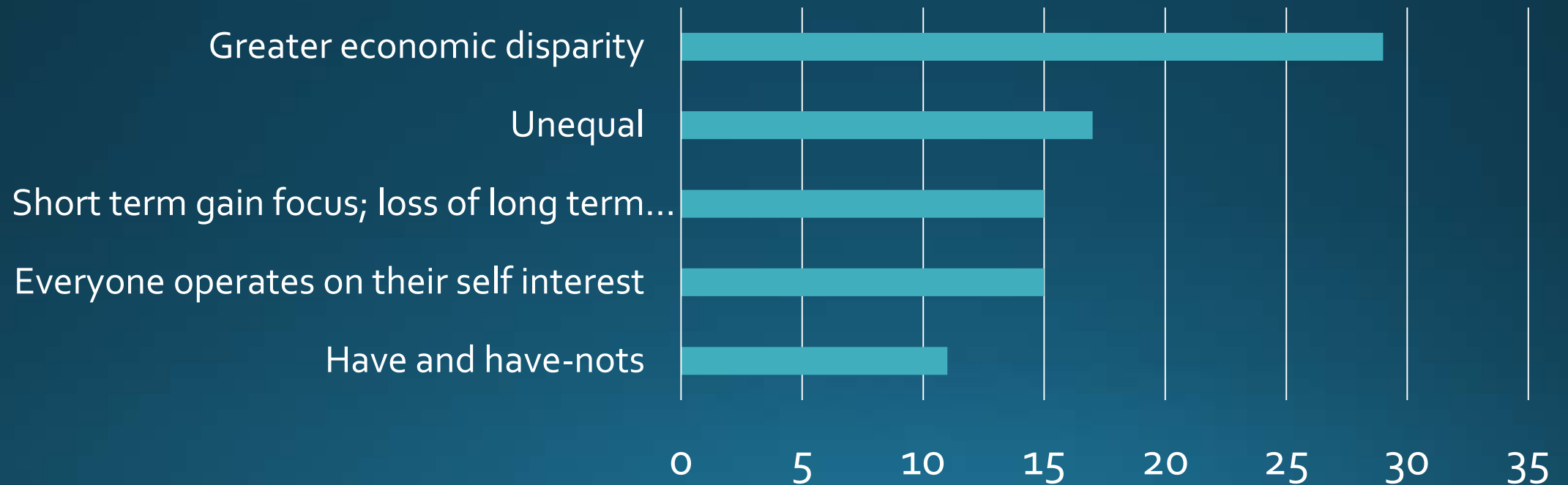
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How do you rank the forces now?



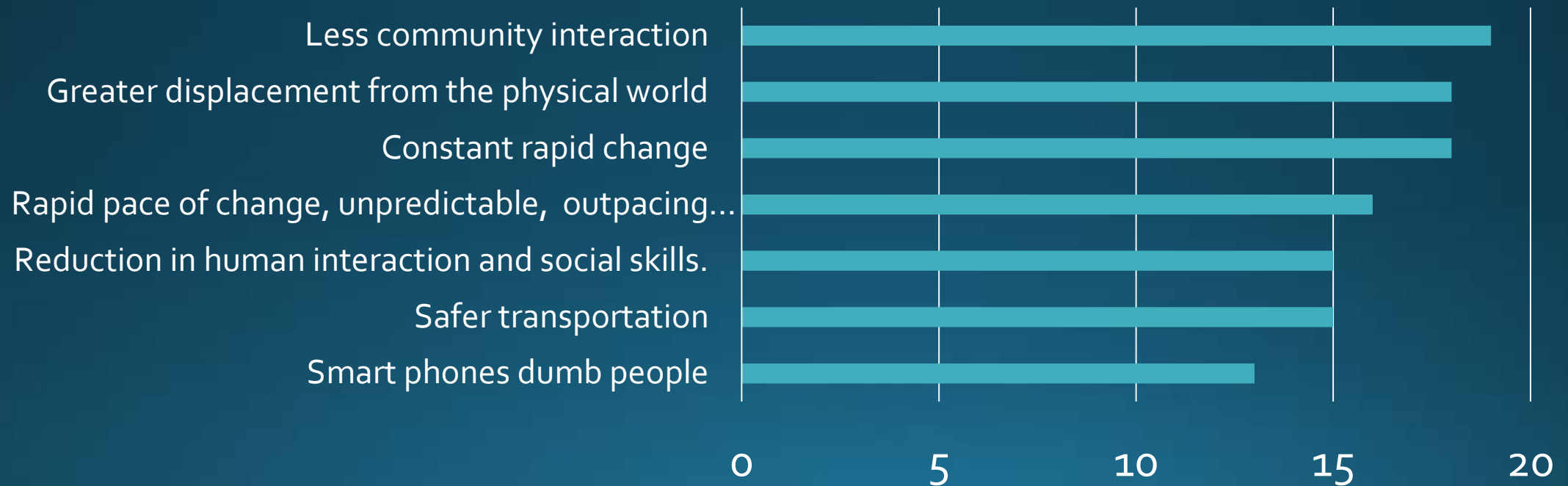
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What will a future look like where ECONOMIC FORCES is the most influential?



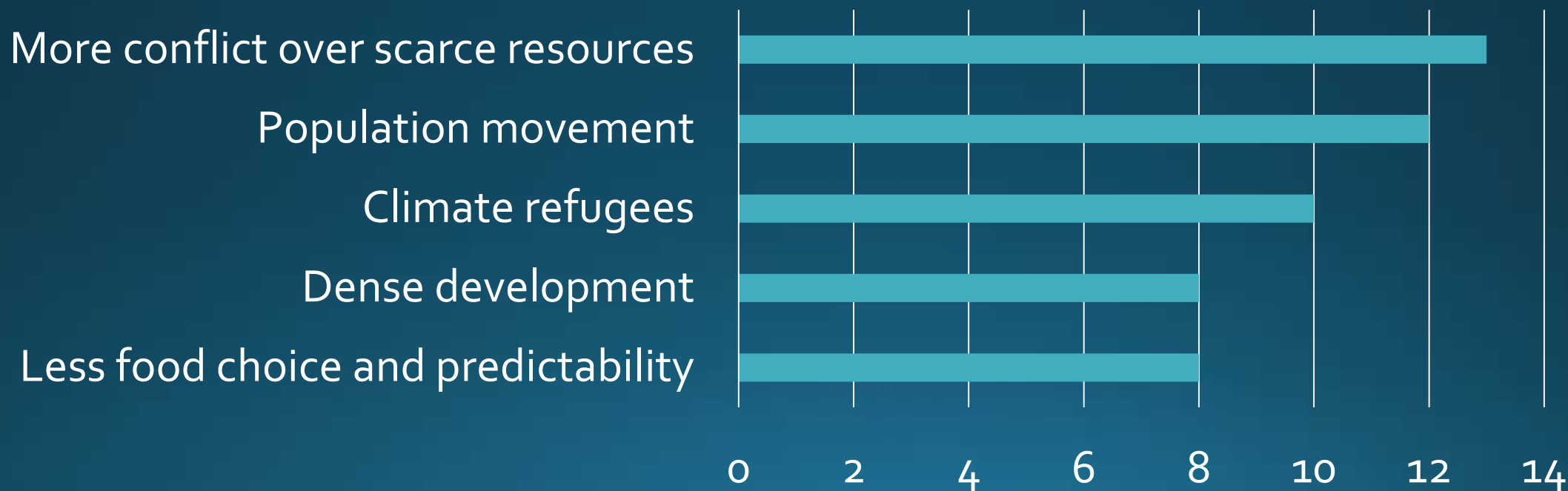
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What will a future look like where TECHNOLOGY is the most influential?



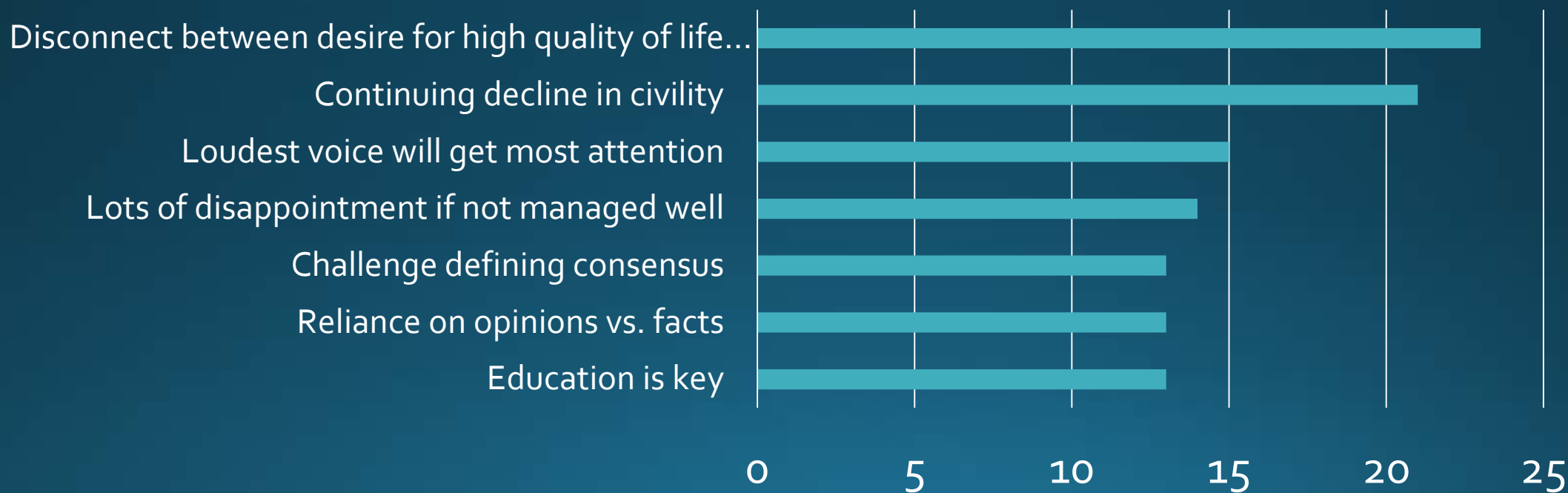
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What will a future look like where CHANGING CLIMATE is the most influential?



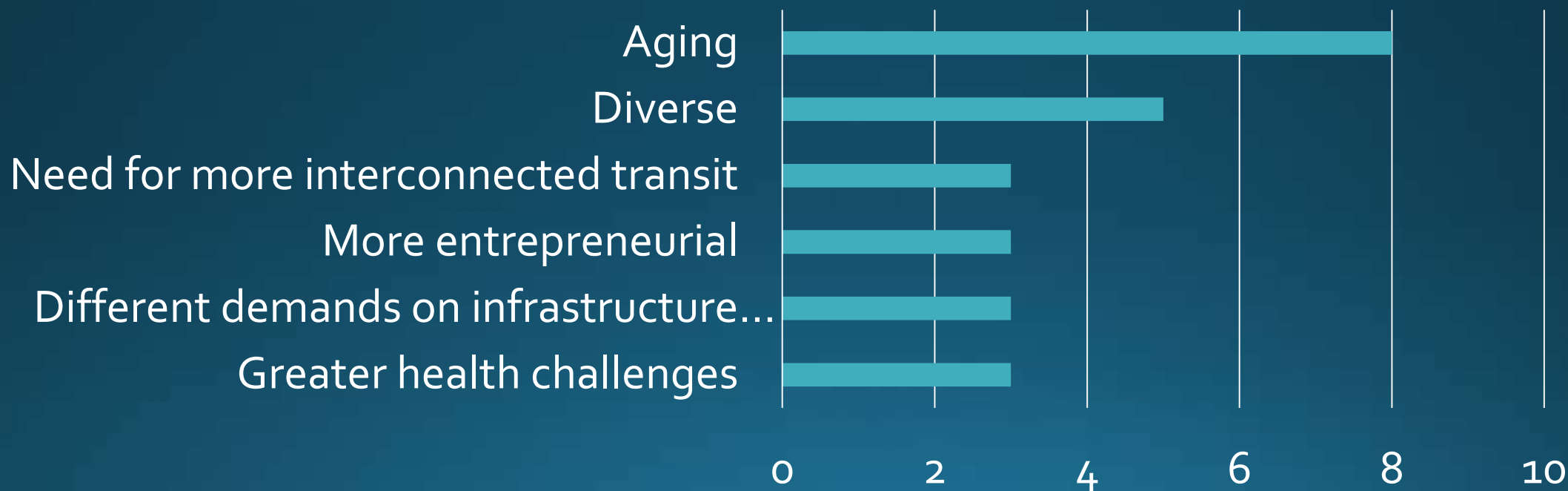
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What will a future look like where PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS is the most influential?



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What will a future look like where changing
DEMOGRAPHICS is the most influential?



All driving forces are likely to have an impact but each scenario has a dominant force that drives change — presenting both challenges and opportunities.

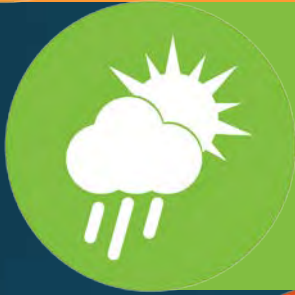


For each scenario, we evaluated potential impact on a series of issues important to the region — will things stay the same, improve or worsen?





SLOW AND STEADY



WILD WEATHER



TECH CITY



RISING PHOENIX



SLOW AND STEADY



- Population growth slows slightly.
- White, non-Hispanic people become the minority.
- Development balanced between urban and suburban areas while rural communities shrink.

HOW REALISTIC ARE THESE SCENARIOS? • HOW CAN WE AS A REGION BE PREPARED TO RESPOND?



SLOW AND STEADY



- Automated vehicles are a novelty.
- Personal car ownership the norm, creating demand for infrastructure improvements.
- Lack of innovative funding sources leaves roads and bridges in disrepair.



WILD WEATHER



- Super storms and rising seas ravage both coasts, driving people to solid, dry ground.
- Kansas City sees more severe weather events, taxing critical infrastructure.
- Public consciousness and political will shift toward innovative solutions.



WILD WEATHER



- Energy costs increase; production shifts to renewables.
- Development of dense, walkable communities for all ages, incomes and races means more active lifestyles and improved health outcomes.

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TECH CITY



- Technology advances quickly, creating rapid economic growth.
- Unemployment rises due to automation of most jobs.
- Autonomous vehicles make roads safer, cleaner, more energy efficient.

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TECH CITY



- Telecommuting is the norm.
- Density decreases as people no longer need to travel.
- Society becomes disconnected and isolated.

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RISING PHOENIX



- Rising energy prices lead to 21st Century's Great Depression.
- Overall population growth stagnates due to declining birth rates, resistance to immigration.
- Social inequality declines.

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RISING PHOENIX



- Labor shortage lead to rising wages.
- Summers grow hotter and drier while rainy seasons grow longer.
- Entrepreneurial spirit rises.

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These are *draft* scenarios.
As you have lunch, read the full descriptions.
How can we make them better?

