

Socialising the Genome

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How to start a conversation
about genomics with **people** who
know nothing about genomics

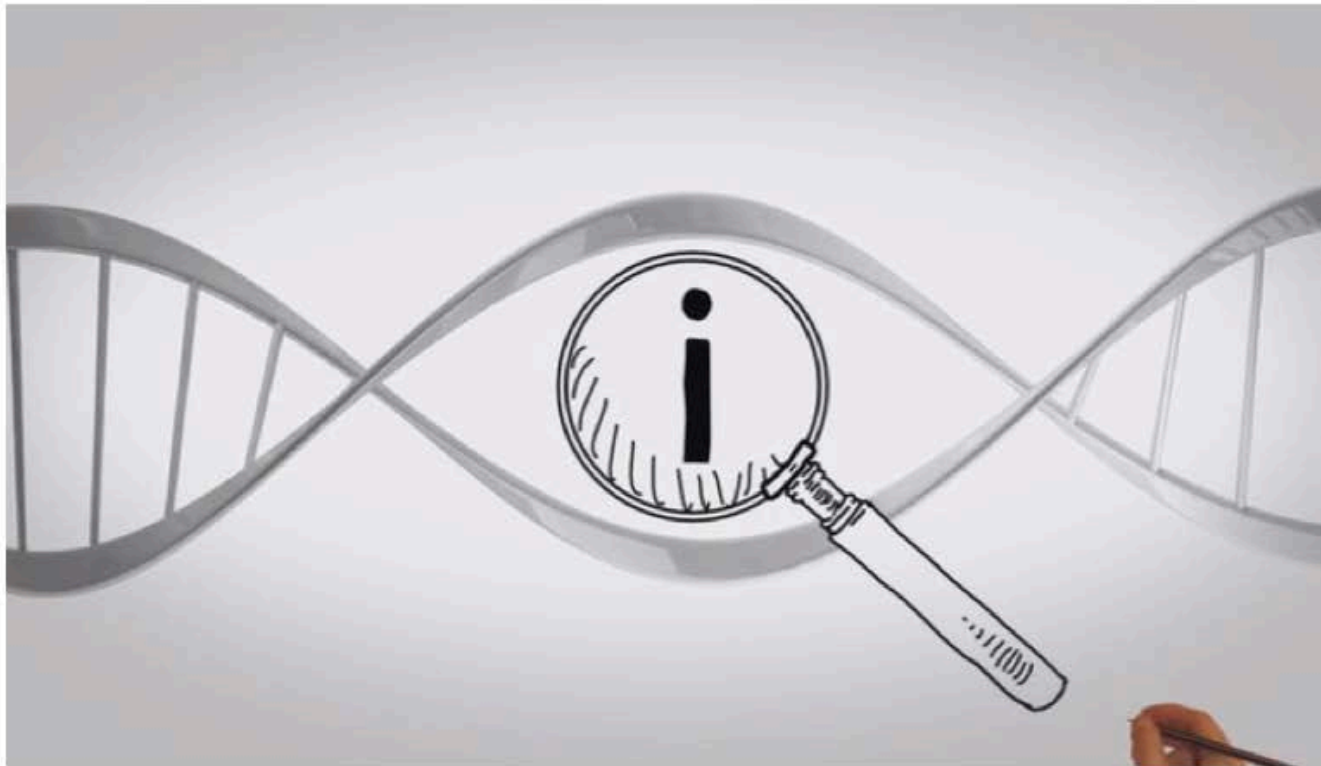
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How to?

Get simple messages out on a large scale?

Know what messages work?



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Our aims

To find metaphors that could be used to describe what happens in genomics

To understand natural conversation about genetics and then build on this

To understand what the terms mean to people

To use creative story telling as the focus rather than scientific facts/processes as the focus

Focus Groups (7-10 in each)



Parents (mixed cultures)



'Women's group' – women from the Hertford Women's Guild



'Men's group' – curry club



Young people - choir

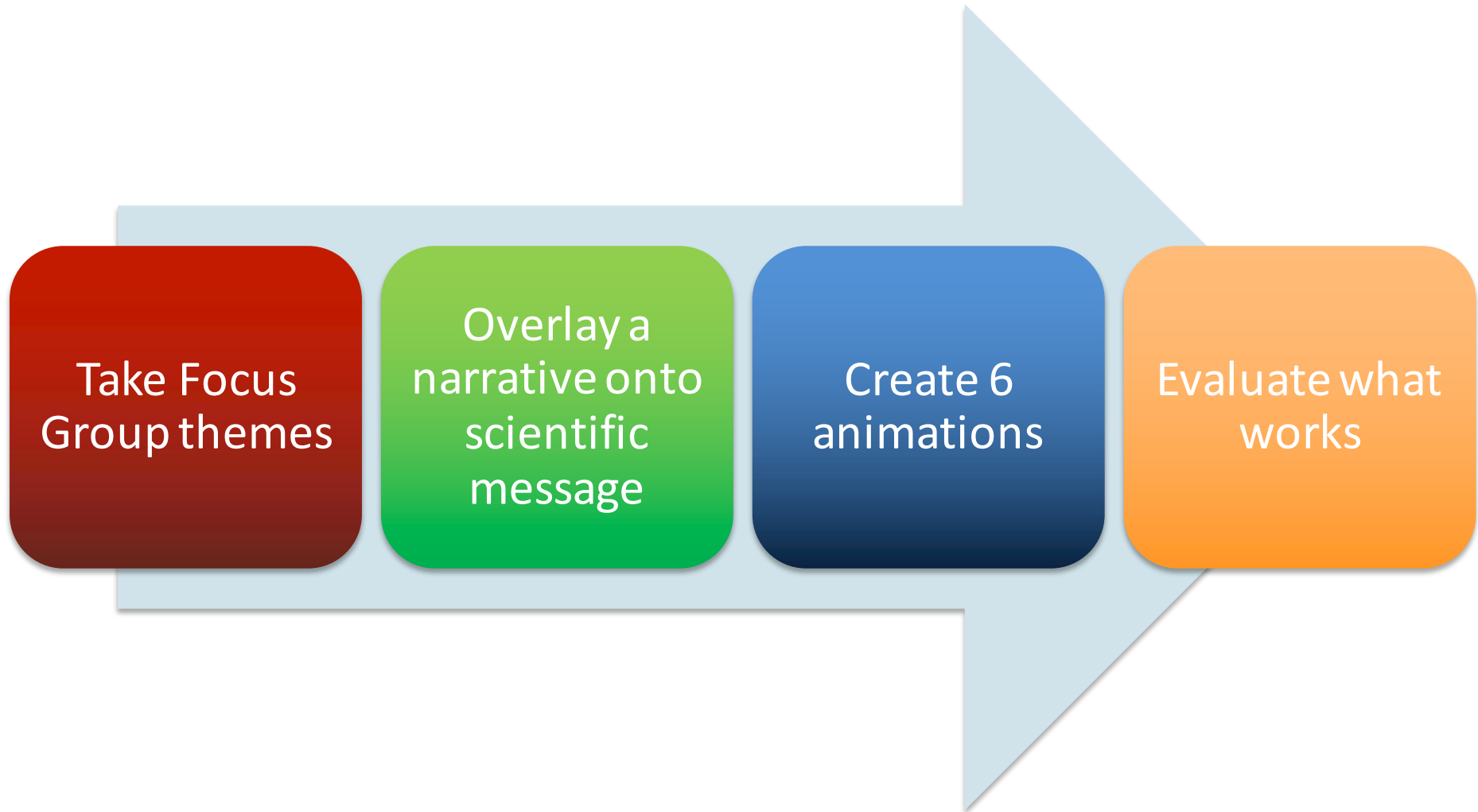


Council estate residents

Core Themes

- There is a lot of juggling and weighing up of information– ‘risk of disease’
- No idea what ‘genome’ means; is it to do with gnomes?
- Some want light-hearted approach – ‘spreading genes around!’
- Insurance and exploitation are a fear

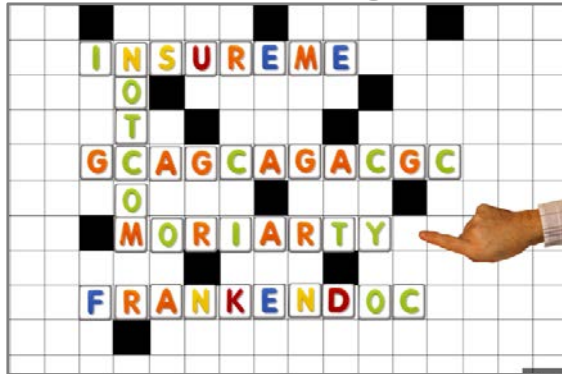
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The six films that were researched

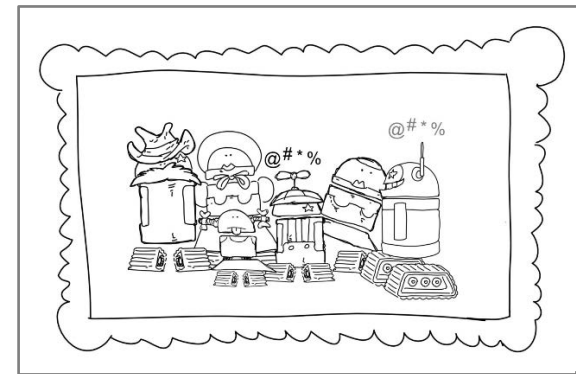
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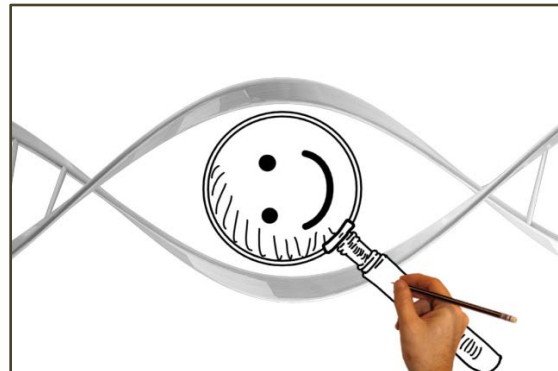
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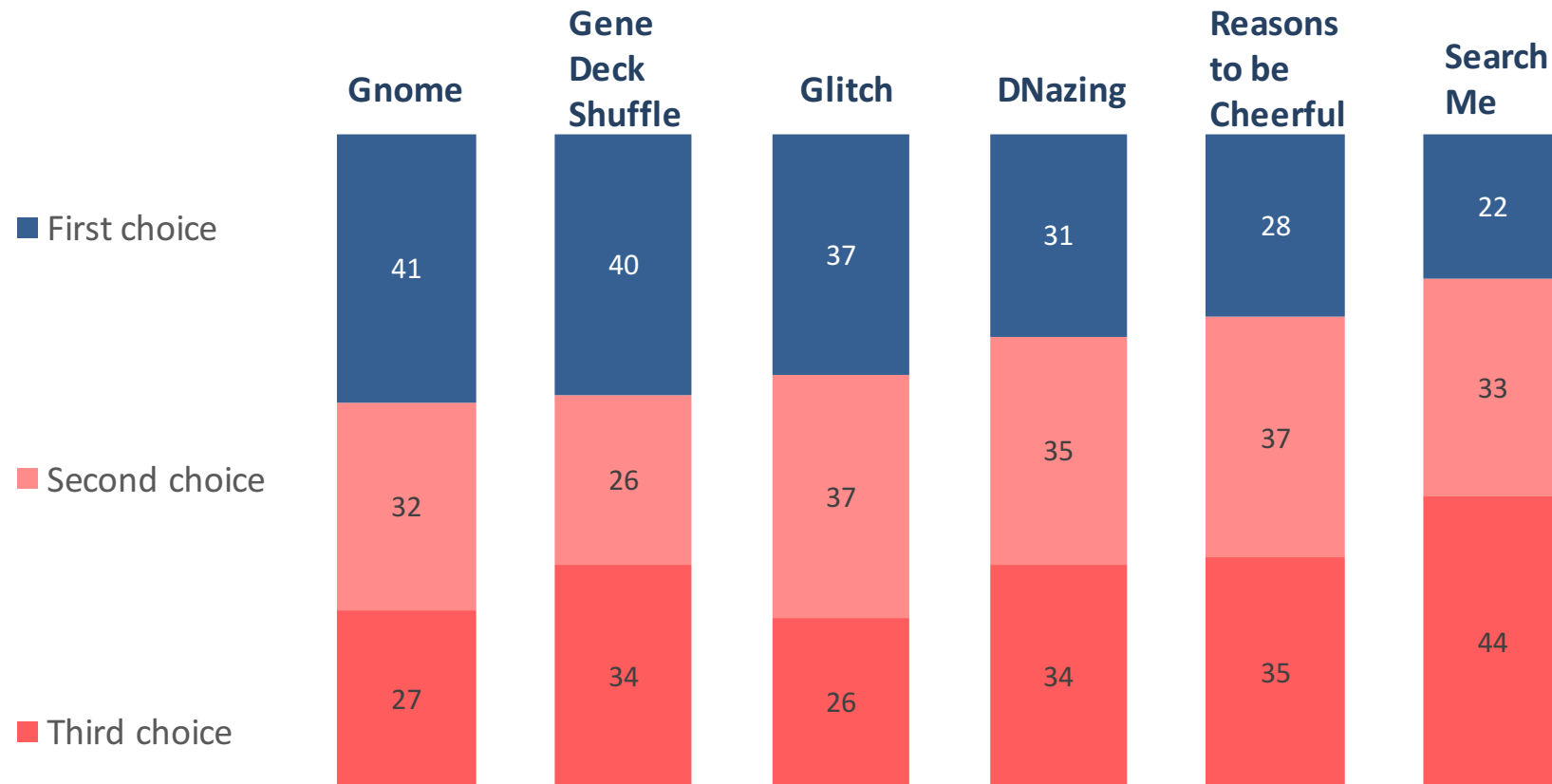
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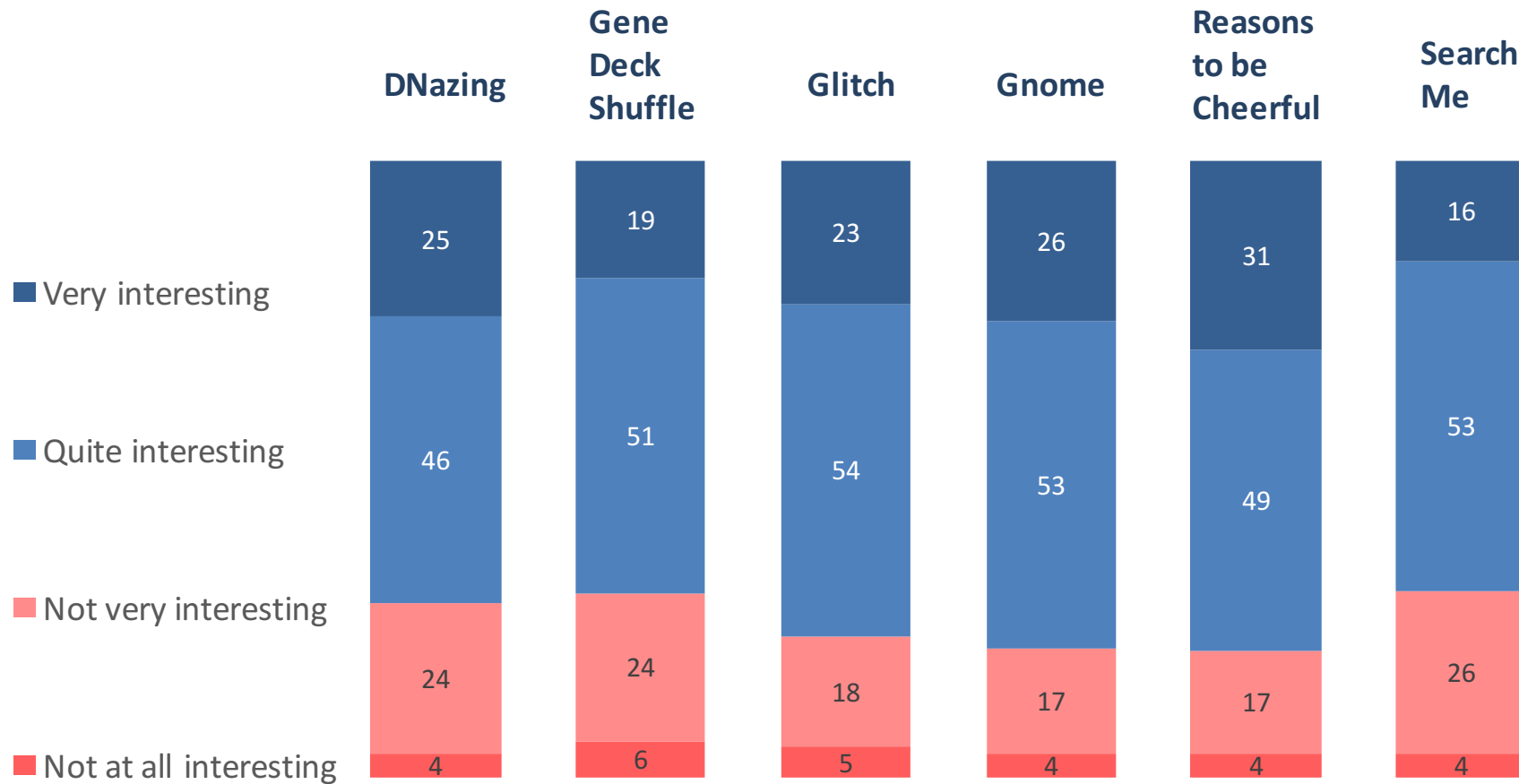
Feedback

- 500 representative British public – data presented
- Web based survey being collated now

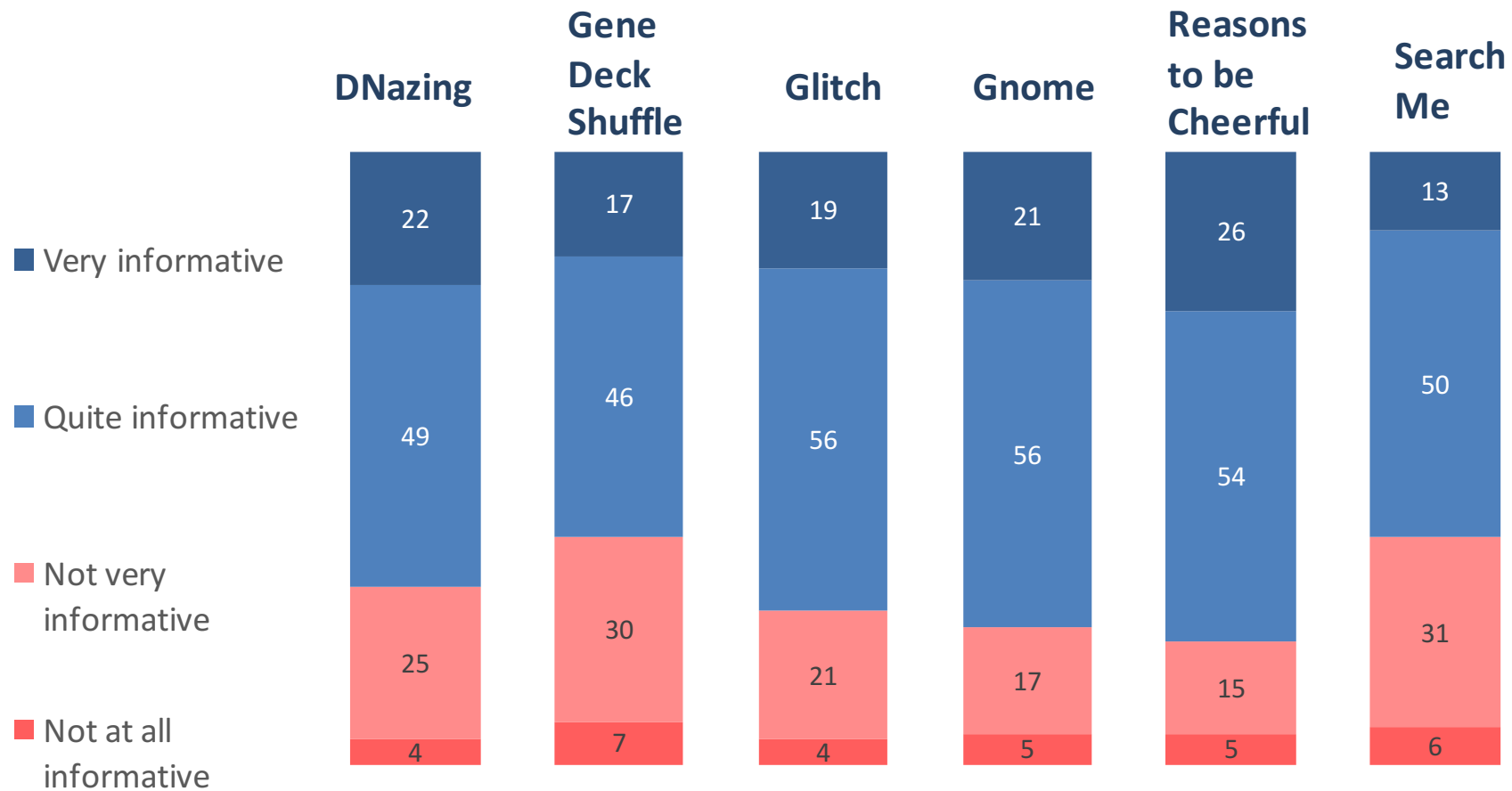
Put films in order of preference



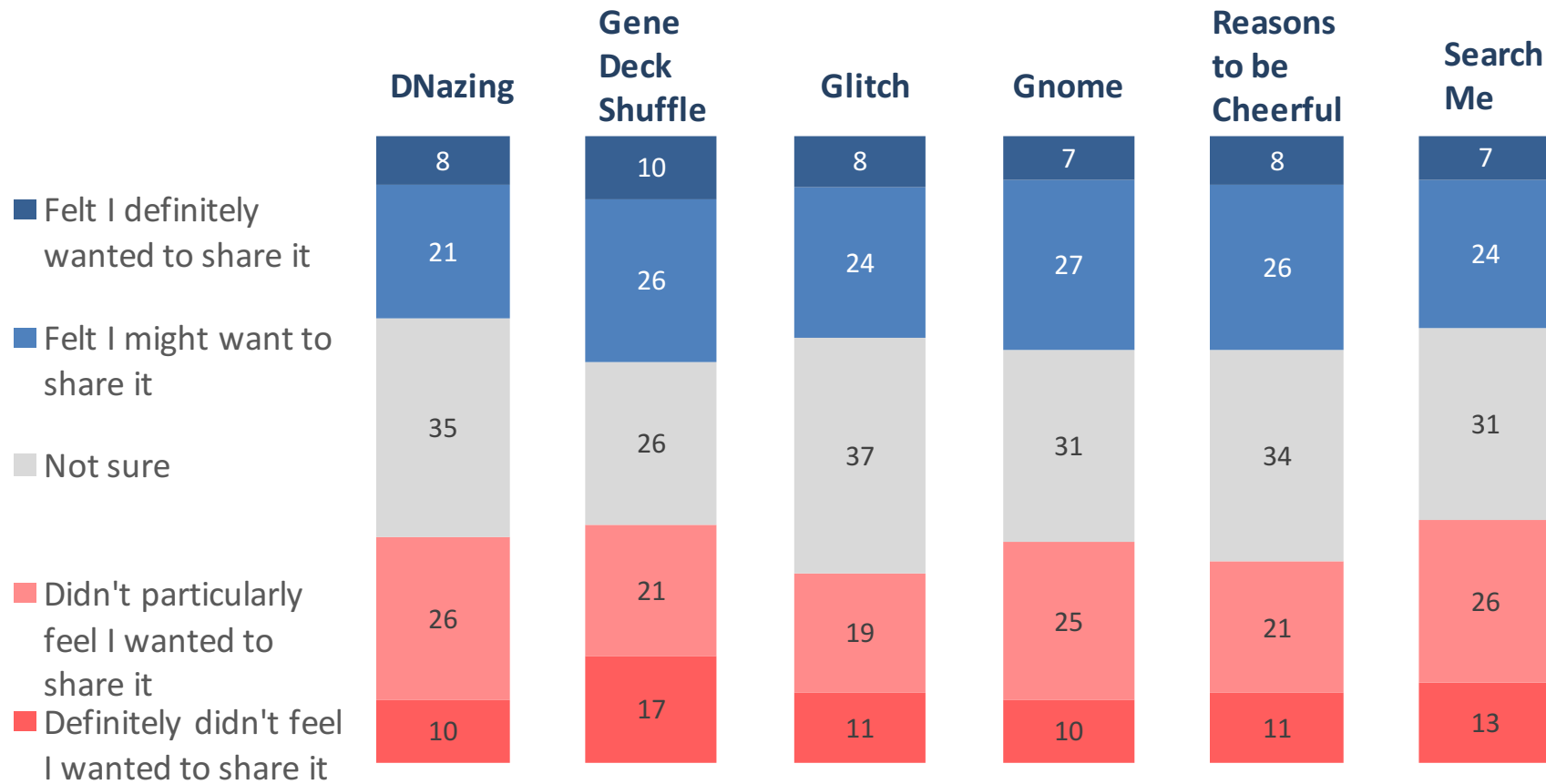
The majority of respondents found the films interesting



The majority of respondents found the films to be informative



Sharability (e.g. via talking to someone about it, or via social media)



Summary

- Have found some **new, evidence based** ways of reaching the public with genomics
- Quirky works ('gnome', 'glitch', sex, etc)
- If genomics is going to be mainstreamed then **the conversations** around it **need to be mainstreamed too**

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