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Luke Walmsley, a pupil at Birkbeck School, in North Somercotes, Lincolnshire, was killed after an altercation with another pupil in a school corridor

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BY GLEN OWEN, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT
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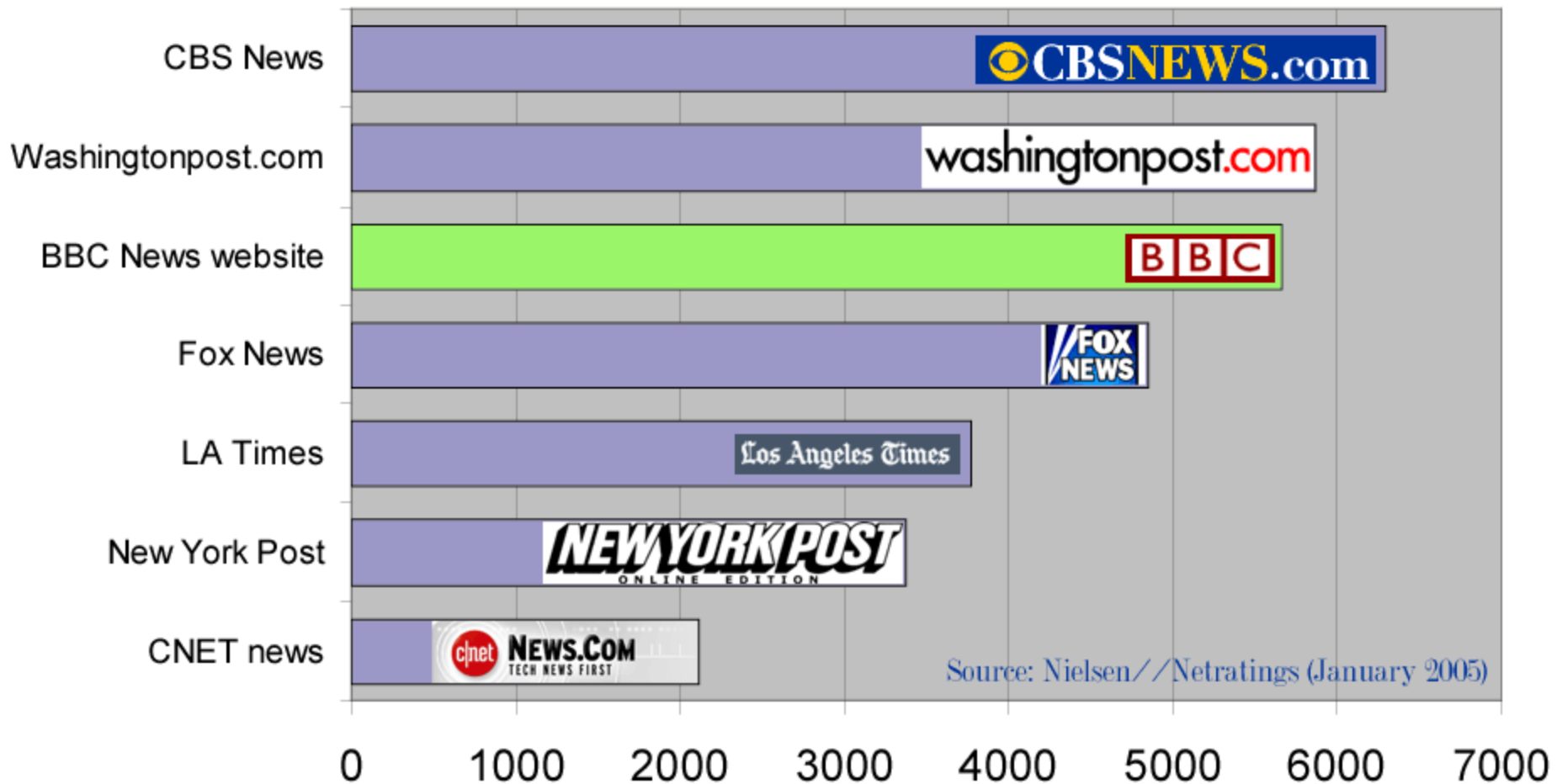
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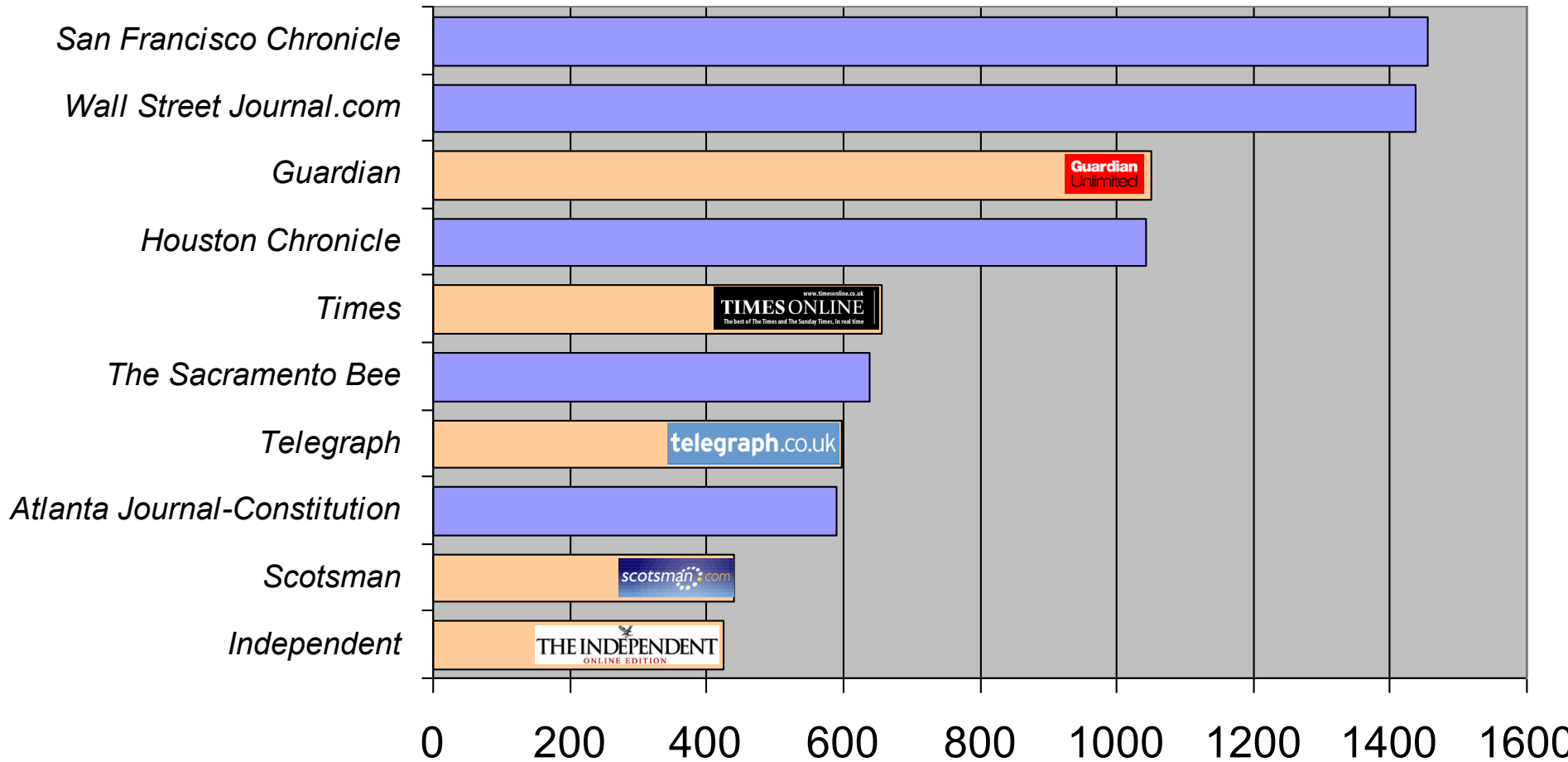
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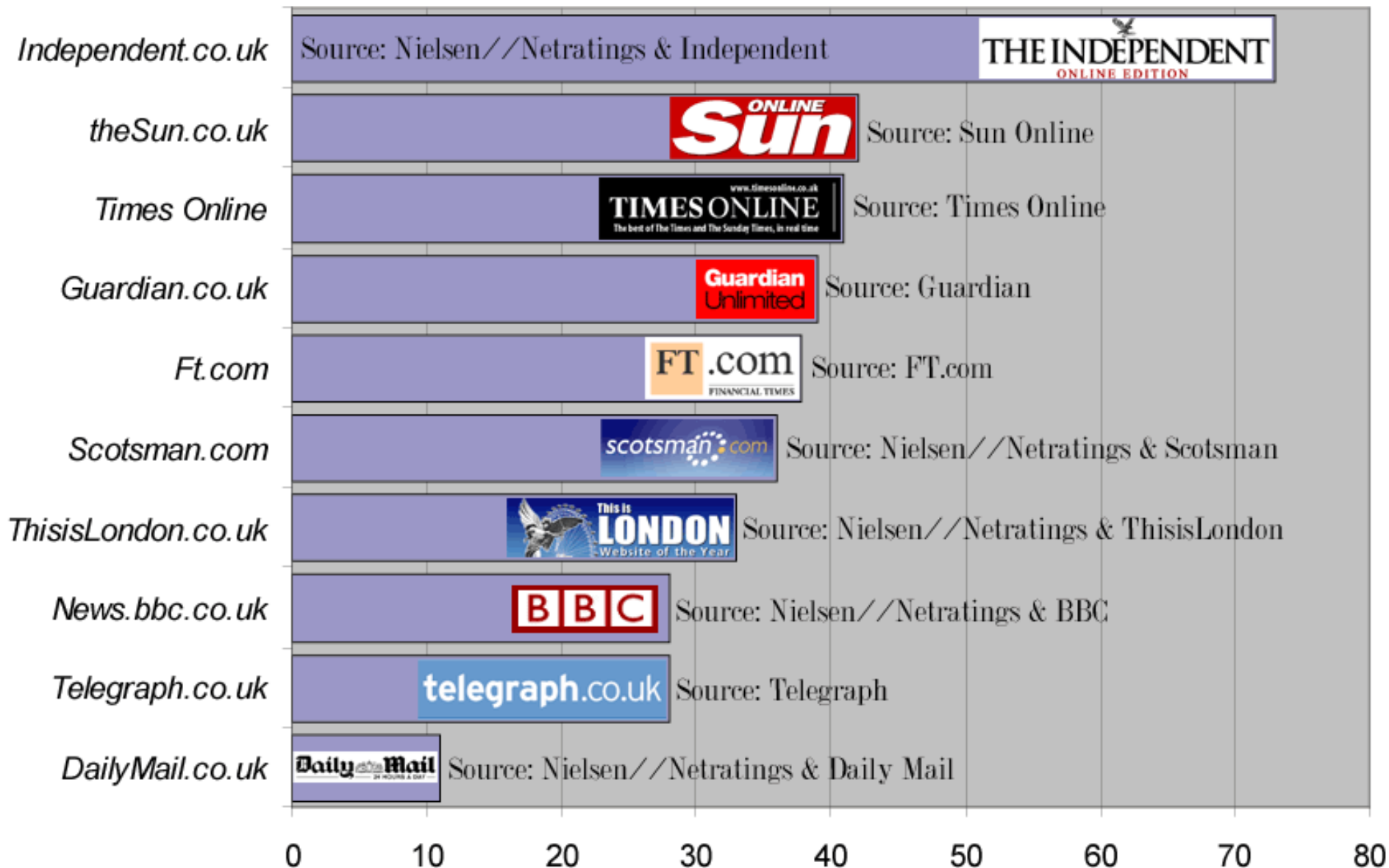
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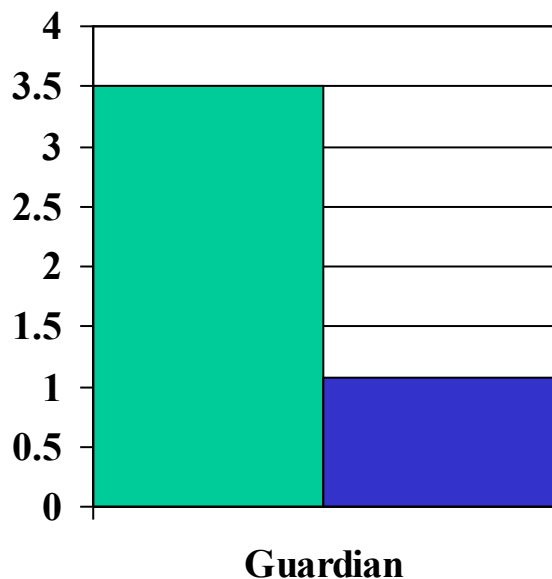


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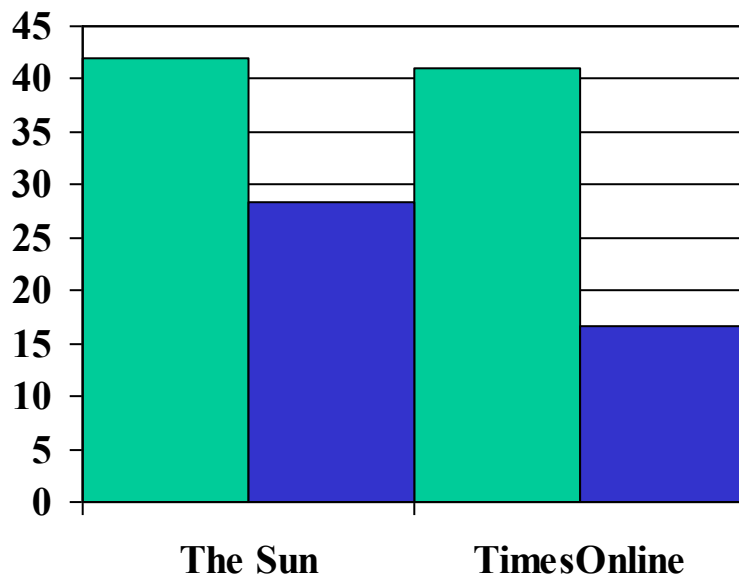


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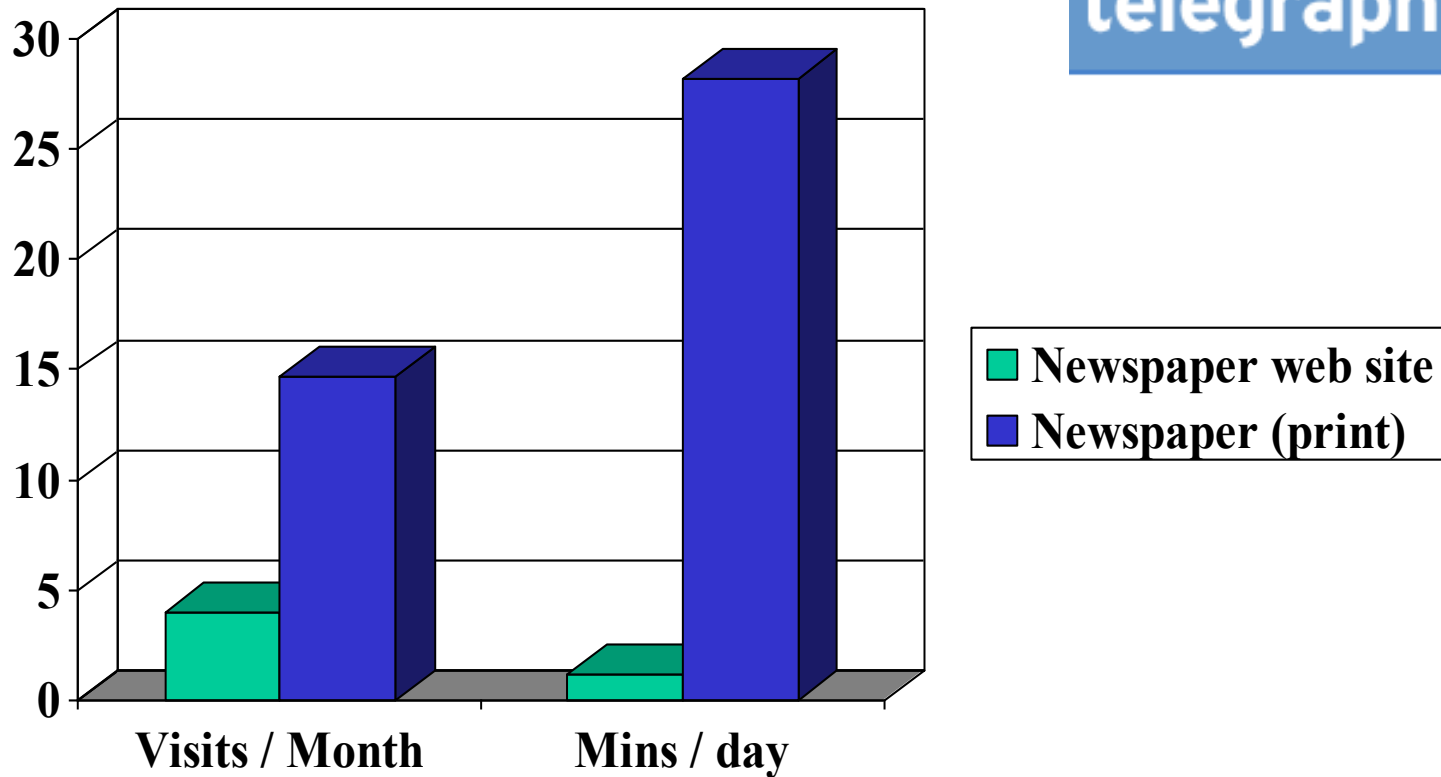
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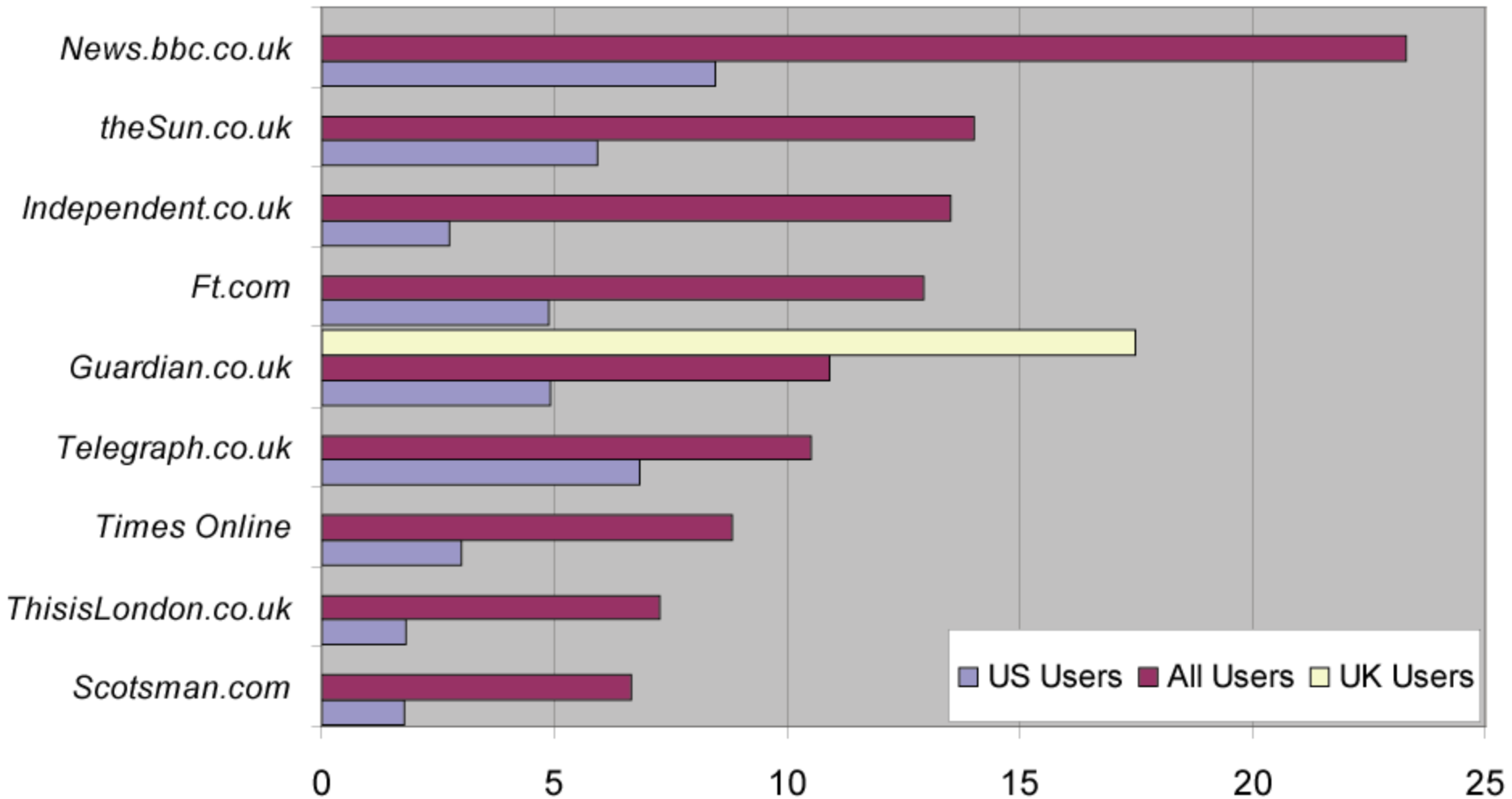


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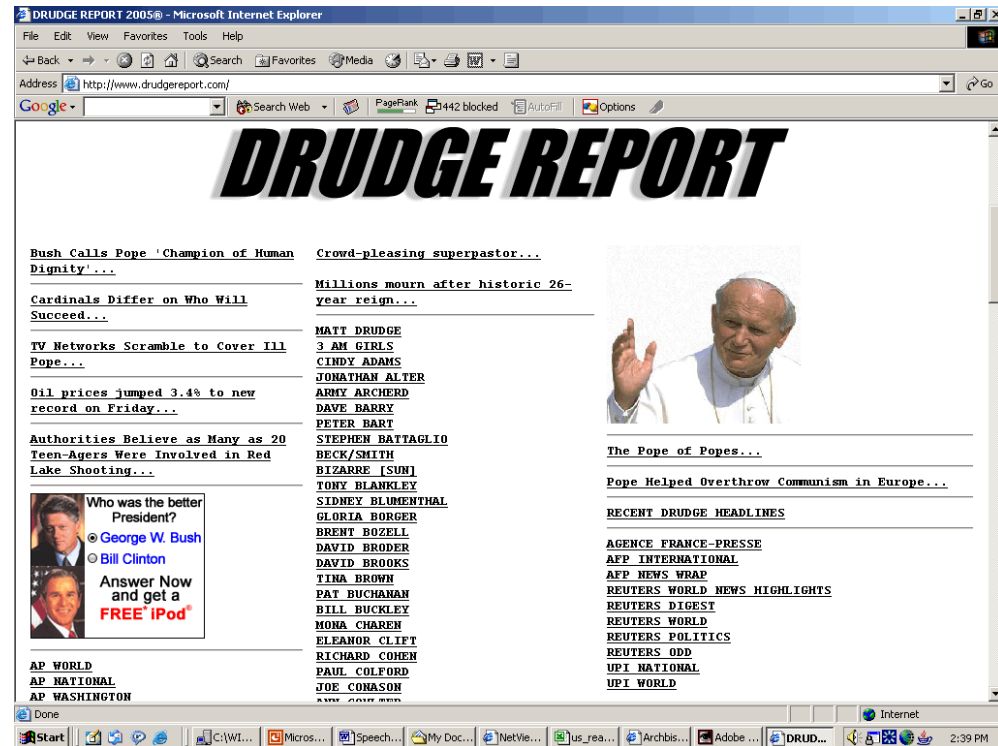
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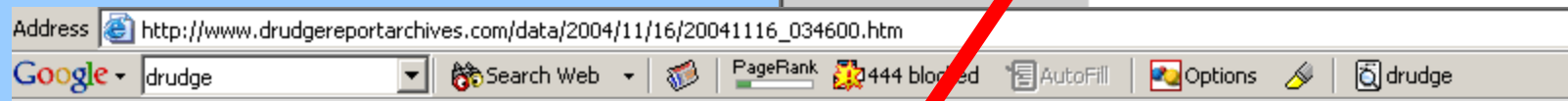
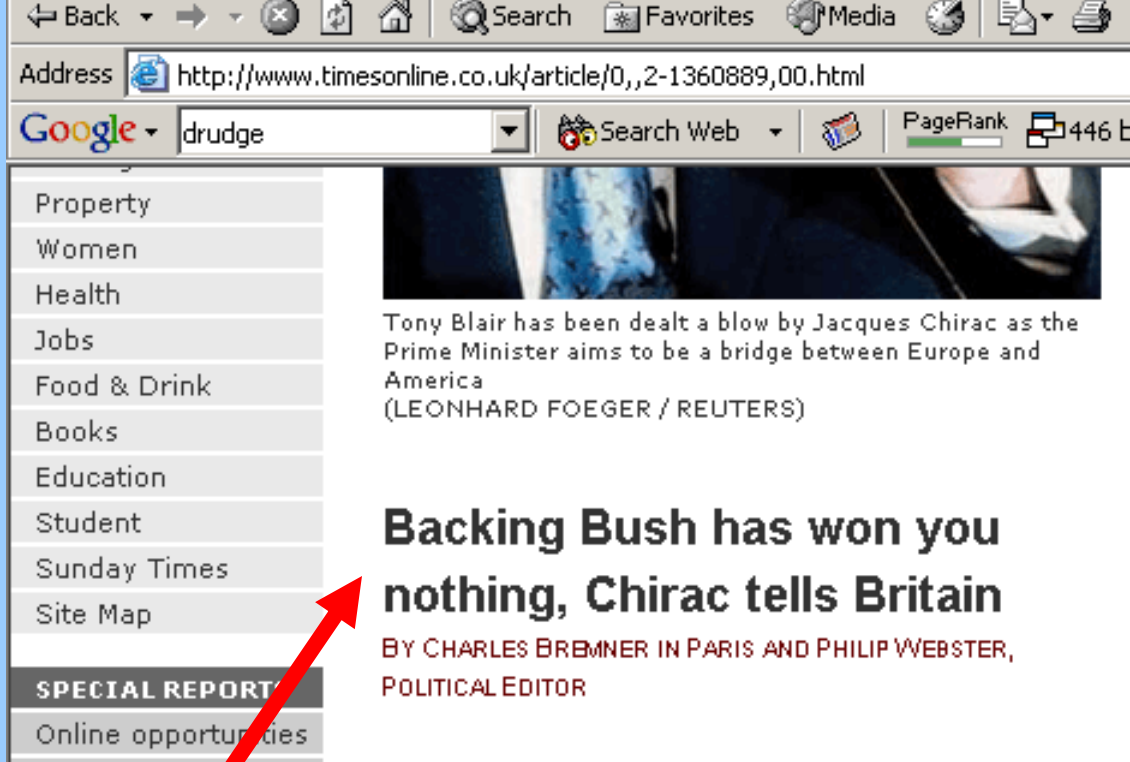
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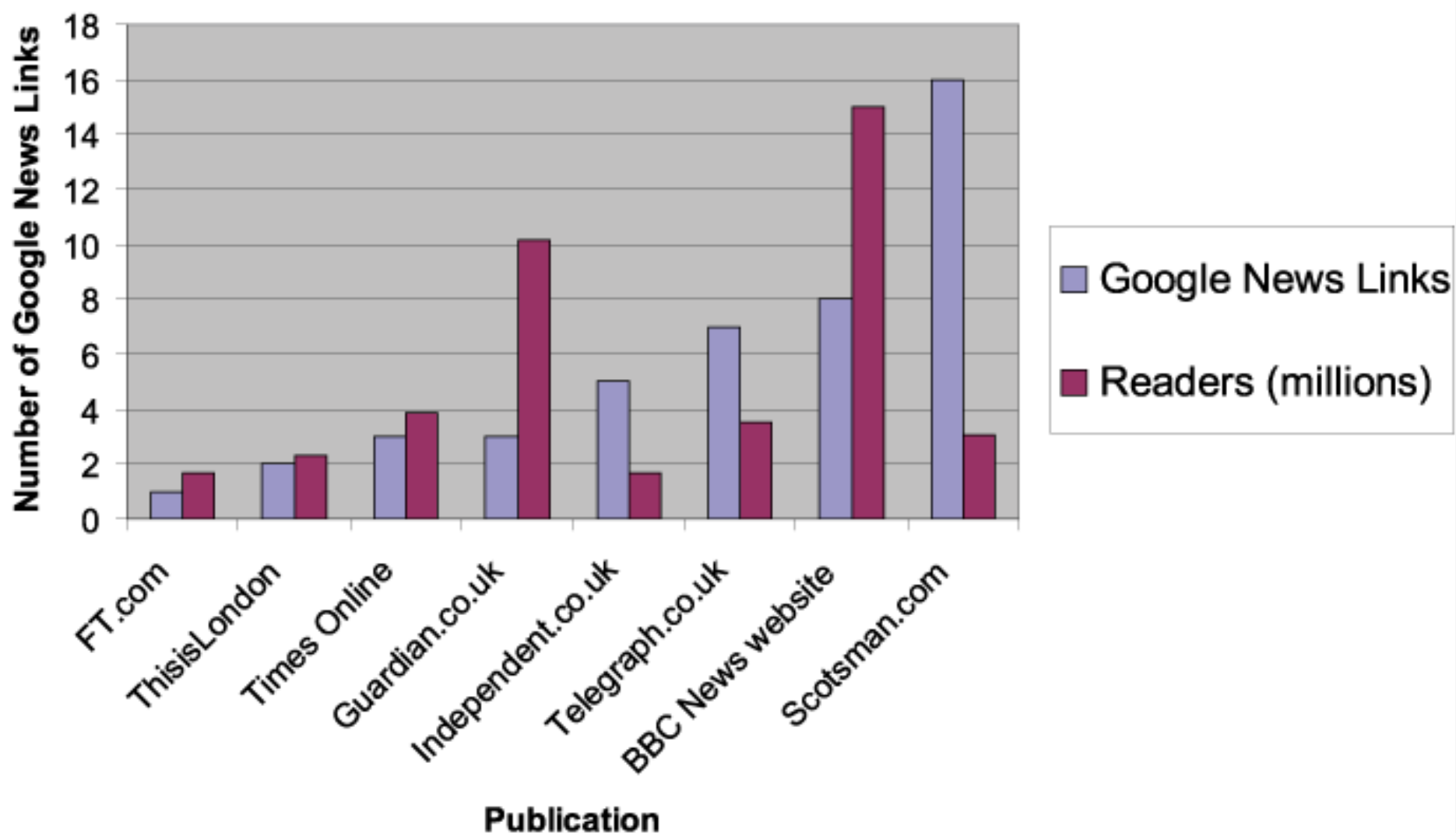
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DAN MCDUGALL

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By James Lyons and Gavin Cordon, PA

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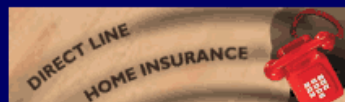
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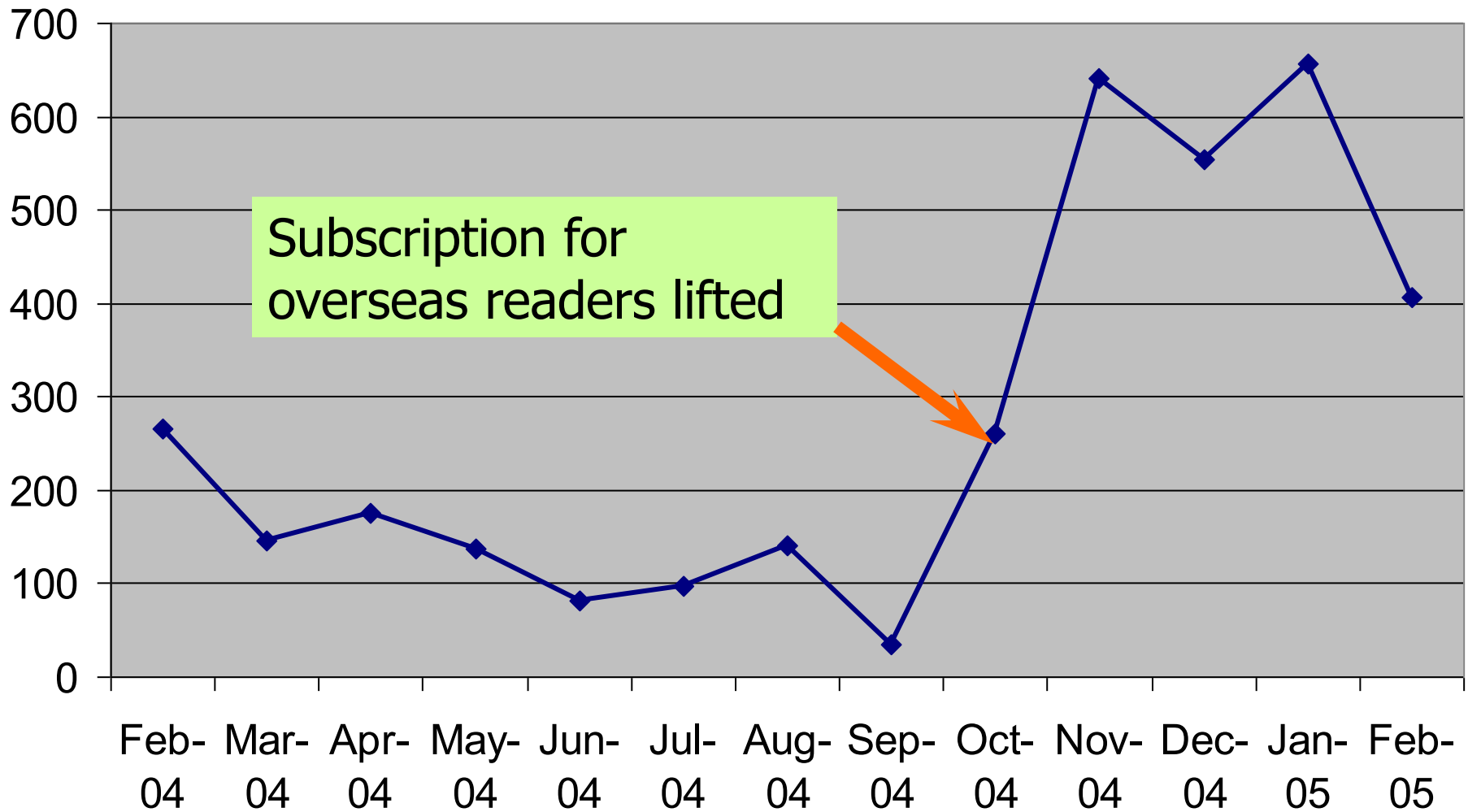
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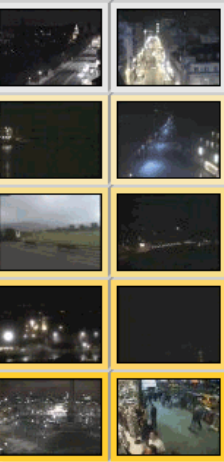


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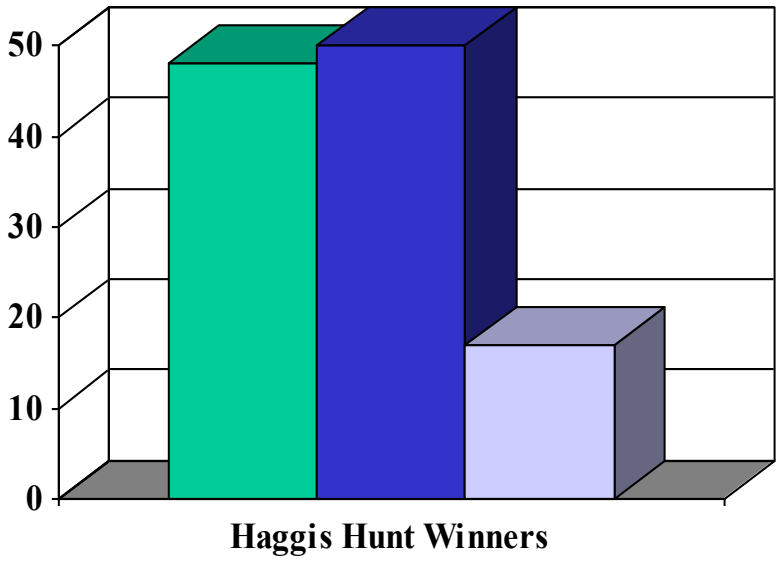
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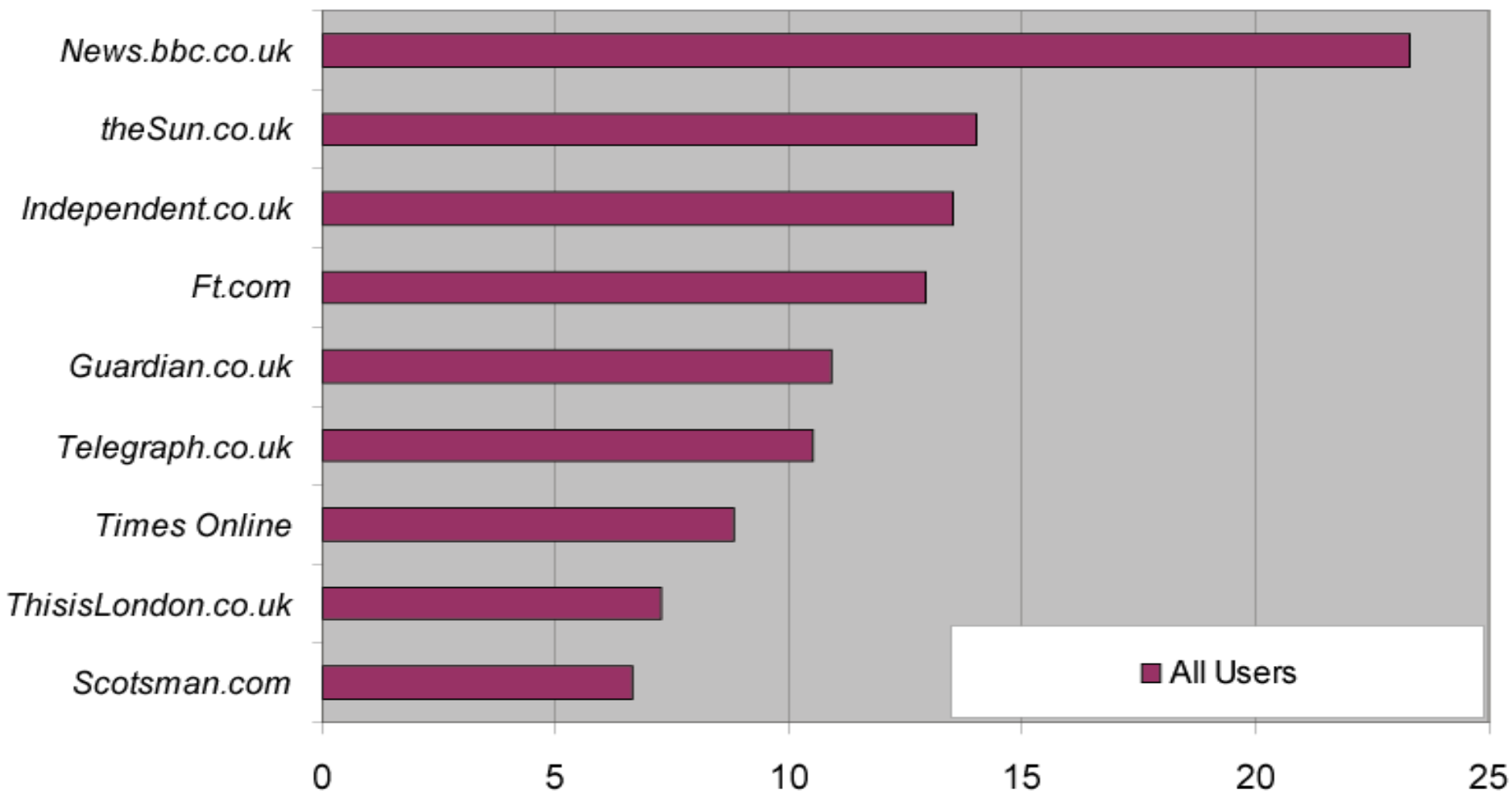
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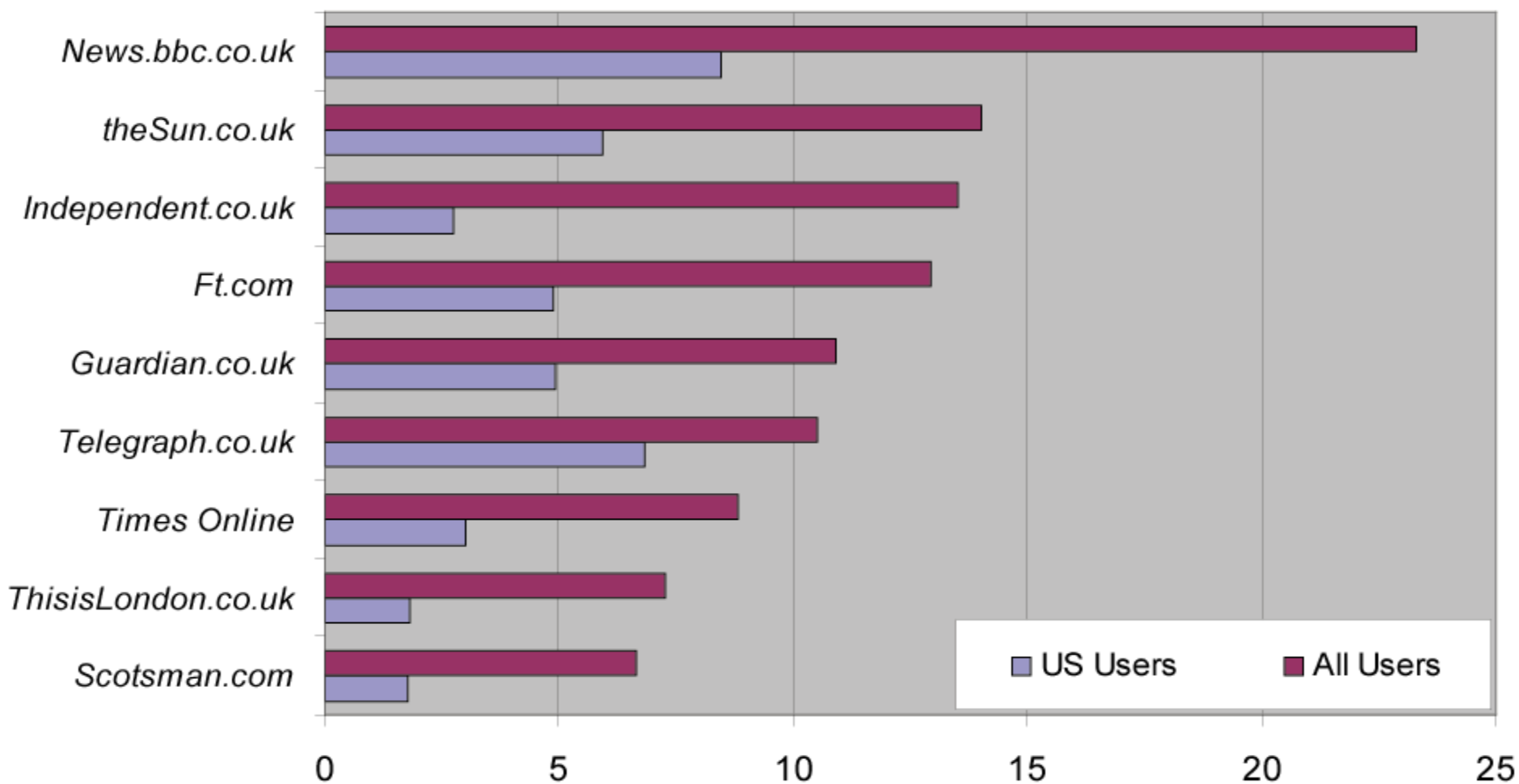


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But he said: "It is not about the ability of people to express a different view from my view or a different view from the leadership of the Conservative Party.

"It is about the suggestion that the Conservative Party is saying one thing before an election and intends to do something else afterwards. That is not the case."

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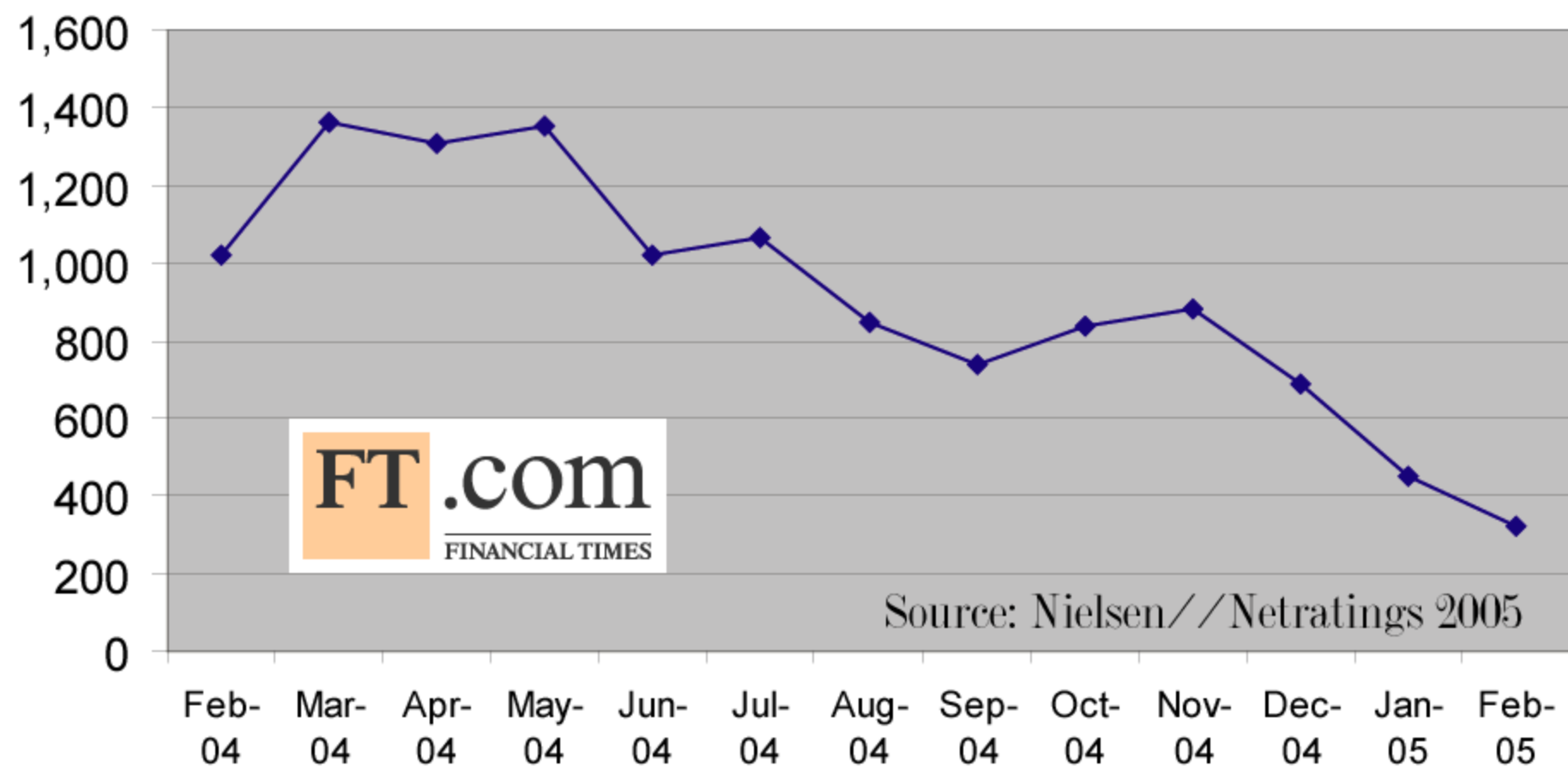


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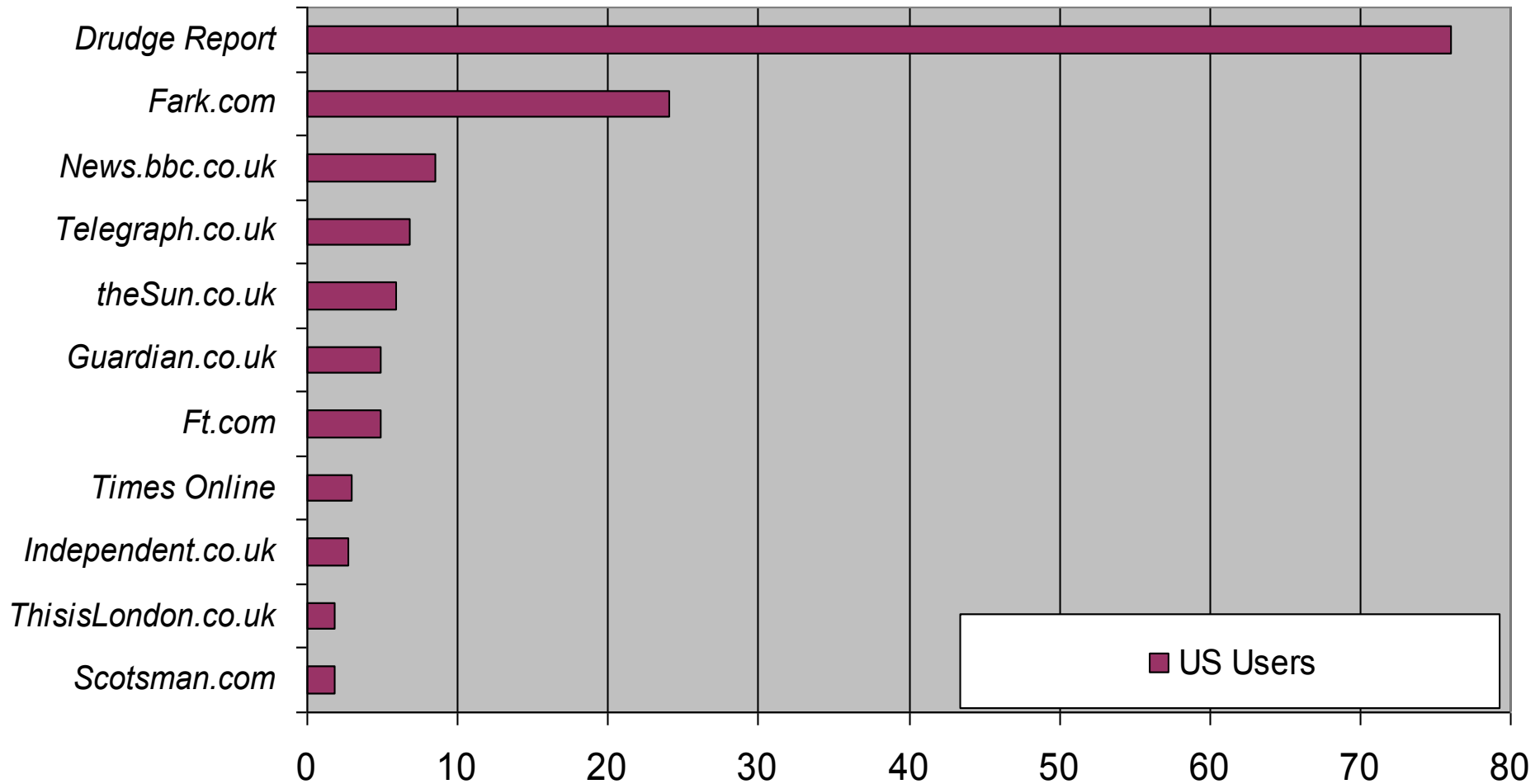
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