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RESULTS OF THE 2008 STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY
SURVEY

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RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ITEMS THAT ADDRESS BOTH SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY

Demographics

Gender	Grade	Total
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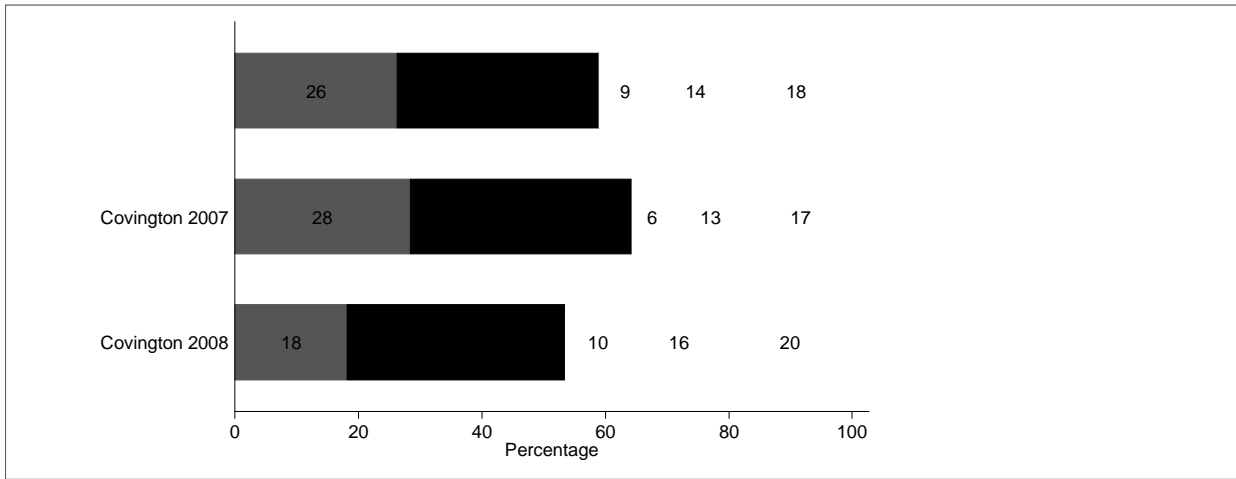
Q48: During this school year, have you brought any of the following items to school?

	Covington 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Illegal drugs	8%	3	5%
Knives	6%	-1	5%
Prescription drugs	5%	1	3%
Alcohol	3%	0	2%
Tobacco	2%	-3	3%
Gun	2%	0	2%
Other weapons	3%	1	5%
None of the above	82%	2	87%

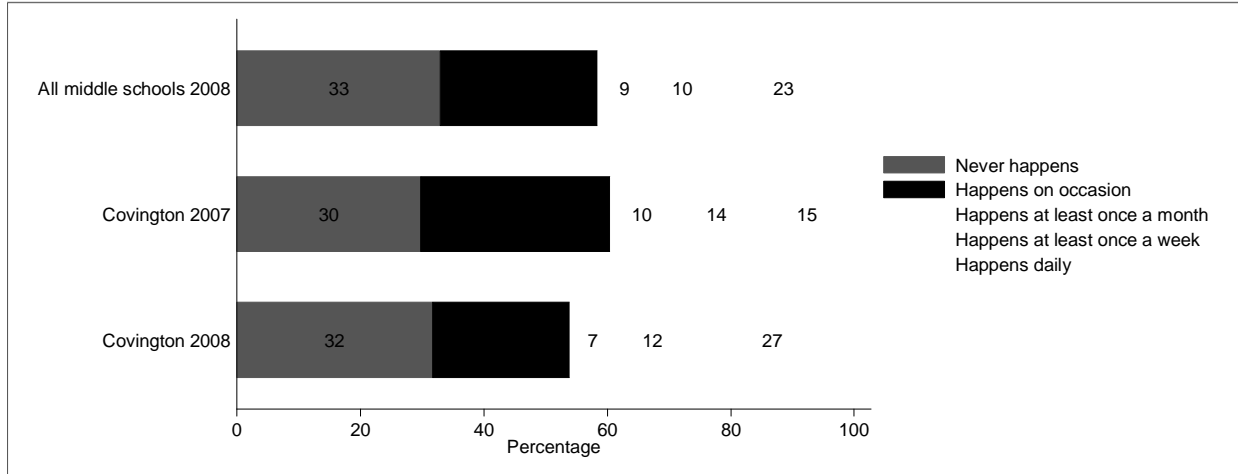
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SCHOOL SAFETY ITEMS

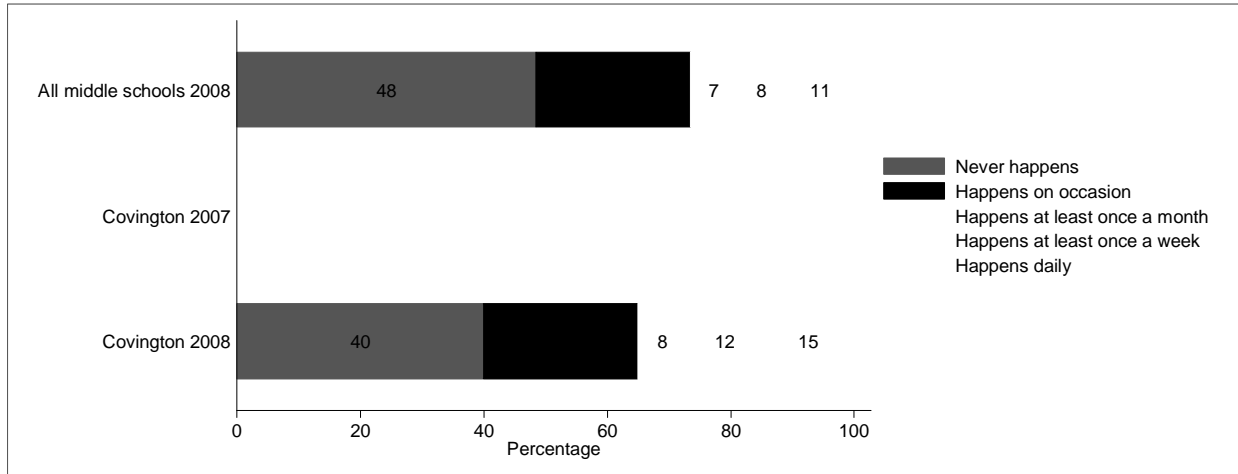
Q14: How often does racism occur at your school?



Q17: How often do gang activities occur at your school?

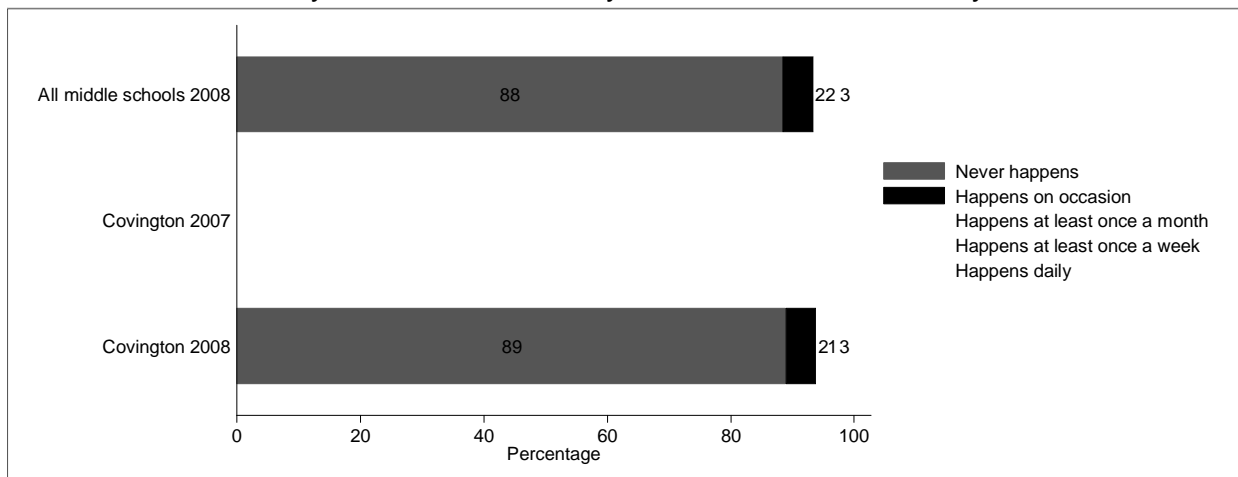


Q18: How often have you experienced any type of bullying at your school?



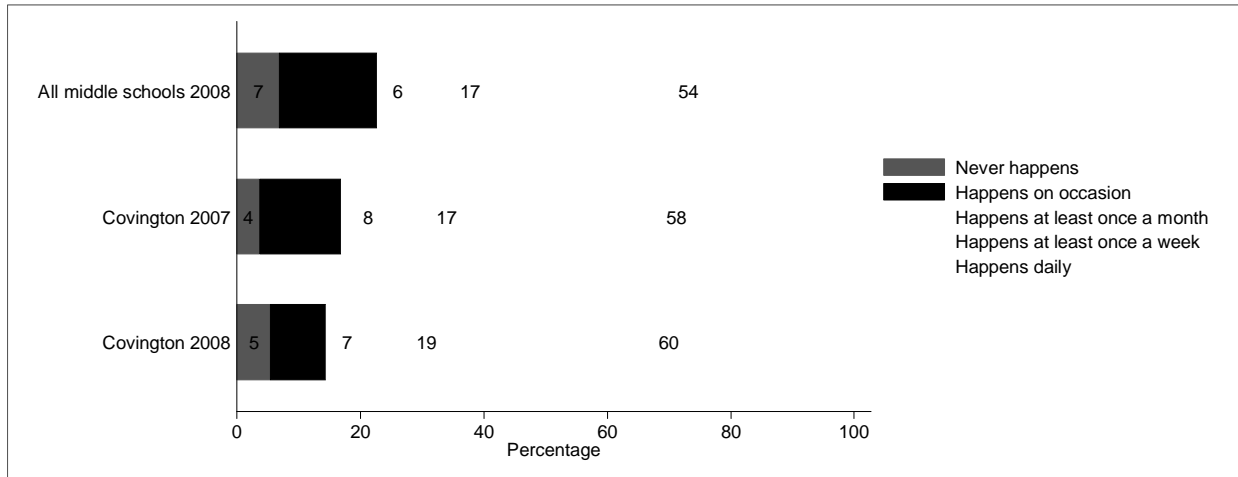
Note: This question was not asked in the 2007 survey .

Q19: How often were you absent because you did not feel safe on the way to/from school?

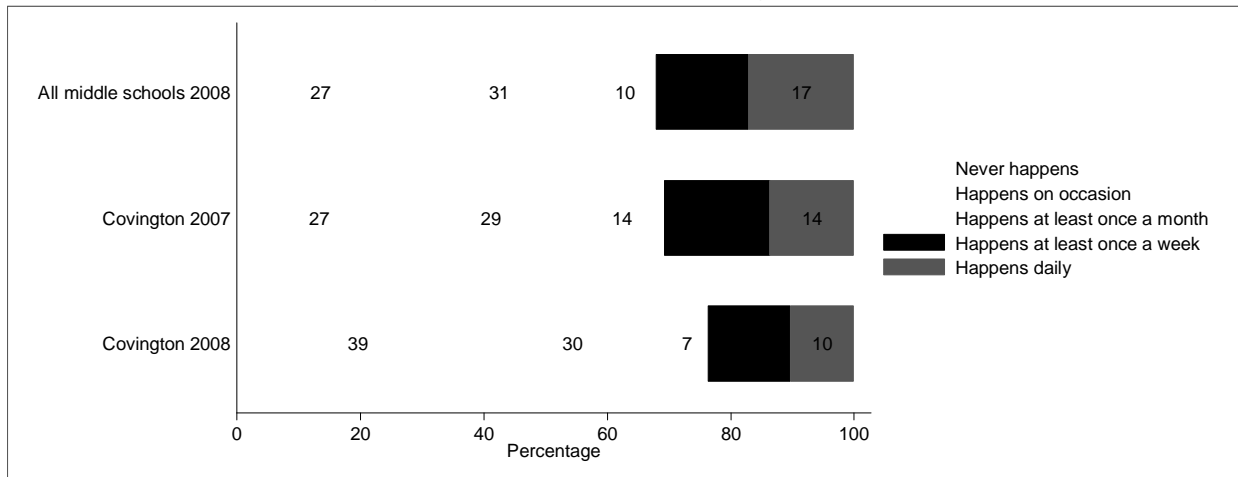


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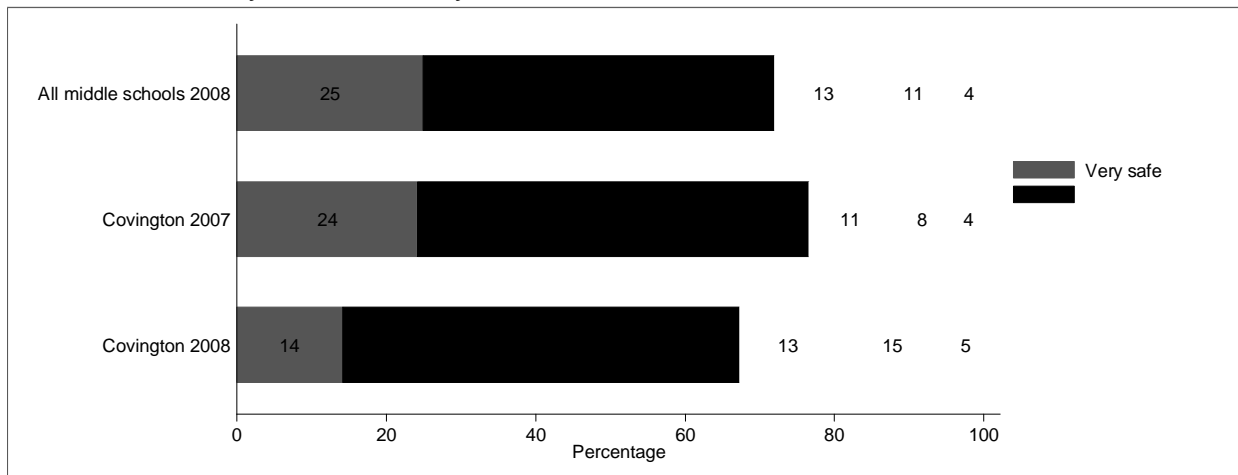
Q20: How often does your teacher have to interrupt class to deal with student misbehavior?



Q21: Do teachers or staff give you praise or rewards for good behavior?



Q7: How safe do you feel when you are at school?

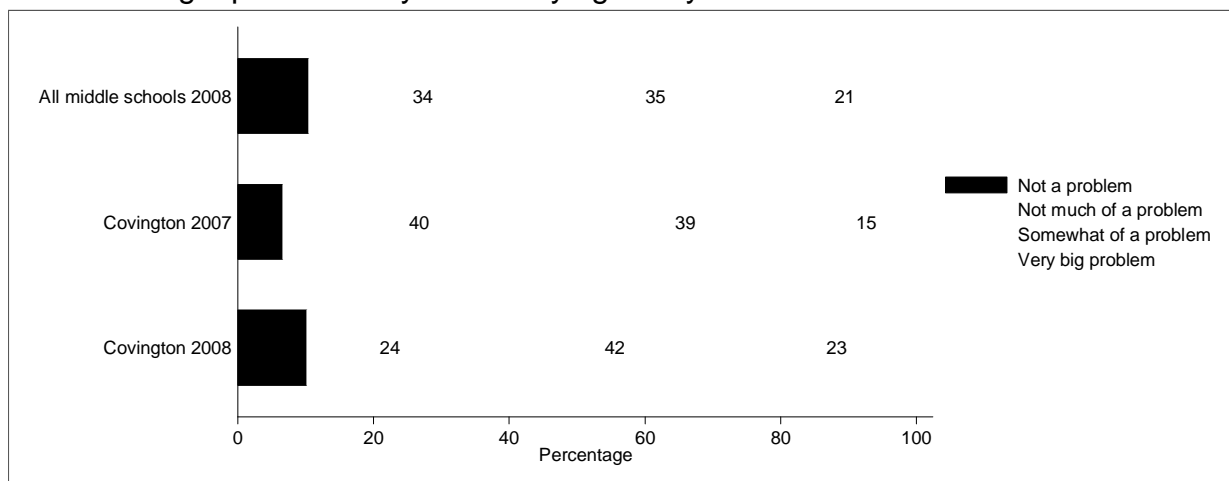


Q10: During this school year, have you experienced any of the following types of bullying at school?

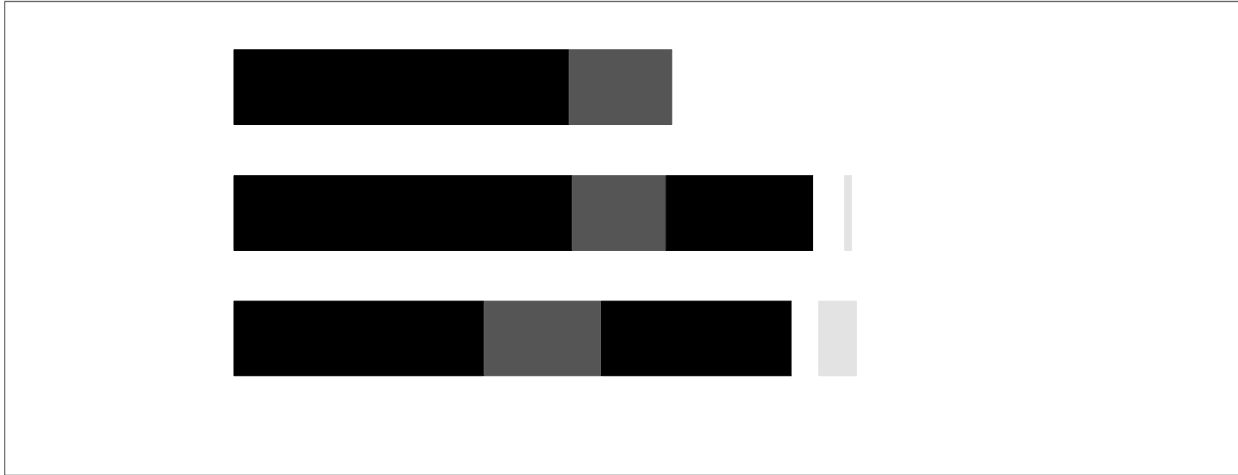
	Covington 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Verbal	48%	15	41%
Social	45%	11	33%
Physical	36%	13	26%
Racial or ethnic harassment	33%	17	14%
Sexual harassment	21%	3	14%
Intimidation	16%	9	12%
Written	15%	8	12%
None	31%	-1	39%

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Q11: How big a problem do you think bullying is at your school?

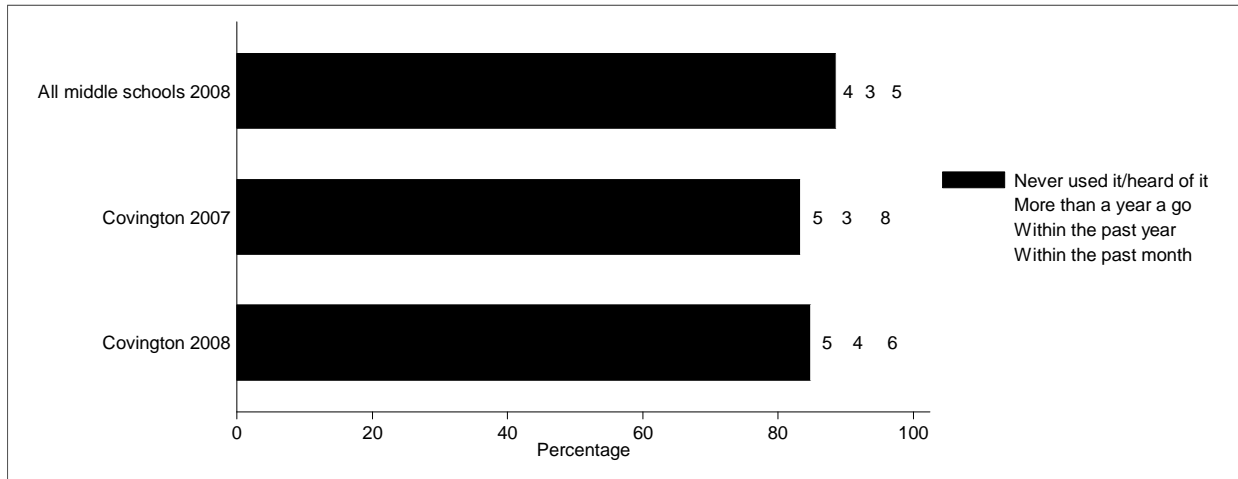


Q9: During this school year, how often have you or your close friends been physically harmed or threatened with physical harm by another student at your school?

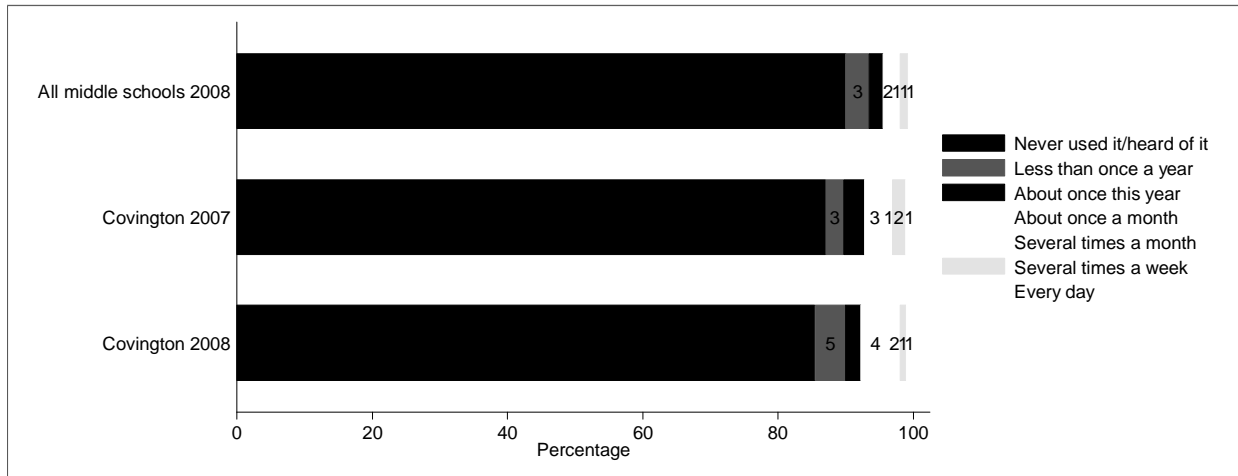


SUBSTANCE USE ITEMS

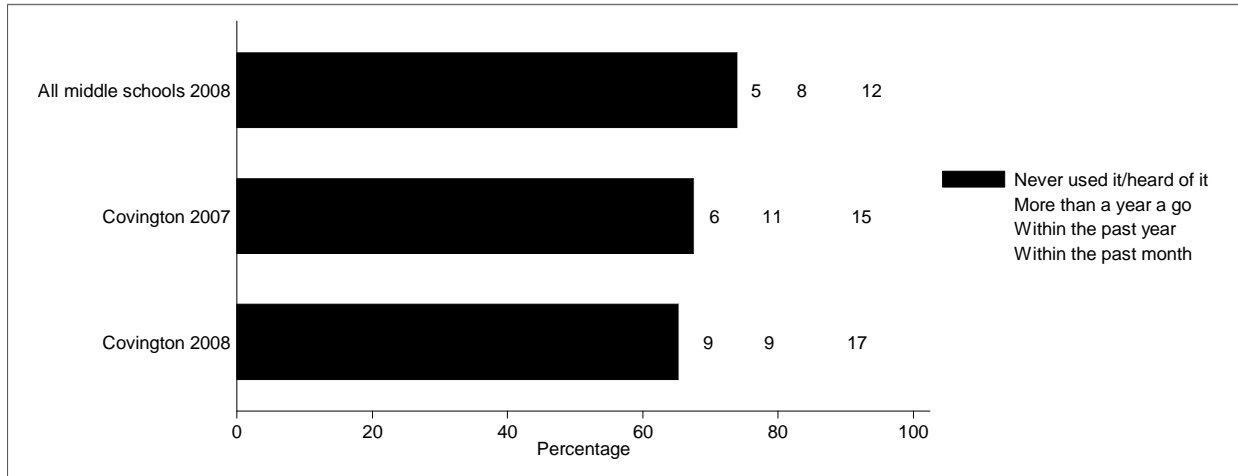
Q24: What is the most recent you have used tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



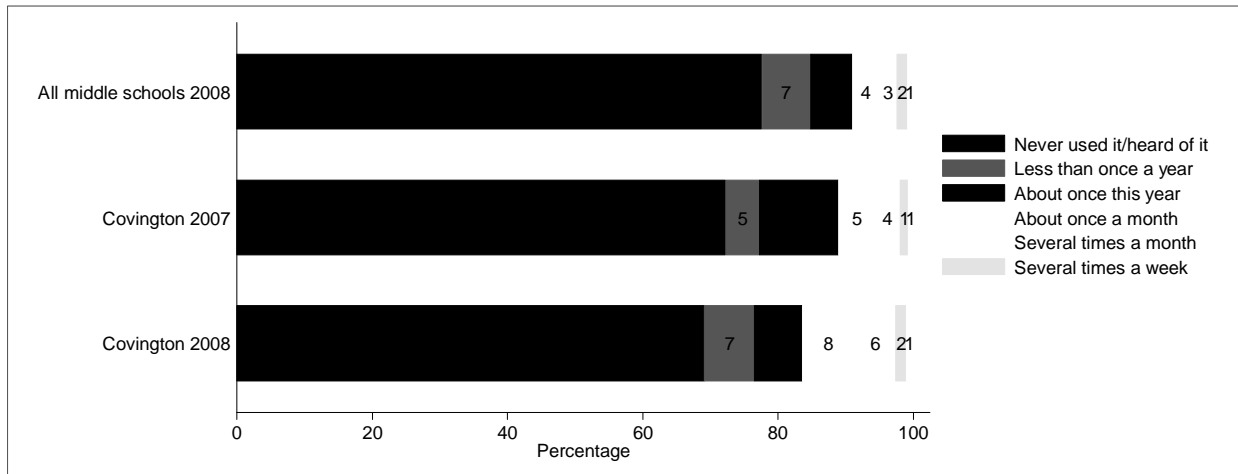
Q39: During this year, how often did you use tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



Q25: What is the most recent you have used Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



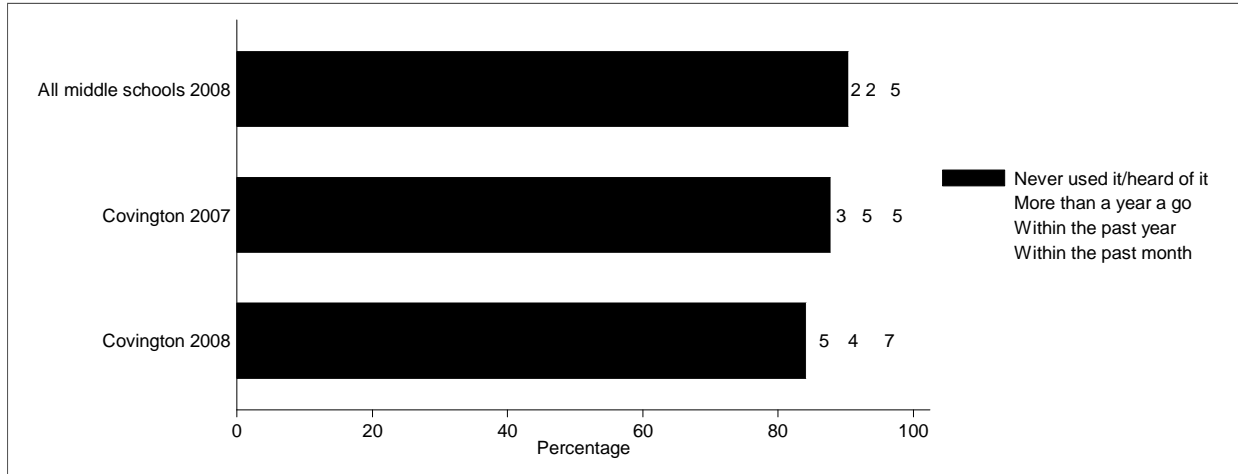
Q40: During this year, how often did you use Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



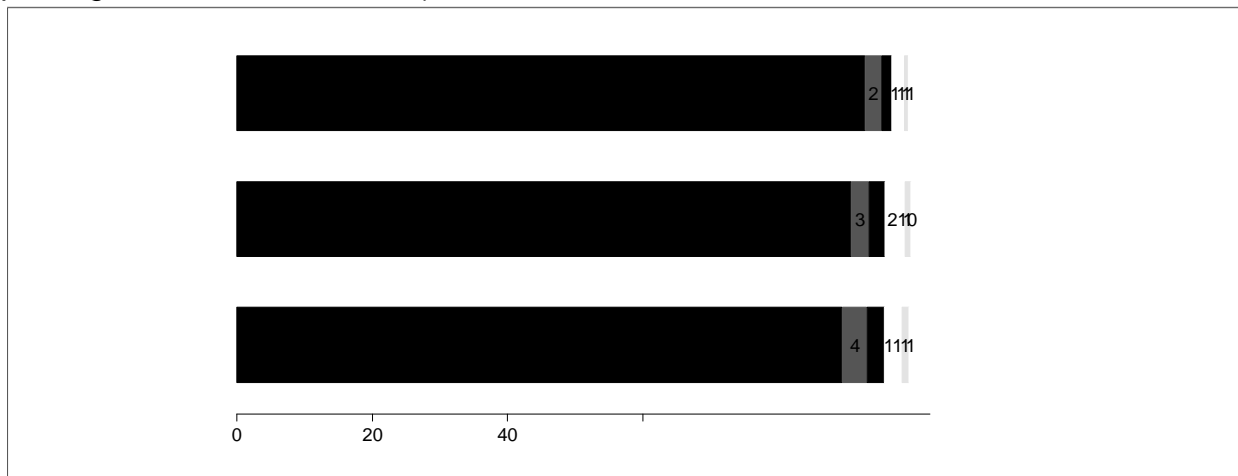
Q26: What is the most recent you have used Maria (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



Q27: What is the most recent you have used inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



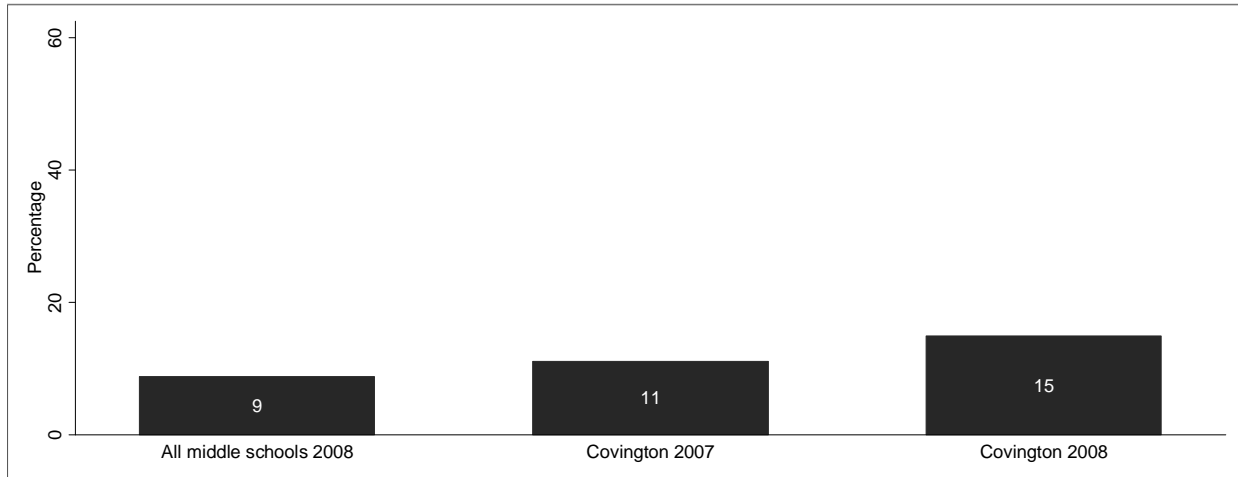
Q42: During this year, how often did you use inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



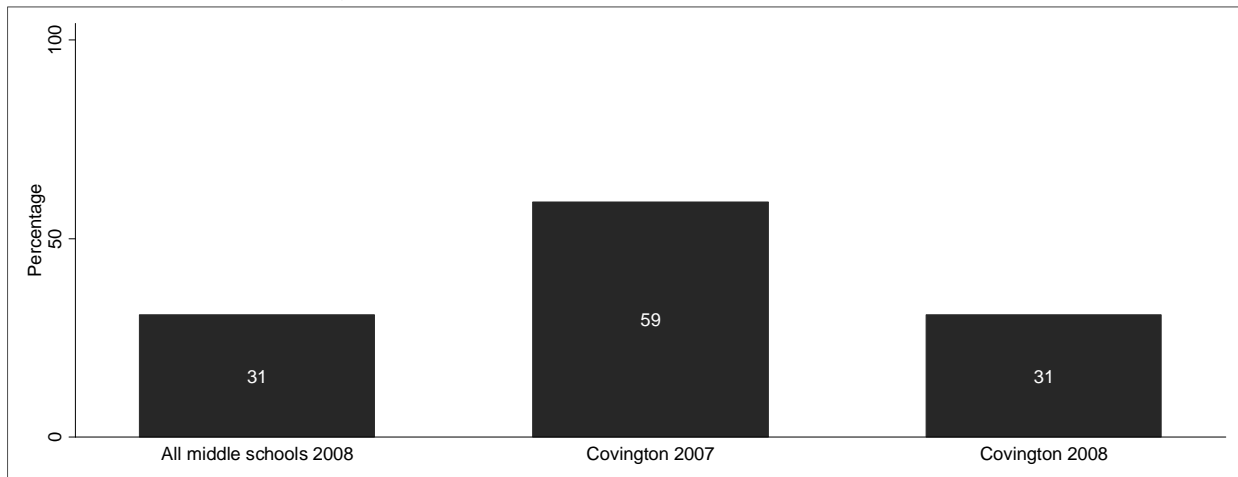
Q29:What is the most recent you have used Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) that was not prescribed to you to get high?



Q38: During this school year, have you attended any class while high, stoned, or drunk on any substance?



Q50: Within the past year, has your parent/guardian talked with you about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use?



Note. This question was worded differently on the 2008 survey than it was on the 2007 survey. Specifically, the question asked: "Have you talked with your parent/guardian about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use?"

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