

# Dueling Facts & Social Disdain

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# Consequences:

- Deliberation
- Citizen Competence
- Democratic Decision-Making

One of the serious consequences of DFPs may be what occurs when people recognize that fellow citizens hold perceptions of reality that differ from their own.

- Incivility
- Disengagement
- Spiraling Polarization

Imagine you can choose a work partner for a long-term project at work that will require a lot of interaction. One of your options is Bob Stratford, a guy at work you haven't met. A snapshot of his Twitter page appears below. Please examine it for a few minutes and think about whether you want to work with him.

 Bob Stratford Retweeted



**The Beatles** @The\_Beattless · 22 Oct 2014

"George is listed as number 21 in Rolling Stone magazine's ""100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time""."



**Bob Stratford** @bobstratford1 · 47s

Why do people go along with the climate change crowd? There has been no global warming for about 15 years now.

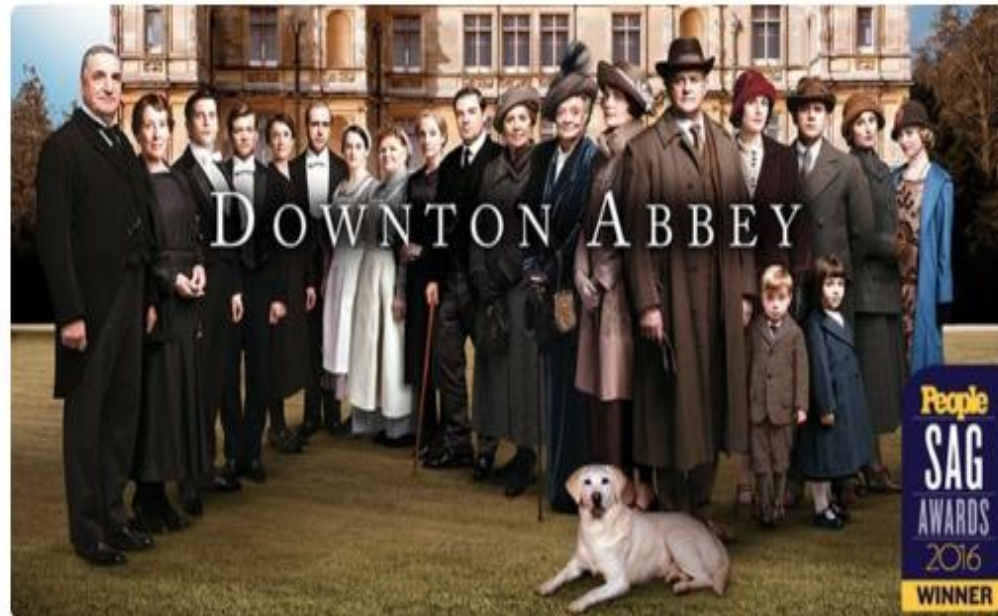


 Bob Stratford Retweeted



**People Magazine** @people · Jan 30

.@DowntonAbbey wins Outstanding Ensemble in a Drama Series! #sagawards





**Bob Stratford** @bobstratford1 · 1m



“The facts are now clear: raising the minimum wage to \$15 hurts working people by reducing their hours and income. Why are we doing this?”



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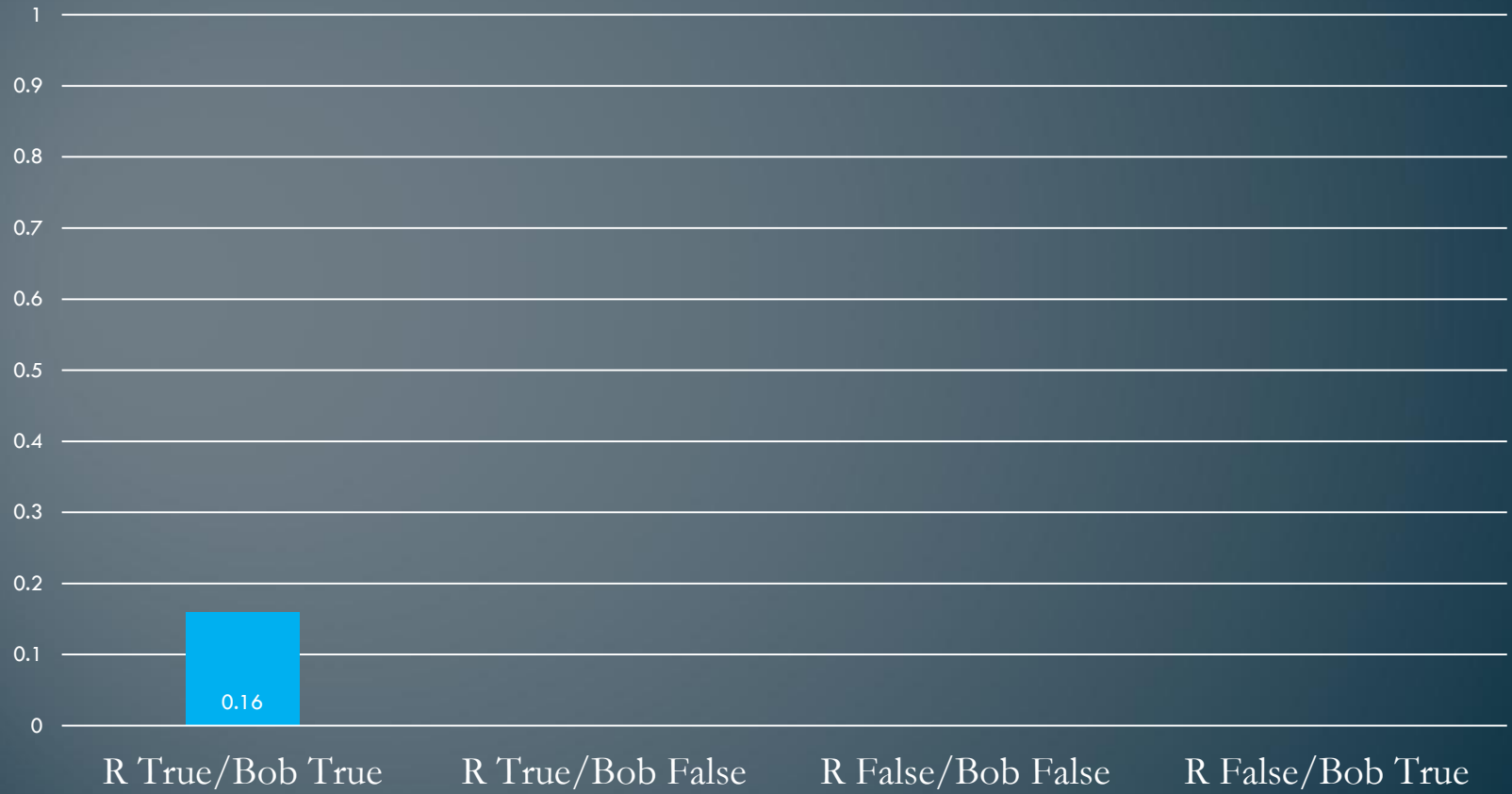
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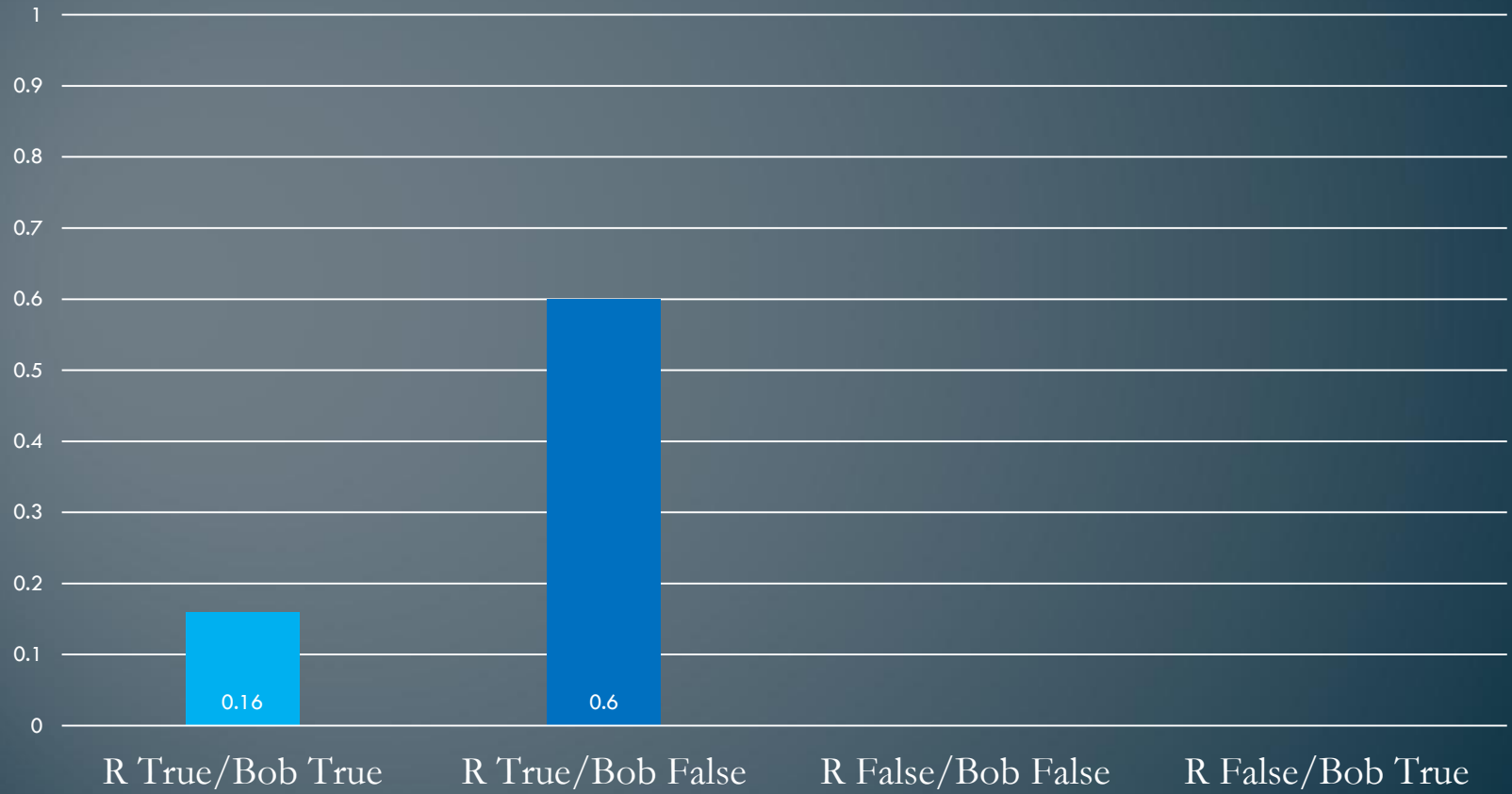
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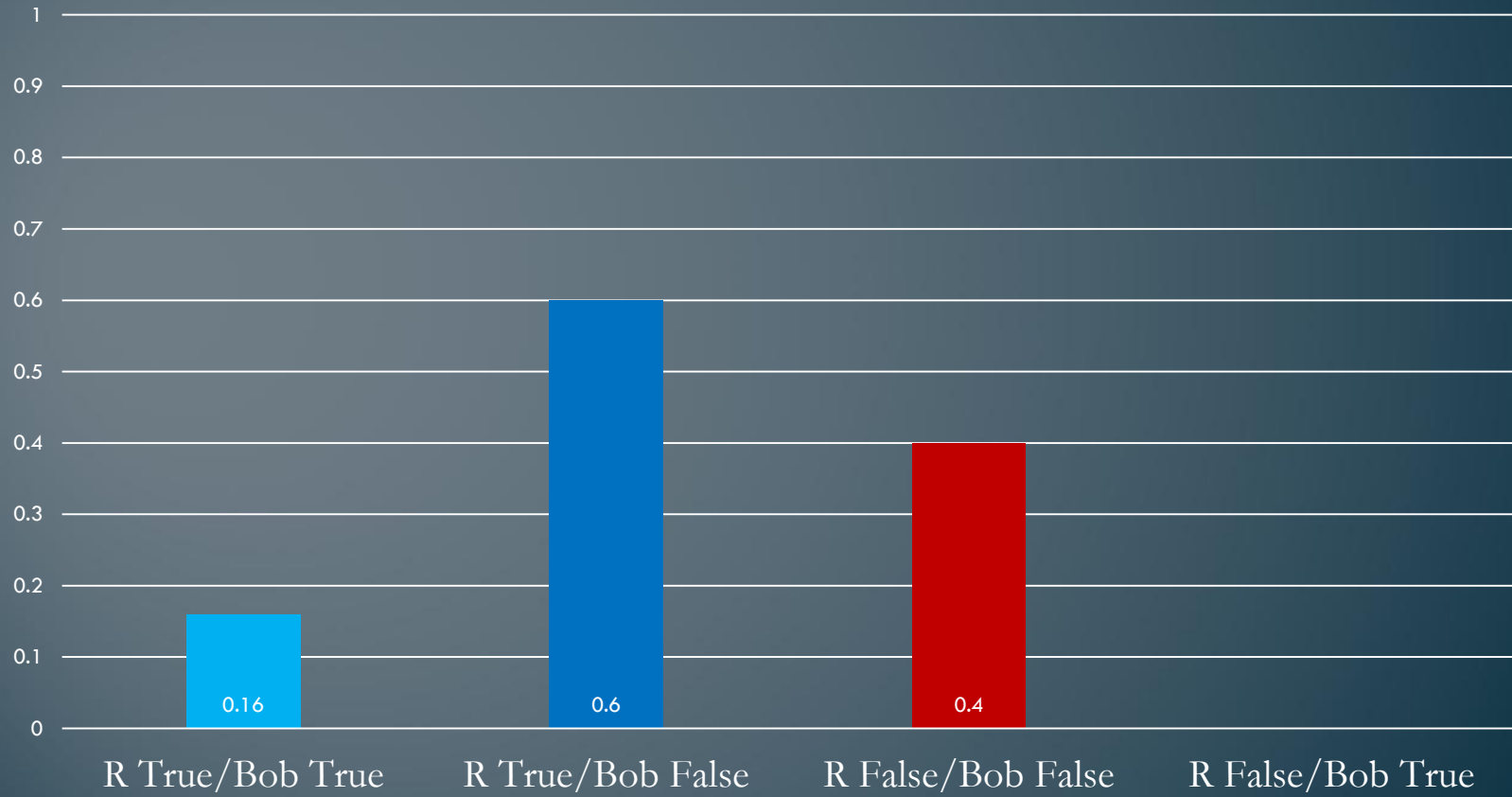
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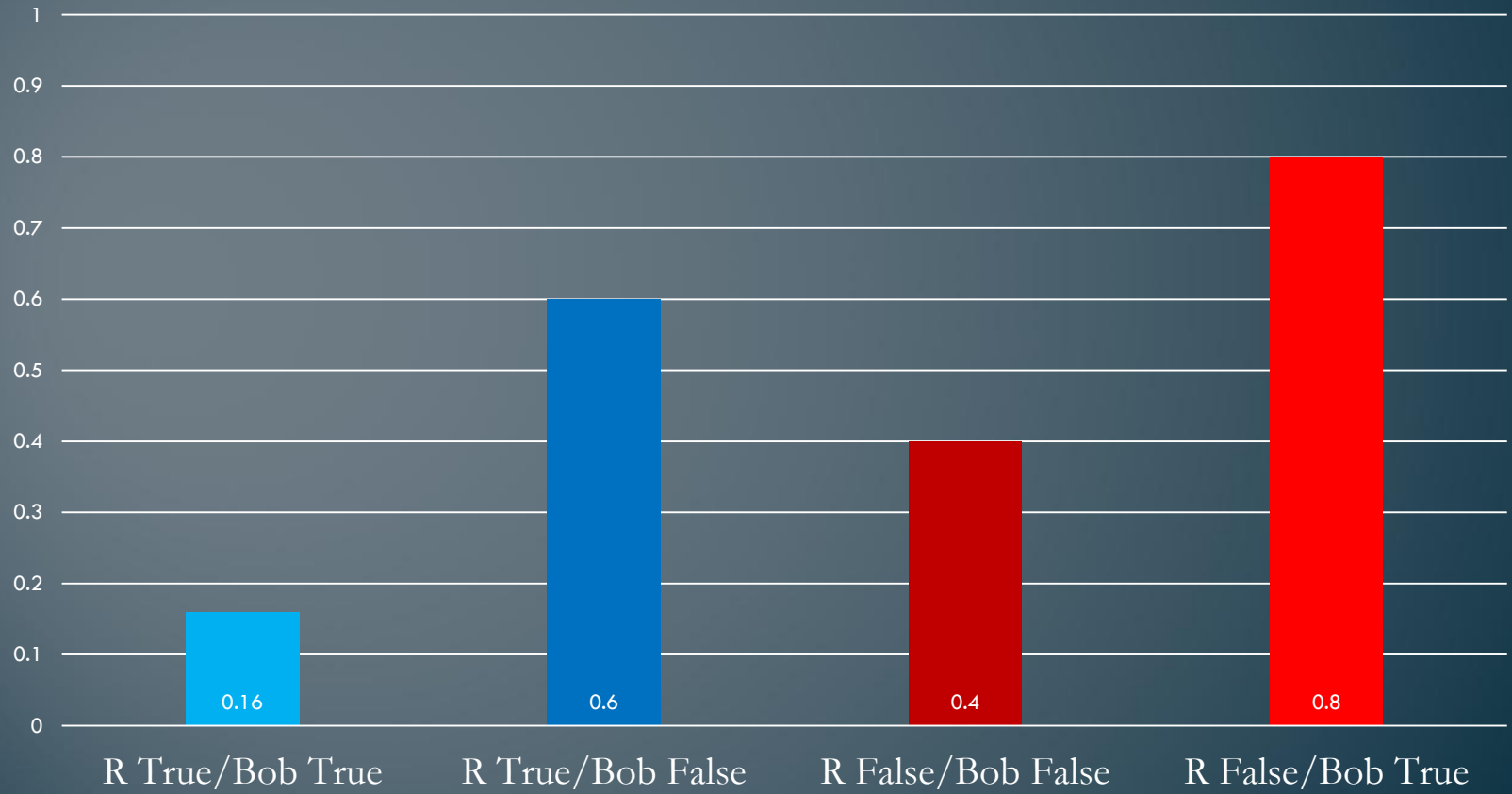


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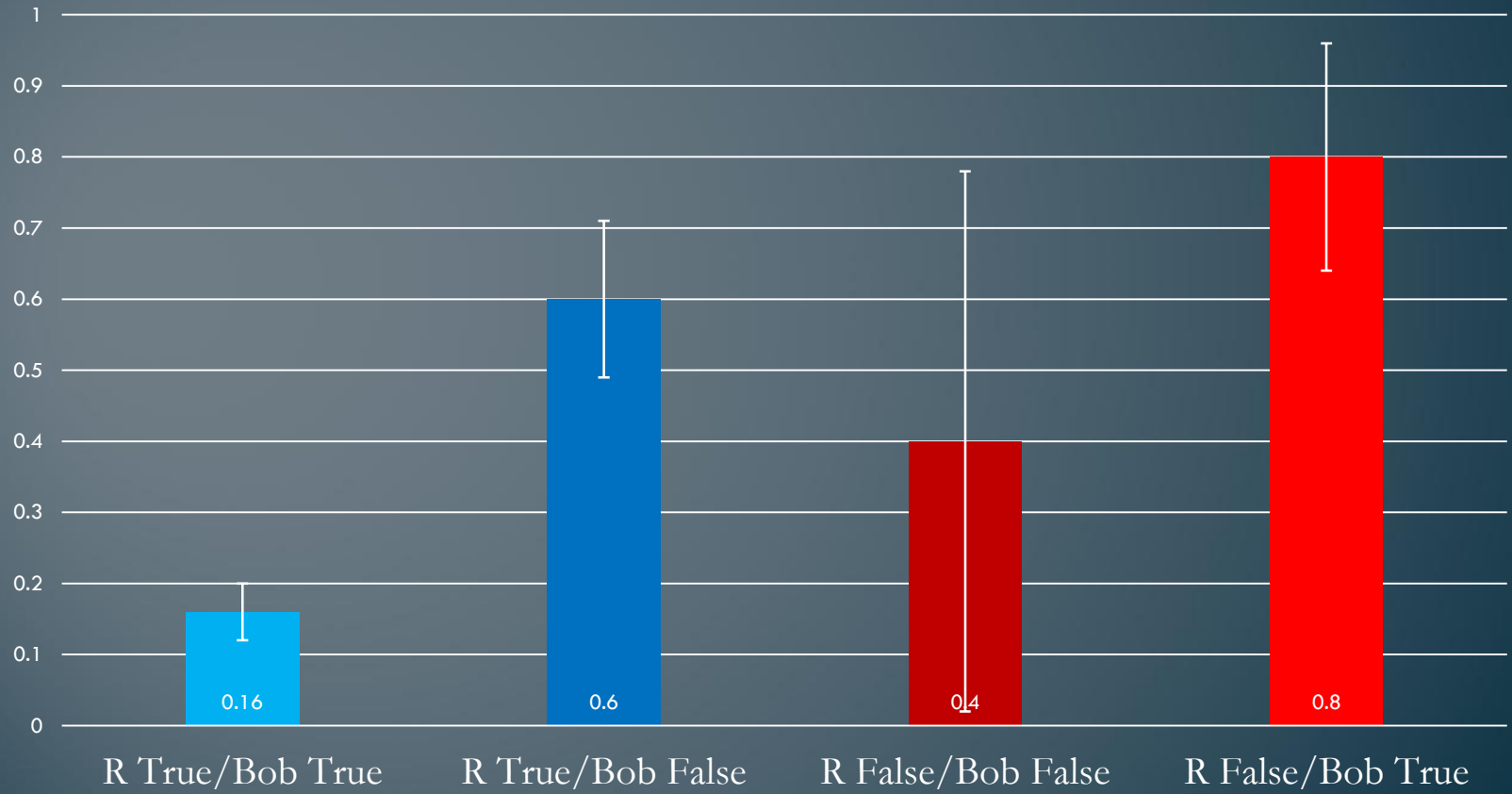




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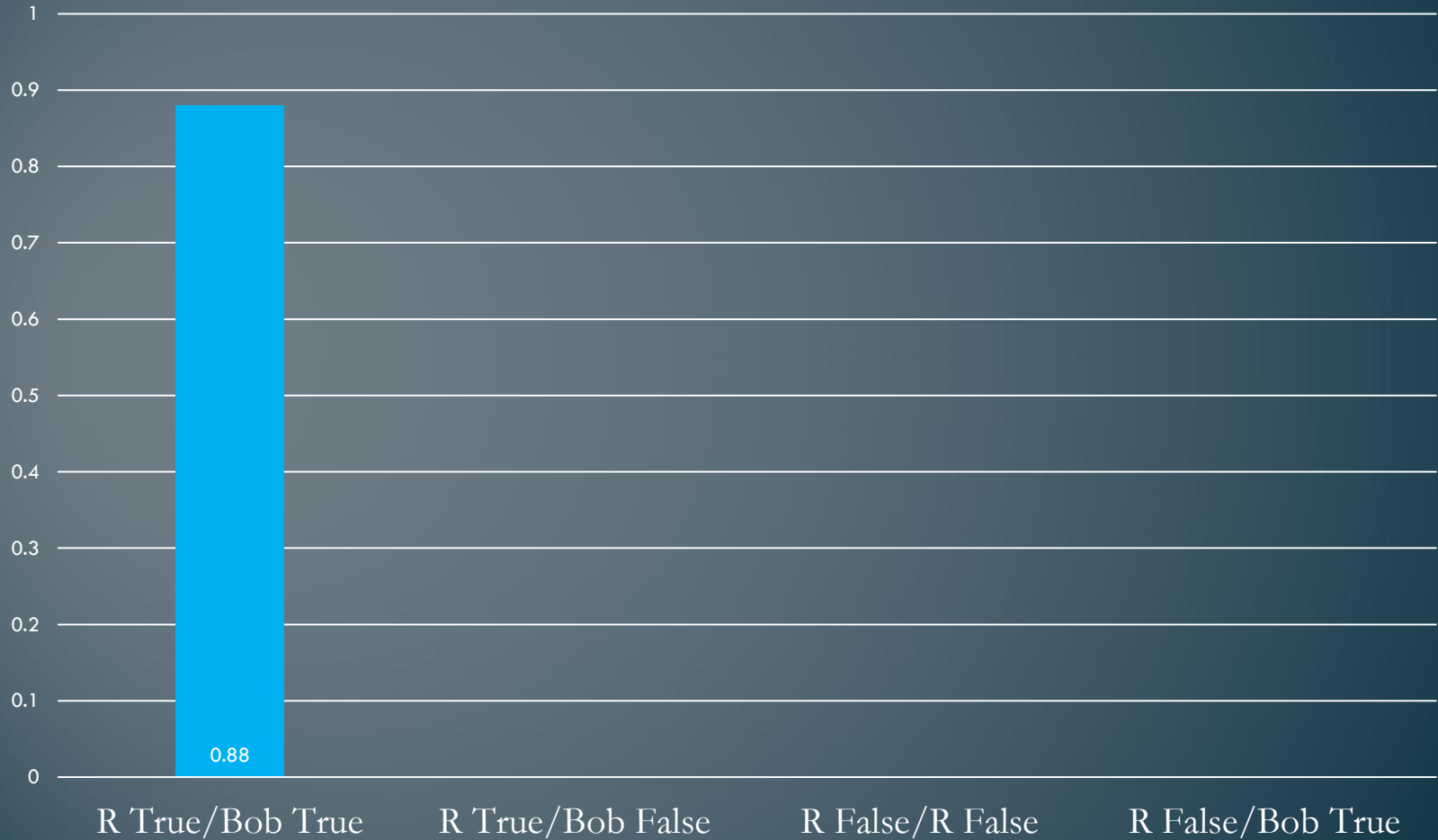


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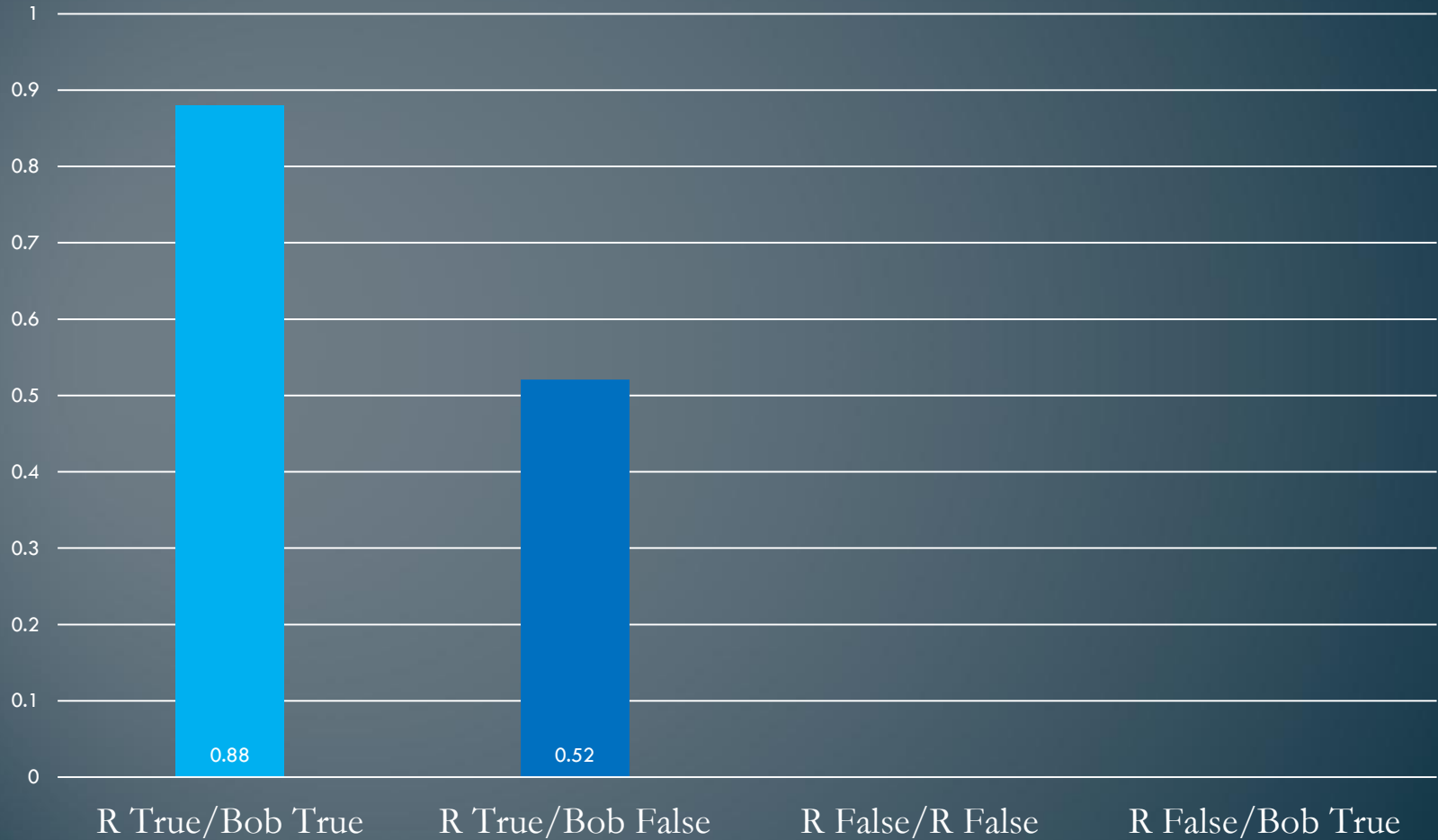
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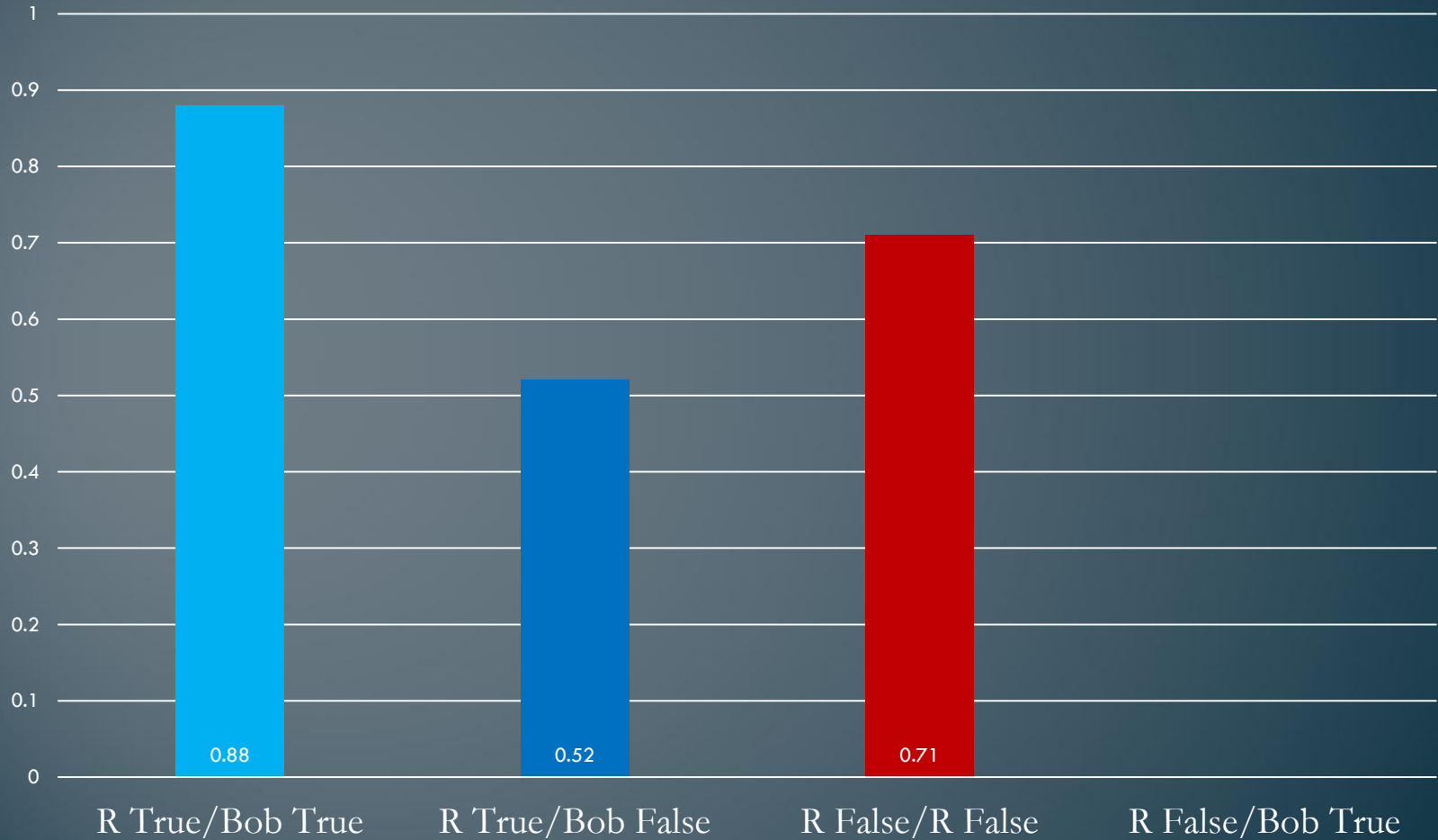
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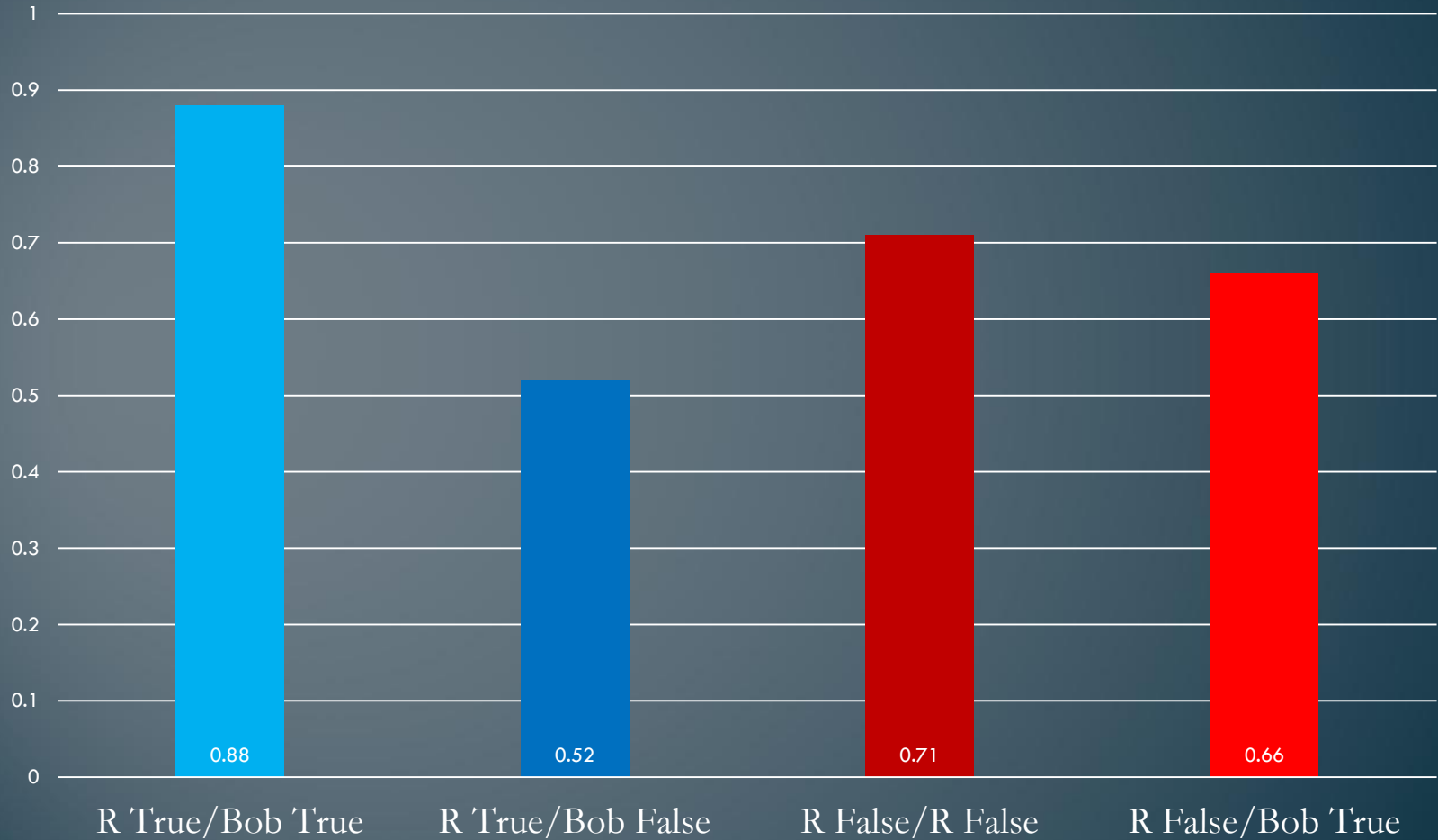
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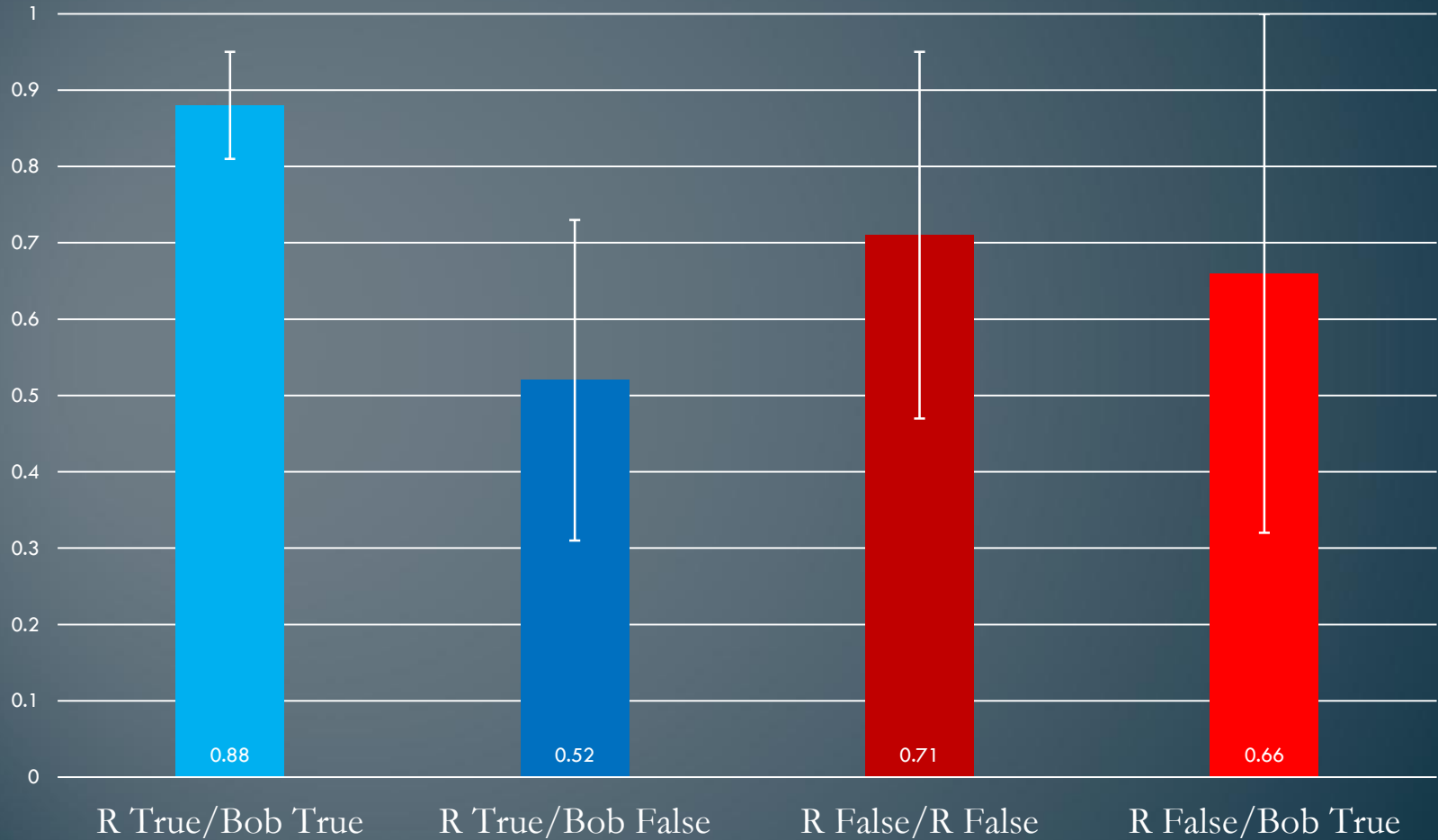
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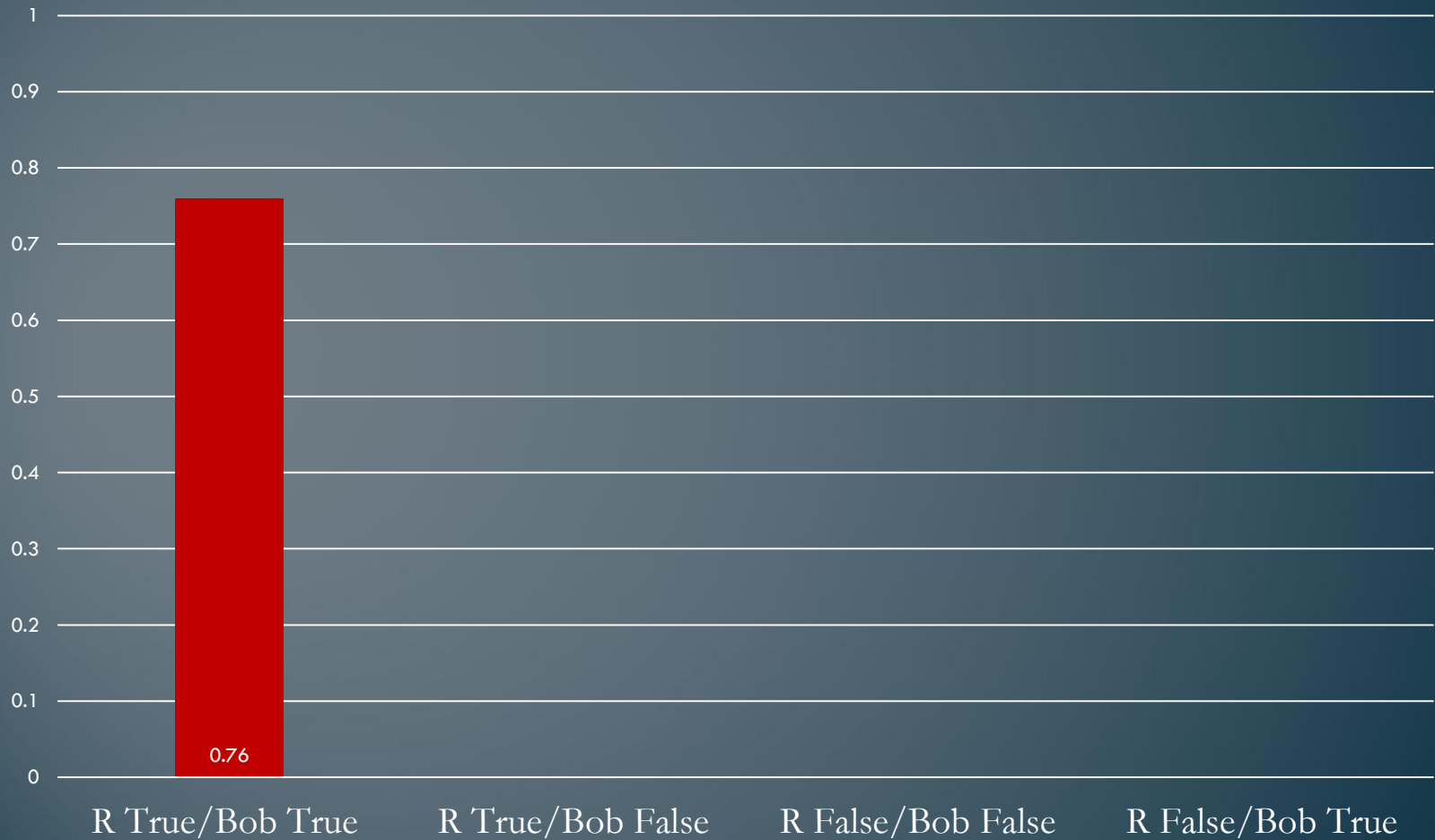
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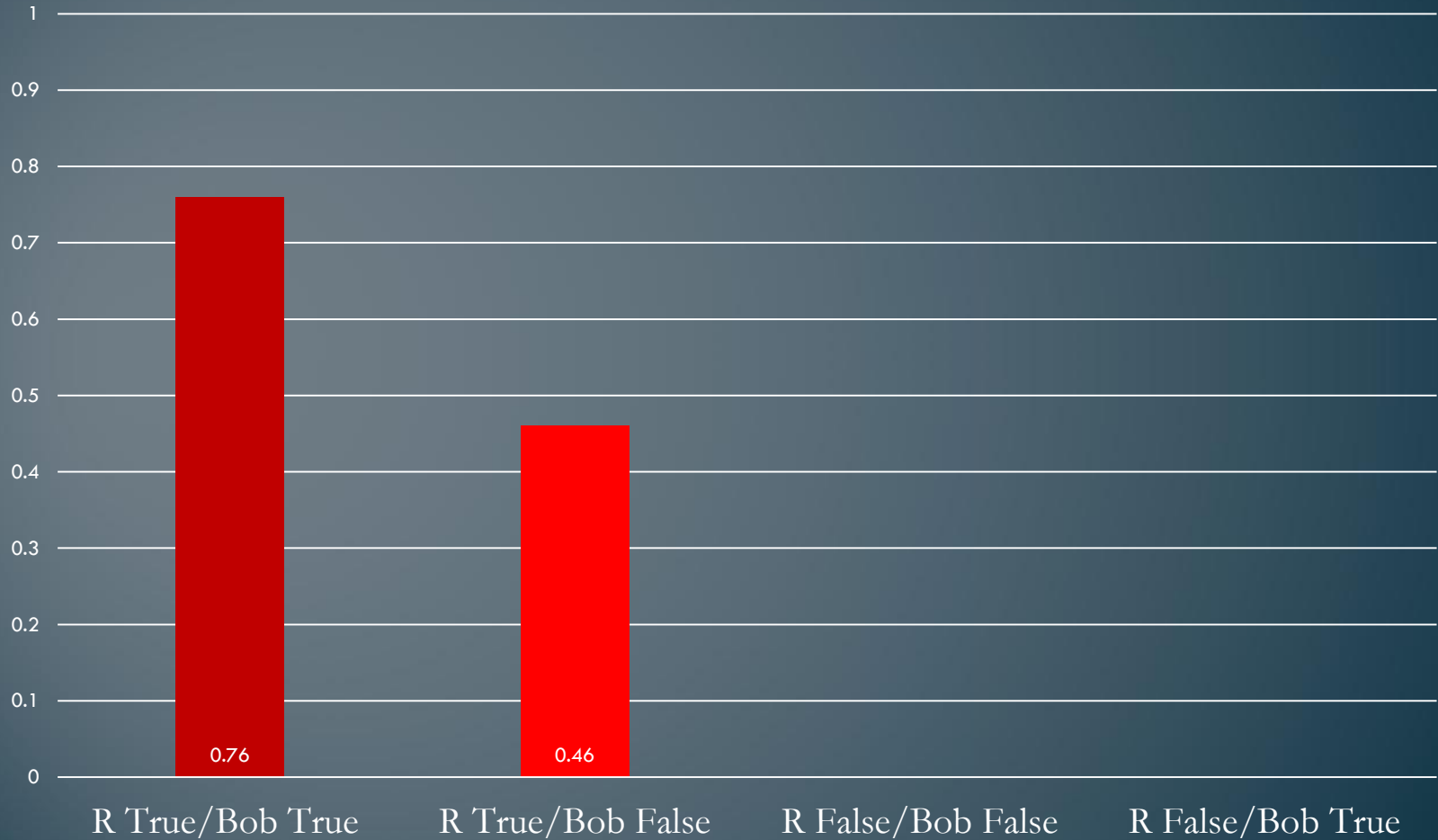
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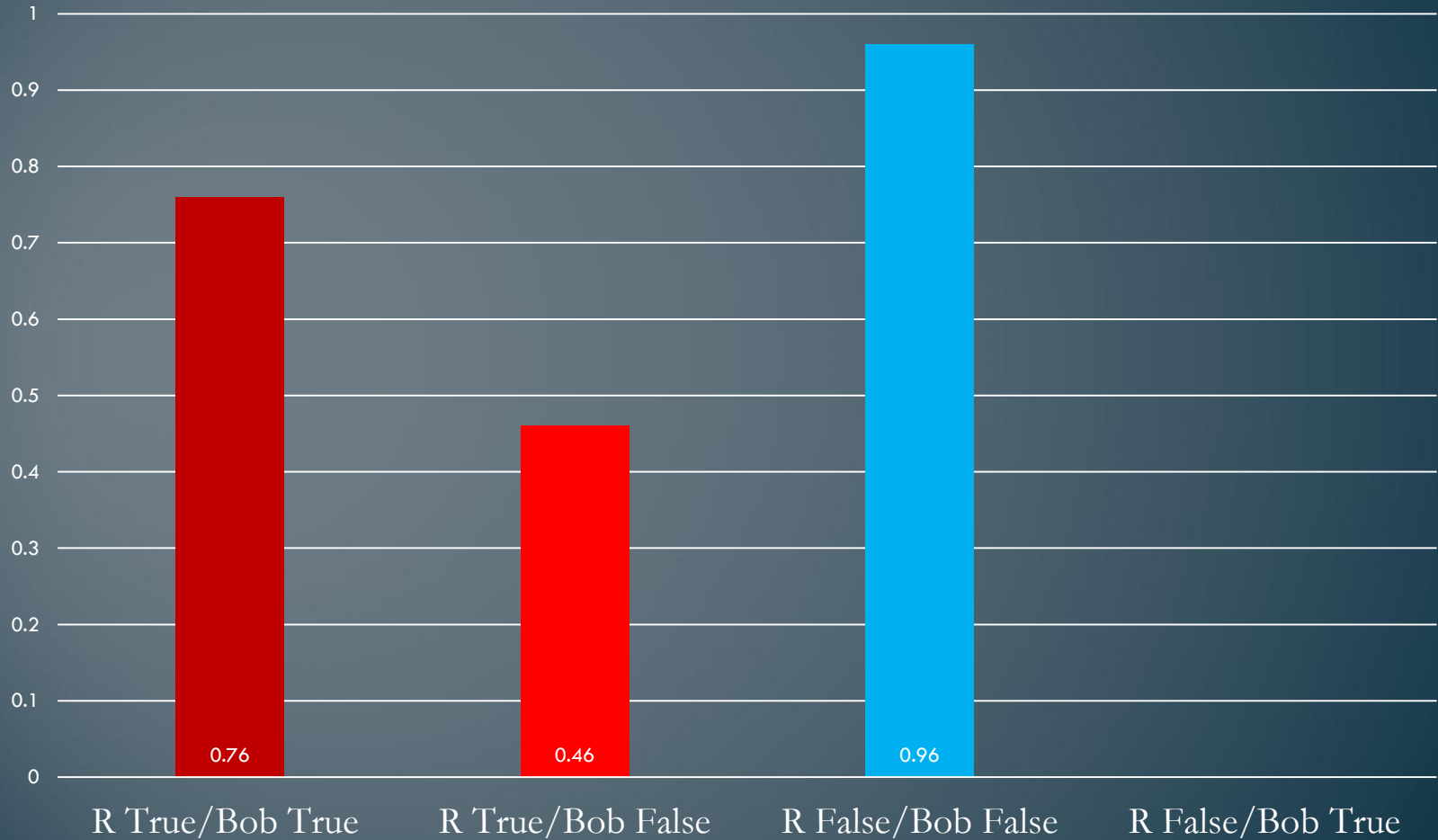
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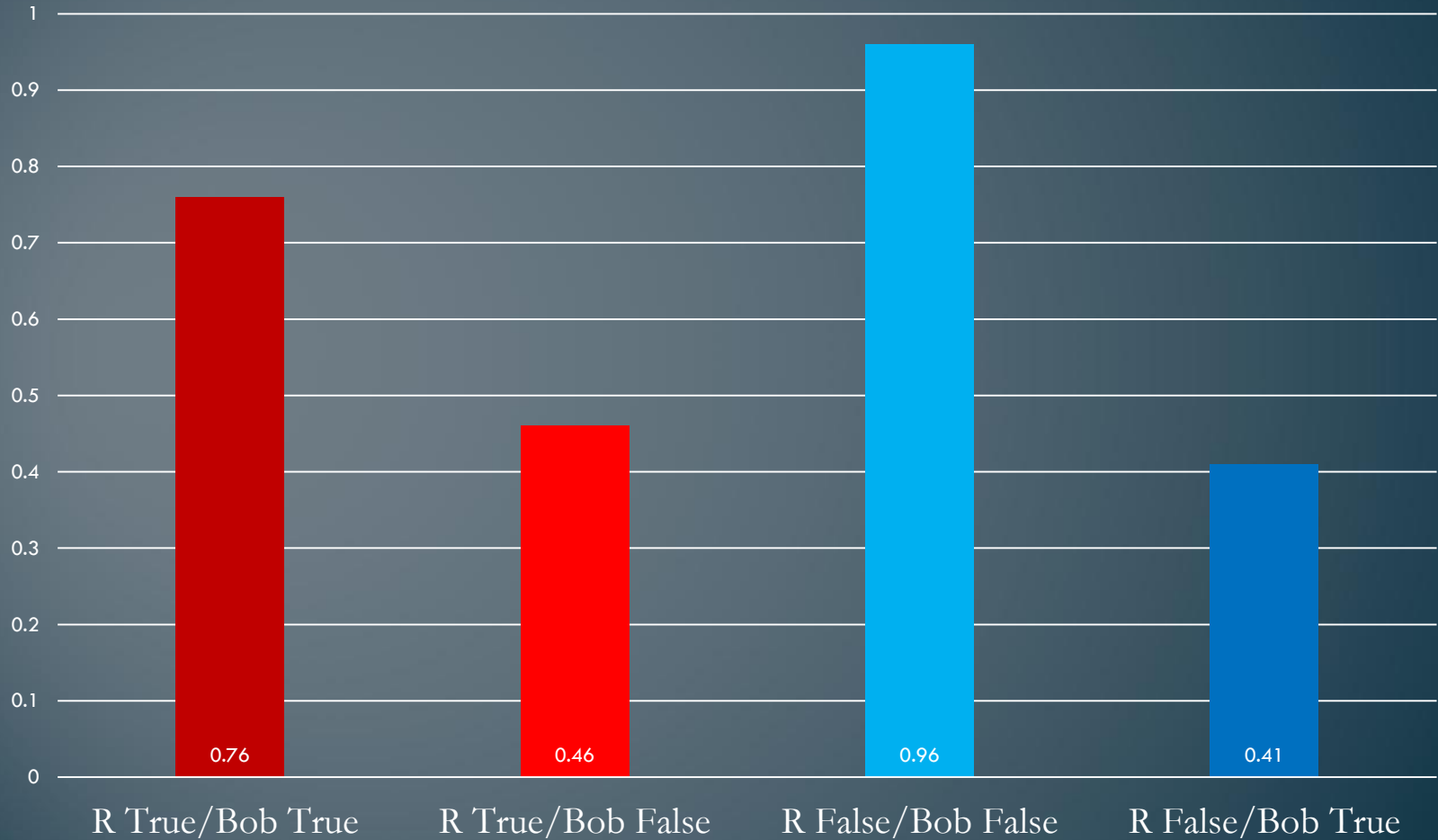
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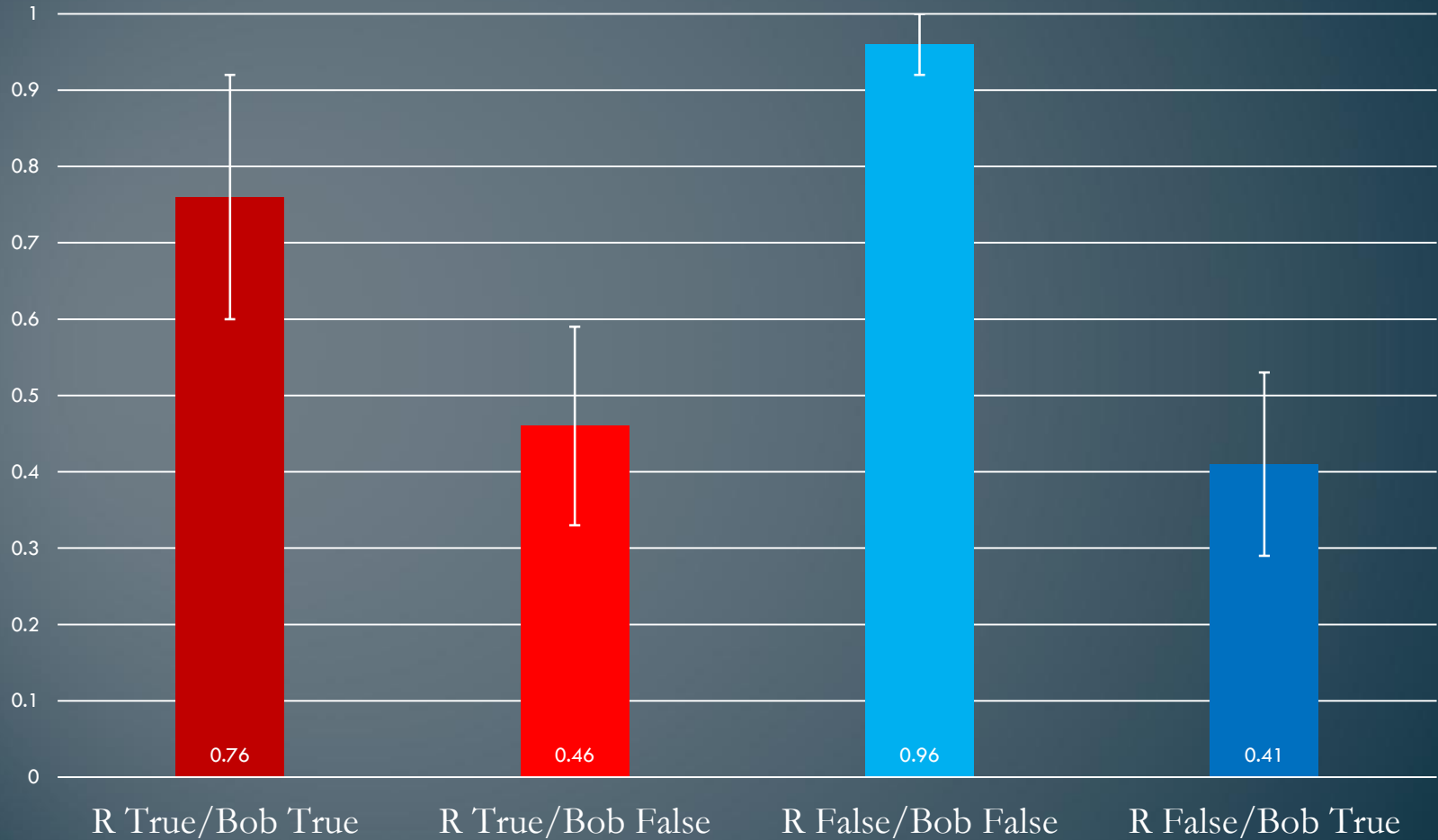
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- Asymmetry?