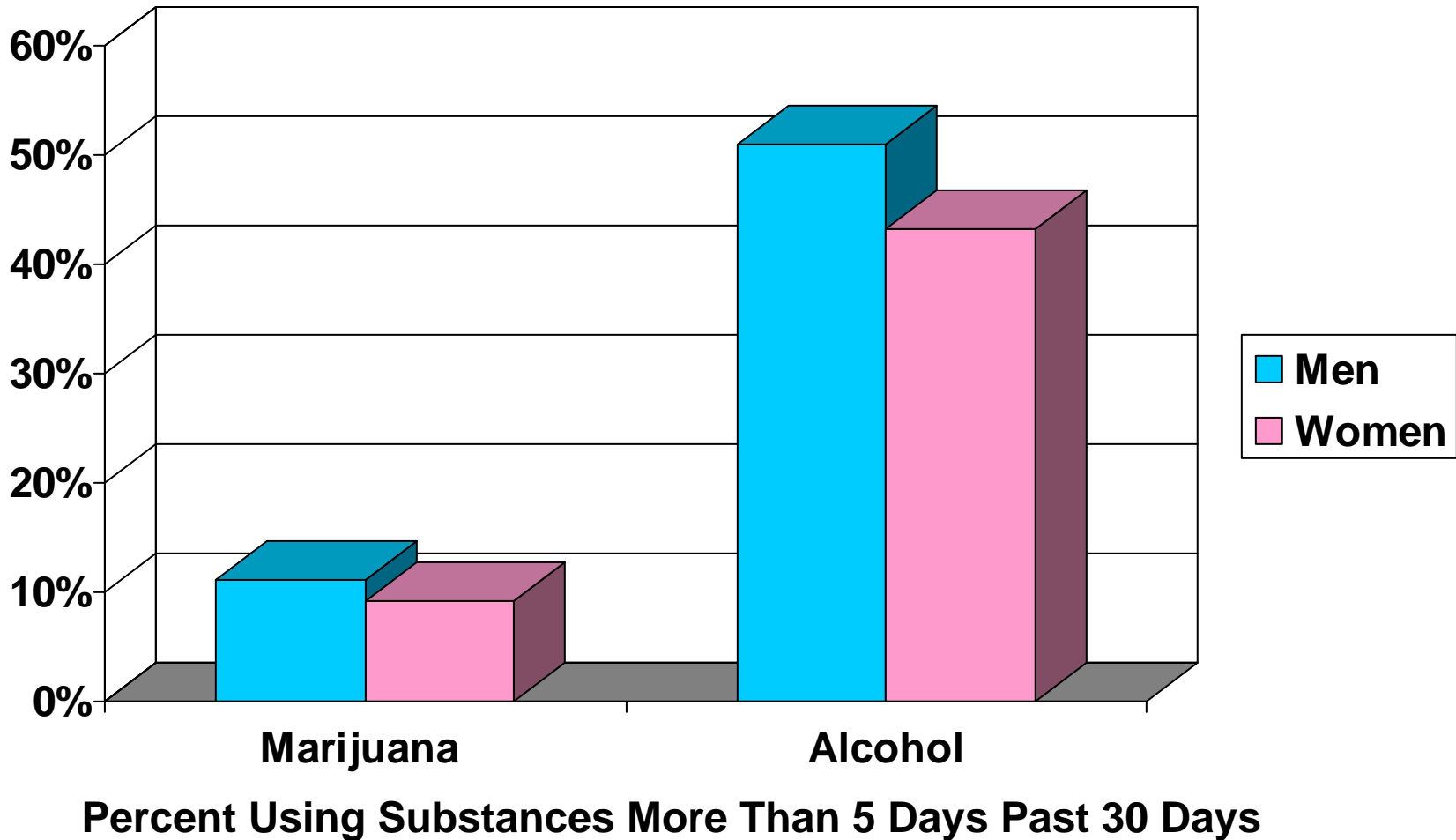


# Health and Substance Use Among Ithaca College Students

**Considering Prevalence, Disparities, Causes, and  
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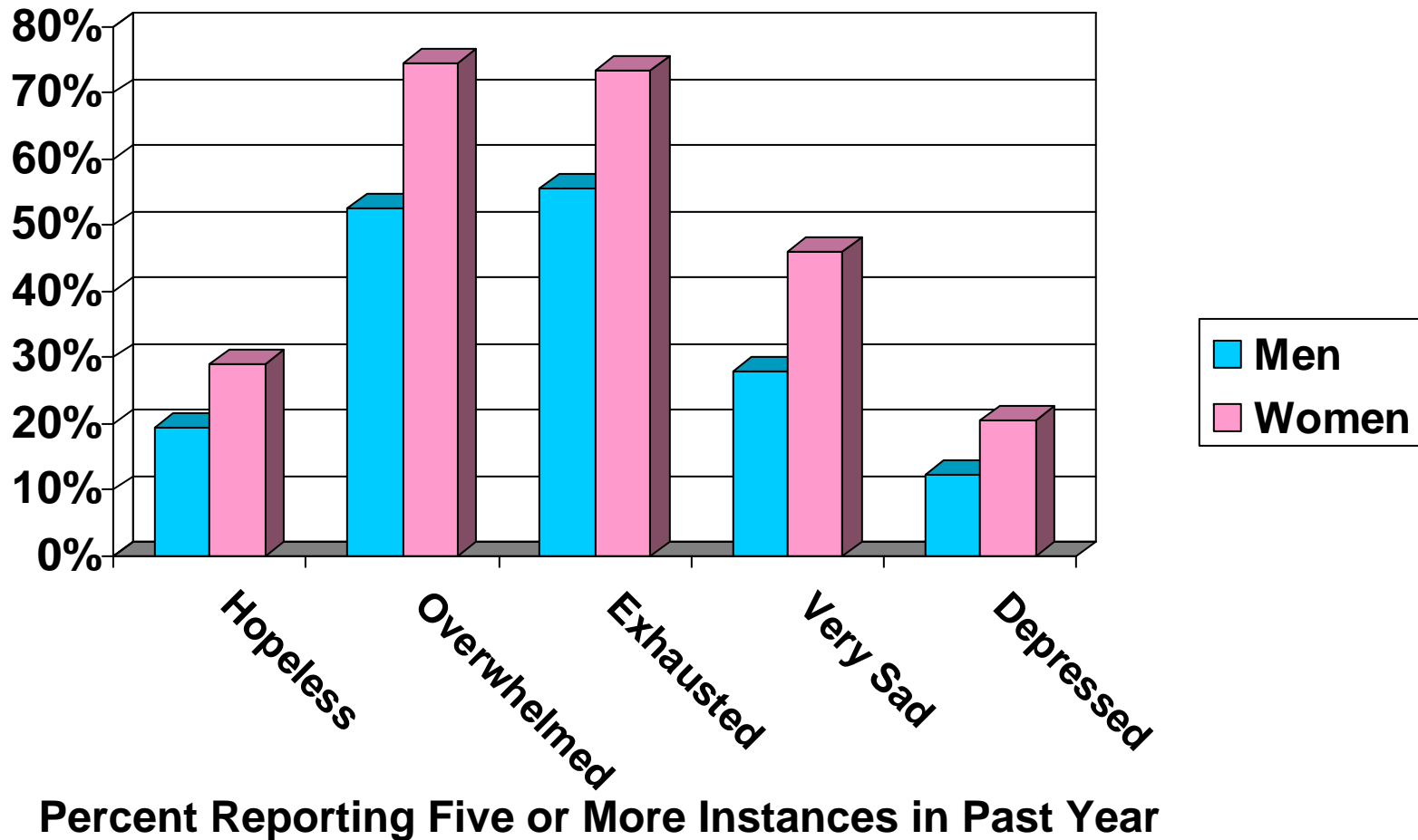
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# Why Do Male and Female Students Have Different Rates of Drug Use on the I.C. Campus?



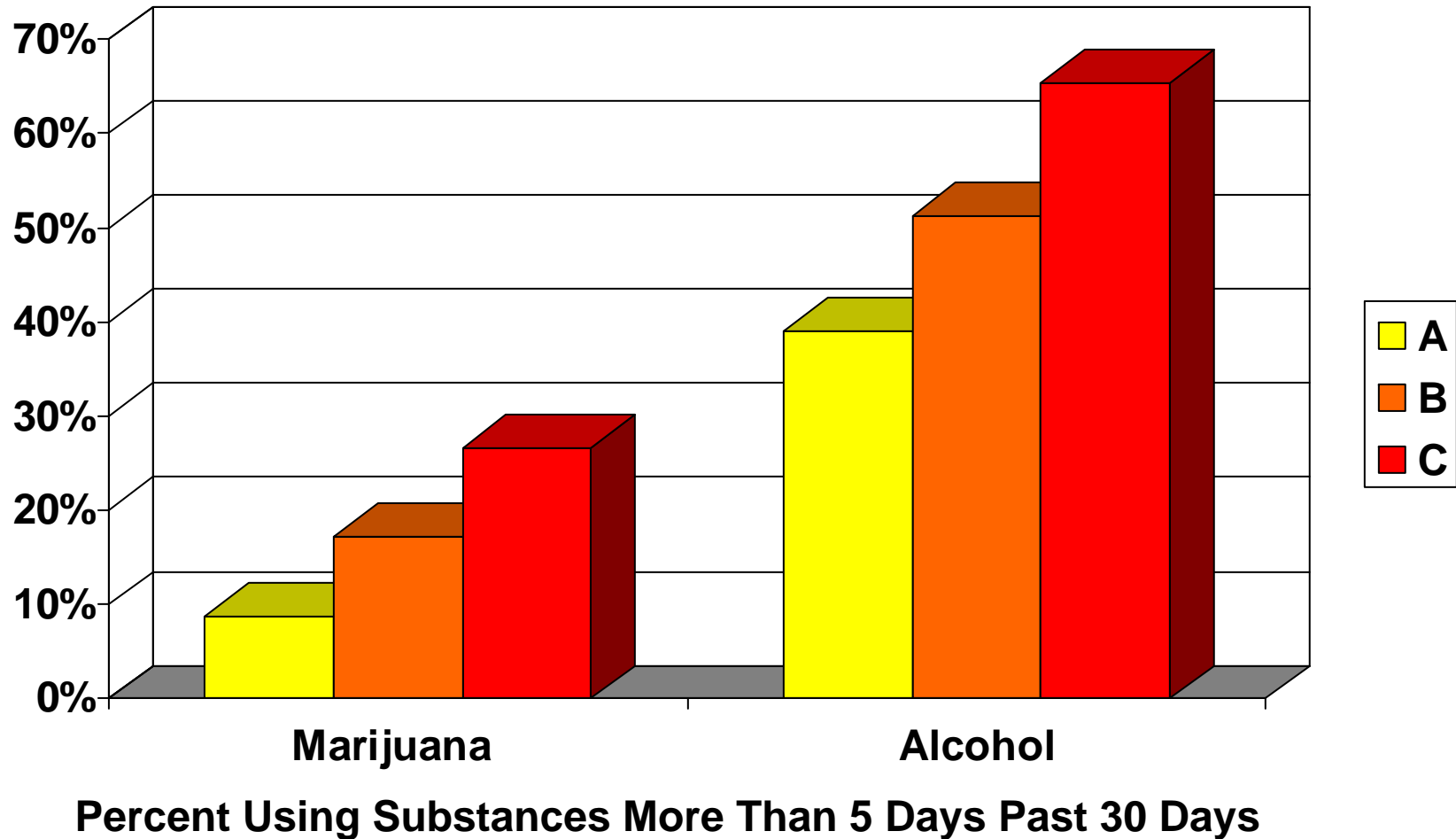
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# Why Do Male and Female I.C. Students Have Different Affect Levels?



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# Why Are Ithaca College Student GPAs Related to Substance Use?



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# Which Causal Diagram is More Likely to be True?

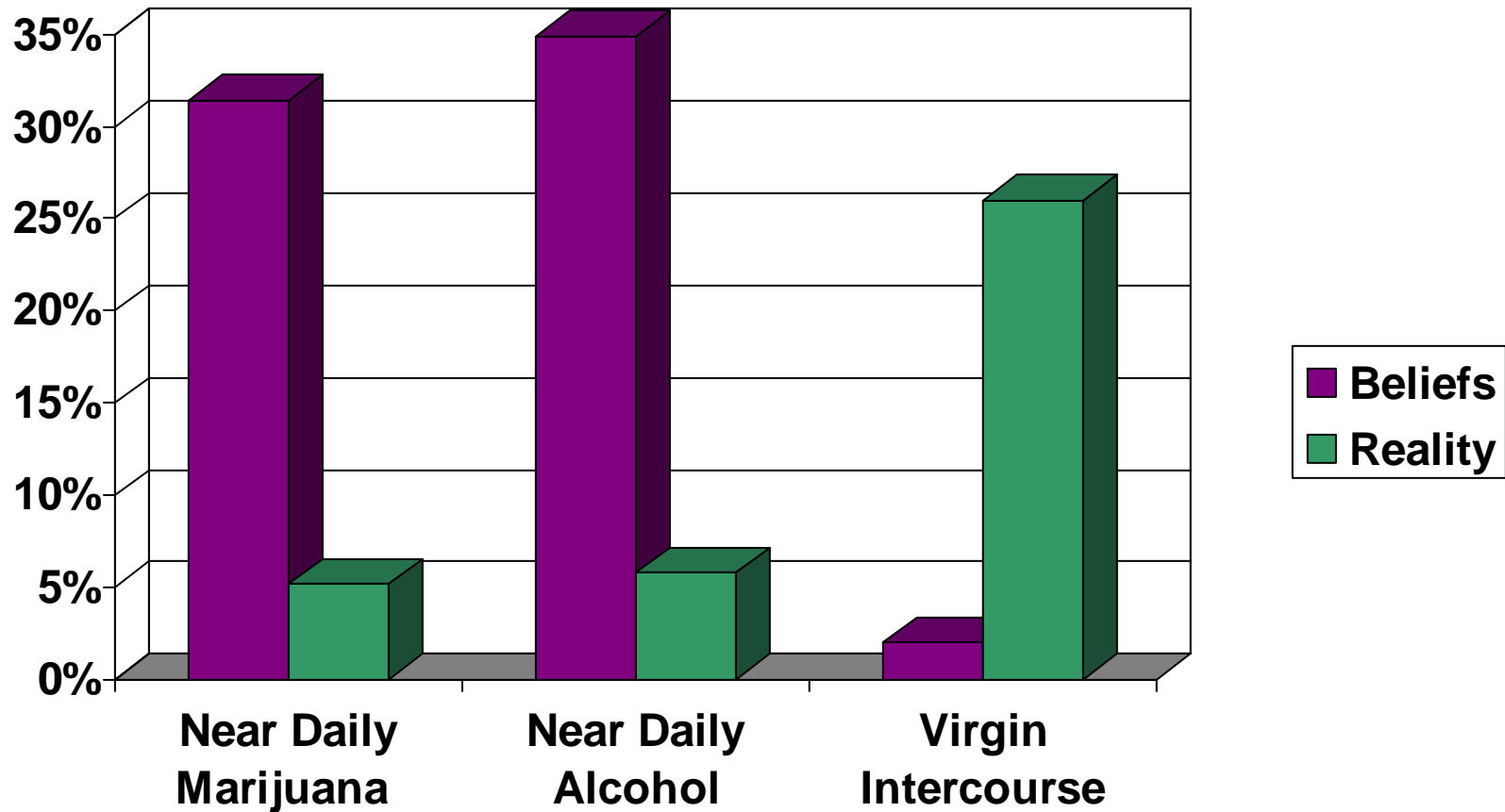
Drug Use  $\longrightarrow$  Academic Problems

Or

Academic Problems  $\longrightarrow$  Drug Use

***Could you design a study to determine which sequence is correct?***

# Why Is There Such A Wide Gap Between Reality and Perceptions? What are the Implications?



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# Constructing a Smart Alcohol and Drug Policy for The Ithaca College Campus

- Should the college authorities play a role in trying to control substance use among students? Why or why not?
- Should they limit their efforts to on campus, or extend to off campus?
- What types of prevention strategies are most likely to work? Why?
- What types are most likely to fail? Why?