

# IETF Onboarding and "Complexity"

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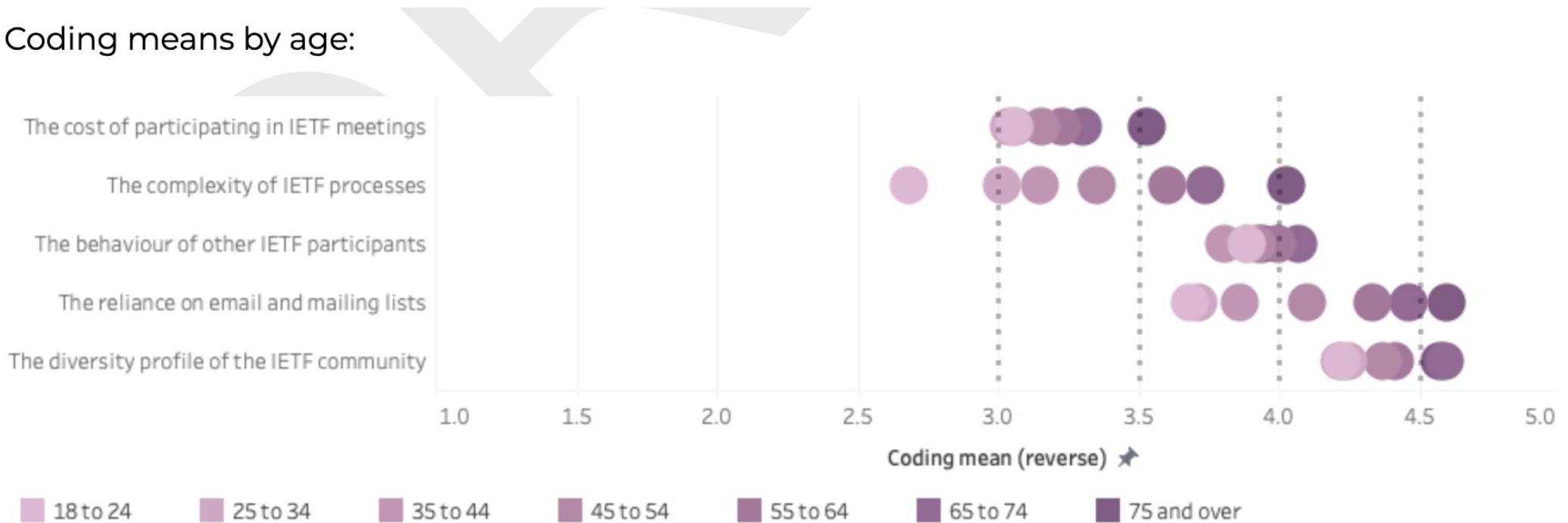
# A few contrary notes prompting this discussion

- The IESG has approved the following document: 'Retiring the Tao of the IETF' (draft-tenoever-tao-retirement-04.txt) as Informational RFC
  - The document gives very good reason why the Tao has aged out of usefulness.
- We've had significant work done on our website to try to cover the things previously in the Tao.
  - Web is subject to page rot
  - Fixes require active participants, which are NOT going to be established participants.
  - Web doesn't provide a centralized knowledge dump

[https://www.ietf.org/media/documents/IETF\\_Community\\_Survey\\_2023\\_-\\_DRAFT.pdf](https://www.ietf.org/media/documents/IETF_Community_Survey_2023_-_DRAFT.pdf)

Q26a. Do any of the following hinder or deter you from participating in the IETF?

Coding means by age:



# Managing “complexity”

- The WG chairs are one of the key shepherding points of contact for new participants for specific work.
- The WG chairs are the front line for managing many points of friction for the IETF process.
- What, if anything, can the chairs do to help manage this complexity complaint?
- What, if anything, should “IETF” do? IESG, eodir, etc...

# Discussion...