

Think about a close friend.

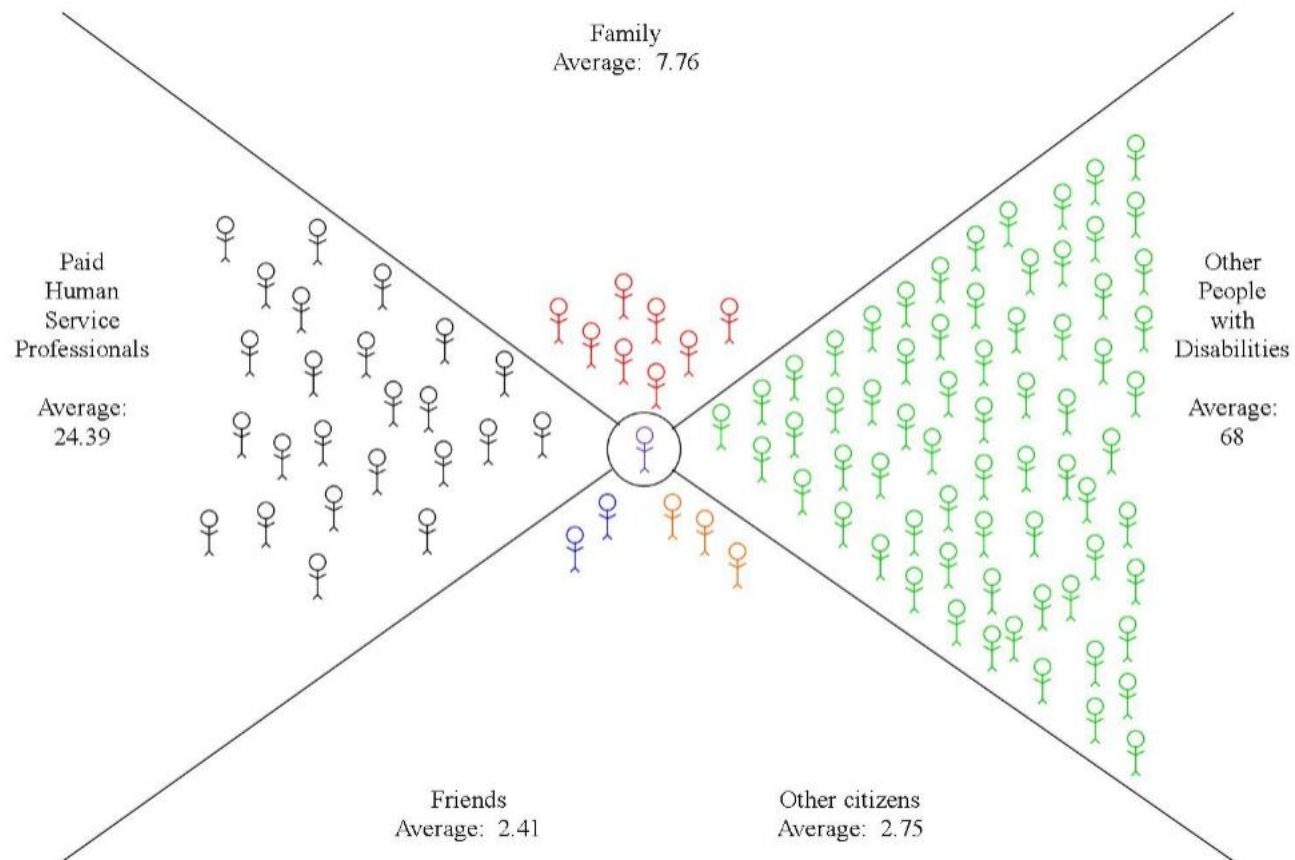
How did you meet them? How did they go from being a stranger to a friend? What does that friendship mean to you?

Share that story.



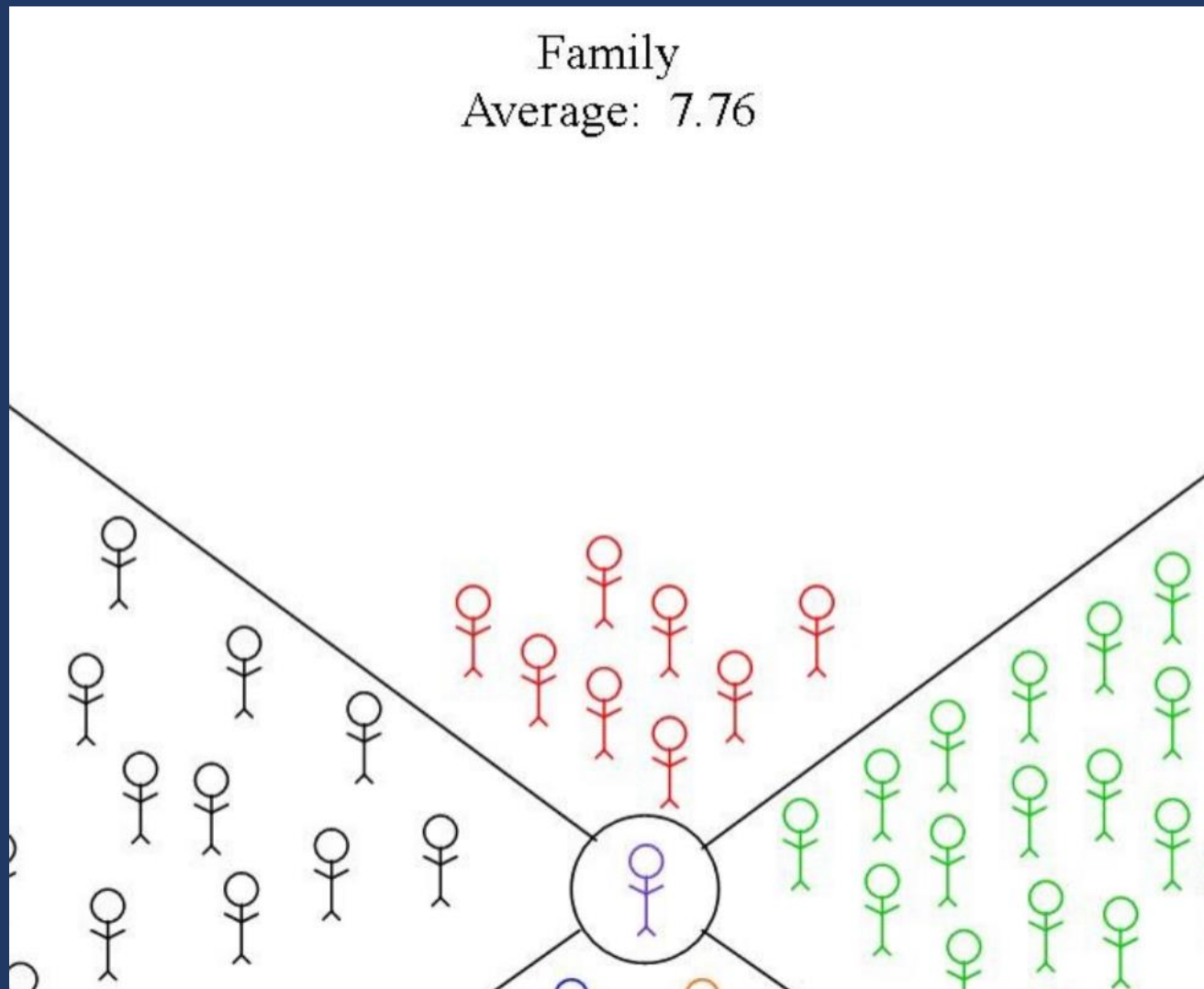


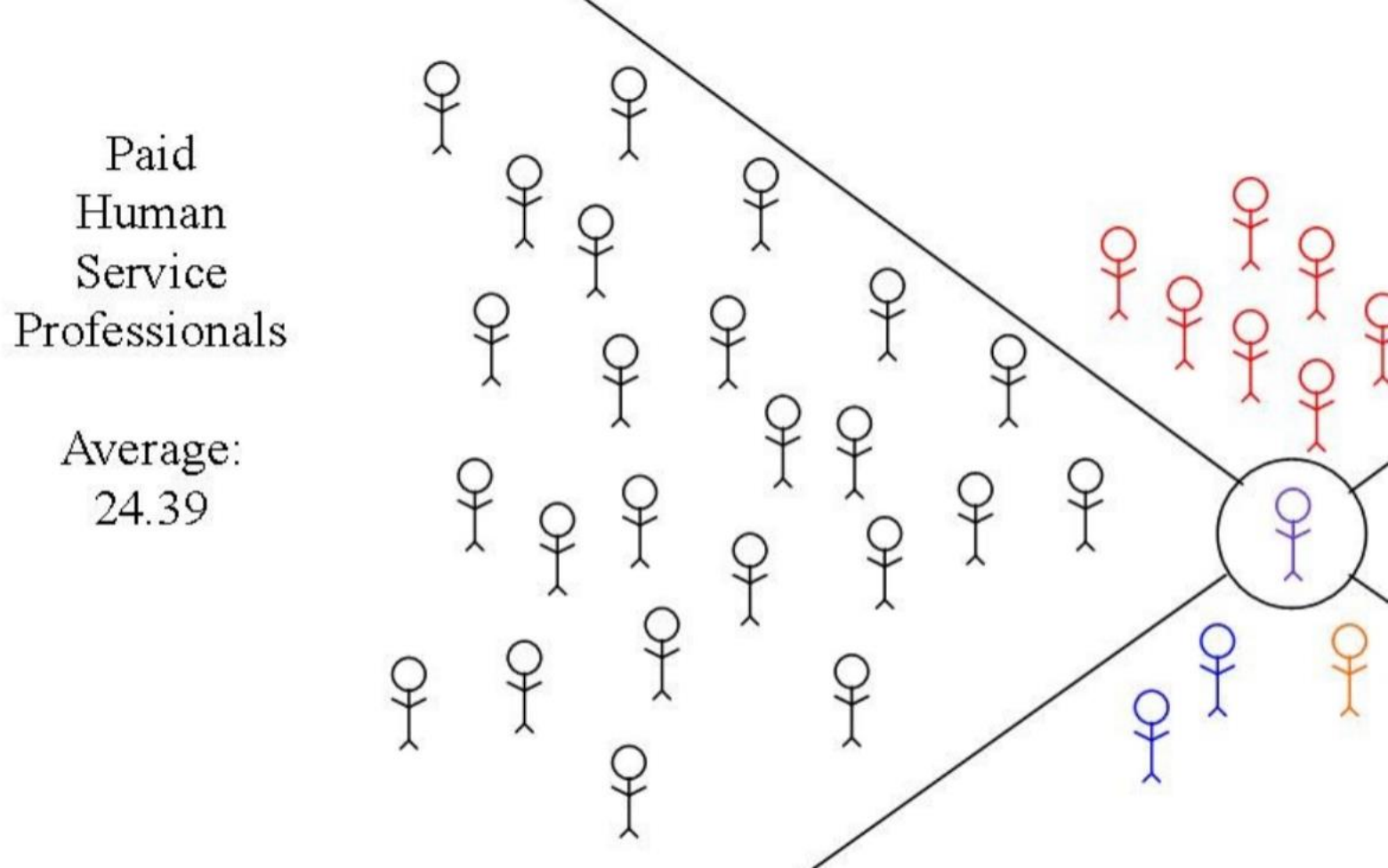
Who Is In Your Life? (51 people with disabilities, early 1990's)

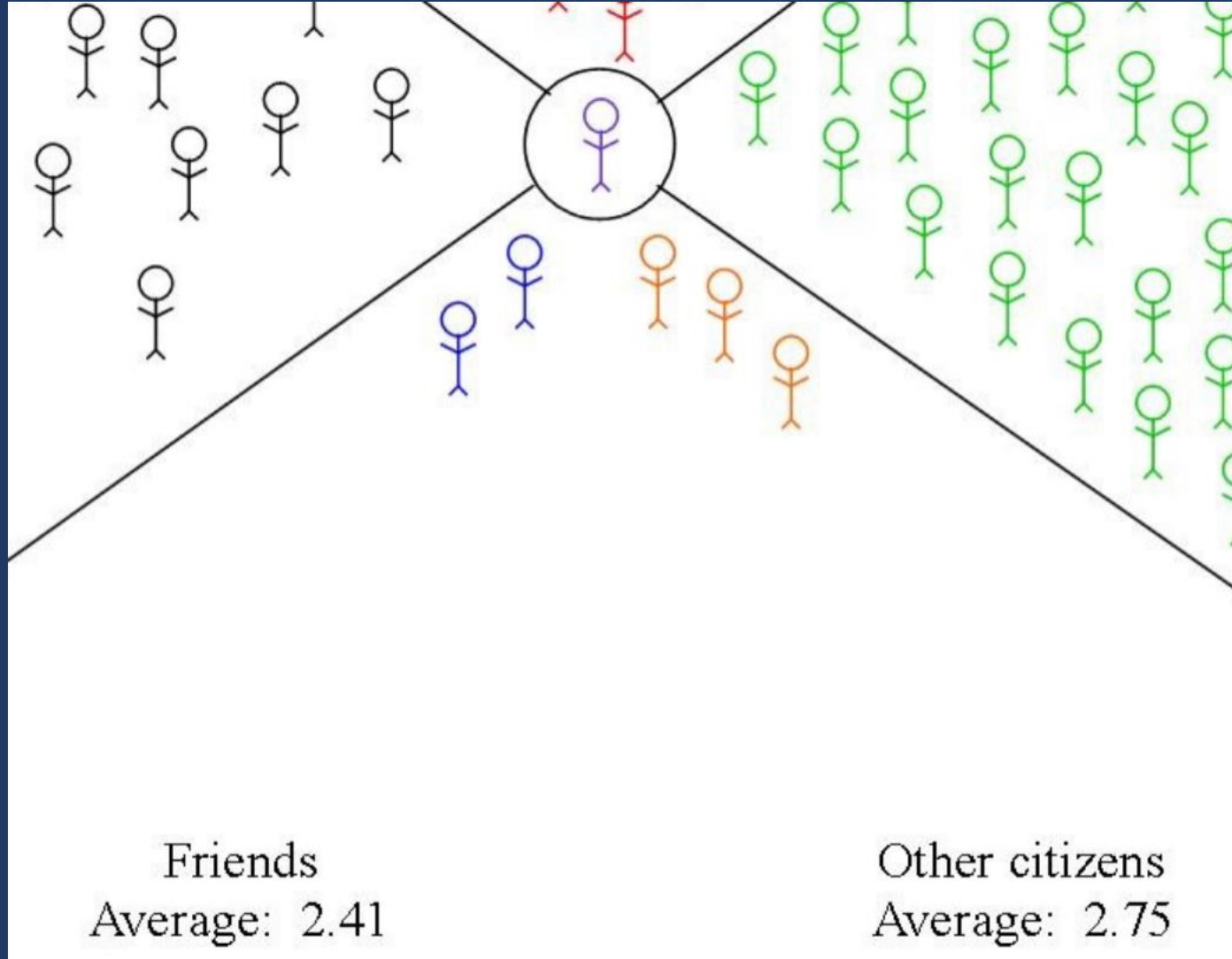


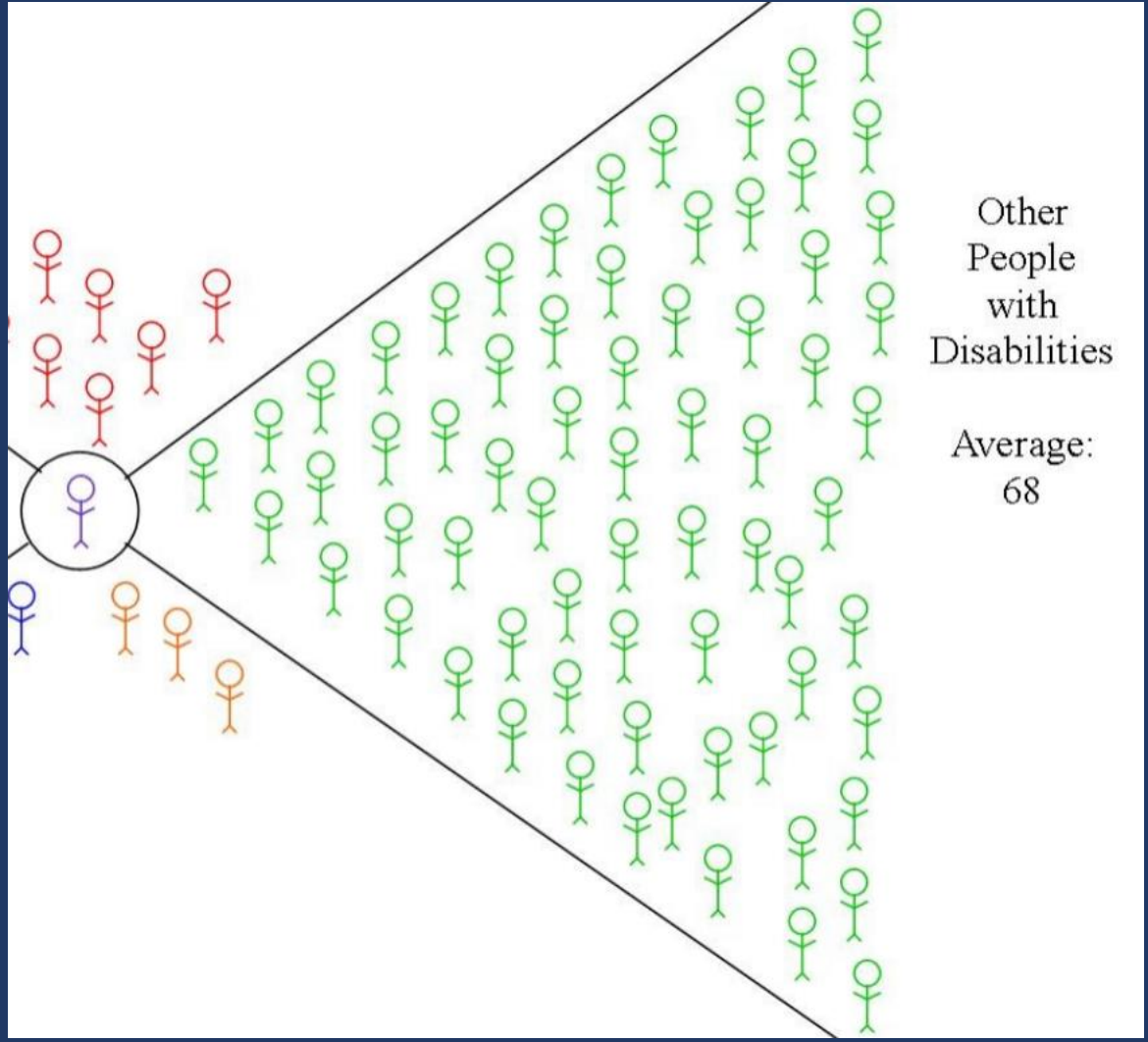
Note: 9 of the 51 people had only paid human services professionals and other people with disabilities in their circles.

Family
Average: 7.76



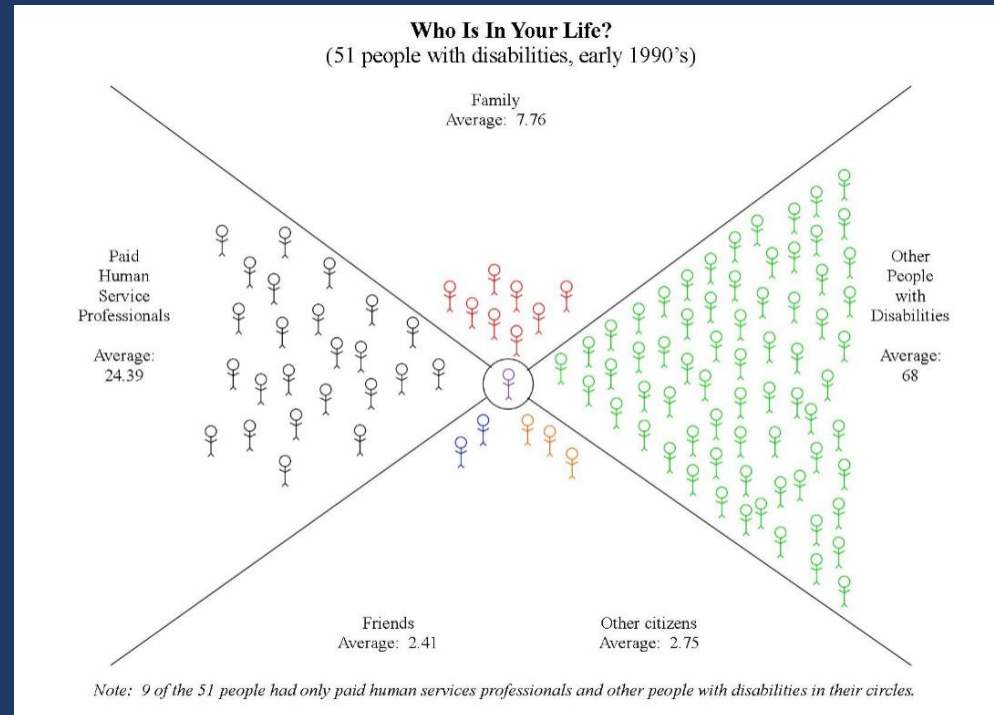






How does this pattern impact....

- People with disabilities?
- Their families?
- Service and support workers?
- People in their community?



Powerful questions....

- How does this compare to my life?
- Has anything changed for the better?
- Who will be there when parents aren't?
- Who are the “best friends” people with disabilities might meet?
- How might we connect more “other citizens” to a person with a disability?
- What is our opportunity?



Powerful questions....

- How does this compare to my life?
- Has anything changed for the better?
- Who will be there when parents aren't?
- Who are the “best friends” people with disabilities might meet?
- How might we connect more “other citizens” to a person with a disability?
- What is our opportunity?

Looking ahead...

- June 28: Patterns of Devaluation and what we're really up against
- August 23: Strategies for managing the changing times of our work
- November 15: Community, Curiosities and Lifemaking for a better culture for everyone



Tell us what's on your mind

We welcome your feedback and thoughts about how you might apply your learning from today's session.



[Your Feedback is important - form](#)