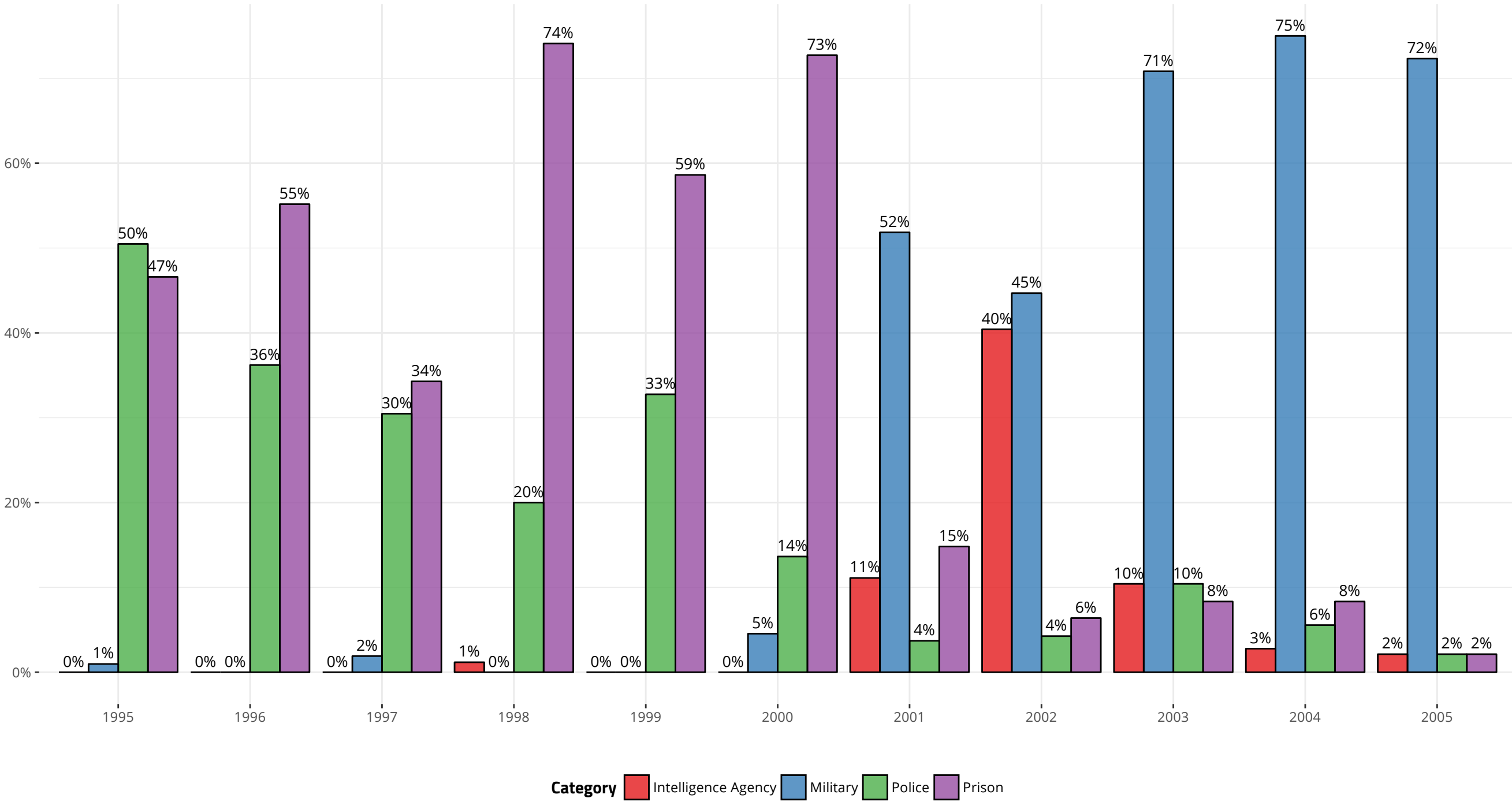


Allegations of Ill-Treatment and Torture in the U.S. Used to Focus on Police and Prisons. Now They Focus on the Military.

Allegations of torture by the police bottomed out to near zero in the 2000s but accusations against the military, nearly non-existent in the 1990s, became 3/4ths of all allegations after 9/11.

Percentage of Amnesty International Torture Allegations in a Given Year



Category Intelligence Agency Military Police Prison

Data: Conrad and Moore's Ill-Treatment & Torture (ITT) Data Collection Project (v. 2.1).

Note: Categories are not mutually exclusive, so an allegation can count for both the police and prisons, for example. Data omit allegations against unstated actors and against immigration services. 31% of all allegations in 1997 were against immigration services and around 10-20% in a given year are against unstated actors.