

"I'm eternally grateful for you": Members of UVa football program honor Davis Jr., Perry and Chandler at memorial service

On this afternoon, there were no touchdowns or tackles, no fight songs or tailgates.

Scott Stadium, about a mile and a half from here, stood empty and quiet.

Instead, Virginia's football team gathered along with a packed, but somber crowd of 9,075 at John Paul Jones Arena to honor the three fallen Cavaliers — wide receivers Lavel Davis Jr. and Devin Chandler and linebacker and defensive end D'Sean Perry — tragically killed during last Sunday's shooting on Grounds.

And during the saddest of all fall Saturdays, when sounds of Amazing Grace and the Goodness of God filled the venue, the Hoos somehow managed to find the strength and words that would've made their former teammates proud.

Fourteen members of the Virginia football team along with first-year coach Tony Elliott spoke during the ceremony. Another, safety Langston Long, sang through his pain with the Virginia Gentlemen choir as spectators — some in dress clothes, others in their UVa gear and even some wearing jerseys with Davis' No. 1 on the front and back — filed into the building and took their seats.

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"To my three young kings," Elliott said, "I'm eternally grateful for you."

Elliott, a man of faith, read a passage from first Corinthians, chapter 15, verse 41 to correspond the text to the jersey numbers of Davis, Chandler and Perry. Elliott said the verse — 'The sun has one kind of splendor. The moon another and the stars another. And the stars differ from stars in splendor.' — has brought him comfort over the last few days.

"That's further proof that we serve a God that is faithful," Elliott told the crowd. "The numbers alone bring me peace."

Cavaliers kicker Justin Duenkel read the opening prayer and defensive end Jack Camper read the closing prayer.

In between, UVa players — as well as Elliott and athletic director Carla Williams — shared the stories and memories they had of Davis, Chandler and Perry and the influence each of them had on the lives left behind.

"We are better and will do better, because of Devin, Lavel and D'Sean," Williams said. "To the families, we love your sons. We will make sure their legacy never fades at the University of Virginia."

Said linebacker Hunter Stewart, before reading poet Langston Hughes' 'Life is Fine,' about Davis, Chandler and Perry: "The impact they had on all of us has not ended. It will always endure."

Running back Cody Brown detailed the way Chandler's "smile alone was enough to brighten up everyone's day." Defensive lineman Lorenz Terry said Chandler always found a way to make people laugh.

Defensive end Chico Bennett Jr., cornerback Elijah Gaines and quarterback Jared Rayman remembered how Davis, the 6-foot-7, pass-catching star, was so determined to thrive on the field. Rayman said Davis was the lead-by-

example type and the "first in the facility and last to leave."

Bennett, who last year in his first season at UVa was rehabbing from an ACL injury at the same time Davis was fighting back from his own ACL injury, called Davis "my best friend." The two had spent a lot of time in the training room together.

"He had the kind of smile you couldn't help but smile, too," Bennett said through his tears, "... and I wish I could see that smile one more time."

Cavaliers kicker Will Bettridge, a longtime friend and teammate of Perry dating back to their youth football days in South Florida through their overlap at Gulliver Prep in Miami and onto UVa, made sure to tell Perry's parents how much he loved their son.

Bettridge said about Perry: "You were a role model to me and a mentor to me. I wanted to be just like you."

Bettridge said he decided on attending UVa because of Perry, and because he noticed the way Perry was maturing with the Cavaliers and enjoying his time with them.

Stewart, linebacker Nick Jackson, defensive back Donovan Johnson, linebacker Josh McCarron and defensive tackle Ben Smiley III shared stories of Perry, too, 'The Renaissance Man,' whose talents stretched beyond football to art and music.

Elliott in the end of his remarks, looked forward and to uplift.

"Weeping is going to last for the rest of the night," Elliott said, "but great joy is coming in the morning. Because of 1, 15 and 41, we have the responsibility to rebuild this community and program on the legacy of their stars and do so in such a way to bring light to the world. Lavel, Devin, D'Sean, I'm so looking

forward to the strength, motivation, courage and love that you all will provide as we triumph in the days ahead."

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Alleged UVA shooter faces judge in-person for first preliminary hearing

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The man facing charges for the mass shooting that claimed the lives of three students and injured two others at the University of Virginia last month physically appeared in court for the first time on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Christopher Darnell Jones Jr. appeared at the Albemarle General District Court for a preliminary hearing alongside Liz Murtagh, deputy public defender of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Public Defender Office and UVA Law lecturer.

Jones entered the courtroom with a mask around his neck and chains around his wrists and ankles. He kept his head down for the entire proceeding, only lifting it to exchange brief words with his counsel, Murtagh.

Murtagh, Albemarle Commonwealth's Attorney and prosecutor on the case James Hingeley and Judge Andrew Sneathern scheduled Jones' next preliminary hearing for March 30, 2023.

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In [Virginia](#), preliminary hearings are conducted in cases with felony charges to determine whether there is enough evidence and probable cause that the defendant committed the crimes they are being charged with.

"Because of the large amount of witnesses, I am not prepared to admit them to the court at this time," Hingeley said when Sneathern first suggested a February court date.

Hingeley requested that the March court date remain flexible as he works with each of the witnesses' schedules.

Jones is facing three counts of second-degree murder in the shooting deaths of UVa football players D'Sean Perry, Lavel Davis, Jr., and Devin Chandler. Jones also is charged with two counts of malicious wounding in the shootings of Michael Hollins and Marlee Morgan. Commonwealth Attorney James Hingeley also charged Jones with five counts of using a firearm while committing a felony.

Jones allegedly opened fire on a chartered bus full of about 25 students and drama professor Theresa Davis after UVa's African American Theater class took a trip to Washington, D.C. to watch "The Ballad of Emmett Till." UVa student and witness to the shooting Ryan Lynch told ABC News that she saw Jones allegedly shoot Chandler while his head was under a jacket and he appeared to be asleep.

Officers from the Albemarle County Sheriff's Office covered the perimeter of the courthouse while seven additional officers, including Sherriff Chan Bryant, patrolled the inside the courtroom.

Jones made his first court appearance in Albemarle for an arraignment on Nov. 16 via video chat from the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail. On that day, Judge Andrew Sneathern denied bond for Jones. Jones remains in custody at the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail.

Virginia code states that second-degree [murder](#) is punishable by up to 40 years in prison; use of a [firearm](#) in the commission of a felony is punishable by a minimum of three years in prison for a first offense; and malicious [wounding](#) is a Class 3 punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

According to UVa spokeswoman Bethanie Glover, Jones is no longer enrolled

as a student due to his arrest last month in connection with the murders. The university also has removed his profile from the Cavaliers football 2018-19 online roster.

Murtagh stated that she “cannot comment on the case at all” following the hearing.

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Guns and ammunition seized from Jones' UVa dormitory room

The student charged in the shooting deaths of three University of Virginia football players had a semi-automatic rifle, pistol, ammunition, magazines and a device used to make bullets fire faster in his on-Grounds dorm room, according to a search warrant inventory that the Daily Progress obtained.

After the three students were slain and two others injured Sunday night, special Agent B.D. Tuggle of the Virginia State Police obtained a search warrant to enter the Brandon Avenue dorm room of Christopher Darnell Jones Jr., who once had been on the UVa football team.

SEARCH INVENTORY AND RETURN

The following items, and no others, were seized under authority of this WARRANT:

1. Ruger AR556 Serial # 859-97808
2. PMAG with 29 rounds Winchester 223 Rem
3. Holster, backstrap, batteries for sight
4. Gun cleaning kit, bufferspring, armbone tools, black fingerless gloves
5. Two receipts, box Winchester 223 ammunition, Magpul grip, two Glock 9mm magazines, 1-9 mm cartridge-Ruger, Red dot sight, Optic Sight
6. Smith & Wesson pistol Model 392 S.N. # A188555
7. Franklin Armory Binary trigger, bufferspring, misc. Springs
8. PMAG with 30 rounds Winchester 223 Rem

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The statement above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

11/14/2022 DATE SA B.D. Tuggle EXECUTING OFFICER

Subscribed and sworn before me this day 11.14.22 DATE Dep Clerk MAGISTRATE JUDGE

FOR NOTARY PUBLIC'S USE ONLY:

State of _____ [] City [] County of _____

Acknowledged, subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

NOTARY REGISTRATION NUMBER _____ NOTARY PUBLIC (My commission expires: _____)

EXECUTION

Executed by searching the within described place, person or thing.

11/14/2022 10:27 am DATE AND TIME EXECUTED SA B.D. Tuggle EXECUTING OFFICER

Certified to Charlottesville Circuit Court on 11/14/2022 DATE SA B.D. Tuggle EXECUTING OFFICER

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Special Agent B.D. Tuggle retrieved guns, ammunition and gun supplies from Jones' residence in Bice House. Hawes Spencer, THE DAILY PROGRESS

What Tuggle allegedly then found in the room of the accused triple-murderer might have filled a duffel. The inventory included a Ruger AR-556, which is a semi-automatic rifle, and a Smith & Wesson model 39 pistol—along with a pair of full or nearly full 30-round AR magazines, a box of Winchester .223 ammunition, and a pair of Glock 9-millimeter magazines.

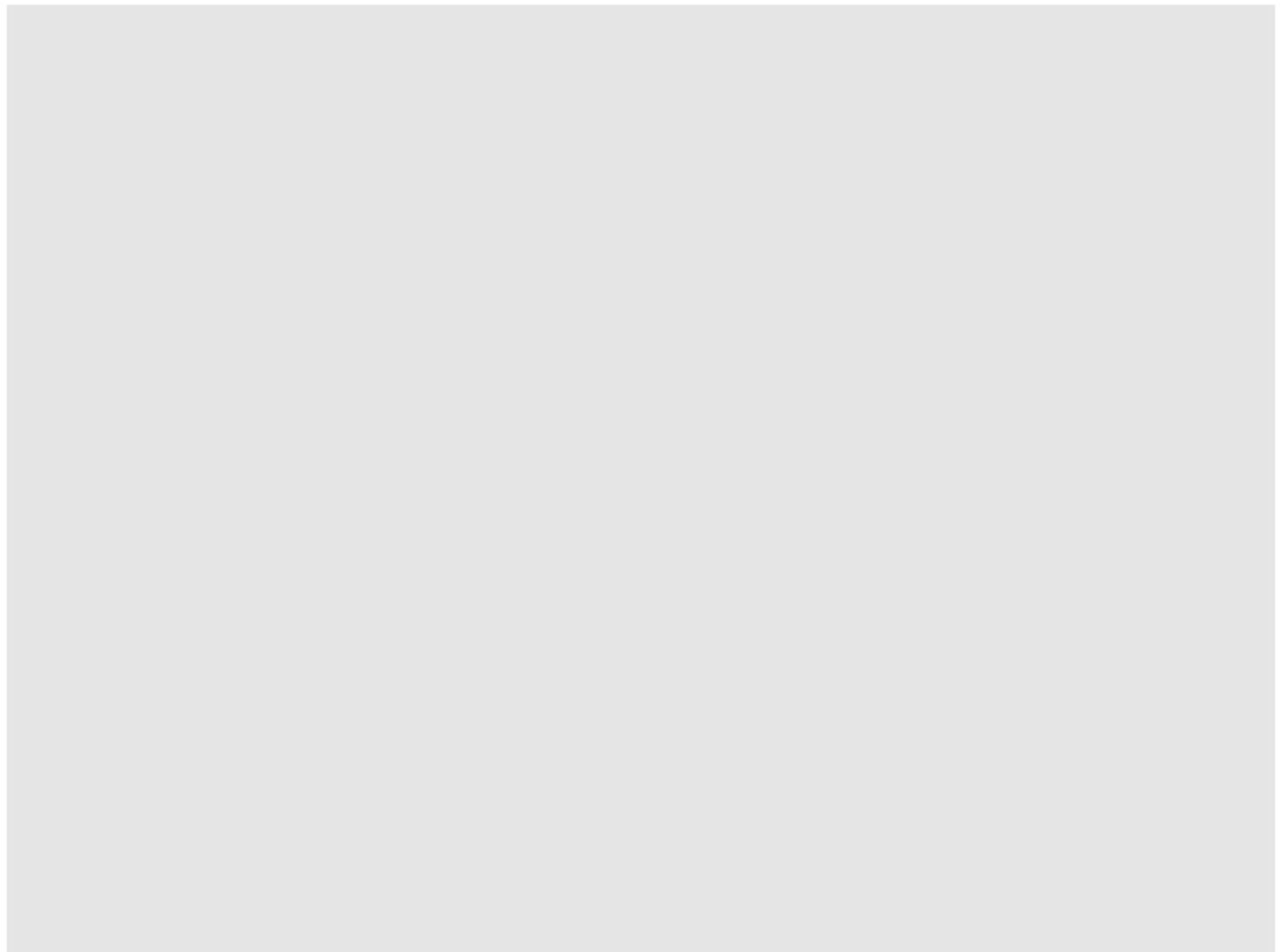
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Tuggle also seized a binary trigger, which unlike the better known and federally outlawed bump stock, is a federally legal device to increase the

firing speed of a semi-automatic rifle. Virginia, however, appears to have outlawed them in 2020.

"Wow," said Charlottesville Mayor Lloyd Snook. "That's an alarming collection. I'd certainly be concerned if somebody on my kid's dorm had all those weapons."

Bice House is a eight-story, brick-clad dormitory located at 853 Brandon Avenue, near the South Lawn precinct of the university.



UVa shooting suspect Christopher Darnell Jones Jr. lived in Bice House on Grounds when the shooting occurred.

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The university forbids the possession of weapons or ammunition anywhere

on its property by anyone other than licensed law enforcement. UVa Police Chief Tim Longo revealed during a Monday morning press conference that UVa's Threat Assessment Team learned earlier in the semester that Jones talked of possessing a gun. However, Longo noted, neither the off-Grounds tipster nor Jones's roommate ever saw a weapon, and Longo implied that the Office of Student Affairs unsuccessfully attempted to speak to Jones.

The owner of Dance's Sporting Goods in Colonial Heights issued a press release Wednesday to tell the media that Jones legally purchased two guns this year, a Ruger AR-556 rifle and a Glock 45 9-millimeter pistol. Investigators have additionally said that a weapon was found near the scene of the shooting, which occurred on a bus on Culbreth Road.

Tuggle's paperwork indicates that Charlottesville Circuit Judge Richard E. Moore signed off on the search warrant Monday at 8:20 a.m. and that Tuggle executed the search about an hour and a half later.

Other things that Tuggle seized from Jones's apartment in Bice House included an optical sight, a red dot sight, fingerless gloves, a buffer spring, holster, and a back strap. Among the items taken was a single 9-millimeter bullet.

The Virginia State Police announced Thursday morning that it was taking the lead in the multi-jurisdictional investigation.

The Sunday night shooting claimed the lives of three football players—Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr. and D'Sean Perry. Two other students were wounded: Michael Hollins, who appears to be recovering from life-threatening injuries; and Marlee Morgan, who sustained non-life threatening injuries and has been discharged from the hospital.

Jones, whose 23rd birthday is Thursday, is being held without bond in the

Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail.

Correction: The inventory of the search included fingerless gloves and not fiberglass gloves as the original version of this story asserted. The story has been corrected.

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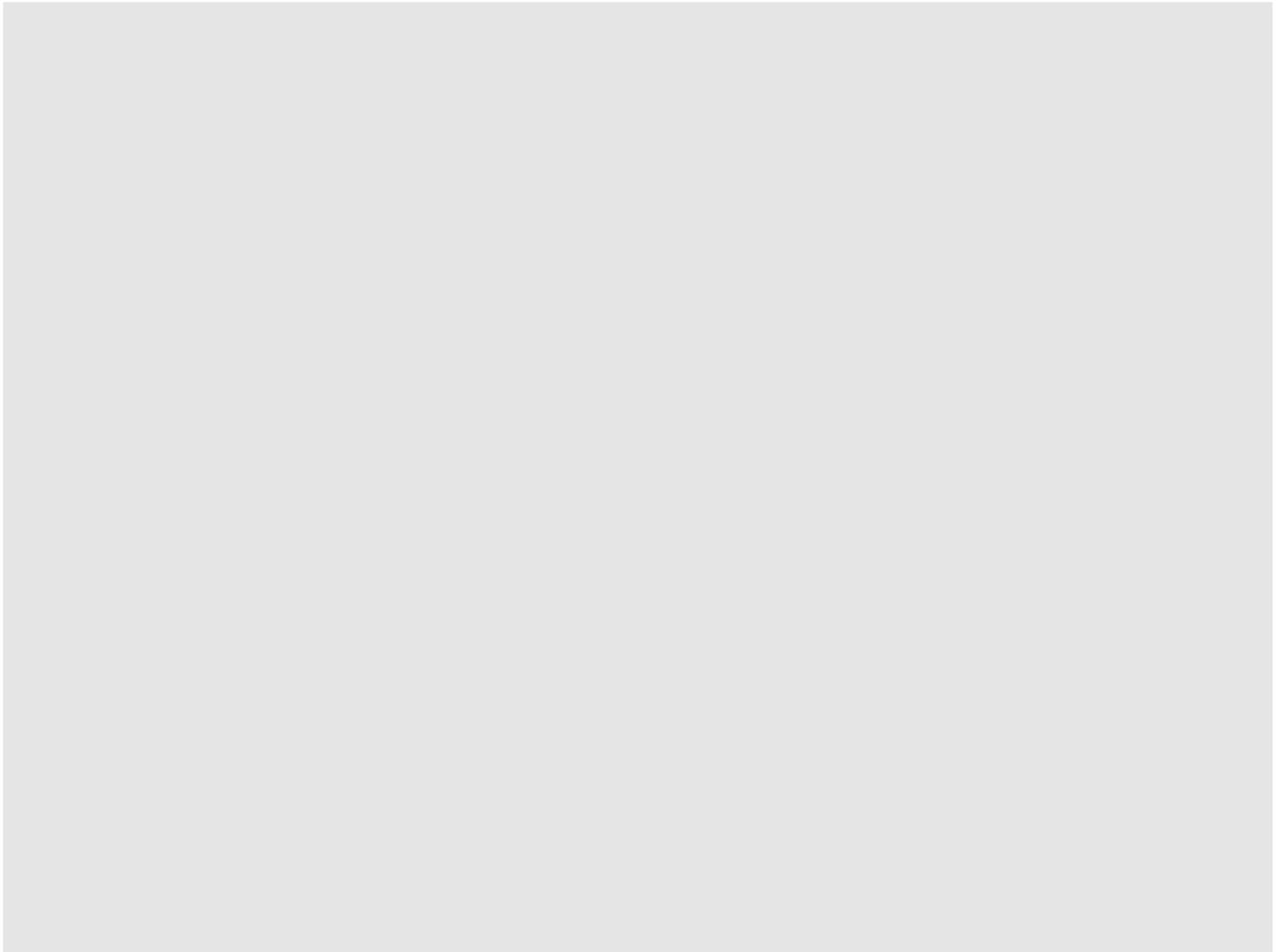
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Linebacker, DE D'Sean Perry one of 3 killed in Sunday night shooting; shooter still at large



D' Sean Perry, 22, and a linebacker and defensive end for the University of Virginia football team, is one of three people who was shot dead at Culbreth Garage on UVa Central Grounds at the University of Virginia Sunday night, Perry's father Sean Perry confirmed Monday morning.

D' Sean Perry, who was 6'3" tall and weighed 230 pounds, made two tackles in Saturday's University of Virginia's game against Pittsburgh. Today, his parents, Sean and Happy Perry, are flying in from his hometown of Miami.



UVA linebacker D'Sean Perry.

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UVa President Jim Ryan said in an email to the community early Monday morning that three students had been killed in the Sunday night shooting. The names of the two other victims who were killed are not available at this time, nor are the names of the two victims who lived.

The shooter is still at large, and several law enforcement agencies are looking for him. He is considered armed and dangerous.

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Classes are cancelled today, Ryan said in his letter.



Perry

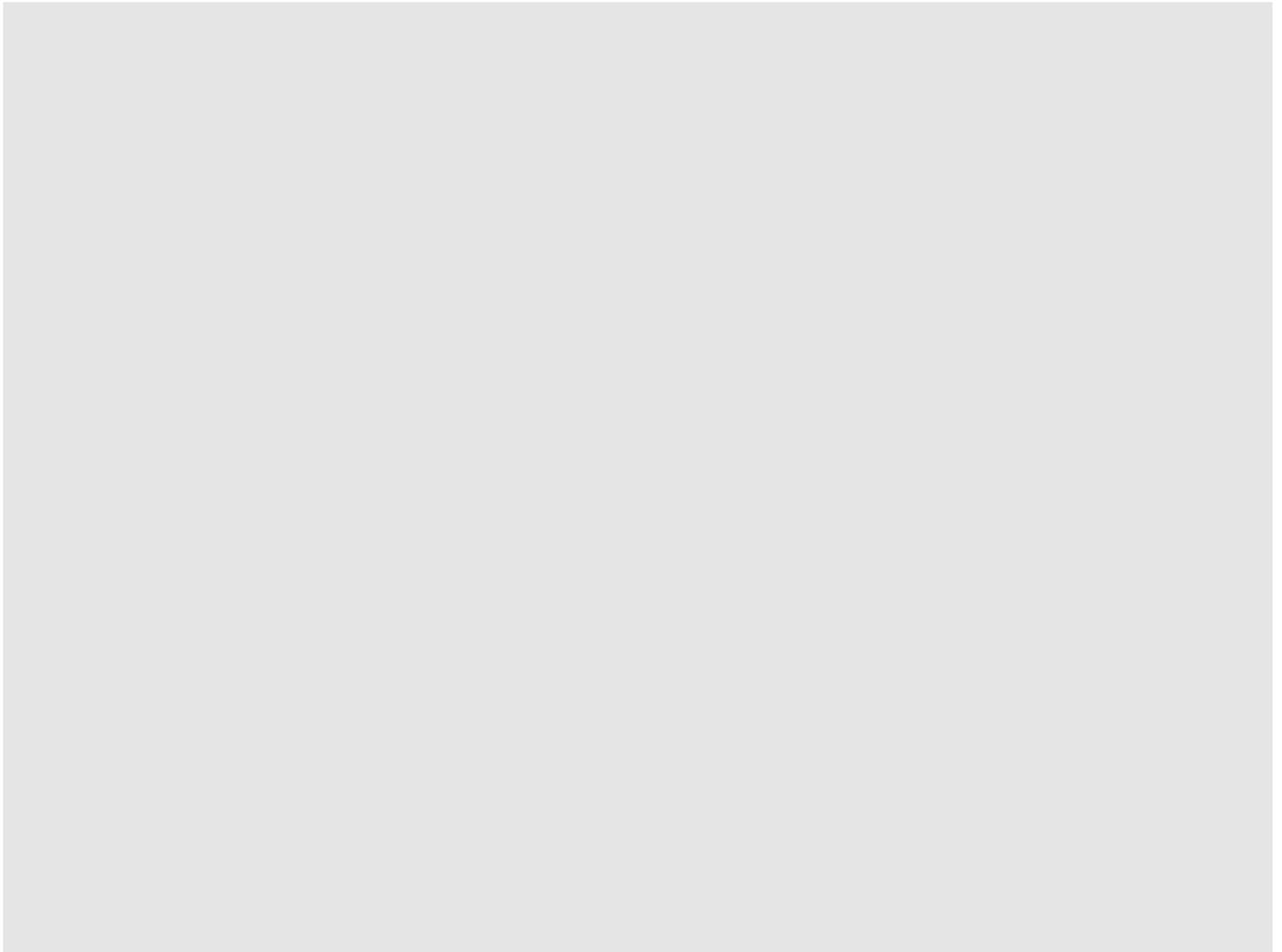
"This is a message any leader hopes never to have to send, and I am devastated that this violence has visited the University of Virginia," Ryan wrote. "This is a traumatic incident for everyone in our community and we have cancelled classes for today (Monday, Nov. 14.)"

Earlier story was updated at 2:30 a.m. Nov. 14, 2022.

A University of Virginia spokeswoman just said that the shooting and investigation into it "is still a very much active situation" and that students should continue to shelter in place. The spokeswoman, Bethanie Glover, said she had no further information at this time.

Also, members of the Louisa County Sheriff's K-9 unit could be seen walking toward the Culbreth Garage, where less than four hours earlier a man opened fire at about 10:40 p.m. Sunday.

UVa police are searching for a man named Christopher Darnell Jones in connection with the shooting at the garage, which is off of Culbreth Road on Central Grounds.



Christopher Darnell Jones, whom police are seeking in connection with shootings Sunday night, Nov. 13, in parking lot on Central Grounds at the University of Virginia.

The shooting sent students into a panic -- and many fearing for their lives -- as they ended an otherwise quiet weekend in Charlottesville. UVa President Jim Ryan tweeted that students should shelter in place.

There are no confirmed reports of injuries or deaths, but an anxious university community held its collective breath as it heard about multiple shots fired.

"I have homework to do but I literally cannot focus like what is happening right now," tweeted Zyahna Bryant, the UVa student who is best known for her efforts to rid Charlottesville of its Confederate statues when she was in

high school in Charlottesville.

Jones, from Petersburg, had been on the University of Virginia football roster in 2018. According to a description of him in a UVa football guidebook at virginiasports.com, Jones had been an academic as well as an athletic standout at Varina High School in Petersburg. According to the guidebook, Jones was a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Key Club and student of the year in his freshman and sophomore years at Varina High School in Petersburg.

UVa police are warning people to not approach Jones if they see him but instead to call 911.

Also, UVa police issued advisories to run, hide and fight. They consider the suspect to be armed and dangerous, they said.

The garage where the shootings occurred is behind the spot where the UVa marching band practices, where the sounds of Broadway show tunes could be heard last week as the band practiced for its next half-time show. Students and townspeople enjoy riding past the scene on autumn evenings, where recently the band was practicing the theme song from "Ghost Busters" for UVa's Halloween weekend matchup against Miami.

There was no merriment in the area Sunday night.

Student body president Cecelia Cain said she was inside about 11:30 p.m. and listening to a police scanner. She said she and others are "pretty freaked out."

The same was true for others across Grounds.

"They have us locked down right now. I haven't been able to go anywhere," said Eva Surovell, editor of the Cavalier Daily.

Police have said the suspect was wearing a burgundy jacket, blue jeans and red shoes.

The shooter reportedly fired several shots about 10:40 p.m. The weekend had been quiet as the UVa Cavaliers played Pittsburgh. Saturday afternoon, with the temperature reaching 71, had brought students out in shirt sleeves at the Corner, some riding on scooters and others walking in groups or gathering outdoors to eat and drink. One group of students sold doughnuts and coffee to raise money to help unhoused people in Charlottesville. Others milled around downtown and several hiked or ran on the Saunders-Monticello trail on the outskirts of town.

But as the temperatures fell throughout Sunday into the upper 30s Sunday night, students had exchanged the short sleeves of Saturday afternoon for jackets on Sunday night.

The university has asked family and friends with questions to call the emergency hotline at 877-685-4836.

Charlottesville has experienced several shootings within the past two months, but so far none have occurred on UVa Grounds. In September, a Charlottesville man was shot dead as he left a downtown club in the early morning hours of Sept. 17.

Additionally, three teens were shot at Mallside Forest Apartments on Sept. 22; two men were shot on Anderson Street on Sept. 28; and two teens were shot near the Downtown Mall on Oct. 15 at about 5:15 p.m.

A man was shot and killed Sunday, Oct. 23 as he attempted to run for his life out of a crowded Downtown Mall bar around 1 a.m. on Sunday, October 23.

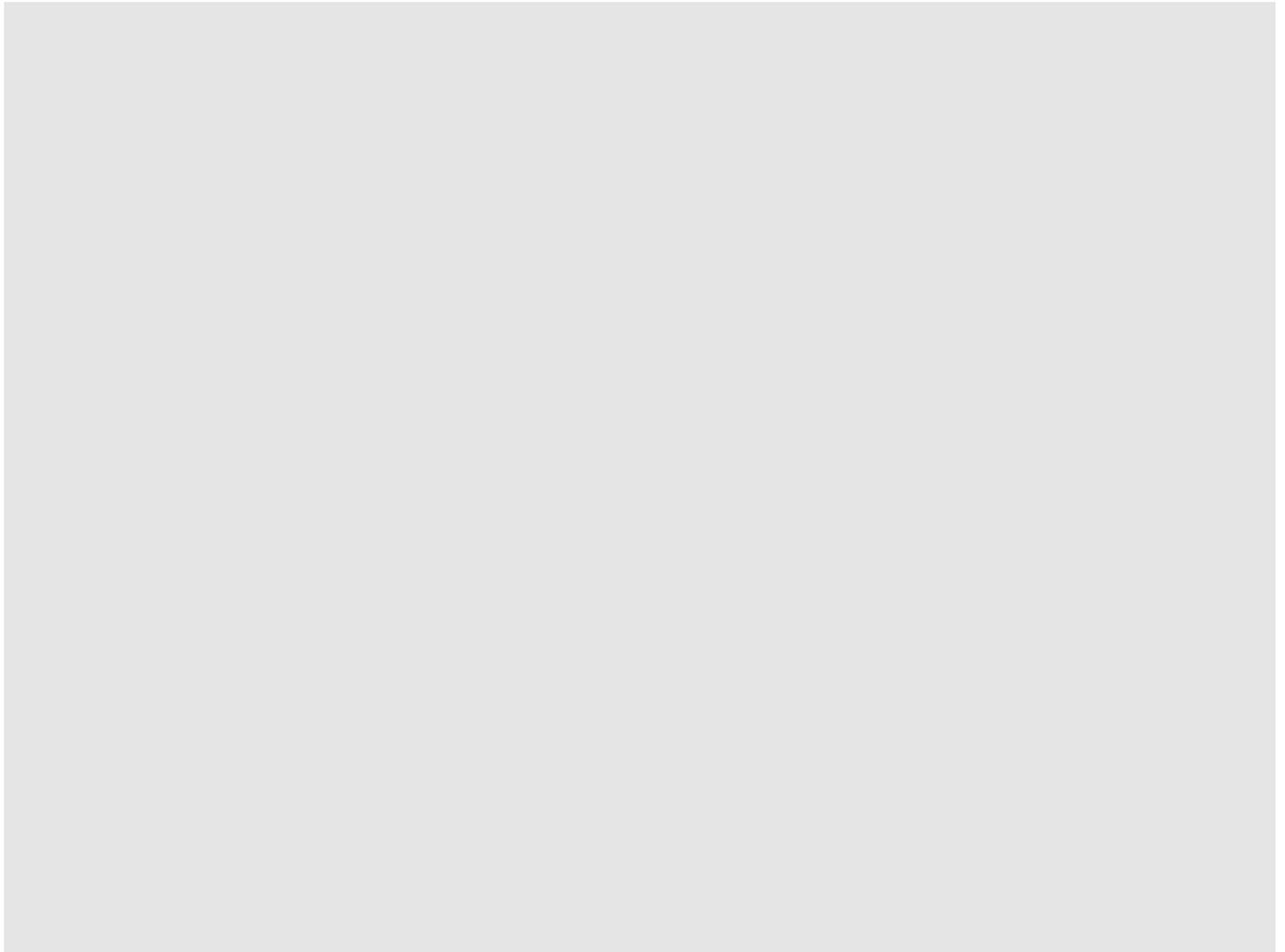
In addition, the UVa community experienced a hate crime at the beginning of

fall semester, setting many on edge. A man placed a noose on the statue of Homer on Sept. 7. On Oct. 25, someone tore down a welcome banner from the Rohr Chabad House, considered by many Jewish students to be a home away from home.

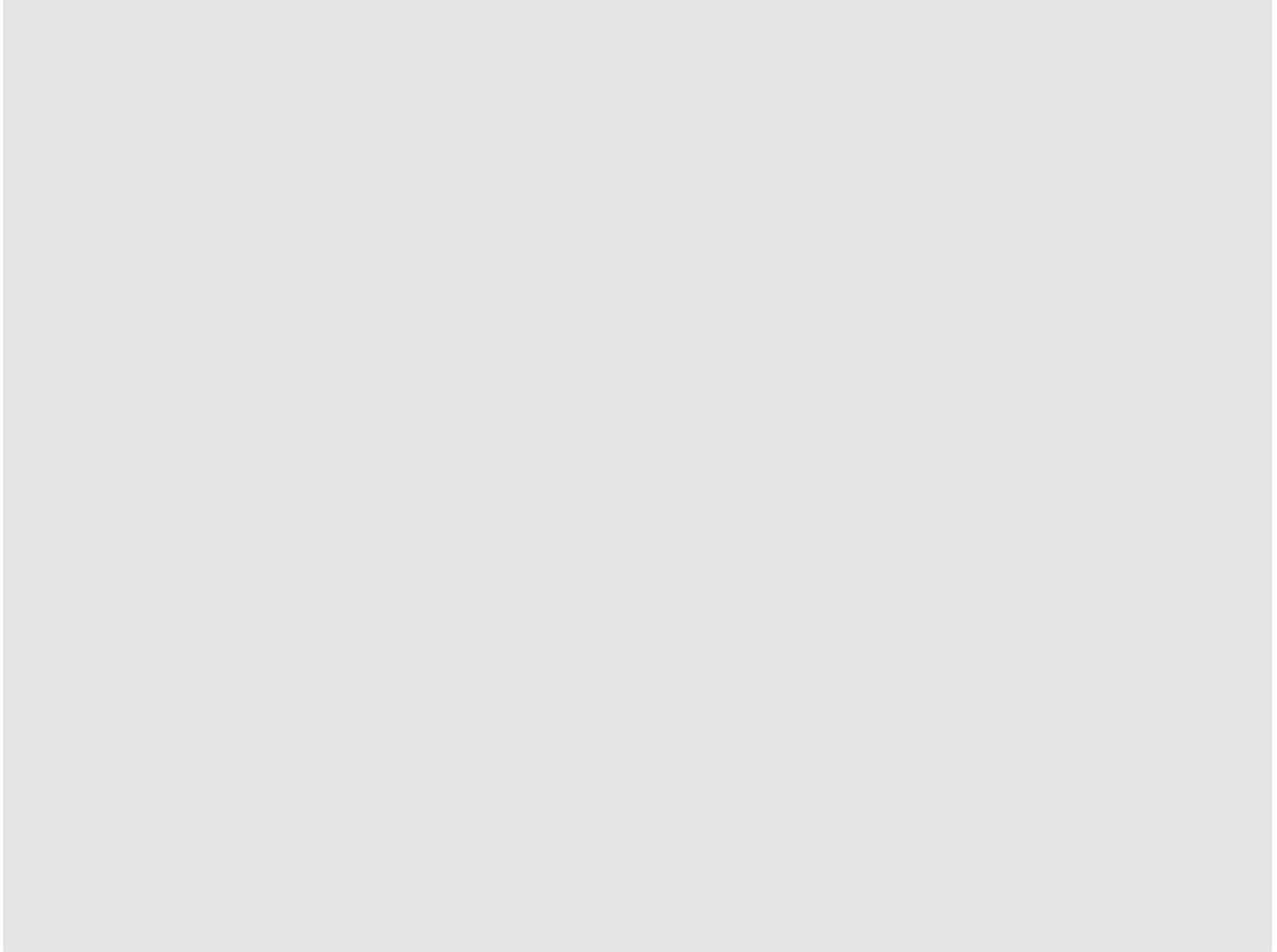
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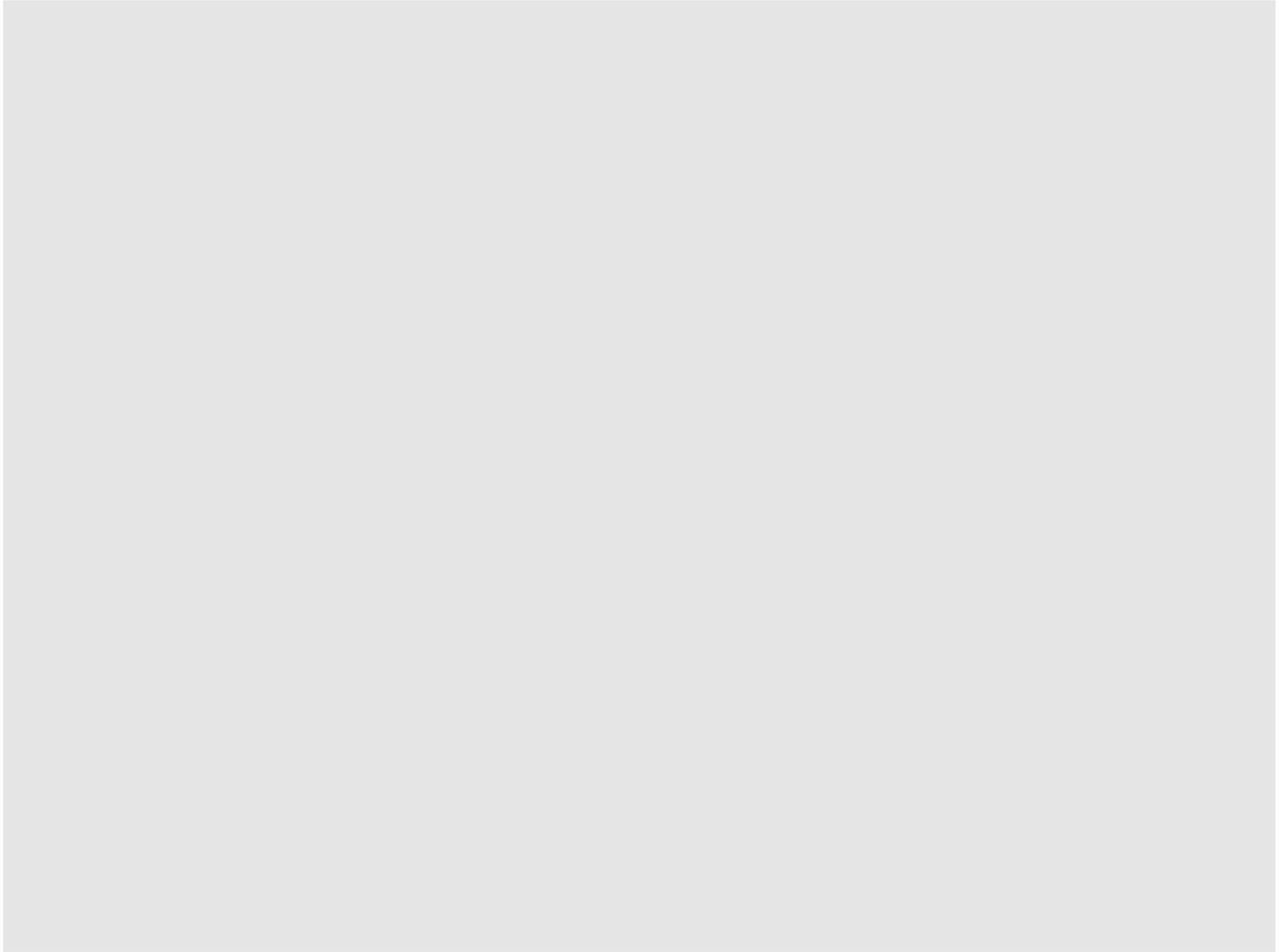


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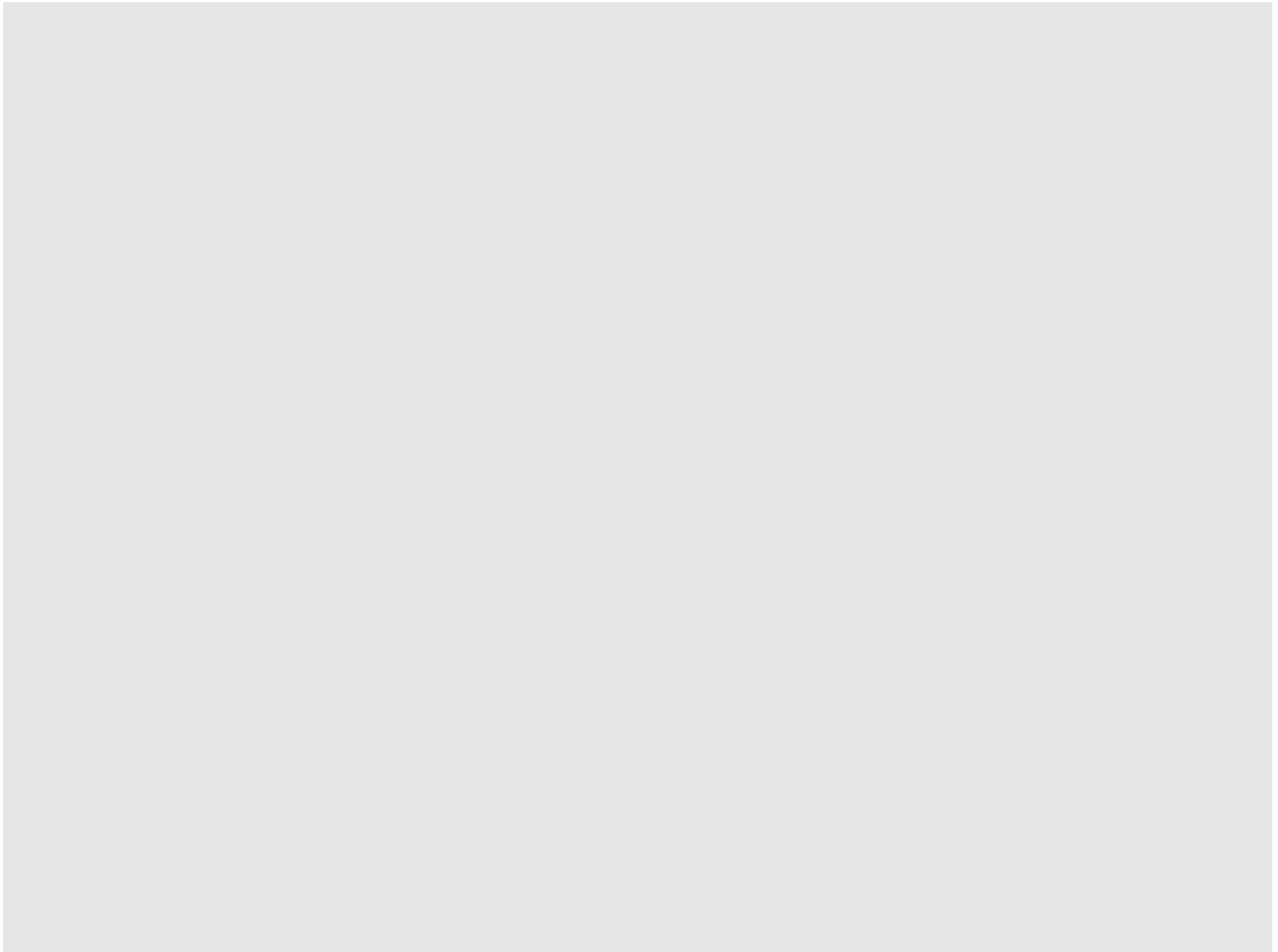


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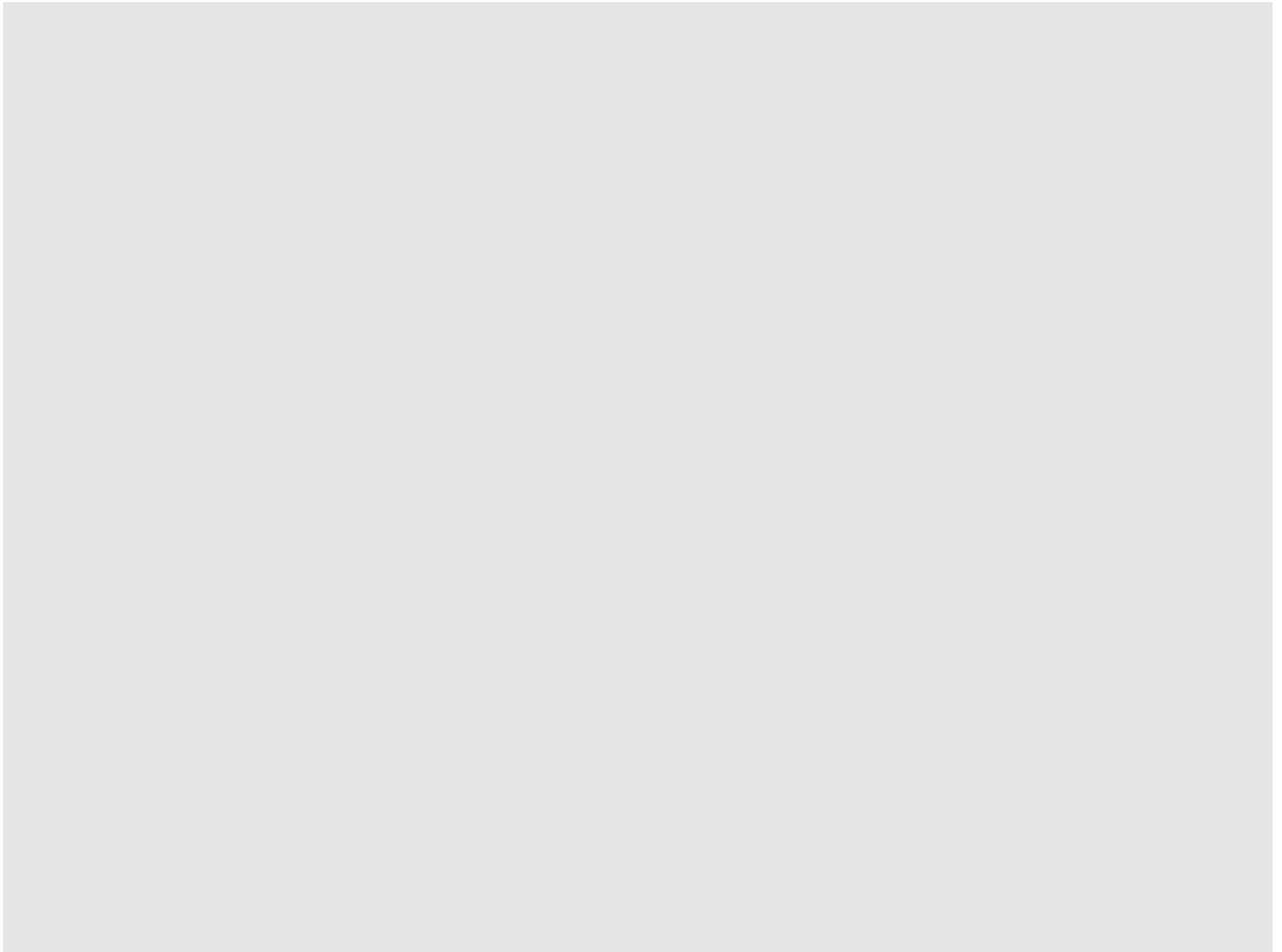
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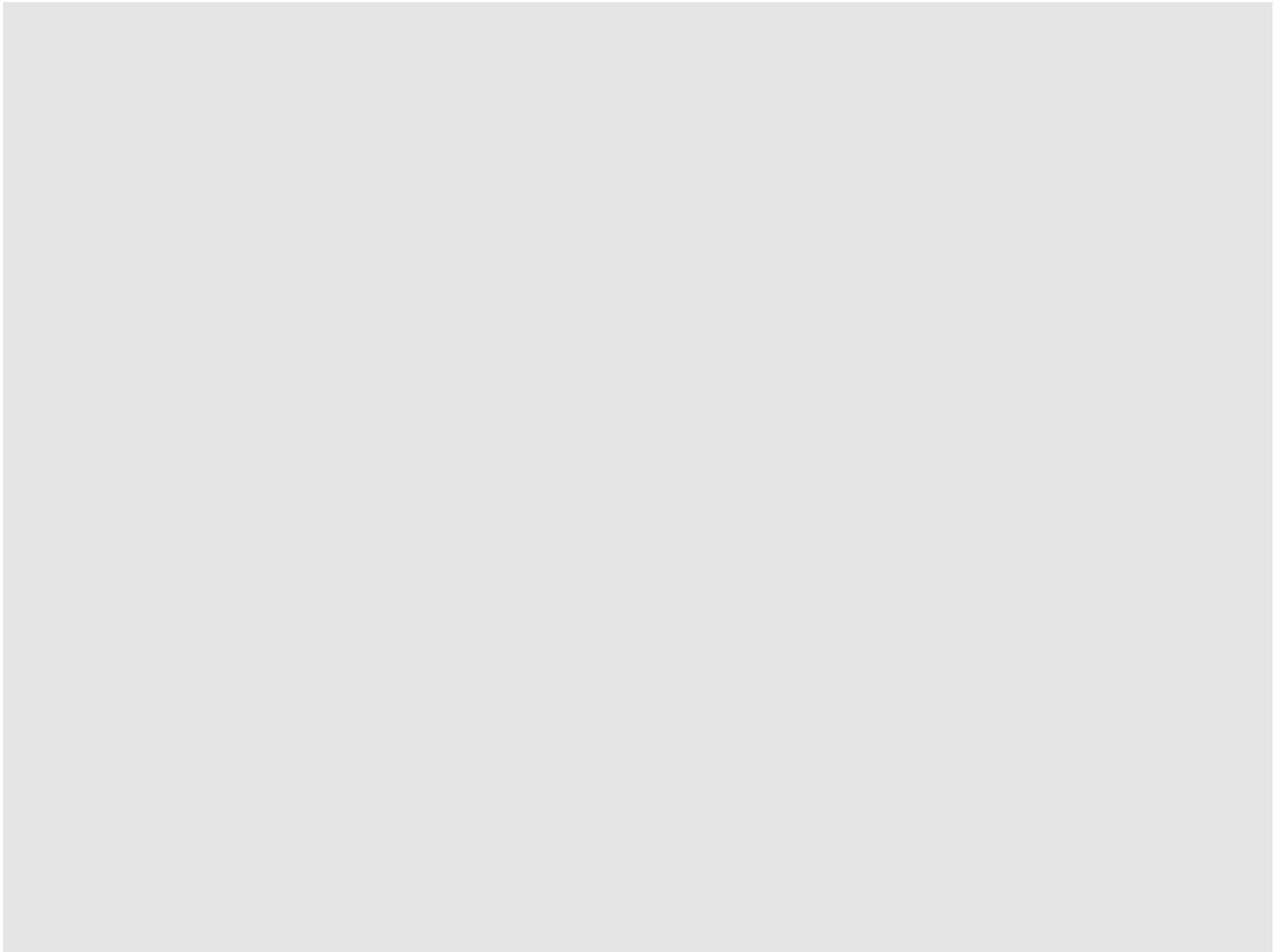
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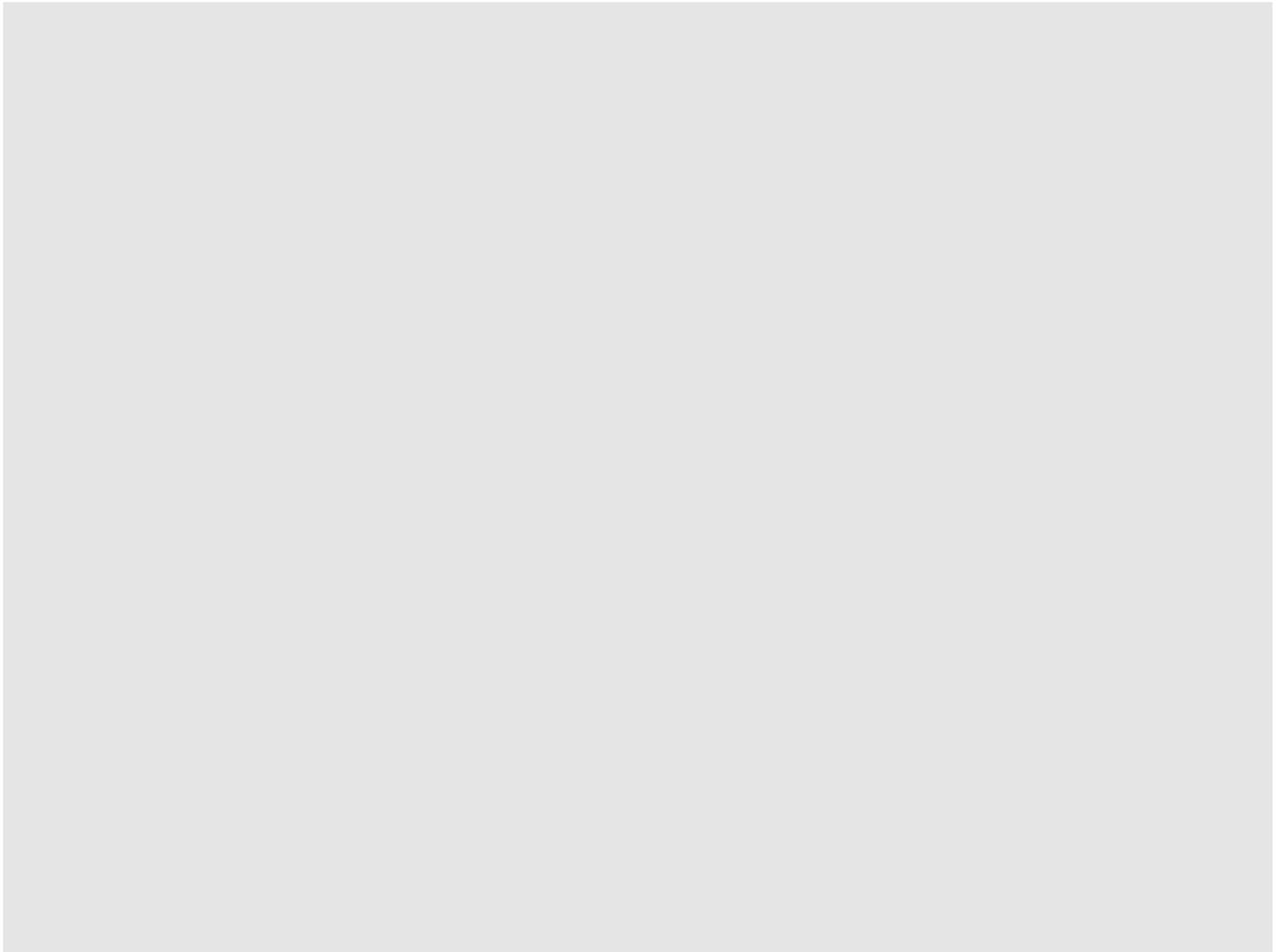
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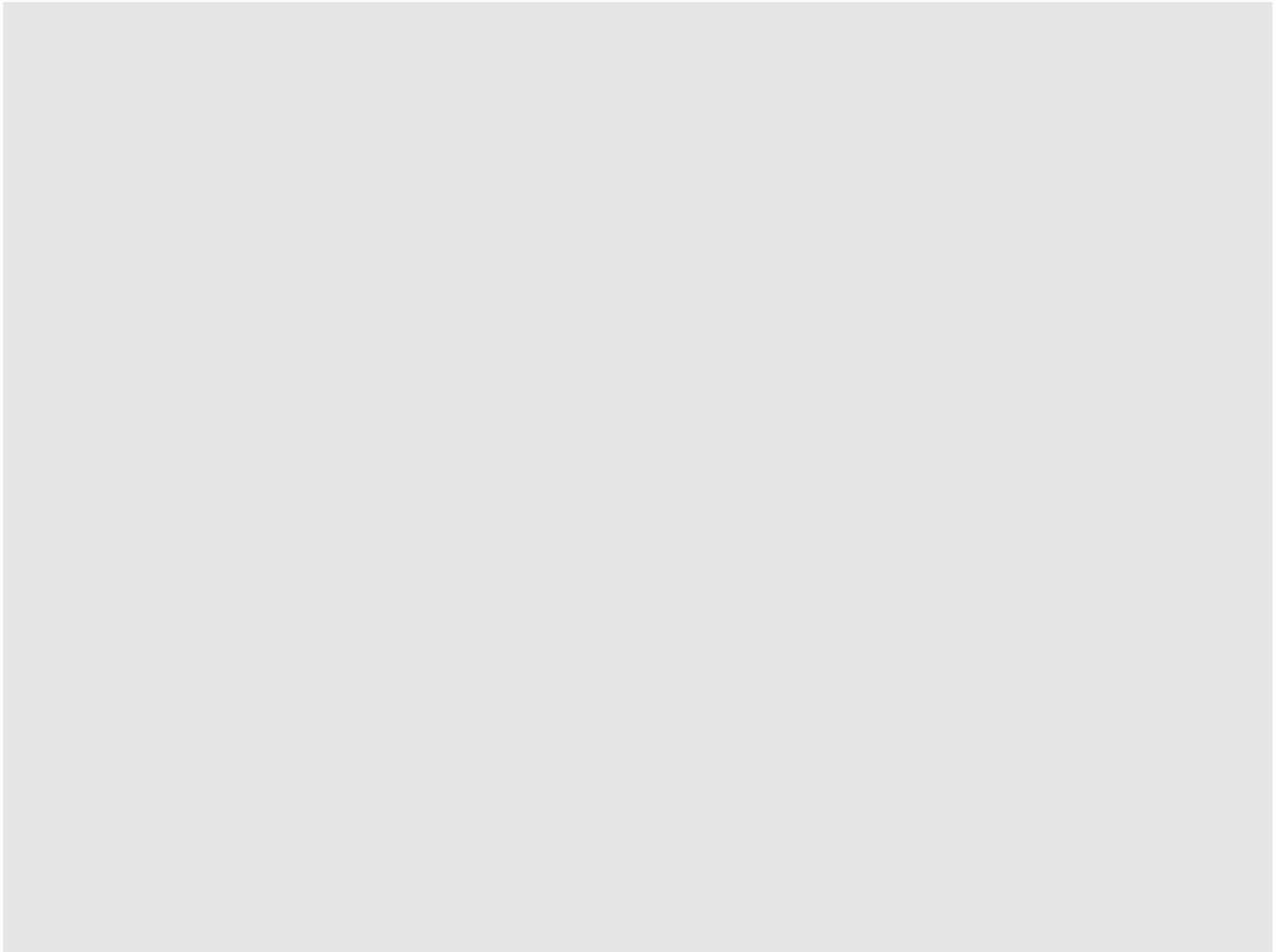
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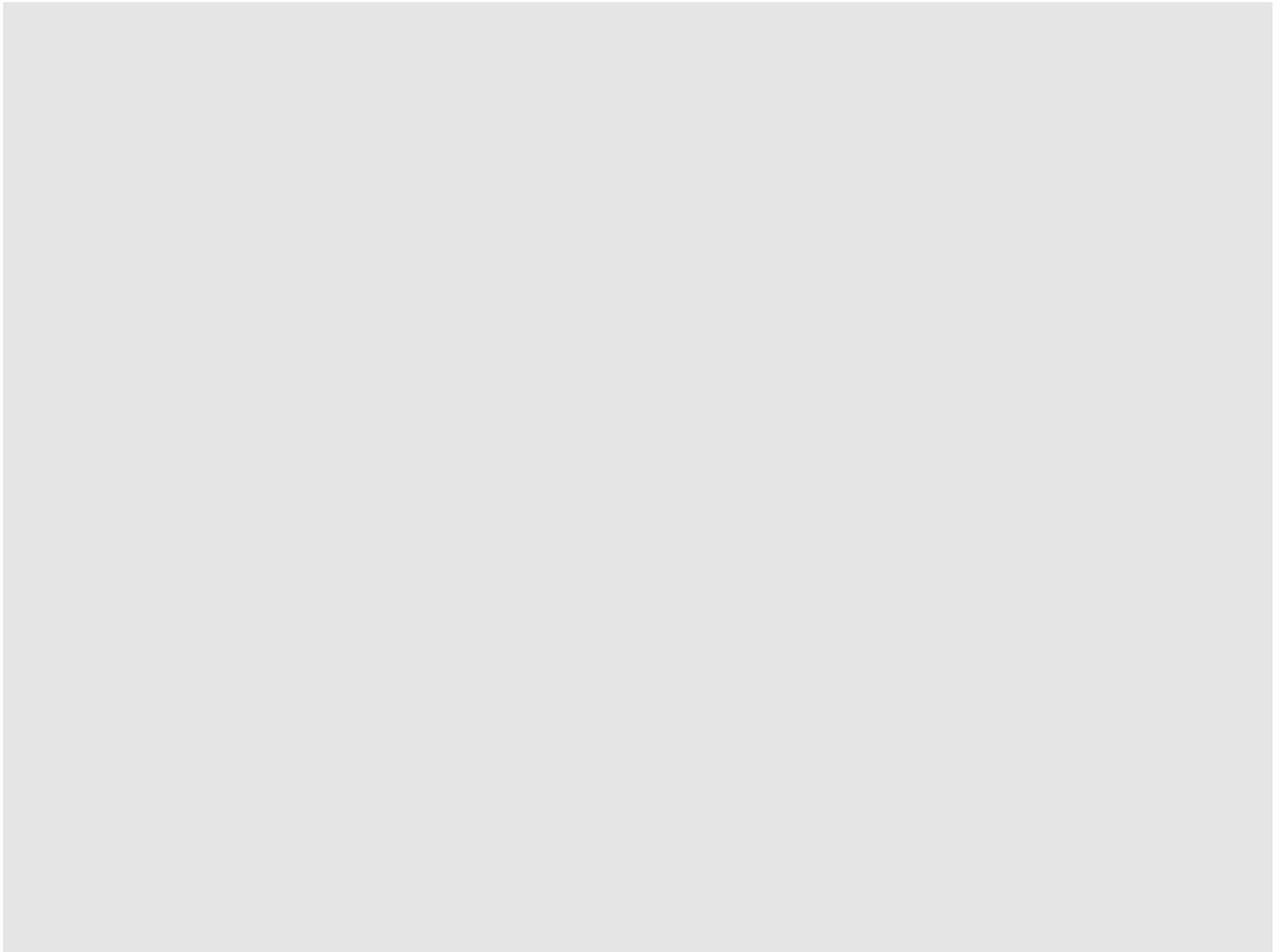
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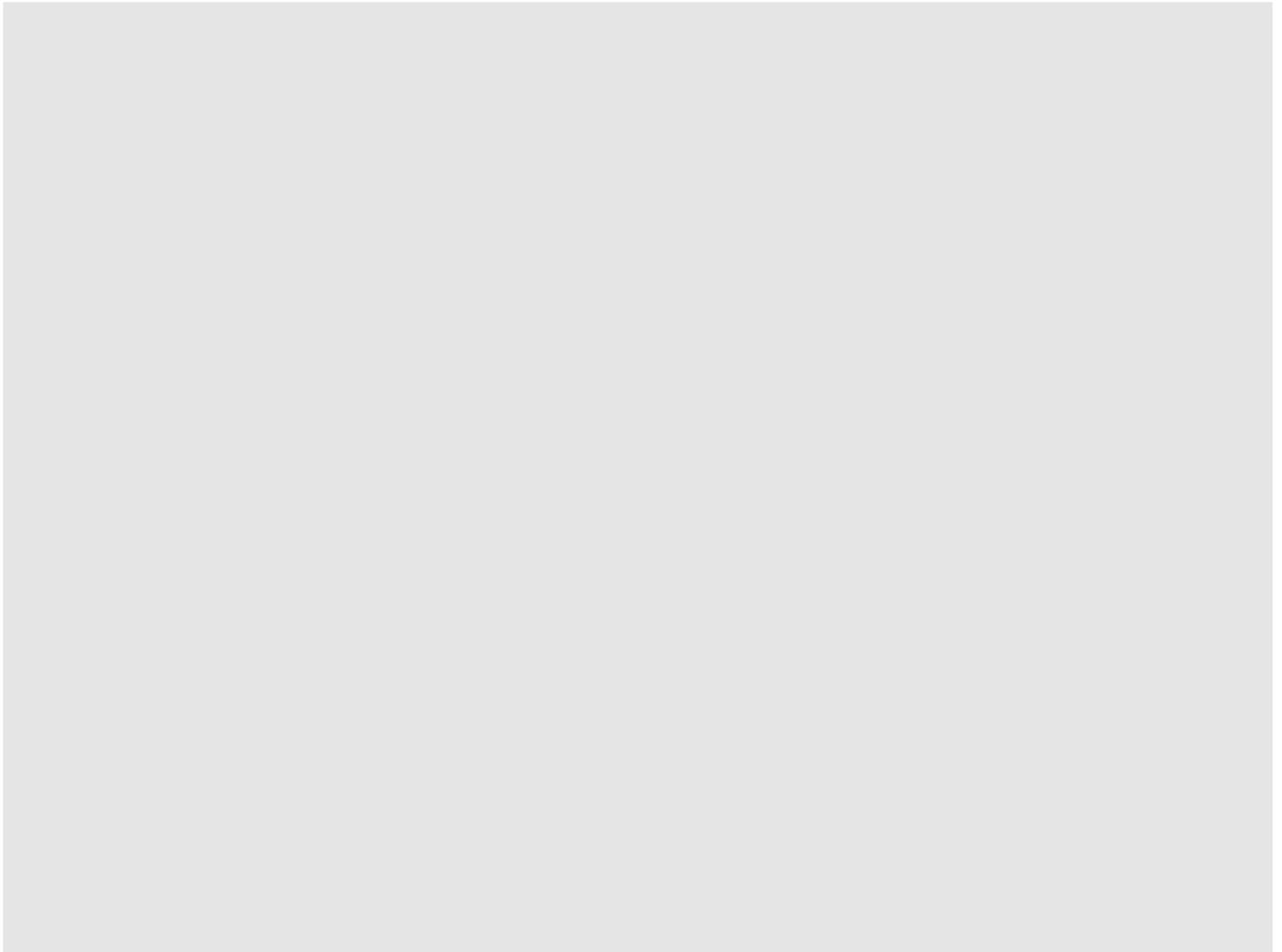
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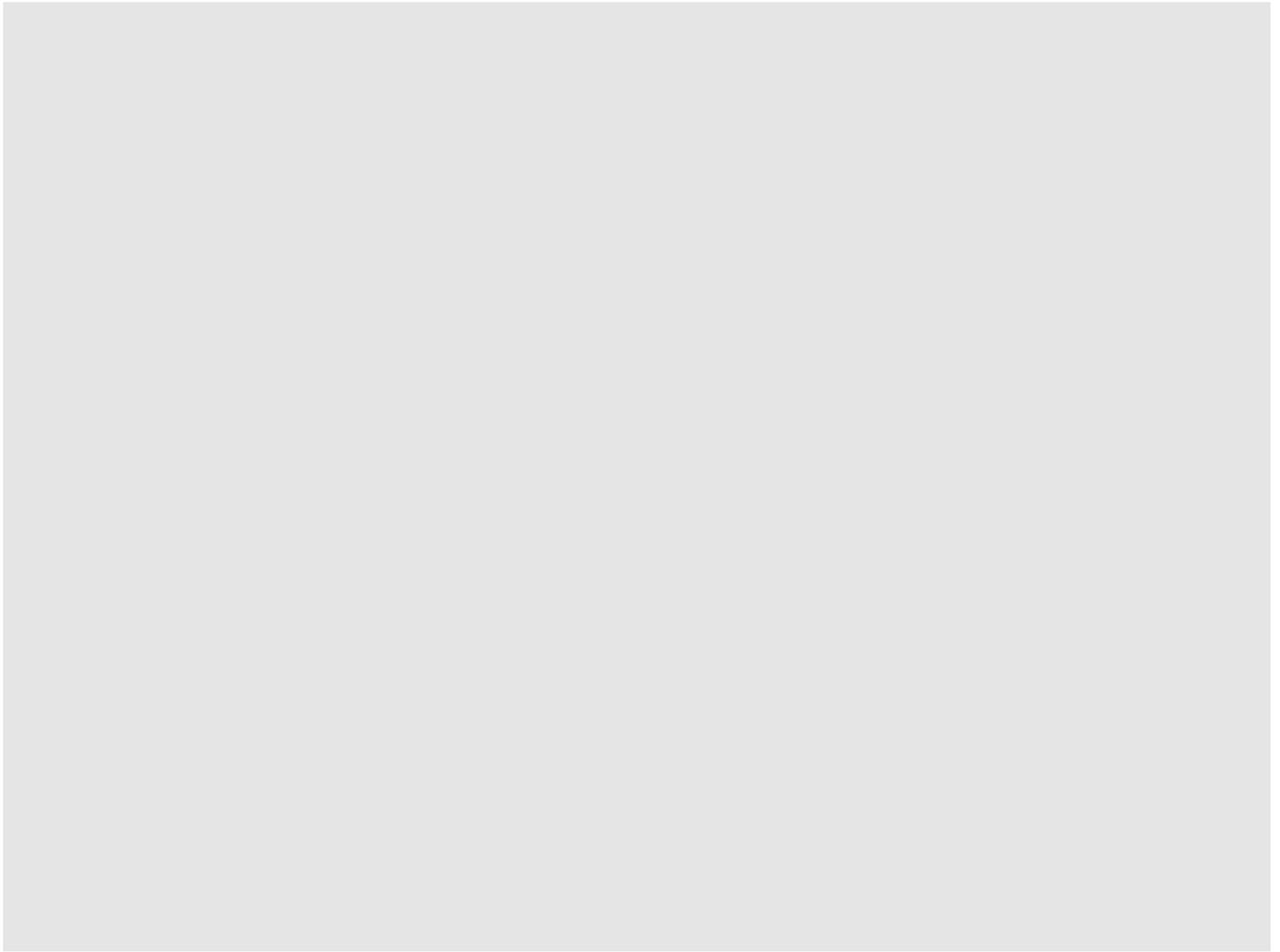
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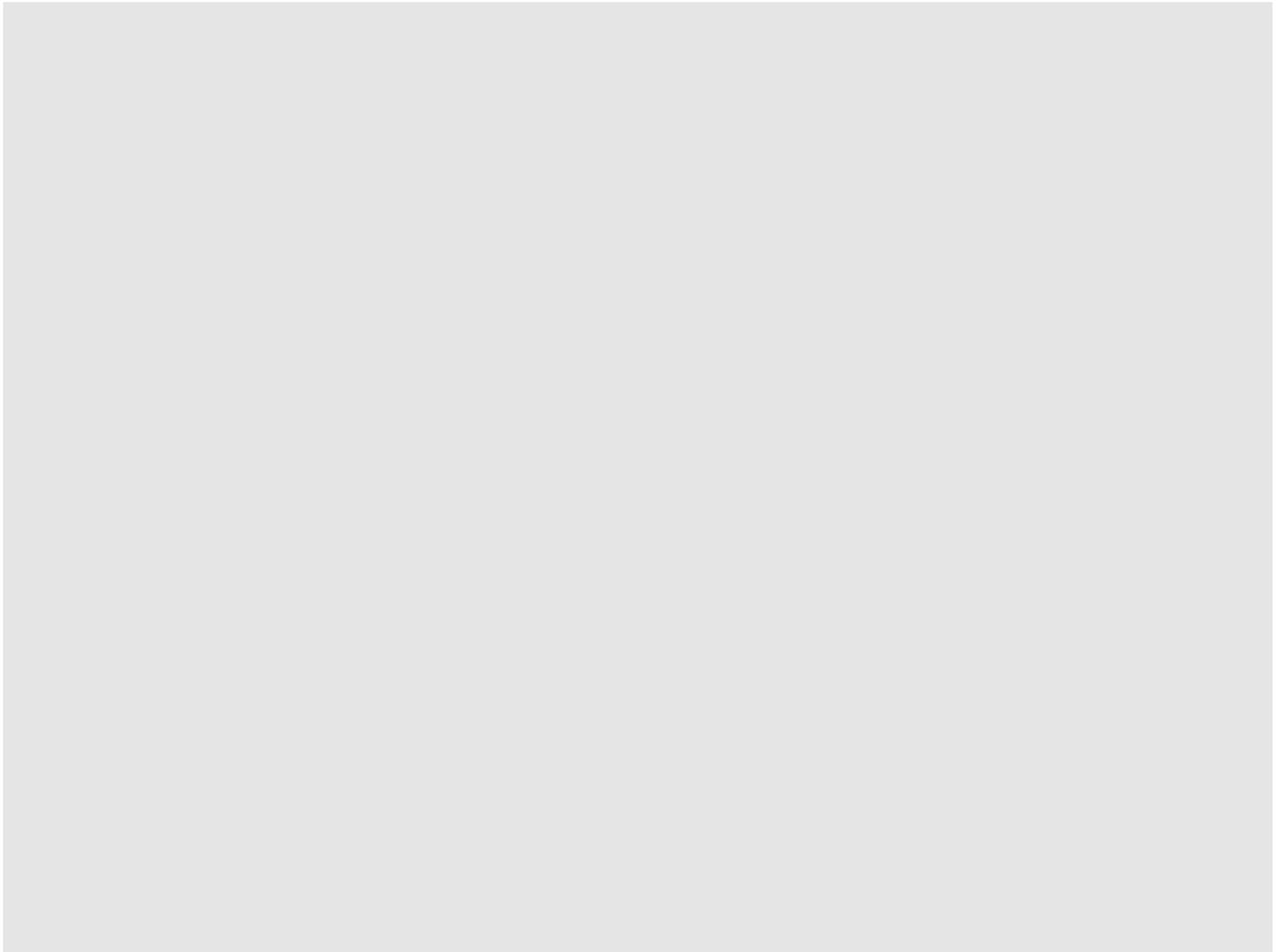
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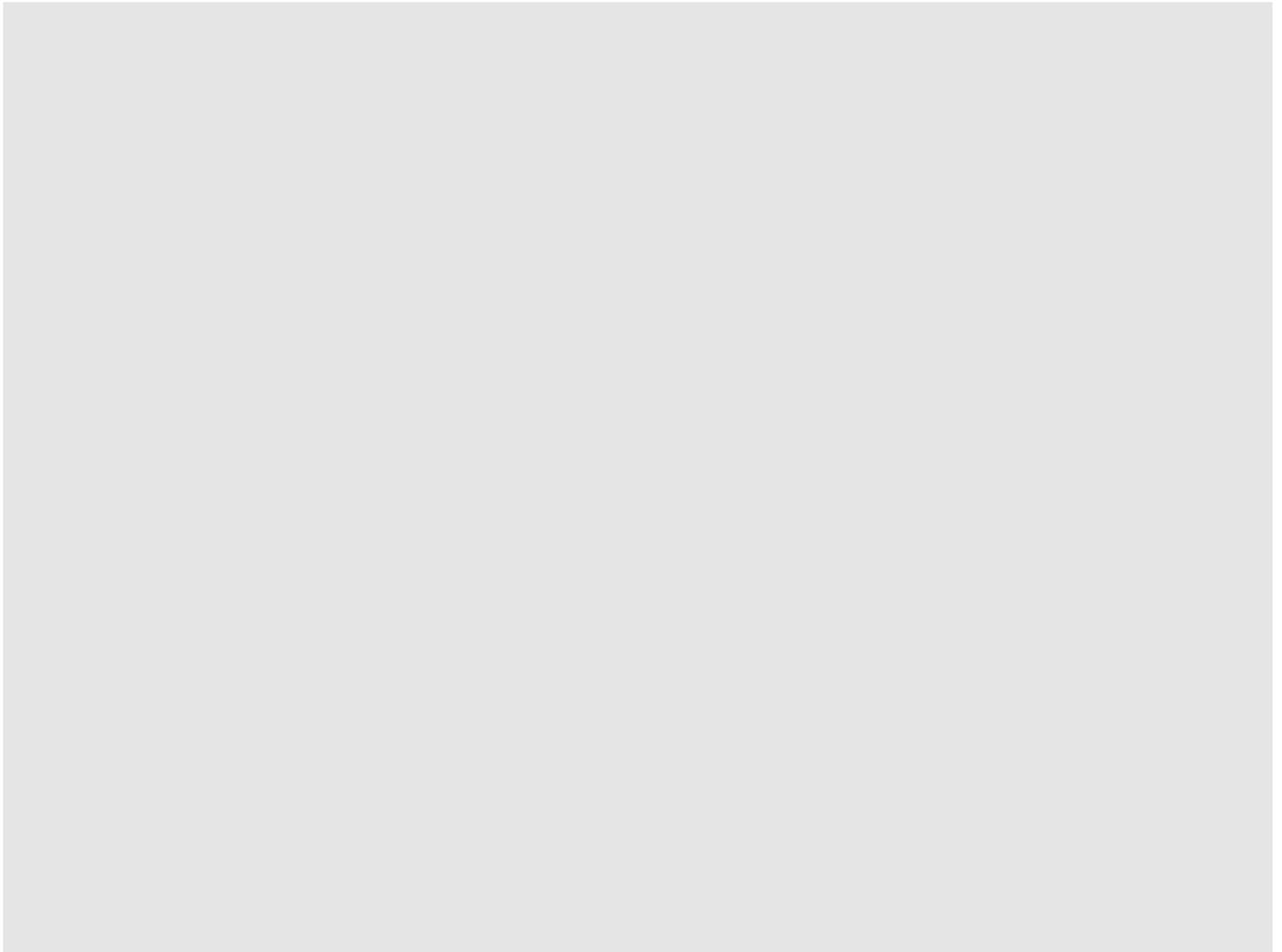
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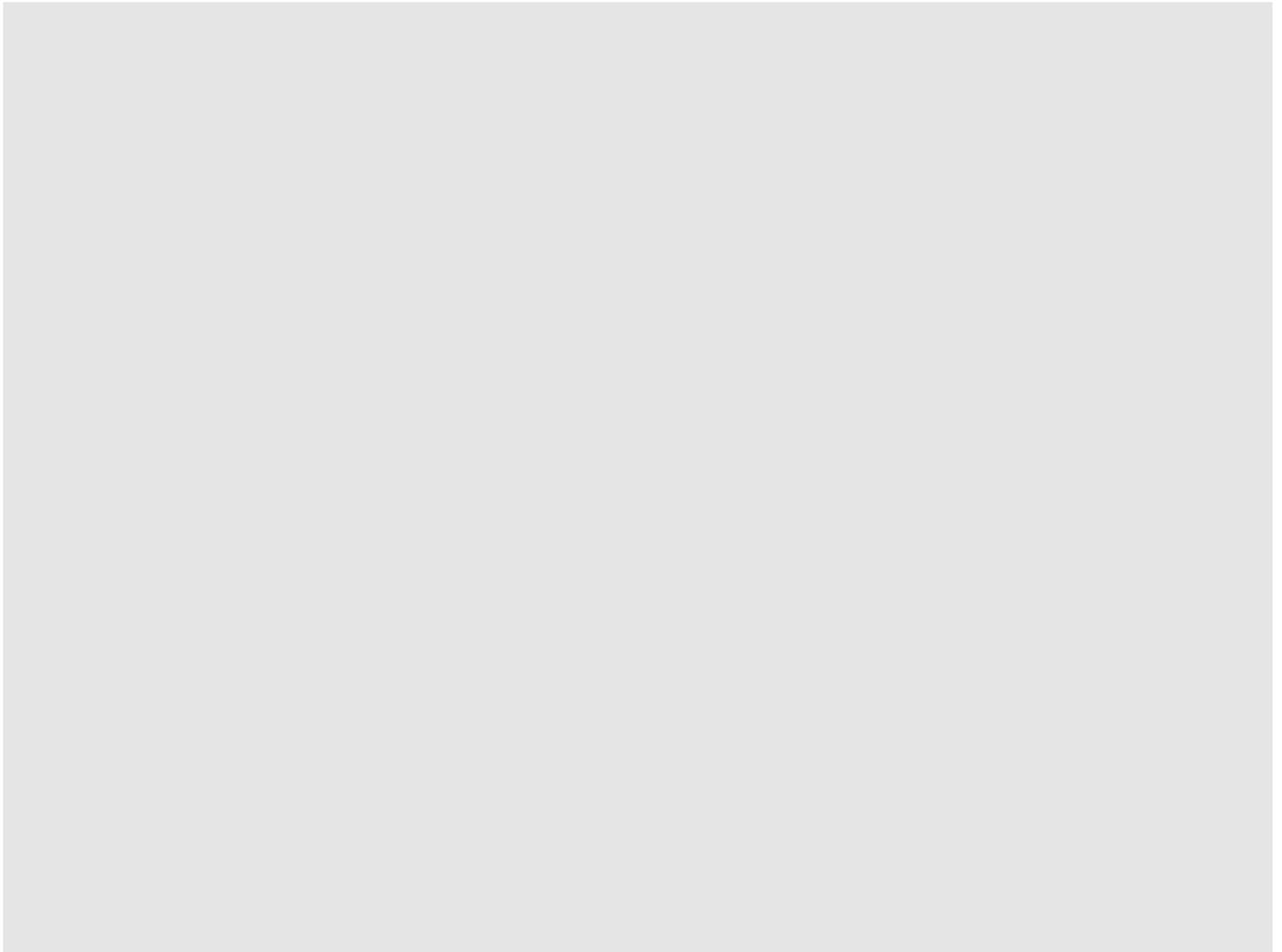
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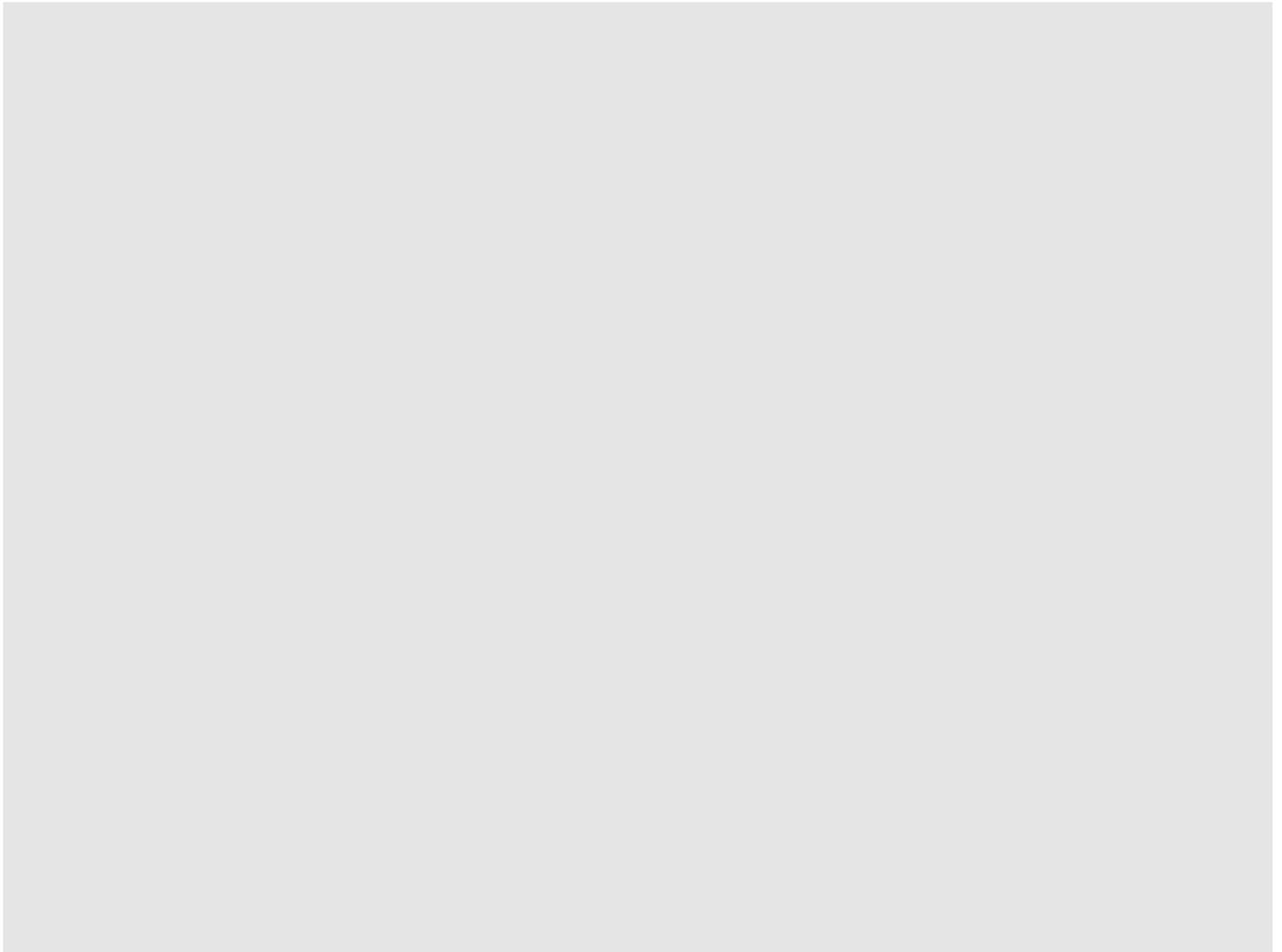
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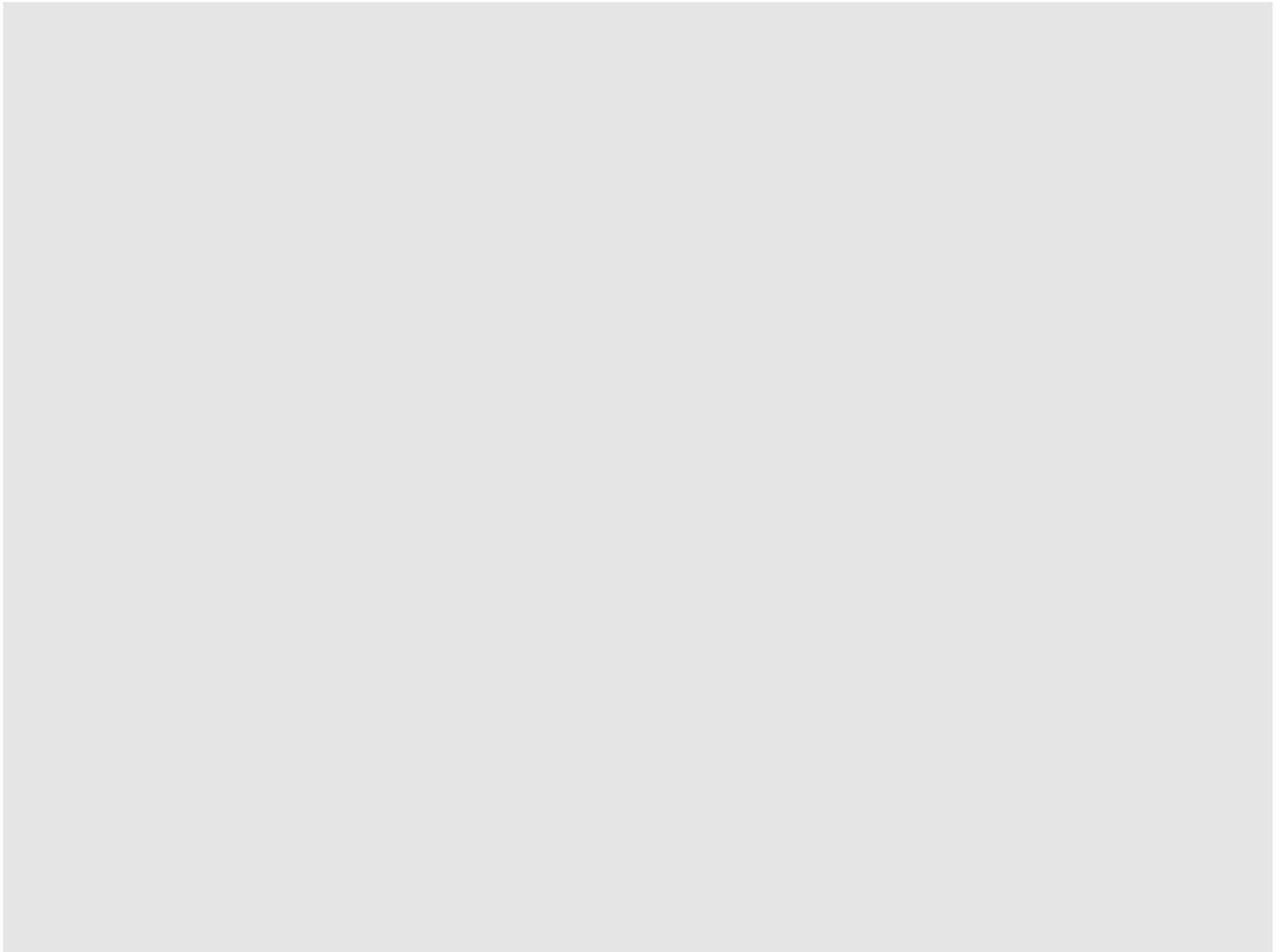
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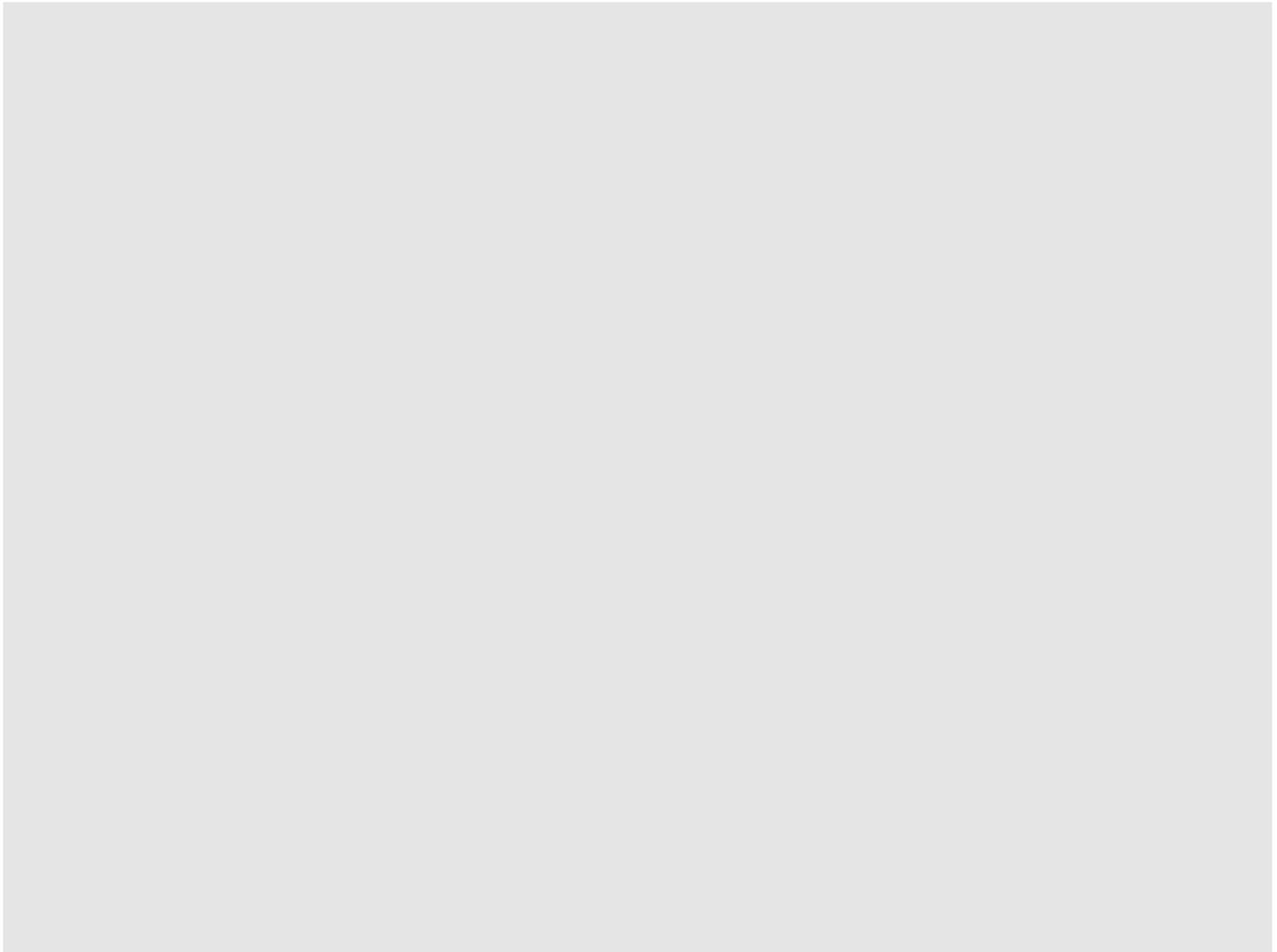
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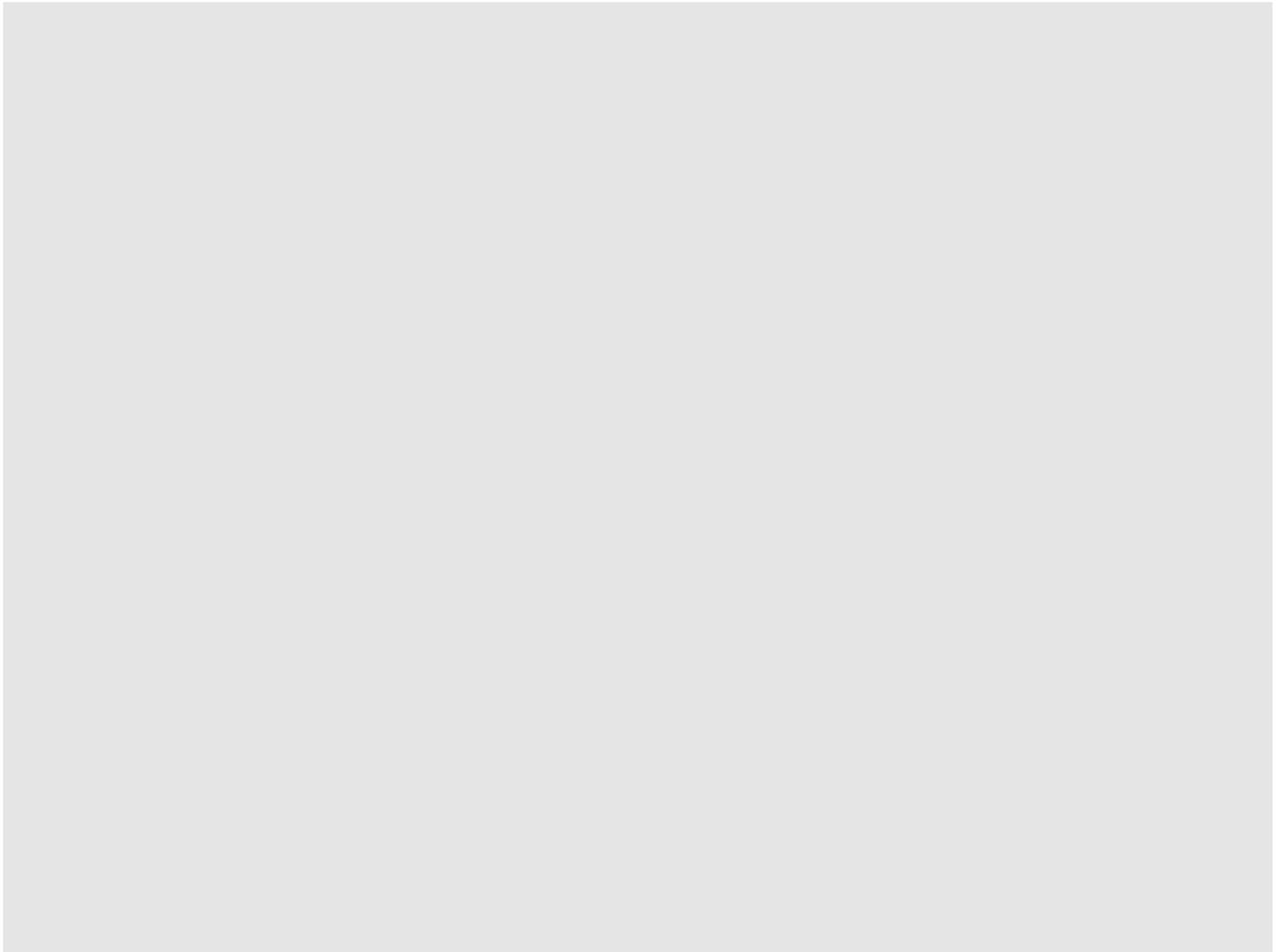
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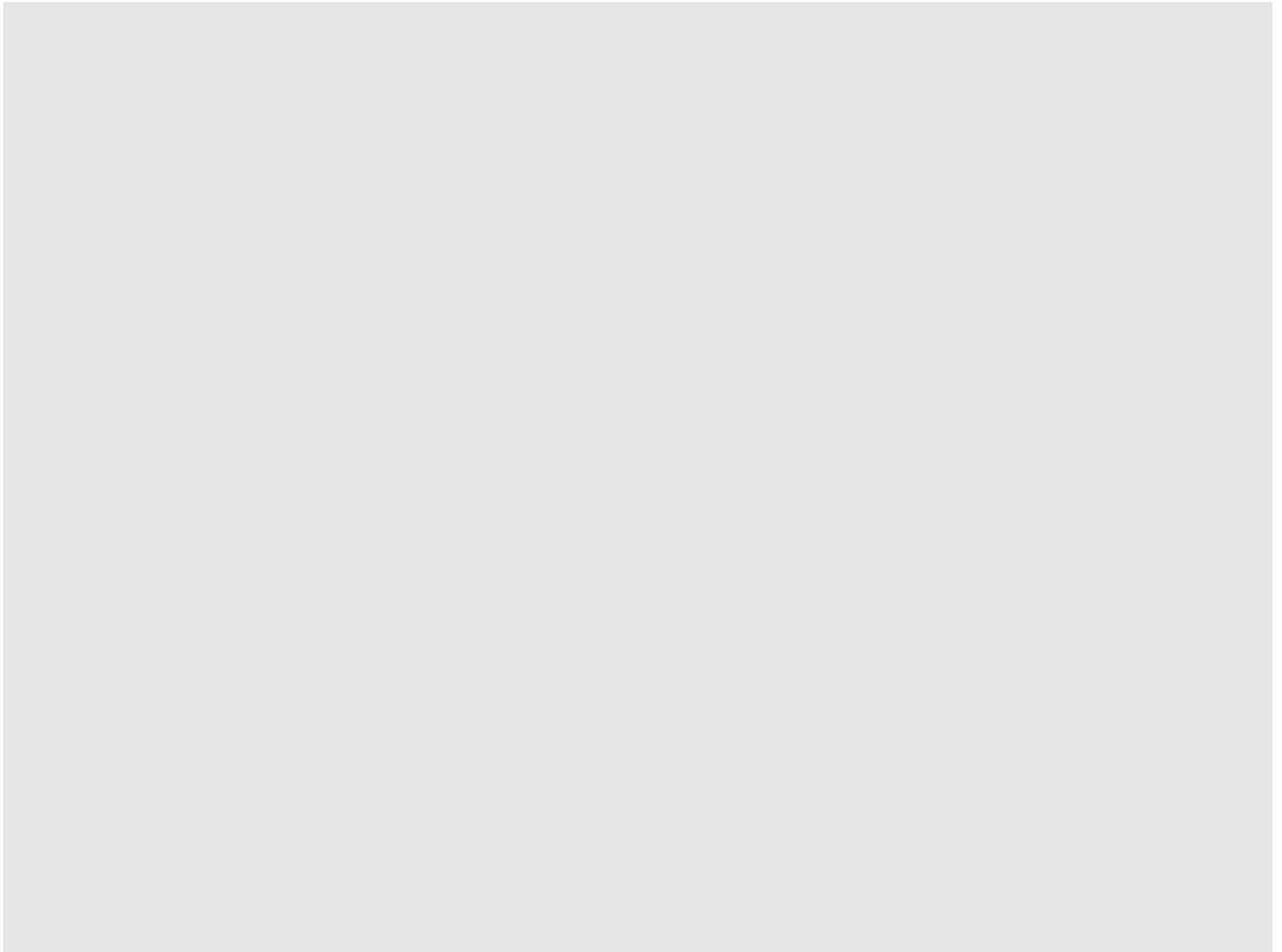
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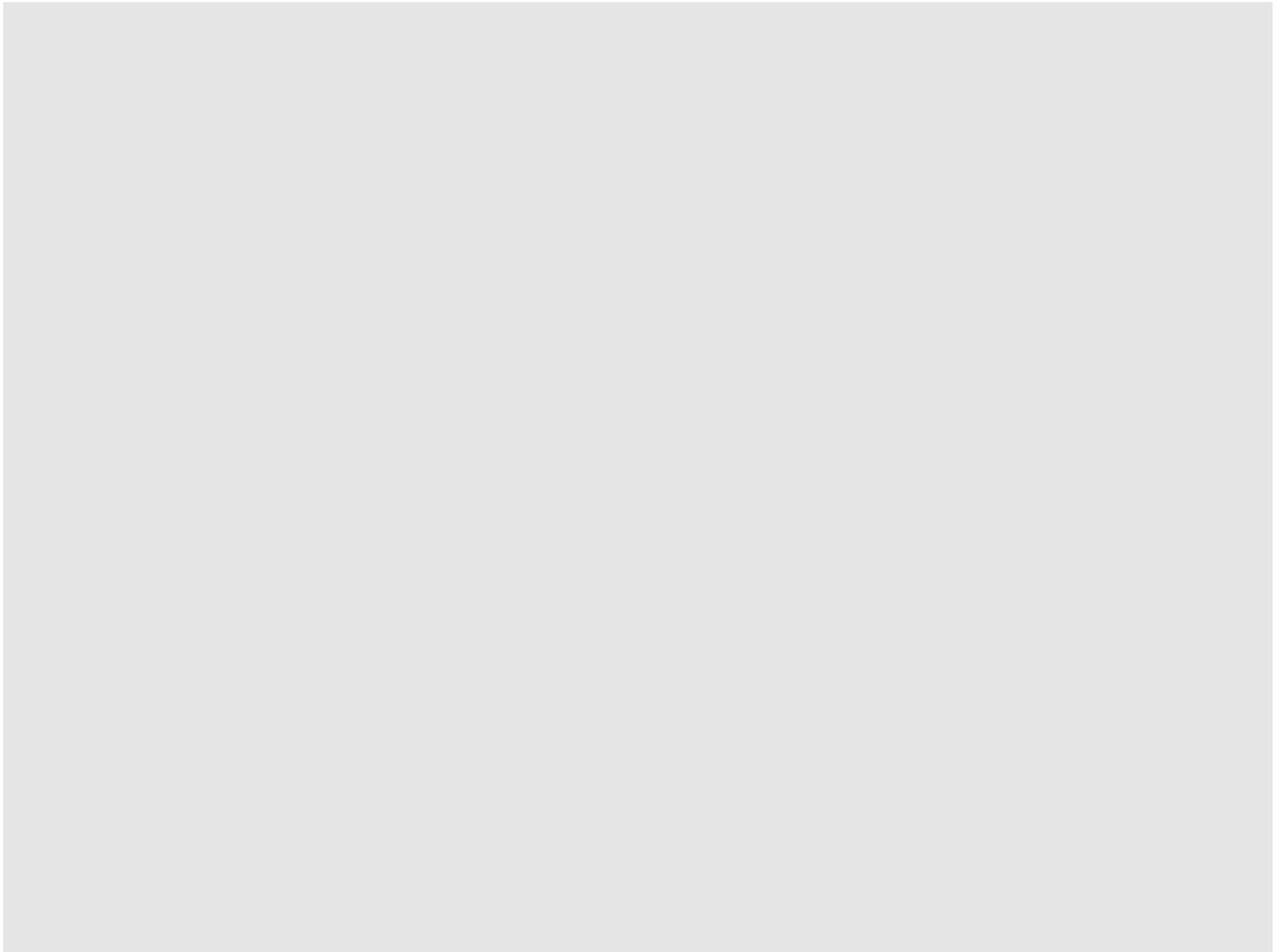
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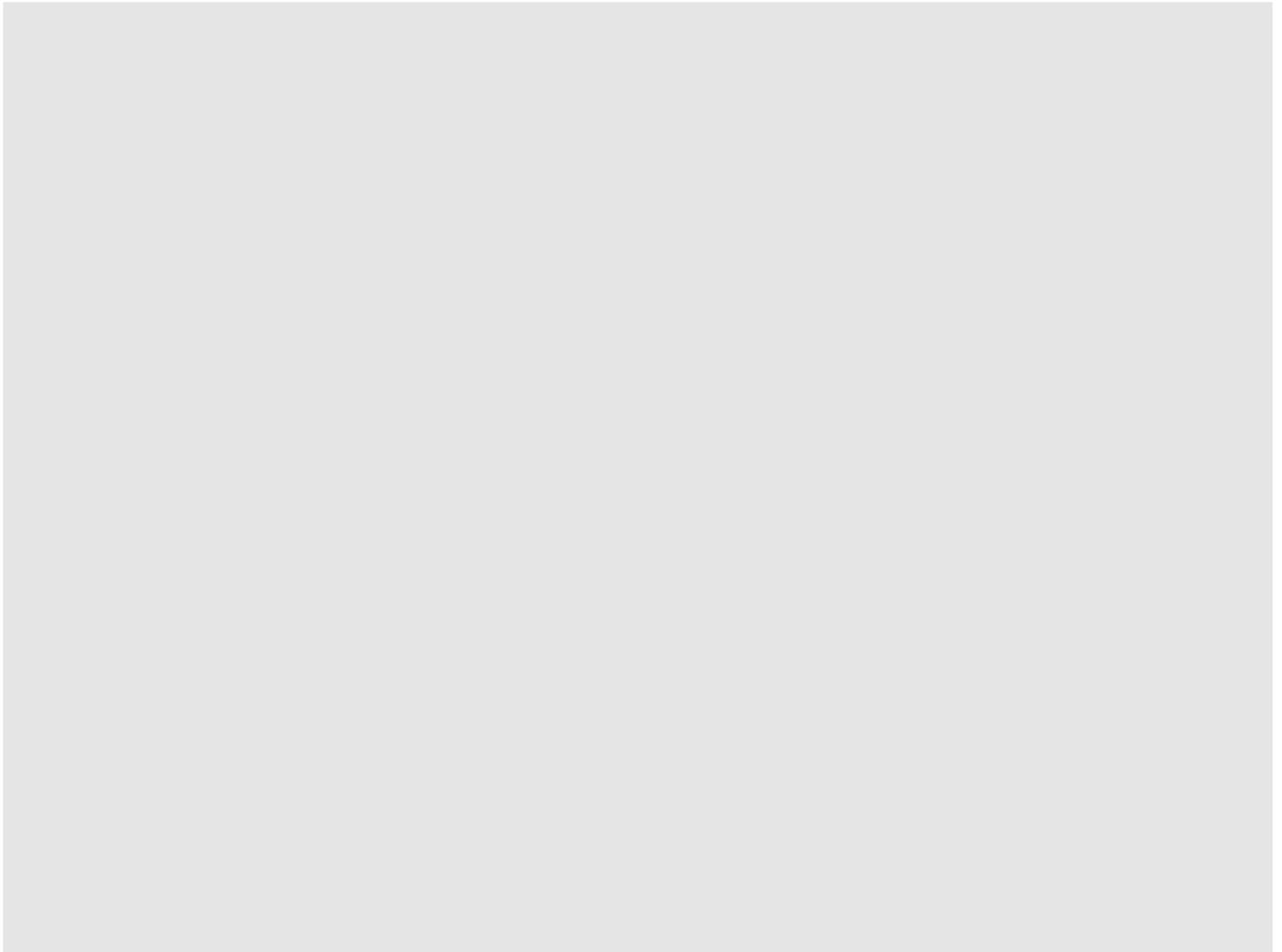


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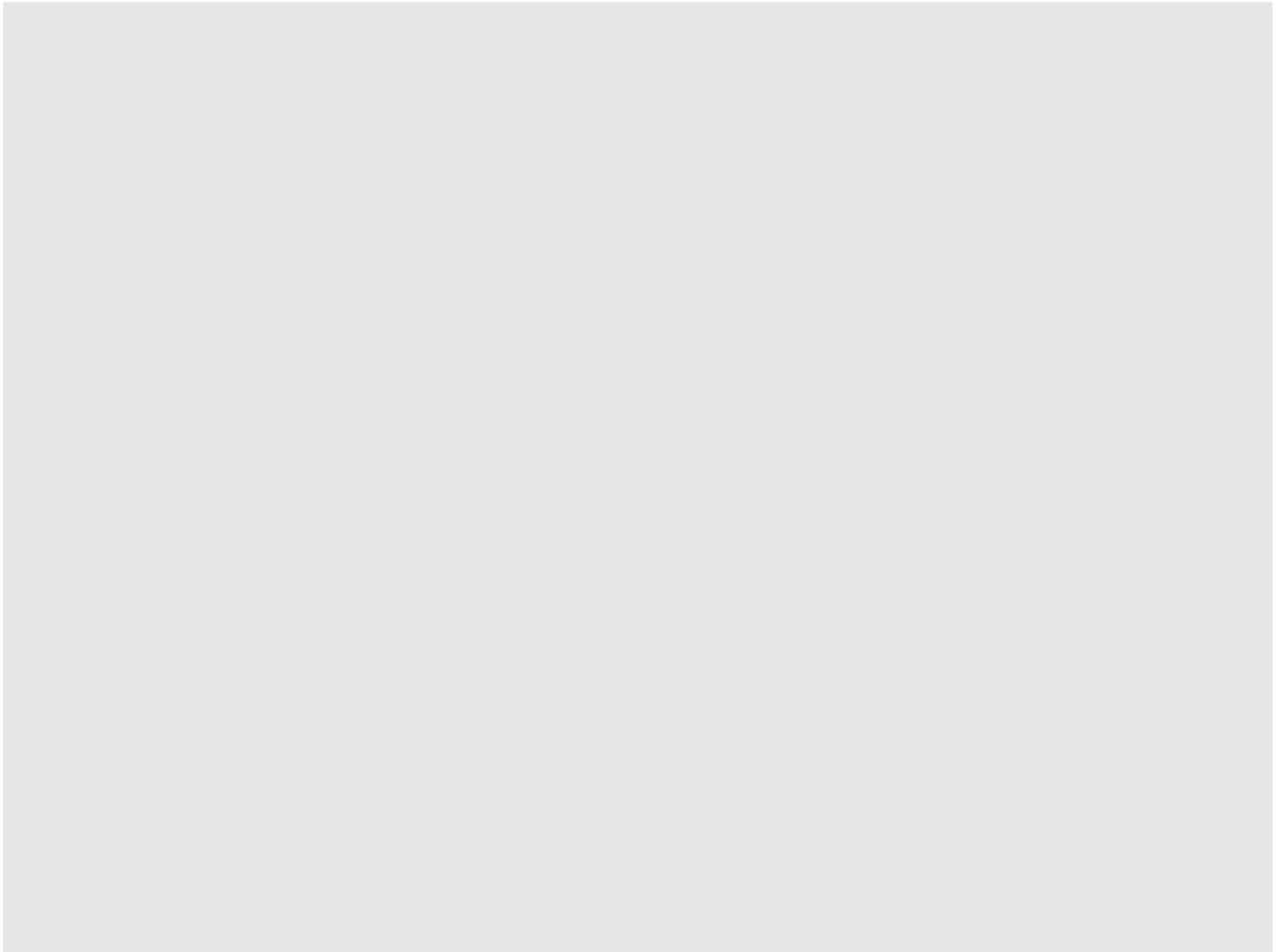


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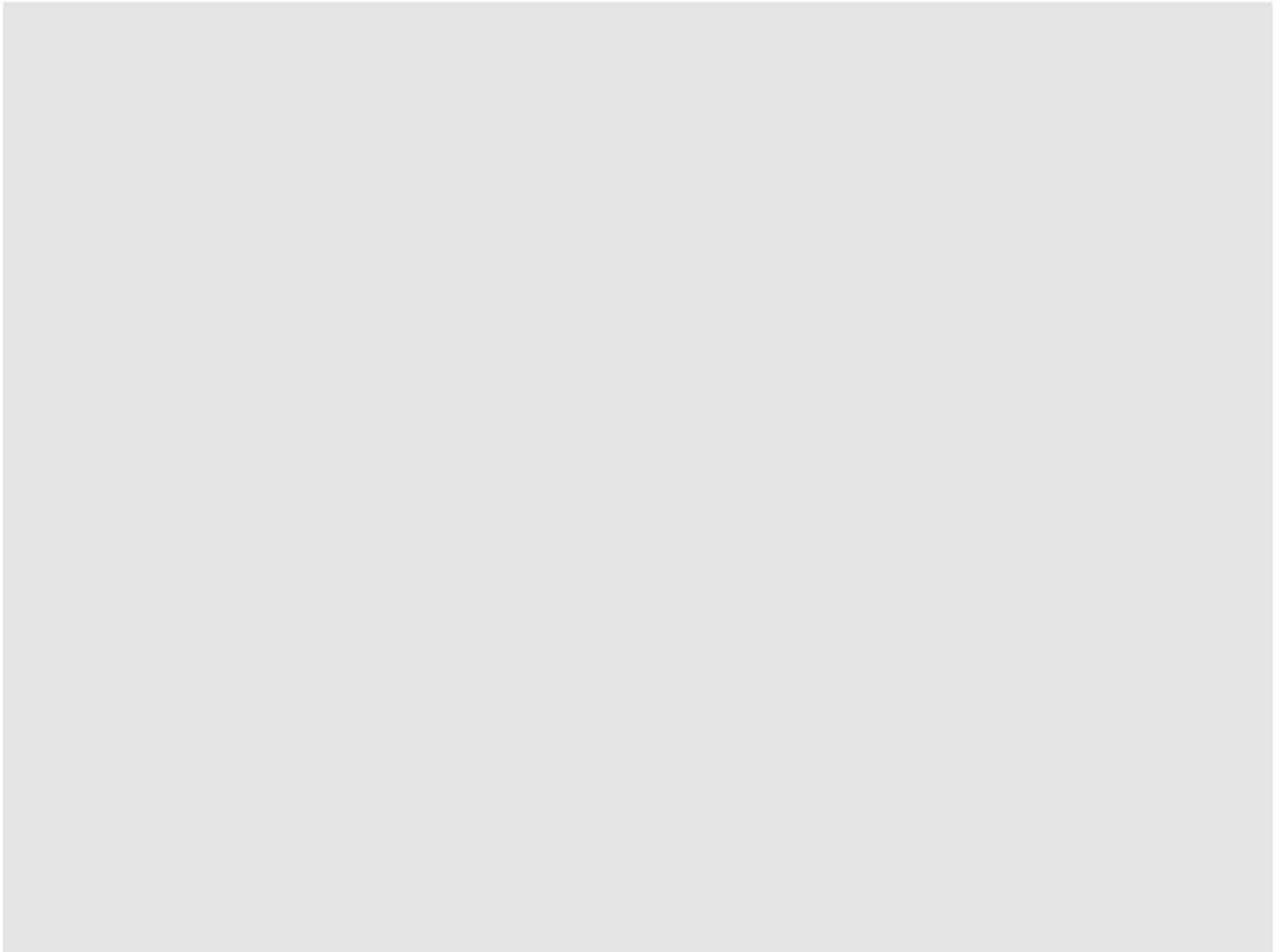
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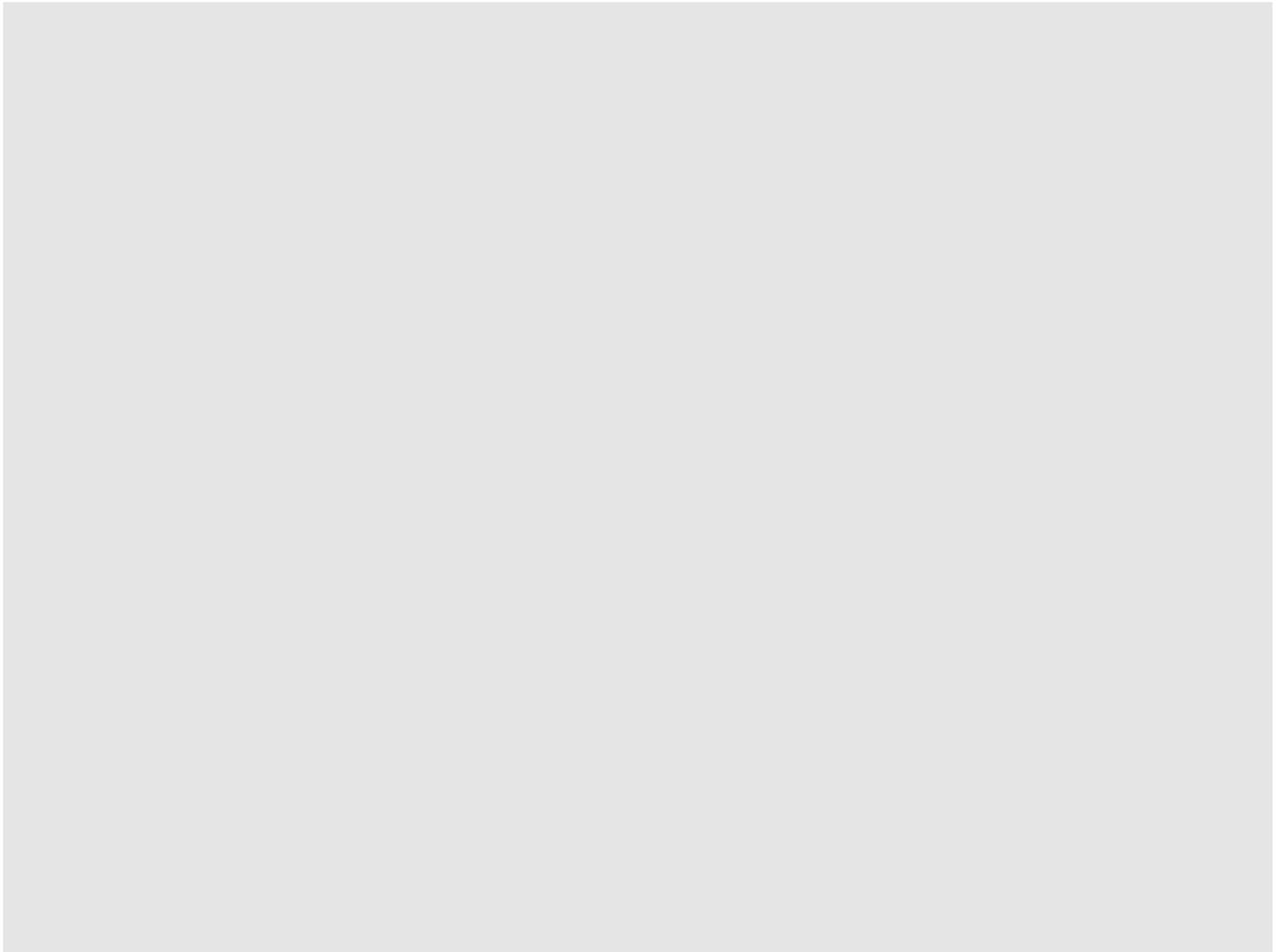
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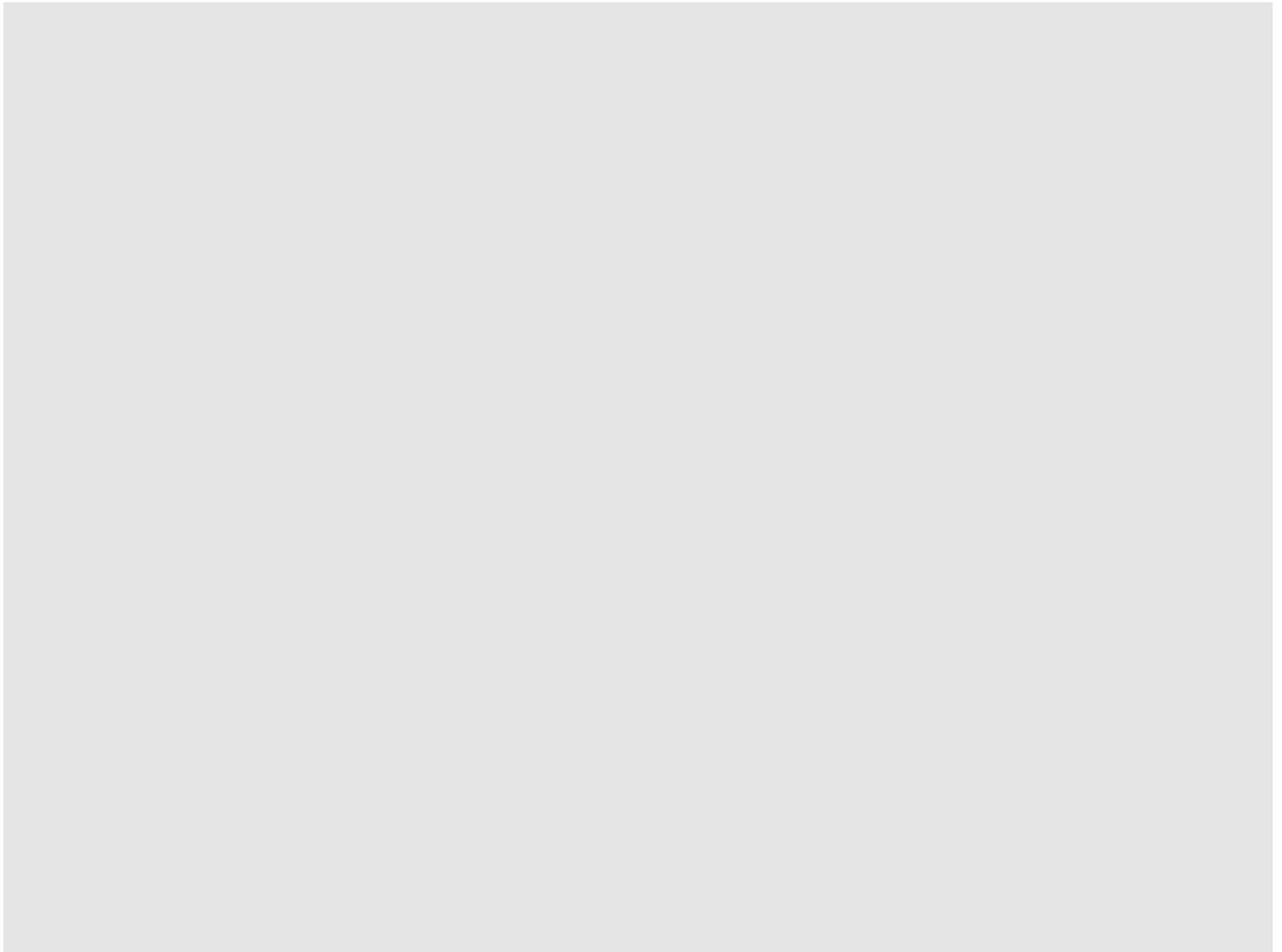


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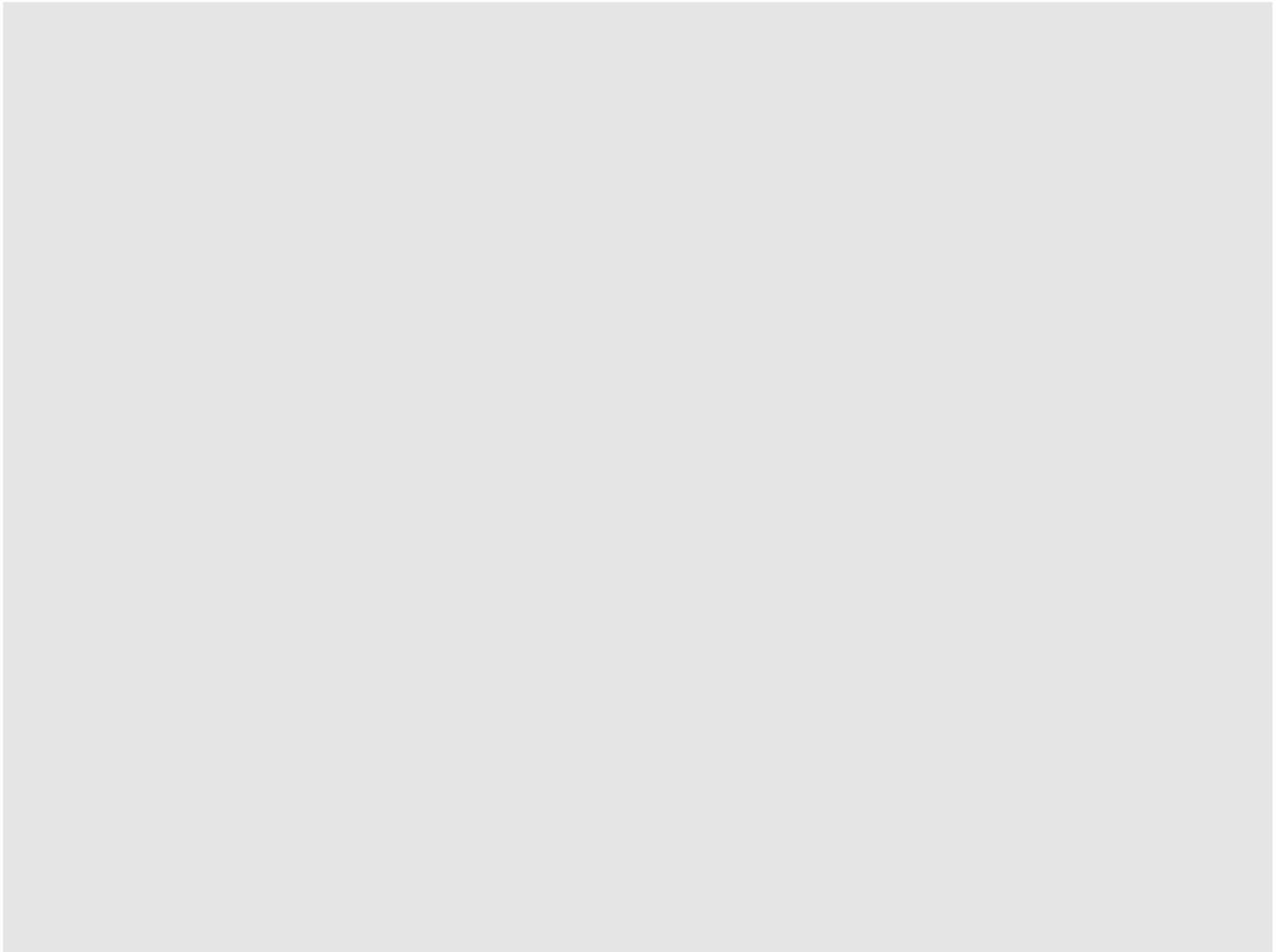


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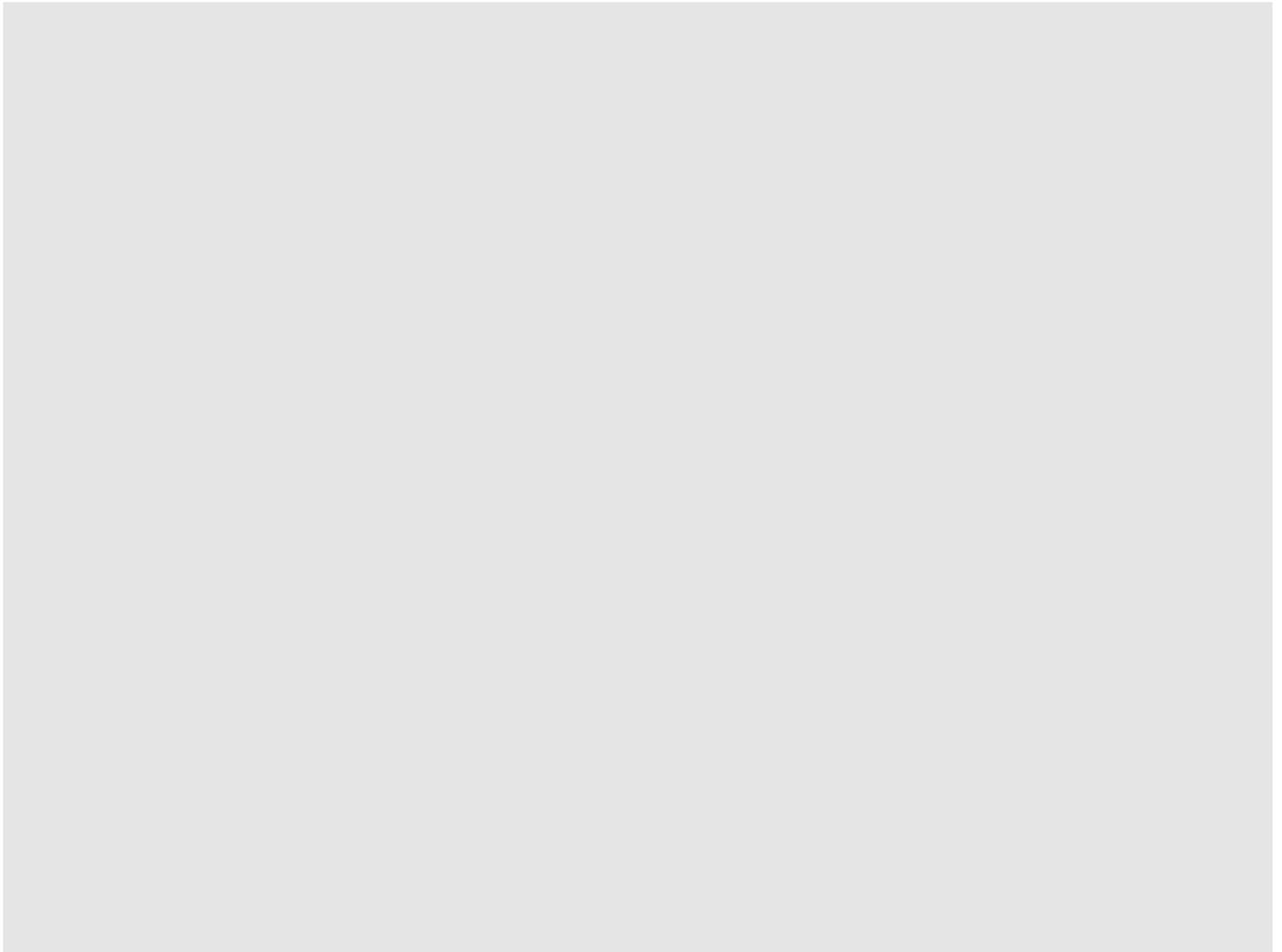


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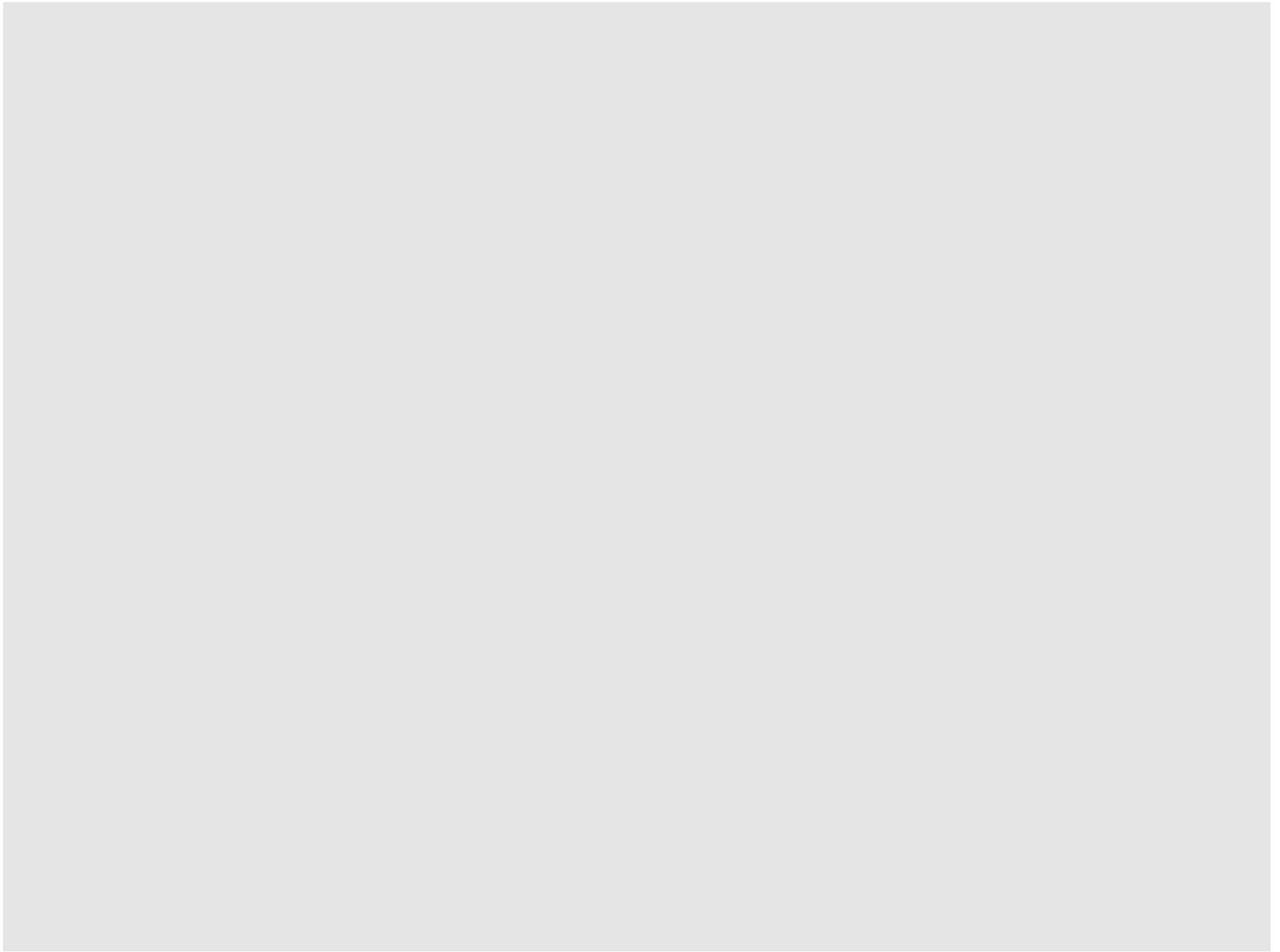
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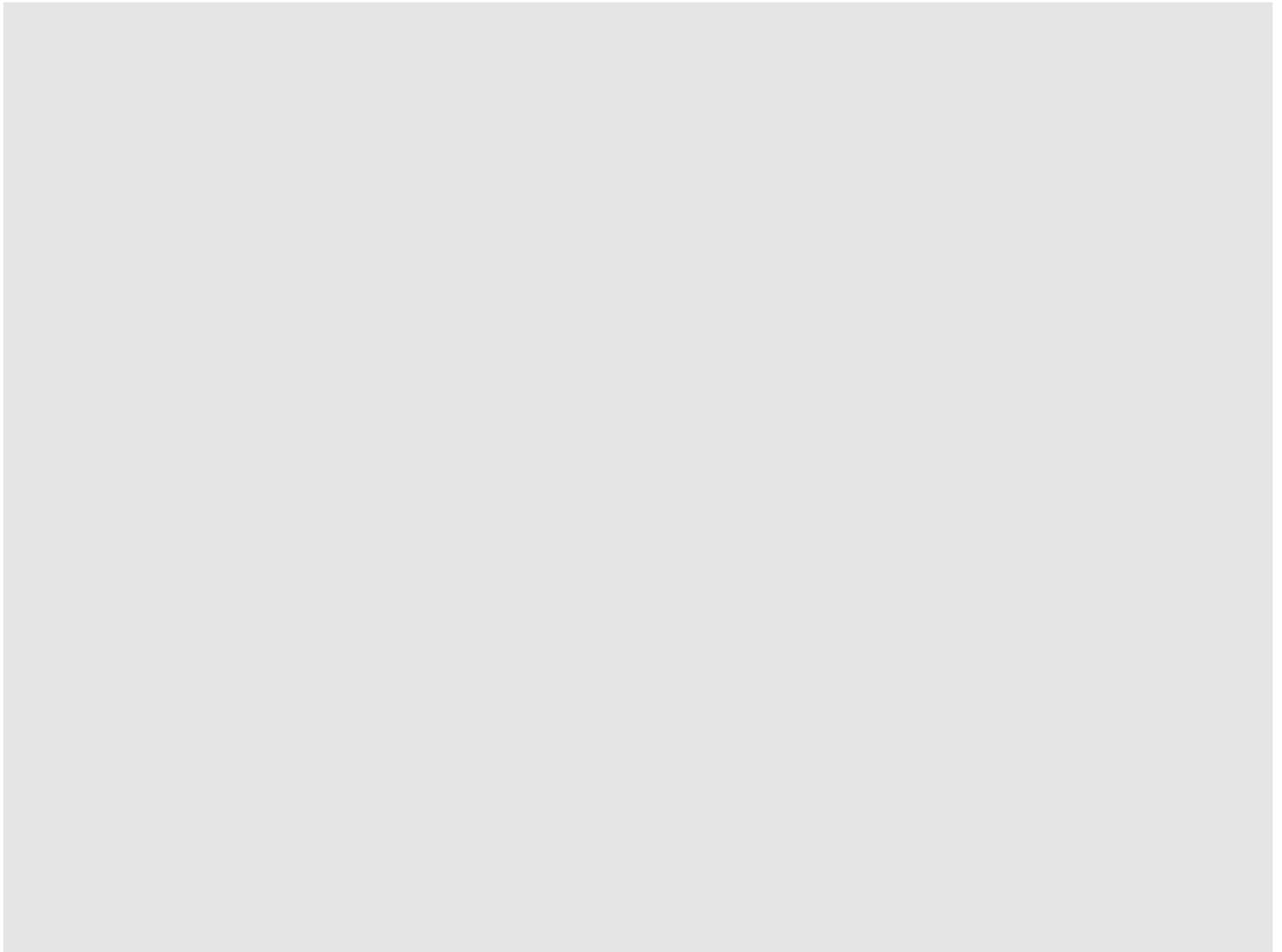


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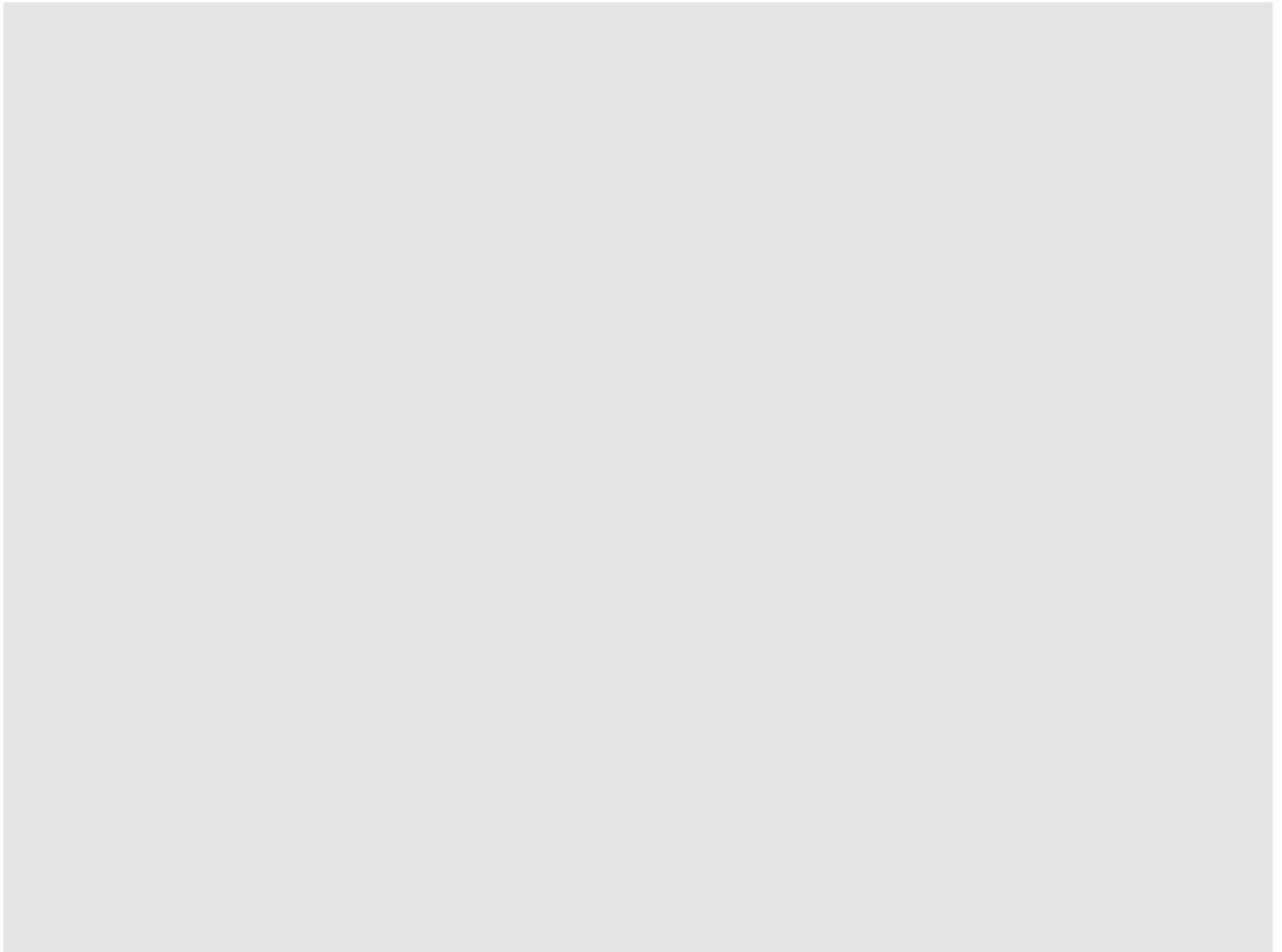
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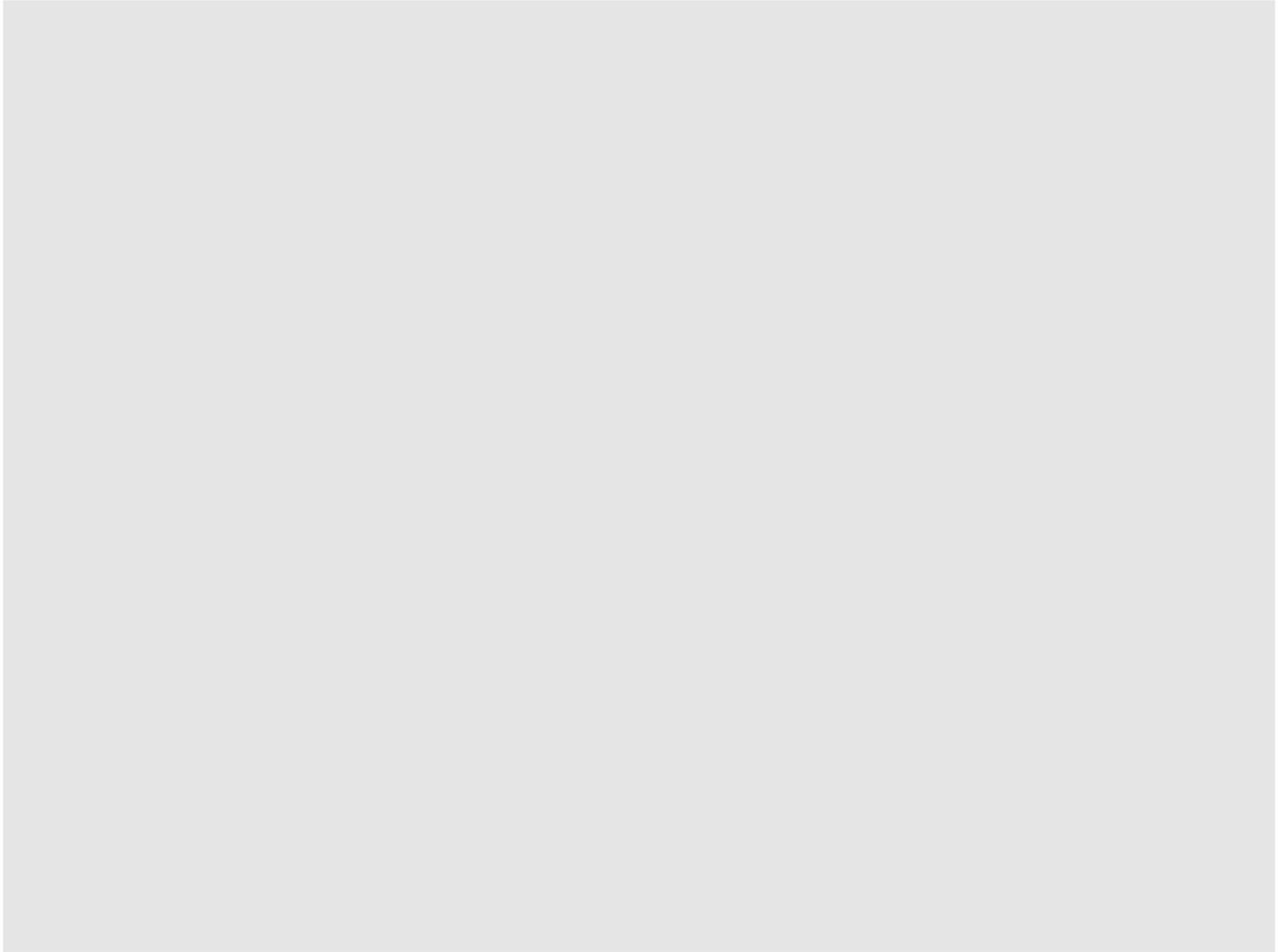
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Buford Middle School students stage walkout in protest of gun violence

In the wake of a mass shooting that left three University of Virginia students dead and two injured, about 150 Buford Middle School students walked out of their classes Friday afternoon to protest gun violence.

"Police are able to keep people outside of school and hurt people that don't deserve to be hurt, but they can't keep us safe in school. It's not fair at all," said eighth grader Amelia Morrison, an organizer of the walkout. "We deserve to feel safe."

The students also were protesting a fake active shooter call Tuesday morning at Walker Upper Elementary School, which some Buford students had attended only a year or two earlier. The hoax came a mere 36 hours after three University of Virginia football players were shot dead late Sunday night and led to kids hiding under their desks in fear.

Such threats, called swattings, have become all too routine to many students in Charlottesville.

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Buford was the target of two swattings within a month of each other just this semester, and Charlottesville City Schools has had four swattings since September.

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Charlottesville City Schools and Albemarle County Public Schools both canceled class on Monday, as UVa remained under an order to shelter-in-place as police searched buildings after the shooting deaths of Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr. and D'Sean Perry.

For Zip and Amelia, that meant they stayed inside all day.

"That made me feel concerned for my safety," Amelia said. She told the Daily Progress her mother made her stay in the house.

Other students expressed concerns Friday that the fake active shooter calls were leading students to take the threat of gun violence less seriously.

"I feel like a lot of students take it as a joke because it hasn't happened near us. And then on Sunday night, it happened near us," said Zip Kalergis, an eighth grader who helped Amelia plan the walkout.

"Kids have been talking about guns, kids have been talking about shooting up the school," Zip said. She and Amelia read students making jokes about school shootings online and heard it in person—even during lockdown drills, Amelia said.

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"They're joking about it being like 'Oh, I bet it's this kid,' like, 'Oh, we're about to get shot up,'" Amelia said.

The students who walked out at Buford did take it seriously. After organizers

spoke, students held a three-minute moment of silence. Then, those gathered clamored at the opportunity to make their voices heard.

"Stop gun violence!" one student shouted. Her peers erupted into applause.

Another student approached the microphone to speak: "Parents need to protect their kids and not their guns."

One of the student organizers, an eighth grader named Charles Bailey, recalled the Sept. 20 lockdown at Buford that followed a swatting.

"The first lockdown, I was pretty worried because I saw the cops and all," Charles said. He didn't hear an announcement and was walking down the hall when a teacher pulled him into her classroom.

Buford's principal, Rodney Jordan, said the school had been working on how it communicates lockdowns to students. School officials typically announce them via intercom, but they want to find a different way to alert students, faculty and staff.

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"We don't want students or staff thinking every time they hear the beeps that, 'Oh no, is this another time that the police are here?'" Jordan said.

Most Buford students are between the ages of 12 and 14. The younger students have lived through 232 school shootings, according to a database compiled by the Washington Post.

"This has been important to me my whole life," said eighth grader Evelyn

Campbell.

Amelia urged her fellow students to seek help if they needed it.

"There's people who will gladly listen to you. Go and talk to someone if you're feeling aggressive," she said.

It had been a difficult week for Charlottesville and the UVa community, but Charles said he was doing alright.

"I'm handling it good. I'm just hoping we get a change these days."

"We deserve to feel safe." -- Eighth grader Amelia Morrison

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No bond for UVa murder suspect in first court appearance since shooting

Christopher Darnell Jones, Jr., charged in the murders of the three athletes, was denied bond in his first court appearance Wednesday morning. Jones appeared via video chat Albemarle County Regional Jail, where he is being held in connection with the murders of UVa students and football players Lavel Davis, Jr., Devin Chandler and D'Sean Perry on a bus returning from a field trip on Sunday night. Chandler was said to be sleeping at the time, Albemarle County Commonwealth Attorney James Hingeley said in the hearing.

Albemarle Commonwealth's Attorney Jim Hingeley speaks on the steps of the Albemarle District Court following a court appearance by UVa shooting suspect Christopher Darnell Jones Jr. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022.

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Judge Andrew Sneathern of the General District Court denied bond for Jones, who is also suspected of inflicting injuries on university students Marlee Morgan and Michael Hollins. According to the public information officer at UVa Health, one of the survivors was discharged from the Medical Center on Tuesday while the other remained in serious condition.

Later Wednesday, Hollins's mother, Brenda, released a statement thanking people for their prayers and asking for privacy for Hollins as he heals. She also asked for people to continue praying for the deceased victims' families.

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Jones is facing three charges of second-degree murder, three charges of using a firearm while committing a felony, and two malicious wounding charges.

Hingeley recounted the facts presented by the University of Virginia, Charlottesville and Albemarle County Police Departments.

Around 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, university police received a call that shots were fired on a bus full of students leaving the Culbreth Garage on UVa grounds.

Hingeley revealed that UPD Sergeant Dan Stuart spoke with a witness who confirmed that the suspect traveled to Washington D.C. with the other students on the bus for a class field trip.

"Stuart said the individual who shot his classmates was someone the witness knew as Chris," Hingeley said.

The witness said that they saw Jones point a gun at Chandler and shoot him while he slept.

According to Stuart, the witness identified Jones as "Chris" when she saw his Virginia Cavaliers football headshot.

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Hingeley revealed more details about Jones' criminal history during the first appearance. Jones was arrested on February 22, 2021 in Chesterfield for a

concealed weapons violation, for which he was convicted on June 10 the same year. Jones received a 10-month suspended sentence for the violation. In September 2021 Jones was charged for a hit and run with damage and reckless driving in Petersburg . After being convicted of both, Jones received a 12-month suspended sentence.

“He was arrested on all three charges at the same time,” Hingeley said. “Although the charges occurred at different times, none of those charges occurred at a time when he was serving on a condition of suspended sentence.

Judges grant suspended sentences when they decide to sentence a formerly active jail sentence. This is a way for judges to “give the individual a chance,” Hingeley says.

Jones will appear in court again on Dec. 8 for his status hearing where he will confirm his legal representation and the court will decide next steps on the road to trial.

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Tony Elliott, members of Virginia football program leaning on each other as they grieve



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Those drops spritzing from Charlottesville's overcast sky on Tuesday afternoon were probably from the three of them, knowing that their coaches, teammates and classmates couldn't keep a dry eye as they grieved down here.

Outside the same Scott Stadium entrance gates that navy-and-orange clad

spectators flock through on Saturdays in the fall, flowers of all colors and hand-written notes to [Lavel Davis Jr.](#), [D'Sean Perry](#) and [Devin Chandler](#) — the three Virginia football players killed in Sunday's shooting on Grounds — were left.

The makeshift memorial was a safe haven for UVA's community to pay its respects.

Friends who knew the three victims and fans who didn't gathered and shared hugs. Even one of their football brethren had trekked the mile from the McCue Center, the Cavaliers' team facility, to the stadium to see for himself how his teammates were honored.

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In his navy team-issued sweatshirt, sweatpants and matching beanie, kicker Will Bettridge — also a high school teammate of Perry's at Gulliver Prep in Miami — paced the length of the gates slowly as he wiped tears from his face and shook his head, still in disbelief.

Earlier on Tuesday, the Cavaliers met and shared the memories they'll grip to forever of Davis, Perry and Chandler, UVA coach Tony Elliott said during a somber joint press conference later in the day with athletic director Carla Williams.

"Nothing can prepare you for this situation," Elliott said, "and we just want to be there to support the guys."

Said Williams: "It's so shocking that you just want to love on our players, so that's where we've spent our energies. That's where we've spent our time."

Elliott said the last few days have felt "like a nightmare" and that Tuesday started in the same fashion, but "ended a lot better" because of the hours the players and coaches within the program spent trading stories about Davis, Perry and Chandler.

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Elliott knew Davis the longest dating back to when Elliott met the 6-foot-7 superstar pass-catcher as a budding prospect on the recruiting trail. Elliott was an assistant at Clemson then, and upon his hiring at UVa last December, Davis said he was thrilled to actually get the chance to play for the former Tigers offensive coordinator.

"Just to see him grow," Elliott said about Davis, as Williams, seated to Elliott's left, fought back tears with each word Elliott uttered.

"But big smile," Elliott continued. "Lights up the room. Most people would say because he is the tallest guy in the room, but it's just his presence. He has a gentleness about him, but he is passionate about what he believes in.

"So, a lot of the stories today were about the silly basketball arguments they would have and debates in the locker room. Everybody knew that they could get Lavelle to kind of hunker down just by saying one thing, but the other thing that resonated is just how good of a teammate he was."

Perry, according to Elliott, was a Renaissance Man of sorts. The fourth-year

junior linebacker and defensive end on the football field, could draw, shape pots with clay, loved music and had a terrific sense of humor.

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"He was probably the most interesting man on the team," Elliott said, "if you had to kind of compare him to somebody. I've told him that, and I've told his teammates that because I value the skills and talents that he possesses beyond the game."

Chandler, a transfer wide receiver from Wisconsin who was only in his first year with the Cavaliers, was ultra-competitive, Elliott said about how Chandler's teammates remembered him.

"Loved to compete," Elliott said as he started to smile through his reflection, "even though the guys revealed that [Chandler] wasn't very good at video games when he thought he was. But, he loved to compete. And the thing I remember about him is he always brought a smile to my face because he just was happy with where he was."

There was no decision on Tuesday afternoon regarding the status of Saturday's game against Coastal Carolina, but as Elliott pointed out, it was still too early to discuss the schedule going forward. Williams said UVA's athletic staff will, "use our best judgement" when it comes to the game.

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Tuesday was about beginning the healing process and sticking together through it as a team. Williams said three in-house psychologists are available to players, too.

"I've had my moments where I've broken down and showed my emotions," Elliott said, "and I've even had those moments in front of the team. I think it's important that we all grieve. These are outstanding young men that we don't understand why they're gone so early."

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UVa shooting suspect in custody, confirmed during press conference

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The suspect in a shooting that killed three University of Virginia football players while injuring two other students at the University of Virginia is in custody after a more than 12-hour manhunt Monday morning.

The suspect, Christopher Darnell Jones, Jr., was apprehended in Henrico County. Jones is a UVa student. And while many mass shootings appear to be random events on people the shooters do not know, the shootings Sunday night were different because Jones knew at least some of the men he shot.

University of Virginia police chief Tim Longo reports shooting suspect has been apprehended. Video: Eva Russo/
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Jones, who was once on the football team roster, is suspected of killing Devin Chandler, a second-year student from Virginia Beach; Lavel Davis Jr., a third-year student from Ridgeville, South Carolina; and D'Sean Perry, a fourth-year student from Miami, Florida.

Two other students, whose names are not being made public at this time to protect their privacy, were wounded and are being treated for injuries at the UVa Medical Center, UVa President Jim Ryan confirmed. One injured victim is in good condition, and the other is in critical condition, said Ryan, who visited the student in good condition early Monday morning.

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Jones is currently facing charges for three counts of second-degree murder and three counts of using a handgun in the commission of a felony.

Jones caught the attention of the UVa Police Department Threat Assessment team earlier this year when his name appeared in a hazing investigation, according to UVa Police chief Tim Longo. During the investigation, police found that Jones had been charged with having a concealed weapon in February, 2021. According to Longo, the hazing investigation was closed because witnesses would not cooperate.

In high school in Richmond, Jones was an honor student, president of the Key Club and member of the National Honor Society. He was on the roster of the University of Virginia football team in 2018.



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UVa Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer Robyn Hadley confirmed that earlier this fall, Student Affairs told UVa police that Jones told someone unaffiliated with the university that he had a gun. Jones' roommate told police that he had never actually seen the gun, according to Longo.

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On Sunday around 10:30 p.m. UVa police responded to a call of shots fired coming from the Culbreth Garage area, Longo said, very near the practice

field for the UVa marching band and two fraternity houses.

University police sent its first digital alert about the shooting to UVa Alerts subscribers at 10:56 p.m. on Sunday, notifying them that a shooter who had opened fire in or near the garage had not been apprehended. One of the alerts warned people not to approach the shooter if they saw him, as he was considered armed and dangerous.

The shootings happened on a charter bus full of UVa students returning from a field trip to see a play at a theater in Washington, D.C. on Sunday. University officials have not confirmed whether Jones was in the class.

The digital alert also marked the beginning of the shelter-in-place order that began on Sunday night and ended at 10:33 a.m. on Monday. Chief Longo said that more than 3,500 students took shelter off of UVa grounds until the order was lifted.

Police have not yet determined a motive for the attack.

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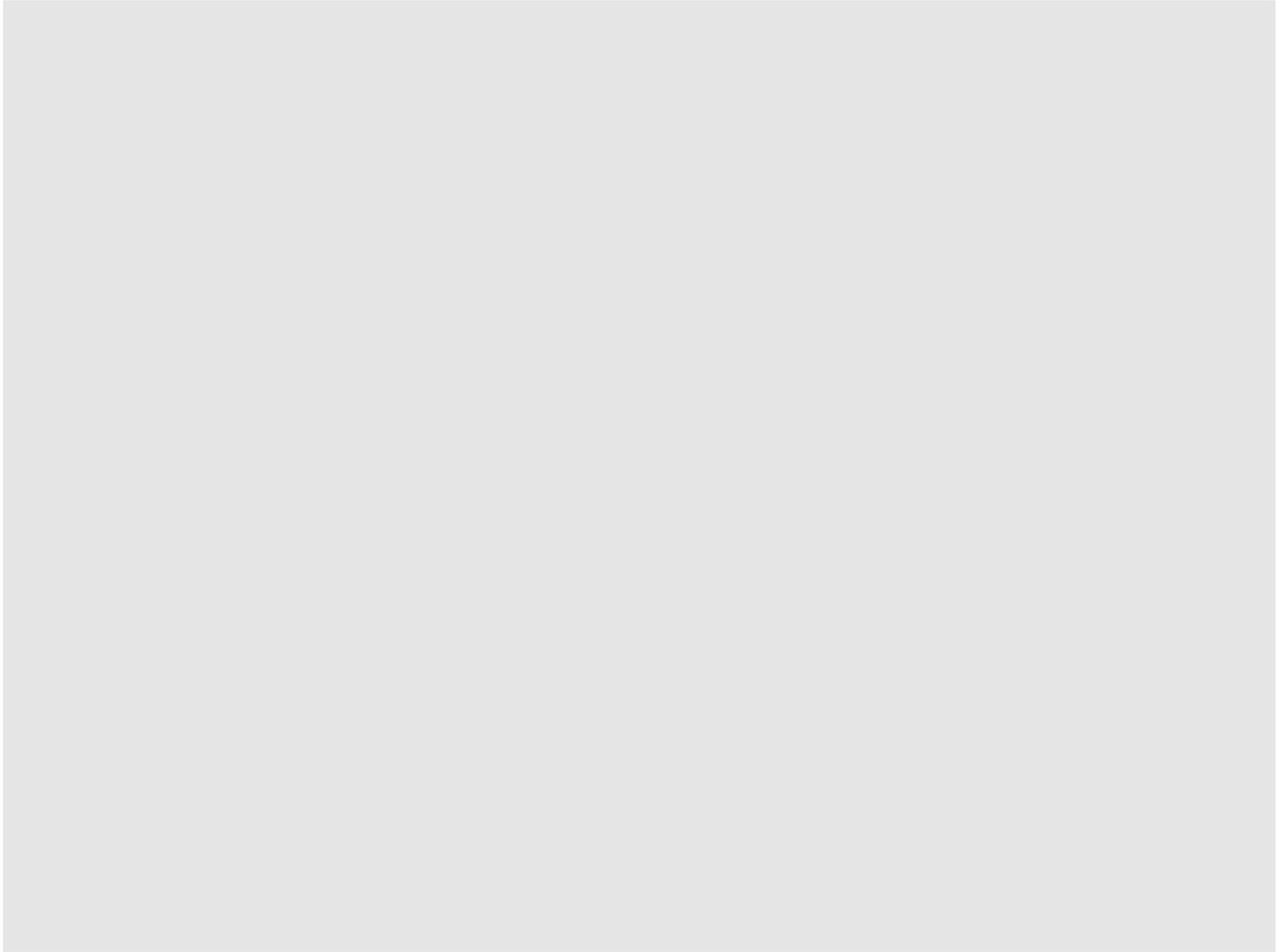


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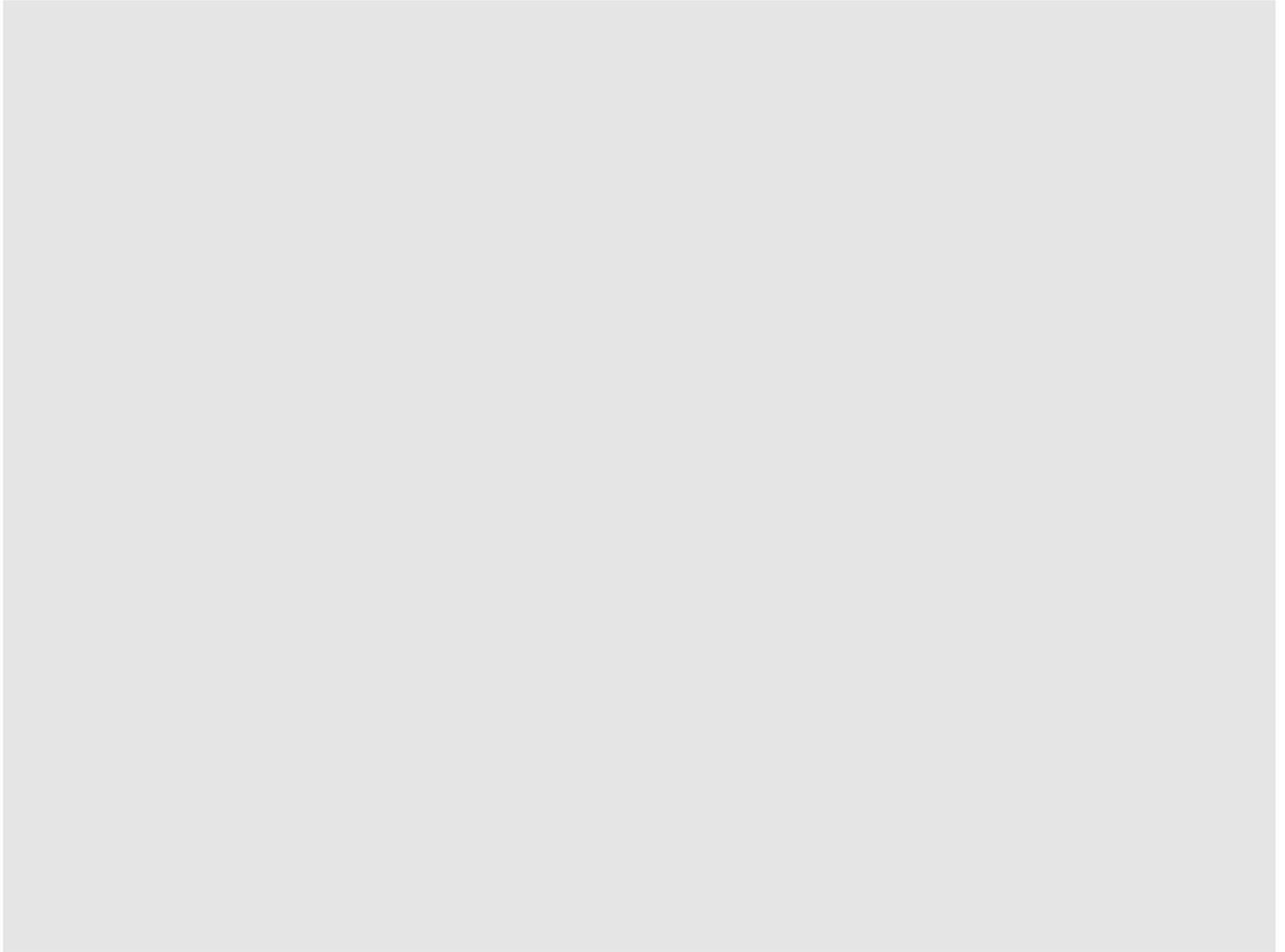
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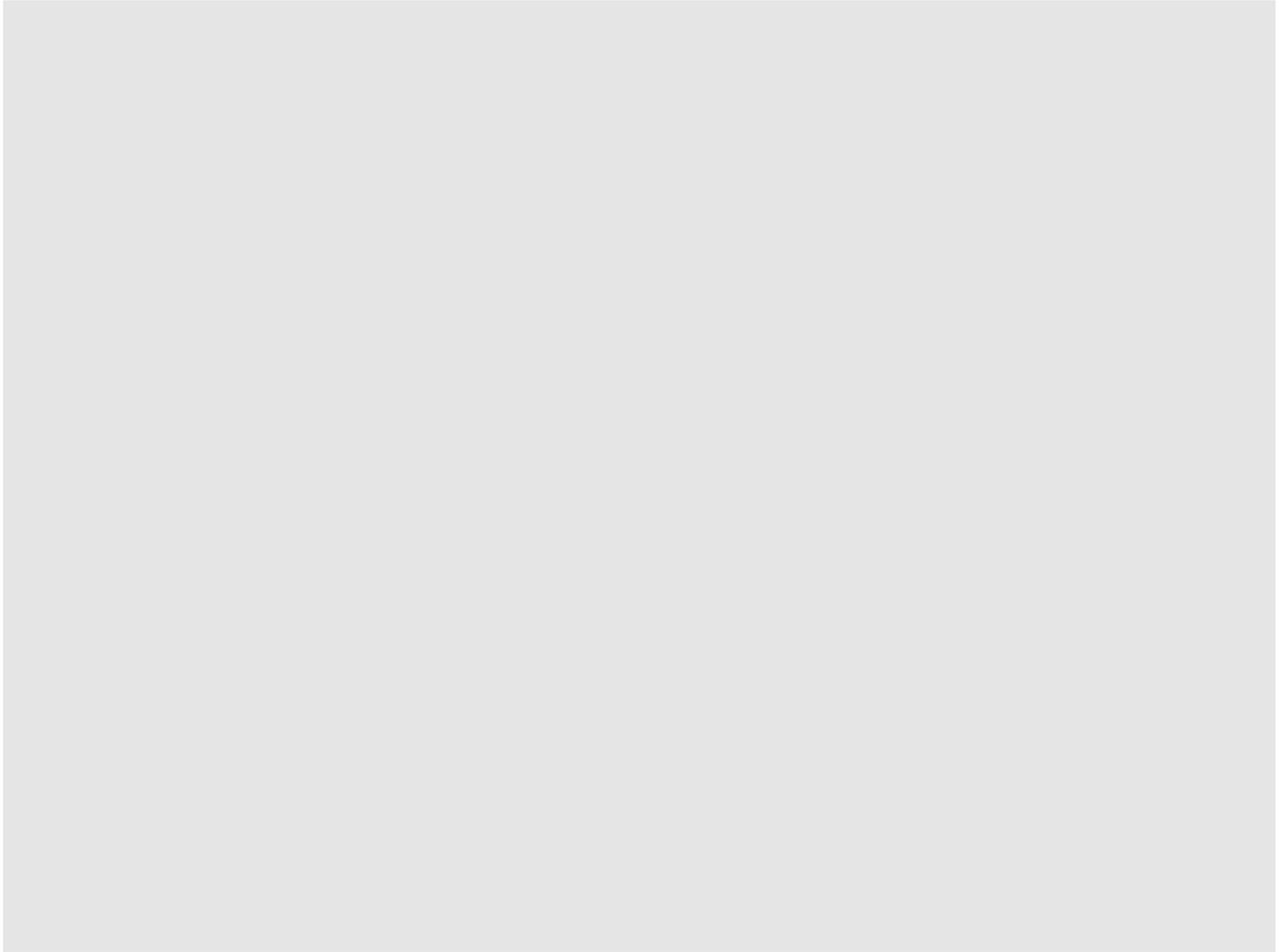
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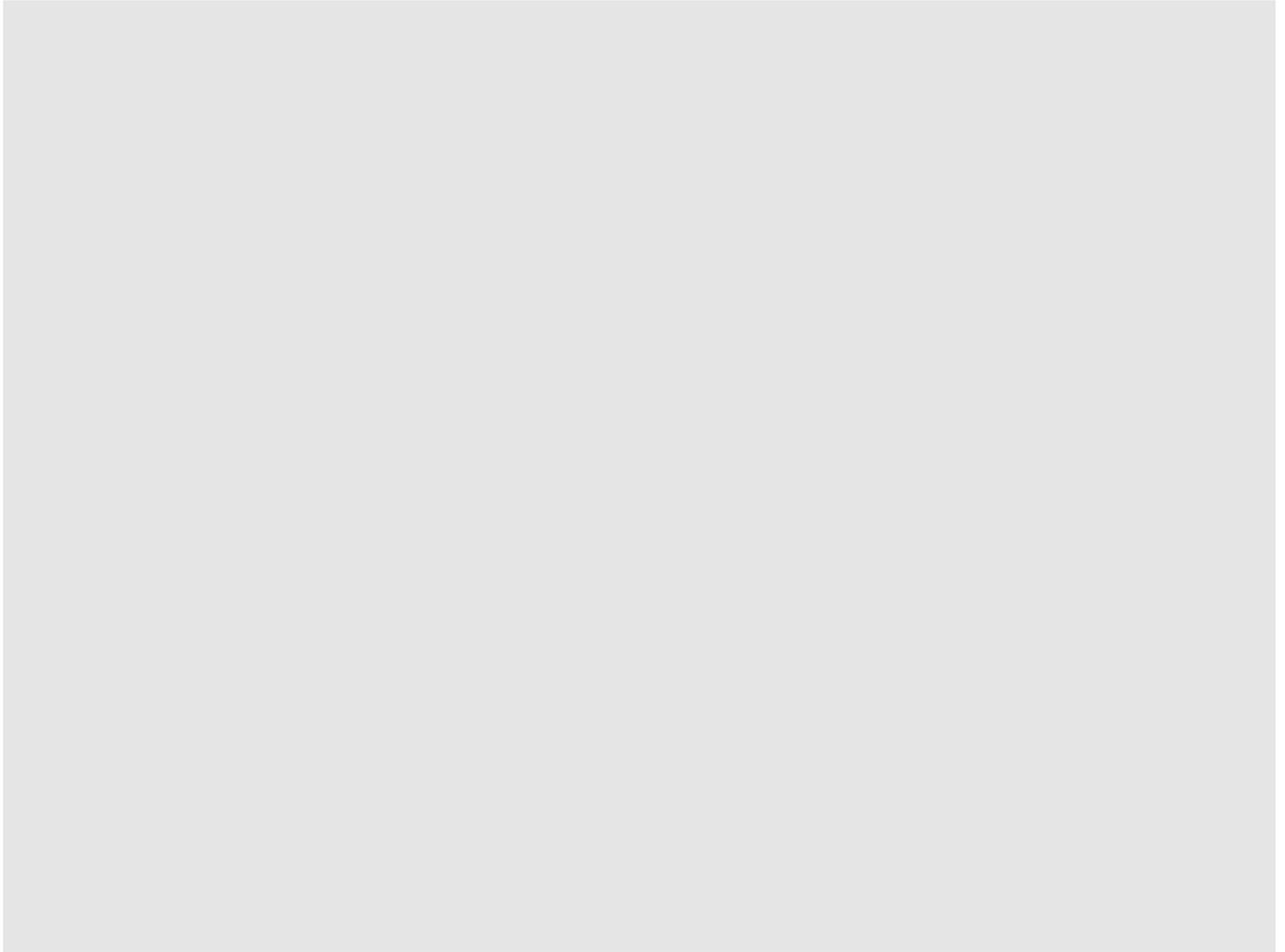
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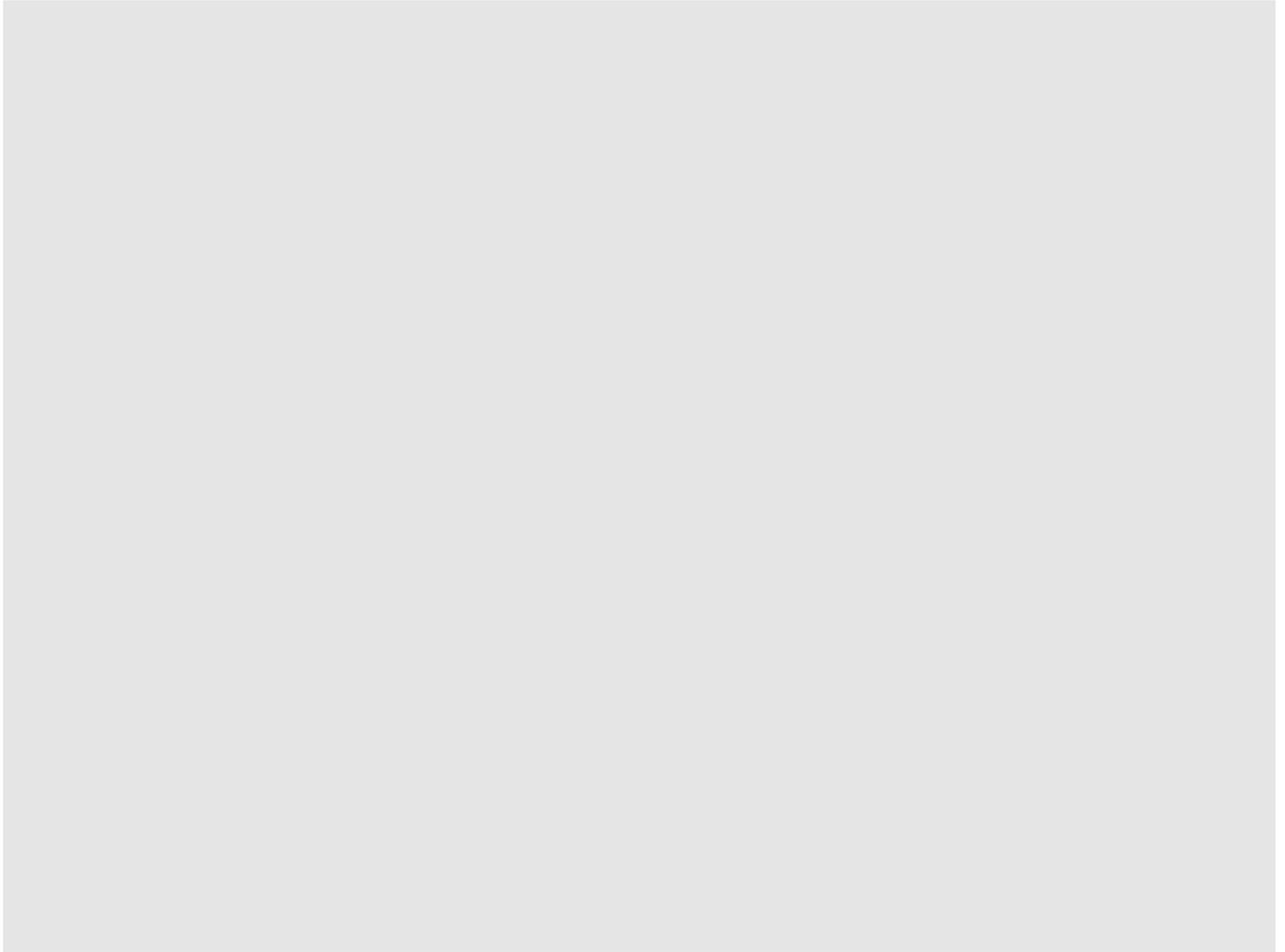
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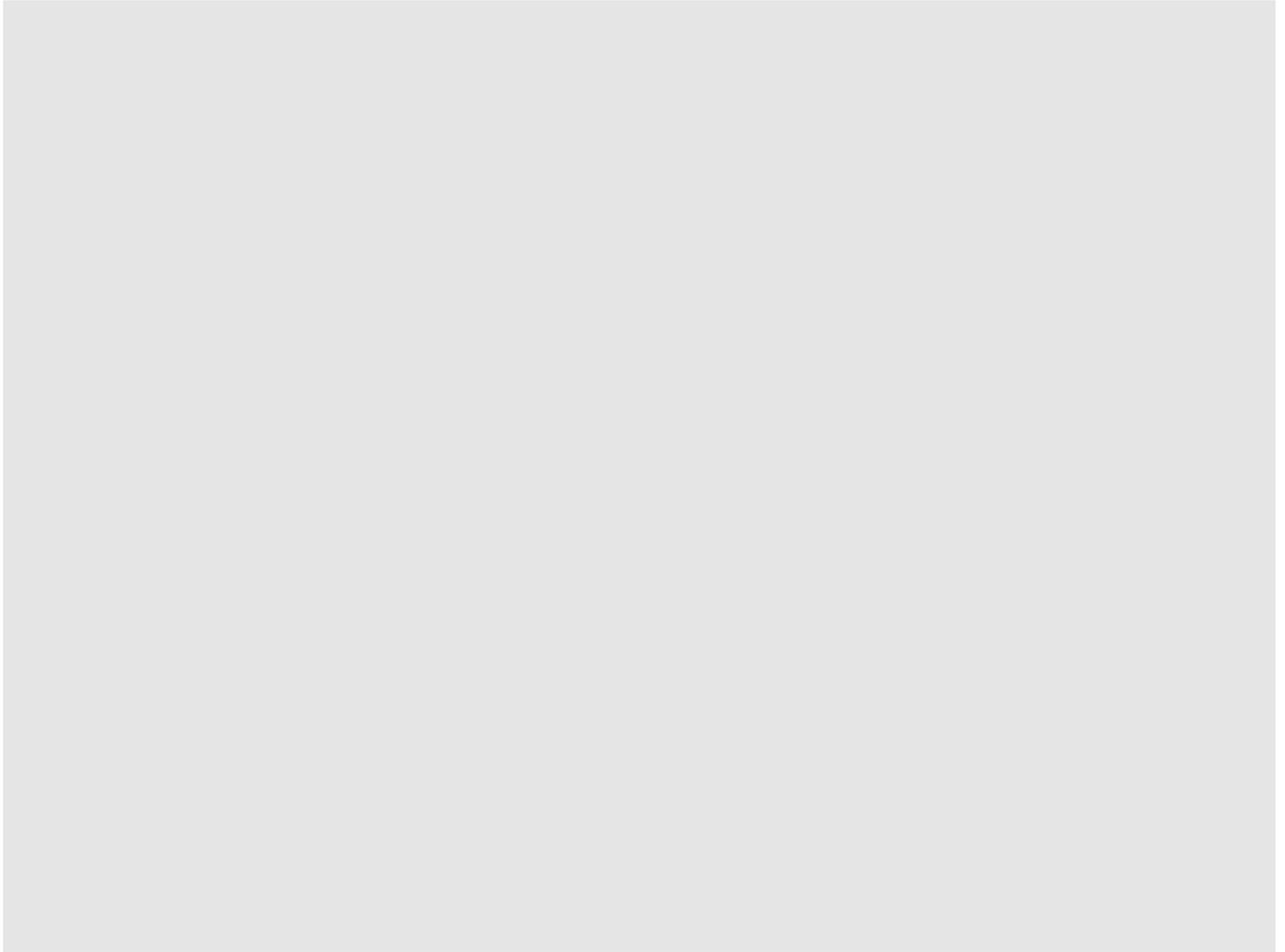
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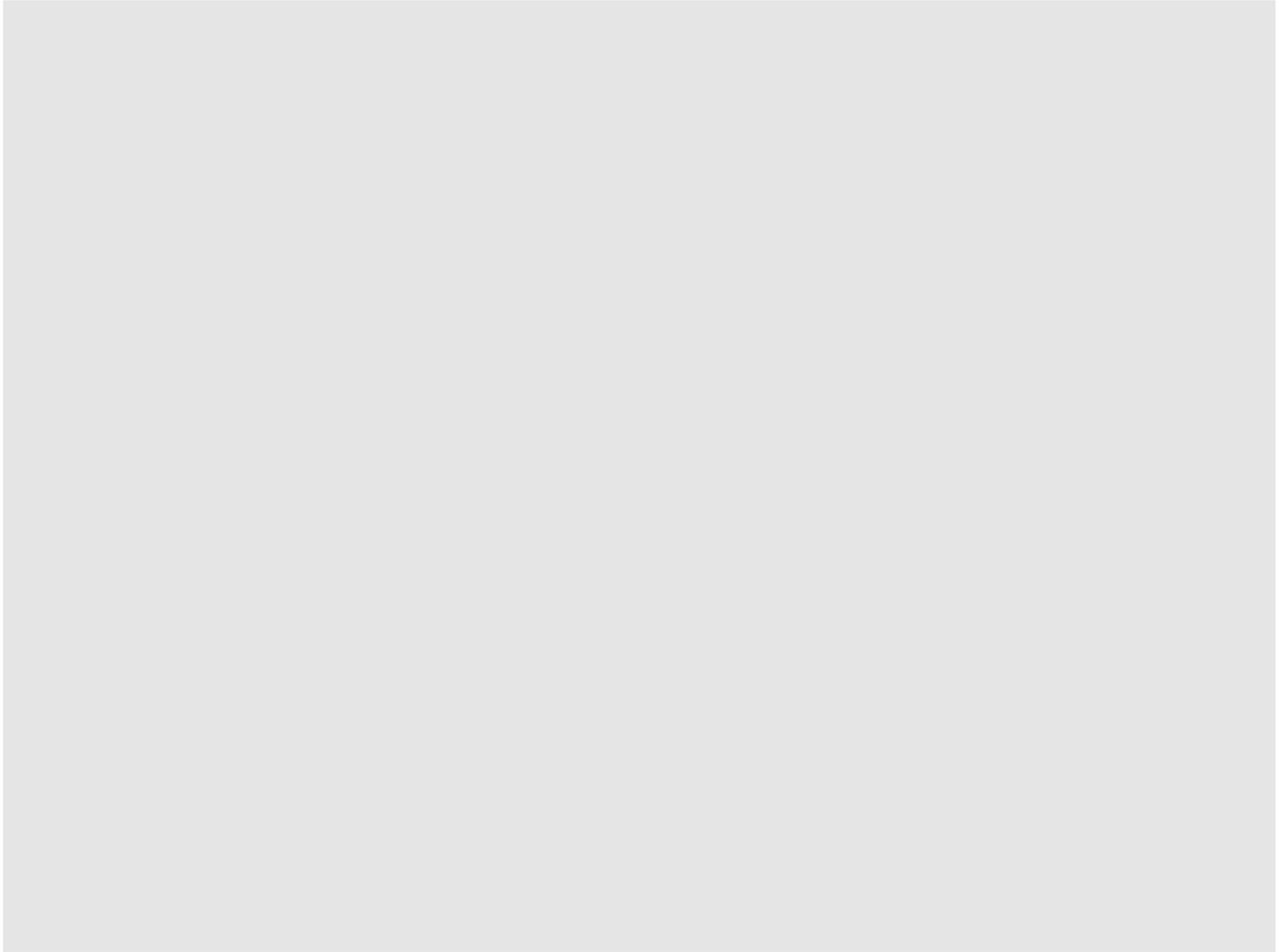
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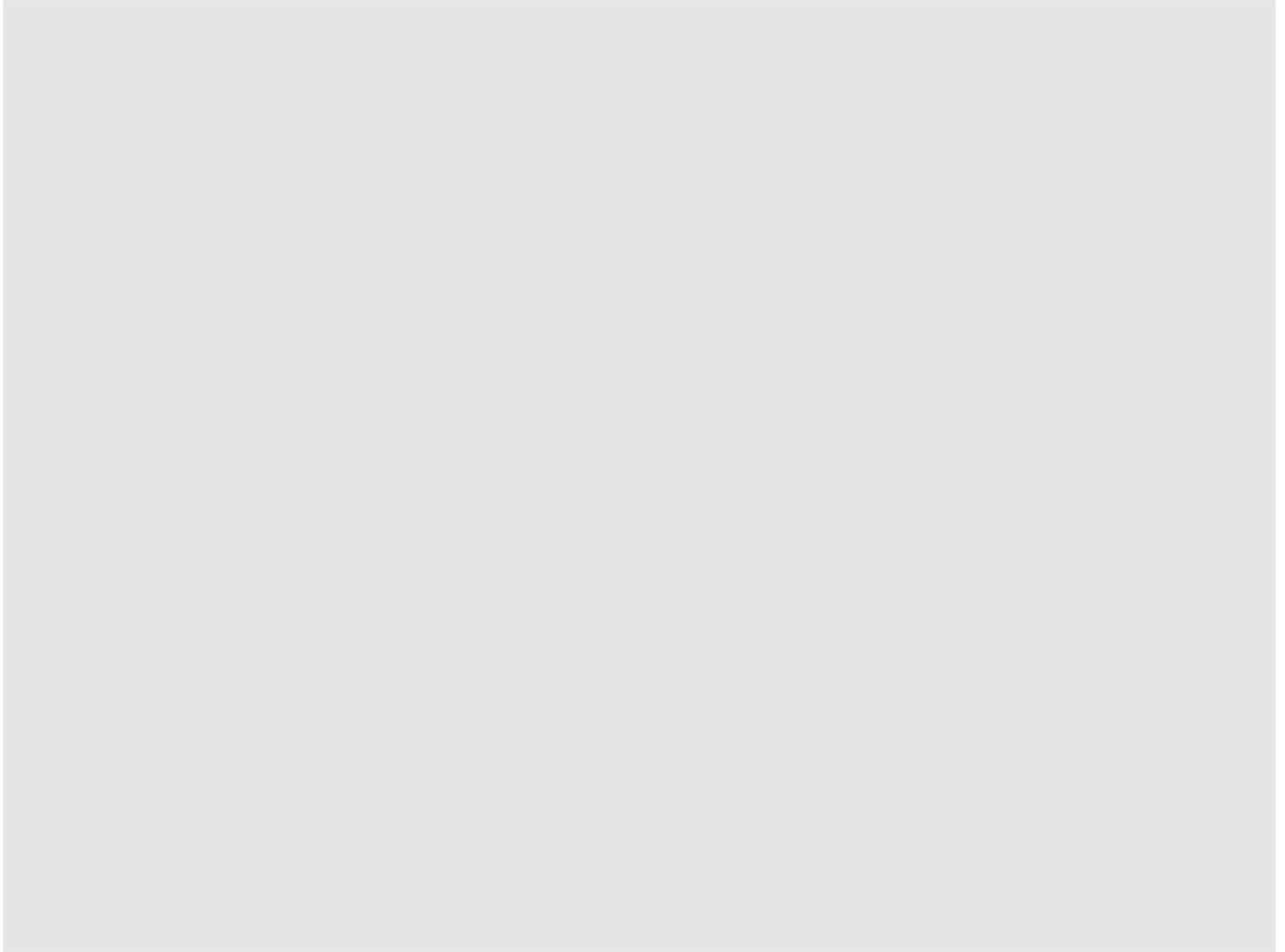
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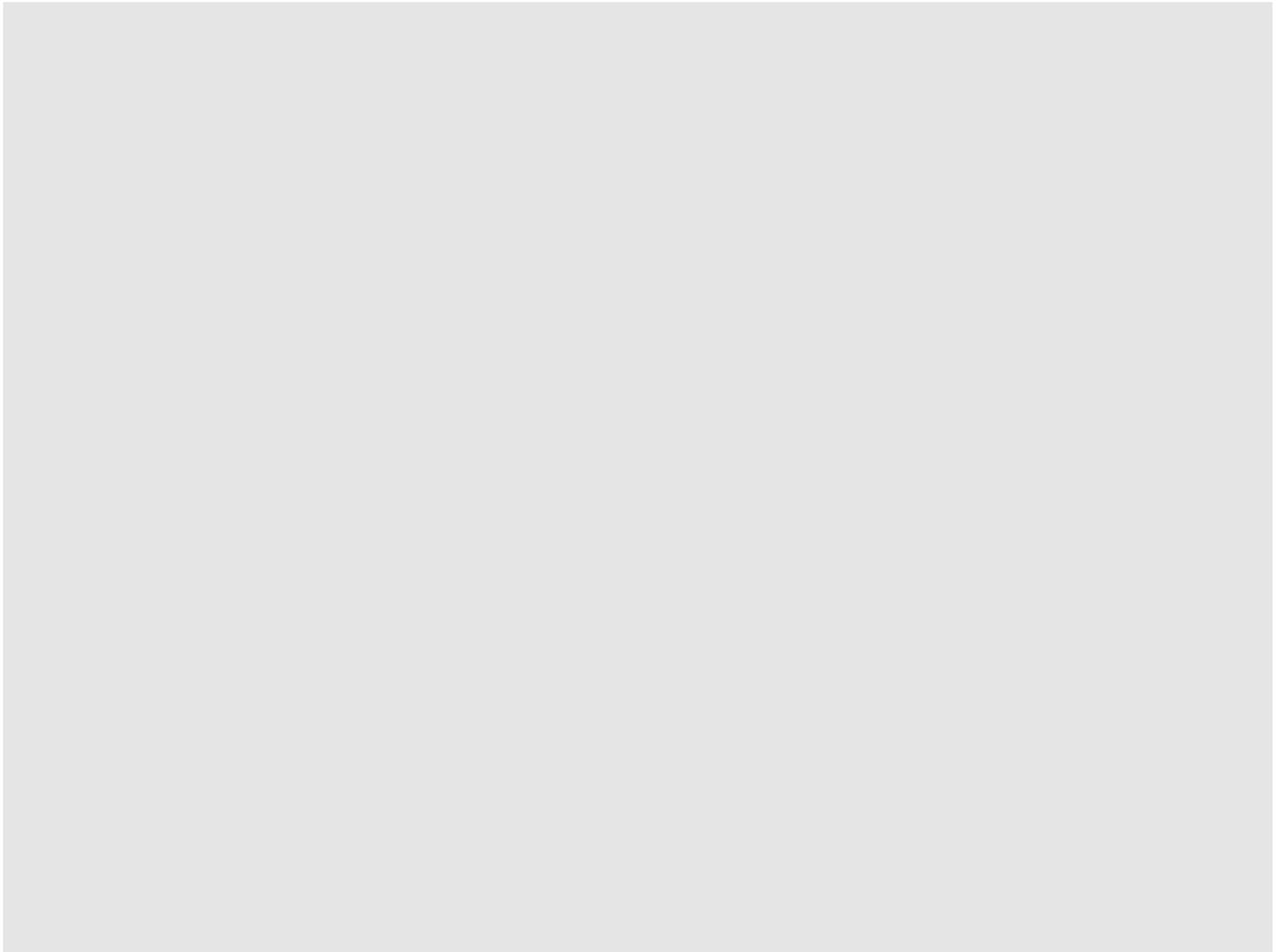
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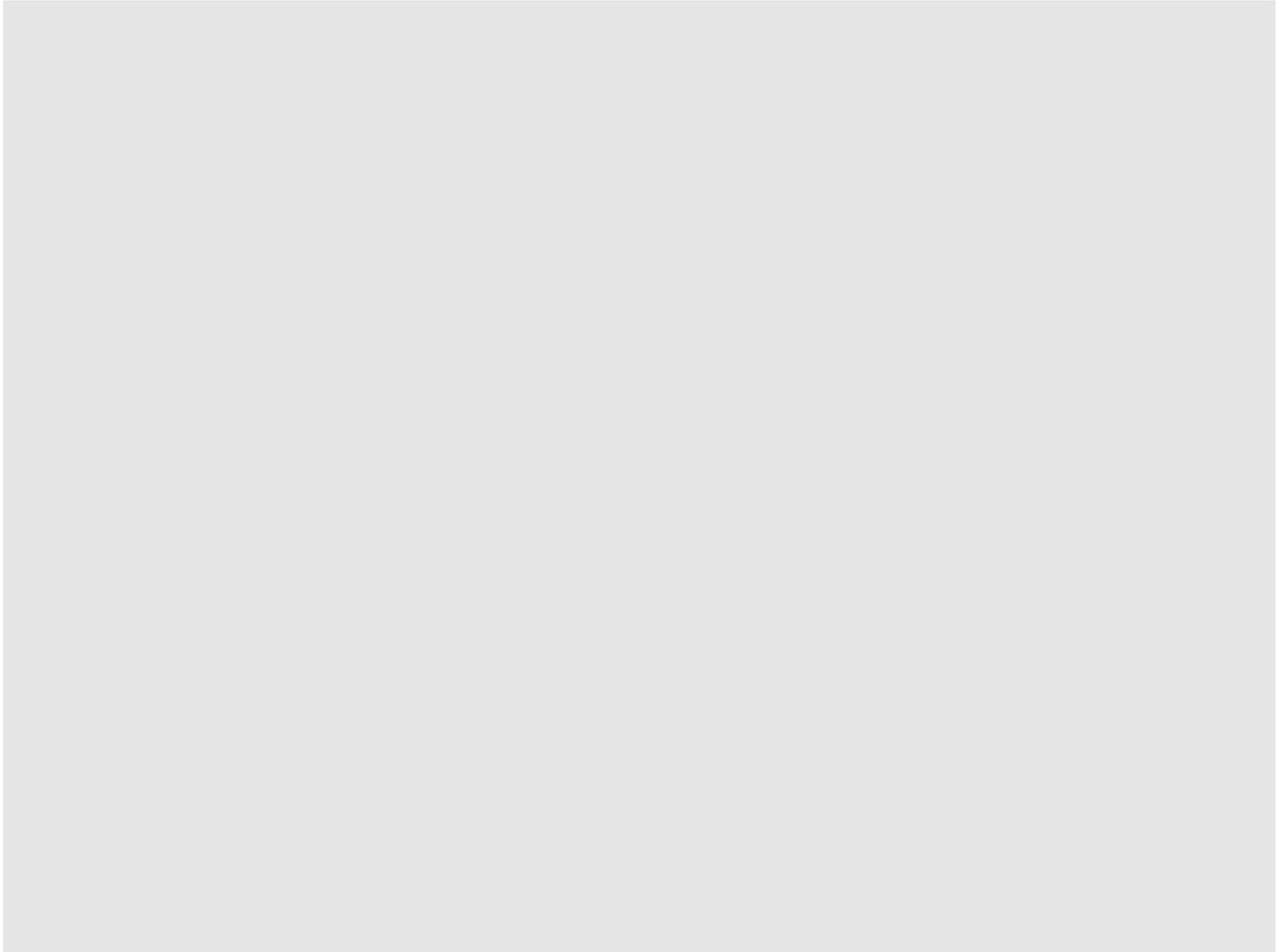
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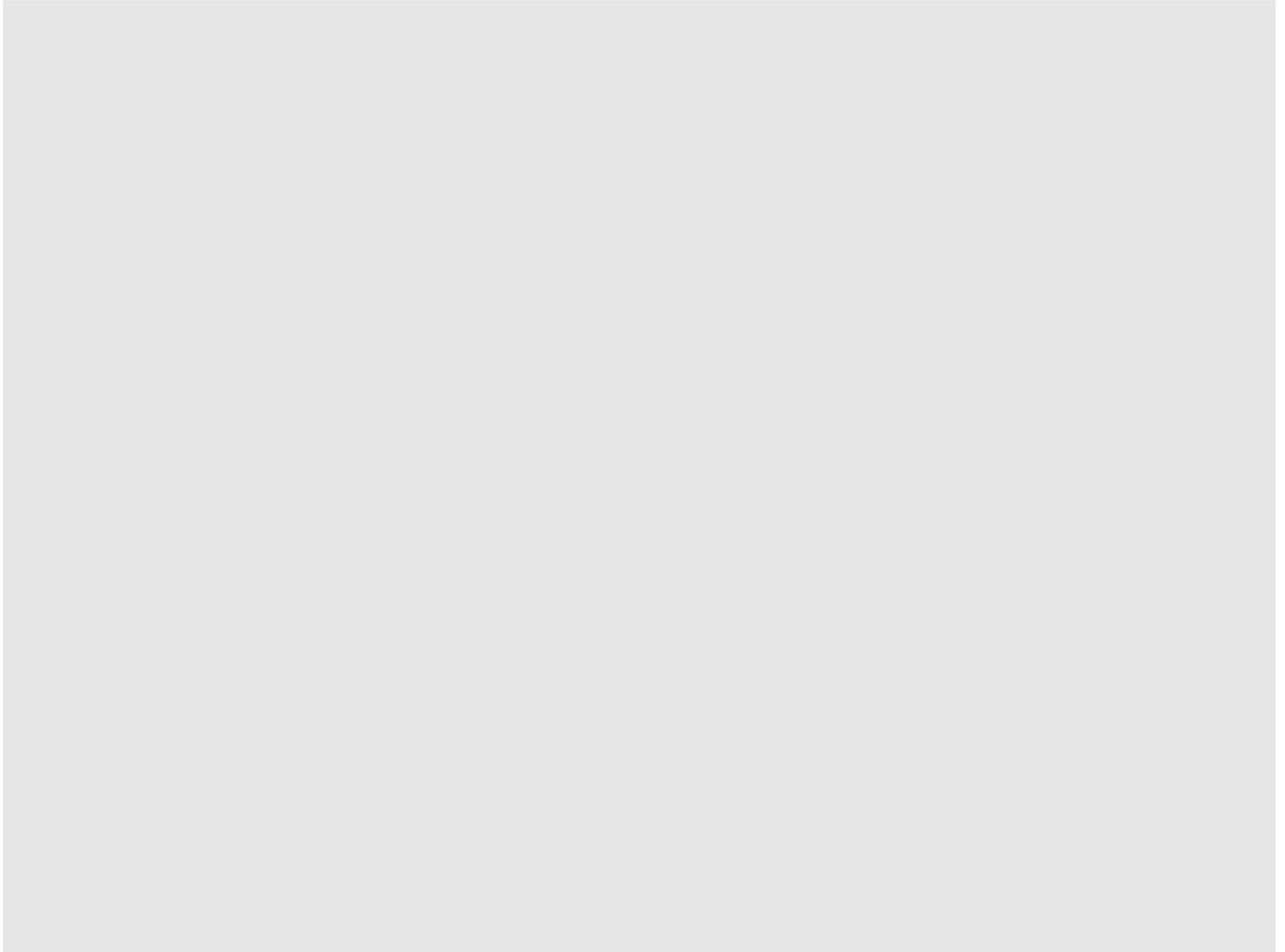
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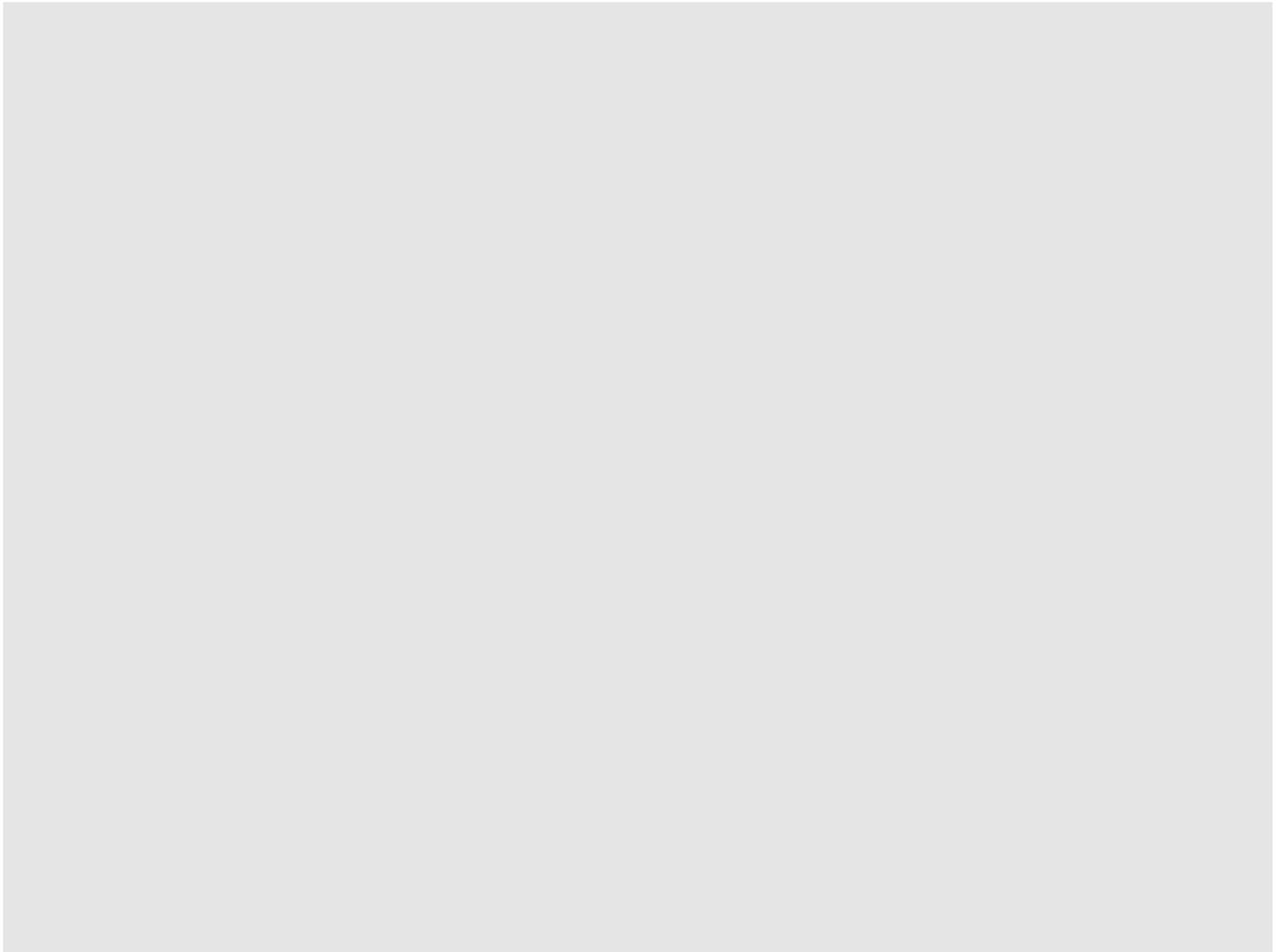
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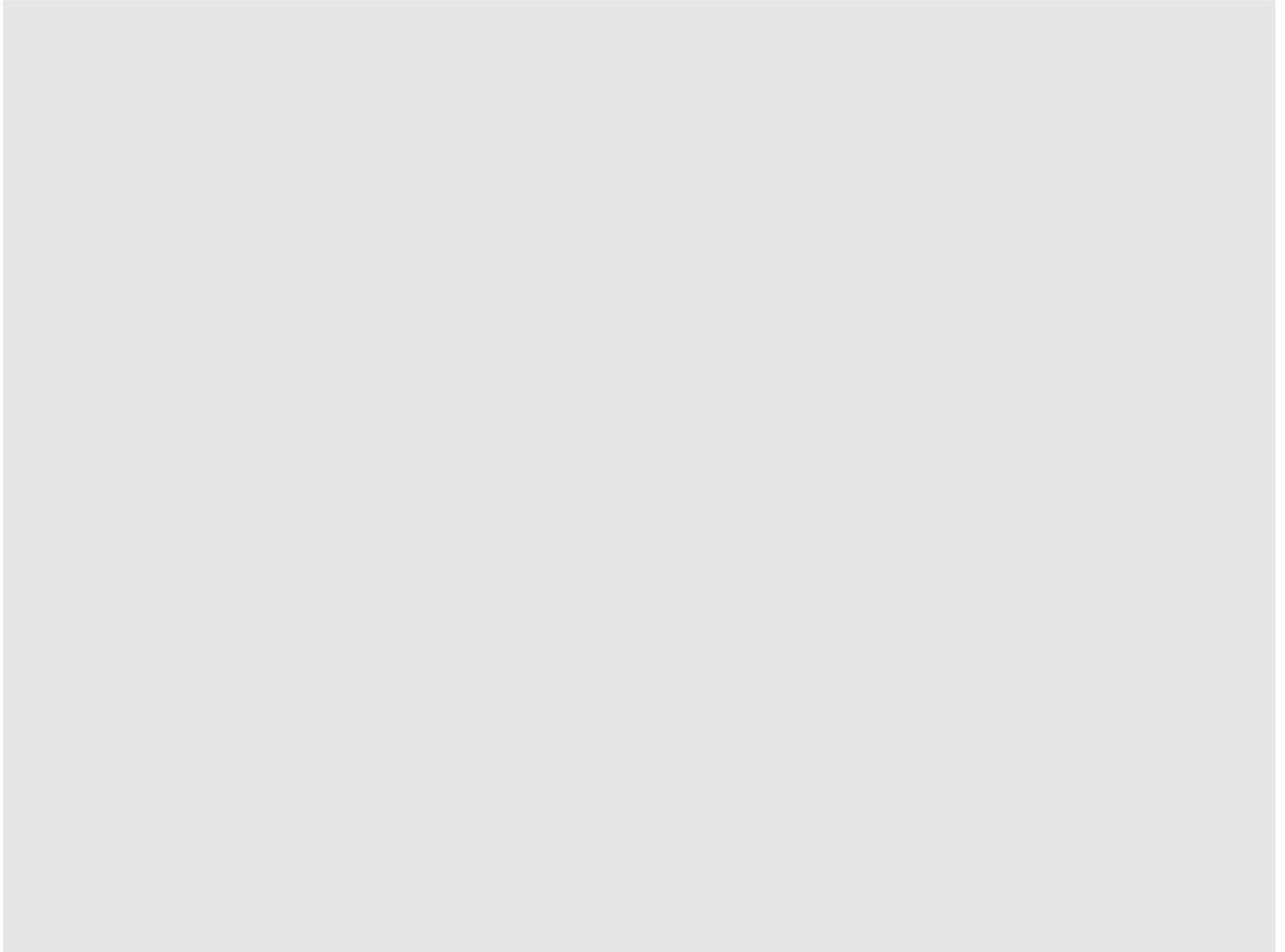
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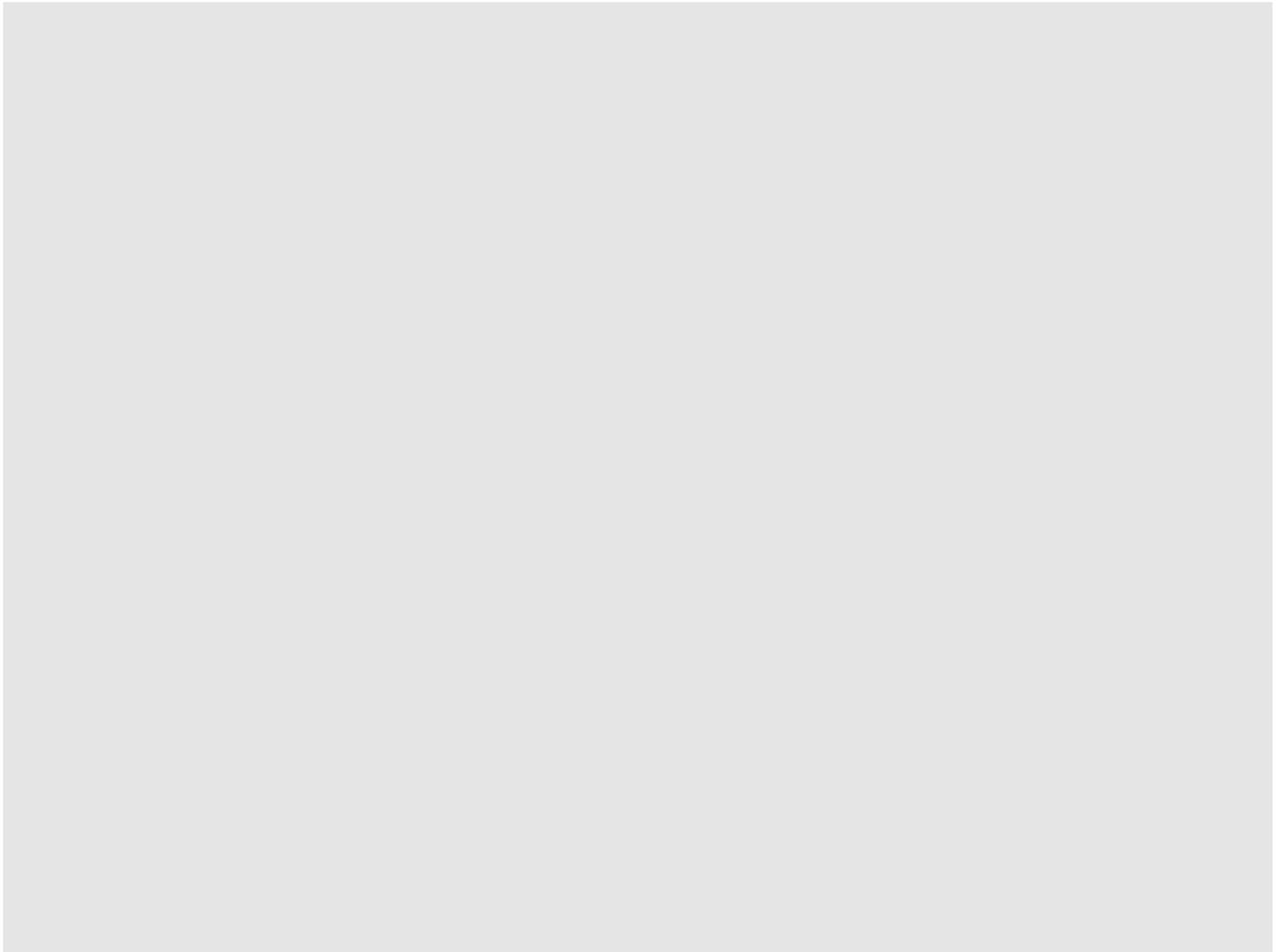
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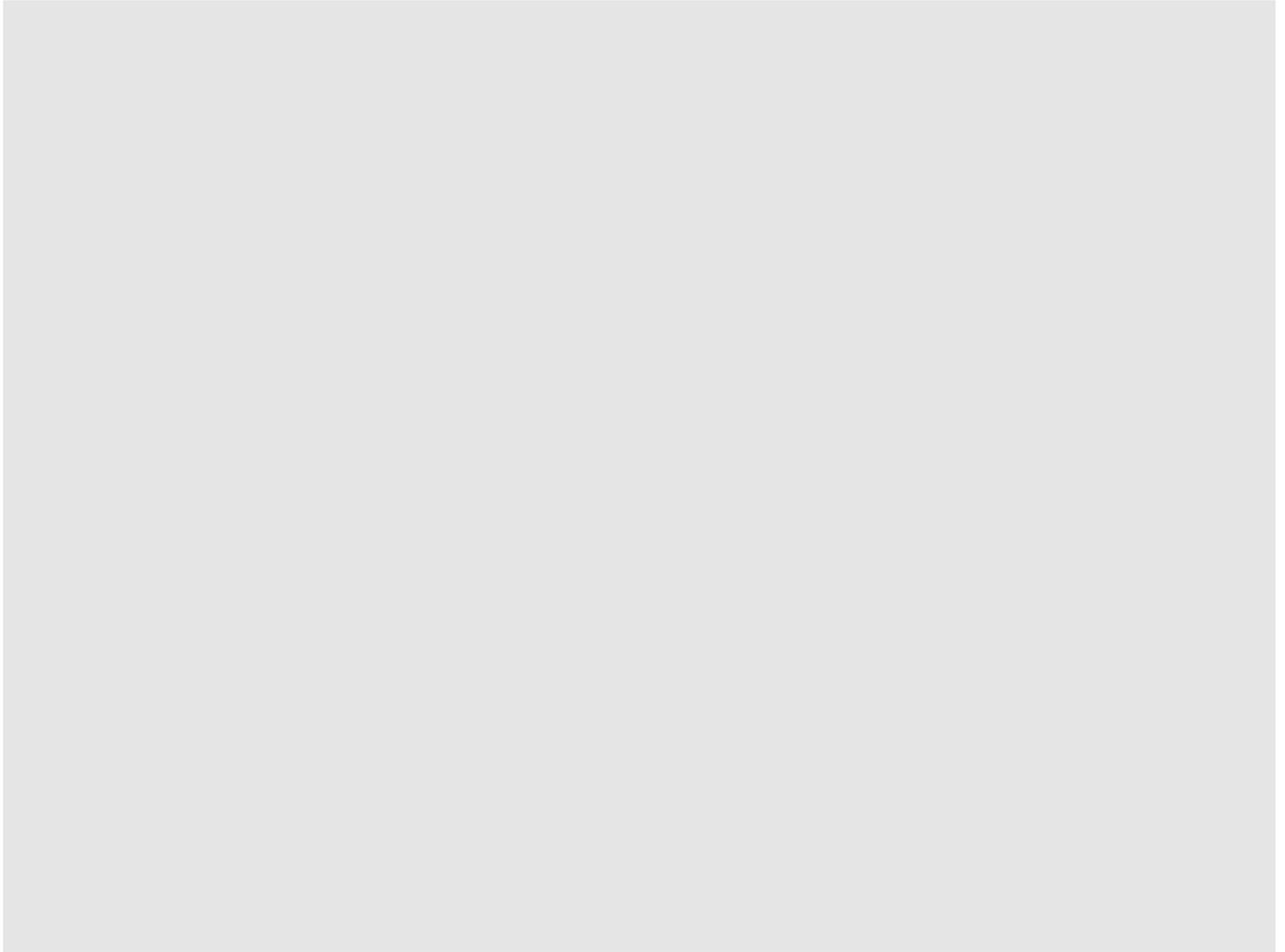
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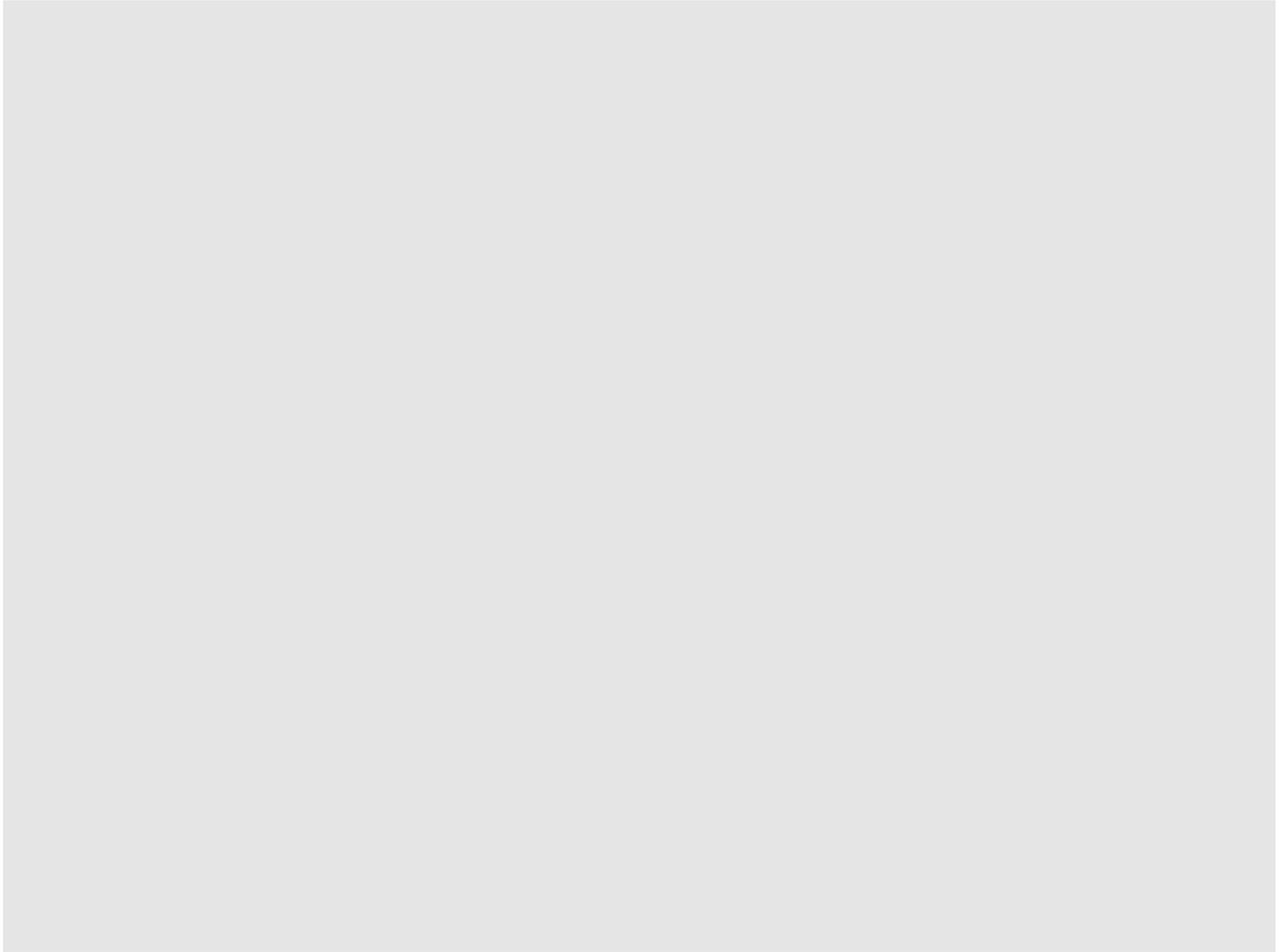
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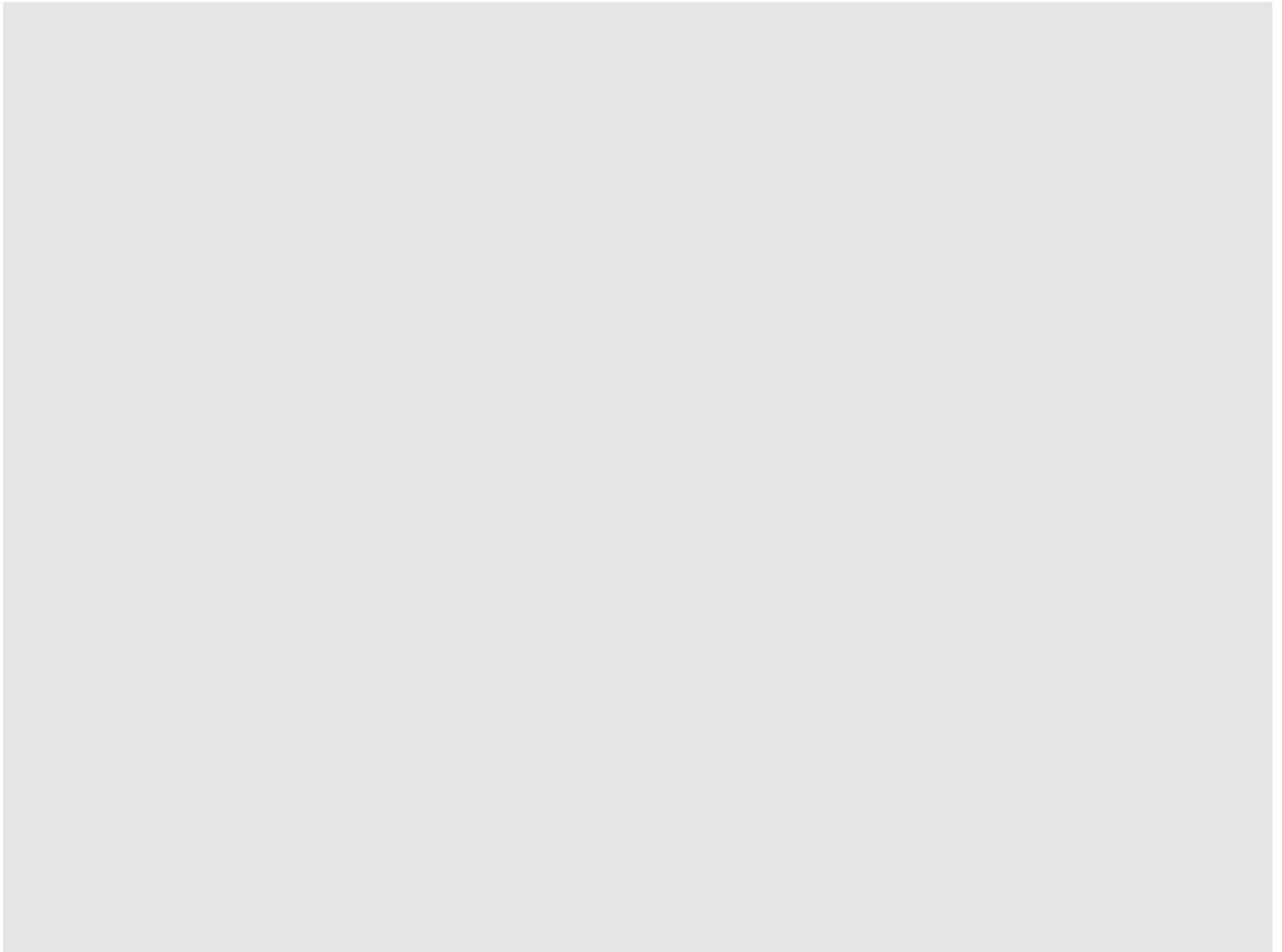


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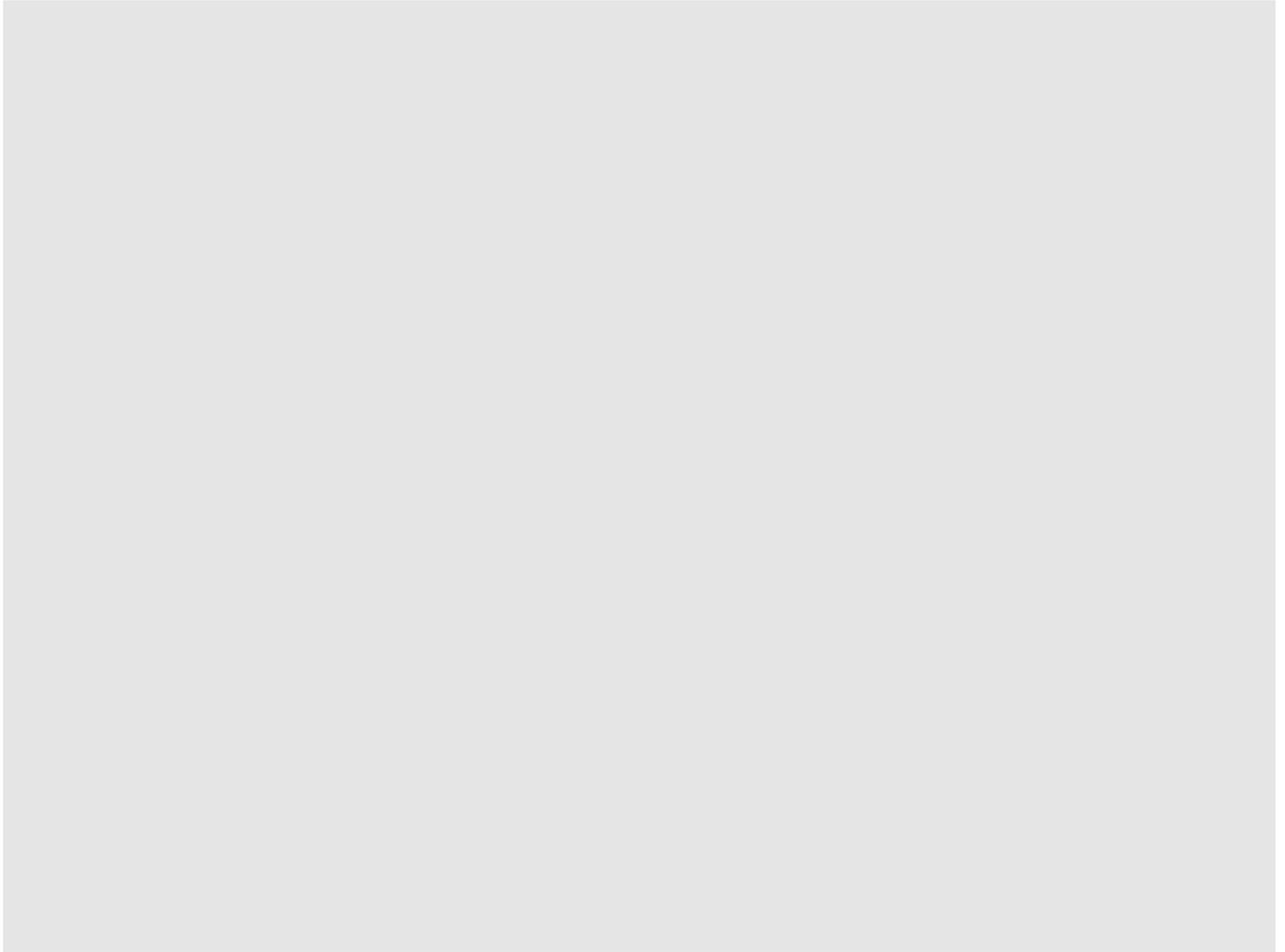


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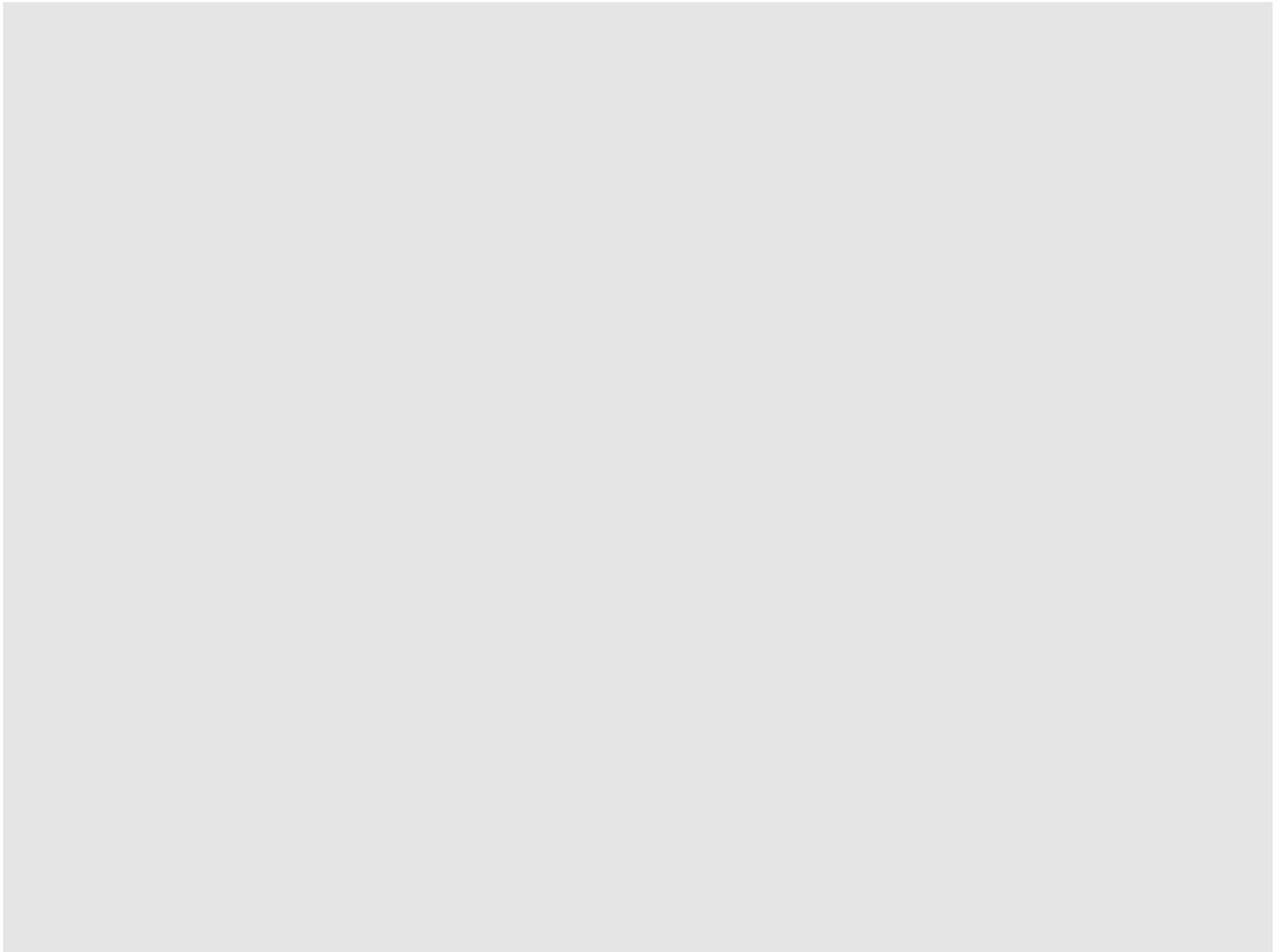
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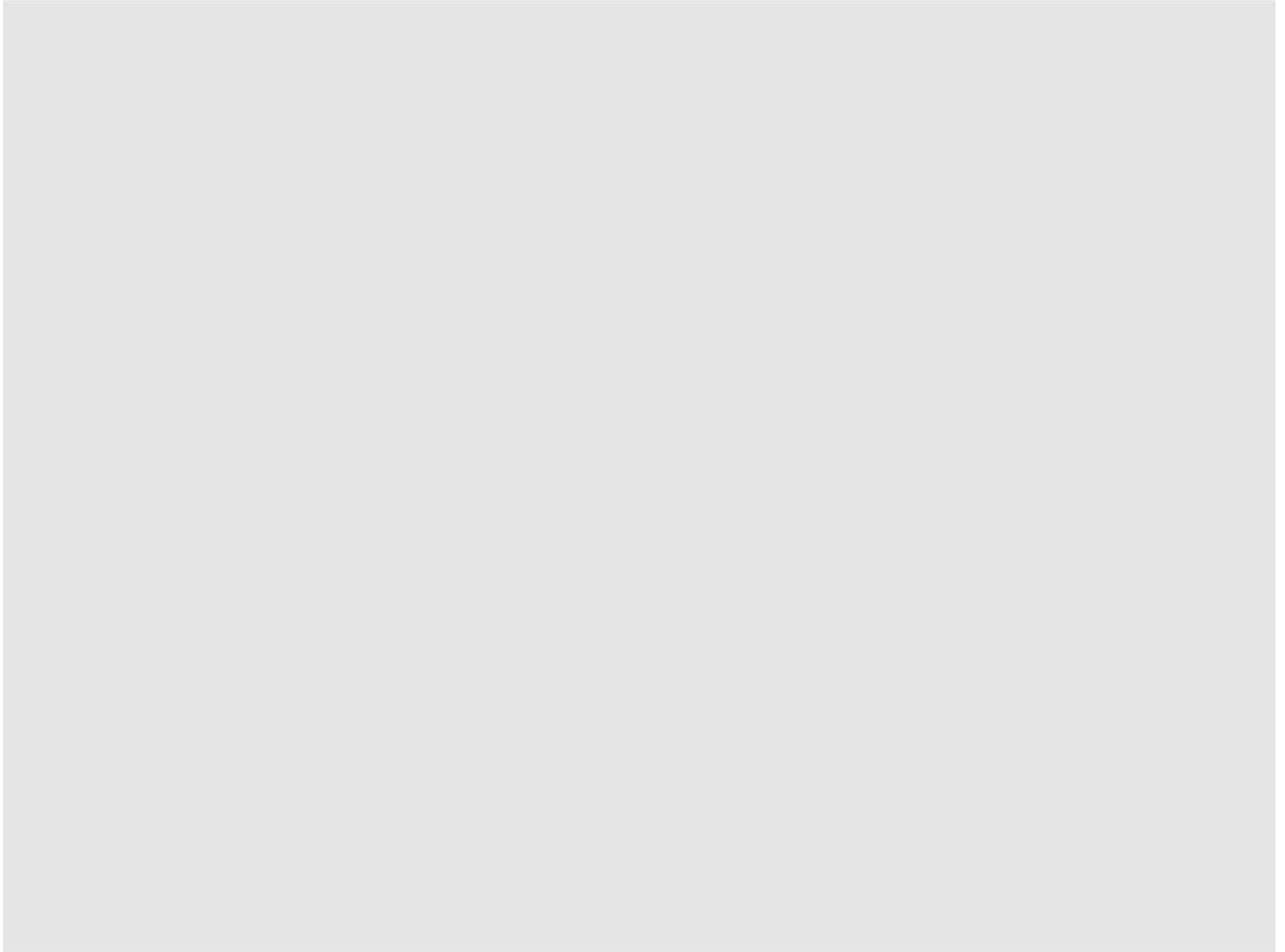


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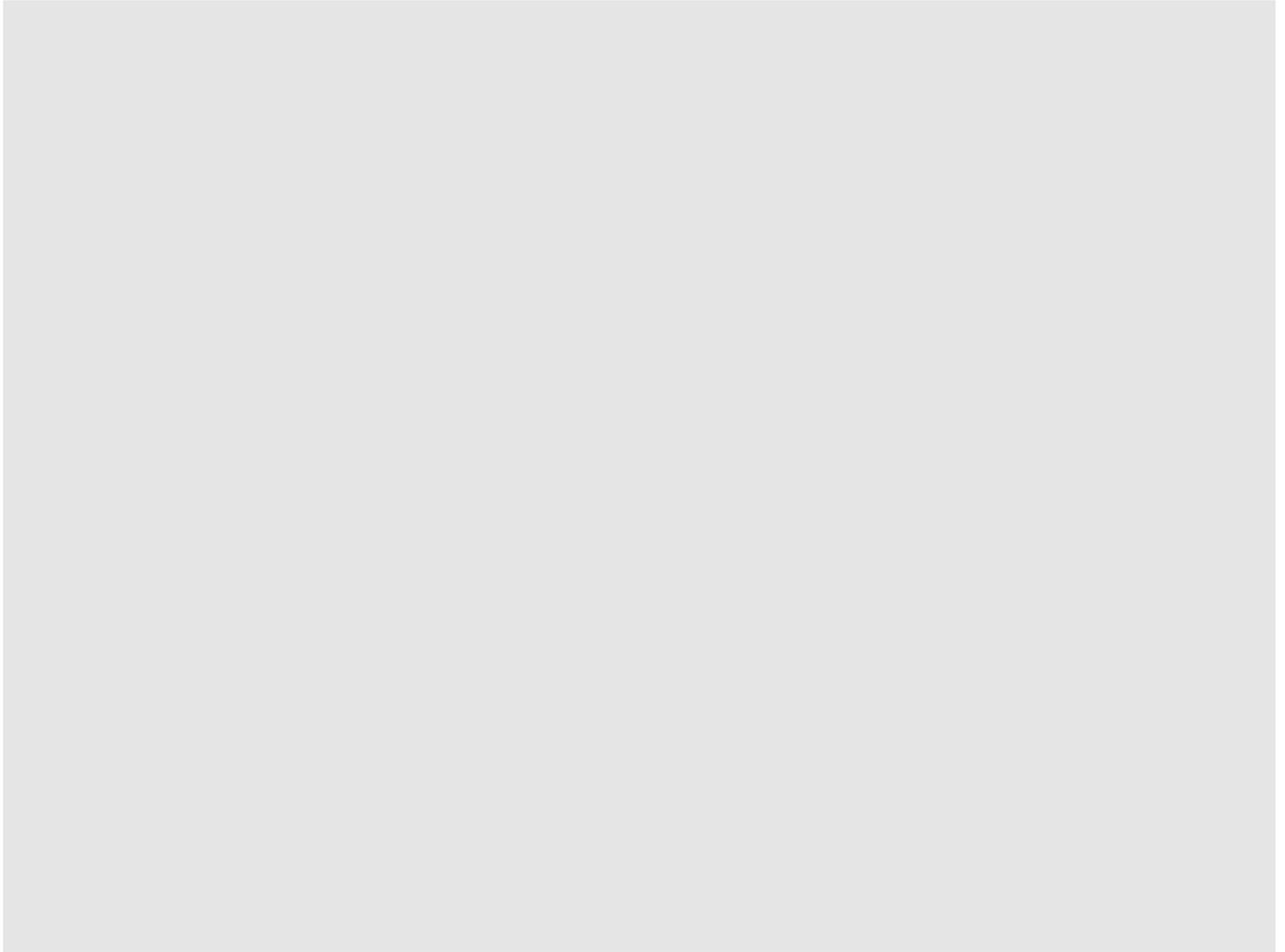


University of Virginia students participate in a vigil on Nov. 14, 2022, after three student athletes lost their lives in a shooting.

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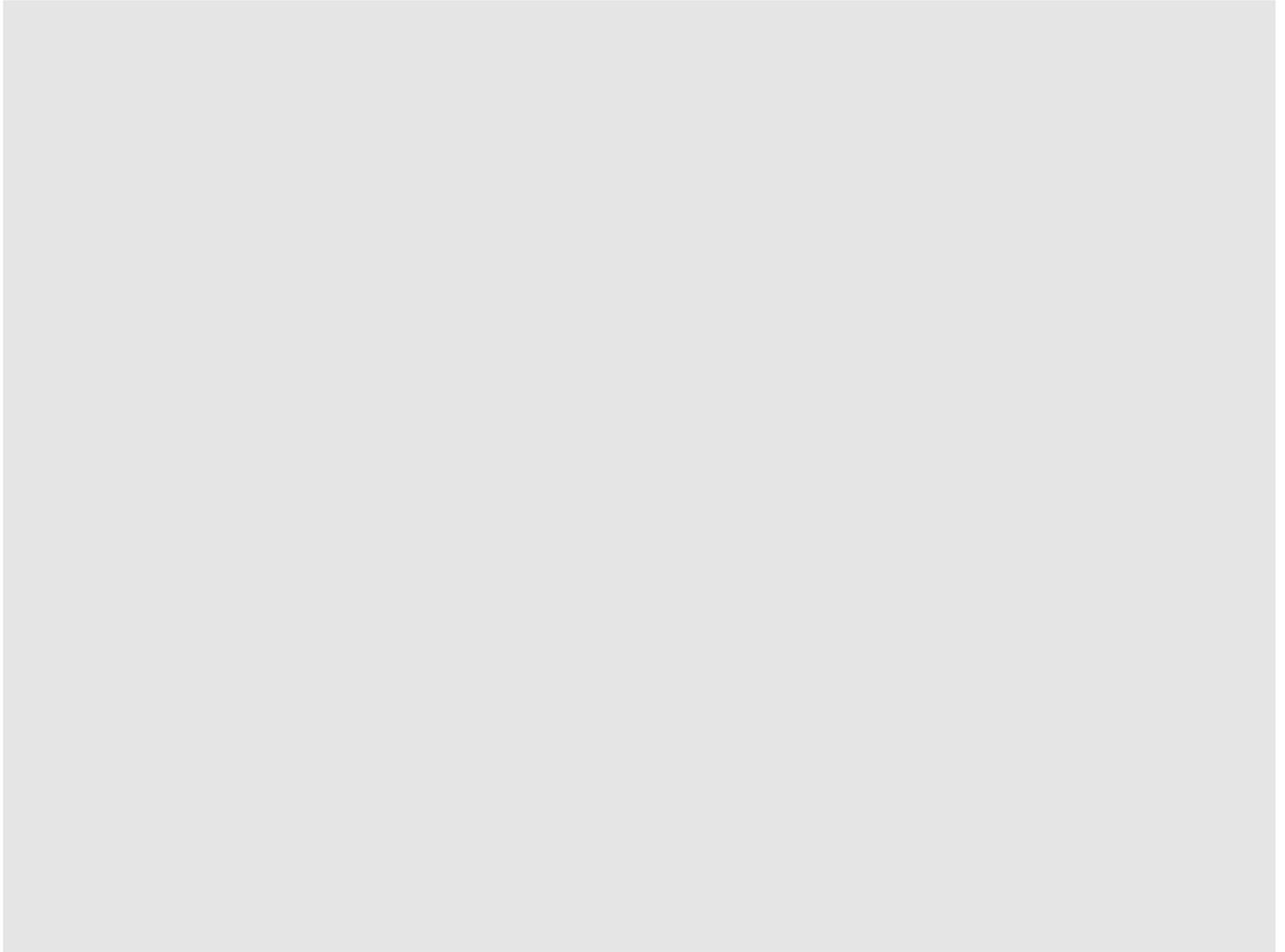


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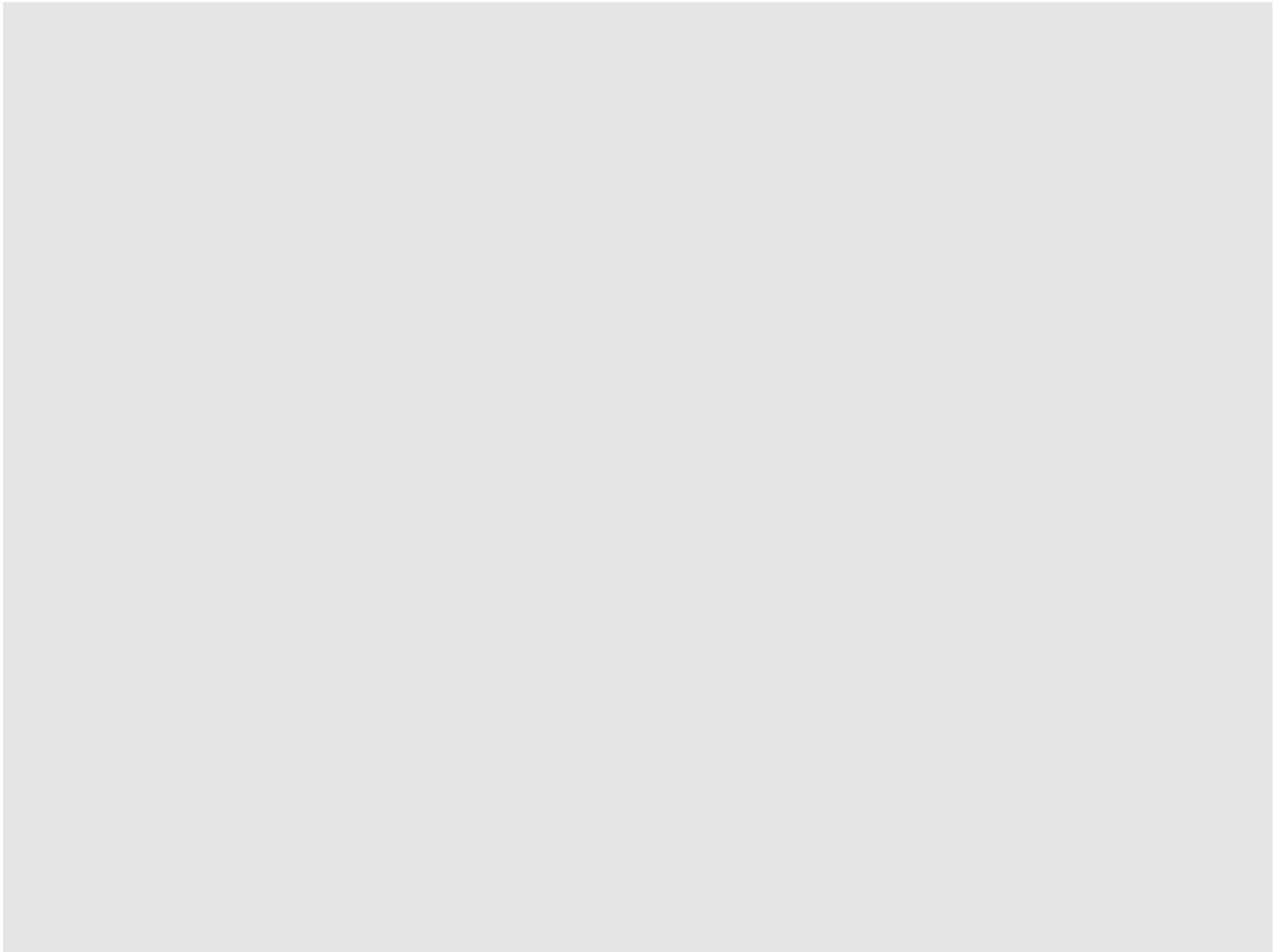


Members of the Virginia football team embrace during a vigil in response to shootings that happened on campus the night before in Charlottesville on Monday.

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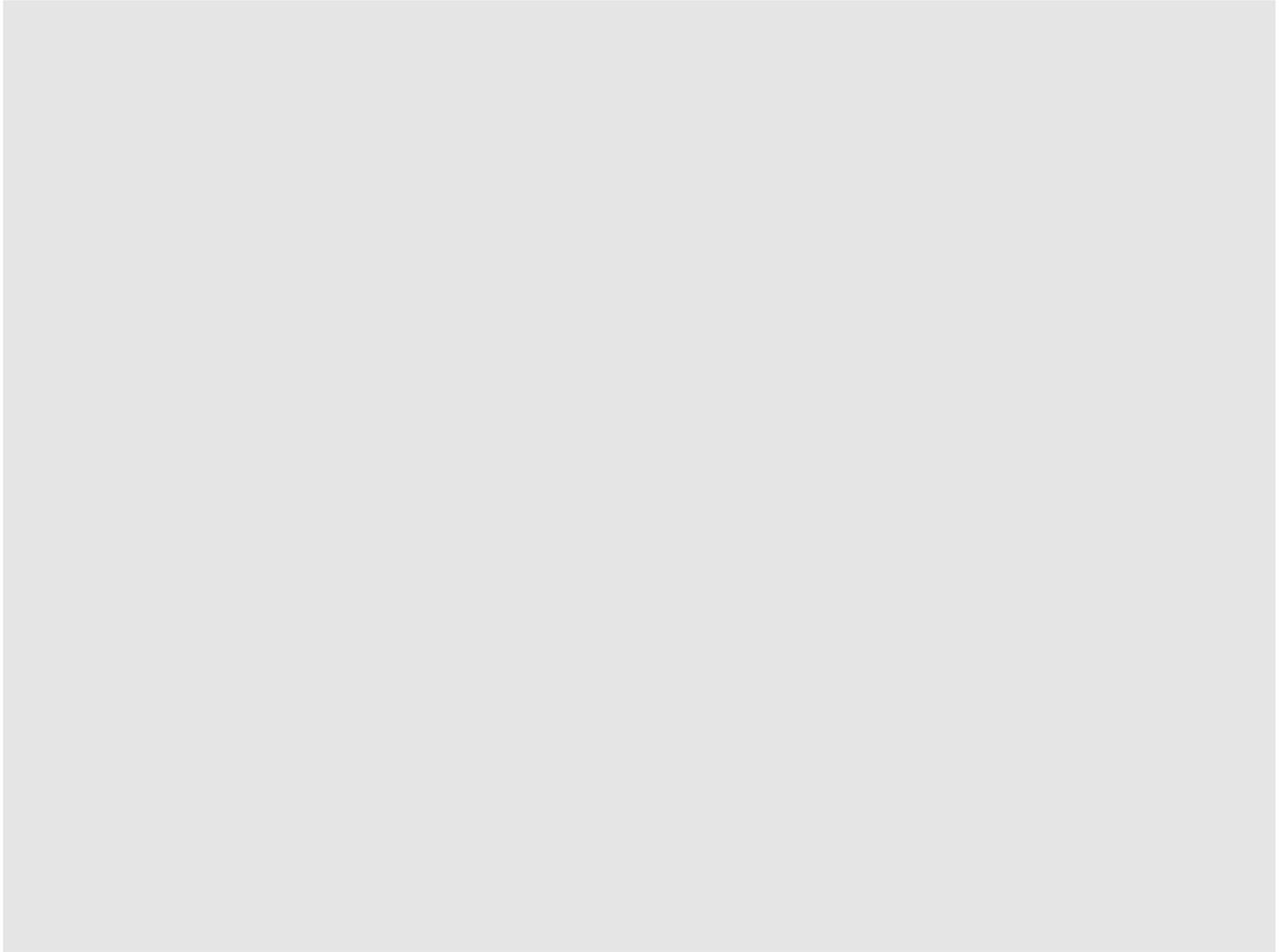


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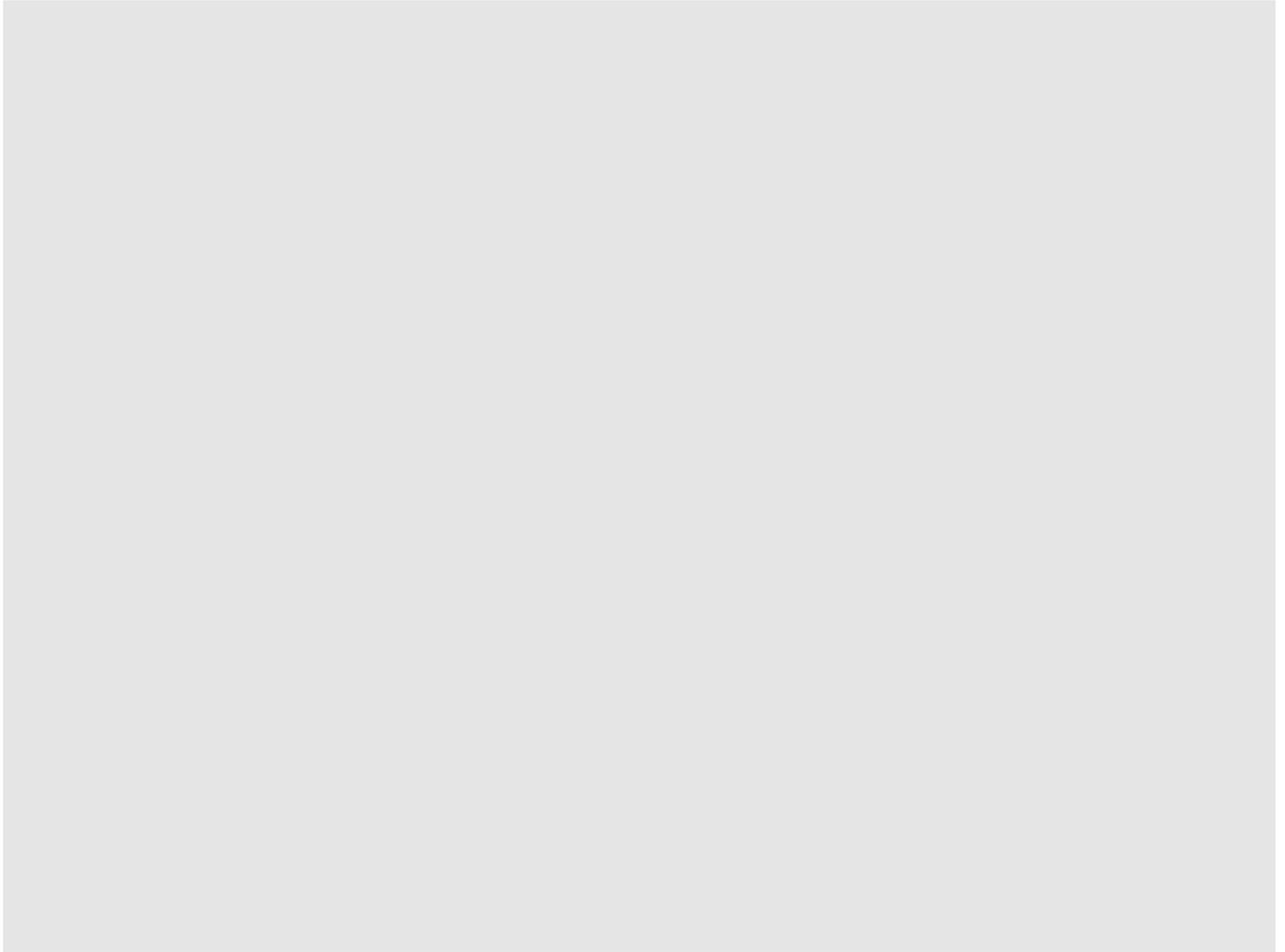
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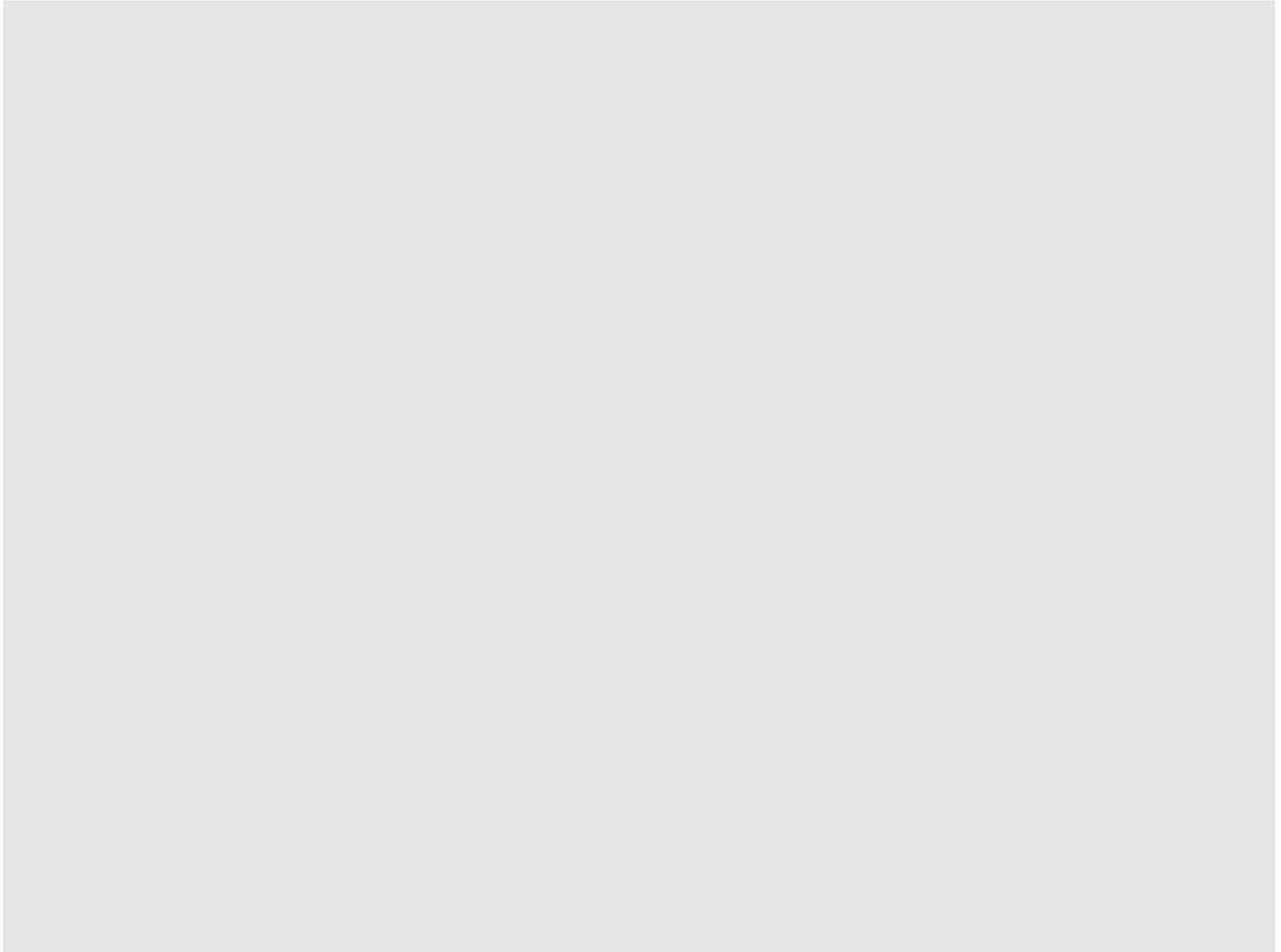
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UVa shooting victim Mike Hollins made it safely out of surgery



Virginia running back Mike Hollins (7) runs the ball during Friday's loss to Wake Forest last year at Scott Stadium.

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University of Virginia running back Mike Hollins has made it safely through a second surgery after he was shot as he and several classmates returned from a field trip Sunday night.

"He is up, he is aware, and the prognosis is positive," said Joe Gipson, chief operating officer at Gordon McKernan Injury Attorneys. Gordon McKernan is acting as the Hollins family's spokesperson. Hollins's mother, Brenda, works for the firm.

Hollins was no longer on a ventilator, Gipson said, and was doing as well as could be expected after the injuries he suffered.

Hollins apparently was shot in the back, but the bullet "missed most major organs," said Gipson. But it did hit a kidney, Gipson said. The surgeries were to repair damage from that, he said.

Gunshot wounds to the abdomen have a high fatality rate, according to a National Institutes of Health's Library of Medicine, in part because of the likelihood that internal organs may be damaged. Often, the intestines or liver are hit by the bullet, causing extreme blood loss in addition to trauma to the organ. Victims can die from infection or loss of blood, according to the site. In addition, infection from the wound can turn septic, which often results in death.

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Bullets can often leave fragments behind. According to the site, initial surgeries after a gunshot wound to the abdomen are emergency procedures to repair the wound and to keep the patient from bleeding out. A second surgery to remove small pieces of metal from a bullet is often necessary.

In Hollins's case, "they knew there would be a second surgery Sunday night," Gipson said, so Tuesday's surgery was not a surprise.

Gipson did not know whether Hollins was aware of his teammates' deaths.

Hollins was one of two people who survived Sunday night's mass shooting. One of the surviving victims was going to be discharged Tuesday. The other was in "serious condition," UVA Health public information officer Eric Swensen said. Health privacy laws prevent the sharing of private medical information.

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Virginia football player D'Sean Perry, who was killed in Sunday night shooting, was an exemplary teammate



Virginia linebacker D'Sean Perry runs on the field during the second half of a game against Syracuse on Sept. 23, 2022 in Syracuse, N.Y.

Adrian Kraus, Associated Press



He was a do-it-all defender for the Cavaliers.

Wherever Virginia's coaching staff needed D'Sean Perry to play is where he'd take the field.

That's the kind of teammate Perry was.

D'Sean Perry, a linebacker and defensive end, was [one of the victims killed in Sunday night's shooting at UVa](#), his father Sean Perry confirmed to The Daily Progress on Monday morning.

He played in this past Saturday's game for the Cavaliers, tallying a pair of tackles in their loss to Pittsburgh.

"I'm just trying to help the team win," Perry said earlier this fall about his

ever-evolving role for UVa.

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Perry adjusted admirably, and always with a smile, for the Cavaliers. He racked up four tackles and a tackle for loss in the game, and he always played on special teams, too.

Those around him appreciated the fourth-year junior's commitment to the team.

"What a great job he did starting on Tuesday [before the Old Dominion game] of picking up that [defensive end] spot," UVa defensive coordinator John Rudzinski said that week.

Perry is survived by his father, Sean, and his mother, Happy Perry.

The shooting occurred around 10:30 p.m. Sunday night and "resulted in three fatalities; two additional victims were injured and are receiving medical care," president Jim Ryan said in a letter to the University posted on social media.

The suspect, Christopher Darnell Jones Jr., is in custody.

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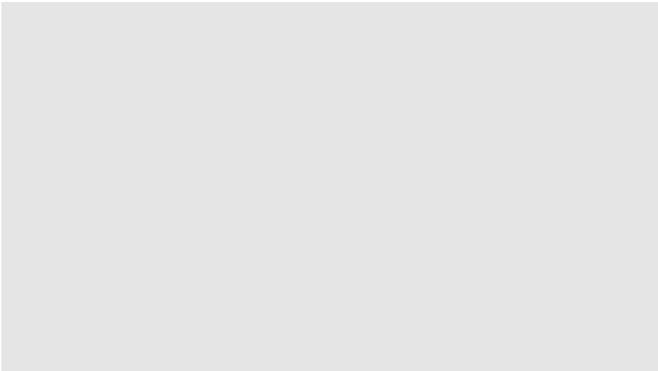
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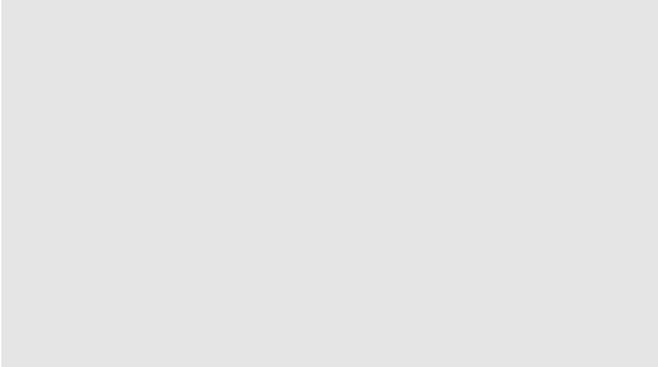
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Virginia forward Sam Brunelle will not get the opportunity to take on her former team on Sunday.

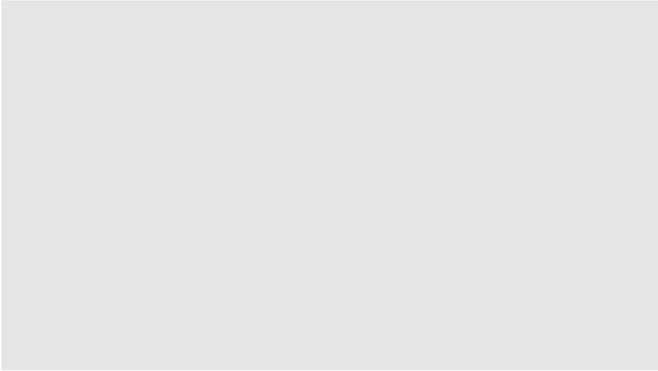
Whether it's burying his nose in his studies or trying to learn something new, the Orange County senior wrestler strives to be the best.



It'll take at least a few weeks into the fall to get adjusted to seeing the left-handed, orange-haired quarterback wearing N.C. State's bright...

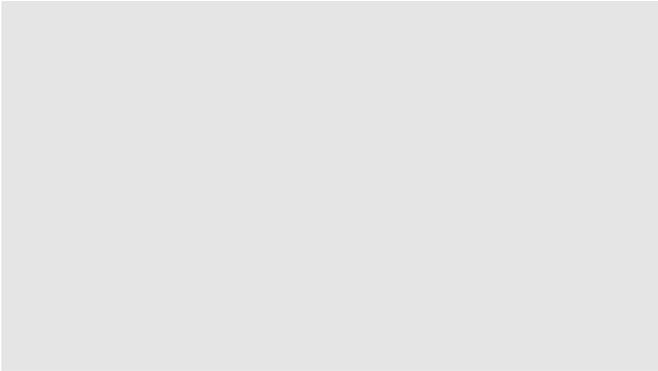
CHARLOTTESVILLE — The Virginia Tech men's basketball team regained the services of Hunter Cattoor on Wednesday night.

"I knew what I was looking for. That was the big thing. I came in with my



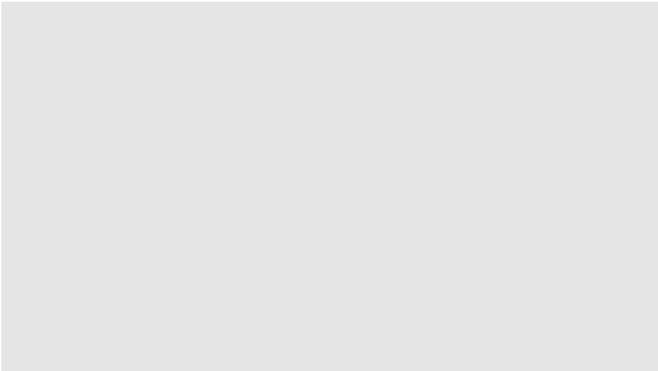
notes and I was looking for specific things."

Kihe Clark was the star for No. 10 Virginia in its 78-68 rivalry victory over Virginia Tech on Wednesday.



"Continuity and experience, it's so important in college basketball."

Armaan Franklin had a double-double, and No. 10 Virginia hit 15 3-pointers in a 76-67 win over Wake Forest.



During UVa's five-game winning streak, the Hoos have moved to a smaller lineup which has left forward Kadin Shedrick, a starter earlier in the season, as the odd man out.

"It's being able to go out and play once your name is called."

