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Self-Proclaimed 'God' Torches Self Outside Moscow

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MOSCOW, April 23 (RIA Novosti)

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A member of the Jehovah's Witnesses religion, who had proclaimed himself as God, set himself on fire on Monday in the Moscow region, local police said.

The incident took place in the village of Nakhabino 33 kilometers (20.5 miles) outside Moscow on Monday after the man bought fuel, poured it onto himself and set himself ablaze. He is in critical condition with over 70 percent of his body burned, police said.

"According to the son of the injured man, his 43-year-old father had been a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses and considered himself as God," the police also reported.

Investigators are probing into the cause of the man's suicide attempt.

The Jehovah's Witnesses, which has some seven million followers worldwide and over 200,000 in Russia, have already been banned in a number of Russian regions and in some former Soviet republics.

The Jehovah's Witnesses branch in the Russian capital was dissolved by a district court ruling in 2004, but the European Court of Human Rights declared the decision illegal in 2011.

The religion is banned in China, North Korea, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq and other countries.

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With almost all ballots counted in French presidential elections, socialist Francois Hollande has 28.61 percent of the vote, while his main rival, conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy, is second with 27.08 percent, the French Interior Ministry said on Monday.



British, Japanese Journalists Held in Bahrain

A British TV crew and two Japanese journalists were detained by the Bahraini police on Sunday.



White Killer Whale Seen Off Kamchatka

Russian scientists have spotted what they believe to be the first ever adult albino orca, or killer whale, off the coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia's Far East, the international science project Far East Russia Orca reported on Monday.



Egypt Terminates Gas Deal with Israel

The head of the Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Company said Sunday it has terminated its long-term contract gas deal with Israel because of violations of contractual obligations, Egypt's daily al-Ahram reported.

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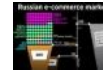
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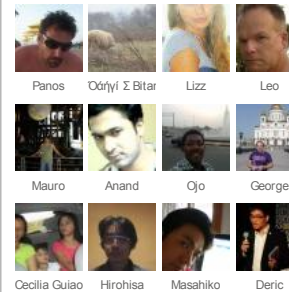


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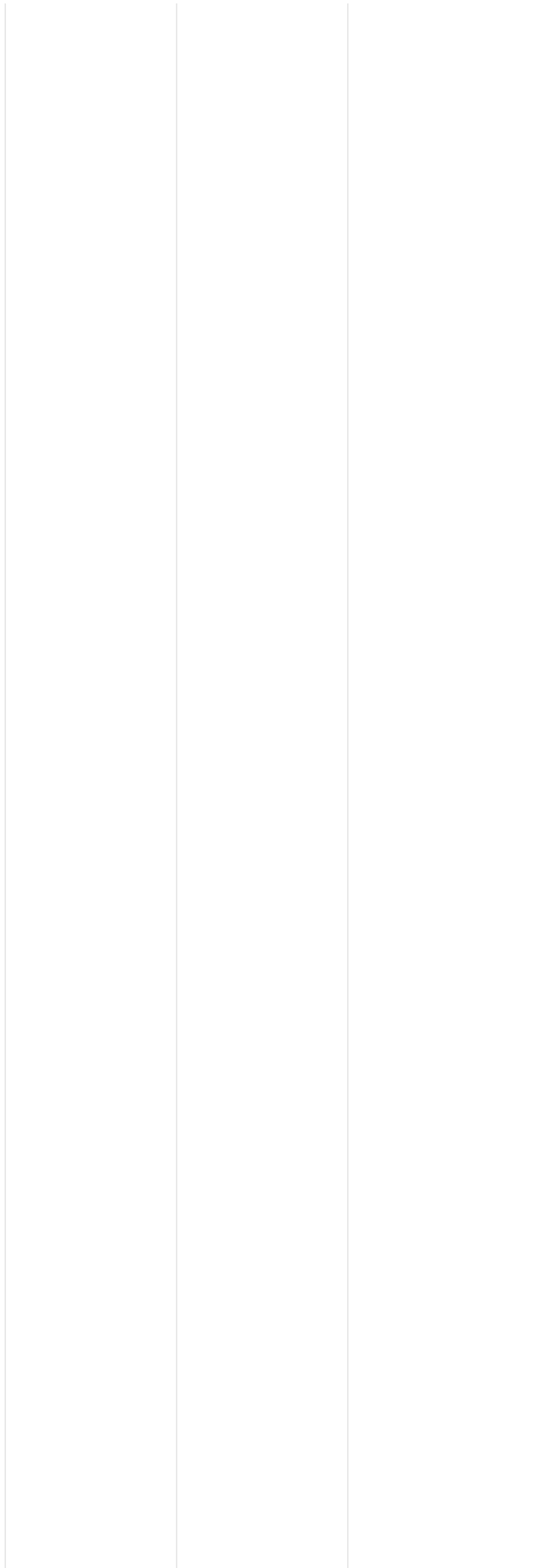
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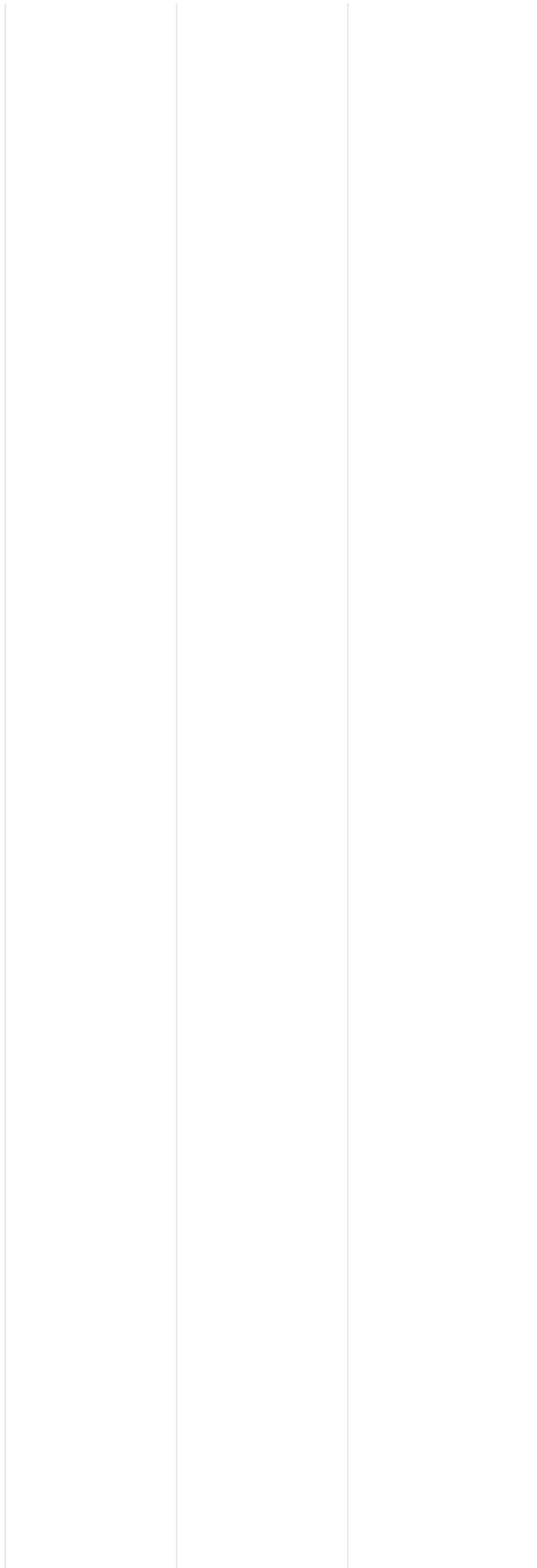
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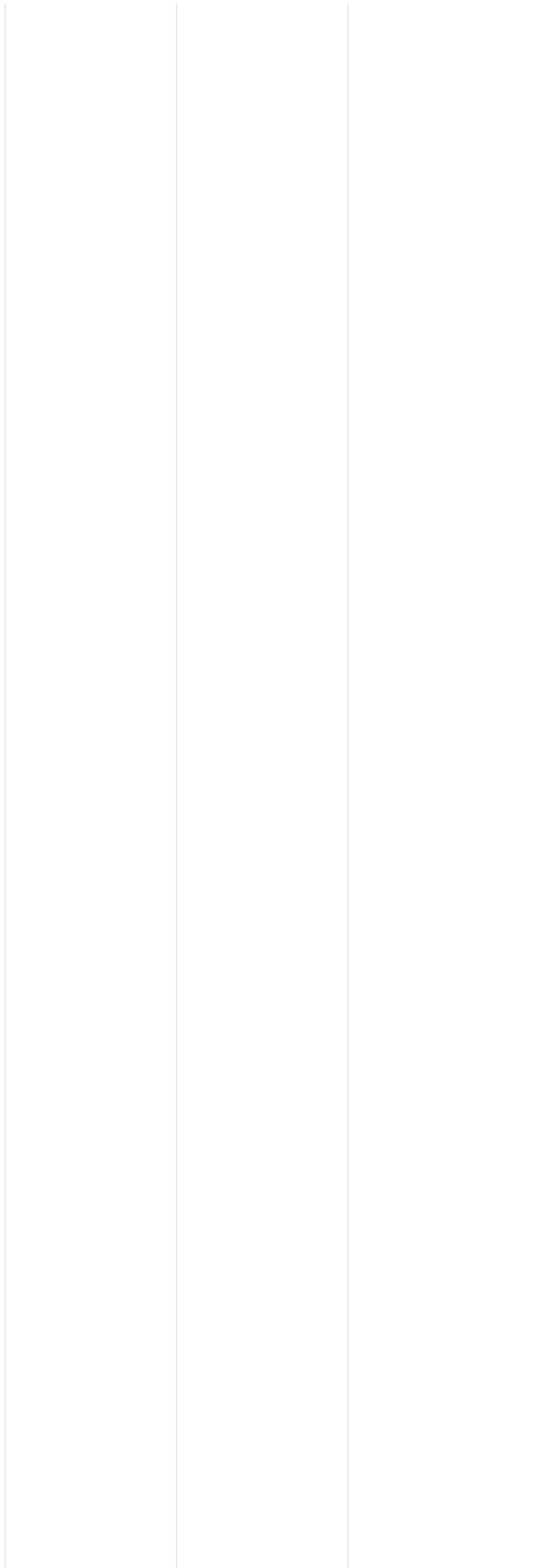
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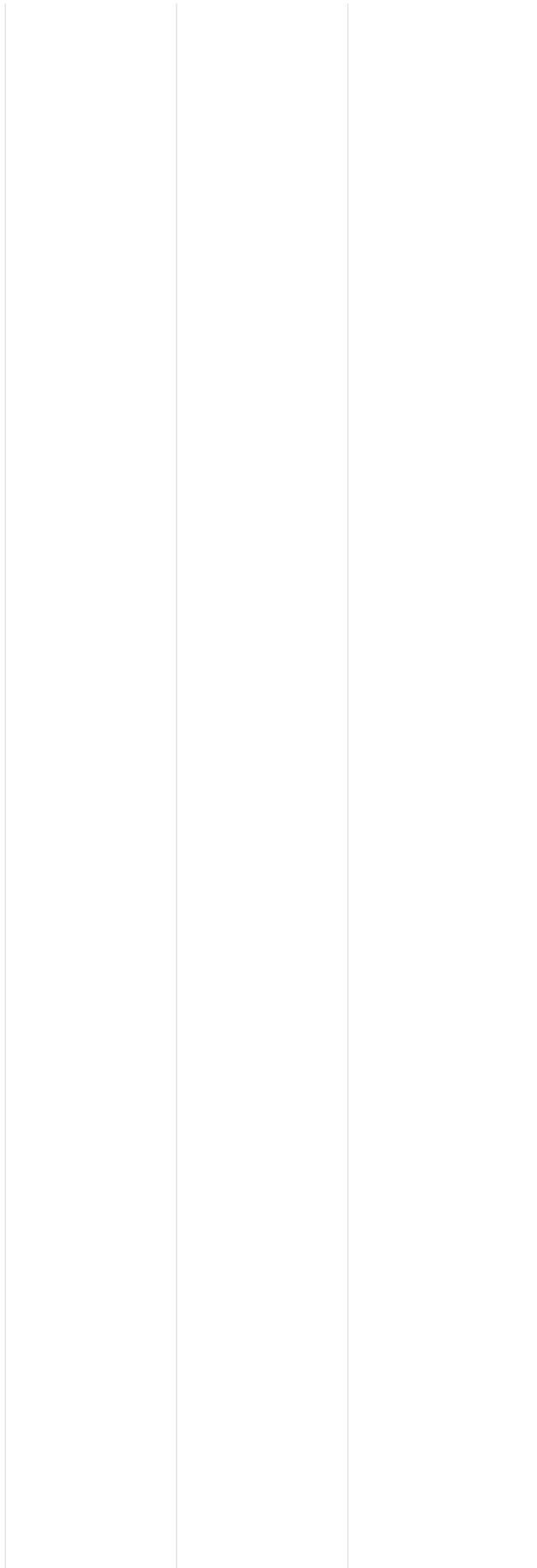
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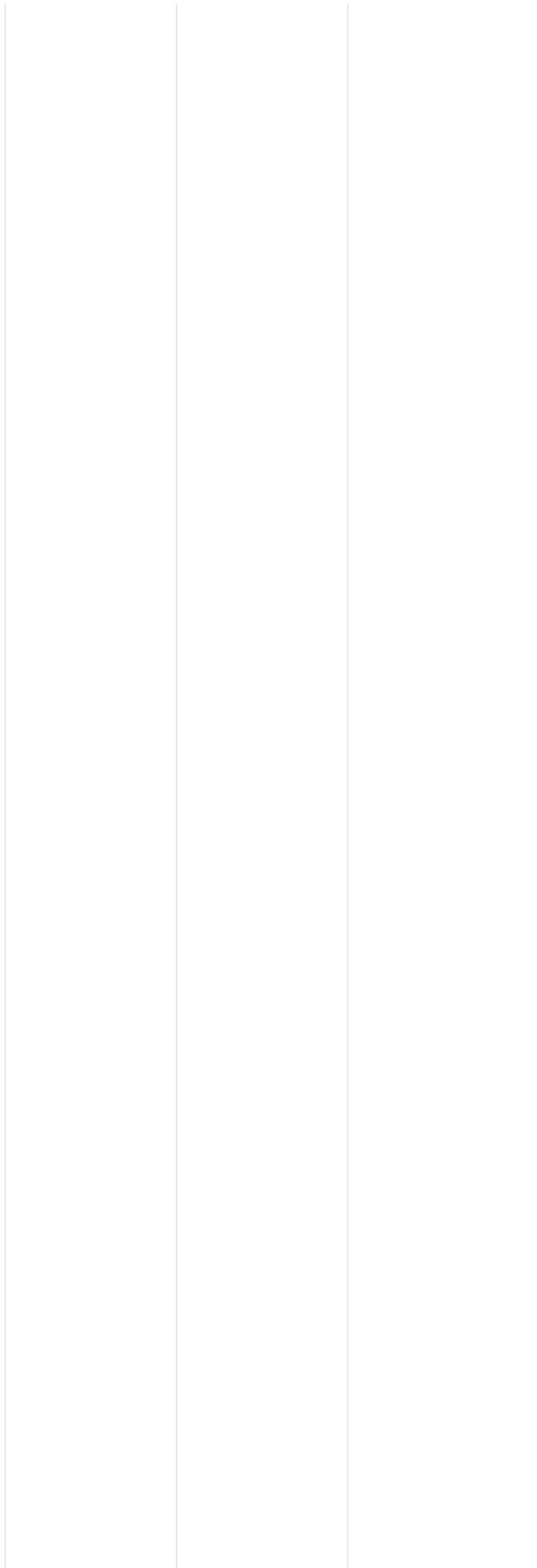
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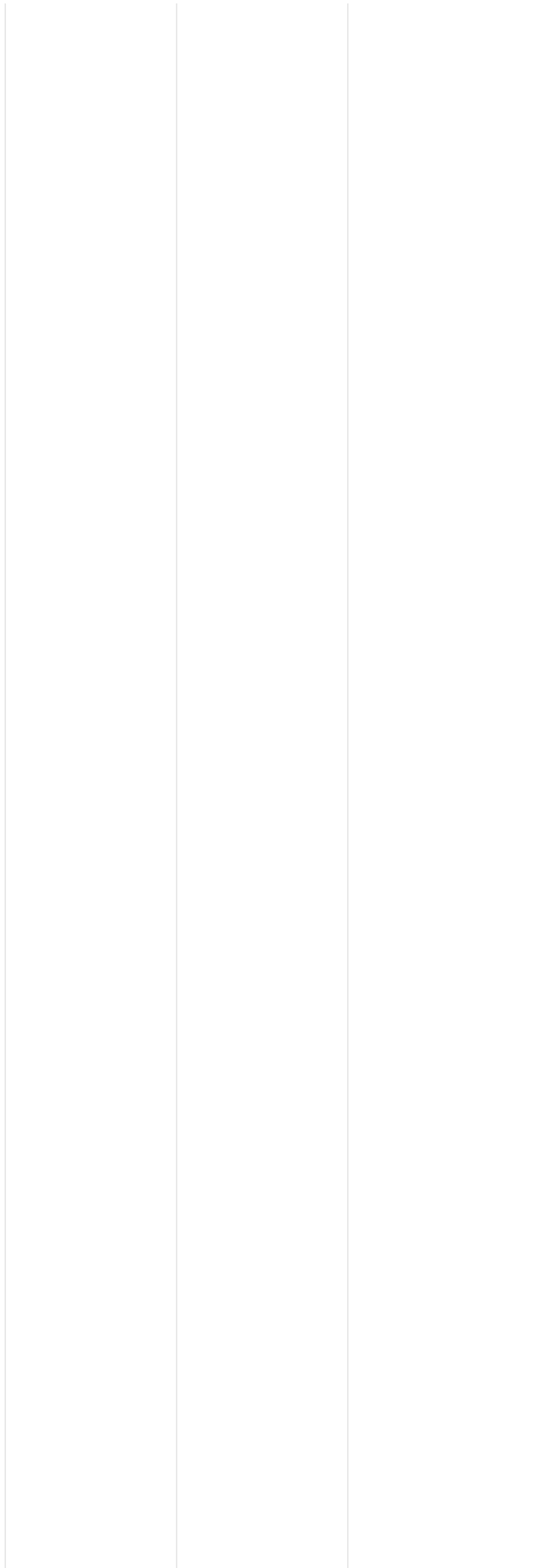


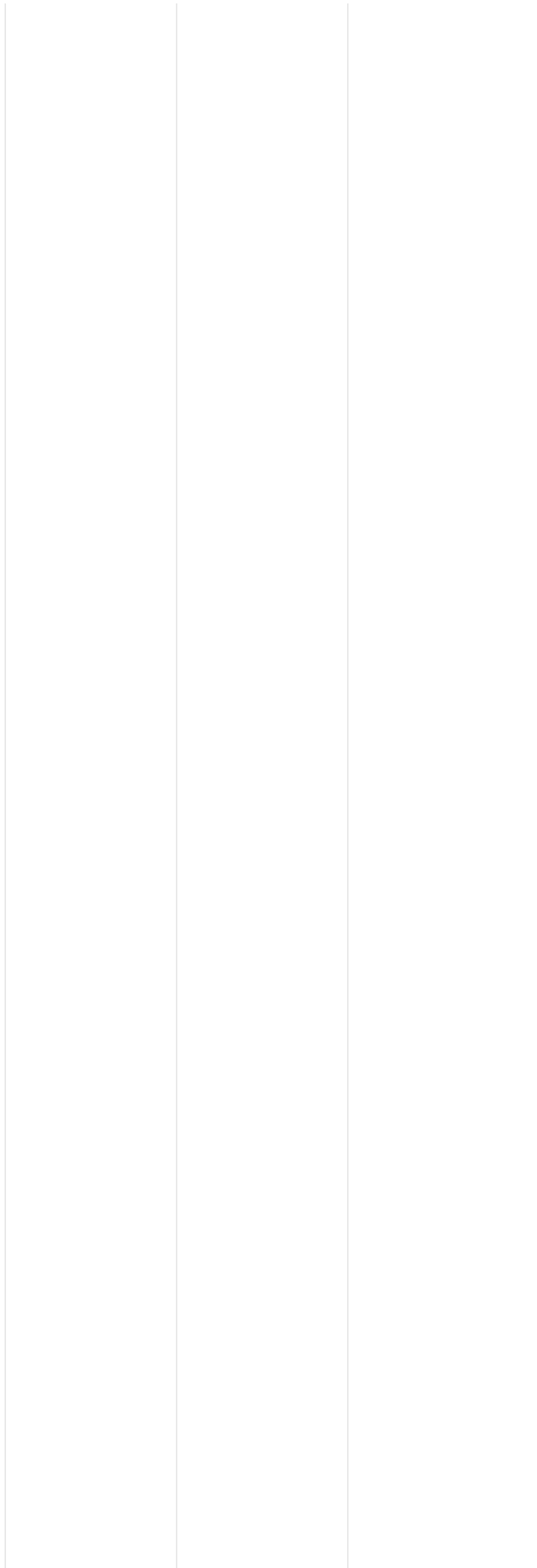


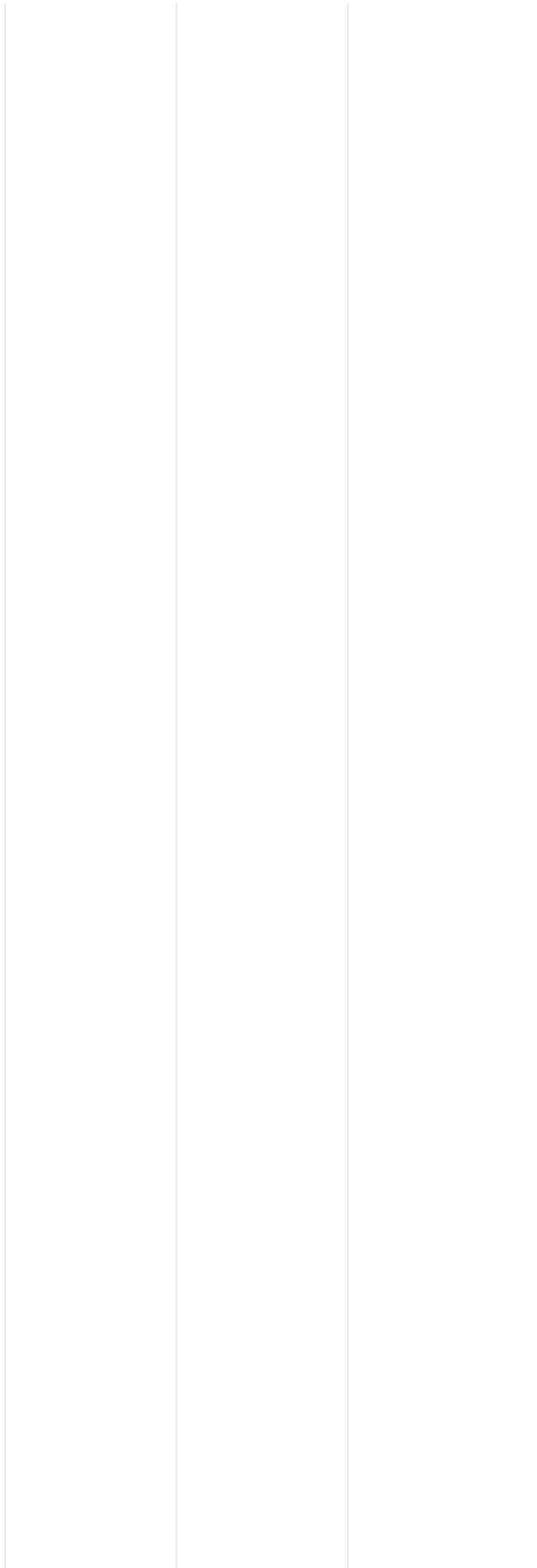


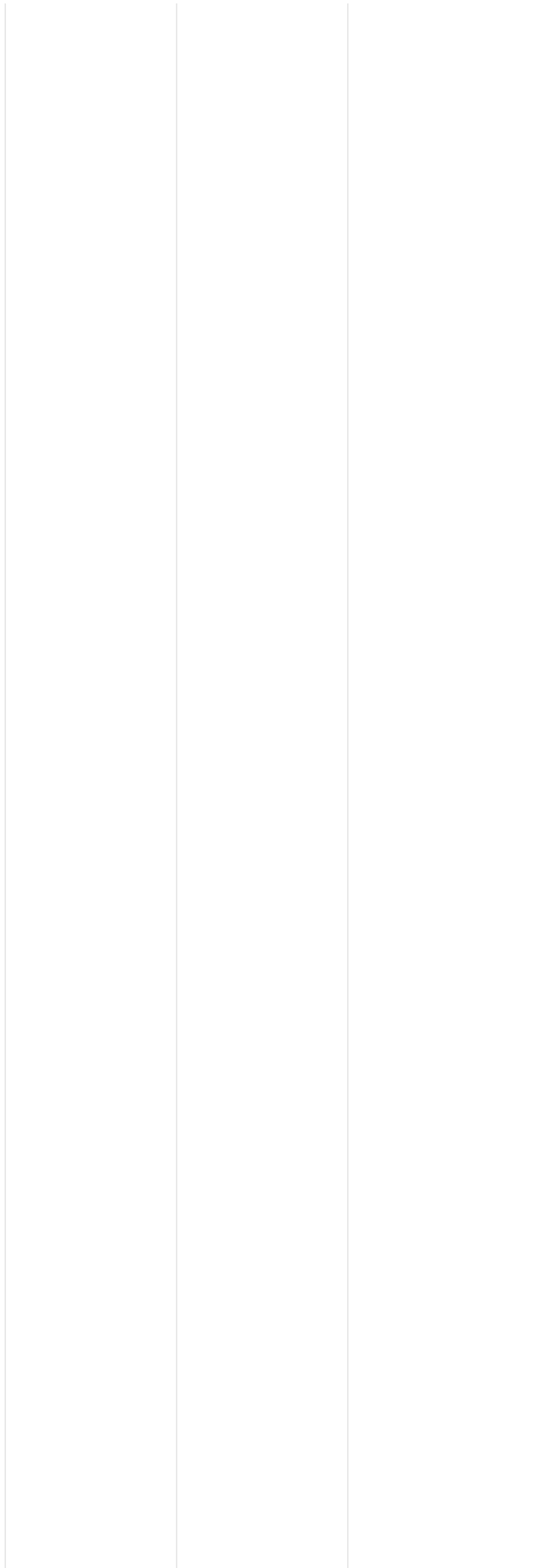


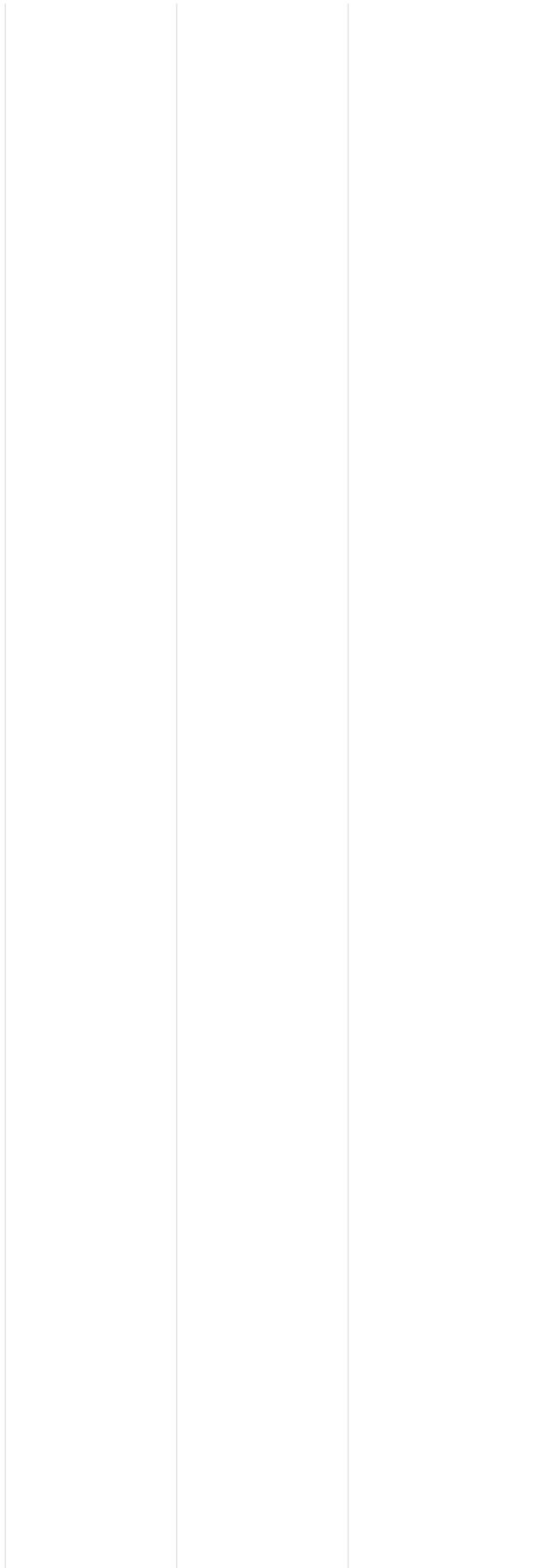


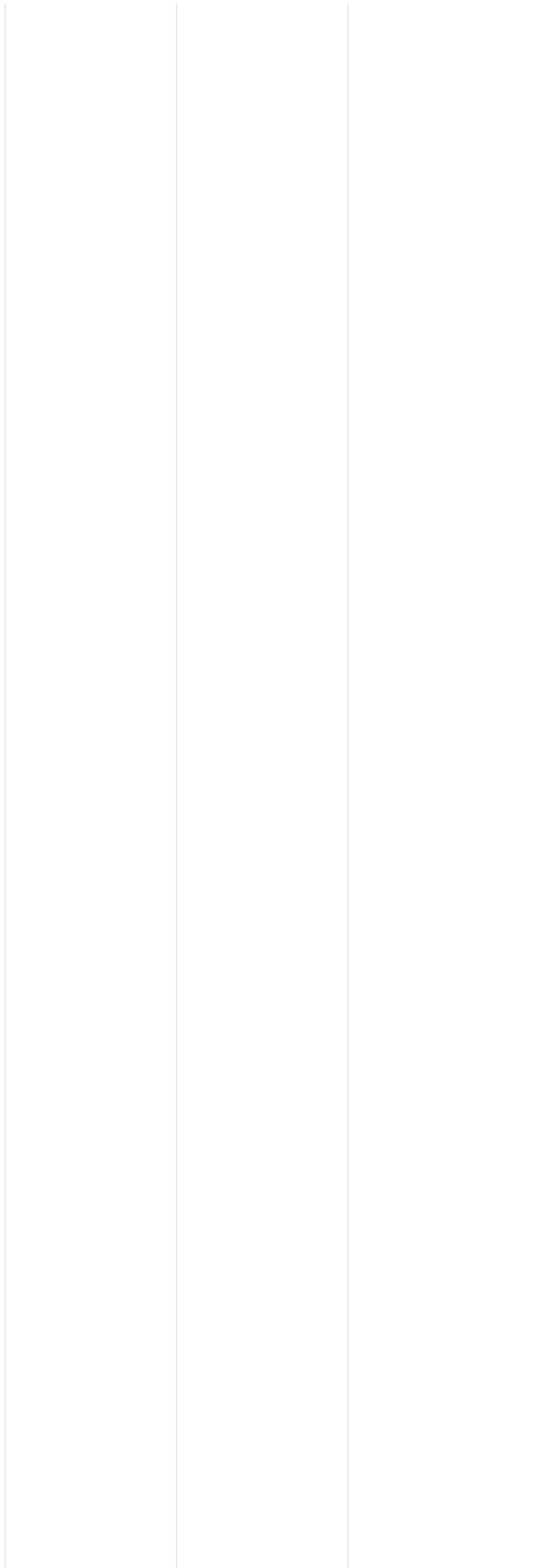


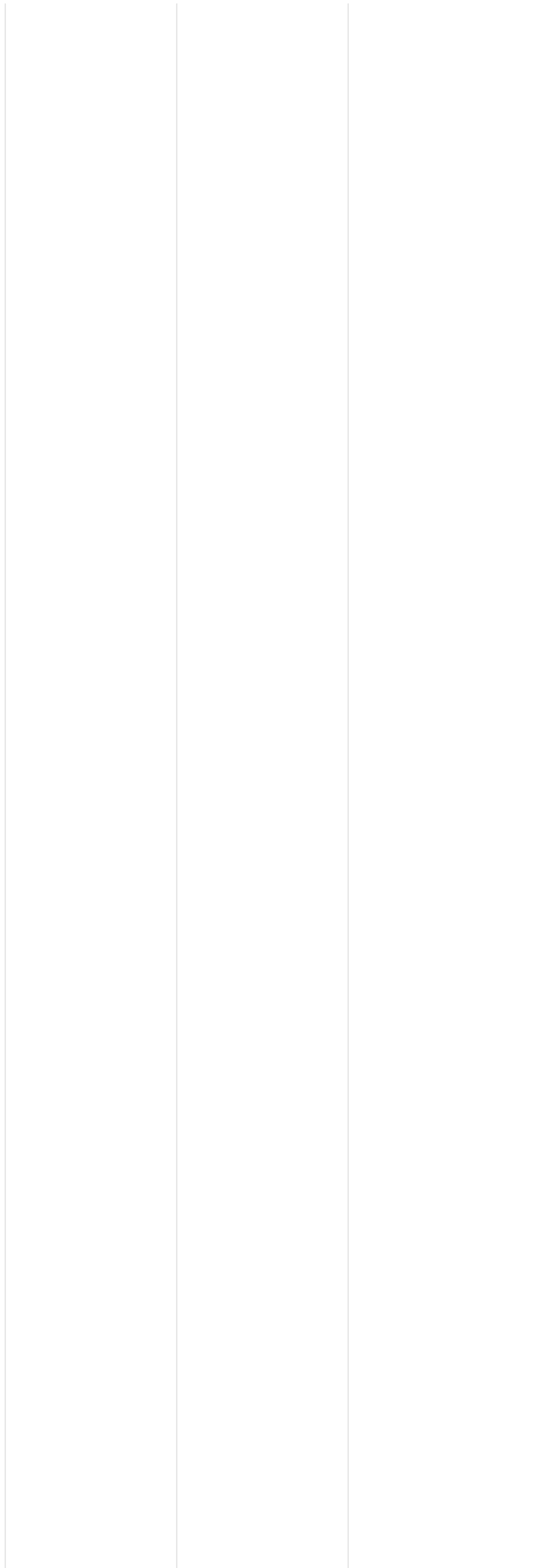


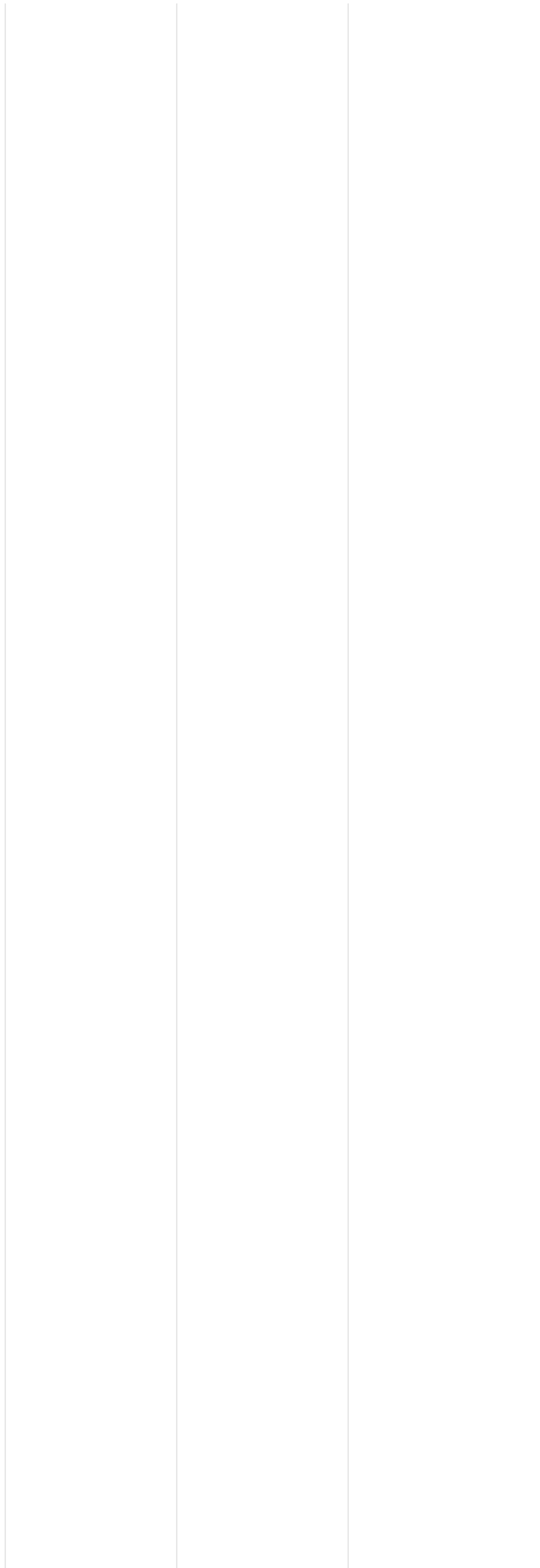


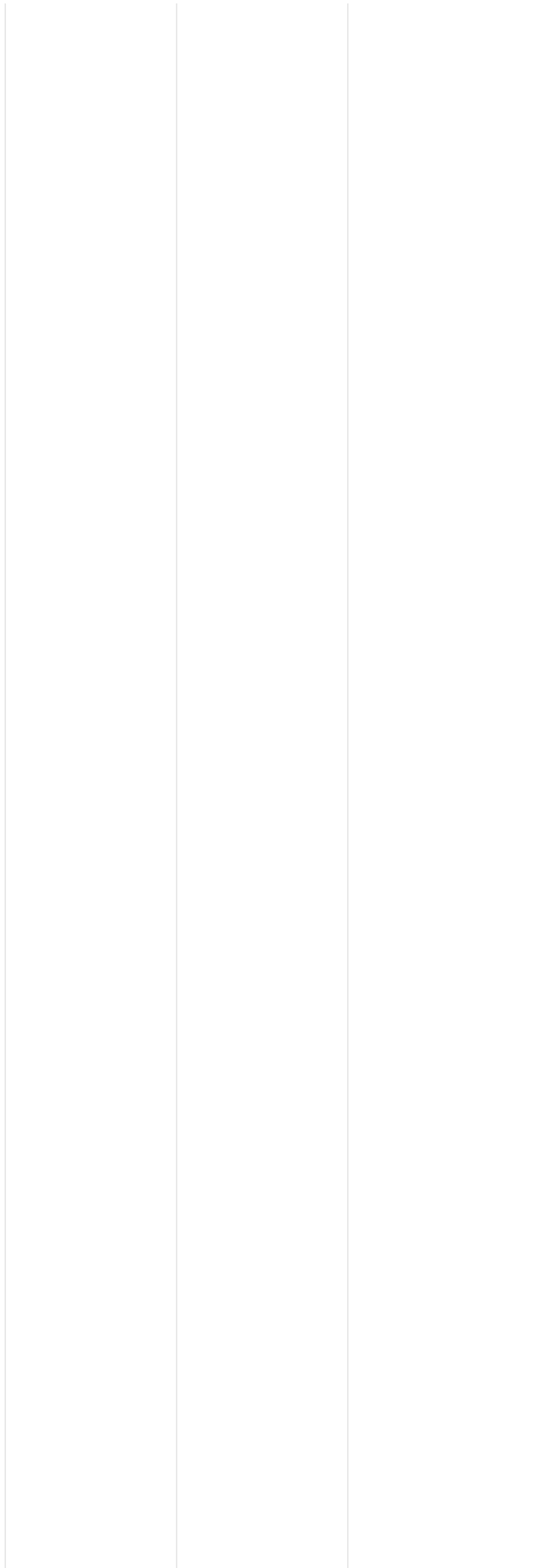


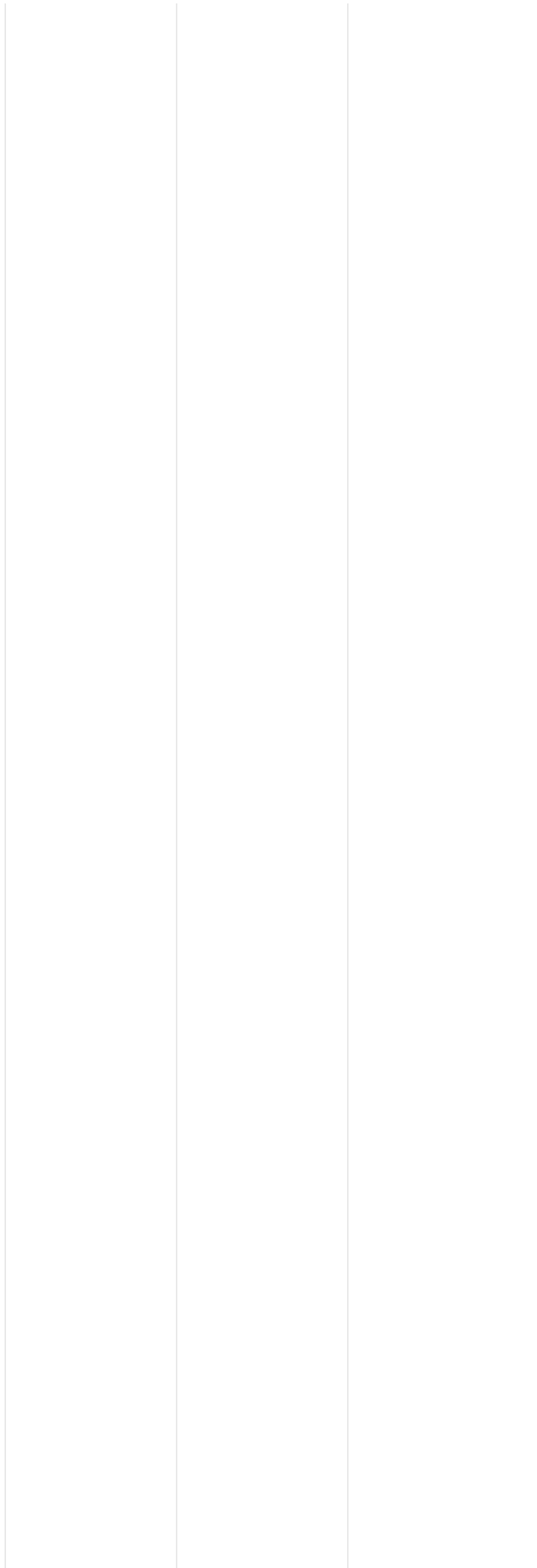


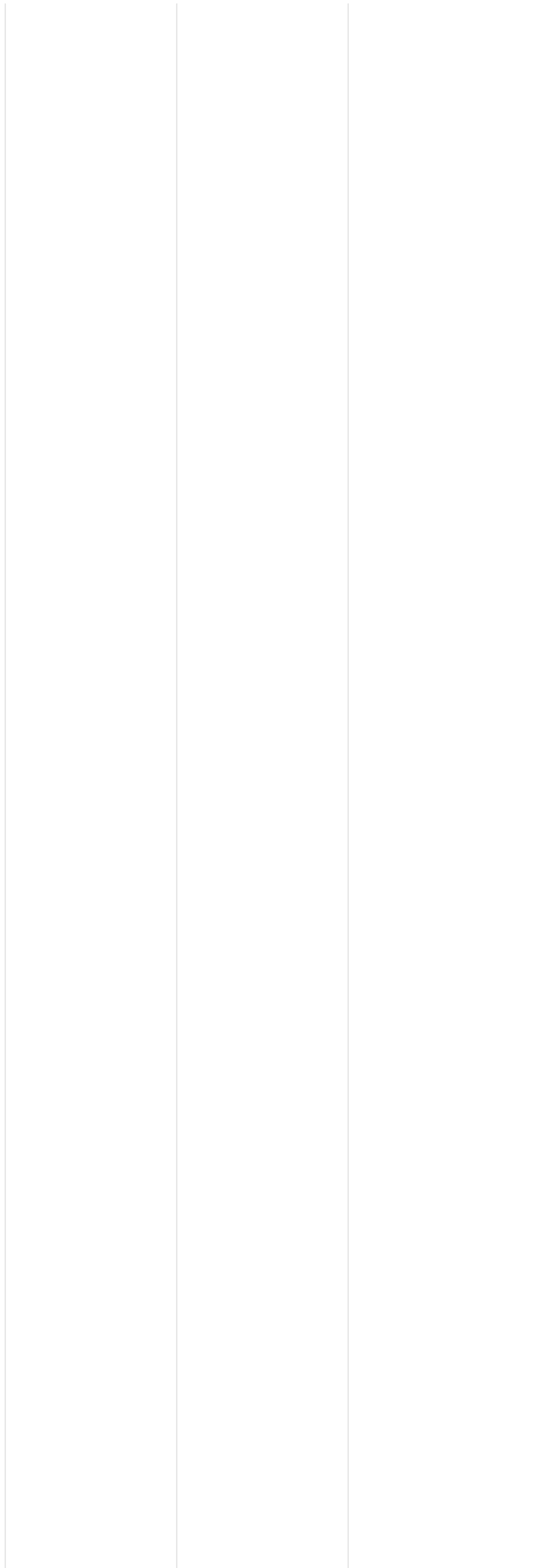


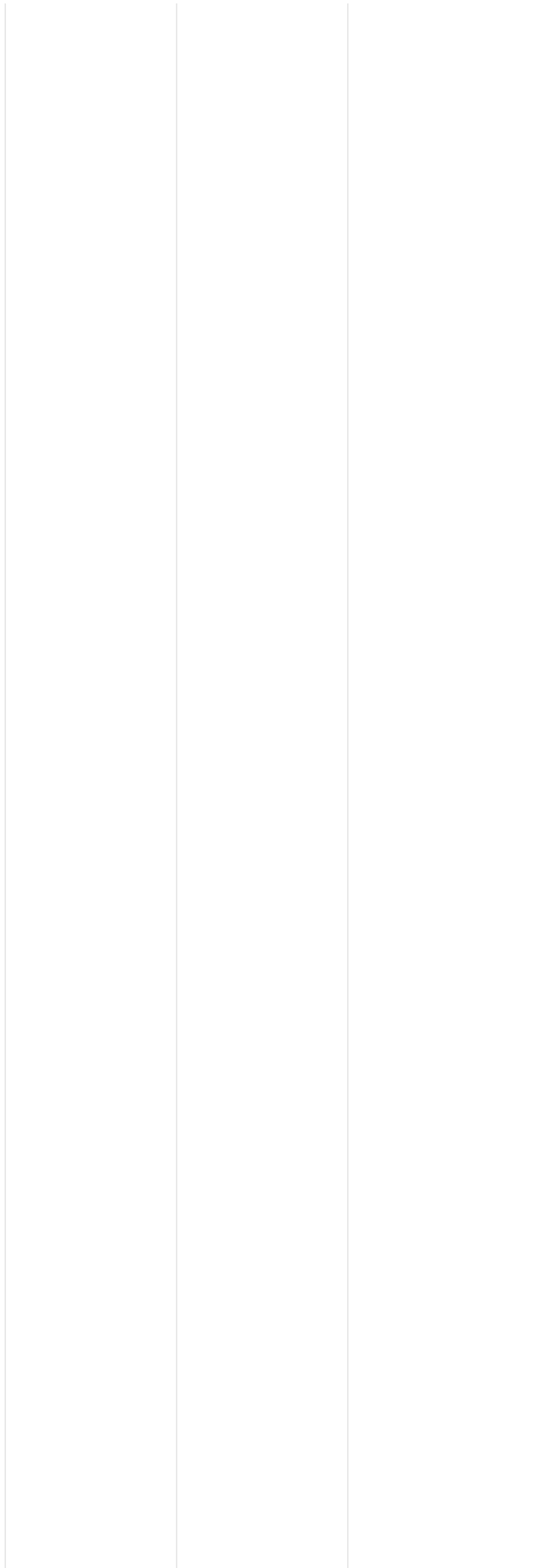


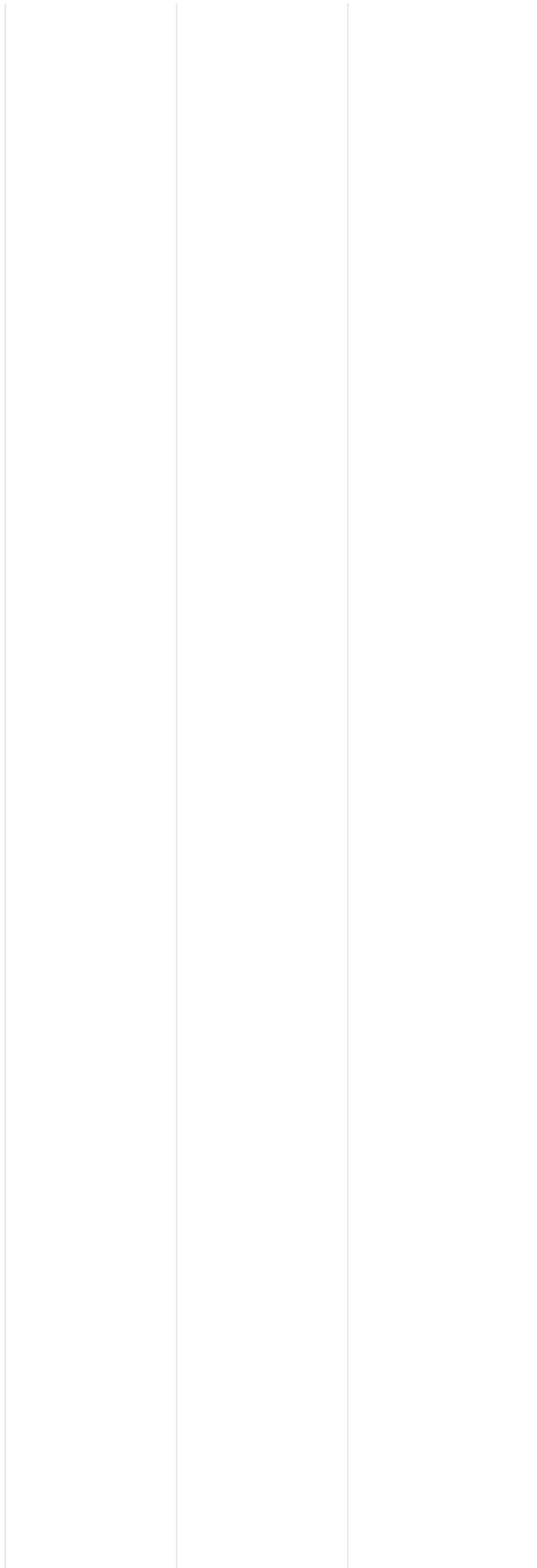


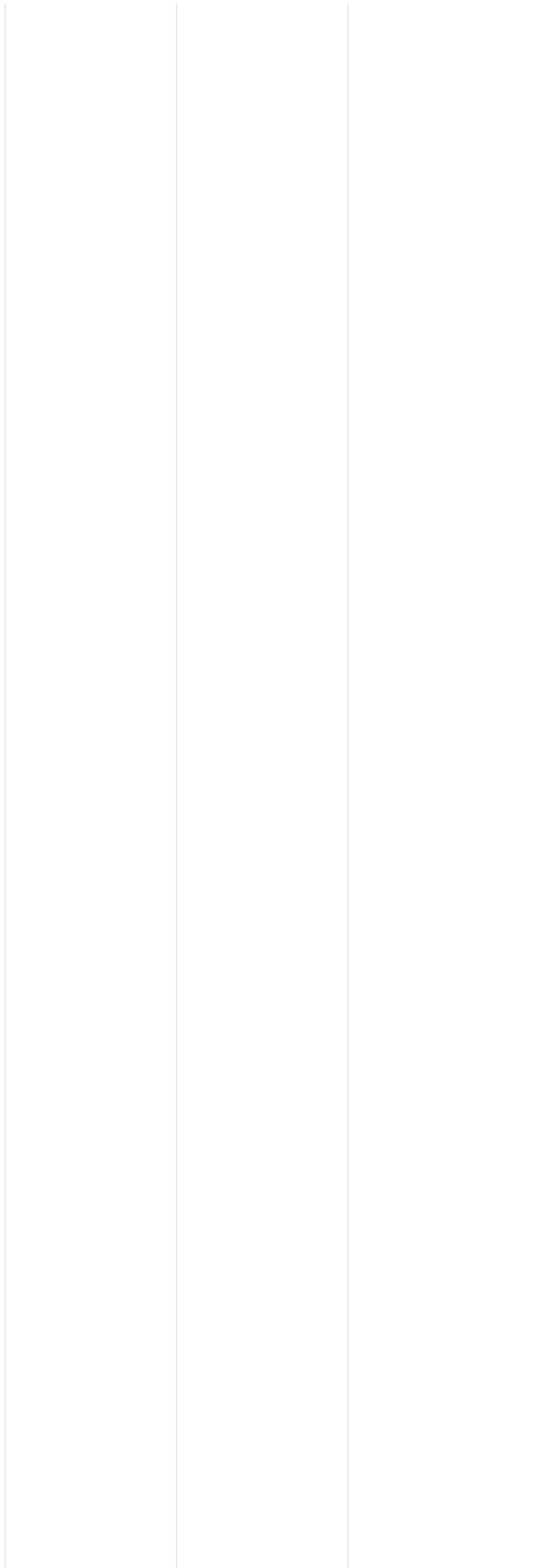


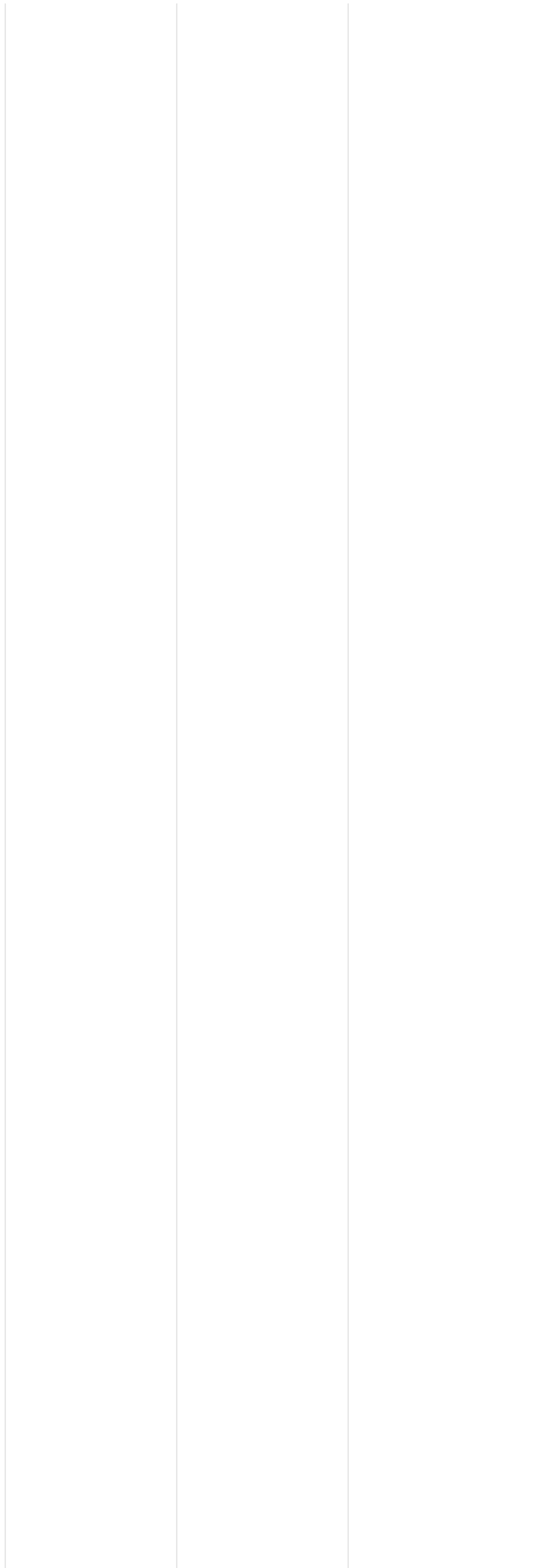


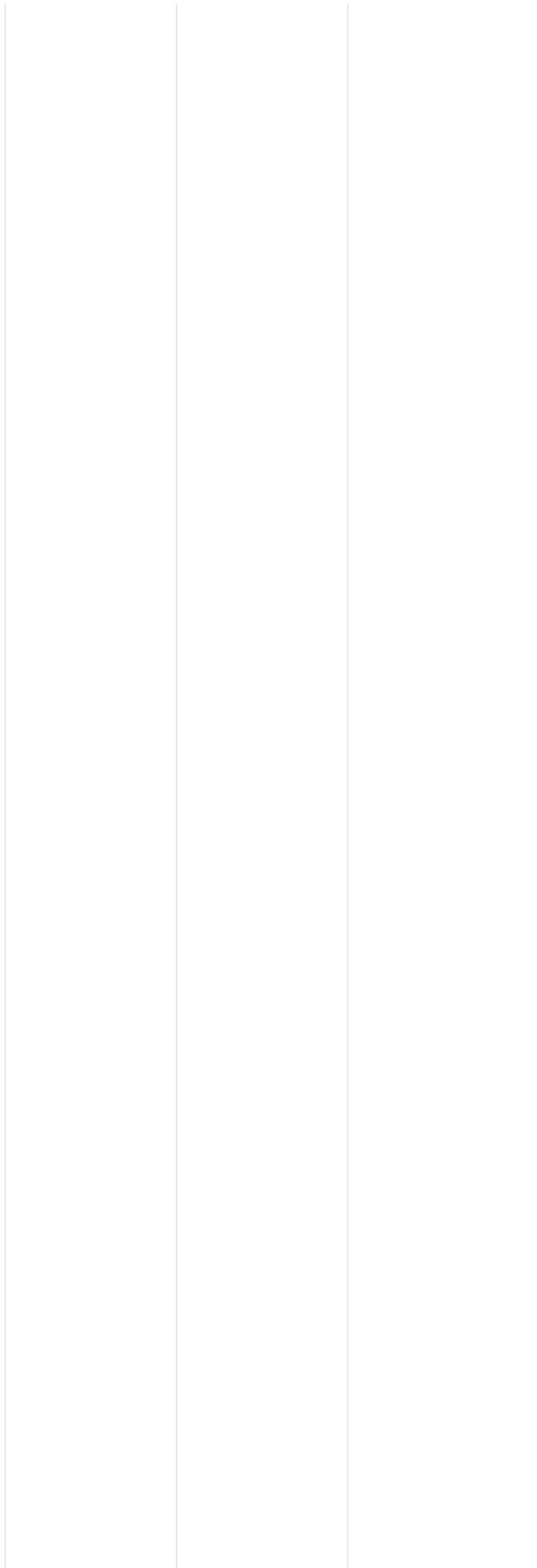


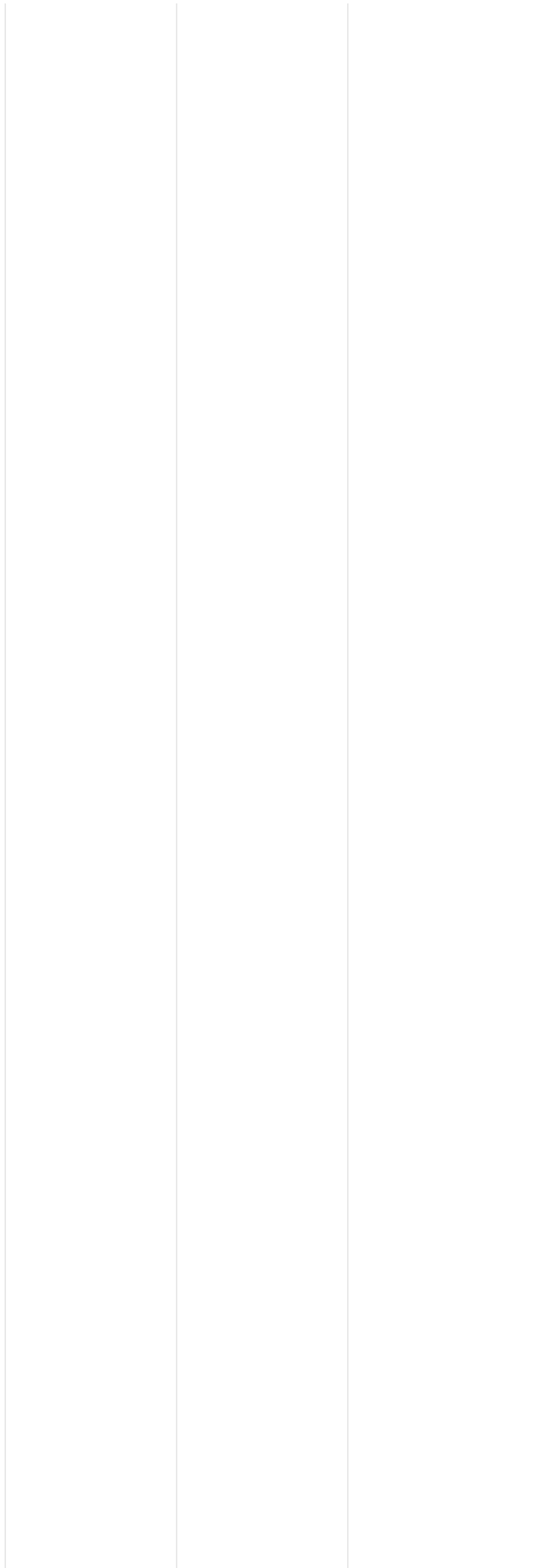














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