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# GENERAL CAMPUS CLIMATE FROM THE CONSERVATIVE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

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## FRAMEWORK & HYPOTHESIS

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General Campus Climate (Soria, 2018;  
Navarro et. al., 2009)

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Does an OWU Bubble exist?

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If it does, does it affect how  
Conservative students engage and  
interact with faculty and other  
students on campus?



## DATA & METHOD

- Anonymous survey with 90 responses
- OWU Daily, Politics & Government and Sociology/Anthropology Departments, email
- Greek Life organizations, Small Living Units (SLUs), and Themed Houses, Clubs and Organizations

# RESEARCH QUESTIONS

## Class Interactions

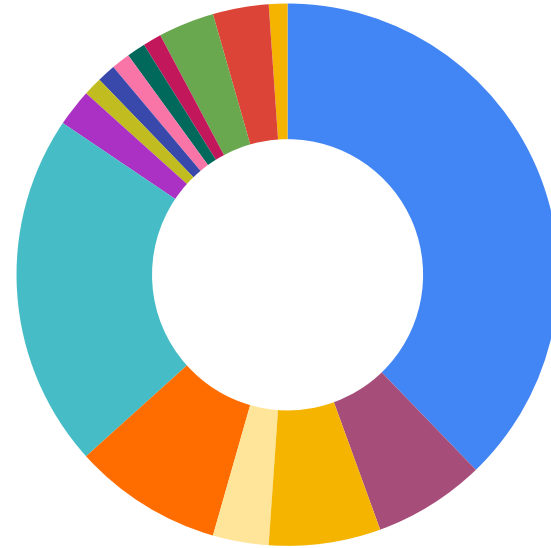
- Do you feel comfortable talking about politics with professors on campus? Why or why not?
- Do you take classes that challenge your personal opinions?
- Do you think your political views affect your grade in class? If so, which class(es)?
- In your opinion, have professors allowed students to have constructive debates in class over hot button topics?
- During which debates do you feel comfortable speaking up during debates in class?
- Do you feel that your freedom of speech is limited on OWU's campus? If so, in what ways?
- Have you ever chosen to not share your opinion in class? If so, why?

## Student Interactions

- Do you feel comfortable talking about politics with students on campus? Why or why not?
- Do you feel that your political views/opinions affect your ability to engage with students in social settings?
- Are there certain places on campus where you feel welcomed?
- Are there certain places on campus where you do not feel welcomed?
- Do you feel ostracized due to your political views? Why or why not?
- Do you have non-liberal friends on campus? Why or why not?
- Do you have non-conservative friends on campus? Why or why not?

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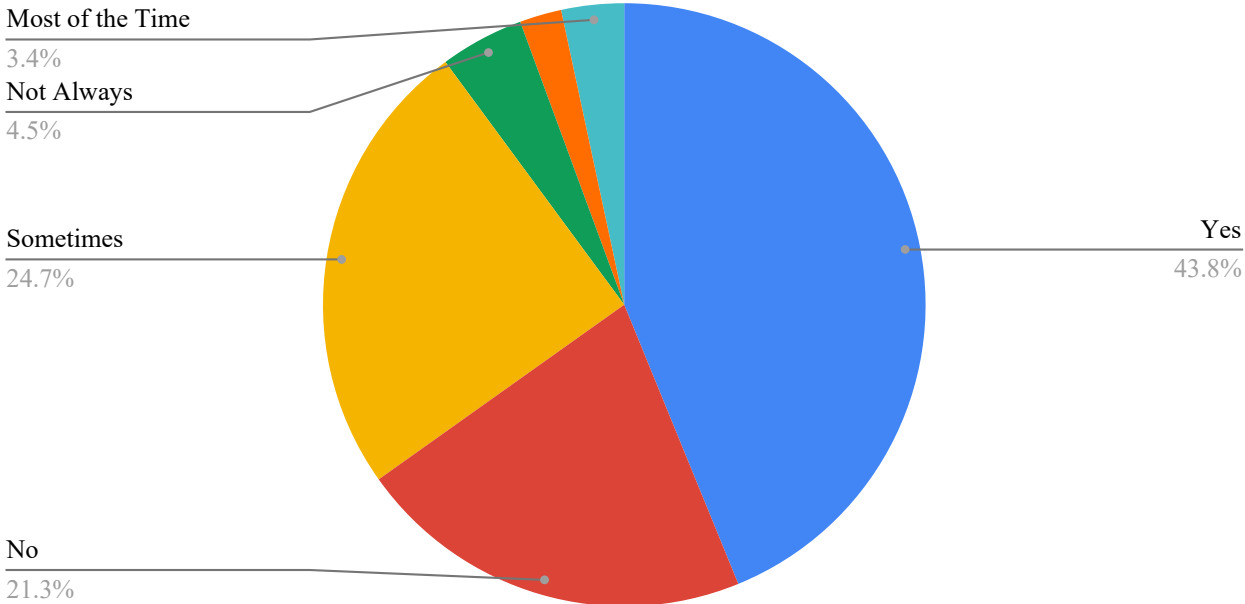
## Political Affiliation



- Liberal
- Moderate Liberal
- Moderate
- Independent
- Moderate Conservative
- Conservative
- Libertarian
- Registered Republican, but more Moderate and Authoritarian
- Egalitarian
- Economic centrist/Social liberatian
- Roams around the moral human compass
- Tired and confused
- Blank
- Don't know
- Whatever I think is right

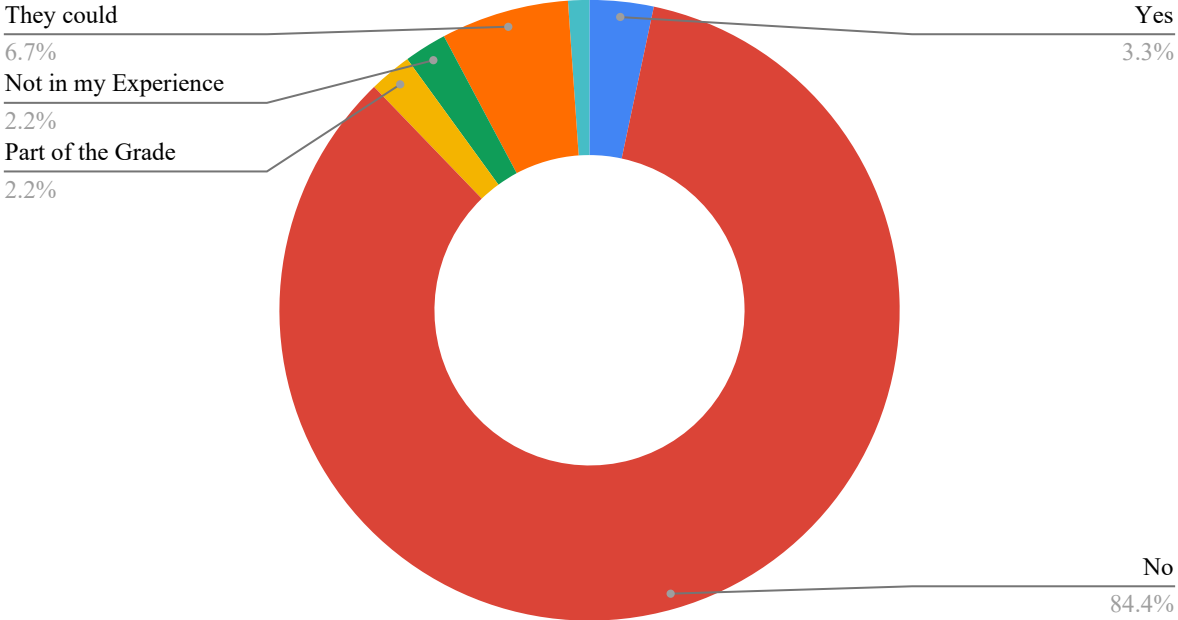
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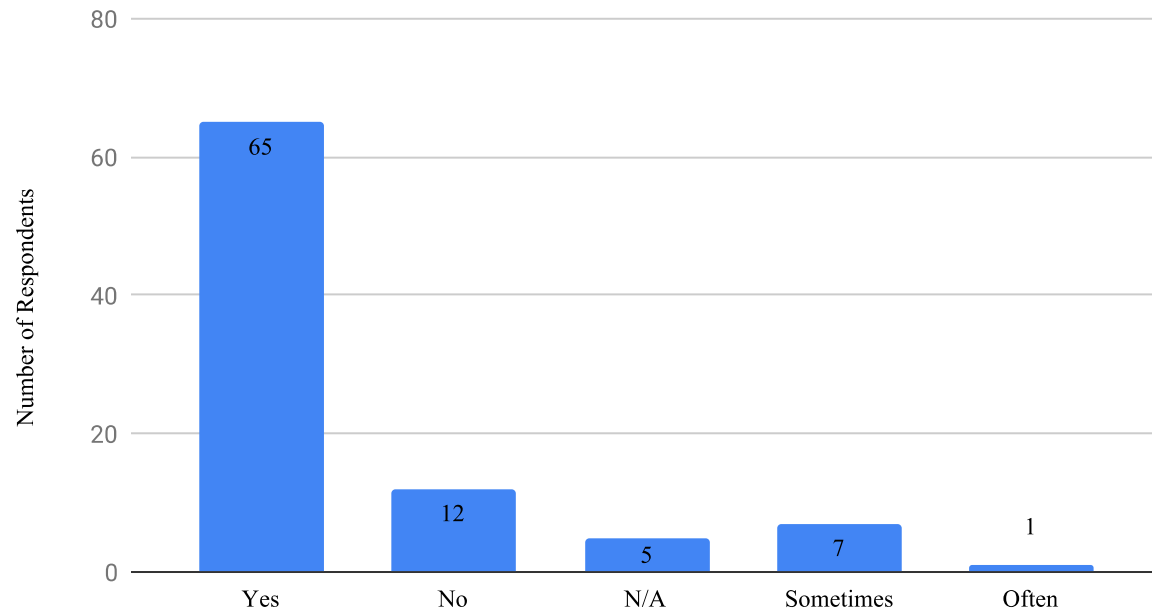
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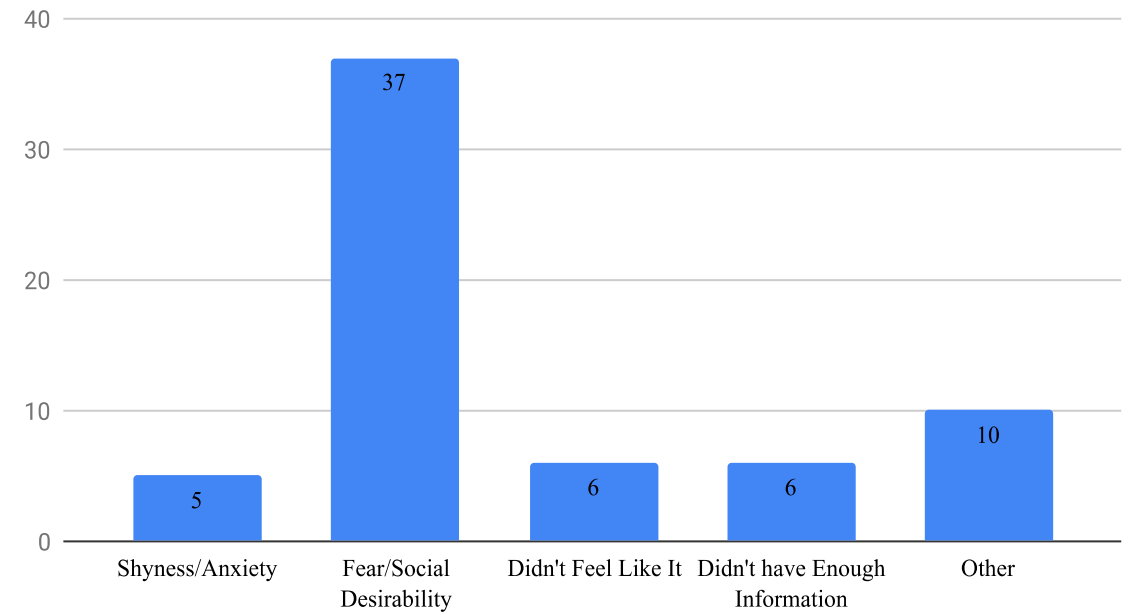




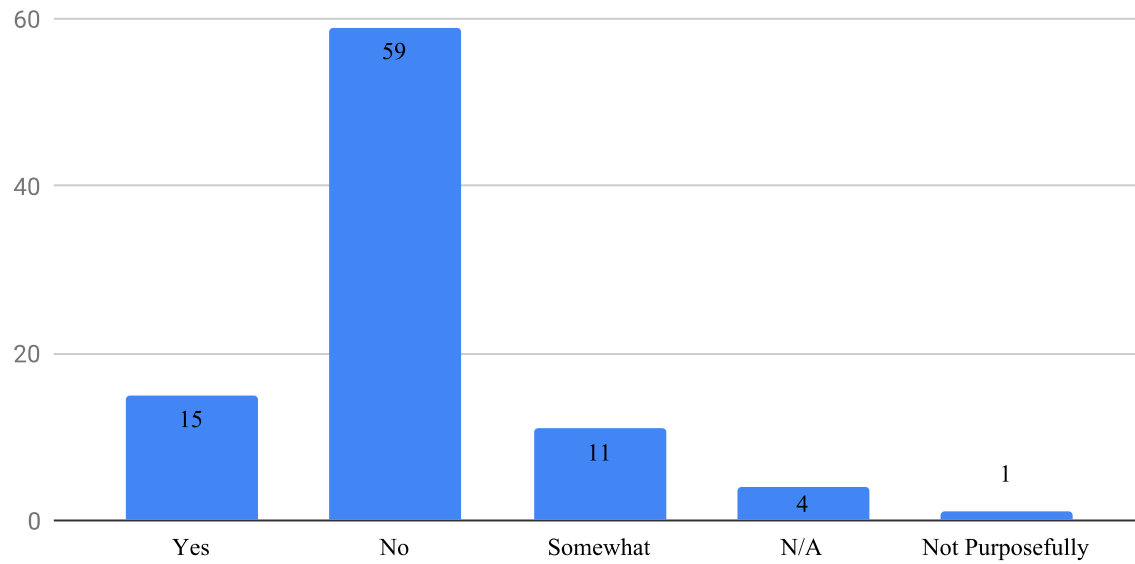
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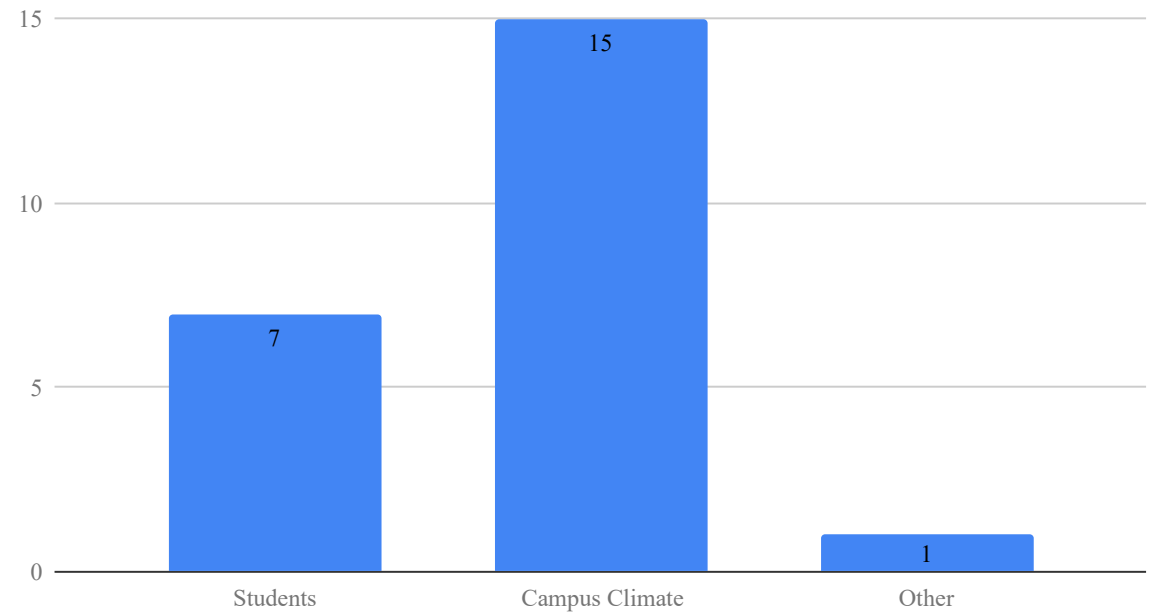
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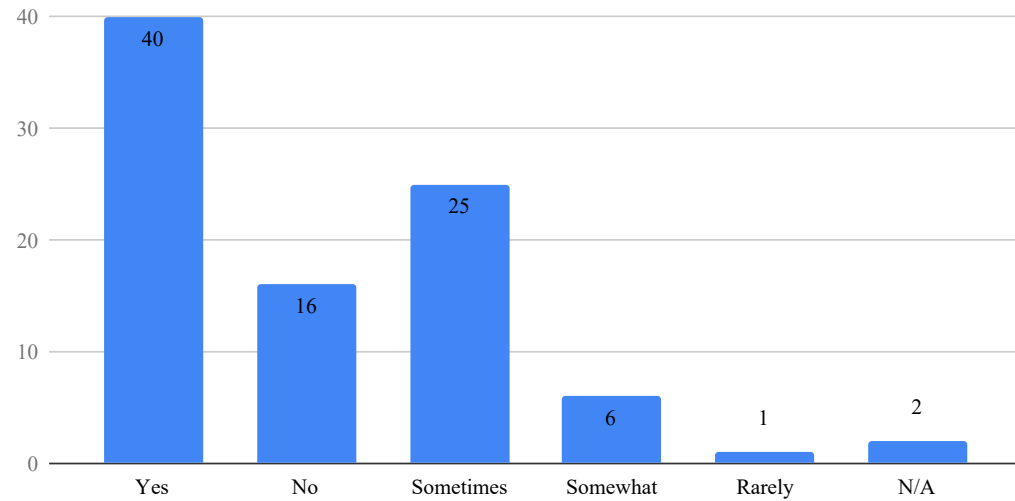
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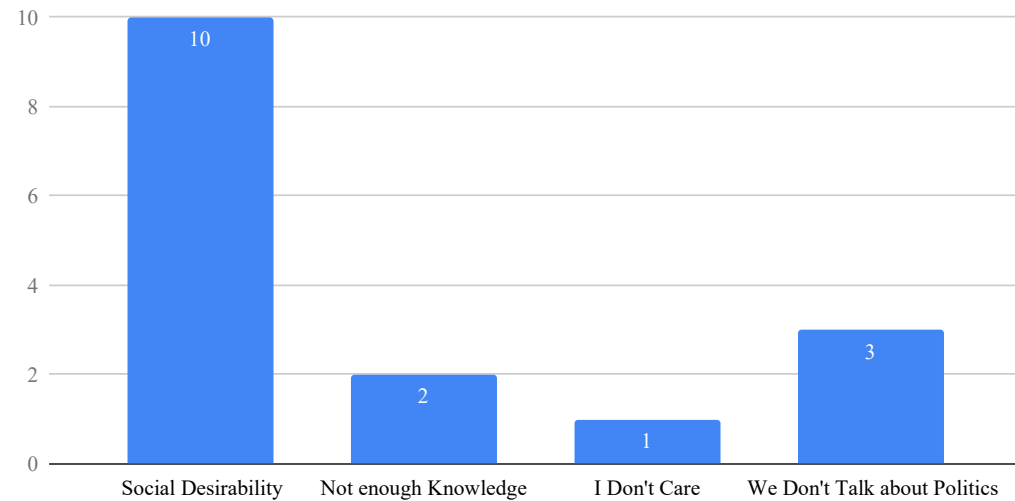
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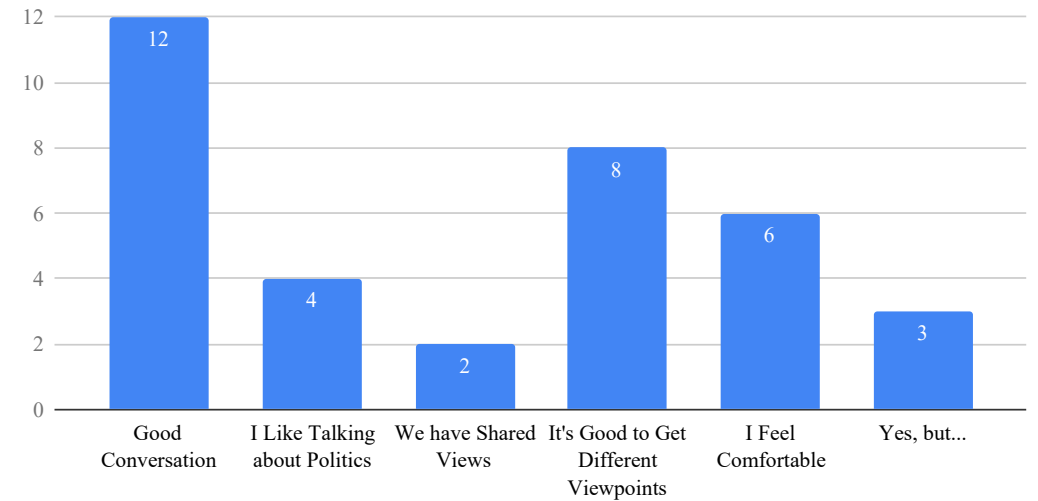
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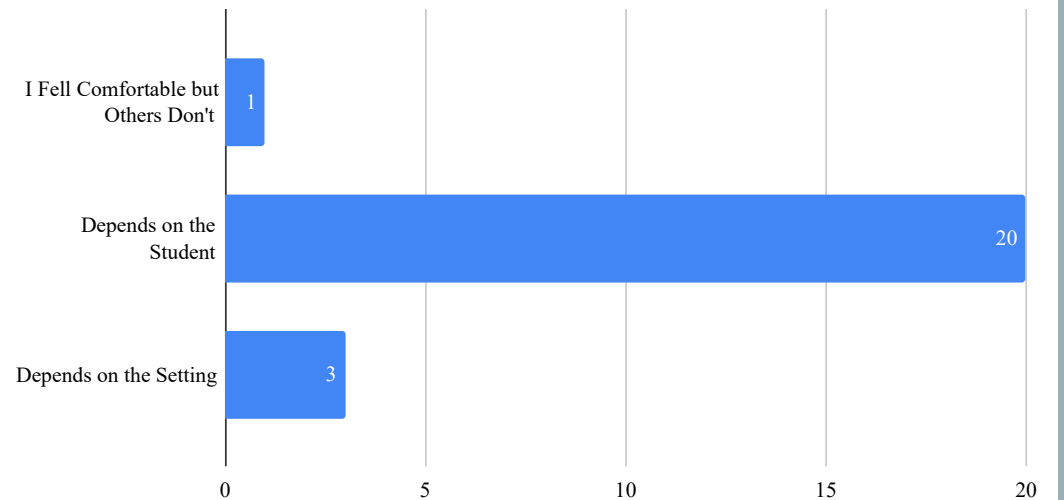
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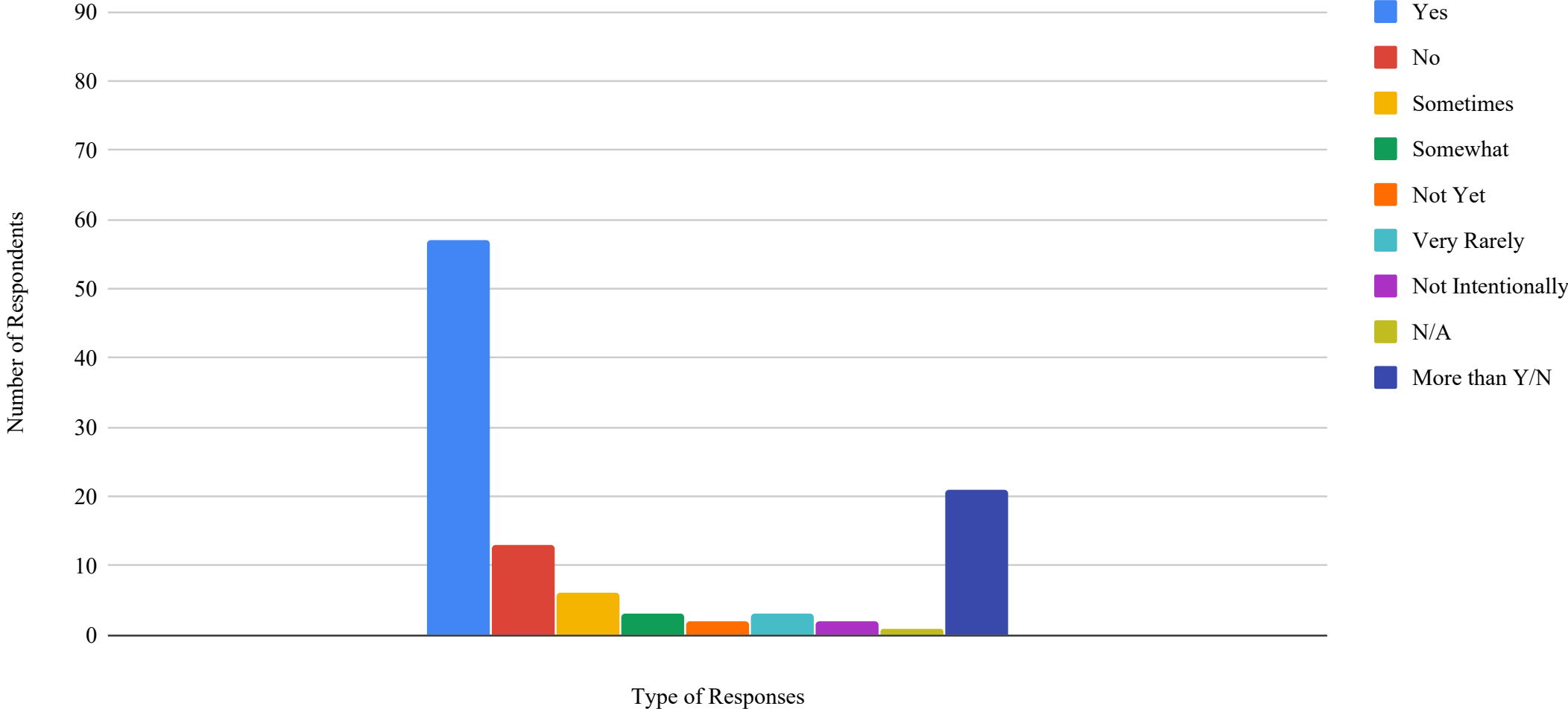
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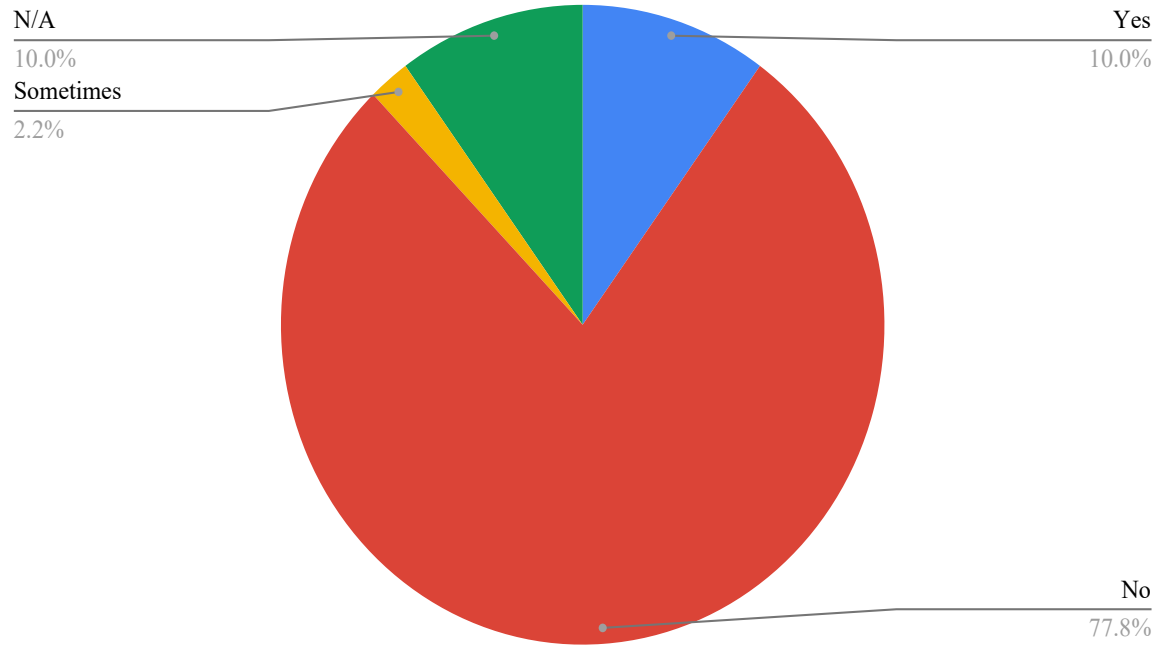
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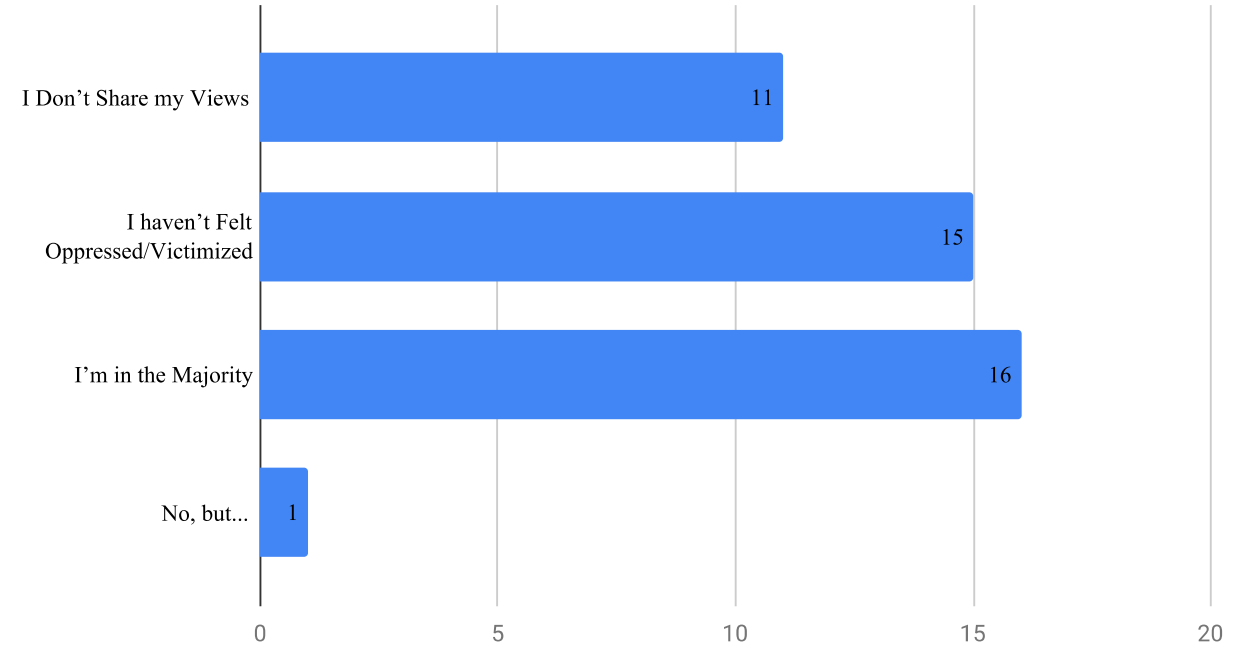
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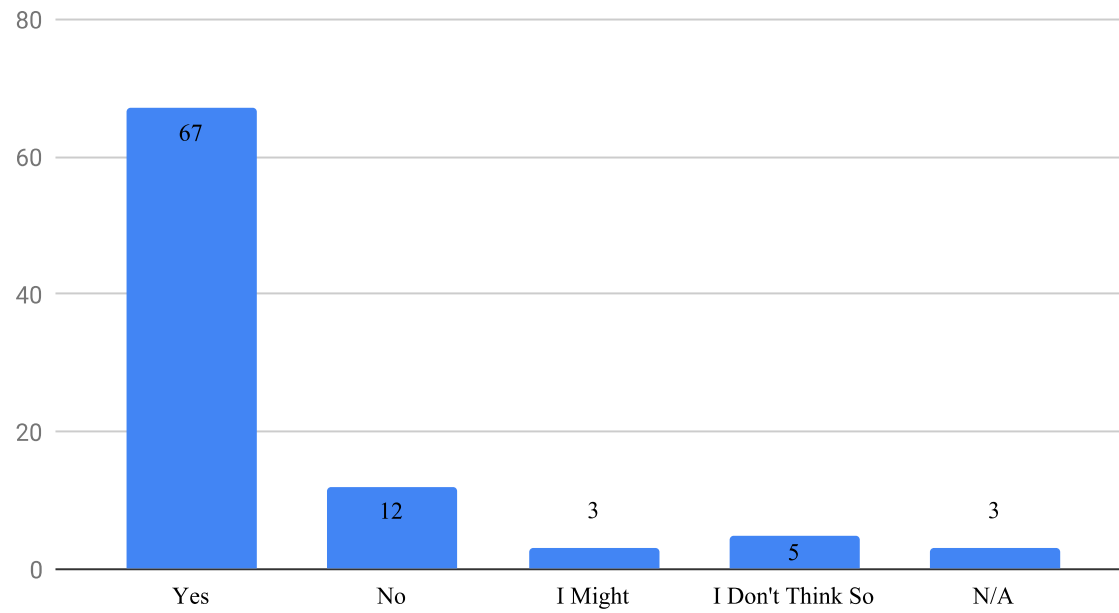
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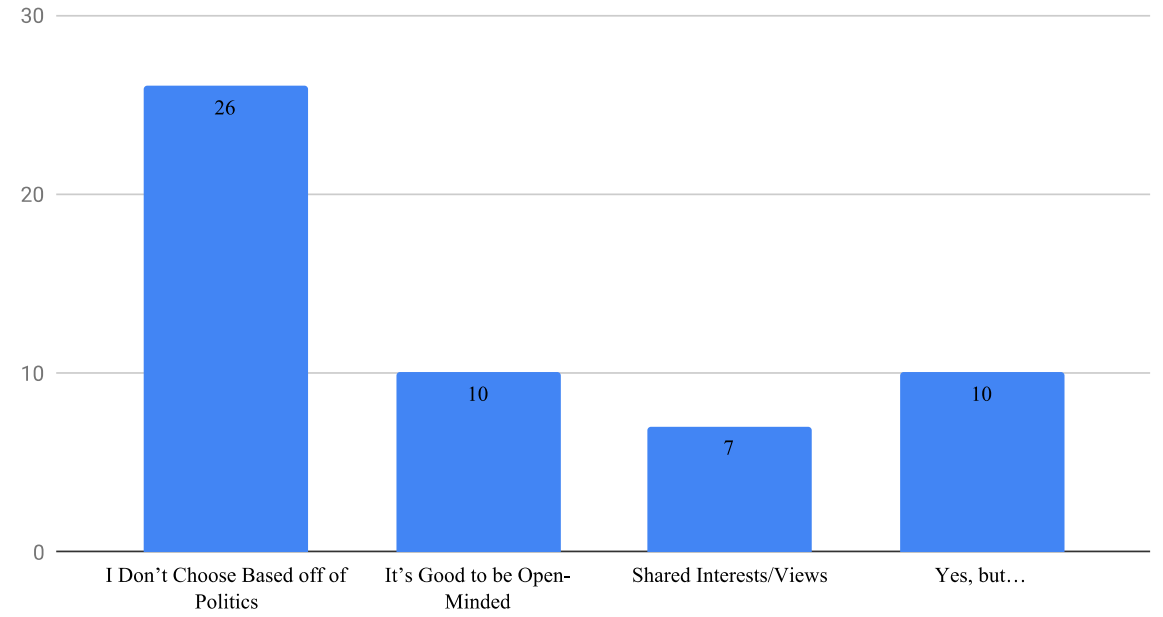
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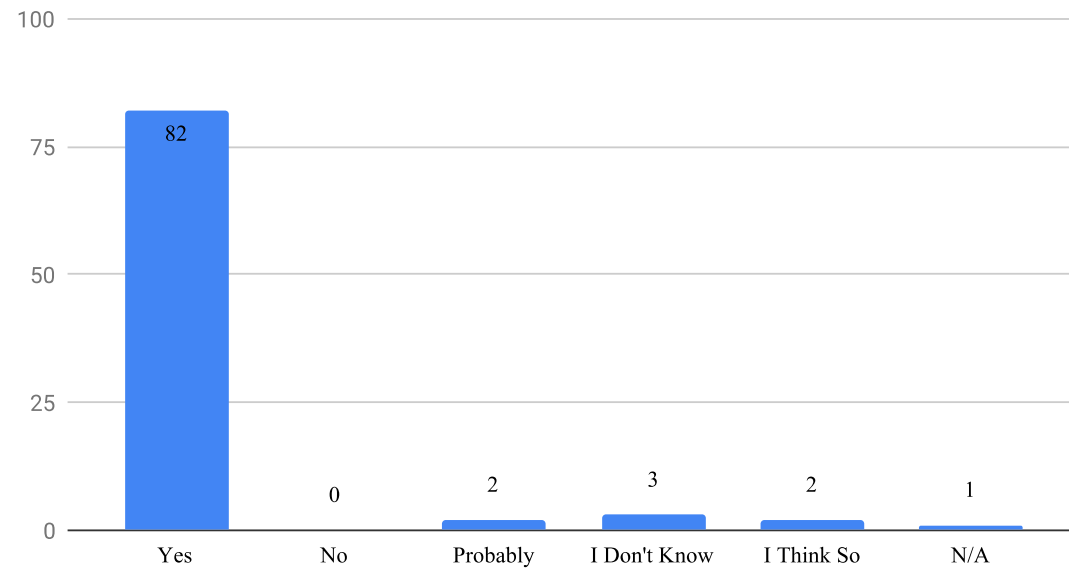
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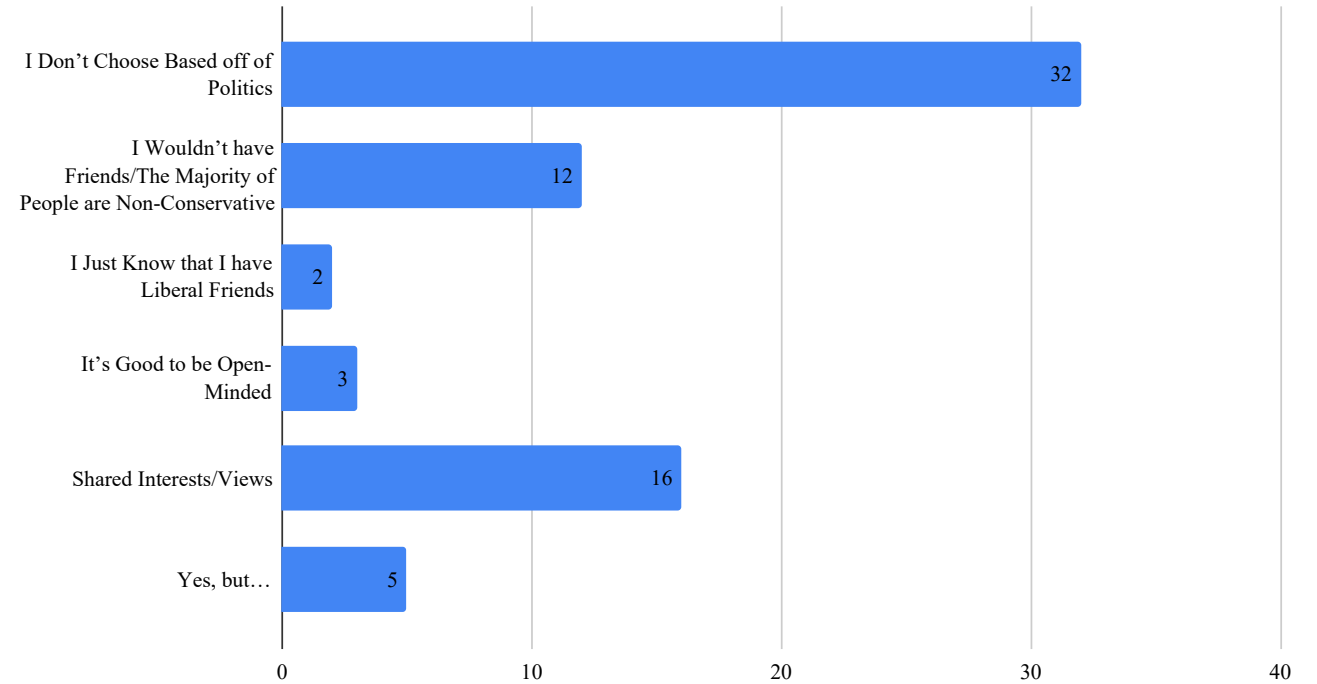
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**WHY DOES THIS MATTER?**



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