

Opinions on Various Political Issues

Main Question:

What are the various viewpoints of students on political issues?

GOAL:

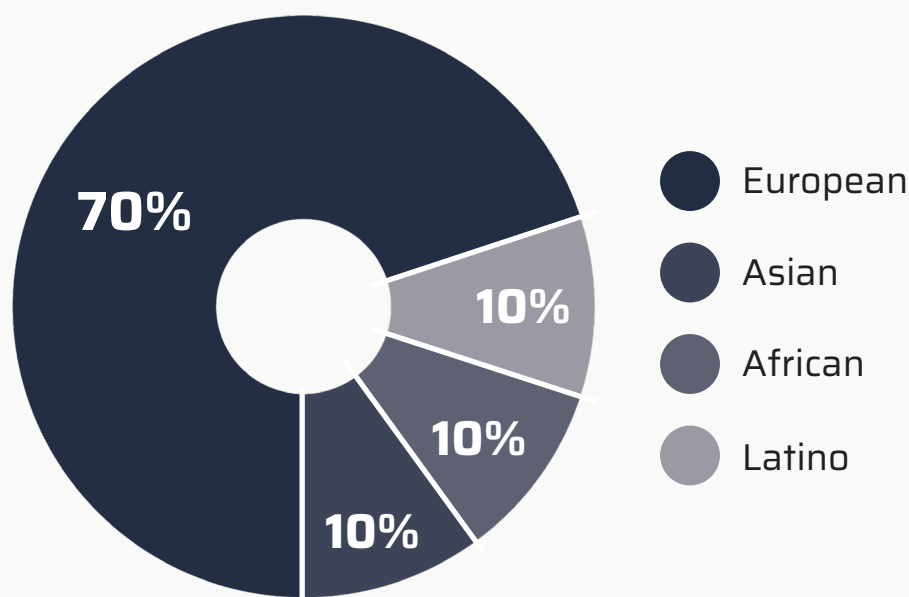
The purpose of this research project is see what the differing viewpoints of students on campus are for various political issues. I think the suppression of differing ideals is a growing problem in America. No one should be afraid to voice their opinion and views. Even if the platform I provided was small I'm happy that I was able to give people a chance to share their views.

Method 1: For my first method I conducted a survey to find out what students views are on certain political issues.

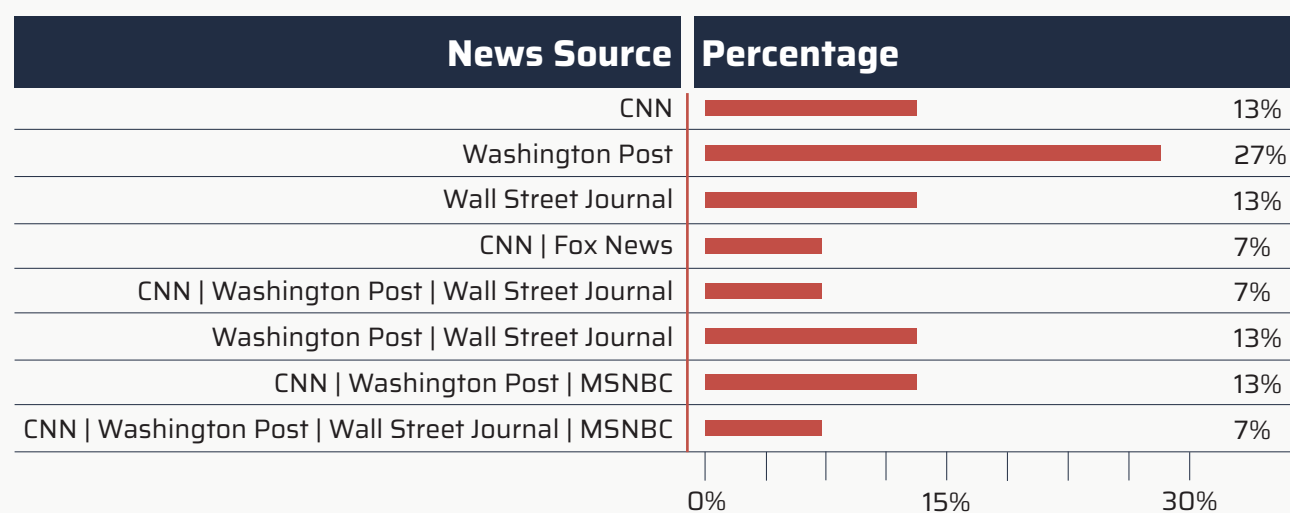
Q1 Please indicate your preferred gender identity. **N-20**



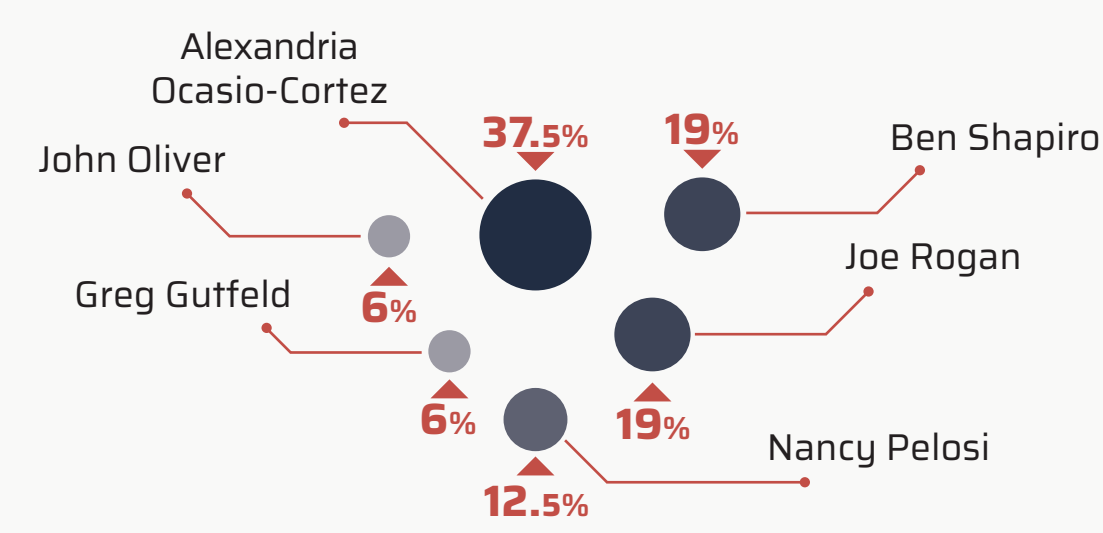
Q2 Please indicate your ethnicity/ies. **N-20**



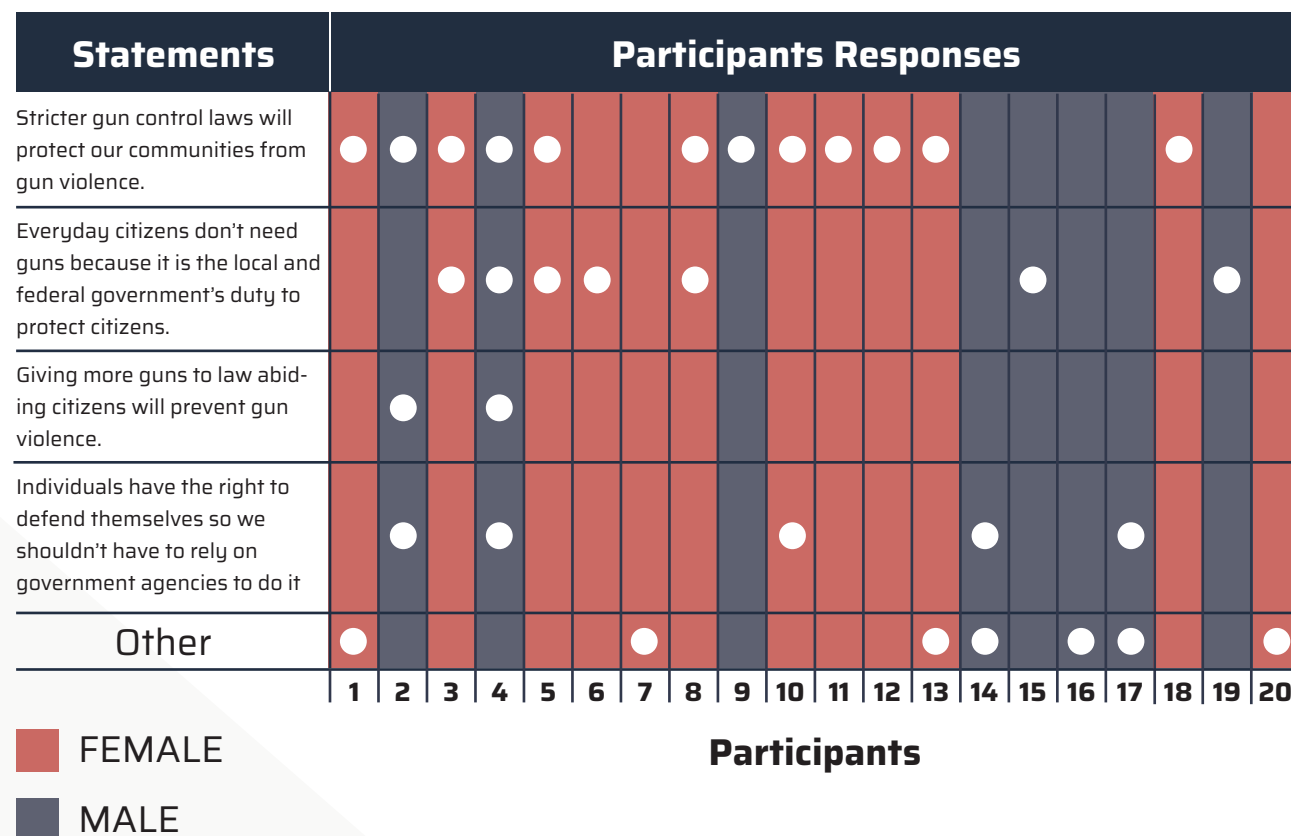
Q3 What is your favorite news source(s)? **N-15**



Q4 If you could listen to only one of the following individuals who would you choose? **N-16**



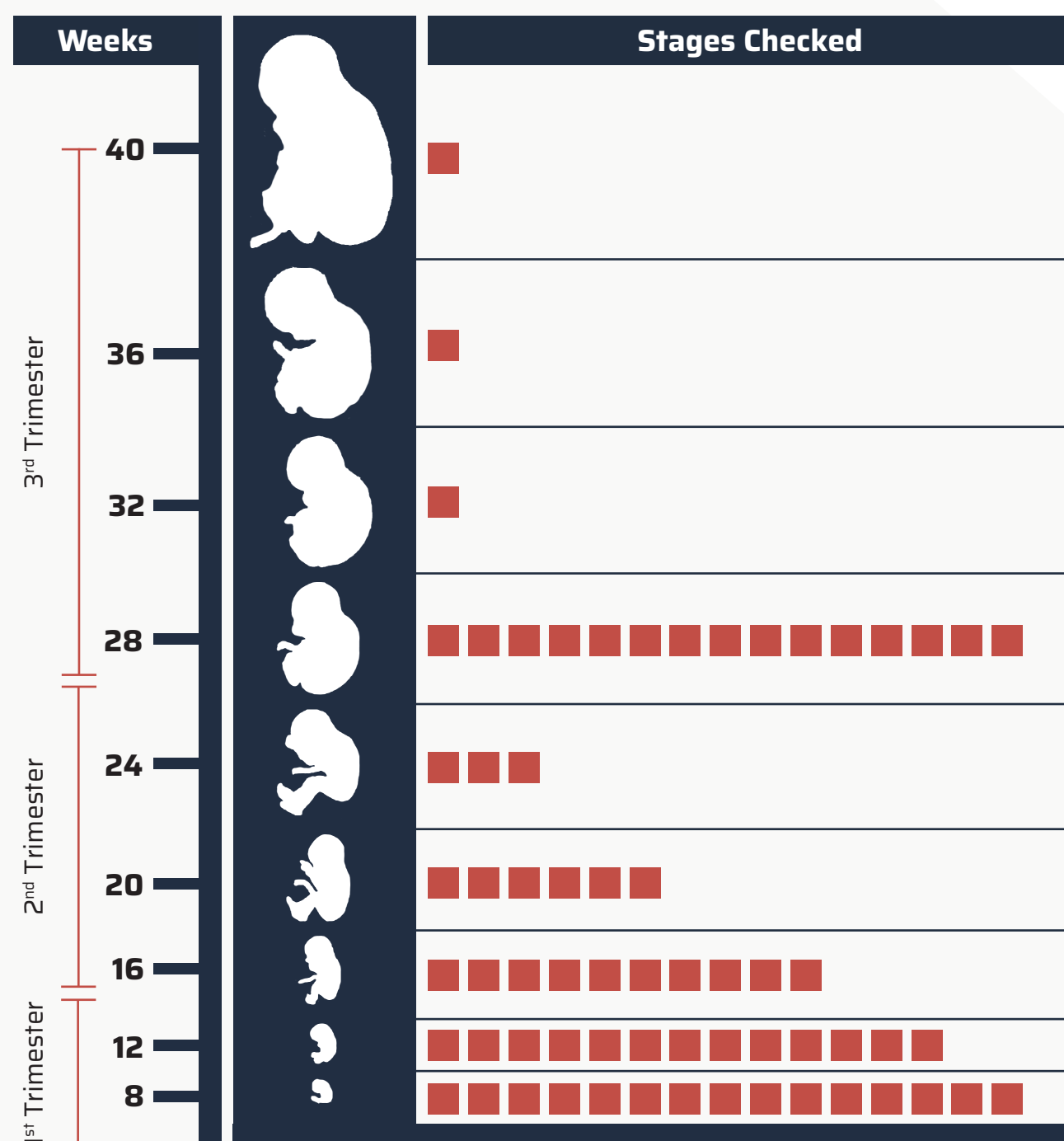
Q5 What is your stance on the issue of gun control? **N-20**



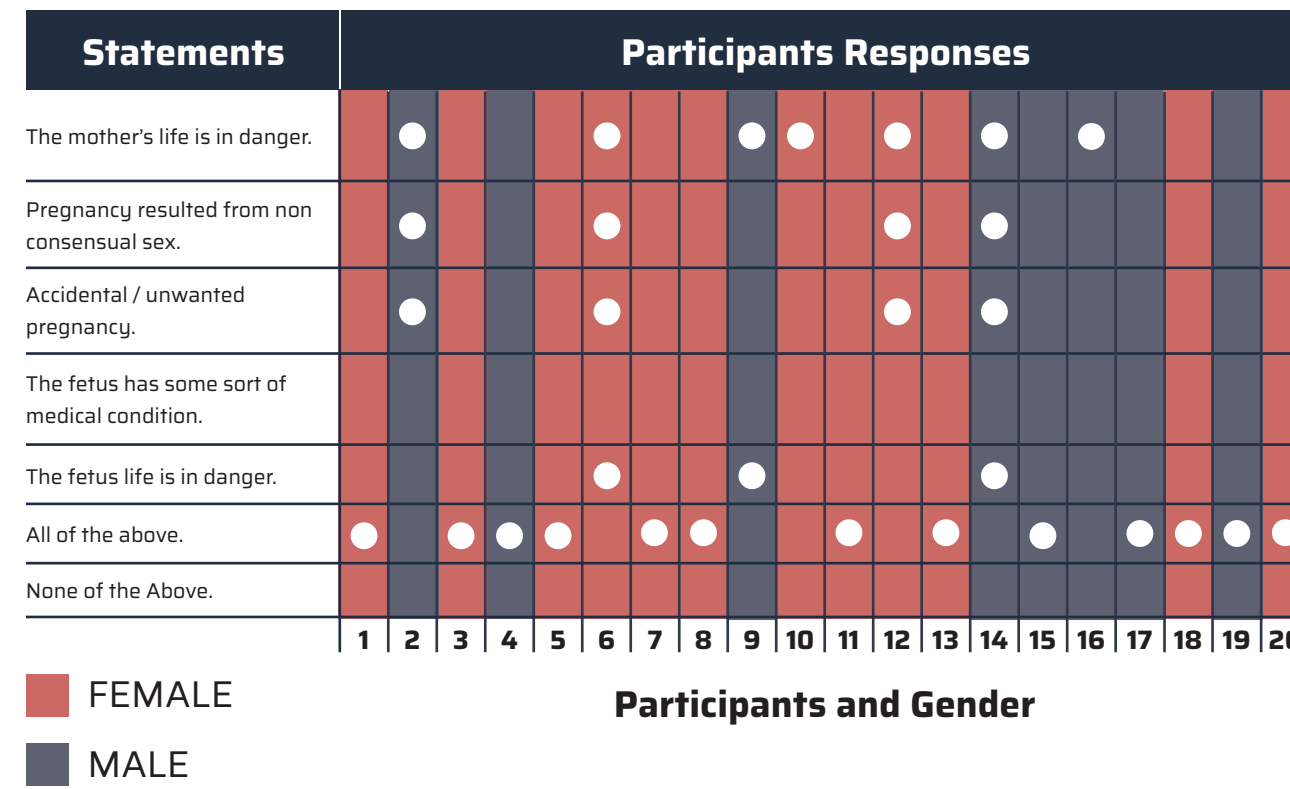
Q6 What is your stance on the abortion debate? **N-20**



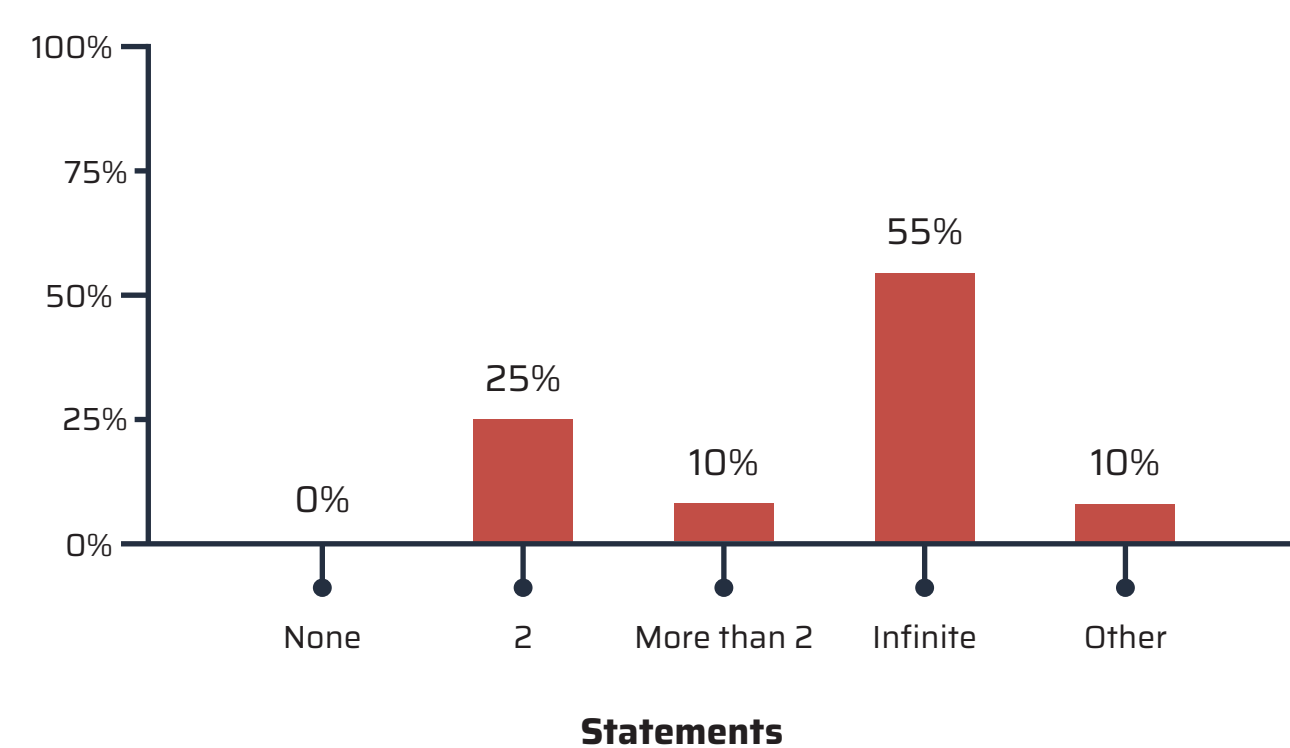
Q7 Using the image above, check the stages at which you consider abortion acceptable. **N-20**



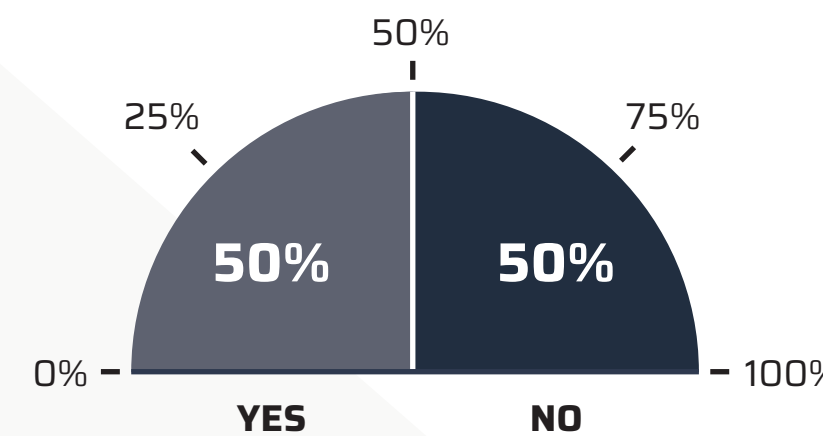
Q8 Under what circumstances do you think abortion is acceptable? **N-20**



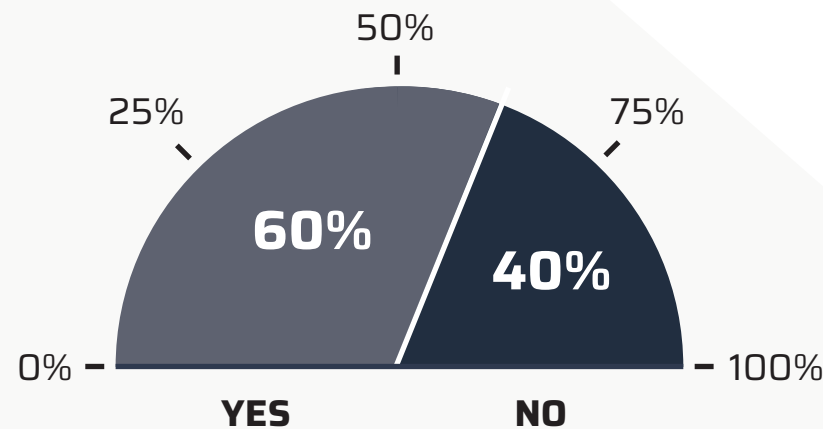
Q9 How many genders do you believe there are? **N-20**



Q10 Do you believe **Democratic Socialism** is a framework that America should utilize? **N-20**



Q11 Do you believe **Capitalism** is a framework that America should continue to utilize? **N-20**



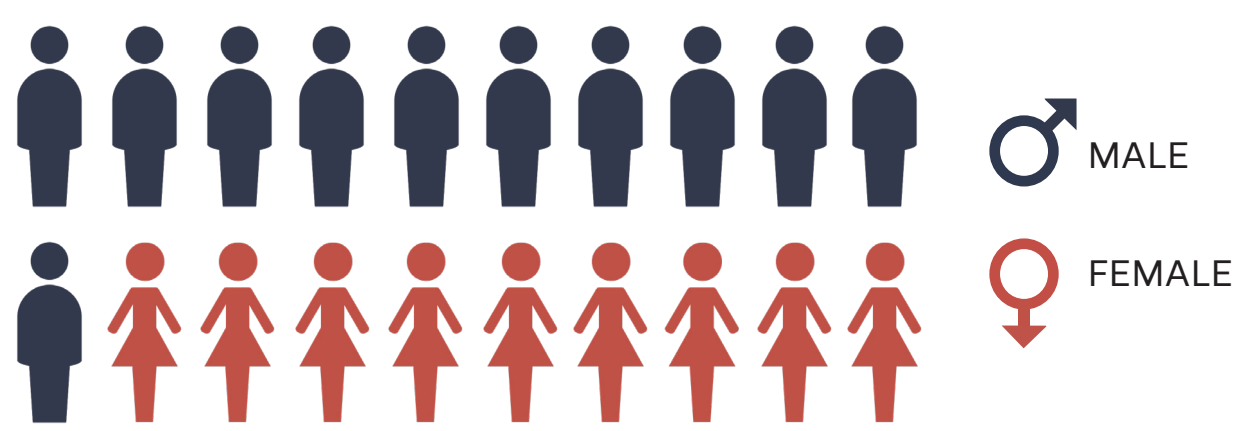
Method 2:

For my second method I wanted to see how people would respond to certain political statements in a face to face interactive environment.

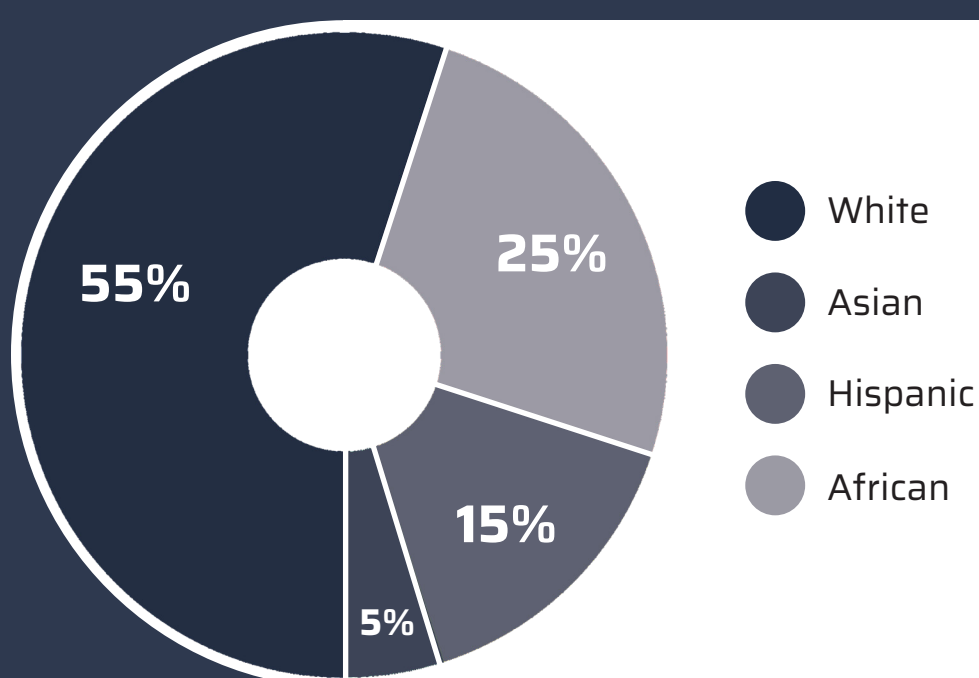
I created a simple (11 x 17) spread. There were five rows and two columns. The first column contained (Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, and Strongly Disagree). Strongly agree being on the top row and strongly disagree being on the bottom. Then I created 10 political statements accompanied by cards that corresponded with the statements. I would then put the directions in front of the participant and give a disclaimer. Once the directions were clear I would put one question in front of the participant. They would then put the corresponding card where they felt they landed on the spectrum. I went to Hasbrouck dining hall to conduct this research.

Ethnicity and Gender

Please indicate your preferred gender identity. **N-20**



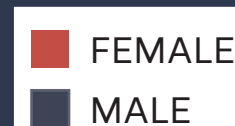
Please indicate your ethnicity/ies. **N-20**



Directions: **N-20**

Answer the following statements by placing the associated card where you feel you stand on the issue. Strongly agree and strongly disagree if you have no doubts. Put the card on agree and disagree if you have doubts about your opinion. Put the card on neutral if you are unsure about your stance. Doubts can also mean agreeing with the other sides opinion in some cases as well. You as well as your answers will be anonymous.

KEY



Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The 2nd amendment is a right that should be protected. Guns Card	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree
Abortion should be an option no matter what the situation. Abortion Card	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree
Capitalism is a framework that America should continue to utilize. Capitalism Card	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree
Democratic Socialism is a framework that America should utilize. Democratic Socialism Card	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree
There are more than two genders. Genders Card	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree
There should be free education for all. (K-College) Free Education	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree
We should have Universal Basic Income. Universal Basic Income	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree
The U.S. should build a wall along the southern border. Border Wall Card	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree
There is a wage gap between men and women. Wage Gap Card	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree
There should be Universal Health Care in the United States. Universal Health Care Card	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree	100% Disagree

Conclusion

In conclusion the results were mostly liberal and left mindsets which shouldn't come as a surprise when a political survey is conducted on a liberal arts campus. In my goal I stated that I wanted to see what the differing viewpoints are on campus. The second method however was a lot more interesting to me. Whenever I stumbled across someone with some conservative views they would look around to make sure no one was looking before placing down a card. This was the real purpose of my project. I also said in my project the suppression of differing ideologies is a problem in America. I think that surveys and face to face interactive political activities such as interviews and civil community debates are sorely needed to meld our country back together.

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