



2019

Membership Survey Results

SSSP 2019 Membership Survey Results Released

October 28, 2019

SSSP is happy to release the results of the 2019 Membership Survey on behalf of the SSSP Administrative Office. Thank you for taking time to participate in our survey. Your responses are vital in helping SSSP to meet and fulfill its mission as a professional academic and social justice organization.

The survey ran for two weeks from October 1 through October 15 and was available to all current SSSP members. Response rates and geographic distributions of responses are shown on the next page.

In this report, you'll see the survey questions, possible answers, summary of responses, graphs, and comments where applicable. The comments have not been edited and may contain misspellings and grammatical errors.

Thank you for your participation!

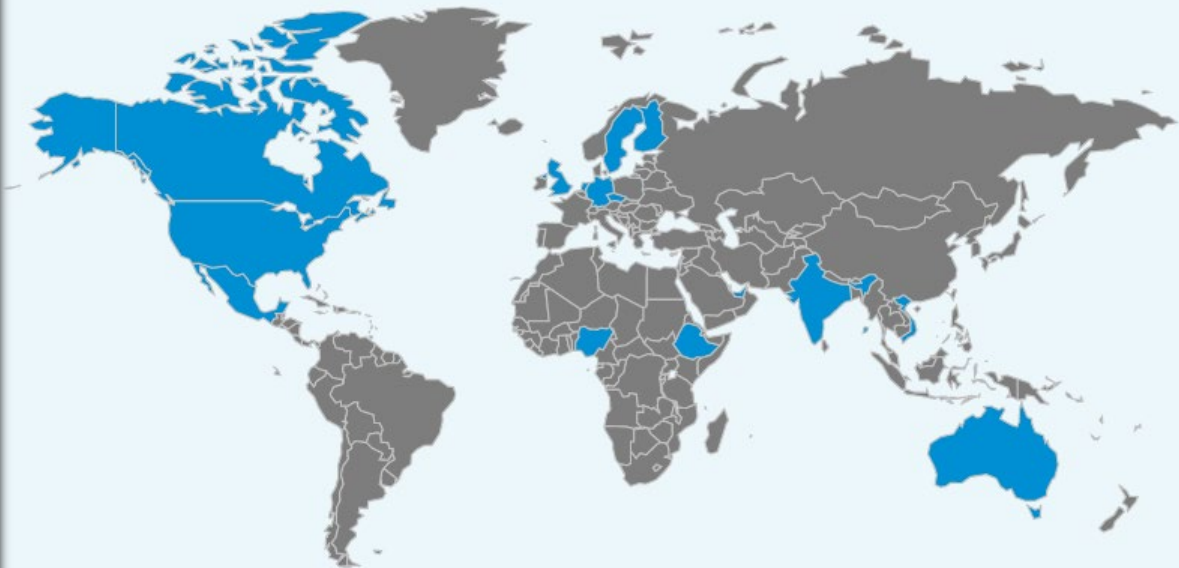
Most sincerely,
The Administrative Office

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Response Statistics and Distribution

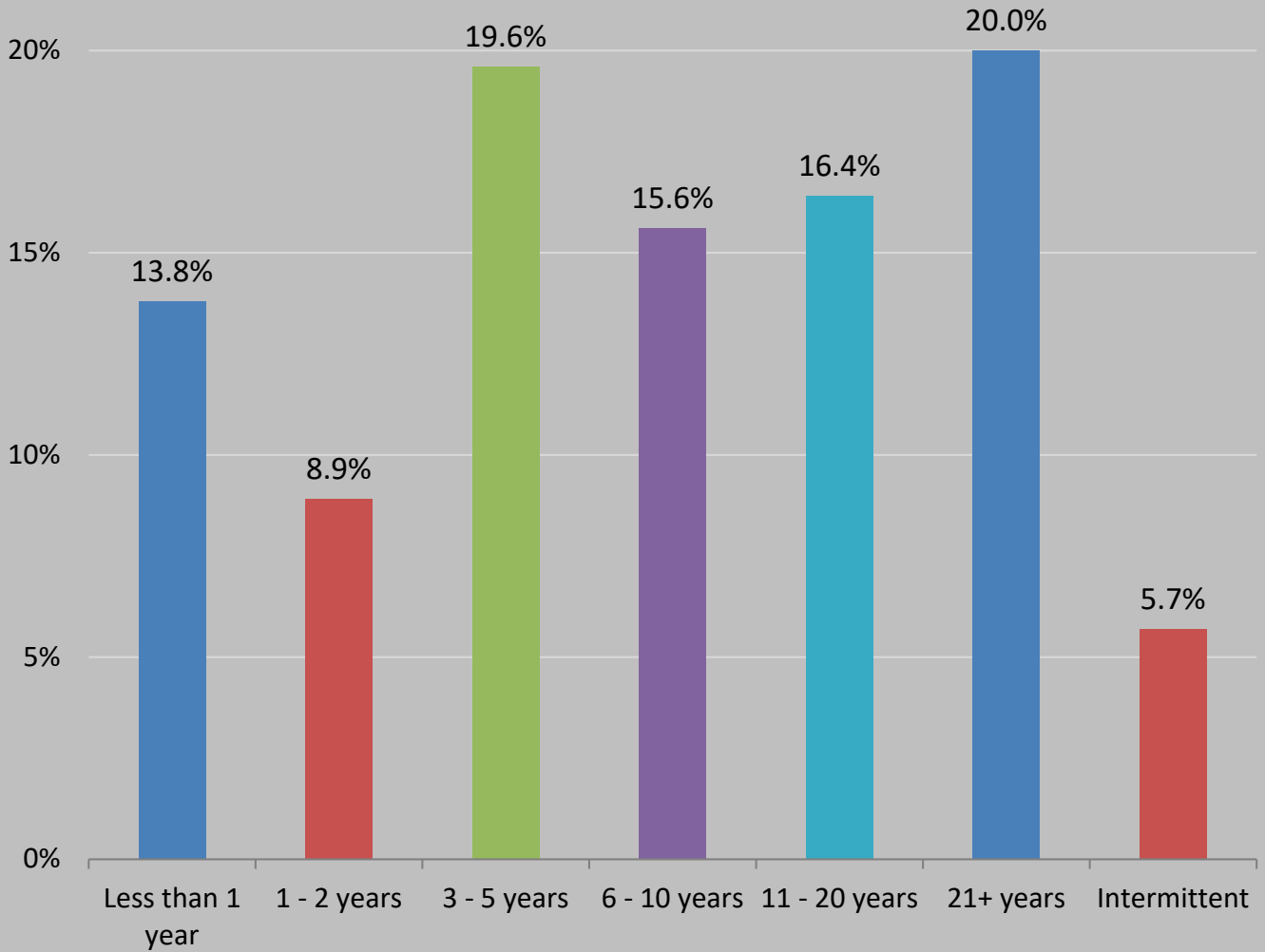
Viewed : 535 | Started: 252 | Completed: 177 | Completion Rate: 70.24%
Drop Outs: 75 | Time to Complete: 9 minutes

Response Distribution



Started: 252 | United States: 88.49% | Canada: 2.78% | India: 1.59%
All Other Countries: 7.14%

How long have you been a member of SSSP?



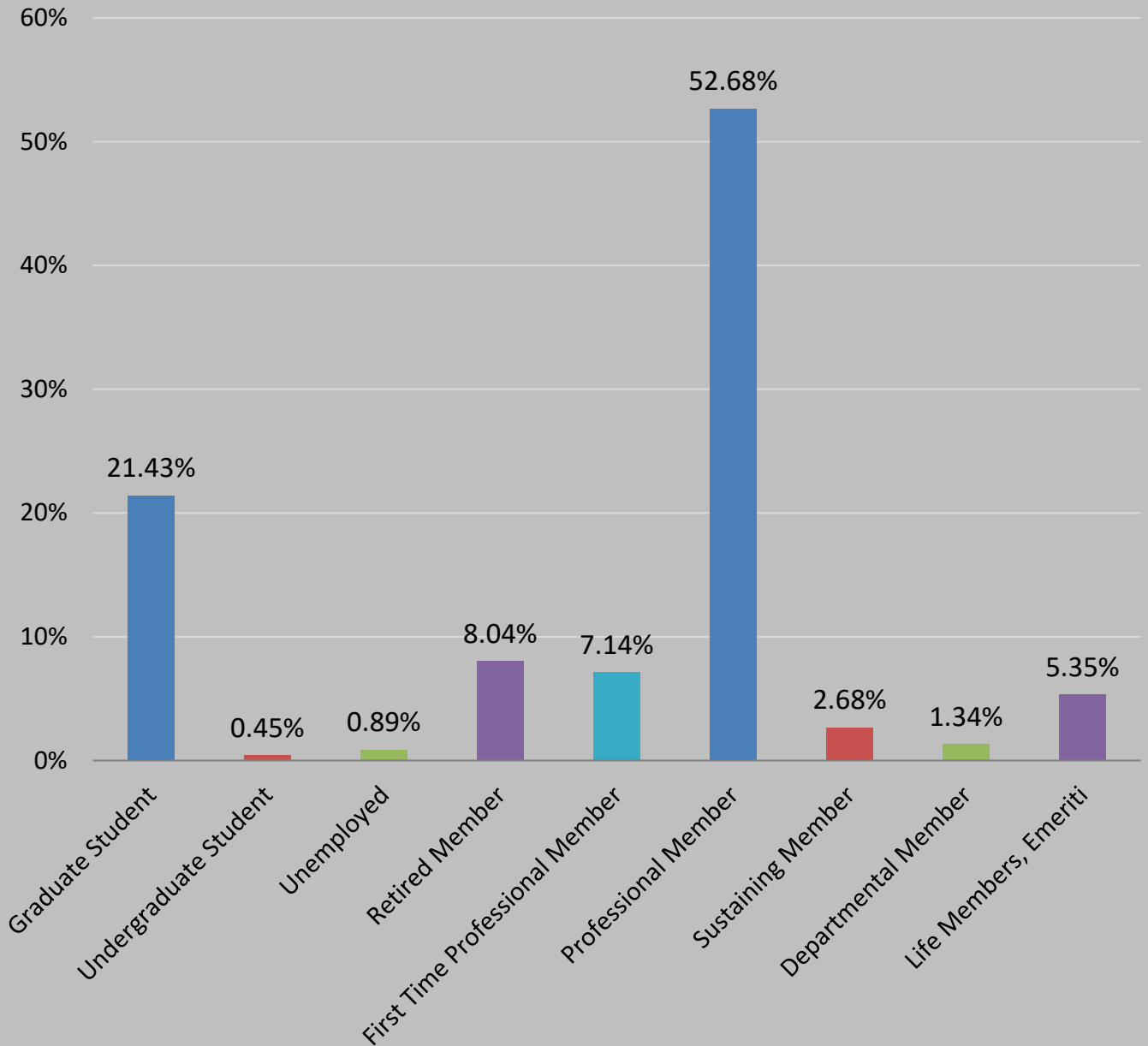
Responses: 225 | Standard Deviation : 1.813 | Standard Error : 0.121

How long have you been a member of SSSP?

If **intermittent** is selected, please estimate the number of years you have been a member on and off in the SSSP and list any factor(s) affecting your participation.

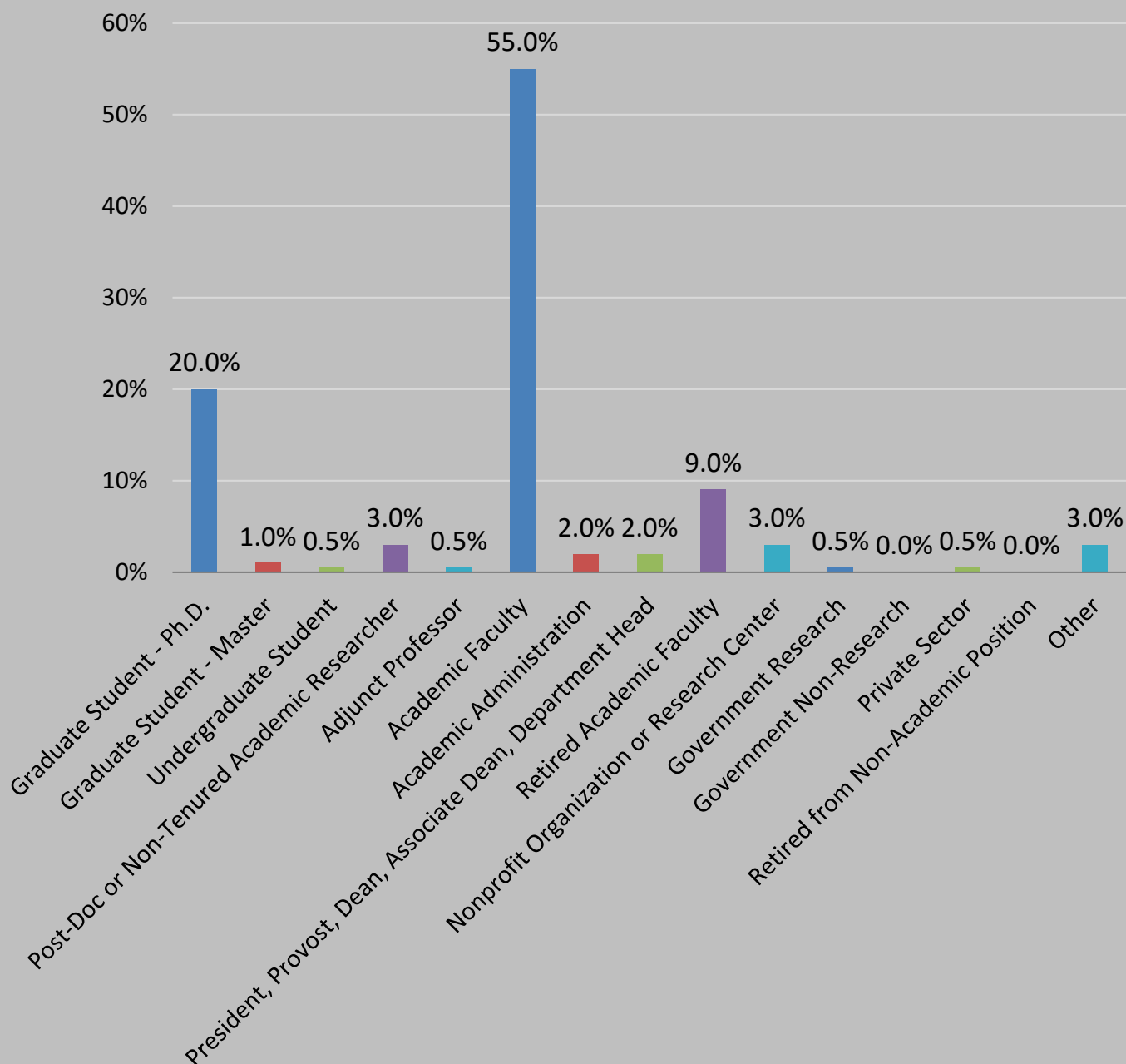
Text Entry
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4
20 years off and on.
1 year active maybe 3 enrolled
2
5
5
5
finances, conference attendance
I've been a member on-and-off for the past 12 years. The cost of membership is always the issue in the years I was inactive.
I have been in 2014 and 2019. Since I am from Ethiopia, it is challenging to pay membership fee (with hard currency and by credit card and hardly accessing that) unless someone abroad committed to do so.

What is your SSSP membership category?



Responses: 224 | Standard Deviation : 2.281 | Standard Error : 0.152

What is your primary employment type or affiliation?



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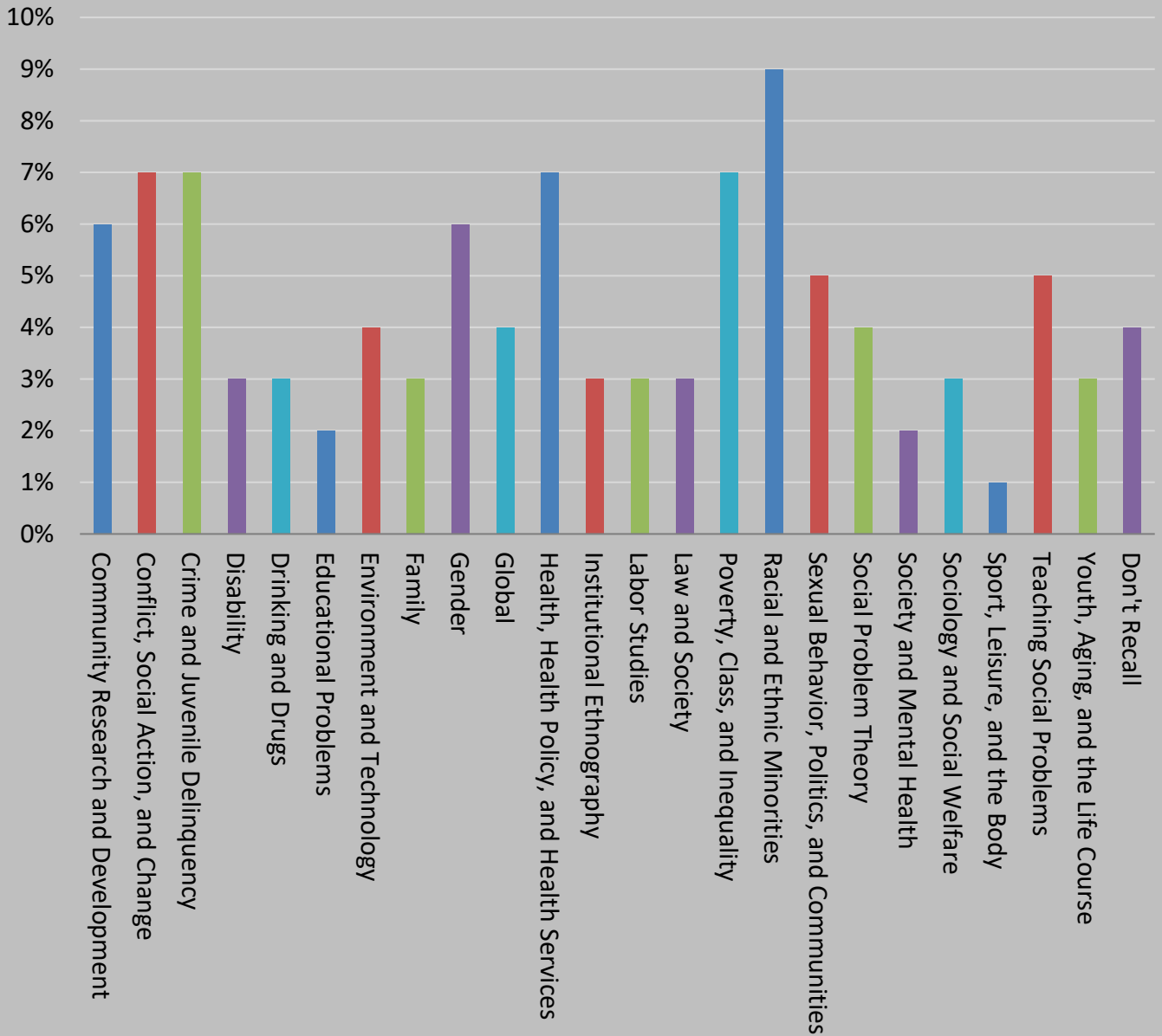
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Text responses for **other** employment type or affiliation

Text Entry
Retired academic (nontenure track)
Retired as Research Assoc from Michael Harrington Center at Queens College, CUNY
Part-time consultant
Senior Lecturer (in the UK)
Only 2 years I was consultant; I'm free writer; and I work part time as stockkeeper in a school board
Once again, NO choice for those of us who work as undercompensated lecturers
consulting

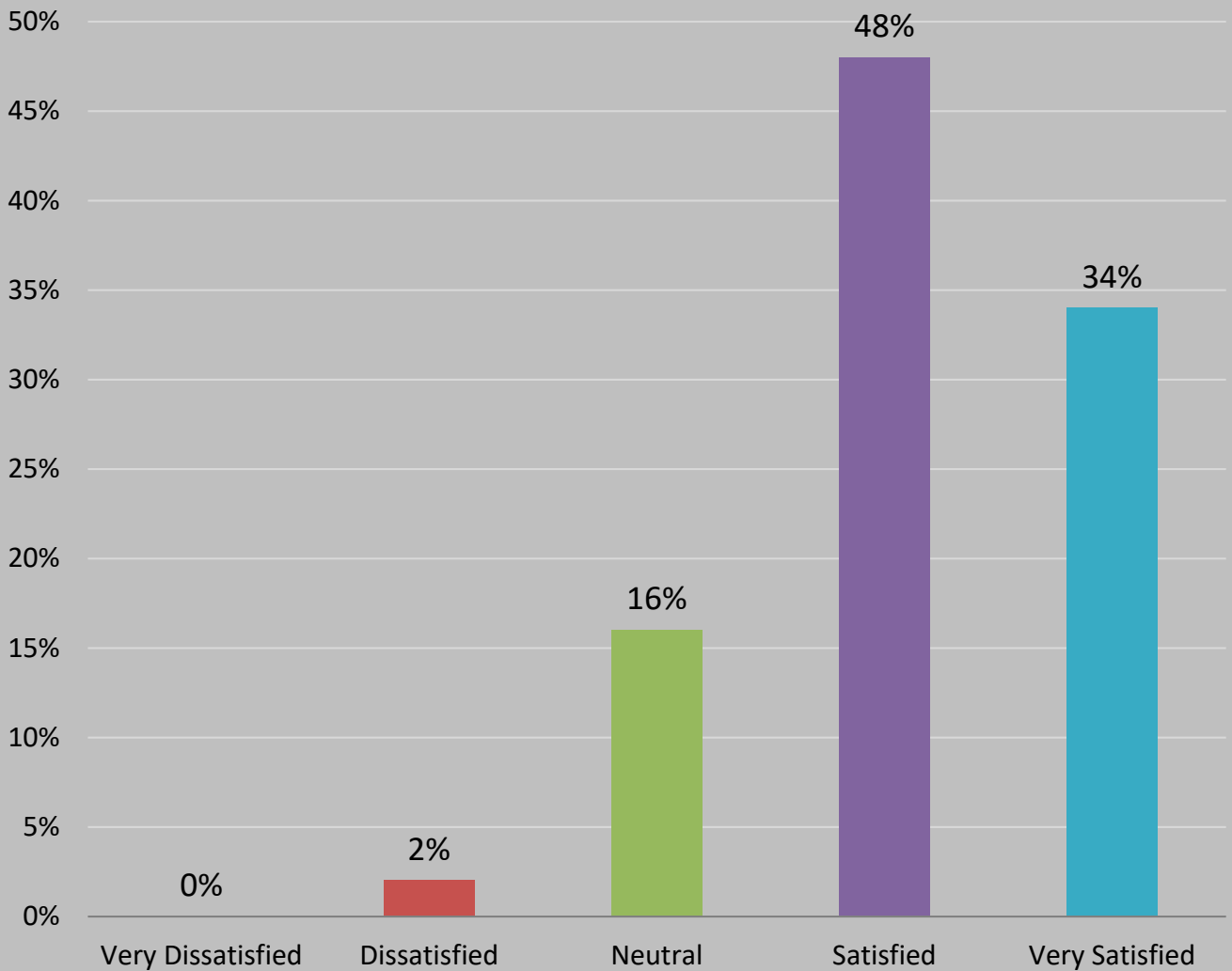
Respondents: 7

Please check which Division(s) you belong to.



Total Responses : 455 | Respondent could select multiple divisions

Please indicate to what extent you are satisfied or dissatisfied in general with the SSSP.



Respondents: 223 | Standard Deviation : 0.771 | Standard Error : 0.052

You said you were very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with the SSSP in general. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry

Too much bias in organization. Michelle has too much influence and does not allow the voices of other people.

I was very disappointed with how the BDS vote was handled. It certainly felt like an institutional and ethic betrayal for an organization with supposed justice aims to treat Palestinian rights and solidarity like a moral question rather than a moral imperative. The voting proxy process also seemed structured to deliberately undermine a fair vote.

Very poor leadership from Michele.

Membership is extremely expensive (almost as expensive as ASA membership) yet I get very few benefits from membership. The divisions that I am a part of rarely communicate with members; they haven't even run award competitions for papers or books published by non-graduate student members. The one benefit of SSSP membership seems to be the subscription to Social Problems, but that journal has been mismanaged in recent years, and I don't find myself reading it much anymore. Thus, this will likely be my last year in SSSP.

You said you were very satisfied or satisfied with the SSSP in general. Please tell us why you are satisfied.

Text Entry
Well run conferences with useful events
The Journal is okay but some editors Impose nasty review criteria.
The environment is academically fulfilling and friendly. I find the topics interesting and suited to my own research area. The quality papers is also very good, which makes the conference worth attending.
The cost of membership is reasonable, as is the cost of registering for the annual meeting. The Society is an accessible and welcoming place to present new and ongoing research, and I have appreciated the mentorship opportunities I had as a graduate student, as well as the welcoming atmosphere for those who want to serve on committees and be involved to a greater extent.
It is a great organization with a strong social justice mission, and Michele Koontz is amazingly competent.
inclusive and very open to new scholars
It provides a good social justice oriented organization for sociologist primarily while being open to and encouraging of others. Recognizing community service and applied
The networking opportunity was incredibly vast and helped to propel me forward in a few of my current projects
As a retired member, it keeps me in touch with recent developments.
The focus of the society tends to be on important issues that need to be addressed and I like the relative non-hierarchical openness to a broad range of social scientists to include those who are not in top tier universities.
Providing international platform with financial help.
Communication and all-inclusive environment conferences. Encourage student competition

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Text Entry, continued.

Informative for my career and interest.

Because the SSSP is a place for intellectual synergy, professionalization, and the formation of social ties

SSSP 2019 was AWESOME! Nancy did a fabulous job. The reason I didn't select "very satisfied" is because I've been disappointed with the lack of updates on the employment page. I'm a PhD Candidate on the job market so I would really like to see this page updated regularly.

It does provide conference opportunities.

SSSP Conferences provide members with good opportunities to interact and share their scholarship.

I enjoy the people I get to see at the meetings

It's always been a very friendly, welcoming, and accessible environment

Competent assistance in signing up

Not as pretentious as ASA

Good organization with good values. Student friendly.

A good professional organization. The division membership help one find like minded people.

I still identify with SSSP as a community of scholars committed to democratic change and equality.

Excellent communication, opportunities to present research and learn from colleagues.

I'm glad to know that the mission of SSSP of combining scholarship and social justice is being done (even though I don't participate much).

SSSP has a distinct mission and collegial culture for praxis oriented sociologists.

(a) resolutions from the organization speak to contemporary social problems (b) conference over same time period & location as ASA (c) greater chance of acceptance for conference presentations than ASA (d) focus on social problems

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Text Entry, continued.
When I do engage I feel like I am learning a lot!
Gr8 communication. Timely information. Annual meetings in regular basis
The sessions were organized well and information was easily accessible via the app.
Great communication!
I have found the meetings to be very helpful and I enjoy the diversity of membership. I also like the focus on action.
The climate is welcoming, critical topics are covered, and the research presented is usually done well.
SSSP is a wonderful platform for academic exchange.
Engaged mix of scholar activism and a supportive and justice-oriented scholarly community.
Meetings are more engaging than ASA, and the mix of practitioners, academics, and others makes for a more productive and exciting meeting.
Generative conference environment/culture, warm/engaging people, strong social justice orientation
I like the opportunity to meet people interested in similar questions. The audience at SSSP is interested in learning from each other and that is fostered by the organization and the conference.
Good communication, great range of research covered.
Identify with its mission/vision/and focus, their method of inclusiveness.
I appreciate the resources and networking that the association provides.
Friendly, courteous and welcoming members and conference atmosphere.

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Text Entry, continued.
Some interesting topics are discussed at meetings. The fact that I am a member also indicates that I am satisfied.
The organization remains a good place for sociologists who are interested in social justice to present work and advocate for change. Annual SSSP conferences offer marvelous venues for grad students to present their work.
It is nice to have a place where people are concerned with social justice and trying to do something about it, especially these days.
Excellent conference, panels, and panelists. Very easy to get involved in the organization. Very inclusive.
Compared to other professional organizations of which I am a member, SSSP consistently feels like my intellectual "home." I believe this is not only because of the top-notch scholarship of SSSP members, but also the deliberately inclusive and welcoming environment both of the society and of its annual conference.
Access to Social Problems journal; diverse membership; professional information (e.g. job openings, conferences) relevant to my interests
Great organization that encourages important ethnographic research and activism. Wonderful people at the conference and a great journal attached to the organization.
Compared to other sociology associations SSSP is more centered on justice.
I like the culture of the organization and the kind of statement it is making about applied sociology (or at least the kind of sociology that directly informs the agenda of applied sociologists)
It accomplishes its basic mission.
Good principled organization
Well organized, social justice-focused, welcoming, inclusive, supportive and fair
Important goals and content
Well-run, great members

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Text Entry, continued.
This is to me the premier social justice focused organization in the social welfare/social sciences field. As a social welfare policy specialist, from an academic and professional standpoint, this organization aligns my interests, values and expertise far more than traditional social work professional organizations.
I have always appreciated the work of SSSP prior to joining. I was really impressed by the resources and communications I've noticed since joining and using the website further.
It is very responsive. Also, I was able to attend the conference only because of its generous travel funding.
I think you are doing good work. I skim the titles of the articles in the journals but I don't have time to read them any more.
Opportunities for networking, collaborating with colleagues at other universities, working on issues important to the organization and its members in small groups, comaraderie.
Quality of meeting is excellent and everyone I have met is friendly
The mission and the inclusive environment
very user friendly organization. Social justice and action orientation.
It remains the only national association for sociologists that at least struggles with maintaining a humanistic perspective.
SSSP does good work and is a good resource for studying and teaching social problems.
The annual meeting, the social activism and the journal associated with the organization are all of high quality and are consistent in nature. Cost of membership is low, and the organization does a great deal to make their membership feel included in all processes, and supports graduate and undergraduate students alike, as well as non-academic individuals.

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Text Entry, continued.
Excellent annual meetings, excellent opportunities for networking, financial support to non-tenured members, access to the journal
I love the inclusiveness of the conferences. As a political scientist I am constantly rejected for national conference participation, but not with SSSP.
SSSP is a wonderful friendly organization
Annual meeting.
The society, in particular the annual meeting, provided a platform to meet people whose interests are similar to mine: social justice, decolonisation..etc The diversity of the attendees and members was impressive, and the socio-political nature of the discussions were commendable.
The SSSP has been an intellectual and professional home for me, for over two decades. It is my core professional association.
It's a permanent contact with my science (sociology)
strongly collegial
I think the sessions for the annual meeting are interesting, and there is some effort to encourage activism and public sociology beyond simply research.
Provides an intellectual home
Opportunity to meet colleagues. Appreciate history & values of the organization.
I share values with SSSP. Social Problems journal is good.
Like programs at the meetings. Like meeting others in my areas of interest.
It is a small, focused group that considers issues important to me, a mix of academics and advocacy
The journal is important, and I think the conferences are good for entry level academics.
Good communication, friendly conferences, opportunities for service

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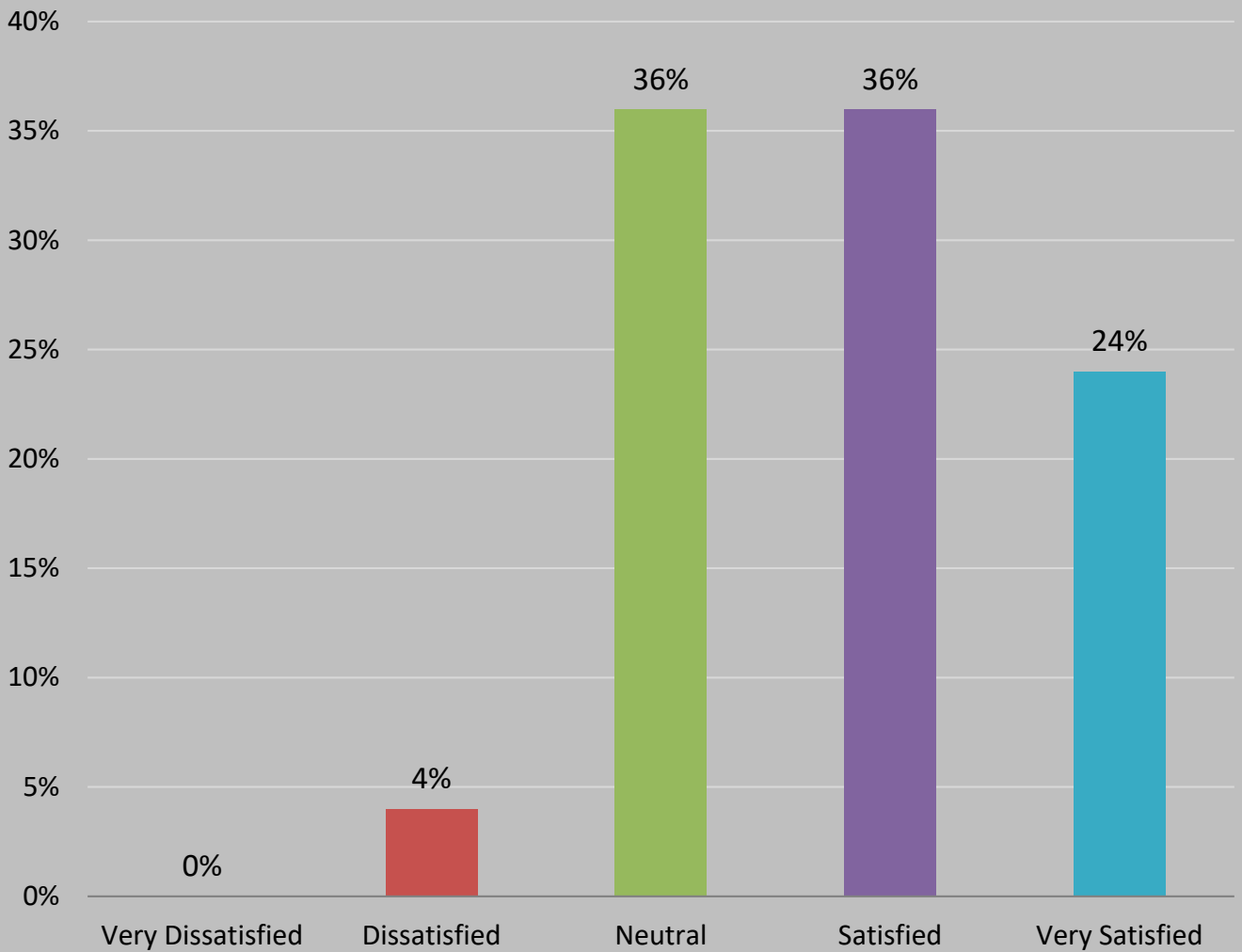
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My close circle of friends/colleagues is still around. The SSSP seems to be losing scholarly clout.
quality programming, quality people, professionalism among the staff, and the warm atmosphere at conferences.
I liked the content
seems like a good organization, one that welcomes grad students
I like the idea of the organization, but in practice, would like to see some things changed/improved.
I enjoy the meetings and seeing people from the SSSP.
SSSP grapples with the important issues facing society today.
I love the sense of community, the diverse slate of sessions, and our responsiveness to emerging issues.
supportive environment
I appreciate the ethos of SSSP and how much it welcomes participation from its members.
I am able to present my research and get feedback in ways that are encouraging and not discouraging. I am also able to network with remarkable scholars, established and growing scholars in my field. I am also exposed to opportunities for service through active participation in my divisions.
Every professor at SSSP annual meeting was so inviting and approachable. They really got me excited to be part of SSSP and I can't wait to attend again next year (and I hate traveling due to health issues). Loved them and the feel of the conference.
You keep it simple, get the job done, and don't harass the members. Also, less elitism than ASA- very important detail that is meaningful to members.
I'm pleased that it's doing what it's doing.
SSSP is a warm, welcoming environment for scholars.

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Text Entry, continued.
The conference was supportive and engaging, the journal publishes interesting and high-quality research.
I have had positive experiences at the conference and with the flagship journal
SSSP as a professional organization utilizes scholarship to advance progressive causes that benefit everyone.
very interesting research community is supported
I have always found SSSP to be welcoming. It has been my principal scholarly organization. I like the journal.
Excellent organization - one of the best professional association I belong to. The mix of people and intellectual community. Also, Michelle Koontz is quick, responsive and always organized. She makes participating easy.
I appreciate the more intimate spaces for scholars AND practitioners to share knowledge and collaborate, when compared to much larger associations and meetings.
SSSP is a welcome respite from the formality and elitism of ASA. I receives encouragement and valuable feedback when I presented at SSSP.
Accessible information; meets my needs
I think the organization does a terrific job advancing scholarship and activist efforts to address pressing social problems and inequalities. I just wish it was a little cheaper to be a member and attend meetings.
Still a good alternative to ASA for sociologists, like Al and Betty Lee, who believe sociology is for people
good people good politics
nice people, interesting sessions

Respondents: 112

Please indicate to what extent you are satisfied or dissatisfied with your SSSP membership benefits.



Respondents: 207 | Standard Deviation : 0.870 | Standard Error : 0.060

You said you are very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with your SSSP membership benefits. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Entry
Lack of updates on the job ad page.
apart from presenting at the annual meeting I don't see any benefits
There is no incentive, particularly because there is not rigorous feedback or exchange.
The one benefit seems to be the Social Problems subscription, but as I mentioned, that journal has been disappointing in recent years. Also, my university offers free online access to Social Problems.
In my experience, there are no benefits.

Respondents: 5

You said you are very satisfied or satisfied with your SSSP membership benefits. Please tell us why you are satisfied.

Text Entry
I like the networking and news, but would like other things like job listings.
The benefits are adequate.
For the cost I am happy with what I get, namely my subscription to Social Problems.
good journal, communications, social action
I don't feel that I have needs that they should meet
The journal has been the main benefit for me in addition to supporting an organization that I have thought was important. Unfortunately, I rarely attended annual meetings because they conflicted with those of the Rural Sociological Society, which was my main professional society until I retired.
Scholarship and travel fellowship opportunities
Access to resources.
I do not know about many benefits. One is the SSSP conference.
No comment
I particularly enjoy the focus on mentoring.
Receive the journal and newsletter.
I like Social Problems.
I mainly support the organization for their applied interests and meetings.
Great conference presentations
Great communication strategy. Annual meetings are held on a regular basis.
I feel that there is nothing lacking.

You said you are very satisfied or satisfied with your SSSP membership benefits. Please tell us why you are satisfied.

Text Entry, continued.
The meeting is the primary benefit.
They are novel
I enjoy the. Interaction with good scholars and students
The journal, when I have time to read it, contains useful articles on topics of interest to me. The section newsletters are also quite useful.
I am a member to get a subscription to Social Problems.
Overall, I appreciate the informative emails and the resources on the website.
To be honest, I'm not sure what the membership benefits are. Do you mean the journal? I am satisfied with that.
I believe in the mission and work of the organization and there are good benefits around promoting related events, scholarship and opportunities
The main incentive for membership used to be the subscription to the print journal -- no longer. I think it is important to keep annual fees reasonable (unlike that "other" national sociology association) and also strive to make conference registration (and hotels) affordable.
I have good connections with colleagues and appreciate the newsletters.
I regularly receive valuable information, and my participation in the meetings has generated important academic contacts for me.
strong journal and engaging meetings
Members have the ability to participate in membership benefits that meets their personal and professional needs.
Journal access and reduced conference fees are nice. I had to look up the benefits to answer this question though.
Truthfully, I do not think about them very much. As I am not upset I listed satisfied.
It delivers what it promises for the most part.

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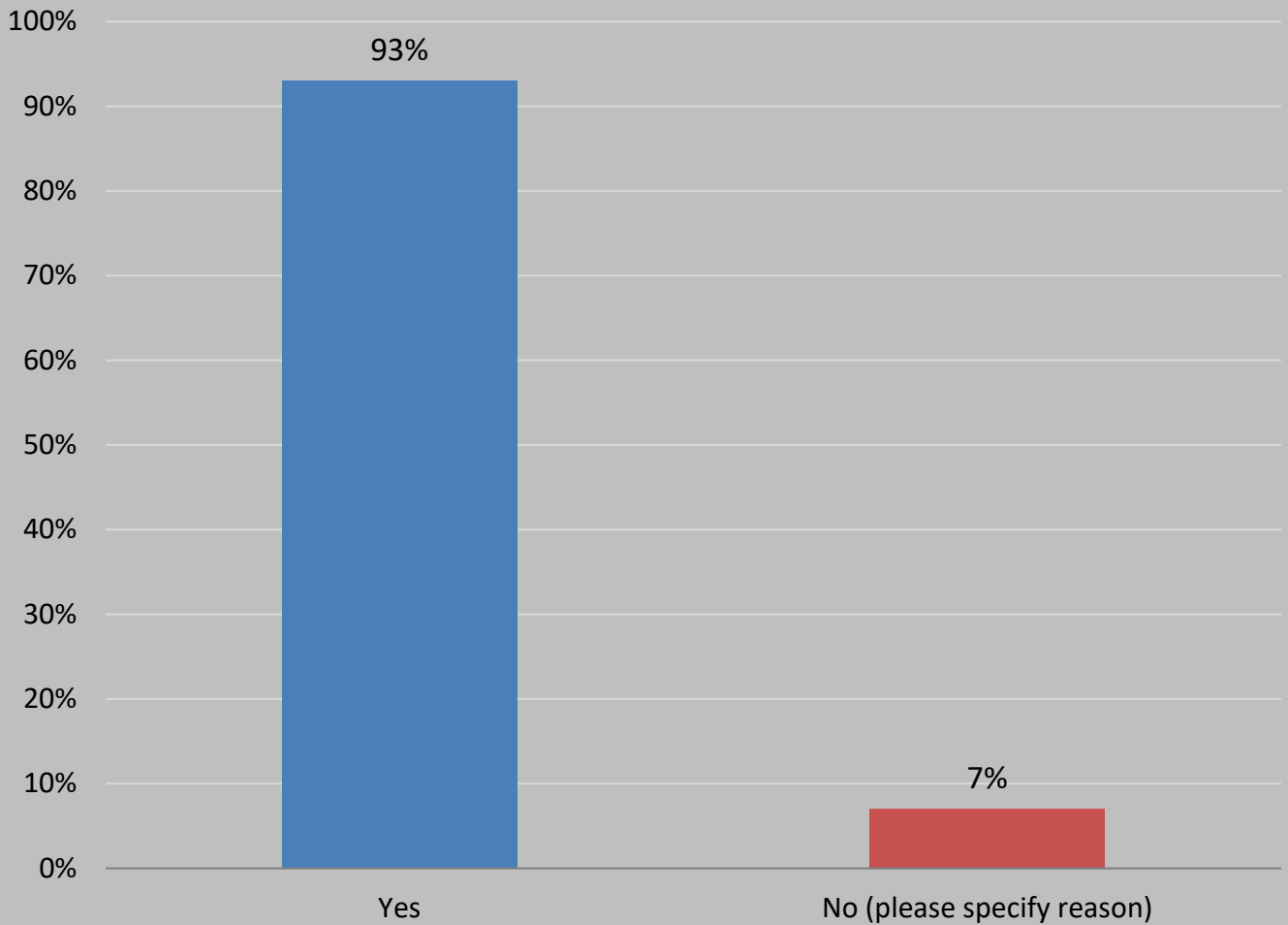
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The cost is reasonable for what I get - access to the journal and updates from the divisions I'm most interested in.
Financial support for attending annyal meeting, access to the journal
I enjoy reading my divisions newsletters
Level of communication.
similar accommodation to other organization
I receive what I expect from my membership
N/A
I like the organization, feel I benefit, not sure what the exact benefits are that you are referring to.
Gentle reminders. Welcoming.
It's a good community.
I feel I am connected to a group interested in examining the social aspects of problems.
It has strong network providing mentor-mentee meetings, access to journals, etc
Annual meeting attendance and membership benefits
Excellent meeting, cost to attend meeting extremely affordable, great information through media sites
affordable, valuable. Michelle is great and super responsive.
Journal
I probably don't use it to the extent that I could, but I appreciate the resources, especially the journal.

You said you are very satisfied or satisfied with your SSSP membership benefits. Please tell us why you are satisfied.

Text Entry, continued
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I regularly receive the journal and communication. I'm not sure what all of the benefits are.
SEEMS EXPENSIVE
I appreciate the membership and value of SSSP.
They are fine - I dont take advantage of all
There is significant value in a sustaining membership over the cost of a membership on a yearly basis. The value of the journal and reduced annual meeting registration are the primary benefits of a membership
I enjoy participating in SSSP events.
I get to stay in touch with a national network of Sociologists. The annual meetings energize my thinking and improve my practice.
I am not even sure what counts as benefits--I like the journal, the newsletters, the meeting.
Excellent!
Not as relevant as they used to be, but that's because of where I am in my professional life
I don't expect much beyond what I already receive - professional community

Respondents: 62

Are you likely to renew your membership for next year?



Respondents: 204 | Standard Deviation : 0.262 | Standard Error : 0.018

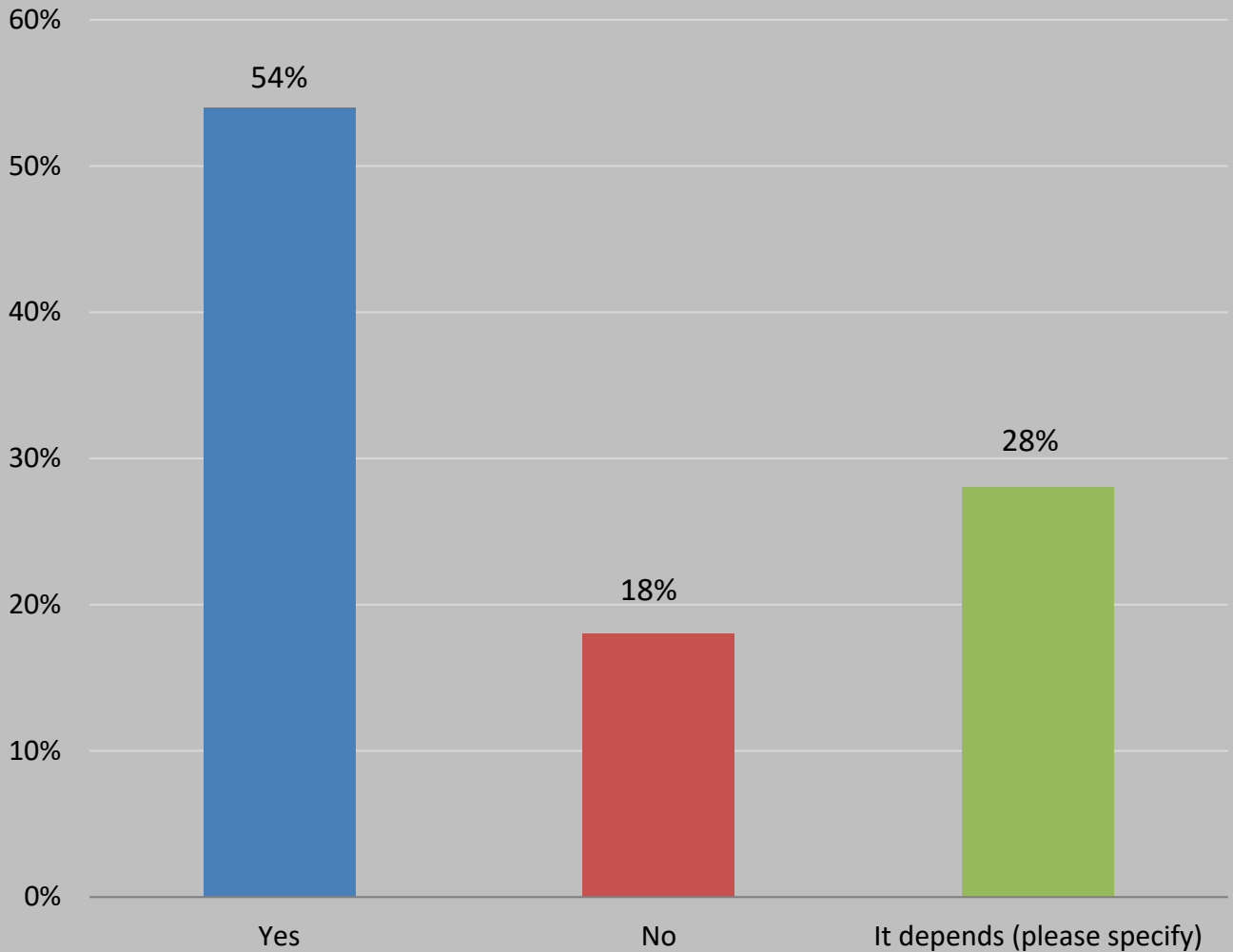
Are you likely to renew your membership for next year?

If **NO**, please specify reason.

Text Entry
because I am not sure I will visit the next conference.
not attending conference
cost - funds have been cut at my institution, so it would be out of pocket
I'm on parental leave I'll renew the next year
Only if i present at the conference
High price, few benefits, inactive divisions
I'm not planning to submit, and can't afford the membership if I'm not attending as a presenter
EXPENSE
Cost
Conference was a bit underwhelming and seemingly poorly attended in the sessions, little discourse
It depends on finances.
Much higher cost to go to SF, on top of that Universities are limiting travel funding
too expensive

Respondents: 13

Are you likely to attend the SSSP 2020 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA?



Respondents: 190 | Standard Deviation : 0.868 | Standard Error : 0.063

Are you likely to attend the SSSP 2020 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA?

If it **depends**, please specify

Text Entry
job status
depends on my schedule
If there is some special event including past presidents I might attend.
It depends if I have a paper ready and if I feel it is worth the money. San Francisco is expensive.
On university funding
Recovering from surgery
limited travel budget
It depends on funding available for conference travel
As a retiree, I'm likely to go if I can combine it with some vacation on the West Coast.
If I am presenting.
I don't know if I'll have something to present. No paper funds.
I have to decide which conferences to present my paper(s).
Finances
It depends if I can afford to go. SF is an expensive city.
Depends on whether I have something accepted there and/or to ASA.
Funding
If I can get some funding for airfare
Financial situation

Are you likely to attend the SSSP 2020 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA?

If it **depends**, please specify

Text Entry, continued.
Resources and time are always a factor in conference attendance
I will need to assess the overall costs given the exorbitant prices of SF.
If I am able to secure student travel funding
It's expensive to go to San Francisco. It will depend on whether I feel I have a paper to present to make the cost worth it.
The cost of getting to CA from Florida is steep for a grad student
If I have a paper to present, I will attend
Depending on financial condition
cost
when it will be and if I can get time off of work
Travel expenses
On my work schedule and availability
Funding
Dependent on available funding
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funding I get or not get
Personal circumstances may prevent travel
Interest in sessions and theme. Whether or not there will be a direct action to participate in.

Are you likely to attend the SSSP 2020 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA?
If it **depends**, please specify

Text Entry, continued.
Depends on how much support I get from my department
During my academic break?
??? Can I afford it?
Status of research -If virtual presentations are allowed
It depends on my budget and the sessions offered. They are often of little interest to me.
funding
It depends on money.
San Francisco is very expensive
Financing and paper development
on Funds and time off I can get from my job
departmental travel funds
On my availability
If I am going to ASA

Respondents: 48

Are you likely to attend the SSSP 2020 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA?

If **NO**, please specify

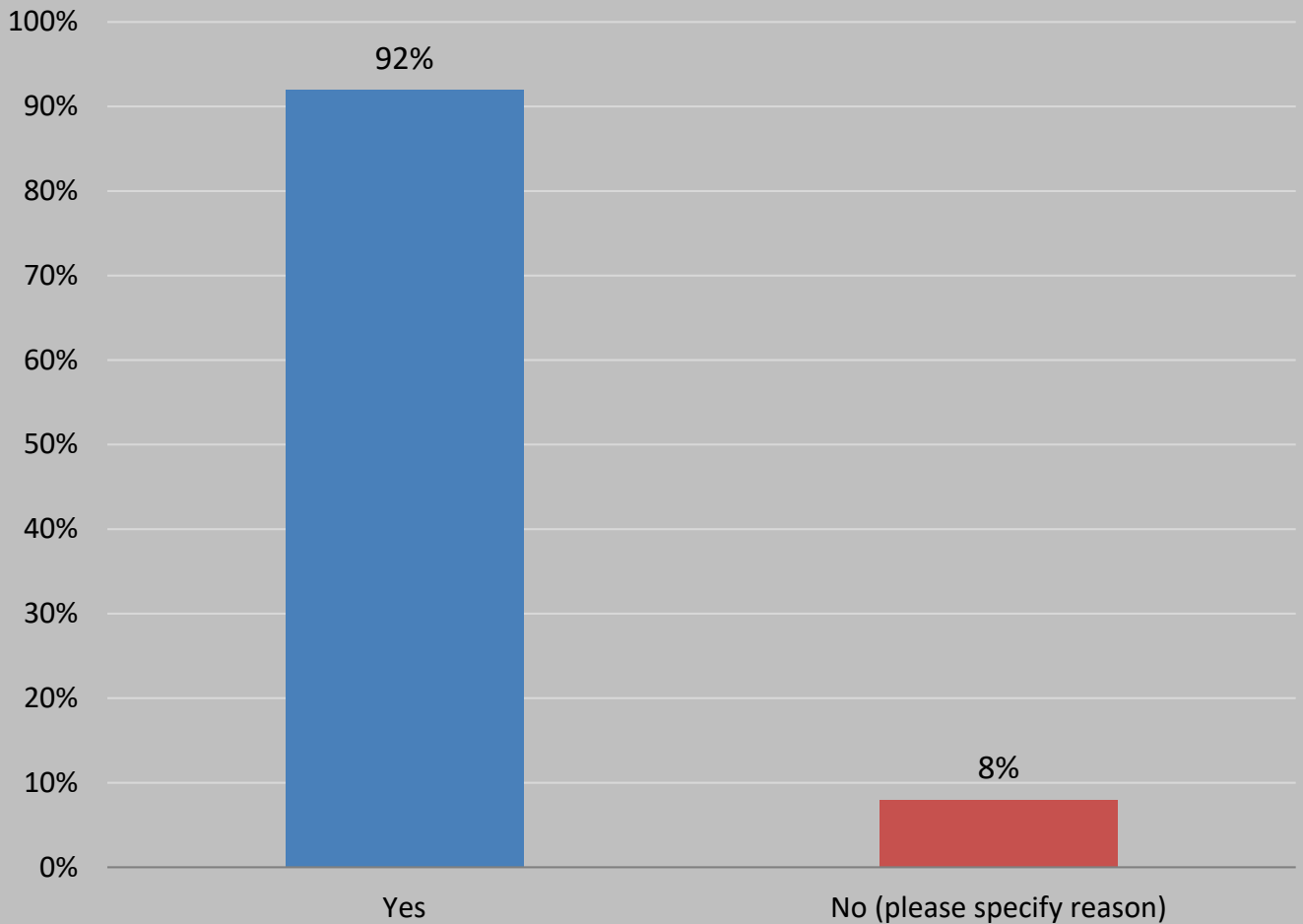
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Too expensive and I am not well.
Participating in meetings is quite expensive, especially when in major cities and nice hotels. As someone who was ineligible for emeritus status and the perks associated with that, I am no longer doing research. I still participate in one professional meeting a year and that is one associated with two food systems societies in which I was most active toward the end of my paid professional life and still have quite a few professional friends attending.
Will not be able to travel then.
It is difficult for me to travel.
sessions are not exciting -just echo ASA but with less prepared speakers and smaller audiences.
I'm near retirement and I do not really enjoy academic conferences very much. I attend when SSSP is near me or in my city, but I do not go to academic conferences generally.
Working in private sector in position where it is difficult to take time off.
It is very far for me and I hate flying.
climate impact of transatlantic flight
Travel to and from and length of stay in San Francisco is a very expensive.
Too many sessions going on at ASA and not enough time to do both. Maybe it's time to separate the meeting or have another format, something more innovative. Right now, it just seems like a less well-attended version of ASA.
Too far from Europe
too far; expensive
Poor timing of the meeting with the start of the academic year
Expense of host city and lack of travel funds
1) The very high cost of SSSP meeting registration. 2) The high cost of traveling from east to west coast. 3) I do not have a viable research project to present.

Are you likely to attend the SSSP 2020 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA?

If **NO**, please specify

Text Entry, continued.
I do not believe I'll be able to afford the trip.
I'll be out of the country.
SF is too expensive and I no longer have travel funds from my institution.
I don't typically attend the SSSP meetings.
My department does not have the resources to send me each year, so I pick geographically close ones--and I wait a few years before applying for travel funds again.
I live abroad in Europe and come occasionally
My son gets married August 1 and we are on deck to house sit and pet sit for honeymoon.
I work part time a few hour a week
too far away from where I live
The meetings often do not have sessions useful to me.
medical maybe, not sure yet. if i can i will
Too far to travel, also I'm disabled and don't travel easily. Being able to attend virtually would be important for me.
Too expensive costs for traveling and hotel expenses
Too expensive
I attend the meetings located closer to home or in places where I can stay with friends or family.
I will be attending two other conferences during the 2019-2020 academic year, and institution will not help buffer the cost of a third conference.
Too expensive; also, I am a single parent and need to be home

Are you likely to recommend the SSSP to others?

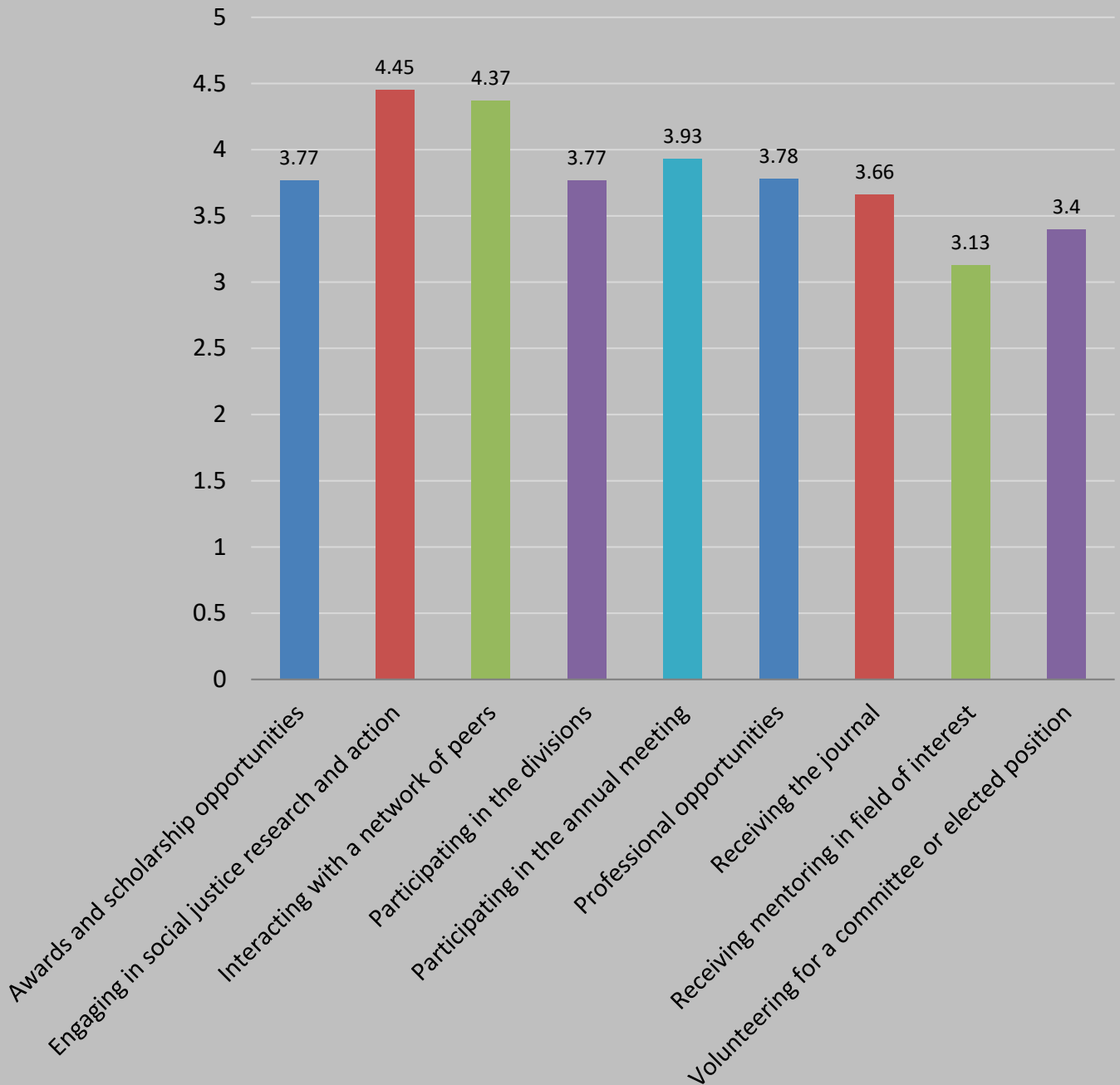


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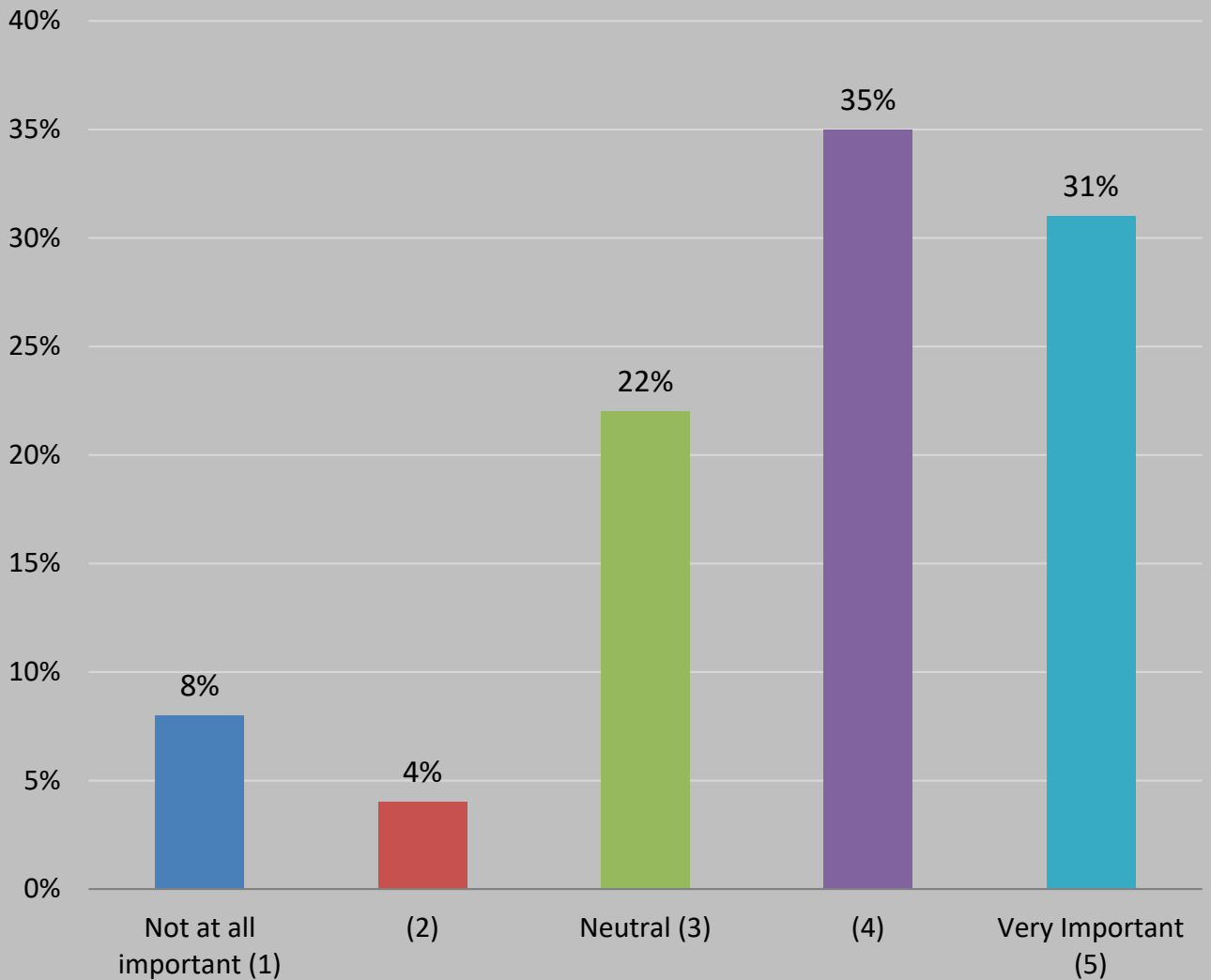
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If **NO**, please specify.

Text Entry
If I didn't have to be a member of SSSP, I would not be. Until Michelle is out of power, and things change, I will not recommend SSSP to anyone.
I do recommend it to students but not to colleagues
As retiree, no longer in contact with scholars who are still working.
Our association is too one-sided political.
Not many clear benefits for international members
I don't really know anyone who would join.
I'm not sure what would motivate a recommendation
There are other associations that serve graduate students and faculty better than SSSP. SSSP feels superfluous now.
High price, few benefits, inactive divisions
I believe SSSP has lost its activist tradition
Indifferent
Not a lot of interactions between members
too expensive

Average response to importance of each item on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the least important.

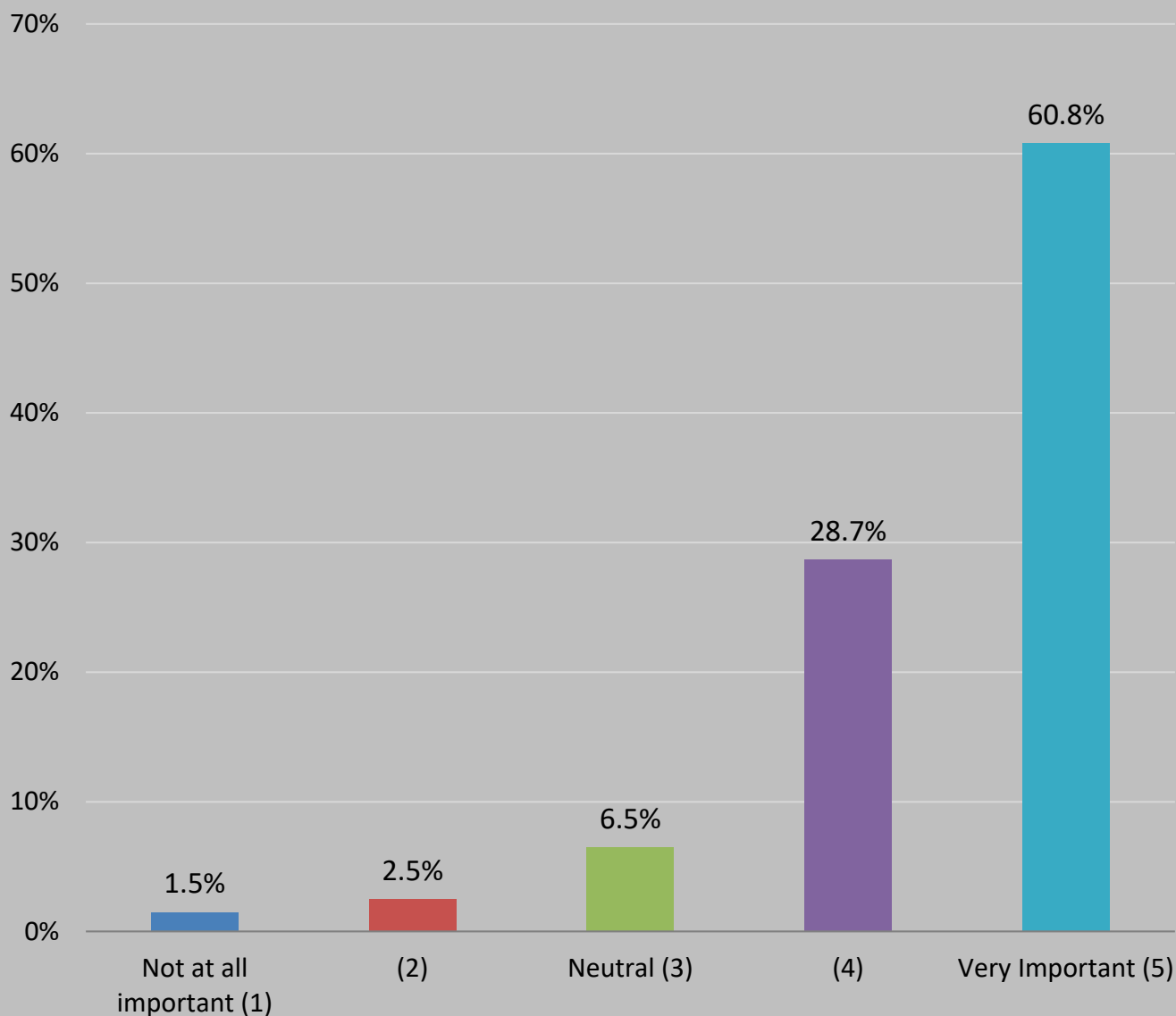


Awards and scholarship opportunities



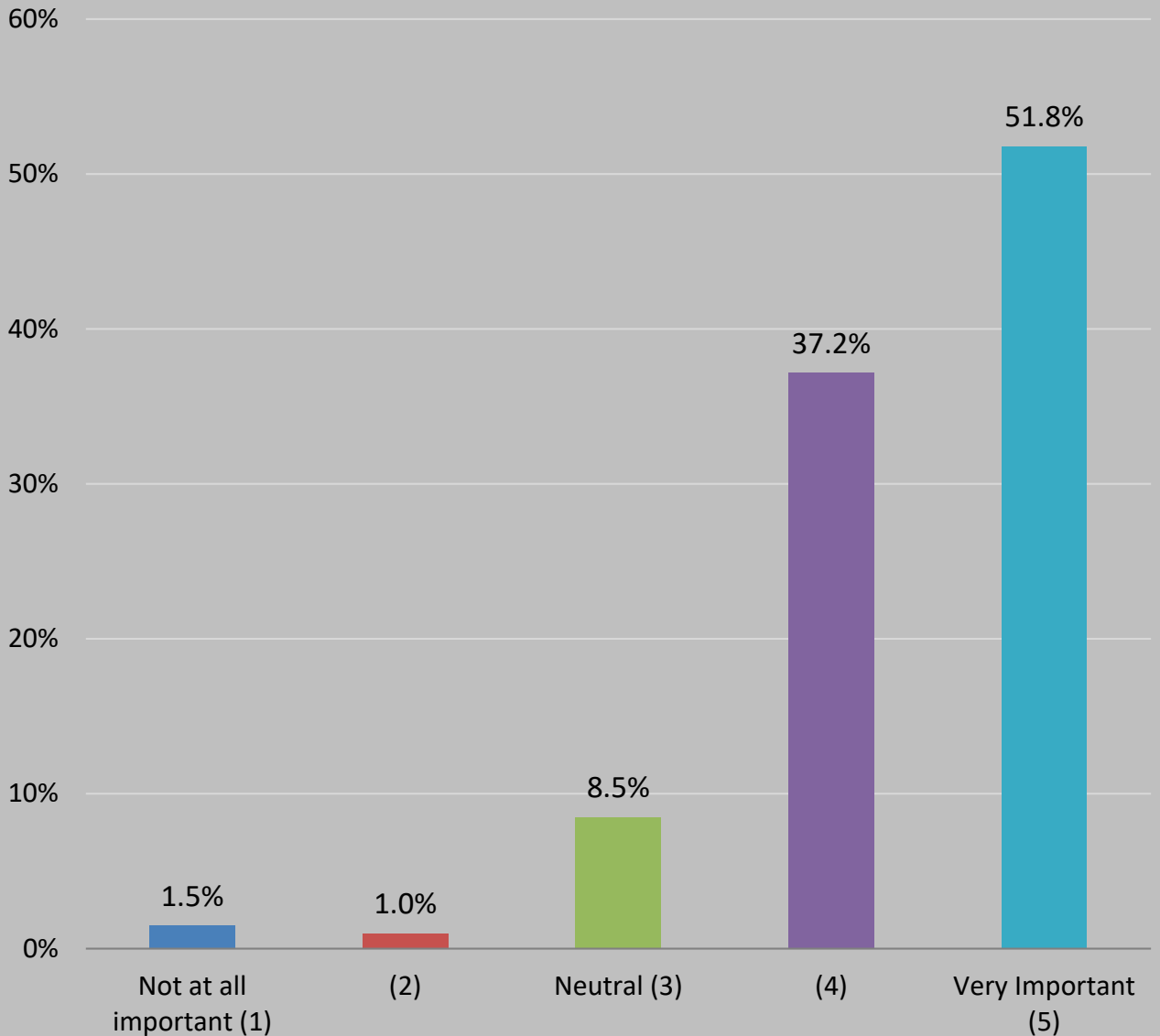
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Engaging in social justice research and action



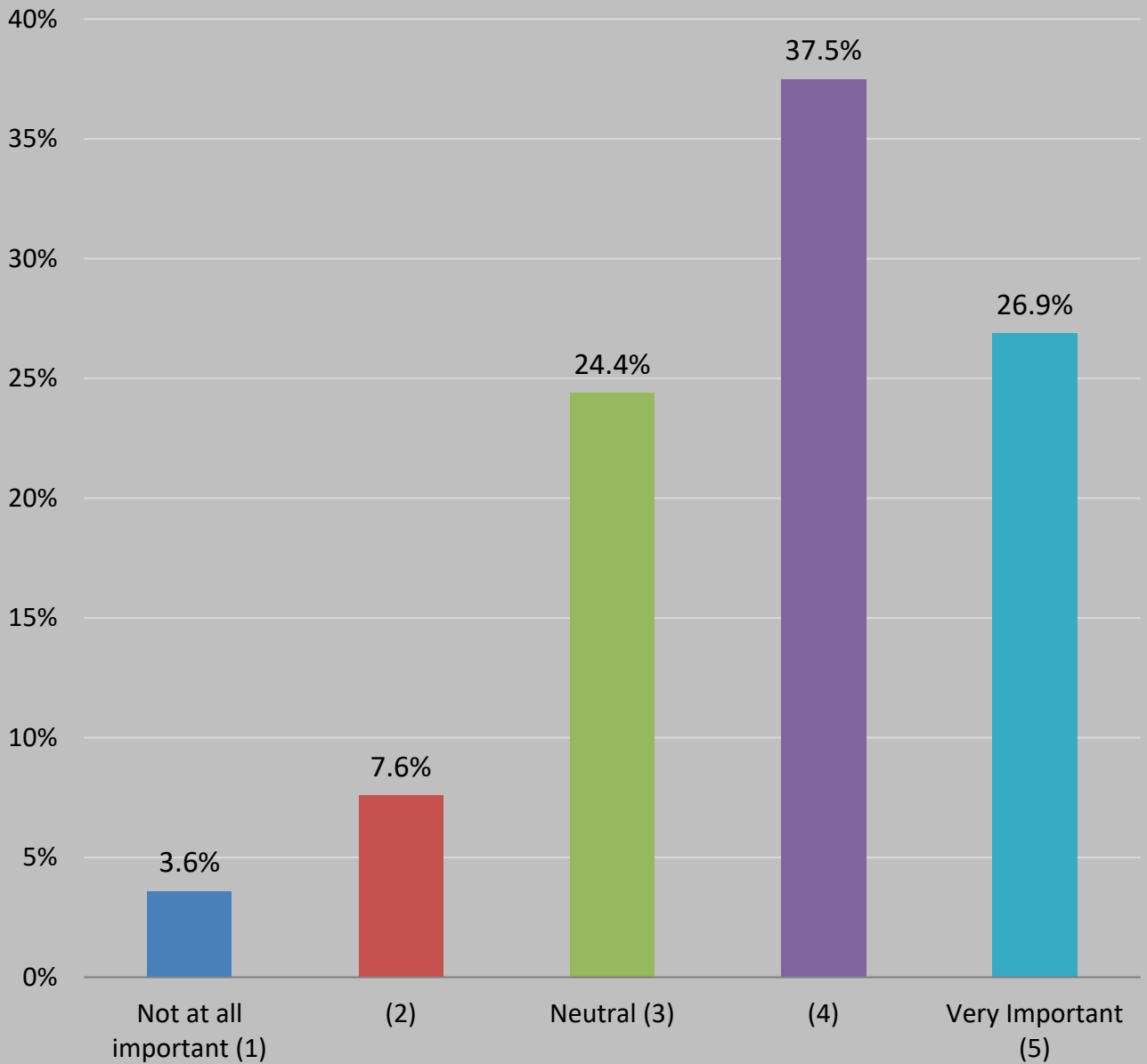
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Interacting with a network of peers



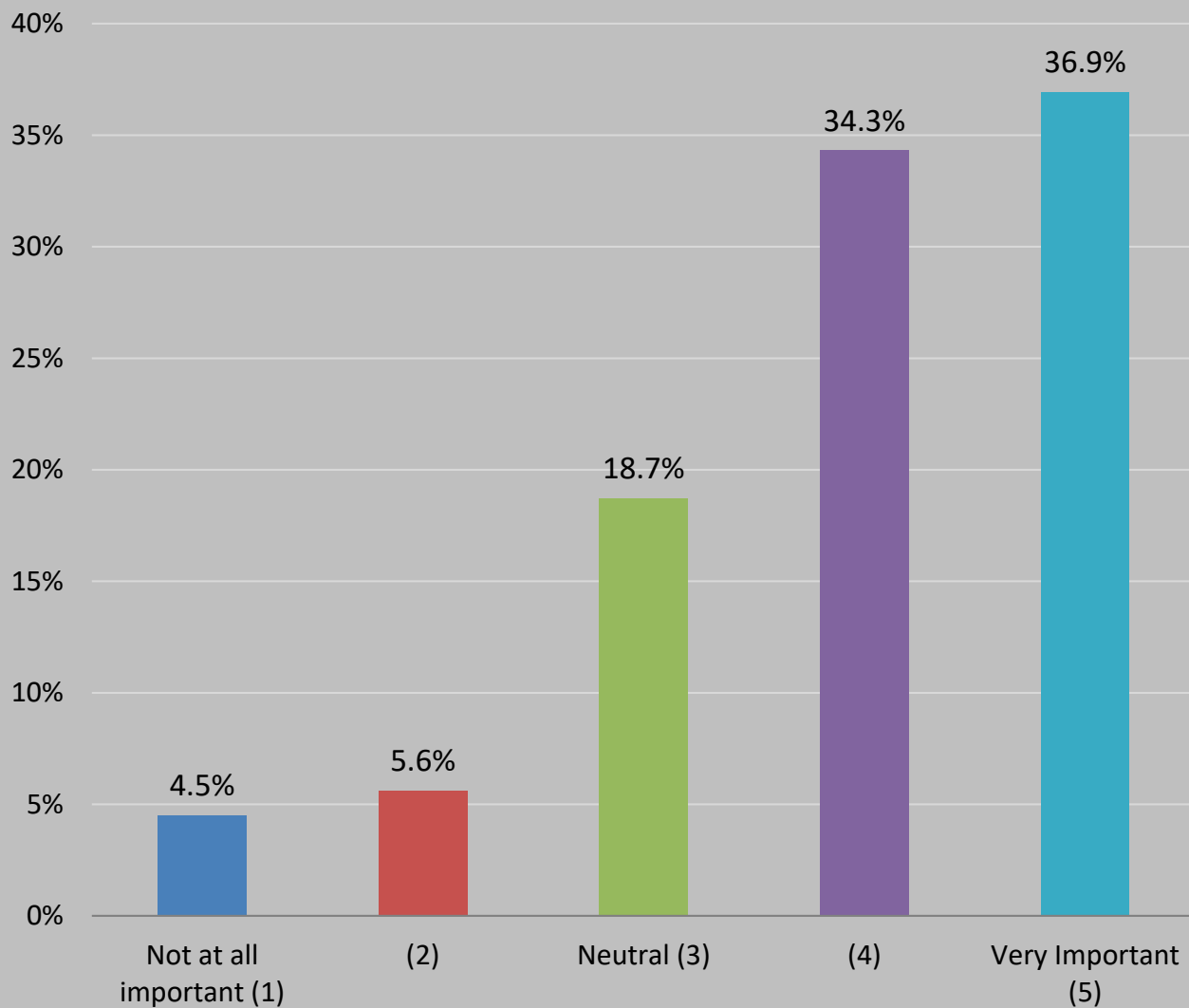
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Participating in the divisions



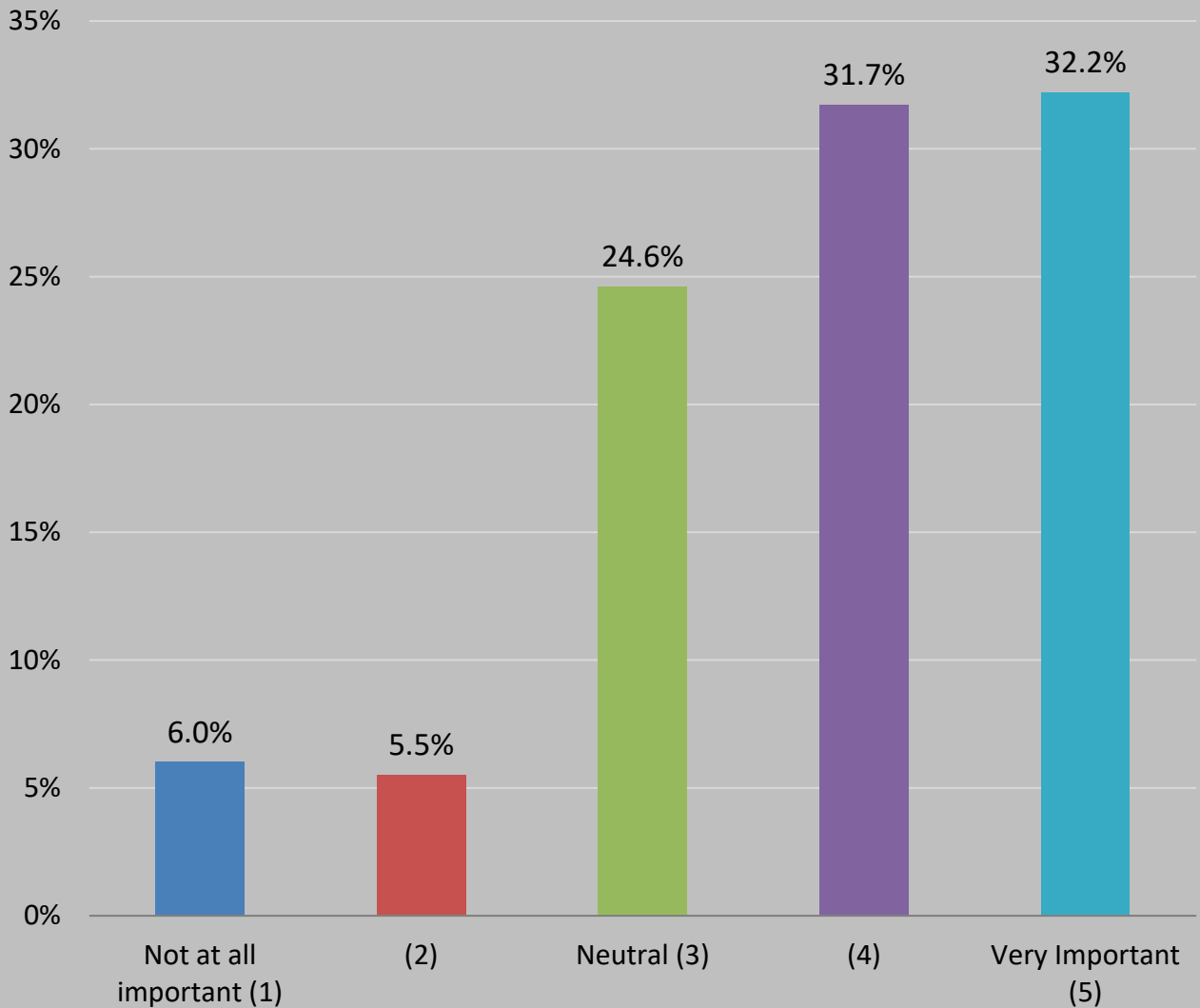
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Participating in the annual meeting



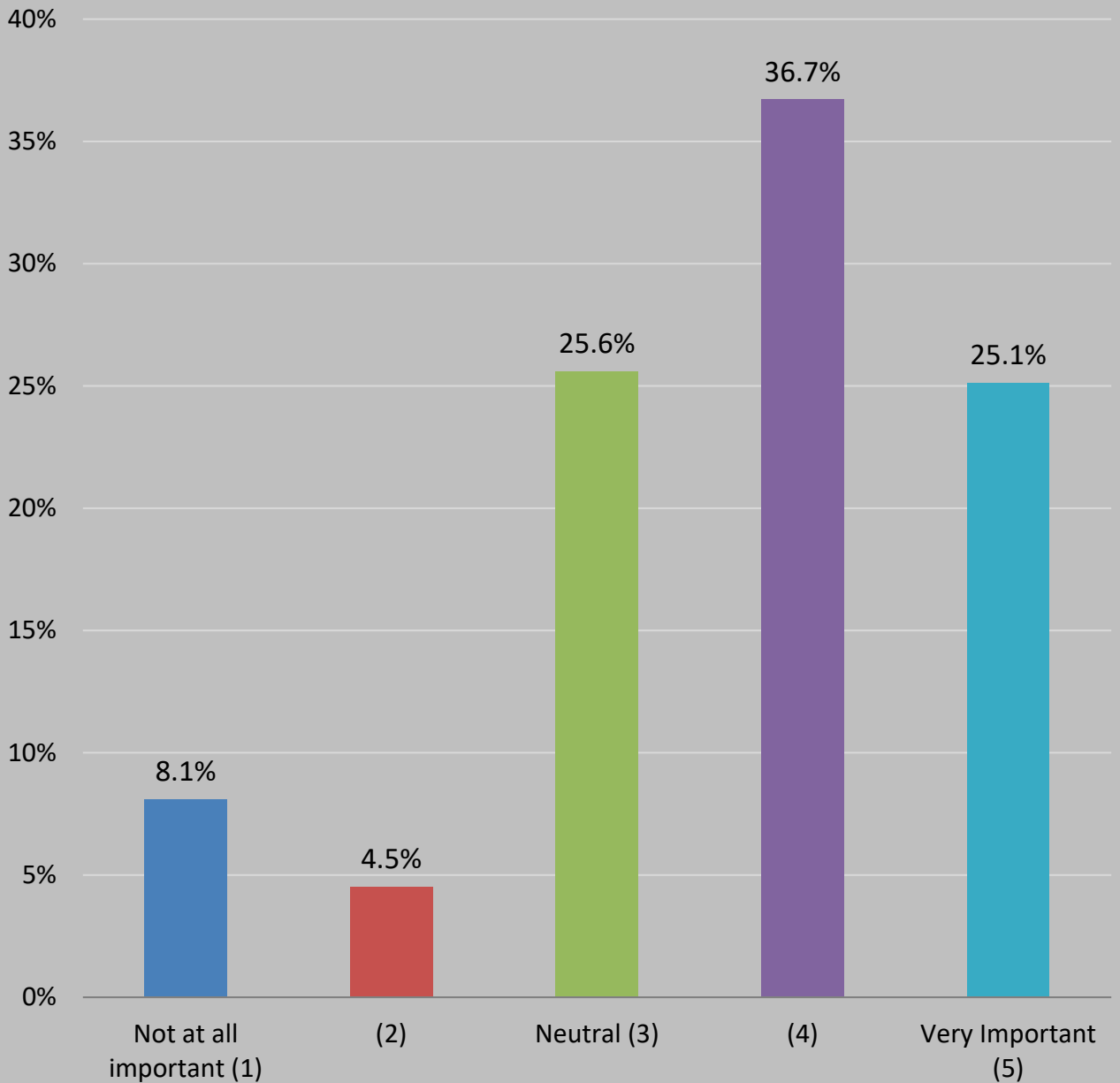
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Professional opportunities



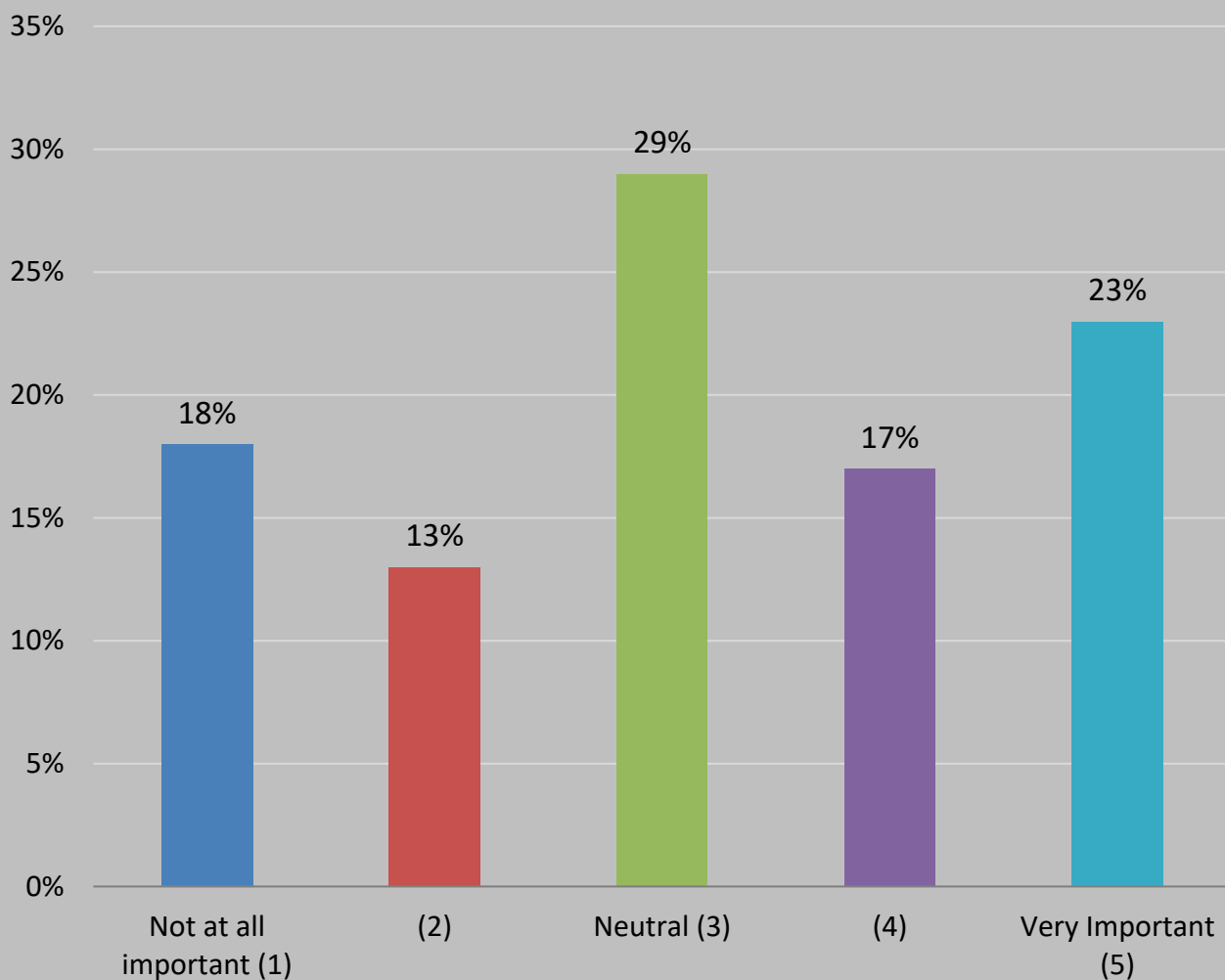
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Receiving the journal



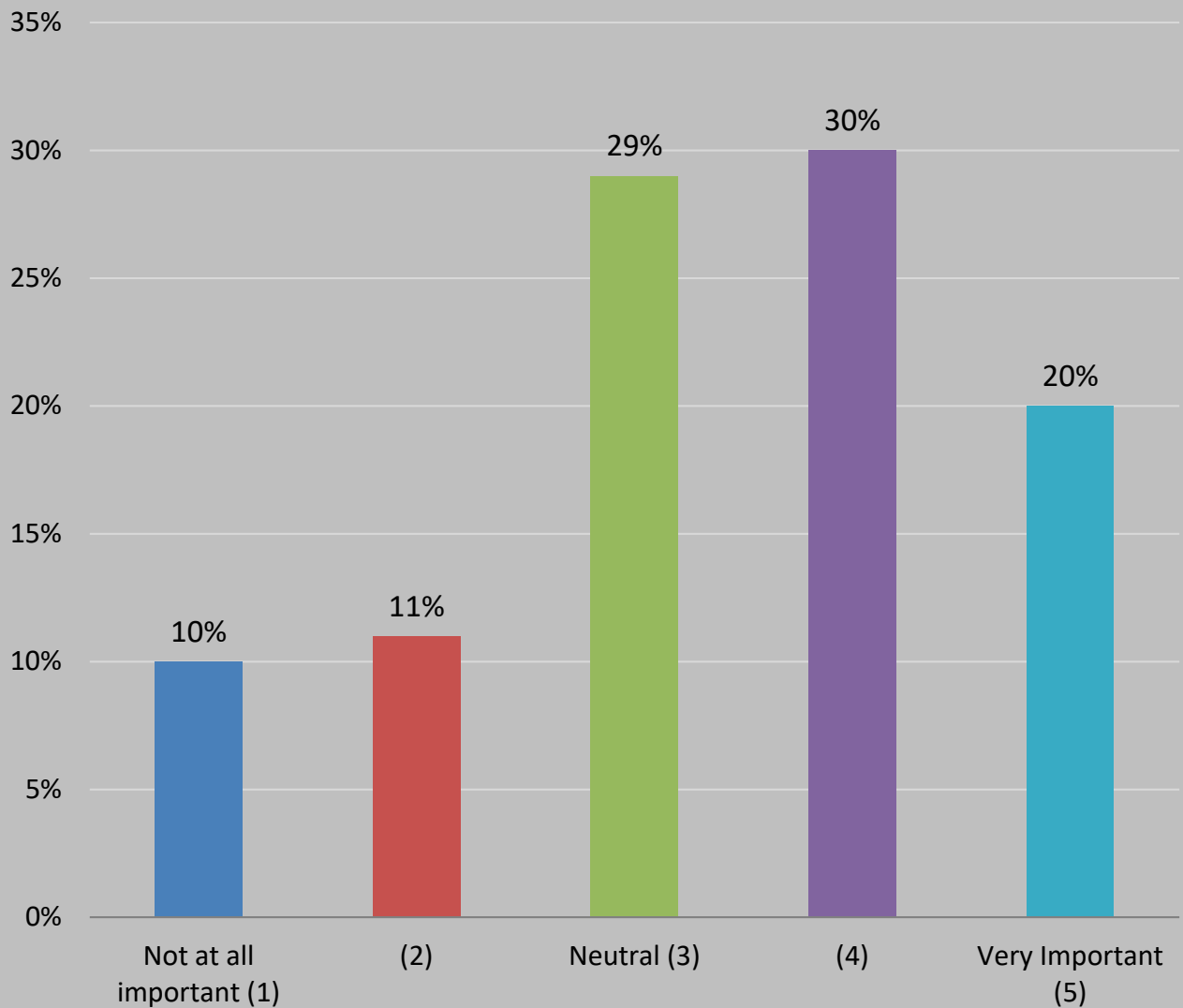
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Receiving mentoring in field of interest



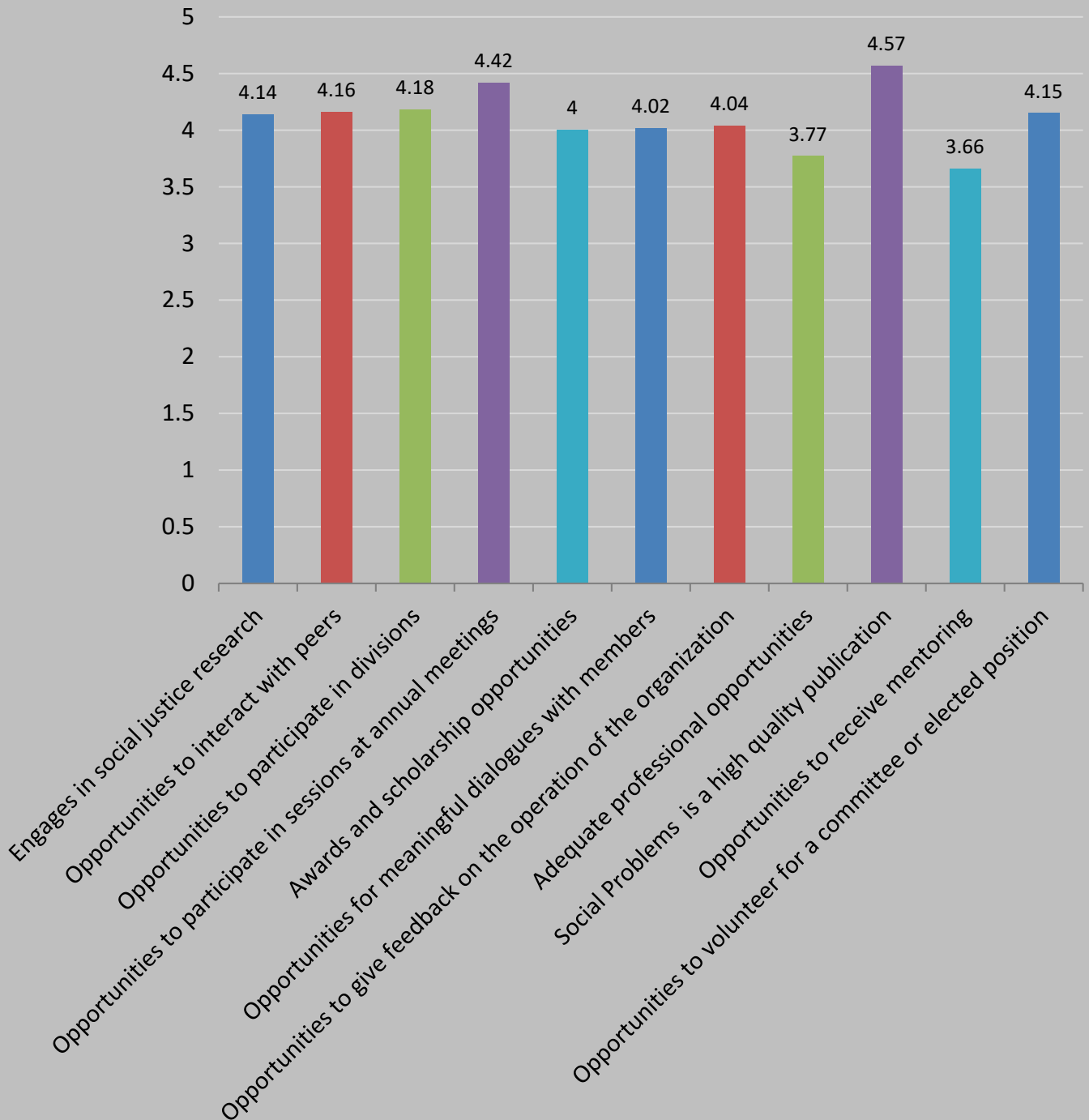
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Volunteering for a committee or elected position

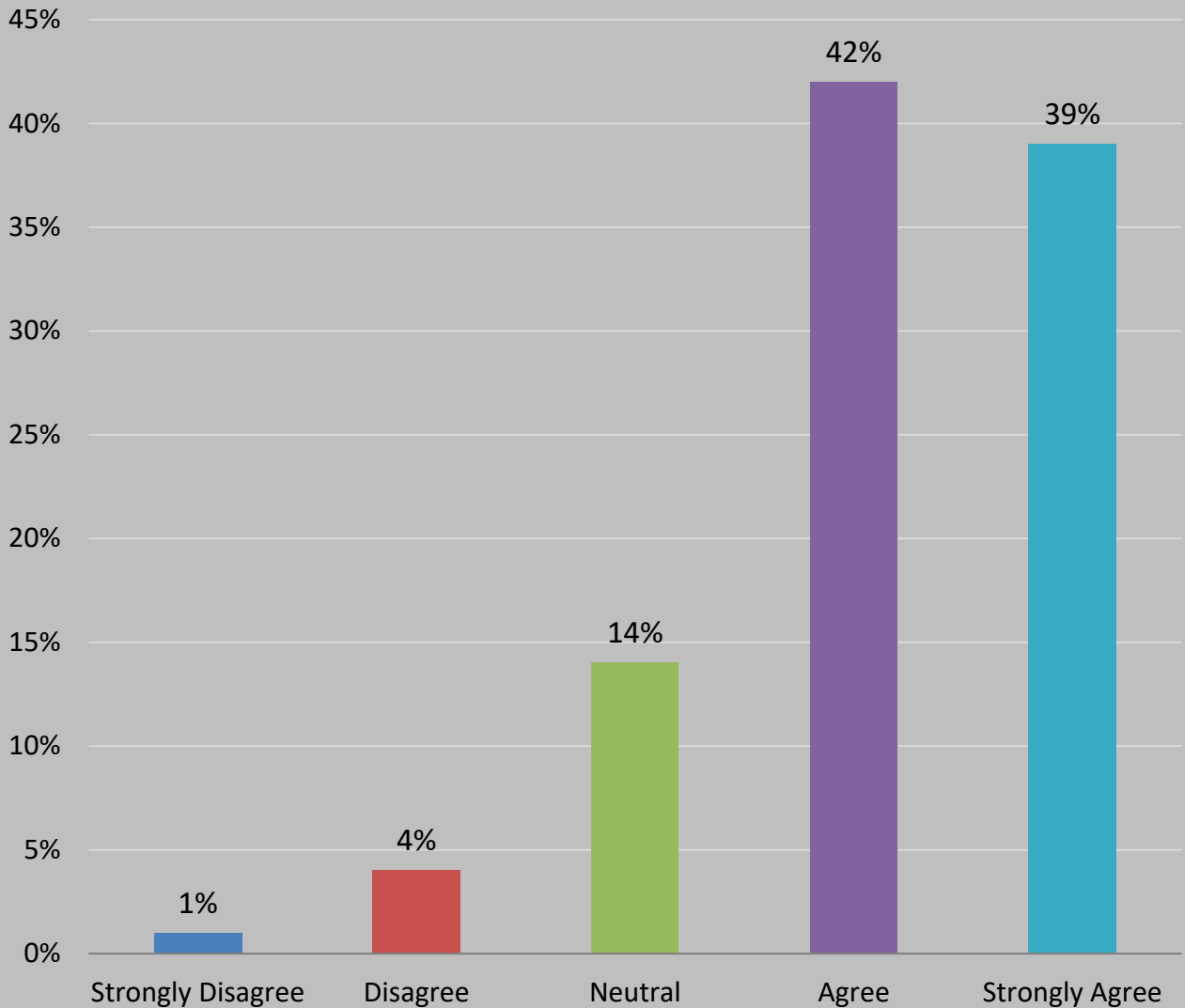


Respondents: 197 | Standard Deviation : 1.198 | Standard Error : 0.085

Average response indicating the degree a respondent agreed or disagreed with how effective or adequate SSSP performs in each area. Responses are on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being strongly disagree.



SSSP effectively engages in social justice research and action.

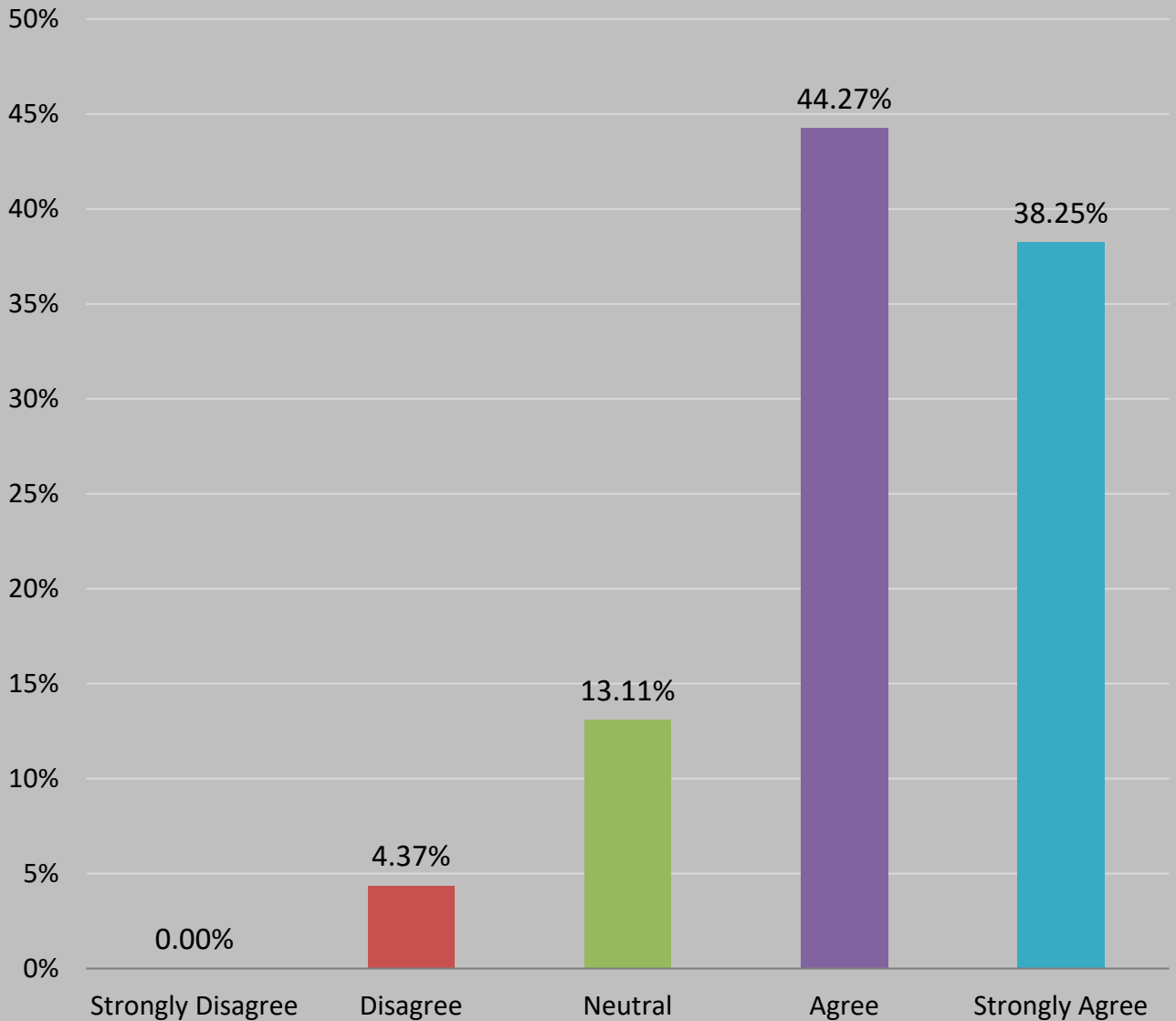


Respondents: 180 | Standard Deviation : 0.879 | Standard Error : 0.066

You said that SSSP does not effectively engages in social justice research and action. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
<p>Research, yes, we do this, but we do not consider divergent views of economic causation. For action, what action has SSSP ever taken toward bringing about social justice? If you count little statements sent to Washington, I guess so. But I would not count those (or that of encouraging letter writing). "We SSSP stand firmly against X and protest Y... blah, blah, blah." In short, we are a highly ineffective and irrelevant organization--and I've been a dues-paying member since my student days in the 1960s.</p>
<p>SSSP seems to be more focused on the "study of social problems" as its name suggests than on the "solving of social problems." I would like to see more action research. I thought the process by which two members could bring forward an anti-social justice resolution (on BDS) in August and move it towards a vote with opportunities for limited discussion on the amendment itself but no actual opportunities for broader member engagement on the issue and problems therein really make SSSP a questionable space in terms of its supportiveness of all its members and of social justice. If the resolution vote had turned out differently I do not know if I would have stayed involved with SSSP and I definitely would not recommend the organization to others.</p>
<p>I believe the organization could do a much better job at assisting faculty and researchers with translating their work into real policy implications.</p>
<p>it doesn't do its own research or actions</p>
<p>I am very disappointed in the outcome of the BDS resolution and the numerous ways that that vote was stifled. For example, I think it is unconscionable that all SSSP members cannot vote on meeting resolutions, rather you have to be present at the business meeting in order to do so. This effectively punished any member who cannot attend the Annual Meeting or the business meeting (given the overlap with ASA, ABS, and other related meetings). Many other professional associations have supported BDS resolutions and SSSP is behind the curve here.</p>
<p>The members do the research. I am not aware of any research sponsored by SSSP.</p>
<p>I am not sure that a professional organization can do this well</p>

SSSP provides adequate opportunities to interact with peers.

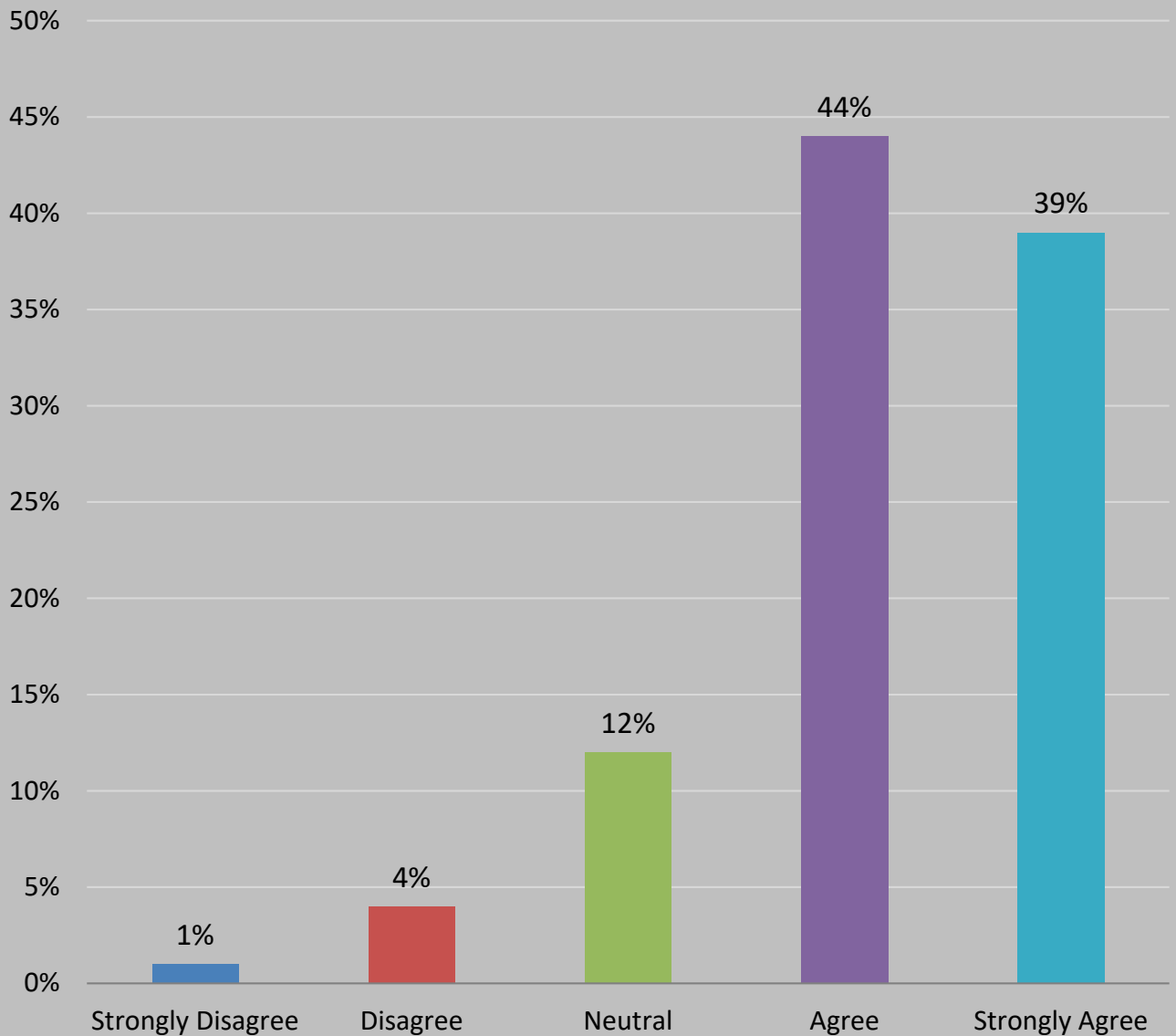


Respondents: 183 | Standard Deviation : 0.816 | Standard Error : 0.060

You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to interact with peers. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
Receptions and other social spaces are great but are set up for those who are catching up with people they know or otherwise already know folks. Some kind of opportunity for networking, a table for people who don't know others and are traveling to SSSP without others they know, or by geographic area or interest area, etc. could be great.
Maybe have smaller mini-conferences organized by members; needs something other than the panel format.
At times, divisions can be a bit cliquish. It can be hard to become a part of things if you don't have an "in" through an individual or institution
I have no idea what these opportunities are. My professional life as a sociologist in the United States has been one of profound isolation. I am a faculty member of a non-Sociology department at a university that views sociology as an unnecessary evil. It would have been wonderful to have had access to a network of sociologists over the years, but it never happened. I didn't know that the SSSP offered this type of service.
Sessions at conference were very lightly attended
make the conference less expensive to attend

SSSP provides adequate opportunities to participate in divisions.

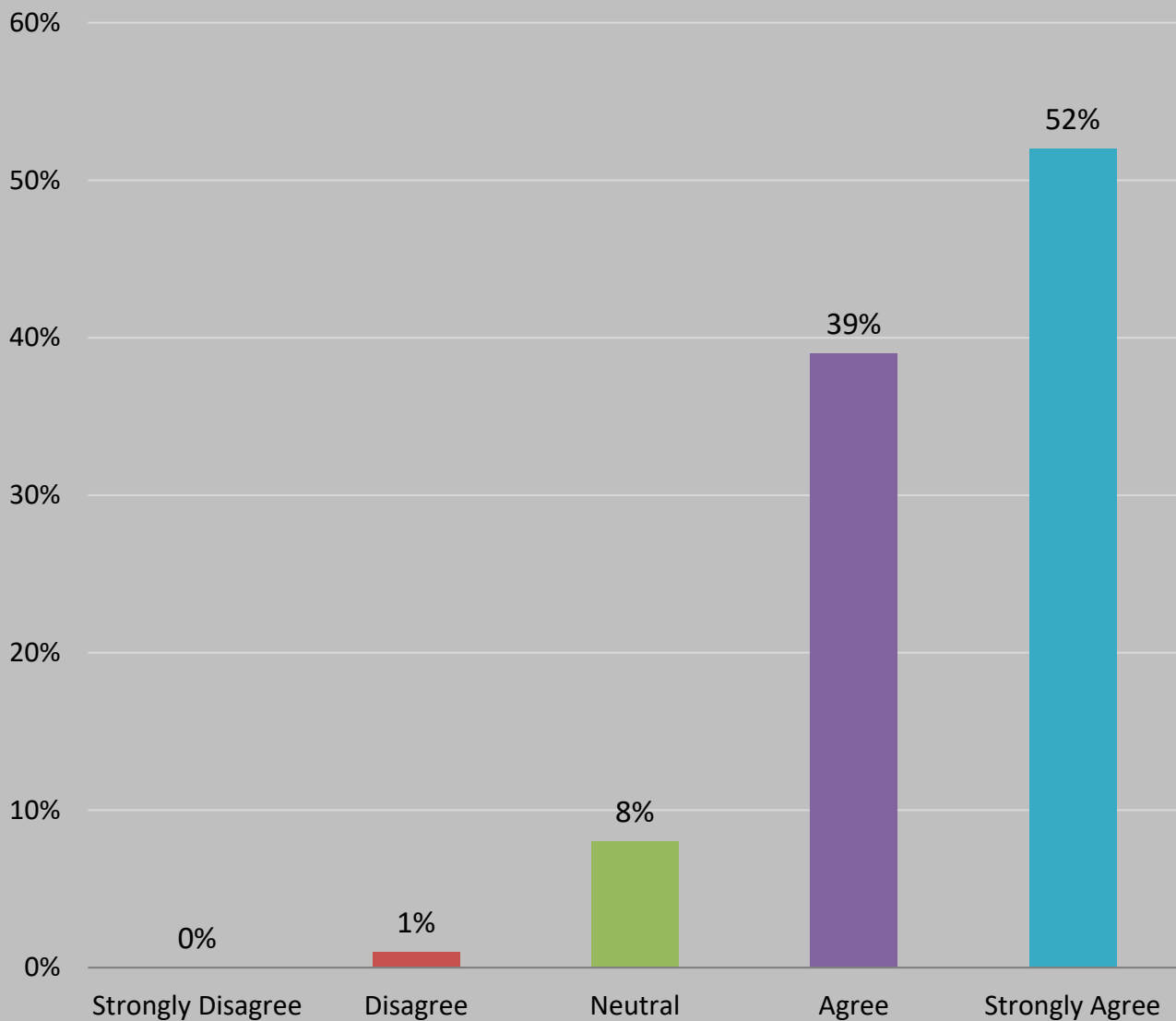


Respondents: 180 | Standard Deviation : 0.833 | Standard Error : 0.062

You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to participate in divisions. Please tell us how we can improve.

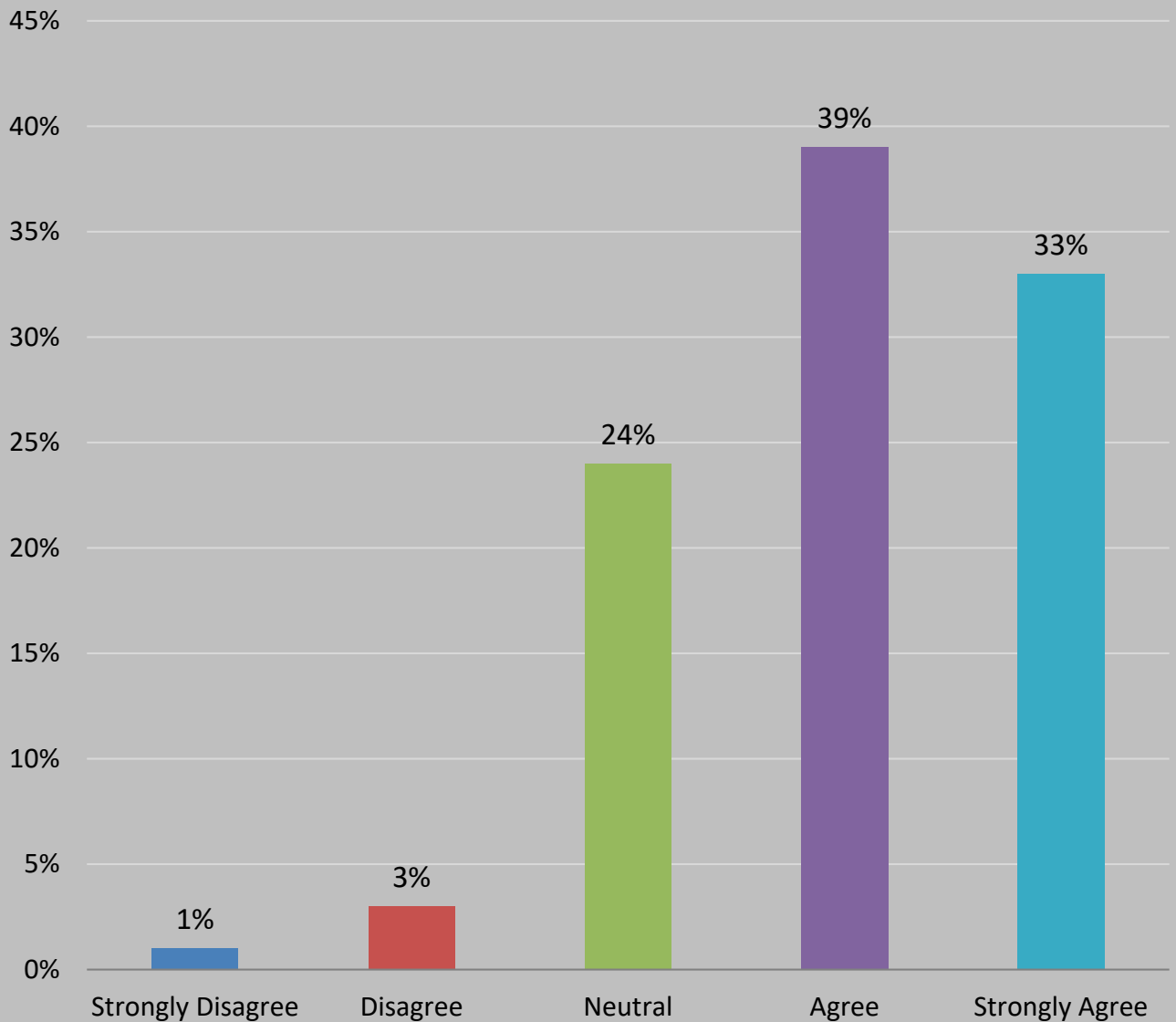
Text Entry
I could not attend my division meeting because it was scheduled during a session during which I was presenting.
I've put my name down at two annual meetings; nothing ever came of it. Its odd and revealing that I've had better luck with ASA divisions--the nameless, faceless behemoth--that with SSSP
It would be helpful if division chairs communicate more with their members
I've volunteered my name more than once to help participate. Just to help out--no position or CV line. And never been contacted. I don't think its personal or malicious, but I have no interest in trying a third time. There are other organization's with divisions that are better able to capitalize on member interest.
Outreach is limited, so while there is ample "opportunities" members can be more proactively encouraged to participate.

SSSP provides adequate opportunities to participate in sessions at the annual meeting.



Respondents: 179 | Standard Deviation : 0.685 | Standard Error : 0.051

SSSP provides adequate awards and scholarship opportunities.

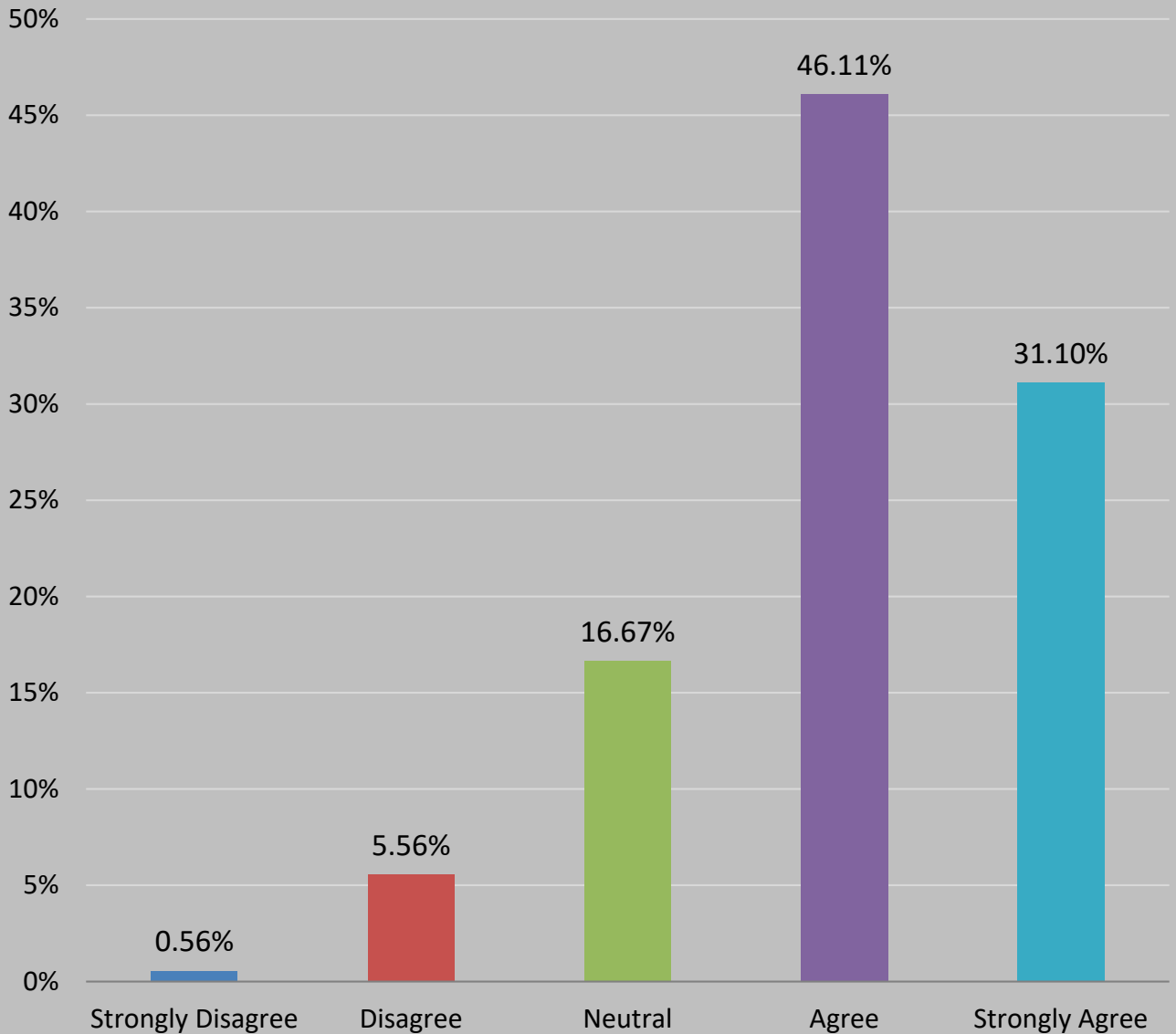


Respondents: 170 | Standard Deviation : 0.890 | Standard Error : 0.068

You said that SSSP does not provide adequate awards and scholarship opportunities. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
More money should be spent on awards and scholarships.
Provide more scholarship opportunities for marginalized students, faculty, and justice workers.
Provide them.
It would be helpful if all SSSP divisions provided awards to professional members (not just graduate student members)

SSSP provides adequate opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogues with other members.

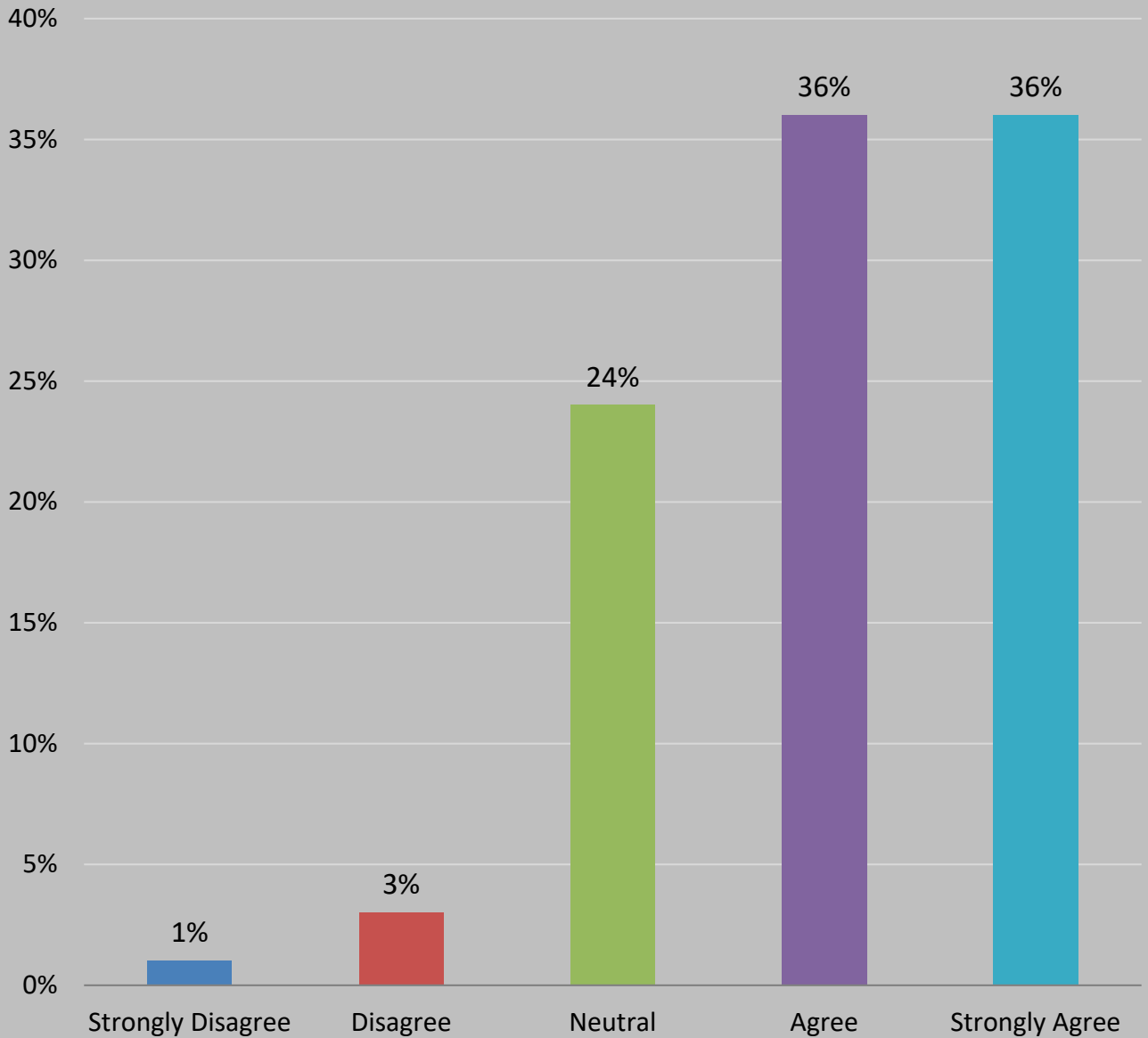


Respondents: 180 | Standard Deviation : 0.868 | Standard Error : 0.065

You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogues with other members. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
Maybe some more active listserve; more organized focus on public sociology, promoting members' research to actually address social problems.
See prior comment.
Many gatherings are limited to new members, or to people who are able to pay for things like the annual banquet. I do well to get my institution to cover cost of hotel and airfare.
Attendance at sessions was very inadequate

SSSP provides adequate opportunities to give the Administrative Office and Officers feedback on the operation of the organization.

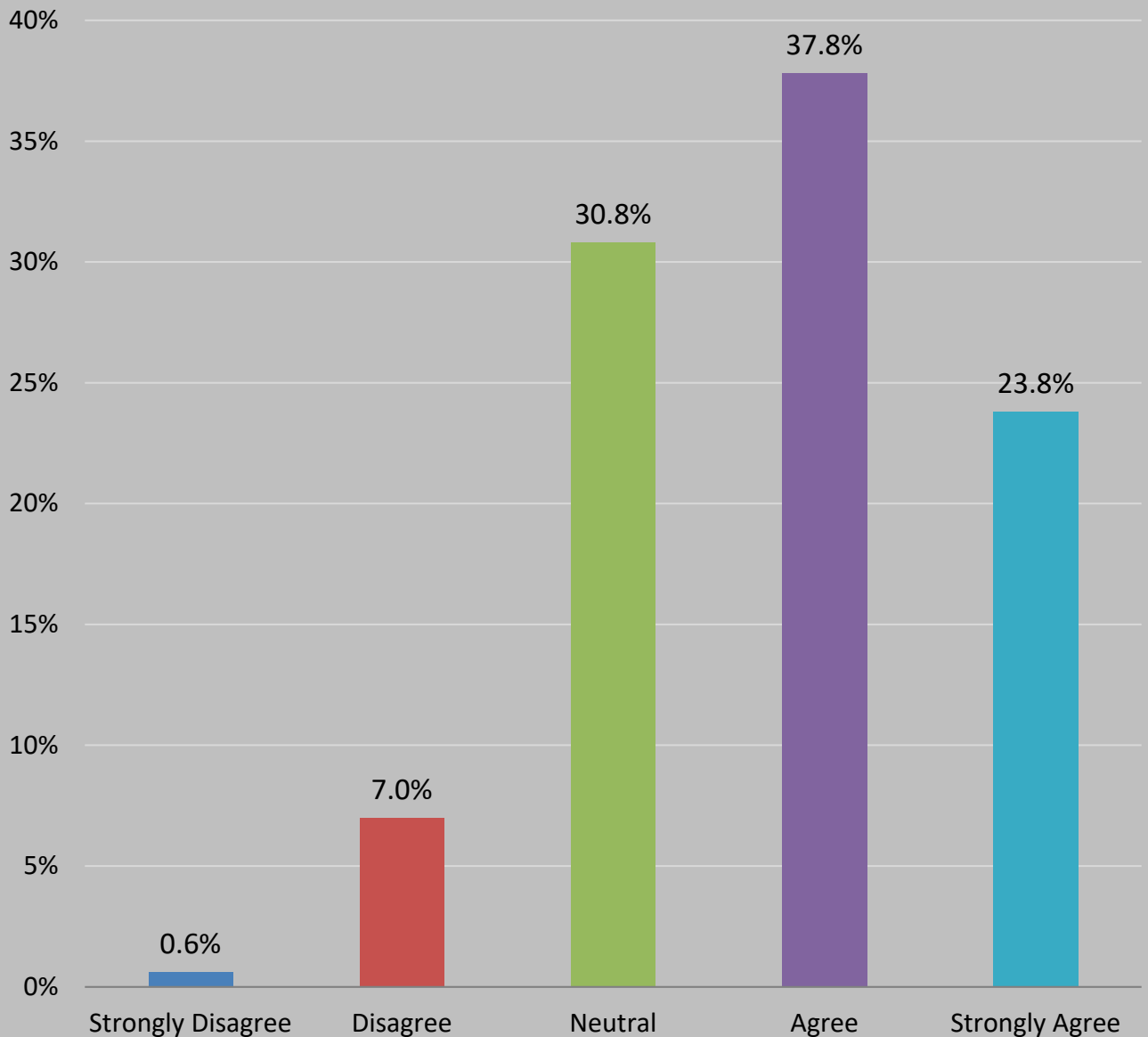


Respondents: 162 | Standard Deviation : 0.887 | Standard Error : 0.070

You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to give the Administrative Office and Officers feedback on the operation of the organization. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
I have not been given that opportunity. I only know my division chair.
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Make them more visible and receptive.

SSSP provides adequate professional opportunities.

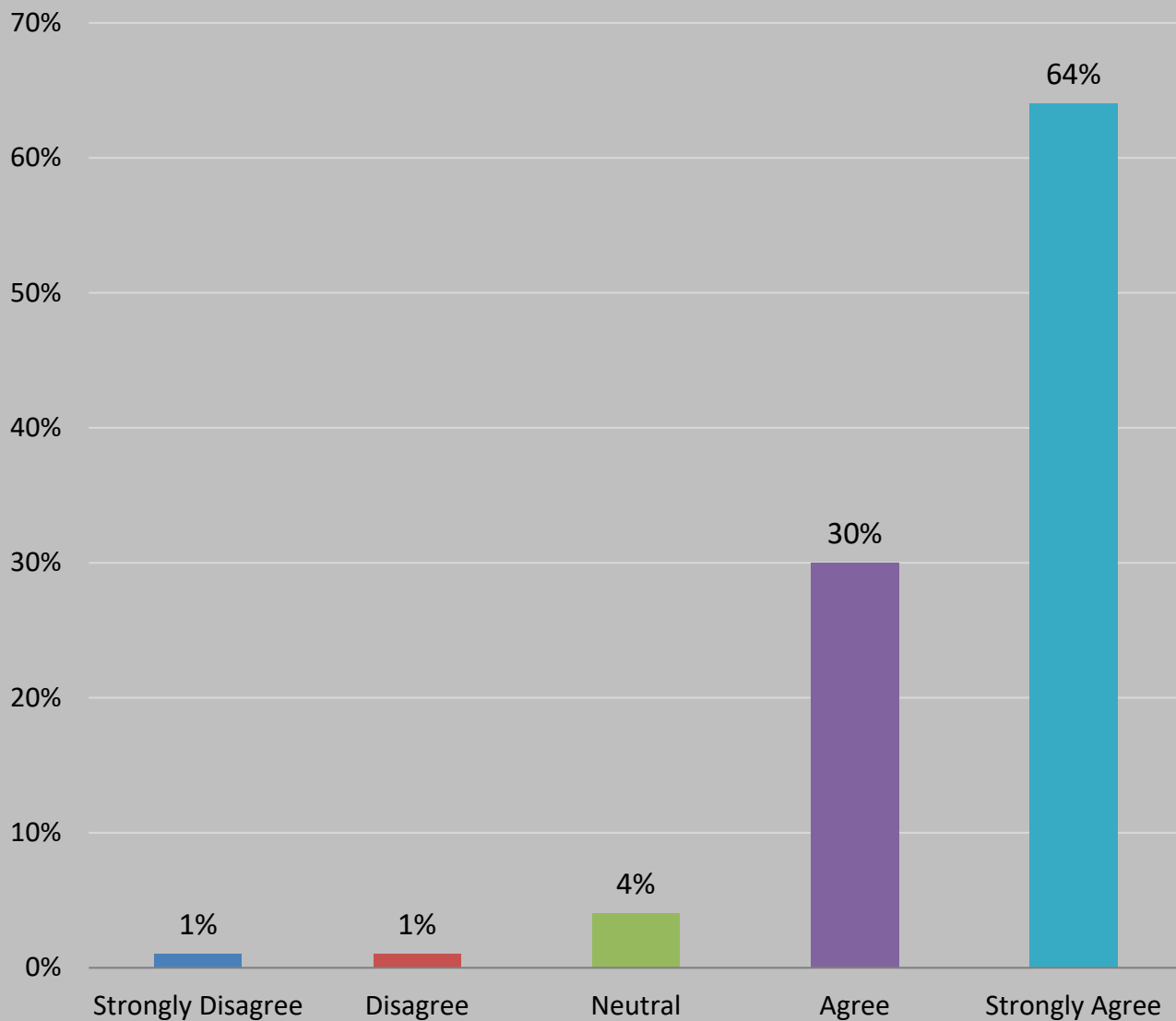


Respondents: 172 | Standard Deviation : 0.912 | Standard Error : 0.070

You said that SSSP does not provide adequate professional opportunities. Please tell us how we can improve.

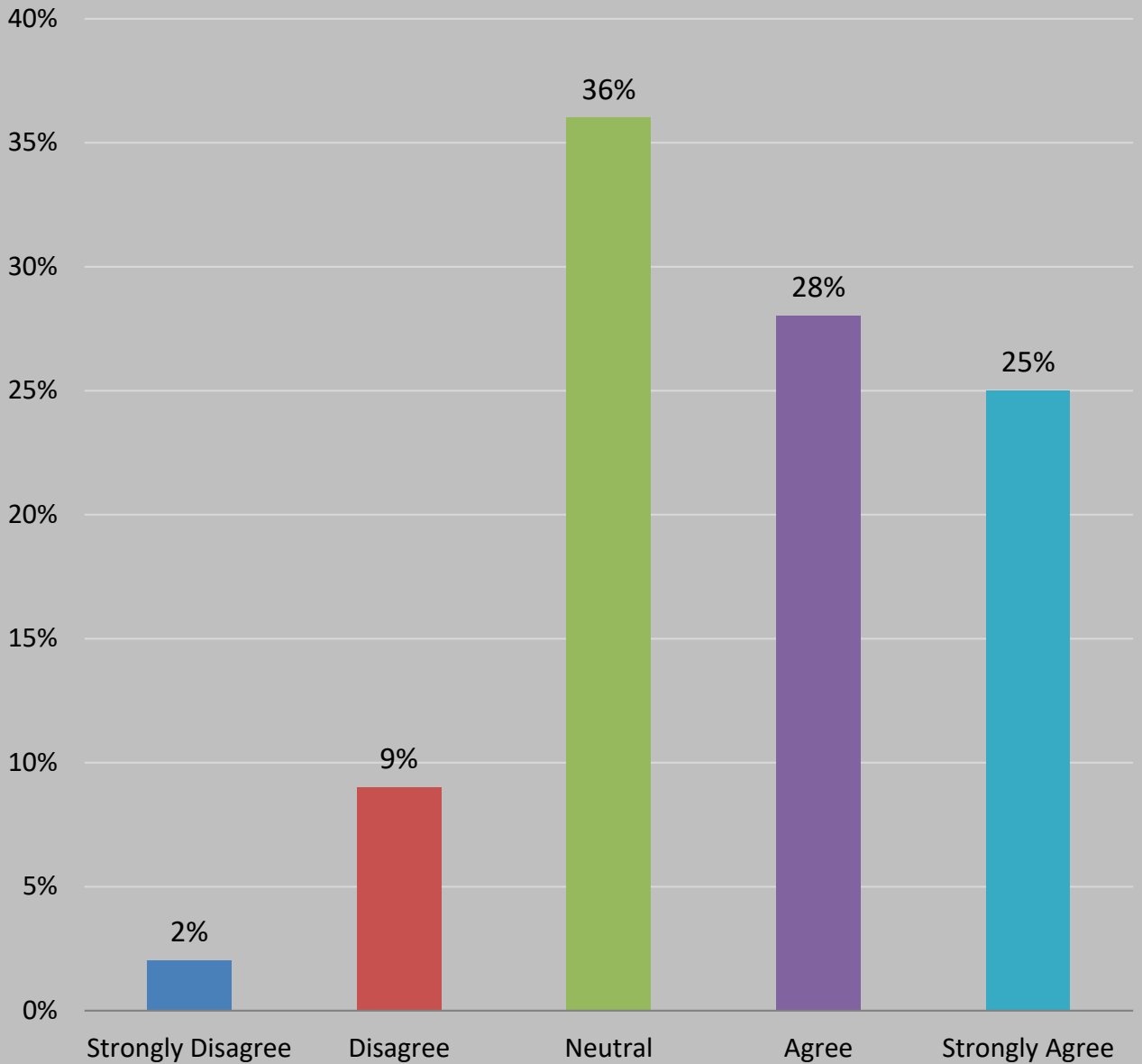
Text Entry
Set up job listings, help publicize opportunities so it is less dependent upon networks
I am at the end of my career. I have never looked to any professional organization to provide opportunities for professional advancement or mentoring. Those seem to be for the appointed elite, not for the average member.
I'd love to see something like the ESS where SSSP has actual "miniconferences" and networks on more focused topics than the divisions (which are so broad as to be meaningless). I loved the ESS miniconferences on politics of carework, soc/big data/IT, transnational families, etc.
Not really clear what opportunities it does provide.
See prior comment.
I'm not familiar with any PD opportunities. This is something I associate with ASA with the job fair and the job bank.
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more professional development available virtually

SSSPs journal, *Social Problems*, is a high quality publication.



Respondents: 182 | Standard Deviation : 0.659 | Standard Error : 0.049

SSSP provides adequate opportunities to receive mentoring
in a field of interest.

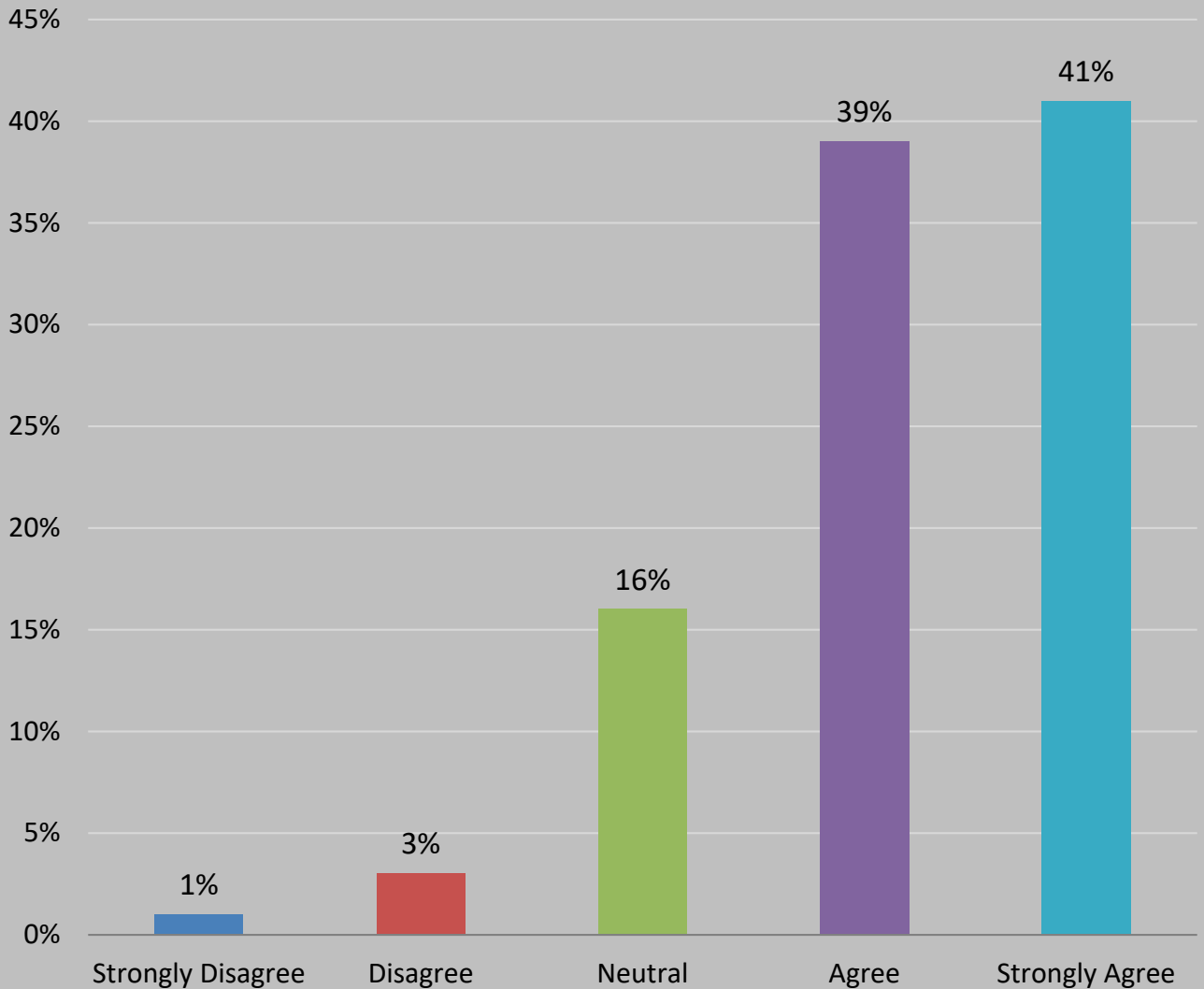


Respondents: 161 | Standard Deviation : 1.012 | Standard Error : 0.080

You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to receive mentoring in a field of interest. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
Better connections between senior and junior scholars.
As I said, I could have used a mentor early in my career. No one ever saw me, much less approached me for mentorship
I signed up for the meeting mentor program at the 2019 Annual meeting. I got a pitch for SSSP, not mentoring. I was honestly disappointed.
It is difficult to sustain after the meeting, so resources on how to do that would help.
I wasn't aware that SSSP did any type of mentoring
Particularly as junior faculty I would love to have a panel or pre-conference workshop that has folks with tenure mentoring and talking about how to troubleshoot rejections, applying for grants, developing courses, and doing it all!
Provide it.
Have mentoring? I've never heard of SSSP offering anything that looks specifically like mentoring.

SSSP provides adequate opportunities to volunteer for a committee or elected position.

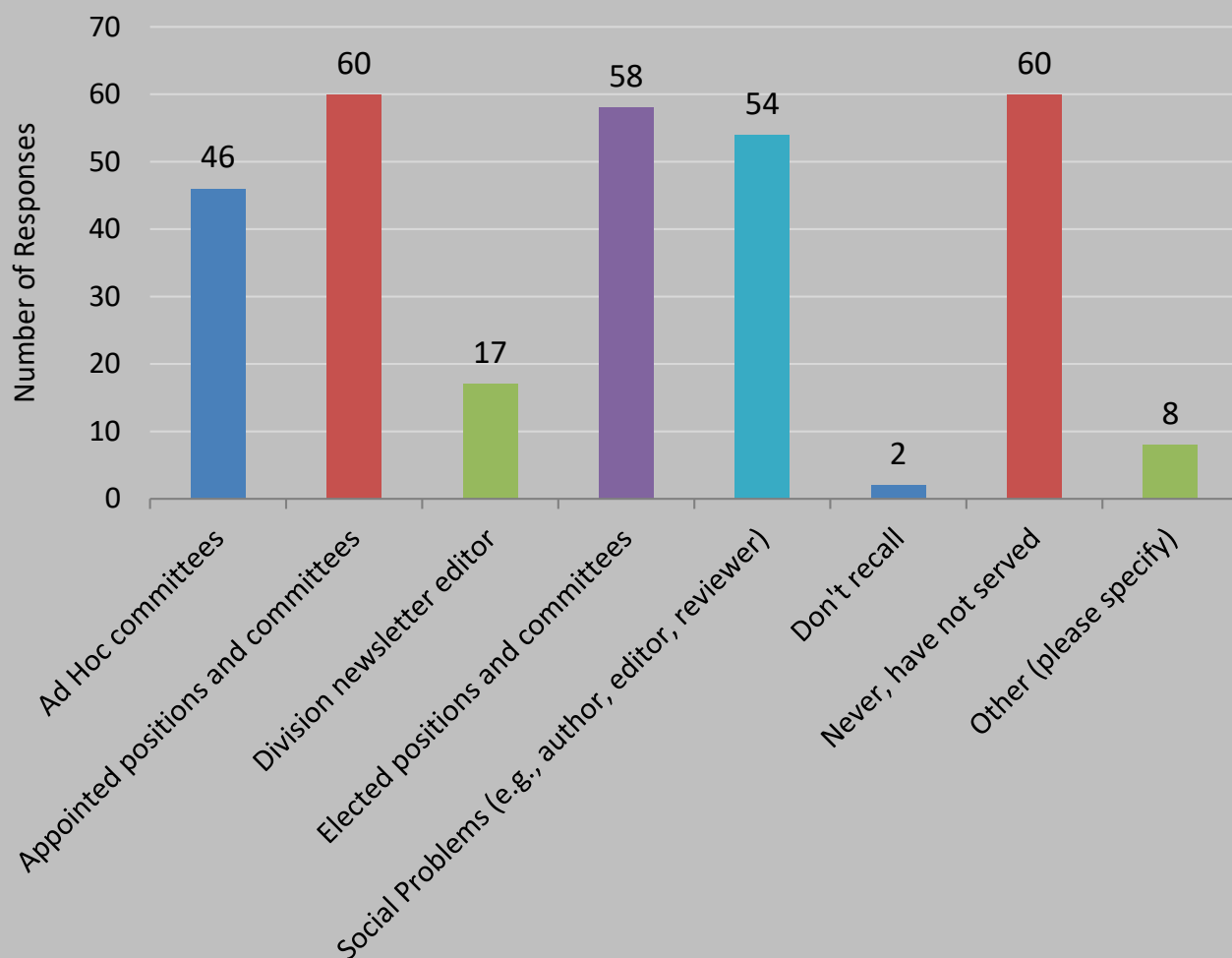


Respondents: 175 | Standard Deviation : 0.874 | Standard Error : 0.066

You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to volunteer for a committee or elected position. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
Certain people hold offices for years. You are afraid to ask to hold that office for fear of offending people. There should be term limits.
There are positions to be filled, but much of these positions seem to be filled through personal networking than broader outreach.

Please check each capacity in which you have served the SSSP.



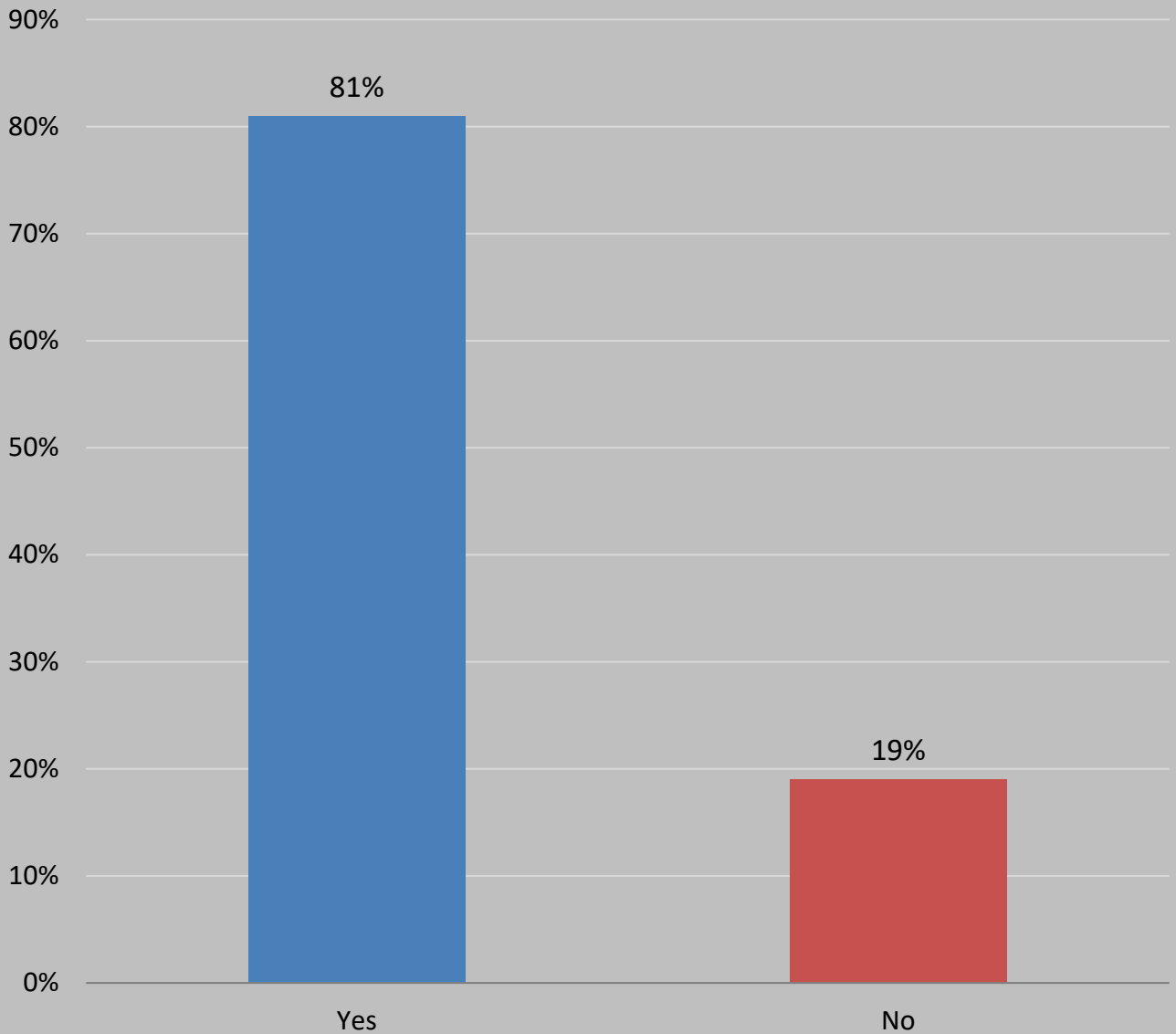
Total Responses : 305 | Respondent could select multiple roles

Please check each capacity in which you have served the
SSSP.

If **other**, please specify

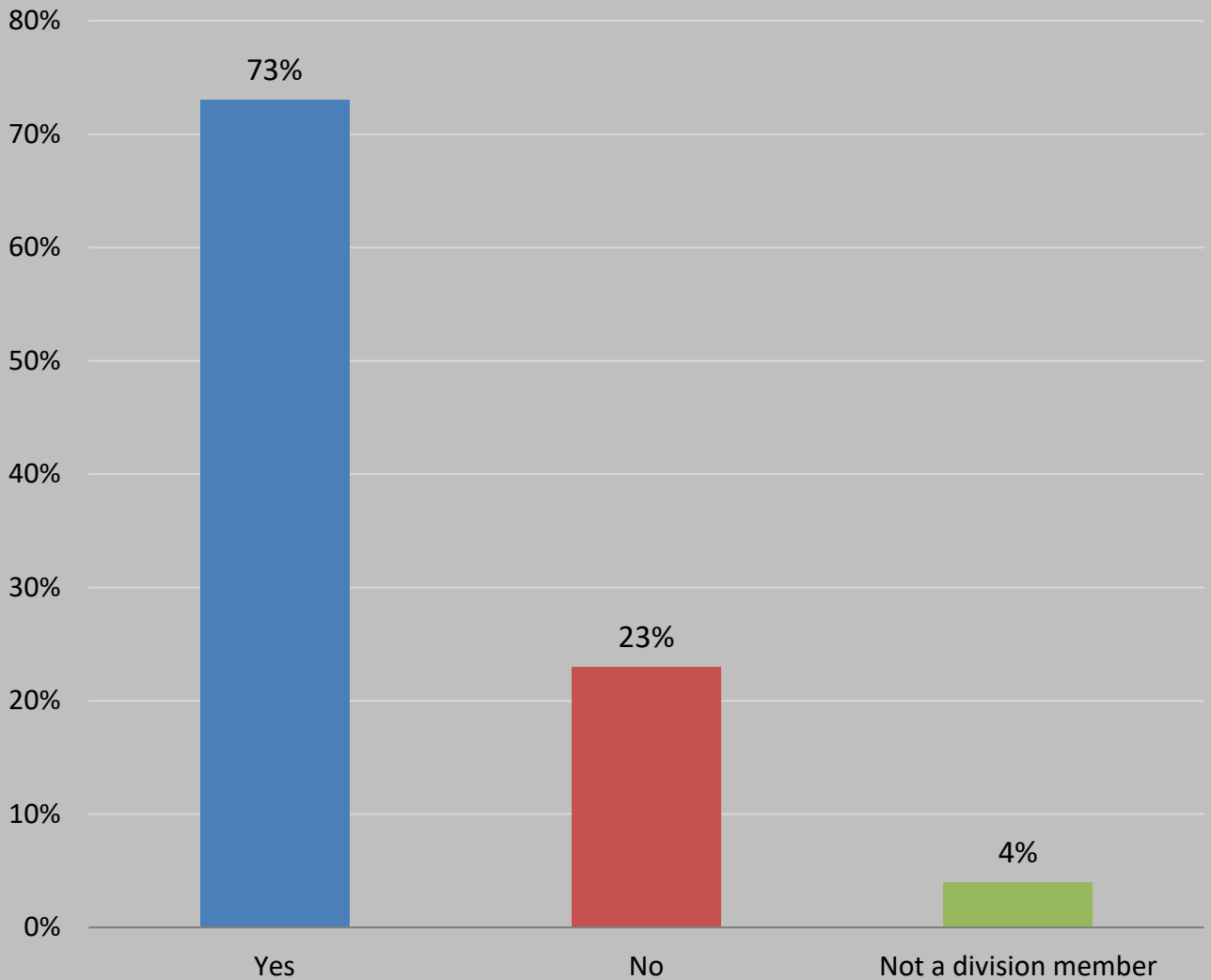
Text Entry
session organizer
Presentation at SSSP meetings
Mentorship
Symposium Coordinator
proposed a resolution
session organizer at conference
Session organizer
session organizer

Did you vote in the last general election?



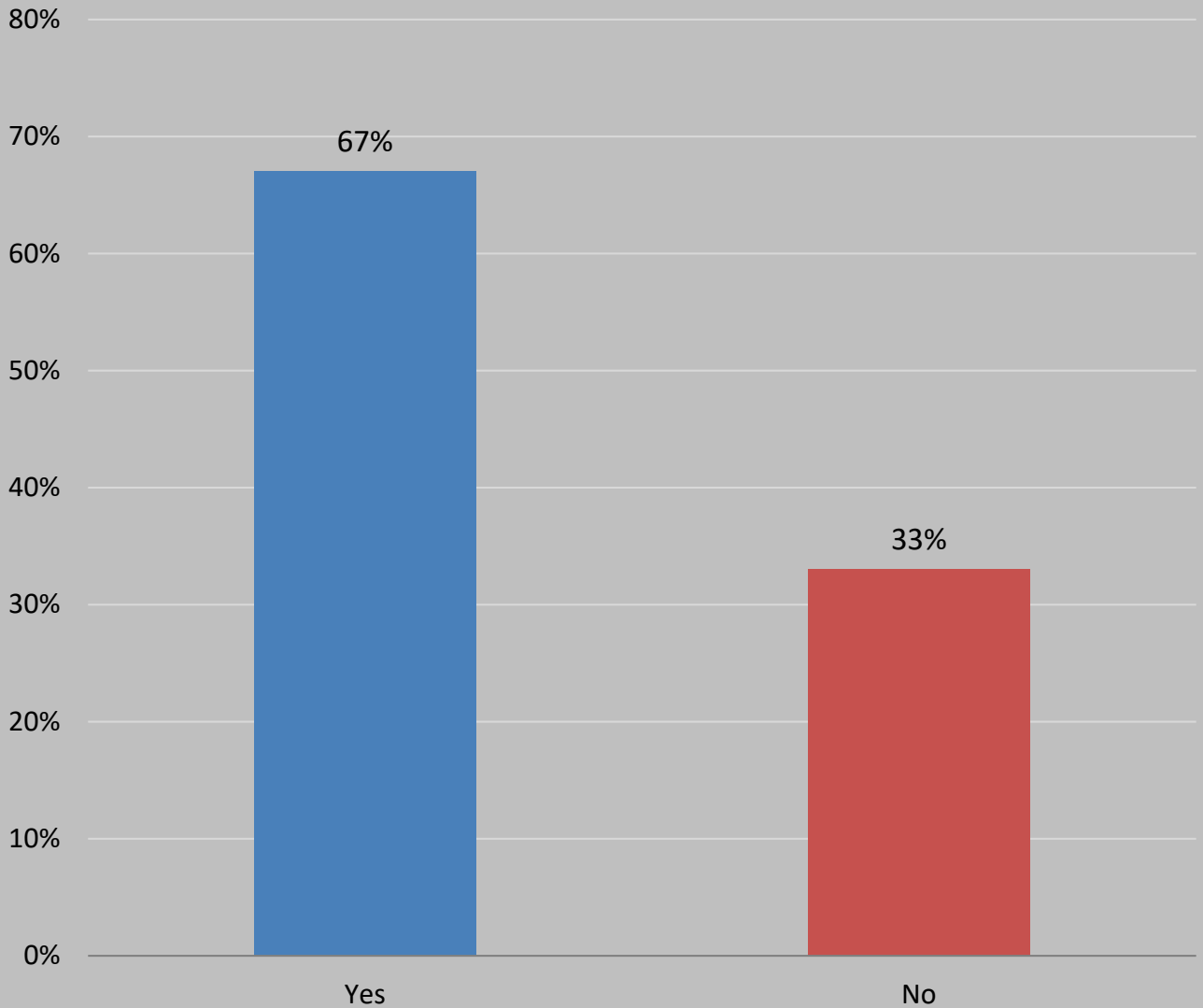
Respondents: 185 | Standard Deviation : 0.397 | Standard Error : 0.029

Did you vote in any of the division elections in the last three years?



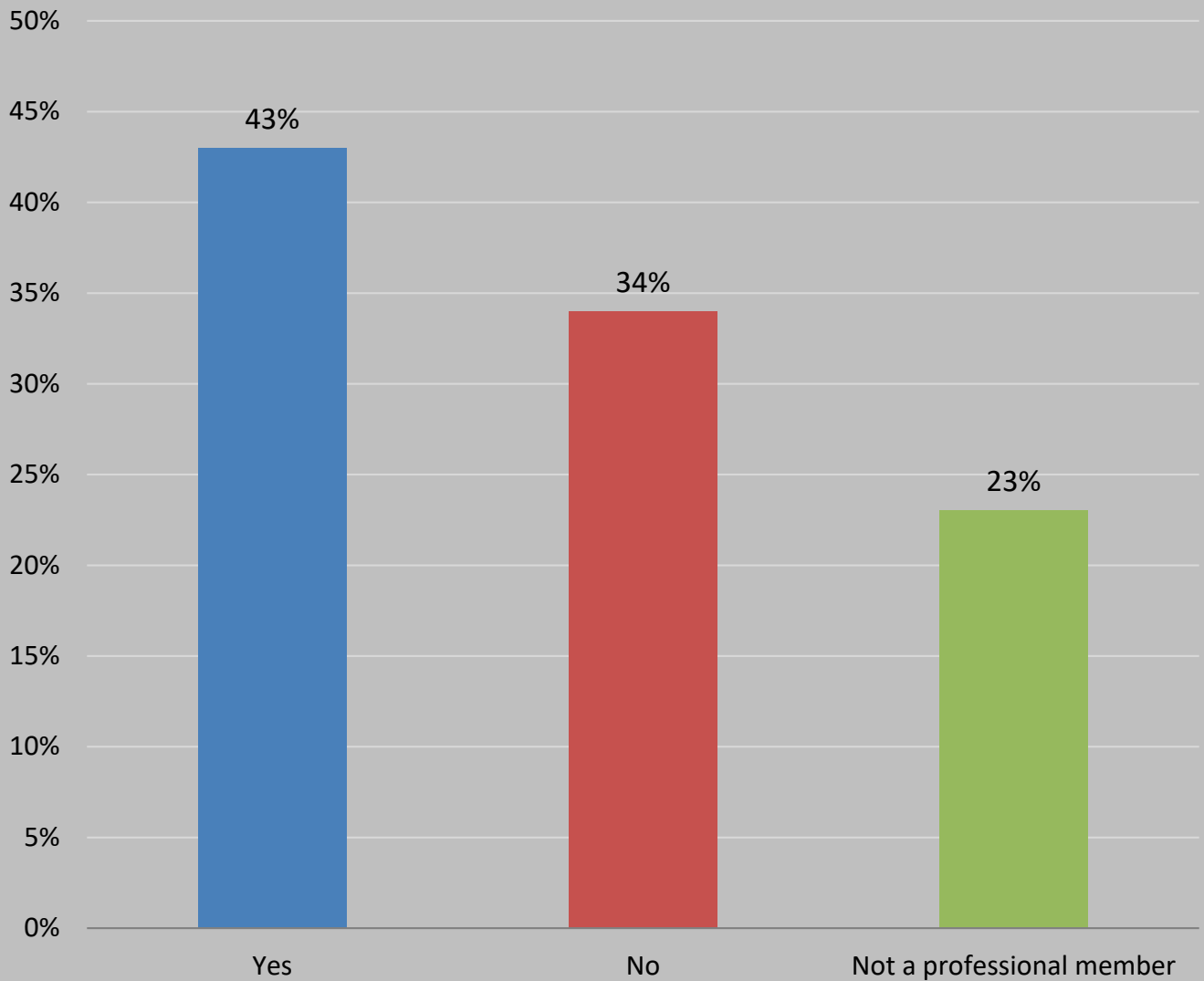
Respondents: 184 | Standard Deviation : 0.552 | Standard Error : 0.041

Are you aware of volunteer opportunities with the SSSP?



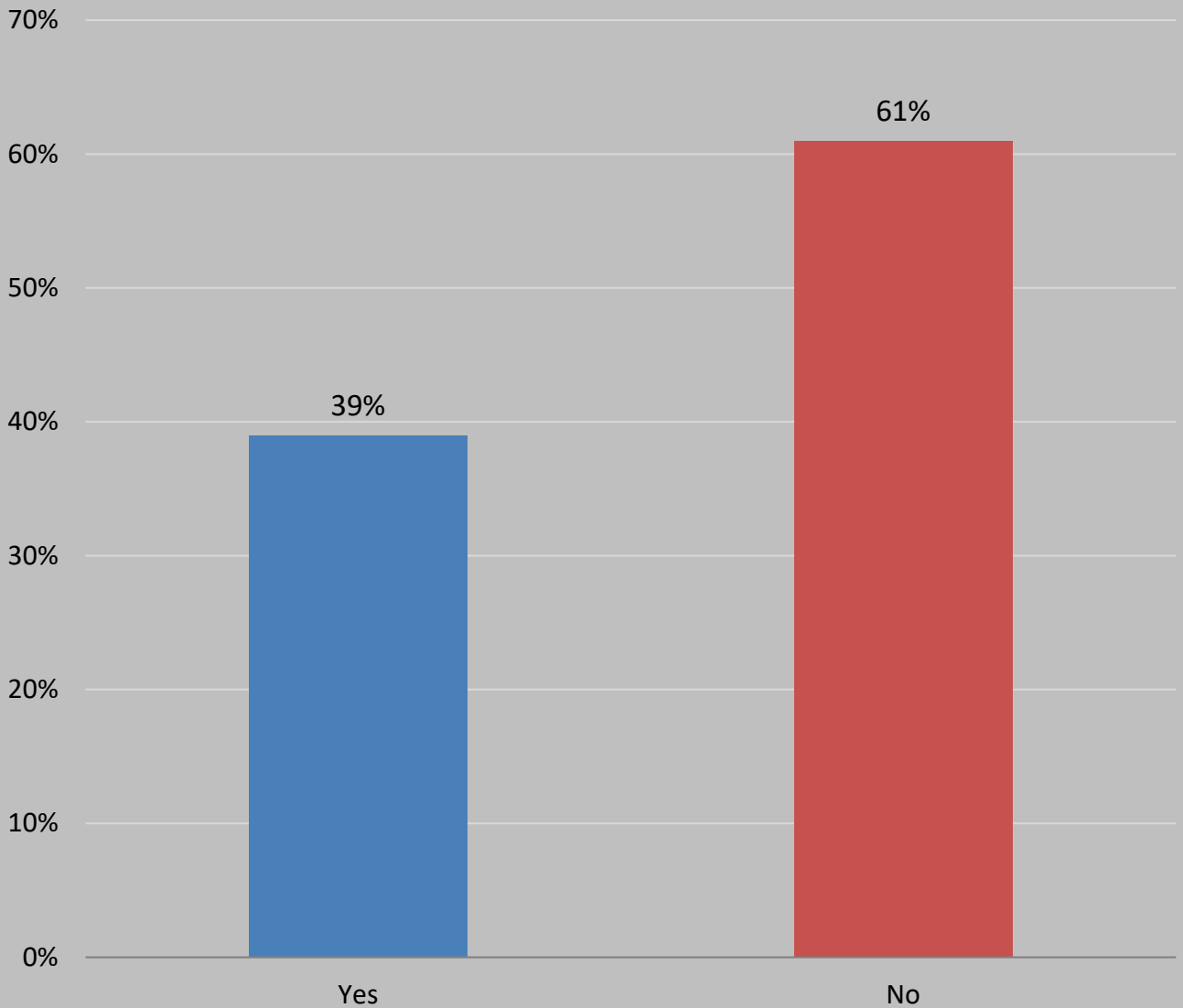
Respondents: 184 | Standard Deviation : 0.470 | Standard Error : 0.035

If you are a professional member, were you a student member previously?



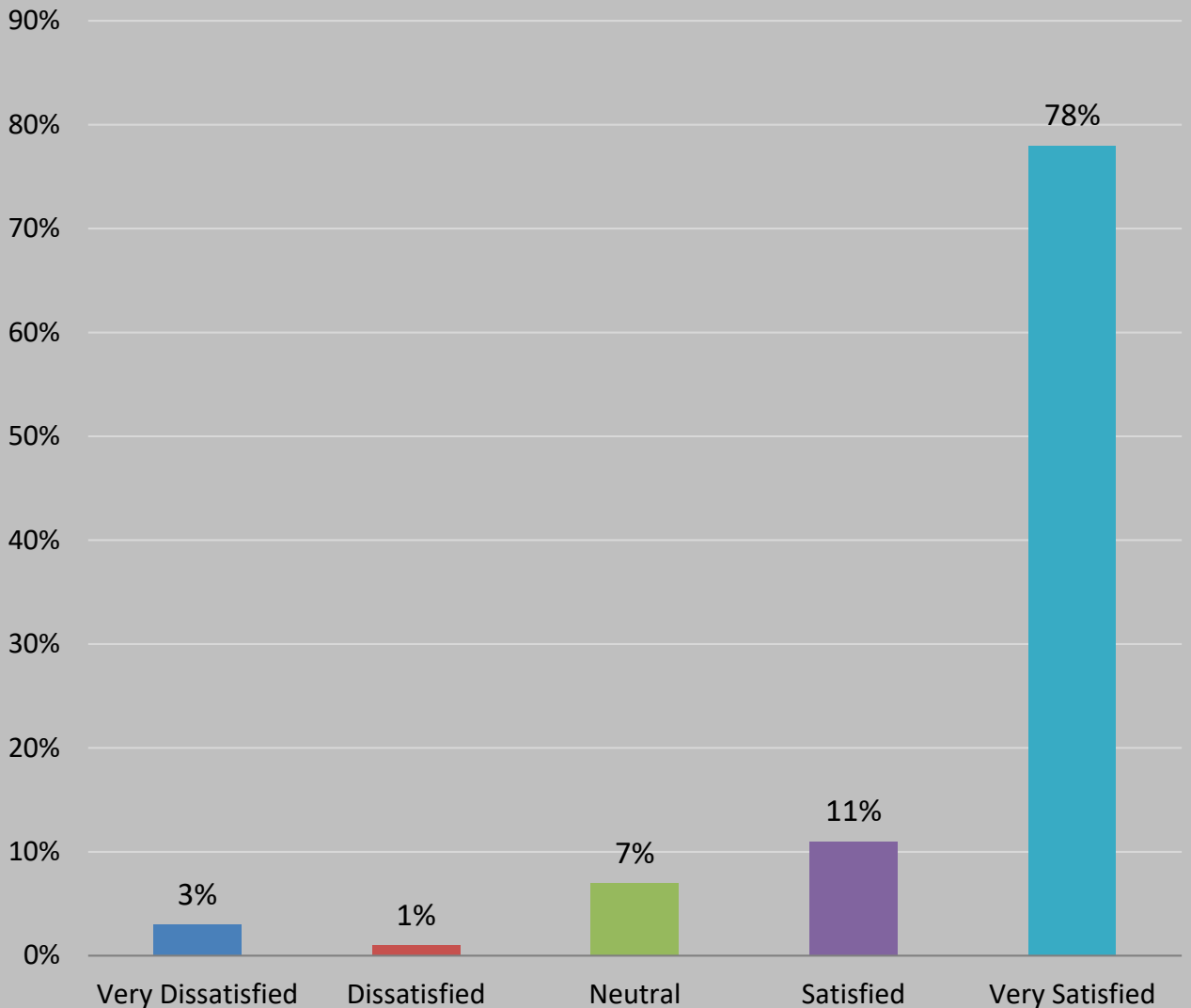
Respondents: 184 | Standard Deviation : 0.793 | Standard Error : 0.058

Have you communicated with the Administrative Office
within the past year?



Respondents: 185 | Standard Deviation : 0.489 | Standard Error : 0.036

Please indicate to what extent you are satisfied or dissatisfied with your communication with the Administrative Office.
(If yes to previous question)



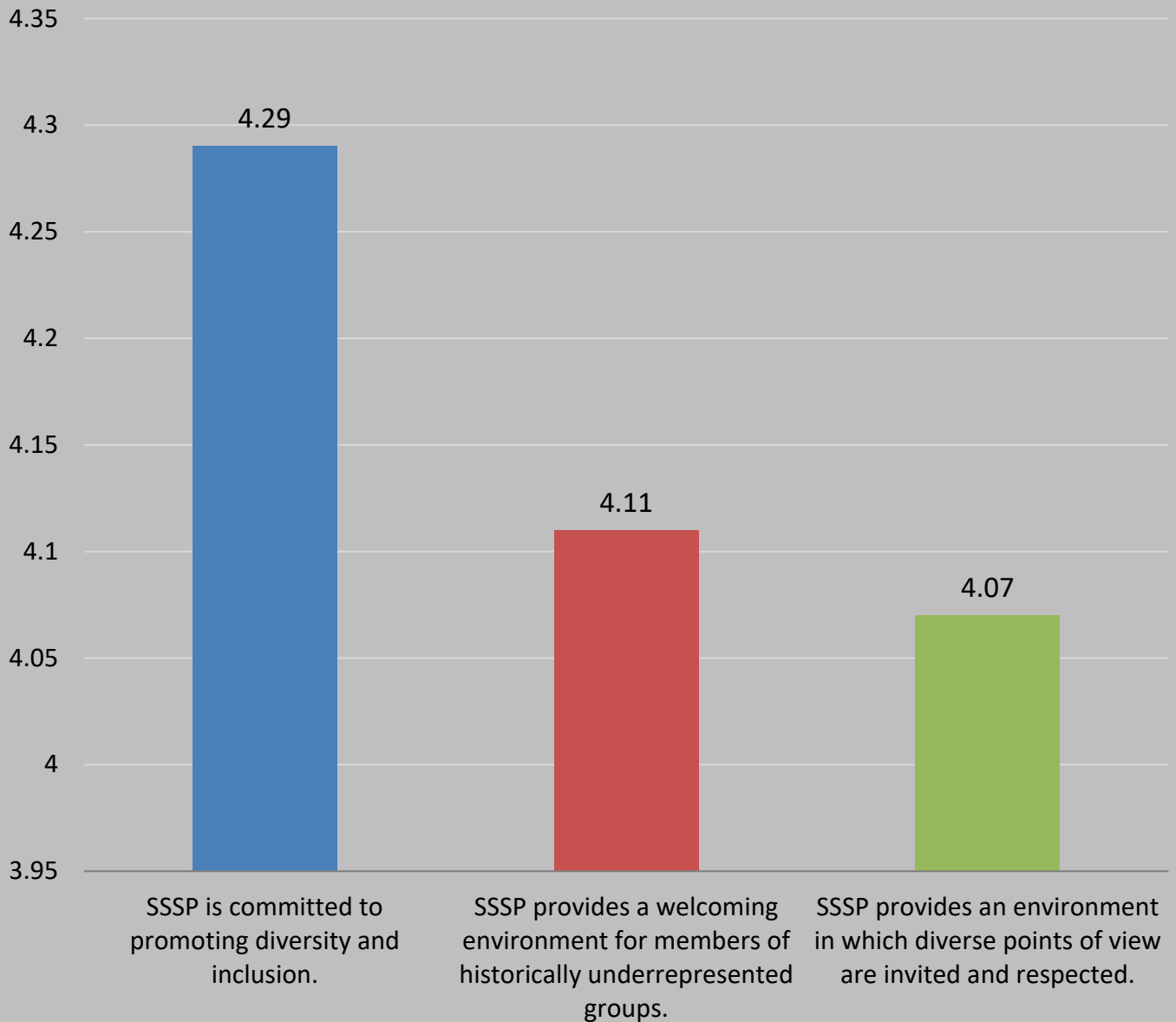
Respondents: 72 | Standard Deviation : 0.899 | Standard Error : 0.106

You said that you are very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with your communication with the Administrative Office. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

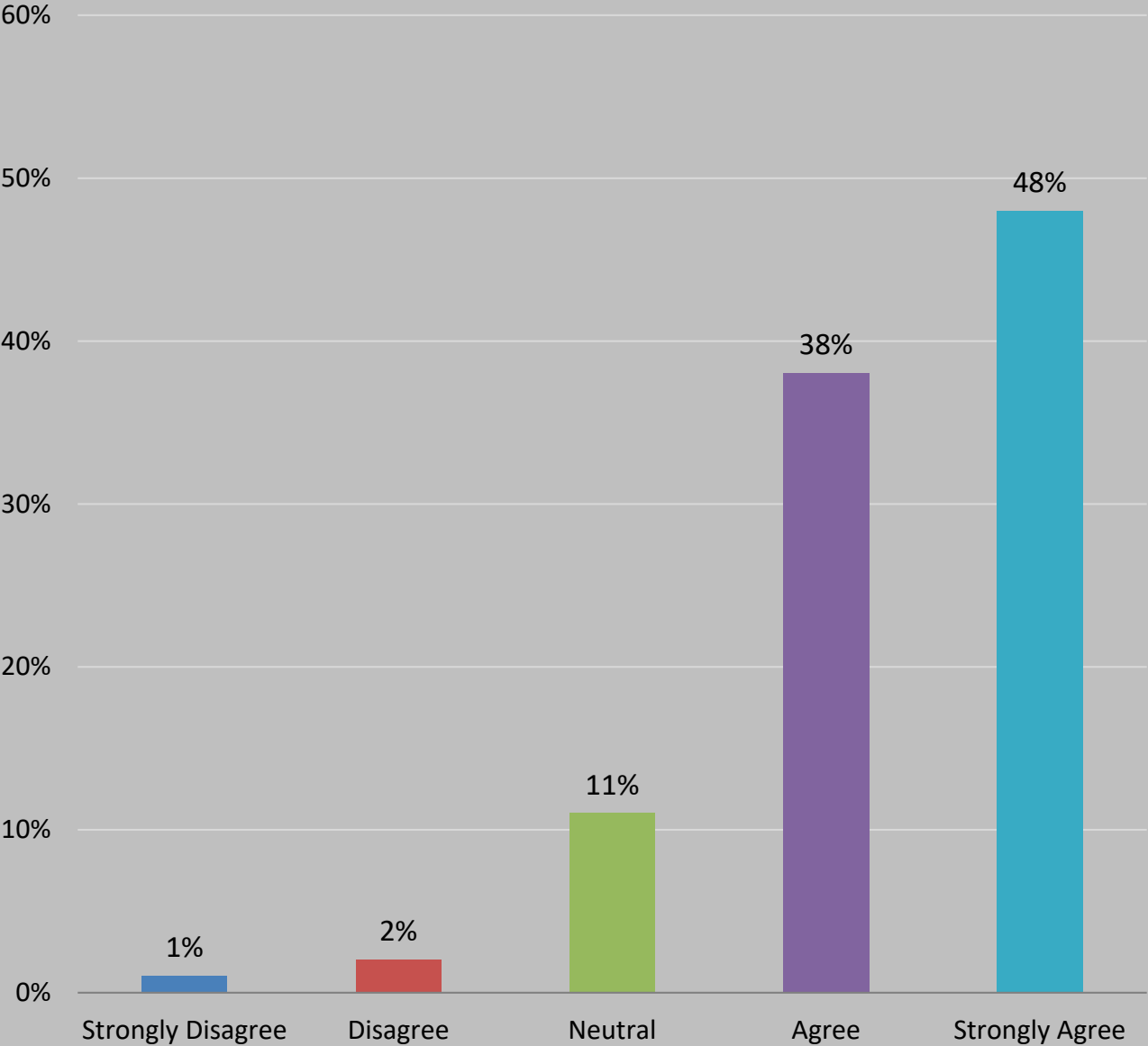
Text Entry
Get rid of Michelle. Everything is done by her. She has too much power. It is all her opinion or how she has always done things.
Michelle doesn't listen. She talks over me, tells me what we want to hear and then does what she wants.

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following items.

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being strongly disagree. Average ratings shown.



SSSP is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion.

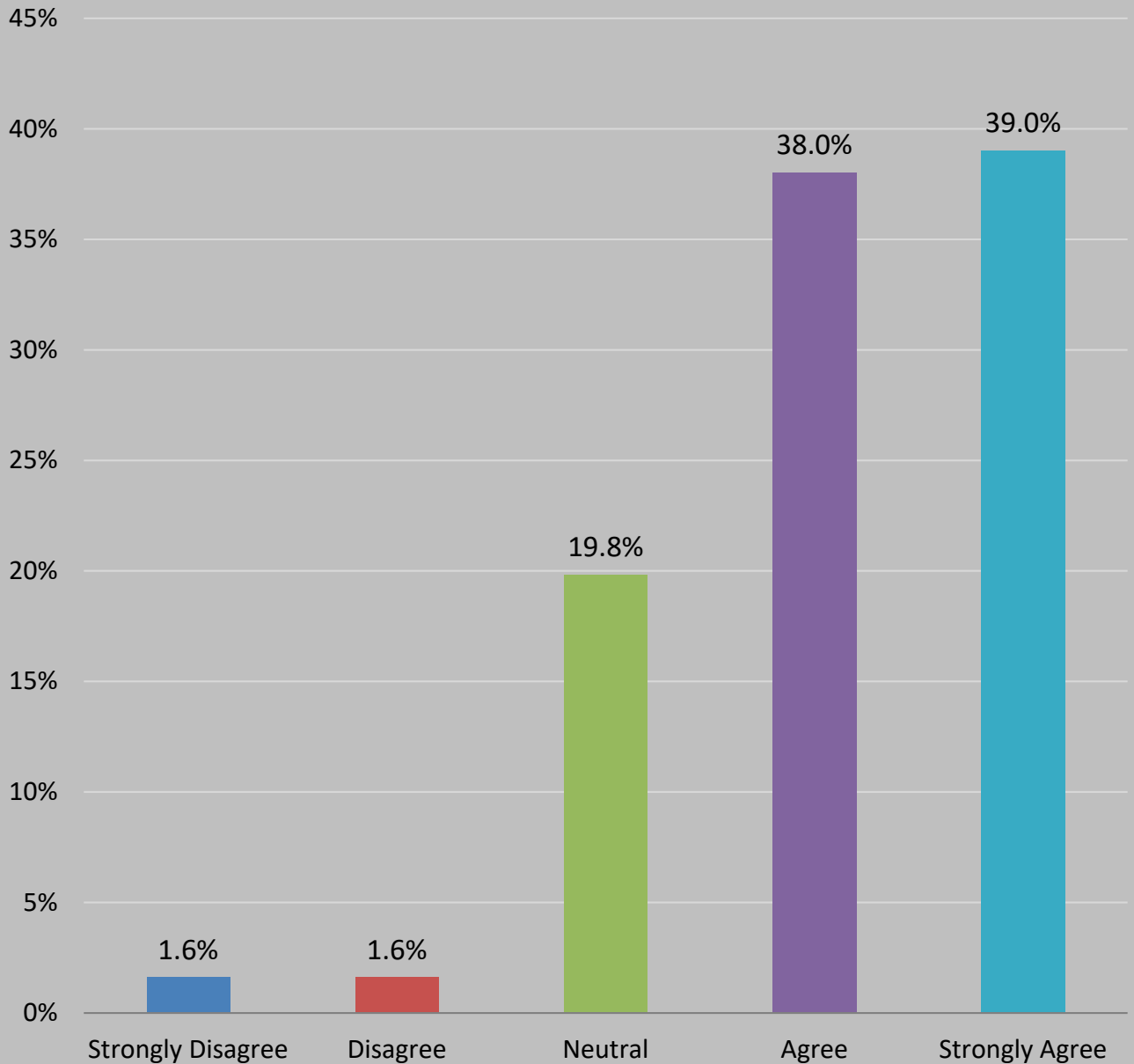


Respondents: 182 | Standard Deviation : 0.833 | Standard Error : 0.062

You said SSSP is not adequately committed to promoting diversity and inclusion. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
I am a member of a minority group--but we are always passed by. This year the meetings were held on my holiday. You never hold meetings on Christmas. I understand that these dates are determined years in advance and go along with ASA. But the fact that they are determined years in advance can provide an opportunity to be sensitive to people's holidays, so they don't have to choose between their profession and their personal life.
In the sense that you likely mean this statement, I should mark strongly agree, as I did with the third item. In a different sense, however, that of welcoming and respecting those who hold conservative views, well, you know the answer.
Some awareness of contemporary antisemitism would be helpful.

SSSP provides a welcoming environment for members of historically underrepresented groups.

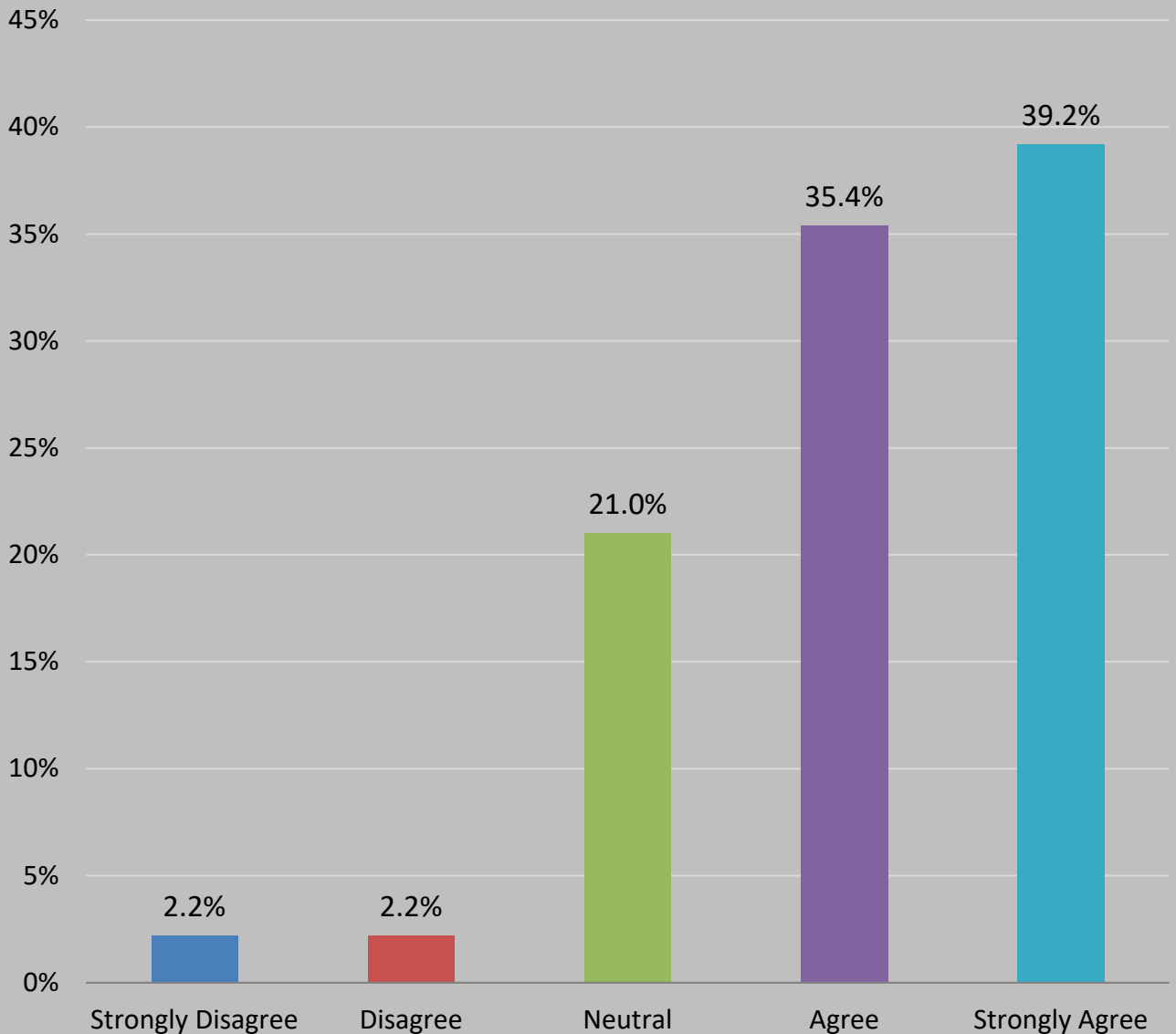


Respondents: 182 | Standard Deviation : 0.891 | Standard Error : 0.066

You said SSSP is not adequately provide a welcoming environment for members of historically underrepresented groups. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
"Historically underrepresented" groups go beyond the traditional race and ethnic divisions. Start seeing them.
For example, during the annual business meeting one person started uncritically yelling at another that they were a colonizer, and this seemed to be acceptable to SSSP leadership. I would have liked to see SSSP leadership respect the processes they have in place, but for more leaders to take a public stand that they are against BDS as not just anti-peace but as damaging to SSSP being an inclusive space.
Sorry, I must have entered the wrong information. I agree that the SSSP provides a welcoming environment for diverse groups, although the US definition of "diverse" is quite narrow

SSSP provides an environment in which diverse points of view are invited and respected.

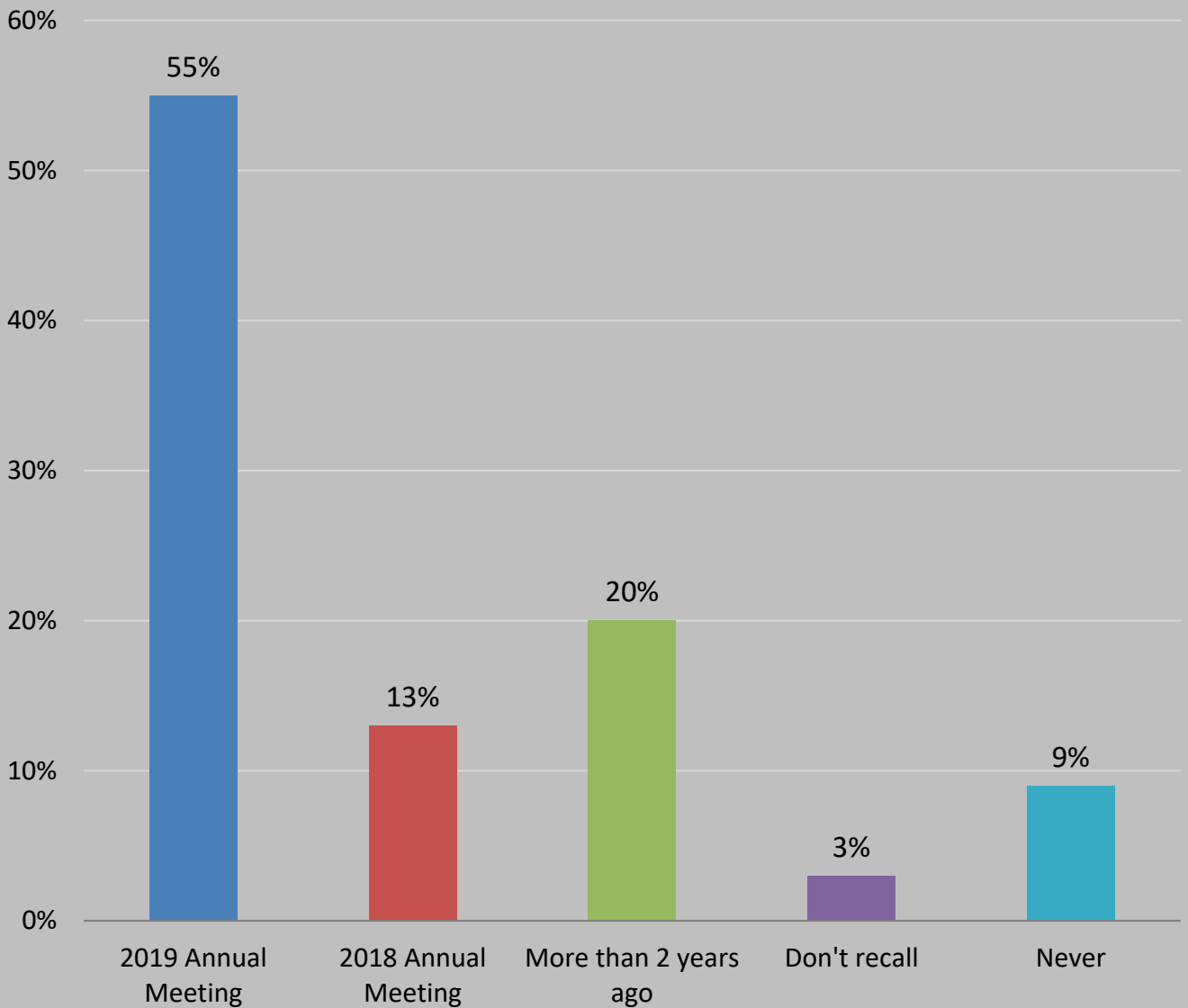


Respondents: 181 | Standard Deviation : 0.943 | Standard Error : 0.070

You said SSSP does not adequately provide an environment in which diverse points of view are invited and respected. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
I have noted in the previous points. Who do I go to to complain about the meeting dates? Or about my invisibility? I have been in academia long enough to know it would be interpreted as whining. So I put up with it. But since you asked....
The liberal view of economics is taken for granted as the true world view. From this, all else flows. Those who hold these views do not question them; they do not recognize (or seemingly not) that these views are based on assumptions of reality, not on reality. The vigor of Intellectual debate is lacking, except for minor points within a codified view.
If there is going to be a controversial issue, ensure there are learning opportunities on that issue, or postpone the issue's consideration until such learning opportunities can take place.
I don't know if I want you to improve. I was thinking that a conservative would not feel welcome. There is a lot of consensus in the organization.
Please see my previous response re the BDS resolution vote at the last conference.

When did you last attend the annual meeting?

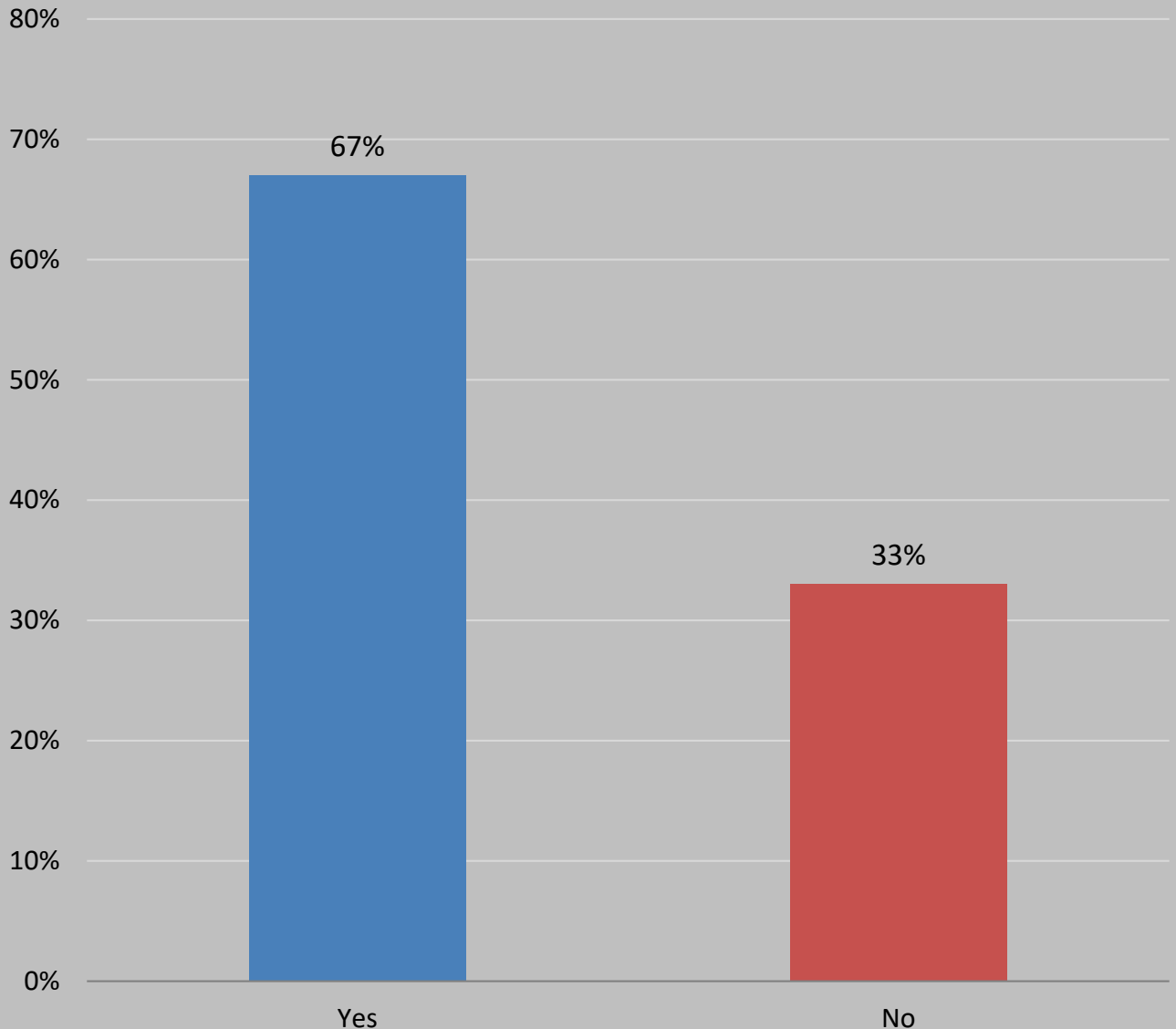


Respondents: 184 | Standard Deviation : 1.306 | Standard Error : 0.096

You indicated you have never attended an annual meeting.
Please tell us why.

Text Entry
Joined after the annual meeting. Plan to attend to next meeting.
I am a new member.
Fund was granted to me in 2016, but due to the Festival of Diwali here in India, I could not make it through.
Timing/ability to get out of other obligations.
Lack of funding
joined SSSP this year
As a student working towards my Phd, my focus was on my research, academics, financial obligations which limited my ability to travel.
not enough sessions of relevance to my work.
My work has been much more applied since earning my doctorate. I attend meetings specifically focused on the work I do, which is LGBTQ+ health disparities focused. Those conferences take the priority for my work travel funds, and I don't want to take my precious vacation dollars and hours to go to an academic conference. Since the next annual meeting will be here in San Francisco (and I live in Oakland), I will consider attending some of the conference if it will be on a weekend too so I don't miss work.
Can only afford to attend one conference a year and usually do ASC.
Living outside of the US and meeting attendance incurs costs I am not regularly able to cover.
As I said before, I don't travel much because of my disability. I'm a relatively new member, so I probably wouldn't attend in the future either unless it was available virtually
Went to another conference

Are you aware of SSSP's new policy on sexual harassment and other forms of harassment, including options for reporting instances of harassment?



Respondents: 183 | Standard Deviation : 0.471 | Standard Error : 0.035

Have you been subjected to any of the following by a SSSP member or staff member, hotel employee, or vendor at any SSSP meeting you have attended in the past two years, including this past one. Please check as many as apply.

Type of Harassment	Number of Responses
Physical assault and/or the threat of physical assault	1
Unwanted touching	1
Offensive jokes, slurs, epithets, put-downs, and/or name-calling	6
Persistent unwanted attention and/or invasion of personal space	2
Shown unsolicited suggestive or offensive materials	1
Stared, leered, or ogled at in any way that made you feel uncomfortable	2
Offensive remark based on your race or ethnicity, gender or gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion, nationality or immigrant status, age, class or ability	8
Felt pressured by someone with more status or power to engage in uncomfortable or unwanted interactions	2
Other form of harassment not included in the above categories	1

Total Responses : 24 | Respondent could check as many as apply

Have you been subjected to any of the following by a SSSP member or staff member, hotel employee, or vendor at any SSSP meeting you have attended in the past two years, including this past one. Please check as many as apply.

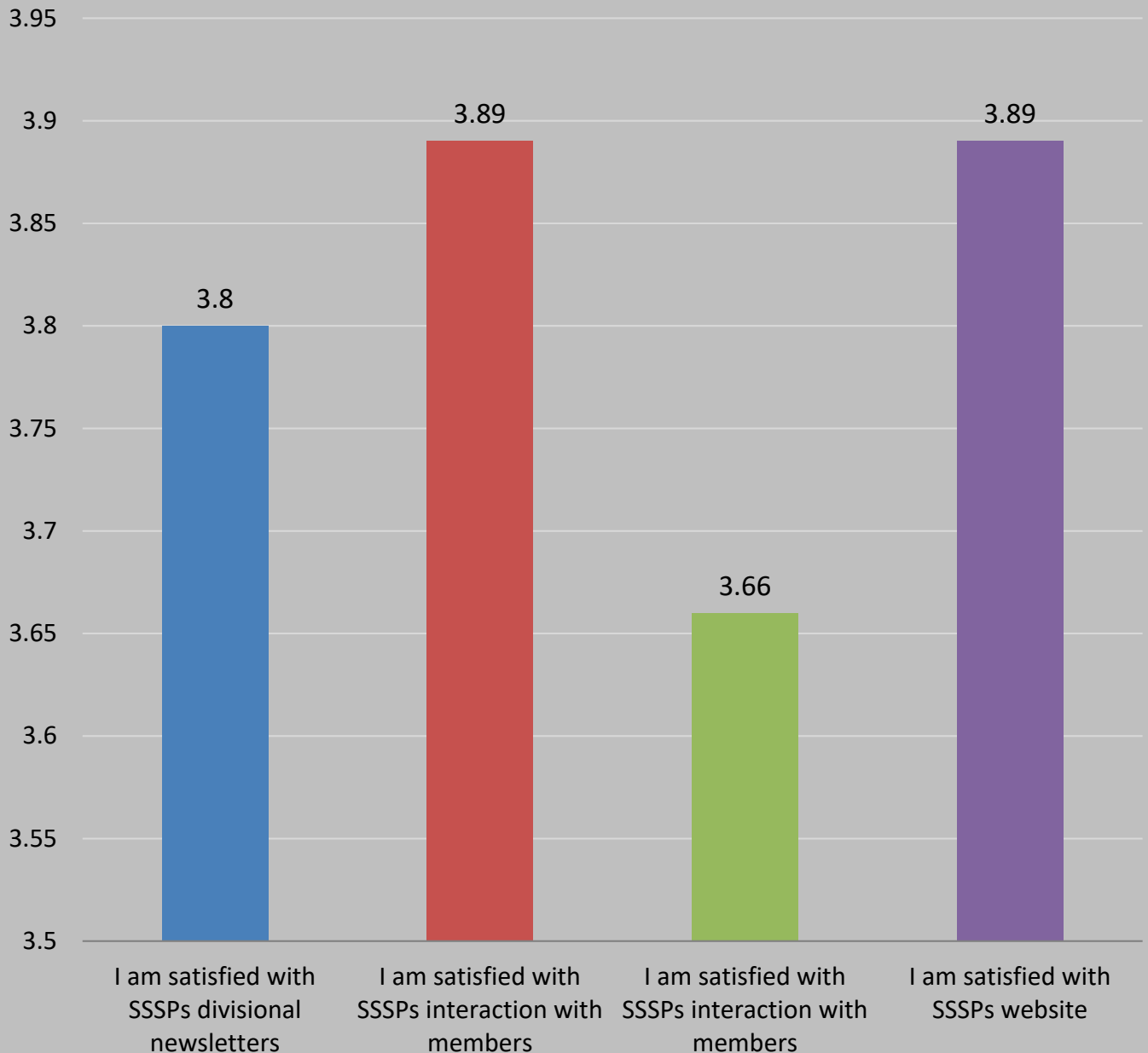
If **other** selected.

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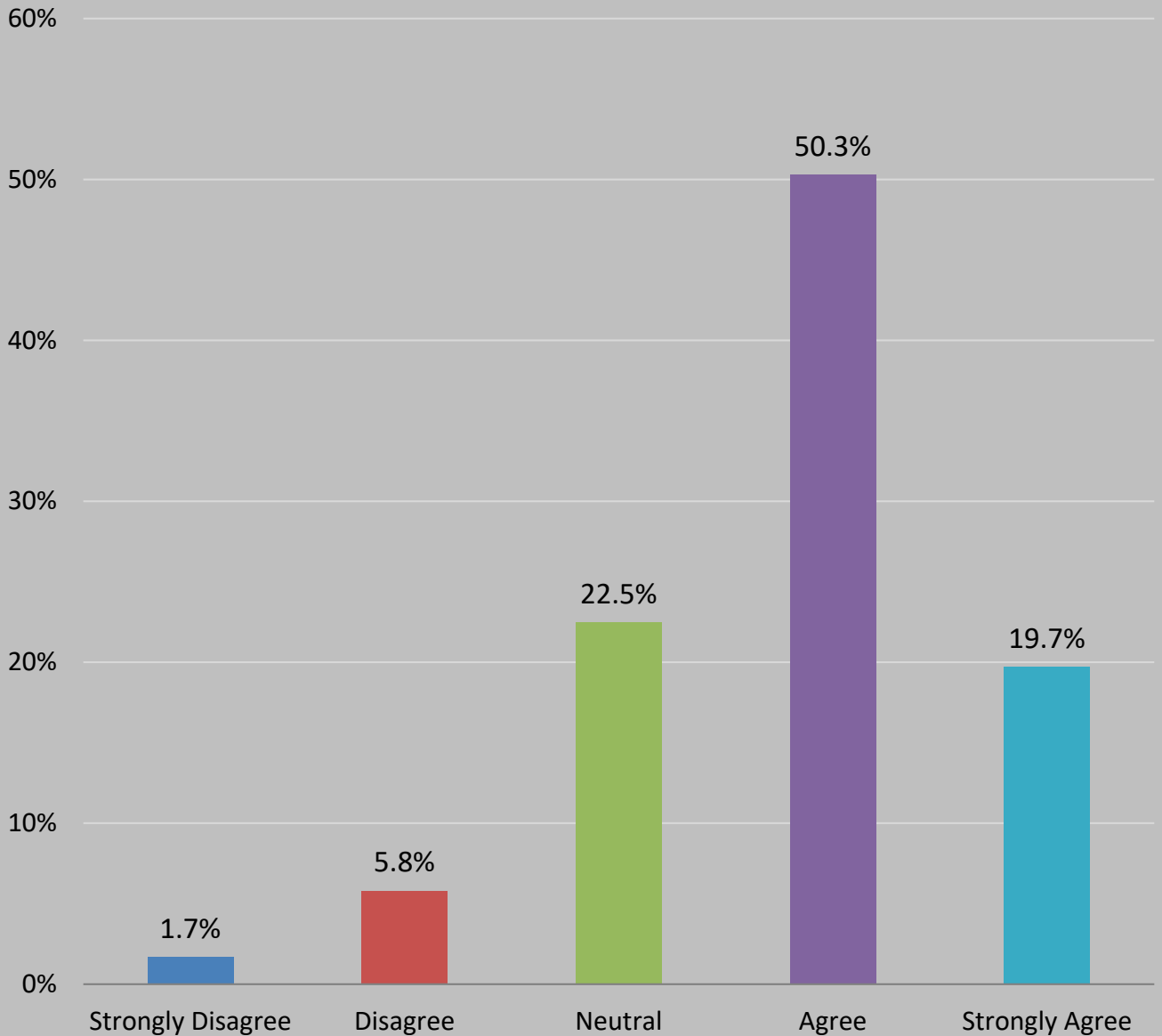
A presenter in my session made several snide comments about my paper during our Q&A. The paper had won an award that he apparently seemed to think it did. It deserve. I'm fine with critique but he was just being a jerk.

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following items.

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being strongly disagree. Average rating shown.



I am satisfied with SSSPs divisional newsletters.

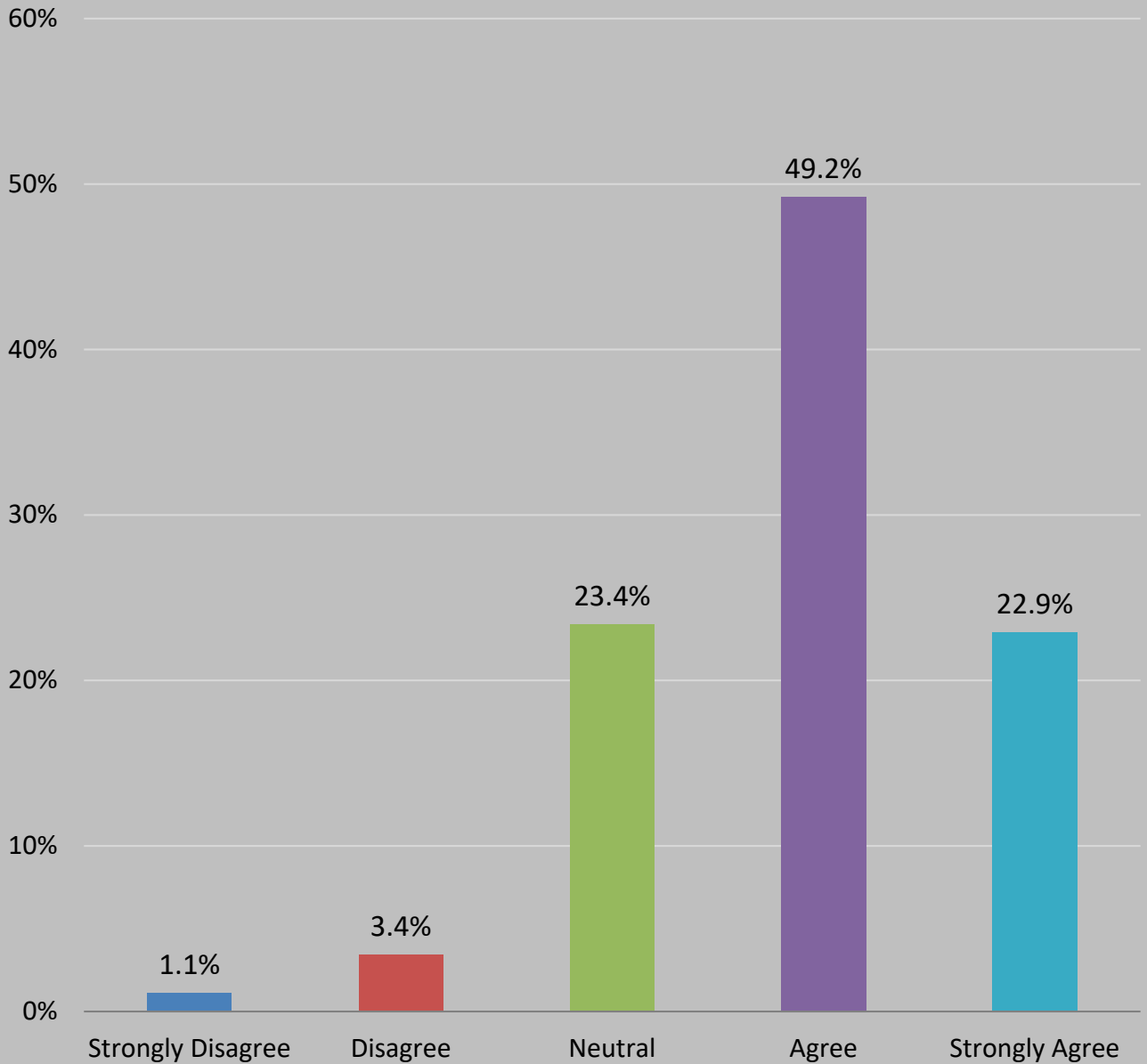


Respondents: 173 | Standard Deviation : 0.880 | Standard Error : 0.067

You said you are not satisfied with SSSPs divisional newsletters.
Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
there is no focus or reason to read them
They are usually weak, apparently written by people who are fulfilling a requirement of "getting them out."
I don't think my division has one.
they are sooooo old school. why PDFs? do a real email newsletter so people are more likely to read it
I don't think I receive them.
Content too general. Want to see more on IE.
I rarely receive newsletters or e-mails from the divisions that I am part of
Newsletters across the different divisions I have belonged to over the years vary dramatically. They are often sporadically disseminated, and may contain little more information than the call for papers. I would like to see more content (book reviews, teaching tips, legislation related to the division, etc.).
Content is not necessarily very useful to me (beyond the information on sessions at annual meetings). Space could be used to encourage more scholarly/activist engagement.
They are often not compiled professionally. They could be much nicer.

I am satisfied with SSSPs interaction with members through email blasts.

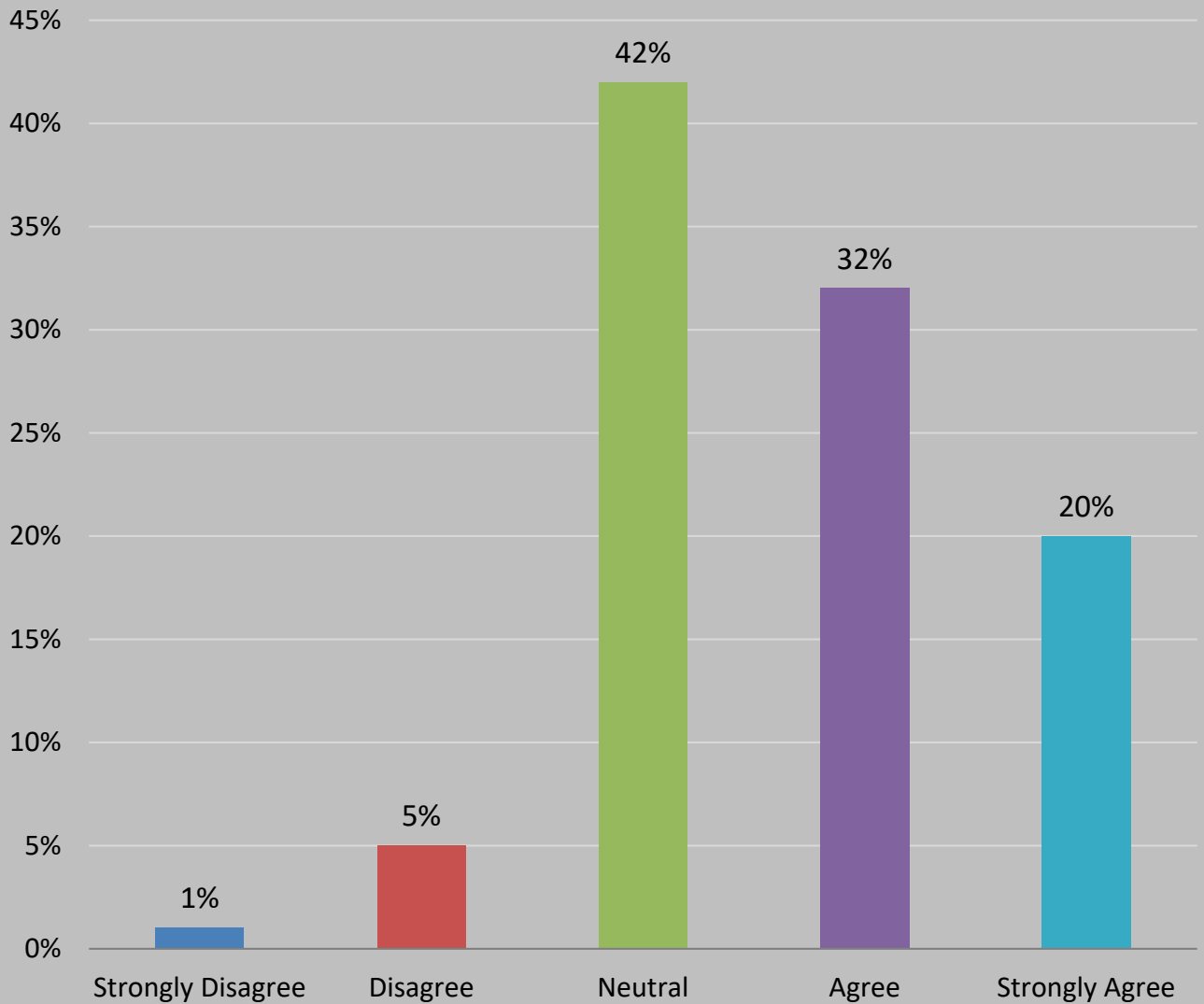


Respondents: 175 | Standard Deviation : 0.834 | Standard Error : 0.063

You said you are not satisfied with SSSPs interaction with members through email blasts. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
I don't think I get any email blasts except for election information.
more clearly itemized emailing.
I think I have received two emails in the past year., and they are only regularly around the annual conference.
TOO MANY EMAILS
More research information
I am not bothered by the emails that I receive, but I also do not find them always useful/relevant to my own research interests. If there is a way to sign-up for specific topics that would make it more targeted and I may also be more inclined to read through the email.

I am satisfied with SSSPs interaction with members through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Listservs.

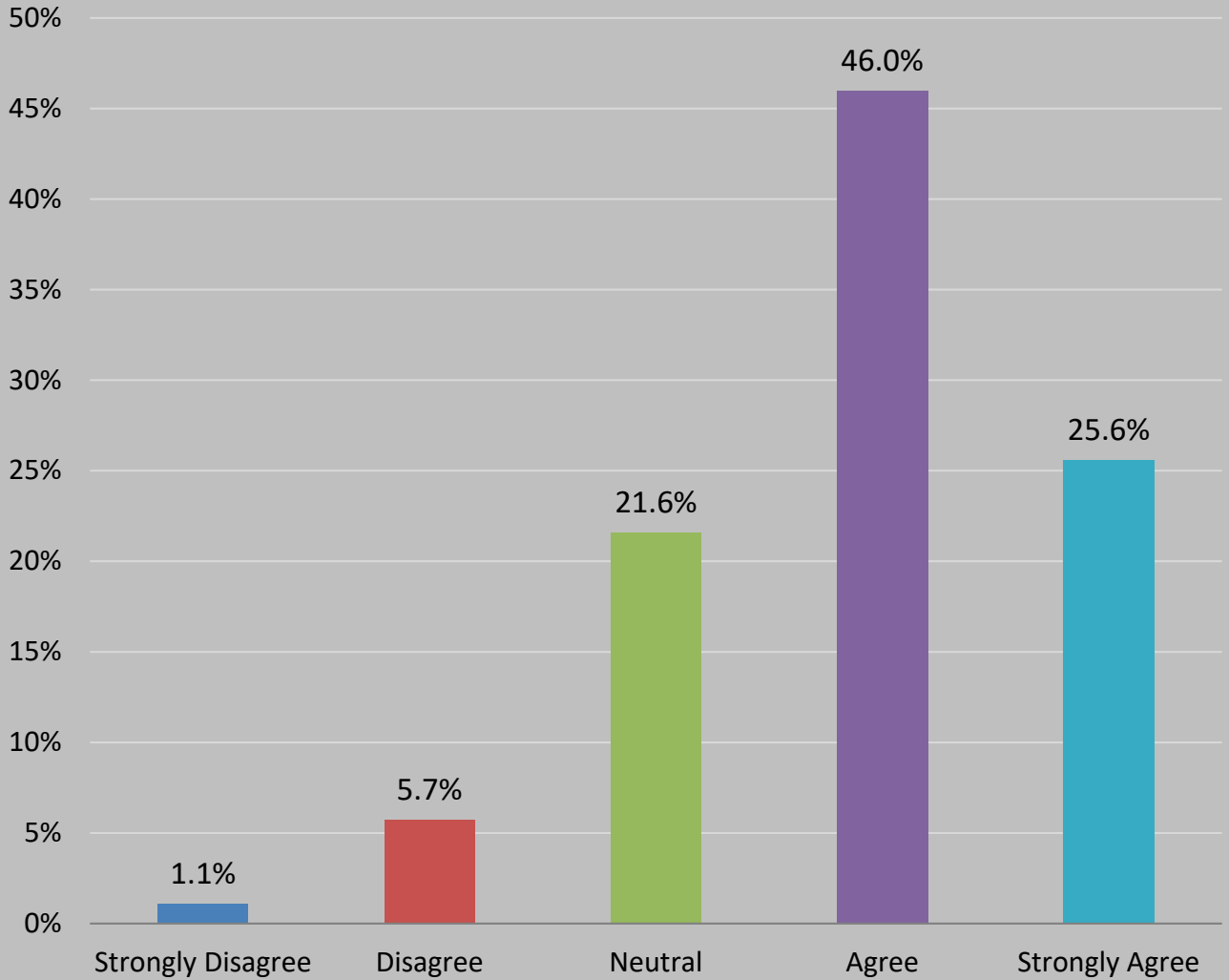


Respondents: 111 | Standard Deviation : 0.879 | Standard Error : 0.083

You said you are not satisfied with SSSP's interaction with members through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Listservs. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Entry
Perhaps by having someone committed to being more regularly involved
I just found out this past year about the listserv. More active division-level FB activity would be great. FB at org. level seems to mimic e-mails we already get and just be about business. What about sharing members' research and activities, etc.? Like an ongoing conference all year? It would not require too many people to post to have something every other week.
I'm not on twitter and facebook, so I'd like another form of communication that does not depend on social media.
I don't really access these.

I am satisfied with SSSPs website.

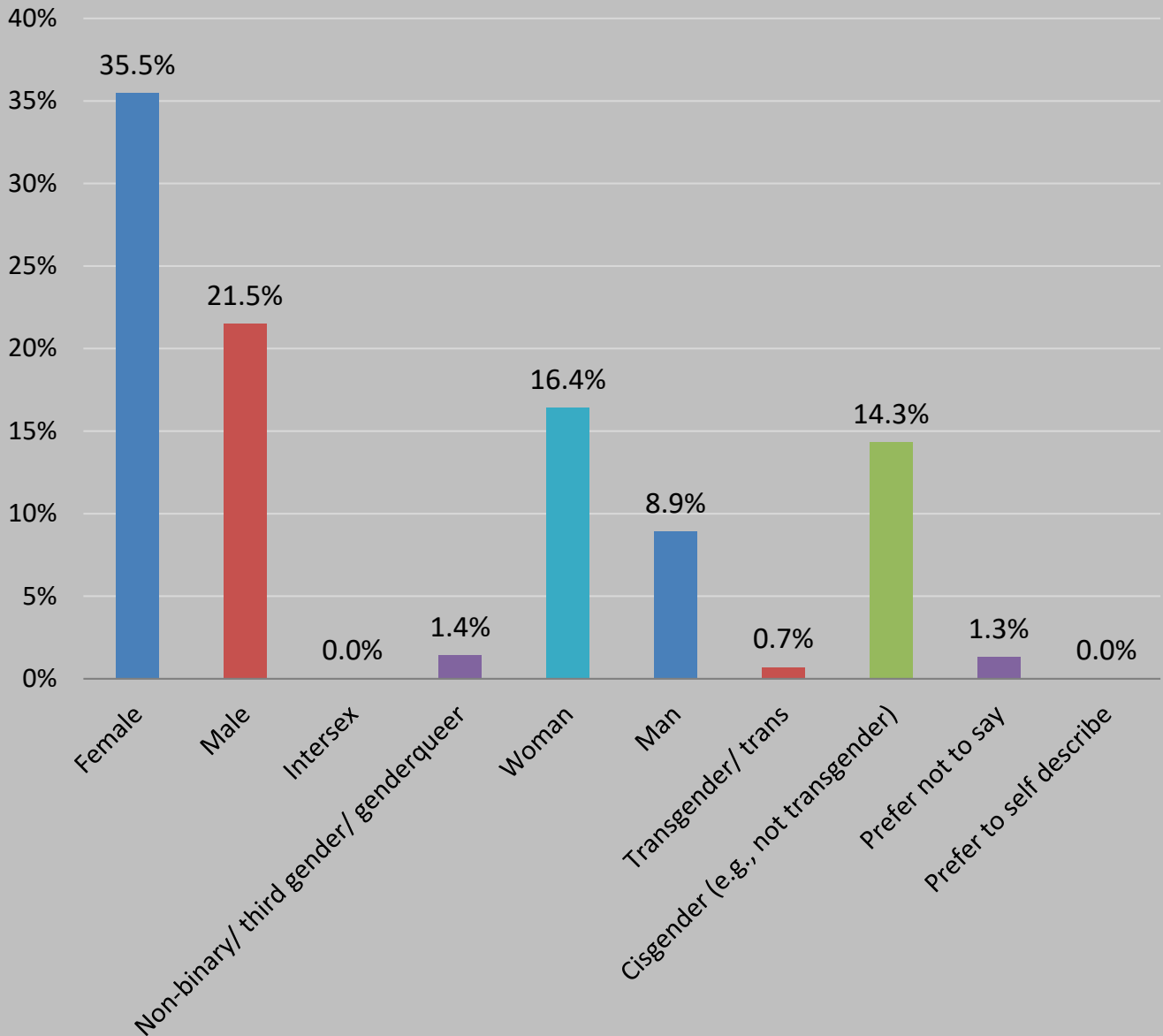


Respondents: 176 | Standard Deviation : 0.891 | Standard Error : 0.067

You said you are not satisfied with SSSP's website. Please tell us how we can improve.

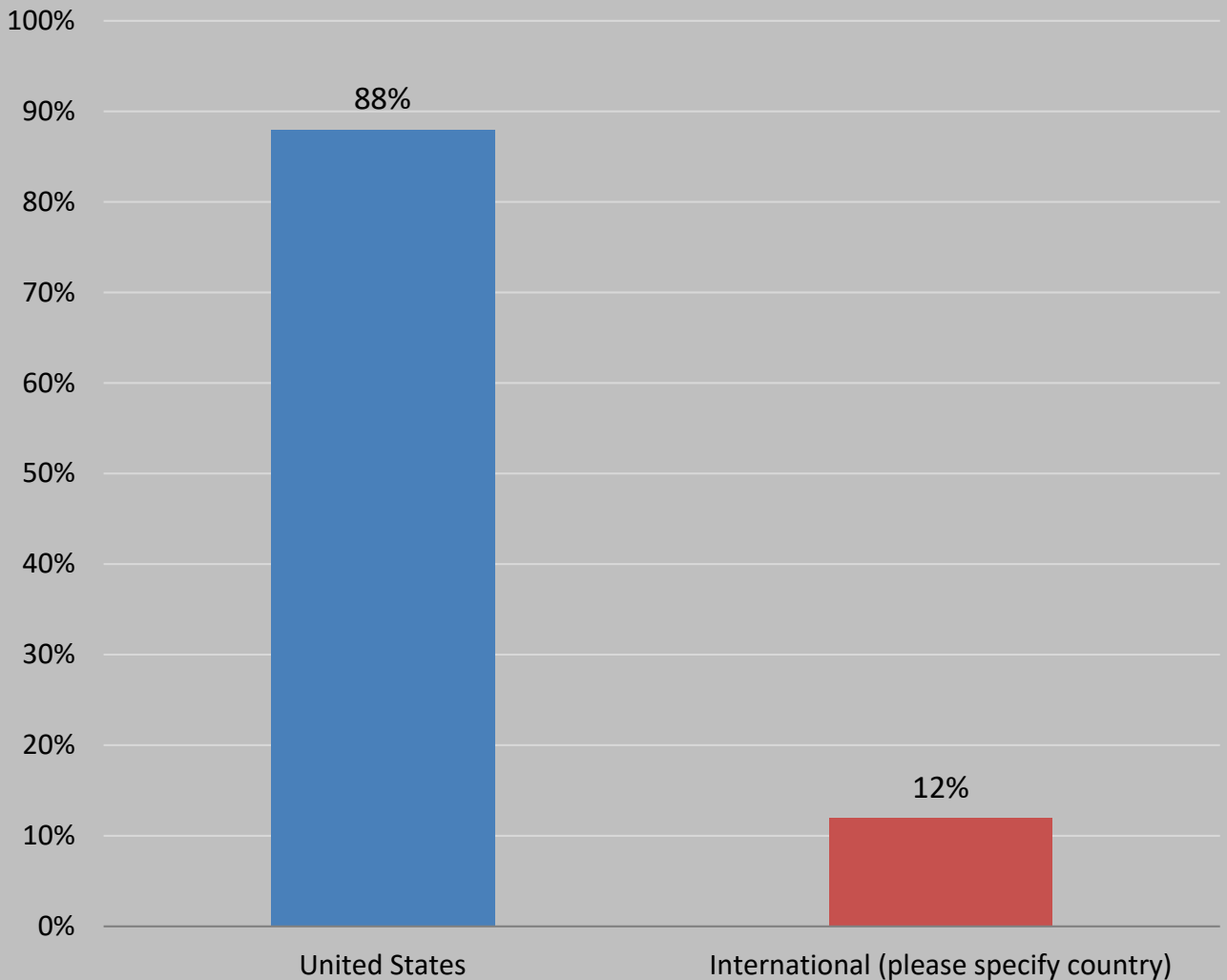
Text Entry
Job ad page should be updated more.
No
It is too busy and not user-friendly, in terms of navigating it. It needs to be made more coherent and streamlined.
Too busy and not well organized.
The website pages are so antiquated. It needs a vast overhaul to make it more pleasing to the eye.
It seems dated and not very interactive. I'd like to see more research highlights especially focusing on impact or change research has made.
TOO HARD TO READ
It can be difficult to navigate, especially when trying to find information on awards or divisions
I'm sorry. It is just a very busy website. All the texts and boxes can make it feel overwhelming. Also, I know that Red is one of the main colors of the organization but it is not an online "friendly" color. Maybe consider a lighter shade of Red?
It's very busy and not necessarily easy to navigate.

What gender and sex categories apply to you?
Please check all that apply.



Total Responses : 293 | Respondent could check as many as apply

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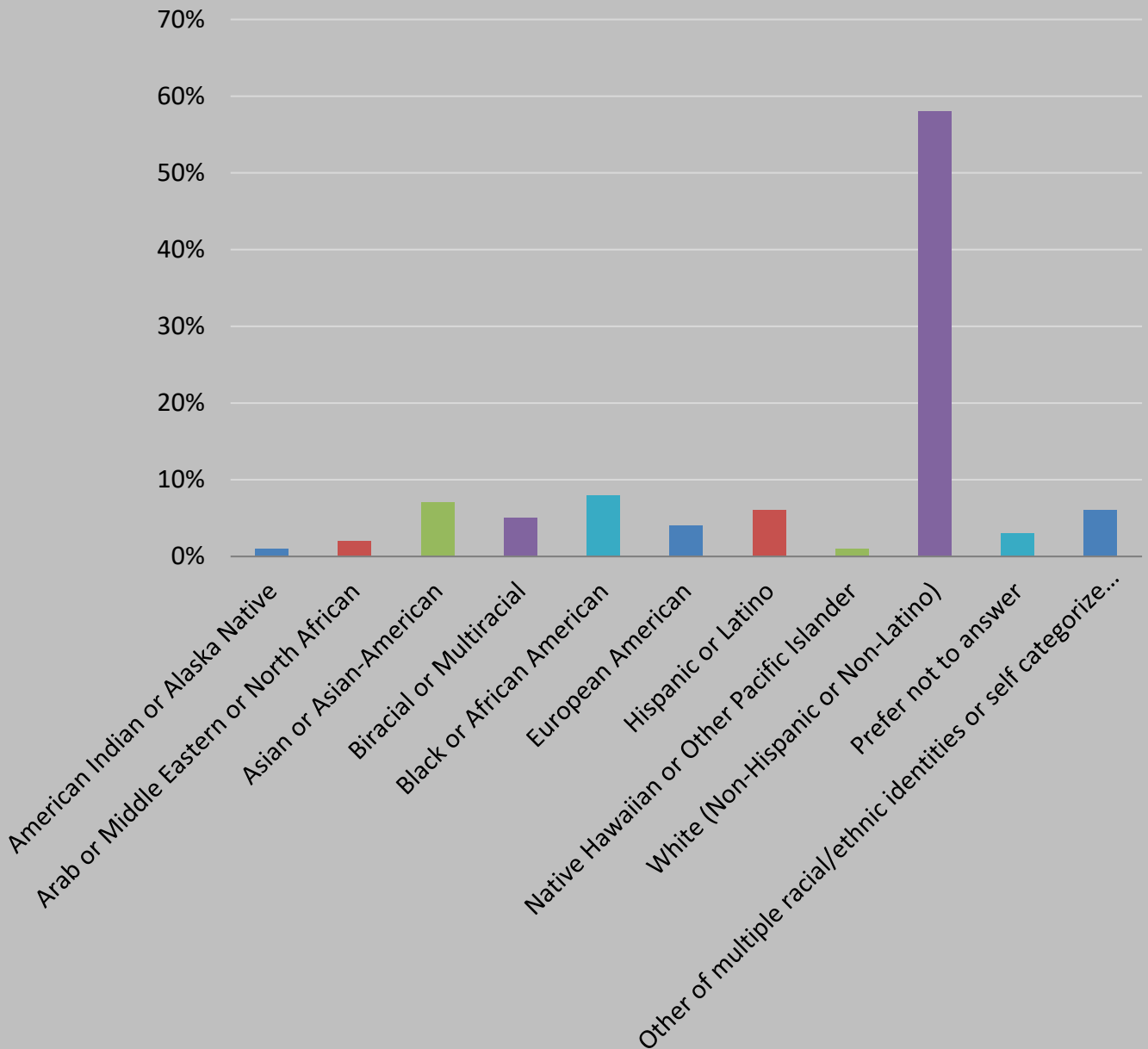
Respondents: 177 | Standard Deviation : 0.324 | Standard Error : 0.024

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If **International** selected, please specify.

Text Entry
India (3)
Nigeria
Sweden (2)
Canada (4)
Quebec (Canada)/ French Canadian
Vietnam
Italy
Trinidad and Tobago
Germany (2)
Finland
New Zealand
UK
UK/ Palestine
United Arab Emirates

Please specify your racial/ethnic identification.



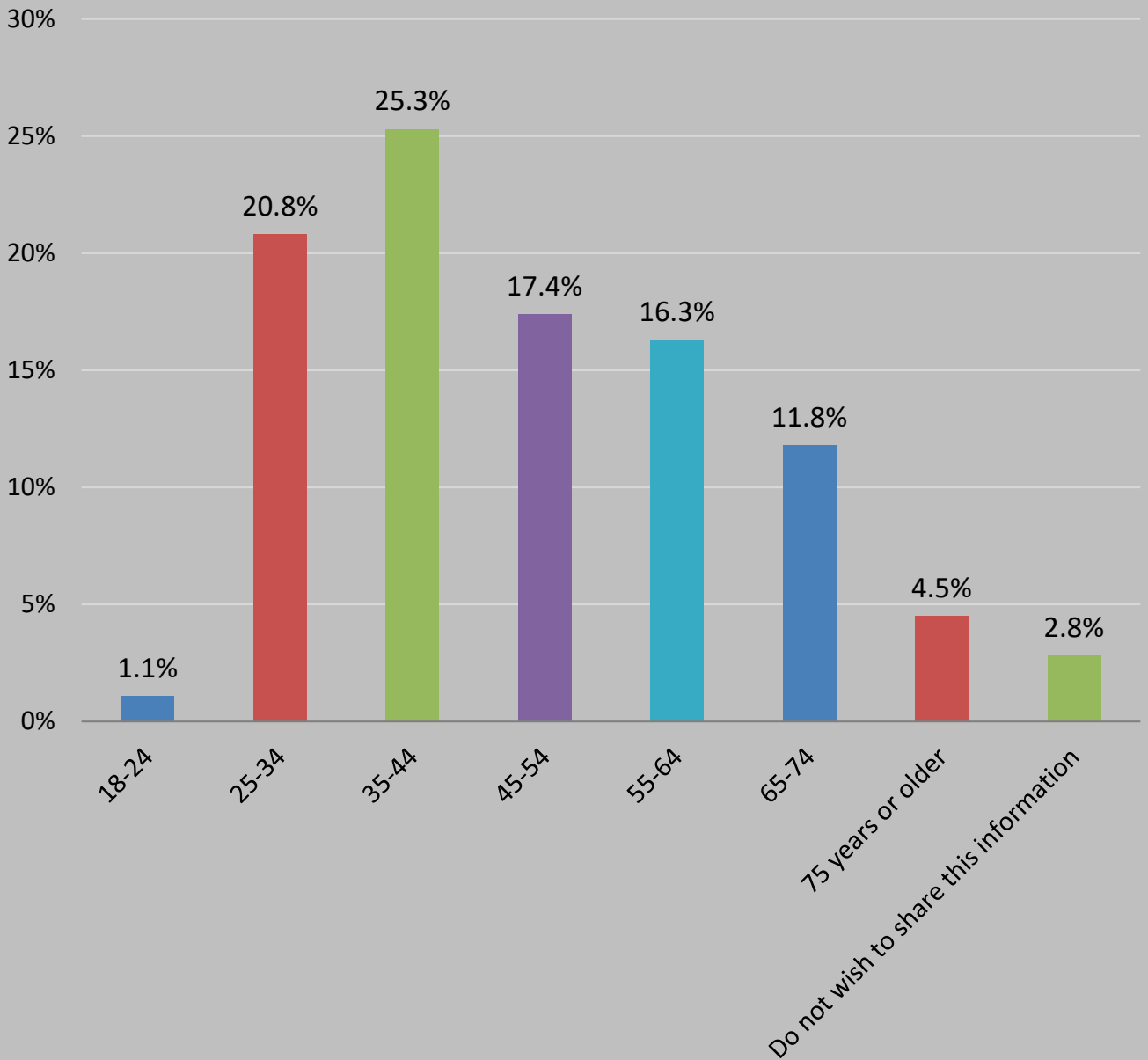
Respondents: 178 | Standard Deviation : 2.392 | Standard Error : 0.179

Please specify your racial/ethnic identification.

If **other** of multiple racial/ethnic identities or self categorize selected, please specify.

Text Entry
Black-biracial
Black Caribbean
Jewish
Afro latinx
Multiethnic

What is your age?



Respondents: 178 | Standard Deviation : 1.639 | Standard Error : 0.123

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Text Entry
n/a
As a older white male, I realize I have little vulnerability to harassment. But, of all the professional associations I belong to SSSP is -- by far -- the one most committed to preventing inequalities and harassment on multiple dimensions of "diversity."
I am concerned about the bylaws for voting. I attended the meeting during which resolutions were voted on. I participated in voting for resolutions and I underrated that the SSSP allows members to vote by email/ by proxy and I feel this is not democratic, as those who feel strongly about issues to be voted on, they will attend. Otherwise perhaps if someone is unable to attend the chair of the meeting should be notified in advance rather than any member can receive the email anytime during the meeting. This opens the chances for undemocratic practices. I am also concerned with the proposed changes to how resolutions can pass in the future, i.e. rather than majority it will require two third of the voters for it to pass.
Problems with accessibility with check-in and check-out process, had to be moved to different room when finally checked in as first room REEKED of mold and mildew, including wads of grey mildew growing in air conditioner vent in room. Only reason we got successfully moved as that supervisor of front desk happened to be there when I went down to complain. Second room had mold in bathroom and mildew growing on wall behind bed headboards, but too exhausted to go through the process of having to move yet again.

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Text Entry, continued

You may already have this, but a "chill-out" or decompression room would be fantastic. A room with low lighting, maybe soft instrumental music and some oil essence machines going or something slightly aromatic. It would be a nice place to get away, for those of us who experience anxiety or get overwhelmed from being around large, noisy crowds. A person could go to back to their room to decompress but I know I would not want to come back. Also, what if the member is at an AirBnB or another hotel? We would want to make sure the member stays engaged and feels welcome. I imagine this would also help people with autism or other neurological challenges.

I was deeply disappointed by the way the vote was handled on the BDS resolution at the last meeting. Only one side was aware apparently of the right to get proxy votes. For an organization committed to social justice, the vote against non-violent resistance to Israeli racism and colonialism was shocking.

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Text Entry
I thoroughly enjoyed the conference and everything that could be gained from it. The only thing that I felt had been too sudden was the vote on the Palestinian rights issue. I wish I would have had more time to look things over and be a more informed voter.
It would be nice if the programs included something about the history and the founding fathers of SSSP
SSSP might be more inclusive than ASA... But that doesn't mean it's perfect. More work must be done to include traditional underrepresented folks. Especially in less awkward ways.
I already did--I had to come to a meeting on my holiday. One of two during the solar year. I made the best of it, but still. It should not have to happen.
I am satisfied with SSSP, and that is why I continue to be its Member
Thank you for all your hard work!
More demographic questions? (class, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity beyond Hispanic/Latinx, etc.)
none at present.
My biggest concern about SSSP is a worry about the status of SOCIAL PROBLEMS maintaining its very high status as a refereed peer-reviewed journal. I have heard about the difficulty the society has had in recruiting good candidates for editor and I worry about the journal moving away from the rigorously double-blind reviewed model and toward a more "curated" approach reflecting the specific interests of current editors. The strength of the journal is vital to maintain, even if SSSP has to put resources IN to it (rather than the historic tendency for the journal to be a huge money maker)..
I think the society lacks a focus on health disparities.

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Text Entry, continued.
Allow respondents to choose more than one racial/ethnic identity category. I chose biracial, but I imagine that you would be curious that I identify as African American too, even though I choose biracial because of my phenotype.
I admire the SSSP's mission of seeking social Justice in the current political climate.
This organization and the meeting is so welcoming to students! I love this organization and recommend it to my colleagues
SSSP has been my intellectual home since I was a graduate student. It's a welcoming environment for all and the organization makes it easy to get involved if you want to.
I have found the annual conference to be warm, supportive, and intellectually stimulating. It's great!
I've never been a big fan of the resolution process. Has seemed to me like a lot of work, & sometimes quite divisive, relative to what's accomplished.
Thanks for doing this survey. I hope useful information is obtained and used.
One of the survey questions asked whether SSSP does social justice action and research. The question should have been separated into two. I do think the society does the research, I do not think it does the action. That is why I answered neutral.
"Talked down to" as if I were a child by a male member of SSSP when standing in line at hotel lobby to check-out, pompous ass.
More attention to scholarship and research. Less obsession with peripheral issues of "inclusion." More tolerance of opinion on the political right, in order to provide more meaningful critique and challenge.. We are always preaching to the choir. That's fine but it doesn't bring any new participants into the discussion.

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Text Entry, continued.

Some of the answer choices on the race-ethnicity question were not mutually exclusive, yet there was no option to select more than one choice.

It was disappointing, at the national meeting, that people infiltrated the organization to shut down a resolution related to supporting Palestinian sociologists and not supporting Israeli institutions that actively discriminate against Palestinians. The only reason this resolution was voted down was by virtue of a co-opting of the meeting discussion of this resolution and utilizing proxy votes of people who were not truly affiliated with the association for any reason other than shutting down the resolution. Further, the detractors only joined based on the "controversial" authors of the resolution being on the radar of right-wing media watchdogs. Something should be done.

I checked that I have been ogled, catcalled, and made uncomfortable. I have never experienced it in SSSP. It is usually in the hotel or in the city area that I encounter those experiences. Those are things I don't believe SSSP can control necessarily.

I first joined SSSP about 50 years ago and was very organizationally active for some decades. Now, I am slowing down and turning more attention to political activism