
Survey Results



Sheridan 2022 MQPL Survey Results

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Introduction

Sheridan Correctional Center is a medium-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 1,049 people on June 13, 2022. The John Howard Association of Illinois (JHA) conducted a modified short [Measuring the Quality of Prison Life](#) (MQPL) survey by providing enough survey packets (consisting of the [MQPL survey](#), informed consent notice/instruction sheet, and privileged mail prepaid business reply envelope addressed to JHA) so that every person incarcerated at Sheridan had an opportunity to participate in this voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 227 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Sheridan through the end of 2022, representing approximately 21.6% of the static population. JHA also conducted a monitoring visit of the prison close in time to survey distribution.



The MQPL questions are organized by dimensions: harmony, professionalism, security, and well-being & development (descriptions on next page). JHA's survey also included questions on demographics of respondents as well as some questions JHA had asked in previous JHA surveys. Results are presented in this report first in chart format, followed by table format. Tables are organized in the order that questions appeared on the survey.

Description of MQPL Dimensions

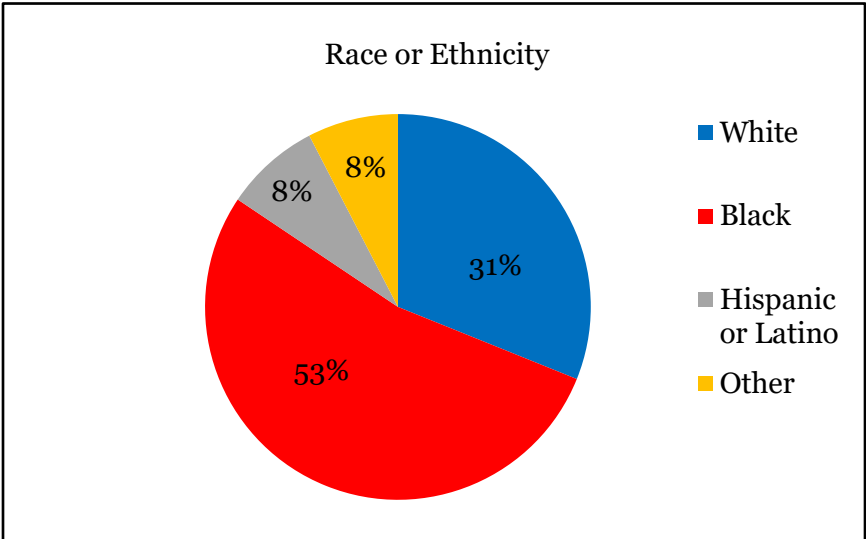
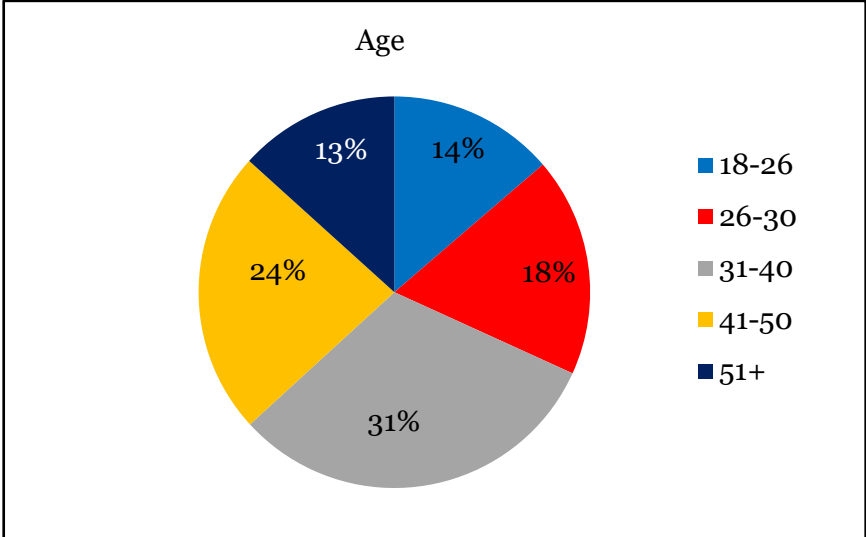
- **Harmony: Questions relating to interpersonal aspects of the prison experience**
 - Respect/courtesy – Positive, respectful, and courteous attitudes towards incarcerated people by staff.
 - Staff-incarcerated people relationships – Trusting, fair and supportive interactions between staff and incarcerated people.
 - Humanity – An environment characterized by kind regard and concern for the person, which recognizes the value and humanity of the individual.
 - Decency – The extent to which staff and the regime are considered reasonable and appropriate.
 - Care for the vulnerable – The care and support provided to incarcerated people at risk of self-harm, suicide, or bullying.
 - Help and assistance – Support and encouragement given to incarcerated people for problems including drugs, healthcare, and progression.
- **Professionalism: Questions relating to how the prison operates**
 - Staff professionalism – Staff confidence and competence in the use of authority.
 - Bureaucratic legitimacy – The transparency and responsiveness of the prison/prison system and its moral recognition of the individual.
 - Fairness – The perceived impartiality, proportionality, and legality of punishments and procedures.
 - Organization and consistency – The clarity, predictability, and reliability of the prison.
- **Security: Questions relating to use of authority and safety**
 - Policing and security – Staff supervision and control of the prison environment.
 - Incarcerated person safety - The feeling of security or protection from harm, threat, or danger.
 - Incarcerated person adaptation – The need or pressure to get involved in trade and allegiances.
 - Drugs and exploitation – The level of drugs, bullying, and victimization in the prison environment.
- **Well-being & Development: Questions relating to welfare and prospects**
 - Personal development – An environment that helps incarcerated people with offending behavior, preparation for release, and the development of their potential.
 - Well-being – Feelings of pain, punishment and tension experienced by incarcerated people.

- **Additional MQPL Questions**

- Decision-making – The extent to which administrators prioritize security concerns over other factors.
- Family contact – An environment that facilitates incarcerated people maintaining relationships with loved ones.

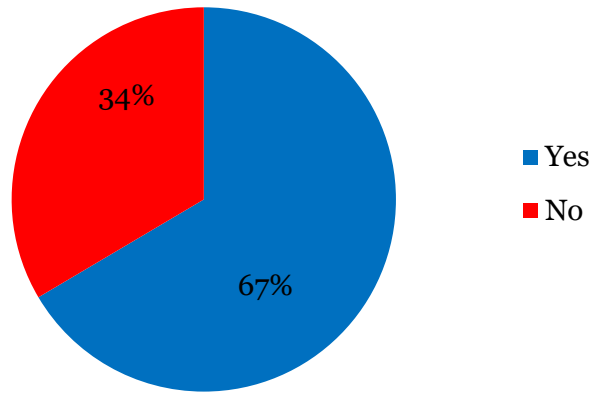
Charts: Demographic Information of Respondents

Total respondents =227¹

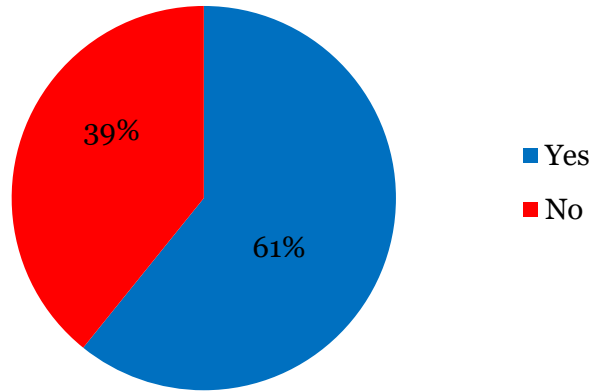


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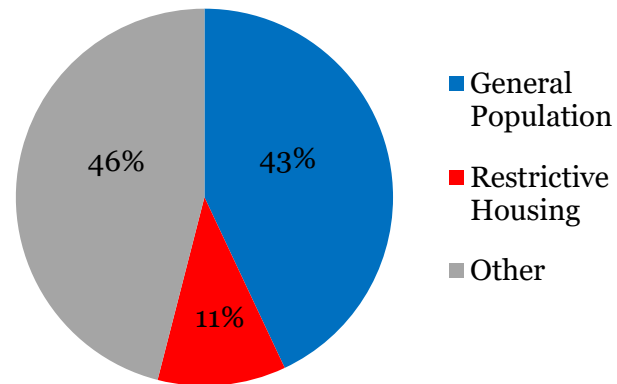
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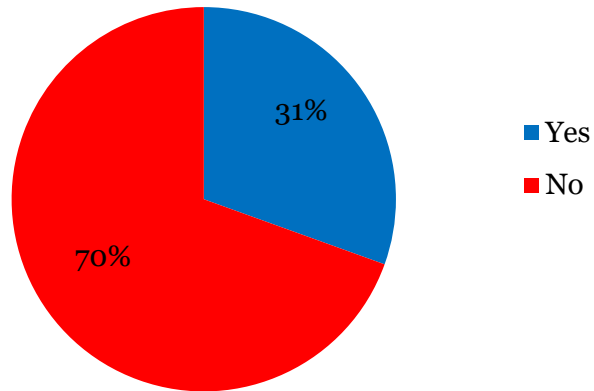
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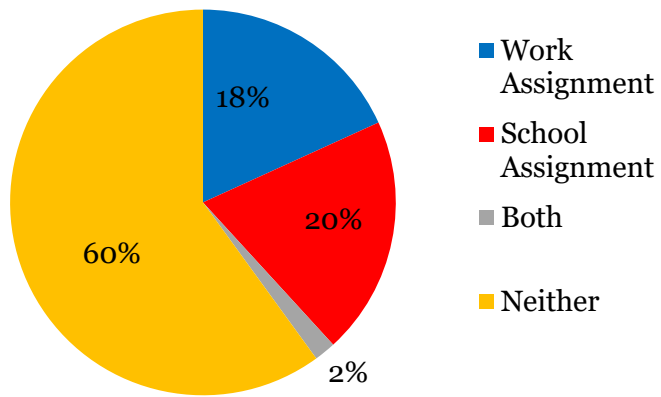
What is your housing status?



Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area?



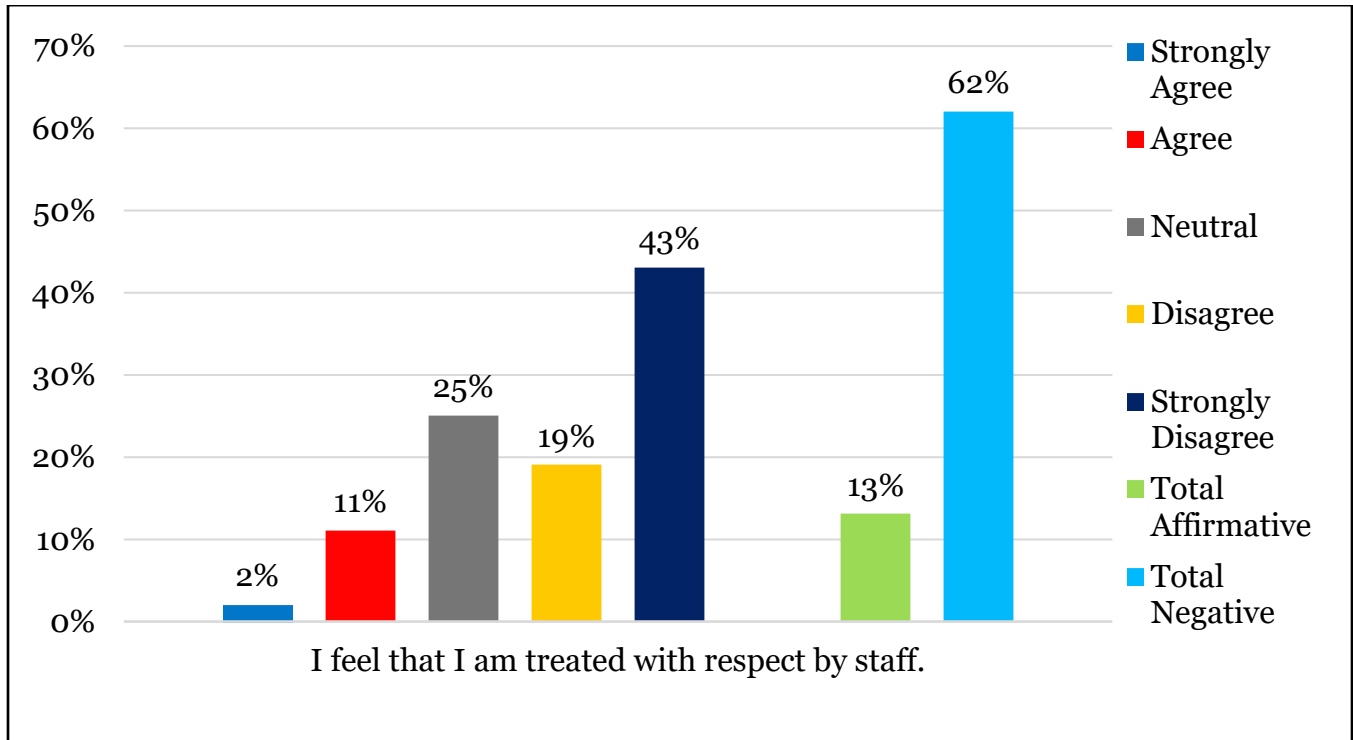
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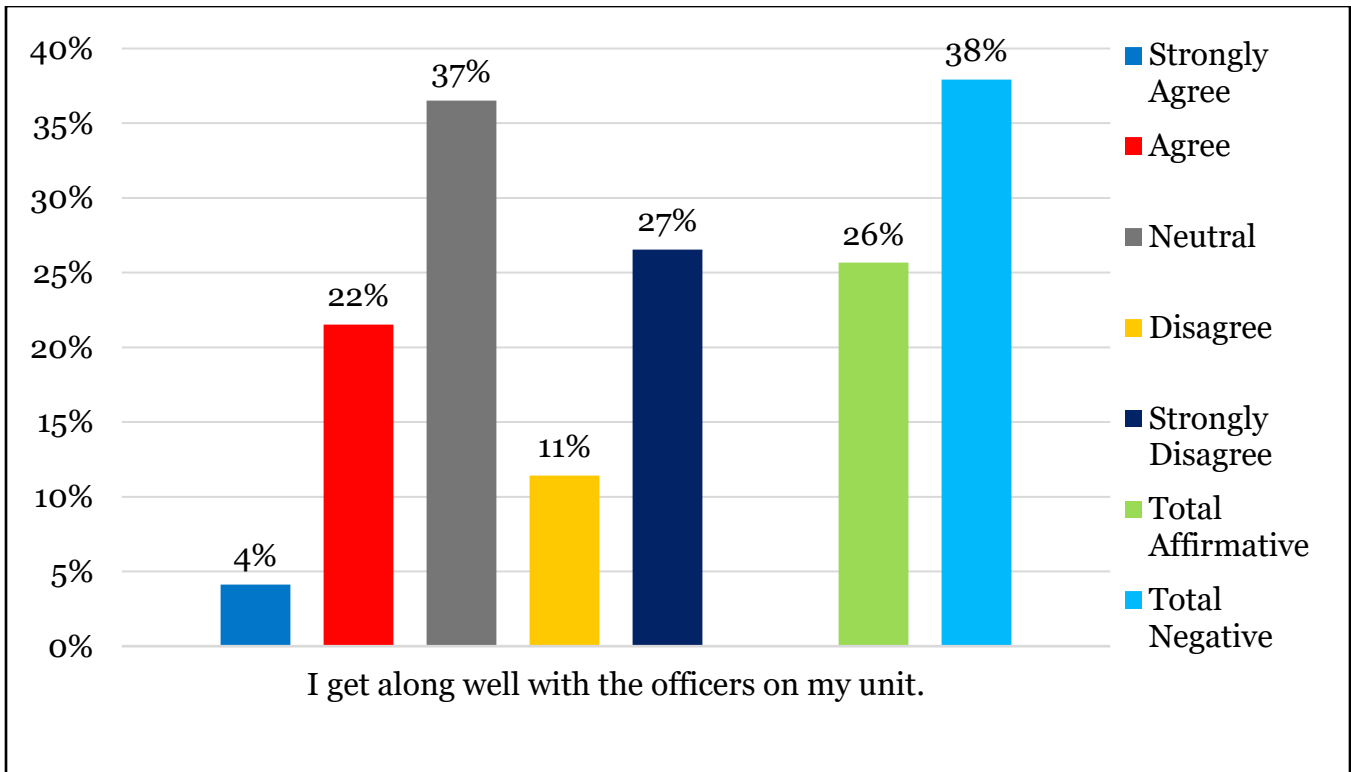
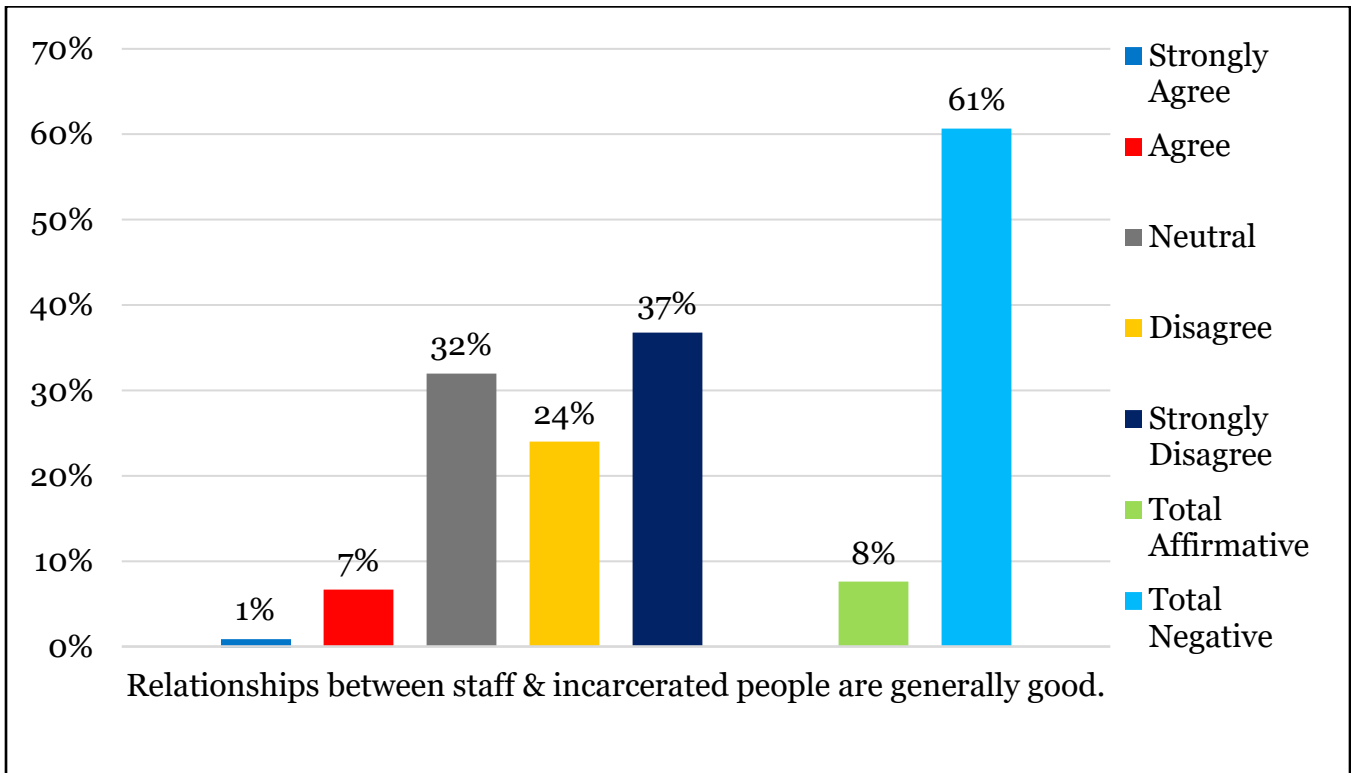
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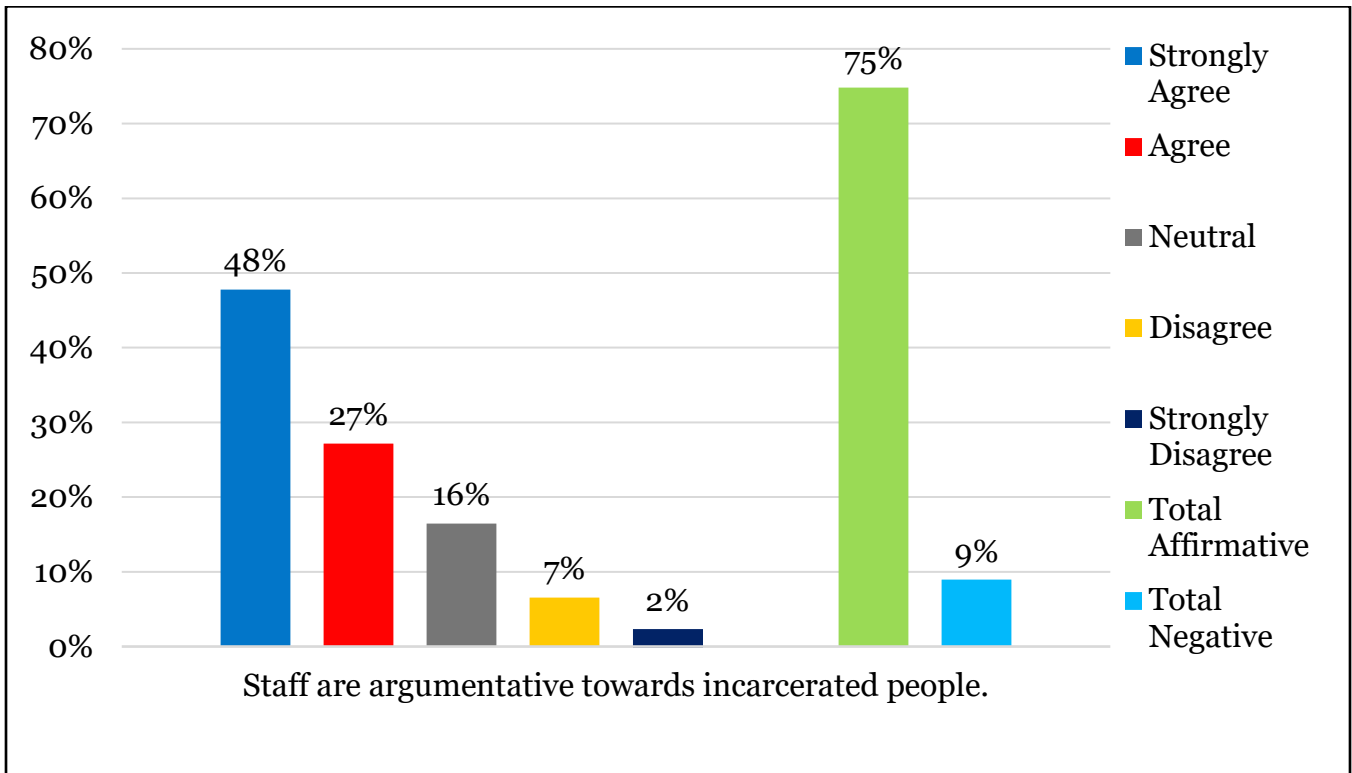
Harmony

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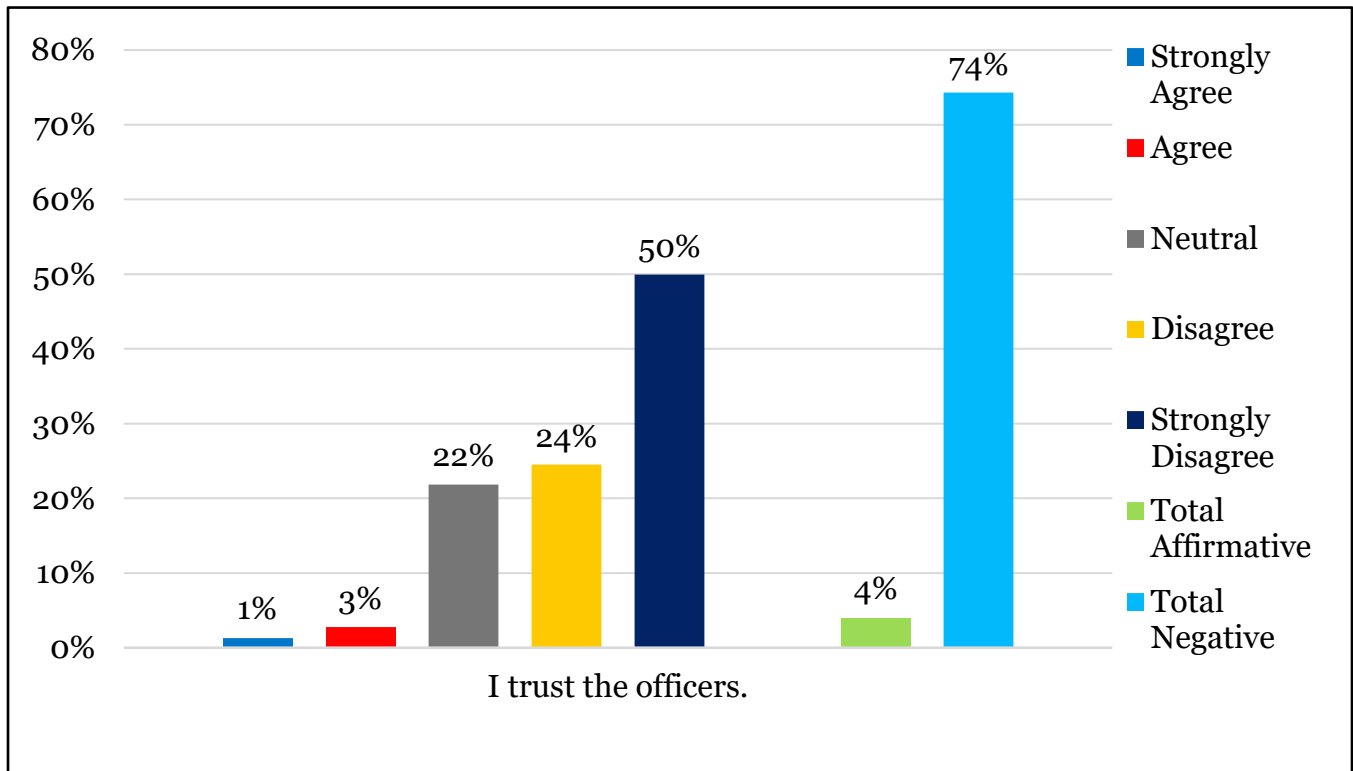
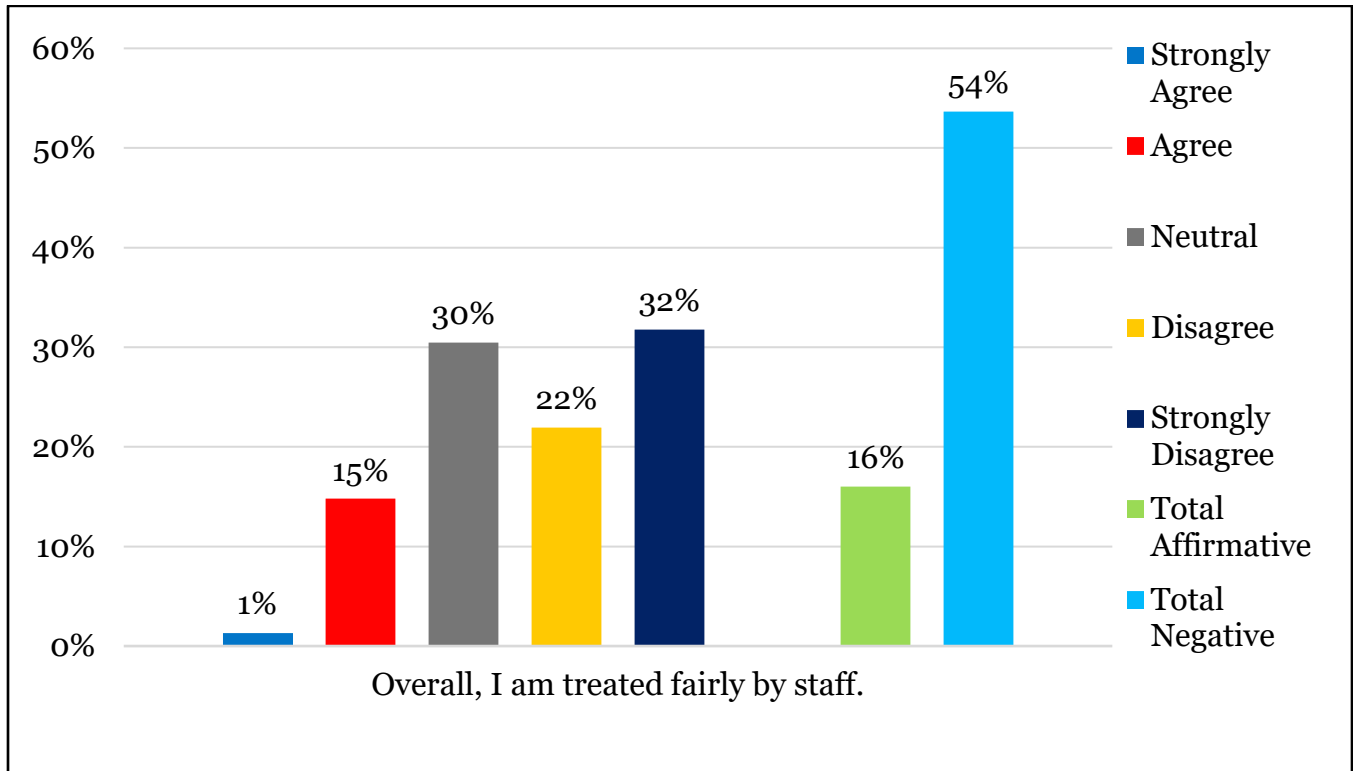


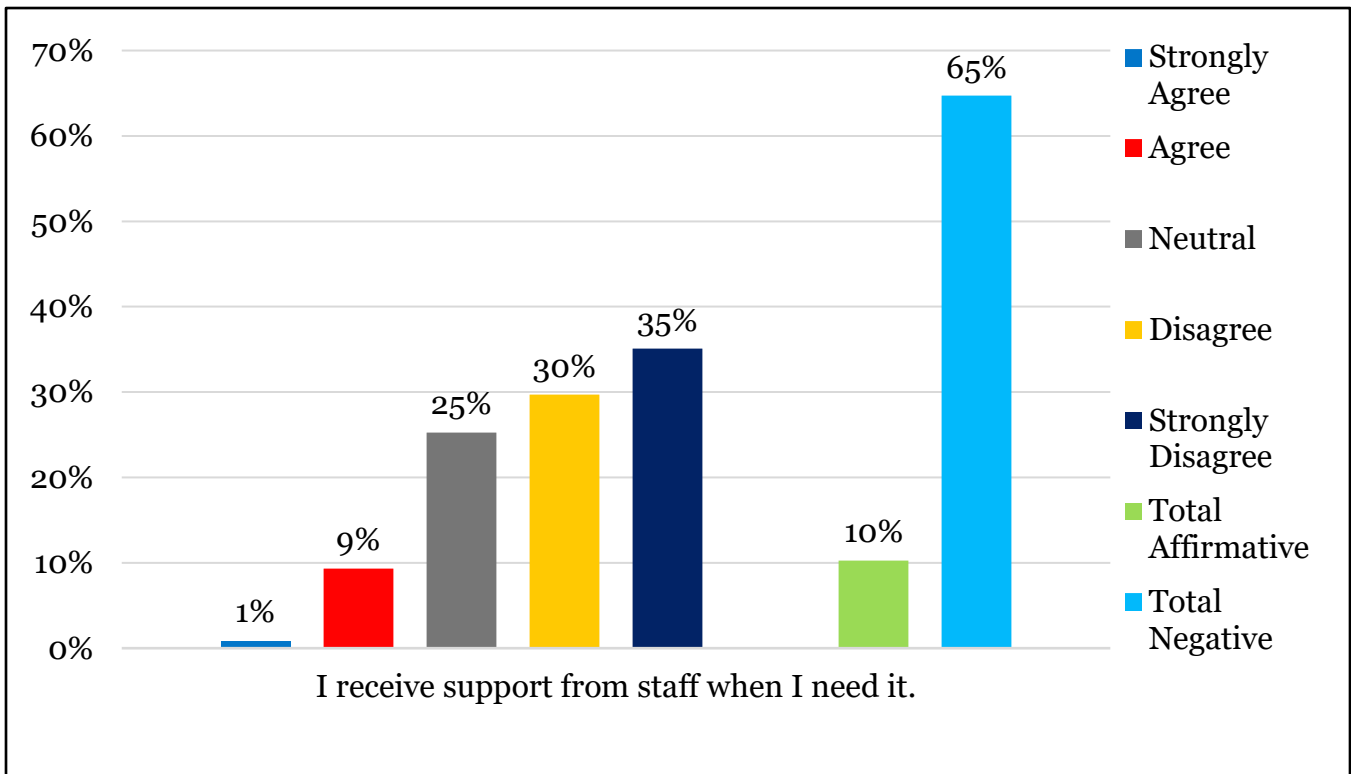
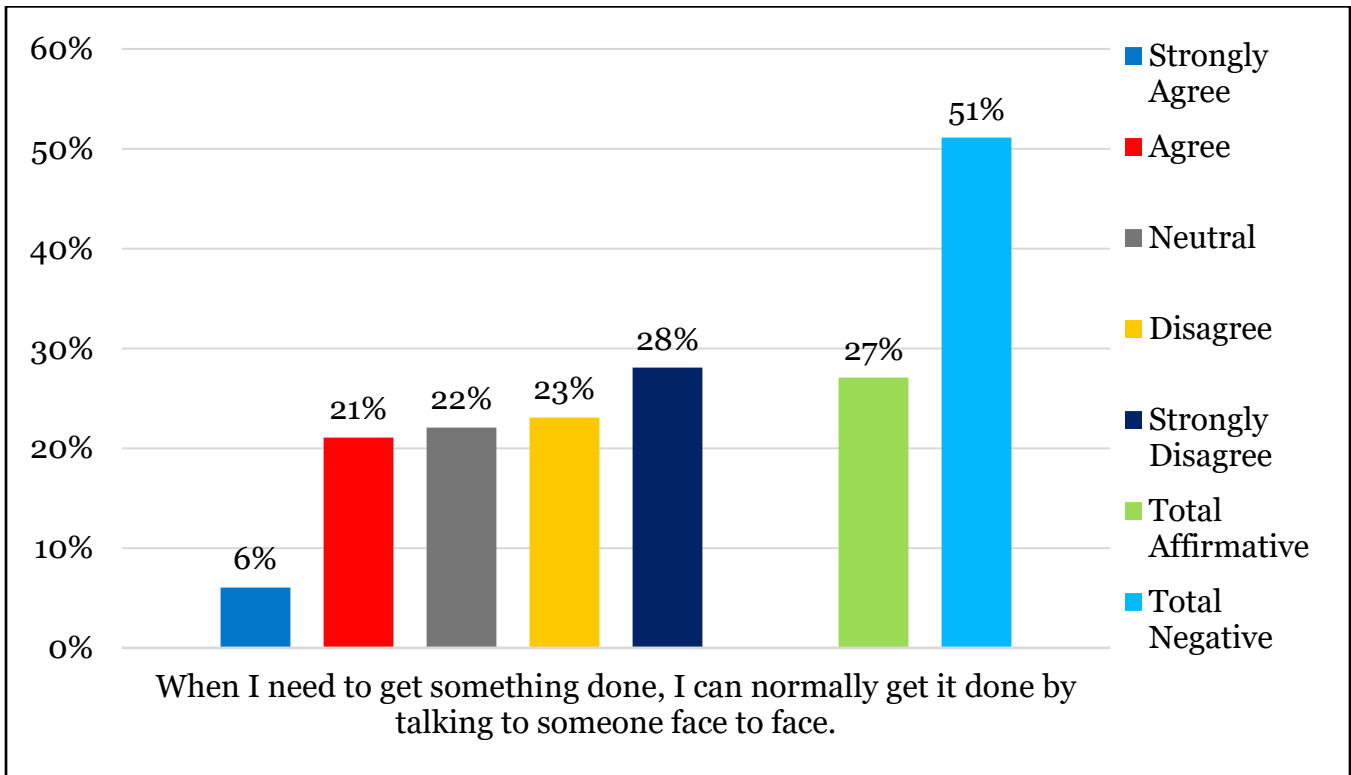
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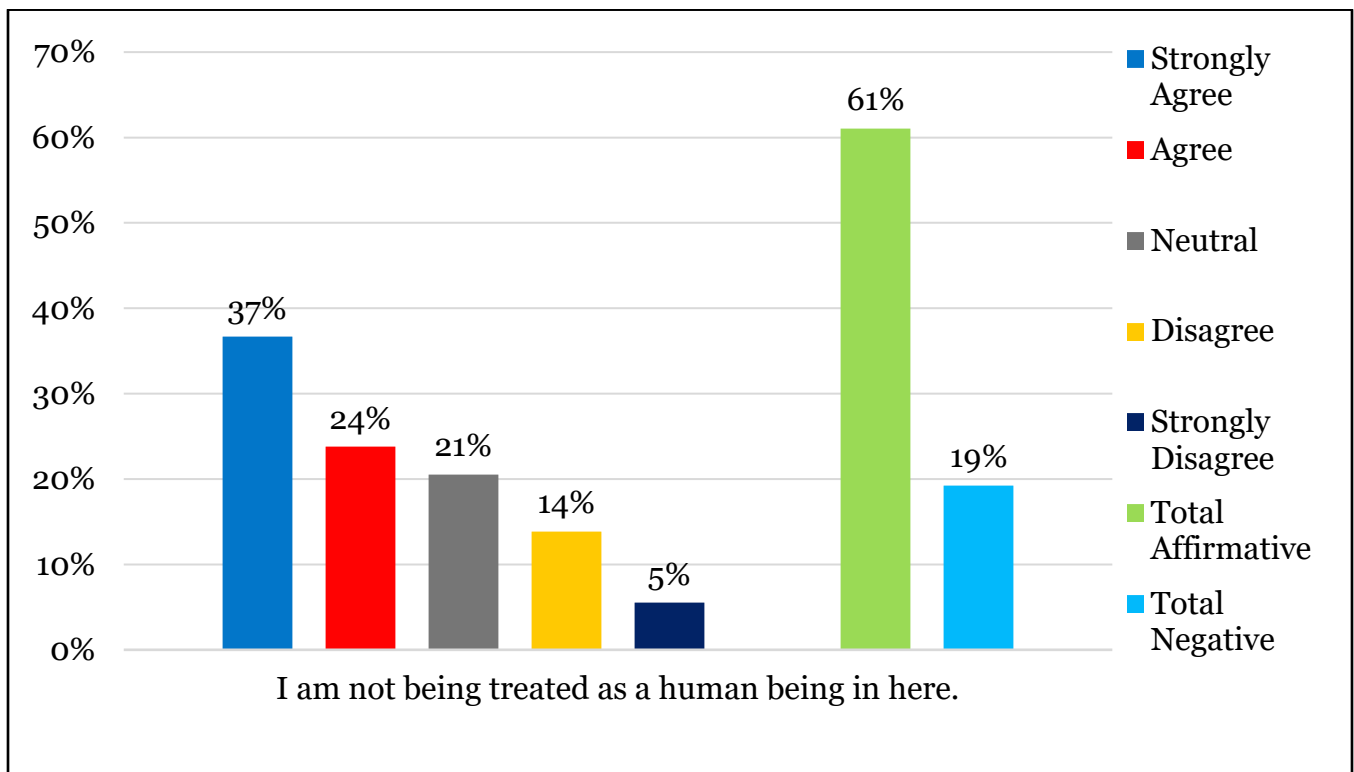
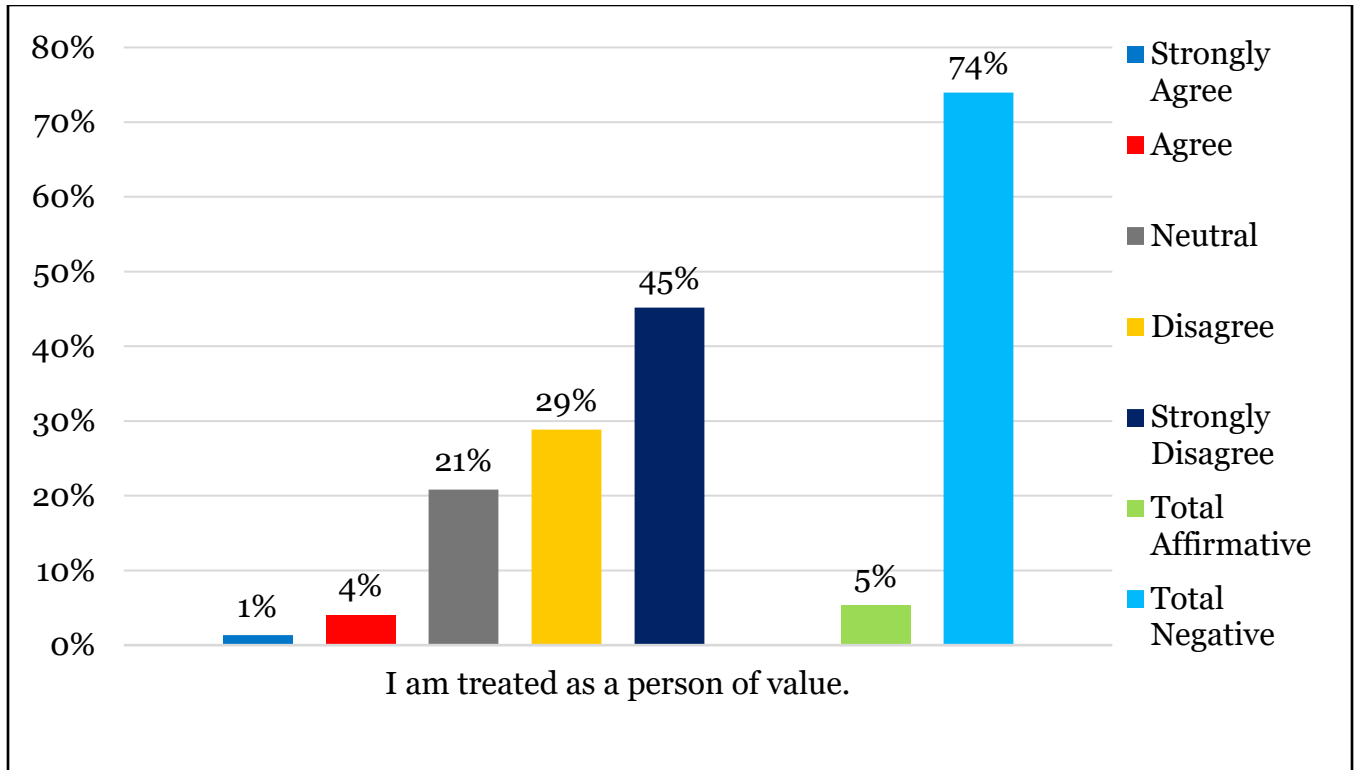


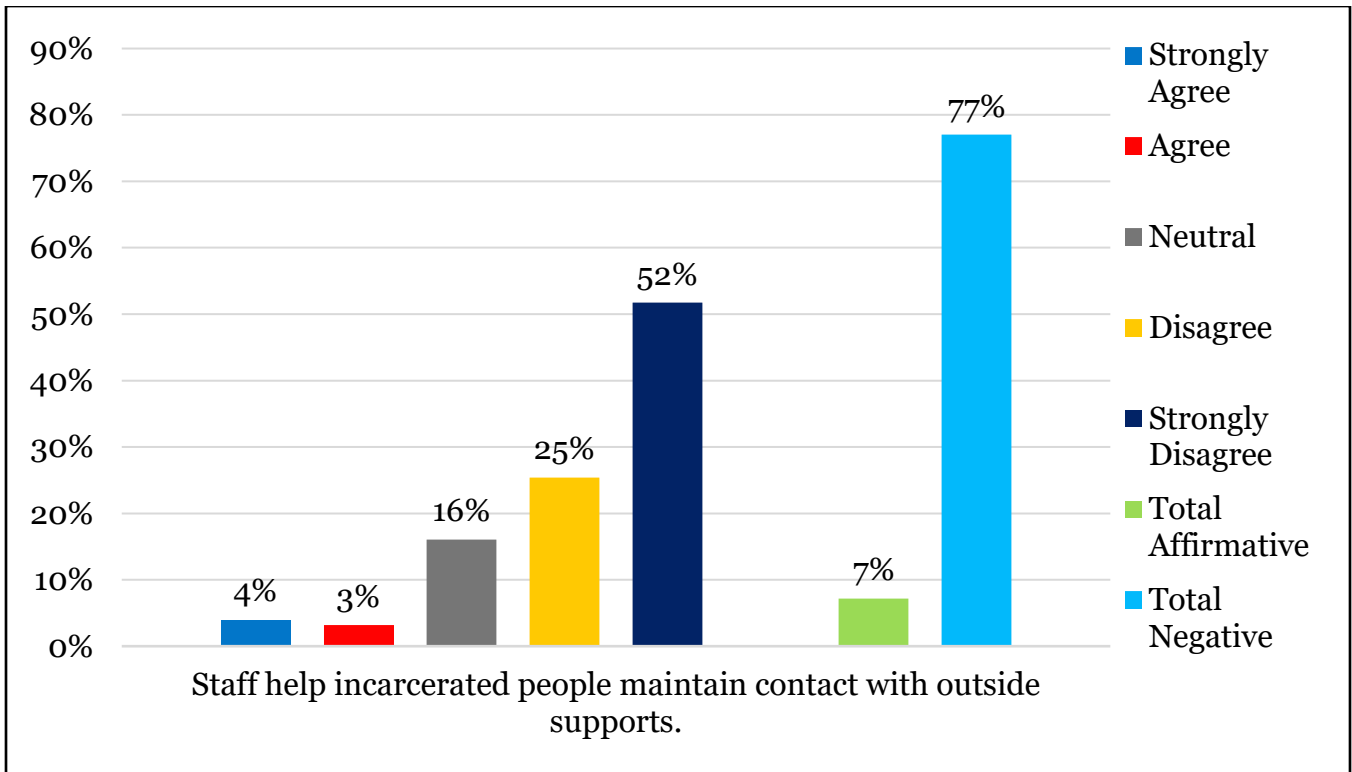
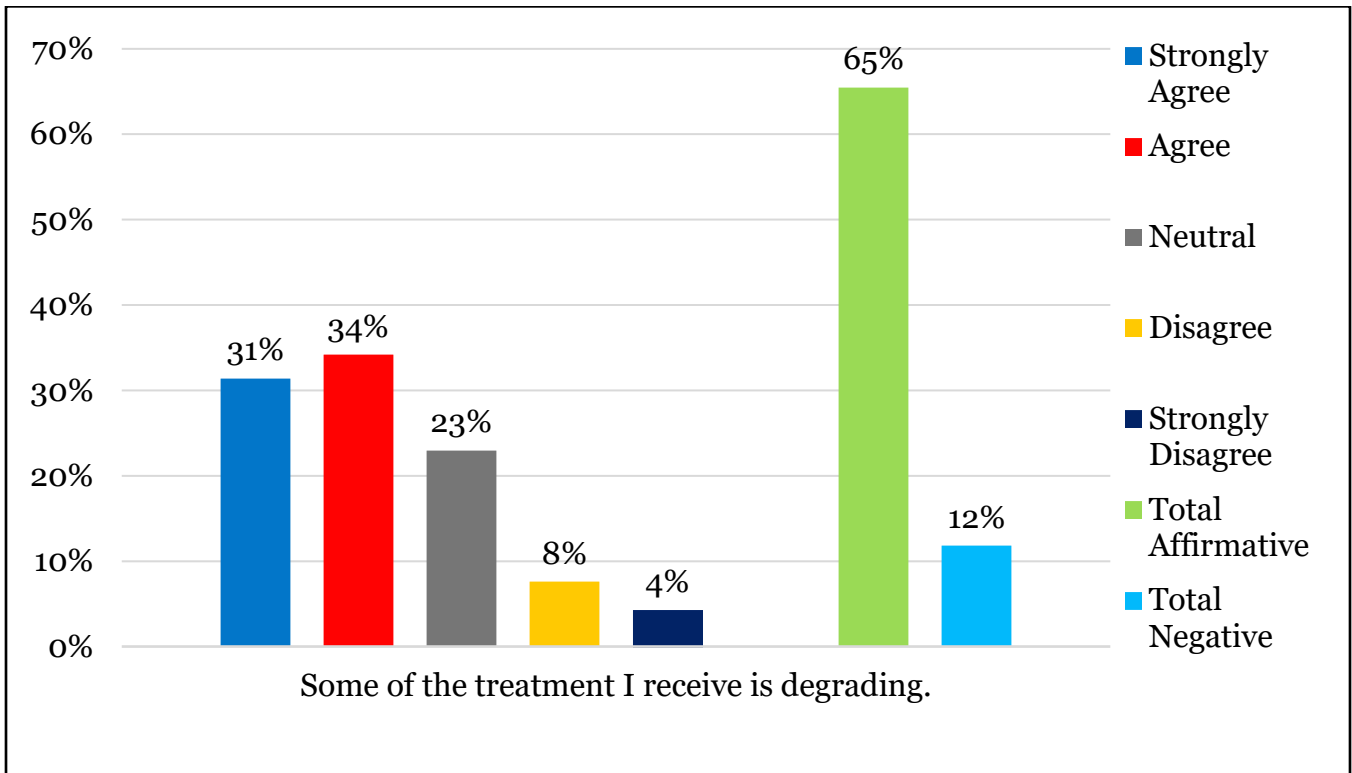
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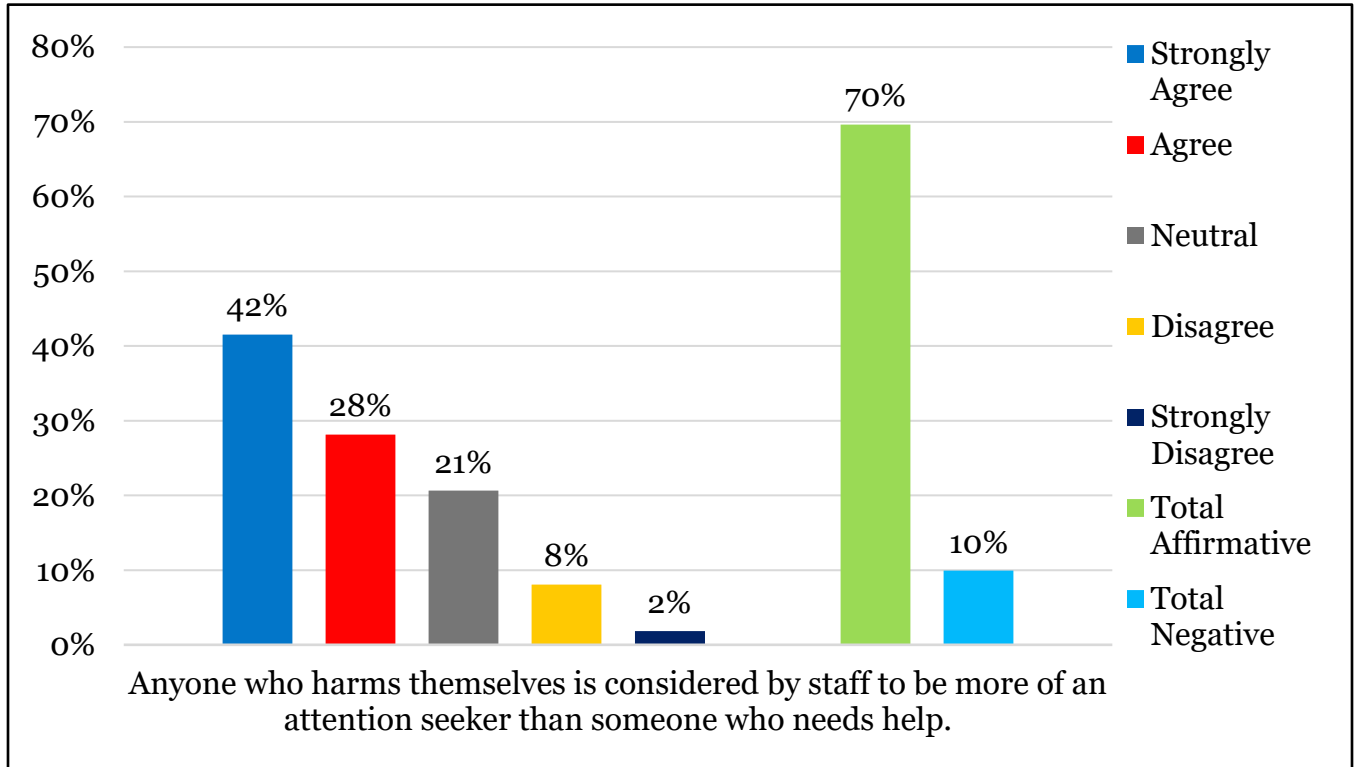
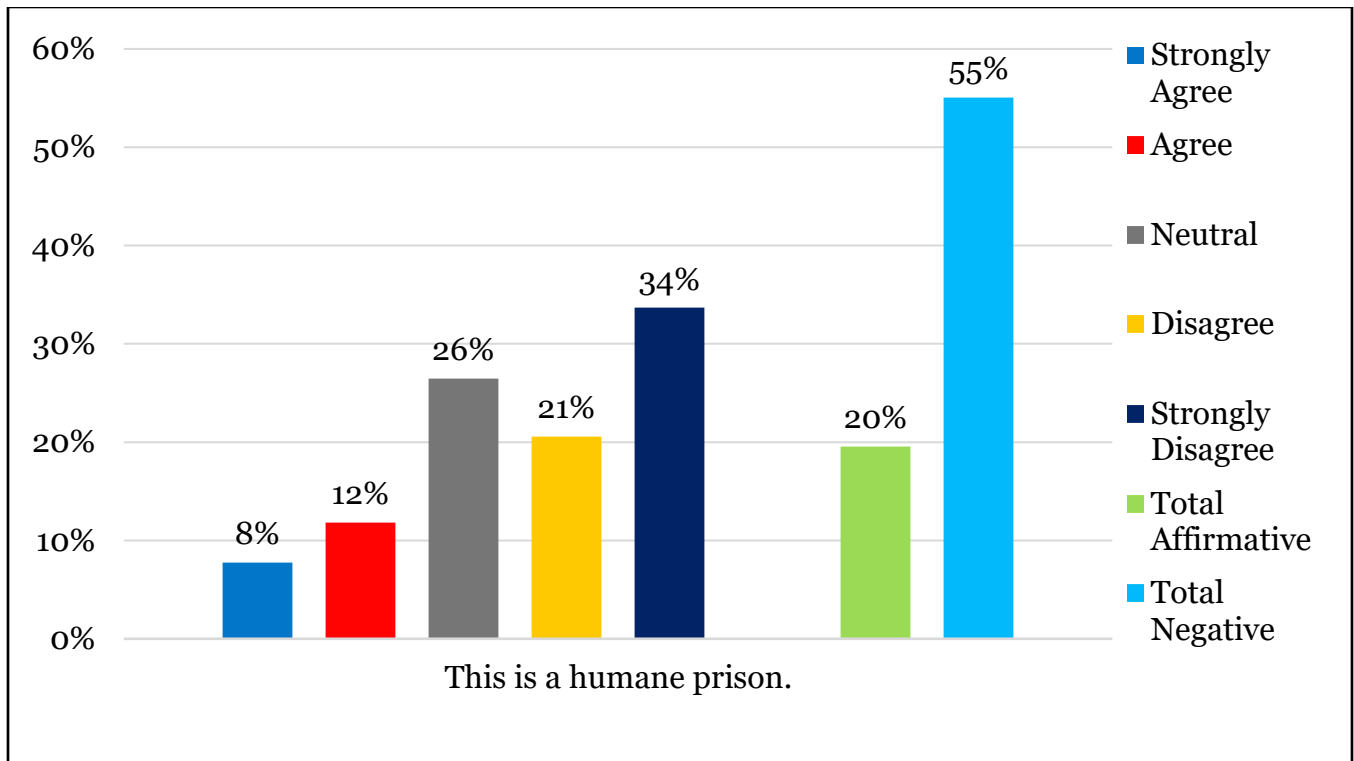


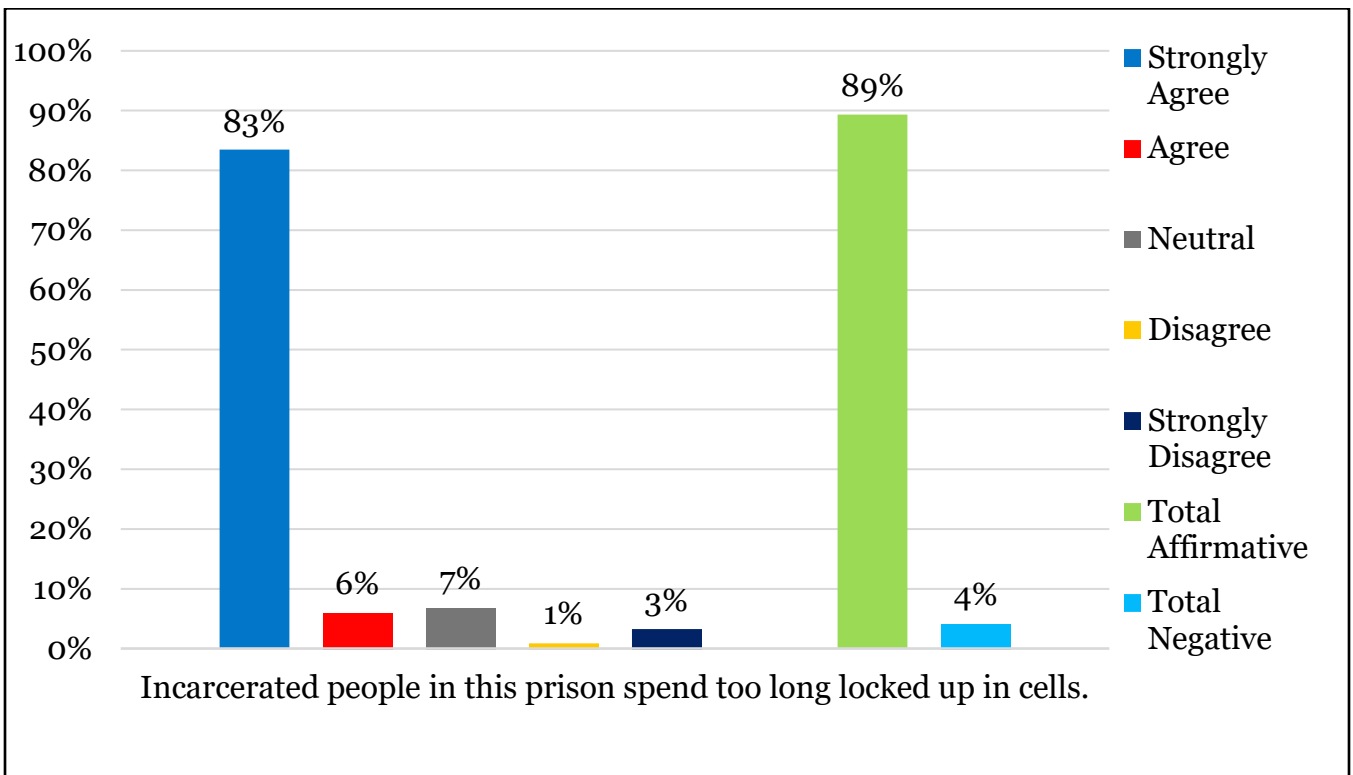
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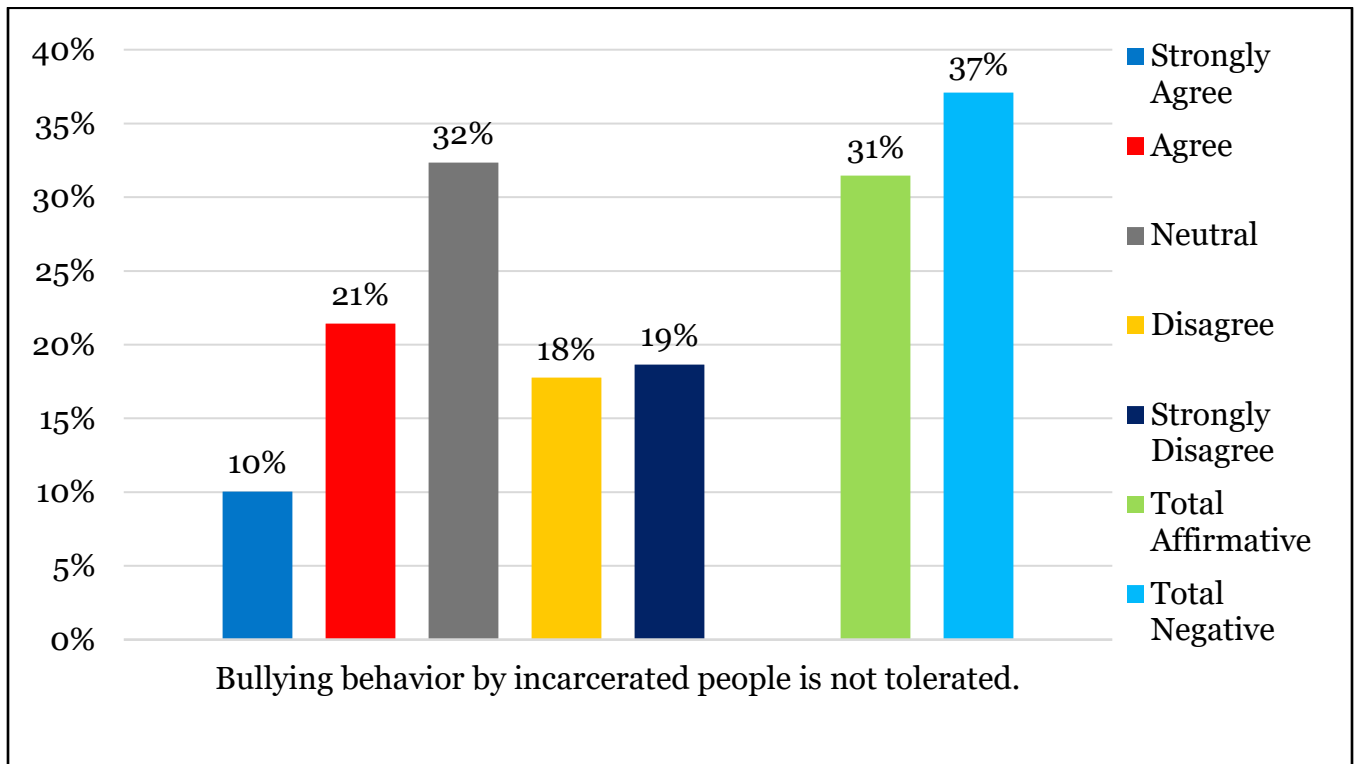


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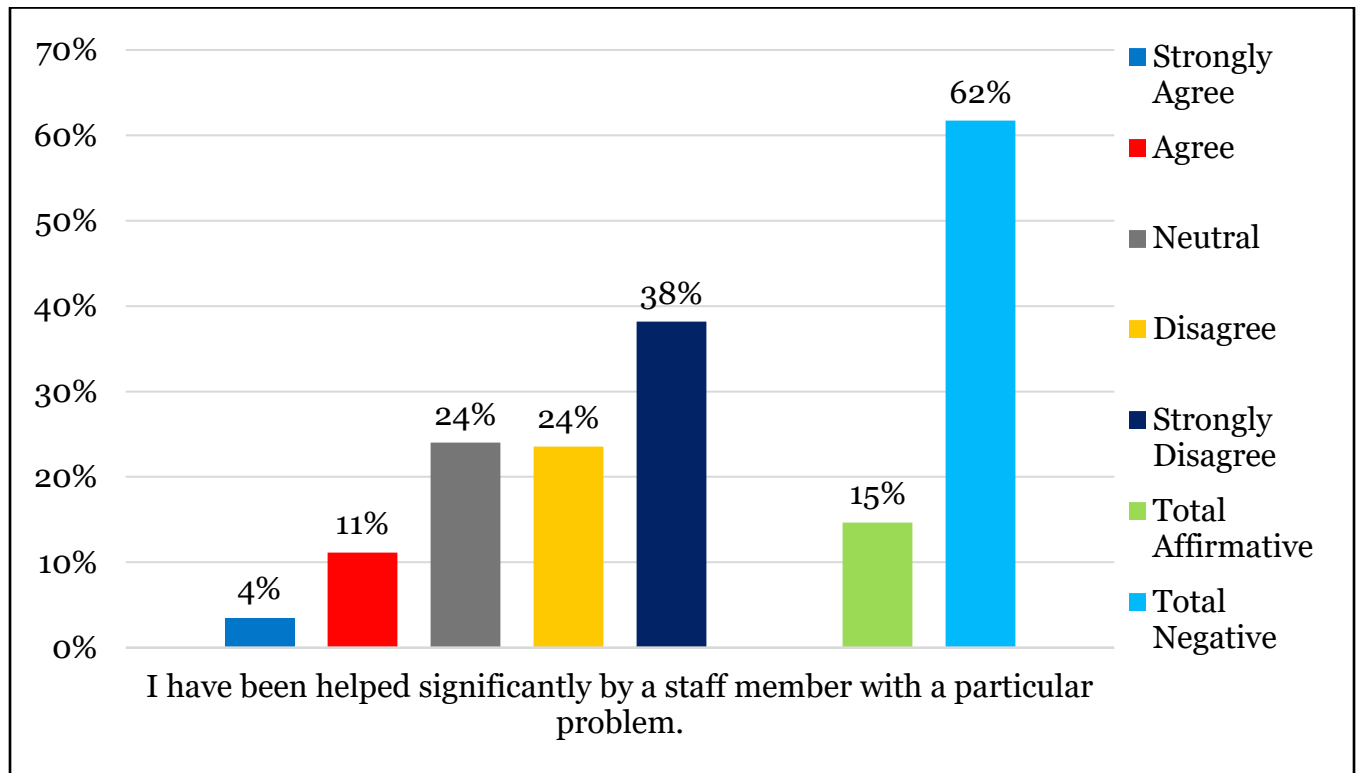




CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE – THE CARE AND SUPPORT PROVIDED TO INCARCERATED PEOPLE AT RISK OF SELF-HARM, SUICIDE OR BULLYING

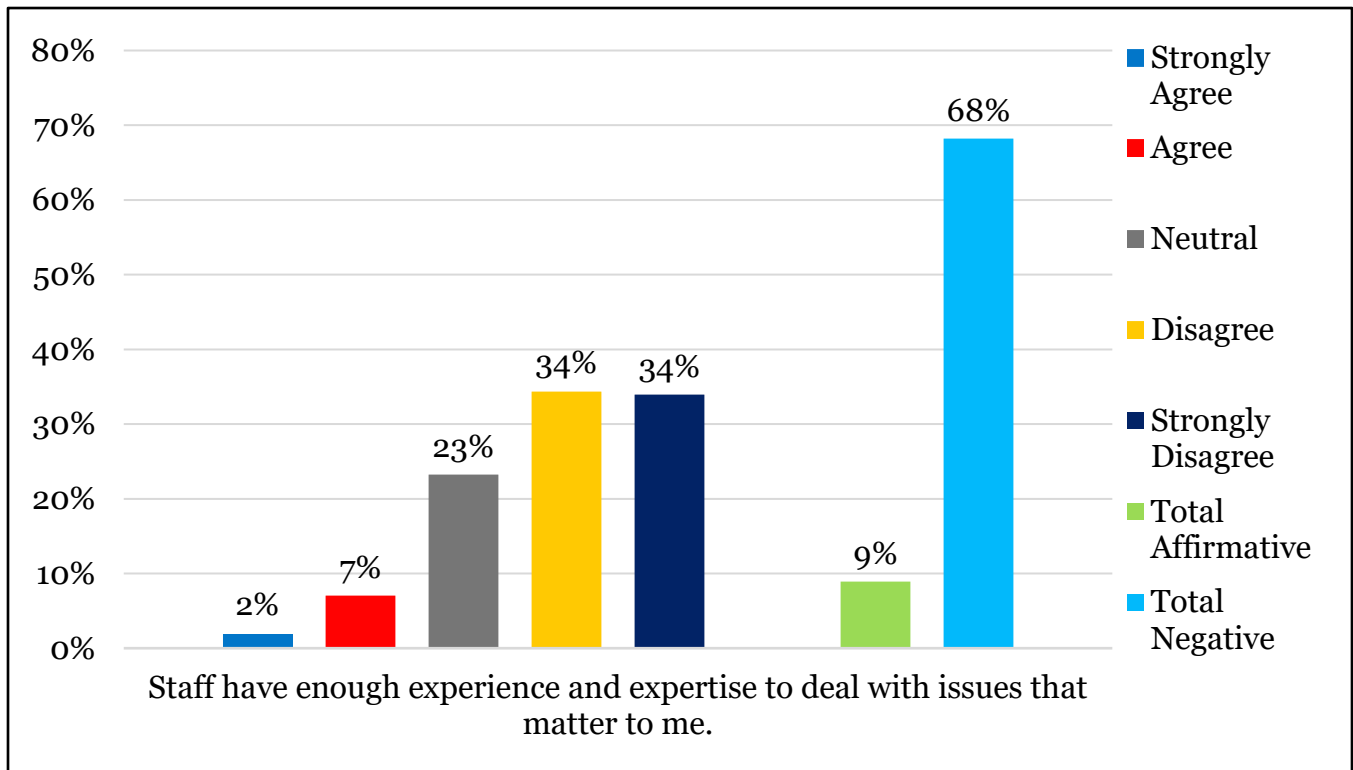
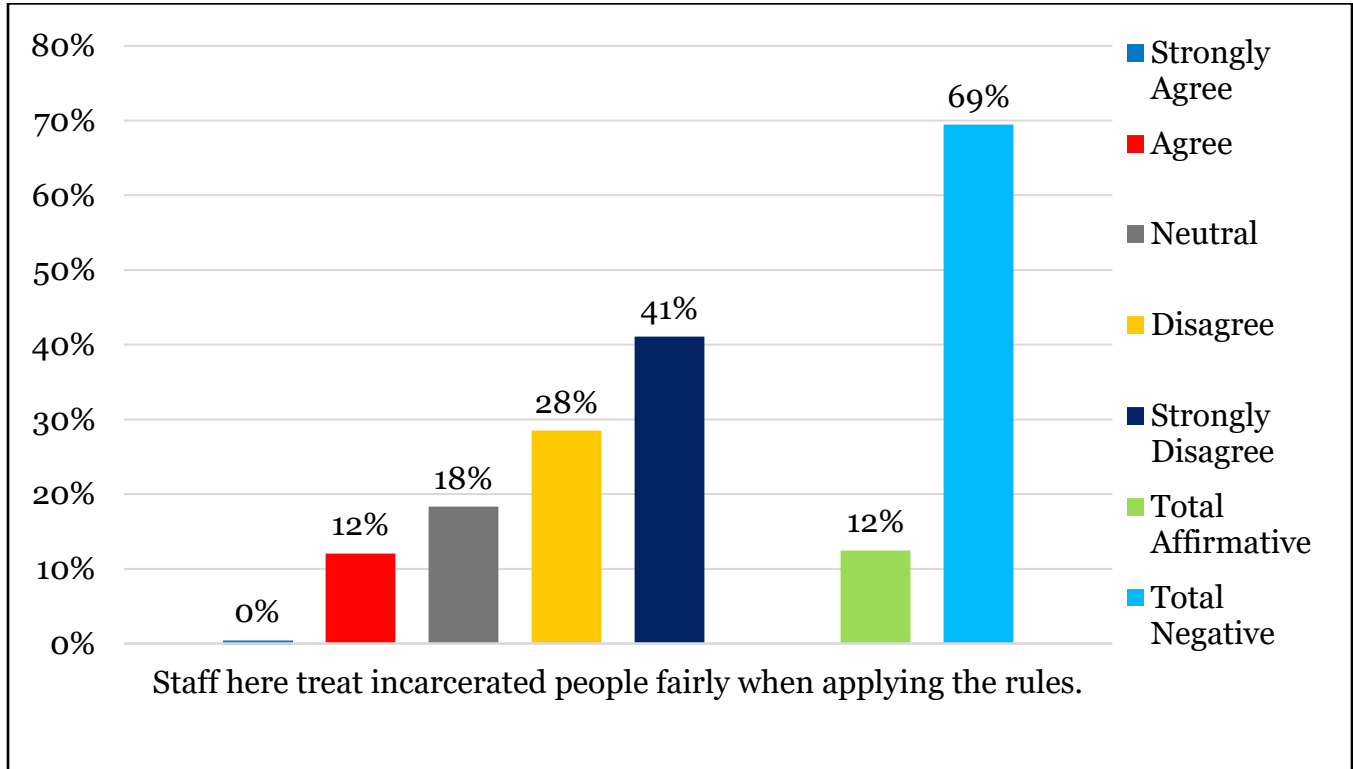


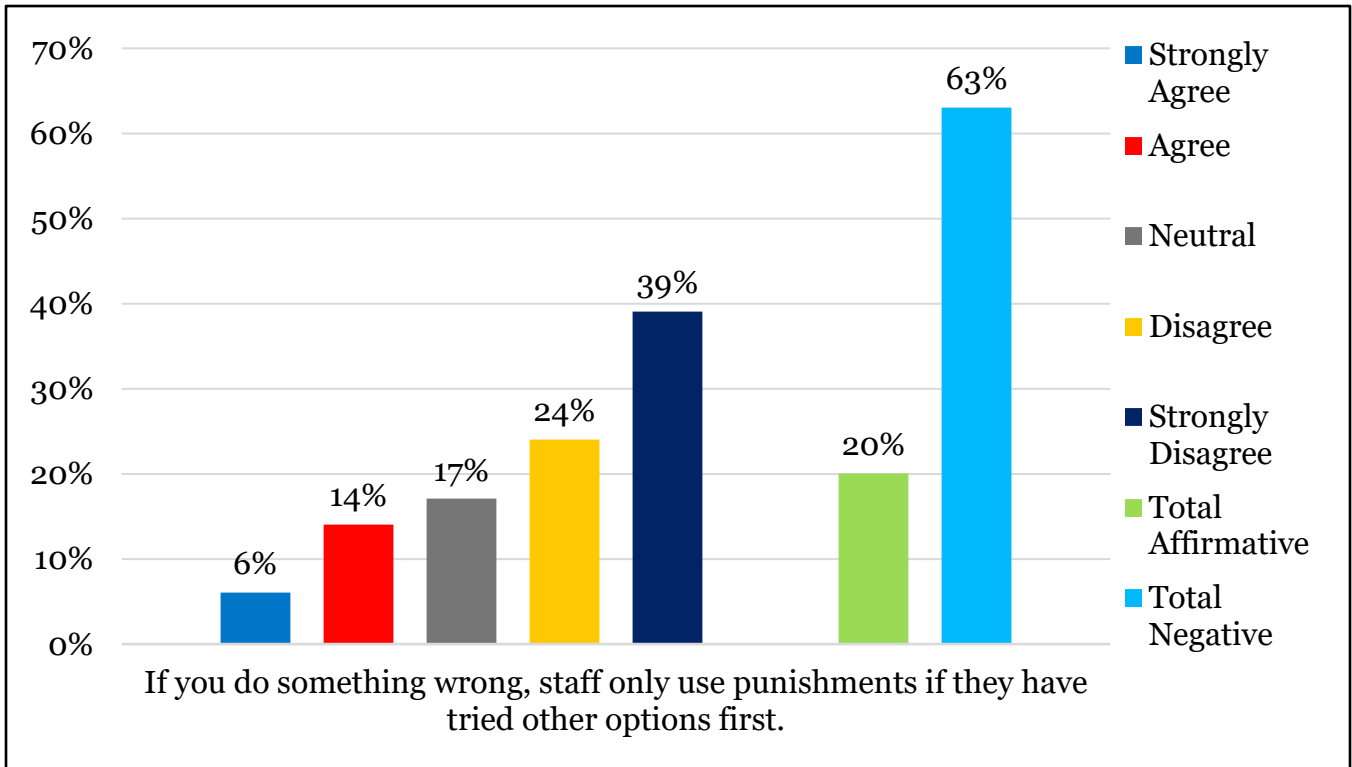
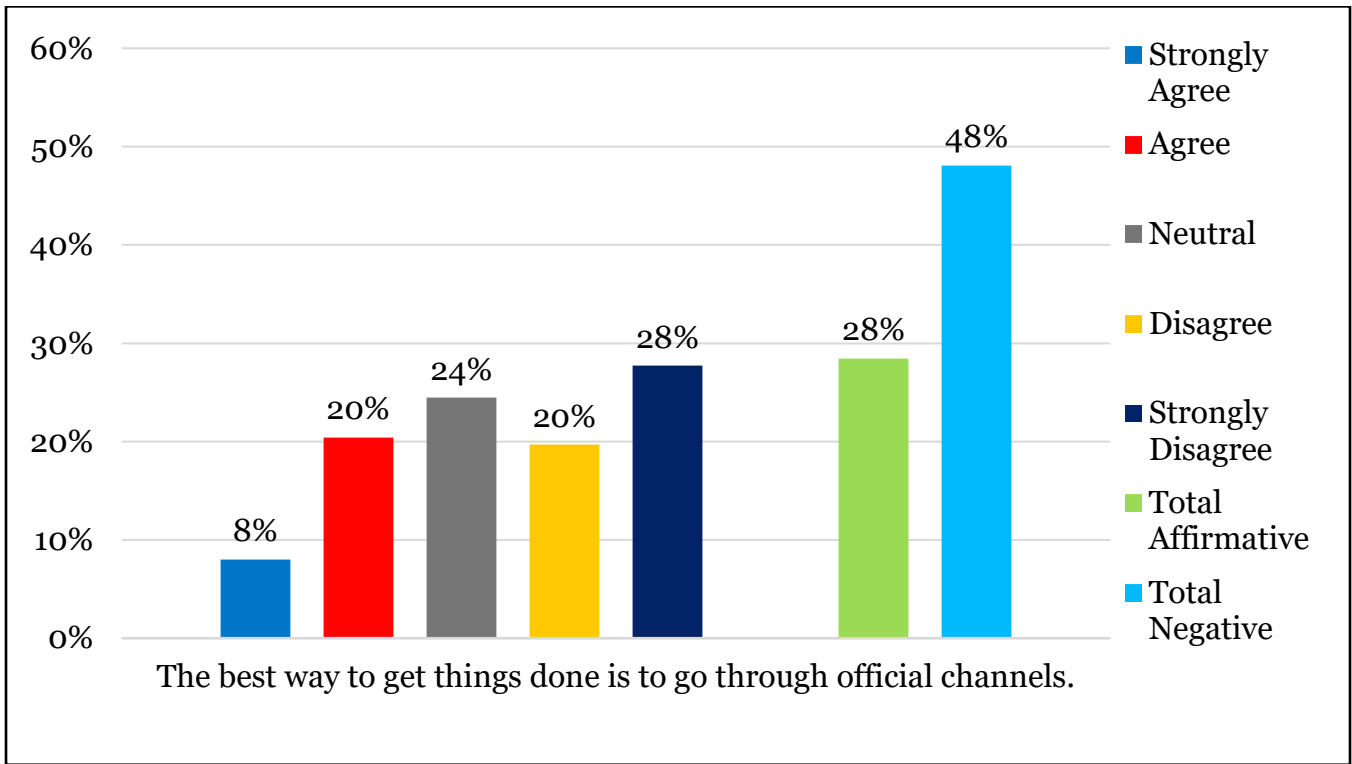
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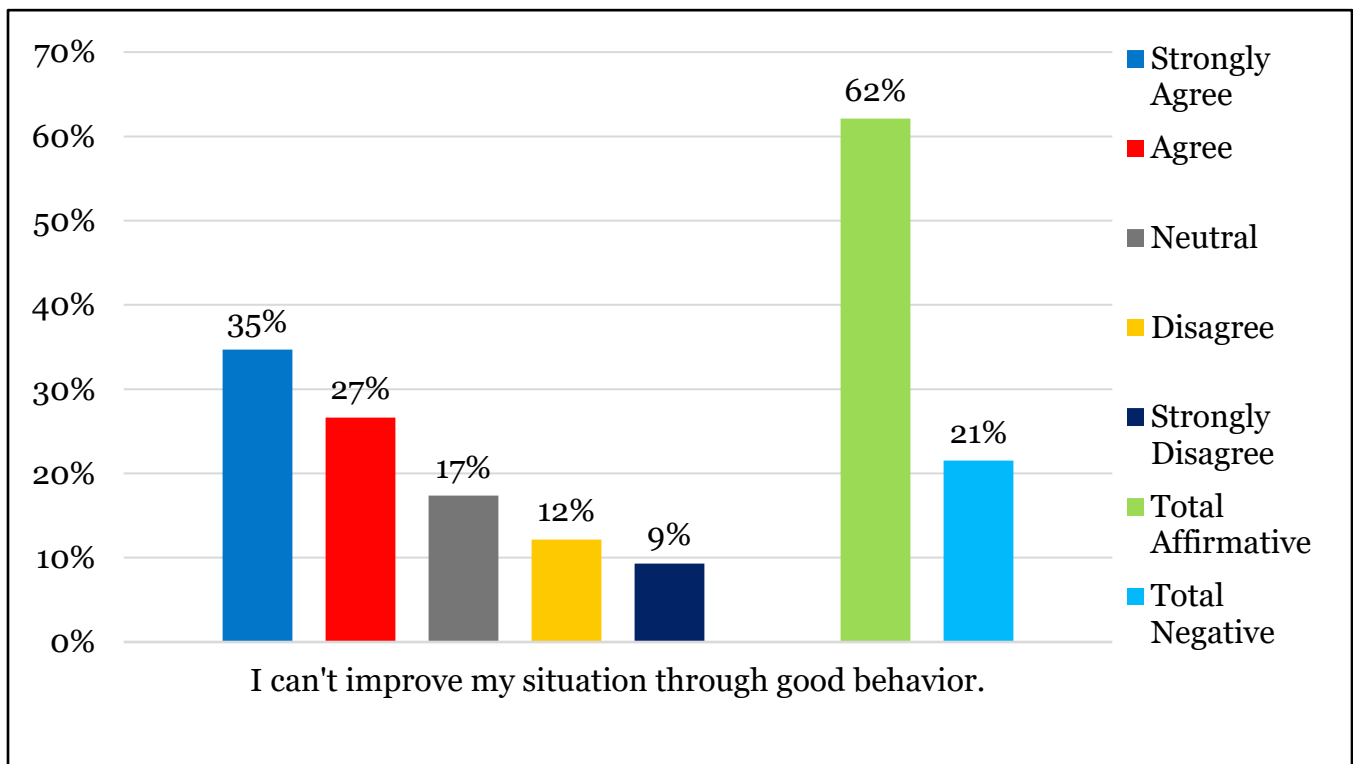
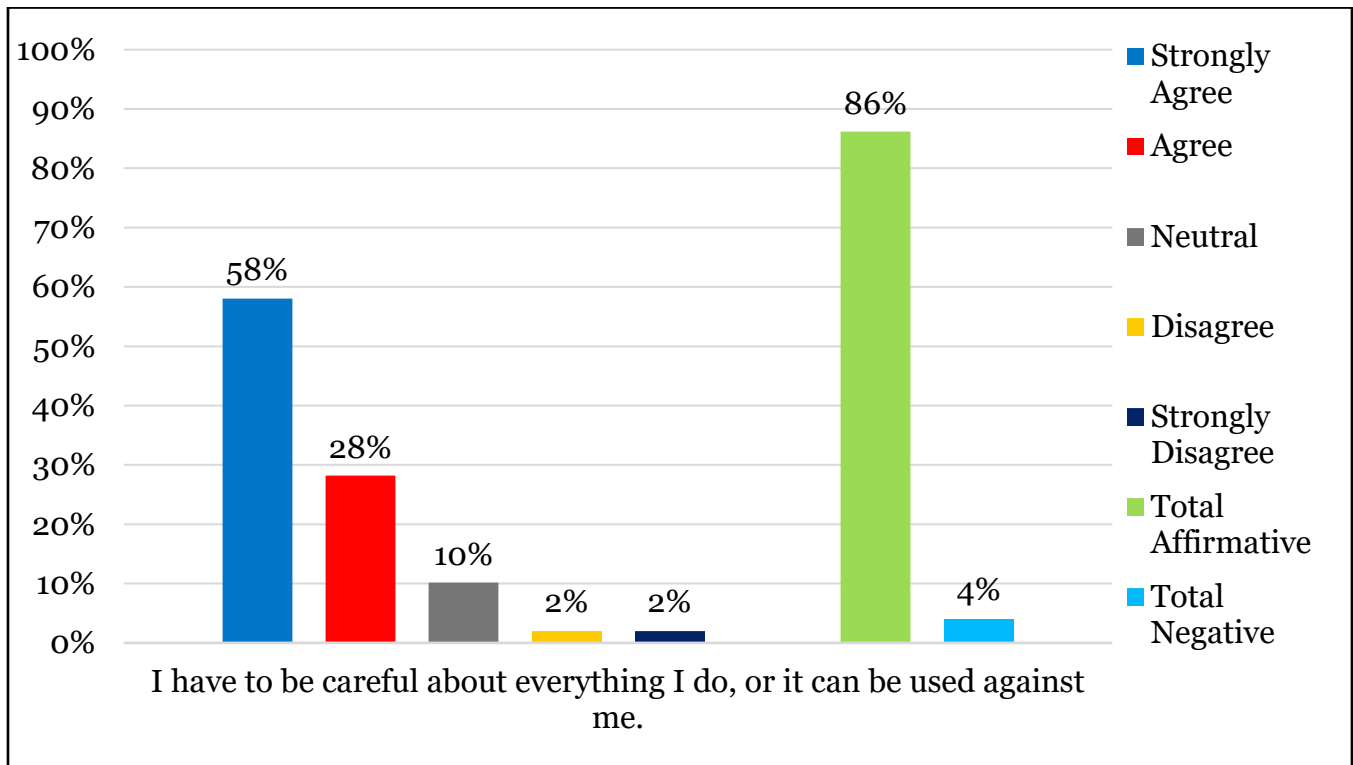
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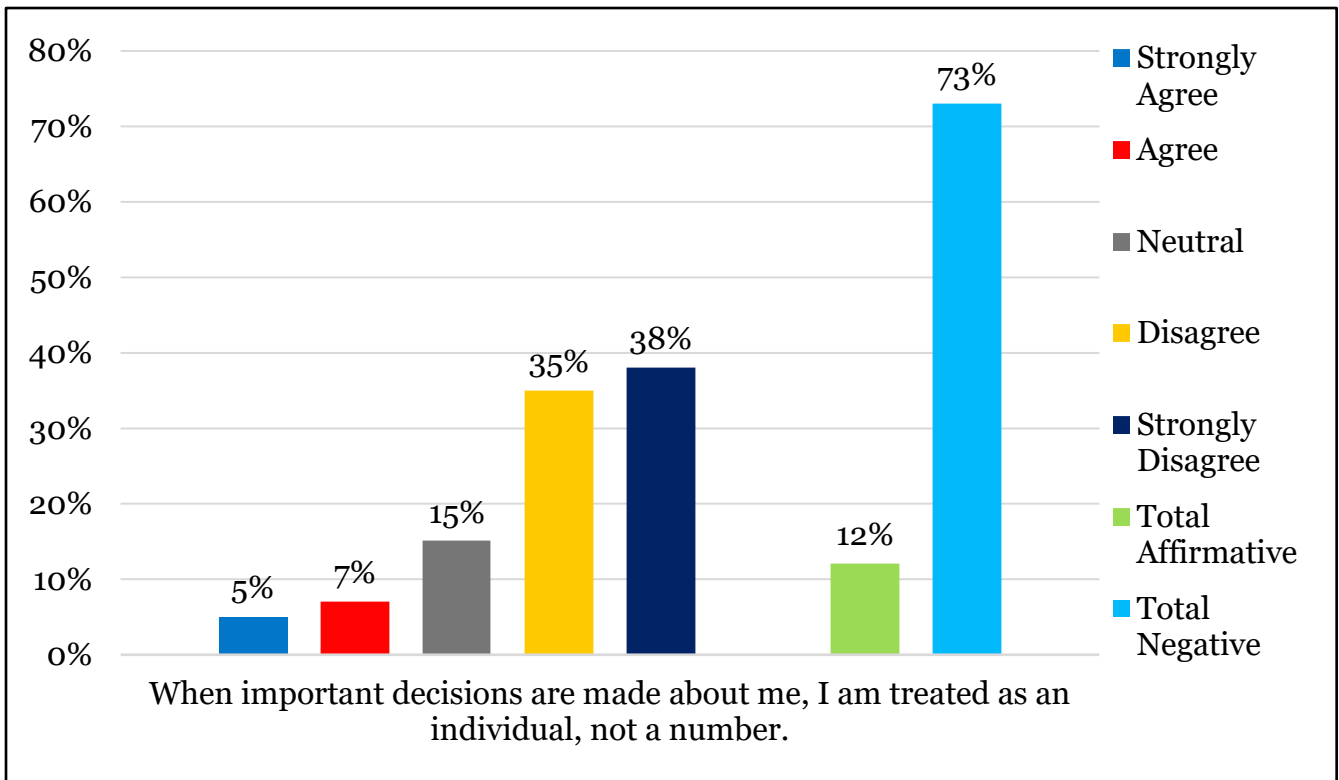
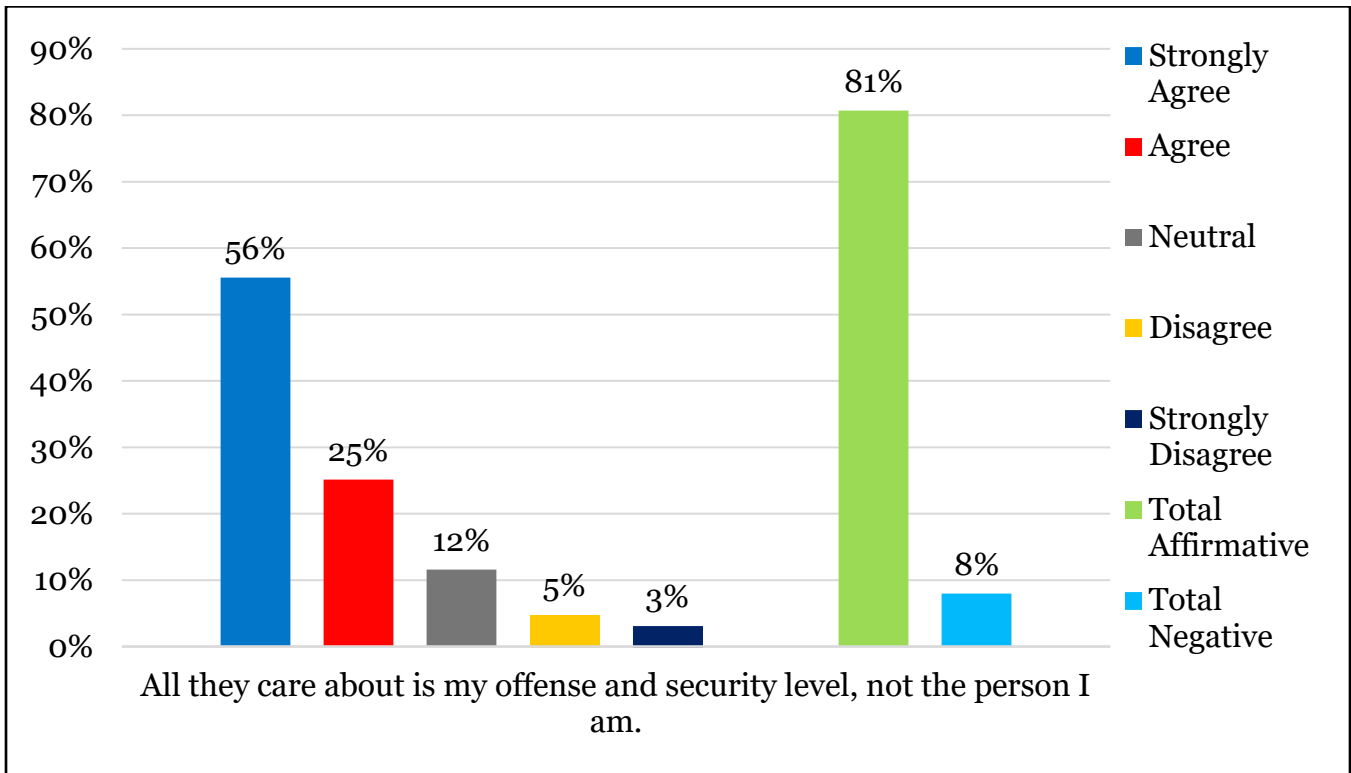
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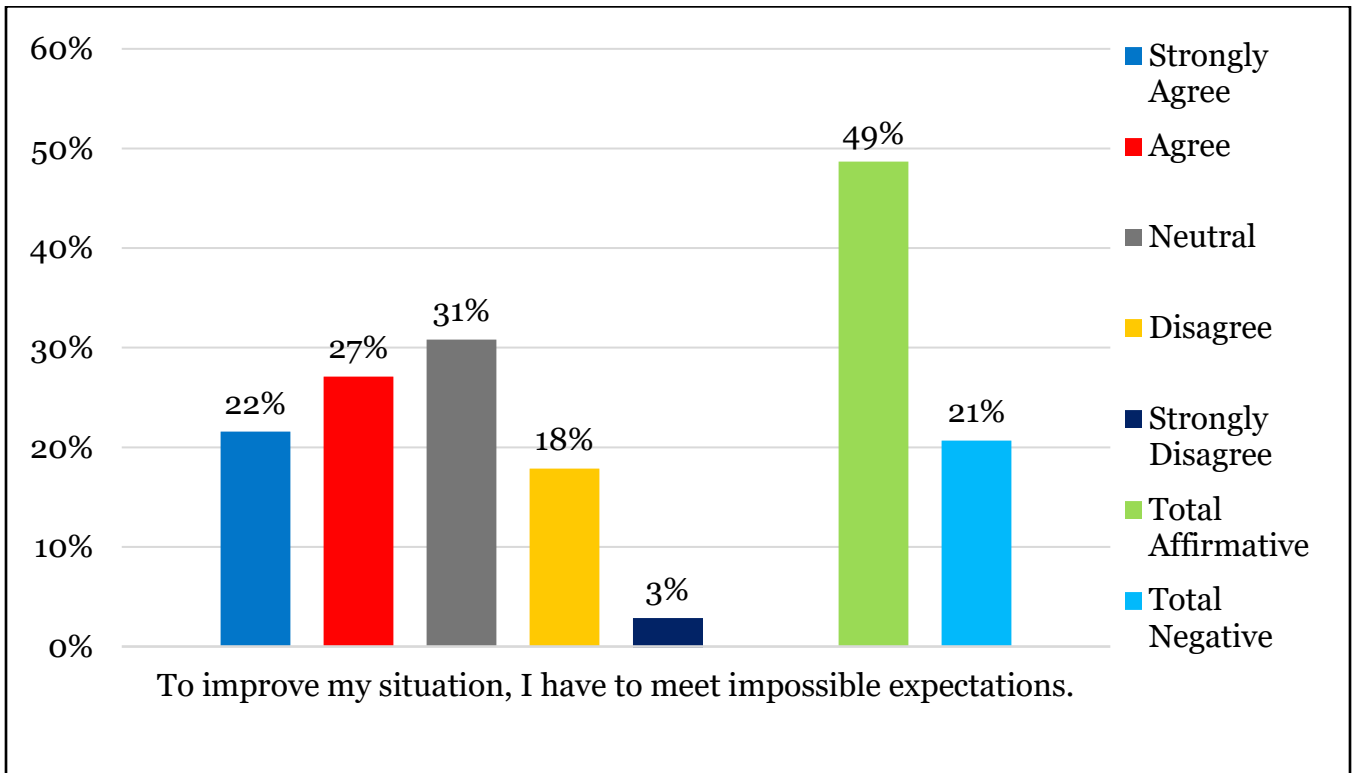




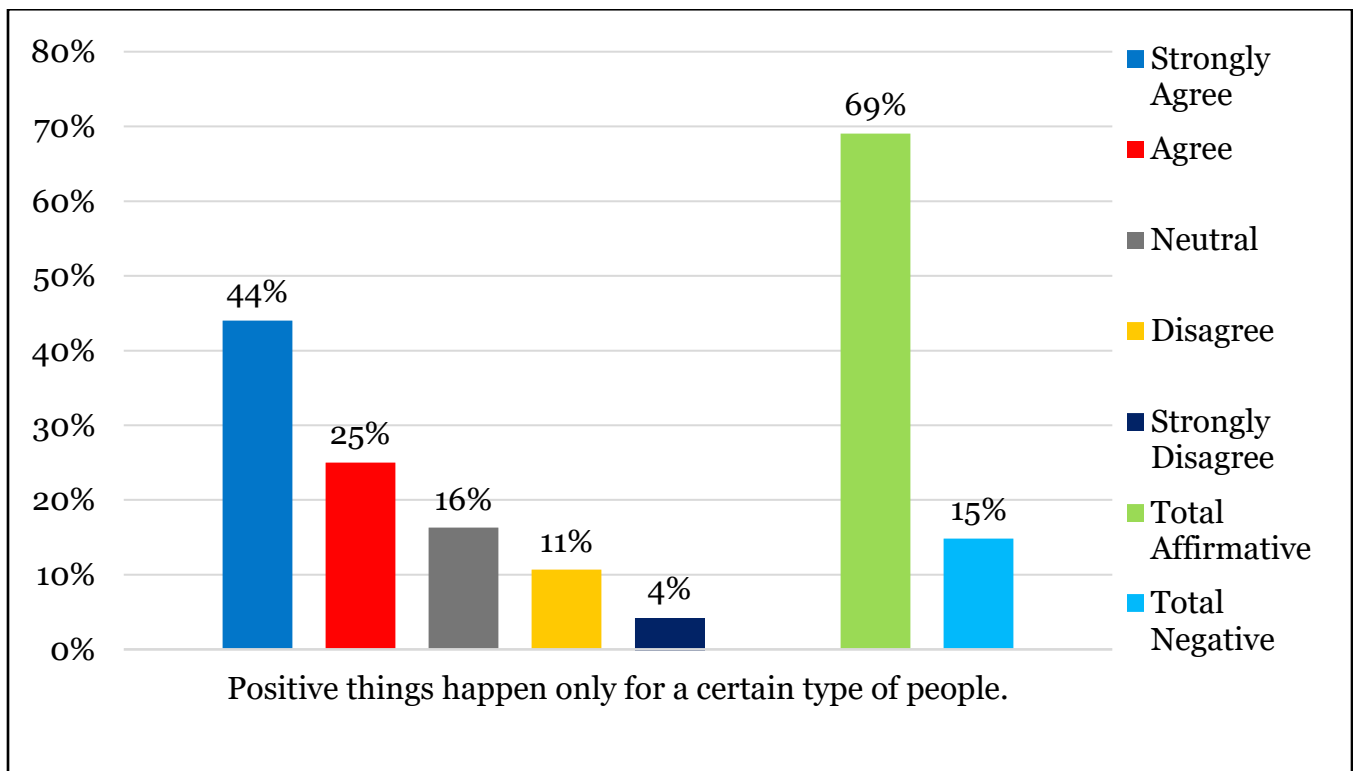
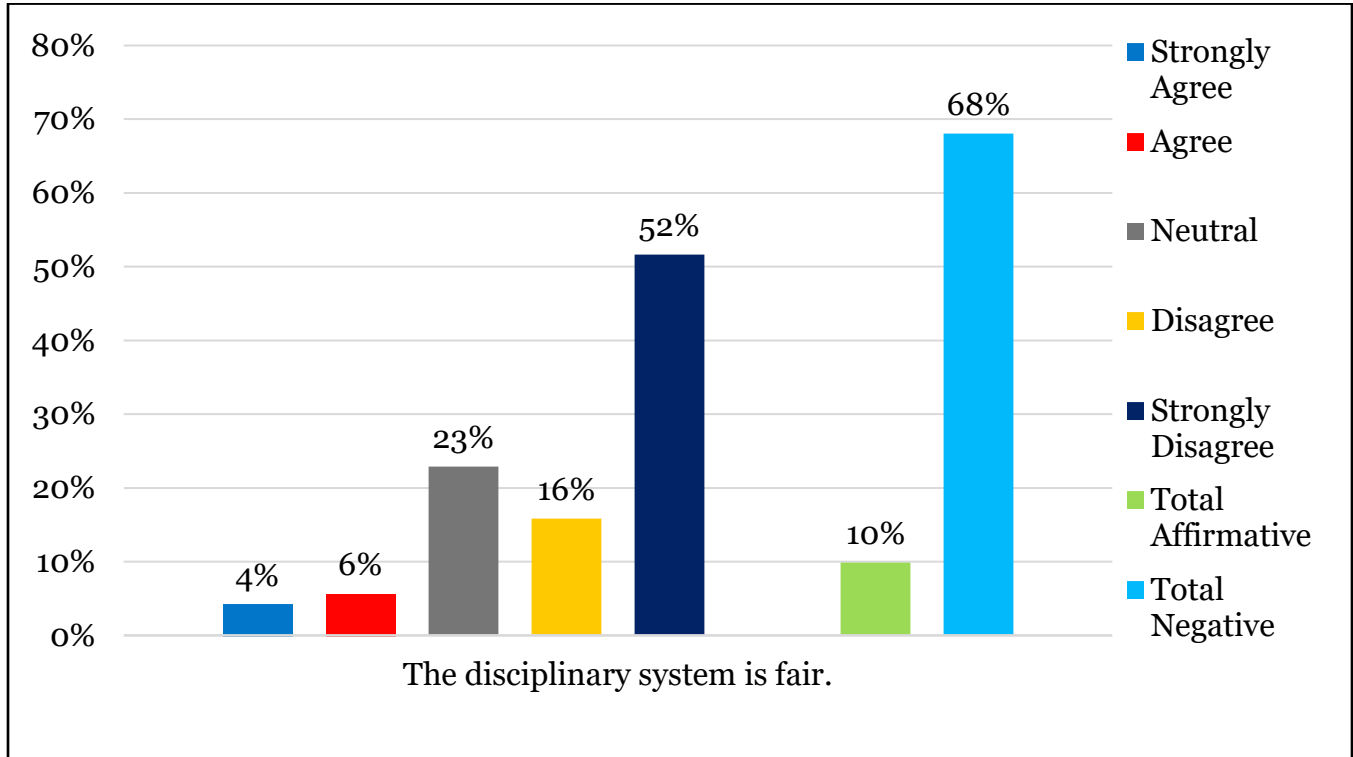
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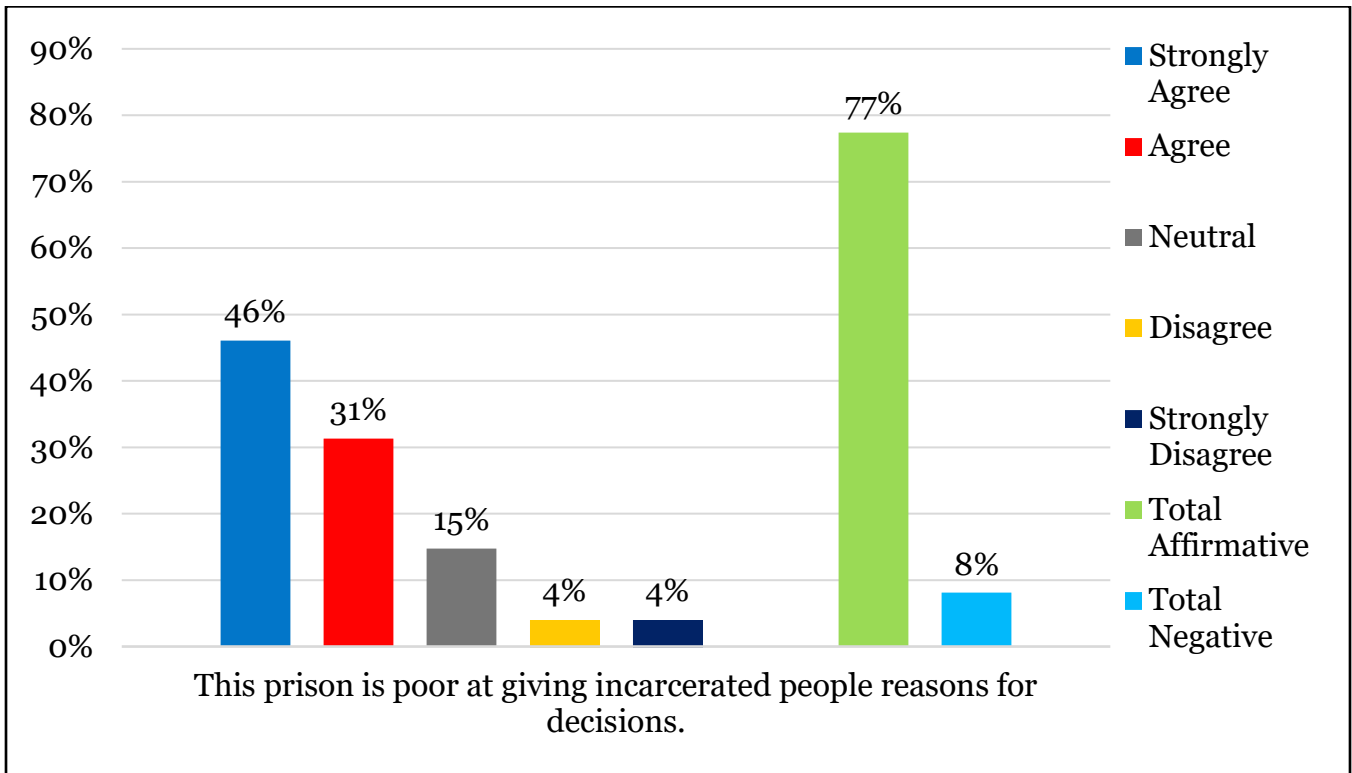




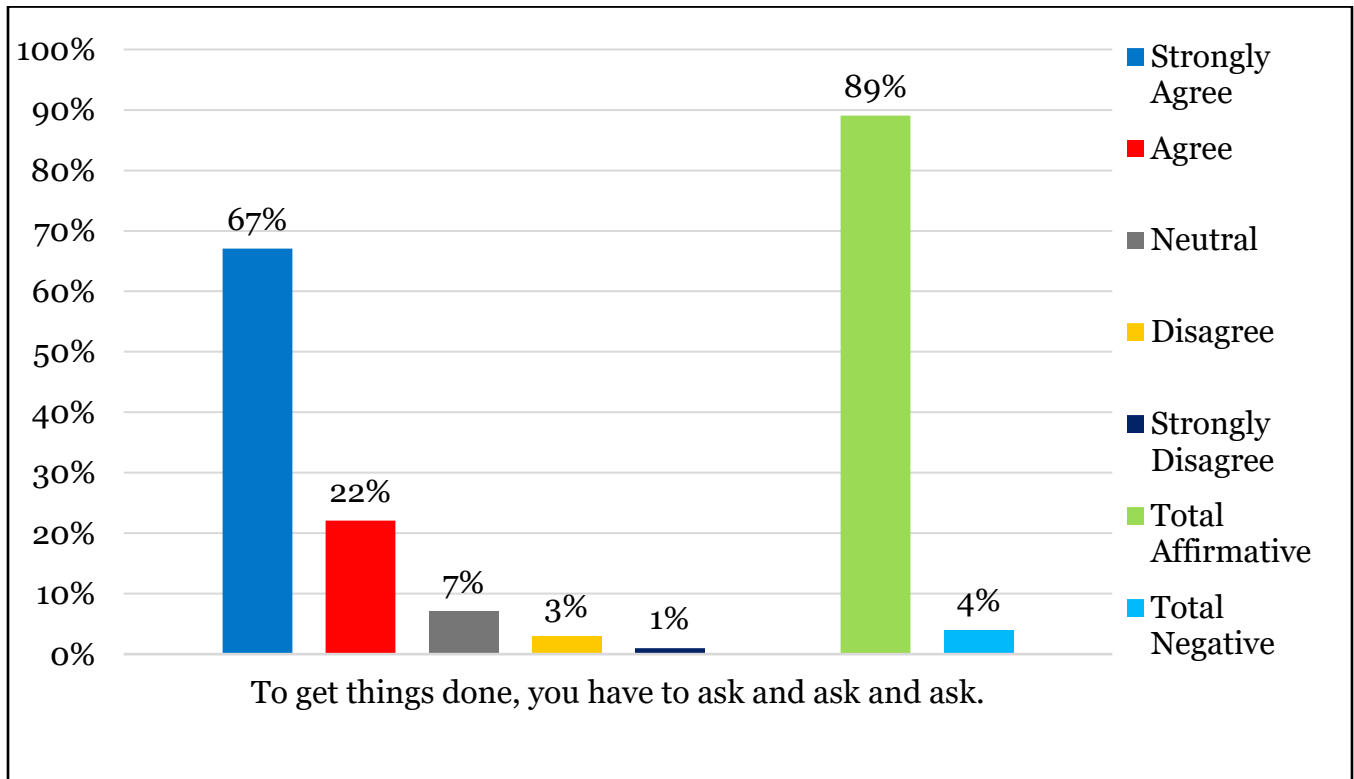
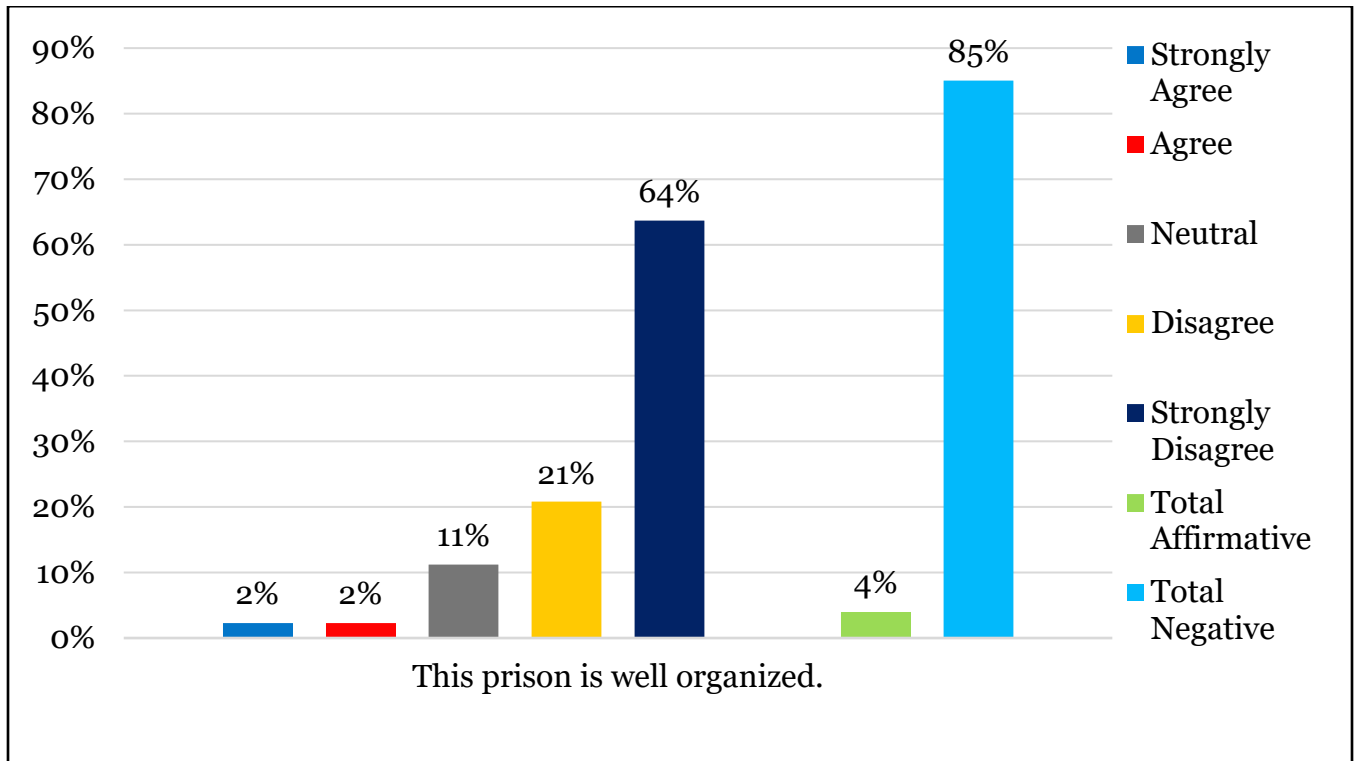


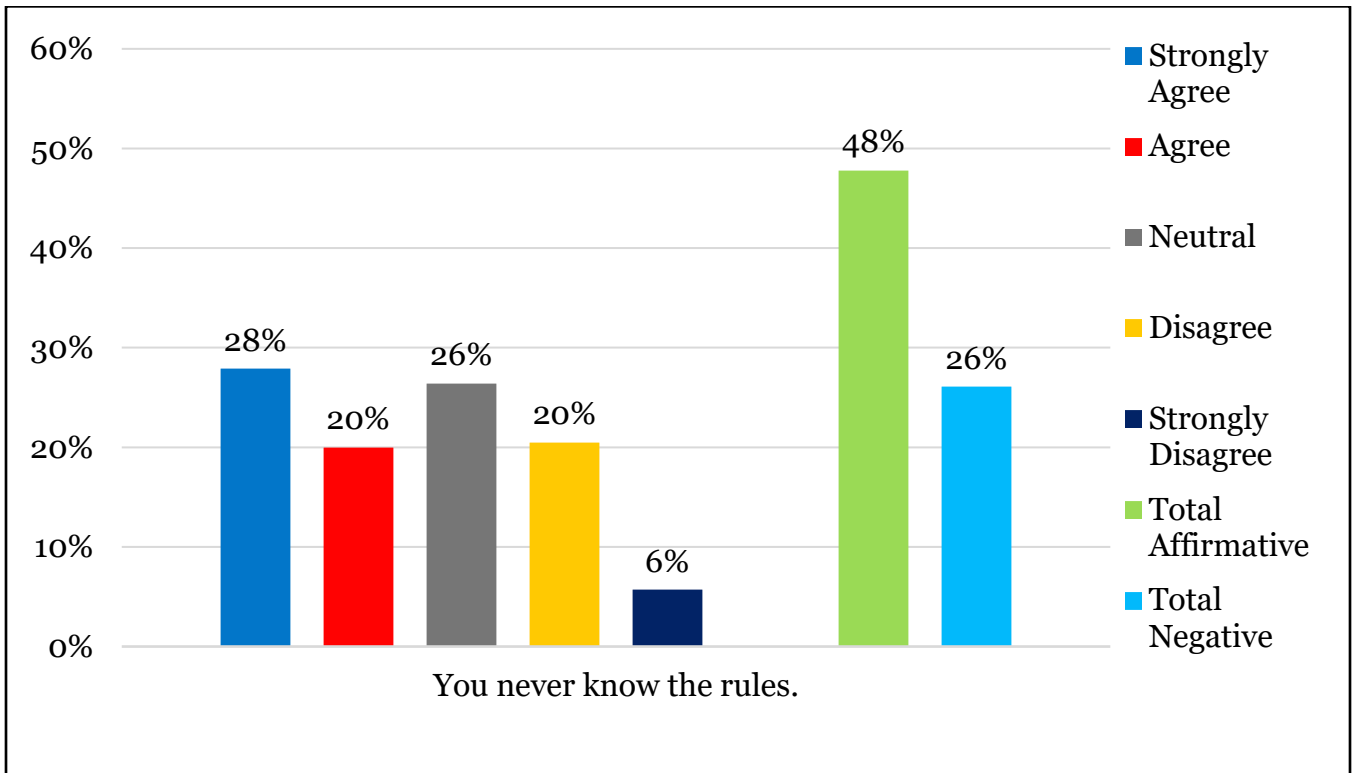
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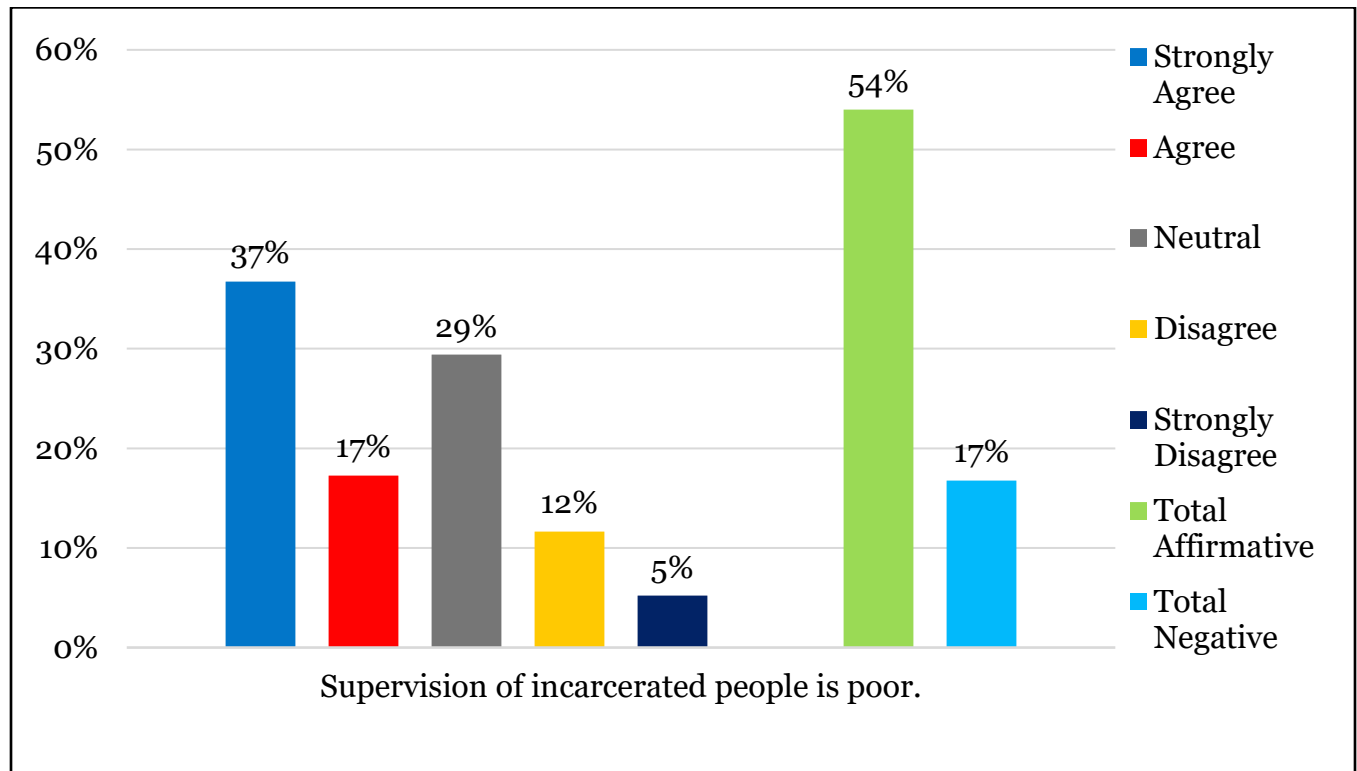
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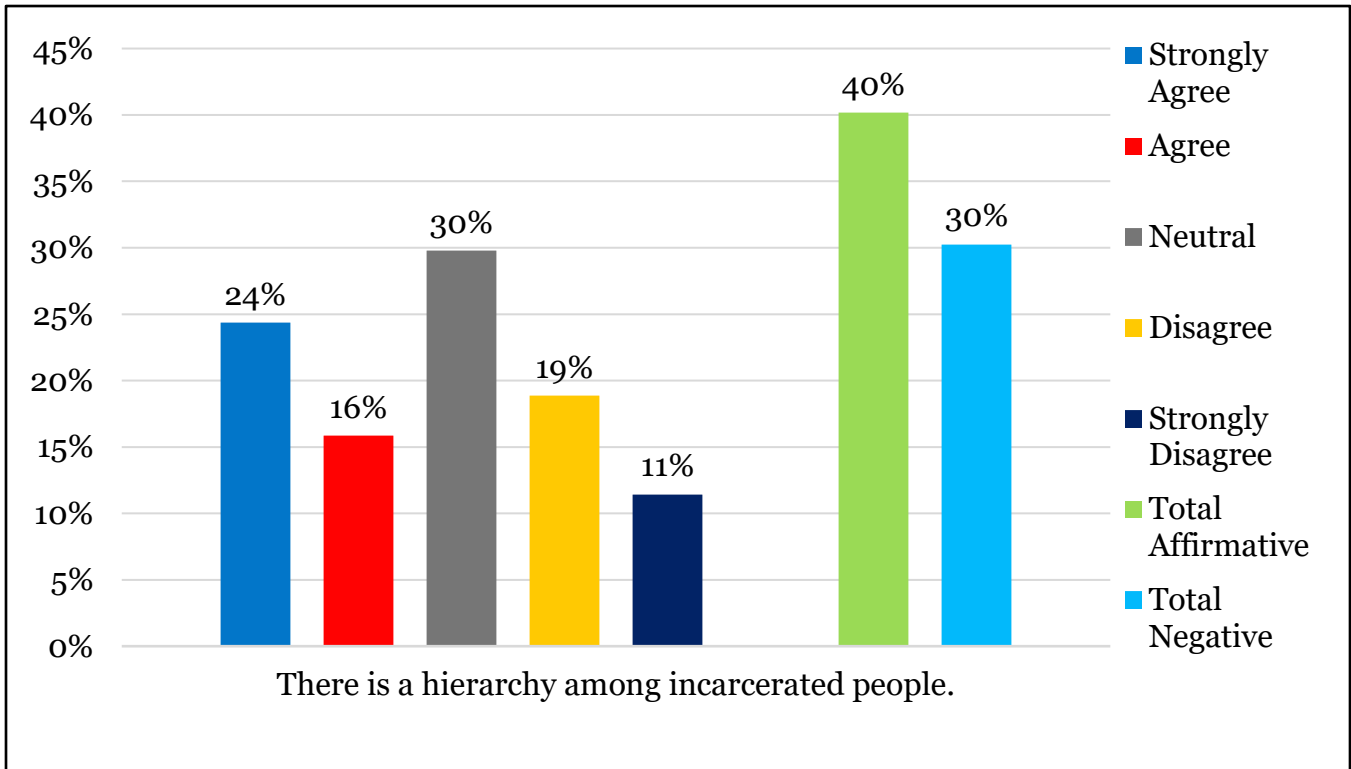
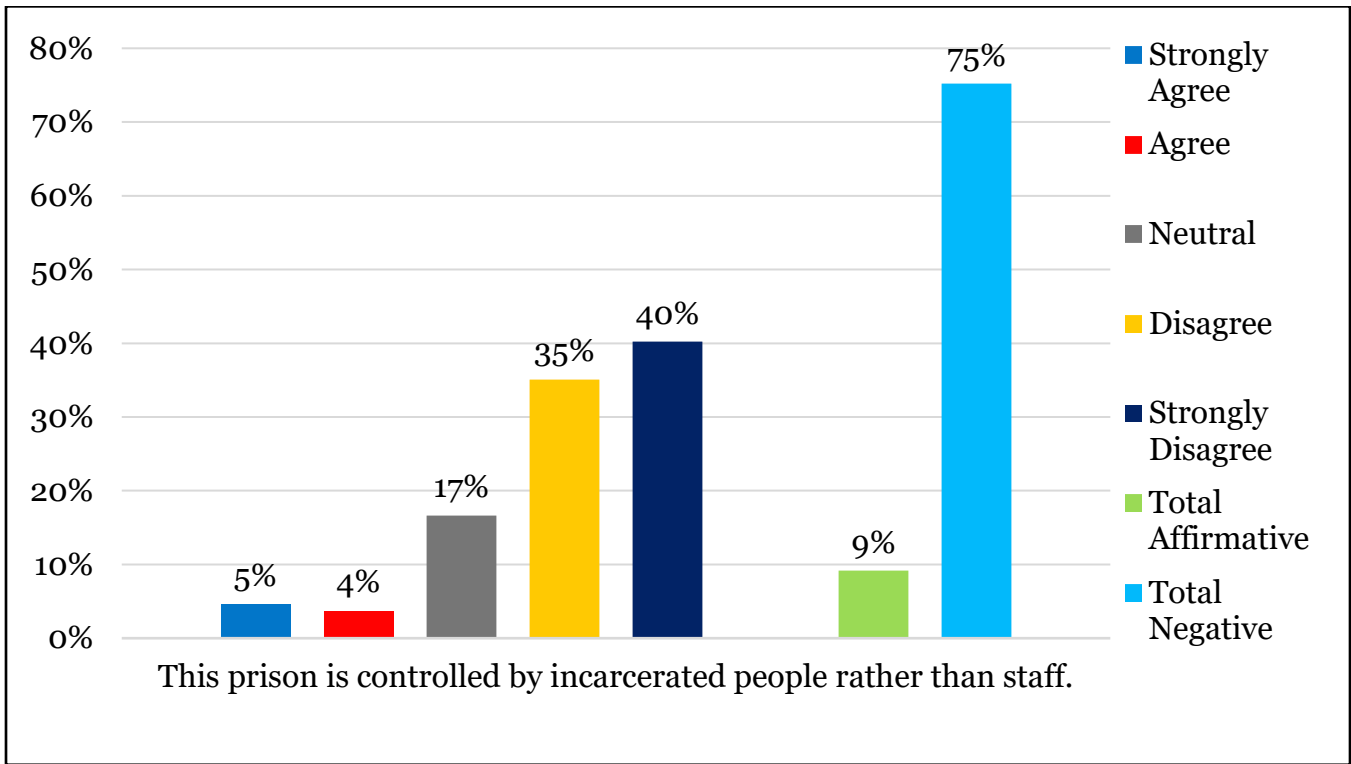


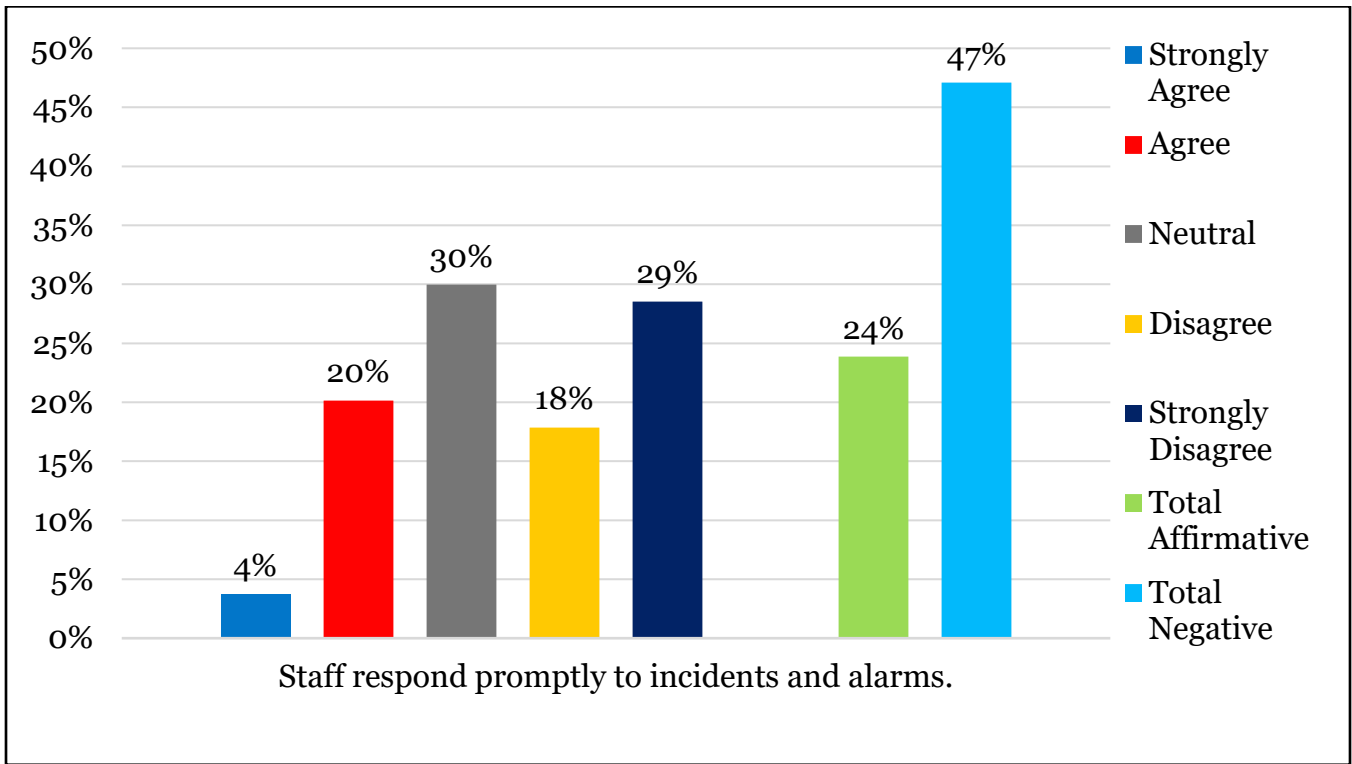


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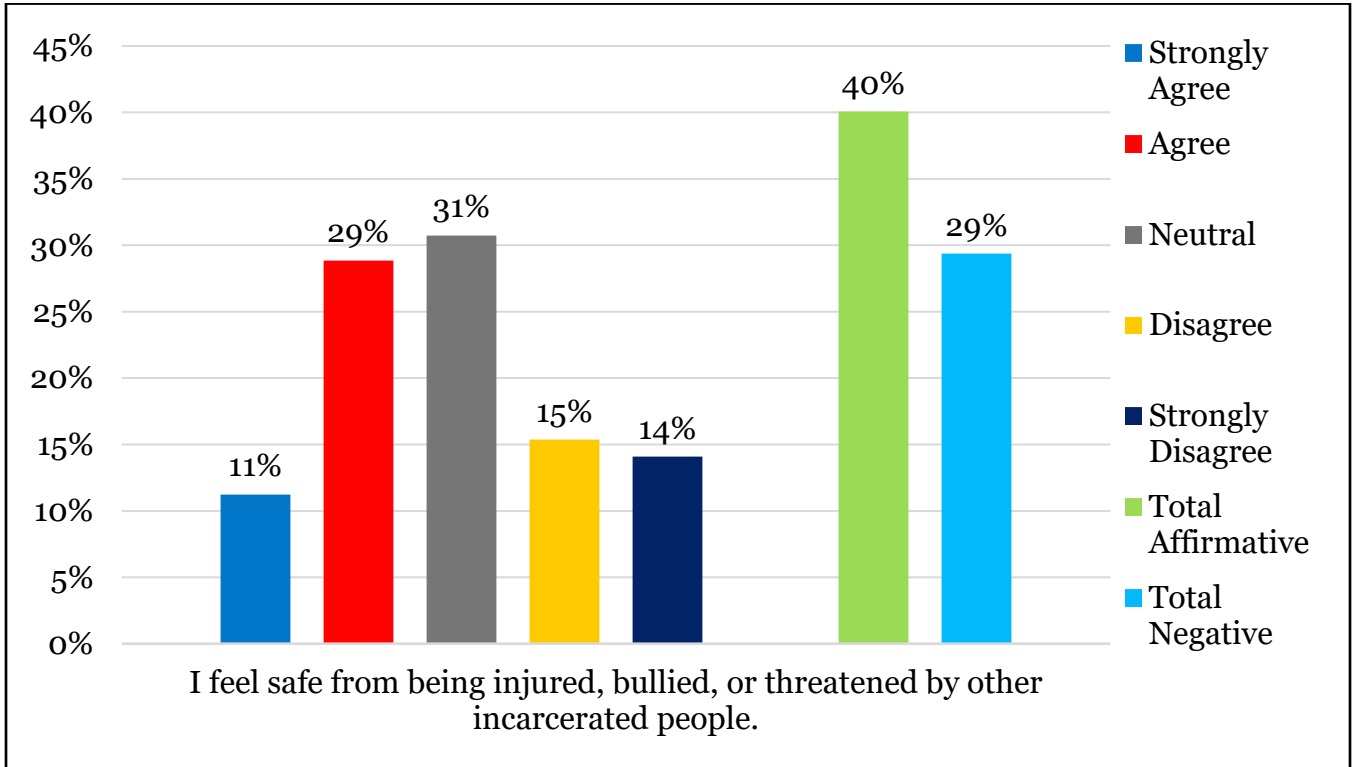
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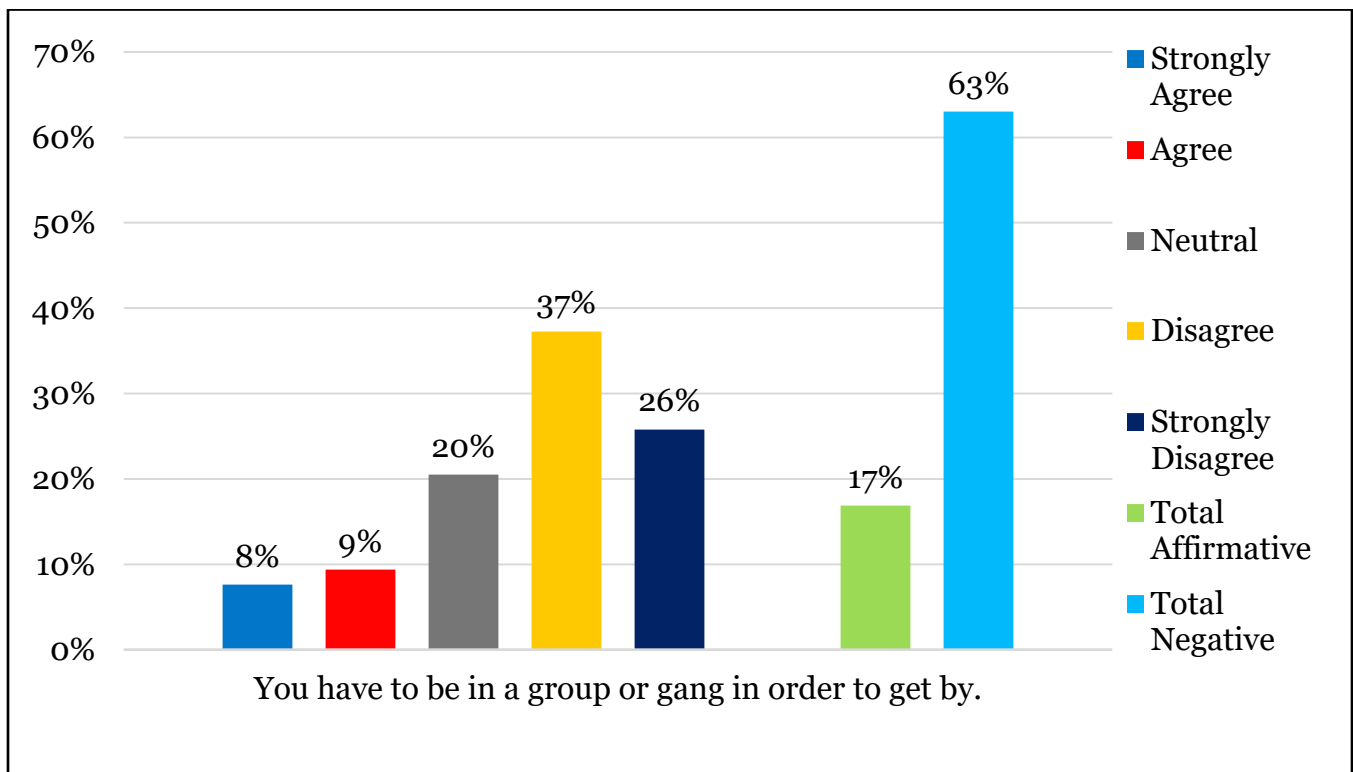
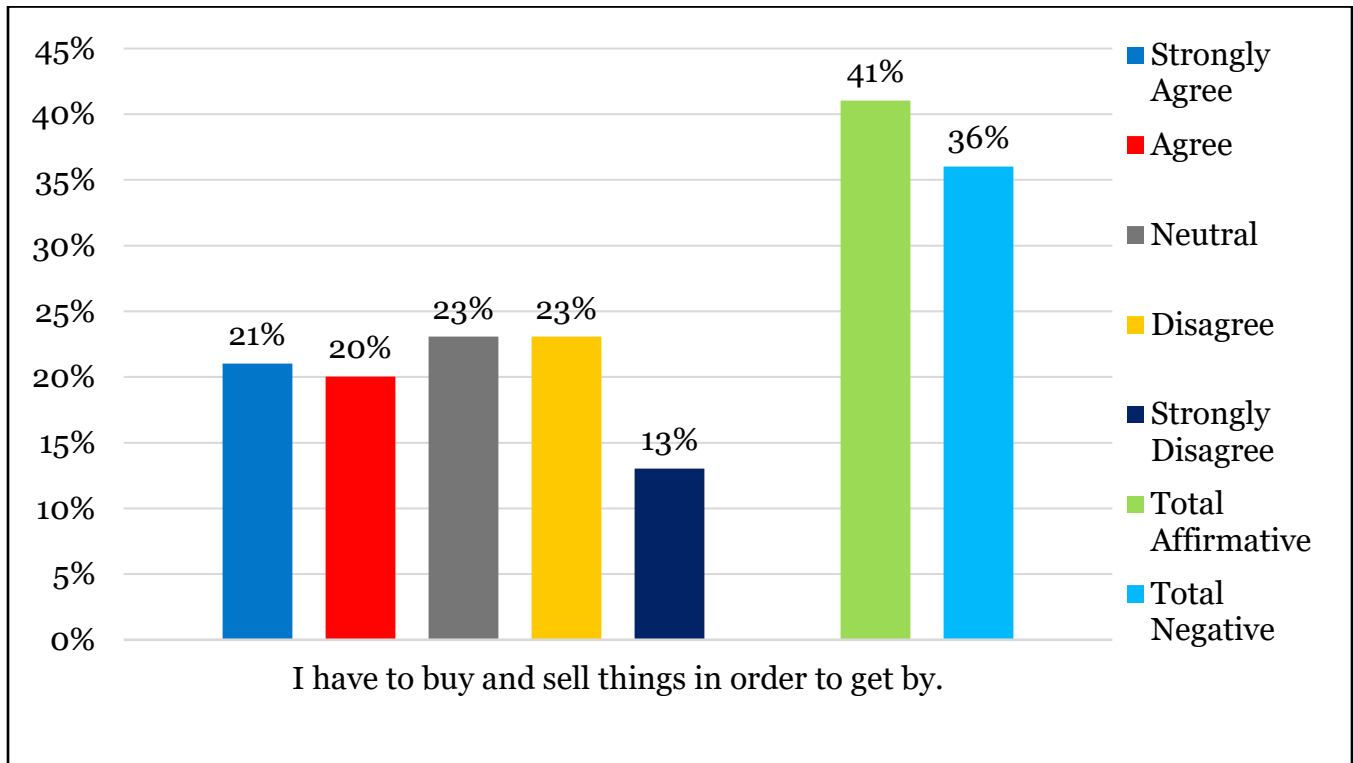




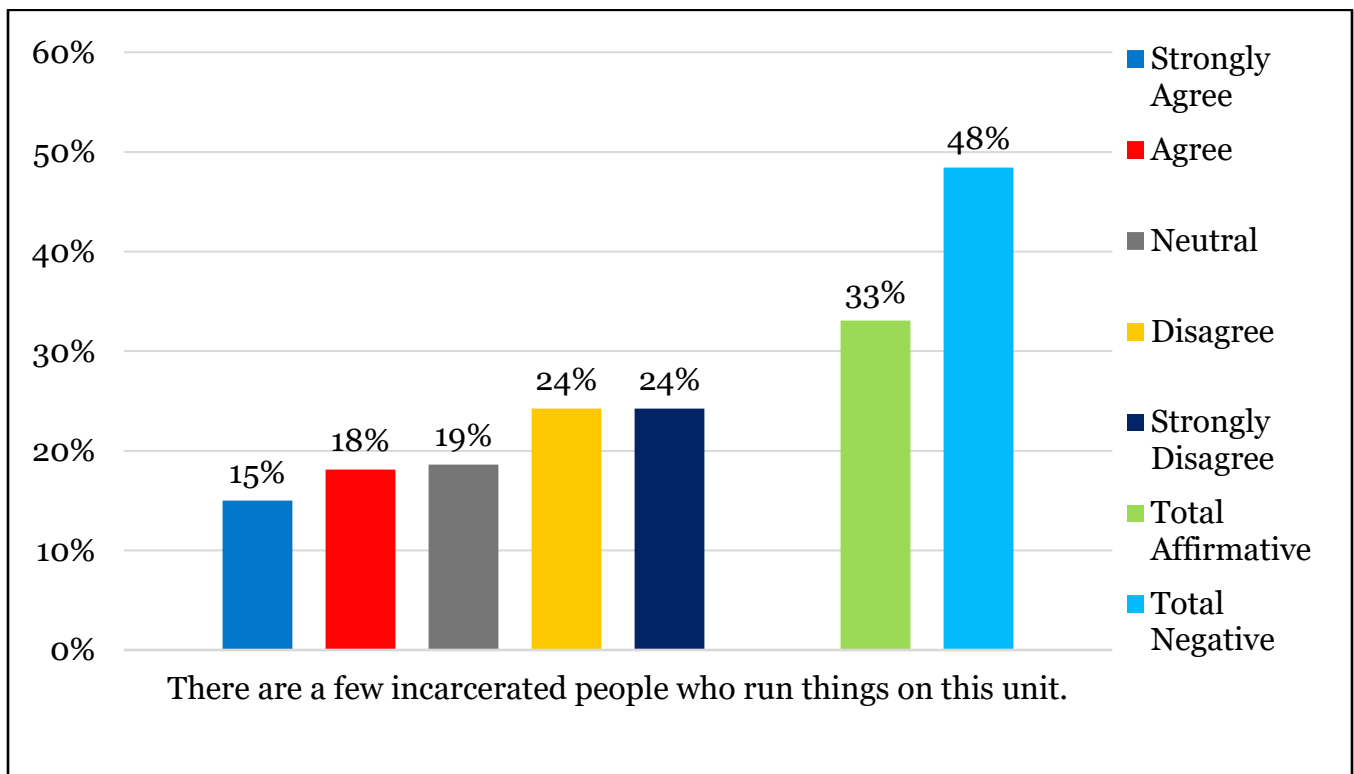
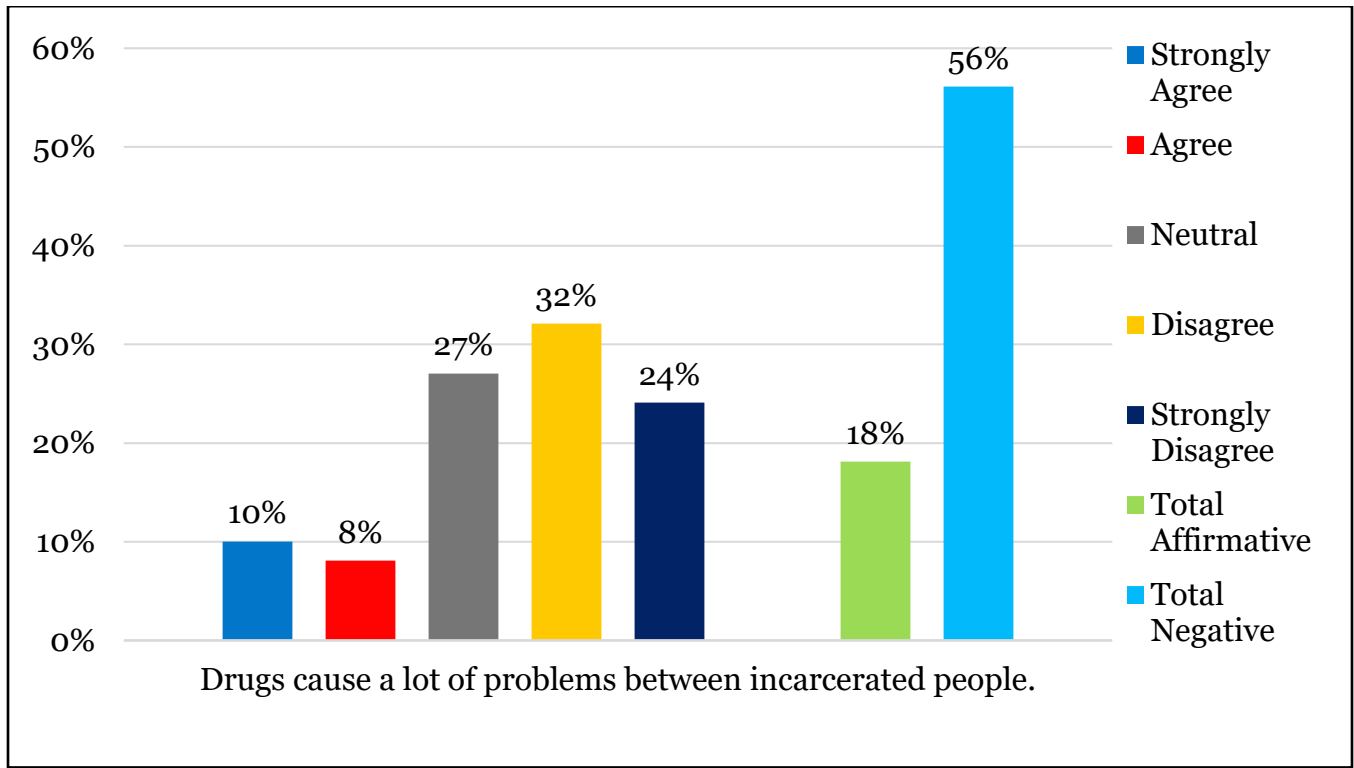
INCARCERATED PERSON SAFETY – THE FEELING OF SECURITY OR PROTECTION FROM HARM, THREAT, OR DANGER



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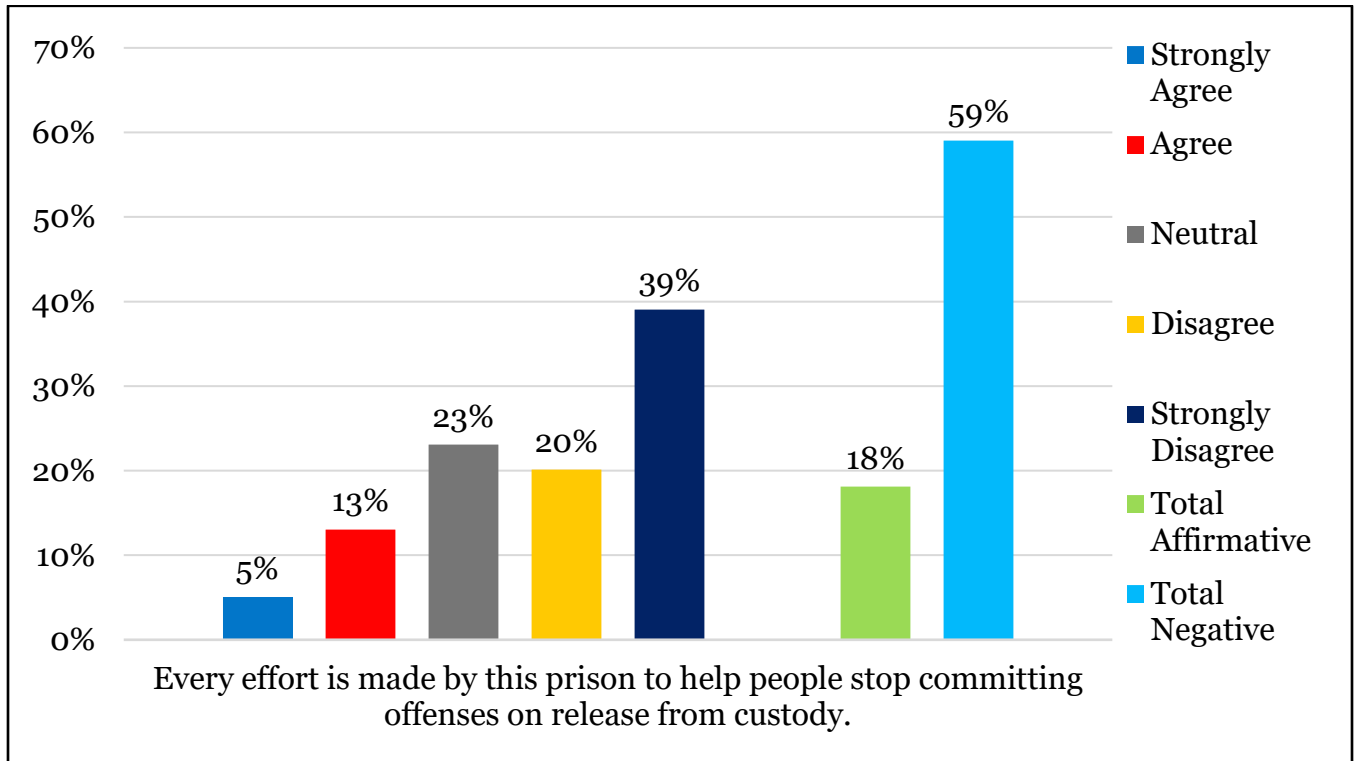


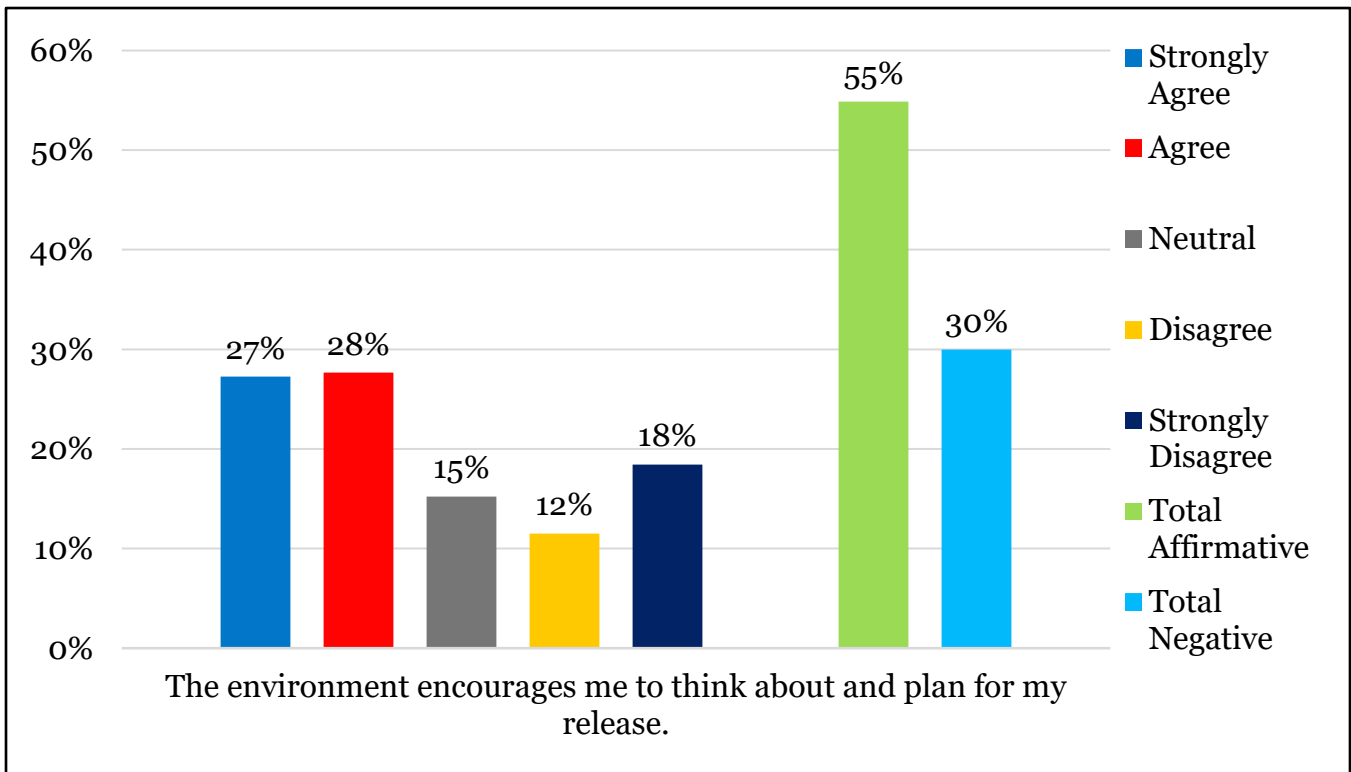
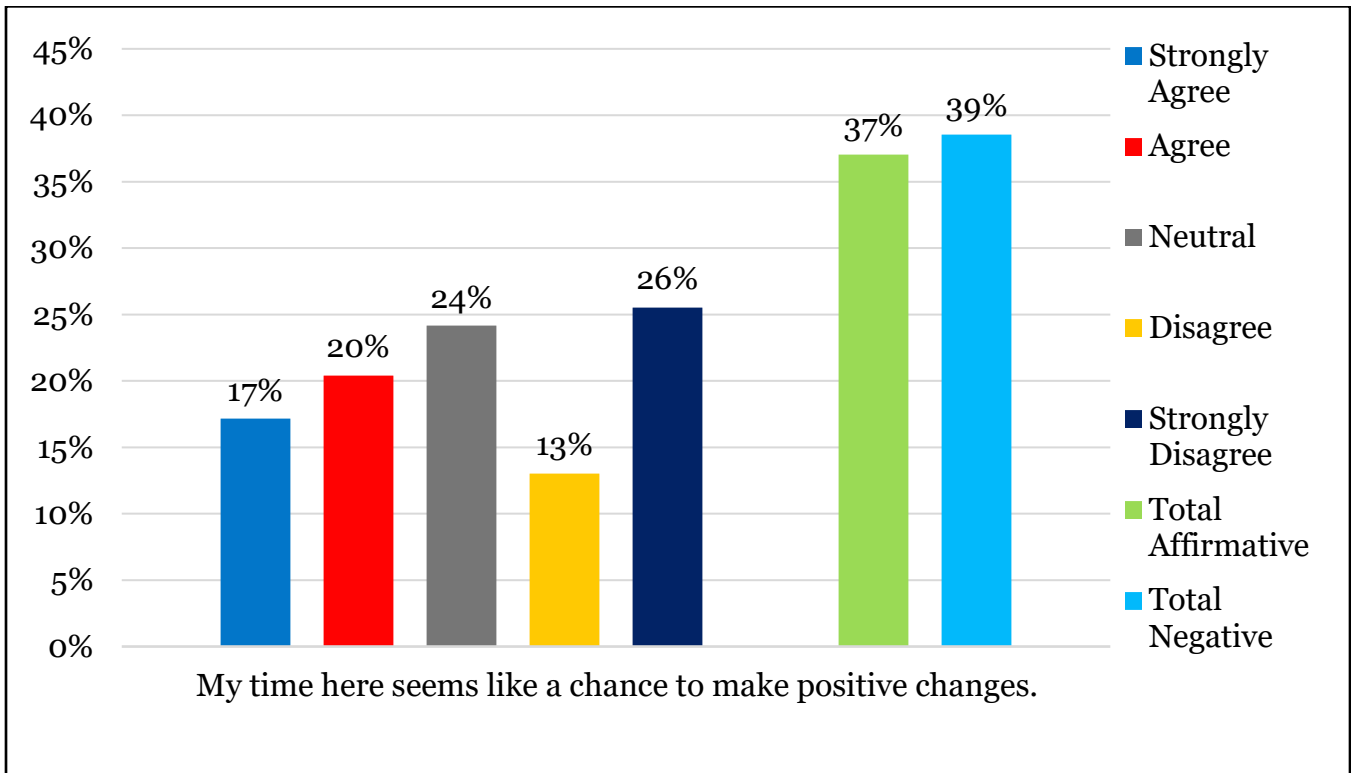
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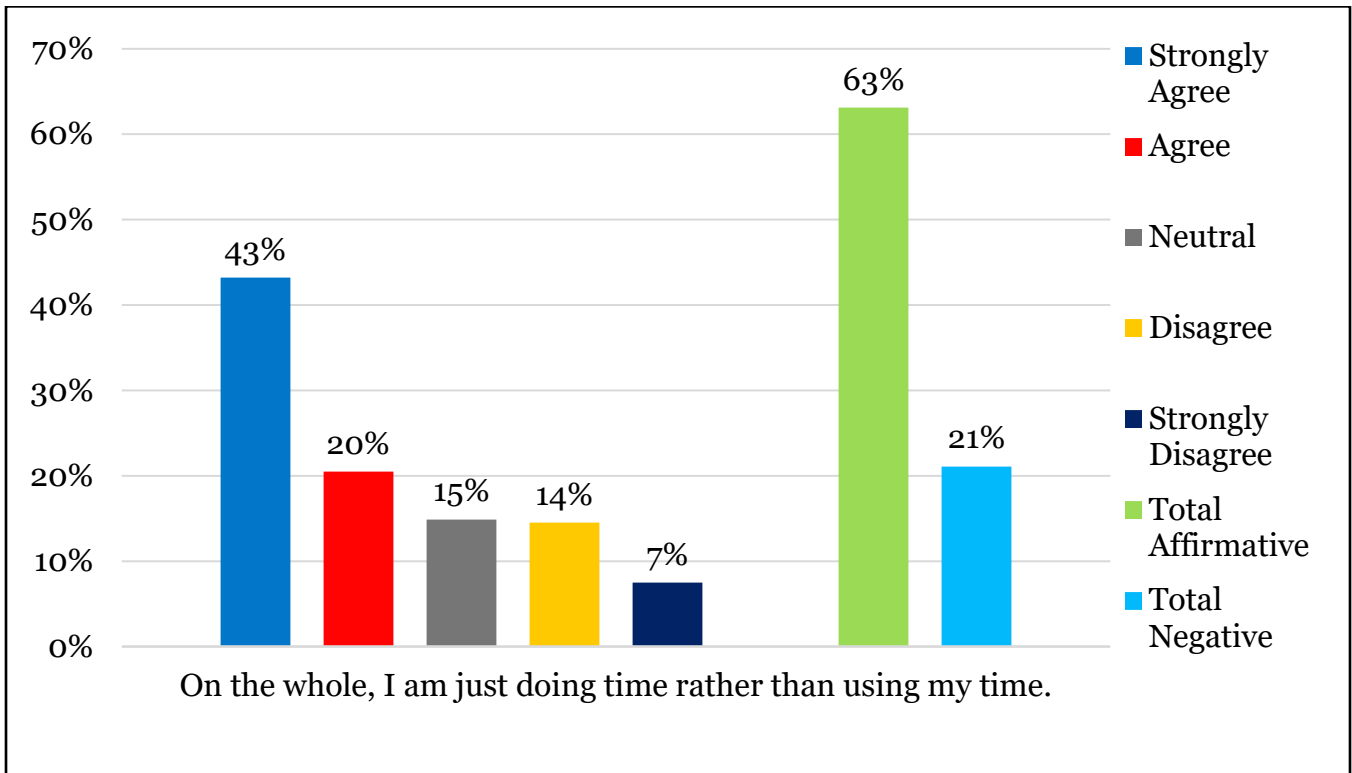


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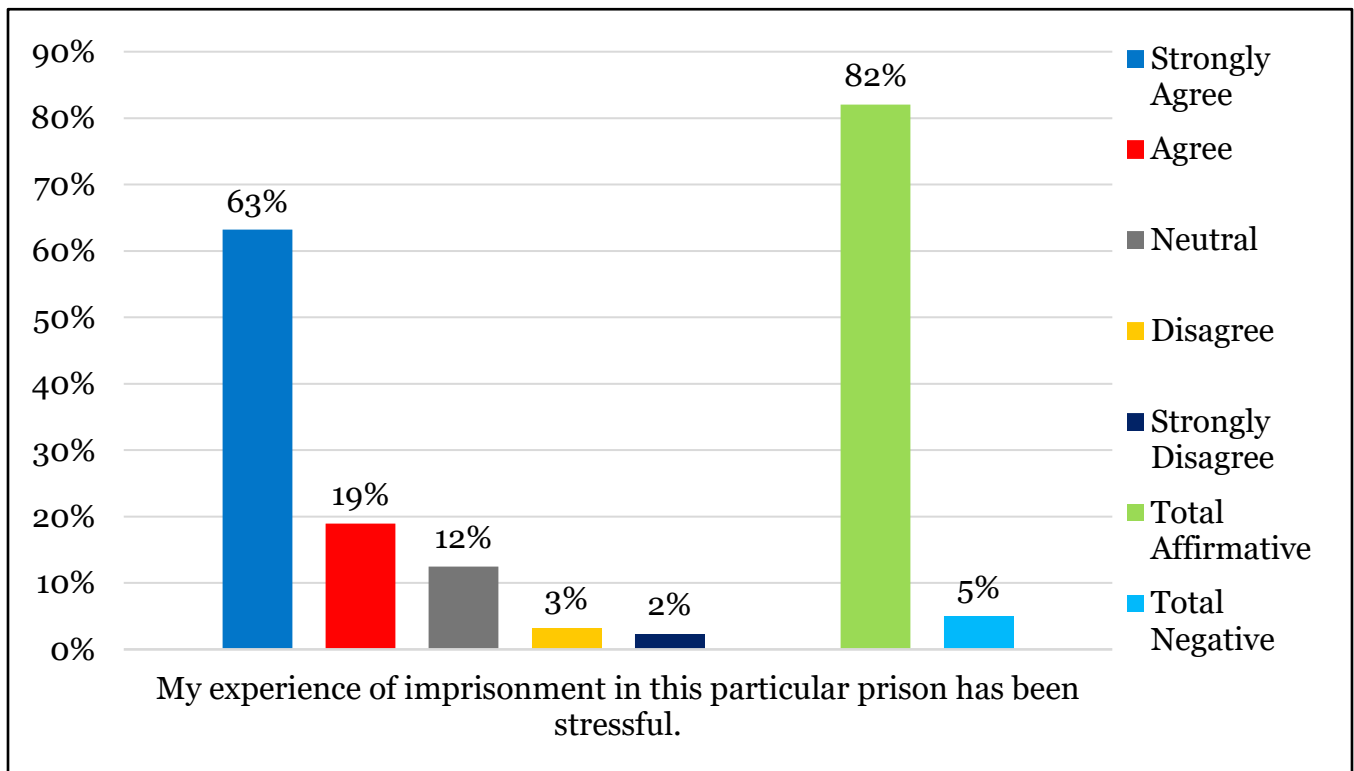
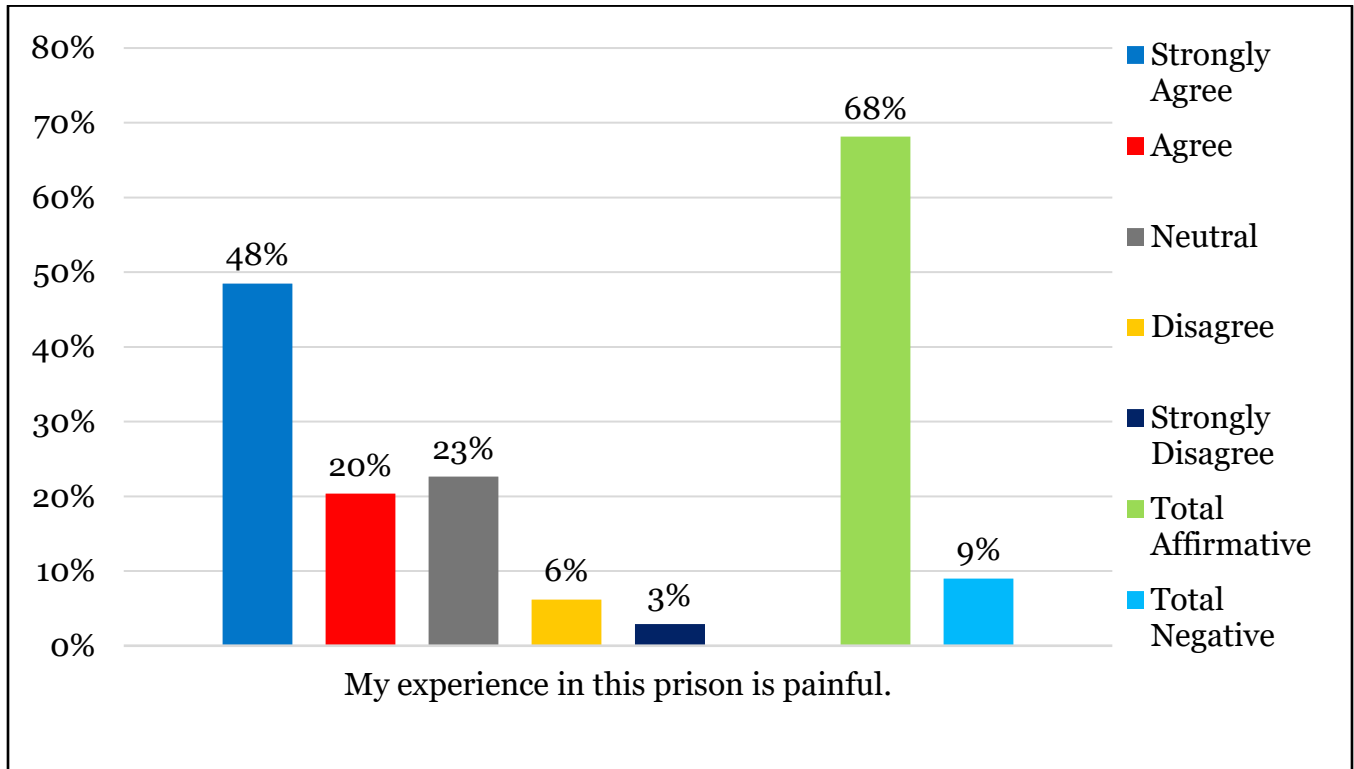
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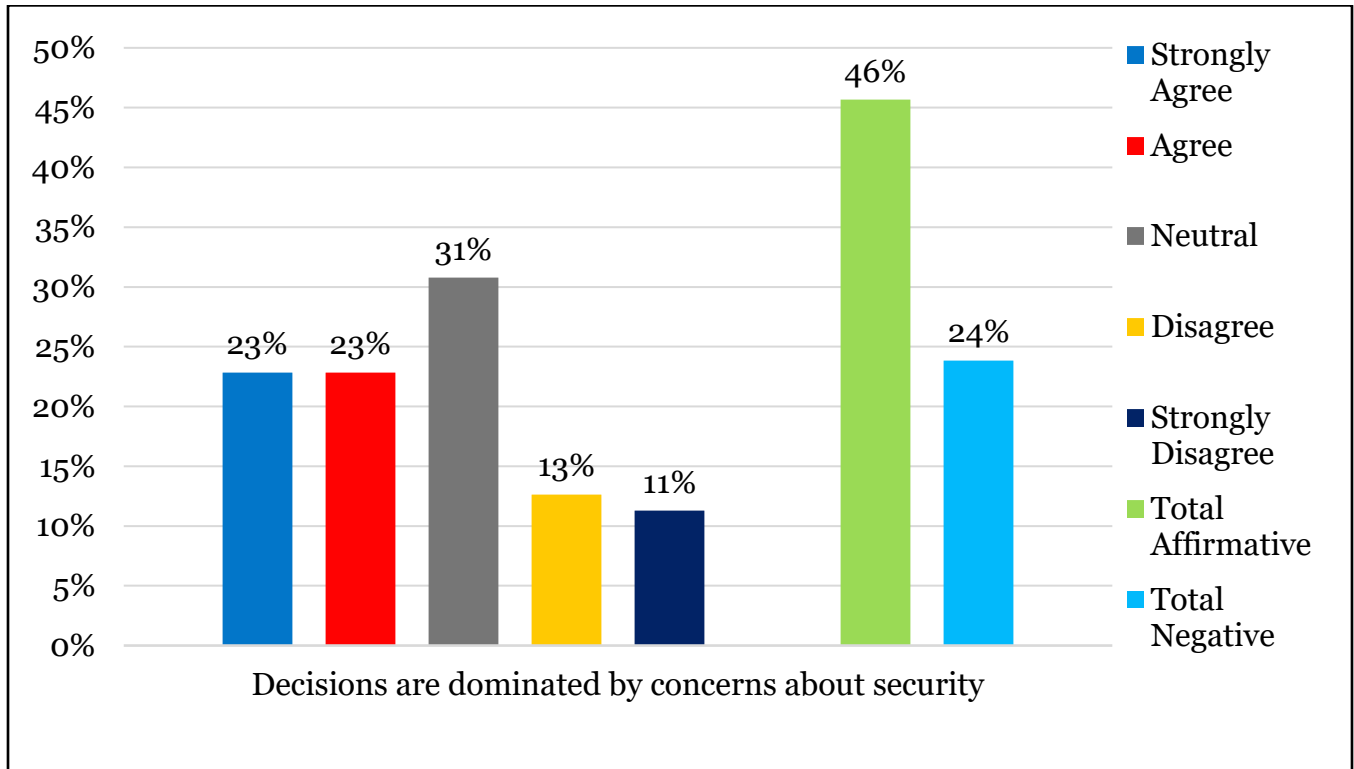


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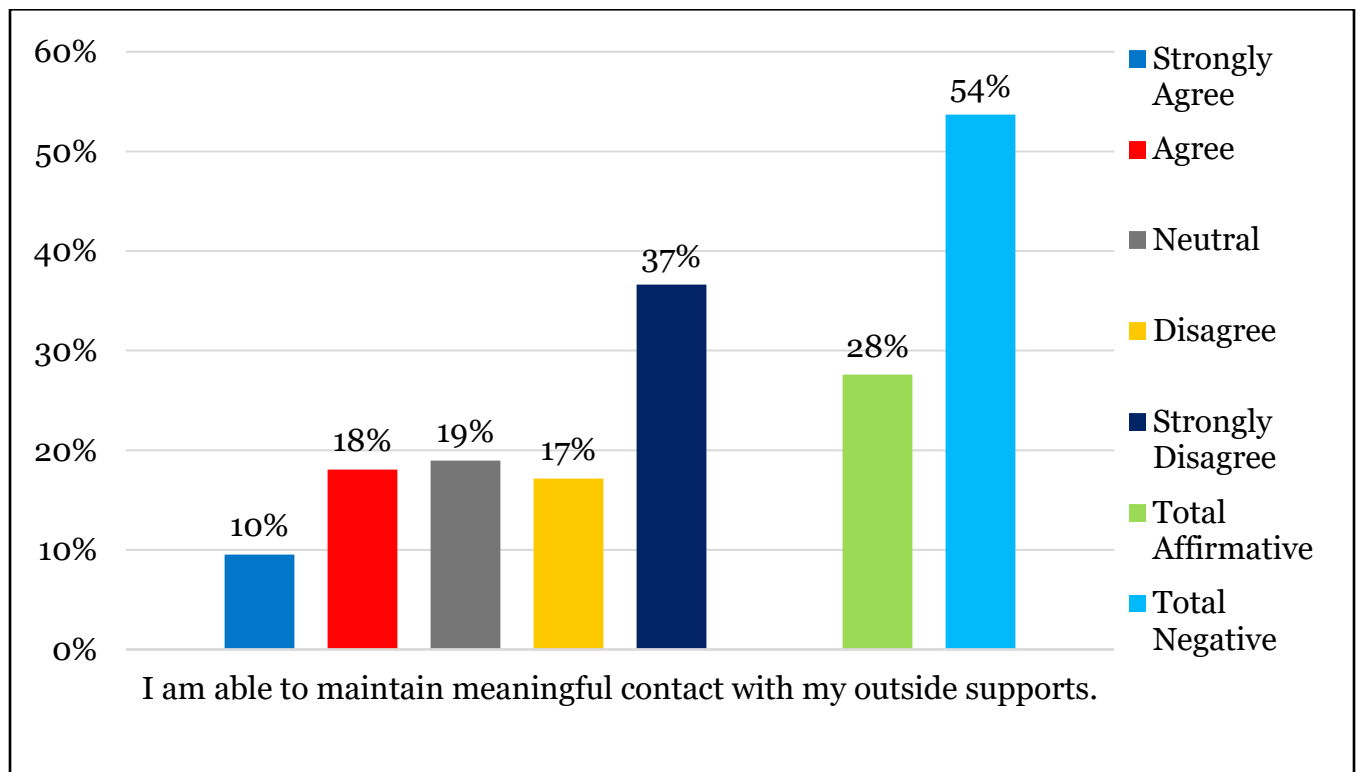


Additional Questions

DECISION-MAKING – THE EXTENT TO WHICH ADMINISTRATORS PRIORITIZE SECURITY CONCERNS OVER OTHER FACTORS

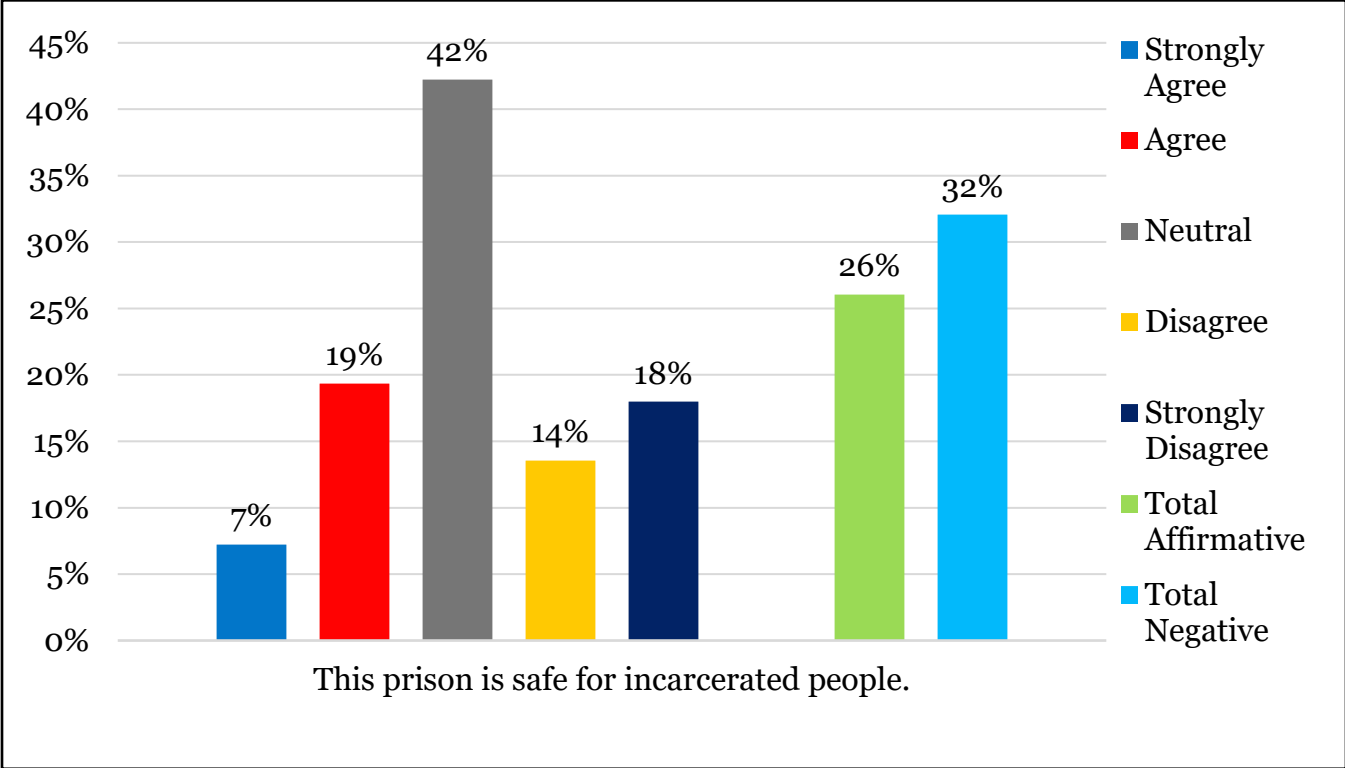


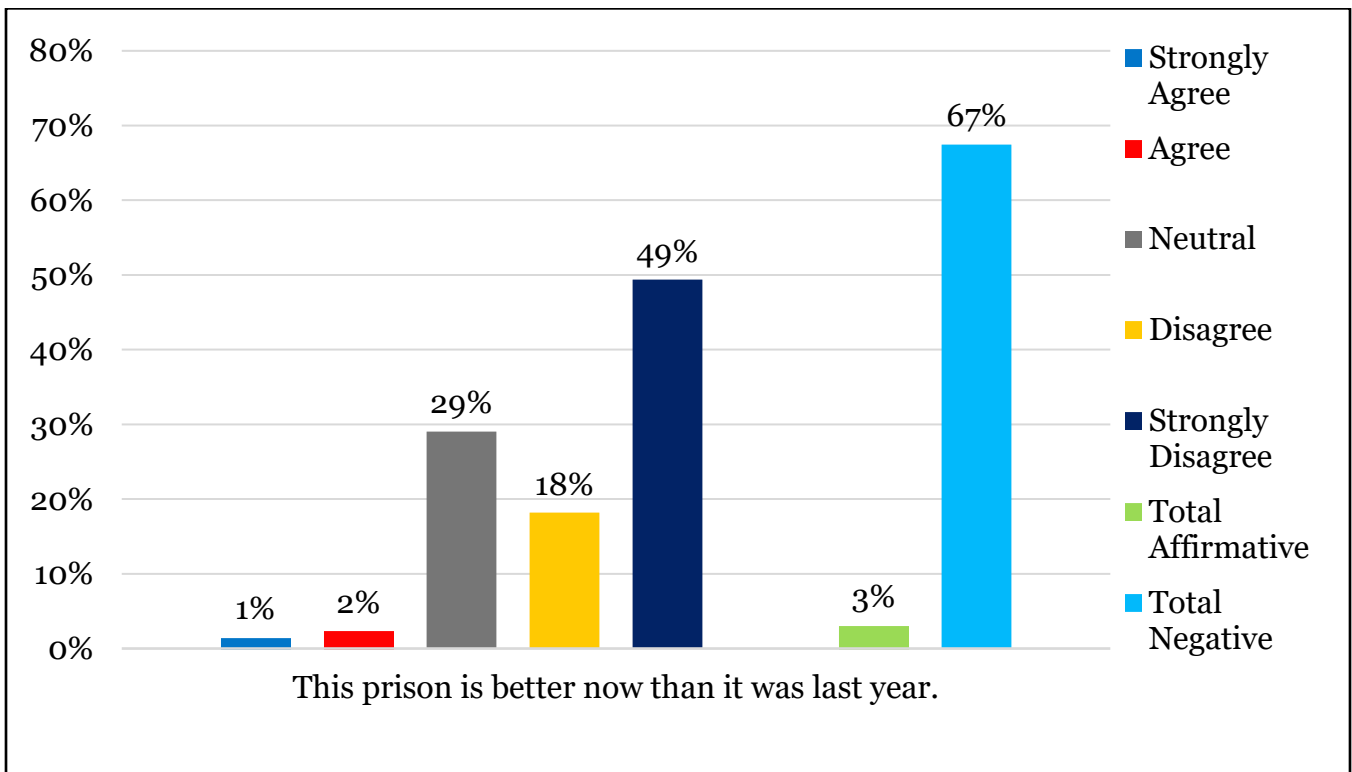
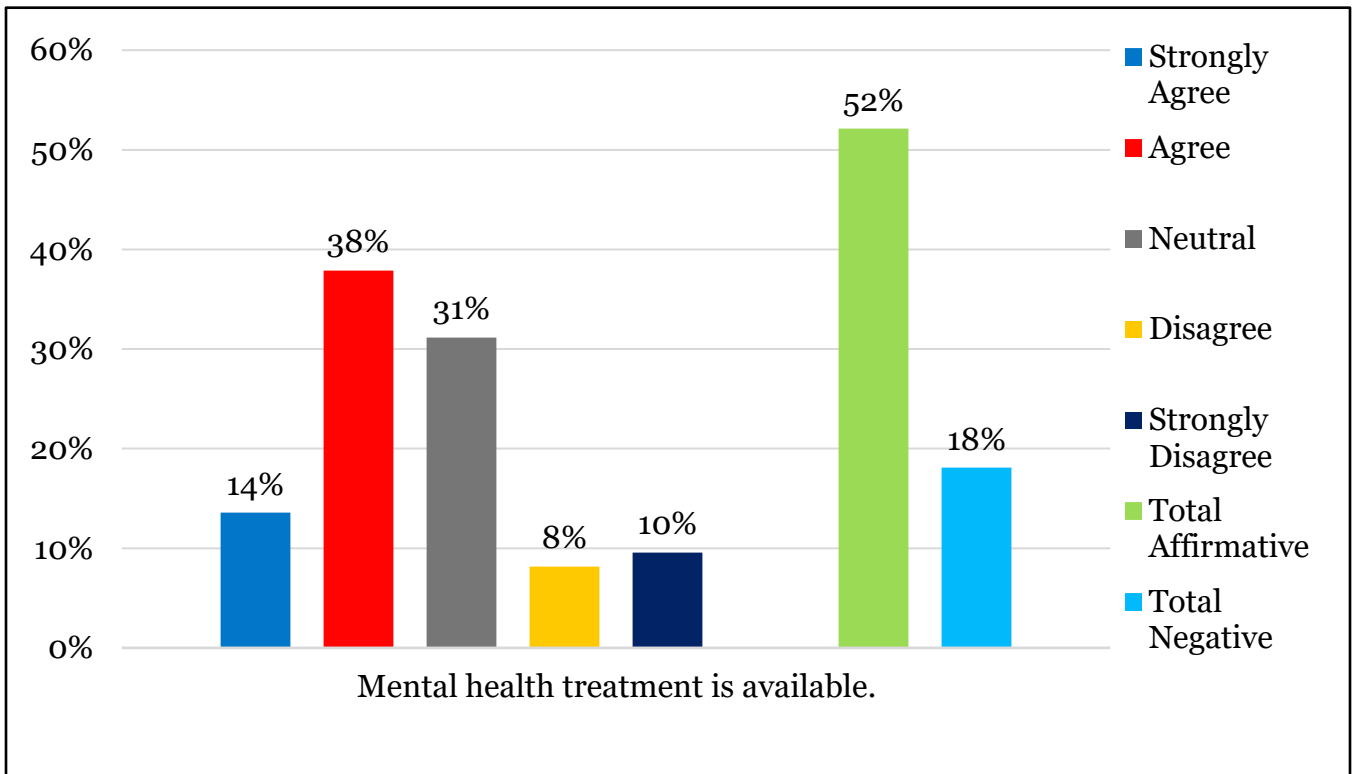
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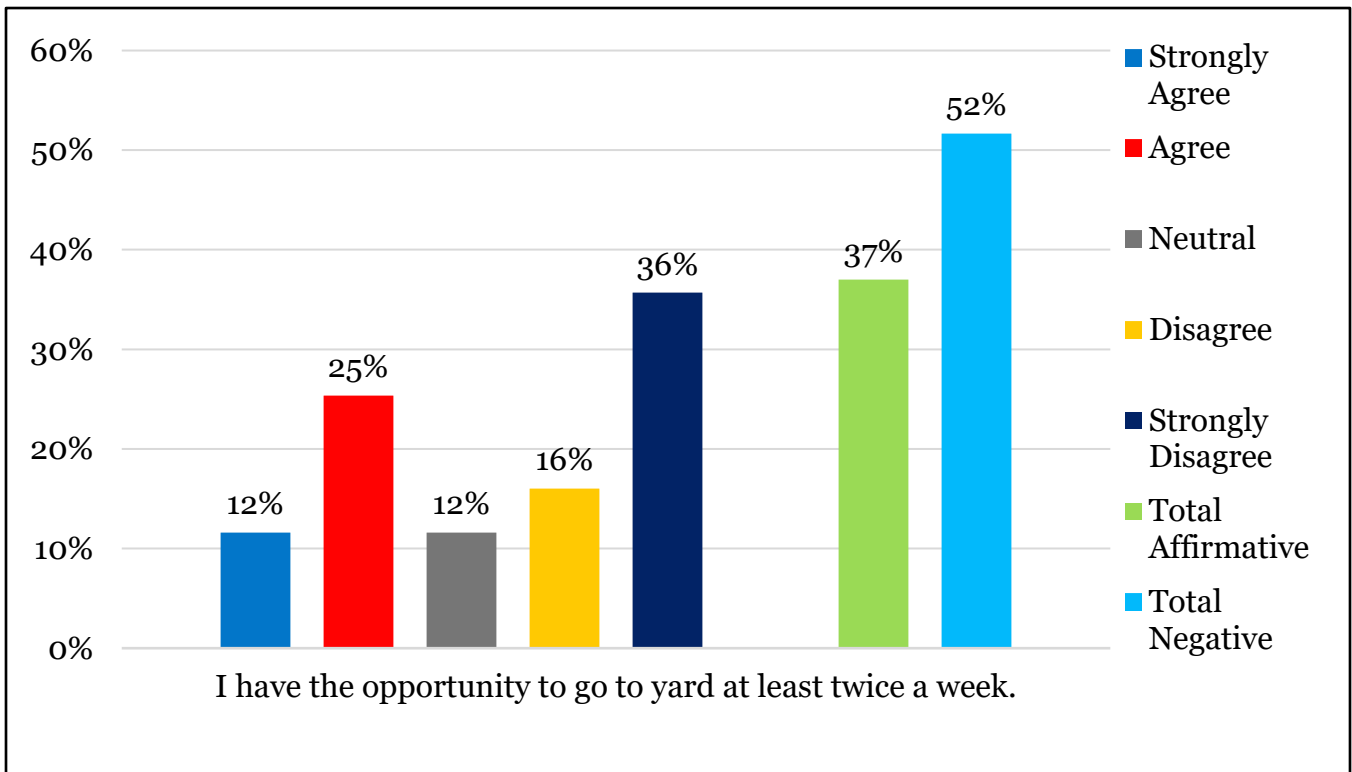
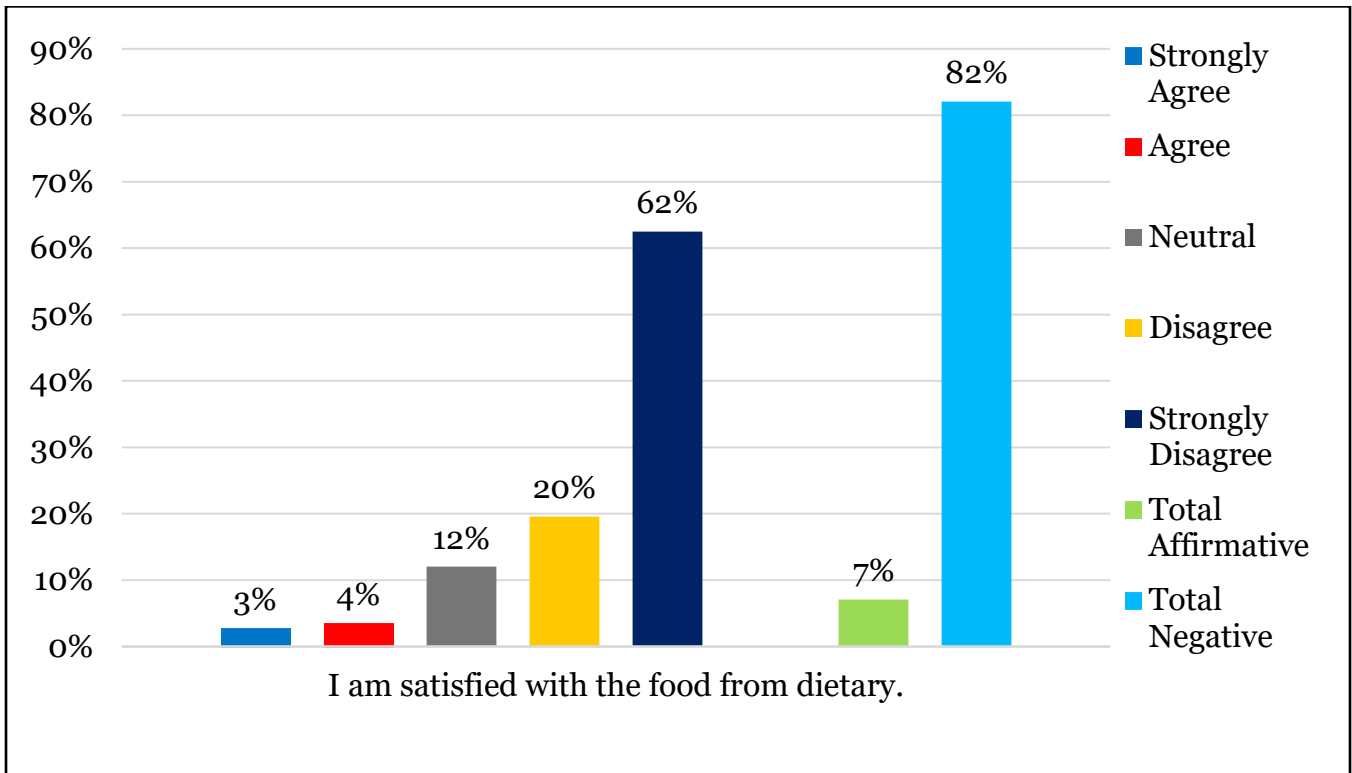


Charts: JHA Questions

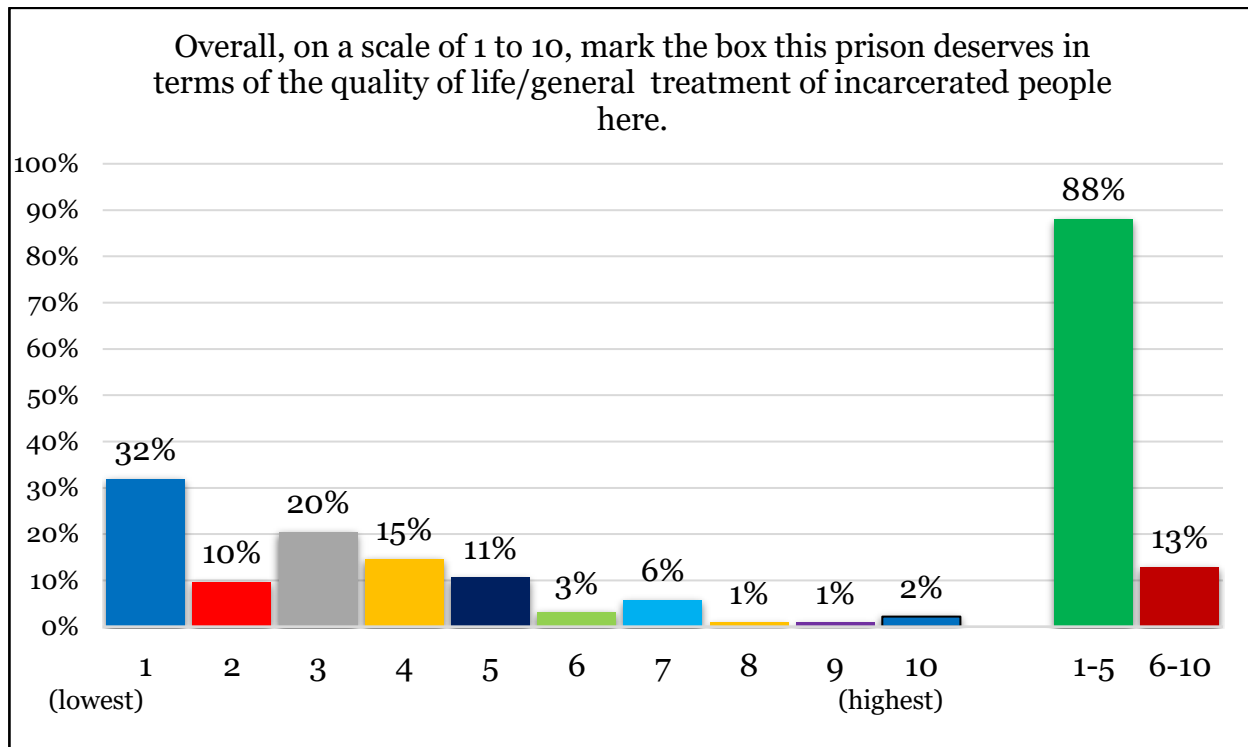
QUESTIONS USED IN PREVIOUS JHA SURVEYS







OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE



Tables of Results by Individual Survey Items

Age		
18-26	31	14%
26-30	41	18%
31-40	71	31%
41-50	53	24%
51 and over	30	13%
No response: 1		

Race or ethnicity		
White	70	31%
Black	120	53%
Hispanic or Latino	18	8%
Other	17	8%
No response: 2		

Are you within two years of release?		
Yes	151	67%
No	76	34%
No response:		

Were you first incarcerated prior to age 25?		
Yes	135	61%
No	87	39%
No response: 5		

What housing status are you currently on?		
General Population	96	43%
Restrictive Housing	25	11%
Other	104	46%
No response: 2		

Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area?		
Yes	69	31%
No	157	70%
No response: 1		

Do you have a work or school assignment?		
Work Assignment	41	18%
School Assignment	45	20%
Both	4	2%
Neither	135	60%
No response: 2		

Relationships between staff and incarcerated people are good.		
Strongly Agree	2	1%
Agree	15	7%
Neutral	72	32%
Disagree	54	24%
Strongly Disagree	83	37%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	17	8%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	137	61%
No response: 1		

I receive support from staff when I need it.		
Strongly Agree	2	1%
Agree	21	9%
Neutral	57	25%
Disagree	67	30%
Strongly Disagree	79	35%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	23	10%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	146	65%
No response: 1		

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.		
Strongly Agree	1	0%
Agree	27	12%
Neutral	41	18%
Disagree	64	28%
Strongly Disagree	92	41%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	28	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	156	69%
No response: 2		

I trust the officers.		
Strongly Agree	3	1%
Agree	6	3%
Neutral	49	22%
Disagree	55	24%
Strongly Disagree	112	50%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	9	4%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	167	74%
No response: 2		

I get along well with the officers on my unit.		
Strongly Agree	9	4%
Agree	47	22%
Neutral	80	37%
Disagree	25	11%
Strongly Disagree	58	27%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	56	26%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	83	38%
No response: 8		

The best way to get things done is to go through official channels.		
Strongly Agree	18	8%
Agree	46	20%
Neutral	55	24%
Disagree	44	20%
Strongly Disagree	62	28%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	64	28%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	106	48%
No response: 2		

I have been helped significantly by a staff member with a particular problem.		
Strongly Agree	8	4%
Agree	25	11%
Neutral	54	24%
Disagree	53	24%
Strongly Disagree	86	38%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	33	15%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	139	62%
No response: 1		

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.		
Strongly Agree	3	1%
Agree	33	15%
Neutral	68	30%
Disagree	49	22%
Strongly Disagree	71	32%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	36	16%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	120	54%
No response: 3		

I am treated as a person of value.		
Strongly Agree	3	1%
Agree	9	4%
Neutral	47	21%
Disagree	65	29%
Strongly Disagree	102	45%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	12	5%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	167	74%
No response: 1		

Some of the treatment I receive is degrading.		
Strongly Agree	67	31%
Agree	73	34%
Neutral	49	23%
Disagree	16	8%
Strongly Disagree	9	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	140	65%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	25	12%
No response: 13		

I feel safe from being injured, bullied, or threatened by other incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	24	11%
Agree	62	29%
Neutral	66	31%
Disagree	33	15%
Strongly Disagree	30	14%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	86	40%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	63	29%
No response: 12		

To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations.		
Strongly Agree	46	22%
Agree	58	27%
Neutral	66	31%
Disagree	38	18%
Strongly Disagree	6	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	104	49%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	44	21%
No response: 13		

Staff have enough experience and expertise to deal with issues that matter to me.		
Strongly Agree	4	2%
Agree	15	7%
Neutral	50	23%
Disagree	74	34%
Strongly Disagree	73	34%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	19	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	147	68%
No response: 11		

If you do something wrong, staff only use punishments if they have tried other options first.		
Strongly Agree	12	6%
Agree	31	14%
Neutral	36	17%
Disagree	52	24%
Strongly Disagree	85	39%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	43	20%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	137	63%
No response: 11		

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	102	48%
Agree	58	27%
Neutral	35	16%
Disagree	14	7%
Strongly Disagree	5	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	160	75%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	19	9%
No response: 13		

To get things done, you have to ask and ask and ask.		
Strongly Agree	144	67%
Agree	48	22%
Neutral	14	7%
Disagree	7	3%
Strongly Disagree	3	1%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	192	89%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	10	4%
No response: 11		

Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.		
Strongly Agree	79	37%
Agree	37	17%
Neutral	63	29%
Disagree	25	12%
Strongly Disagree	11	5%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	116	54%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	36	17%
No response: 12		

My experience of imprisonment in this particular prison has been stressful.		
Strongly Agree	137	63%
Agree	41	19%
Neutral	27	12%
Disagree	7	3%
Strongly Disagree	5	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	178	82%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	12	5%
No response: 10		

The environment encourages me to think about and plan for my release.		
Strongly Agree	59	27%
Agree	60	28%
Neutral	33	15%
Disagree	25	12%
Strongly Disagree	40	18%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	119	55%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	65	30%
No response: 10		

I have to be careful about everything I do, or it can be used against me.		
Strongly Agree	124	58%
Agree	60	28%
Neutral	22	10%
Disagree	5	2%
Strongly Disagree	4	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	184	86%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	9	4%
No response: 12		

Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.		
Strongly Agree	95	44%
Agree	54	25%
Neutral	35	16%
Disagree	23	11%
Strongly Disagree	9	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	149	69%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	32	15%
No response: 11		

On the whole, I am just doing time rather than using my time.		
Strongly Agree	93	43%
Agree	44	20%
Neutral	32	15%
Disagree	31	14%
Strongly Disagree	16	7%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	137	63%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	47	21%
No response: 11		

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.		
Strongly Agree	74	35%
Agree	57	27%
Neutral	37	17%
Disagree	26	12%
Strongly Disagree	20	9%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	131	62%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	46	21%
No response: 13		

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.		
Strongly Agree	10	5%
Agree	8	4%
Neutral	36	17%
Disagree	76	35%
Strongly Disagree	87	40%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	18	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	163	75%
No response: 10		

This prison is well organized.		
Strongly Agree	5	2%
Agree	5	2%
Neutral	24	11%
Disagree	45	21%
Strongly Disagree	138	64%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	10	4%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	183	85%
No response: 10		

You never know the rules.		
Strongly Agree	60	28%
Agree	43	20%
Neutral	57	26%
Disagree	44	20%
Strongly Disagree	12	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	103	48%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	56	26%
No response: 11		

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.		
Strongly Agree	4	2%
Agree	24	11%
Neutral	54	25%
Disagree	41	19%
Strongly Disagree	91	43%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	28	13%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	132	62%
No response: 13		

My experience in this prison is painful.		
Strongly Agree	103	48%
Agree	43	20%
Neutral	48	23%
Disagree	13	6%
Strongly Disagree	6	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	146	68%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	19	9%
No response: 14		

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms.		
Strongly Agree	8	4%
Agree	43	20%
Neutral	64	30%
Disagree	38	18%
Strongly Disagree	61	29%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	51	24%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	99	47%
No response: 13		

There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	49	24%
Agree	32	16%
Neutral	60	30%
Disagree	38	19%
Strongly Disagree	23	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	81	40%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	61	30%
No response: 25		

When I need to get something done, I can normally get it done by talking to someone face to face.		
Strongly Agree	13	6%
Agree	44	21%
Neutral	47	22%
Disagree	50	23%
Strongly Disagree	61	28%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	57	27%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	111	51%
No response: 12		

The disciplinary system is fair.		
Strongly Agree	9	4%
Agree	12	6%
Neutral	49	23%
Disagree	34	16%
Strongly Disagree	111	52%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	21	10%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	145	68%
No response: 12		

There are a few incarcerated people who run things on this unit.		
Strongly Agree	32	15%
Agree	39	18%
Neutral	40	19%
Disagree	52	24%
Strongly Disagree	52	24%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	71	33%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	104	48%
No response: 12		

I am not being treated as a human being in here.		
Strongly Agree	82	37%
Agree	53	24%
Neutral	46	21%
Disagree	31	14%
Strongly Disagree	12	5%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	135	61%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	43	19%
No response: 3		

I have to buy and sell things in order to get by.		
Strongly Agree	45	21%
Agree	43	20%
Neutral	50	23%
Disagree	49	23%
Strongly Disagree	28	13%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	88	41%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	77	36%
No response: 12		

You have to be in a group or gang in order to get by.		
Strongly Agree	17	8%
Agree	21	9%
Neutral	46	20%
Disagree	84	37%
Strongly Disagree	58	26%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	38	17%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	142	63%
No response: 1		

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.		
Strongly Agree	49	23%
Agree	49	23%
Neutral	66	31%
Disagree	27	13%
Strongly Disagree	24	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	98	46%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	51	24%
No response: 12		

When important decisions are made about me, I am treated as an individual and not a number.		
Strongly Agree	10	5%
Agree	15	7%
Neutral	34	15%
Disagree	79	35%
Strongly Disagree	85	38%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	25	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	164	73%
No response: 4		

My time here seems like a chance to make positive changes.		
Strongly Agree	37	17%
Agree	44	20%
Neutral	52	24%
Disagree	28	13%
Strongly Disagree	55	26%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	81	37%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	83	39%
No response: 11		

Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	22	10%
Agree	17	8%
Neutral	61	27%
Disagree	71	32%
Strongly Disagree	53	24%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	39	18%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	124	56%
No response: 3		

Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.		
Strongly Agree	22	10%
Agree	47	21%
Neutral	71	32%
Disagree	39	18%
Strongly Disagree	41	19%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	69	31%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	80	37%
No response: 7		

All they care about is my offense and security level, not the person I really am.		
Strongly Agree	126	56%
Agree	57	25%
Neutral	26	12%
Disagree	11	5%
Strongly Disagree	7	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	183	81%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	18	8%

Anyone who harms themselves is considered by staff to be more of an attention seeker than someone who needs help.		
Strongly Agree	93	42%
Agree	63	28%
Neutral	46	21%
Disagree	18	8%
Strongly Disagree	4	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	156	70%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	22	10%
No response: 3		

I am able to maintain meaningful contact with my outside supports.		
Strongly Agree	21	10%
Agree	40	18%
Neutral	42	19%
Disagree	38	17%
Strongly Disagree	81	37%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	61	28%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	119	54%
No response: 5		

This prison is poor at giving incarcerated people reasons for decisions.		
Strongly Agree	103	46%
Agree	70	31%
Neutral	33	15%
Disagree	9	4%
Strongly Disagree	9	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	173	77%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	18	8%
No response: 3		

Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.		
Strongly Agree	9	4%
Agree	7	3%
Neutral	36	16%
Disagree	57	25%
Strongly Disagree	116	52%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	16	7%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	173	77%
No response: 2		

This is a humane prison.		
Strongly Agree	17	8%
Agree	26	12%
Neutral	58	26%
Disagree	45	21%
Strongly Disagree	74	34%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	43	20%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	119	55%
No response: 7		

Incarcerated people in this prison spend too long locked up in cells.		
Strongly Agree	185	83%
Agree	13	6%
Neutral	15	7%
Disagree	2	1%
Strongly Disagree	7	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	198	89%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	9	4%
No response: 5		

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	16	7%
Agree	43	19%
Neutral	94	42%
Disagree	30	14%
Strongly Disagree	40	18%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	59	26%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	70	32%
No response: 4		

Mental health treatment is available.		
Strongly Agree	30	14%
Agree	84	38%
Neutral	69	31%
Disagree	18	8%
Strongly Disagree	21	9%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	114	52%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	39	17%
No response: 5		

This prison is better now than it was last year.		
Strongly Agree	3	1%
Agree	5	2%
Neutral	64	29%
Disagree	40	18%
Strongly Disagree	109	49%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	8	3%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	149	67%
No response: 6		

Every effort is made by this prison to help people stop committing offenses on release from custody.		
Strongly Agree	10	5%
Agree	28	13%
Neutral	52	23%
Disagree	45	20%
Strongly Disagree	87	39%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	38	18%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	132	59%
No response: 5		

I am satisfied with food from dietary.		
Strongly Agree	6	3%
Agree	8	4%
Neutral	27	12%
Disagree	44	19%
Strongly Disagree	141	62%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	14	7%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	185	81%
No response: 1		

I have the opportunity to go to yard at least twice a week.		
Strongly Agree	26	12%
Agree	57	25%
Neutral	26	12%
Disagree	36	16%
Strongly Disagree	80	36%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	83	37%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	116	52%
No response: 2		

Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10, mark the box this prison deserves in terms of the quality of life/general treatment of the people incarcerated here.

1 (Lowest)	72	32%
2	22	10%
3	46	20%
4	33	15%
5	24	11%
6	7	3%
7	13	6%
8	2	1%
9	2	1%
10 (Highest)	5	2%
<i>1-5</i>	197	88%
<i>6-10</i>	29	13%
No response: 1		
Mean: 3.20		



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