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**Survey Results**



# **East Moline 2022 MQPL Survey Results**

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# Introduction

East Moline Correctional Center is a minimum-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 449 people on June 29, 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 East Moline had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 131 responses to the MQPL survey from people at East Moline through the end of 2022, representing approximately 29.2% 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

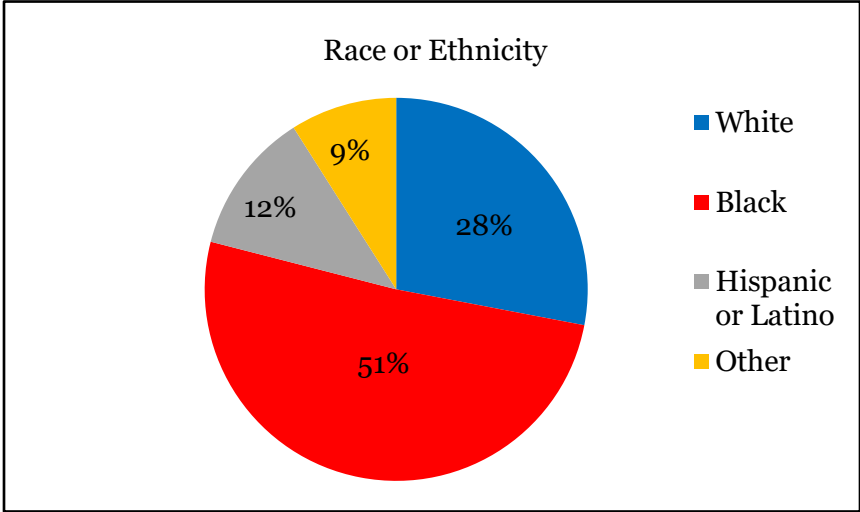
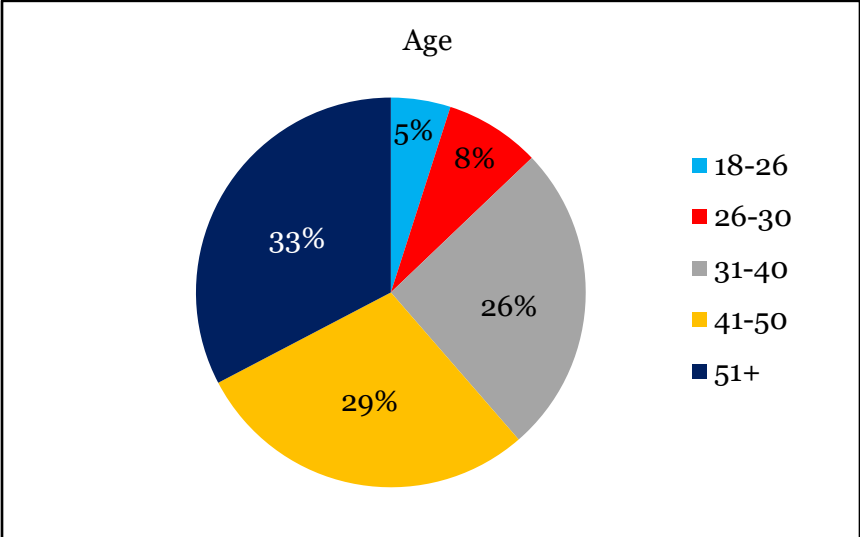
- **Harmony: Questions relating to interpersonal aspects of the prison experience**
  - Respect/courtesy – Positive, respectful, and courteous attitudes towards incarcerated people by staff.
  - Staff-incarcerated people relationships – Trusting, fair and supportive interactions between staff and incarcerated 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

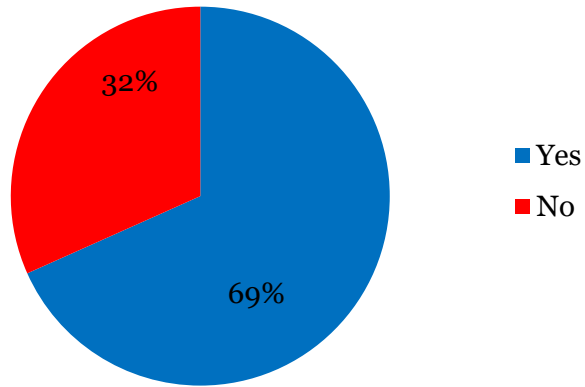
Total respondents = 131<sup>1</sup>



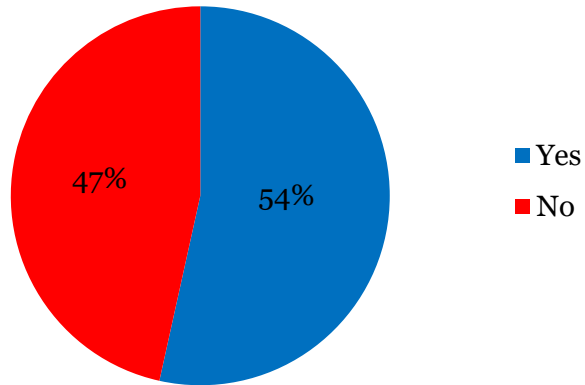
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<sup>1</sup> Due to rounding, not all percentages total 100%. Not all respondents responded to all questions; see tables at end of document for number of respondents per question.

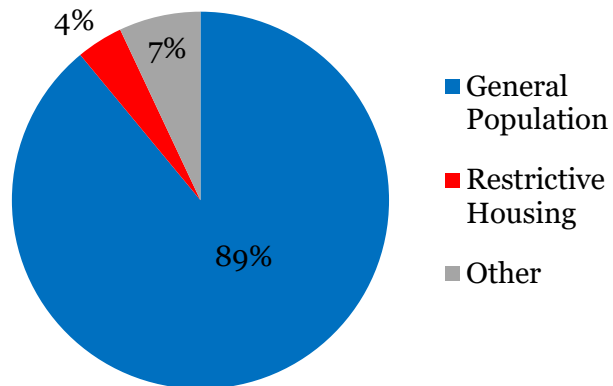
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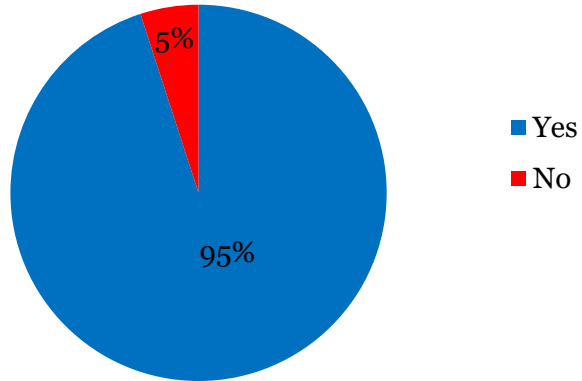
Were you first incarcerated prior to age 25?



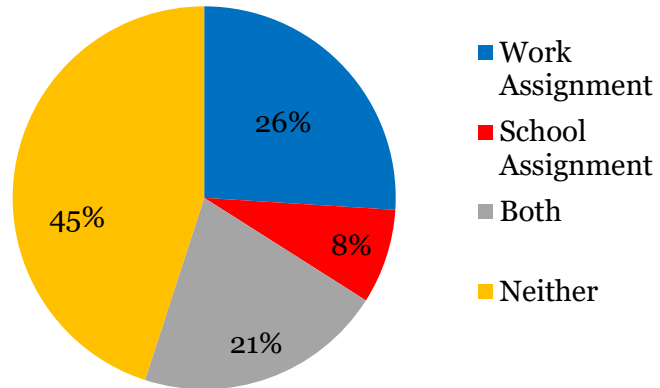
What is your housing status?



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



Do you have a work or school assignment?

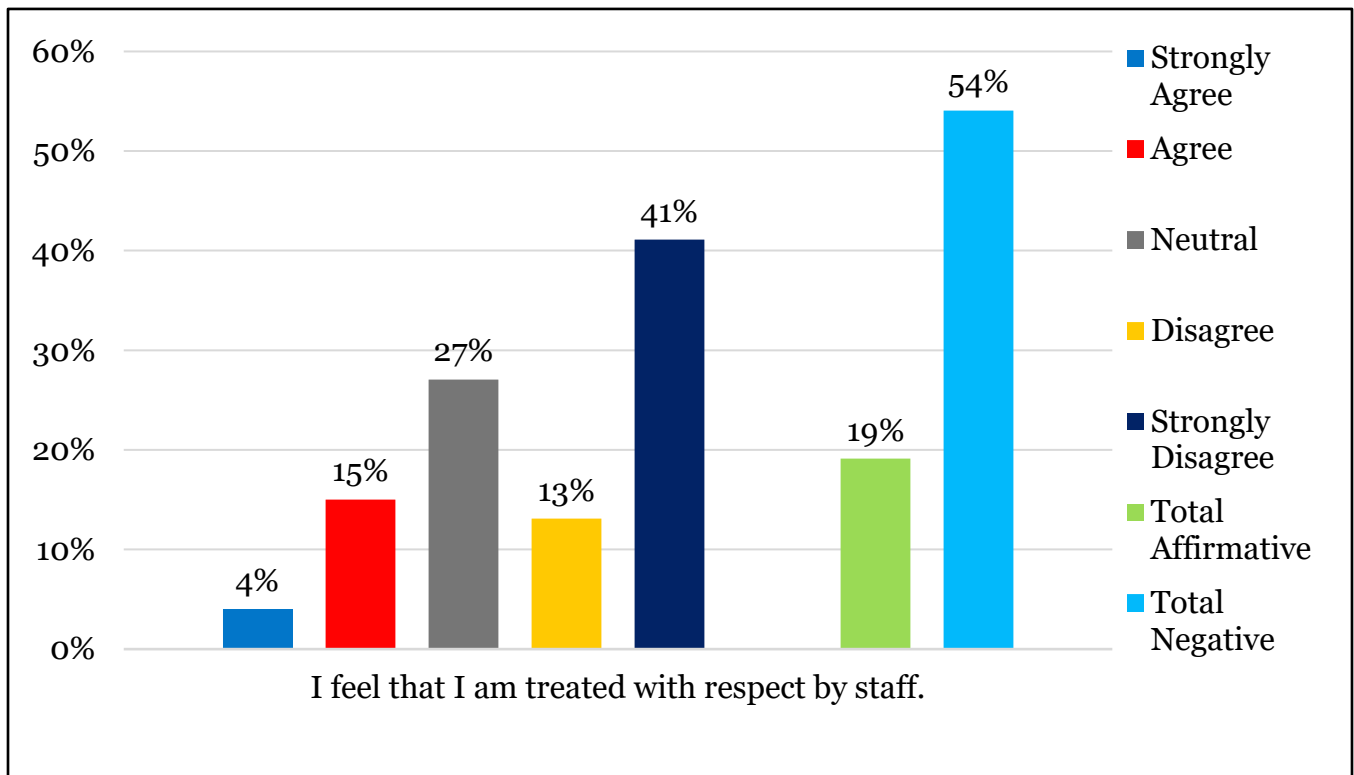




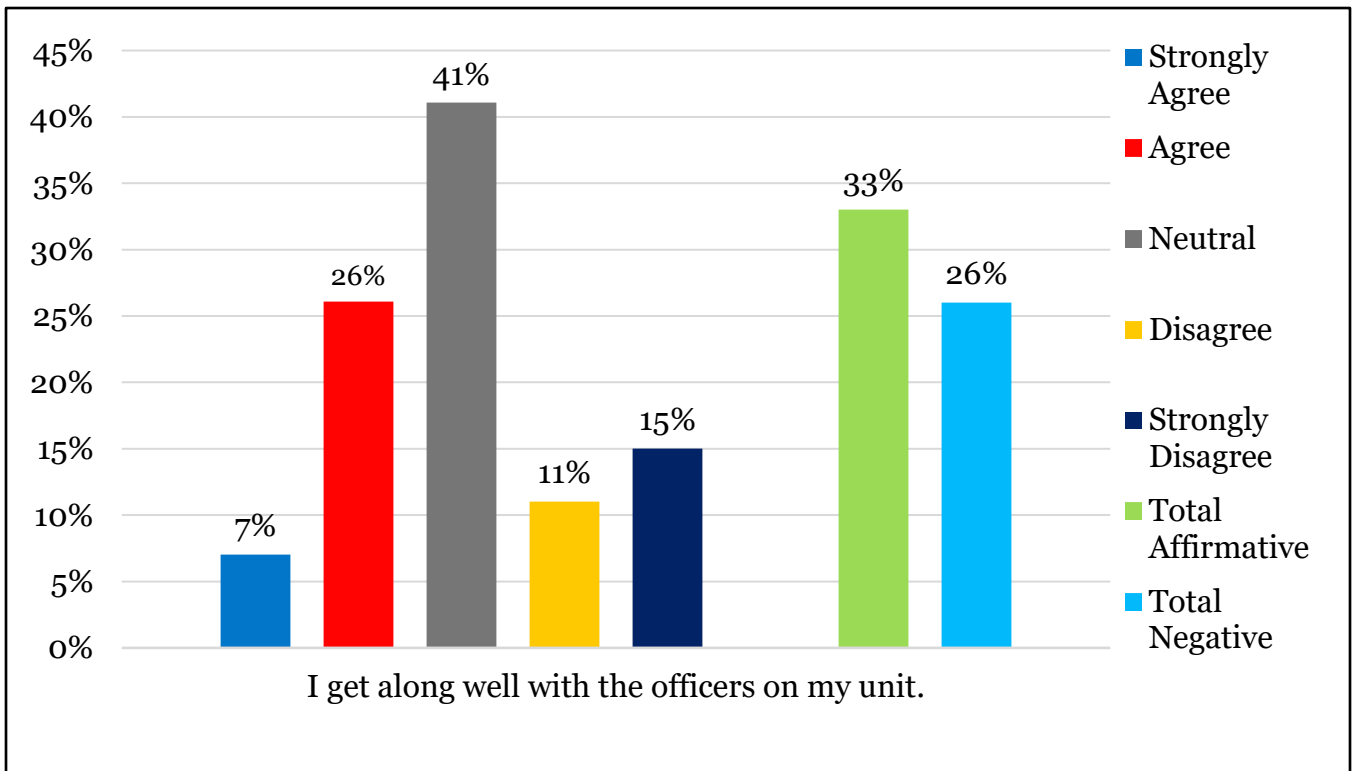
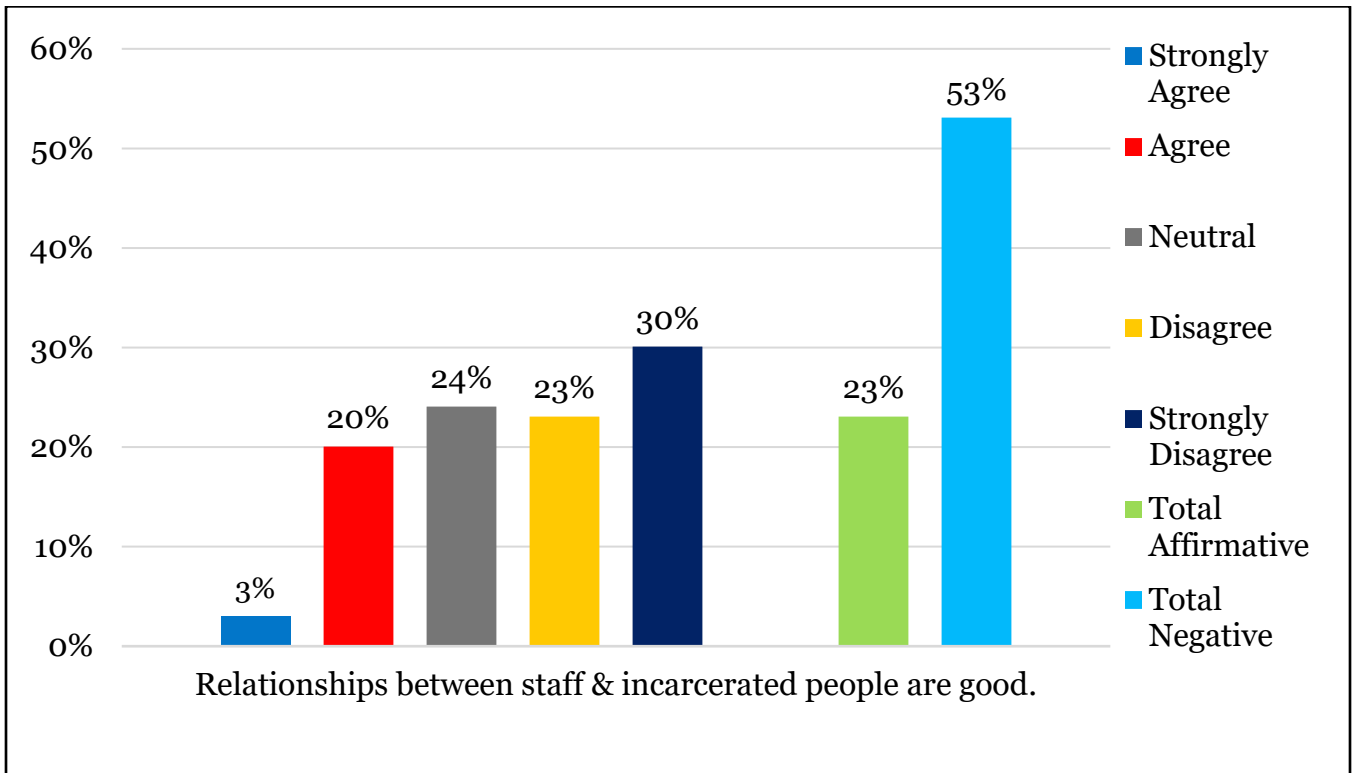
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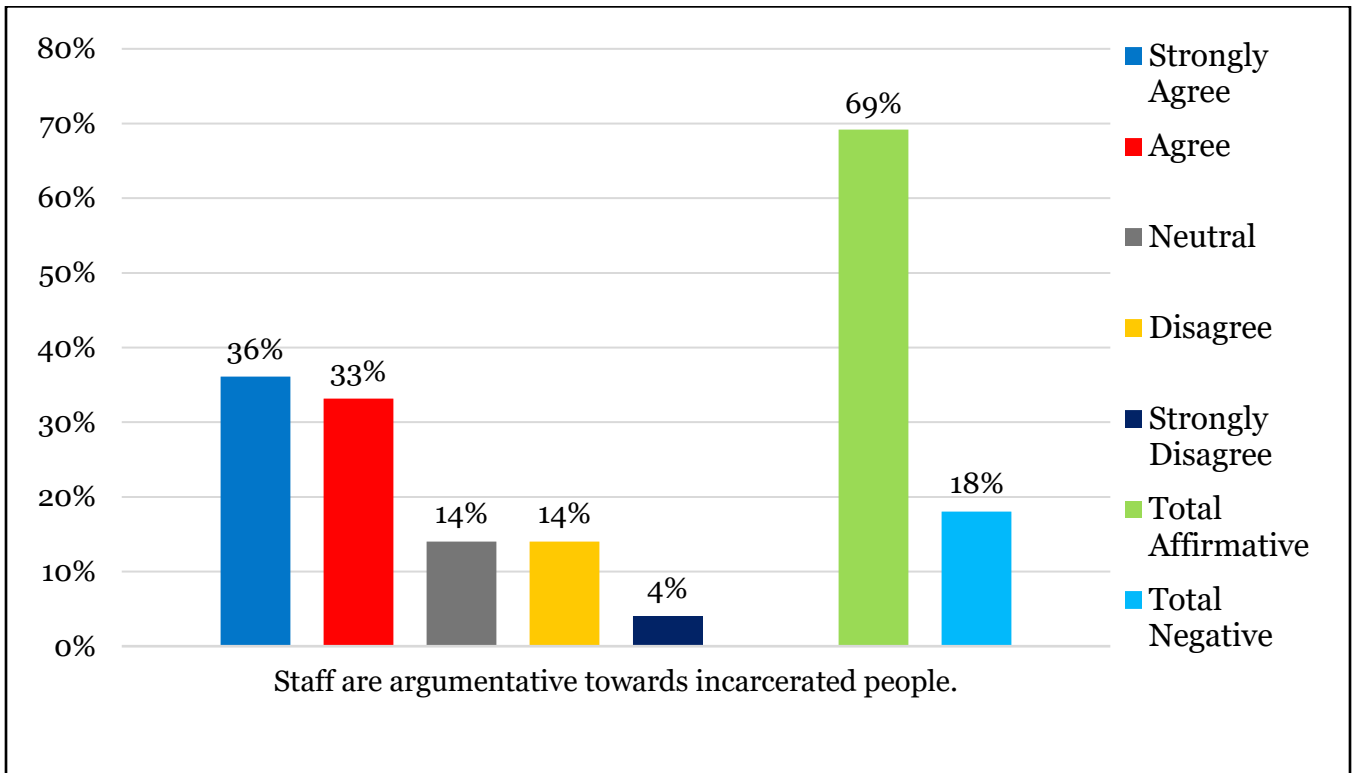
## Harmony

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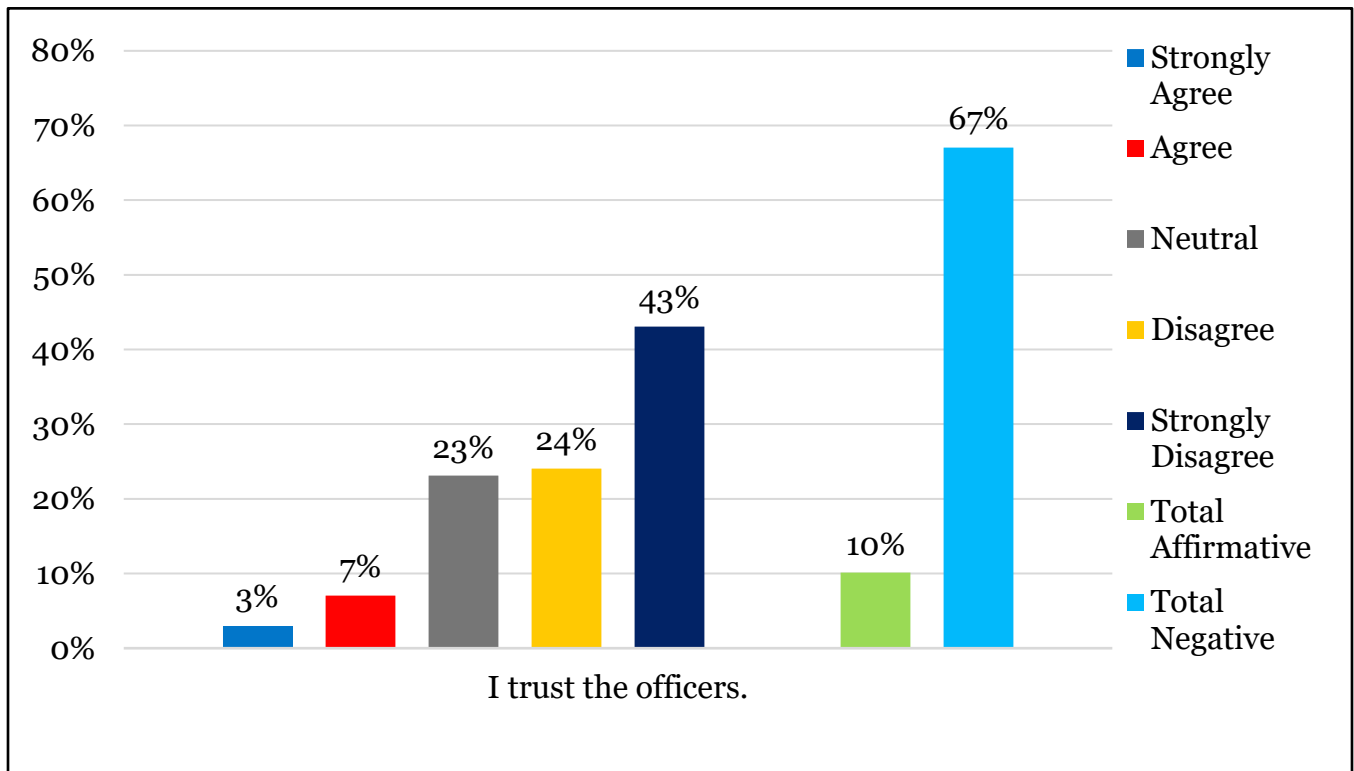
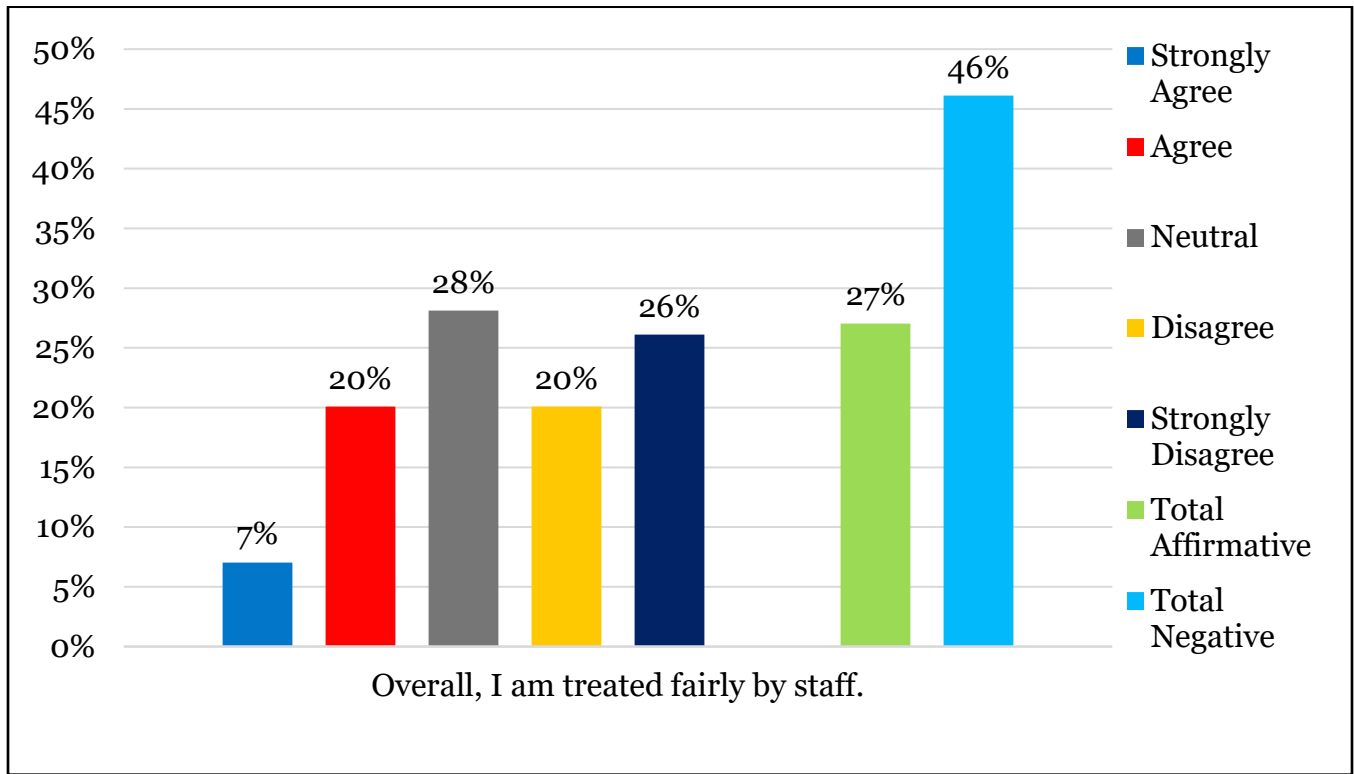


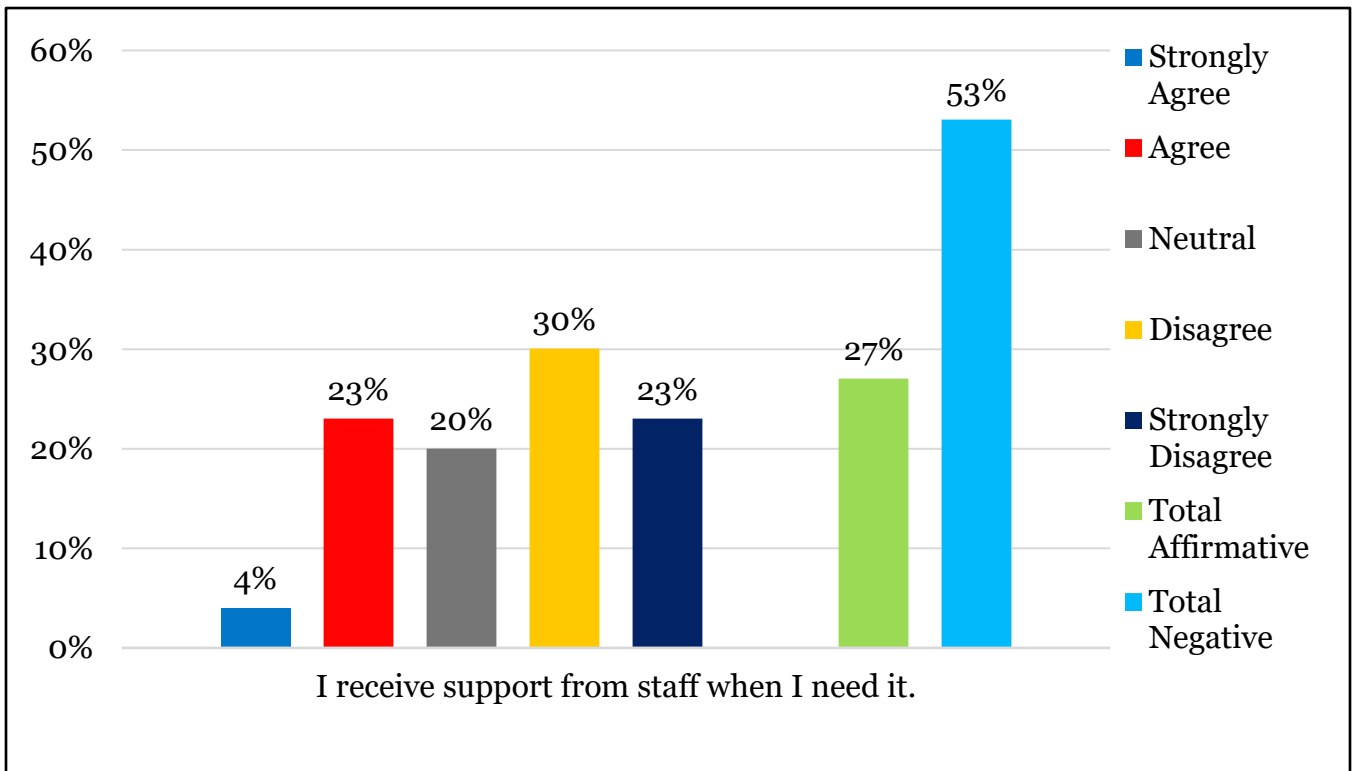
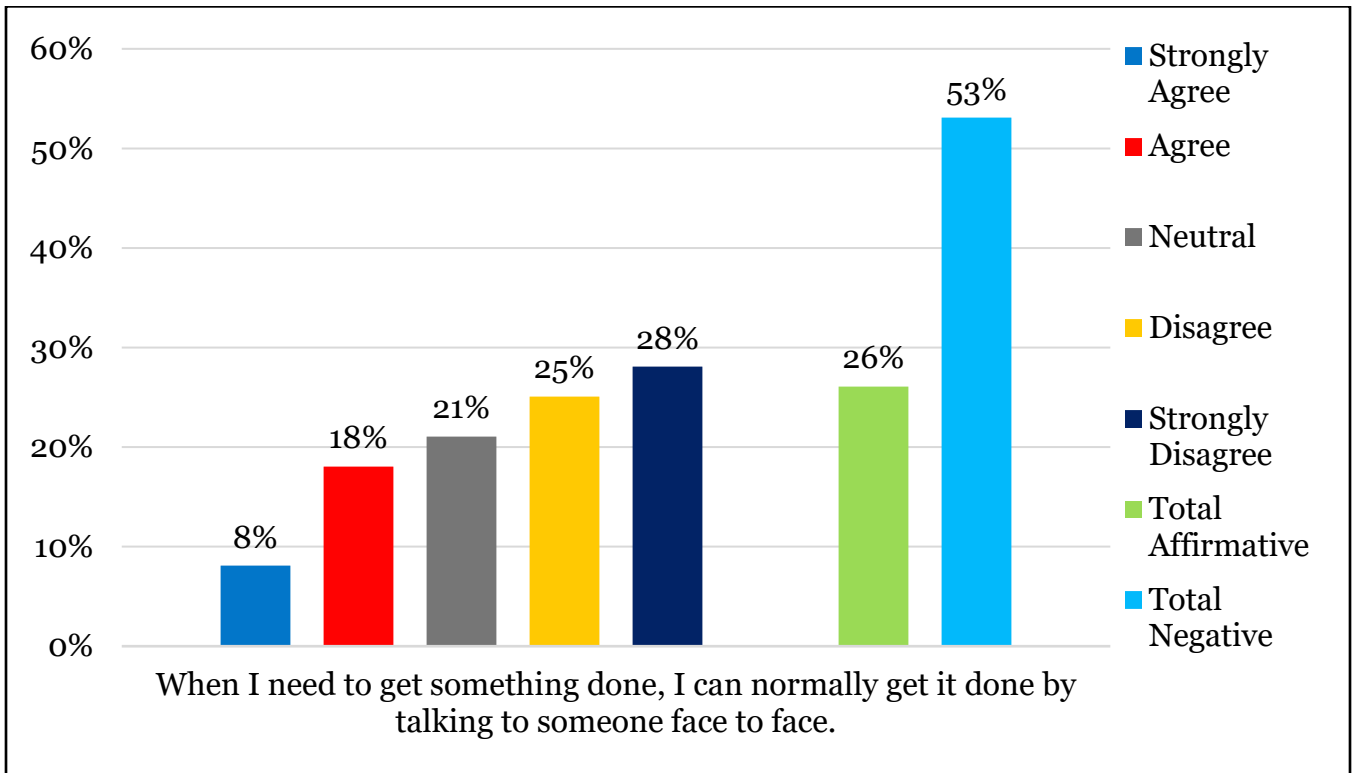
<sup>2</sup> "Total Affirmative" combines "Strongly Agree" and "Agree." "Total Negative" combines "Strongly Disagree" and "Disagree." Not all respondents responded to all questions; see tables at end of document for number of responses per question.



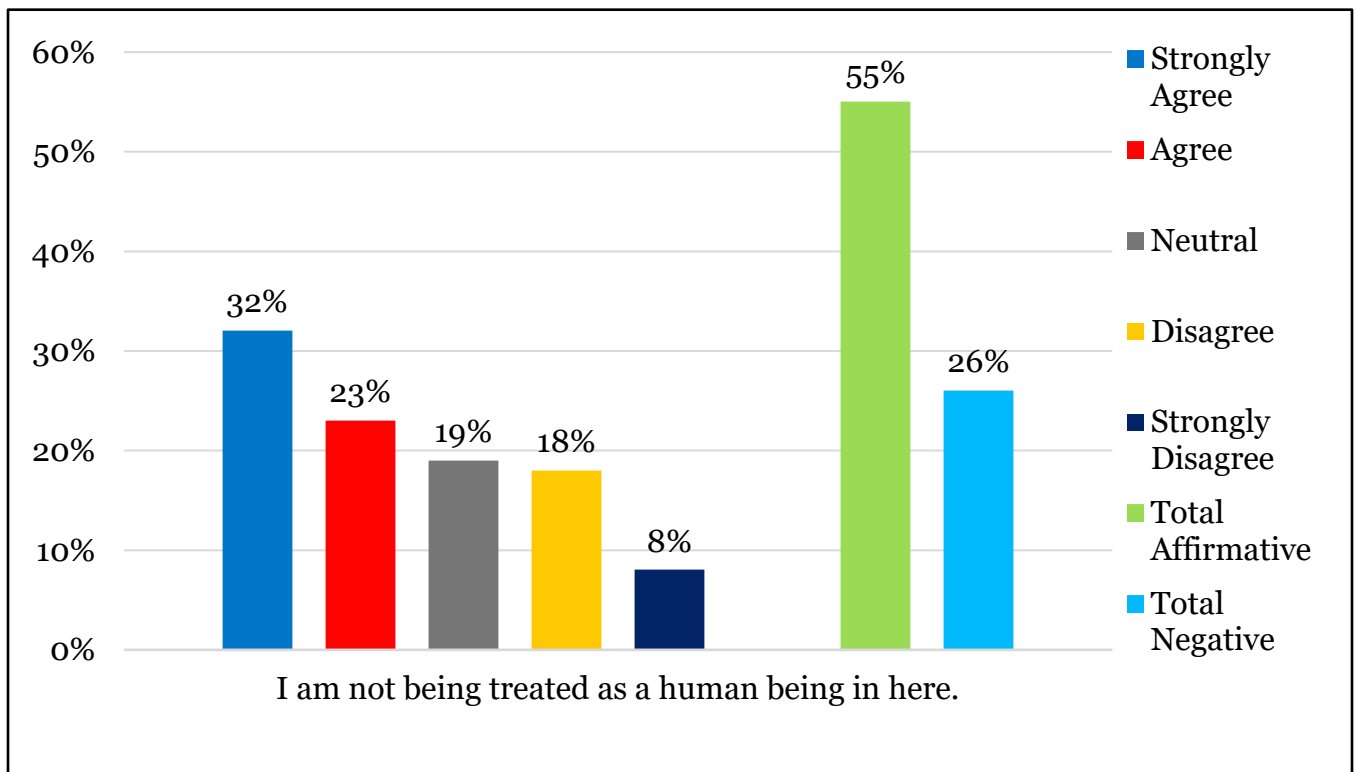
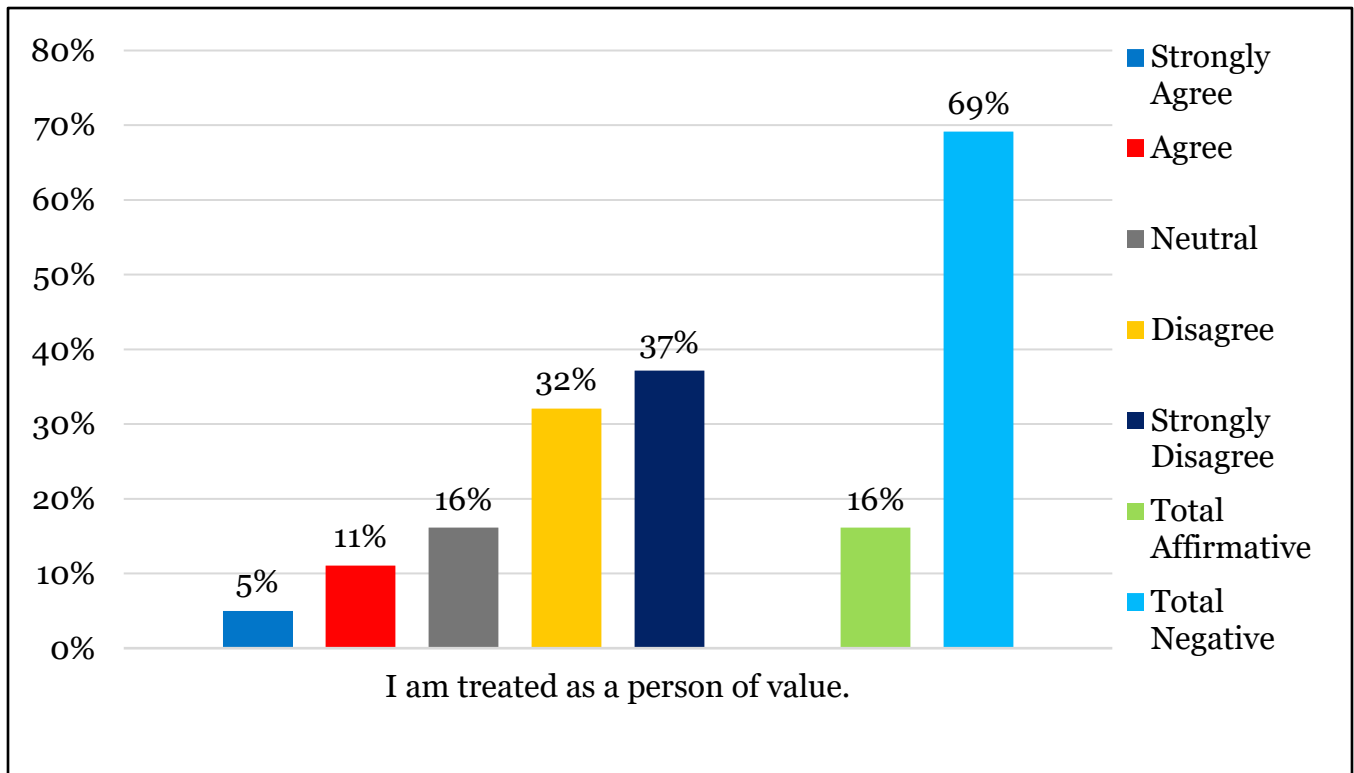


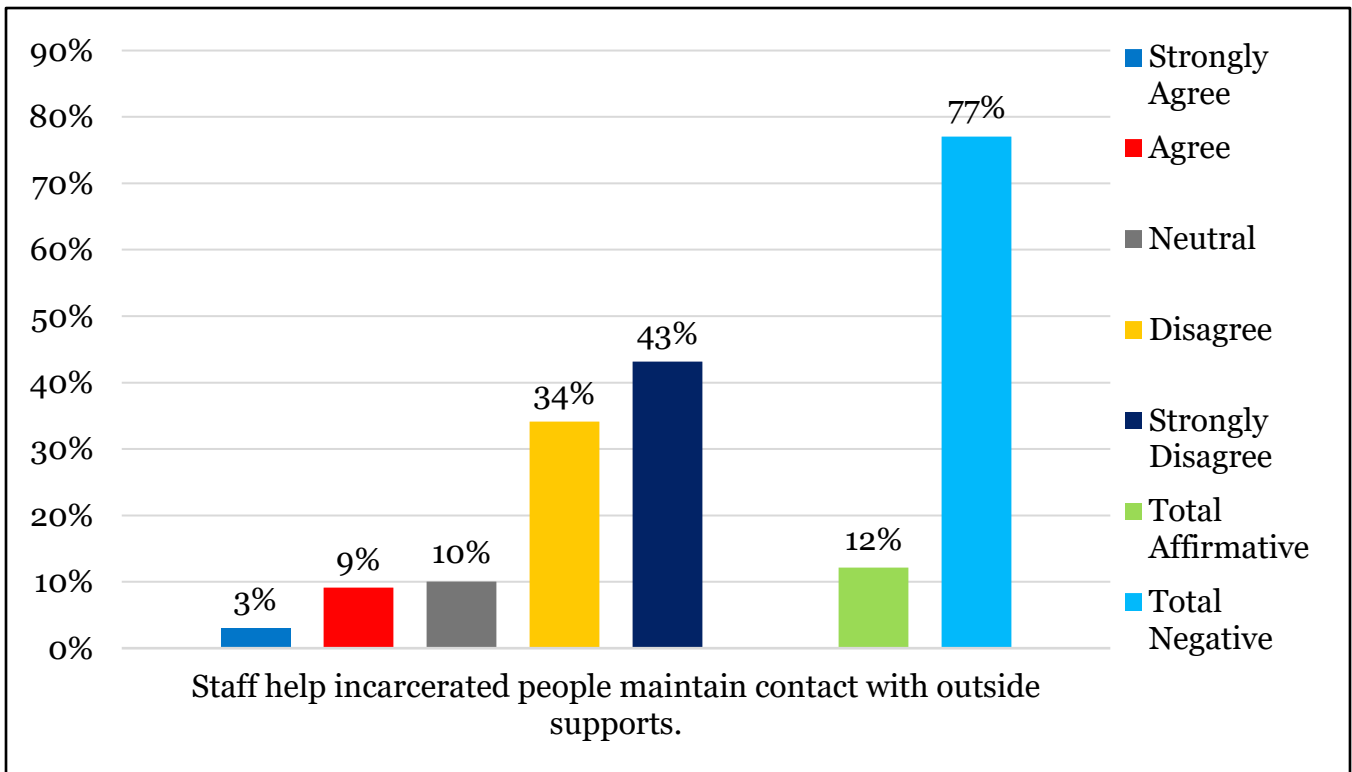
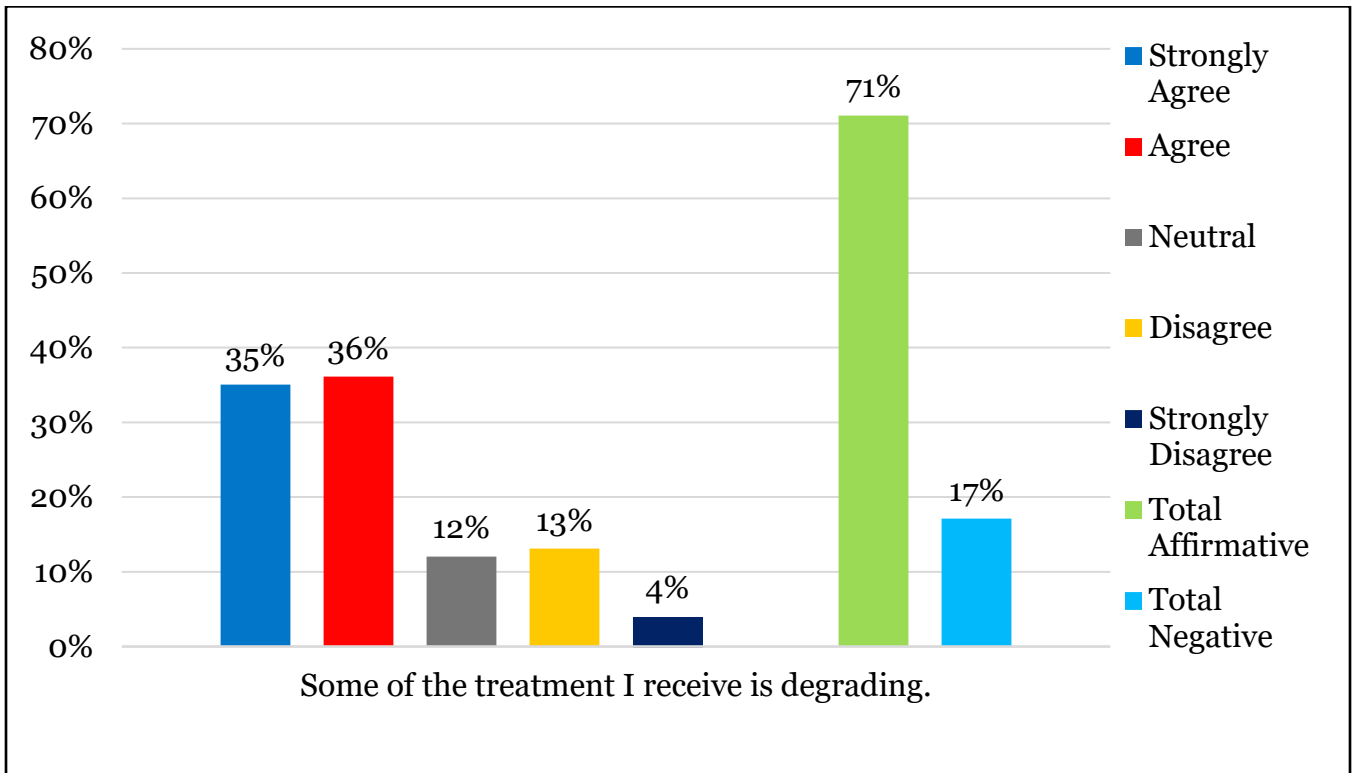
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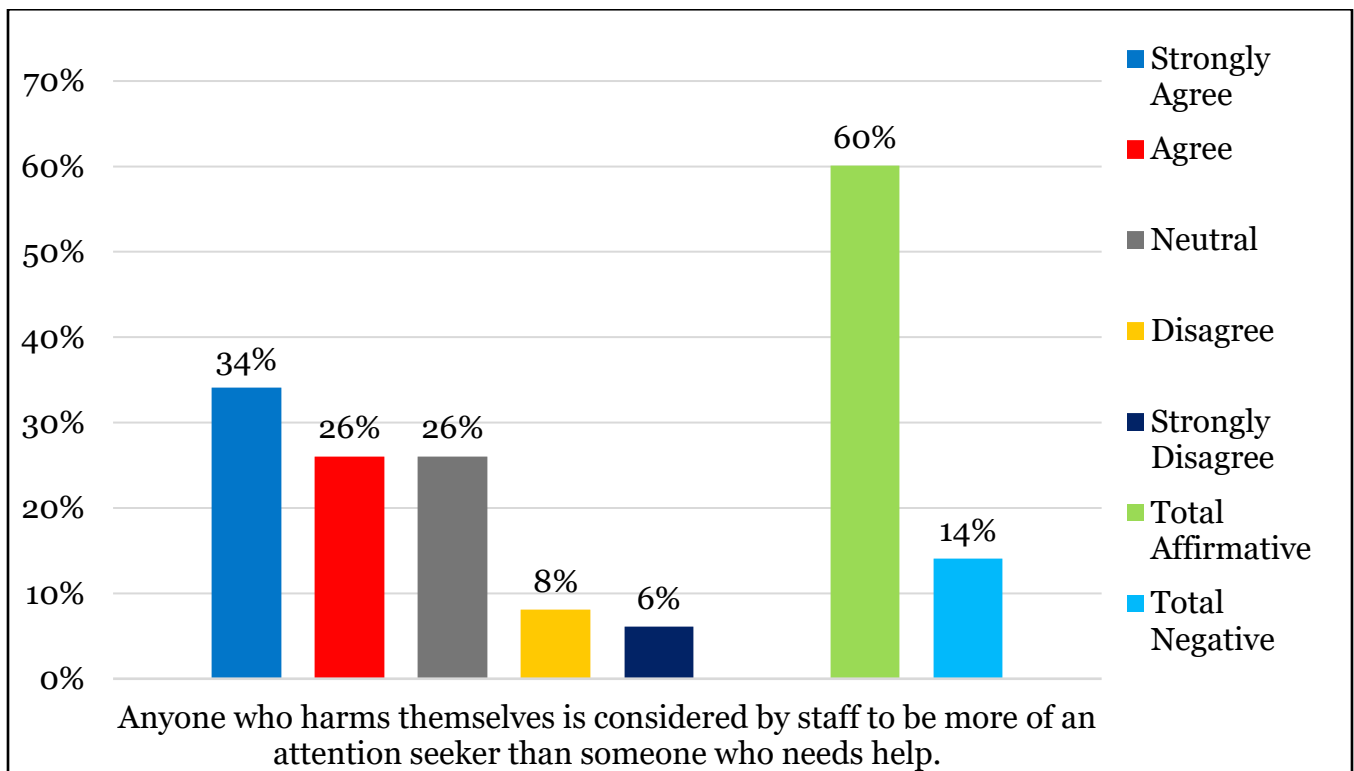
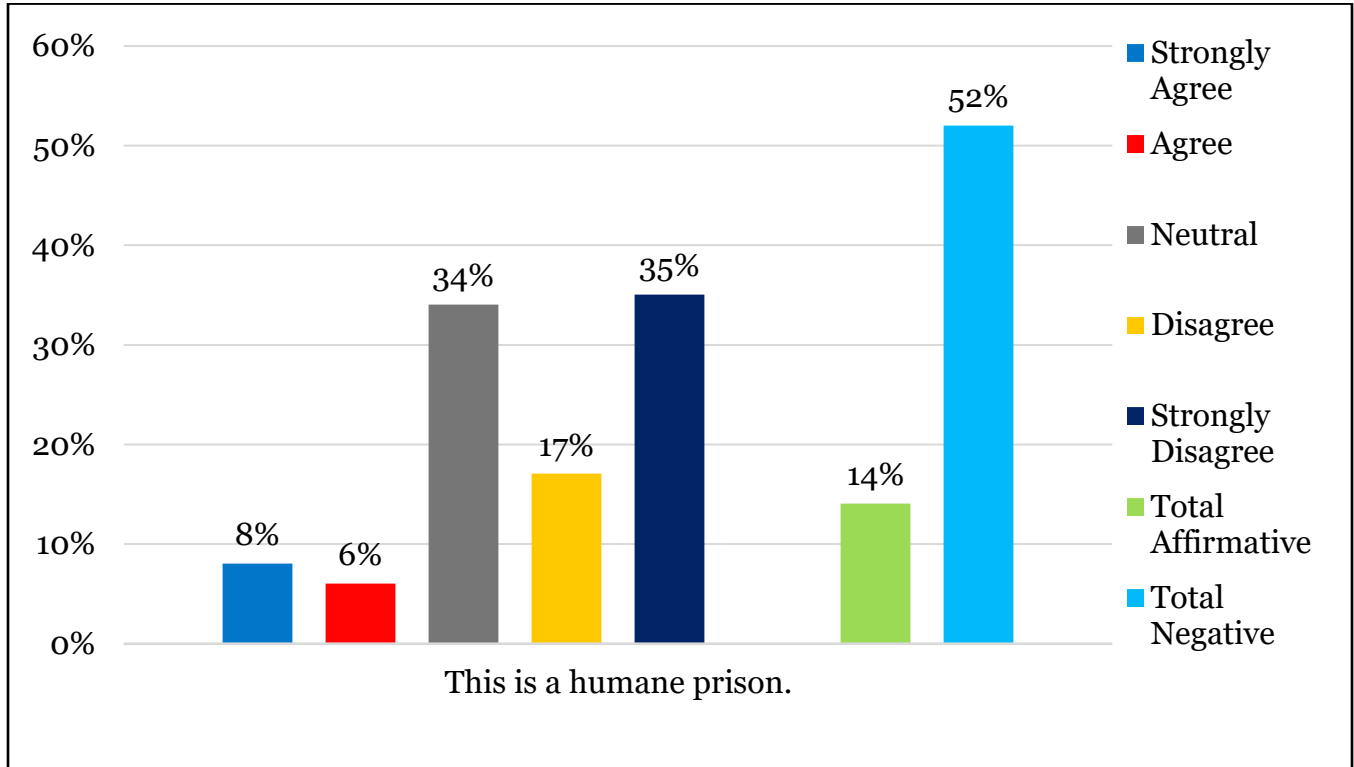


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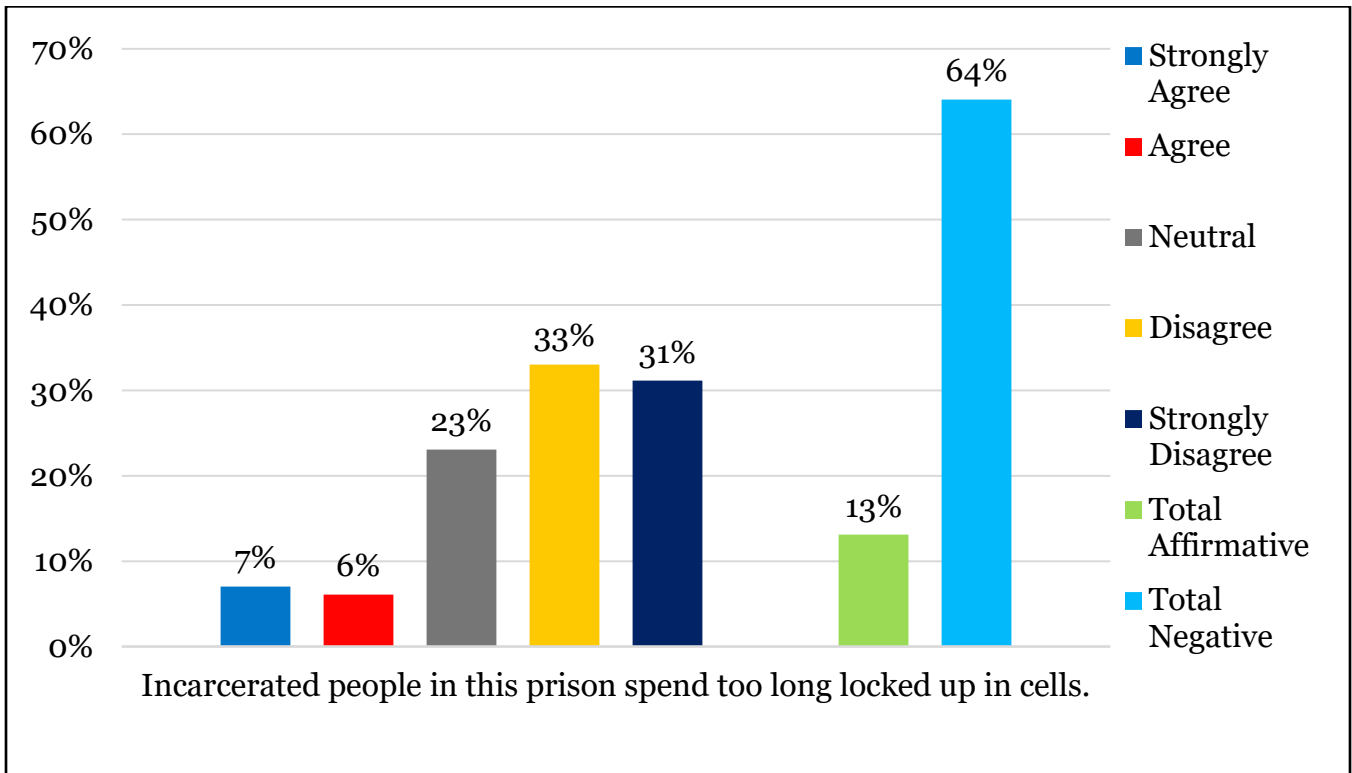




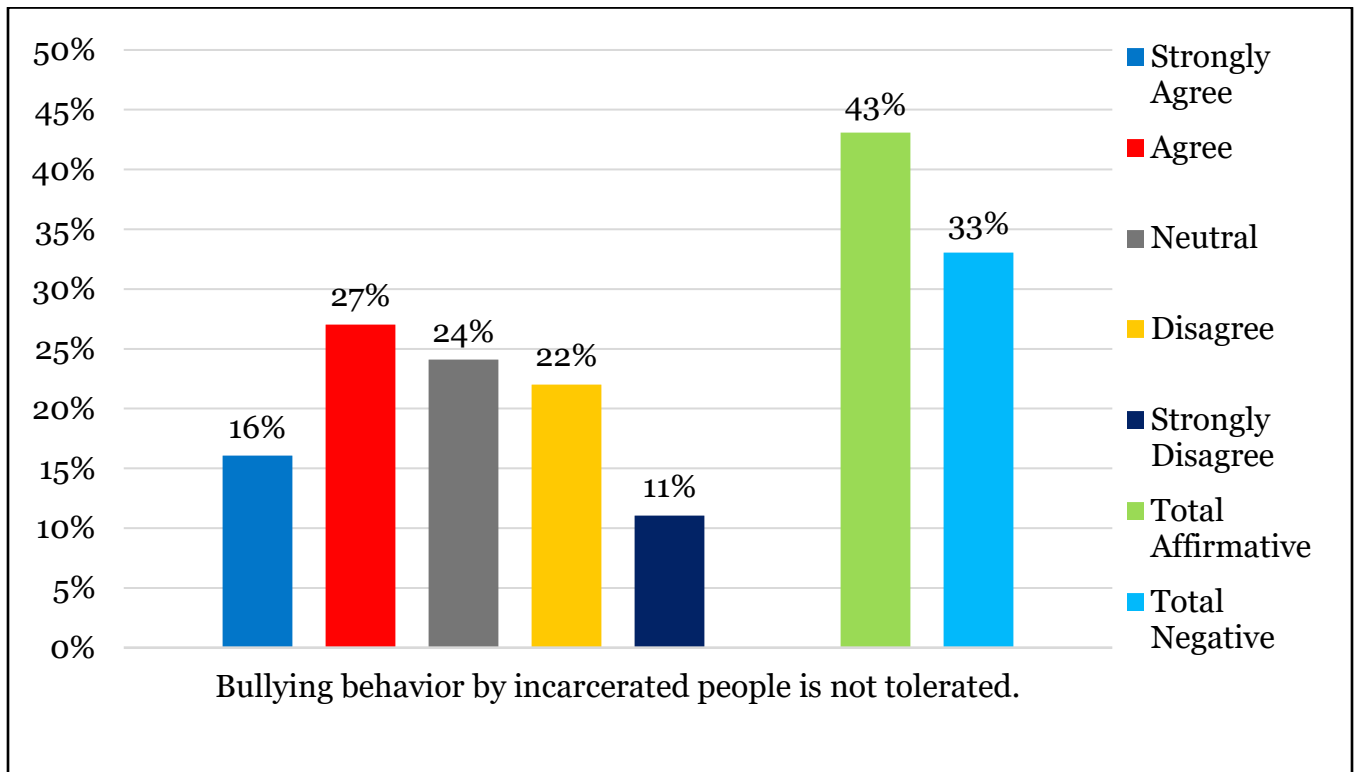
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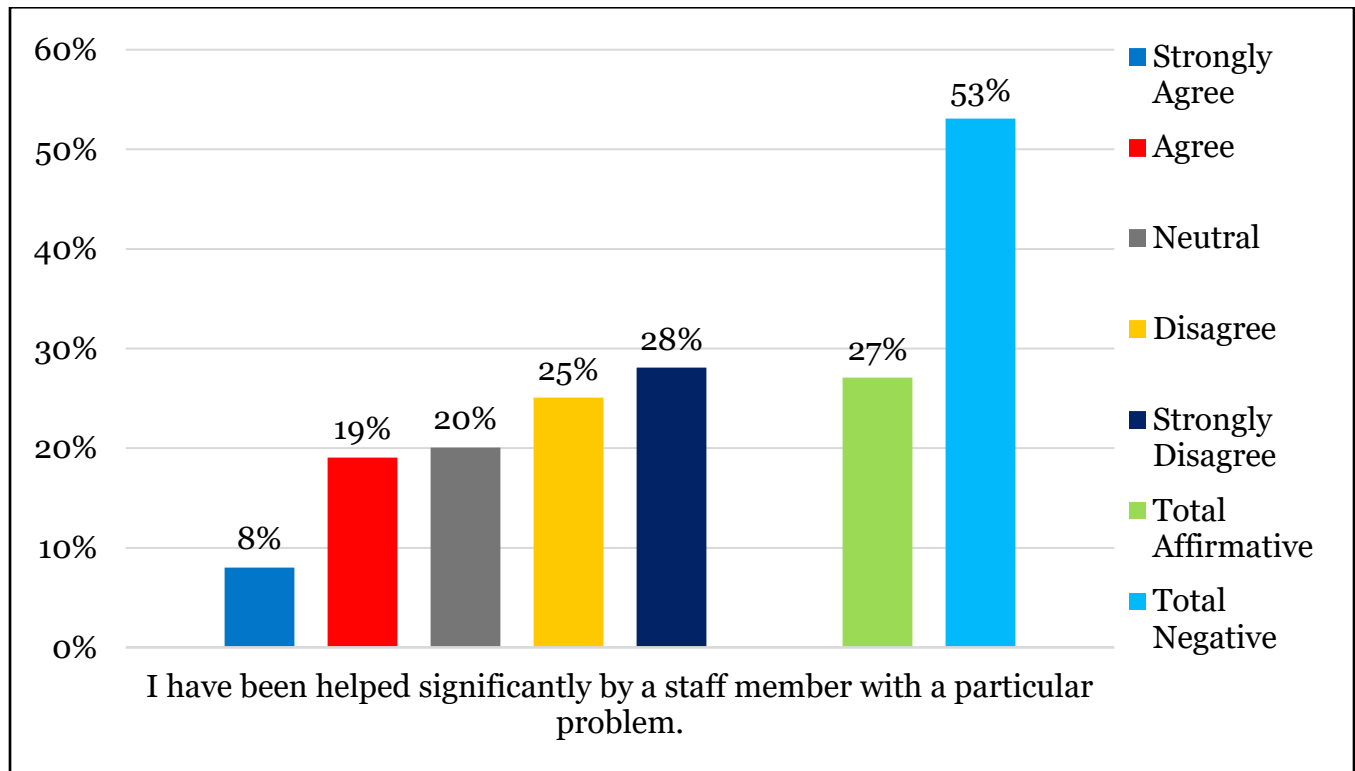




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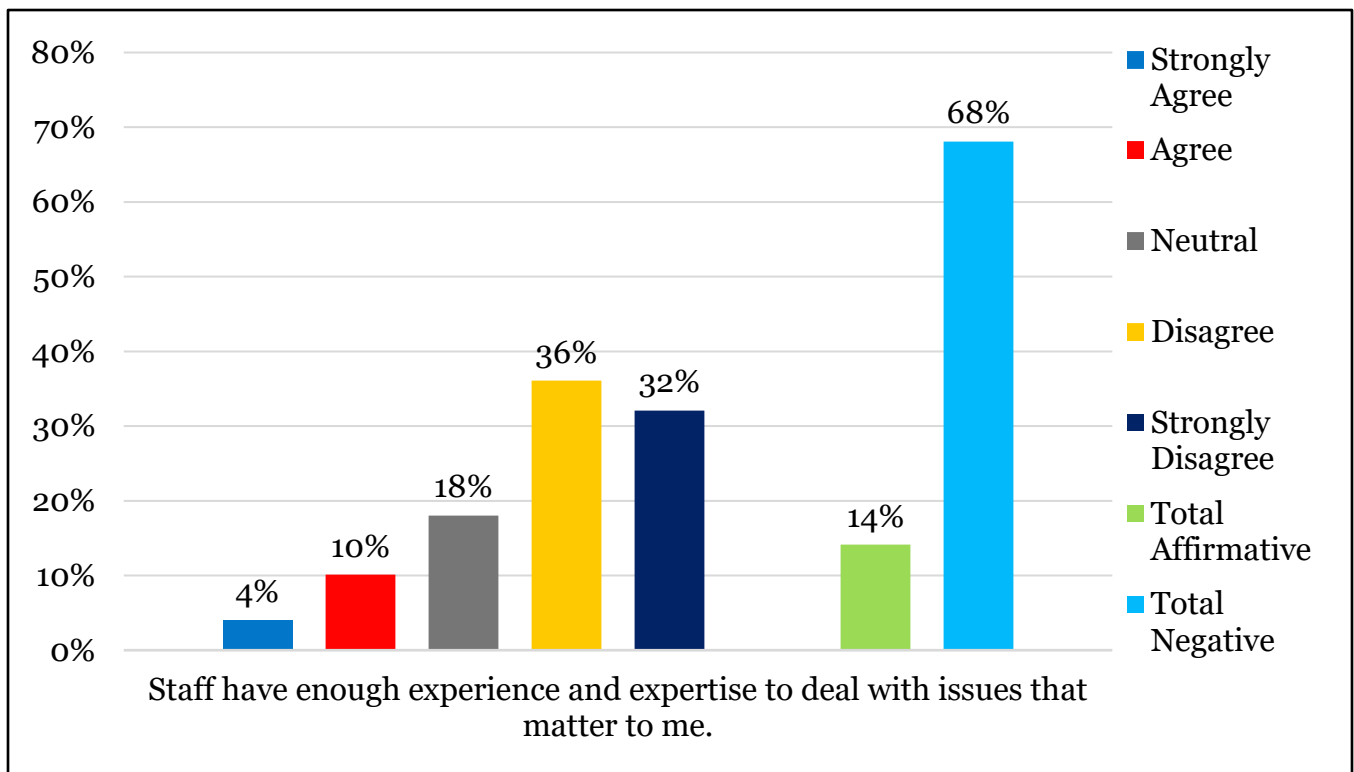
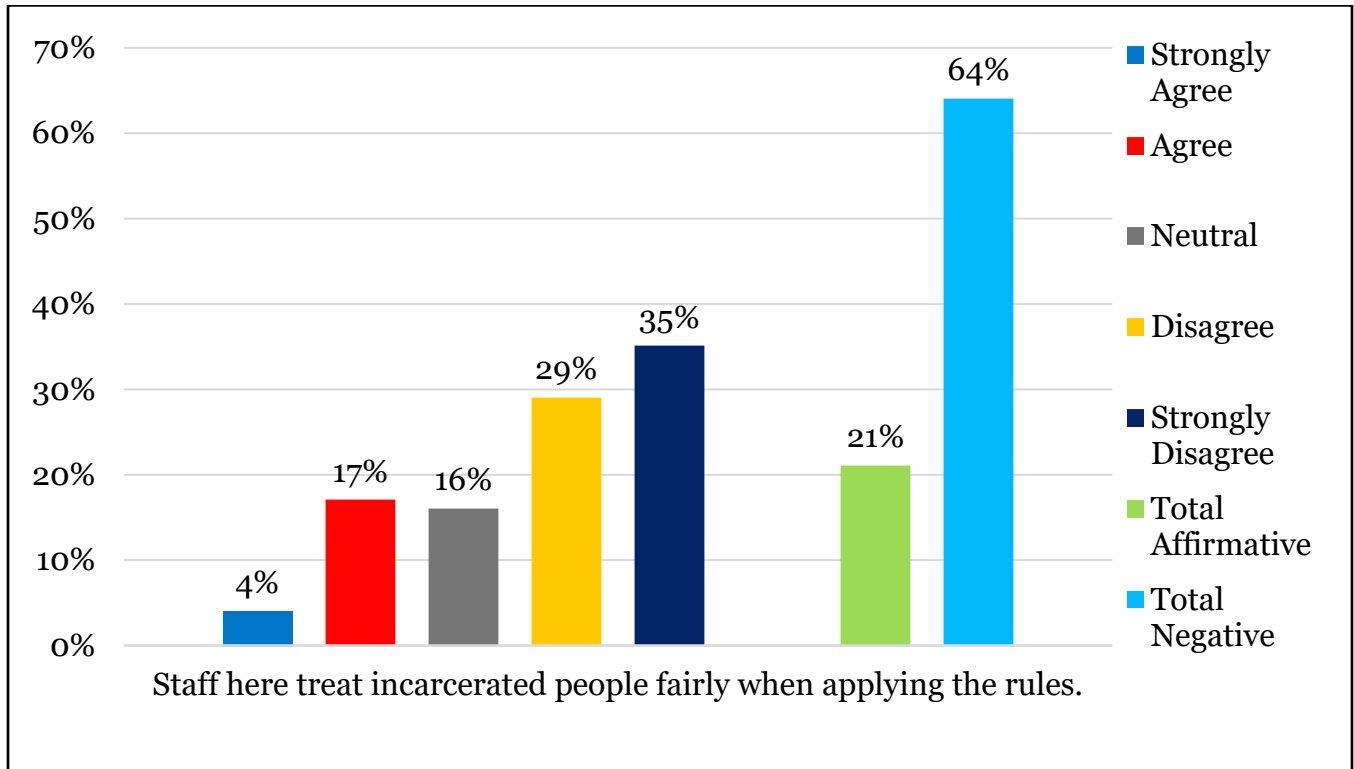


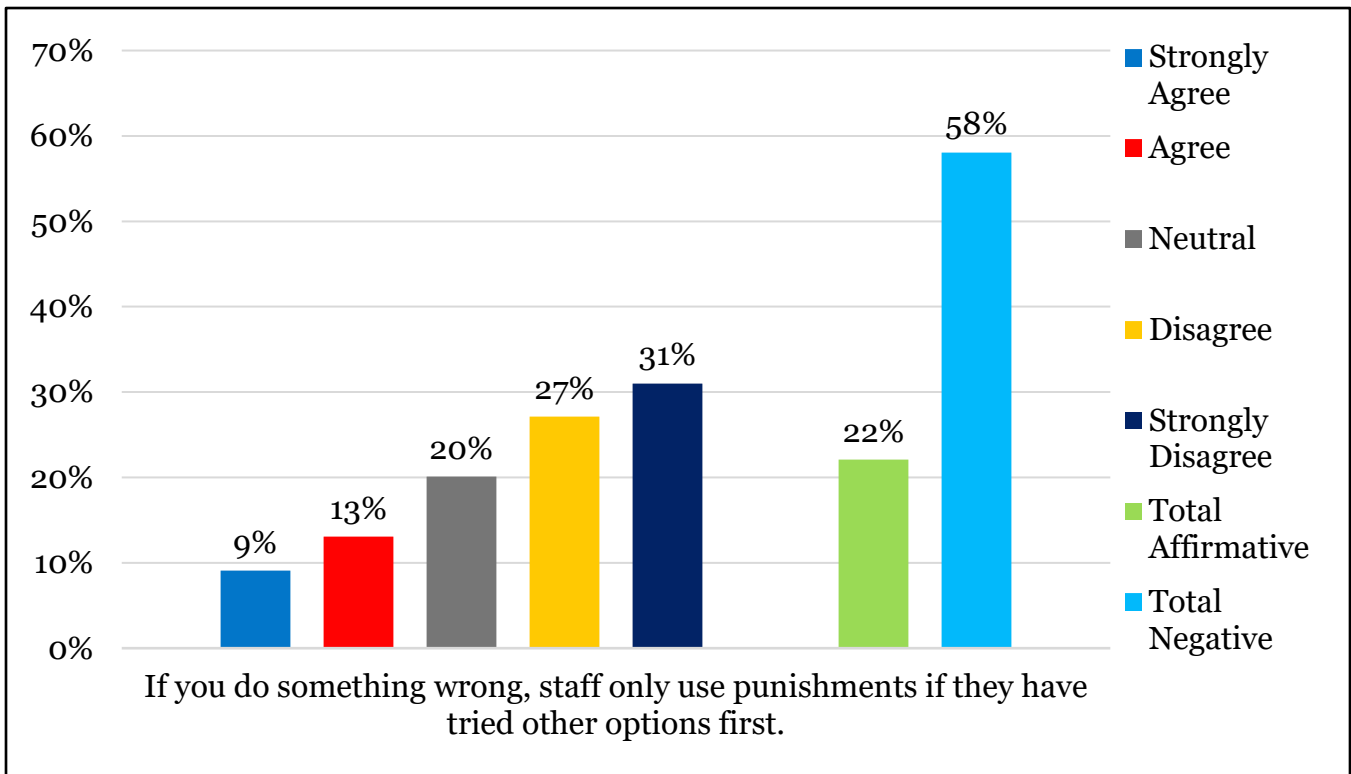
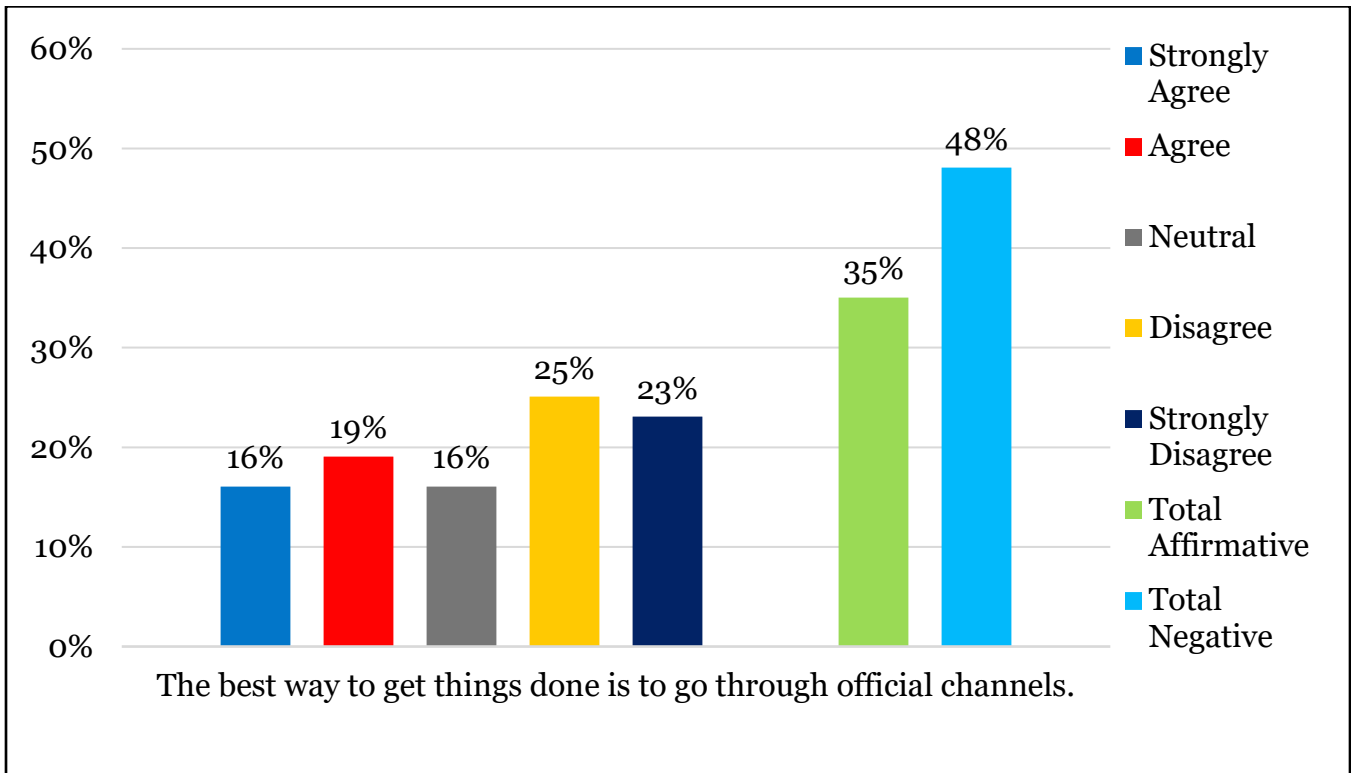
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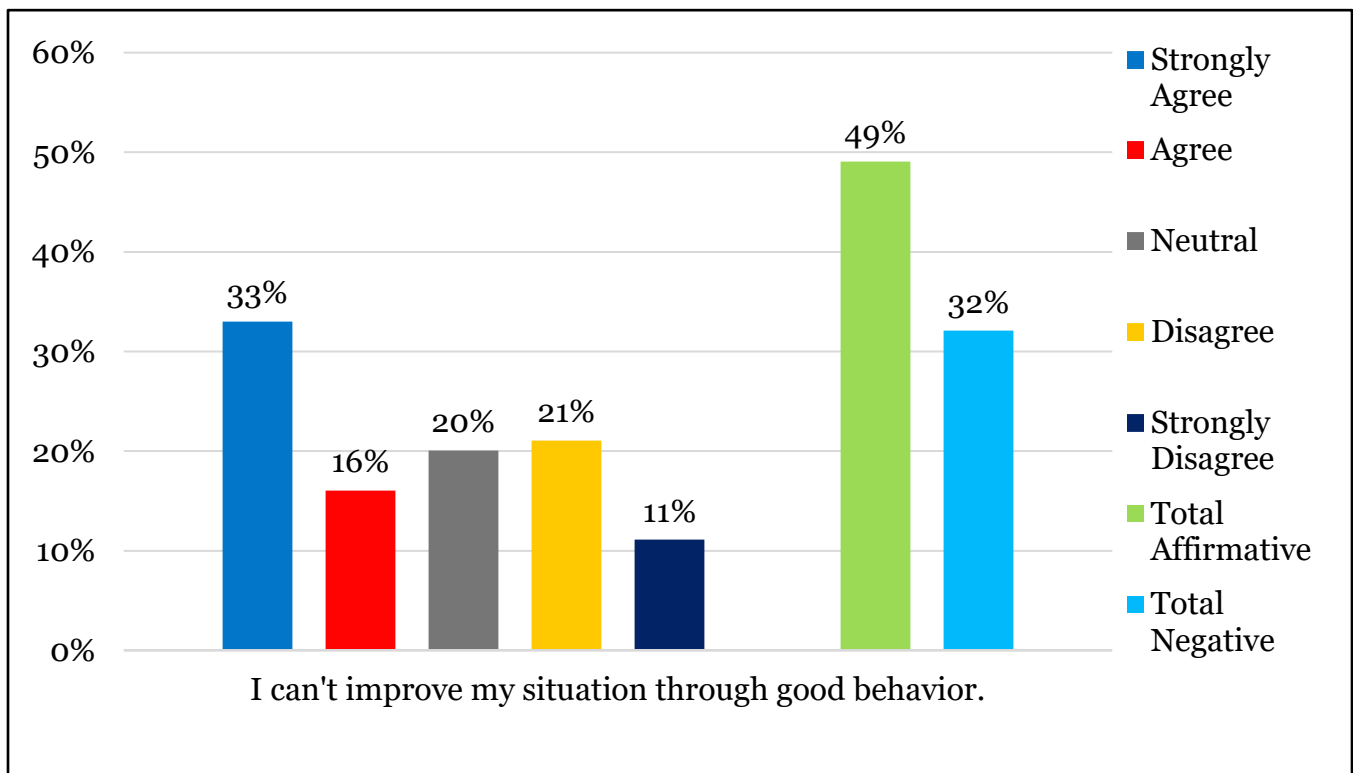
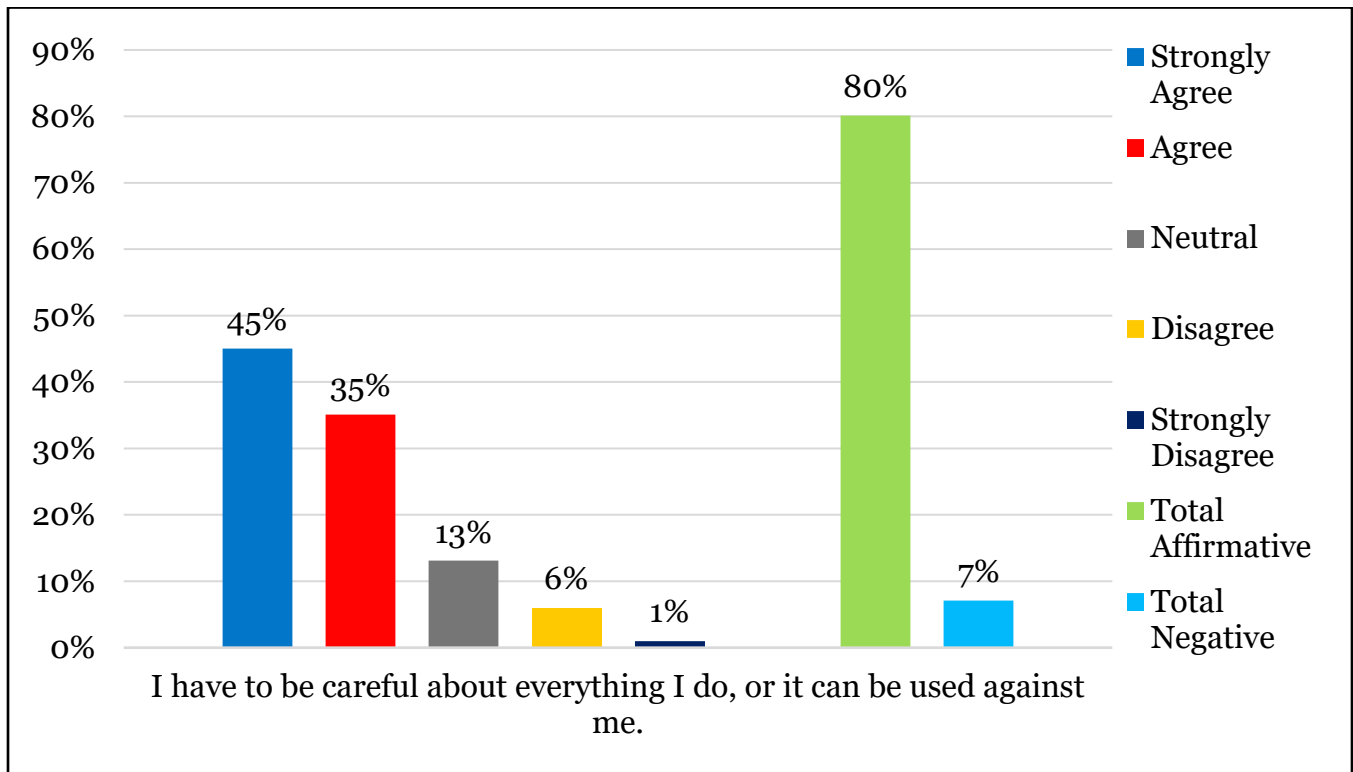
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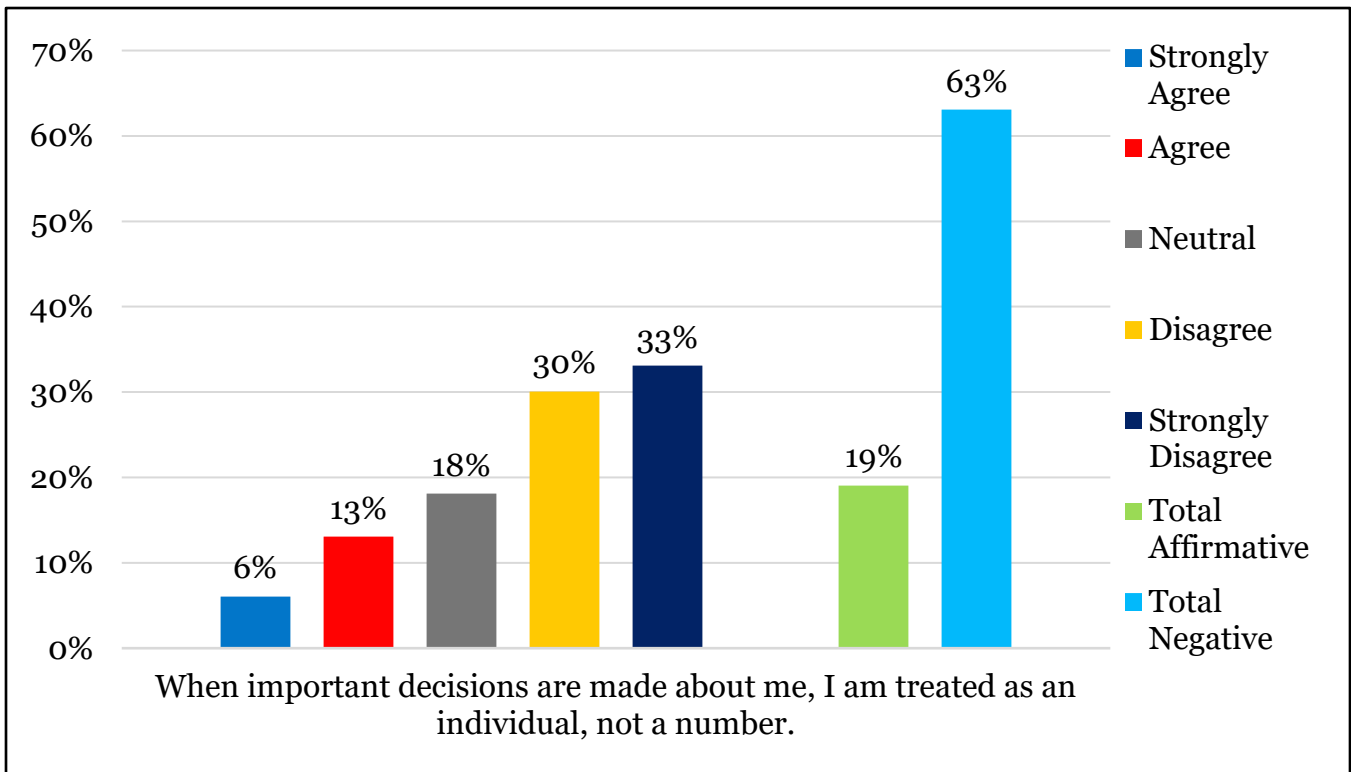
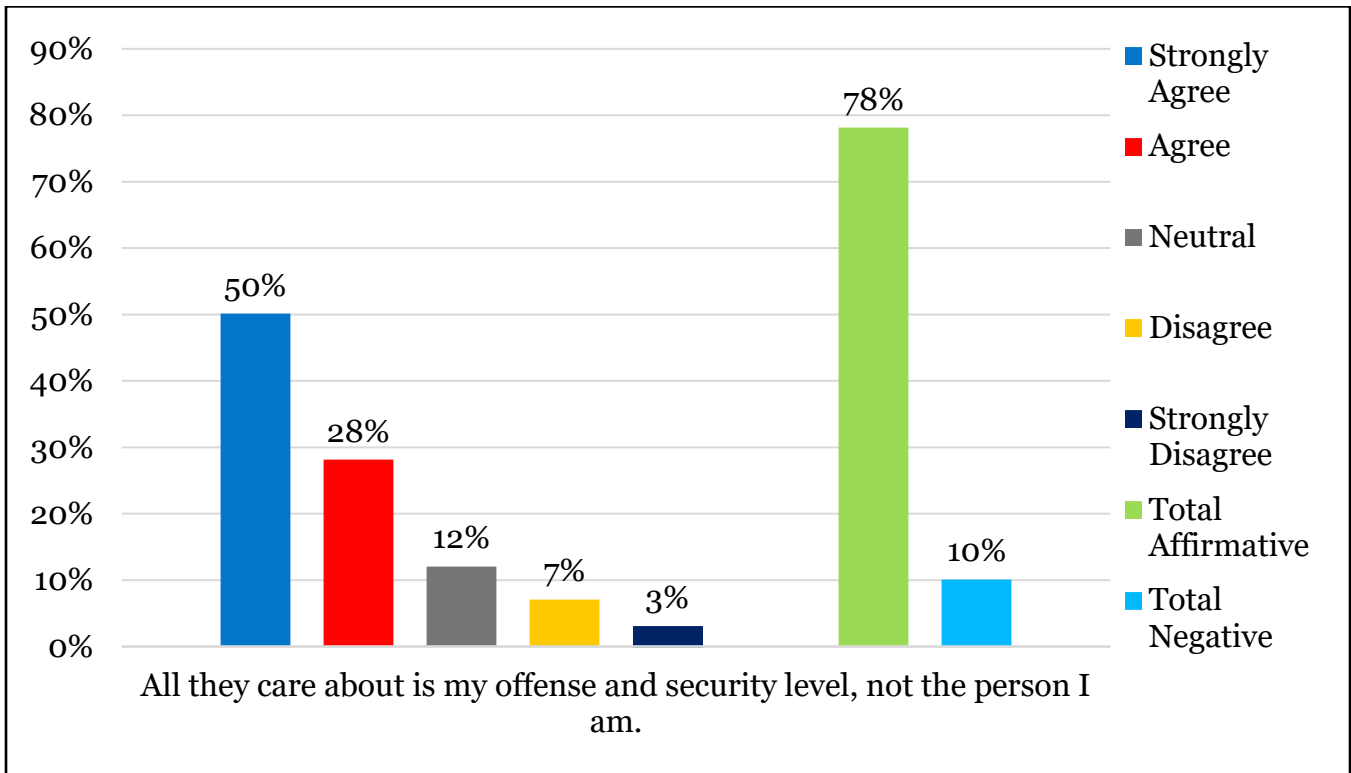
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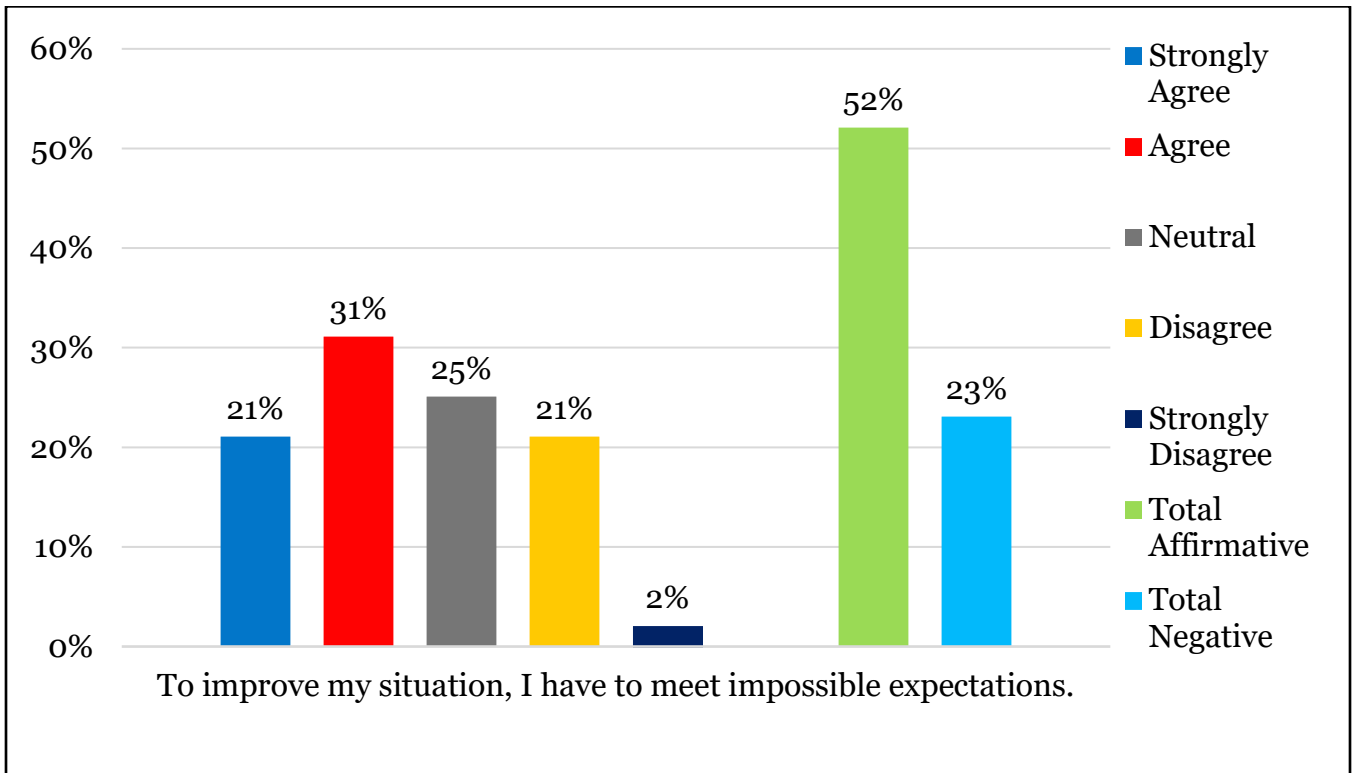




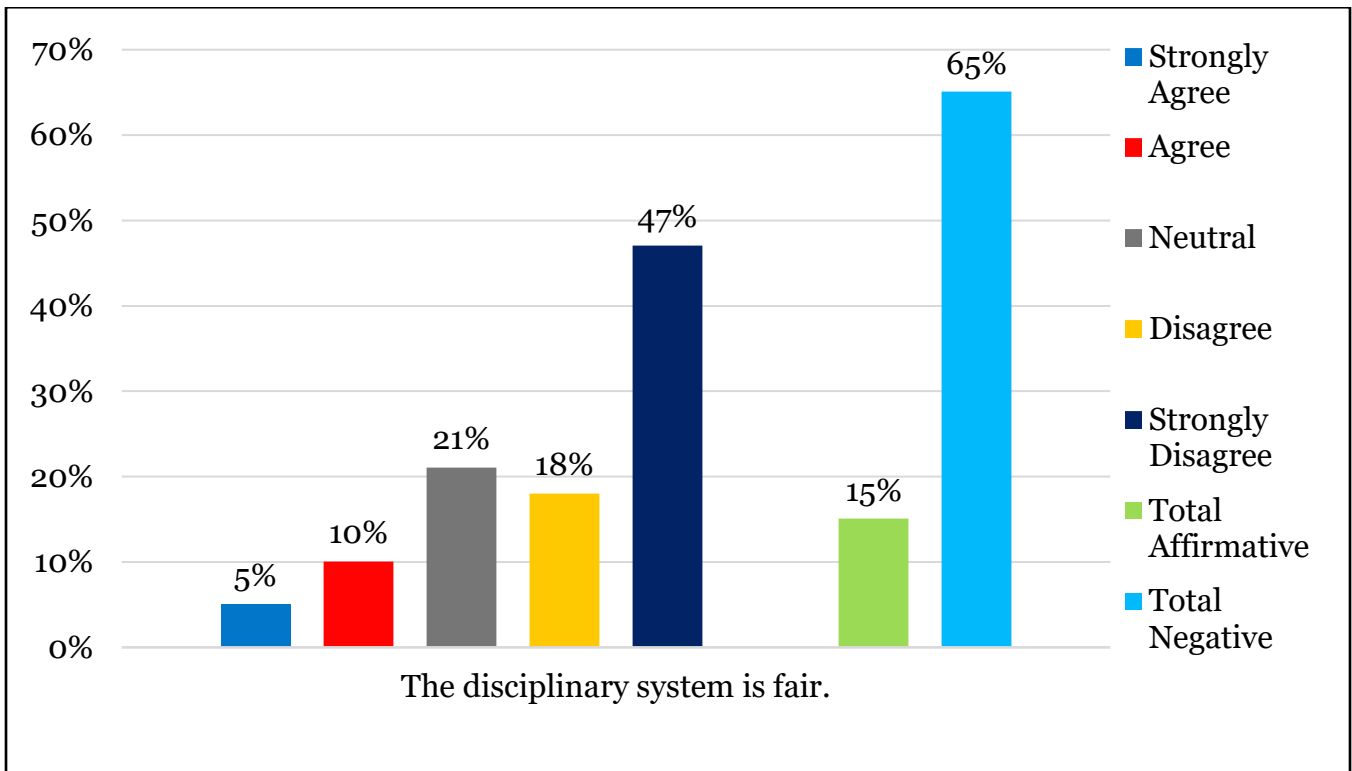
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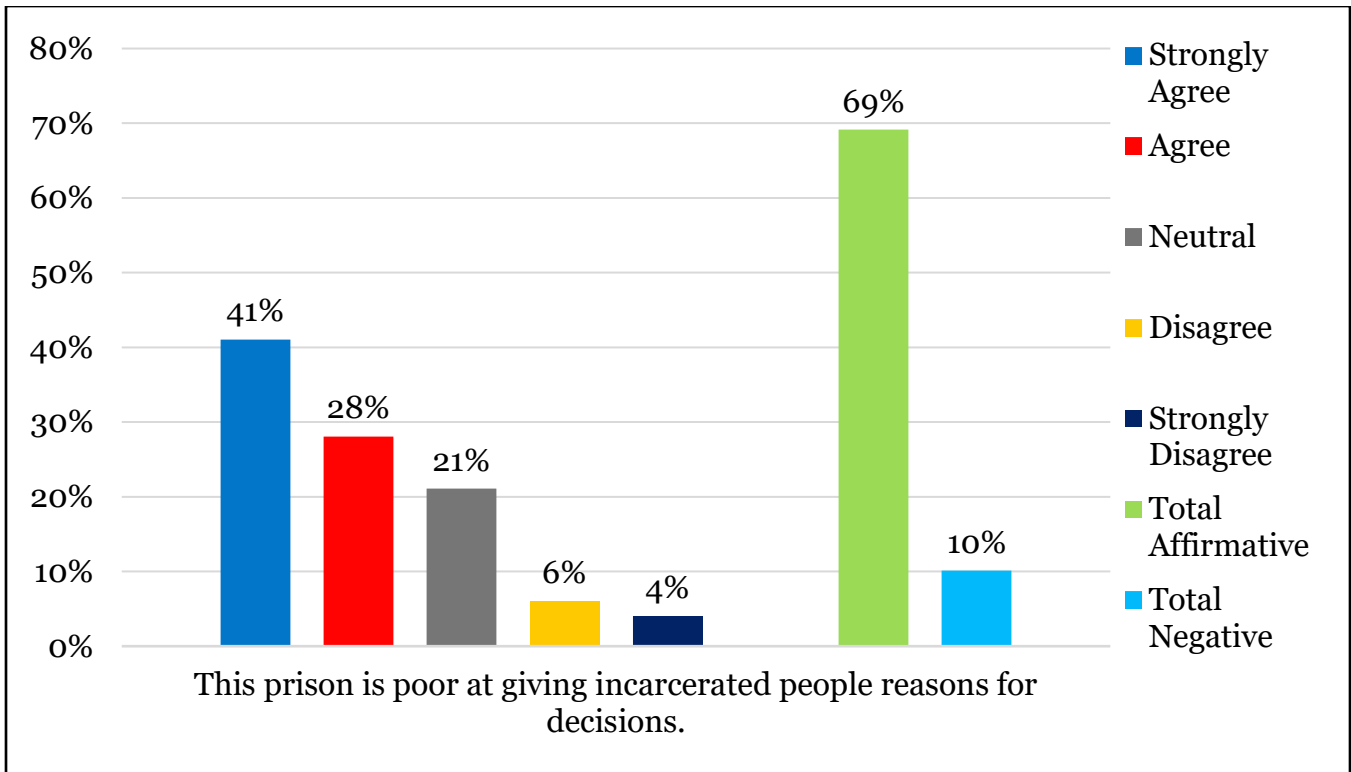
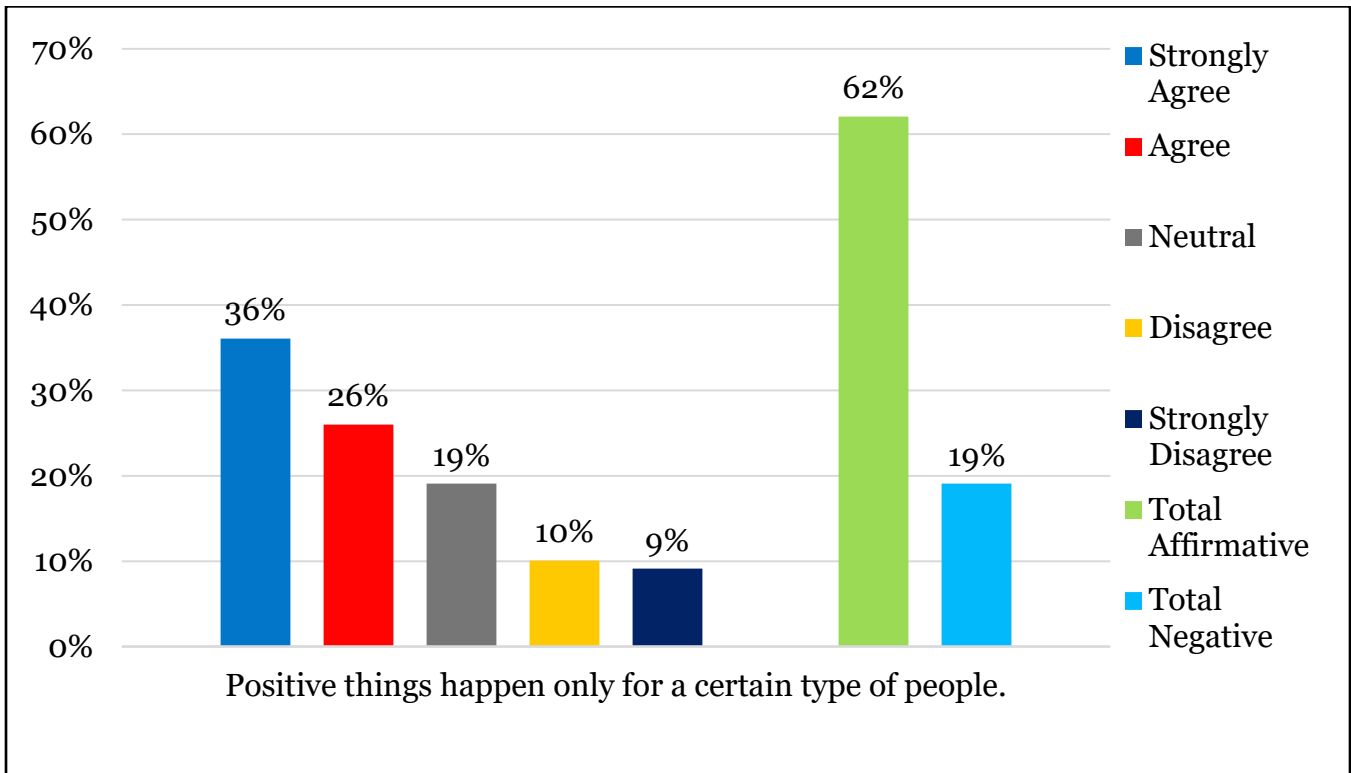




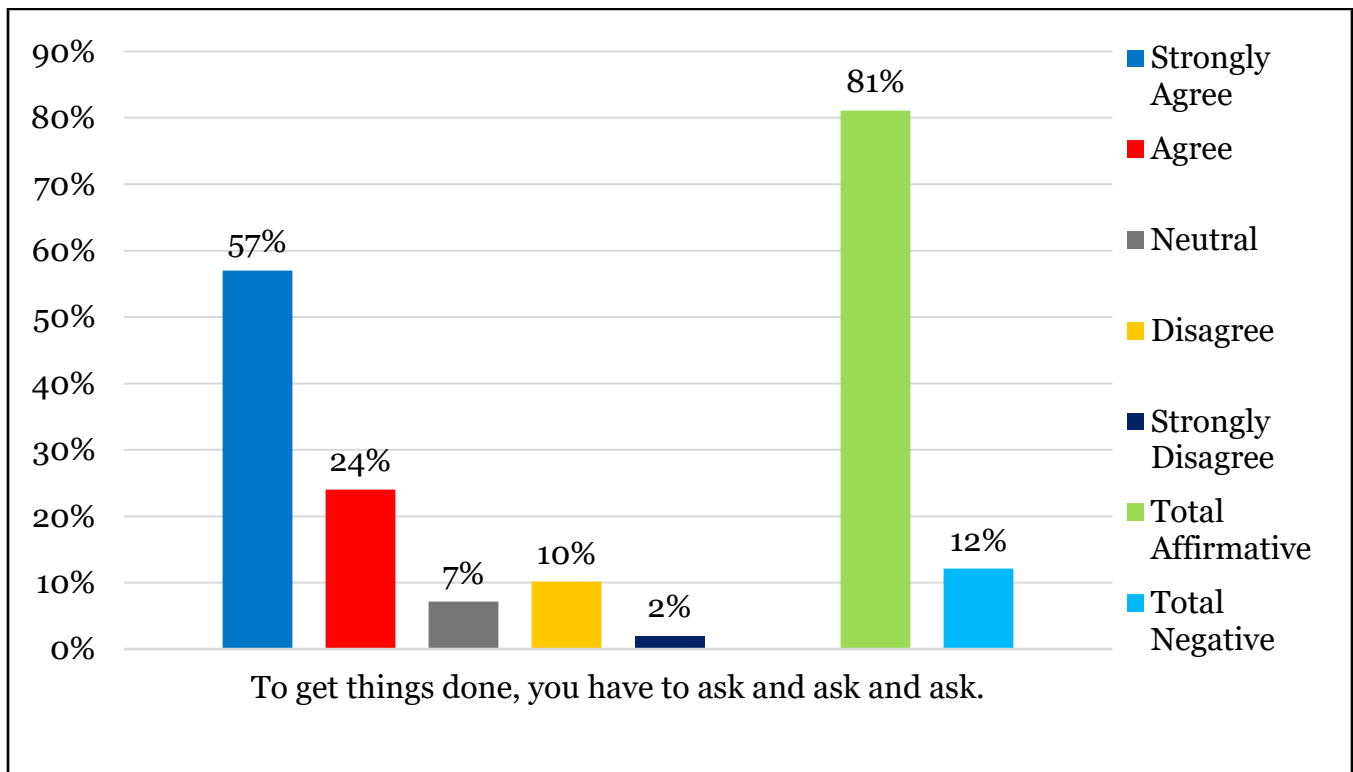
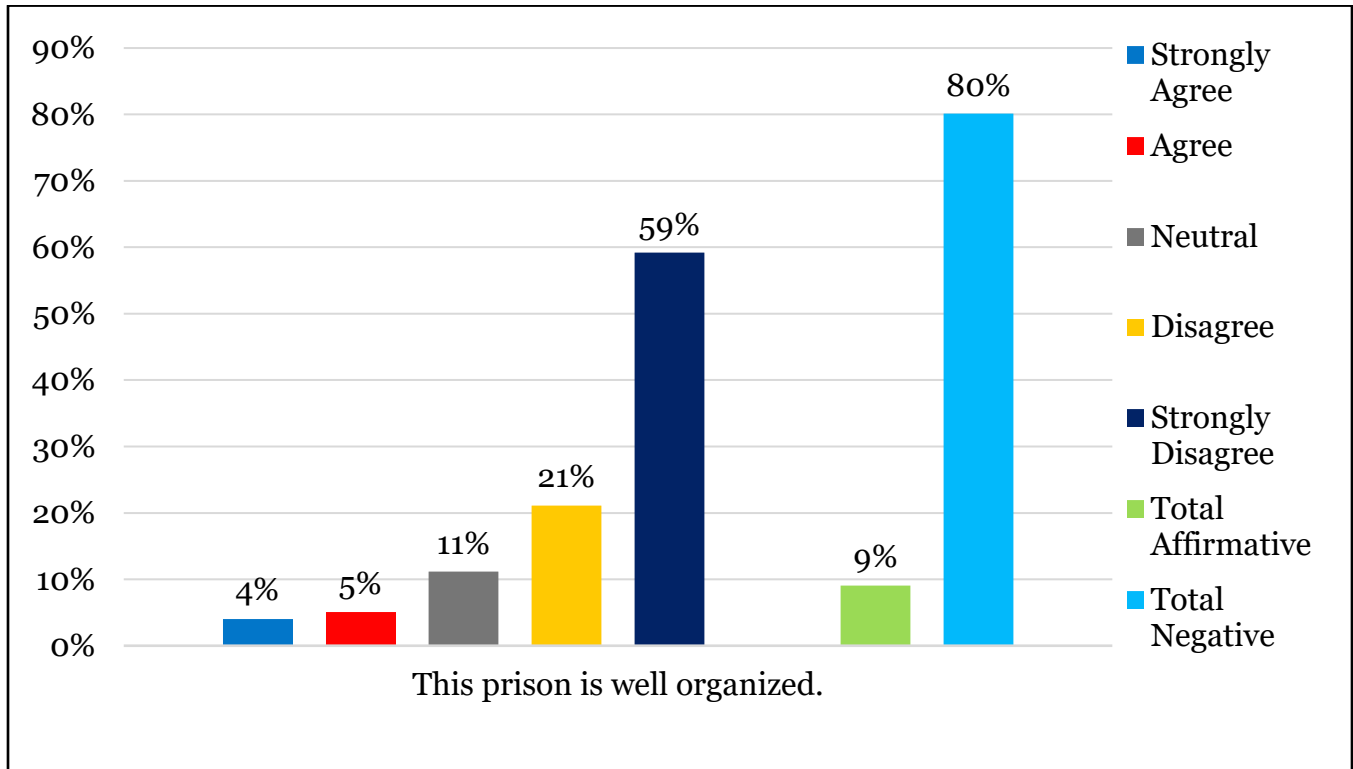
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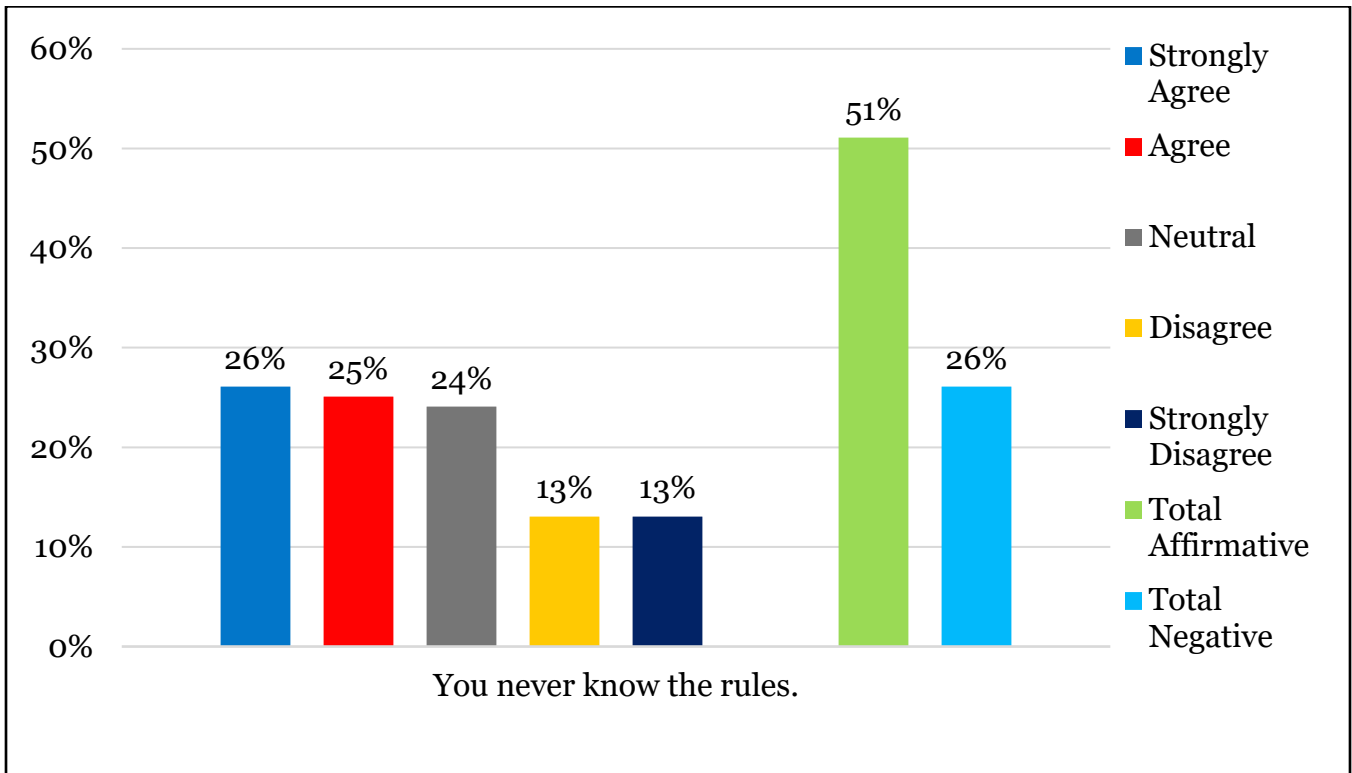






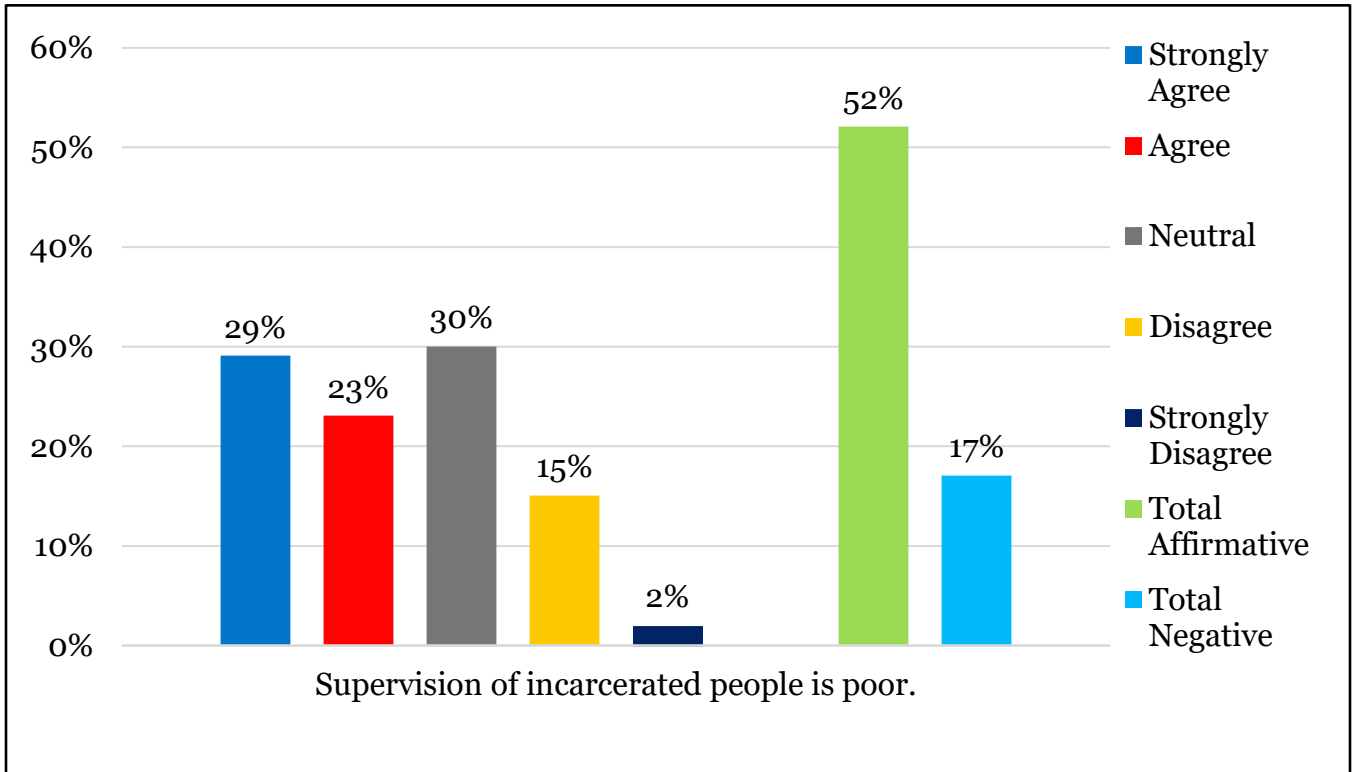
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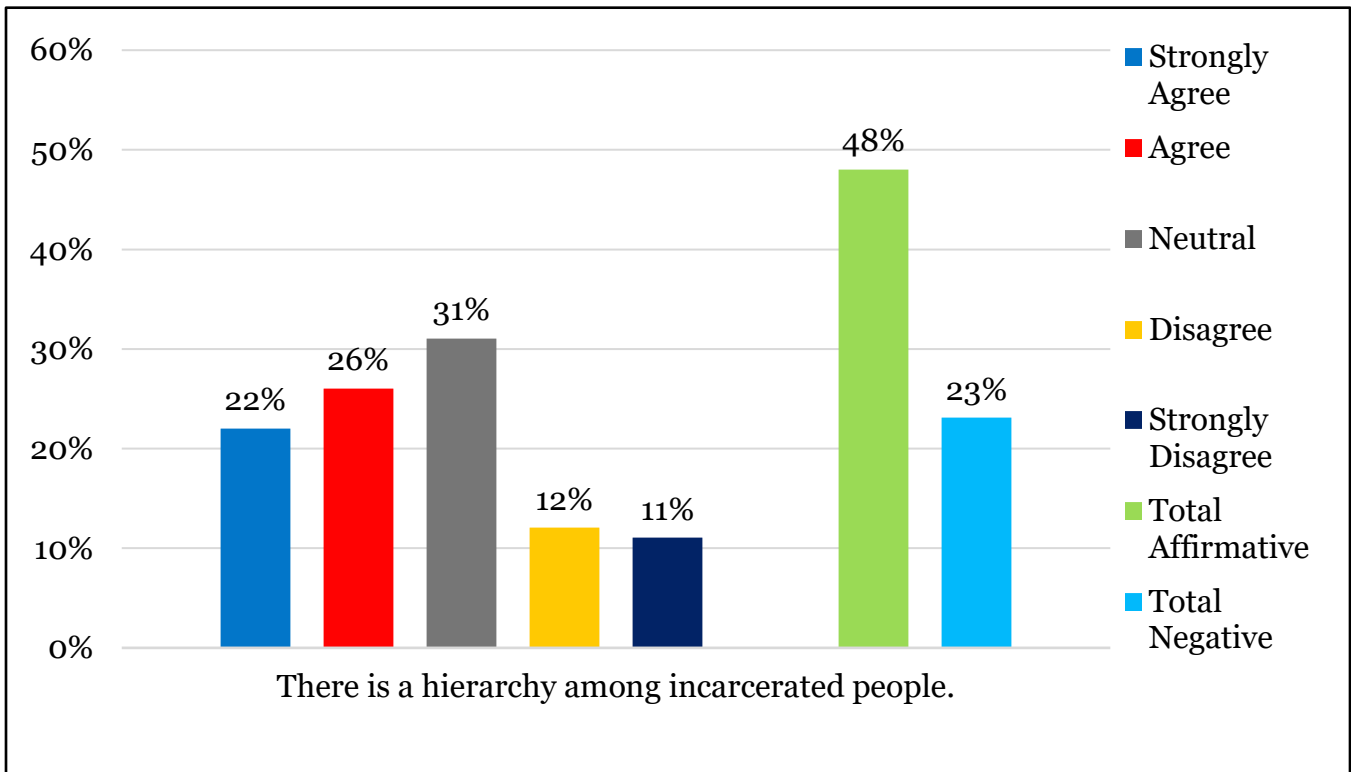
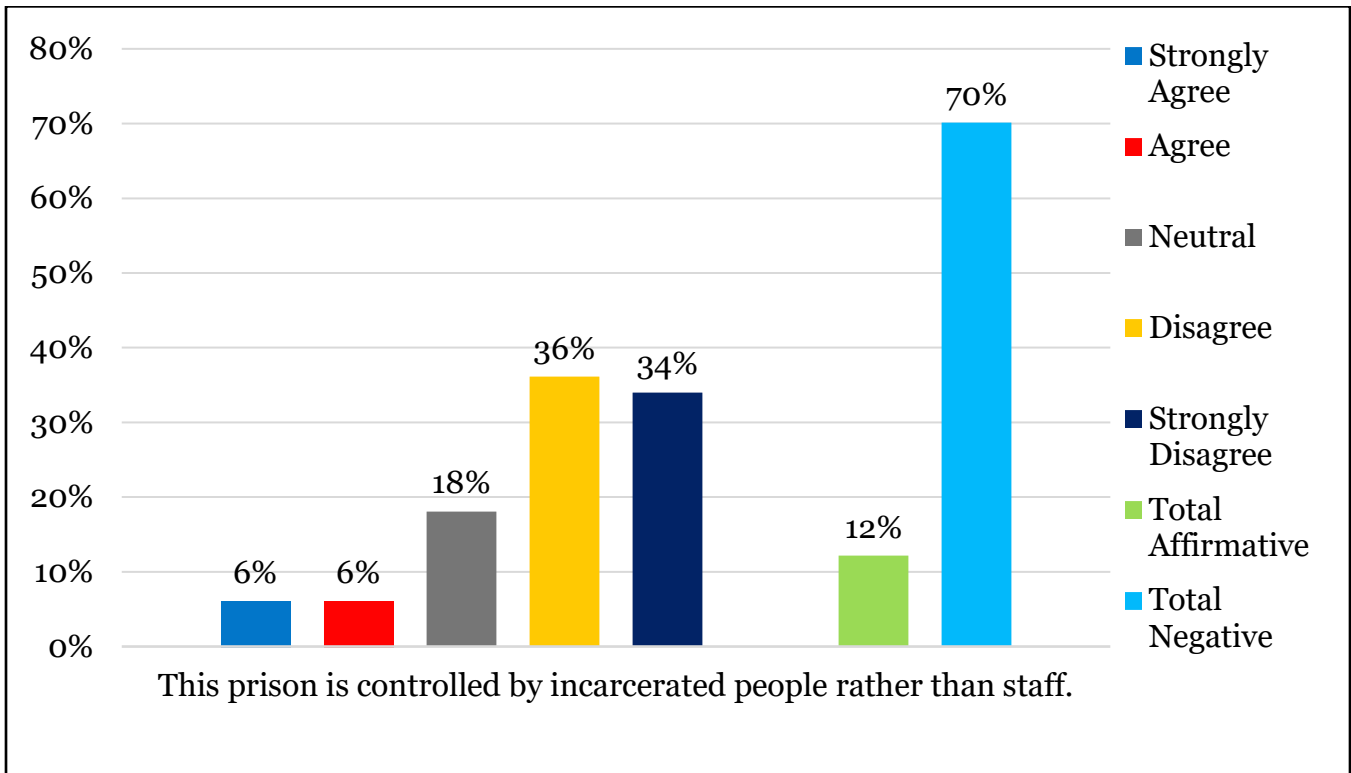


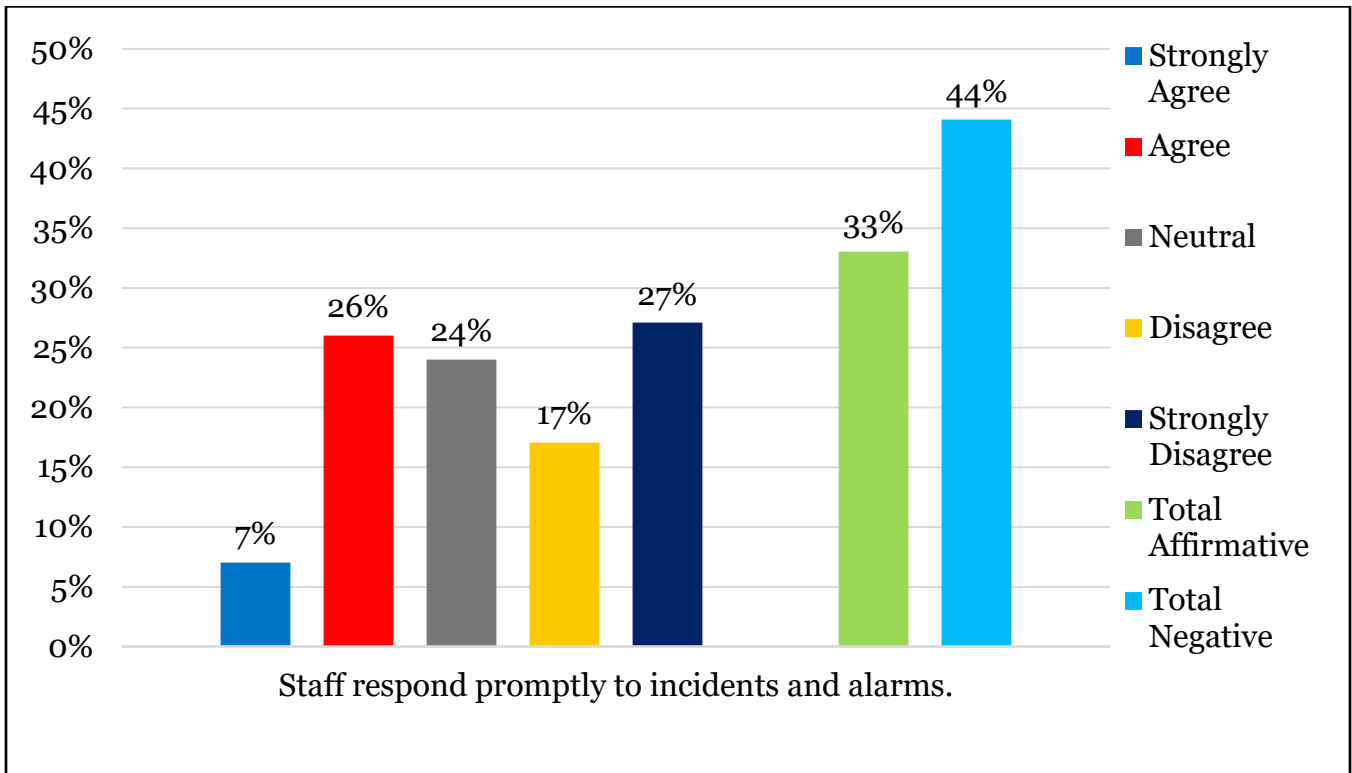


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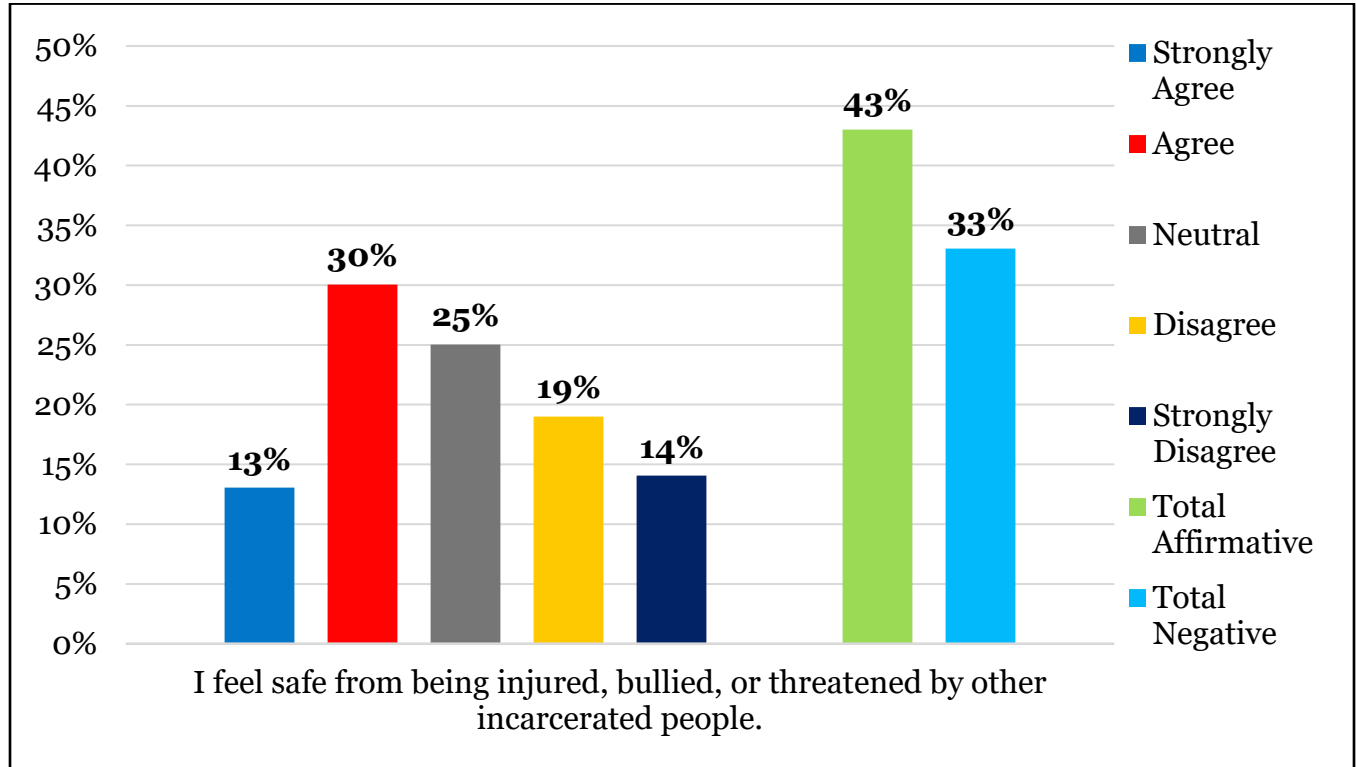
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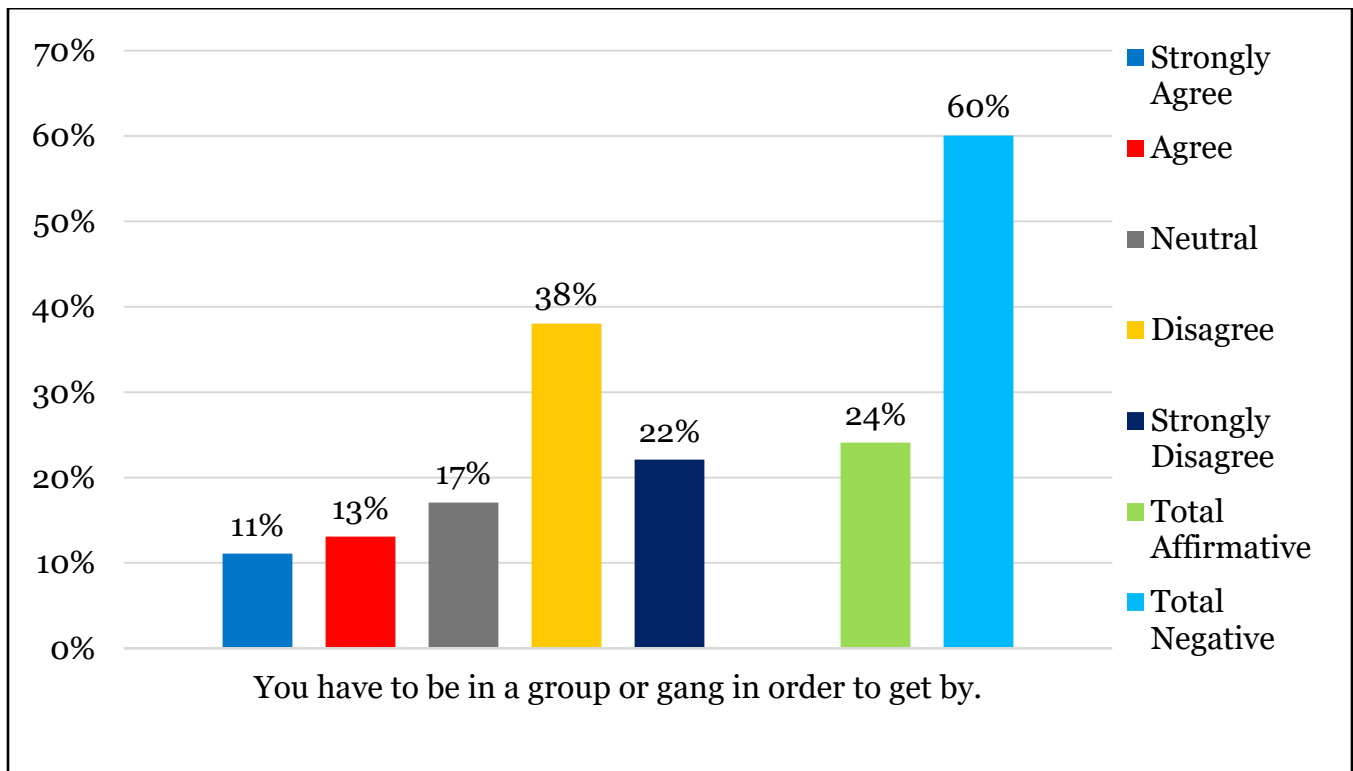
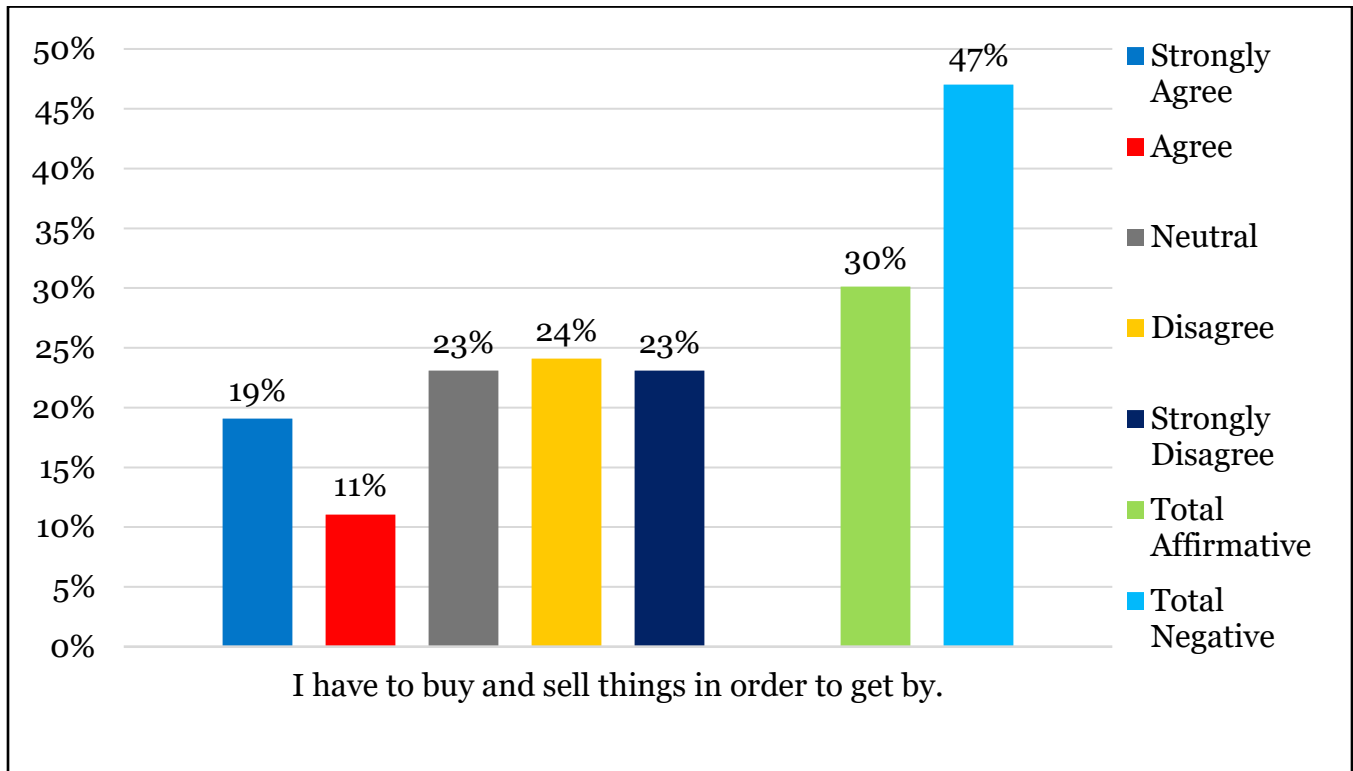




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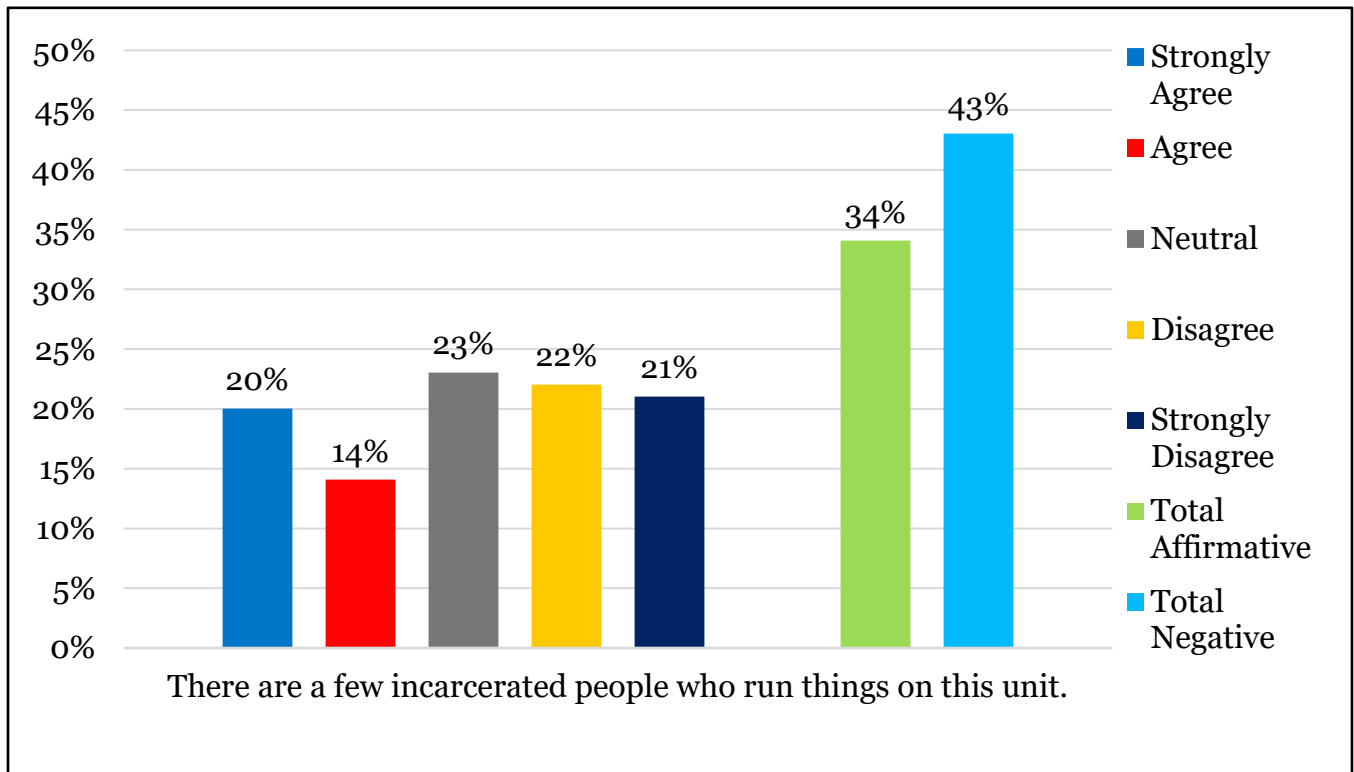
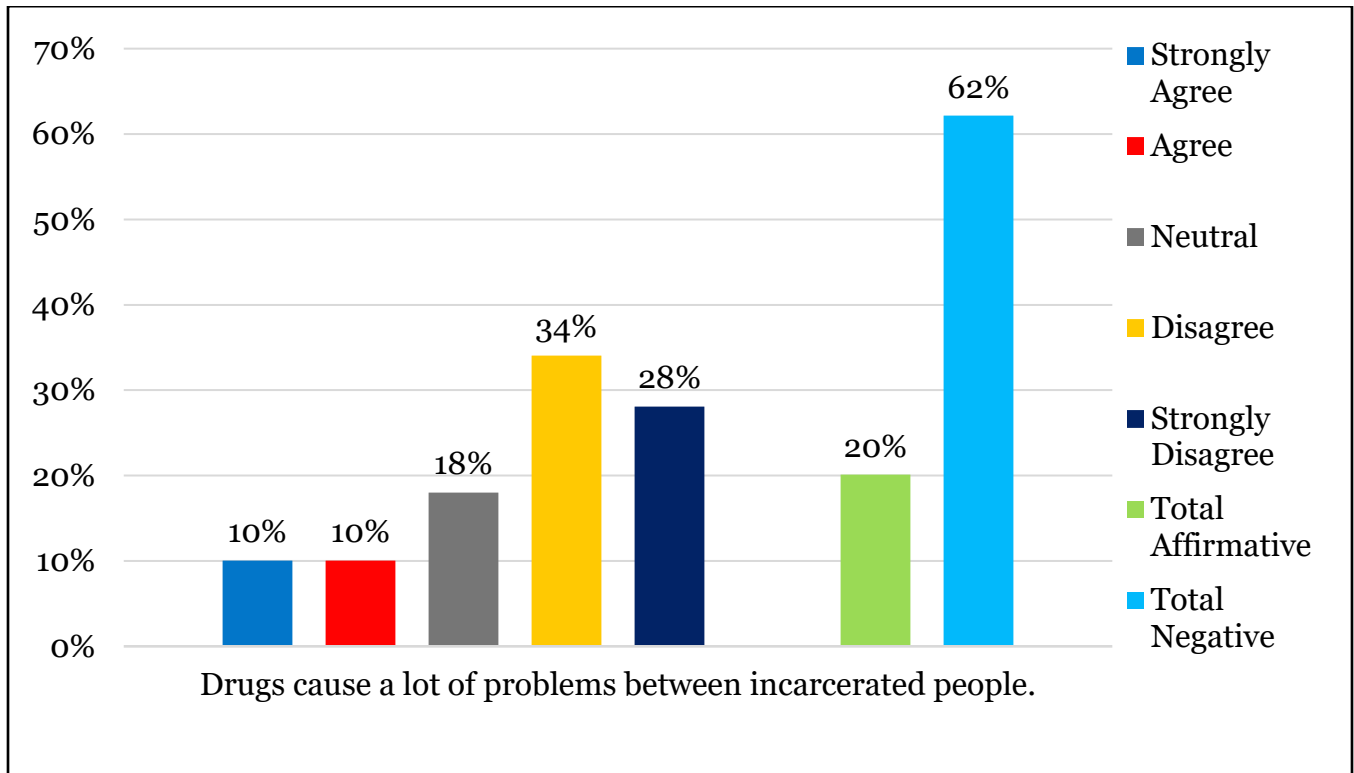


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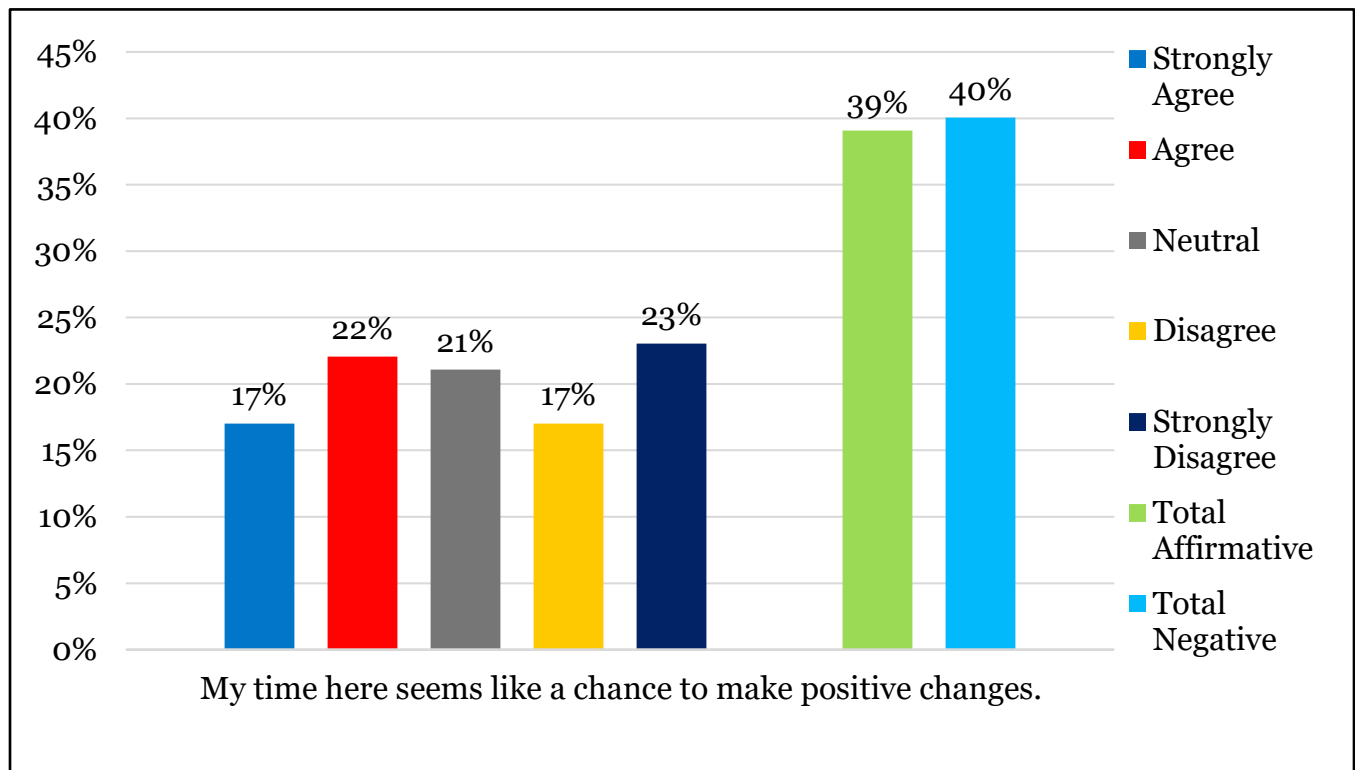
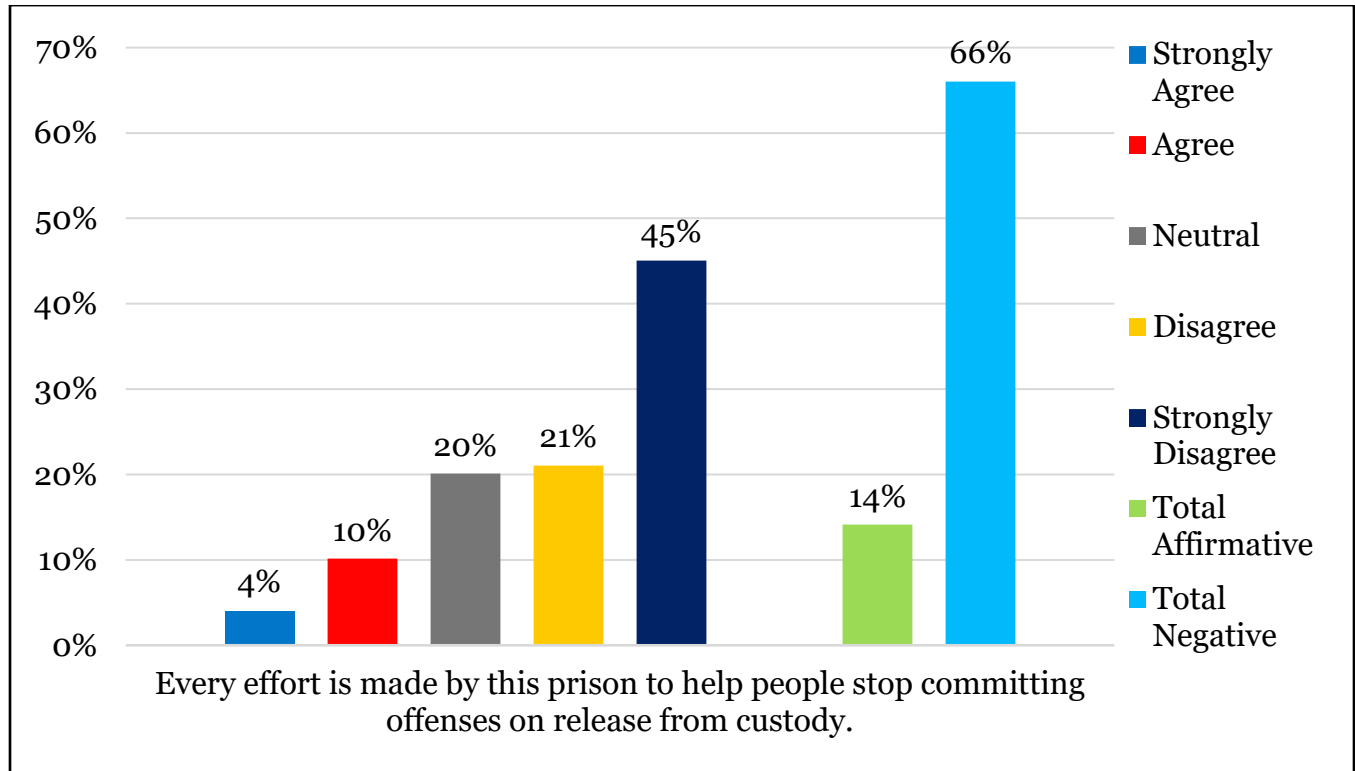


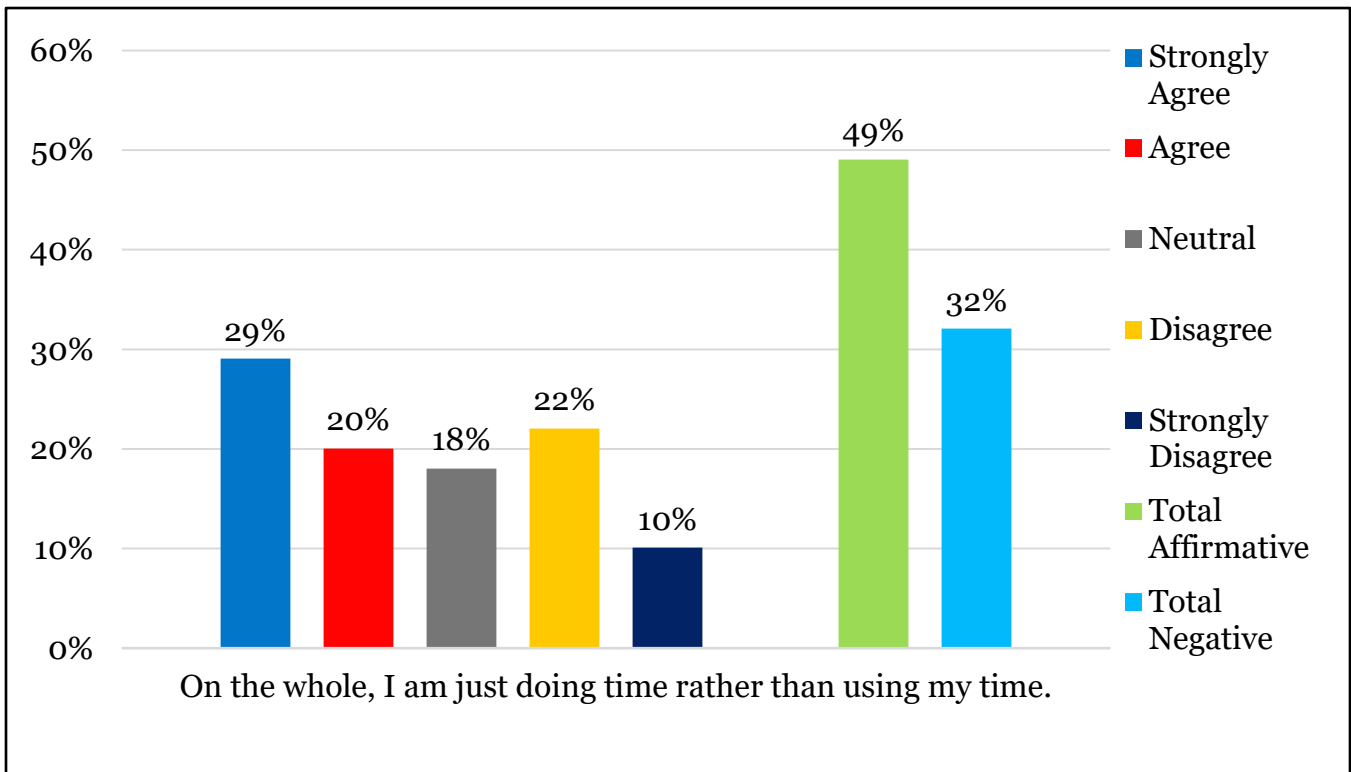
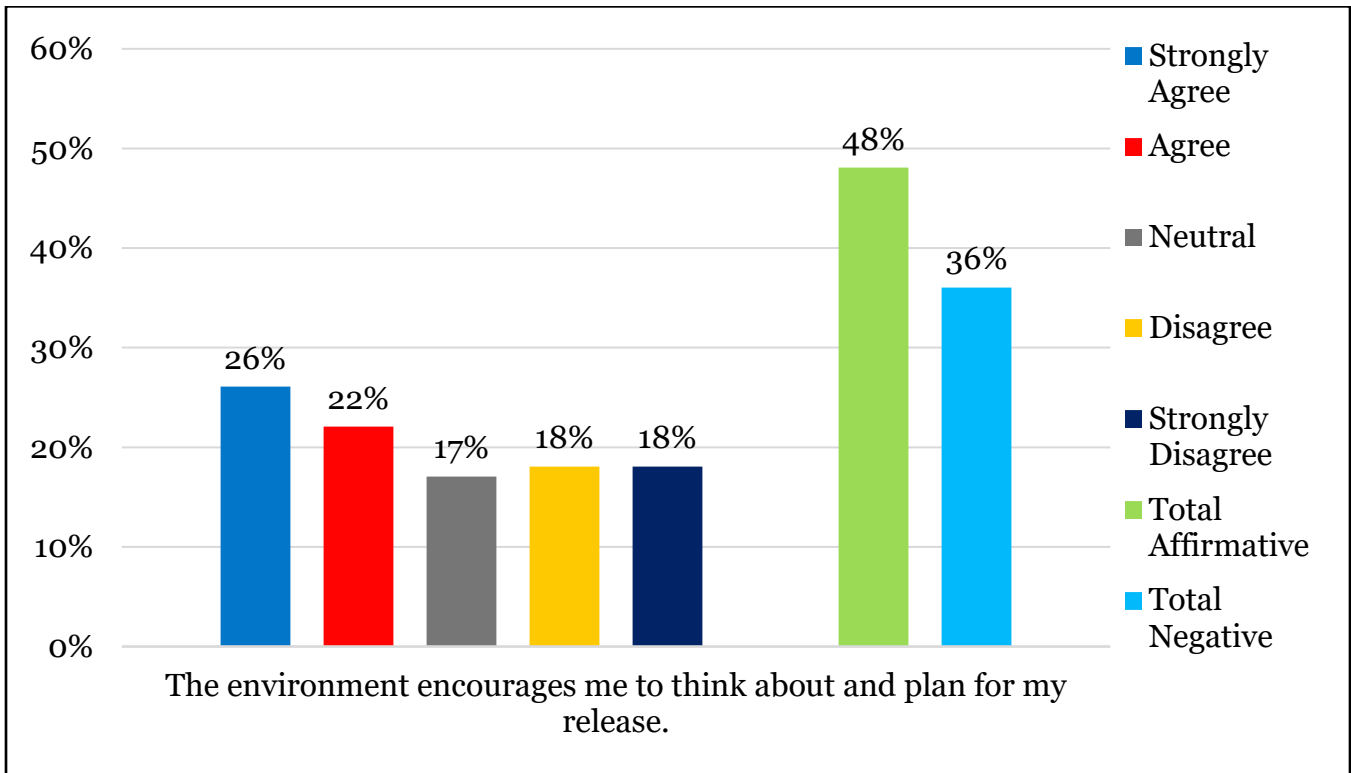
**DRUGS AND EXPLOITATION – THE LEVEL OF DRUGS, BULLYING AND VICTIMIZATION IN THE PRISON ENVIRONMENT**



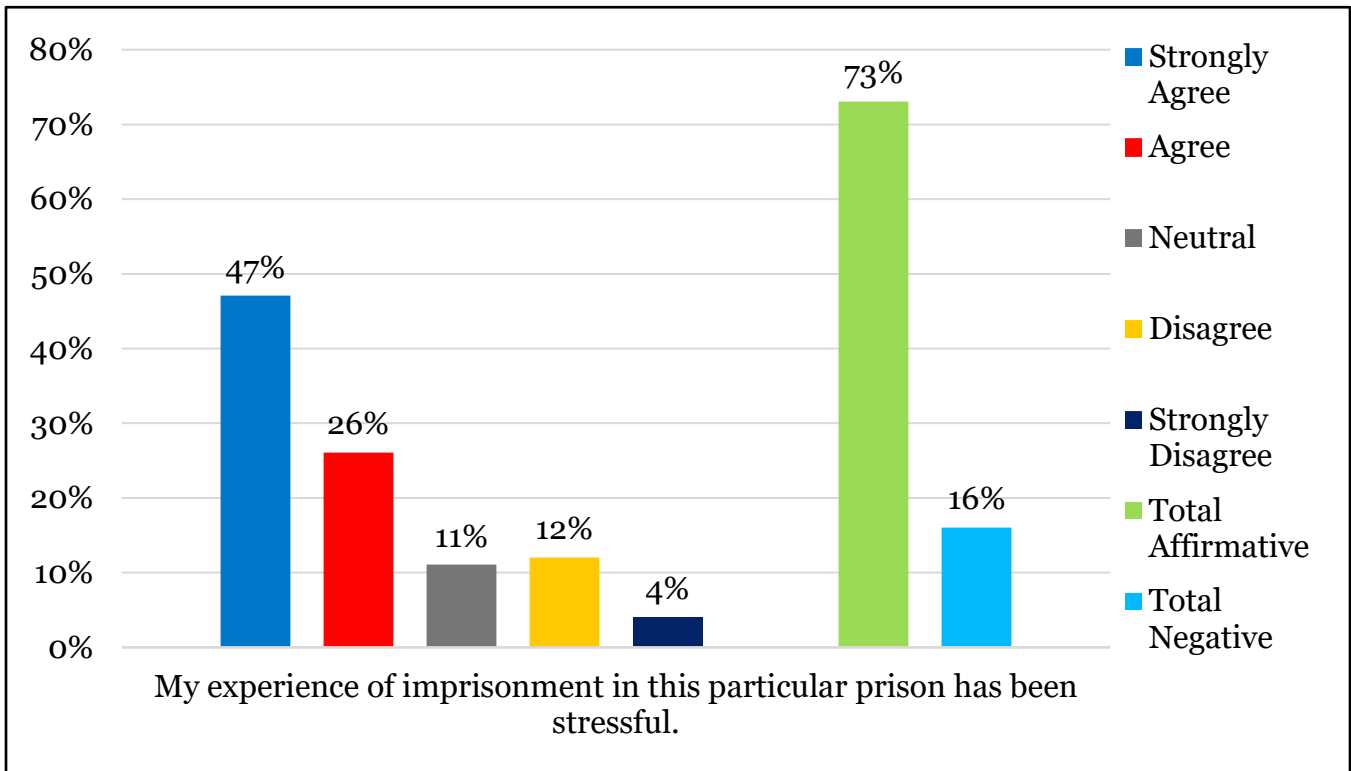
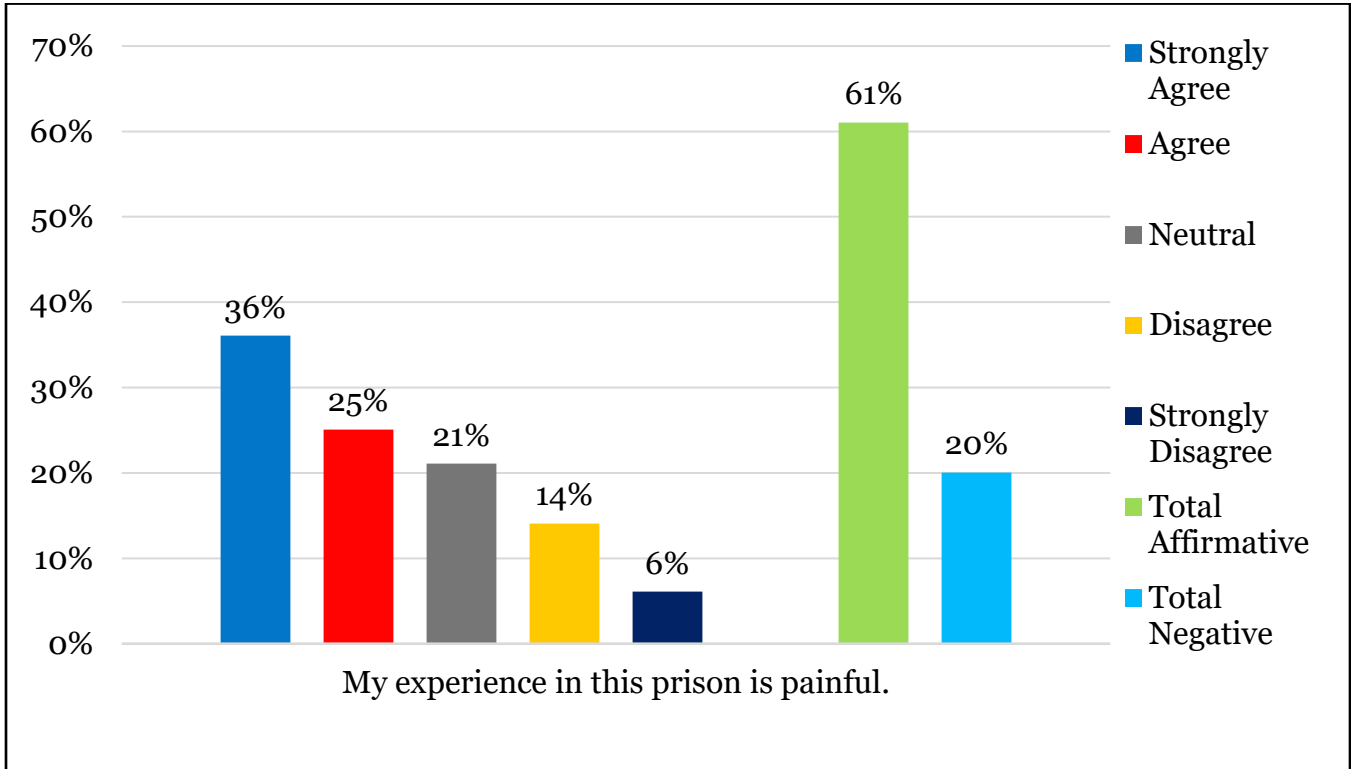
# Well-being and Development

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT** – AN ENVIRONMENT THAT HELPS INCARCERATED PEOPLE WITH OFFENDING BEHAVIOR, PREPARATION FOR RELEASE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR POTENTIAL



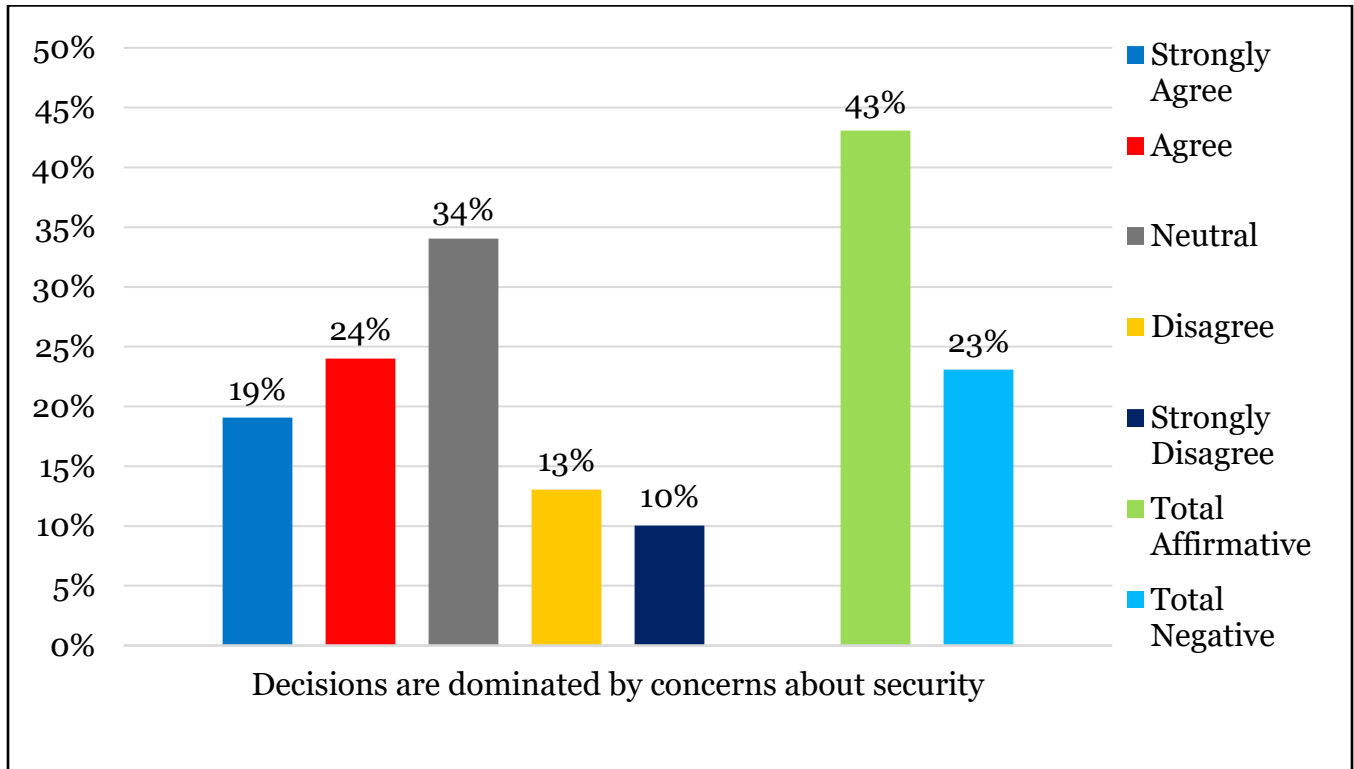


**WELL-BEING – FEELINGS OF PAIN, PUNISHMENT AND TENSION EXPERIENCED BY INCARCERATED PEOPLE**

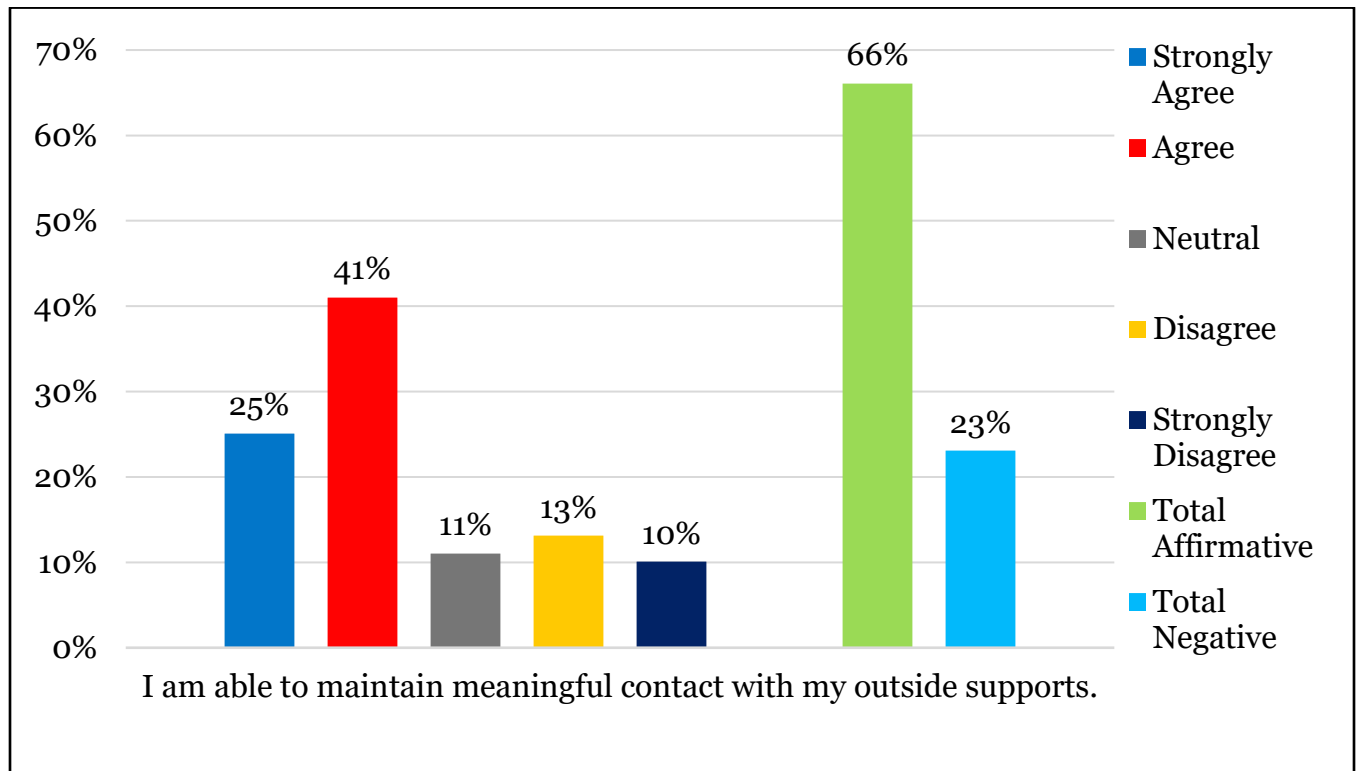


# Additional Questions

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

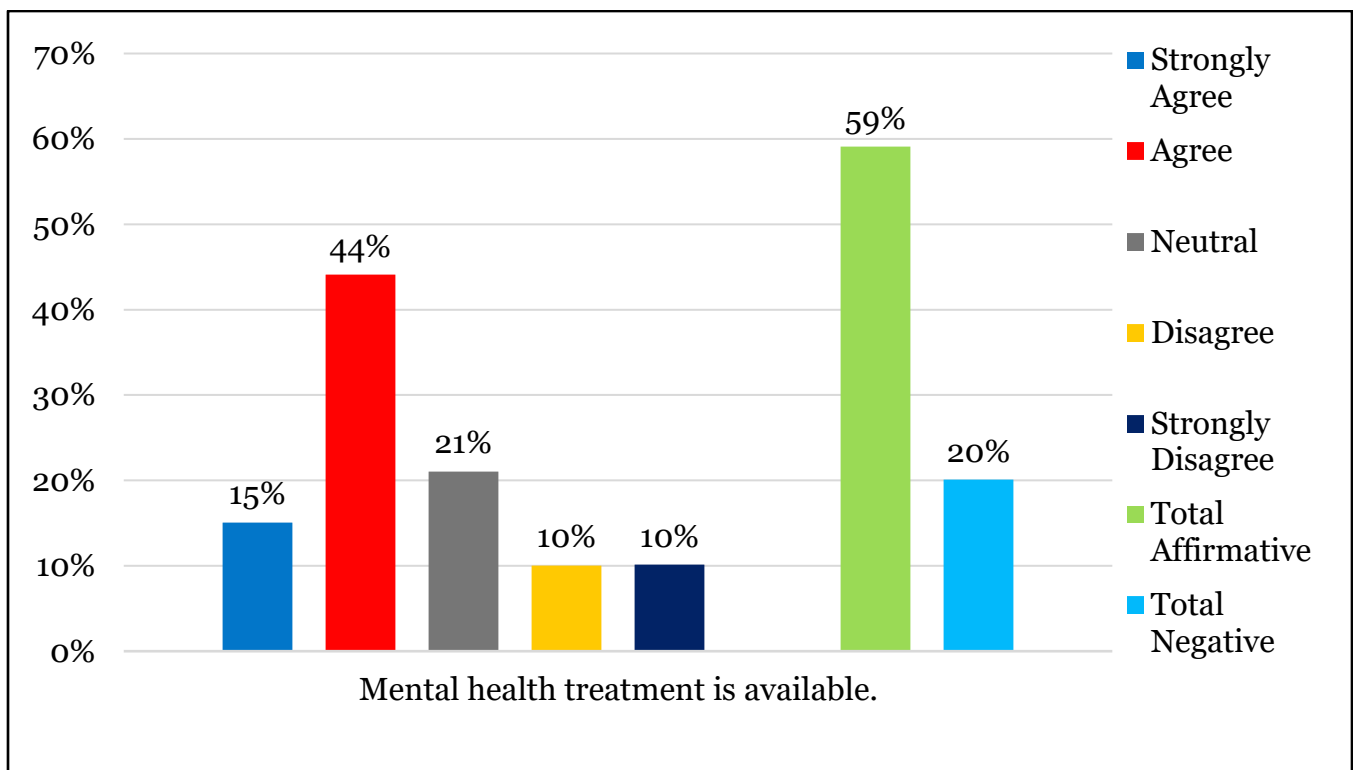
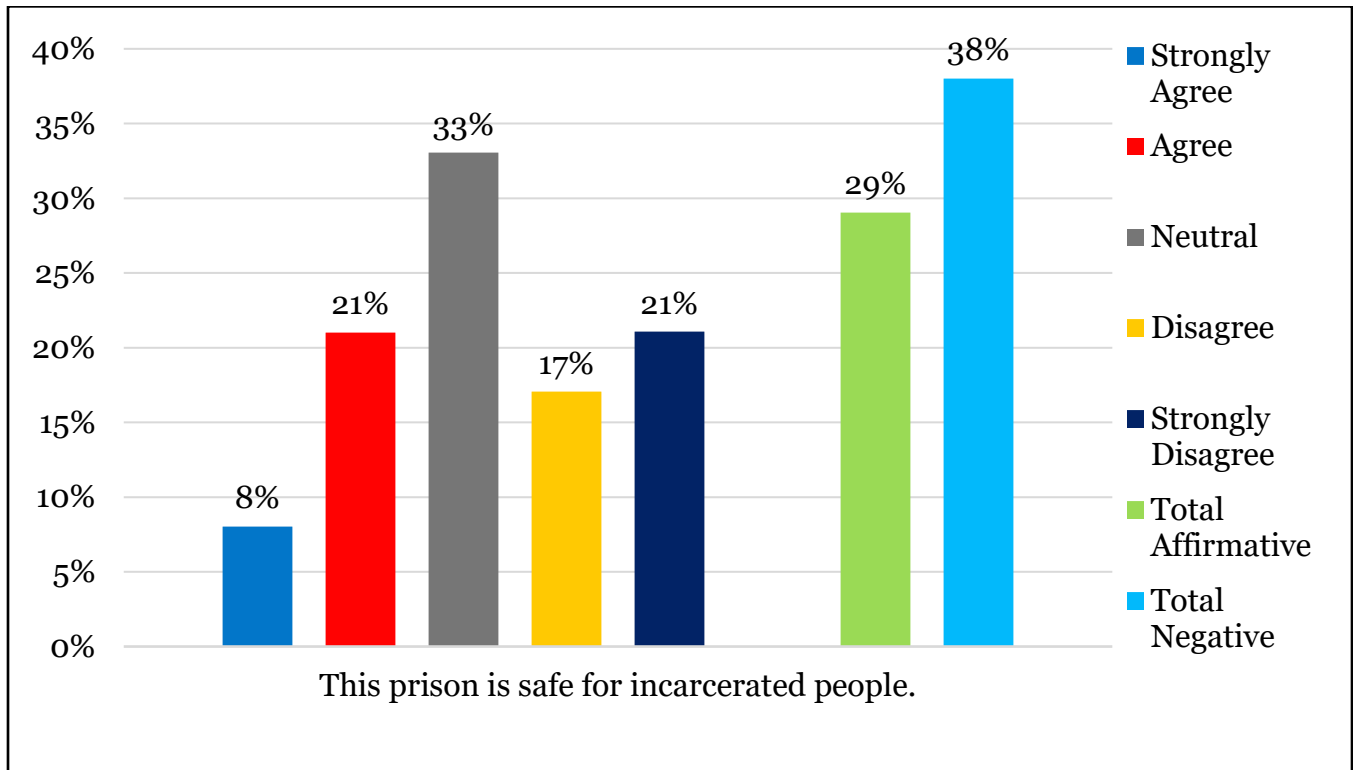


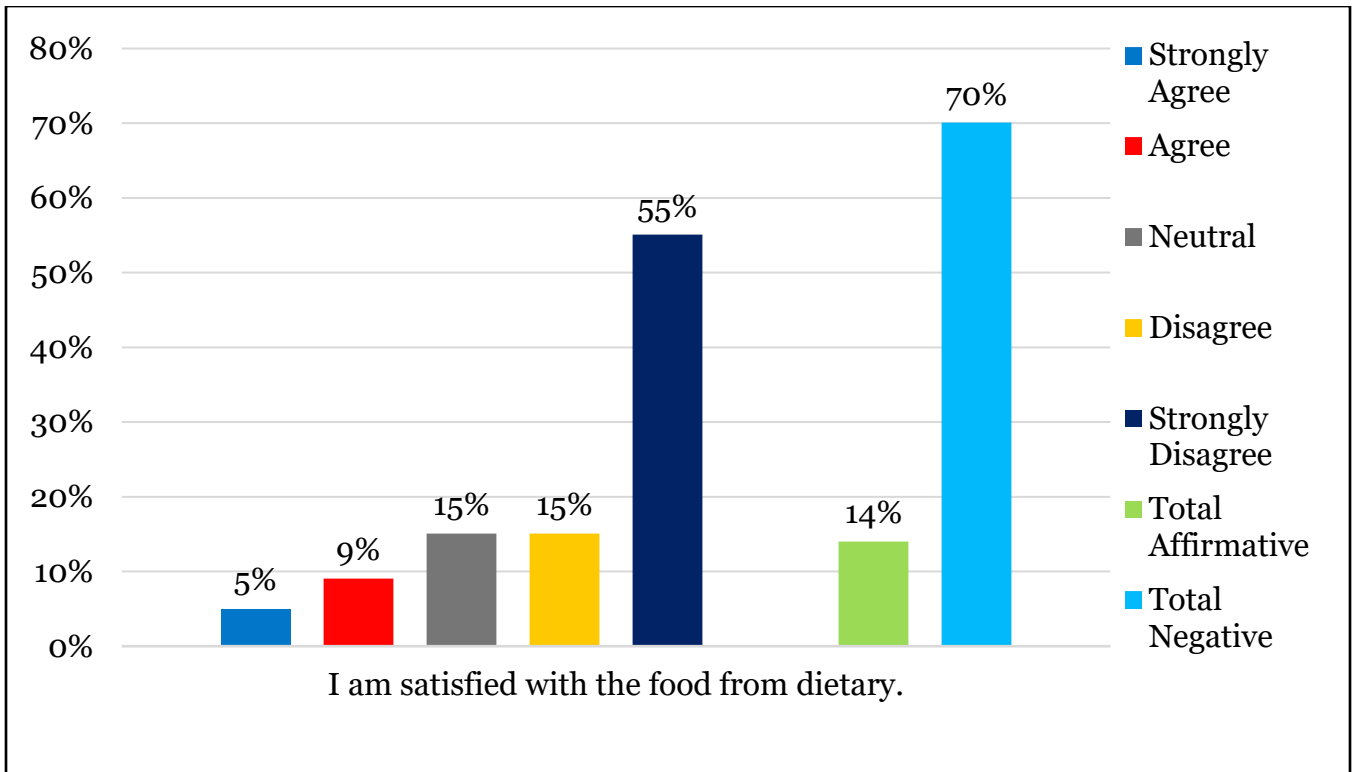
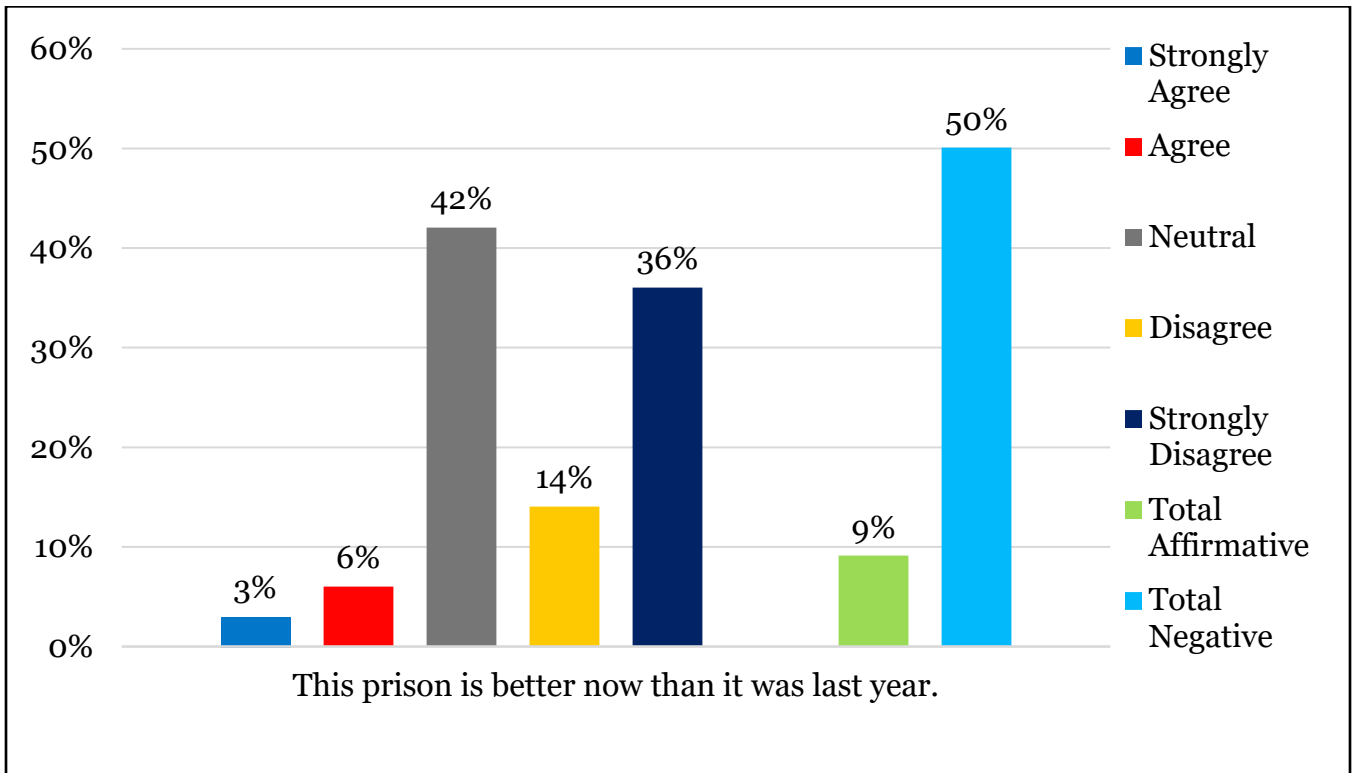
**FAMILY CONTACT – AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FACILITATES INCARCERATED PEOPLE MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOVED ONES**



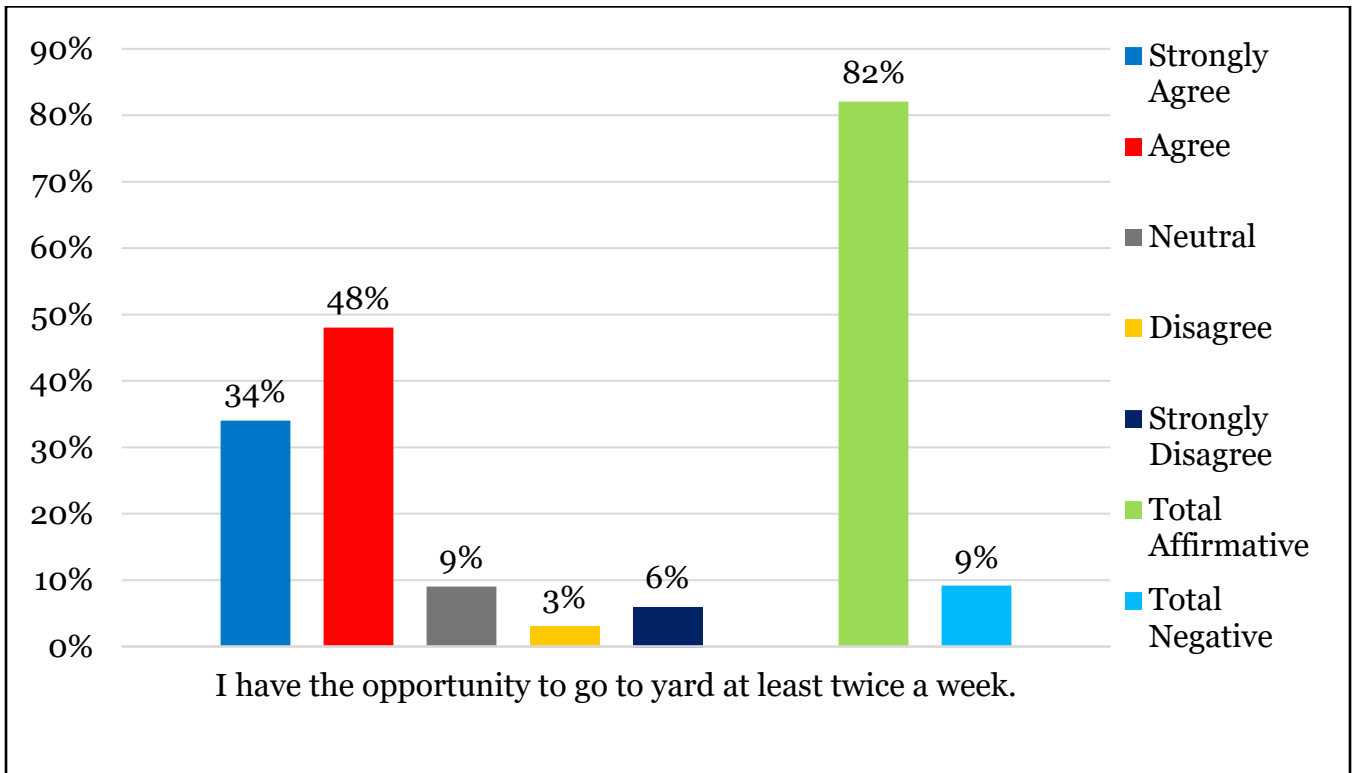
# Charts: JHA Questions

## QUESTIONS USED IN PREVIOUS JHA SURVEYS

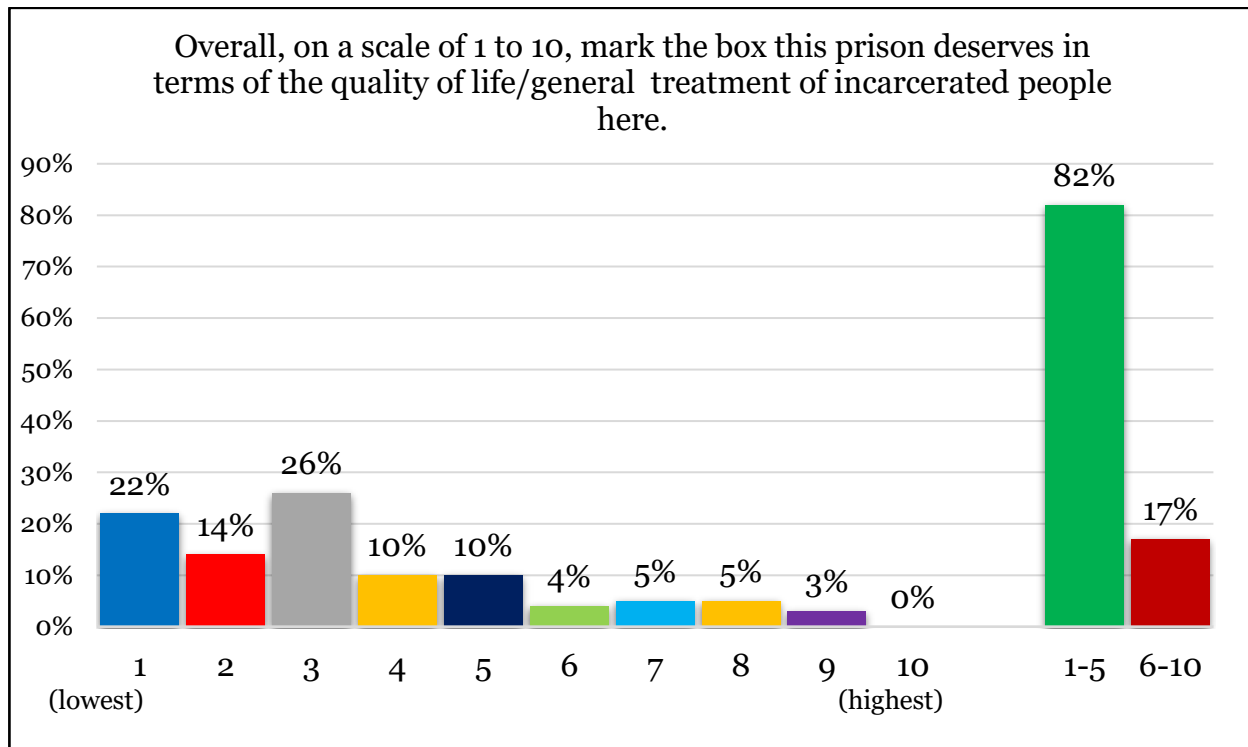








## OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE



# Tables of Results by Individual Survey Items

Age		
18-26	6	5%
26-30	10	8%
31-40	34	26%
41-50	38	29%
51 and over	43	33%
No response: 6		

Race or ethnicity		
White	35	28%
Black	65	51%
Hispanic or Latino	15	12%
Other	12	9%
No response: 4		

Are you within two years of release?		
Yes	89	69%
No	41	32%
No response: 1		

Were you first incarcerated prior to age 25?		
Yes	69	54%
No	60	47%
No response: 2		

What housing status are you currently on?		
General Population	116	89%
Restrictive Housing	5	4%
Other	9	9%
No response: 1		

Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area?		
Yes	125	95%
No	6	5%

Do you have a work or school assignment?		
Work Assignment	34	26%
School Assignment	10	8%
Both	27	21%
Neither	59	45%
No response: 1		

Relationships between staff and incarcerated people are good.		
Strongly Agree	4	3%
Agree	26	20%
Neutral	31	24%
Disagree	29	23%
Strongly Disagree	38	30%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	30	23%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	67	53%
No response: 3		

I receive support from staff when I need it.		
Strongly Agree	5	4%
Agree	29	23%
Neutral	26	20%
Disagree	38	30%
Strongly Disagree	30	23%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	34	27%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	68	53%
No response: 3		

<b>Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.</b>		
Strongly Agree	5	4%
Agree	22	17%
Neutral	21	16%
Disagree	37	29%
Strongly Disagree	45	35%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	27	21%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	82	64%
No response: 1		

<b>I trust the officers.</b>		
Strongly Agree	4	3%
Agree	9	7%
Neutral	29	23%
Disagree	31	24%
Strongly Disagree	54	43%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	13	10%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	85	67%
No response: 4		

<b>I get along well with the officers on my unit.</b>		
Strongly Agree	9	7%
Agree	34	26%
Neutral	53	41%
Disagree	14	11%
Strongly Disagree	20	15%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	43	33%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	34	26%
No response: 1		

<b>The best way to get things done is to go through official channels.</b>		
Strongly Agree	21	16%
Agree	24	19%
Neutral	21	16%
Disagree	32	25%
Strongly Disagree	30	23%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	45	35%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	62	48%
No response: 3		

<b>I have been helped significantly by a staff member with a particular problem.</b>		
Strongly Agree	10	8%
Agree	25	19%
Neutral	26	20%
Disagree	32	25%
Strongly Disagree	36	28%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	35	27%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	68	53%
No response: 2		

<b>Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.</b>		
Strongly Agree	9	7%
Agree	25	20%
Neutral	36	28%
Disagree	25	20%
Strongly Disagree	33	26%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	34	27%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	58	46%
No response: 3		

<b>I am treated as a person of value.</b>		
Strongly Agree	6	5%
Agree	14	11%
Neutral	20	16%
Disagree	41	32%
Strongly Disagree	47	37%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	20	16%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	88	69%
No response: 3		

<b>Some of the treatment I receive is degrading.</b>		
Strongly Agree	45	35%
Agree	46	36%
Neutral	15	12%
Disagree	17	13%
Strongly Disagree	5	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	91	71%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	22	17%
No response: 3		

<b>I feel safe from being injured, bullied, or threatened by other incarcerated people.</b>		
Strongly Agree	16	13%
Agree	38	30%
Neutral	31	25%
Disagree	24	19%
Strongly Disagree	17	14%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	54	43%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	41	33%
No response: 5		

<b>If you do something wrong, staff only use punishments if they have tried other options first.</b>		
Strongly Agree	12	9%
Agree	16	13%
Neutral	26	20%
Disagree	34	27%
Strongly Disagree	40	31%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	28	22%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	74	58%
No response: 3		

<b>To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations.</b>		
Strongly Agree	26	21%
Agree	38	31%
Neutral	31	25%
Disagree	26	21%
Strongly Disagree	2	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	64	52%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	28	23%
No response: 8		

<b>Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.</b>		
Strongly Agree	45	36%
Agree	41	33%
Neutral	18	14%
Disagree	17	14%
Strongly Disagree	5	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	96	69%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	22	18%
No response: 5		

<b>Staff have enough experience and expertise to deal with issues that matter to me.</b>		
Strongly Agree	5	4%
Agree	13	10%
Neutral	23	18%
Disagree	46	36%
Strongly Disagree	40	32%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	18	14%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	86	68%
No response: 4		

<b>To get things done, you have to ask and ask and ask.</b>		
Strongly Agree	72	57%
Agree	30	24%
Neutral	9	7%
Disagree	13	10%
Strongly Disagree	2	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	102	81%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	15	12%
No response: 5		

<b>Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.</b>		
Strongly Agree	36	29%
Agree	29	23%
Neutral	37	30%
Disagree	19	15%
Strongly Disagree	3	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	65	52%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	22	17%
No response: 7		

<b>I can't improve my situation through good behavior.</b>		
Strongly Agree	40	33%
Agree	20	16%
Neutral	24	20%
Disagree	25	21%
Strongly Disagree	13	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	60	49%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	38	32%
No response: 9		

<b>The environment encourages me to think about and plan for my release.</b>		
Strongly Agree	33	26%
Agree	28	22%
Neutral	21	17%
Disagree	22	18%
Strongly Disagree	22	18%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	61	48%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	44	36%
No response: 5		

<b>My experience of imprisonment in this particular prison has been stressful.</b>		
Strongly Agree	60	47%
Agree	33	26%
Neutral	14	11%
Disagree	15	12%
Strongly Disagree	5	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	93	73%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	20	16%
No response: 4		

<b>Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.</b>		
Strongly Agree	46	36%
Agree	33	26%
Neutral	24	19%
Disagree	13	10%
Strongly Disagree	11	9%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	79	62%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	24	19%
No response: 4		

<b>I have to be careful about everything I do, or it can be used against me.</b>		
Strongly Agree	58	45%
Agree	45	35%
Neutral	17	13%
Disagree	7	6%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	103	80%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	8	7%
No response: 3		

<b>On the whole, I am just doing time rather than using my time.</b>		
Strongly Agree	36	29%
Agree	25	20%
Neutral	23	18%
Disagree	28	22%
Strongly Disagree	13	10%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	61	49%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	41	32%
No response: 6		

<b>This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.</b>		
Strongly Agree	8	6%
Agree	7	6%
Neutral	23	18%
Disagree	45	36%
Strongly Disagree	42	34%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	15	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	87	70%
No response: 6		

<b>This prison is well organized.</b>		
Strongly Agree	5	4%
Agree	6	5%
Neutral	14	11%
Disagree	27	21%
Strongly Disagree	74	59%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	11	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	101	80%
No response: 5		

<b>I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.</b>		
Strongly Agree	5	4%
Agree	18	15%
Neutral	34	27%
Disagree	16	13%
Strongly Disagree	51	41%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	23	19%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	67	54%
No response: 7		

<b>Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms.</b>		
Strongly Agree	8	7%
Agree	32	26%
Neutral	30	24%
Disagree	21	17%
Strongly Disagree	33	27%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	40	33%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	54	44%
No response: 7		

<b>When I need to get something done, I can normally get it done by talking to someone face to face.</b>		
Strongly Agree	10	8%
Agree	23	18%
Neutral	27	21%
Disagree	32	25%
Strongly Disagree	35	28%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	33	26%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	67	53%
No response: 4		

<b>You never know the rules.</b>		
Strongly Agree	33	26%
Agree	31	25%
Neutral	30	24%
Disagree	16	13%
Strongly Disagree	16	13%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	64	51%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	32	26%
No response: 5		

<b>My experience in this prison is painful.</b>		
Strongly Agree	45	36%
Agree	31	25%
Neutral	26	21%
Disagree	17	14%
Strongly Disagree	7	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	76	61%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	24	20%
No response: 5		

<b>There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.</b>		
Strongly Agree	26	22%
Agree	31	26%
Neutral	37	31%
Disagree	14	12%
Strongly Disagree	13	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	57	48%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	27	23%
No response: 10		

<b>The disciplinary system is fair.</b>		
Strongly Agree	6	5%
Agree	12	10%
Neutral	27	21%
Disagree	22	18%
Strongly Disagree	59	47%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	18	15%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	81	65%
No response: 5		

<b>My time here seems like a chance to make positive changes.</b>		
Strongly Agree	20	17%
Agree	25	22%
Neutral	24	21%
Disagree	20	17%
Strongly Disagree	27	23%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	45	39%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	47	40%
No response: 15		

<b>There are a few incarcerated people who run things on this unit.</b>		
Strongly Agree	25	20%
Agree	18	14%
Neutral	29	23%
Disagree	27	22%
Strongly Disagree	26	21%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	43	34%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	53	43%
No response: 6		

<b>I am not being treated as a human being in here.</b>		
Strongly Agree	41	32%
Agree	30	23%
Neutral	24	19%
Disagree	23	18%
Strongly Disagree	10	8%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	71	55%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	33	26%
No response: 3		

<b>I have to buy and sell things in order to get by.</b>		
Strongly Agree	24	19%
Agree	14	11%
Neutral	28	23%
Disagree	30	24%
Strongly Disagree	28	23%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	38	30%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	58	47%
No response: 7		

<b>You have to be in a group or gang in order to get by.</b>		
Strongly Agree	14	11%
Agree	16	13%
Neutral	21	17%
Disagree	48	38%
Strongly Disagree	28	22%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	30	24%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	76	60%
No response: 4		

<b>Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.</b>		
Strongly Agree	23	19%
Agree	29	24%
Neutral	41	34%
Disagree	16	13%
Strongly Disagree	12	10%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	52	43%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	28	23%
No response: 10		



<b>When important decisions are made about me, I am treated as an individual and not a number.</b>		
Strongly Agree	8	6%
Agree	16	13%
Neutral	22	18%
Disagree	38	30%
Strongly Disagree	42	33%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	24	19%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	80	63%
No response: 5		

<b>All they care about is my offense and security level, not the person I really am.</b>		
Strongly Agree	64	50%
Agree	36	28%
Neutral	16	12%
Disagree	9	7%
Strongly Disagree	4	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	100	78%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	13	10%
No response: 2		

<b>Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.</b>		
Strongly Agree	13	10%
Agree	12	10%
Neutral	23	18%
Disagree	42	34%
Strongly Disagree	35	28%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	25	20%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	77	62%
No response: 6		

<b>Anyone who harms themselves is considered by staff to be more of an attention seeker than someone who needs help.</b>		
Strongly Agree	43	34%
Agree	33	26%
Neutral	33	26%
Disagree	10	8%
Strongly Disagree	8	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	76	60%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	18	14%
No response: 4		

<b>Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.</b>		
Strongly Agree	19	16%
Agree	33	27%
Neutral	29	24%
Disagree	27	22%
Strongly Disagree	13	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	52	43%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	40	33%
No response: 10		

<b>I am able to maintain meaningful contact with my outside supports.</b>		
Strongly Agree	31	25%
Agree	51	41%
Neutral	14	11%
Disagree	16	13%
Strongly Disagree	13	10%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	82	66%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	29	23%
No response: 6		

<b>This prison is poor at giving incarcerated people reasons for decisions.</b>		
Strongly Agree	52	41%
Agree	35	28%
Neutral	27	21%
Disagree	8	6%
Strongly Disagree	5	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	87	69%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	13	10%
No response: 4		

<b>Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.</b>		
Strongly Agree	4	3%
Agree	12	9%
Neutral	13	10%
Disagree	43	34%
Strongly Disagree	55	43%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	16	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	98	77%
No response: 4		

<b>This is a humane prison.</b>		
Strongly Agree	10	8%
Agree	8	6%
Neutral	42	34%
Disagree	21	17%
Strongly Disagree	44	35%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	18	14%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	65	52%
No response: 6		

<b>Incarcerated people in this prison spend too long locked up in cells.</b>		
Strongly Agree	9	7%
Agree	8	6%
Neutral	29	23%
Disagree	41	33%
Strongly Disagree	39	31%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	17	13%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	80	64%
No response: 5		

<b>This prison is safe for incarcerated people.</b>		
Strongly Agree	10	8%
Agree	27	21%
Neutral	42	33%
Disagree	21	17%
Strongly Disagree	26	21%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	37	29%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	47	38%
No response: 5		

<b>Mental health treatment is available.</b>		
Strongly Agree	19	15%
Agree	55	44%
Neutral	26	21%
Disagree	13	10%
Strongly Disagree	13	10%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	74	59%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	26	20%
No response: 5		

<b>This prison is better now than it was last year.</b>		
Strongly Agree	3	3%
Agree	7	6%
Neutral	51	42%
Disagree	17	14%
Strongly Disagree	44	36%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	10	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	61	50%
No response: 9		

<b>I have the opportunity to go to yard at least twice a week.</b>		
Strongly Agree	43	34%
Agree	62	48%
Neutral	12	9%
Disagree	4	3%
Strongly Disagree	7	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	105	82%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	11	9%
No response: 3		

<b>Every effort is made by this prison to help people stop committing offenses on release from custody.</b>		
Strongly Agree	5	4%
Agree	12	10%
Neutral	25	20%
Disagree	26	21%
Strongly Disagree	55	45%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	17	14%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	81	66%
No response: 8		

<b>I am satisfied with food from dietary.</b>		
Strongly Agree	6	5%
Agree	12	9%
Neutral	20	15%
Disagree	20	15%
Strongly Disagree	72	55%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	18	14%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	92	70%
No response: 1		

**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)	28	22%
2	18	14%
3	33	26%
4	13	10%
5	12	10%
6	5	4%
7	6	5%
8	6	5%
9	4	3%
10 (Highest)	0	0%
<i>1-5</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>82%</i>
<i>6-10</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>17%</i>
No response: 6		
Mean: 3.45		



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