
Survey Results



Kewanee 2023 MQPL Survey Results

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Introduction

Kewanee Correctional Center is a medium-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 198 people on January 10, 2023. 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 Kewanee had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 36 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Kewanee through May 3, 2023, representing approximately 18% 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

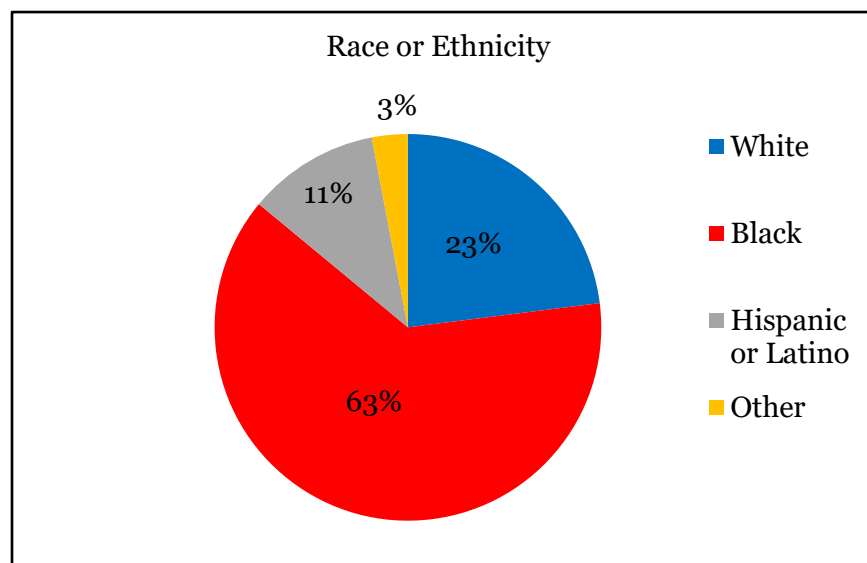
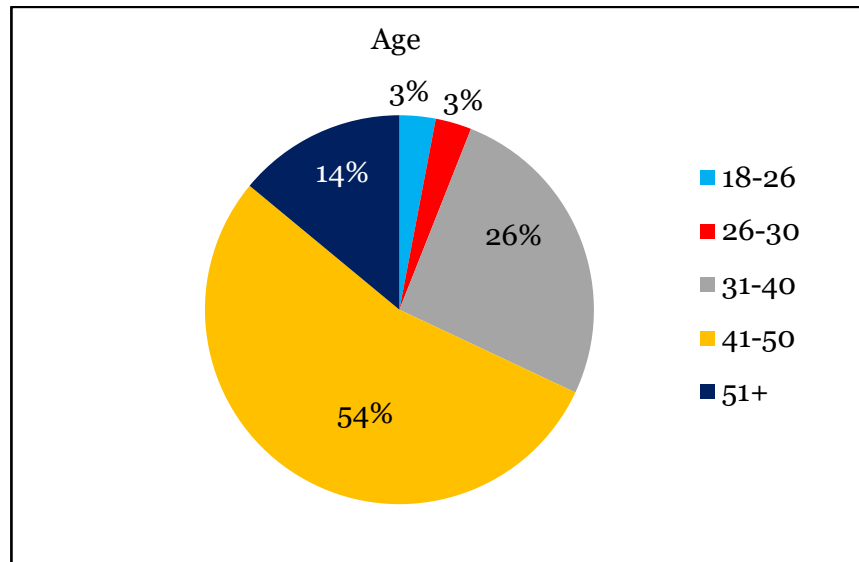
- **Harmony: Questions relating to interpersonal aspects of the prison experience**
 - Respect/courtesy – Positive, respectful, and courteous attitudes towards incarcerated people by staff.
 - Staff-incarcerated people relationships – Trusting, fair and supportive interactions between staff and incarcerated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

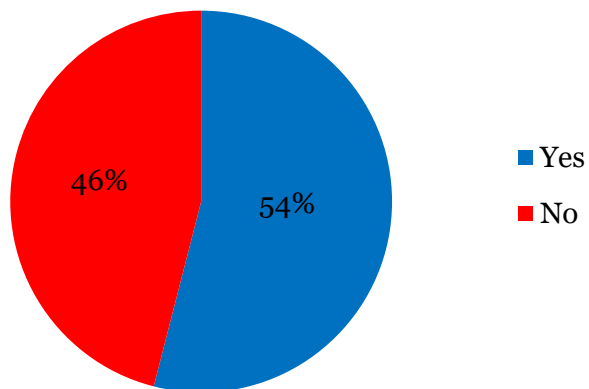
Charts: Demographic Information of Respondents

Total respondents =36¹

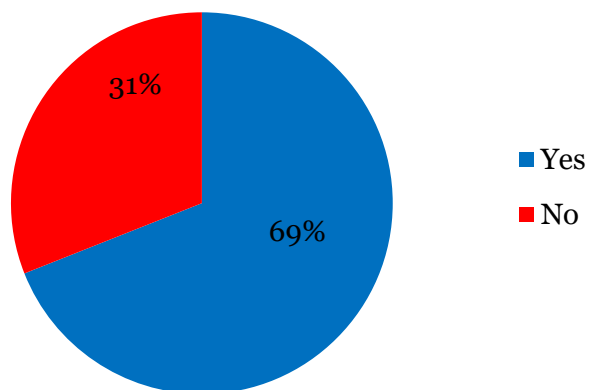


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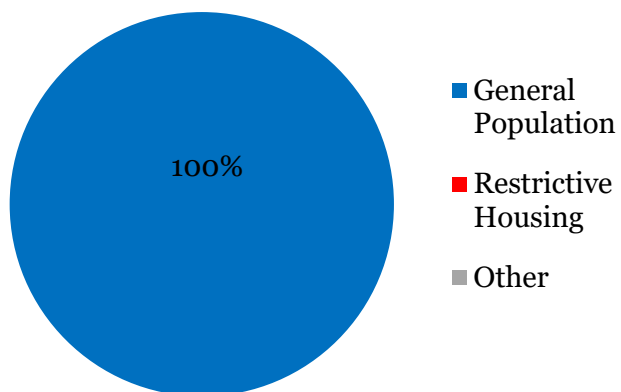
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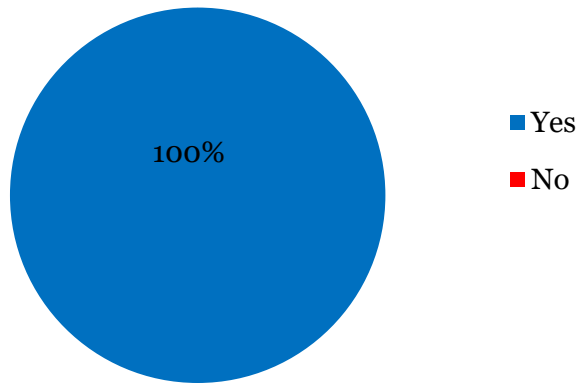
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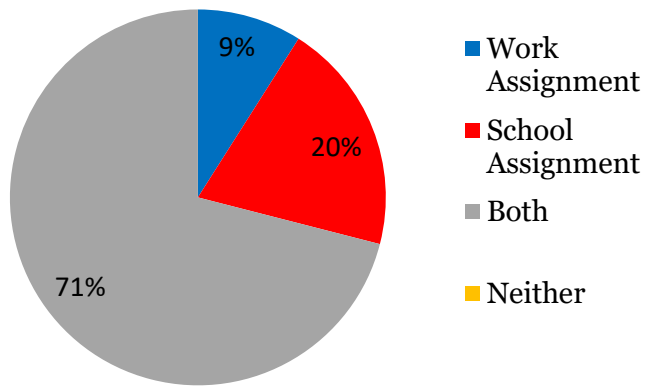
What is your housing status?



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



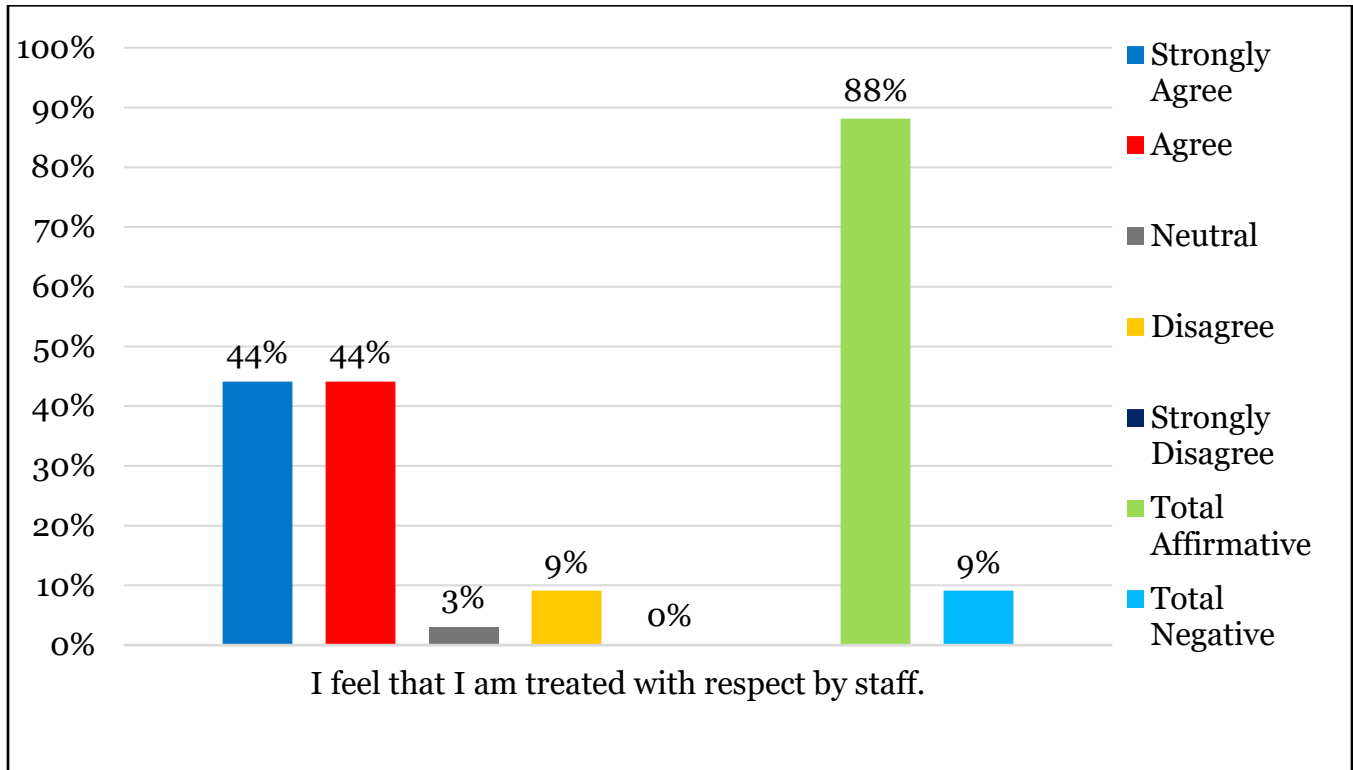
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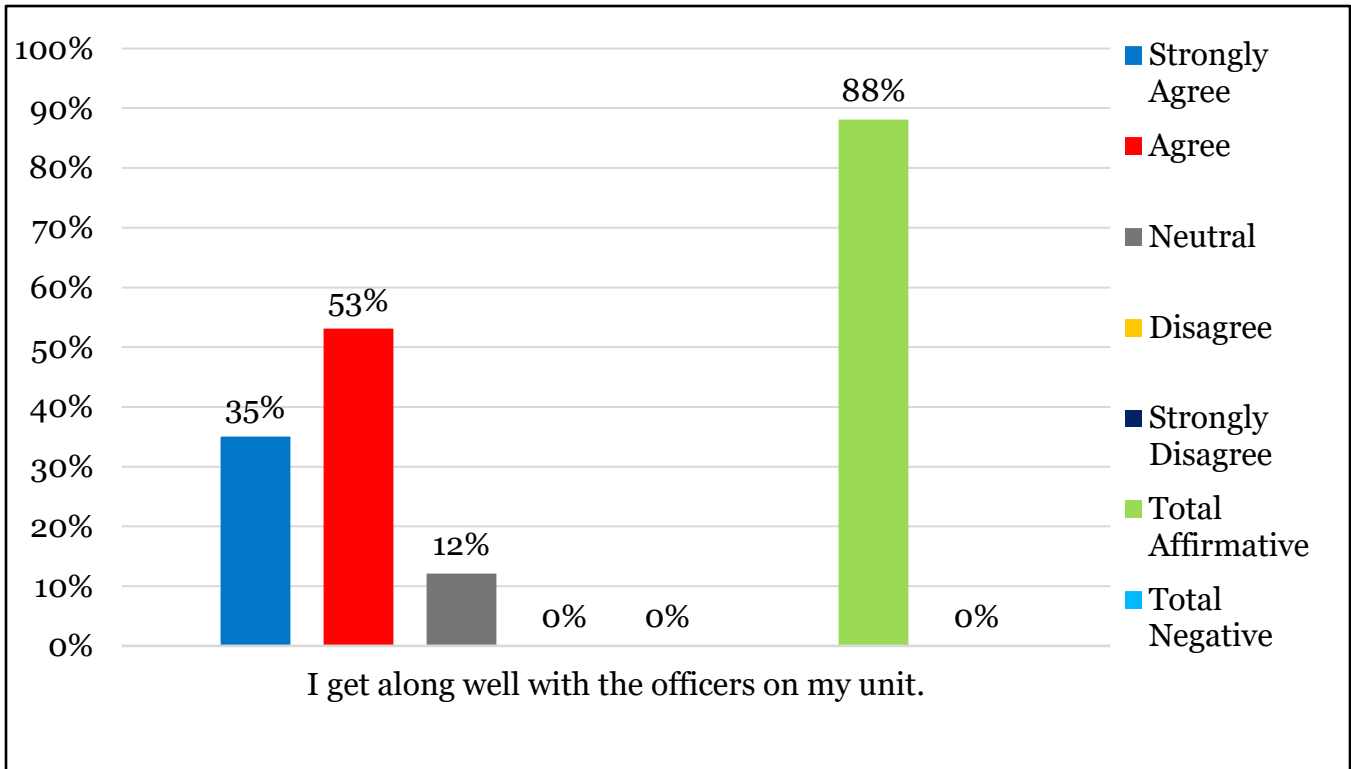
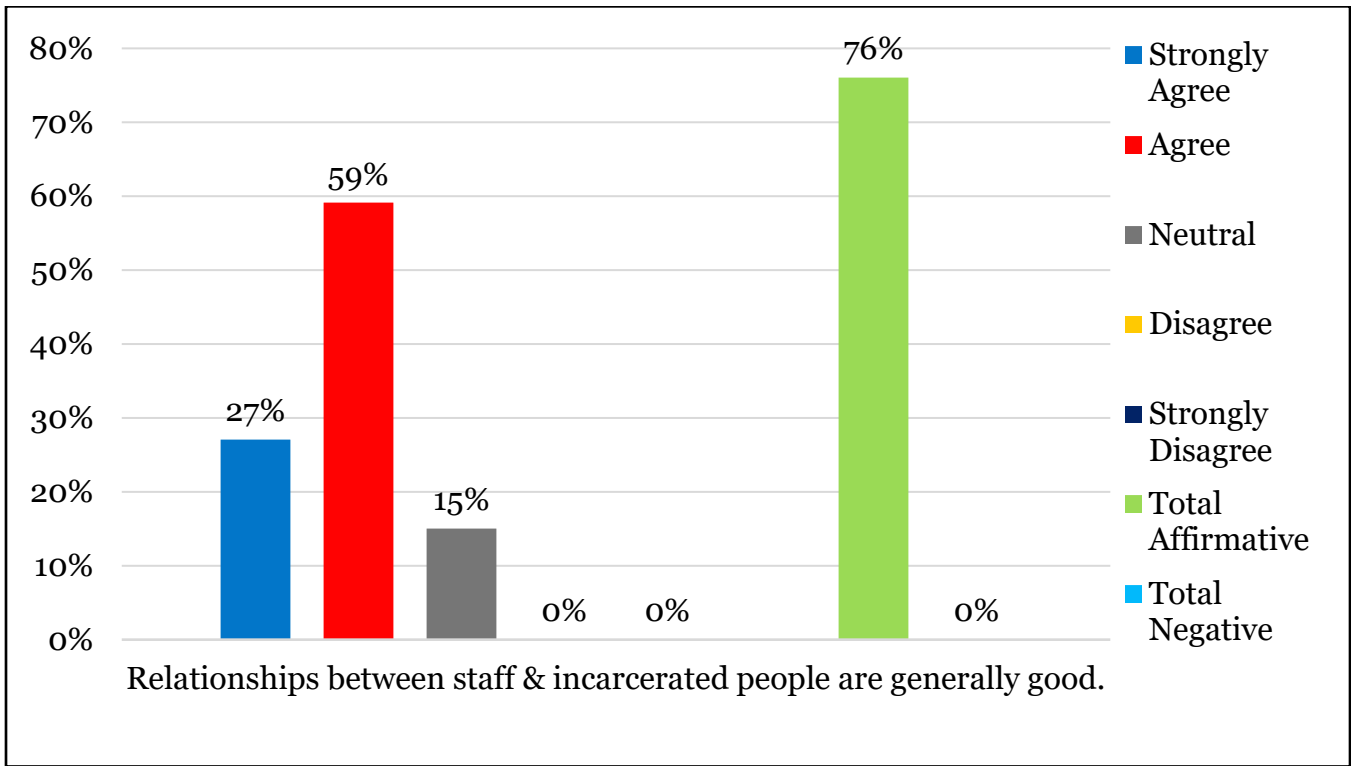
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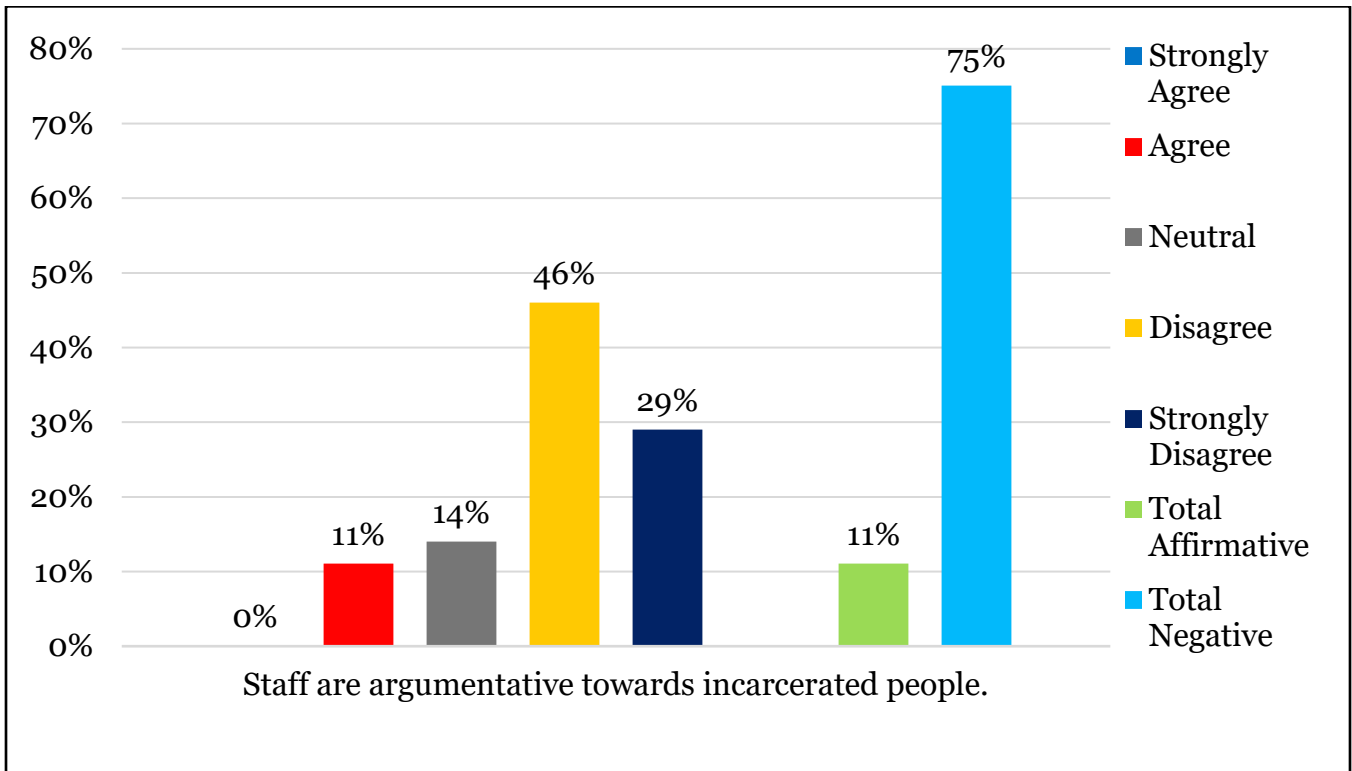
Harmony

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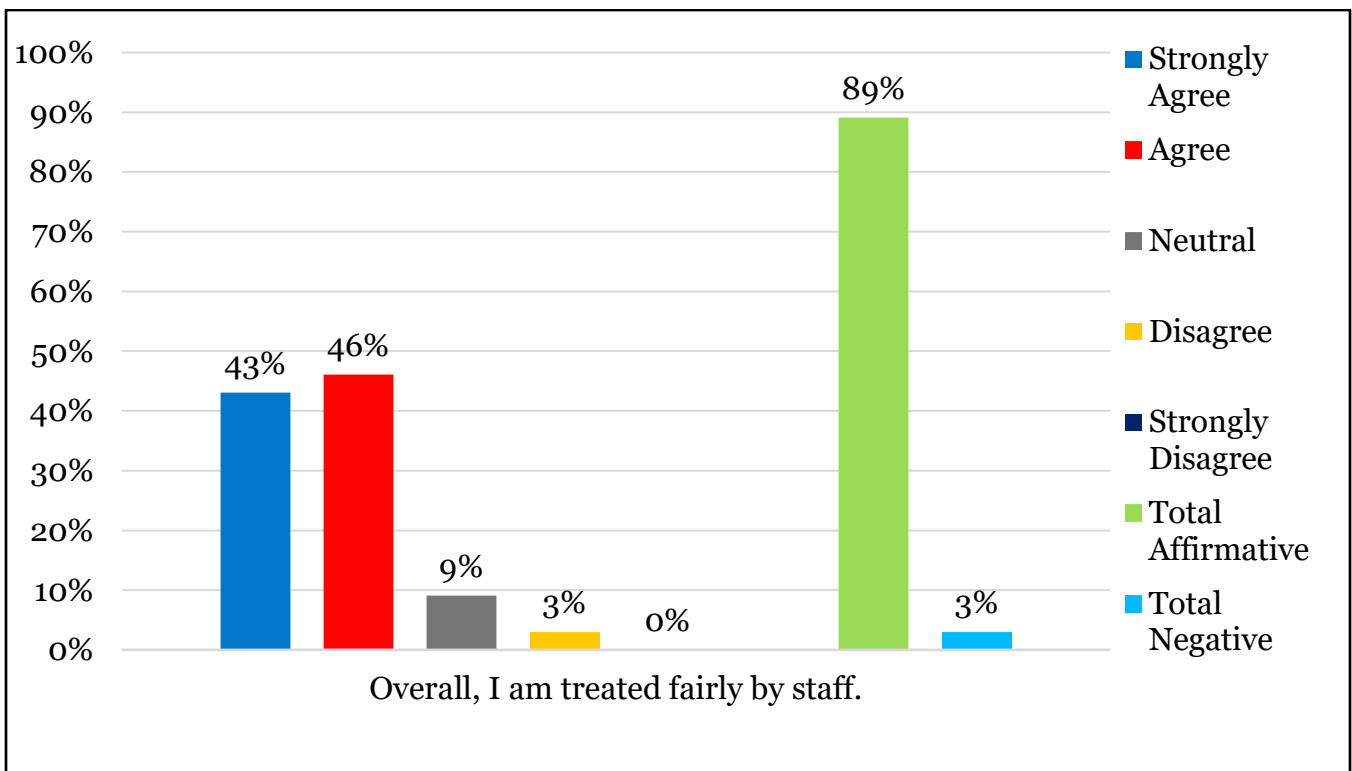


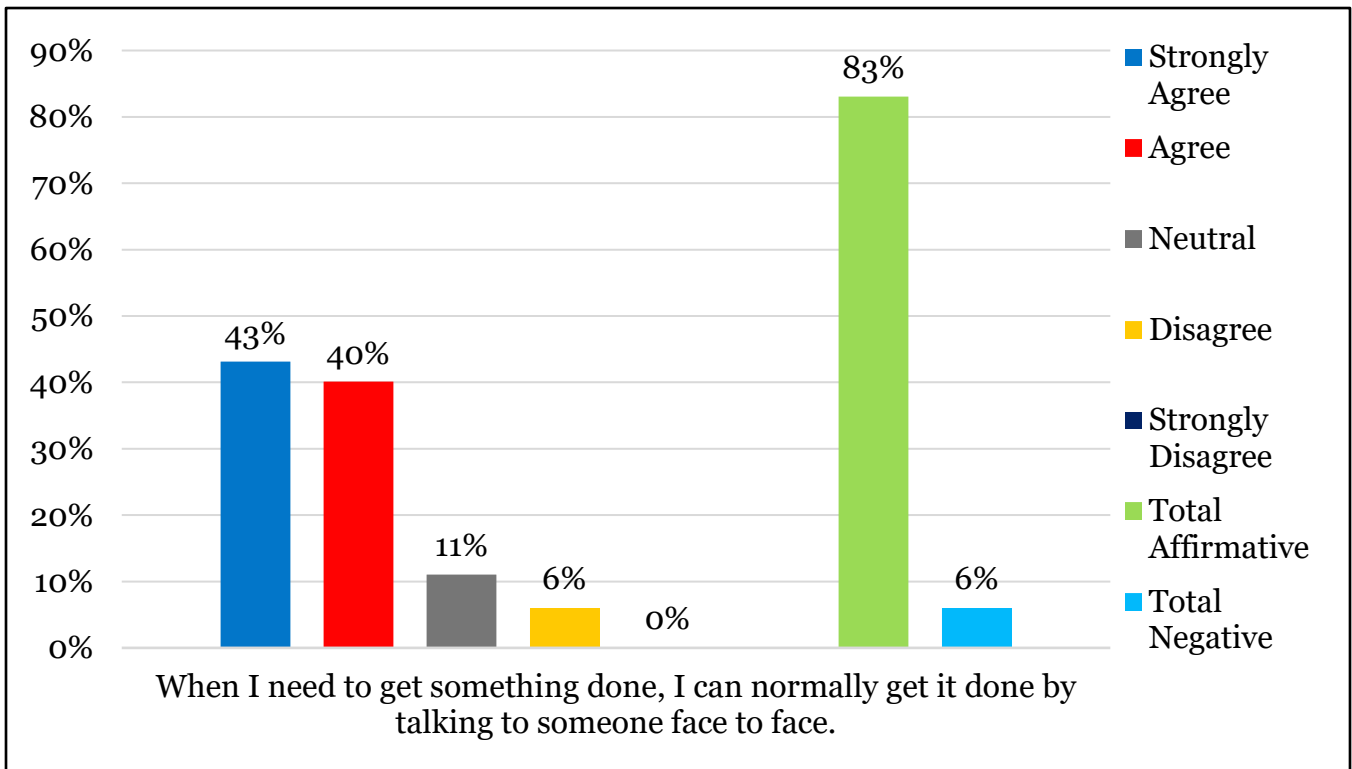
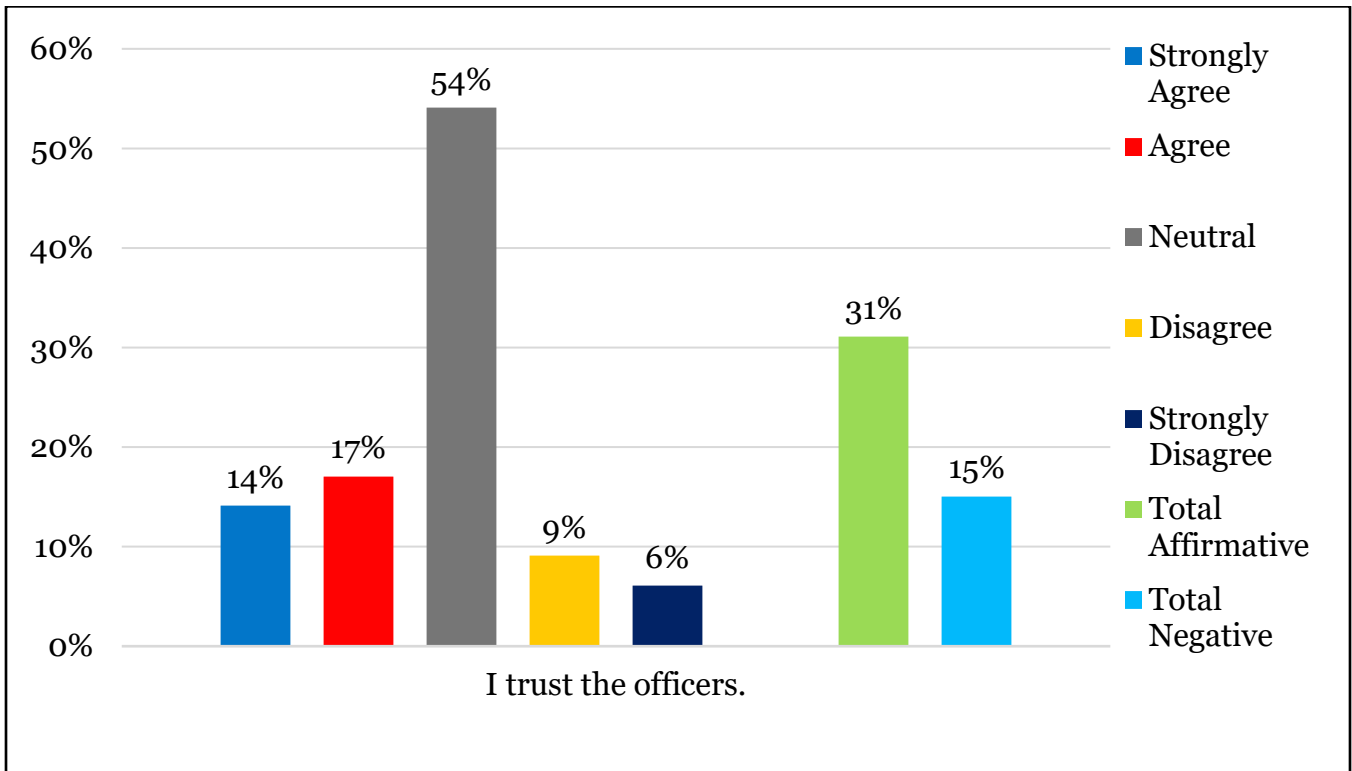
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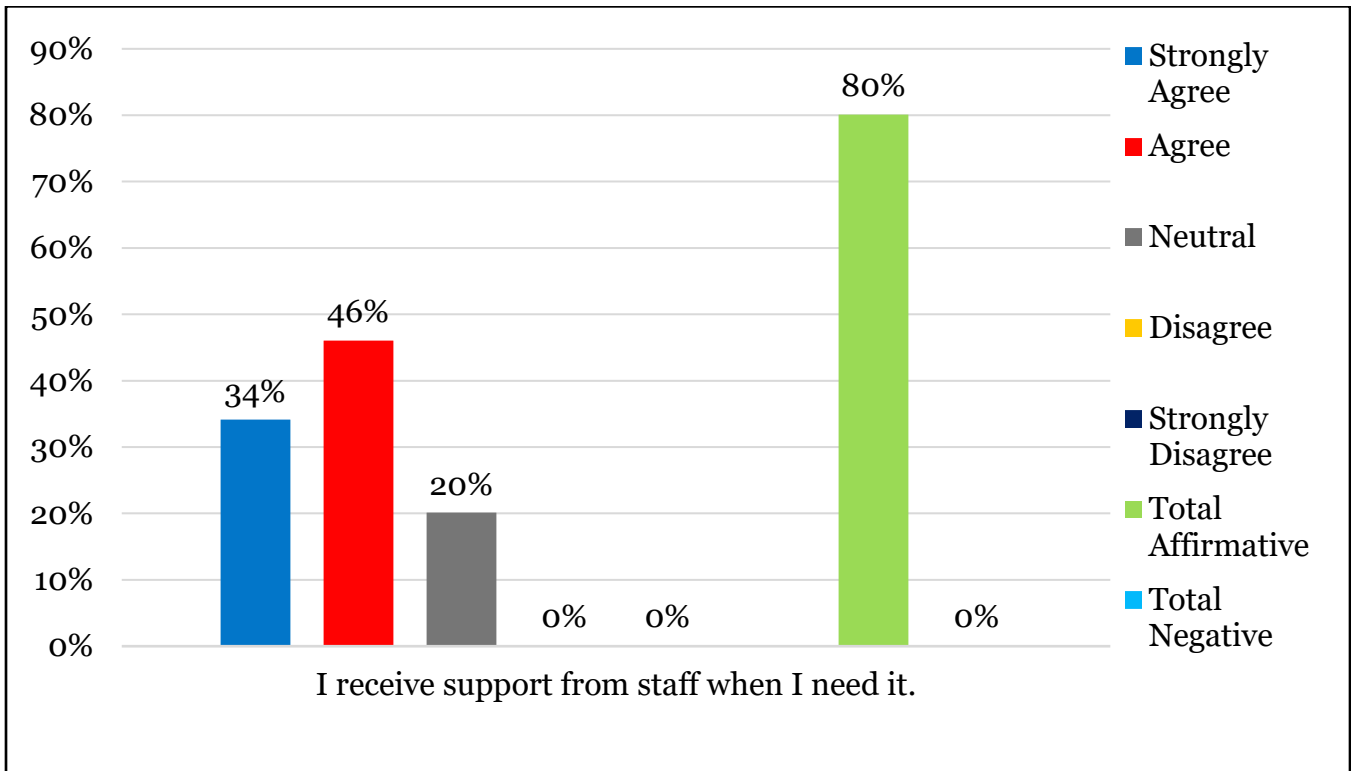




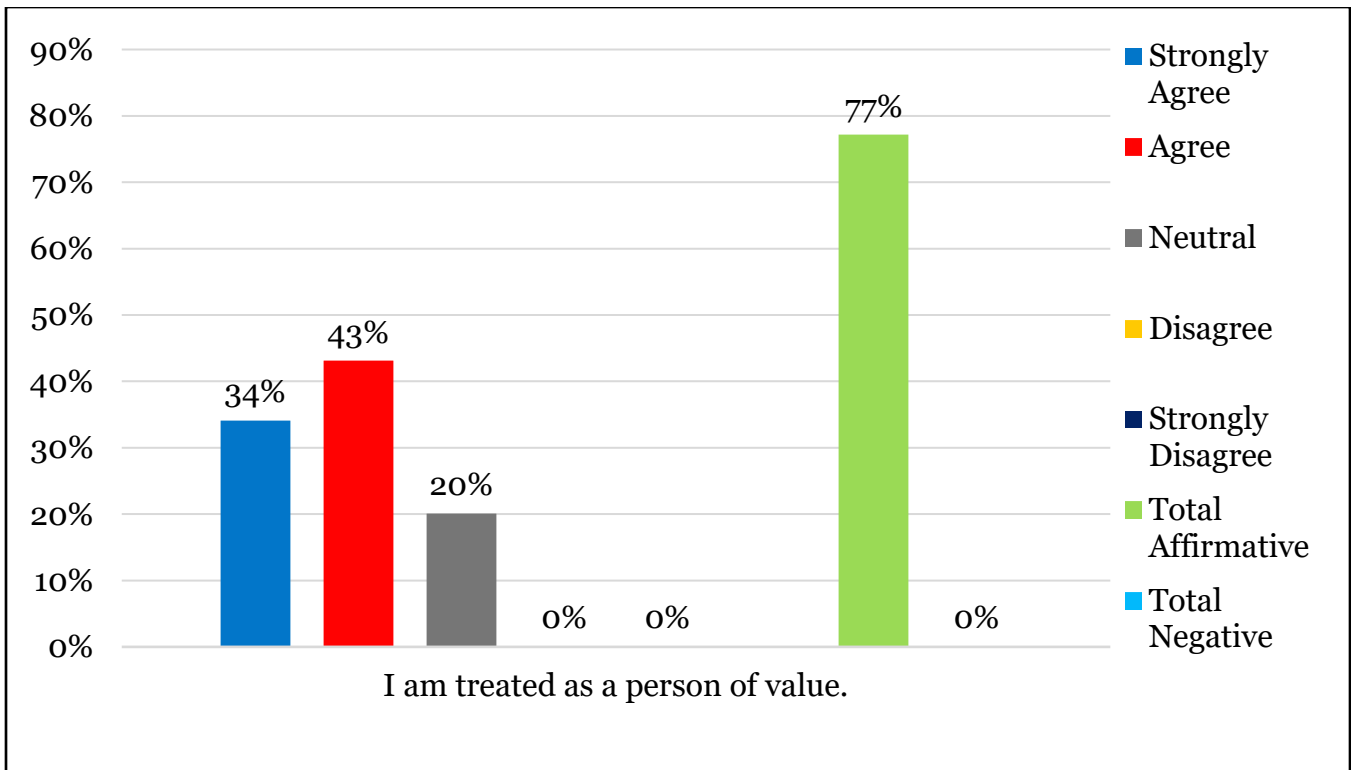
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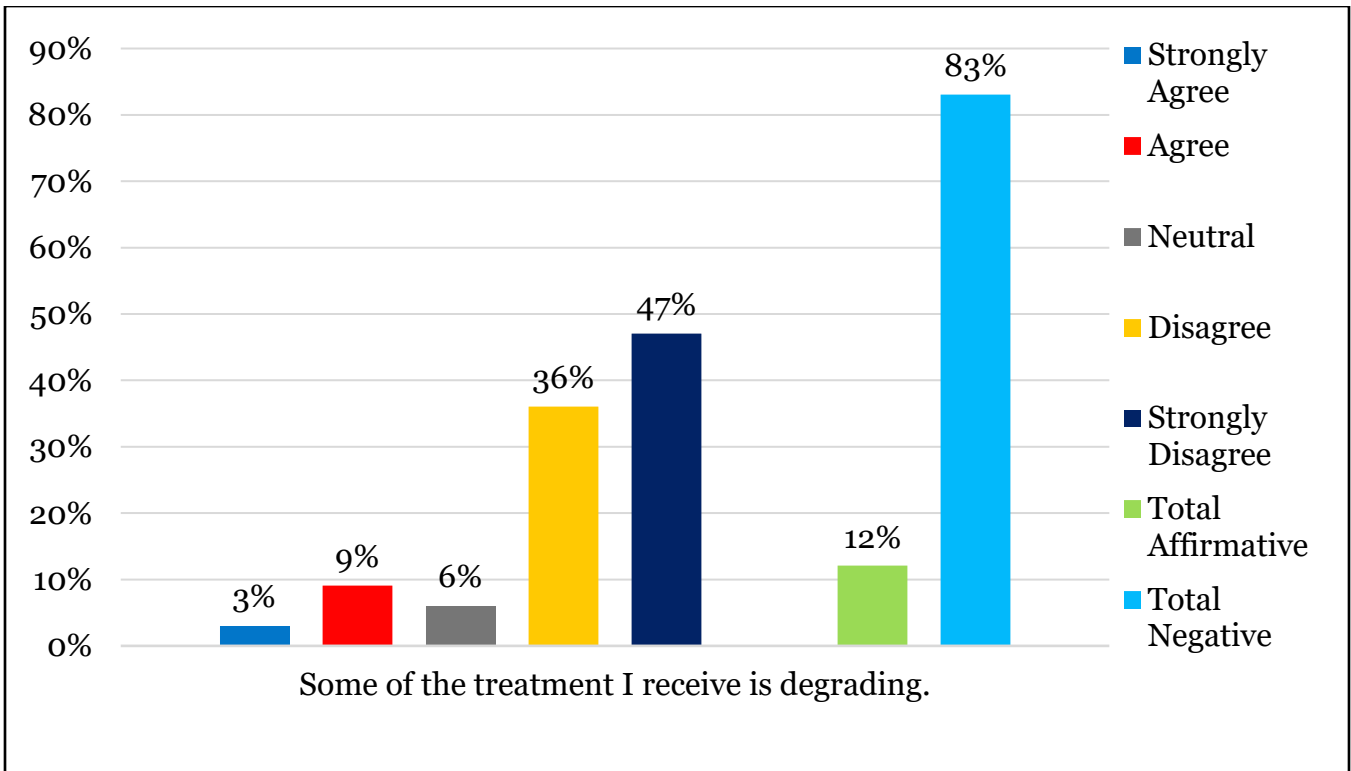
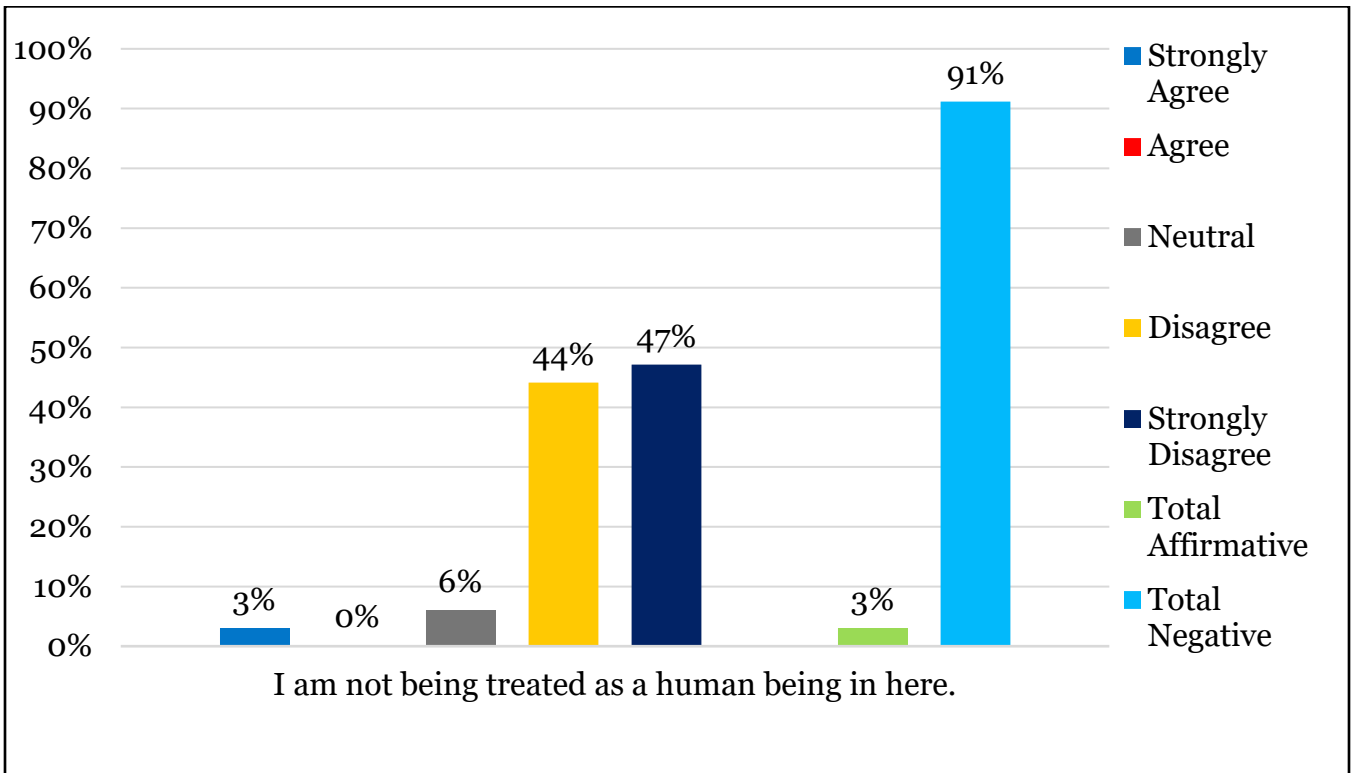


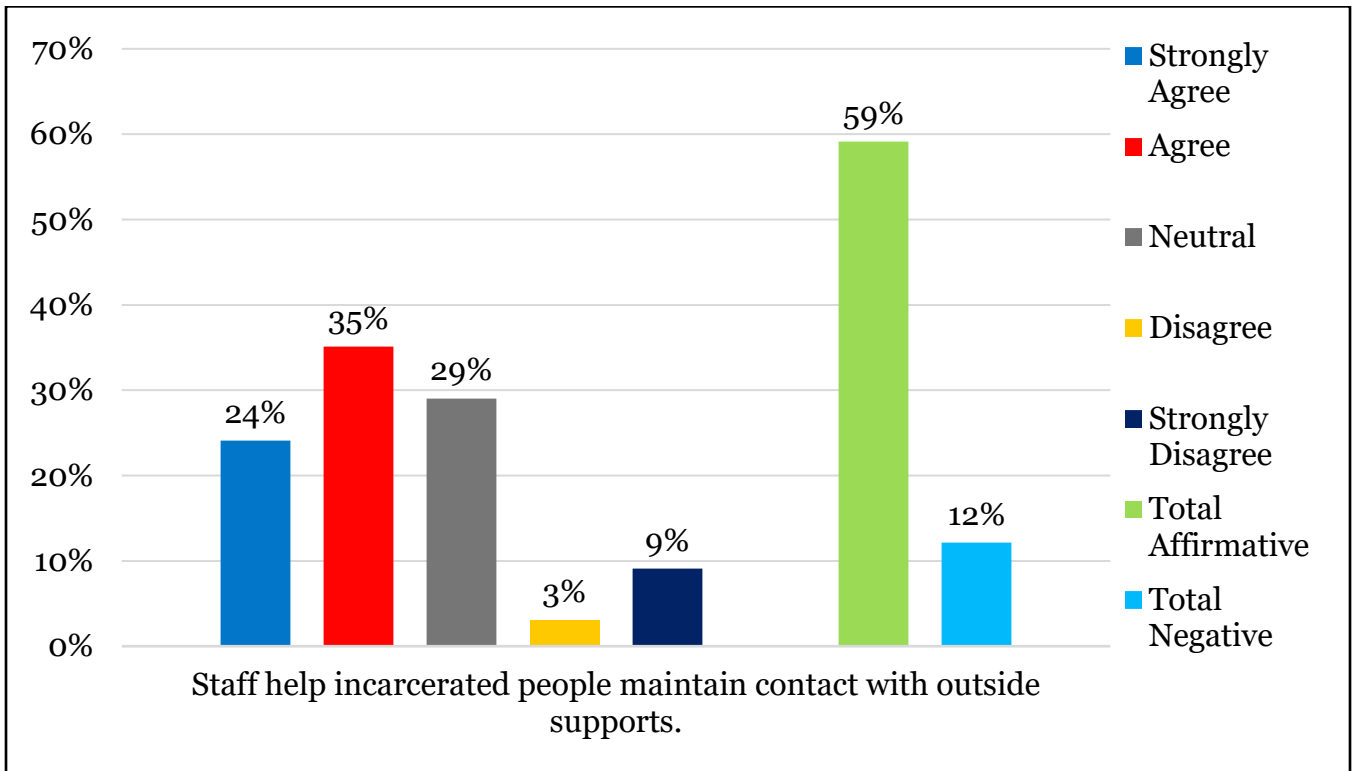




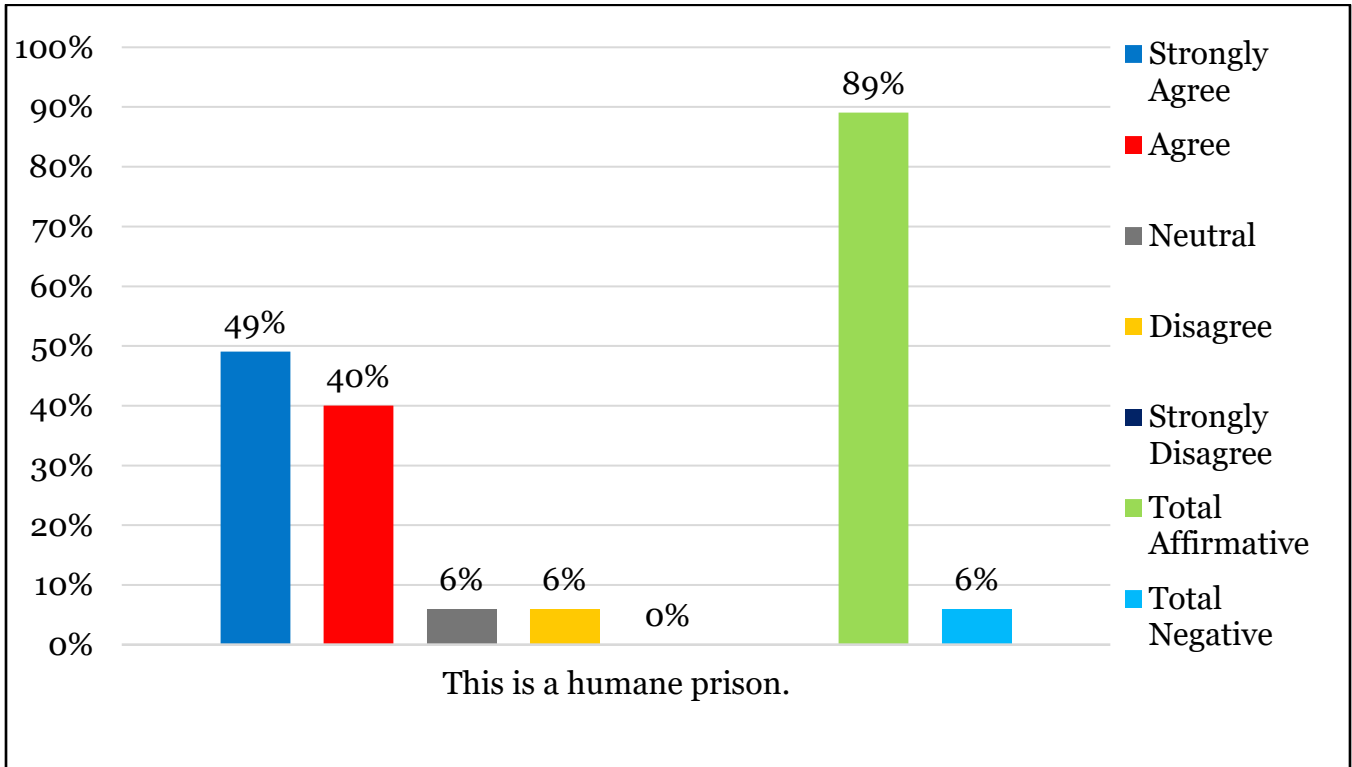
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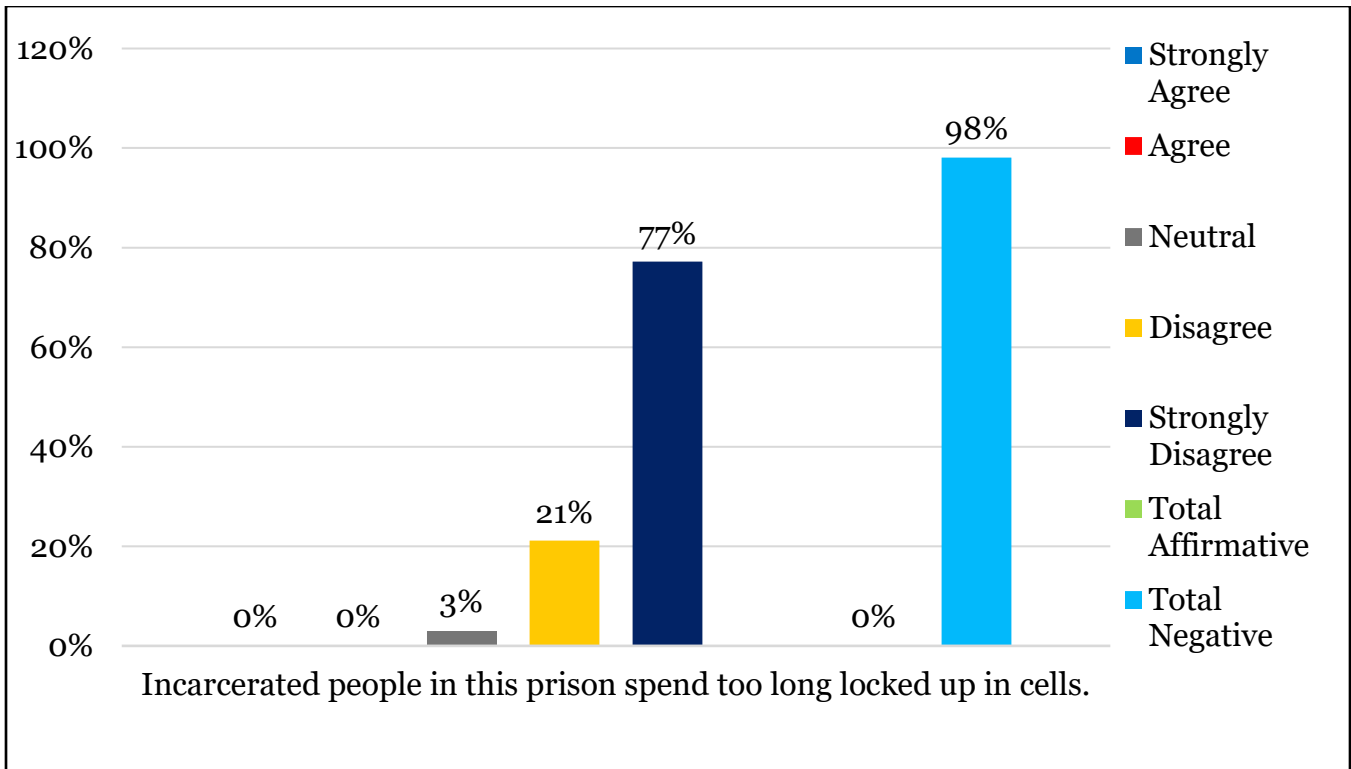
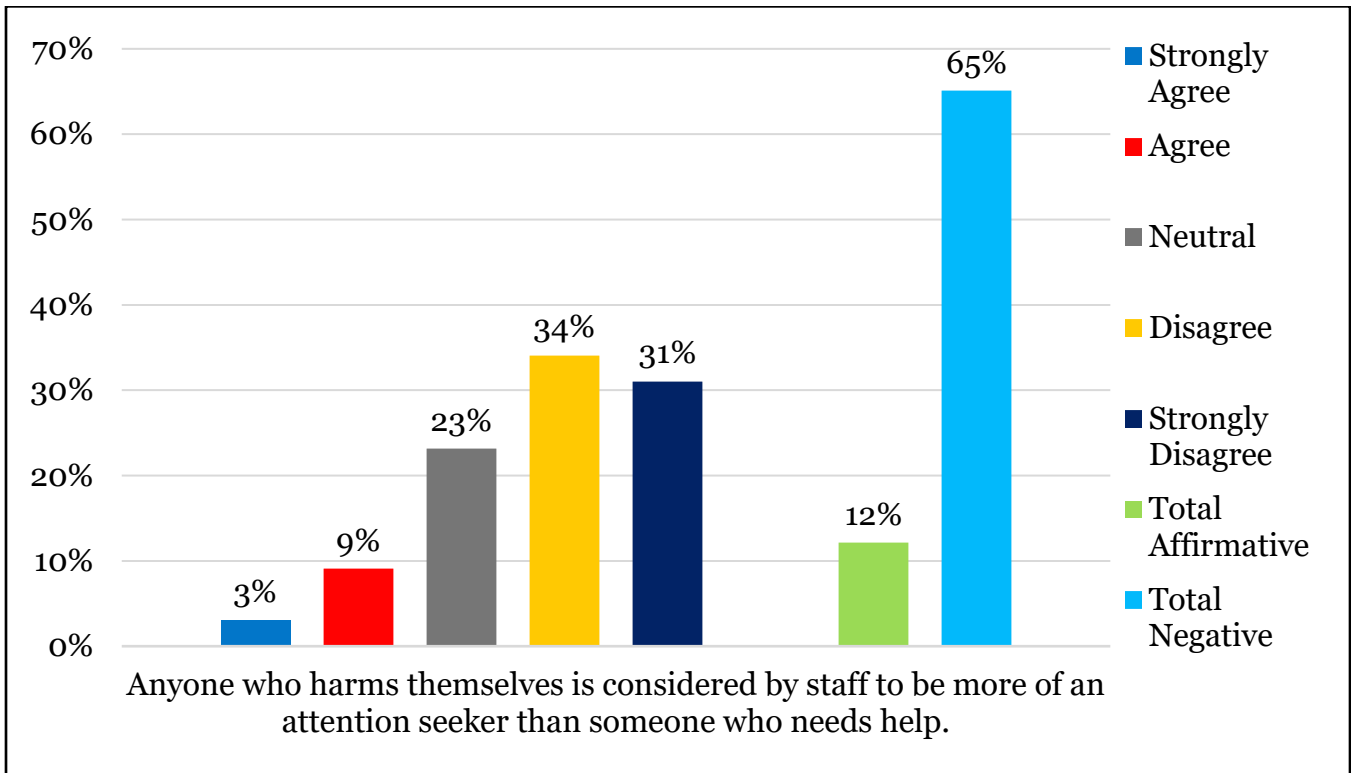




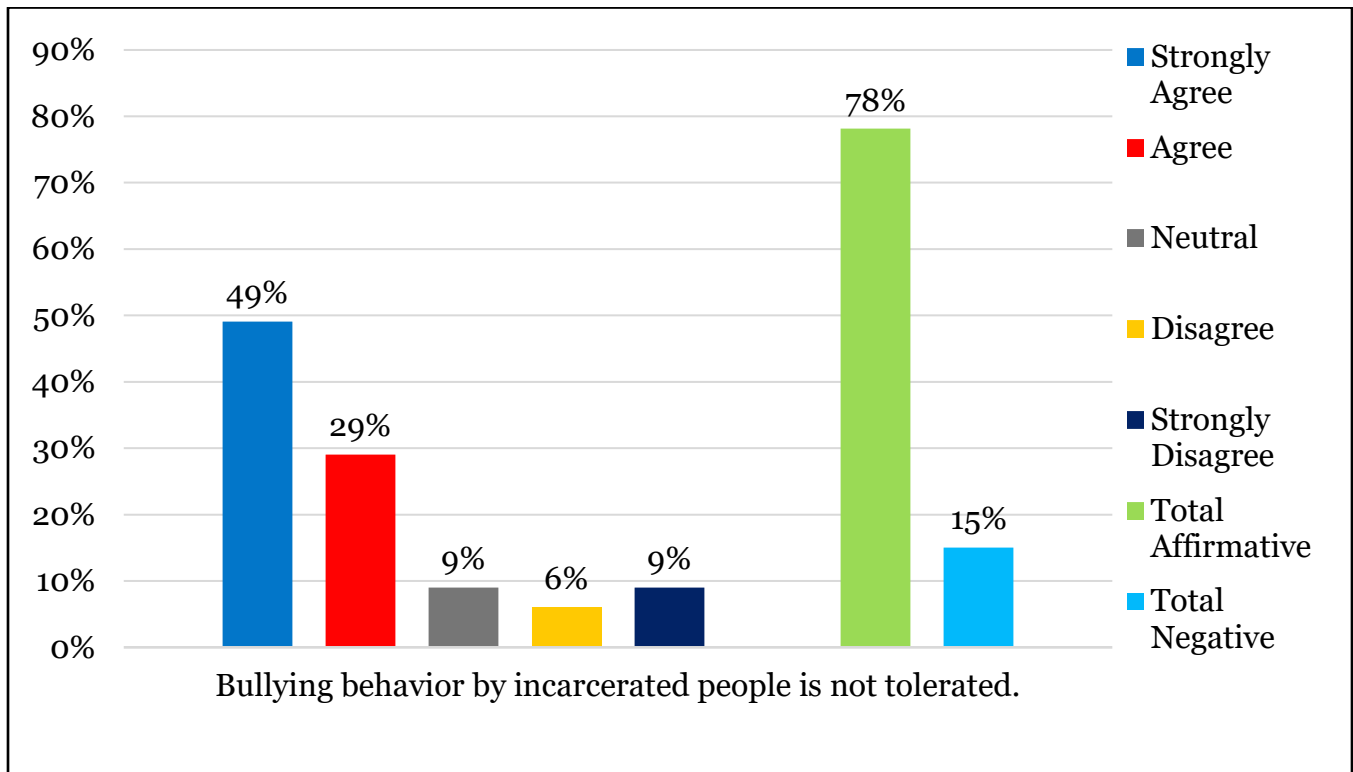


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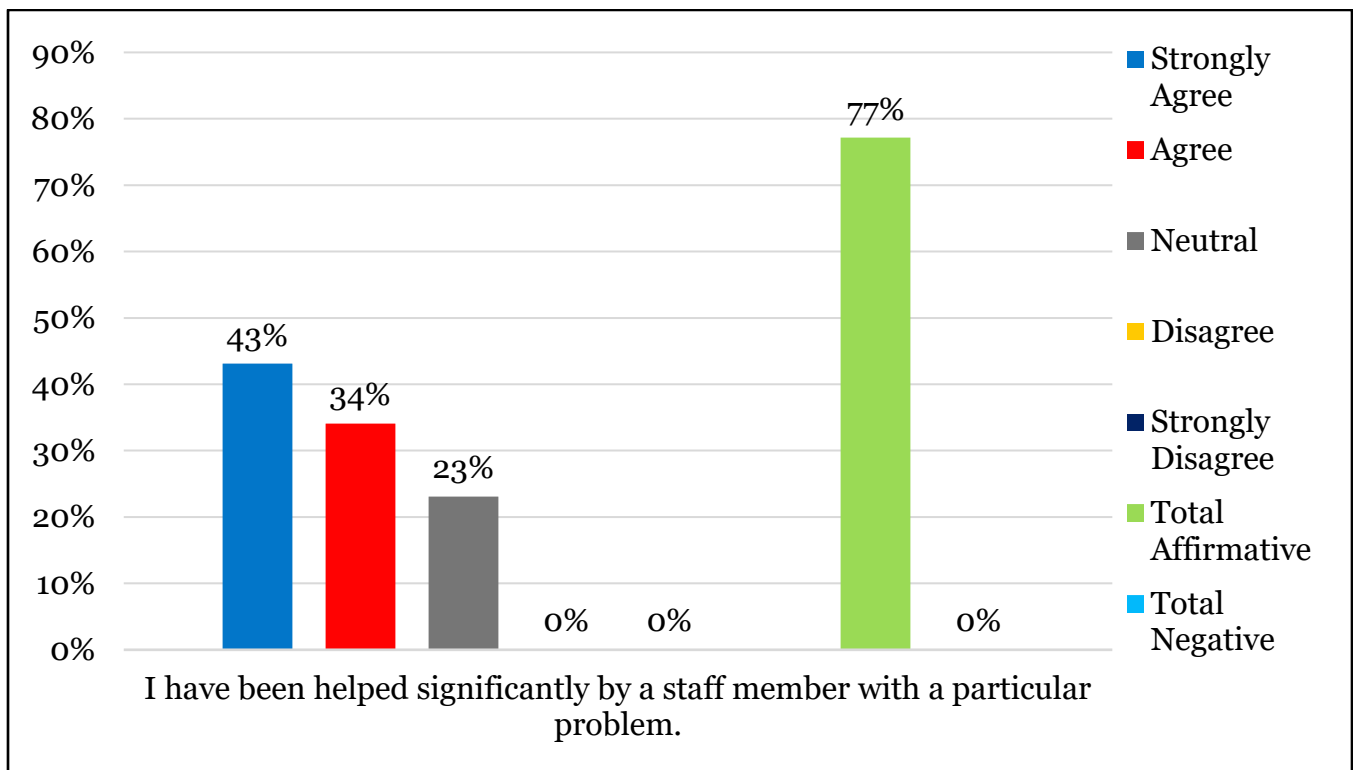




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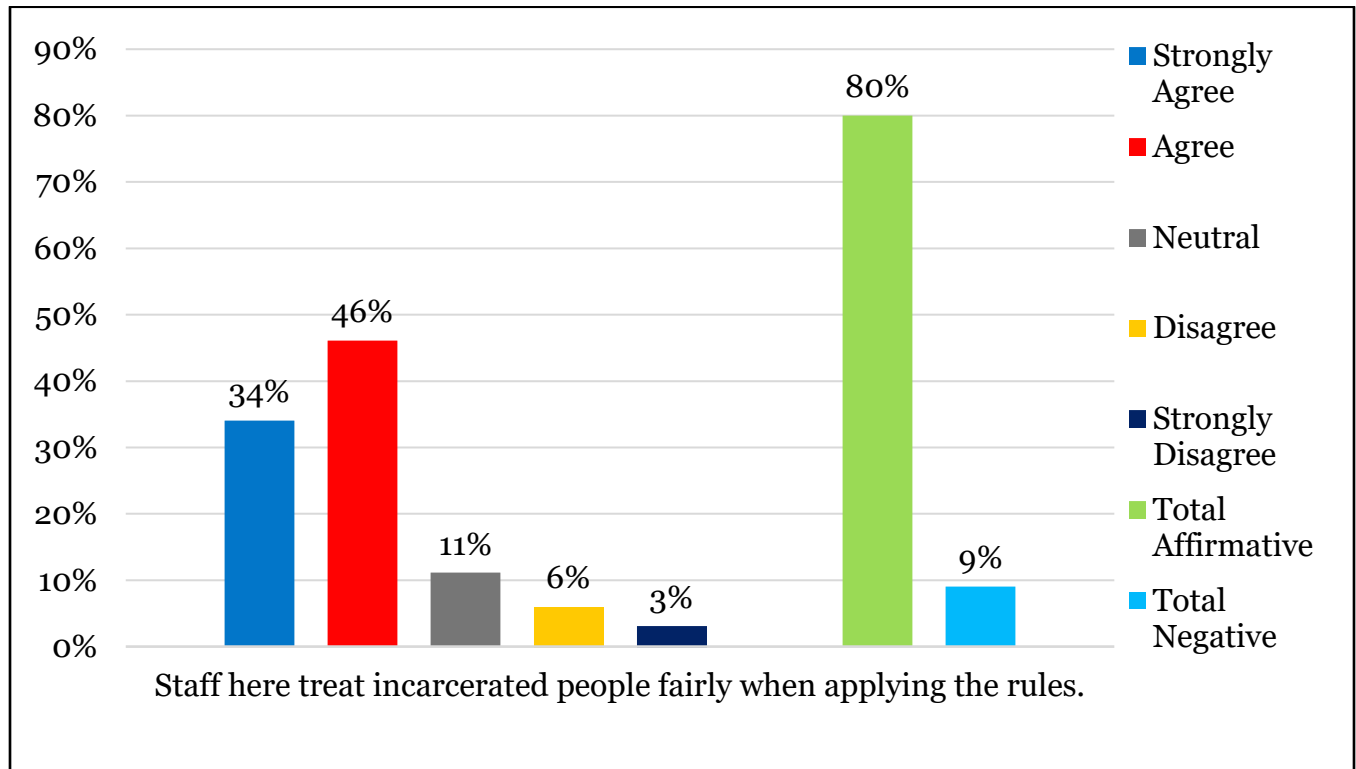


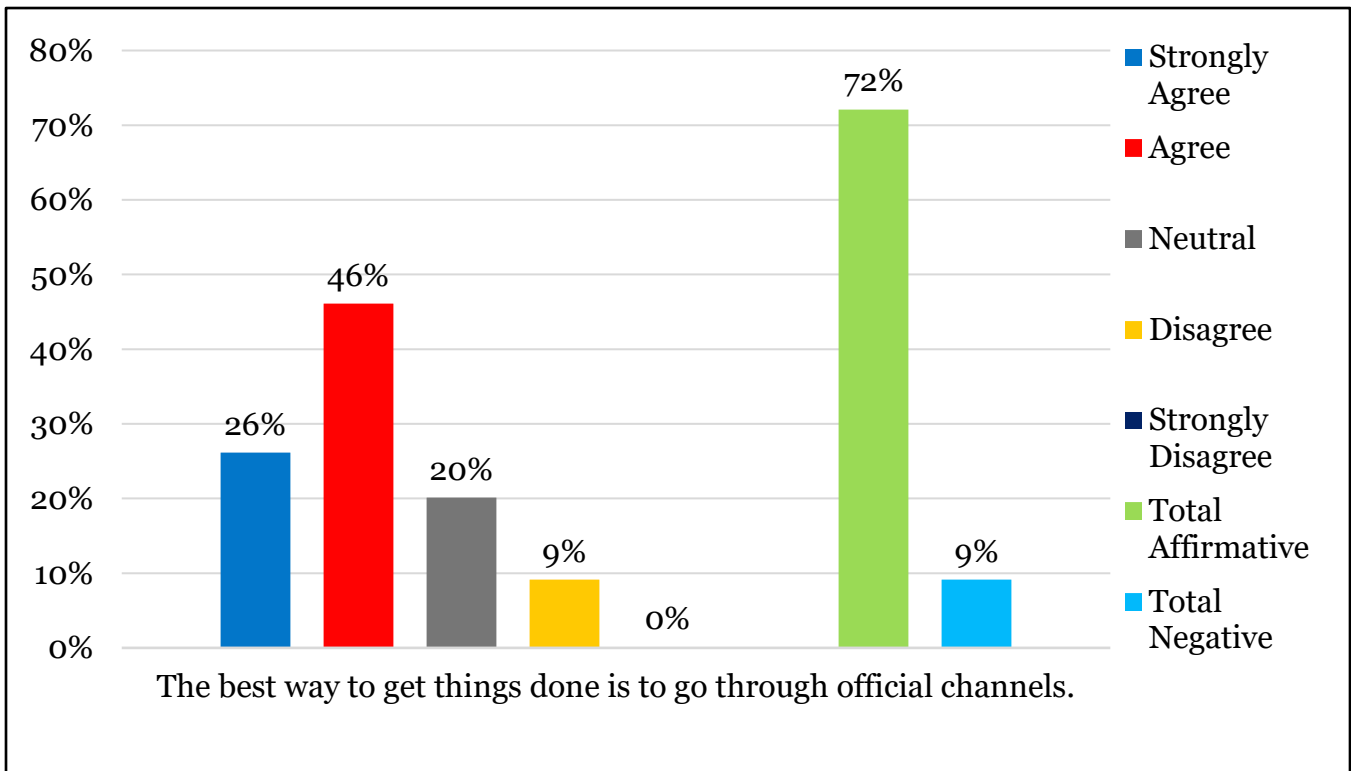
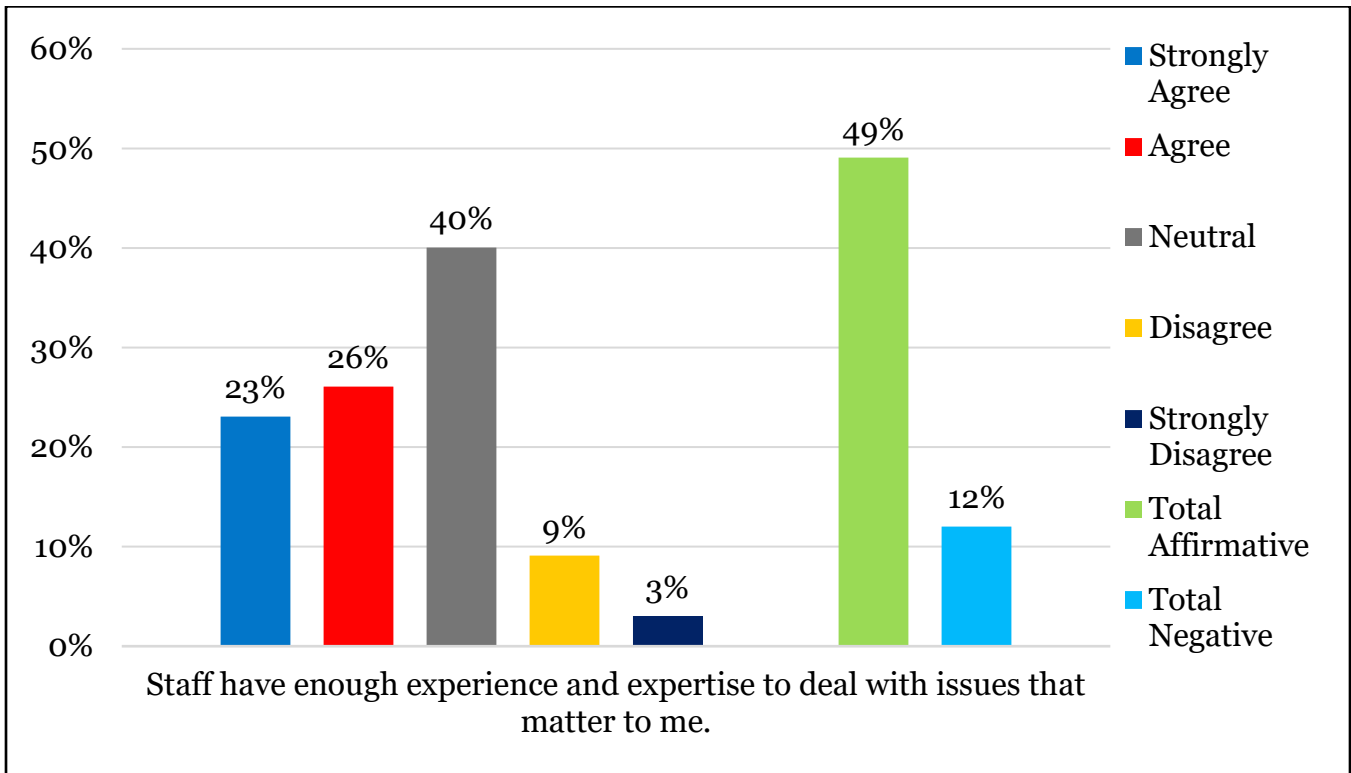
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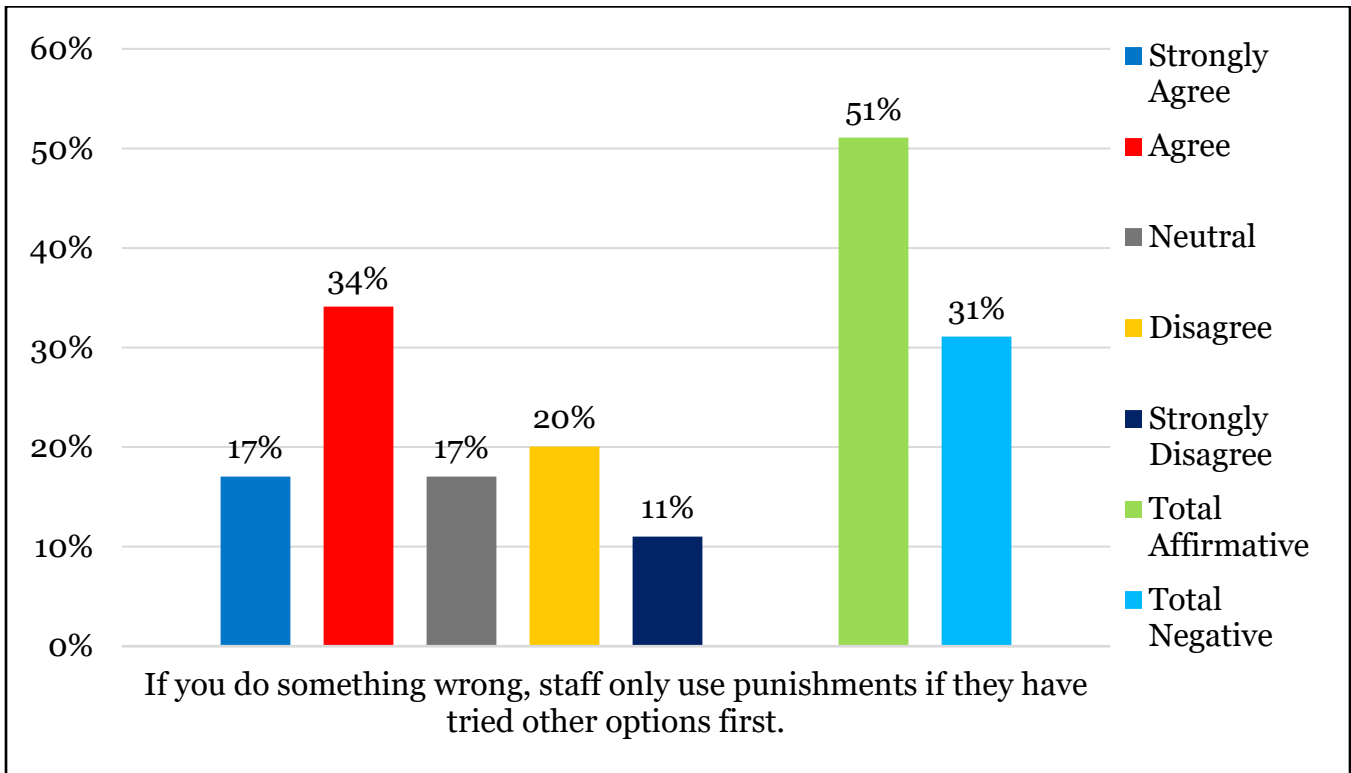


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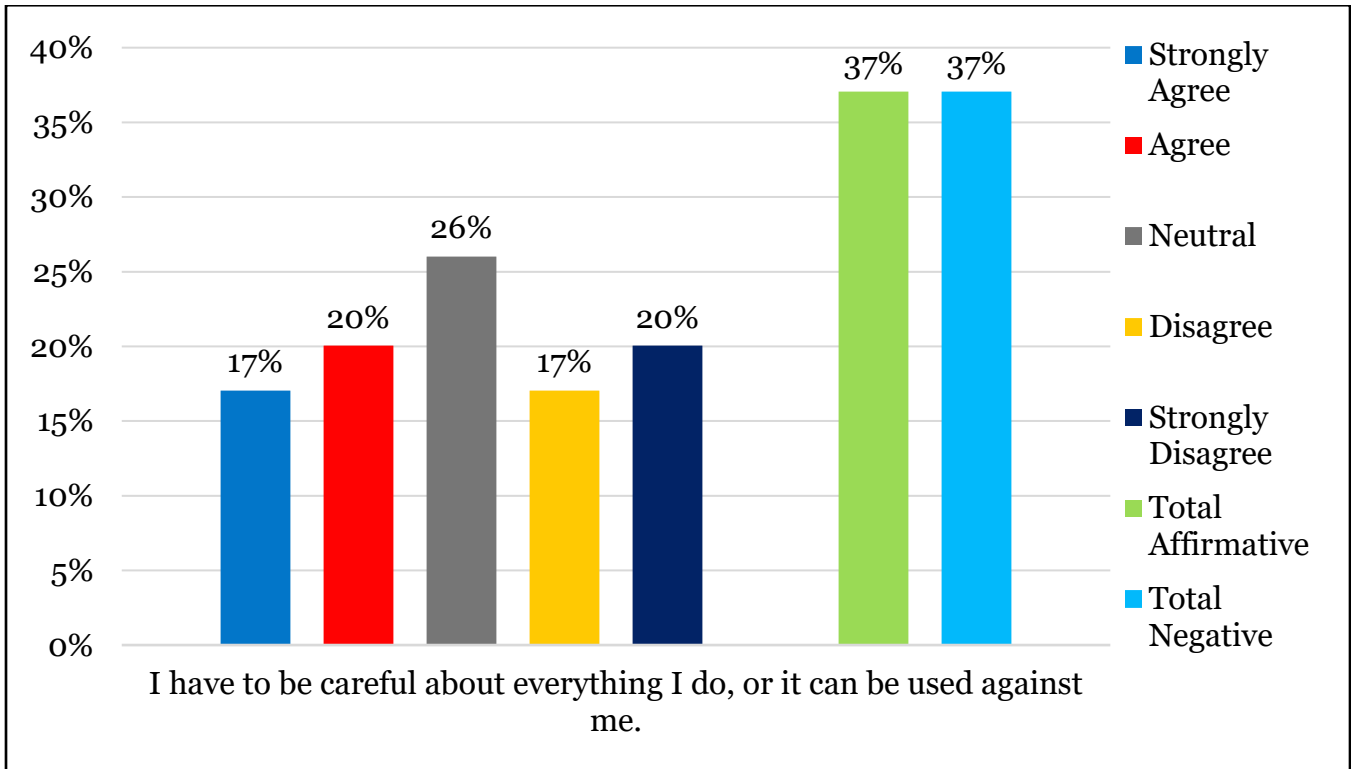
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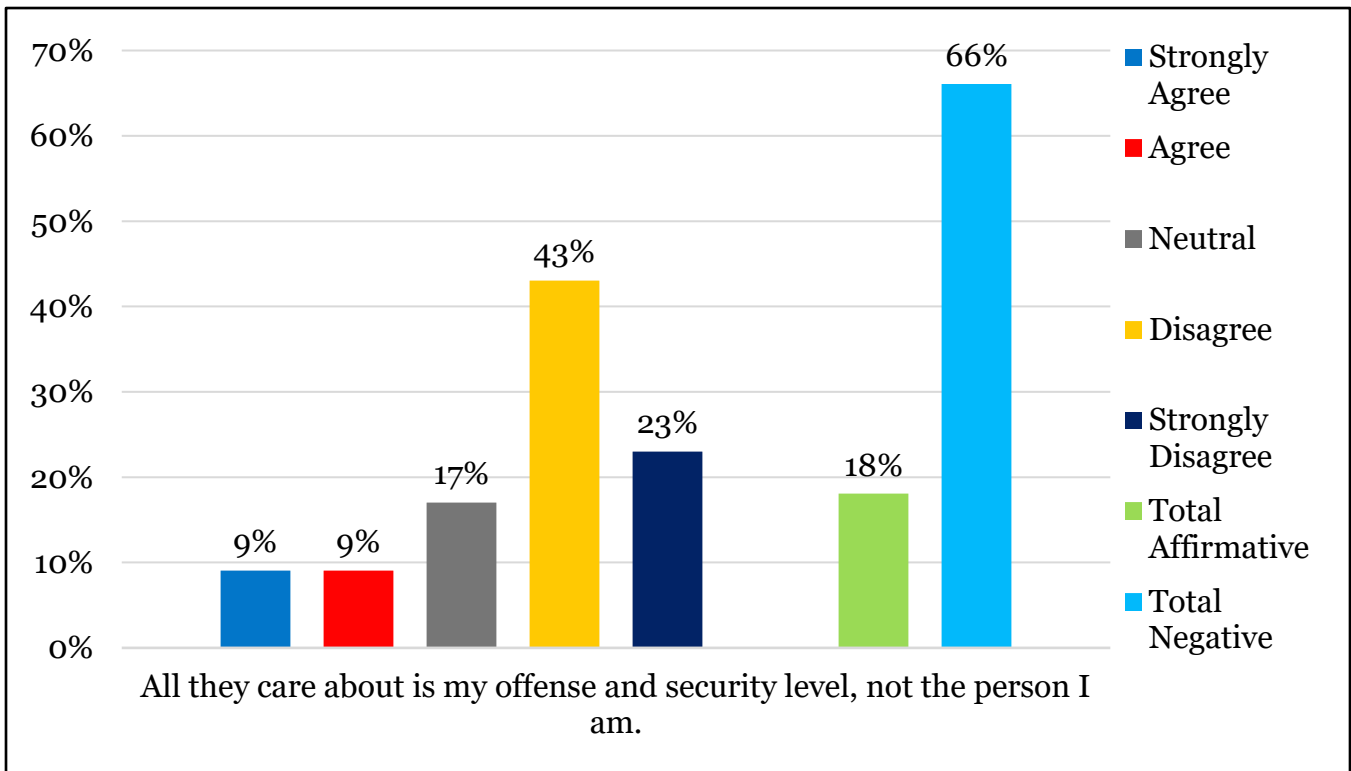
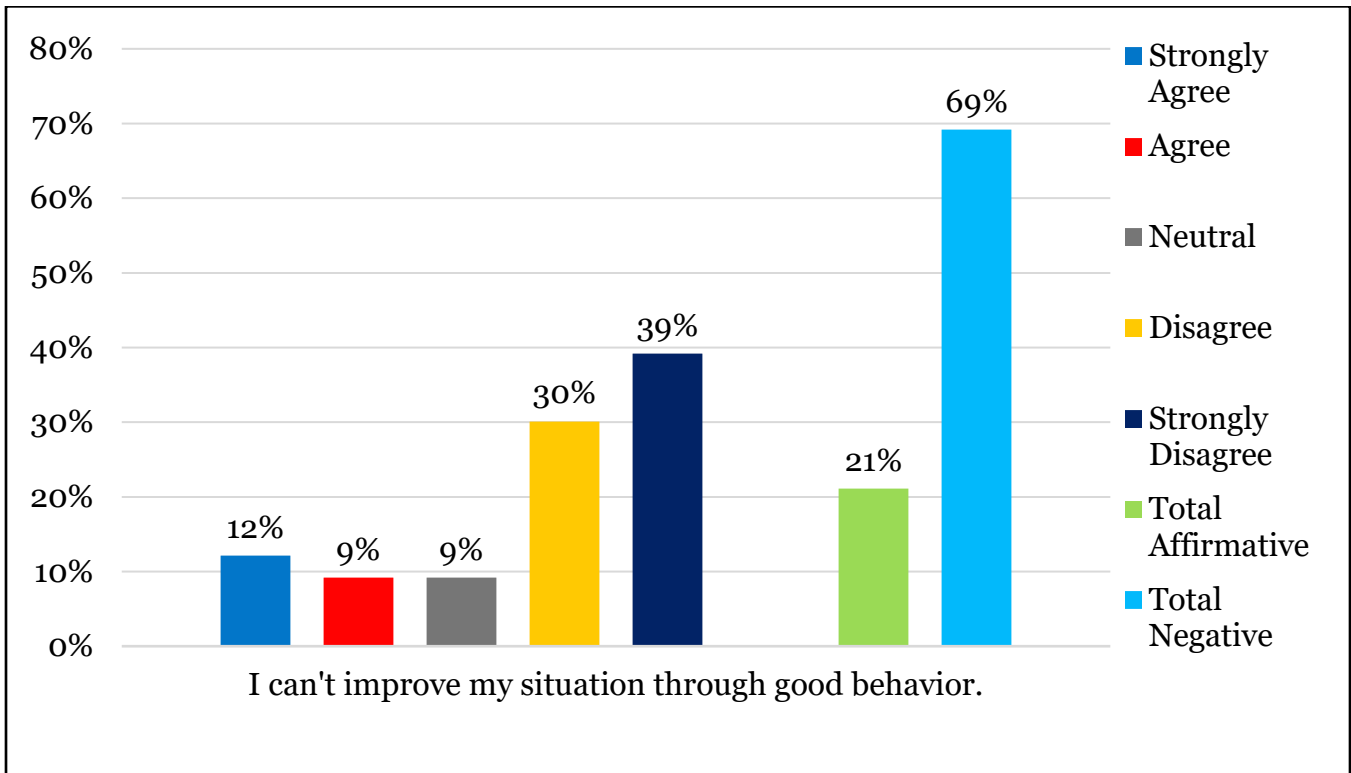


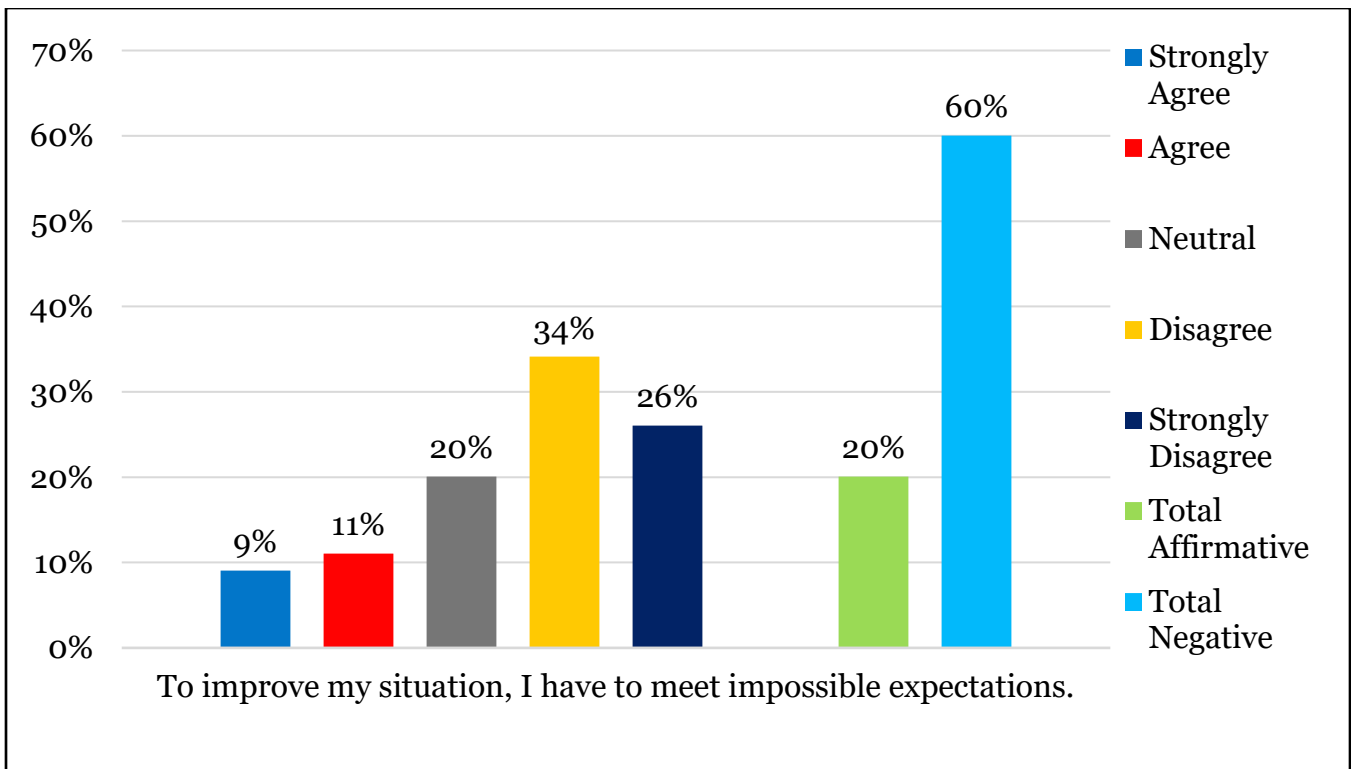
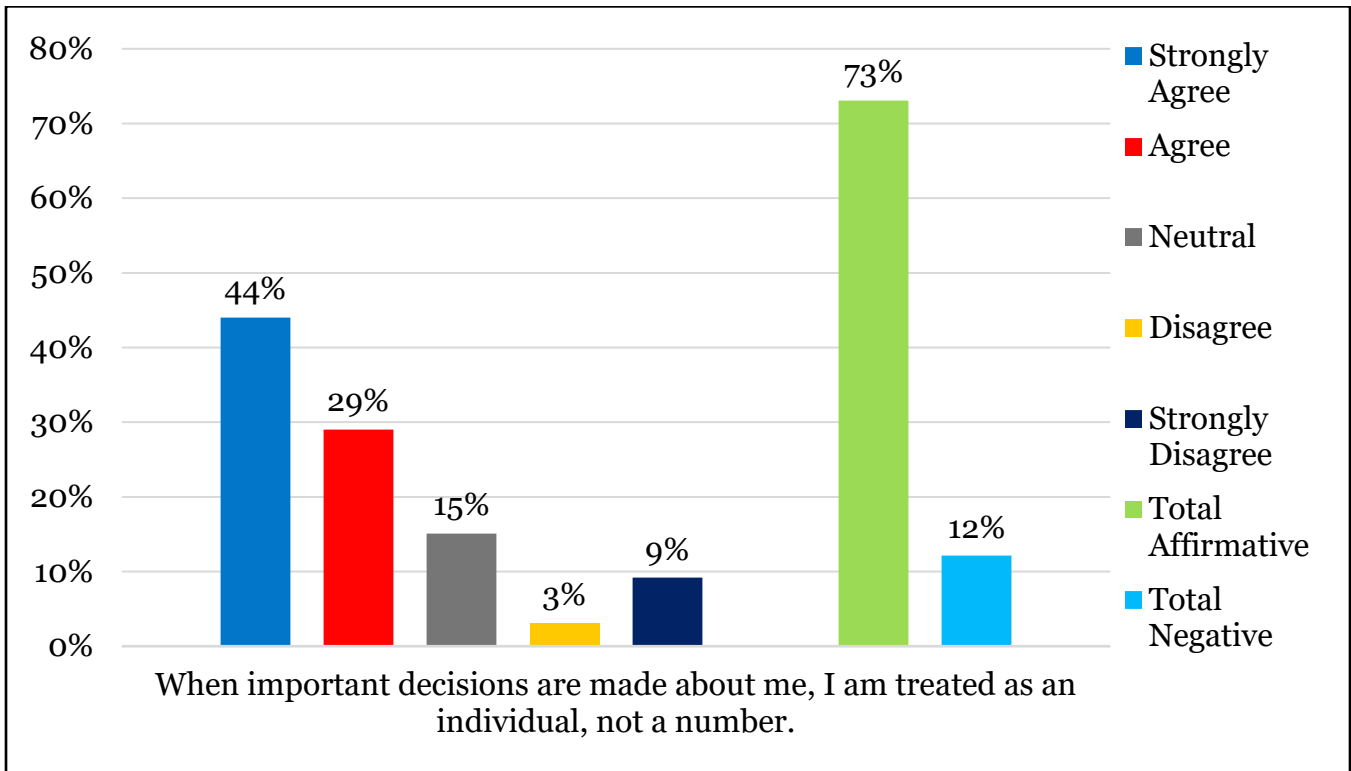




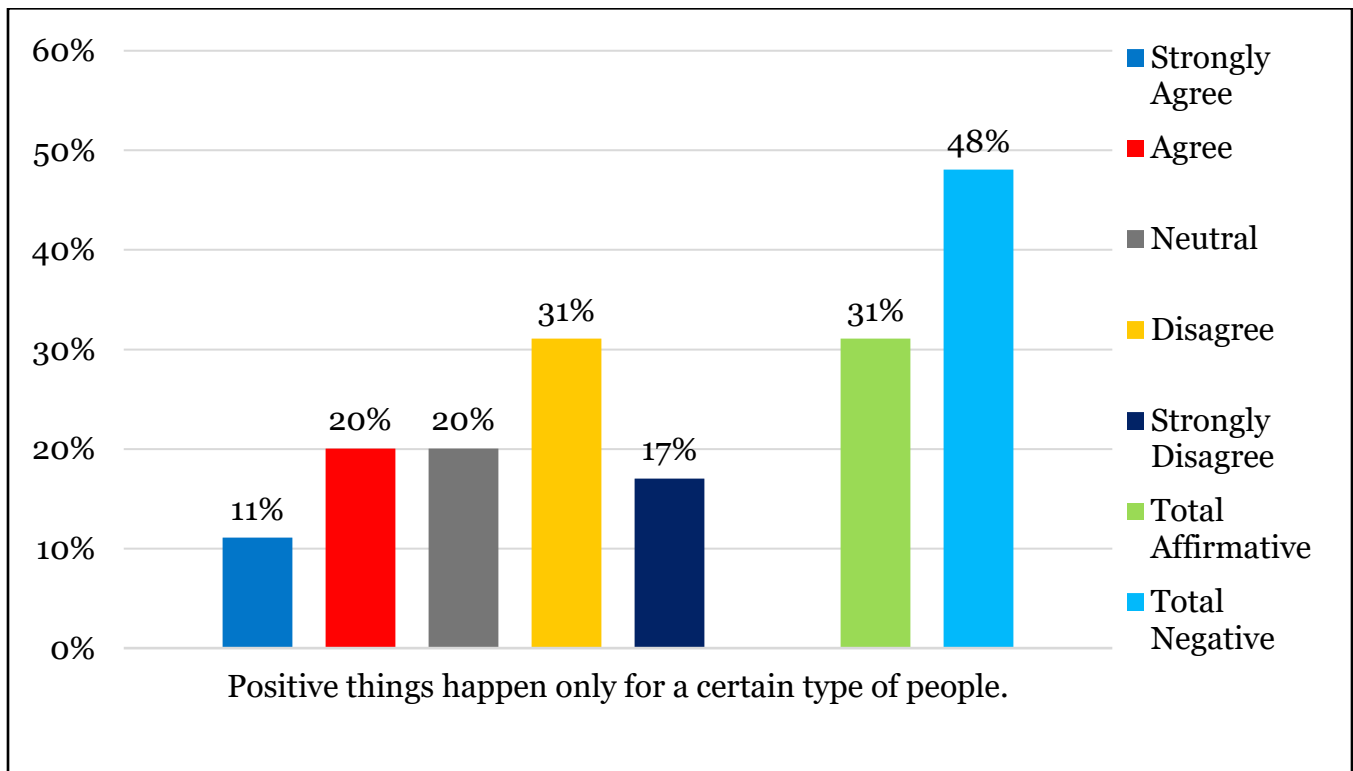
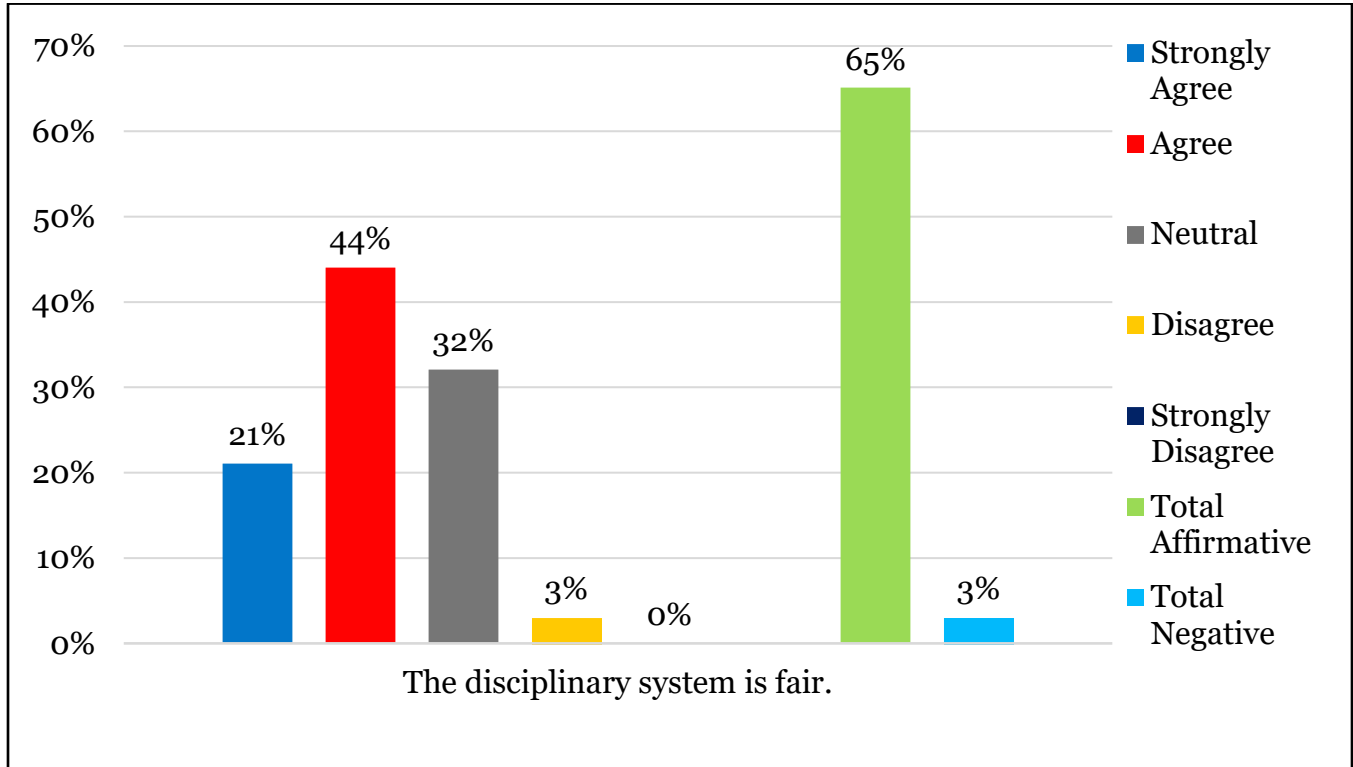
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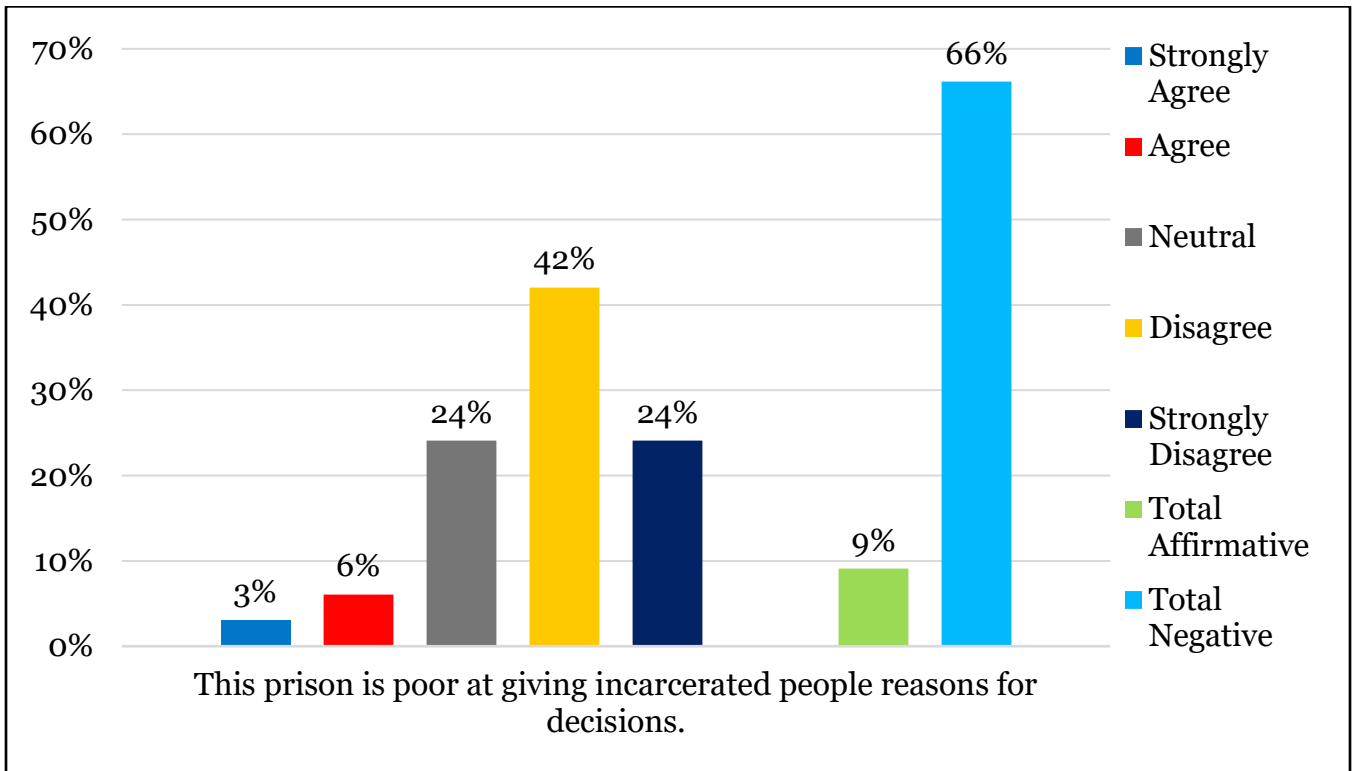




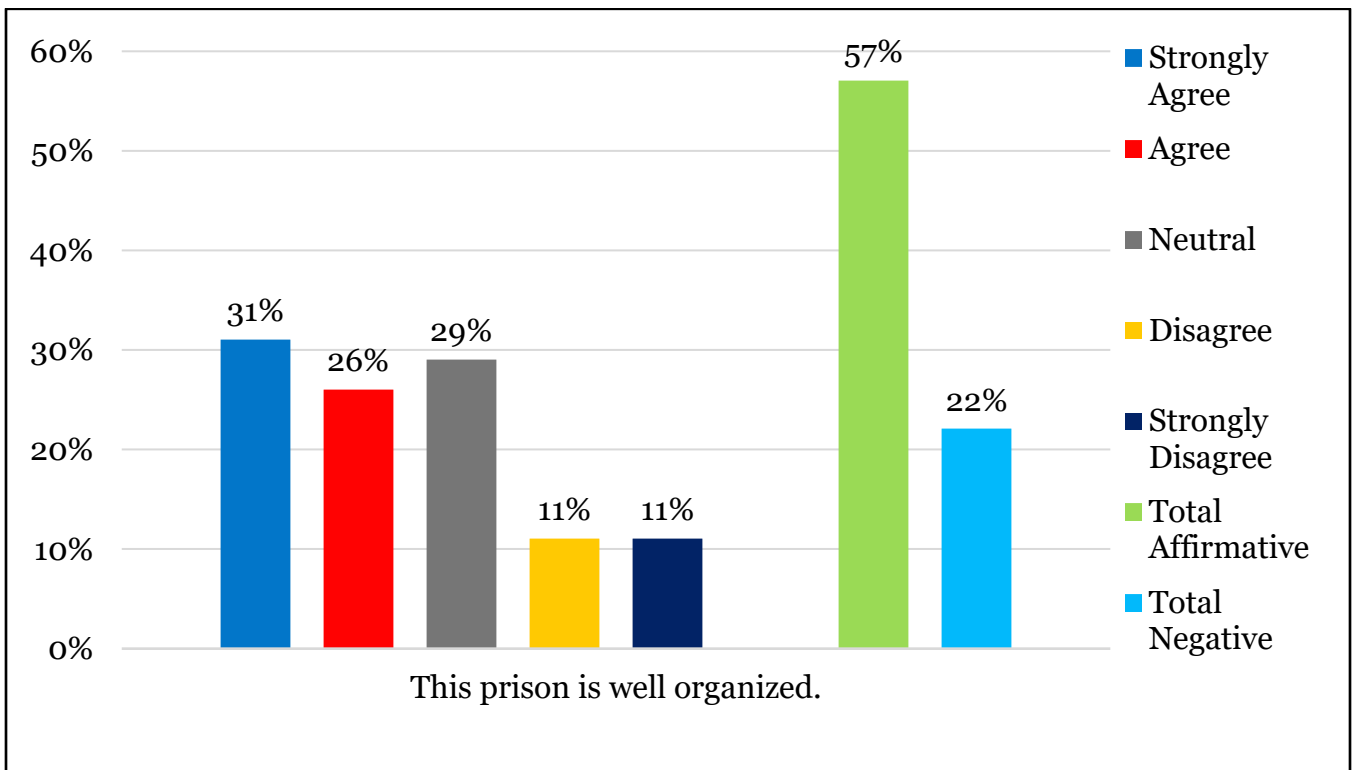


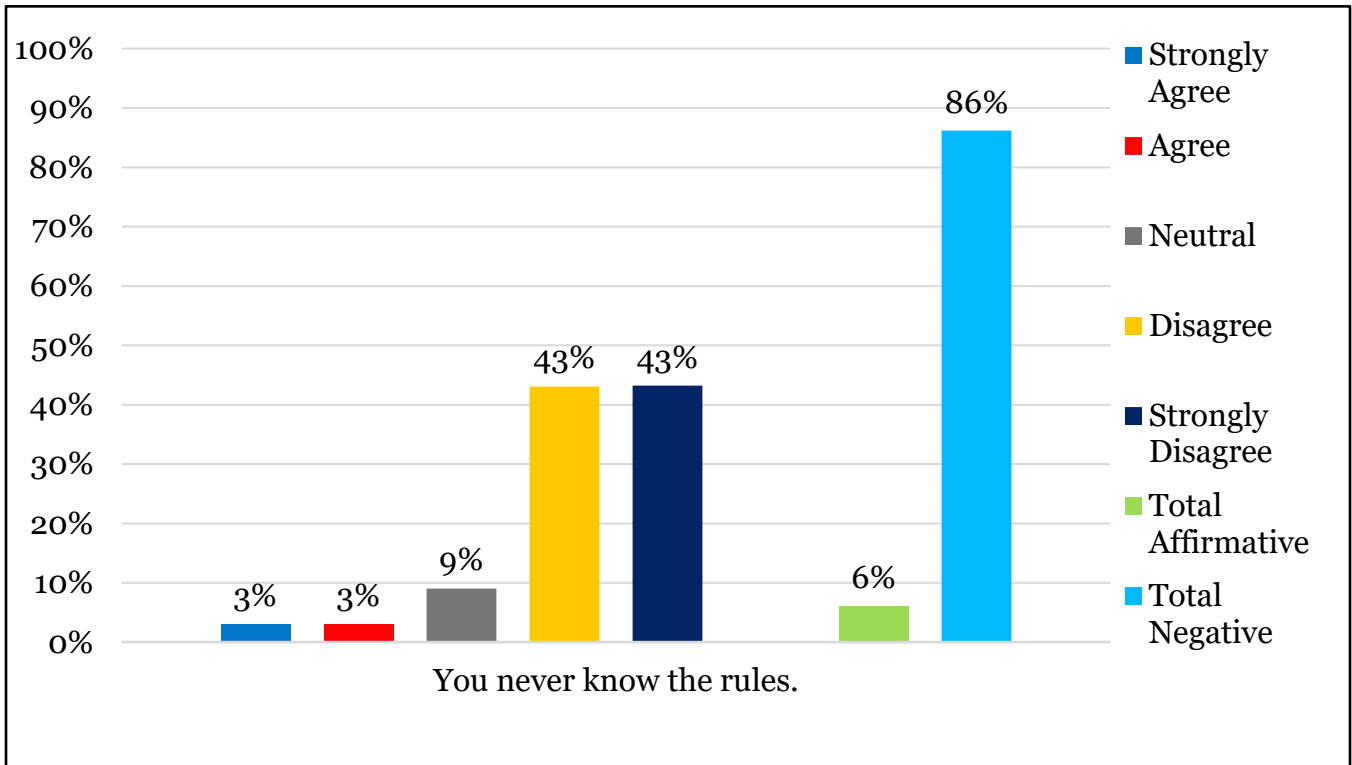
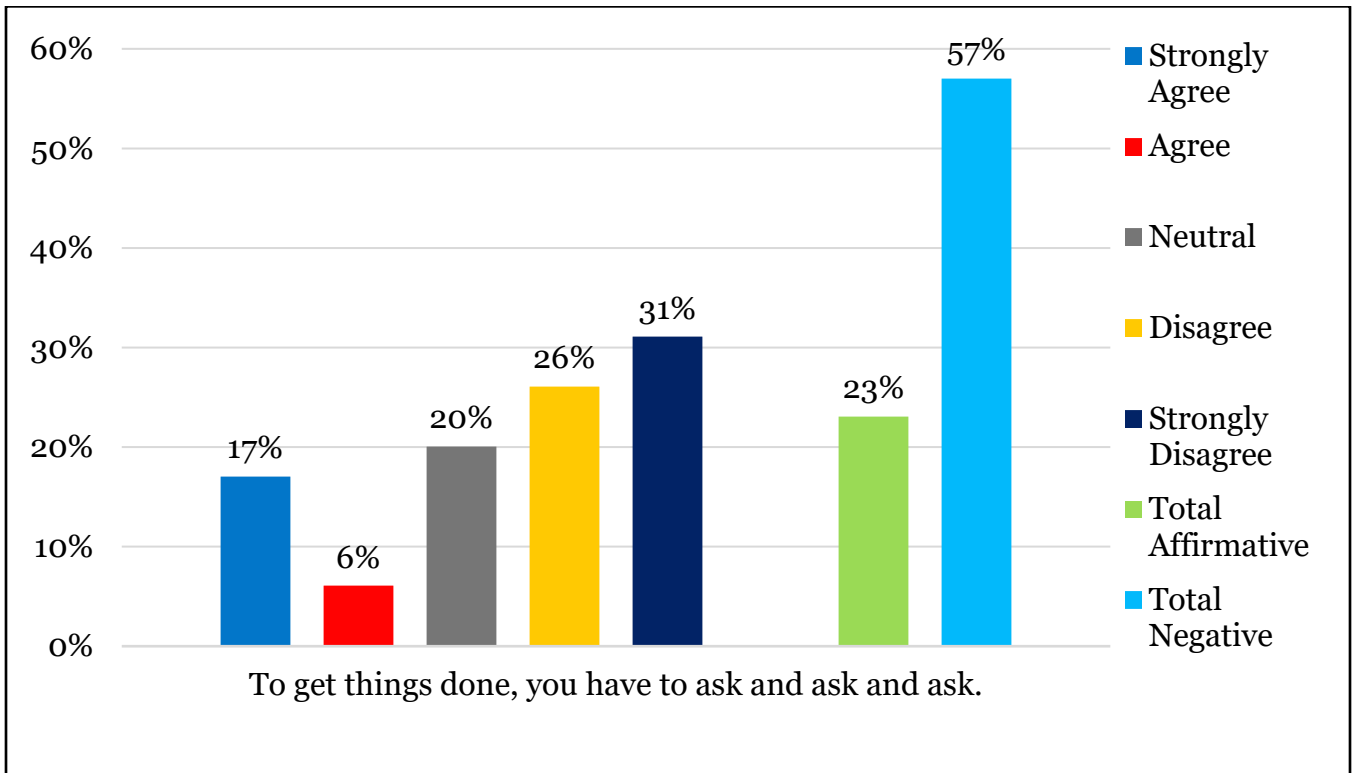
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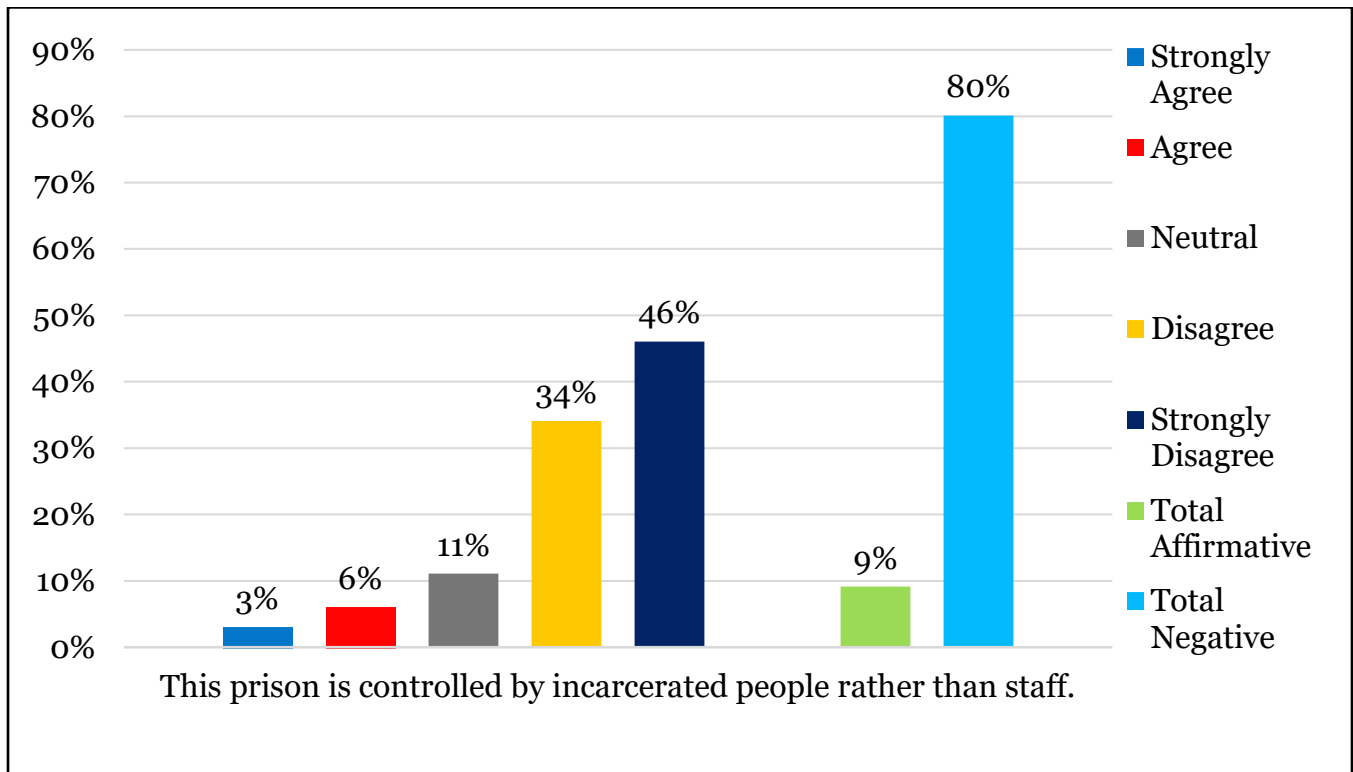
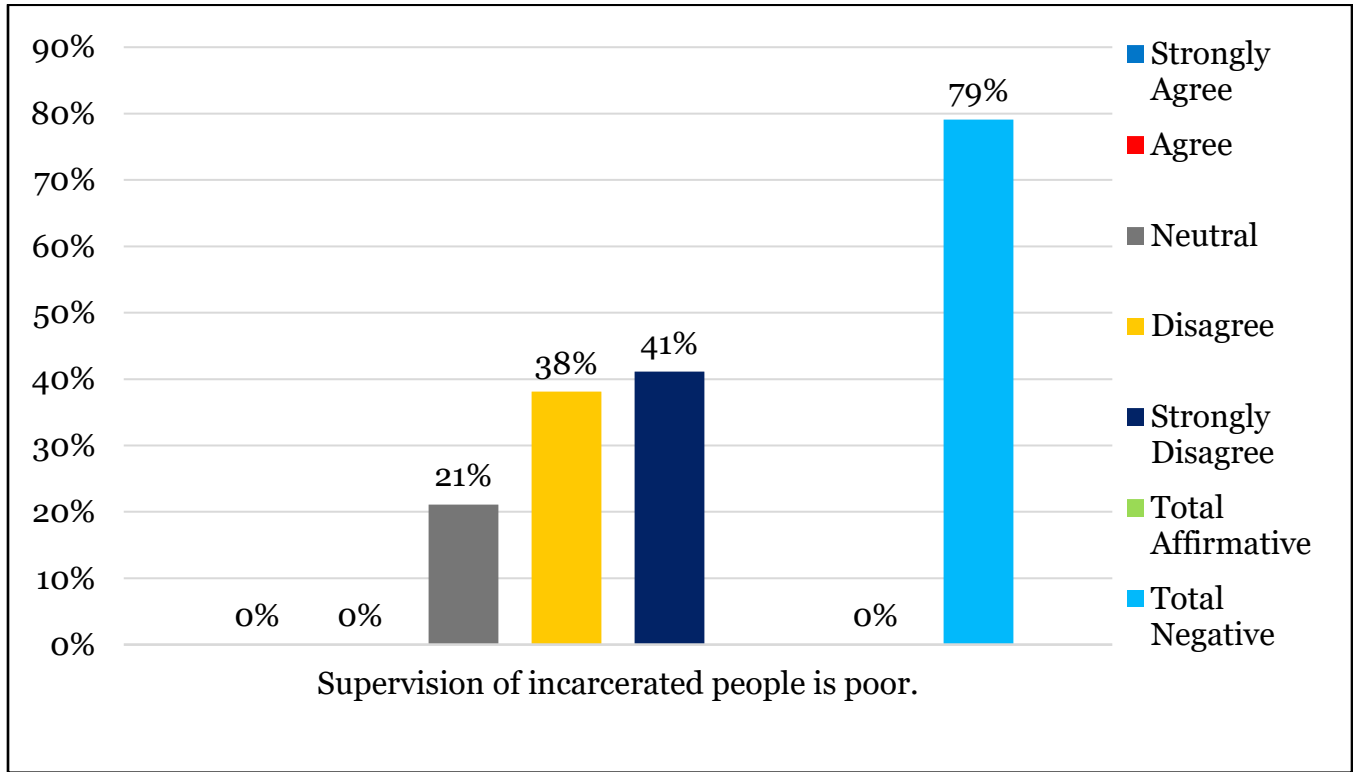
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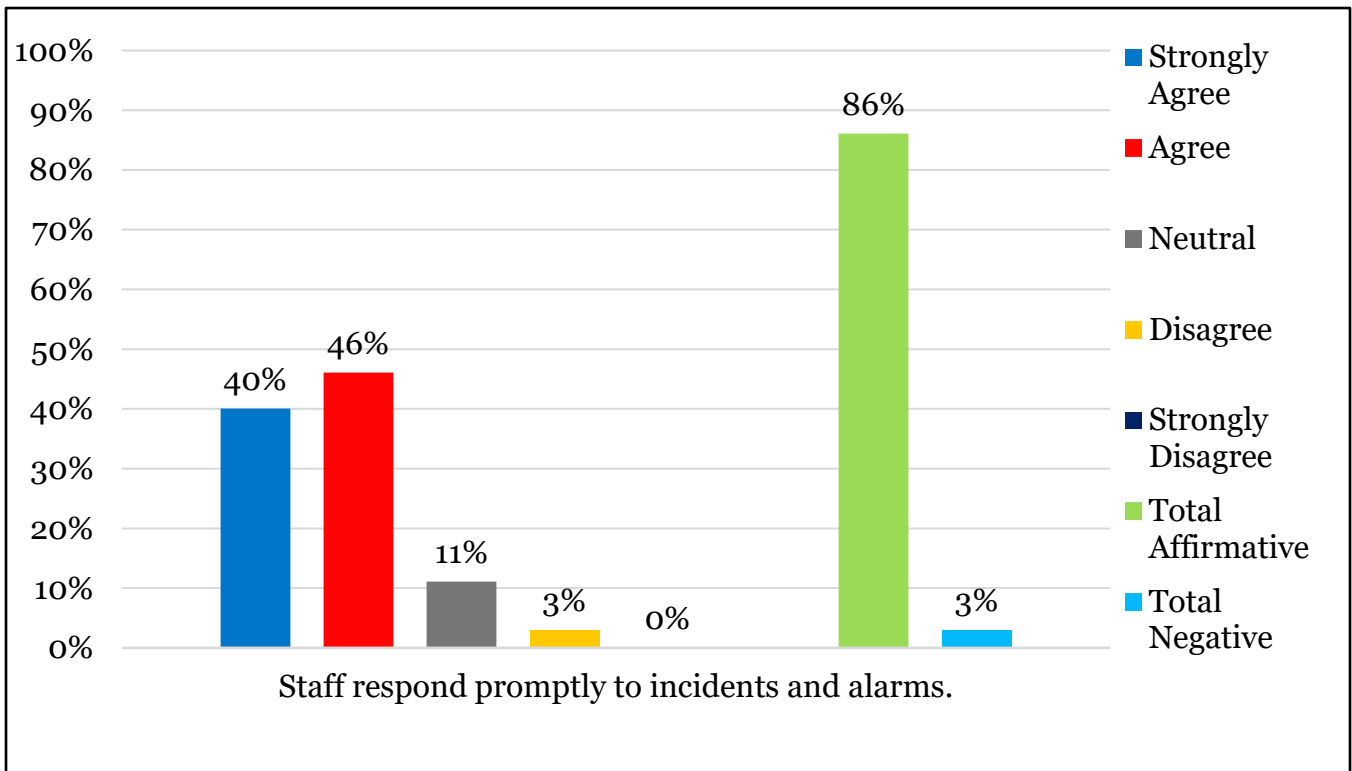
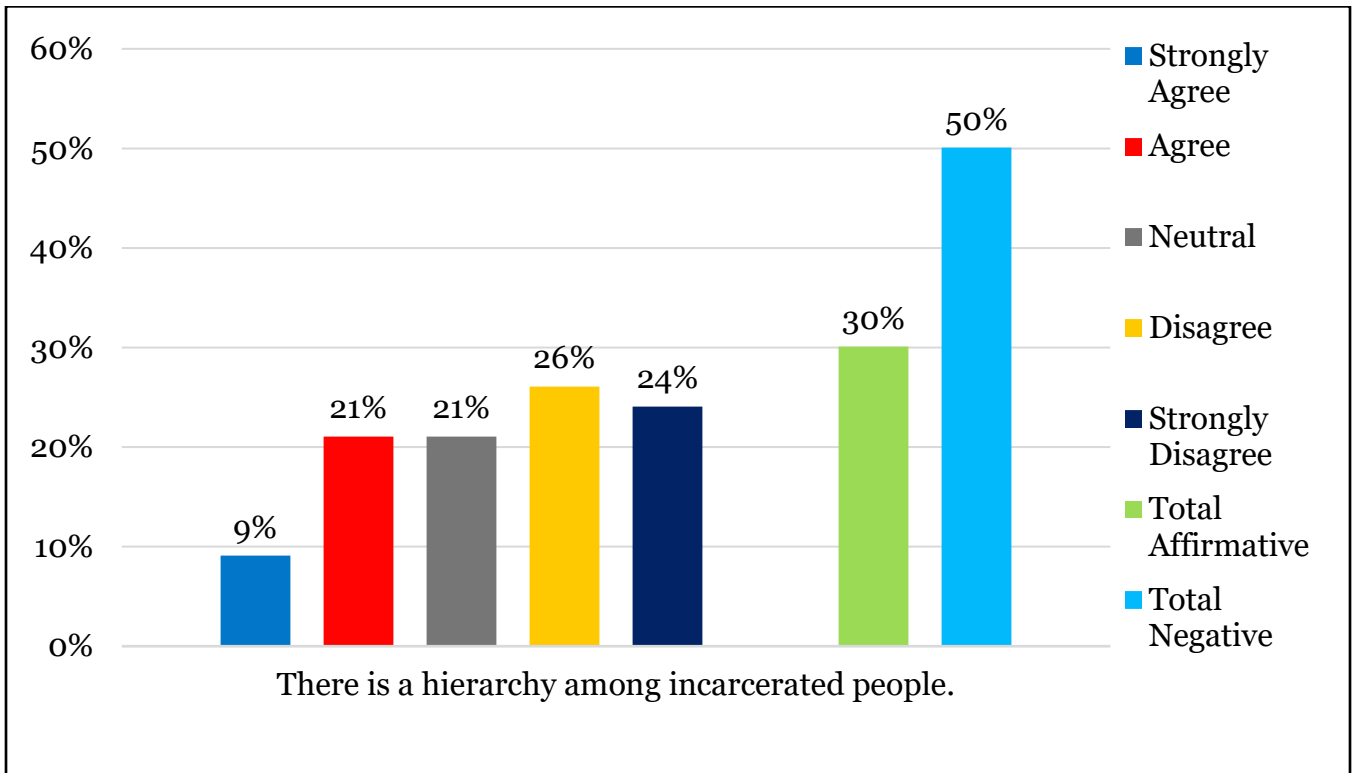


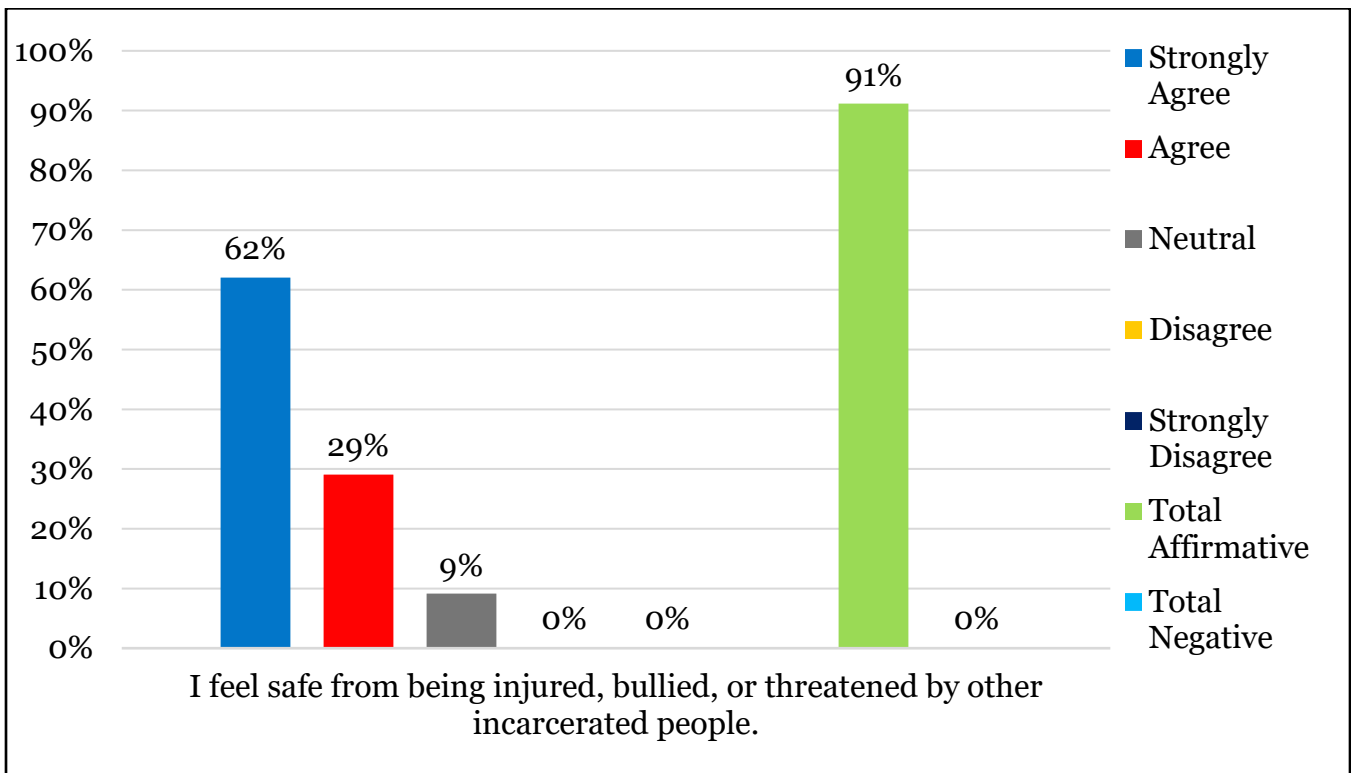


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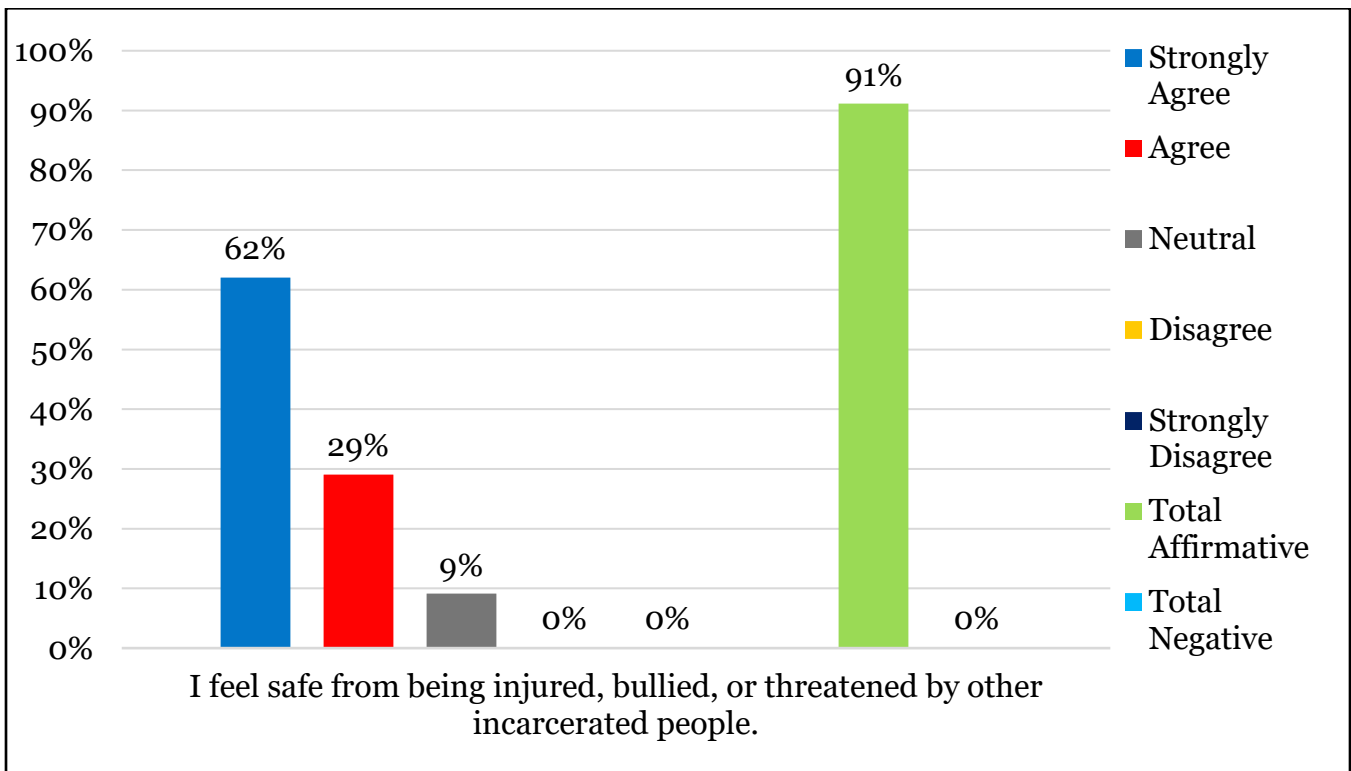
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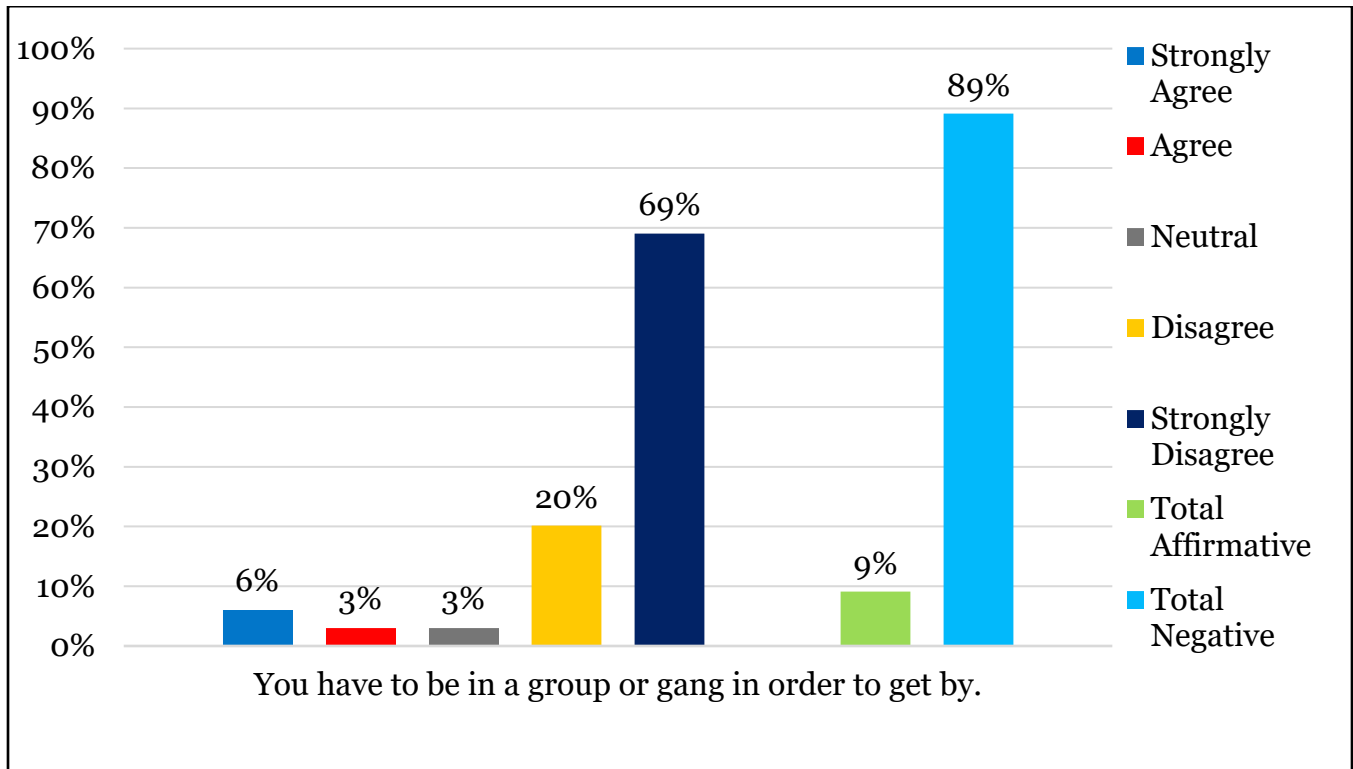
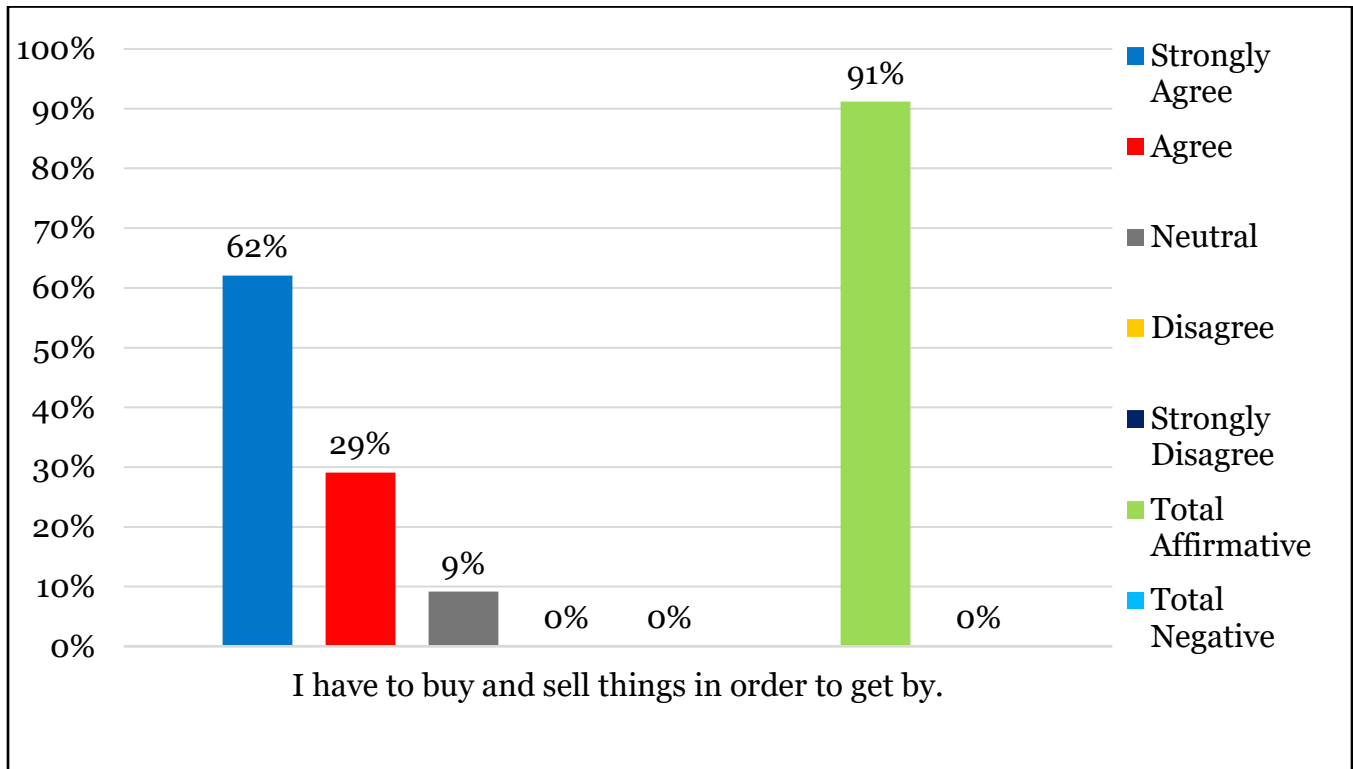




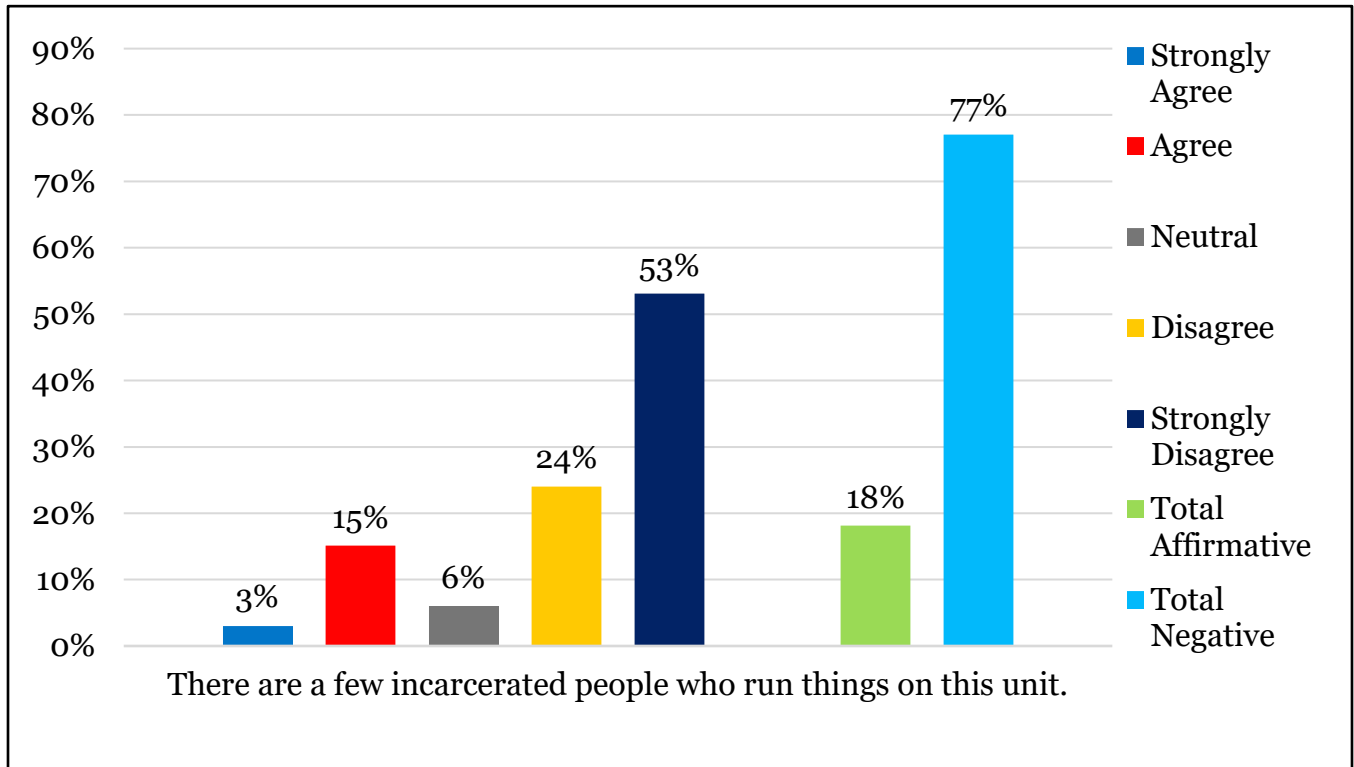
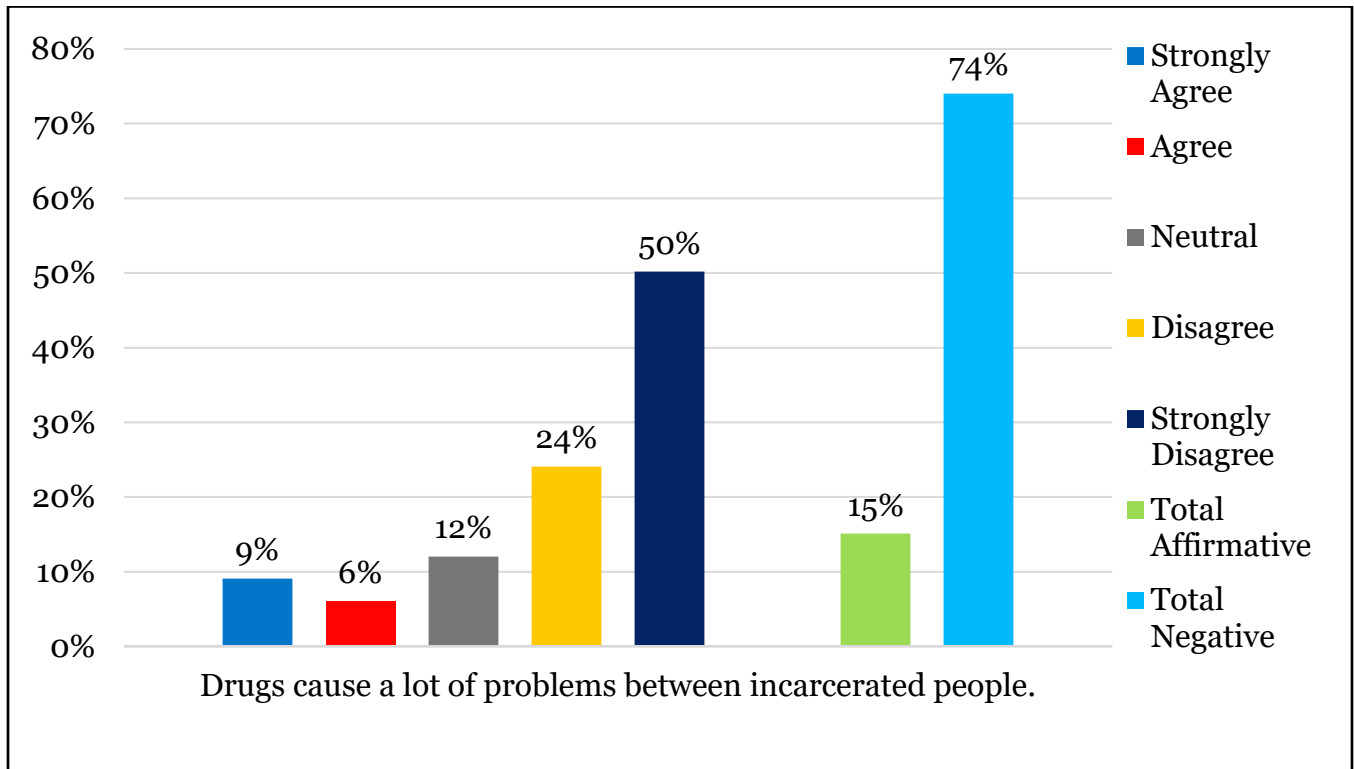
INCARCERATED PERSON SAFETY – THE FEELING OF SECURITY OR PROTECTION FROM HARM, THREAT OR DANGER



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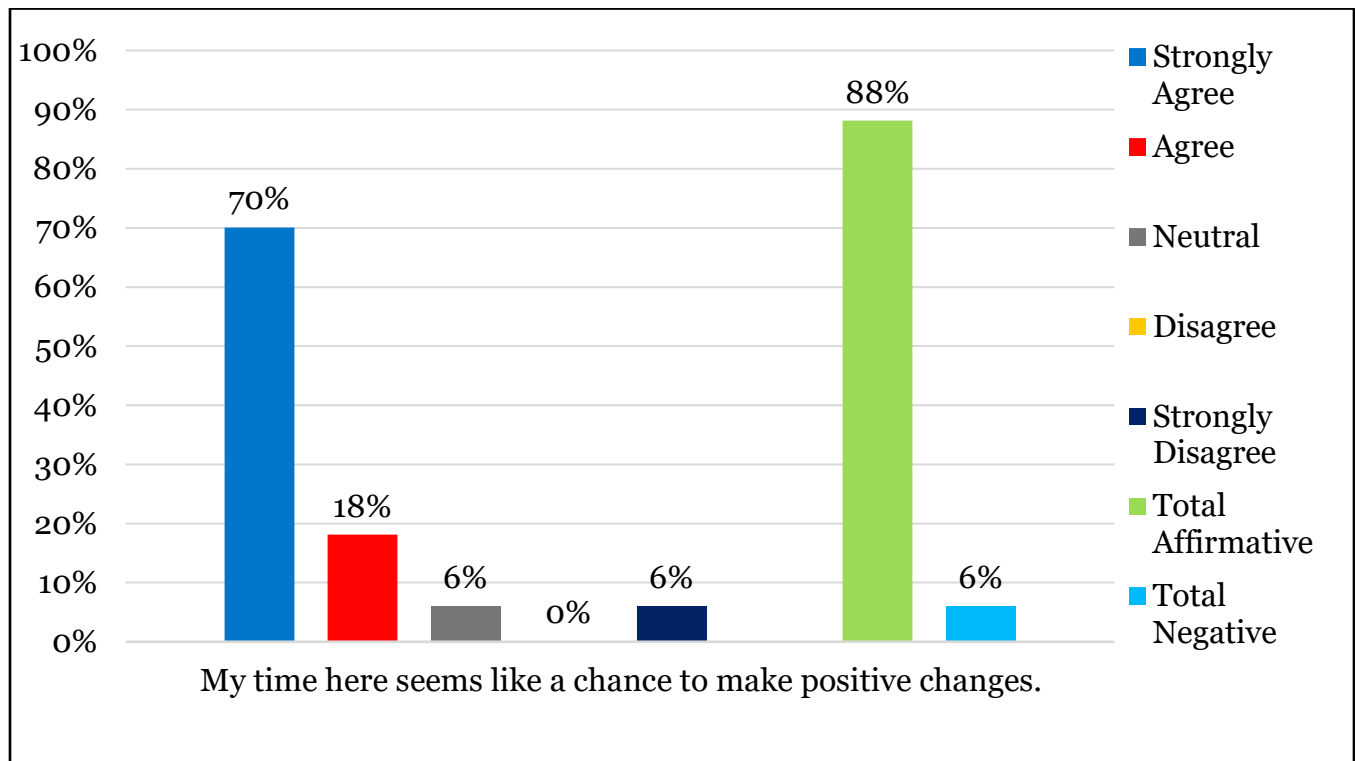
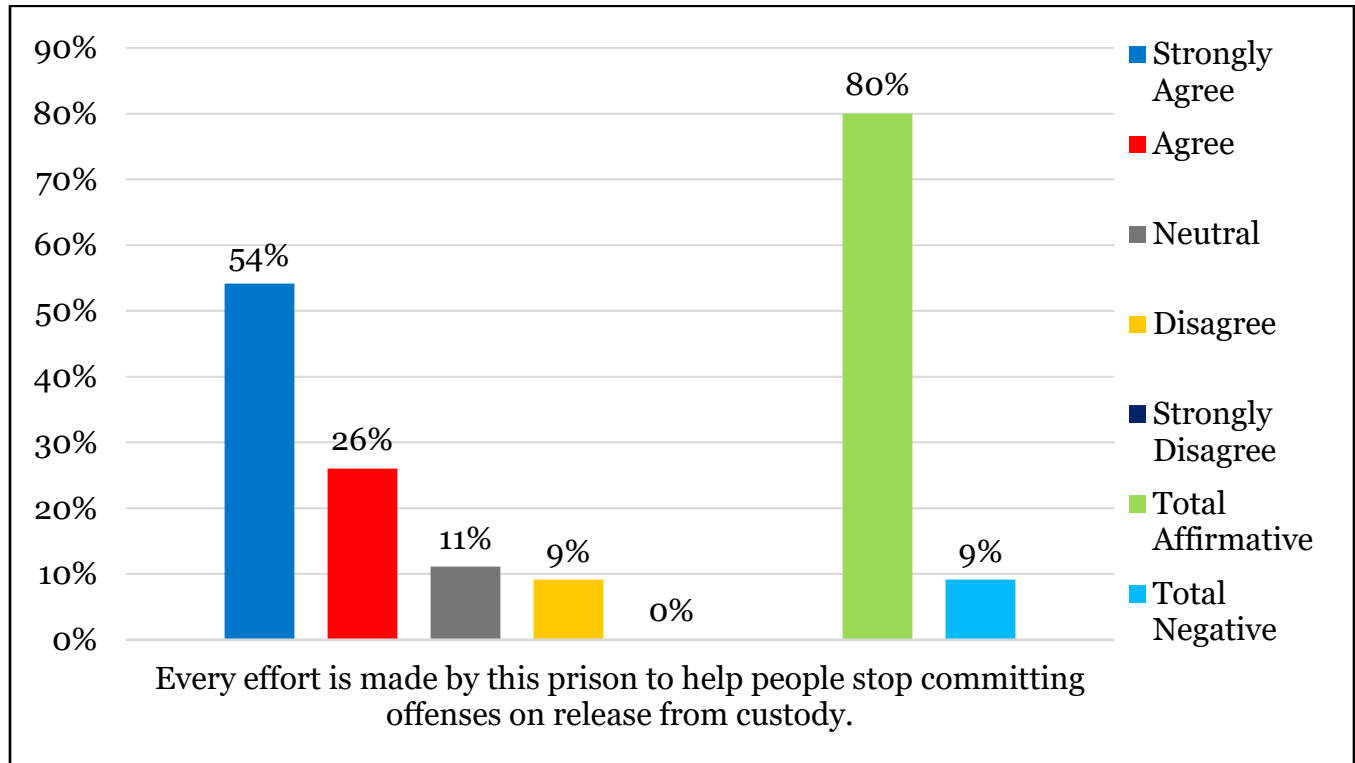


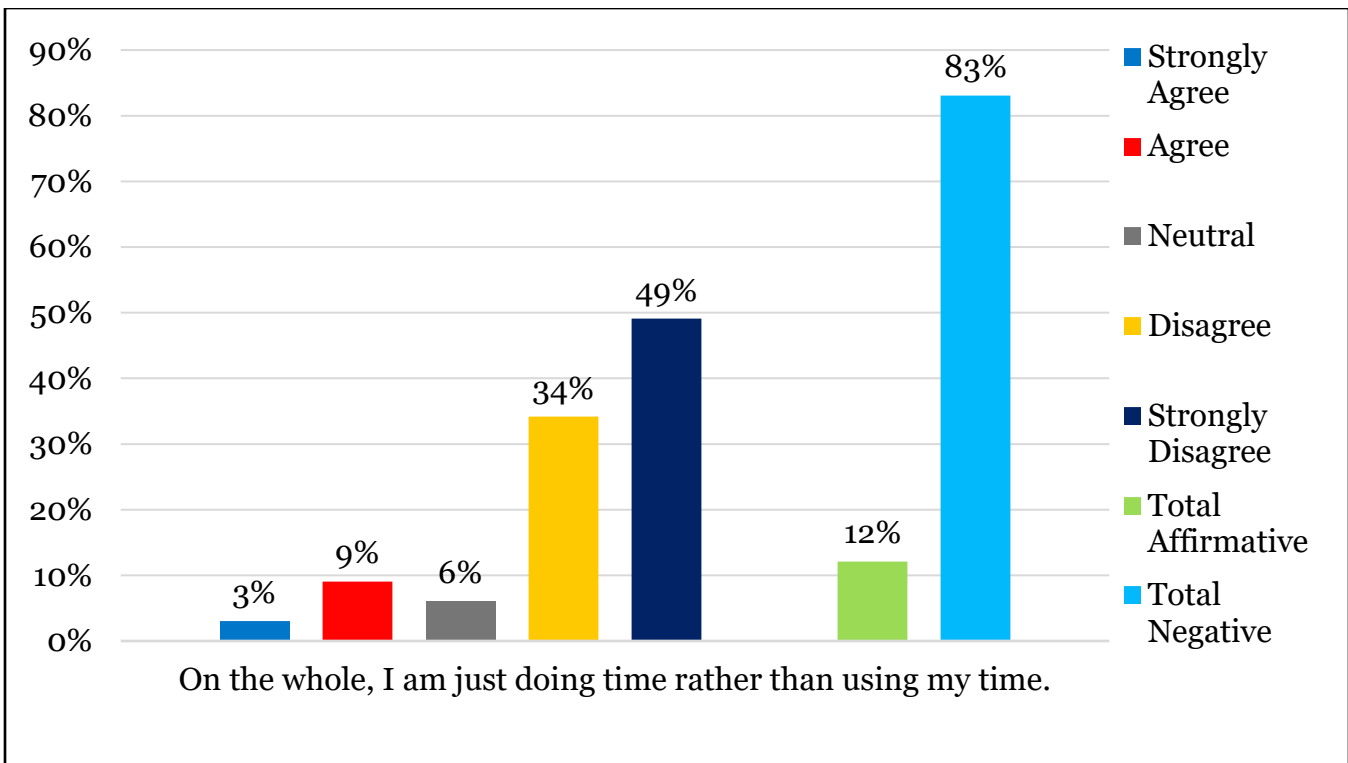
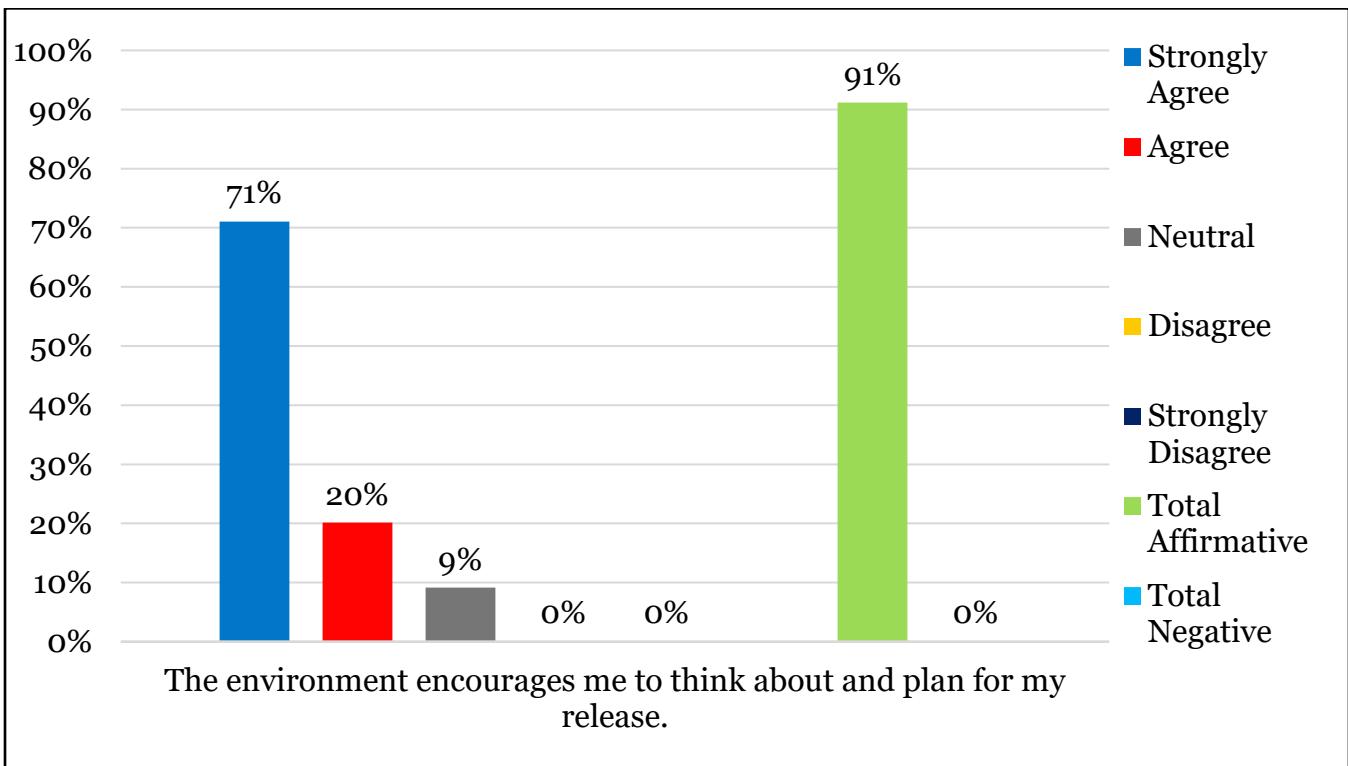
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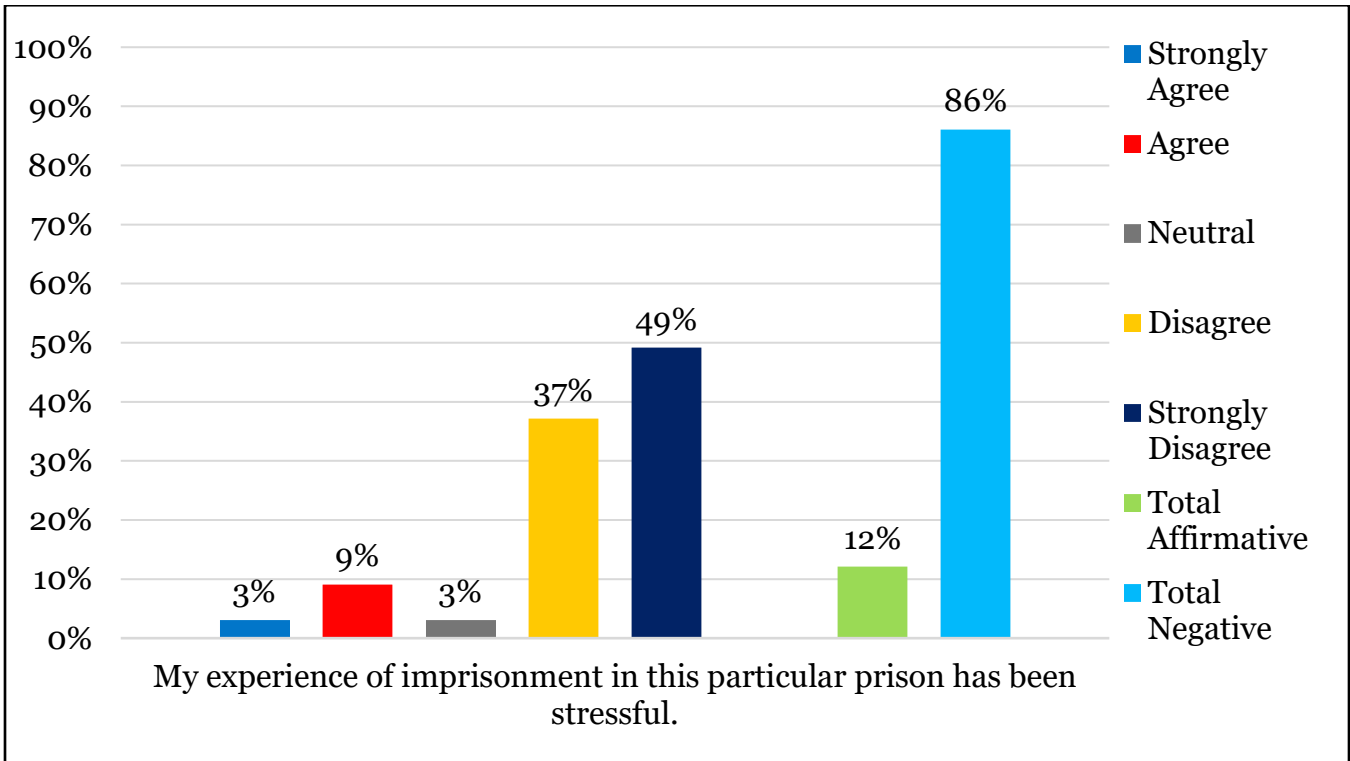
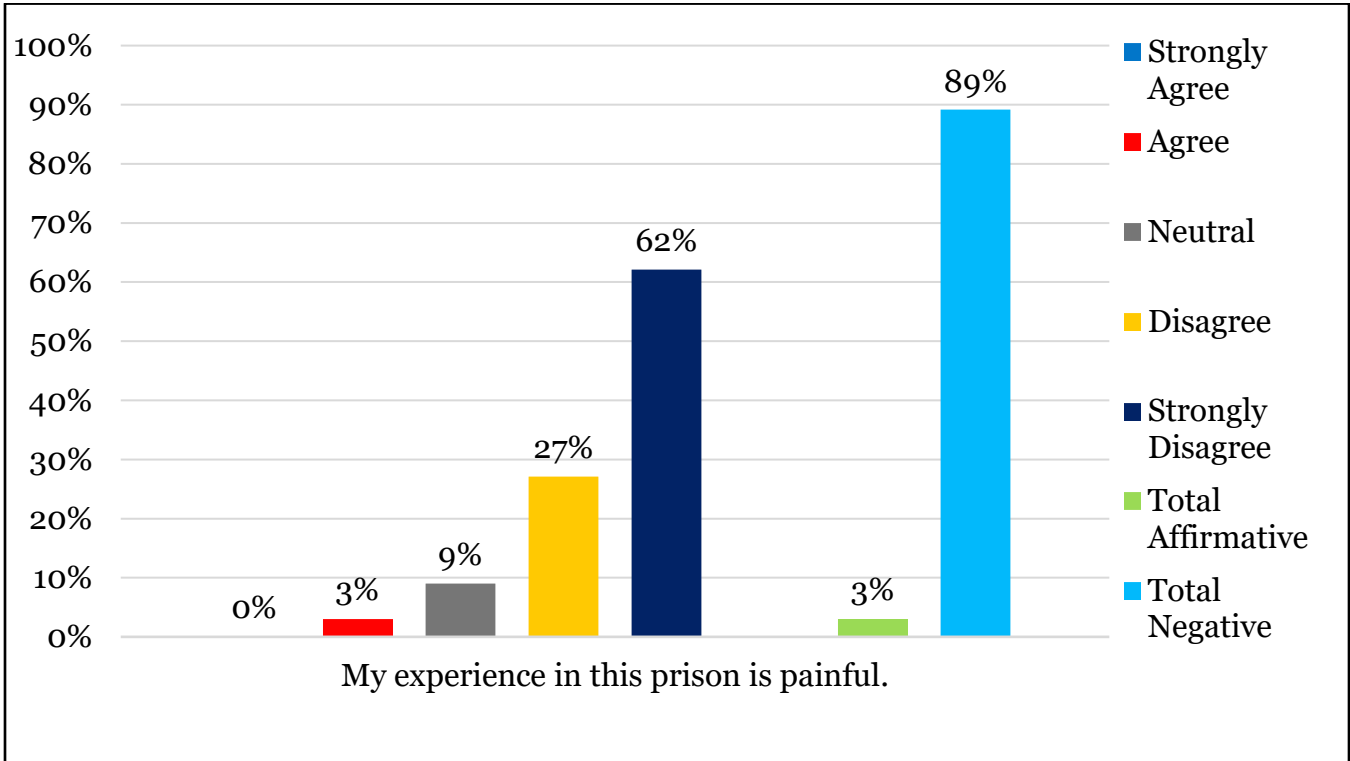
Well-being and Development

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



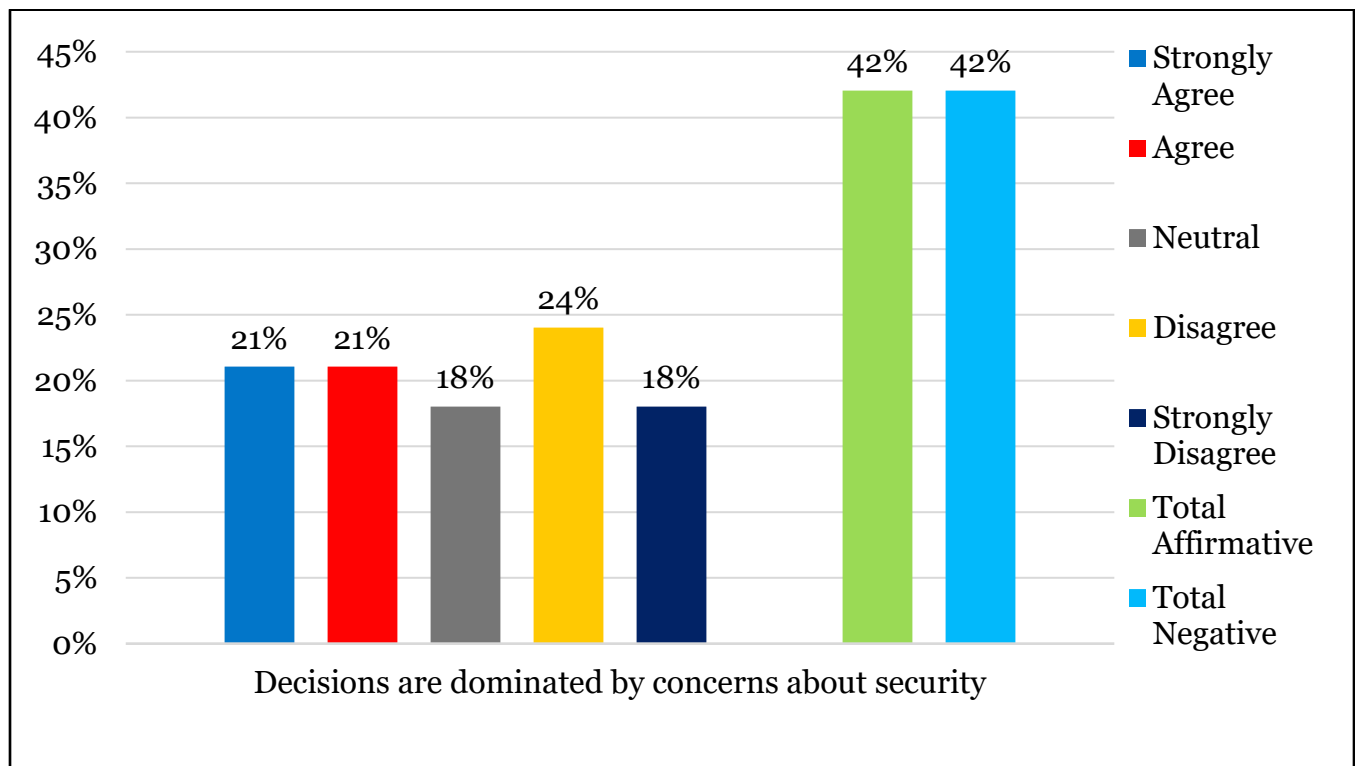


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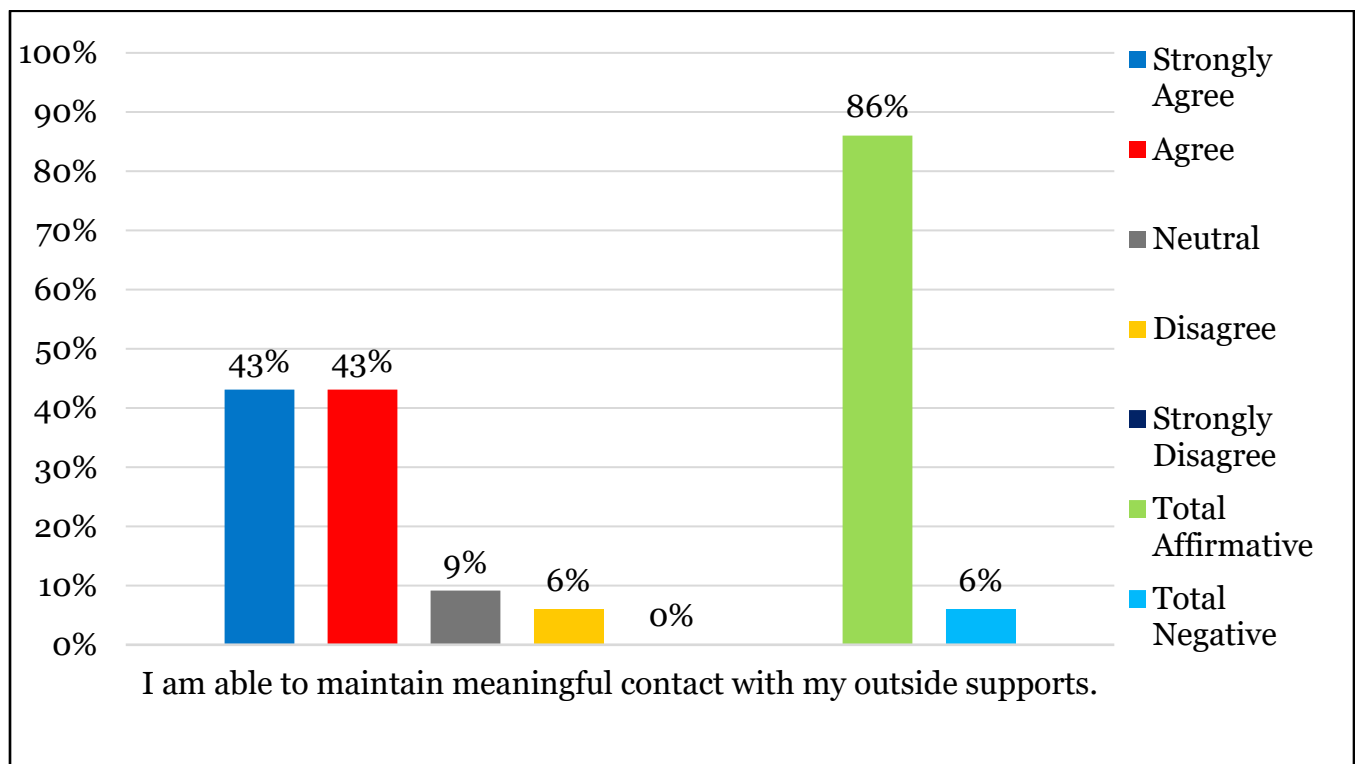


Additional Questions

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

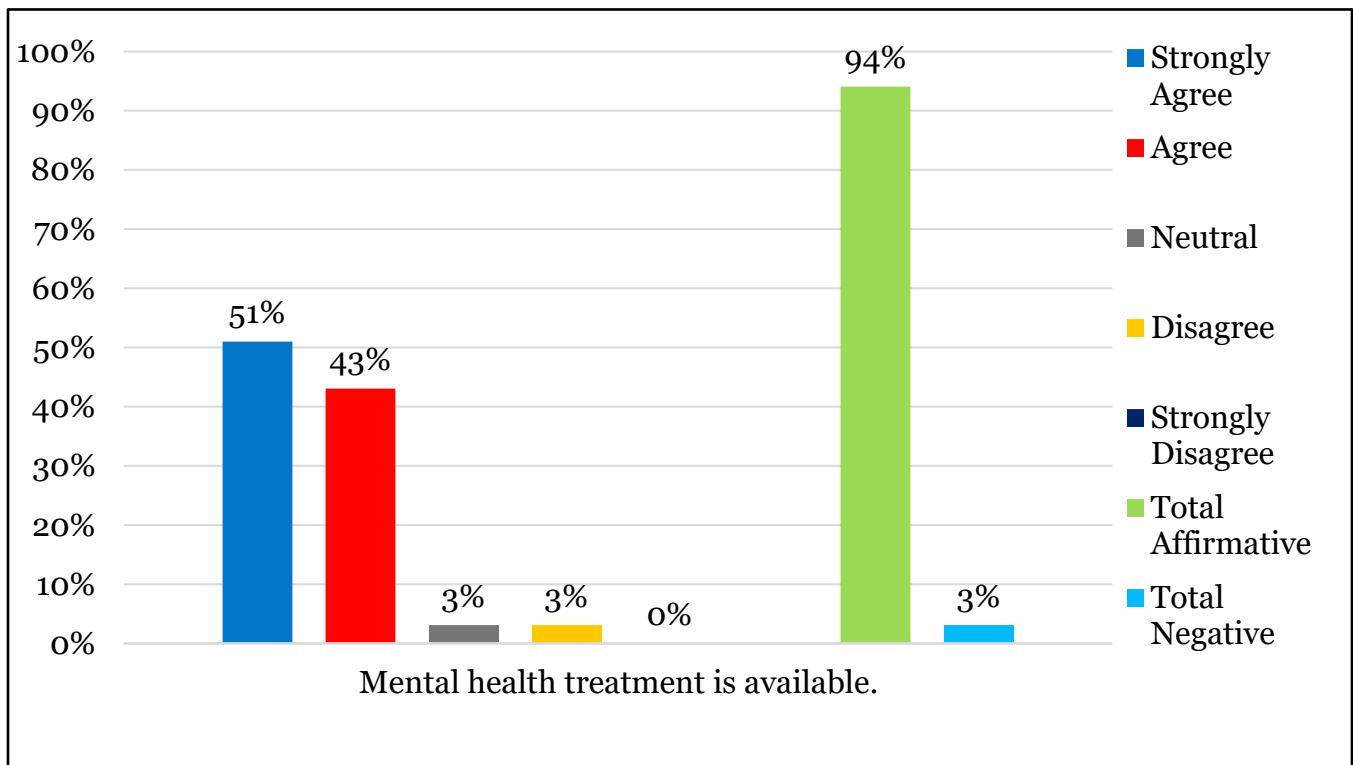
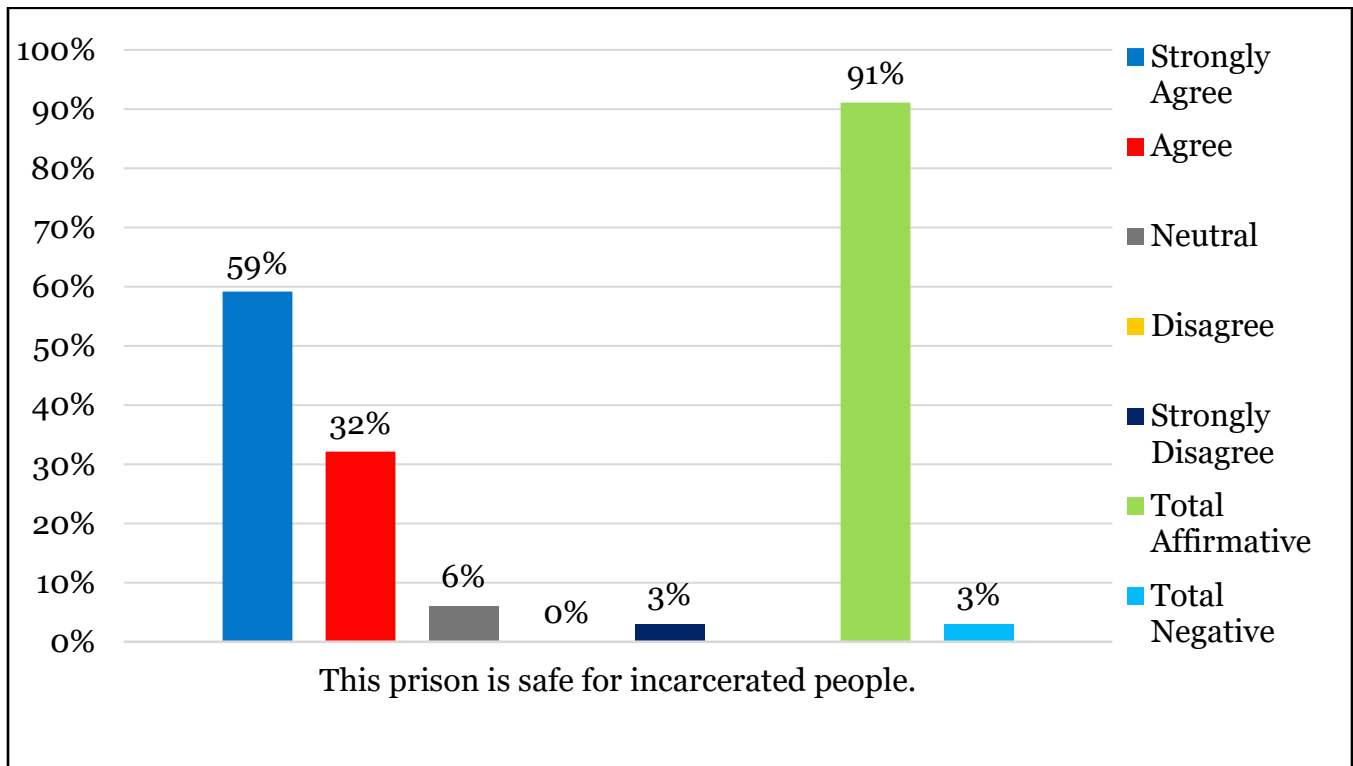


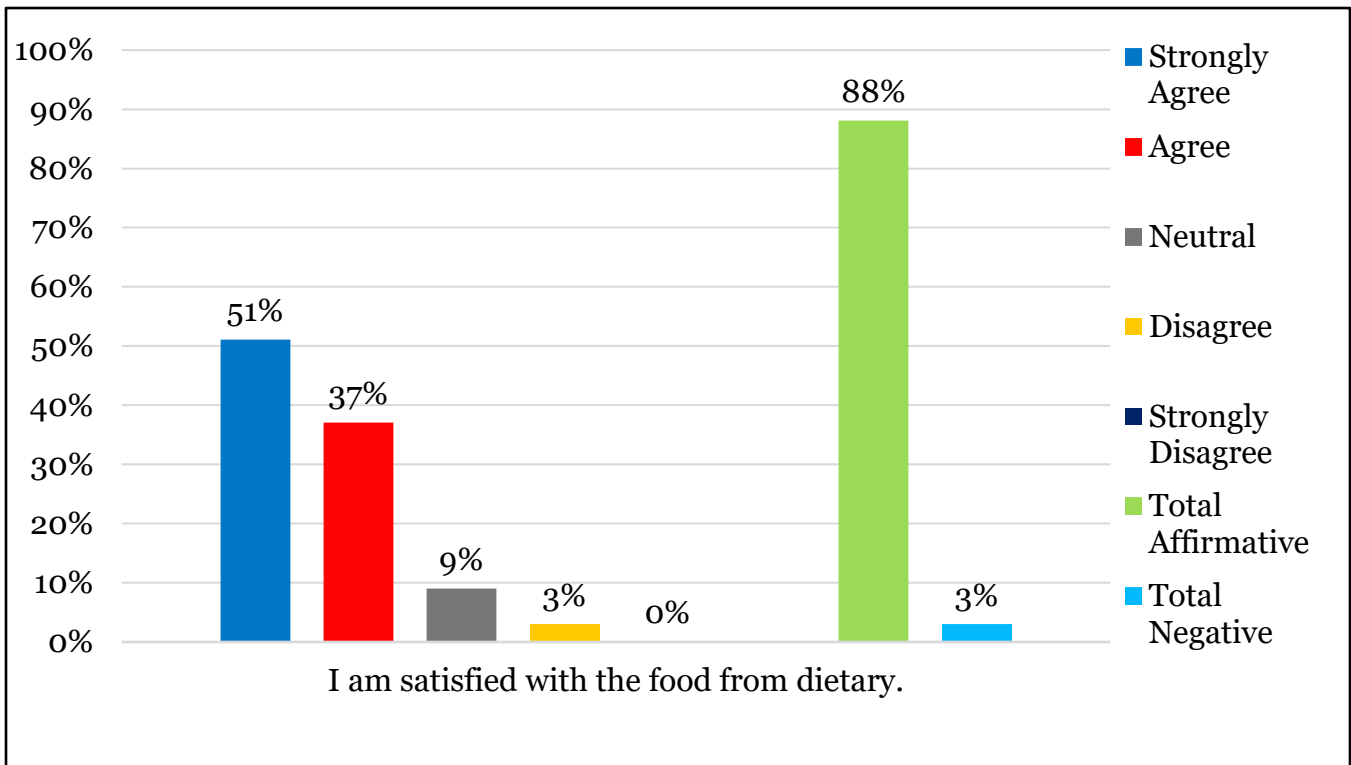
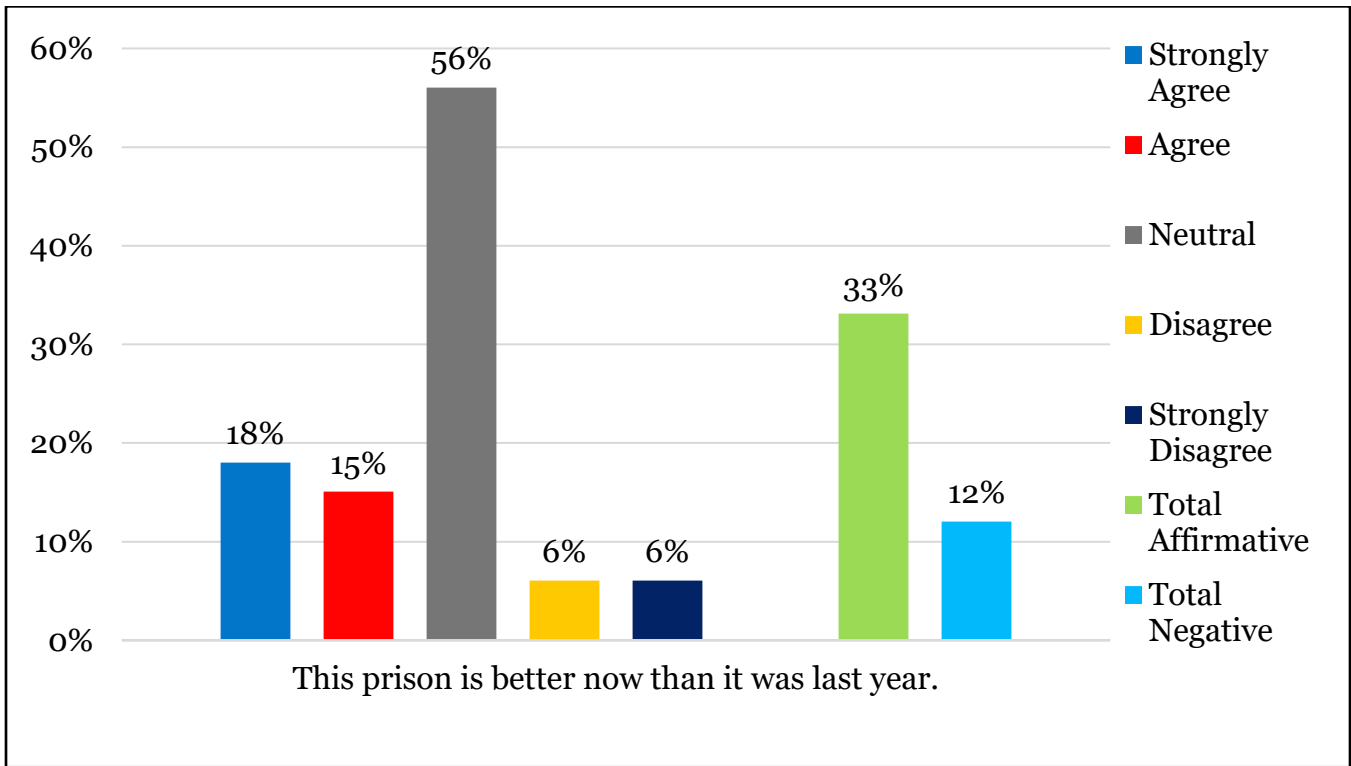
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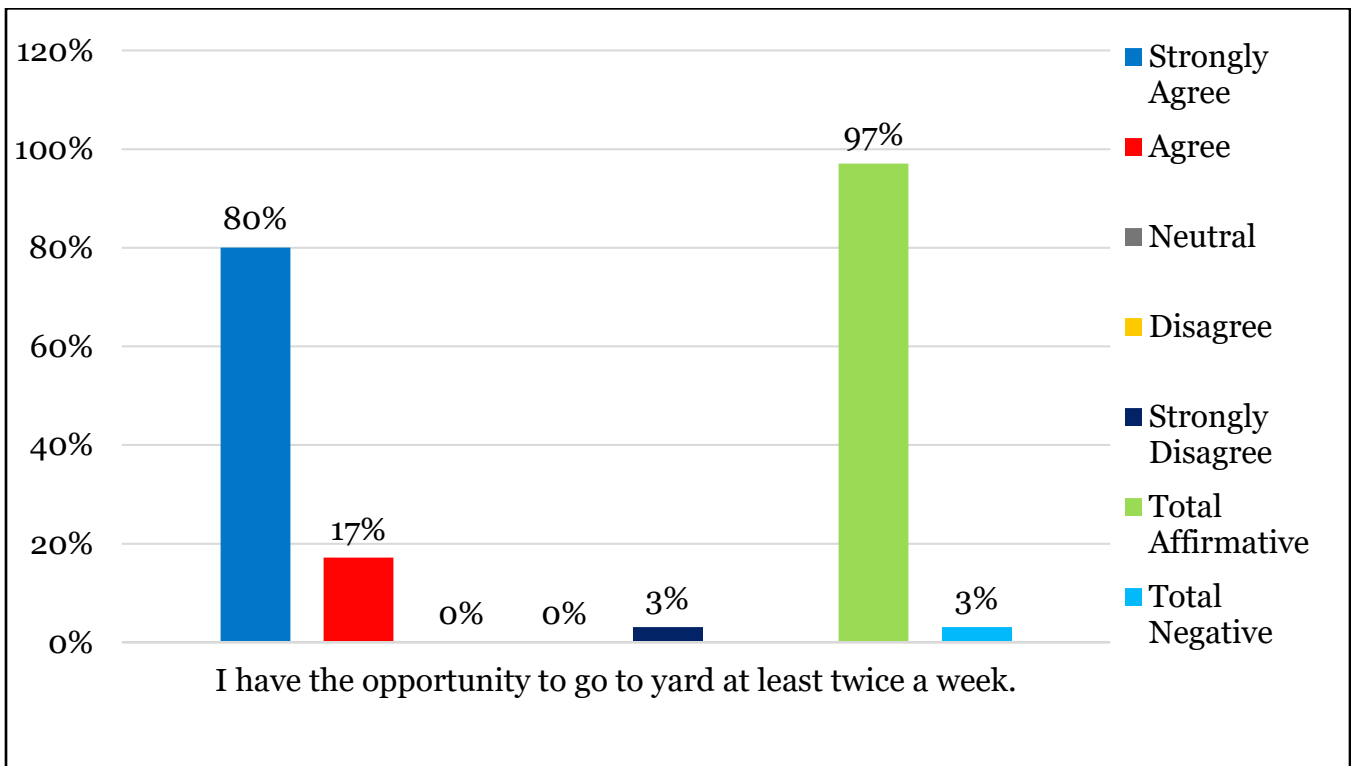


Charts: JHA Questions

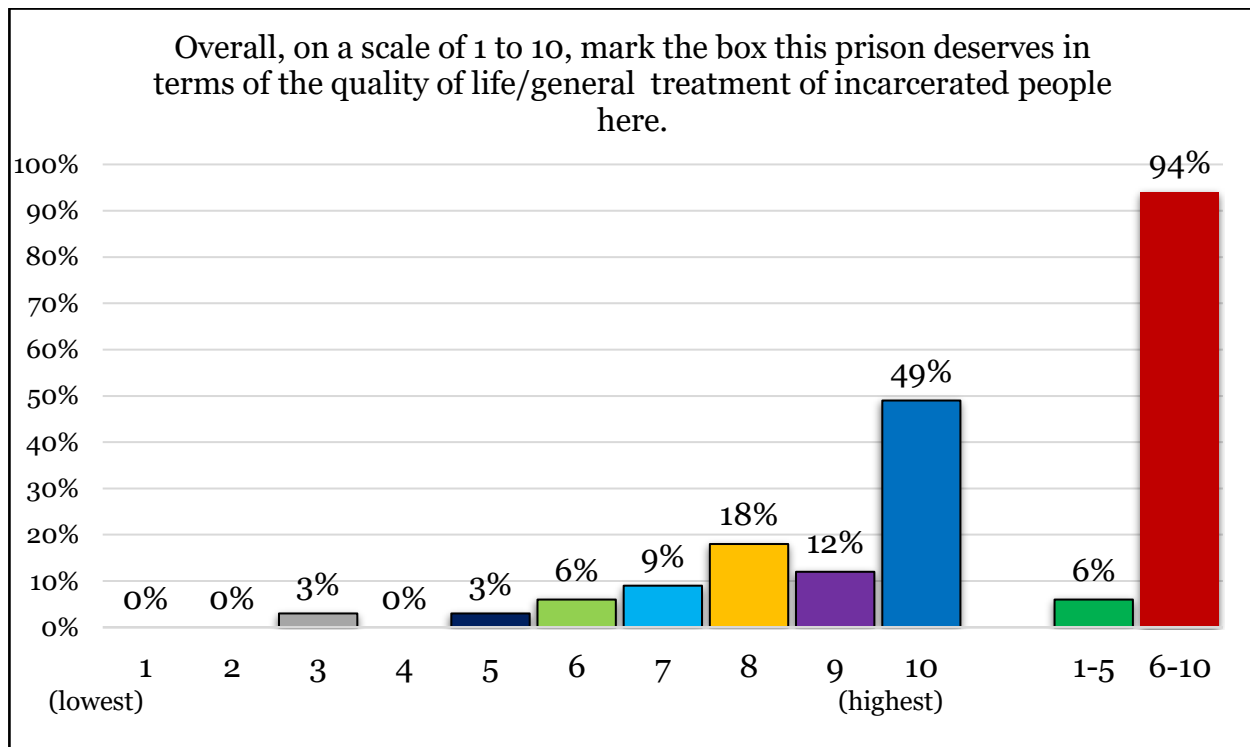
QUESTIONS USED IN PREVIOUS JHA SURVEYS







OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE



Tables of Results by Individual Survey Items

Age		
18-26	1	3%
26-30	1	3%
31-40	9	26%
41-50	19	54%
51 and over	5	14%
No response: 1		

Race or ethnicity		
White	8	23%
Black	22	63%
Hispanic or Latino	4	11%
Other	1	3%
No response: 1		

Are you within two years of release?		
Yes	19	54%
No	16	46%
No response: 1		

Were you first incarcerated prior to age 25?		
Yes	24	69%
No	11	31%
No response: 1		

What housing status are you currently on?		
General Population	35	100%
Restrictive Housing	0	0%
Other	0	0%
No response: 1		

Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area?		
Yes	35	100%
No	0	0%
No response: 1		

Do you have a work or school assignment?		
Work Assignment	3	9%
School Assignment	7	20%
Both	25	71%
Neither	0	0%
No response: 1		

Relationships between staff and incarcerated people are good.		
Strongly Agree	9	27%
Agree	20	59%
Neutral	5	15%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	29	86%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	0	0%
No response: 2		

I receive support from staff when I need it.		
Strongly Agree	12	34%
Agree	16	46%
Neutral	7	20%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	28	80%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	0	0%
No response: 1		

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.		
Strongly Agree	12	34%
Agree	16	46%
Neutral	4	11%
Disagree	2	6%
Strongly Disagree	1	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	28	80%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	3	9%
No response: 1		

I trust the officers.		
Strongly Agree	5	14%
Agree	6	17%
Neutral	19	54%
Disagree	3	9%
Strongly Disagree	2	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	11	31%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	5	15%
No response: 1		

I get along well with the officers on my unit.		
Strongly Agree	12	35%
Agree	18	53%
Neutral	4	12%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	30	88%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	0	0%
No response: 2		

The best way to get things done is to go through official channels.		
Strongly Agree	9	26%
Agree	16	46%
Neutral	7	20%
Disagree	3	9%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	25	72%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	3	9%
No response: 1		

I have been helped significantly by a staff member with a particular problem.		
Strongly Agree	15	43%
Agree	12	34%
Neutral	8	23%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	27	77%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	0	0%
No response: 1		

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.		
Strongly Agree	15	43%
Agree	16	46%
Neutral	3	9%
Disagree	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	31	89%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	1	3%
No response: 1		

I am treated as a person of value.		
Strongly Agree	12	34%
Agree	15	43%
Neutral	8	23%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	27	77%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	0	0%
No response: 1		

Some of the treatment I receive is degrading.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	3	9%
Neutral	2	6%
Disagree	12	35%
Strongly Disagree	16	47%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	4	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	28	82%
No response: 2		

Staff have enough experience and expertise to deal with issues that matter to me.		
Strongly Agree	8	23%
Agree	9	26%
Neutral	14	40%
Disagree	3	9%
Strongly Disagree	1	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	17	49%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	4	12%
No response: 1		

I feel safe from being injured, bullied, or threatened by other incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	21	62%
Agree	10	29%
Neutral	3	9%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	31	91%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	0	0%
No response: 2		

If you do something wrong, staff only use punishments if they have tried other options first.		
Strongly Agree	6	17%
Agree	12	34%
Neutral	6	17%
Disagree	7	20%
Strongly Disagree	4	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	18	51%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	11	31%
No response: 1		

To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations.		
Strongly Agree	3	9%
Agree	4	11%
Neutral	7	20%
Disagree	12	34%
Strongly Disagree	9	26%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	7	20%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	21	60%
No response: 1		

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	0	0%
Agree	4	11%
Neutral	5	14%
Disagree	16	46%
Strongly Disagree	10	29%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	4	11%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	26	75%
No response: 1		

To get things done, you have to ask and ask and ask.		
Strongly Agree	6	17%
Agree	2	6%
Neutral	7	20%
Disagree	9	26%
Strongly Disagree	11	31%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	8	23%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	20	57%
No response: 1		

Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.		
Strongly Agree	4	11%
Agree	7	20%
Neutral	7	20%
Disagree	11	31%
Strongly Disagree	6	17%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	11	20%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	17	48%
No response: 1		

Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.		
Strongly Agree	0	0%
Agree	0	0%
Neutral	7	21%
Disagree	13	38%
Strongly Disagree	14	41%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	0	0%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	27	79%
No response: 2		

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.		
Strongly Agree	4	12%
Agree	3	9%
Neutral	3	9%
Disagree	10	30%
Strongly Disagree	13	39%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	7	21%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	23	69%
No response: 3		

The environment encourages me to think about and plan for my release.		
Strongly Agree	25	71%
Agree	7	20%
Neutral	3	9%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	32	91%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	0	0%
No response: 1		

My experience of imprisonment in this particular prison has been stressful.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	3	9%
Neutral	1	3%
Disagree	13	37%
Strongly Disagree	17	49%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	4	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	30	86%
No response: 1		

I have to be careful about everything I do, or it can be used against me.		
Strongly Agree	6	17%
Agree	7	20%
Neutral	9	26%
Disagree	6	17%
Strongly Disagree	7	20%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	13	37%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	13	37%
No response: 1		

On the whole, I am just doing time rather than using my time.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	3	9%
Neutral	2	6%
Disagree	12	34%
Strongly Disagree	17	49%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	4	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	29	83%
No response: 1		

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms.		
Strongly Agree	14	40%
Agree	16	46%
Neutral	4	11%
Disagree	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	30	86%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	1	3%
No response: 1		

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	2	6%
Neutral	4	11%
Disagree	12	34%
Strongly Disagree	16	46%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	3	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	28	80%
No response: 1		

When I need to get something done, I can normally get it done by talking to someone face to face.		
Strongly Agree	15	43%
Agree	14	40%
Neutral	4	11%
Disagree	2	6%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	29	83%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	2	6%
No response: 1		

This prison is well organized.		
Strongly Agree	11	31%
Agree	9	26%
Neutral	10	29%
Disagree	4	11%
Strongly Disagree	1	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	20	57%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	5	14%
No response: 1		

You never know the rules.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	1	3%
Neutral	3	9%
Disagree	15	43%
Strongly Disagree	15	43%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	2	6%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	30	86%
No response: 1		

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.		
Strongly Agree	15	44%
Agree	15	44%
Neutral	1	3%
Disagree	3	9%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	30	88%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	3	9%
No response: 2		

My experience in this prison is painful.		
Strongly Agree	0	0%
Agree	1	3%
Neutral	3	9%
Disagree	9	27%
Strongly Disagree	21	62%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	1	3%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	30	89%
No response: 2		

There are a few incarcerated people who run things on this unit.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	5	15%
Neutral	2	6%
Disagree	8	24%
Strongly Disagree	18	53%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	1	18%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	28	77%
No response: 2		

There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	3	9%
Agree	7	21%
Neutral	7	21%
Disagree	9	27%
Strongly Disagree	8	24%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	10	30%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	17	51%
No response: 2		

I have to buy and sell things in order to get by.		
Strongly Agree	2	6%
Agree	1	3%
Neutral	1	3%
Disagree	7	20%
Strongly Disagree	24	69%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	3	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	31	89%
No response: 1		

The disciplinary system is fair.		
Strongly Agree	7	21%
Agree	15	44%
Neutral	11	32%
Disagree	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	22	65%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	1	3%
No response: 2		

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.		
Strongly Agree	7	21%
Agree	7	21%
Neutral	6	18%
Disagree	8	24%
Strongly Disagree	6	18%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	14	42%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	14	42%
No response: 2		

My time here seems like a chance to make positive changes.		
Strongly Agree	23	70%
Agree	6	18%
Neutral	2	6%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	2	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	29	88%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	2	6%
No response: 3		

When important decisions are made about me, I am treated as an individual and not a number.		
Strongly Agree	15	44%
Agree	10	29%
Neutral	5	15%
Disagree	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	3	9%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	25	73%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	4	12%
No response: 2		

I am not being treated as a human being in here.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	0	0%
Neutral	2	6%
Disagree	15	44%
Strongly Disagree	16	47%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	1	3%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	31	91%
No response: 2		

Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	3	9%
Agree	2	6%
Neutral	4	12%
Disagree	8	24%
Strongly Disagree	17	50%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	5	15%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	25	74%
No response: 2		

You have to be in a group or gang in order to get by.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	0	0%
Neutral	1	3%
Disagree	10	29%
Strongly Disagree	23	66%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	1	3%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	33	95%
No response: 1		

Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.		
Strongly Agree	17	49%
Agree	10	29%
Neutral	3	9%
Disagree	2	6%
Strongly Disagree	3	9%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	27	78%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	5	15%
No response: 1		

All they care about is my offense and security level, not the person I really am.		
Strongly Agree	3	9%
Agree	3	9%
Neutral	6	17%
Disagree	15	43%
Strongly Disagree	8	23%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	6	18%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	23	66%
No response: 1		

This prison is poor at giving incarcerated people reasons for decisions.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	2	6%
Neutral	8	24%
Disagree	14	42%
Strongly Disagree	8	24%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	3	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	22	66%
No response: 3		

Anyone who harms themselves is considered by staff to be more of an attention seeker than someone who needs help.		
Strongly Agree	1	3%
Agree	3	9%
Neutral	8	23%
Disagree	12	34%
Strongly Disagree	11	31%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	4	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	23	65%
No response: 1		

Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.		
Strongly Agree	8	24%
Agree	12	35%
Neutral	10	29%
Disagree	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	3	9%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	20	59%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	4	12%
No response: 2		

I am able to maintain meaningful contact with my outside supports.		
Strongly Agree	15	43%
Agree	15	43%
Neutral	3	9%
Disagree	2	6%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	30	86%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	2	6%
No response: 1		

This is a humane prison.		
Strongly Agree	17	49%
Agree	14	40%
Neutral	2	6%
Disagree	2	6%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	31	89%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	2	6%
No response: 1		

Incarcerated people in this prison spend too long locked up in cells.		
Strongly Agree	0	0%
Agree	0	0%
Neutral	1	3%
Disagree	7	21%
Strongly Disagree	26	77%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	0	0%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	33	98%
No response: 2		

This prison is better now than it was last year.		
Strongly Agree	6	18%
Agree	5	15%
Neutral	19	56%
Disagree	2	6%
Strongly Disagree	2	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	11	33%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	4	12%
No response: 2		

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	20	59%
Agree	11	32%
Neutral	2	6%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	1	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	31	91%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	1	3%
No response: 2		

Every effort is made by this prison to help people stop committing offenses on release from custody.		
Strongly Agree	19	54%
Agree	9	26%
Neutral	4	11%
Disagree	3	9%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	28	80%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	3	9%
No response: 1		

Mental health treatment is available.		
Strongly Agree	18	51%
Agree	15	43%
Neutral	1	3%
Disagree	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	33	94%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	1	3%
No response: 1		

I am satisfied with food from dietary.		
Strongly Agree	18	51%
Agree	13	37%
Neutral	3	9%
Disagree	1	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	31	88%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	1	3%
No response: 1		

I have the opportunity to go to yard at least twice a week.		
Strongly Agree	26	80%
Agree	6	17%
Neutral	0	0%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	1	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	32	97%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	1	3%
No response: 3		

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)	0	0%
2	0	0%
3	1	3%
4	0	0%
5	1	3%
6	2	6%
7	3	9%
8	6	18%
9	4	12%
10 (Highest)	16	49%
<i>1-5</i>	2	6%
<i>6-10</i>	31	94%
No response: 3		
Mean: 8.64		



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