
Survey Results



Logan 2022-23 MQPL Survey Results

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Introduction

Logan Correctional Center is a multi-security female prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 986 people on December 6, 2022. The John Howard Association of Illinois (JHA) conducted a modified short [Measuring the Quality of Prison Life](#) (MQPL) survey by passing out the [MQPL survey](#) and an informed consent notice/instruction sheet, and collecting completed surveys by hand, and distributing a privileged mail prepaid business reply envelope addressed to JHA to those who had not completed the survey in the time allotted, so that every person incarcerated at Logan had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 413 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Logan through February 15, 2023, representing approximately 42% of the static population.



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

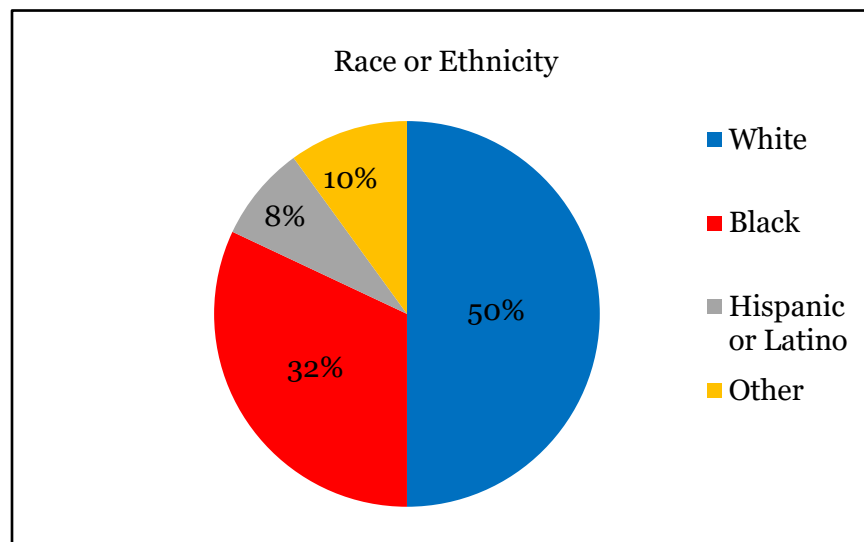
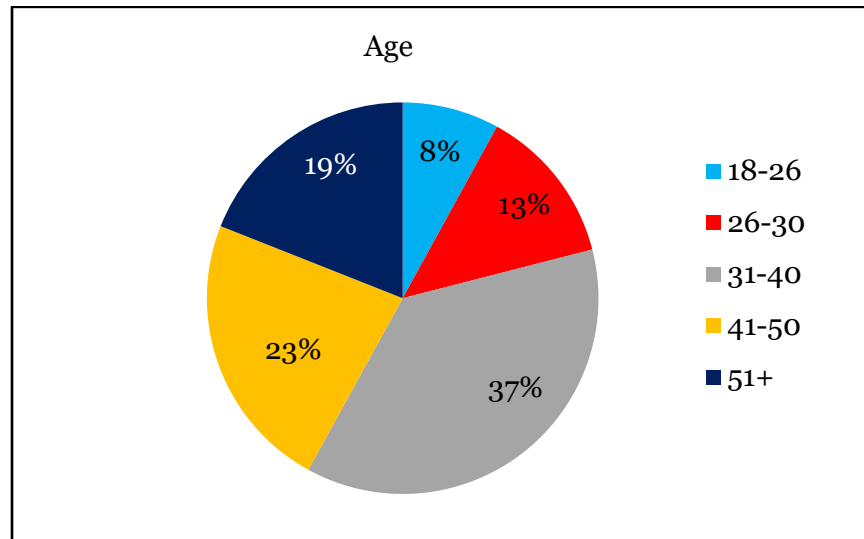
- **Harmony: Questions relating to interpersonal aspects of the prison experience**
 - Respect/courtesy – Positive, respectful, and courteous attitudes towards incarcerated people by staff.
 - Staff-incarcerated people relationships – Trusting, fair and supportive interactions between staff and incarcerated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

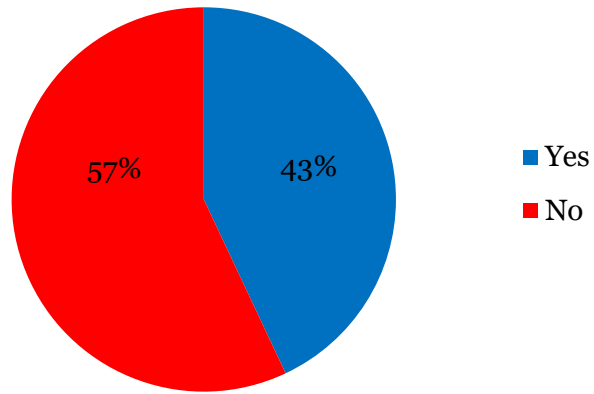
Charts: Demographic Information of Respondents

Total respondents =409¹

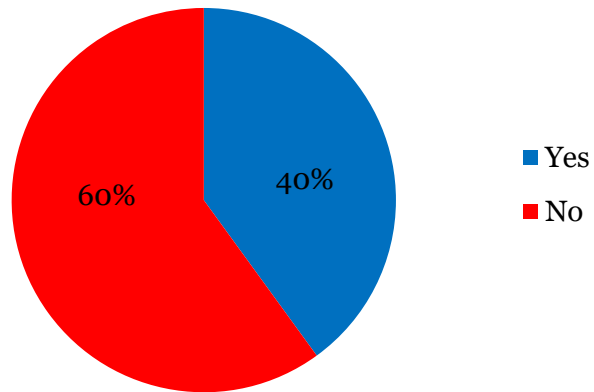


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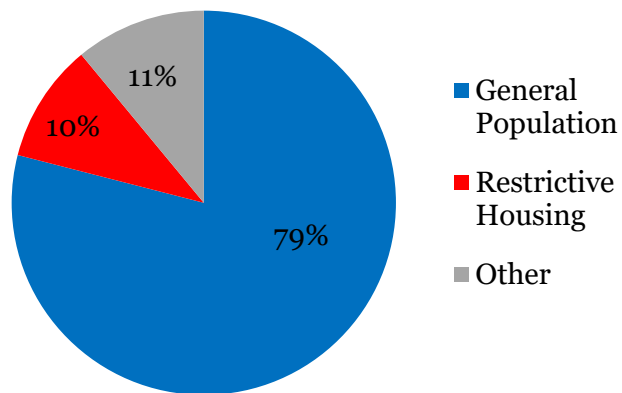
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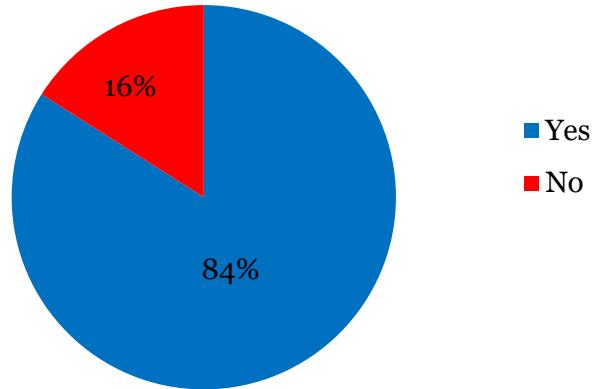
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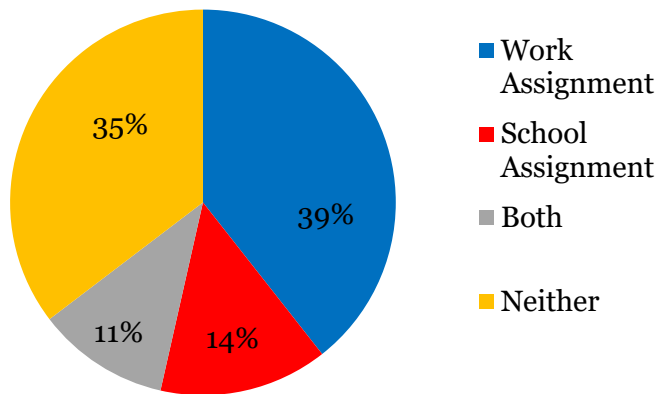
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Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area?



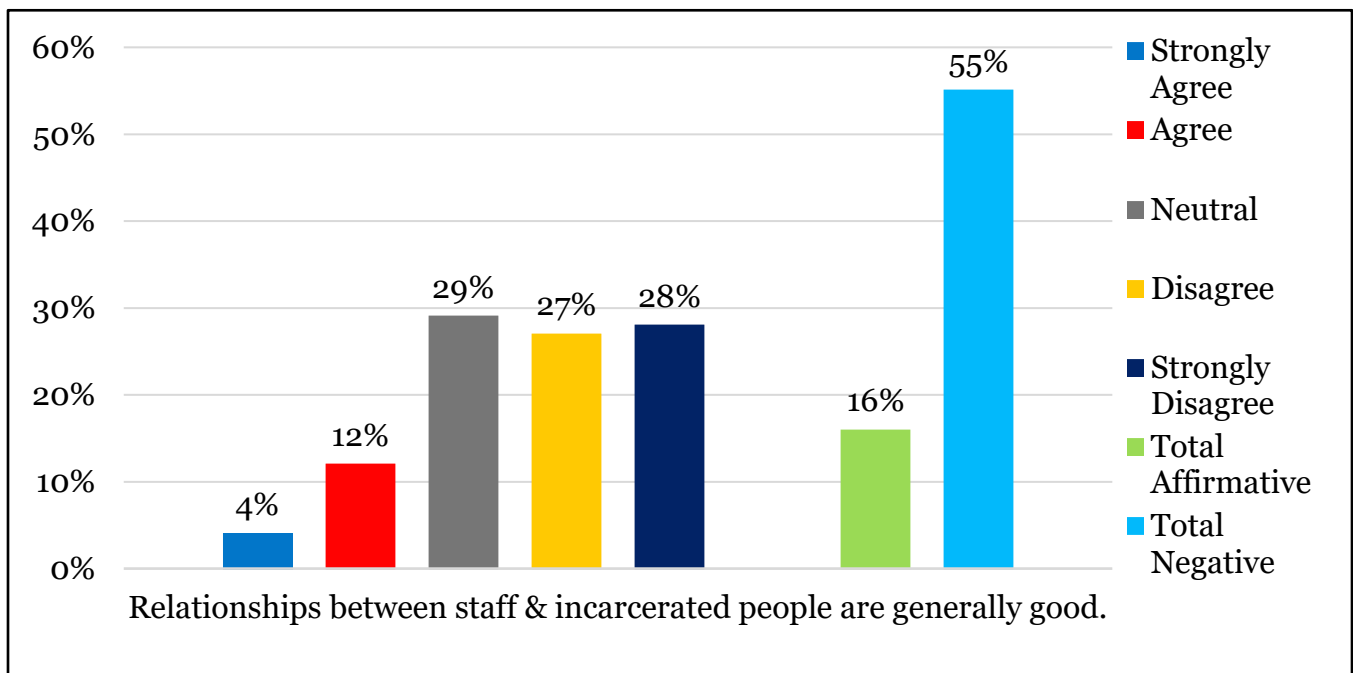
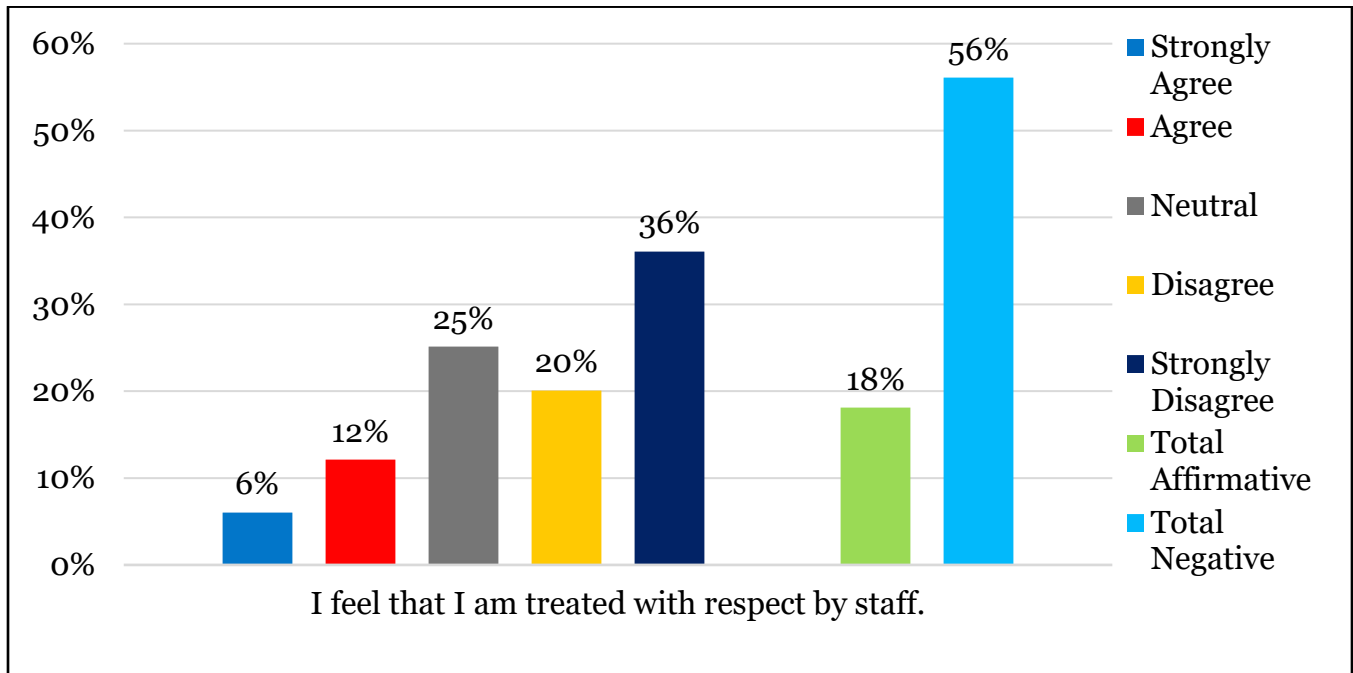
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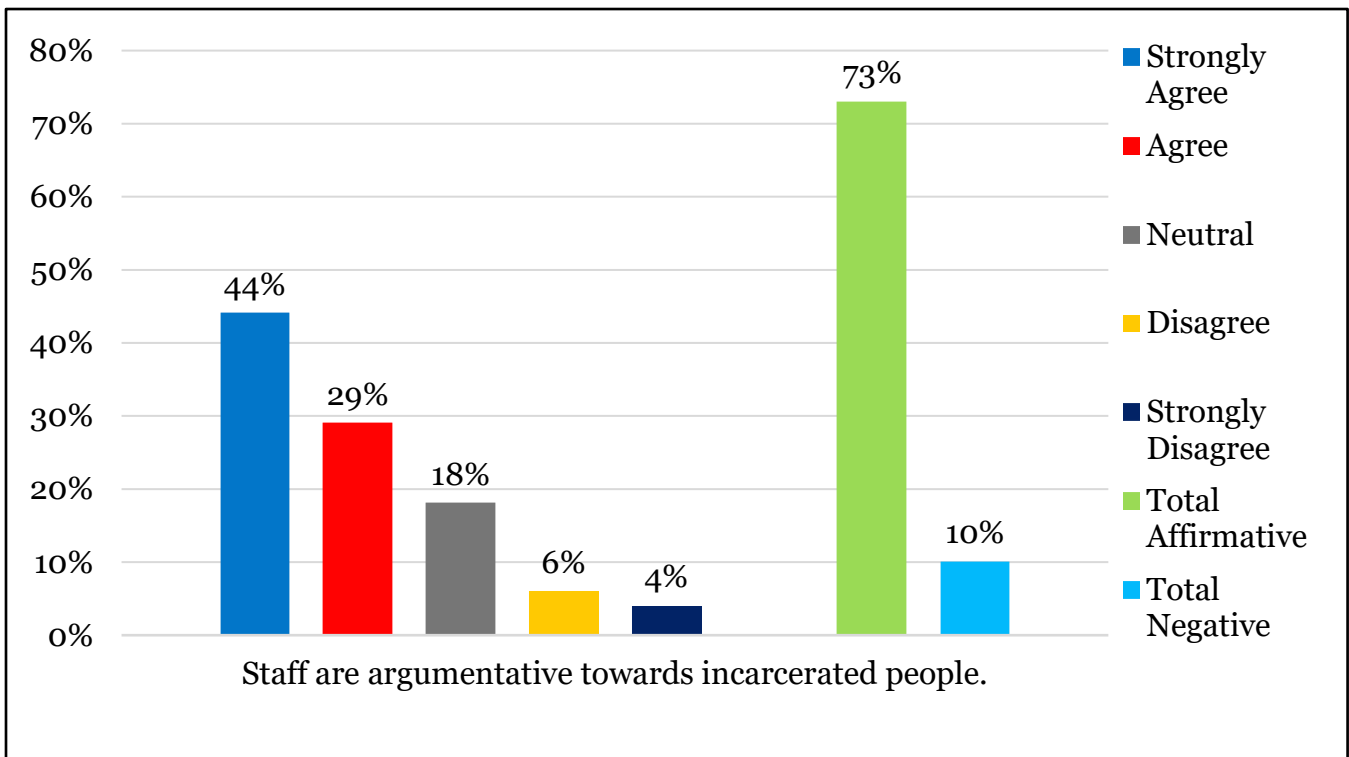
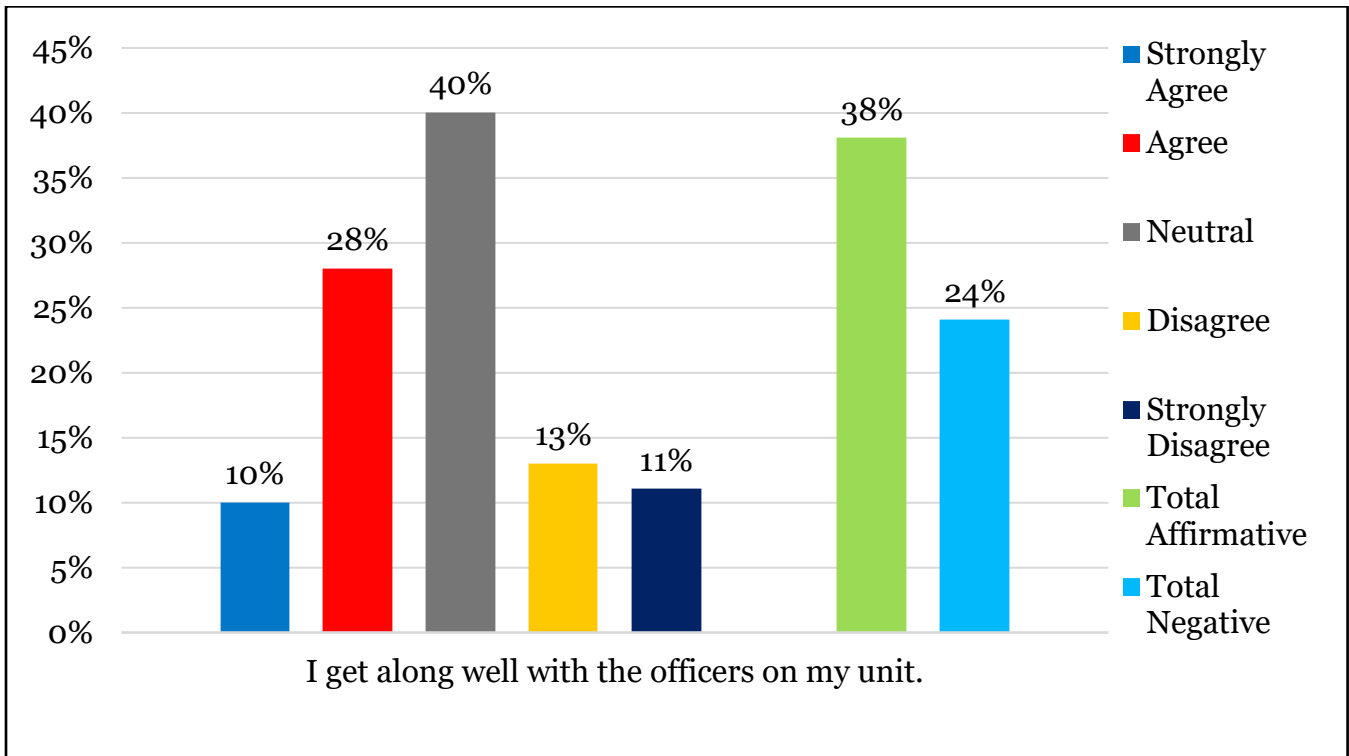


Charts: MQPL Dimensions²

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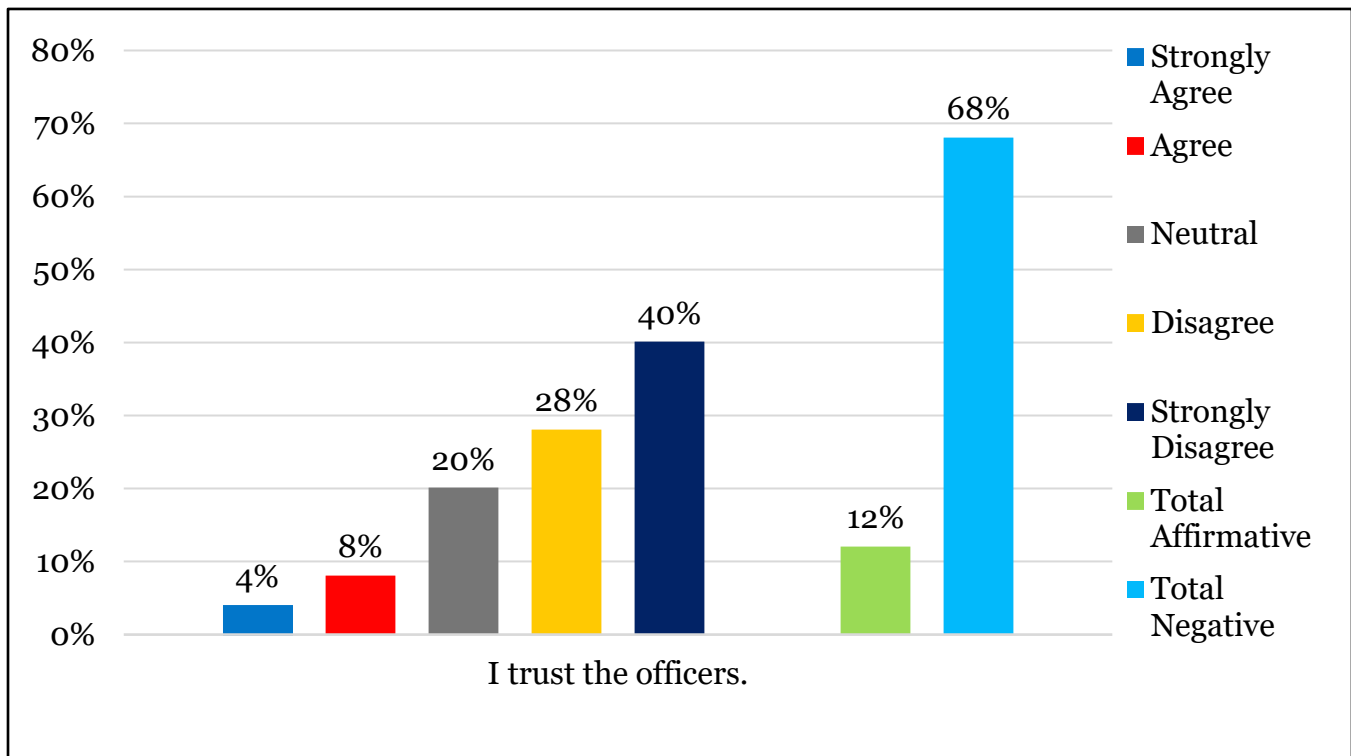
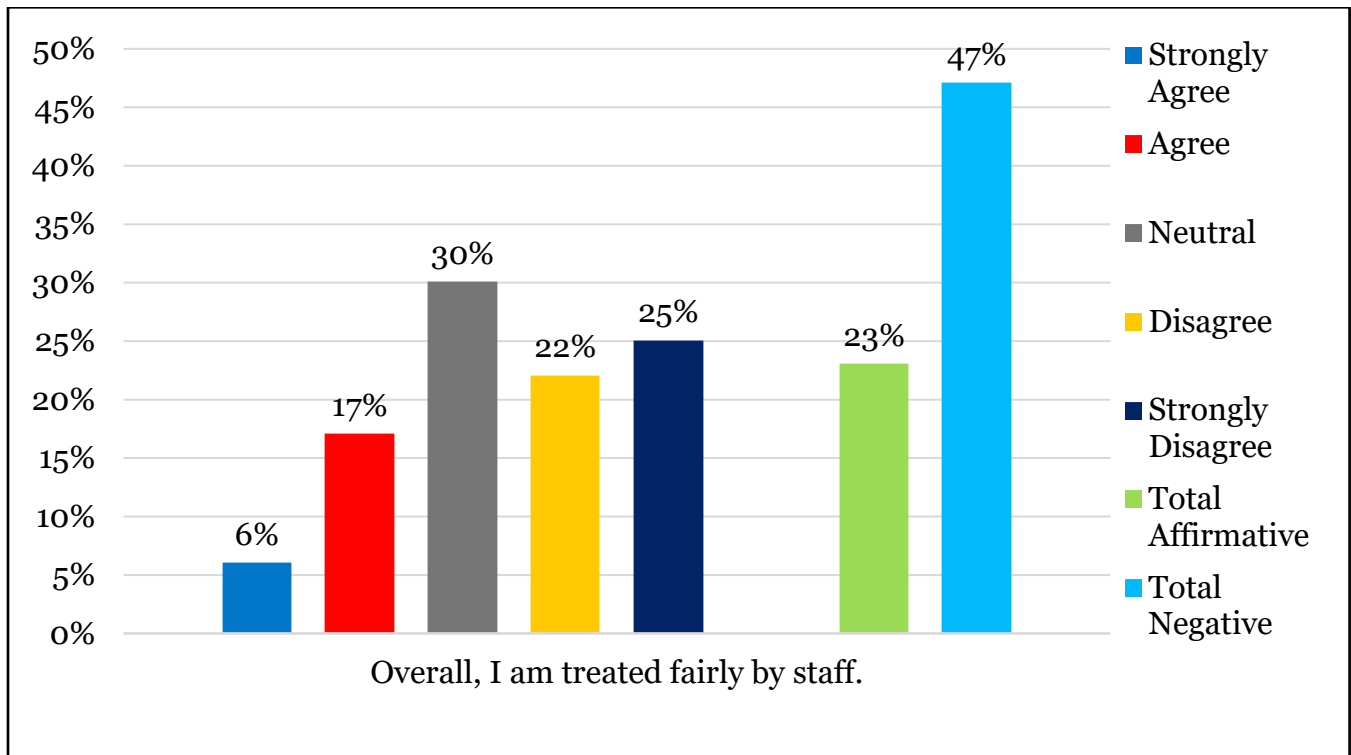
RESPECT / COURTESY – POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL, AND COURTEOUS ATTITUDES TOWARDS INCARCERATED PEOPLE BY STAFF

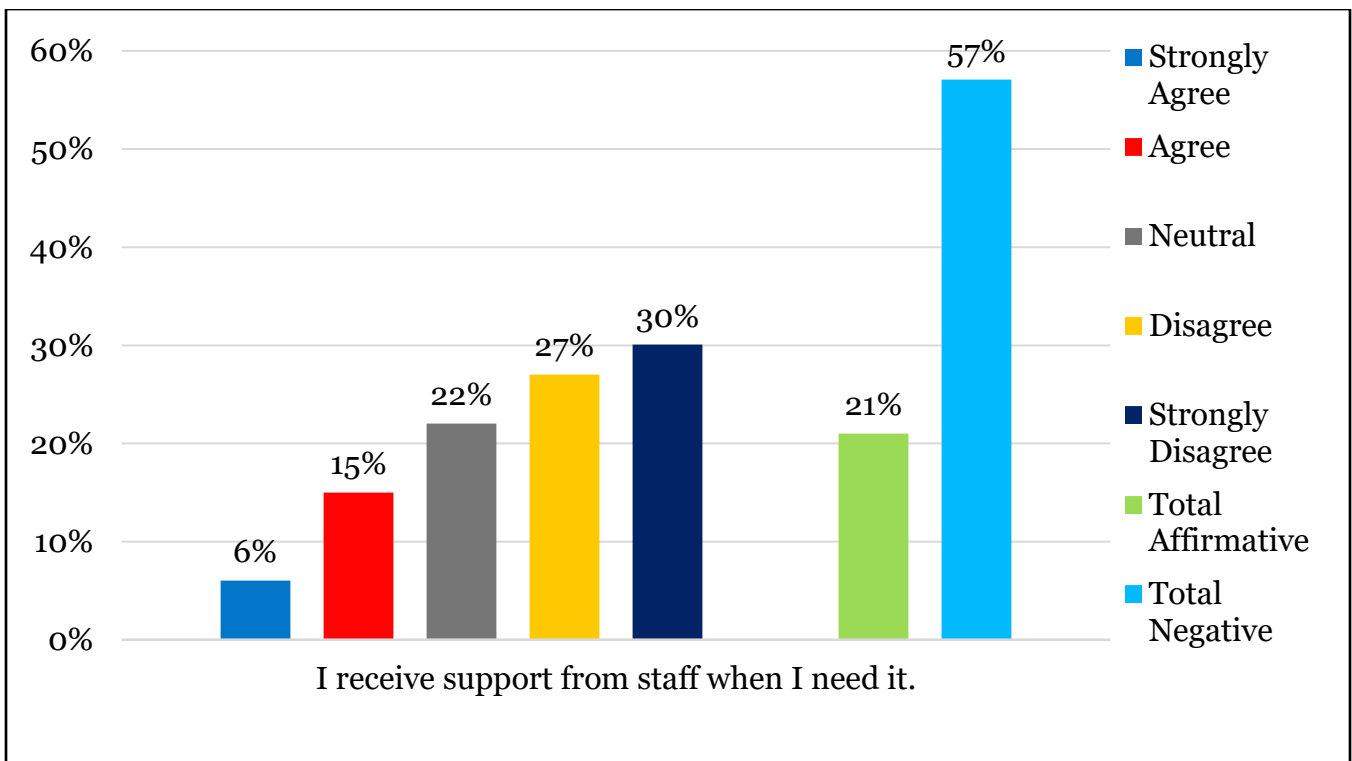
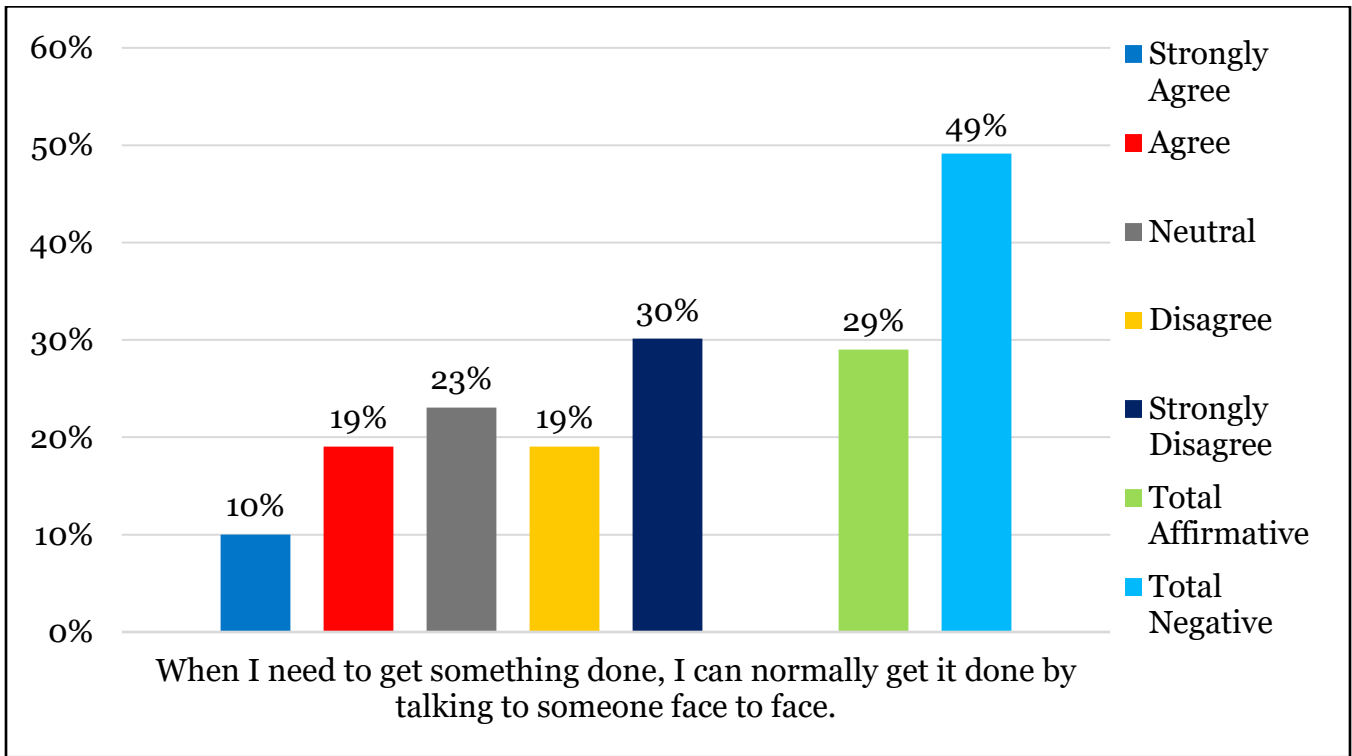




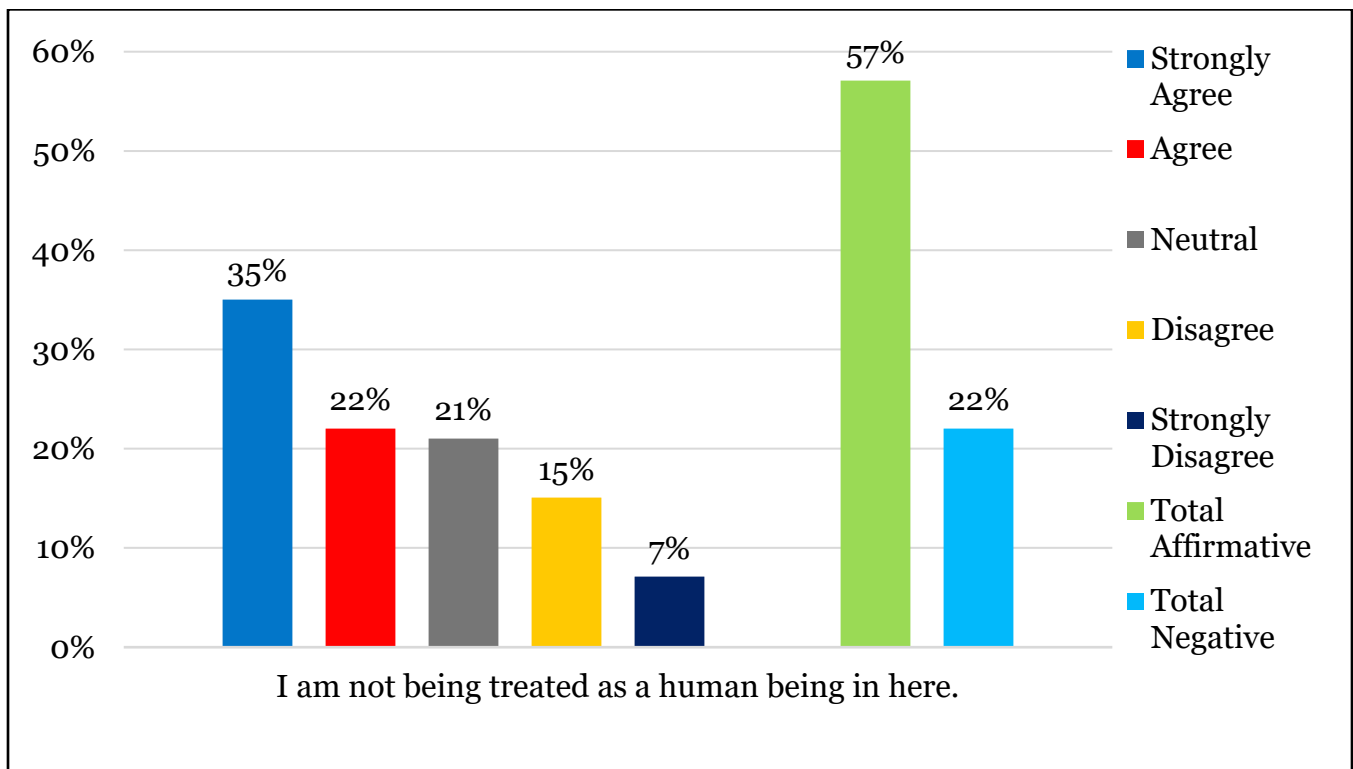
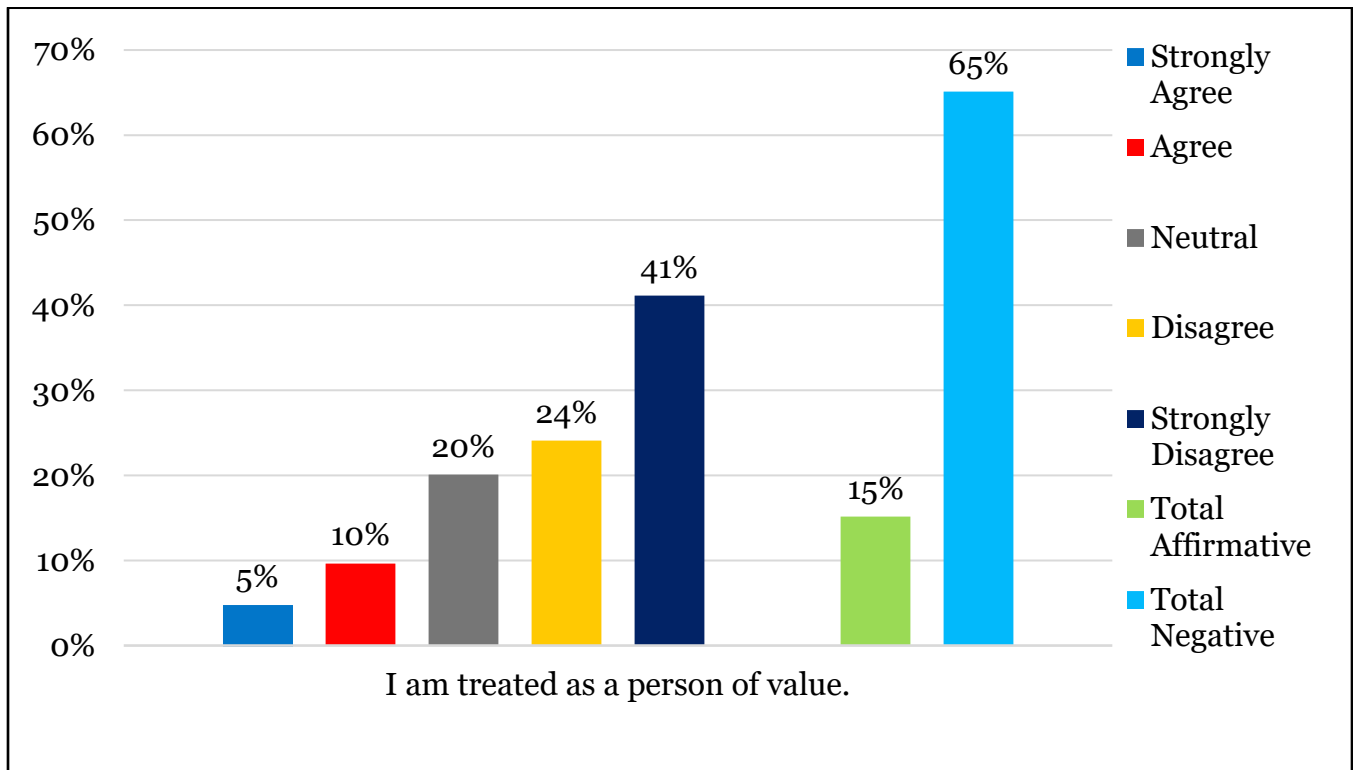
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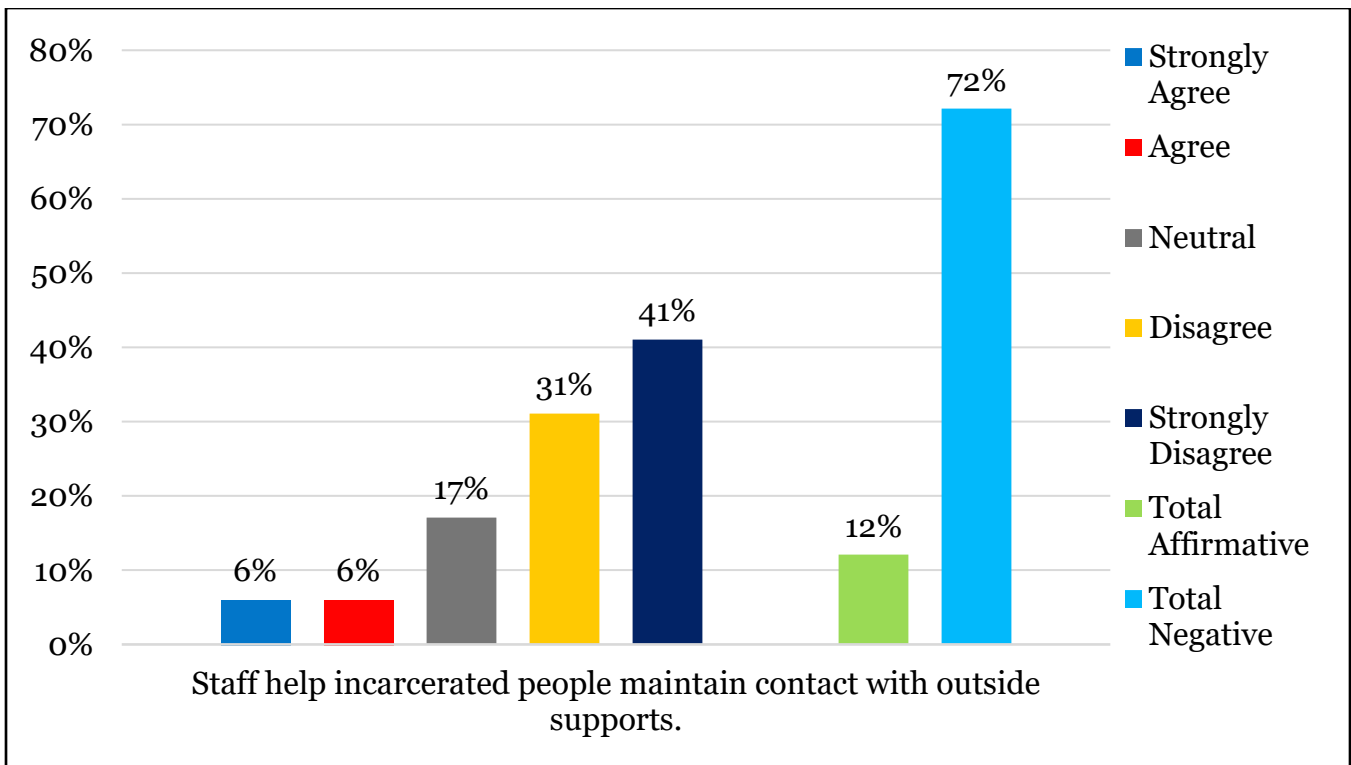
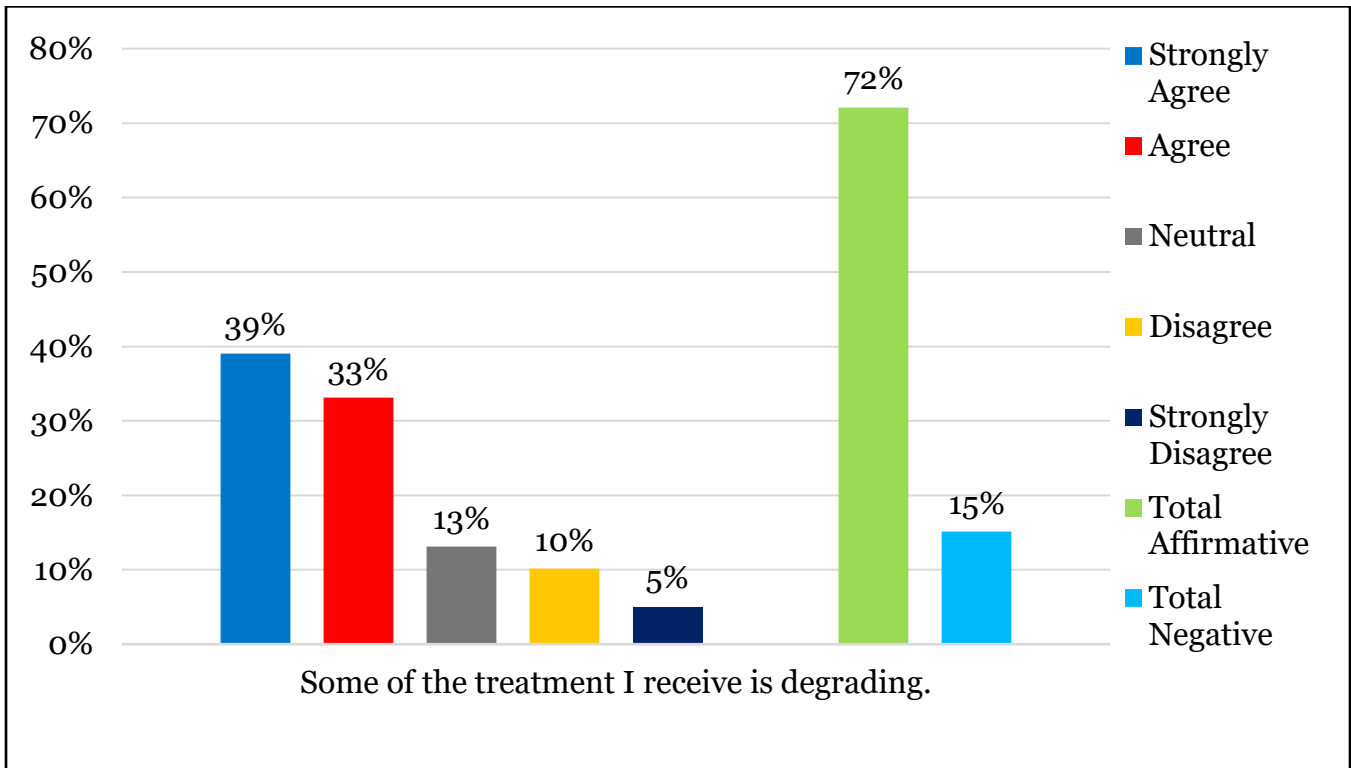
STAFF-INCARCERATED PEOPLE RELATIONSHIPS – TRUSTING, FAIR AND SUPPORTIVE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN STAFF AND INCARCERATED PEOPLE



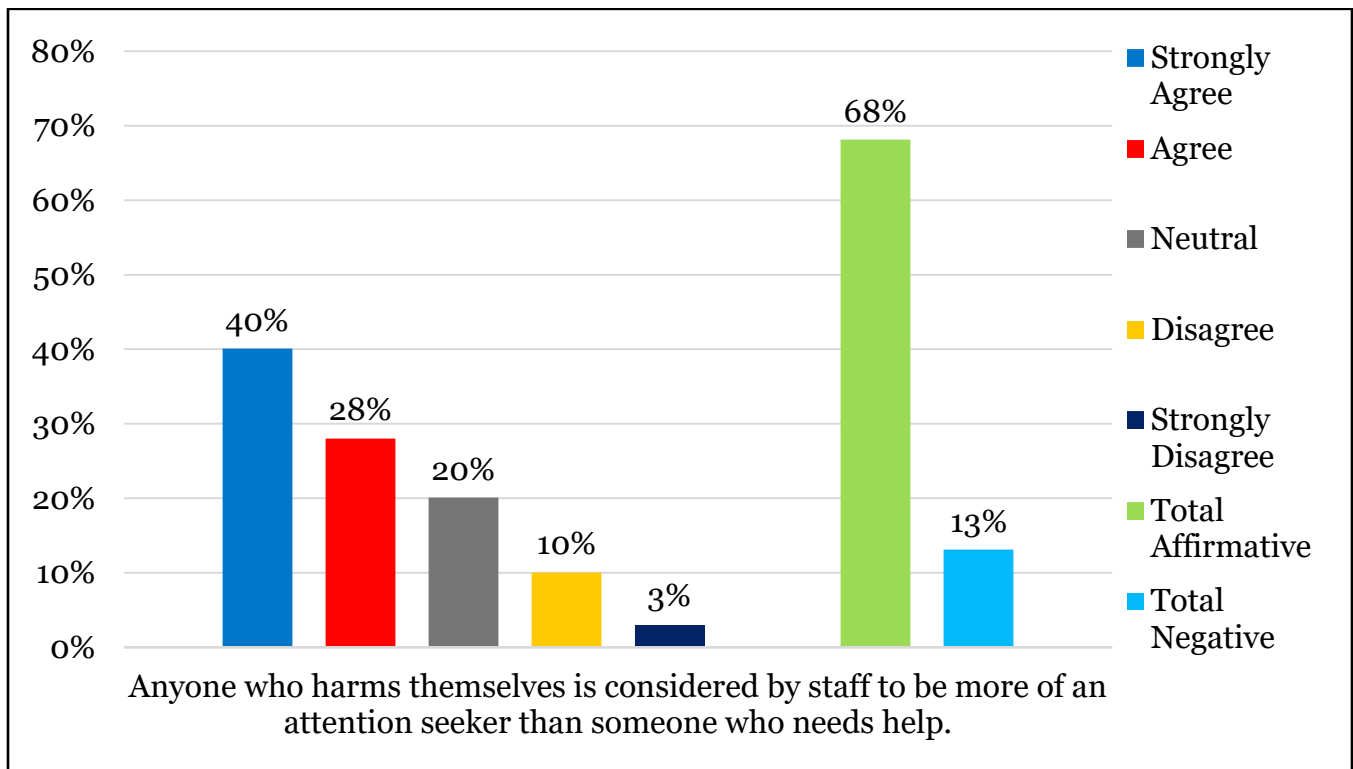
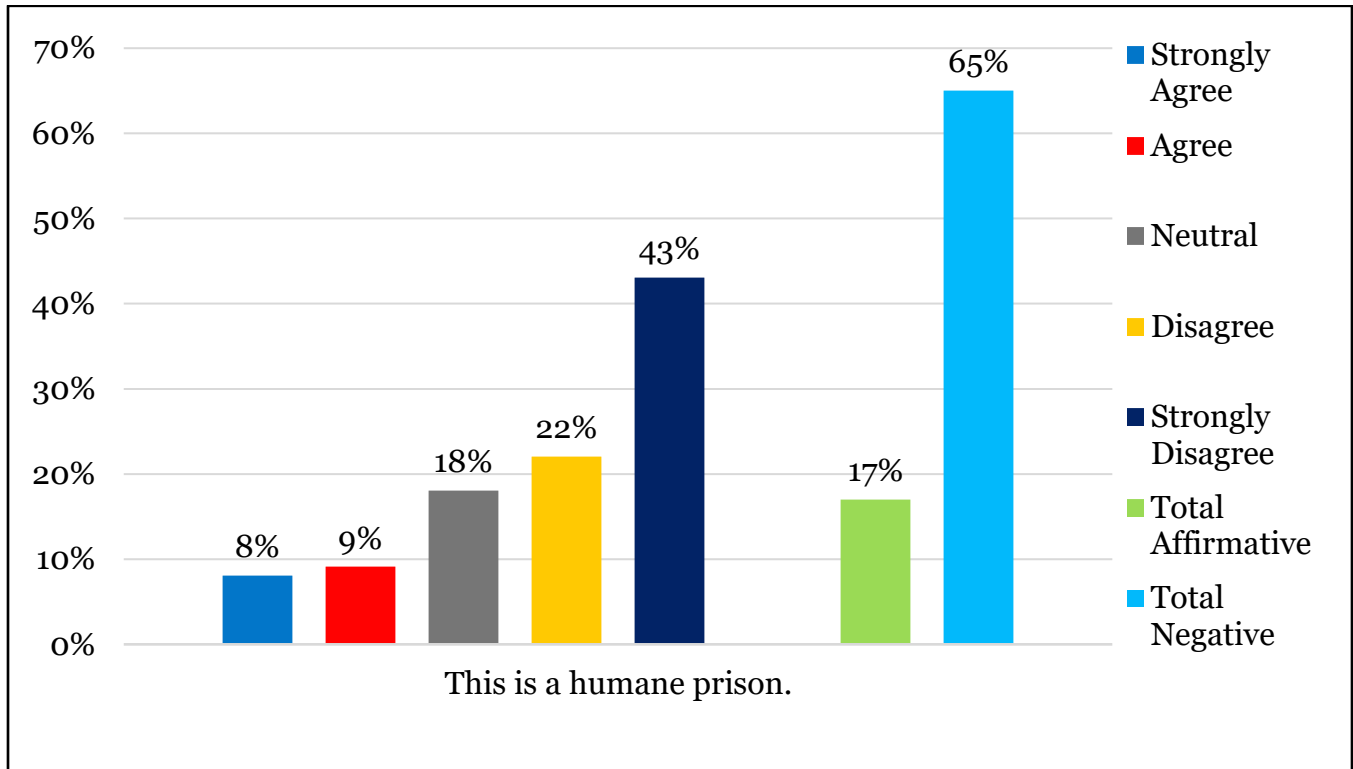


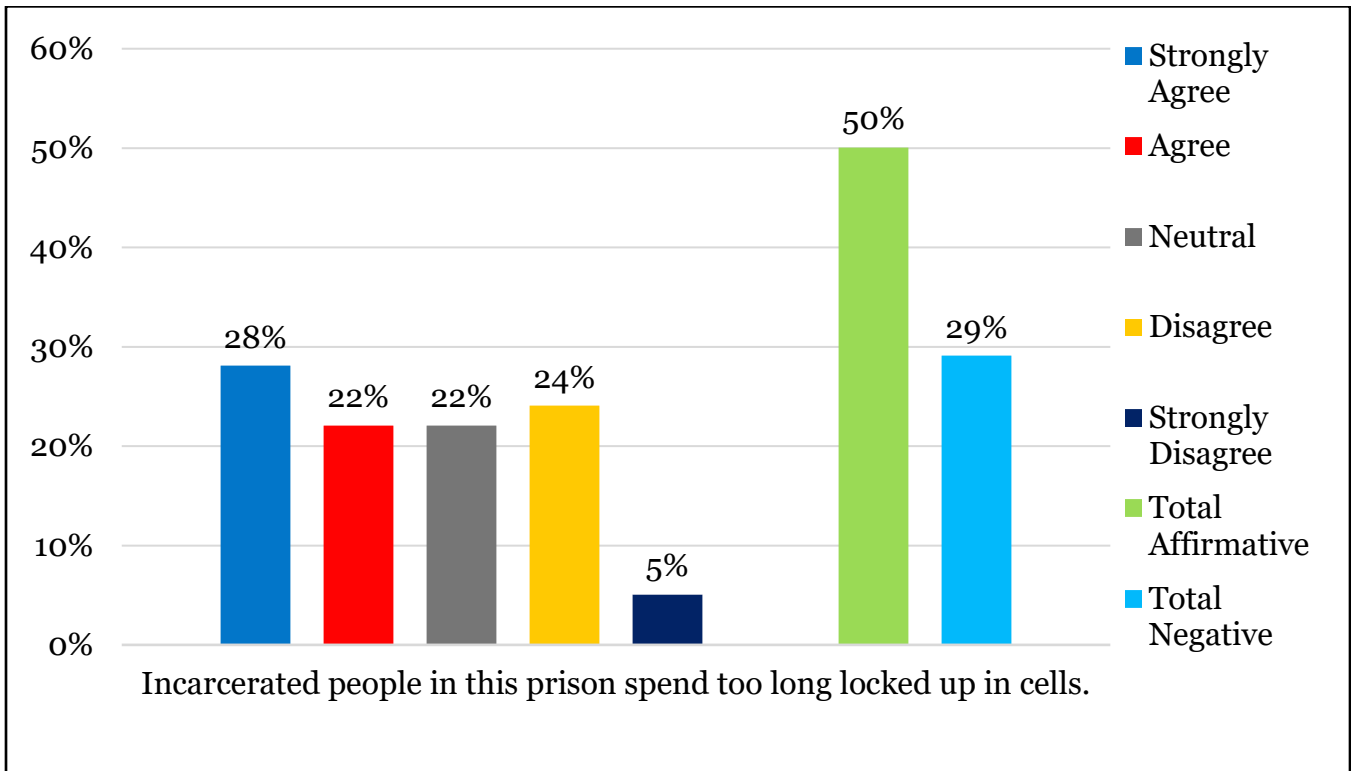
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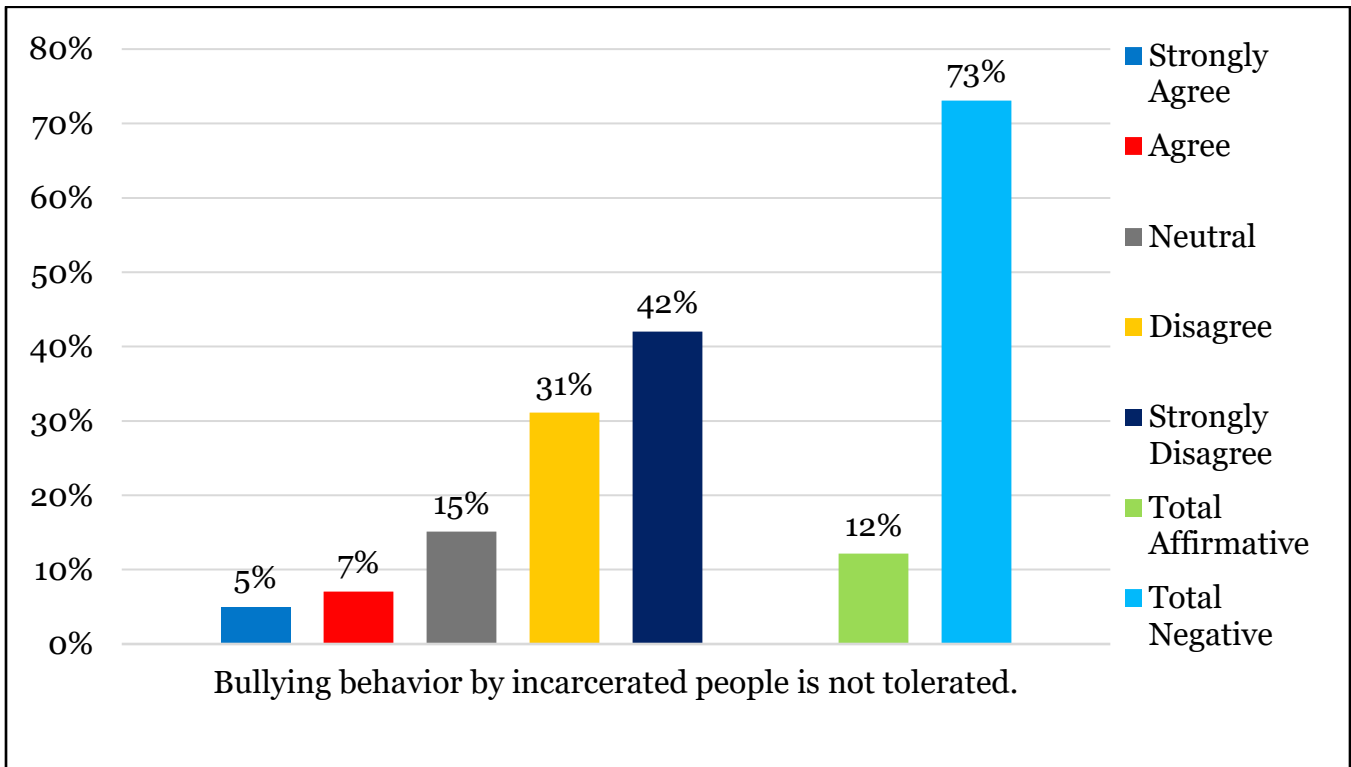


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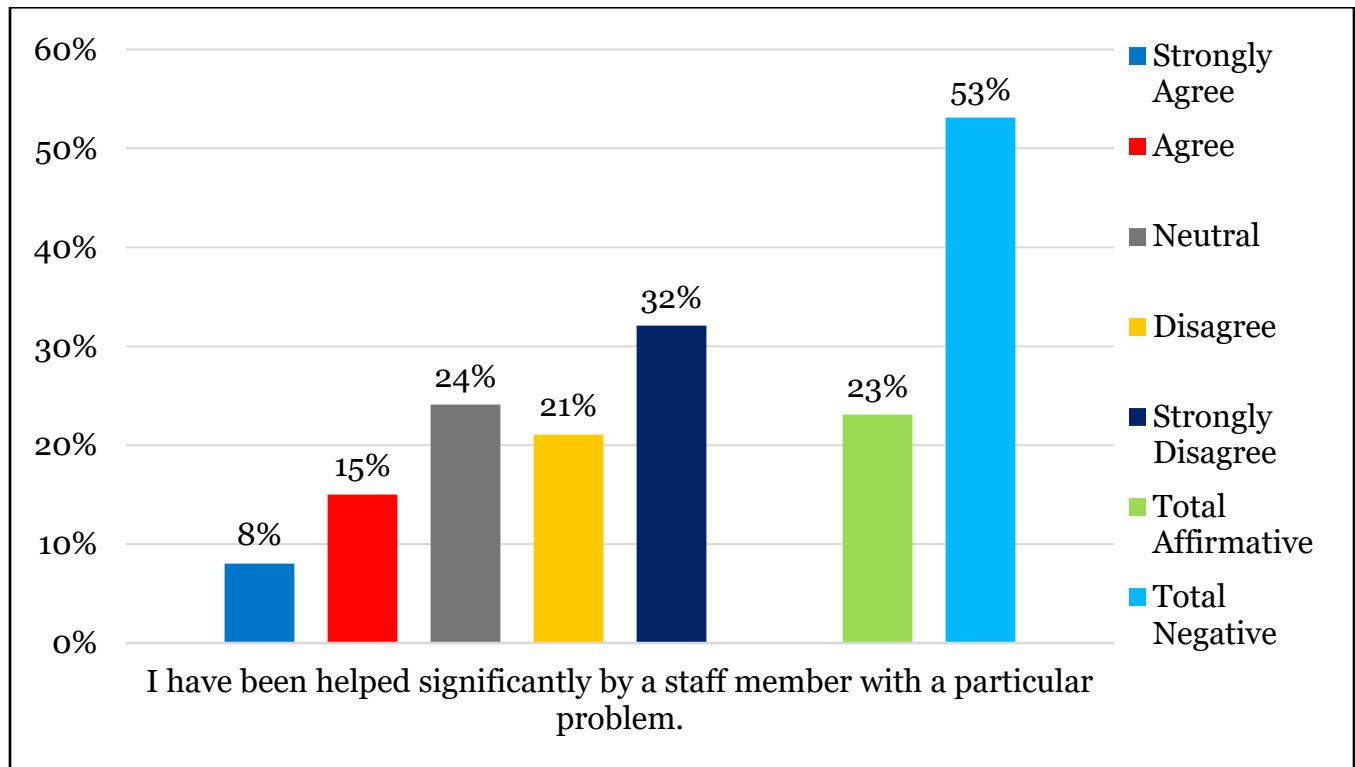




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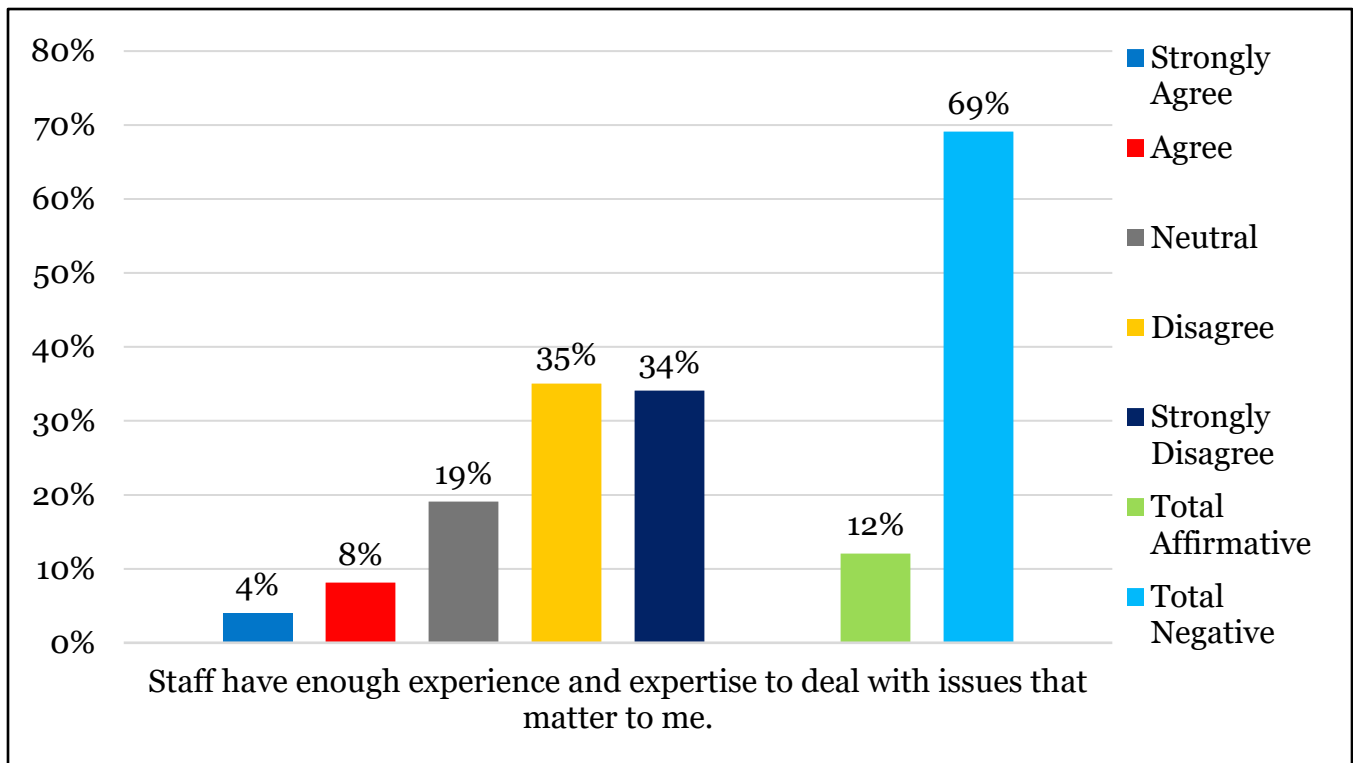
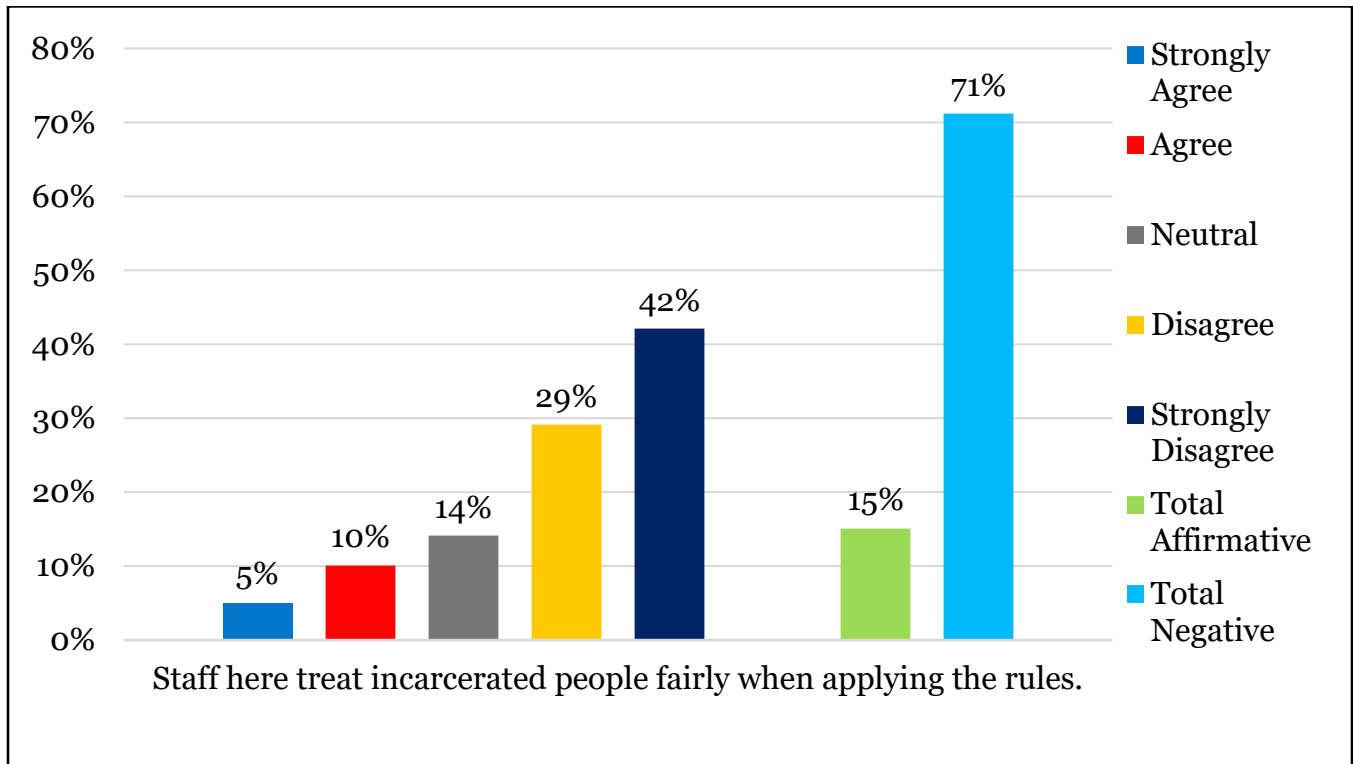


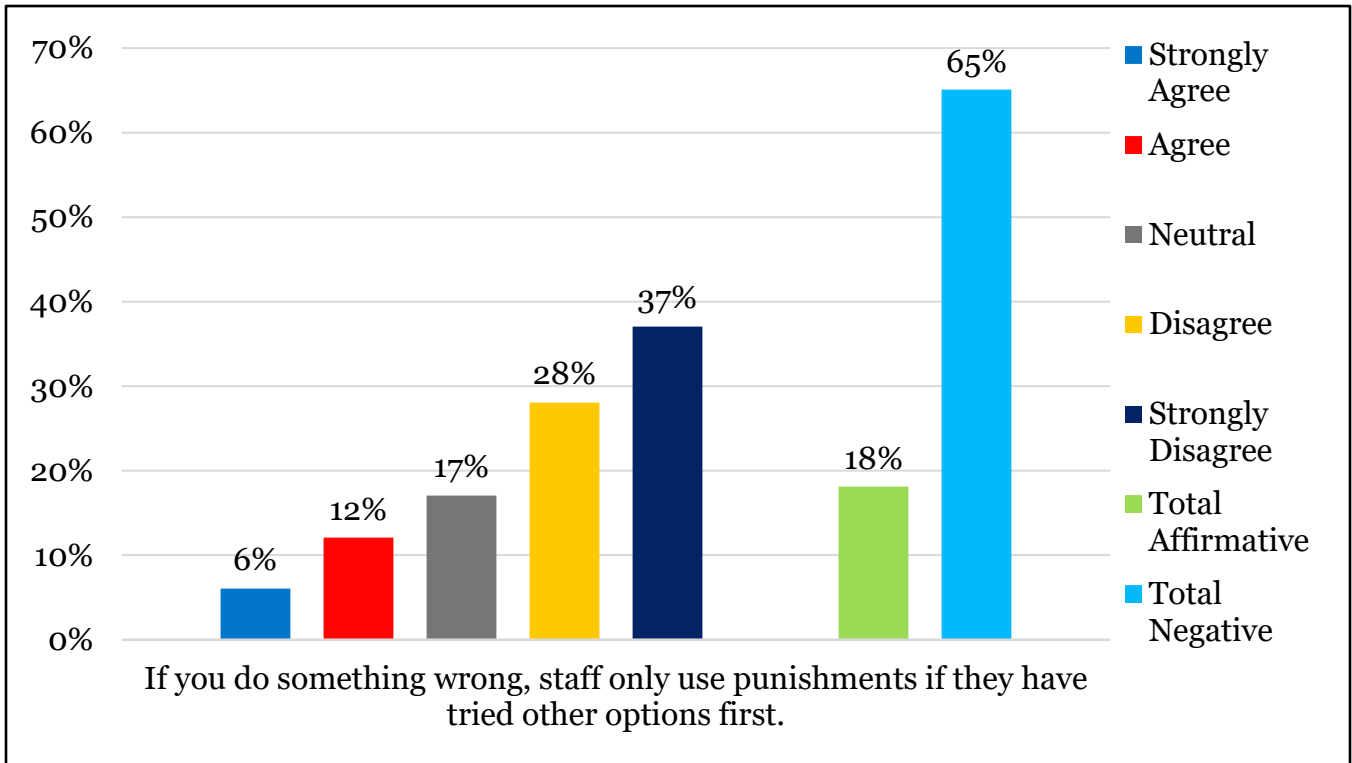
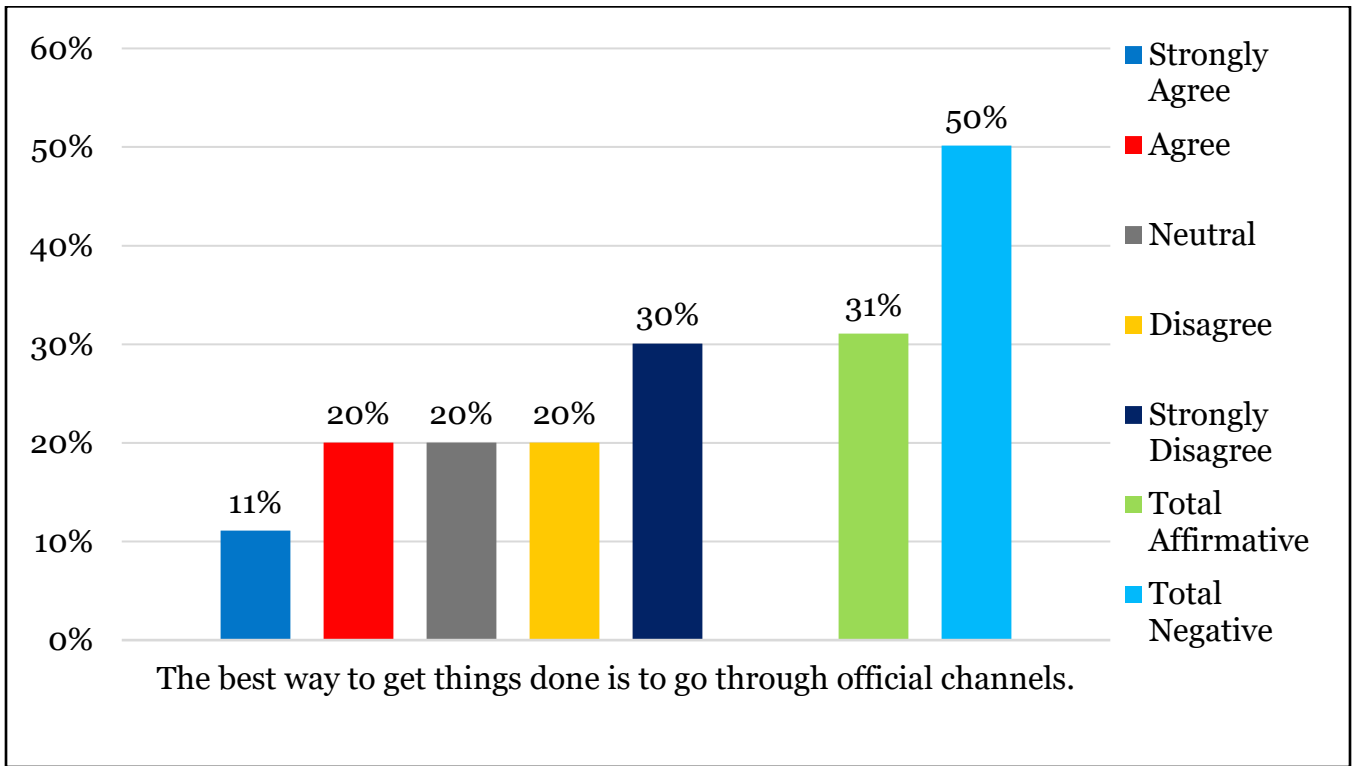
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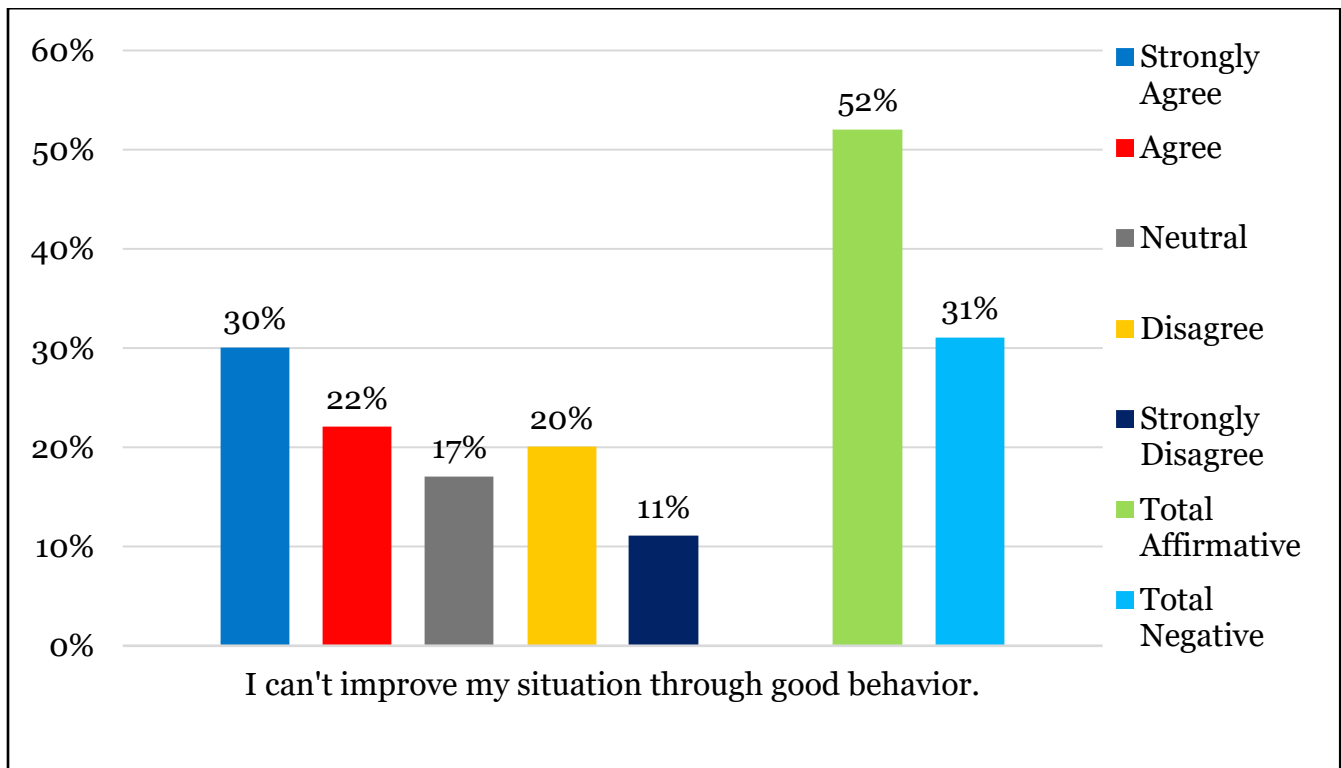
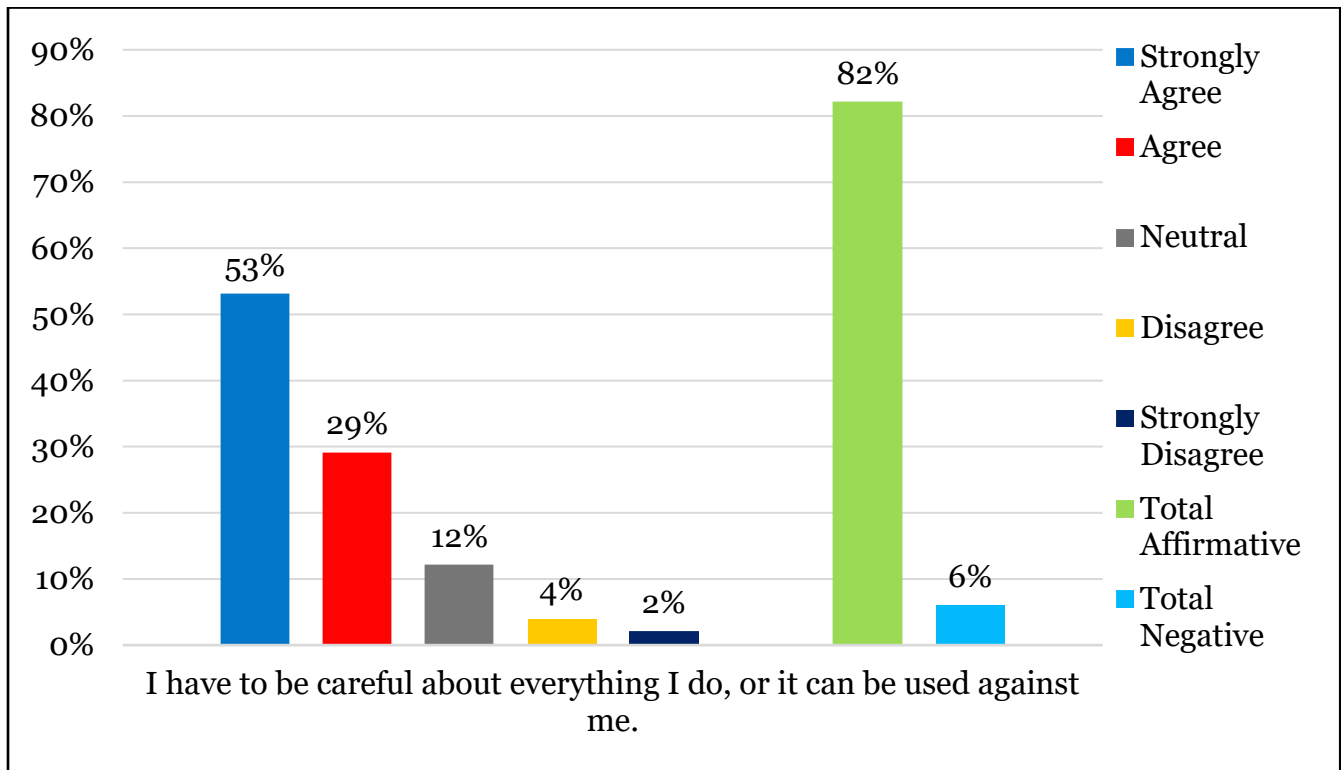
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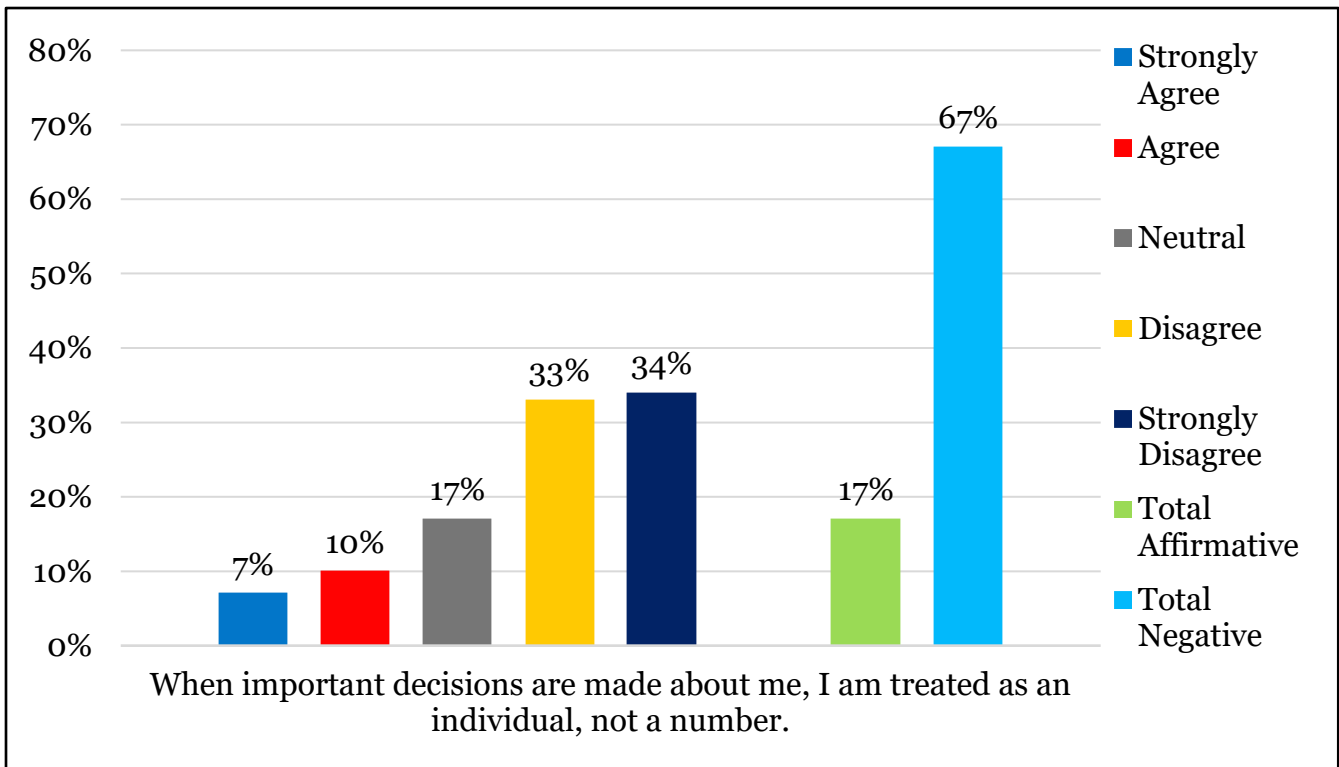
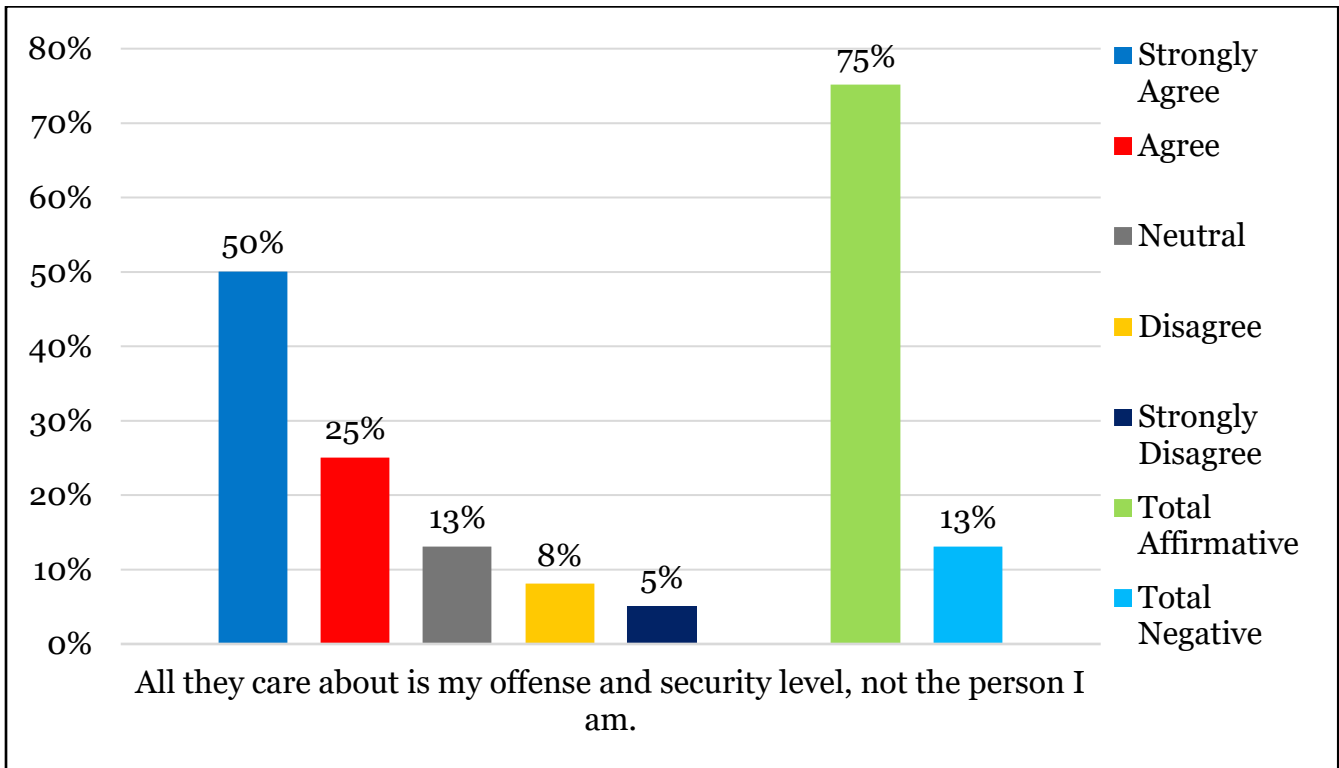
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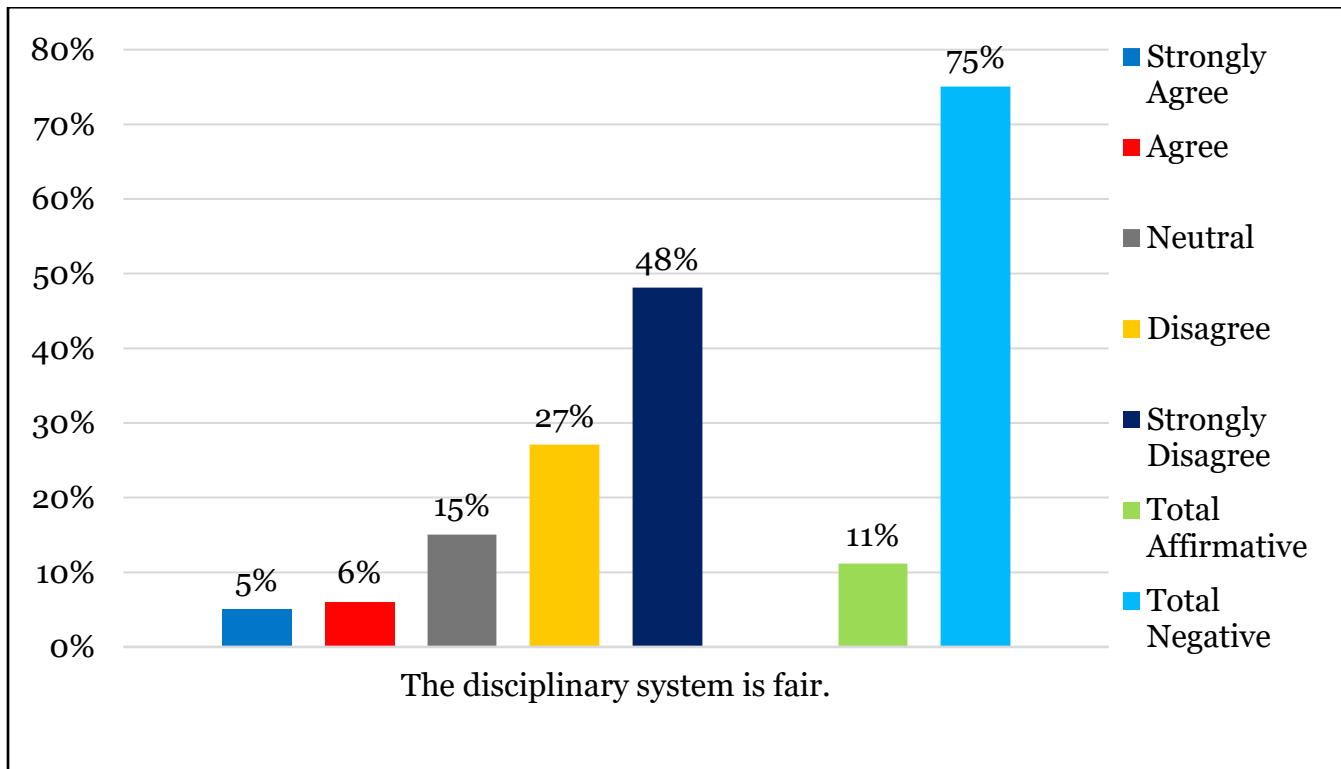
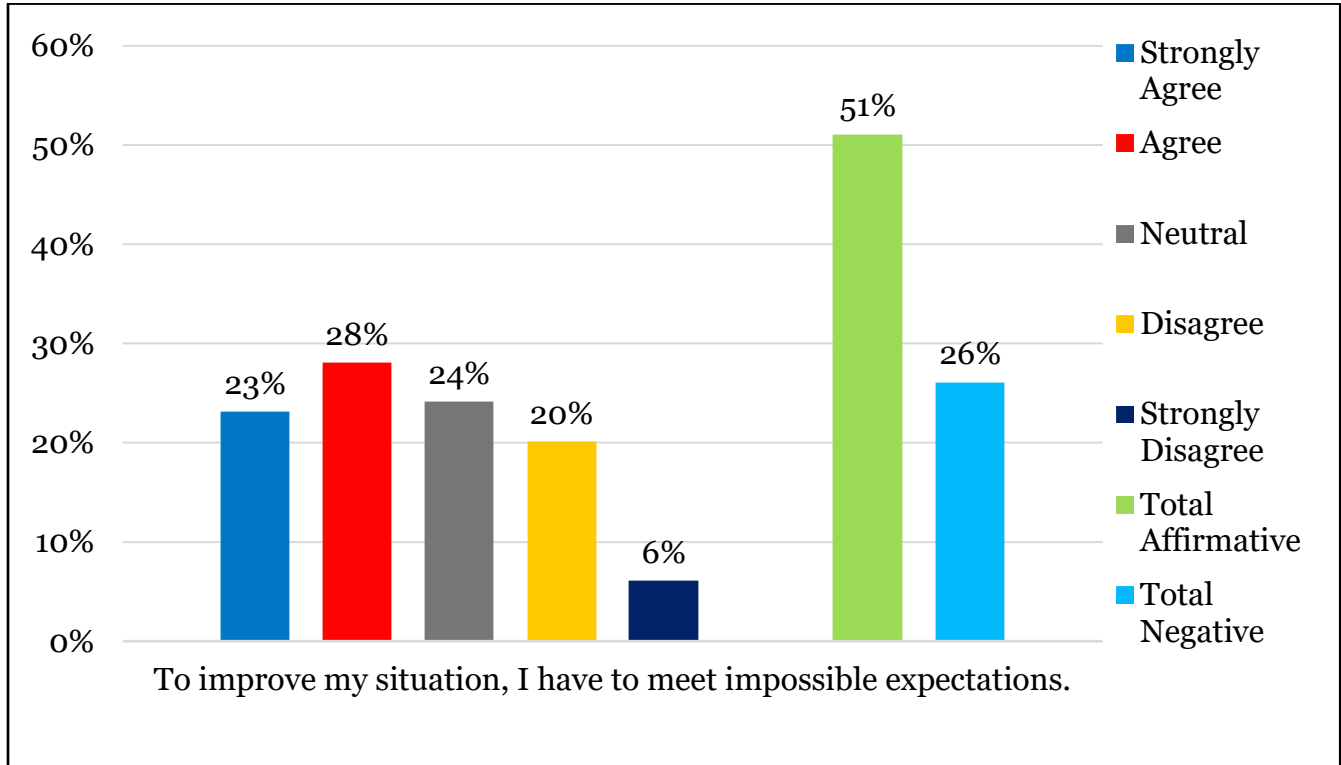


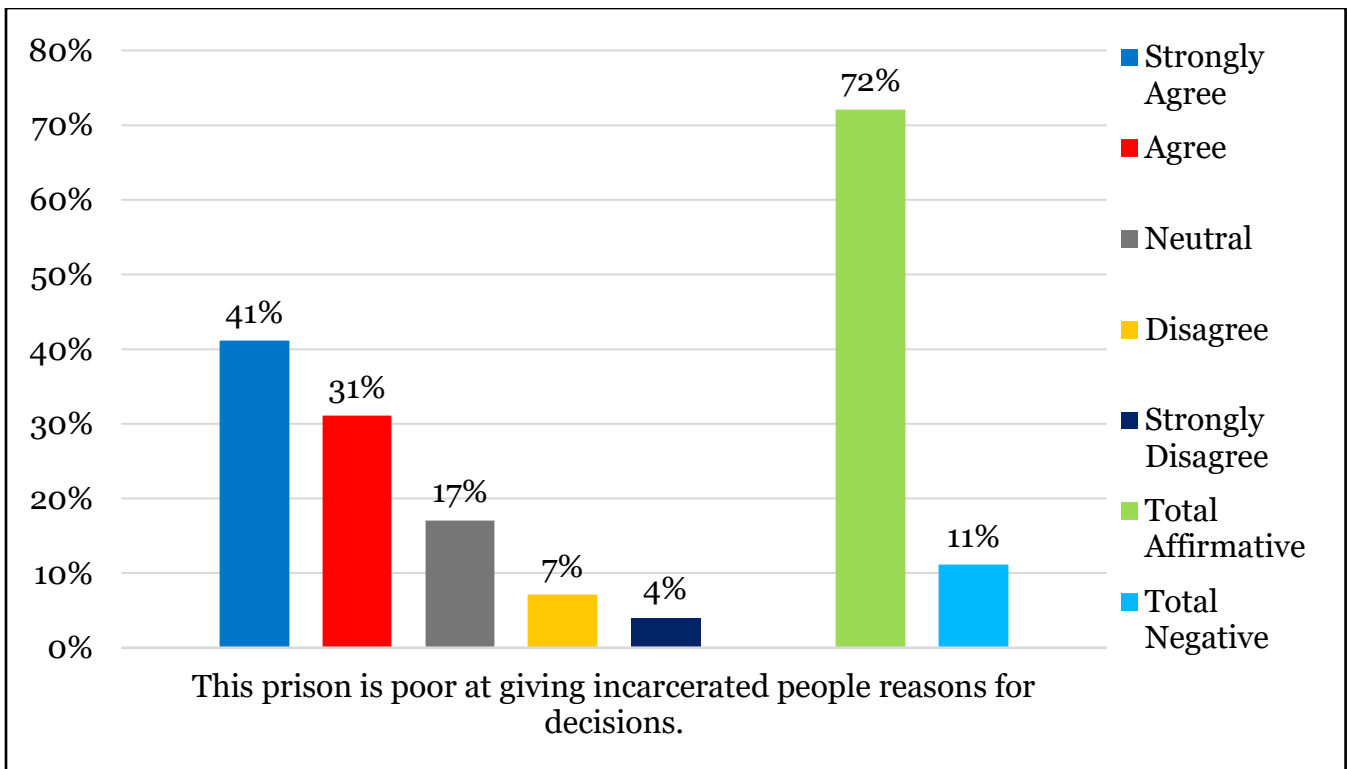
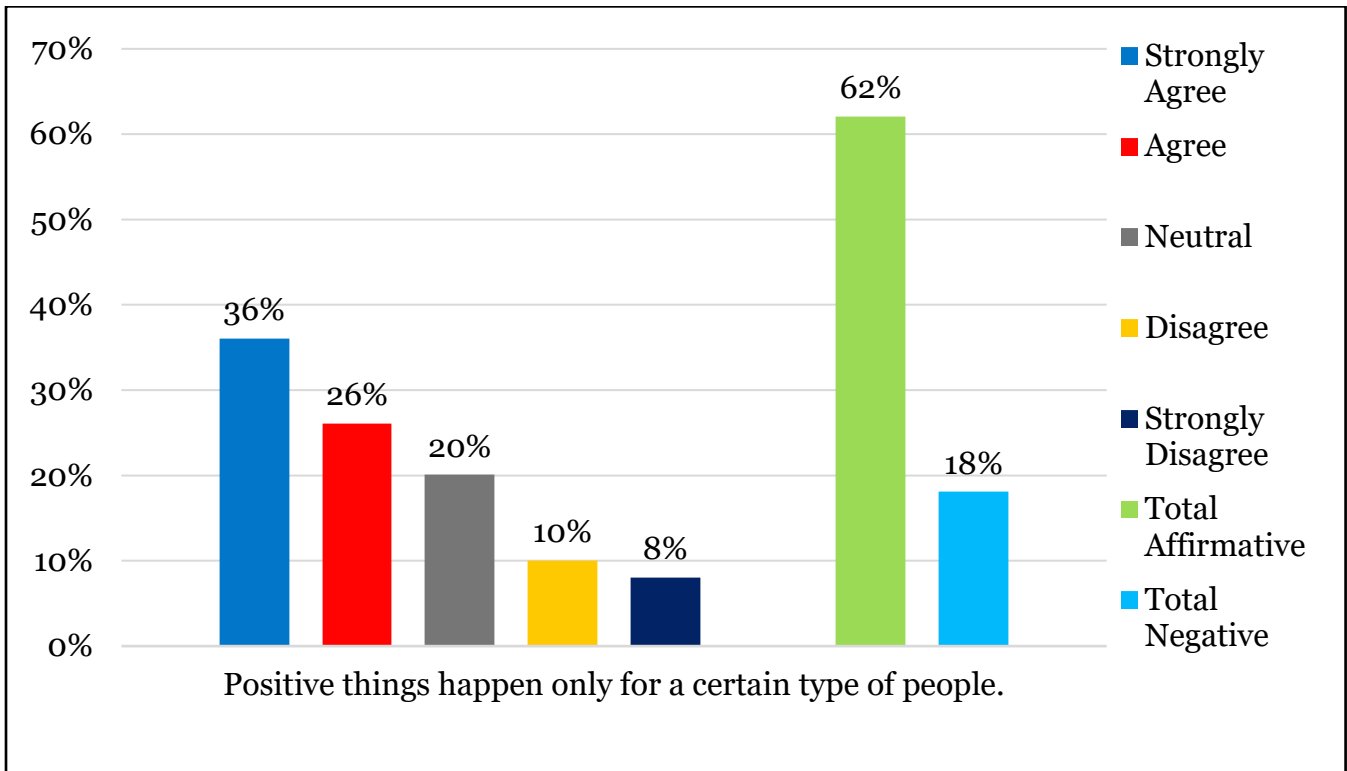
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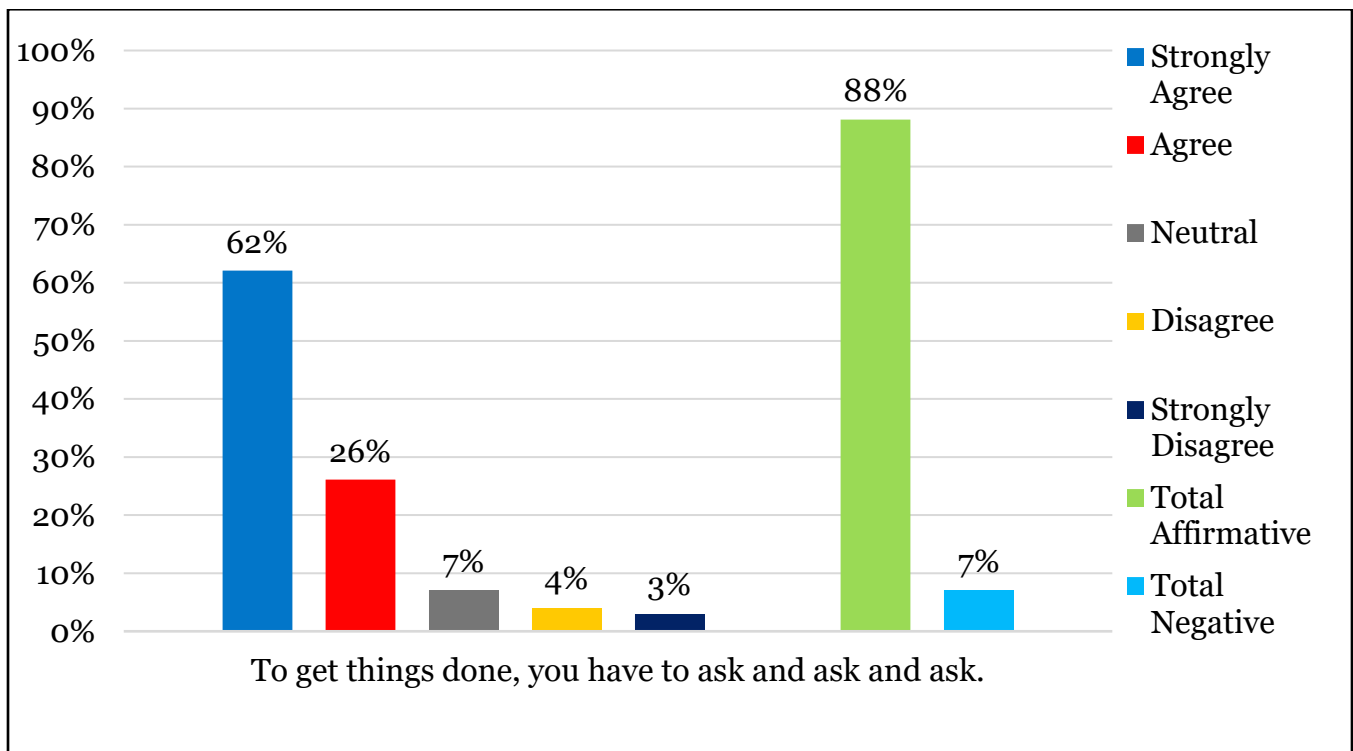
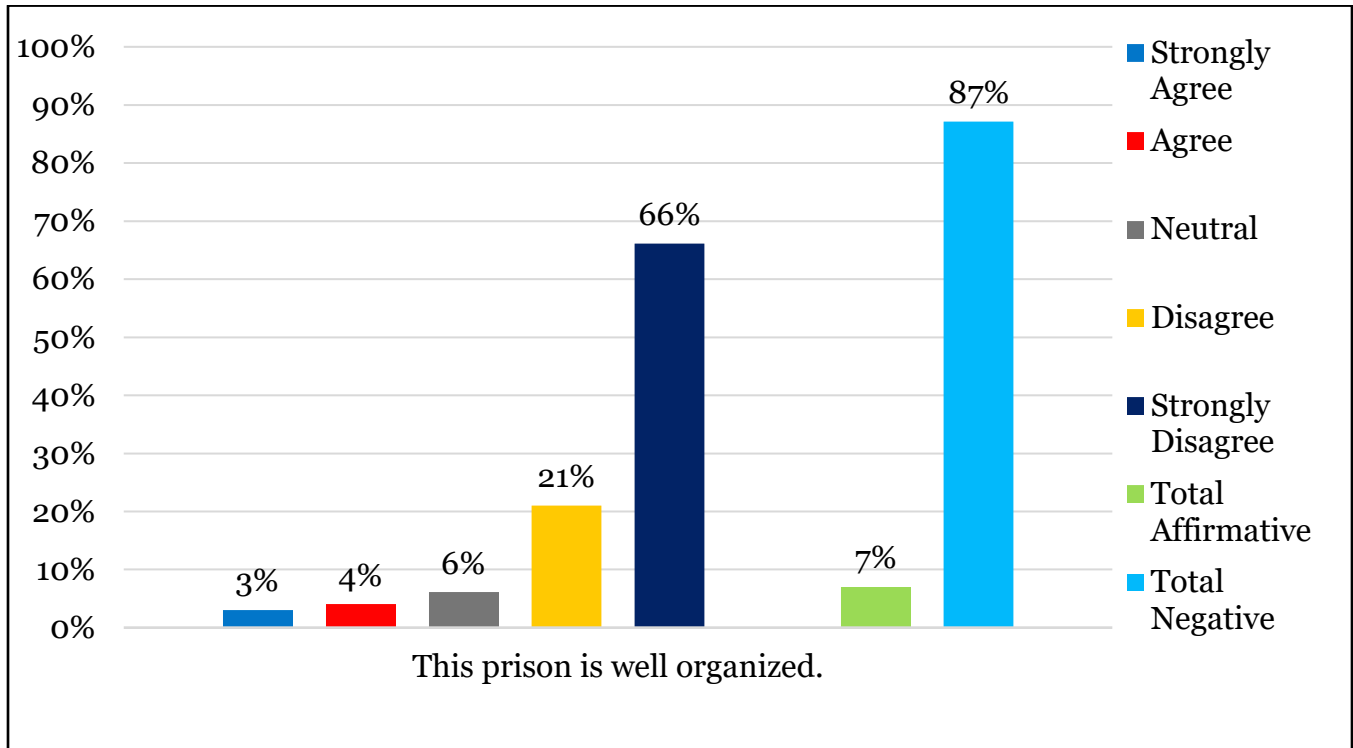


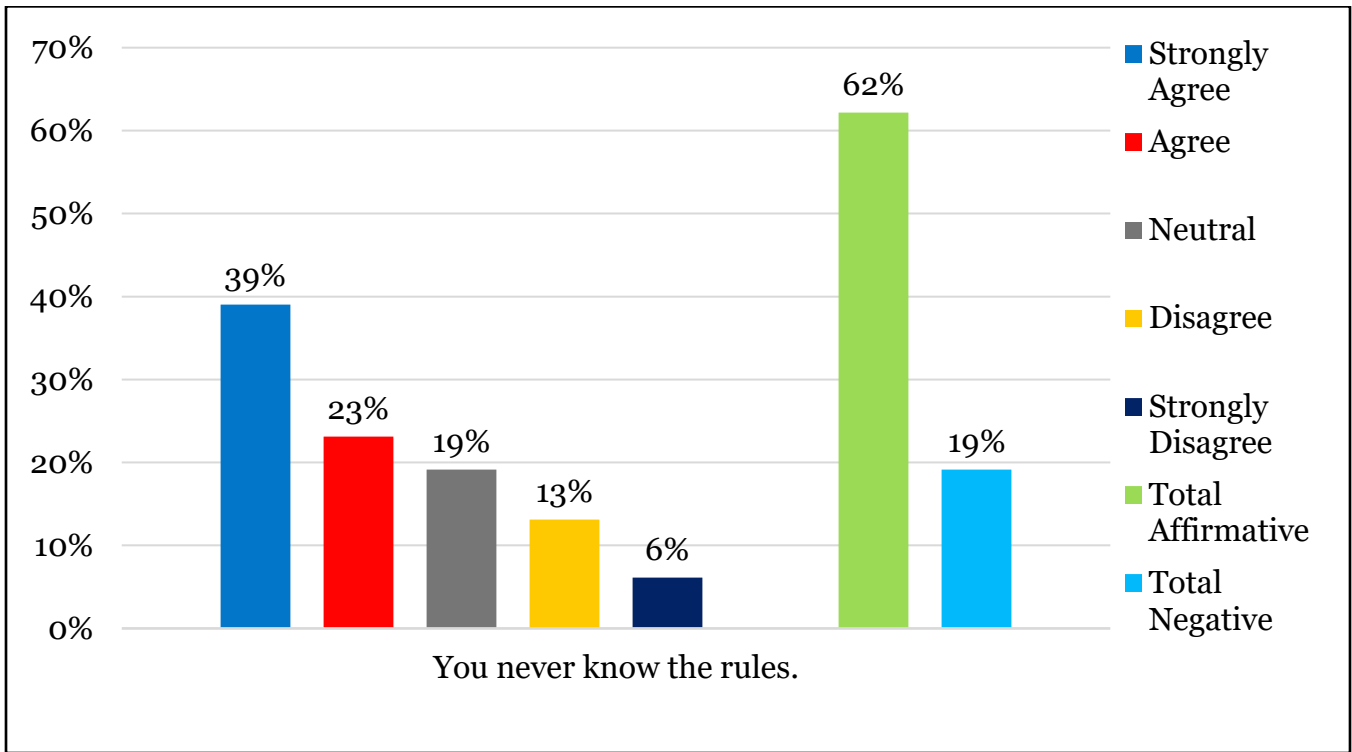
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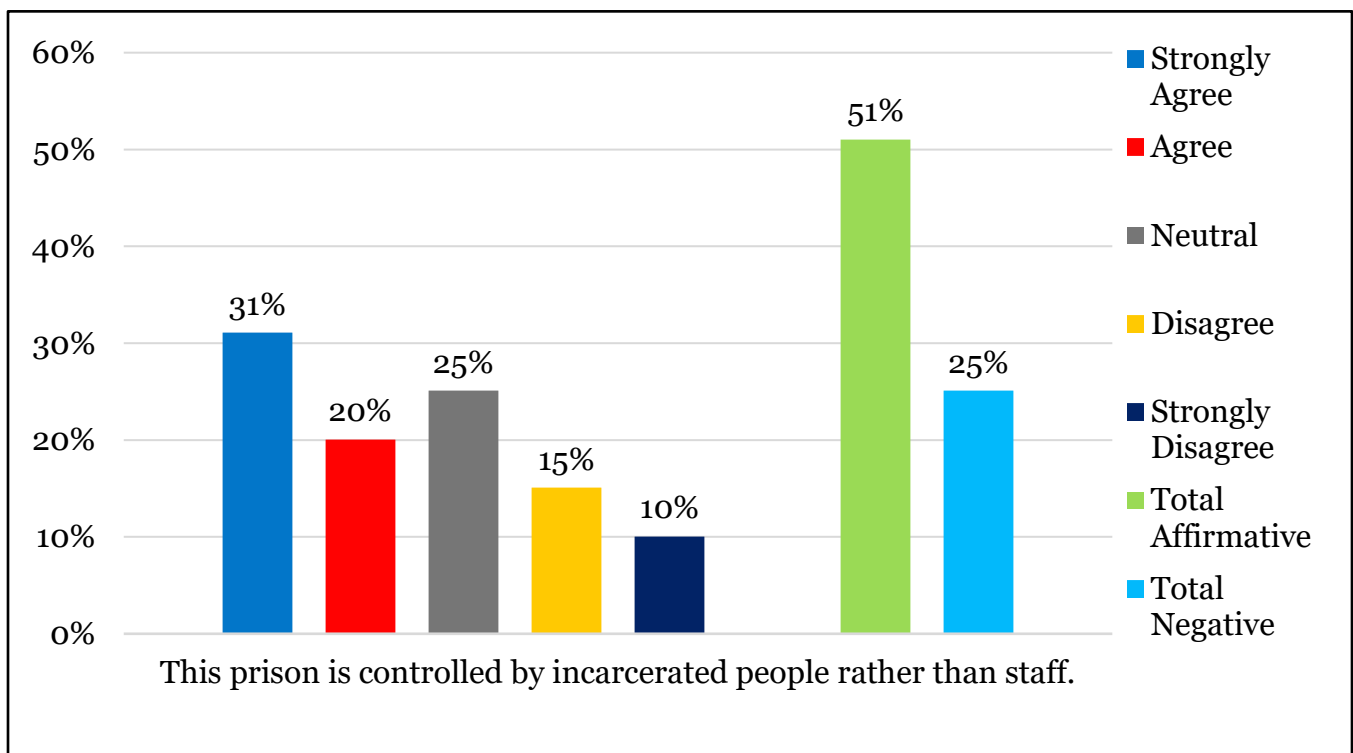
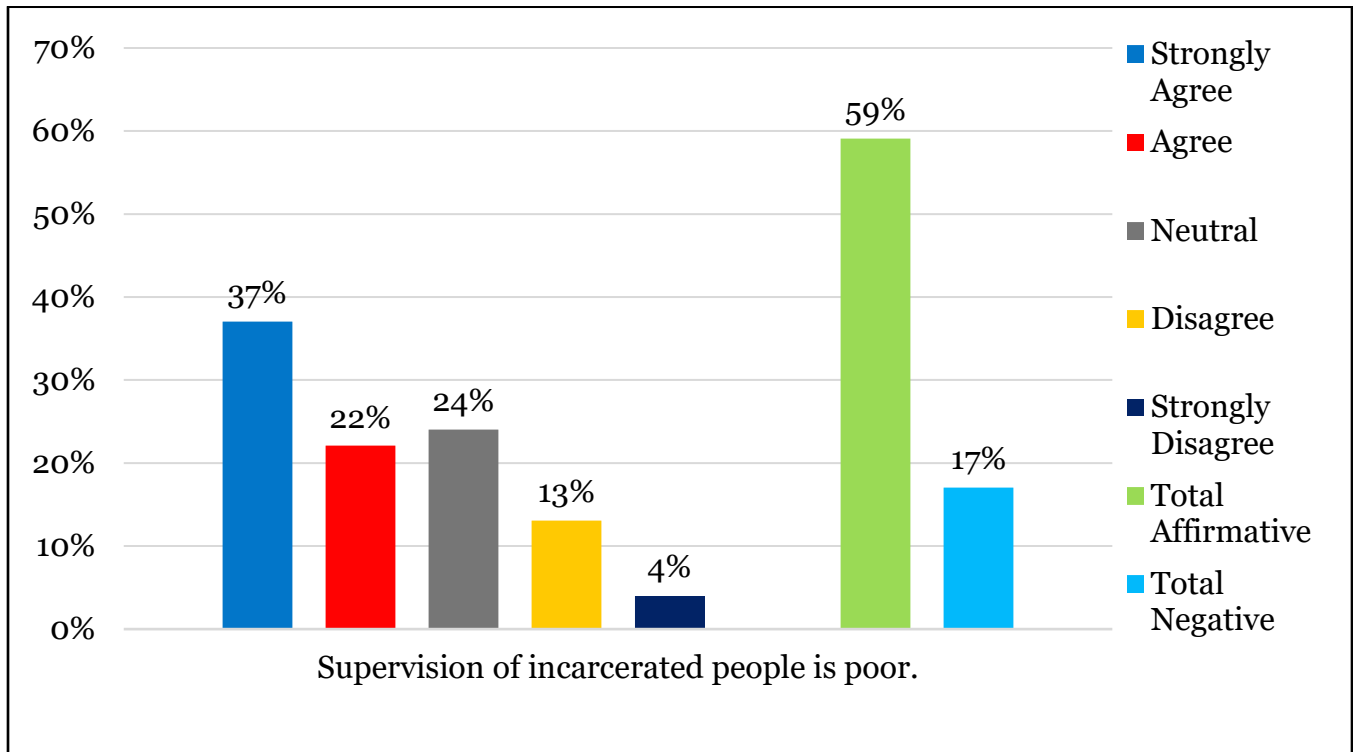
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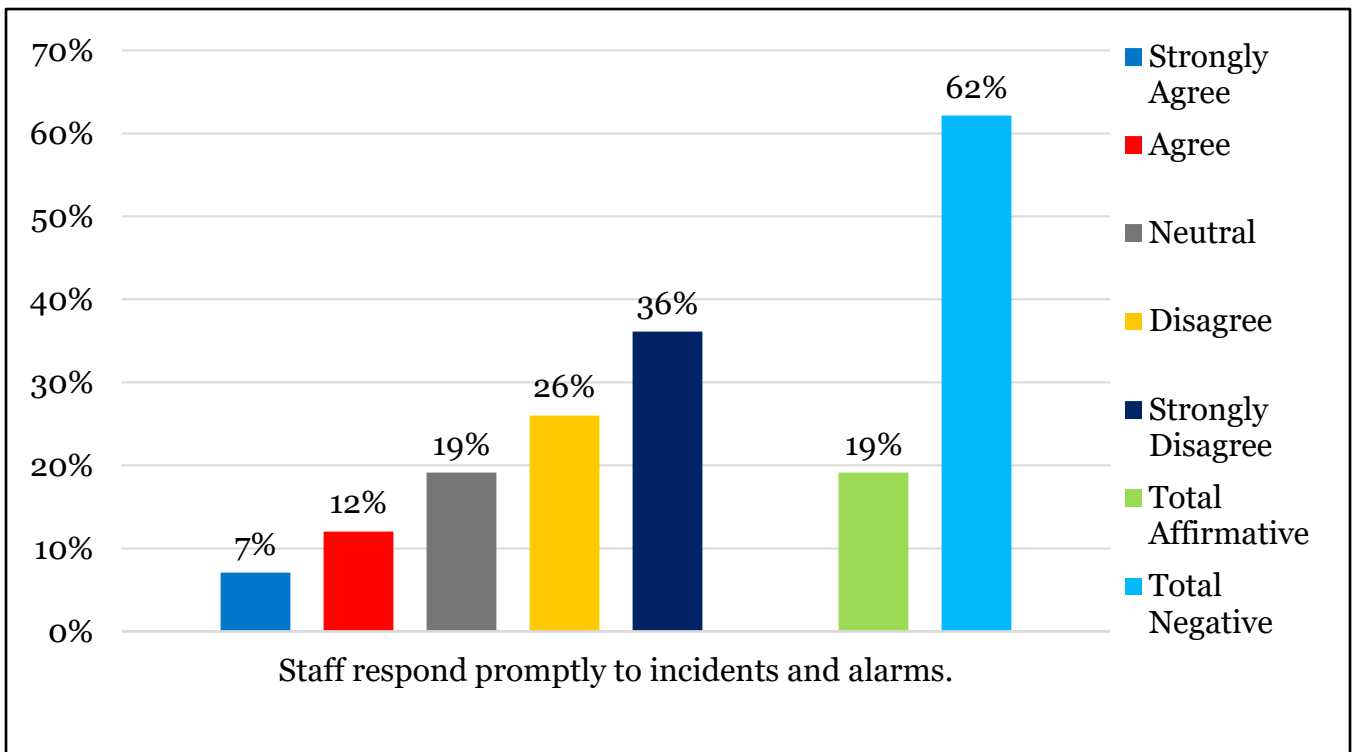
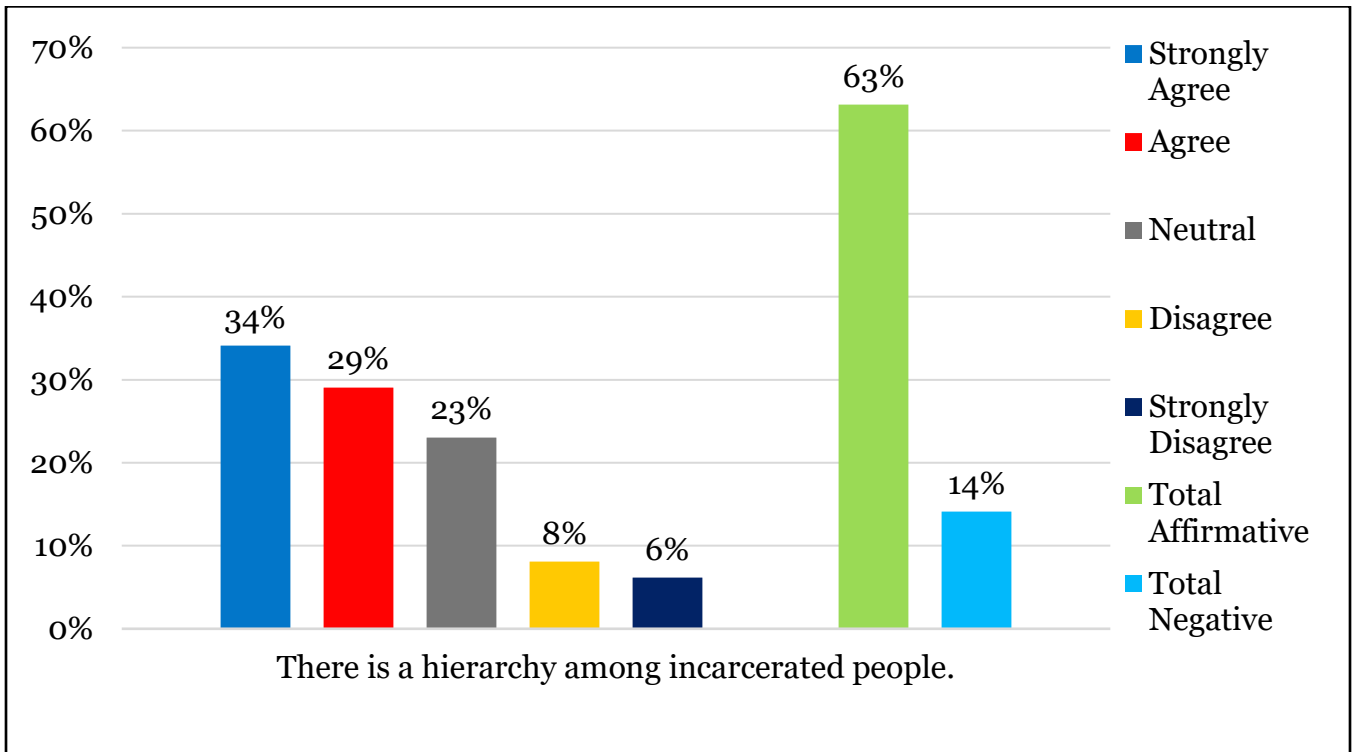




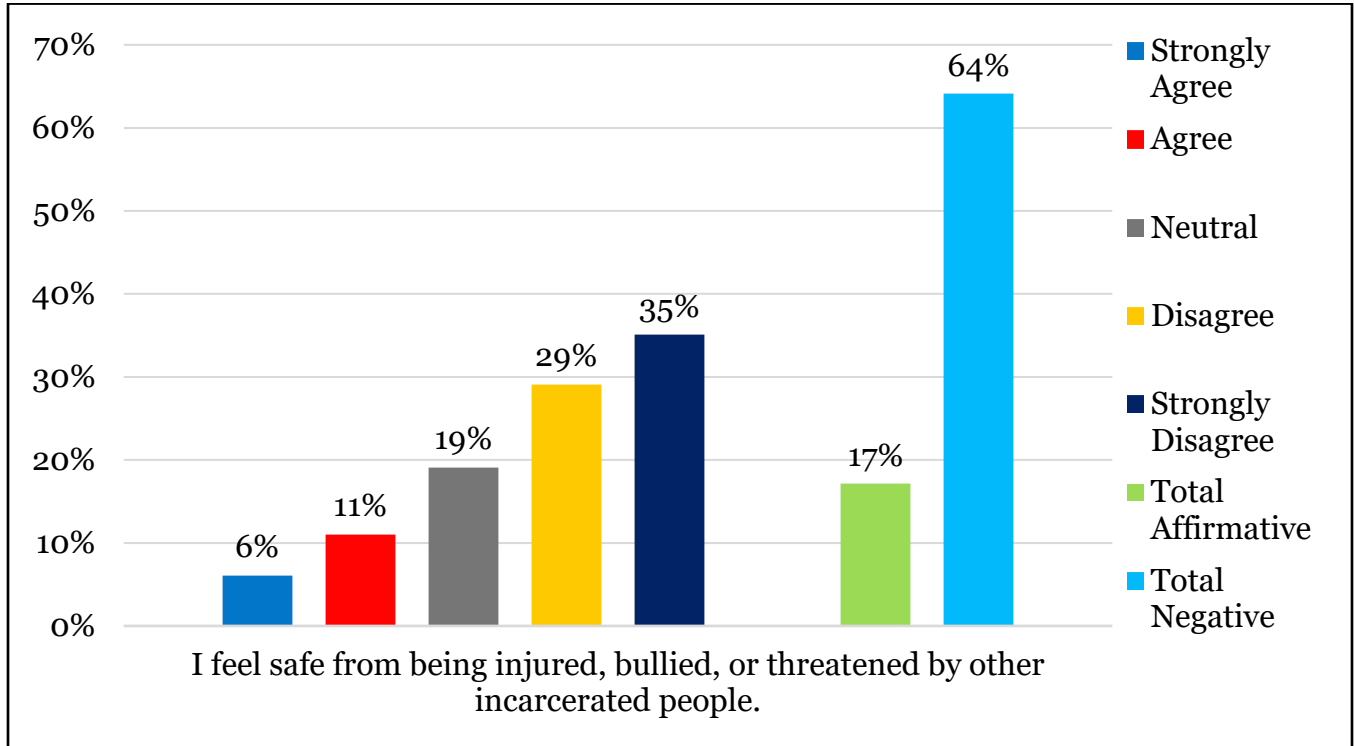
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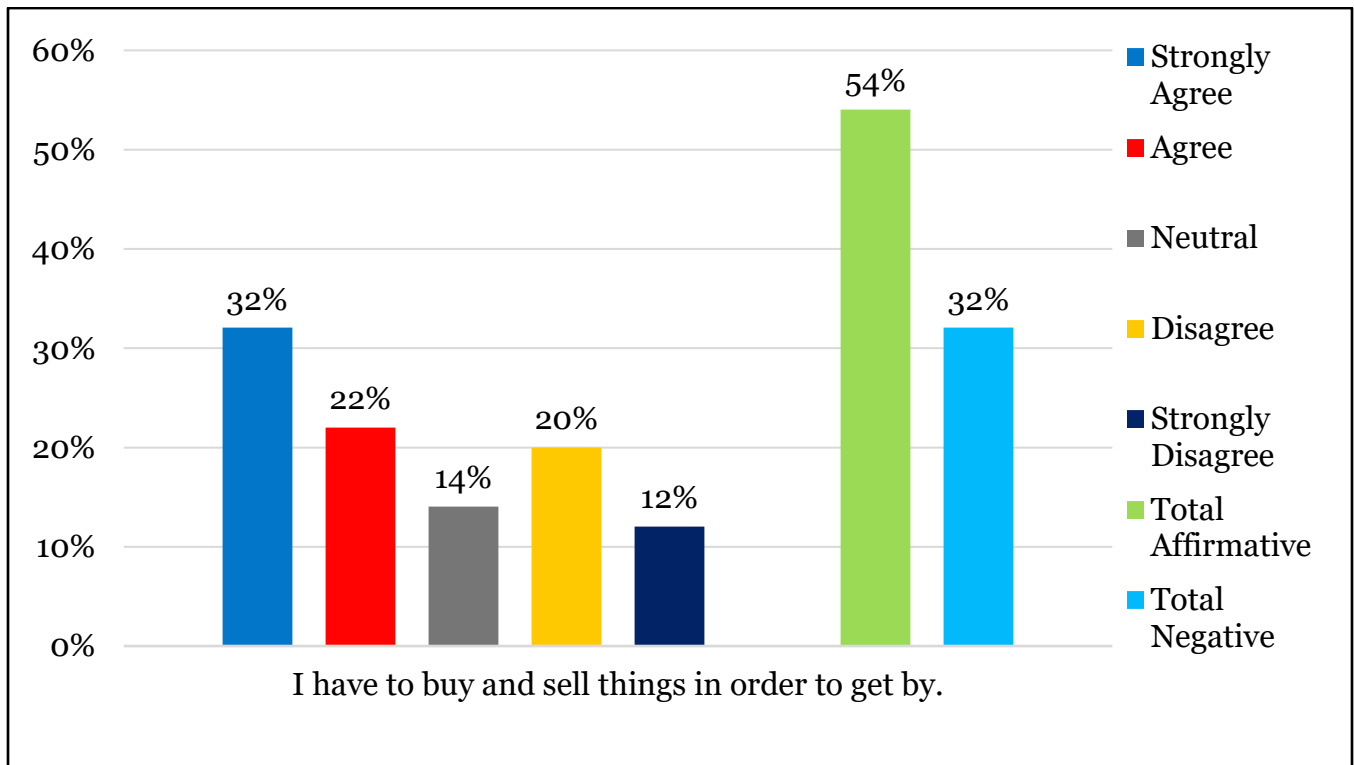


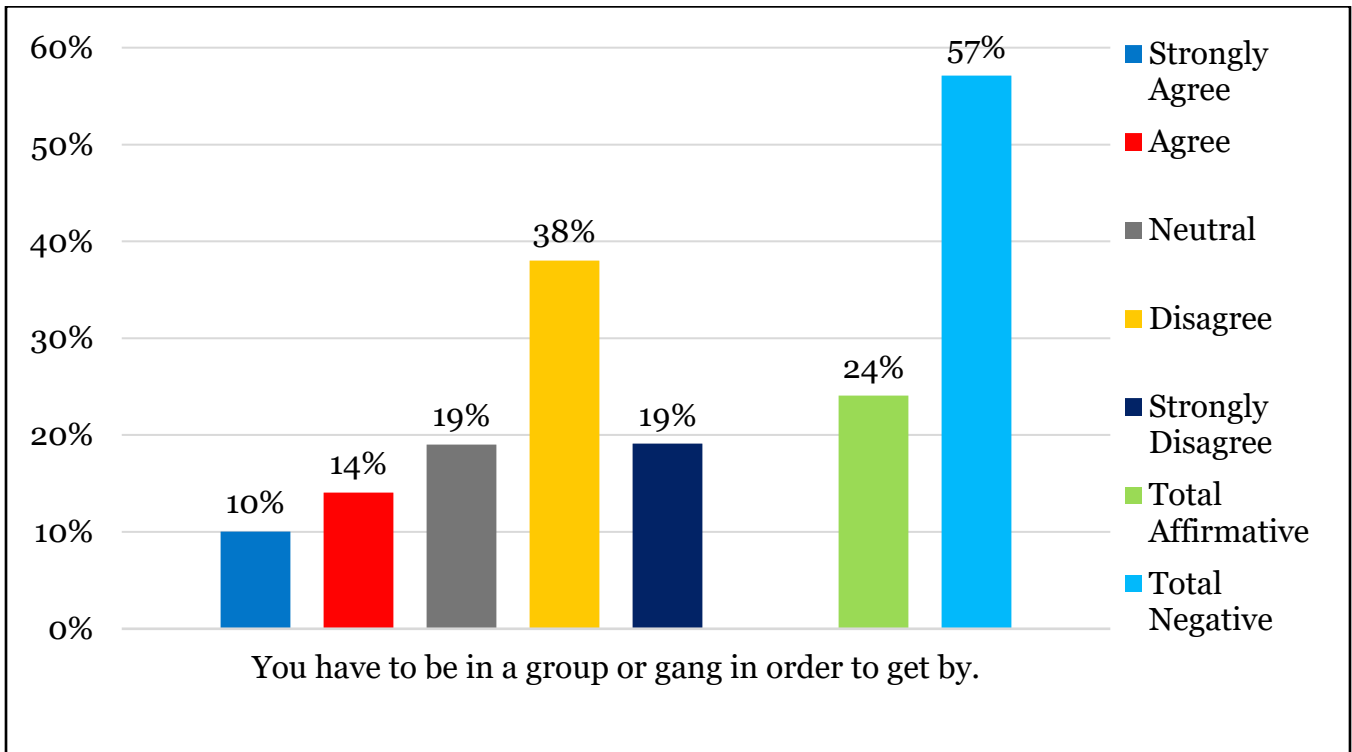


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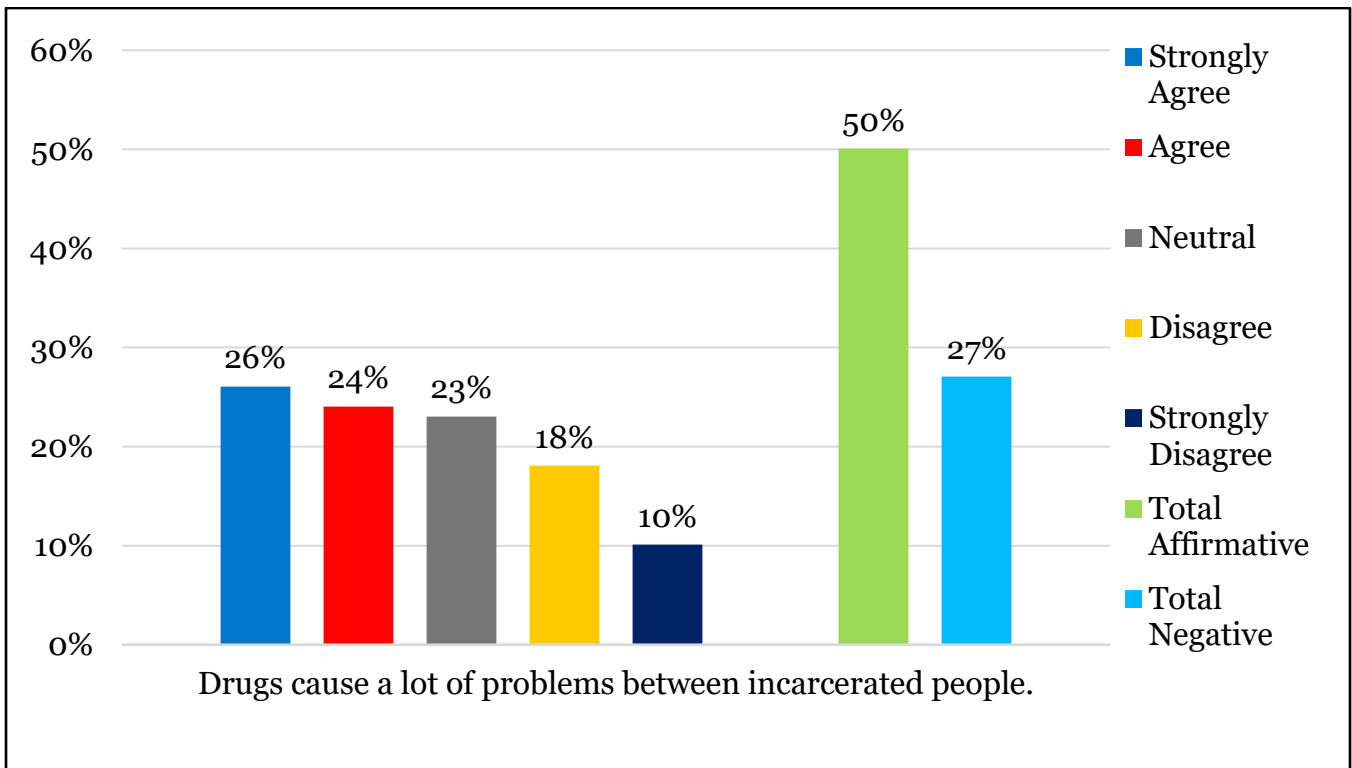


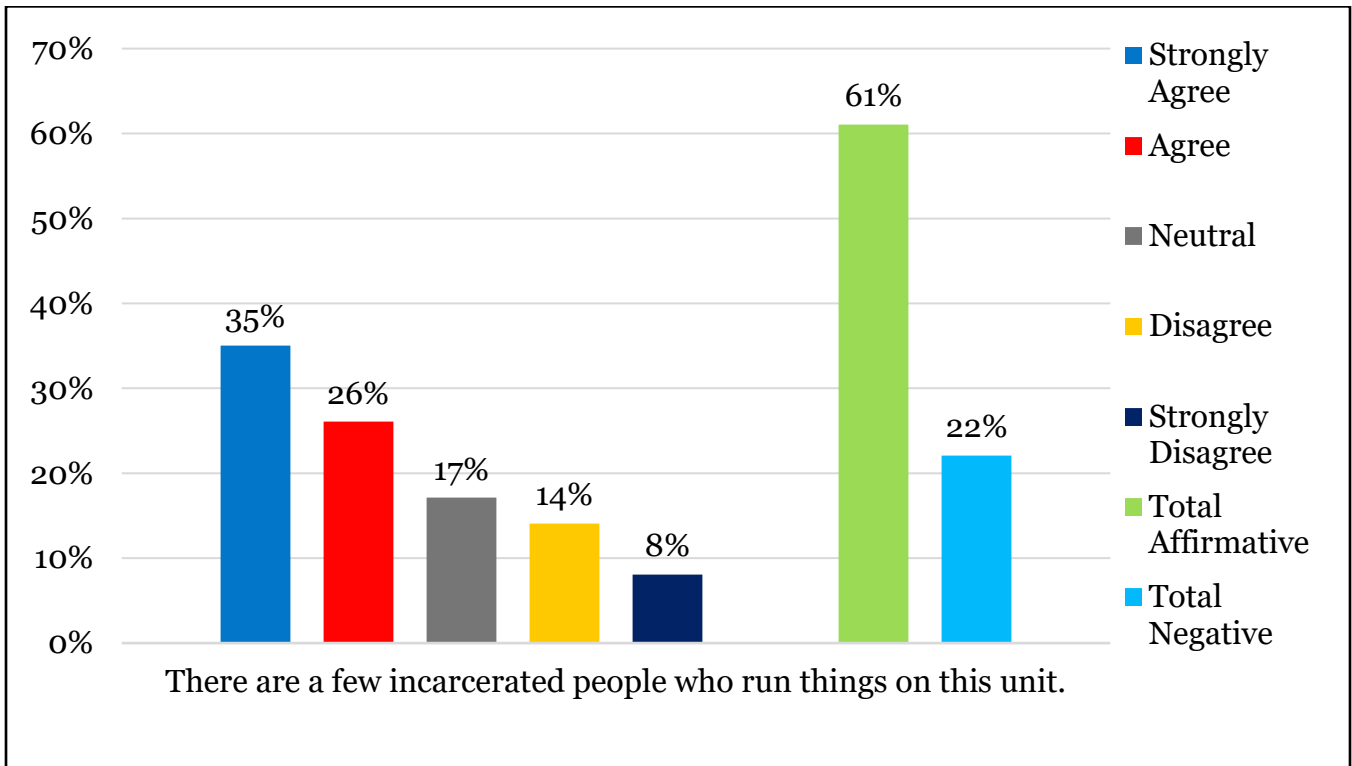
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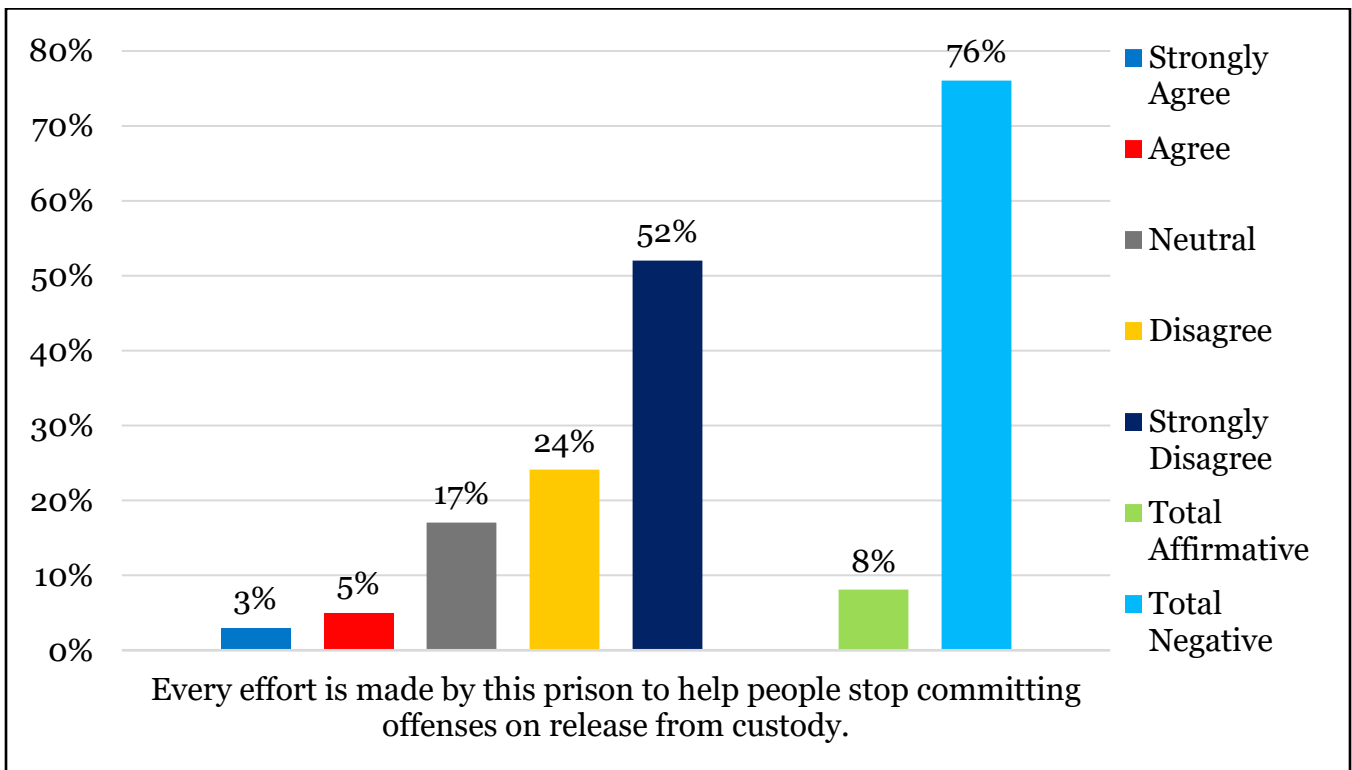
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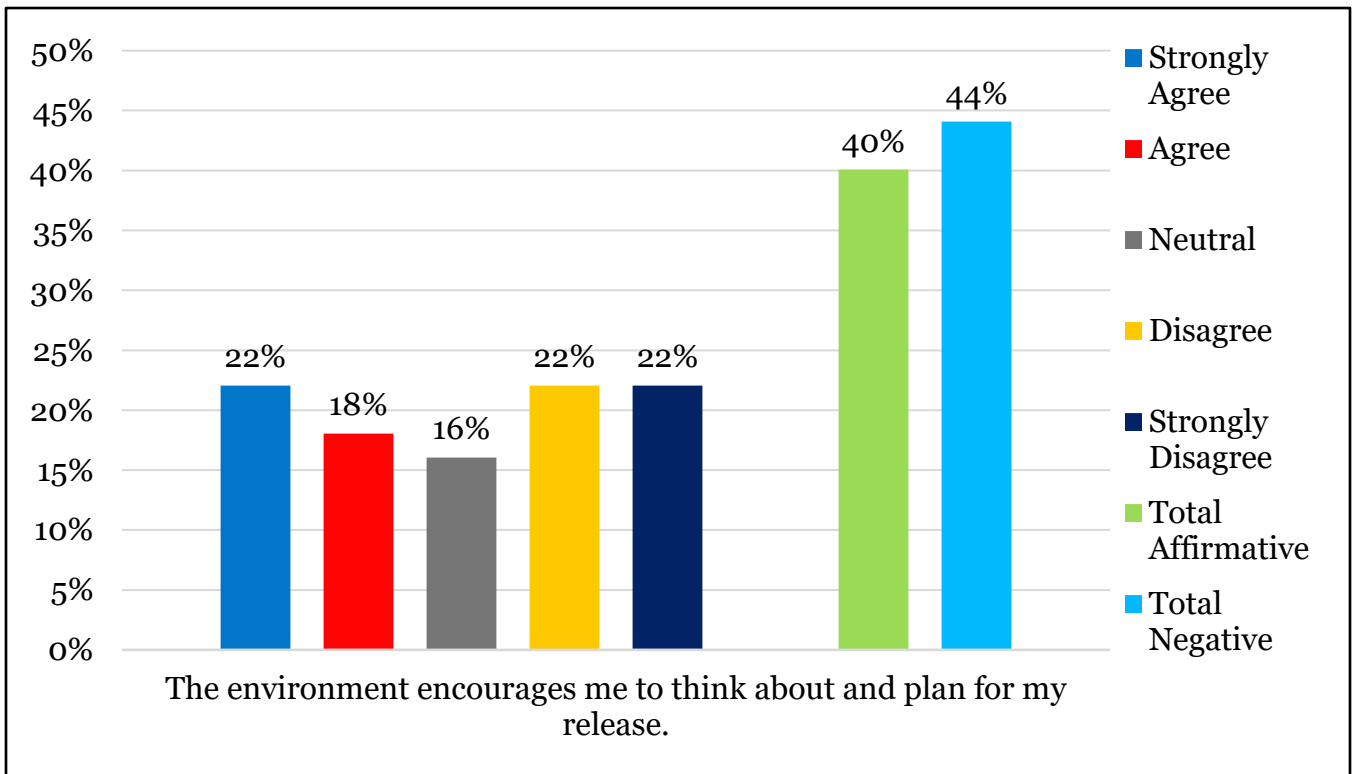
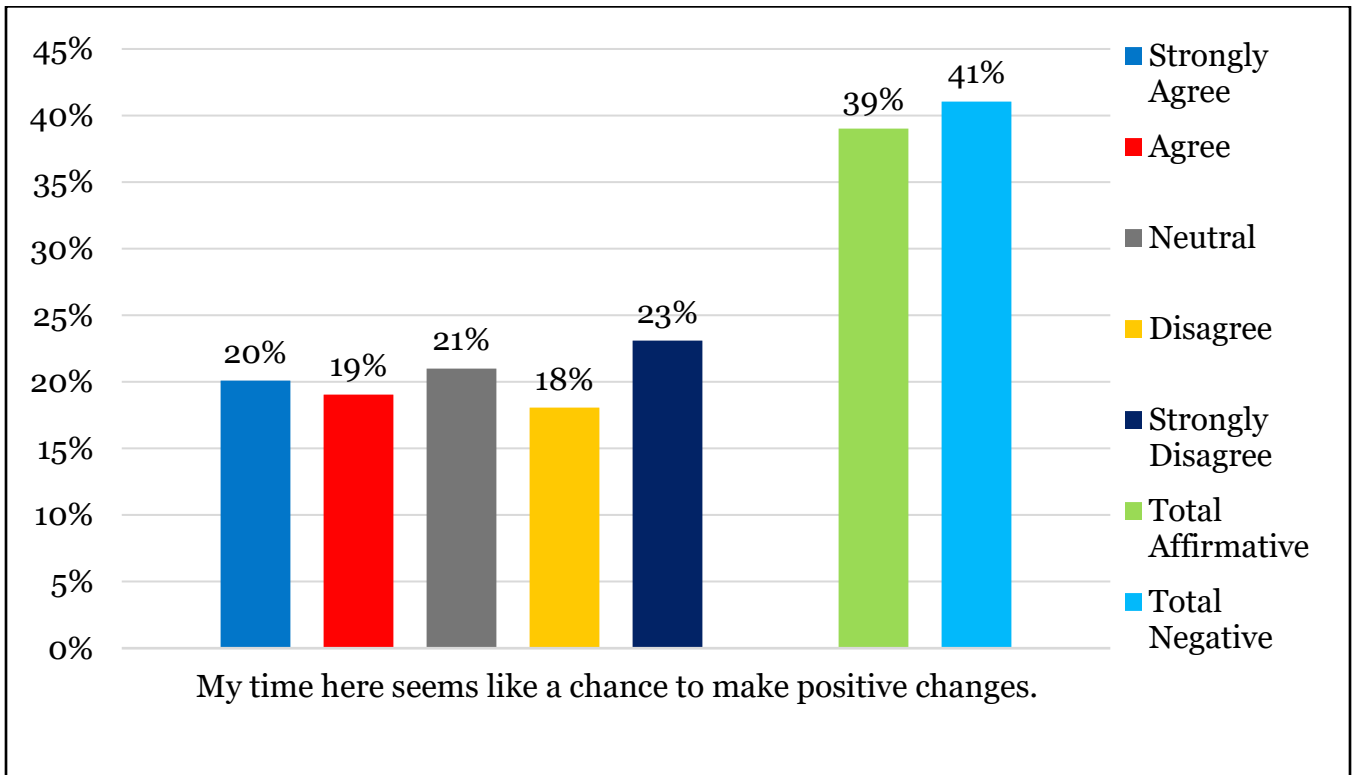


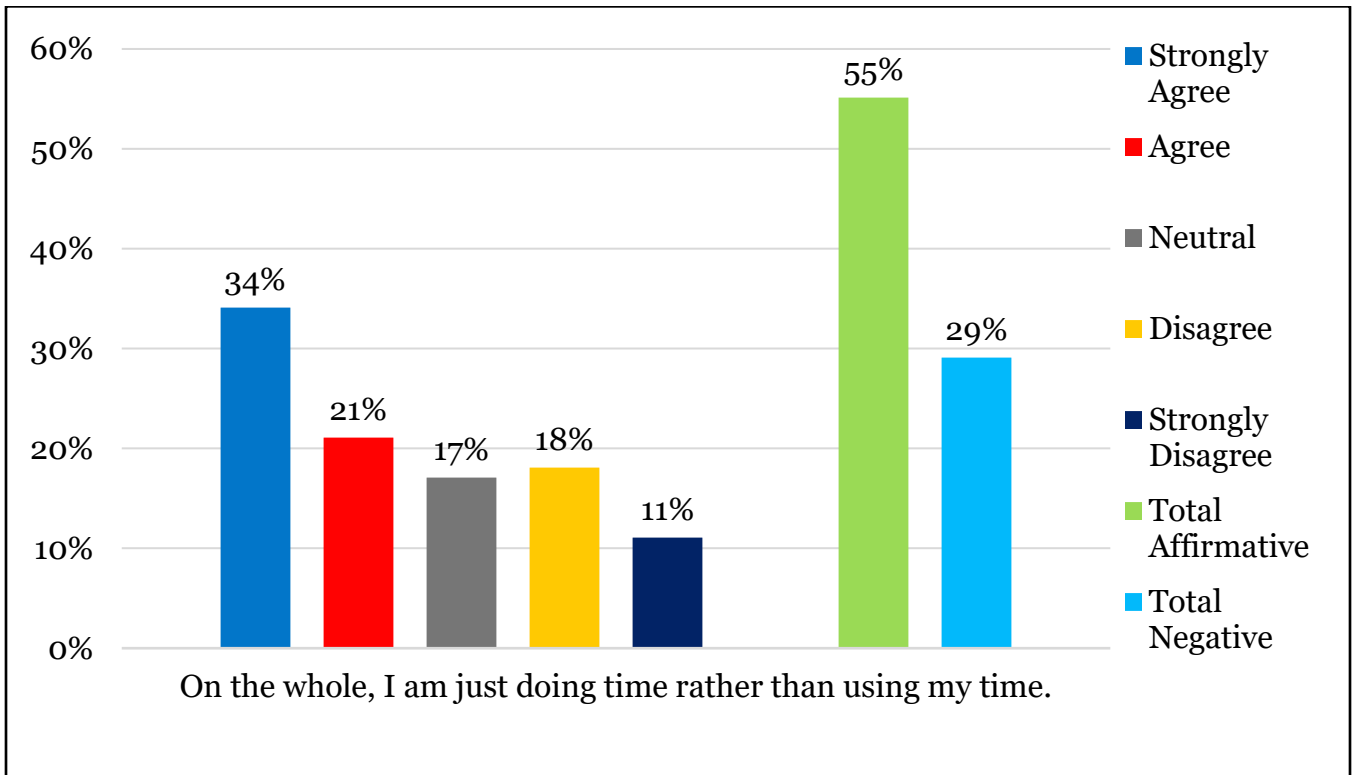


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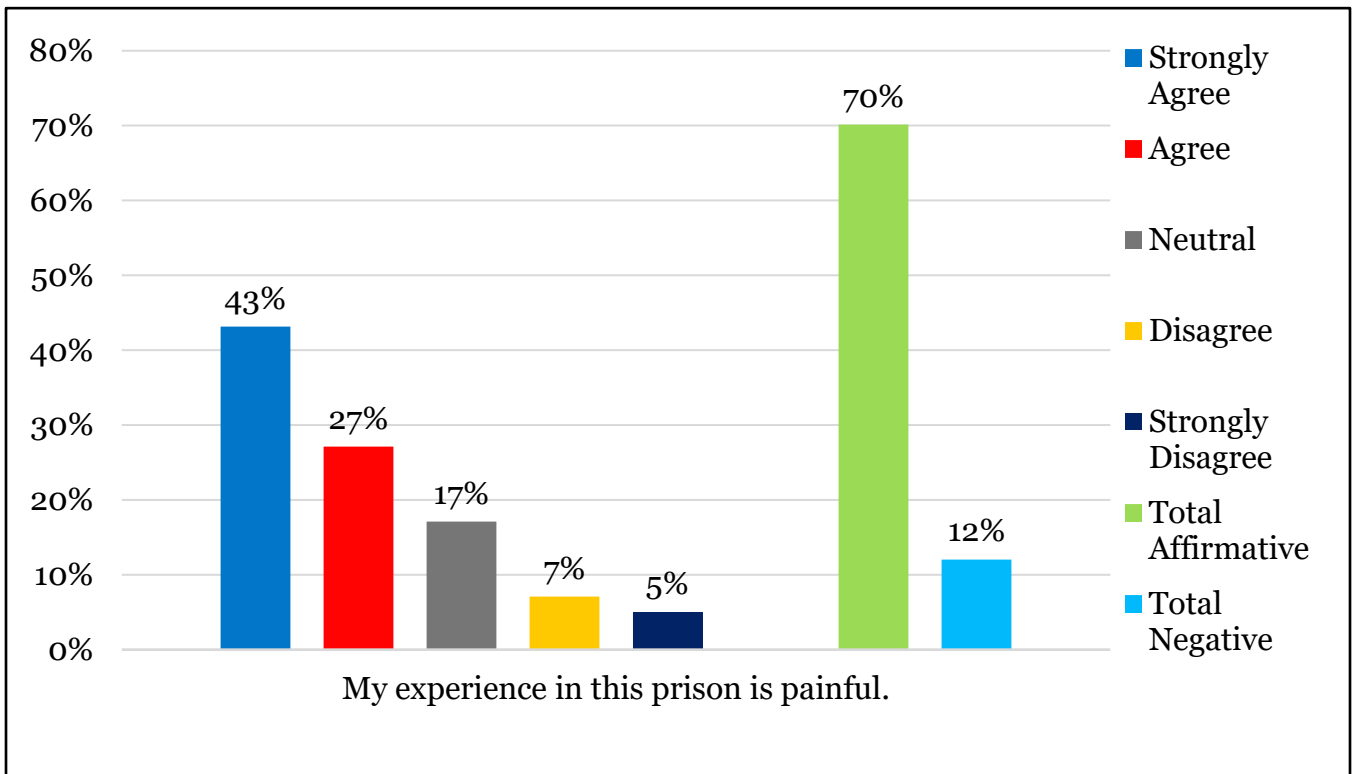
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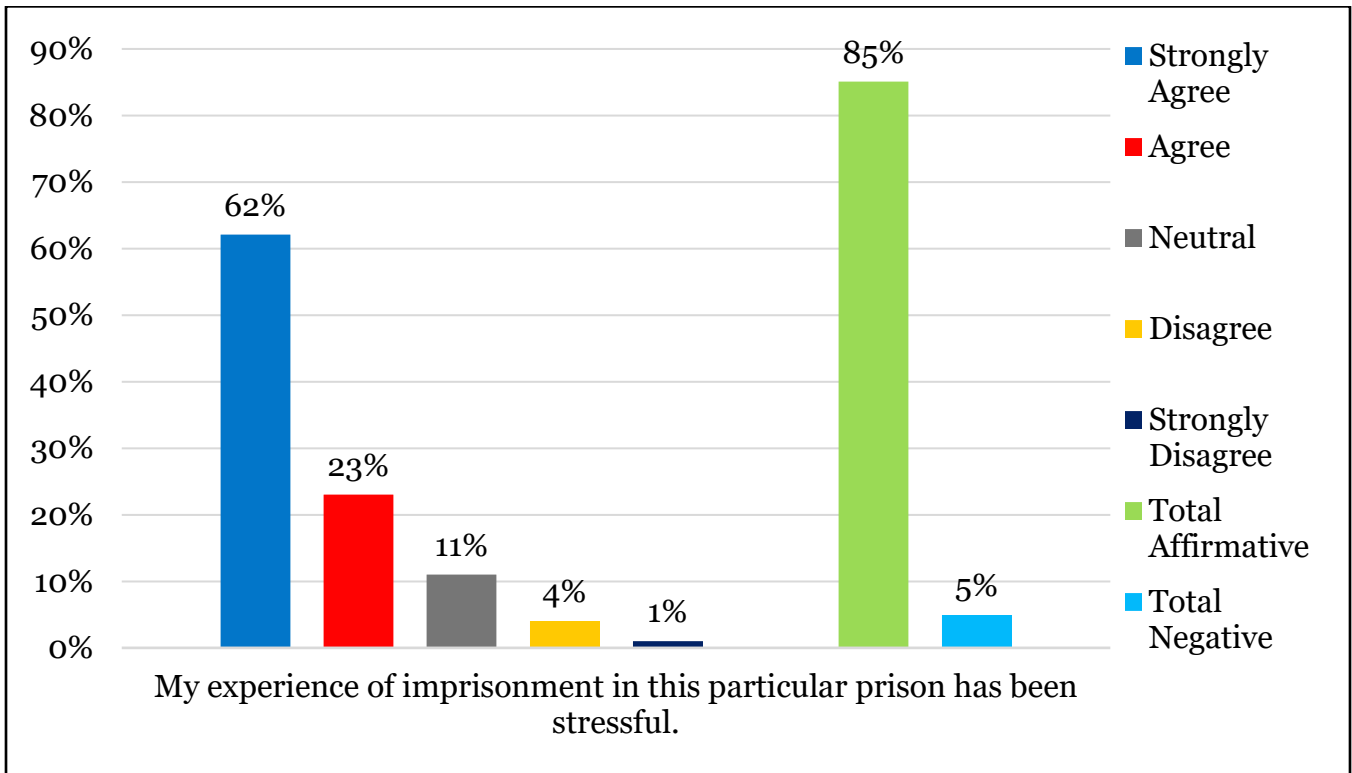






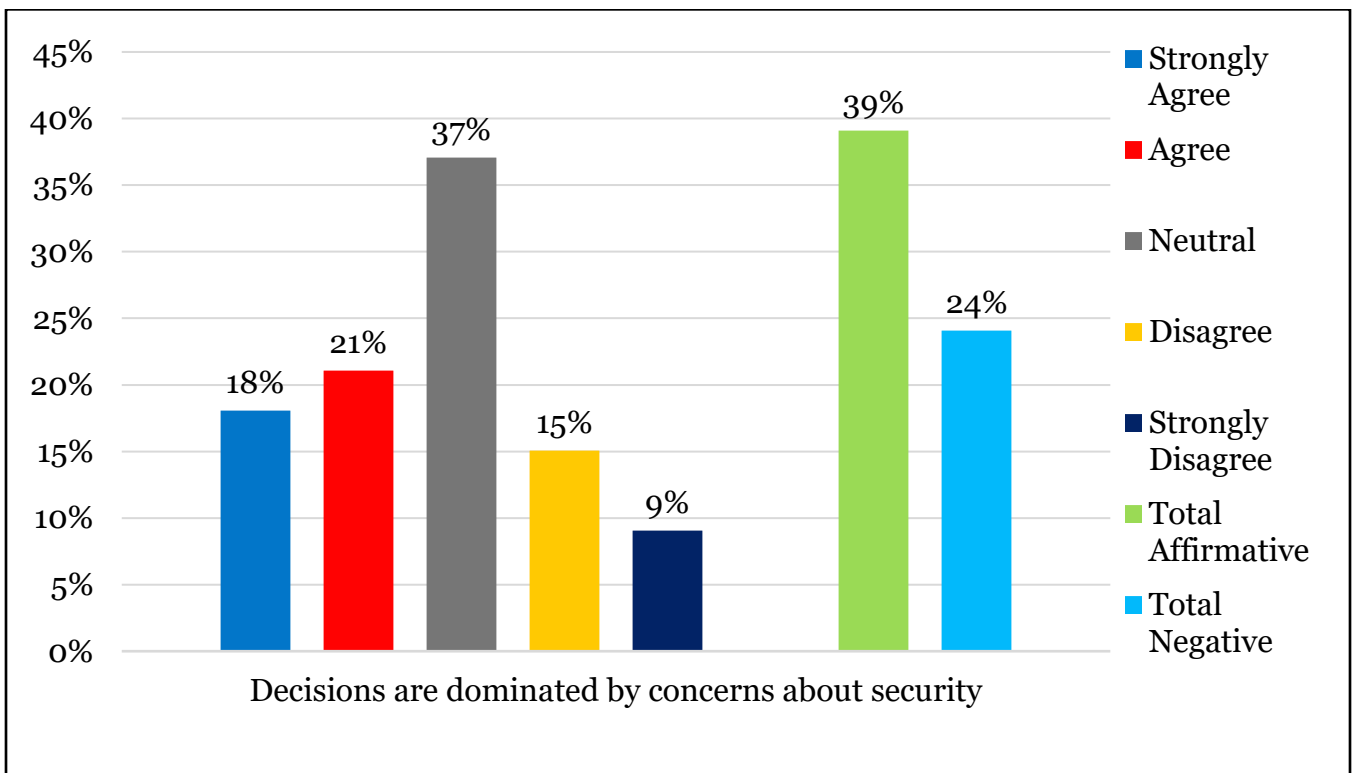
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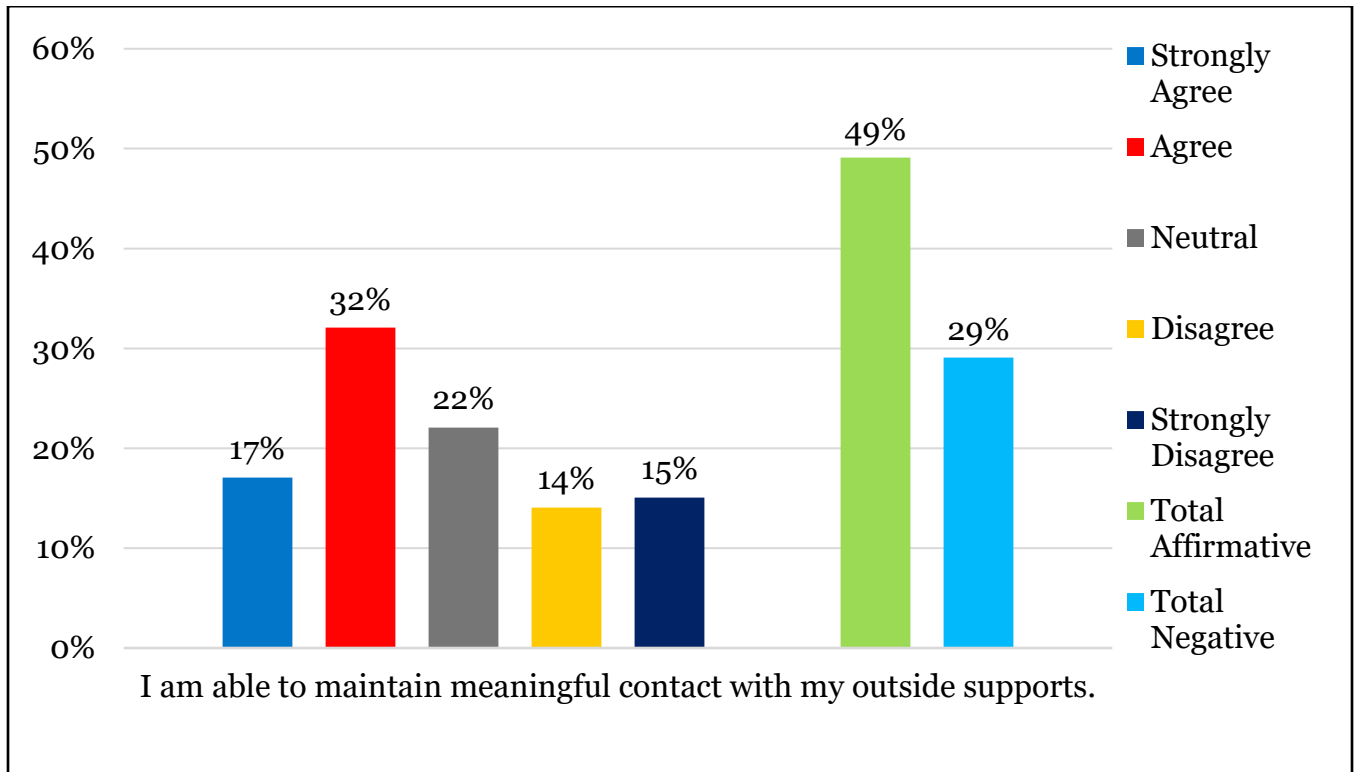


Additional Questions

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

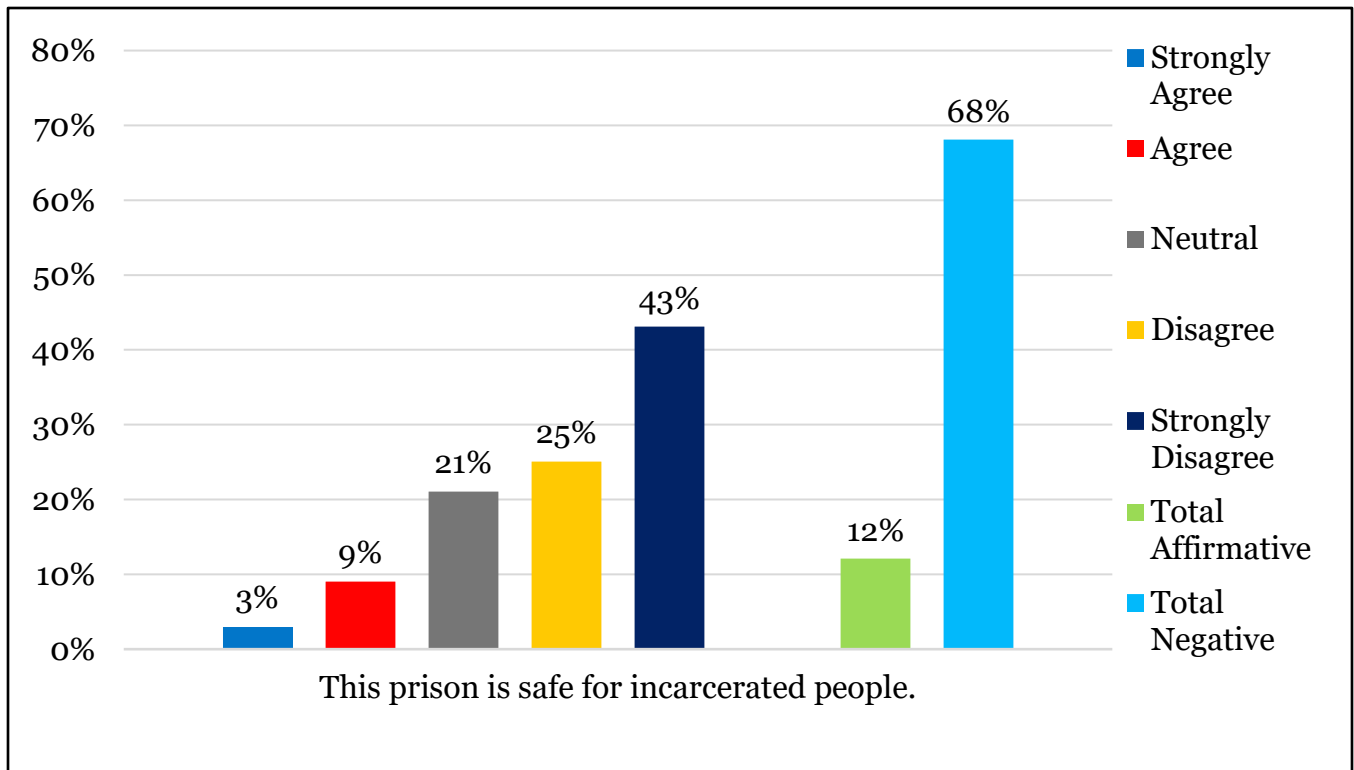


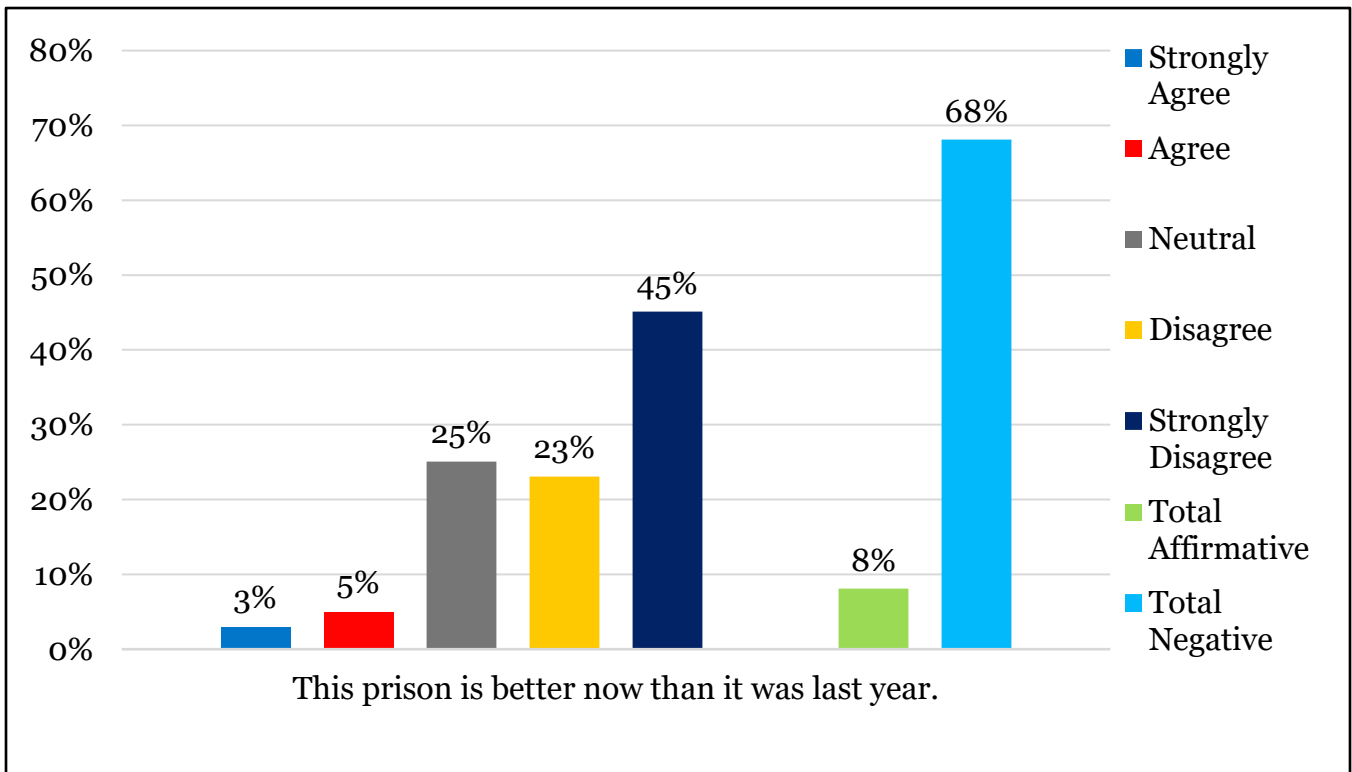
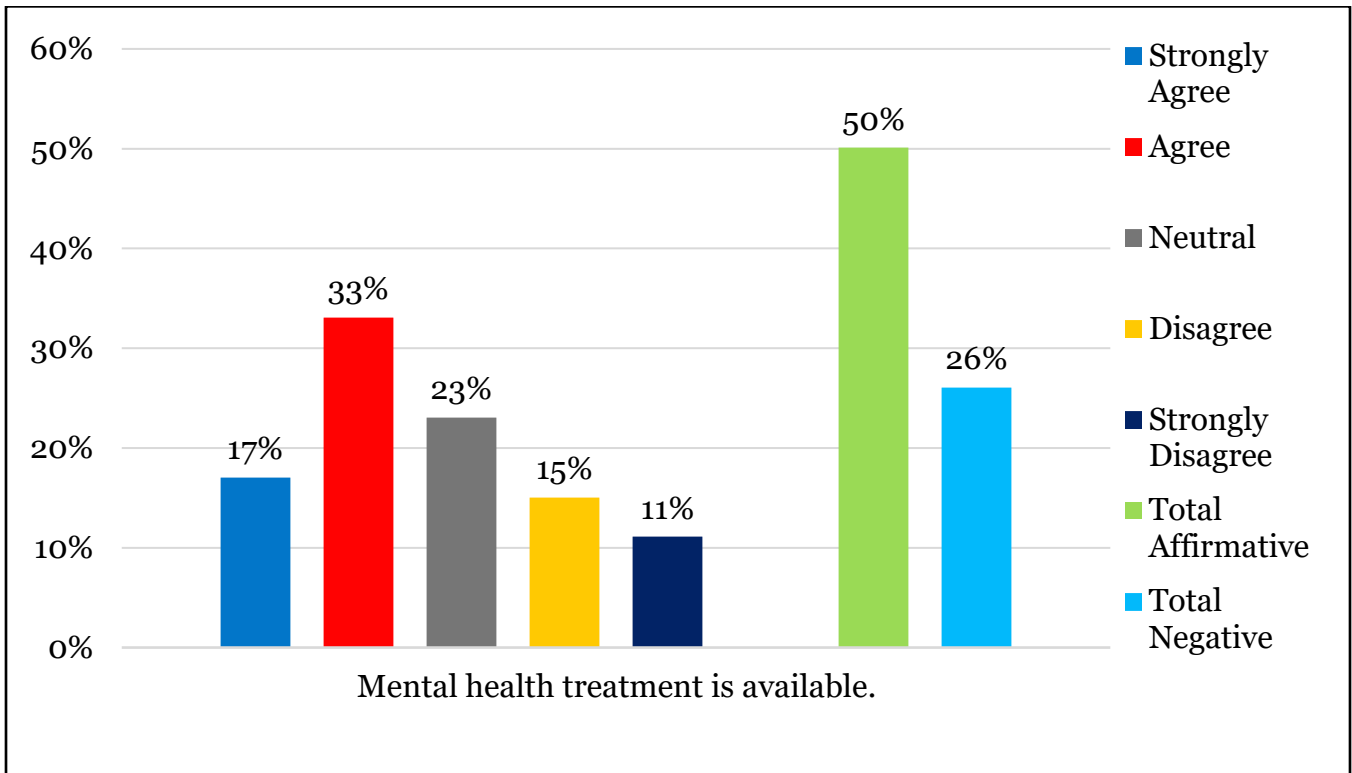
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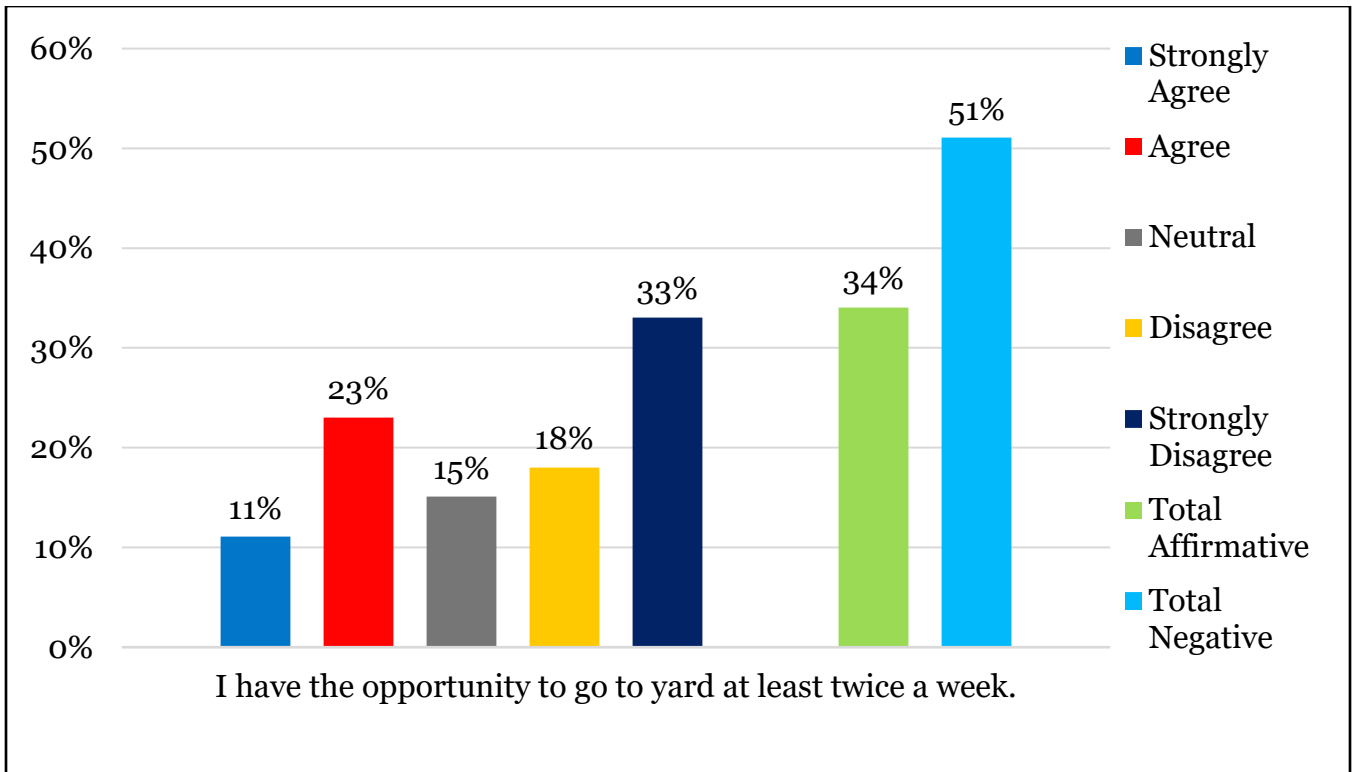
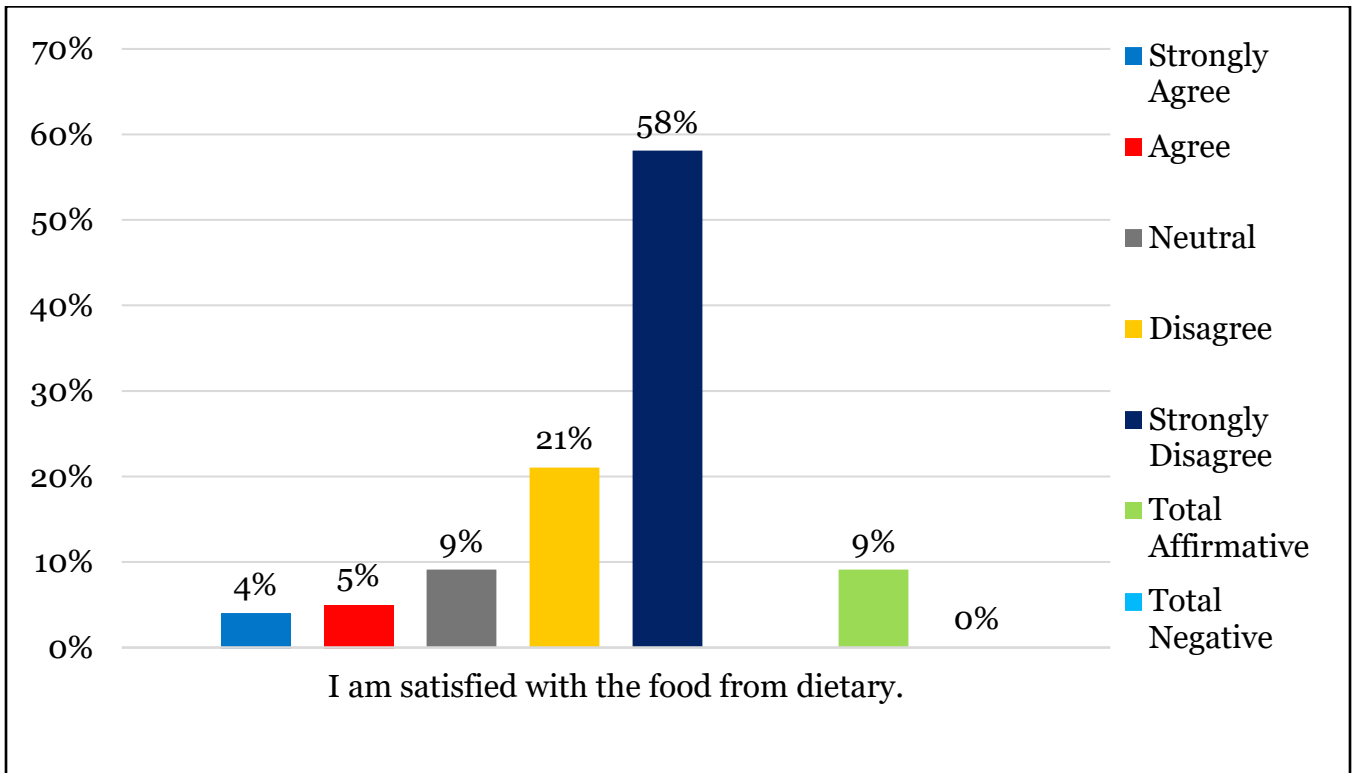


Charts: JHA Questions

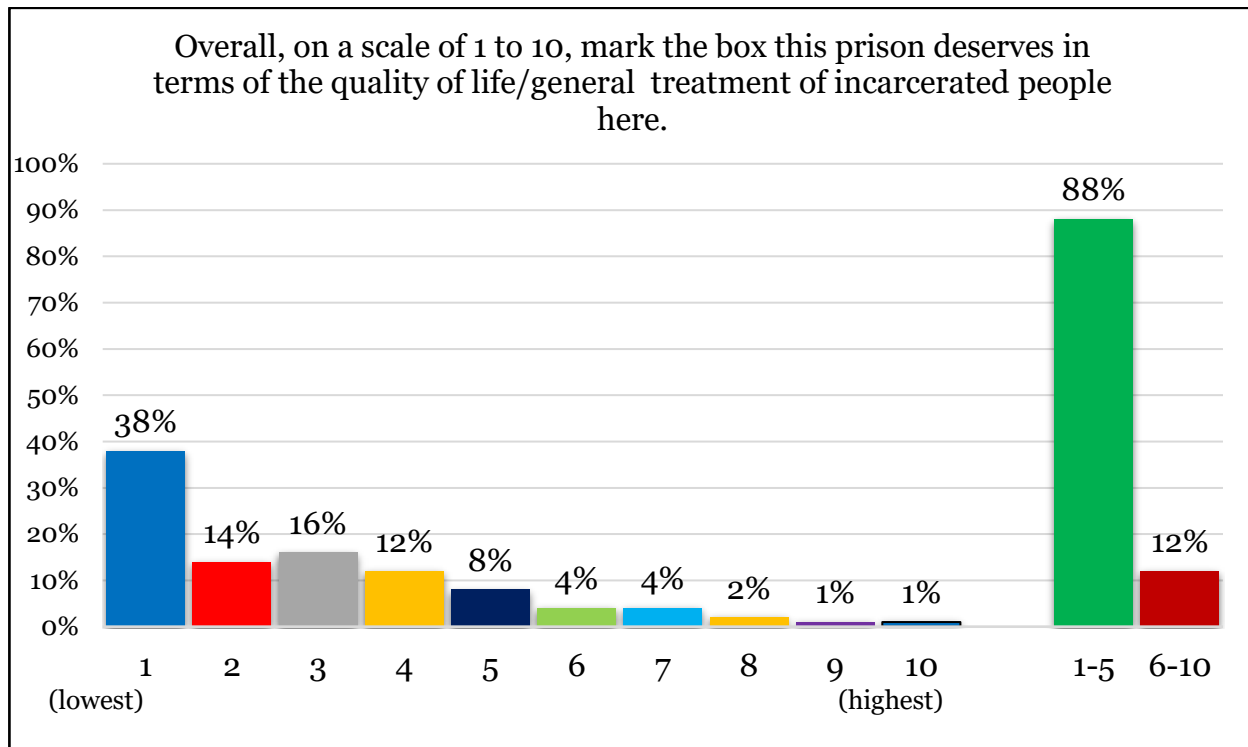
QUESTIONS USED IN PREVIOUS JHA SURVEYS







OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE



Tables of Results by Individual Survey Items

Age		
18-26	31	8%
26-30	56	14%
31-40	153	37%
41-50	93	23%
51 and over	79	19%
No response: 1		

Do you have a work or school assignment?		
Work Assignment	162	39%
School Assignment	59	14%
Both	45	11%
Neither	145	35%
No response: 2		

Race or ethnicity		
White	204	50%
Black	132	32%
Hispanic or Latino	31	8%
Other	40	10%
No response: 6		

Relationships between staff and incarcerated people are good.		
Strongly Agree	16	4%
Agree	47	12%
Neutral	120	30%
Disagree	109	27%
Strongly Disagree	115	28%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	63	16%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	224	55%
No response: 6		

Are you within two years of release?		
Yes	174	43%
No	234	57%
No response: 5		

I receive support from staff when I need it.		
Strongly Agree	23	6%
Agree	62	15%
Neutral	90	22%
Disagree	109	27%
Strongly Disagree	124	30%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	85	21%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	233	57%
No response: 5		

Were you first incarcerated prior to age 25?		
Yes	162	40%
No	242	60%
No response: 9		

What housing status are you currently on?		
General Population	322	79%
Restrictive Housing	41	10%
Other	45	11%
No response: 5		

Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area?		
Yes	345	84%
No	64	16%
No response: 4		

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.		
Strongly Agree	19	5%
Agree	42	10%
Neutral	58	14%
Disagree	118	29%
Strongly Disagree	170	42%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	61	15%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	288	71%
No response: 6		

I trust the officers.		
Strongly Agree	16	4%
Agree	32	8%
Neutral	81	20%
Disagree	113	28%
Strongly Disagree	163	40%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	48	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	276	68%
No response: 8		

I get along well with the officers on my unit.		
Strongly Agree	38	10%
Agree	110	28%
Neutral	159	40%
Disagree	50	13%
Strongly Disagree	43	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	148	38%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	93	24%
No response: 13		

The best way to get things done is to go through official channels.		
Strongly Agree	43	11%
Agree	80	20%
Neutral	81	20%
Disagree	80	20%
Strongly Disagree	123	30%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	123	31%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	203	50%
No response: 6		

I have been helped significantly by a staff member with a particular problem.		
Strongly Agree	33	8%
Agree	61	15%
Neutral	97	24%
Disagree	85	21%
Strongly Disagree	129	32%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	94	23%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	214	53%
No response: 8		

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.		
Strongly Agree	26	6%
Agree	68	17%
Neutral	122	30%
Disagree	87	22%
Strongly Disagree	101	25%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	94	23%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	188	47%
No response: 9		

I am treated as a person of value.		
Strongly Agree	19	5%
Agree	39	10%
Neutral	82	20%
Disagree	99	24%
Strongly Disagree	167	41%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	58	15%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	266	65%
No response: 7		

Some of the treatment I receive is degrading.		
Strongly Agree	157	39%
Agree	132	33%
Neutral	52	13%
Disagree	39	10%
Strongly Disagree	21	5%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	289	72%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	60	15%
No response: 12		

I feel safe from being injured, bullied, or threatened by other incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	24	6%
Agree	43	11%
Neutral	77	19%
Disagree	116	29%
Strongly Disagree	140	35%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	67	17%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	256	64%
No response: 13		

If you do something wrong, staff only use punishments if they have tried other options first.		
Strongly Agree	25	6%
Agree	47	12%
Neutral	67	17%
Disagree	112	28%
Strongly Disagree	150	37%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	72	18%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	262	65%
No response: 12		

To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations.		
Strongly Agree	90	23%
Agree	109	28%
Neutral	95	24%
Disagree	78	20%
Strongly Disagree	23	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	199	51%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	101	26%
No response: 18		

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	173	44%
Agree	115	29%
Neutral	69	17%
Disagree	23	6%
Strongly Disagree	16	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	288	73%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	39	10%
No response: 17		

Staff have enough experience and expertise to deal with issues that matter to me.		
Strongly Agree	17	4%
Agree	31	8%
Neutral	76	19%
Disagree	140	35%
Strongly Disagree	137	34%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	48	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	277	69%
No response: 12		

To get things done, you have to ask and ask and ask.		
Strongly Agree	242	62%
Agree	100	26%
Neutral	26	7%
Disagree	14	4%
Strongly Disagree	10	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	342	88%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	24	7%
No response: 21		

Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.		
Strongly Agree	146	37%
Agree	87	22%
Neutral	96	24%
Disagree	50	13%
Strongly Disagree	14	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	233	59%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	64	17%
No response: 20		

The environment encourages me to think about and plan for my release.		
Strongly Agree	88	22%
Agree	72	18%
Neutral	63	16%
Disagree	86	22%
Strongly Disagree	87	22%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	160	40%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	173	44%
No response: 17		

Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.		
Strongly Agree	143	36%
Agree	104	26%
Neutral	81	20%
Disagree	39	10%
Strongly Disagree	30	8%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	247	62%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	69	18%
No response: 16		

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.		
Strongly Agree	119	30%
Agree	88	22%
Neutral	66	17%
Disagree	77	20%
Strongly Disagree	43	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	207	52%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	120	31%
No response: 20		

My experience of imprisonment in this particular prison has been stressful.		
Strongly Agree	247	62%
Agree	92	23%
Neutral	43	11%
Disagree	14	4%
Strongly Disagree	4	1%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	339	85%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	18	5%
No response: 13		

I have to be careful about everything I do, or it can be used against me.		
Strongly Agree	213	53%
Agree	115	29%
Neutral	49	12%
Disagree	17	4%
Strongly Disagree	6	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	328	82%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	23	6%
No response: 13		

On the whole, I am just doing time rather than using my time.		
Strongly Agree	135	34%
Agree	83	21%
Neutral	68	17%
Disagree	71	18%
Strongly Disagree	42	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	218	55%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	113	29%
No response: 14		

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.		
Strongly Agree	120	31%
Agree	80	20%
Neutral	98	25%
Disagree	58	15%
Strongly Disagree	38	10%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	200	51%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	96	25%
No response: 19		

This prison is well organized.		
Strongly Agree	13	3%
Agree	15	4%
Neutral	25	6%
Disagree	83	21%
Strongly Disagree	259	66%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	28	7%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	342	87%
No response: 18		

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.		
Strongly Agree	25	6%
Agree	48	12%
Neutral	99	25%
Disagree	77	20%
Strongly Disagree	142	37%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	73	18%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	219	57%
No response: 22		

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms.		
Strongly Agree	27	7%
Agree	47	12%
Neutral	74	19%
Disagree	103	26%
Strongly Disagree	143	36%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	74	19%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	246	62%
No response: 19		

When I need to get something done, I can normally get it done by talking to someone face to face.		
Strongly Agree	39	10%
Agree	73	19%
Neutral	92	24%
Disagree	73	18%
Strongly Disagree	118	30%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	112	29%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	191	48%
No response: 18		

You never know the rules.		
Strongly Agree	150	38%
Agree	90	23%
Neutral	74	19%
Disagree	50	13%
Strongly Disagree	25	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	240	61%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	75	19%
No response: 24		

My experience in this prison is painful.		
Strongly Agree	169	43%
Agree	105	27%
Neutral	68	17%
Disagree	28	7%
Strongly Disagree	21	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	274	70%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	49	13%
No response: 22		

There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	123	34%
Agree	107	29%
Neutral	85	23%
Disagree	30	8%
Strongly Disagree	20	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	230	63%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	50	13%
No response: 48		

The disciplinary system is fair.		
Strongly Agree	19	5%
Agree	22	6%
Neutral	60	16%
Disagree	103	27%
Strongly Disagree	185	47%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	41	11%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	288	74%
No response: 24		

There are a few incarcerated people who run things on this unit.		
Strongly Agree	137	35%
Agree	103	26%
Neutral	65	17%
Disagree	55	14%
Strongly Disagree	31	8%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	240	61%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	86	22%
No response: 22		

I have to buy and sell things in order to get by.		
Strongly Agree	126	32%
Agree	86	22%
Neutral	56	14%
Disagree	78	20%
Strongly Disagree	46	12%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	212	54%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	124	32%
No response: 21		

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.		
Strongly Agree	67	18%
Agree	81	21%
Neutral	139	37%
Disagree	58	15%
Strongly Disagree	35	9%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	148	39%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	93	24%
No response: 33		

My time here seems like a chance to make positive changes.		
Strongly Agree	74	19%
Agree	70	18%
Neutral	78	21%
Disagree	68	18%
Strongly Disagree	87	23%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	144	37%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	155	41%
No response: 36		

I am not being treated as a human being in here.		
Strongly Agree	139	35%
Agree	86	22%
Neutral	82	21%
Disagree	61	16%
Strongly Disagree	29	7%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	225	57%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	90	23%
No response: 16		

You have to be in a group or gang in order to get by.		
Strongly Agree	38	10%
Agree	53	14%
Neutral	76	19%
Disagree	151	39%
Strongly Disagree	75	19%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	91	24%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	226	58%
No response: 20		

When important decisions are made about me, I am treated as an individual and not a number.		
Strongly Agree	27	7%
Agree	38	10%
Neutral	67	17%
Disagree	130	33%
Strongly Disagree	135	34%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	65	17%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	265	67%
No response: 16		

Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	103	26%
Agree	94	23%
Neutral	92	23%
Disagree	70	18%
Strongly Disagree	38	10%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	197	49%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	108	28%
No response: 16		

Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.		
Strongly Agree	21	5%
Agree	27	7%
Neutral	58	15%
Disagree	122	31%
Strongly Disagree	166	42%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	48	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	288	73%
No response: 19		

All they care about is my offense and security level, not the person I really am.		
Strongly Agree	198	50%
Agree	99	25%
Neutral	52	13%
Disagree	30	8%
Strongly Disagree	19	5%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	297	75%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	49	13%
No response: 15		

Anyone who harms themselves is considered by staff to be more of an attention seeker than someone who needs help.		
Strongly Agree	156	40%
Agree	110	28%
Neutral	80	20%
Disagree	38	10%
Strongly Disagree	11	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	266	68%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	49	13%
No response: 18		

I am able to maintain meaningful contact with my outside supports.		
Strongly Agree	69	17%
Agree	129	32%
Neutral	86	22%
Disagree	56	14%
Strongly Disagree	59	15%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	198	50%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	115	29%
No response: 14		

This prison is poor at giving incarcerated people reasons for decisions.		
Strongly Agree	162	41%
Agree	120	31%
Neutral	68	17%
Disagree	29	7%
Strongly Disagree	14	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	282	72%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	43	11%
No response: 20		

Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.		
Strongly Agree	23	6%
Agree	23	6%
Neutral	67	17%
Disagree	119	31%
Strongly Disagree	158	41%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	46	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	277	72%
No response: 23		

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	12	3%
Agree	33	8%
Neutral	80	21%
Disagree	96	25%
Strongly Disagree	167	43%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	45	11%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	263	68%
No response: 25		

This is a humane prison.		
Strongly Agree	31	8%
Agree	34	9%
Neutral	71	18%
Disagree	88	23%
Strongly Disagree	168	43%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	65	17%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	256	66%
No response: 21		

Mental health treatment is available.		
Strongly Agree	67	17%
Agree	130	33%
Neutral	88	23%
Disagree	60	15%
Strongly Disagree	44	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	197	50%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	104	26%
No response: 24		

Incarcerated people in this prison spend too long locked up in cells.		
Strongly Agree	110	28%
Agree	84	21%
Neutral	85	22%
Disagree	92	24%
Strongly Disagree	19	5%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	194	49%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	111	29%
No response: 23		

This prison is better now than it was last year.		
Strongly Agree	11	3%
Agree	18	5%
Neutral	95	25%
Disagree	88	23%
Strongly Disagree	174	45%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	29	8%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	262	68%
No response: 27		

Every effort is made by this prison to help people stop committing offenses on release from custody.		
Strongly Agree	13	3%
Agree	18	5%
Neutral	68	17%
Disagree	93	24%
Strongly Disagree	204	52%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	31	8%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	297	76%
No response: 17		

I am satisfied with food from dietary.		
Strongly Agree	17	4%
Agree	19	5%
Neutral	39	10%
Disagree	82	21%
Strongly Disagree	240	61%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	36	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	322	82%
No response: 16		

I have the opportunity to go to yard at least twice a week.		
Strongly Agree	45	11%
Agree	92	24%
Neutral	58	15%
Disagree	70	18%
Strongly Disagree	130	33%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	137	35%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	200	51%
No response: 18		

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)	144	38%
2	53	14%
3	61	16%
4	46	12%
5	29	8%
6	17	4%
7	17	4%
8	7	2%
9	4	1%
10 (Highest)	5	1%
<i>1-5</i>	333	88%
<i>6-10</i>	50	12%
No response: 30		
Mean: 294		



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