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AND DAYS OF DIALOGUE

# Camp Joseph Scott

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# Days of Dialogue is...

## Facilitated dialogue

- *Structured Conversation*
- *The facilitator acts as a **moderator**, rather than a leader and is always neutral*
- *The purpose is to share **Thoughts, Feelings, and Experiences** in a safe and confidential space*

# Dialogue participants are encouraged to...

- Express your **opinions**
- Listen to others
- Give **everyone** a chance to speak
- Respect the **ground rules**
- **Respect** each other



# Ground rules

- Speak openly and **honestly**
- **Listen** carefully and respectfully to each person
- Keep comments **brief** and stay focused on task
- Explore differences respectfully and look for common ground
- **Trust** that the facilitator has the best interest of the group at heart
- **Silence** cell phones
- Be **respectful** of the opinions of others

# TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 76

## 61 Community Participants

students, parents, community members, staff

6 LAPD

6 Facilitators

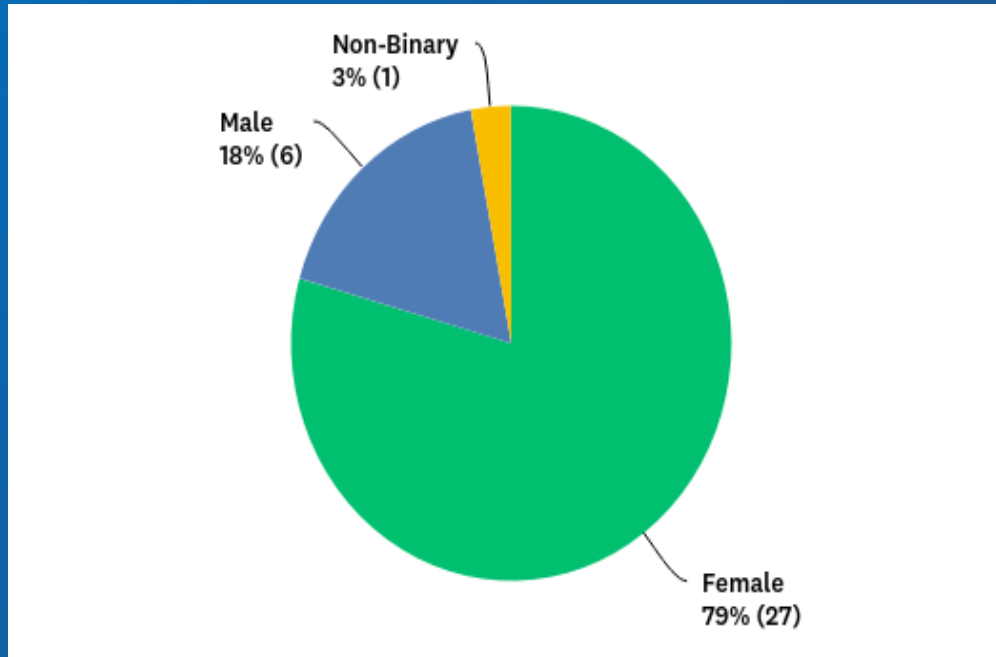
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*This Day of Dialogue at Camp Scott took place on a Sunday, during parents' visiting day. A group of 16 parents met with two facilitators (one English speaking, one Spanish speaking). In separate classrooms, four groups of students discussed ideas and were able to ask questions that were pertinent to them. All participants explored issues relating to law enforcement, personal safety, gun violence, and how to manage + make better life choices- both while incarcerated, and once released back into society. Participants were asked to complete pre- and post-dialogue surveys.*

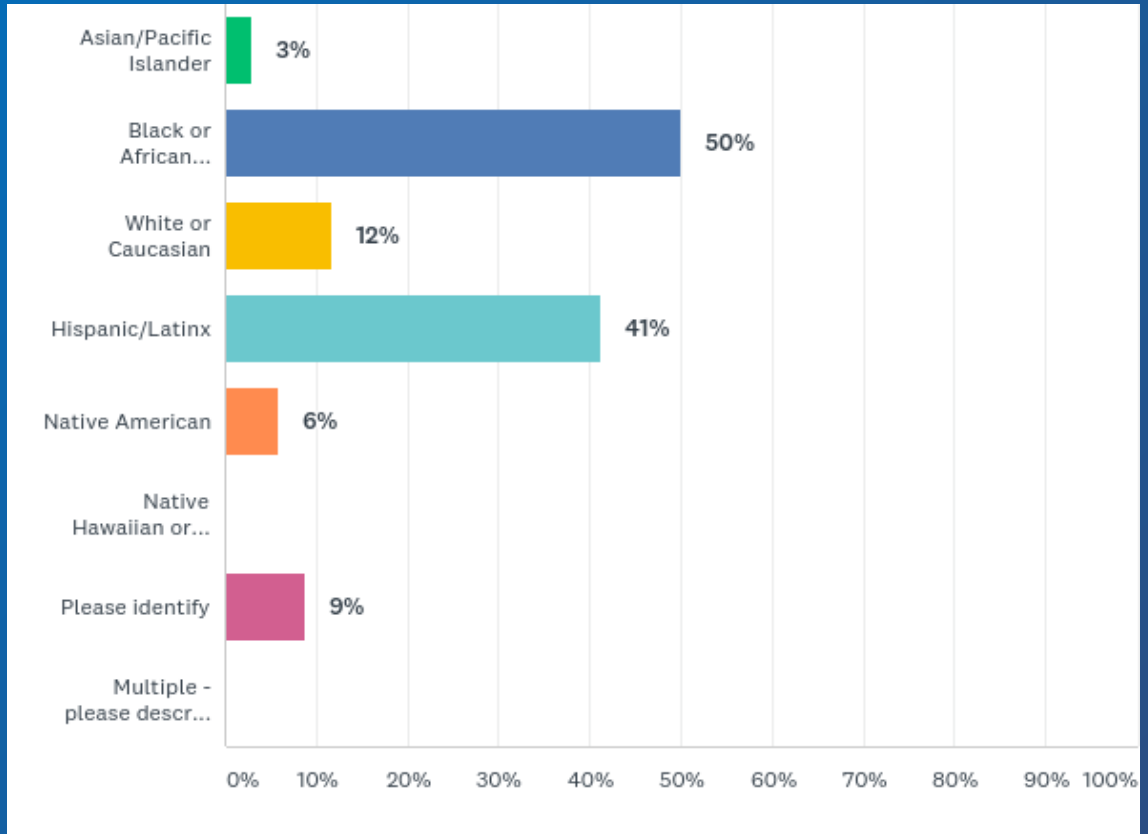
*After the hour and a half dialogue, we re-convened as a group for "community harvesting" (see comments later in this report), and to have lunch together.*

# What is your gender?

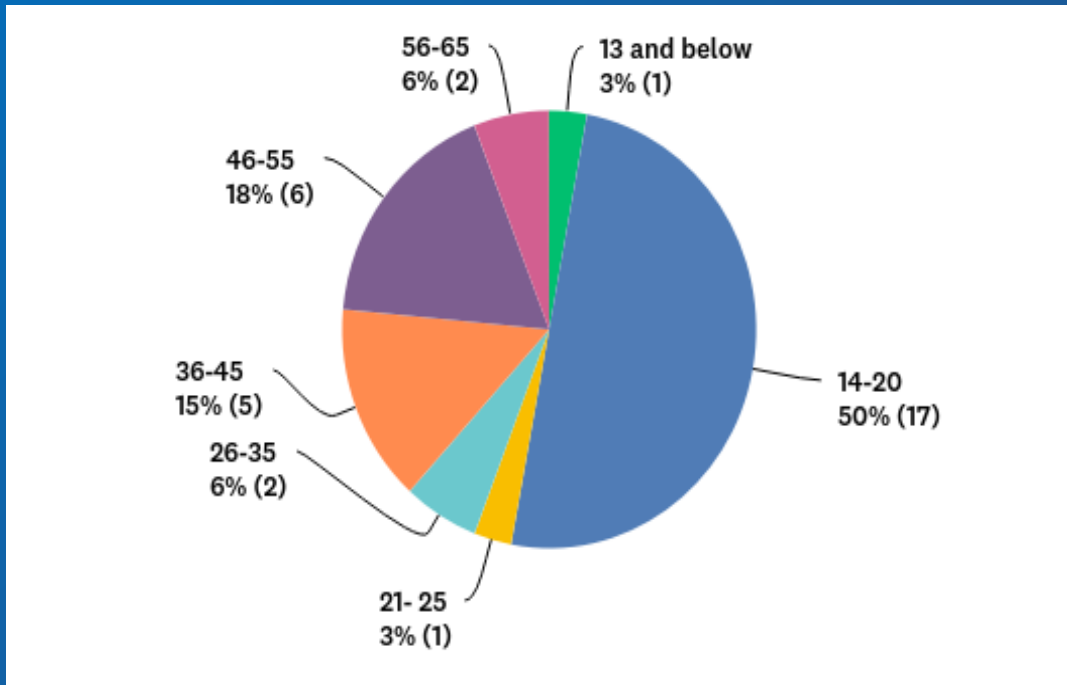


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# What is your ethnicity? Check all that apply.



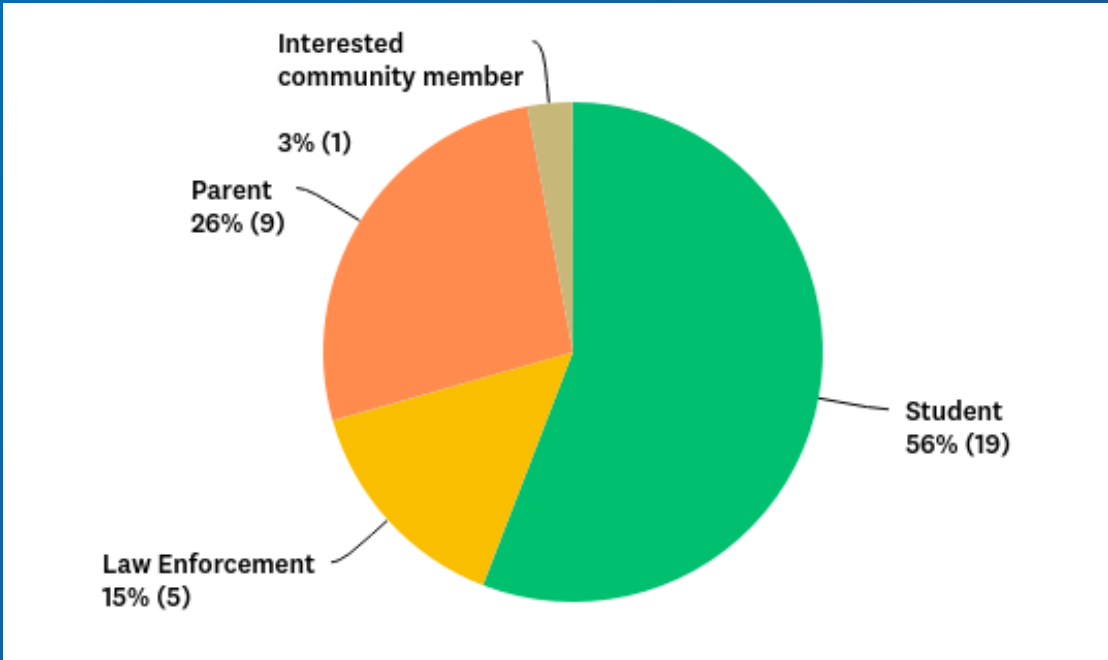
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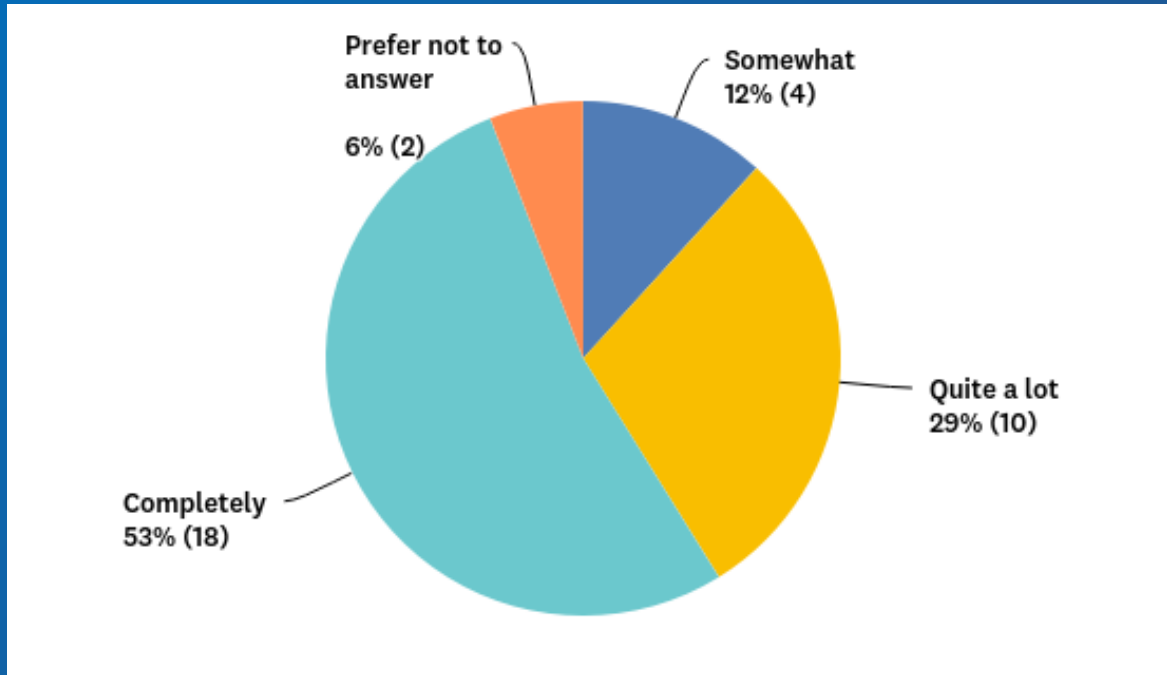


# What is your AFFILIATION? Check all that apply.



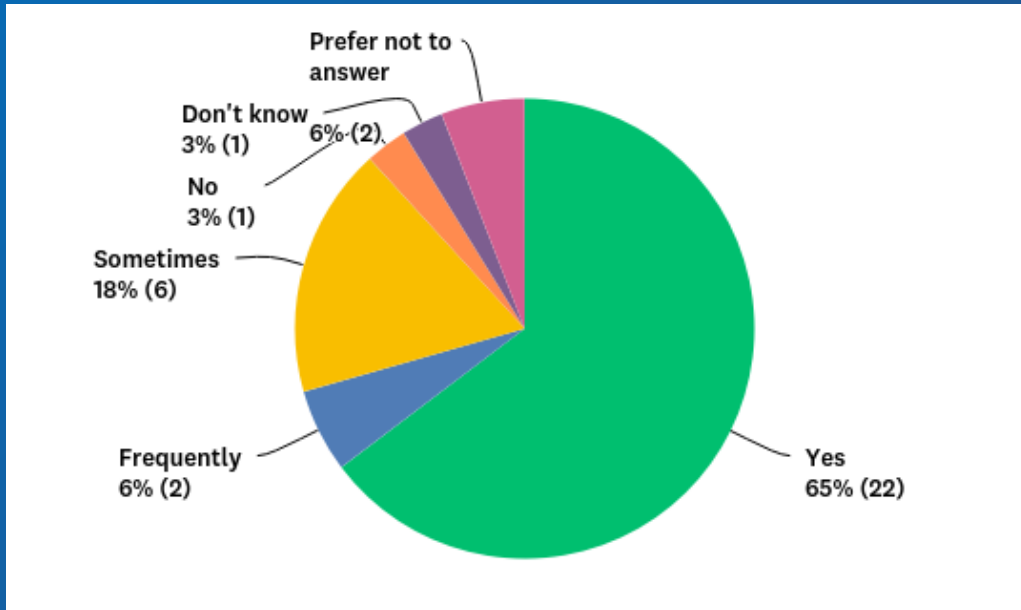
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# Are you in charge of your life?



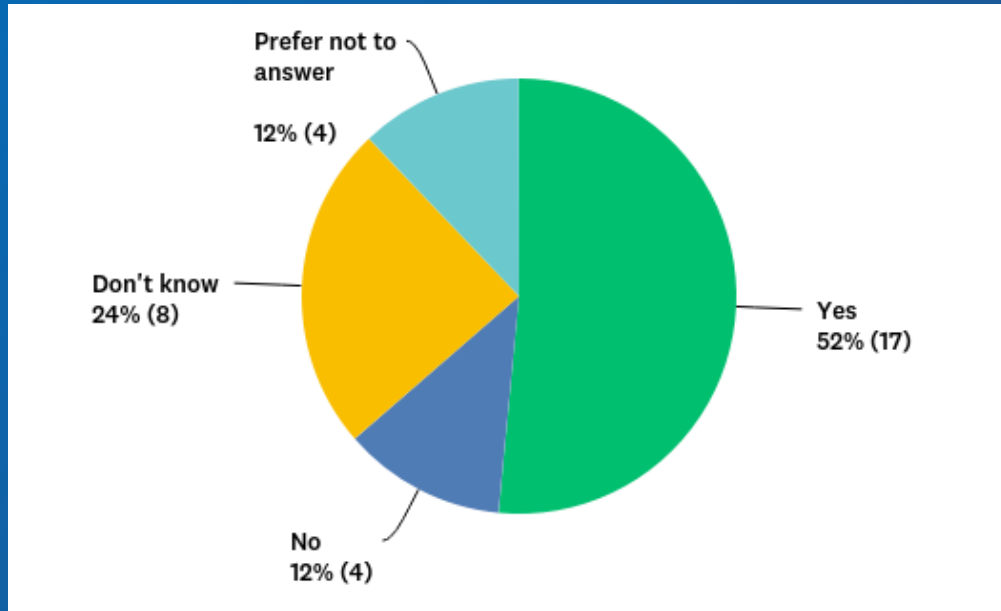
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**When comparing treatment of community members by law enforcement, do you believe that people of color are consistently treated less fairly by law enforcement officers than are white people?**



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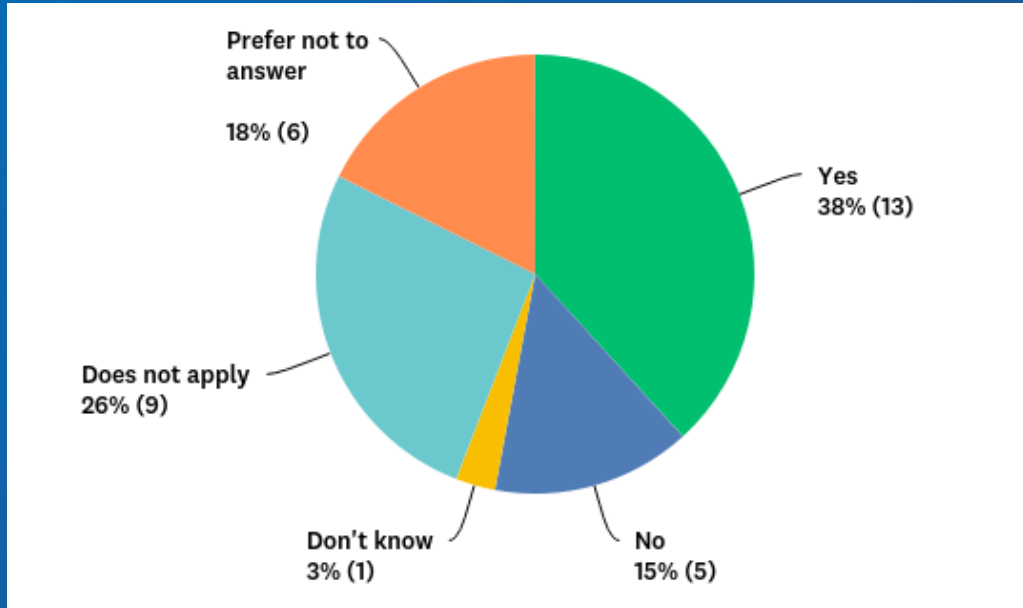
**If you answered Yes, Frequently, or Sometimes,  
do you believe that law enforcement officers can change  
their behavior to consistently treat people of color fairly?**



Answered: 33 Skipped: 1



# Is your experience in the juvenile justice system helping you to learn a practical path forward for a better future?



Answered: 34 Skipped: 0

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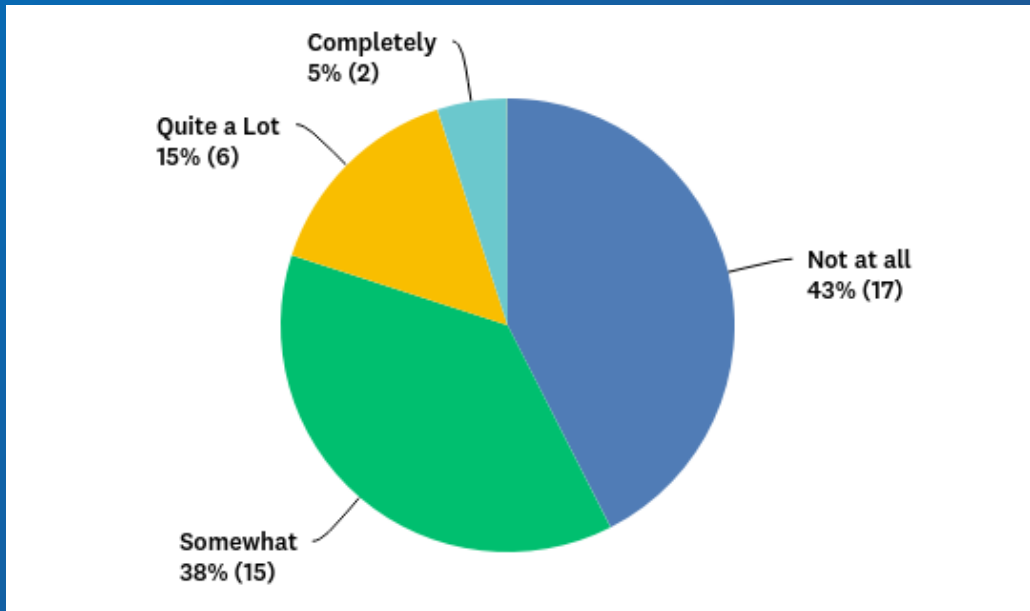
# POST-DIALOGUE SURVEY RESULTS

Total **41** *Respondents*

Complete Responses: 41

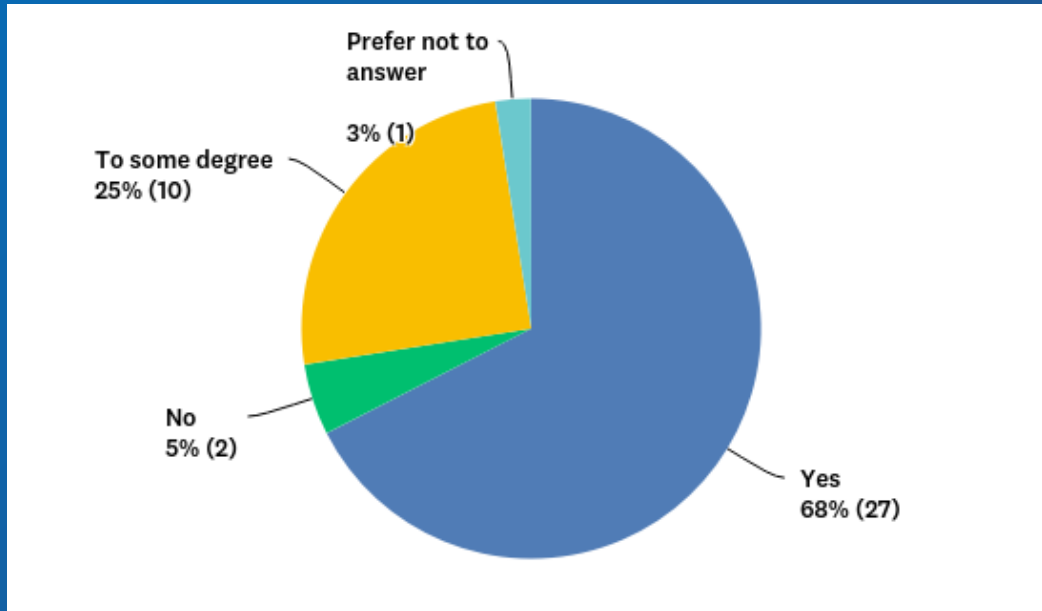
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# Have your opinions **changed** as a result of this Dialogue?



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# Do you think that the process of dialogue is beneficial in addressing important issues in our community?

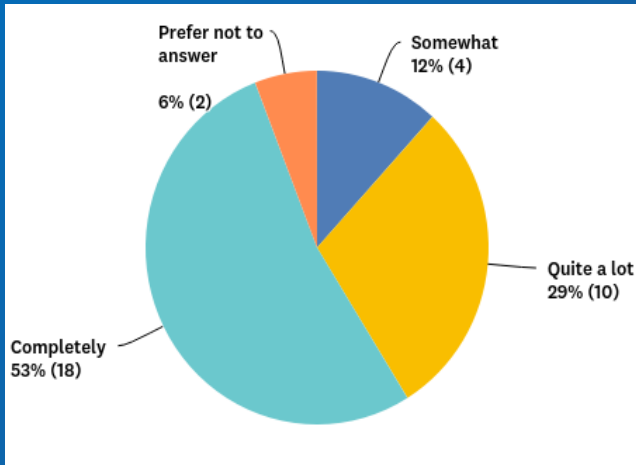


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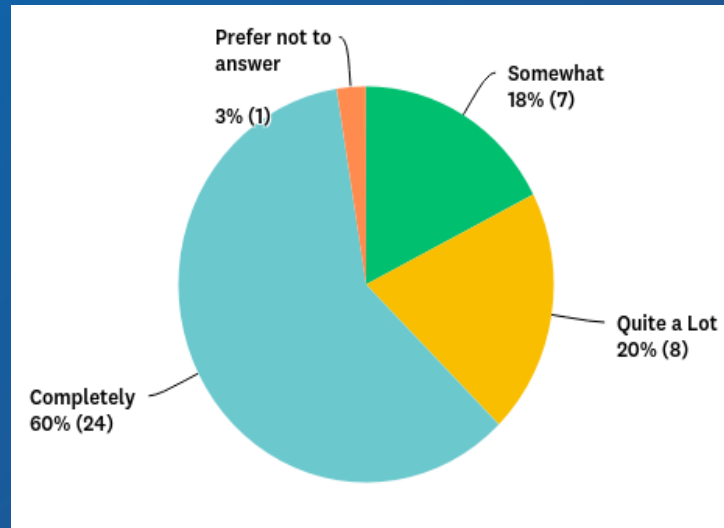


# Are you in charge of your life?

Pre survey:



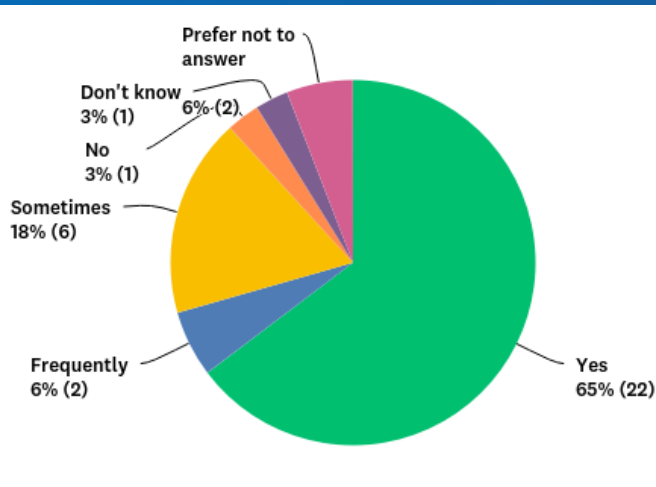
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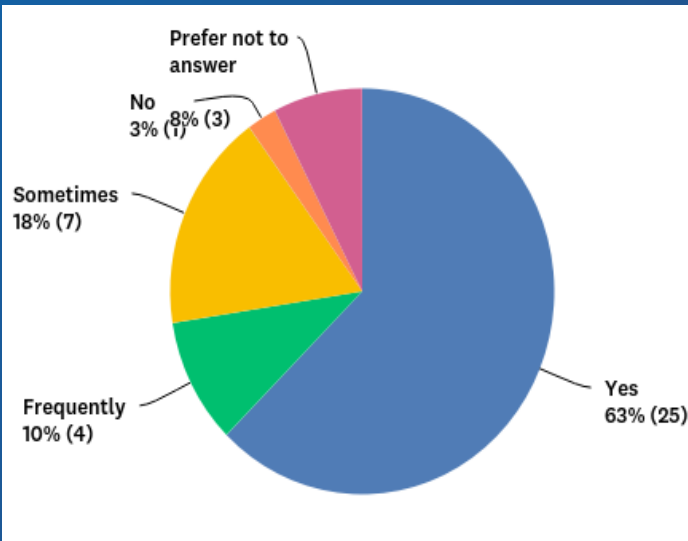
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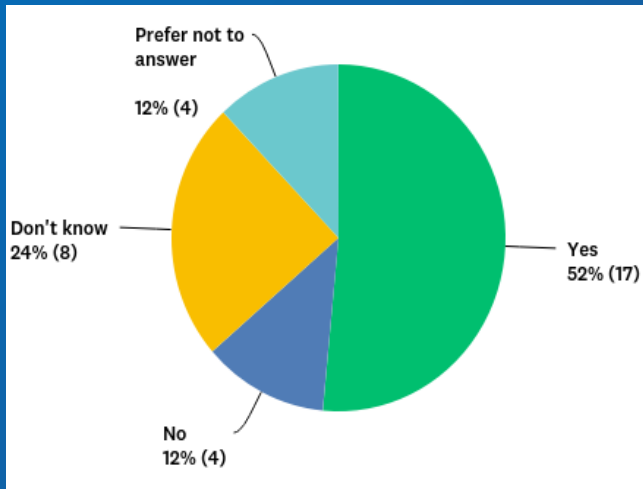


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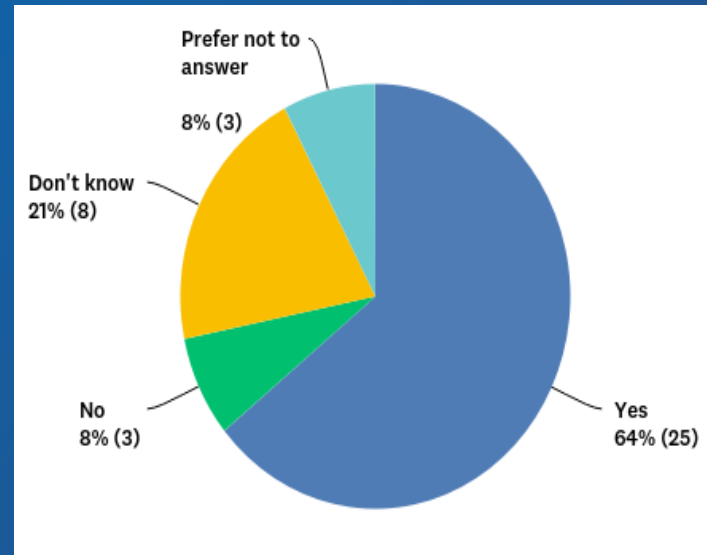


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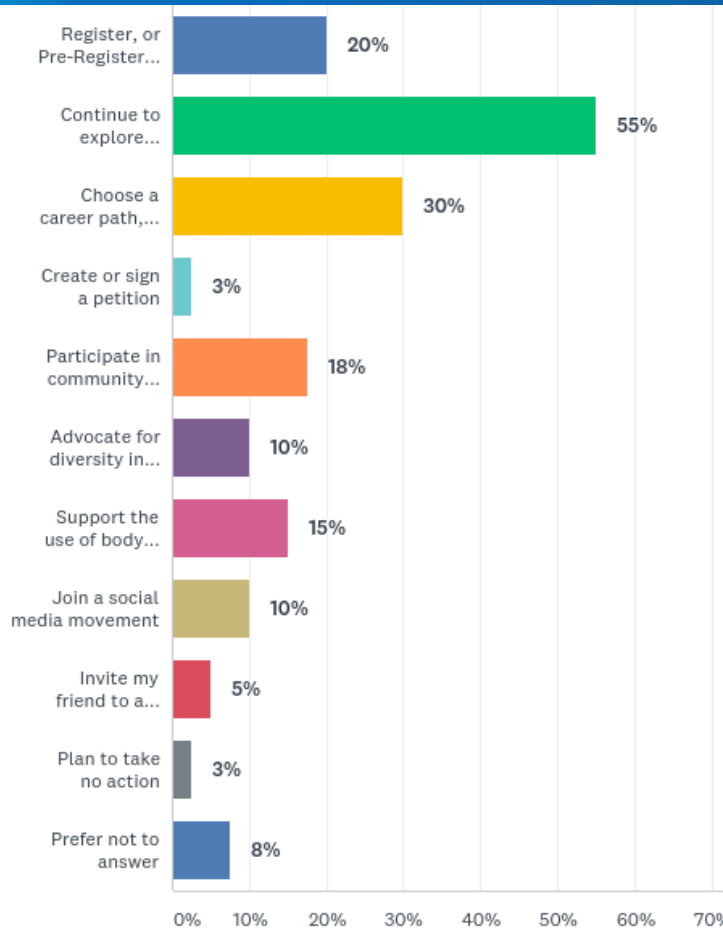
Pre survey:



Post survey:



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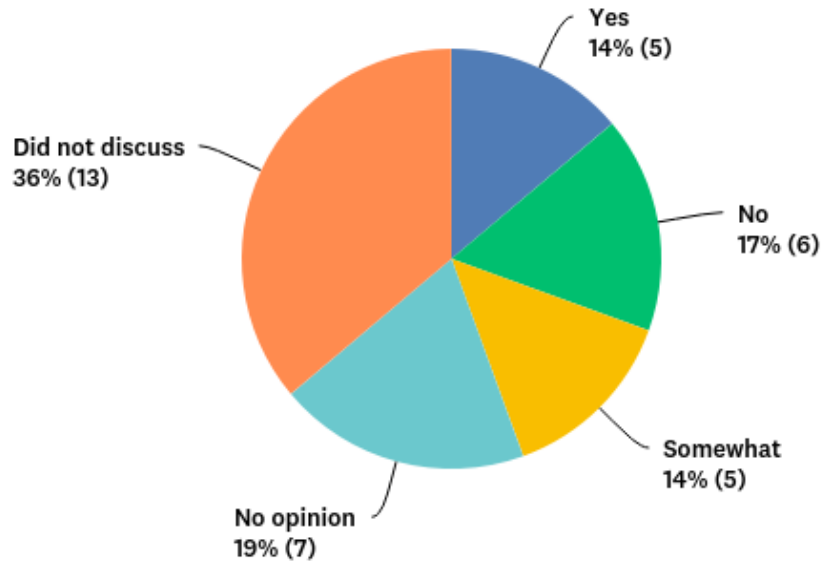


What, if any, **action(s)** do you expect to take as a result of this dialogue?  
Check all that apply

Answered: 40 Skipped: 1



# If you discussed gun violence in your group, was the discussion helpful?



Answered: 36 Skipped: 5

# Student Comments and Questions



- ▶ We learned about how you can act at funerals. When a gang member passes, a lot of the community is in specific gang community.
- ▶ How does LAPD respond? How can we be sympathetic in the community and still keep everybody safe?
- ▶ We need to communicate better because some cops are good. Don't be disrespecting every police, ya'll.
- ▶ Many times when there's gang violence in a neighborhood, police deploy a lot of resources-makes us all feel uncomfortable.
- ▶ Police need to communicate better so that the community knows what's happening and doesn't feel overwhelmed with the police presence.
- ▶ I saw somebody get killed. Took seven minutes for LAPD to get there. They respond quicker when there's stuff going on with kids, and then we go to jail.

# Student Comments and Questions



- ▶ Police assumed they know me but they don't know me. I'm not coming back here.

People killed by the police- not cool. And police don't get the same consequences as others.

Officers are trained to kill. They need to STOP: Stop, Take a breath, Observe, Plan.

- ▶ Drugs- they don't send us to rehab. They send us to jail. A lot of stuff is becoming legal these days- but not legal for us minors. There are no resources for us minors.
- ▶ No one cares if I go to school or what I do. I've got to show them, and find an opportunity. I am angry that my school doesn't have good resources. You've got to make it for yourself.



# Student Comments and Questions



- ▶ The school districts we come from don't have after school programs. We want acting. We want to play the piano. Our schools need after school programs, otherwise we start gang banging. Kids are more likely to run in to problems when we have nothing to do.
- ▶ There is a parade in Compton, we see bands. But we also see gangs controlling what side of the street you can be on.
- ▶ We talked about our intentions- what we want to do when we get out of here: I want to be a nurse... I want to graduate from high school... Pediatrician, social worker, mathematician, mentor. I'm deciding between being a nurse and a lawyer. I don't know but I want to be something!
- ▶ I feel like there is still a chance to save the next generation. Already made my mind up to.



# Comments from Parents



- ▶ You girls are the role models. Whether it's for your little brother or little sister or a cousin or a friend. From today, show them that you can be something better. Get on a good path.
- ▶ The parents are worried for you, and we are worried for the future.
- ▶ There are many programs that are available for kids in your situation, for when you get out of here. Have to find out about those resources. We are here for you.
- ▶ You are worthy. There is a future for you. You have the control to walk a better path. Love yourself more. Start with yourself first. We want to be there for you.

## Comments from Participants:

- ▶ Volunteer from CASA (advocate for one of the students) said:

We know that the parents are worried about you, and that they are worried for your siblings. But I learned this today, and this was a surprise for me- that Law Enforcement is worried for you too and wants you to get out of here and succeed.

- ▶ Crystal Stairs and other organizations offer coping skills courses for parents.
- ▶ Thoughts from facilitators:
  - Expand the session- not enough time to work with the parents.
  - Try to do a session some time with parents and kids together, in the same group.
  - Perhaps run a program after the dialogue, for the students whose parents aren't visiting. Same day.
- ▶ **Officers:** You can put all this behind you! You can go out and do good in your community!
- ▶ All the young women here have ambitions. I applaud them for that!
- ▶ You ladies are young- you have every chance to do well.



# Background on Camp Joseph Scott and the juvenile probation system



- ❖ Joseph Scott is an all-female camp with a charter school education system supervised by the Los Angeles Unified School District and LACOE.
- ❖ Camp visiting hours are Sundays 1pm - 4pm.
- ❖ Among its many duties, the Los Angeles County Probation Department provides secure detention for delinquent minors in juvenile halls, and control and rehabilitation programs in camps.
- ❖ Juvenile halls and camps provide confinement to minors ranging who await adjudication and disposition of legal matters.
- ❖ Camps provide mental health treatment, care, custody, training, and academics for the rehabilitation of its wards for an average period of 20 weeks.

# Background on Camp Joseph Scott and other juvenile camps and centers in LA County:

- ❖ Youth typically reside 4 – 9 months at camp, and are between the ages of 12 – 18.
- ❖ Demographics: 56% Hispanic, 29% African American and the remaining 15% of various other ethnicities.
- ❖ The Department of Probation is activating more diversion and restorative justice programs, as alternatives to sentencing youth offenders to residential camps.
- ❖ As a result, in 2019, there were many fewer juveniles housed in LA County Probation Department-Juvenile Services facilities than ever before historically.
- ❖ Probation officers and staff receive trauma informed training that is youth-centered, ascribing to a “care for all” model.

# *THANK YOU*

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