
Survey Results



Danville 2022 MQPL Survey Results

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Introduction

Danville Correctional Center is a Medium-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 1,517 people on July 22, 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 Danville had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 559 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Danville through the end of 2022, representing approximately 36.8% 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

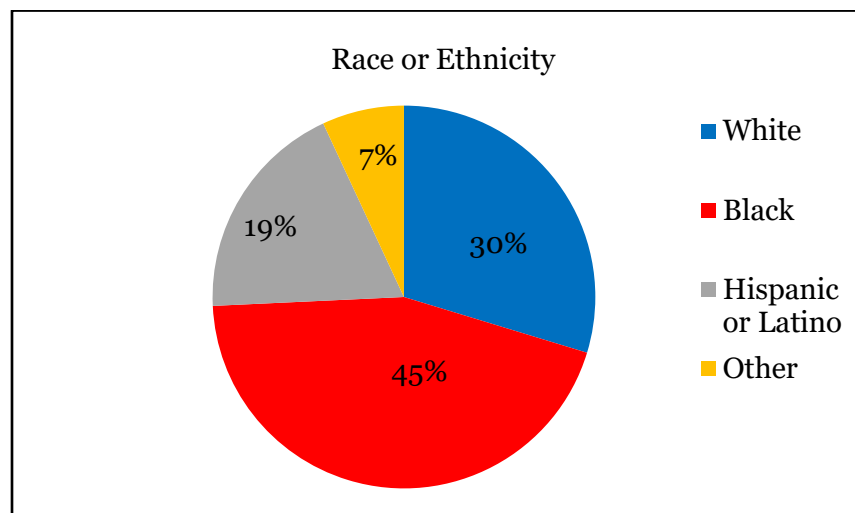
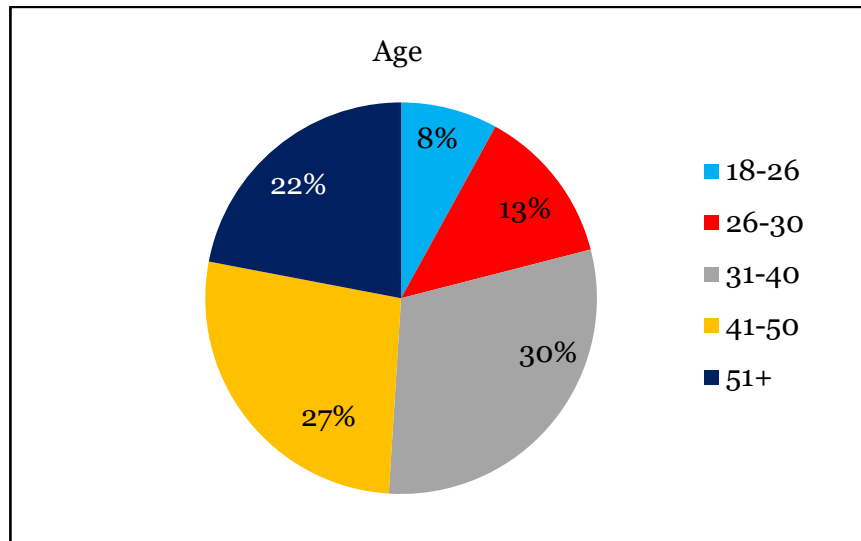
- **Harmony: Questions relating to interpersonal aspects of the prison experience**
 - Respect/courtesy – Positive, respectful, and courteous attitudes towards incarcerated people by staff.
 - Staff-incarcerated people relationships – Trusting, fair and supportive interactions between staff and incarcerated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

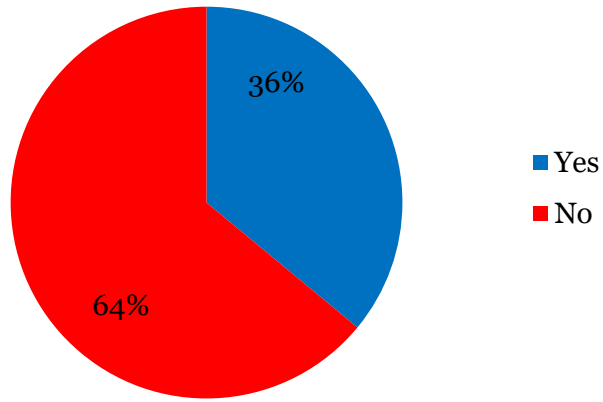
Charts: Demographic Information of Respondents

Total respondents =559¹

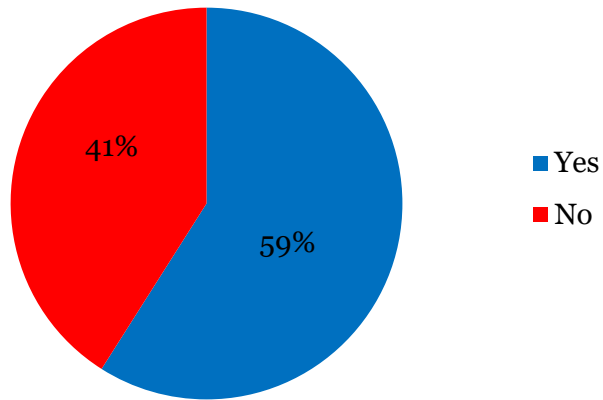


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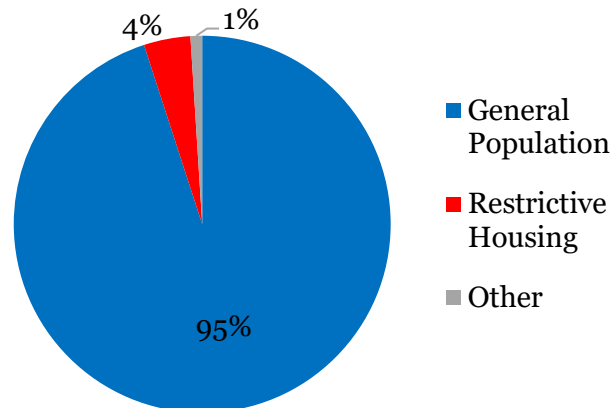
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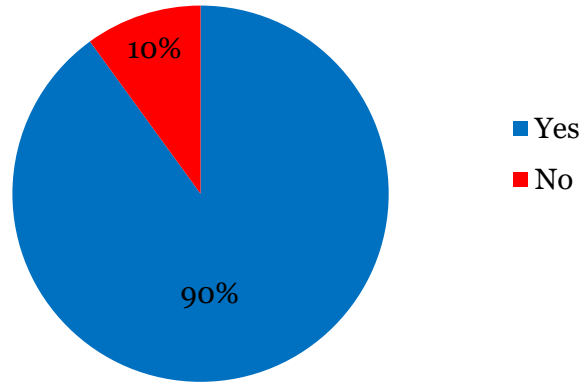
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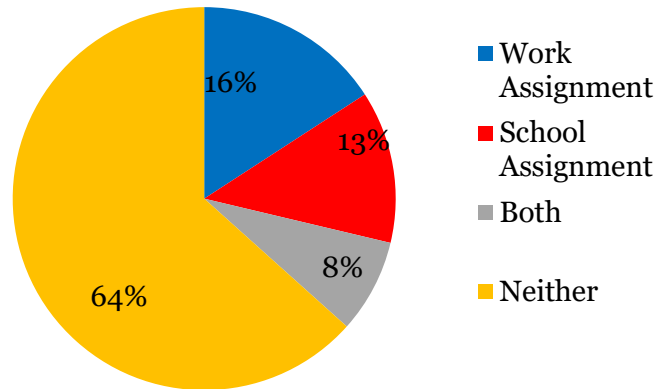
What is your housing status?



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



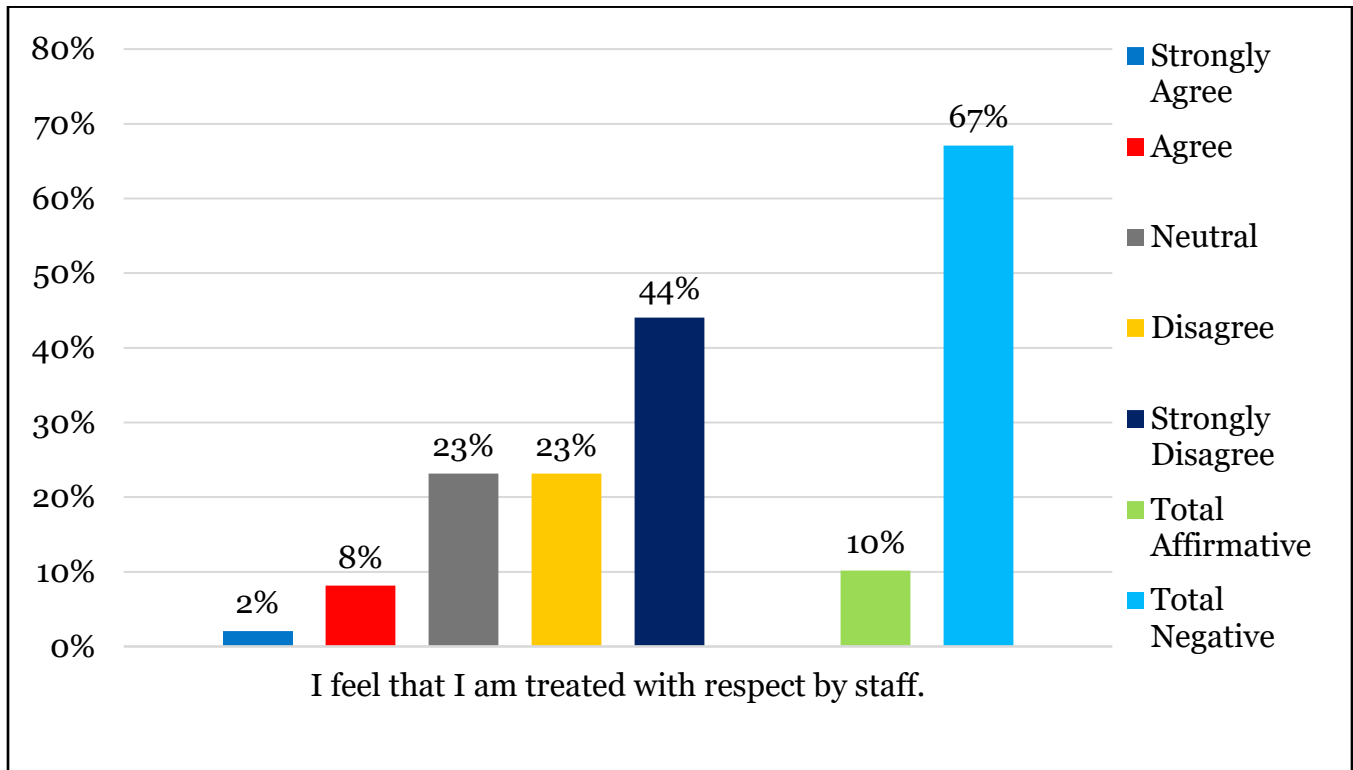
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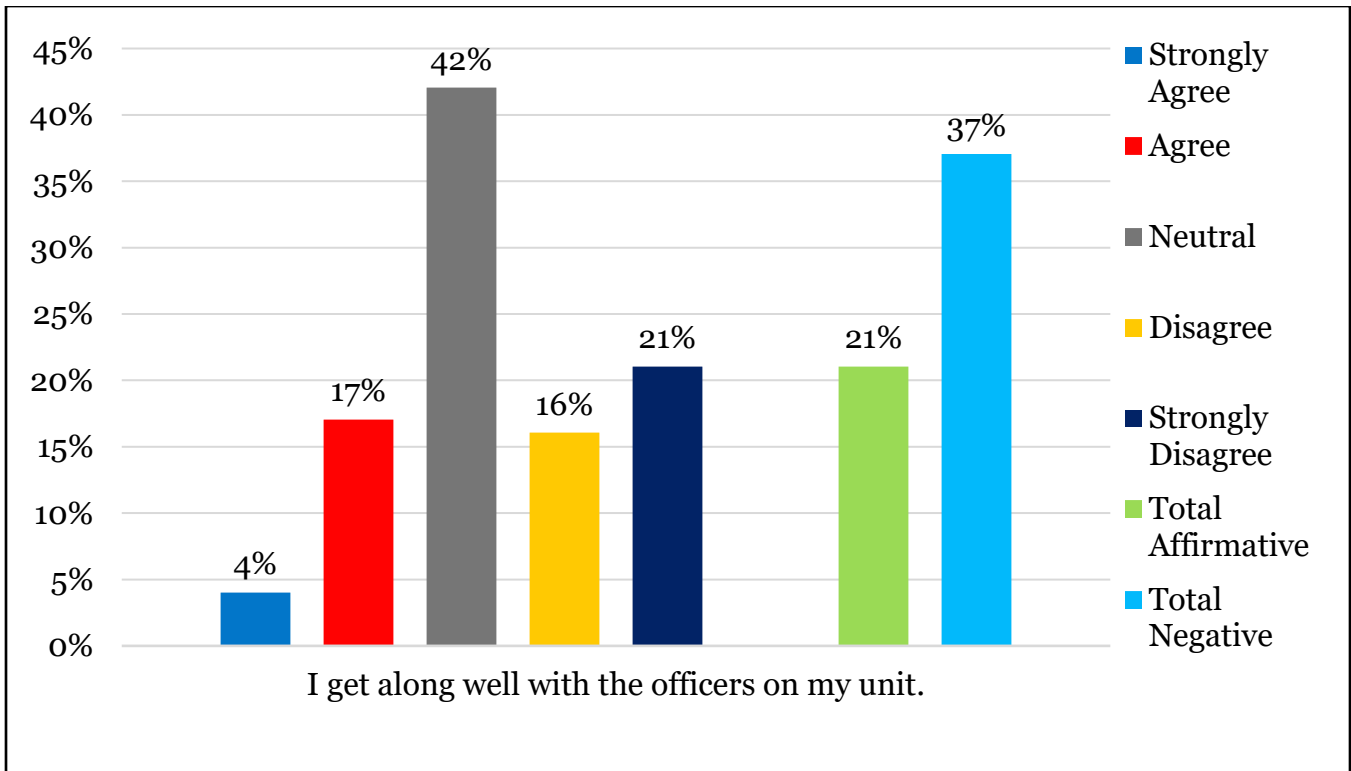
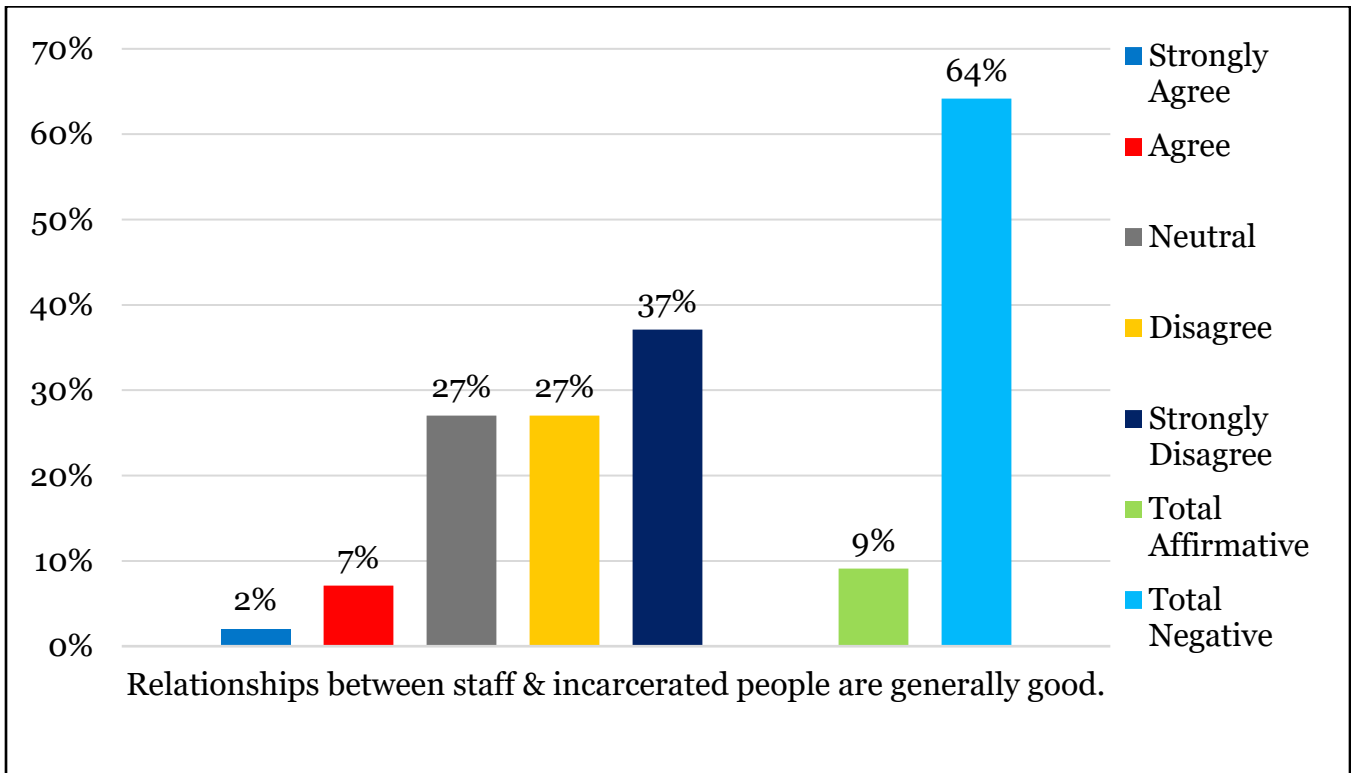
Charts: MQPL Dimensions²

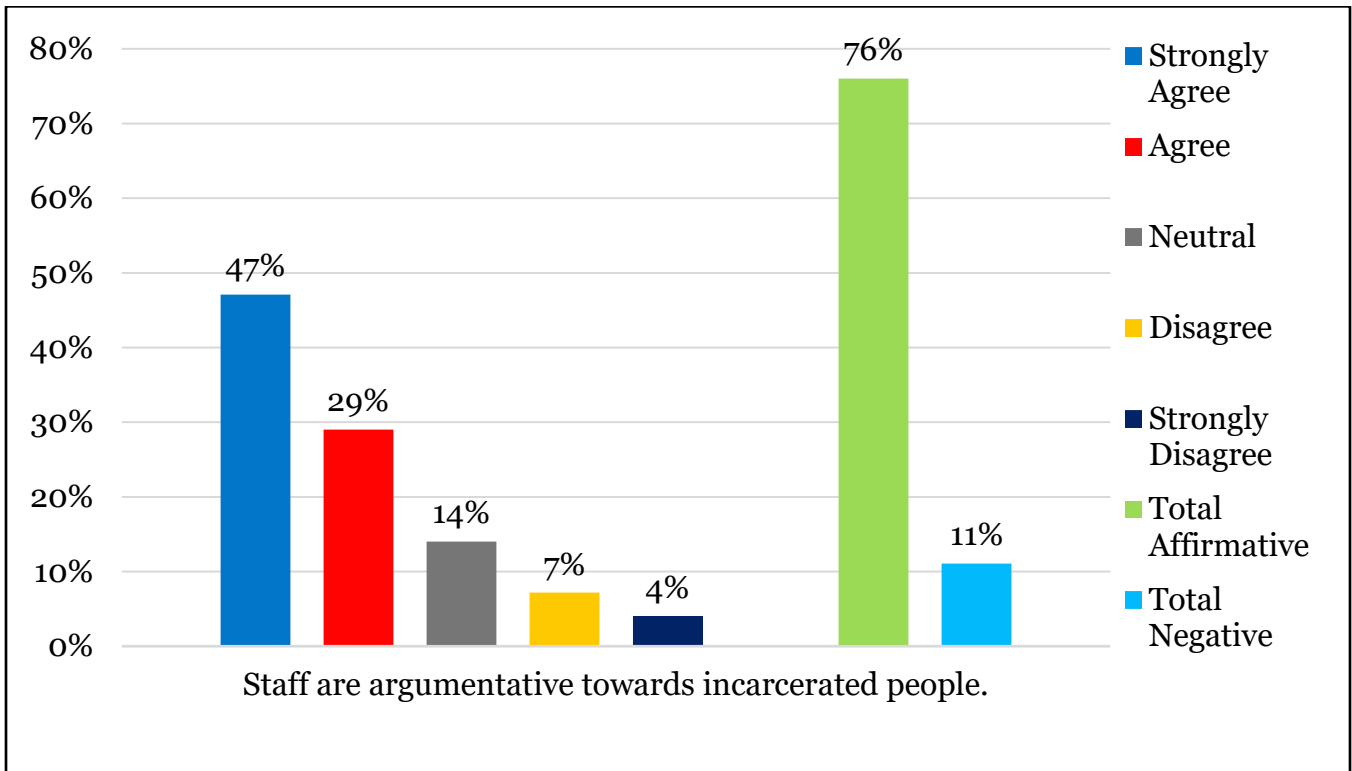
Harmony

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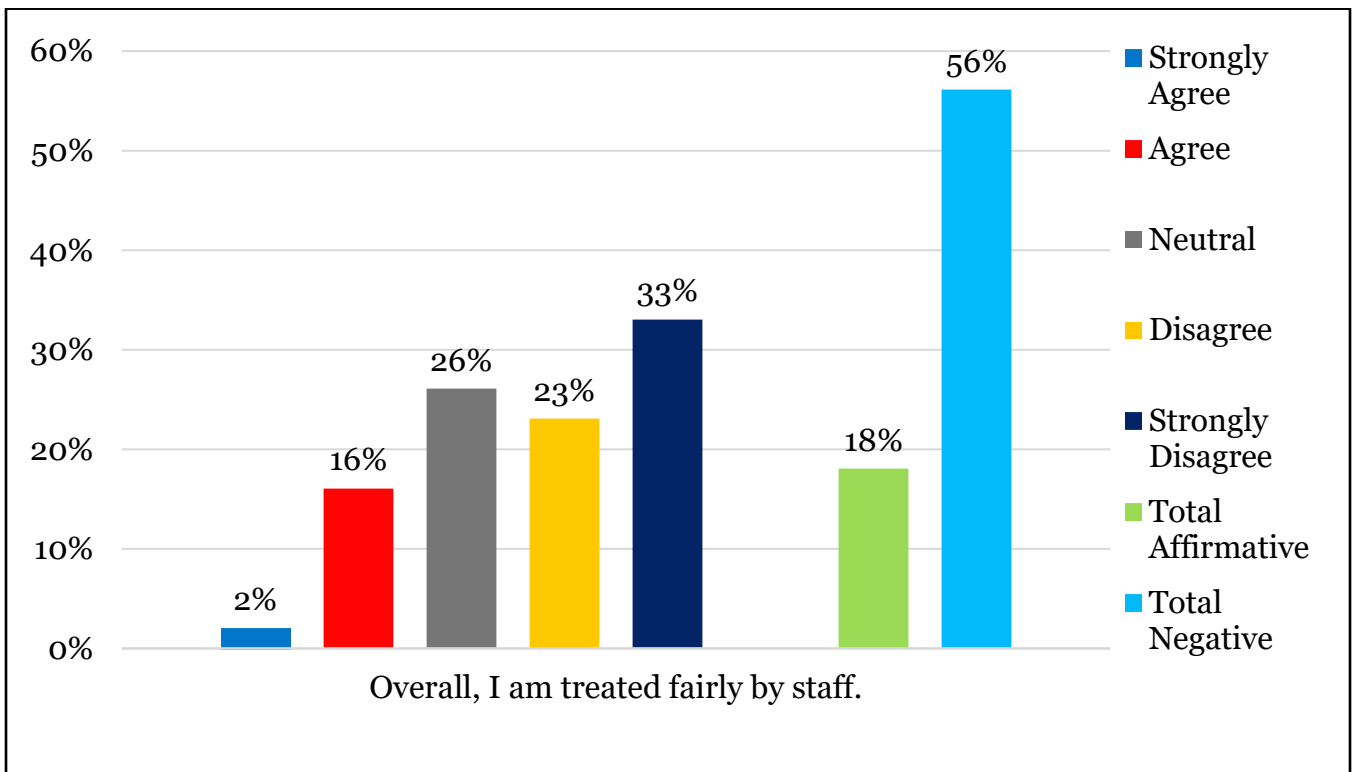


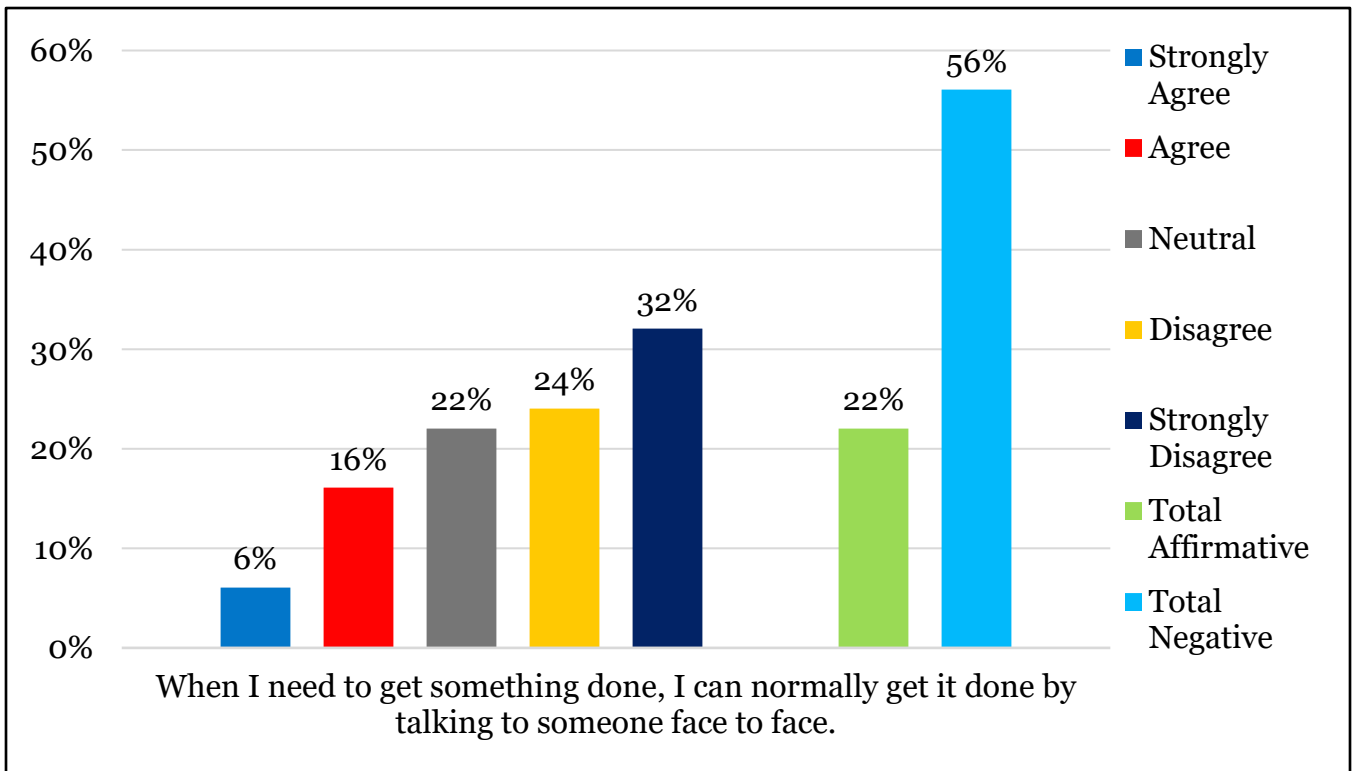
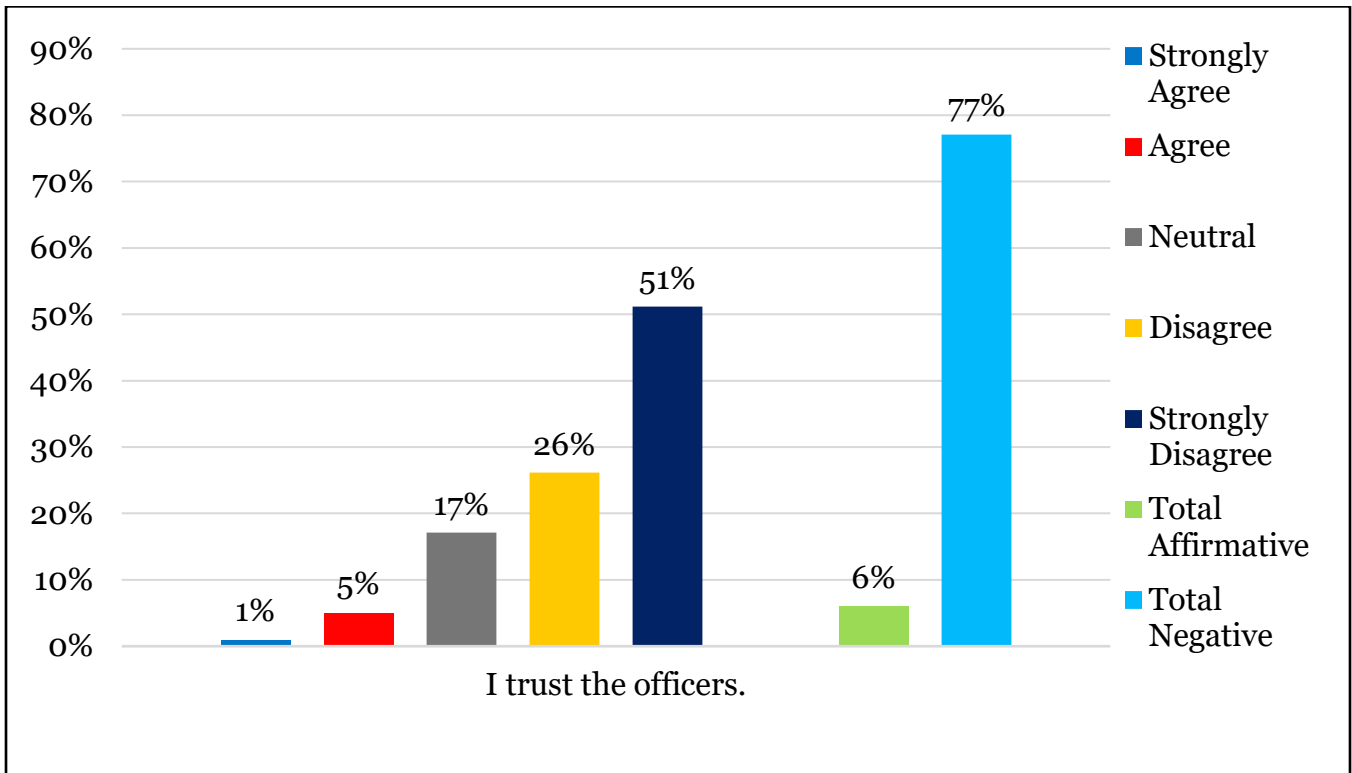
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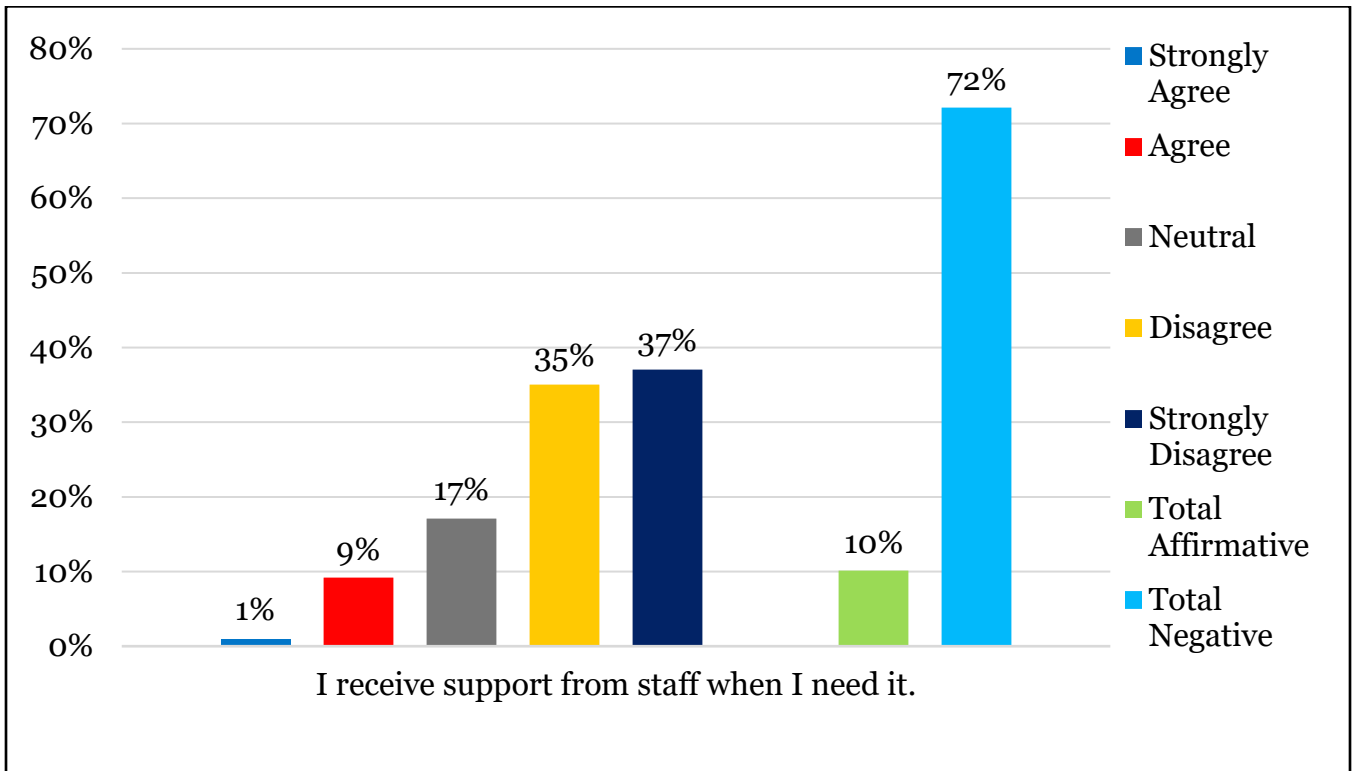




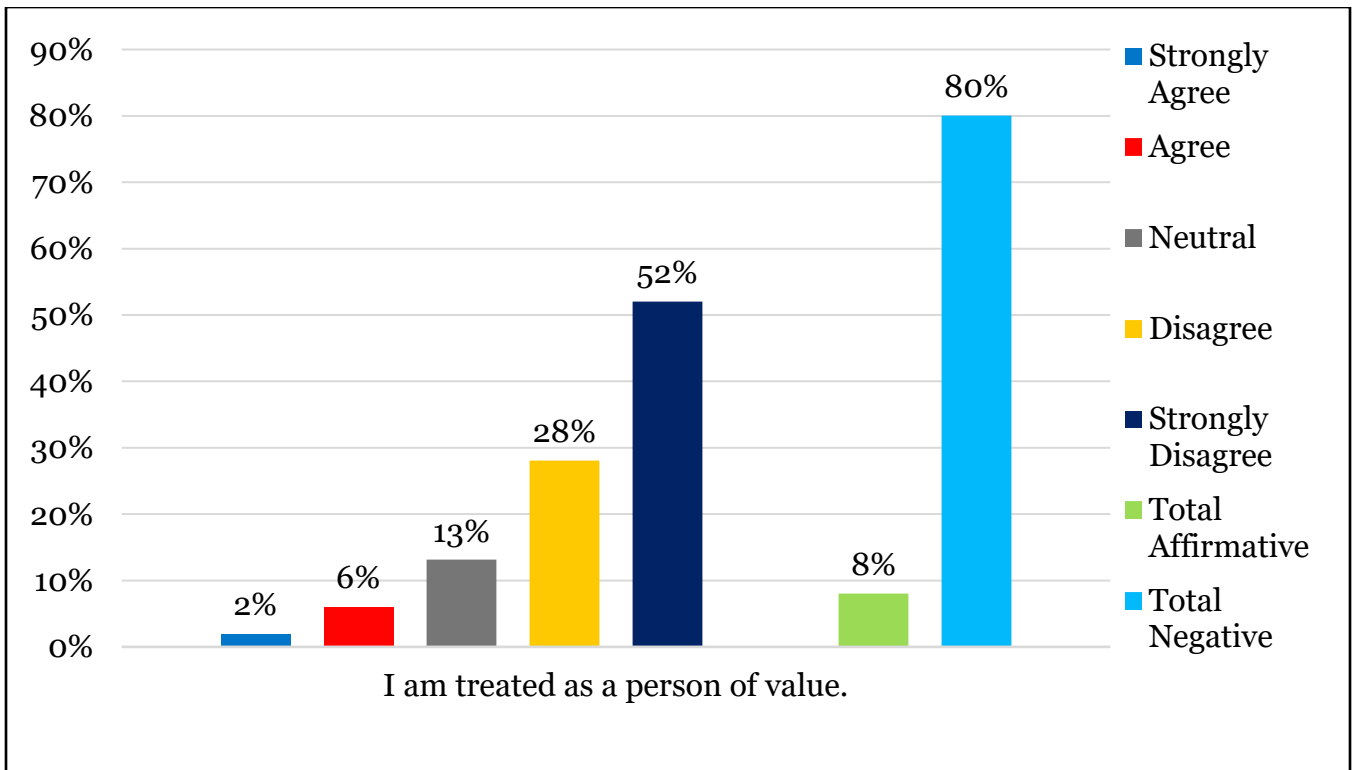
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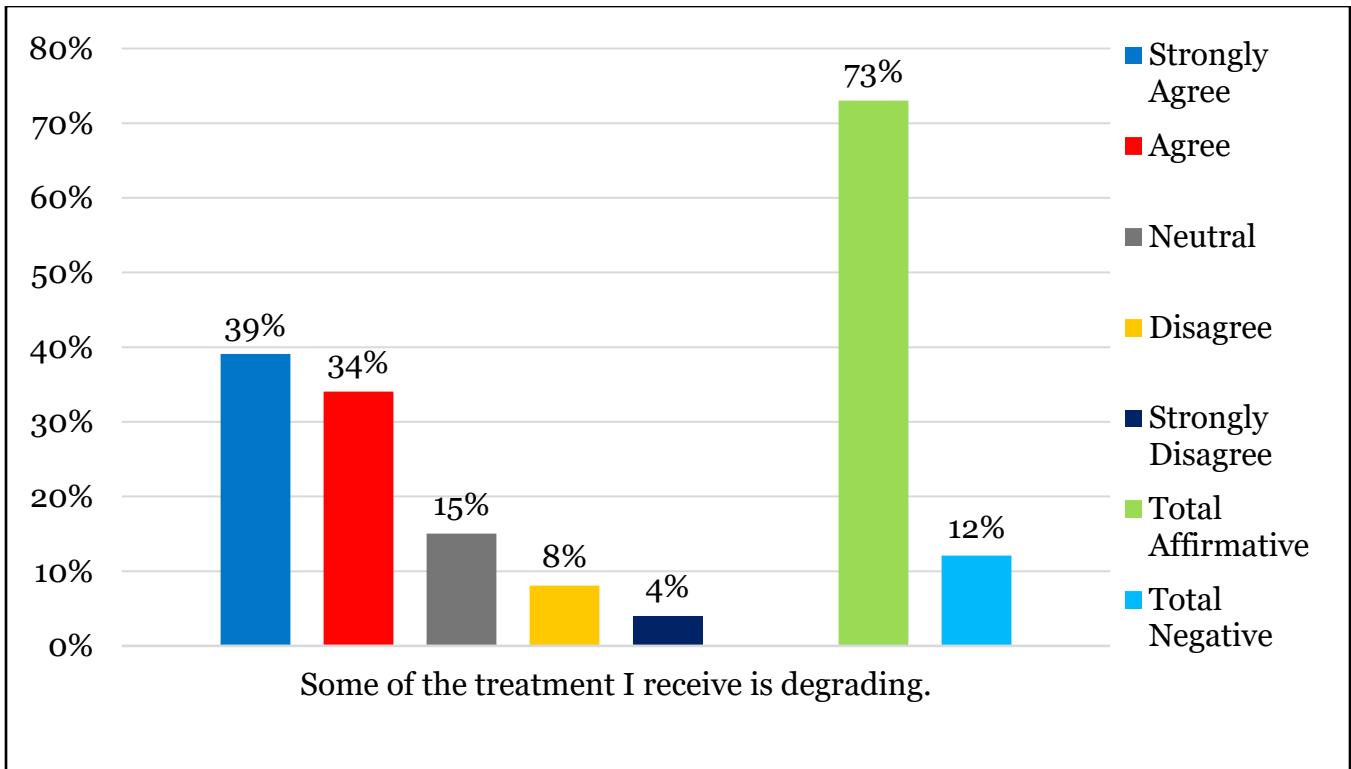
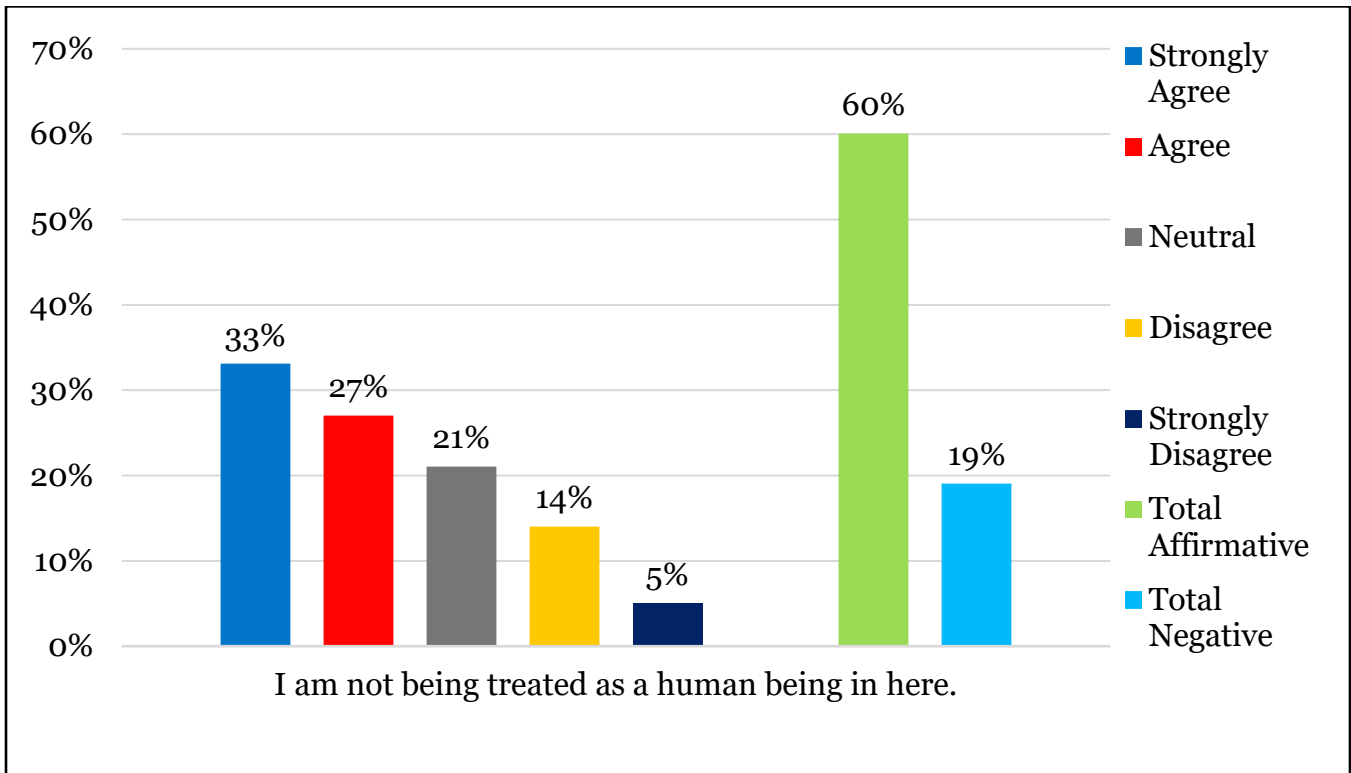


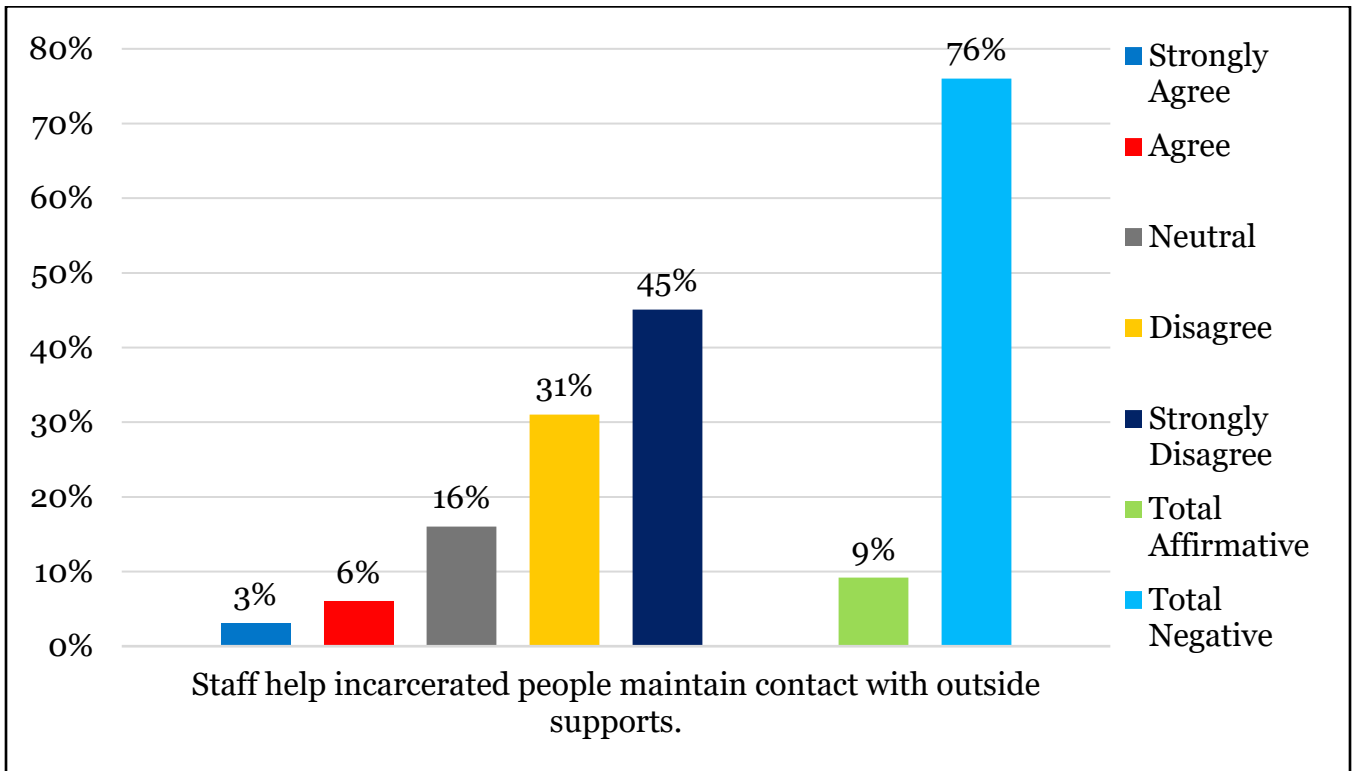




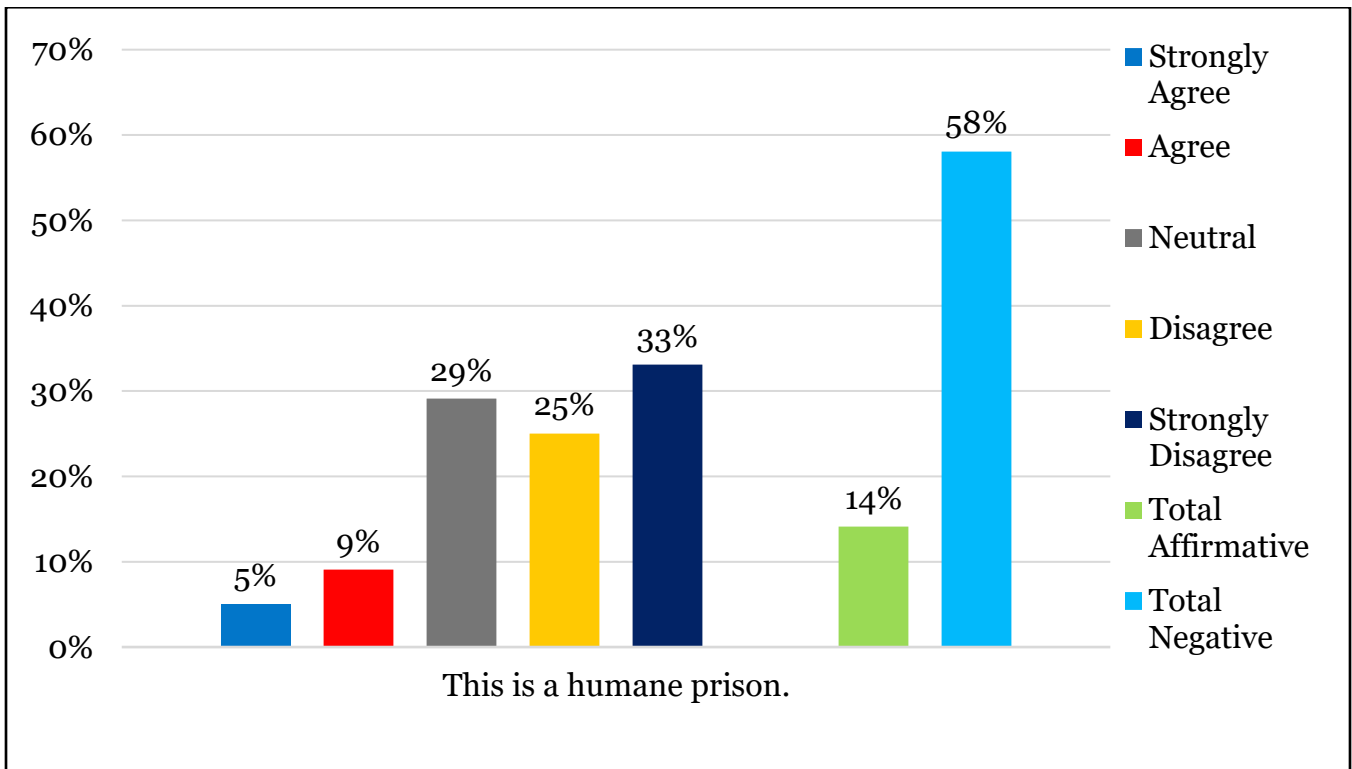
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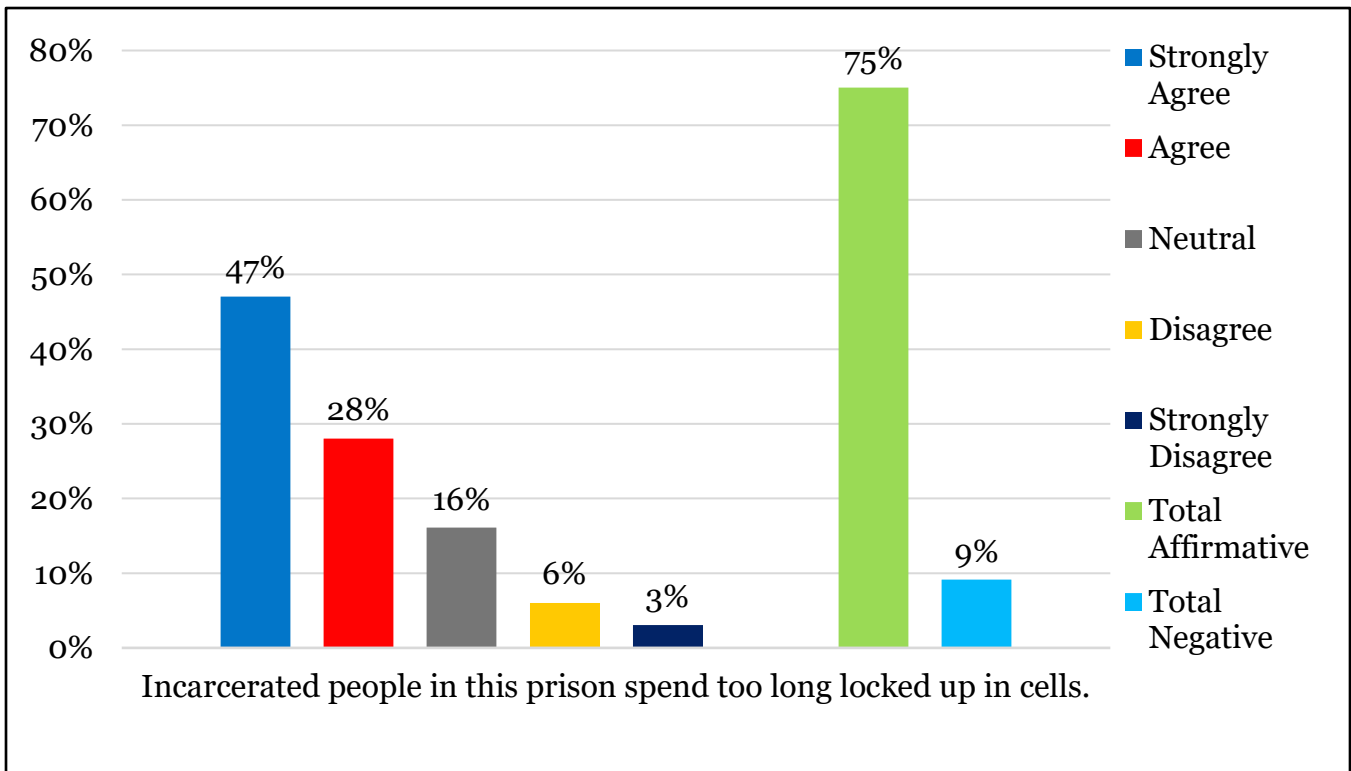
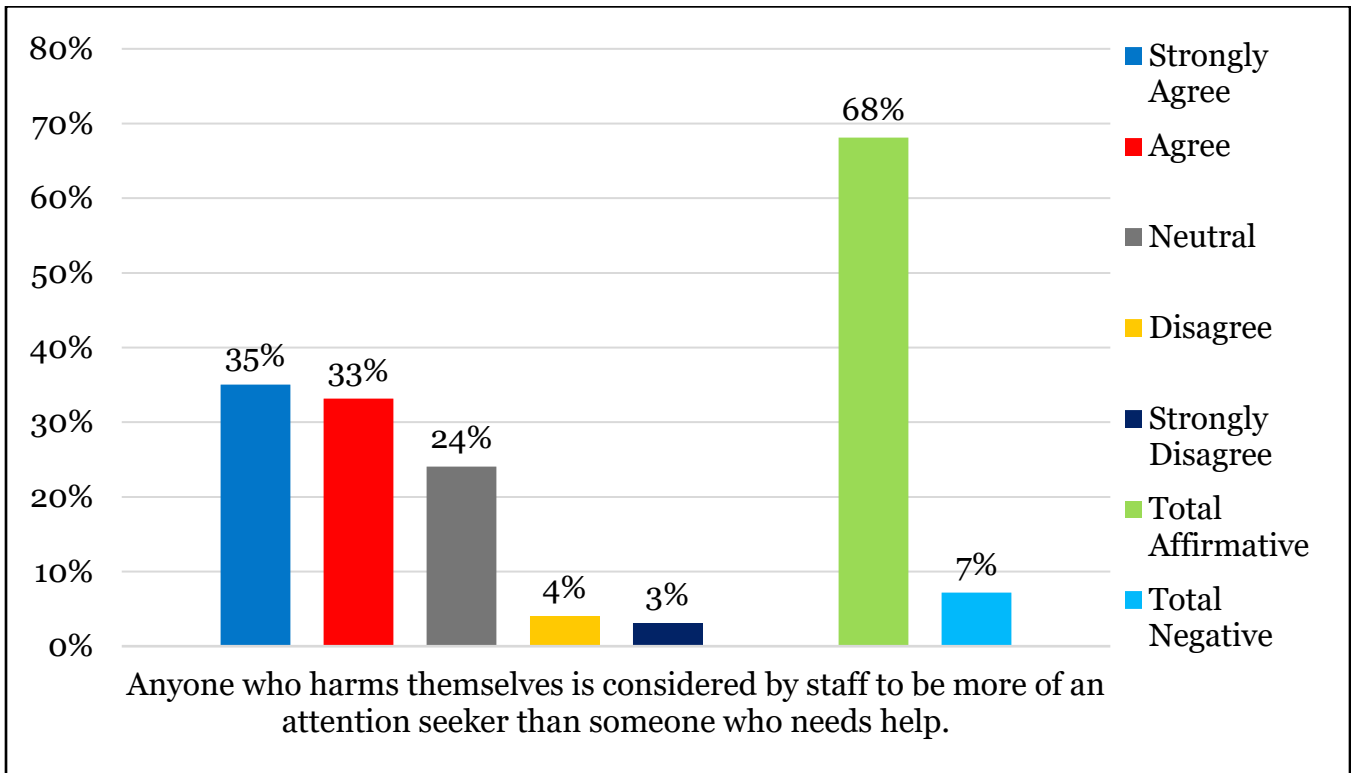




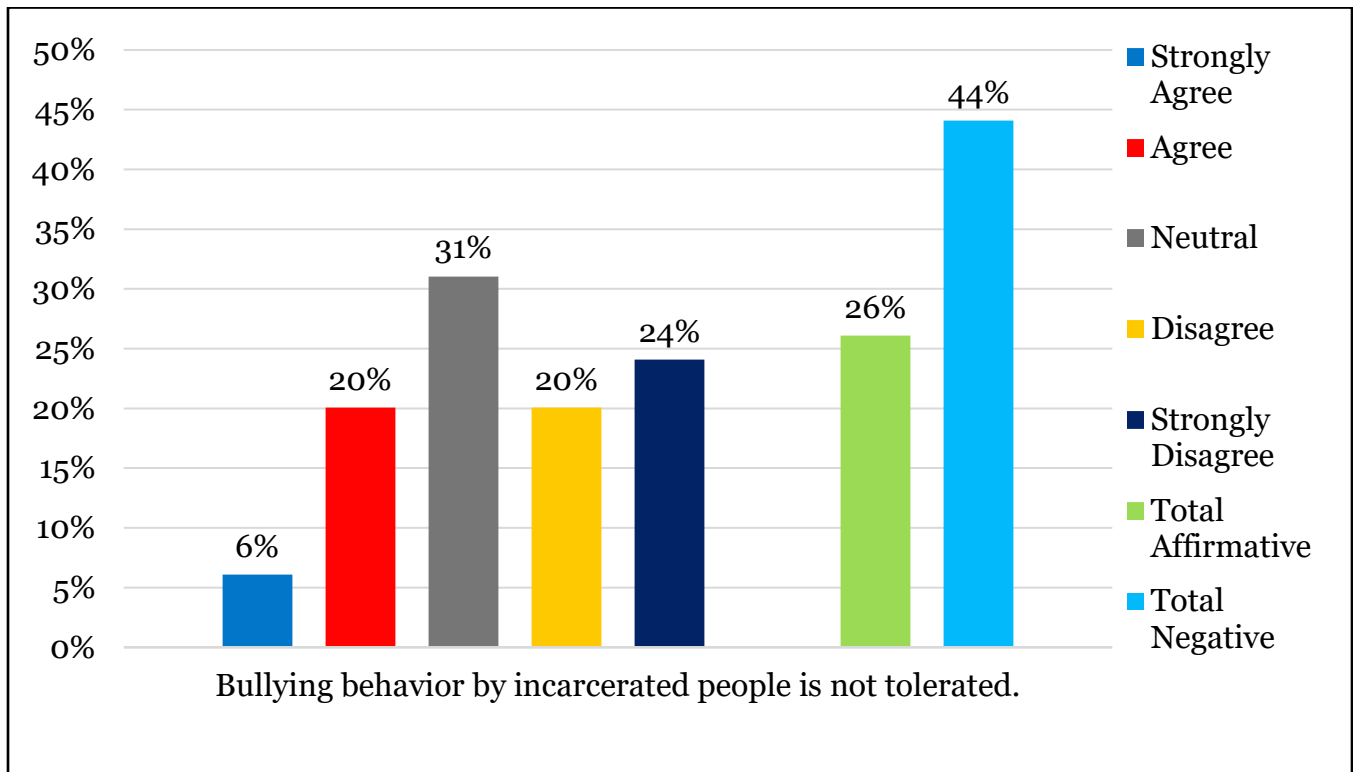


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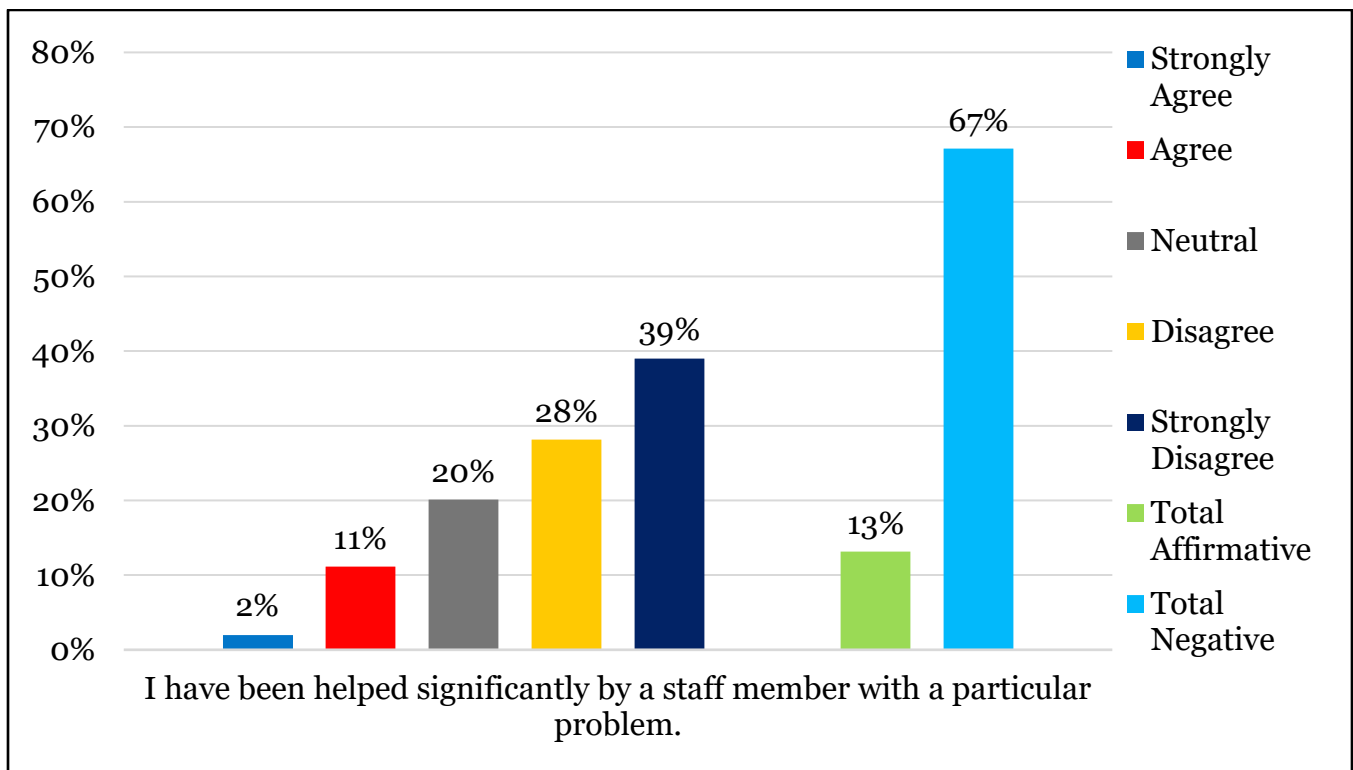




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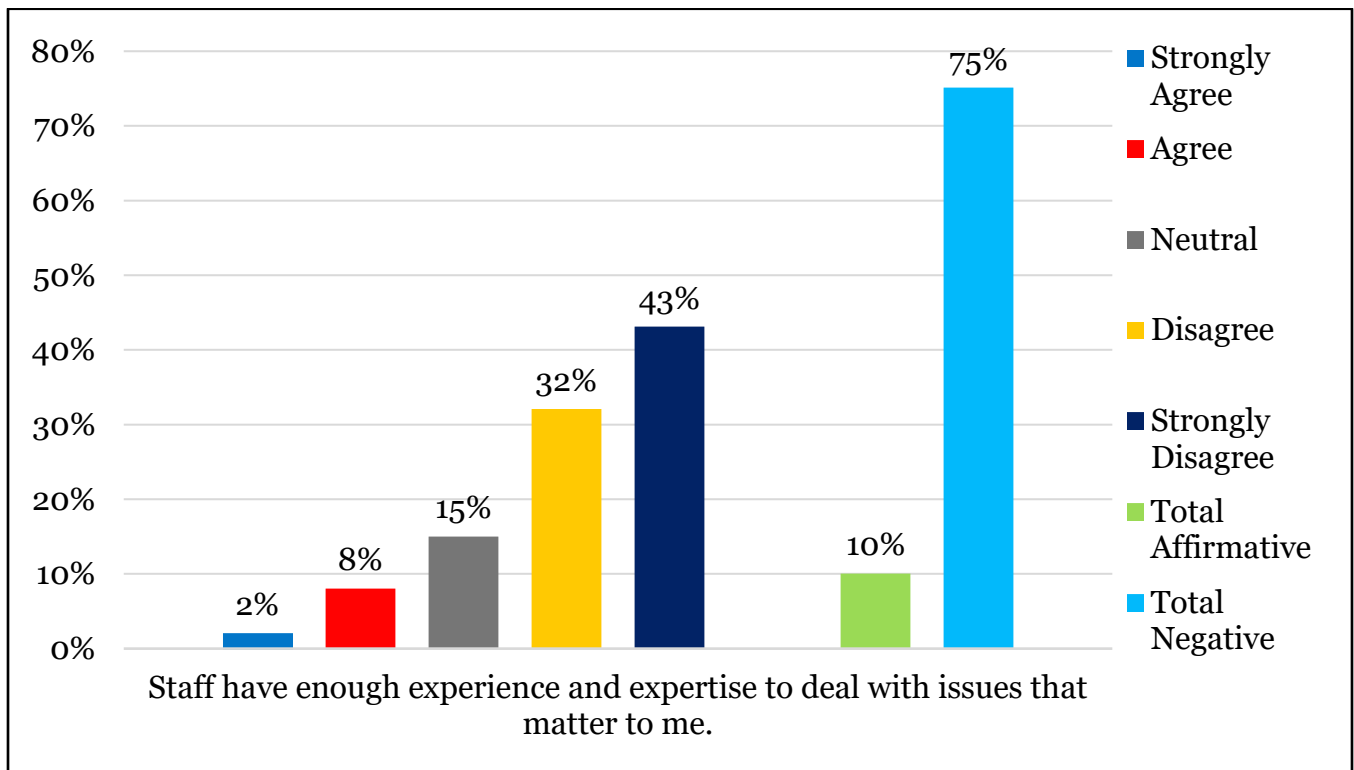
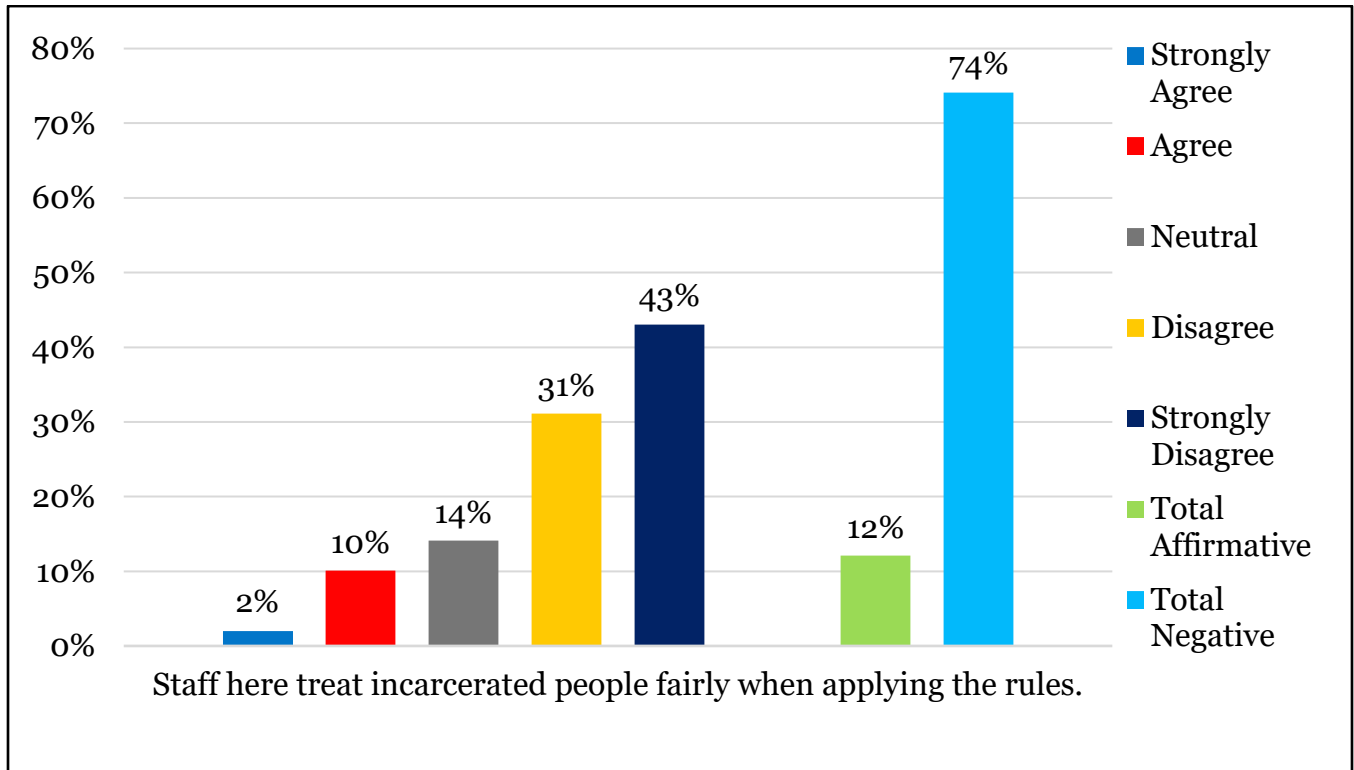


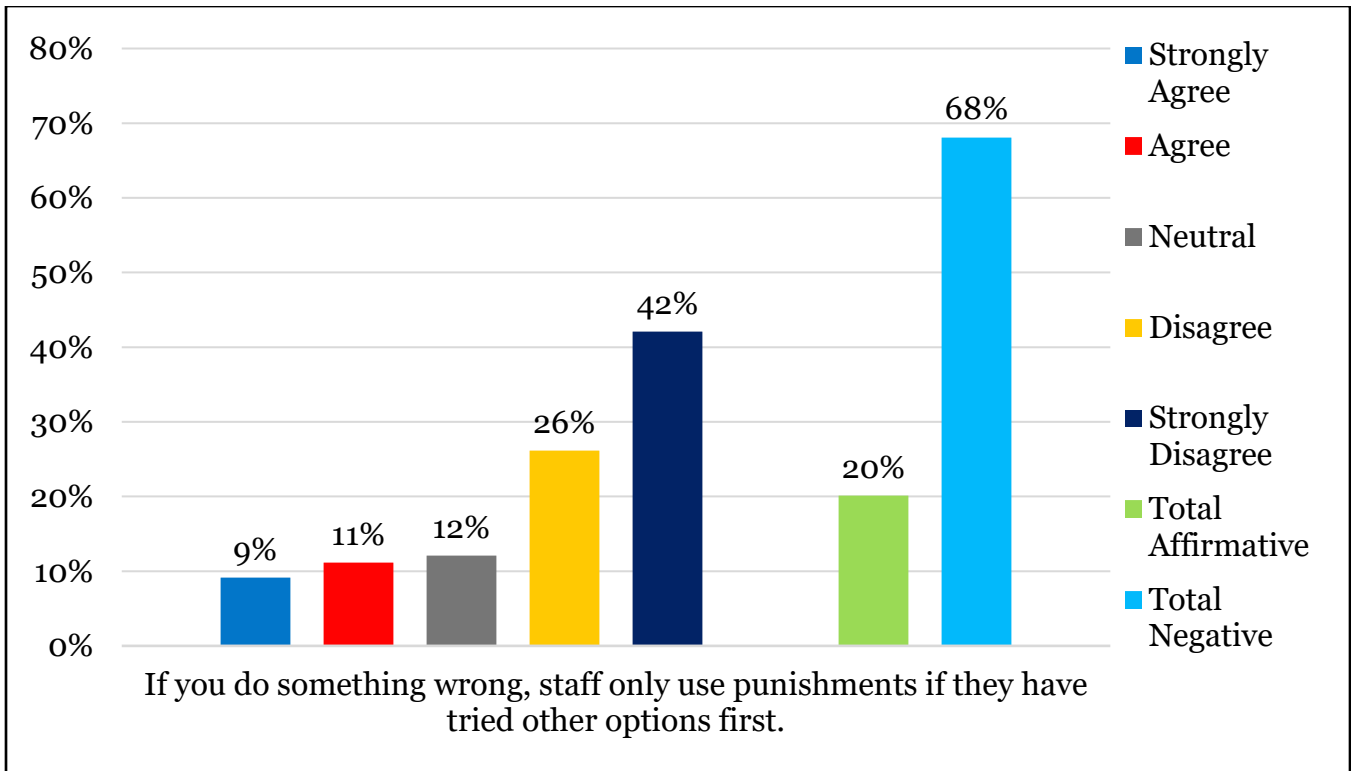
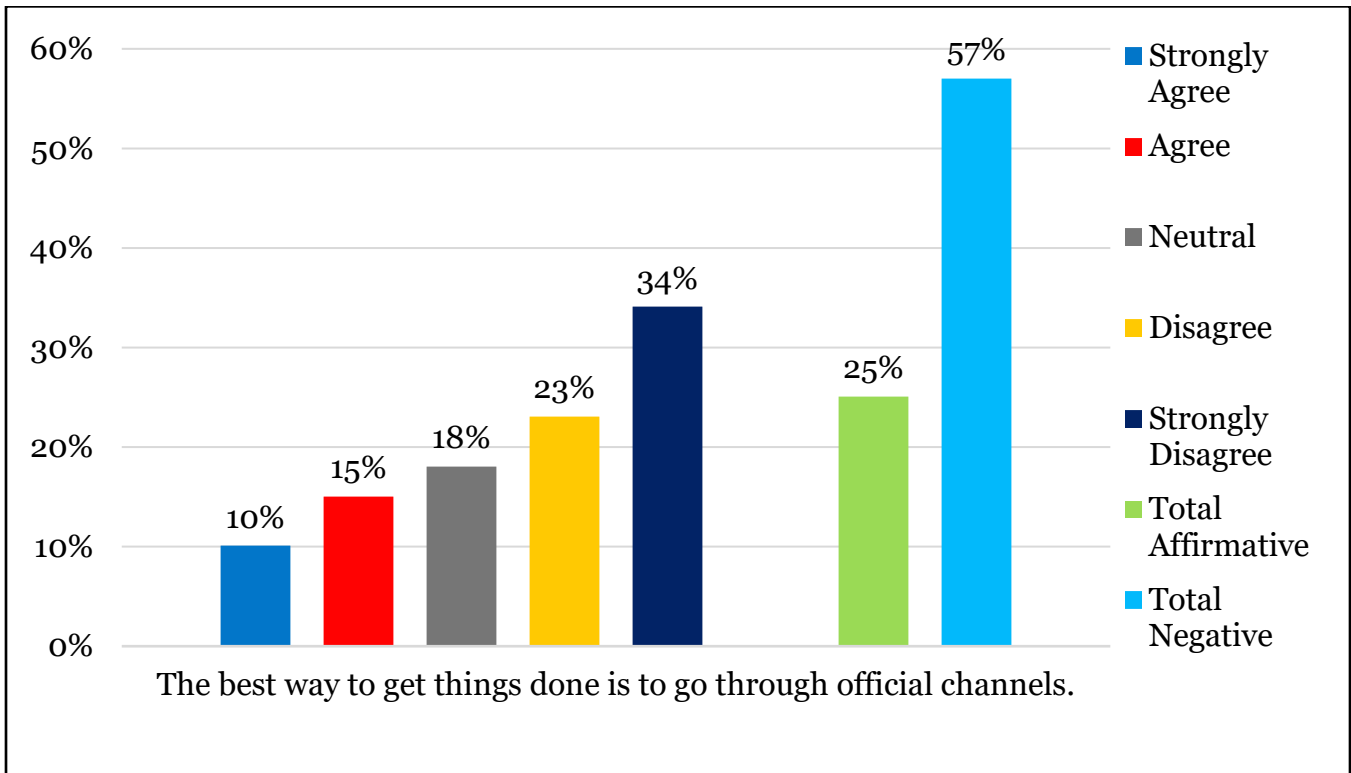
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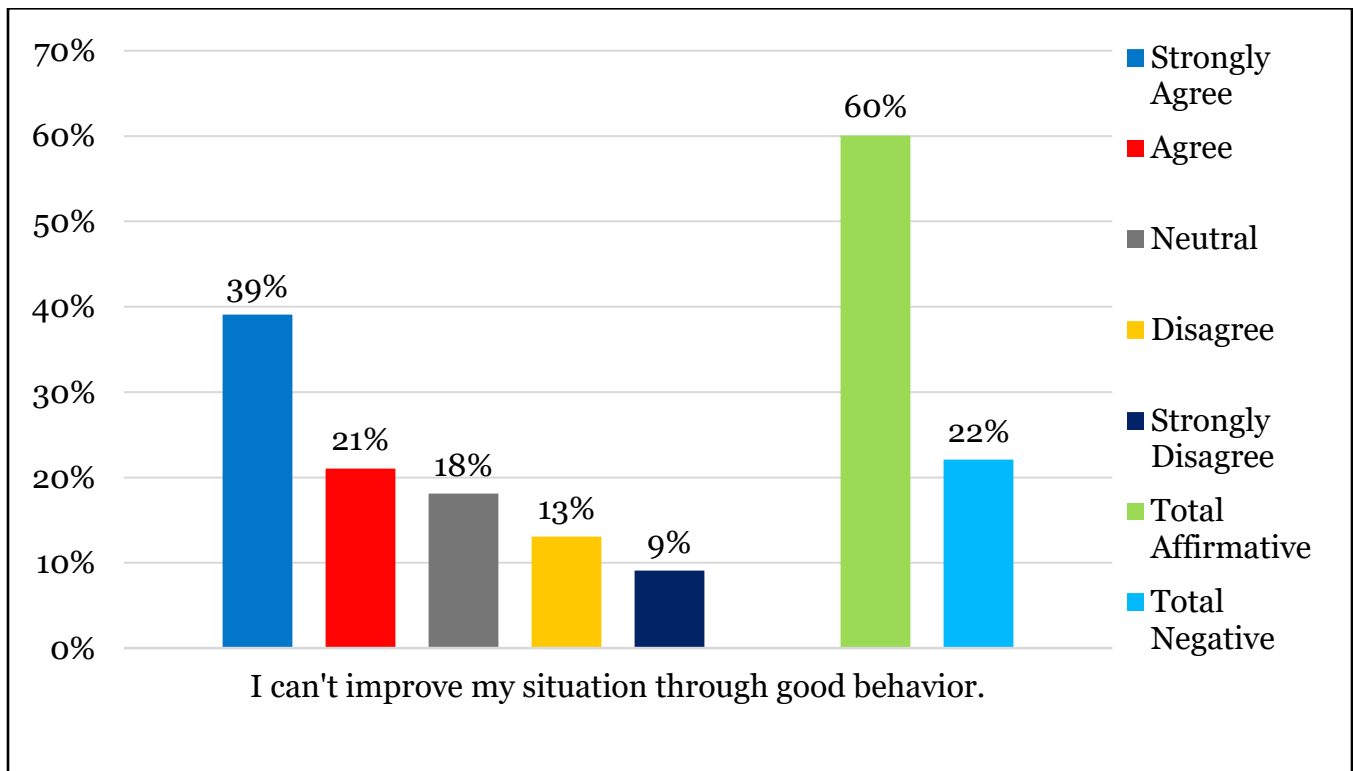
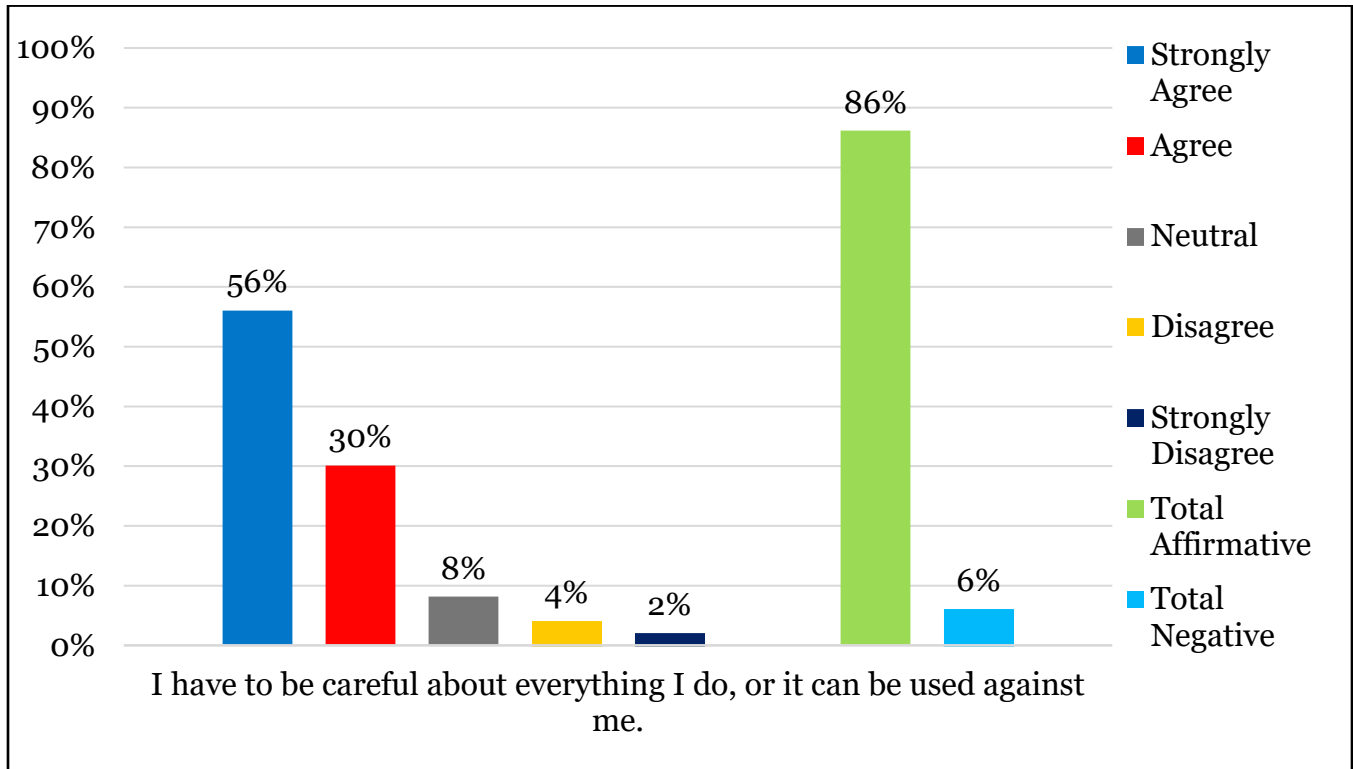
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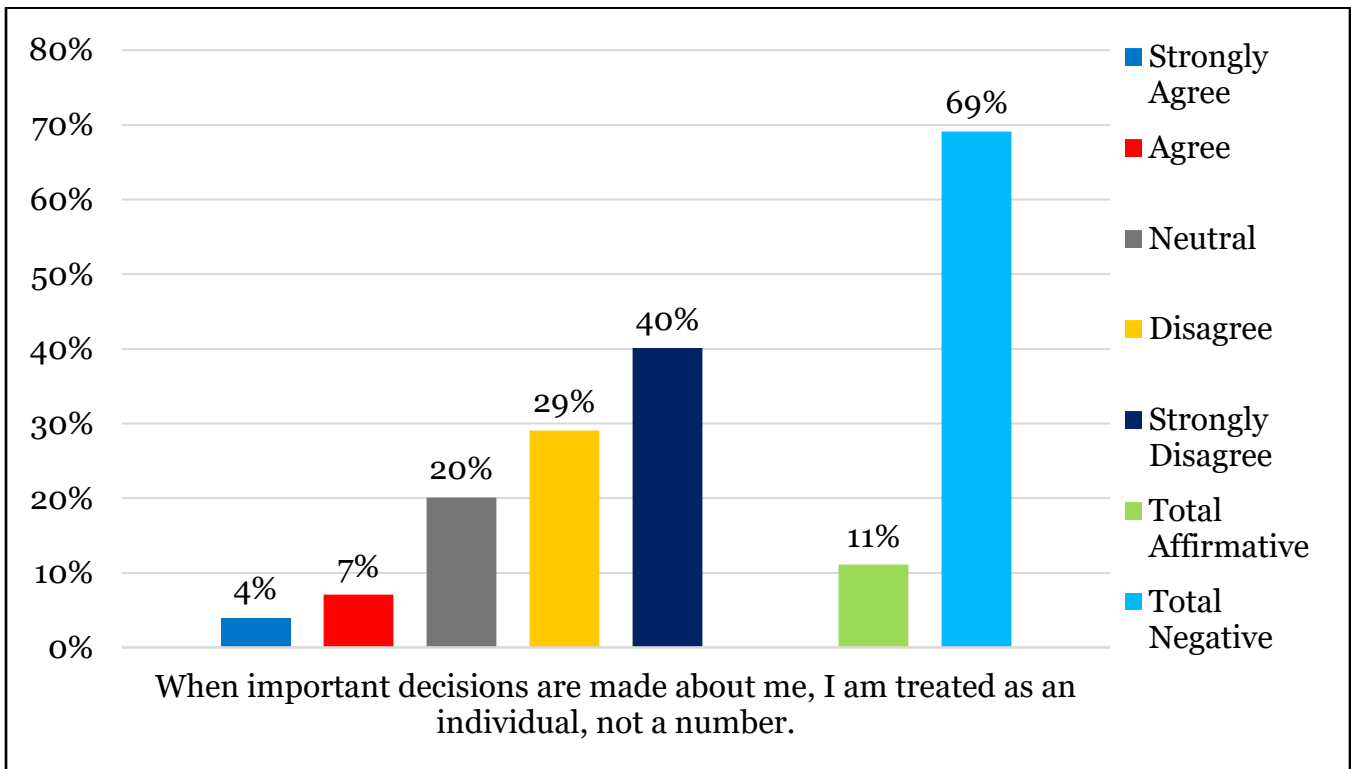
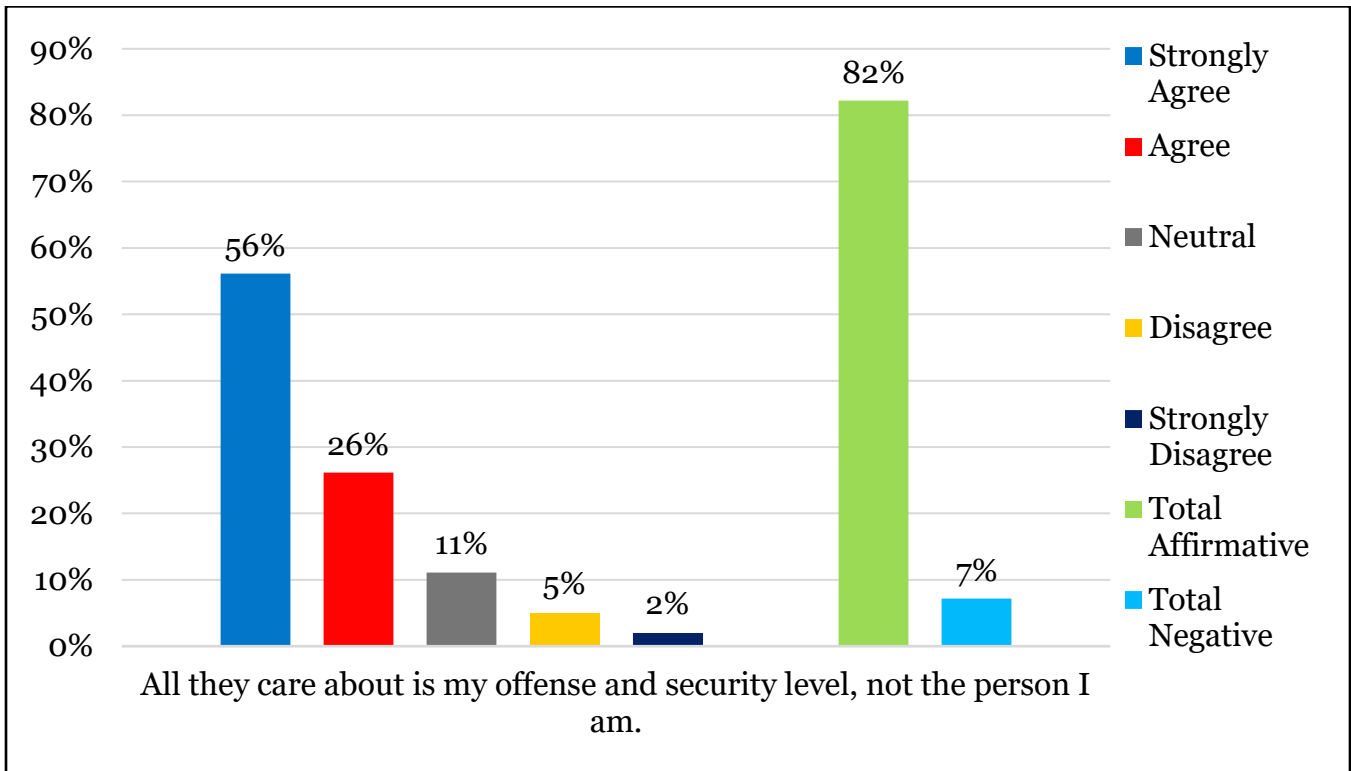
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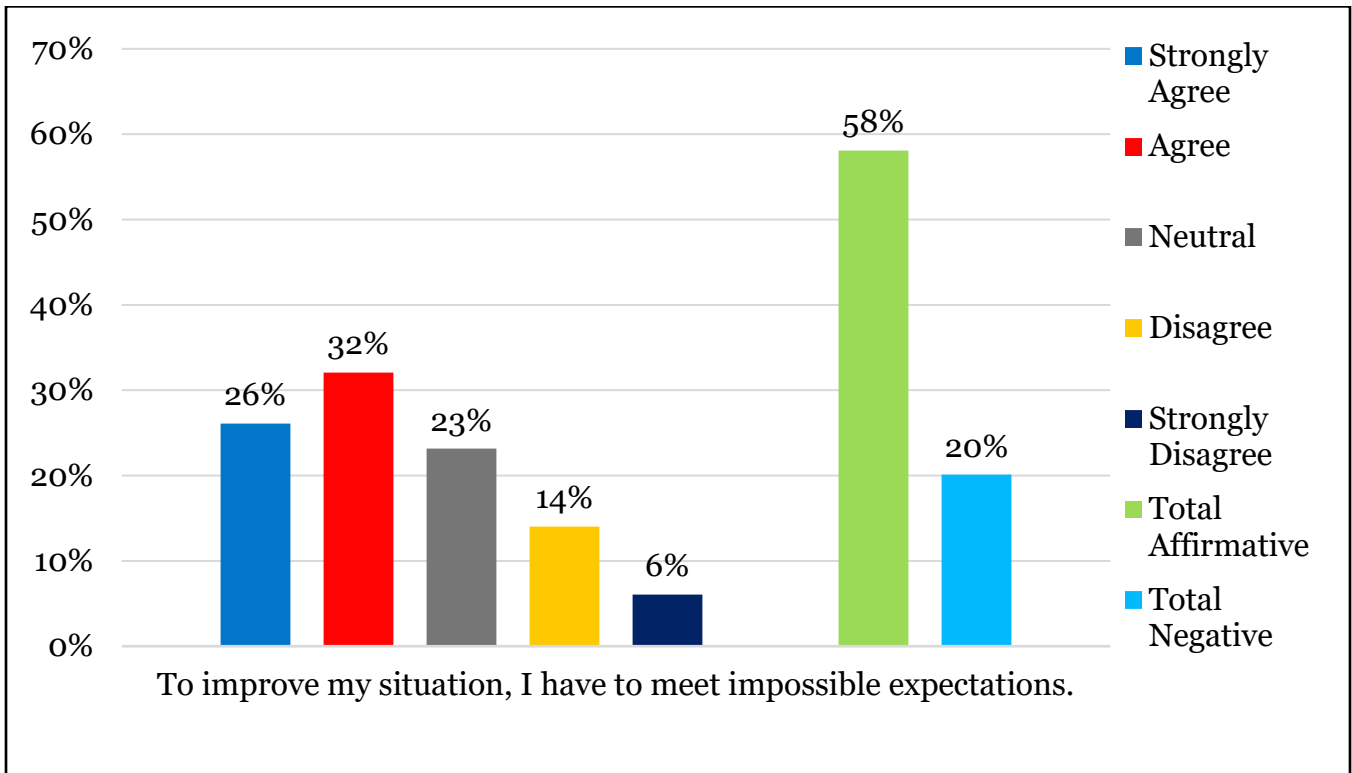




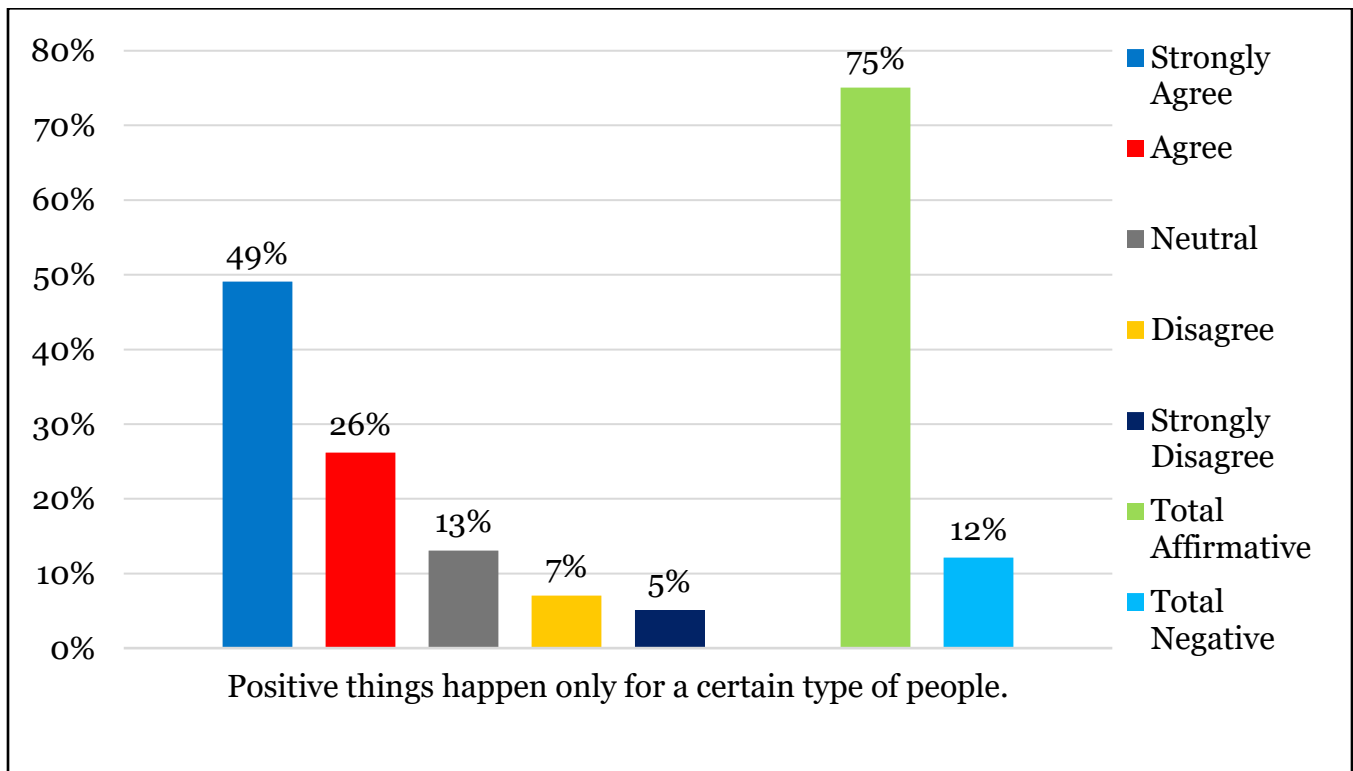
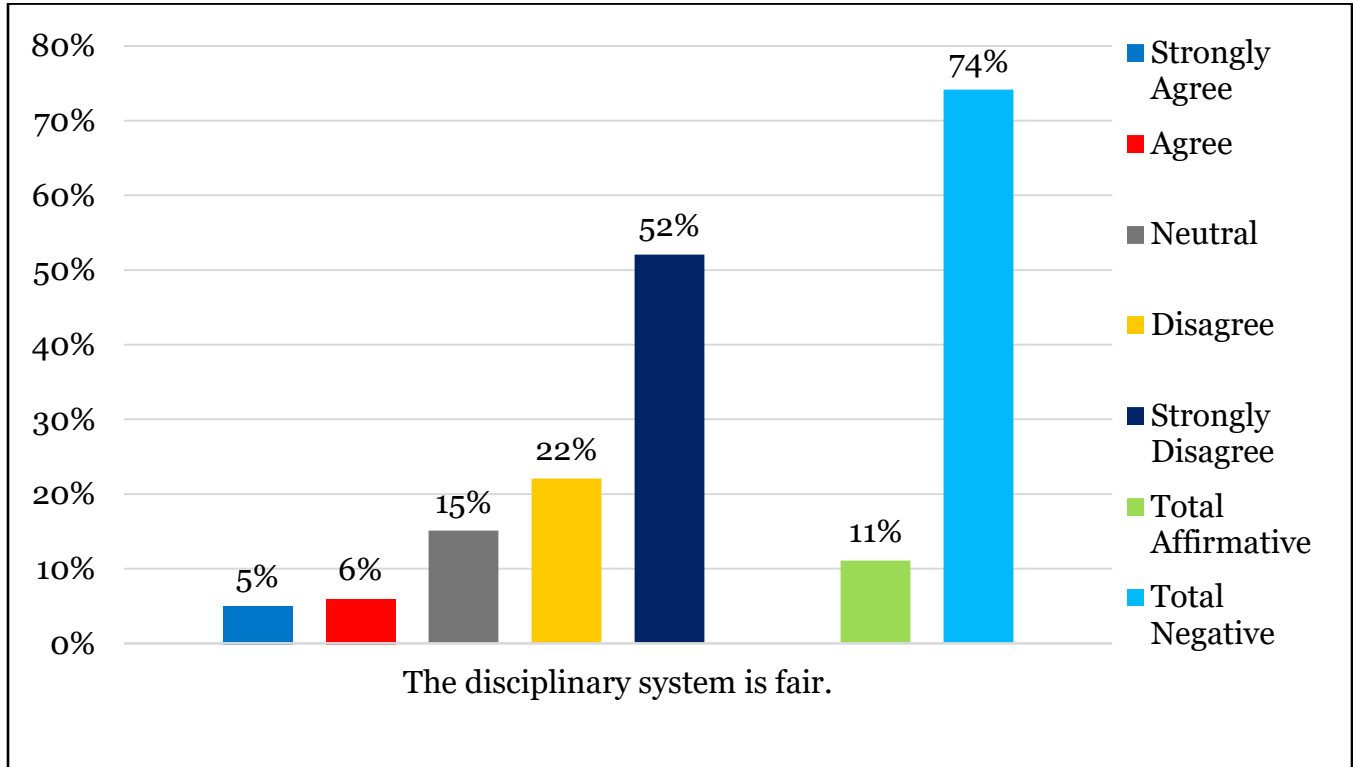
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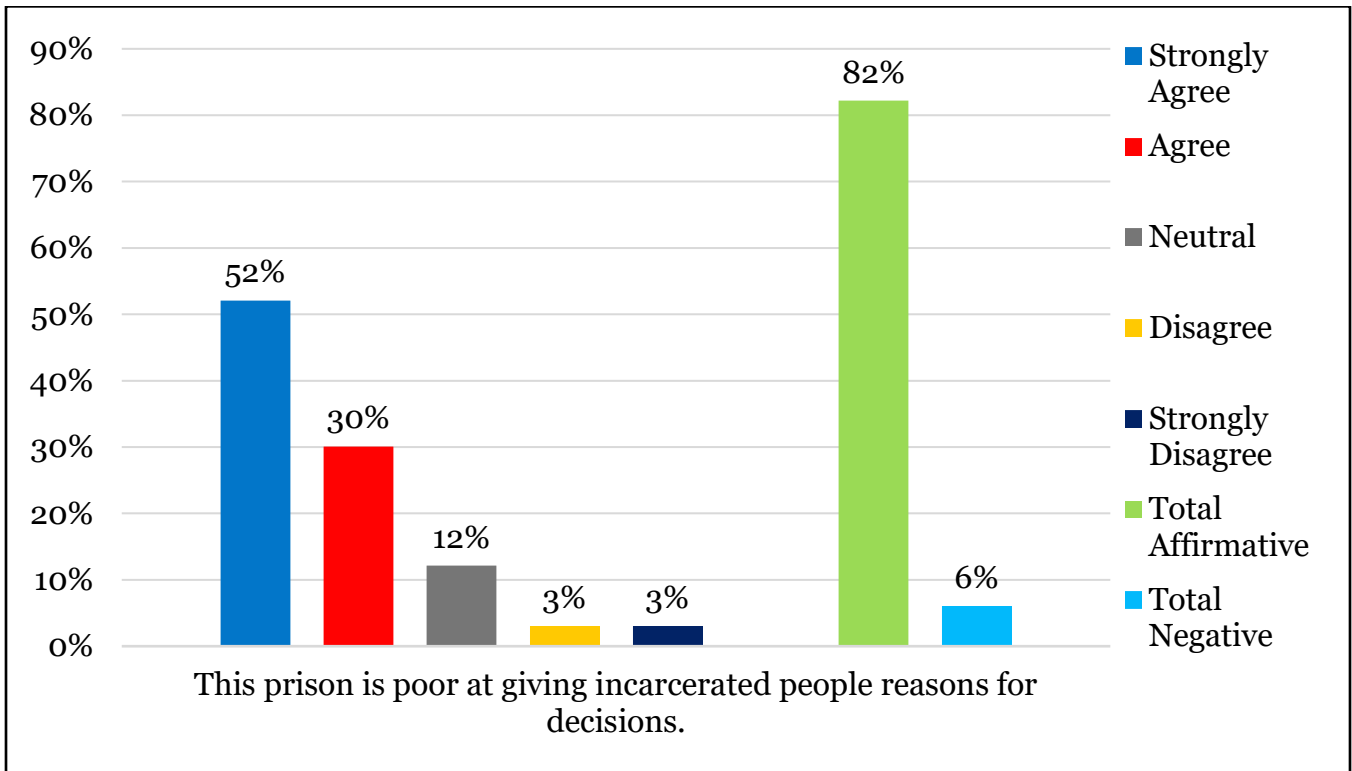




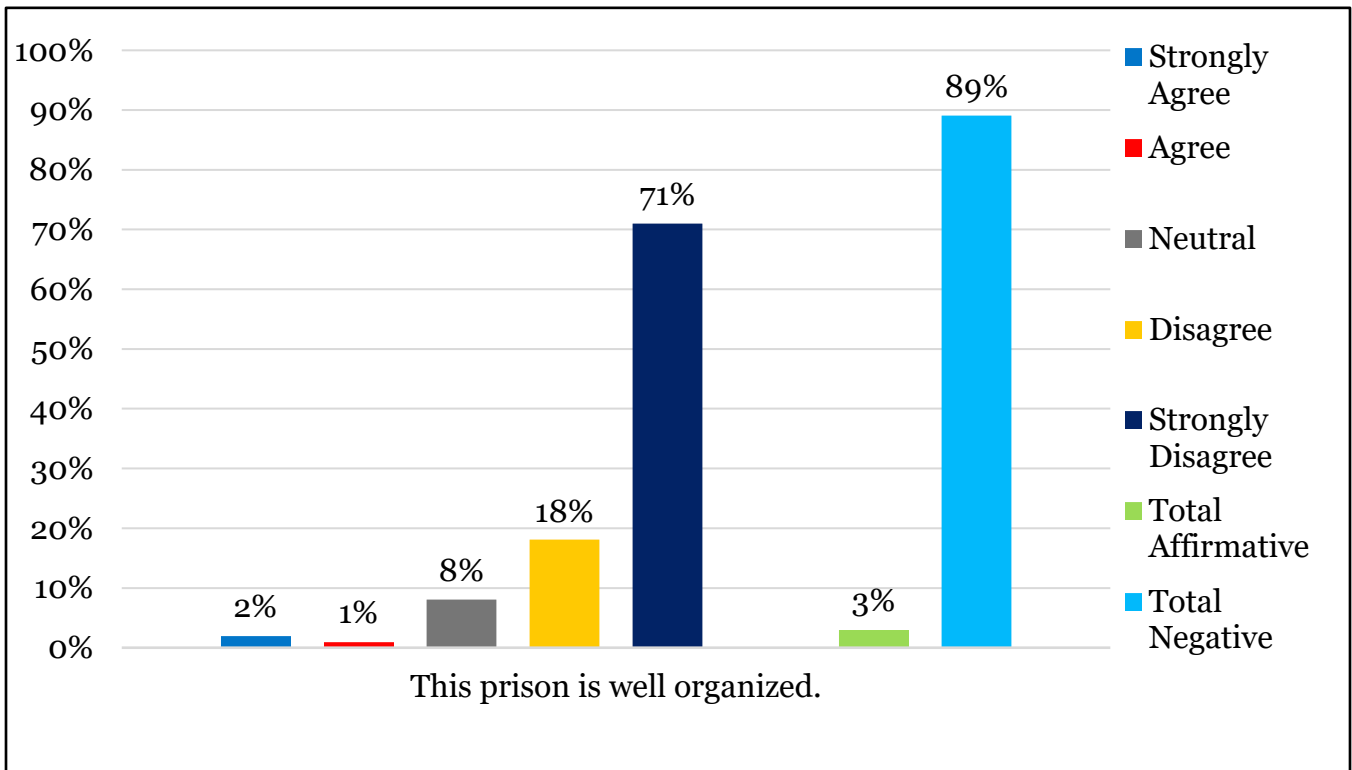


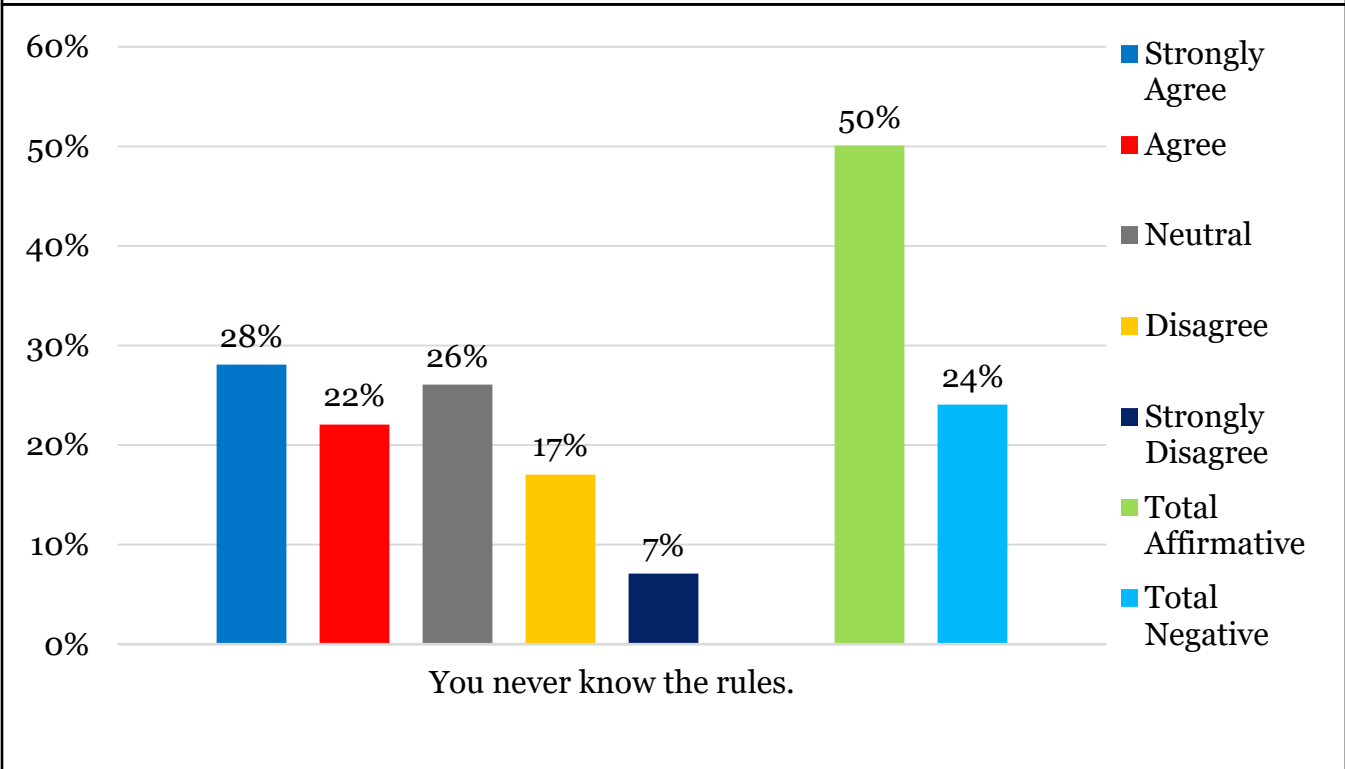
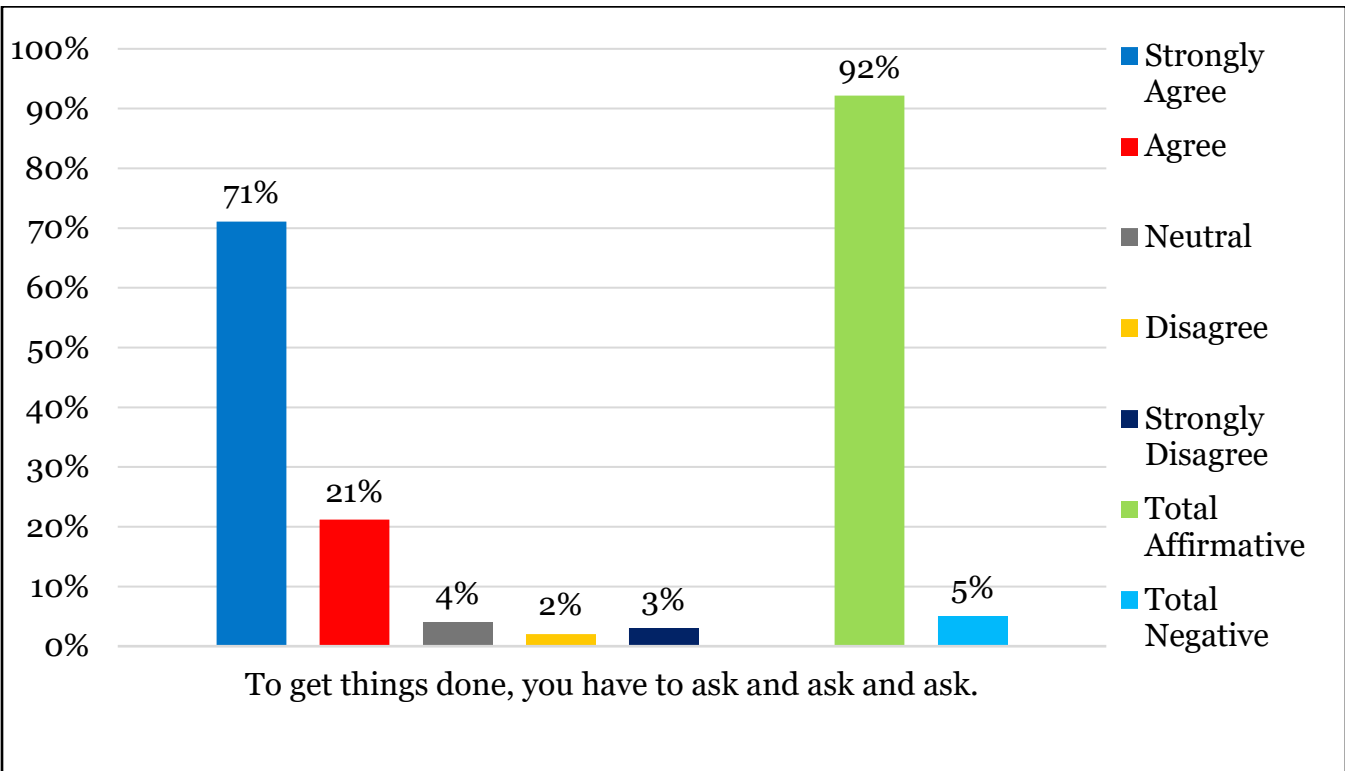
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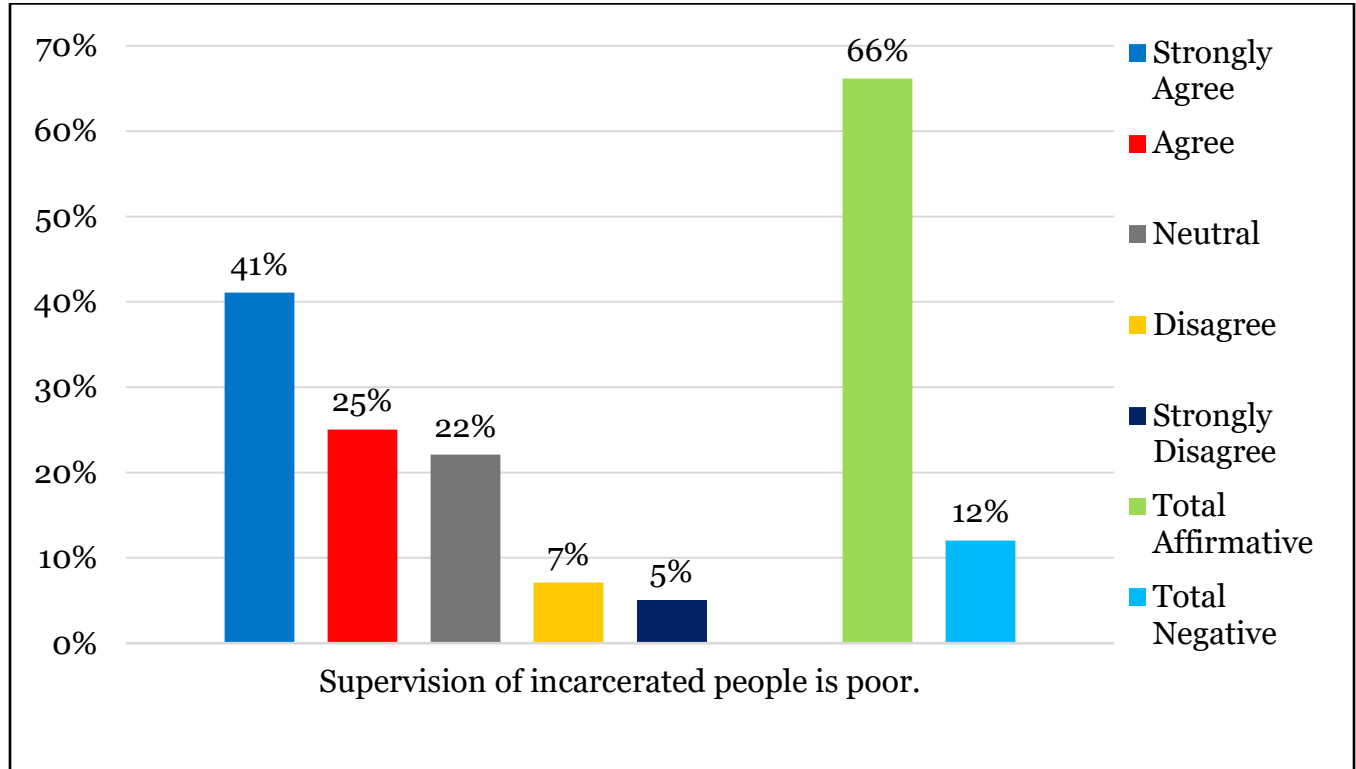
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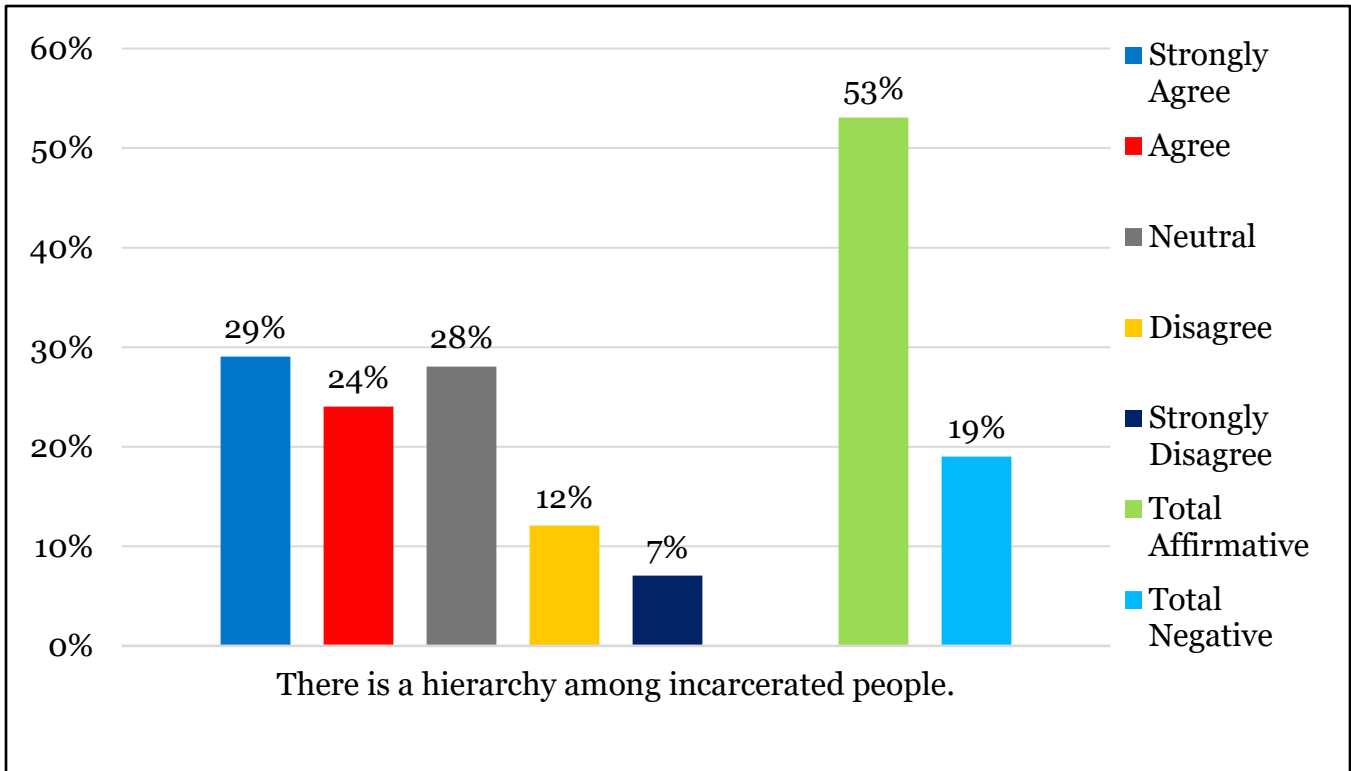
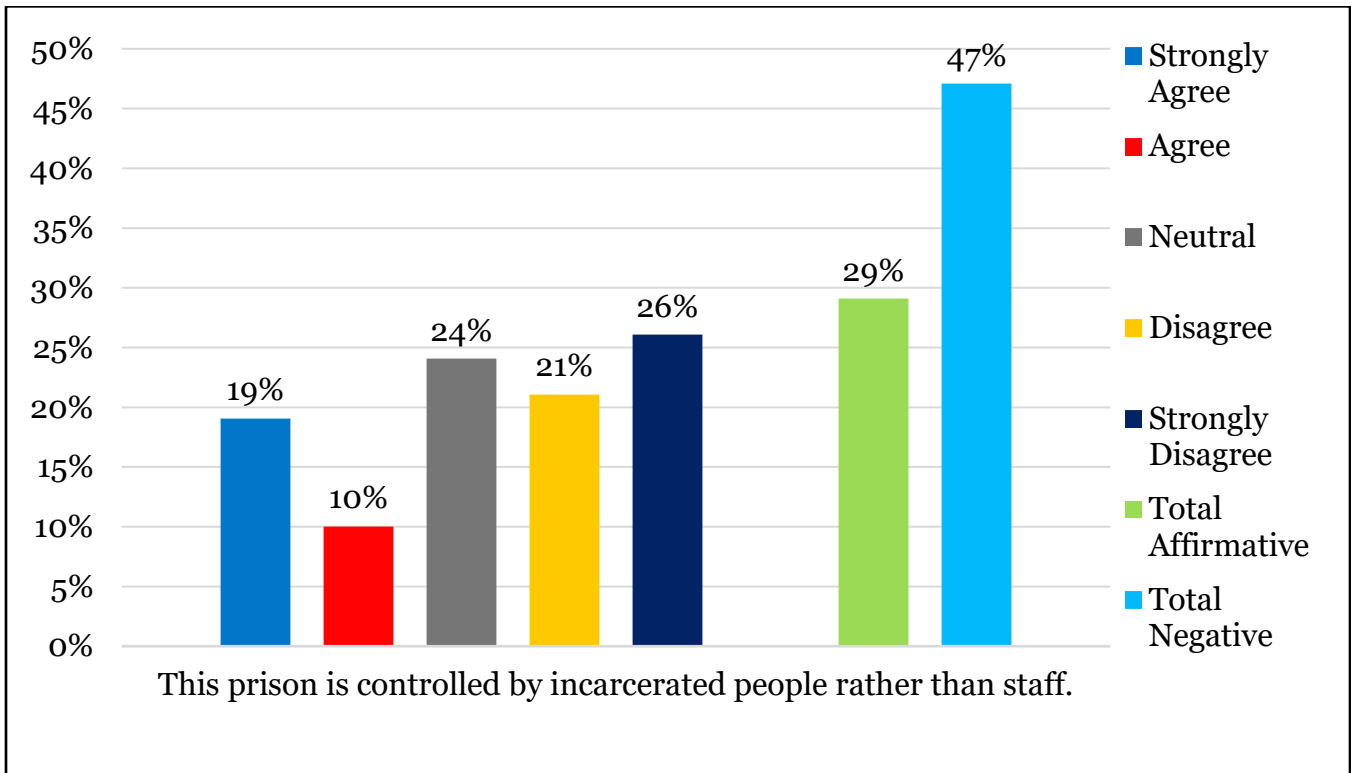


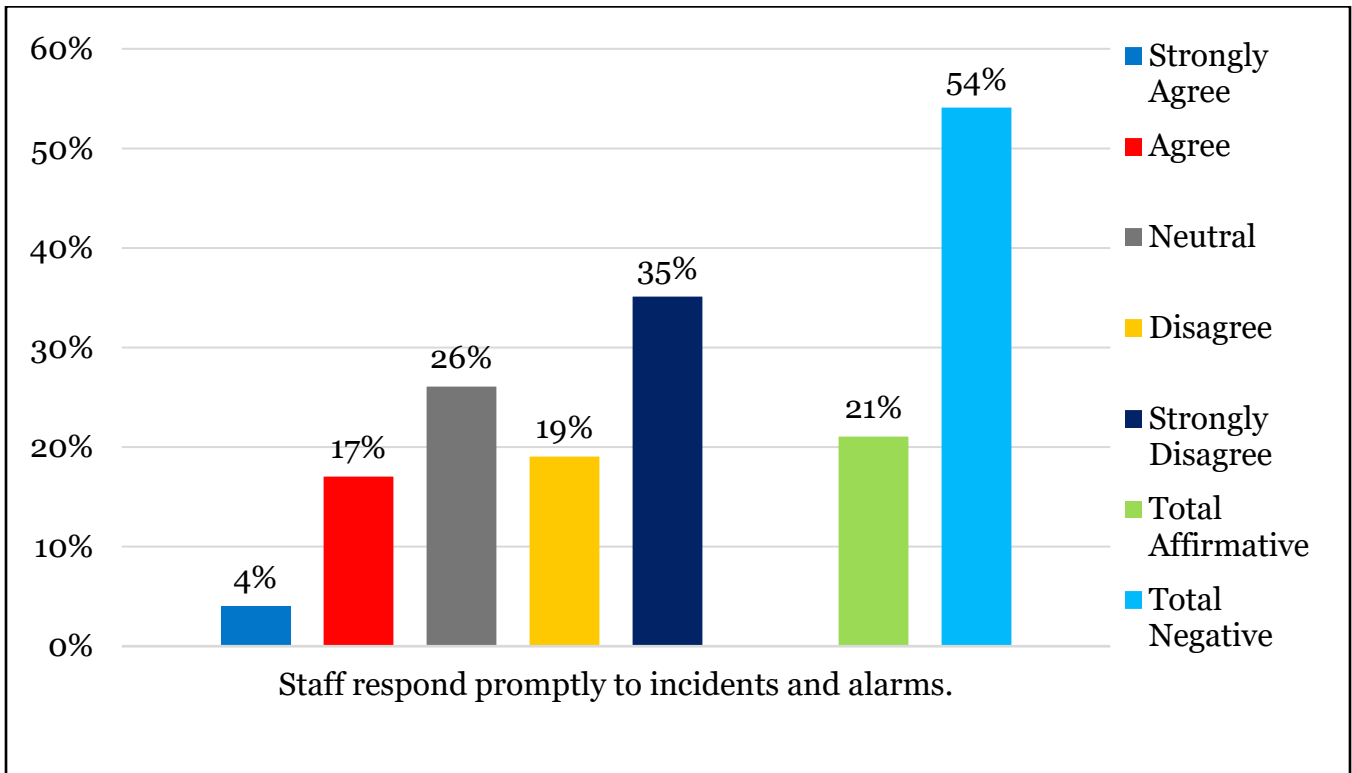


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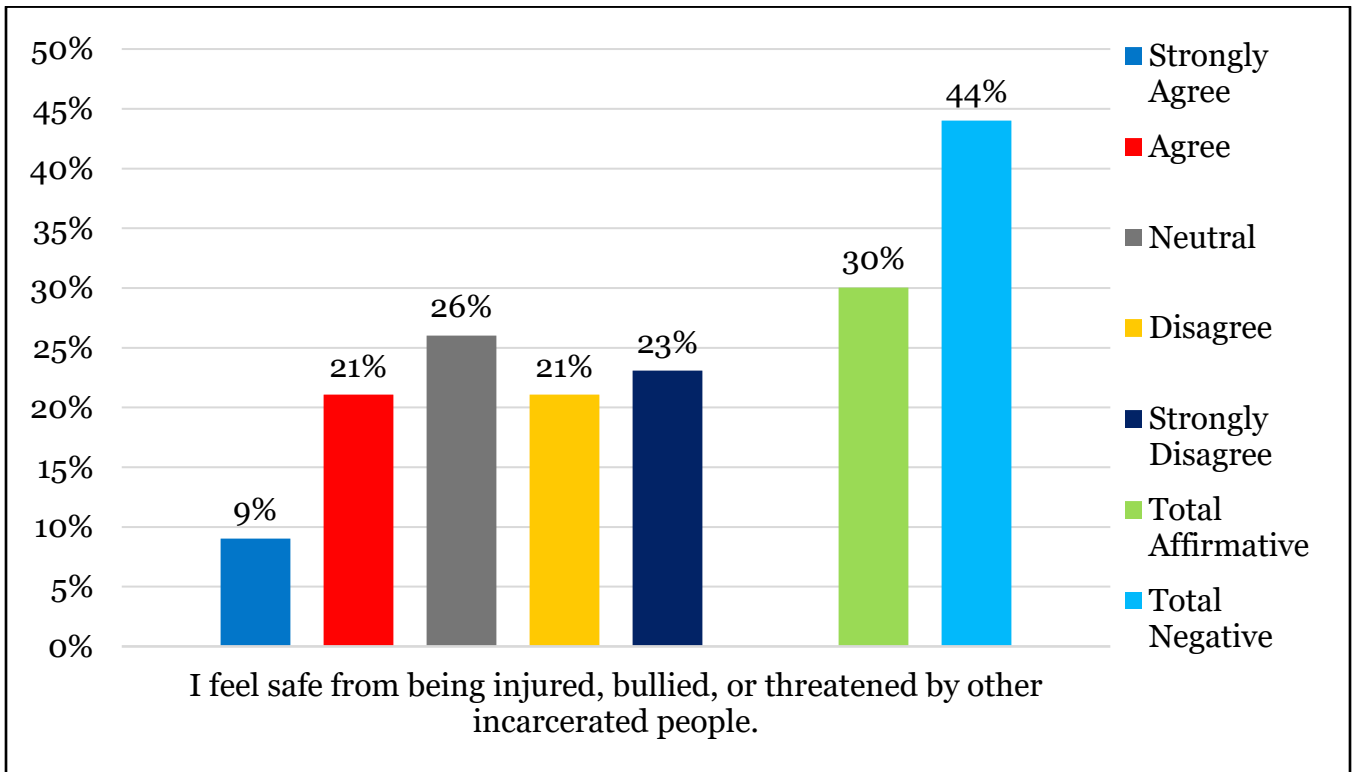
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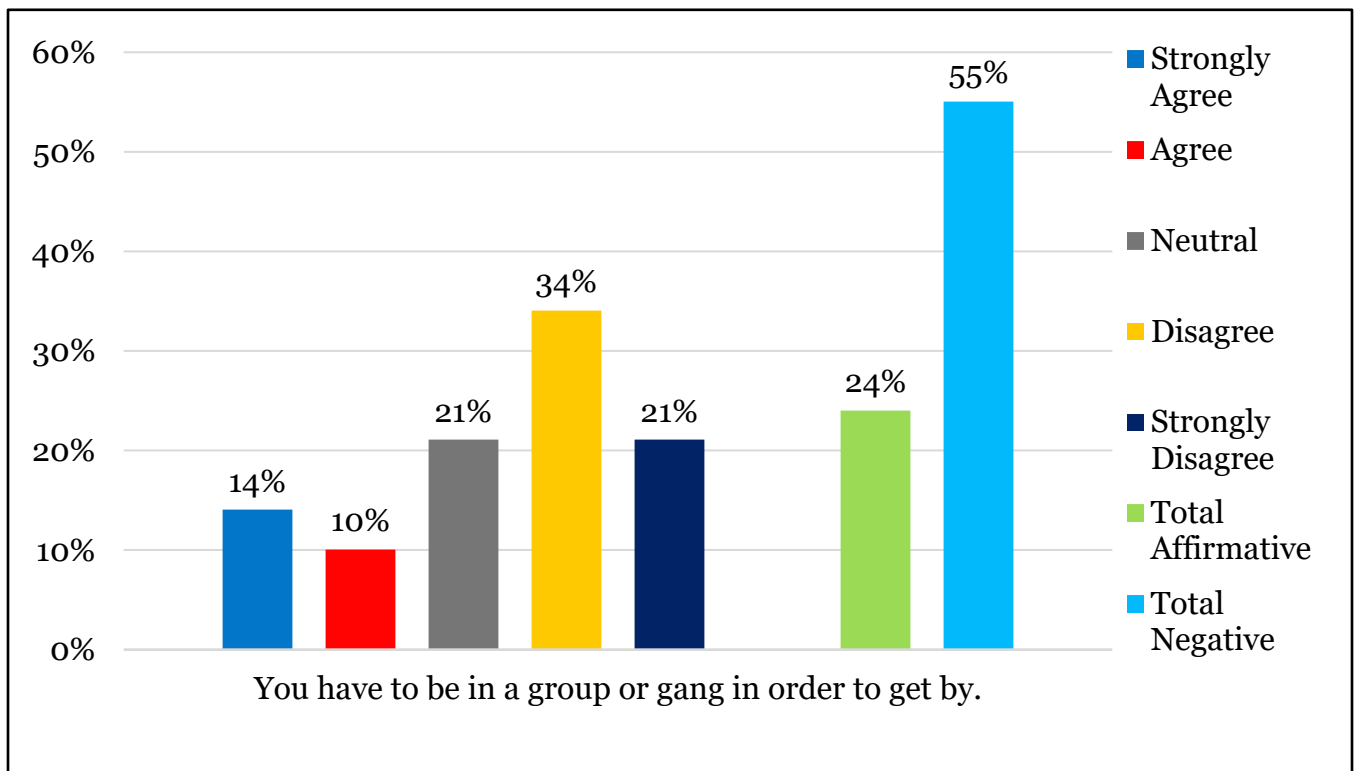
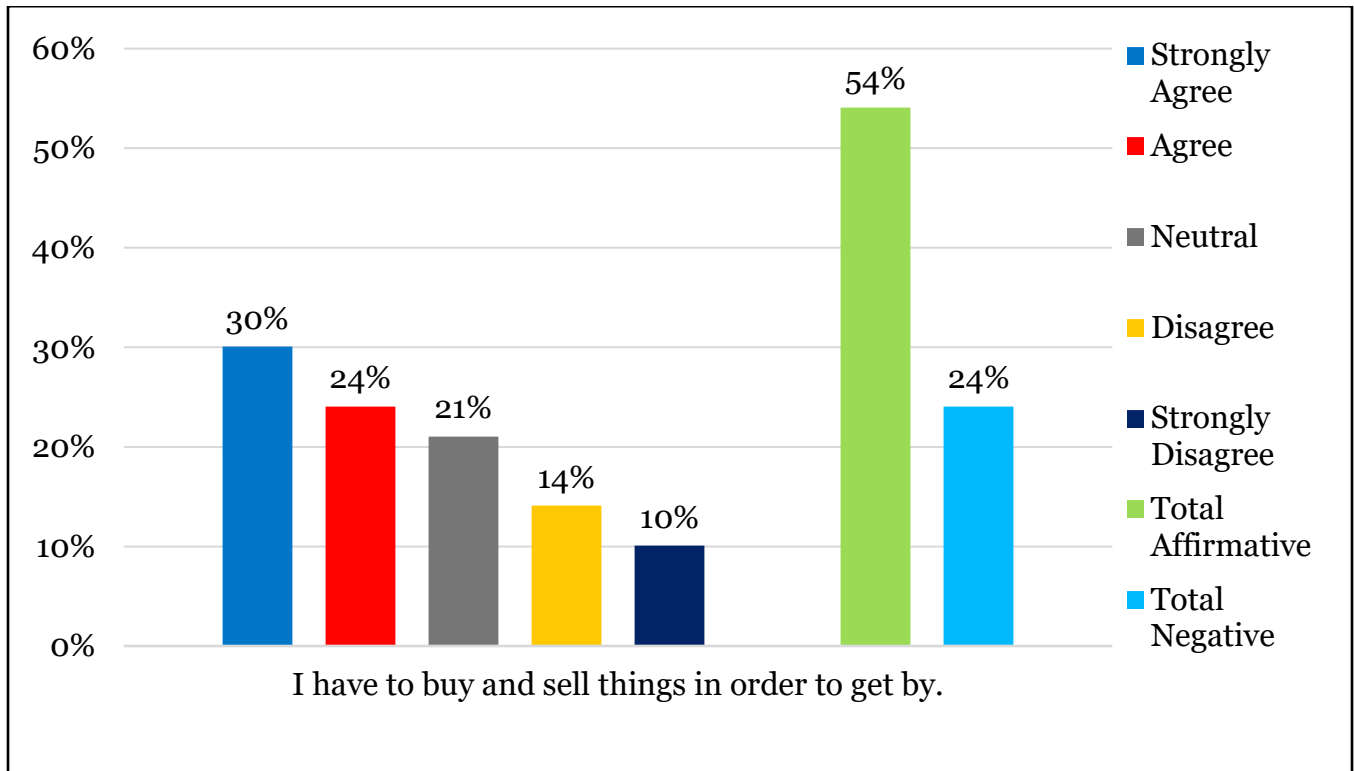




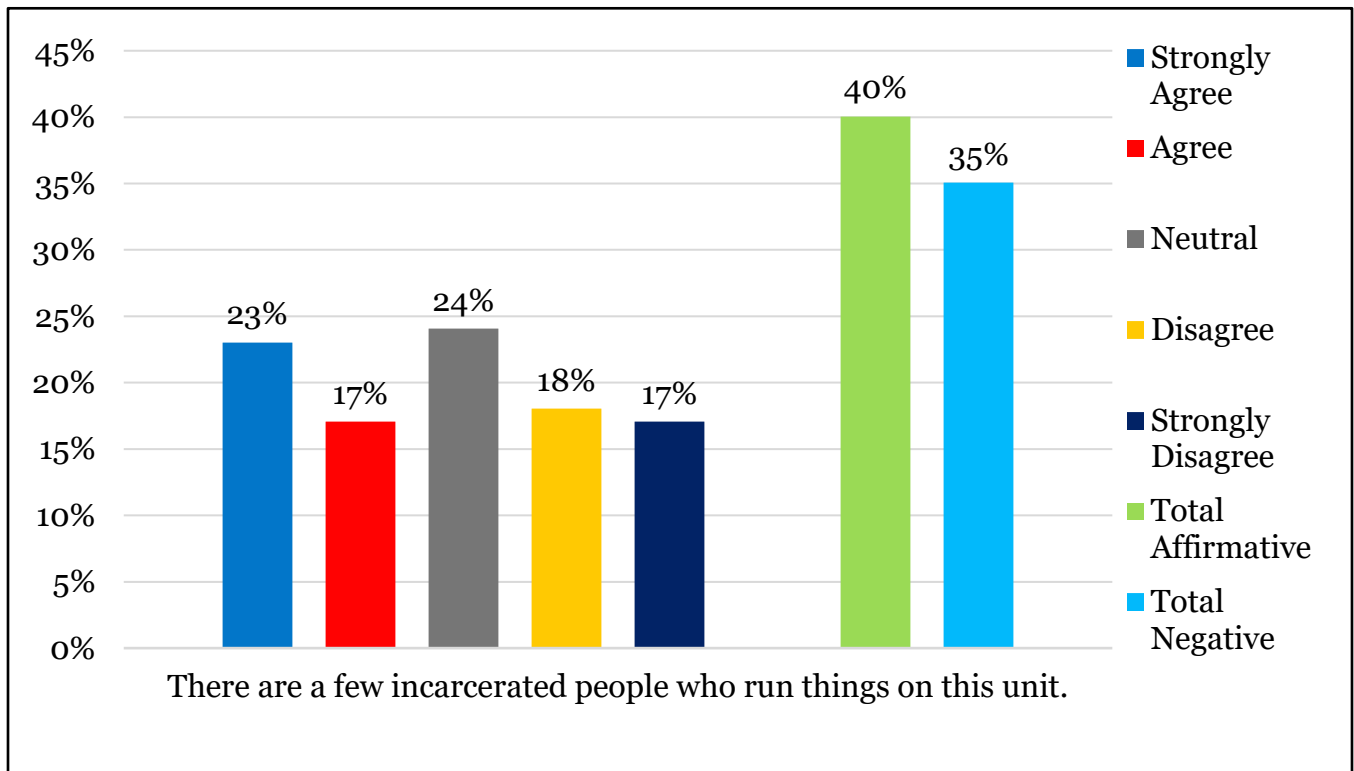
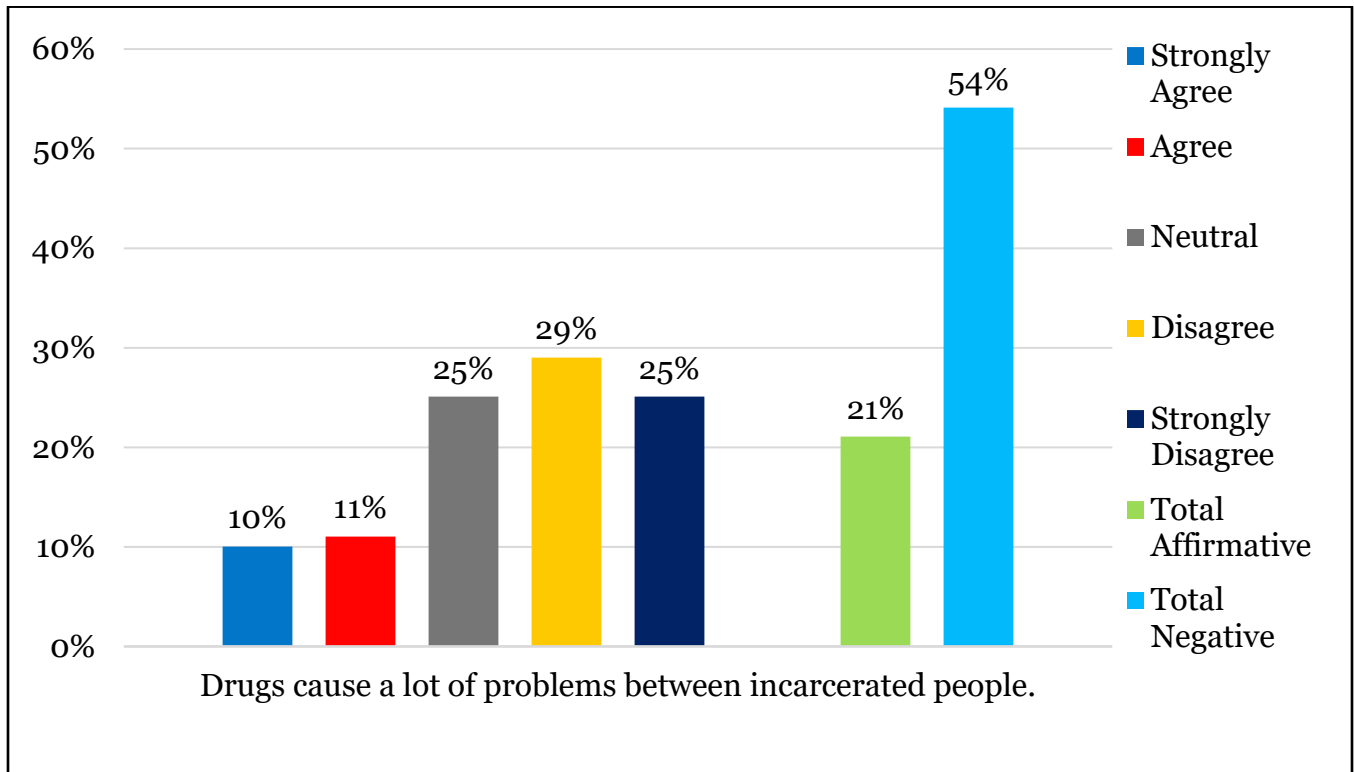
INCARCERATED PERSON SAFETY – THE FEELING OF SECURITY OR PROTECTION FROM HARM, THREAT OR DANGER



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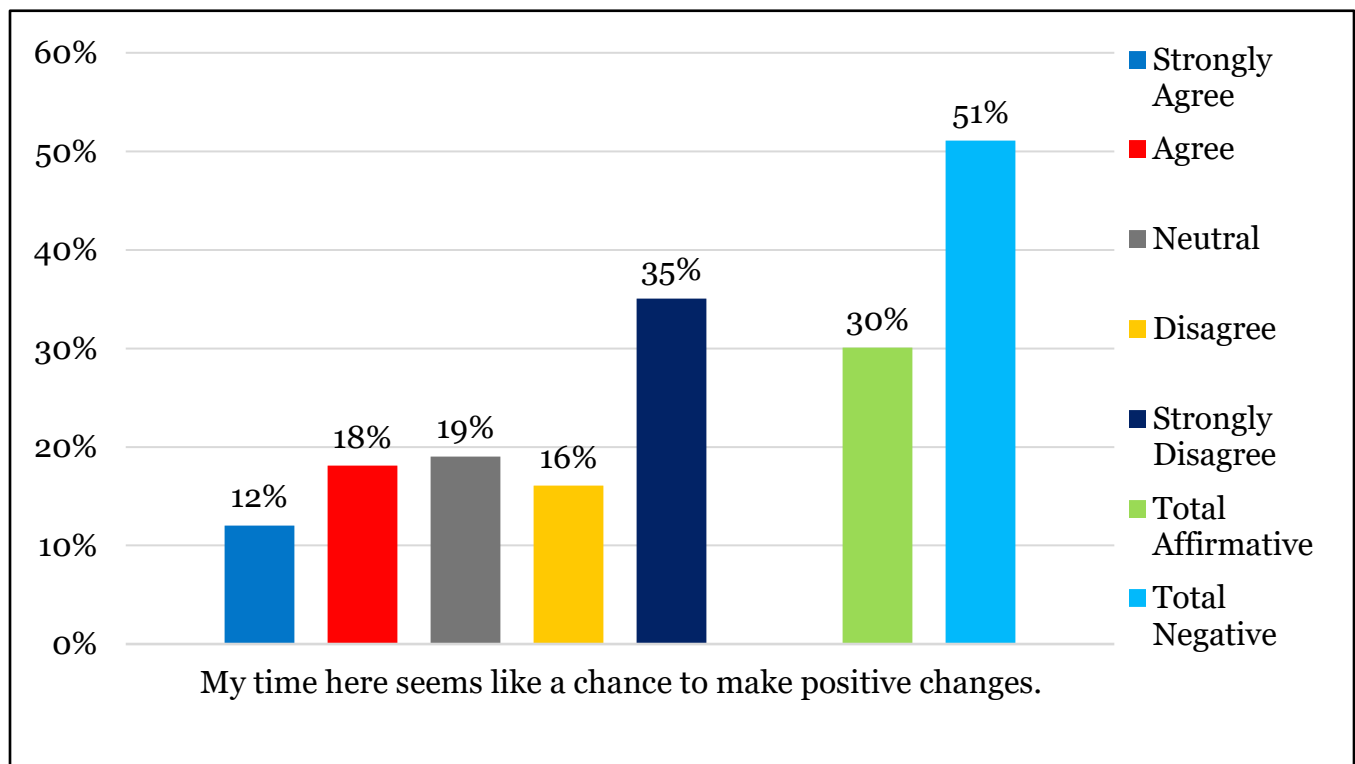
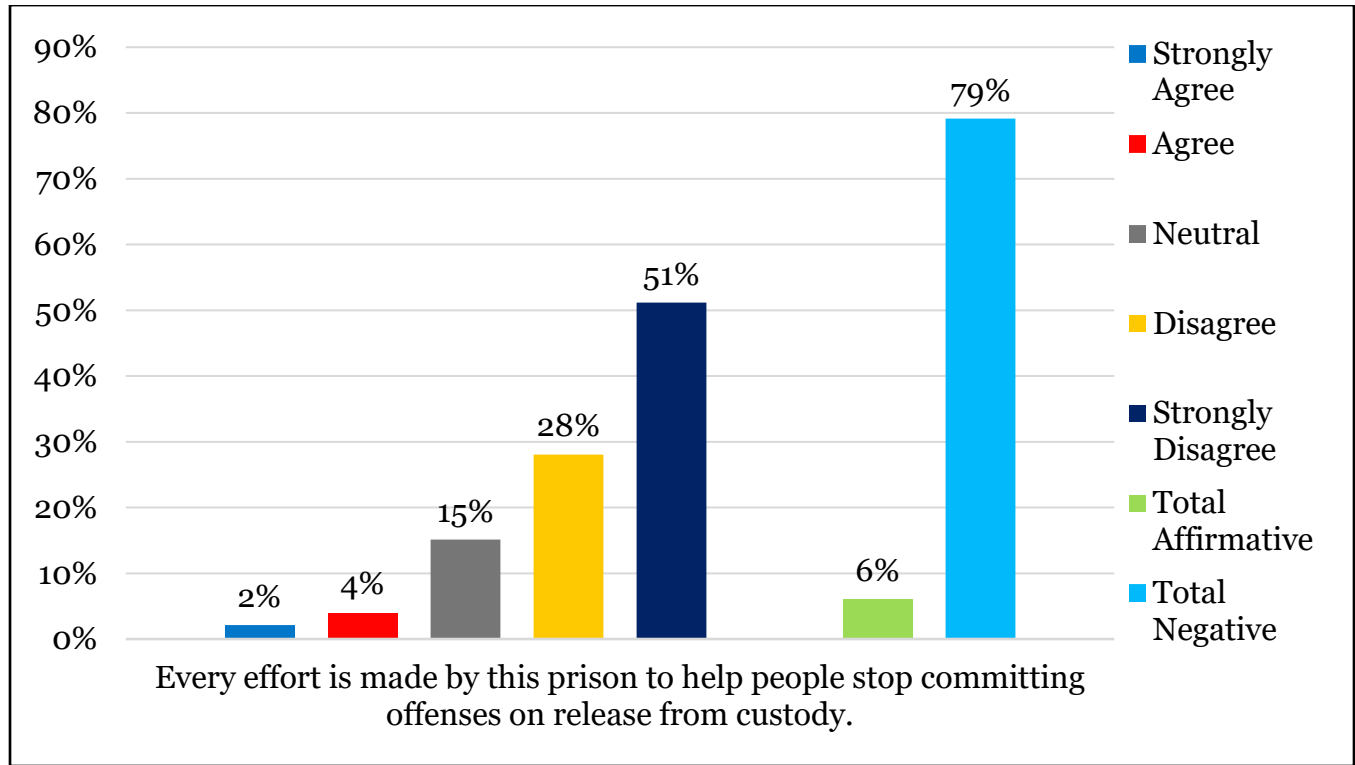


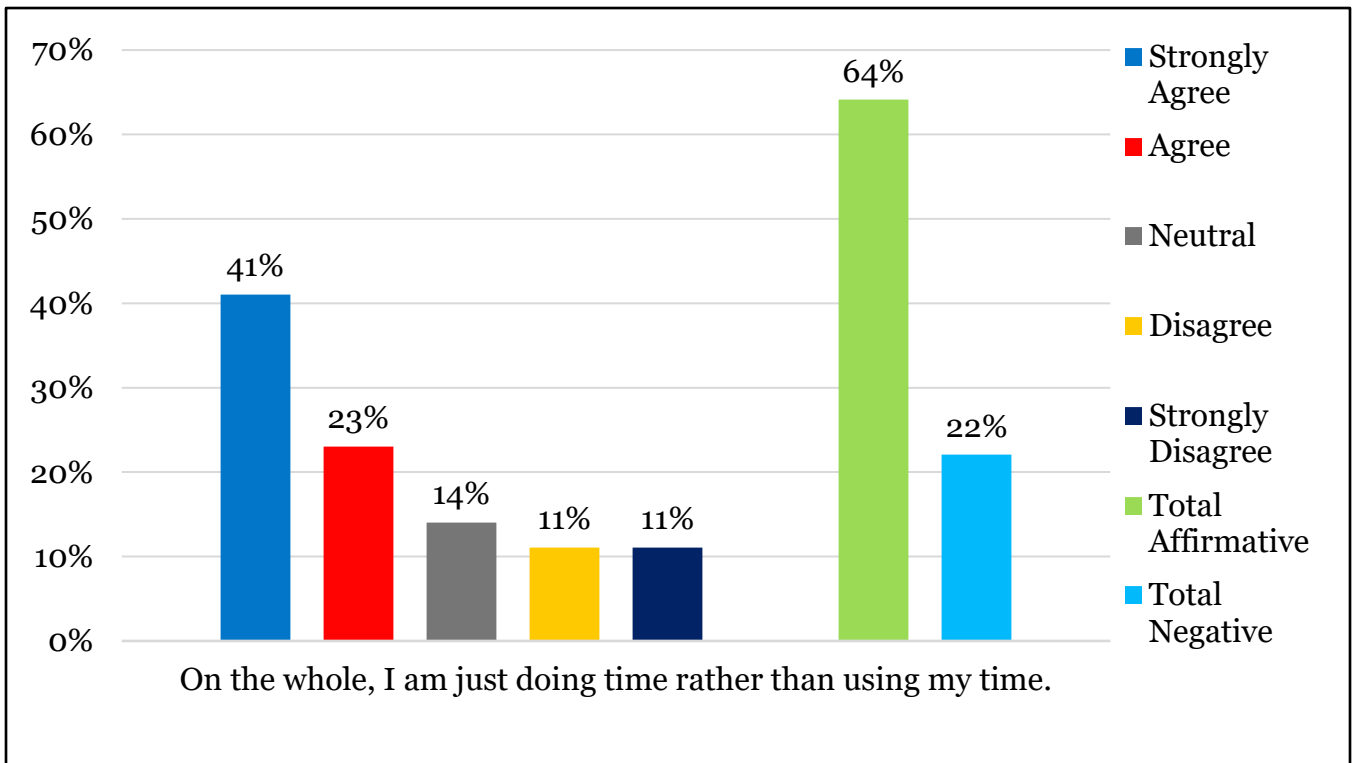
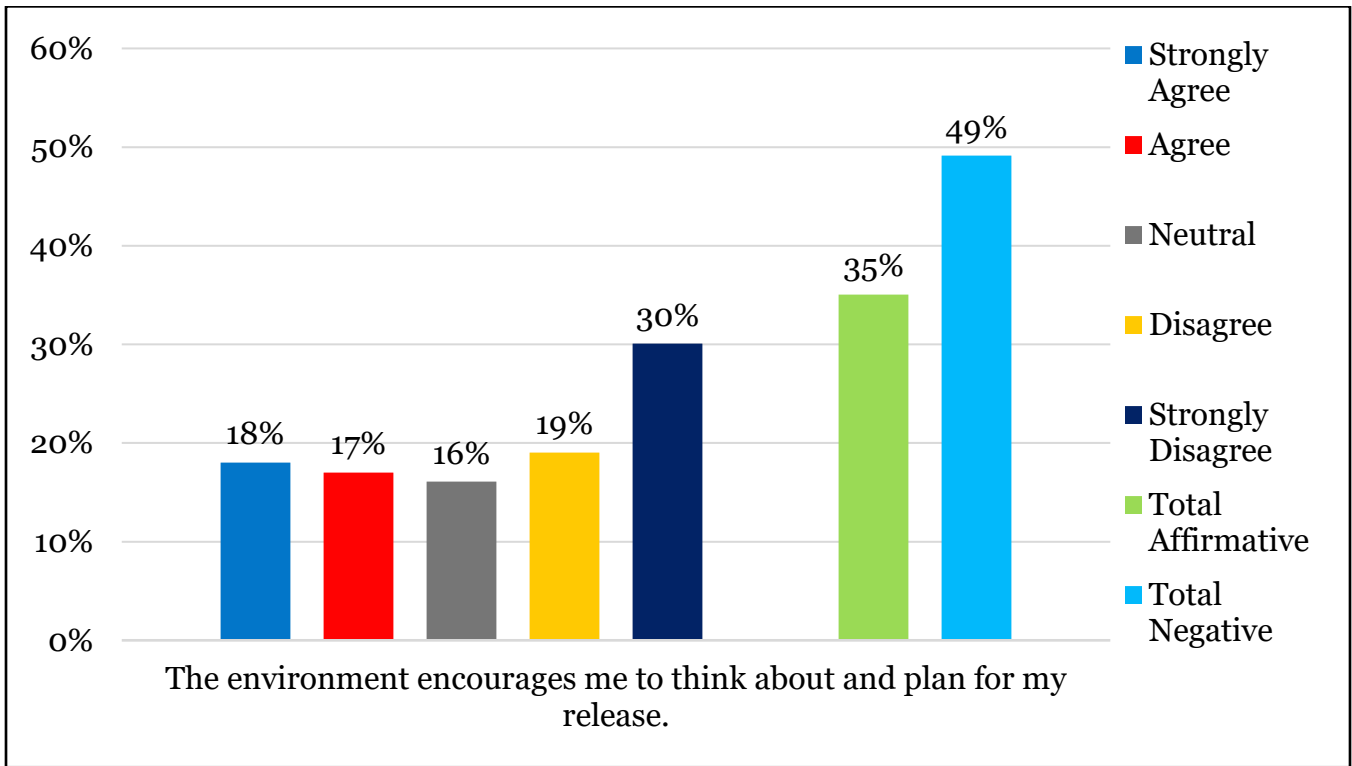
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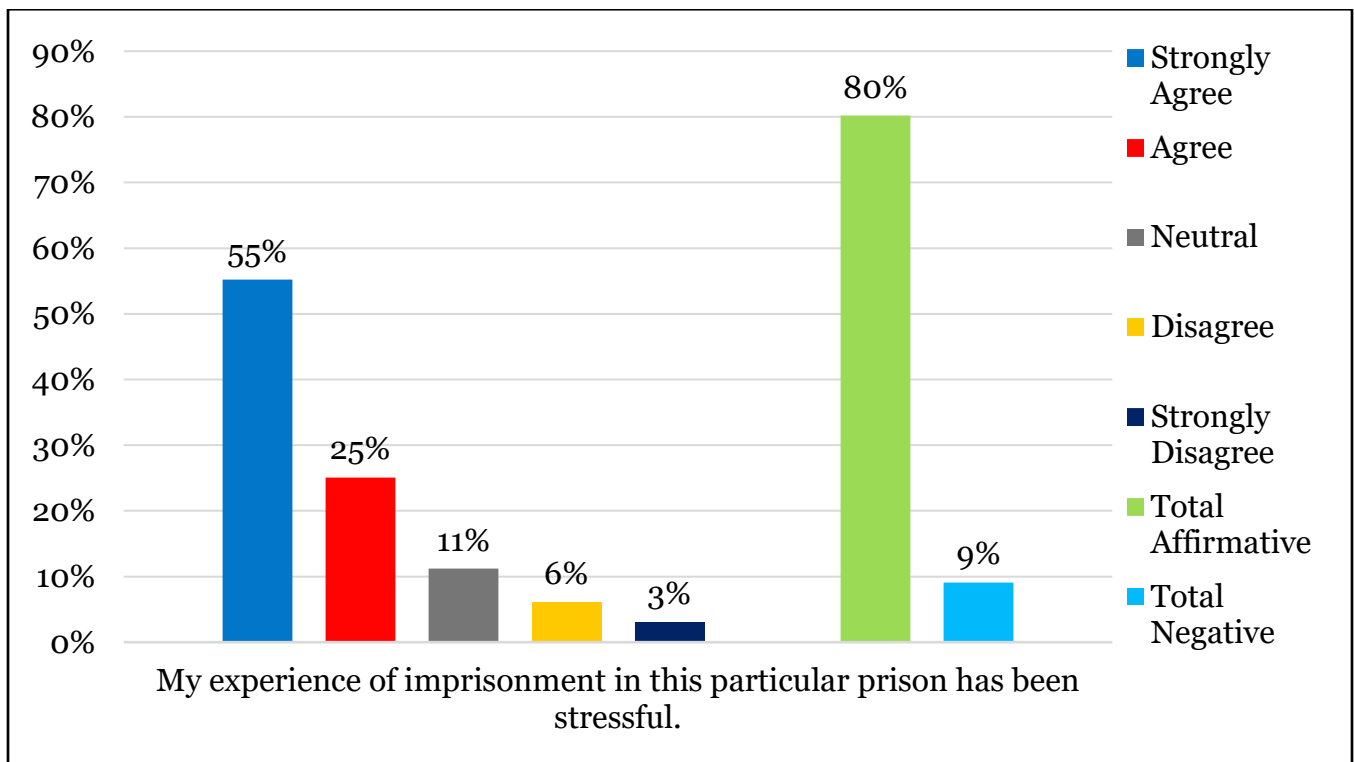
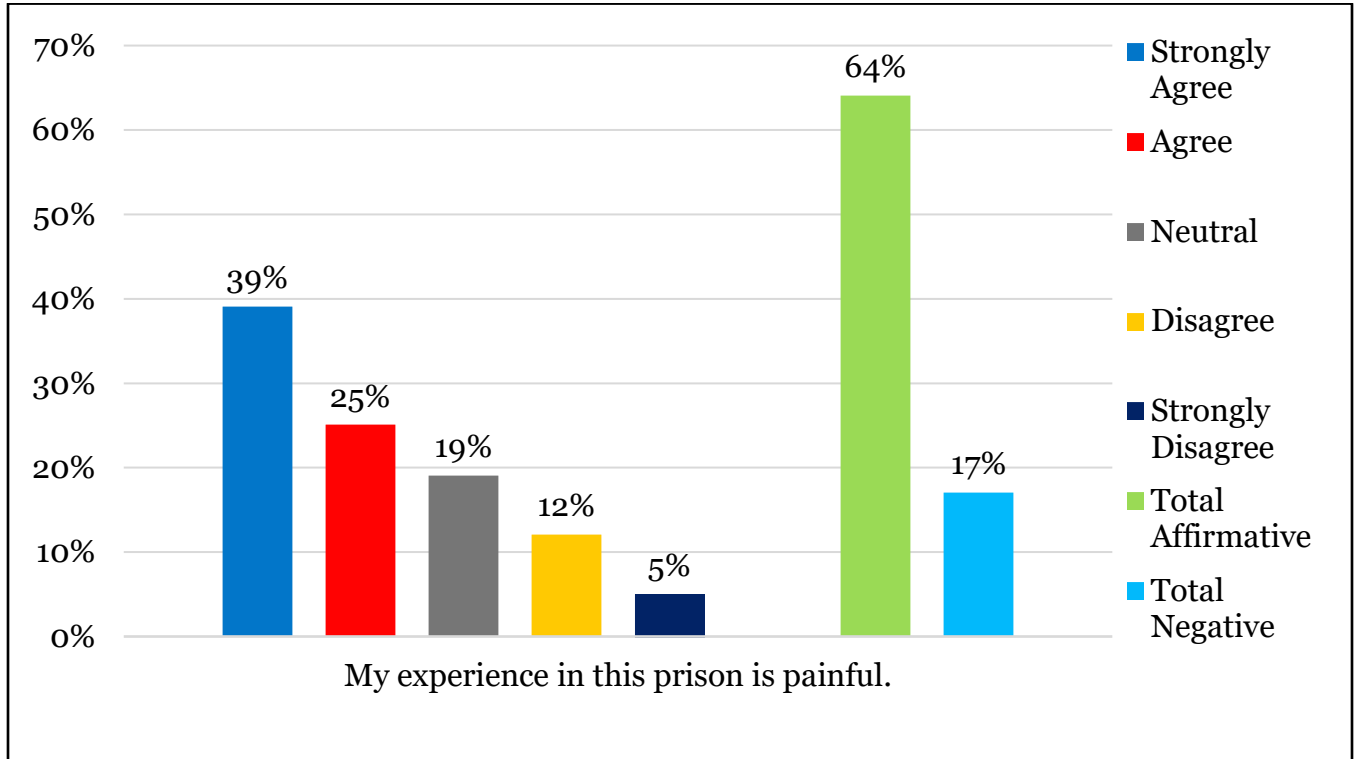
Well-being and Development

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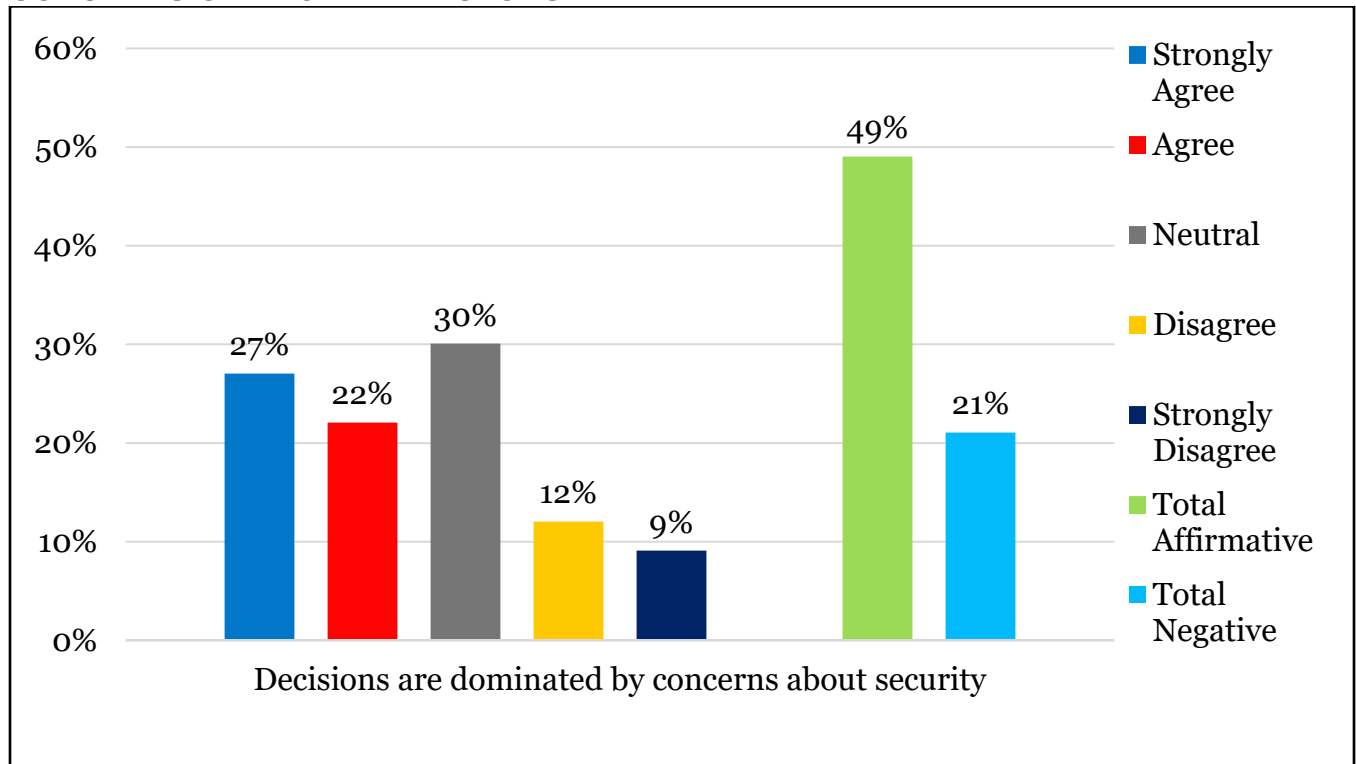


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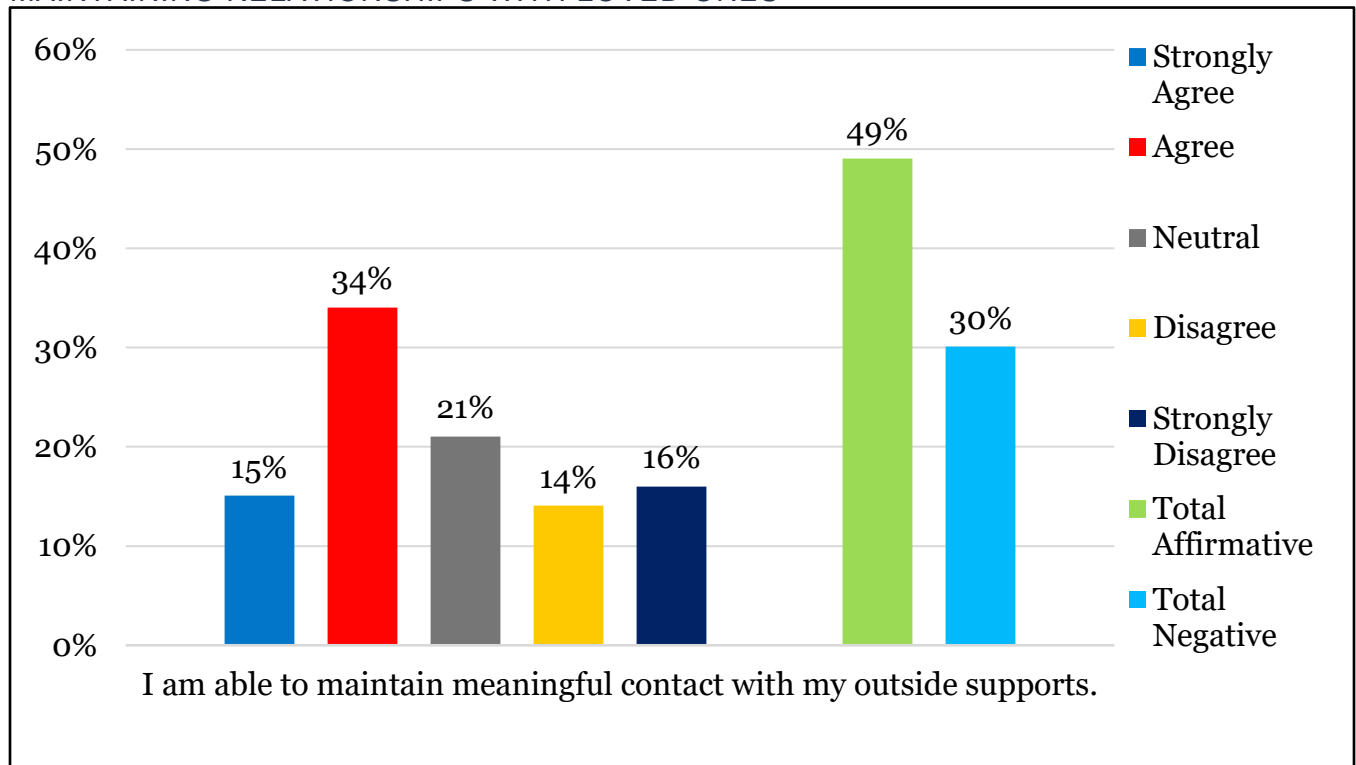


Additional Questions

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

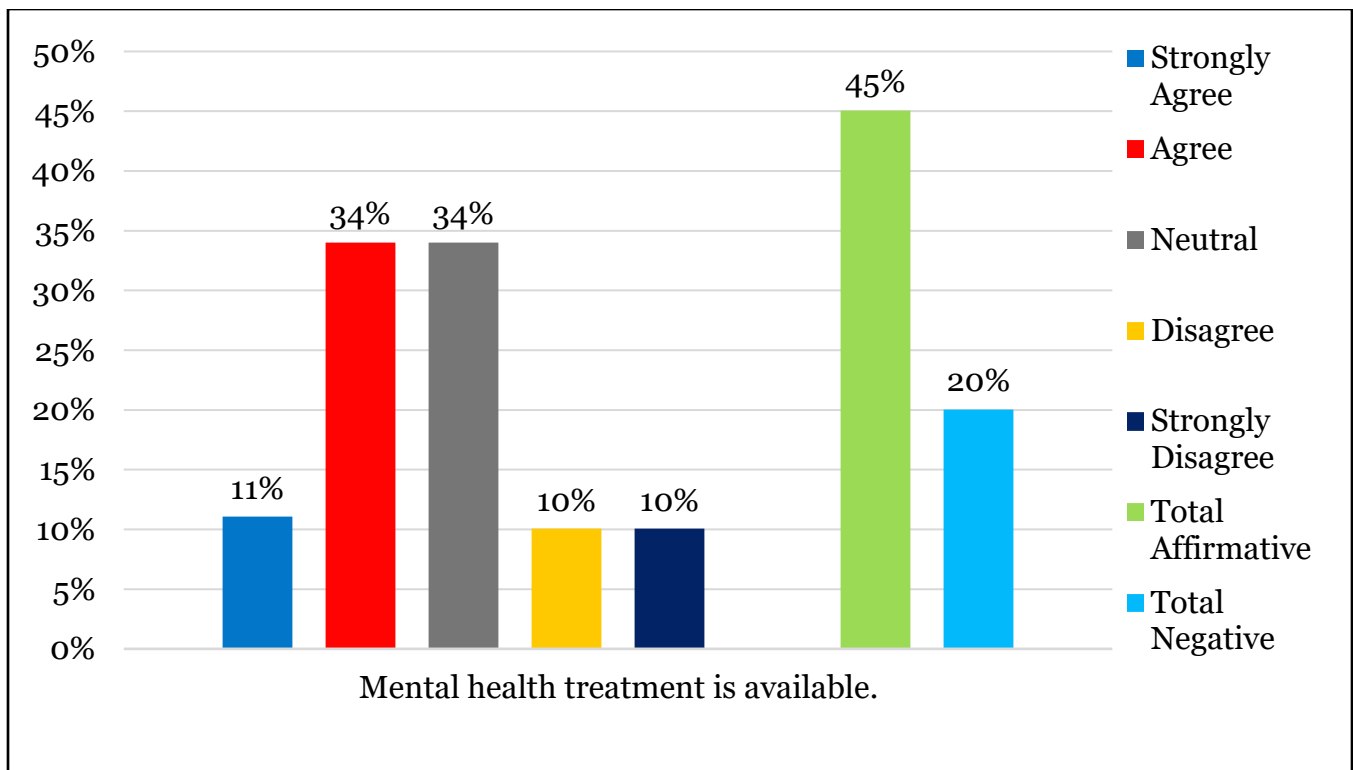
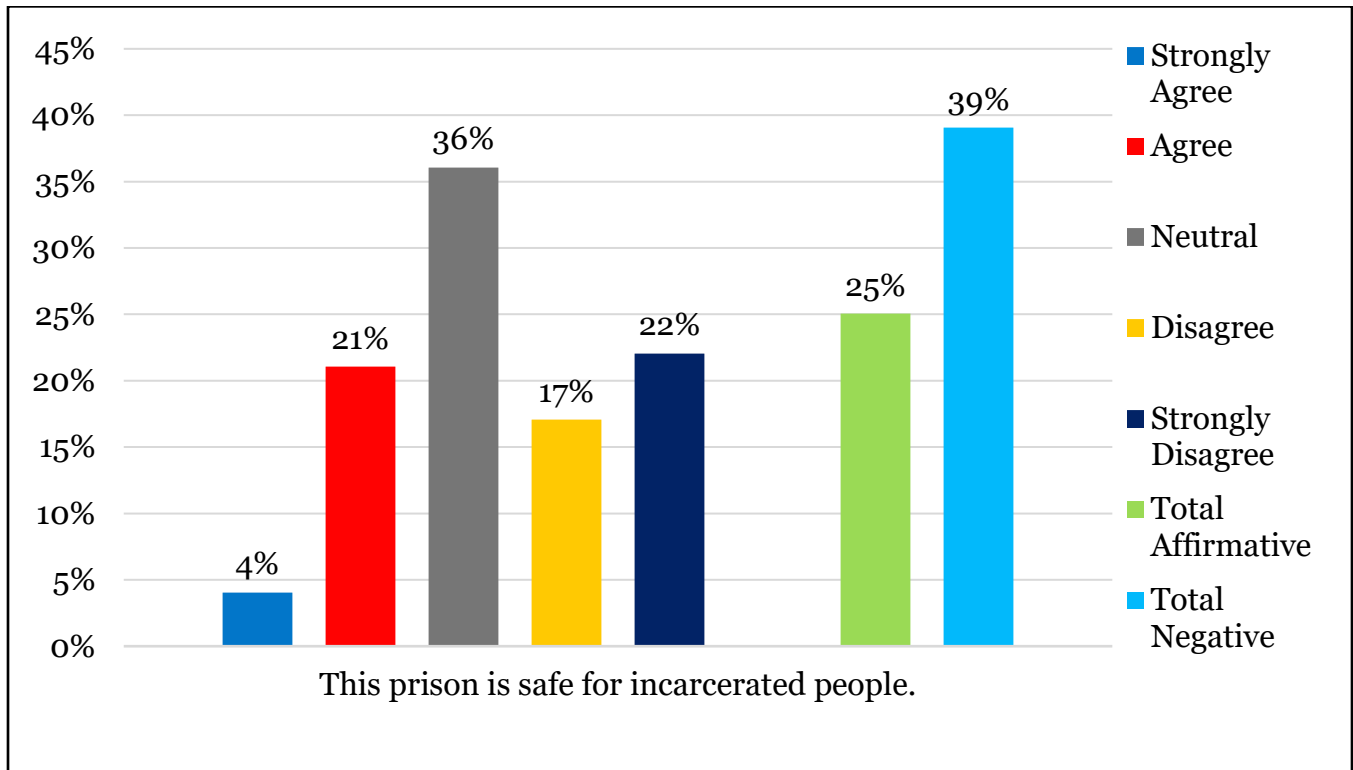


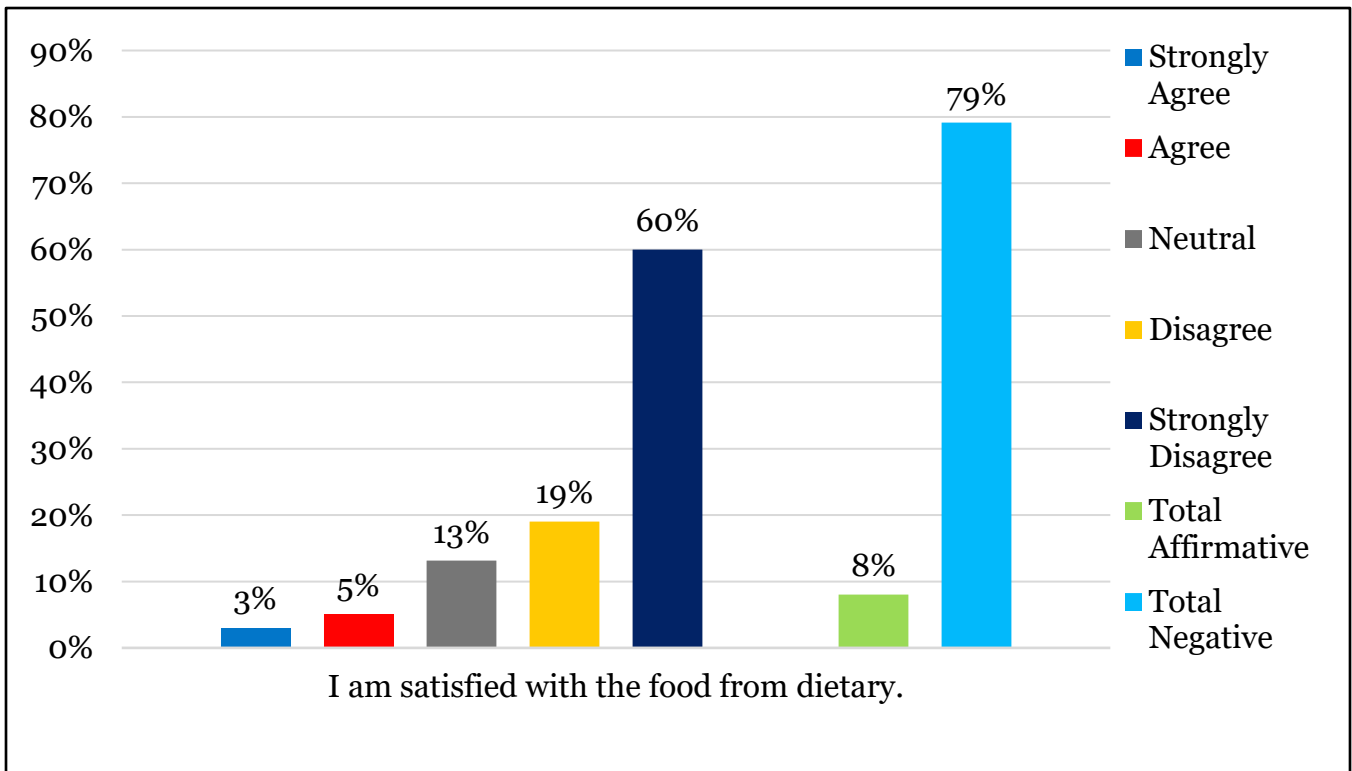
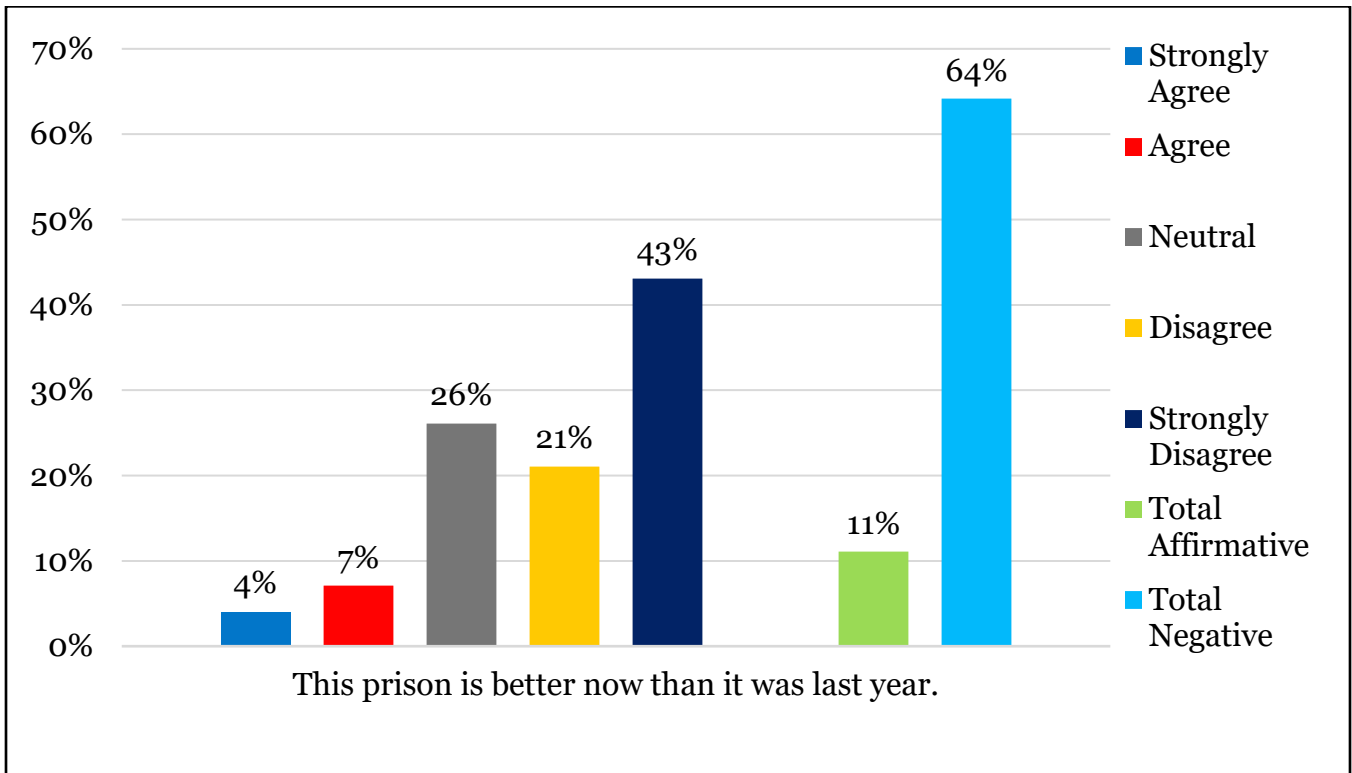
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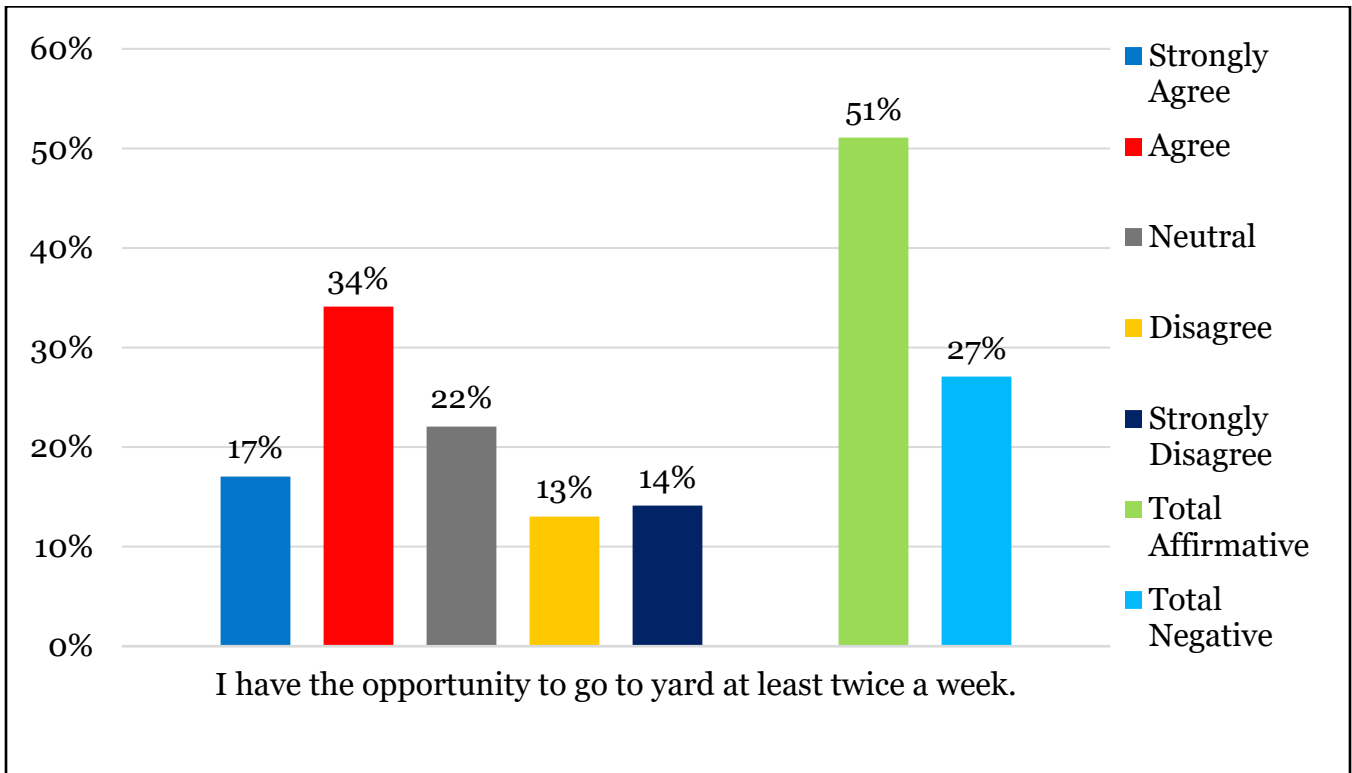


Charts: JHA Questions

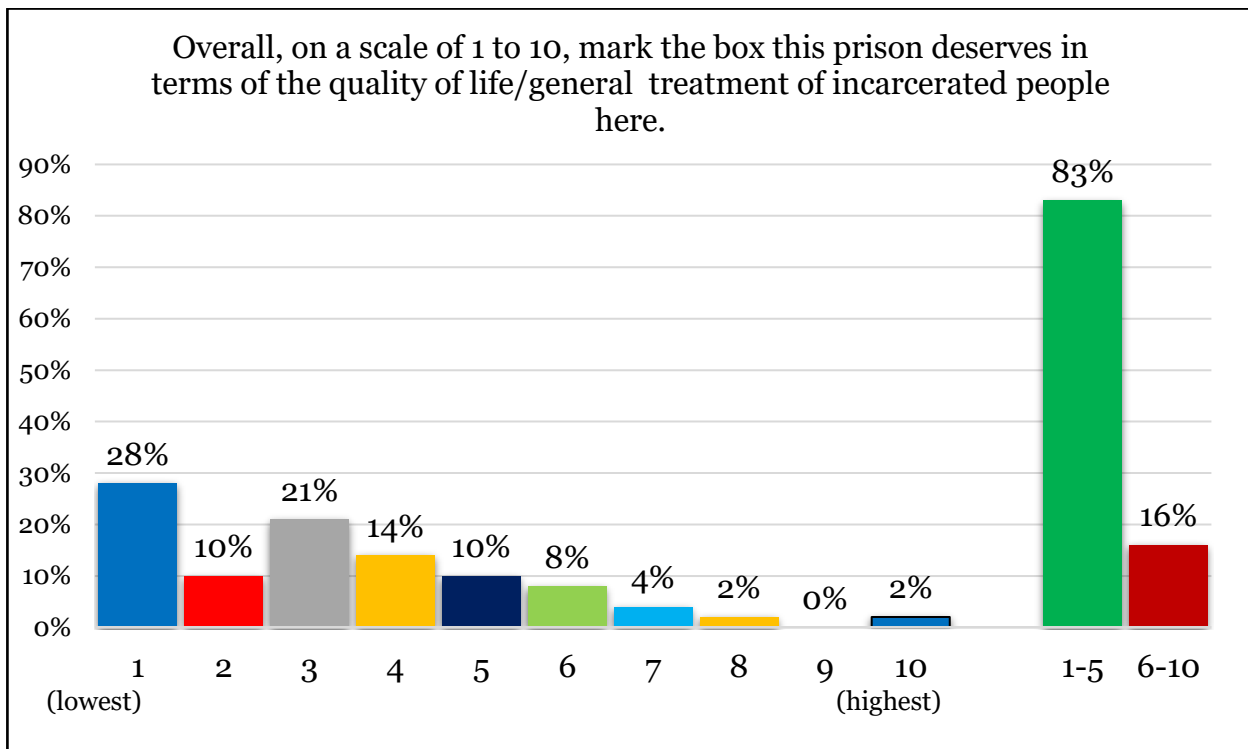
QUESTIONS USED IN PREVIOUS JHA SURVEYS







OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE



Tables of Results by Individual Survey Items

Age		
18-26	47	8%
26-30	72	13%
31-40	168	30%
41-50	151	27%
51 and over	120	22%
No response: 1		

Race or ethnicity		
White	163	30%
Black	246	45%
Hispanic or Latino	107	19%
Other	36	7%
No response:		

Are you within two years of release?		
Yes	200	36%
No	357	64%
No response: 2		

Were you first incarcerated prior to age 25?		
Yes	325	59%
No	230	41%
No response: 4		

What housing status are you currently on?		
General Population	527	95%
Restrictive Housing	22	4%
Other	8	1%
No response: 2		

Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area?		
Yes	497	90%
No	56	10%
No response: 6		

Do you have a work or school assignment?		
Work Assignment	87	16%
School Assignment	71	13%
Both	42	8%
Neither	357	64%
No response: 2		

Relationships between staff and incarcerated people are good.		
Strongly Agree	9	2%
Agree	39	7%
Neutral	149	27%
Disagree	152	27%
Strongly Disagree	207	37%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	48	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	359	64%
No response: 3		

I receive support from staff when I need it.		
Strongly Agree	8	1%
Agree	52	9%
Neutral	96	17%
Disagree	196	35%
Strongly Disagree	203	37%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	60	10%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	399	72%
No response: 4		

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.		
Strongly Agree	11	2%
Agree	57	10%
Neutral	75	14%
Disagree	171	31%
Strongly Disagree	241	43%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	68	12%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	412	74%
No response: 4		

I trust the officers.		
Strongly Agree	8	1%
Agree	25	5%
Neutral	92	17%
Disagree	144	26%
Strongly Disagree	285	51%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	33	6%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	429	77%
No response: 5		

I get along well with the officers on my unit.		
Strongly Agree	24	4%
Agree	93	17%
Neutral	229	42%
Disagree	89	16%
Strongly Disagree	113	21%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	117	21%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	202	37%
No response: 11		

The best way to get things done is to go through official channels.		
Strongly Agree	52	10%
Agree	84	15%
Neutral	97	18%
Disagree	129	23%
Strongly Disagree	188	34%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	136	25%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	317	57%
No response: 9		

I have been helped significantly by a staff member with a particular problem.		
Strongly Agree	12	2%
Agree	61	11%
Neutral	112	20%
Disagree	152	28%
Strongly Disagree	215	39%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	73	13%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	367	67%
No response: 7		

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.		
Strongly Agree	11	2%
Agree	88	16%
Neutral	145	26%
Disagree	130	23%
Strongly Disagree	182	33%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	99	18%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	312	56%
No response: 3		

I am treated as a person of value.		
Strongly Agree	9	2%
Agree	31	6%
Neutral	73	13%
Disagree	153	28%
Strongly Disagree	287	52%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	40	8%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	440	80%
No response: 6		

Some of the treatment I receive is degrading.		
Strongly Agree	212	39%
Agree	186	34%
Neutral	80	15%
Disagree	43	8%
Strongly Disagree	21	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	398	73%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	64	12%
No response: 17		

I feel safe from being injured, bullied, or threatened by other incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	50	9%
Agree	112	21%
Neutral	140	26%
Disagree	116	21%
Strongly Disagree	128	23%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	162	30%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	244	44%
No response: 13		

If you do something wrong, staff only use punishments if they have tried other options first.		
Strongly Agree	50	9%
Agree	61	11%
Neutral	62	12%
Disagree	141	26%
Strongly Disagree	223	42%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	111	20%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	364	68%
No response: 22		

To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations.		
Strongly Agree	139	26%
Agree	171	32%
Neutral	126	23%
Disagree	74	14%
Strongly Disagree	30	6%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	310	58%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	104	20%
No response: 19		

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	257	47%
Agree	158	29%
Neutral	75	14%
Disagree	36	7%
Strongly Disagree	19	4%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	415	76%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	55	11%
No response: 14		

Staff have enough experience and expertise to deal with issues that matter to me.		
Strongly Agree	11	2%
Agree	41	8%
Neutral	80	15%
Disagree	175	32%
Strongly Disagree	235	43%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	52	10%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	410	75%
No response: 17		

To get things done, you have to ask and ask and ask.		
Strongly Agree	383	71%
Agree	113	21%
Neutral	20	4%
Disagree	10	2%
Strongly Disagree	17	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	496	92%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	27	5%
No response: 16		

Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.		
Strongly Agree	220	41%
Agree	137	25%
Neutral	119	22%
Disagree	39	7%
Strongly Disagree	26	5%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	357	66%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	65	12%
No response: 18		

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.		
Strongly Agree	212	39%
Agree	114	21%
Neutral	100	18%
Disagree	69	13%
Strongly Disagree	48	9%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	326	60%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	117	22%
No response: 16		

The environment encourages me to think about and plan for my release.		
Strongly Agree	97	18%
Agree	90	17%
Neutral	87	16%
Disagree	103	19%
Strongly Disagree	158	30%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	187	35%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	261	49%
No response: 24		

My experience of imprisonment in this particular prison has been stressful.		
Strongly Agree	297	55%
Agree	136	25%
Neutral	62	11%
Disagree	34	6%
Strongly Disagree	14	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	433	80%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	48	9%
No response: 16		

Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.		
Strongly Agree	268	49%
Agree	144	26%
Neutral	69	13%
Disagree	37	7%
Strongly Disagree	26	5%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	412	75%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	63	12%
No response: 15		

I have to be careful about everything I do, or it can be used against me.		
Strongly Agree	304	56%
Agree	162	30%
Neutral	46	8%
Disagree	21	4%
Strongly Disagree	12	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	466	86%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	33	6%
No response: 14		

On the whole, I am just doing time rather than using my time.		
Strongly Agree	222	41%
Agree	121	23%
Neutral	77	14%
Disagree	61	11%
Strongly Disagree	57	11%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	343	64%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	118	22%
No response: 21		

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.		
Strongly Agree	103	19%
Agree	56	10%
Neutral	128	24%
Disagree	116	21%
Strongly Disagree	140	26%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	159	29%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	256	47%
No response: 16		

This prison is well organized.		
Strongly Agree	9	2%
Agree	6	1%
Neutral	44	8%
Disagree	99	18%
Strongly Disagree	388	71%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	15	3%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	487	89%
No response: 13		

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.		
Strongly Agree	9	2%
Agree	40	8%
Neutral	123	23%
Disagree	125	23%
Strongly Disagree	236	44%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	49	10%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	361	67%
No response: 26		

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms.		
Strongly Agree	22	4%
Agree	91	17%
Neutral	138	26%
Disagree	104	19%
Strongly Disagree	187	35%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	113	21%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	291	54%
No response: 17		

When I need to get something done, I can normally get it done by talking to someone face to face.		
Strongly Agree	30	6%
Agree	88	16%
Neutral	122	22%
Disagree	131	24%
Strongly Disagree	175	32%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	118	22%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	306	56%
No response: 13		

You never know the rules.		
Strongly Agree	153	28%
Agree	117	22%
Neutral	139	26%
Disagree	92	17%
Strongly Disagree	38	7%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	270	50%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	130	24%
No response: 20		

My experience in this prison is painful.		
Strongly Agree	210	39%
Agree	133	25%
Neutral	102	19%
Disagree	67	12%
Strongly Disagree	28	5%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	343	64%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	95	17%
No response: 19		

There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	153	29%
Agree	127	24%
Neutral	145	28%
Disagree	61	12%
Strongly Disagree	36	7%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	280	53%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	97	19%
No response: 37		

The disciplinary system is fair.		
Strongly Agree	29	5%
Agree	32	6%
Neutral	79	15%
Disagree	120	22%
Strongly Disagree	279	52%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	61	11%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	399	74%
No response: 20		

My time here seems like a chance to make positive changes.		
Strongly Agree	64	12%
Agree	93	18%
Neutral	99	19%
Disagree	84	16%
Strongly Disagree	186	35%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	157	30%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	270	51%
No response: 33		

There are a few incarcerated people who run things on this unit.		
Strongly Agree	126	23%
Agree	94	17%
Neutral	128	24%
Disagree	99	18%
Strongly Disagree	91	17%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	220	40%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	190	35%
No response: 21		

I am not being treated as a human being in here.		
Strongly Agree	180	33%
Agree	152	27%
Neutral	115	21%
Disagree	76	14%
Strongly Disagree	30	5%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	332	60%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	106	19%
No response: 6		

I have to buy and sell things in order to get by.		
Strongly Agree	162	30%
Agree	132	24%
Neutral	115	21%
Disagree	78	14%
Strongly Disagree	54	10%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	294	54%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	132	24%
No response: 18		

You have to be in a group or gang in order to get by.		
Strongly Agree	74	14%
Agree	57	10%
Neutral	115	21%
Disagree	187	34%
Strongly Disagree	113	21%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	131	24%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	300	55%
No response: 13		

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.		
Strongly Agree	143	27%
Agree	117	22%
Neutral	159	30%
Disagree	61	12%
Strongly Disagree	50	9%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	260	49%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	111	21%
No response: 29		

When important decisions are made about me, I am treated as an individual and not a number.		
Strongly Agree	23	4%
Agree	40	7%
Neutral	112	20%
Disagree	159	29%
Strongly Disagree	219	40%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	63	11%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	378	69%
No response: 6		

All they care about is my offense and security level, not the person I really am.		
Strongly Agree	310	56%
Agree	145	26%
Neutral	62	11%
Disagree	25	5%
Strongly Disagree	10	2%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	455	82%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	35	7%
No response: 7		

Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	52	10%
Agree	61	11%
Neutral	134	25%
Disagree	158	29%
Strongly Disagree	132	25%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	113	21%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	290	54%
No response: 22		

Anyone who harms themselves is considered by staff to be more of an attention seeker than someone who needs help.		
Strongly Agree	189	35%
Agree	177	33%
Neutral	128	24%
Disagree	24	4%
Strongly Disagree	18	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	366	68%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	42	7%
No response: 23		

Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.		
Strongly Agree	30	6%
Agree	104	20%
Neutral	165	31%
Disagree	109	20%
Strongly Disagree	126	24%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	134	26%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	235	44%
No response: 25		

I am able to maintain meaningful contact with my outside supports.		
Strongly Agree	85	15%
Agree	186	34%
Neutral	118	21%
Disagree	75	14%
Strongly Disagree	89	16%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	271	49%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	164	30%
No response: 6		

This prison is poor at giving incarcerated people reasons for decisions.		
Strongly Agree	287	52%
Agree	166	30%
Neutral	67	12%
Disagree	15	3%
Strongly Disagree	16	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	453	82%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	31	6%
No response: 8		

Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.		
Strongly Agree	15	3%
Agree	33	6%
Neutral	87	16%
Disagree	168	31%
Strongly Disagree	247	45%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	48	9%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	415	76%
No response: 9		

This is a humane prison.		
Strongly Agree	26	5%
Agree	49	9%
Neutral	155	29%
Disagree	134	25%
Strongly Disagree	177	33%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	75	14%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	311	58%
No response: 18		

Incarcerated people in this prison spend too long locked up in cells.		
Strongly Agree	259	47%
Agree	154	28%
Neutral	85	16%
Disagree	35	6%
Strongly Disagree	14	3%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	413	75%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	49	9%
No response: 12		

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.		
Strongly Agree	24	4%
Agree	112	21%
Neutral	196	36%
Disagree	95	17%
Strongly Disagree	120	22%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	136	25%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	215	39%
No response: 12		

Mental health treatment is available.		
Strongly Agree	59	11%
Agree	185	34%
Neutral	185	34%
Disagree	56	10%
Strongly Disagree	53	10%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	244	45%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	109	20%
No response: 21		

This prison is better now than it was last year.		
Strongly Agree	21	4%
Agree	37	7%
Neutral	137	26%
Disagree	109	21%
Strongly Disagree	229	43%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	58	11%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	338	64%
No response: 26		

I have the opportunity to go to yard at least twice a week.		
Strongly Agree	94	17%
Agree	189	34%
Neutral	120	22%
Disagree	72	13%
Strongly Disagree	78	14%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	283	51%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	150	27%
No response: 6		

Every effort is made by this prison to help people stop committing offenses on release from custody.		
Strongly Agree	13	2%
Agree	24	4%
Neutral	81	15%
Disagree	152	28%
Strongly Disagree	279	51%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	37	6%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	431	79%
No response: 10		

I am satisfied with food from dietary.		
Strongly Agree	16	3%
Agree	29	5%
Neutral	69	13%
Disagree	107	19%
Strongly Disagree	330	60%
<i>Affirmative (SA/A)</i>	45	8%
<i>Negative (SD/D)</i>	437	79%
No response: 8		

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)	154	28%
2	56	10%
3	113	21%
4	79	14%
5	55	10%
6	43	8%
7	22	4%
8	13	2%
9	1	0%
10 (Highest)	11	2%
<i>1-5</i>	457	83%
<i>6-10</i>	90	16%
No response: 12		
Mean: 3.35		



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