

# 2023 Annual Meeting Survey Results



# SSSP 2023 Annual Meeting Survey Results Released

October 4, 2023

With **593 attendees registered** and **126 total responses**, we're happy to release the results of the 2023 Annual Meeting Survey on behalf of the SSSP Administrative Office. Thank you for taking time to participate in our survey. Your responses are vital in helping SSSP to provide a valuable conference experience and to continue our mission as a social justice organization.

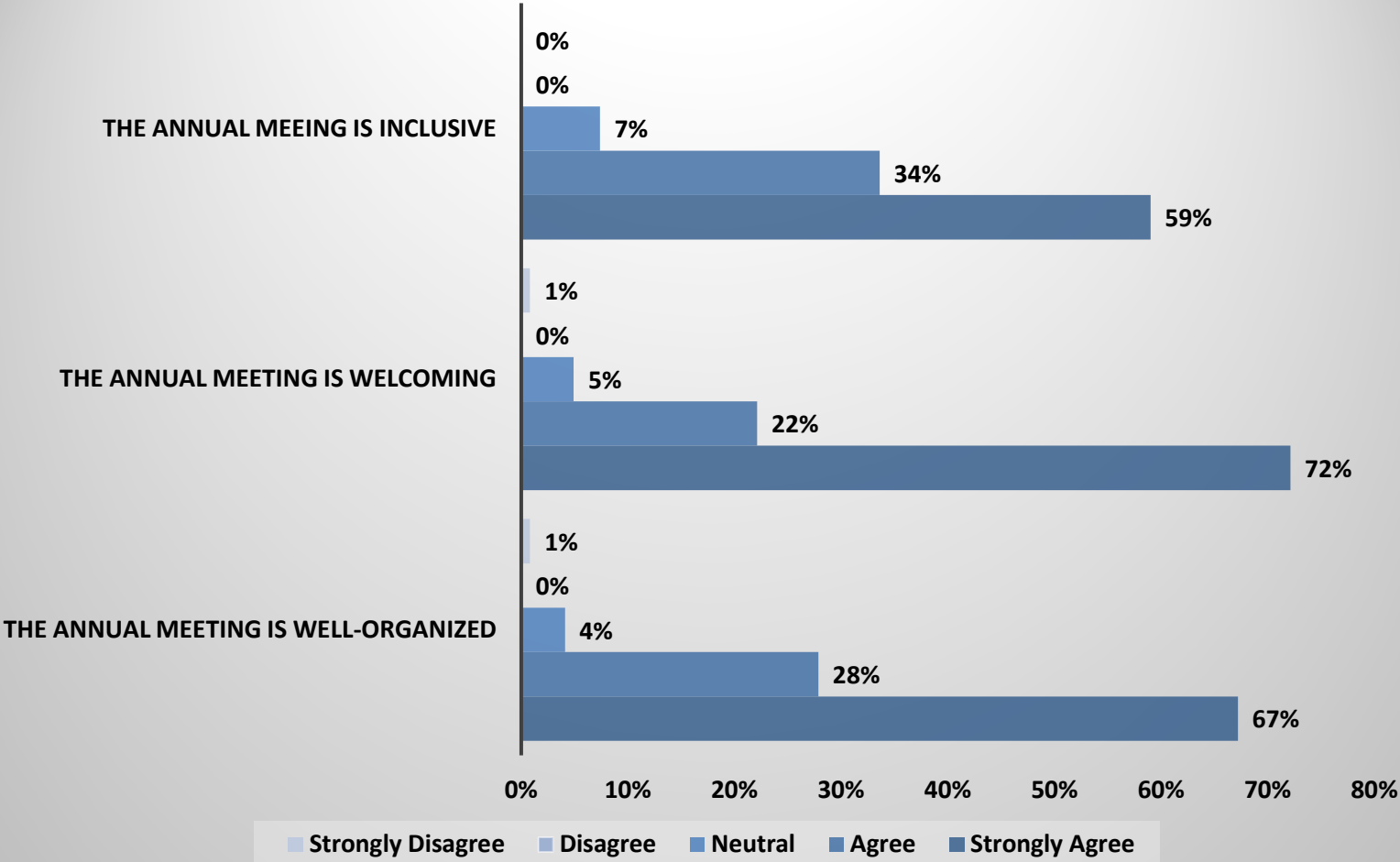
The survey ran for over two weeks from August 28 through September 15 with a **21% participation rate**. Please note that the participation rate is based on the total attendees registered. In 2023, there were 116 paid registrants that did not attend the annual meeting.

In this report, you'll see the survey questions, possible answers, summary of responses, graphs, and comments where applicable. The comments have not been edited and may contain misspellings and grammatical errors. Please note that, with the exception to open ended questions, comments are only asked for when an unsatisfactory response is selected.

Thank you for your participation.

Most sincerely,  
The Administrative Office

# Based on your experience, how do you feel about the following?



	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total Responses
The annual meeting is inclusive	0	0	9	41	72	122
The annual meeting is welcoming	1	0	6	27	88	122
The annual meeting is well-organized	1	0	5	34	82	122

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
The annual meeting is inclusive	3	5	4.52	0.63	0.40	122
The annual meeting is welcoming	1	5	4.65	0.65	0.42	122
The annual meeting is well-organized	1	5	4.61	0.65	0.42	122

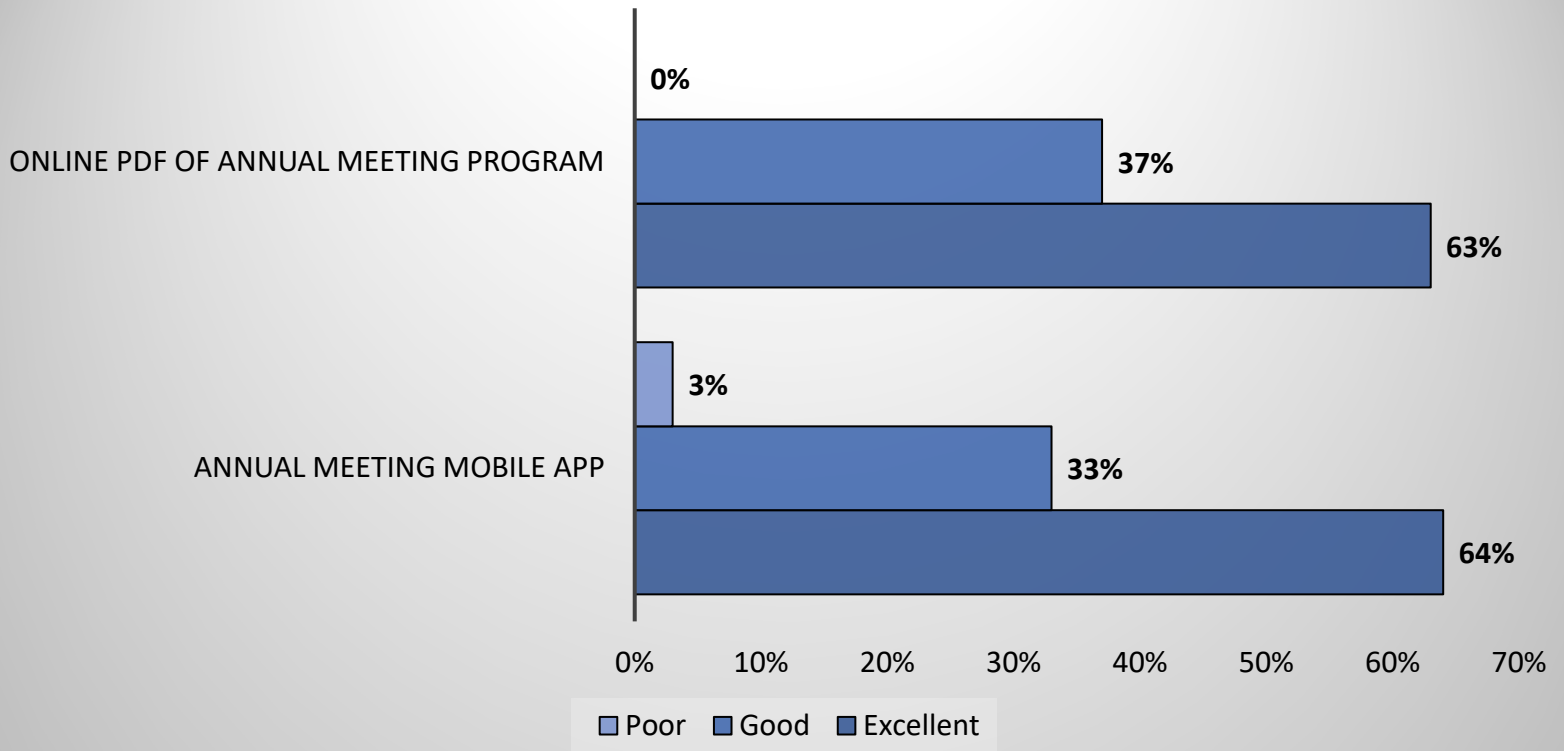
**You stated that the annual meeting was not welcoming.  
(No written responses provided.)**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	0

**You stated that the annual meeting was not well-organized.**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	0

**Based on your experience, please rate the following items.**



	Poor (1)	Good (2)	Excellent (3)	Total Responses
Online pdf of Annual Meeting program	0	42	73	115
Annual Meeting Mobile App	3	37	71	111

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Online pdf of Annual Meeting program	2	3	2.63	0.48	0.23	115
Annual Meeting Mobile App	1	3	2.61	0.54	0.29	111

## You said that you are dissatisfied with the Annual Meeting mobile app.

**It was not well organized**

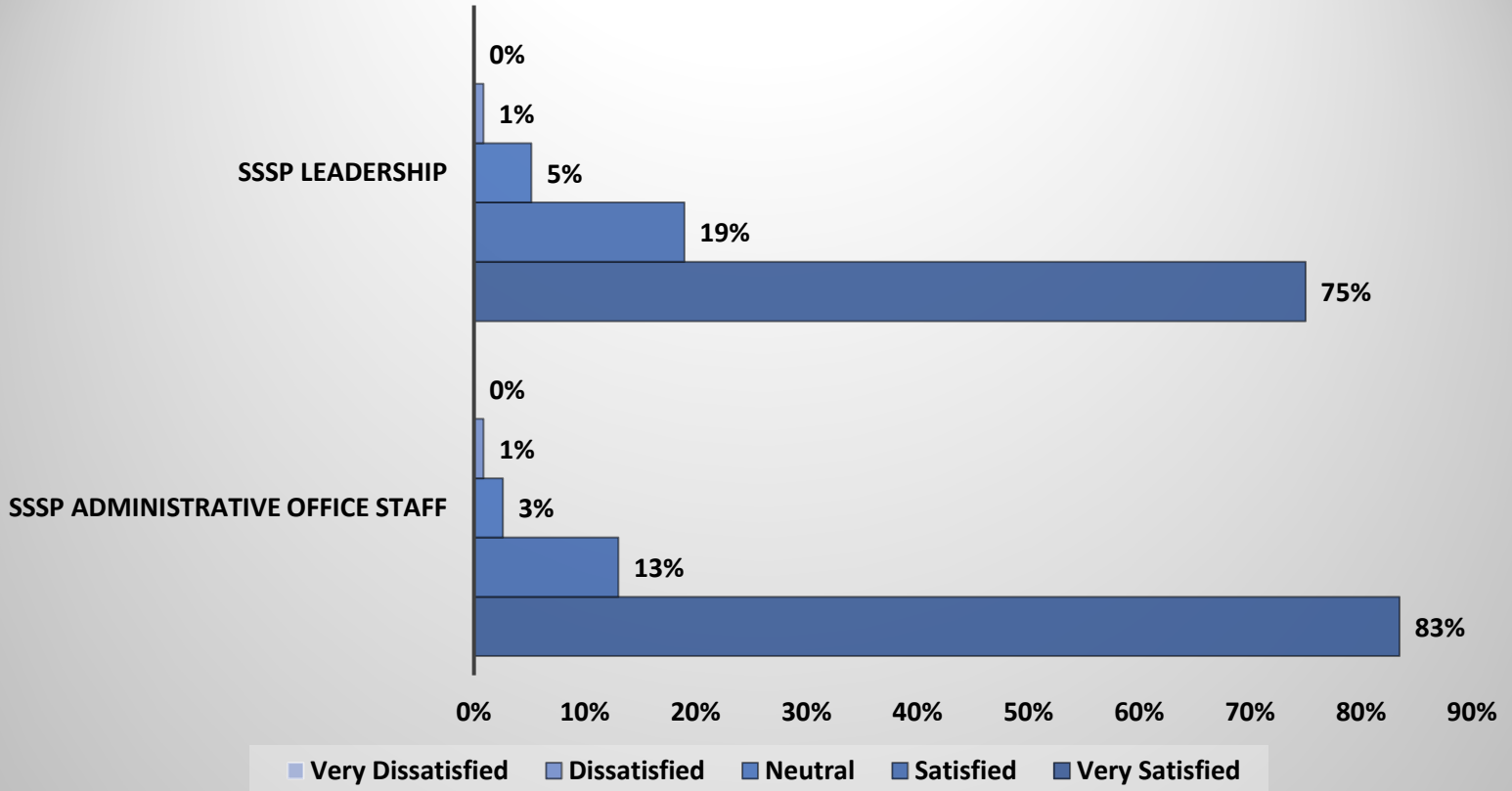
The session information is limited when scrolling the sessions. I may be an old fuddy duddy, but I enjoy being able to read through the program and see the full session information. The app is fine, but you have to click on each session to see the full information about the papers. This means a lot of back and forth clicking that is unnecessary with the .pdf of the program.

**I miss the printed program!**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	3



# Based on your experience, how satisfied are you with the following?



	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Neutral (3)	Satisfied (4)	Very Satisfied (5)	Total
SSSP Leadership	0	1	6	22	87	116
SSSP Administrative Office Staff	0	1	3	15	96	115

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
SSSP Leadership	2	5	4.68	0.61	0.37	116
SSSP Administrative Office Staff	2	5	4.79	0.52	0.27	115

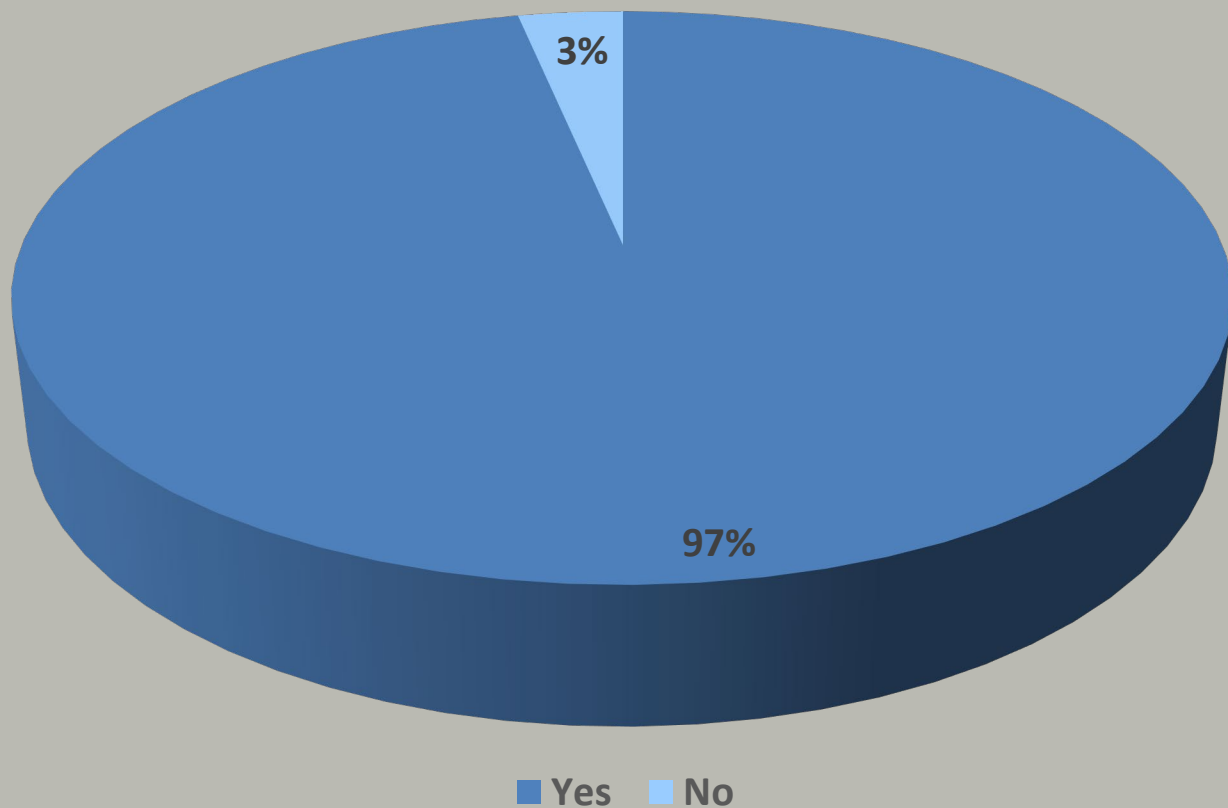
**You said that you are dissatisfied with SSSP Administrative Staff and/or SSSP Leadership. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.**

Based on what I know of this association's history, SSSP fashioned itself as a counternarrative/counter-conference to ASA. The truth is these two conferences maintain very similar bureaucratic processes and functions. As an association, SSSP is complicit in making "social justice" a vapid and hollow term. I implore SSSP to consider the many ways it reproduces the same kinds of logics and systems that it claims to be opposed to, especially at the administrative level. The cold and perfunctory way in which business and other administrative meetings are conducted reflect hegemony, by which I mean the use of coercion to bring about consent and naturalize processes to the point they become "common sense."

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	1



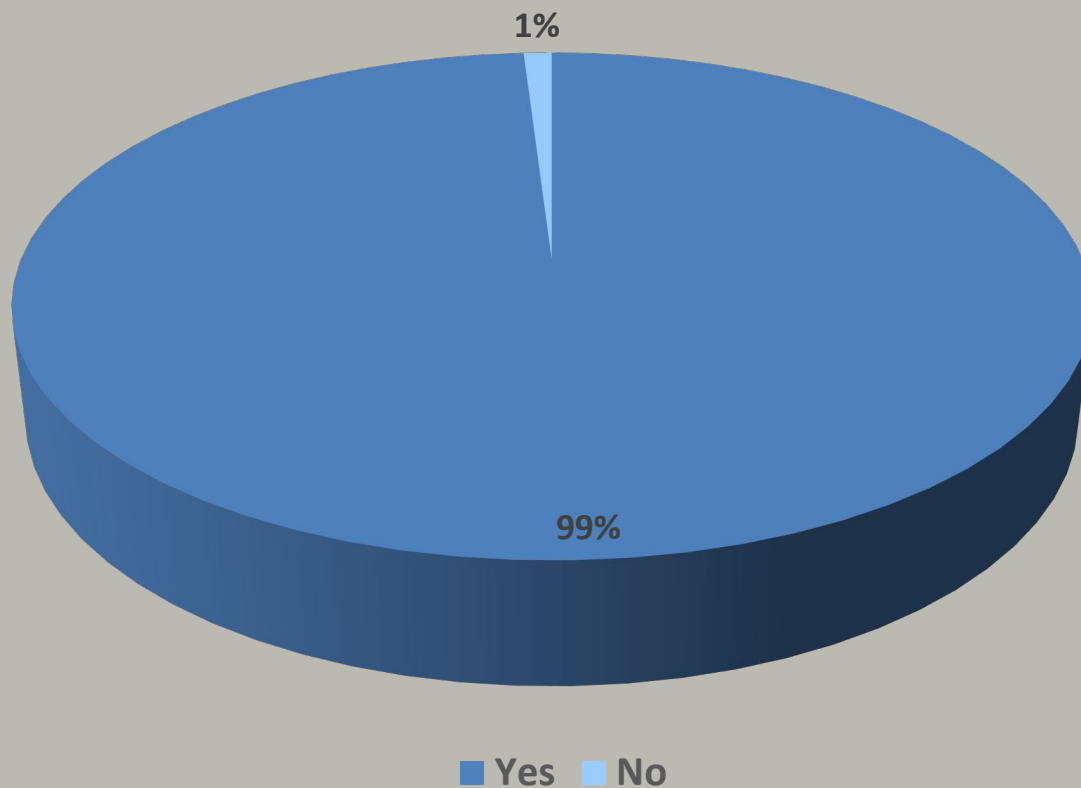
## Did you pre-register for the Annual Meeting?



	Responses
No (1)	4
Yes (2)	117
Total	121

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.97	0.18	0.03	121

## Was the online pre-registration process satisfactory?



	Responses
No (1)	1
Yes (2)	114
Total	115

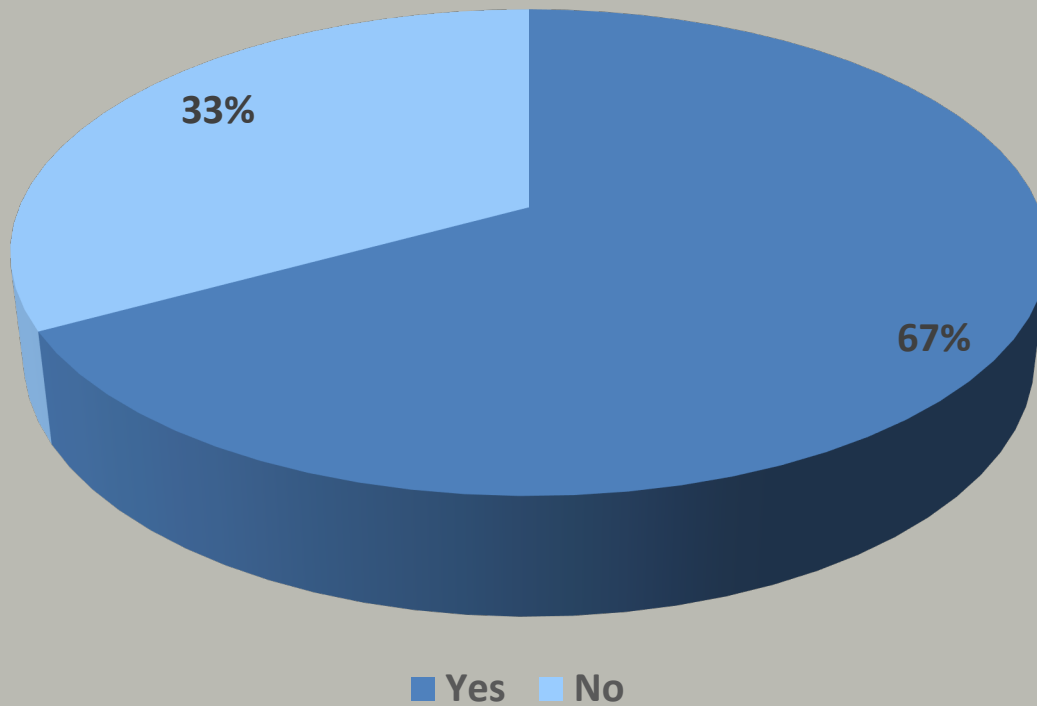
Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.99	0.09	0.01	115

## Was the online pre-registration process satisfactory?

It would be more convenient for my admin to be able to register me with the university credit card through a link, rather than me having to email a PDF that she has to email, etc. I also don't think I should have to purchase a membership to register for the meeting.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	1

## Was the onsite registration process satisfactory?



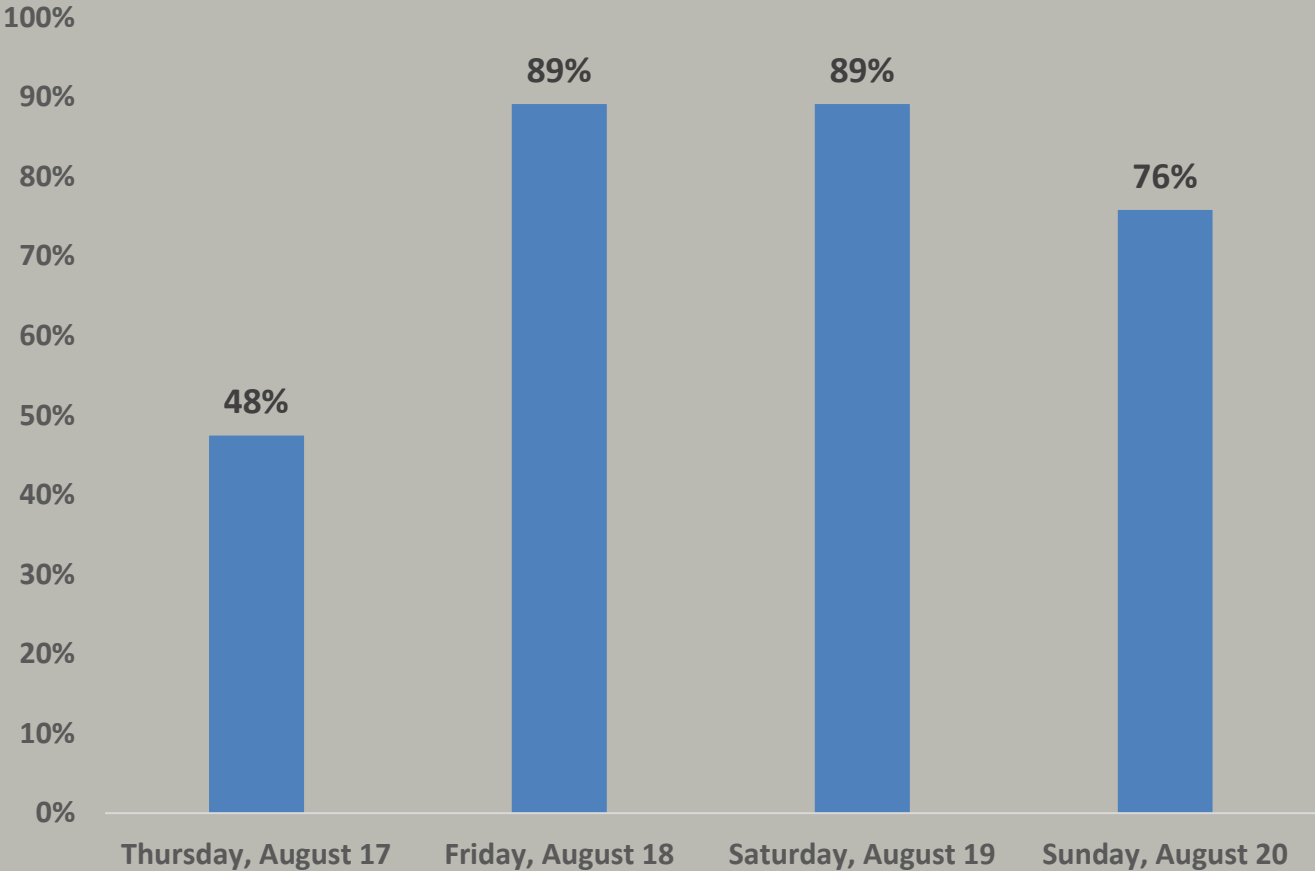
	Responses
No (1)	1
Yes (2)	2
Total	3

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.67	0.47	0.22	3

**Was the onsite registration process satisfactory?**  
**(No written responses provided.)**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	0

Please check the day(s) you attended the Annual Meeting.

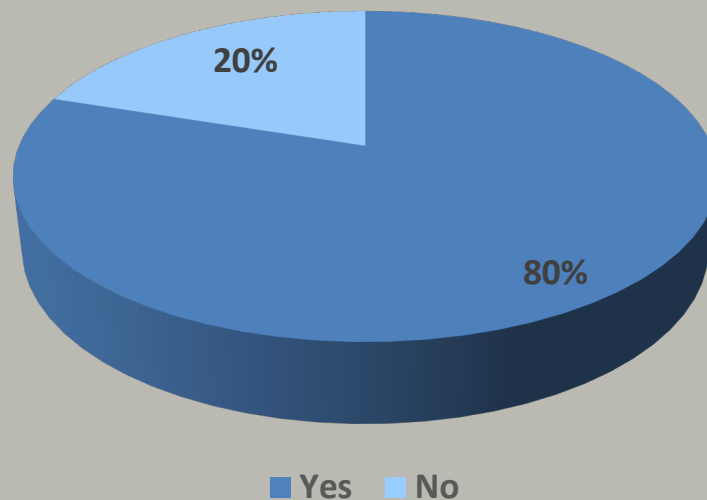


	Response	Percentage
Thursday, August 17	57	48%
Friday, August 18	107	89%
Saturday, August 19	107	89%
Sunday, August 20	91	76%

Total Responses	Total Respondents
362	120

## Did you participate in the Annual Meeting in any of the roles listed below?

- Board of Directors
- Committee Chair
- Committee Member
- Discussant
- Division Chair
- Officer
- Organizer
- Panelist
- Presenter
- President
- *Social Problems* Advisory Editor
- *Social Problems* Associate Editor
- *Social Problems* Editorial Staff
- *Social Problems* Media Committee

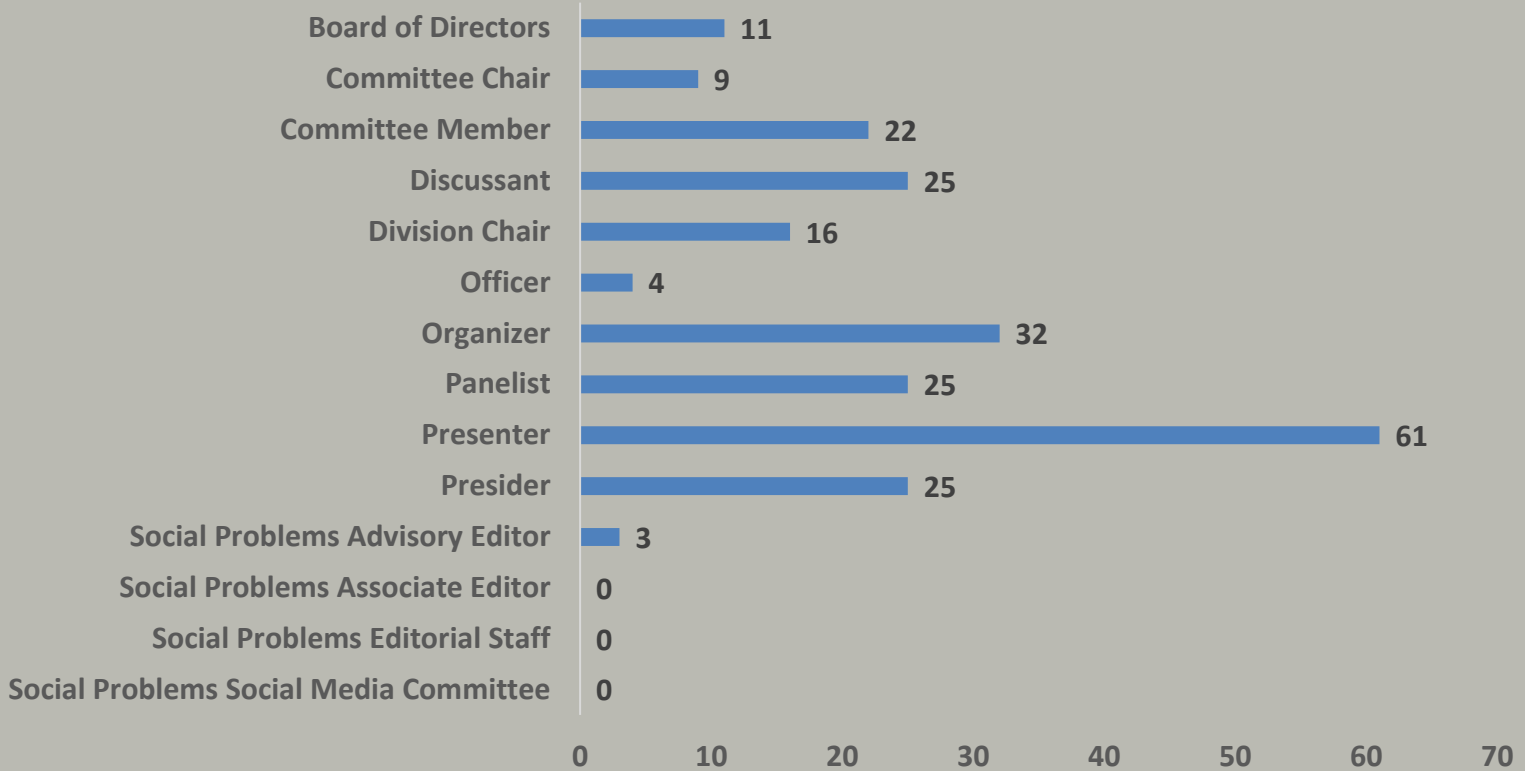
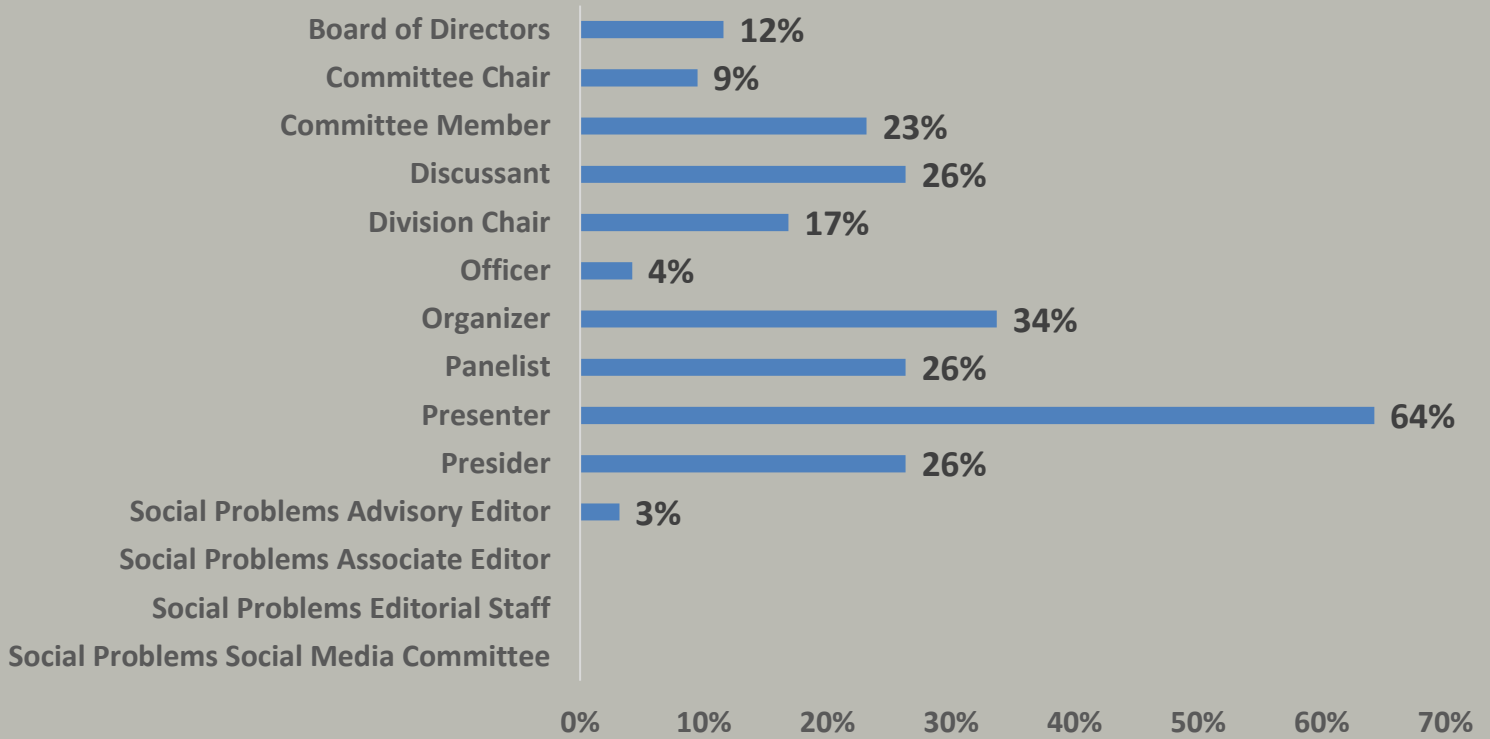


	Responses
No (1)	24
Yes (2)	96
Total	120

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.80	0.40	0.16	120

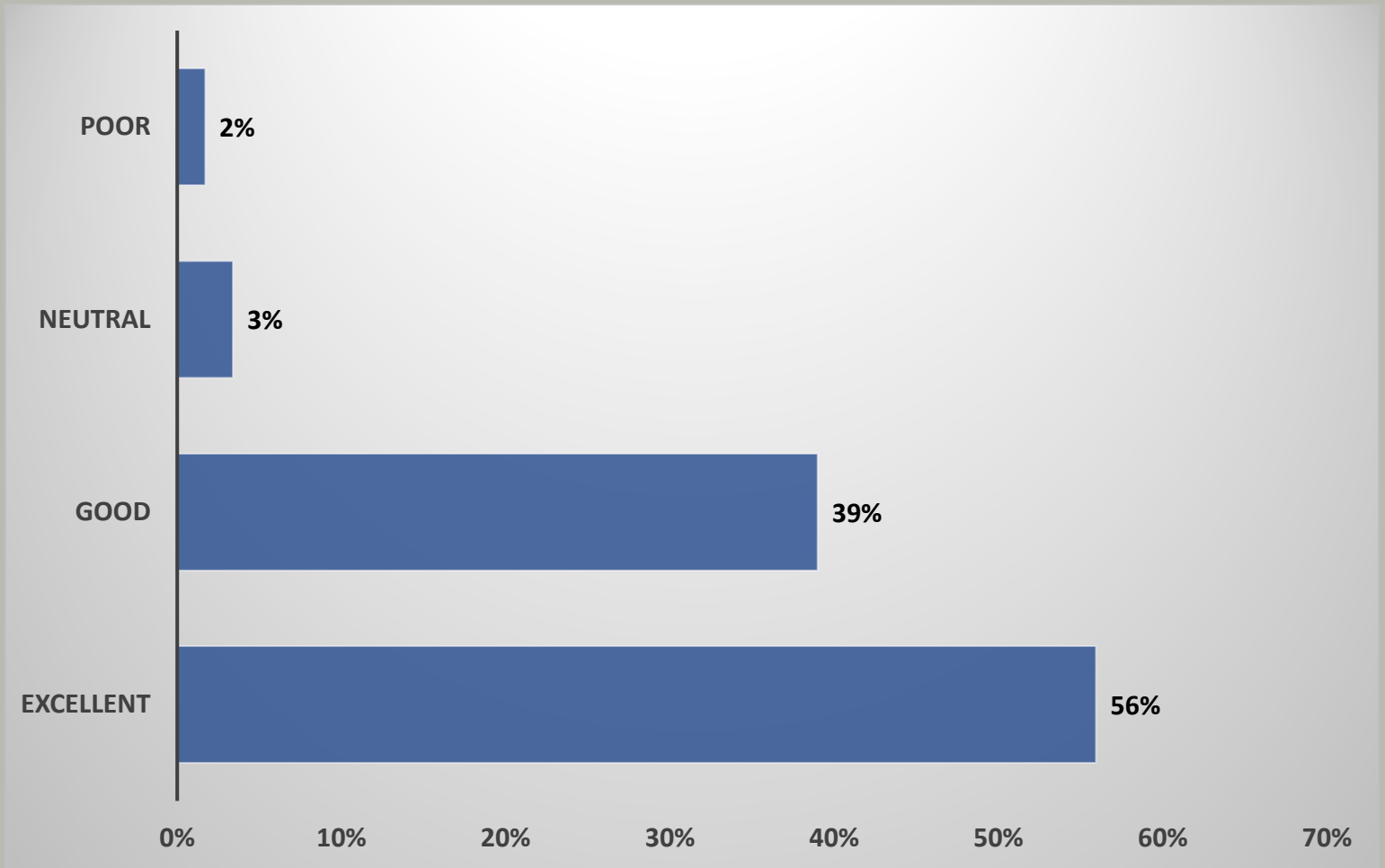


# Please indicate the roles you played at the Annual Meeting.



Total Responses	Total Respondents
233	95

Please rate your experience of the online Call for Papers submission process for the Annual Meeting.



	Responses
Poor (1)	1
Neutral (2)	2
Good (3)	23
Excellent (4)	33

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	4	3.49	0.65	0.42	59

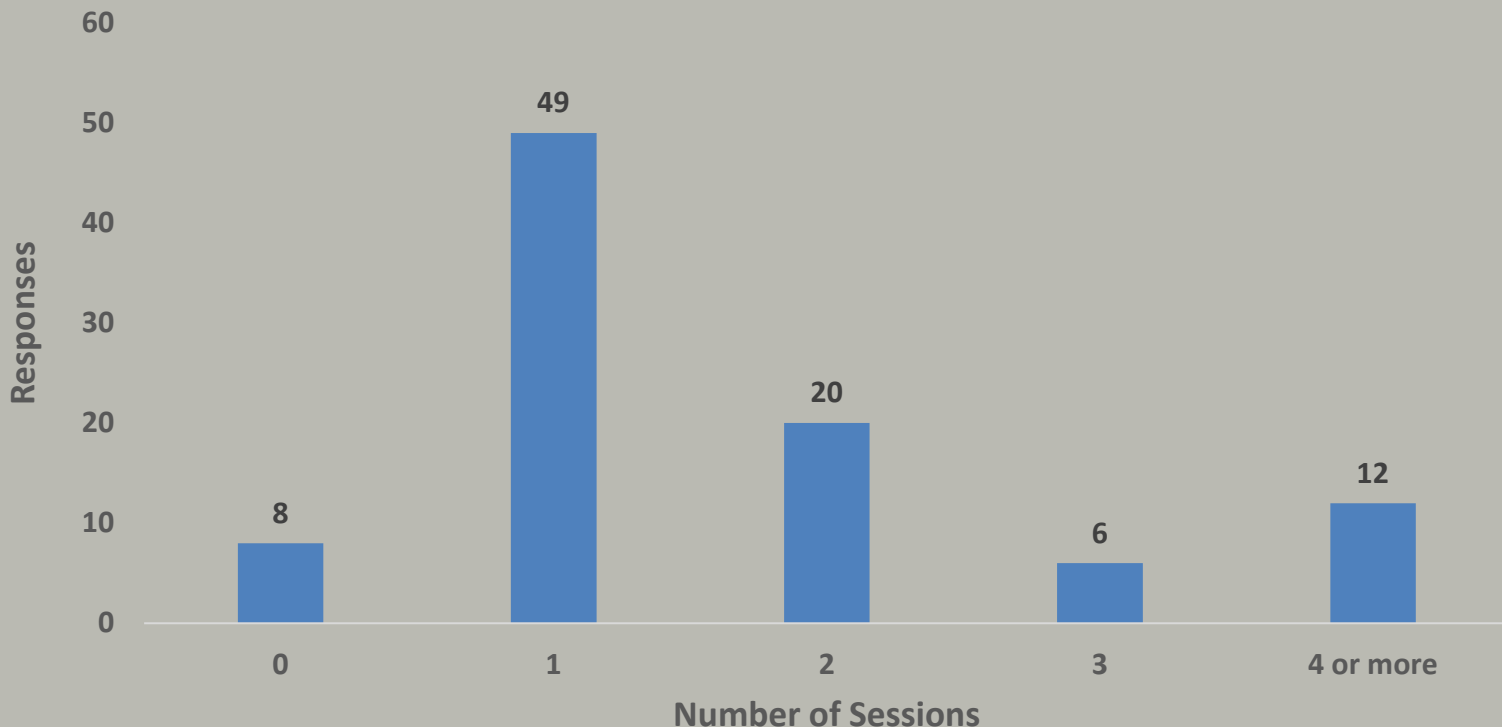
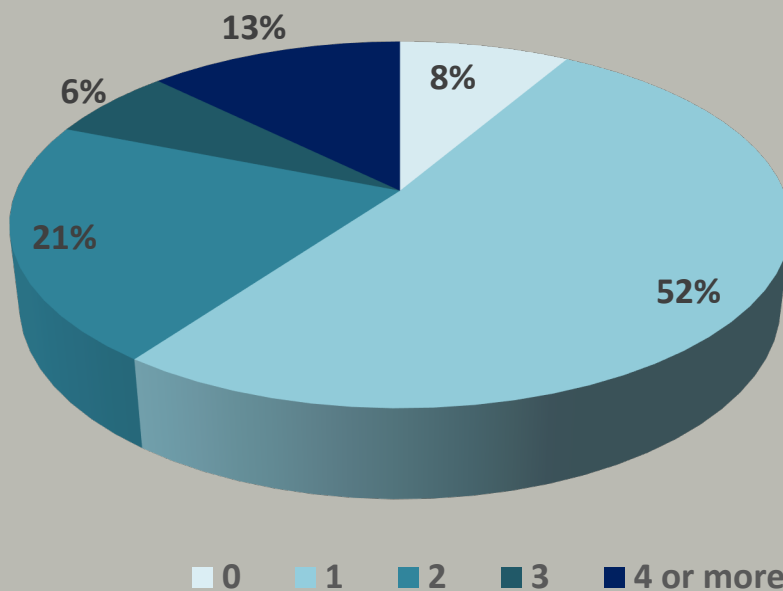
**Please rate your experience of the online Call for Papers submission process for the Annual Meeting.**

**Very difficult system to navigate**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	1

# How many sessions did you participate in as either Presenter, Organizer, Presider, Discussant, Presider/Discussant, and/or Panelist at the Annual Meeting?

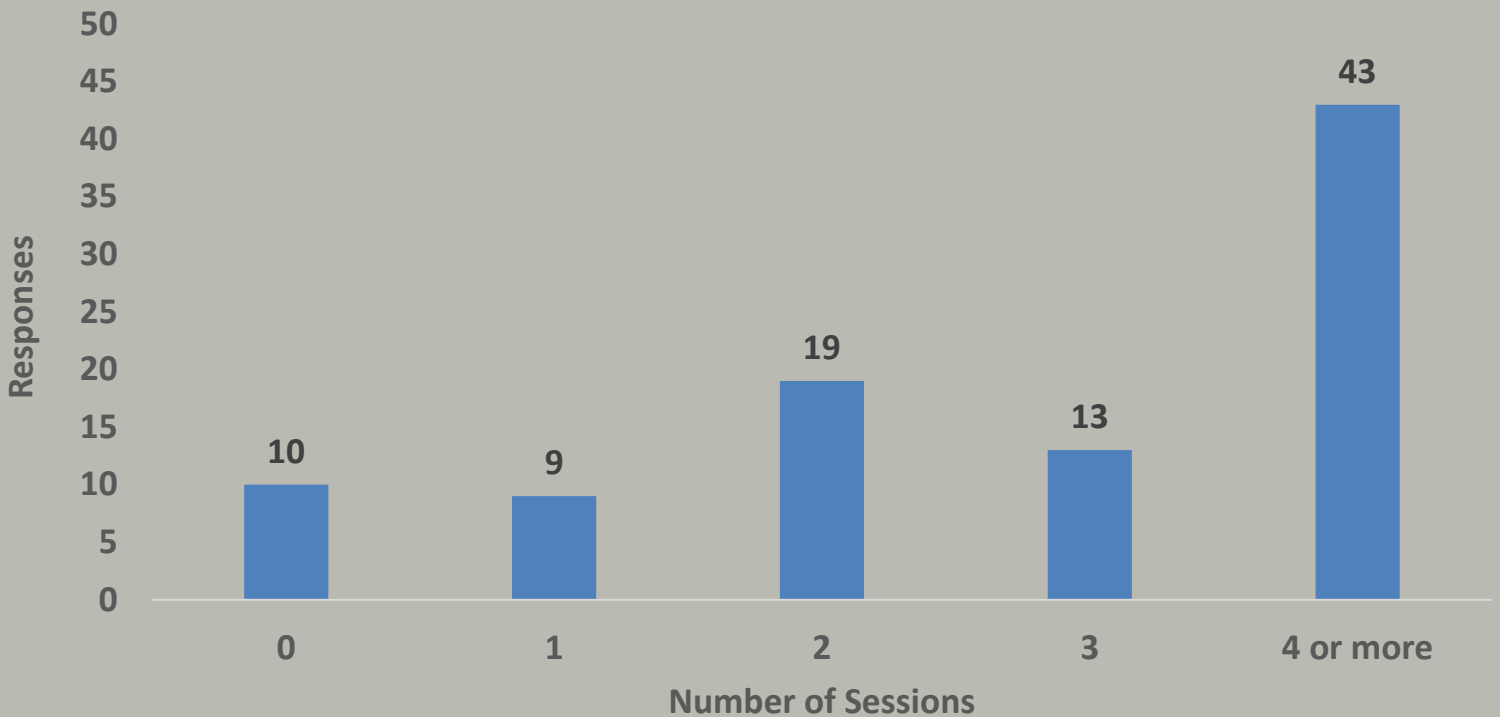
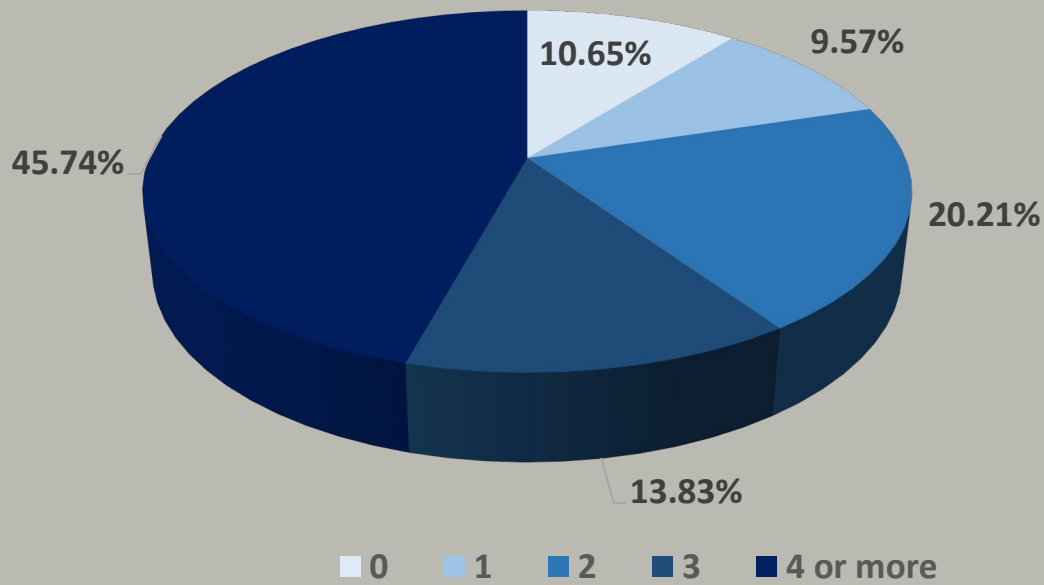
Number of Sessions Respondent Participated In



Minimum (0 sessions)	Maximum (4 or more sessions)	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	5	2.63	1.13	1.29	95

# Approximately how many sessions did you attend, aside from those you participated in?

Number of Sessions Respondent Attended



Minimum (0 sessions)	Maximum (4 or more sessions)	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	5	3.74	1.39	1.93	94

**Please specify reason(s) for not attending more sessions, aside from those you participated in.**

**The number of committee/Division Chair meetings limited opportunities for session attendance.**

**The session in which I am the discussant really interests me.**

**I spent a lot of time in division chair meetings. It becomes hard to do everything**

**I am very into sociology of sports but there were not many sessions related to my research.**

**Due to involvement in other soc meetings (SSSI) and travel schedule and with my semester starting/child care at home, I was not able to attend more than my session. In the future, I hope that won't be the case**

**Conflicting schedules between ASA and SSSP**

**Being pulled into countless administrative meetings and responsibilities.**

**schedule booked with other meetings/obligations**

**my family was with me so I needed to do family care work**

**Also attending ASA. It was hard to get back and forth.**

**I had family in town with me.**

**Too many committee and other obligations throughout the meetings.**

**Please specify reason(s) for not attending more sessions, aside from those you participated in.**

**ASA sessions**

**time constraints, meetings with colleagues, health limitations**

**Conflicting times + society anxiety**

**I was also participating in ASA and SWS annual meetings which were happening simultaneously, so it was difficult to fit everything in.**

**I was also attending ASA and SWS sessions and had to disperse my time.**

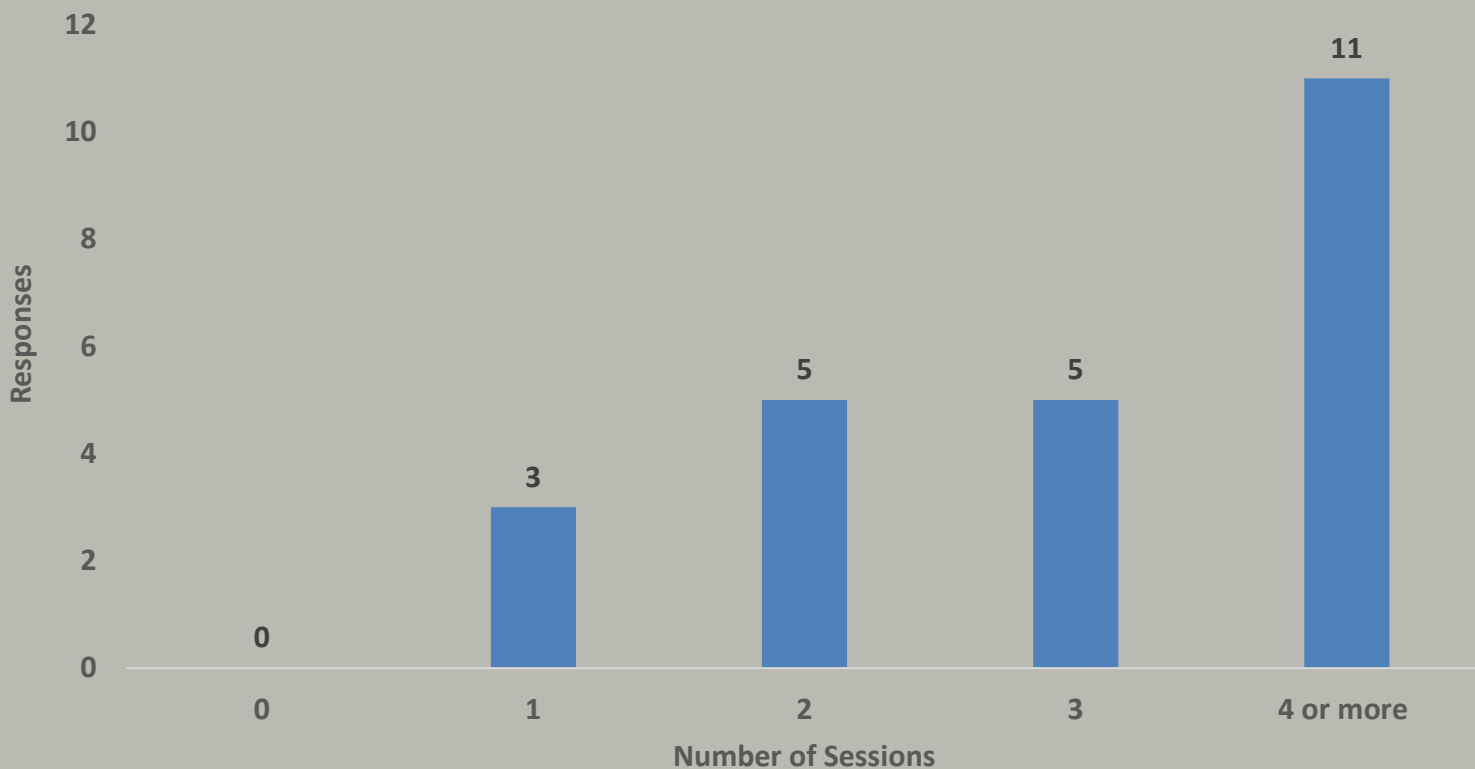
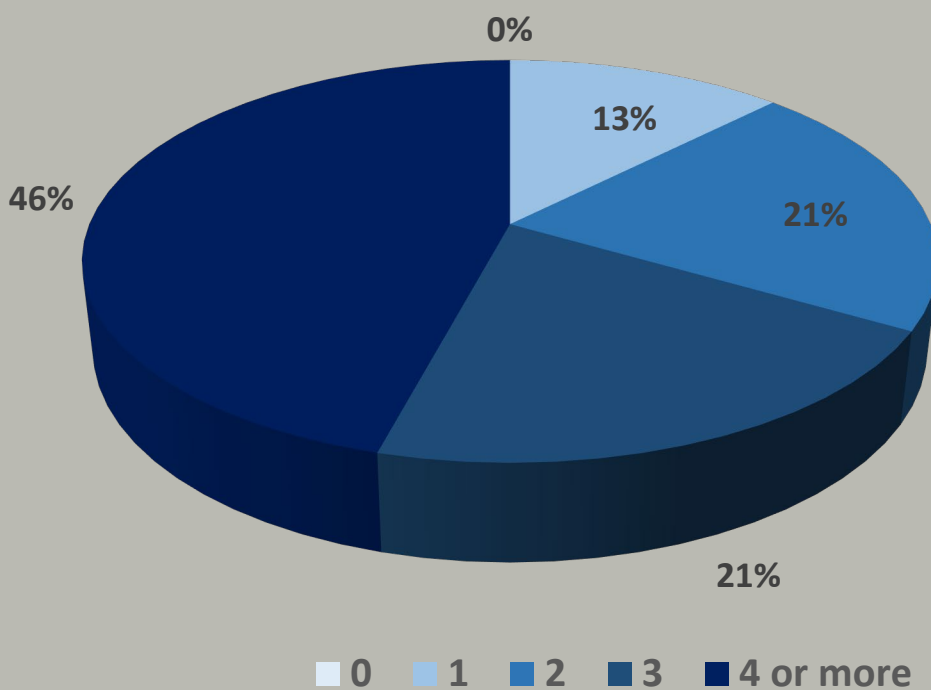
**Work demands, visiting with colleagues, touring the city**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	18



**Approximately how many sessions did you attend at the meeting?  
(This question was only asked to non-program participants.)**

**Number of Sessions Respondent Attended**



Minimum (0 sessions)	Maximum (4 or more sessions)	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
2	5	4.0	1.08	1.17	24

**Please specify reason(s) for not attending more sessions.  
(This question was only asked to non-program participants.)**

**I did not look at the other sessions**

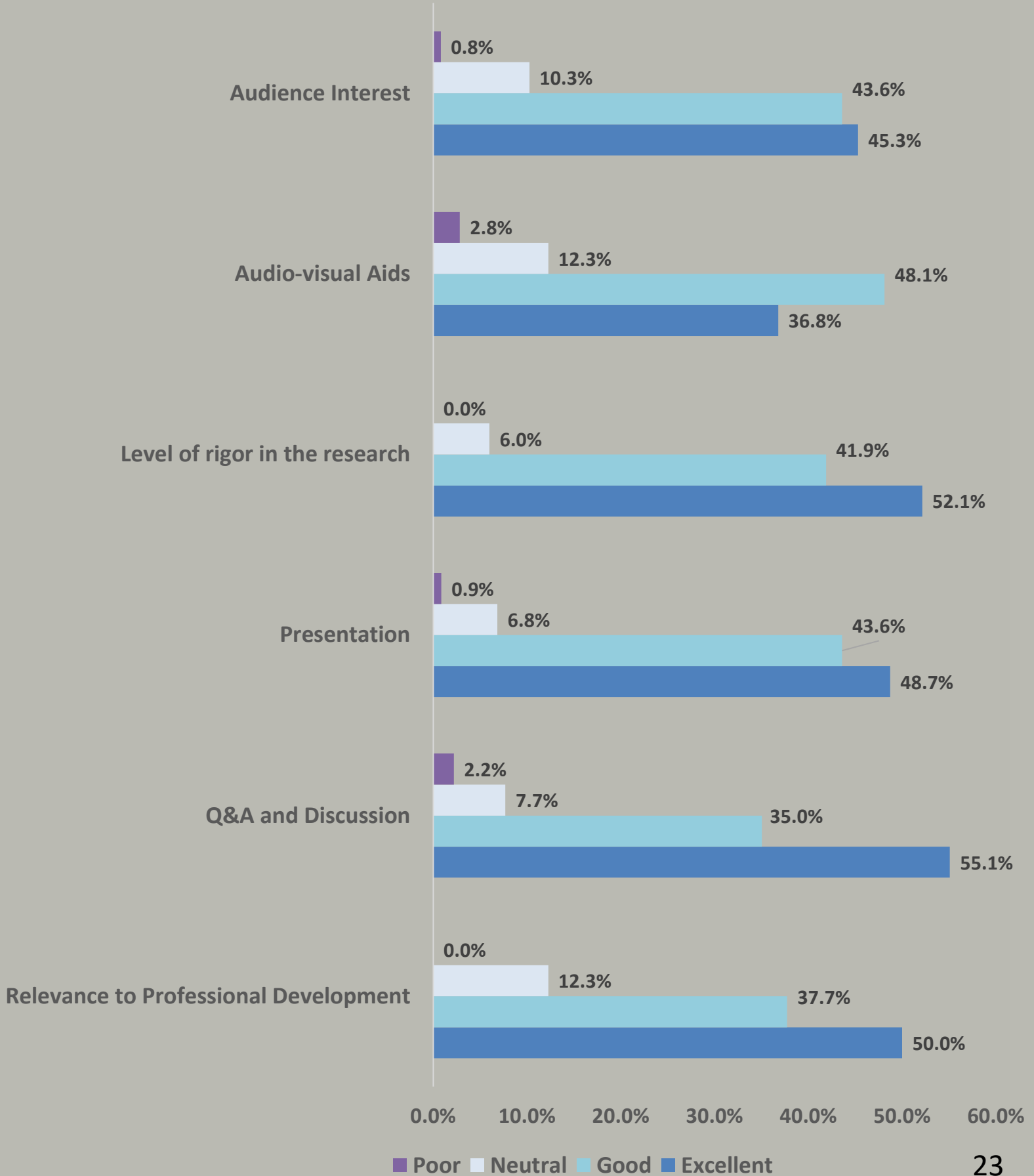
**too much overlap with ASA sessions I was required to attend (part of this overlap was the deviation from ASA's Friday to Tuesday normal scheduling)**

**I was more interested in the sessions that were being offered at ASA.**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	3

Please rate the overall quality of the aspects of the session(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.

(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)



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	<b>Poor (1)</b>	<b>Neutral (2)</b>	<b>Good (3)</b>	<b>Excellent (4)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Audience Interest	1	12	51	53	117
Audio-visual Aids	3	13	51	39	106
Level of rigor in the research	0	7	49	61	117
Presentation	1	8	51	57	117
Q&A and Discussion	3	9	41	65	118
Relevance to Professional Development	0	13	40	53	106

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std Deviation</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Count</b>
Audience Interest	1	4	3.33	0.69	0.48	117
Audio-visual Aids	1	4	3.19	0.75	0.57	106
Level of rigor in the research	2	4	3.46	0.61	0.37	117
Presentation	1	4	3.4	0.65	0.43	117
Q&A and Discussion	1	4	3.42	0.74	0.55	118
Relevance to Professional Development	2	4	3.38	0.69	0.48	106

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**(This was only presented to respondents that attended at least 1 session.)**

**Low turn-out in many sessions, make it less engaging. Discussants did not seem to prepare comments or remarks prior to the session, which might be more engaging for the audience & beneficial to the presenters.**

**Poor attendance**

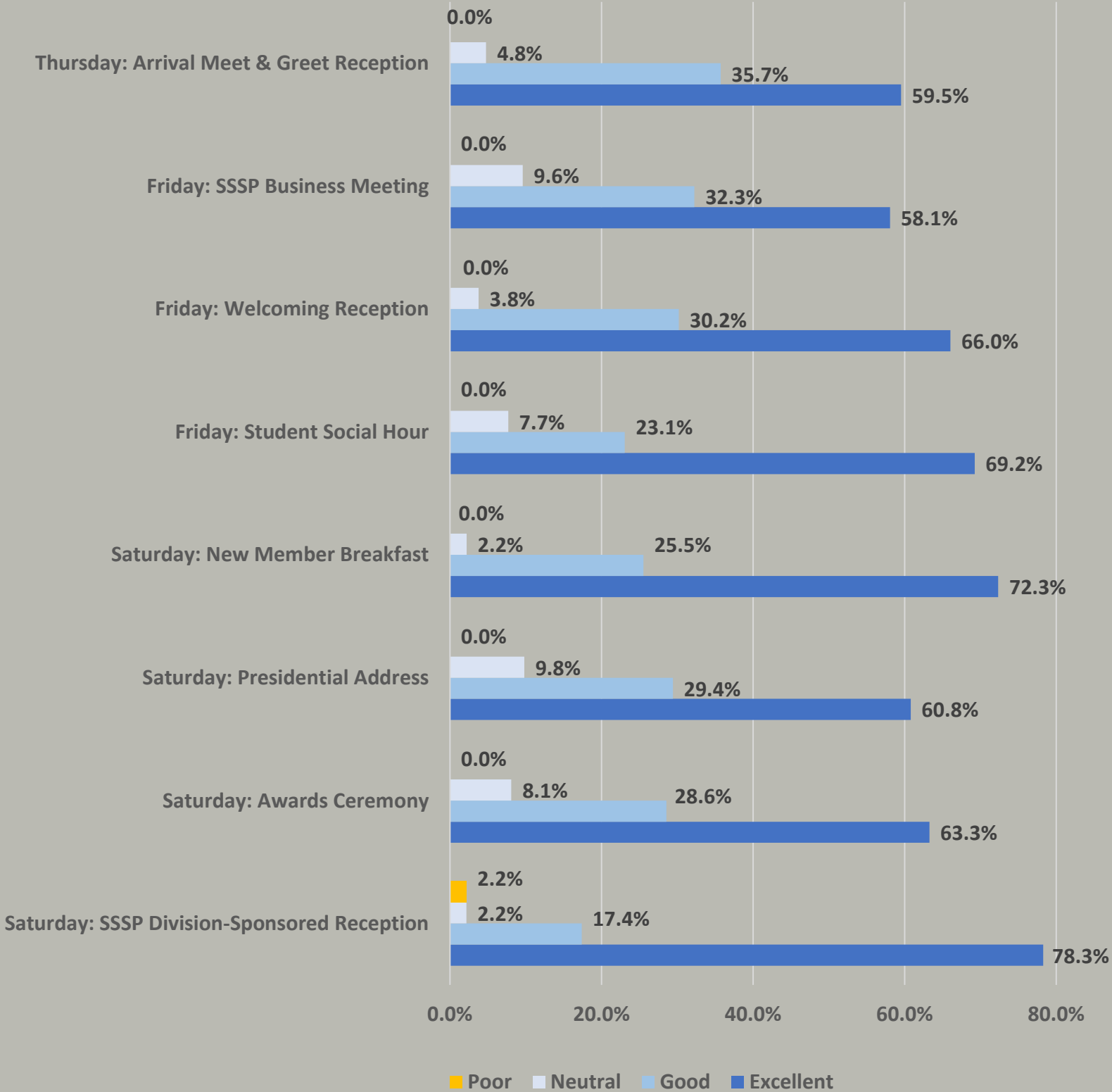
**It was challenging that the presentation rooms did not have a laptop provided for the presenters to show their slides. Only an adapter cable was provided but none of the presenters had a laptop that was compatible with the adaptor cable. We were lucky that an audience member had a laptop that worked with the adapter cables and allowed us to use their laptop for the entire session. Otherwise, the panelists would have had to present without their slides.**

**Not many people attended sessions and barely anyone had questions for presenters.**

**Our facilitator went on a tangent during our session and did not encourage the audience nor did they engage deeply with the presenters research. It felt like the conversations we had, could have taken place without the presenters being present. One presenters zoomed in and you could not hear her presentation nor could she hear us at all.**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	5

Please rate your experience of the overall quality of the reception(s) and special event(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting.



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	Poor (1)	Neutral (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)	Total
<b>Thursday: Arrival Meet &amp; Greet Reception</b>	0	2	15	25	42
<b>Friday: SSSP Business Meeting</b>	0	3	10	18	31
<b>Friday: Welcoming Reception</b>	0	2	16	35	53
<b>Friday: Student Social Hour</b>	0	1	3	9	13
<b>Saturday: New Member Breakfast</b>	0	1	12	34	47
<b>Saturday: Presidential Address</b>	0	5	15	31	51
<b>Saturday: Awards Ceremony</b>	0	4	14	31	49
<b>Saturday: SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception</b>	1	1	8	36	46

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
<b>Thursday: Arrival Meet &amp; Greet Reception</b>	2	4	3.55	0.59	0.34	42
<b>Friday: SSSP Business Meeting</b>	2	4	3.48	0.67	0.44	31
<b>Friday: Welcoming Reception</b>	2	4	3.62	0.56	0.31	53
<b>Friday: Student Social Hour</b>	2	4	3.62	0.62	0.39	13
<b>Saturday: New Member Breakfast</b>	2	4	3.7	0.5	0.25	47
<b>Saturday: Presidential Address</b>	2	4	3.51	0.67	0.45	51
<b>Saturday: Awards Ceremony</b>	2	4	3.55	0.64	0.41	49
<b>Saturday: SSSP Division-Sponsored Reception</b>	1	4	3.72	0.61	0.38	46

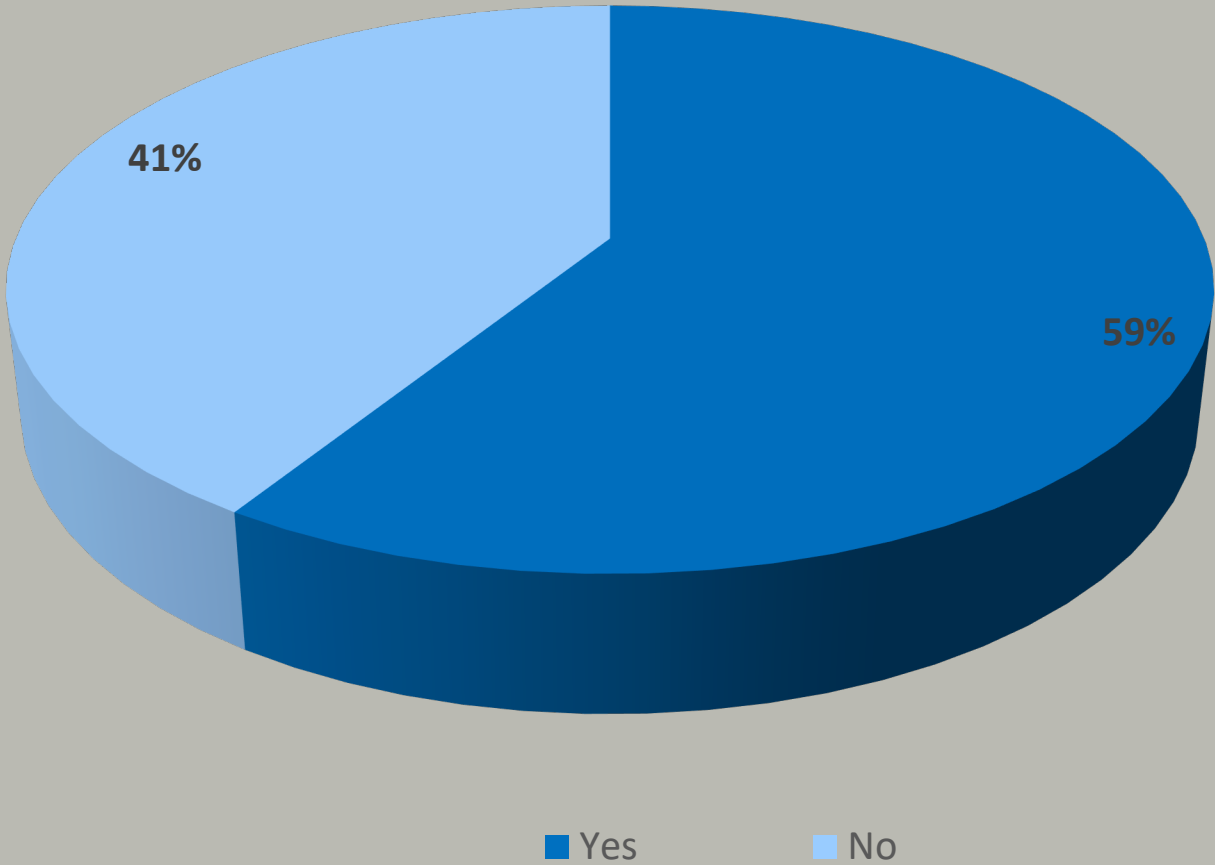


**You said that you were dissatisfied with some aspect of the reception(s) and/or special event(s) you attended at the Annual Meeting. Please tell us why.**

**Not enough time to interact with folks you didn't already know.**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	1

# Did you stay at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel?



Responses	Count
No (1)	48
Yes (2)	70

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.59	0.49	0.24	118

## What was the main reason you did not stay at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel?

**Cost.**

**Expensive**

**Unaffordability due to tight finances**

**Could not afford it**

**I was also attending the ASA meetings at the Marriott Hotel Downtown.**

**Cost**

**Miscalculation.**

**Price - I rented an Air BnB within walking distance for a few hundred dollars less.**

**I have family in Philadelphia and wanted to stay with them**

**I originally booked in Fall but needed to change dates to include Sunday when sessions were scheduled. But the Sheraton online system would not let me change the reservation. So I cancelled and got a cheaper hotel.**

**It's expensive**

**I commuted from home**

**Expensive**

**I attended 2 other conferences at the same time and stayed at one of those hotels.**

**Childcare**

**Didn't have travel funding this year. Stayed at super cheap hostel in old town.**

**I stayed at an air bnb because it was very close by and a little cheaper**

**I'm local to Philadelphia and didn't need hotel accommodations.**

**we had friends we could stay with**

**I was also participating in ASA so I stayed at the Marriott where that was being held.**

## What was the main reason you did not stay at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel?

I went to ASA and SSSP events, so stayed at a hotel that was between the two.

I stayed with a friend, hotels are expensive (I'm a grad student)

Too costly

I live near PHL

Cost with an added Tourist Fee of \$44.00 a night.

Because I couldn't afford the cost of the rooms

Live in the area

Too far away from ASA

I had a funding and colleagues did not, so I wanted to be able to rent a larger space so that they could have a place to stay. Moving forward, I will try hard to find the money to stay in the hotel.

Indicated that they were full

Financial constraints. My (public R1) university no longer provides any funds at all for professional meetings.

I was also attending the ASA meetings at the Marriott Downtown Hotel

I stayed at the ASA hotel.

It was too far away from my other conferences.

Family in the area and cost of stay.

Booked late.

I stayed at the Marriot because there were more panels and presentations I attended there.

Too expensive

## What was the main reason you did not stay at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel?

I stayed at the ASA hotel

The ASA hotel had better reviews. That ended up being a good decision because I saw a rat while sitting in the Mezzanine area after picking up my badge. I brought this to the attention of both the registration table folks and hotel admin.

I stayed at the Marriot for ASA

For a grad student, it is expensive.

It was too expensive and for disability reasons, I can't share a room.

I received funding to stay at the Marriott.

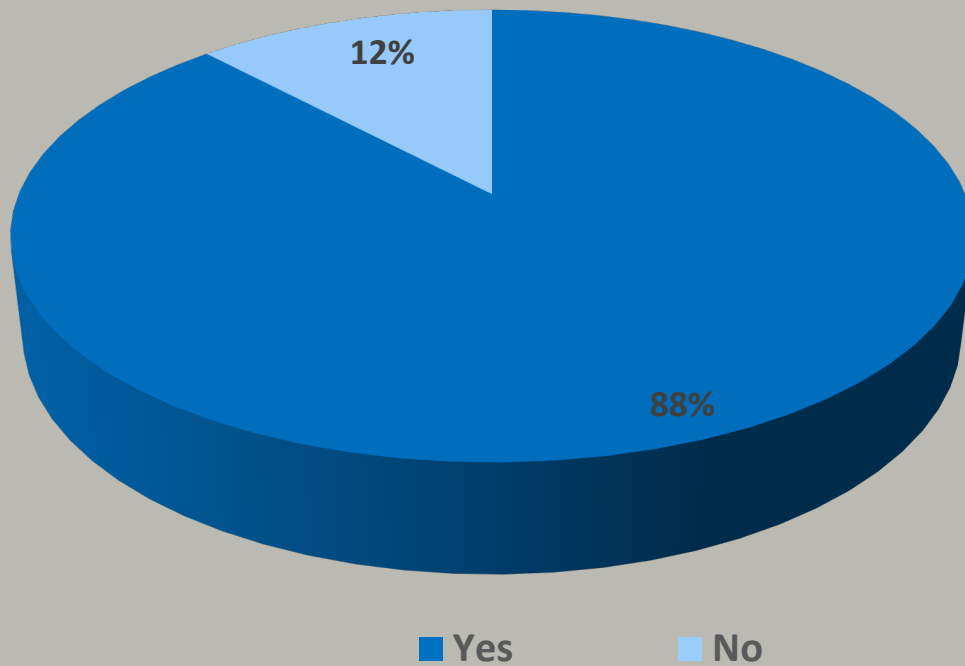
Price.

Less expensive hotel nearer to ASA

Cost

Statistic	Value
Respondents	47

# Are you likely to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada?



Responses	Count
No (1)	14
Yes (2)	101

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.88	0.33	0.11	115

## What is the primary reason that you are unlikely to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada?

I had hoped to network with more people at SSSP. Most of the people I had a chance to meet 1) were not in academia 2) worked in areas very unrelated to my specializations or 3) were not even registered for the conference (e.g. they were the nephew / wife / daughter / friend of someone attending the conference). The academics at SSSP seemed to be rather insular and only socialized with people they already knew.

I am a graduate student and likely unable to afford international travel

I was able to go to this conference through work, I would probably want to give someone else the opportunity to go to a conference next year

My university has cut conference funding, and I need to attend another conference this year and cannot afford to attend both, especially as the Montreal conference will be more expensive.

Not as interested in going to Montreal for conference again.

Visa issues

travel cost for an international flight is high

Because the SSSP schedule seems to consistently have too much overlap with ASA and the conference hotel is too far away, making it hard to reasonably attend both conferences

Passport issues related to gender transition and financial constraints.

It's in Canada.

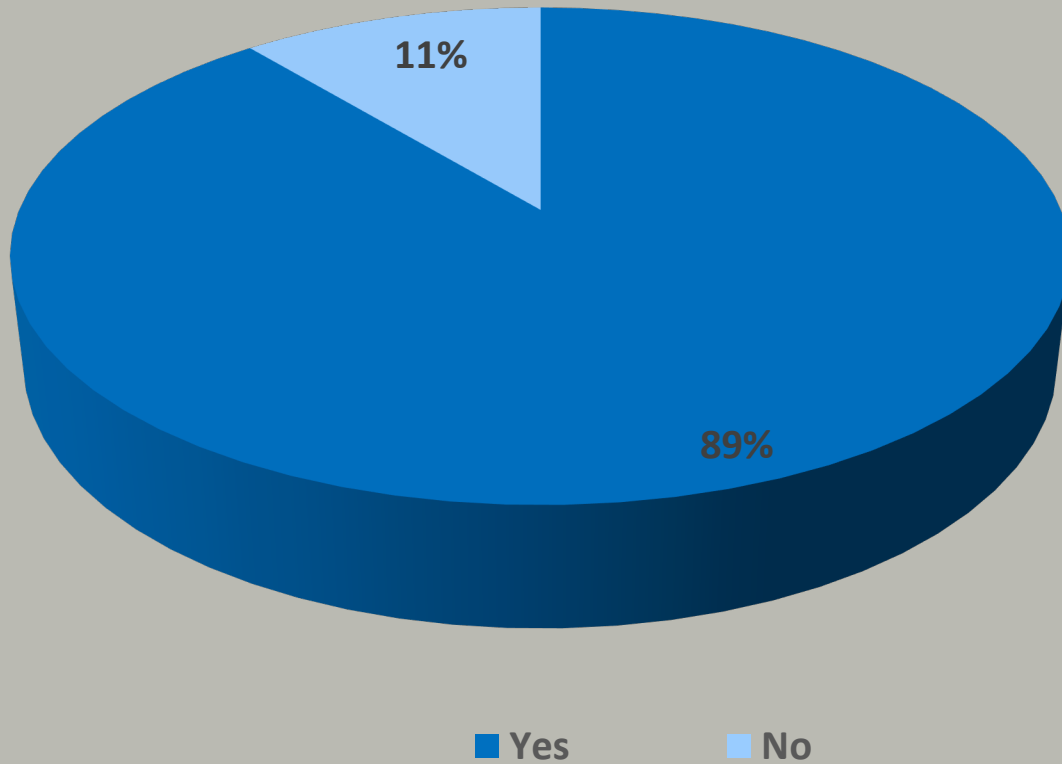
Cost

Funding

Statistic	Value
Respondents	12



## Are you aware of SSSP's Anti-Harassment Policy, including options for reporting instances of harassment and discrimination?



Responses	Count
No (1)	13
Yes (2)	104

Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	2	1.89	0.31	0.10	117

The Society for the Study of Social Problems is committed to the eradication of discrimination (both intentional and unintentional), harassment, intimidation, and violence directed at individuals and groups based on, but not limited to, race and ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, class, nationality and immigrant status, ability, and religion. Offensive and prohibited conduct may include, but is not limited to, offensive jokes, slurs, epithets, name calling, physical assaults and threats, unwanted touching and persistent unwanted attention and invasion of personal space, intimidation, ridicule or mockery, and insults and put-downs. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is engaged in without clear affirmative consent. Discriminatory and harassing actions are prohibited both when they are directed at specific individuals and groups and when they create a hostile environment. Toward that end, we would like to know whether you were subjected to any of the following by a SSSP member or employee, hotel employee, or vendor at any SSSP meeting you have attended in the past two years, including this past one. Please check as many as apply.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Physical assault and/or the threat of physical assault	0.0%	0
2	Unwanted touching	0.0%	0
3	Offensive jokes, slurs, epithets, put-downs, and/or name-calling	0.0%	0
4	Persistent unwanted attention and/or invasion of personal space	0.0%	0
5	Unsolicited suggestive or offensive materials	0.0%	0
6	Stared, leered, or ogled at in any way that made you feel uncomfortable	0.0%	0
7	Offensive remark based on your race or ethnicity, gender or gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion, nationality or immigrant status, age, class or ability	0.0%	0
8	Other form of harassment or discrimination not included above	100.0%	4
9	Pressured by someone with more status or power to engage in uncomfortable or unwanted interactions	0.0%	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4</b>

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**Other form of harassment not included in the above: Text Response**

**Racist remark about historically Black neighborhoods in Philadelphia, repeated misgendering of other conference attendees.**

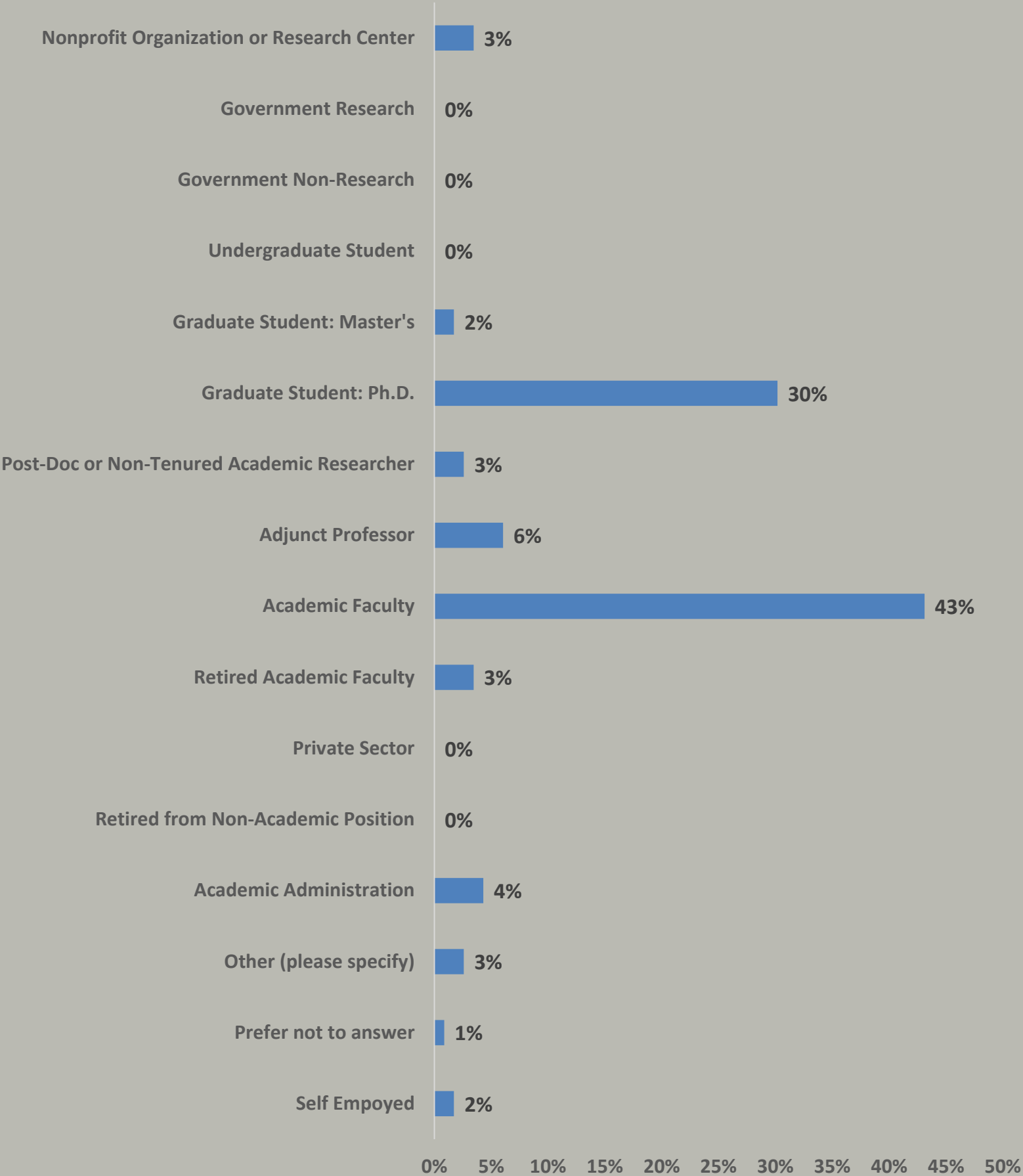
**None**

**There appeared to be some politically (internal, not national) driven motivations led by "liberal" white women directed towards women of the Global Majority (ie women of color). I don't have to remind SSSP of how wildly problematic, inappropriate, unprofessional, and non antiracist this is.**

**Sexual - Males unzipping and using the bathroom without closing the stalls &gt; very inappropriate**

Statistic	Value
Respondents	4

# What is your primary employment type or affiliation?



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Answer	Count	Percent
Nonprofit Organization or Research Center	4	3%
Government Research	0	0%
Government Non-Research	0	0%
Undergraduate Student	0	0%
Graduate Student: Master's	2	2%
Graduate Student: Ph.D.	35	30%
Post-Doc or Non-Tenured Academic Researcher	3	3%
Adjunct Professor	7	6%
Academic Faculty (i.e., Assistant, Associate, Full Professor)	50	43%
Retired Academic Faculty	4	3%
Private Sector	0	0%
Retired from Non-Academic Position	0	0%
Other (please specify)	3	3%
Academic Administration (i.e., Department Head, Associate Dean, Dean, Provost, President)	5	4%
Prefer not to answer	1	1%
Self Employed	2	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	

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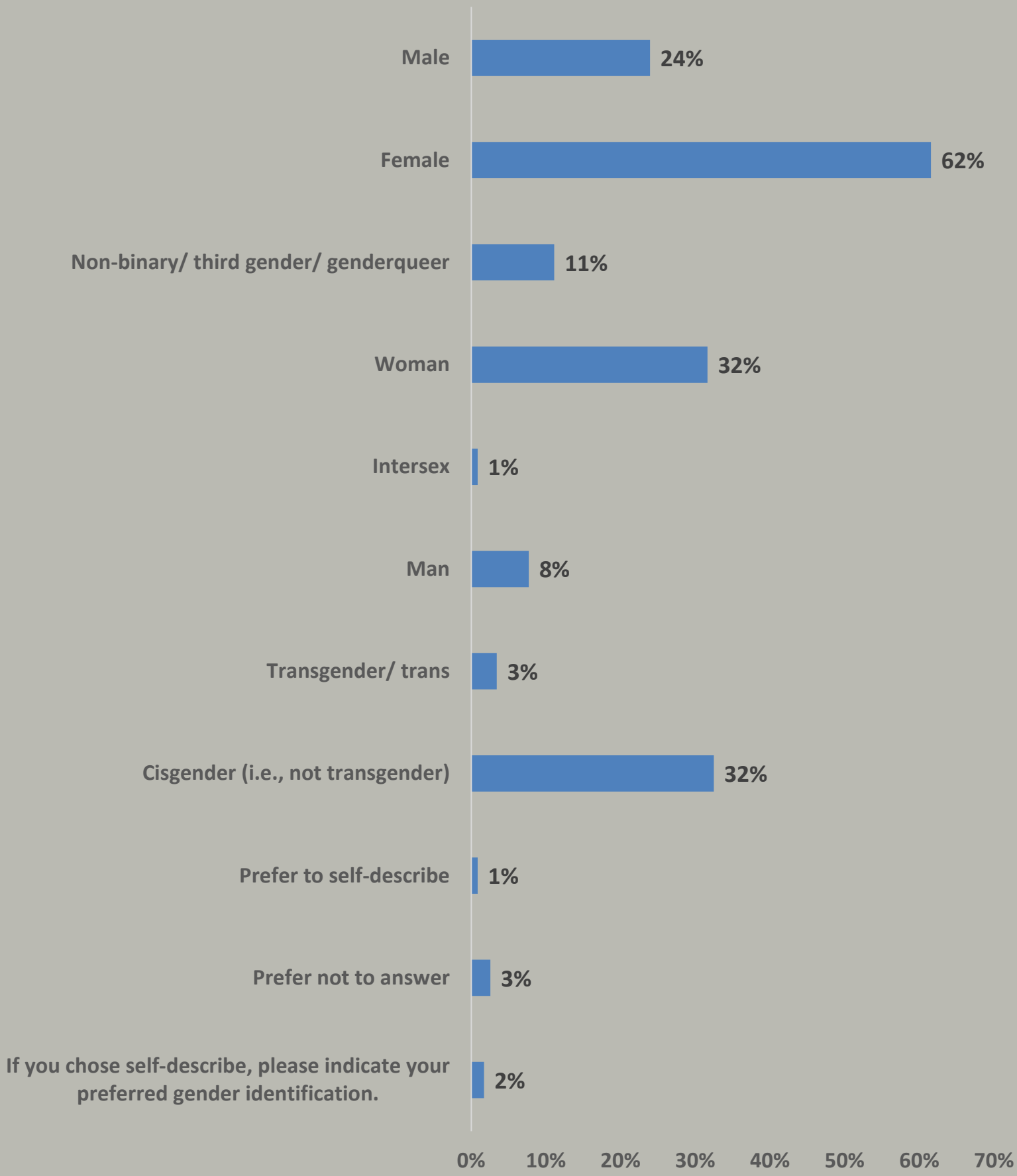
## Other (please specify) – Text Response

Non-profit, affiliation to a university till December 2023.

Non-government research (not sure if federally funded research is the same as government research or not)

Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

# What gender/sex categories apply to you? (Check all that apply)



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Answer	Count	Percentage
Male	28	24%
Female	72	62%
Non-binary/ third gender/ genderqueer	13	11%
Woman	37	32%
Intersex	1	1%
Man	9	8%
Transgender/ trans	4	3%
Cisgender (i.e., not transgender)	38	32%
Prefer to self-describe	1	1%
Prefer not to answer	3	3%
If you chose self-describe, please indicate your preferred gender identification.	2	2%

Total Responses	Total Respondents
208	117



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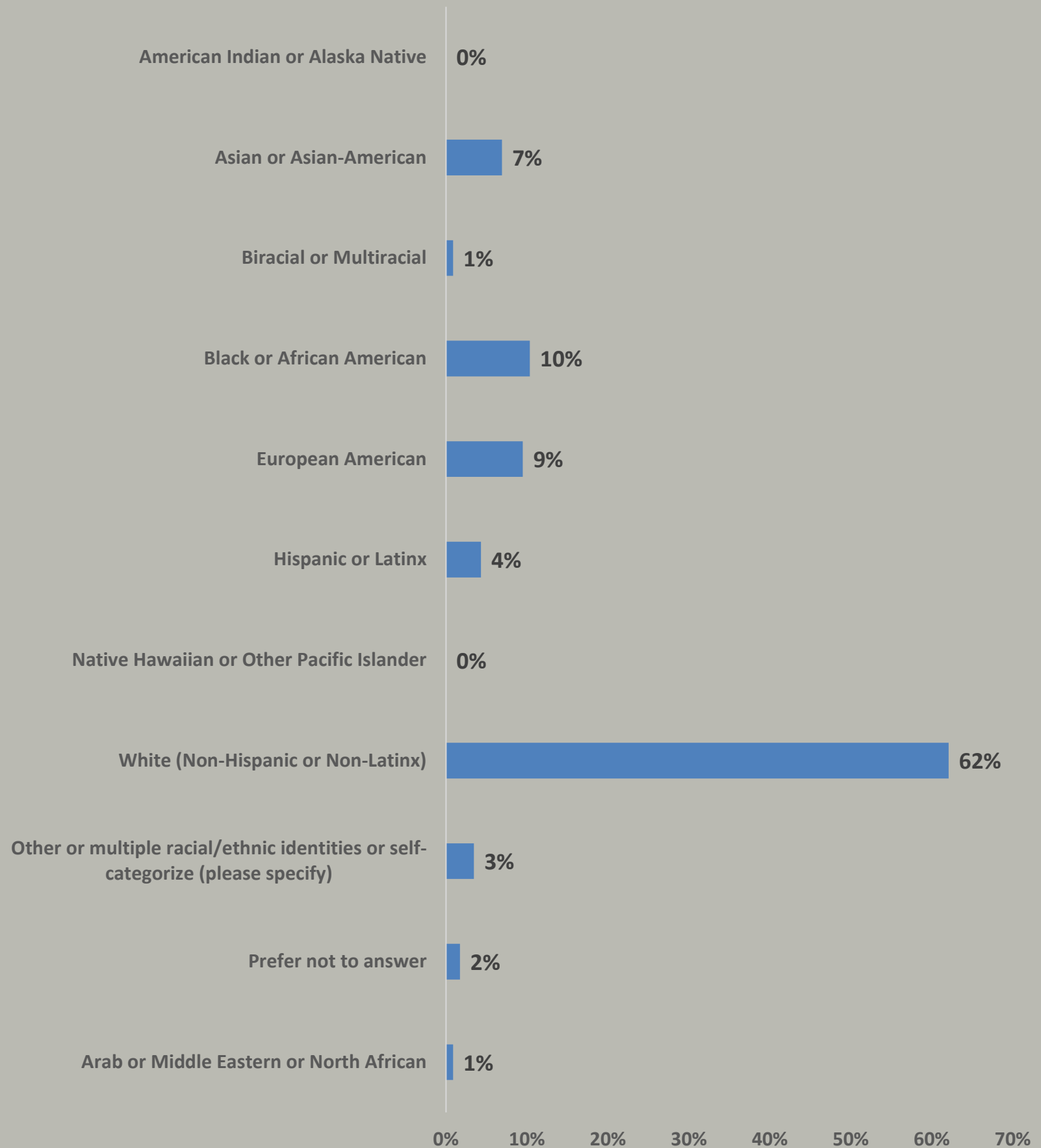
### Other (please specify) – Text Response

Transmasculine intersex individual

If you are going to let folks check all that apply, there is no need to list non-binary, genderqueer, third gender together. You may consider these three the same thing, but I do not. Please separate and allow folks to choose what applies and what does not themselves.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	2

# Please specify your racial/ethnic identification.



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<b>Answer</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0%
Asian or Asian-American	8	7%
Biracial or Multiracial	1	1%
Black or African American	12	10%
European American	11	9%
Hispanic or Latinx	5	4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0%
White (Non-Hispanic or Non-Latinx)	72	62%
Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify)	4	3%
Prefer not to answer	2	2%
Arab or Middle Eastern or North African	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100%</b>

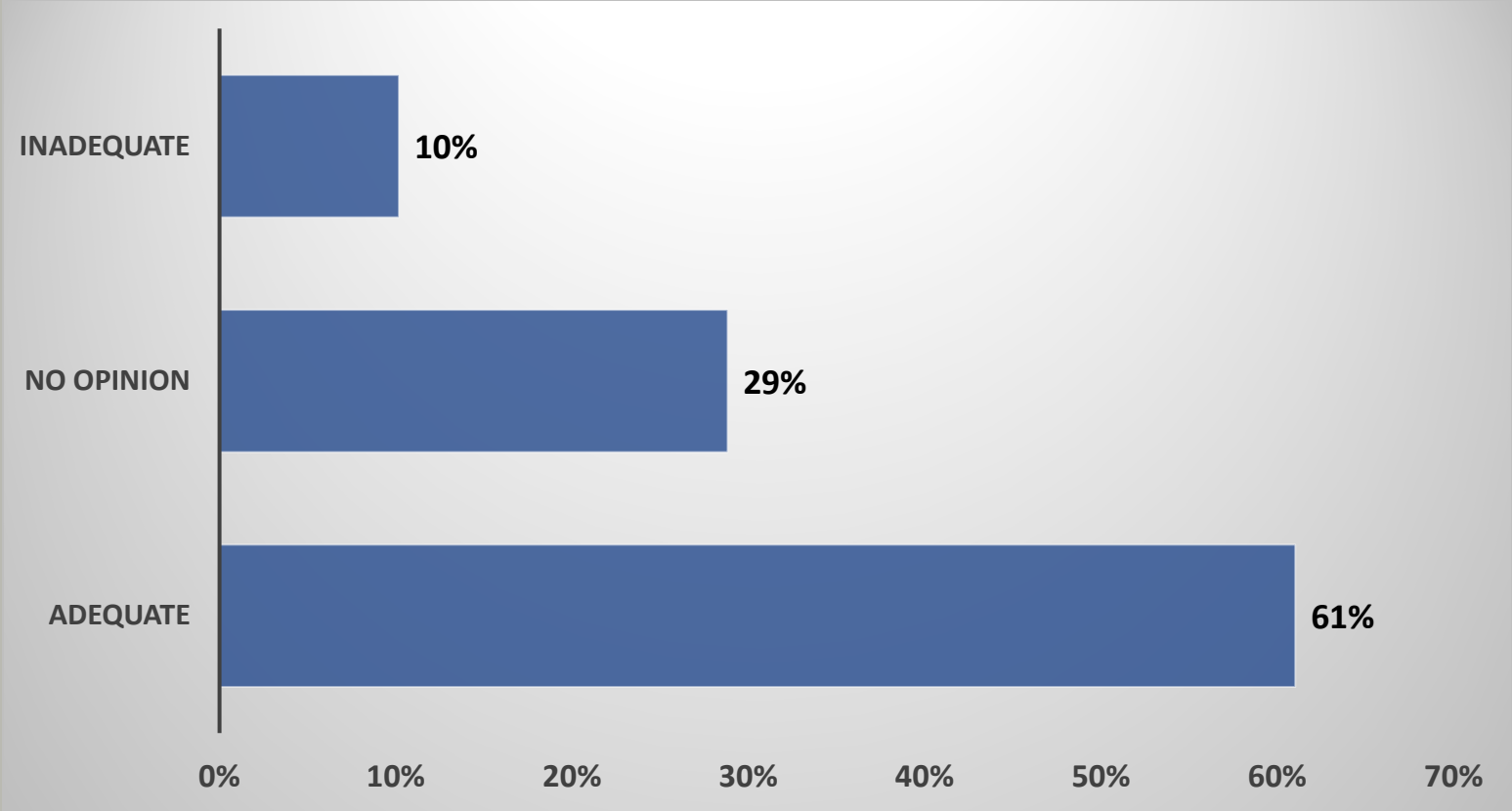
**Other or multiple racial/ethnic identities or self-categorize (please specify) – Text Response**

Asian/White

West African

Eastern European

**Based on your experience, please rate the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol.**



	<b>Responses</b>
Inadequate (1)	12
No Opinion (2)	34
Adequate (3)	72

<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std Deviation</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Count</b>
1	3	2.51	0.67	0.45	118

**You said that based on your experience the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol was inadequate. Please tell us why.**

**We needed to mask. We needed better ventilation of the conference space. We needed better distancing. This conference was not accessible to those at increased risks of serious illness, complications, and death caused by Covid-19.**

**Given that the conference took place during a Covid surge on the East Coast with participants attending from all over the world, it was disappointing to see that there wasn't more encouragement (or requirement) for mask-wearing.**

**I don't even know what it was? I was often the only one wearing a mask in the room, or at least there were very, very few of us. I feel masks should have been required.**

**Very few people were wearing masks. It would have been nice to have masks available at the front desk for folks.**

**There was no masking or vaccine requirement like last year.**

**I would have liked to see better guidelines around masking**

**One of our panel members needed to drop out from the conference due to lack of protocols.**

**Very little masking**

**I was probably one of 5% of attendees masking at the meeting. There was no formal or even informal requests to encourage distancing among attendees. People were flying and traveling to this conference from all over the country-- it raises the risk of spreading Covid exponentially.**

**Masks and vaccines should be \*mandatory.\* I'm immunocompromised and the number of people sneezing or coughing around me was unacceptable.**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	10

## How did you become aware of the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol for the Annual Meeting? (Check all that apply)

Answer	Percentage	Count
Registration	44.76%	64
Email from Session Organizer/President	5.59%	8
Email from Division Chair	1.40%	2
Email from Administrative Office	24.48%	35
Word of Mouth	9.79%	14
Other	13.99%	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>143</b>

**Please tell us how you became aware of the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol for the meeting: Other – Text Response**

**Am member of Board of Directors.**

**website/ app**

**BOD**

Statistic	Value
Respondents	3

**How did you become aware of the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol for the Annual Meeting? (Check all that apply)**

**Please tell us how you became aware of the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol for the meeting: Other – Text Response**

**Listed on website.**

**I was not aware.**

**I know that I read it online the week before the meeting.**

**I thought I saw something on the website about it**

**I didn't know there was a protocol**

**I wasn't aware of the Covid protocol**

**I am on the Board.**

**I did not**

**served on BOD and there was a discussion there, but that was reiterated on the website when I registered**

**By looking for it when I was making a decision about participating this year.**

**I did not know, nor did I care.**

**Didn't.**

**I was not aware there was a protocol**

## How did you become aware of the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol for the Annual Meeting? (Check all that apply)

Please tell us how you became aware of the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol for the meeting: Other – Text Response

Faculty, professor, colleagues

I was not aware that there was any official SSSP Covid 19 Protocol

I don't think I was aware of it before the meeting. This was not the fault of SSSP but instead had to do with me juggling too many things.

I was not aware of the protocol

Statistic	Value
Respondents	17



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**A policy that prohibits virtual participation is inherently inaccessible to not only immunocompromised and disabled folks, but also those with lower SES who cannot afford the \$2000 travel/lodging/registration costs.**

**For the first panel discussion where I supported my colleague, Pratik Raghu, who was a panelist on Friday, there was closed captioning that really helped me with understanding the discussions. However, for the sessions afterwards, it was missing. I feel like SSSP would be remiss to not, at the very least, have that considering that there is no translation services offered. Furthermore, for the Activist Café, we were placed in a room without a projector. I think having a projector for all talks would be helpful even if they aren't used and even if talks are supposed to be discussion-based for visual aide purposes.**

**I love attending SSSP, but conferences are wildly inaccessible financially. The travel costs are so extensive. As a graduate student, my university provides very little conference funding. All efforts from SSSP to provide funding to graduate students is so appreciated!!!! I think there could be other creative options - like local academics allowing graduate students to stay with them? Or sponsor hotel rooms for graduate students? I think we could do more work to ensure graduate students of all backgrounds can apply and attend**

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**It was only by reading the COVID policy a week before the meeting that I noticed that people with disabilities or were advised by their doctors not to travel could present remotely. That bit of information should not have been buried under COVID policy. I know of someone who would have presented if that information was not hidden. Another participant at the meeting was there because the venue was within driving distance. The person cannot fly. The meetings should be fully hybridized. That is the only way to be inclusive and accessible to others.**

**Maybe try something like dance by people with disabilities. I saw one with PSA. It was powerful.**

**I was uncomfortable with the all gender restrooms with the urinals on the conference level. Would prefer bathrooms with only individual stalls be designated all gender.**

**I was flat broke this year -- moved, low income year, no funding. The morning and afternoon refreshments and food at receptions were a life saver. Thank you for providing this.**

**I did receive an email from someone who was concerned that they would not be able to participate due to the lack of COVID-19 restrictions. However, this individual should have been aware at the time they registered that there was no masking protocol but could have worn a mask as did others at the meetings. We try our best as an organization but do not have the resources (funds, personnel, etc.) to run a hybrid and in-person meeting. However, we are working on this and may have more options in the future.**

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I loved that SSSP had a quiet room available! My only suggestion is to consider a cushioned bench or other piece of furniture where participants can lay down (this is particularly helpful for participants with Pelvic Floor Dysfunction, pelvic pain, spine issues, etc.).

Pro: I appreciated that all the restrooms on the conference floor were gender inclusive.  
Con: Many of the slideshows that were projected had a lot of small-font text and too much text per slide to read in the time provided and in the context of an oral discussion. Separately, the quiet room would have been better if it had windows - as it was I did not use it.

I think we should have a more warm looking chill space and lactating room, just saying, it was sterile

The walking distances, even for people without disabilities, were much too long.

It's just too bad that we only have four or five people in the audience for many sessions. These are often very GOOD panels, but not well-attended...

Accessibility Issues-- More attention to Covid safety; slightly longer breaks in between sessions to allow people who are neurodiverse or who get overstimulated easily to decompress would be helpful (15/20 minutes can be too short, 30 minutes seems great for most); encouraging more folks to do image descriptions and visual descriptions before and during presentations would be helpful-- even in the disability sections this wasn't happening!

N/A

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**I think microphones would be helpful for some sessions for people who are hard of hearing. Proof of COVID vaccination/booster and mandatory masking for people when they are not presenting would also be helpful.**

**In addition to the general neutral bathrooms, the planning committee should consider directing program participants to bathrooms that are are gender specific. Gender neutral bathrooms trigger prior sexual assault among some females, especially with males exposing themselves and not receiving themselves in private.**

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Value</b>
Respondents	17

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**See previous question!**

**I hope we can come up with more ways to aid graduate students financially so they are able to attend**

**I would like to hear sessions on how sociological research has been put into practice to solve social problems.**

**Keep the town hall, but place it after the business meeting - hopefully it'll be better attended. I think it's an important forum to have, so I appreciate its inclusion this year. I also appreciate how this organization is mindful to provide multiple snacking options, as well as food and drink at multiple receptions, ensuring those who might be food insecure are able to stay fed while at the conference.**

**It was great experience!**

**Perhaps hold an open SSSP visioning session. I would suggest co-organizing it with leadership from ASA. The uniqueness and stand alone purpose of SSSP seems unclear. Attendance is down and refocusing on a more targeted mission or set of scholarship could invigorate.**

**Make sure to have a longer lunch break and/or more lunch options available. All the hotel had was a grill counter with one employee and we had less than 20 min. I had to skip lunch one day so I could make my session on time.**

**Let's never stay at the Philadelphia Sheraton again. We've stayed there twice and it is mediocre, at best.**

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I was disappointed with the sparse attendance in sessions. I was one of only 2 or 3 audience members in every session that I attended on Saturday and Sunday. I understand student membership is declining. One way to improve membership would be to include virtual attendance and presentation/discussion panel participation. Students who lack funding to attend/participate can certainly afford to participate virtually and probably would prefer it. Another consideration may be the format. Panel discussions were far better attended than paper presentations. I think there is a need for greater opportunities to catch up and network, to communicate and collaborate. The agenda was packed with overlapping sessions such that I had to choose one over the other among my key areas of interest. It may be time to consolidate some of the Divisions, and by may be I mean it is. Consolidation would encourage interdisciplinary participation across topics and areas of interest, and reduce the unnecessary "specialization."

I thoroughly enjoy participating in the SSSP conference. This year, the communication with the administrative officers has been outstanding. They have been incredibly supportive and responsive in their communication with me as an organizer. However, I have noticed that the divisions within the conference appear to be less active, as I haven't received any emails from them, and I'm uncertain about how to get involved in the conference through these divisions. If there were clearer ways for graduate students to connect with and contribute to the SSSP, it would likely encourage more of them to participate.

I love that SSSP had student specific events for students new to the conference. I would have liked a way to integrate these more with the formal events (i.e. maybe having a students or newcomers table at the receptions)

shorten the awards session.

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I think this is an issue of the hotel/location but the signage was confusing about where to go for sessions. If additional signs can be made or if a location can be chosen with better signage, that would be great. But that's a minor thing. Overall, the conference was very well organized and I will certainly hope to be attending again next year.

Please consider the risks associated with professionalization. I am not interested in attending conferences to become professionalized. Professionalization is seemingly antithetical to the mission and vision of SSSP. If SSSP is truly committed to the spirit of liberation, then it must recognize that the academy itself (in its current form) is an untenable institution. This makes SSSP and all professional associations complicit in continuing to privilege the academy as the primary site of knowledge production and knowledge producers - which is a fallacy.

I really liked the book exhibit

SSSP administrative office did an amazing job!

Make sure the meeting is as close as possible to ASA as it was difficult to attend both this year.

Some of the sessions were not very cohesive. More cohesion in the sessions will help people feel like they are getting the most out of attending.

Heads up, I never heard anything from my session discussant/presider, and they ended up not making it to the panel. Another panelist ended up presiding, but it was a little confusing to have to figure out tech for ourselves, not know how much time we had to speak, etc

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**Do not use the Sheridan Philadelphia again. Meeting rooms were very cold; fruit flies in rooms; doors stuck and couldn't be opened.**

**See previous comment.**

**Quiet room with windows. More emphasis placed on accessibility of slideshow presentations. The preliminary conference information stated that microphones would be available in all presentation rooms for those with softer voices. However, there was no microphone in the room I presented in, and the organizer of our session showed up late to the session. As a result, there was no time to ask for a microphone to be brought - but also, I didn't think I would have to make a request, based on the preliminary information. So, my recommendation for next year is to follow through with having microphones in every room.**

**Henceforth, we should be having other ethnicities from other continents specified in the ethnicity/racial column such as African, European Asian etc to allow for specific sense of belongings.**

**The white women in leadership and beyond need support to avoid participating in white supremacy.**

**I want to thank SSSP Administration and Staff for a wonderful experience. I came away with great ideas and some new friends – the conversation was stimulating and there was plenty of learning opportunities. I hope to see everyone in Montreal next year!**

**I would appreciate having SSSP be closer to the ASA location and/or have less overlap with the ASA schedule so I can actually reasonably attend both conferences**



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**It's a great meeting and well organized. I appreciate that everyone I met was friendly and welcoming.**

**The cost of membership and the conference, including the travel to expensive cities is making it difficult to attend each year.**

**Thank you!**

**The timing of the meeting this year was much later than usual. It coincided with the beginning of the semester. It is totally fine to have meetings during a semester, but a meeting during the first week was far too hectic. The meeting week or two earlier or a week or two later=not a problem. The meetings ending as my semester begins was too much for me.**

**The meeting was very useful, with a lively session. The meeting showed to me that in-person meetings are still valuable and that a good part of its advantages cannot be attained virtually.**

**Please provide a laptop for each session so that panelists and organizers do not need to struggle with the provided adaptor not fitting their personal laptop (this happened in my session). We were lucky that an audience member shared their laptop, allowing presenters to use it for the entire session.**

**See above**

**Please have more events during the year both online and in person for exchanging research, learning, writing etc. Eg the Op-Ed workshop. I would love to attend more small workshops, discussions, meetings etc. Especially for writing and publishing, policy area specific discussions of how to use sociology to address and influence policy and politics and for discussion of research methods and issues.**

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I am Canadian. I have had discussions with a number of SSSP members about the meetings that are planned in Montreal. I don't have confidence that the SSSP leadership understands the complexities of language politics in Quebec. I have been a member of SSSP for 20 years and I'm a bit concerned that there is a risk of embarrassment to SSSP--which leans hard on claims to be a social justice association--if steps are not taken to recognize the wealth of french-language social justice social science that has been done by Quebec scholars. SSSP should consider a special panel committed to Quebecois traditions of social justice scholarship and should reach out to Quebecois scholars for guidance on how to make the meeting inclusive and respectful of Quebecois social science. Eric Mykhalovskiy

Please encourage the presentation facilitators/ presiders to encourage conversations related to the presenters work. It is discouraging to have spent time preparing to present your work and have it somewhat sidelined due to the facilitators tangents on vaguely related topics.

THANK YOU for providing so much food, snacks, and coffee throughout the conference-- this is huge as a graduate student attending the conference without much money and as a disabled scholar who needs food to prevent flares of medical issues!

N/A

I know you're already a ton cheaper than ASA (thank you so much for that!) but one day, it would be amazing if this were free for graduate students.

Statistic	Value
Respondents	39