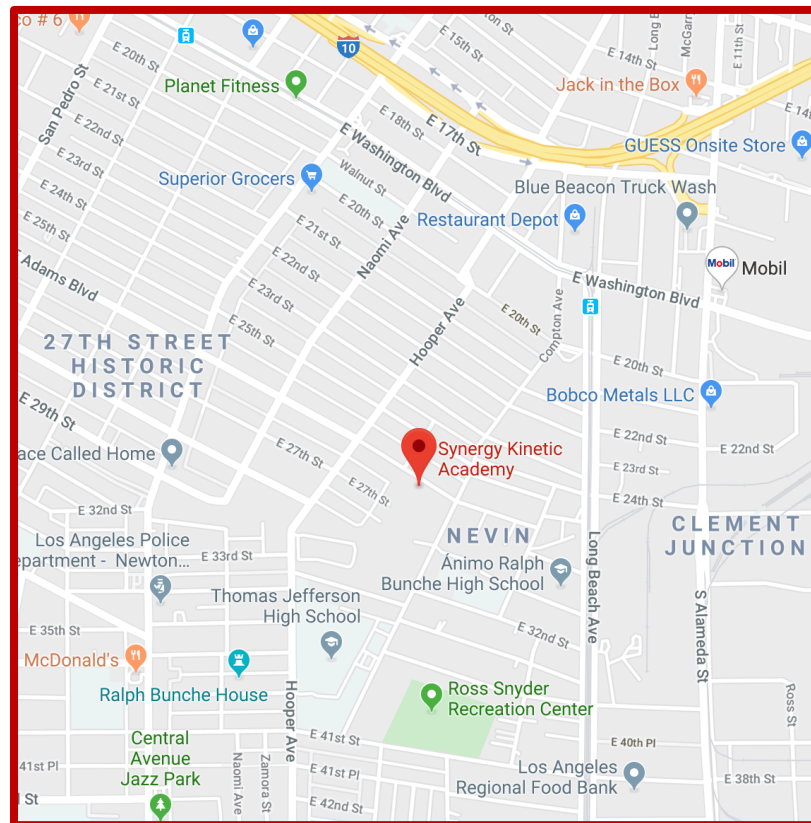


DAYS OF DIALOGUE ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Synergy Kinetic Academy Middle School

1420 East Adams Blvd, LA 90011

11/14/2019 REPORT



REPORT: Days of Dialogue on Gun Violence Prevention

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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

48 PARTICIPANTS

32 students (6th, 7th, 8th Grade) – 18 girls, 15 boys

8 LAPD officers

1 Teacher, 3 Administrators

4 Facilitators

Dialogue Format

Synergy Kinetic Academy–Middle School Leadership Class students experienced their first Day of Dialogue, with the topic “Gun Violence Prevention.” Students were encouraged to share their honest opinions + describe their lived experiences on the topic of gun violence and gun violence prevention. After a brief introduction to the program, the class was divided into four smaller groups. Each group consisted of several students, 1 facilitator, and 2 LAPD officers.

The young people had the opportunity to interact with LAPD officers in a safe space, with a neutral facilitator to guide the dialogue process. Participants explored both the prepared questions, and they were able to ask their own questions as well. The discussion is meant to be organic.

For both the youth and the officers, we have found that this format works to transform relationships– sometimes even in just a single dialogue session.

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GROUND RULES for DIALOGUE

Ground Rules:

- **Speak openly and honestly**
- **Listen carefully and respectfully to each person**
- **Explore differences respectfully and look for common ground**
- **Trust that the facilitator has the best interest of the group at heart**
- **Silence cell phones (unless the group agrees otherwise)**
- **Be respectful of the opinions of others**

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Questions for MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH with Law Enforcement

Who are we? Introductions, Background, Ground Rules

Part 1: Introduce yourself

- 1- What is your name, organization affiliation, if any?
- 2- What are your expectations of today's dialogue?

Part 2: Critical Questions

- 1- What did you learn about guns growing up?
- 2- What guidance, if any, was given to you about how guns should be handled when you were growing up?
- 3- What has been the most valuable guidance you received related to guns as a child, teen or adult?
- 4- What has been the most direct impact of gun violence on you or people that you know?
- 5- If you or someone you know were ever asked to "hold" a gun for someone else- maybe someone who is older- how would you feel about that? What would you do?

VIDEO GAMES and SOCIAL MEDIA

- 5- How have video games impacted your impression of guns and gun violence?
- 6- How has social media impacted your impression of guns and gun violence?
- 7- Were you ever bullied on social media? If so, what did you do?
- 8- Is the content of video games harmful? helpful? neither? both? Please discuss.
- 9- How have video games impacted your impression of police officers?
- 10- How has social media impacted your impression of police officers?

IN GENERAL

- 11- What is your overall impression of police officers in your community? Please discuss both positive and negative aspects.
- 12- What might police officers do to gain your trust?

COMMENTS

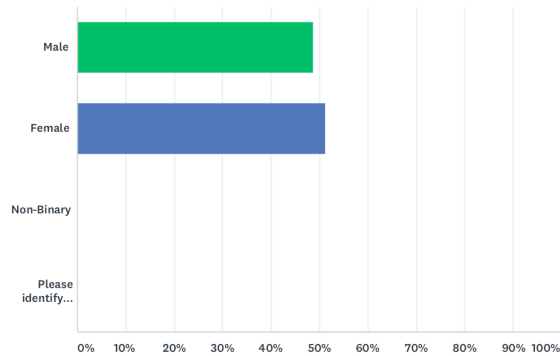
- If you find a gun on the floor, what do you do?
Don't pick it up. Leave it. Call 911. The police will rush to the scene.
- You need a permit to have a gun. Not everybody has a permit.
- If somebody asks you to hold a gun for them, you shouldn't.
- Video games can be negative.
- Social media– mostly informs people that cops are bad.
- Many cops are nice– not really racist.
- Drive bys, school shootings, make us fearful.
- A gun can be used for self–defense.
- Gun violence can have lingering effects.
- We talked about drugs, how drugs can be bad for us at our age. Can affect us for the future.
- These dialogues need to occur more frequently!

PRE DIALOGUE SURVEY RESULTS

PRE SURVEY GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION - MIDDLE SCHOOL 11-14-2019

Q1 What is your gender?

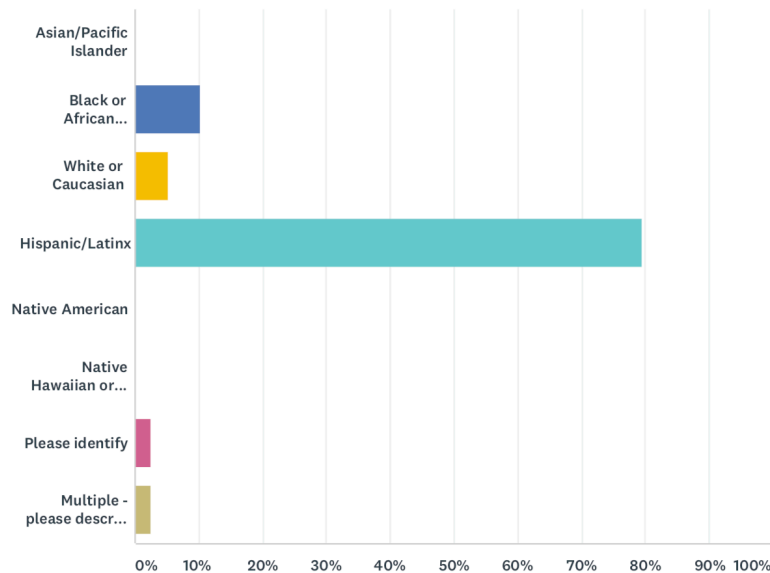
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	48.72%	19
Female	51.28%	20
Non-Binary	0.00%	0
Please identify (below)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39

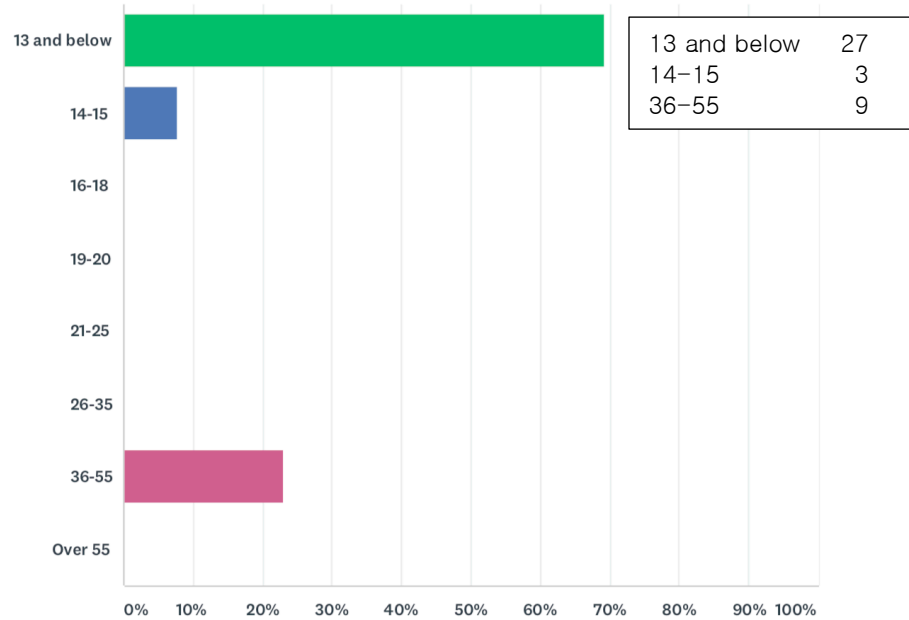
Q2 What is your ethnicity? Check all that apply.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0



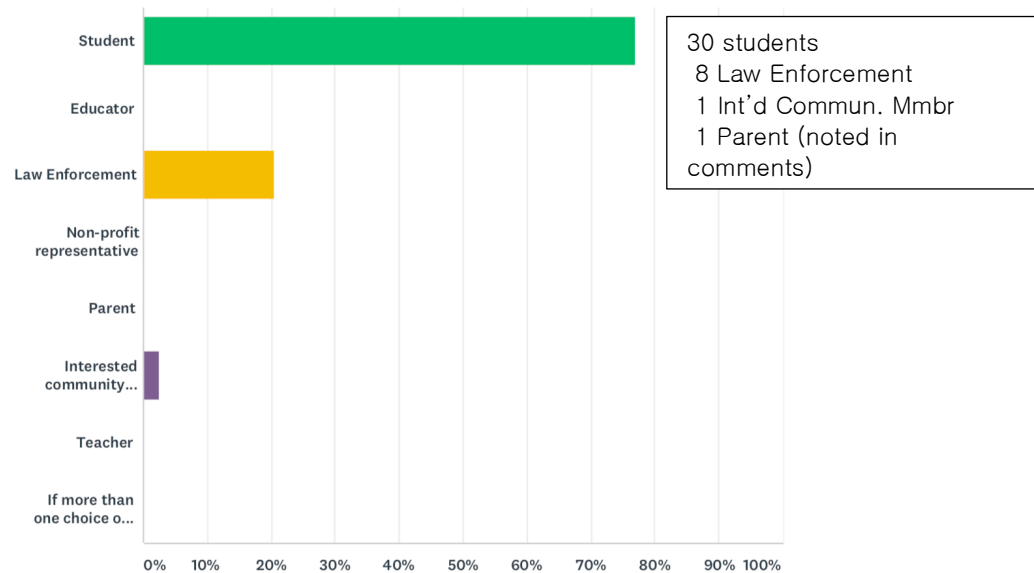
Q3 What is your age?

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Q4 Check all that apply. I am a:

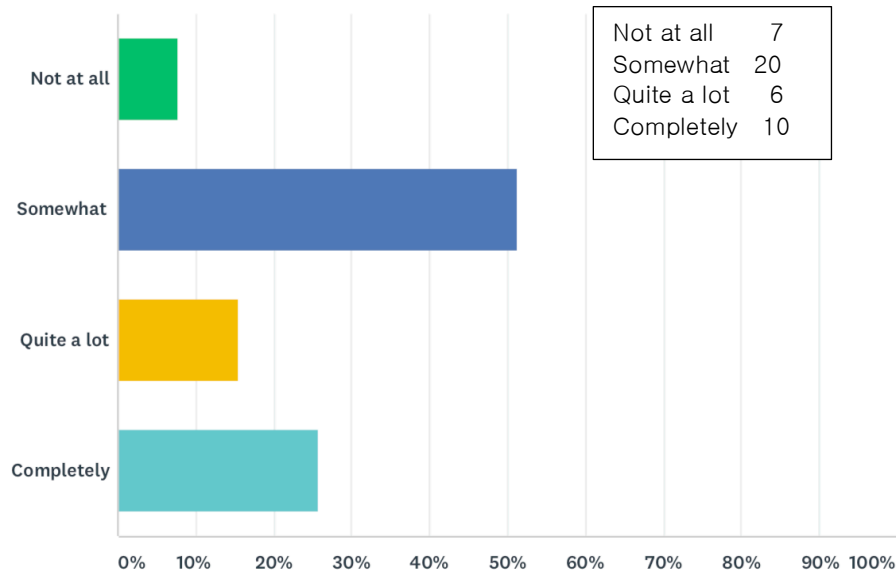
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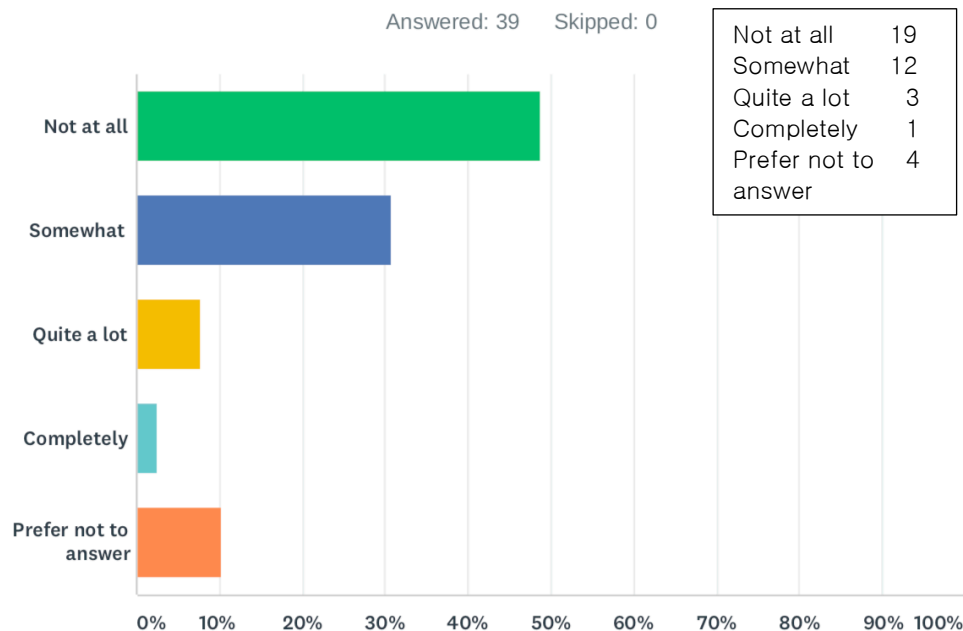
Q5 Are you in charge of your life?

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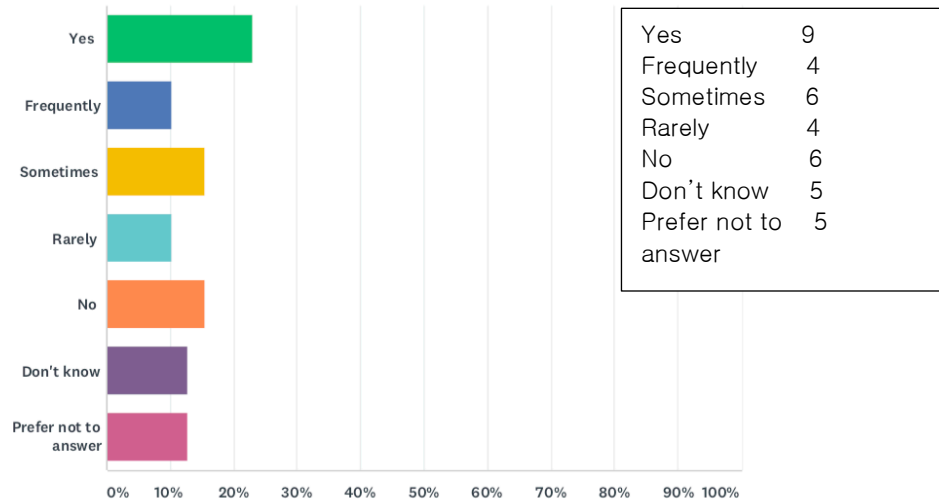
Q6 Has gun violence impacted your life?

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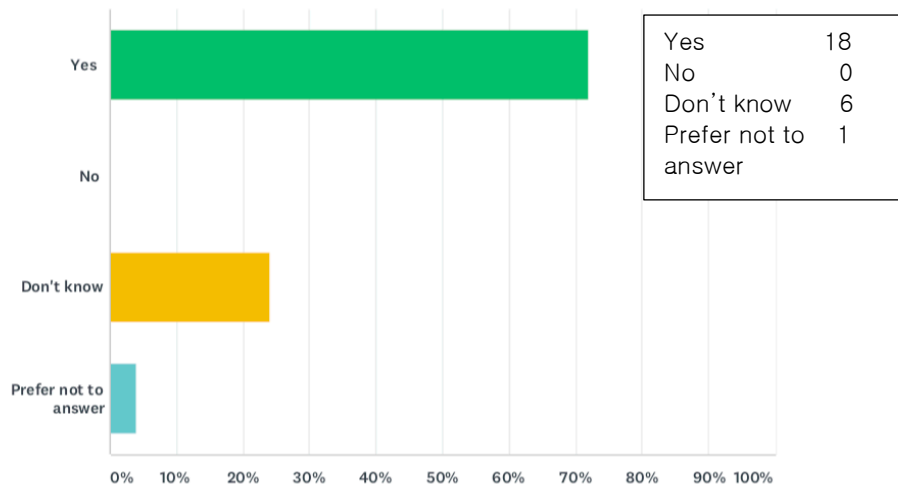
Q7 When comparing treatment of community members by law enforcement, do you believe that people of color are consistently treated less fairly by law enforcement officers than are white people?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0



Q8 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?

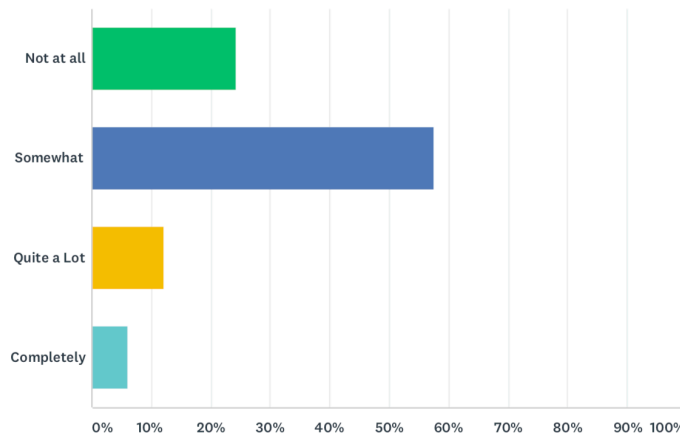
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POST Survey Gun Violence Prevention with Synergy Middle School 11-14-2019

Q1 Have your opinions changed as a result of this Dialogue?

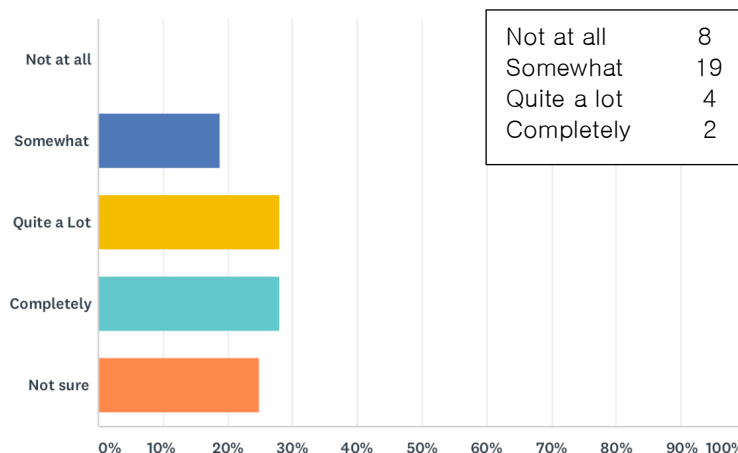
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all	24.24%	8
Somewhat	57.58%	19
Quite a Lot	12.12%	4
Completely	6.06%	2
TOTAL		33

Q2 Is law enforcement able to help you manage conflicts you may be experiencing in your community?

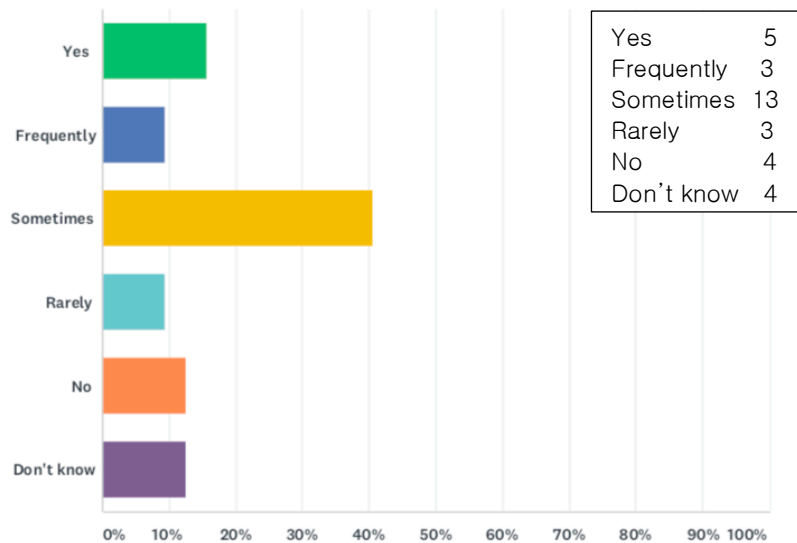
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Q3 When comparing treatment of community members by law enforcement, do you believe that people of color are consistently treated less fairly by law enforcement officers than are white people?

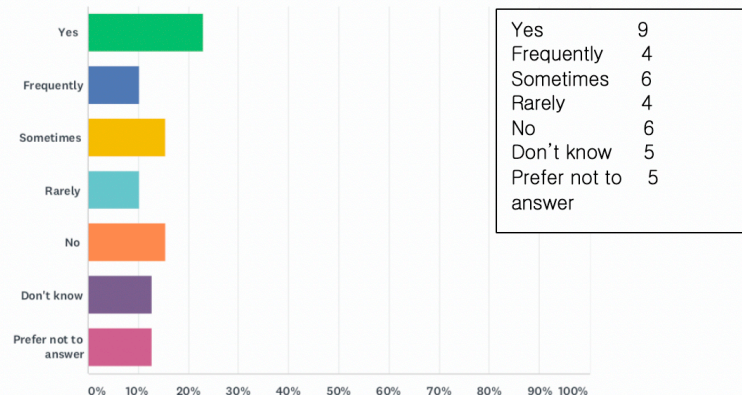
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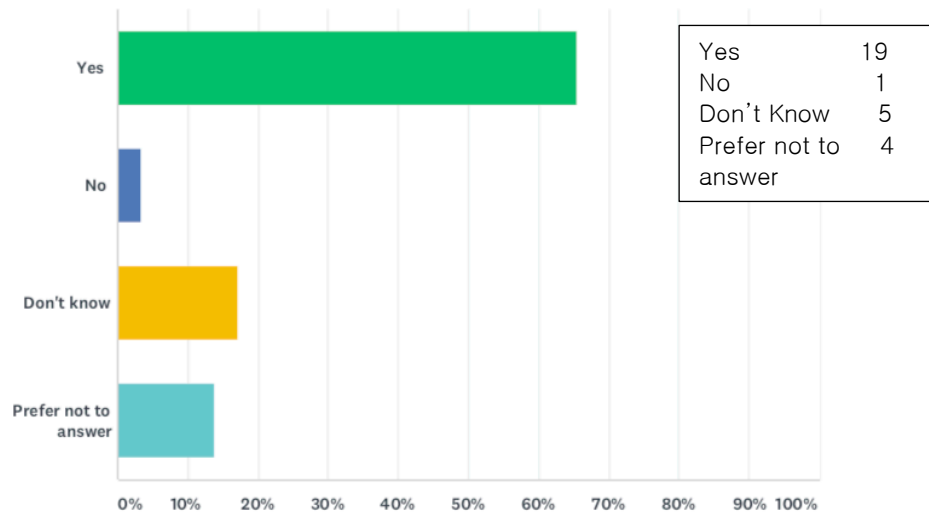
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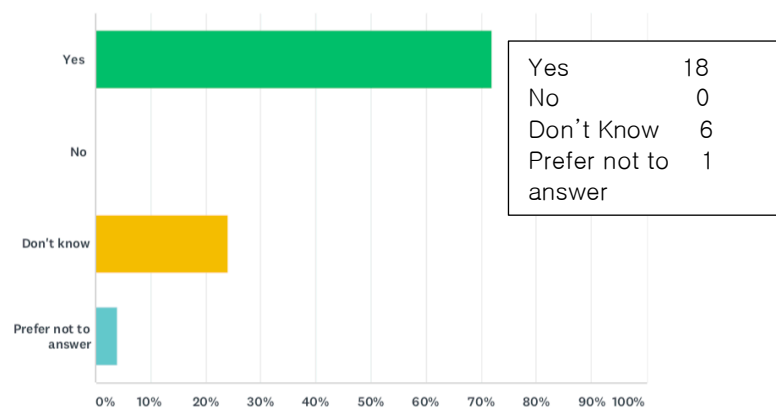
Q4 If you answered Yes, Frequently or Sometimes, do you believe that law enforcement officers can change their behavior to consistently treat people of color fairly?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 6



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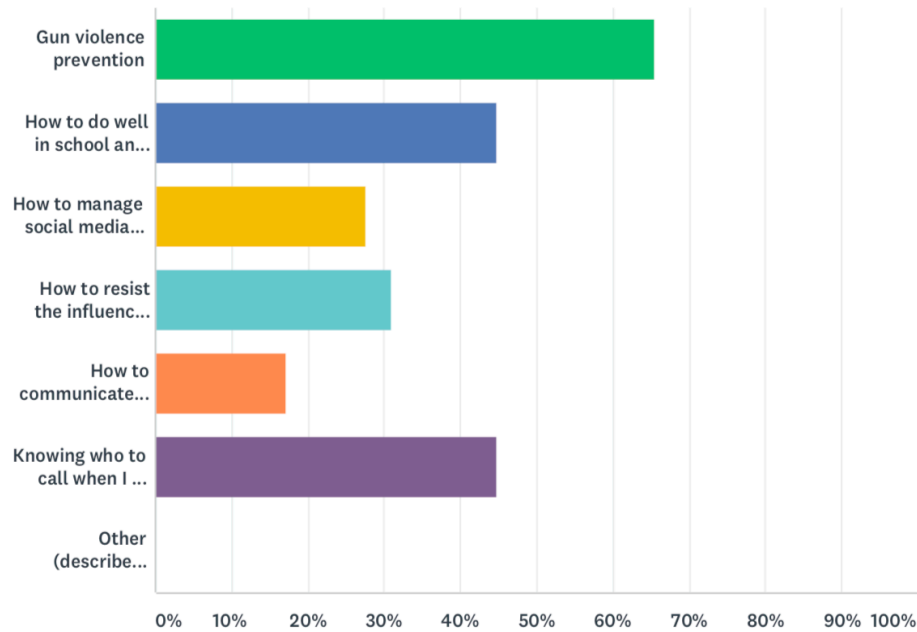
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POST DIALOGUE SURVEY RESULTS

Q5 What are the most important areas that you would like to discuss further? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 29 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Gun violence prevention	65.52%	19
How to do well in school and stay out of gangs	44.83%	13
How to manage social media better	27.59%	8
How to resist the influence of violent video games	31.03%	9
How to communicate better with my friends and family	17.24%	5
Knowing who to call when I - or someone I know- might be having a problem.	44.83%	13
Other (describe below)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 29		

Additional comments:

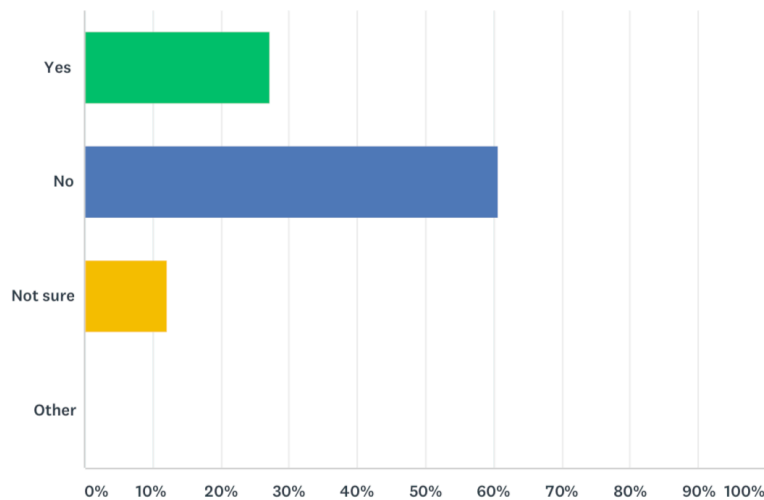
“These dialogues need to occur more frequently”

“Gun Laws!”

POST DIALOGUE SURVEY RESULTS

Q6 Do you think that teachers should be armed in schools?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.27%	9
No	60.61%	20
Not sure	12.12%	4
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		33

Additional comments:

“depends”

“ unless they seriously need it.”

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

- ▶ Ms. Kacie Crane and the Synergy Kinetic Middle School leadership class
- ▶ Principal Mrs. Christine Bradford and Administrators
- ▶ LAPD officers
- ▶ FACILITATORS: Andrea Martinez-Gonzalez, Officer Rashad Sharif, Linda Goldsbrough, Roseanne Hubbard



Days of Dialogue

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