

# Cultural and Global Awareness

Fall 2020 Semester

# **GLOBAL AND CULTURAL AWARENESS**

## **LEARNING GOALS**

- 5.1 Display basic knowledge of social, political, economic, and historical concepts as they relate to the U.S.
- 5.2 Identify the responsibilities and choices of involved citizenship
- 5.3 Examine the global interdependency of humanity
- 5.4 Explain social and cultural customs within historical context
- 5.5 Recognize and assess the significance of culture and societies and describe the commonalities/differences among cultures from a global perspective

# **GLOBAL AND CULTURAL AWARENESS SURVEY**

Total responses : 190

Freshman : 80 (43.2%)

Sophomore: 105 (56.8%)

Data collected : Fall 2020

Total questions: 9

[Global Awareness Survey 2020.docx](#)

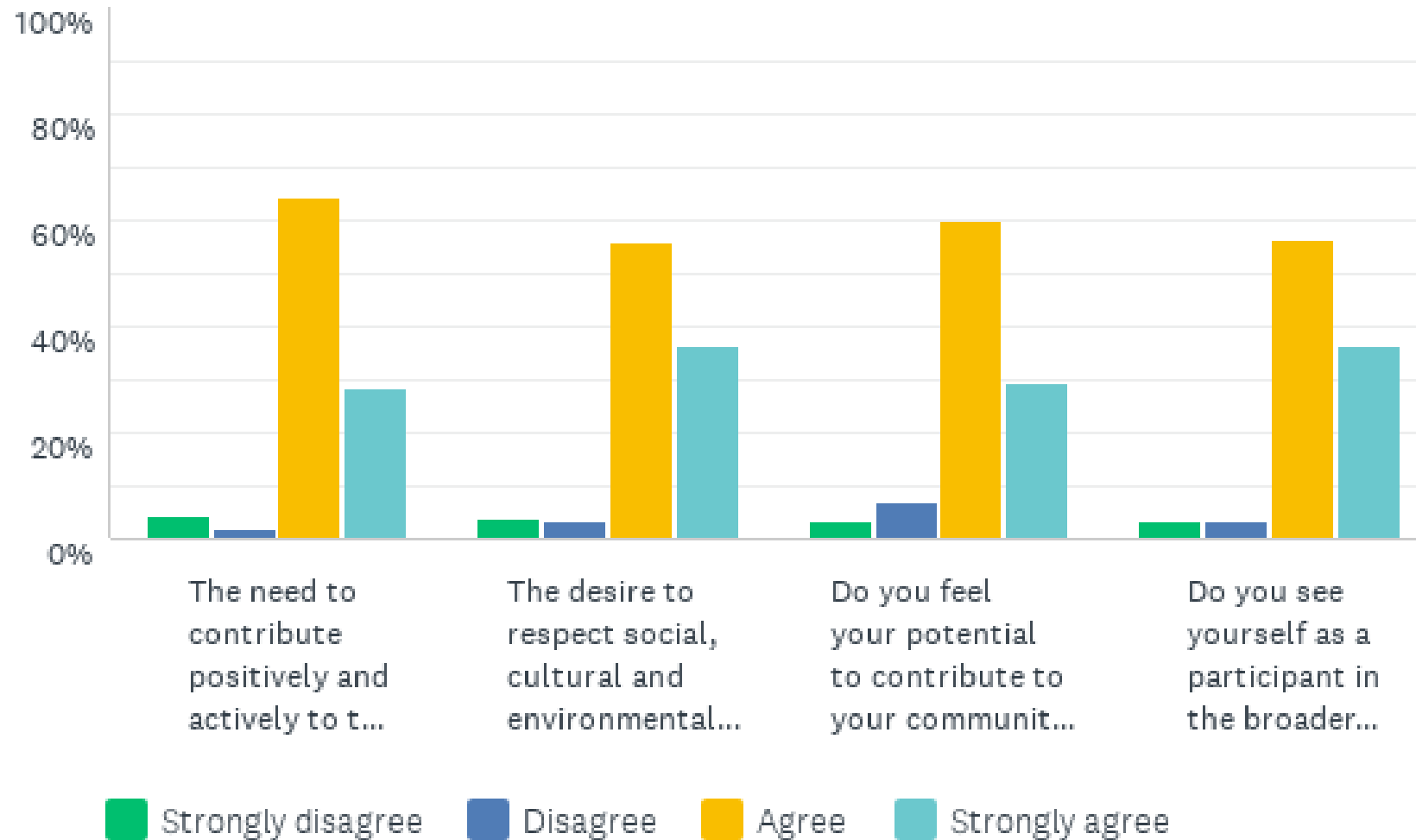
# GLOBAL AND CULTURAL AWARENESS

## CATEGORIES OF QUESTIONS

Questions type	Number of Questions
Cross-Cultural Interactions	3 (sub-questions 11)
Global and Domestic Awareness	3 (sub-questions 19)
Environmental awareness	2 (sub-questions 15)
Pandemic awareness and social responsibility	1 (sub-questions 6)

# Cross Cultural Interactions

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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The need to contribute positively and actively to the quality and sustainability of the environment, communities and society as a whole.	4.74% 9	2.11% 4	64.74% 123	28.42% 54	190	3.17
The desire to respect social, cultural and environmental interconnectedness and appreciate diverse cultural perspectives within local and global communities.	4.21% 8	3.68% 7	55.79% 106	36.32% 69	190	3.24
Do you feel your potential to contribute to your community has been enhanced while at EOSC?	3.68% 7	6.84% 13	60.00% 114	29.47% 56	190	3.15
Do you see yourself as a participant in the broader world, valuing fairness, equality, and peace?	3.68% 7	3.68% 7	56.32% 107	36.32% 69	190	3.25

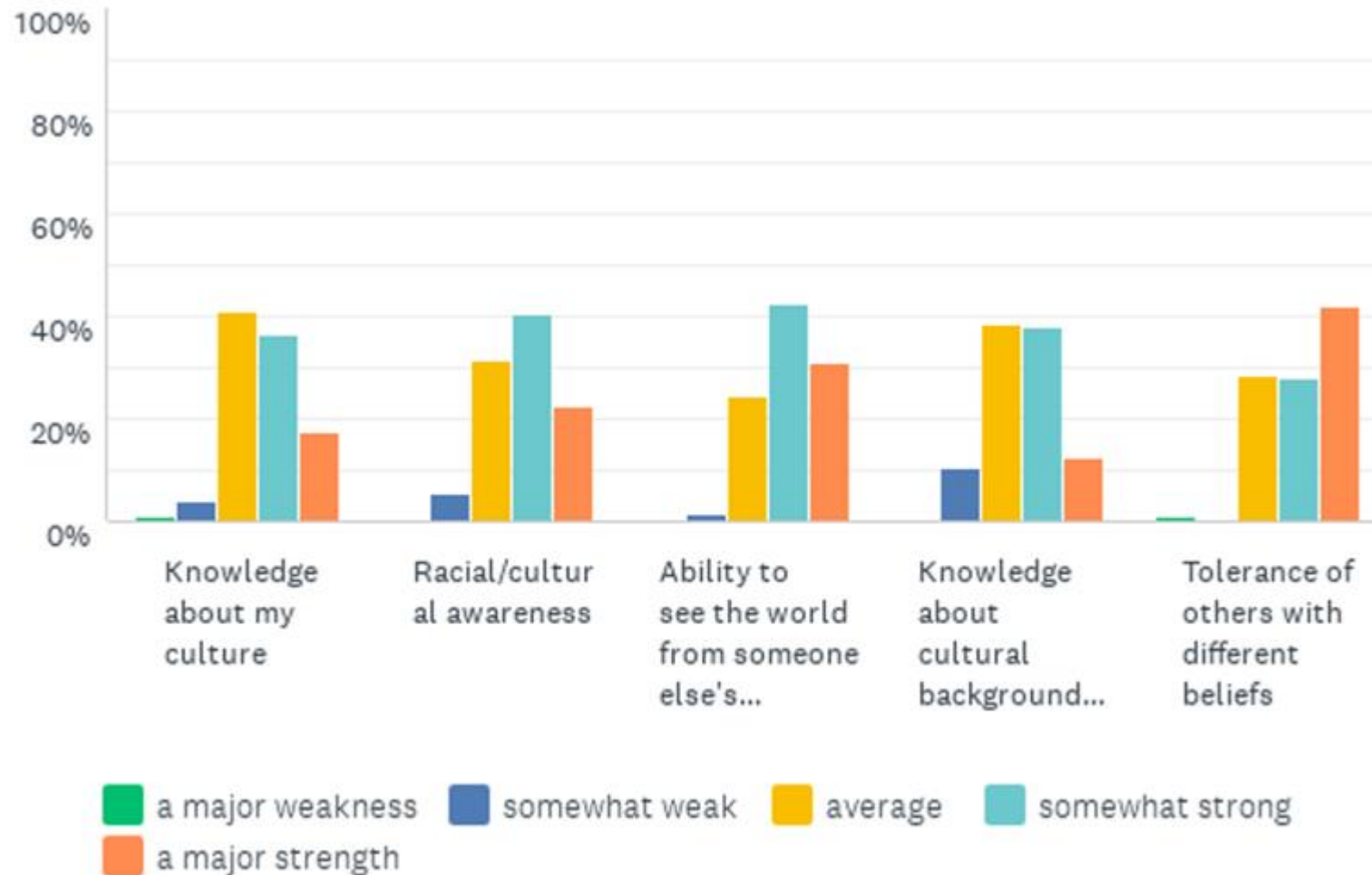
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Questions	Percentage who marked Agree or Strongly Agree
The need to contribute actively and positively to quality and sustainability...as a whole	93.2%
Desire to respect...interconnectedness and appreciate diverse...perspectives	92.1%
Your potential to contribute to your community has been enhanced while at EOSC?	89.5%
Do you see yourself as a participant in the broader world, valuing fairness, equality, and peace?	92.6%

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	A MAJOR WEAKNESS	SOMEWHAT WEAK	AVERAGE	SOMEWHAT STRONG	A MAJOR STRENGTH	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Knowledge about my culture	1.05% 2	4.21% 8	41.05% 78	36.32% 69	17.37% 33	190	3.65
Racial/cultural awareness	0.00% 0	5.26% 10	31.58% 60	40.53% 77	22.63% 43	190	3.81
Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective	0.00% 0	1.58% 3	24.74% 47	42.63% 81	31.05% 59	190	4.03
Knowledge about cultural backgrounds of others	0.53% 1	10.53% 20	38.42% 73	37.89% 72	12.63% 24	190	3.52
Tolerance of others with different beliefs	1.05% 2	0.53% 1	28.42% 54	27.89% 53	42.11% 80	190	4.09

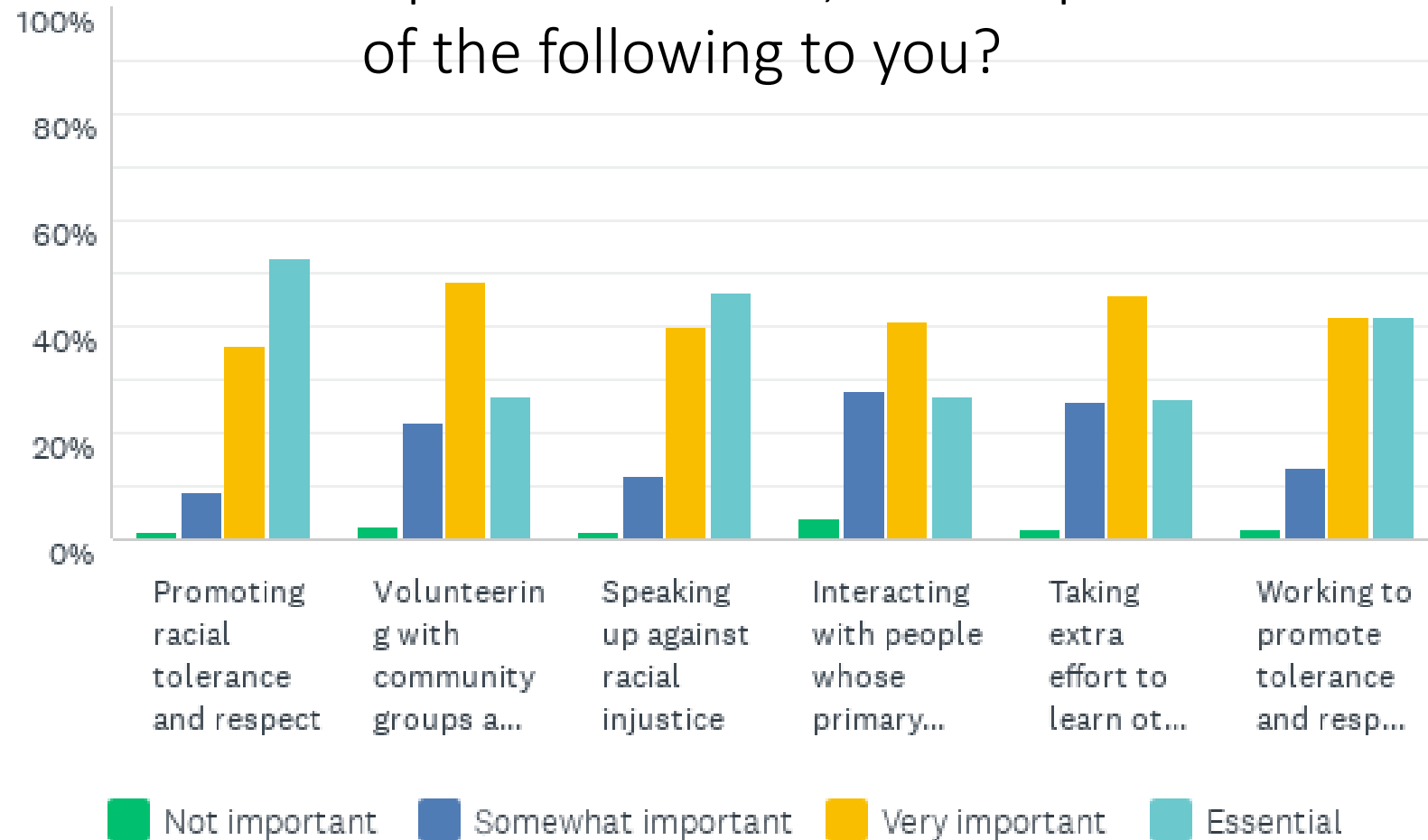
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Questions	Percentage who marked Average, Strong or Major Strength
Knowledge about my culture	94.7%
Racial / cultural awareness	94.7%
Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective	98.4%
Knowledge about cultural backgrounds of others	88.9%
Tolerance of others with different beliefs	98.4%

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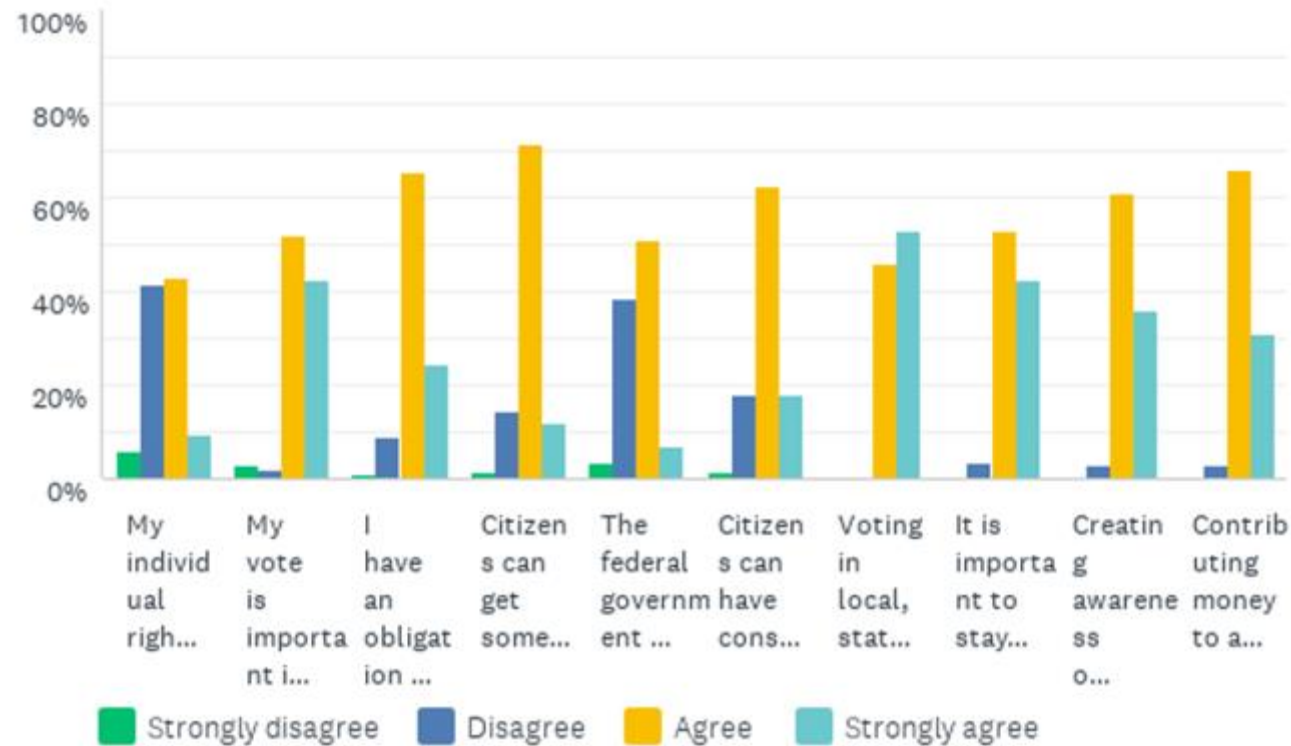
	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	ESSENTIAL	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Promoting racial tolerance and respect	1.58% 3	8.95% 17	36.32% 69	53.16% 101	190	3.41
Volunteering with community groups and agencies	2.63% 5	22.11% 42	48.42% 92	26.84% 51	190	2.99
Speaking up against racial injustice	1.58% 3	12.11% 23	40.00% 76	46.32% 88	190	3.31
Interacting with people whose primary language is different than yours	4.21% 8	27.89% 53	41.05% 78	26.84% 51	190	2.91
Taking extra effort to learn other cultures	2.11% 4	25.79% 49	45.79% 87	26.32% 50	190	2.96
Working to promote tolerance and respect for other nations	2.11% 4	13.68% 26	42.11% 80	42.11% 80	190	3.24

# Cross Cultural Interactions

In your role as a responsible citizen, how important are each of the following to you?

Questions	Percentage who marked Very Important or Essential
Promoting racial tolerance and respect	89.5%
Volunteering with community groups and agencies	75.3%
Speaking up against racial injustice	86.3%
Interacting with people whose primary language is different than yours	68.9%
Taking extra effort to learn other cultures	72.1%
Working to promote tolerance and respect for other nations	84.2%

# Global and Domestic Awareness



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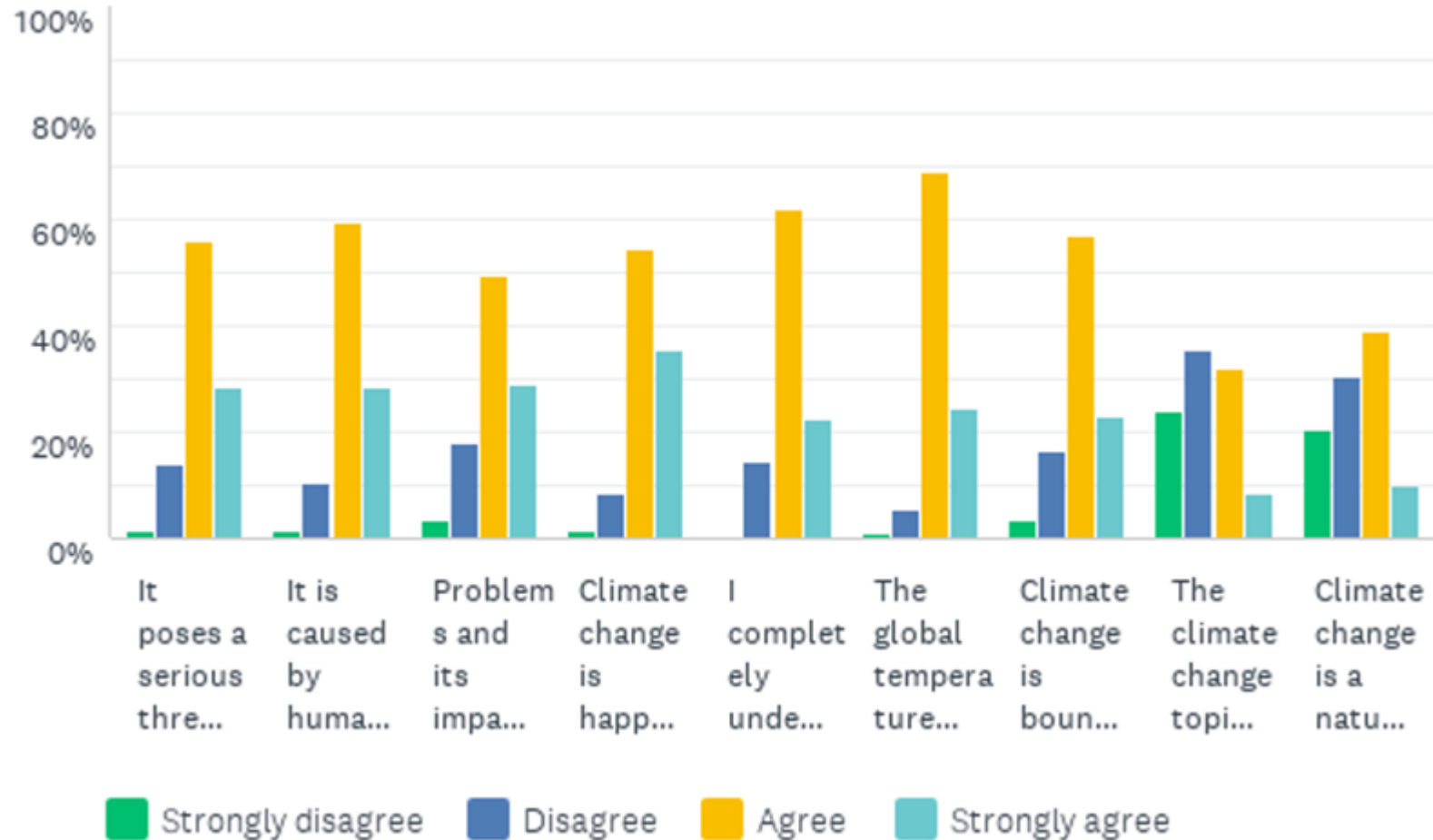
	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
My individual rights are more important than policies for the common good.	5.79% 11	41.58% 79	43.16% 82	9.47% 18	190	2.56
My vote is important in improving the leadership or policies in my country.	3.16% 6	2.11% 4	52.11% 99	42.63% 81	190	3.34
I have an obligation to "give back" to the community.	1.05% 2	8.95% 17	65.26% 124	24.74% 47	190	3.14
Citizens can get somewhere by talking to public officials	1.58% 3	14.74% 28	71.58% 136	12.11% 23	190	2.94
The federal government is generally responsive to public opinion.	3.68% 7	38.42% 73	51.05% 97	6.84% 13	190	2.61
Citizens can have considerable influence over politics.	1.58% 3	17.89% 34	62.63% 119	17.89% 34	190	2.97
Voting in local, state, and national elections is important.	0.53% 1	0.53% 1	45.79% 87	53.16% 101	190	3.52
It is important to stay fully informed about candidates, public issues, and the news.	0.53% 1	3.68% 7	53.16% 101	42.63% 81	190	3.38
Creating awareness of how people affect the environment is necessary.	0.00% 0	3.16% 6	61.05% 116	35.79% 68	190	3.33
Contributing money to a charitable cause is worthwhile.	0.00% 0	3.16% 6	65.79% 125	31.05% 59	190	3.28

# Global and Domestic Awareness

Questions	Percentage who marked Agree or Strongly Agree
Importance of voting (2 questions)	94.7%, 98.9%
Being informed about candidates, talking to public officials	95.8%, 83.7%
Citizens can have influence over politics	80.5%
Federal government is responsive to public opinion	54.7%
Giving back to the community and Contributing money to charitable causes	90.0%, 96.8%
Individual rights are more important than policies for the common good	52.6%

# Environmental Awareness

## Climate Change



# Environmental Awareness Climate Change

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
It poses a serious threat for people around the world.	1.58% 3	14.21% 27	55.79% 106	28.42% 54	190	3.11
It is caused by human activities.	1.58% 3	10.53% 20	59.47% 113	28.42% 54	190	3.15
Problems and its impact are underestimated in the news.	3.68% 7	17.89% 34	49.47% 94	28.95% 55	190	3.04
Climate change is happening right now.	1.58% 3	8.42% 16	54.74% 104	35.26% 67	190	3.24
I completely understand what climate change means.	0.53% 1	14.74% 28	62.11% 118	22.63% 43	190	3.07
The global temperatures have changed compared to the previous decade.	1.05% 2	5.26% 10	68.95% 131	24.74% 47	190	3.17
Climate change is bound to happen because of the current modern society.	3.68% 7	16.32% 31	56.84% 108	23.16% 44	190	2.99
The climate change topic is exaggerated by the media; in fact, it is not that big of a deal.	24.21% 46	35.26% 67	32.11% 61	8.42% 16	190	2.25
Climate change is a natural phenomenon, and we can't do anything about it.	20.53% 39	30.53% 58	38.95% 74	10.00% 19	190	2.38

# Environmental Awareness

## Climate Change

Questions	Percentage who marked Agree or Strongly Agree
Serious threat for people	84.2%
Caused by human activities	98.9%
Problem and impact underestimated by news	78.4%
Happening right now	90.0%
I completely understand what it means	84.7%
Global temperatures have changed since last decade	93.7%
Bound to happen because of current modern society	80.0%
Exaggerated by the media, not that big of a deal	40.5%
Natural phenomenon and we can't do anything	48.9%

# Environmental Awareness

## Plastics

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Plastic waste is non-biodegradable, and it is ultimately dumped in the ocean for fish to eat.	9.47% 18	20.53% 39	52.63% 100	17.37% 33	190	2.78
Plastic is dangerous for marine life because they mistake it for food and cannot digest it. Also, they can get entangled in it hindering their ability to move or swim.	1.05% 2	2.11% 4	43.68% 83	53.16% 101	190	3.49
The majority of plastic waste ends up in oceans.	1.05% 2	9.47% 18	54.74% 104	34.74% 66	190	3.23
One recommendation to stop plastic pollution getting into oceans is not to use plastic if we have a choice and to recycle what plastic we do use.	0.53% 1	4.21% 8	55.79% 106	39.47% 75	190	3.34
Microplastics (tiny particles of plastic) are of greatest concern as they are polluting soil, tap water, oceans and even the air we breathe.	0.53% 1	10.00% 19	62.63% 119	26.84% 51	190	3.16
Levying a 25 cents tax on plastic bags and coffee cups may encourage people to bring their own reusable cup or grocery bags, and this could help to reduce the plastic pollution to certain extent.	8.95% 17	20.00% 38	45.26% 86	25.79% 49	190	2.88

# Environmental Awareness

## Plastic Waste

Questions	Percentage who marked Agree or Strongly Agree
Not biodegradable, winds up in oceans	70.0%
Dangerous for marine life	70.5%
Majority ends up in the oceans	89.5%
One option is to not use plastics and to recycle	95.3%
Microplastics are of the greatest concern	89.5%
Leaving a 25-cents tax on plastics might encourage people to bring their own and this would reduce plastic pollution	71.1%

# Pandemic Awareness and Social Responsibility

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL
I know where to go to find the most up-to-date information about my college policies during the COVID- 19 pandemic.	2.11% 4	6.84% 13	57.89% 110	33.16% 63	190
I currently have the tools and resources I need to complete my coursework this semester or term.	0.53% 1	3.68% 7	54.74% 104	41.05% 78	190
I am concerned about my mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic.	13.68% 26	26.32% 50	41.58% 79	18.42% 35	190
I know what I need to do to be safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.	0.53% 1	1.58% 3	54.21% 103	43.68% 83	190
Wearing masks and sanitizing hands as needed in the college premises protects ourselves and others from contamination.	3.68% 7	8.42% 16	49.47% 94	38.42% 73	190
Social distancing of 6 feet minimum prevents to a certain extent the spread of virus.	3.19% 6	11.70% 22	51.06% 96	34.04% 64	188

# Pandemic (COVID-19) Awareness and Social Responsibility

Questions	Percentage who marked Agree or Strongly Agree
I know where to find up-to-date info about my college policies	91.1%
I currently have the tools and resources I need to complete my coursework this semester	95.8%
I am concerned about my mental health during the pandemic	60.0%
I know what I need to do to be safe during the pandemic	97.9%
Wearing masks and sanitizing hands in the college protects ourselves and others	87.9%
Social distances of 6 feet prevents the spread of the virus	84.2%

# Global and Cultural Awareness Summary

## Strengths

- 92% agree Eastern helped to improve their knowledge of local and global responsibility
- 95% are culturally aware and tolerant of others
- 87% are racially tolerant and respectful
- 92% believe in being informed, in voting, and in giving back
- 75% are active volunteers

- 91% believe that plastics end up in the oceans, that microplastics are serious, and that recycling is the best option
- 87% understand climate change and its causes and believe we can make a difference
- 90% believe that wearing masks, hand sanitization, and social distancing limit COVID-19 viral spread
- 96% have the resources they need to complete their coursework despite the pandemic

## Weaknesses

- 55% do not believe the federal government is responsive to public opinion
- 53% believe that individual rights are more important than policies for the common good
- 60% do have mental health concerns during the pandemic

# Closing the Loop

- Involve more cross-culture opportunities and interactions for students
- Need more discussion on individual rights vs. policies for the common good
- Identify mental health services for students
- Advertise those mental health services to make it easier for students to get the help they need