

APPENDIX C
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RESULTS

JUVENILE JUSTICE 21



**A ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE
OF JUVENILE JUSTICE IN
MINNESOTA**

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Introduction

The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) developed and conducted this juvenile justice survey among *Juvenile Justice 21* forum participants and other juvenile justice professionals in October 2014. Survey questions were developed based upon discussions at the forums, recent reform efforts and juvenile justice developments, and past reports. Question drafting input was sought and received from a variety of juvenile justice professionals. The survey contained fifty-eight questions on broad juvenile justice topics as well as specific policy issues. The survey was conducted online via web based survey tools by an independent research consultant based in Northern Virginia. The consultant also conducted brief qualitative interviews on selected survey participants. The survey was sent to all forum participants that either registered or attended at least one of the ten Juvenile Justice 21 forums hosted by MCA between May and September 2014. In addition, the survey was sent to contacts for 28 statewide juvenile justice related organizations.¹

226 Respondents completed the survey. Sixty-five percent attended one of the forums and thirty-five percent did not. Additional respondent demographics are displayed in the tables on the following page.

¹ National Alliance on Mental Illness, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Minnesota Community Action Partnership, Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties, Children’s Defense Fund Minnesota, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, Minnesota Sheriff’s Association, Legal Rights Center, Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, American Friends Service Committee, Lakes Area Restorative Justice Project, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota County Attorneys Association, Juvenile Justice Coalition of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Children’s Law Center, Youthprise, Minnesota Association of Child Caring Agencies, Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers, Minnesota Police Chiefs, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, State Public Defender, Minnesota Coalition of Battered Women, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Minnesota Office of Justice Programs

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Probation Officer	30.50%
Other	25.70%
Prosecuting Attorney	13.70%
Defense Attorney	13.30%
Social Worker	6.20%
Educator	2.70%
Law Enforcement	2.20%
Juvenile Counselor	1.80%
Attorney – not prosecutor or defense	1.30%
Corrections Officer	1.30%
Legislator	0.90%
Judge	0.40%

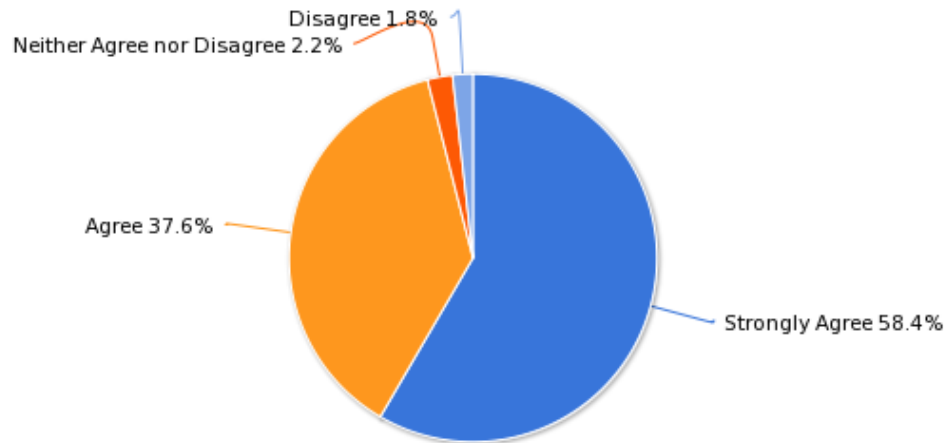
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15-19 years	54.40%
0-4 years	17.70%
5-9 years	15.50%
10-14 years	12.40%

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Hennepin County	12.00%
Ramsey County	10.20%
Olmstead County	9.30%
St. Louis County	9.30%
Kandiyohi County	3.50%
Anoka County	2.70%
Blue Earth County	2.70%
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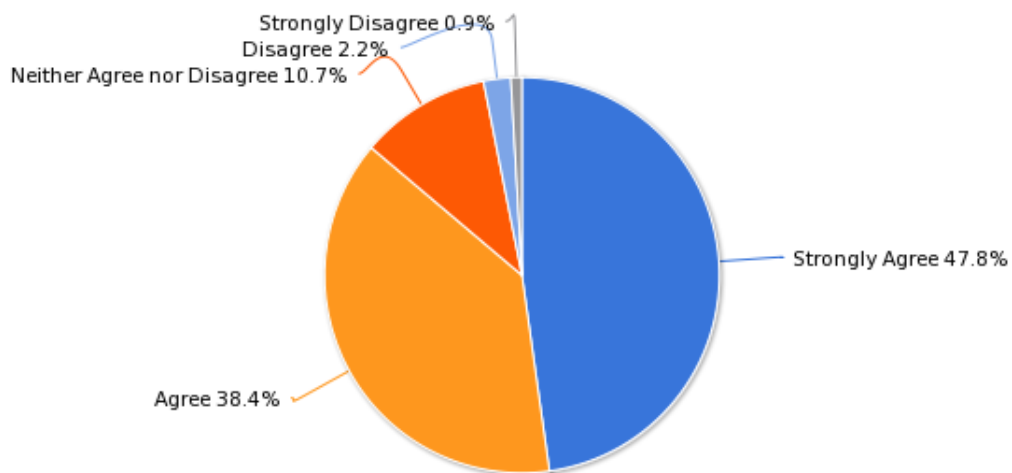
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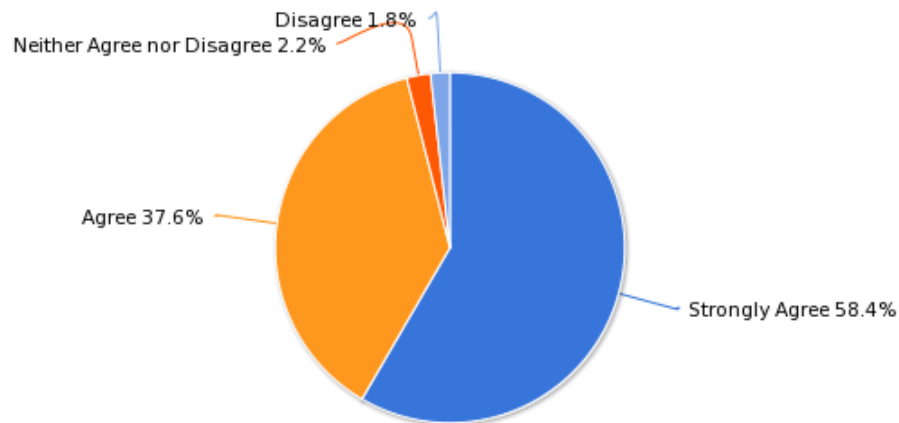
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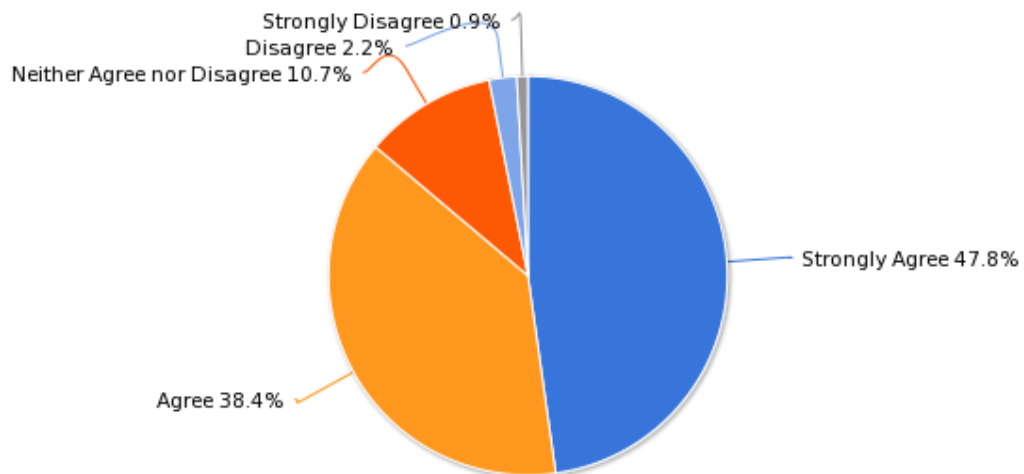
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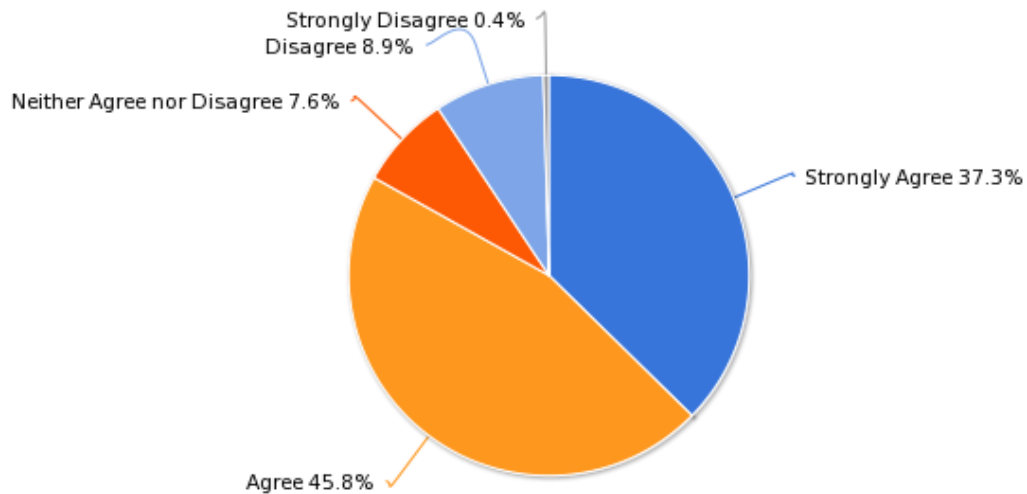
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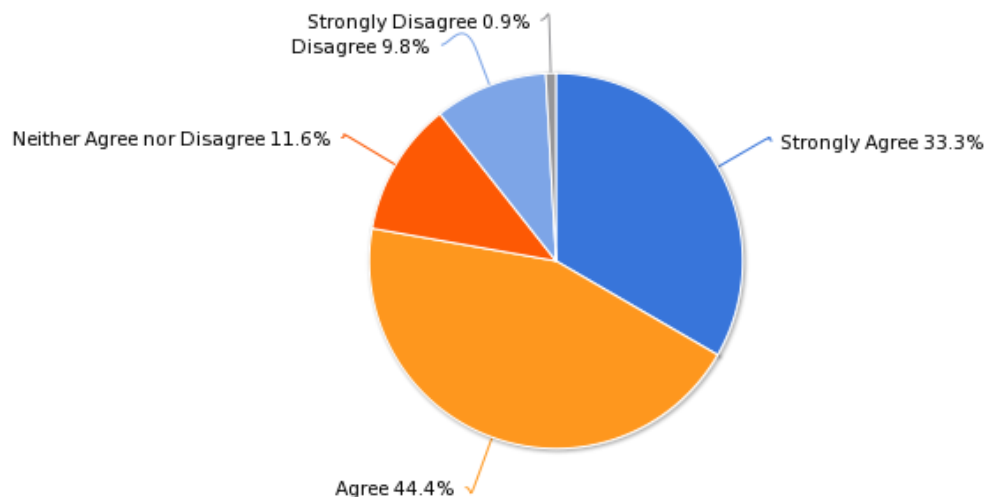
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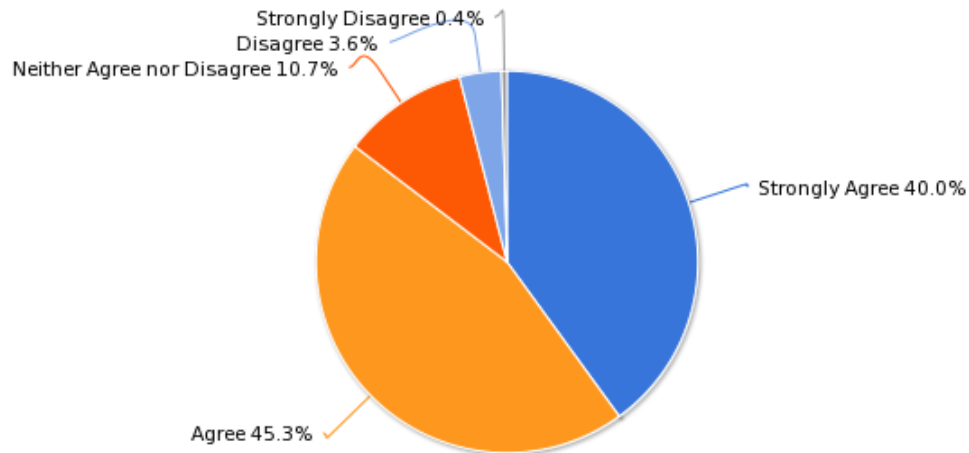
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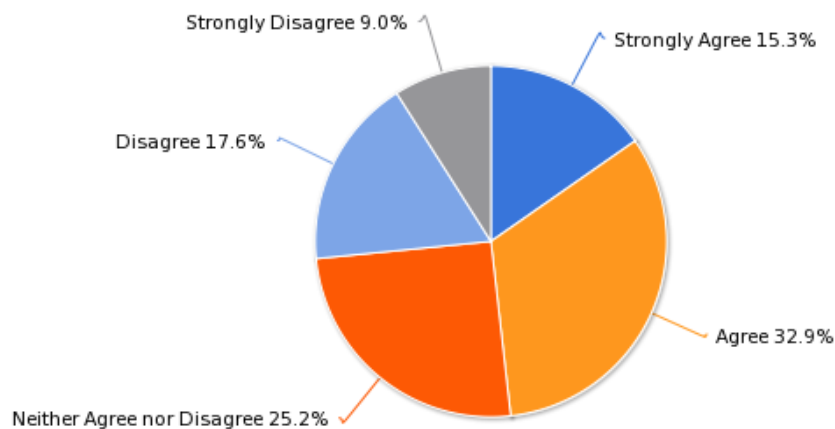
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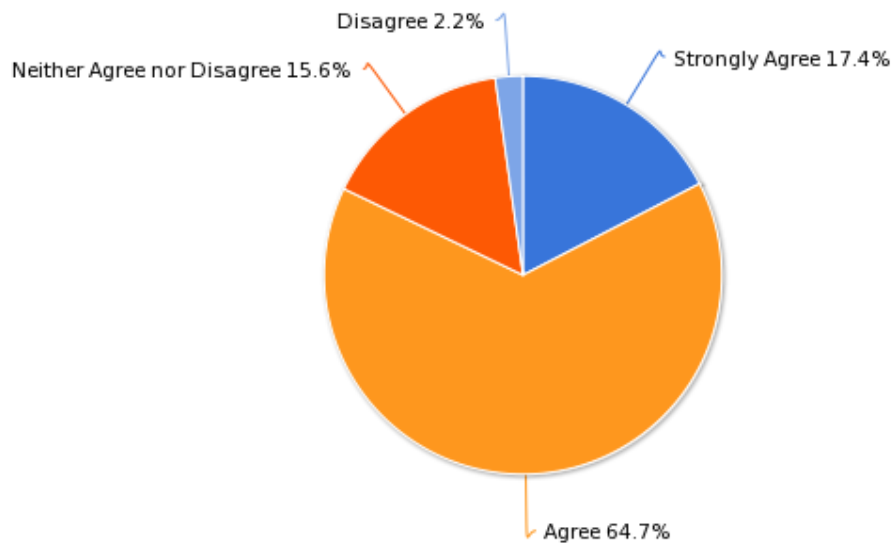
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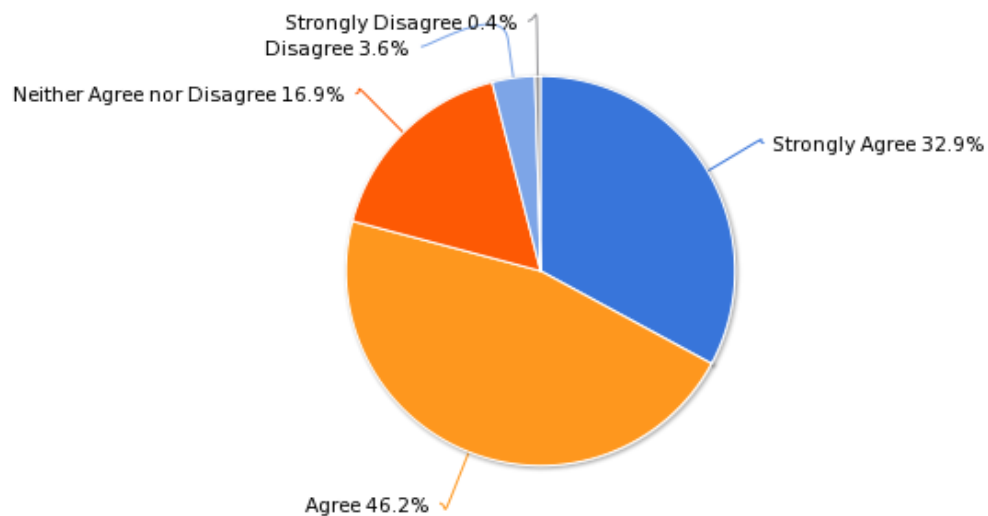
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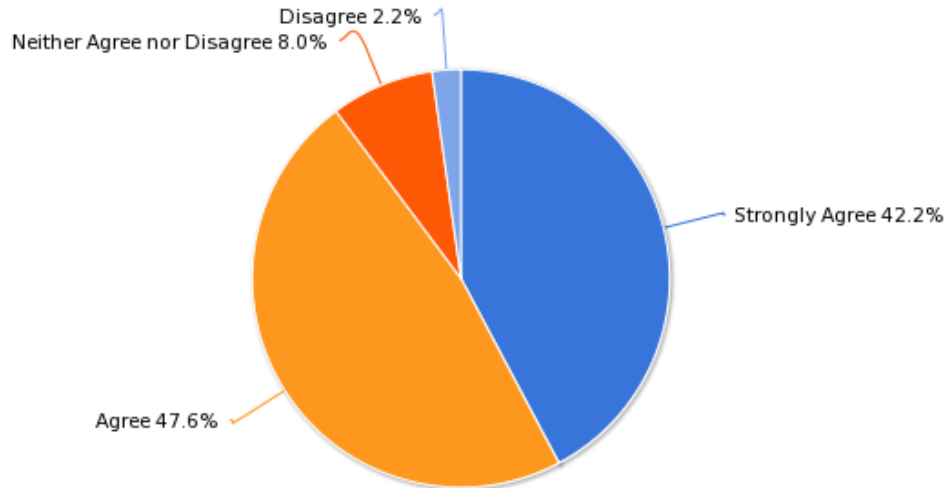
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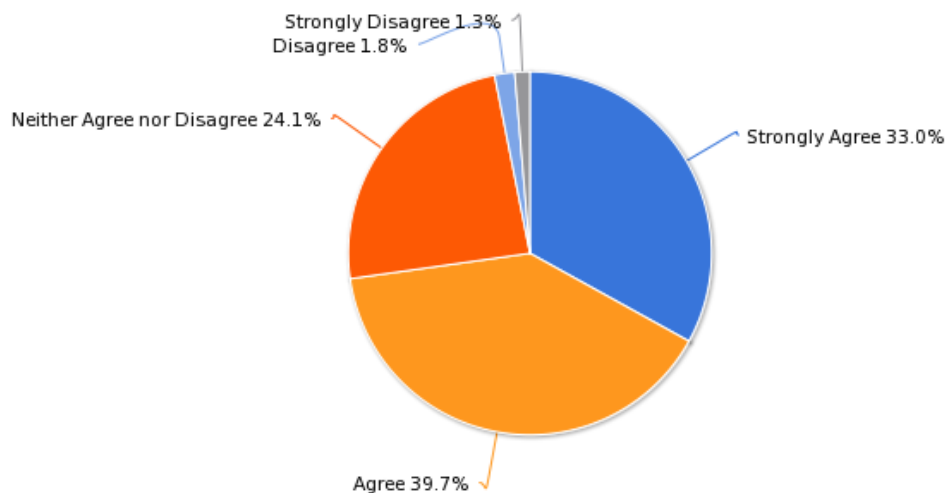
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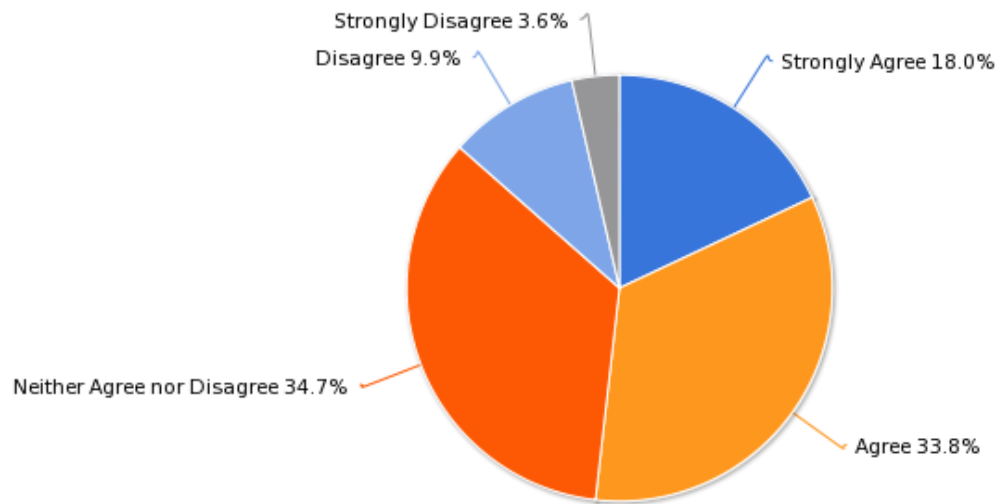
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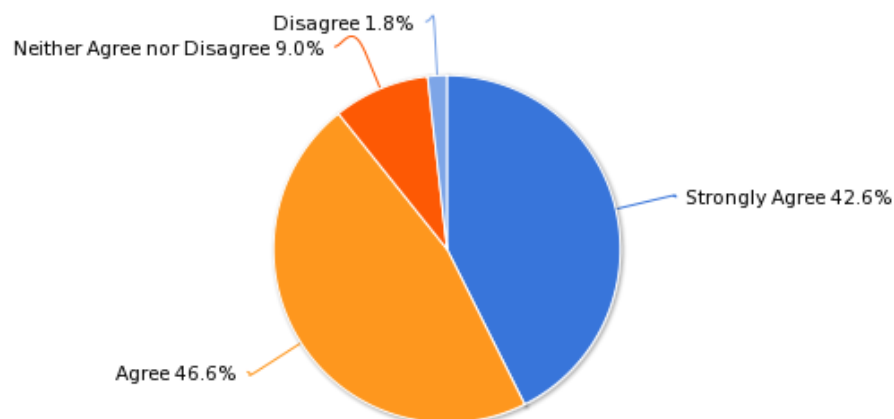
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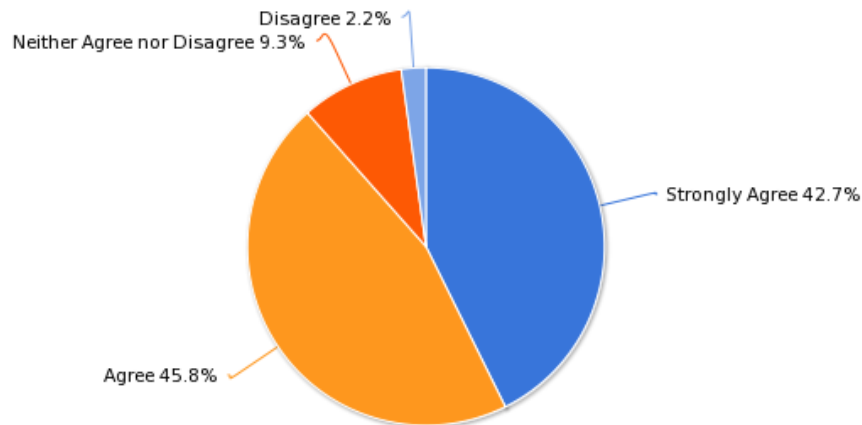
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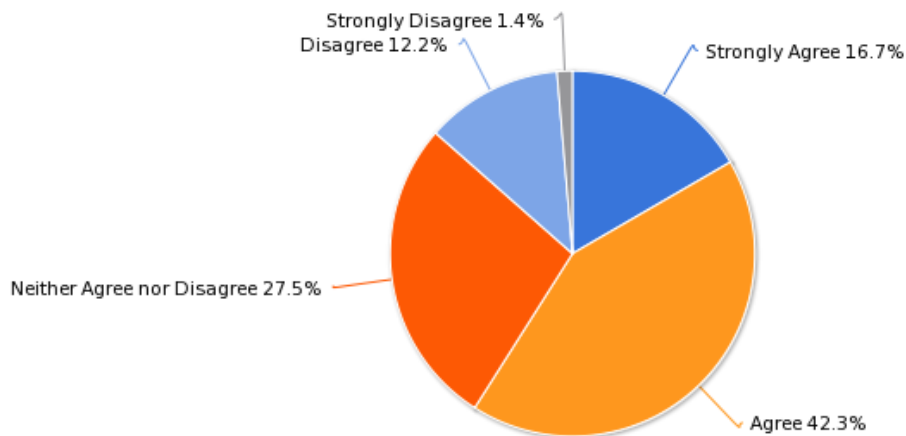
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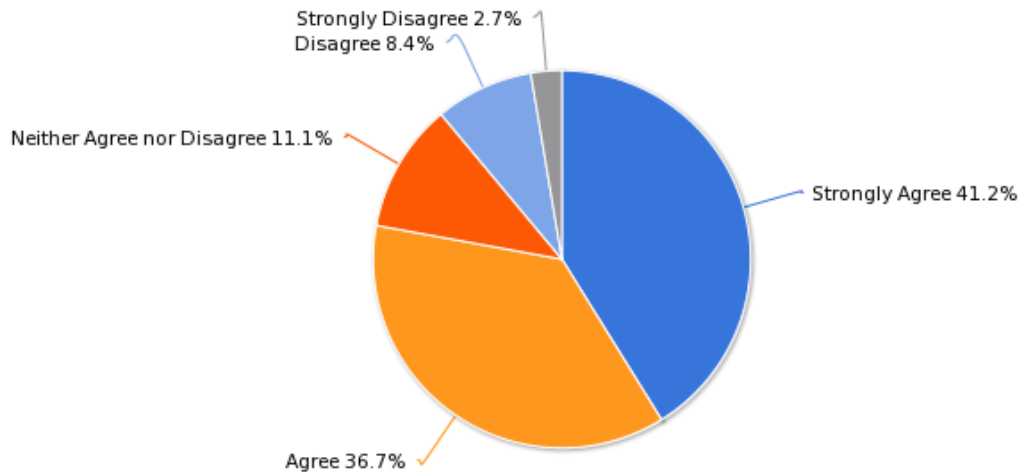
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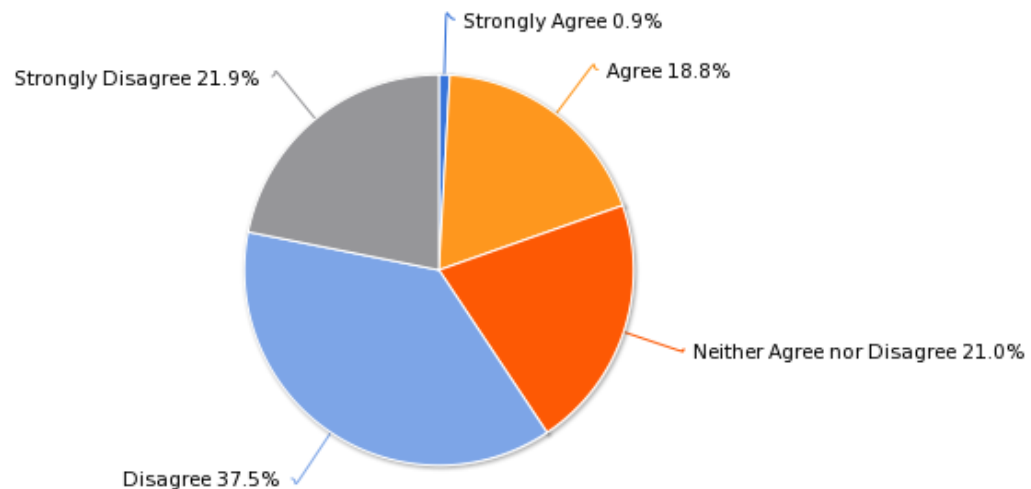
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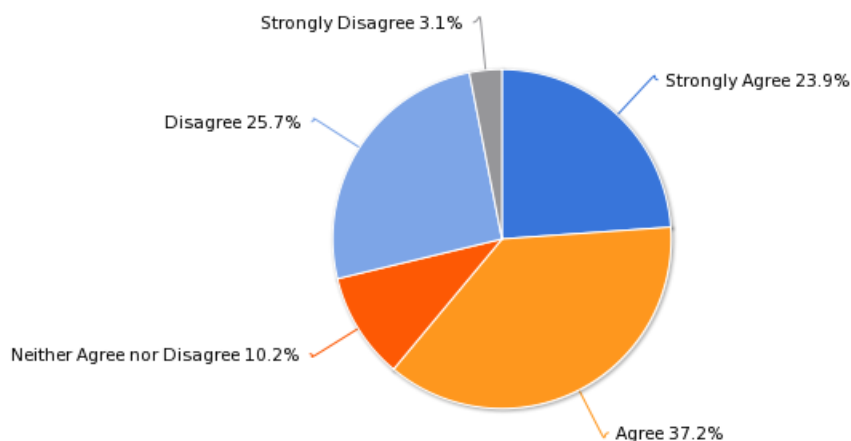
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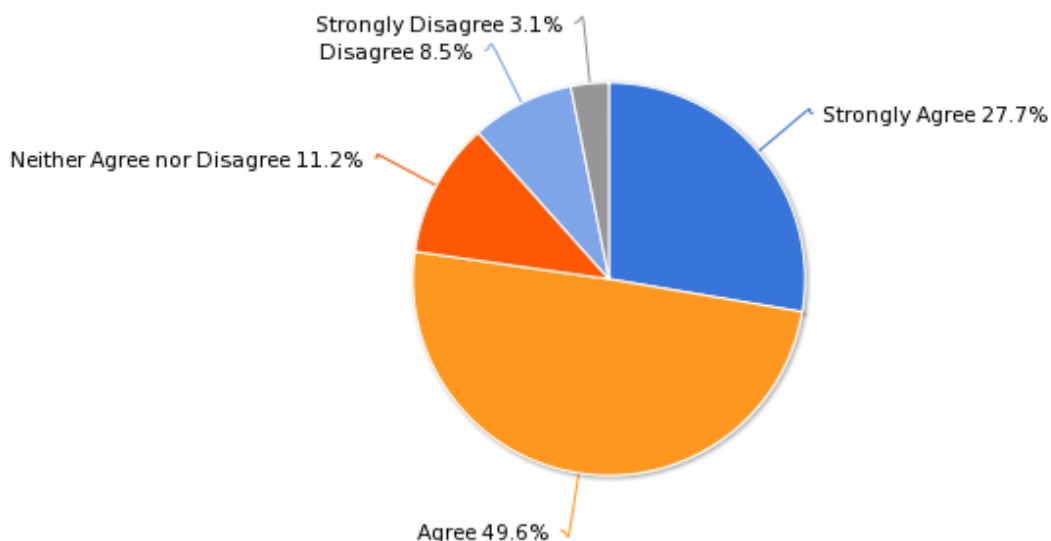
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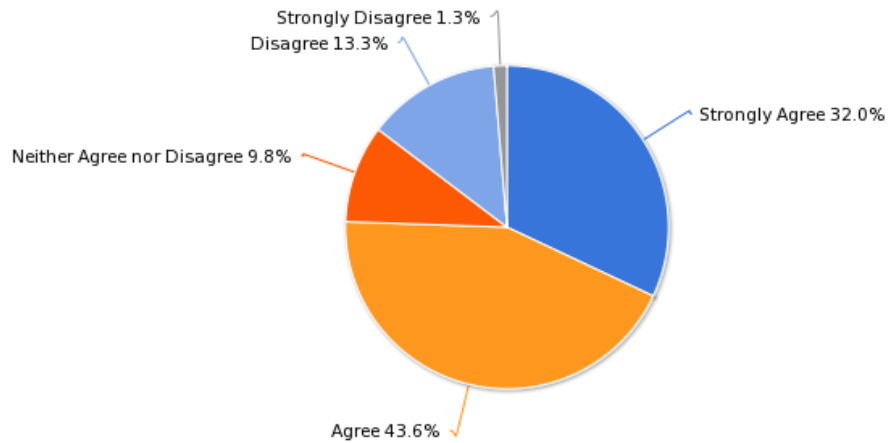
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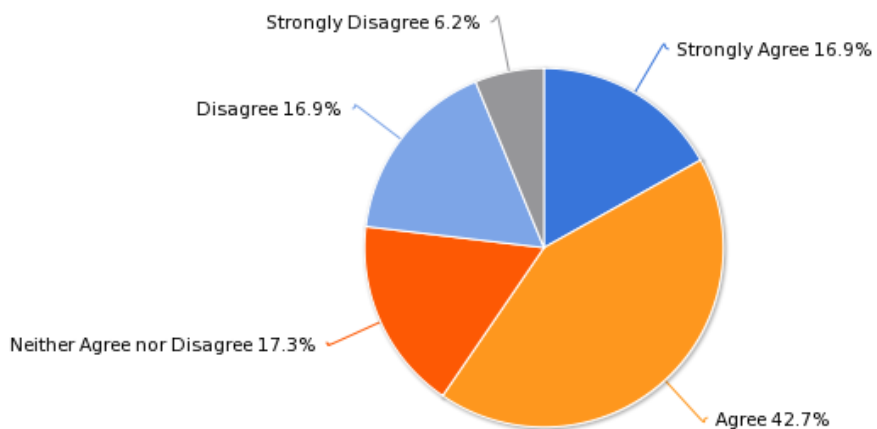
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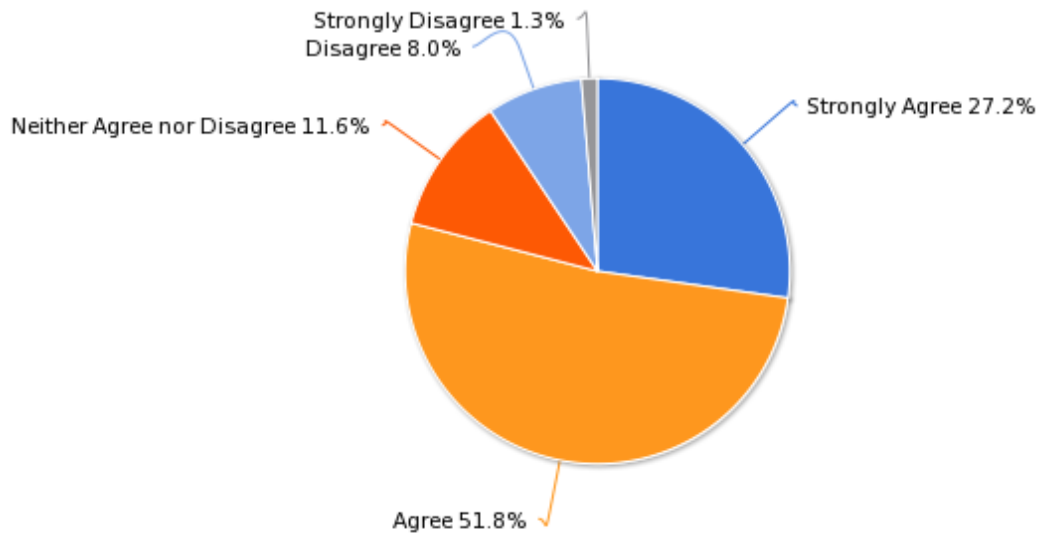
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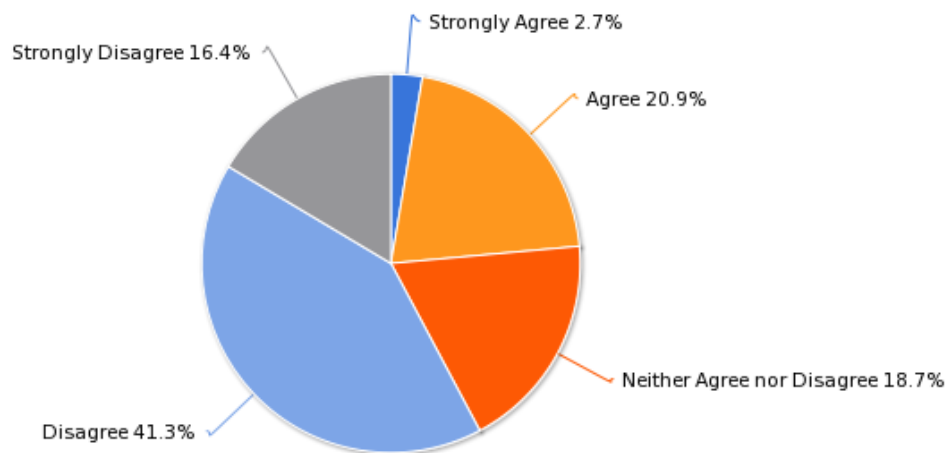
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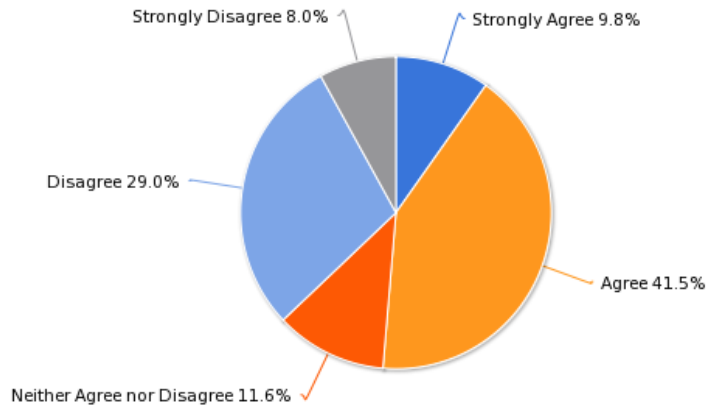
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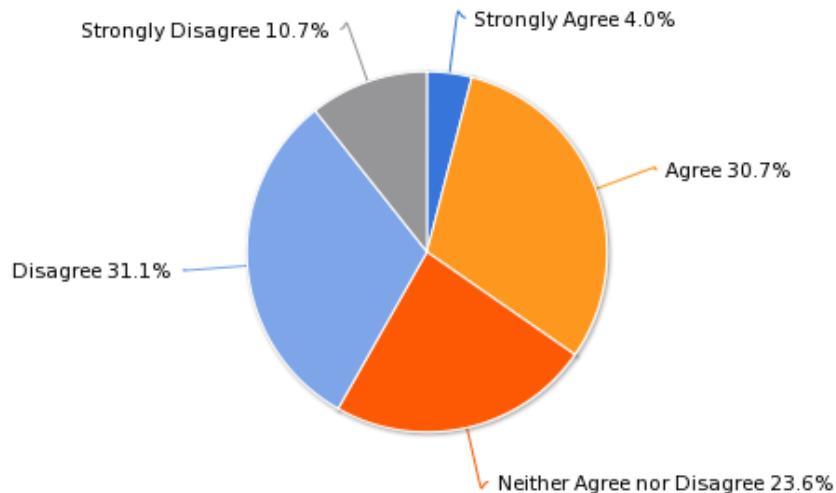
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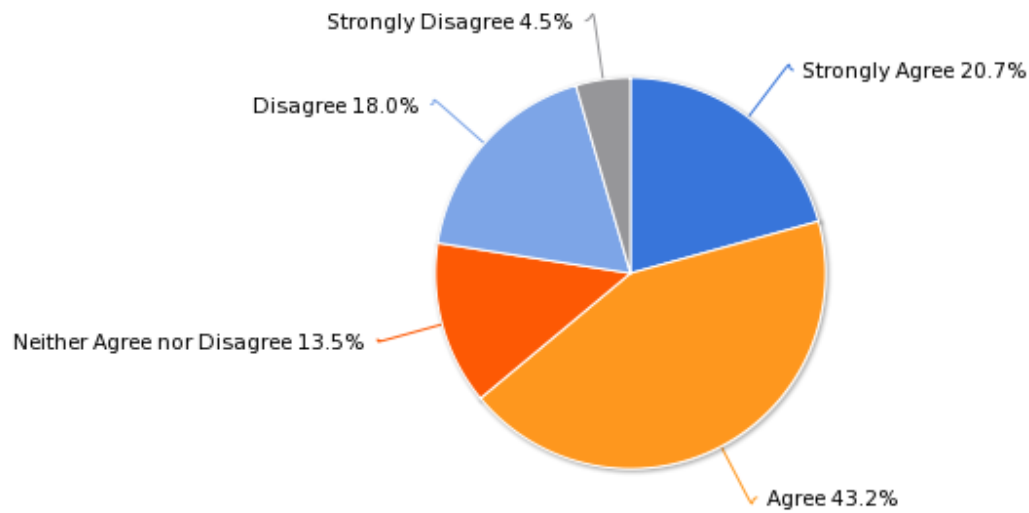
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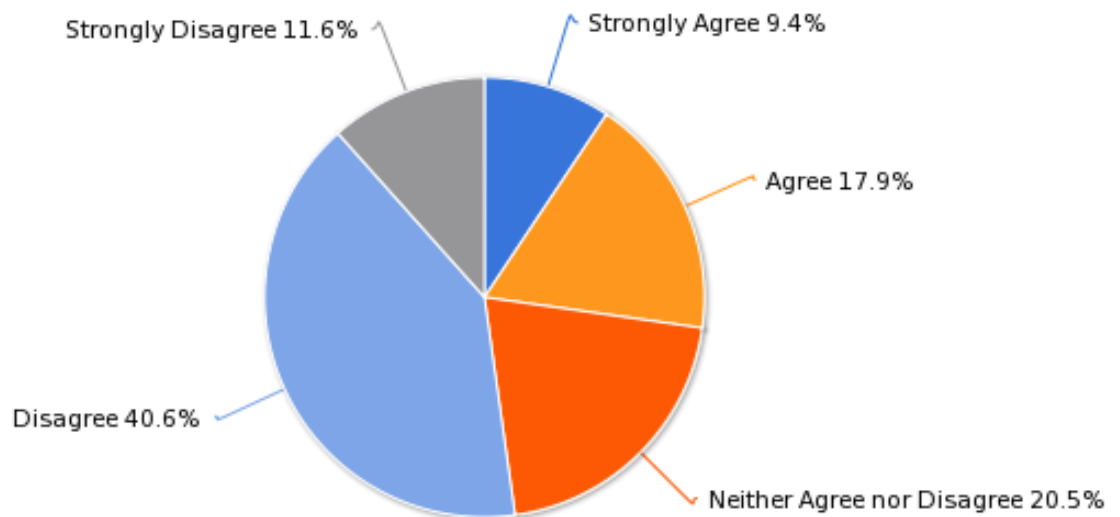
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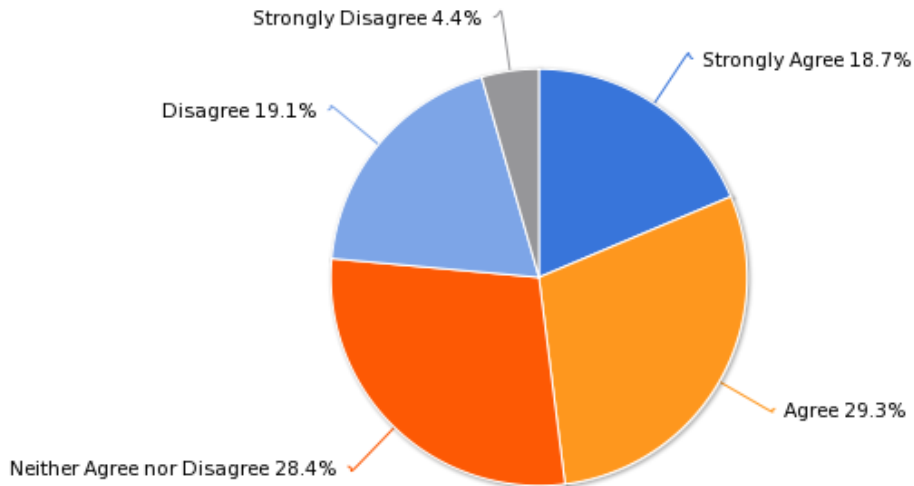
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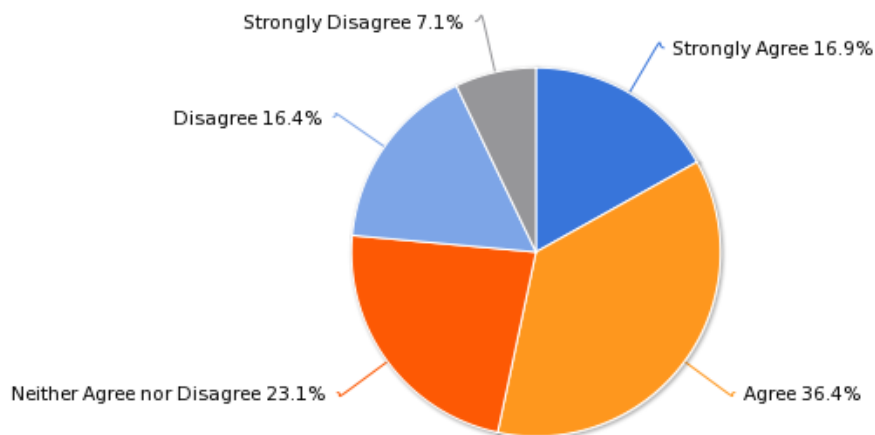
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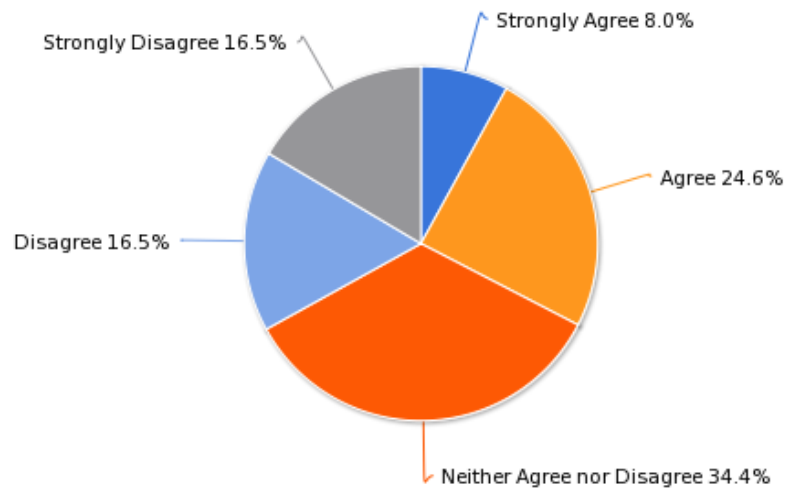
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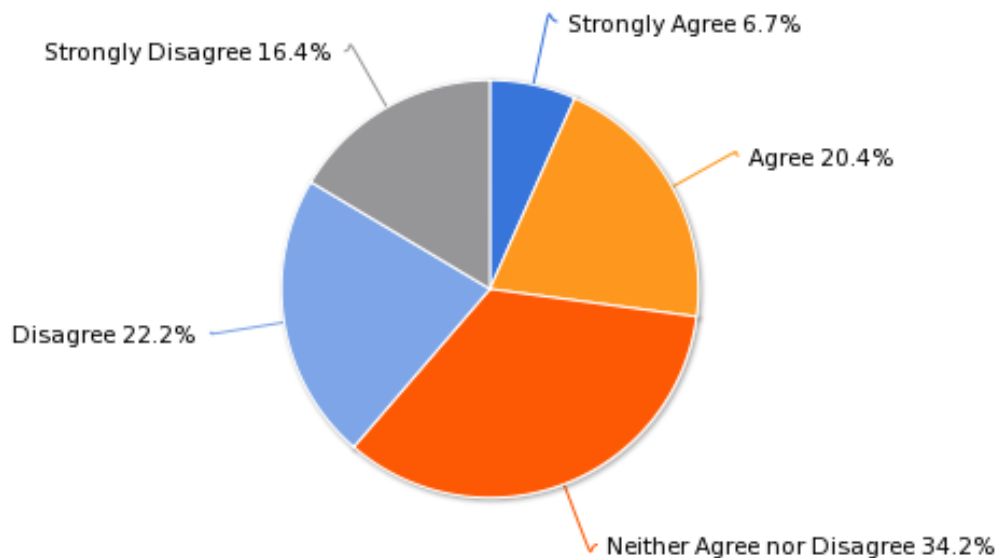
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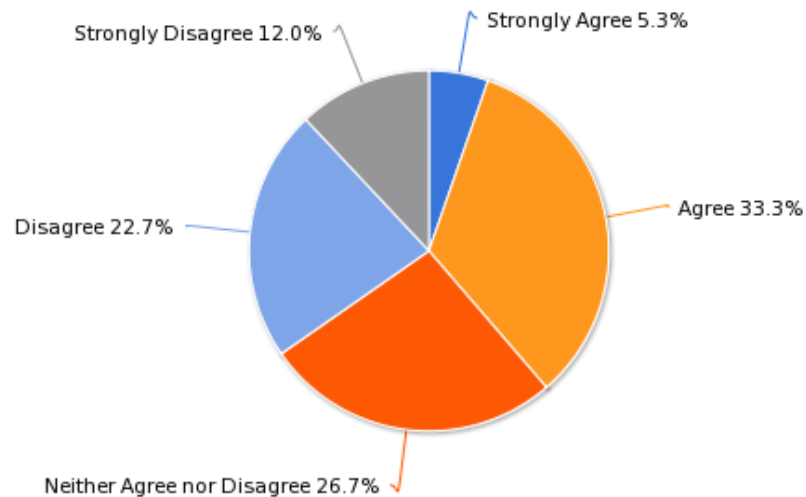
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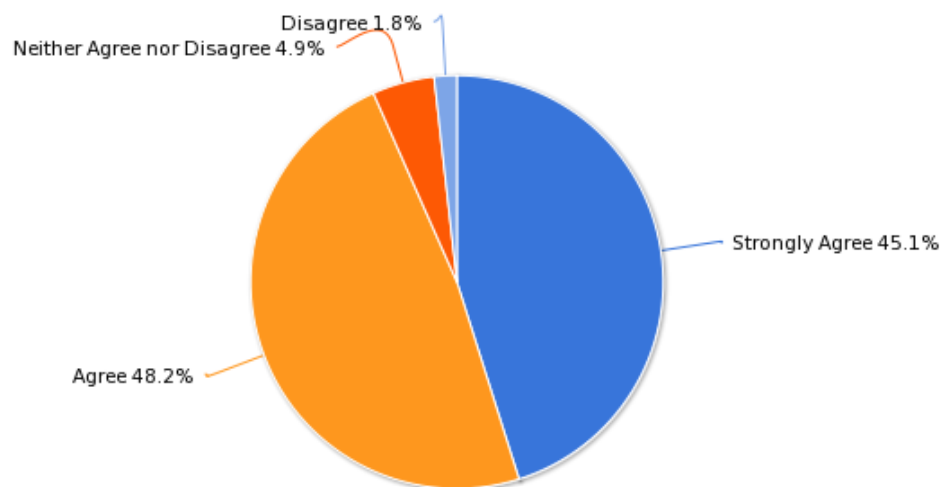
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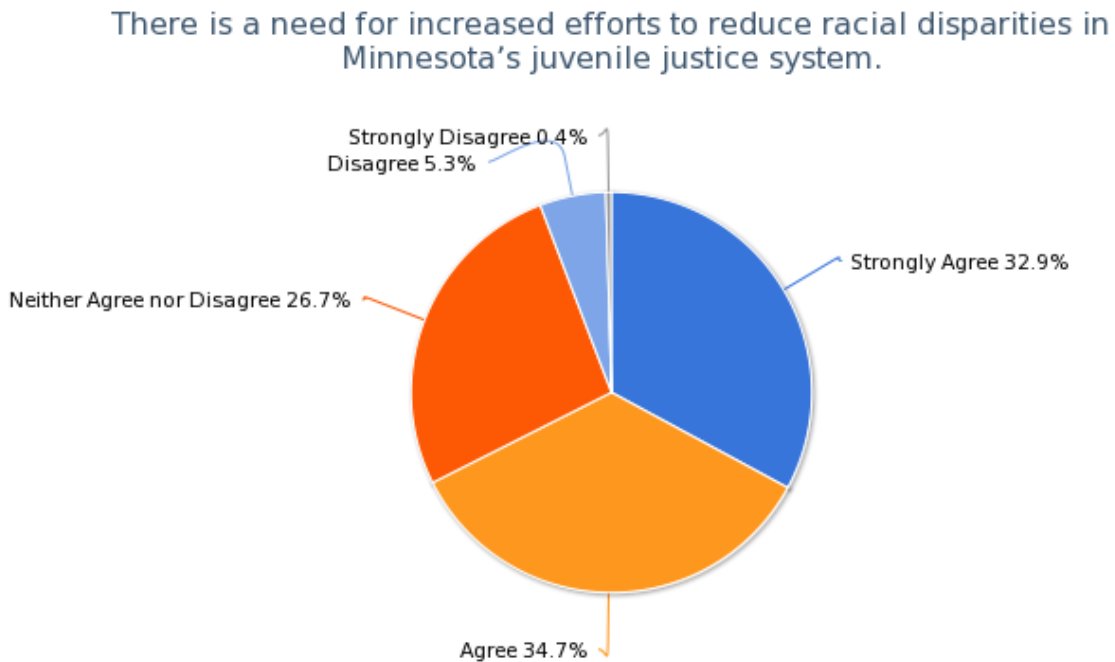
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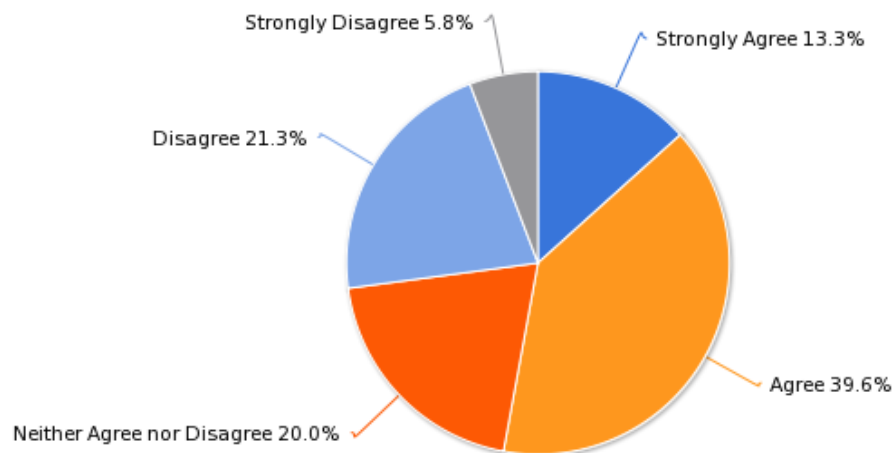
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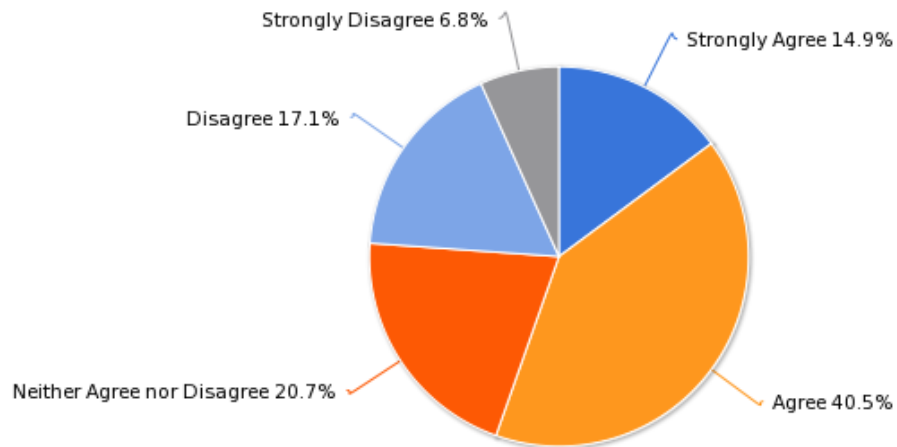
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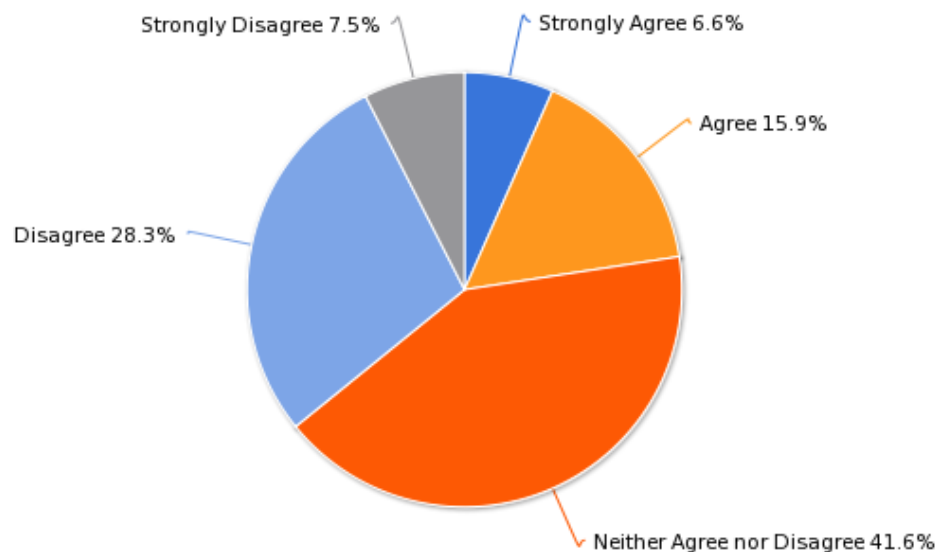
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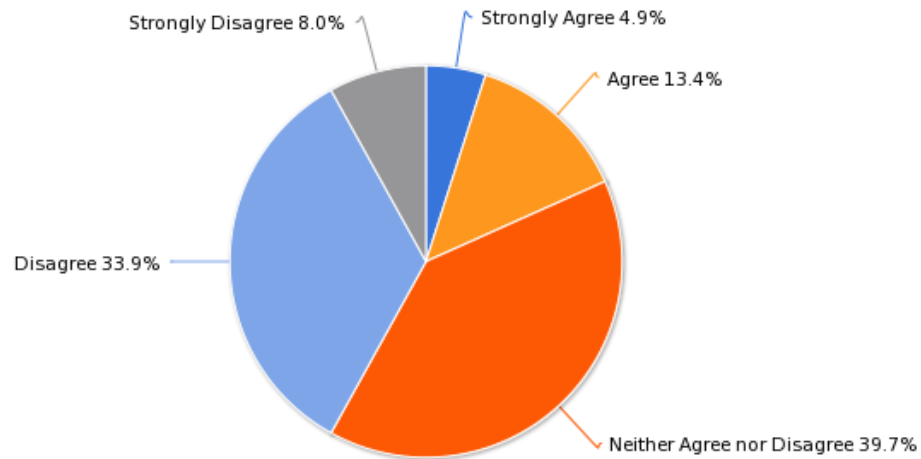
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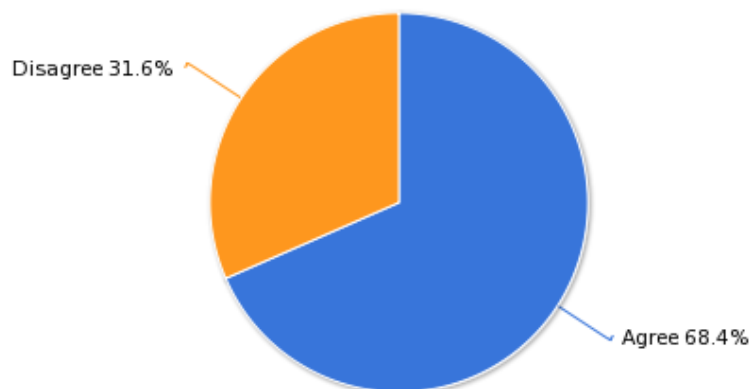
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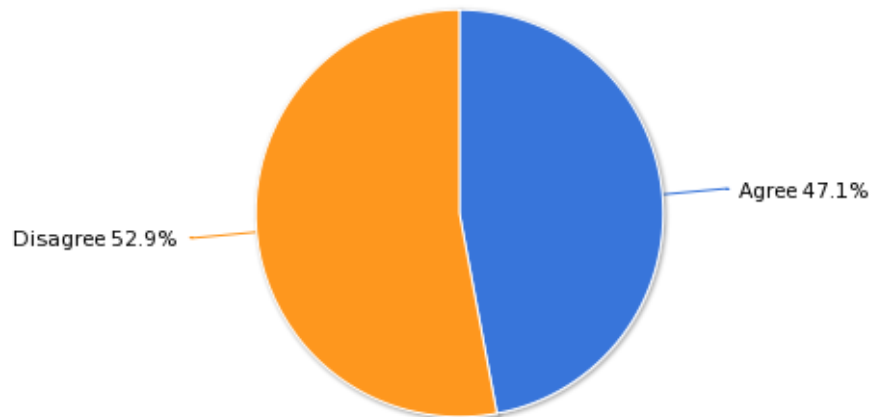
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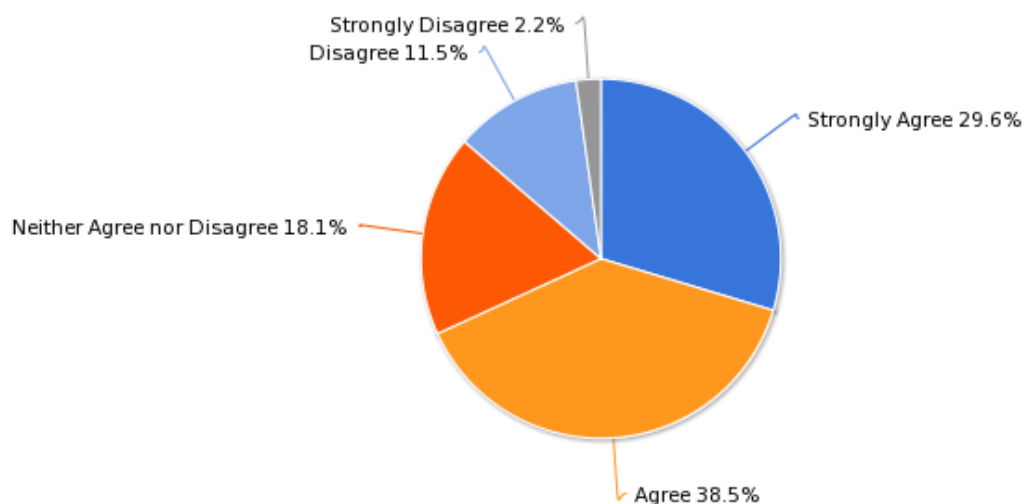
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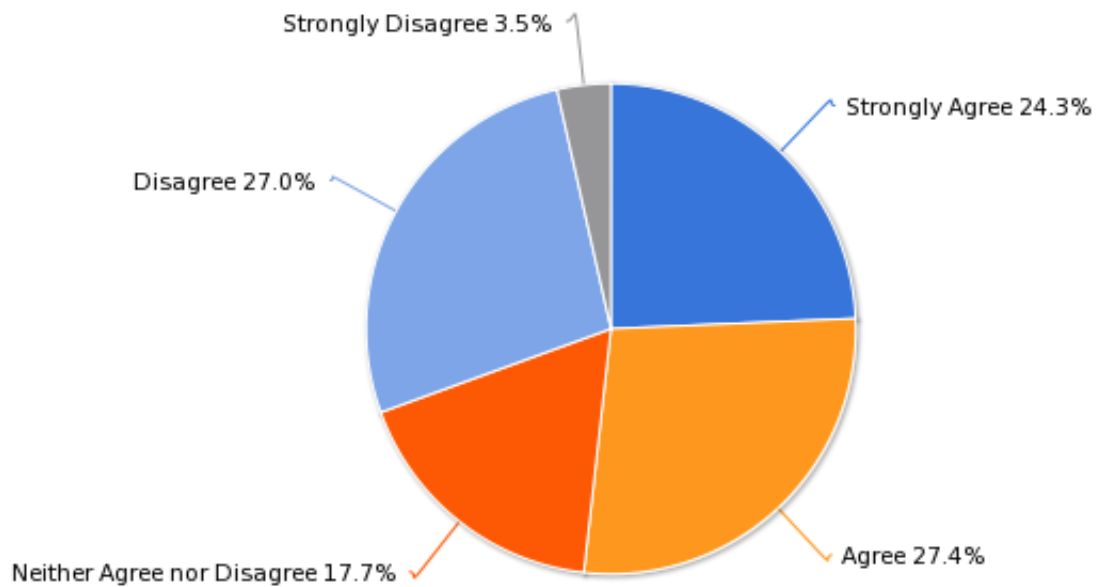
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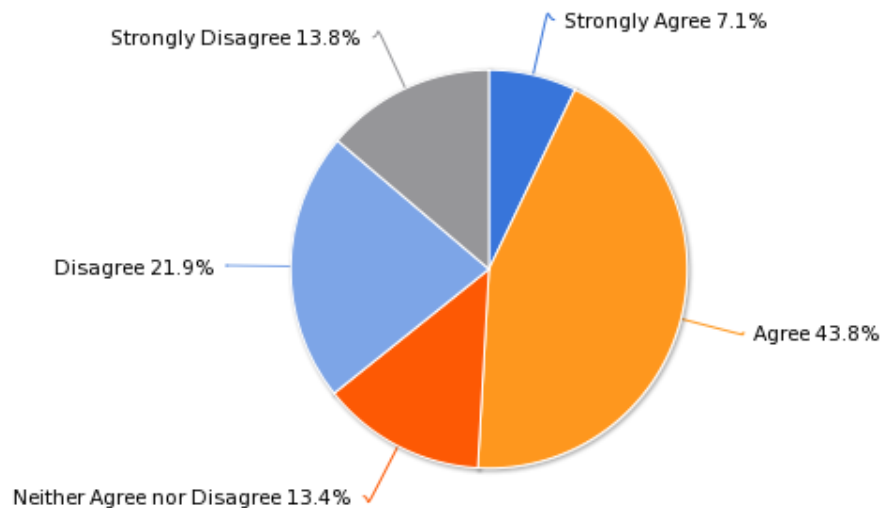
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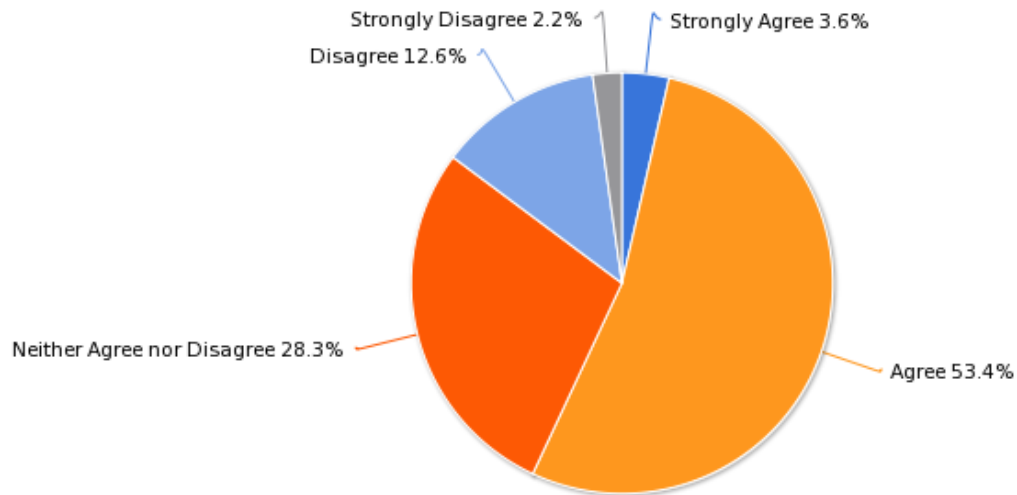
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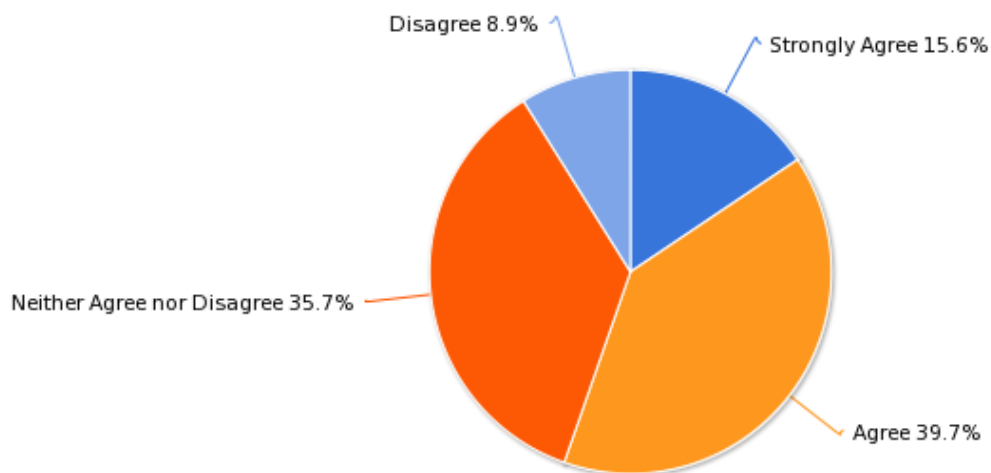
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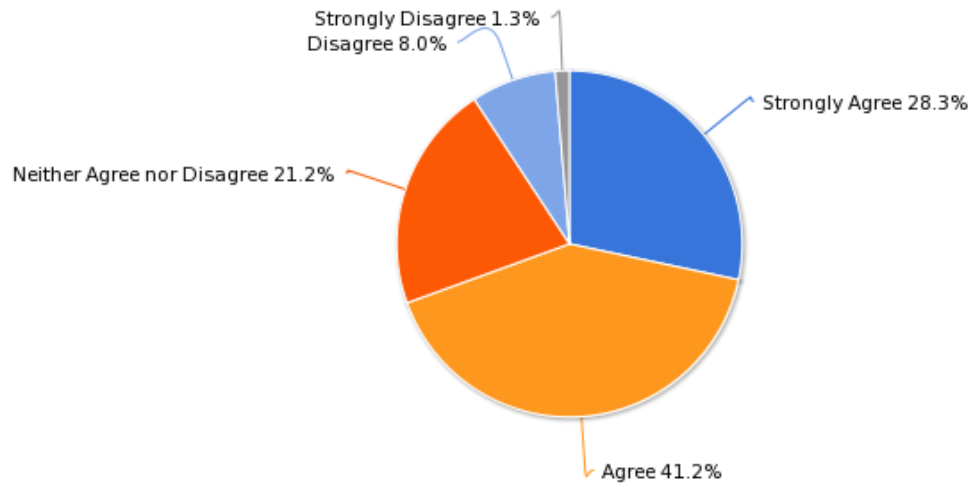
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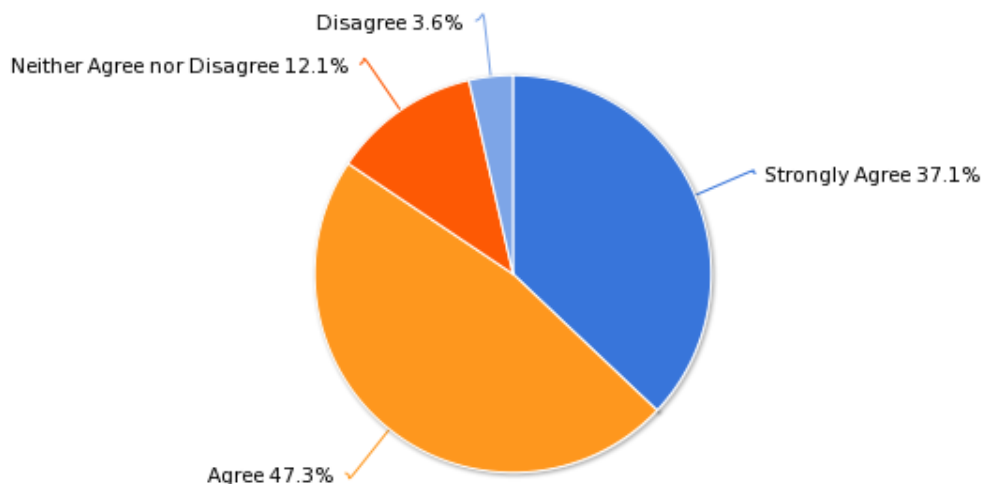
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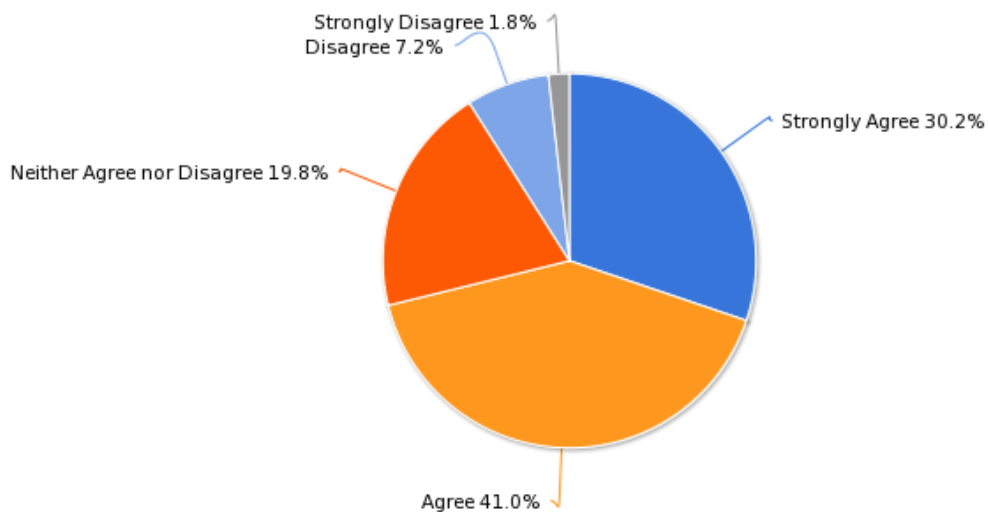
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