

# Criminal Justice Perspectives

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# Research Question:

Does a UMU student's major correlate with their perceptions on crime?

Desensitisation: A treatment or process that diminishes emotional responsiveness to a negative, aversive or positive stimulus after repeated exposure to it. Desensitization also occurs when an emotional response is repeatedly evoked in situations in which the action tendency that is associated with the emotion proves irrelevant or unnecessary.

Medical Students: "I, like many of my classmates, had subconsciously learned how to "put up a wall" between myself and this patient. I had already started to become desensitized to his pain."

Violence: "In recent years, the military has encouraged many of its soldiers to partake in the thrill of violent video games as a way to continue combat training, even when not on active duty."

Sources:

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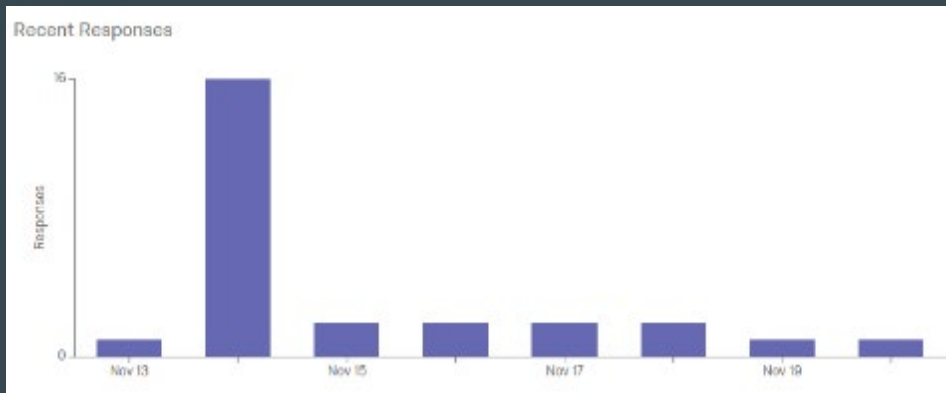
# Research Formation

## Sample:

- 500 UVU Students (Taken Randomly)
- 74 Completed Responses
- 94% Completion Rate
- Lasted 8 Days

## Increasing Response Rate:

- In order to increase response rate, reminder emails were sent out to our sample of students to remind them to take the survey. This was done twice, in three day intervals. (N16,N19)



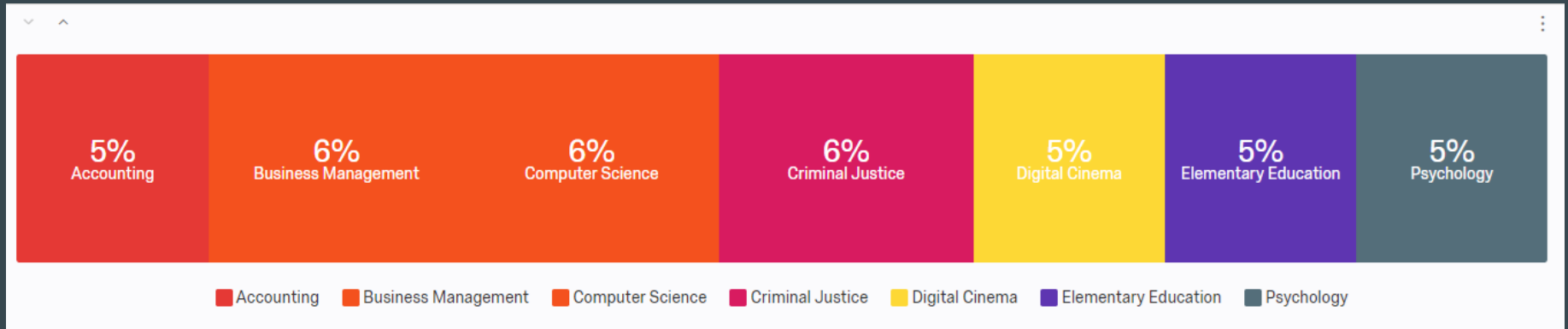
# Primary Research Results

# Top Majors

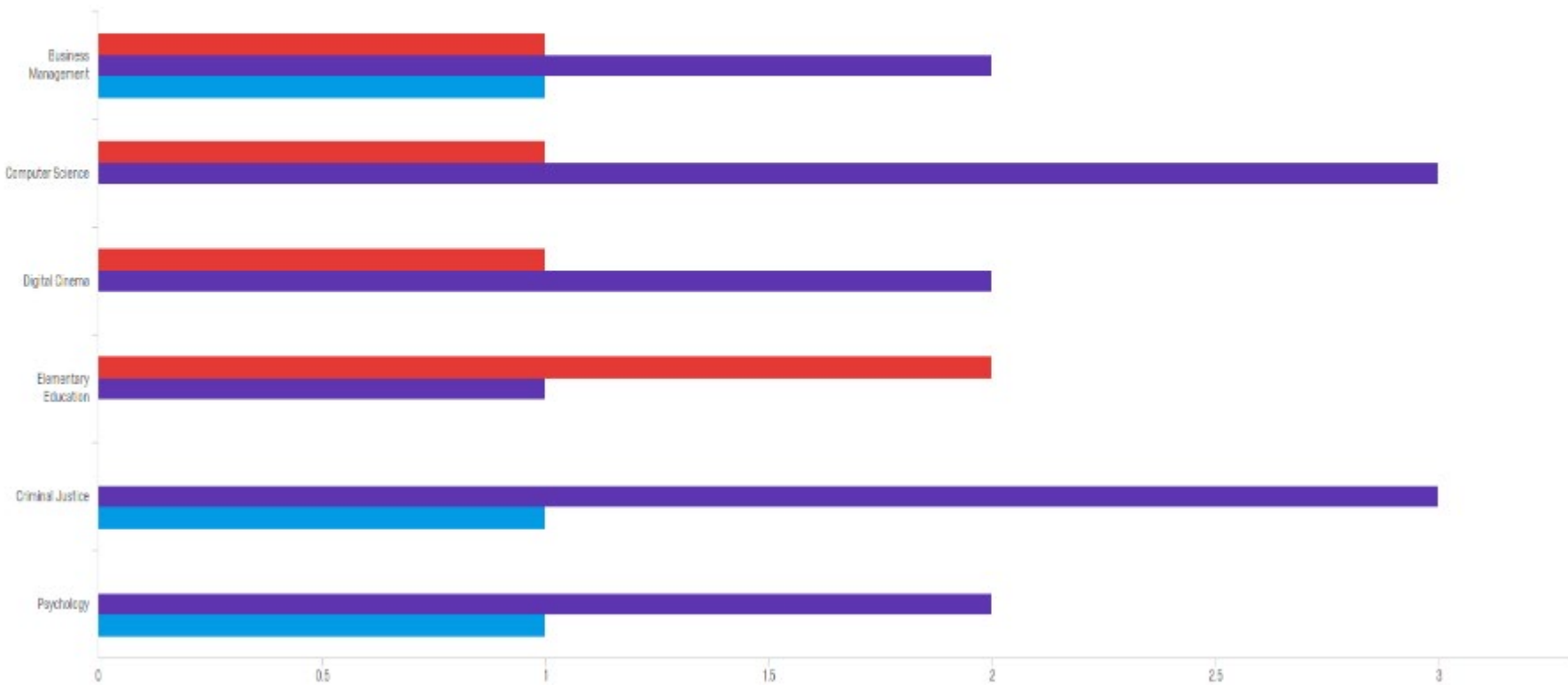
While approximately 15% of our desired amount responded to our survey, the top 3 majors that did participate include:

1. Computer Science
2. Business Management
3. Criminal Justice

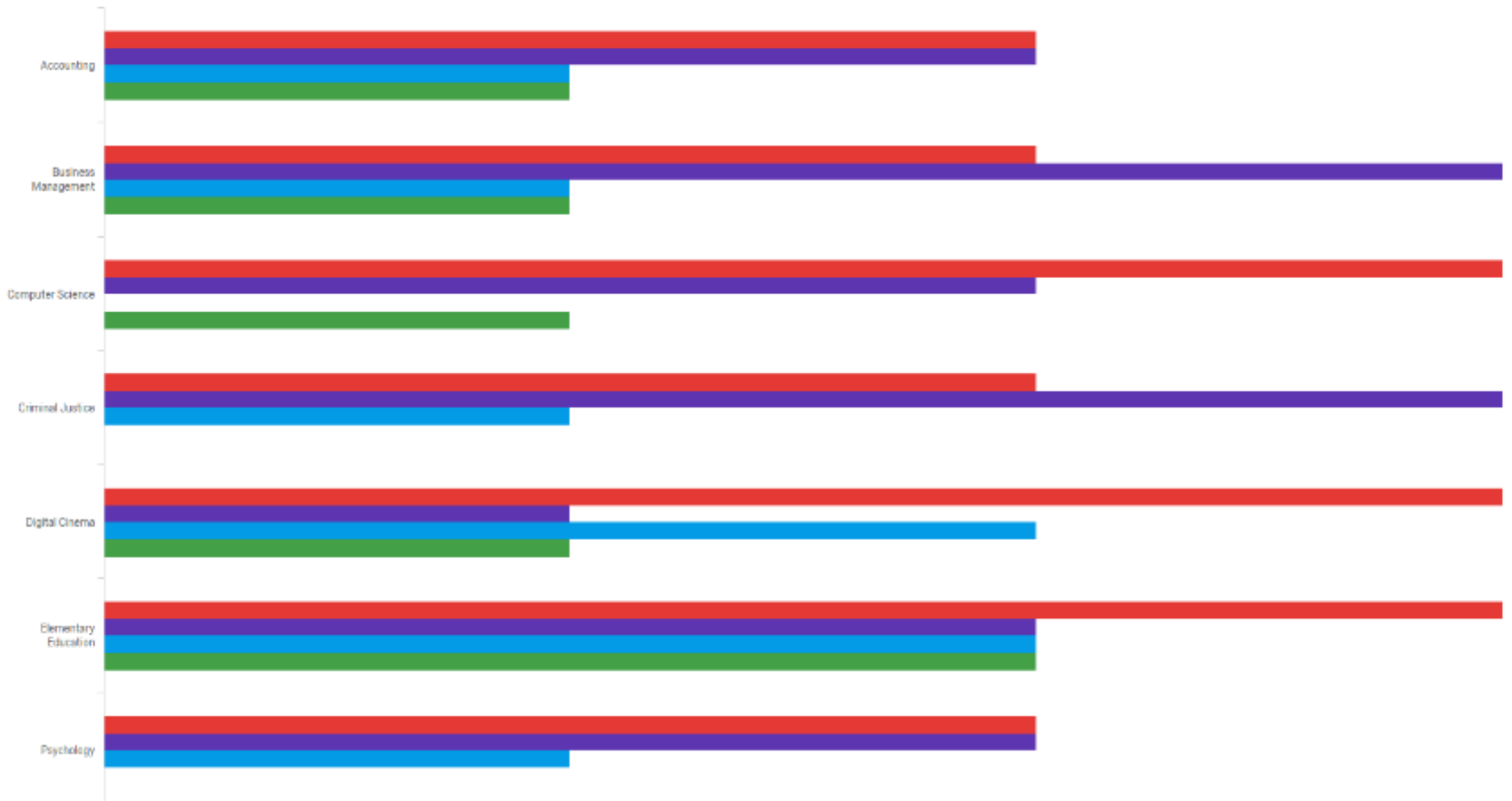
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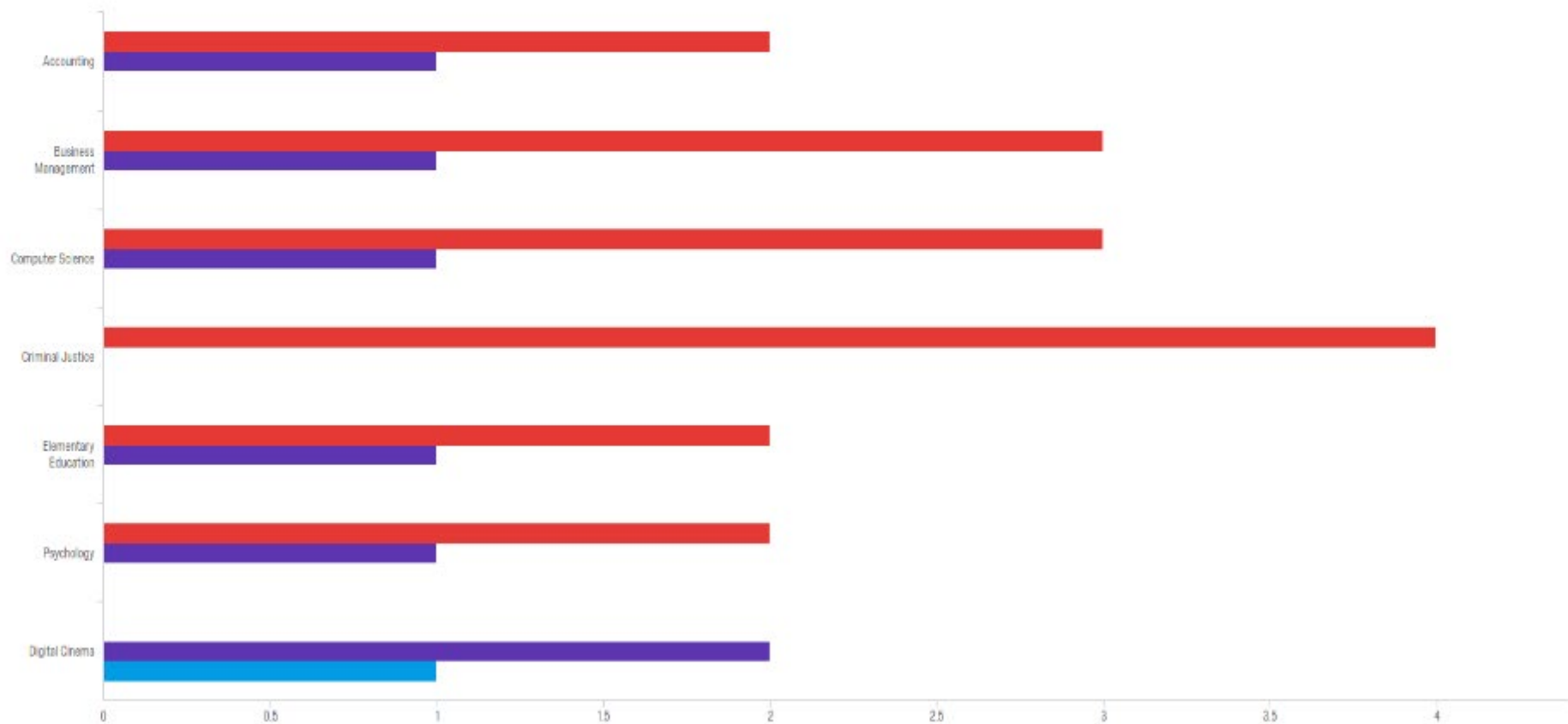
Q4 - What is your level of concern of crime in Utah?



## Q19 - How should repeat offenders be dealt with?







# Primary Hypothesis Conclusion:

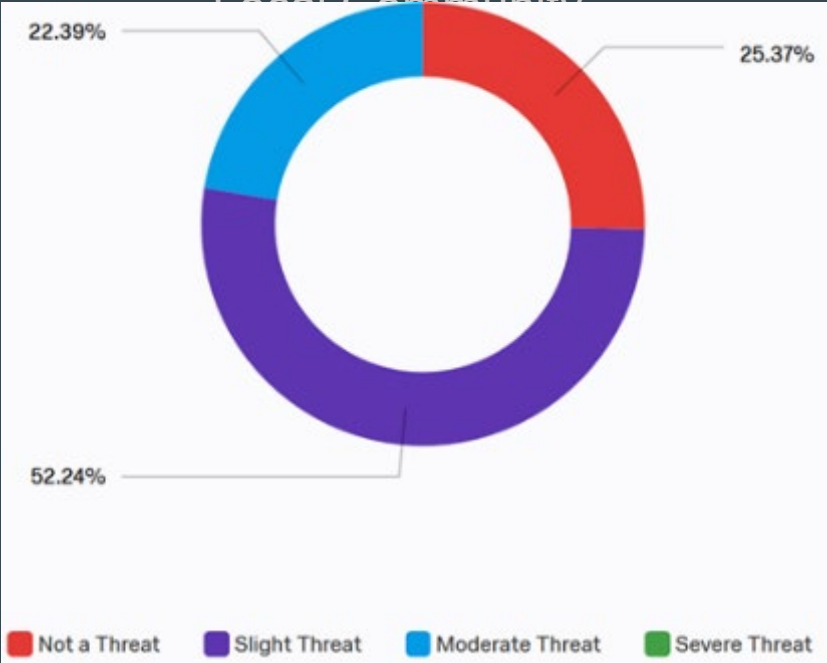
1. Our hypothesis was essentially incorrect, UVU students' majors DO NOT correlate with their perception of crime.
2. Overall, responses were not uniform and no patterns were drawn between student majors and perceptions
3. It was found that UVU students perception on crime could not be identified based solely on their major.
4. It was found that each individual's viewpoint did not seem to be swayed or be able to be grouped together into classifications of major as each response held very little to no resemblance to their fellow students in the same major.

# Secondary Results

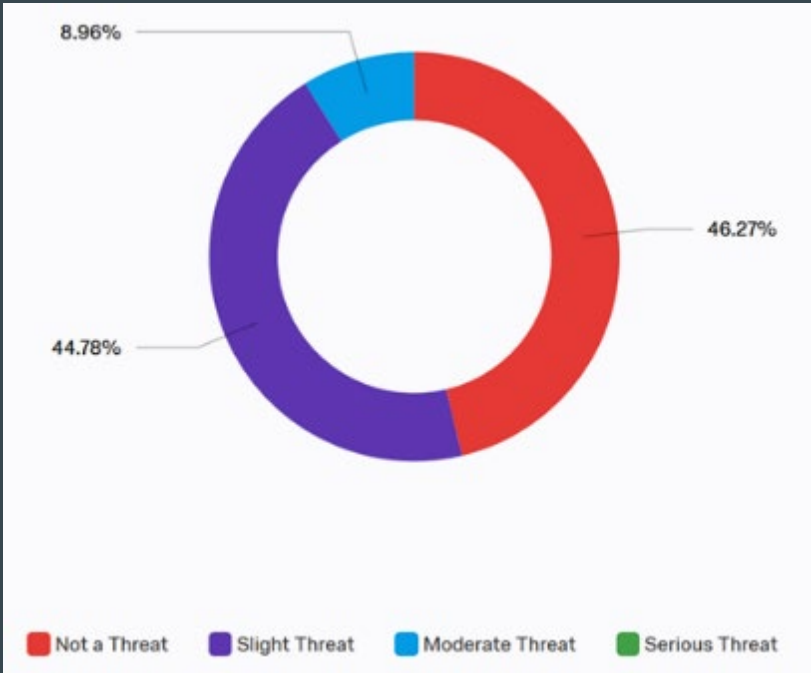
# Level of Crime Concern

Overall Utah

Level of Community



In Their

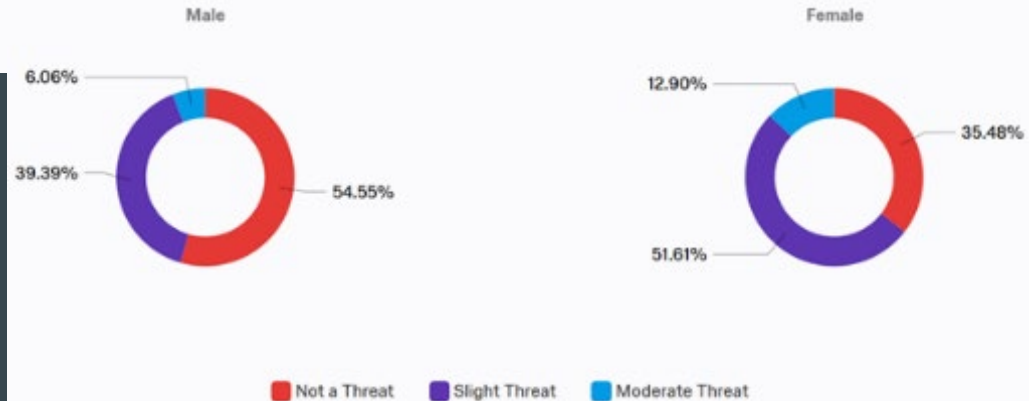


# Level of Crime Concern by Gender

## Overall Utah

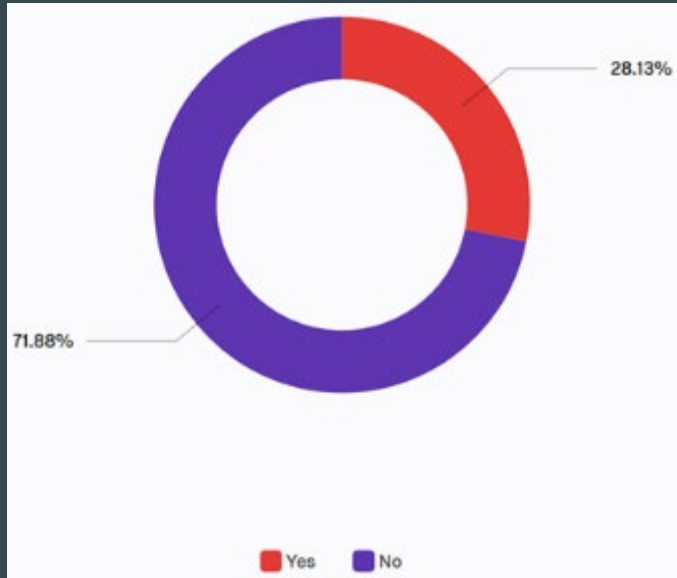


## In Their Local Community



# Do you limit your activities because of fear of crime?

## All Respondents

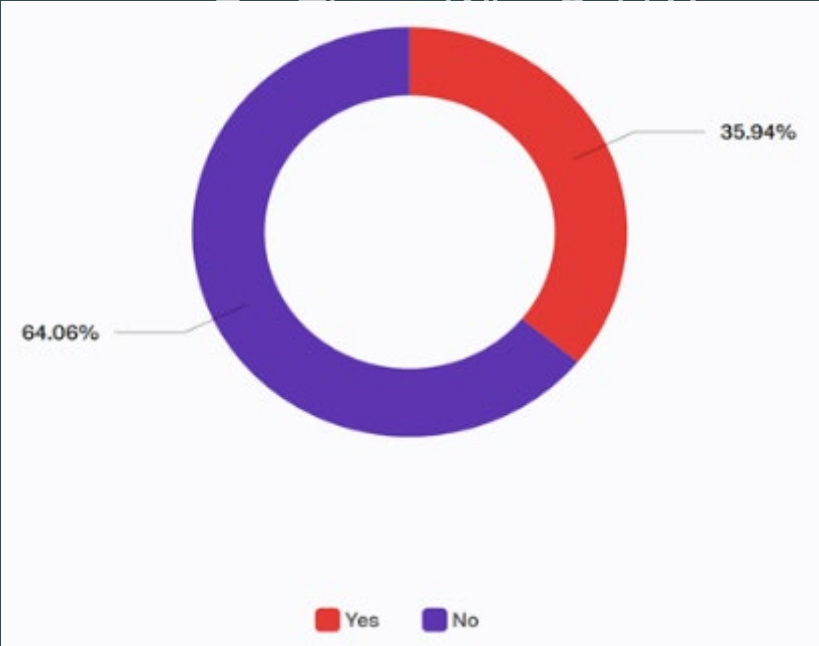


## Respondents by Gender

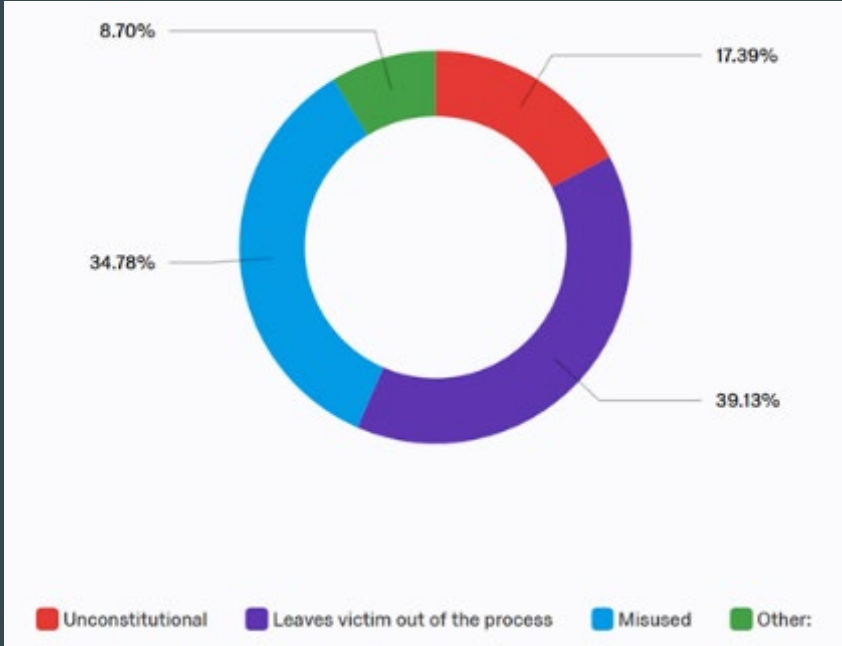


# Should the nation as a whole pull back plea bargains

All Respondents



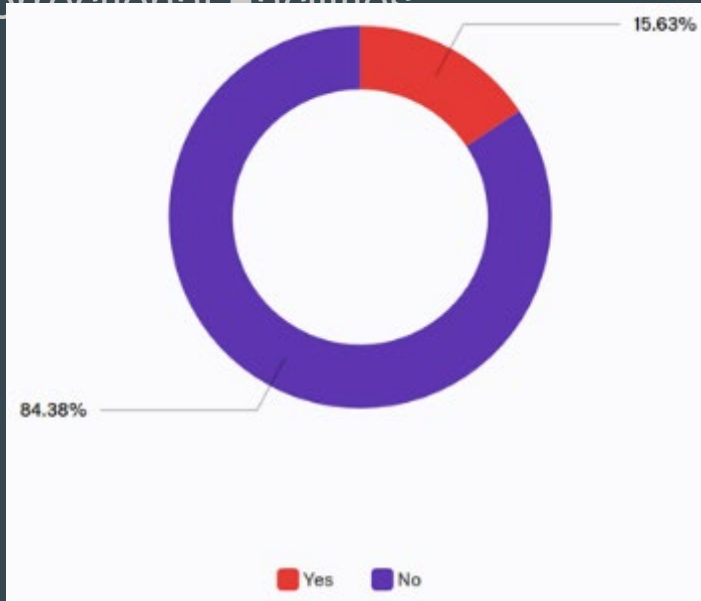
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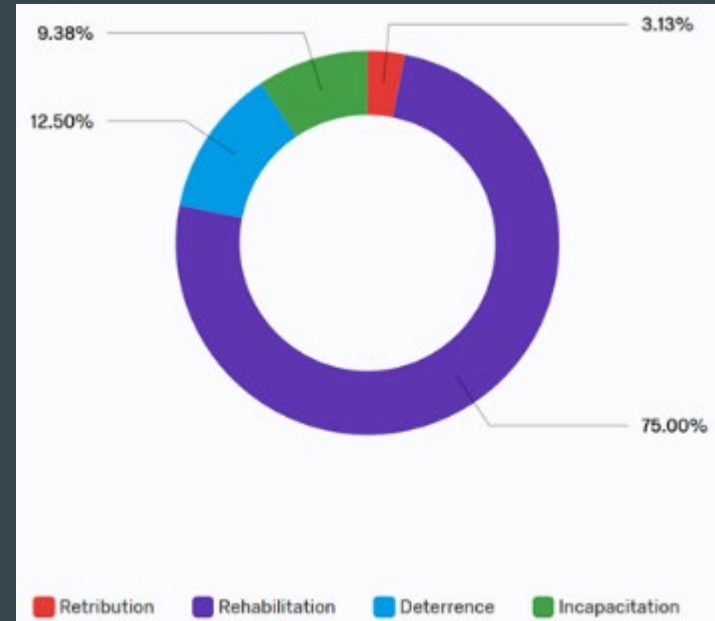
# Abolishment of Prisons and Purpose of Correctional Facilities

## Should Prisons be Abolished

Correctional Facilities



## The Purpose of

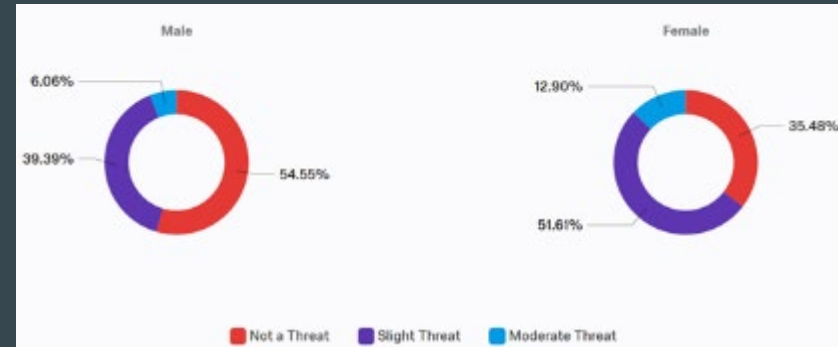
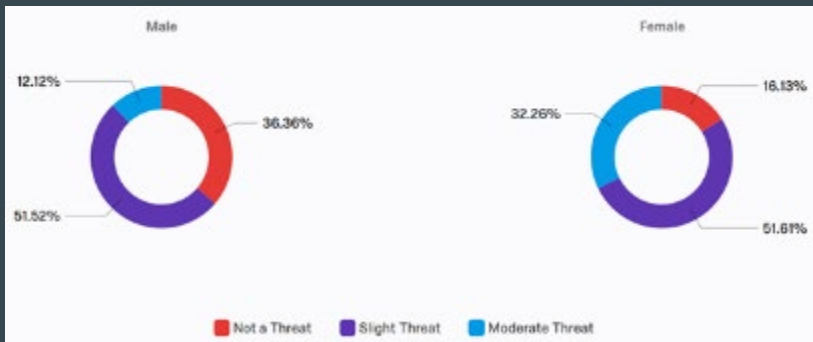




# Conclusion

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- Our Primary Hypothesis was proven incorrect. UVU student's perceptions on crime do not correlate to their majors.
- Our data did, however, show that UVU student's believe that Utah is a rather safe state with a majority percentage believing Utah's crime percentages were that of a slight threat or not a threat at all.
- Also shown was the fact that UVU students believe their neighborhoods to be extremely safe, more than that of Utah overall.



# How Could We Improve?

- In order to maximise response rate, we should have sent out more reminder emails as well as increasing the amount of time the survey was available to our sample size.
- In order to get more data to get a better representation of UVU students perceptions on crime and the potential correlation with their majors, we should have sent out multiple separate surveys with a single survey being sent to a single major. A sample size of 500 students in each selected major would also give us far better results, allowing us to better visualise potential connections.