



Theft on Campus

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What is our project

Summary

- Theft on Campus.
- Qualtrics survey of 500 students.
- 38 respondents over 1.5 weeks. 45 If you include partials.
- Questions about having been victim of theft.
- Questions about committing theft.

Problems

- Flow of survey.
- Lack of time.
- Larger sample size.
- Falsification.

Confidence

95% - 6.12+-

Lit Review - “THEFT OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES “

Who did the study: a student at Florida Atlantic University in August of 2014

What were they studying: They were studying how many student have been victims of theft on college campus. Also to measure students' individual level of awareness and/or behavior as it relates to crime prevention.

How did they do the study: They surveyed random college students who are studying CJ on the campus on Florida Atlantic University via online

How many did they study?: The study consisted on 203 college students.. However, the analysis for awareness of crime prevention had to eliminate 13 female student and 9 male cases due to missing data.

What were their results/conclusions: The sample of 181 criminology students included 107 (65%) female and 57 (35%) male participants. Only 17 (10%) students reported having previously been victims of property theft on campus, and five participants did not indicate whether or not they had previously been victimized. Undergraduate students represented 77% (145) of the sample. Thus, the sample is made up exclusively of criminal justice majors, a majority of whom are female, non-victims, and undergraduates. A significant difference in the awareness scores between female and male college students was reported, with females scoring higher than males. Also from the data collected they saw no difference in results between undergraduates and graduates when it came to the level of crime prevention

Lit Review - “UVU Campus Theft”

Who did the study: This study was conducted by four UVU college students.

What were they studying: They studied how to prevent theft in UVU campus and how safe college students feel about theft in UVU campus.

How did they do the study: The surveyed was composed of 30 questions to be sent out among UVU students who were enrolled full time in school. The surveyed was kept open for 3 weeks with a reminder email sent out every monday.

How many did they study: Their study consisted of 500 college students. However, their data was not efficient for their study because of lack of not enough reponses and due to possible falsification of information on the survey.

What were their results/conclusions: Most items were taken from vehicles. The perpetrator was unknown in 73% of cases according to respondents, but 28% of the respondents did not tell anyone about their theft. 54% had items stolen from them. 44% were electronics device, 31% reported at UVU and 75% of students feel safe and campus. The only person who can prevent a crime, theft, is the individual. Taking precautions on where they leave items and if the items are secure will prevent the majority theft.

Lit Review - “What Are College Students' Perceptions About Campus Safety?”

Who did the study: Three college students at Troy University in 2013

What were they studying: College students' perceptions regarding campus safety and their own protection

How did they do the study : surveyed 20 random college students

How many did they study? 20 local college students, of whom 55% were female. Respondents ranged in age from 21 to 25. All classes (freshman through senior) were represented, with 85% of respondents enrolled as full-time students.

What were their results/conclusions: When asked about their expectations of safety while on campus, 70% of respondents said that campus safety was very important in their selection of college. The result of the ranking is consistent with college students' perception of what a safe campus should encompass. When asked “What should be done to make your campus safer?,” 55% of those surveyed responded “more police or security officers.” Among the students, 45% feels that security is inadequate versus 30% who feels it is adequate. As a result, most of the students (9) feel unsafe, while only 4 students feel safe on campus. The remaining respondents were unsure about their personal safety while on campus. In addition, although the largest percentage of the student sample felt unsafe on campus, only 35% has considered withdrawing from college.

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Since students feel that they are unsafe on campus, the ability to self-protect is essential. A correlation matrix was constructed to see whether there was a relationship between students who have taken a self-defense course and the wherewithal to avoid certain areas of the campus. The results reveal some correlation between the two.

Two questions concerned protection: "Have you taken any self-defense courses?" and "Do you feel that it is necessary to own a firearm for personal safety?" Overwhelmingly, the juniors surveyed had considered firearms, as well as taken a self-defense course; 60% had considered firearms and 80% a self-defense course.

Lit Review - “Rowan University Student Perception of Campus Safety”

Who did the study: The study was conducted by Rowan University to their students.

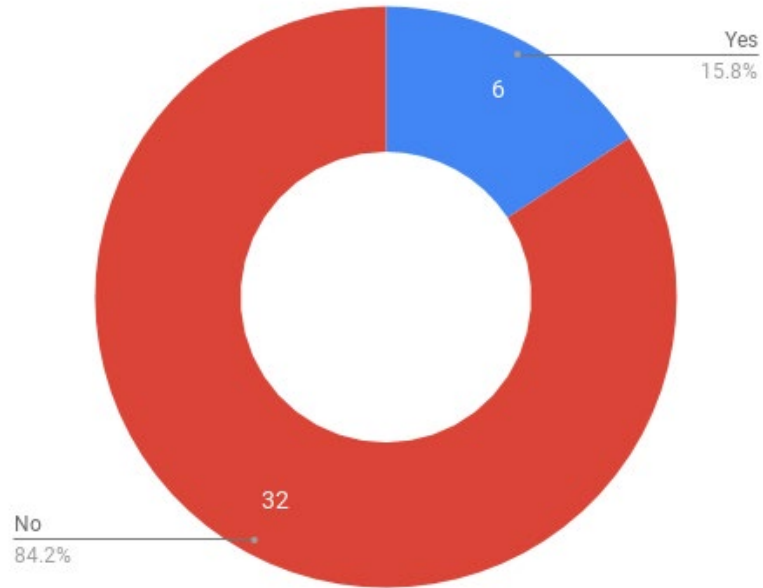
What were they studying: The perception of college students of campus safety.

How did they do the study: They did a six screen survey through the online services, they used survey monkey and it was emailed to approximately 10,000 Rowan students. The survey was broken into six sections including demographic, campus safety, sense of community, campus environment and use of public safety.

How many did they study: They studied approximately 10,000 Rowan students. There were 679 females respondents and 379 males, twelve respondents preferred not to identify their gender.

What were their results/conclusions: 7% of students feel that the presence of police and security was inadequate. 21.7% students they were not worried about crime in campus and 21% students fear about crime. The results of this study support the general literature pertaining to campus safety. This study indicates that Rowan’s department of public safety shows it is consistently fulfilling standards determined to create an effective police department.

Have you been a victim of theft on campus at UVU?



Questionable Data

- 52% of respondents did not report theft.
- All items that were stolen were worth \$0-\$50.
- 3 reported Clothing, Credit Card, and ID were stolen.
- 3 reported items were stolen from the Sorenson Center, Woodbury Business Building, and Browning Administration Building were locations stolen from most.

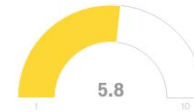
Please rate the following statements on a scale of one to ten with one being the worst and 10 being the best.

Victim of Theft

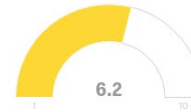
How safe do you feel your property is on campus at UVU?



How comfortable are you with reporting theft to campus police?



How effective do you think campus police are at handling cases of theft?



Not a Victim

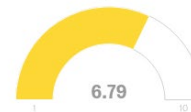
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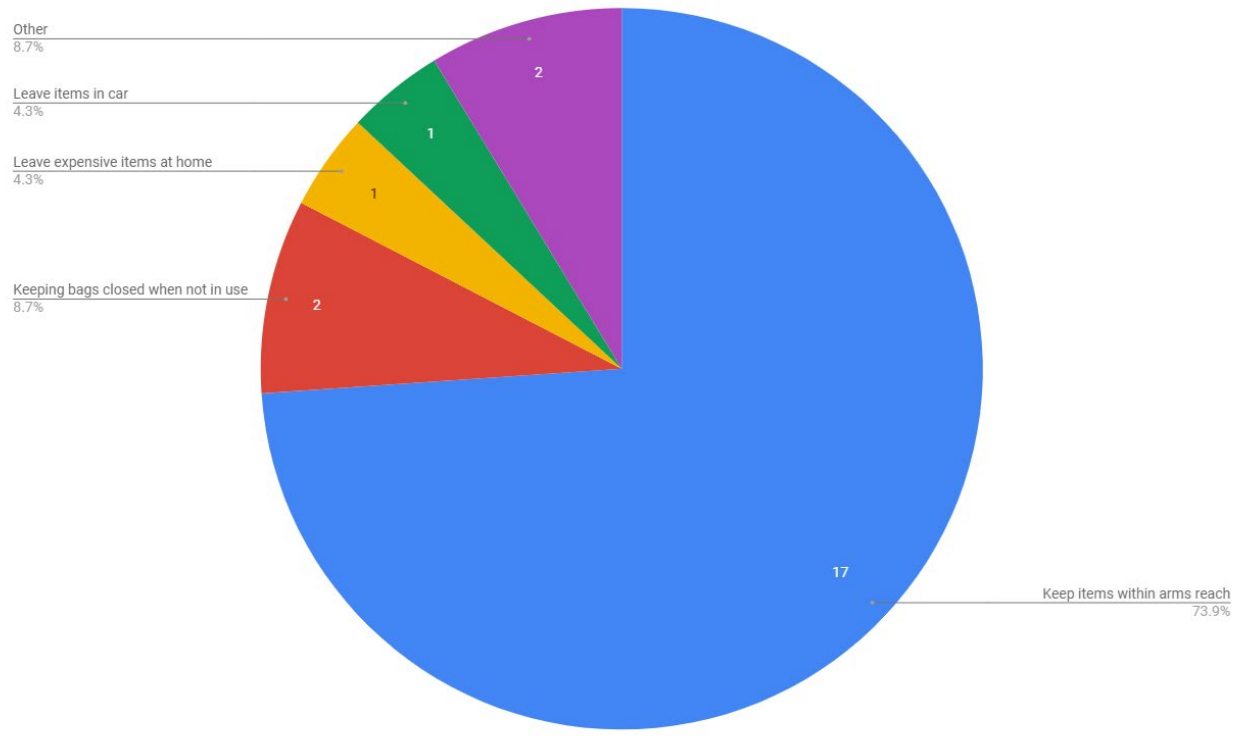
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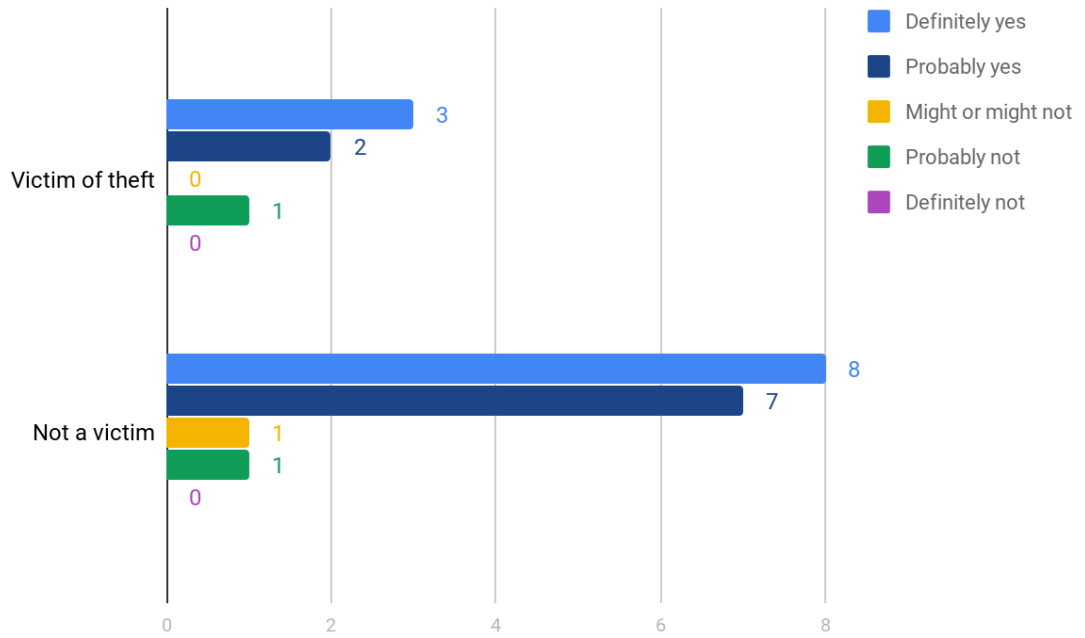
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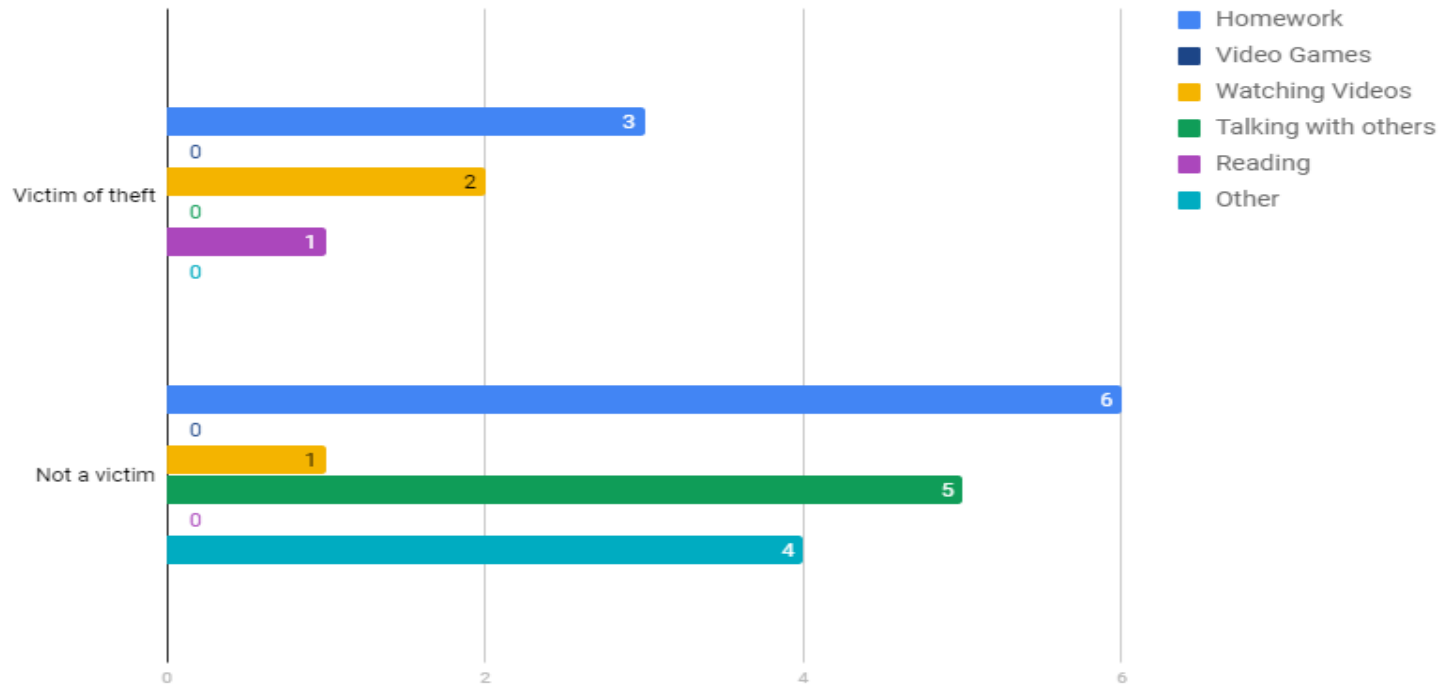
How do you protect your items from theft?



Are you aware of your surroundings on a consistent basis?



What is the most common reason you are unaware of your surroundings?



Conclusions

- Surveys of 500 are unreliable.
- UVU is overall a pretty safe campus
- If you don't want your items stole don't leave them unattended

Thank you for your time.