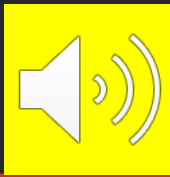


# Police Body Worn Cameras in a University Setting



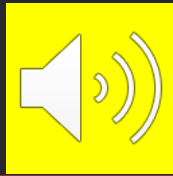
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- Do UVU students support body worn cameras by UVU police officers?
- Does the presence of body worn cameras by UVU police officers affect the conduct of the students?

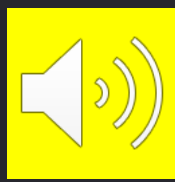
## Literature Review



- We researched five studies that explained the pros and cons of the use and effects of body worn cameras.
- We learned about its effects in courts and the jury, how it affects the behavior of police, and how it affects the public.
- The studies we researched are as follows:
- Birck, M. A. (2018). Do You See What I See? Problems with Juror Bias in Viewing Body-Camera Video Evidence. *Michigan Journal of Race & Law*, 24(1), 153–176
- Braga, A, Sousa, W., Coldren, J., & Rodriguez, D. (2018). The Effects of Body-Worn Cameras on Police Activity and Police-Citizen Encounters: A Randomized Controlled Trial. *Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology*, 108(3), 511–538
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- Zamoff, M. (2019). Assessing the Impact of Police Body Camera Evidence on the Litigation of Excessive Force Cases. *Georgia Law Review*, 54(1), 1–60.
- Zwart, W. (2018). Slow Your Roll out of Body-Worn Cameras: Privacy Concerns and the Tension between Transparency and Surveillance in Arizona. *Arizona Law Review*, 60(3), 783–814.



## Literature Review



- “Chicago police officials indicate that 80% of recordings fail to capture audio due to officer error or “intentional destruction.” (Fan, 2017, p.65).
- “... officers who followed recording protocol, the use of force decreased by 37% among officers who wore body cameras that were activated (Fan, 2017, p.73).”
- “Increasing transparency and accountability comes at the cost of exposing moments that individuals might not want released to the public.” (Zwart, 2018, p.787)
- Body camera footage does not show full context of an incident, “we mentally complete the image and interpret it using our own backgrounds, experiences, and biases as guides.” (Birck, 2018, p.164).



## Research Methods

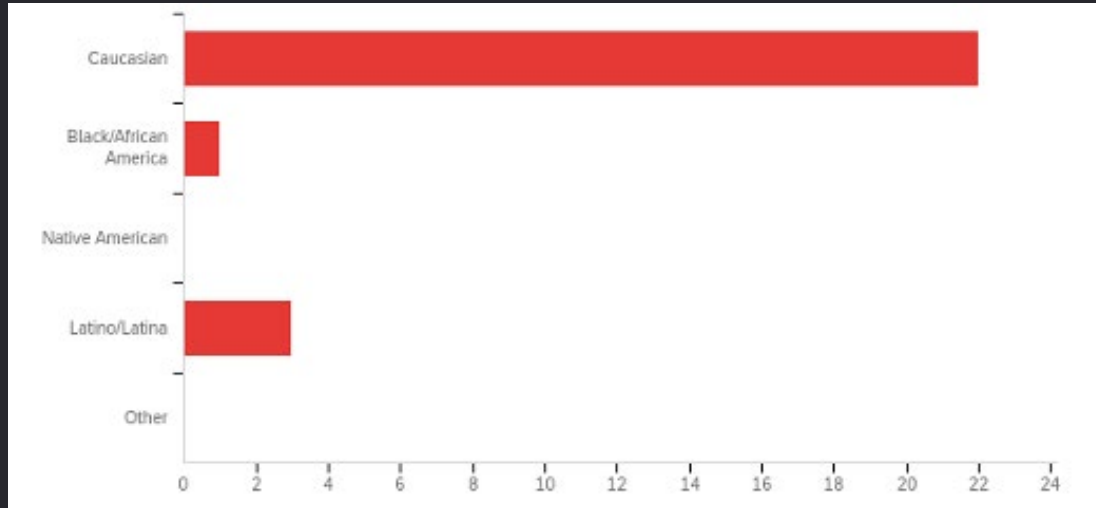


- We initially intended to research about police perspective about body cameras in a university setting but settled with students' perspectives for the subject because UVU PD declined to participate due to the current community climate.
- A random sample of 500 students of UVU was provided by the Institutional research and information (IRI).
- A survey regarding the study was distributed to all of the 500 students' emails provided by the IRI. Out of the 500 students, a total of 28 responded.
- It took 10 days to get a total of 28 responses. The average time for respondents to complete the survey was approximately 4.08 minutes.

## Demographics



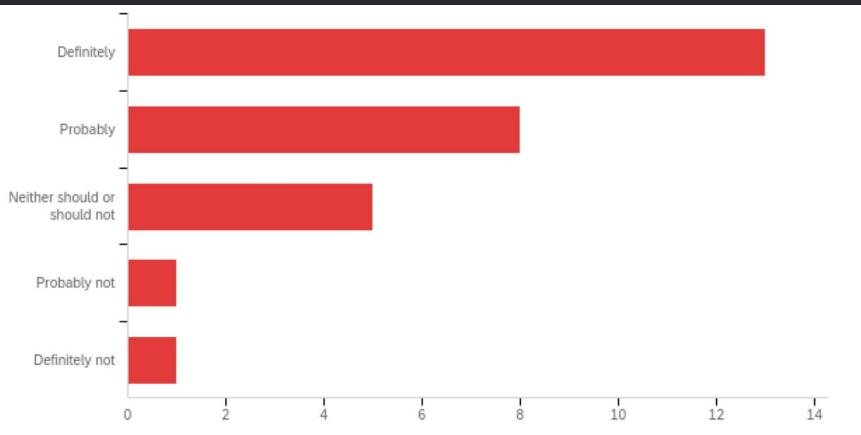
- Gender: 26.92% are Male; 69.23% are Female; 3.85% are Other
- Age: 73.07% are between 18-25; 15.39% are between 26-30; 11.54% are 31+



## Survey Findings

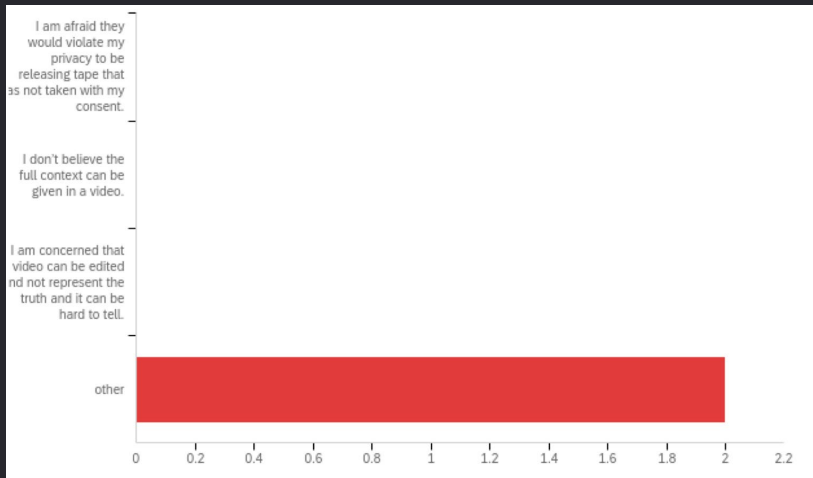


Question 1 : In your opinion should body worn cameras by UVU police officers \_\_\_\_ be required?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Definitely	46.43%	13
2	Probably	28.57%	8
3	Neither should or should not	17.86%	5
4	Probably not	3.57%	1
5	Definitely not	3.57%	1
	Total	100%	28

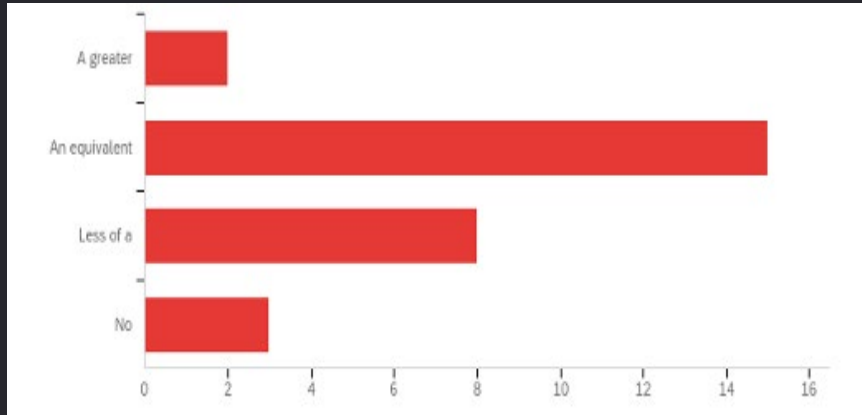
## Question 2: Mark the reasons you are against UVU police officers using body-worn cameras. Mark all that apply.



#	Answer	%	Count
1	I am afraid they would violate my privacy to be releasing tape that was not taken with my consent.	0.00%	0
2	I don't believe the full context can be given in a video.	0.00%	0
3	I am concerned that video can be edited and not represent the truth and it can be hard to tell.	0.00%	0
4	other	100.00%	2
	Total	100%	2

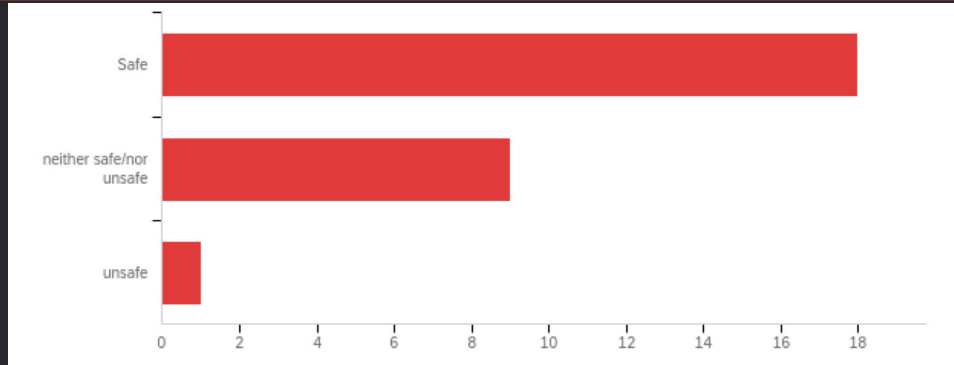


### Question 3: Compared to other community settings do you think that the UVU community presents \_\_\_\_\_ need for officer worn body cameras?



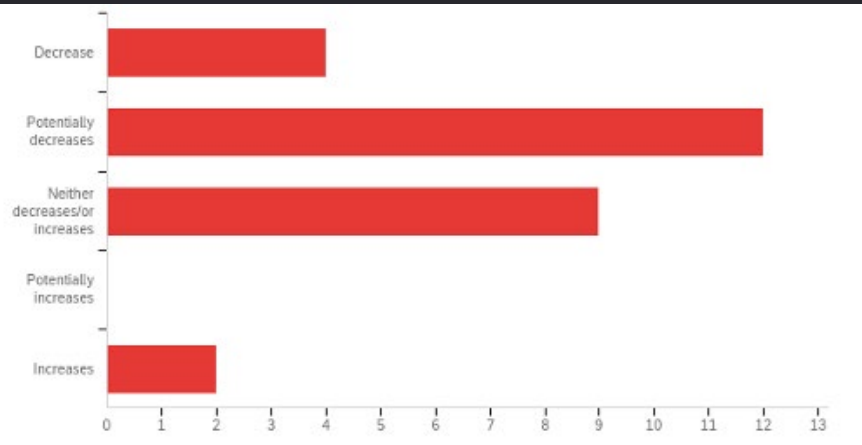
#	Answer	%	Count
1	A greater	7.14%	2
3	An equivalent	53.57%	15
4	Less of a	28.57%	8
5	No	10.71%	3
	Total	100%	28

## Question 4: In your opinion do you think that the implementation of body worn cameras by UVU police officers helps you to feel



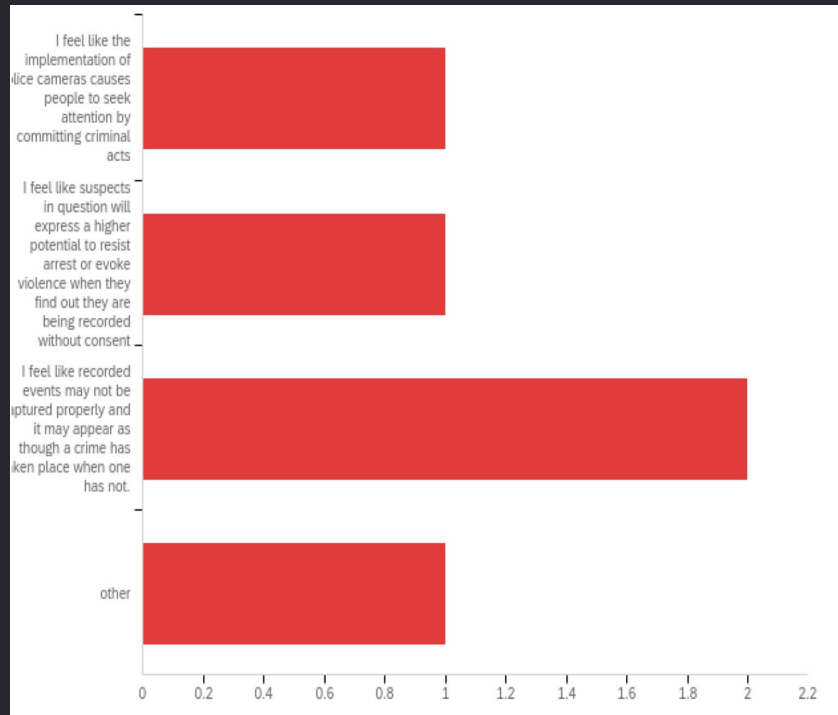
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Safe	64.29%	18
2	neither safe/nor unsafe	32.14%	9
3	unsafe	3.57%	1
	Total	100%	28

## Question 5: In your opinion do you think that the implementation of body worn cameras by UVU police officers helps to \_\_\_\_\_ university crime?



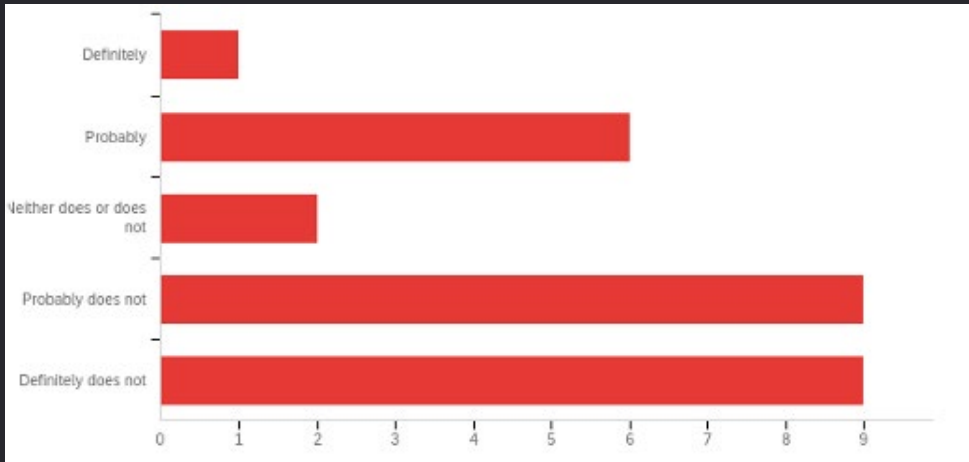
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Decrease	14.81%	4
2	Potentially decreases	44.44%	12
3	Neither decreases/or increases	33.33%	9
4	Potentially increases	0.00%	0
5	Increases	7.41%	2
	Total	100%	27

## Question 6: Mark the reasons you feel university crime is increased by the implementation of university crime. Mark all that apply



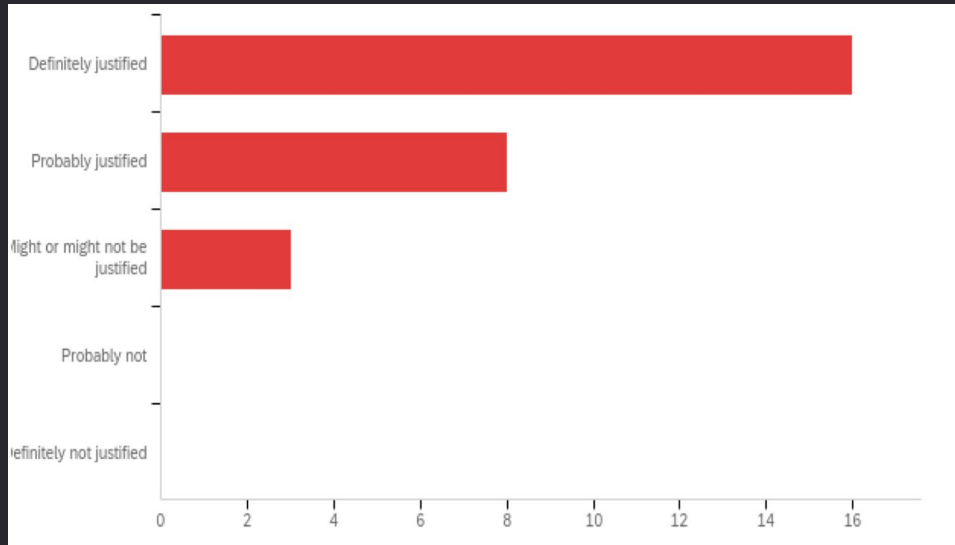
#	Answer	%	Count
1	I feel like the implementation of police cameras causes people to seek attention by committing criminal acts	20.00%	1
2	I feel like suspects in question will express a higher potential to resist arrest or evoke violence when they find out they are being recorded without consent	20.00%	1
3	I feel like recorded events may not be captured properly and it may appear as though a crime has taken place when one has not.	40.00%	2
4	other	20.00%	1
	Total	100%	5

## Question 7: In your opinion do you think that the use of body worn cameras by police officers \_\_\_\_ violate/s a person's right to privacy?



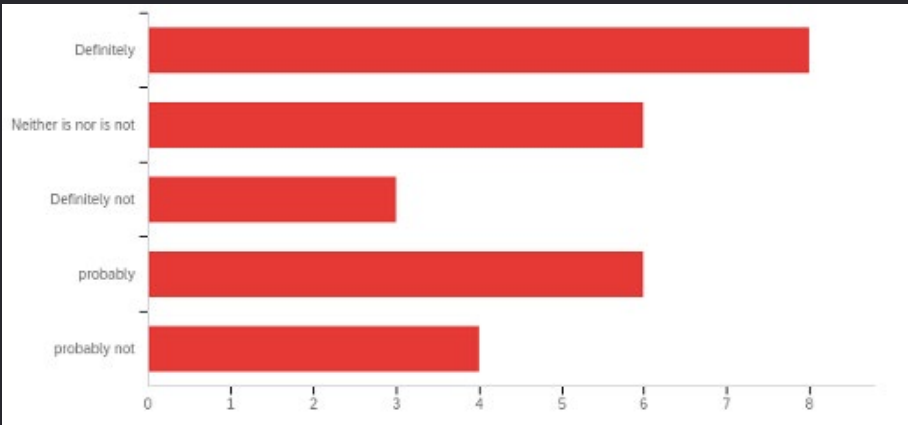
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Definitely	3.70%	1
2	Probably	22.22%	6
3	Neither does or does not	7.41%	2
4	Probably does not	33.33%	9
5	Definitely does not	33.33%	9
	Total	100%	27

## Question 8: If UVU police officers are protected against false claims/civil suits from the UVU community by wearing body cameras would you say that body worn cameras are...



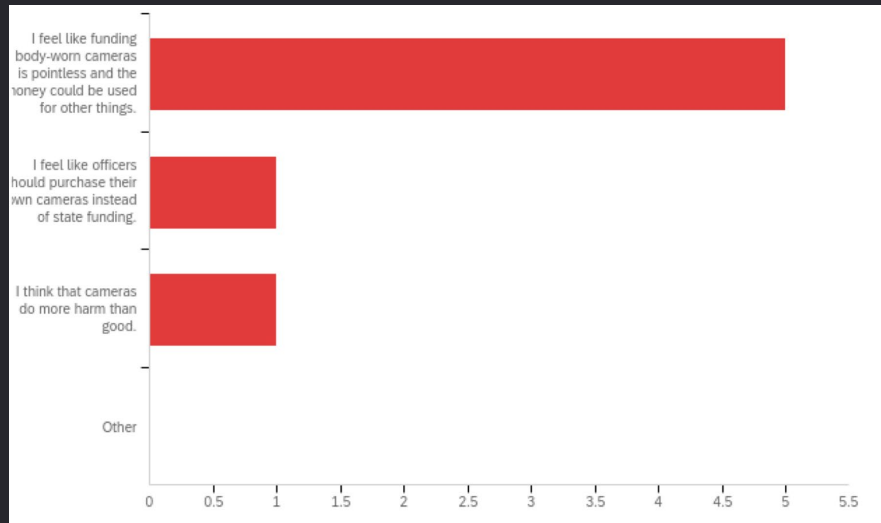
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Definitely justified	59.26%	16
2	Probably justified	29.63%	8
3	Might or might not be justified	11.11%	3
4	Probably not	0.00%	0
5	Definitely not justified	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	27

## Question 9: Do you think that funding for body worn cameras is \_\_\_\_ necessary?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Definitely	29.63%	8
2	Neither is nor is not	22.22%	6
3	Definitely not	11.11%	3
4	probably	22.22%	6
5	probably not	14.81%	4
	Total	100%	27

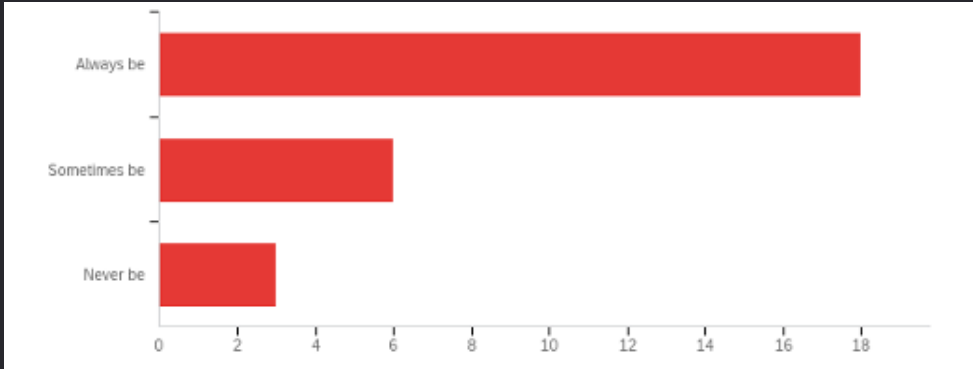
## Question 10: Mark the reasons you are against funding for body-worn cameras. Mark all that apply.



#	Answer	%	Count
1	I feel like funding for body-worn cameras is pointless and the money could be used for other things.	71.4 3%	5
2	I feel like officers should purchase their own cameras instead of state funding.	14.2 9%	1
3	I think that cameras do more harm than good.	14.2 9%	1
4	Other	0.00 %	0
	Total	100 %	7

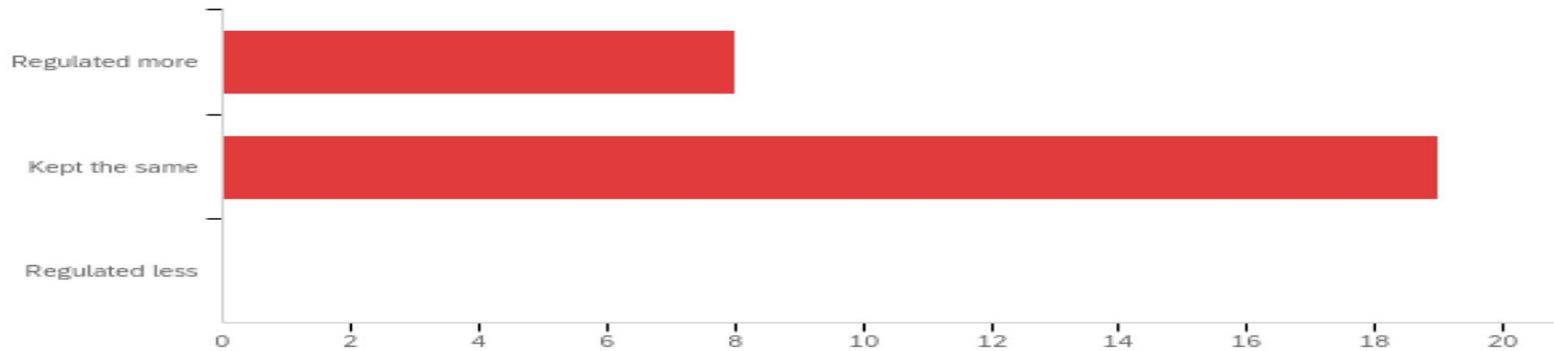


# Question 11: Should UVU officers wearing body cameras \_\_\_\_\_ required to announce that they are wearing video recording devices?



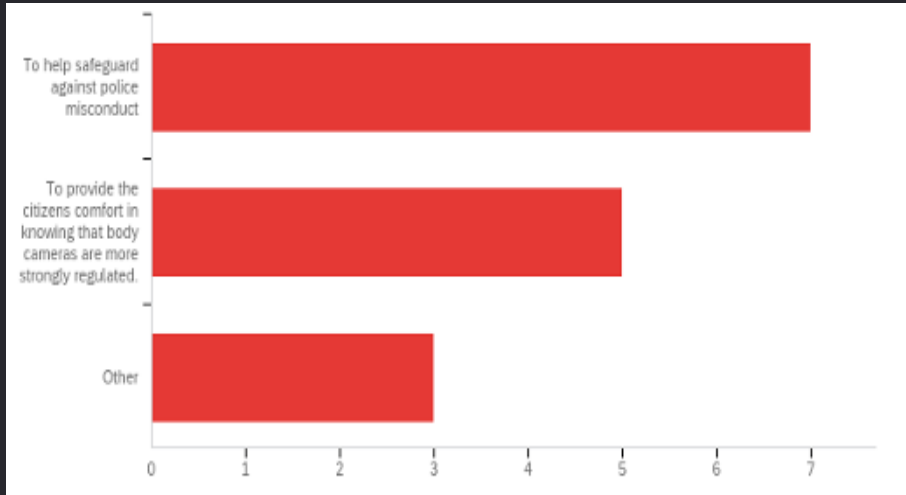
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Always be	66.67%	18
2	Sometimes be	22.22%	6
3	Never be	11.11%	3
	Total	100%	27

**Question 12: According to your knowledge of the regulations of body cameras worn by UVU police, do you think that the rules regulating body cameras worn by UVU police should be**



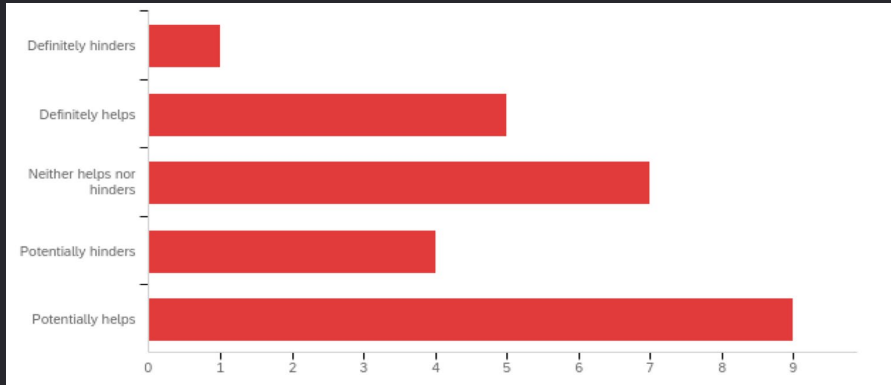
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Regulated more	29.63%	8
2	Kept the same	70.37%	19
3	Regulated less	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	27

## Question 13: Mark the reasons you feel that police worn body cameras should be regulated more. Mark all that apply



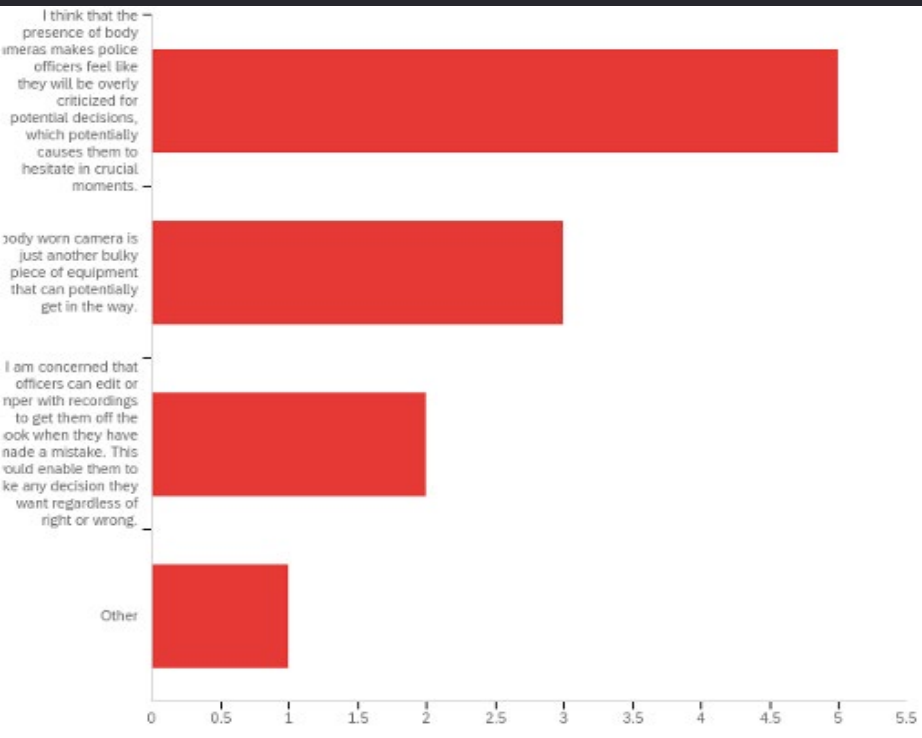
#	Answer	%	Count
1	To help safeguard against police misconduct	46.67%	7
2	To provide the citizens comfort in knowing that body cameras are more strongly regulated.	33.33%	5
3	Other	20.00%	3
	Total	100%	15

# Question 14: Do you feel like the use of body worn cameras by UVU officers \_\_\_\_\_ their ability to make critical decisions?



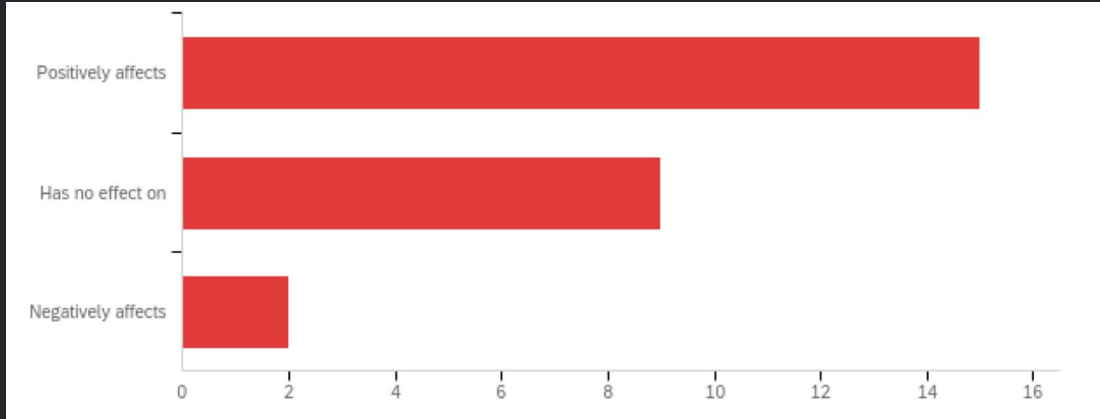
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Definitely hinders	3.85%	1
2	Definitely helps	19.23%	5
4	Neither helps nor hinders	26.92%	7
5	Potentially hinders	15.38%	4
6	Potentially helps	34.62%	9
	Total	100%	26

# Question 15: Mark all of the reason you feel that body-worn cameras hinders UVU police officers ability to make critical decisions.



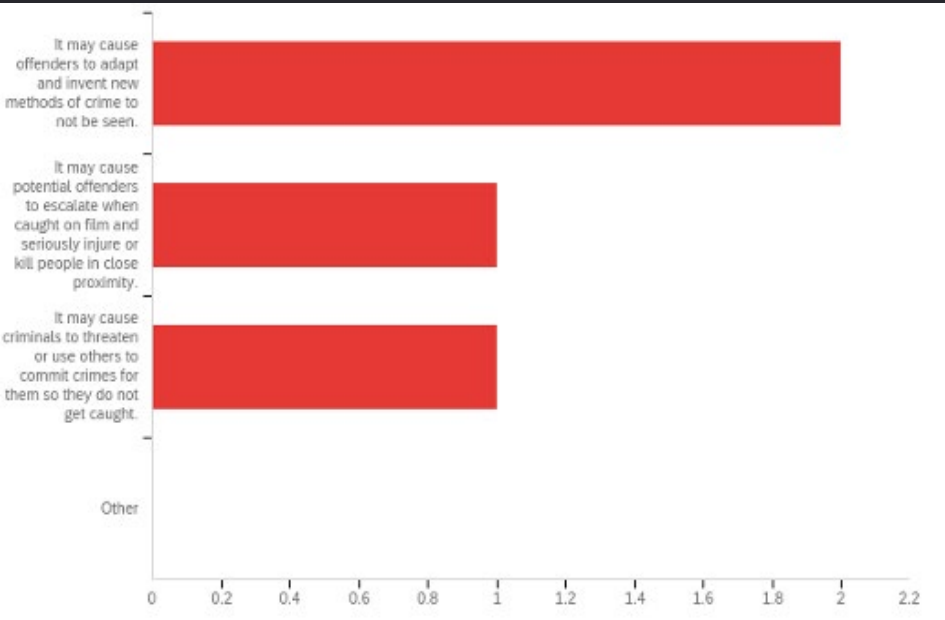
#	Answer	%
1	I think that the presence of body cameras makes police officers feel like they will be overly criticized for potential decisions, which potentially causes them to hesitate in crucial moments.	45.45%
2	A body worn camera is just another bulky piece of equipment that can potentially get in the way.	27.27%
3	I am concerned that officers can edit or tamper with recordings to get them off the hook when they have made a mistake. This would enable them to make any decision they want regardless of right or wrong.	18.18%
4	Other	9.09%
	Total	100%

**Question 16: In your opinion do you think that the use of cameras by UVU officers \_\_\_\_ your conduct and the conduct of potential offenders?**



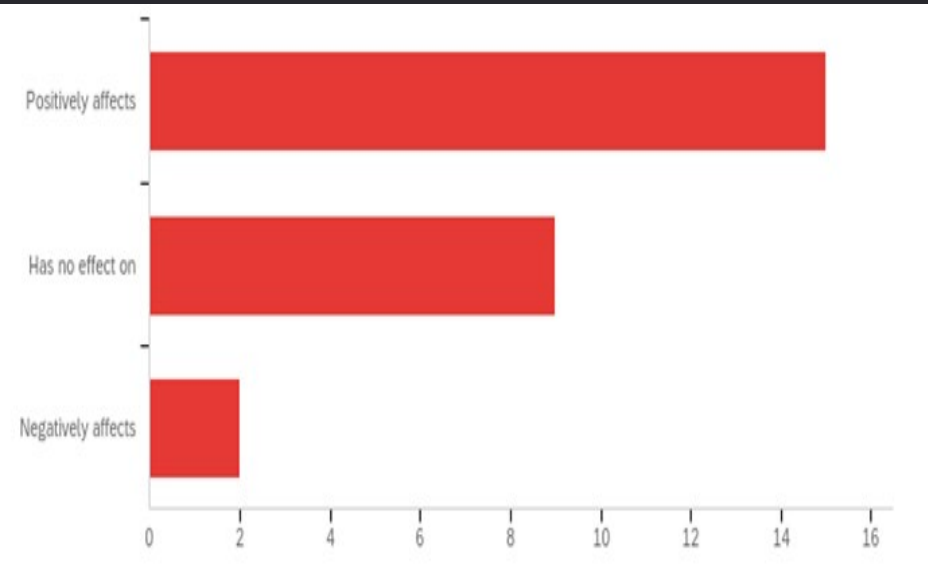
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Positively affects	57.69%	15
2	Has no effect on	34.62%	9
3	Negatively affects	7.69%	2
	Total	100%	26

## Question 17: Mark all of the reasons you feel that police worn cameras negatively affects the conduct of potential offenders. Mark all that apply



#	Answer	%	Count
1	It may cause offenders to adapt and invent new methods of crime to not be seen.	50.00%	2
2	It may cause potential offenders to escalate when caught on film and seriously injure or kill people in close proximity.	25.00%	1
3	It may cause criminals to threaten or use others to commit crimes for them so they do not get caught.	25.00%	1
4	Other	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	4

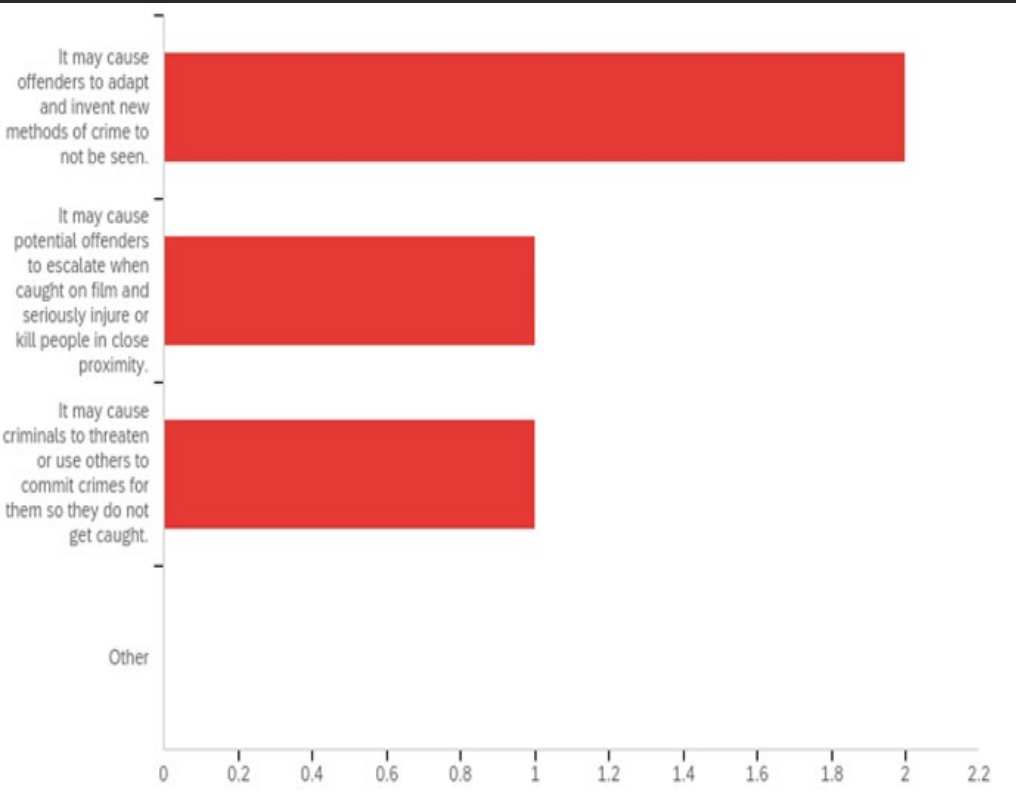
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#	Answer	%	Count
1	Positively affects	57.69%	15
2	Has no effect on	34.62%	9
3	Negatively affects	7.69%	2
	Total	100%	26



## Q19 - Mark all of the reasons you feel that police worn cameras negatively affects the conduct of potential offenders. Mark all that apply



#	Answer	%	Count
1	It may cause offenders to adapt and invent new methods of crime to not be seen.	50.00%	2
2	It may cause potential offenders to escalate when caught on film and seriously injure or kill people in close proximity.	25.00%	1
3	It may cause criminals to threaten or use others to commit crimes for them so they do not get caught.	25.00%	1
4	Other	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	4

## Conclusion



Overall students were supportive of body worn cameras by UVU police officers.

- 46.43% of participants stated they definitely think that body worn cameras should be worn by UVU police officers
- 28.57% of participants stated they should probably wear body worn cameras.
- This in total represents 75% of the surveyed population.

We have determined from the data that students feel that body worn cameras by UVU police officers affect their conduct, with 57.69% stating that it affects it positively.

There is still research that needs to be done to determine to what extent body worn cameras positively and negatively affect the conduct of UVU students and what factors lead to the lack of support by students.