

Cleveland Environmentalism; Environmental Laws and Actions in Cleveland

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Our Goals

For our YPAR project, we are focused on the environmental issues in the Cleveland area and on what organizations and government officials are doing to promote and to create environmental cleanliness. We hope to bring about positive change in our community, and become aware of environmental issues and the response to them. For our action, we contacted the Cleveland City Council Members as well as the members of the Cleveland Mayor's Office of Sustainability via email to attempt to reach these goals.

Our Research Question:

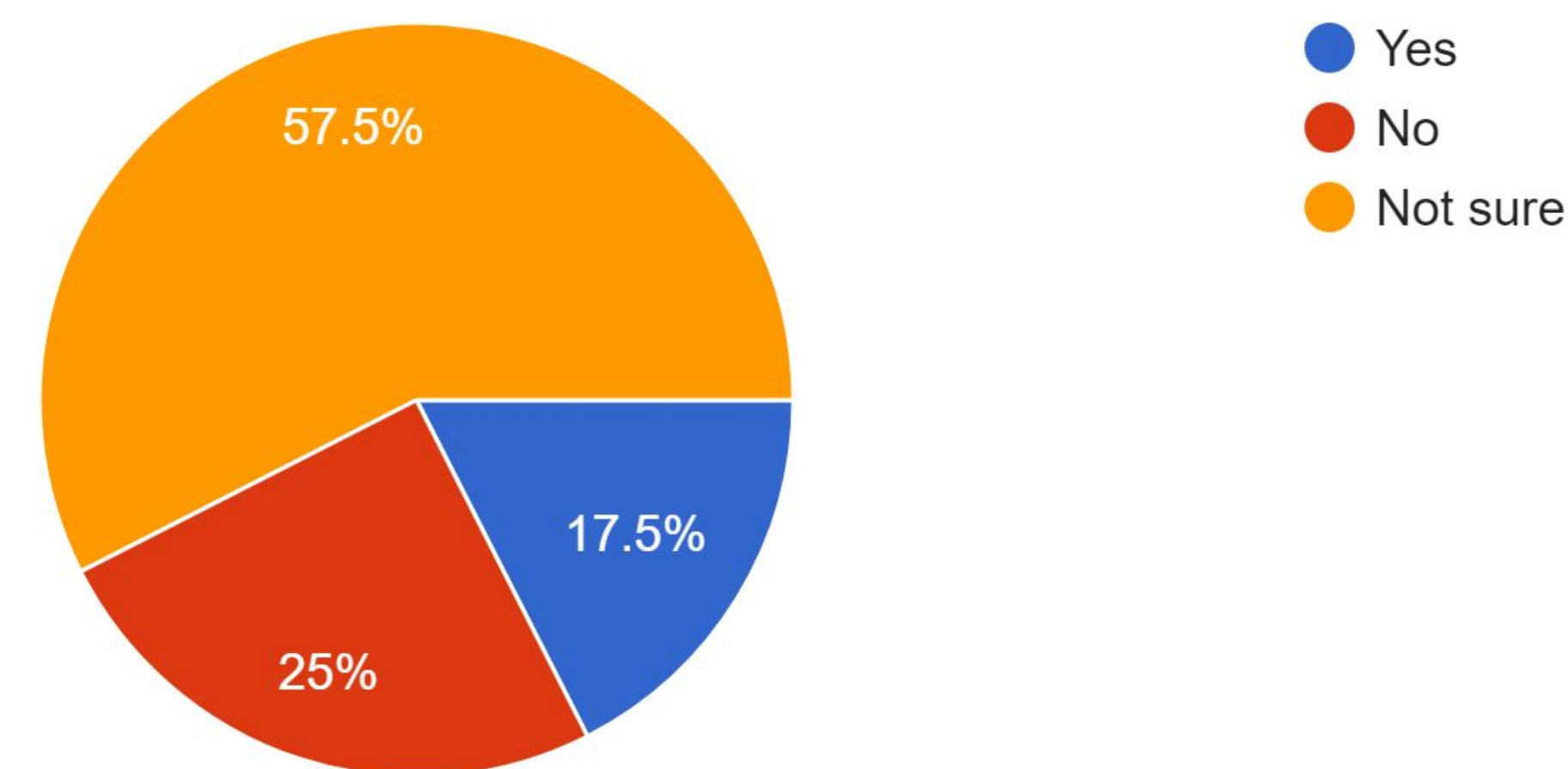
How does Cleveland's current standing in relation to its surrounding environment affect the corresponding laws and regulations that are in place or could be ratified as well as the actions of communities and organizations?

Survey

In order to collect knowledge of the student population and their relation to Cleveland's environment, we created a survey asking questions about neighborhood recycling laws and participation in environmental clean ups. In total, we surveyed 40 ninth and tenth graders at our school. We attempted to discover a correlation between location of the student and their knowledge of environmental regulations in their area. We concluded that there was little correlation, but we discovered that awareness of environmental issues and what is done about them among the student population is poor.

Are there any recycling rules and/or fines where you live?

40 responses



The survey graph above shows that the majority of survey takers were not aware of environmental regulations in their area. As well, 40% said they never participate in environmental clean-ups while only 5% said they often participate. From this it can be concluded that lack of awareness and participation are big concerns as they present a barrier to healthy environmental progress.

Observation

We attended the Sustainable Cleveland Holiday Meet-up at MOCA, in Dec 2018, and we learned about the accomplishments of the organization in the past and their goals for the final year of the project. It was very informative, and it gave us a chance to observe the artwork of Alexis Rockman, a man who uses his artistic talent to bring attention to major environmental issues. The piece below is one of our personal favorites of



Recommendations

- Be an advocate! Talk to officials in your city and/or communities about environmental issues, and push for positive change.
- Respect the Environment! There are many things YOU can do daily that can save energy, resources, and keep pollution at a minimum.
- Take action and get involved! Join an environmental club, pick up litter in your neighborhood, etc.



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