

Mayor's Youth Summit 2007 Participant Survey Results

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Participant Profile

- **276** youth attended the Mayor's Youth Summit this year.
 - 231 students
 - 45 entertainers
- **158 (57%)** of these youth completed the participant survey.
 - **137 (87%)** of the respondents were students
 - **12 (8%)** of the the respondents were facilitators
 - **8 (5%)** did not respond to this question

Participant Profile

- **73% (115)** of the youth that completed the survey were in high school (grades 9 – 12)
 - 27% (43) were in 9th grade
 - 24% (38) were in 10th grade
 - 15% (23) were in 11th grade
 - 7% (11) were in 12th grade
- **26% (41)** of the youth were in junior high (grade 6 - 8)

Participant Profile

- The survey respondents ranged in age from 11 to 20 years old.
- The majority of respondents, **27% (43)**, were 15 years old.
- 18% (29) were 16 years old
- 18% (28) were 14 years old
- 13% (20) were 13 years old
- 8% (12) were 17 years old
- 7% (11) were 12 years old
- 7% (11) were 18 years old or older

Survey Part One
Voice Your Concerns

Voice Your Concerns

- The first part of the survey asked the participants to choose an appropriate response to a number of different statements regarding a variety of issues.
- The participants could Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree, or have No Opinion for each of the statements.

Voice Your Concerns

Statement One

- **Creating more after-school youth programs is very important to me.**
- **92% (145)** of the respondents either Strongly Agreed (**44%**) or Agreed (**47%**) with this statement.
- **8% (12)** had no opinion.
- Only one person disagreed with the statement.

Voice Your Concerns

Statement Two

- **Creating more job opportunities for teens is very important to me.**
- This is the statement the respondents felt most strongly about with **79% (125)** Strongly Agreeing with the statement.
- Another **19% (30)** Agreed with the statement.
- **2% (3)** had no opinion.

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Statement Three

- **Improving education is very important to me.**
- Over half, **60% (94)** of the respondents Strongly Agreed with this statement.
- Another **34% (53)** Agreed with the statement.
- **7% (10)** had no opinion and one person disagreed.

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Statement Four

- **Improving assistance for teen parents is very important to me.**
- This is the statement the respondents felt least strongly about, with just over one third, **34% (54)**, Strongly Agreeing with the statement.
- Half, **51% (80)**, Agreed with the statement.
- **13% (21)** had no opinion and three people disagreed.

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Statement Five

- **Creating more opportunities to volunteer for teens is very important to me.**
- Almost half, **48% (76)**, of the respondents Strongly Agreed with this statement.
- Another **41% (64)** Agreed with the statement.
- **10% (16)** had no opinion and two people disagreed.

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Statement Six

- **I am very worried about youth violence in Brockton.**
- This statement had the most respondents that disagreed, **8% (12)**.
- Less than half, **45% (71)**, of the respondents Strongly Agreed with this statement.
- Another **39% (62)** Agreed with the statement.
- **8% (13)** had no opinion.

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Statement Seven

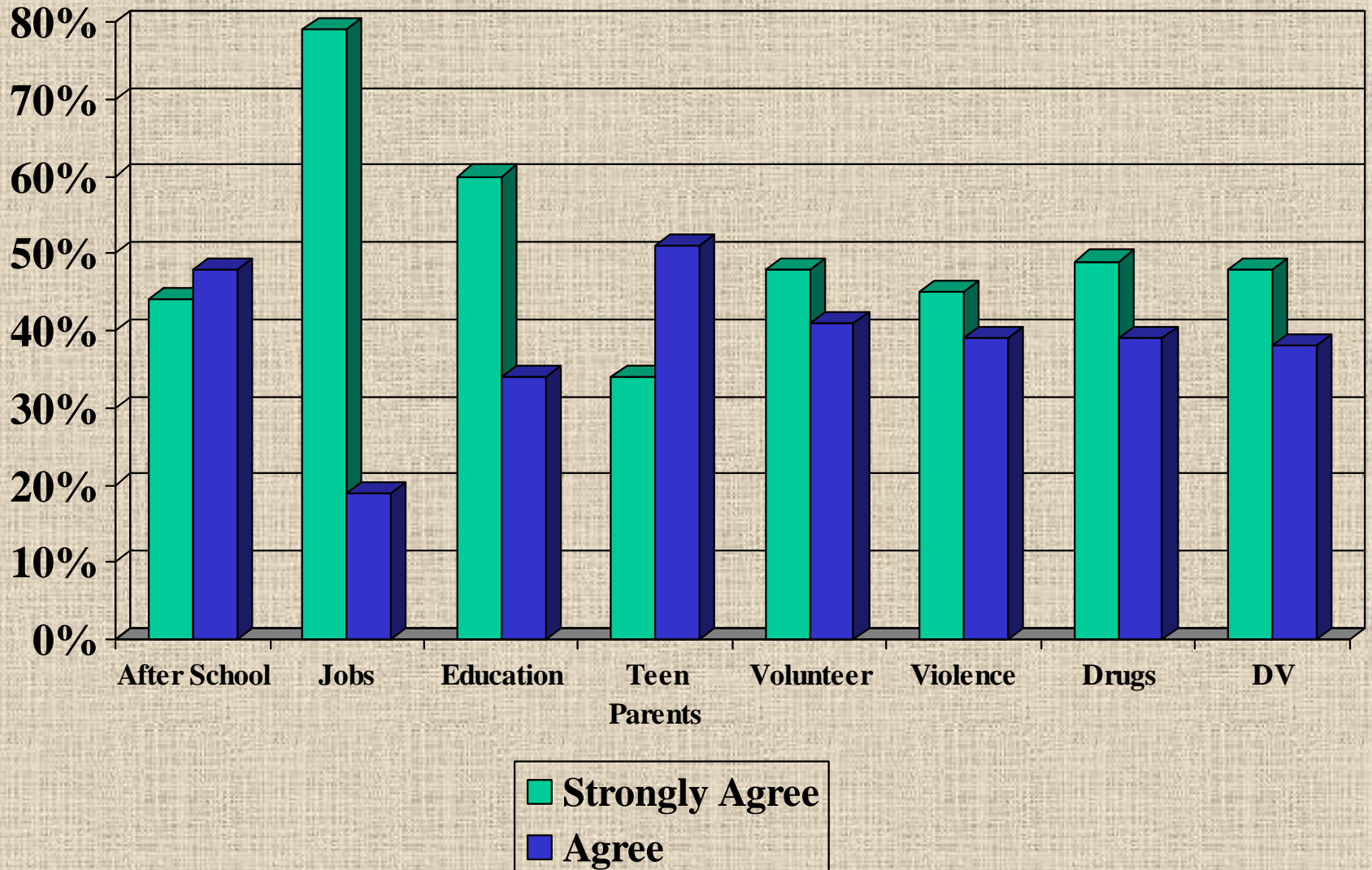
- **I am very worried about teens using drugs in Brockton.**
- Almost half, **49% (77)**, of the respondents Strongly Agreed with this statement.
- Another **39% (61)** Agreed with the statement.
- **4% (6)** respondents disagreed and **9% (14)** had no opinion.

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Statement Eight

- **I am very worried about domestic violence in Brockton.**
- Again, almost half, **48% (75)**, of the respondents Strongly Agreed with this statement.
- Another **38% (60)** Agreed with the statement.
- **5% (8)** respondents disagreed and **9% (15)** had no opinion.

Voice Your Concerns - Summary



Survey Part Two
About the Summit

About the Summit

- The first group of questions about the Summit asked the respondents why they decided to attend the Youth Summit.
- A list of eight possible choices was supplied ranging from “voice my opinion” to “free lunch”.
- The respondents could check all that applied.

Why Did You Decide to Attend the Youth Summit?

- **Top four reasons for attending the Youth Summit:**
- **82% (130)** came for the entertainment.
- **77% (121)** said they came to voice their opinions.
- **69% (109)** came to speak for the youth in Brockton.
- **58% (92)** came to be with their friends.

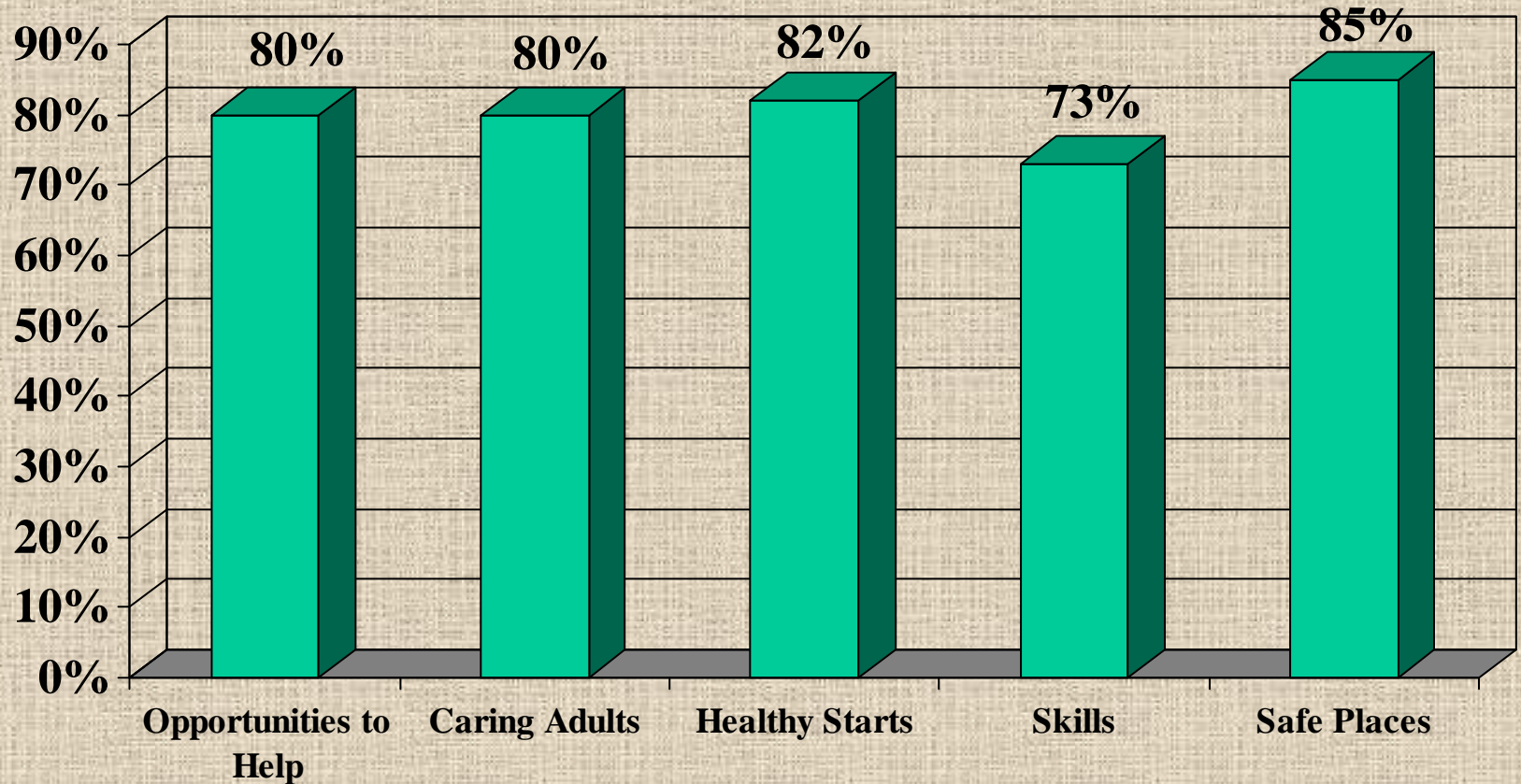
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- **Bottom four reasons for attending the Youth Summit:**
- **56% (88)** came for the prizes.
- **49% (77)** came to be a leader for their peers.
- **44% (69)** came for the free lunch.
- **27% (43)** came for the free T-Shirt.

About the Summit

- The next set of questions asked the respondents what topics they discussed during the breakout sessions.
- The five promises were listed as well as a space to write in other issues discussed.
- Again, the respondents could check as many choices as applied.

Breakout Session Topics



Unlike prior years, most of the respondents stated they discussed all five topics in the breakout sessions.

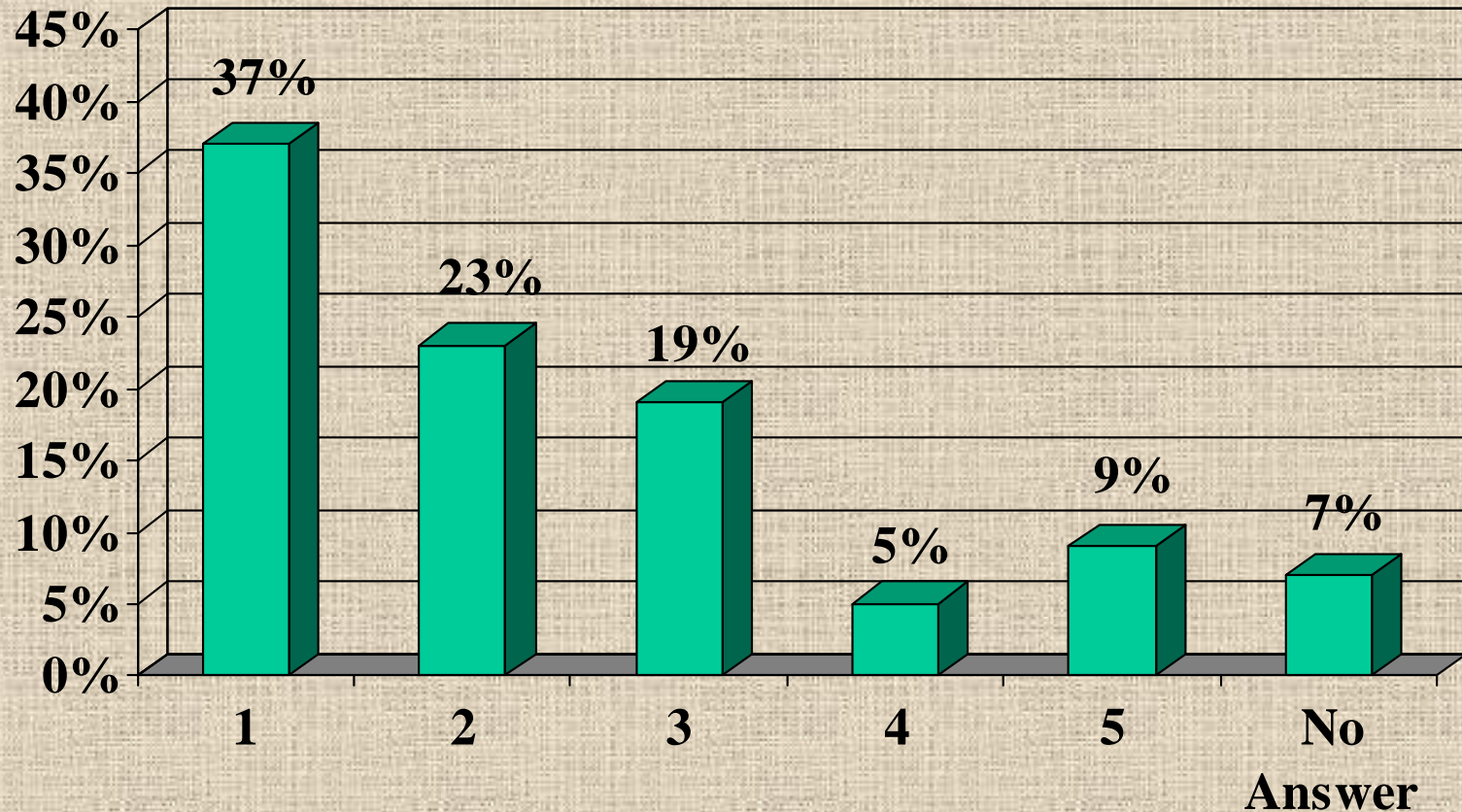
Breakout Session Topics

- Other issues discussed in the Breakout Sessions and noted on the survey include:
 - School
 - Jobs
 - Racism
 - Transportation
 - Drugs
 - Concerns about Brockton

About the Summit

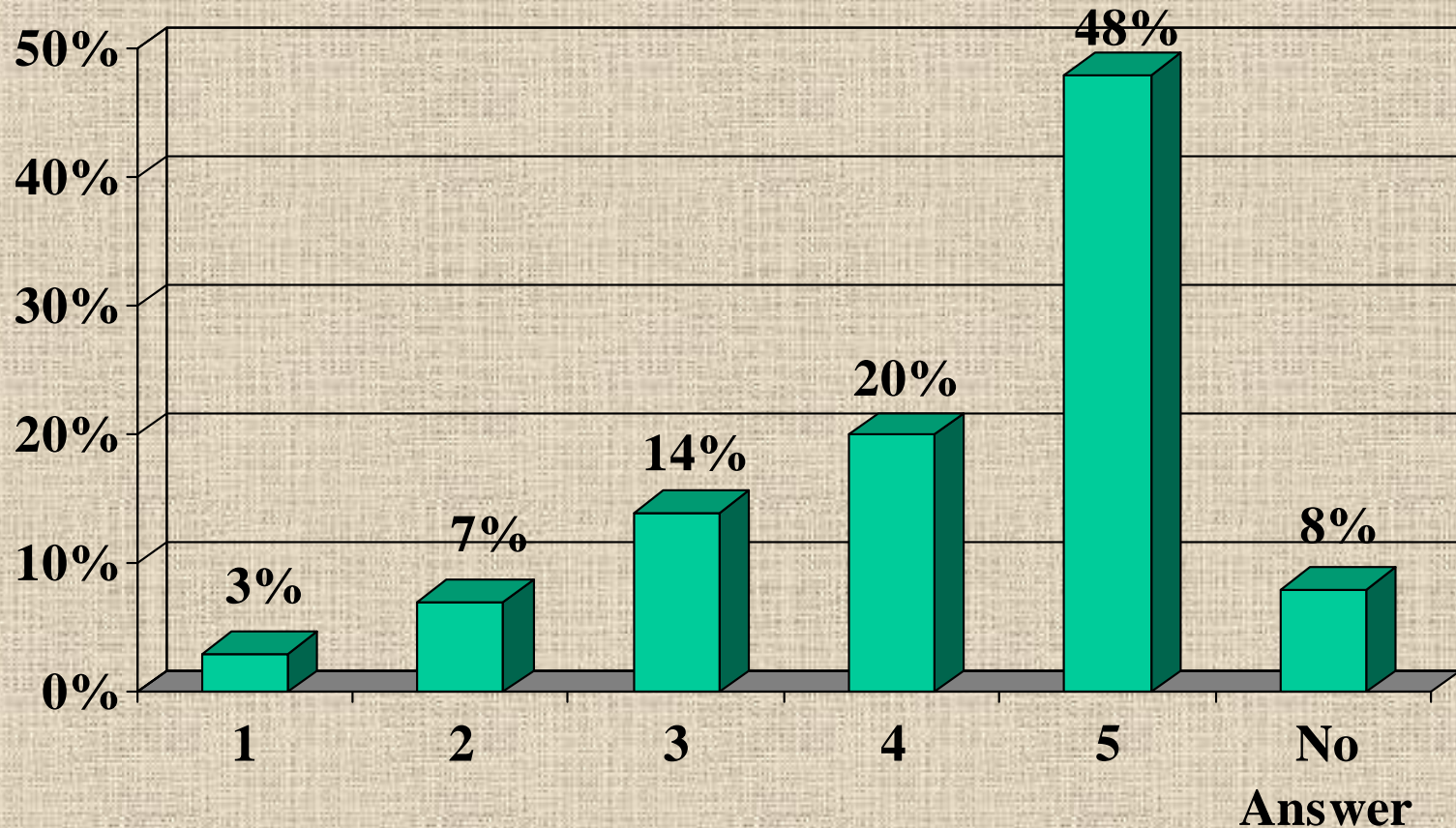
- The next group of questions asked the respondents to rate the Summit activities on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being “most enjoyable” and 1 being “least enjoyable”.

Registration Process



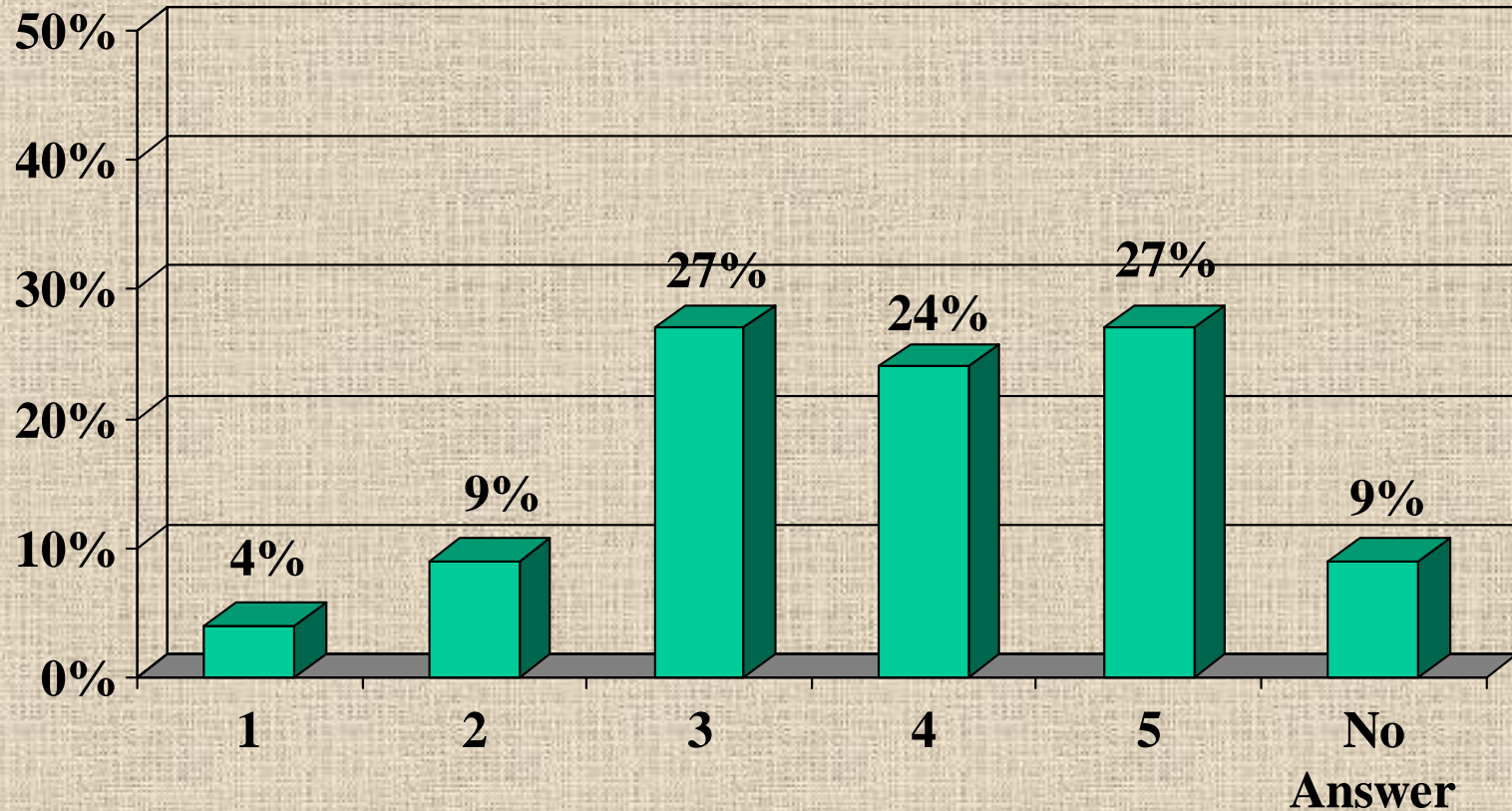
The registration process was by far the least favorite activity of the day with 94 respondents giving it the worst ratings.

Opening Session



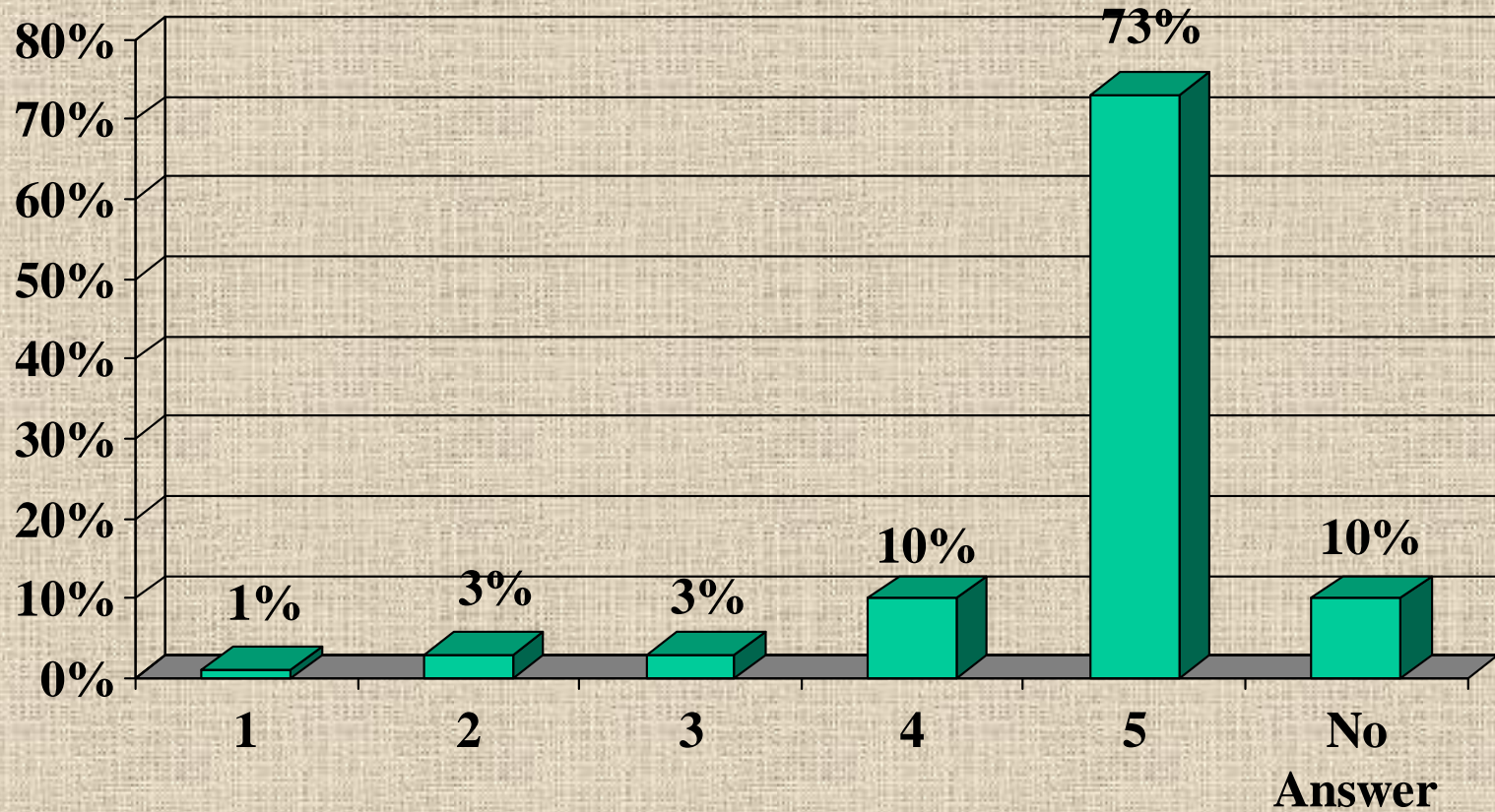
In contrast to the registration process, the Opening Session was one of the more popular activities of the day.

Breakout Sessions



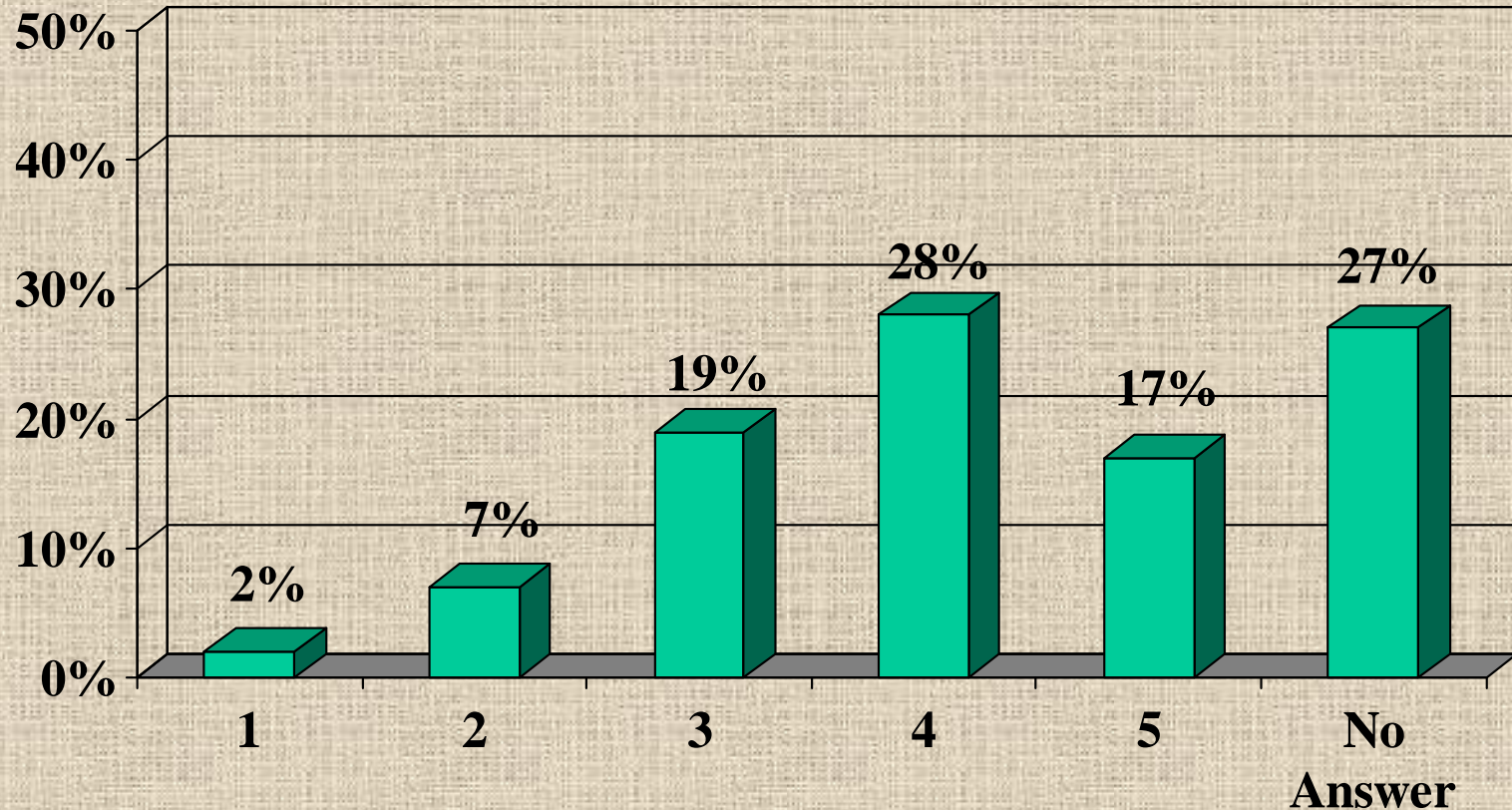
The respondents had very mixed feelings about the Breakout Sessions with the majority being evenly divided between neutral, enjoyable, and most enjoyable. Twenty respondents did not enjoy the Breakout Sessions.

Entertainment



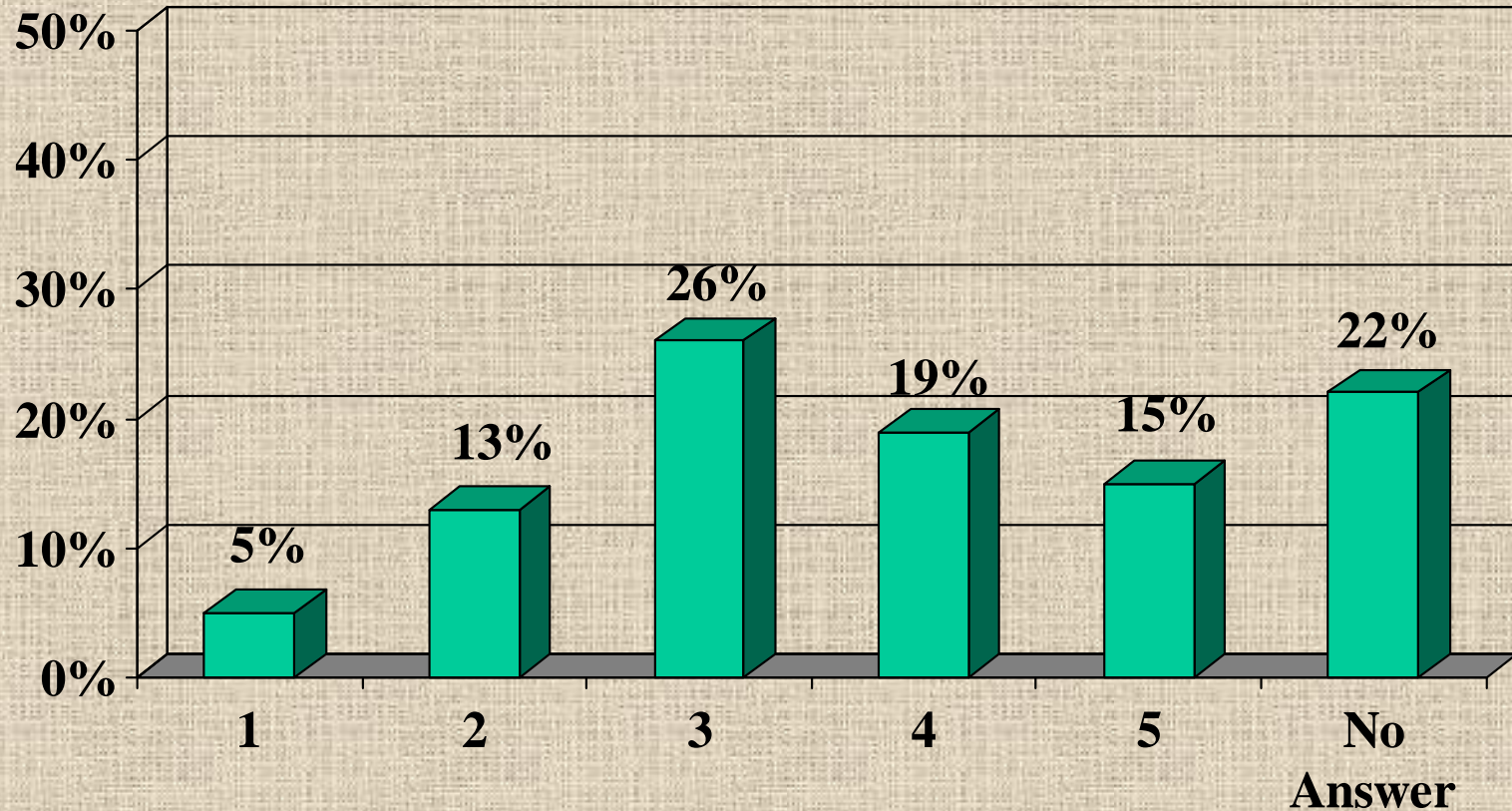
Clearly, the Entertainment was the most popular activity of the day.

Wrap-Up with the Mayor



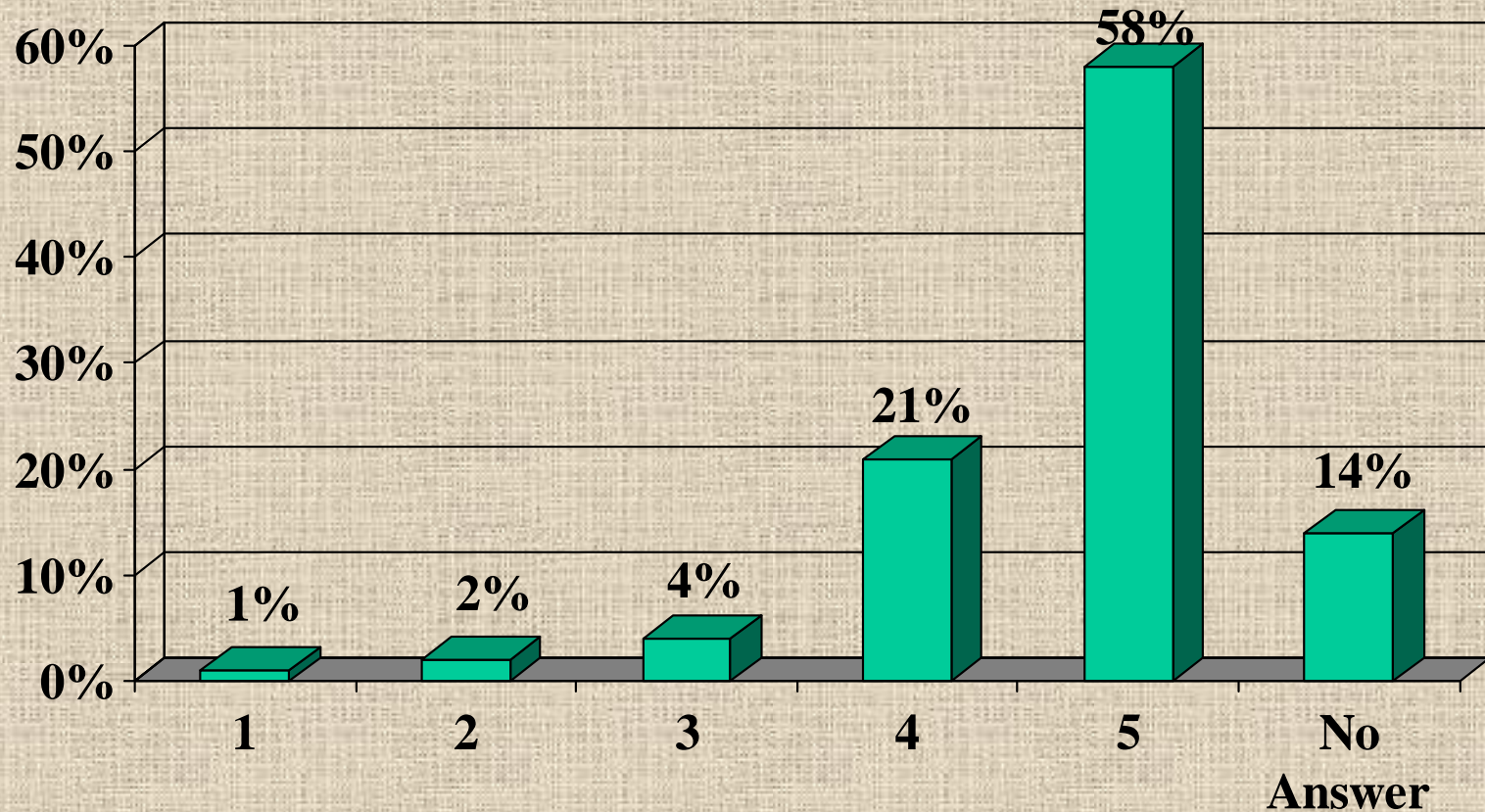
Apparently, some participants were told to complete the survey prior to the end of the day, which resulted in this activity and the next two activities receiving a high percentage of non-responses.

Resource Tables



The response to this question was surprising, since in the past the Resource Tables have been one of the most appreciated and anticipated aspects of the day.

Overall Rating



Even given the negative responses to some individual activities, the majority of respondents still gave the overall day a “Most Enjoyable” rating.

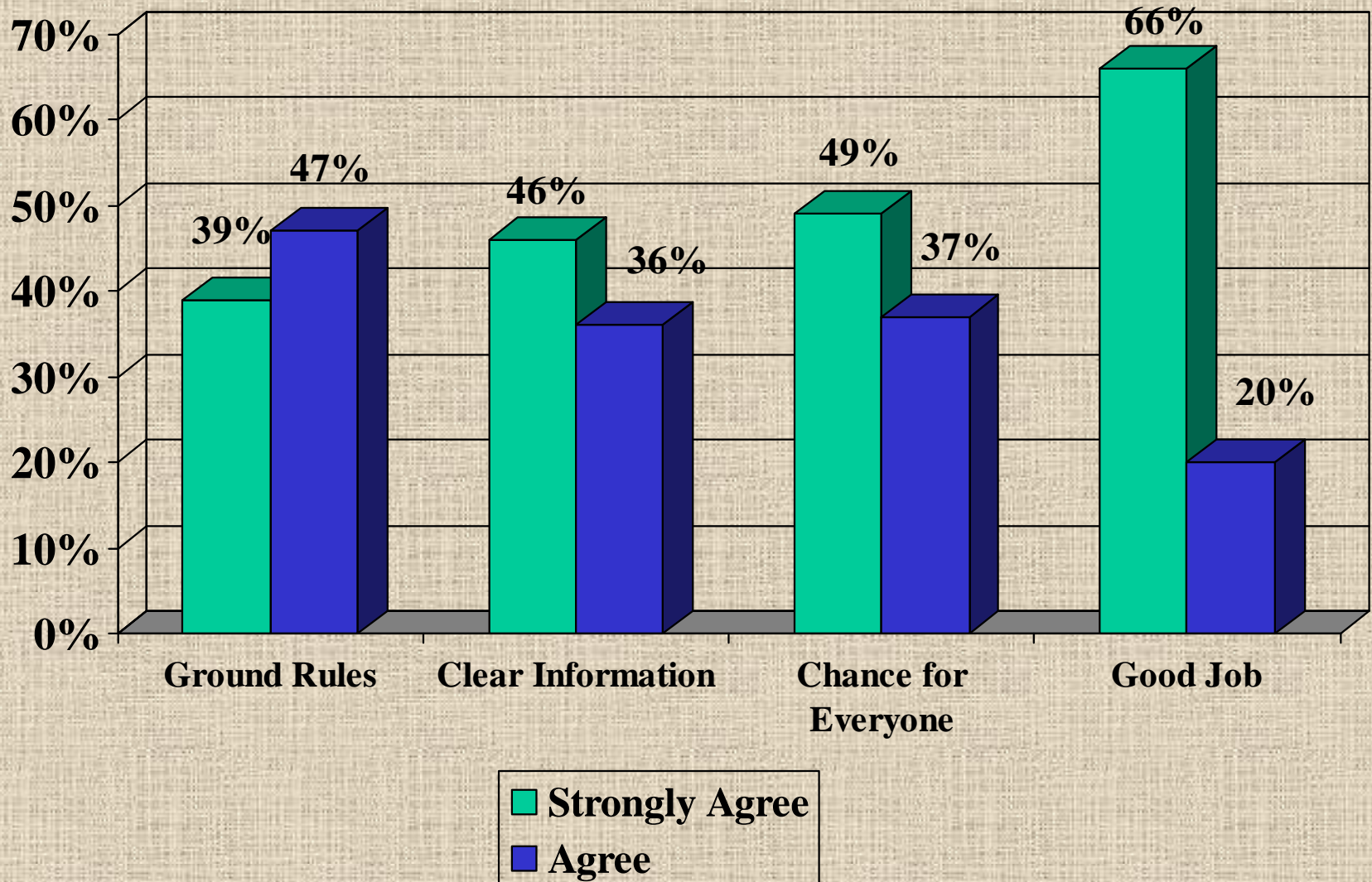
About the Summit

- The next group of questions asked the respondents about the facilitators role and how well that role was fulfilled.
- The respondents were again given four statements and asked to choose an appropriate response from “Strongly Agree” to “Strongly Disagree”.

Facilitation

- The majority of respondents agreed that the facilitators did a very good job with:
 - helping the participants follow the ground rules (86%),
 - presenting information in a clear and understandable way (82%), and
 - making sure everyone had a chance to help decide which topics would be discussed (86%).
- **86% (136)** of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the facilitators did a good job.

Facilitation Summary



About the Summit

- Finally, the respondents were asked what they enjoyed most about the day and what they would change for next year's Youth Summit.
- These last two questions on the survey were open responses so the youth could write whatever they wanted.

Enjoyed the Most

- **87% (138)** of the respondents answered this question.
- The responses can be grouped into four major categories:
 - Entertainment 48%
 - Breakout Sessions 14%
 - Voicing Opinions 12%
 - “Everything” 7%
- Other responses included the food, having fun, and being with friends.

Suggested Changes

- **80% (127)** respondents answered this question.
- The responses can be grouped into four major categories:
 - “Nothing” 28%
 - Better Organization 22%
 - More Entertainment 21%
 - Timing Issues 14%
- Additional responses mentioned better food choices and changes to the facilitation of the breakout sessions.