

# Community Needs Survey: Data Analysis

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Race, Caste, and Religion working group

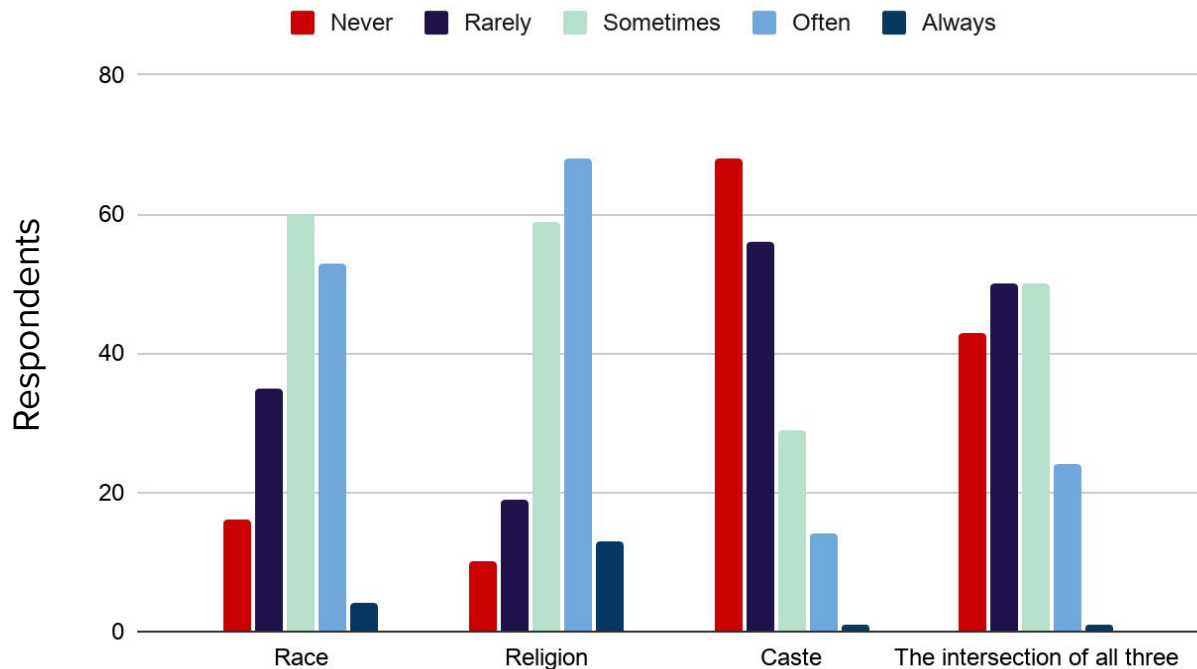
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# Limitations

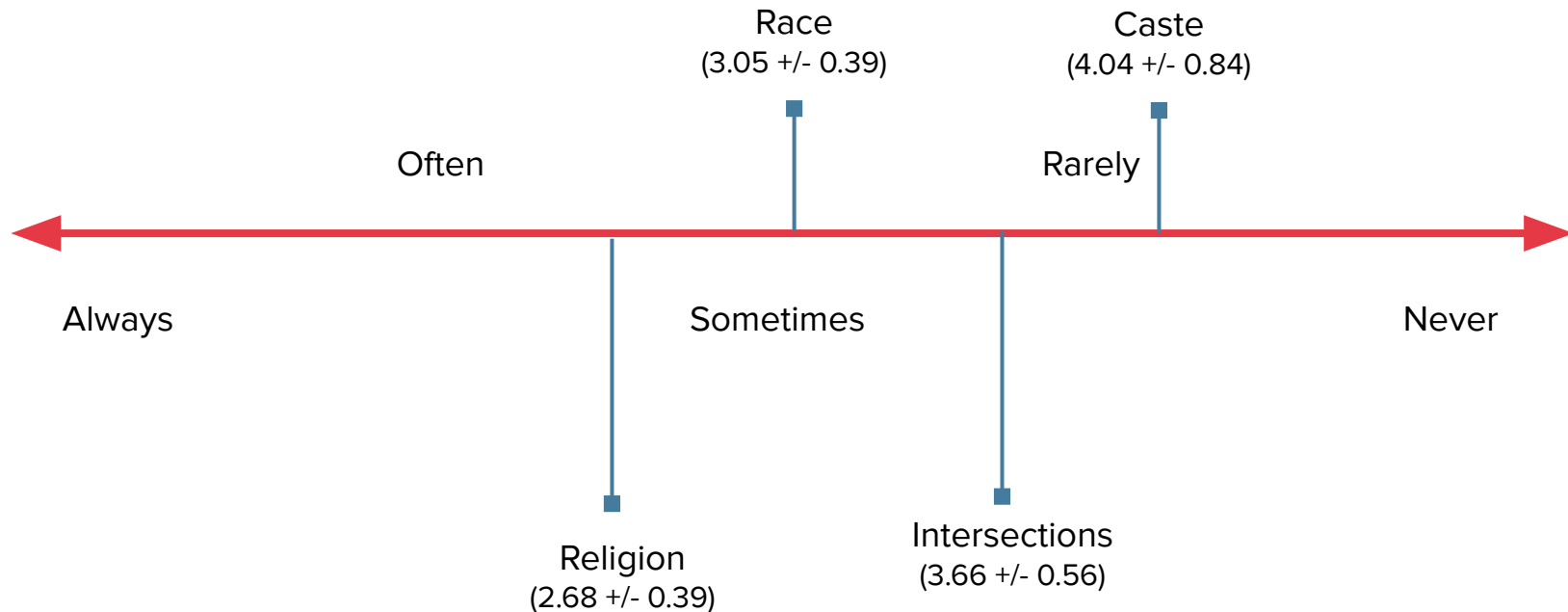
- Distribution of respondents may not fully reflect Jains for Justice target population
- Duplicates were only identified through free-form response question
- Sequential questions could have been refined for more accurate data analysis
  - Questions were not required to encourage maximal participation, but this resulted in folks skipping questions or answering sequential questions when they were not supposed to.
  - “Do you find it difficult to talk with your loved ones about race, caste, and/or religion?” is followed by “who do you find it difficult to have these conversations with.” *Loved ones* may not apply to the answer choices of friends, co-workers, neighbors/community members.
- Unclear if some people read “caste” as “class” (referring to socioeconomic status)
- “Where you live” is up to interpretation (do people mean state, city, etc.?)

# How often do you discuss race, caste, religion, or the intersection of any of these areas?



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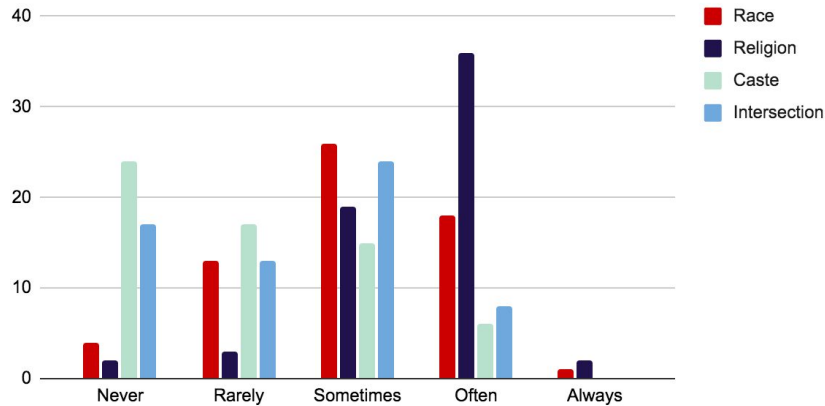
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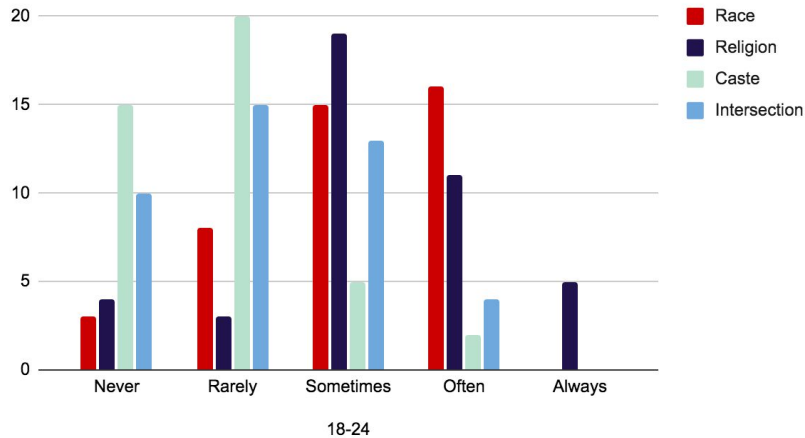
# Age Breakdown - Frequency of RCR Conversations



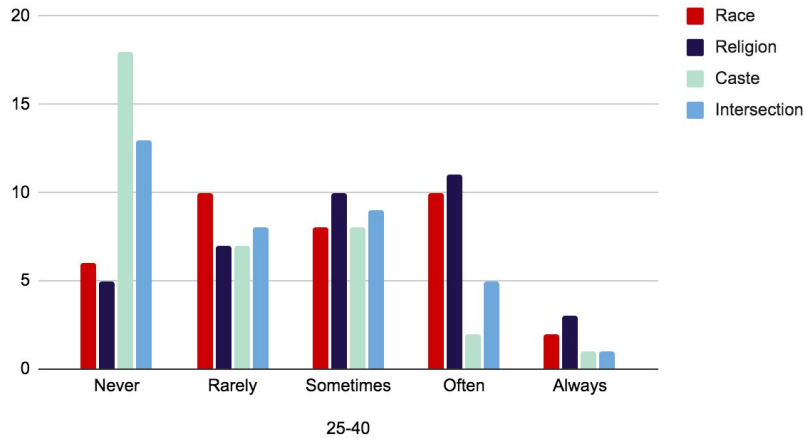
Frequency of RCR Conversations <18



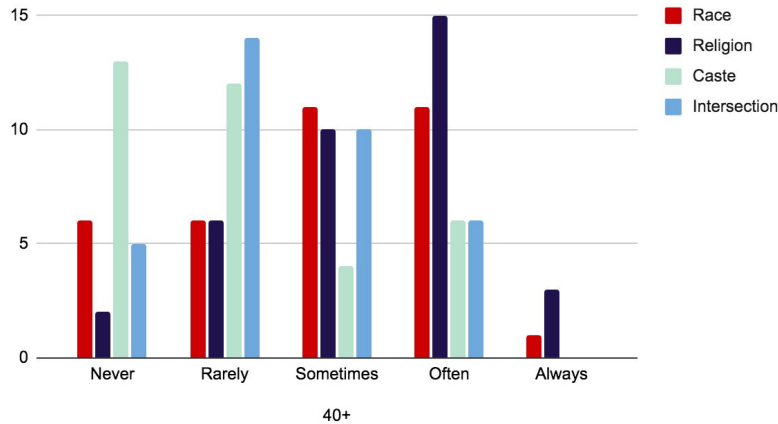
Frequency of RCR Conversations 18-24



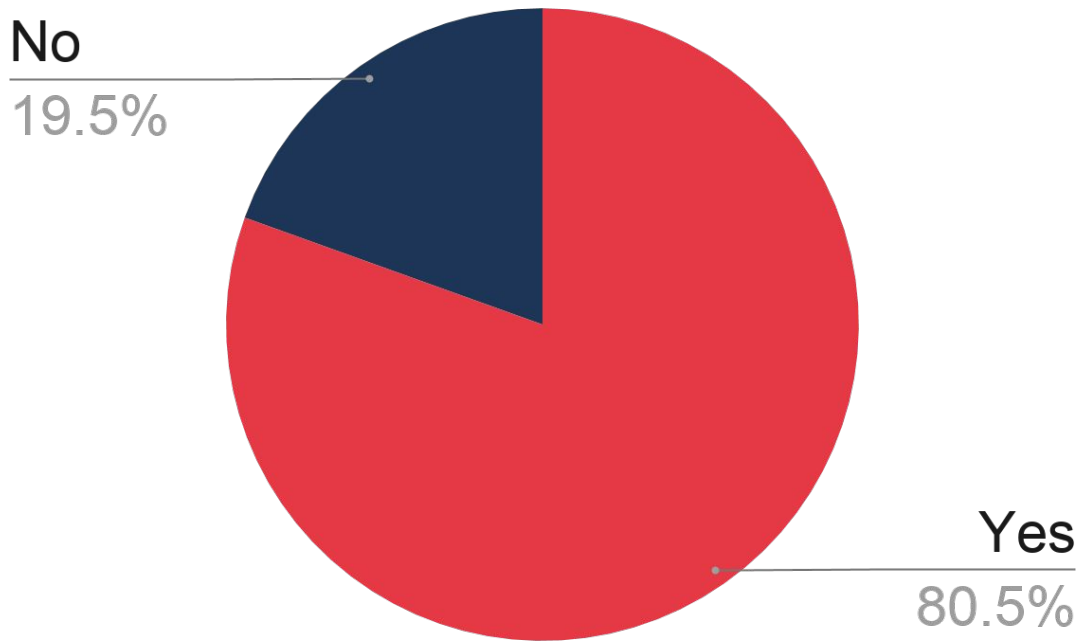
Frequency of RCR Conversations 25-40



Frequency of RCR Conversations 40+



# Do you want to talk more about race, religion, and/or caste?



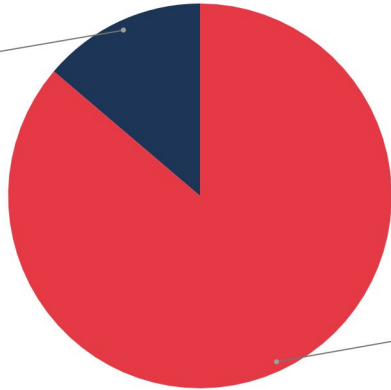
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# Age Breakdown — Do you want to talk more about RCR?

**<18**

No

13.8%

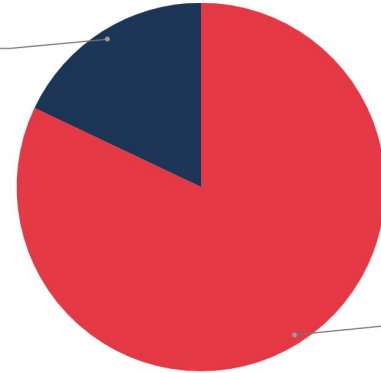


Yes  
86.2%

**18-25**

No

17.9%

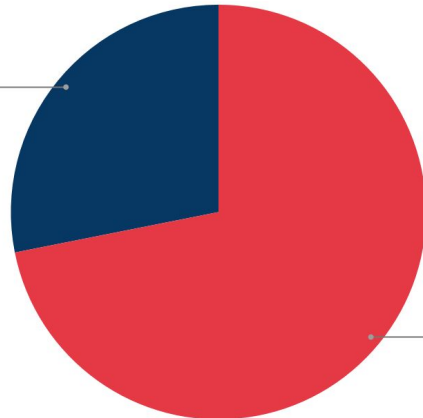


Yes  
82.1%

**26-40**

No

28.1%

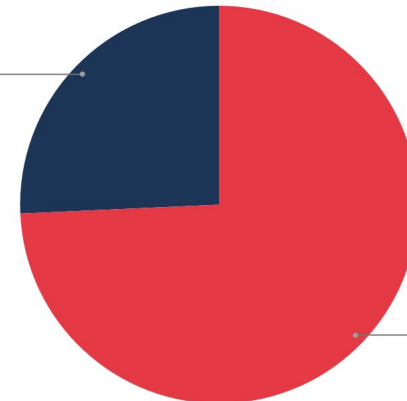


Yes  
71.9%

**40+**

No

25.7%



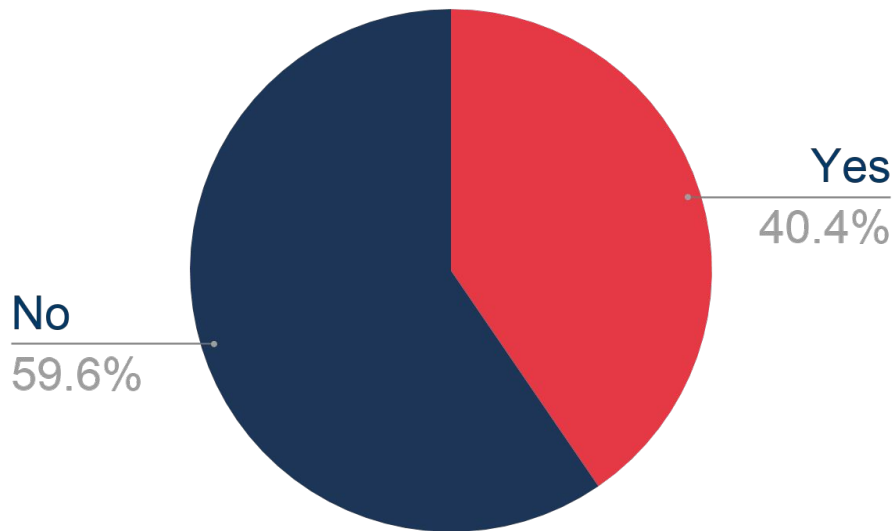
Yes  
74.3%

# If you answered no above, why not?

- I'd just rather talk about something besides race, religion, or caste in my free time with my friends and family
- Aaa
- I feel like i am not able to give justice to my religion because i can't explain it in thought way
- I am happy talking about it as much as I am right now.
- I'd just rather talk about something besides race, religion, or caste in my free time with my friends and family
- There is enough talk about it in my circle of friends/family
- they'll never change their minds and I'm not sure I have the right to tell them how to think anyway
- Because it always ends up with evryone bejng angry and nothing is accomplished.
- Perhaps it's because my parents prefer their comfort zones, but I find it hard to explain the relevance of certain issues to them when they don't really interact with people of other races and religion outside of a business setting. I'm still trying to explain stereotypes to my dad and pointing them out when he speaks
- It's futile.
- Yes for race/religion - caste, not so much. Doesn't seem relevant to US-based folks/Jainism doesn't believe in caste
- I just don't see a reason to? Not to mention constantly talking about injustices is such a bleeding heart liberal thing.
- No
- The people around me have the same opinion as me
- My family is quite progressive on these issues in comparison to general indian community
- I feel that we already have healthy discussions in our house about these topics.
- It just creates more division.
- All religions are equally important to their faith.
- Because I don't believe in that
- I think we have enough engaging discussions about topics like these already.
- I think that currently, our society has a lot of religious tolerance. That being said, I think that talking more about religion specifically would lead to controversy and/or tension, depending on how devout one is.
- it's very politicized
- Awkward and also unessacary
- I don't like to discriminate
- n/a

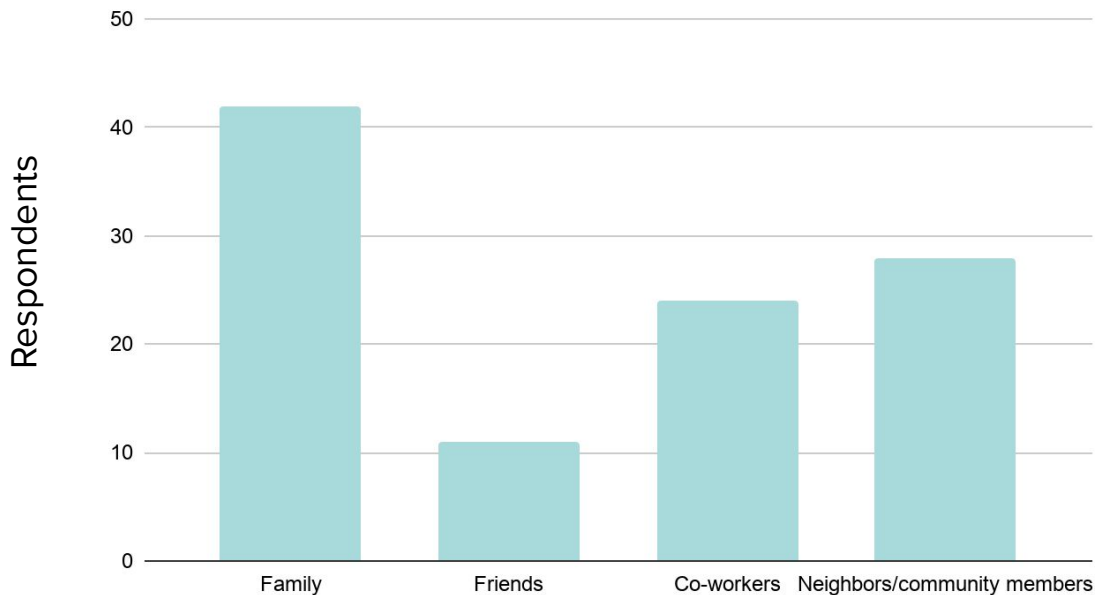


# Is it difficult to talk with loved ones about race, caste, religion?



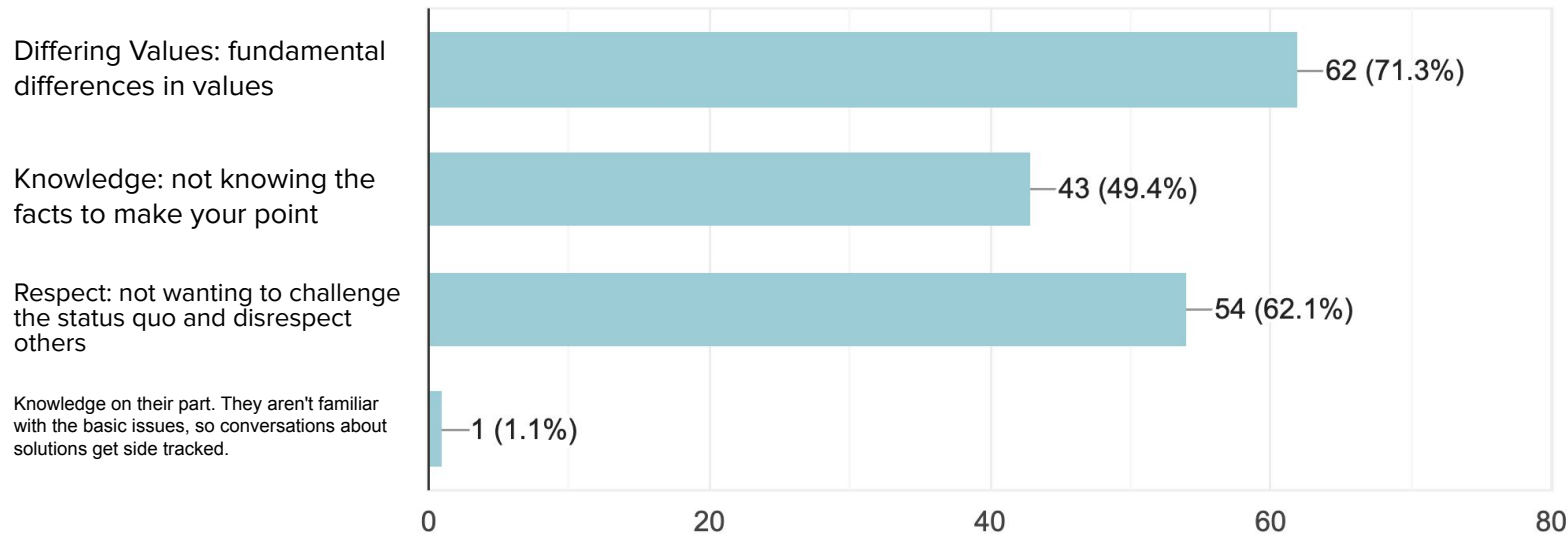
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# If you answered yes above, who is it difficult to speak about these topics with?



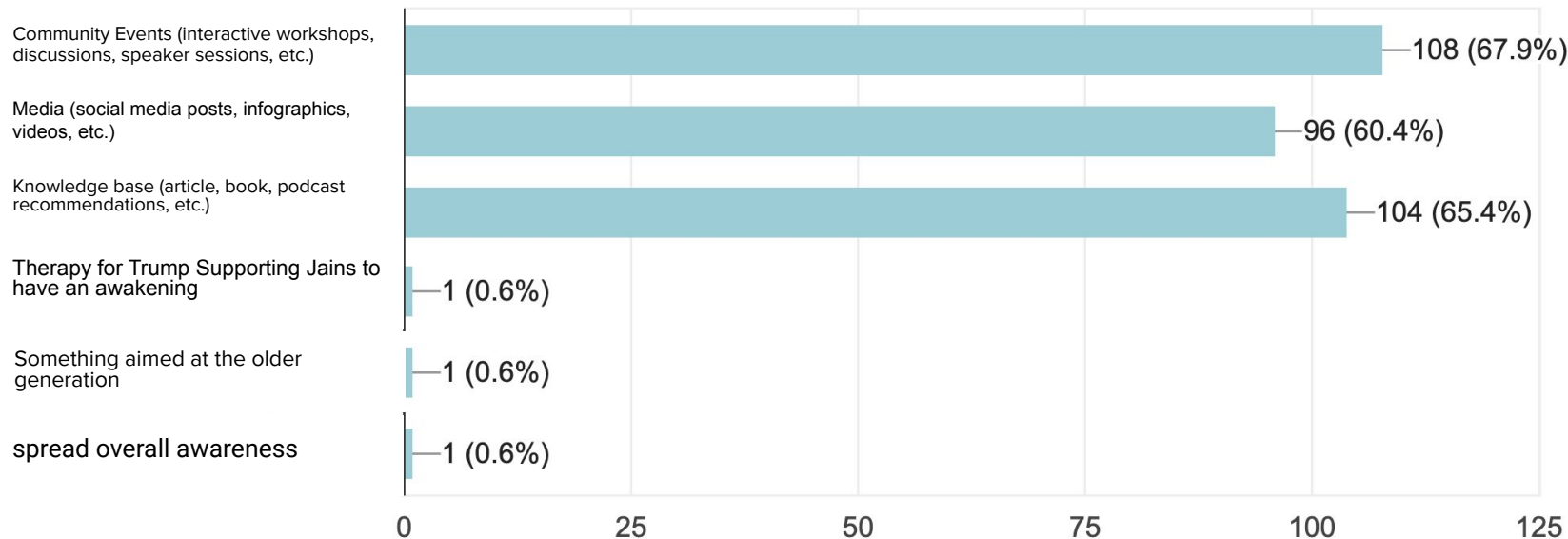
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# Why is it difficult to have these conversations?



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# What kind of programming can J4J provide to help fill any gaps?



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# Programming Interest

## Age Breakdown of Programming Interest (relative)

<18
  18-25
  26-40
  40+

**Knowledge base (article, book, podcast recommendations, etc.)**



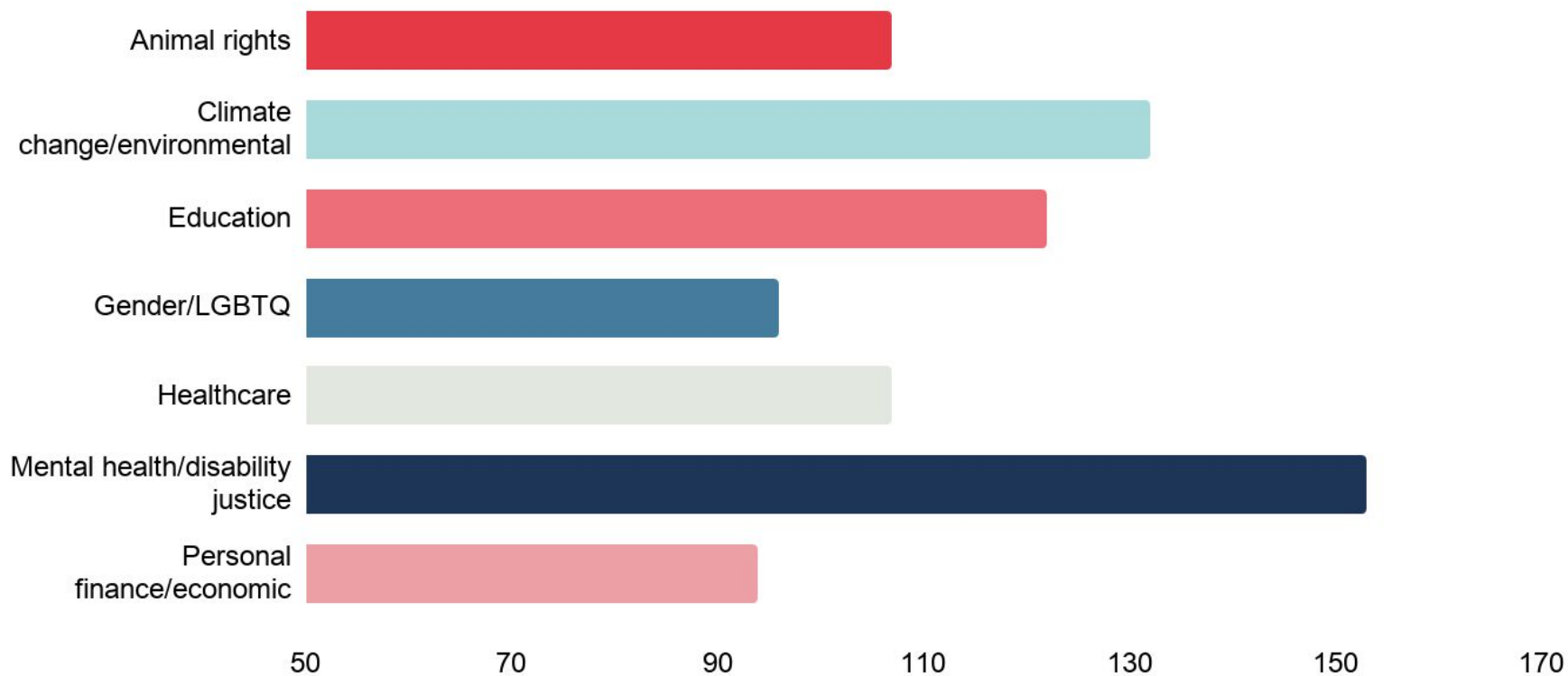
**Community Events (interactive workshops, discussions, speaker sessions, etc.),**



**Media (social media posts, infographics, videos, etc.)**



# Interest In Issues



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# Interest in Issues by Age

## <18

1. Climate Change/Environmental justice
2. Mental health/Disability rights
3. Education

## 18-25

1. Climate change/Environmental justice
2. Education
3. Gender/LGBTQ

## 26-40

1. Education
2. Mental health/Disability rights
3. Personal Finance/Economic Empowerment

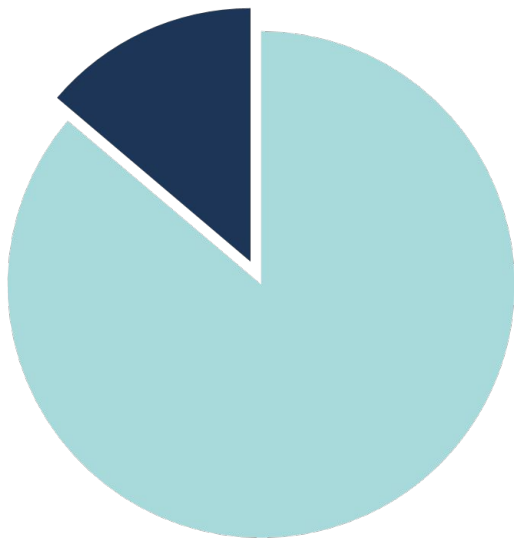
## 40+

1. Climate change/Environmental justice
2. Animal Rights
3. Education

# Reach of our survey

169 unique responses

14% of our external reach (IG community)



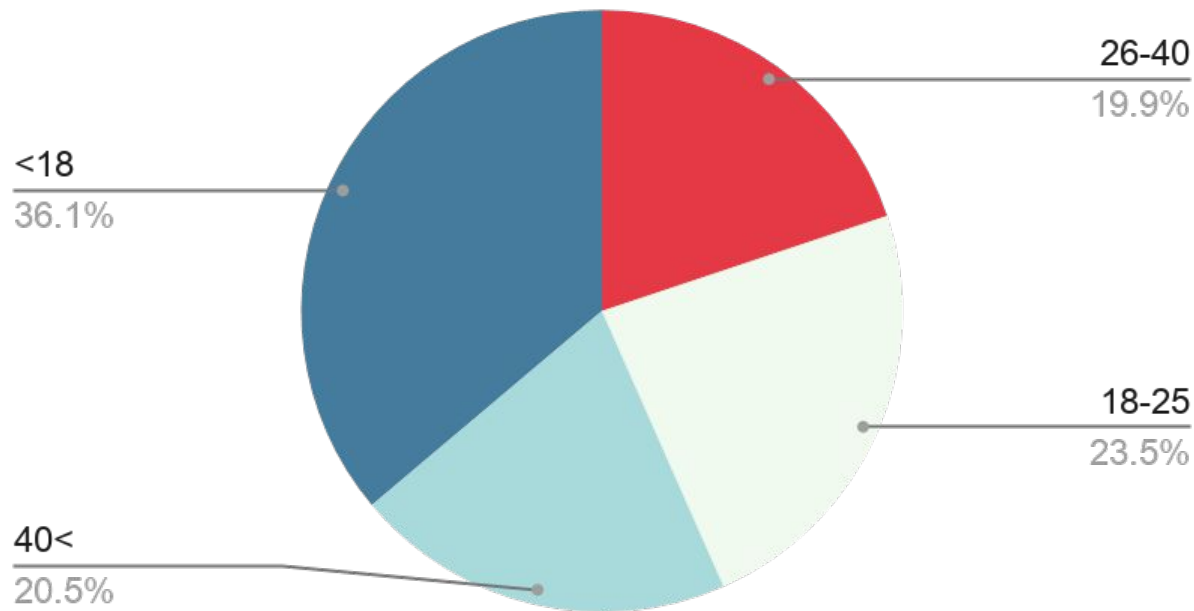
65% of our internal reach (FB community)





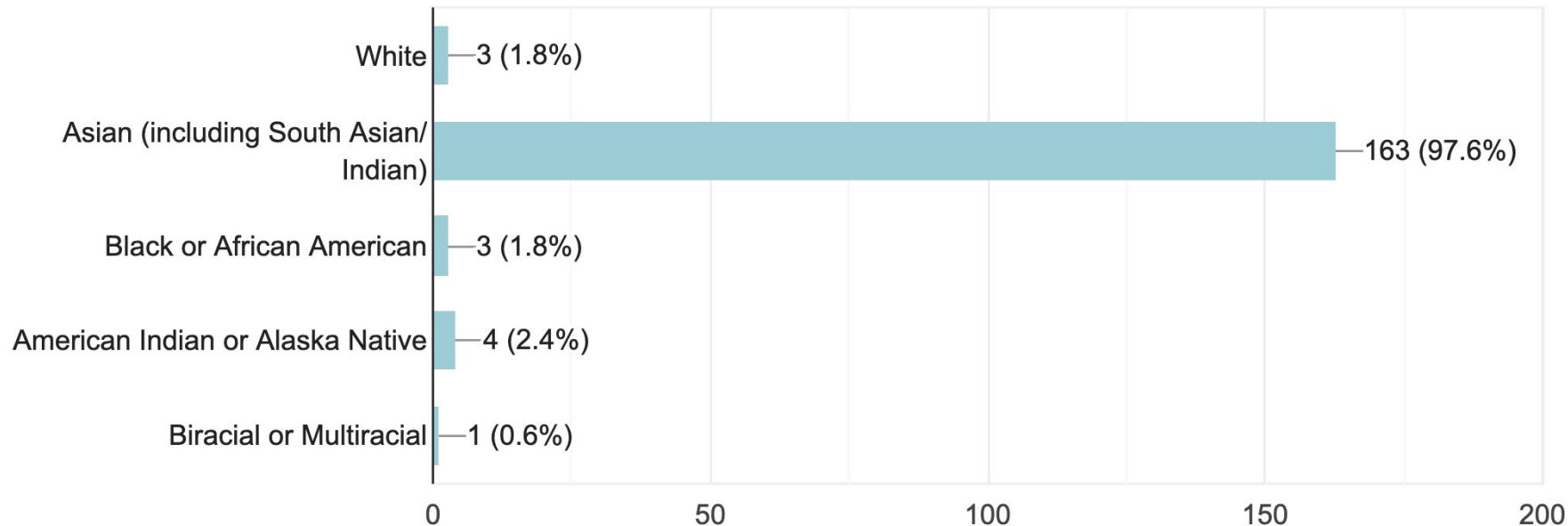
# Age Distribution

Age



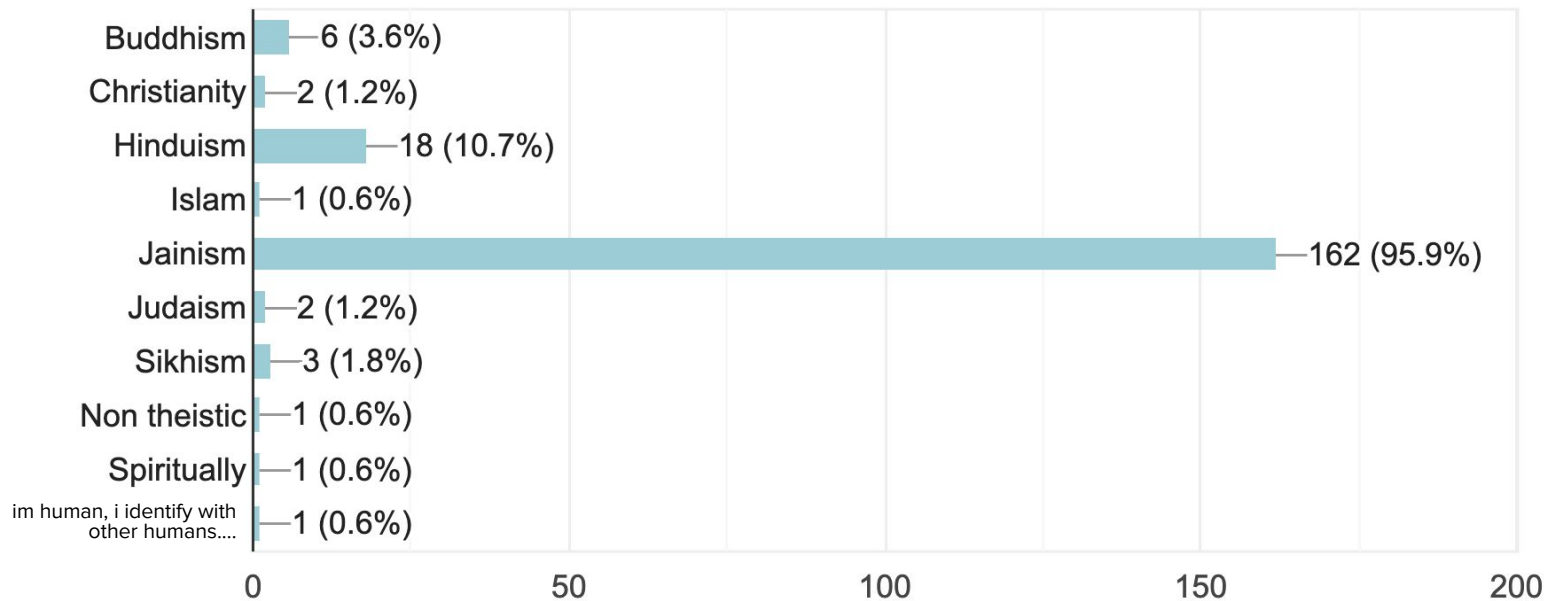
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# Self-Identified Race



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# Self-Identified Religion



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# Self-Identified Caste

???? Idk

Agarwal

Brahman

Caste is not considered a part of the cosmic order in Jainism

Do not know. Jain

Don't know

Gujarati

hindu

Humanity

I do not believe in caste

I don't know(x4)

Jain(x4)

jain society of Houston

Jain Vania

Jain?

Kuttchi

Merchant

Middle class(x6)

middle class?

N/A

None(x9)

not sur

Plaster

Swetamber

Unsure

Upper Middle

Vaisha / Banya

Vaishnav(x2)

Vaishya

Vaniya (I am pretty sure all Jains are Baniya)

Vishnu

# Regional Distribution

## Region

Southeast

6.1%

Northeast

19.4%

West

33.9%

Midwest

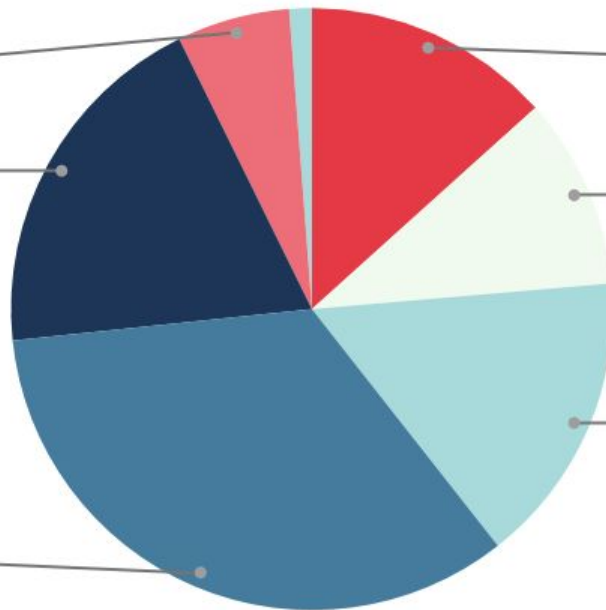
13.3%

South

10.3%

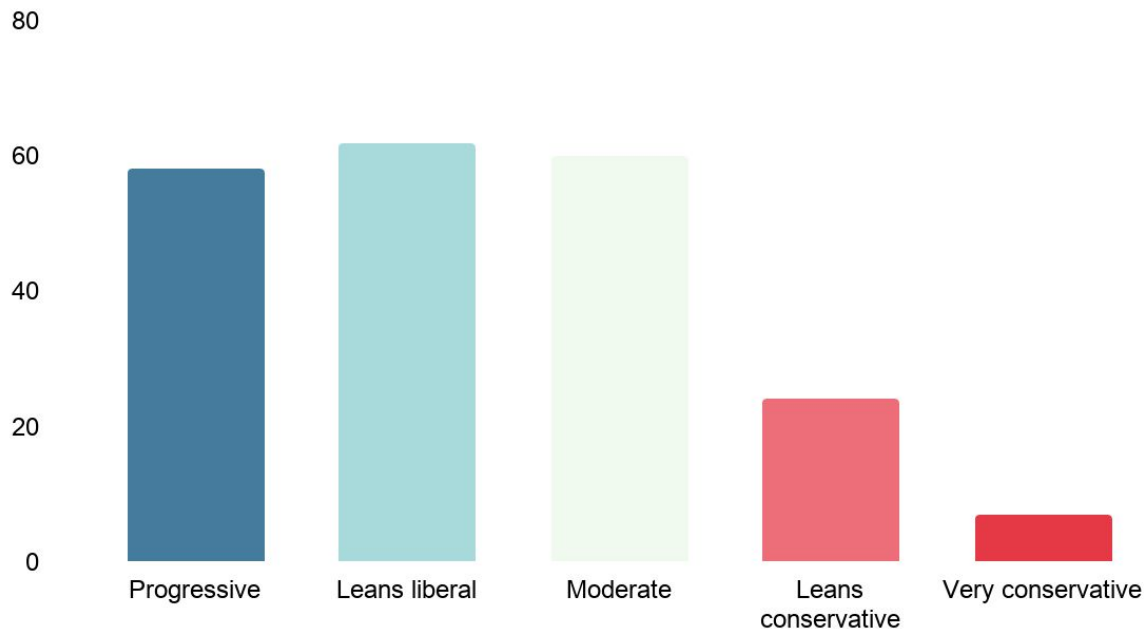
Mid-Atlantic

15.8%



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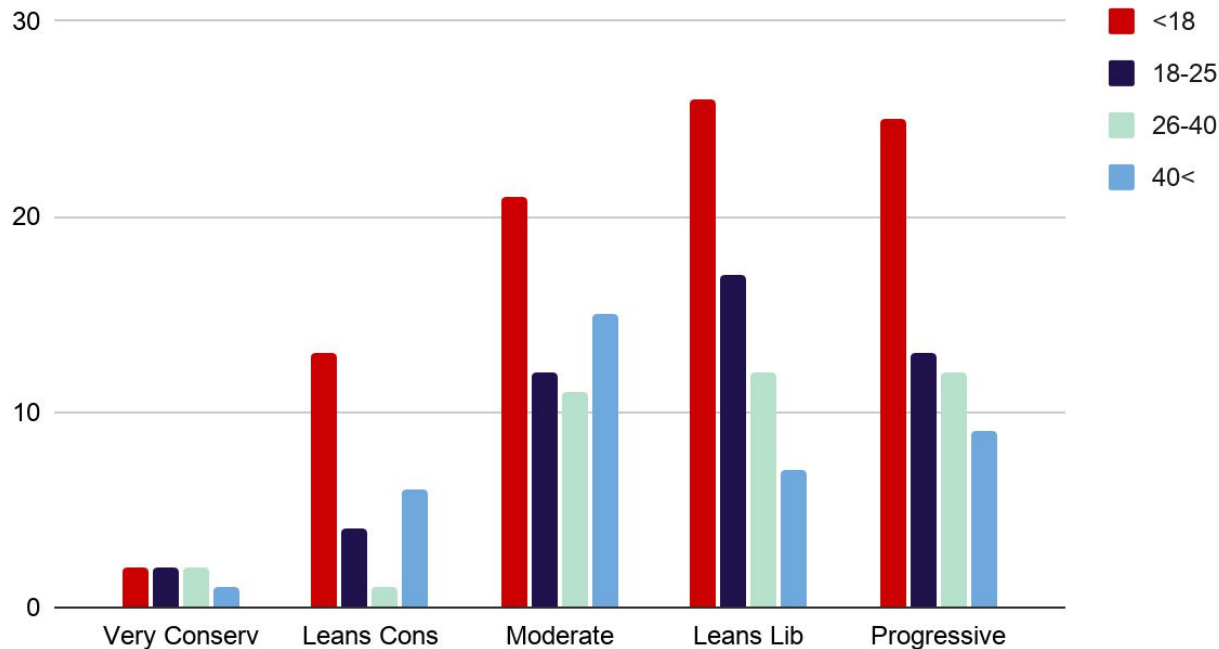
# If you live in the US, how would you describe where you live? Select all that apply.



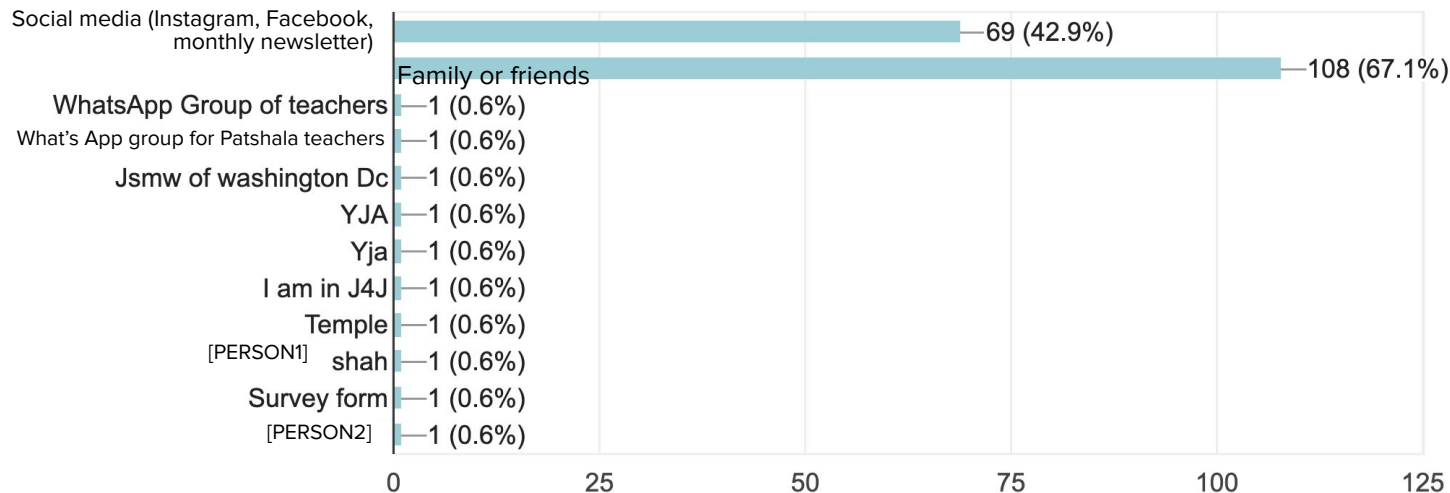
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# Age versus Political leaning of where you live

Political Alignment of where you live and Age Group



# How did you hear about J4J?



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# Recommendations

- A sizeable portion of respondents **want to talk more about RCR**, but the majority **do not find these conversations difficult**. We should focus our efforts more on the **why not how** - provide people the incentive to engage in this conversations with loved ones.
- We should introduce **caste-based topics in conjunction with other issues** that our community is more interested in. When we do introduce caste-based topics, **start with the basics**.
- There is a fairly **even distribution of interest** in JFJ providing community events, social media posts, and resources to increase knowledge base.
- Overall, **collaborations between any working groups will be well-suited** to our audience's interests. Almost all respondents particularly listed interest in **mental health and disability rights**.

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