



# Ethereum Governance Survey Results

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## Fun Data Tidbits

- 282 respondents
- 94% identify as a member of the Ethereum community
- 70% are token holders
- 45% work at organizations building on Ethereum
- 39% were not “in Ethereum” when The DAO hack occurred
- 51% hold more than 100 ETH
- 89% have used Ethereum-based dapps
- 84% support Proof-of-Stake consensus for Ethereum
- 57% have attended Ethereum meetups
- 41% have attended Devcon
- 73% use Crypto Twitter to learn more about Ethereum
- 66% use Reddit to learn more about Ethereum
- 61% use the Week in Ethereum newsletter to learn about Ethereum
- 36% believe Crypto Twitter best captures the ecosystem/community sentiment
- 24% believe Reddit best captures the ecosystem/community sentiment

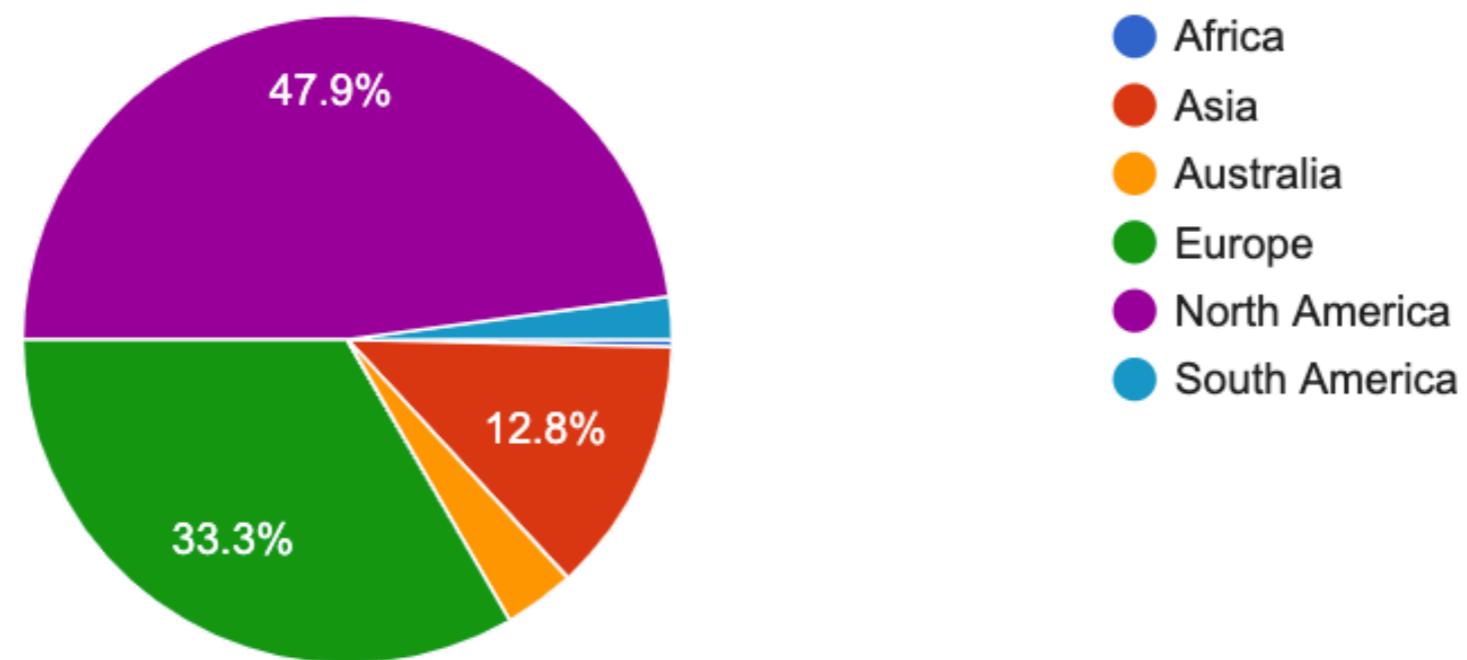
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# I. Demographics

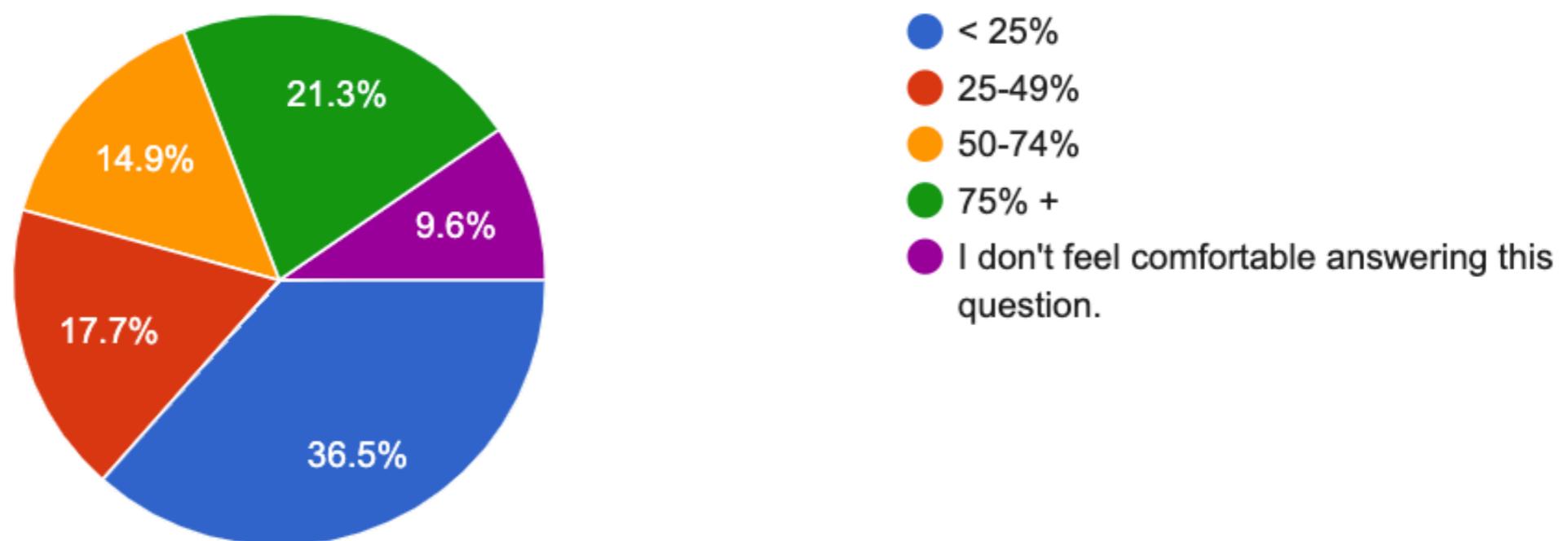
1. On which continent do you reside or spend the most time in? (no you don't live in Antarctica)

282 responses



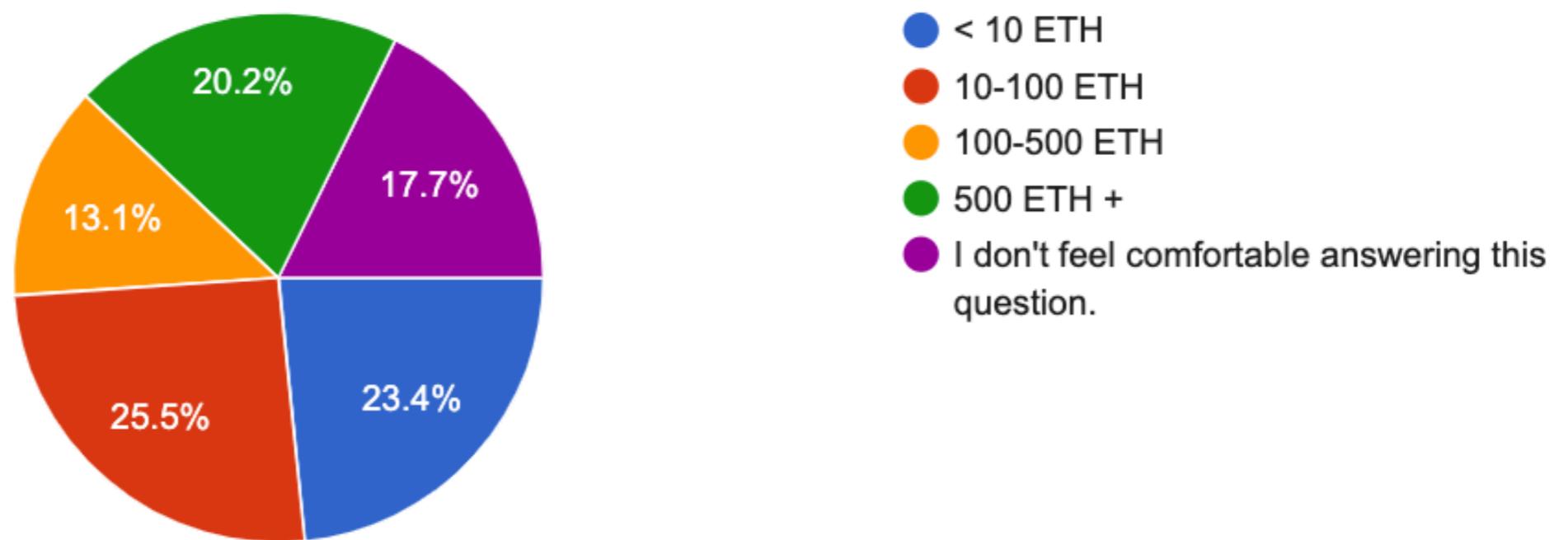
## 2. What portion of your financial assets (eg. savings, investments) are in ETH or an ERC standard?

282 responses



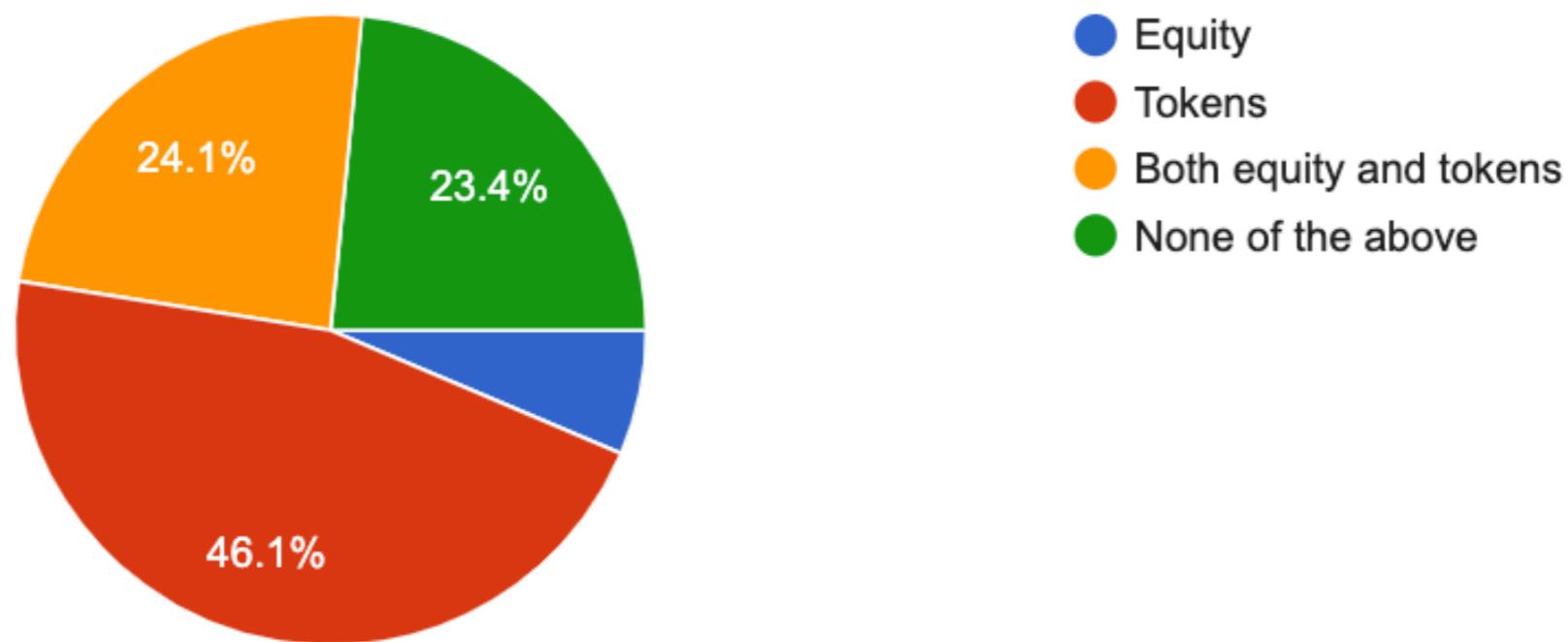
### 3. How much ETH do you hold?

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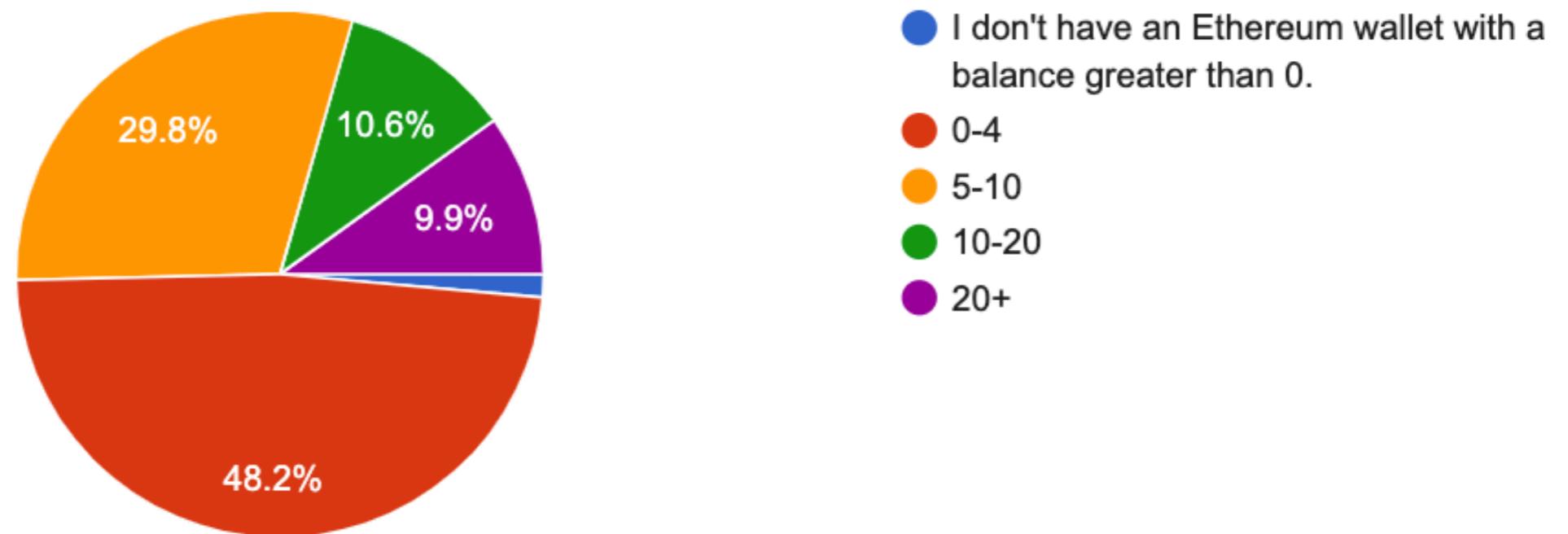
#### 4. Do you own equity or tokens from an organization that is building on Ethereum?

282 responses



## 5. How many Ethereum addresses do you have with a balance greater than 0 (incl. hardware wallets and exchanges)?

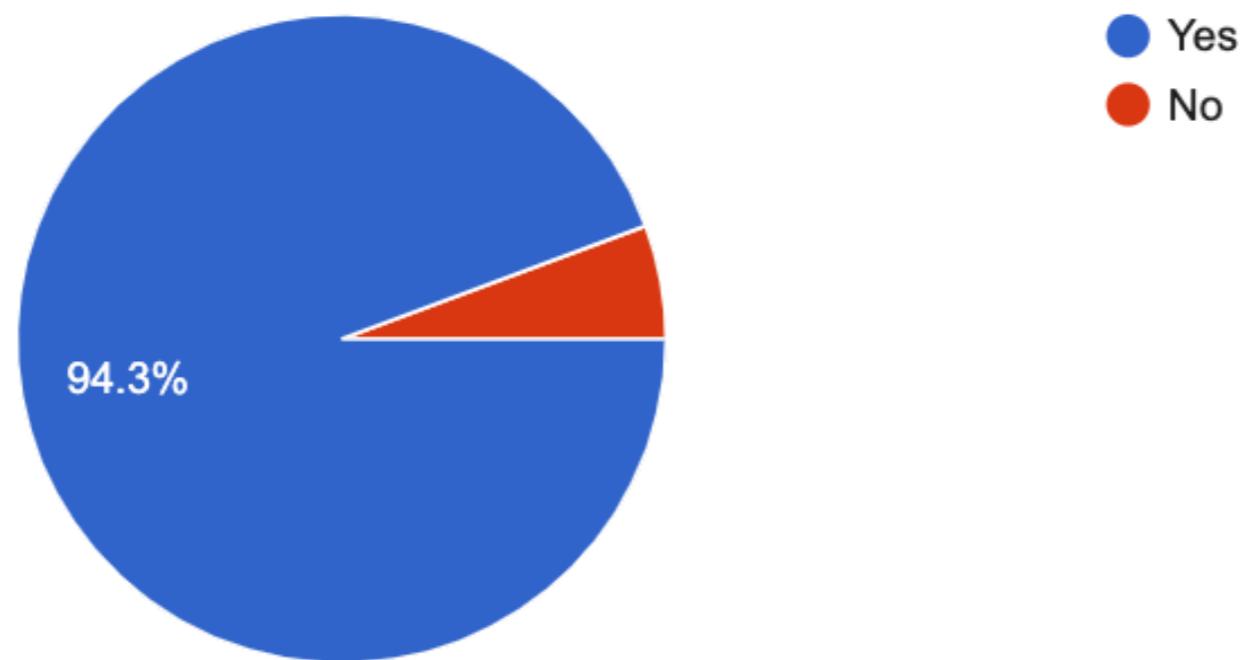
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## **II. Ethereum Community**

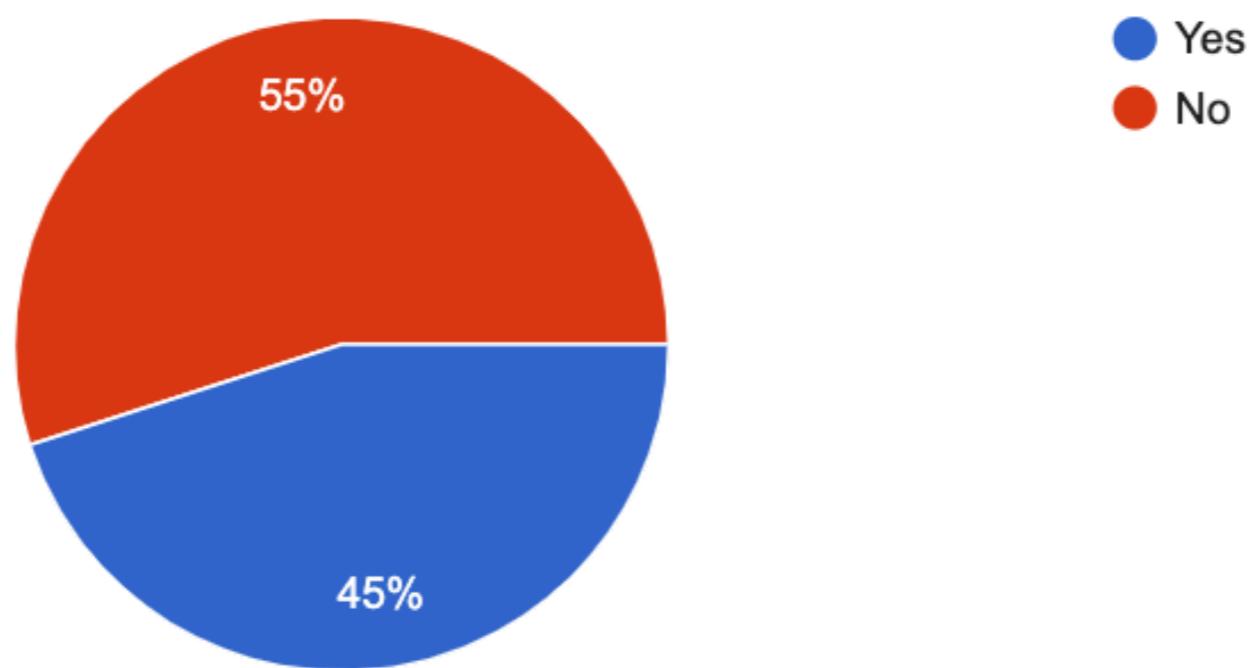
## 6. Do you identify yourself as a member of the Ethereum community?

282 responses



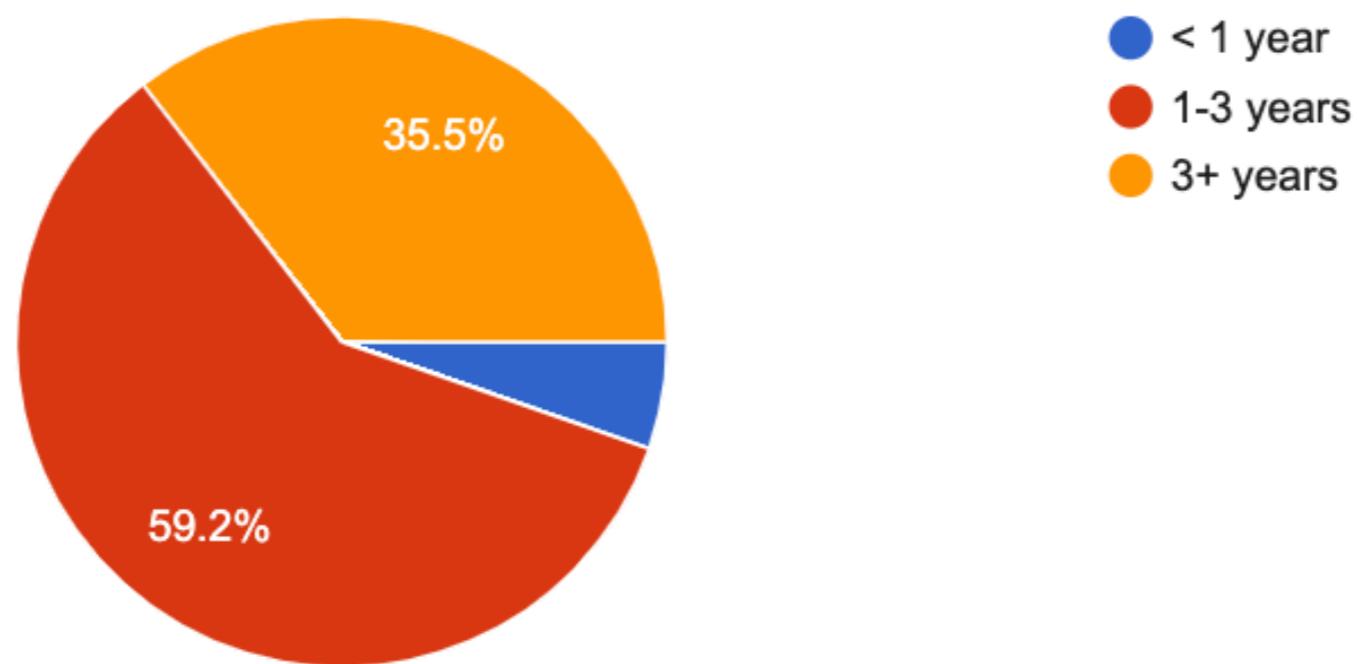
7. Are you employed or contracted by an organization building on Ethereum (eg. Dapp, client developer, mining pool)?

282 responses



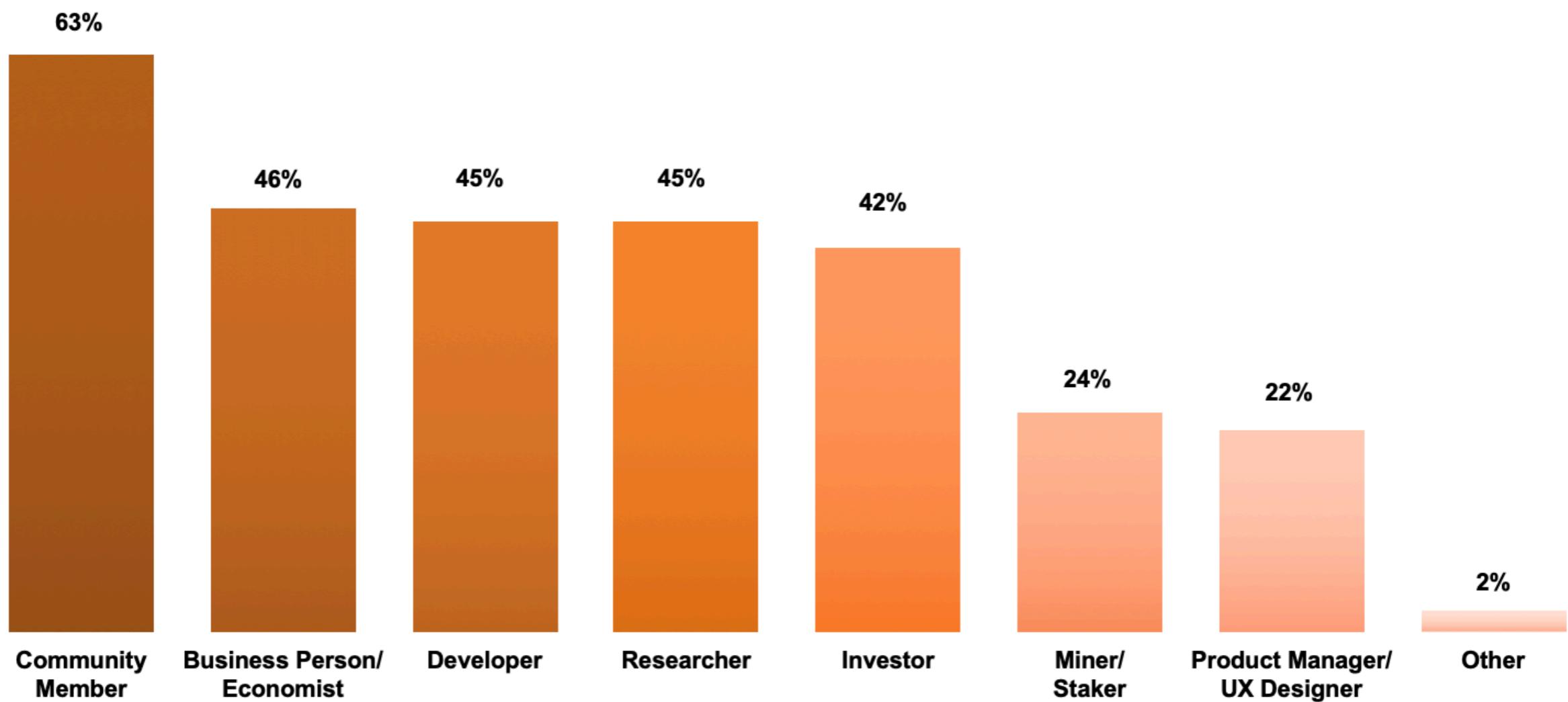
## 8. How long have you been “in” Ethereum (eg. part of the community, emotionally/financially invested, employed)?

282 responses



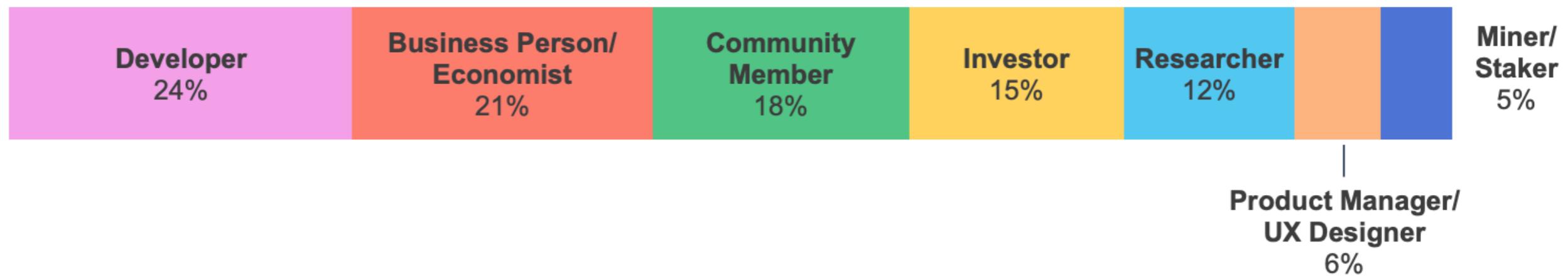
## 9. Which of these 'roles' do you identify with? Select all that apply.

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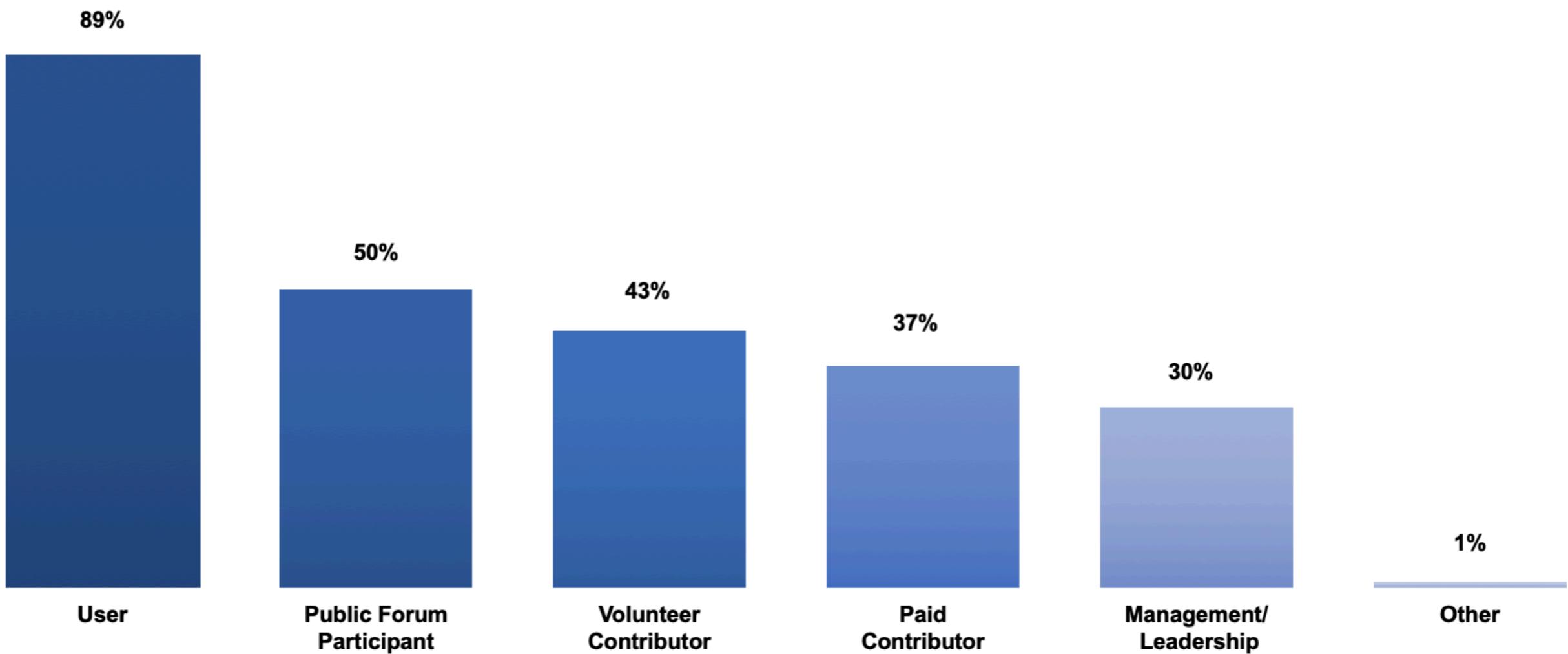
## 10. Which 'role' do you identify most with?

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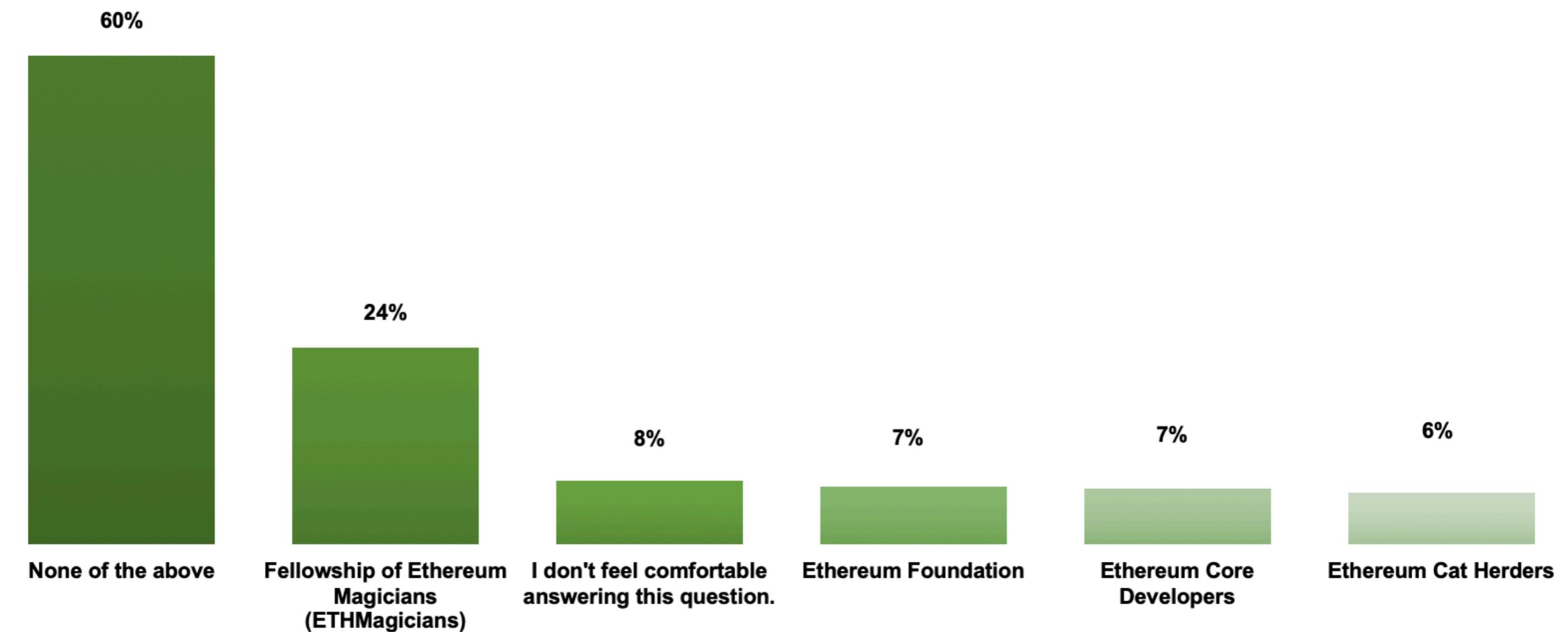
## 11. What has been your involvement with Ethereum-based dapps? Select all that apply.

282 responses



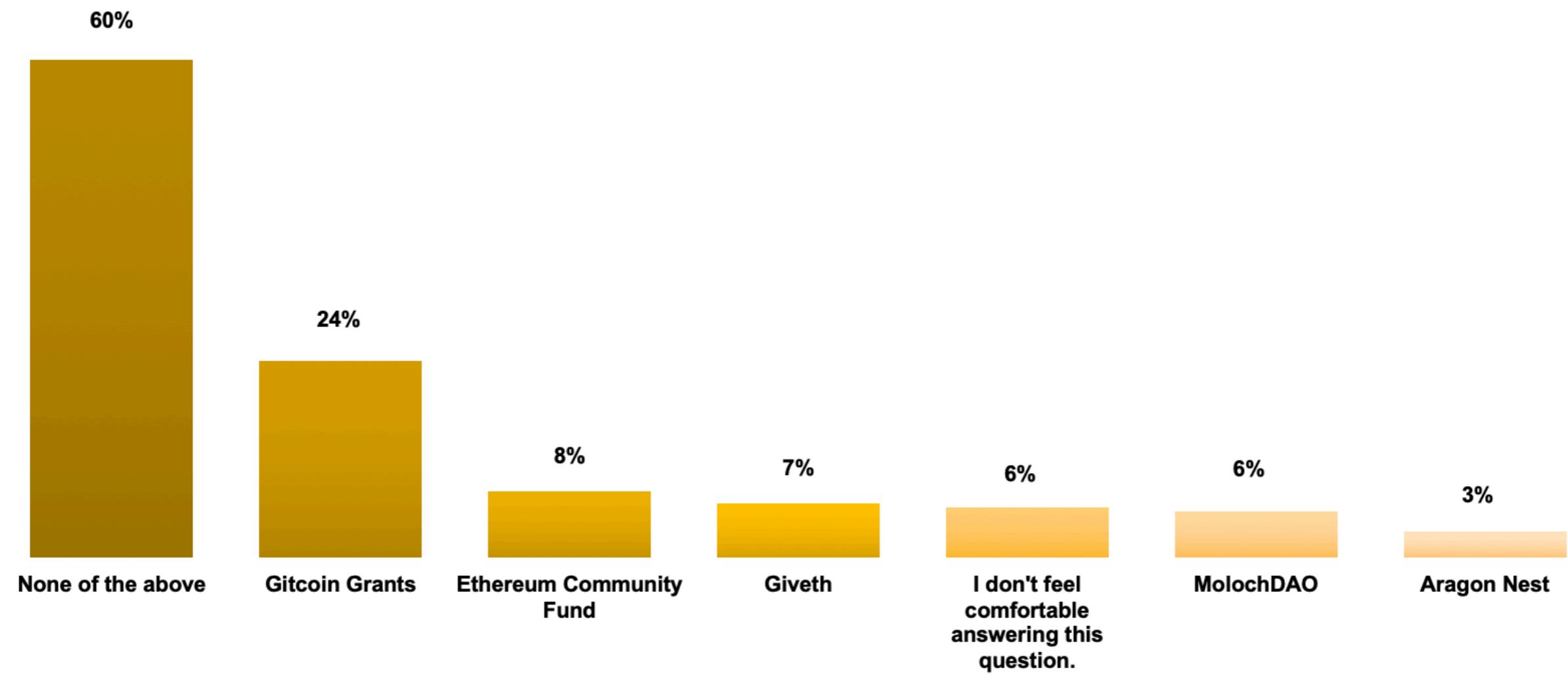
## 12. Do you identify as a member or affiliate of any of these Ethereum community groups? Select all that apply.

282 responses



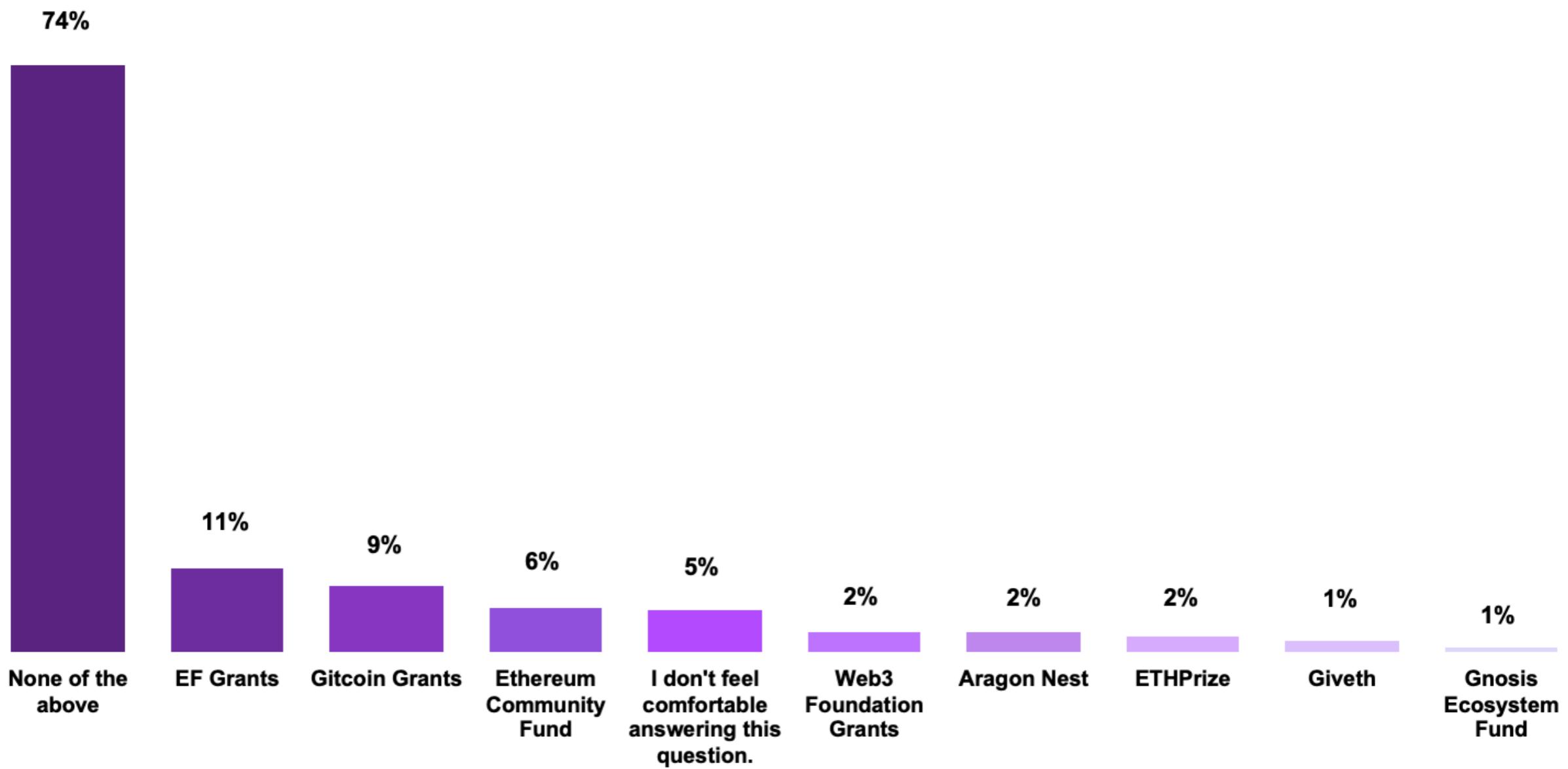
13. Have you or your employer ever financially contributed to any of these Ethereum funds in the past year? Select all that apply.

282 responses



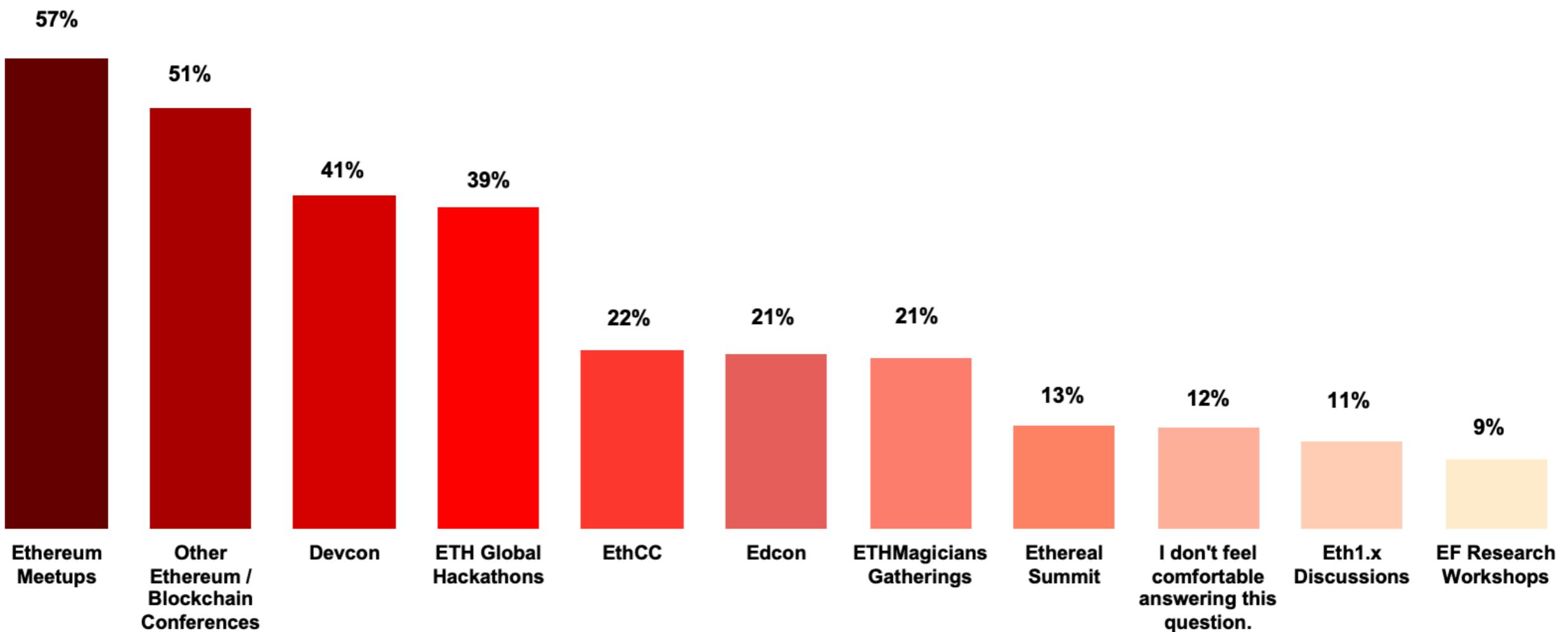
## 14. Have you or your employer ever financially received contributions from any of these Ethereum funds in the past year? Select all that apply.

282 responses



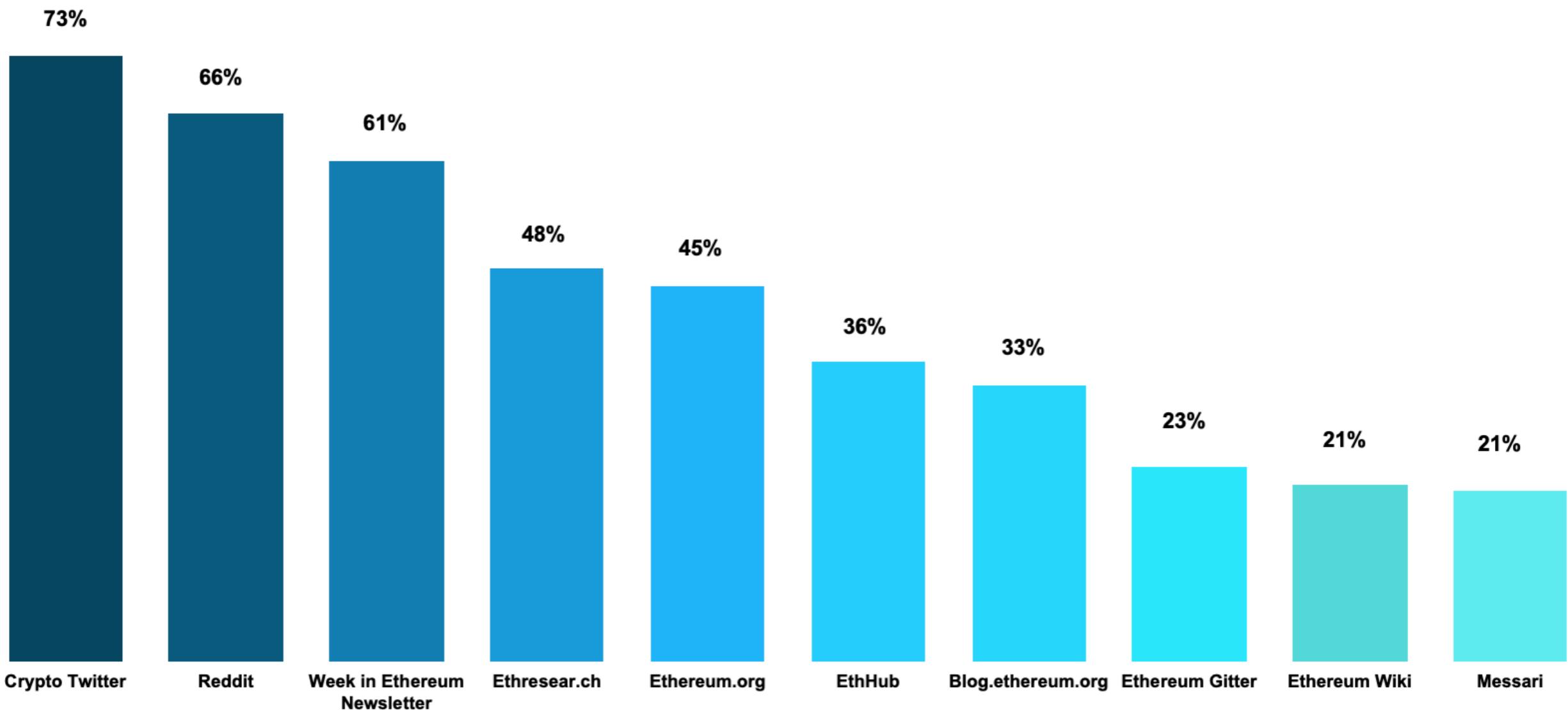
## 15. Have you attended any of these Ethereum community events? Select all that apply.

282 responses



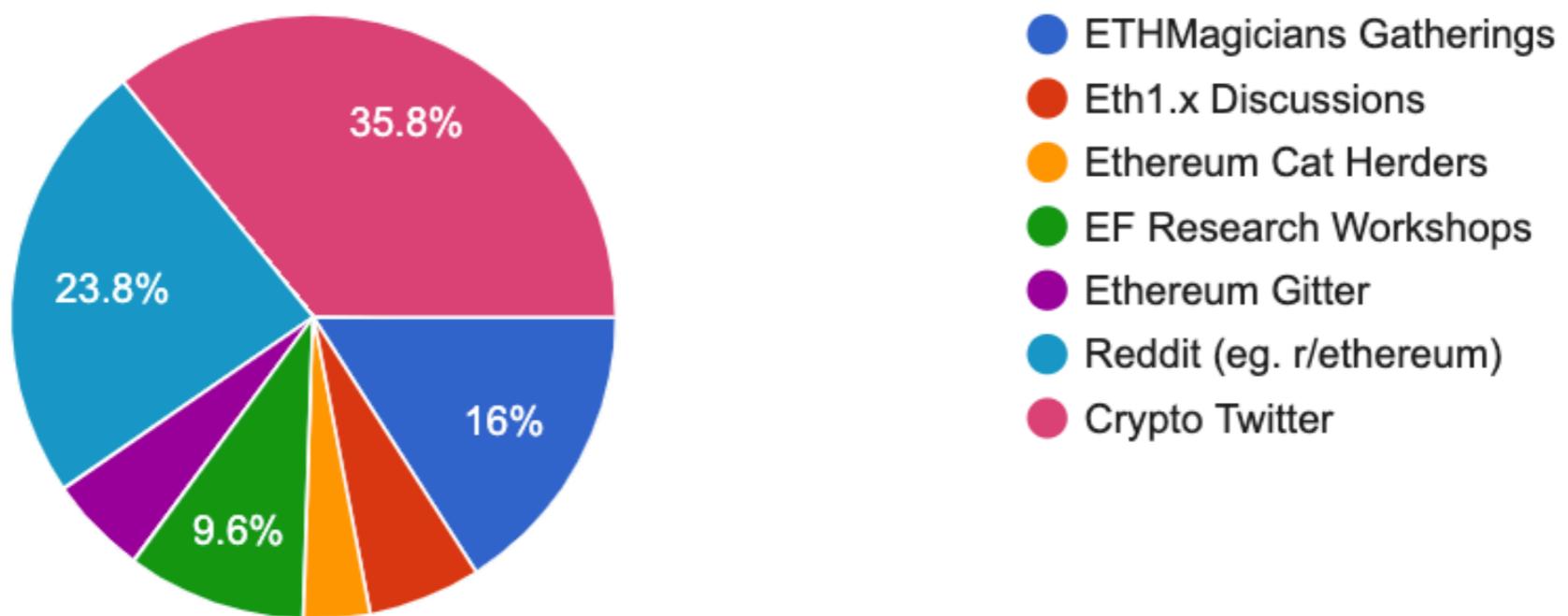
## 16. Do you visit and/or subscribe to any of these platforms to learn more about Ethereum? Select all that apply.

282 responses



## 17. Which of these platforms do you believe best captures the ecosystem/community sentiment? (Best signal to noise ratio)

282 responses



### **III. Ethereum Governance**

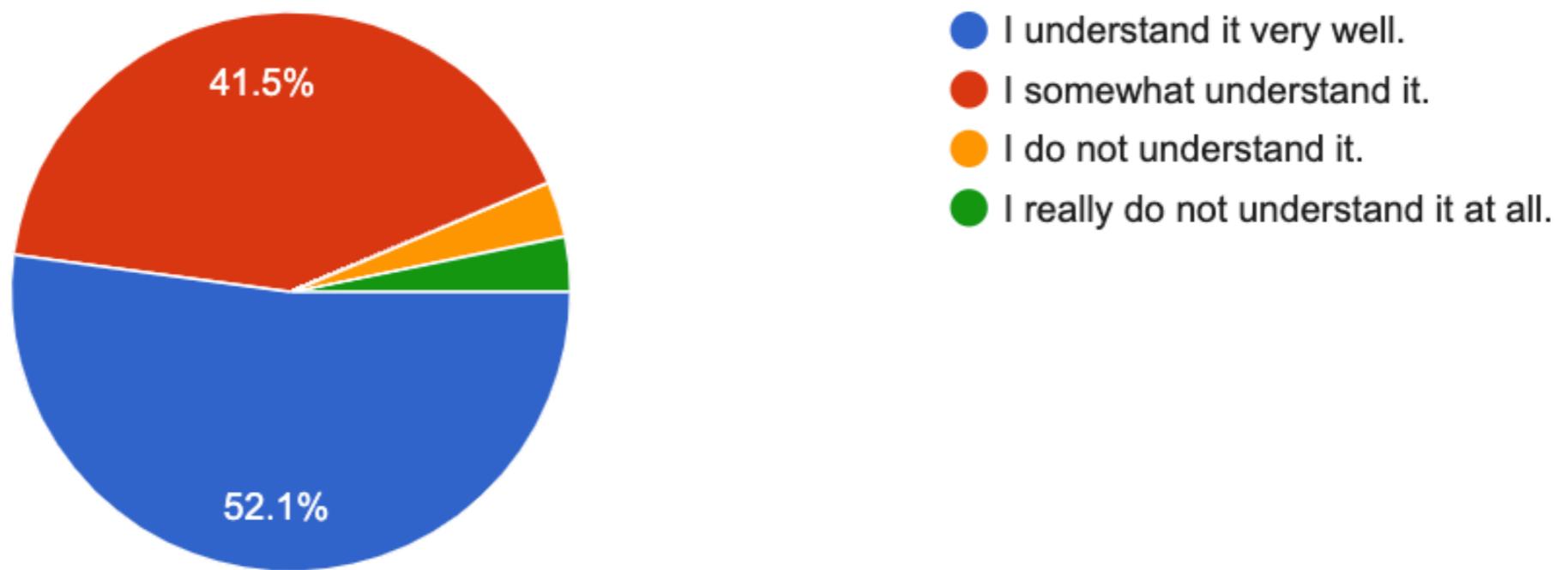
## 18. In your opinion, what is Ethereum's vision?

282 responses

accessible applications base become blockchain **build**  
censorship community **computer** contract coordination  
create dapps decentralised  
**decentralized** distributed economic enable  
ethereum finance financial future general **global**  
governance human internet layer machine money network open people  
permissionless **platform** programmable protocol  
resistant scalable secure settlement smart state **system** trust  
unstoppable value vision web **world**

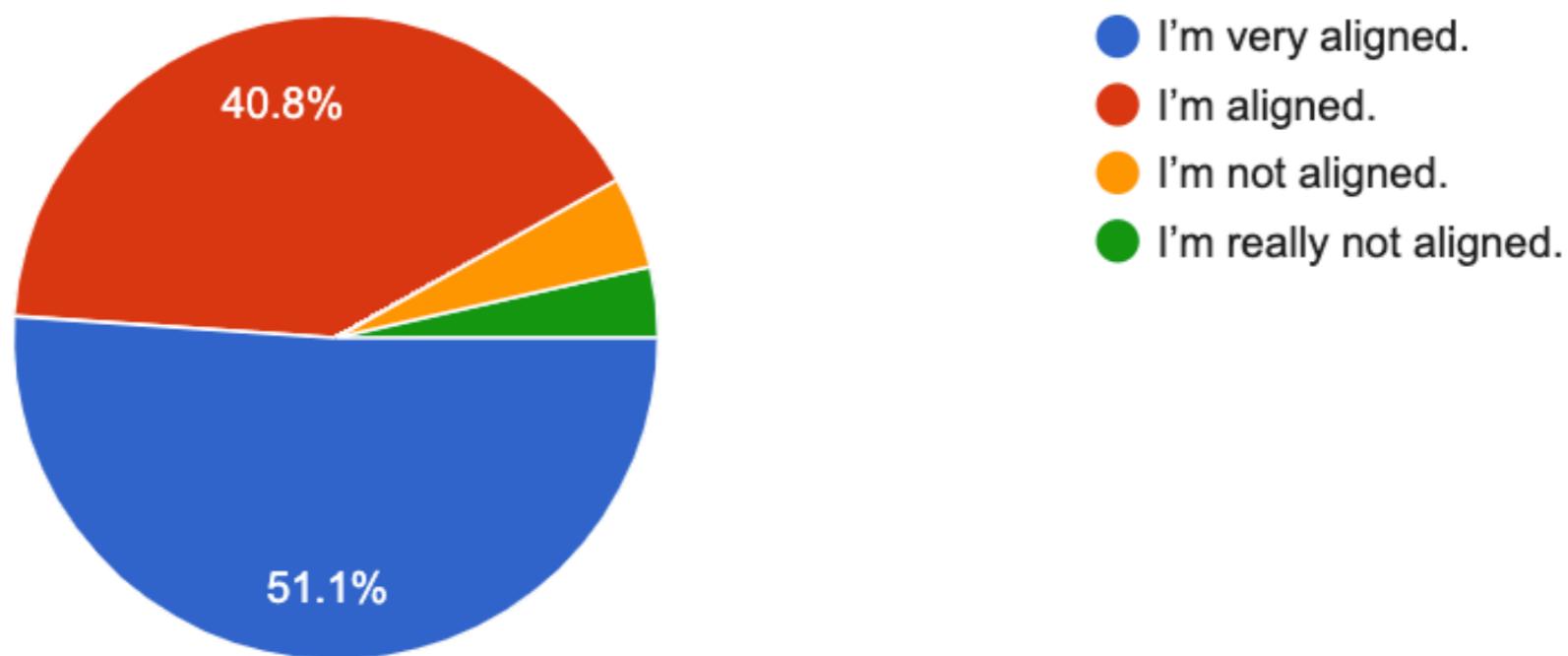
## 19. How well do you understand what Ethereum's vision is?

282 responses



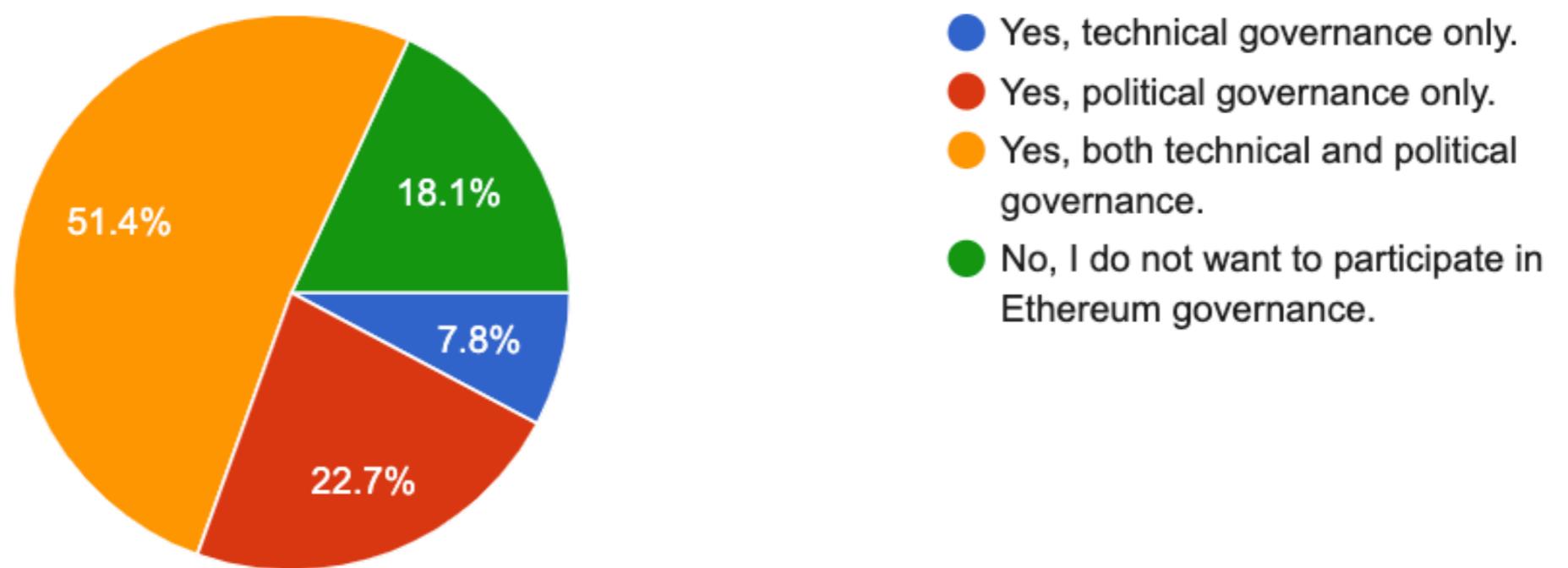
## 20. Generally, are you aligned with Ethereum's vision?

282 responses



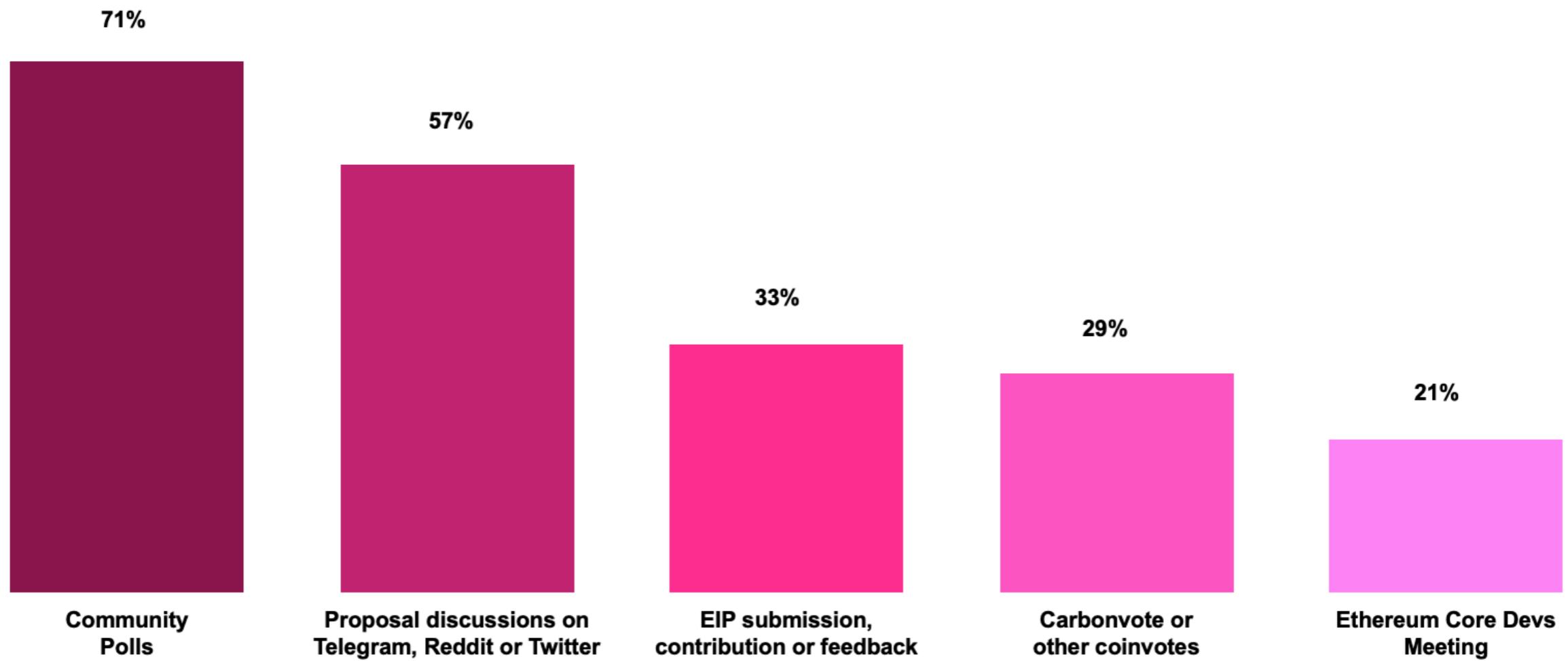
## 21. Do you want to participate in either technical or political Ethereum governance processes in regards to Ethereum?

282 responses



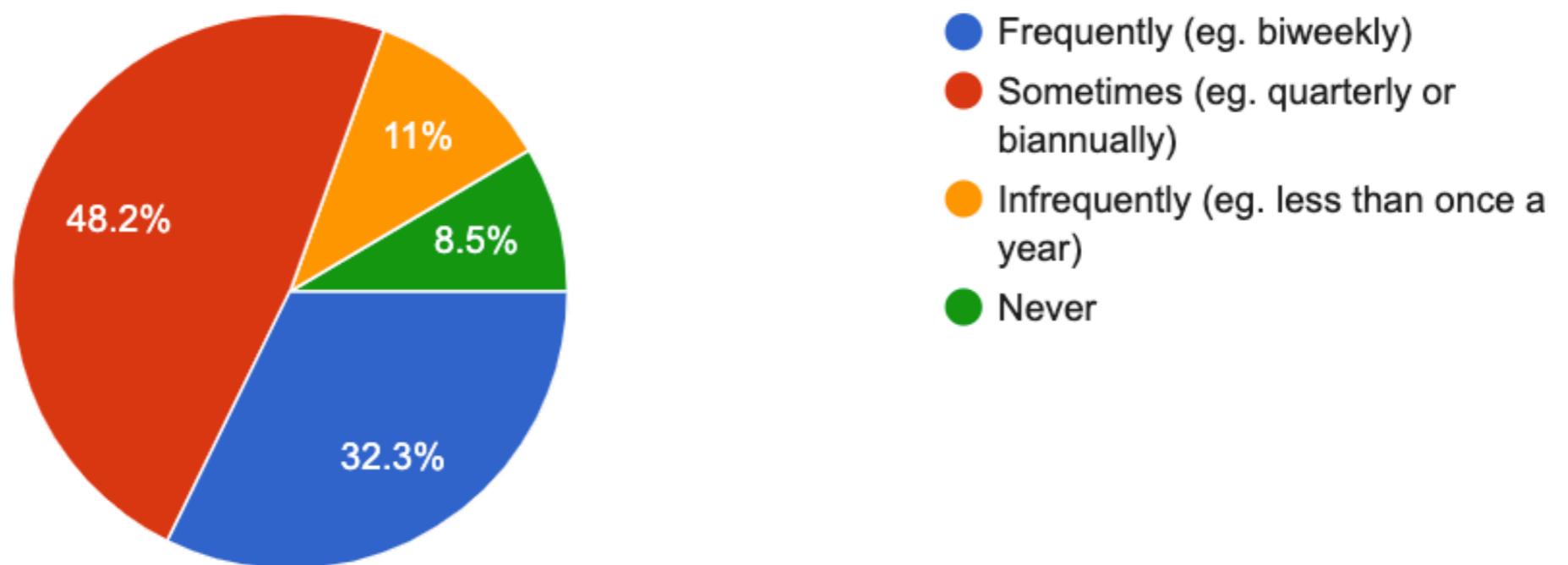
## 22. What Ethereum governance activities have you participated in? Select all that apply.

282 responses



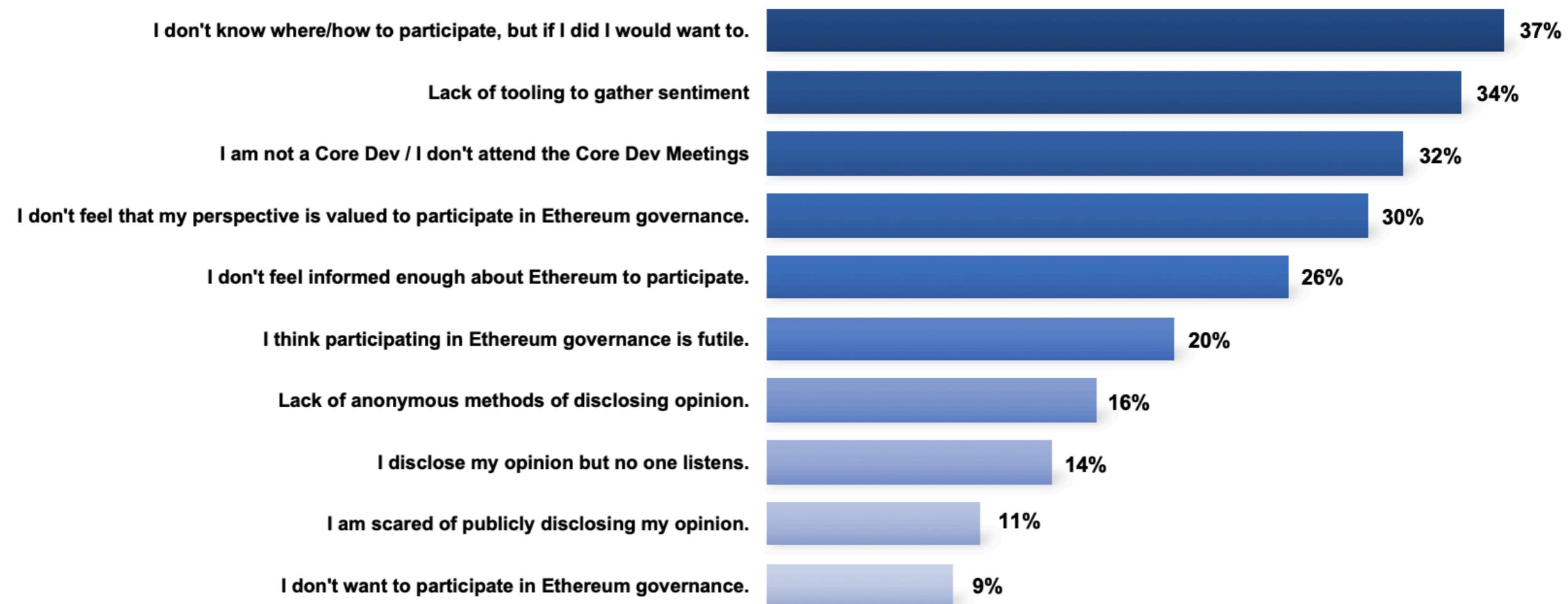
## 23. How often would you want to participate in Ethereum governance processes?

282 responses



## 24. What limits you from participating in Ethereum governance today? Select all that apply.

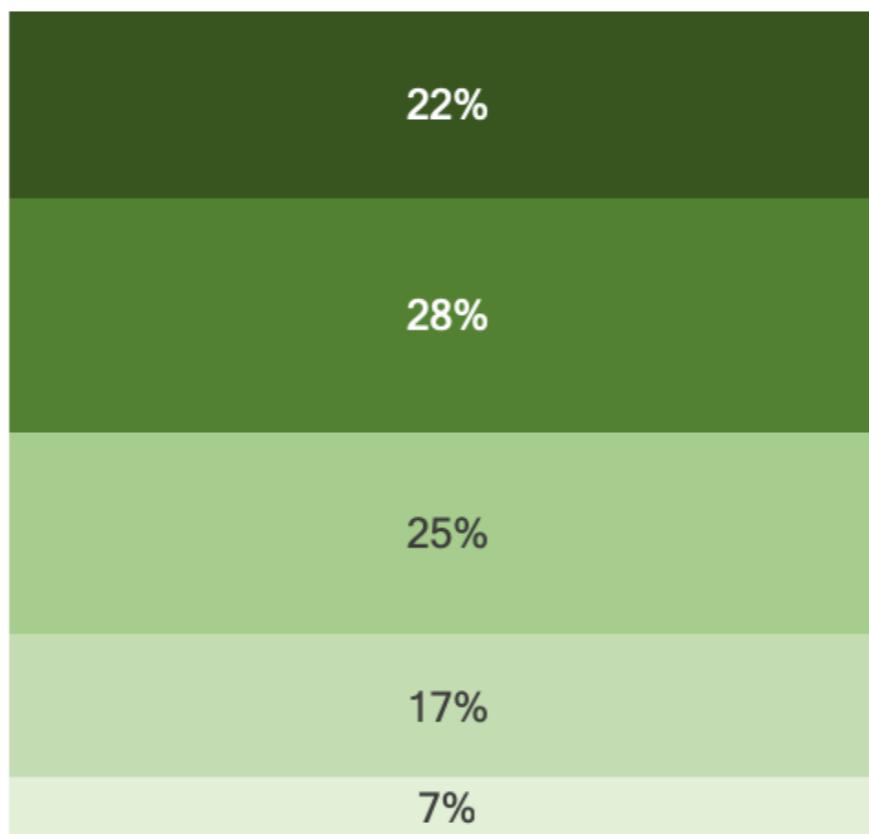
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## 25. How well do you understand the mission of the Ethereum Foundation?

282 responses

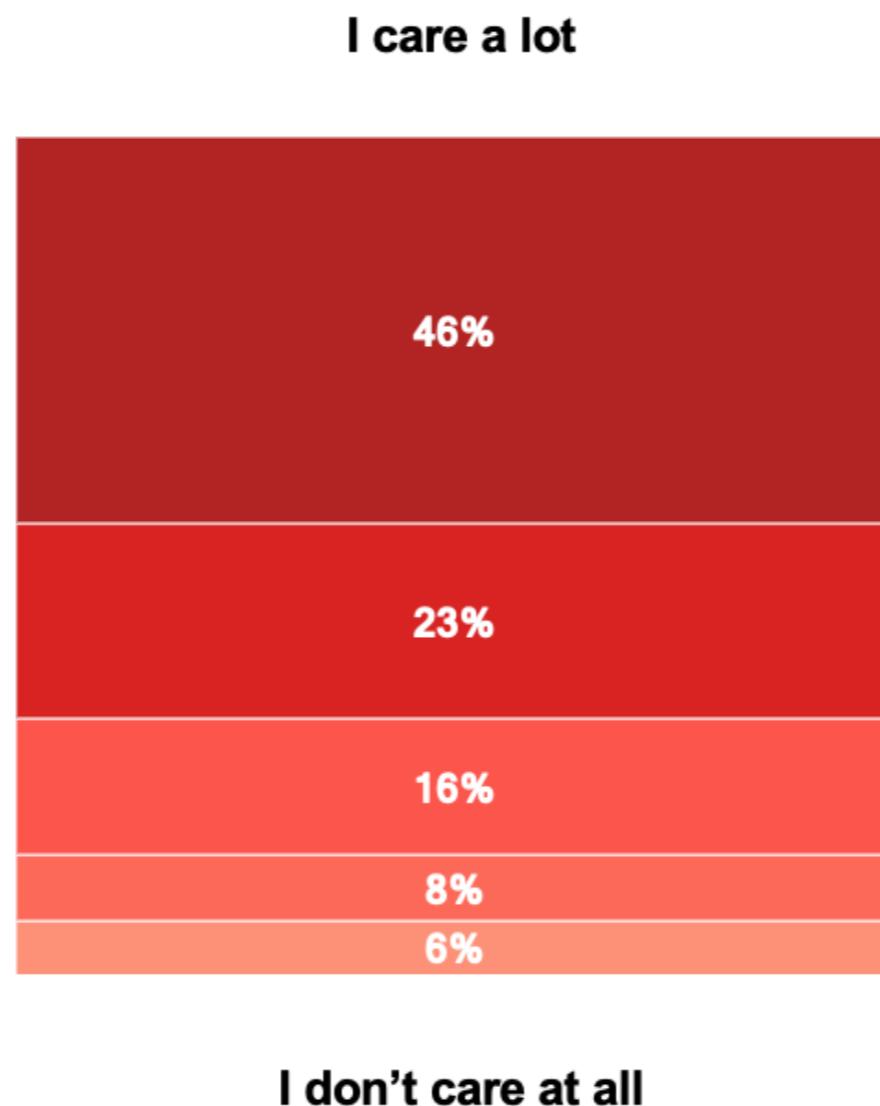
**I understand very well**



**I don't understand at all**

## 26. Do you care about the mission of the Ethereum Foundation?

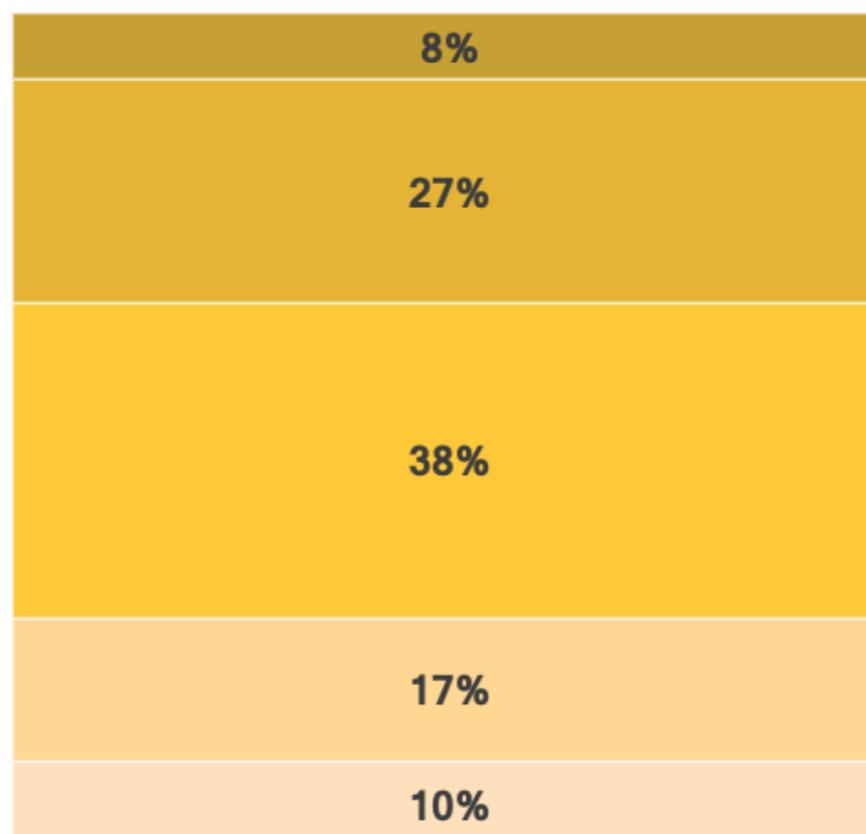
282 responses



## 27. Generally, how do you feel about the output or productivity of the Ethereum Foundation?

282 responses

**Very satisfied**



**Very unsatisfied**

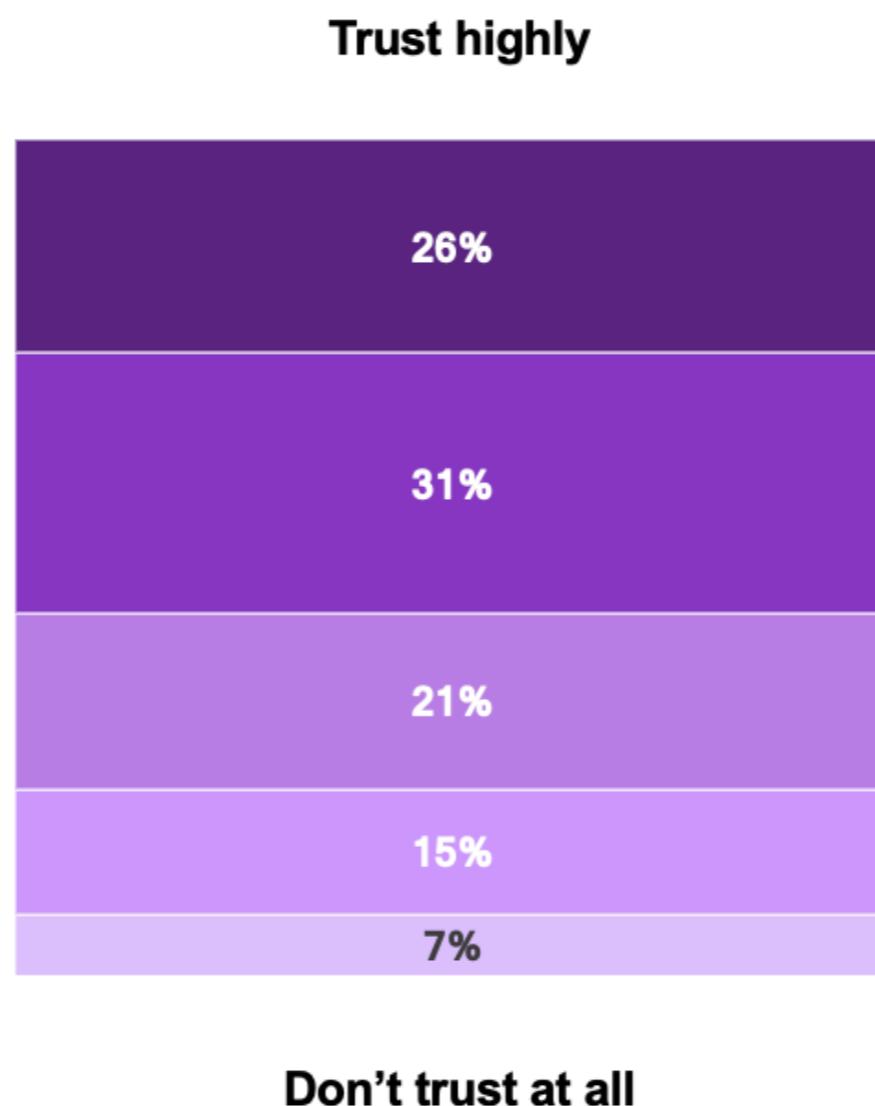
## 28. Why do you feel this way about the Ethereum Foundation's productivity?

282 responses

bad clear **community** decentralized decision delays **development** difficult  
done ecosystem **ef enough** eth **ethereum** feel forward  
foundation **funding** general goals **grants** hard important  
informed job **lack** leadership lot moving needs open opinion people productive  
**progress projects** public really research seems support  
sure teams things think **transparency** understand vision  
website **work**

## 29. Do you trust the Ethereum Foundation to make decisions in the best interest of Ethereum?

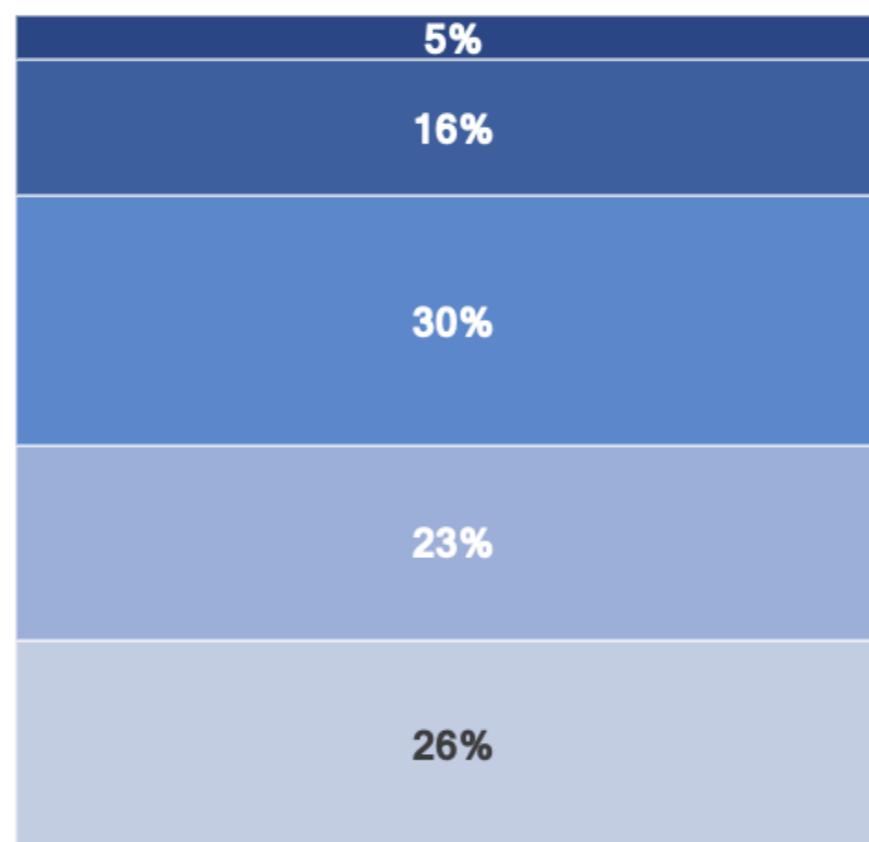
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### 30. Do you feel that the decision making process conducted by the Ethereum Foundation is clear and transparent?

282 responses

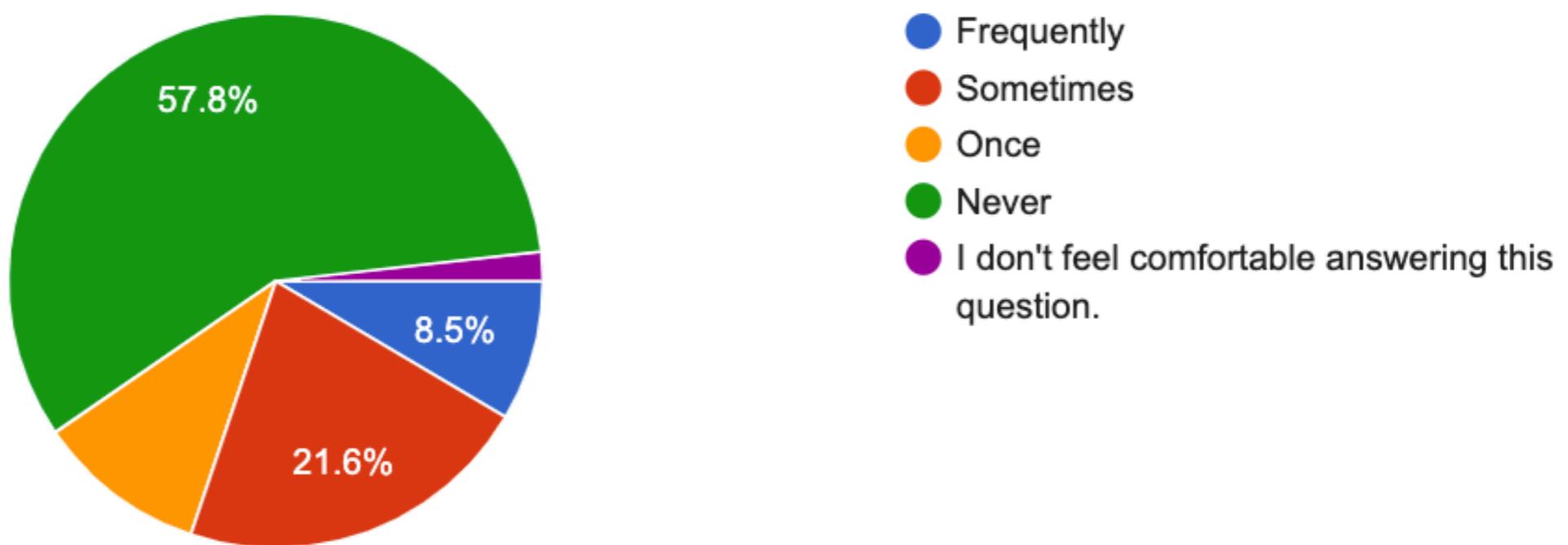
**Very clear and transparent**



**Very unclear and opaque**

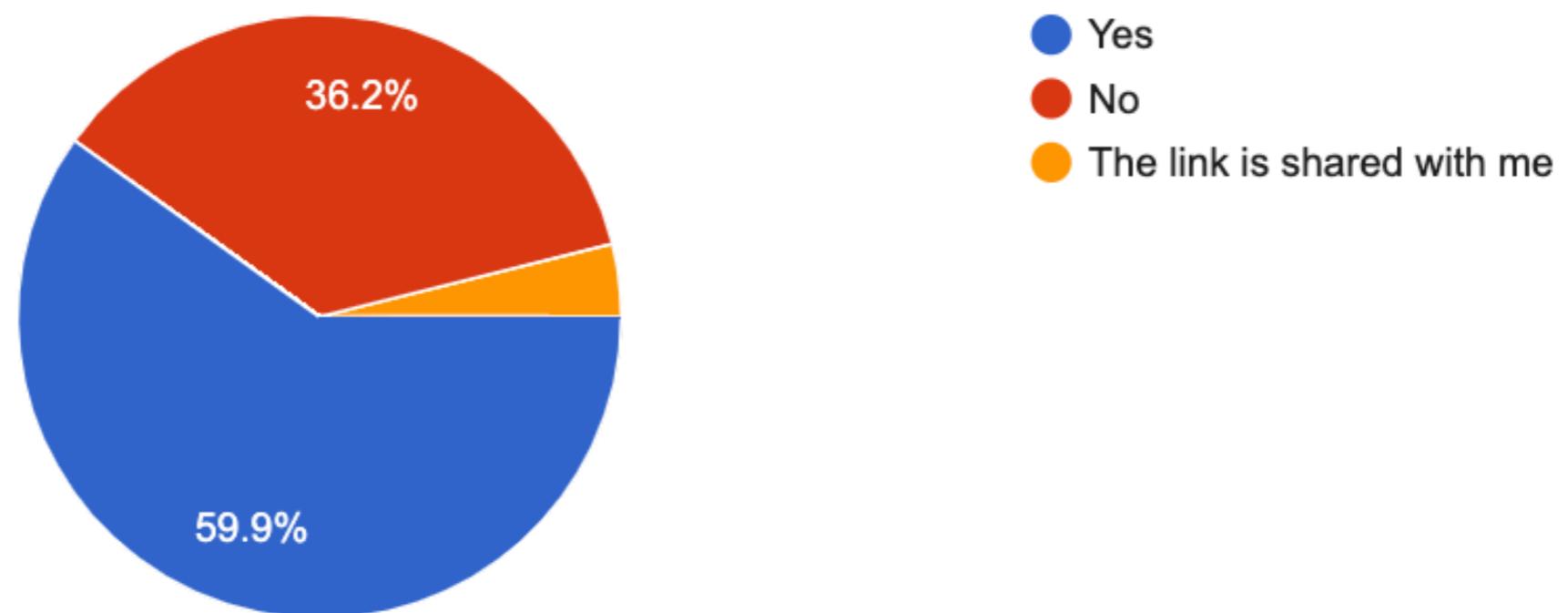
## 31. Have you attended an Ethereum Core Devs meeting?

282 responses



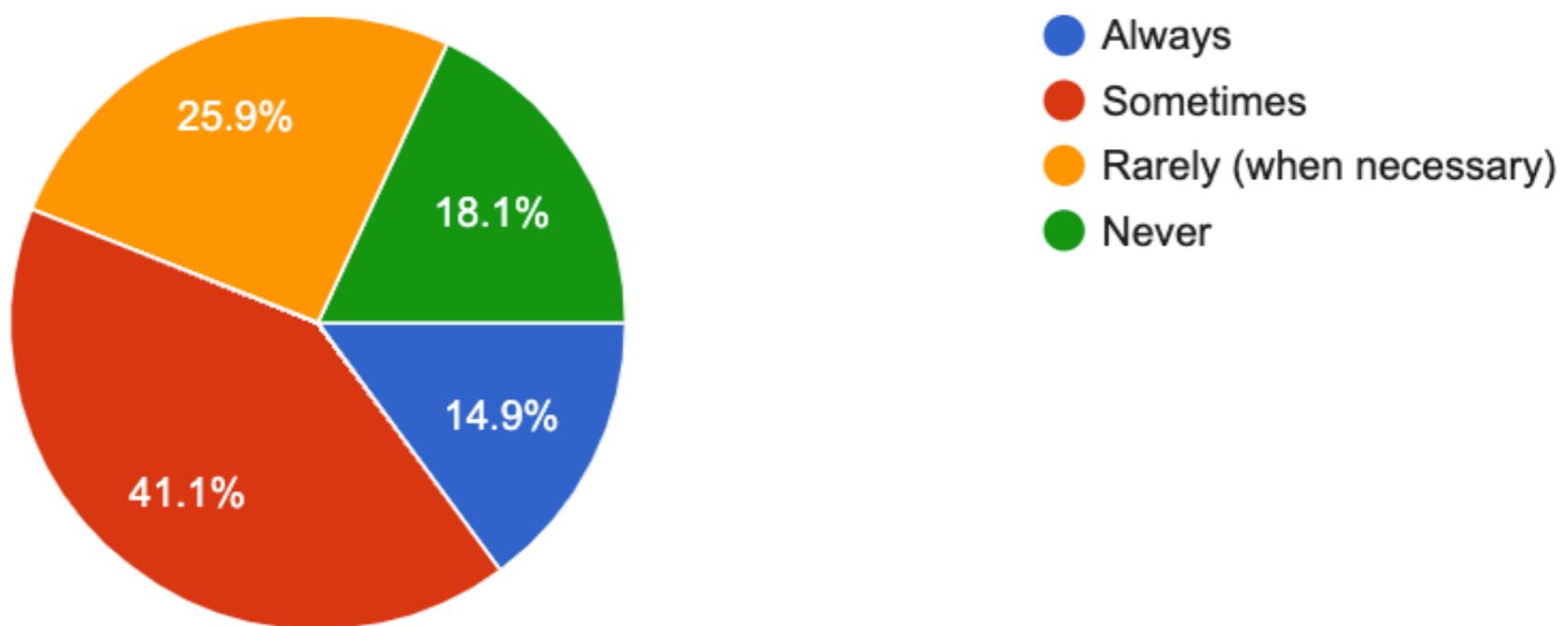
## 32. Do you know how to find the links to attend the Ethereum Core Dev Meetings live?

282 responses



### 33. Do you watch Ethereum Core Dev Meeting videos or read notes after the meeting?

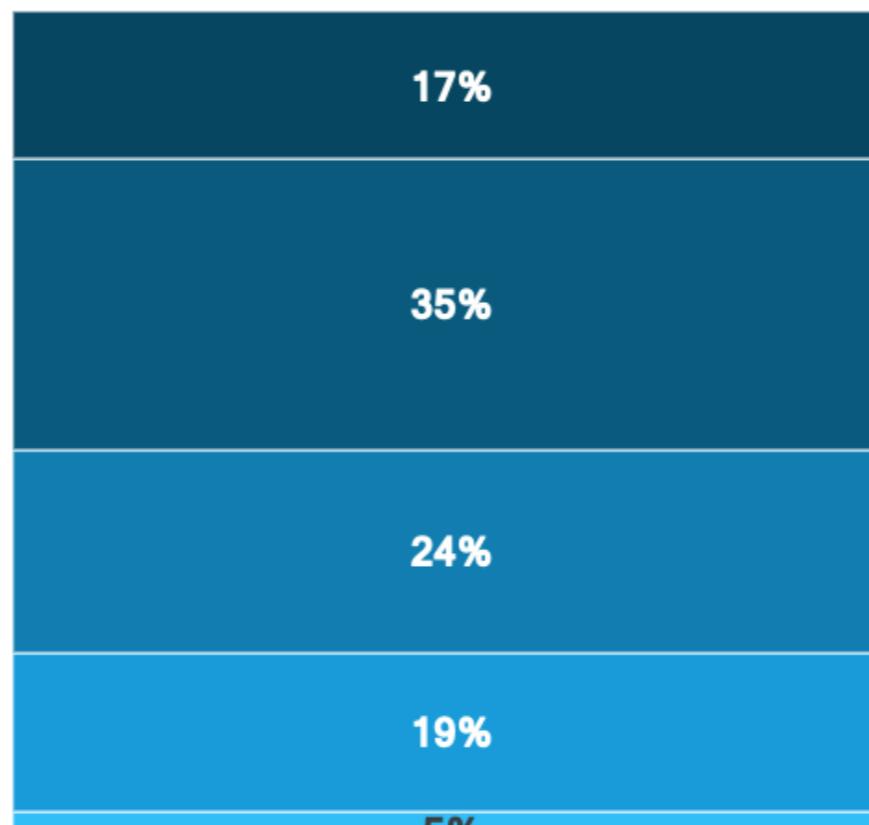
282 responses



## 34. Do you understand what is discussed at the Ethereum Core Dev Meetings?

282 responses

**Understand very well**

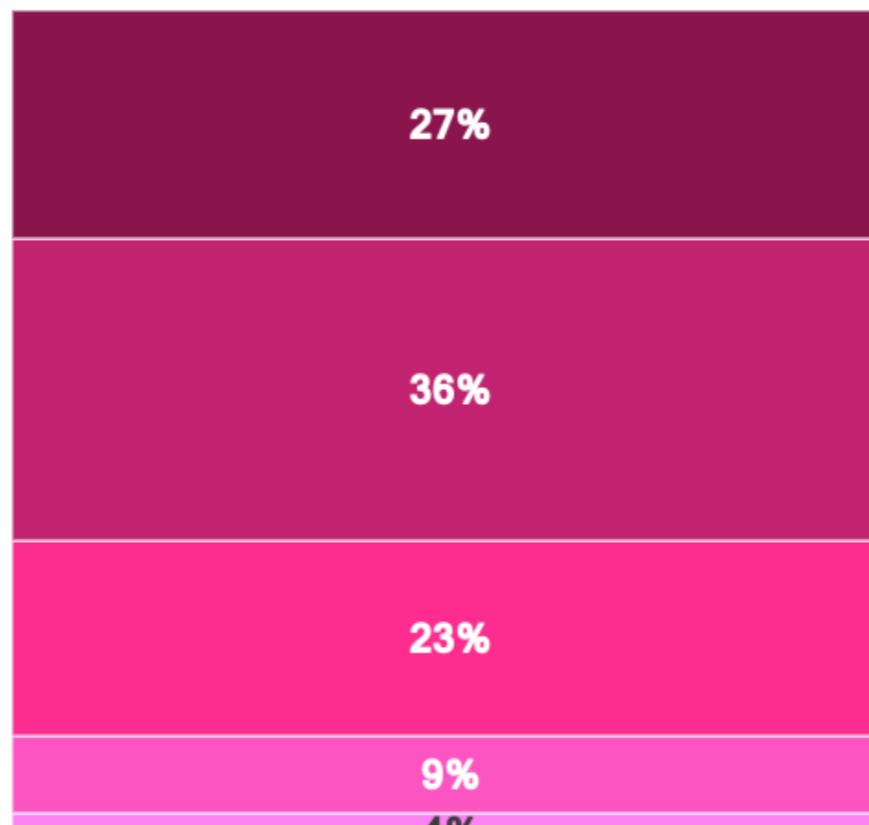


**Don't understand at all**

## 35. Do you care about what is discussed at the Ethereum Core Dev Meetings?

282 responses

**I care a lot**

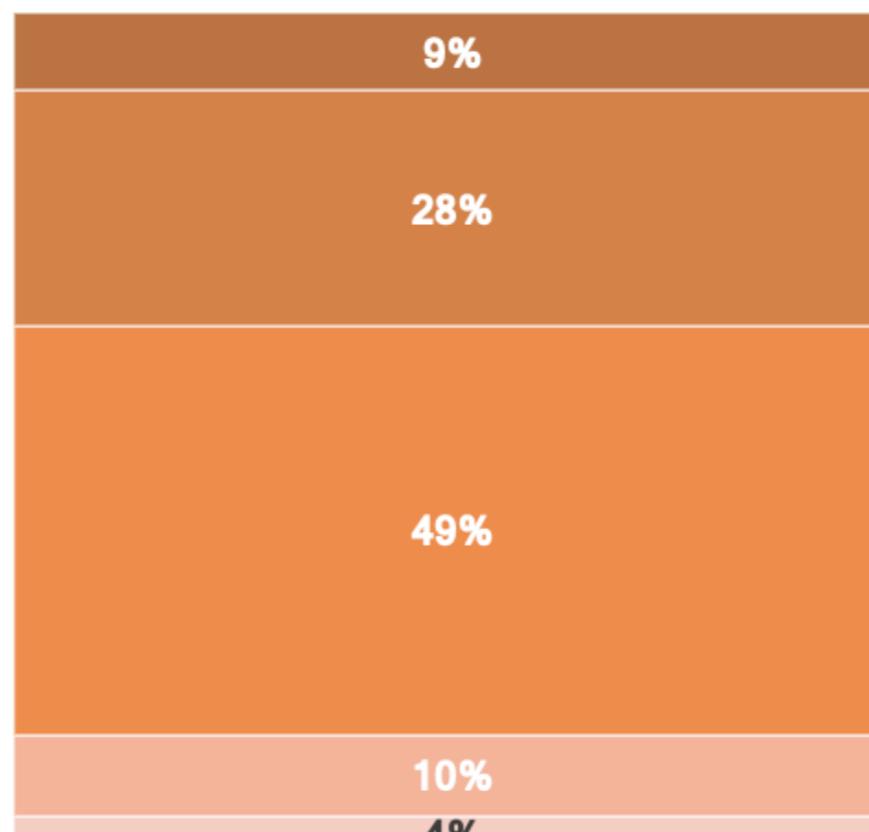


**I don't care at all**

## 36. Generally, how do you feel about the output or productivity of Ethereum Core Dev Meetings?

282 responses

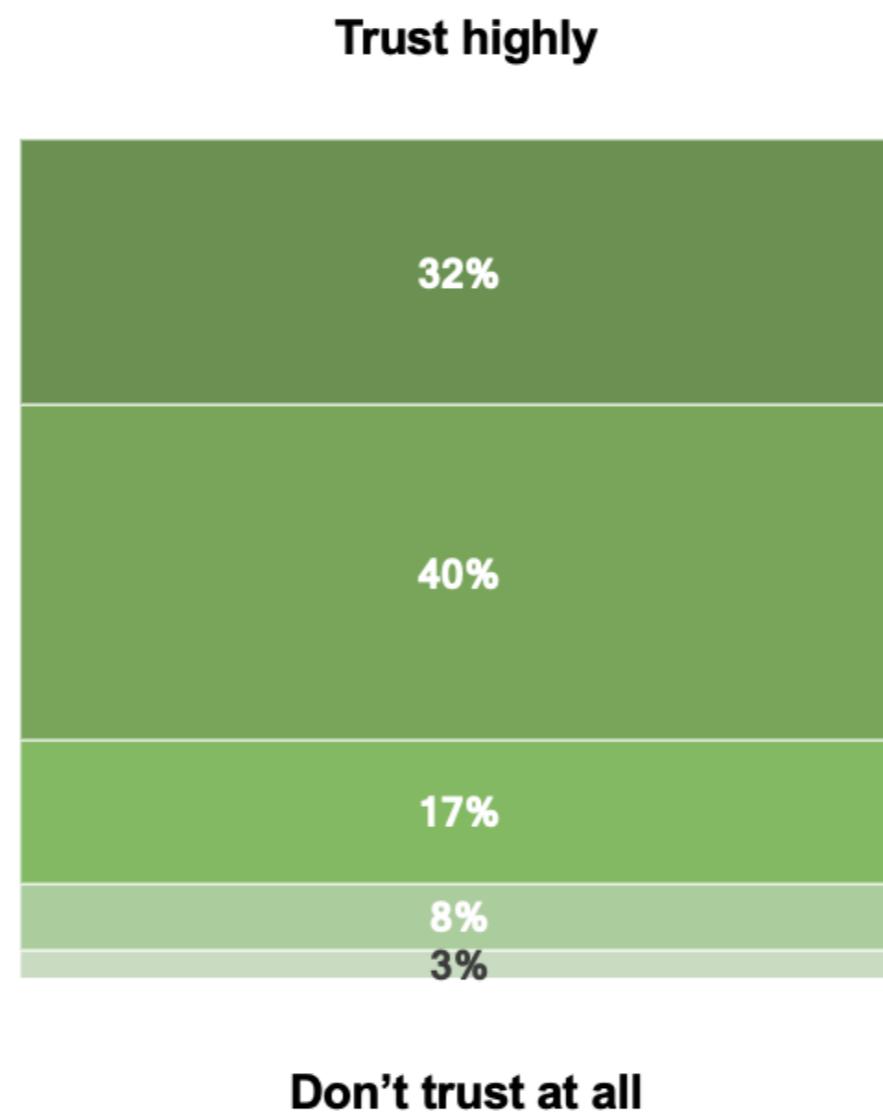
**Very satisfied**



**Very unsatisfied**

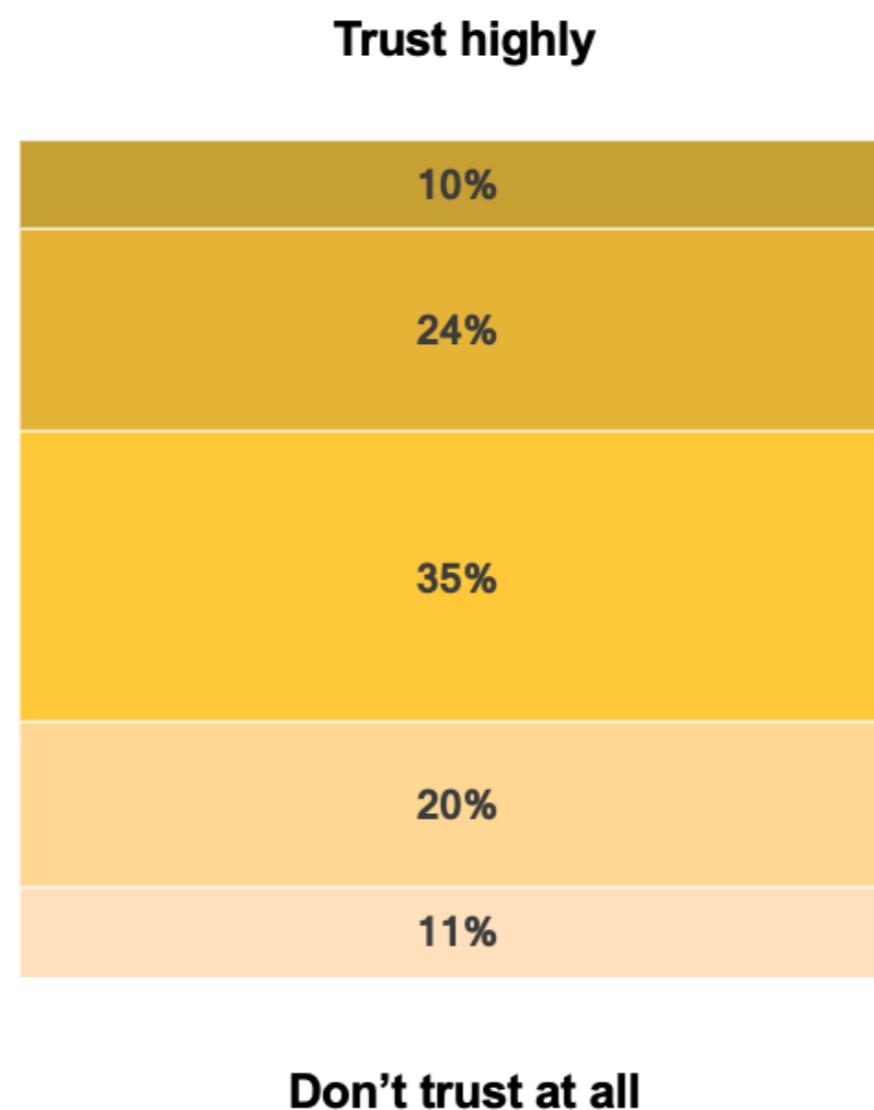
## 37. Do you trust the Ethereum Core Devs to make technical decisions in the best interest of the protocol?

282 responses



## 38. Do you trust the Ethereum Core Devs to make political decisions in the best interest of the protocol?

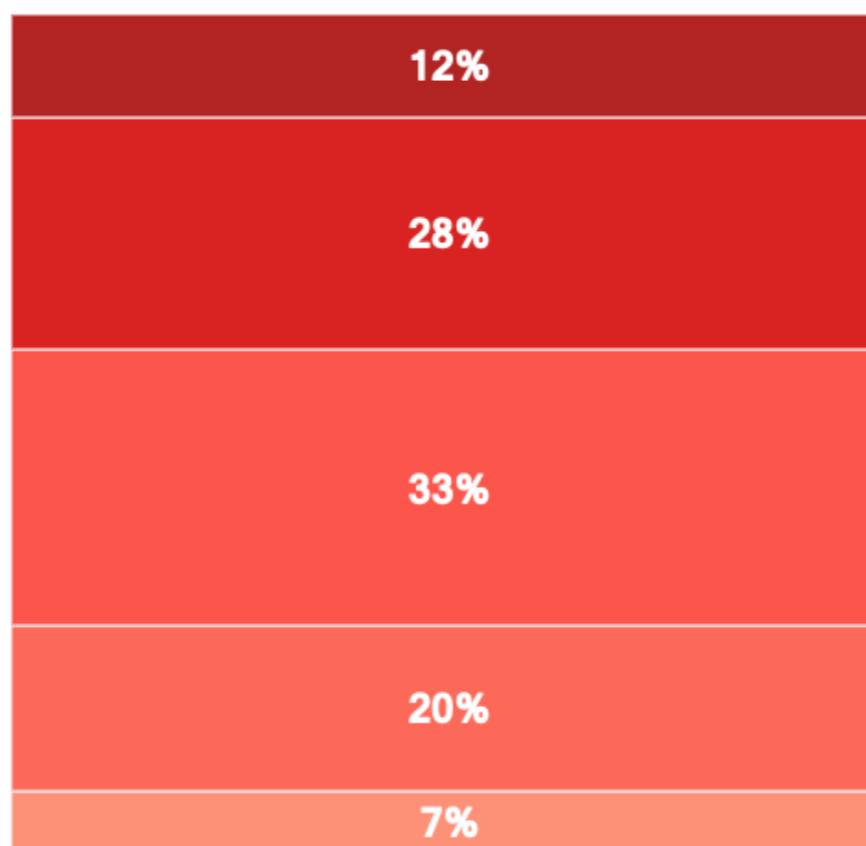
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### 39. Do you feel that the decision making process conducted by Ethereum Core Devs is clear and transparent?

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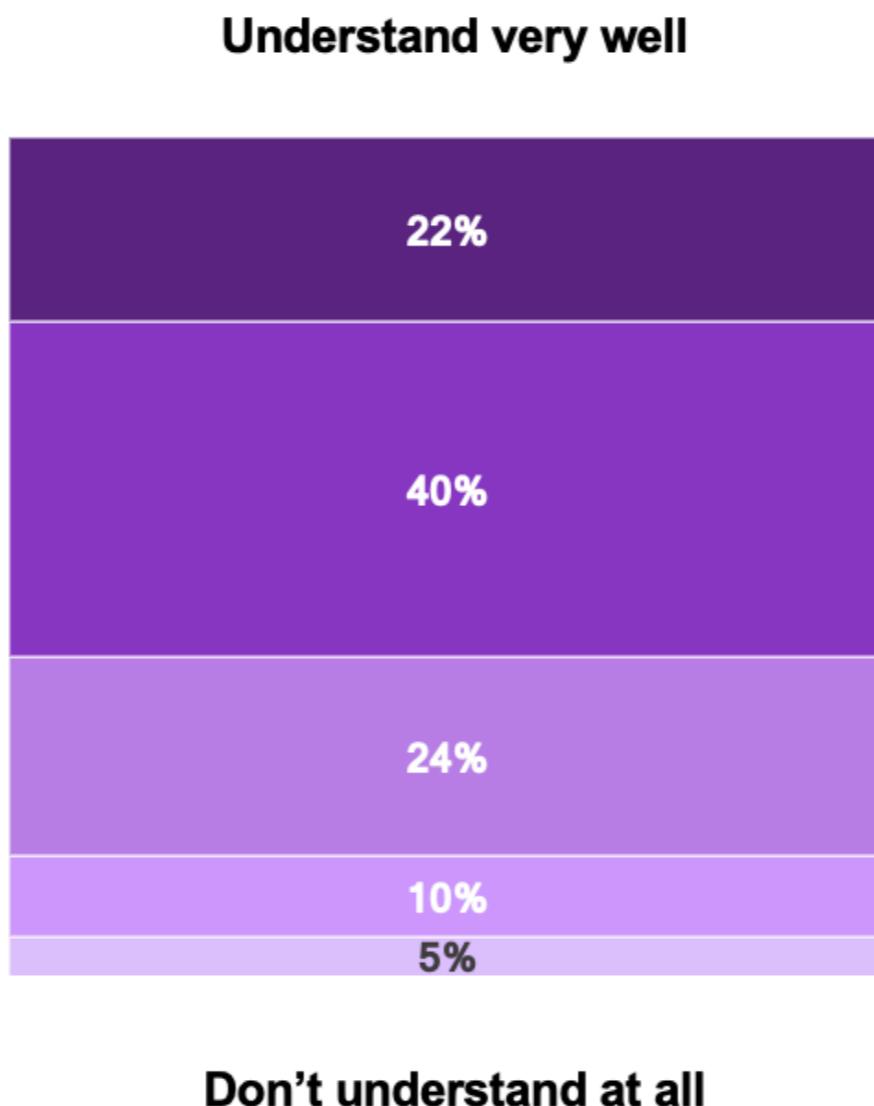
**Very clear and transparent**



**Very unclear and opaque**

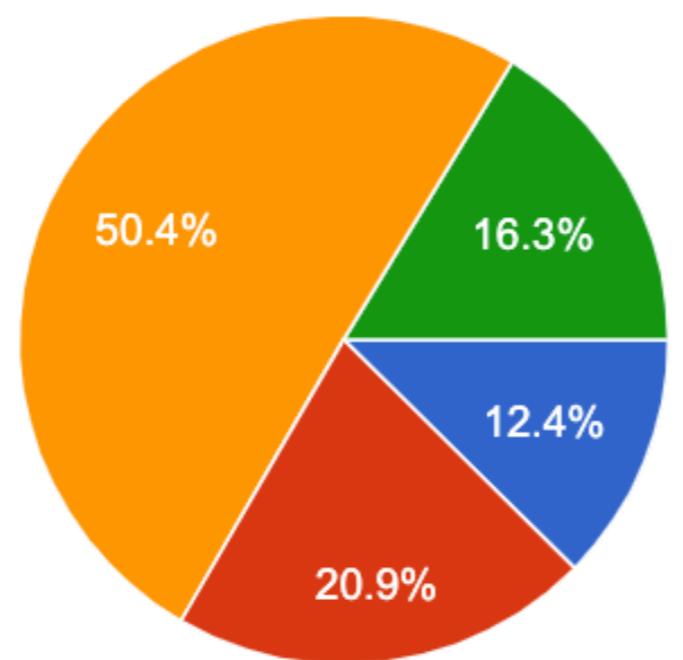
## 40. Generally, do you understand the Ethereum Improvement Proposal (EIP) Process?

282 responses



## 41. What is your level of interaction with the Ethereum Improvement Proposal (EIP) Process?

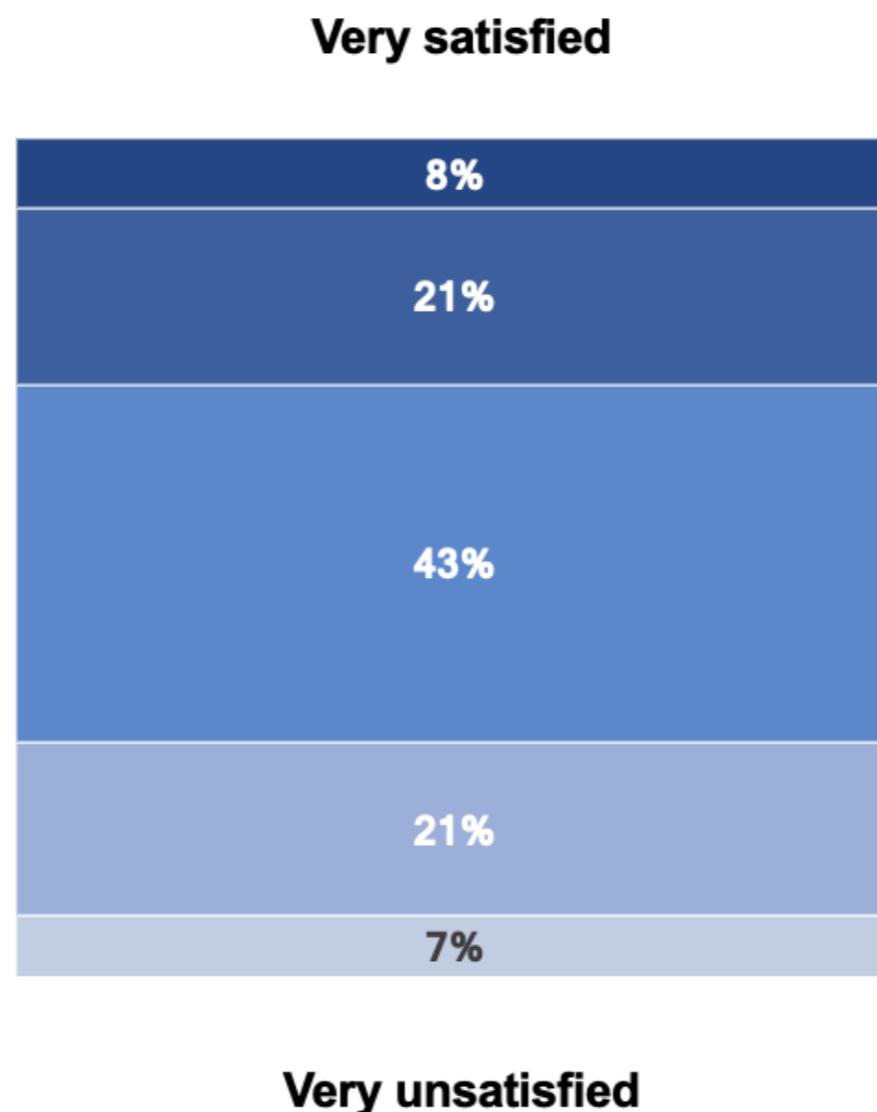
282 responses



- I have submitted a pull request to the EIP Repository on Github and/or contributed feedback on drafts.
- I have contributed or provided feedback on an EIP draft but never submitted a proposal.
- I have visited the EIP official site but never submitted a proposal.
- None of the above.

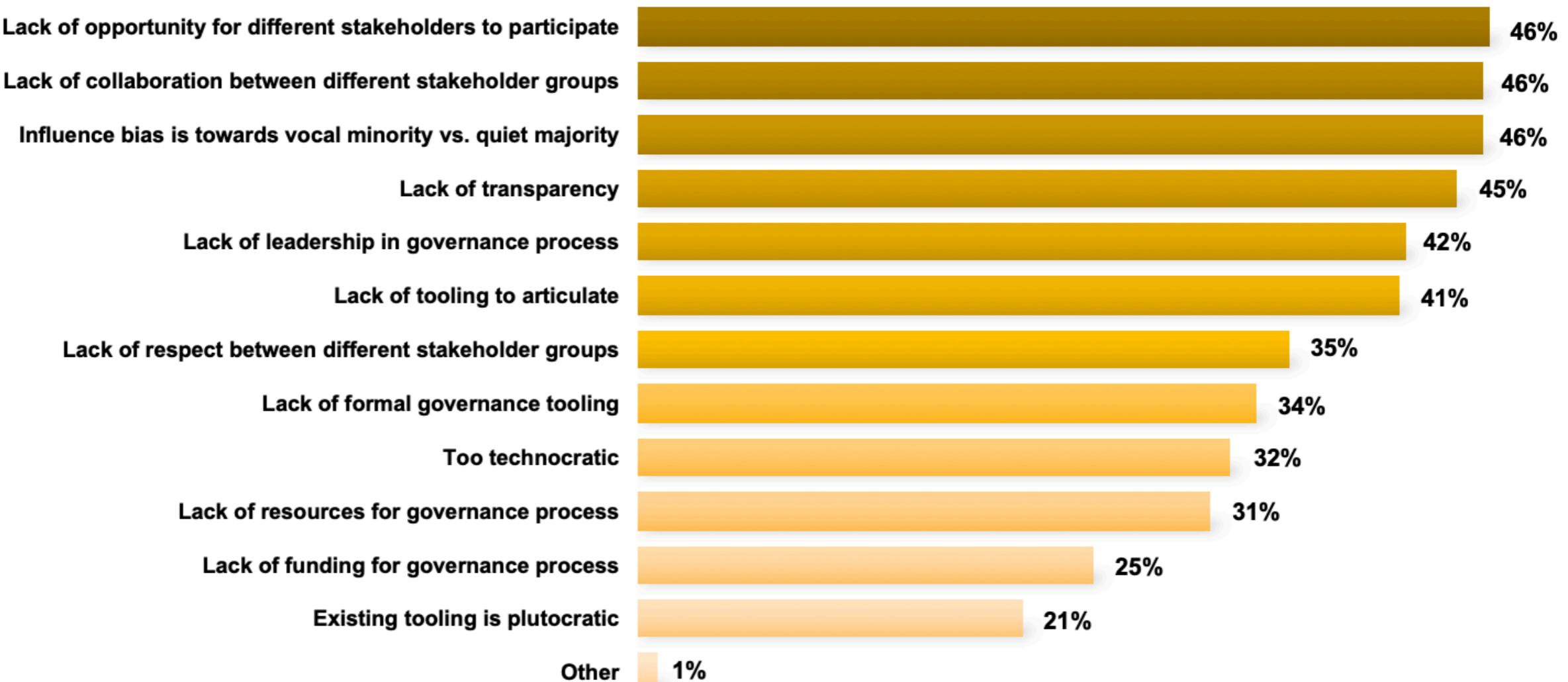
## 42. Overall, what is your degree of satisfaction with the EIP Process?

282 responses



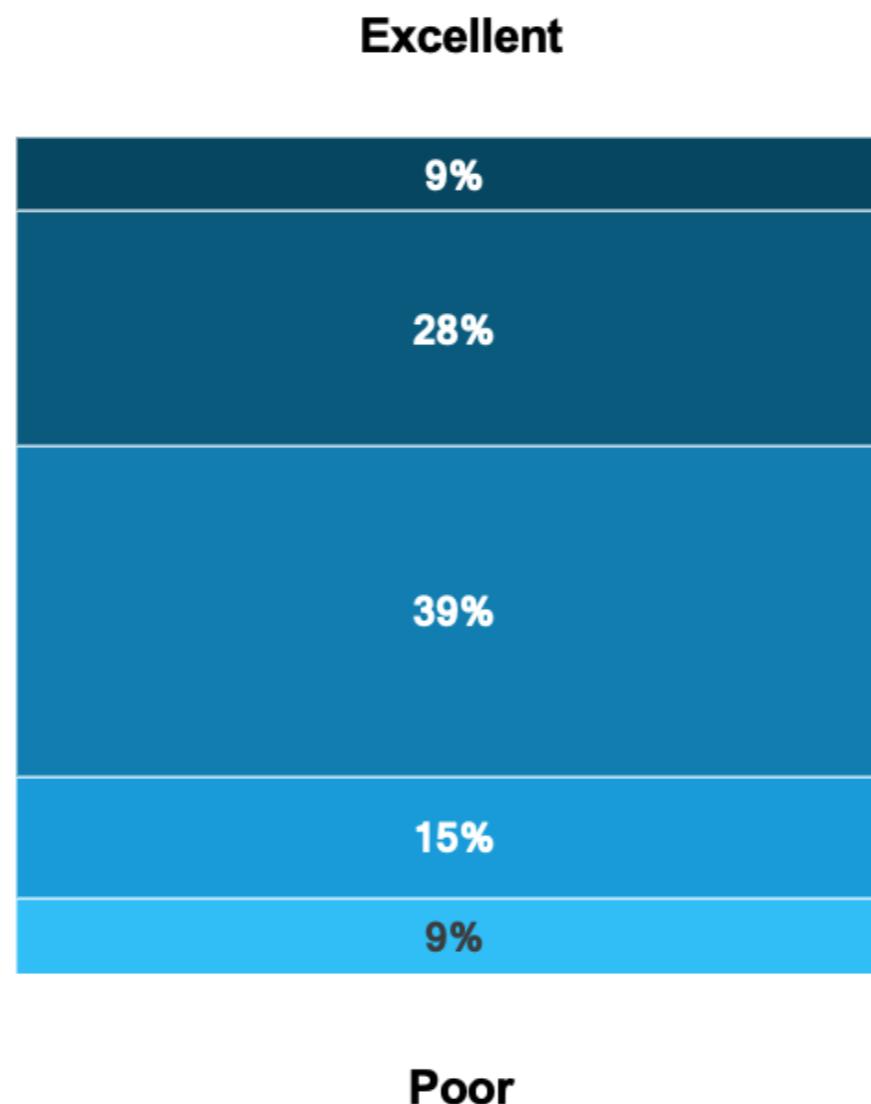
## 43. What challenges (if any) do you see with Ethereum governance? Select all that apply.

282 responses



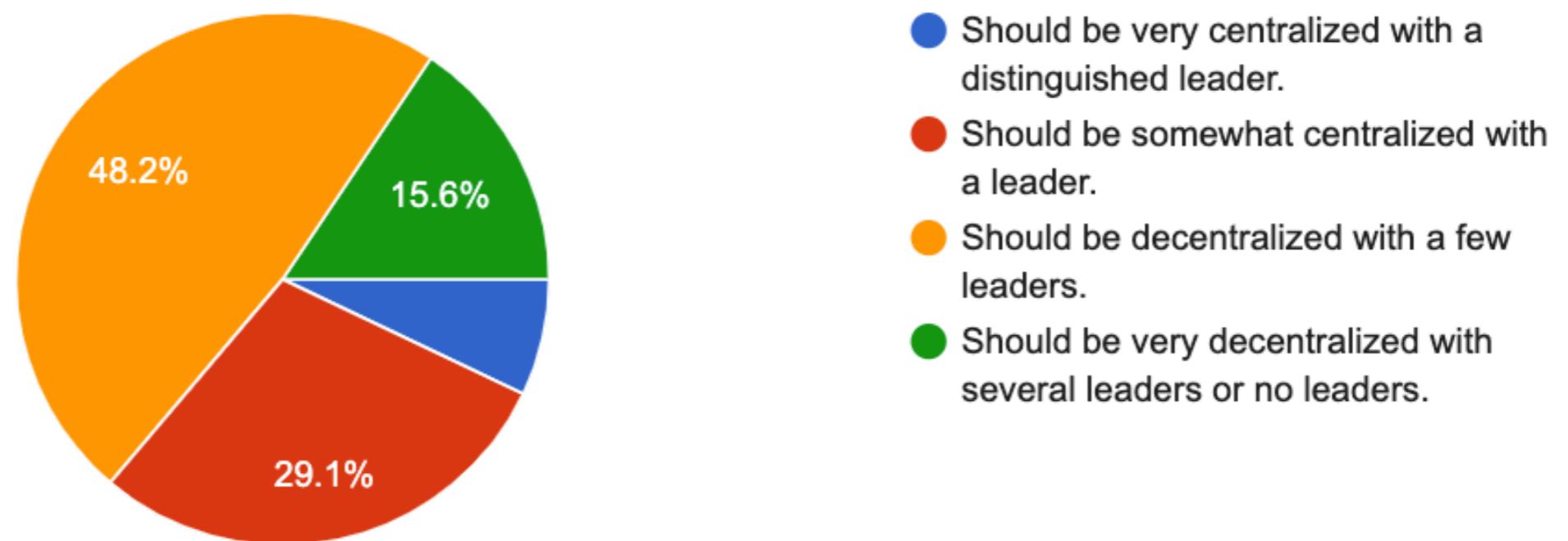
## 44. How do you feel about the project management efforts of Ethereum protocol development?

282 responses



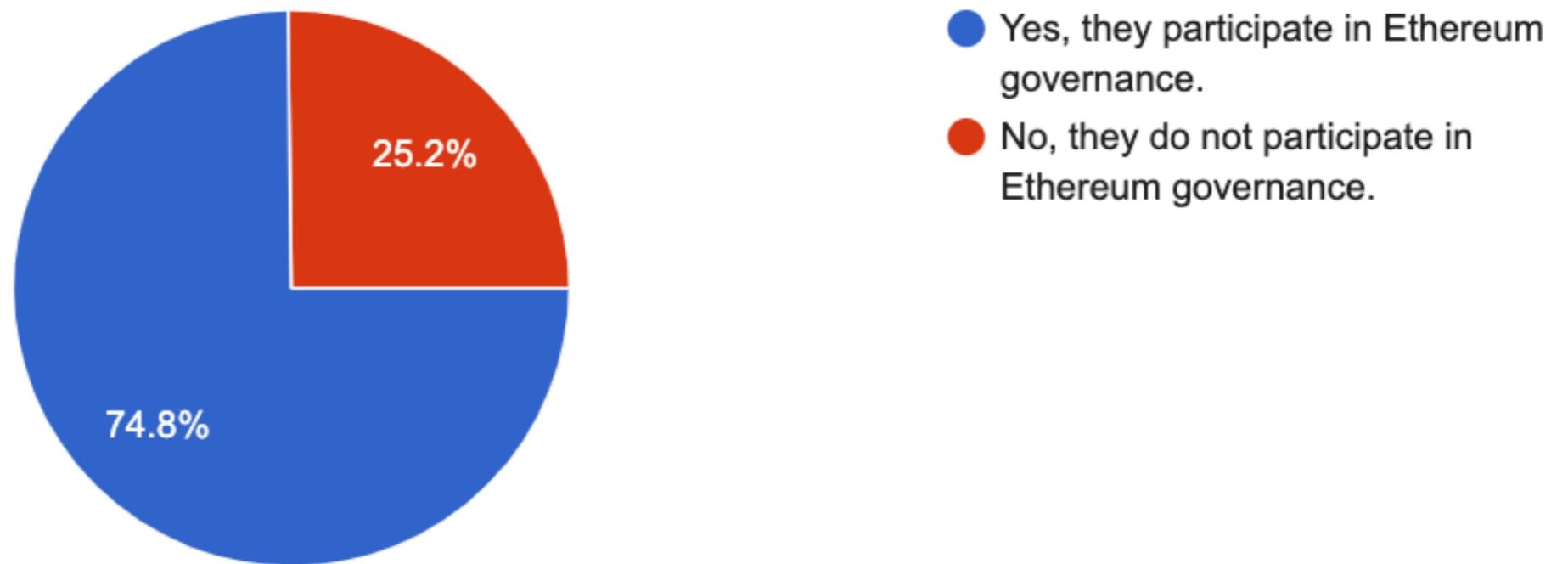
## 45. Do you think Ethereum project management efforts should be centralized/have a leader?

282 responses



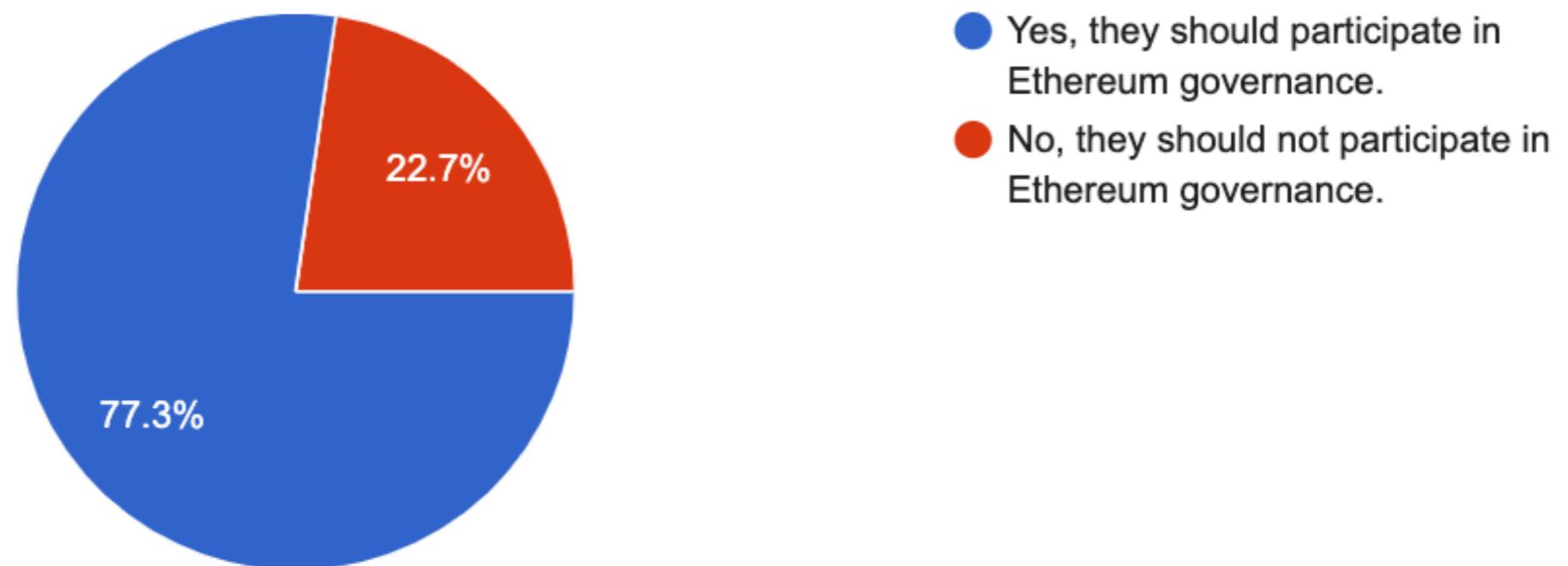
## 46. Do you believe miners/stakers participate in Ethereum governance?

282 responses



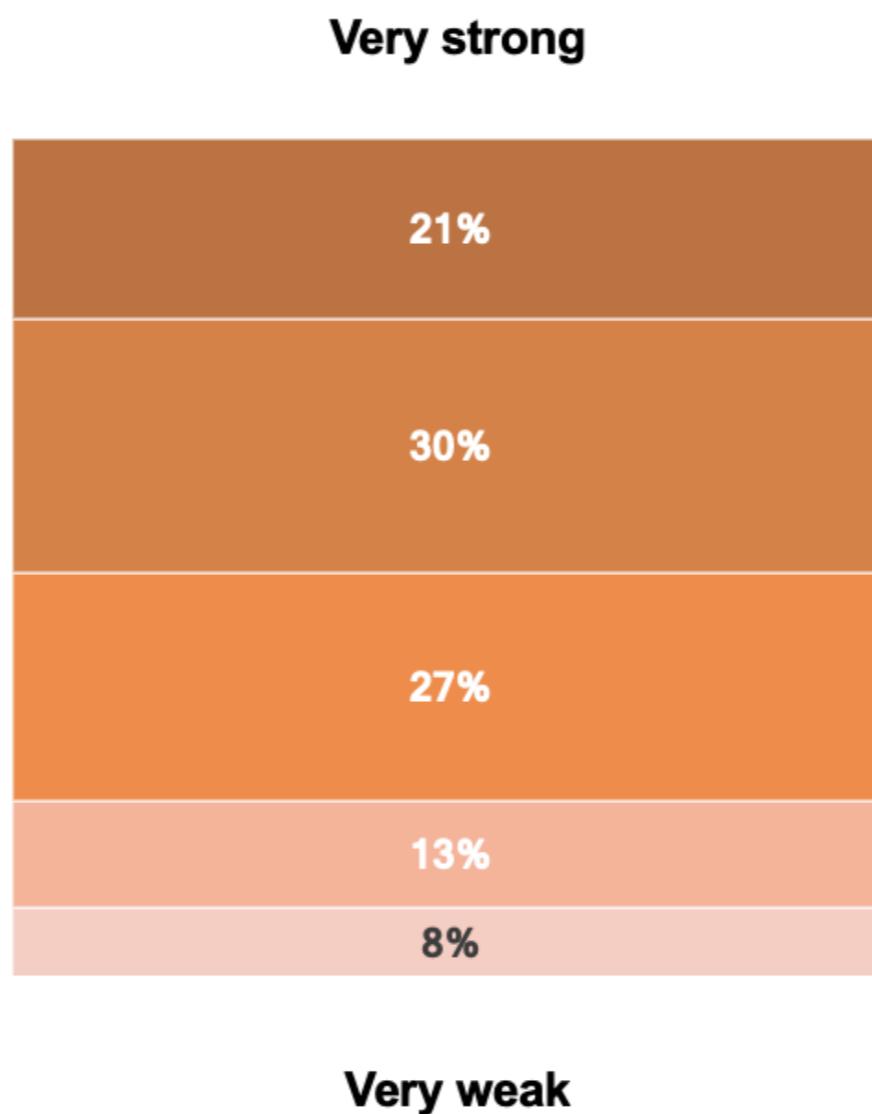
## 47. Do you believe that miners/stakers \*should\* participate in Ethereum governance?

282 responses



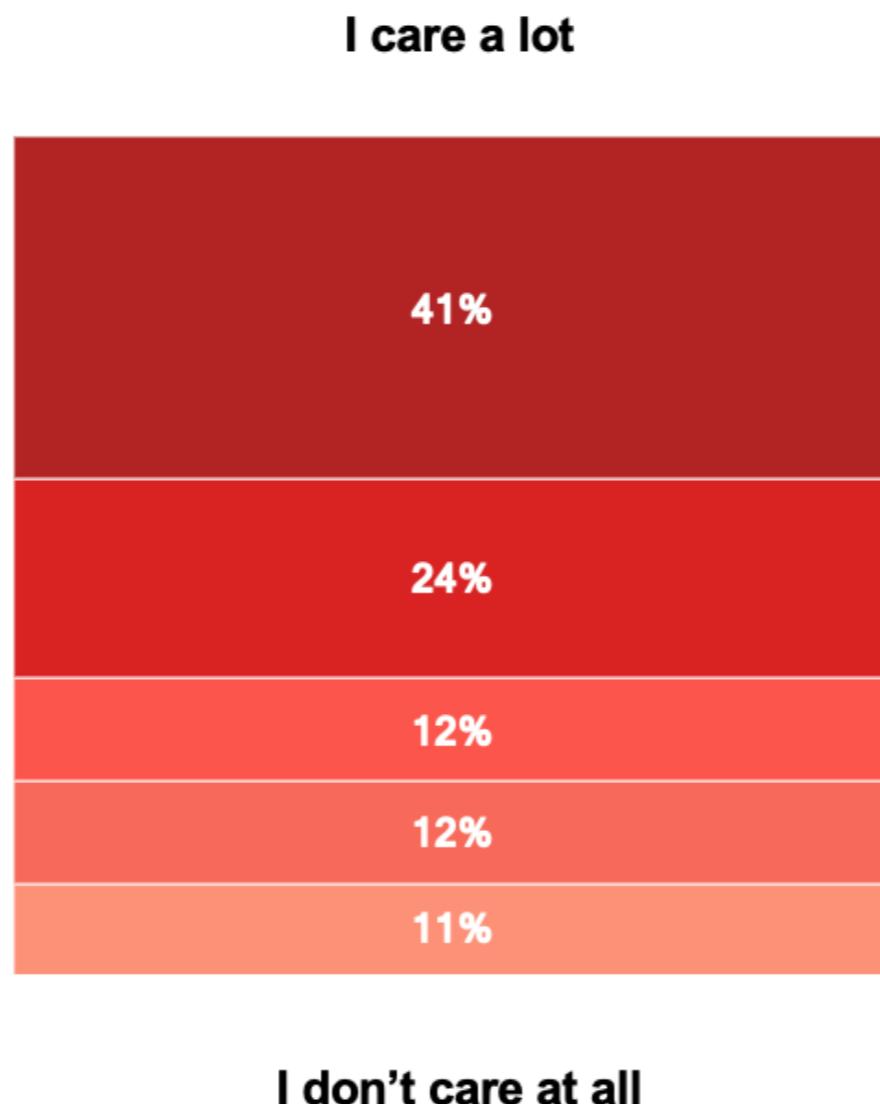
## 48. Do you feel that fear of a contentious hard fork is a strong mechanism to incentivize collaborative Ethereum governance?

282 responses



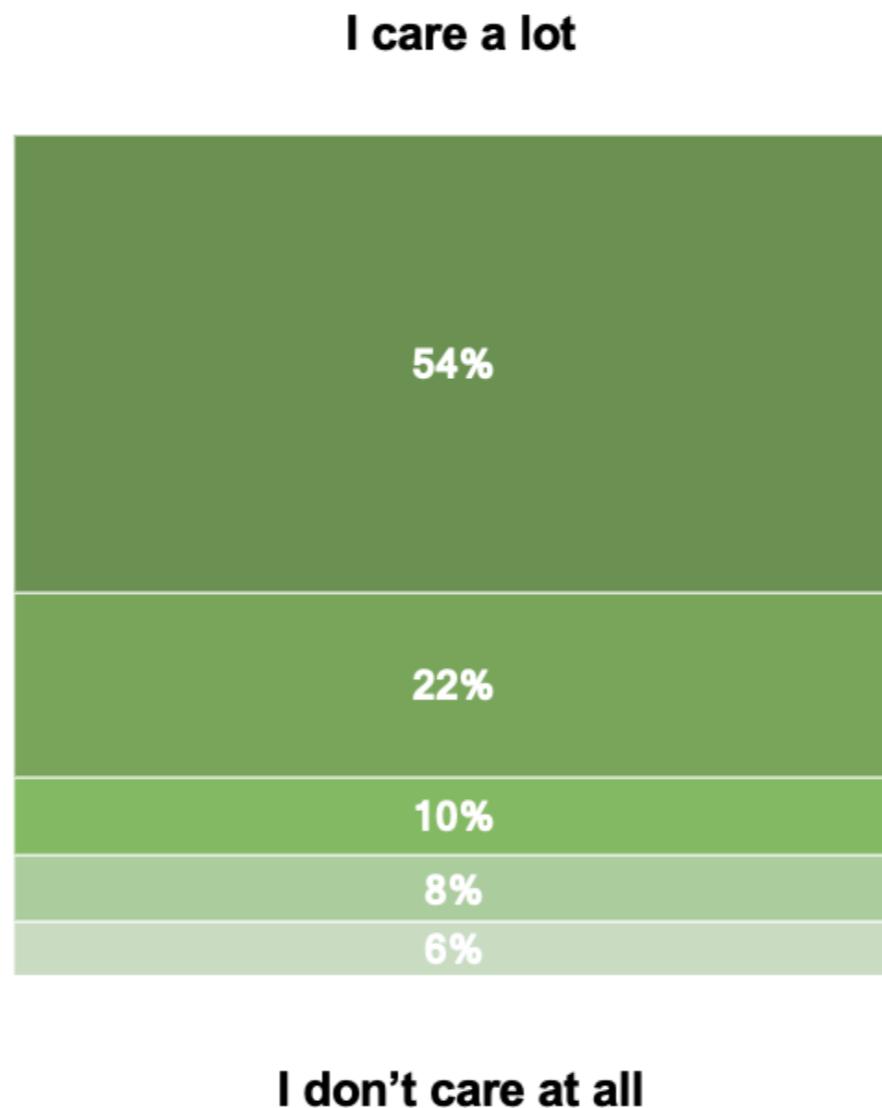
## 49. Do you care if the Ethereum chain splits?

282 responses



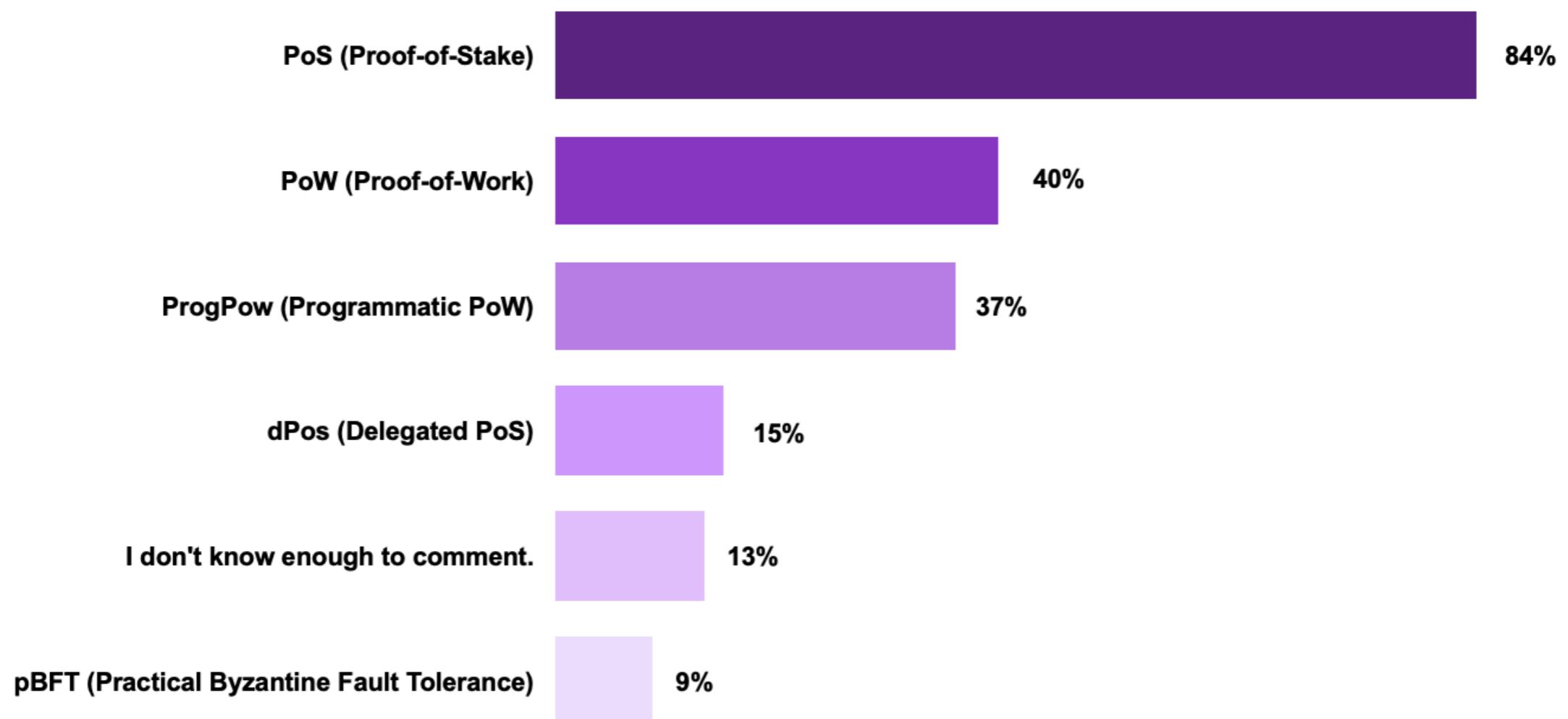
## 50. Do you care if the Ethereum community splits?

282 responses



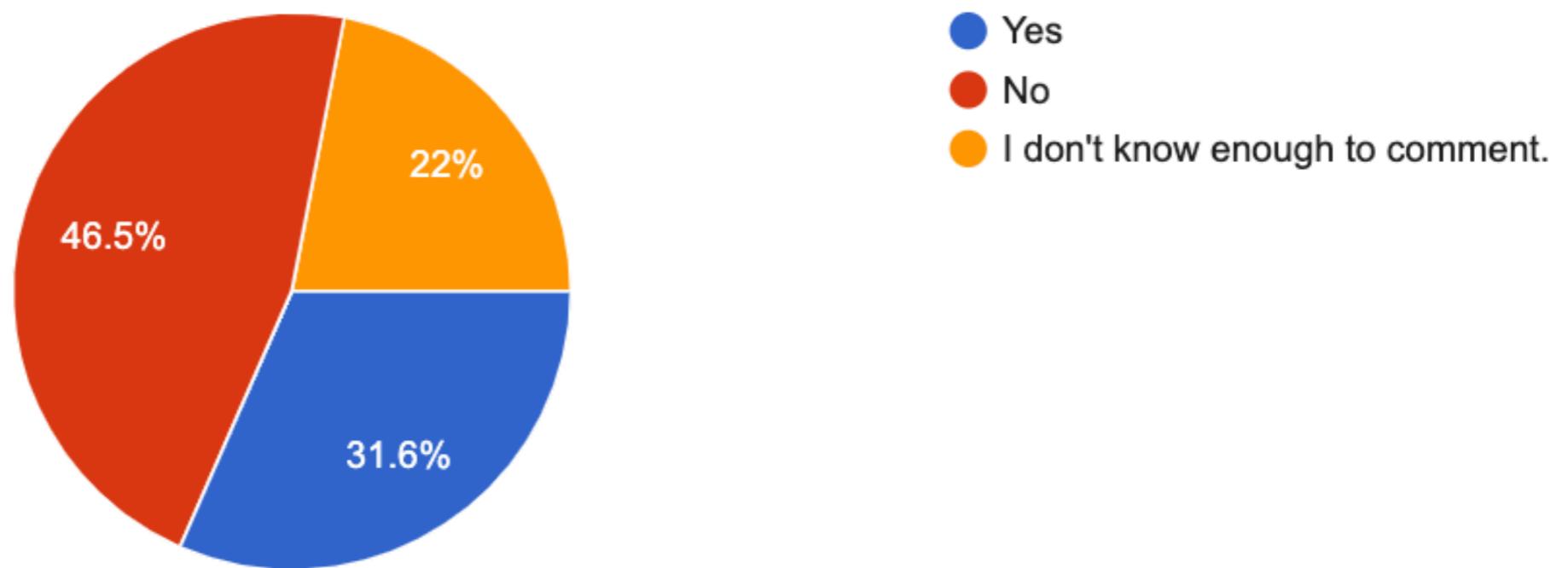
## 51. Which of these consensus mechanisms would you support for Ethereum? Select all that apply.

282 responses



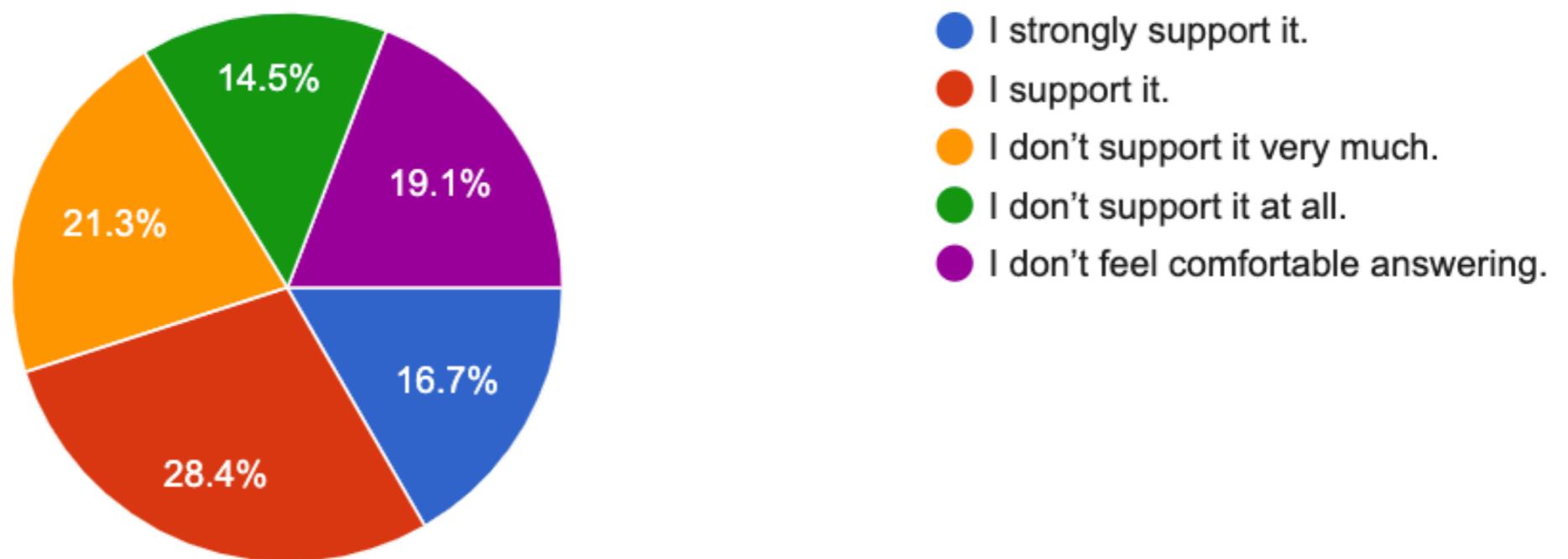
## 52. Do you support on-chain governance (eg. delegated stakers)?

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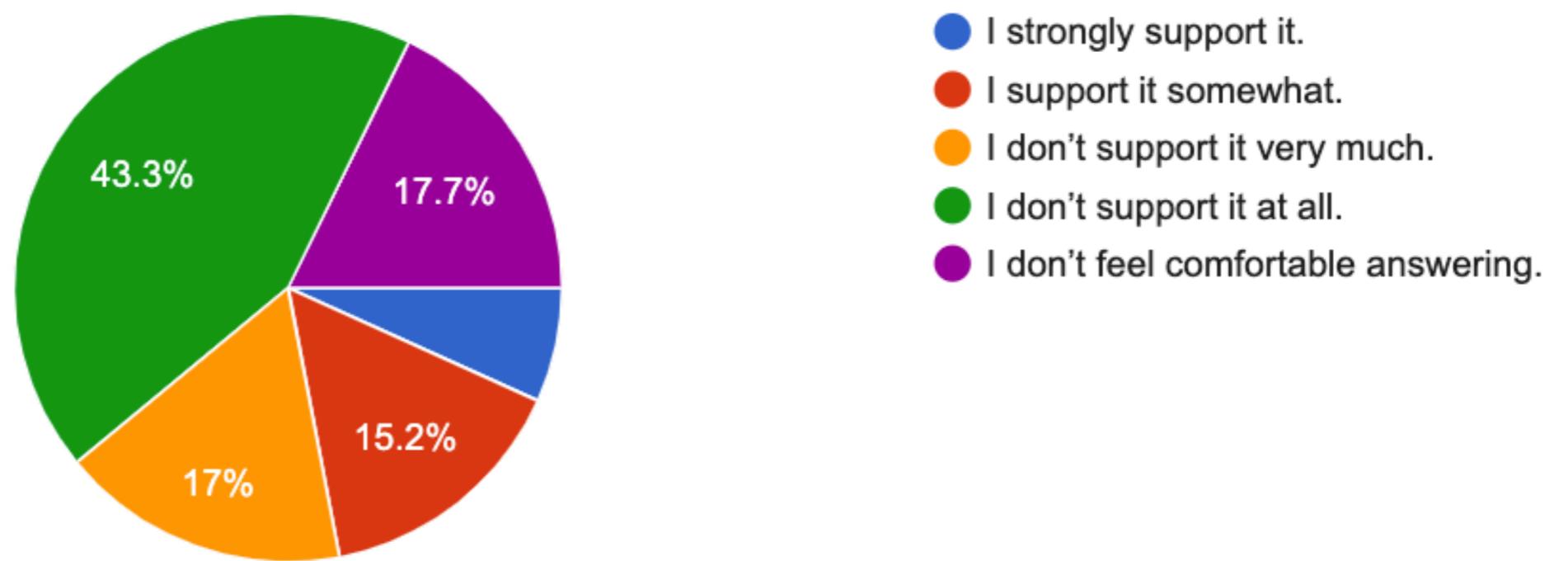
### 53. Do you support EIP 1890: Commitment to Sustainable Ecosystem Funding (eg. block rewards funding)?

282 responses



## 54. Do you support EIP 999: Restore Contract Code at 0x863DF6BFa4 (Parity multi-sig)?

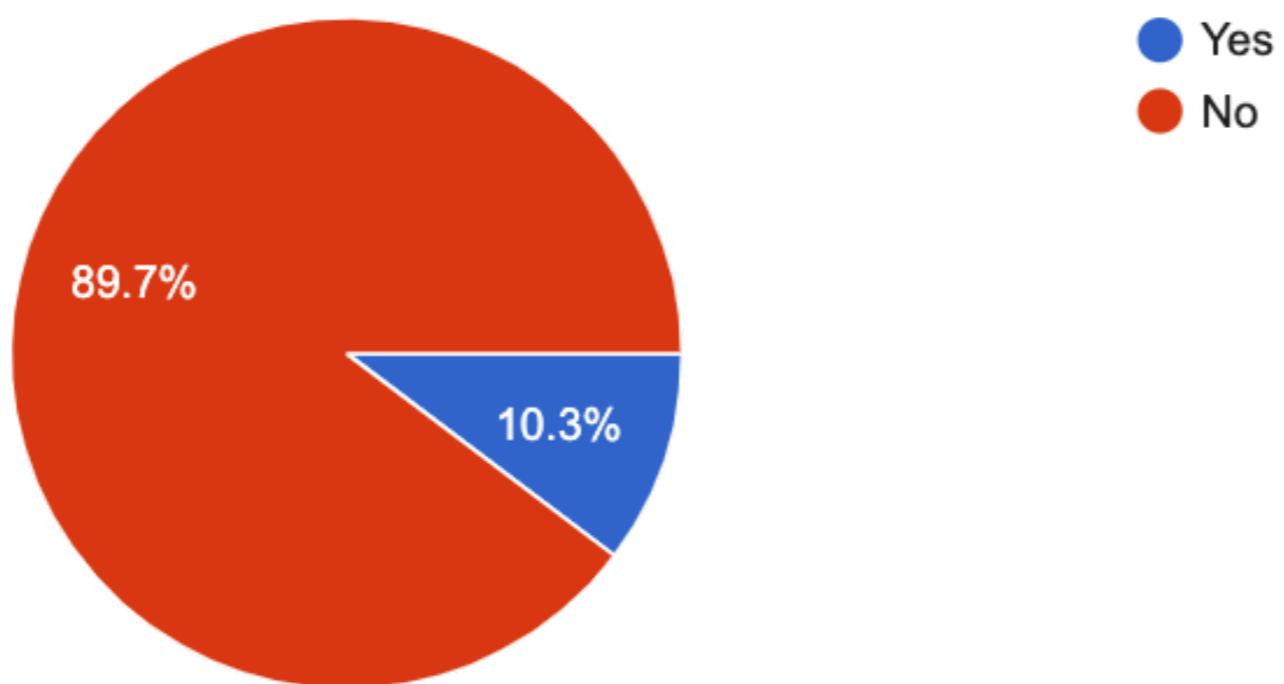
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## **IV. Governance Mechanisms**

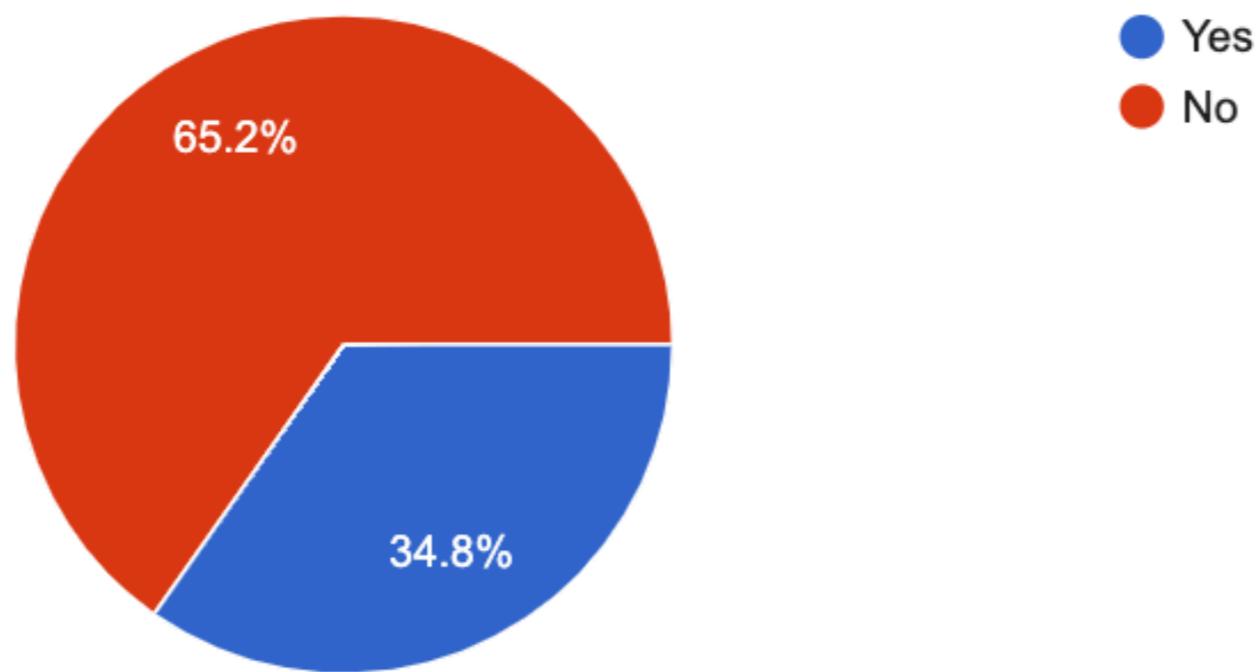
## 55. Have you ever submitted a stance on Tennagraph?

282 responses



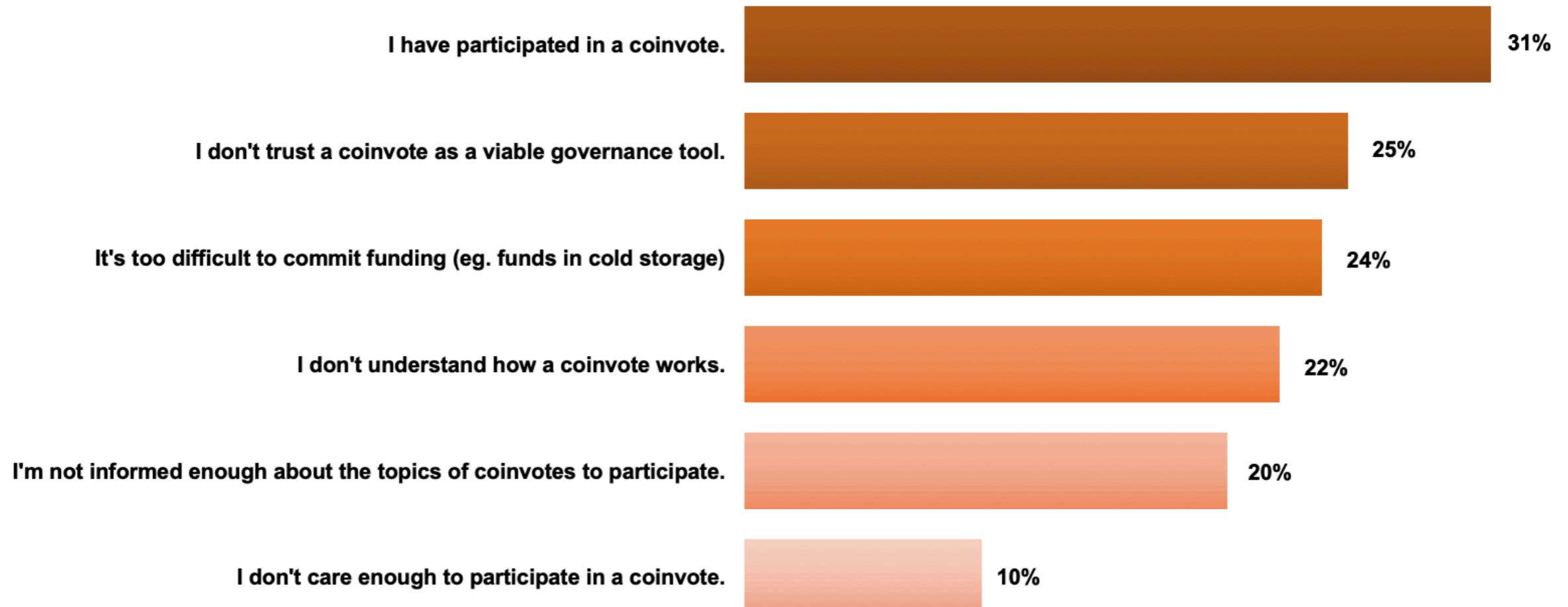
**56. Have you ever participated in a coinvote in regards to Ethereum?  
(eg. Carbonvote)**

282 responses



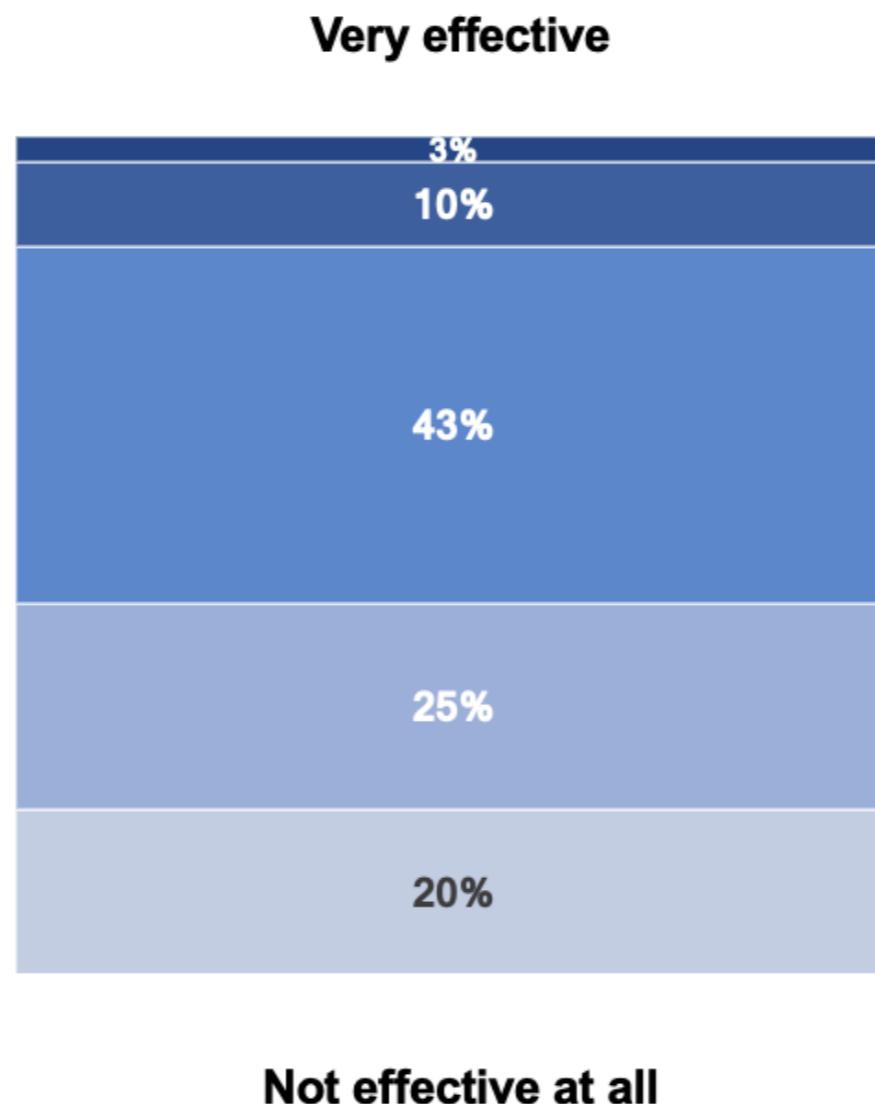
## 57. Why have you not participated in a coinvote? Select all that apply.

282 responses



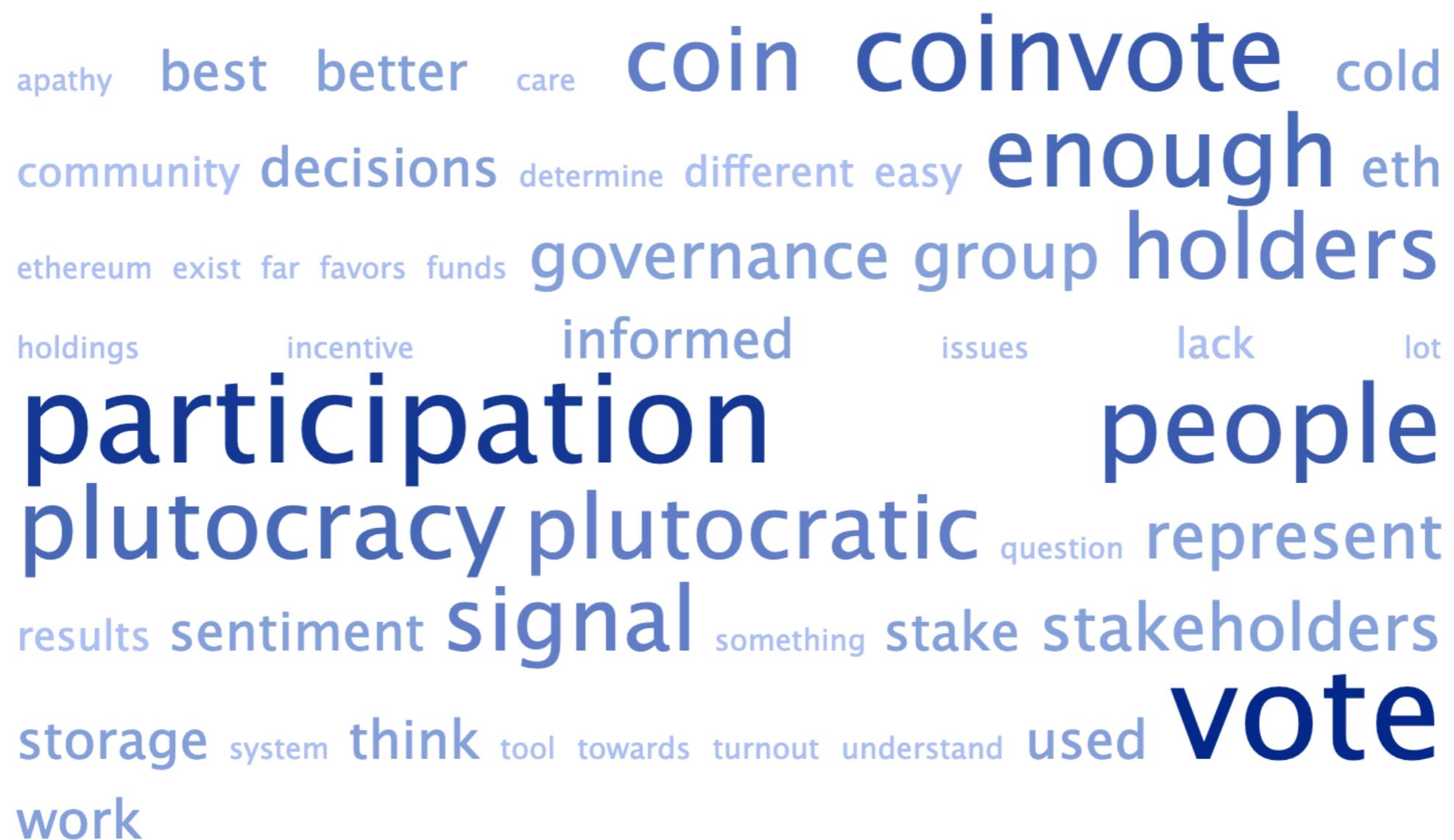
## 58. Do you feel that coinvotes are effective tools for deriving a group's sentiment?

282 responses



## 59. Why do you feel that way about coinvotes?

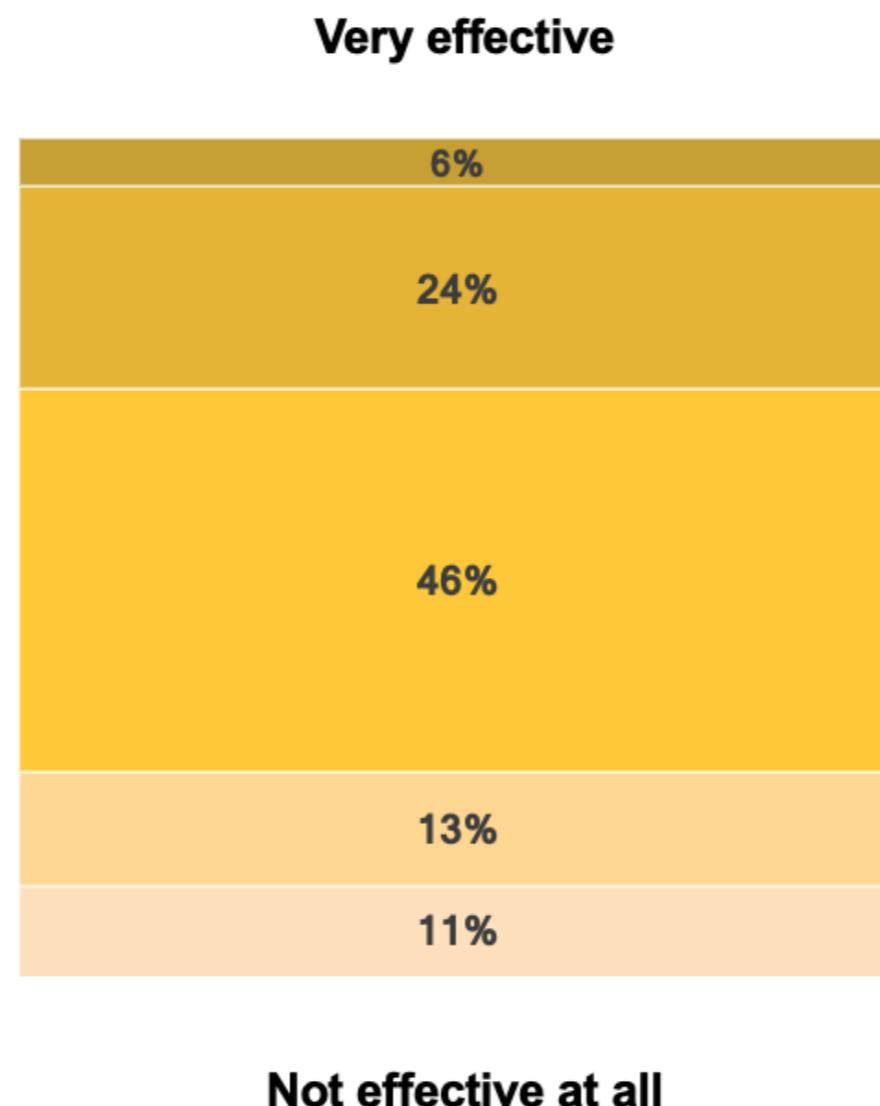
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## 60. Do you feel that prediction market tools (eg. futarchy) are effective for deriving a group's sentiment?

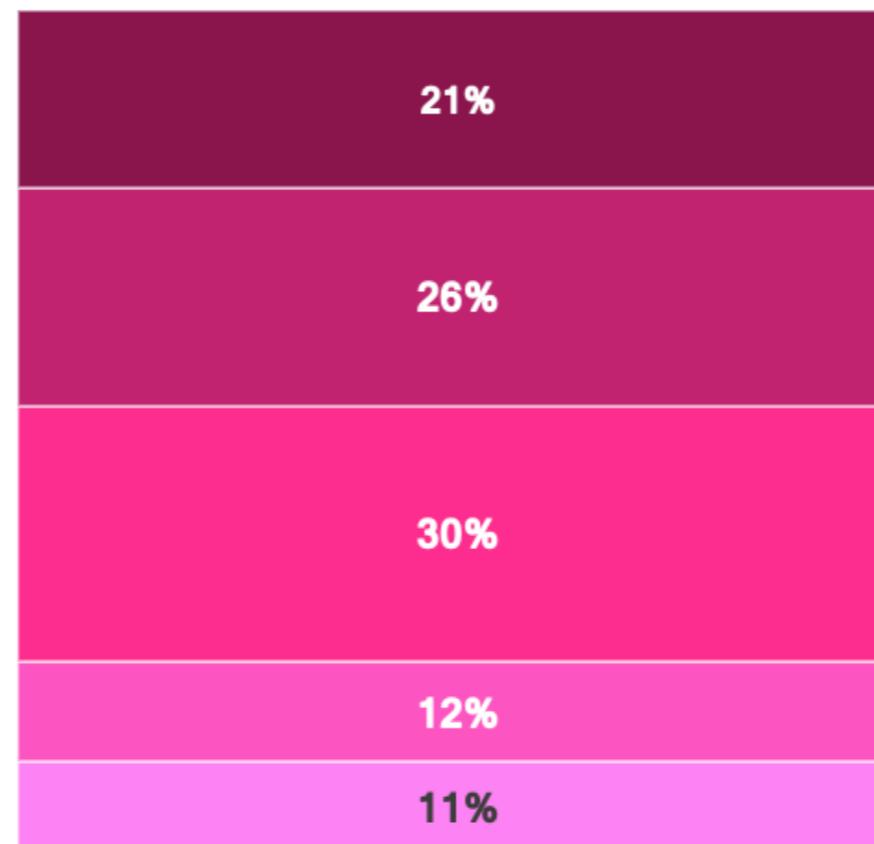
282 responses



## 61. Do you feel that an identity solution would be effective for Ethereum governance?

282 responses

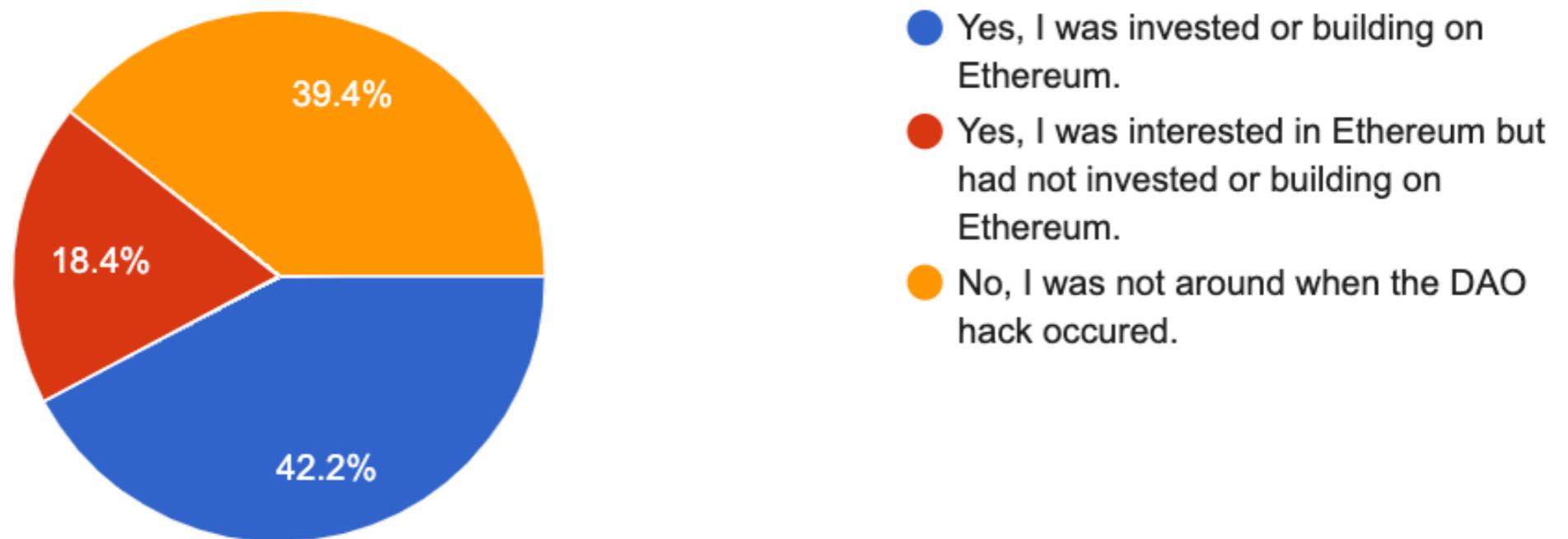
**Very effective**



**Not effective at all**

## 62. Were you “in Ethereum” when the DAO hack occurred?

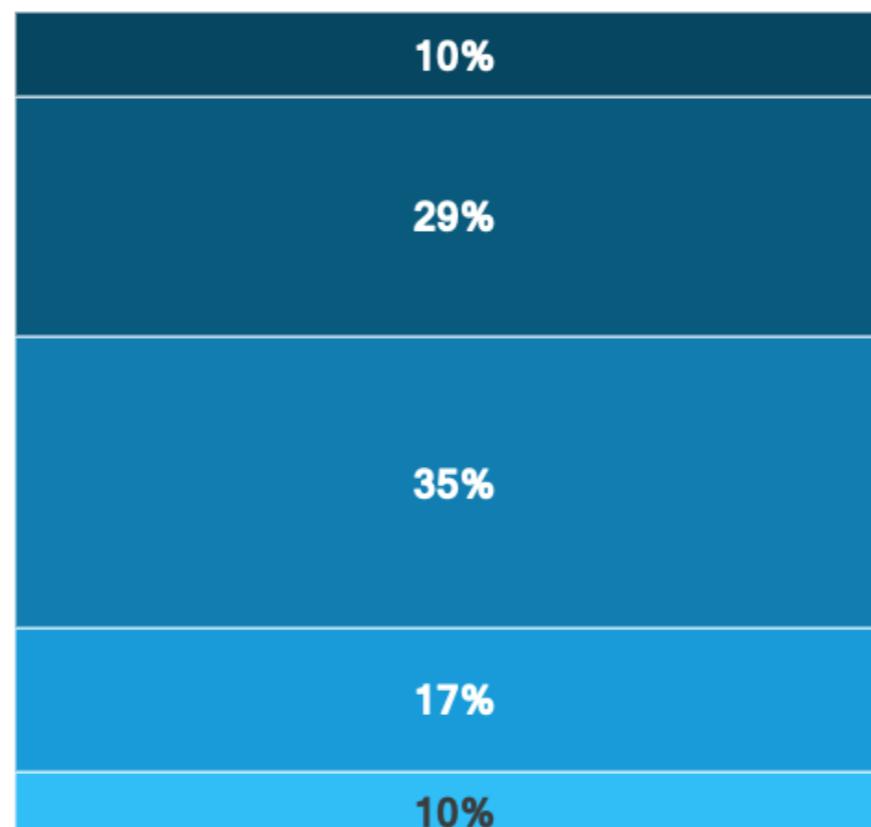
282 responses



63. Would you trust a decentralized autonomous organization (DAO) to make decisions on Ethereum governance (eg. public goods funding distribution)?

282 responses

**Trust highly**



**Don't trust at all**

## 64. Should the Ethereum Foundation create a DAO or distribute funding through a DAO mechanism?

282 responses

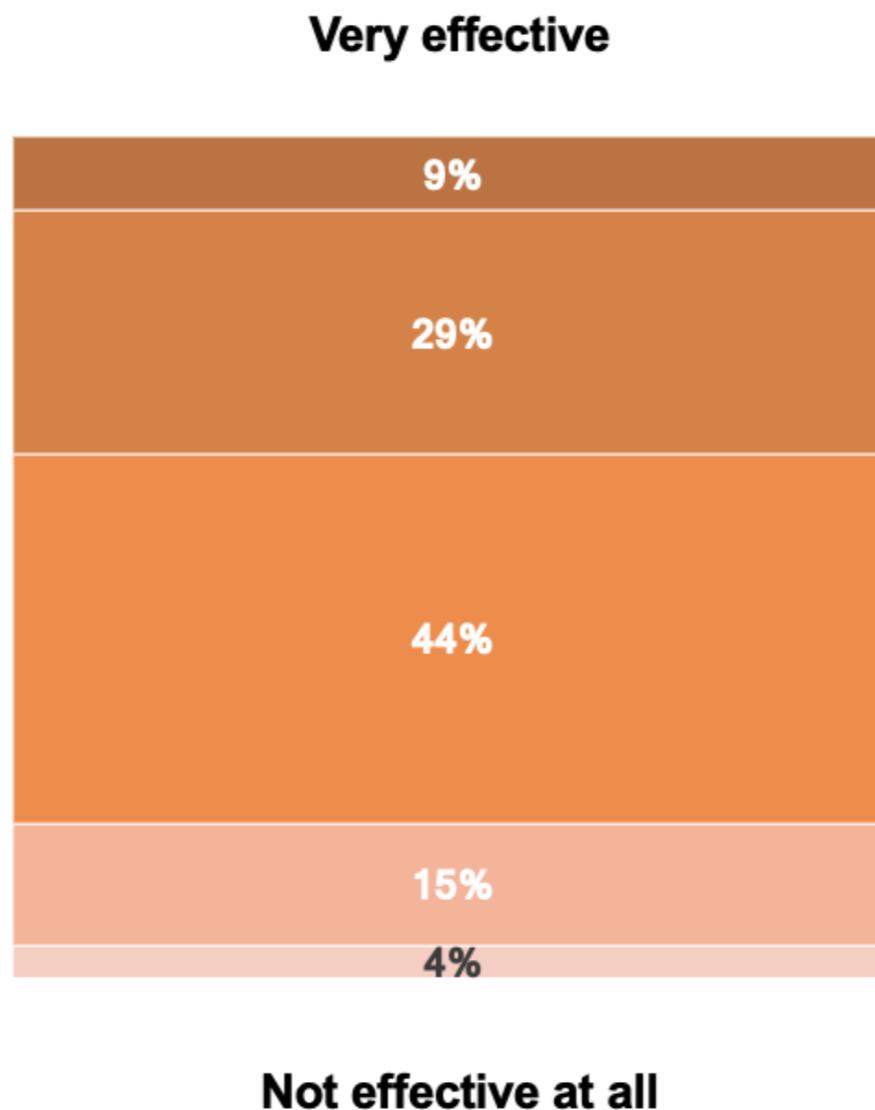
**Strongly agree**



**Strongly disagree**

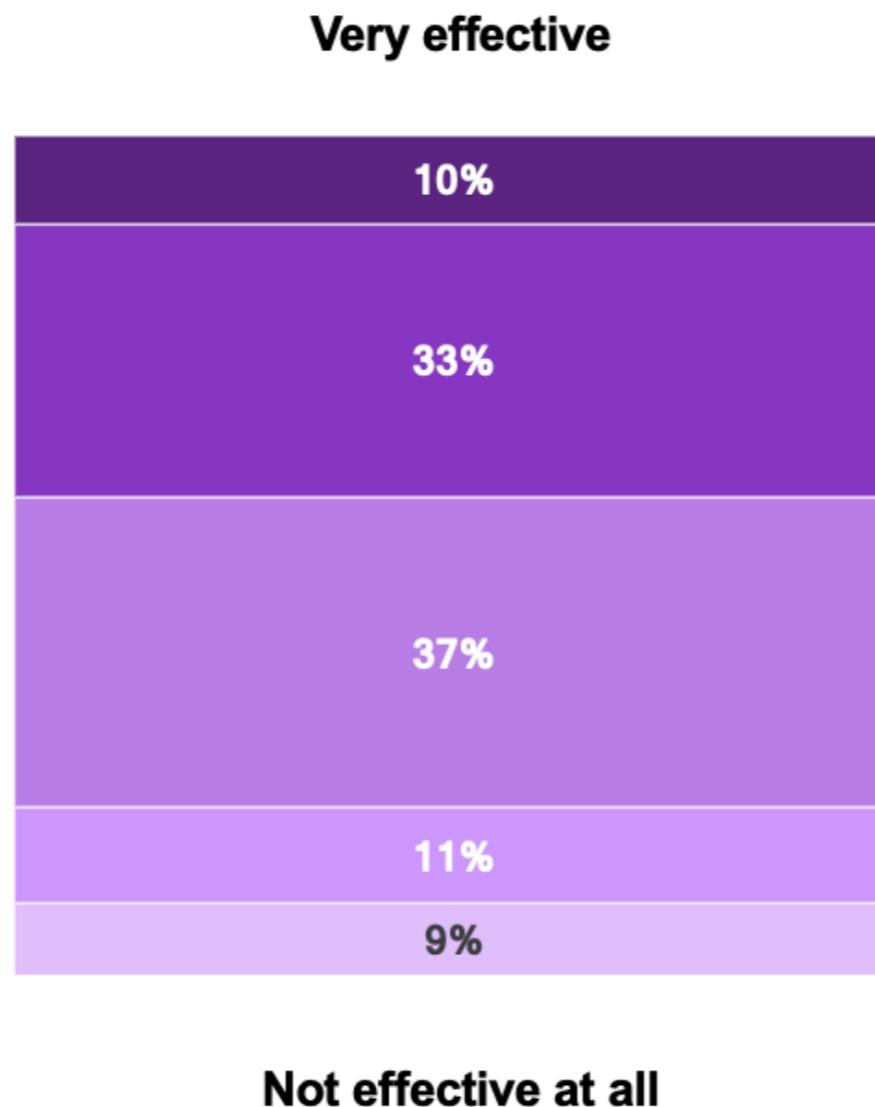
## 65. Do you think conviction voting/staking is an effective mechanism to support Ethereum governance and/or decision making?

282 responses



66. Do you think quadratic voting is an effective mechanism to support Ethereum governance and/or decision making, a 1 person 1 vote (1p1v) mechanism for Ethereum governance?

282 responses



## 67. What is your preferred political system for Ethereum governance?

260 responses

