

Our apologies for the fact that we do not yet have a complete draft, we are currently analyzing the preliminary data enclosed below and will have a more complete data presentation and draft for the conference.

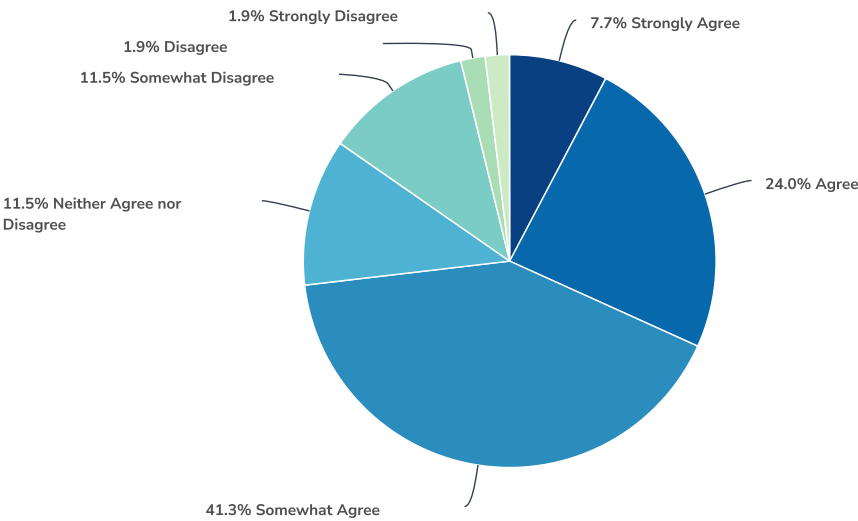
Political efficacy, or the feeling that one has some degree of influence over their political surroundings, is essential for the functioning of a representative democracy such as the United States. Research shows successfully completing a course in American Politics can increase feelings of efficacy in students (Colby et al 2007, Dominguez et al 2017), but do not isolate a specific mechanism that is causing this increase. It is therefore not clear to what extent high impact pedagogical practices can bolster this increased feeling of efficacy (Galston 2001). Some attempts to develop political efficacy have focused on resource intensive projects (Elder et al 2007, DeLaet 2016). My co-author and I examine the ways in which small classroom assignments that require students to directly practice the skills of citizenship can cause students to gain confidence that they can effectively participate in politics. By comparing sections of POL 101 with interactive assignments such as contacting one's US Representative and signing a petition to sections without these elements, we explore what educators can do to foster political efficacy in their Introduction to American Politics courses. The civic engagement assignments we use directly replicate the skills of active citizenship and are not time intensive for either students or educators to implement, making them an ideal tool for cultivating political efficacy. Our research therefore has the potential to identify specific, easily adoptable teaching techniques that can increase student political efficacy without burdening either educators or students.

Report for Political Efficacy

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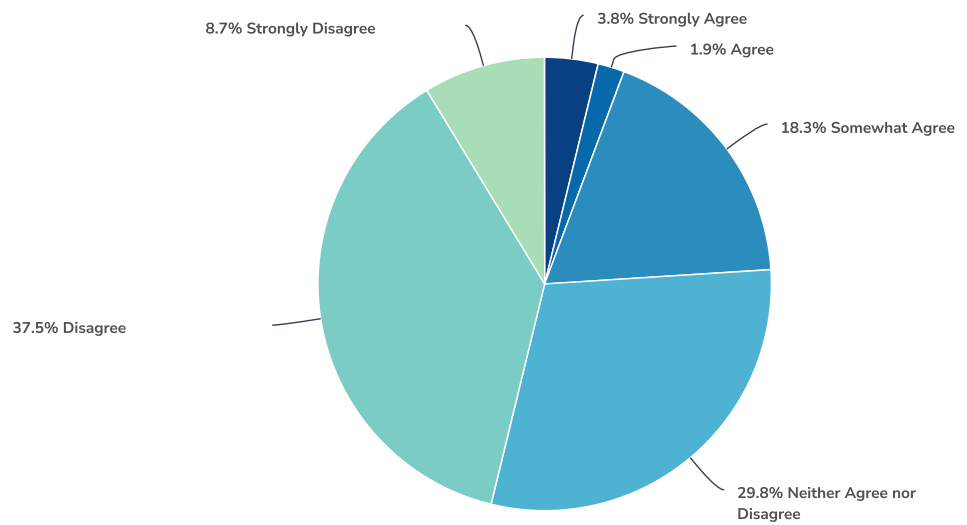
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1. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “Public officials don’t care much what people like me think”



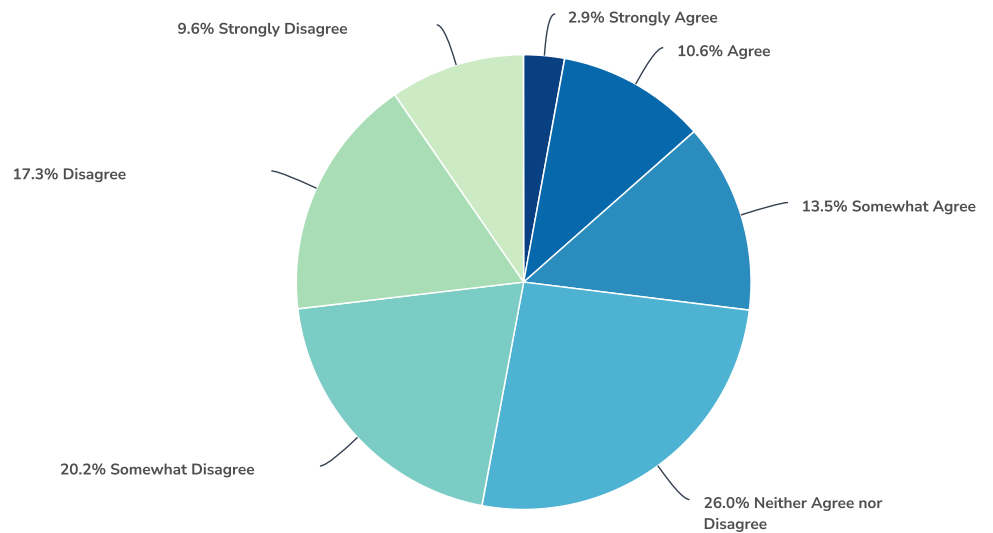
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Strongly Agree	7.7%	8
Agree	24.0%	25
Somewhat Agree	41.3%	43
Neither Agree nor Disagree	11.5%	12
Somewhat Disagree	11.5%	12
Disagree	1.9%	2
Strongly Disagree	1.9%	2
		Totals: 104

2. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “I think I am better informed about politics and government than most people”



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	3.8%	4
Agree	1.9%	2
Somewhat Agree	18.3%	19
Neither Agree nor Disagree	29.8%	31
Disagree	37.5%	39
Strongly Disagree	8.7%	9
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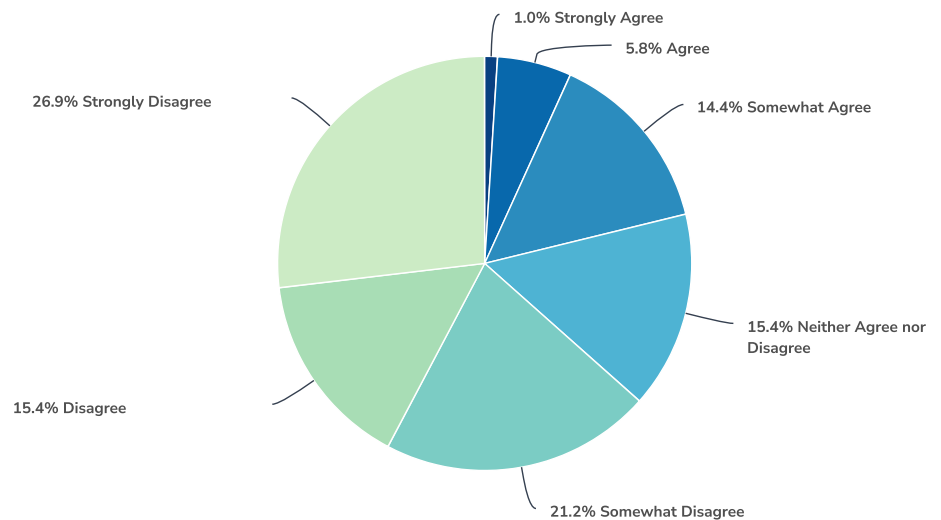
3. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “I consider myself well qualified to participate in politics.”



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	2.9%	3
Agree	10.6%	11
		Totals: 104

Value	Percent	Responses
Somewhat Agree	13.5%	14
Neither Agree nor Disagree	26.0%	27
Somewhat Disagree	20.2%	21
Disagree	17.3%	18
Strongly Disagree	9.6%	10
		Totals: 104

4. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “So many other people vote in elections that it doesn't matter much to me whether I vote or not.”



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	1.0%	1
Agree	5.8%	6
Somewhat Agree	14.4%	15
Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.4%	16
Somewhat Disagree	21.2%	22
Disagree	15.4%	16
Strongly Disagree	26.9%	28
		Totals: 104

5. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “People like me don't have any say about what the government does”

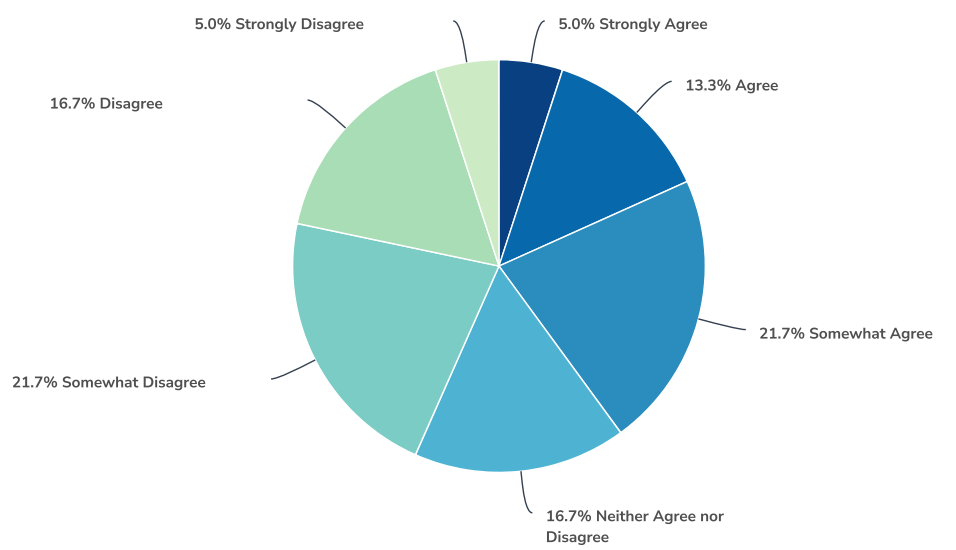
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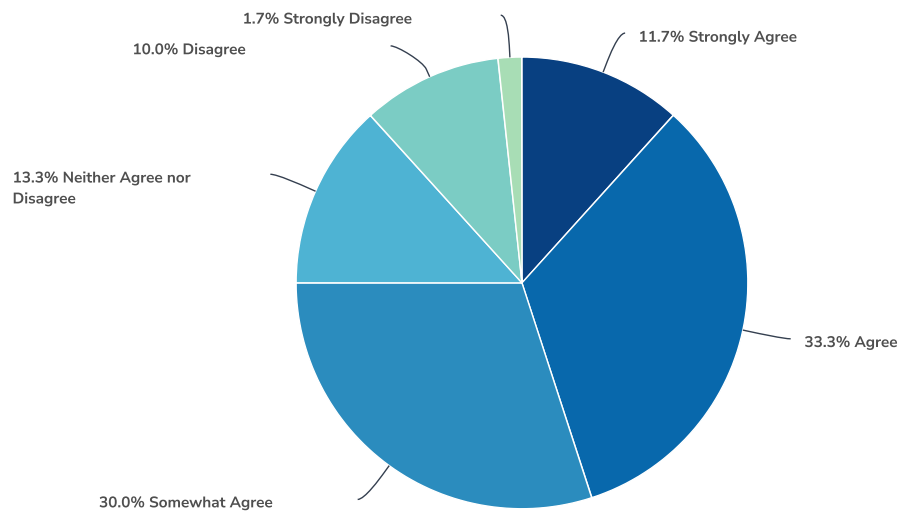
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1. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “Public officials don’t care much what people like me think”



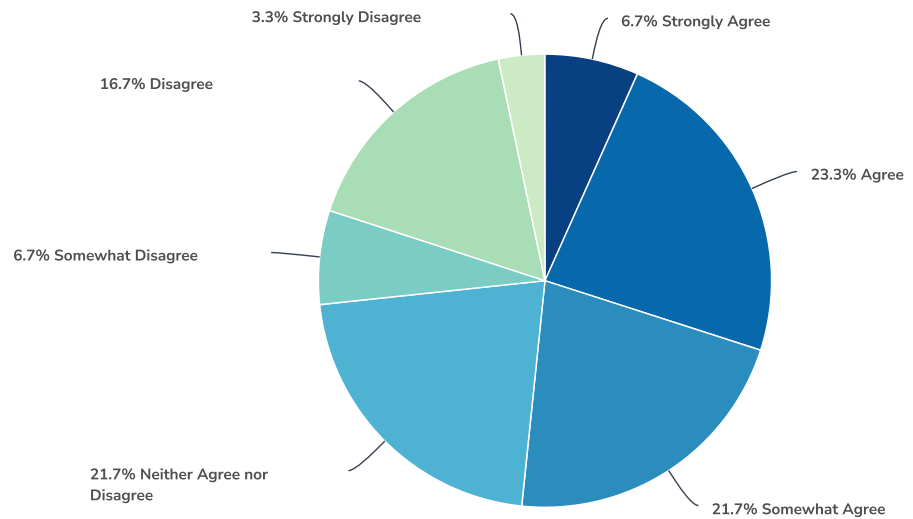
Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	5.0%	3
Agree	13.3%	8
Somewhat Agree	21.7%	13
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16.7%	10
Somewhat Disagree	21.7%	13
Disagree	16.7%	10
Strongly Disagree	5.0%	3
		Totals: 60

2. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “I think I am better informed about politics and government than most people”



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	11.7%	7
Agree	33.3%	20
Somewhat Agree	30.0%	18
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13.3%	8
Disagree	10.0%	6
Strongly Disagree	1.7%	1
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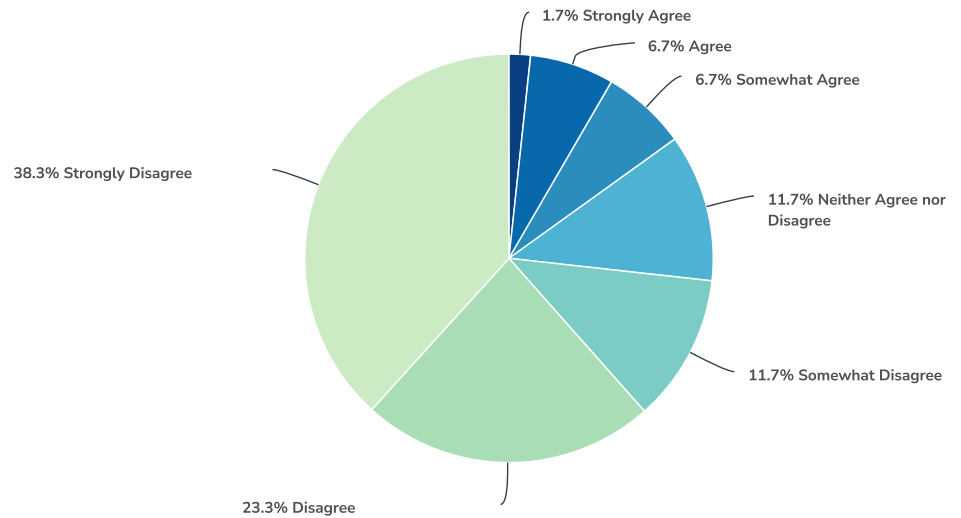
3. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: "I consider myself well qualified to participate in politics."



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	6.7%	4
Agree	23.3%	14
		Totals: 60

Value	Percent	Responses
Somewhat Agree	21.7%	13
Neither Agree nor Disagree	21.7%	13
Somewhat Disagree	6.7%	4
Disagree	16.7%	10
Strongly Disagree	3.3%	2
		Totals: 60

4. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “So many other people vote in elections that it doesn’t matter much to me whether I vote or not.”



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	1.7%	1
Agree	6.7%	4
Somewhat Agree	6.7%	4
Neither Agree nor Disagree	11.7%	7
Somewhat Disagree	11.7%	7
Disagree	23.3%	14
Strongly Disagree	38.3%	23
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5. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “People like me don’t have any say about what the government does”

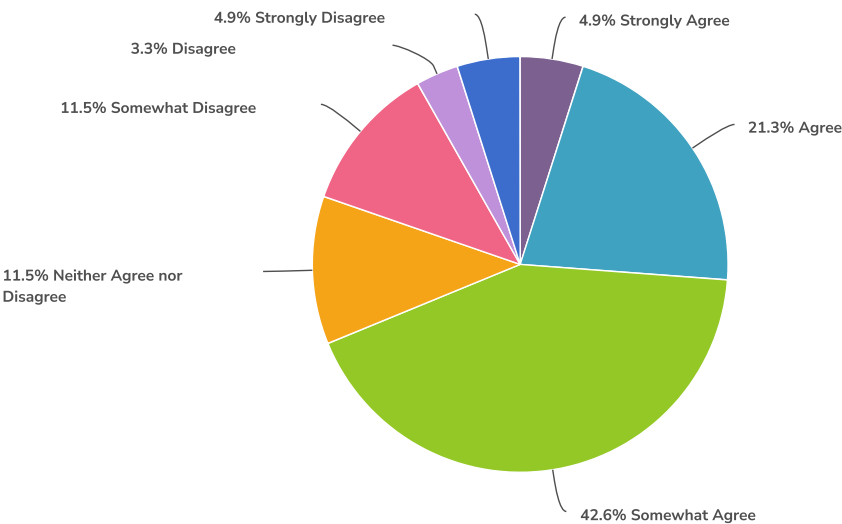
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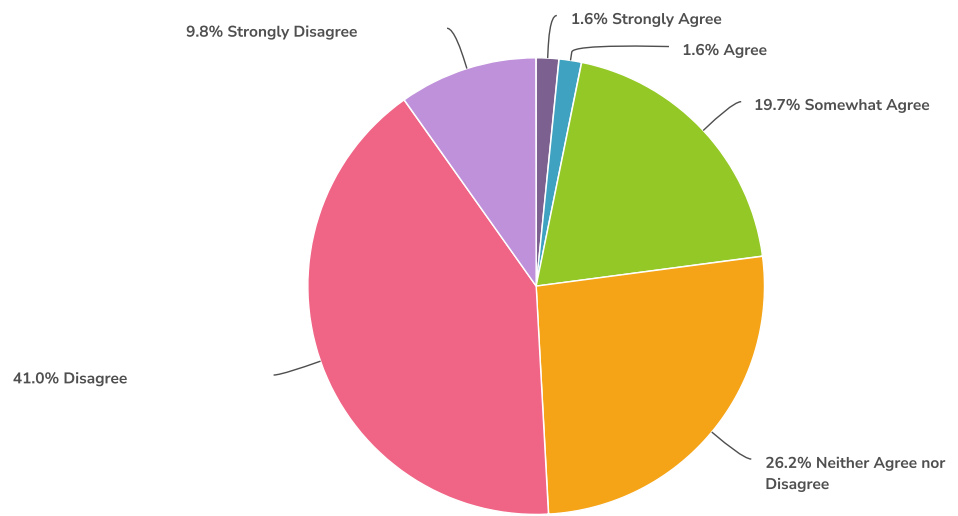
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1. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “Public officials don’t care much what people like me think”



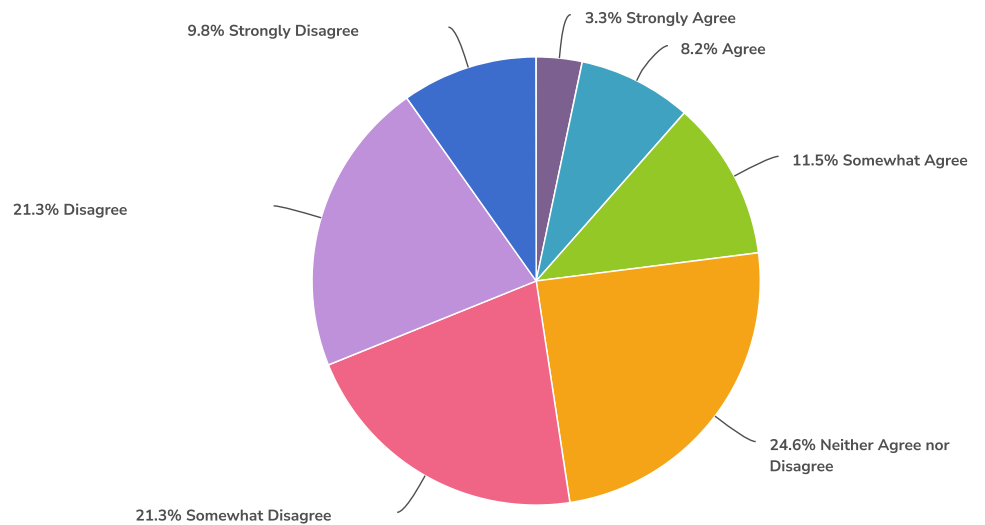
Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	4.9%	3
Agree	21.3%	13
Somewhat Agree	42.6%	26
Neither Agree nor Disagree	11.5%	7
Somewhat Disagree	11.5%	7
Disagree	3.3%	2
Strongly Disagree	4.9%	3
		Totals: 61

2. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “I think I am better informed about politics and government than most people”



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	1.6%	1
Agree	1.6%	1
Somewhat Agree	19.7%	12
Neither Agree nor Disagree	26.2%	16
Disagree	41.0%	25
Strongly Disagree	9.8%	6
		Totals: 61

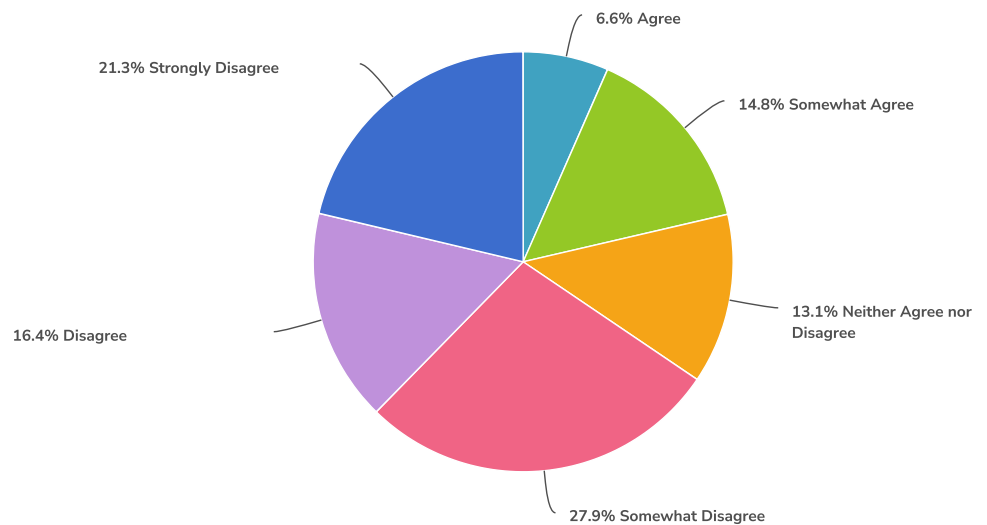
3. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: "I consider myself well qualified to participate in politics."



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	3.3%	2
Agree	8.2%	5
		Totals: 61

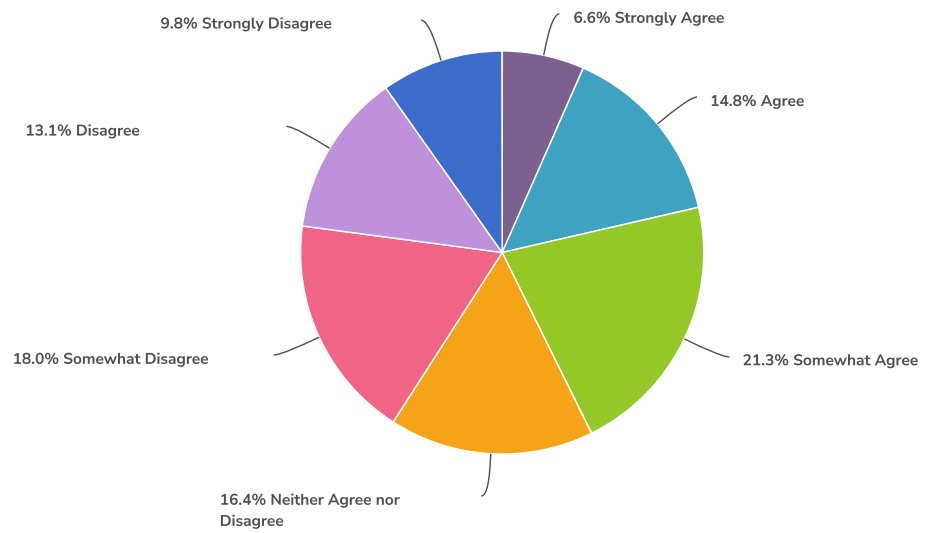
Value	Percent	Responses
Somewhat Agree	11.5%	7
Neither Agree nor Disagree	24.6%	15
Somewhat Disagree	21.3%	13
Disagree	21.3%	13
Strongly Disagree	9.8%	6
		Totals: 61

4. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “So many other people vote in elections that it doesn’t matter much to me whether I vote or not.”



Value	Percent	Responses
Agree	6.6%	4
Somewhat Agree	14.8%	9
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13.1%	8
Somewhat Disagree	27.9%	17
Disagree	16.4%	10
Strongly Disagree	21.3%	13
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5. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “People like me don’t have any say about what the government does”



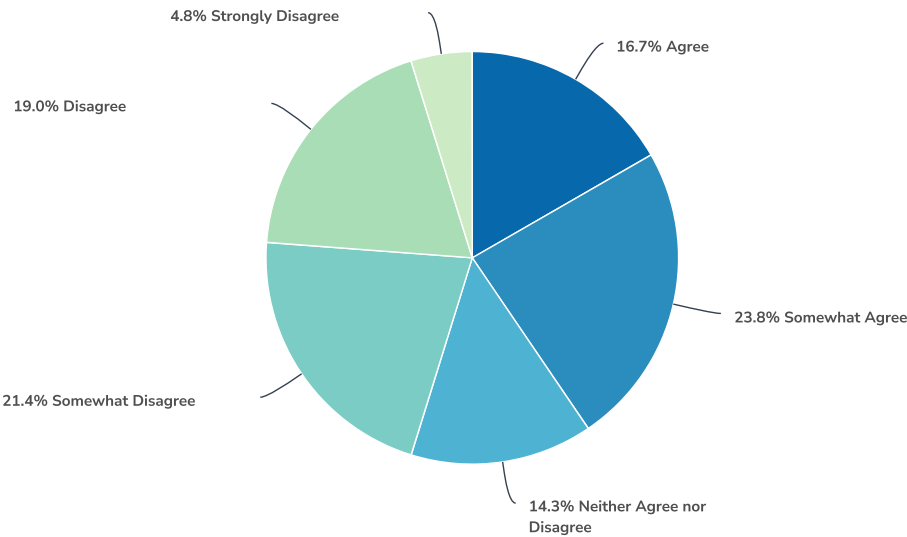
Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	6.6%	4
Agree	14.8%	9
Somewhat Agree	21.3%	13
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16.4%	10
Somewhat Disagree	18.0%	11
Disagree	13.1%	8
Strongly Disagree	9.8%	6
		Totals: 61

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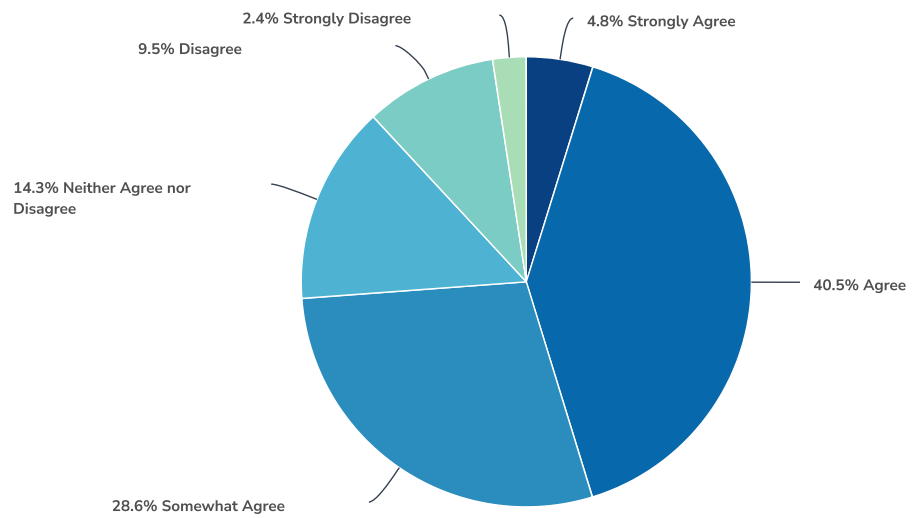
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1. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “Public officials don’t care much what people like me think”



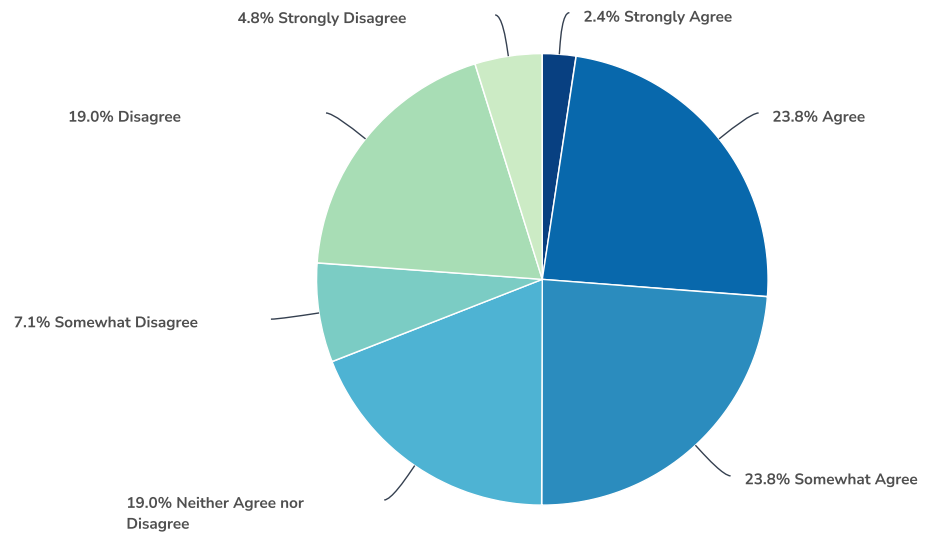
Value	Percent	Responses
Agree	16.7%	7
Somewhat Agree	23.8%	10
Neither Agree nor Disagree	14.3%	6
Somewhat Disagree	21.4%	9
Disagree	19.0%	8
Strongly Disagree	4.8%	2
		Totals: 42

2. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “I think I am better informed about politics and government than most people”



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	4.8%	2
Agree	40.5%	17
Somewhat Agree	28.6%	12
Neither Agree nor Disagree	14.3%	6
Disagree	9.5%	4
Strongly Disagree	2.4%	1
		Totals: 42

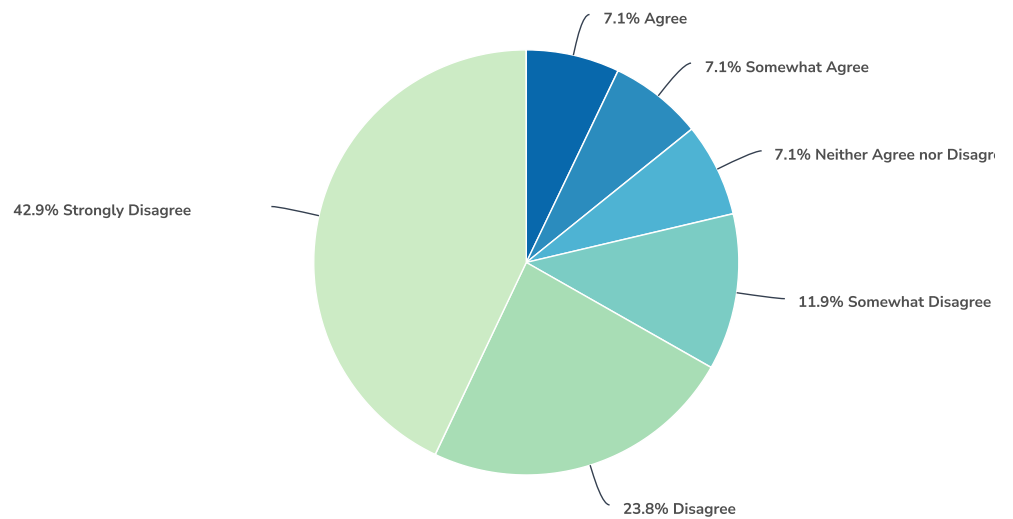
3. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: "I consider myself well qualified to participate in politics."



Value	Percent	Responses
Strongly Agree	2.4%	1
Agree	23.8%	10
		Totals: 42

Value	Percent	Responses
Somewhat Agree	23.8%	10
Neither Agree nor Disagree	19.0%	8
Somewhat Disagree	7.1%	3
Disagree	19.0%	8
Strongly Disagree	4.8%	2
		Totals: 42

4. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “So many other people vote in elections that it doesn’t matter much to me whether I vote or not.”



Value	Percent	Responses
Agree	7.1%	3
Somewhat Agree	7.1%	3
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.1%	3
Somewhat Disagree	11.9%	5
Disagree	23.8%	10
Strongly Disagree	42.9%	18
		Totals: 42

5. Please select the answer that best states how much you agree with the following statement: “People like me don’t have any say about what the government does”

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