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Mobile Phone & Digital Device Consultation

Graphic Summary of Responses

Consultation on Mobile Phones and Digital Devices in School

In line with DES Circular 38/18, we recently undertook a consultation in relation to mobile phones and digital devices in school among students, parents and staff.

We very much appreciate the time taken by all who took part.

The responses are summarised graphically below. A textual summary of the responses can be found on the school website.

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Student Responses

Approx. 75% response rate

639 responses received (575 [90%] completed responses)

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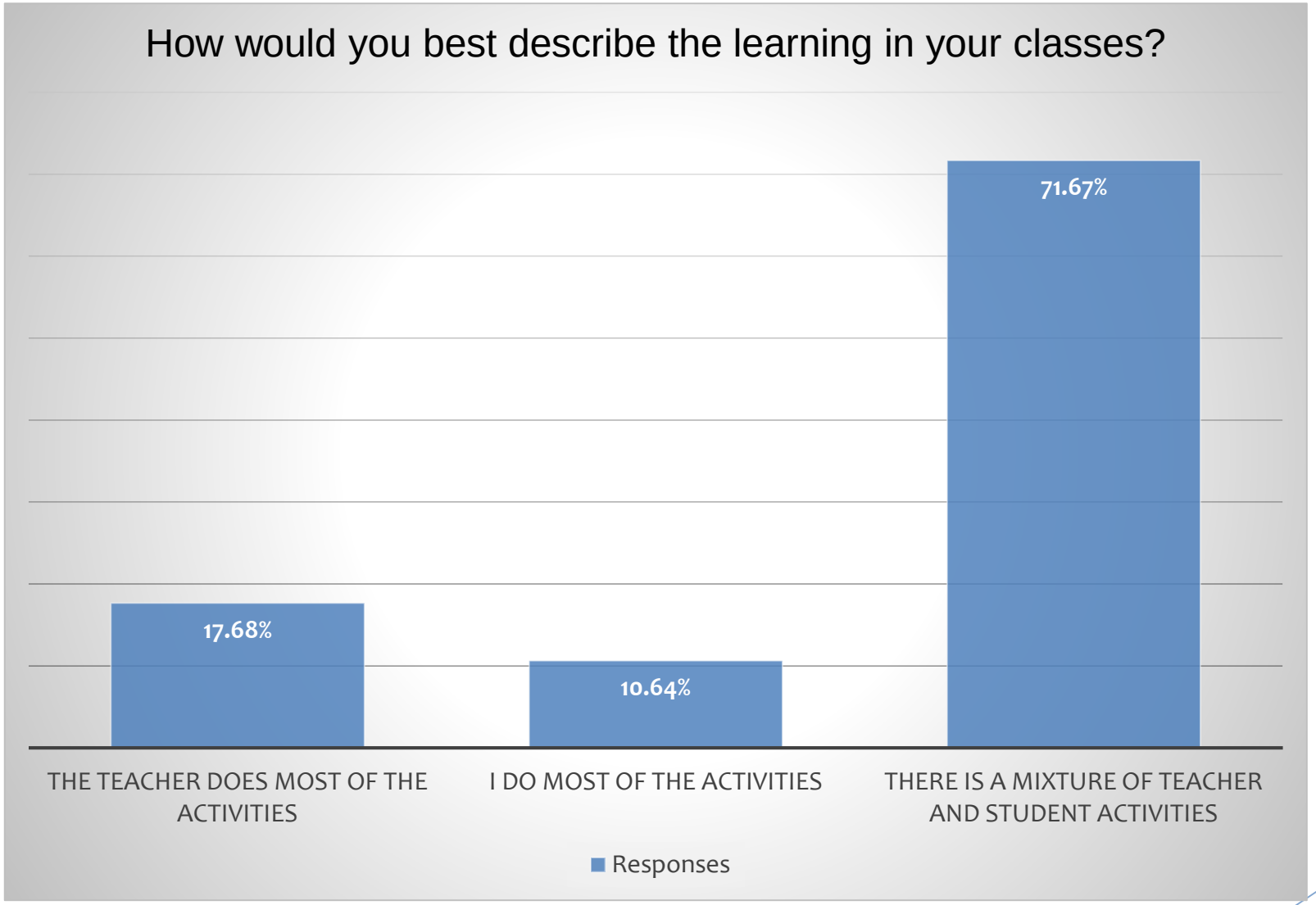
How would you best describe the learning in your classes?
71.67%
17.68%
10.64%
THE TEACHER DOES MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES
I DO MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES
THERE IS A MIXTURE OF TEACHER AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES
Responses

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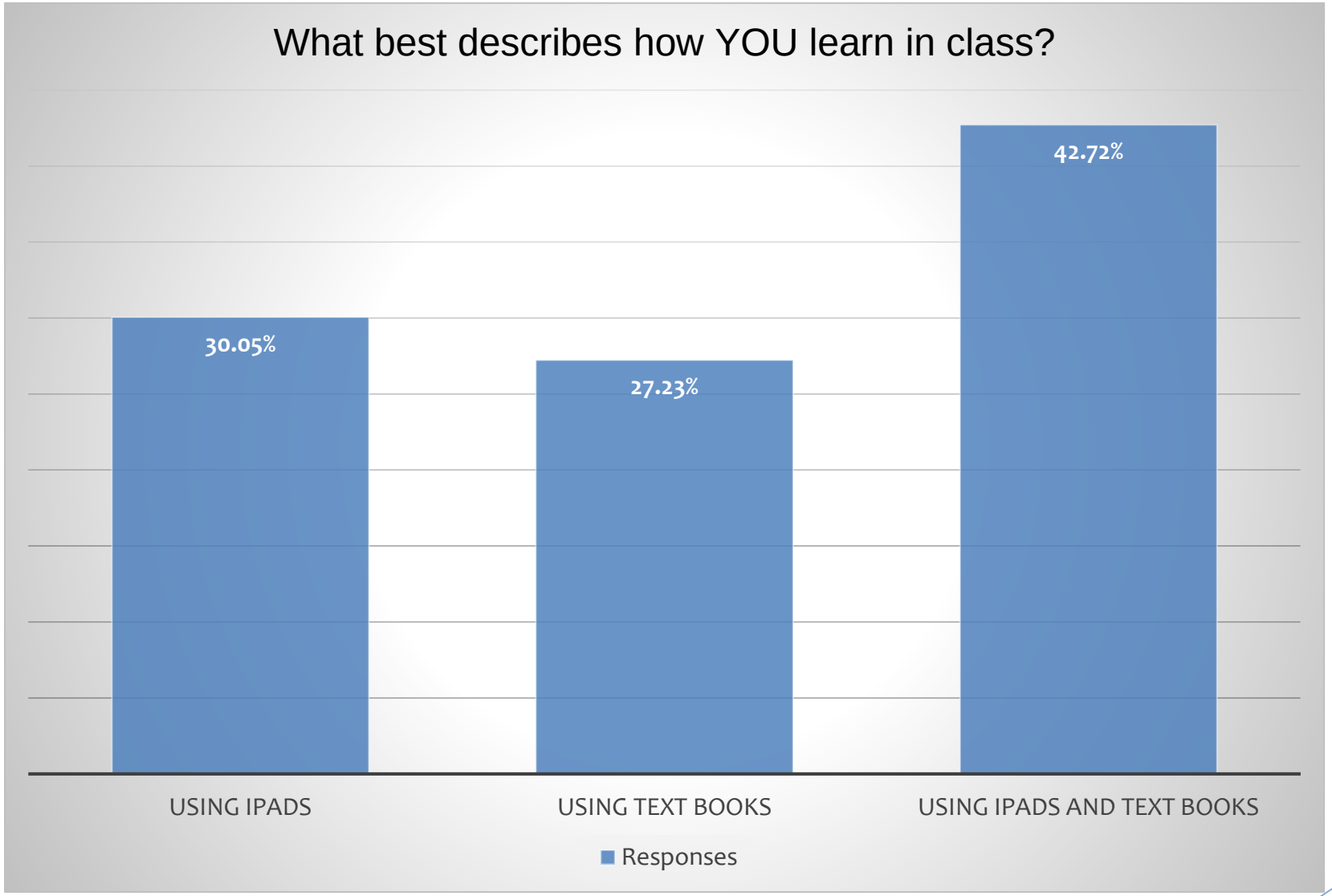
What best describes how YOU learn in class?
30.05%
27.23%
42.72%
USING IPADS
USING TEXT BOOKS
USING IPADS AND TEXT BOOKS
Responses

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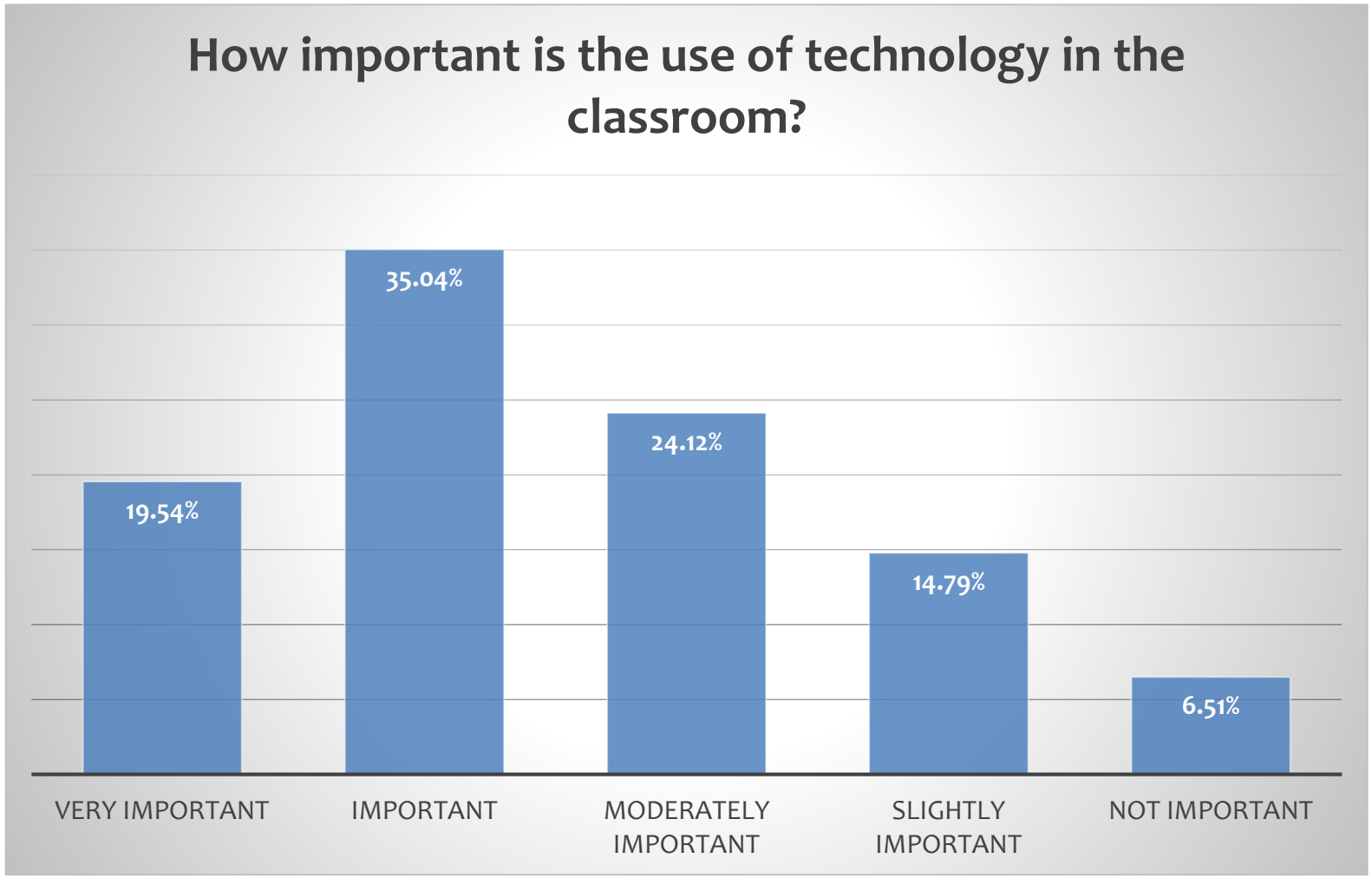
How important is the use of technology in the classroom?
19.54%
35.04%
24.12%
14.79%
6.51%
VERY IMPORTANT
IMPORTANT
MODERATELY IMPORTANT
SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT
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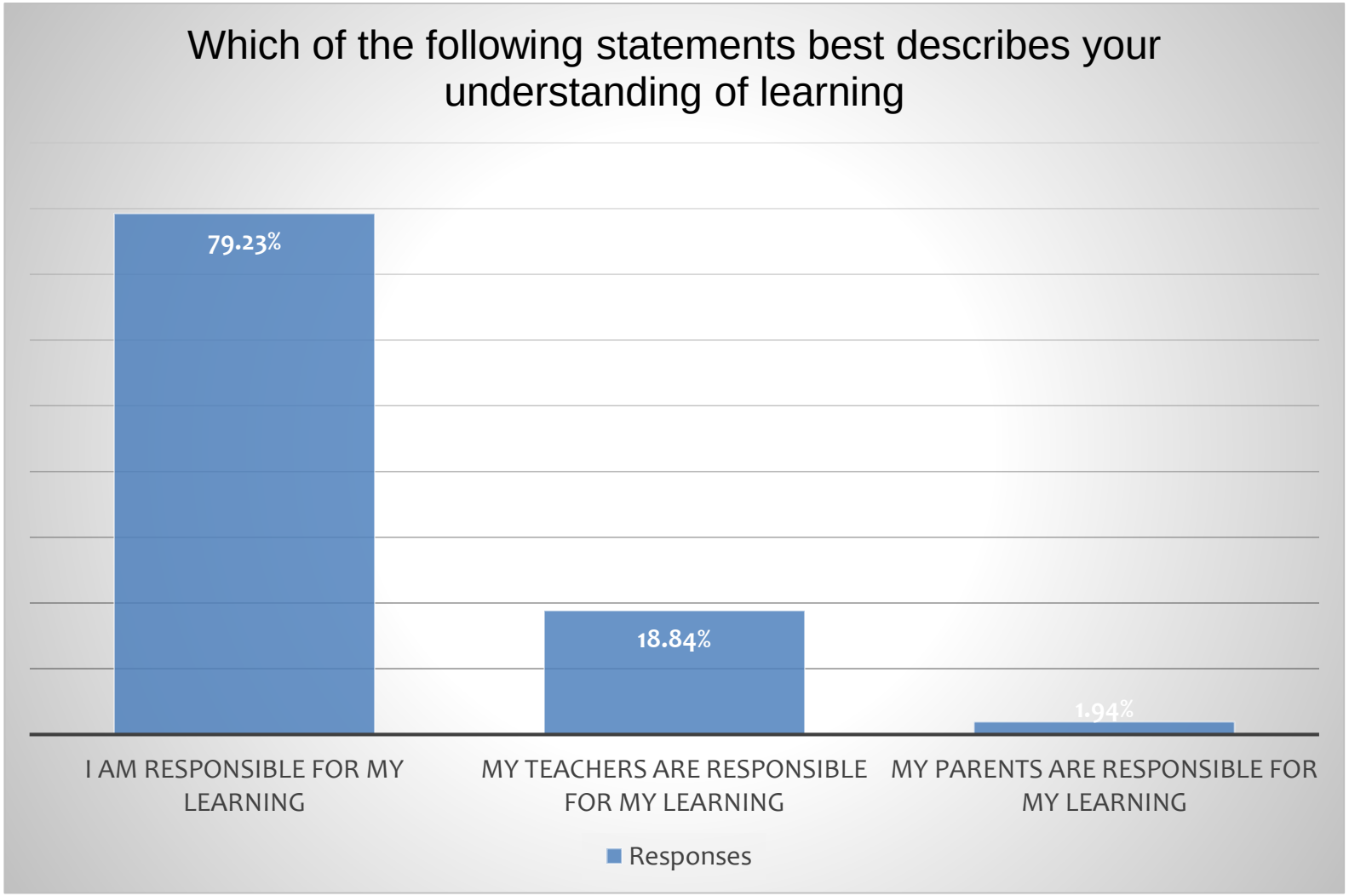
Which of the following statements best describes your understanding of learning
79.23%
18.84%
1.94%
I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY LEARNING
MY TEACHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY LEARNING
MY PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY LEARNING
Responses

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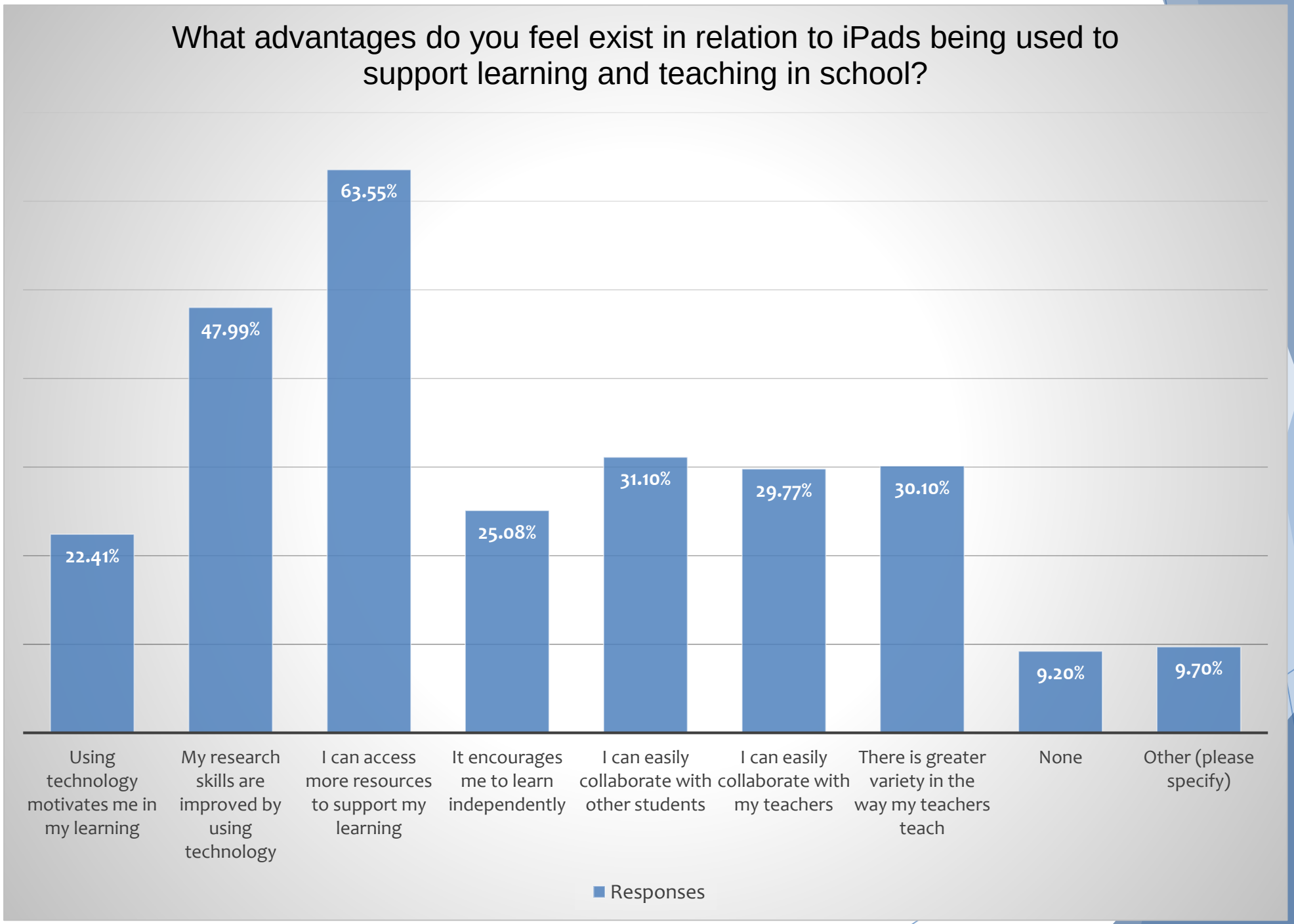
What advantages do you feel exist in relation to iPads being used to support learning and teaching in school?
22.41%
47.99%
63.55%
25.08%
31.10%
29.77%
30.10%
9.20%
9.70%
Using technology motivates me in my learning
My research skills are improved by using technology
I can access more resources to support my learning
It encourages me to learn independently
I can easily collaborate with other students
I can easily collaborate with my teachers
There is greater variety in the way my teachers teach
None
Other (please specify)
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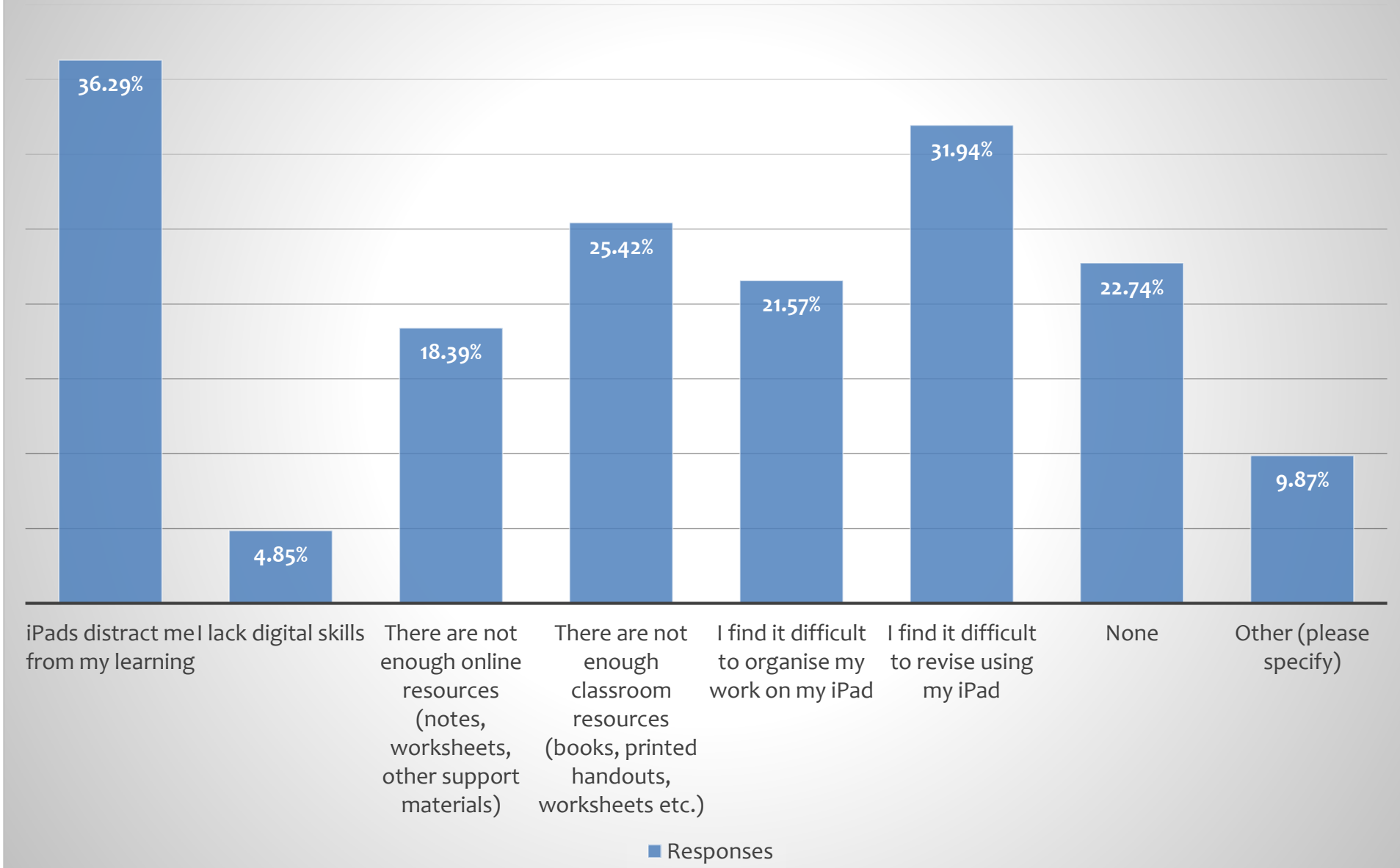
What disadvantages or barriers do you feel exist in relation to iPads being used to support learning and teaching in school?



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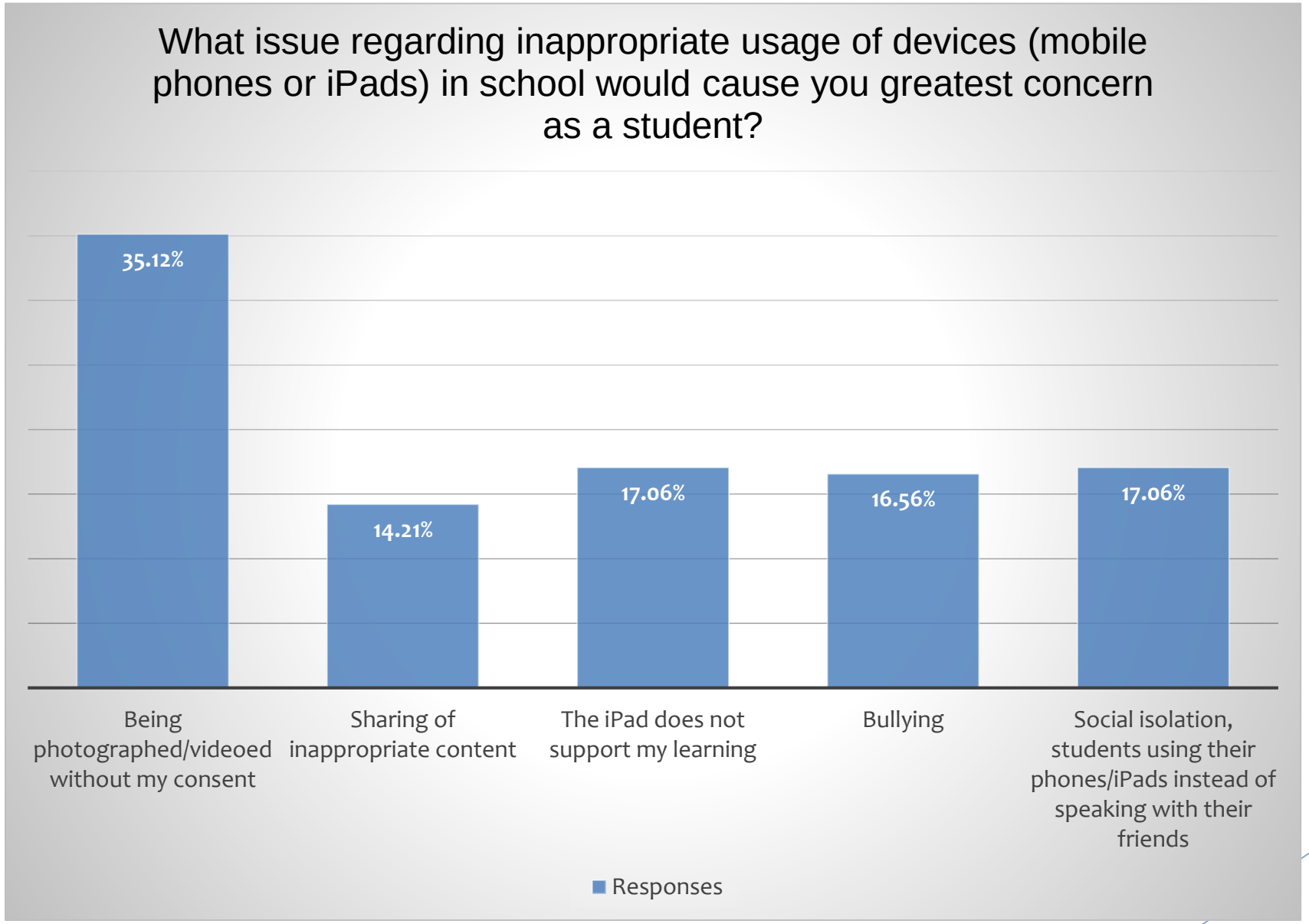
What issue regarding inappropriate usage of devices (mobile phones or iPads) in school would cause you greatest concern as a student?
35.12%
14.21%
17.06%
16.56%
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Being photographed/videoed without my consent
Sharing of inappropriate content
The iPad does not support my learning
Bullying
Social isolation, students using their phones/iPads instead of speaking with their friends
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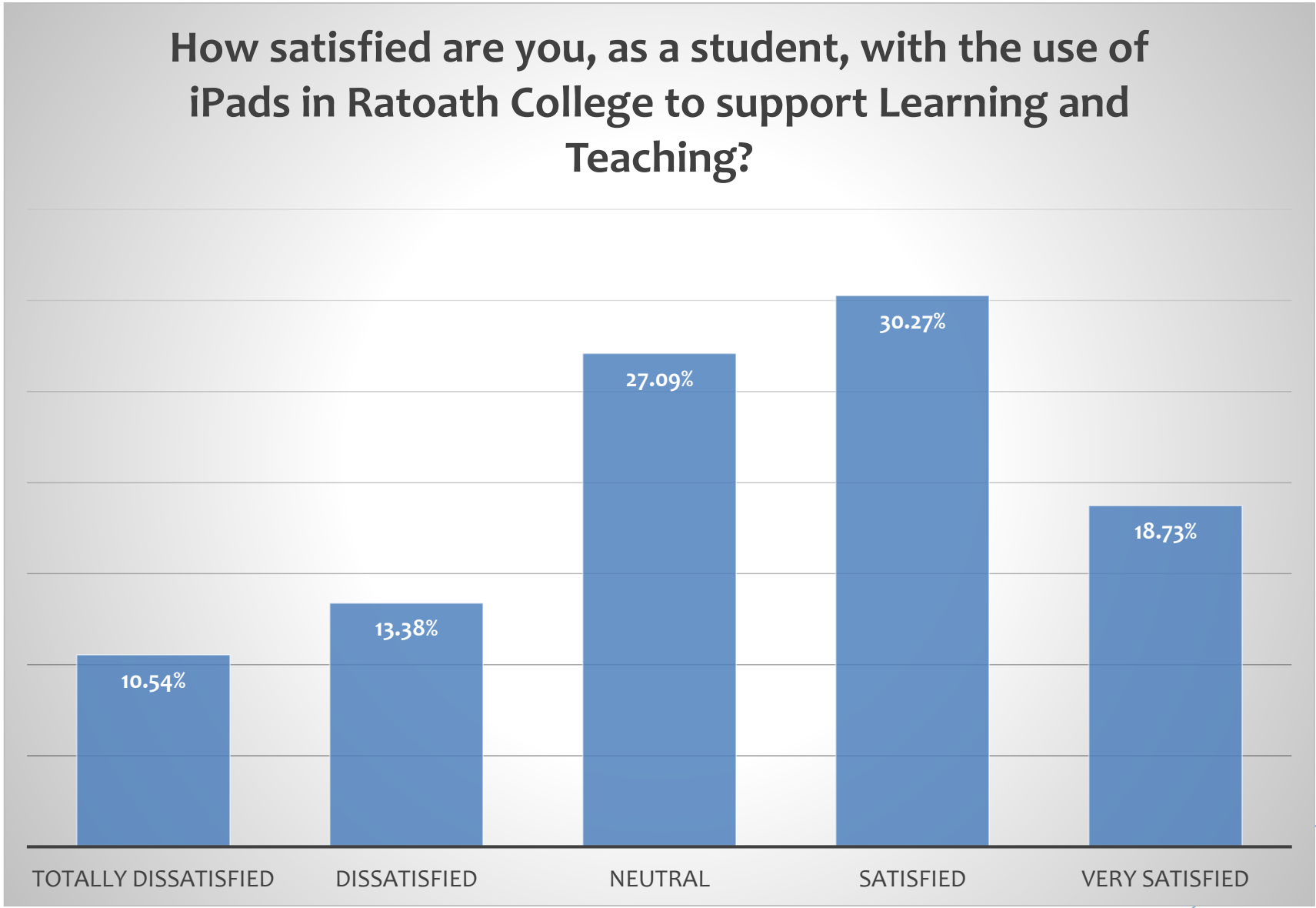
How satisfied are you, as a student, with the use of iPads in Ratoath College to support Learning and Teaching?
10.54%
13.38%
27.09%
30.27%
18.73%
TOTALLY DISSATISFIED
DISSATISFIED
NEUTRAL
SATISFIED
VERY SATISFIED

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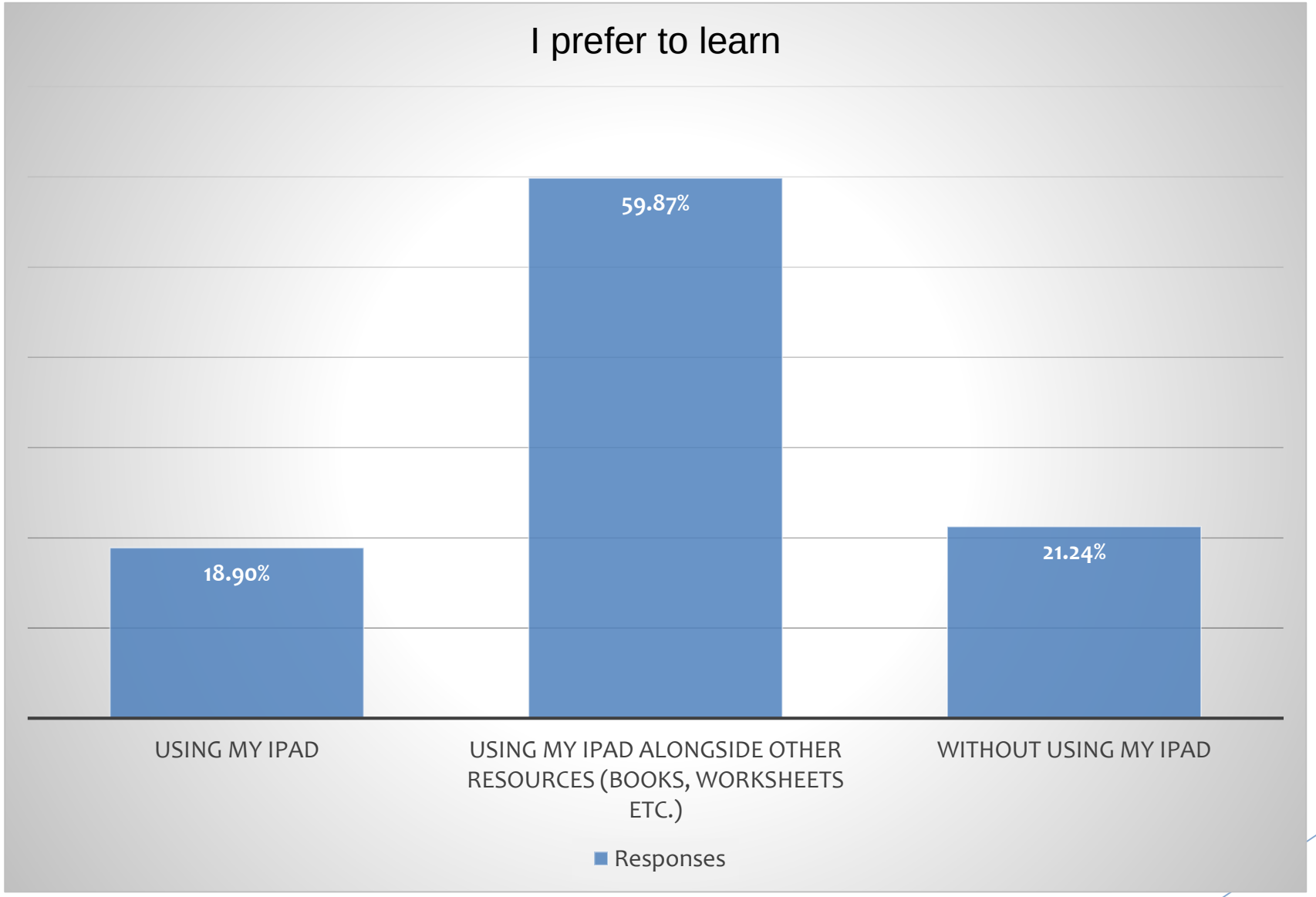
I prefer to learn
18.90%
59.87%
21.24%
USING MY IPAD
USING MY IPAD ALONGSIDE OTHER RESOURCES (BOOKS, WORKSHEETS ETC.)
WITHOUT USING MY IPAD
Responses

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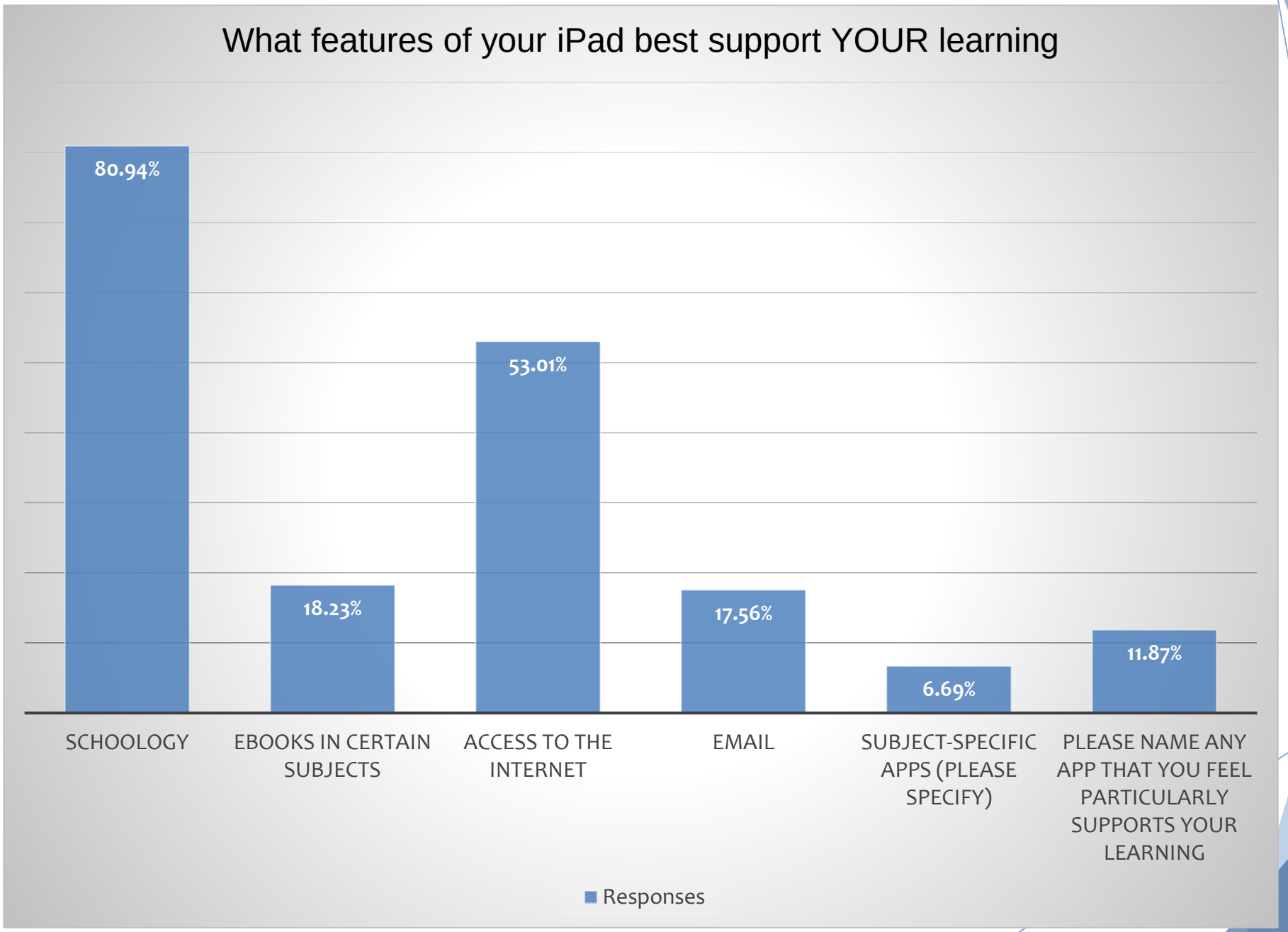
What features of your iPad best support YOUR learning
80.94%
18.23%
53.01%
17.56%
6.69%
11.87%
SCHOOLOGY
EBOOKS IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS
ACCESS TO THE INTERNET
EMAIL
SUBJECT-SPECIFIC APPS (PLEASE SPECIFY)
PLEASE NAME ANY APP THAT YOU FEEL PARTICULARLY SUPPORTS YOUR LEARNING
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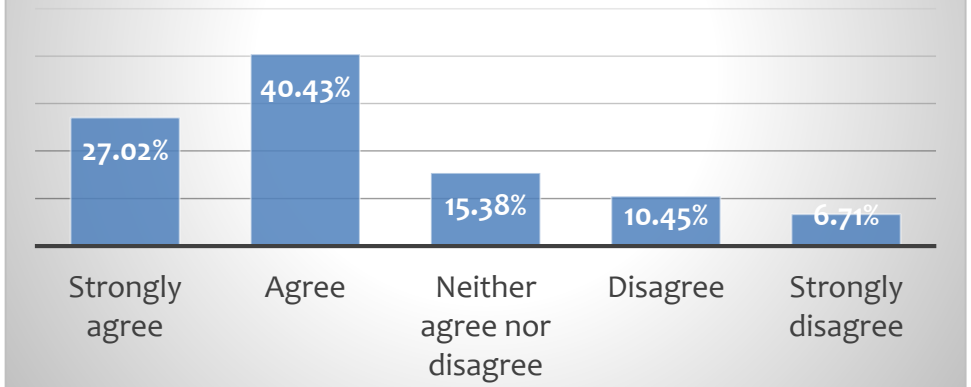
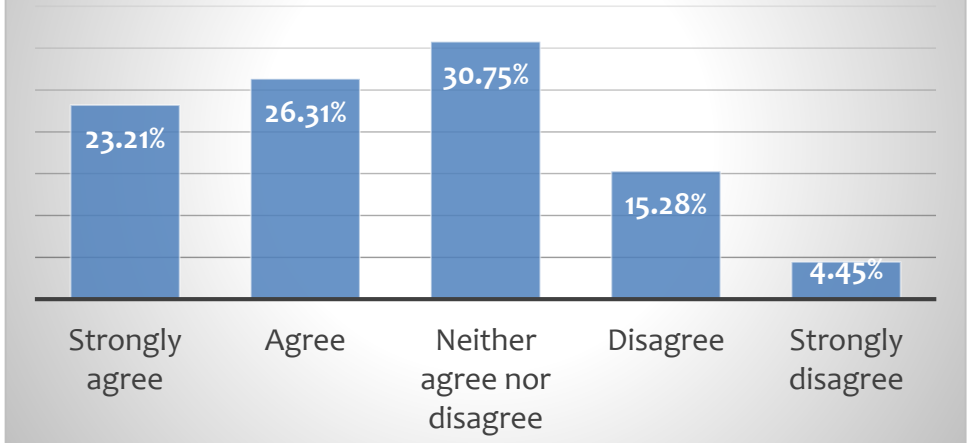
Mobile phone access should only be allowed in class, under the direction and supervision of a teacher (as per current school policy)



Students should have full access to mobile phone at all times



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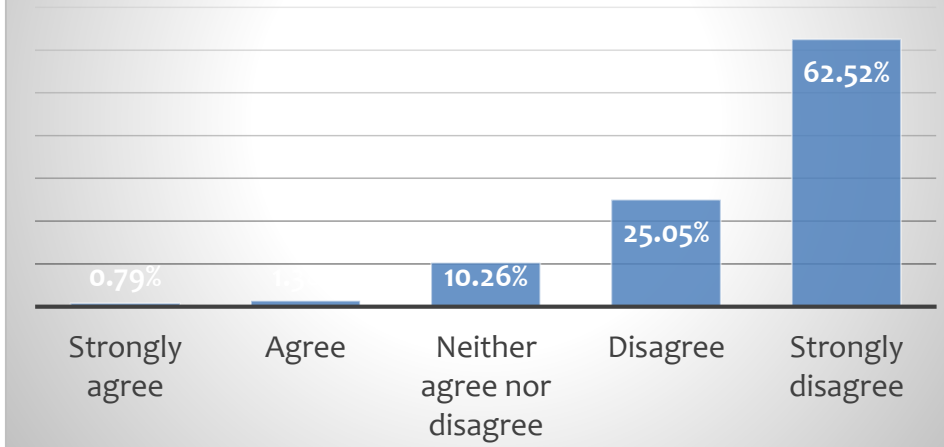

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Parent Responses

Approx. 30% response rate

268 responses received (220 [82%] completed responses)

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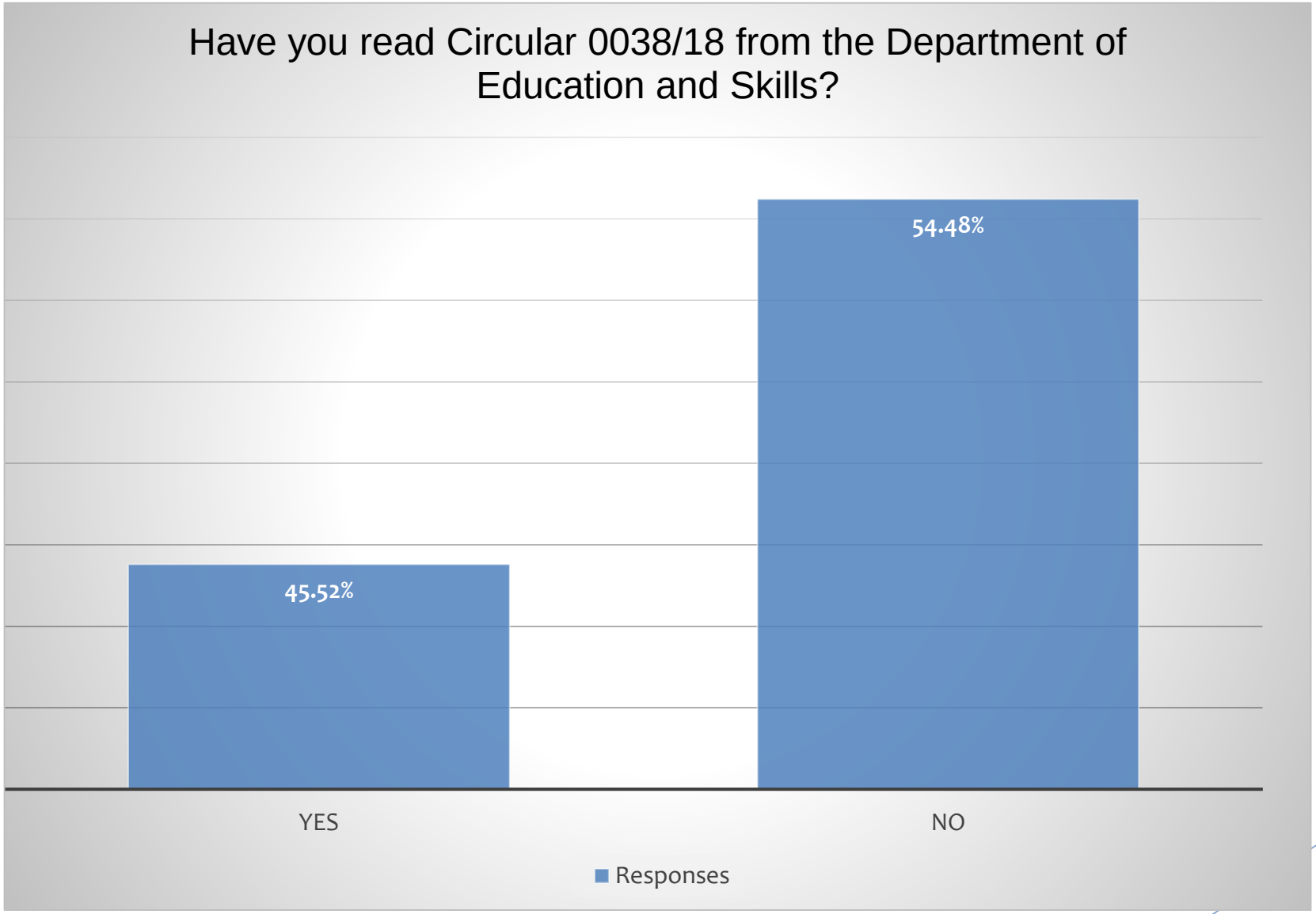
Have you read Circular 0038/18 from the Department of Education and Skills?
45.52%
54.48%
YES
NO
Responses

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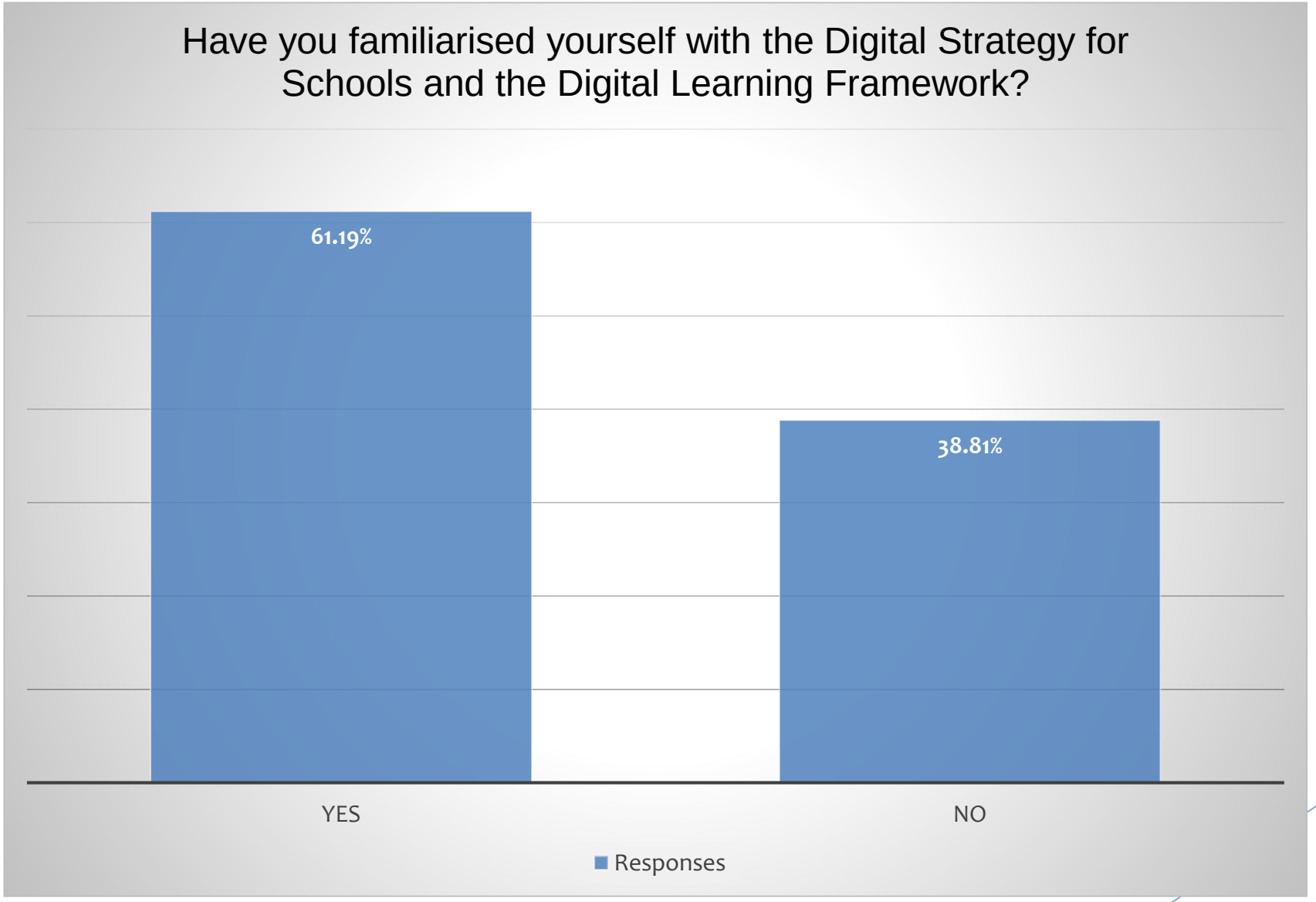
Have you familiarised yourself with the Digital Strategy for Schools and the Digital Learning Framework?
61.19%
38.81%
YES
NO
Responses

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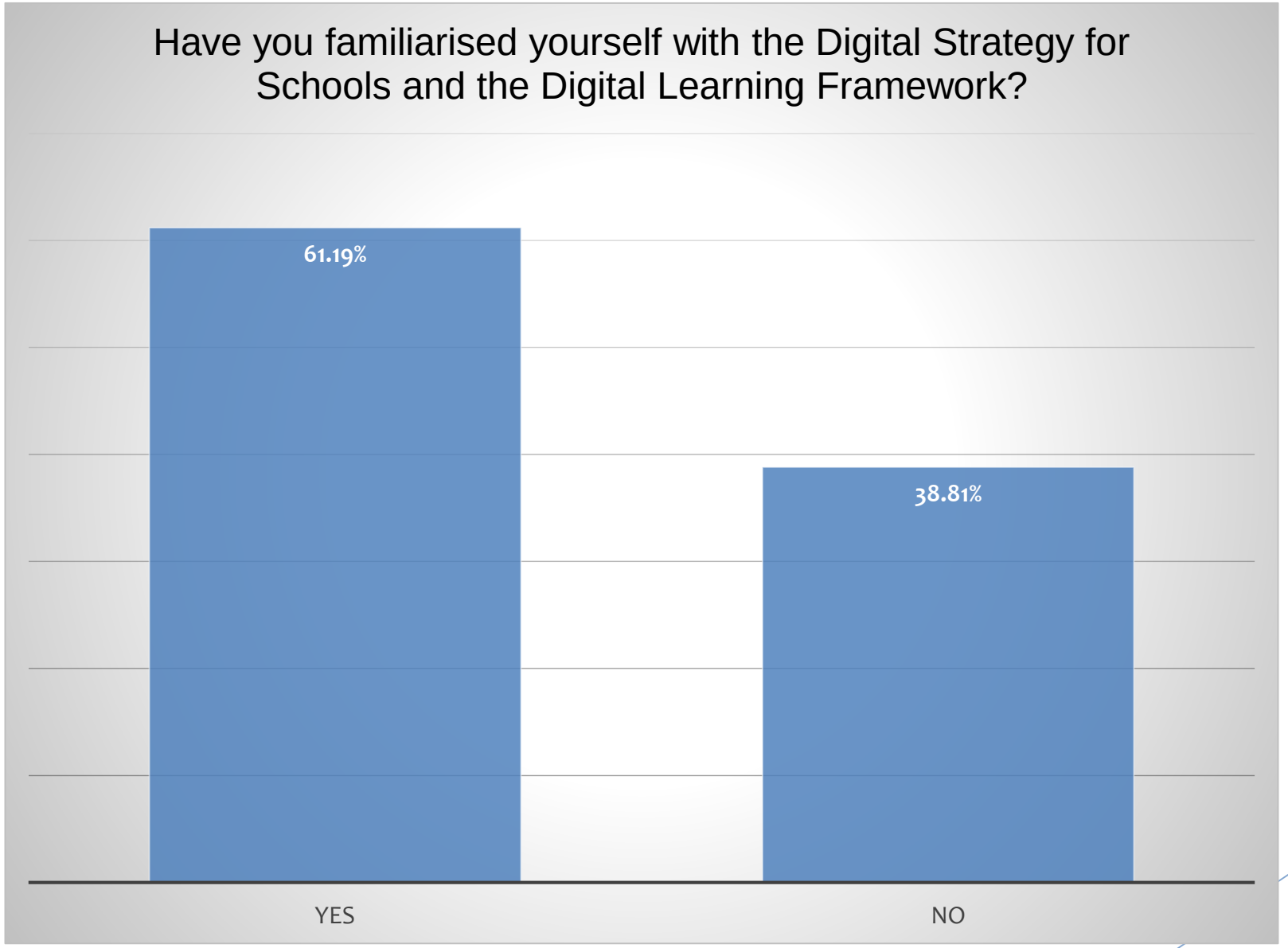
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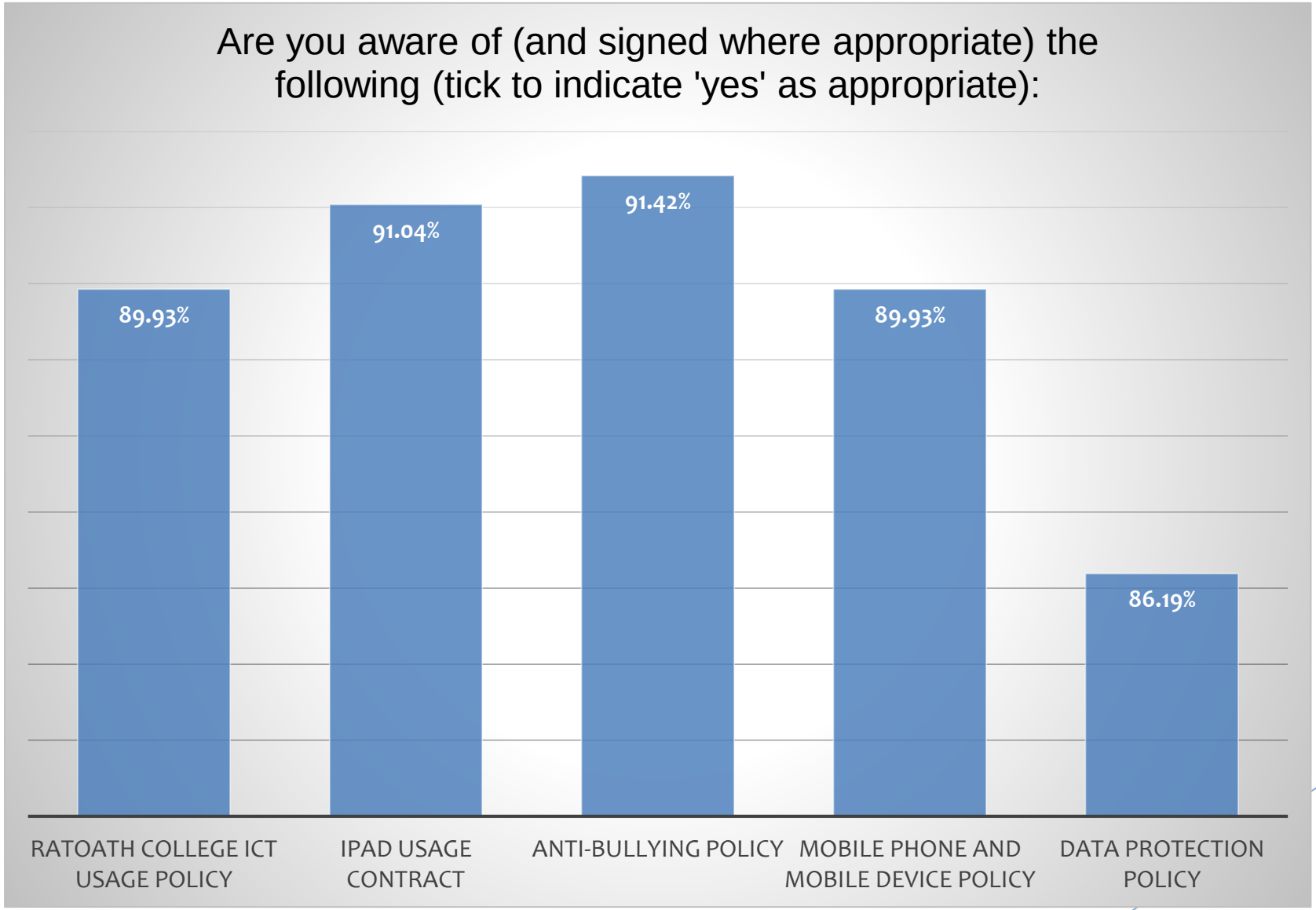
Are you aware of (and signed where appropriate) the following (tick to indicate 'yes' as appropriate):
89.93%
91.04%
91.42%
89.93%
86.19%
RATOATH COLLEGE ICT USAGE POLICY
IPAD USAGE CONTRACT
ANTI-BULLYING POLICY
MOBILE PHONE AND MOBILE DEVICE POLICY
DATA PROTECTION POLICY

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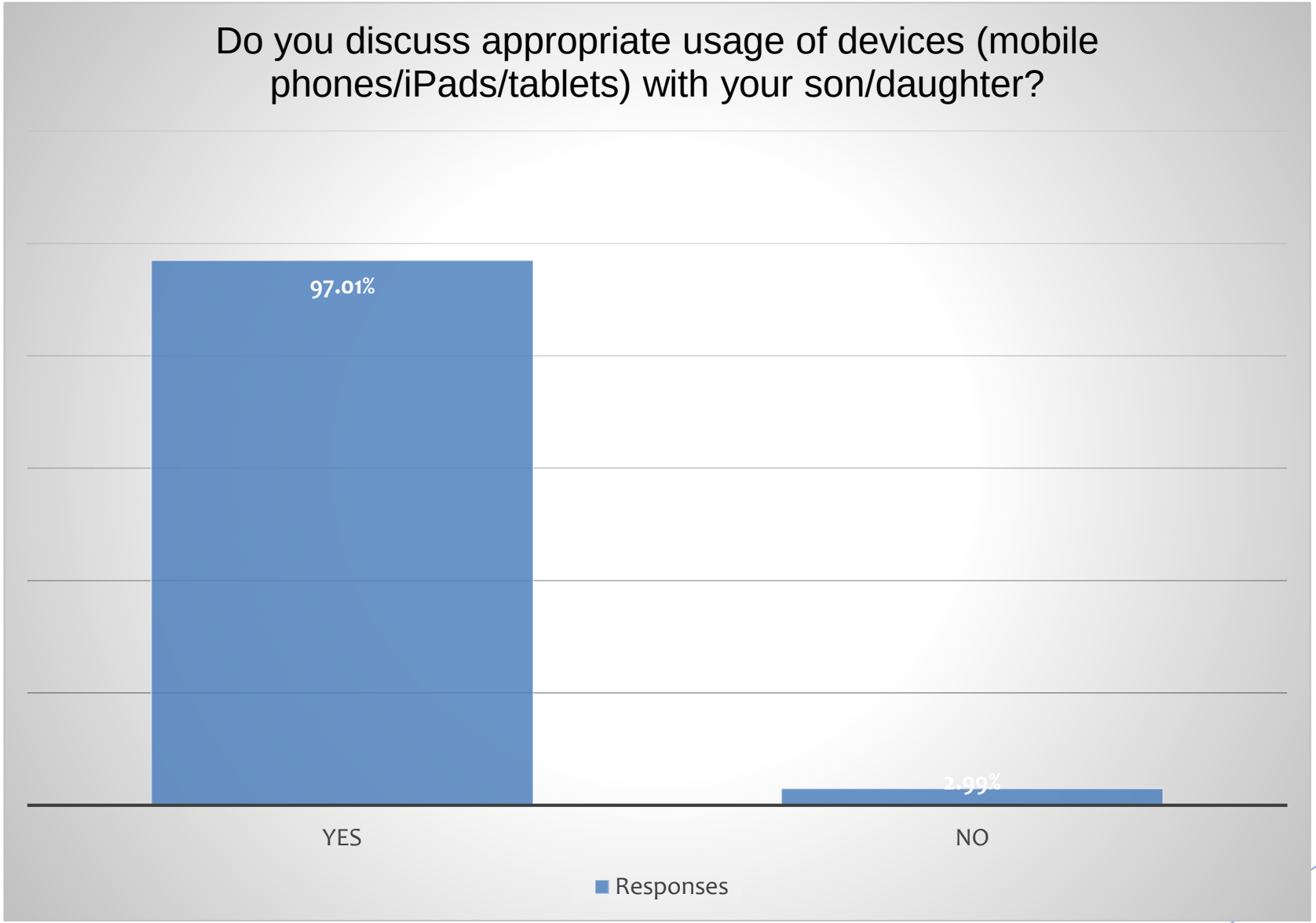
Do you discuss appropriate usage of devices (mobile phones/iPads/tablets) with your son/daughter?
97.01%
2.99%
YES
NO
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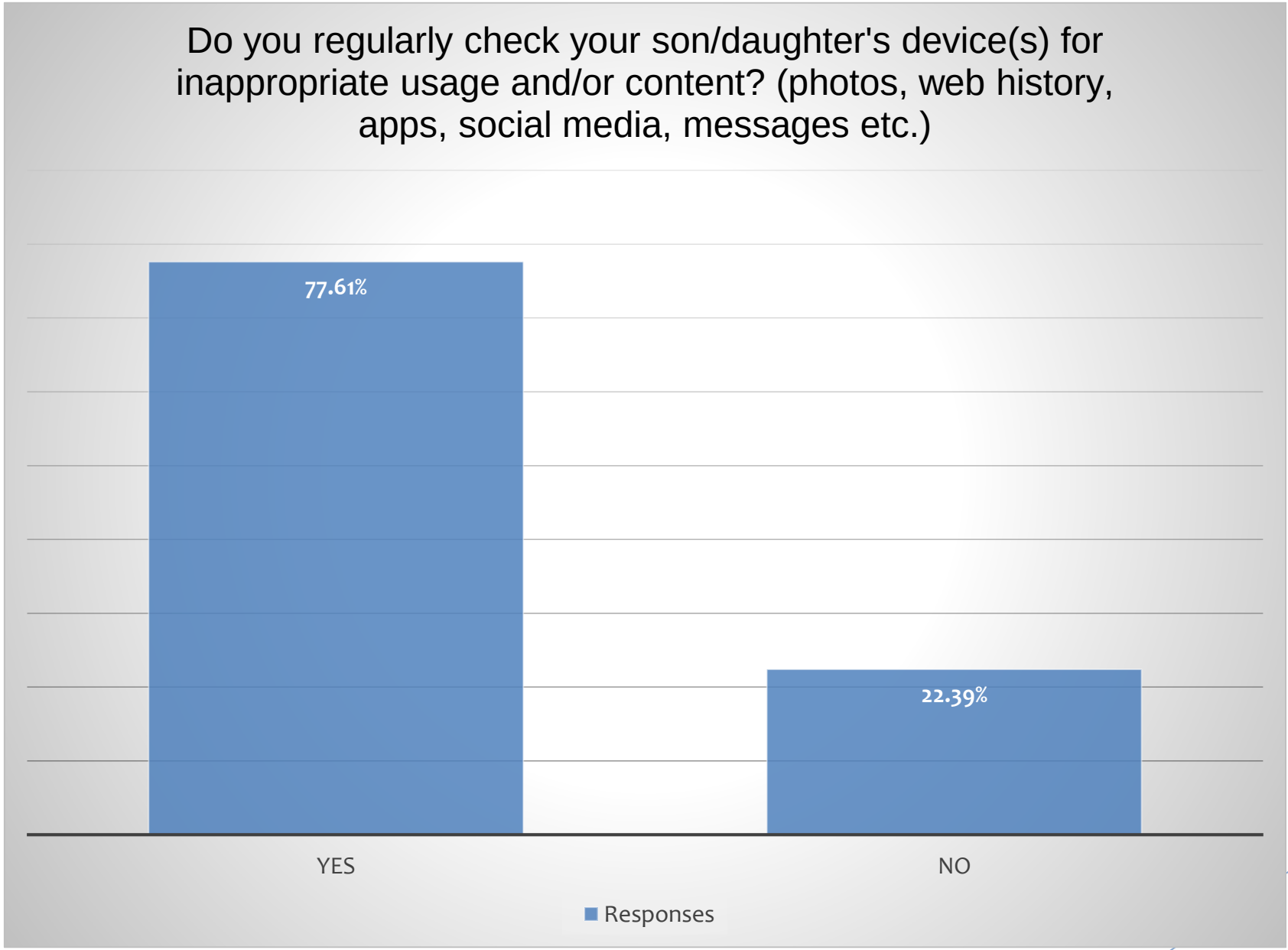
Do you regularly check your son/daughter's device(s) for inappropriate usage and/or content? (photos, web history, apps, social media, messages etc.)
77.61%
22.39%
YES
NO
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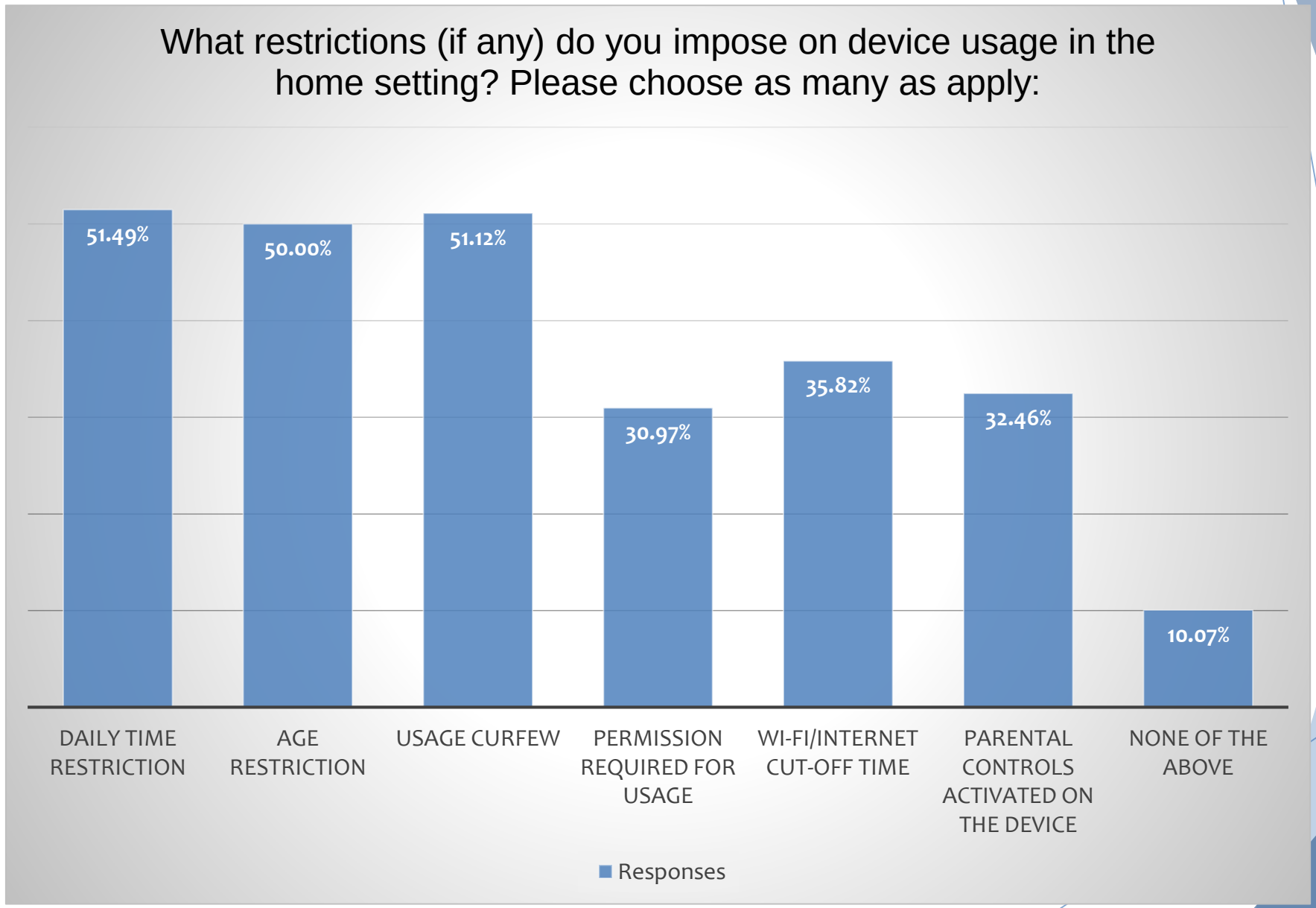
What restrictions (if any) do you impose on device usage in the home setting? Please choose as many as apply:
51.49%
50.00%
51.12%
30.97%
35.82%
32.46%
10.07%
DAILY TIME RESTRICTION
AGE RESTRICTION
USAGE CURFEW
PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR USAGE
WI-FI/INTERNET CUT-OFF TIME
PARENTAL CONTROLS ACTIVATED ON THE DEVICE
NONE OF THE ABOVE
Responses

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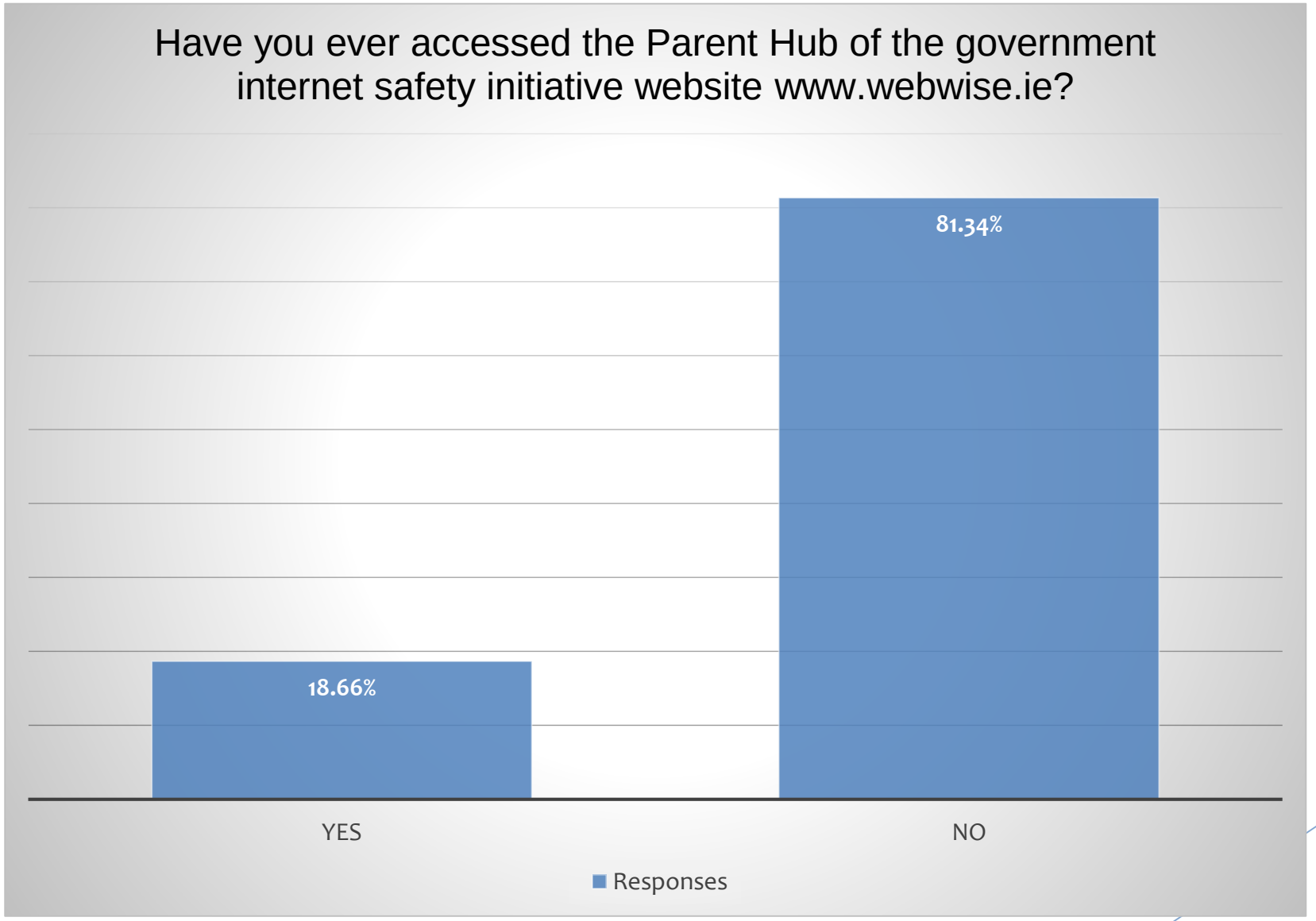
Have you ever accessed the Parent Hub of the government internet safety initiative website www.webwise.ie?
81.34%
18.66%
YES
NO
Responses

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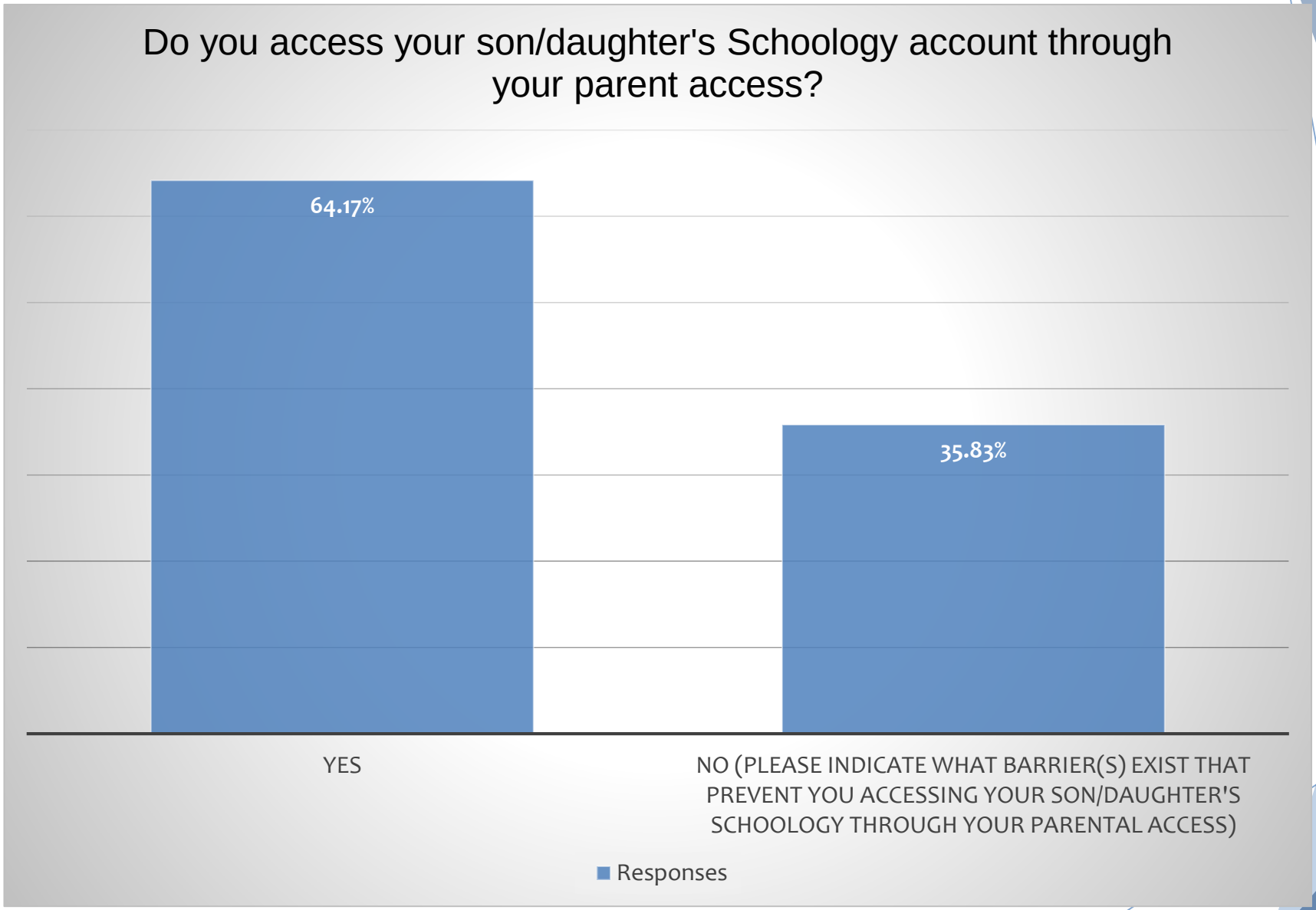
Do you access your son/daughter's Schoology account through your parent access?
64.17%
35.83%
YES
NO (PLEASE INDICATE WHAT BARRIER(S) EXIST THAT PREVENT YOU ACCESSING YOUR SON/DAUGHTER'S SCHOOLOGY THROUGH YOUR PARENTAL ACCESS)
Responses

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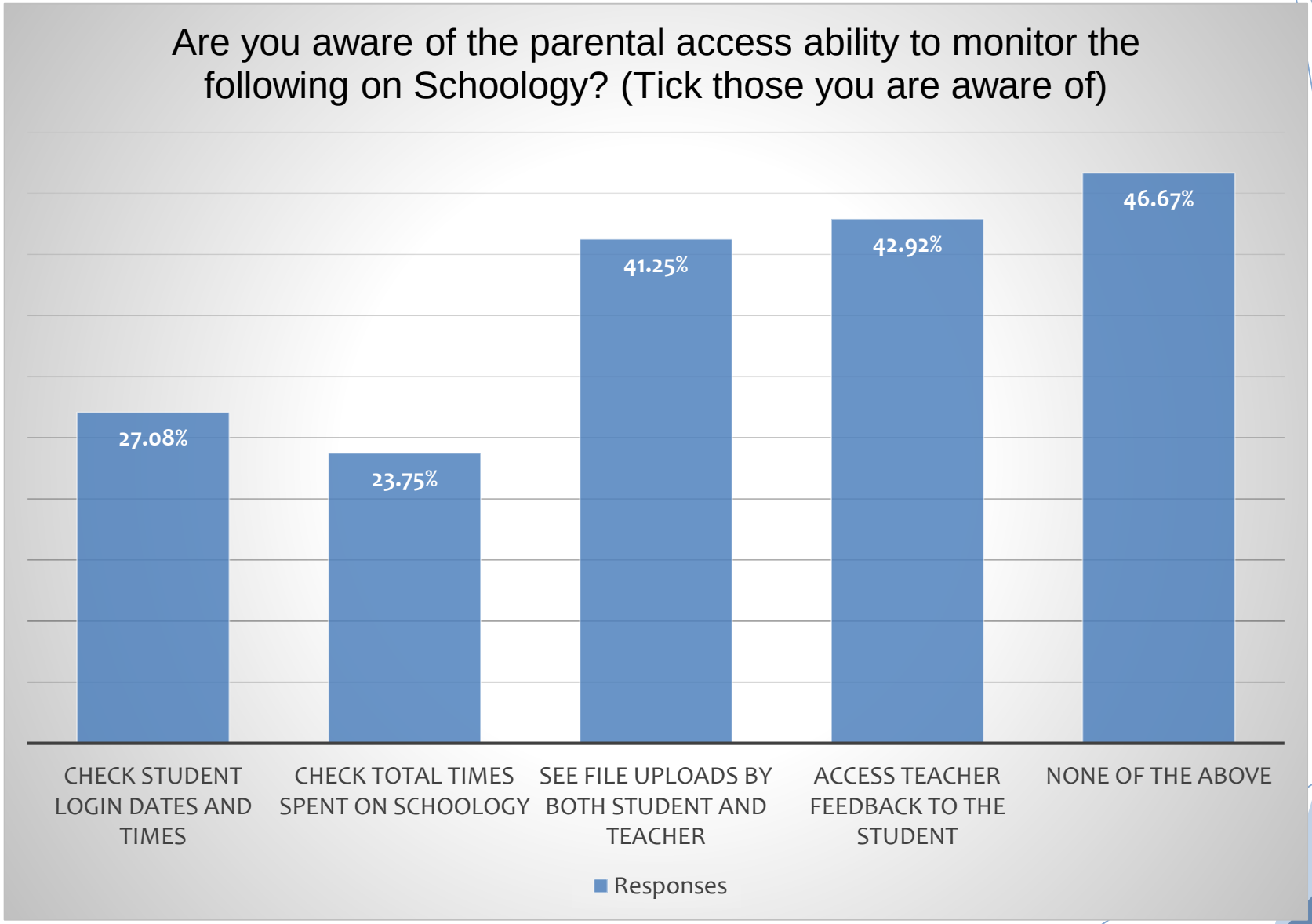
Are you aware of the parental access ability to monitor the following on Schoology? (Tick those you are aware of)
27.08%
23.75%
41.25%
42.92%
46.67%
CHECK STUDENT LOGIN DATES AND TIMES
CHECK TOTAL TIMES SPENT ON SCHOOLOGY
SEE FILE UPLOADS BY BOTH STUDENT AND TEACHER
ACCESS TEACHER FEEDBACK TO THE STUDENT
NONE OF THE ABOVE
Responses

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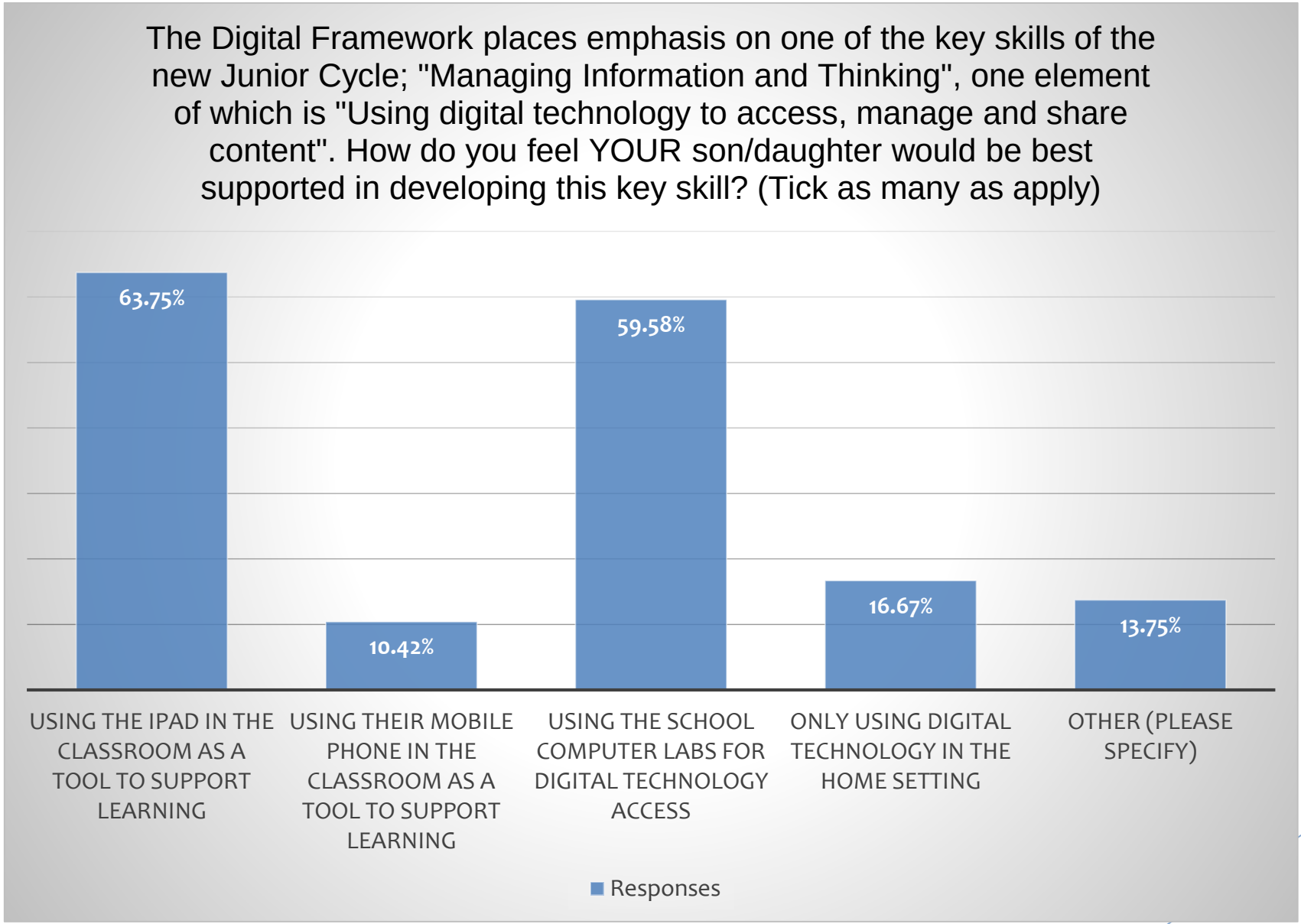
The Digital Framework places emphasis on one of the key skills of the new Junior Cycle; "Managing Information and Thinking", one element of which is "Using digital technology to access, manage and share content". How do you feel YOUR son/daughter would be best supported in developing this key skill? (Tick as many as apply)
63.75%
10.42%
59.58%
16.67%
13.75%
USING THE IPAD IN THE CLASSROOM AS A TOOL TO SUPPORT LEARNING
USING THEIR MOBILE PHONE IN THE CLASSROOM AS A TOOL TO SUPPORT LEARNING
USING THE SCHOOL COMPUTER LABS FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY ACCESS
ONLY USING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE HOME SETTING
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)
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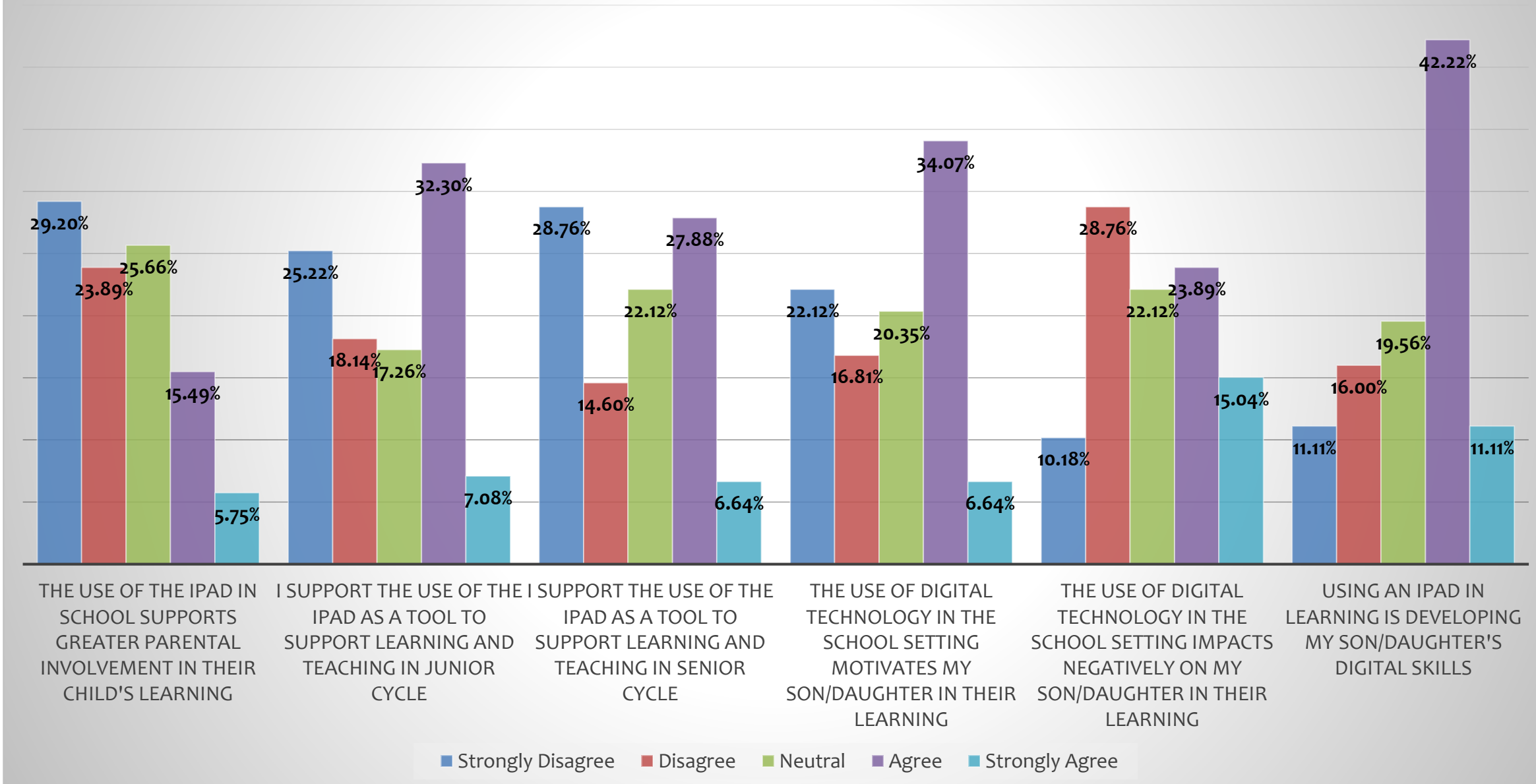
In relation to your son/daughter's use of the iPad to support their learning, please indicate your response to the following:



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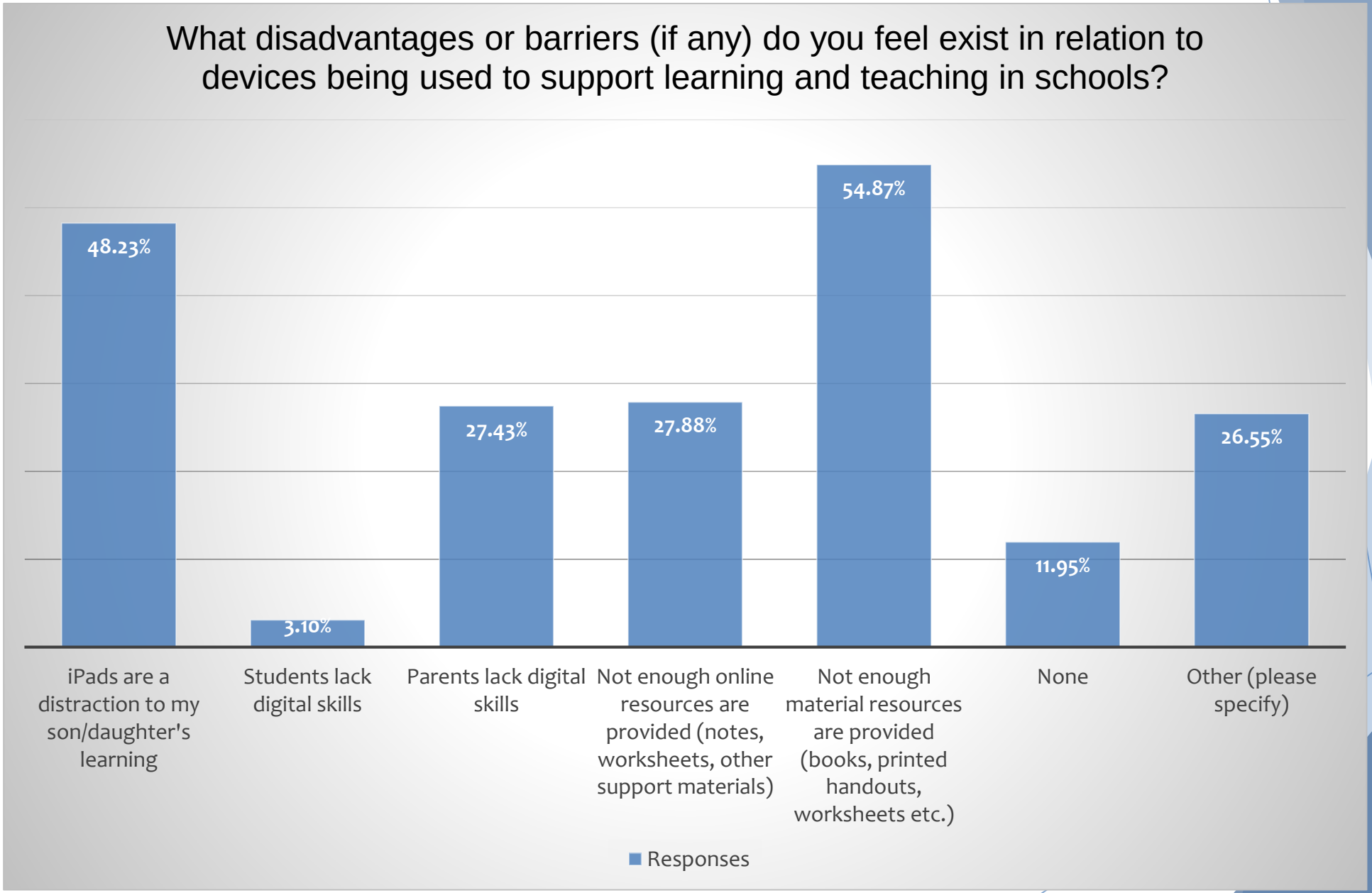
What disadvantages or barriers (if any) do you feel exist in relation to devices being used to support learning and teaching in schools?
48.23%
3.10%
27.43%
27.88%
54.87%
11.95%
26.55%
iPads are a distraction to my son/daughter's learning
Students lack digital skills
Parents lack digital skills
Not enough online resources are provided (notes, worksheets, other support materials)
Not enough material resources are provided (books, printed handouts, worksheets etc.)
None
Other (please specify)
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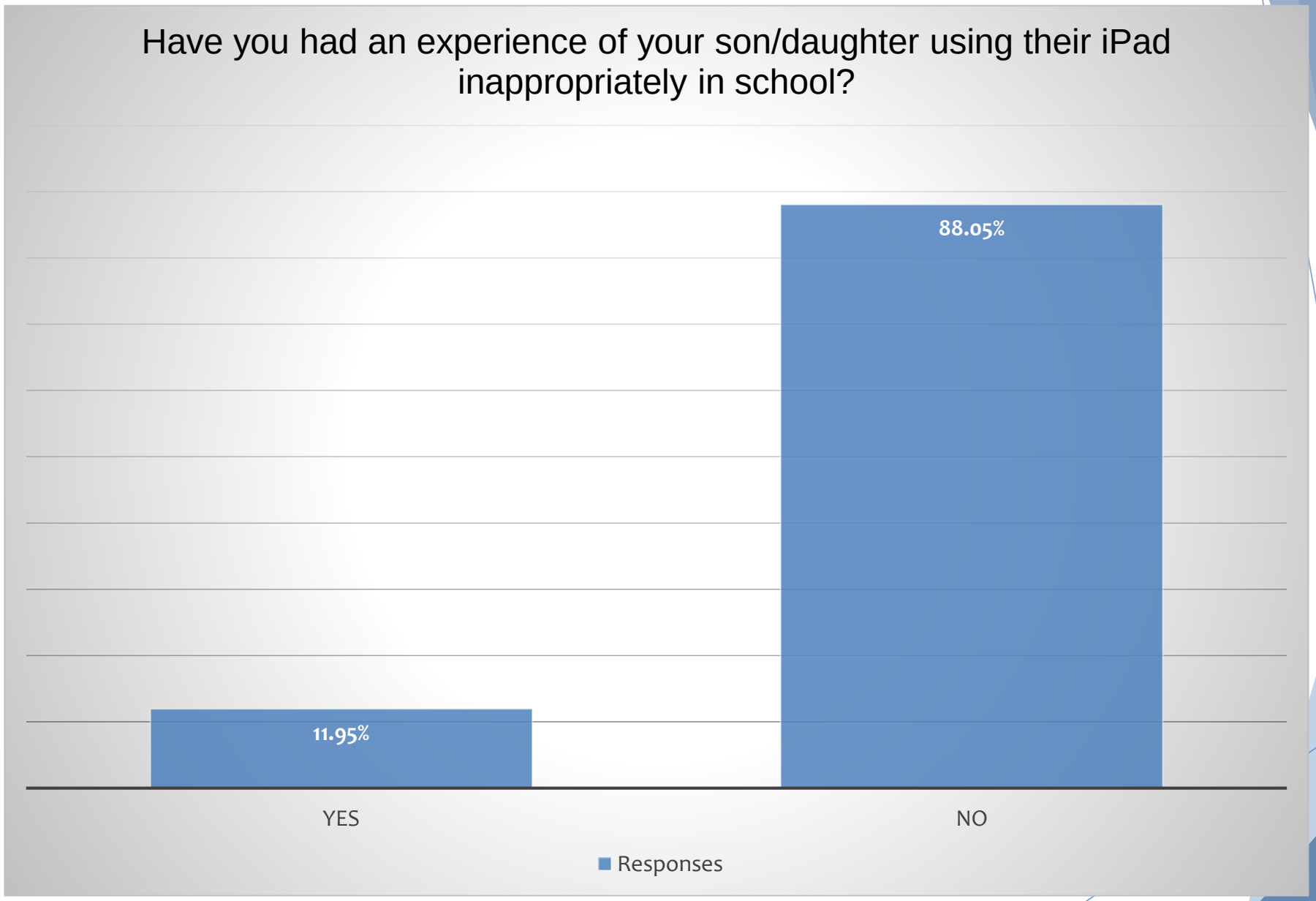
Have you had an experience of your son/daughter using their iPad inappropriately in school?
88.05%
11.95%
YES
NO
Responses

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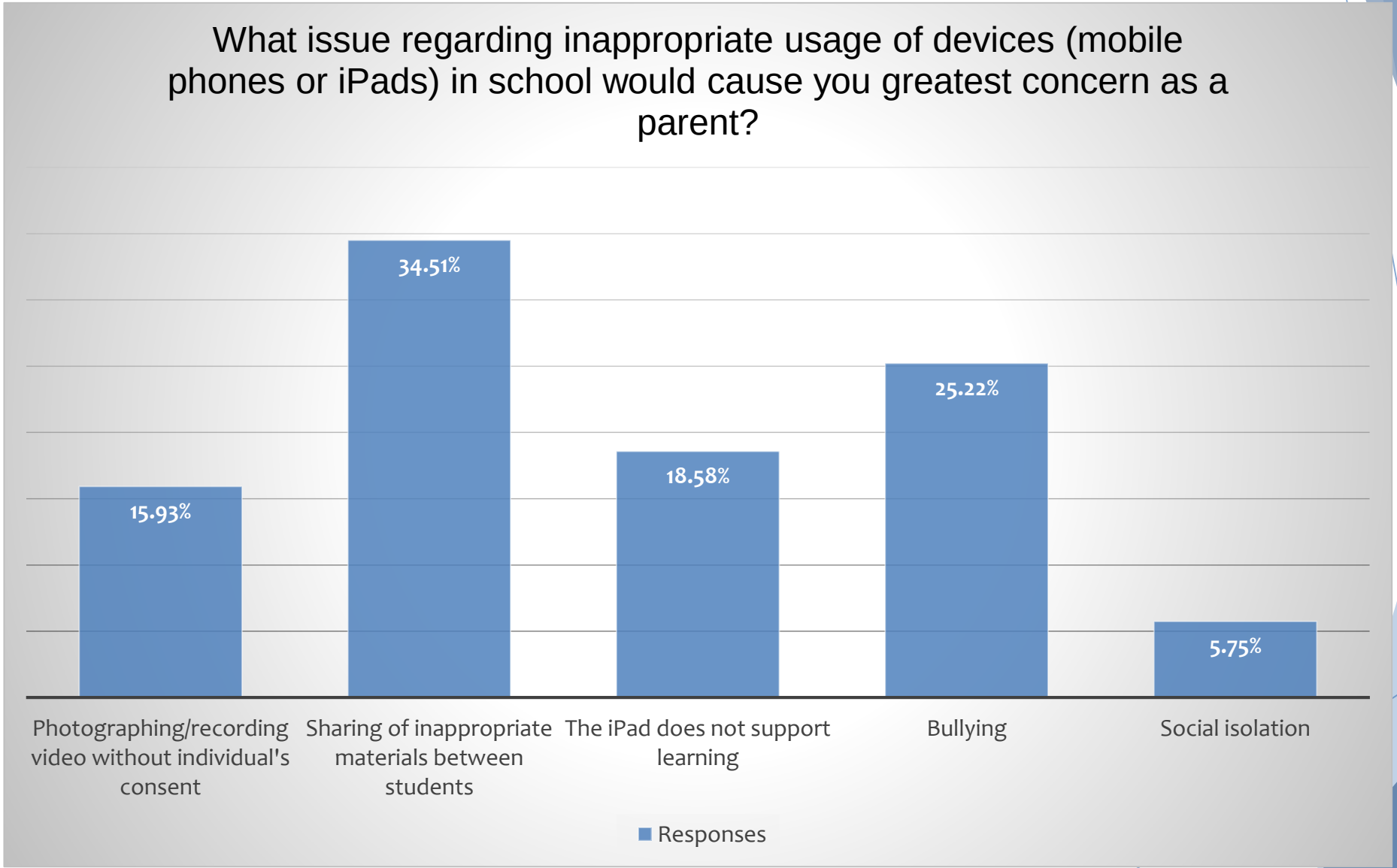
What issue regarding inappropriate usage of devices (mobile phones or iPads) in school would cause you greatest concern as a parent?
15.93%
34.51%
18.58%
25.22%
5.75%
Photographing/recording video without individual's consent
Sharing of inappropriate materials between students
The iPad does not support learning
Bullying
Social isolation
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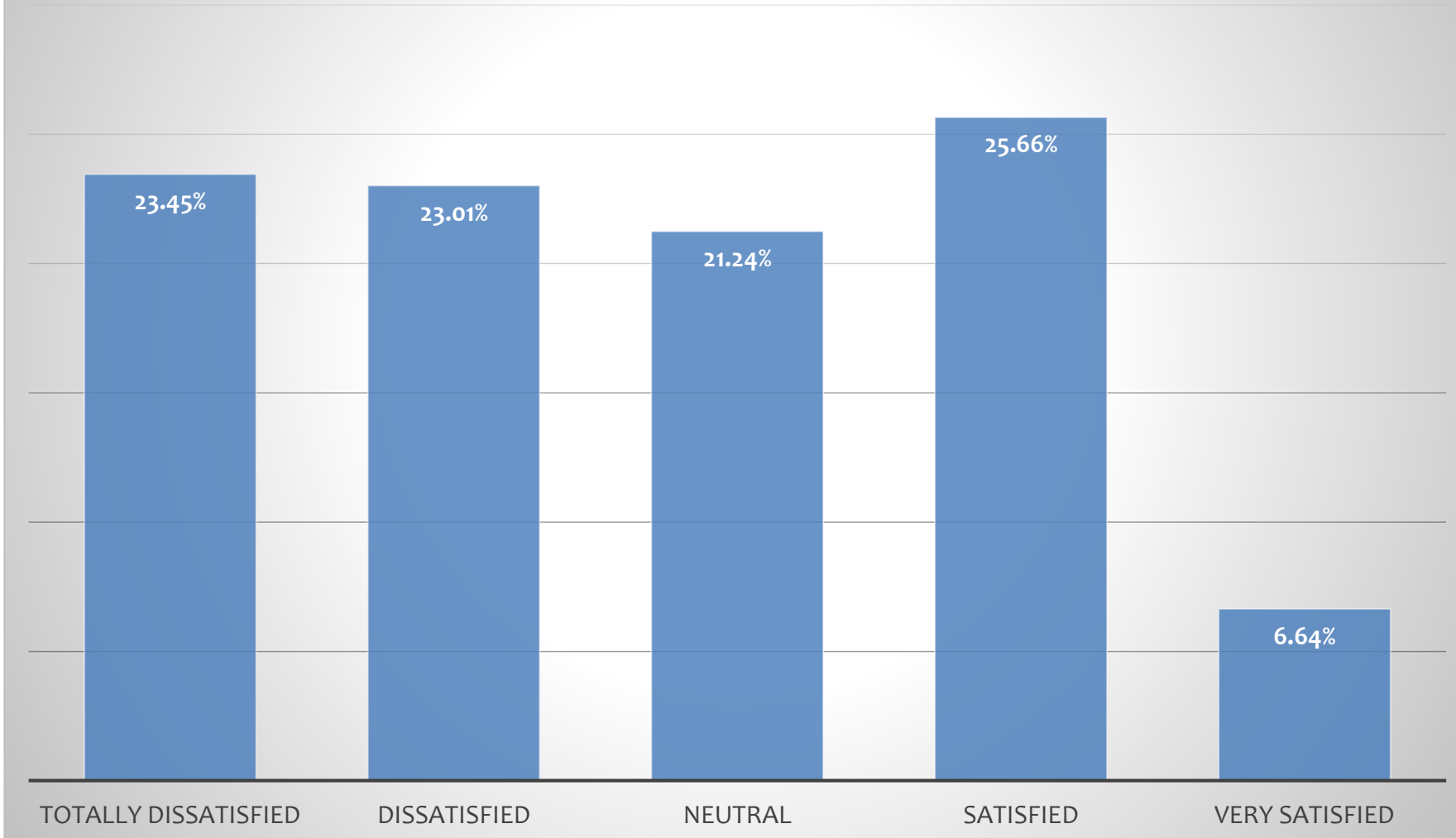
How satisfied are you, as a parent, with the use of iPads in Ratoath College to support Learning and Teaching?



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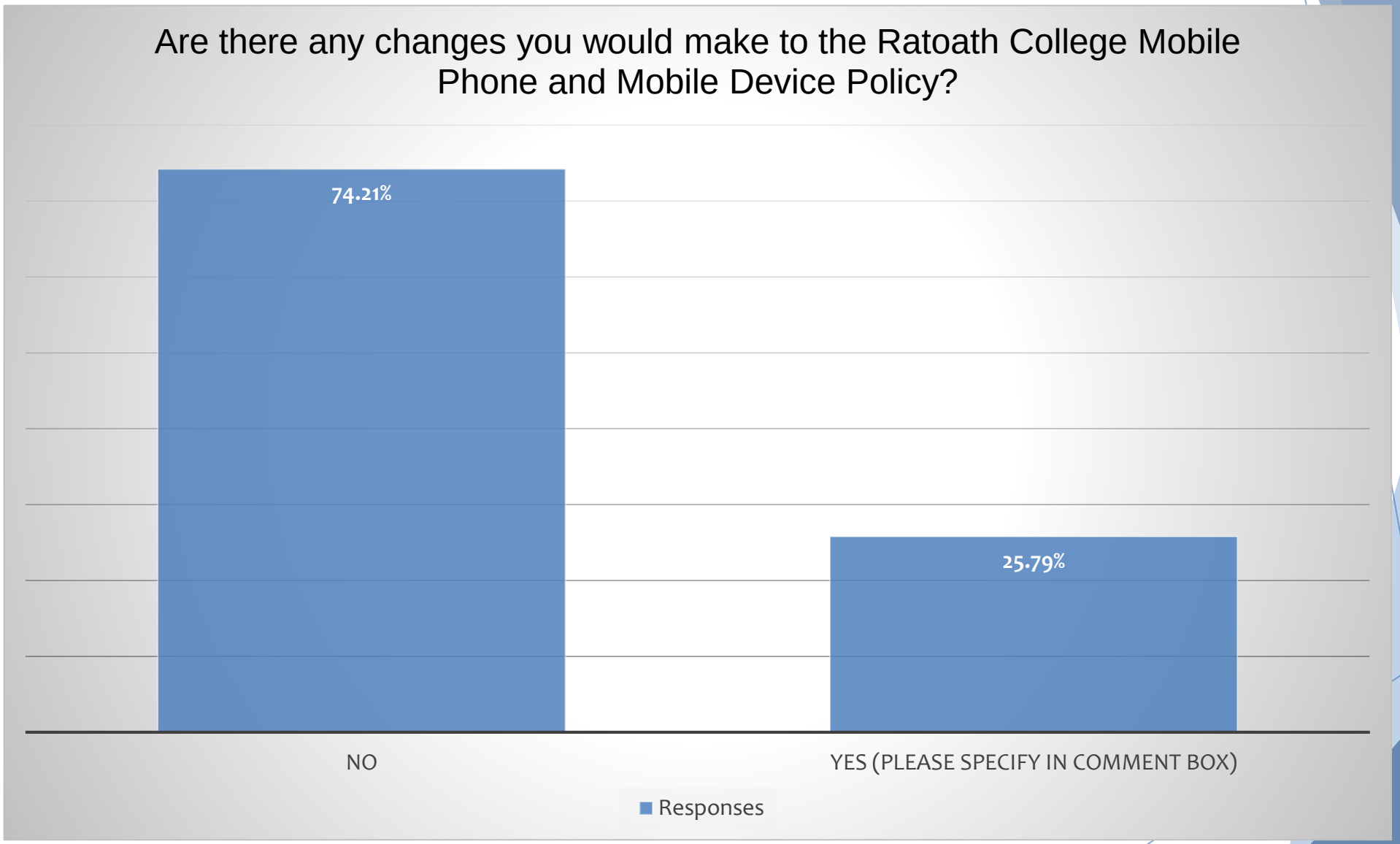
Are there any changes you would make to the Ratoath College Mobile Phone and Mobile Device Policy?
74.21%
25.79%
NO
YES (PLEASE SPECIFY IN COMMENT BOX)
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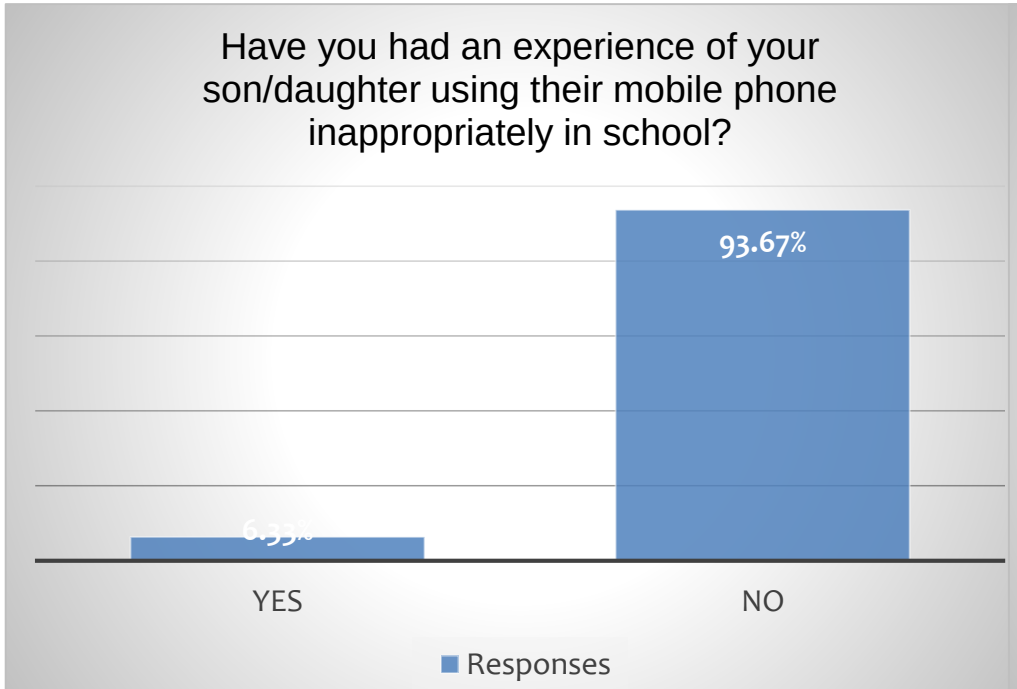
Have you had an experience of your son/daughter using their mobile phone inappropriately in school?
93.67%
6.33%
YES
NO
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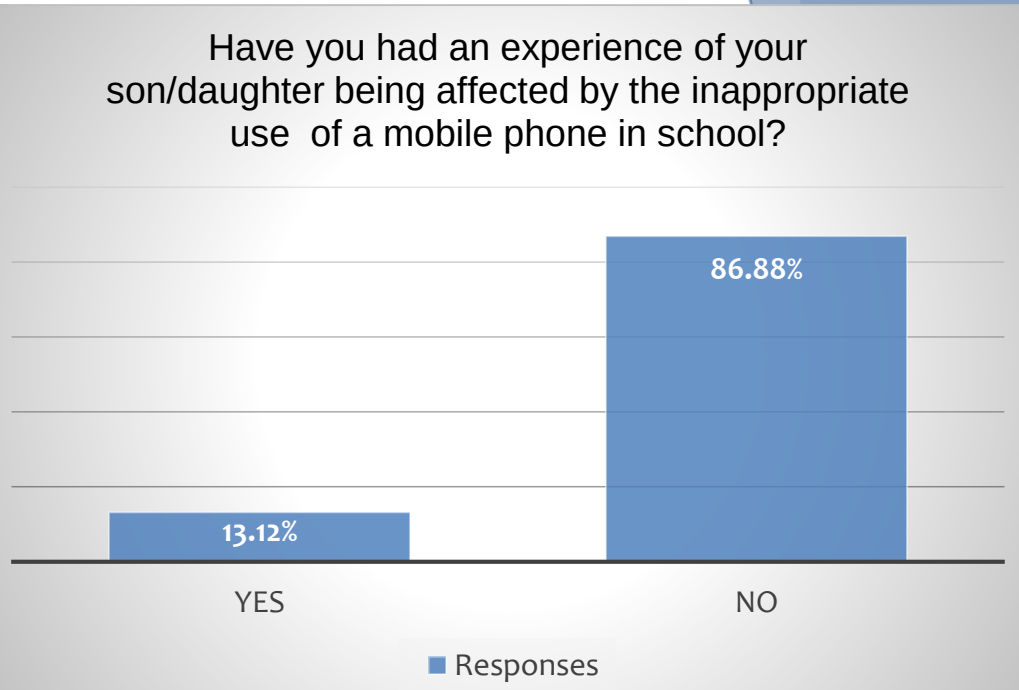
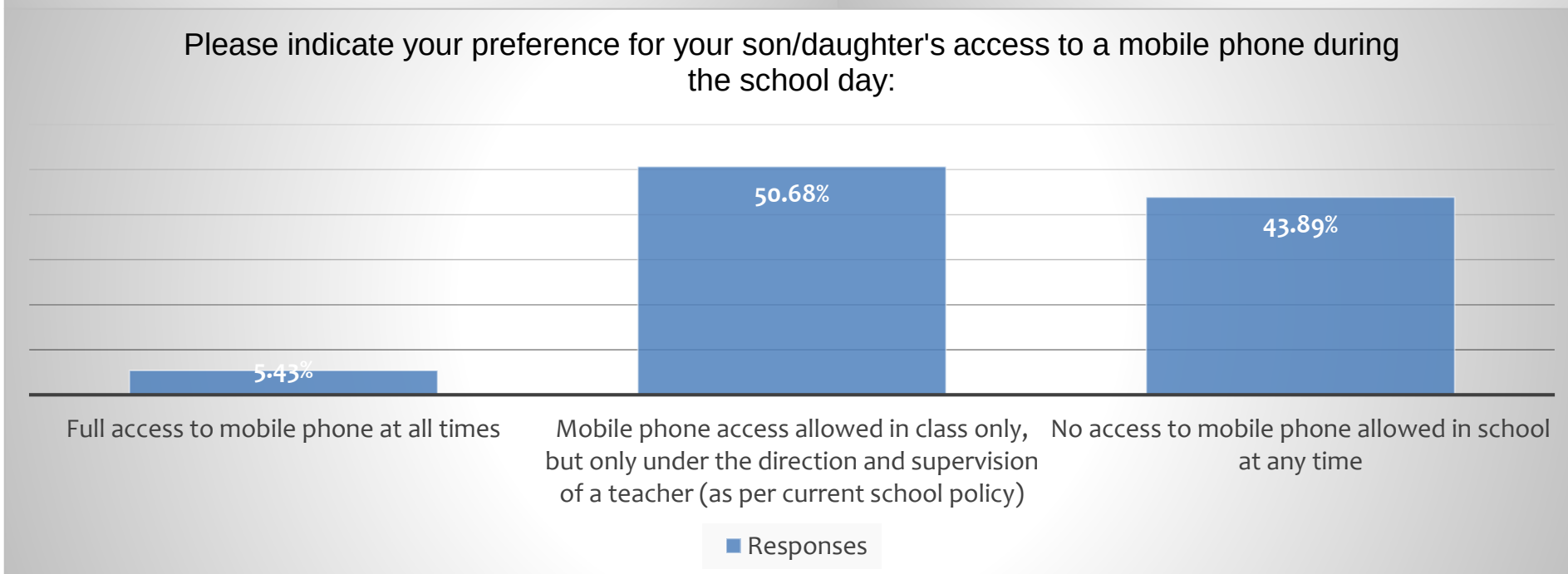

Have you had an experience of your son/daughter being affected by the inappropriate use of a mobile phone in school?
86.88%
13.12%
YES
NO
Responses


Please indicate your preference for your son/daughter's access to a mobile phone during the school day:
50.68%
43.89%
5.43%
Full access to mobile phone at all times
Mobile phone access allowed in class only, but only under the direction and supervision of a teacher (as per current school policy)
No access to mobile phone allowed in school at any time
Responses

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Staff Response Summary

Approx. 90% response rate

68 responses received (56 [82%] complete)

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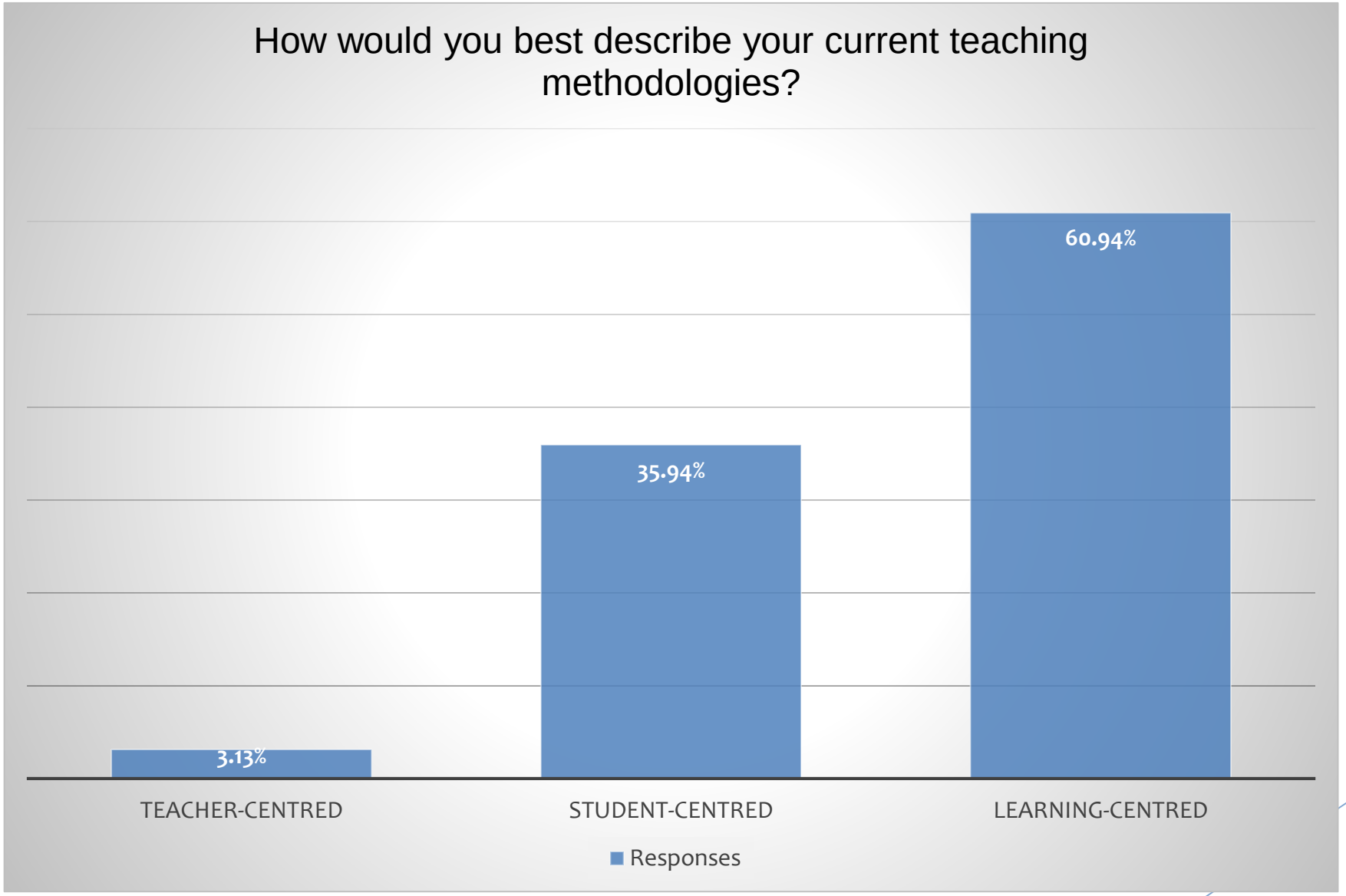
How would you best describe your current teaching methodologies?
3.13%
35.94%
60.94%
TEACHER-CENTRED
STUDENT-CENTRED
LEARNING-CENTRED
Responses

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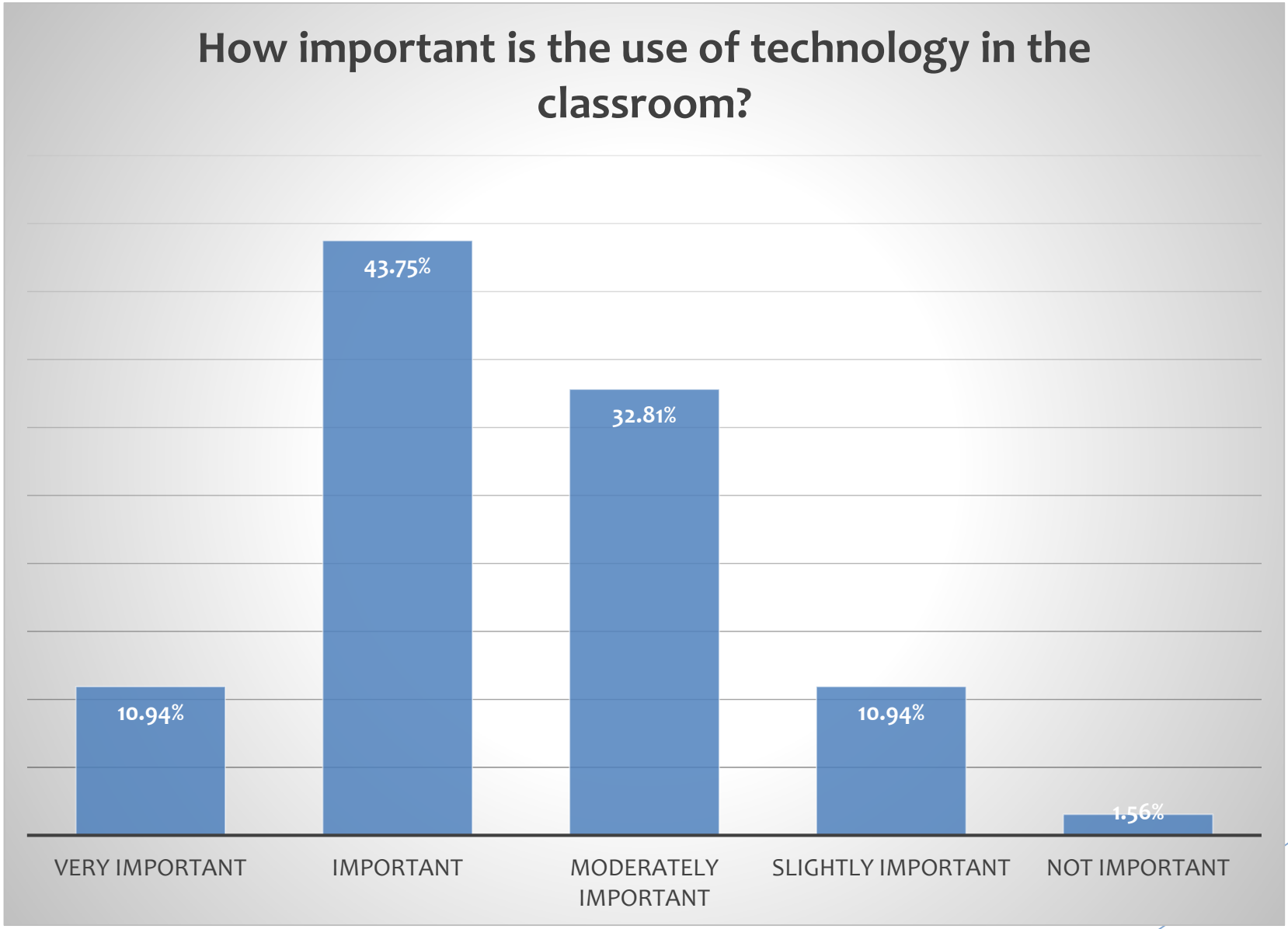
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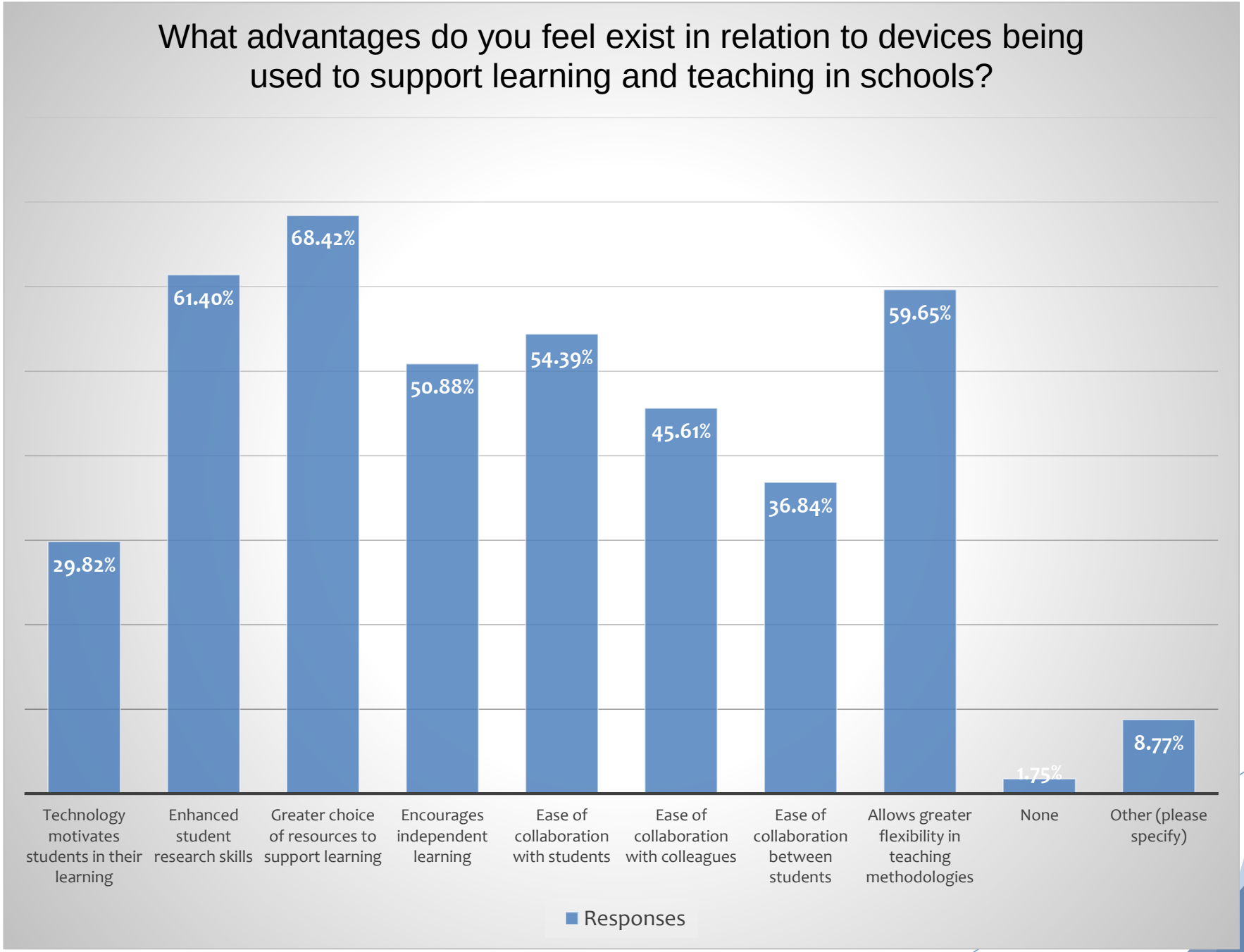
What advantages do you feel exist in relation to devices being used to support learning and teaching in schools?
29.82%
61.40%
68.42%
50.88%
54.39%
45.61%
36.84%
59.65%
1.75%
8.77%
Technology motivates students in their learning
Enhanced student research skills
Greater choice of resources to support learning
Encourages independent learning
Ease of collaboration with students
Ease of collaboration with colleagues
Ease of collaboration between students
Allows greater flexibility in teaching methodologies
None
Other (please specify)
Responses

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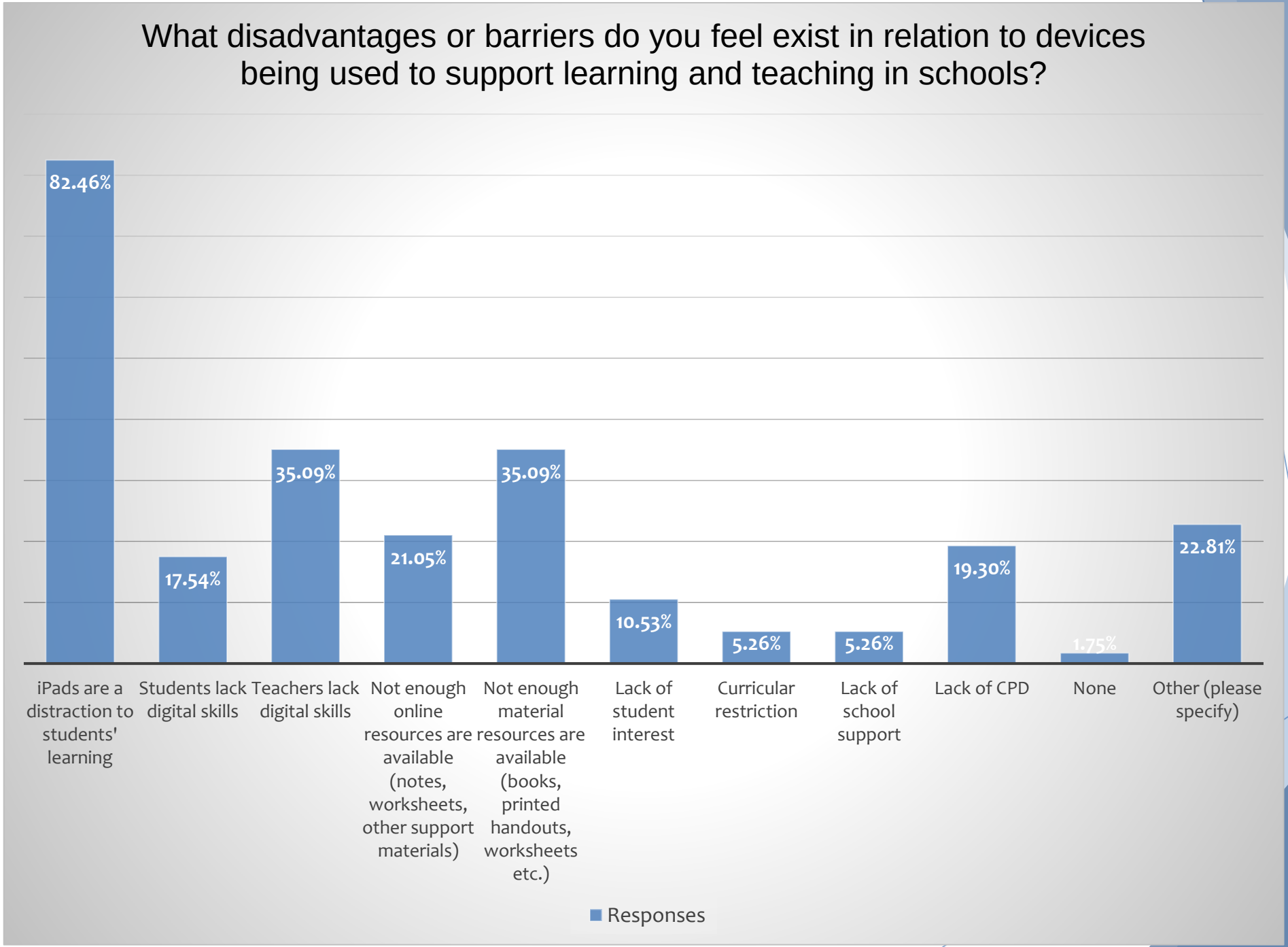
What disadvantages or barriers do you feel exist in relation to devices being used to support learning and teaching in schools?
82.46%
17.54%
35.09%
21.05%
35.09%
10.53%
5.26%
5.26%
19.30%
1.75%
22.81%
iPads are a distraction to students' learning
Students lack digital skills
Teachers lack digital skills
Not enough online resources are available (notes, worksheets, other support materials)
Not enough material resources are available (books, printed handouts, worksheets etc.)
Lack of student interest
Curricular restriction
Lack of school support
Lack of CPD
None
Other (please specify)
Responses

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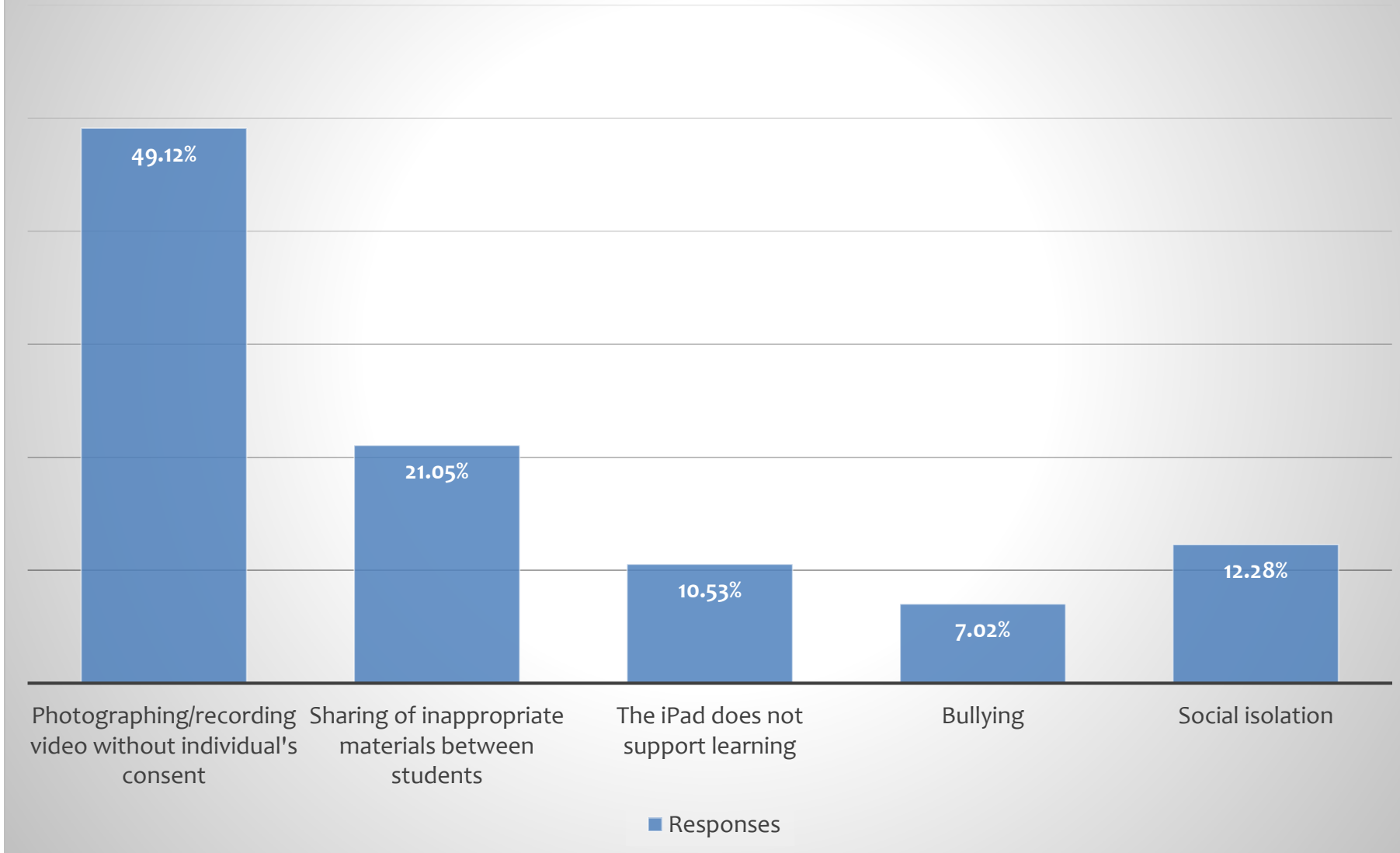
What issue regarding inappropriate usage of devices (mobile phones or iPads) in school would cause you greatest concern as a staff member?



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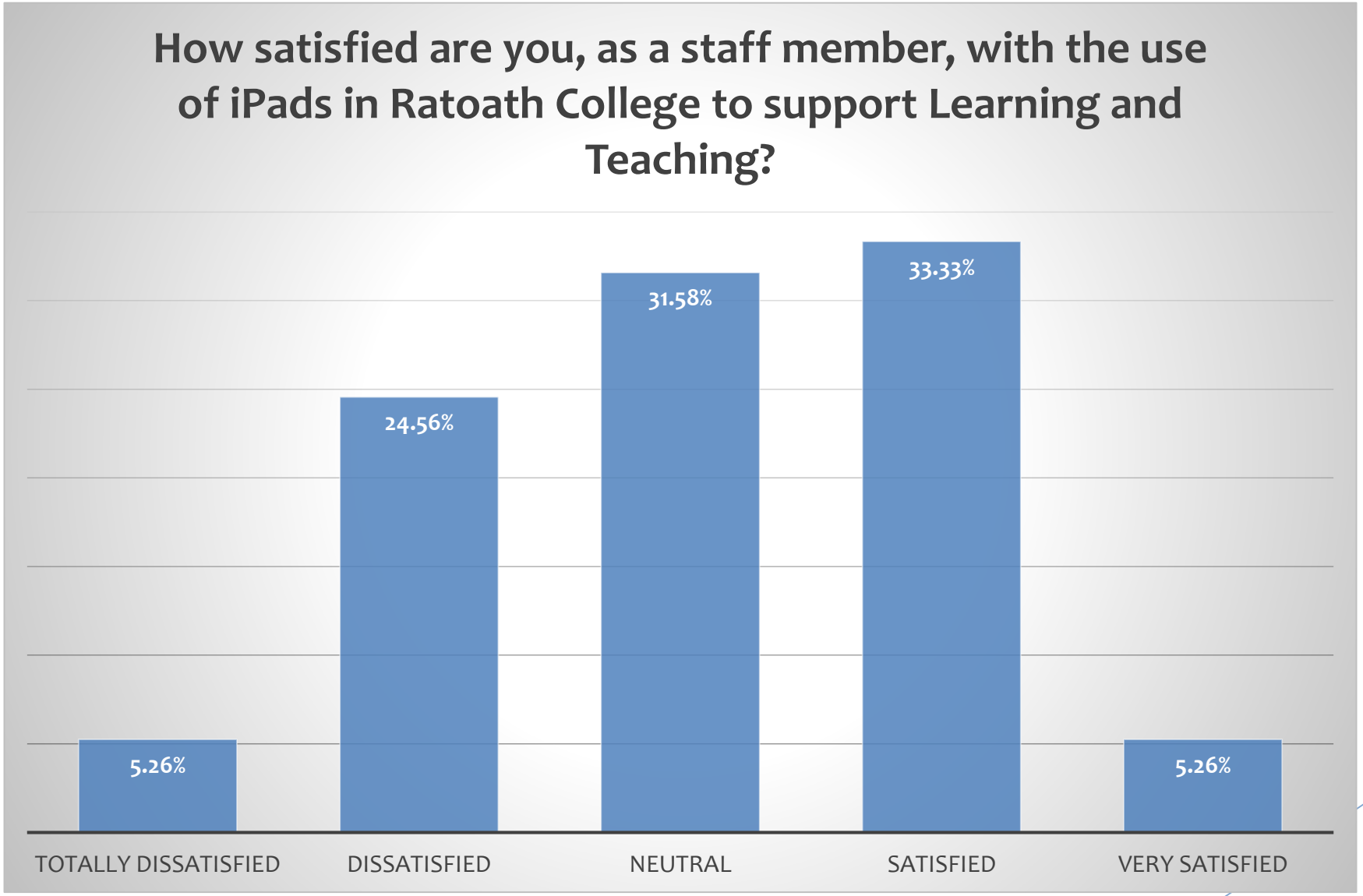
How satisfied are you, as a staff member, with the use of iPads in Ratoath College to support Learning and Teaching?
5.26%
24.56%
31.58%
33.33%
5.26%
TOTALLY DISSATISFIED
DISSATISFIED
NEUTRAL
SATISFIED
VERY SATISFIED

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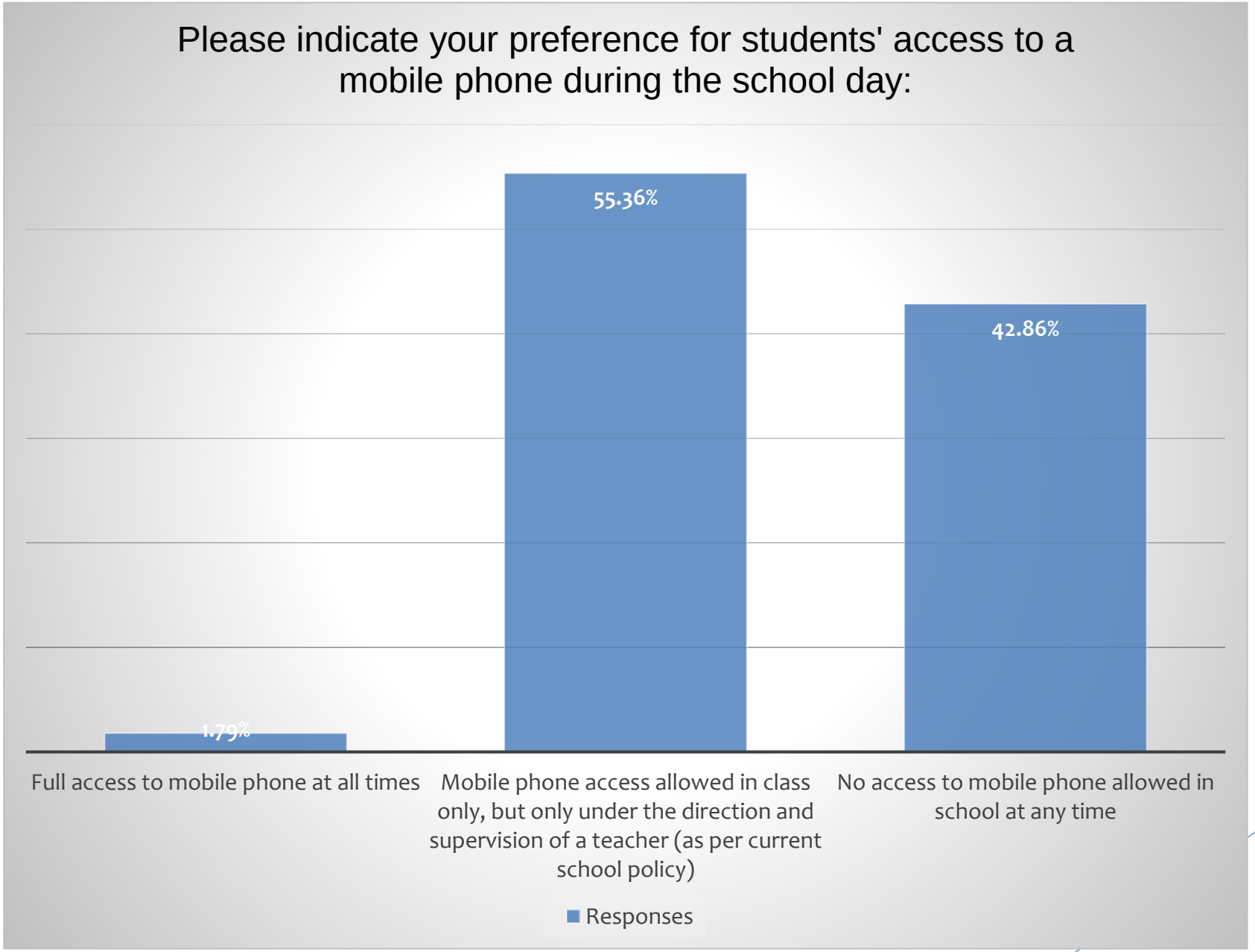
Please indicate your preference for students' access to a mobile phone during the school day:
55.36%
42.86%
1.79%
Full access to mobile phone at all times
Mobile phone access allowed in class only, but only under the direction and supervision of a teacher (as per current school policy)
No access to mobile phone allowed in school at any time
Responses

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