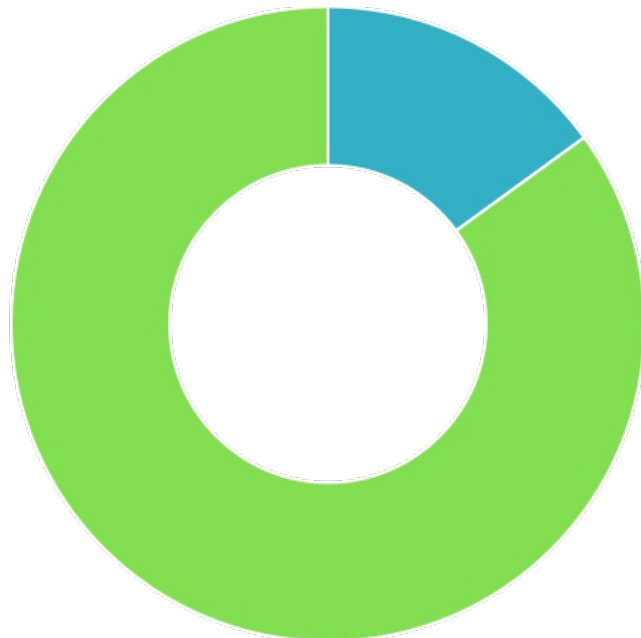


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Please indicate your gender.

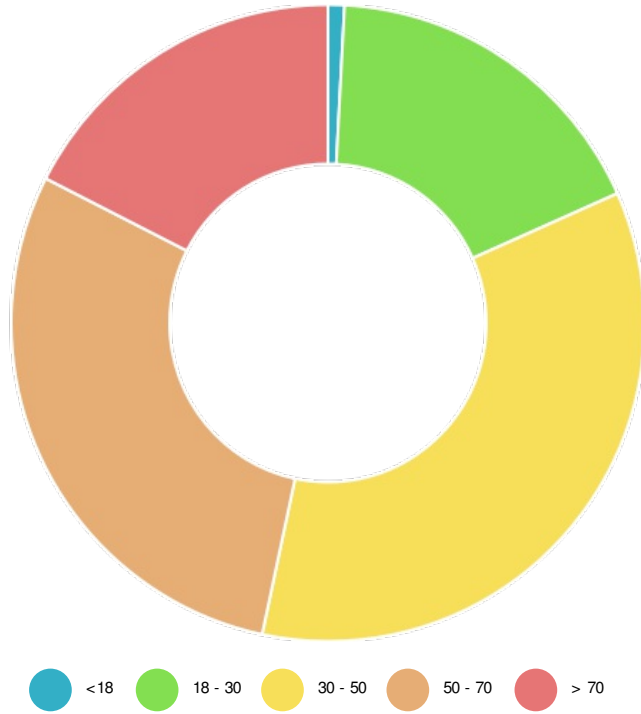
| | ● Male | ● Female | Standard Deviation | Responses |
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| All Data | 18 (15%) | 102 (85%) | 42 | 120 |



● Male ● Female

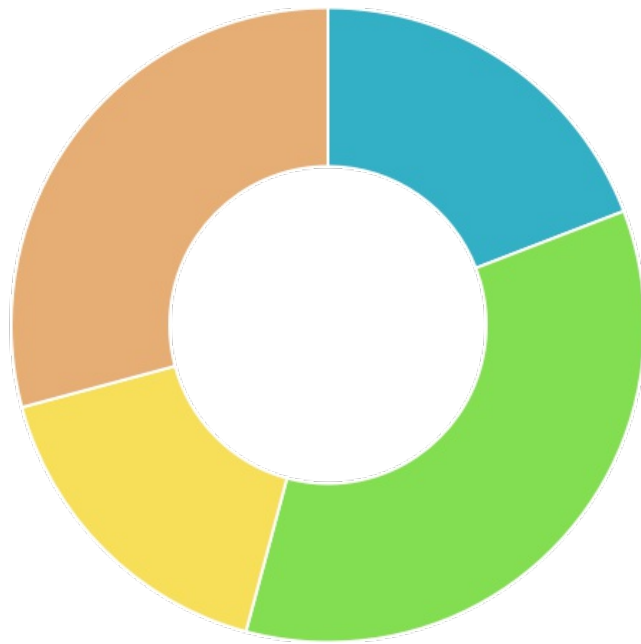
What is your age group?

| | ● <18 | ● 18 - 30 | ● 30 - 50 | ● 50 - 70 | ● > 70 | Standard Deviation | Responses |
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| All Data | 1 (1%) | 21 (18%) | 42 (35%) | 35 (29%) | 21 (18%) | 14.09 | 120 |



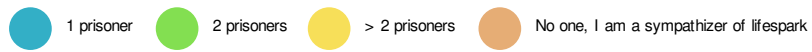
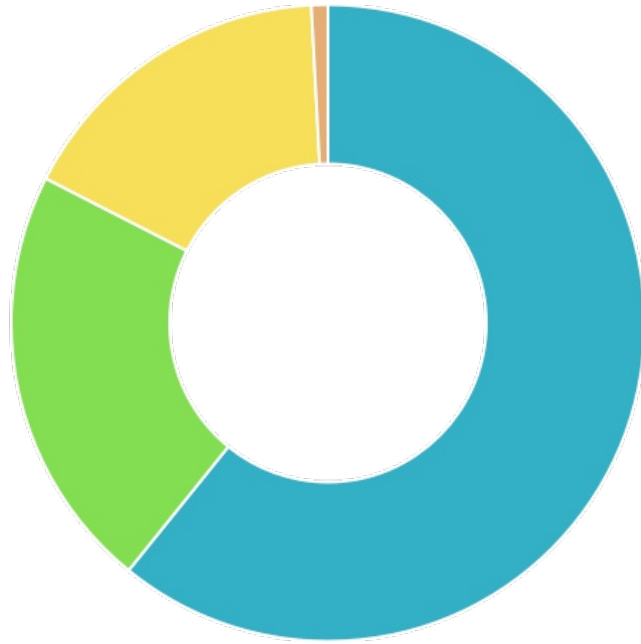
I have been a lifespark member for:

| | ● < 1 year | ● 1 - 5 years | ● 5 - 10 years | ● > 10 years | Standard Deviation | Responses |
|-----------------|---|--|---|---|--------------------|-----------|
| All Data | 23 (19%) | 42 (35%) | 20 (17%) | 35 (29%) | 8.92 | 120 |



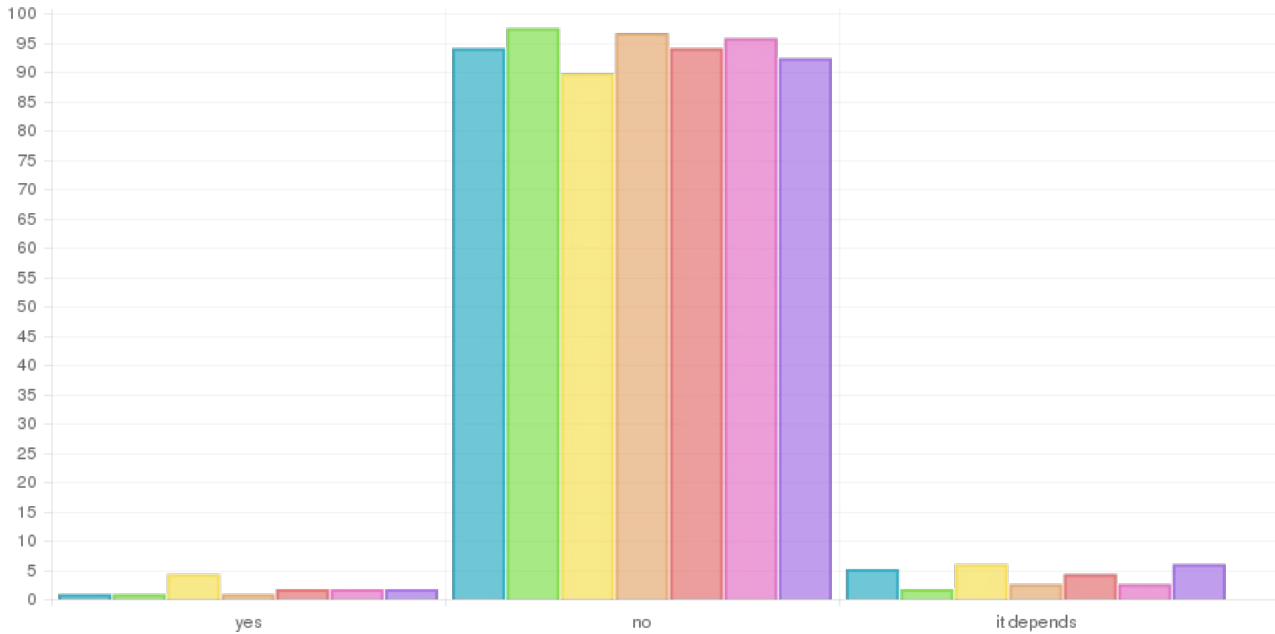
So far, I have been corresponding with:

| | 1 prisoner | 2 prisoners | > 2 prisoners | No one, I am a sympathizer of lifespark | Standard Deviation | Responses |
|----------|------------|-------------|---------------|---|--------------------|-----------|
| All Data | 73 (61%) | 26 (22%) | 20 (17%) | 1 (1%) | 26.49 | 120 |



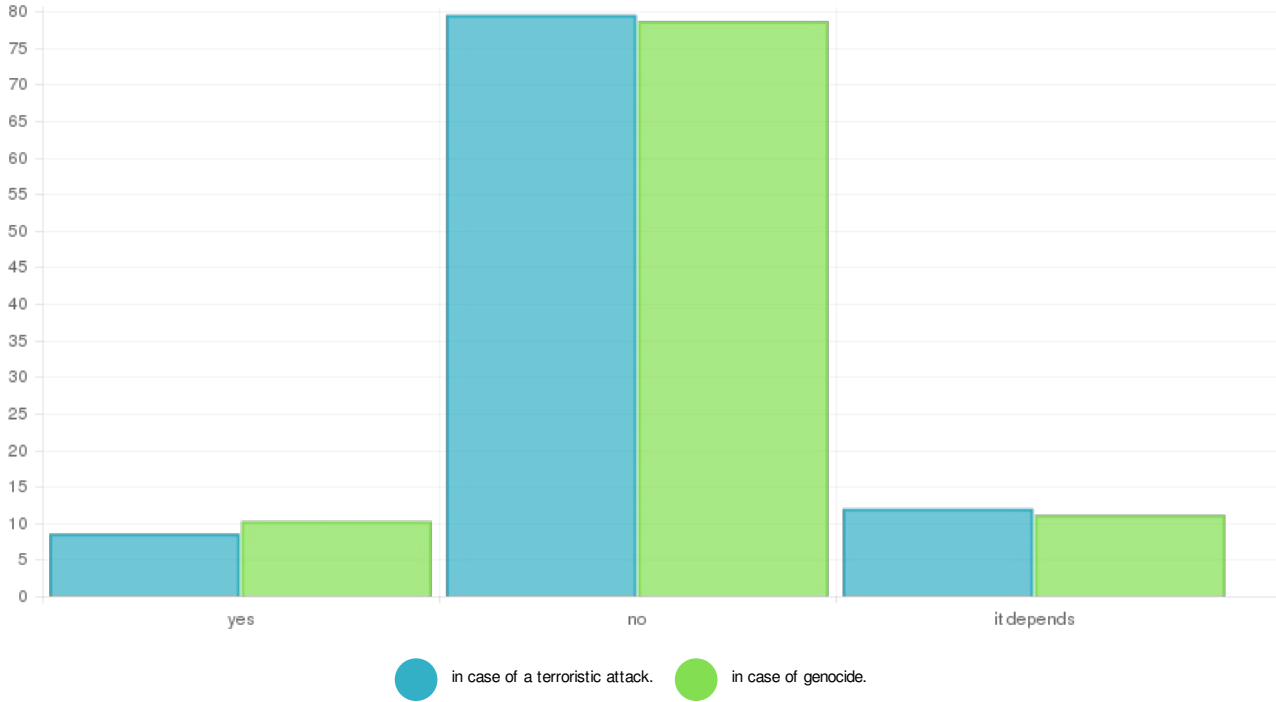
Do you consider the death penalty as justified in the case of capital murder... :

| | yes | no | it depends | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|--|-----------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| ● in general. | 1 (1%) | 110 (94%) | 6 (5%) | 50.25 | 117 | 2.04 / 3 |
| ● if the victim is a police officer, firefighter or paramedic. | 1 (1%) | 114 (97%) | 2 (2%) | 53.03 | 117 | 2.01 / 3 |
| ● if victim is a child. | 5 (4%) | 105 (90%) | 7 (6%) | 46.68 | 117 | 2.02 / 3 |
| ● if committed during the commission of another violent felony. | 1 (1%) | 113 (97%) | 3 (3%) | 52.33 | 117 | 2.02 / 3 |
| ● if multiple murders are committed pursuant to each other | 2 (2%) | 110 (94%) | 5 (4%) | 50.22 | 117 | 2.03 / 3 |
| ● in case of murder-for-hire | 2 (2%) | 112 (96%) | 3 (3%) | 51.62 | 117 | 2.01 / 3 |
| ● of repeat offenders | 2 (2%) | 108 (92%) | 7 (6%) | 48.83 | 117 | 2.04 / 3 |
| | | | | | | 2.02 / 3 |



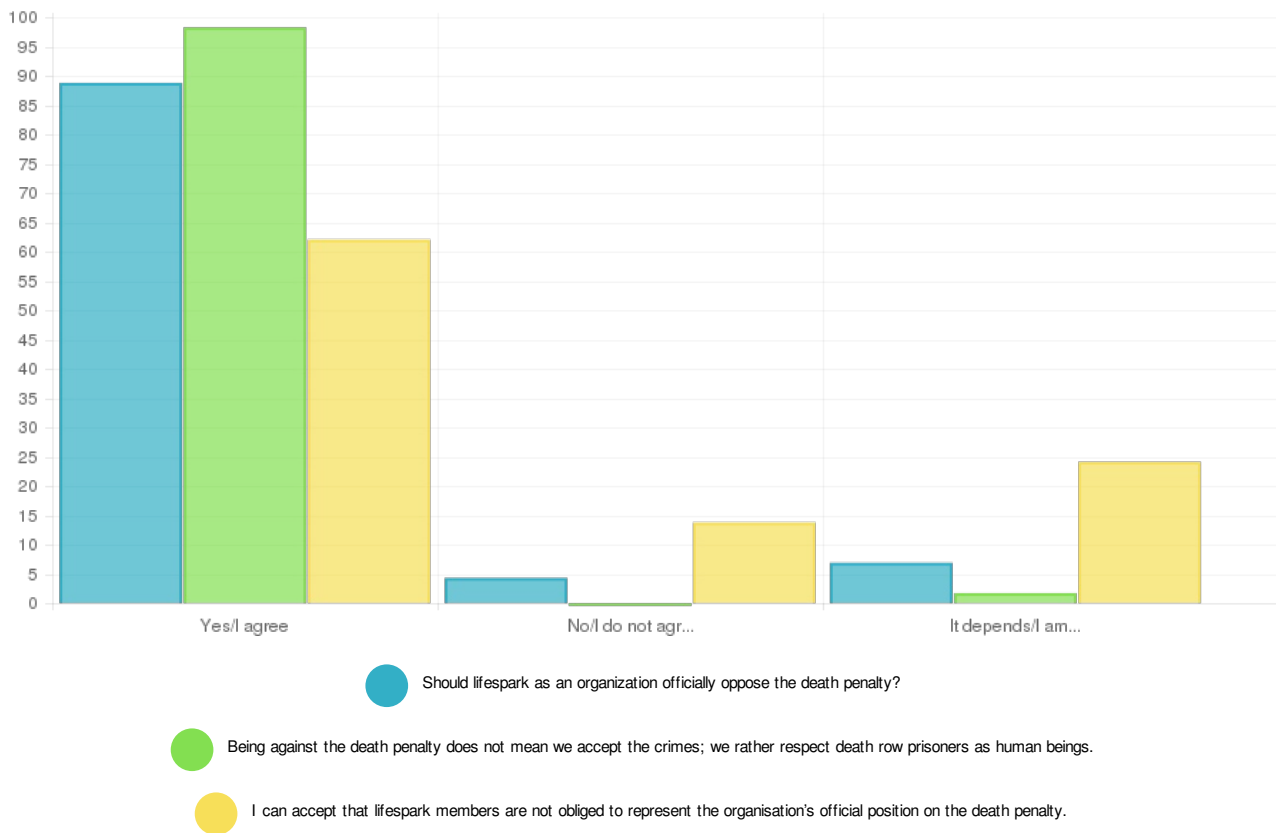
Do you consider the death penalty as justified in the case of ... :

| | yes | no | it depends | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|---|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| ● in case of a terroristic attack. | 10 (9%) | 93 (79%) | 14 (12%) | 38.22 | 117 | 2.03 / 3 |
| ● in case of genocide. | 12 (10%) | 92 (79%) | 13 (11%) | 37.48 | 117 | 2.01 / 3 |
| | | | | | | 2.02 / 3 |



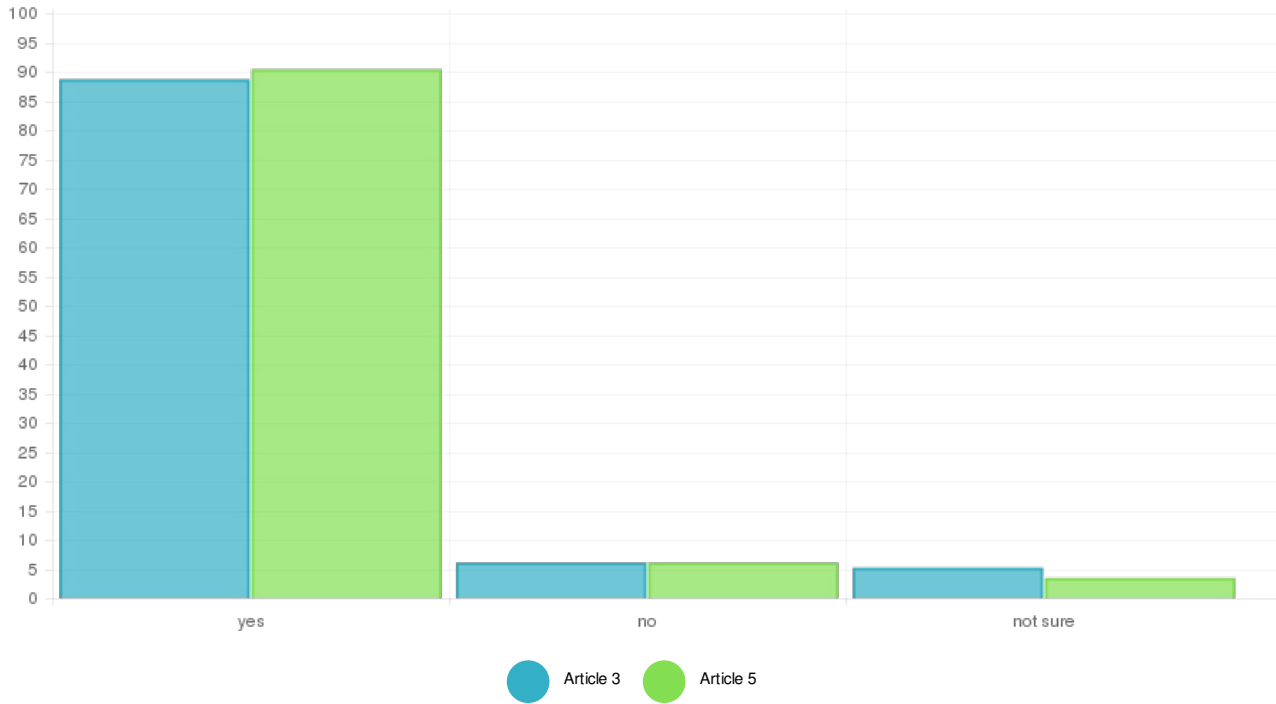
What is your opinion about lifespark's official position on the death penalty?

| | Yes/I agree | No/I do not agree | It depends/I am not sure | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|---|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Should lifespark as an organization officially oppose the death penalty? | 103 (89%) | 5 (4%) | 8 (7%) | 45.51 | 116 | 1.18 / 3 |
| Being against the death penalty does not mean we accept the crimes; we rather respect death row prisoners as human beings. | 114 (98%) | 0 (0%) | 2 (2%) | 53.27 | 116 | 1.03 / 3 |
| I can accept that lifespark members are not obliged to represent the organisation's official position on the death penalty. | 72 (62%) | 16 (14%) | 28 (24%) | 24.07 | 116 | 1.62 / 3 |
| | | | | | | 1.28 / 3 |



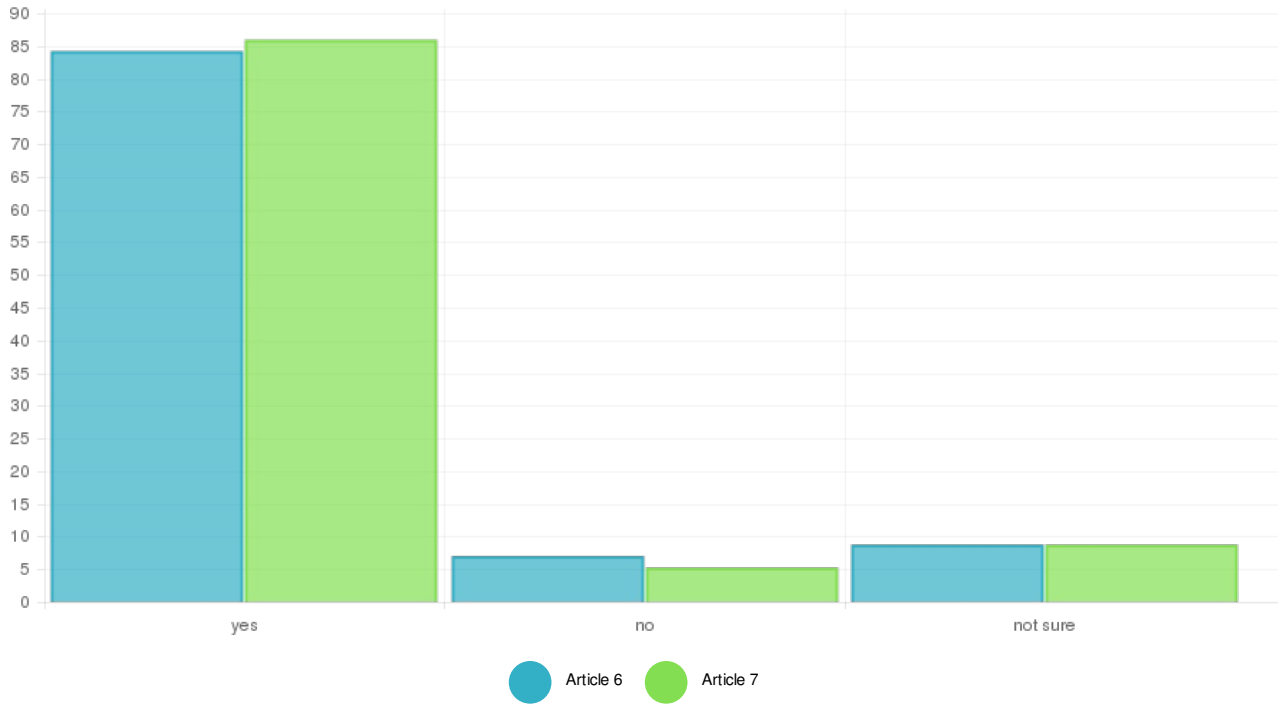
Do you think that the death penalty as implemented in the USA violates these articles?

| | yes | no | not sure | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| ● Article 3 | 102 (89%) | 7 (6%) | 6 (5%) | 45.02 | 115 | 1.17 / 3 |
| ● Article 5 | 104 (90%) | 7 (6%) | 4 (3%) | 46.45 | 115 | 1.13 / 3 |
| | | | | | | 1.15 / 3 |



Do you think that capital punishment as implemented in the USA violates these articles?

| | yes | no | not sure | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| ● Article 6 | 96 (84%) | 8 (7%) | 10 (9%) | 41.02 | 114 | 1.25 / 3 |
| ● Article 7 | 98 (86%) | 6 (5%) | 10 (9%) | 42.46 | 114 | 1.23 / 3 |
| | | | | | | 1.24 / 3 |



Other major motivations which were not listed above (to facilitate the evaluation of your answers, please name not more than 2 items and keep it factual and basic):

Text Responses

To make myself learn how to be strong for others and how to deal with things, I've never had to face in my life, if it wasn't for the inmate, I'm friends with. If I were in the same situation.

I am sure I would appreciate being in touch with some nice person outside of my narrow reality!

Do something that makes sense (help others, in this case a prisoner) with the time and means I have available

It was suggested to me by my English student, after long consideration and discussing with supporters.

sorry but the motivation to start and the motivation to maintain aren't the same!

the first is an intellectual decision and the second is with friendship

I use to do concerts in prisons

I often visit Prisoners in foreign countries

After living my entire adult life being controlled by addiction from one illicit substance to the next, committing petty crimes and existing in a chaotic lifestyle I entered a recovery programme on the 17th of July 2014. It was both the hardest and best thing I have ever done!! To date (23/08/2015) I have been clean of all illicit substances for almost 14 months. During my recovery I did a lot of soul searching and I realised how lucky I have been. In my previous lifestyle, the acts I was committing and company I was keeping things could have turned out very differently. I began to have the urge to write to a death row inmate as I now believe that everyone makes mistakes and although we must face the consequences for our actions I am not sure that I agree with the death penalty as punishment in the majority of cases.

It was the innocence of a death row inmate, that's why I write.

I give to the inmate the feeling of being a human being even if he committed a crime.

It's possible in life to start again. We all need a second chance, sometimes!

Comment Claudia: Only answers 1,2,4 and 9 have a tick; all others are blank.

Comment Claudia:

All answers blank except "social responsibility" question and last question.

Claudia: Only one answer was ticked: Humanity. But I could not let the other answers be blank.

- Being able to make people around me aware of the death penalty and its consequences by telling them about my pen-palships.

- Reaching out to people who had not the same chances in life than I had. Give minorities a voice.

Learn from a person who had to find an unusual inner strength.

- the innocence of a lot of death row inmates wrongly sentenced

Du sollst nicht töten

aus den 10 Geboten

to write in english

Practice english!

practice english

The story I was told about this man so moved me I just felt an urge to write

Not give violence against violence

I wanted to write to someone in spanish

a prisoner needs this window to the outside to grow and develop. I like to support that possibility in someone's life

too many innocent are condemned

race factor is too important, this is not justice

We are all one. That's how simple it is to me.

faire un bout de chemin en humanité avec une personne qui en a besoin

accompagner jusqu'au bout et aider à garder l'espoir...

Some questions are difficult to answer as my pen pal swears that he is not guilty.

What about for those in his case.

Let the prisoner know she/he's not alone, that someone is there to listen, whatever crime might have been committed.

Exchanging different values and ideas of life or a situation with a person who comes from a completely different life, culture, background.

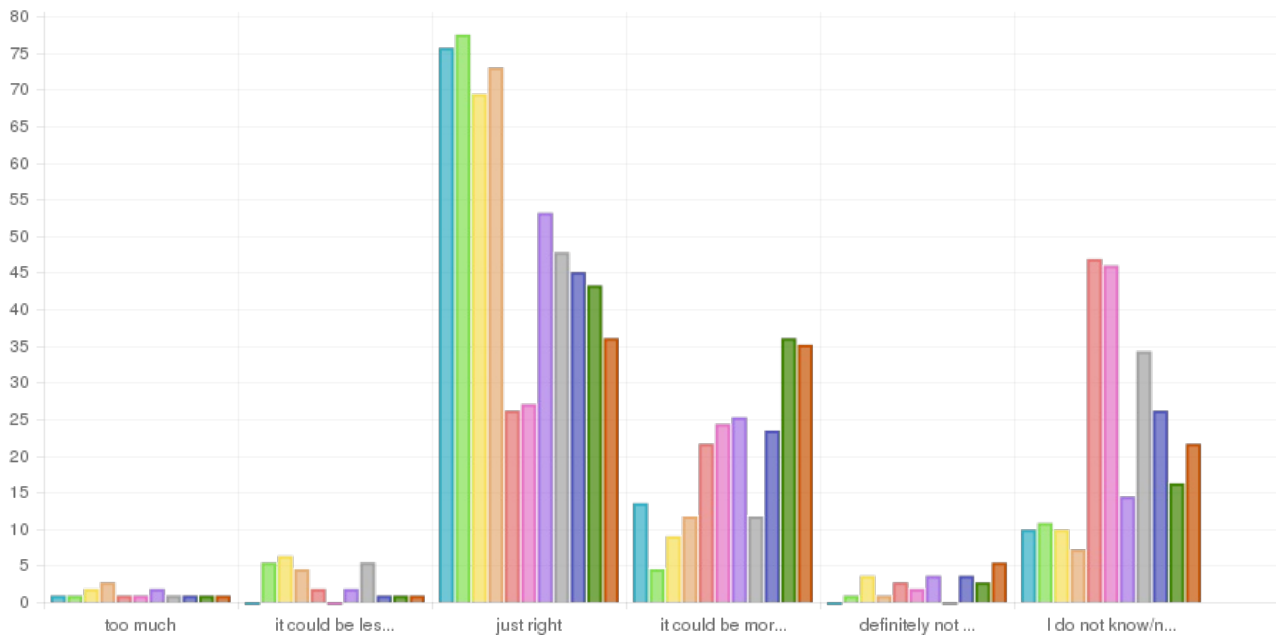
Le système de justice américain qui considère une personne sur une scène de crime comme coupable (et c'est à elle ensuite de prouver son innocence) me semble totalement injuste et condamne assurément les personnes défavorisées ..

At the beginning of my first correspondence I was stuck and frustrated and in a very bad life condition back then and hoped to get a different perspective on my own situation when corresponding with someone who was far worse off than I was. Because I find it inappropriate to confide the prisoners in and complain about my seemingly bad life the correspondences help me to focus on the joys my life has continuously offered me. It's a selfish thing to do.

I planned to write with my boyfriend and have a common activity with him, but we fast realized we could not share the intimacy of a relationship and we decided to have each one penpal. One of the penpal did not want to be known by others inmates so my friend and me could finally not talk so much about our penpalships... but we quickly find other reasons for the penpalship such as the one listed in question 10.

Be a friend with all it costs

Alle Menschen sind frei und gleich an Würde und Rechten geboren. UN AEMR



● arranging penpalships with death row inmates
 ● providing support, info and inspiration to members for their penpalships (info sheets, newsletter etc.)

● offering means for exchange among members (i.e. meetings, newsletter etc.)
 ● providing factually founded information on the death penalty (with main focus on the US)

● acknowledging the victim's relatives appropriately
 ● offering help with legal questions

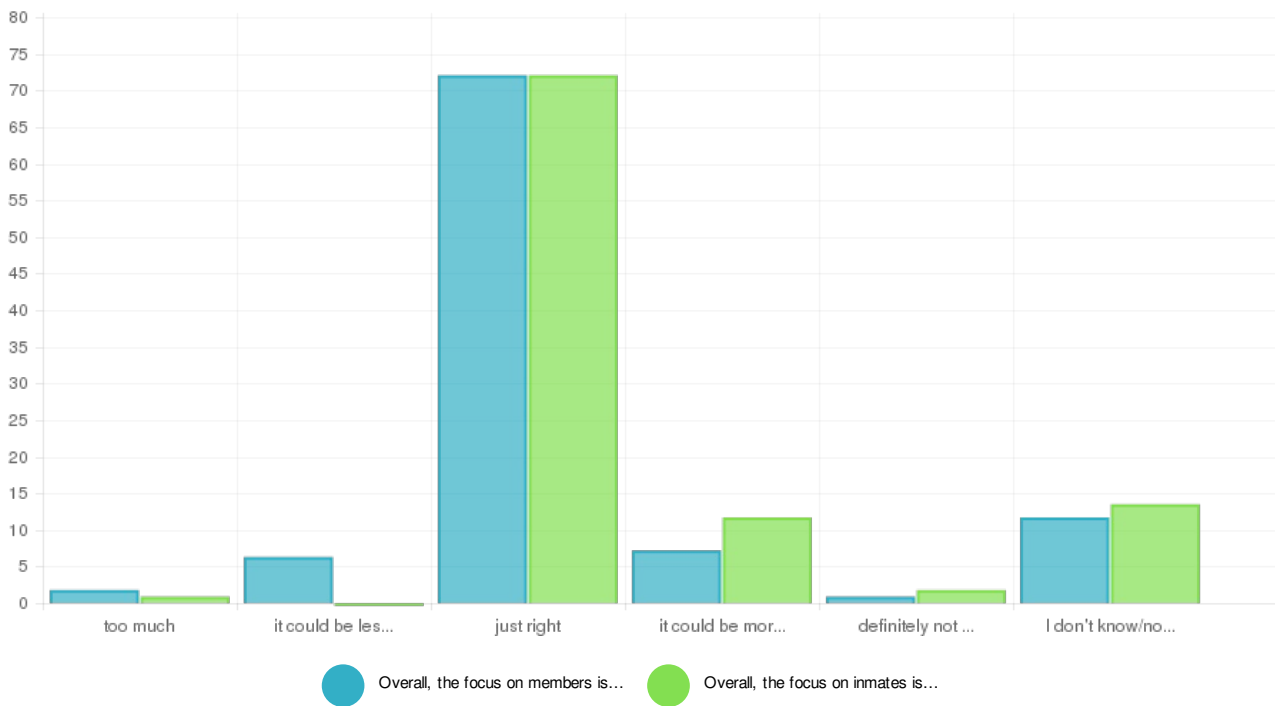
● contributing to the abolishment of death penalty (with main focus on the US) in general
 ● by financially supporting US anti-death-penalty or related organizations

● by working together with organizations like Amnesty International / ACAT etc.
 ● by writing press releases, articles or approaching the public media

● by organizing public events, speeches, going to schools etc.

In your perception, how much does lifespark focus on the following fields of activity?

| | too much | it could be less | just right | it could be more | definitely not enough | I don't know/no opinion | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Overall, the focus on members is... | 2 (2%) | 7 (6%) | 80 (72%) | 8 (7%) | 1 (1%) | 13 (12%) | 27.79 | 111 | 3.34 / 6 |
| Overall, the focus on inmates is... | 1 (1%) | 0 (0%) | 80 (72%) | 13 (12%) | 2 (2%) | 15 (14%) | 28.12 | 111 | 3.54 / 6 |
| | | | | | | | | | 3.44 / 6 |



If there are activities you miss in Lifespark, you can name them here. (to facilitate the evaluation of your answers, please name not more than 2 items and keep it factual and basic):

Text Responses

I'm a quite poor interested member, but a sincere writer. If I had a question, always I'd found some help. Thanks a lot!

Especially in social media, I see a great chance for Lifespark. I work in this branche and would be more than willing to help, if I knew how. As "stupid" as it may sound: The Facebook page of Lifespark doesn't look so reliable and they don't post as much. On the internet, you can spread news and promote organisations in numerous ways and I think, a lot more people would sign up, if they KNEW that Lifespark was there! But if you live in a country, where the death penalty isn't a present problem, you hardly have any information about it. If you had one or two members, who would voluntary write short posts about Lifesparks, maybe post pictures and show, what it means to be a penpal, I am almost sure, that many people would be willing to promote our case too.

Best wishes,
Annika G.

I would love more information events about Lifespark and the d.p. in the Zürich area. Of course I know it's always a matter of personal time and commitment as all the work is done on a volunteer basis, I personally don't have the time to organize events either... it's just wishful thinking :)

- addresses of organizations providing (legal) help to inmates
- addresses of US supreme court justices

no opinion

Comment Claudia:

Question 12: All answers blank except 3rd, 7th and 8th.

I am new and have not enough experience to give an opinion on all your questions.

Comment: I cannot answer these questions.

Claudia: No answer was ticked on this page.

-Regular press releases when death-penalty related news are in the Swiss/European press

- Possibility to find other members interested in visiting their pen pal (through a meeting; forum etc.) in order to plan a visit together.

Free communication among members.

Acknowledging inmates' relatives appropriately

Trying to find ways of contacting death row inmates in other countries

Events where Lifespark protests against the Death Penalty

public events in team of 2 or 3 members of the same area

Comment on "offering the legal help" question. It would be pretentious of Lifespark to try to "officially" offer such type of service. Too complicated a field of expertise!

there is not currently much within the UK

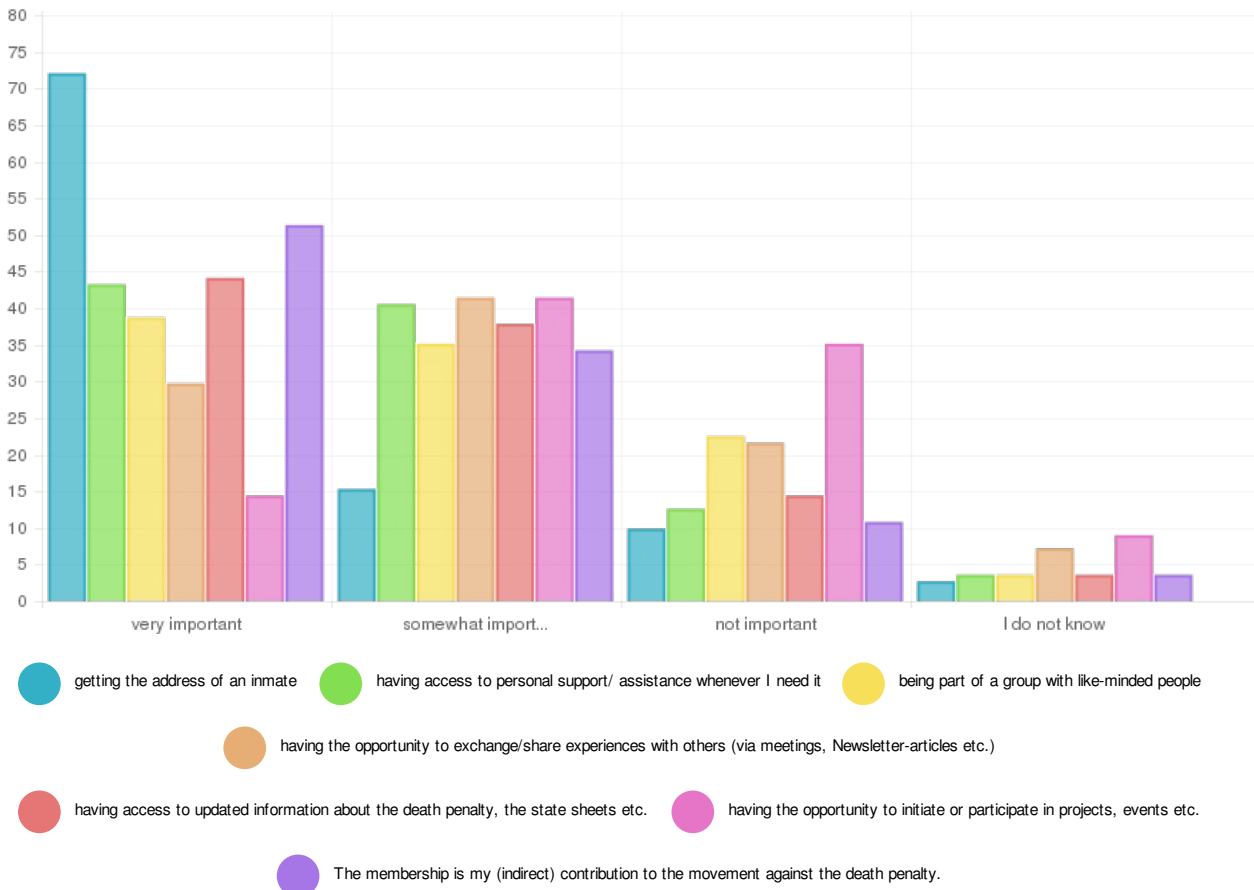
My inmate was innocent (which was a proven fact at the end of his life) but when I tried to help him legally I found I not really got any usable help from Lifespark. For instance I would have needed names and addresses from lawyers in USA doing pro bono work.

Inmates writings could have a bigger place in the newsletter and the members interviews could be shorter

the mass mailing could be more clear and readable (for example just the titles and links to click: too much information kills the information)

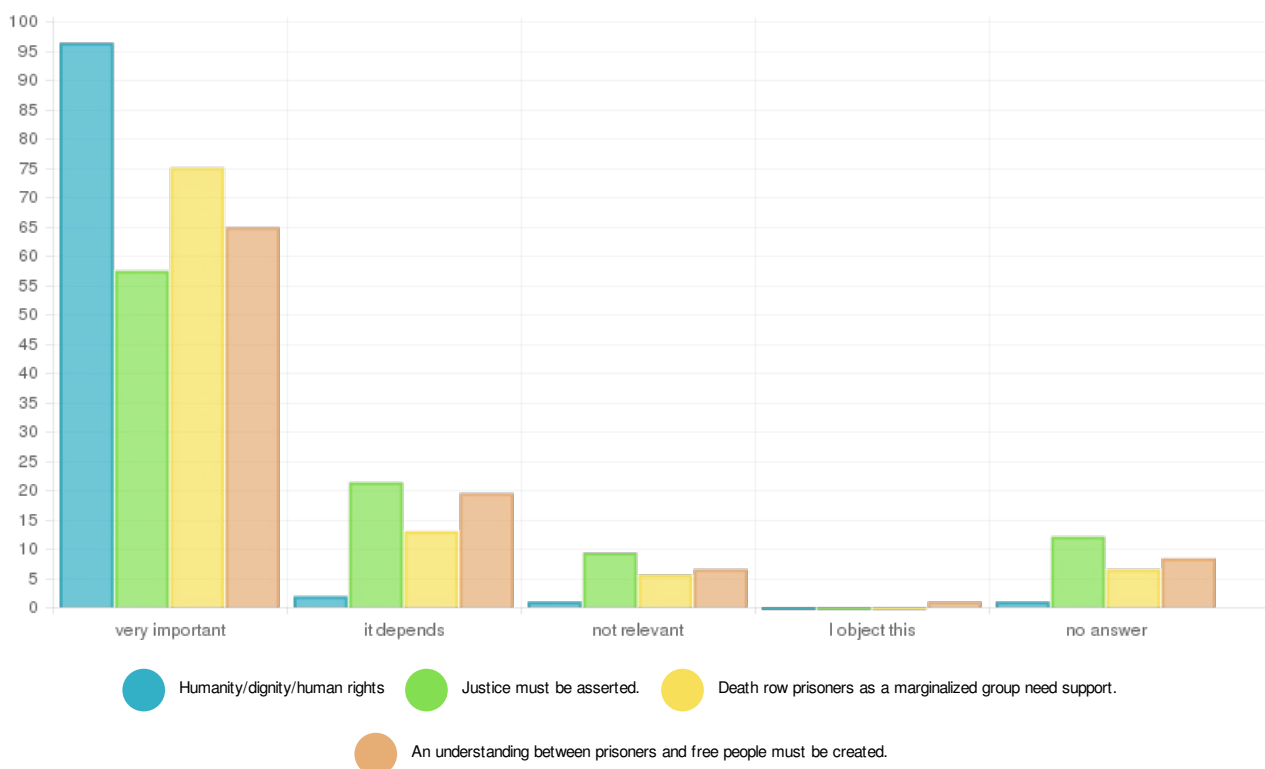
How important are/were the following aspects for you becoming/remaining a lifespark member?

| | very important | somewhat important | not important | I do not know | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| getting the address of an inmate | 80 (72%) | 17 (15%) | 11 (10%) | 3 (3%) | 30.57 | 111 | 1.43 / 4 |
| having access to personal support/ assistance whenever I need it | 48 (43%) | 45 (41%) | 14 (13%) | 4 (4%) | 19.11 | 111 | 1.77 / 4 |
| being part of a group with like-minded people | 43 (39%) | 39 (35%) | 25 (23%) | 4 (4%) | 15.25 | 111 | 1.91 / 4 |
| having the opportunity to exchange/share experiences with others (via meetings, Newsletter-articles etc.) | 33 (30%) | 46 (41%) | 24 (22%) | 8 (7%) | 13.83 | 111 | 2.06 / 4 |
| having access to updated information about the death penalty, the state sheets etc. | 49 (44%) | 42 (38%) | 16 (14%) | 4 (4%) | 18.42 | 111 | 1.77 / 4 |
| having the opportunity to initiate or participate in projects, events etc. | 16 (14%) | 46 (41%) | 39 (35%) | 10 (9%) | 15.11 | 111 | 2.39 / 4 |
| The membership is my (indirect) contribution to the movement against the death penalty. | 57 (51%) | 38 (34%) | 12 (11%) | 4 (4%) | 21.05 | 111 | 1.67 / 4 |
| | | | | | | | 1.86 / 4 |



In your opinion, how important are the following aspects in regard to lifespark's organizational goal (why do we take a stand for prisoners on death row and not for i.e. whales?):

| | very important | it depends | not relevant | I object this | no answer | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|---|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| ● Humanity/dignity/human rights | 104 (96%) | 2 (2%) | 1 (1%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (1%) | 41.2 | 108 | 1.07 / 5 |
| ● Justice must be asserted. | 62 (57%) | 23 (21%) | 10 (9%) | 0 (0%) | 13 (12%) | 21.49 | 108 | 1.88 / 5 |
| ● Death row prisoners as a marginalized group need support. | 81 (75%) | 14 (13%) | 6 (6%) | 0 (0%) | 7 (6%) | 30.03 | 108 | 1.5 / 5 |
| ● An understanding between prisoners and free people must be created. | 70 (65%) | 21 (19%) | 7 (6%) | 1 (1%) | 9 (8%) | 25.06 | 108 | 1.69 / 5 |
| | | | | | | | | 1.53 / 5 |



If there are aspects regarding lifespark's goal which are very important to you but not mentioned above, you can name them here. (to facilitate the evaluation of your answers, please name not more than 2 items and keep it factual and basic)

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- The need to more fully understand certain mentalities (drugaddicts, white supremacists...) when it influences exchange; also depression.
- How to avoid (financial) abuse!

the death sentence isn't acceptable ,it's the Humanity' shame

Make the unjust legal situation in the USA known like:

Deplorable quality of legal support for accused with no financial means

Comment Claudia:

Answers 3 and 4 are blank.

Comment Claudia: only first answer ticked; others blank.

Comment: It seems to me that the latter three are included in the first one.

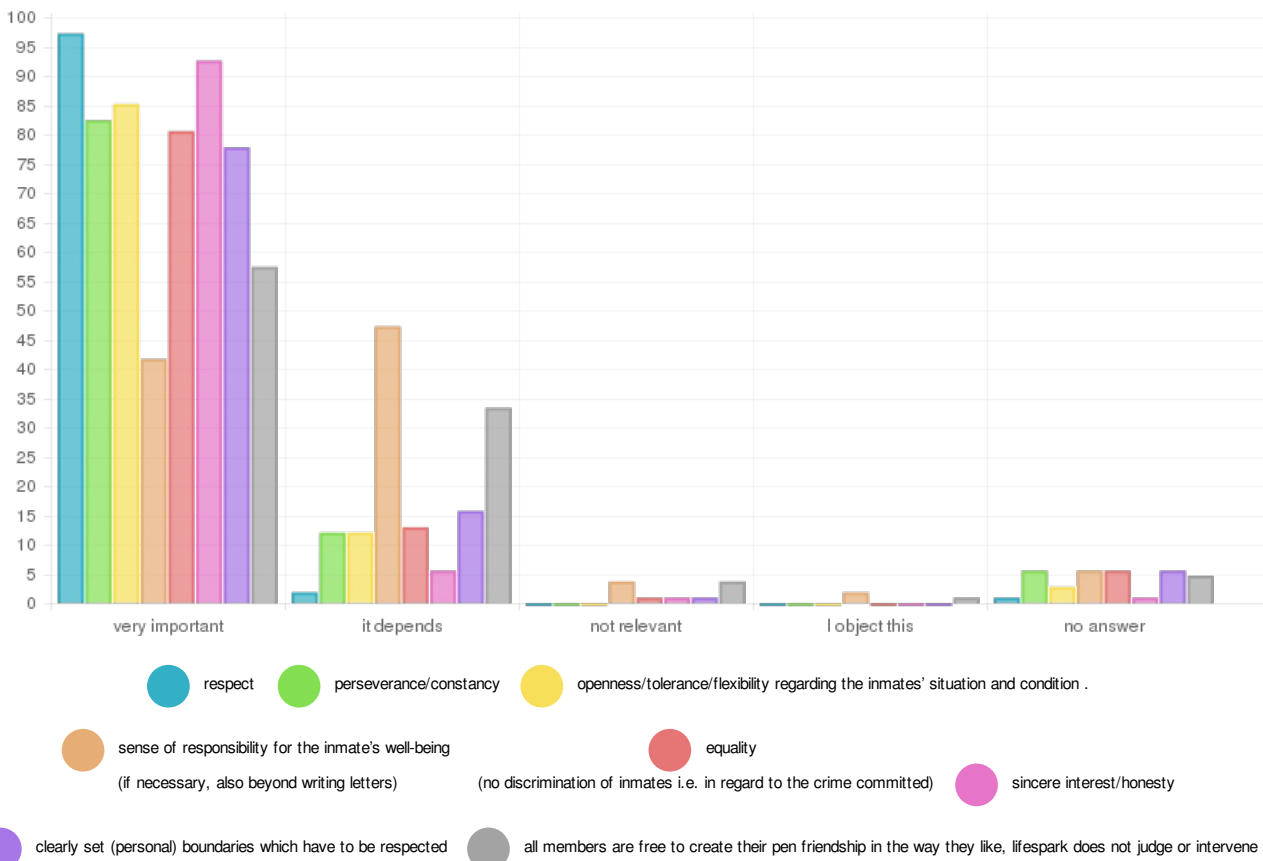
Claudia: Only first answer was ticked.

Spiritually Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

Connecting the pen pals

In your opinion, how important are the following aspects for lifespark's interaction with and attitude towards inmates (also in penpalships):

| | very important | it depends | not relevant | I object this | no answer | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|--|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| ● respect | 105 (97%) | 2 (2%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (1%) | 41.71 | 108 | 1.06 / 5 |
| ● perseverance/constancy | 89 (82%) | 13 (12%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 6 (6%) | 34.04 | 108 | 1.34 / 5 |
| ● openness/tolerance/flexibility regarding the inmates' situation and condition . | 92 (85%) | 13 (12%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 3 (3%) | 35.52 | 108 | 1.23 / 5 |
| ● sense of responsibility for the inmate's well-being (if necessary, also beyond writing letters) | 45 (42%) | 51 (47%) | 4 (4%) | 2 (2%) | 6 (6%) | 21.68 | 108 | 1.82 / 5 |
| ● equality (no discrimination of inmates i.e. in regard to the crime committed) | 87 (81%) | 14 (13%) | 1 (1%) | 0 (0%) | 6 (6%) | 33.07 | 108 | 1.37 / 5 |
| ● sincere interest/honesty | 100 (93%) | 6 (6%) | 1 (1%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (1%) | 39.26 | 108 | 1.11 / 5 |
| ● clearly set (personal) boundaries which have to be respected | 84 (78%) | 17 (16%) | 1 (1%) | 0 (0%) | 6 (6%) | 31.78 | 108 | 1.4 / 5 |
| ● all members are free to create their pen friendship in the way they like, lifespark does not judge or intervene | 62 (57%) | 36 (33%) | 4 (4%) | 1 (1%) | 5 (5%) | 23.87 | 108 | 1.62 / 5 |
| | | | | | | | | 1.37 / 5 |



If there are aspects regarding lifespark's interaction with and attitude towards inmates which are important to you but not mentioned above, you can name them here. (to facilitate the evaluation of your answers, please name not more than 2 items and keep it factual and basic)

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Do not raise hopes that cannot be achieved

Comment Claudia:

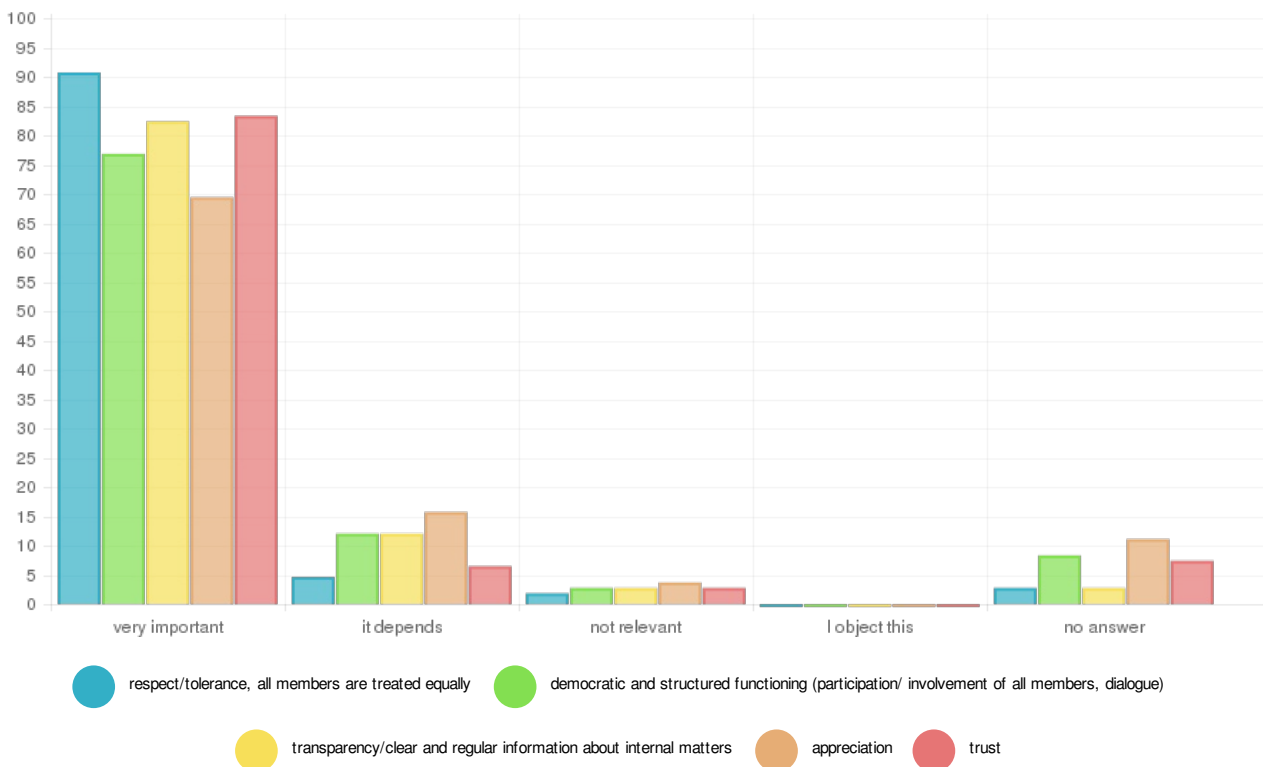
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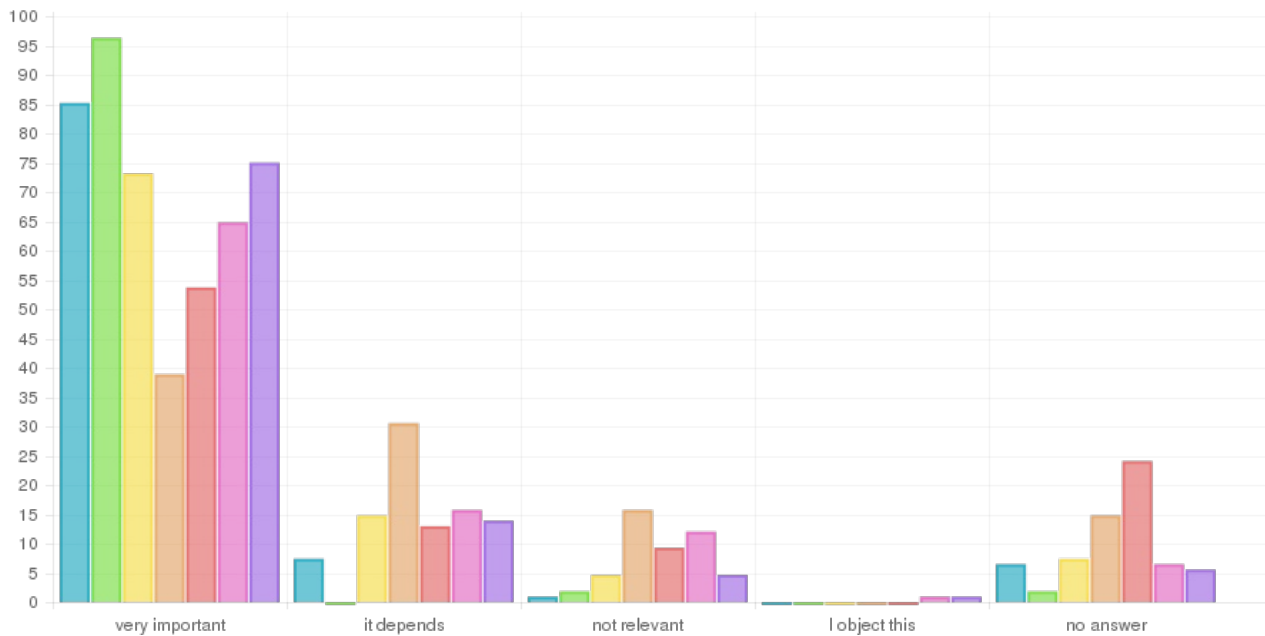
Comment Claudia: 4th answer blank.

I miss the aspect that prisoners can be very manipulative due to severe personality disorders or have mental and emotional issues. I don't know how to deal with those in an appropriate way.

In your opinion, how important are the following aspects for lifespark's internal communication and functioning (please take into consideration that all work is done on a voluntary basis):

| | very important | it depends | not relevant | I object this | no answer | Standard Deviation | Responses | Weighted Average |
|--|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| ● respect/tolerance, all members are treated equally | 98 (91%) | 5 (5%) | 2 (2%) | 0 (0%) | 3 (3%) | 38.23 | 108 | 1.19 / 5 |
| ● democratic and structured functioning (participation/ involvement of all members, dialogue) | 83 (77%) | 13 (12%) | 3 (3%) | 0 (0%) | 9 (8%) | 31.03 | 108 | 1.51 / 5 |
| ● transparency/clear and regular information about internal matters | 89 (82%) | 13 (12%) | 3 (3%) | 0 (0%) | 3 (3%) | 33.99 | 108 | 1.29 / 5 |
| ● appreciation | 75 (69%) | 17 (16%) | 4 (4%) | 0 (0%) | 12 (11%) | 27.35 | 108 | 1.68 / 5 |
| ● trust | 90 (83%) | 7 (6%) | 3 (3%) | 0 (0%) | 8 (7%) | 34.32 | 108 | 1.42 / 5 |
| | | | | | | | | 1.42 / 5 |





- Lifespark has useful, helpful and competent contact people and offerings.
- Lifespark is serious and trustworthy.
- Lifespark stands for high quality.
- Lifespark stands for innovation and progress .
- Lifespark makes a difference in the way it reaches out.
- Lifespark is a friendly and familiar community.
- Lifespark actively moves something against the death penalty.

