



Neighborhood Survey

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Muncie Weed and Seed

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A 5-part presentation

- 1) Methods
- 2) Demographics
- 3) Criminal victimization
- 4) Perceptions of neighborhood characteristics
- 5) Attitudes toward the police

Survey Methods

- Survey created by BBC Fellows in Spring, 2010
- Survey administered by volunteers from Weed & Seed committees.
 - Greg Maynard, Site Coordinator
 - June Kramer, Executive Director, Delaware County Community Corrections
- Surveys distributed at local events during summer and fall of 2010

Survey Methods

- Survey used purposive and convenience sampling.
 - Probability sampling NOT used
- 563 useable responses generated from survey.
 - 104 (22%) from Weed and Seed Neighborhoods.
 - 377 (78%) from non-Weed & Seed Neighborhoods.

Caution!

- The survey did not use probability sampling, so the results do not necessarily represent Muncie or any particular neighborhoods.
- The results reported here are preliminary and subject to modification.
- A more detailed final report will be issued on March 7,

Respondent Demographics

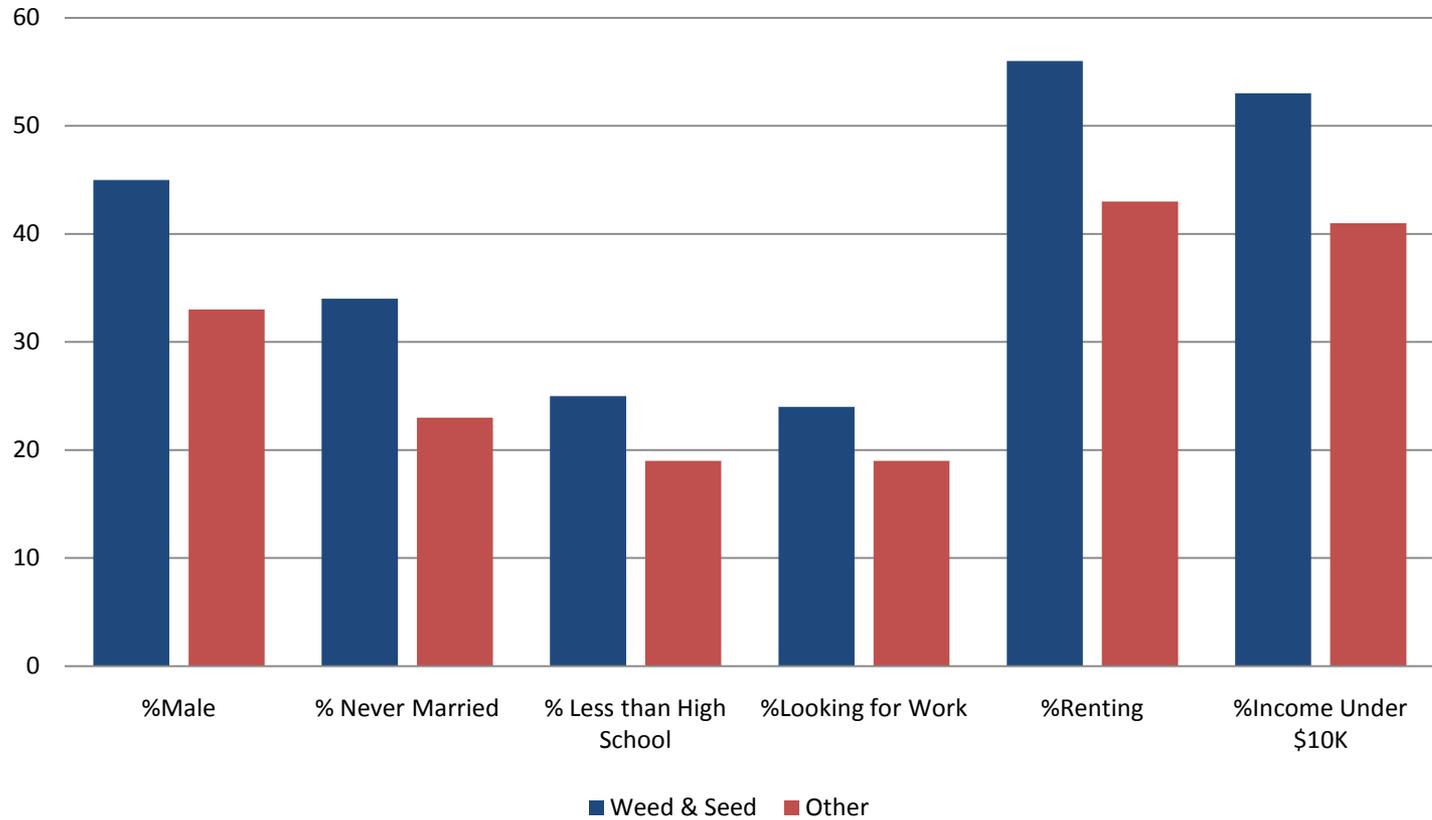
Distribution of Respondents by Neighborhood

- 489 Respondents identified their neighborhood of residence.
 - 125 from Weed & Seed neighborhoods (26%)
 - 364 from other neighborhoods (74%)
- Large number of respondents from
 - Southside (82)
 - Whitely (49)
 - Morningside (26)
 - Southeast (29)

Respondents from Weed & Seed Neighborhoods

Neighborhood	Number of Respondents
McKinley	4
Gilbert	19
East Central	15
Industry	25
South Central	8
Thomas Park/Avondale	29
Old West End	21
Central Business District	4

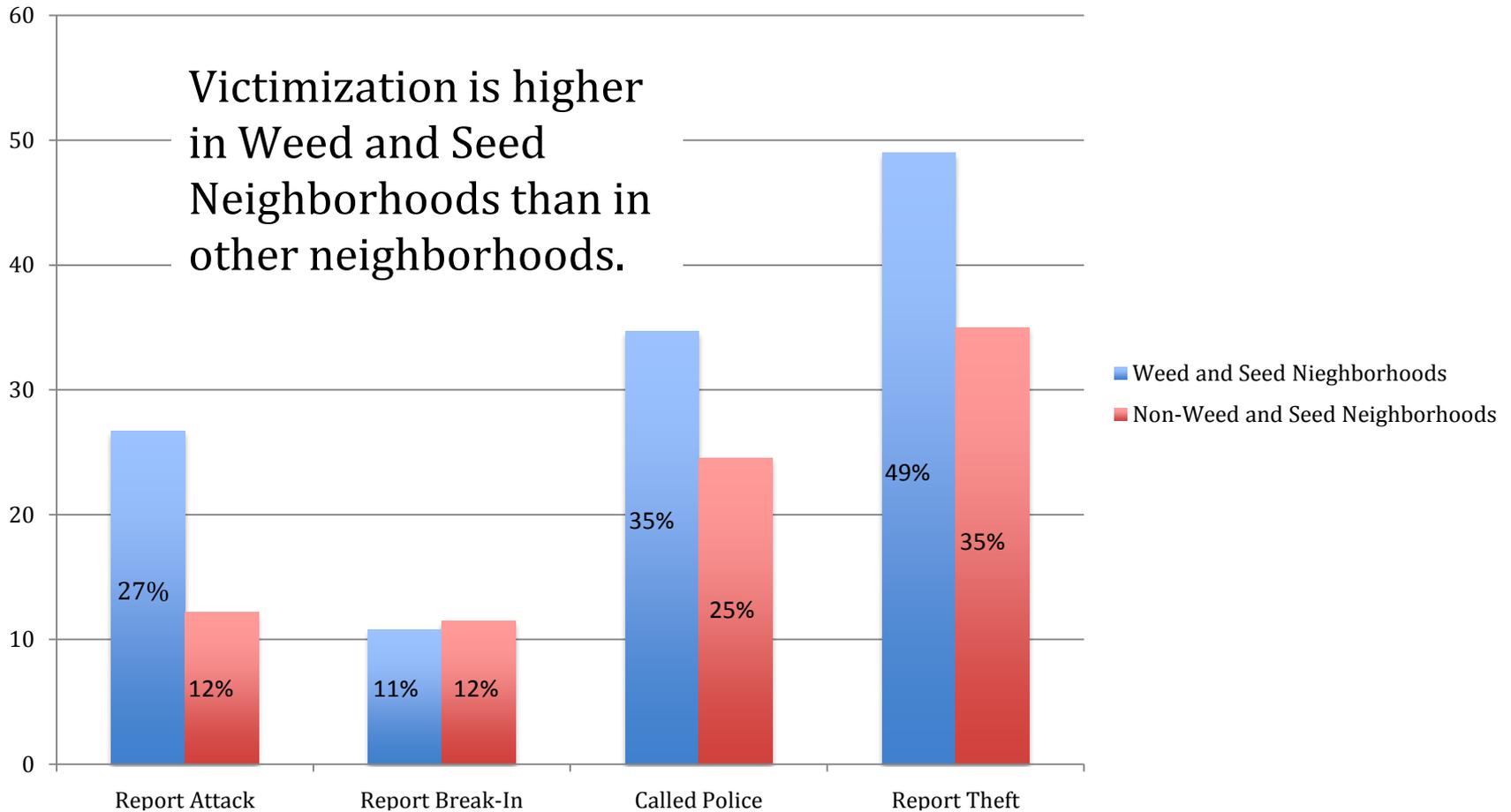
Figure 1: Respondent Characteristics by Neighborhood Type



Criminal Victimization

- Respondents were asked about theft, attacks and threats, and break-ins.
- If respondents reported victimization, they were asked if it occurred at home, in their neighborhood, elsewhere in Muncie, or outside of Muncie.

Risk of Victimization



Location of Victimization

- Most victimizations occurred at home or in the respondents neighborhoods.
 - Most thefts occurred at home.
 - Most attacks occurred in the neighborhoods.
 - Most break-ins occurred at home.

Calling the Police

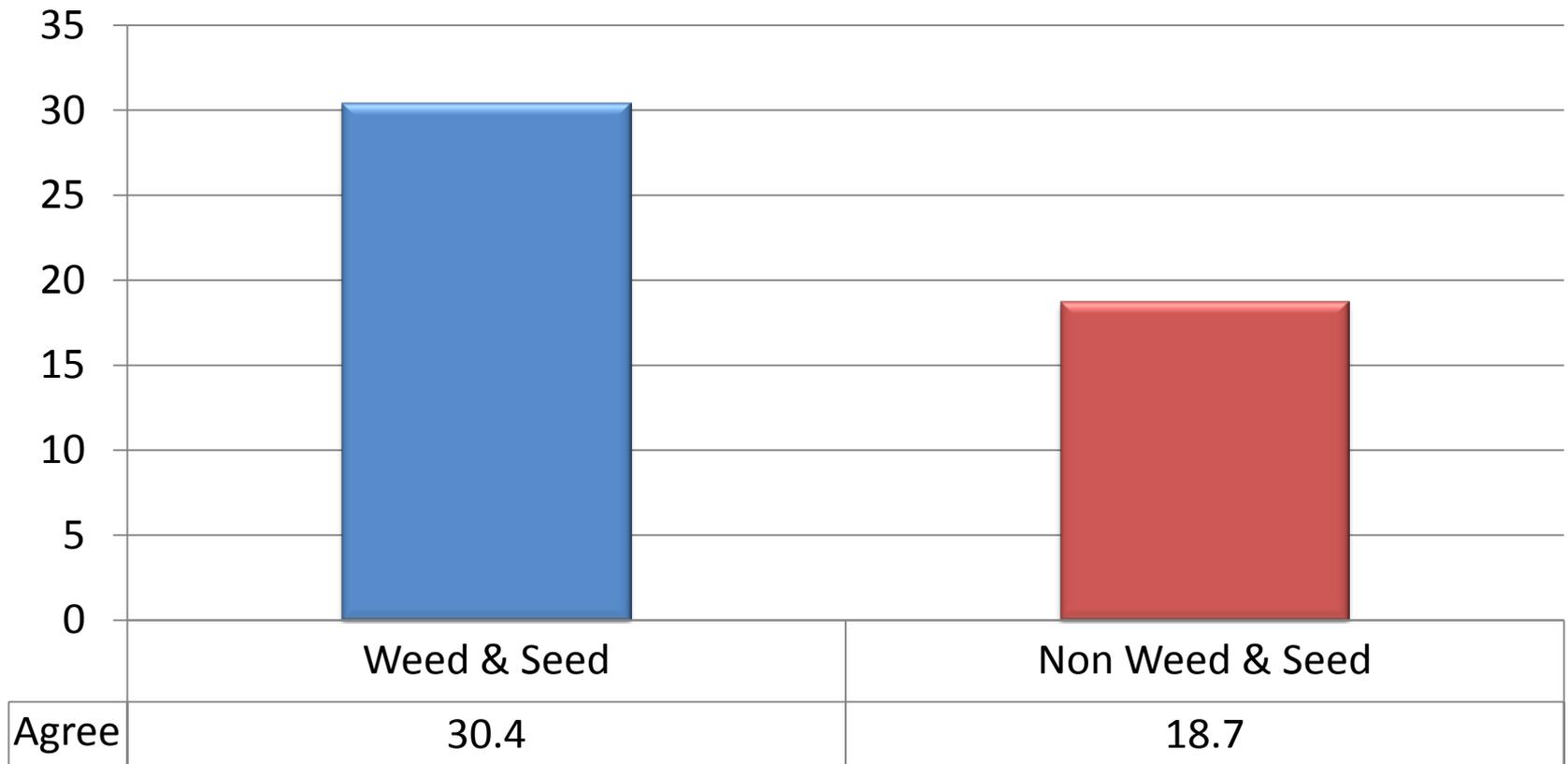
- Most victims did not call the police.
 - 35% of Weed and Seed residents called police.
 - 24% of other respondents called police.
- Most calls occurred from home, but Weed and Seed residents were more likely to call in neighborhood than at home.

Perceptions of Neighborhood

Weed and Seed Residents versus
Residents of other neighborhoods.

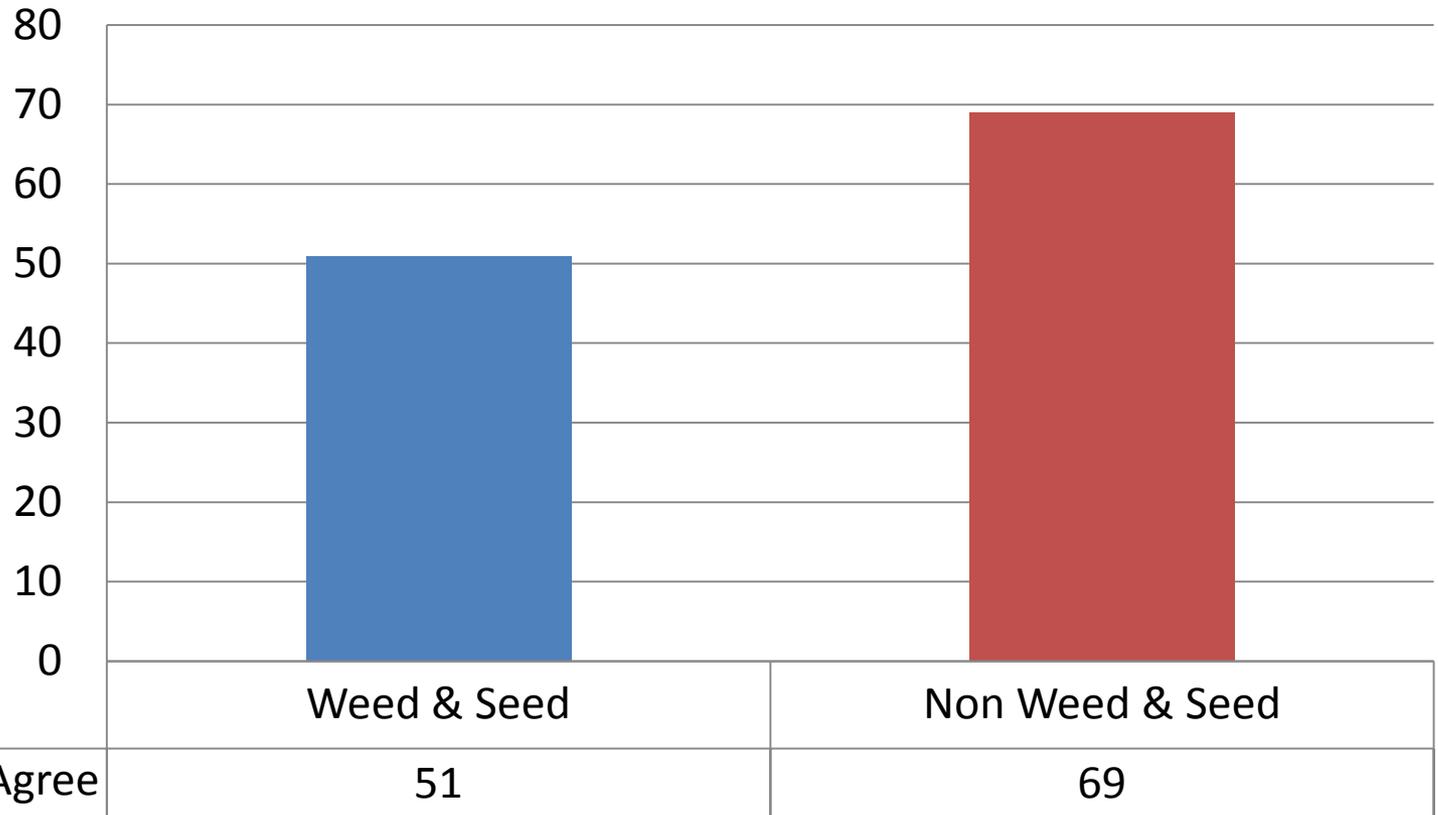
There is a lot of graffiti in my neighborhood.

Percent Agreeing



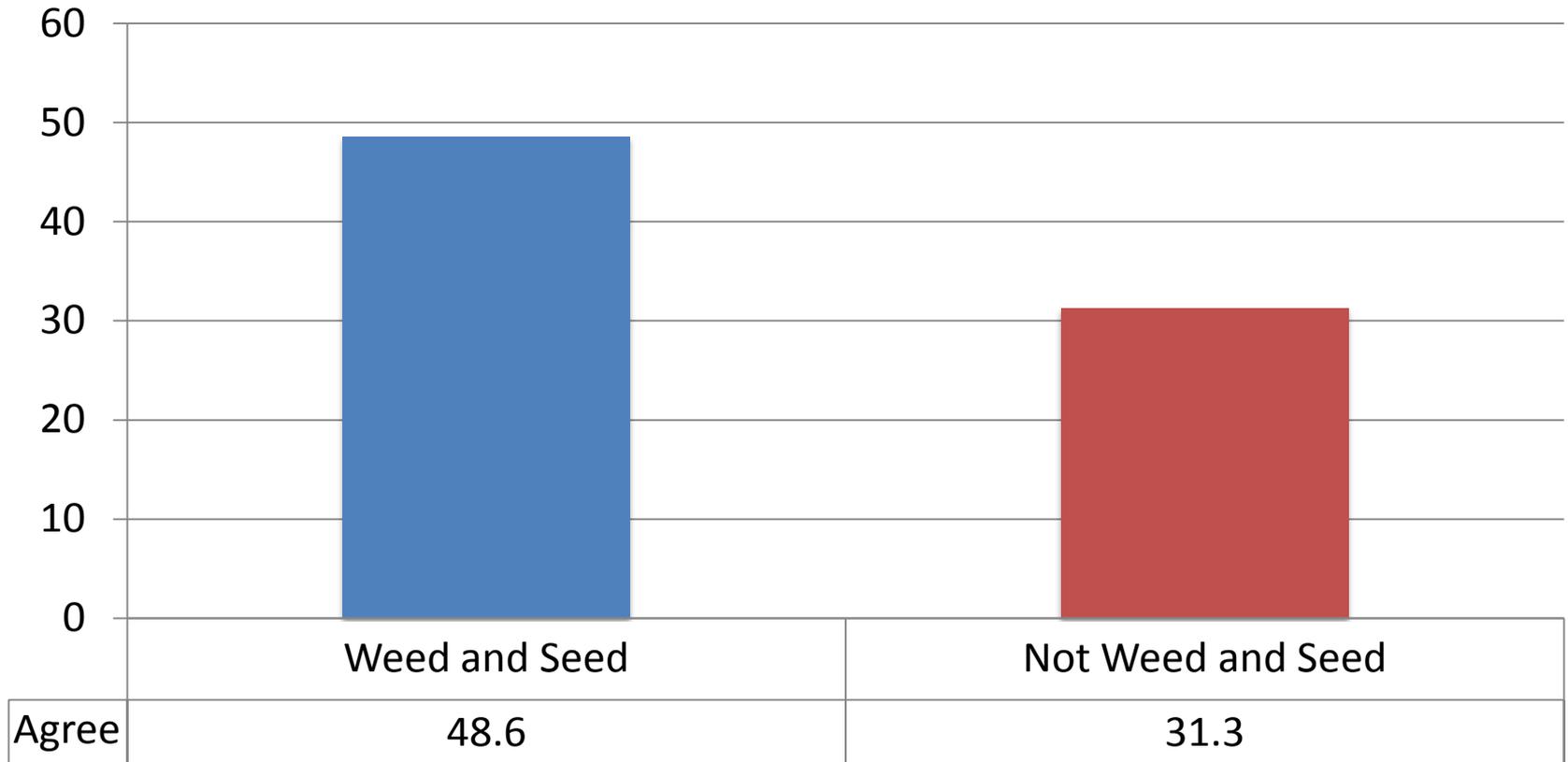
My neighborhood is clean.

Percent Agree



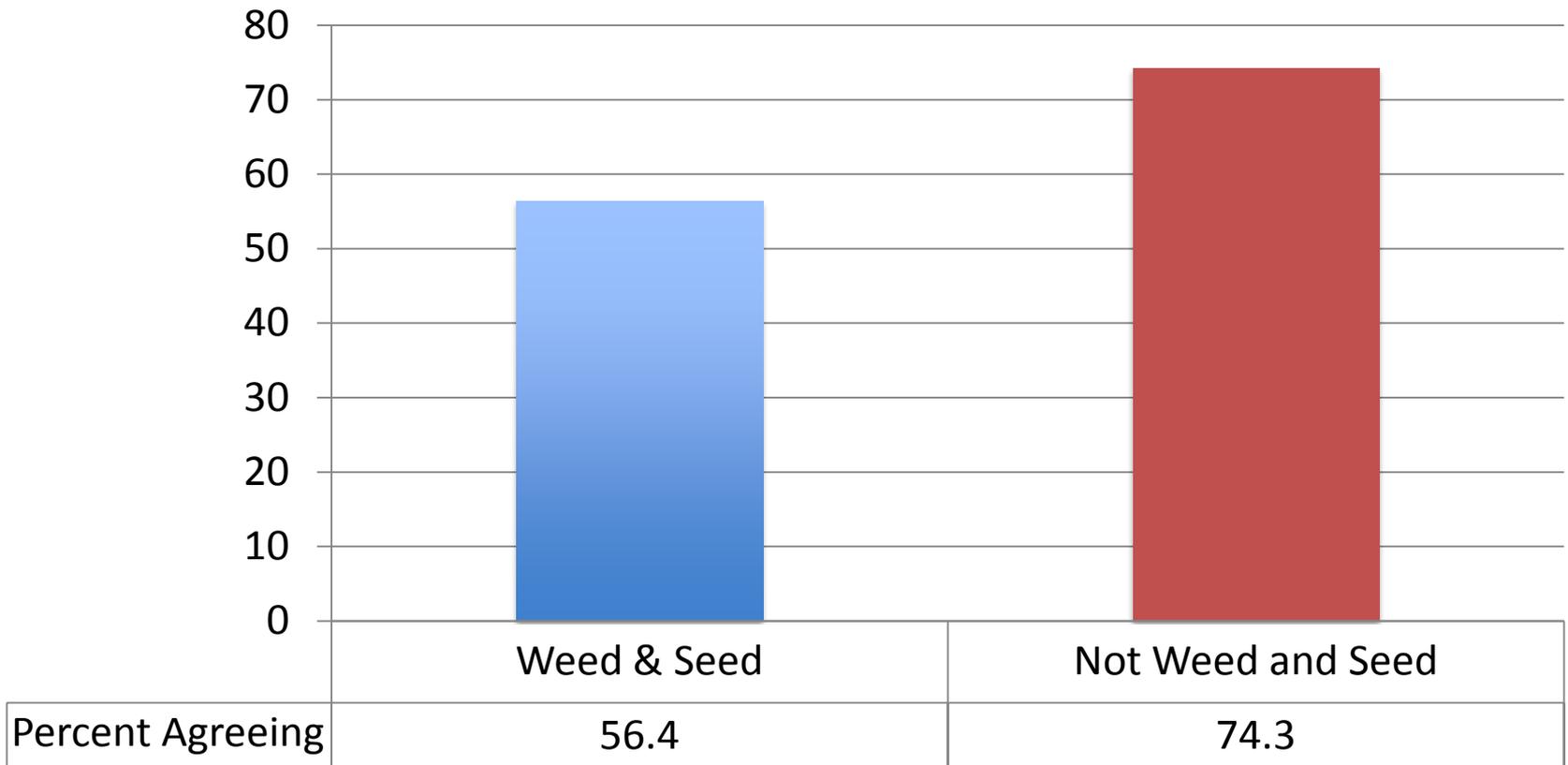
Vandalism is common in my neighborhood.

Percent Agreeing



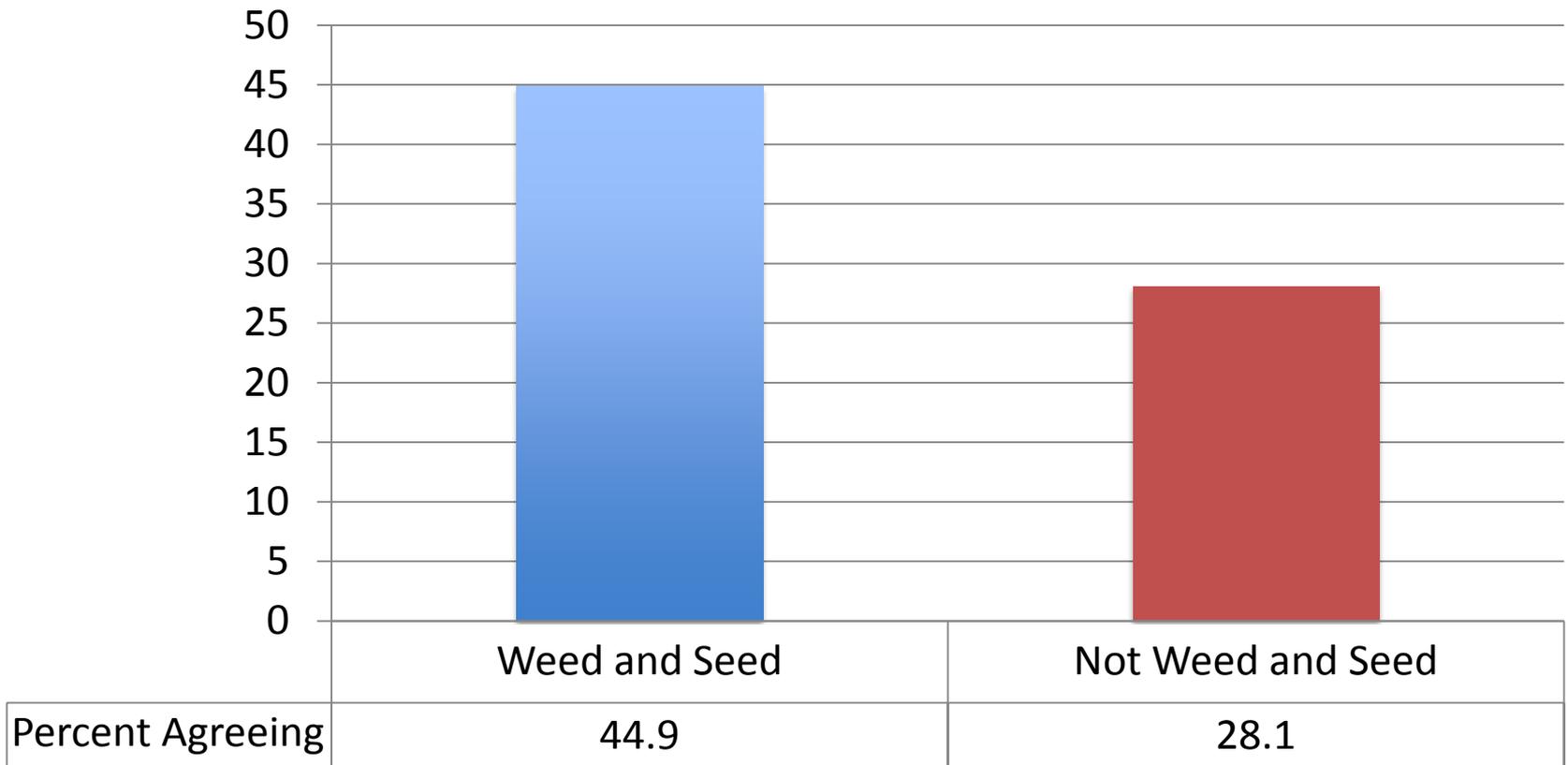
My neighborhood is safe.

Percent Agreeing



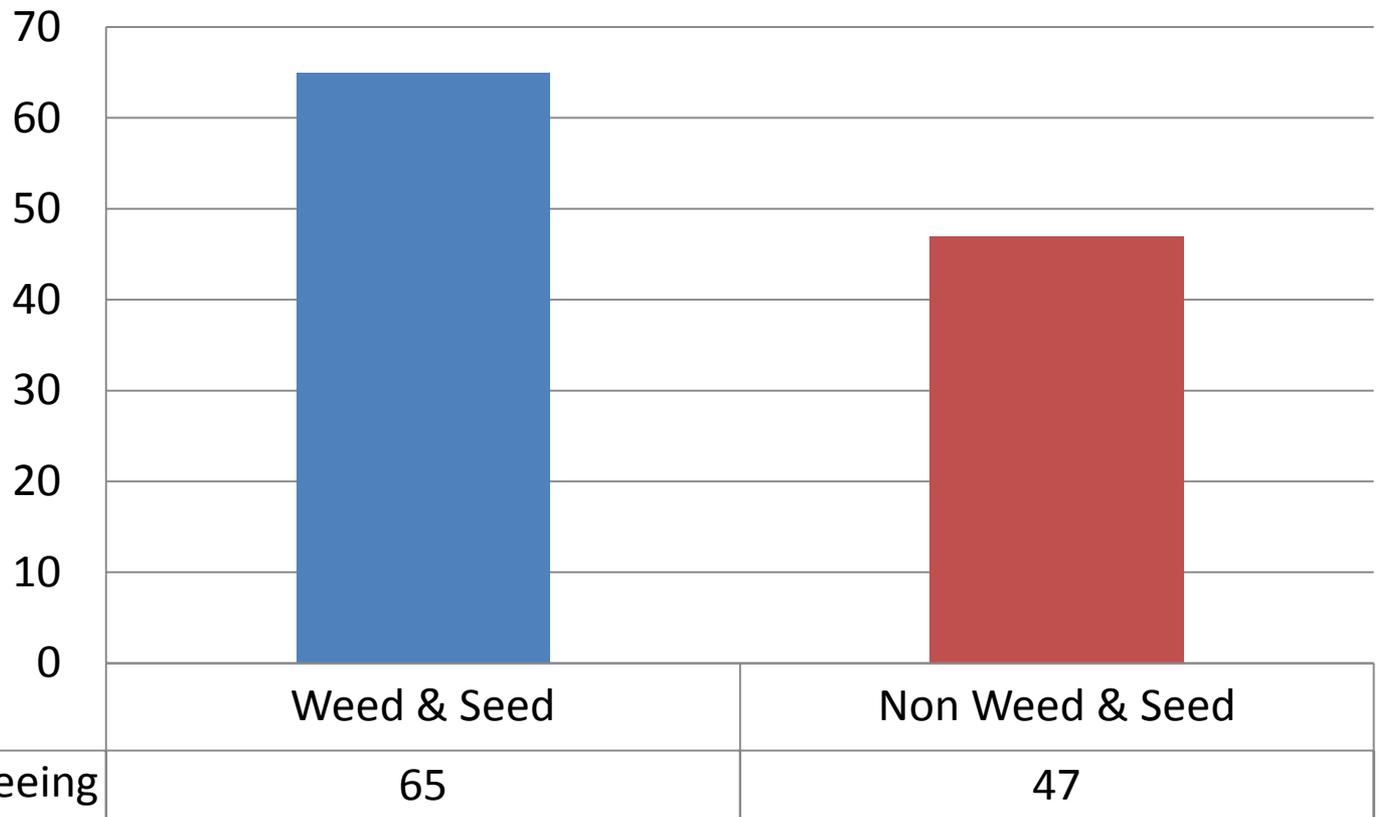
There is a lot of crime in my neighborhood.

Percent Agreeing



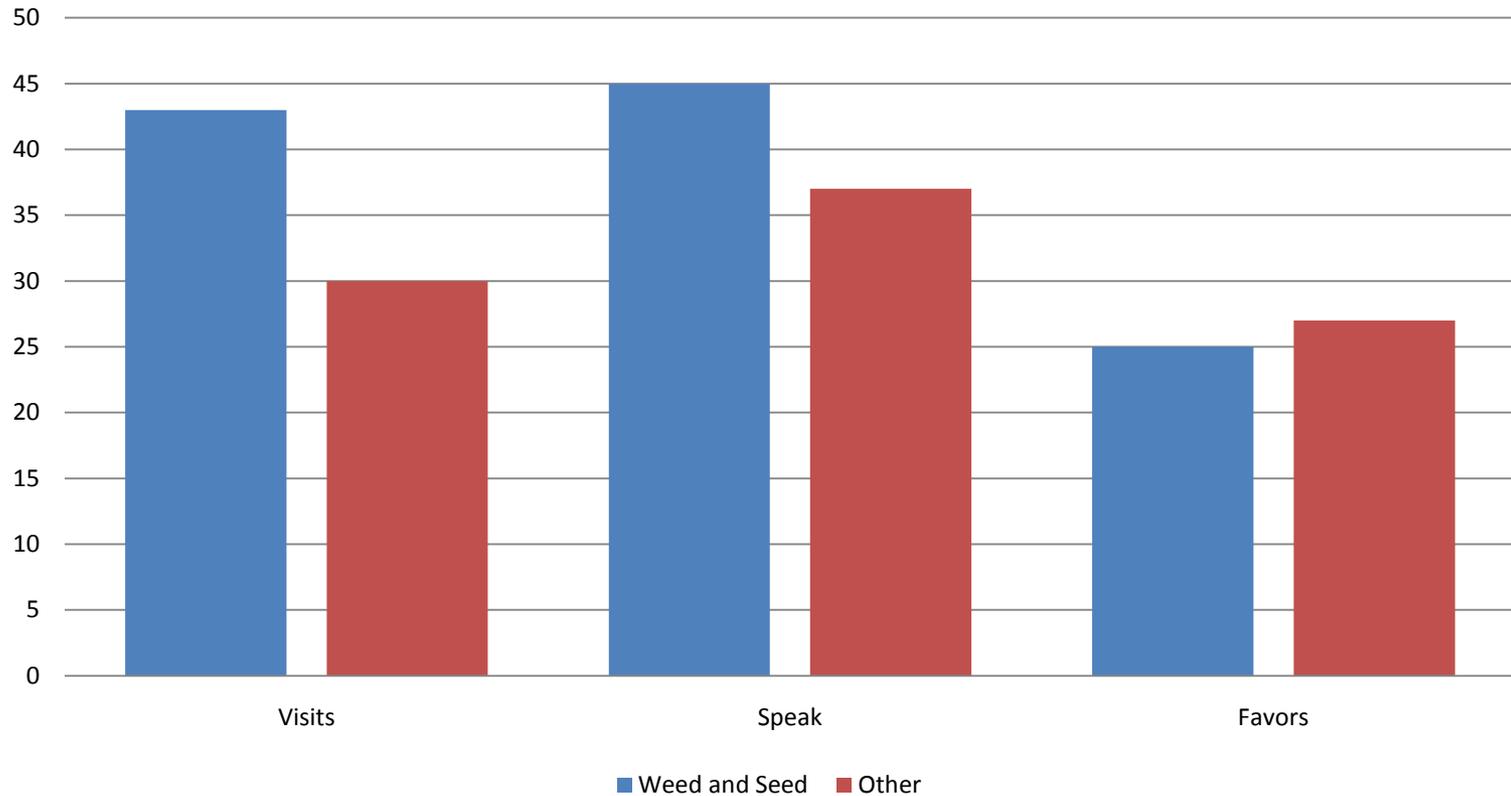
There is a lot of alcohol abuse in my neighborhood.

Percent Agreeing



Interaction with Neighbors

Figure 4: Percentage Having Frequent Interaction with Neighbors, by Type of Neighborhood

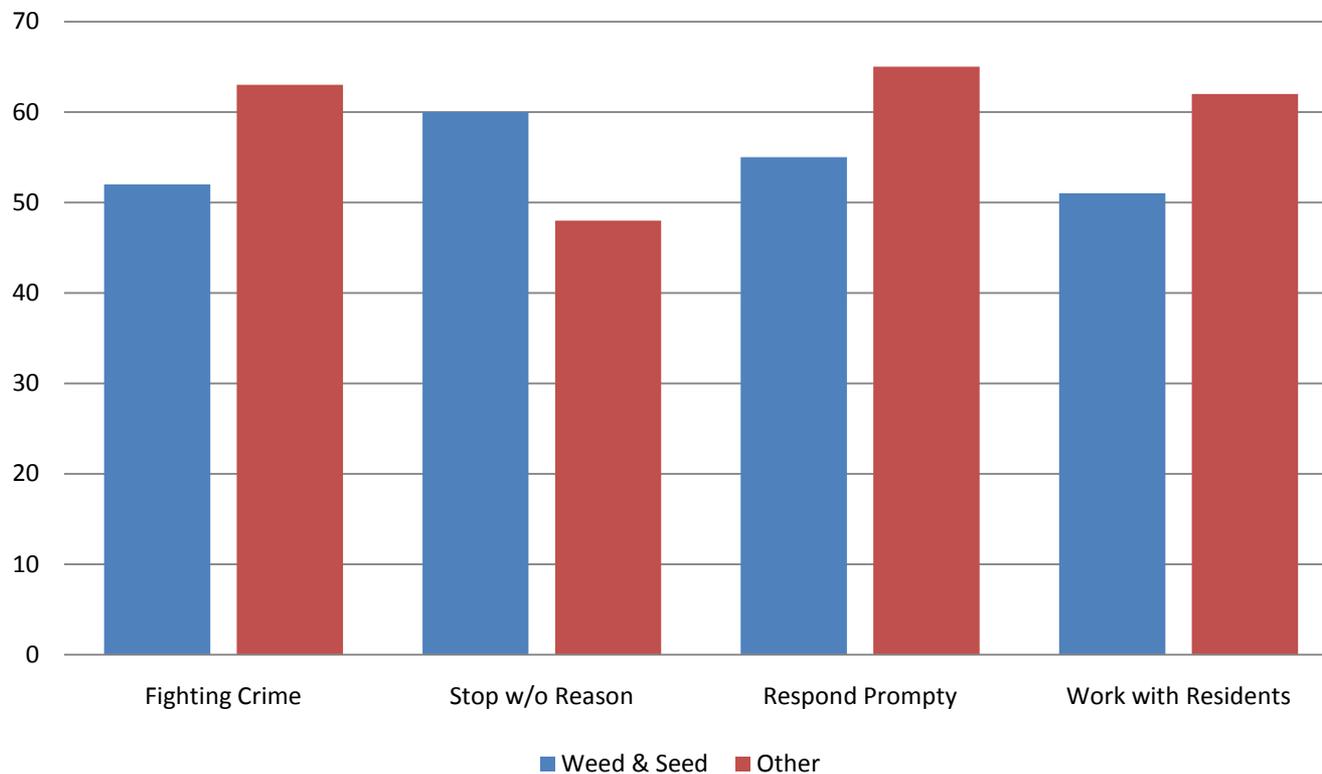


Muncie Policing Topics of Concern



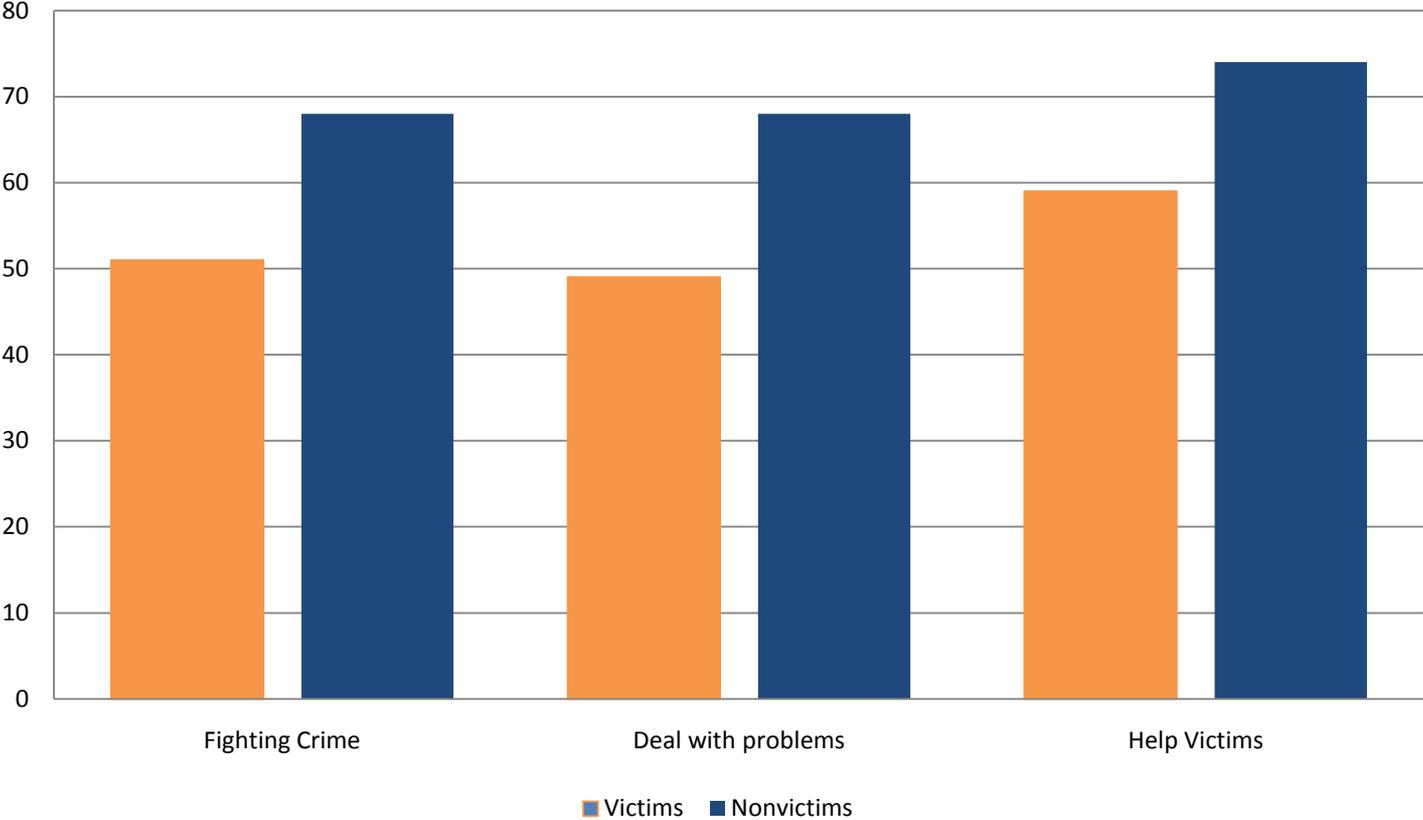
Percentage Agreeing with Statements about Police, by Type of Neighborhood

Figure 5: Attitudes Toward Police, by Type of Neighborhood



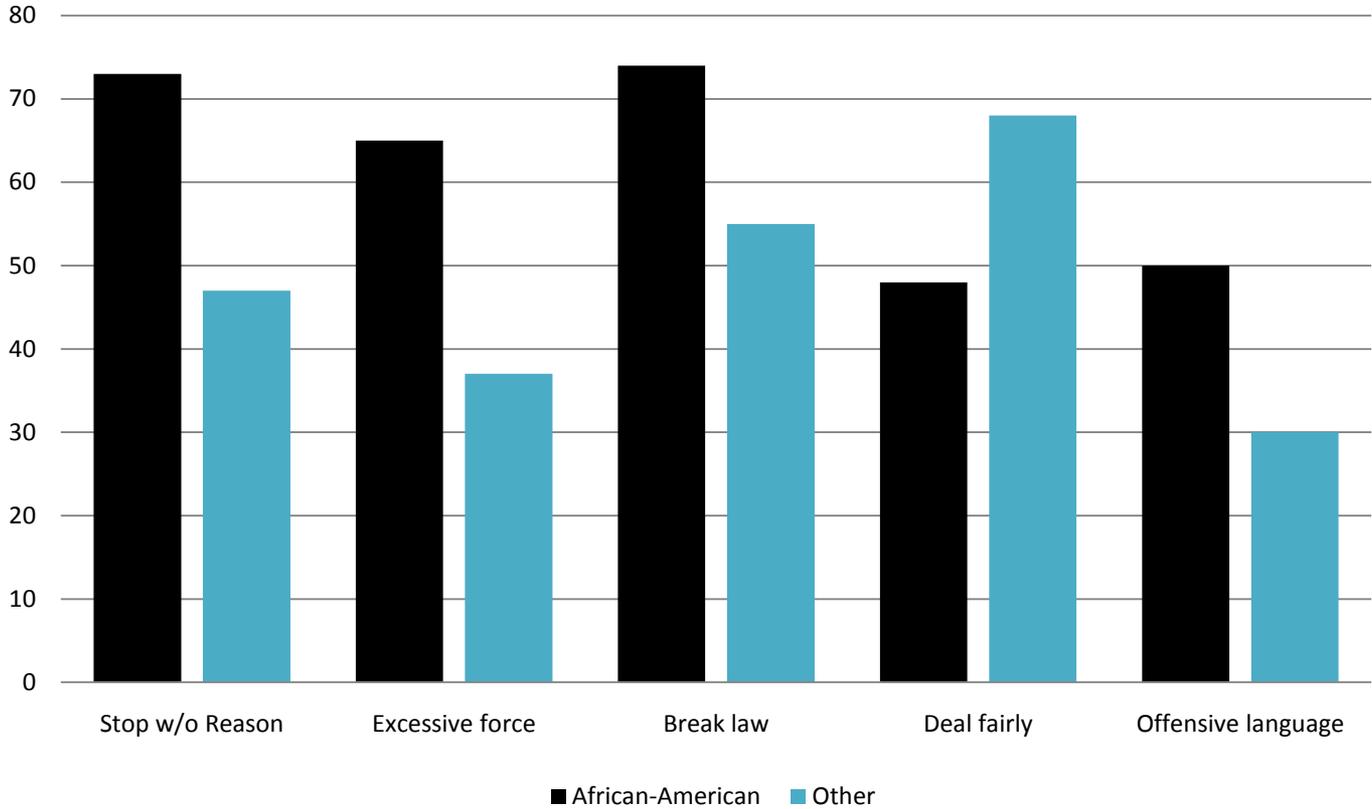
Percent Agreeing with Statements about Police, by Victimization

Figure 6: Attitudes Toward the Police, by Victimization



Percent Agreeing with Statements About Police, by Race

Figure 7: Attitudes Toward the Police, by Race



Open-ended Questions

- Open-ended questions allow respondents to write in their own answers.
- The survey asked two open-ended questions:
 - “In the space below, please list **the things you like most** about this neighborhood.”
 - “In the space below, please list **the biggest problems** in this neighborhood.

Open Ended Questions

- There were a number of miscellaneous responses in both the positive and negative categories.
 - The positive consisted mostly of decent taxes, cheap rent, friendly community, and Ball State.
 - The negative consisted of parties, sex offenders in the area, taxes, unemployment, and violence.

Open Ended Questions

- There were not many responses regarding police.
 - Positive – Police living in the neighborhoods
 - Negative – Response time, lack of patrol, and community relations

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