

NATIONAL WILD HORSE AND BURRO SUMMIT

SELECTED QUESTION RESPONSES

Salt Lake City, Utah

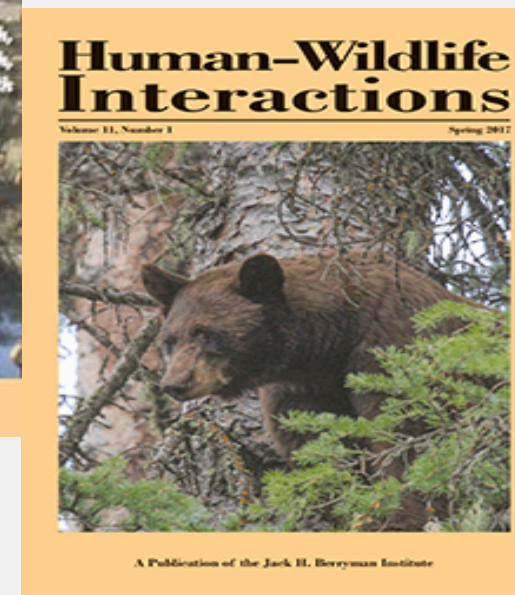
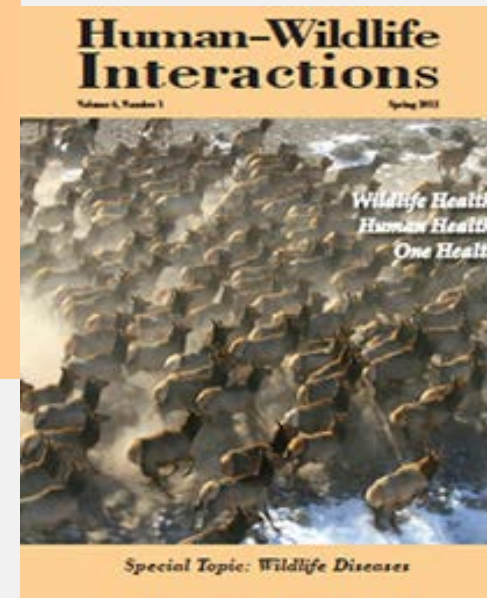
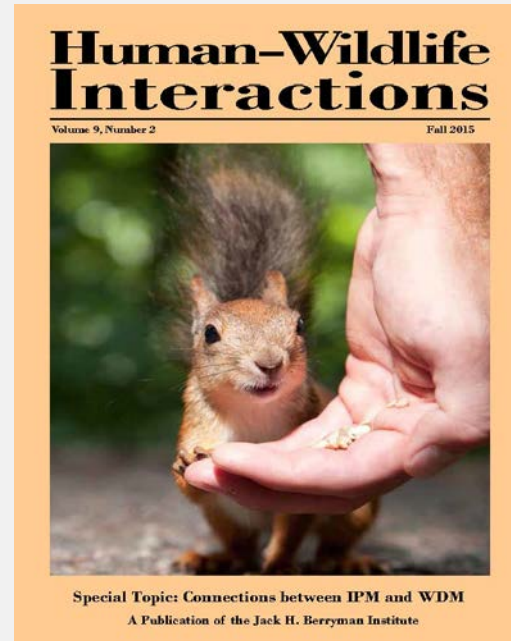
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- The National Wild Horse and Burro Summit was held in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 22 - 24, 2017 to consider the current situation and science regarding the management of free-roaming horses and burros.

<http://www.wildhorserange.org/summit-presentations.html>

CLICKER-QUESTION RESPONSE DETAILS

- Not all summit attendees participated in the facilitated session
- Only selected questions shown
- Clarifications made during the session are included in parentheses following the question

WHO ARE YOU?

- Agricultural representative/landowners 41%
- Federal or state agency 35%
- Nonprofit or NGO/Horse advocate 20%
- Local or county government 19%
- University/Education 15%
- Unaffiliated private citizen 14%
- Tribal representative 4%
- National elected official or staff 3%

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

- 55% represented an organization with a policy or position statement on wild horse and burro issues
- 69% plan to explore having their organization commit staff time or other resources to wild horse and burro issues beyond the current level of involvement
- Summit follow-up actions
 - public education/outreach, lobbying/advocacy, calls to action shared with members/constituents, devoting staff time to coordination or committees, and research.
- 75% felt that a similar conference in the future would be of value

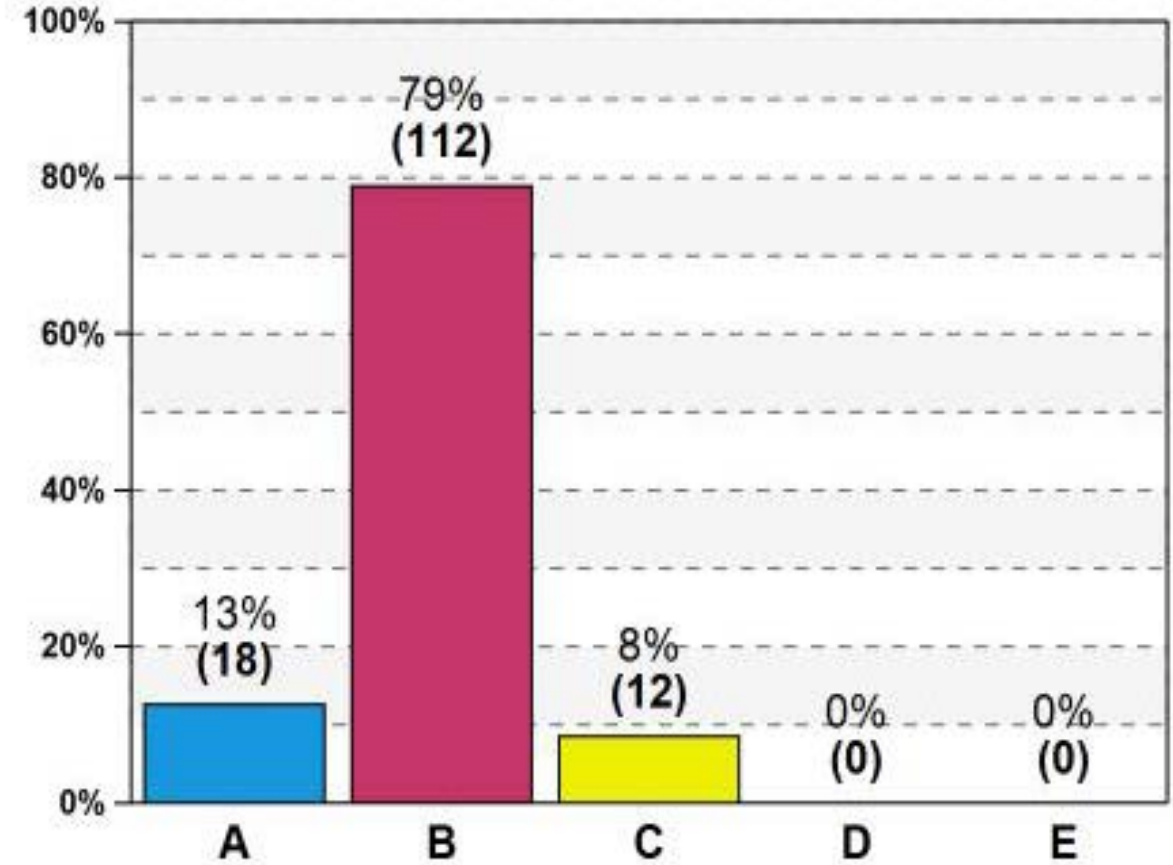
(Category: Why are you here?)

I care about making sure horses are treated humanely

A: This is a main reason I am here

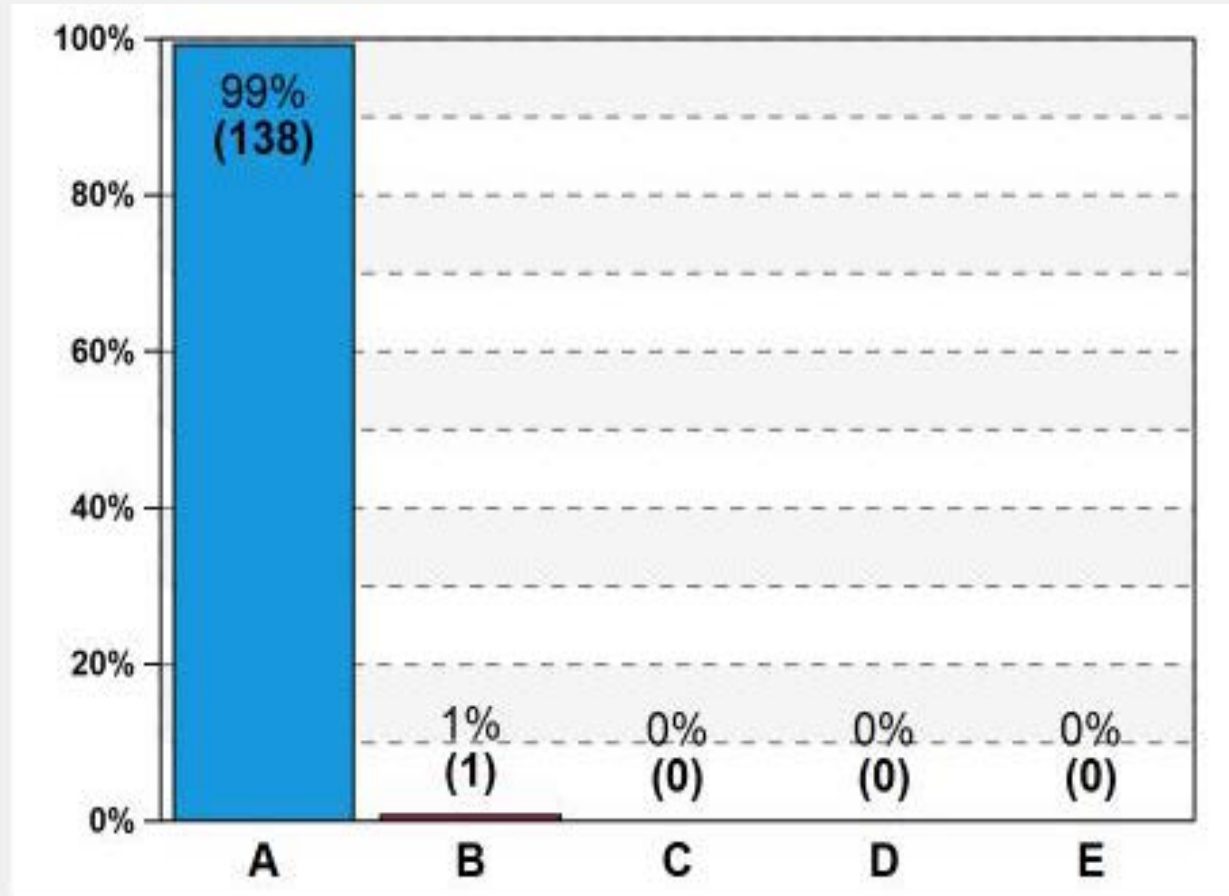
B: This is also a reason I am here

C: This is NOT a reason I am here



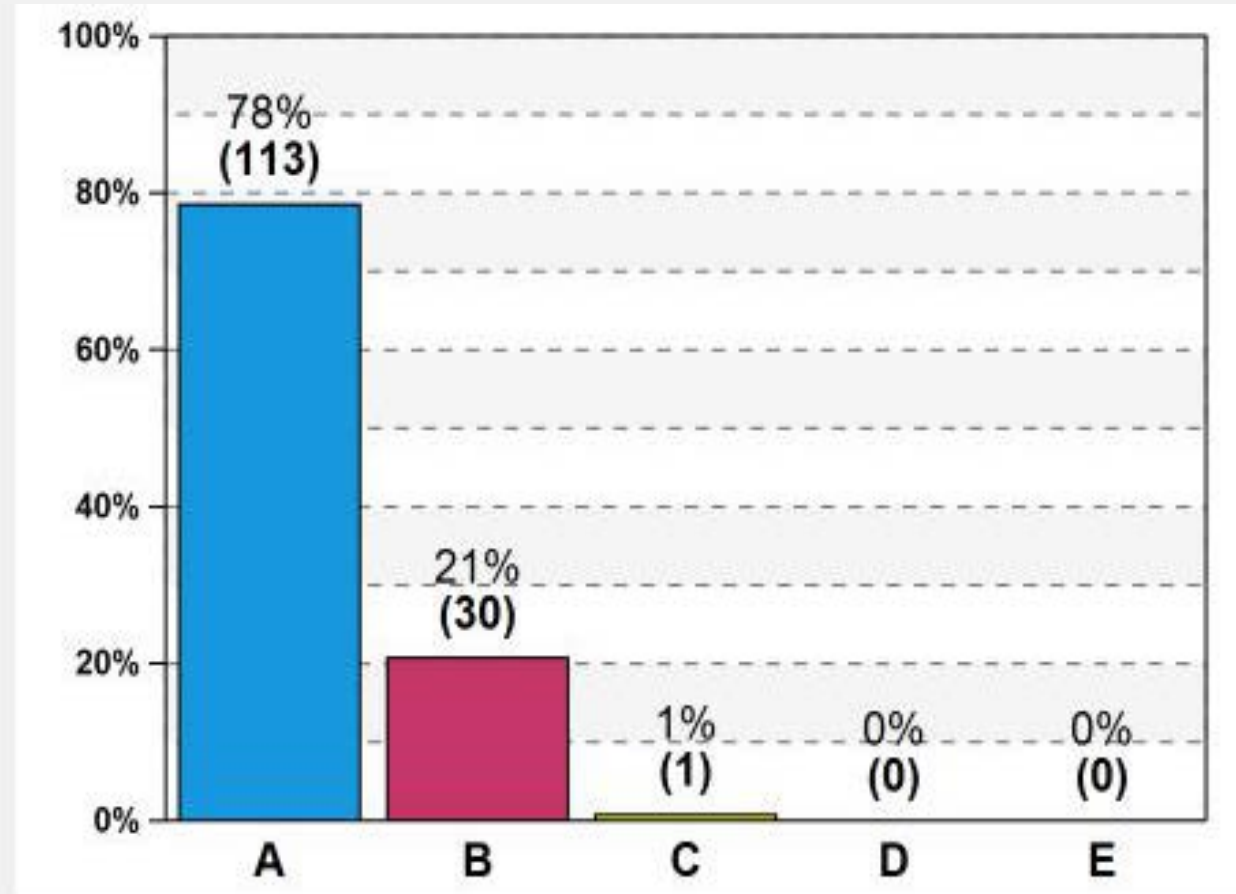
I am concerned about the impact of current horse population numbers on the health of rangeland resources.

- A: Strongly agree
- B: Agree
- C: No opinion
- D: Disagree
- E: Strongly disagree



I am concerned about the impact of current horse population numbers on wildlife.

- A: Strongly agree
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I am concerned about the impact of current horse population numbers on rural economies.

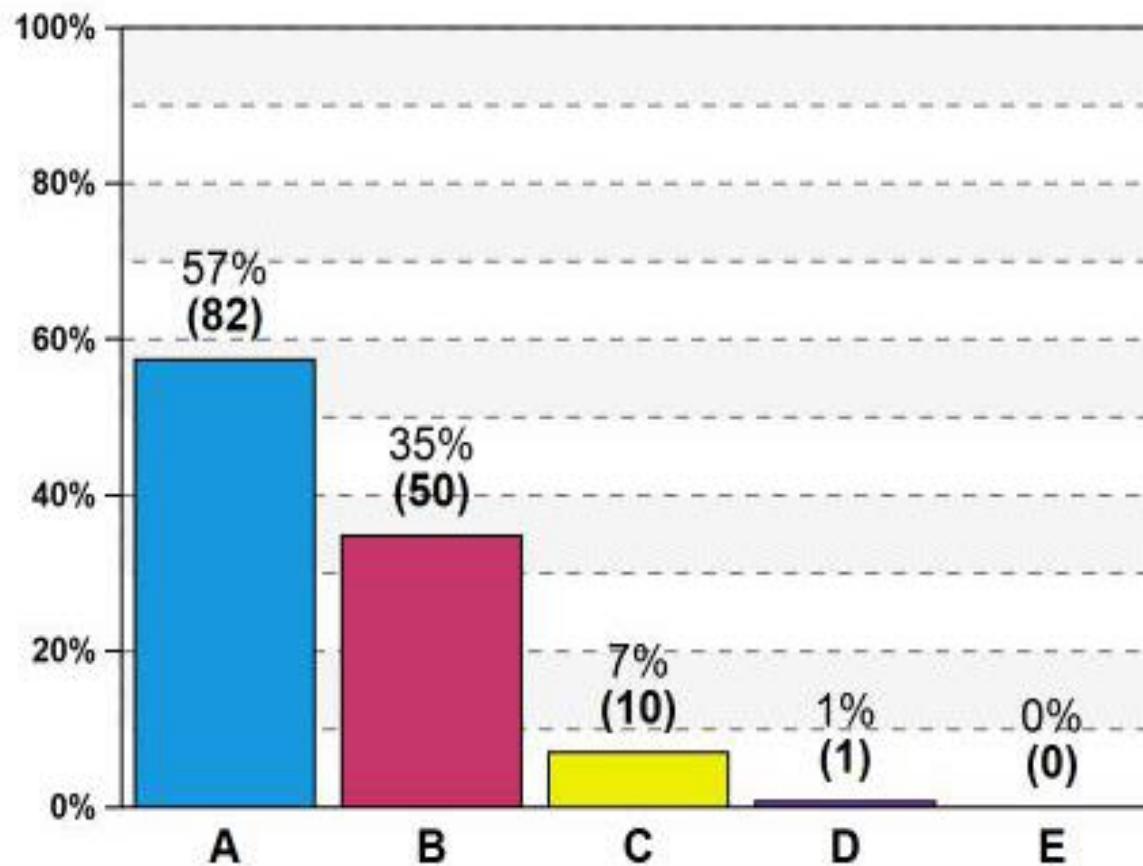
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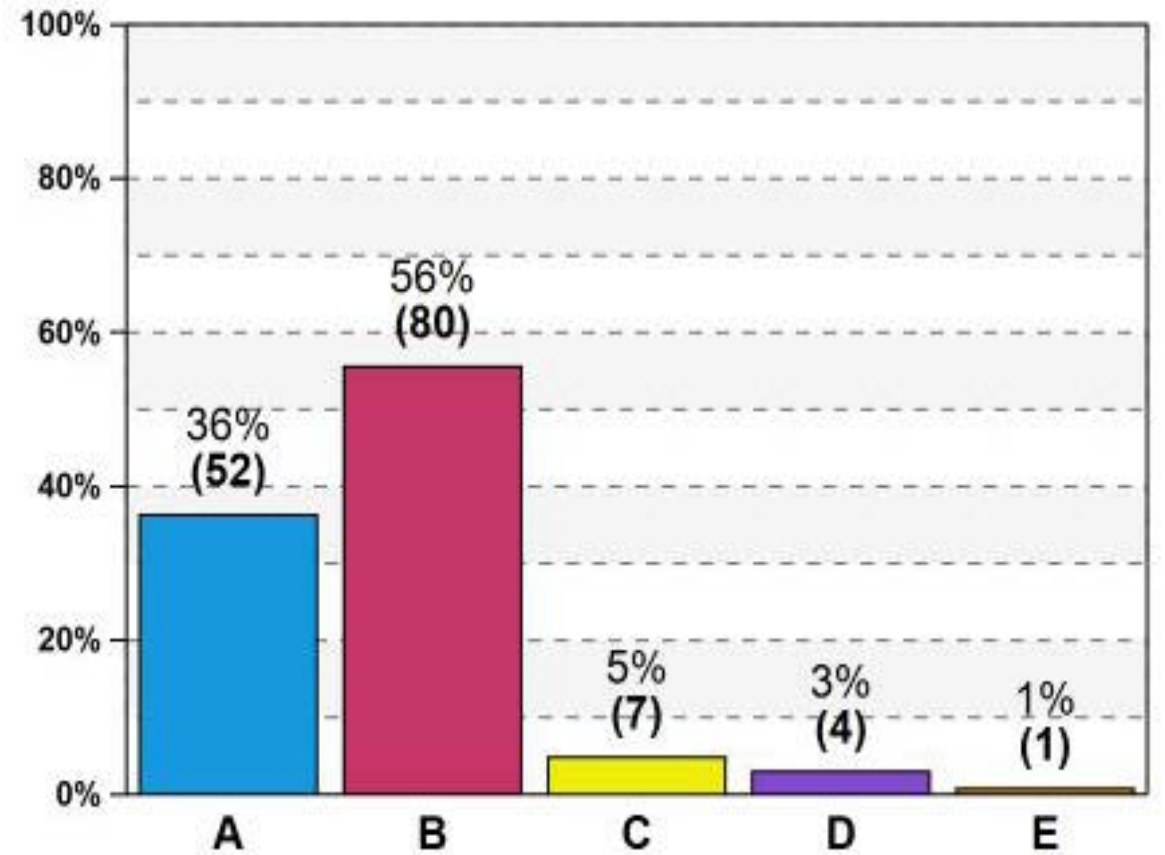
D: Disagree

E: Strongly disagree



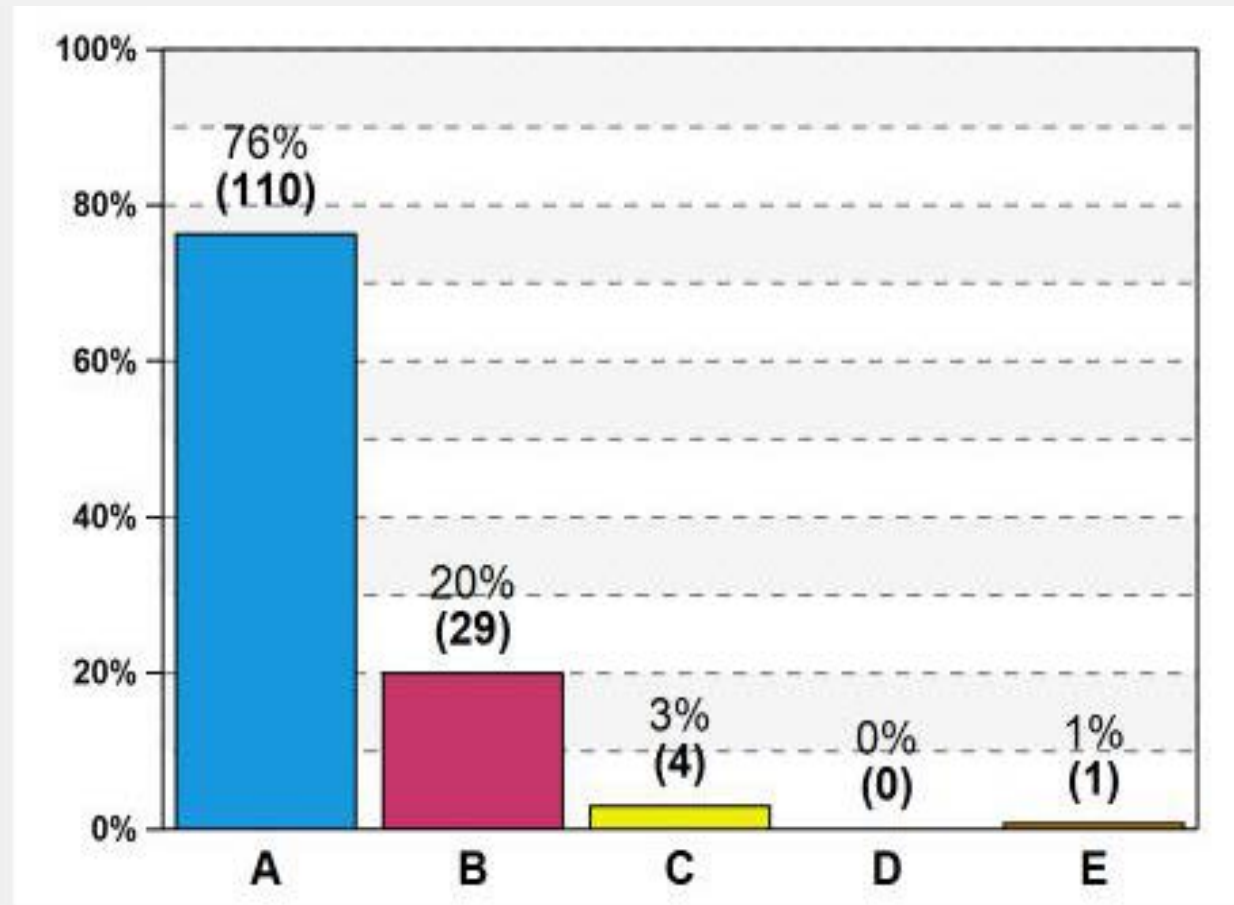
I am concerned about the impact of current horse population numbers on individual horse health.

- A: Strongly agree
- B: Agree
- C: No opinion
- D: Disagree
- E: Strongly disagree



I am concerned about the cost to taxpayers of holding horses.

- A: Strongly agree
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I believe that achieving “Thriving Natural Ecological Balance” requires maintaining a diversity of plant and animal species on the range.

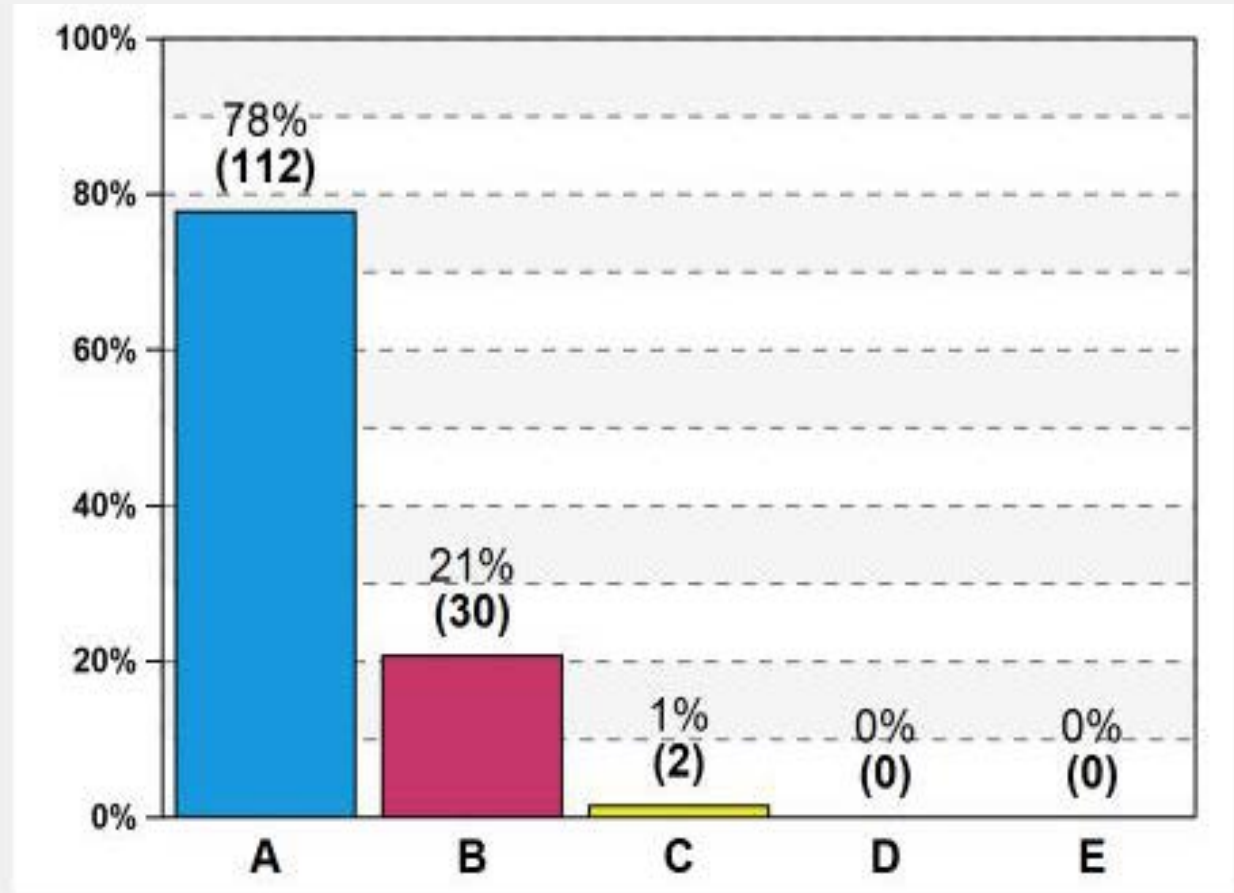
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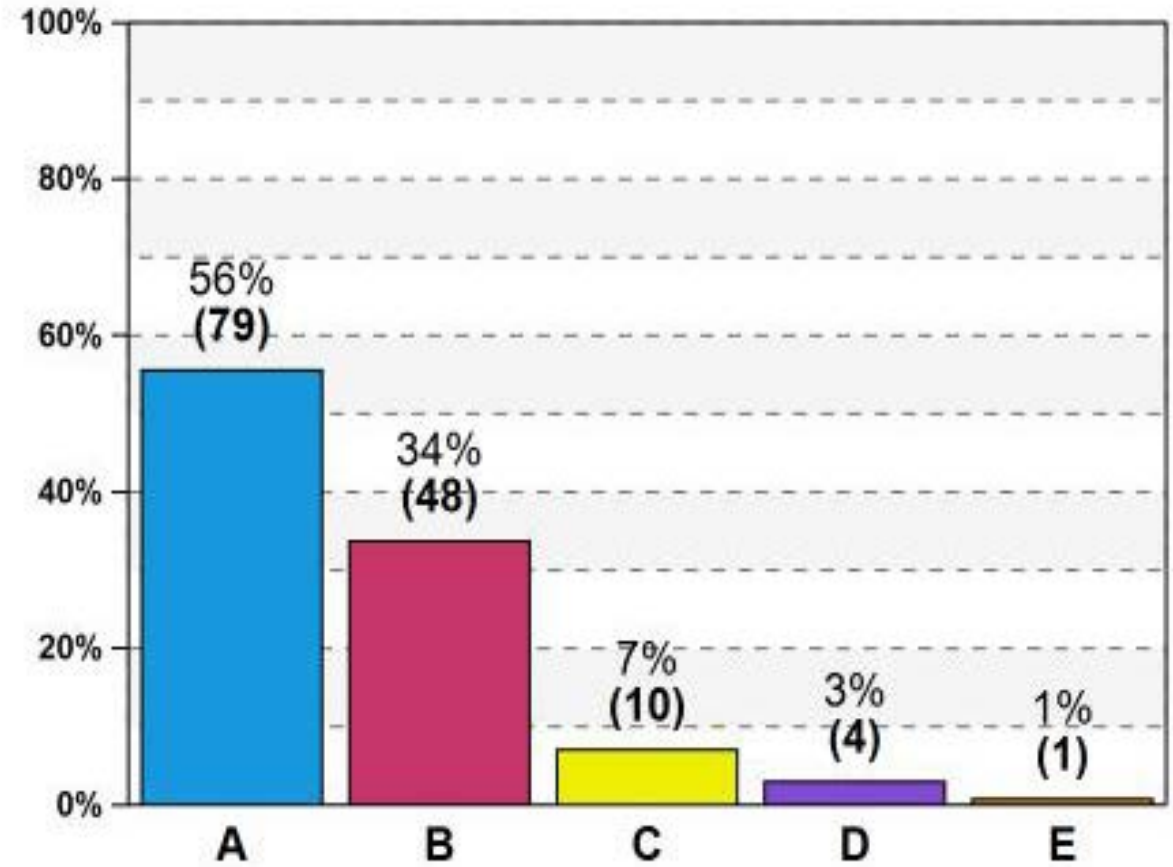
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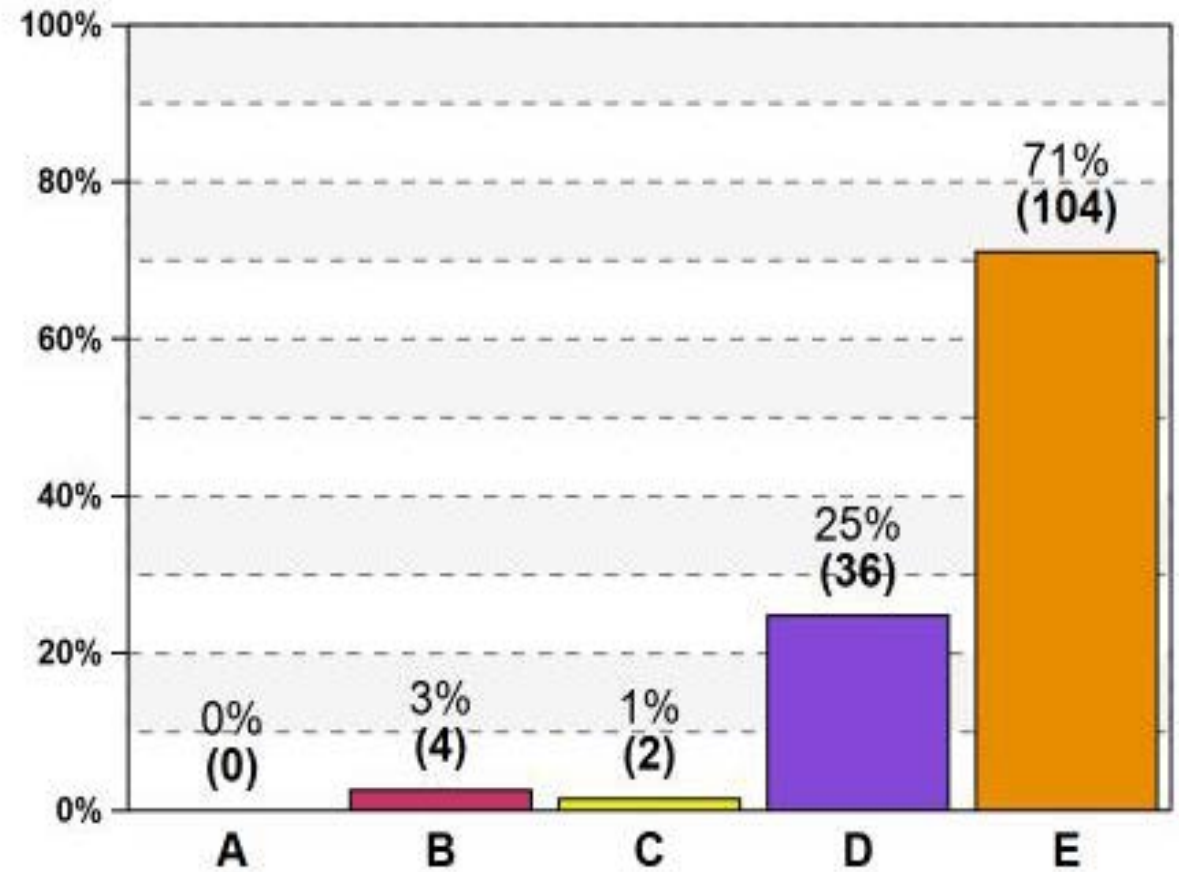
I believe that achieving “Thriving Natural Ecological Balance” requires achieving rangeland health standards on federal lands.

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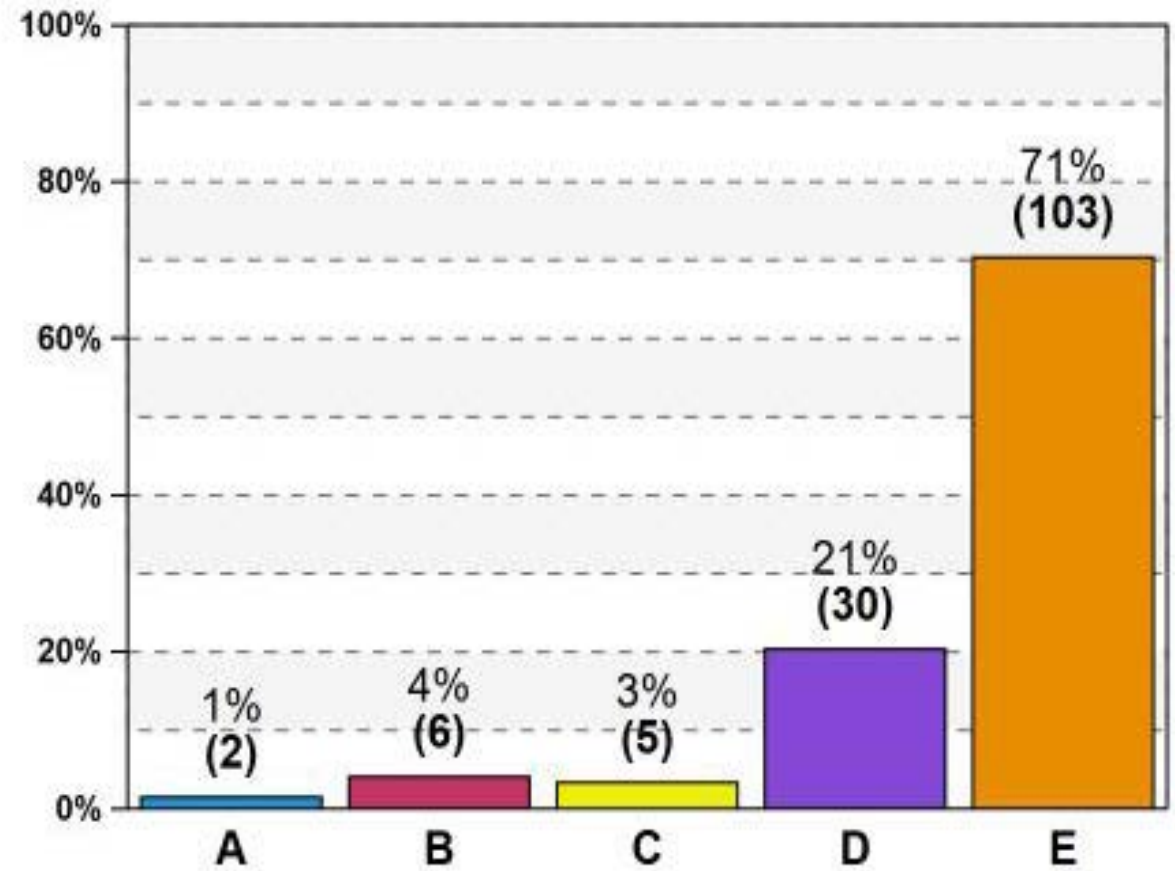
I believe it is possible to increase adoptions enough to meet the current supply of excess horses.

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I believe that no-kill solutions alone can adequately address off-range populations under current conditions.

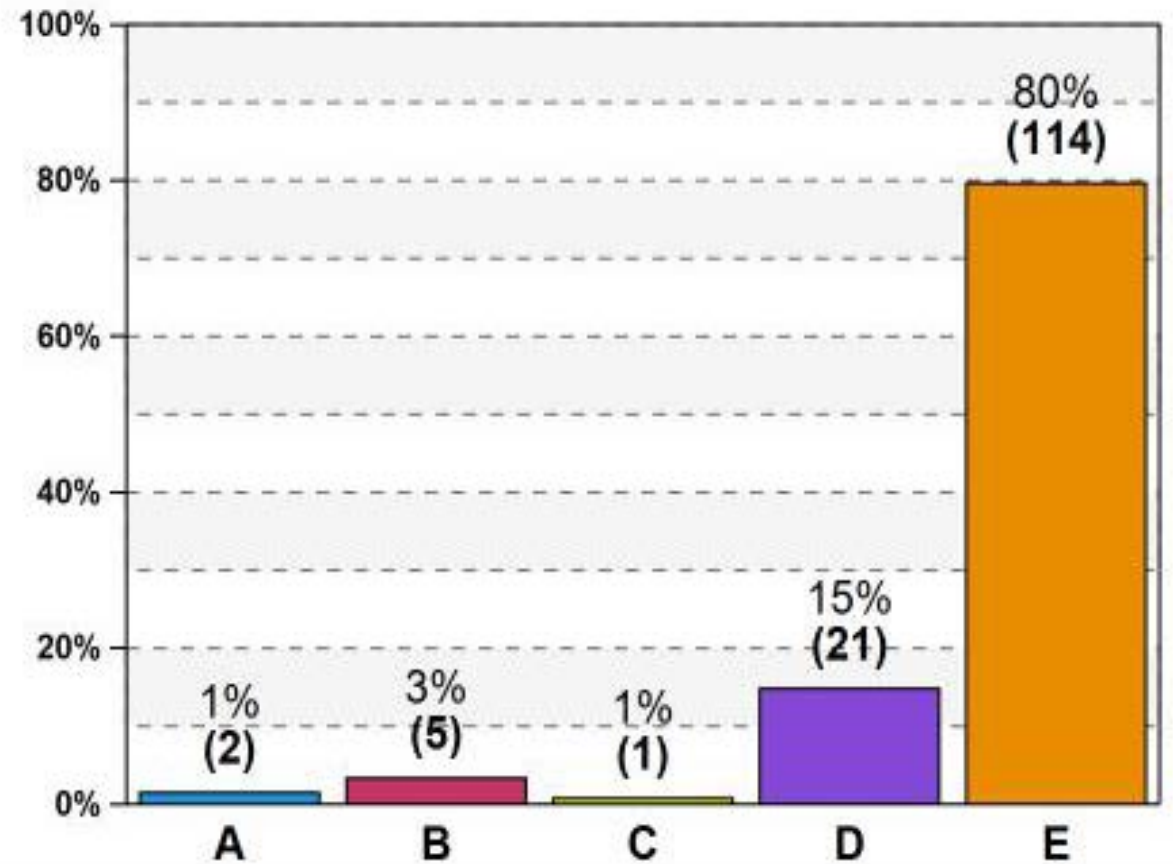
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I believe that no-kill solutions alone can adequately address on-range populations which are over AML.

(clarification: under current conditions, no imposed \$ limit, no kill anywhere)

- A: Strongly agree
- B: Agree
- C: No opinion
- D: Disagree
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I believe that a combination of temporary and permanent fertility control can reduce (current) horse populations enough, within the foreseeable future, to alleviate impacts to rangeland health.

(clarification: under current law, and not in combination with euthanasia)

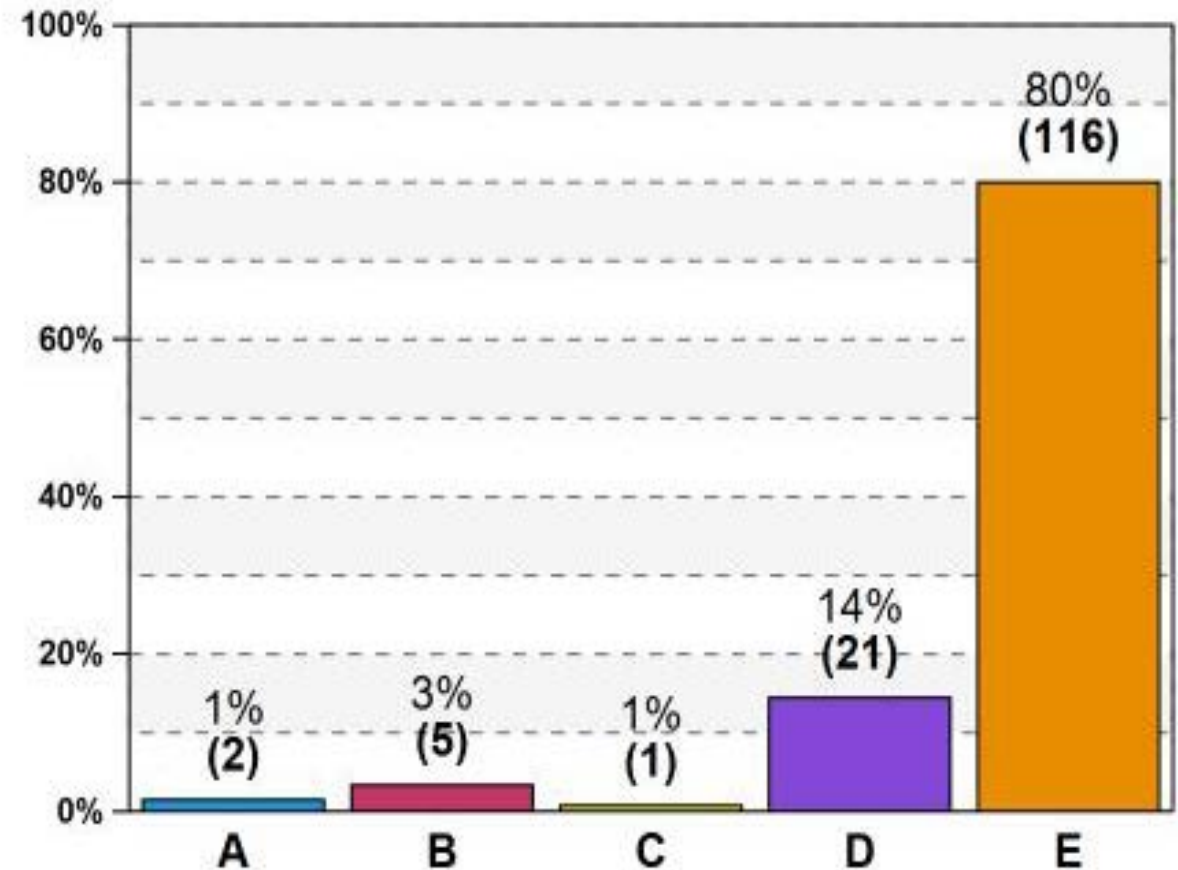
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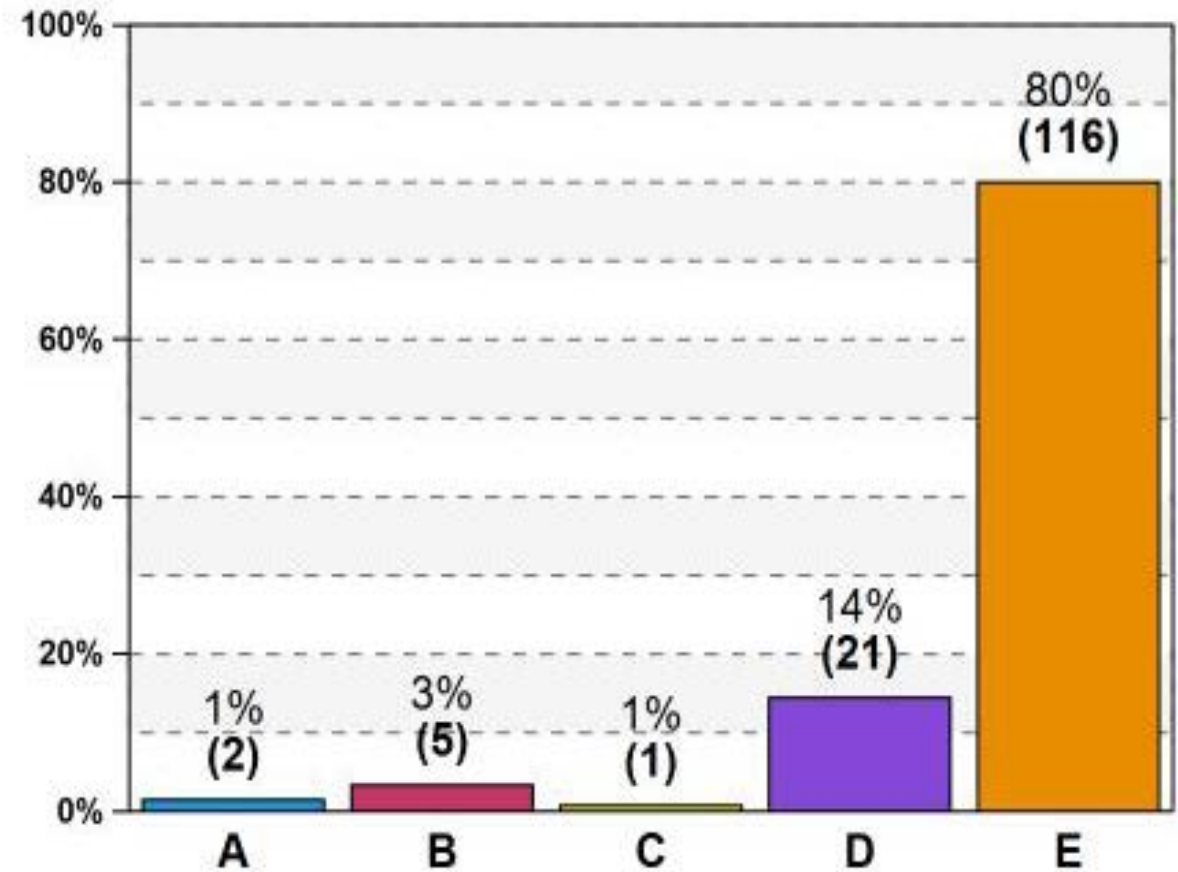
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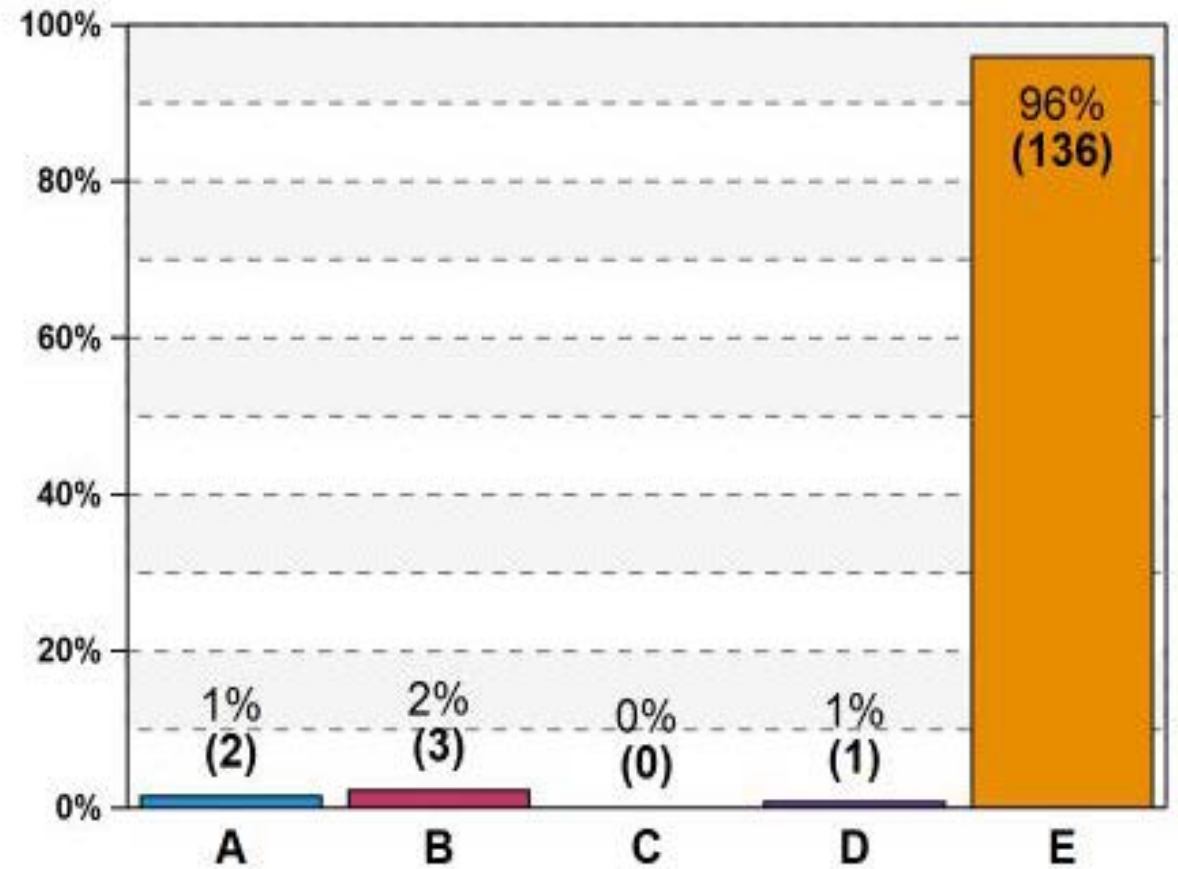
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How supportive are you of:

the status quo situation (i.e. horse populations increasing despite management efforts)?

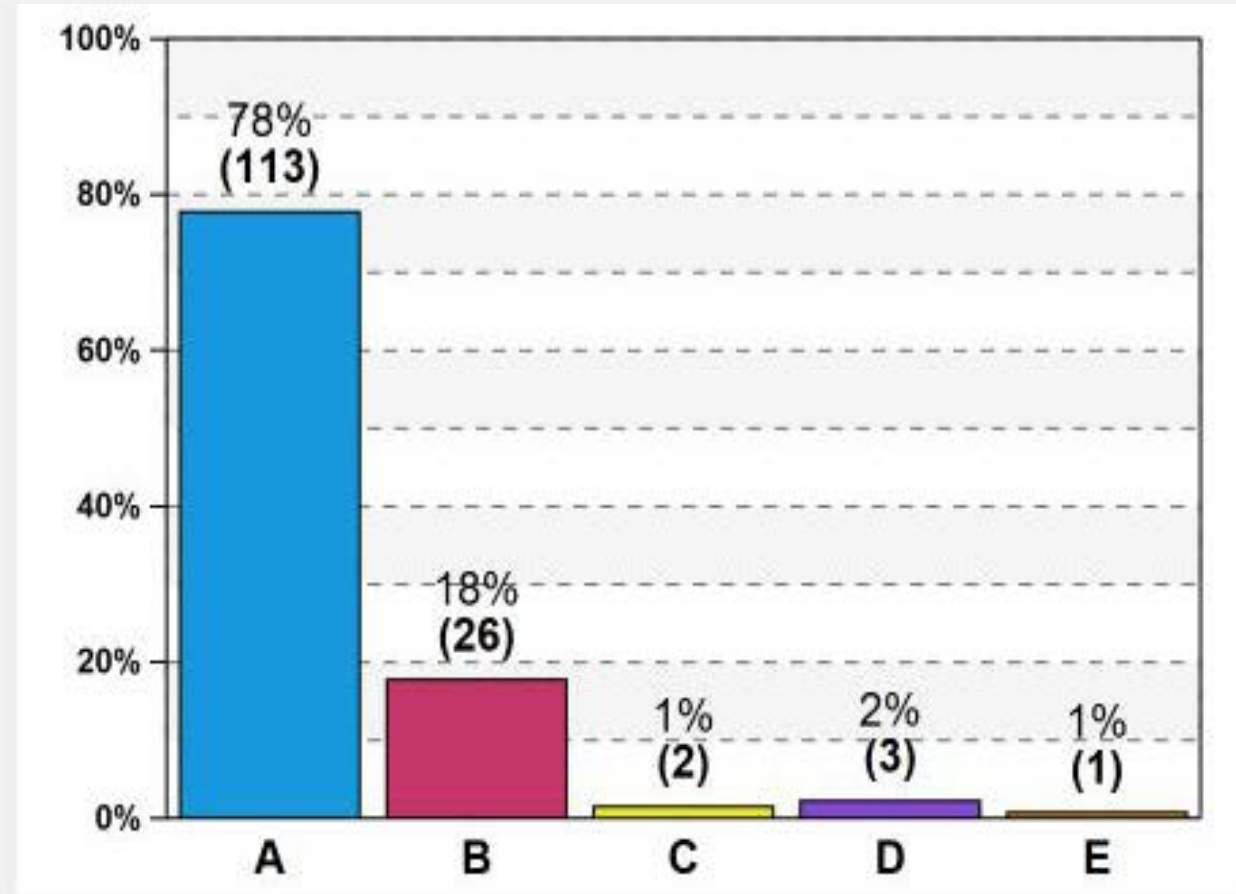
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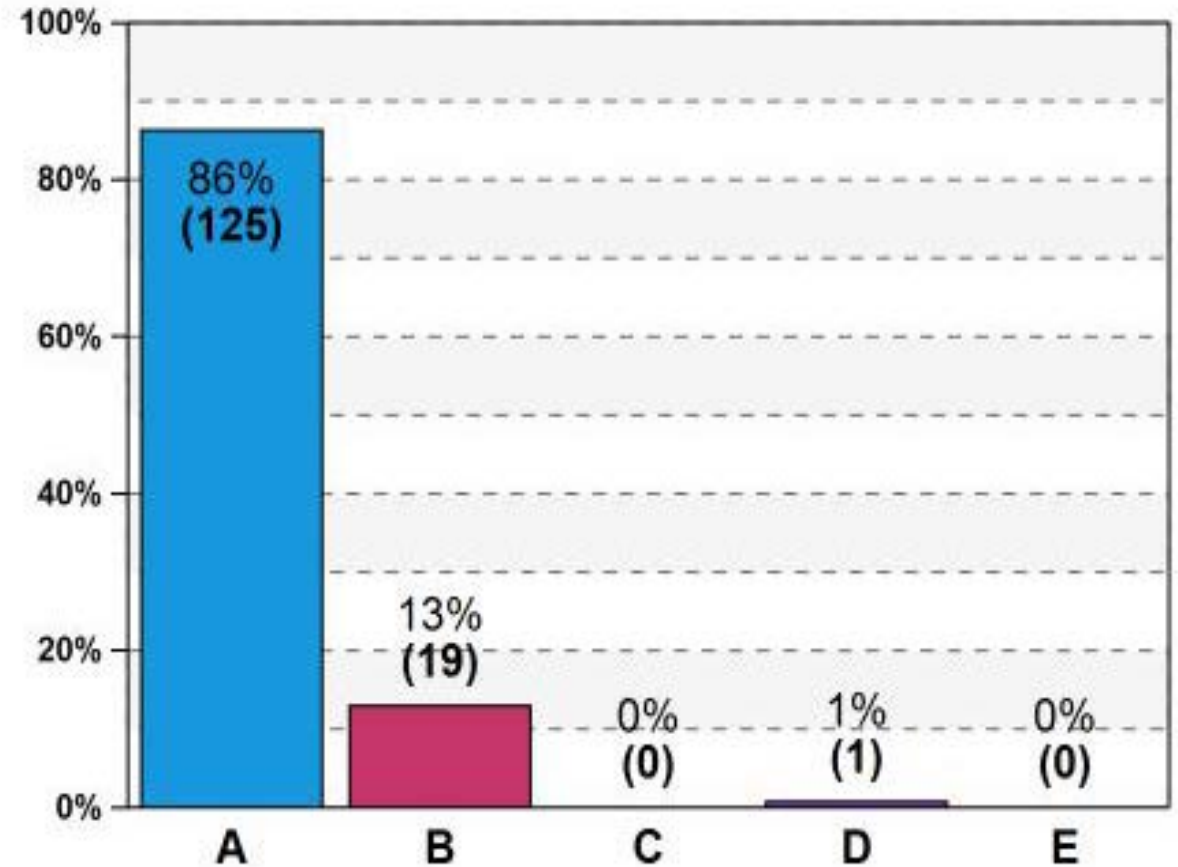
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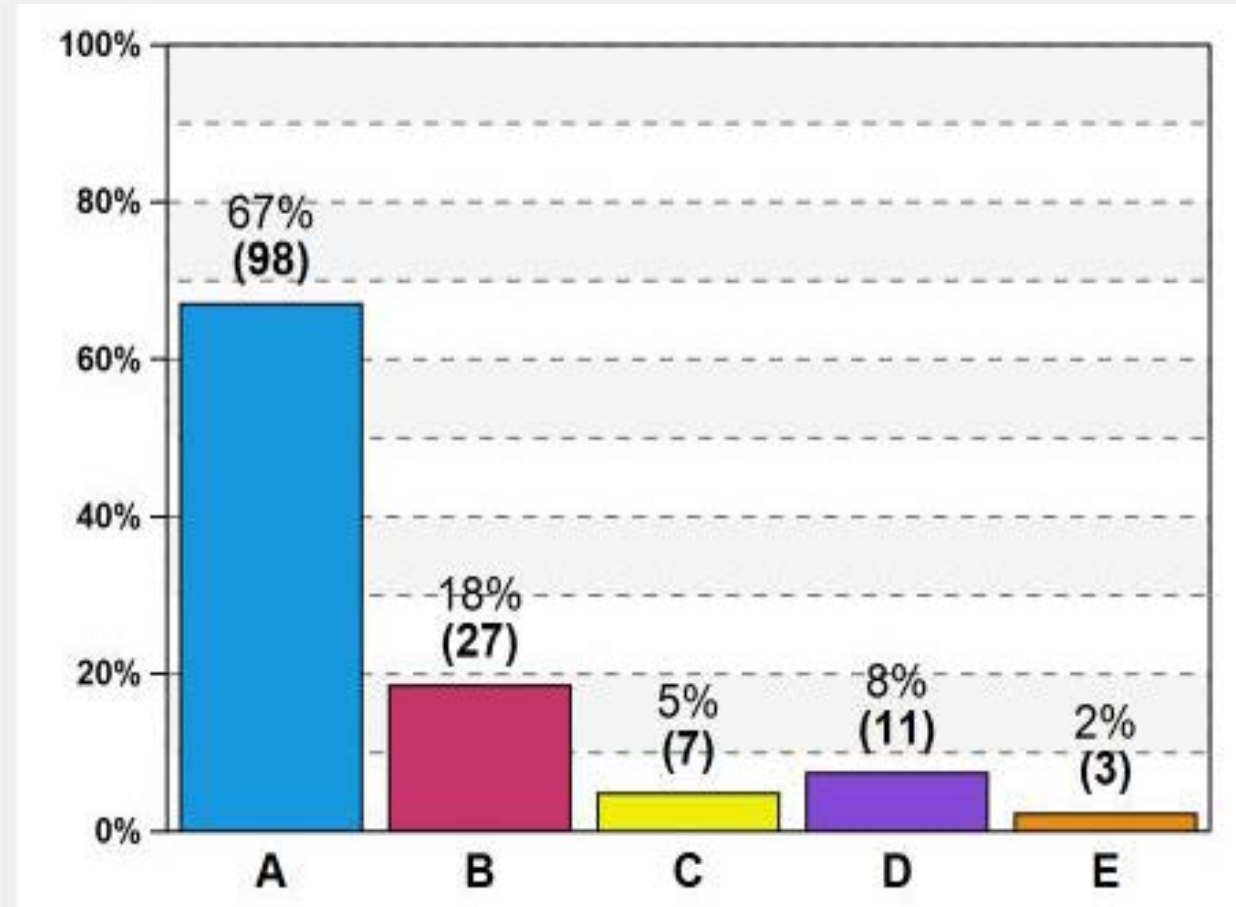


How supportive are you of:

developing additional opportunities for adoption *within* the United States?

(clarification: assumes additional resources would be dedicated to it)

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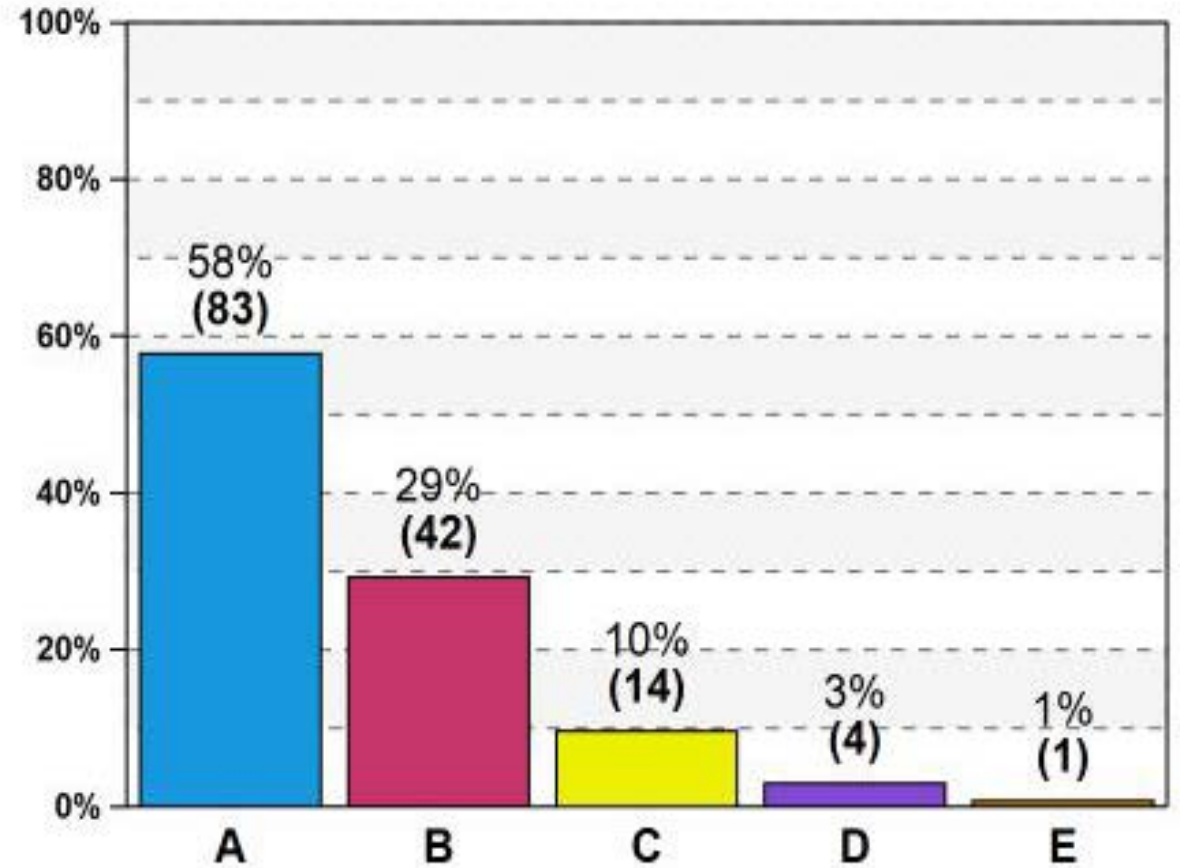


How supportive are you of:

developing additional opportunities for adoption *outside* the U.S.?

(clarification: assumes we can't control anything after adoption, but it is focused on "adoption")

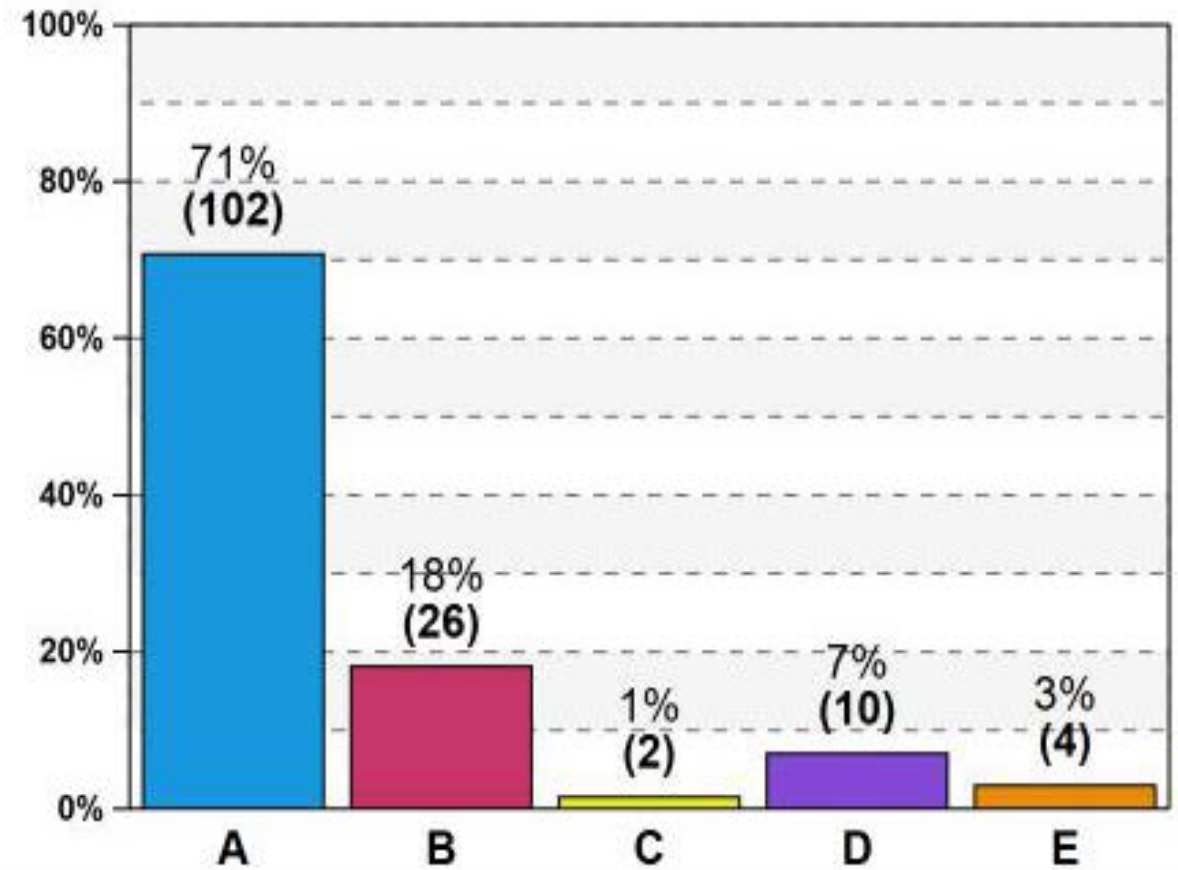
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How supportive are you of:

permanent sterilization (spaying)
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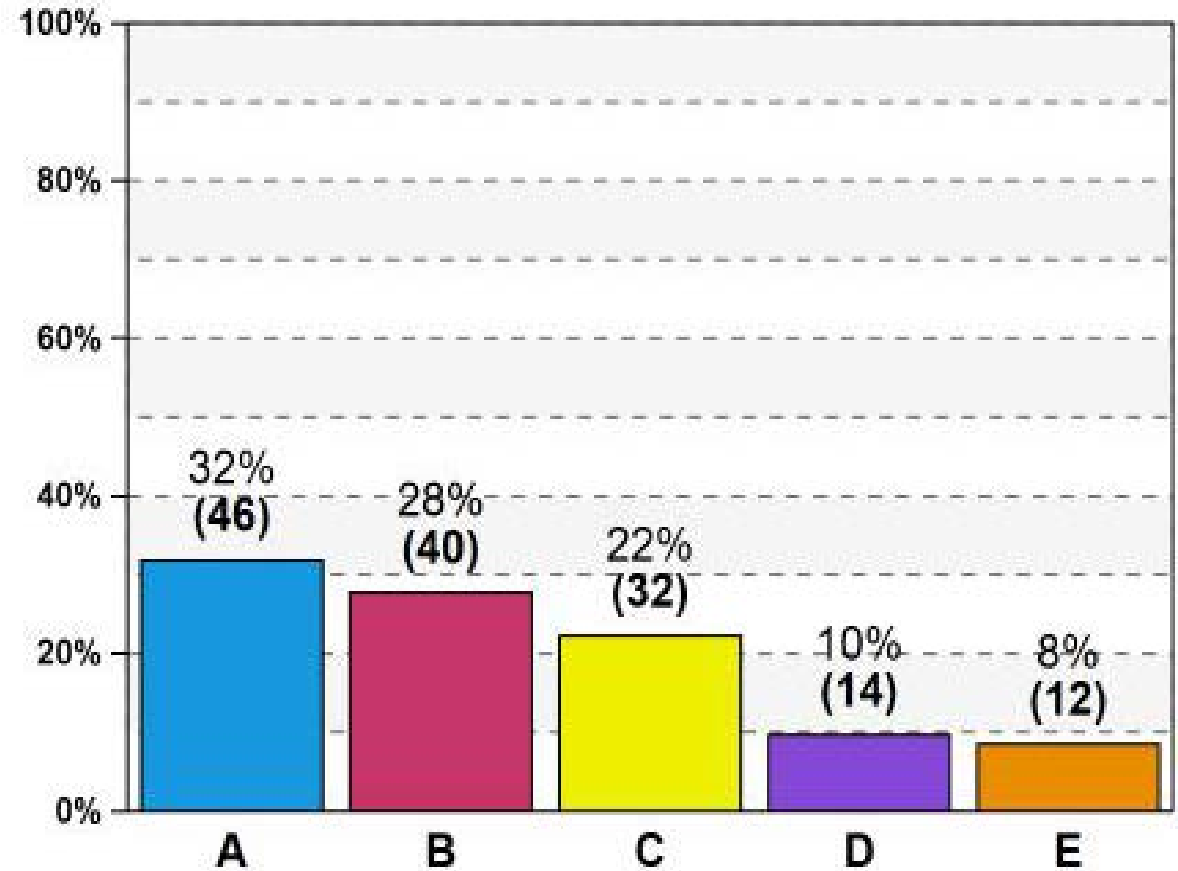


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maintaining non-reproducing herds in HMAs?

(clarification: herds in these areas would not die off but rather be supplemented by sterile horses from elsewhere)

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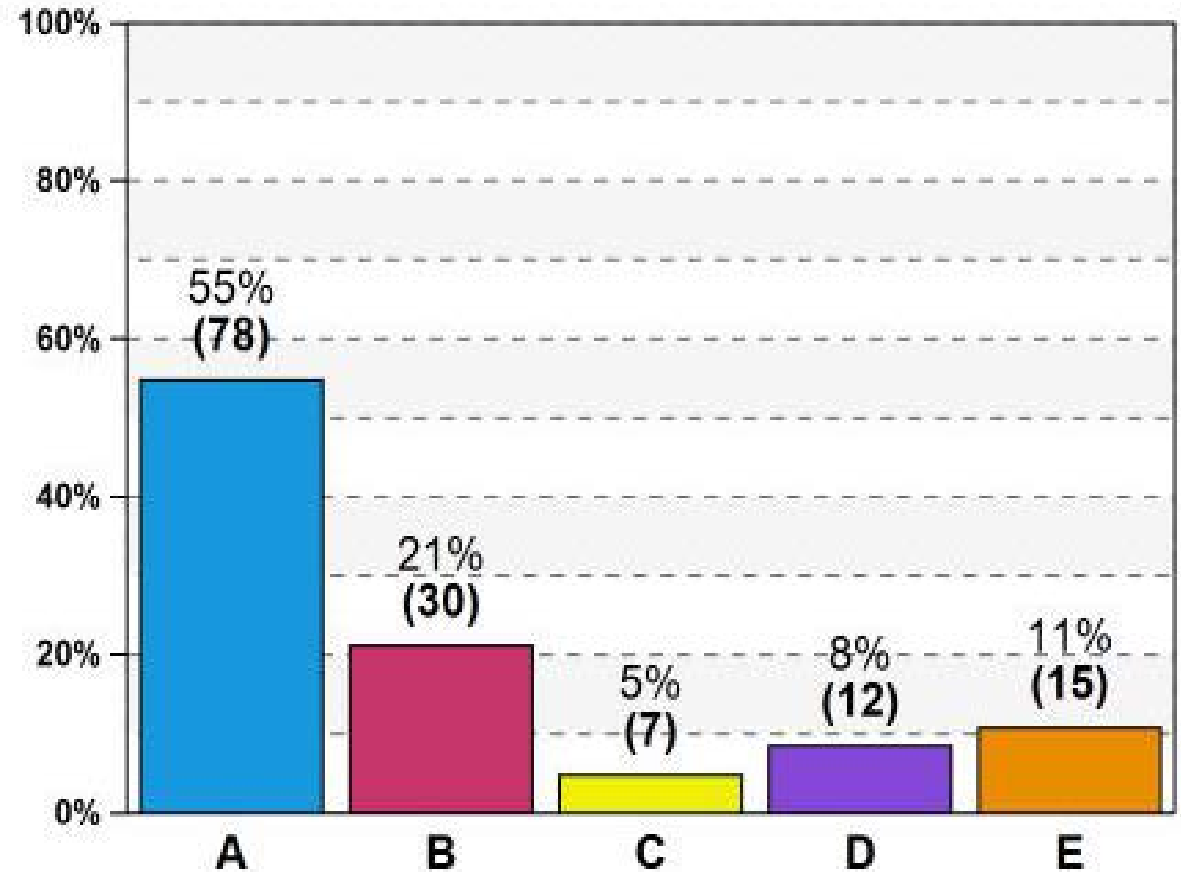


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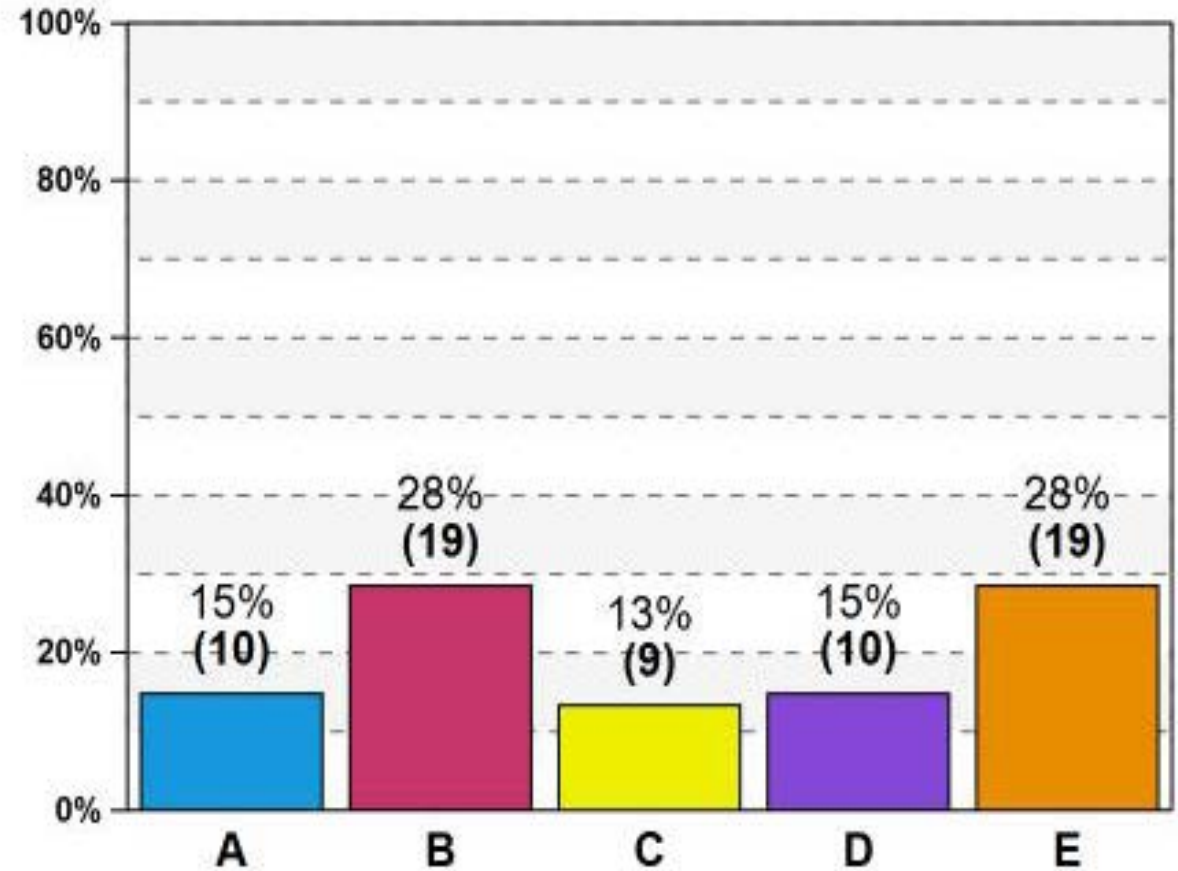


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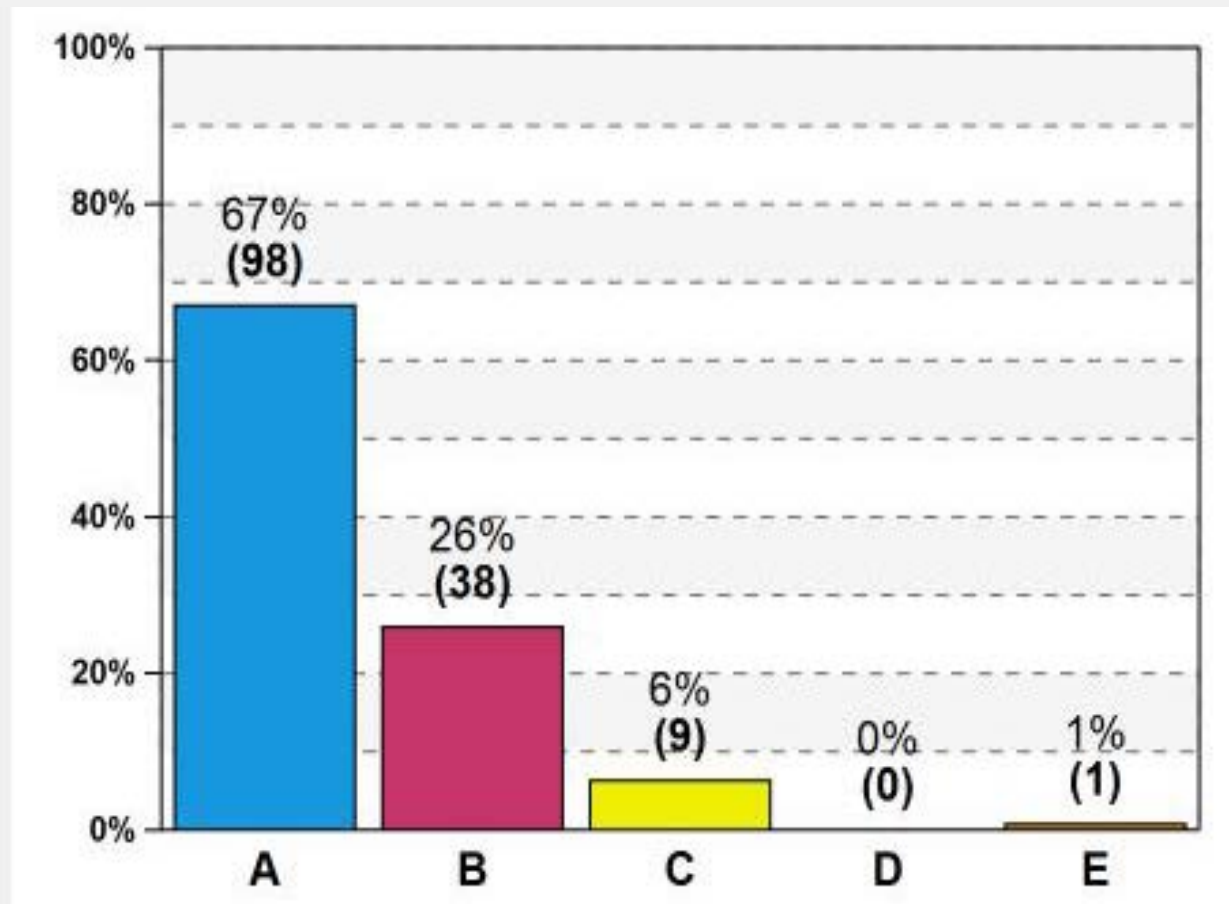


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How supportive are you of:

reducing the age of “sale without restrictions” from 10+ years old to 5+ years old?

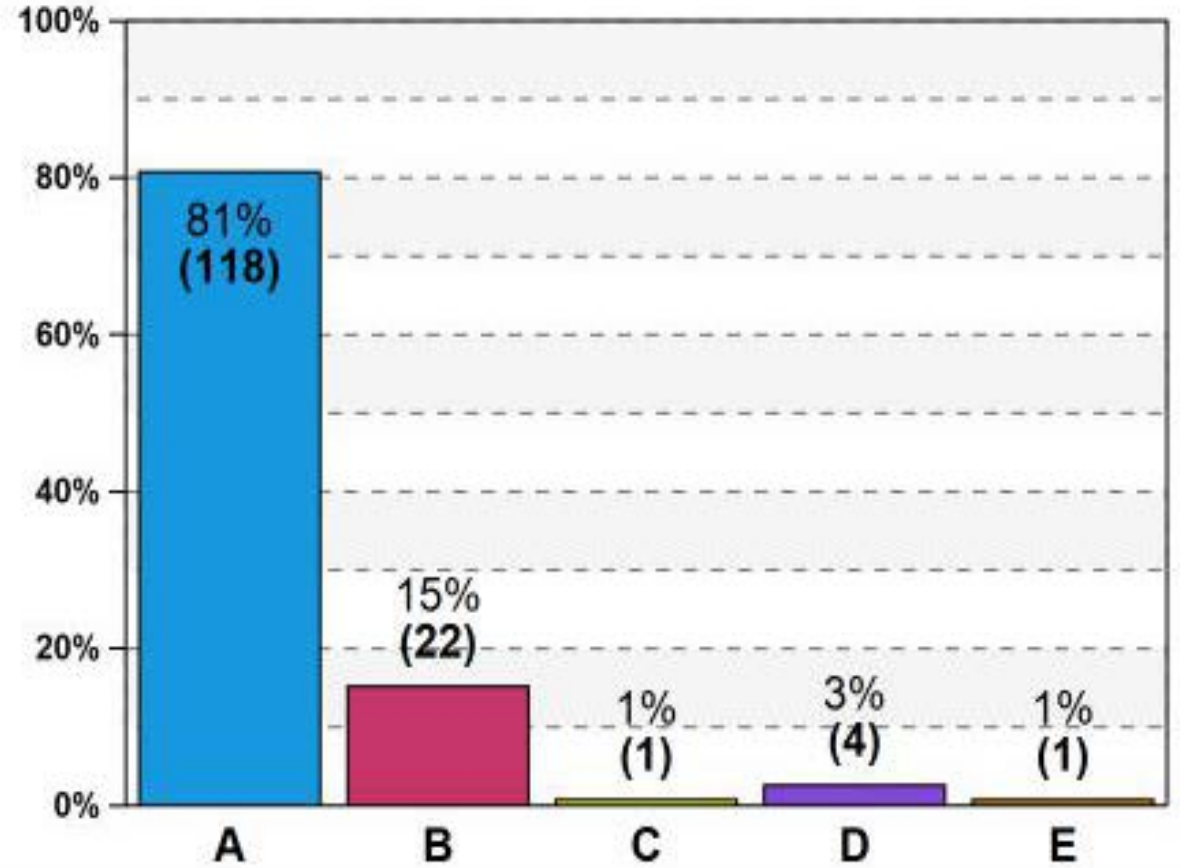
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euthanizing for population control for
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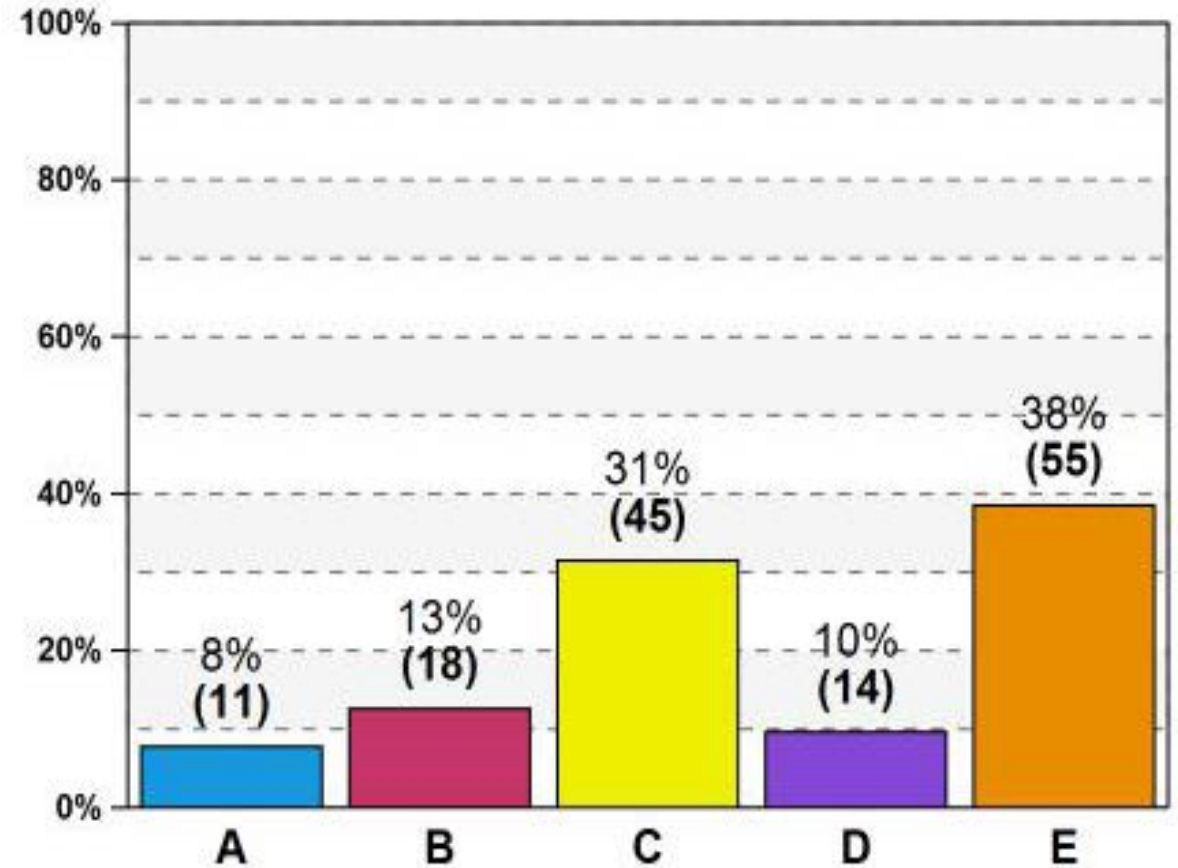


How supportive are you of:

adding mules to horse herds to control herd growth?

(clarification: this would be behavioral control so sterile males collect harems of mares and prevent breeding by stallions)

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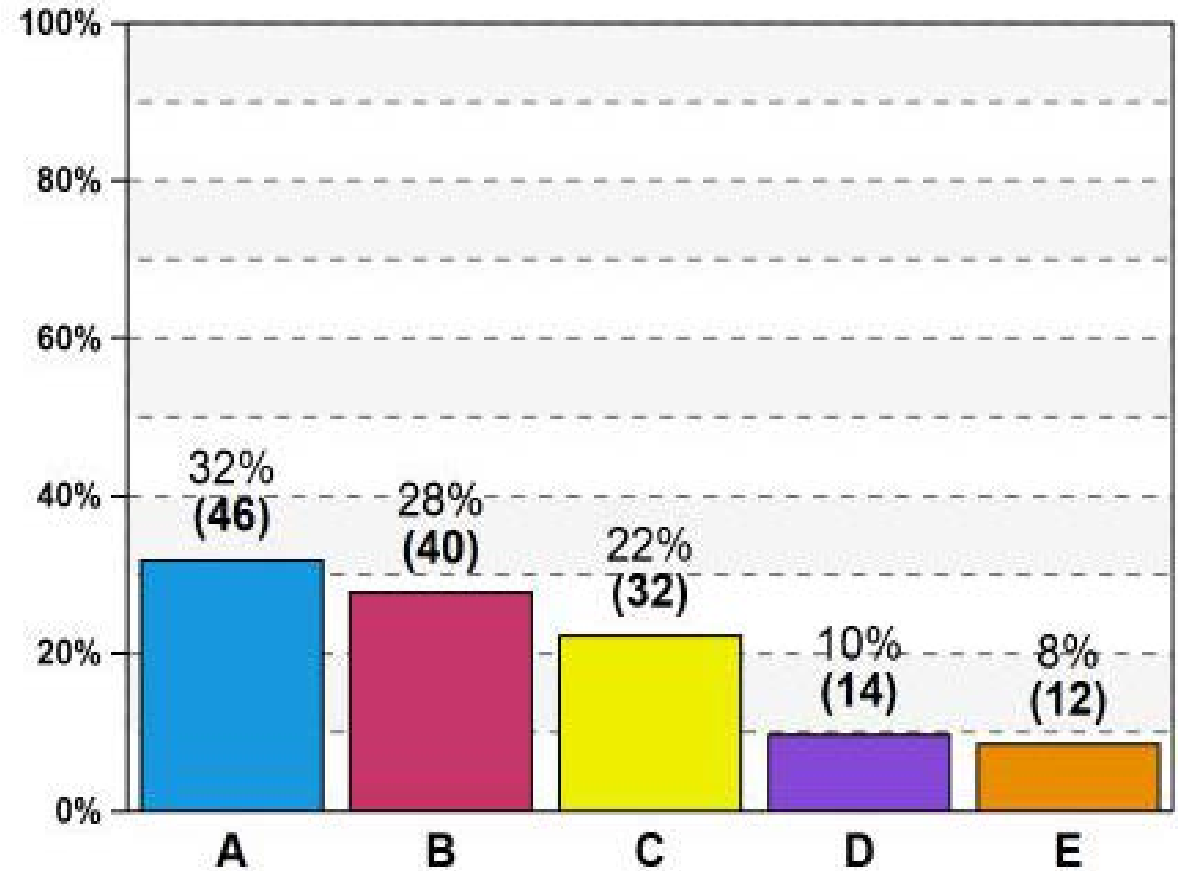


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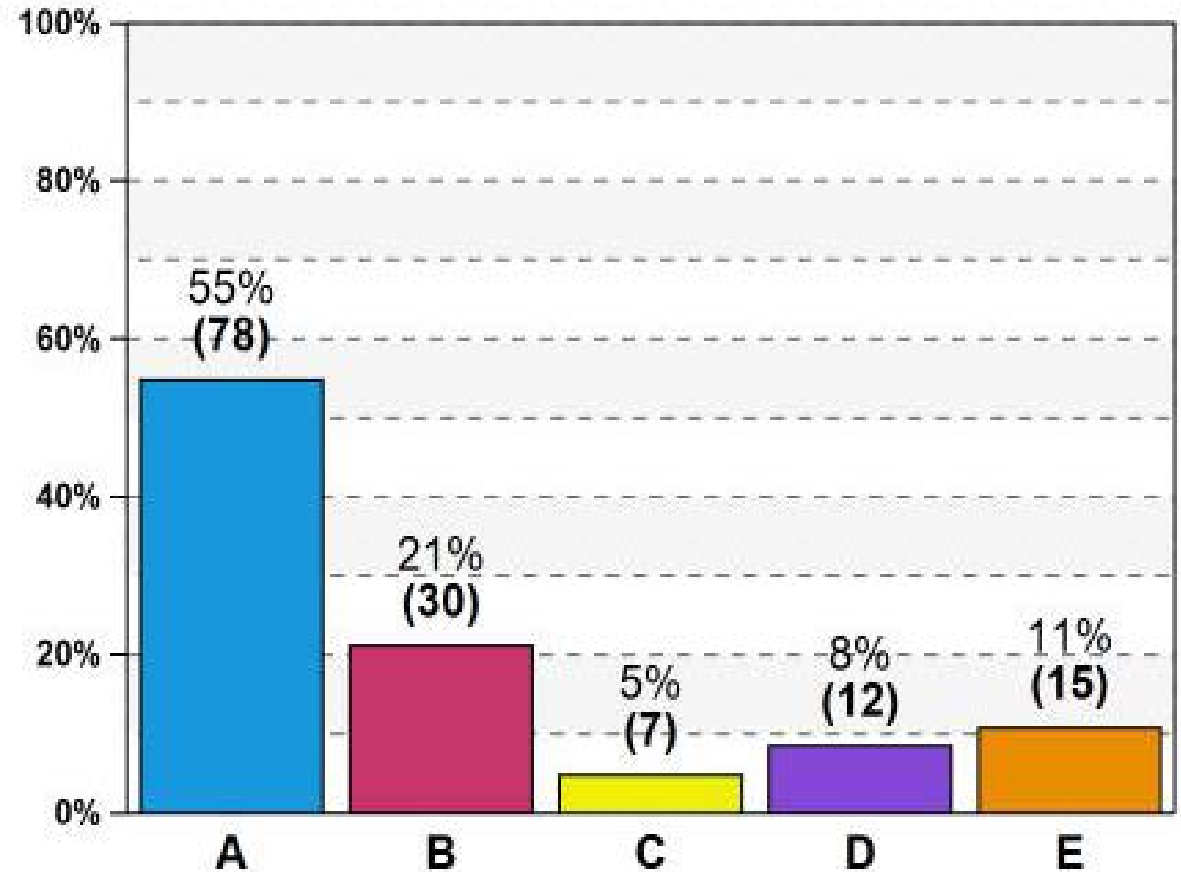


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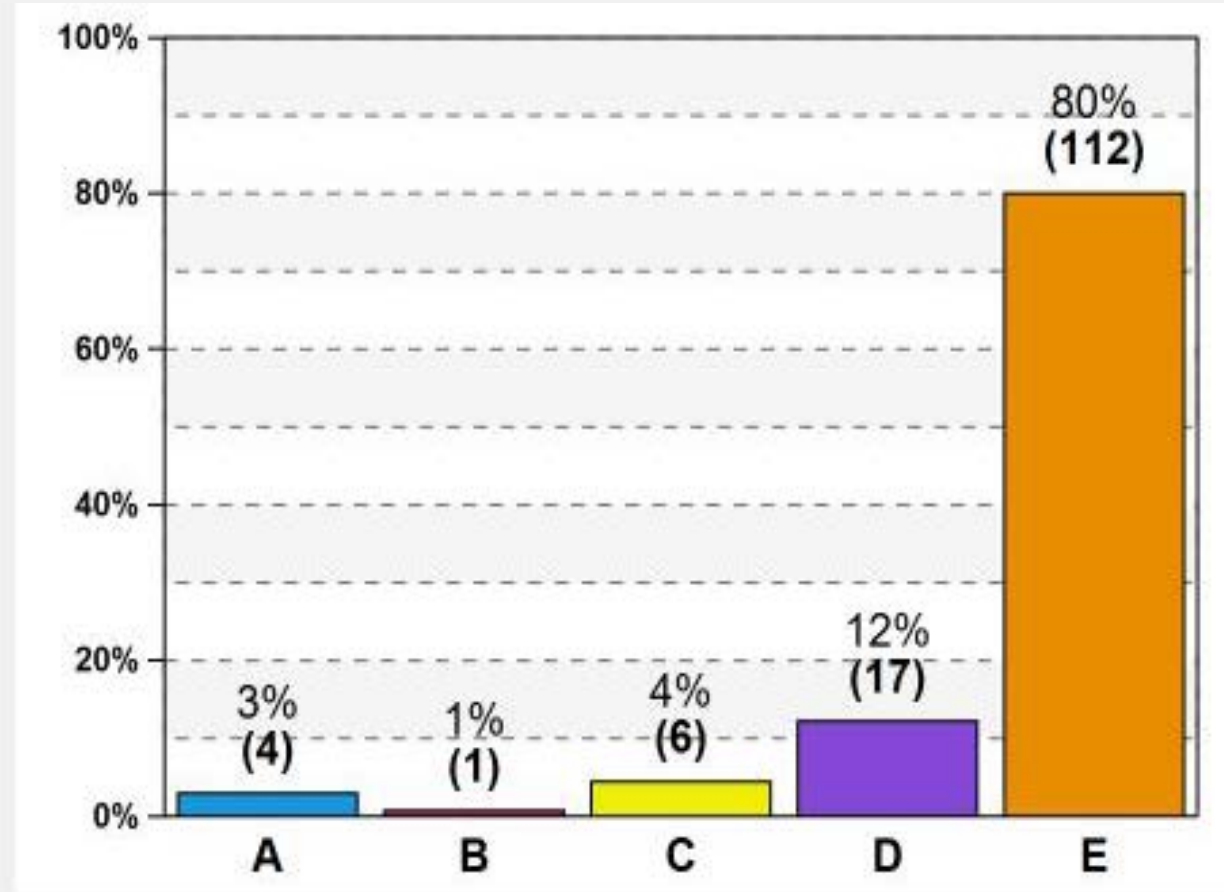
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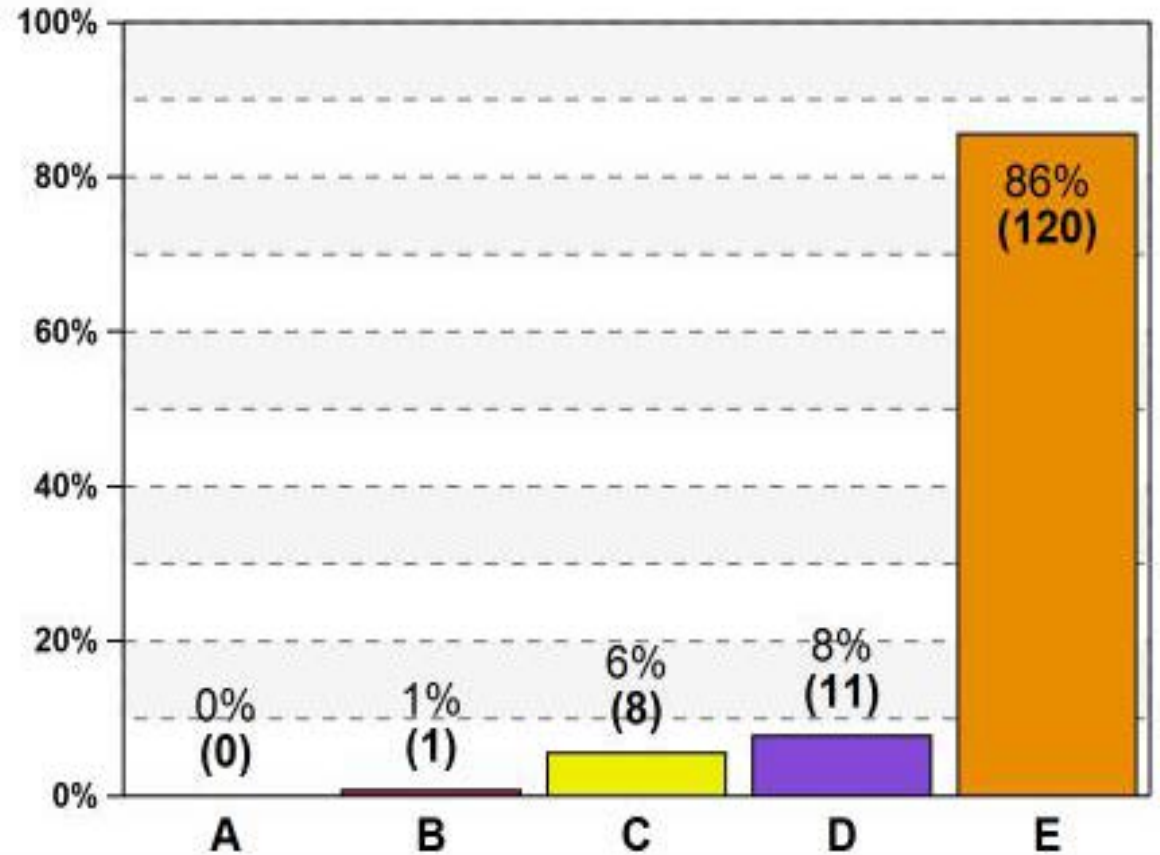


How supportive are you of:

increasing the number of HMAs?

(clarification: this would add new acreage via new areas)

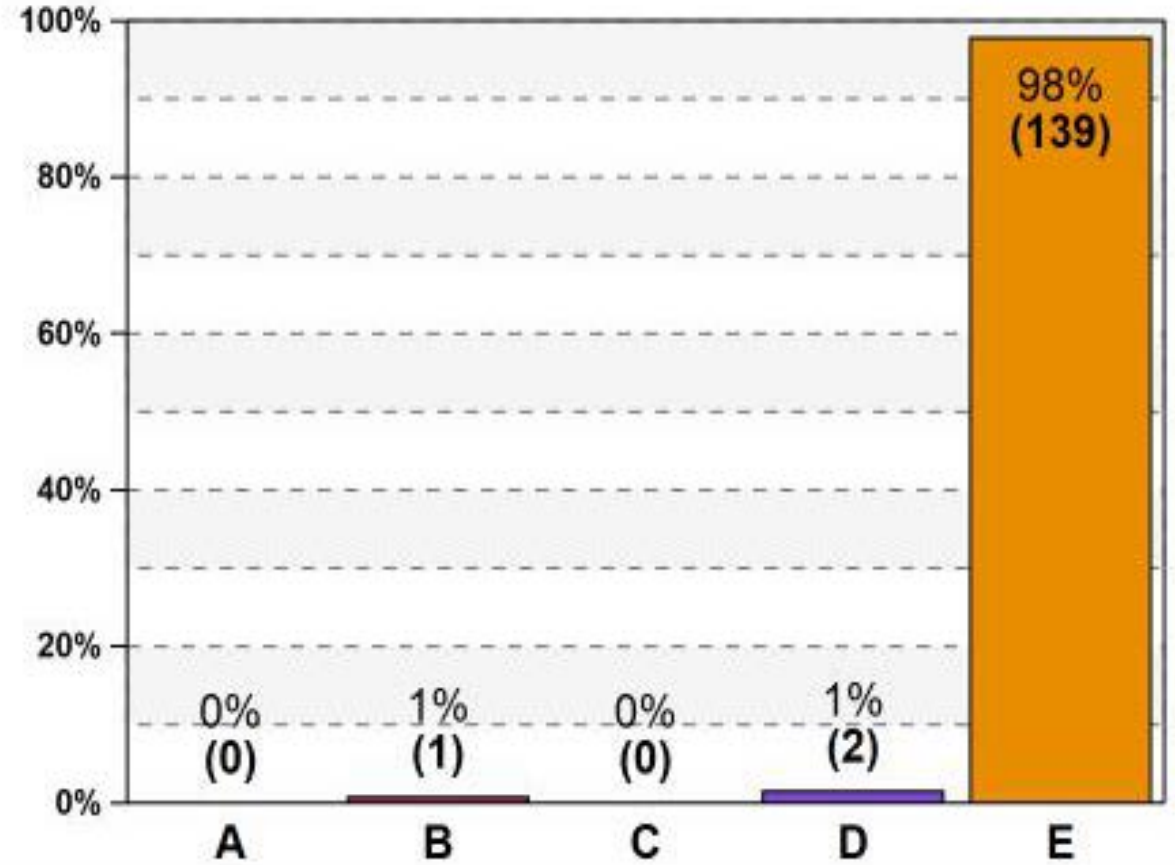
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allowing the horses to self-regulate on the range (i.e. take no management actions at all)?

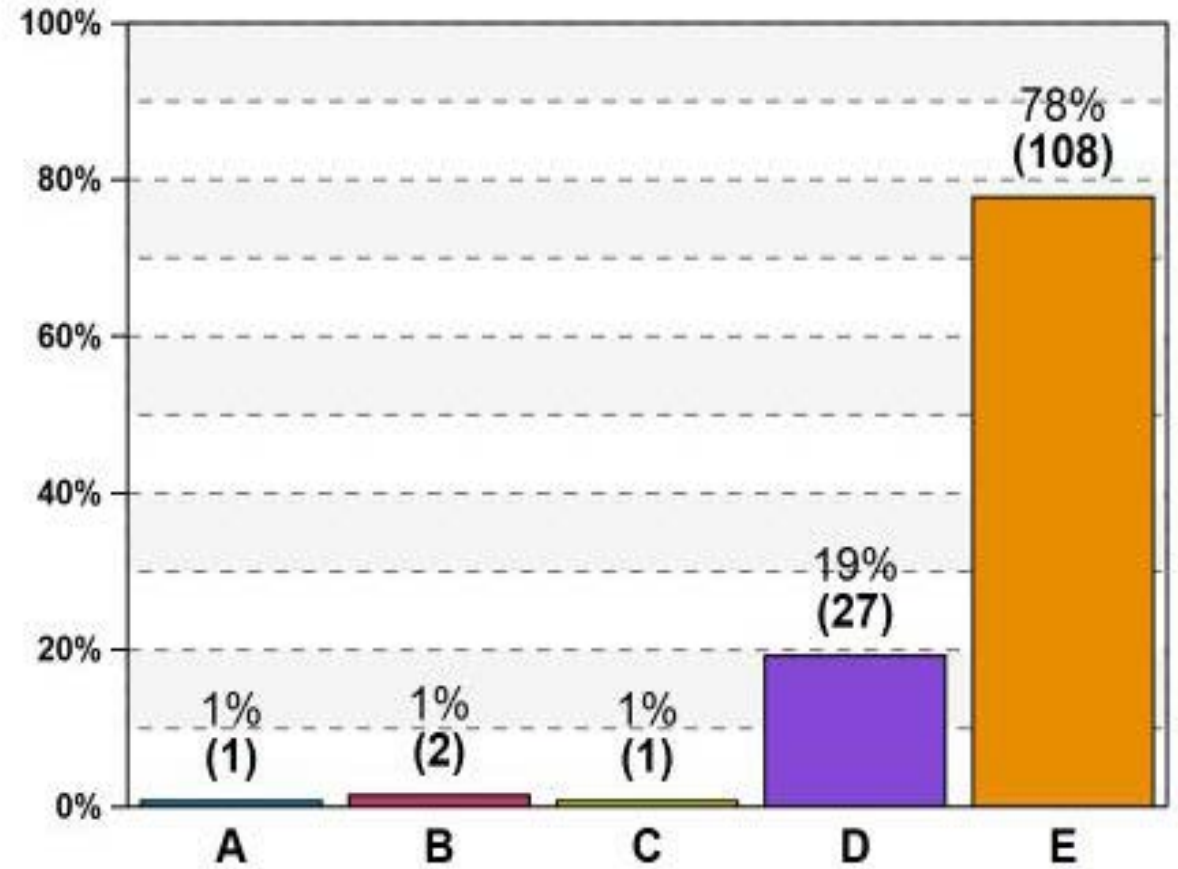
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How supportive are you of:

maintaining horses in BLM holding facilities (about \$1800/year/animal) for the remainder of their lives?

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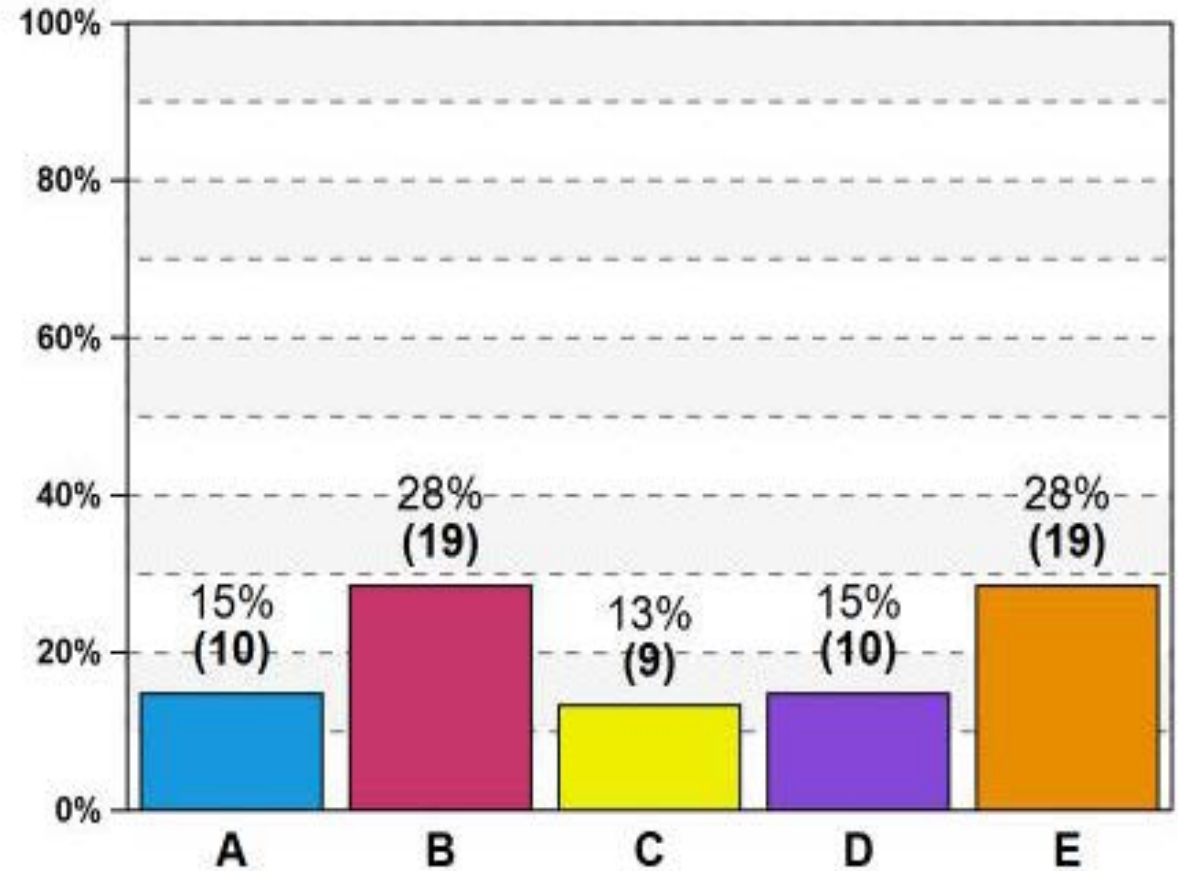


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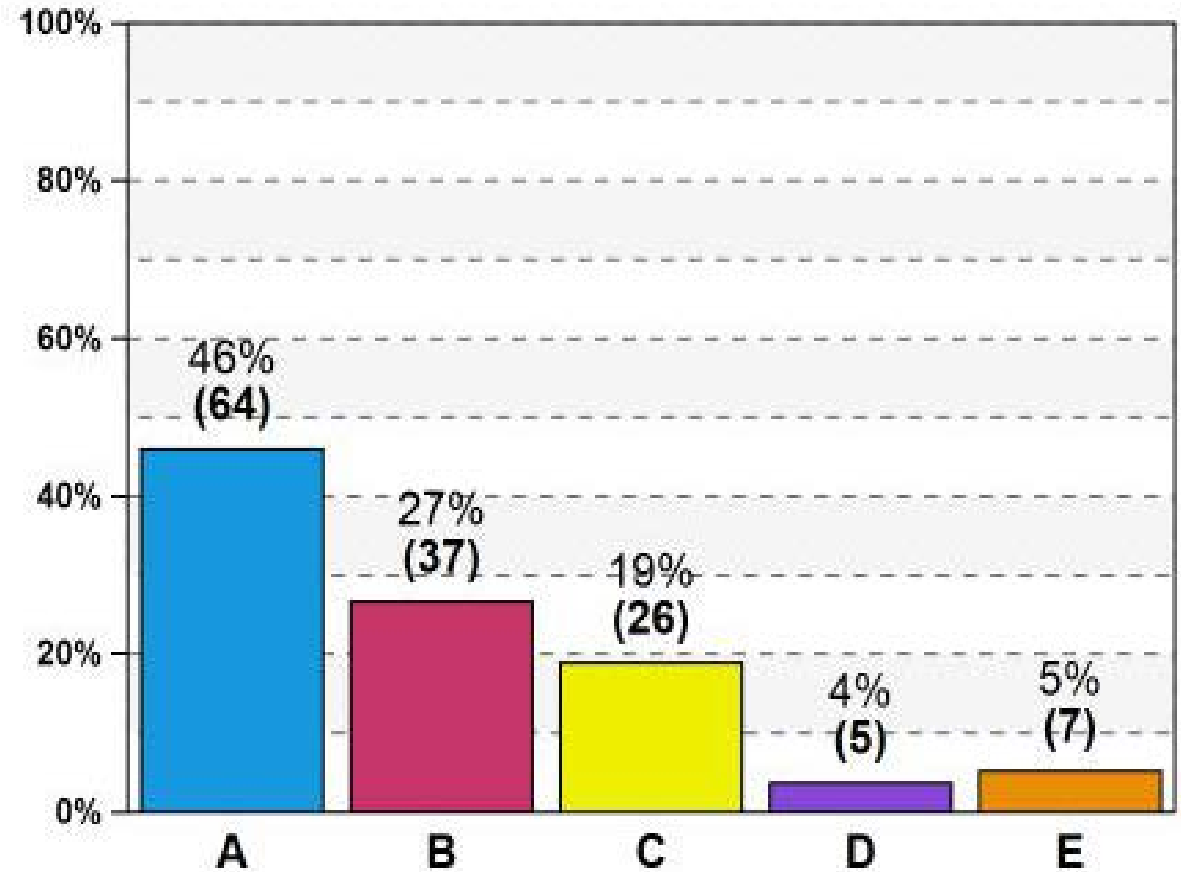


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creating a clearinghouse for
information and resources on
management options?

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