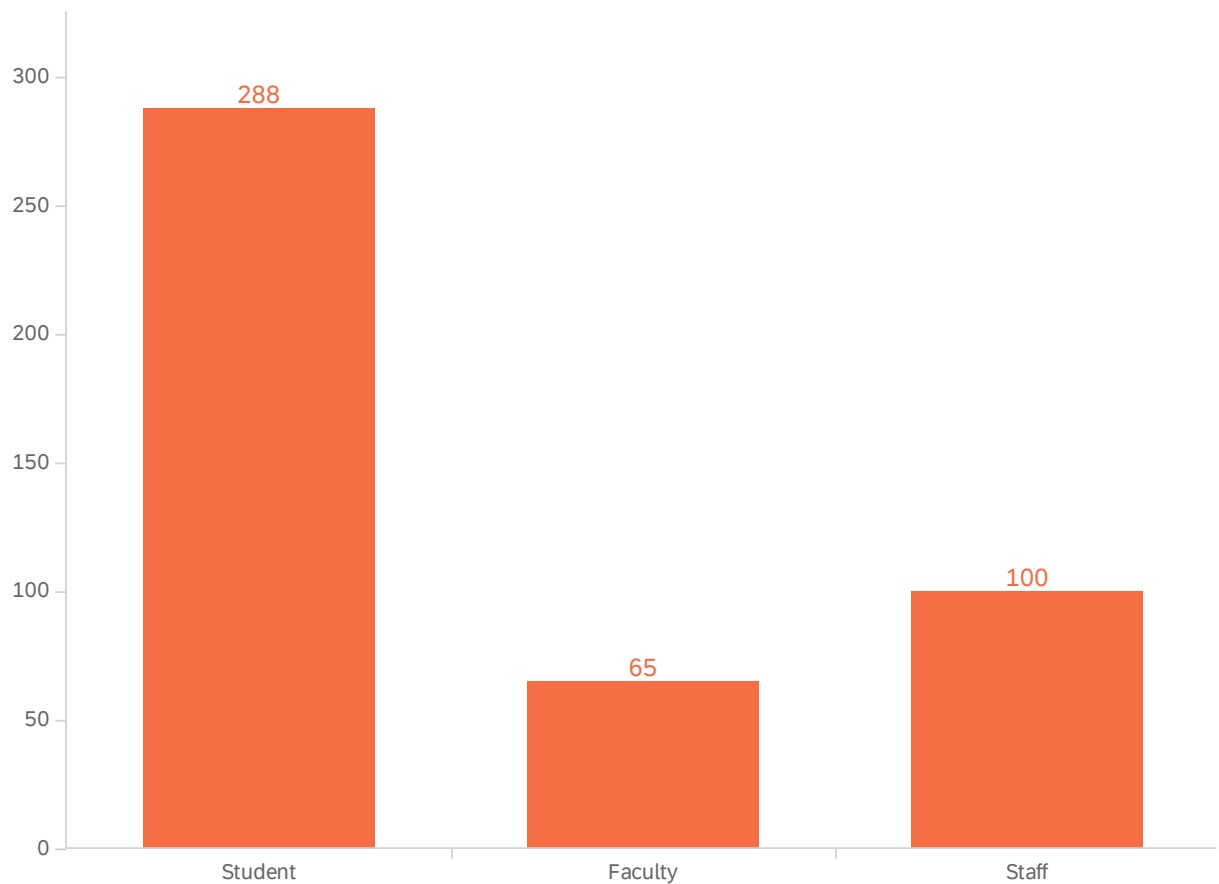


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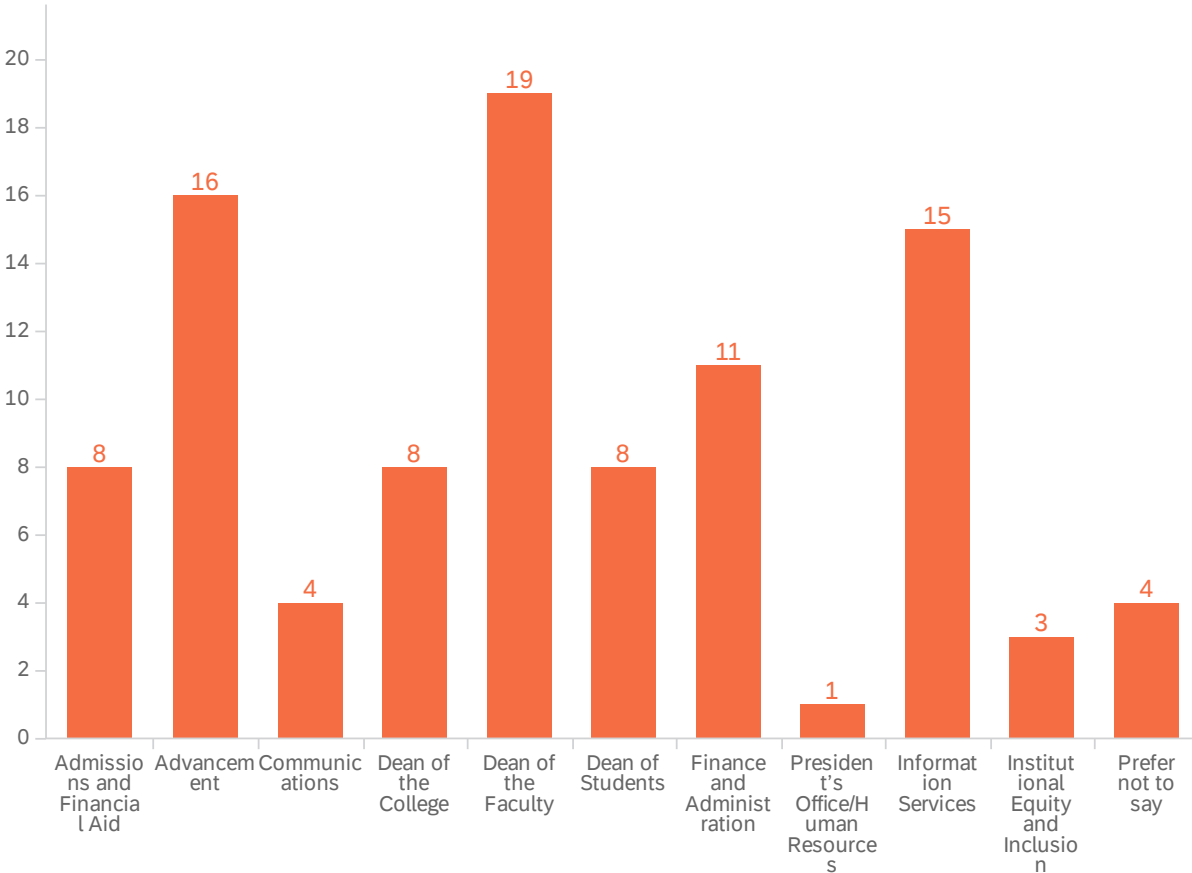
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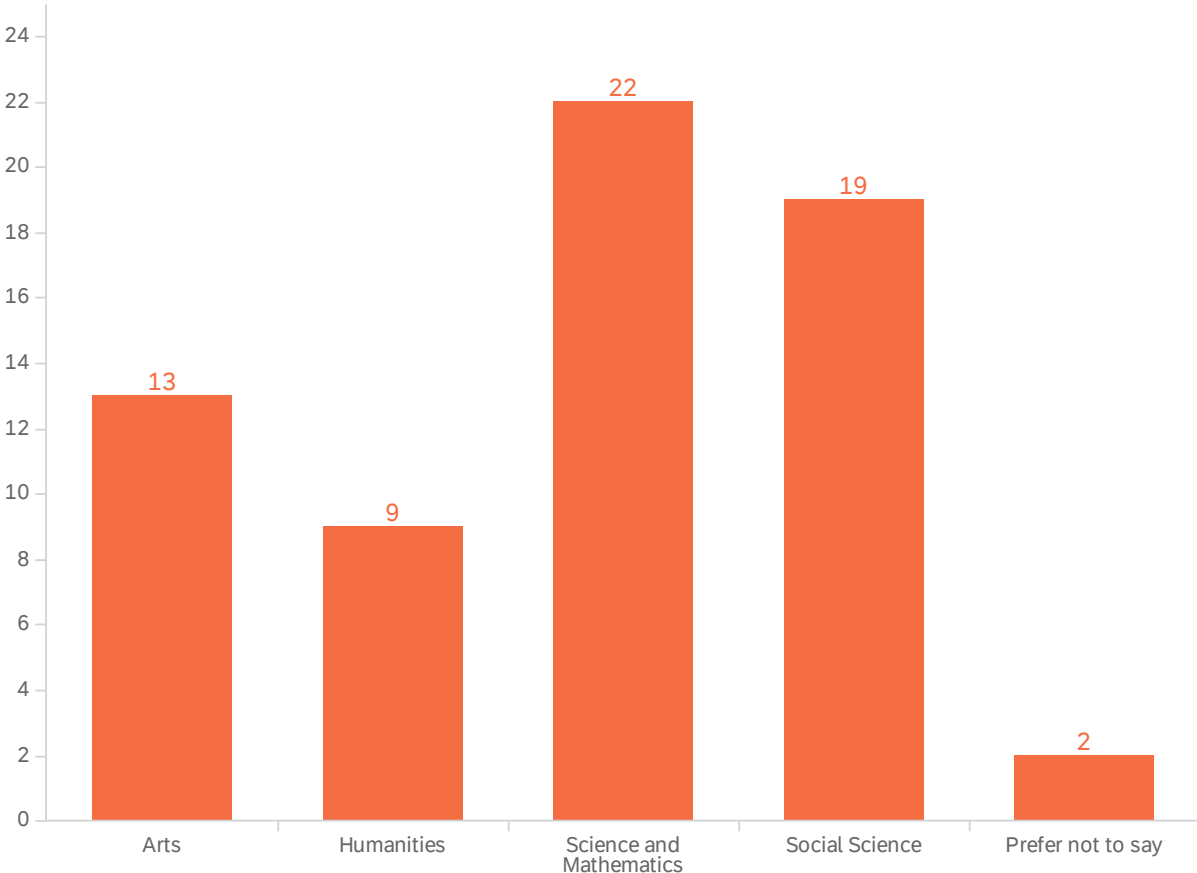
Which of the following best describes you?



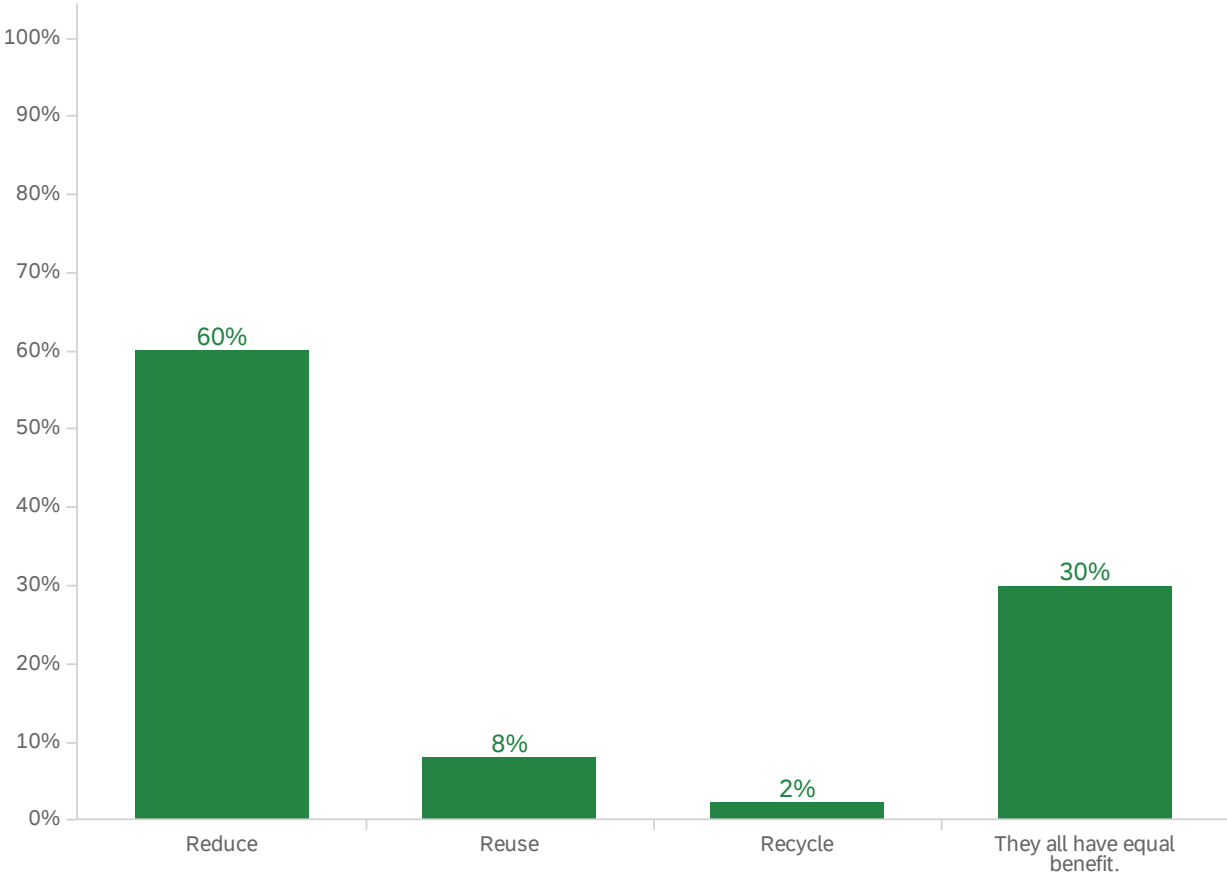
[Staff] What division of the College are you in?



[Faculty] What division are you in?



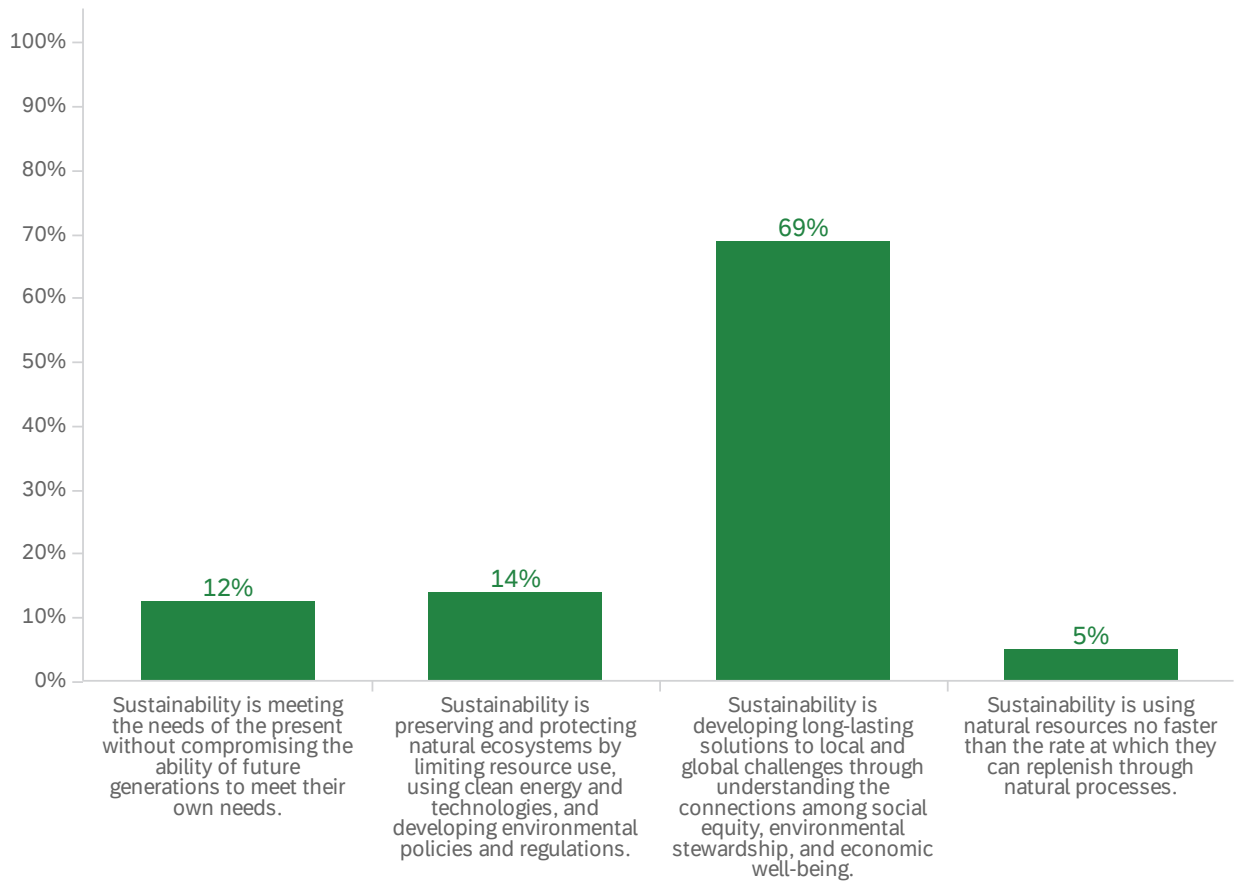
Out of the three Rs (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle), which has the greatest environmental benefit?



Field	Student	Faculty	Staff
Reduce	57% 163	67% 43	65% 65
Reuse	9% 27	8% 5	4% 4
Recycle	3% 8	0% 0	2% 2
They all have equal benefit.	31% 90	25% 16	29% 29
	288	64	100

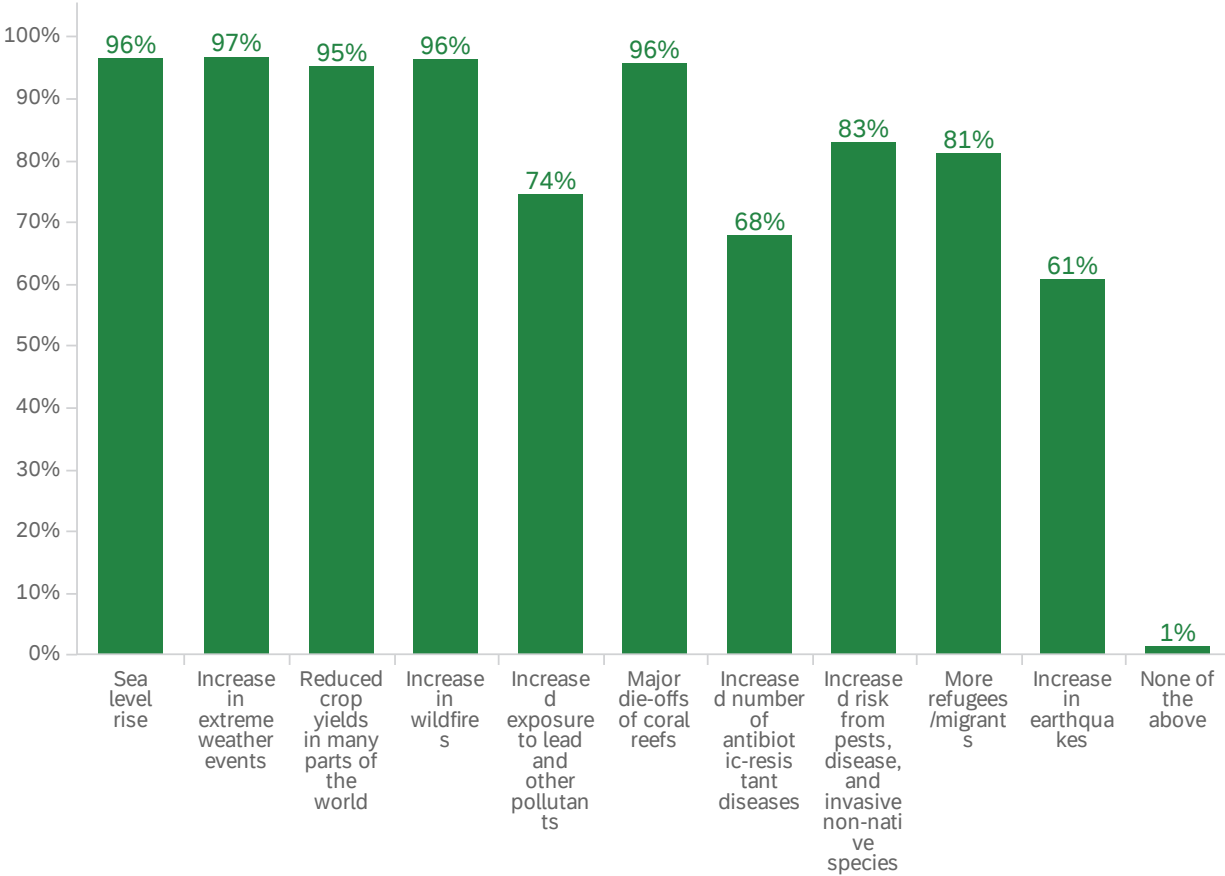
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How is sustainability defined at Connecticut College?

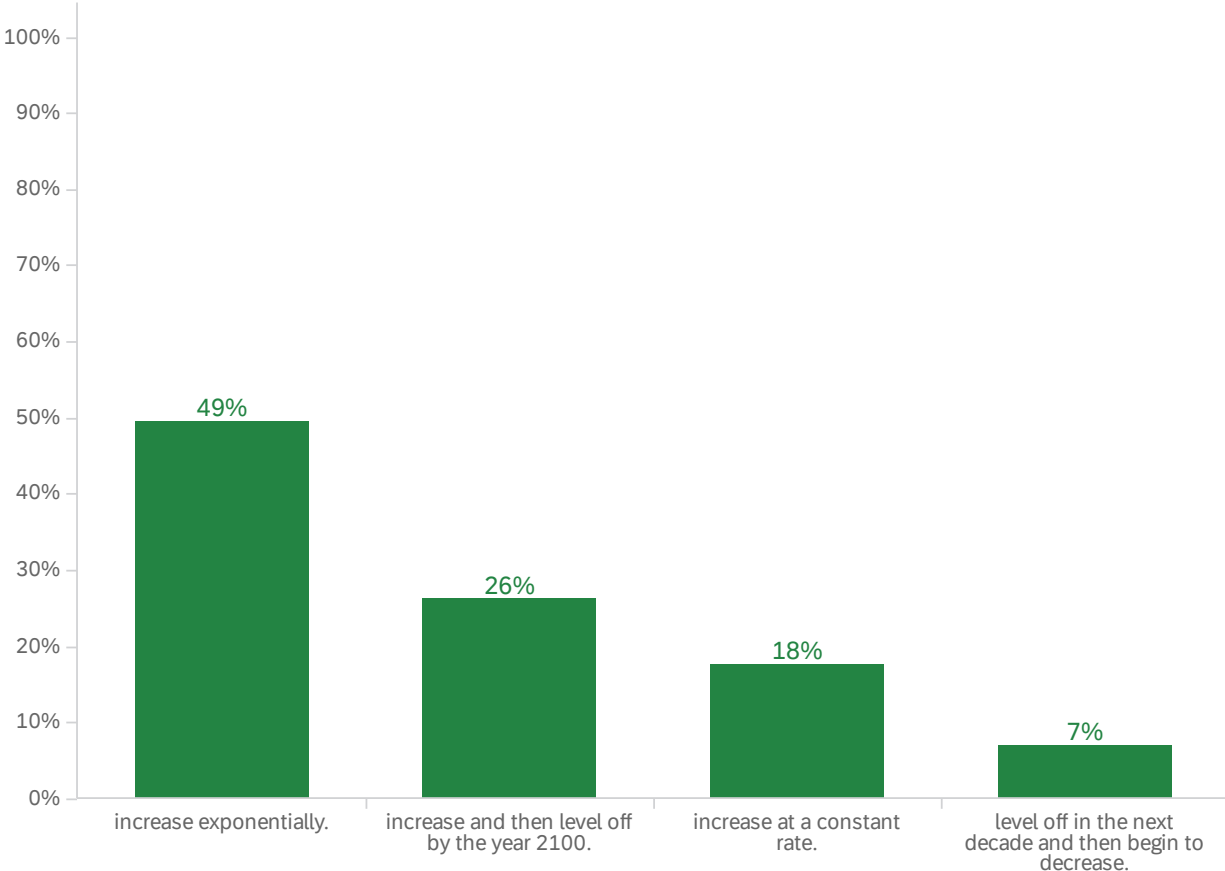


Field	Student	Faculty	Staff
Sustainability is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.	14% 41	15% 9	5% 5
Sustainability is preserving and protecting natural ecosystems by limiting resource use, using clean energy and technologies, and developing environmental policies and regulations.	19% 54	2% 1	6% 6
Sustainability is developing long-lasting solutions to local and global challenges through understanding the connections among social equity, environmental stewardship, and economic well-being.	62% 176	81% 50	82% 78
Sustainability is using natural resources no faster than the rate at which they can replenish through natural processes.	5% 14	3% 2	6% 6
	285	62	95

Which of the following are potential effects of global climate change? (Select all that apply.)



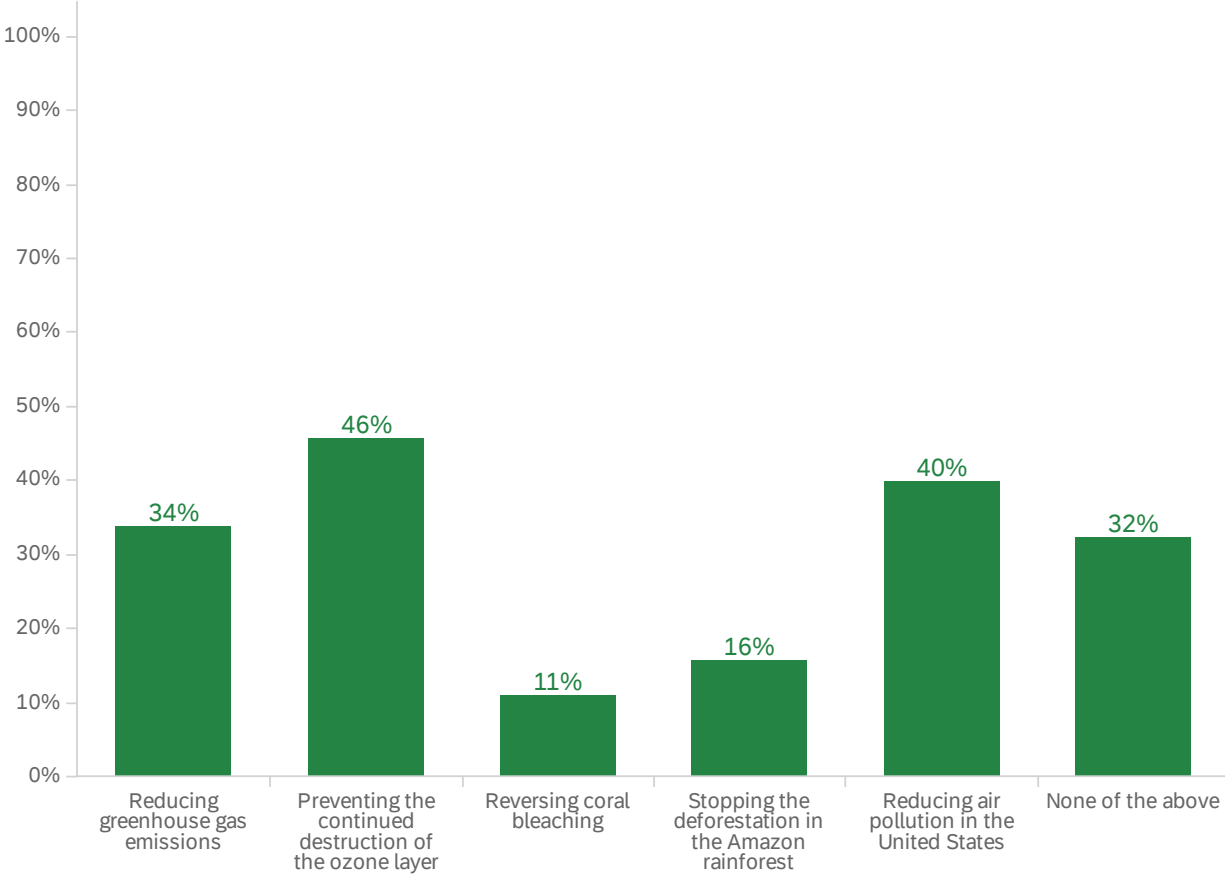
Over the course of the next century, the Earth's population is expected to



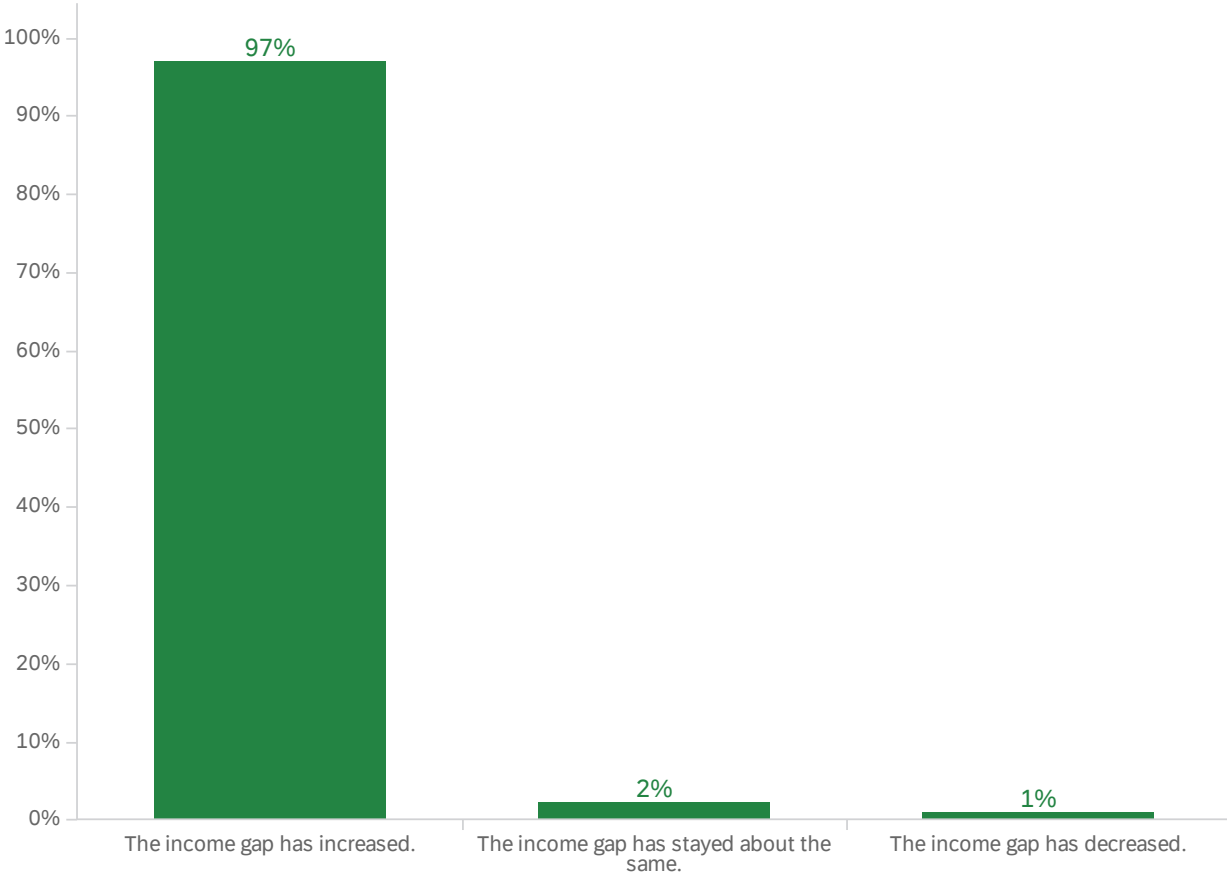
Field	Student		Faculty		Staff	
increase exponentially.	54%	156	36%	23	44%	44
increase and then level off by the year 2100.	23%	67	45%	29	22%	22
increase at a constant rate.	15%	44	14%	9	26%	26
level off in the next decade and then begin to decrease.	7%	21	5%	3	7%	7
		288		64		99

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In which of the following ways has significant environmental progress been made in the past 50 years? (Select all that apply.)



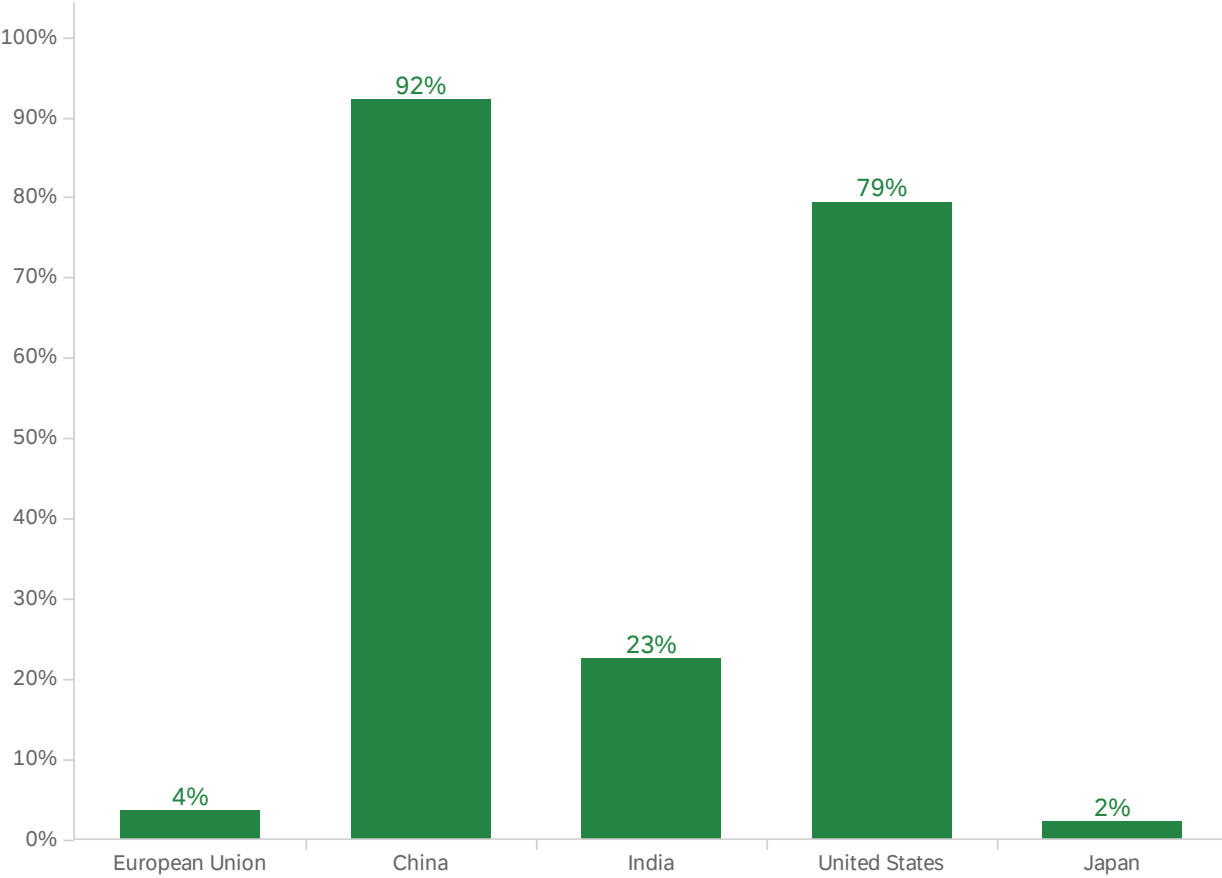
What has happened to the income gap between the richest and the poorest Americans in recent decades?



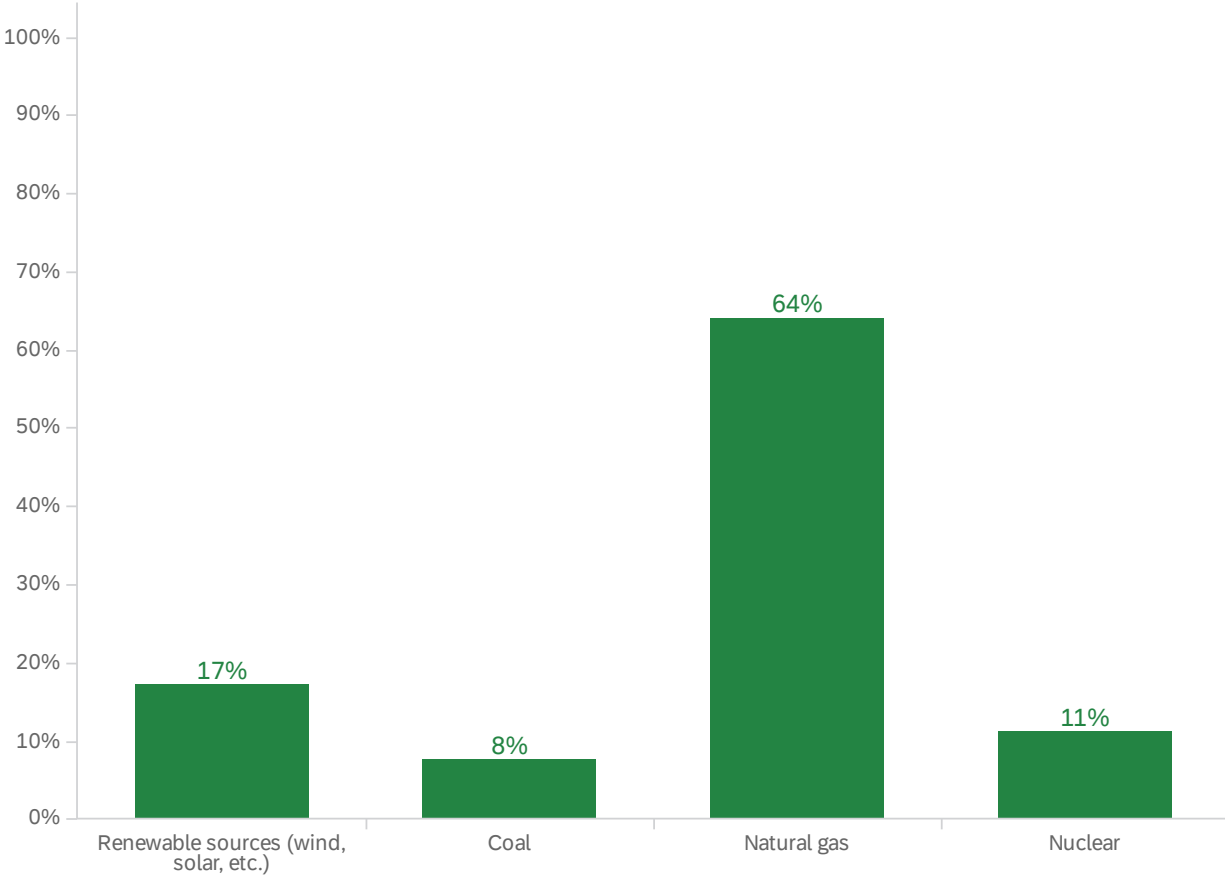
Field	Student		Faculty		Staff	
The income gap has increased.	96%	274	98%	64	99%	99
The income gap has stayed about the same.	3%	9	2%	1	0%	0
The income gap has decreased.	1%	3	0%	0	1%	1
		286		65		100

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Which of the following are the top two emitters of carbon dioxide? (Select 2.)



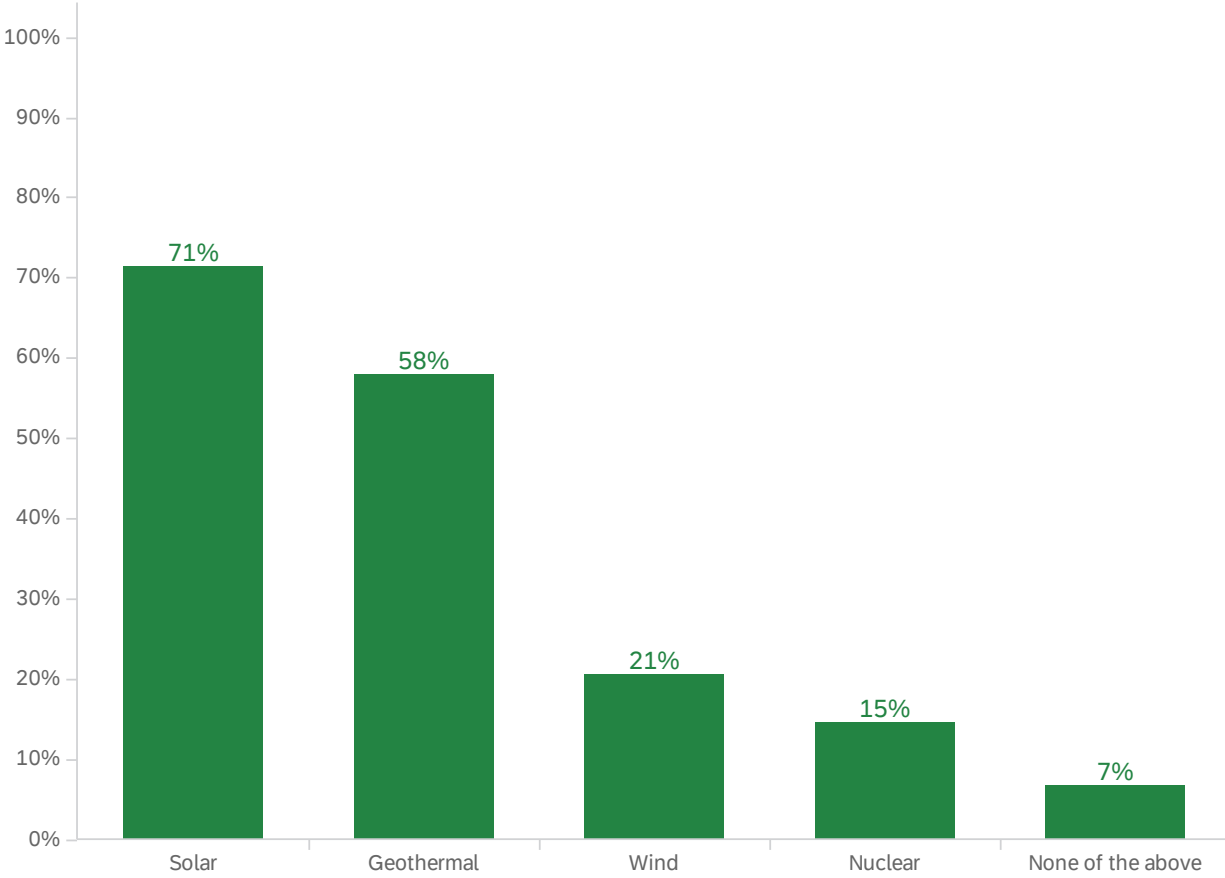
What is the primary fuel used to generate electricity for Connecticut College?



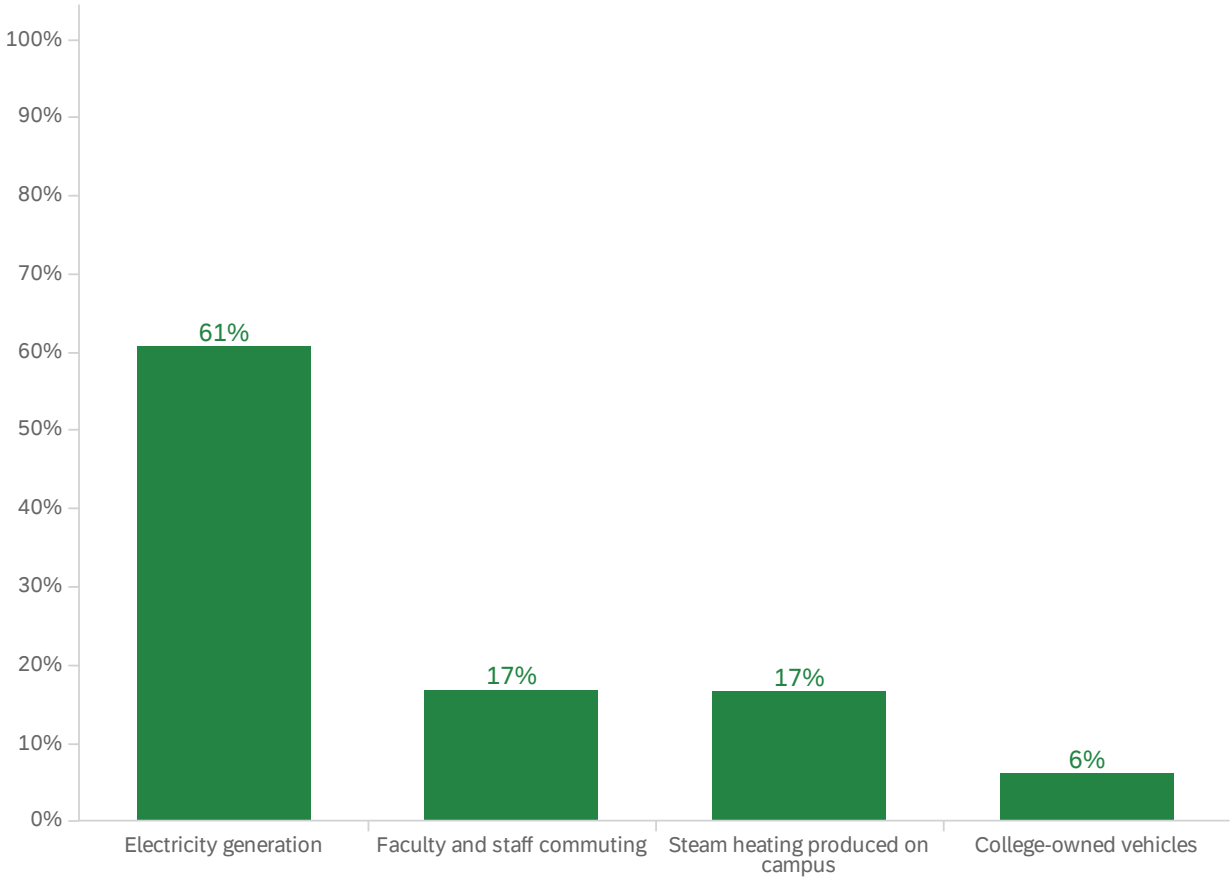
Field	Student		Faculty		Staff	
Renewable sources (wind, solar, etc.)	23%	66	8%	5	6%	6
Coal	8%	23	8%	5	6%	6
Natural gas	60%	172	63%	40	76%	75
Nuclear	8%	24	22%	14	12%	12
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What form(s) of renewable energy are currently in use on campus? (Select all that apply.)



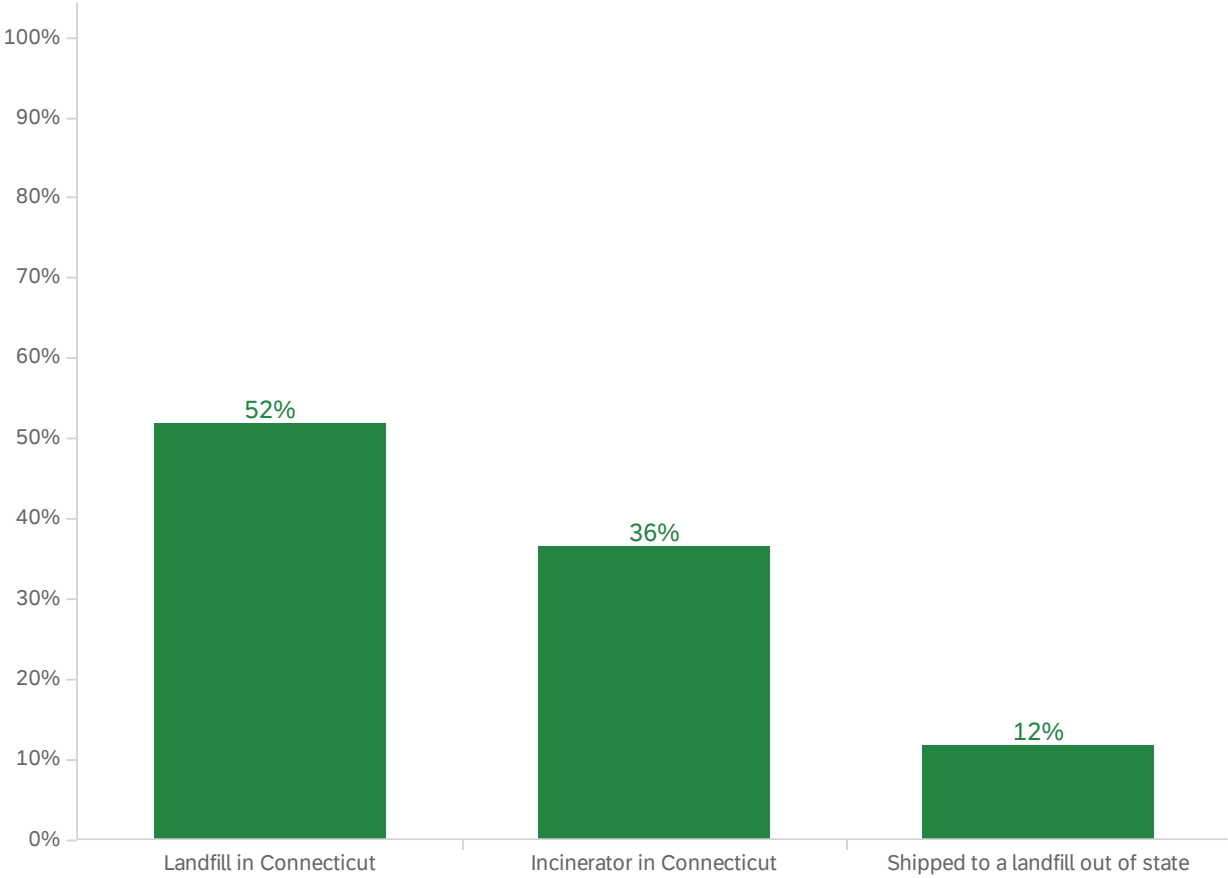
What is the largest contributor to Conn's carbon footprint?



Field	Student		Faculty		Staff	
Electricity generation	66%	188	49%	32	53%	52
Faculty and staff commuting	7%	21	31%	20	35%	34
Steam heating produced on campus	20%	56	17%	11	7%	7
College-owned vehicles	7%	20	3%	2	5%	5
		285		65		98

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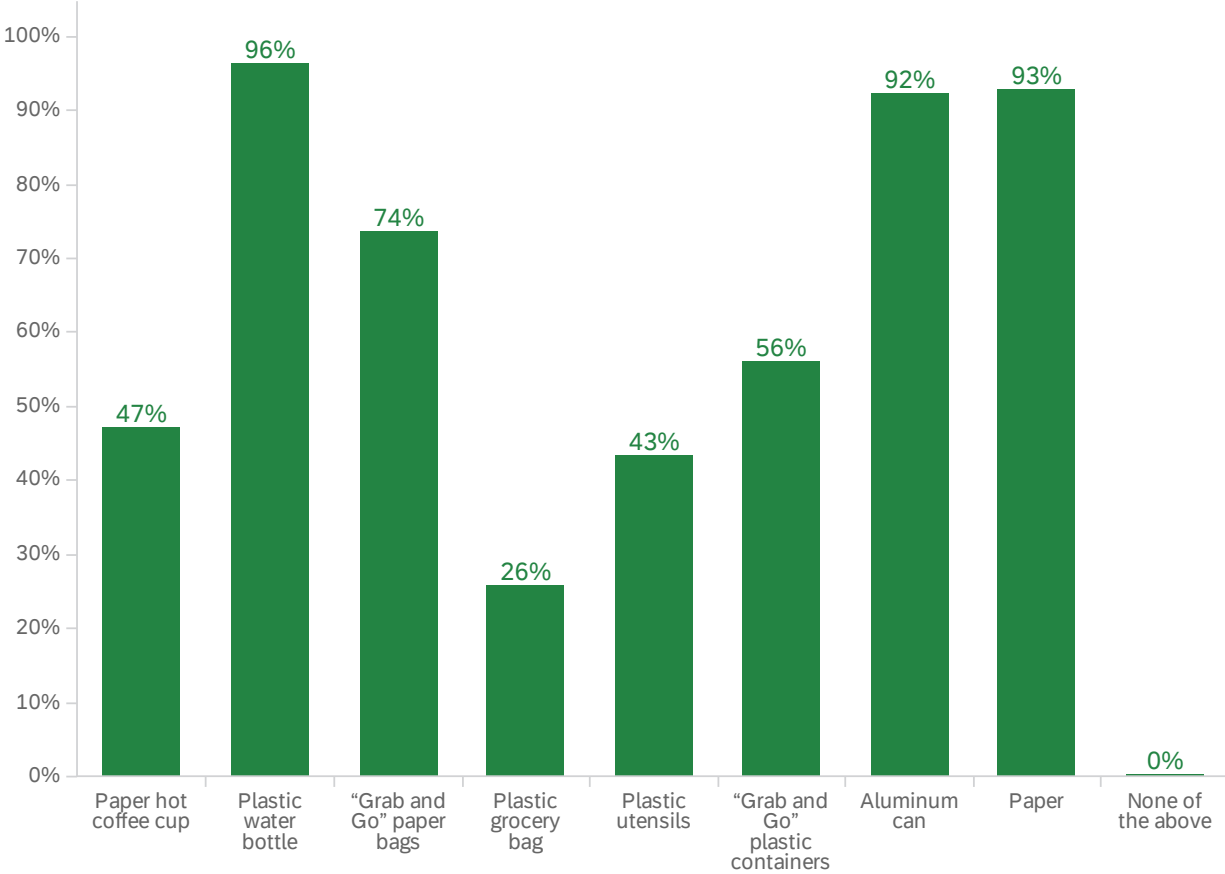
Where does the trash you throw away on campus go?



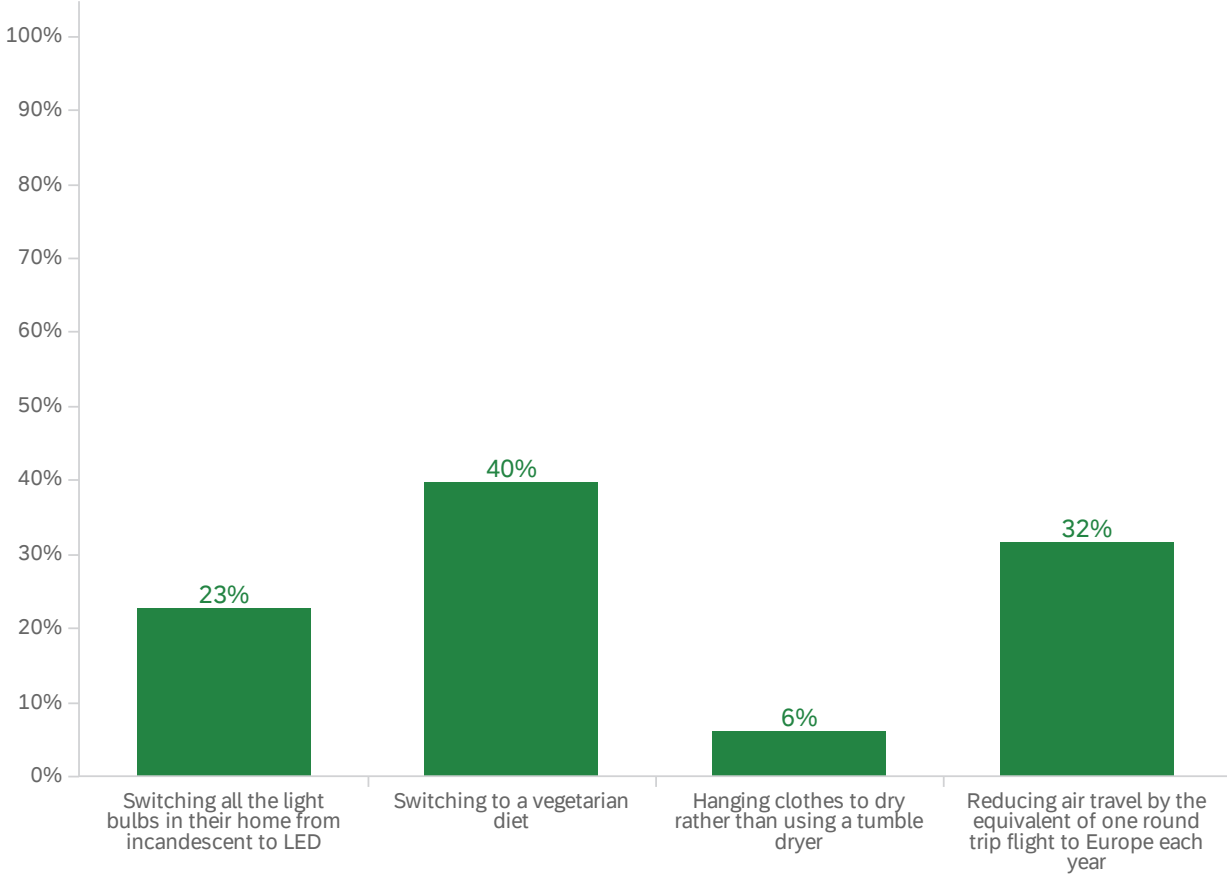
Field	Student	Faculty	Staff
Landfill in Connecticut	60% 167	39% 25	38% 38
Incinerator in Connecticut	27% 76	44% 28	58% 58
Shipped to a landfill out of state	13% 37	17% 11	4% 4
	280	64	100

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Which of these items should currently be put into recycling bins on campus? (Select all that apply.)



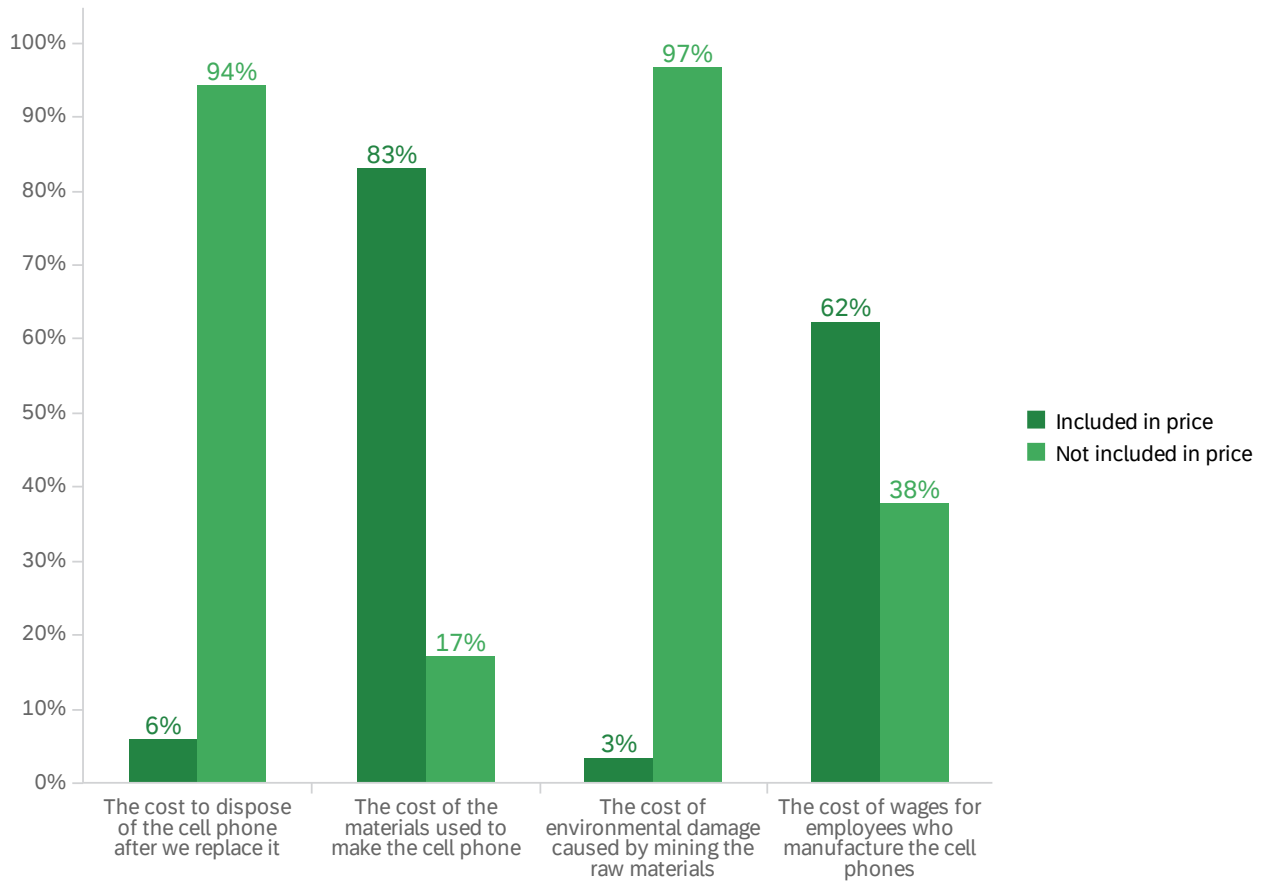
Which of the following would be the most effective way to reduce the average American's carbon emissions?



Field	Student		Faculty		Staff	
Switching all the light bulbs in their home from incandescent to LED	25%	70	13%	8	24%	24
Switching to a vegetarian diet	38%	109	38%	24	45%	45
Hanging clothes to dry rather than using a tumble dryer	6%	17	9%	6	4%	4
Reducing air travel by the equivalent of one round trip flight to Europe each year	31%	89	41%	26	27%	27
		285		64		100

The price we pay for consumer goods--such as a cell phone--does not currently reflect the complete costs of those goods. Indicate whether or not each cost below is currently included in the price we pay for cell phones.

***B and D are included in price; A and C are not included in price.**



***B and D are included in price; A and C are not included in price.**

The cost to dispose of the cell phone after we replace it

Field	Student		Faculty		Staff	
Included in price	6%	17	9%	6	3%	3
Not included in price	94%	267	91%	59	97%	96
	284		65		99	

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The cost of the materials used to make the cell phone

Field	Student		Faculty		Staff	
Included in price	80%	226	89%	57	87%	83
Not included in price	20%	56	11%	7	13%	12
		282		64		95

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The cost of environmental damage caused by mining the raw materials

Field	Student		Faculty		Staff	
Included in price	4%	12	2%	1	2%	2
Not included in price	96%	271	98%	64	98%	95
		283		65		97

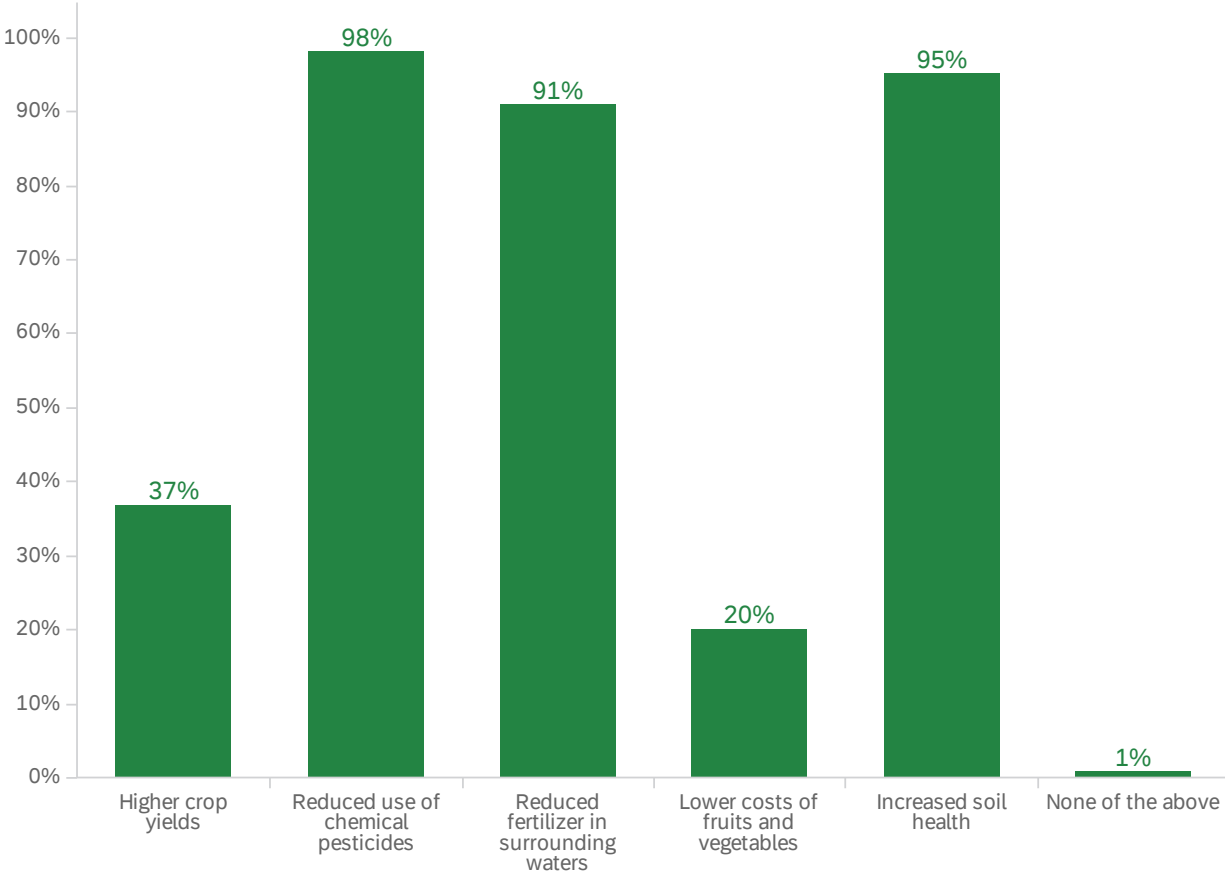
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The cost of wages for employees who manufacture the cell phones

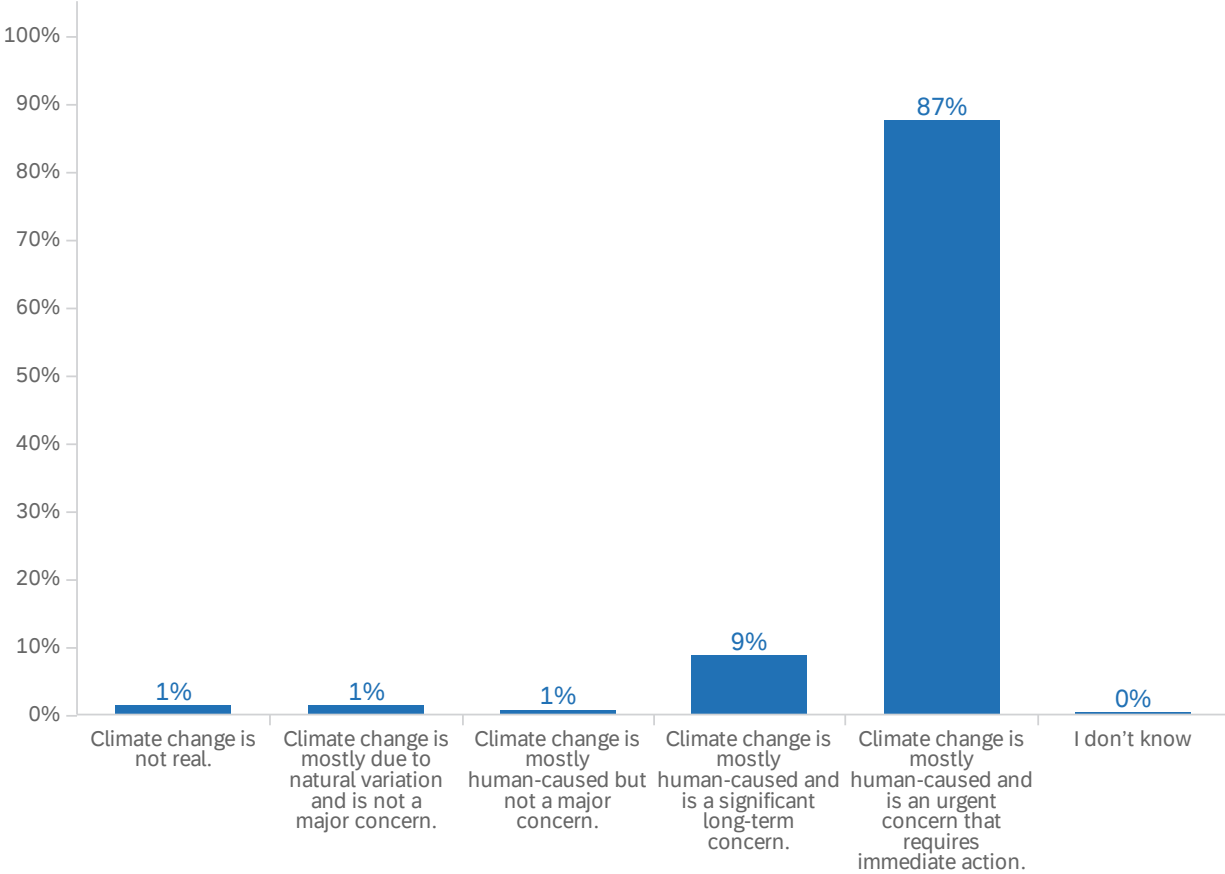
Field	Student		Faculty		Staff	
Included in price	55%	155	77%	49	74%	71
Not included in price	45%	127	23%	15	26%	25
		282		64		96

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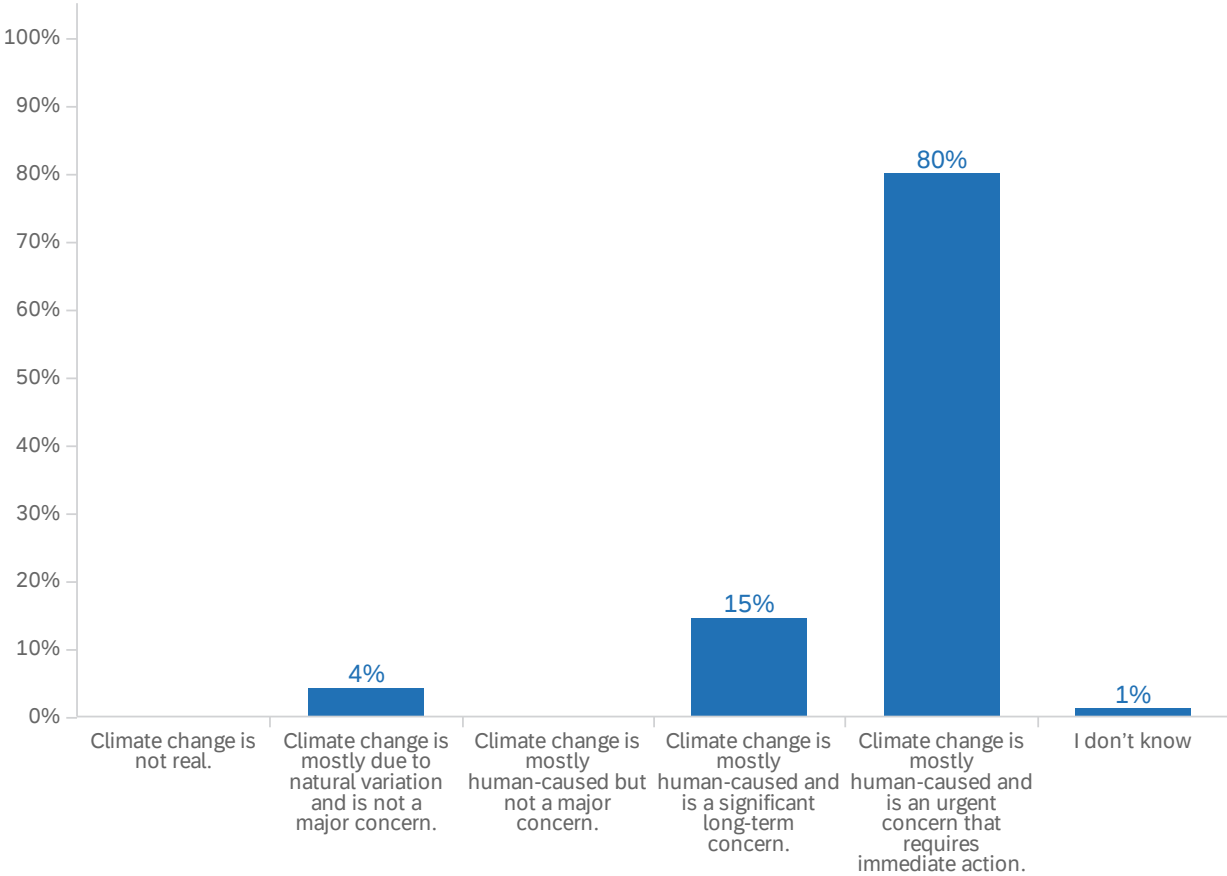
Which of the following are benefits of organic agriculture? (Select all that apply.)



[Student] Choose the statement that best describes your perspective on recent climate change.



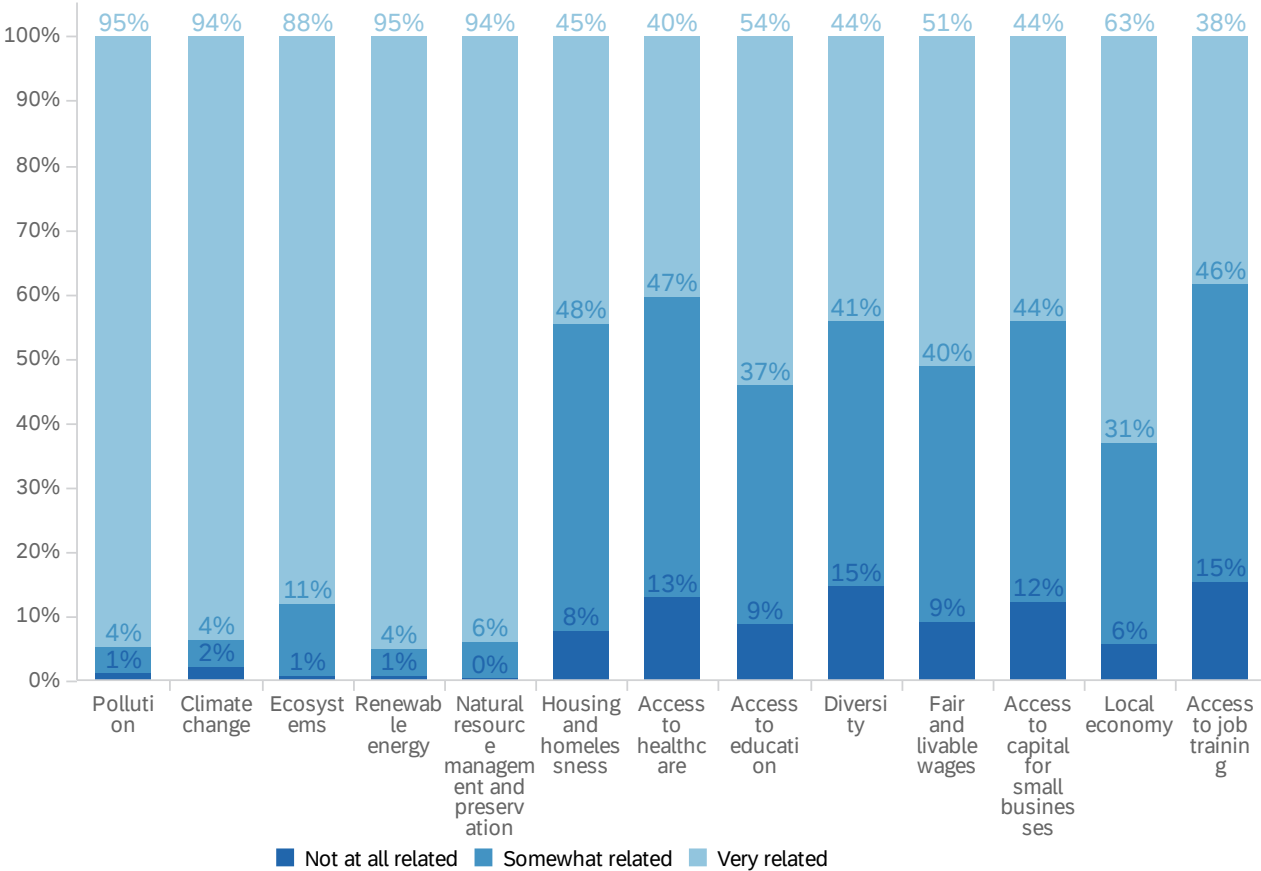
[Faculty & Staff] Choose the statement that best describes your perspective on recent climate change.



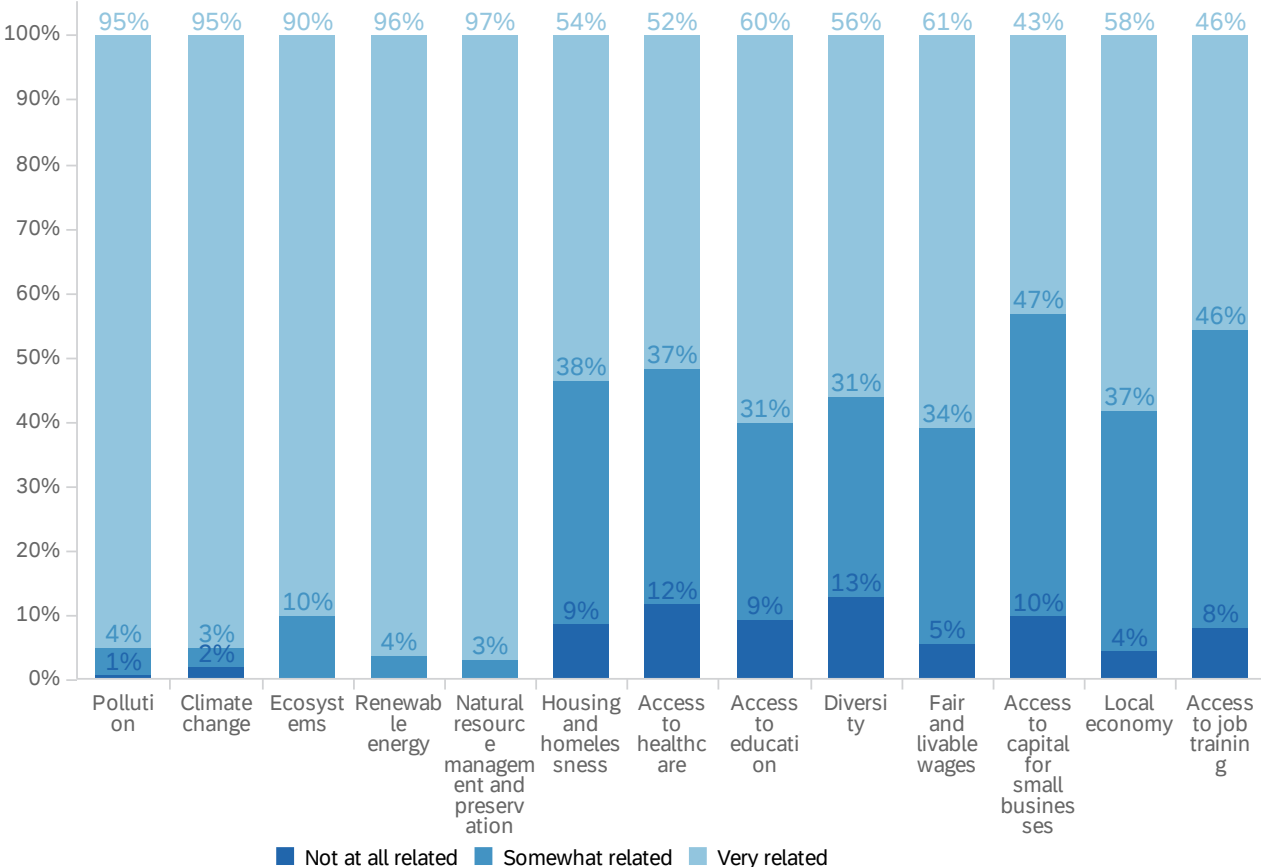
Field	Faculty		Staff	
Climate change is mostly due to natural variation and is not a major concern.	5%	3	4%	4
Climate change is mostly human-caused and is a significant long-term concern.	11%	7	17%	17
Climate change is mostly human-caused and is an urgent concern that requires immediate action.	82%	53	79%	79
I don't know	3%	2	0%	0
		65		100

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[Student] To what extent do you consider the following issues to be related to sustainability?



[Faculty & Staff] To what extent do you consider the following issues to be related to sustainability?

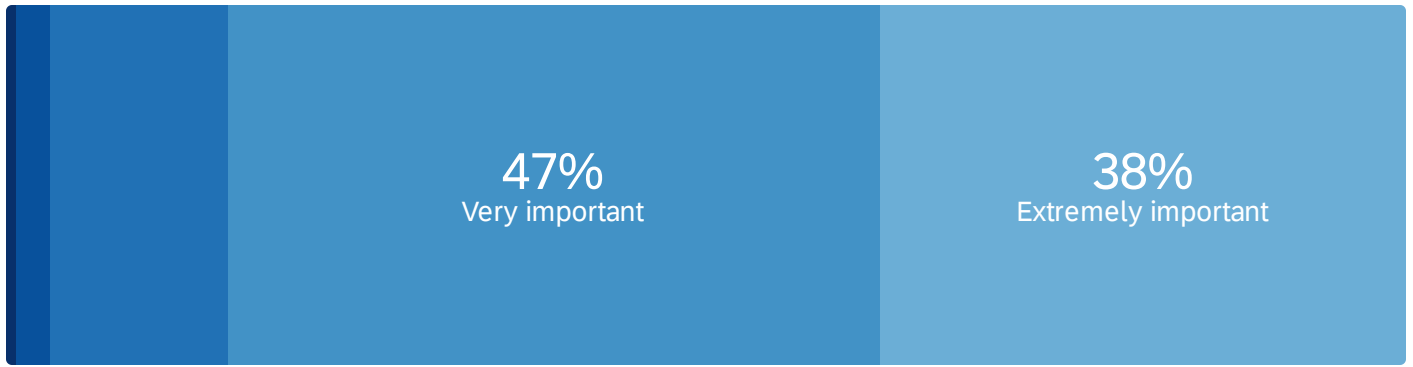


[Student] How important is sustainability to you as an individual?



- Not important at all
- Slightly important
- Moderately important
- Very important
- Extremely important

[Faculty & Staff] How important is sustainability to you as an individual?

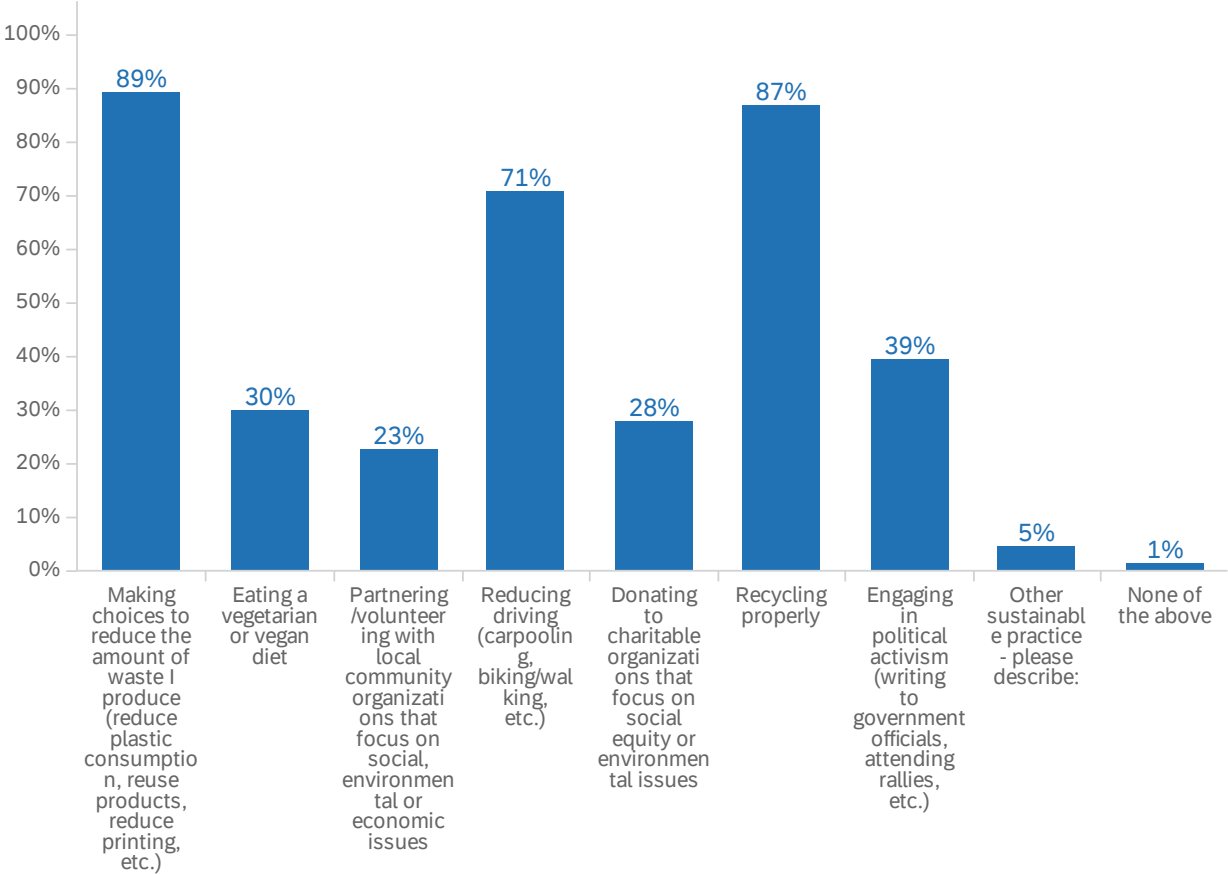


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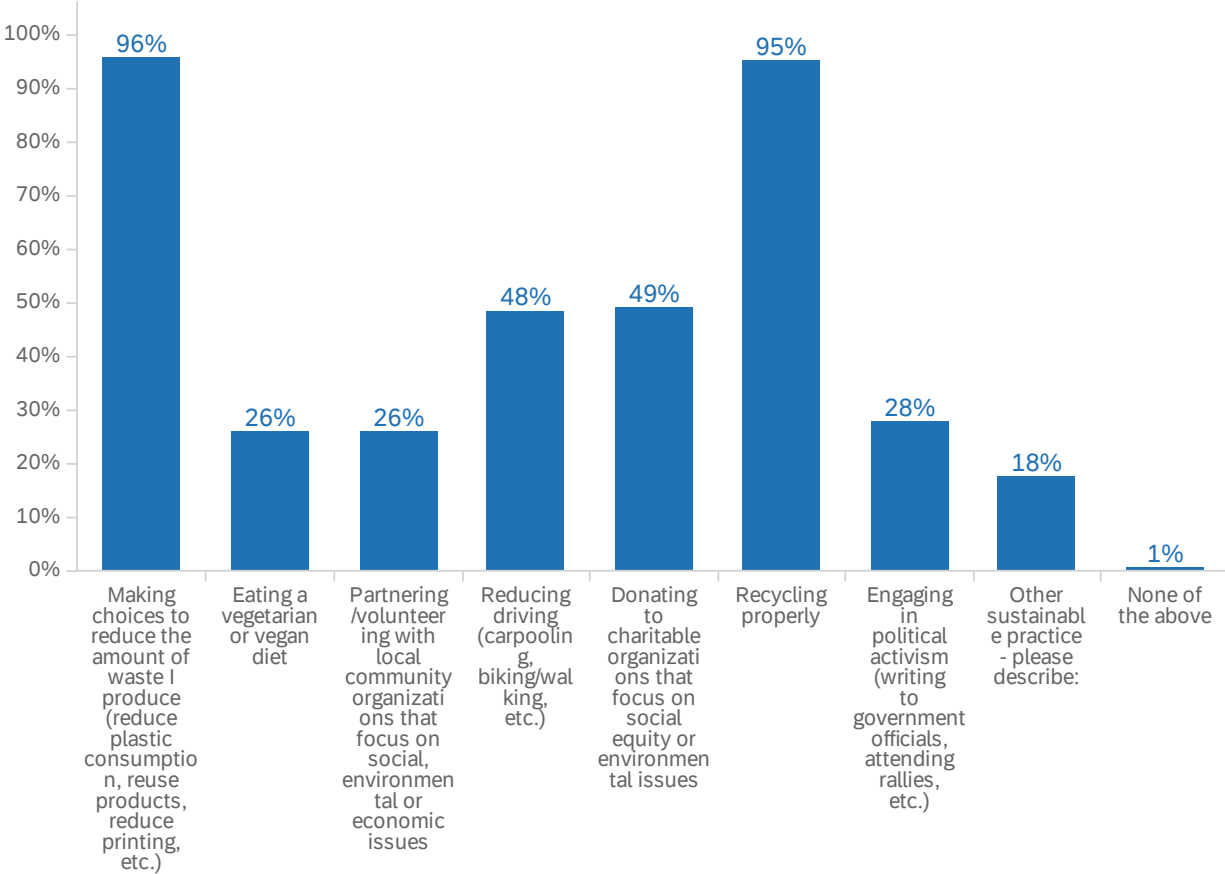
Field	Faculty		Staff	
Not important at all	2%	1	0%	0
Slightly important	3%	2	2%	2
Moderately important	14%	9	12%	12
Very important	43%	28	49%	49
Extremely important	38%	25	37%	37
		65		100

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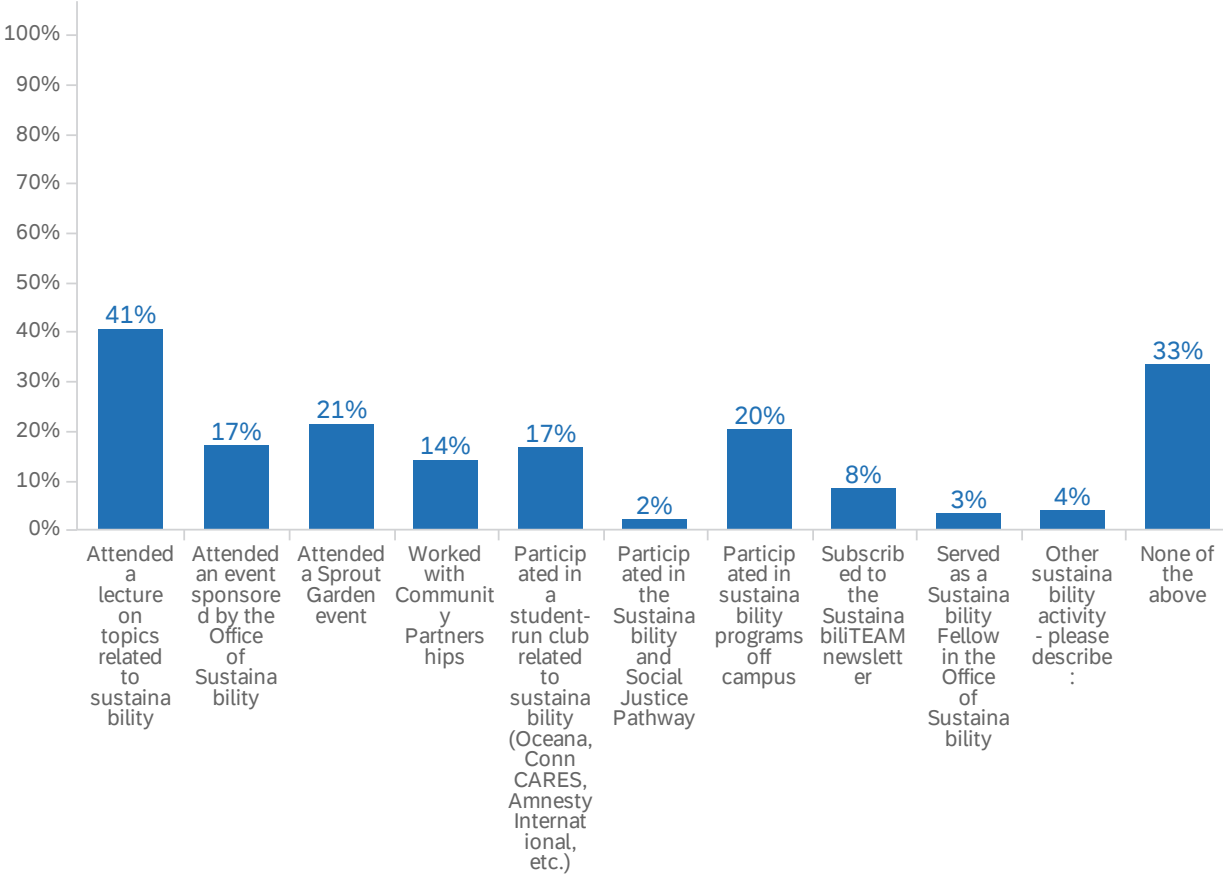
[Student] Which of the following sustainable practices do you regularly engage in? (Select all that apply.)



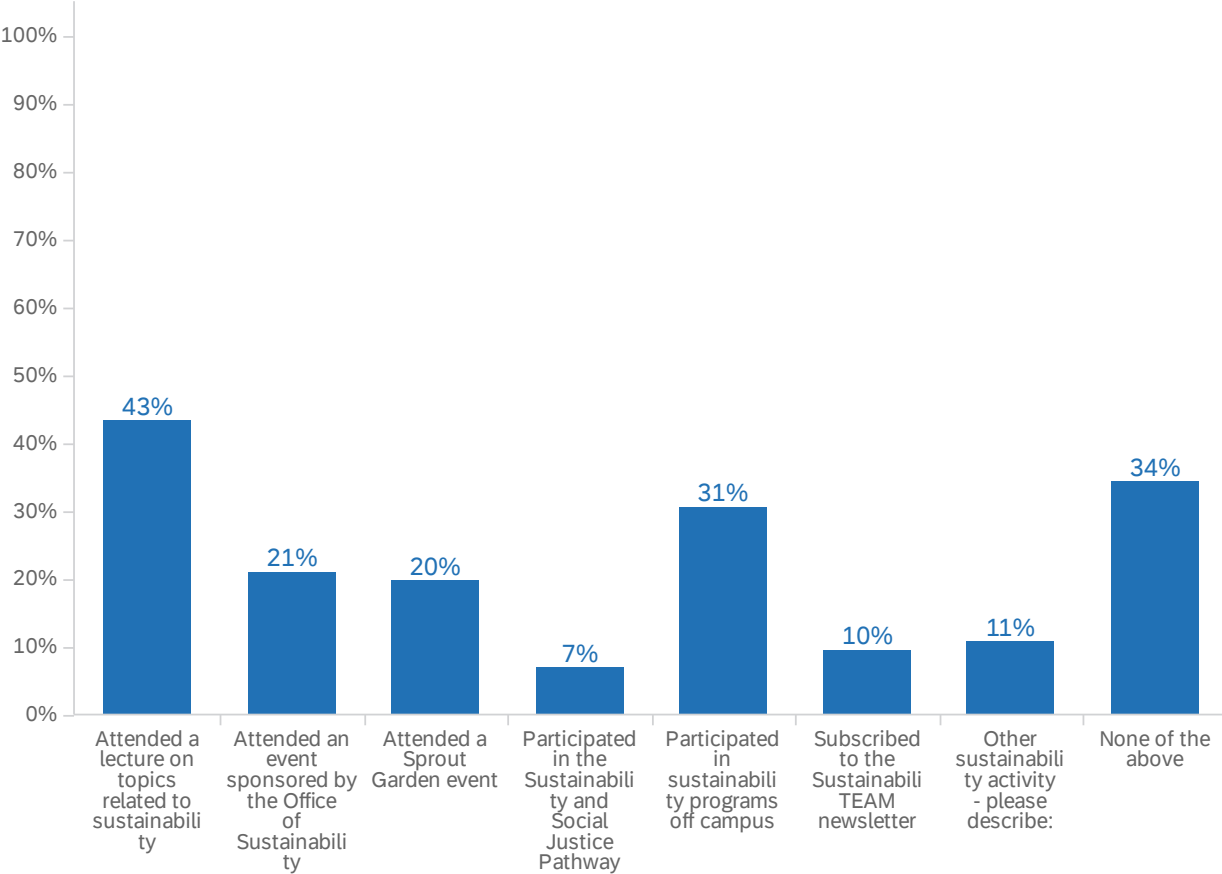
[Faculty & Staff] Which of the following sustainable practices do you regularly engage in?
(Select all that apply.)



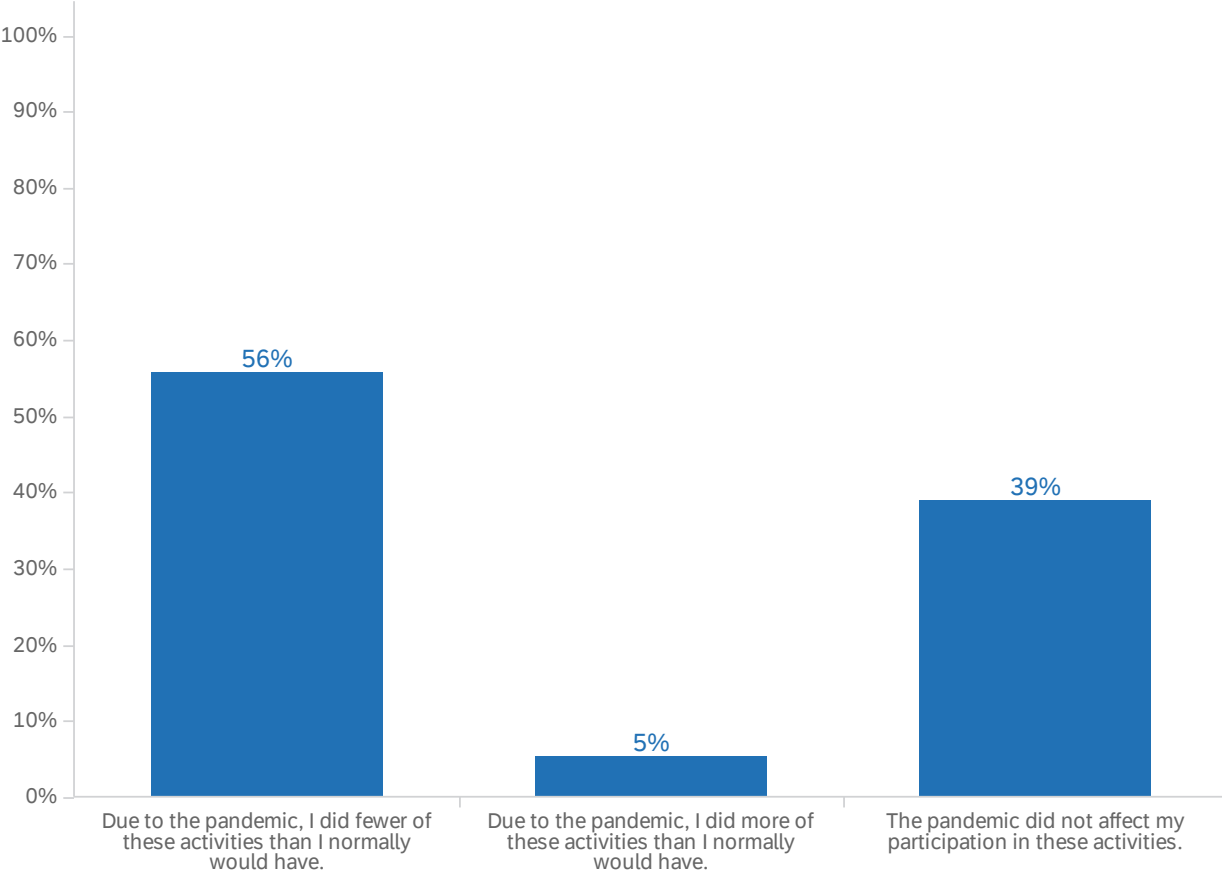
[Student] Which of the following activities have you done in the last 12 months? (Select all that apply.)



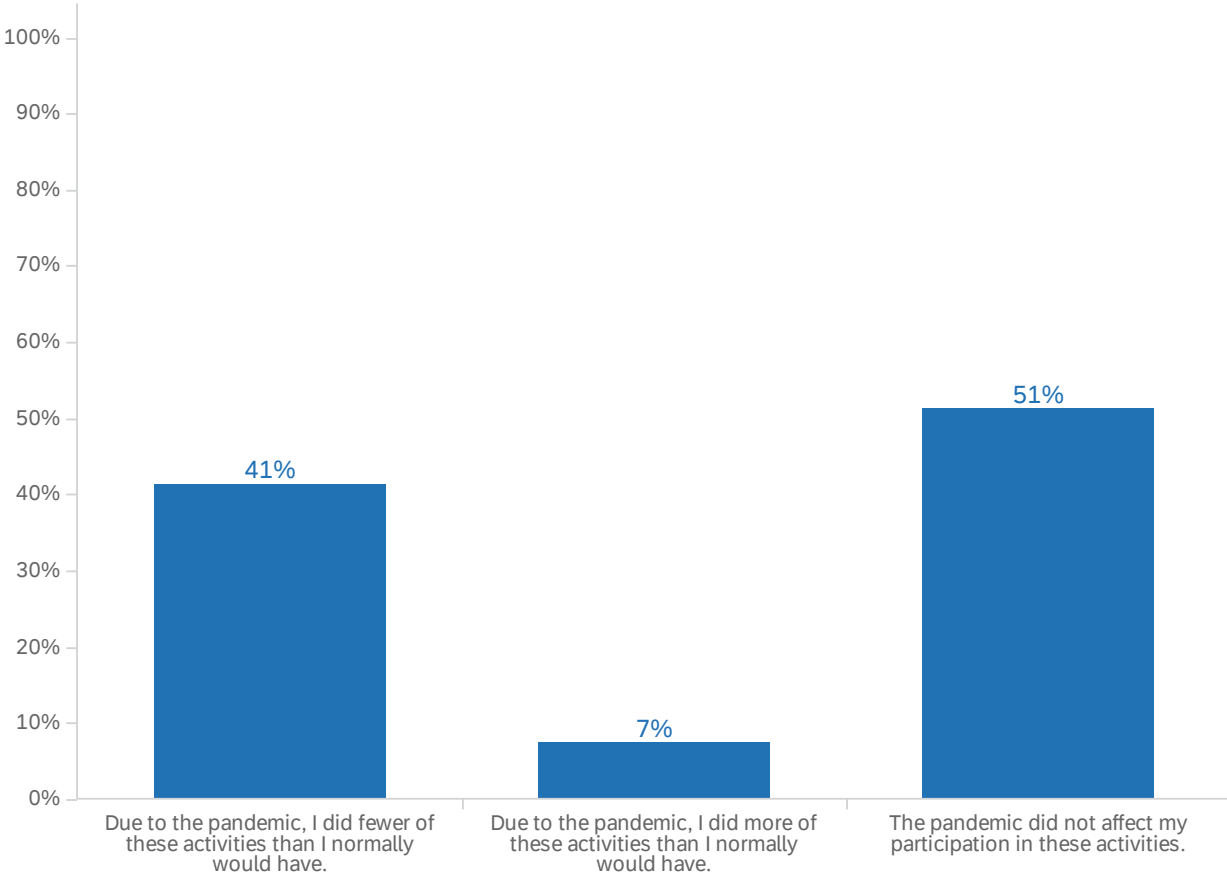
[Faculty & Staff] Which of the following activities have you done in the last 12 months? (Select all that apply.)



[Student] Which of the following statements best describes how the coronavirus pandemic/COVID-19 affected your participation in the activities listed above?



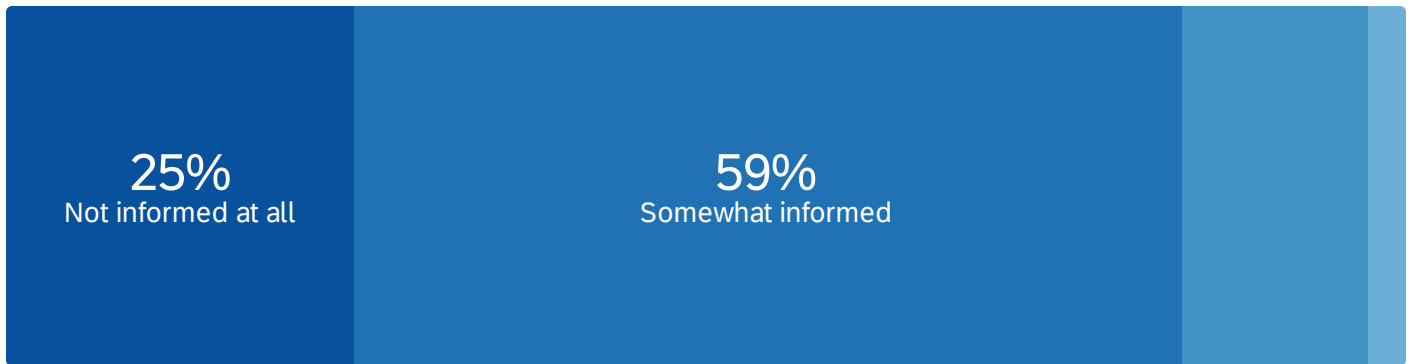
[Faculty & Staff] Which of the following statements best describes how the coronavirus pandemic/COVID-19 affected your participation in the activities listed above?



Field	Faculty		Staff	
Due to the pandemic, I did fewer of these activities than I normally would have.	40%	26	42%	41
Due to the pandemic, I did more of these activities than I normally would have.	8%	5	7%	7
The pandemic did not affect my participation in these activities.	52%	34	51%	49
		65		97

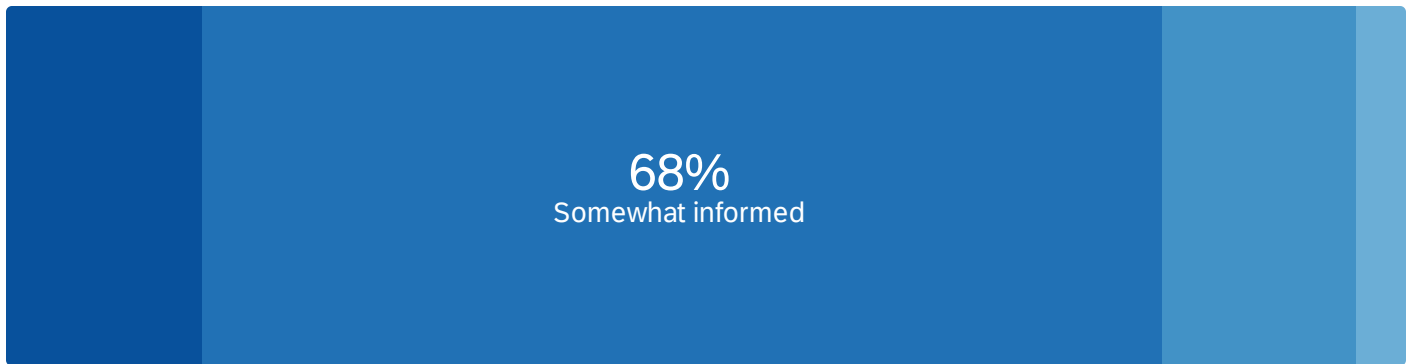
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[Student] How informed are you about Office of Sustainability programs and events at Conn?



■ Not informed at all ■ Somewhat informed ■ Well informed ■ Very well informed

[Faculty & Staff] How informed are you about Office of Sustainability programs and events at Conn?

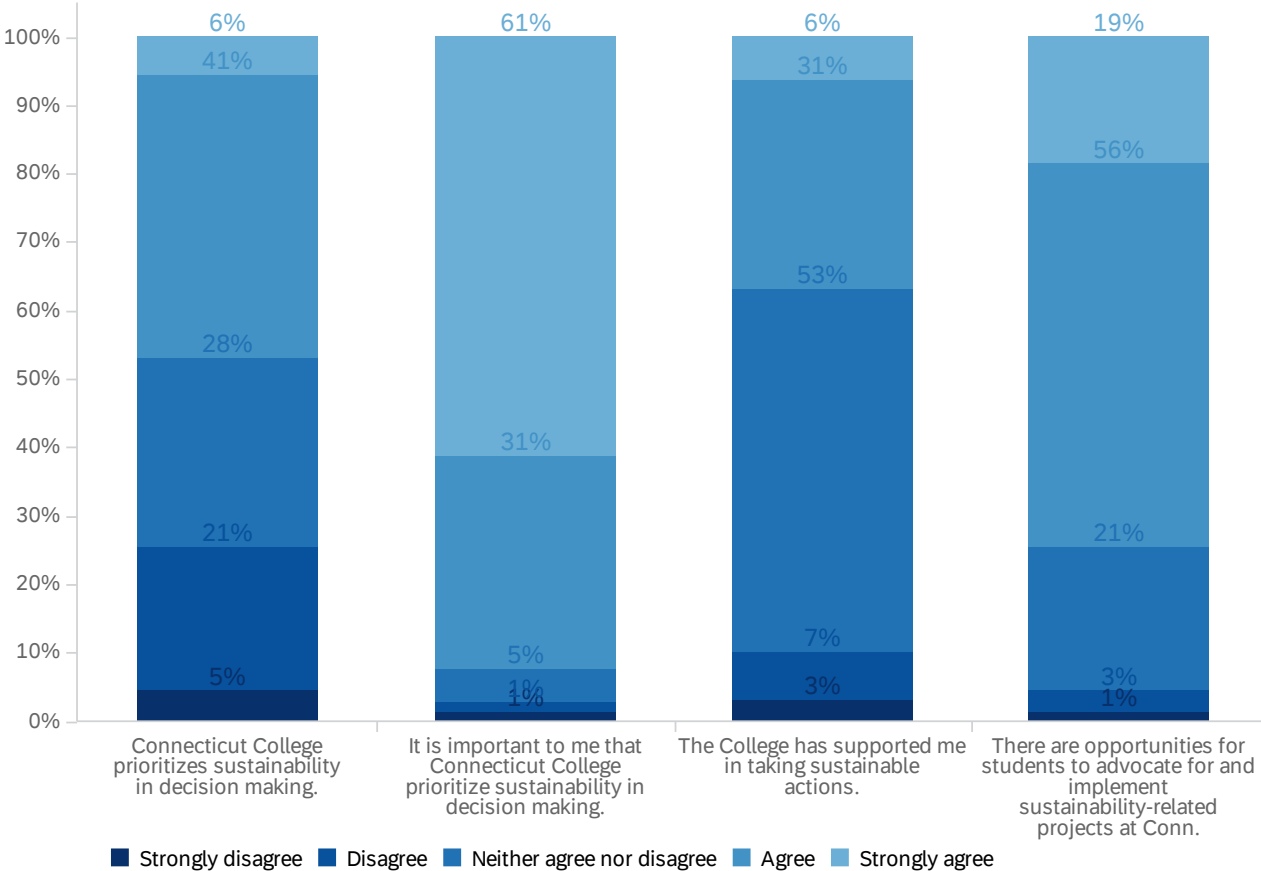


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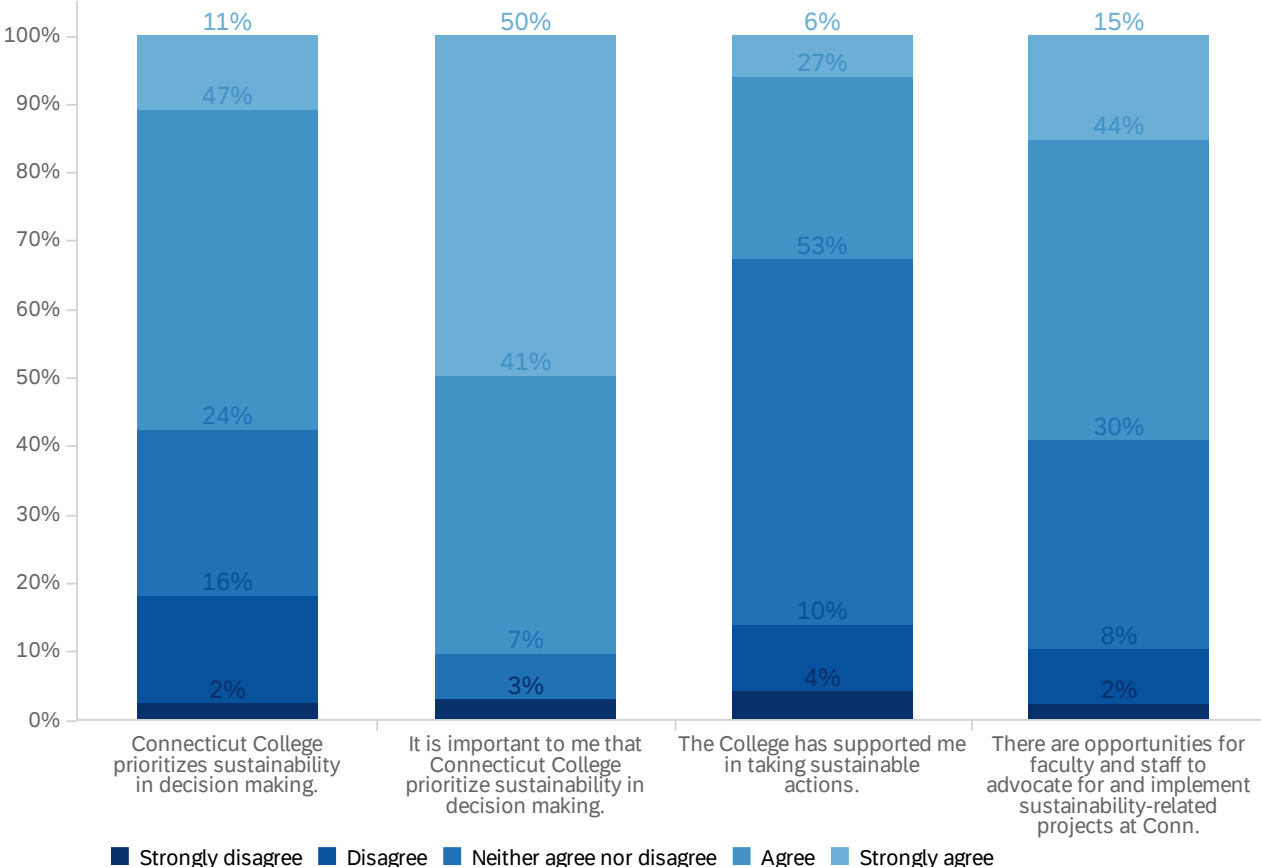
Field	Faculty		Staff	
Not informed at all	17%	11	12%	12
Somewhat informed	63%	41	72%	72
Well informed	12%	8	15%	15
Very well informed	8%	5	1%	1
		65		100

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[Student] Indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.



[Faculty & Staff] Indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.



Connecticut College prioritizes sustainability in decision making.

Field	Faculty		Staff	
Strongly disagree	2%	1	3%	3
Disagree	14%	9	17%	17
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	21	19%	19
Agree	38%	25	52%	52
Strongly agree	14%	9	9%	9
		65		100

It is important to me that Connecticut College prioritize sustainability in decision making.

Field	Faculty	Staff
Strongly disagree	5% 3	2% 2
Disagree	0% 0	0% 0
Neither agree nor disagree	6% 4	7% 7
Agree	40% 26	41% 41
Strongly agree	49% 32	50% 50
	65	100

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The College has supported me in taking sustainable actions.

Field	Faculty	Staff
Strongly disagree	3% 2	5% 5
Disagree	8% 5	11% 11
Neither agree nor disagree	54% 35	53% 53
Agree	29% 19	25% 25
Strongly agree	6% 4	6% 6
	65	100

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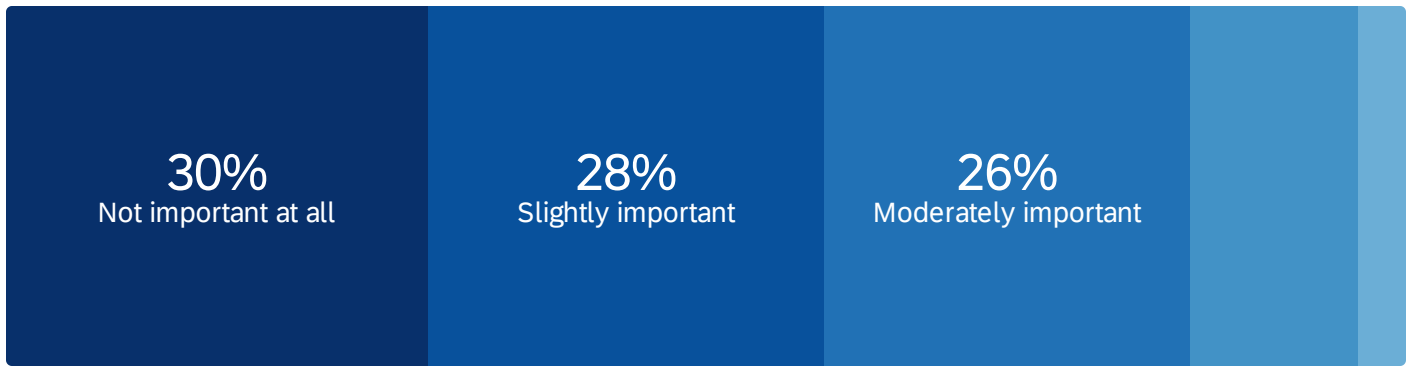
There are opportunities for faculty and staff to advocate for and implement sustainability-related projects at Conn.

Field	Faculty	Staff
Strongly disagree	2% 1	3% 3

Field	Faculty		Staff	
Disagree	2%	1	12%	12
Neither agree nor disagree	31%	20	30%	30
Agree	52%	34	38%	38
Strongly agree	14%	9	16%	16
		65		99

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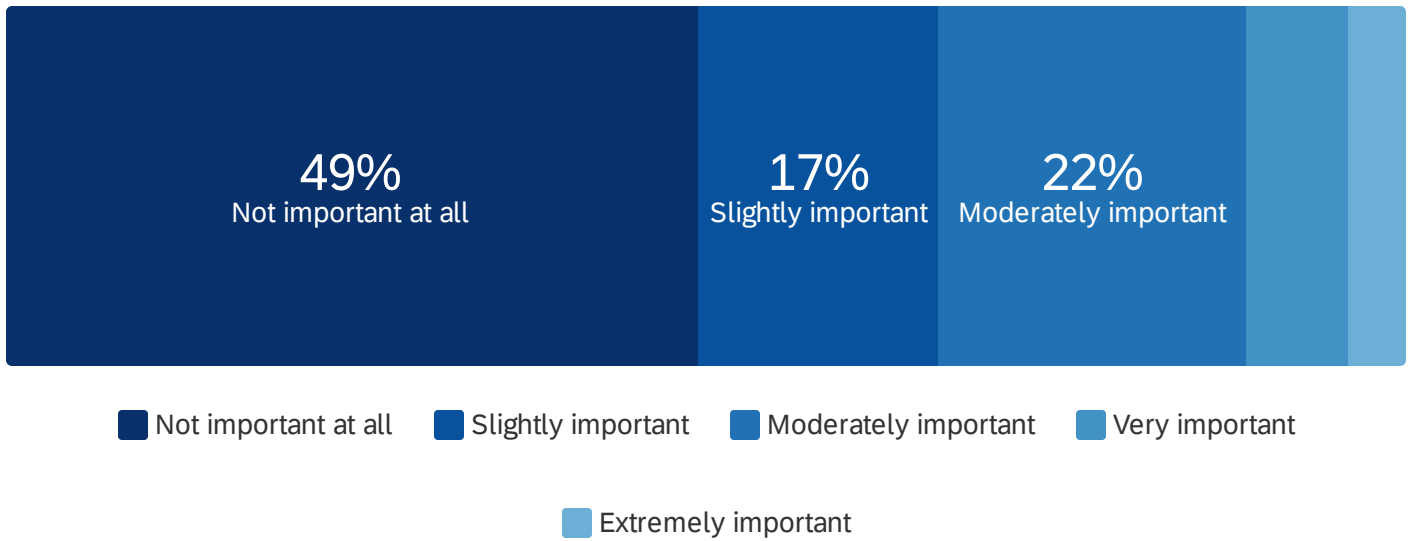
[Student] How important was Conn's commitment to sustainability in your decision to attend Conn?



■ Not important at all ■ Slightly important ■ Moderately important ■ Very important

■ Extremely important

[Faculty & Staff] How important was Conn's commitment to sustainability in your decision to work at Conn?



Field	Faculty		Staff	
Not important at all	49%	32	49%	49
Slightly important	11%	7	21%	21
Moderately important	28%	18	18%	18
Very important	9%	6	6%	6
Extremely important	3%	2	5%	5
		65		99

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