



Intellectual Freedom and Viewpoint Diversity 2024 Survey

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Survey Scope



- Alchemer was retained to distribute and collect survey responses.
- Alchemer provided managed services to administer the full survey process including programming, testing, technical configuration, and user technical helpdesk support.
- Each institution provided the vendor with the appropriate contact information for their student and staff populations.
- The student population was designated as all enrolled students after the Spring drop/add period.
- The staff population was defined as all active employees as of January 3, 2024.

Fielding



- Trends in current survey strategies suggest that for some populations, SMS message delivery can increase response rates. SMS messaging delivery of the survey links were instituted for the student populations.
- Staff received only email delivery of the survey links.
- To improve student response rates and provide more flexibility due to the differing university academic calendars, a 4-week survey period was originally scheduled. Due to the spring break rotation and other factors, the student survey was extended 1 week. Fielding occurred from March through April of 2024.
- An incentivized strategy was deployed by the university foundations the week of April 11th of the student survey cycle. A random drawing of five university bookstore \$500 gift cards was offered to enrolled university students. Students had to participate in the survey or register for the drawing with their institution's foundation. Students were notified of the incentive through campus communications and within the remaining survey notifications.
- Incentives were not provided for the staff survey.

Survey Response Rate



	Students	Faculty and Staff
University Invited	338,177	97,777
University Responses	49,132	11,989
University % of Return	14.53%	12.26%

ResponsiveMR (a subsidiary of Radius), was contracted to statistically weight the response data. Aggregate institutional student and staff demographics were provided to the vendor to perform the statistical weighting.

Partisanship



	Democrats	Not Affiliated	Republicans	Something Else
SUS Students	25	43	22	8
FIRE National Students	30	43	13	14
SUS: Faculty and Staff	32	37	22	9
FIRE National Faculty	32	44	11	3

Tolerance of Difference: Ideological Mood on Campus



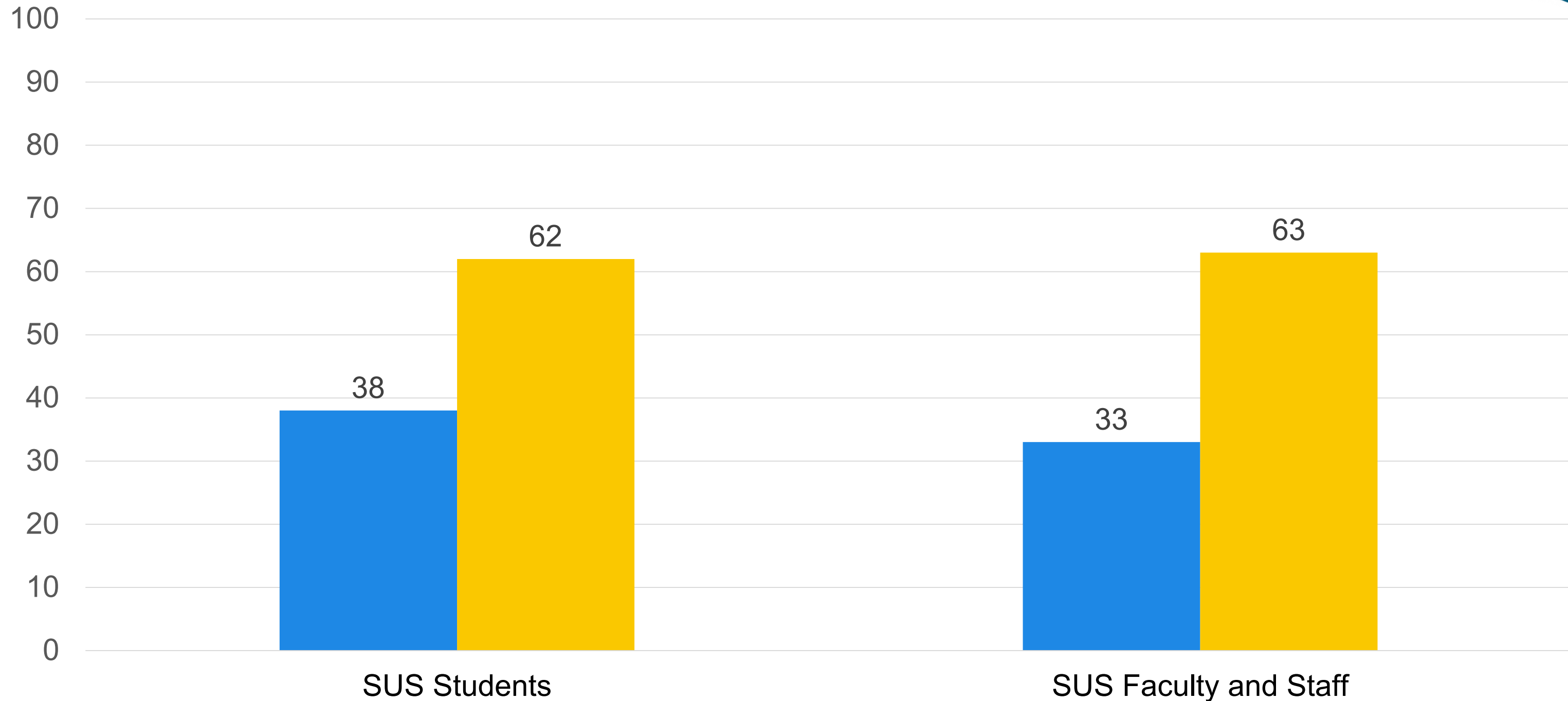
My university is generally

	More tolerant of liberal ideas and beliefs	More tolerant of conservative ideas and beliefs	Equally tolerant of both liberal and conservative ideas and beliefs
SUS Students	34	14	51
Buckley National Student Sample	37	20	36
SUS: Faculty and Staff	32	21	41



Ideas about Speech and Expression: Offensive Speech

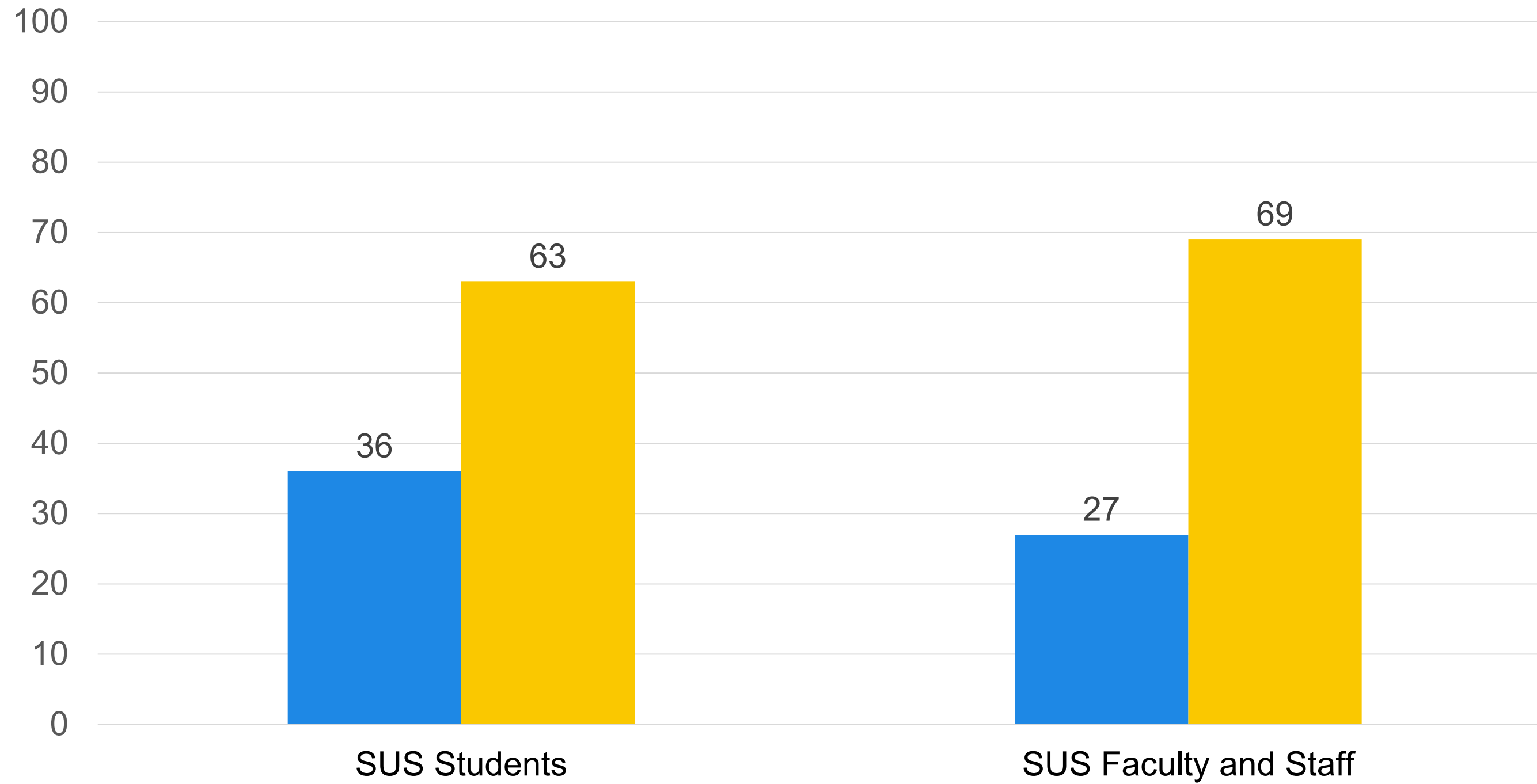
If you had to choose, is it more important for universities?



- To prohibit offensive speech on campus that is biased against certain groups.
- To expose students to all types of viewpoints, even if they are offensive or biased against certain groups.

Ideas about Speech and Expression: Political Correctness

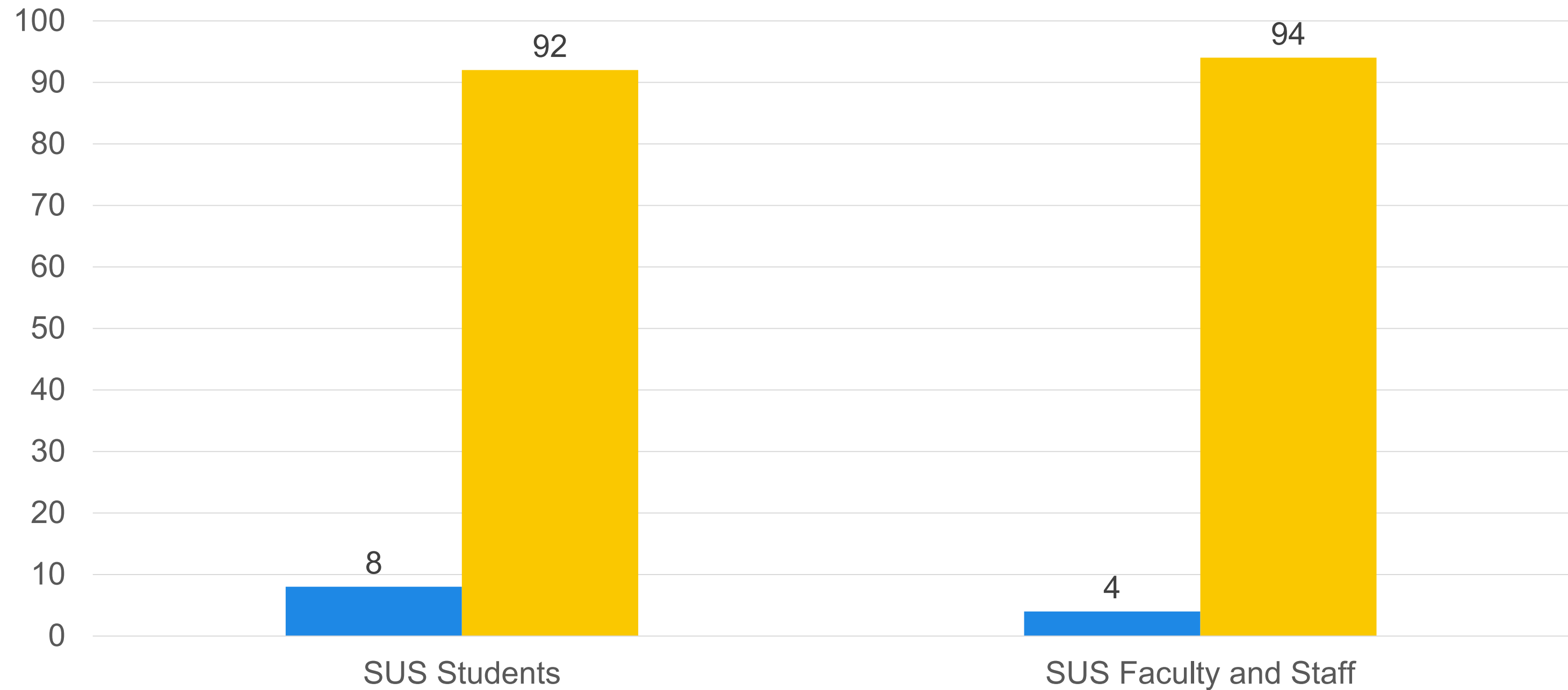
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- Political correctness helps people avoid offending others.
- Political correctness has silent important discussion our society needs to have.

Ideas about Speech and Expression: Speech and Violence

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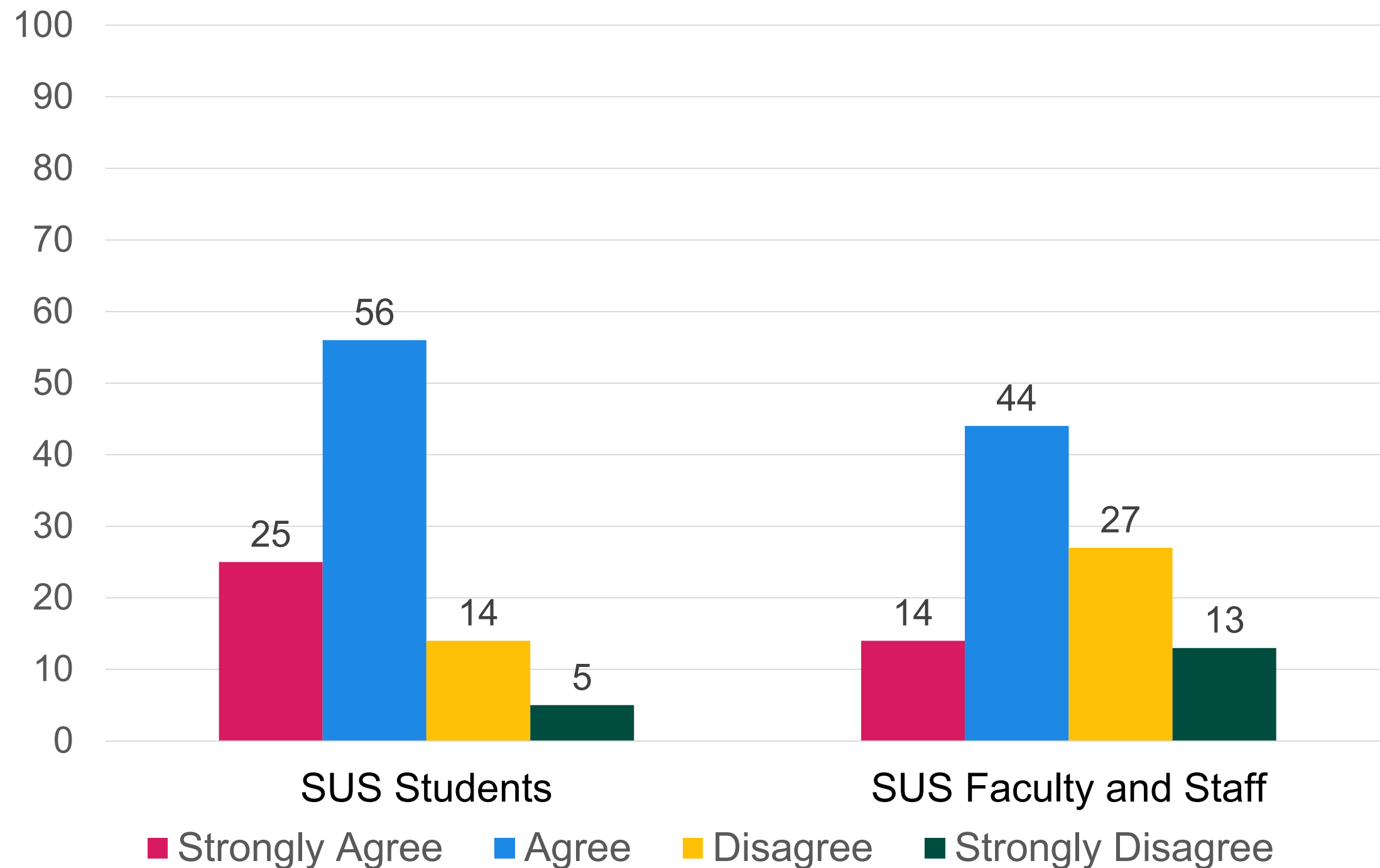
- Speech is violence and should be treated as such by the university.
- It is important for healthy campus life that the distinctions between speech and violence are maintained.



Ideas about Speech and Expression: Free Expression



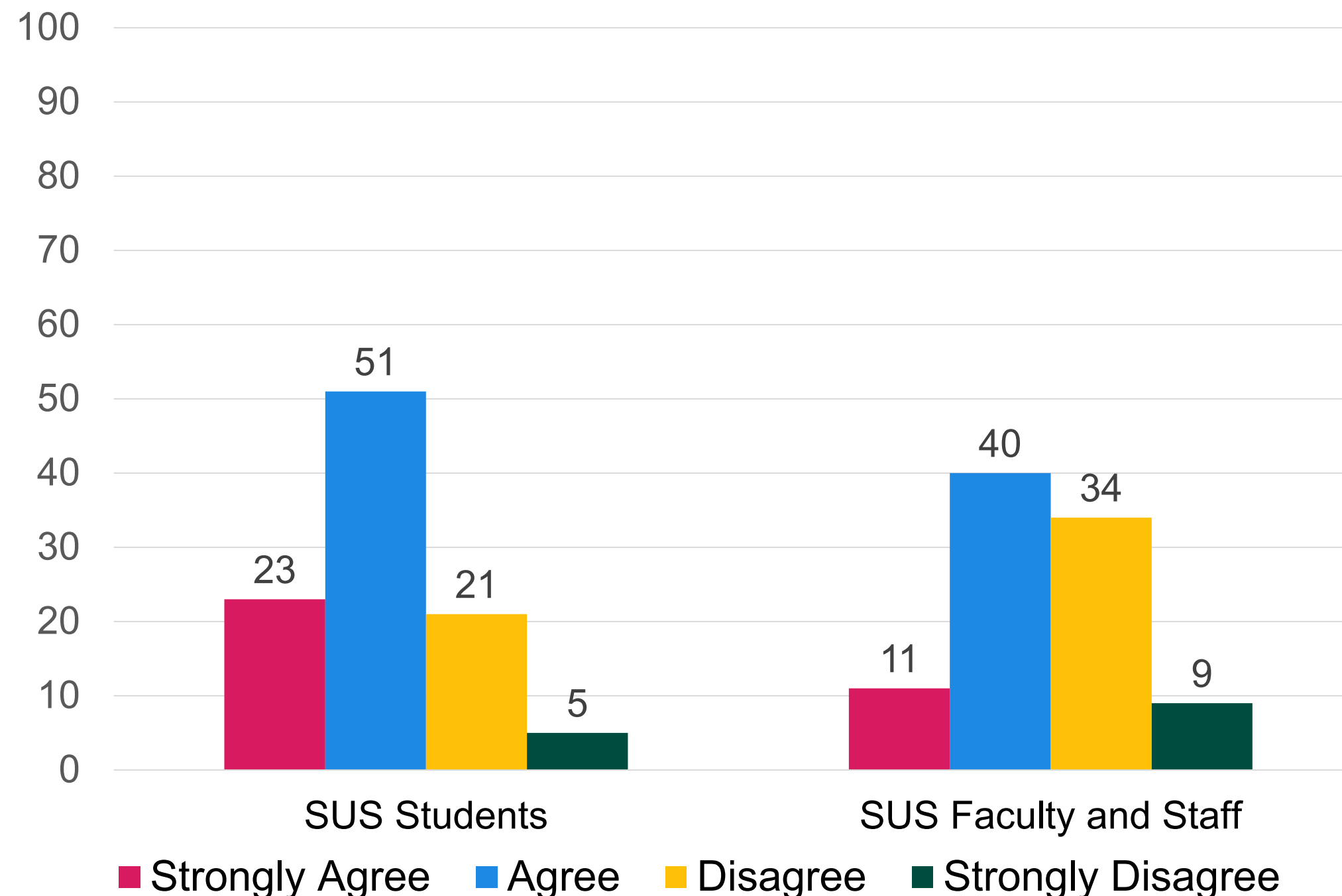
My university campus provides an environment for free expression of ideas, opinions, and beliefs.



Campus Speech Environment: Seeing Free and Welcomed Expression



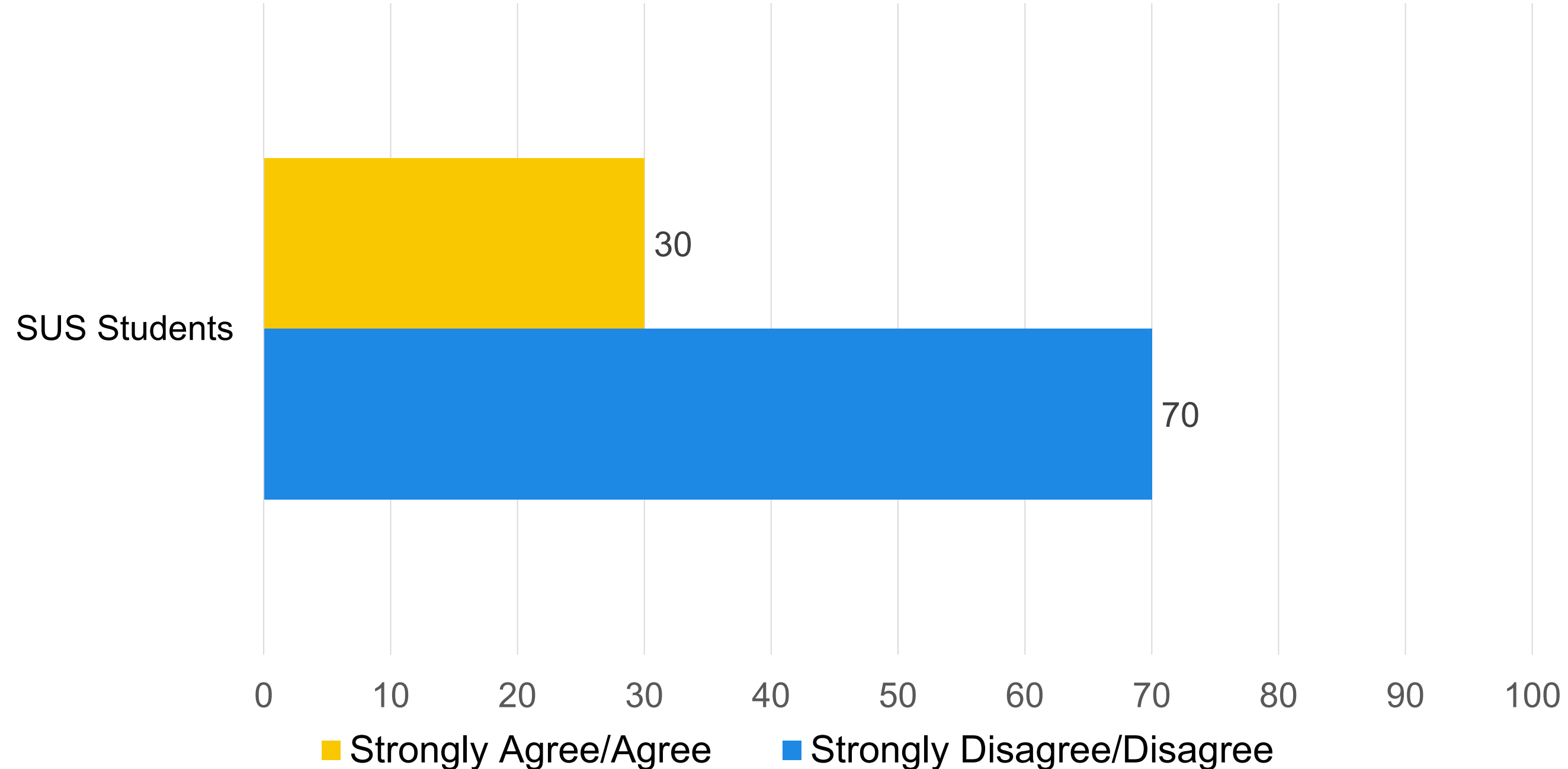
I see examples of free and welcomed expression (such as speeches, debates with other students or instructors, class assignments, etc.) in my classes/on campus regularly.



Campus Speech Environment: Professor or Course Instructor Expression During Class Time



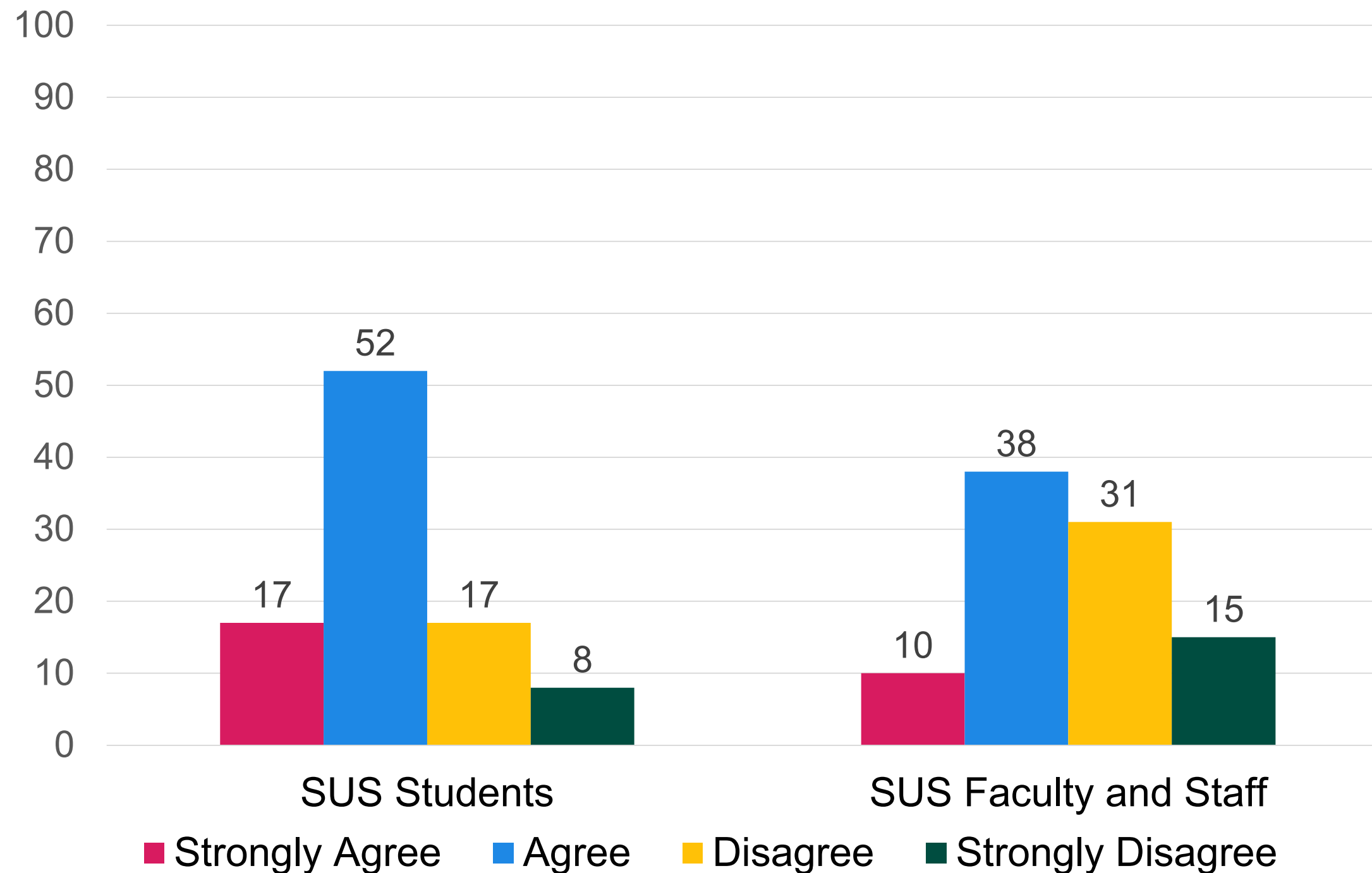
My professors or course instructors use class time to express their own social or political beliefs without objectively discussing opposing social or political beliefs.



Campus Speech Environment: Promoting Diverse Political Viewpoints



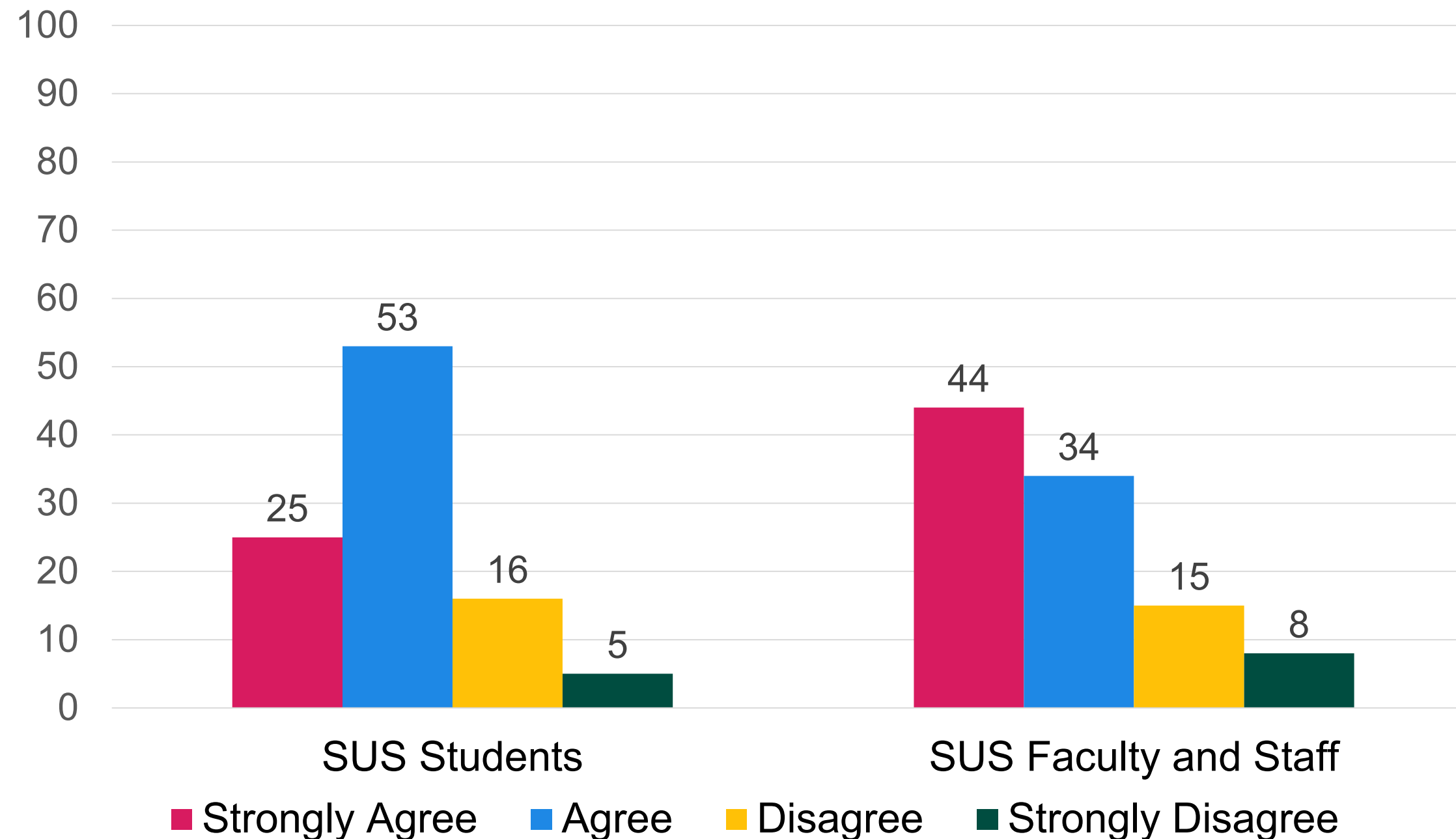
My university is doing a good job when it comes to promoting or encouraging diverse political viewpoints.



Campus Speech Environment: Encouraging Wide Variety of Viewpoints and Perspectives*



Students at my university are encouraged to consider a wide variety of viewpoints and perspectives.



* Note: Large Numbers of Faculty and Staff Declined to Answer This Question; 31 percent of the SUS sample responded.

Campus Speech Environment: Comfort Speaking Up On Non-Controversial and Controversial Topics

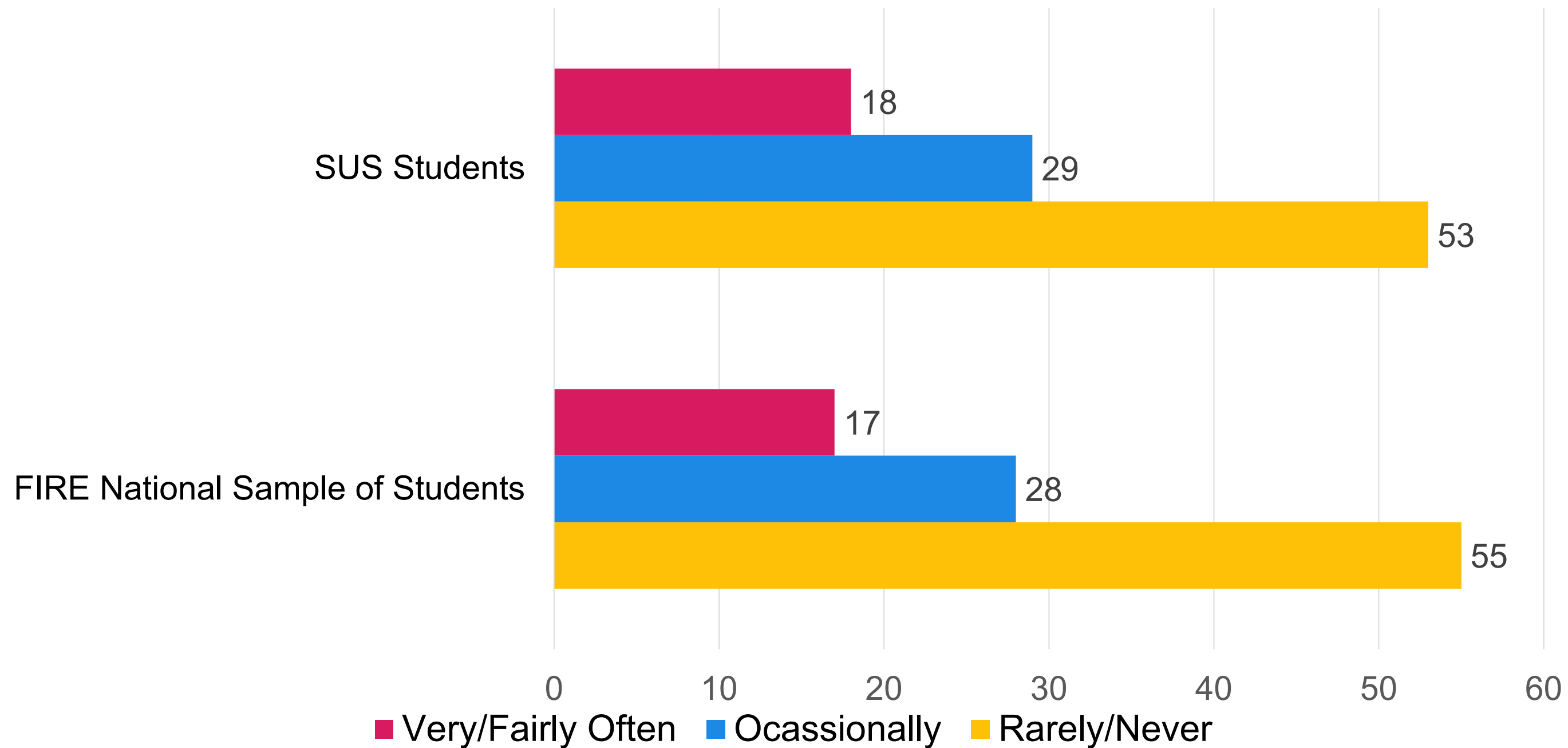


	I feel comfortable speaking up and giving my views on non-controversial topics		I feel comfortable speaking up and giving my views on controversial topics	
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree
SUS Students	35	49	18	41

Student Self-Censorship



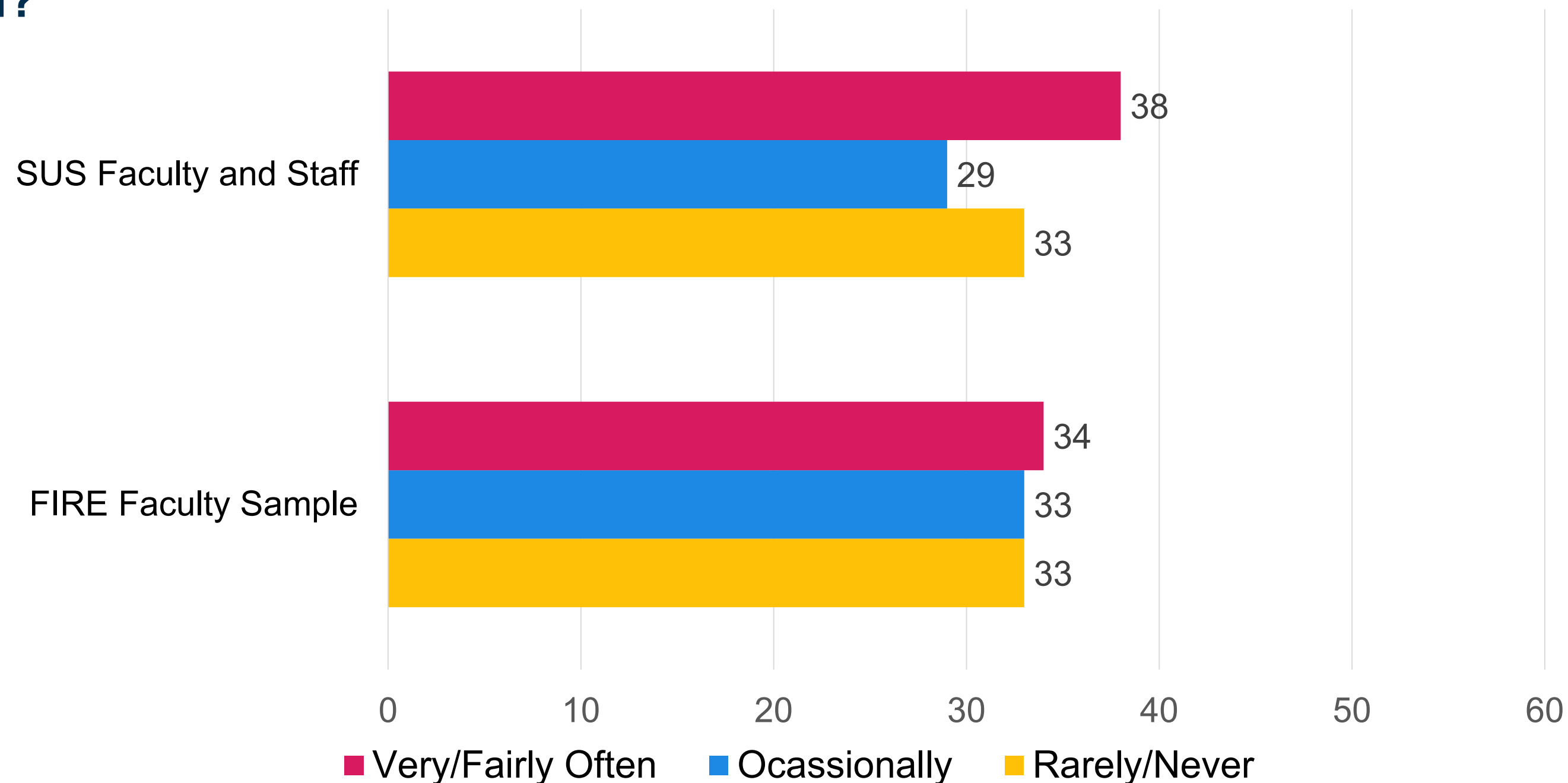
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Faculty and Staff Self-Censorship: More Pronounced



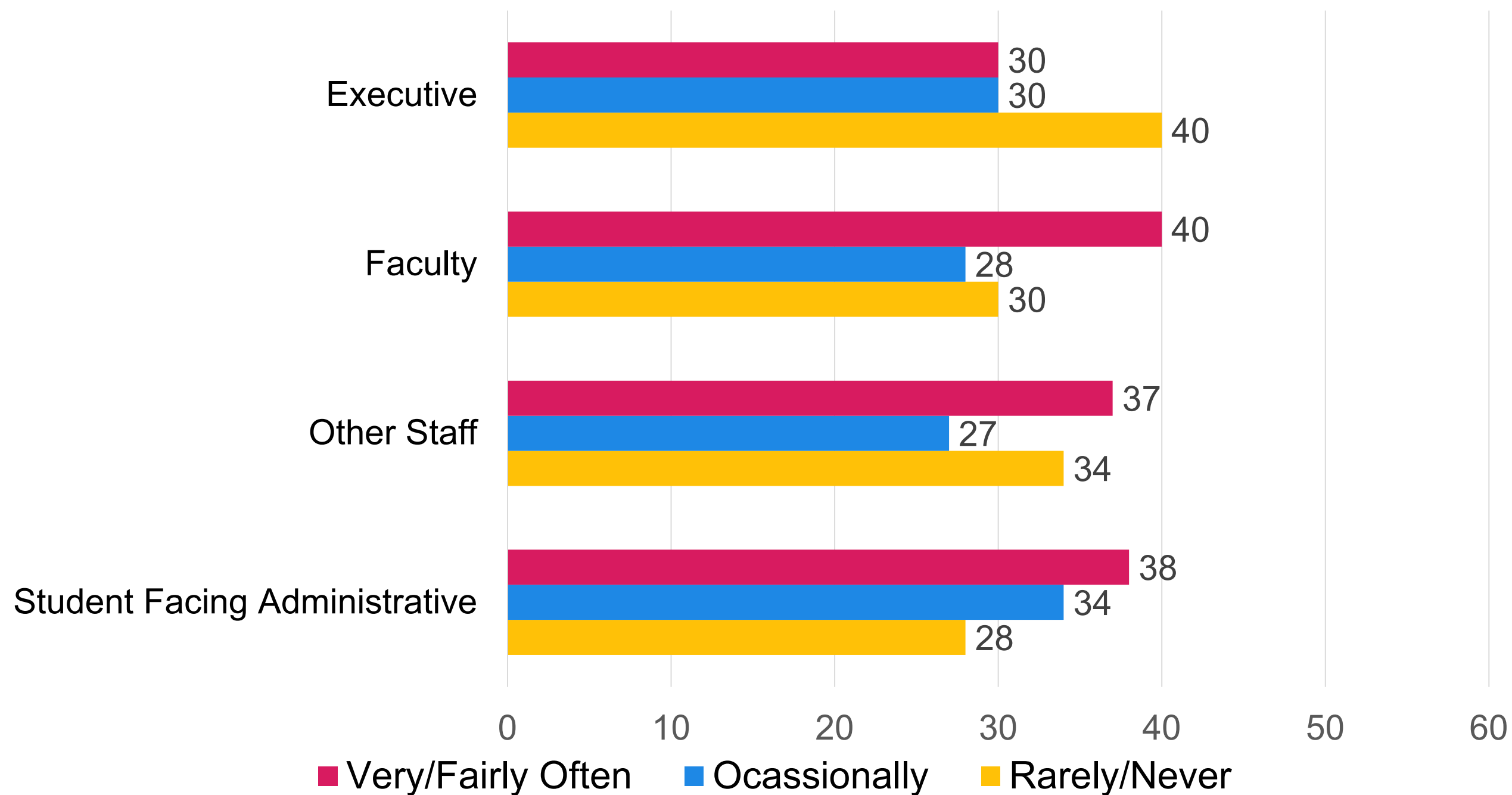
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Faculty and Staff Self-Censorship: A Deeper Look at SUS



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Reputational Concerns



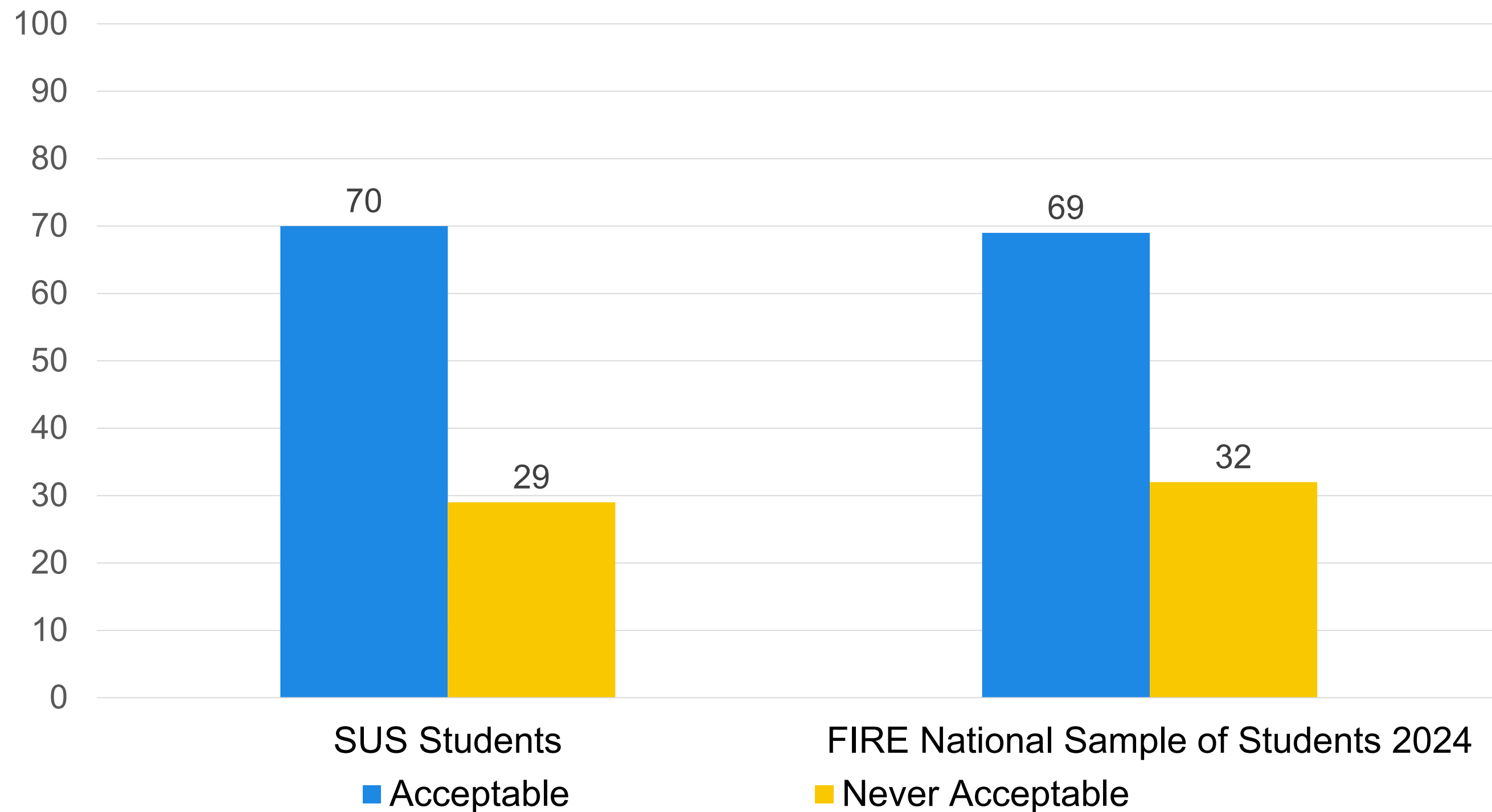
How worried are you about damaging your reputation because someone misunderstands something you have said or done?

	Worried A Lot	Worried A Little	Not Very Worried	Not At All Worried	Total Worried
SUS Students	18	38	27	16	56
Students: FIRE National 2022	21	42	25	12	63
SUS Faculty and Staff	17	33	29	18	50
FIRE Faculty	19	32	30	19	51

Cancel Culture Student Views: Protesting Campus Speakers



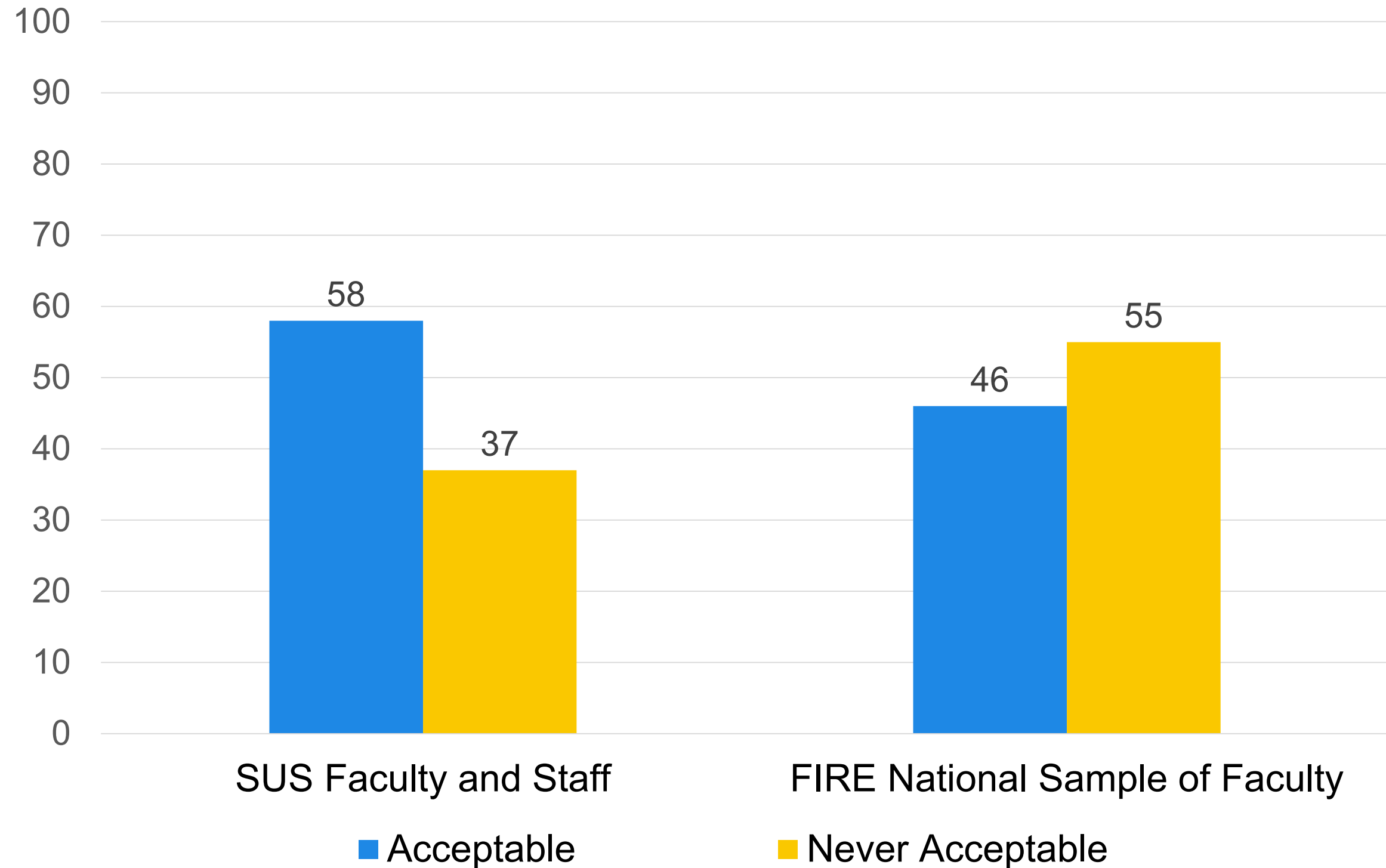
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Cancel Culture Faculty and Staff Views: Protesting Campus Speakers Group 1



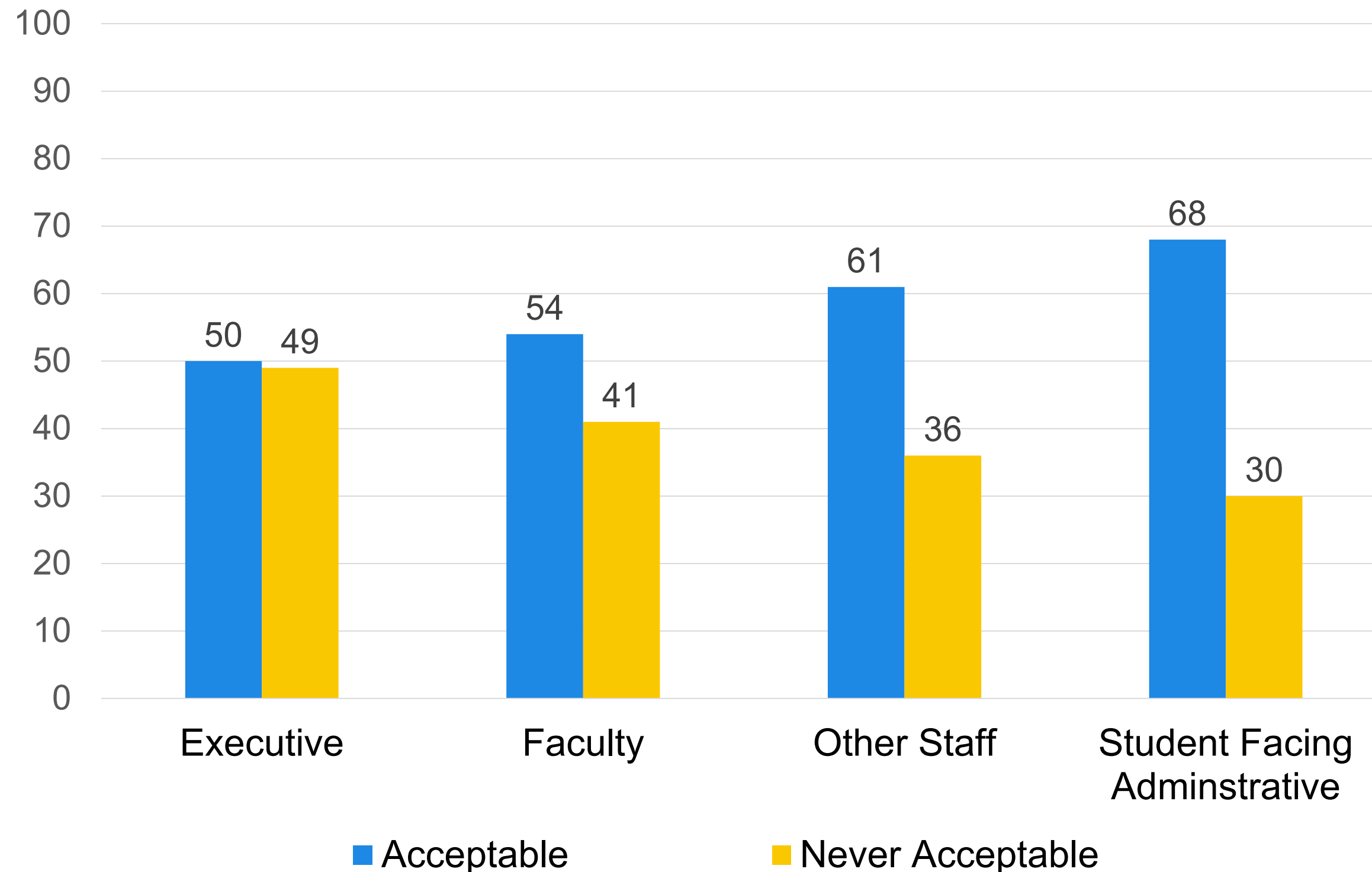
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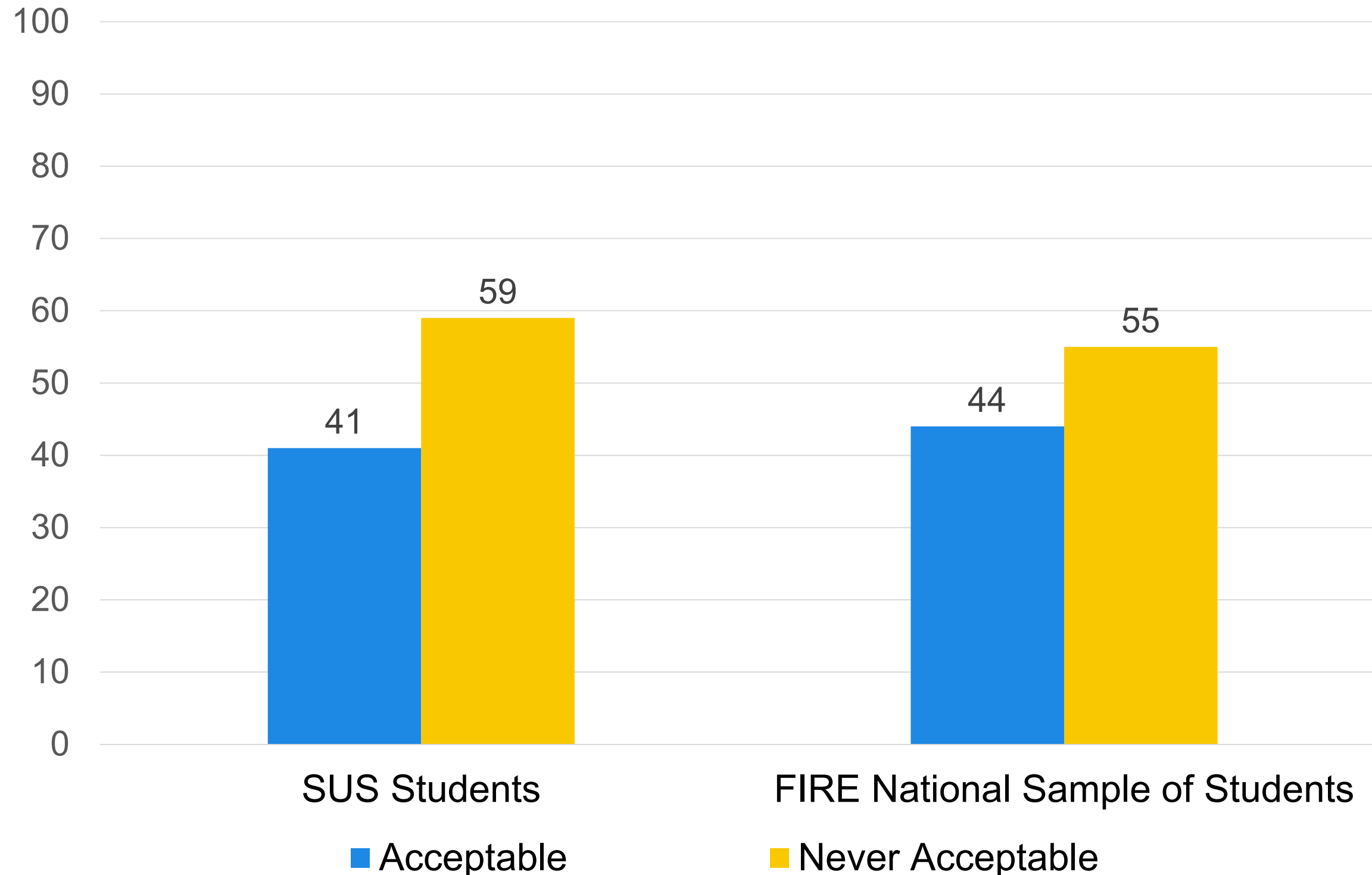
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Cancel Culture Student Views: Blocking Students From Attending Campus Speeches



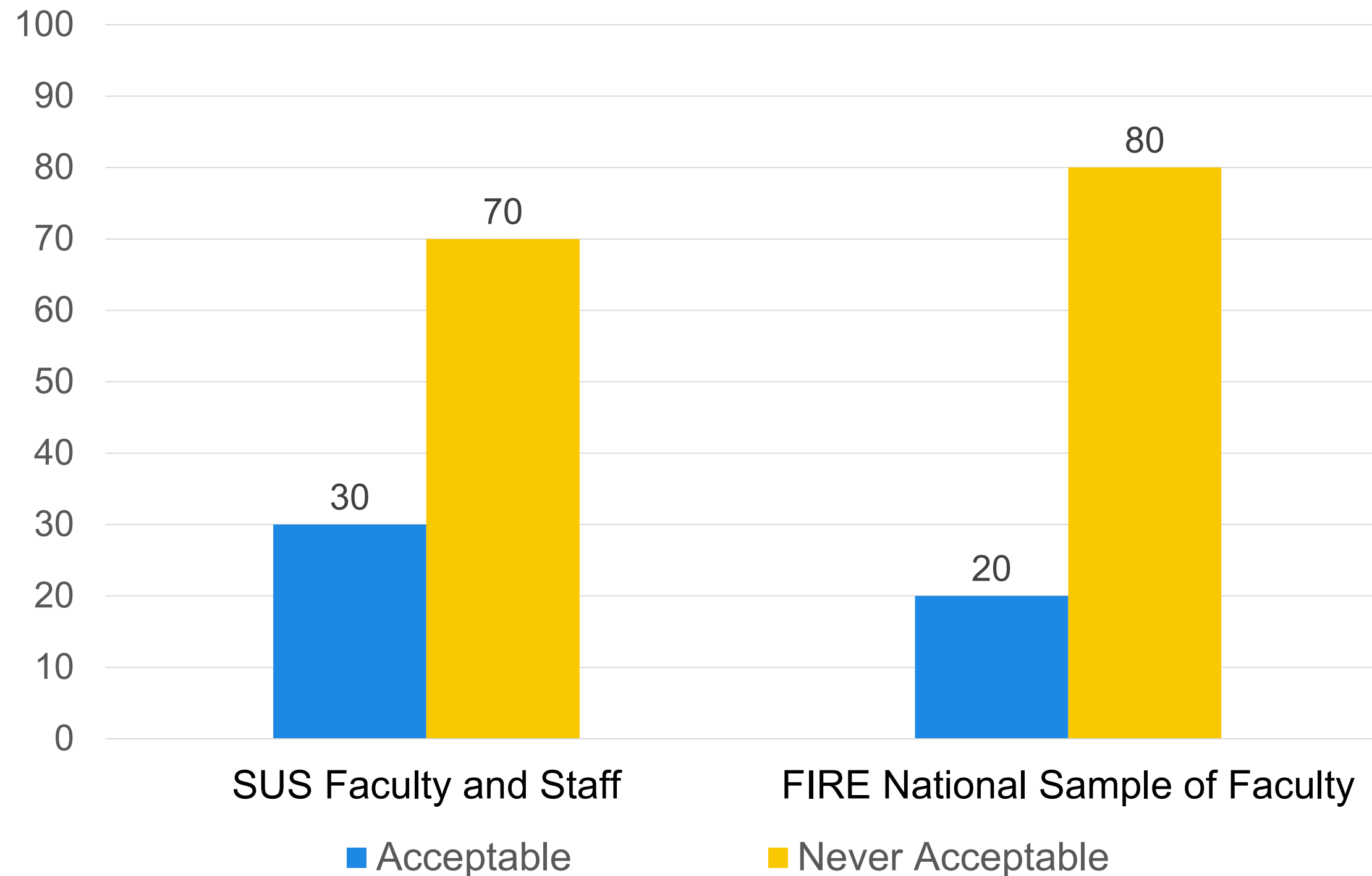
Acceptability if students block other students from attending a campus speech.



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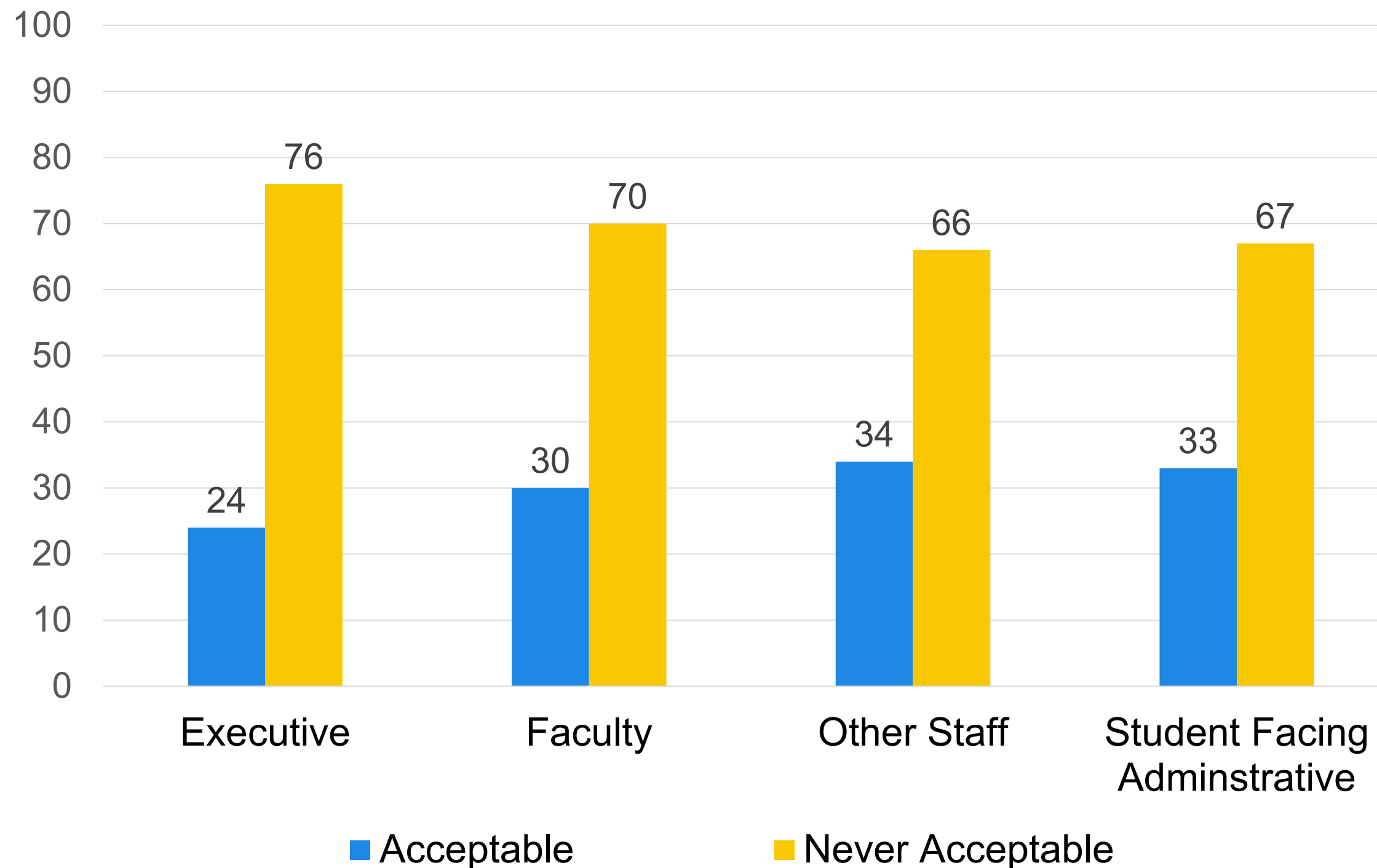
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Cancel Culture Faculty and Staff Views: Blocking Students From Attending Campus Speeches Group 2



Acceptability if students block other students from attending a campus speech.



Cancel Culture: Witnessed Uncivil Treatment Due to Beliefs



	Witnessed a student with conservative beliefs receive uncivil treatment for expressing those beliefs on campus?		Witnessed a student with liberal or progressive beliefs receive uncivil treatment for expressing them on campus?	
	Frequently/Very Frequently	Rarely/Never	Frequently/Very Frequently	Rarely/Never
SUS Students	16	62	13	68
SUS Faculty and Staff	11	67	10	70



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