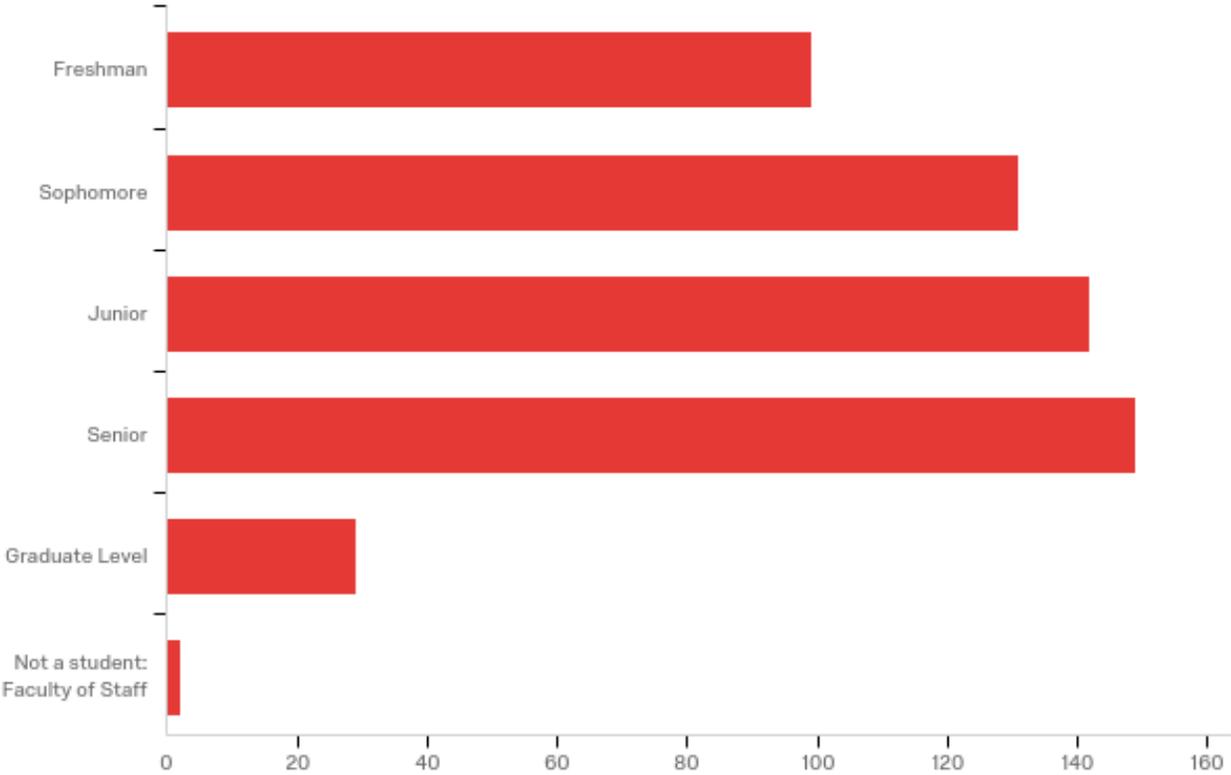


# 2017 Sustainability Survey

Sustainability Literacy Assessment April 2017

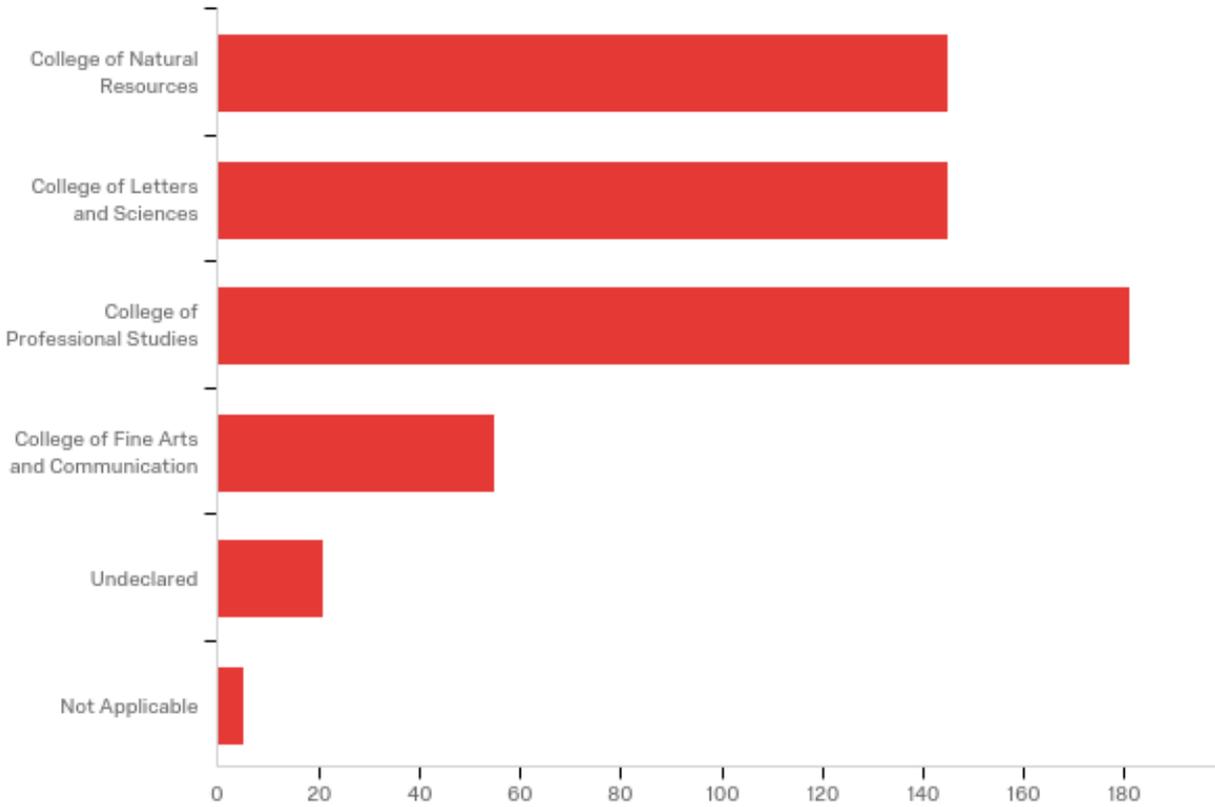
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## Q1 - Please select your education level:



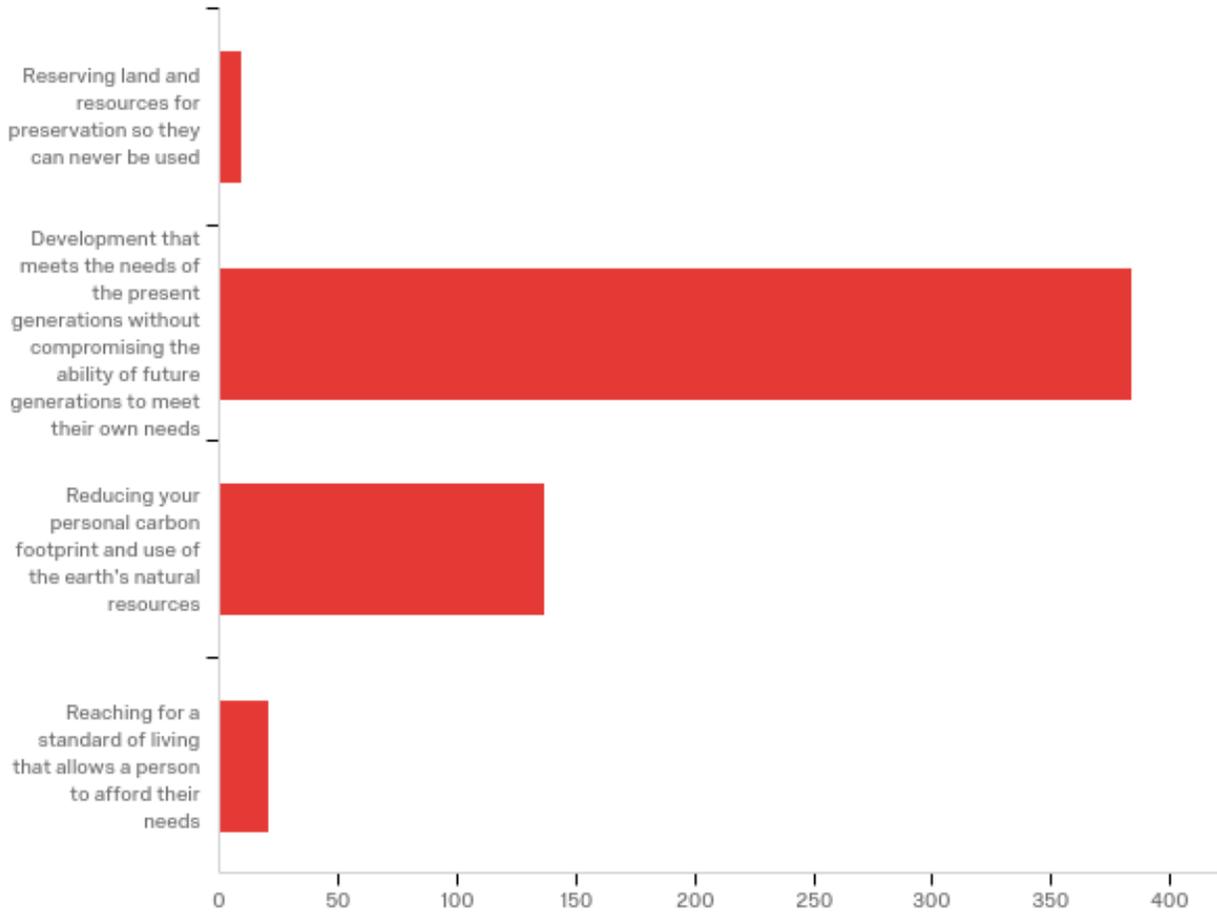
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Freshman	17.93%	99
2	Sophomore	23.73%	131
3	Junior	25.72%	142
4	Senior	26.99%	149
5	Graduate Level	5.25%	29
6	Not a student: Faculty of Staff	0.36%	2
	Total	100%	552

**Q2 - Please select the college of your major:**



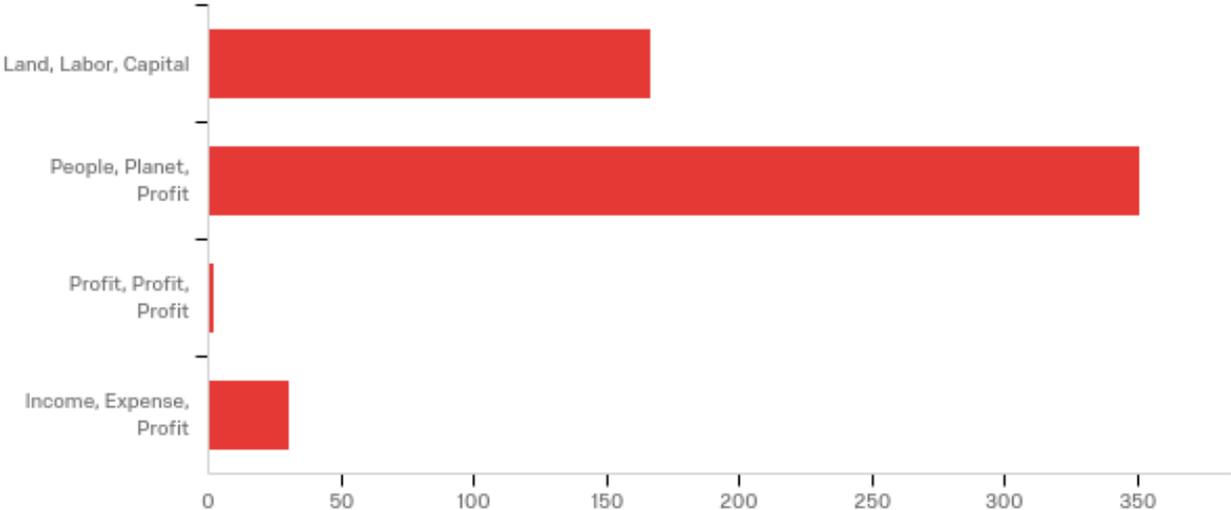
#	Answer	%	Count
1	College of Natural Resources	26.27%	145
2	College of Letters and Sciences	26.27%	145
3	College of Professional Studies	32.79%	181
4	College of Fine Arts and Communication	9.96%	55
5	Undeclared	3.80%	21
6	Not Applicable	0.91%	5
	Total	100%	552

### Q3 - Choose the best definition for "sustainable living":



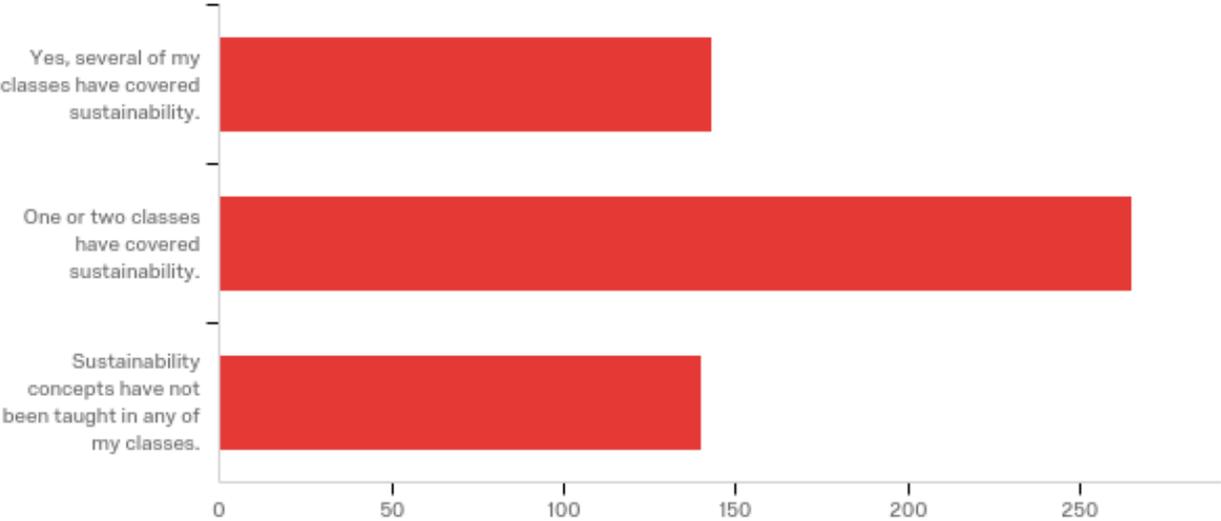
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Reserving land and resources for preservation so they can never be used	1.63%	9
2	Development that meets the needs of the present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs	69.69%	384
3	Reducing your personal carbon footprint and use of the earth's natural resources	24.86%	137
4	Reaching for a standard of living that allows a person to afford their needs	3.81%	21
	Total	100%	551

**Q4 - In sustainability, we often refer to the "Triple Bottom Line" when defining what makes something sustainable. What are the three components of the triple bottom line?**



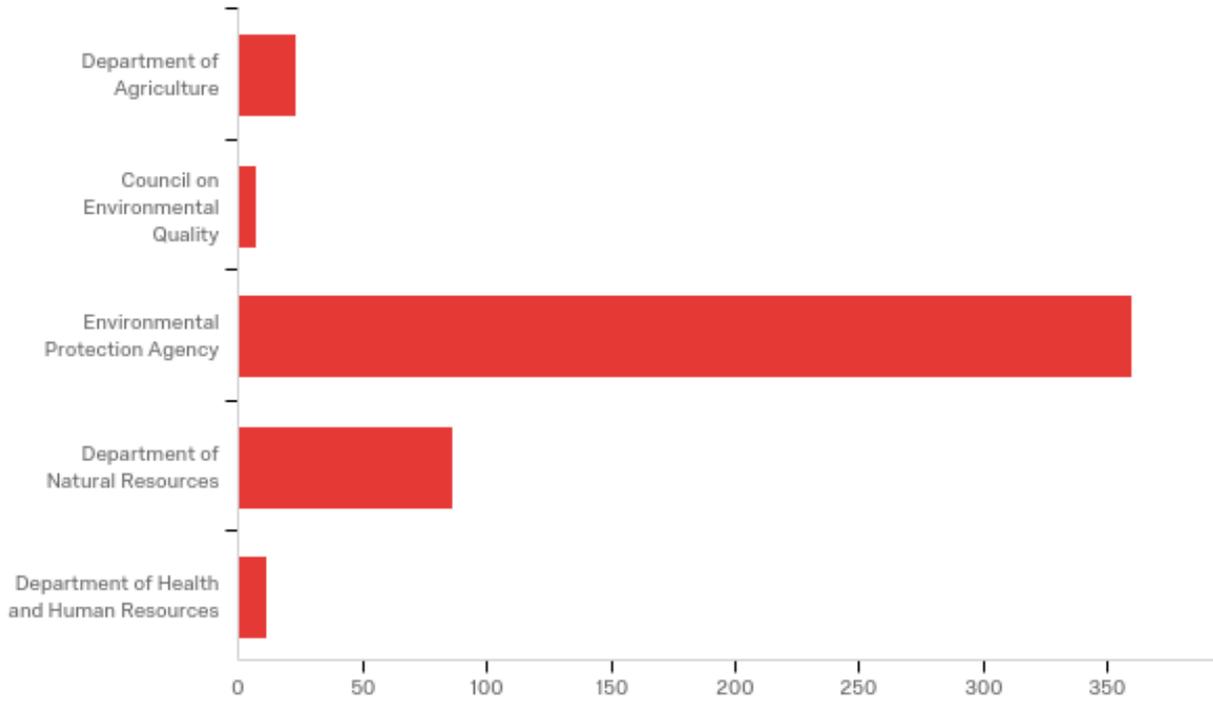
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Land, Labor, Capital	30.36%	167
2	People, Planet, Profit	63.82%	351
3	Profit, Profit, Profit	0.36%	2
4	Income, Expense, Profit	5.45%	30
	Total	100%	550

**Q5 - In your time here at UW-Stevens Point, in general, have your classes taught or referenced the concepts or three pillars of sustainability - economic, environment, and social?**



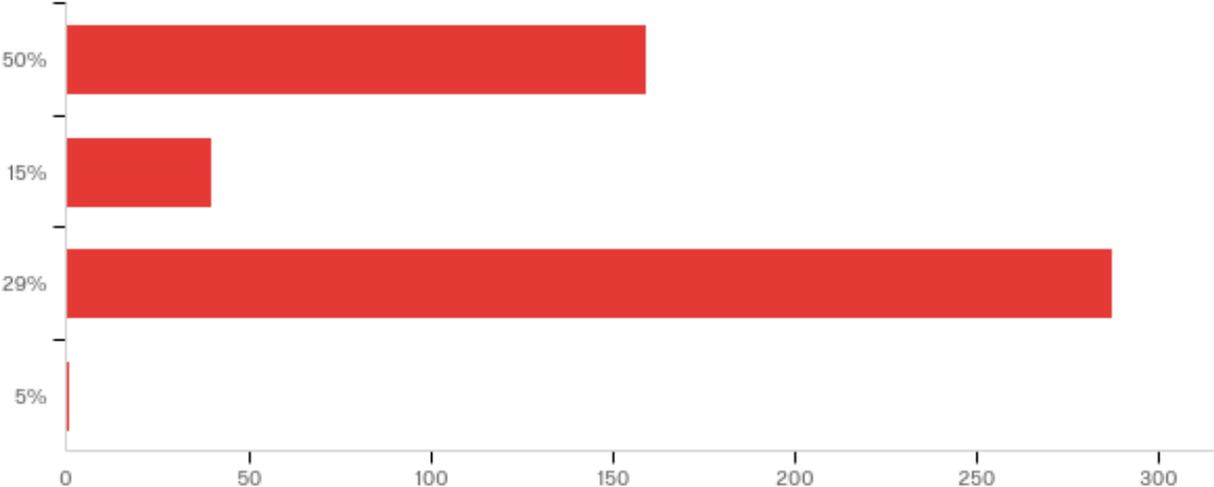
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes, several of my classes have covered sustainability.	26.09%	143
2	One or two classes have covered sustainability.	48.36%	265
3	Sustainability concepts have not been taught in any of my classes.	25.55%	140
	Total	100%	548

## Q6 - What federal agency oversees environmental regulations?



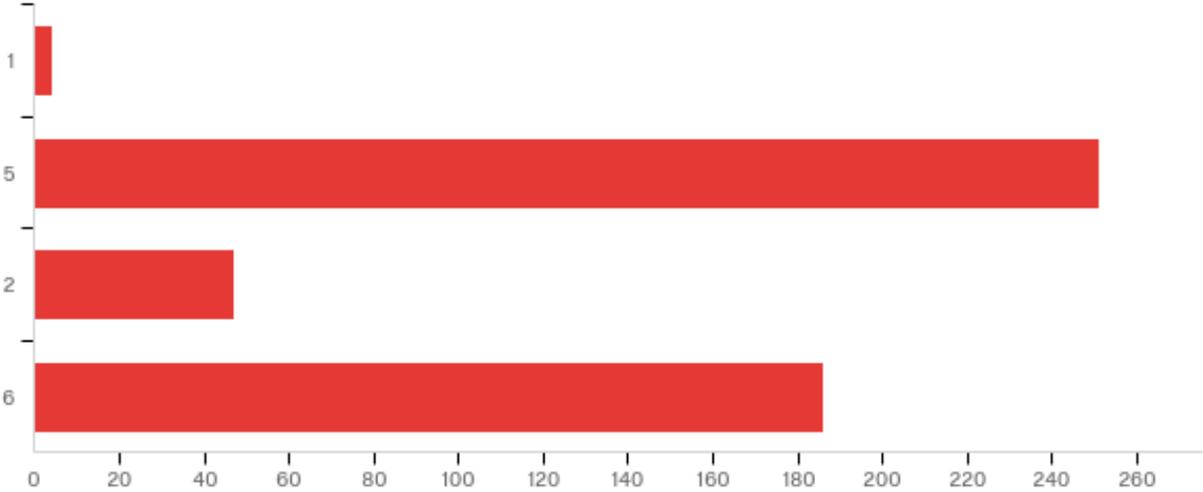
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Department of Agriculture	4.72%	23
2	Council on Environmental Quality	1.44%	7
3	Environmental Protection Agency	73.92%	360
4	Department of Natural Resources	17.66%	86
5	Department of Health and Human Resources	2.26%	11
	Total	100%	487

**Q7 - The United States represents 5% of the world’s population. How much of the world's resources does the United States consume?**



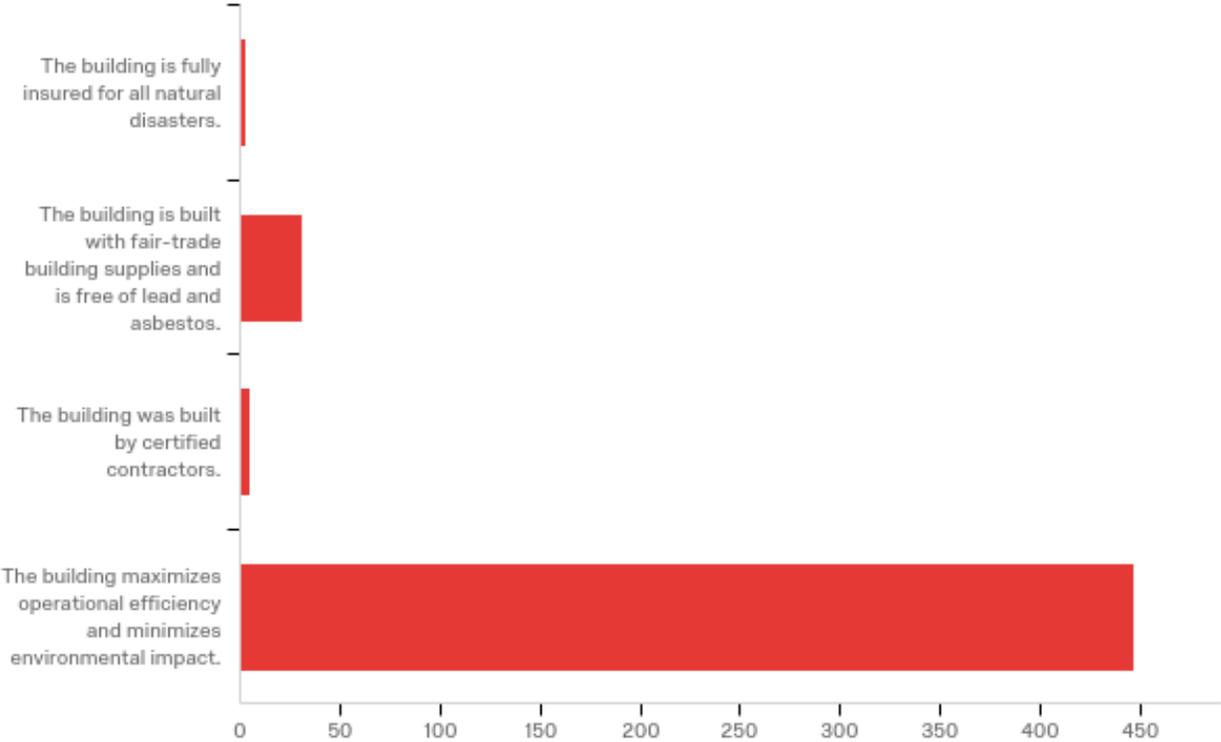
#	Answer	%	Count
1	50%	32.65%	159
2	15%	8.21%	40
3	29%	58.93%	287
4	5%	0.21%	1
	Total	100%	487

**Q8 - Approximately 3 billion people, about half of the world, live on less than \$2/day. If the poor populations of this world were to live, consume, and develop like the Western part of the world in order to gain similar living standards, it is estimated that we would need \_\_\_\_\_ more planet Earths in order to produce the necessary resources and absorb our high levels of waste.**



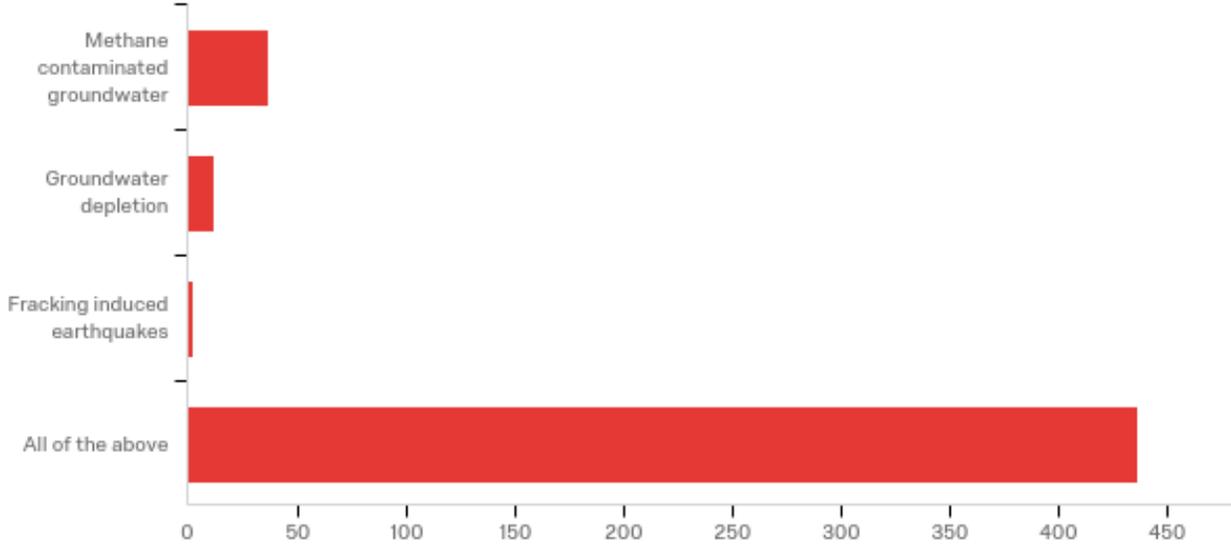
#	Answer	%	Count
1	1	0.82%	4
2	5	51.43%	251
3	2	9.63%	47
4	6	38.11%	186
	Total	100%	488

**Q9 - The Suites @201 is LEED certified at a gold level. Neale Hall, Burroughs Hall and Knutzen Hall are all registered for LEED certification. The new science building will be built to LEED standards. What does this certification mean?**



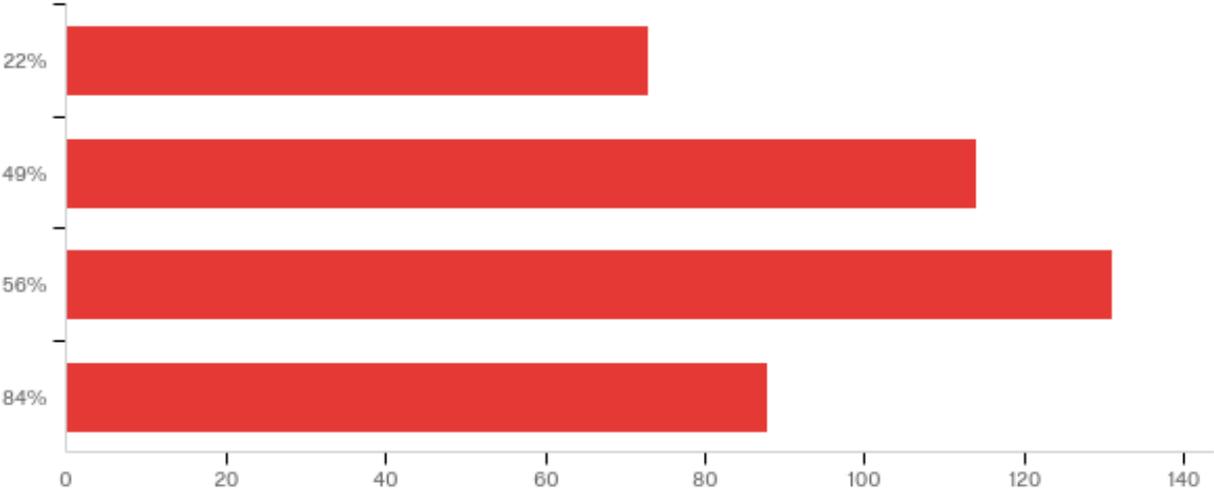
#	Answer	%	Count
1	The building is fully insured for all natural disasters.	0.62%	3
2	The building is built with fair-trade building supplies and is free of lead and asbestos.	6.38%	31
3	The building was built by certified contractors.	1.03%	5
4	The building maximizes operational efficiency and minimizes environmental impact.	91.98%	447
	Total	100%	486

**Q10 - Fracking is a process that involves drilling vertically into the Earth's surface and releasing natural gas through the breaking of shale. The shale is broken by releasing fluid at high pressures into the ground. Chemicals that are released through fracking can have long term exposure effects on human health and include chemicals like benzene, toluene, and methane. What environmental impacts are associated with fracking?**



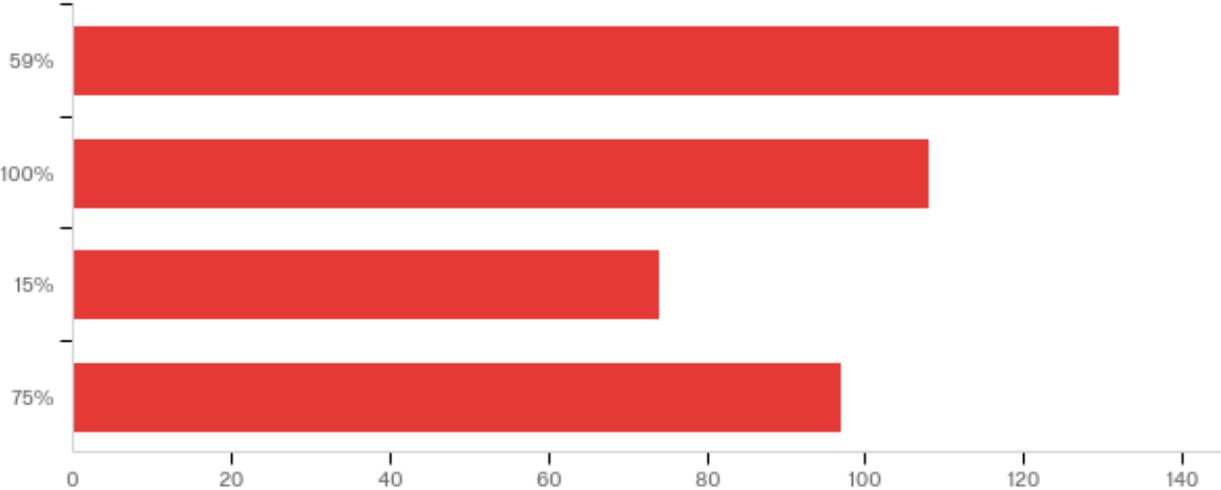
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Methane contaminated groundwater	7.58%	37
2	Groundwater depletion	2.46%	12
3	Fracking induced earthquakes	0.41%	2
4	All of the above	89.55%	437
	Total	100%	488

**Q11 - Coal is a fossil fuel used to generate electricity. When it is burned, it releases dangerous chemicals such as carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and mercury. The mining, cleaning, and transportation of coal generates additional health and environmental hazards. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, what percentage of Wisconsin's electricity in 2015 was generated using this form of energy?**



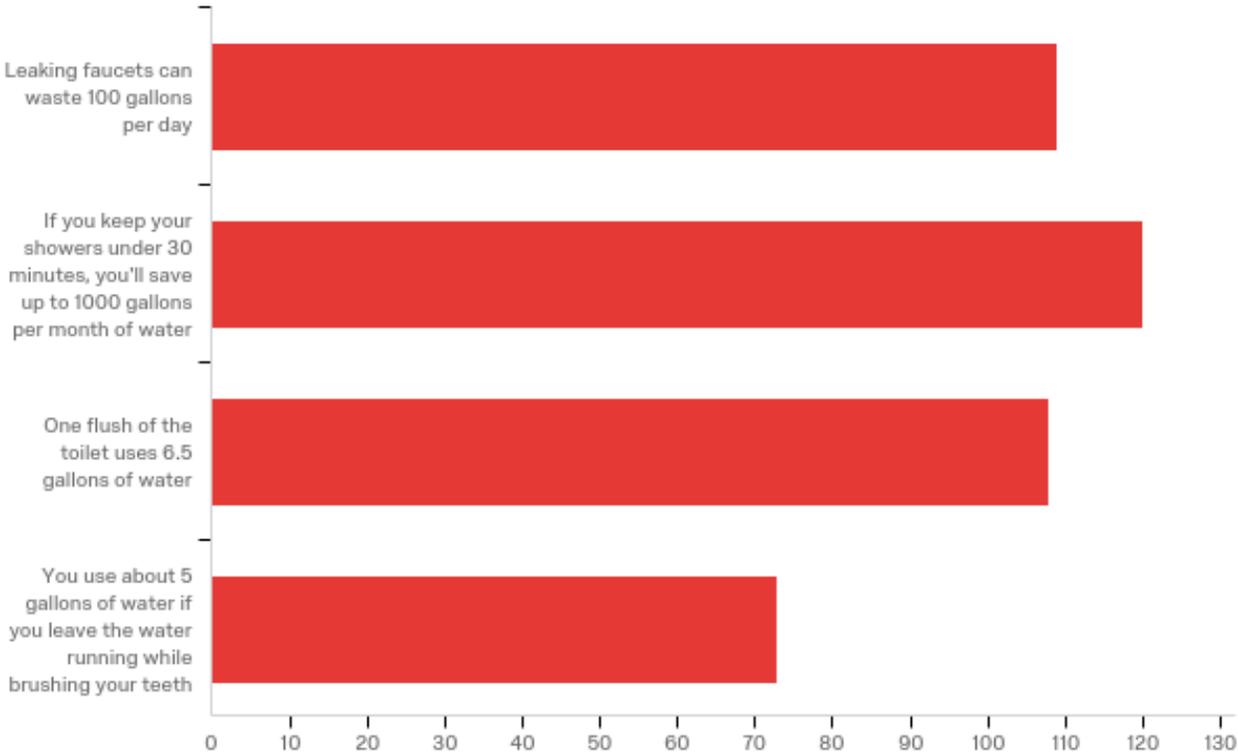
#	Answer	%	Count
1	22%	17.98%	73
2	49%	28.08%	114
3	56%	32.27%	131
4	84%	21.67%	88
	Total	100%	406

**Q12 - To produce steam on campus, we mainly consume natural gas and coal, with oil and wood pellets used as backup fuels. UWSP offsets our electricity consumption through the purchase of renewable energy credits (RECs). By purchasing these credits, we take responsibility for the environmental impact of our use of electricity. What percentage of the school’s electricity was offset by RECs for the most recently completed fiscal year?**



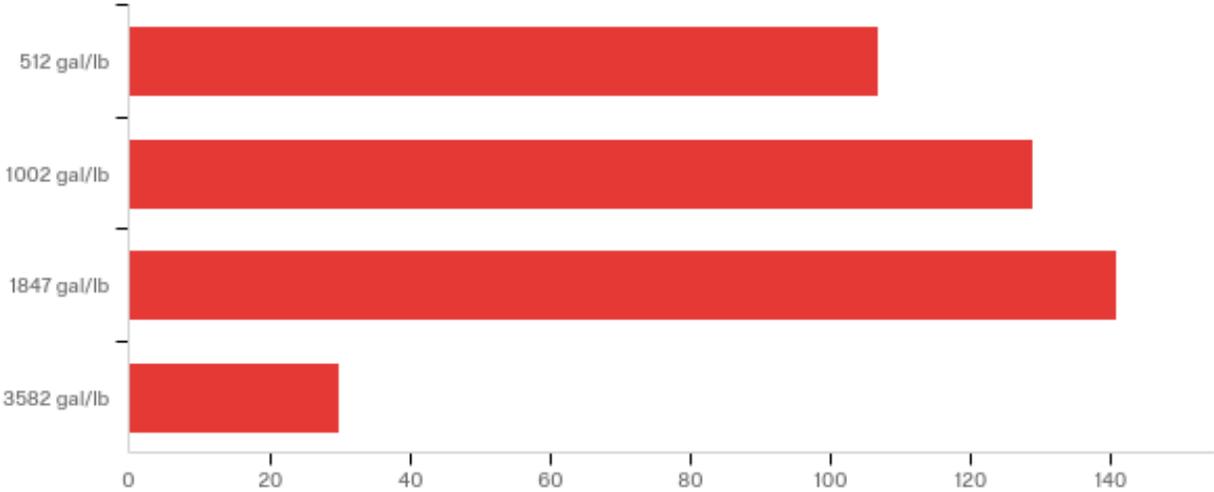
#	Answer	%	Count
1	59%	32.12%	132
2	100%	26.28%	108
3	15%	18.00%	74
4	75%	23.60%	97
	Total	100%	411

**Q13 - Only 1% of the water on earth is fit and available for human consumption. Which of the following statements on water conservation is not true?**



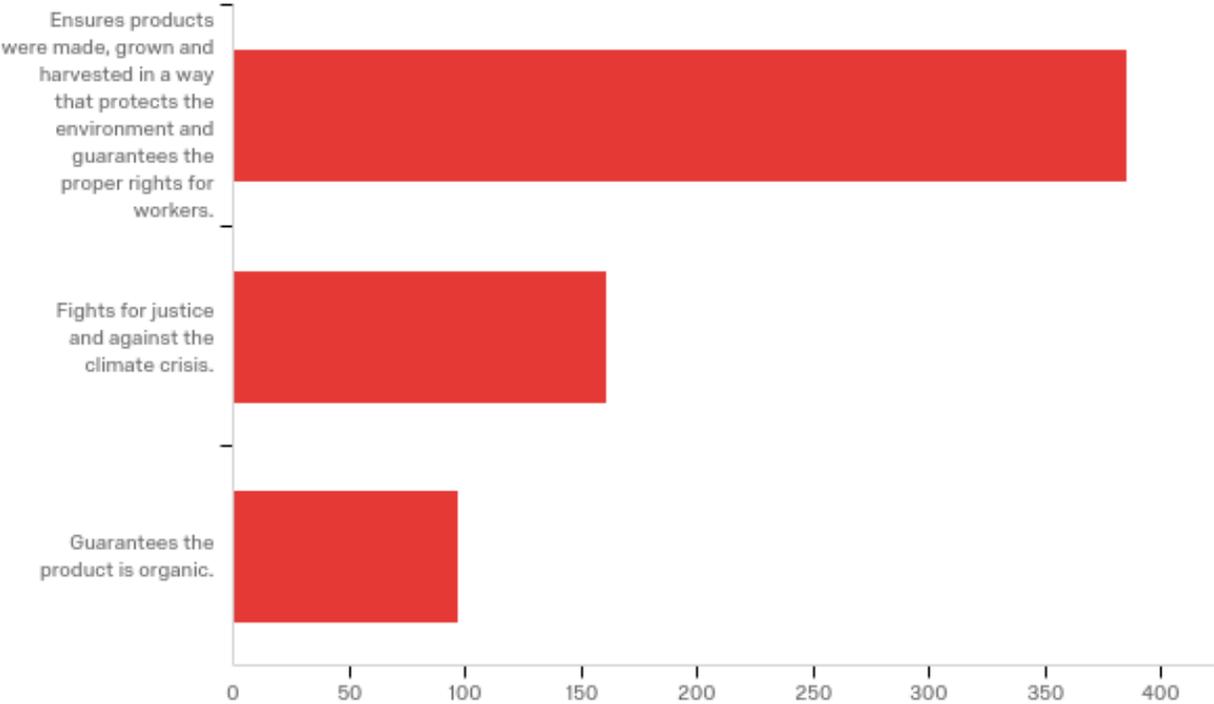
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Leaking faucets can waste 100 gallons per day	26.59%	109
2	If you keep your showers under 30 minutes, you'll save up to 1000 gallons per month of water	29.27%	120
3	One flush of the toilet uses 6.5 gallons of water	26.34%	108
4	You use about 5 gallons of water if you leave the water running while brushing your teeth	17.80%	73
	Total	100%	410

**Q14 - Livestock and their byproducts account for 51% of all worldwide greenhouse gas emissions. They also consume a large amount of the world's freshwater. How many gallons of water does it take to produce one pound of beef?**



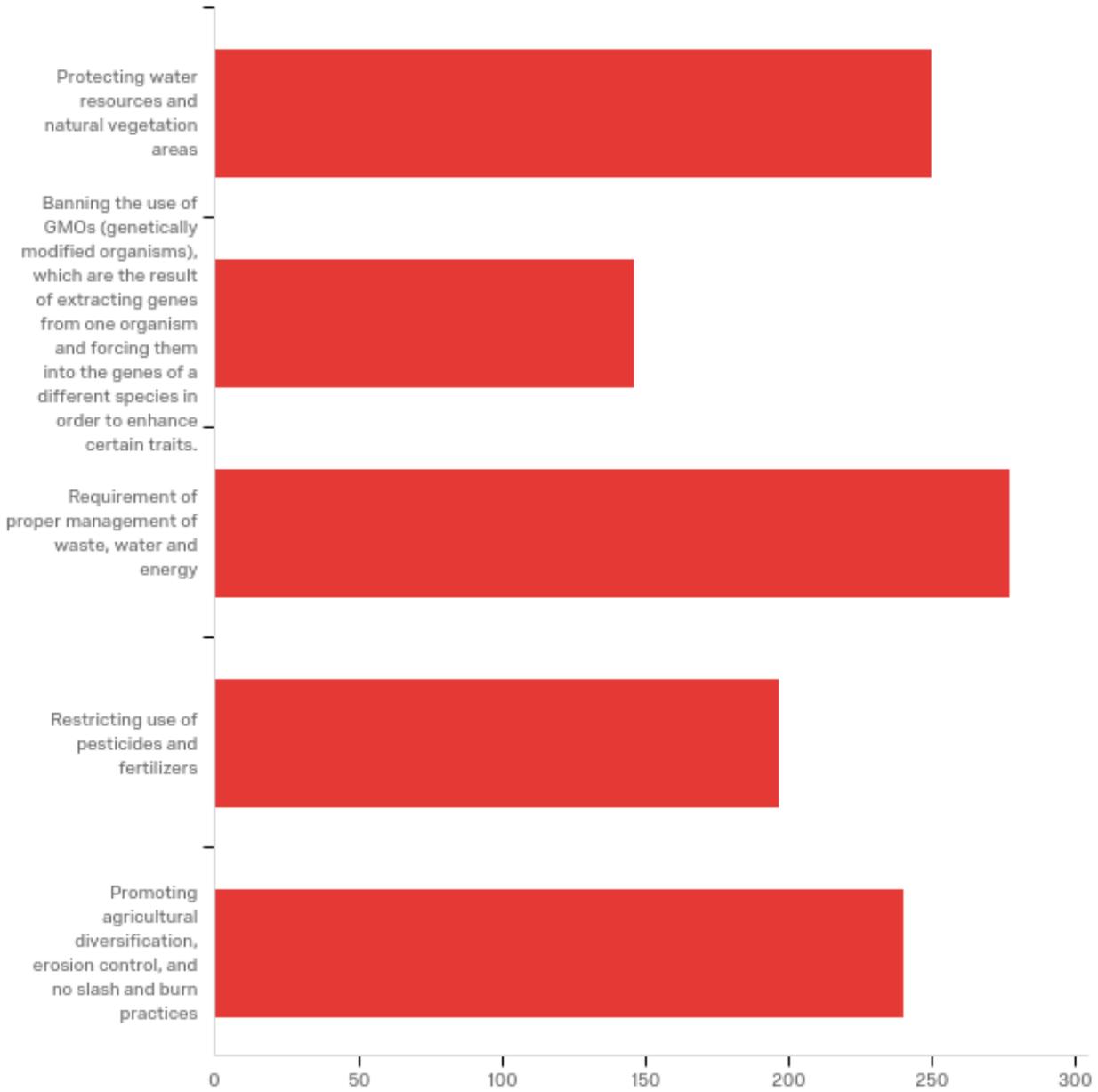
#	Answer	%	Count
1	512 gal/lb	26.29%	107
2	1002 gal/lb	31.70%	129
3	1847 gal/lb	34.64%	141
4	3582 gal/lb	7.37%	30
	Total	100%	407

**Q15 - The fair trade label ensures that products were made and grown in a way that contributes to sustainable development, protecting the environment and securing the rights of workers. The fair trade label on products :( Check all that apply)**



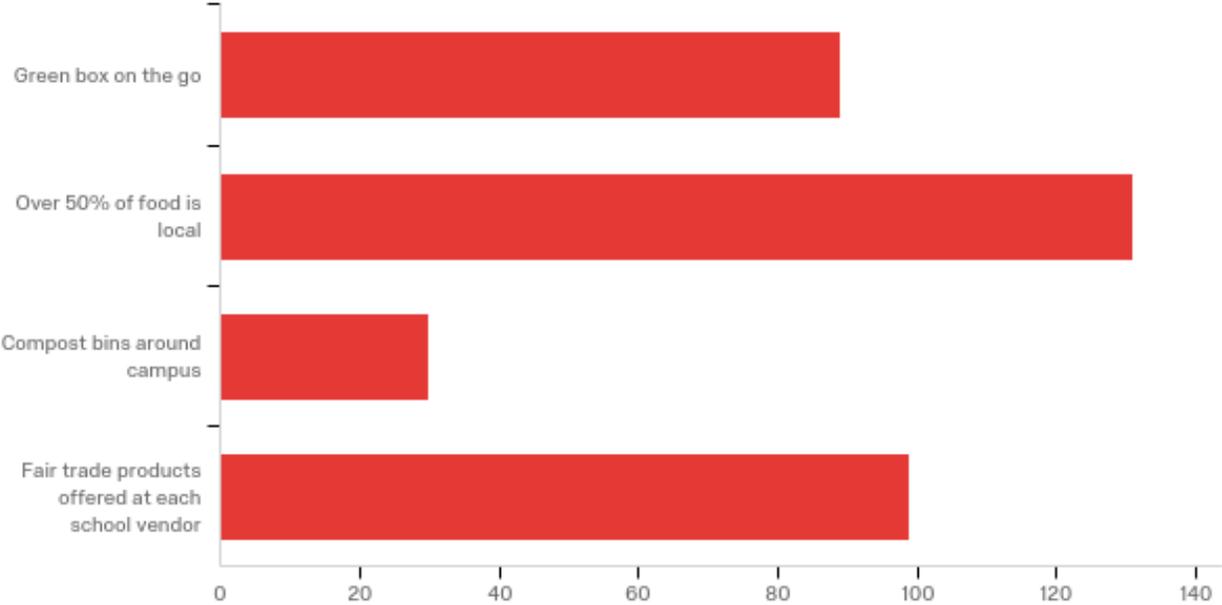
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Ensures products were made, grown and harvested in a way that protects the environment and guarantees the proper rights for workers.	59.88%	385
2	Fights for justice and against the climate crisis.	25.04%	161
3	Guarantees the product is organic.	15.09%	97
	Total	100%	643

**Q16 - The fair trade criteria includes: (Check all that apply)**



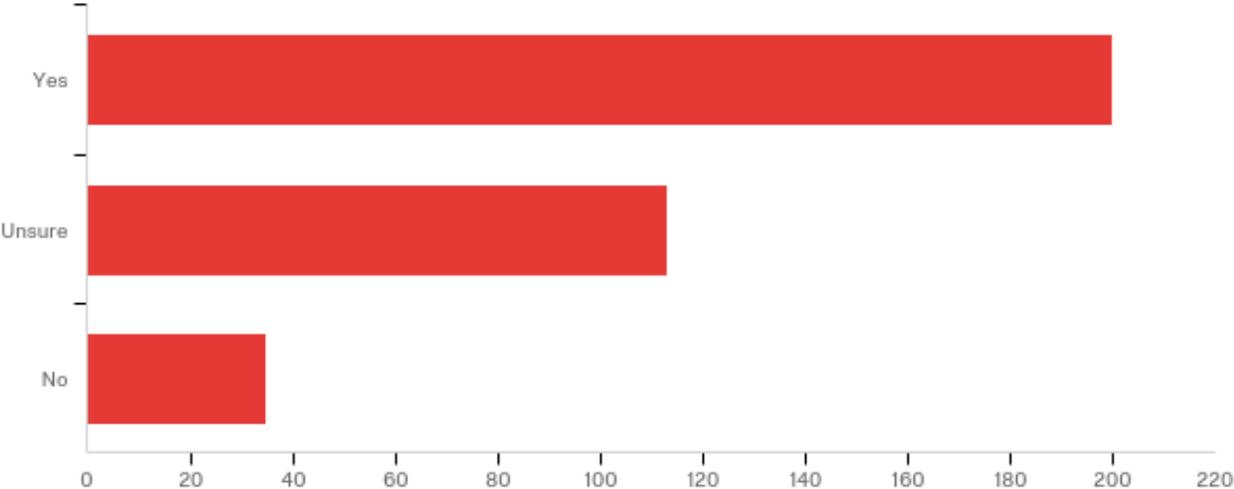
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Protecting water resources and natural vegetation areas	22.52%	250
2	Banning the use of GMOs (genetically modified organisms), which are the result of extracting genes from one organism and forcing them into the genes of a different species in order to enhance certain traits.	13.15%	146
3	Requirement of proper management of waste, water and energy	24.95%	277
4	Restricting use of pesticides and fertilizers	17.75%	197
5	Promoting agricultural diversification, erosion control, and no slash and burn practices	21.62%	240
	Total	100%	1110

**Q17 - Sustainable farming practices produce food while keeping the air clean and maintaining healthy soils. Local food allows consumers to lower their carbon footprint and begin to know exactly what is being put into their food. Food and farming contribute both to the environment and social justice issues, landfill issues, and environmental health. Which of the following sustainable food initiatives is NOT implemented on campus?**



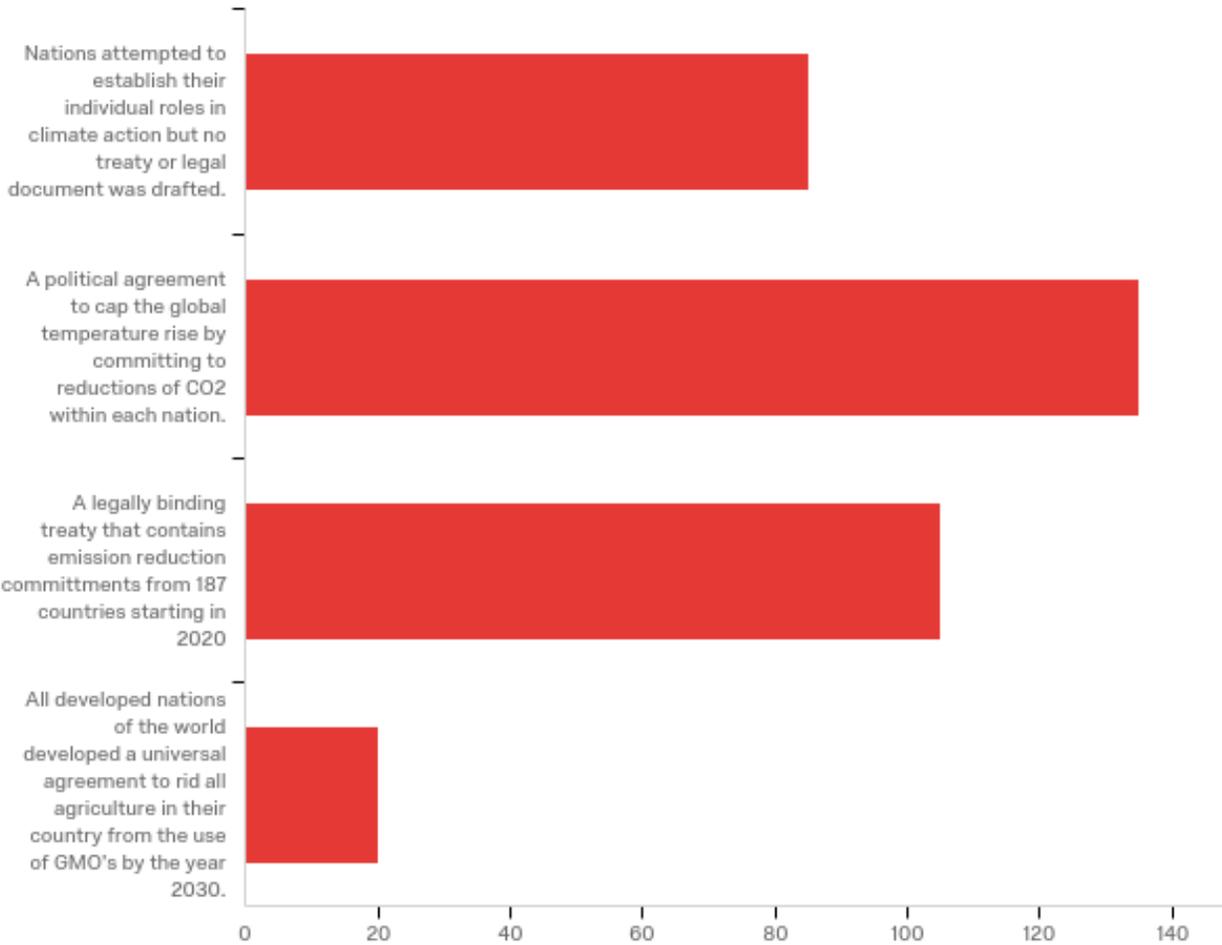
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Green box on the go	25.50%	89
2	Over 50% of food is local	37.54%	131
3	Compost bins around campus	8.60%	30
4	Fair trade products offered at each school vendor	28.37%	99
	Total	100%	349

**Q18 - Ecosia is a search engine that donates about 80% of its surplus income to tree planting programs in Madagascar, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, and Peru, with a goal of planting one billion trees by 2020. Would you like to see Ecosia become the default campus search engine?**



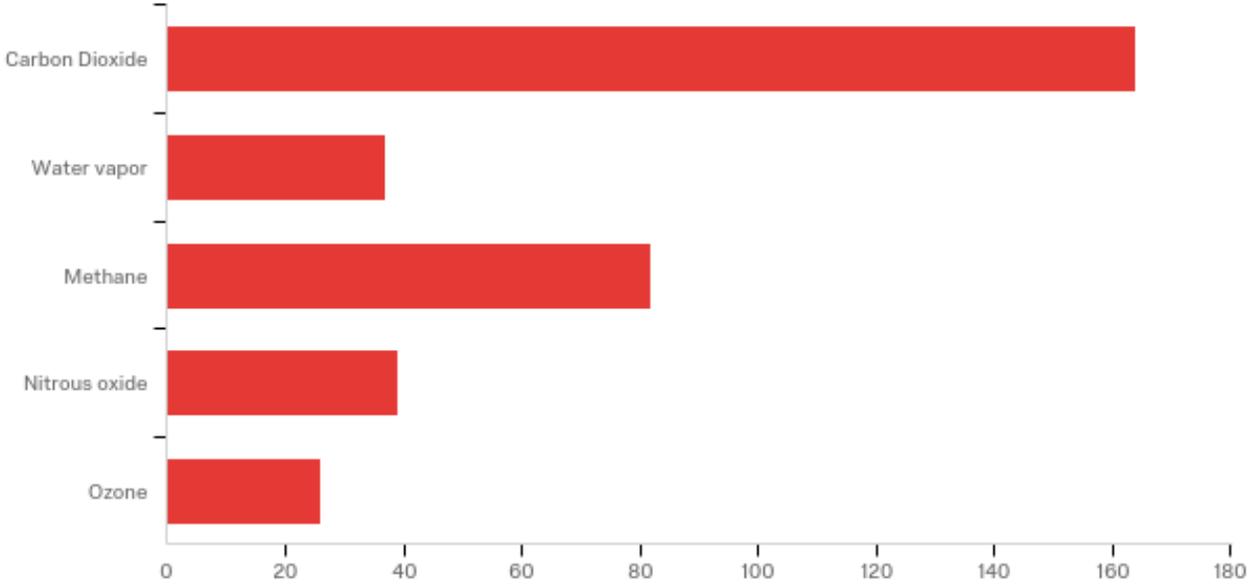
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	57.47%	200
2	Unsure	32.47%	113
3	No	10.06%	35
	Total	100%	348

**Q19 - The 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) was held in Paris from November 30-December 11 2015. What was the outcome of this convention?**



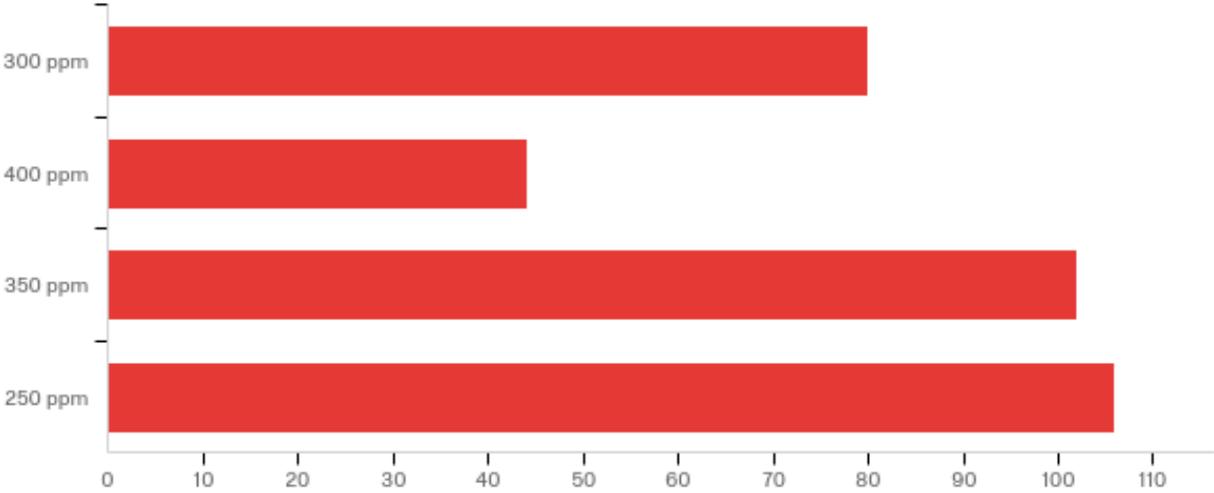
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Nations attempted to establish their individual roles in climate action but no treaty or legal document was drafted.	24.64%	85
2	A political agreement to cap the global temperature rise by committing to reductions of CO2 within each nation.	39.13%	135
3	A legally binding treaty that contains emission reduction commitments from 187 countries starting in 2020	30.43%	105
4	All developed nations of the world developed a universal agreement to rid all agriculture in their country from the use of GMO's by the year 2030.	5.80%	20
	Total	100%	345

**Q20 - As the climate warms, we see a general trend in glacial retreat. In Glacier National Park in Montana, the last glacier is estimated to disappear by the year 2030. Studies have shown that glaciers all over the world are thinning at an average loss of 0.31 m/yr. As we lose glacial mass, what greenhouse gas are we most worried about being released?**



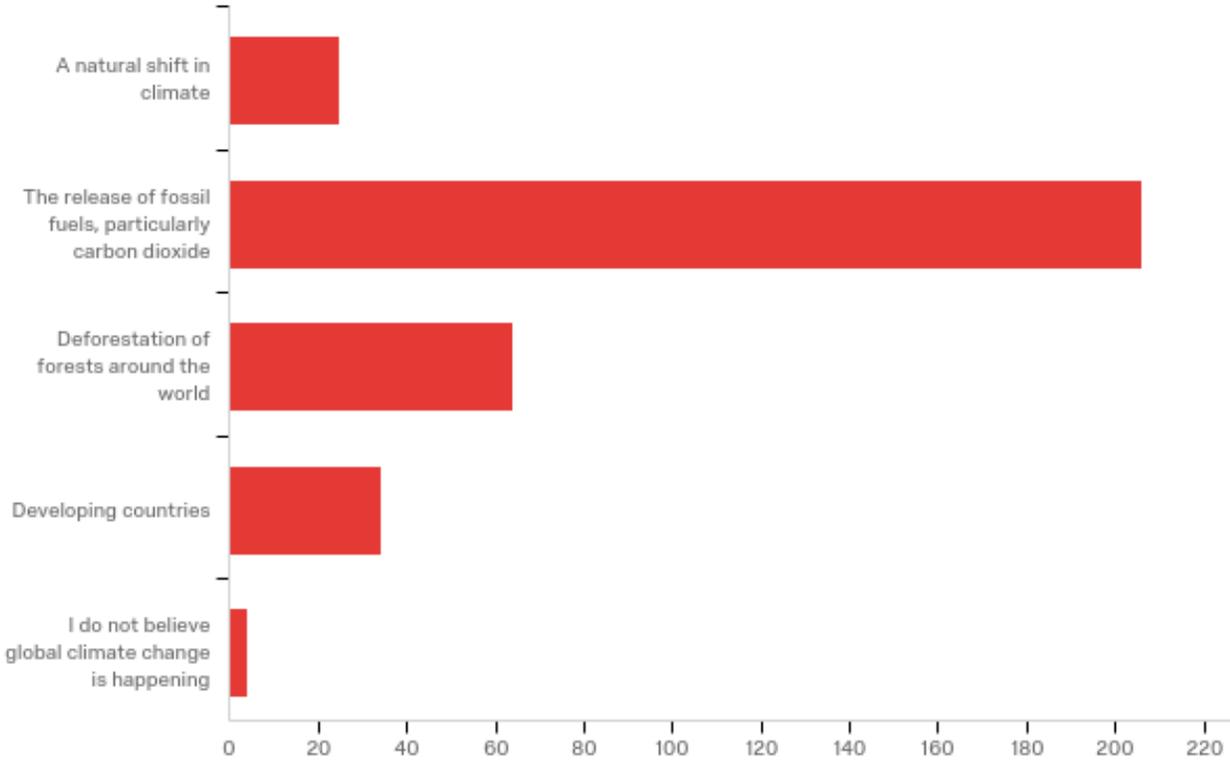
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Carbon Dioxide	47.13%	164
2	Water vapor	10.63%	37
3	Methane	23.56%	82
4	Nitrous oxide	11.21%	39
5	Ozone	7.47%	26
	Total	100%	348

**Q21 - Since pre-industrial times, our Earth has warmed 1.6°F. Since the year 2014, we have seen levels of carbon dioxide (CO2) higher than 400 parts per million (ppm) of carbon dioxide. What is the safe level of CO2 that scientists have found our planet can be at?**



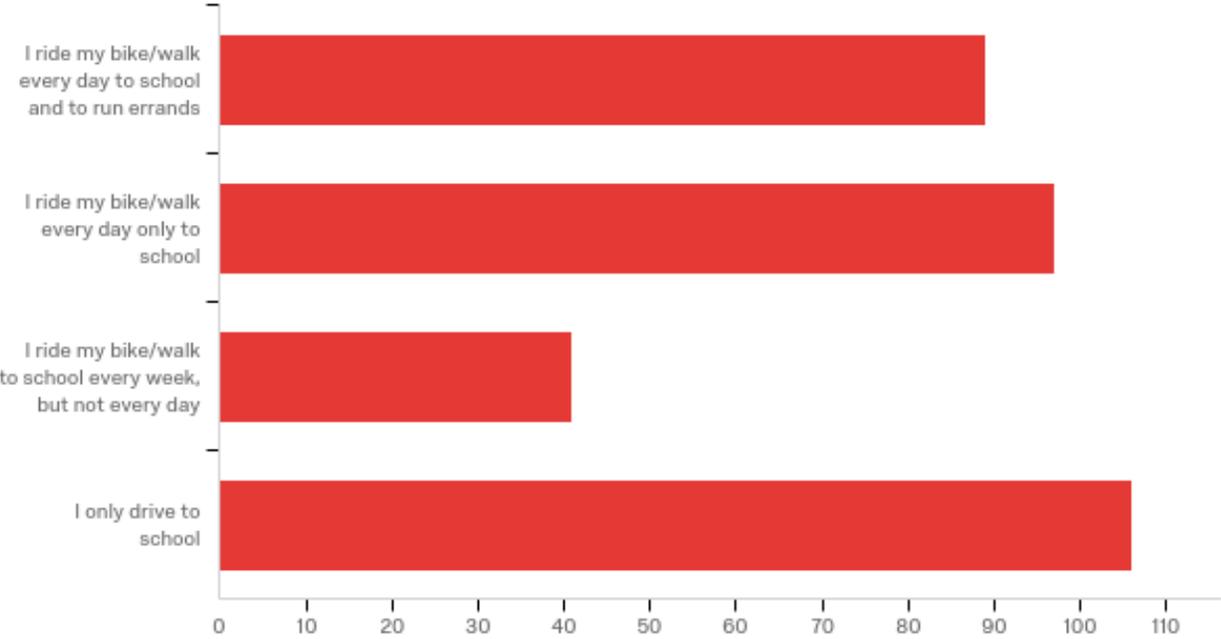
#	Answer	%	Count
1	300 ppm	24.10%	80
2	400 ppm	13.25%	44
3	350 ppm	30.72%	102
4	250 ppm	31.93%	106
	Total	100%	332

**Q22 - What do you believe to be the biggest contributor to global climate change?**



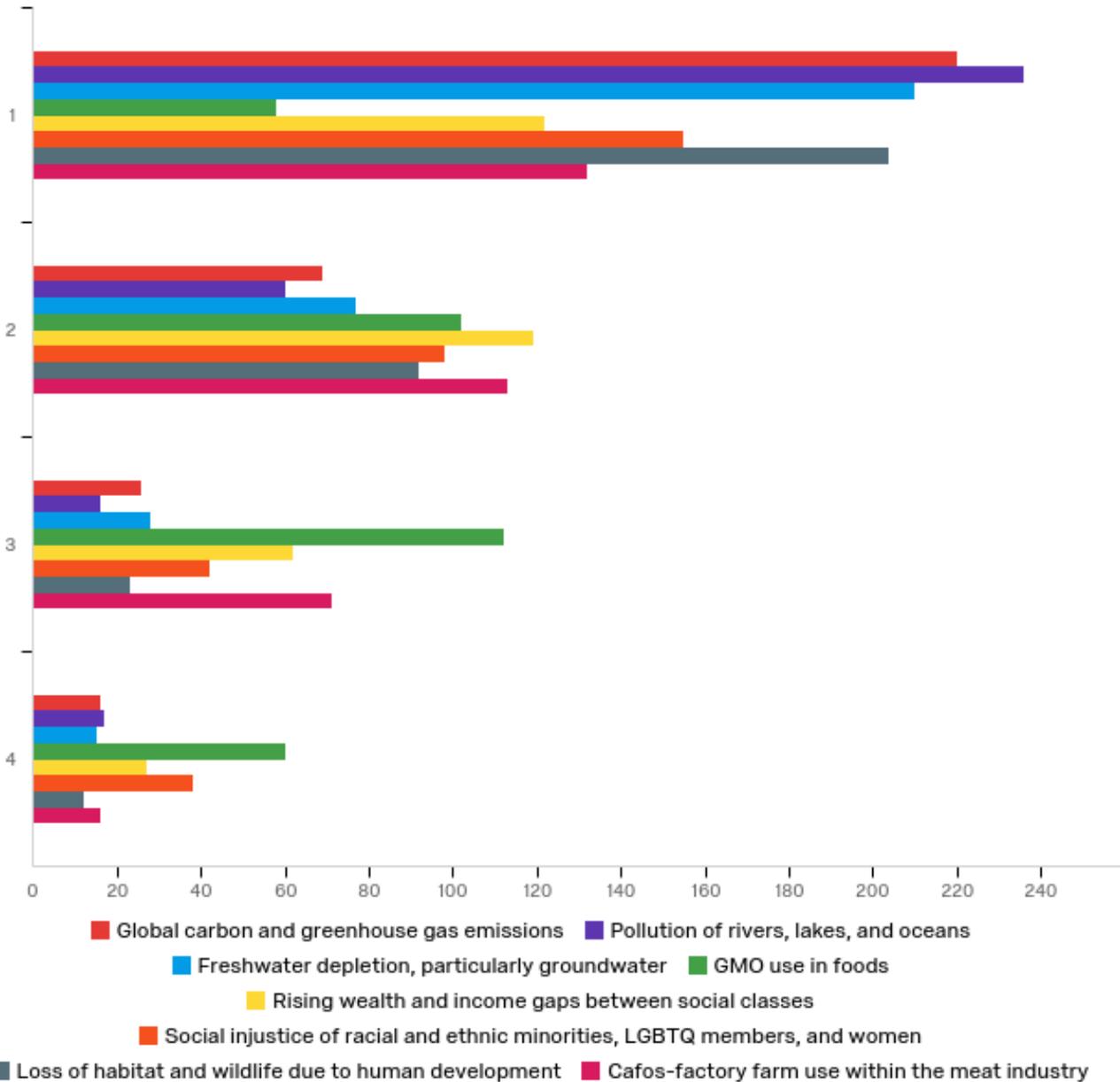
#	Answer	%	Count
1	A natural shift in climate	7.51%	25
2	The release of fossil fuels, particularly carbon dioxide	61.86%	206
3	Deforestation of forests around the world	19.22%	64
4	Developing countries	10.21%	34
5	I do not believe global climate change is happening	1.20%	4
	Total	100%	333

**Q23 - Riding your bike or walking to school/work and around the town instead of using a car gives a lower carbon footprint than driving a car. How often do you ride your bike or walk?**



#	Answer	%	Count
1	I ride my bike/walk every day to school and to run errands	26.73%	89
2	I ride my bike/walk every day only to school	29.13%	97
3	I ride my bike/walk to school every week, but not every day	12.31%	41
4	I only drive to school	31.83%	106
	Total	100%	333

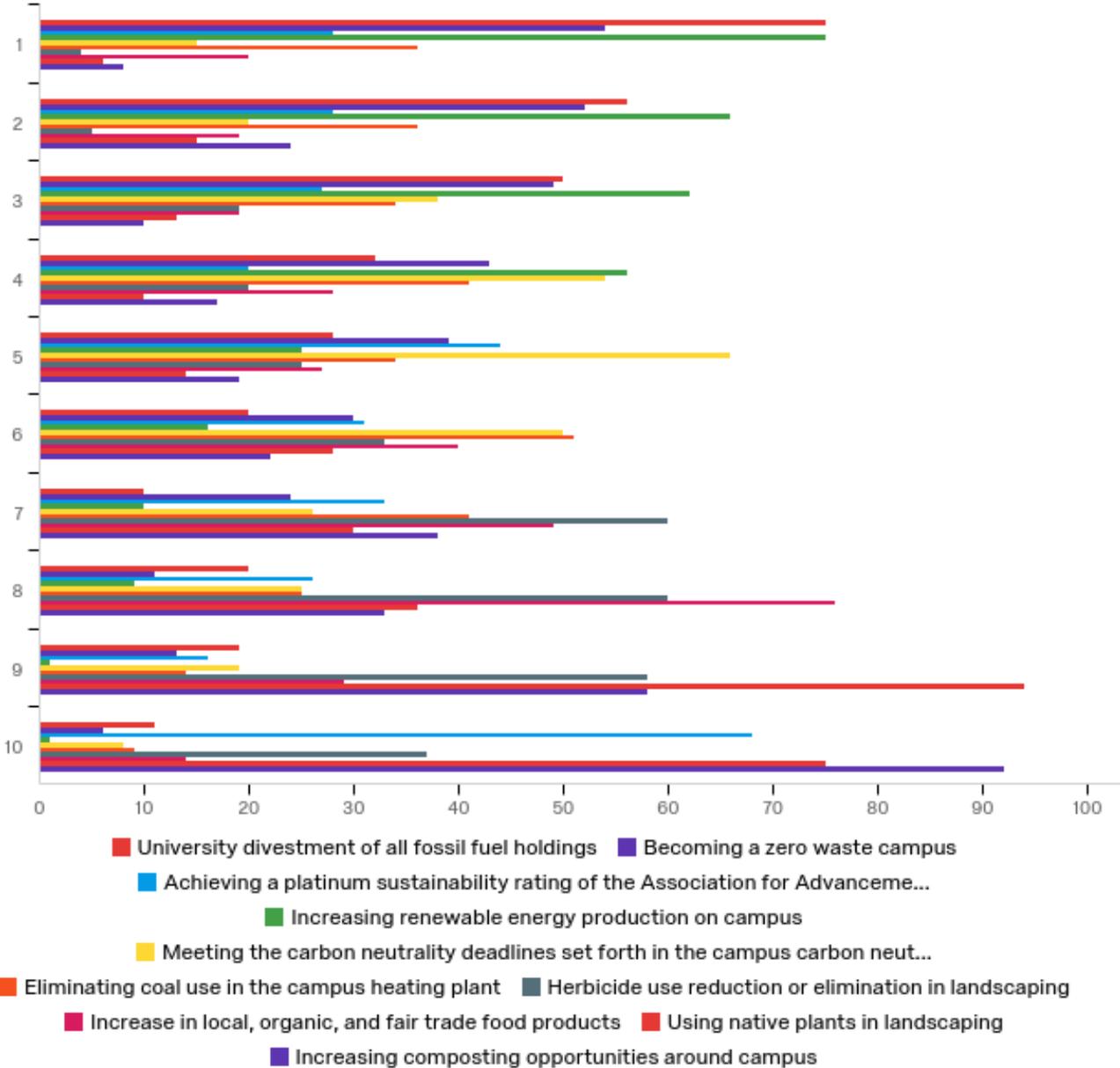
**Q24 - Rate the following sustainability concerns. 1=Urgent, immediate action is needed 2=problematic, action is needed at some point 3=Potentially problematic, long-term action may be needed 4=Not very problematic, no action is needed**



#	Question	1	2	3	4	Total				
1	Global carbon and greenhouse gas emissions	66.47%	220	20.85%	69	7.85%	26	4.83%	16	331
2	Pollution of rivers, lakes, and oceans	71.73%	236	18.24%	60	4.86%	16	5.17%	17	329
3	Freshwater depletion, particularly groundwater	63.64%	210	23.33%	77	8.48%	28	4.55%	15	330

4	GMO use in foods	17.47%	58	30.72%	102	33.73%	112	18.07%	60	332
5	Rising wealth and income gaps between social classes	36.97%	122	36.06%	119	18.79%	62	8.18%	27	330
6	Social injustice of racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQ members, and women	46.55%	155	29.43%	98	12.61%	42	11.41%	38	333
7	Loss of habitat and wildlife due to human development	61.63%	204	27.79%	92	6.95%	23	3.63%	12	331
8	Cafos-factory farm use within the meat industry	39.76%	132	34.04%	113	21.39%	71	4.82%	16	332

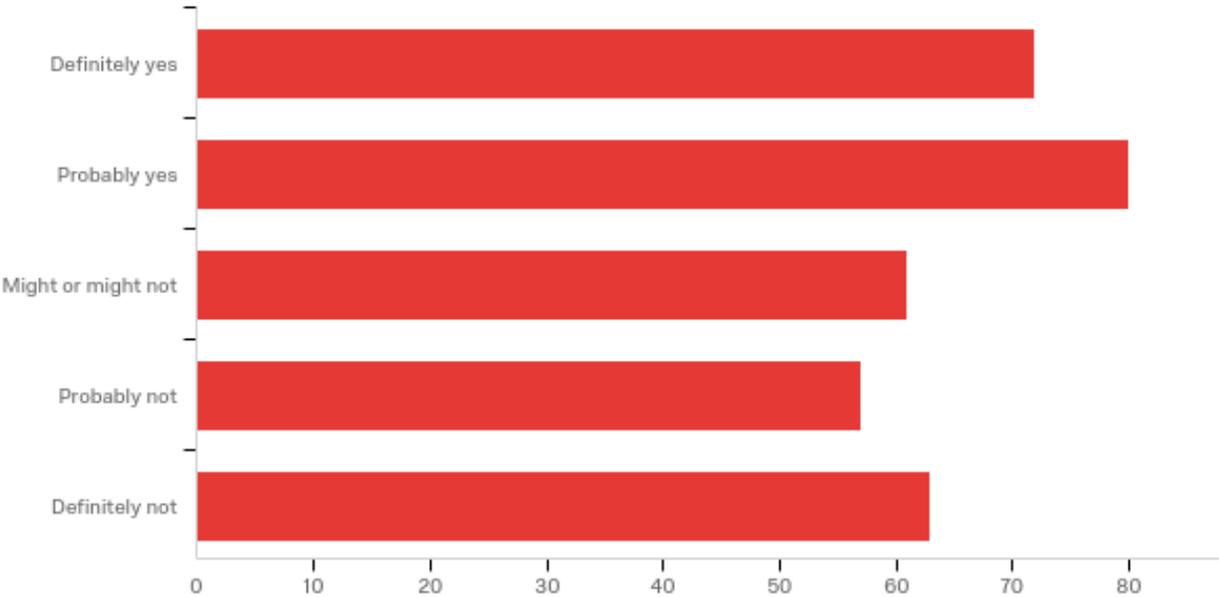
**Q25 - Please rank the following campus sustainability issues in order of importance with one being the most important and 10 being the least. (Drag and drop the entire line to its ranked location.)**



#	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10										
1	University divestment of all fossil fuel holdings	23.36%	75	17.45%	56	15.58%	50	9.97%	32	8.72%	28	6.23%	20	3.12%	10	6.23%	20	5.92%	19	3.43%	11
2	Becoming a zero waste campus	16.82%	54	16.20%	52	15.26%	49	13.40%	43	12.15%	39	9.35%	30	7.48%	24	3.43%	11	4.05%	13	1.87%	6
3	Achieving a platinum sustainability rating of the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS)	8.72%	28	8.72%	28	8.41%	27	6.23%	20	13.71%	44	9.66%	31	10.28%	33	8.10%	26	4.98%	16	21.18%	68
4	Increasing renewable energy production on campus	23.36%	75	20.56%	66	19.31%	62	17.45%	56	7.79%	25	4.98%	16	3.12%	10	2.80%	9	0.31%	1	0.31%	1
5	Meeting the carbon neutrality deadlines set forth in the campus carbon neutrality plan	4.67%	15	6.23%	20	11.84%	38	16.82%	54	20.56%	66	15.58%	50	8.10%	26	7.79%	25	5.92%	19	2.49%	8
6	Eliminating coal use in the campus heating plant	11.21%	36	11.21%	36	10.59%	34	12.77%	41	10.59%	34	15.89%	51	12.77%	41	7.79%	25	4.36%	14	2.80%	9
7	Herbicide use reduction or elimination in landscaping	1.25%	4	1.56%	5	5.92%	19	6.23%	20	7.79%	25	10.28%	33	18.69%	60	18.69%	60	18.07%	58	11.53%	37

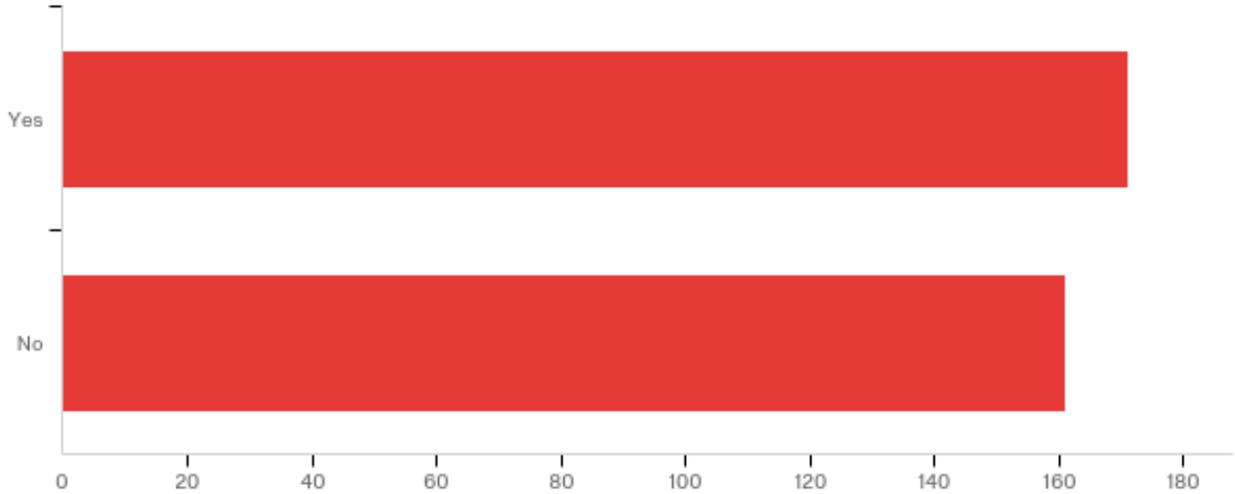


**Q26 - Did you consider sustainability as a factor in choosing UWSP as your school?**



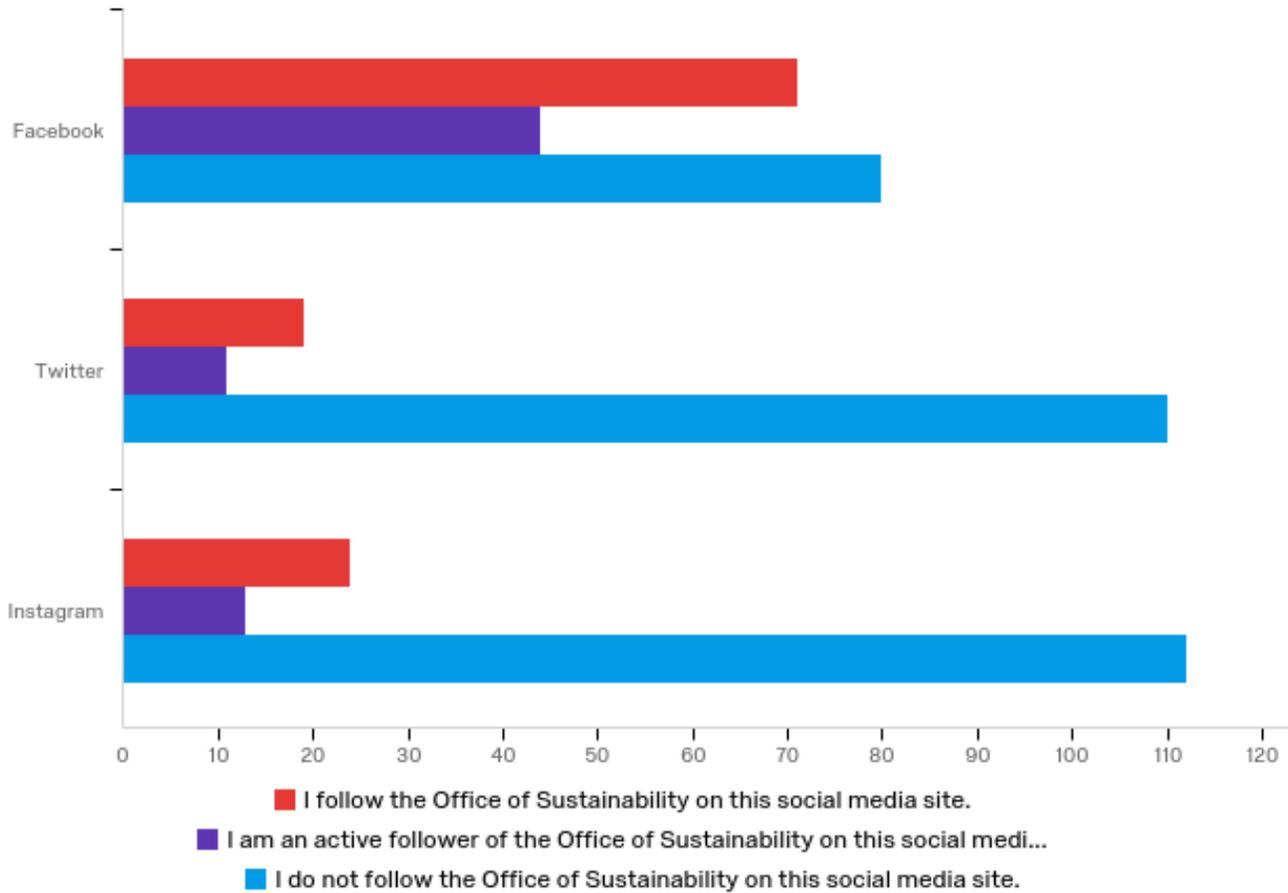
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Definitely yes	21.62%	72
2	Probably yes	24.02%	80
3	Might or might not	18.32%	61
4	Probably not	17.12%	57
5	Definitely not	18.92%	63
	Total	100%	333

**Q27 - Are you aware that the Office of Sustainability has social media pages?**



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	51.51%	171
2	No	48.49%	161
	Total	100%	332

**Q28 - If yes, please select the following choices that apply to you:**



#	Question	Facebook		Twitter		Instagram	
1	I follow the Office of Sustainability on this social media site.	36.41%	71	13.57%	19	16.11%	24
2	I am an active follower of the Office of Sustainability on this social media site (like, comment, and/or share posts).	22.56%	44	7.86%	11	8.72%	13
3	I do not follow the Office of Sustainability on this social media site.	41.03%	80	78.57%	110	75.17%	112
	Total	Total	195	Total	140	Total	149

**Q29 - Please briefly comment on our social media presence (what you like, don't like, questions, etc.).**

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I like that content is different on each platform

I wish more volunteer opportunities would be posted.

I don't use social media that much, but am aware of your presence.

It needs to be stronger with more advertisement.

I think it would be nice to see shorter posts, summarizing what is happening on campus

it is fine

I really appreciated the live broadcasts of the Earth Week speakers.

The changes we are taking to better our environment.

I like links to interesting articles and insights

I don't follow the Office of Sustainability on any platform

Its fine

I like it

Jenessa has done a great job!

I had heard about the Office of Sustainability here in campus, but I had never took the time to check out the social media page. You could promote it more and make it interactive with the followers. You could have on your page ways that we can help the environment, could have a contest involving sustainability, and more.

I don't use social media much to get information. Mainly I use it to communicate with fellow students, friends and coworkers

I like articles of what's happening around the world as well as specifically what's happening on campus

I don't usually see too many posts

I am aware of it, but I do not actively seek out information from it so I don't know a lot about it.

Super Beefy

I do not have social media

I prefer facebook

I like how the posts are rarely very long, so reading them is quick and easy.

No comment

I like that they promote a lot of the environmental initiatives and events that are going on around campus.

Frequent Posts that are very informational

I like the constant updates based on campus life

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It's good.

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I like that it is targeted towards the student.

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I am not a big social media user. I try to keep my distance so I don't become too detached from the real world. But on the flip side, I am probably losing out on viable information too. I just need to find that healthy balance

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I don't do social media

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I like the events and posts you provide on Facebook.

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No interest

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Mostly scroll through newsfeed like to see videos and articles

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I would like it to be pushed more in the student community. Many do not know its importance or that it exists.

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Post about what the community can do, not just students

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I think there could be more information given as to the sustainability efforts on campus or the ideas talked about for the future so that people can become involved.

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I rarely use Facebook.

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I don't have any of these social media outlets to comment on.

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Don't like social media.

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I like the social media presence. It's educational and involving. I don't have an Instagram and rarely use Twitter, which isn't anything against the media presence, I just can't or don't actively participate in them.

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I will now be following you on Facebook! (I don't have the other two.)

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UWSP does an incredible job in leading the way in being an environmentally friendly campus. Herbicides should be eliminated from campus use, I'm surprised it is still allowed today.

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I think it could be more active, and also provide smaller scale ideas on how to become more sustainable. (i.e. little things we can do in dorms or apartments to become more sustainable)

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Sustainability is a nice idea and there are real world consequences to implementing them.

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been too busy to read all of it with work and school keeping me so busy

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I do not use any of these social media platforms.

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See what actions are taking place on campus

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I appreciate the sharing of local events on campus and in the community as well as cool sustainability news and/or articles.

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they rock

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They make a lot of posts and it's good content. Continuing to get the community involved.

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I really like the variety of information that the pages promote. You promote a lot of different activities happening on campus and this makes me think about how crucial sustainability is, and all of the different connections it has to different things.

**Q30 - Please follow us! Facebook (@sustainability.uwsp), Twitter (@SustainableUWSP), and Instagram (@sustain.uwsp)**

**Q31 - What does sustainability mean to you? Please briefly explain.**

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To keep earth healthy

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I believe the definition I chose earlier in the survey defined sustainability well.

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Living a life where you don't produce a lot of waste and try to behave in a way that supports a healthy environment

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my abilities to work at not harming the environment

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grandchildren's well-being

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Being able to create energy or operate something without having to invest anything besides the initial investment

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not taking a 100 question survey... Limit it to 10

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Trying to help our earth become balanced and work on not destroying it.

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Do what you can to not throw away non-biodegradable items. Recycle plastic bags, use paper or reusable bags for shopping. Utilize public transportation, walk, bike, etc. over driving a personal vehicle. Sustainability to me is finding a solution to humans surviving on this earth in the long-term future. Whether humans go extinct or not is not a concern of mine; I just hope we don't take the world out with us. If humans want to survive here, we need to start working with nature rather than trying to dominate and control it.

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Preserving the environment for later generations

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Sustainability in my opinion is managing resources so that they are not depleted over time.

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Living your life while thinking of how your actions affect future generations, not wasting resources and using energy efficiently.

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Having a livable planet for future generations.

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Policies, practices and procedures that ensure the safety of the Earth and its resources for future generations.

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Sustainability means allowing myself to provide the necessary means and no more. Do not use excess of anything and do not waste. It is also important to be conscientious of the consequences associated with my actions and their effects on the environment.

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Sustainability means we(I, them, everyone) are thinking about future generations and how they will survive and sustain their lively hood.

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Sustainability means to take care of the environment just as well as a newborn child.

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Sustainability means living to the best of your ability in a way that has the least impact to the environment

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It means that we can sustain our environment for as long as we can by doing all that we can.

Sustainability to me, means putting profit aside for the sustainability of this earth's natural resources. - An aware Native Student

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Sustainability is being responsible with the resources we have, decreasing the waste we create and increasing the use we get out of our resources.

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protecting natural resources and people while using them sustainably

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Environmental, economic, and social sustainability means paying attention to the problems around you and addressing them in the most reasonable ways possible. A lifestyle that embodies sustainability is the only lifestyle that makes sense to me.

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Doing what I can to reduce waste and to reduce, reuse, recycle.

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I don't really think about it, I have so much going on in my daily life, with school, work, and family. I don't really stop to think about it, I think about what makes my schedule a little easier today.

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Living in a way that allows future generations to thrive, not just survive.

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It means living in a way that benefits all of us as people and protects and cares for the environment.

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To minimize/slow down global warming by using better sources for our needs to have a longer better outcome for our future

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Sustainability means having an awareness of how our actions impact the environment and other individuals, and in turn, taking responsibility to make sure that the environment is protected for future generations.

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The understanding that you have the power to create drastic changes in the world around and that not paying attention to that effect is an active choice in the wrong direction for which you are responsible.

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Sustainability is the management of natural resources that helps both the present day and future generations to come throughout the world. This can include managing wildlife ecosystems for benefiting their populations and humans in general as well.

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Everything. This planet is the only one we have and we are screwing it up, not only for ourselves but future generations. There are so many amazing plants and animals we are killing as well with the current way we are handling this issue.

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It means the continued integrity of this planet's ecological diversity by ensuring an ethical and minimally environmentally impactful way of life for all people

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It means that resources we have now, will continue to be available for later generations in similar/better conditions than we are in now.

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To the current and future generations, don't be a dick.

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Future hope for my grandchildren to live healthy lives

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Something that can be made/used that is made and disposed of in an environmentally friendly way

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Sustainability, like the definition before doesn't necessarily require going back to the "stone ages", but rather not overusing the planet's resources and regulating it so that they are there for future generations.

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Conservatively using what resources we have in a way that minimizes the impact our use has on the environment today, and in the future.

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Living in a way that impacts the environment the least

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Making smart energy and waste decisions to help the planet survive for future generations.

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Using resources intelligently rather than being wasteful like today practices.

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Using resources at a reasonable rate, so they are usable for generations.

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Life

Saving some of the resources available for future generations without causing a significant burden on the present generation.

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Multifaceted and intersectional - environmental, social, political, etc.

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Considering social and environmental effects while still generating profits

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Giving our children and our children's children a better world than we were given by helping to heal the planet and improving the lives of everyone, everywhere.

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Being able to reduce harmful waste caused by every day living in order to help the environment and our planet.

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Sustainability means satisfying the three pillars of our society: environmental, economic, and social. One without the other makes for a society that isn't working to find solutions to save resources and to make life better on Earth.

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Using resources wisely in order to have them for the now and for the future. It means life will be better if we use sustainable options.

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Sustainability means preparing ourselves and future generations to limit our impact on the Earth and it's environments.

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Acting in a way that could be repeated indefinitely without worsening our environment or future.

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Meeting needs while limiting impact on environment

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Sustainability means living in unison with the earth, and protecting natural ecosystems and resources.

Sustainability also means the good riddance of useless surplus and waste. It is also how we take ownership of our actions as a human race. Our only evolutionary advantage is our intelligence/critical thinking development, but I am not sure I would consider us very intelligent if we cannot find a way to lessen our impacts.

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Responsible use of natural resources - using resources without destroying them - environmental balance

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Being completely responsible in all aspects of your life

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Reducing my personal carbon footprint to the best of my abilities in hope that others may follow my example.

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For me the topic of sustainability is deeply rooted in my faith and belief. I believe that God will provide what we (humans) need so I don't engage in sustainable practices for the sole purpose of ensuring something is left for the next generation. God cares for the birds and the wildlife and He provides for them and since He values humans so much more He will and does surely provide for us. (Matthew 6) But He also gives humans the ability to be stewards. (Genesis 1) I love the idea of being a steward. I don't own it but I do get to manage it. So that is more my perspective and driving motive behind living sustainably. To honor God by being a steward of His resources. This also incorporates the relative importance of sustainability - I think it is very important but I don't think it is the most important issue we are facing.

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I try to ride my bike whenever possible, I recycle (even when my roommate throws everything in the trash, I put it where it should to), I compost the appropriate items, and I pick up trash floating around whenever I can. I don't know how I should be doing this exactly, but I do what I can when I know something needs to change or be done.

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Preserving our resources for future generations to enjoy while using them responsibly and ethically

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Completing the circle. Being conscious of the world around us and how our actions affect it

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It means living a daily life that won't harm the environment for future generations.

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ethically conserving resources to allow present and current generations to thrive and coexist with a natural and diverse environment

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To me, sustainability means protecting and conserving our planet's natural resources for current and future generations.

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Zero waste, 3 pillars, inclusivity, social justice, clean energy, less pollution

Using fuel efficient energy and reducing waste as much as possible

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Living in a way that future generations can still have resources to live as well

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Living peacefully and in balance with the environment and with other people.

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Leave the Earth better than you found it. Living simply.

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Sustainability means that we are meeting our current generation's needs while ensuring that invaluable resources will continue to be around for future generations.

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Good for people profits & planet

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Our world needs to be have better outcomes (recycling, composting, etc)

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It means being able to continue human life today without compromising human life for the future.

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Reducing the human population's carbon footprint by various means

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Sustainability is living in a way that my choices don't limit the choices of people who come after me.

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To me it means living and supporting businesses that reduce waste (or go 0 waste), knowing where your food comes from, and mainly living more "off the land." Not saying that we have to go back to the days of the cave men, but a simple lifestyle that does not require huge amounts of resources to sustain.

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Keeping the Earth clean and in its natural state by becoming green and self sufficient without polluting our environment

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Sustainability means that too many ignorant liberals have "drank the kool-aid" of the NWO, actually - albeit idiotically - believe the U.N. and all its tripe, and do not grasp the simple fact that more than 85% of the world's pollution is put out by India and China, whereas we are not even a drop in the bucket. So while environmental-fascists are running around destroying American productivity, and thus destroying this great country with their idiotic ideology, the rest of the world is polluting up a storm that we can't stop, especially when our country has been weakened to irrelevance precisely because these kool-aid drinkers frequently succeed in achieving their ignorant and very un-American agenda.

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Living in a way that minimizes negative impact on the planet, decreasing resource use, minimizing waste, and utilizing productive, efficient food systems.

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Living with the least amount of impact on the environment as possible.

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Not only being able to provide for the current populaion, but doing so in a resourceful way that allows us to be confident that the earth will survive for future generations to come.

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Being responsible

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It means maintaining our habits and our lifestyles to ensure that we are leaving the world in a better place than it was when we found it.

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Consuming resources and producing waste at a level that does not substantially damage the world

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Using natural resources within your life time, without affecting future generations means of obtainig/having the same amount of nautral resources if not more than you had in your lifetime.

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Sustainability is about maintaing a peaceful, beautiful, clean planet for ourselves and future generations. We should be taking care of the planet we live, not taking advantage.

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It means to try to reuse and reduce waste as much as possible. That means recycling and composting and reusing bags safely.

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it is the future. without more effort put into sustainability our planet and the quality of life for all its inhabitants will quickly diminish.

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It means being aware of an individual's consumption and making a strong effort to support endeavors to reduce the population's waste and efficiency by outside groups.

preserving what earth has to offer for future generations to come

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Managing our resources in order to keep a liveable future for further generations

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Providing the ability of our future children and grandchildren to enjoy a livable planet.

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being able to keep our environment safe from the harms of global climate change for future generations

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To me, sustainability means paving a way that allows the current generation to meet all needs, but also preventing the shortchanging of future generations.

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Sustainability means making the Earth last for generations after us.

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creating an environment that sustains the current population while creating alternatives to reduce carbon footprint to clean up the planet for future generations

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sustainability means using resource wisely and make it renewable. also managing it for future generations to have.

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Being around as long as possible.

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Making sure future generations can live off the resources and that the world can remain functional and livable

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Sustainability is preserving the earth for future generations and not wasting our earth by polluting it.

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It's more than just a movement it's a lifestyle

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Living within the means of what this earth has given us.

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To use the minimal amount of resources to keep the Earth safe.

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It means being consciencious of where the energy I use is coming from and where my waste goes and using that information to reduce my impact on the Earth.

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To be able to live within our means. To try our best not to pollute the world, and damage our environment. So us humans can live without affecting our future generations.

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Sustainability means having a balance with nature and industry. It means being able to maintain our way of life, while also maintaining the ecosystem and preserving as many natrual resources as possible.

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Sustainability is a way of living that lessens your carbon footprint, while lessing the use of out natural environment that is causing harm to our home that we call earth.

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I am an Interior Architect major and sustainability means choosing eco friendly products and using designs that are eco friendly as well, and that when i became a "real designer," I create buildings that help the environment in every way they can

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Achieving balance with the environment as we try to meet human needs

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Keeping the planet inhabitable/useful for future generations

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To me, sustainability means that we can live as we need now without causing issues for our predecessors down the road.

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Being able to keep going without using every resource up in doing so

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Nothing

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Make living sustained for everyone abd all creatures and plants

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Life and the future

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Using resources at a rate at or below the rate of regeneration/absorbtion

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Sustainability is preserving what we have today so we can have it tomorrow.

Doing as little damage to the earth's natural resources and animals as possible. Living on only what you need, and not what you want.

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Protecting the planet for current and future use

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Managing the environment in a way that provides us with the resources we need while limiting degradation

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Reducing our impact on the beautiful natural world as much as possible, protecting our vanishing resources and habitats.

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People, plants, and wildlife being able to live and thrive on their own.

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Living in a way that reduces your carbon footprint and protects the environment

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Just a note: most days I take the bus to school. I wish that would have been an option in the survey!

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Sustainability means doing the little things throughout the day to save ourselves the trouble in the long run.

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Keeping all levels of something above normal. Like, wanting to strive for bettering each day and not letting much bring you down

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Taking care of the planet and caring about our depleting resources.

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Sustainability is the practice of creating a society that can exist in a cyclical fashion without having to dump garbage outside of the society or buy more products than it sells to other societies. A self-sufficient society.

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Use what is needed, don't waste.

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Working to benefit your lifestyle as well as the planet in any way possible.

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Taking care of the earth, not being selfish

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It means progressing our communities in a way that benefits the environment, society, and the economy and allows for resources and opportunities to persist for future generations.

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Using the Earth's resources as effectively as possible in order to create a liveable world for future generations.

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Sustainability means making my carbon footprint less in everything that I do.

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Leaving less of a carbon footprint day by day

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Carbon neutrality/ negativity with an emphasis on resource reduction and overall commitment and support of clean ecosystems for nonhuman life to survive without the effects of human presence such as pollution.

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Sustainability to me means living in a way that ensures long-term (generational) access to clean, safe resources.

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Slick it, burn it, plant some corn.

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Sustainability means that we are taking care of our planet for future generations.

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Using natural resources in a way that does not deplete them and that allows them to persist into the future.

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Being responsible in our use of non renewable resources.

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Using our resources in a responsible manner, helping to ensure the next generation will not see a decrease in resources.

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Preserving the future by saving the present.

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Using less

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Being green

Using as little as we can to survive. Not using a lot of stuff that harms the Earth and trying to not waste what we have.

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To reduce the carbon print in every person and being more open to composting, gardening and be aware of other habitats that are in parks like Shmeekle

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Sustainability to me is keeping the Planet safe and alive for many future generations, which means, we need to stop using fossil fuels, stop using and creating plastic, stop wasting food and water, buying local and healthier foods, stop the mistreatment of animals and eating meat as much as we do and finally, it's living with a low carbon footprint so we can all live healthy, happy and equally for the rest of time.

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Sustainability means balancing nature and people. There needs to be a balance in the way we use the enviroment, protecting it from devastation

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Making the earth a better place to live in right now and maintaining it for future generations

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Leaving a world for our children to live in. If we keep up our current use of resources, this will not be happening.

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Ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy the watch not many years to come.

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Less every year. Regardless of what I do (within the confines of law), the wealthy elite, Indians, and Chinese are going to drive us to water wars.

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Sustainability means that we humans can live in such a way that is mutually beneficial between ourselves and the Earth.

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Sustainability is something each of us can work on in our daily lives to help the big picture problems around the world. People don't always know how important these changes can be or don't have the means to live a completely sustainable life, but working to become more sustainable is the only way we will better the world, or at least maintain it, for future generations.

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Being able to make the planet usable for the future generations.

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being able to replace what you use and consume in a time frame that allows others not to be impaired use or consumption

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Sustainability is using only what we need to in order to survive so that our future generations will still be able to live on this planet.

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I JUST WANT THE ENVIRONMENT TO BE GOOD AND FOR PEOPLE TO CARE ABOUT IT. IM PRETTY UNEDUCATED ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY BUT I AM LEARNING AND I WANT MORE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT IT. THIS IS OUR HOME, LETS TAKE CARE OF IT. THAT IS ALL

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I'm studing International Business and Marketing with a minor of environmental studies. I wish the Buisness department included more sustainability in their classes. Recently, I have only had one class mention it and it was only for ONE day. I think business students should be inclined to become more sustainability mindful considering that many industries dump waste and pollute daily. I want to become an engaged global citizen and help clean up the planet to the best of my ability. However, I feel like the Business department has a wonderful oppportunity to take advantage of UWSP and become a sustainable buisness department by learning from the natural resource departments and others who advocate for sustainability. Thank you.

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It means conserving resources, and the health of the planet, for future generations of all forms of life, NOT just human life.

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Sustainability means to be able to conduct activities of choice and continue these activities without harming others or the surroundings.

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Saving the planet!

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Structuring society in a way that considers both short and long term factors.

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Maintaining our natural resources so they are no longe being depleted, either by keeping them constant for the future or even increasing their abundance for the future.

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Sustainability to me is how I want to be living. It's hard on a campus and with such a low budget, but it's a goal.

Being able to use the land i live on to the best of my ability. Then, using close community members and neighbors, ask for resources in trade with the good or services I can provide.

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I have realized how much of a responsibility we have to be sustainable. It really means that we are setting ourselves up to have a brighter future by utilizing our resources to the fullest and taking care of our environment too.

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Keeping things good for the present generation while making things better for future generations.

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Its very important for the human race

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Responsible management of resources.

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Making the world as natural as possible

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Leading a lifestyle in which we don't add to the pollution and destruction of the environment we live in

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keeping our planet healthy and alive in the present and for future generations

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Sustainability means a way of life that can continue. Not just my way of life but the world.

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Sustaining current life

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Being able to live without affecting the earth or havin minimal impact on the earth WHILE still being able to afford needs and live your life.

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not wasting resoruces, shorter shoers, using composting, walk/riding my bike oir using public transportation

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Living a healthy life without negatively impacting the natural environment.

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meeting the needs of all though cooperative means to ensure the needs of all will be met for all to come.

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To make it so we can maintain the level we are at but not hurt the future generations

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Not being a dick to the earth.

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Living a life with small changes that will forever reduce my carbon footprint on the world.

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Taking care of the environment for our future generations

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Preserving for the future

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A socially, and environmentally just future.

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Reducing our impacts while meeting our needs

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It means to live simply and continue to promote just and right actions.

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Sustainability means protecting our earth and natural resources so that we can thrive and future generations can also thrive.