

Emerging Opportunities and Challenges in Dialogue & Deliberation: What Are the Implications for Practice?

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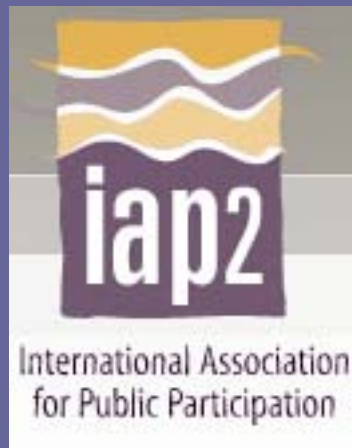
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Survey Overview

- Wide range of backgrounds and training; less diverse demographically
- Deep and broad experience
- Lots of consensus on some values questions; less consensus on where to go next

POLL QUESTION 1

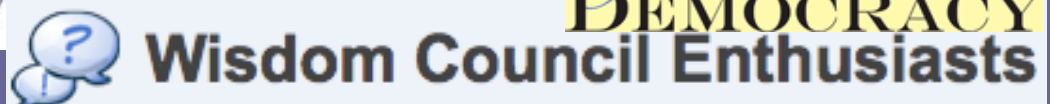
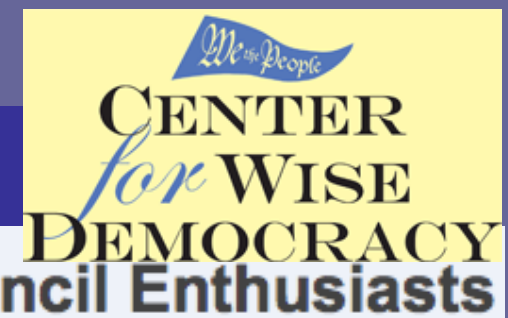
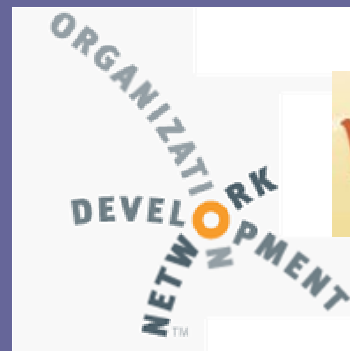
434 respondents from over 20 online communities and listservs, including:



North American Chapters

OPEN SPACE WORLD

OSLIST Email Community

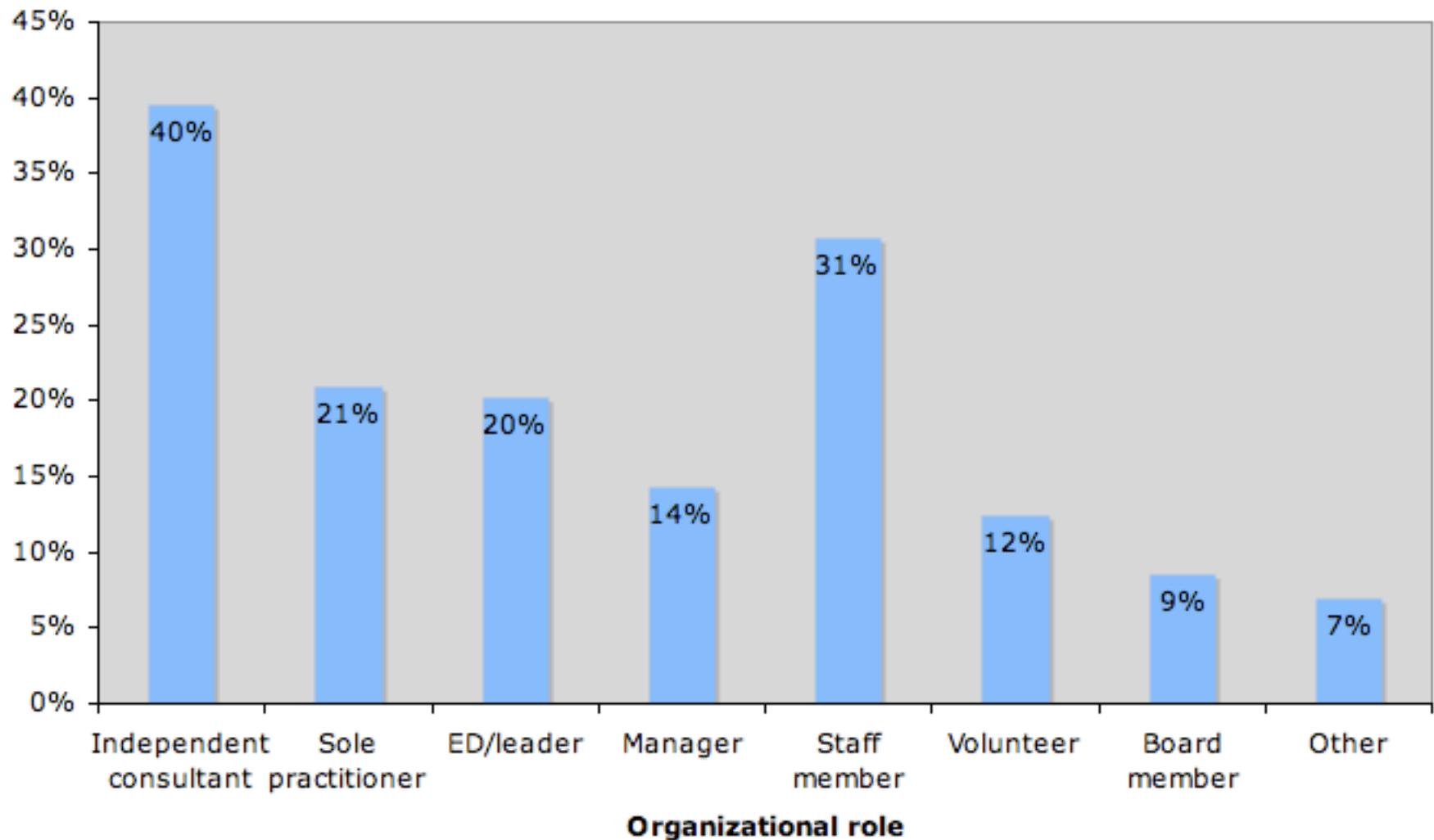


Employment in Dialogue and Deliberation Work

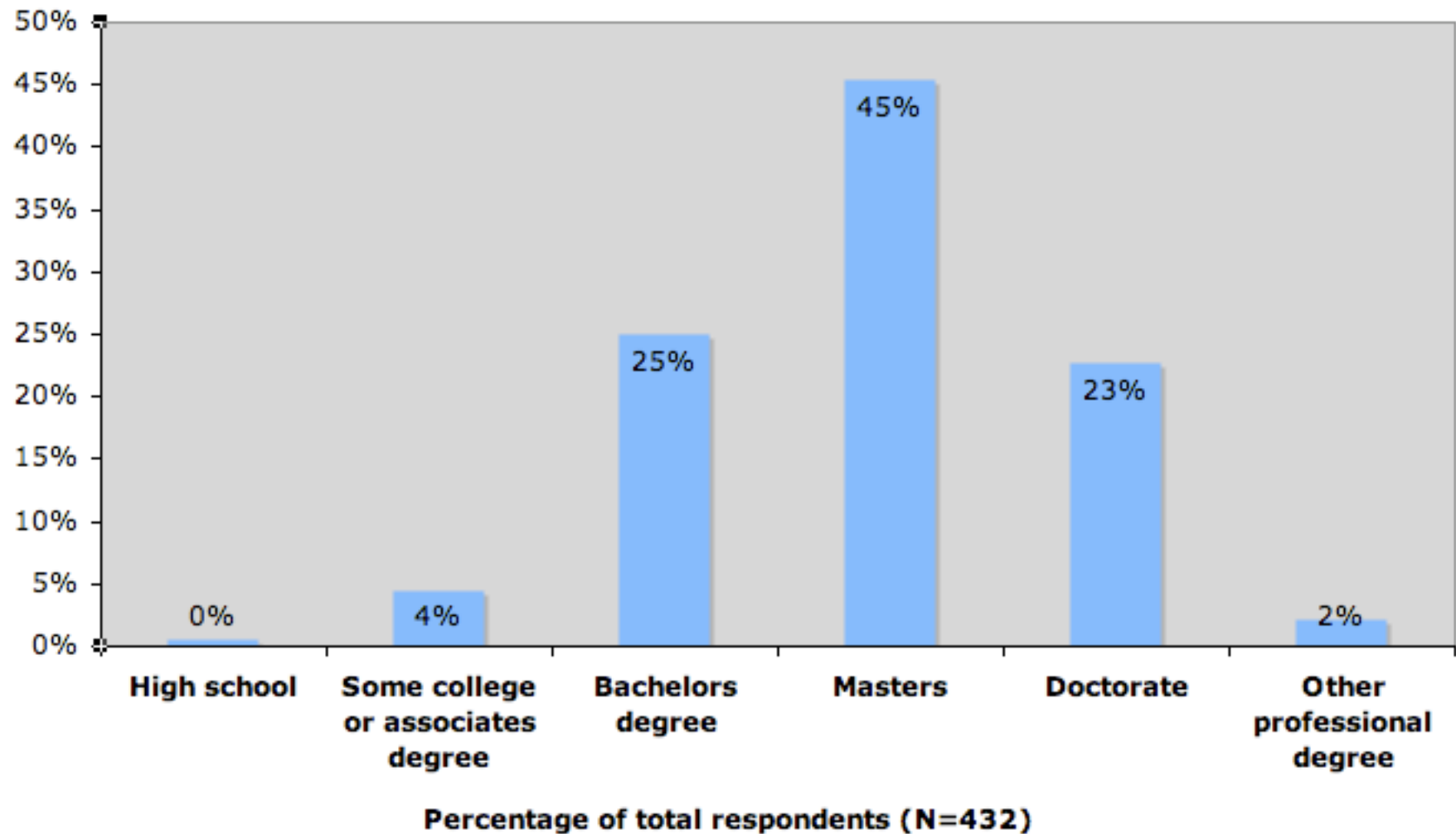
Q3: Type of Practice (N=431)



Q6: Percentage of professionals (N=316) reporting role as:



Q11: Highest degree received



42% or more have facilitated on the most common topics:

1. Education and youth



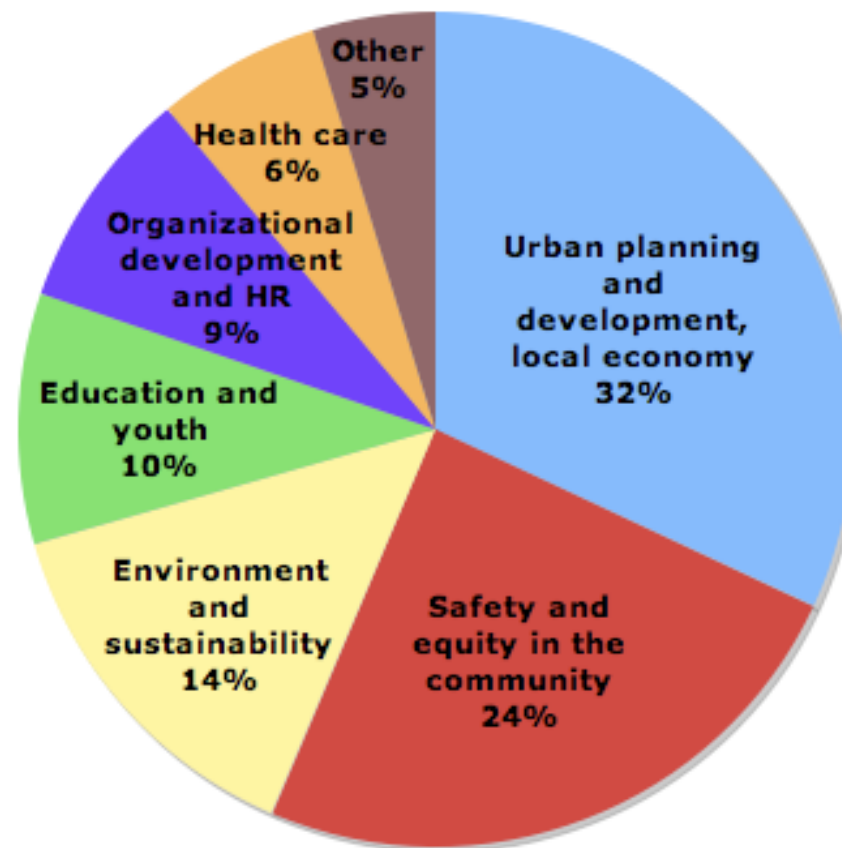
2. Community planning



3. Organizational development



**Q22: Topics Covered in D&D Events Facilitated by
Respondents Over the Last Two Years by Category,
as % of all Topics Selected (N=2106)**



ACTIVIST BACKGROUNDS

National policy movements



Local community organizing



Personal growth and self-transformation



POLL QUESTION 2

Discussion

- How does your organizing experience affect your current practice in D&D?
- For those with non-activist backgrounds, which prior experiences influence your current practice?

Changes in the Field

POLL QUESTION 3



Changes in the Field

- Do those of you who have been doing D&D for a while see new interests or new kinds of practitioners coming into the field?
- Do newer folks feel that you are bringing distinctive perspectives or interests to the field?



GENDER IN D&D



DISCUSSION

- Do women's styles mesh better with the type of participation D&D promotes?
- If so, do men feel left out?



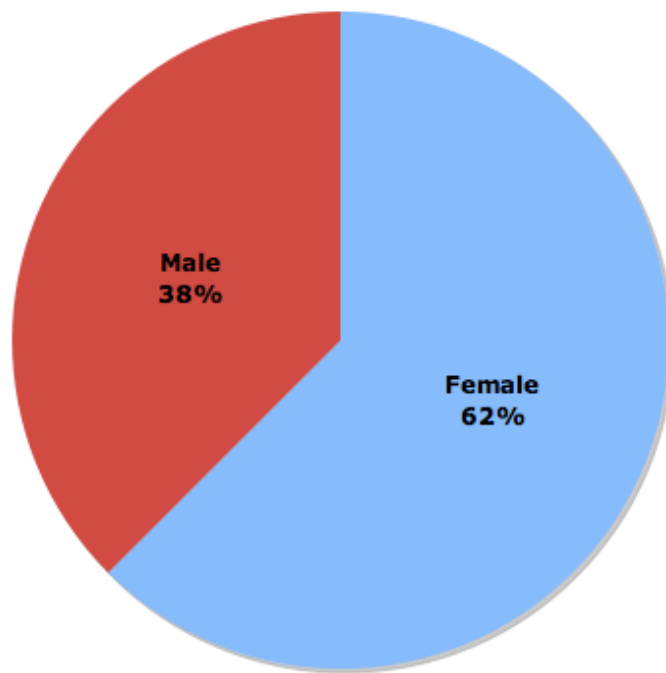
MAKING D&D
PART of the GAME



Is this a woman-oriented field in terms of:

- Practitioners?
- Participants?

Q33: Respondent Gender (N=431)



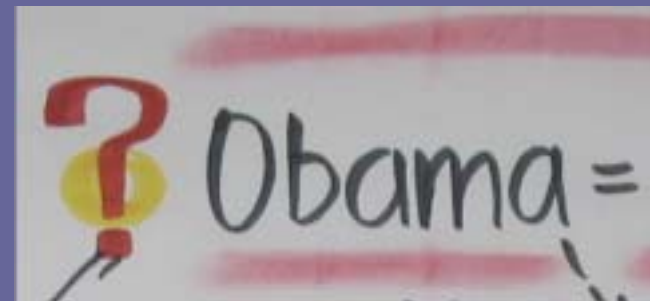
ADVANCING D&D IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL MOMENT



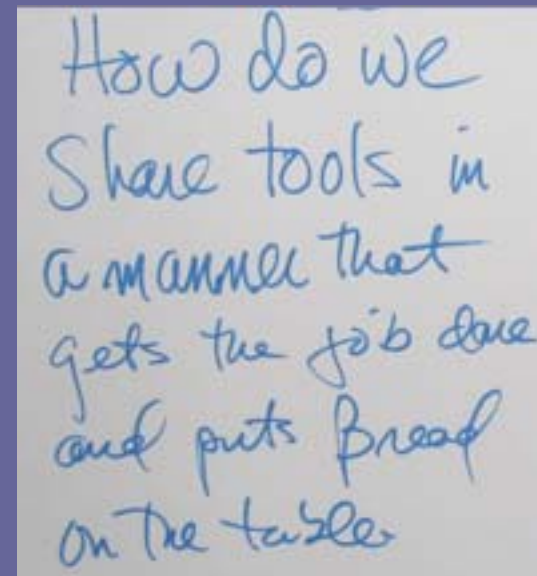
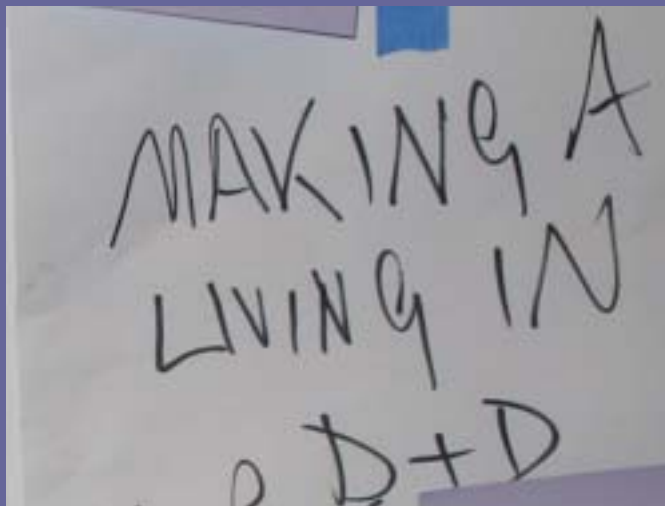
- Coffee, tea, or D&D?

SHARED NOTES QUESTION

Which word or phrase best describes your feelings about advancing D&D in the current political moment?



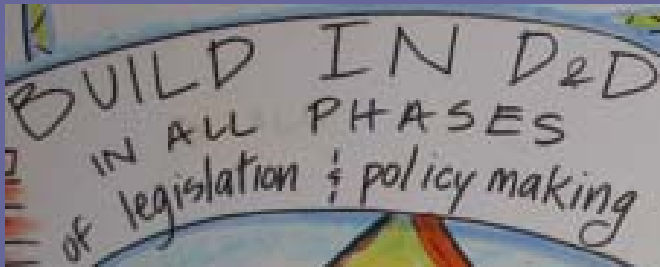
Over a third of our respondents said that sponsors' misconceptions about D&D were one of their top challenges. Fully 60% said they face the most pressure from sponsors, not participants, for particular outcomes.



DISCUSSION QUESTION

How can we get public officials to better understand what we do and what good deliberation looks like?

What has worked well?



THANKS!

For more information about the sample, survey limitations, and more opportunities to discuss the results, please see the survey website, at:

<http://sites.lafayette.edu/ddps>

To learn more about the webinar co-sponsors:

- PublicDecisions:

www.publicdecisions.com

- National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation

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