

What is still going on in our society!

Results of the member survey on the company

Motivation for the survey:

The idea for the survey arose from the work in one of the thematic groups that has been working on the question of appropriate member participation in key decisions in the General Anthroposophical Society as part of the members' forums that have been taking place since May 2023. A total of around 80 - 100 members are active in the various thematic groups in order to develop proposals for solutions, renewal and development on existing issues. The first results are to be presented for voting at this year's AGM. Further information and the catalogue of questions (also in English and French) can be viewed here:

[To the survey on the Internet and survey as PDF \(11 pages\)](#)

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Basics of the survey I

- The survey was distributed via various mailing lists to approx. 3,500 - 4,000 email addresses, the opening rate is unknown. With currently approx. 330 responses, the response rate is approx. 8 - 9 %. This is roughly in line with what was to be expected: the response rate was lower for signature campaigns such as the Steiner Studies or the application for communication at the 2023 AGM. A further comparison can be made with a survey of readers of the AAG's official newsletter, "Was in der Anthroposophischen Gesellschaft vorgeht" (What is going on in the Anthroposophical Society) from 2003.

8,500 readers were surveyed - 215 responses were received. The report stated: "*With a response rate of 2.5 % of news sheet subscribers, the analysis of the 215 questionnaires allows for representative statements.*" (Newsletter 26/2002). This is correct according to standard statistical procedures.

Basics of the survey II

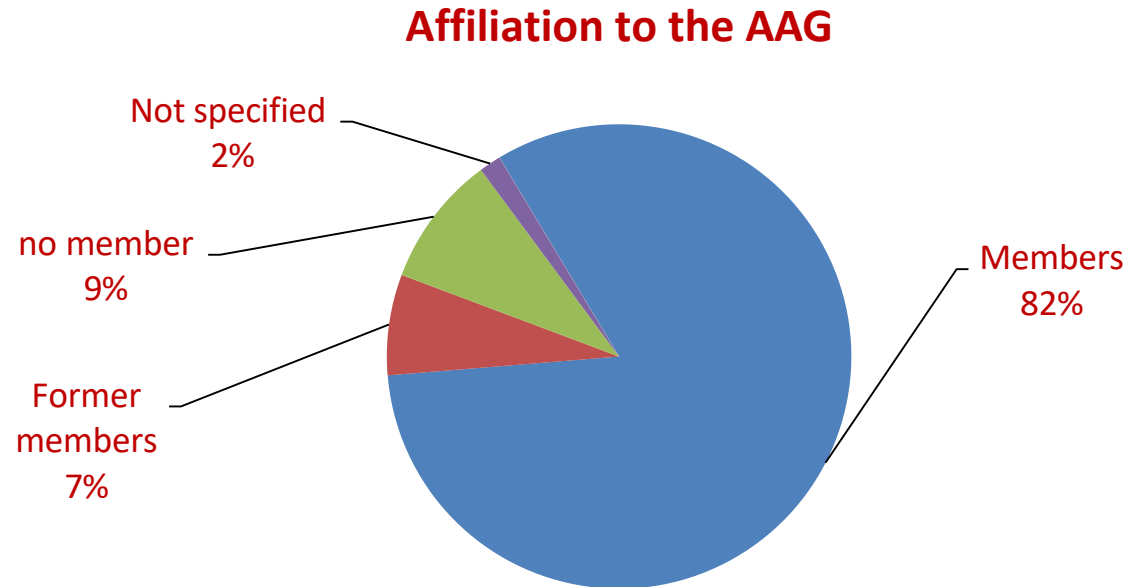
- However, despite all the justified questioning of statistical analyses, it can be assumed in both the survey at the time and today that the results reflect the views of those surveyed to a certain extent.
- The members we surveyed are undoubtedly a part of the membership that is predominantly critical of the current management. In this respect, the results are not surprising.
- Probably the majority of the membership is neither reached by us nor by the management, and the low attendance at general meetings speaks for itself. In this respect, the question arises as to whether the alternative communication channels, such as "Ein Nachrichtenblatt" and the newsletter "Was in unserer Gesellschaft *noch* vorgeht" (What is *still* going on in our society), are in some way reaching a more alert section of the membership that is still interested in social life.

Basics of the survey III

- Even if the result can be considered representative of the group surveyed according to the usual standards, no such claim is made. Everyone is free to judge the results as they see fit. It is possible that the next Annual General Meeting will show to what extent they are relevant.
- The average age of those surveyed is cause for concern. At just under 70 years of age, the ageing of our society and the lack of young talent is clear.

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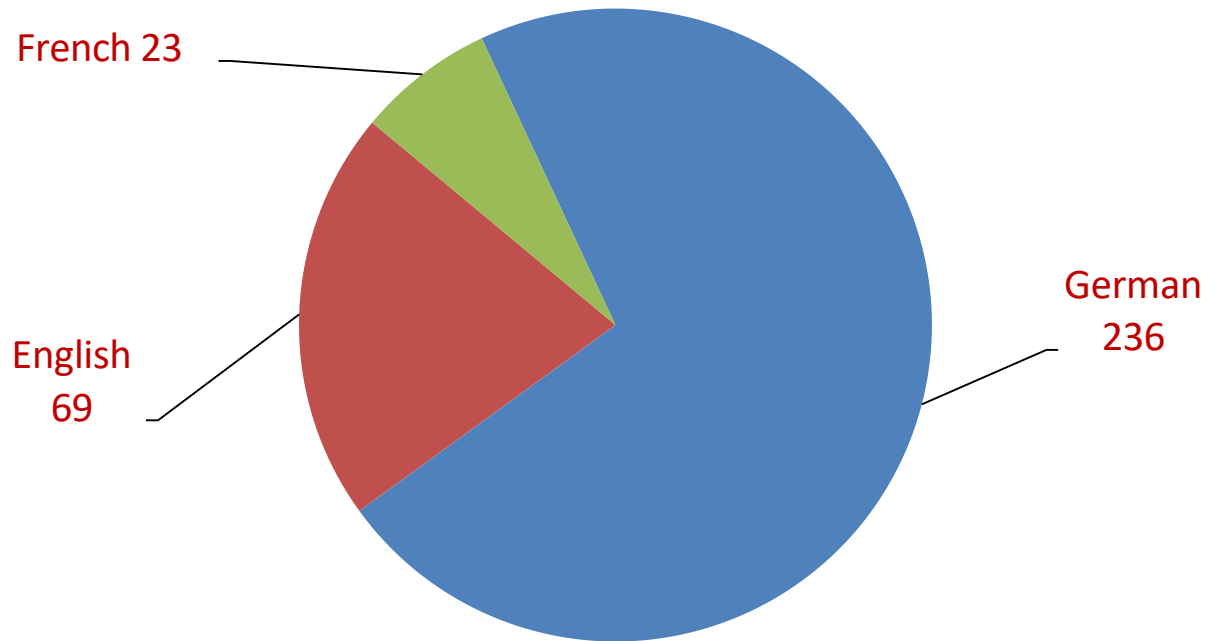
Basics of the survey IV



A total of 330 participants, 270 members of the AAG, 23 former members and 35 Non-members or without specification.

Only the information provided by members is taken into account in the following analyses!

Participation by language



Participants from 25 countries

Argentina

Australia

Switzerland

Belgium

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Chile Denmark

Finland France

Germany

Netherlands

Hungary

Ireland Italy

Canada

New

Zealand

Norway

Austria

Sweden

Slovenia

South

Africa Spain

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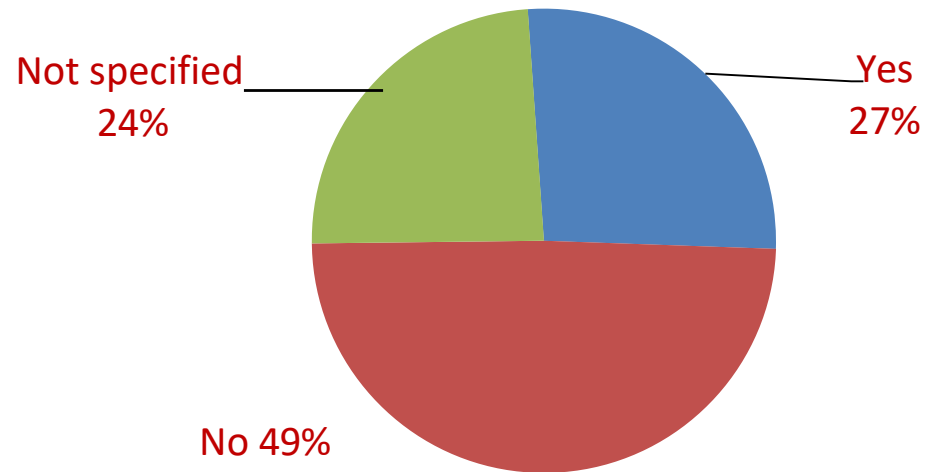
USA

Over 2000 comments

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Total number = 2166

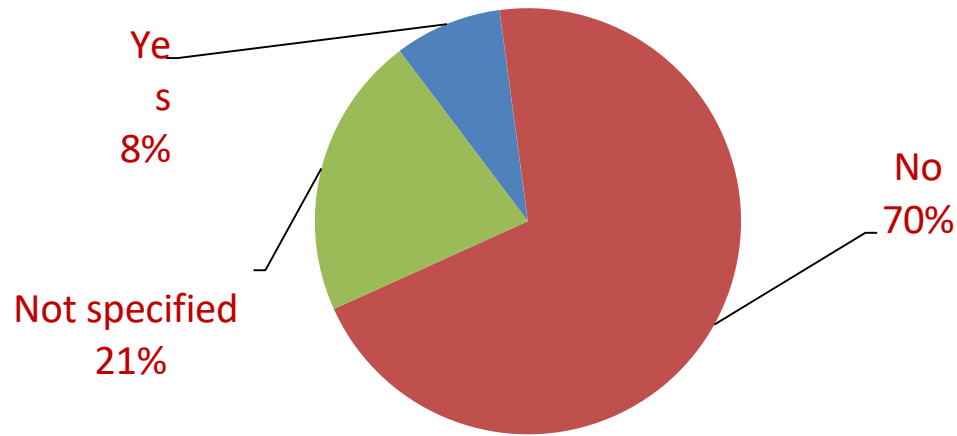
A2 Enough information to form your own judgement?



Question A2: Are the existing sources of information about the processes and conditions in the General Anthroposophical Society sufficient for you to form your own judgement?

- Yes, the information is sufficient and balanced.*
- No, there is insufficient information.*
- No answer*

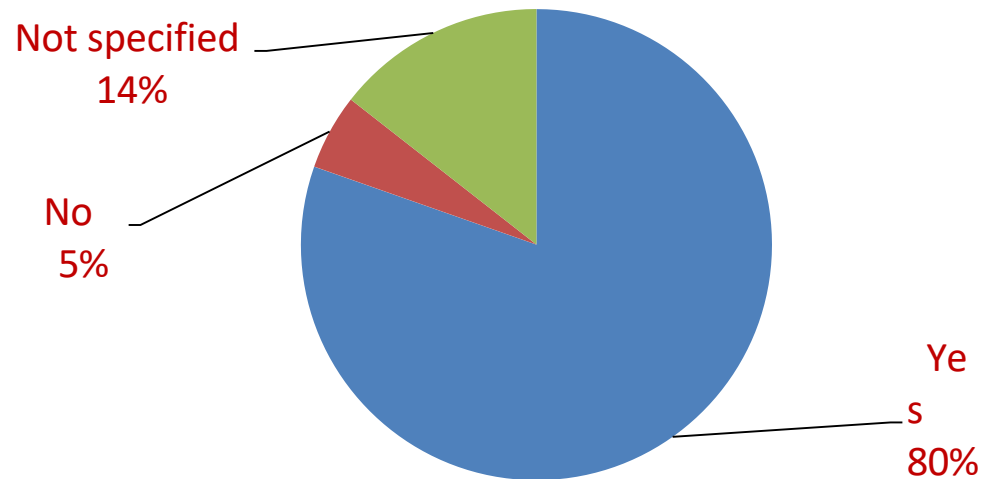
A4 Enough information for worldwide voting?



Question A4: Do you think that the information available on the processes and circumstances of the General Anthroposophical Society ... is sufficient for you to form your own judgement? Which of the following statements do you agree with?

- *The information available worldwide is also sufficient for forming one's own judgement ...*
- *Information opportunities must be significantly improved worldwide as a prerequisite for a worldwide voting option.*
- *no answer.*

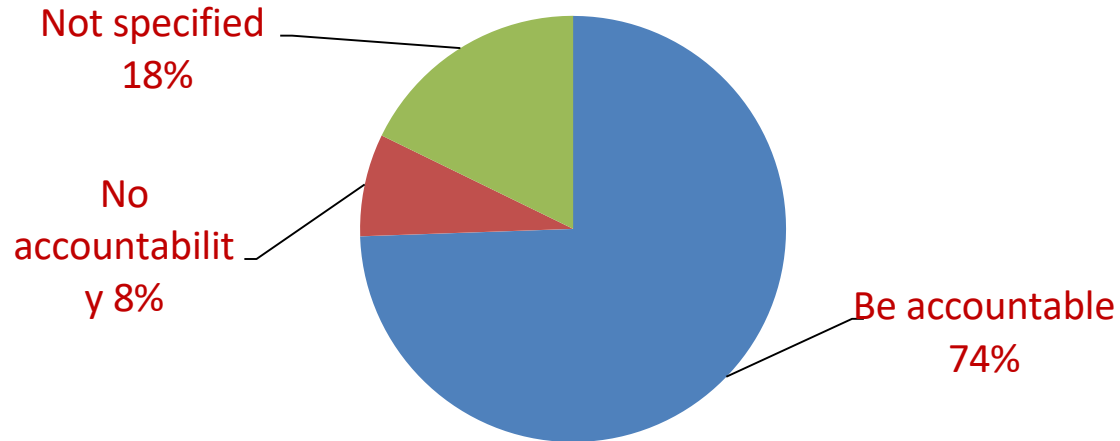
A5 Global communication



Question A5: In your opinion, should opportunities be created to enable members to contact each other freely worldwide, for example to exchange information about social conditions, to inform each other and to establish contacts? For example: a members' magazine open to all members, online discussion forums, etc.

- *Yes*
- *No*
- *no answer.*

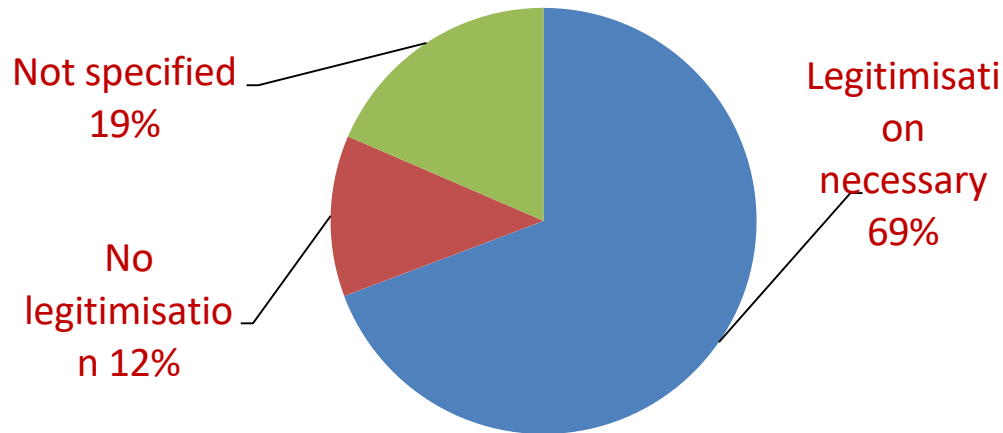
A6 Accountability of the Goetheanum Leadership



Question A6: In view of the tasks of the Goetheanum management, which statement would you agree with?

- *The members of the Goetheanum Leadership should also remain free with regard to social tasks; they need not be accountable.*
- *There should be accountability to the members with regard to the company's tasks must be included in the Articles of Association.*
- *no answer.*

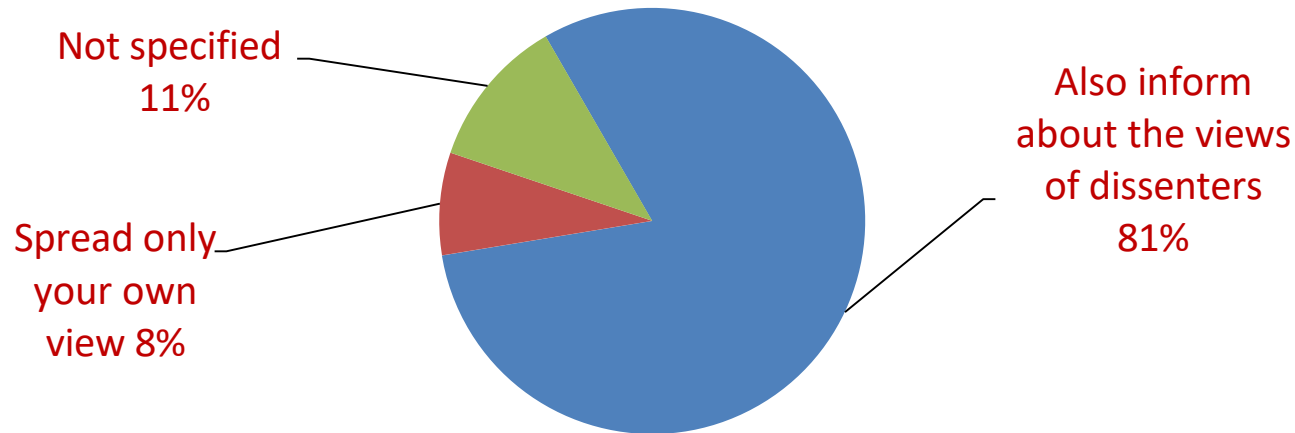
A7 Legitimation of the Goetheanum Leadership



Question A7: In your opinion, should the members of the Goetheanum management (if they are not members of the Executive Board) be confirmed and legitimated in their office by the membership?

- *Yes, confirmation and legitimation by the membership is required.*
- *No, confirmation and legitimation is not required.*
- No answer

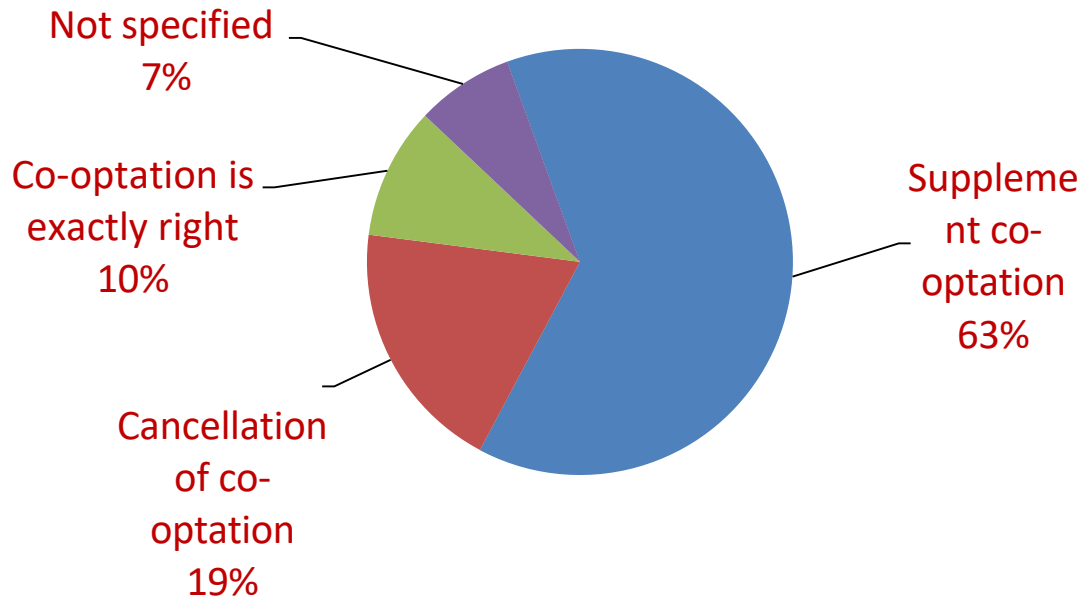
A8 Task of a section head



Question A8: How do you see the role of a section head?

- *In addition to its own research results, a section head should also make available and publish the research results and experiences of colleagues from the entire anthroposophically oriented spectrum as a basis of information for its own independent judgement.*
- *For the guidance of the members, a section management should only represent and publicise the view that it is convinced is correct.*
- *no answer.*

A9 Co-optation of the Management Board



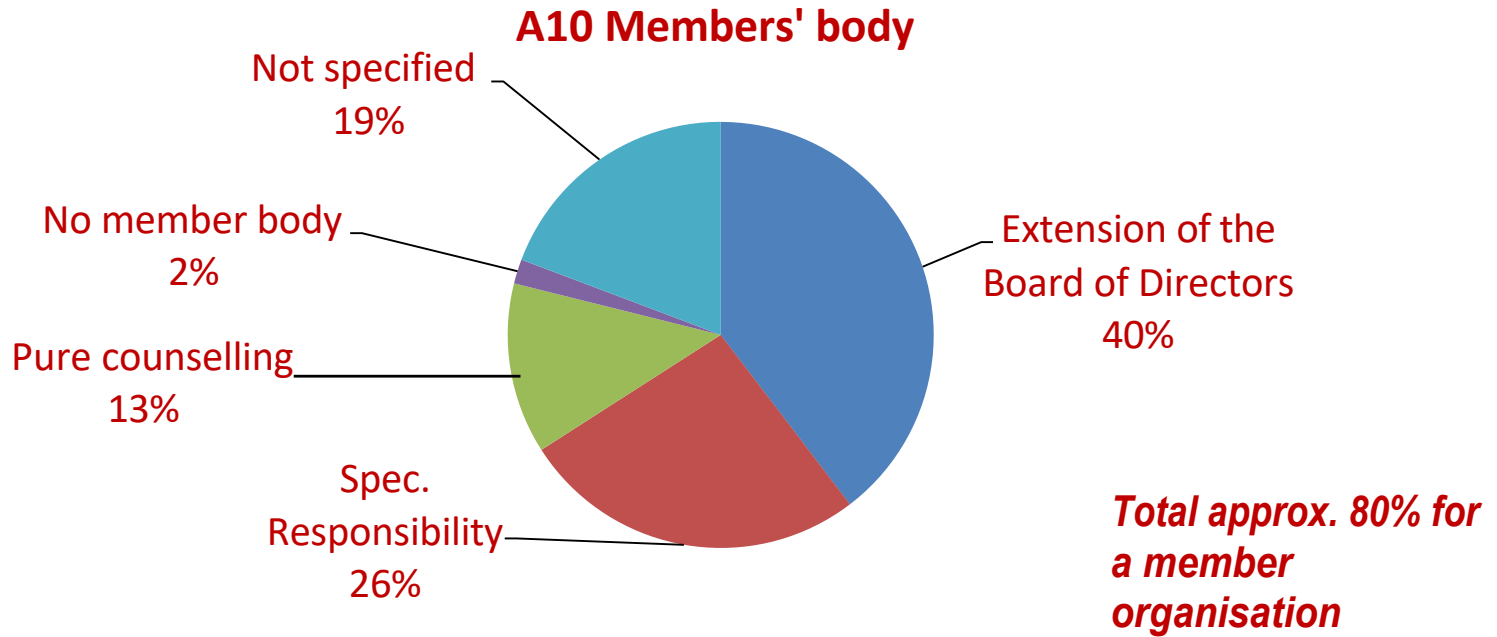
Question A9: Since the 1935 Annual General Meeting ... only the Board of Directors has been authorised to nominate personalities for propose appointments to positions on the Management Board.

Which of the following statements do you agree with (only one selection possible)?

- *The co-optation procedure is just right. Changes are not necessary.*
- *The existing co-optation is to be supplemented or replaced by a procedure to be developed,*

so that proposals from the membership can also be considered.

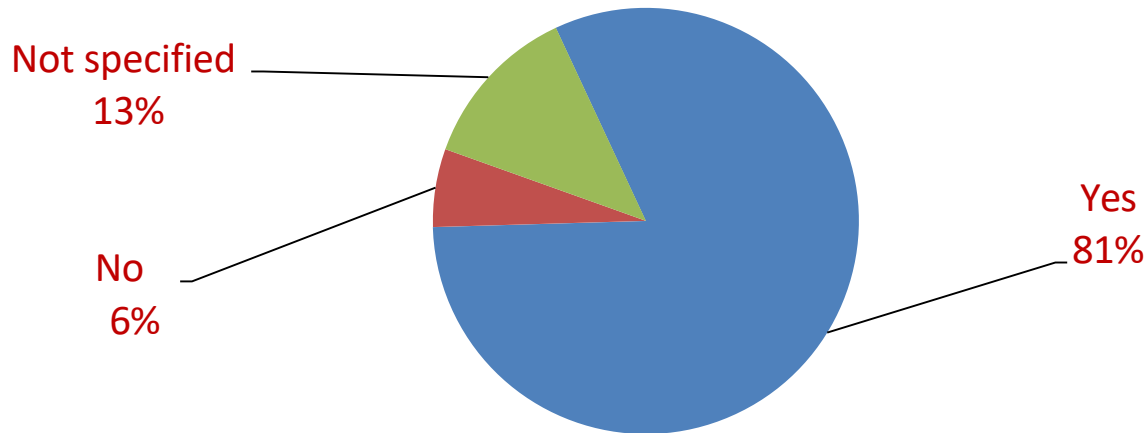
- *The sole right of the Executive Board to make proposals should be cancelled without replacement.*



Question A10: How involved should the membership be in key decisions? ...

- *Advice only: A purely advisory body is sufficient ...*
- *Special areas of responsibility: Individual clearly defined decision-making powers and tasks are delegated to a body formed from the membership and only in these matters are decisions made jointly with the Executive Board ...*
- *Expansion of the Executive Board: The existing Executive Board will be supplemented by a member body formed from the membership and authorised by the General Meeting ...*
- *No member body: Member participation, in whatever form, is not required. The current Company management requires neither consultation nor expansion.*

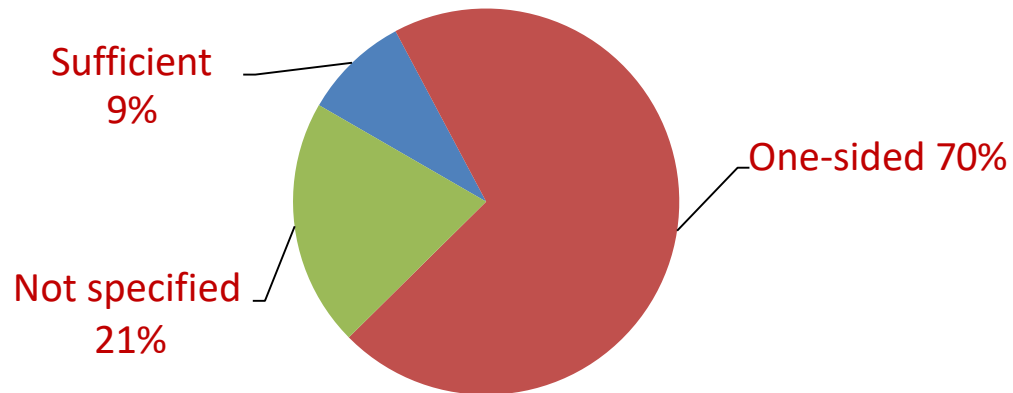
B1 Should the MS provide information about novel vaccines?



Could one of the tasks of *the management of the Medical Section also be to provide a basis of knowledge from a humanities perspective for the assessment of these methods with regard to the new therapy and treatment methods, such as the new Covid vaccinations and mRNA vaccinations for cancer therapy, so that the necessary individual and independent judgement can be formed for a free vaccination decision?*

- *Yes*
- *No*

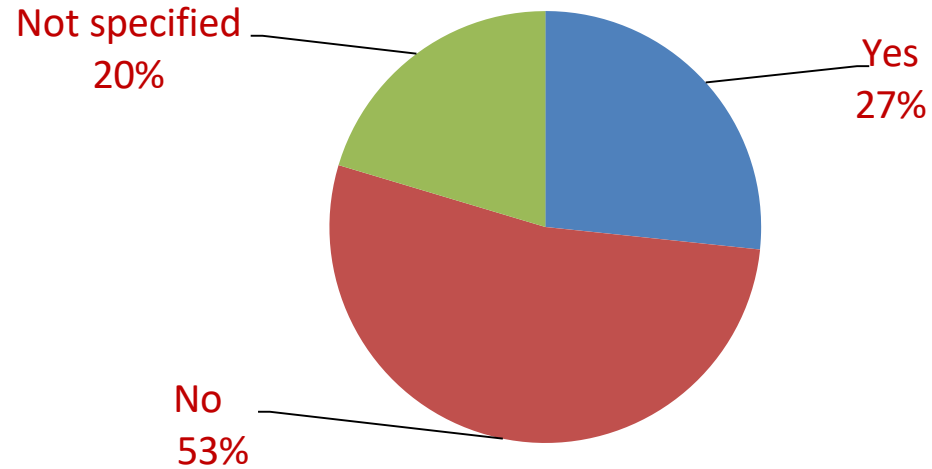
B2 Information from MS on Corona vaccinations



Question B2: How did you receive the information from the previous management of the Medical section on the new corona vaccinations?

- *Sufficient, appropriate and neutral information was provided - without a recommending character.*
- *The information was one-sidedly 'pro-vaccination', even if it was emphasised that the decision to vaccinate had to be made voluntarily.*

B3 Do you know people who have been vaccinated?

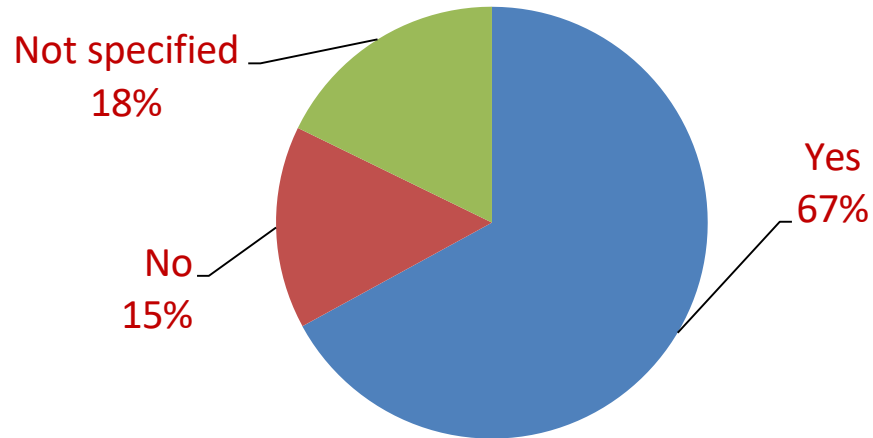


Question B3: Do you know people who, because of the statements made by the Medical Section have been vaccinated against Covid?

Yes

No

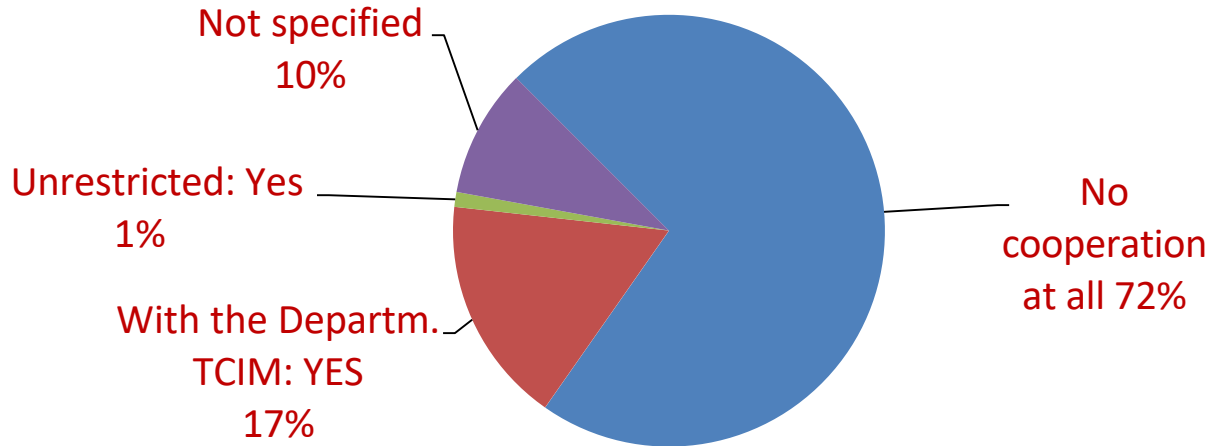
B4 Coroa reconditioning ?



Question B4: In your opinion, is there a need for a review of the behaviour and communication of the Medical Section and the Goetheanum management at the time with regard to coronavirus issues?

- *Yes*
- *No*

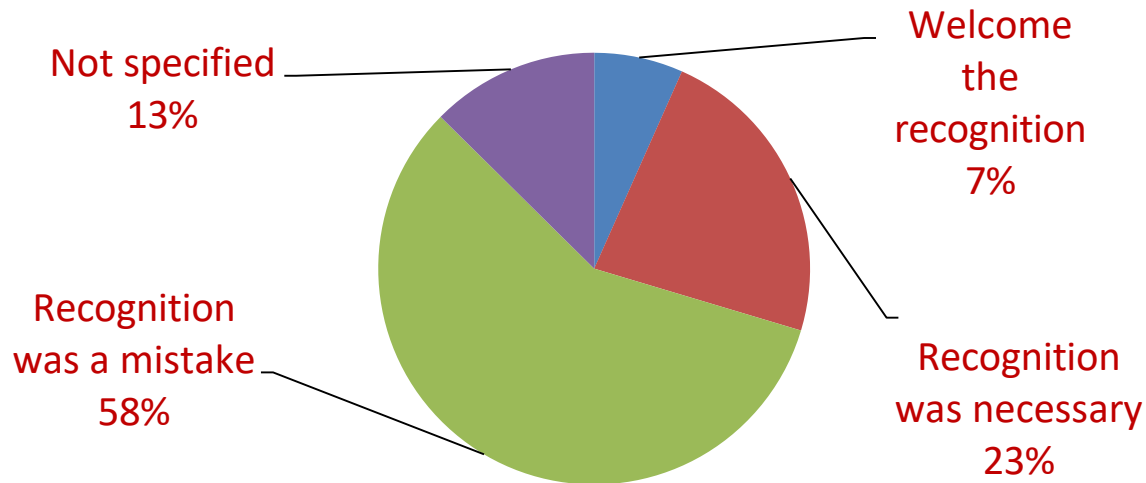
C1 Is it possible to cooperate with the WHO?



Question C1: Which of the following statements would you agree with?

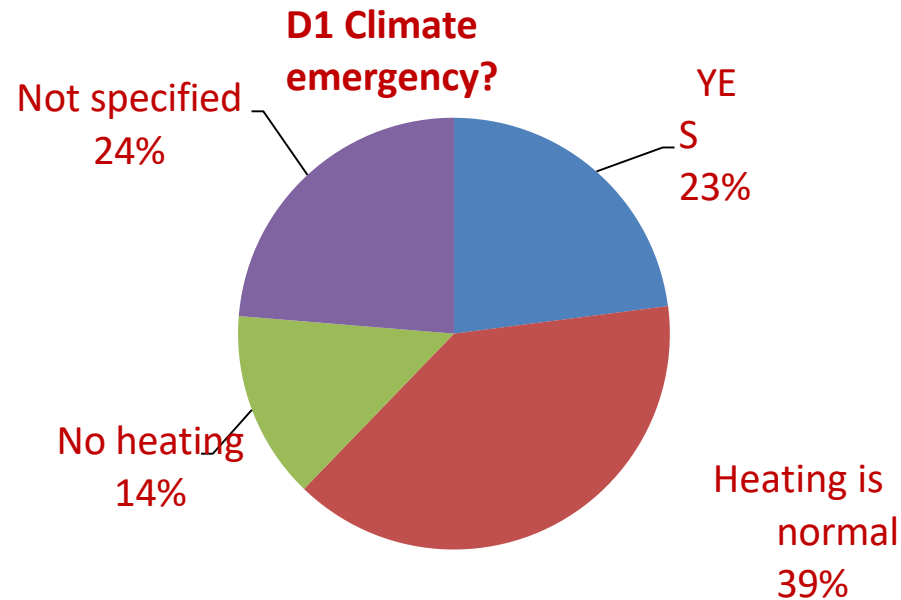
- *The WHO is exclusively focussed on health for all people and the Cooperation with this and similar organisations is completely harmless.*
- *The political agendas of the WHO can certainly be categorised as problematic and dangerous (e.g. possible health dictatorship). ... the people and the "sub-segment", the "TCIM", with whom we work, have nothing directly to do with the problematic aspects of the WHO.*
- *In view of the materialistic-scientific orientation ..., the aggressive approach to criticism of vaccination and the questionable backgrounds ... it seems naive ... if one on the part of the official AM of the Medical Section means, with the WHO or its sub-segments ... as if they were free from political influences.*

C2 Benchmarks Training AM ?



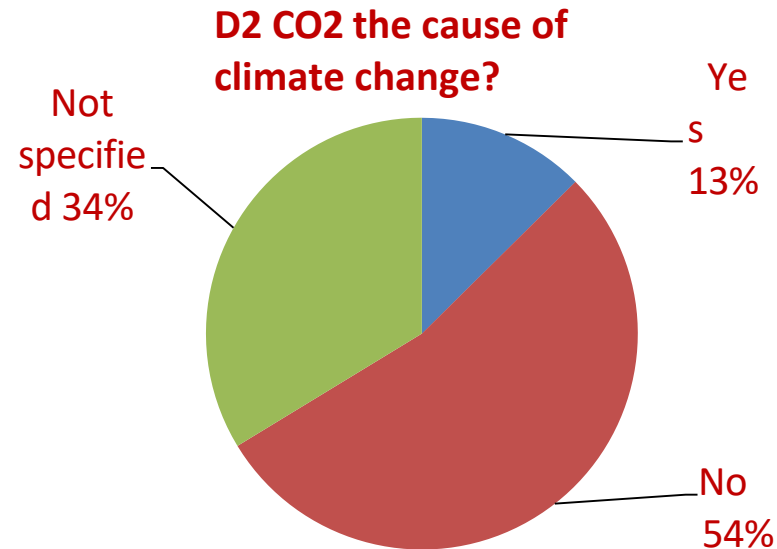
Question C2: ... Recognition of the international training standards of anthroposophic medicine (so-called "benchmarks") by the WHO ?

- *I welcome this recognition by the WHO and consider it beneficial ...*
- *This recognition was probably necessary for AM to exist, even if it has created an association with the WHO, which for the most part pursues very questionable goals.*
- *The recognition of anthroposophical training standards by a materialistically and scientifically orientated institution such as the WHO can only harm AM and it would have been better if this recognition had not been sought in the first place.*



Question D1: Do you share the view that the world is in a climate emergency? Which of the following statements do you agree with?

- *The world is undoubtedly in a climate emergency and global warming is mainly caused by human activity of various kinds.*
- *Global warming is mainly related to normal climate fluctuations and it is quite normal for temperatures to rise after the Little Ice Age, which reached its low point around 1850.*
- *In my opinion, there is no global warming.*

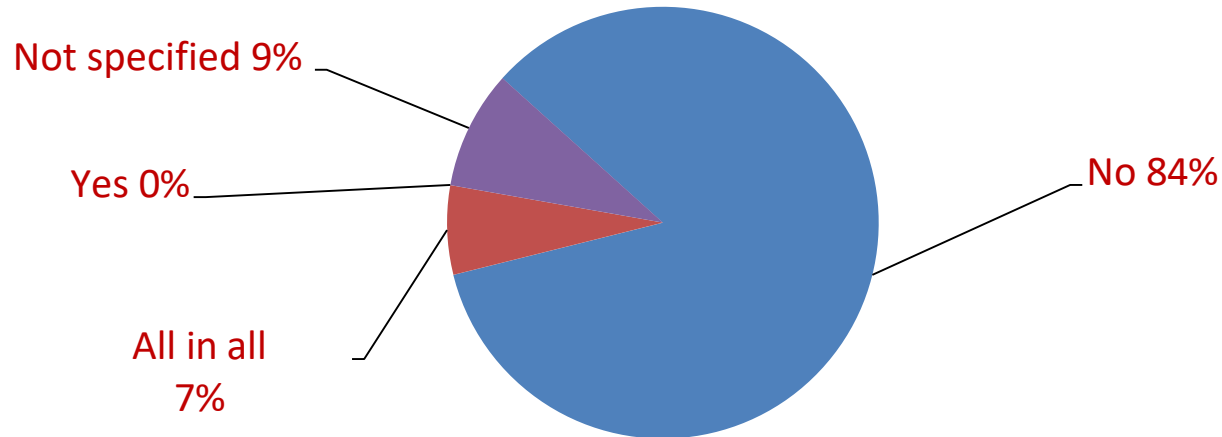


Question D2: If you are of the opinion that global warming is occurring: In your opinion, is there especially man-made CO2 emissions?

- *Yes, global warming is essentially due to man-made CO2 emissions.*
- *No, global warming has other causes. CO2 plays a subordinate role at best.*

There was a lack of more differentiated answers here, which explains the large proportion of "None Specification". Half of the respondents made comments here.

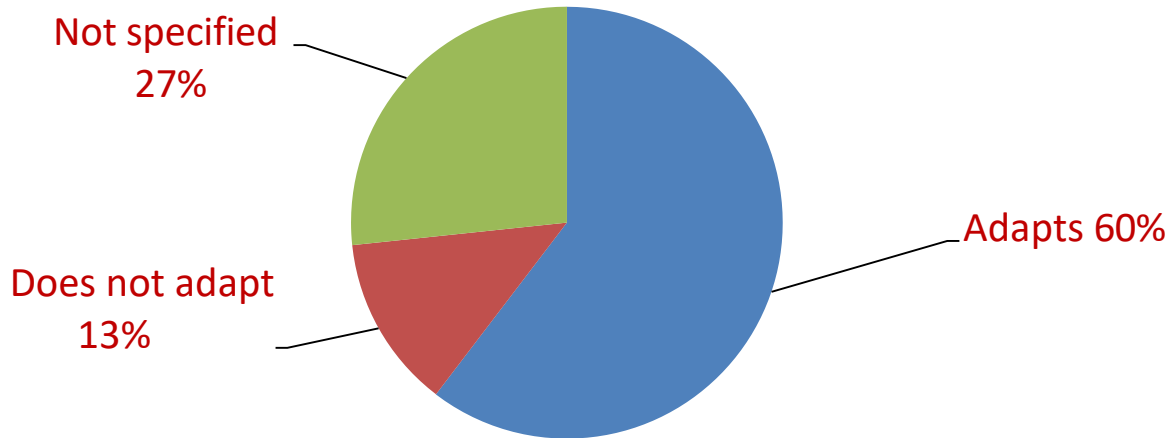
E1 Do the MS media provide balanced information?



Question E1: ... quality and objectivity of the so-called mainstream media ...? Do the state-funded media institutions and the established media recognised by politicians provide us with objective and sufficiently complete information?

- *The mainstream media provide balanced, objective and complete information.*
- *The mainstream media provides one-sided information to a certain extent, but overall it tends to be balanced and objective.*
- *The mainstream media provide very one-sided information ... You can no longer follow the news. trust.*

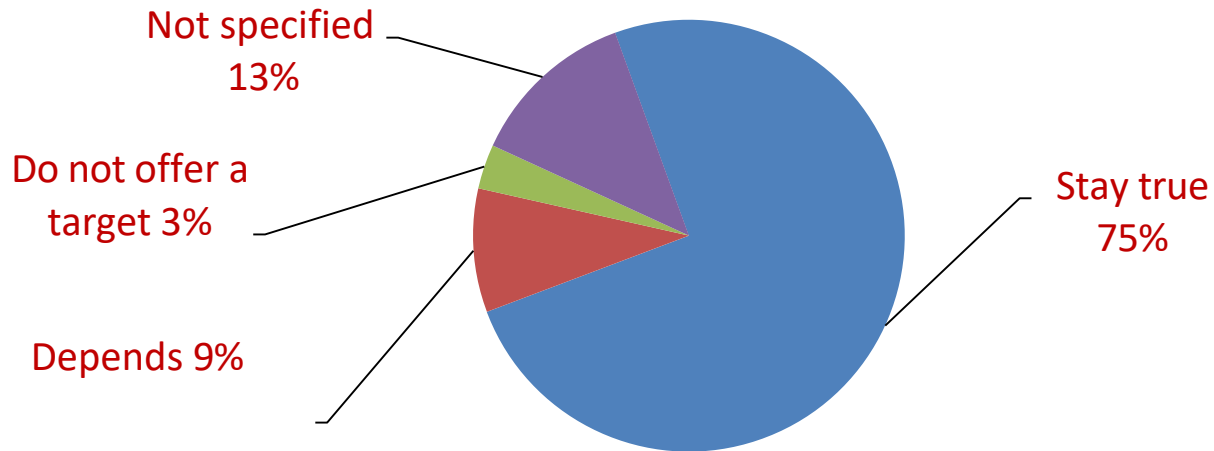
E2 Adaptation to MS views?



Question E2: It is repeatedly complained that the Society and University management of the General Anthroposophical Society is too much guided by the views represented by the mainstream media in terms of content and represents these views.

- *Yes, in my opinion, the management aligns itself too closely with mainstream views on important issues.*
- *I cannot recognise any adaptation.*

E3 Customise to avoid attacks ?



Question E3: Is it necessary that we should publicly oppose untrue or unscientific mainstream views and attacks from within anthroposophy even if increased attacks are to be expected as a consequence?

- *Yes, we must remain truthful.*
- *It depends on what reactions are to be expected.*
- *No, we should definitely not offer any targets.*

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