



Tobacco Use & Policy Survey Spring 2012

"This survey is sponsored by your BLC Student Senate intends to learn more about our campus community's feelings toward policies on tobacco use."

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"This survey is also timely in that the other two colleges in Mankato (MSU & SCC) have recently adopted tobacco free policies."

- After analyzing a number of surveys from other colleges & universities, BLC Student Senate developed the questions and had them posted into *SurveyMonkey*
- All current BLC students, faculty & staff were invited to participate via two campus email invitations
- Survey opened: Tuesday (3/13/2012) 9:40 AM
- Survey closed: Friday (3/16/2012) 6:00 PM

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Processing the Data

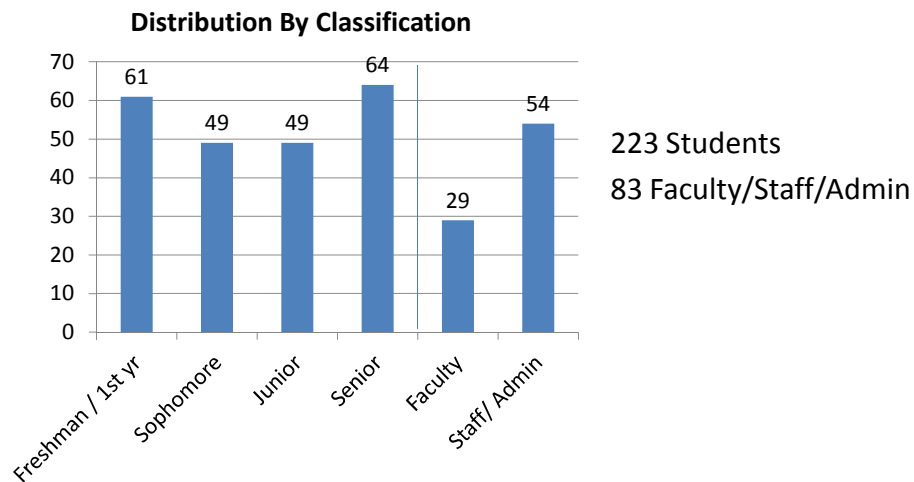
- The data were analyzed by Dr. Ted Manthe, in his roles as Dean of Student Services, Advisor to Senate, and Institutional Assessment.
- All comments submitted as open responses were read and specific themes emerged. The comments were then grouped by overarching theme.
- Each bulleted comment was reproduced in its entirety as submitted by the respondent.
- It should be noted that some bullets represented a number of themes. In these cases, the comment was not subdivided, but rather the data analyst attempted to place the entire comment in the theme where it best fit.
- Comments were not altered in any way, with the exception of three, where specific identifiers were removed and then replaced with neutral text. These changes are indicated with [brackets]

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306 People Completed the Survey



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The Results

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3. In the past month, have you smoked more than five (5) cigarettes?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		11.6%	35
No		88.4%	267
answered question			302
skipped question			4

For the sake of this survey and analysis, "Tobacco User" was defined as anyone who indicated smoking 5+ cigarettes in the past month.

This differentiation was utilized in analyzing various questions within the survey, where additional layers of understand was deemed appropriate

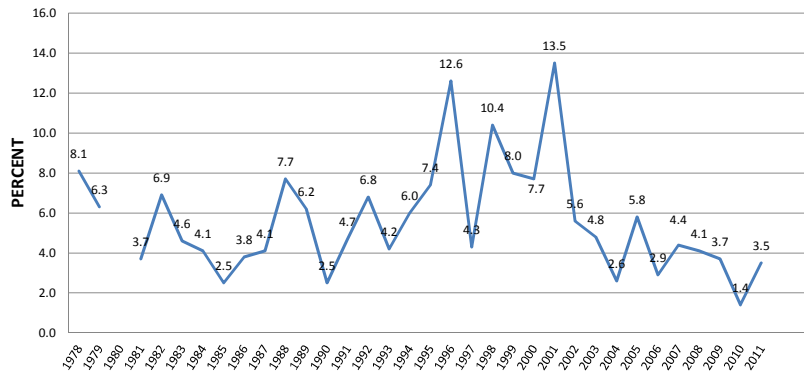
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Tobacco Use From a Historical Perspective at BLC

BLC Incoming Freshmen (CIRP DATA)
Question Asked: "Smoked Frequently in High School"



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4. If you do smoke, in the past year, have you stopped smoking for one day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?

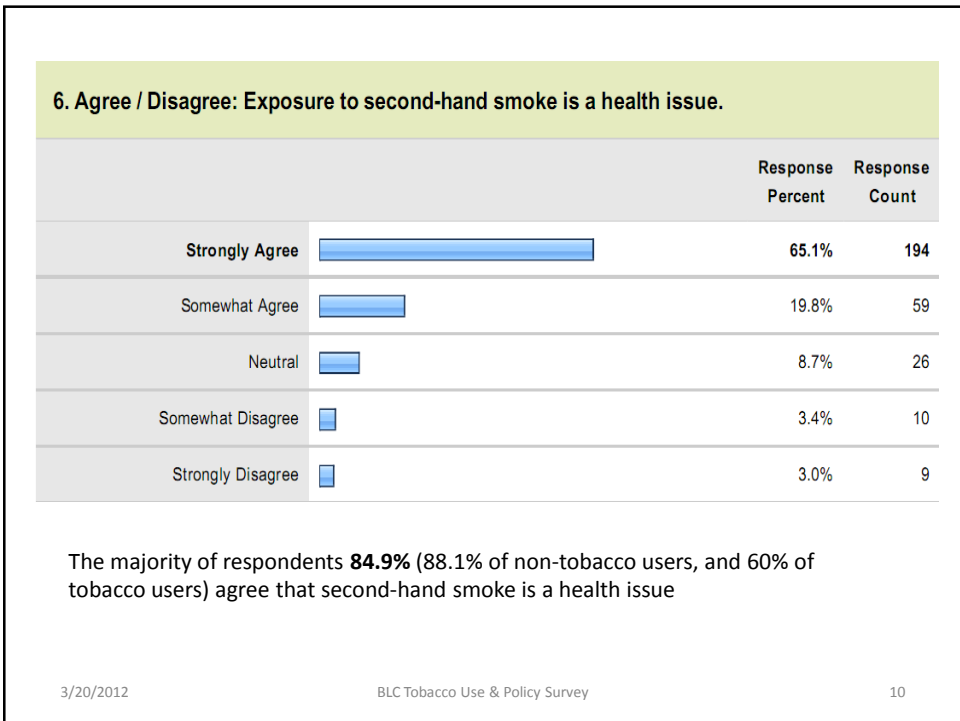
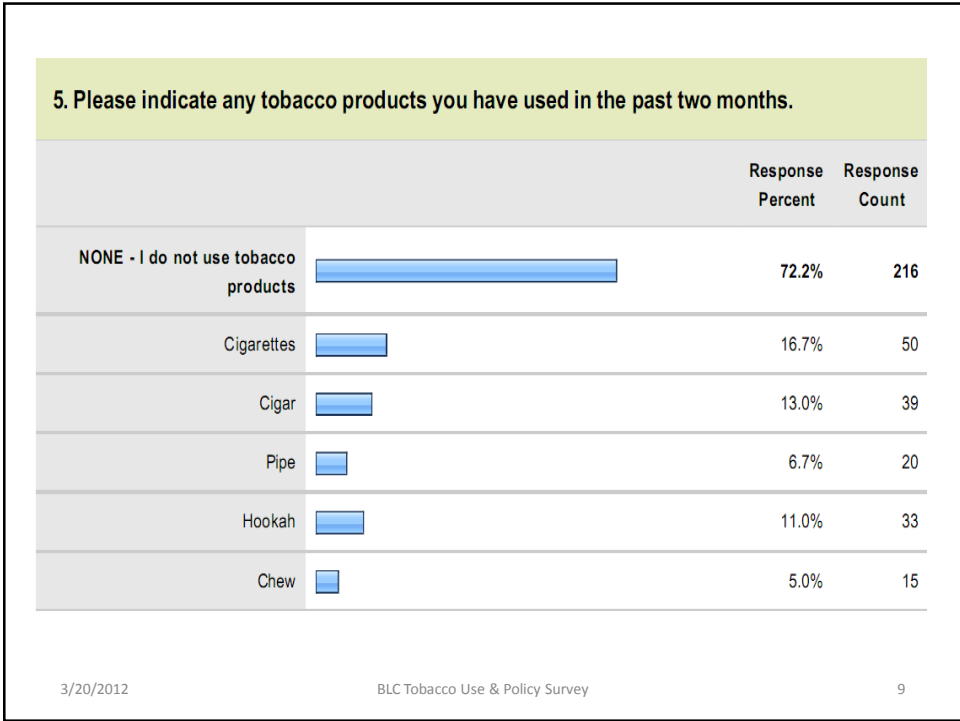
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes - I have tried to stop	6.4%	19
No - I have not tried to stop	6.4%	19
This question does not apply to me	87.3%	261

The number of those who have had 'quite attempts' is equal to the number who haven't

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7. To what extent have you been exposed to second-hand smoke on this campus?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Largely Exposed		4.0%	12
Somewhat Exposed		59.7%	178
Never Exposed		36.2%	108

Roughly 2/3 indicated being exposed to second-hand smoke on this campus, as opposed to roughly 1/3 stating they have never been exposed.

8. To what extent are you concerned about YOUR health consequences from being exposed to second-hand smoke on this campus?






		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Concerned		12.1%	36
Somewhat Concerned		24.2%	72
Neutral		18.1%	54
Somewhat Not-Concerned		12.1%	36
Strongly Not-Concerned		33.6%	100

36.3 % indicated being concerned for their health from second-hand smoke on this campus

45.7 % (n=136) indicated not being concerned for their health from second-hand smoke

- Of the 136, Not one indicated being 'largely exposed' on this campus
- Of the 136, 45.5% had indicated using tobacco in the past two months, and 17.6% indicated being a 'tobacco user'








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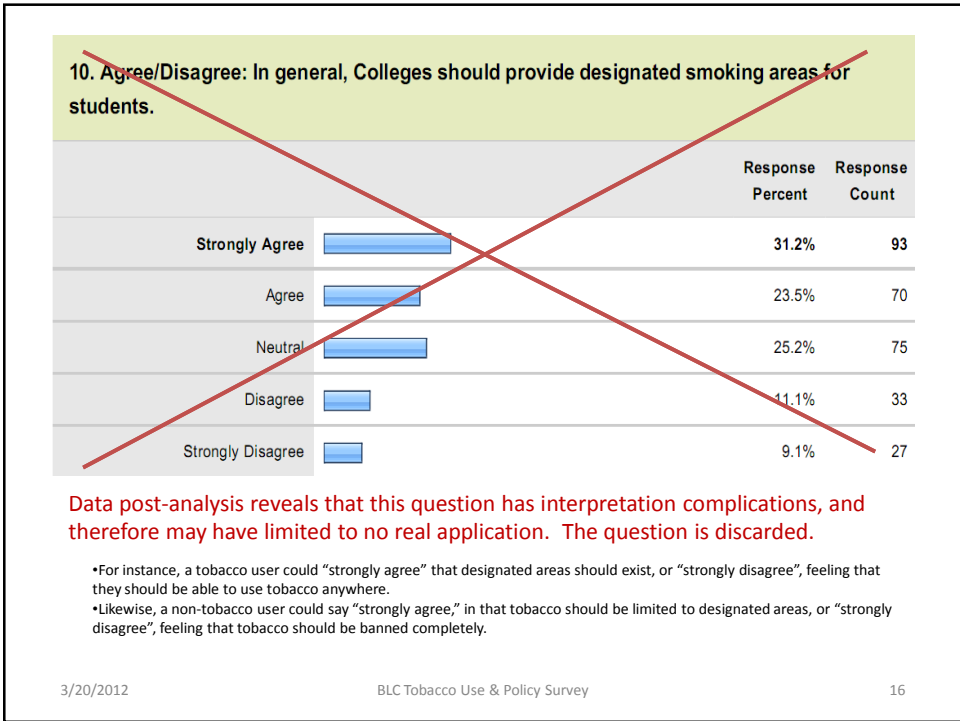
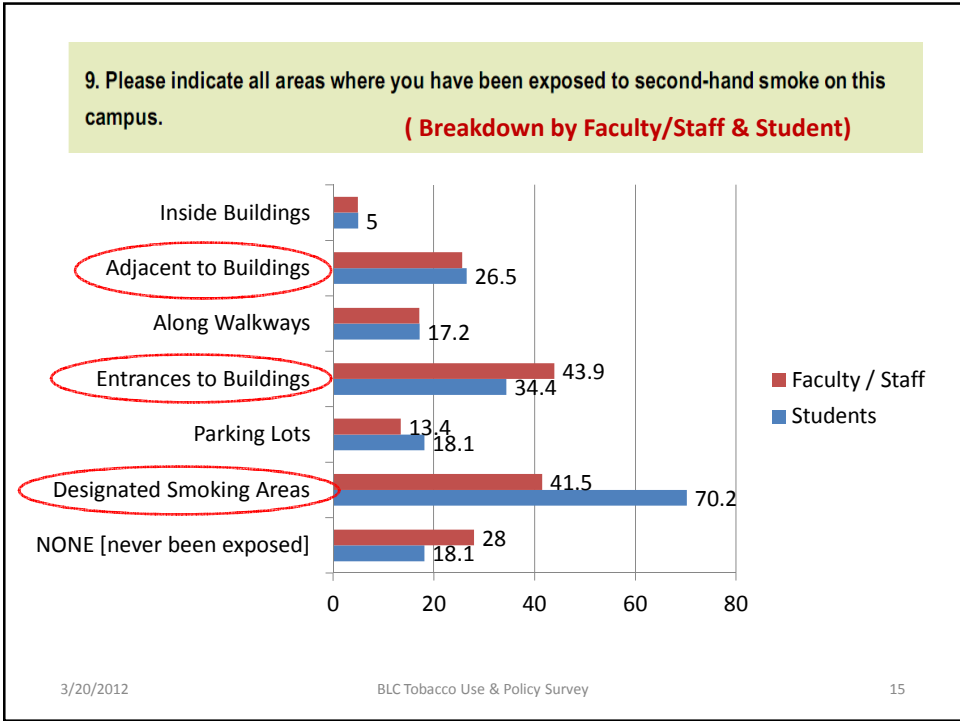
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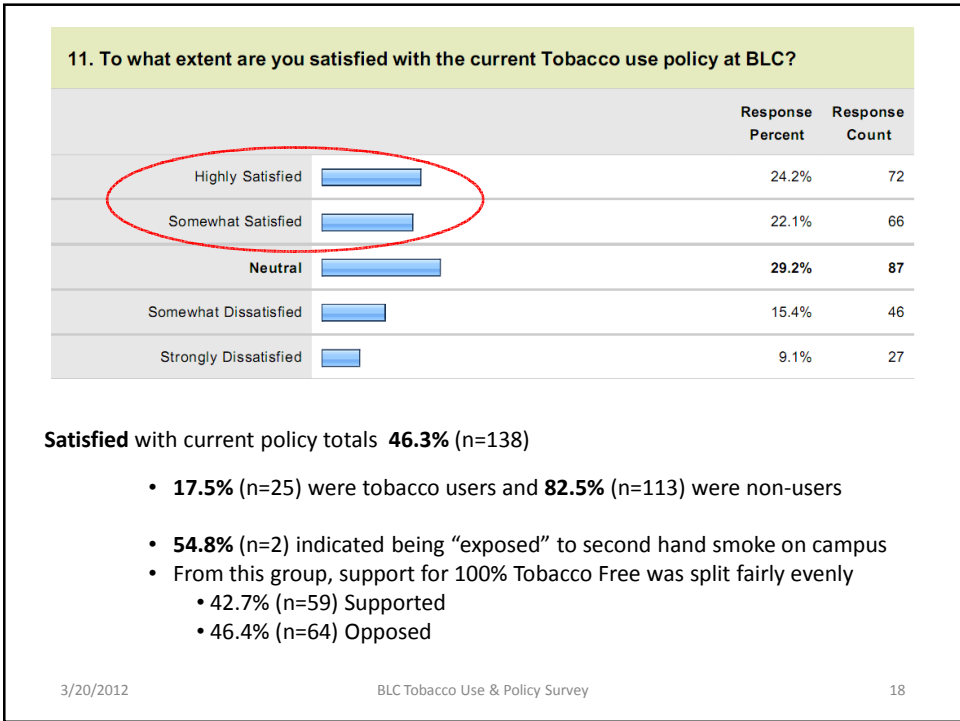
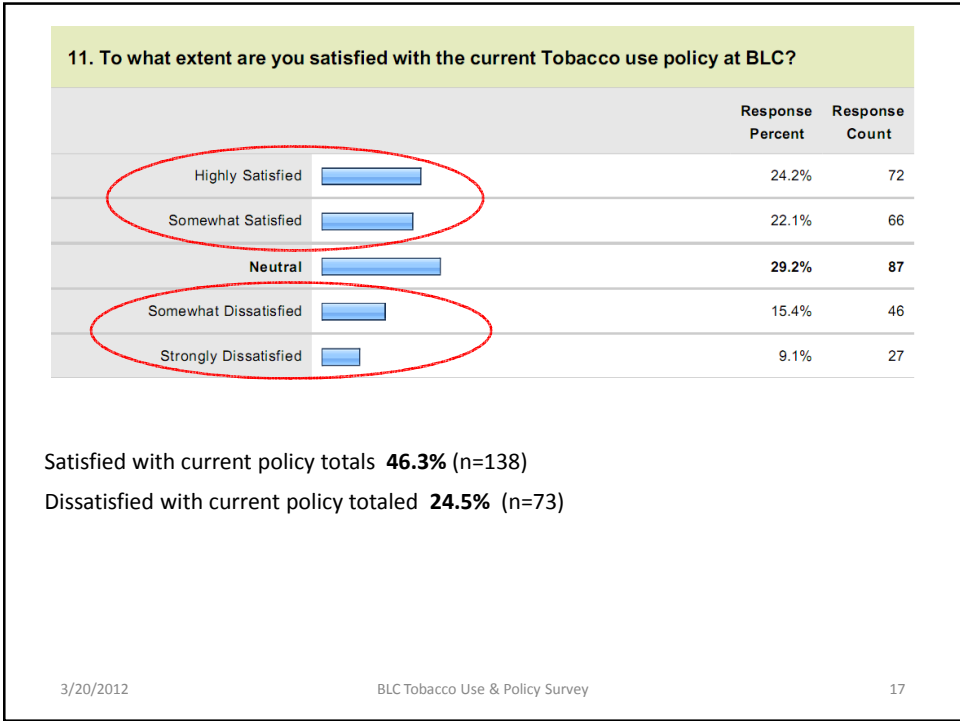
The “Neutral” group (n=54) was made up of 8 tobacco users, **87.1%** agreed that second-hand smoke was a health issue, but NONE indicated being ‘Largely Exposed’ to second-hand smoke on this campus.

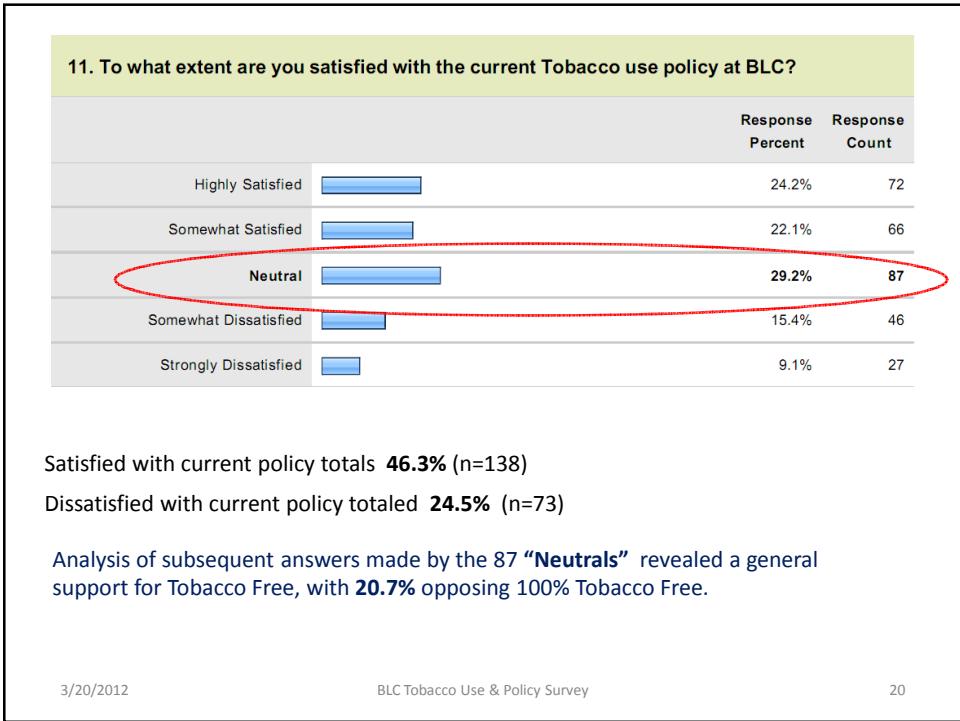
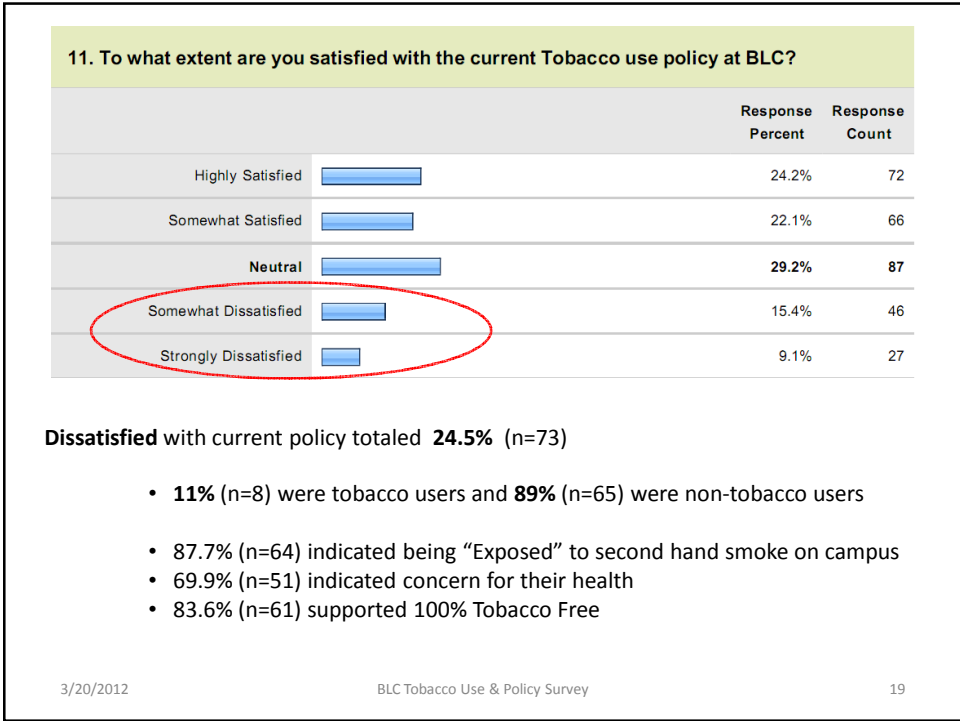
Analysis of subsequent answers made by the 54 “Neutrals” indicated a general support for Tobacco Free, with **24.5%** opposing 100% Tobacco Free.

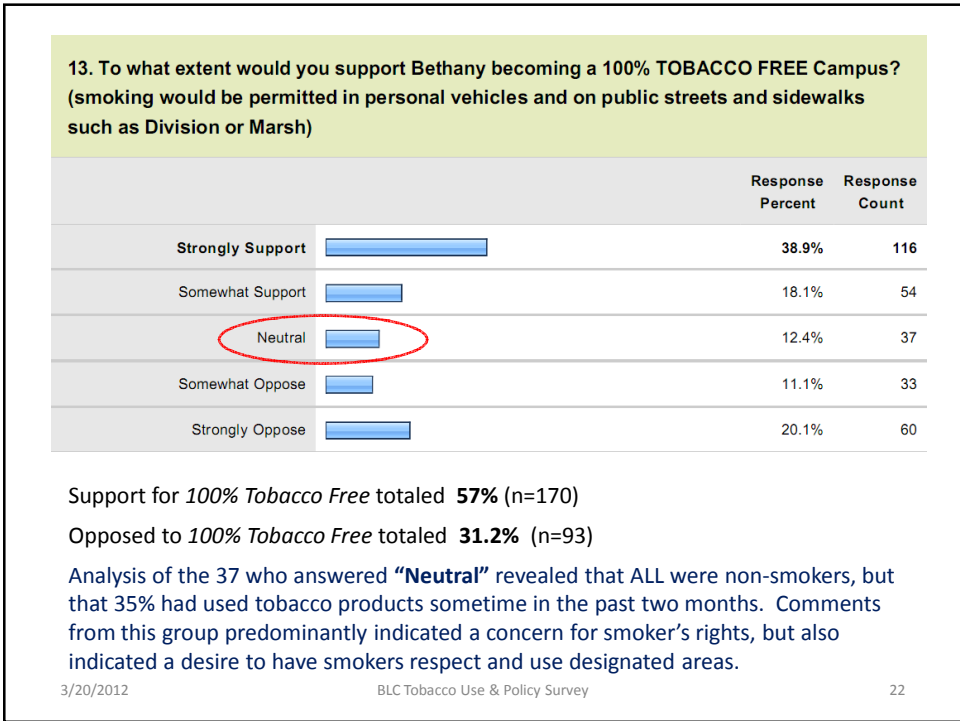
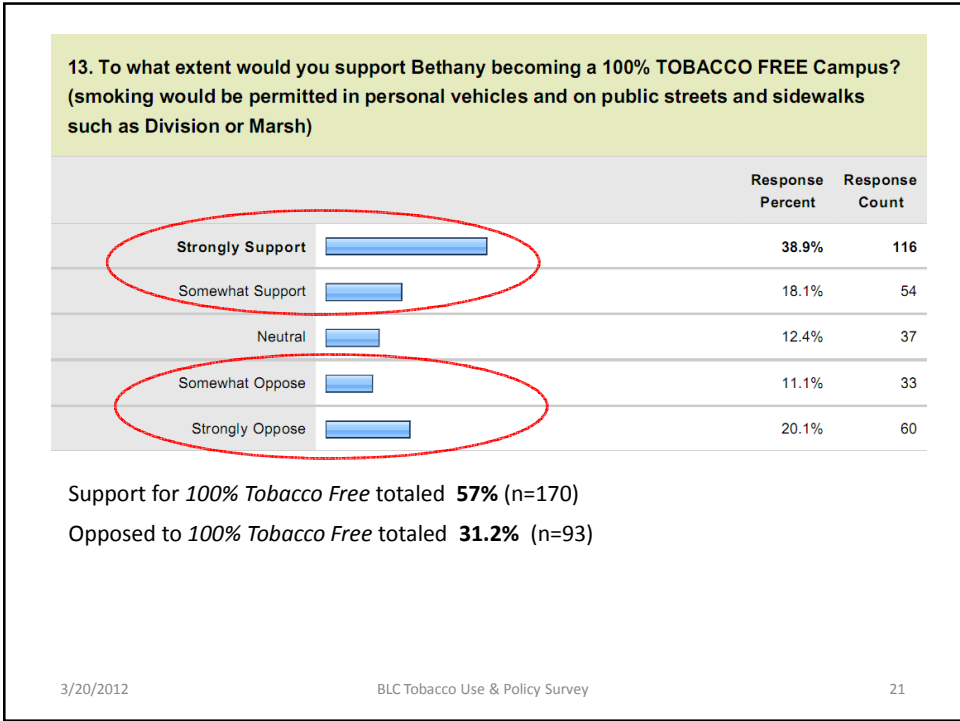
9. Please indicate all areas where you have been exposed to second-hand smoke on this campus.

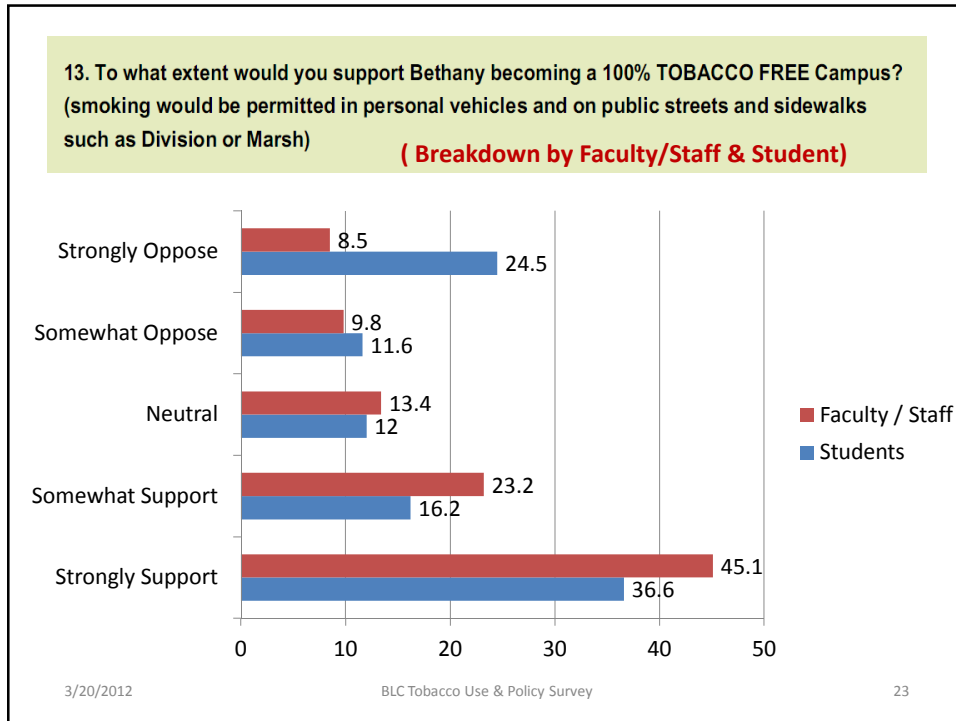
		Response Percent	Response Count
NONE - I have never been exposed to second hand smoke on this campus		20.9%	62
Designated Smoking Areas		62.3%	185
Parking Lots		16.8%	50
Entrances to Buildings		37.0%	110
Along Walkways		17.2%	51
Adjacent to Buildings		26.3%	78
Inside of Buildings		5.1%	15











- ### Three Open Response Questions
- **Q12: If you were to modify the current tobacco use policy on campus, how would you change it?**
 Student (n=96, 43%) Faculty/Staff (n=40, 48%)
 - **Q14: Feel free to comment on your position regarding Bethany being a 100% TOBACCO FREE Campus.**
 Student (n=88, 39%) Faculty/Staff (n=33, 40%)
 - **Q15: If you care to share any other comments on this topic, we welcome your thoughts here.**
 Student (n=25, 11%) Faculty/Staff (n=11, 13%)
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- Comments supporting more restrictive (s=37, f=27)
 - Typically included encouragement to go tobacco free
- Comments on leaving the policy as is (s=15, f=7)
- Comments on making the policy less restrictive (s=9)
 - Allow chew (n=2) or increase the number of designated areas
- Comments pleading for the relocation of smoking areas (especially by Old Main) was a strong theme (s=19, f=4)
 - *note: these comments were apart from those previously categorized as being of a 'more restrictive' nature (see above)*
- Call for increased enforcement of current policy (s=13, f=7)
 - Tobacco users using ONLY designated areas
 - Picking up trash, butts, wrappers, etc.

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Q14: Feel free to comment on your position regarding Bethany being a 100% TOBACCO FREE Campus.

Student (n=88, 39%) Faculty/Staff (n=33, 40%)

Tobacco Users responded with comments at a rate of **46%** (n=16)

Non-Tobacco Users responded with comments at a rate **47%** (n=105)

THE SAME RATE

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Q14: Feel free to comment on your position regarding Bethany being a 100% TOBACCO FREE Campus.

Student (n=88, 39%) Faculty/Staff (n=33, 40%)

- Supportive of Tobacco Free (s=29, f=19)
 - Reasons included:
 - Health Concerns (themselves or for smokers)/ Bodies are Temples
 - Garbage / Litter / Image of College
 - Current trend or standard at other colleges and in society
- Opposed to Tobacco Free (s=49, f=9)
 - Reasons included:
 - Infringement of rights (Christian and civil) / personal choice
 - Not a problem on our campus / statements that smokers were respecting designated areas
 - Enforcement difficulties / will use tobacco anyway

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Questions on the Data?

Next Steps?

- Contemplate the data
- Discuss
- *Minnesota Tobacco Free Campuses Symposium* (March 27, 2012)
 - Heidi Harland, Ted Manthe
 - Universities across our state are attending
- Guest Resources
 - Erin Simmons – American Lung Association
- Possible to recommendation(s) to College Administration
- Other???

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