

HEDS Campus Climate Sexual Assault Survey

Occidental College and Other Schools

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About the Survey (Administered on Feb 16-Mar 13, 2015 at Oxy)

National survey

- Developed by the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS)
- 57 institutions participated this year (54 were small institutions like Oxy)

Average response rate

- Oxy response rate: 31%, other institutions: 19%

Anonymity of responses

- HEDS withheld student responses on the following from Oxy's raw data:
citizenship, race, student residence, sexual orientation, whether incident was formally reported or not

Limitations

- Response rates may not be random, so results may not be generalizable to the whole Oxy student body.
- Unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault refer to incidents at Oxy and/or Oxy-related events.

Oxy Response Rates and Respondent Characteristics

Gender	Target population	Responses	Response rates
Female	1145	416	36%
Male	895	211	24%
Total	2040	627	31%

Race	Target population	Responses	Response rates
Marked White	993	372	37%
Not marked White	1047	246	23%
Total	2040	618	30%

Total responses is 634. Several students did not indicate gender or race.

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I. Findings for Oxy: A summary

❖ 8% reported they were sexually assaulted (51 out of the 634 respondents), 23 reported 'unsure'.

❖ Demographic breakdowns:

female respondents – 10% reported they were SA'd, male respondents – 4%

white females – 11% reported they were SA'd, non-white females – 8%

white males – 5% reported they were SA'd, non-white males – 1%

I. Findings for Oxy: A summary

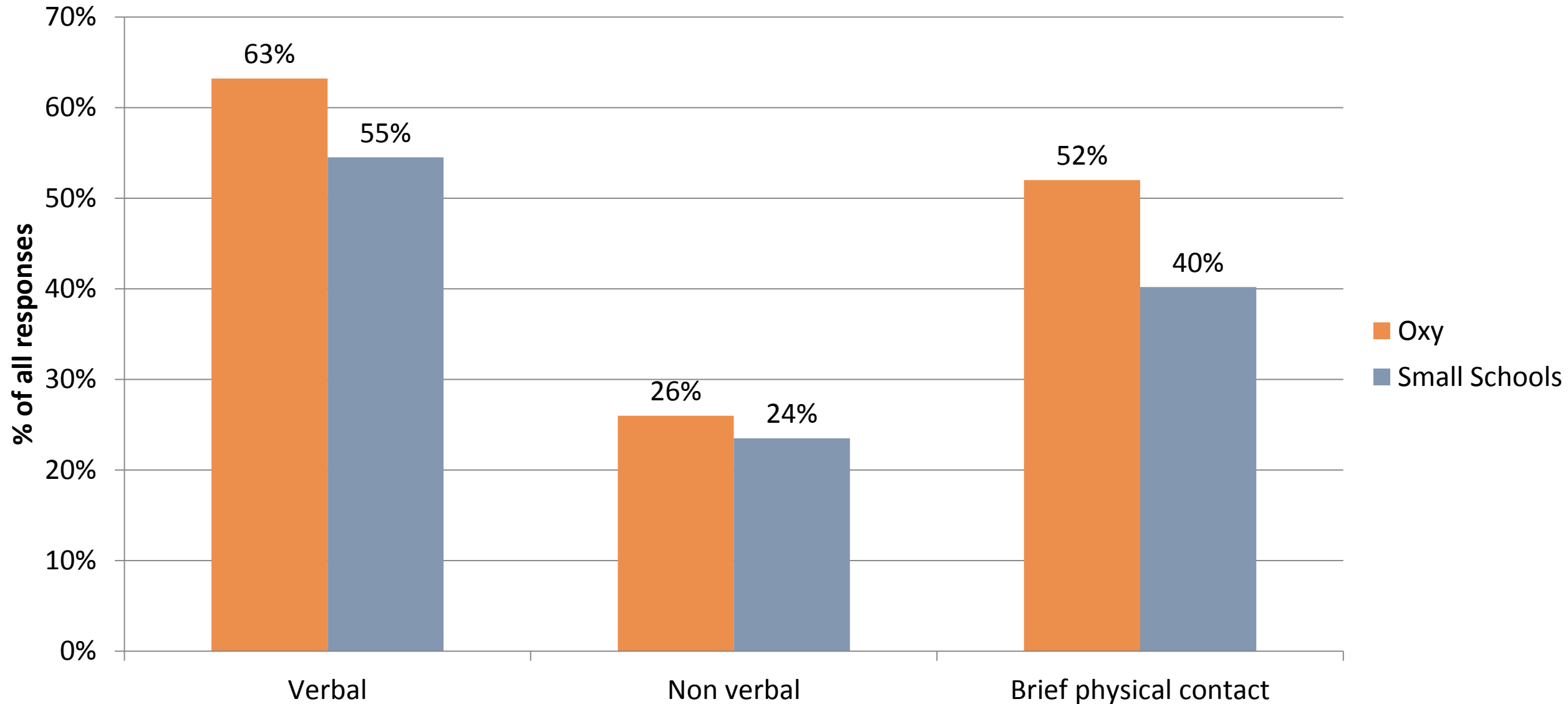
- ❖ Type: touching (80% of reported sexual assaults), vaginal intercourse (43%), oral intercourse (33%)
- ❖ Where: 49% of SA's occurred in Oxy residential buildings, 18% in Oxy non-residential, 31% off-campus
- ❖ When: 44% of SA incidents occurred during the first year.
- ❖ Who: 90% reported their assailants to be another Oxy student, 78% of the survivors said it was someone they knew.
- ❖ SA's are mostly alcohol related (80% of survivors reported assailants drinking alcohol, 75% of survivors reported their own drinking of alcohol) rather than physical force (33%) or drugs (33%).

II. How Oxy compares to other schools

- Unwanted sexual contact
- Sexual assault and its risk factors
- Trust in the institution
- Prevention through education
- Trends in sexual assaults at Oxy
- Trends in student perceptions

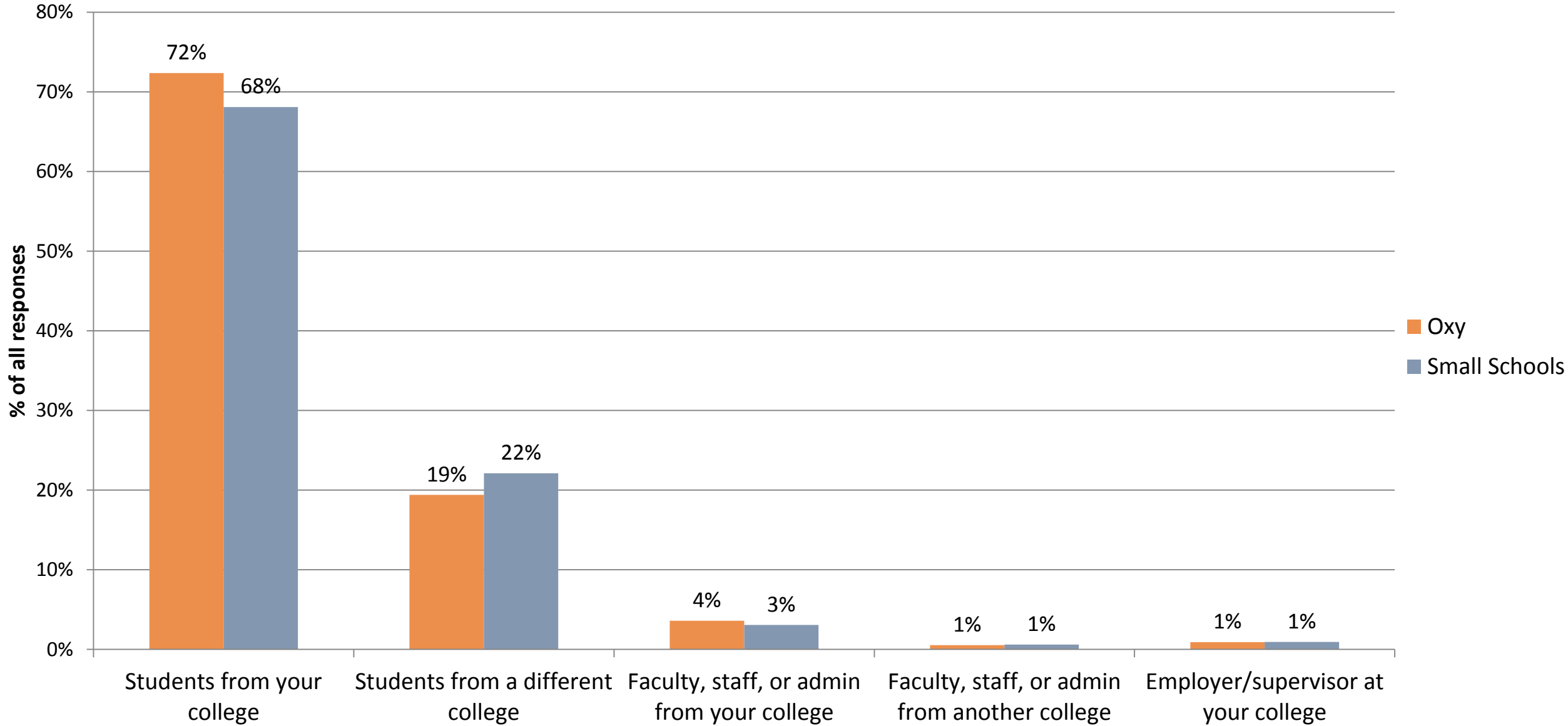
Unwanted Sexual Contact

Ever experienced **unwanted sexual contact** while on campus or off-campus during Oxy-sponsored events or programs



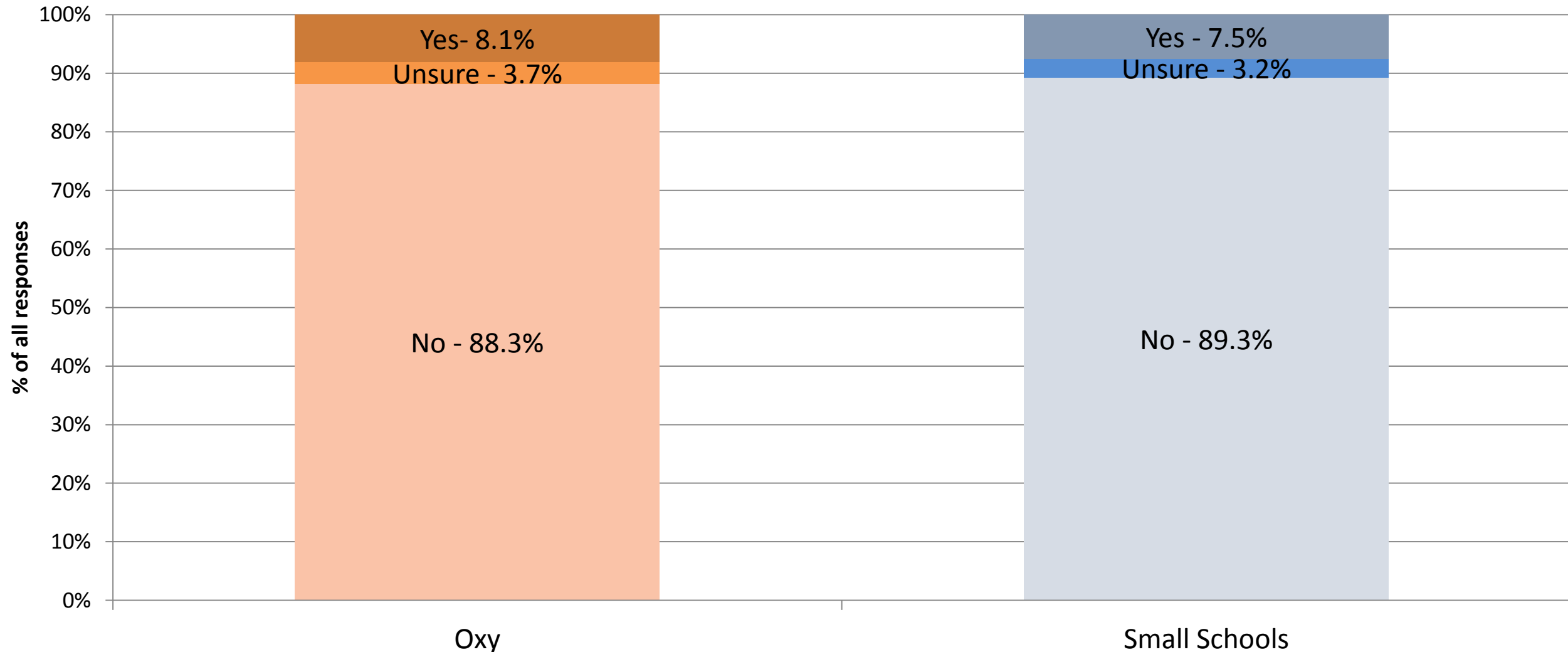
Unwanted Sexual Contact

“Who was responsible for this behavior?” (multiple answers allowed)



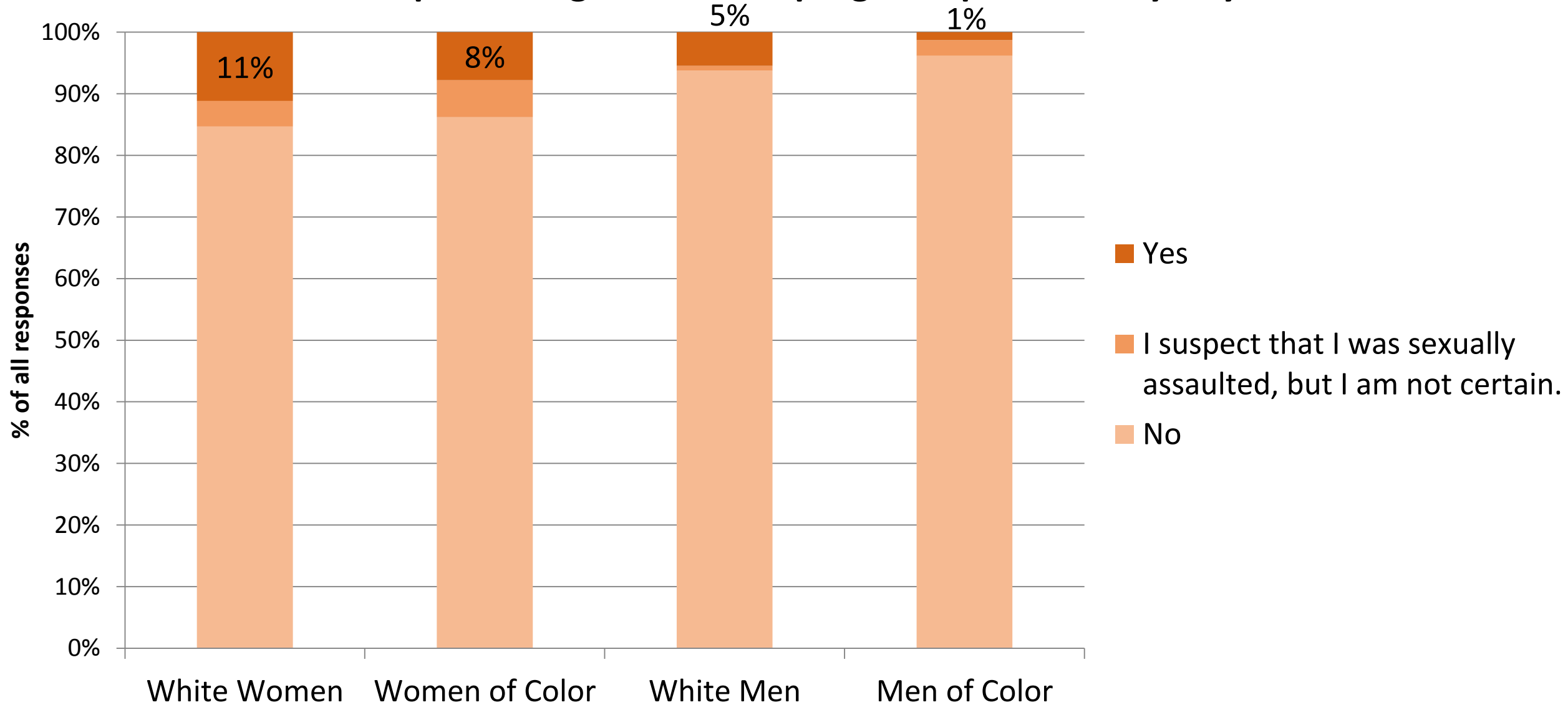
Sexual Assault and its Risk Factors

“Since starting at (your school), have you been sexually assaulted while on campus or off-campus during an event or program sponsored by (your school)?”



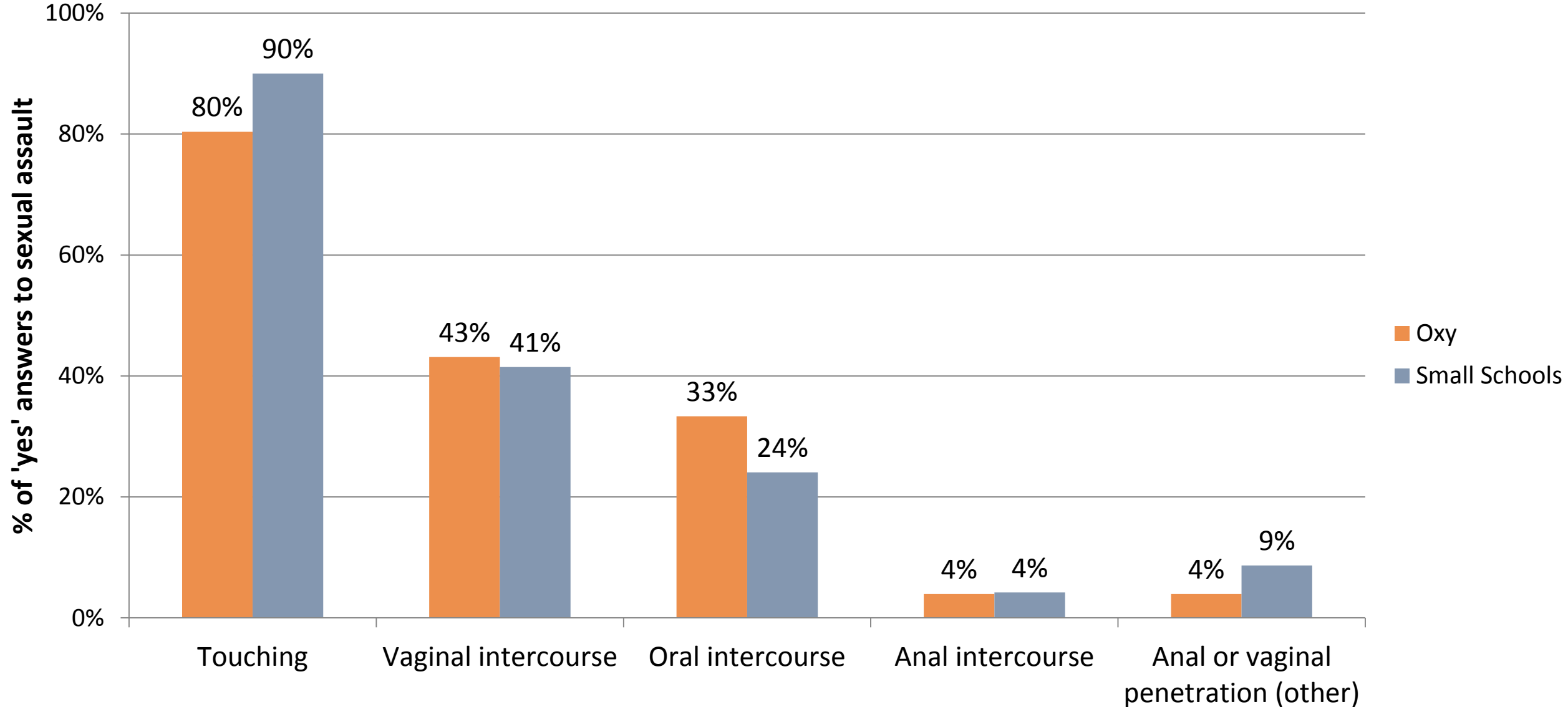
Actual Sexual Assault: Oxy n=51, Small Schools n=1,607

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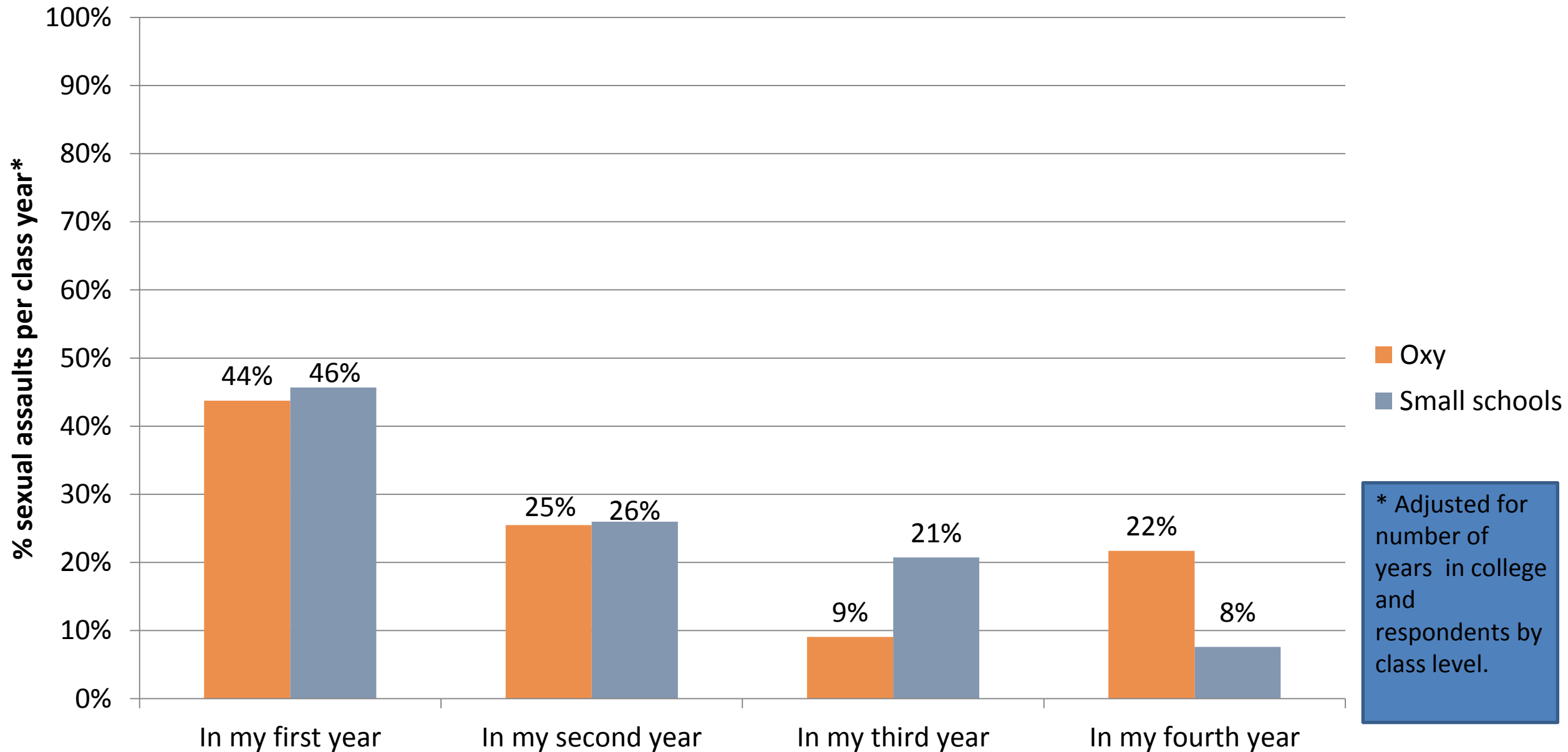
Actual Sexual Assault, “yes” n=51

“When you were sexually assaulted, which of the following happened” (checked all that apply)



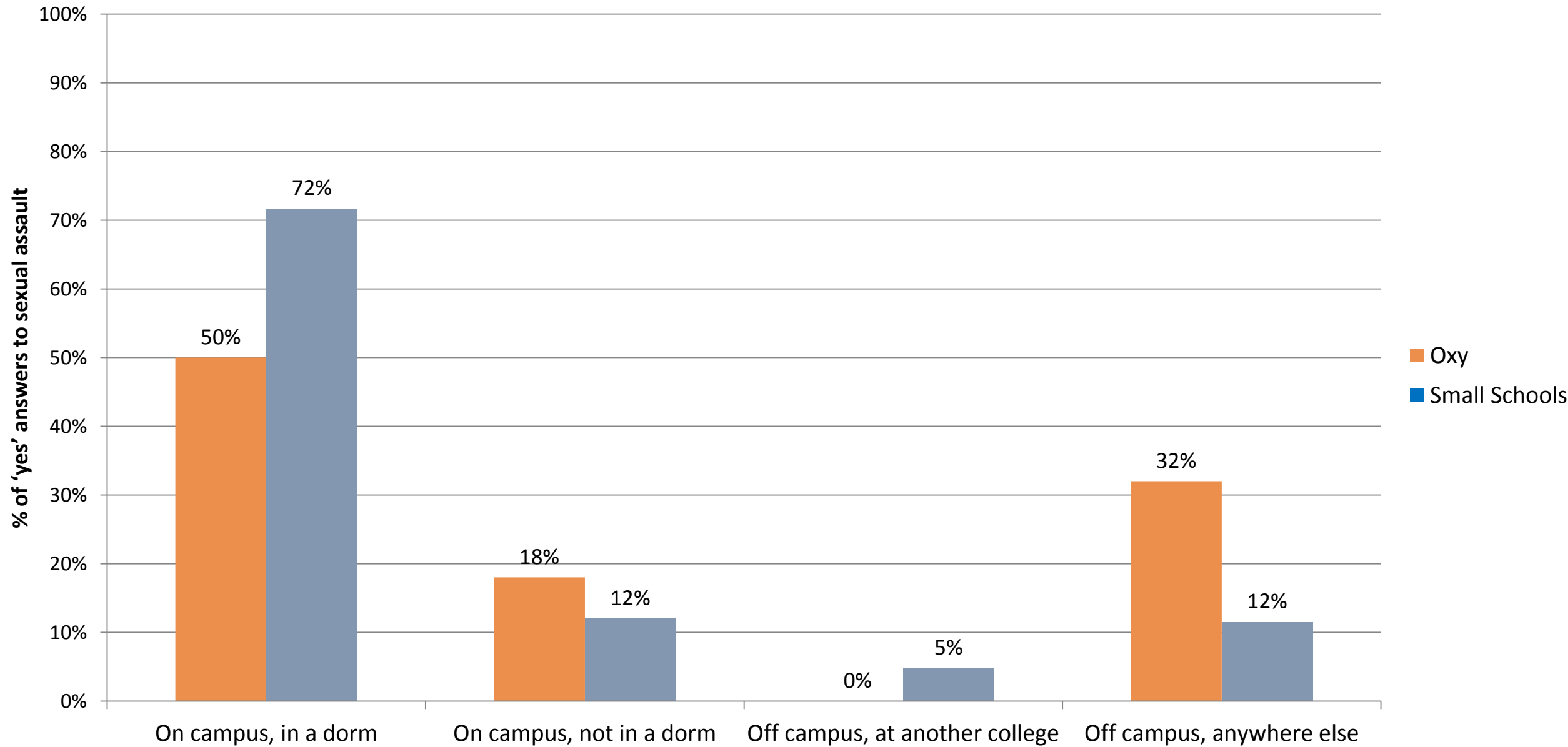
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"When in your academic career did the sexual assault occur?"



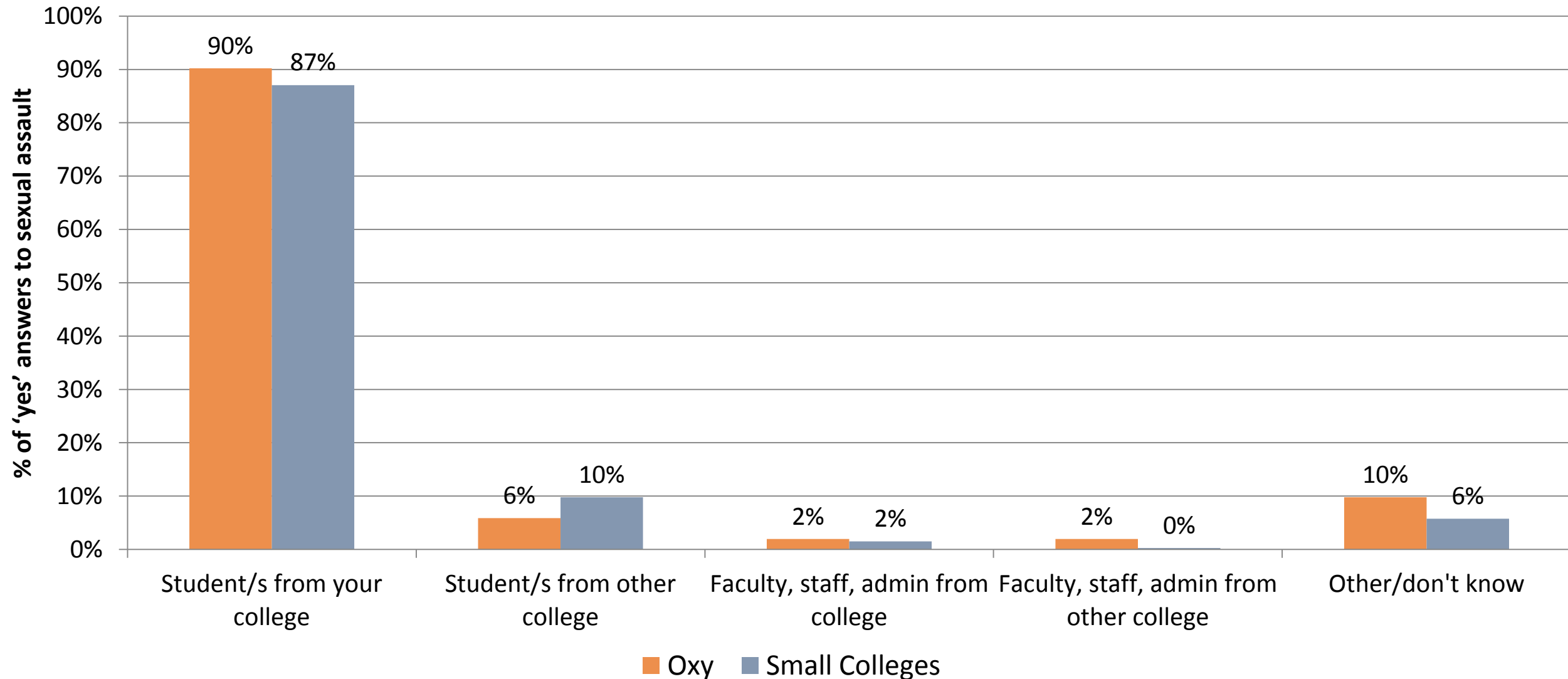
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Where did the sexual assault occur?



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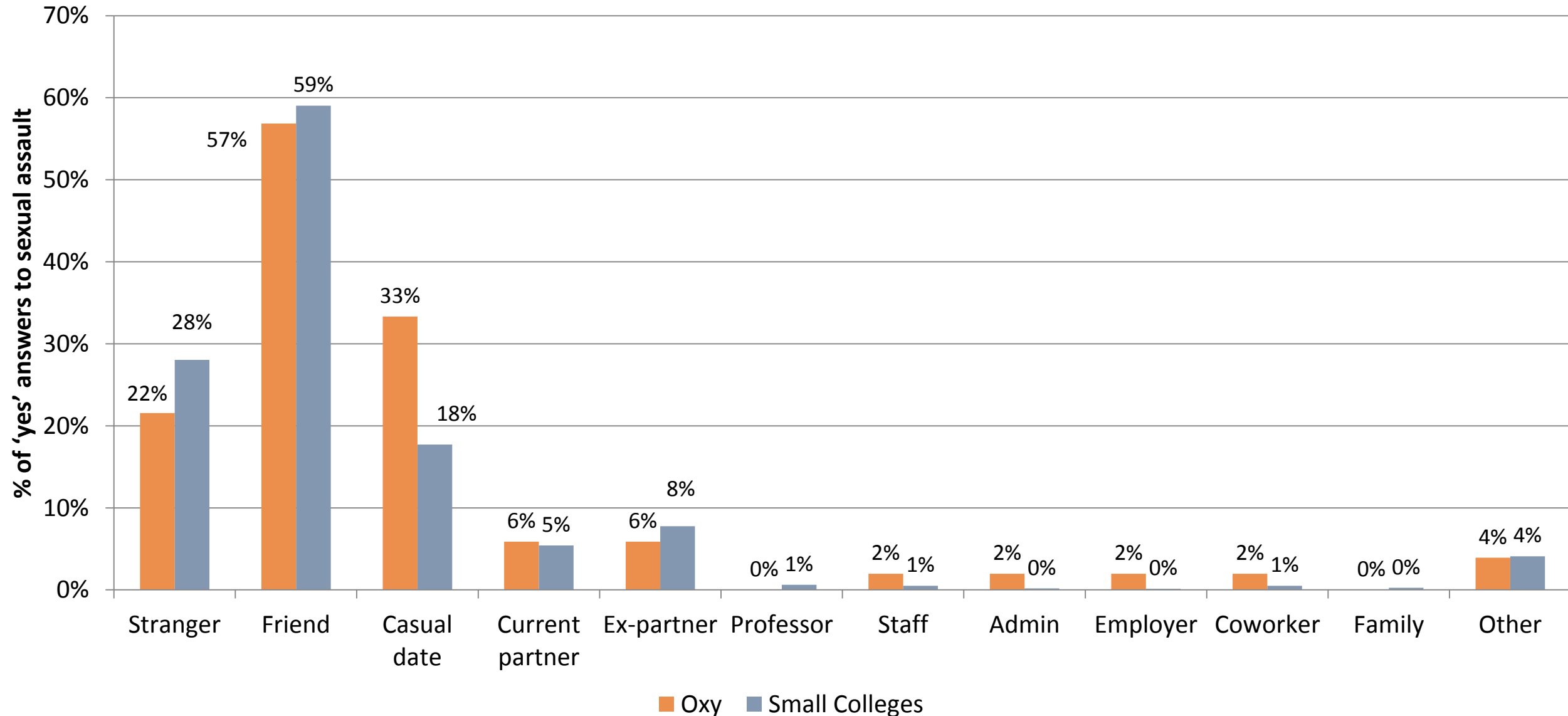
Were the people who sexually assaulted you affiliated with your college or another institution? (Checked all that apply)



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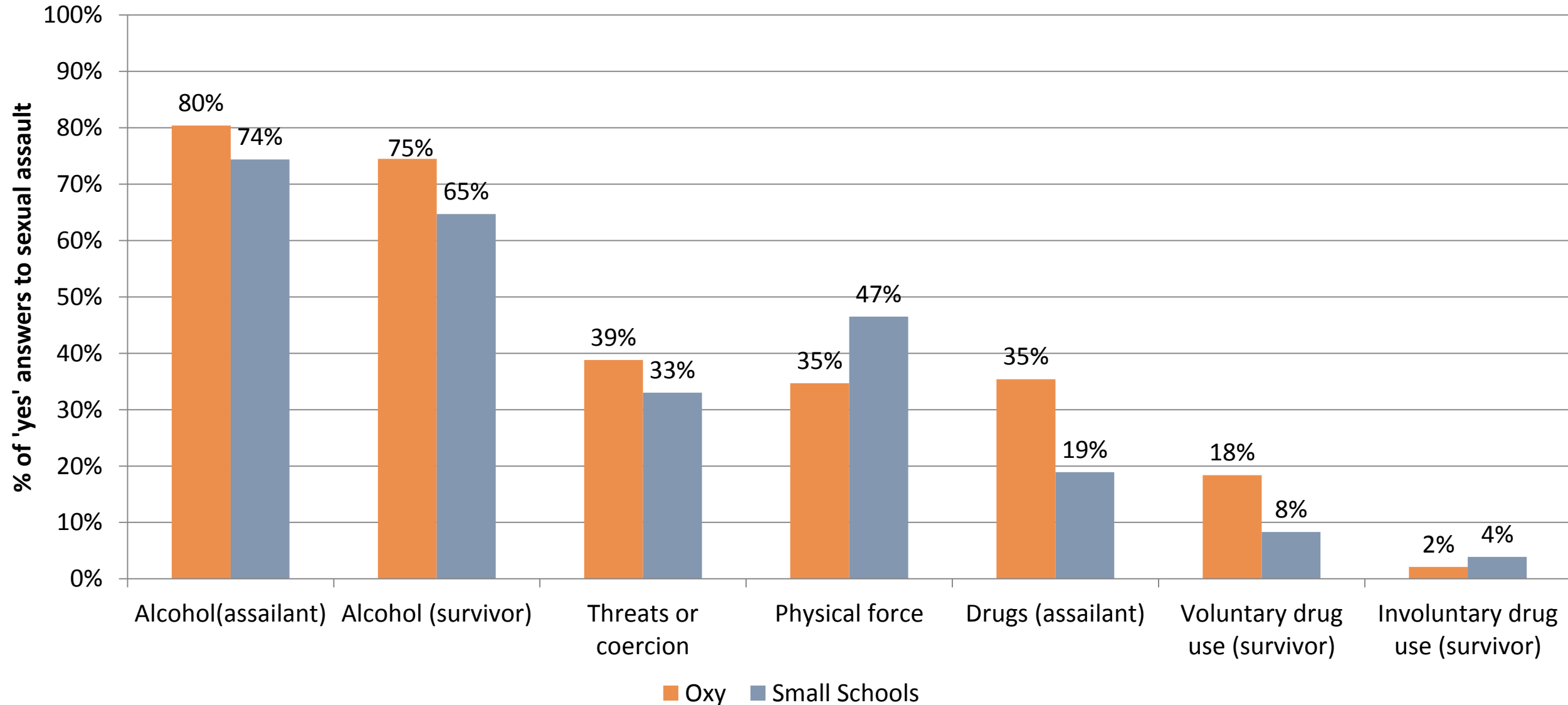
What was your relationship with the assailant at the time of sexual assault?

(checked all that apply)



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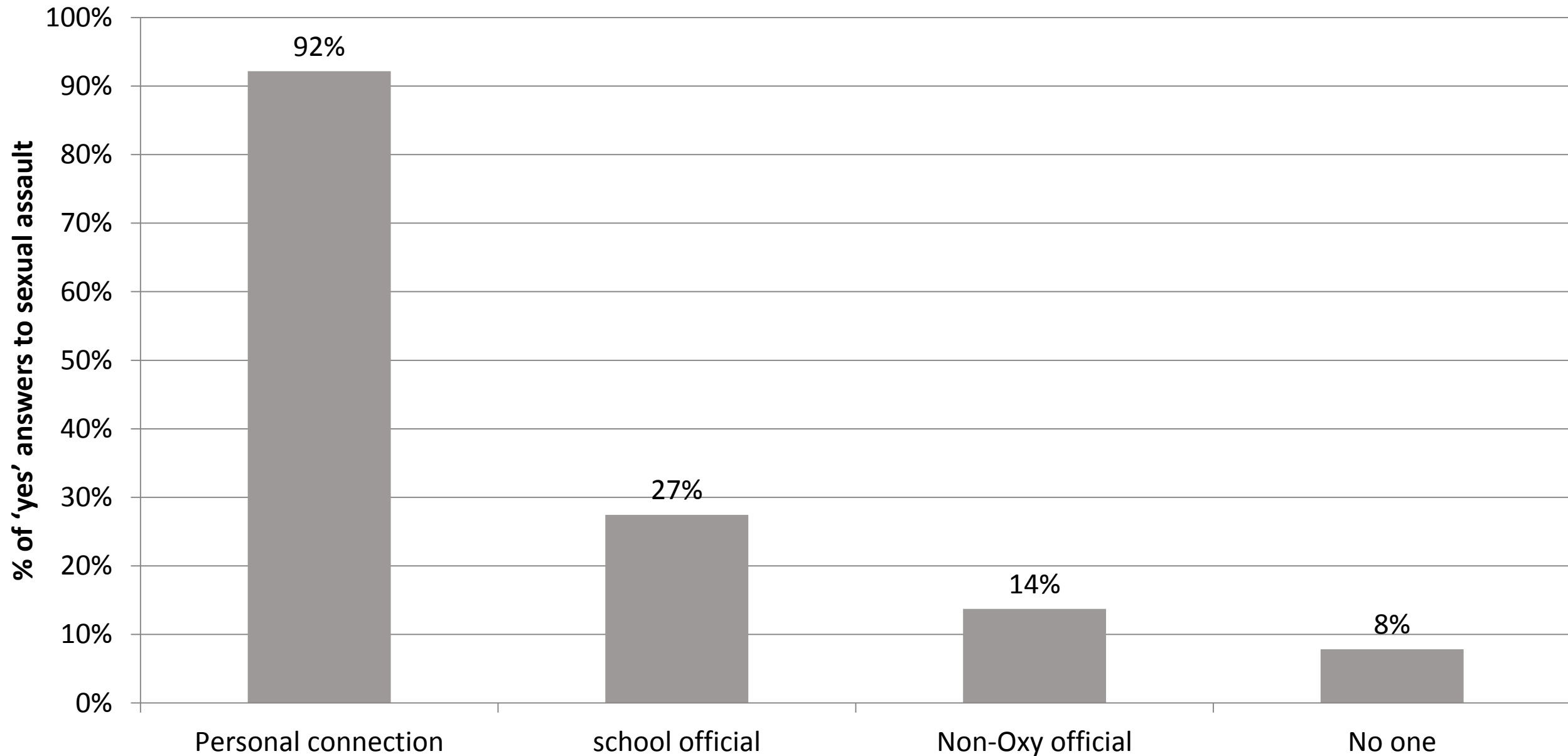
"Did this incident of sexual assault involve:" (checked all that apply)



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Trust in the Institution

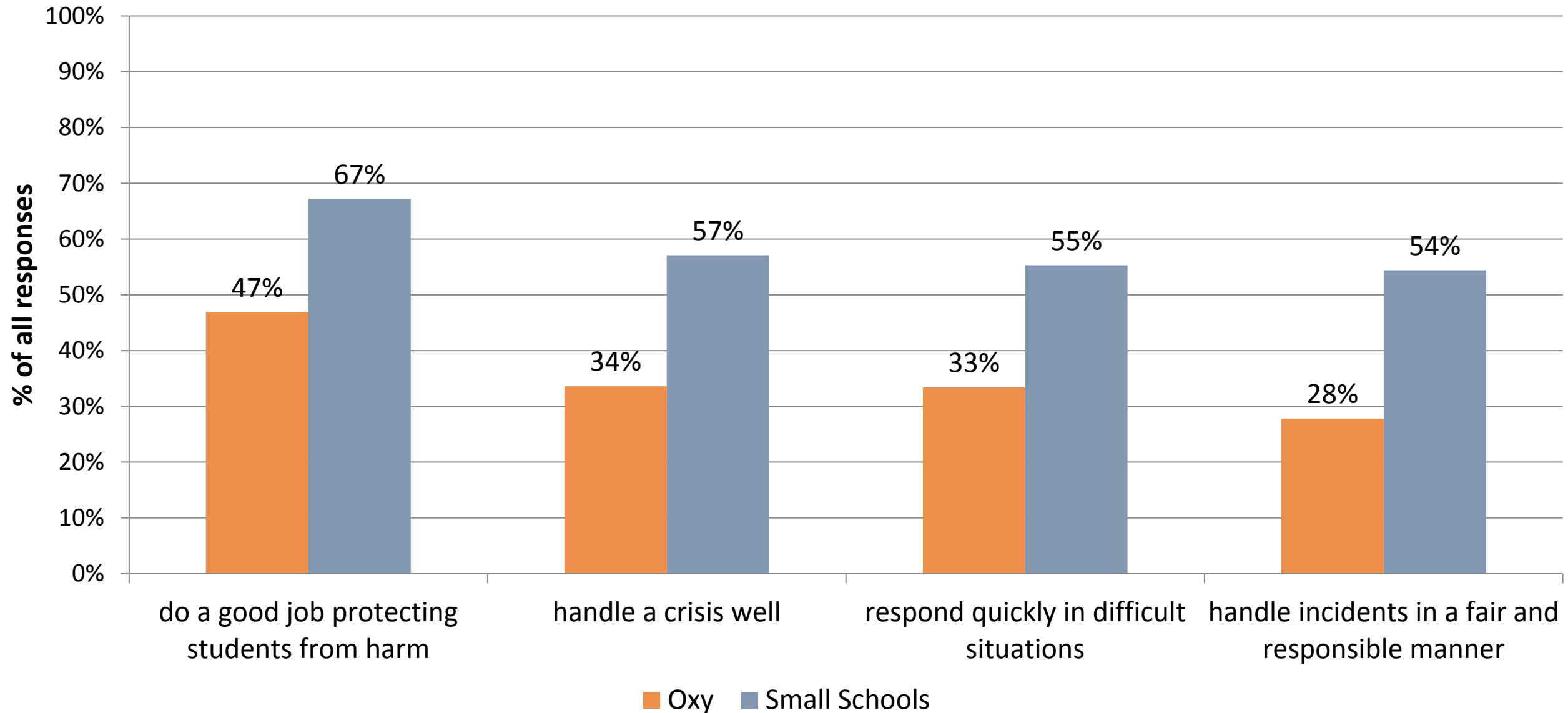
Whom did you tell about the sexual assault?



Actual Sexual Assault: Oxy n=51

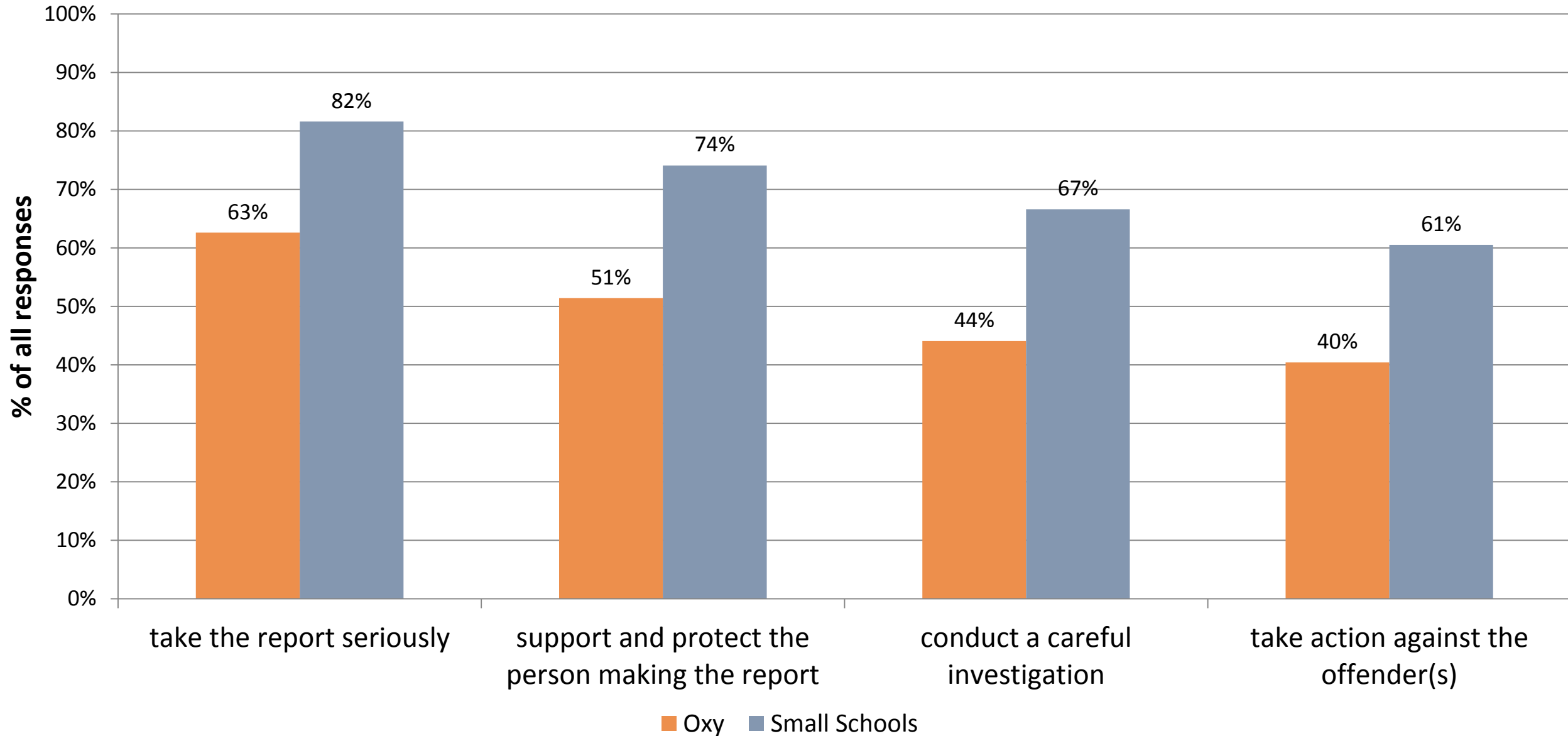
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(% of students who strongly agree/agree with the given statement)



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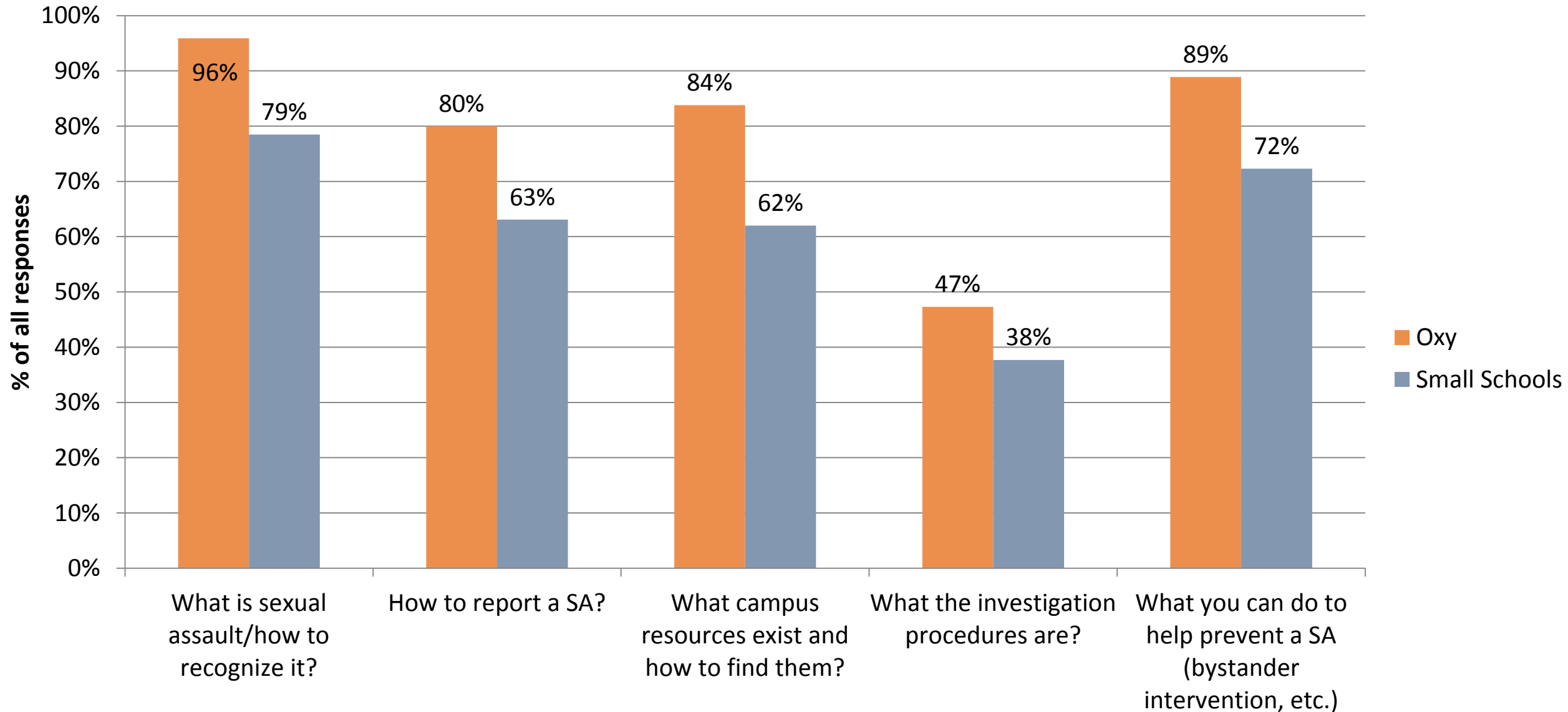
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Prevention through Education

Have you received information or education on _____?

(% of respondents who answered "yes")

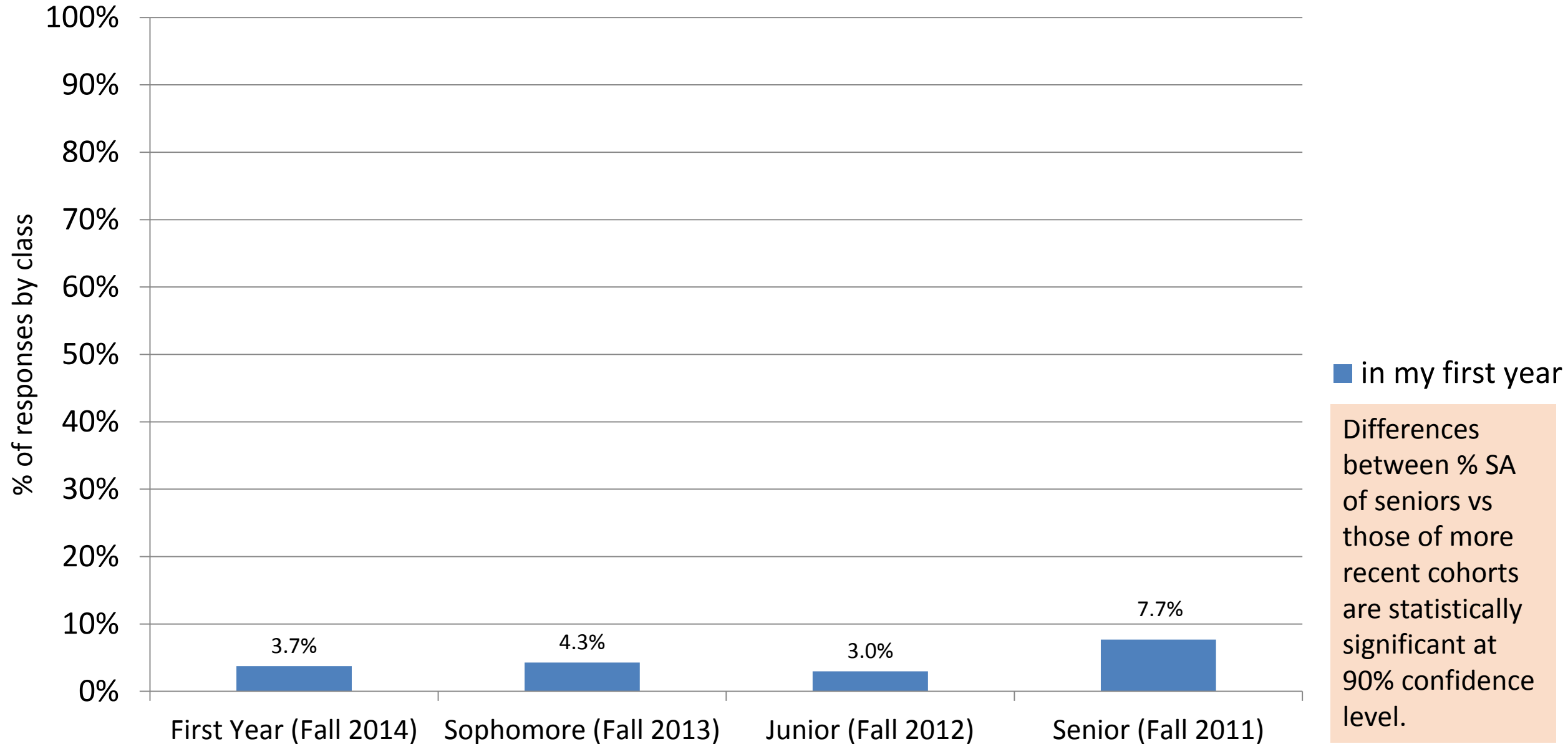


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- Trends in student perceptions

Trends in Sexual Assaults at Oxy

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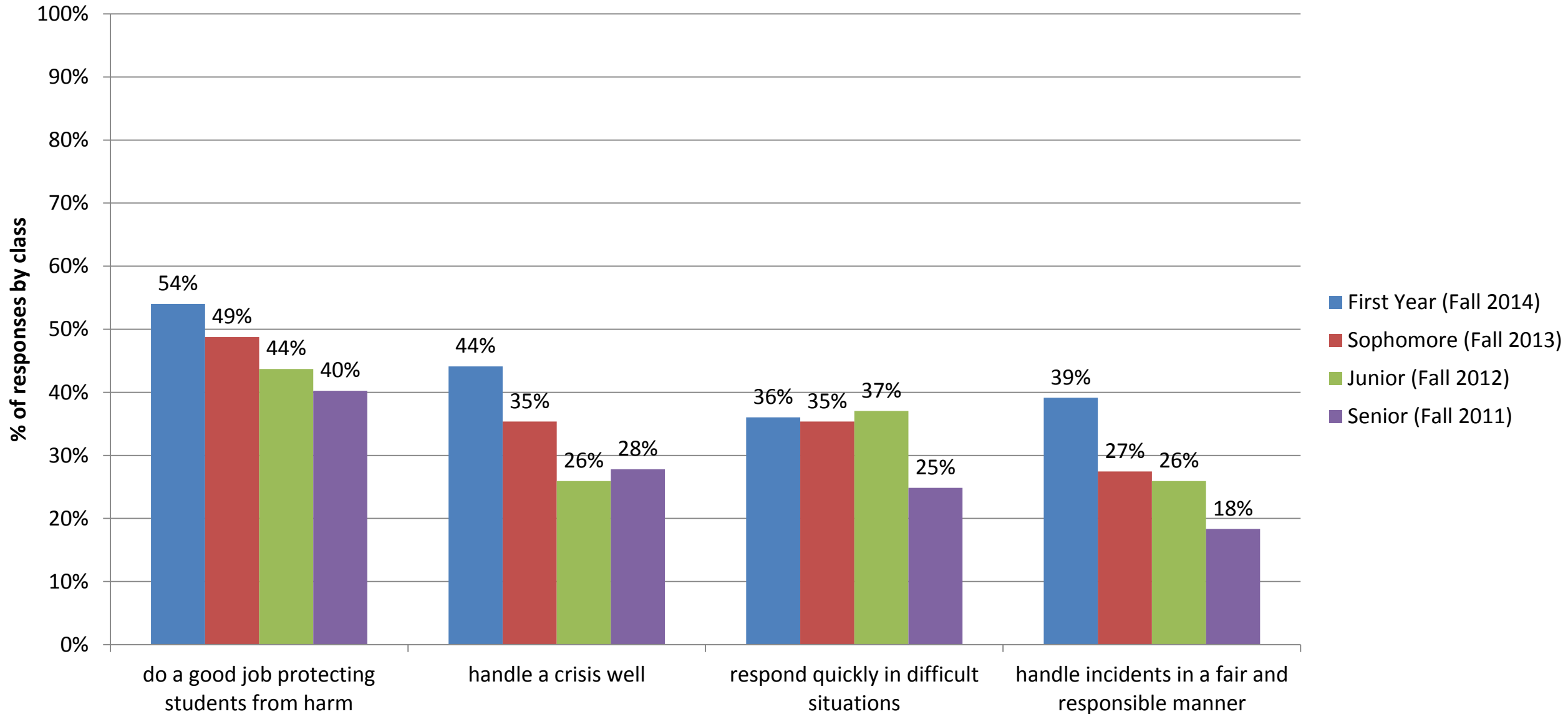


Actual Sexual Assault (% Yes): Oxy n=51, “current” as of Spring 2015 ²⁸

Trends in Student Perceptions

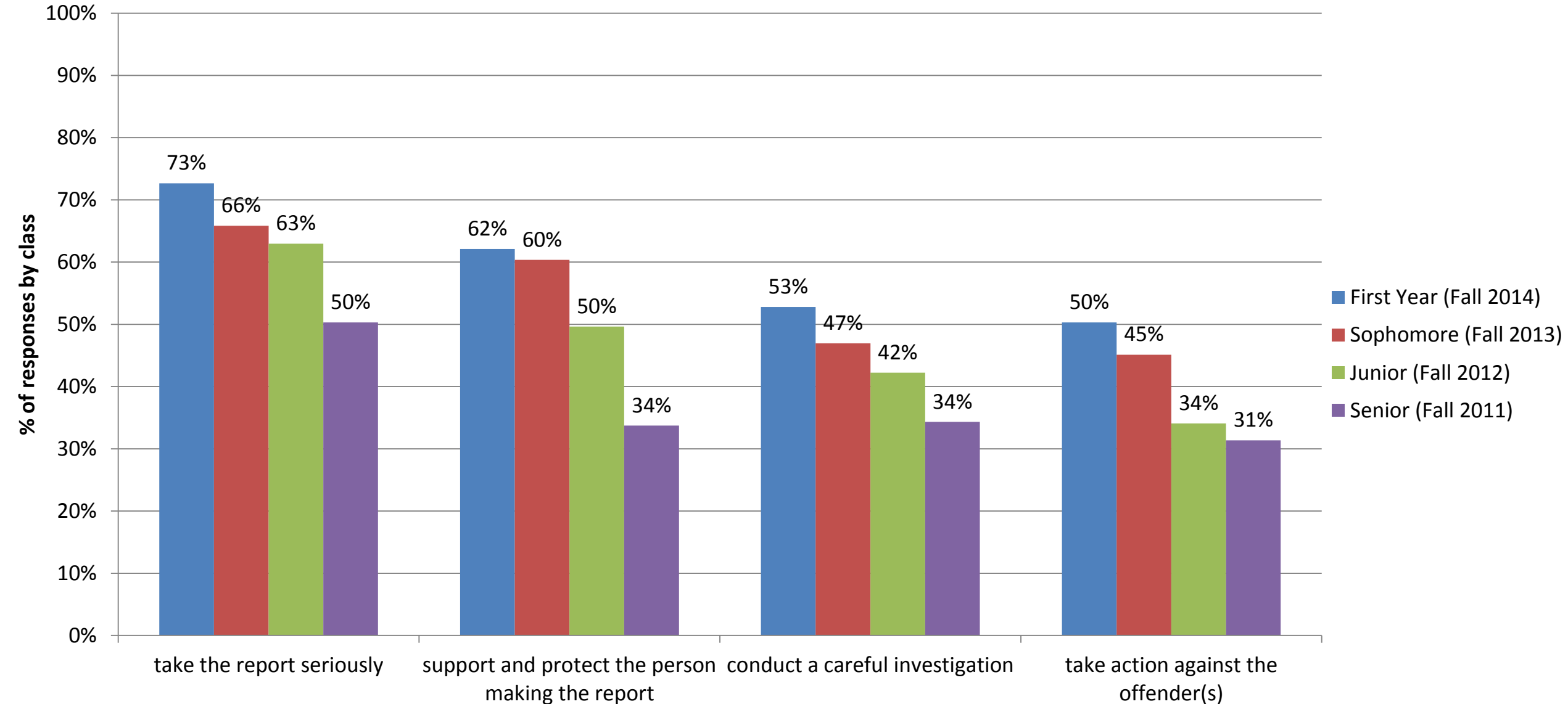
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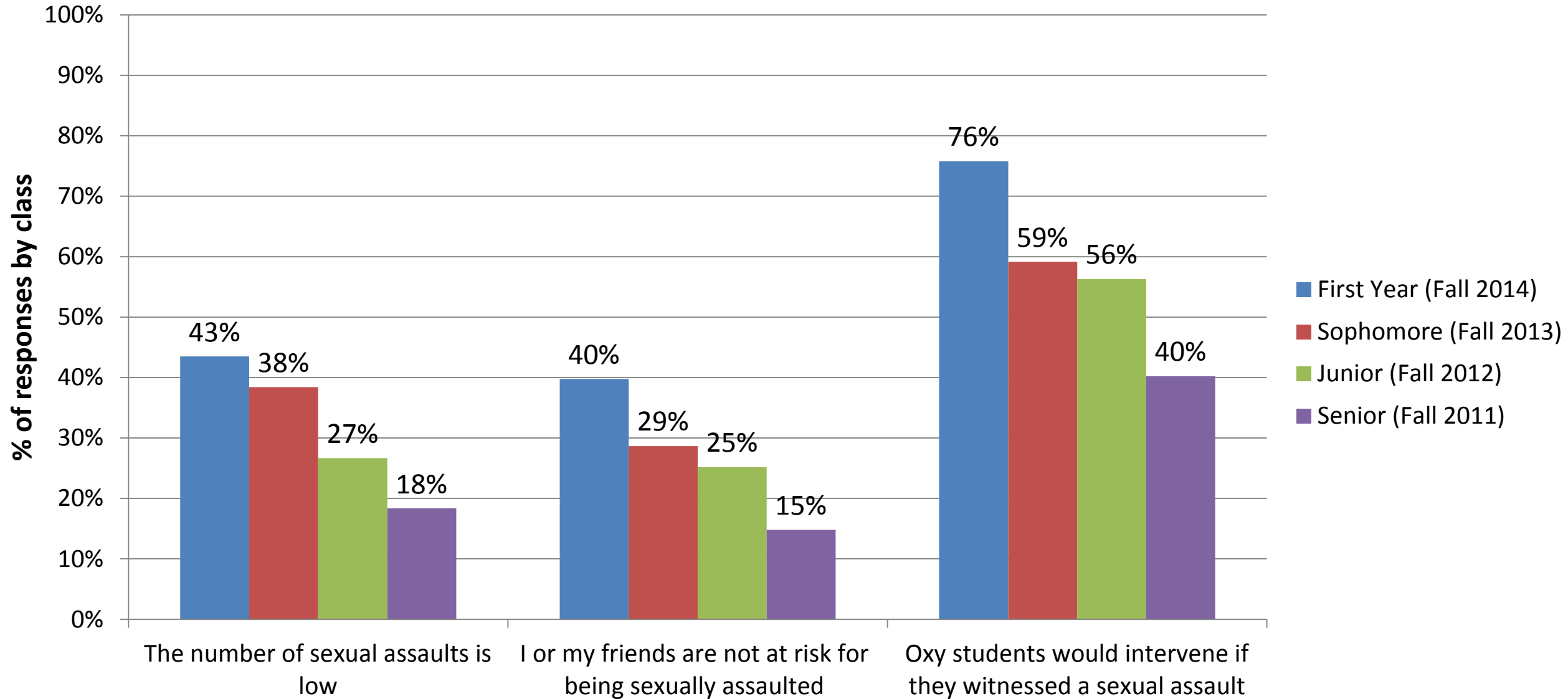
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Students' views on sexual assaults at Oxy and Oxy events

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