

PURDUE UNIVERSITY



Mandated Commission for Higher Education to report on Freedom of Speech

“The report must include a detailed description of each state educational institution's efforts to recognize and protect the freedom of speech and association rights guaranteed to the members of its campus community under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. The report must include a recommendation on ***a survey instrument that each state educational institution shall administer to students*** not later than May 1, 2022, ***to determine current perceptions of whether free speech and academic freedom are recognized and fostered*** by the state educational institution in a manner that welcomes expression of ***different opinions and ideologies*** with respect to, but not limited to, classes, professors and instructors, peer interactions, speakers, and campus groups.”

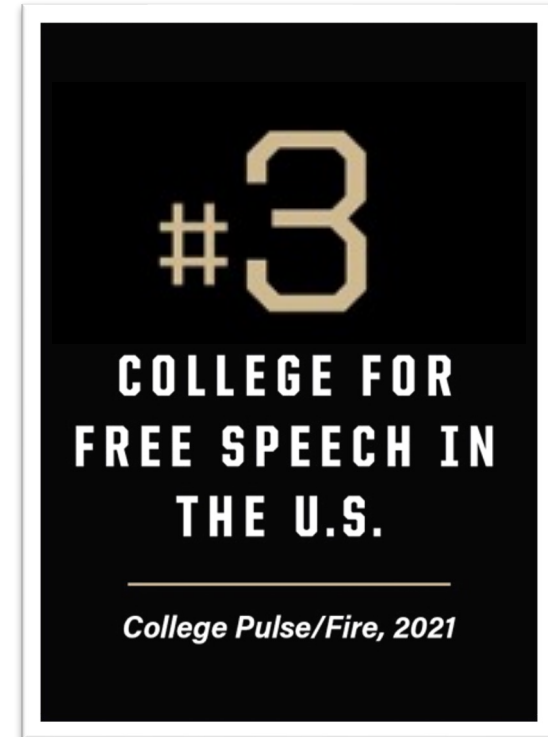
- \approx 11,000 responses from our campus
- \approx 34% response rate that was a representative sample of each college
- \approx 60% of state's responses came from West Lafayette, 9% from regionals
- Participation from outside our campus was so low that comparisons are questionable

	\approx Respondents	\approx Response Rate
Purdue West Lafayette	\approx 11,000	\approx 34%
Purdue Northwest	\approx 750	\approx 19%
Purdue Fort Wayne	\approx 1,000	\approx 27%
Non-Purdue Campuses	\approx 5,600	\approx 4%

Ideological breakdown of respondents by college

	University	Ag	Educ.	Engin.	Exploratory Studies	HHS	Krannert	Liberal Arts	Pharmacy	Polytech	Science	Vet Med
Conservative	20%	35%	24%	18%	22%	21%	28%	13%	19%	23%	12%	35%
Moderate	29%	25%	29%	32%	32%	27%	30%	24%	31%	31%	26%	31%
Liberal	35%	27%	37%	36%	28%	40%	27%	47%	28%	26%	44%	19%
None of the above/Refused	16%	13%	10%	15%	18%	13%	15%	16%	22%	20%	18%	15%

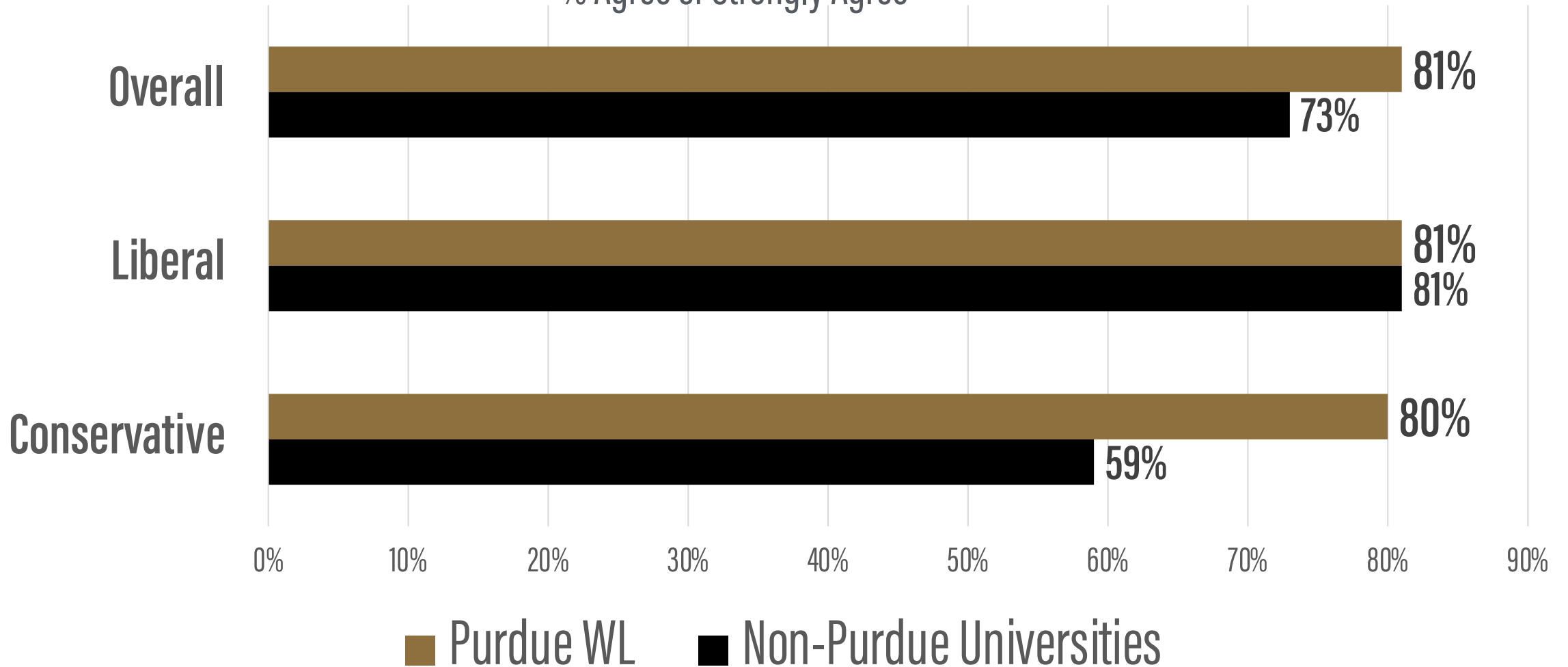
1. Giving students, regardless of their political views, an overall sense that they are free to express themselves.
2. Conveying to students that at Purdue, we value free speech.
3. Presenting an ideologically diverse lineup of speakers.



At [University], students can express their opinions freely.

% Agree or Strongly Agree

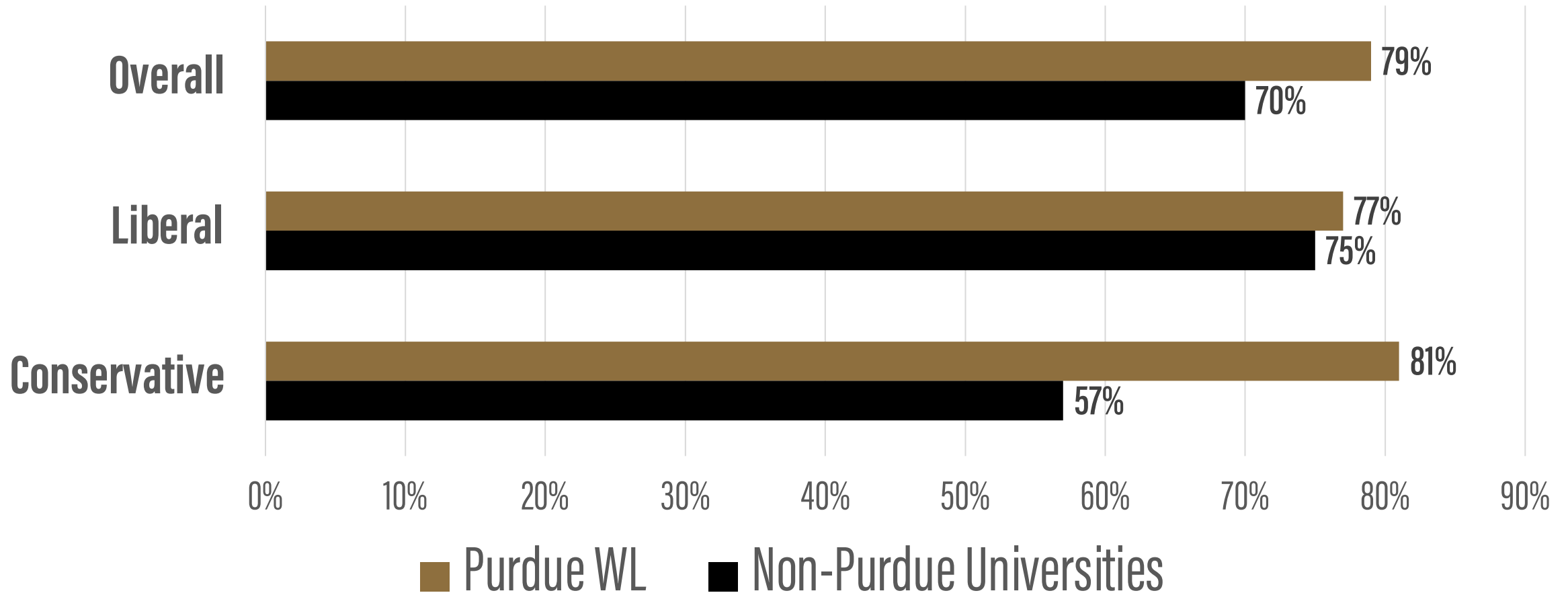
Respondent Demographics



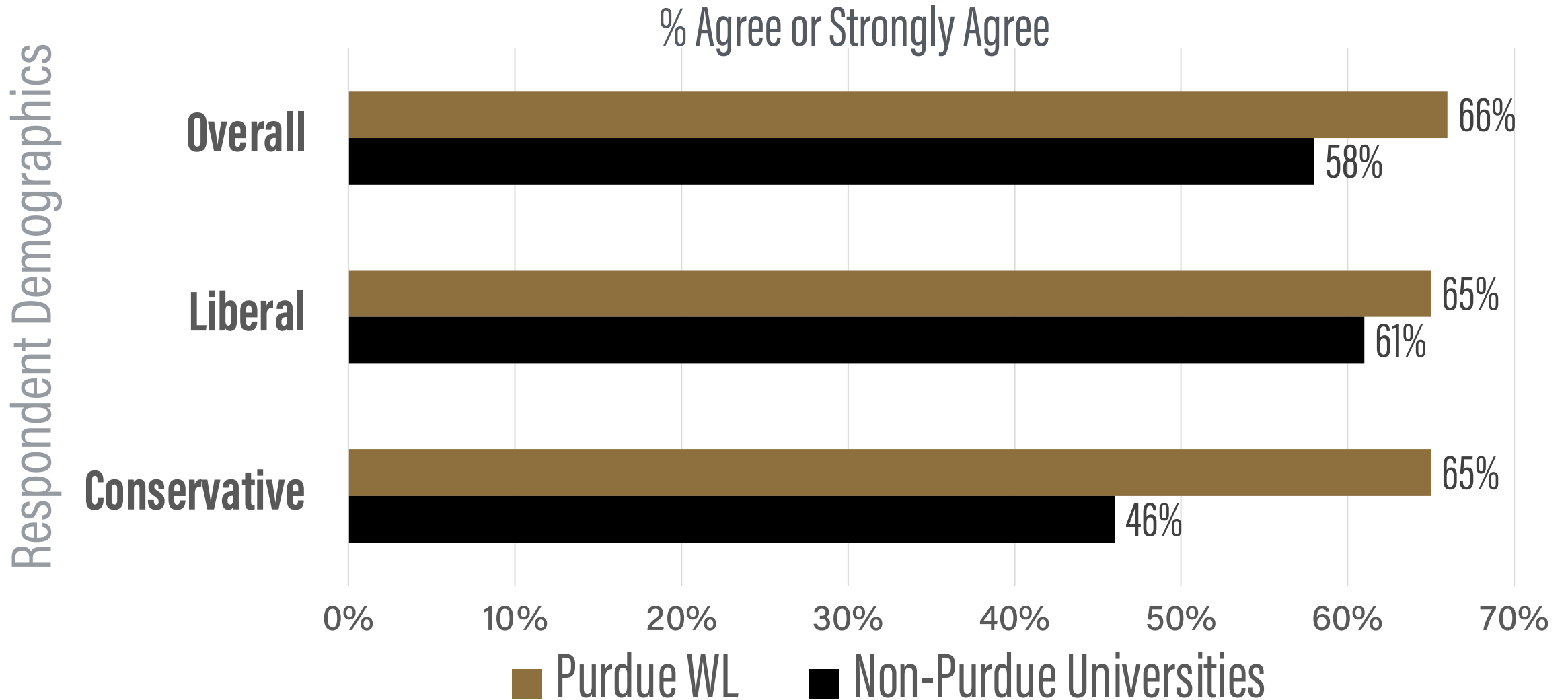
Free speech is highly valued at [University].

% Agree or Strongly Agree

Respondent Demographics



Speakers at [University] represent a wide range of political views & ideologies.



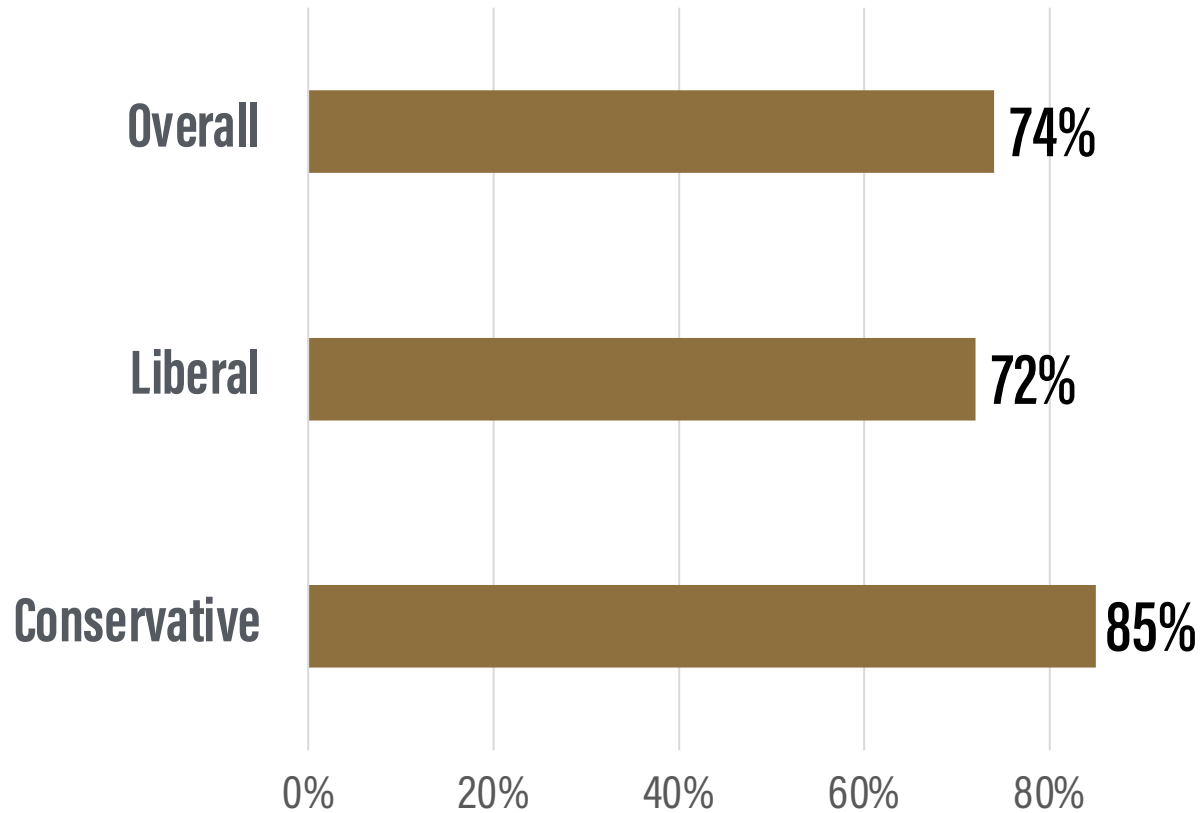
1. Addressing the impression that students sharing left leaning ideas are more welcome to express themselves in the classroom.
2. Exposing students to scholarly ideas from a diversity of political viewpoints.
3. Teaching students appropriate ways to respond to speech they do not like.

Where we could use the most improvement...

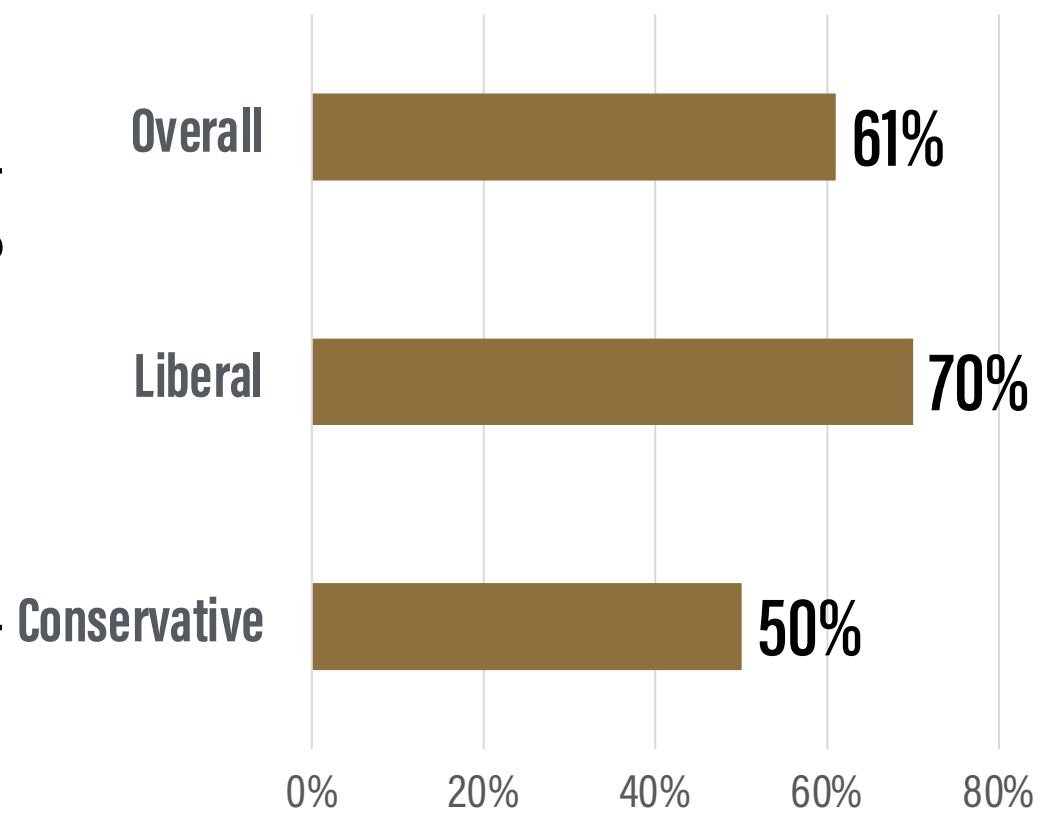
Politically *liberal* students can openly express their opinions

Politically *conservative* students can openly express their opinions

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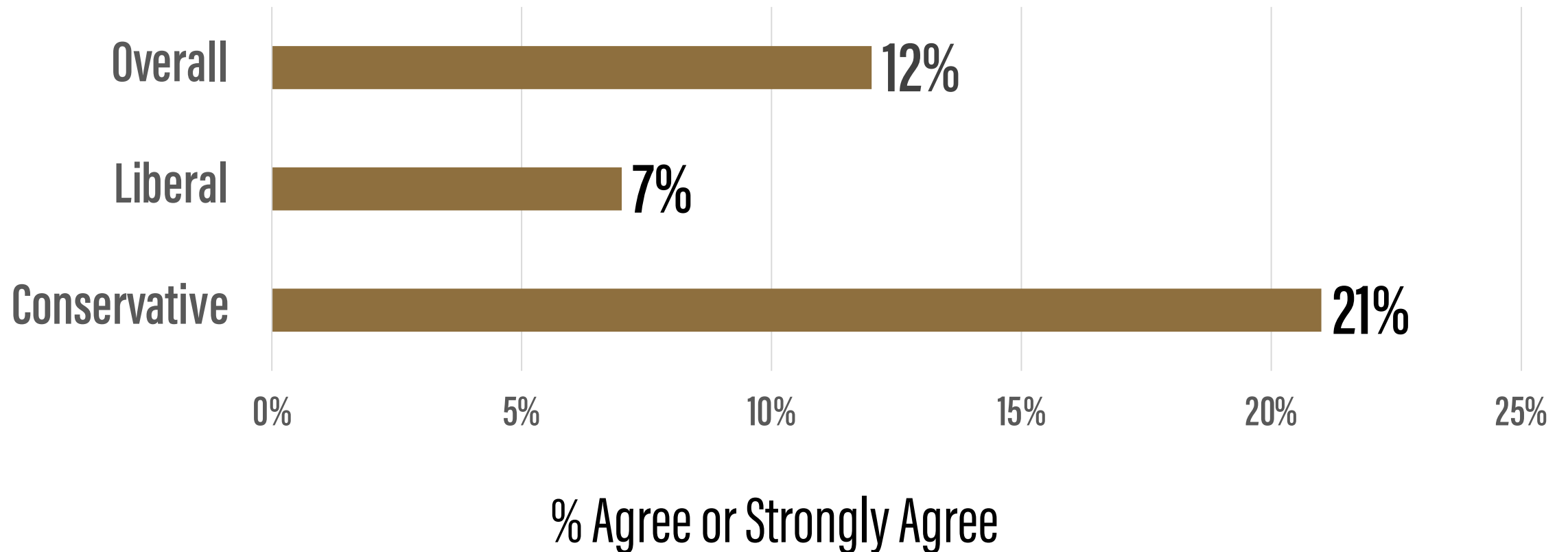


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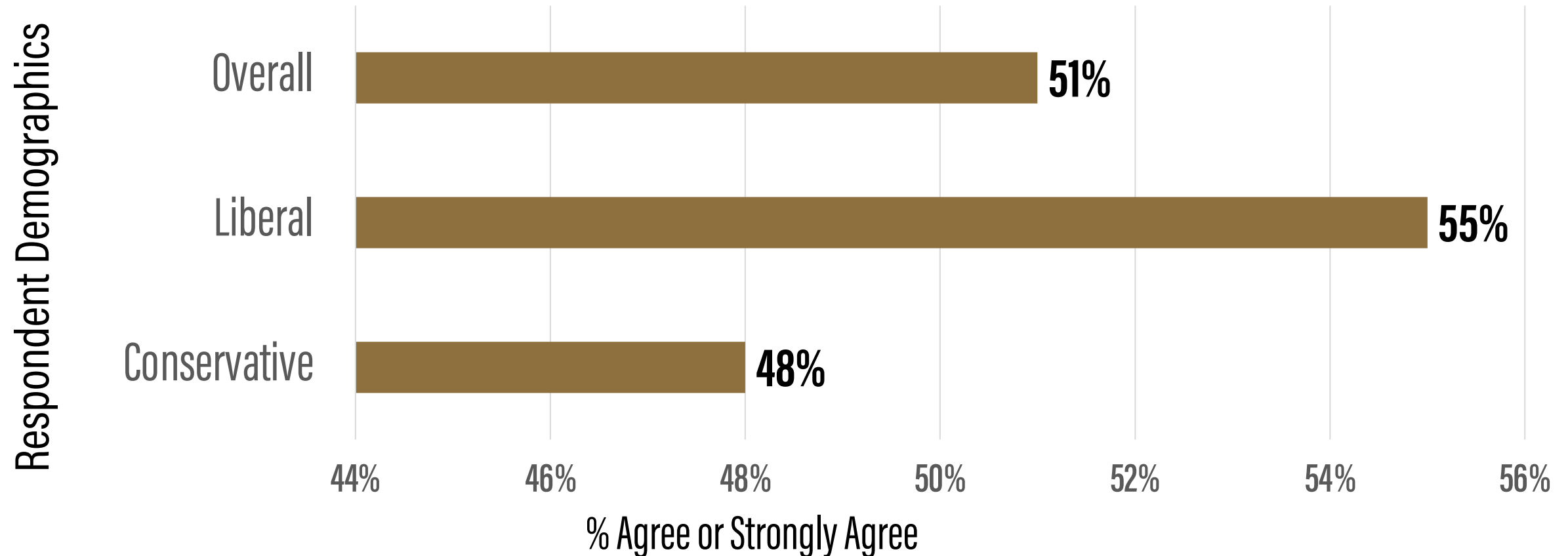
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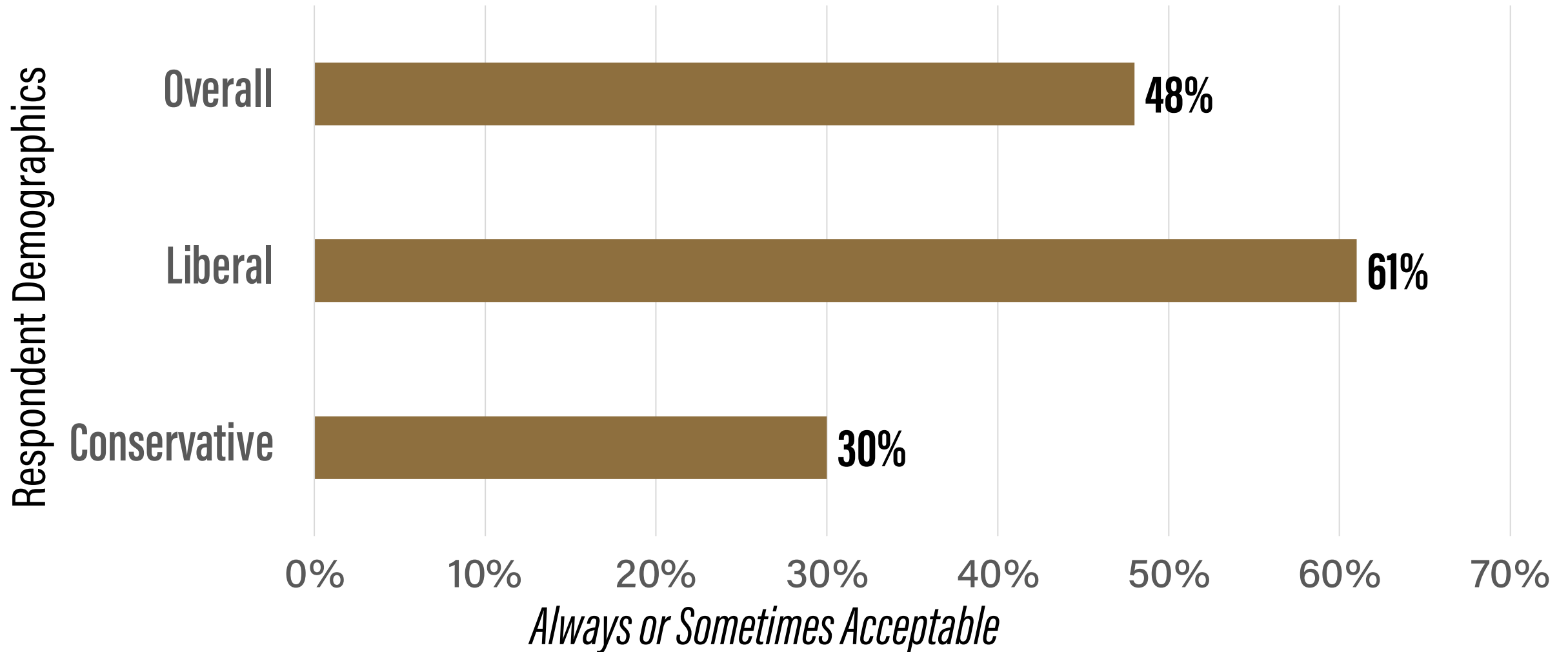


Where we could use the most improvement...

In classes I am taking or have taken that are related to political, historical, or cultural topics at Purdue, **my instructors have exposed me to scholarly ideas from different political viewpoints.**



Shouting down speakers or trying to prevent them from talking at Purdue



Using violence to stop a speech, protest or rally at Purdue

