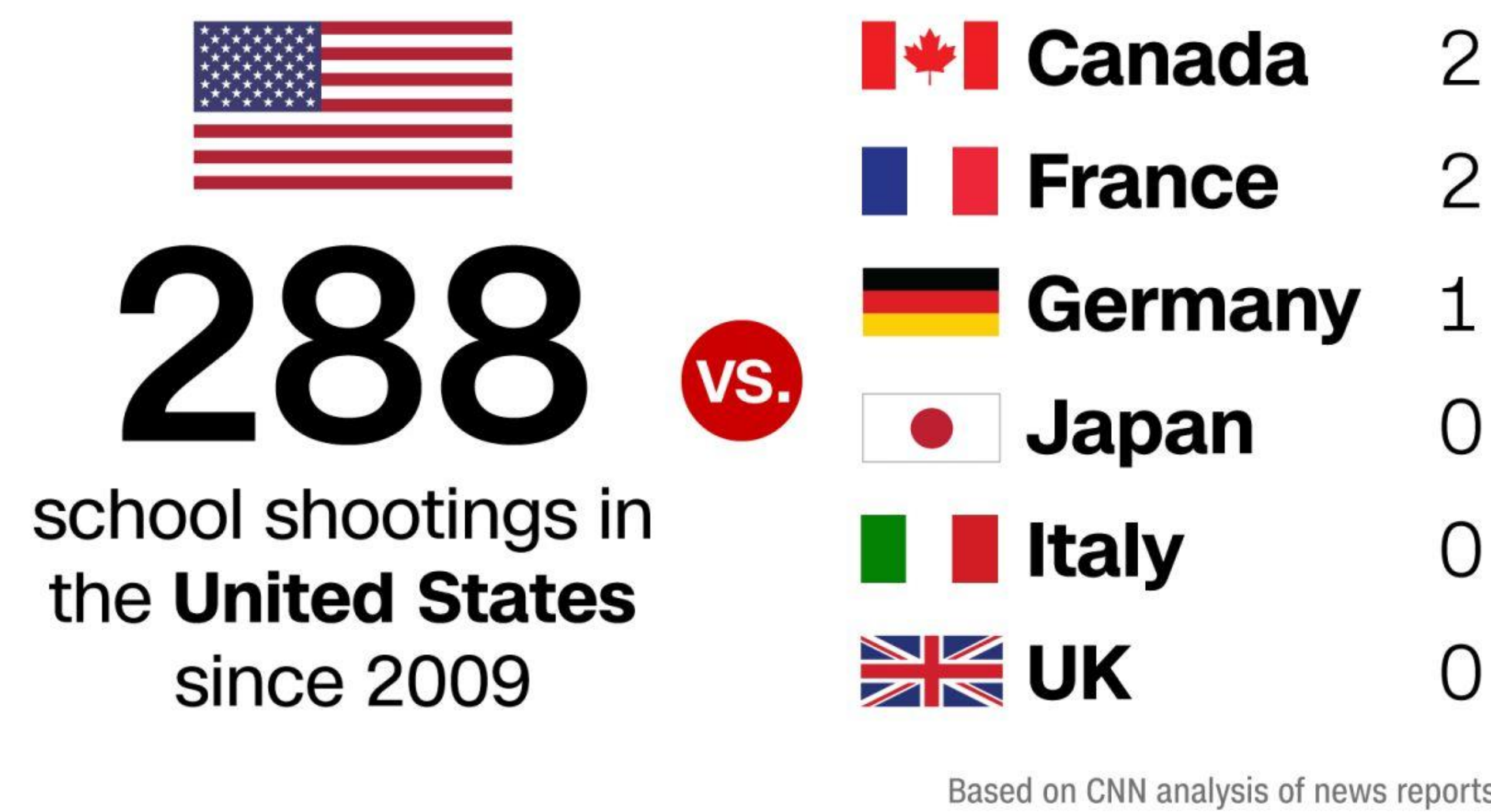


## About Our Grand Challenge

Throughout the last four semesters, our team has been dedicated to reducing gun violence in schools. To achieve this goal, we partnered with Safe Kids Inc. (see middle tab) to assist them with the development of their school violence prevention programs. We have created and distributed two surveys that will provide valuable insight for their curriculums.

## Why The H.E.R.O. Program?

Over the last decade, the United States has seen an increased amount of school related violence. Our country alone dwarves all other nations' instances of school violence combined.



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# ***The H.E.R.O. Program: Creating a Generation of Safe Thinkers***

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## **What is Safe Kids Inc. and The H.E.R.O. Program?**

The H.E.R.O. Program is a series of age appropriate lessons and drills that teach students how to prevent and survive violence in schools. The program is owned, operated, and designed by our partners at Safe Kids Inc. The program centers around the acronym H.E.R.O, and teaches kids how to correctly Hide, Escape, Run, and Overcome in the face of danger. Programs are currently available for public, private, and after school education.

**Hide** - Avoid the threat of danger!

**Escape** - Find a place of safety!

**Run** - Avoid freezing!

**Overcome/Obey** - Create an environment of resistance and listen to teachers!



## **The Survey Writing Process**

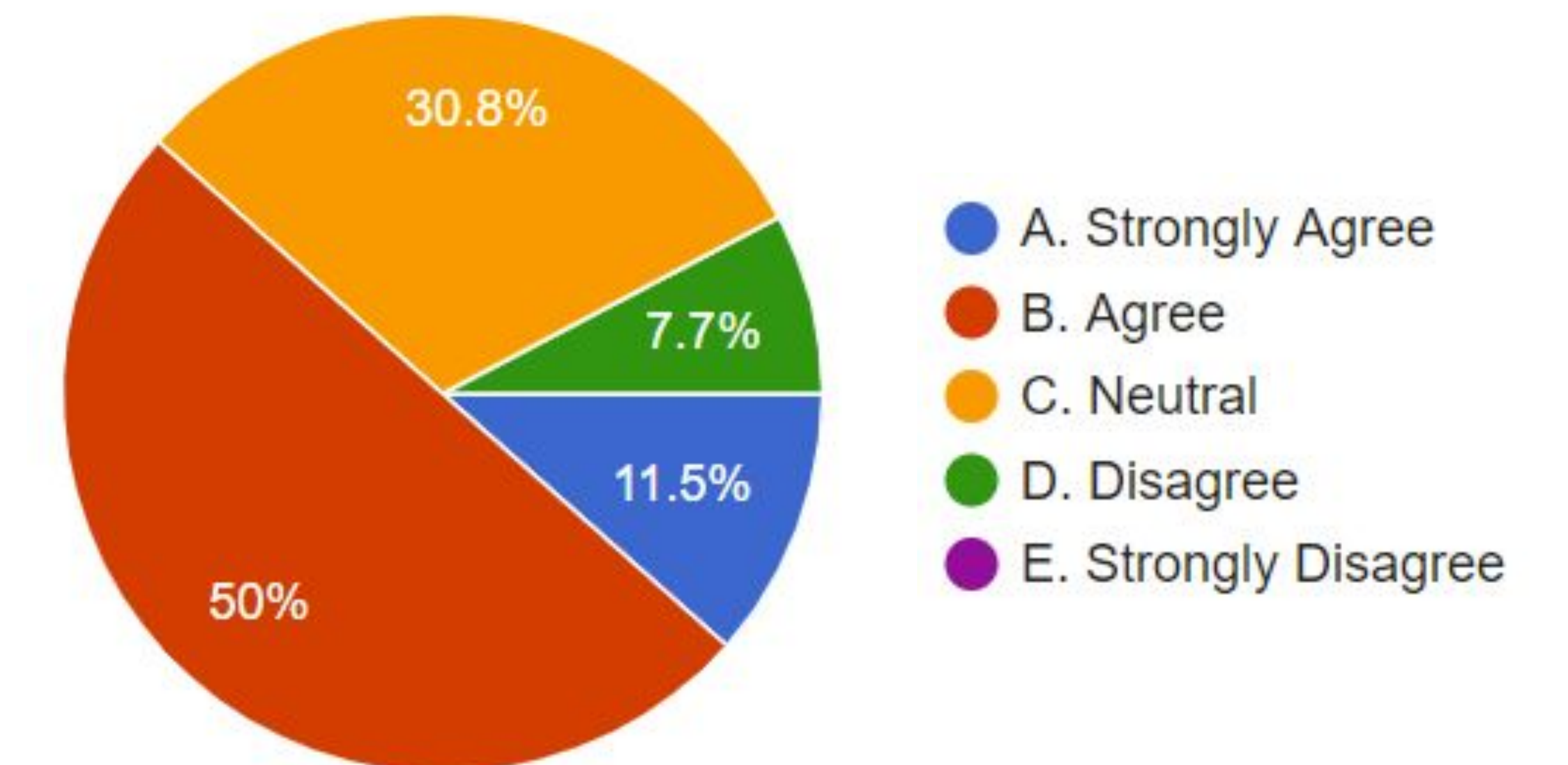
- Ask questions in a simple, specific, and direct manner.
  - Avoid bias, and leading the respondent on.
  - Give a balanced set of answer choices

Participating Schools - Trinity Lutheran Preschool, First Lutheran School, and Cabrillo High School

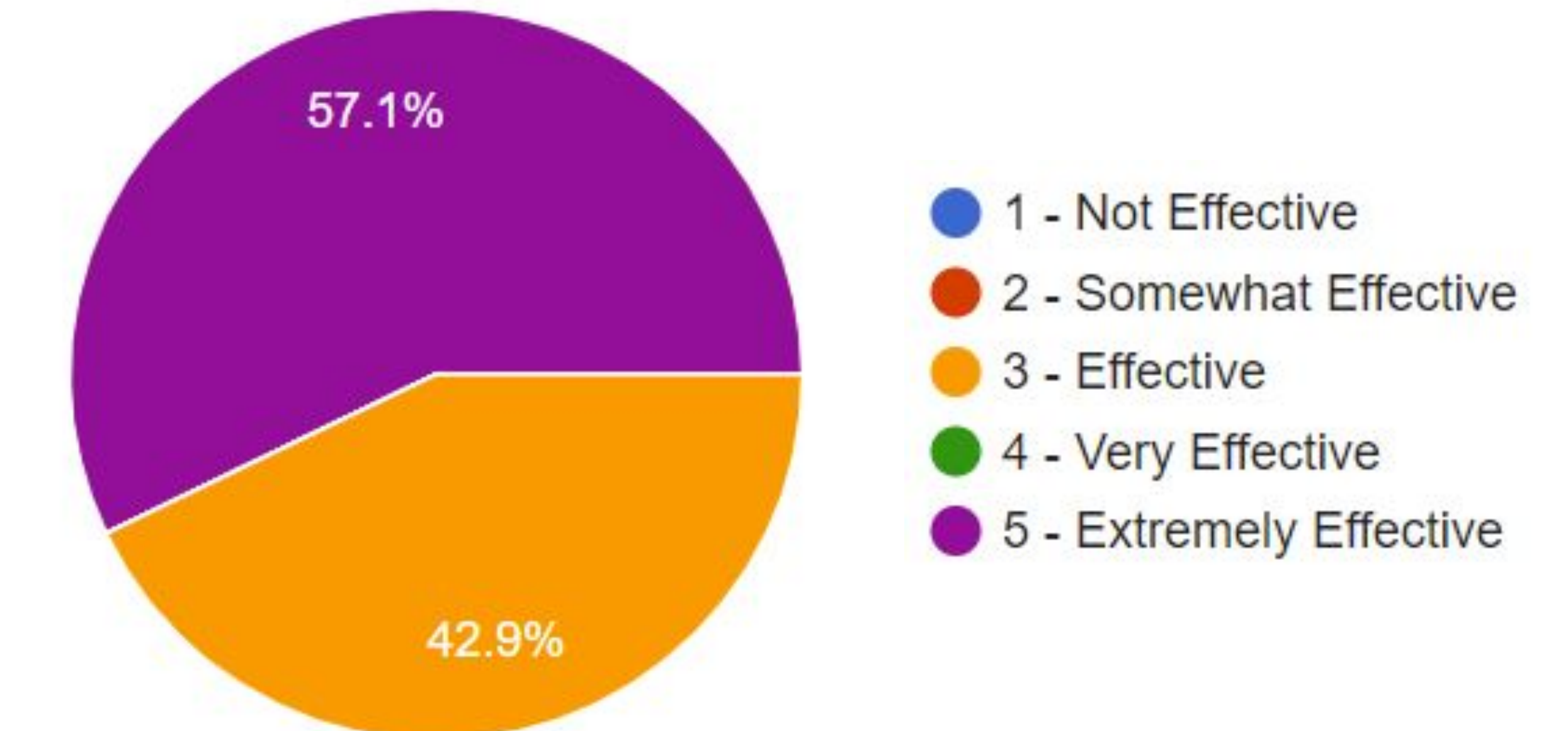
## **The Surveys and Responses:**

Our Pre and Post H.E.R.O Program surveys are designed to provide valuable insight to Safe Kids Inc. about their curriculum. The Pre Survey was distributed to teachers who have not taught the H.E.R.O. Program, while the Post Survey was distributed to teachers who have taught the H.E.R.O. Program.

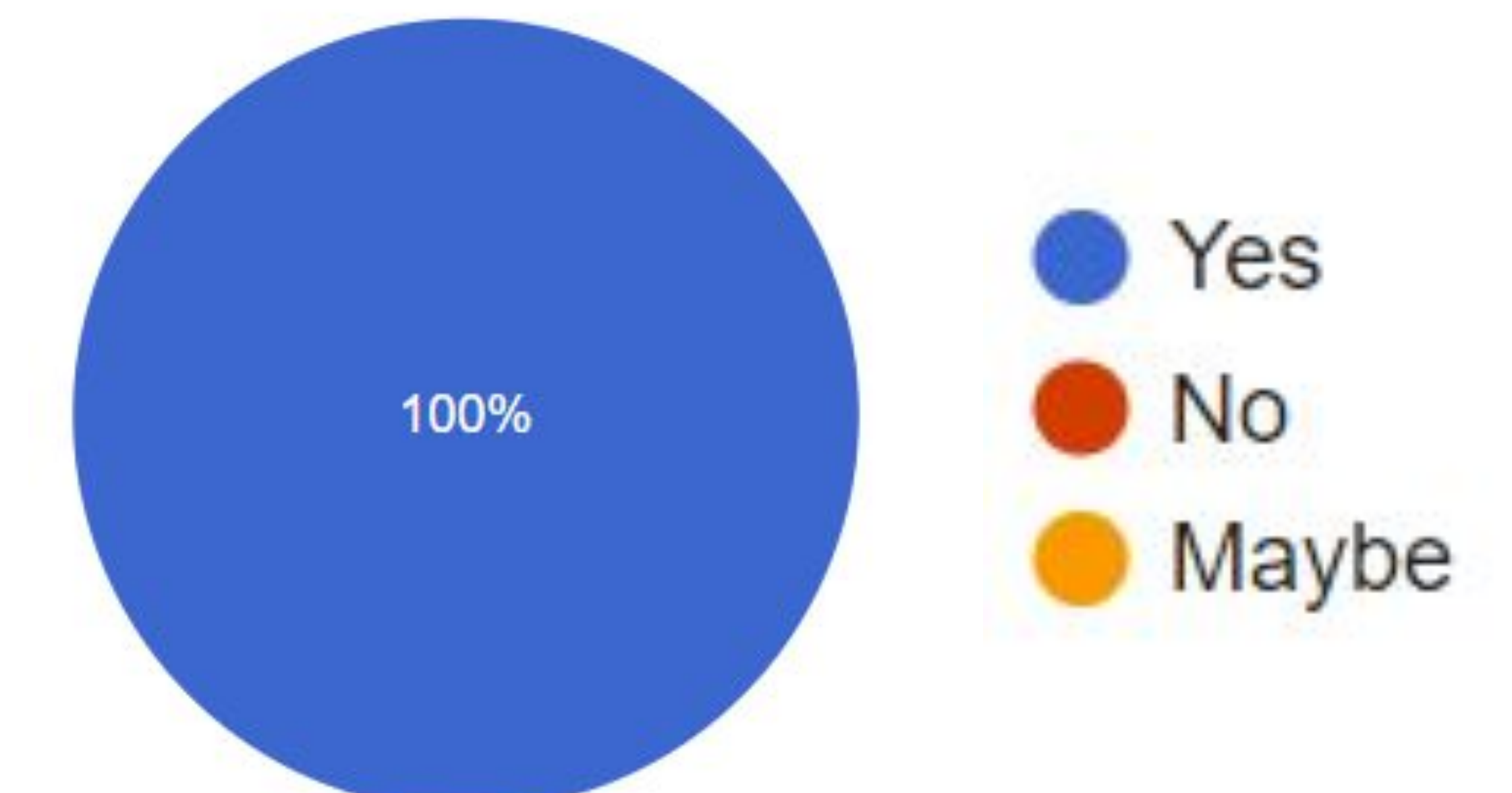
I am comfortable with my current level of violence prevention training (Pre Survey).



On a scale of 1-5, how effective was the H.E.R.O. Program in preparing you to react in a violent situation?



Would you recommend the H.E.R.O. Program to fellow preschool teachers and students around the country?



## **Future Directions**

Our surveys have thus far yielded positive results. We hope to further its distribution, and use our findings to spread the use of the H.E.R.O. Program.