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Exit Poll of Burlington's Mayoral Contest

On March 7th sixty-one UVM students interviewed 1,096 voters as they left the polling places in Burlington regarding the voters' thoughts on the new method of voting (IRV). Below are the initial results.

Question: Overall, do you like the new voting method used for voting for mayor today better than the usual method of voting for one candidate?

63.4% liked the new voting method
17.9% did not like it
18.7% didn't know/didn't care

Question: Did you know before you came to vote today that you would be asked to rank your preferences for mayor as opposed to voting for just one?

90.4% knew about it before

Question: Would you like to see the new system of ranking candidates used for the election of governor in Vermont?

58.3% yes
28.2% no
13.5% don't know/don't care

Question: Would you like to see the new system of ranking candidates used on Vermont for elections for all statewide offices?

53.3% yes
31.9% no
14.6% don't know/don't care

Results Broken Down by Education Levels

Knew they would be asked to rank candidates?

High School Degree or less: 82.1%

Some College: 83.2%

College Grad: 92.7%

Post Grad Degree: 95.1%

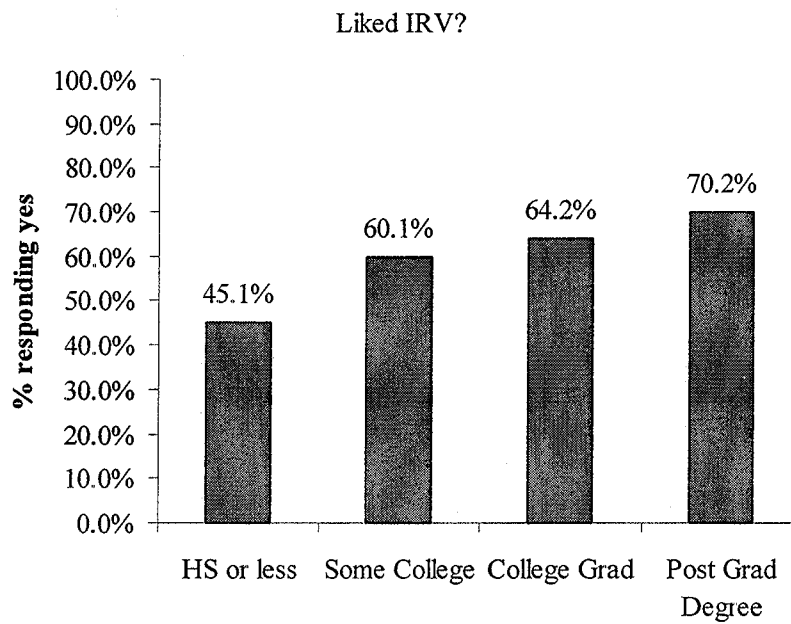
The ballot was confusing. % Agreeing:

High School Degree or less: 14.5%

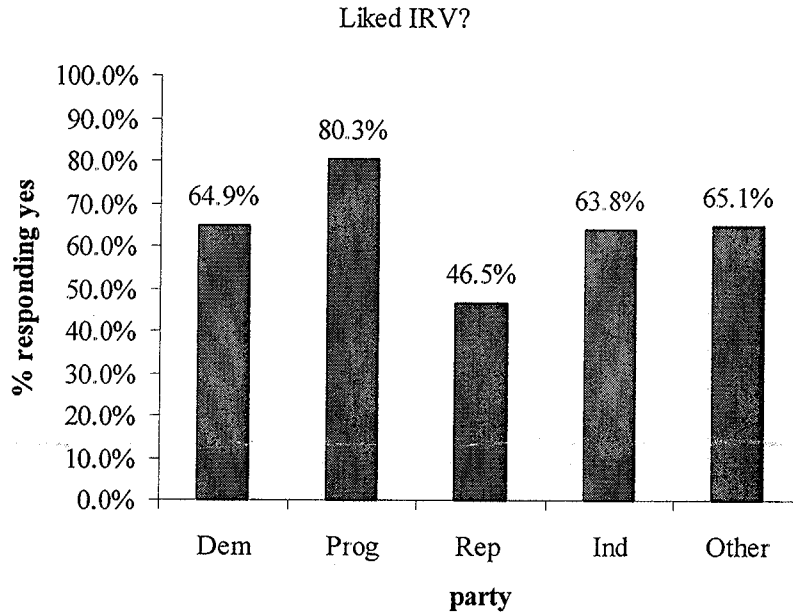
Some College: 12.0%

College Grad: 7.0%

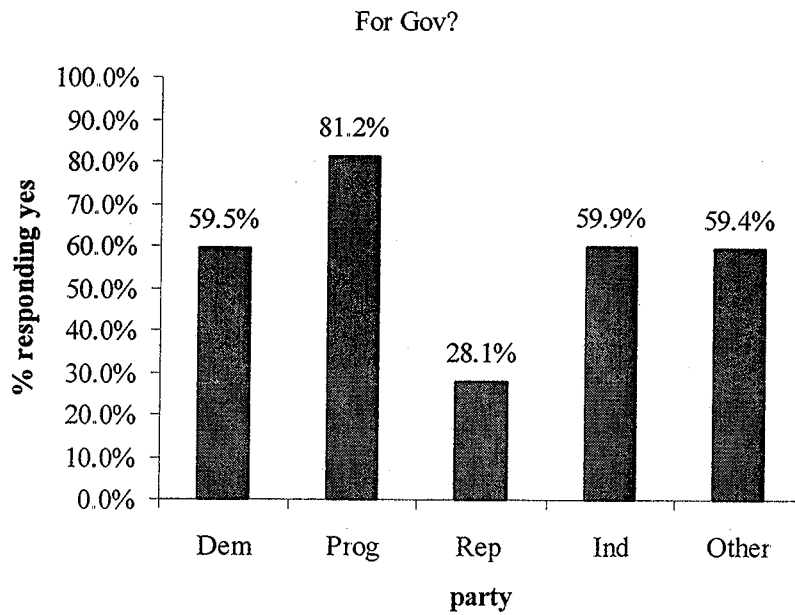
Post Grad Degree: 6.1%



Responses by Party

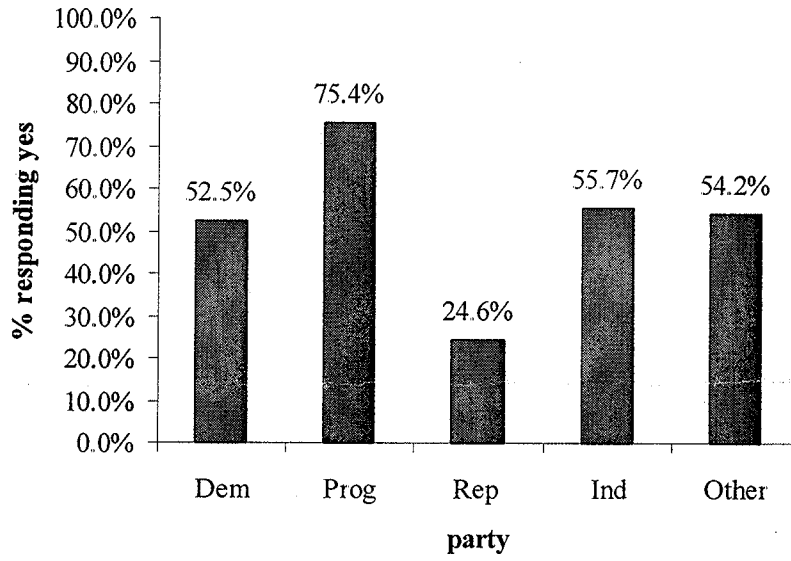


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Would you like to see the new system of ranking candidates used for the election of governor in Vermont?

For All Statewide Offices?



Would you like to see the new system of ranking candidates used in Vermont for elections for all statewide offices?