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SURVEY RESULTS: PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

This survey is anonymous. Please answer the questions as honestly as you can. Your opinions are extremely valuable.

Describe your community.

5% Rural 58% Urban 37% Suburban 49% Female 51% Male

Your Gender:

The ability of youth to use their knowledge and power is a key to responding to violence in schools.

42% Strongly Agree 46% Agree 9% Disagree 2% Strongly Disagree

Policy makers should listen to input from youth when considering legislation regarding youth violence.

59% Strongly Agree 38% Agree 2% Disagree 0.4% Strongly Disagree

I. DRUG ABUSE

1. What do you think is the number one factor which causes youth to become drug users? (pick one)

47% pressure from friends
27% lack of caring adults in their life
11% nothing to do
2% need money
13% other _____

2. The most important thing that can be done to decrease drug abuse among youth is to: (pick one)

39% increase punishment for drug related crimes
17% create more drug education programs in schools
20% offer after school programs (such as: sports, theater, other: _____)
15% legalize drugs
6% increase minimum wage
4% other _____

3. The following are actual pieces of federal legislation being considered in response to drug abuse.

A. Should Congress repeal a provision of The Higher Education Act of 1965 that prohibits people convicted of drug offenses from receiving financial assistance for college?

39% Yes 40% No 20% don't know

B. Should Congress pass a bill to carry out school based programs concerning the dangers of Methamphetamine (speed) abuse and addiction, that gives students the responsibility to create their own anti-drug abuse education programs for their schools?

61% Yes 15% No 24% Don't know

C. Should Congress enact mandatory minimum sentences for offenders over the age of 18 who have been convicted of minor drug offenses?

49% Yes 27% No 25% Don't know

