

2006 SURVEY 2

PRIMARY PURPOSE

REPORT
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This survey was distributed and collected at
the 2006 World Service Conference in San Diego.
Total respondents: 60

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The purpose of DA is to help people live prosperously				The backbone of my DA recovery is the Steps.			
Q6		#	%	Q11		#	%
1	Disagree completely	11	18%	1	Disagree completely	1	2%
2	Disagree somewhat	13	22%	2	Disagree somewhat	2	3%
3	Neither	12	20%	3	Neither	7	12%
4	Agree somewhat	15	25%	4	Agree somewhat	8	13%
5	Agree completely	8	13%	5	Agree completely	42	70%
x	No answer	1	2%	x	No answer	0	0%

Compulsive spending and underearning should not be part of the DA program.				The Tools are more important to my recovery right now than the Steps.			
Q7		#	%	Q12		#	%
1	Disagree completely	41	68%	1	Disagree completely	27	45%
2	Disagree somewhat	4	7%	2	Disagree somewhat	20	33%
3	Neither	7	12%	3	Neither	8	13%
4	Agree somewhat	2	3%	4	Agree somewhat	4	7%
5	Agree completely	5	8%	5	Agree completely	1	2%
x	No answer	1	2%	x	No answer	0	0%

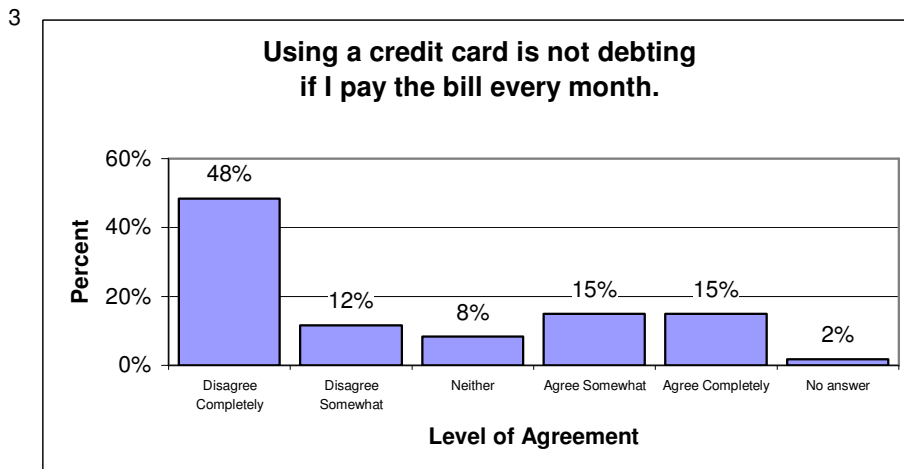
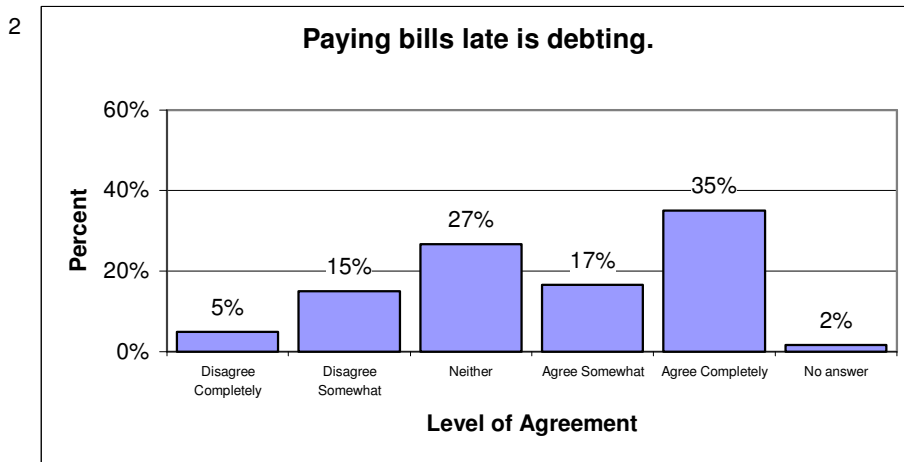
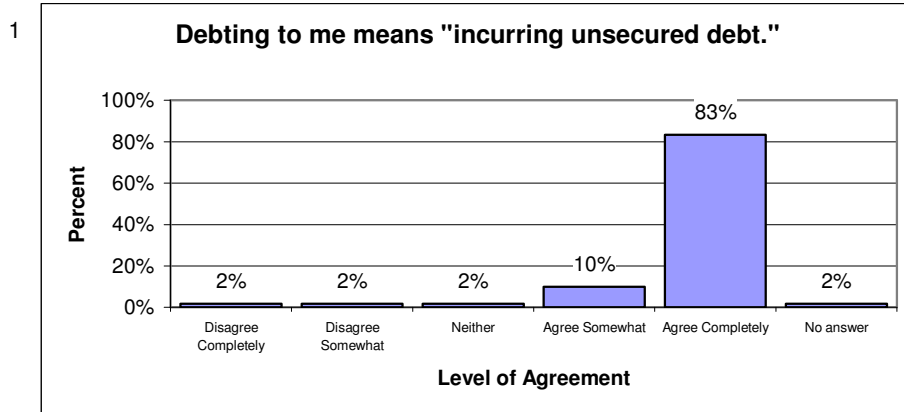
DA does not do a good job of addressing the needs of underearners.				DA should focus on its primary purpose as stated in the Preamble.			
Q8		#	%	Q13		#	%
1	Disagree completely	19	32%	1	Disagree completely	3	5%
2	Disagree somewhat	14	23%	2	Disagree somewhat	0	0%
3	Neither	11	18%	3	Neither	8	13%
4	Agree somewhat	12	20%	4	Agree somewhat	13	22%
5	Agree completely	2	3%	5	Agree completely	33	55%
x	No answer	2	3%	x	No answer	3	5%

DA does not do a good job of addressing the needs of compulsive spenders.				There is too much emphasis on Visions in DA, and not enough on the Steps.			
Q9		#	%	Q14		#	%
1	Disagree completely	23	38%	1	Disagree completely	5	8%
2	Disagree somewhat	16	27%	2	Disagree somewhat	13	22%
3	Neither	14	23%	3	Neither	18	30%
4	Agree somewhat	6	10%	4	Agree somewhat	11	18%
5	Agree completely	1	2%	5	Agree completely	13	22%
x	No answer	0	0%	x	No answer	0	0%

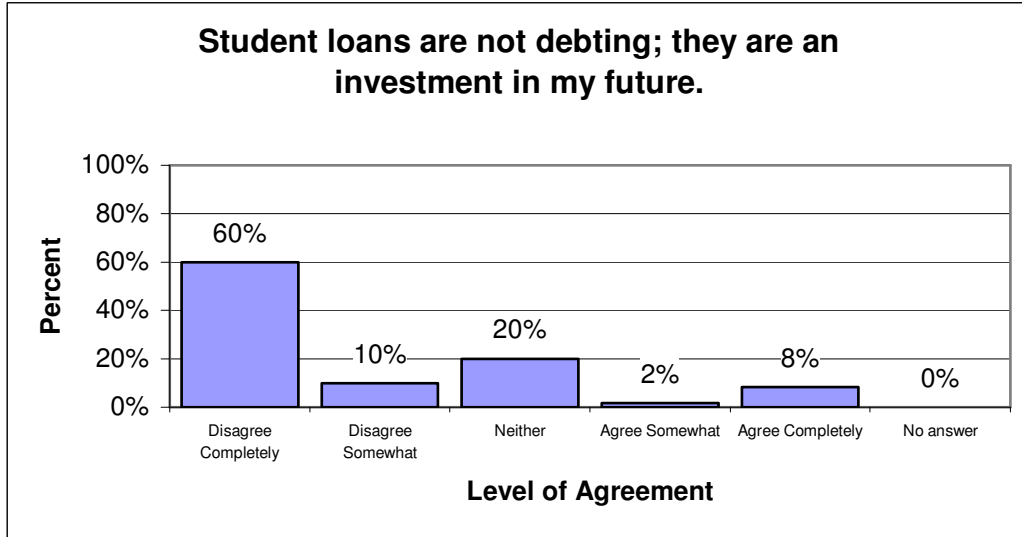
DA should focus less on debting and more on prosperity.				DA should focus more on time-related issues.			
Q10		#	%	Q15		#	%
1	Disagree completely	25	42%	1	Disagree completely	24	40%
2	Disagree somewhat	13	22%	2	Disagree somewhat	16	27%
3	Neither	16	27%	3	Neither	11	18%
4	Agree somewhat	2	3%	4	Agree somewhat	5	8%
5	Agree completely	2	3%	5	Agree completely	4	7%
x	No answer	2	3%	x	No answer	0	0%

The Preamble language reflects DA's primary purpose.

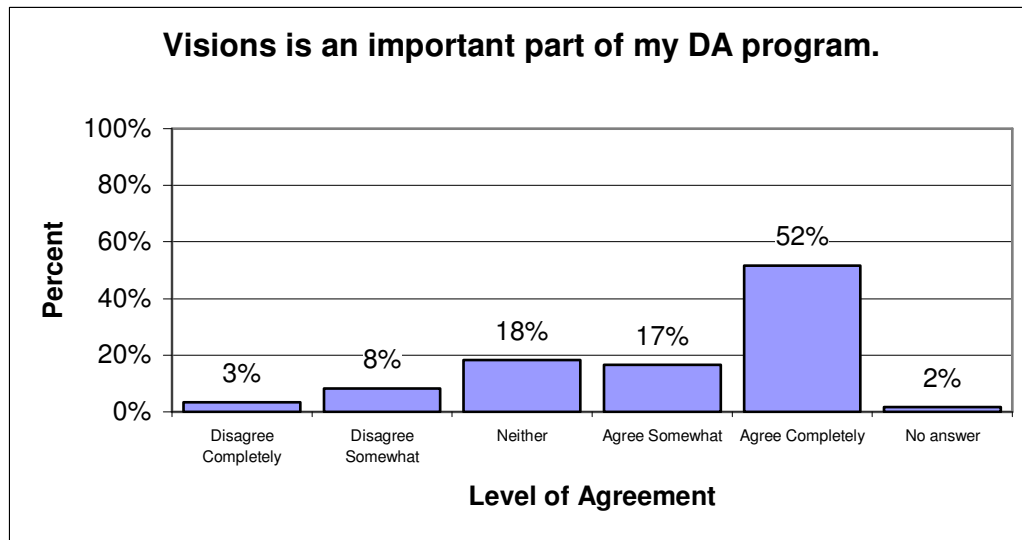
Q16	purpose.	#	%
1	Yes	49	82%
2	No	3	5%
3	Not sure	6	10%
x	No answer	2	3%



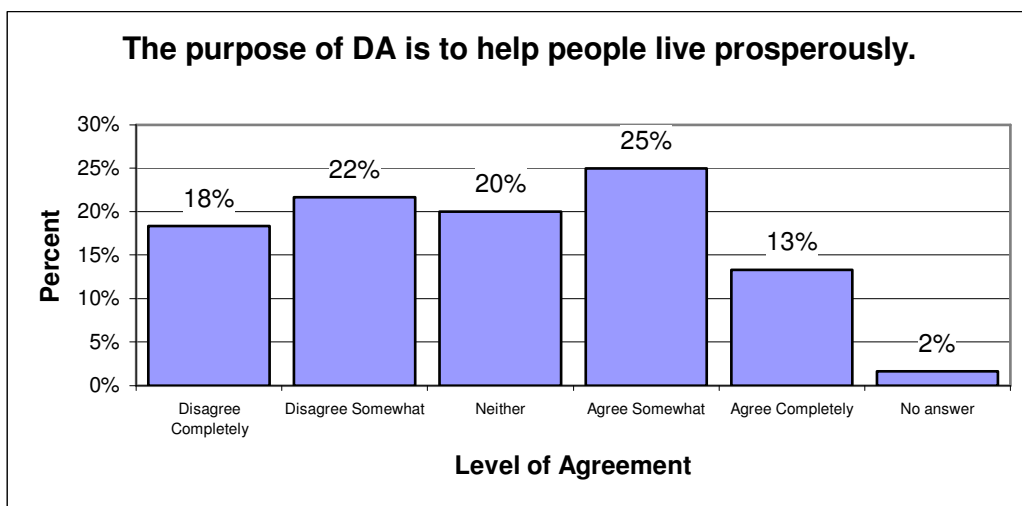
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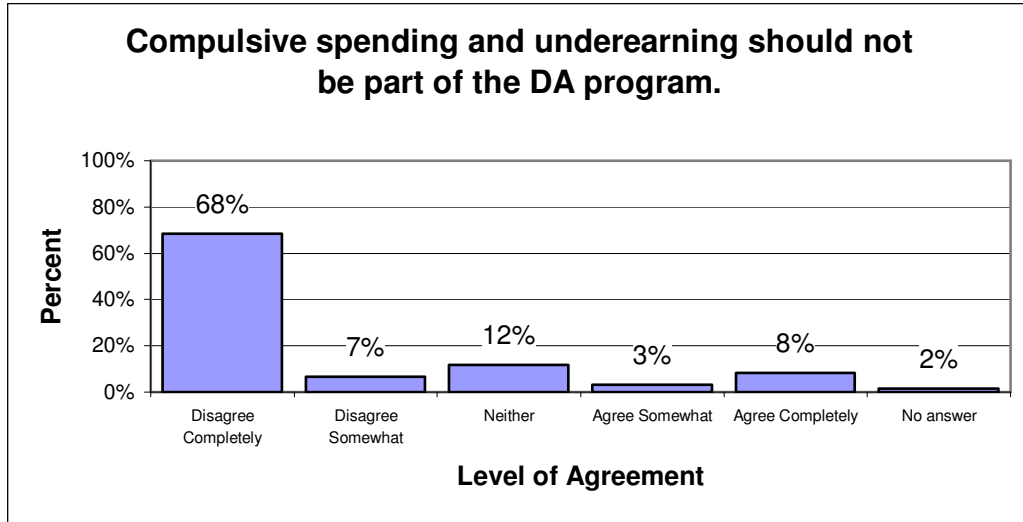
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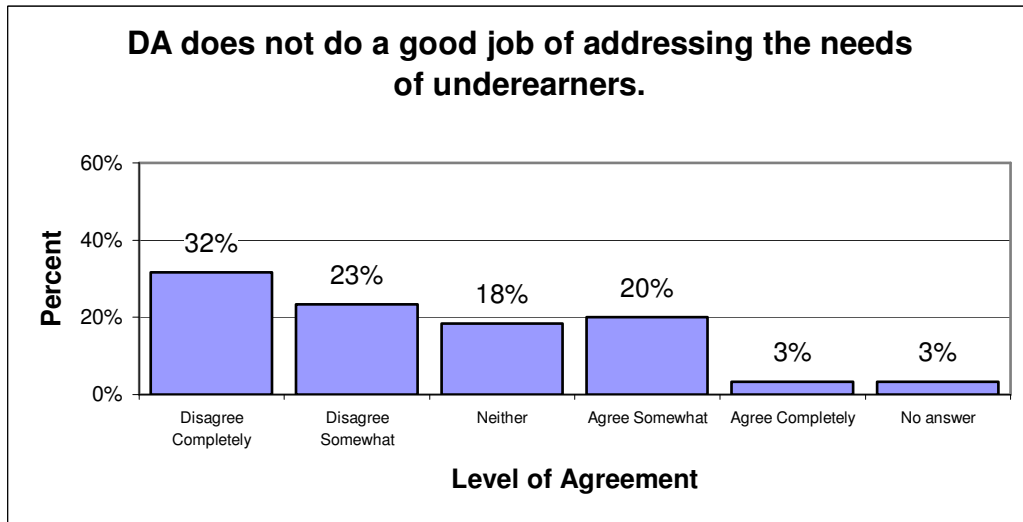
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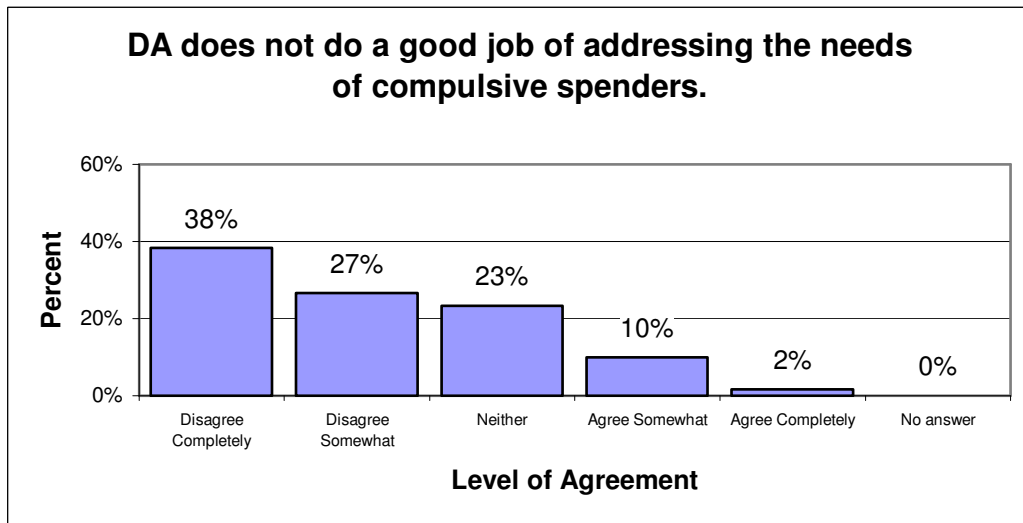
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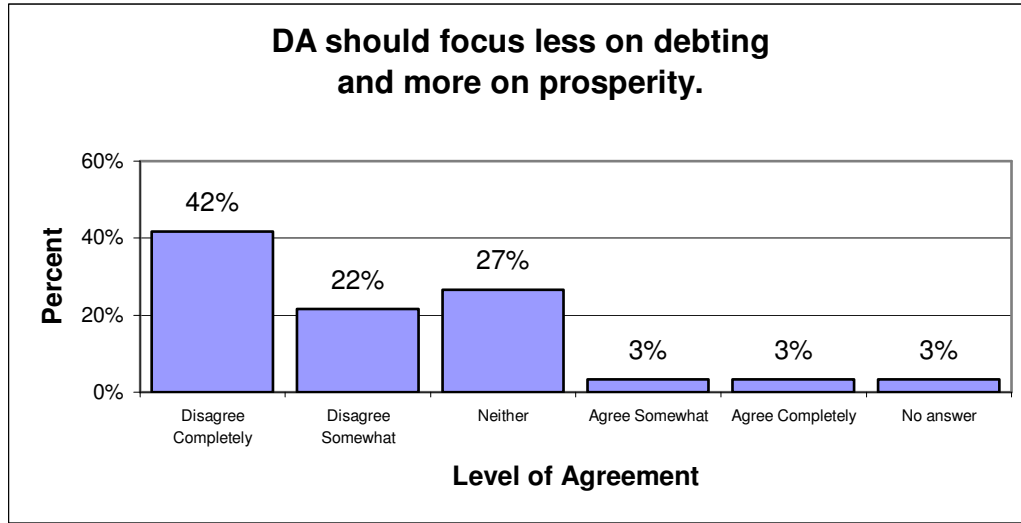
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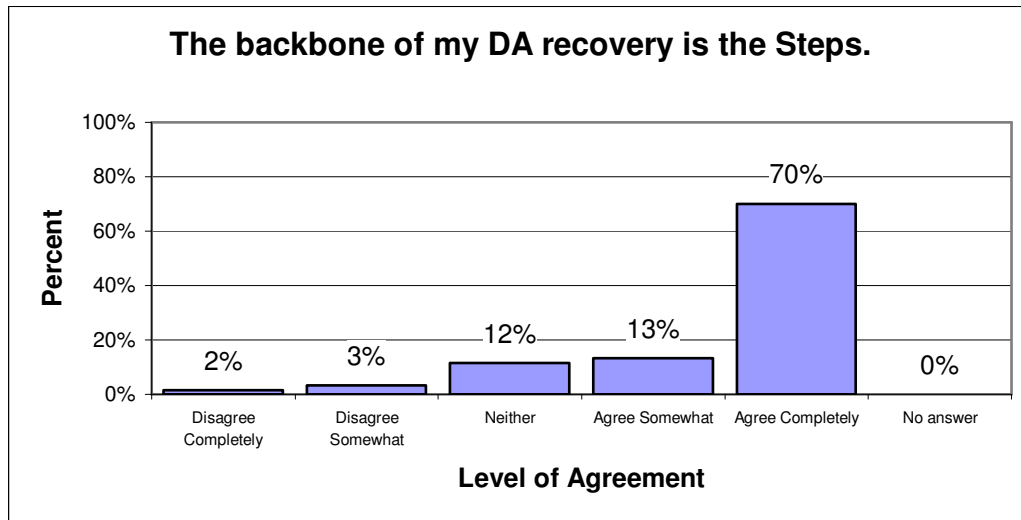
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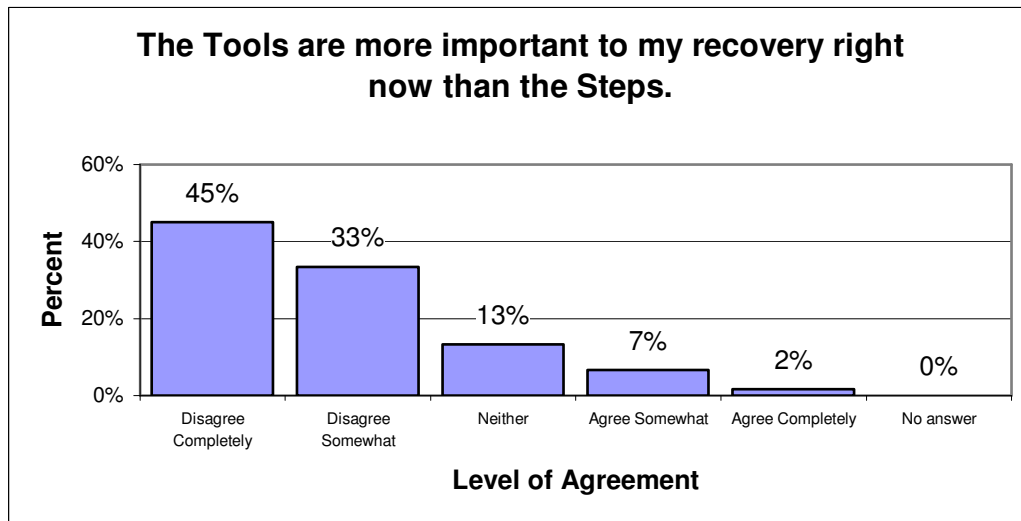
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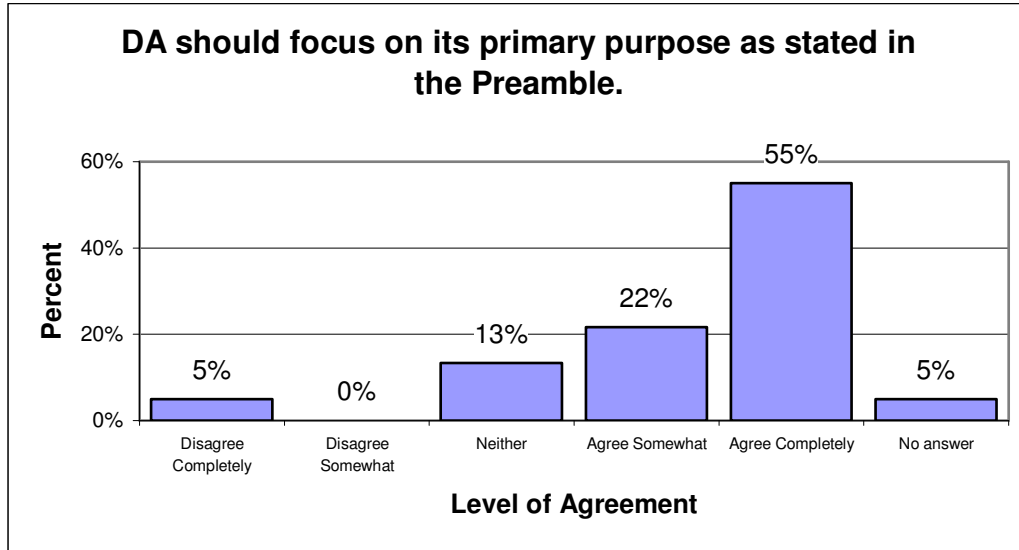
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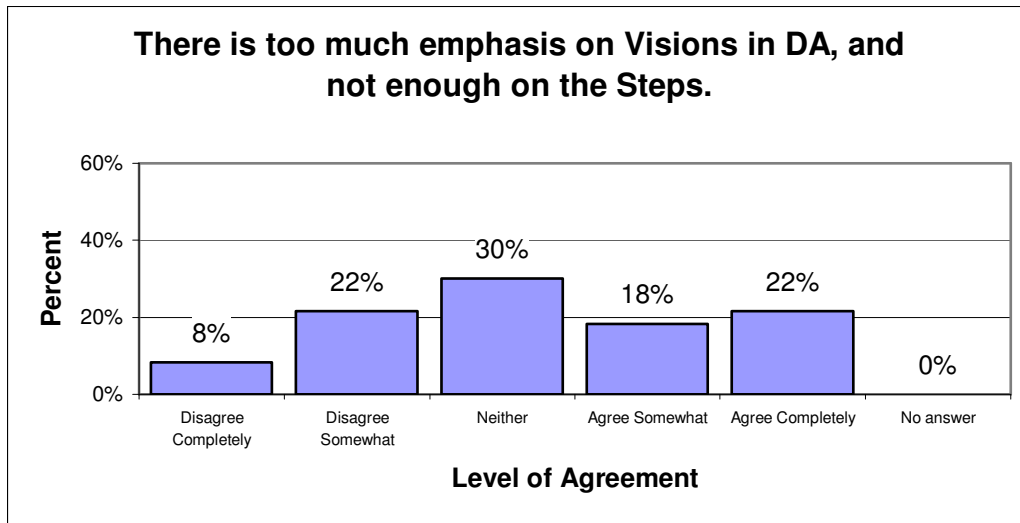
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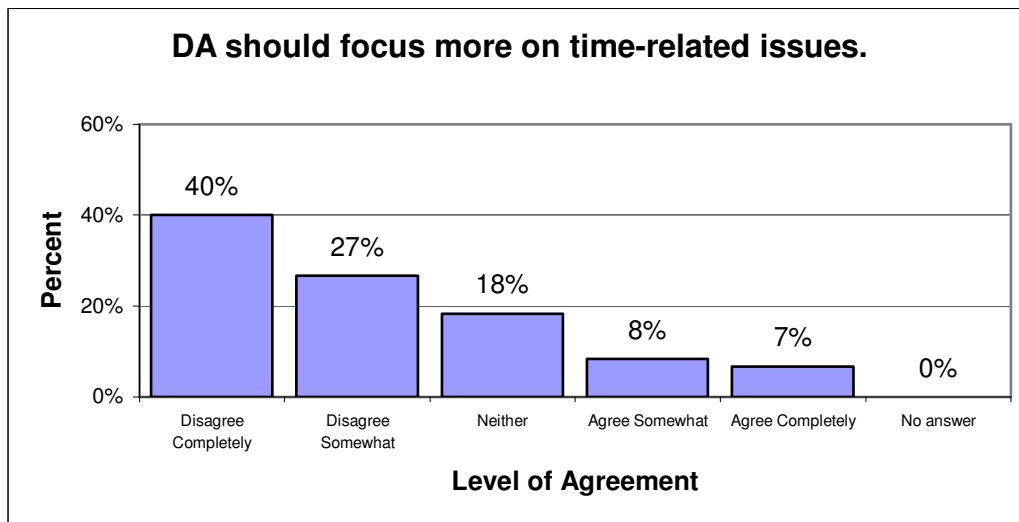
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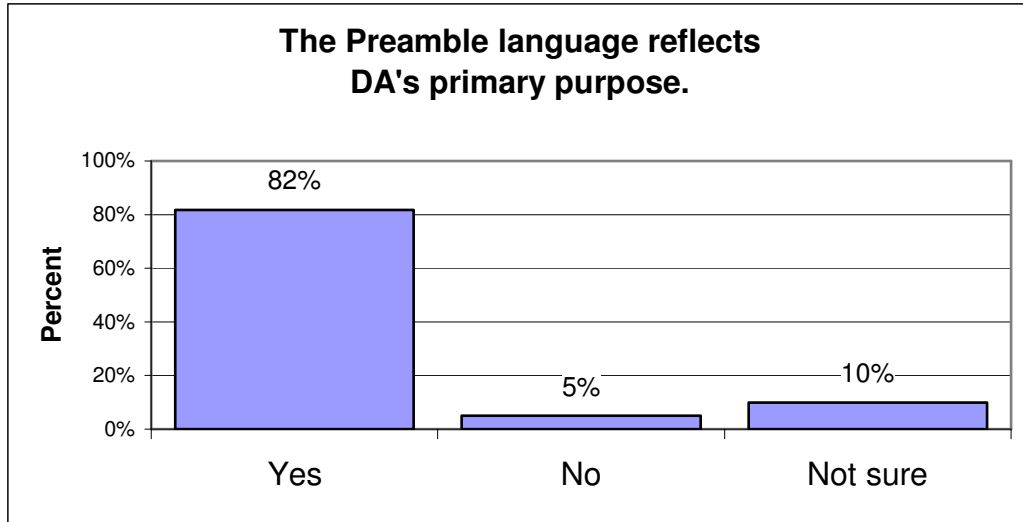
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Survey 2 | Primary Purpose OPEN-ENDED Question 17 Responses

The last sentence of DA's Preamble was revised in 2002 to read: Our primary purpose is to stop debting one day at a time and to help other compulsive debtors to stop incurring unsecured debt.

In your opinion, does this statement reflect what you believe to be DA's primary purpose? [Yes/No/Not sure]. If you checked No or Not sure, how would you revise DA's primary purpose? (Please write any words or phrases that you believe would better reflect DA's primary purpose for you. Use the other side of the paper if necessary)

Q 17 Responses (N=60)

1. I think the purpose is to live solvently/abstinent. That includes providing for all needs including retirement, etc. To do that generally requires what most people would consider prosperity. In this sense, yes. The purpose is to introduce the possibility of solvency, not debting unsecured, and of prosperity and to provide guidance on how to use the Steps and Tools to develop thoughts and behaviors that lead to these conditions. One would have to have very significant assets to allow compulsive spending or underearning and still provide for all financial needs in life in USA.
2. Although we never should have removed the clear, traditional DA terms "solvency" from the preamble.
3. It's good, but should also reflect carrying the message to the debtor who still suffers.
4. Yes, but other purposes pertain.
5. Student loans may also be a legal requirement of a divorce agreement if a person is legally bound to contribute to post-secondary education for a child.
6. Our primary purposes are to stop debting one day at a time and to help the person still suffering with a money problem.
7. Prosperity is ambiguous, means different things to different people. Abstinence from unsecured debt is much more clear.

8. Our primary purpose is to stop debting and underearning one day at a time and to help other compulsive debtors and underearners to stop incurring unsecured debt and to stop underearning.
9. To stop debting and live prosperously.
10. As Mary Hunt says, getting out of debt is just the beginning.
11. To stop debting in all forms and carry the message. Unsecured debt is debt. Some character defects time clutter, [xxx] of clarity are symptoms of debt and can be addressed in recovery.
12. The primary purpose is to become solvent and help others achieve solvency.
13. DA should include time issues in literature. Also point of fact, last year the conference approved the concept of time issues pamphlet. Other DA recovery issues are interwoven with money debting. I would not reword Tradition 5; I would reword Tradition 3 to read the only requirement for DA membership is the desire not to incur unsecured debt. Rationale: spenders, under earners and paupers will eventually end up with unsecured debt so they belong in DA. PS. I came into DA with money debt so this isn't about me.
14. [I] want to be inclusive of under earners who have never debted.
15. An issue that impacts on the prosperity of meetings is the emergence of "stars" in a meeting. They speak every single week, no matter how many people are at the meeting and then people don't come back.

Survey 2: DA’s Primary Purpose

Your answers to these questions will help us understand our attitudes and beliefs about our program’s primary purpose.

First, please indicate how long you have refrained from incurring unsecured debt _____.

For each of the following statements, please circle a number to indicate your level of agreement, where 1 means you disagree completely and 5 means you agree completely.

	<u>Disagree Completely</u>						<u>Agree Completely</u>
Debting to me means “incurring unsecured debt.”	1	2	3	4	5		
Paying bills late is debting.	1	2	3	4	5		
Using a credit card is not debting if I pay the bill each month.	1	2	3	4	5		
Student loans are not debting, they are an investment in my future.	1	2	3	4	5		
Visions is an important part of my DA program.	1	2	3	4	5		
The purpose of DA is to help people live prosperously.	1	2	3	4	5		
Compulsive spending and underearning should not be part of the DA program.	1	2	3	4	5		
DA does not do a good job of addressing the needs of underearners.	1	2	3	4	5		
DA does not do a good job of addressing the needs of compulsive spenders.	1	2	3	4	5		
DA should focus less on debting and more on prosperity.	1	2	3	4	5		
The backbone of my DA recovery program is the Steps.	1	2	3	4	5		
The Tools are more important to my recovery right now than the Steps.	1	2	3	4	5		
DA should focus on its primary purpose as stated in the Preamble.	1	2	3	4	5		
There is too much emphasis on Visions in DA, and not enough on the Steps.	1	2	3	4	5		
DA should focus more on time-related issues	1	2	3	4	5		

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Yes No Not sure.

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