



Citizens for Space Exploration 2023 Wash D.C. Trip Report

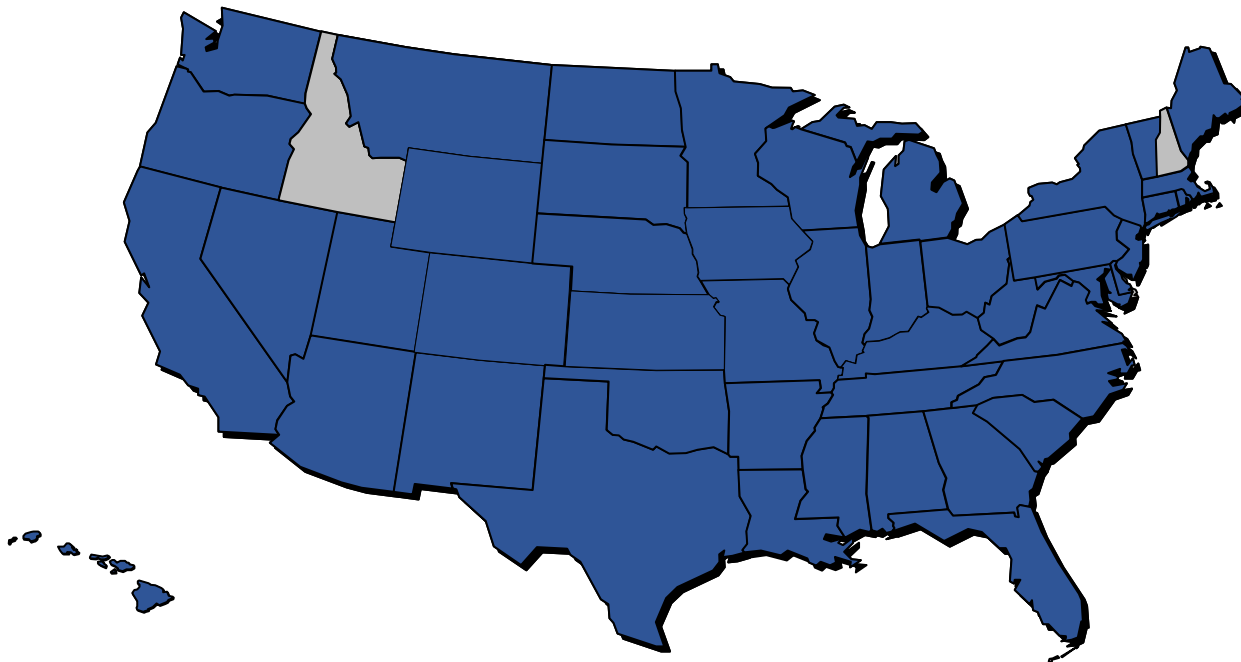
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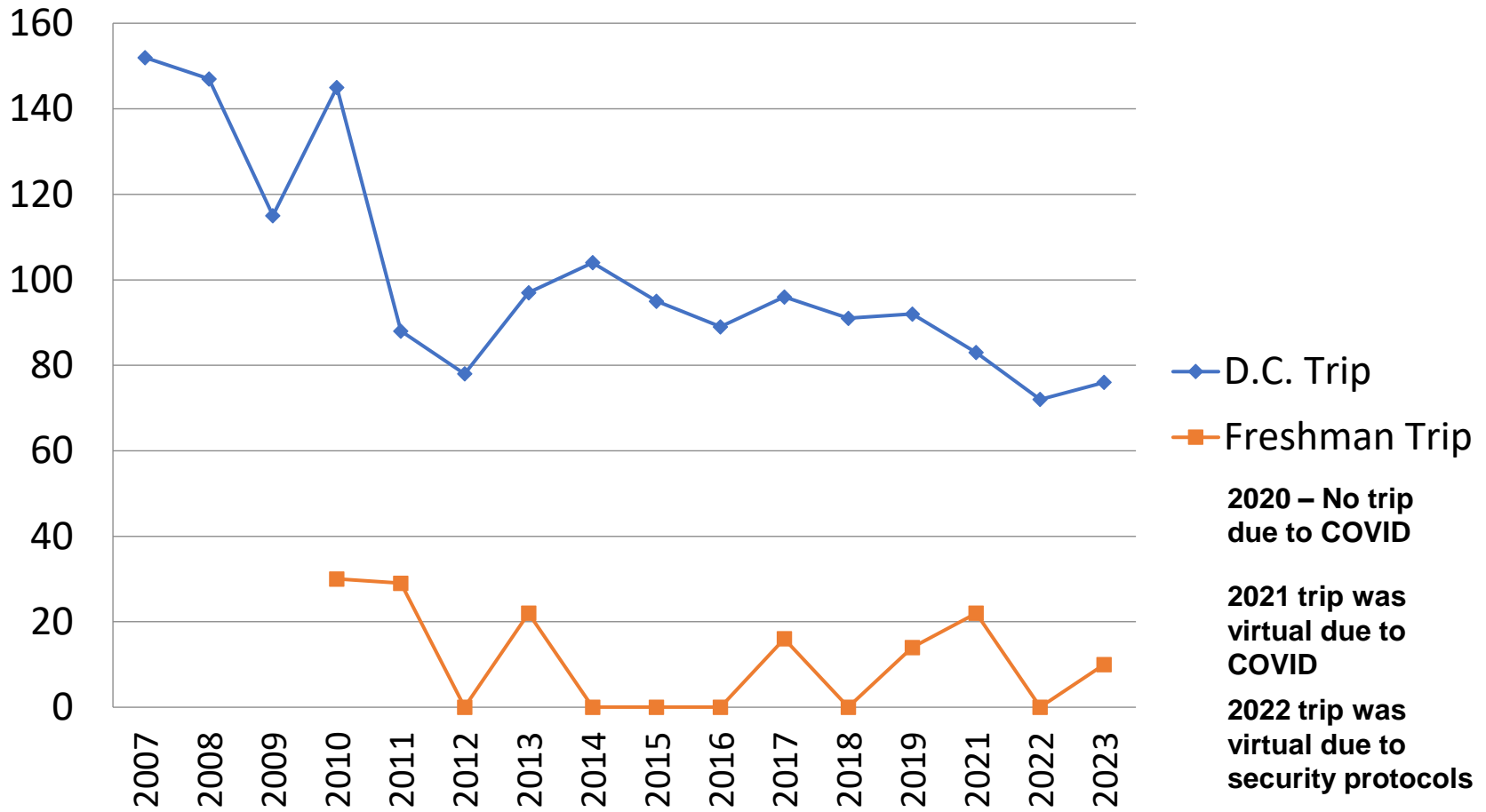
June 13, 2023

Trip Information

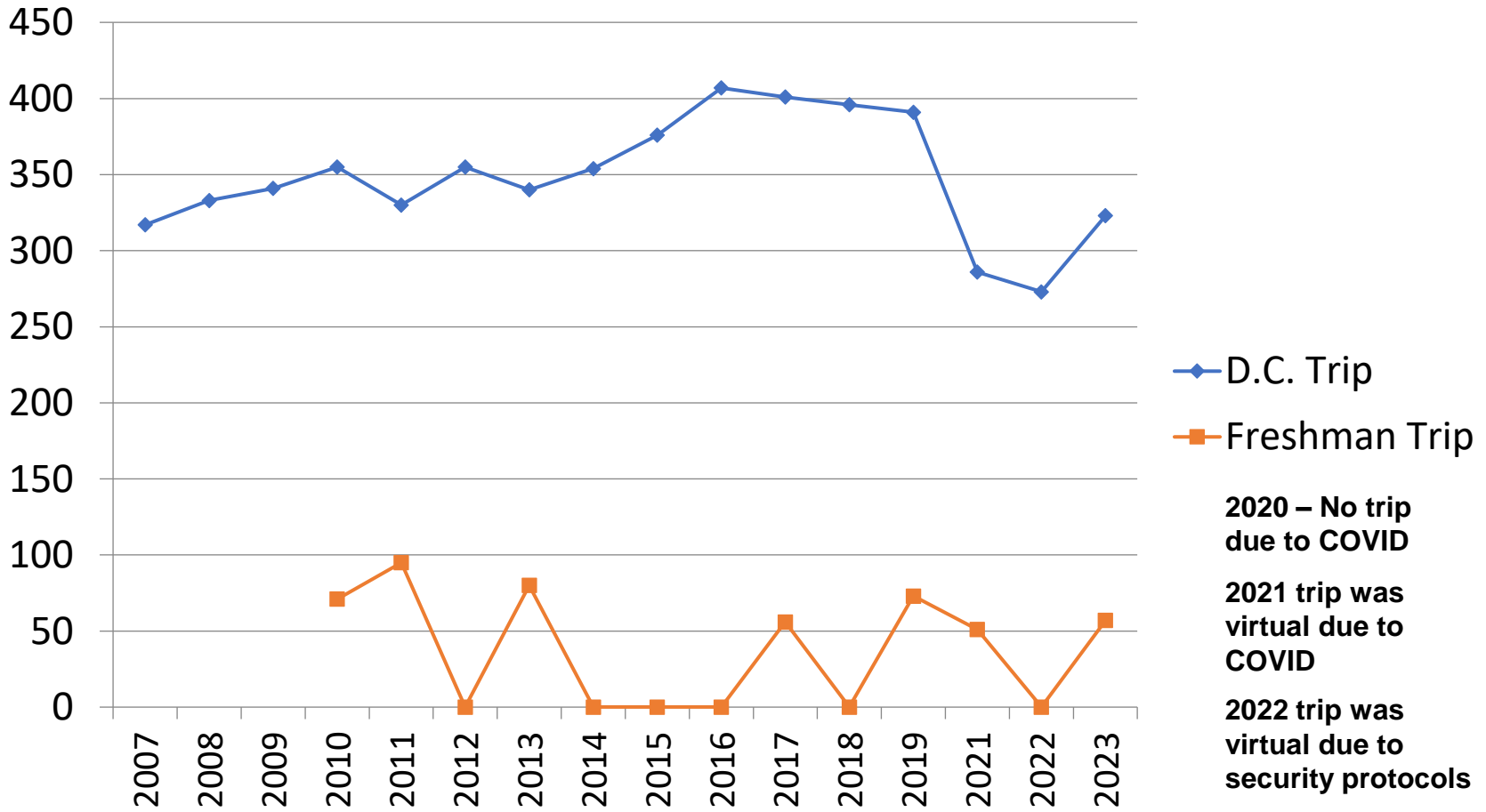
- 31st Annual Trip
 - May 22-24, 2023
- 76 total travelers, including 31 students, representing 25 states
- **323** total office visits with representatives of 47 states



Traveler History



Visit History



- **Traveler's Briefing – May 22**
 - **Benjy Neumann/NASA Director of Human Spaceflight Capabilities Division for Space Operations**
 - **Tom Culligan/Raytheon - Legislative Update**
 - **Kelly Page/Barrios - Traveler orientation**
 - **Kelbi Culwell/Boeing - Our Messaging**
 - **Kristin Shahady/Astroscale - Student Training**



Events

- **Congressional Reception – May 23**
 - **Over 50 staffers attended**
 - **Four representatives attended and offered remarks**
 - **Rep Brian Babin (R-TX-36)**
 - **Rep Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX-18)**
 - **Rep Dale Strong (R-AL-05)**
 - **Rep Ron Estes (R-KS-04)**



Student Travelers

- **31 Students**
 - 30 college; 1 high school
 - Representing 20 states
- **Message: Space Exploration inspires young people to pursue STEM Education and Technical Careers**

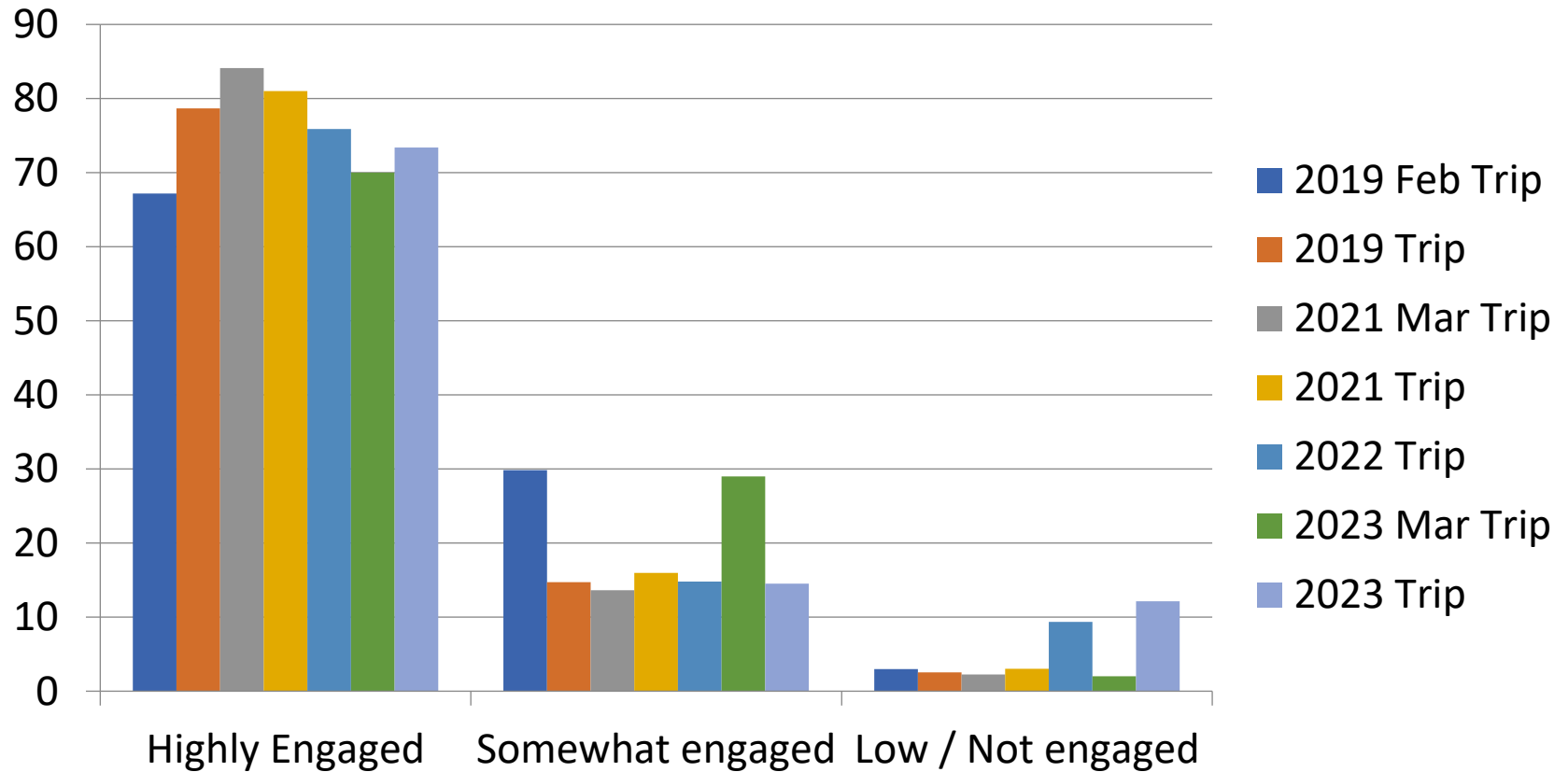


- **57% of House member offices were visited and 59% of Senate offices.**
- **79% were “very engaged” in the meeting.**
- **91 staffers had visited a NASA center.**
- **85% were “very knowledgeable” or “somewhat knowledgeable” about NASA’s exploration programs.**
- **86% of staffers were “very knowledgeable” or “somewhat knowledgeable” about the benefits derived from the space program**
 - Education was mentioned in 83% of meetings
 - Economic benefits in 66%
 - Leadership in 47%
 - National defense in 42%
 - Spinoffs in 37%
 - Exploration/discovery in 31%.
- **75% of visits were considered “highly supportive” and 19% “moderately supportive” of human space exploration.**
- **Specific concerns focused on the debt ceiling discussions and their potential impact on the NASA budget.**

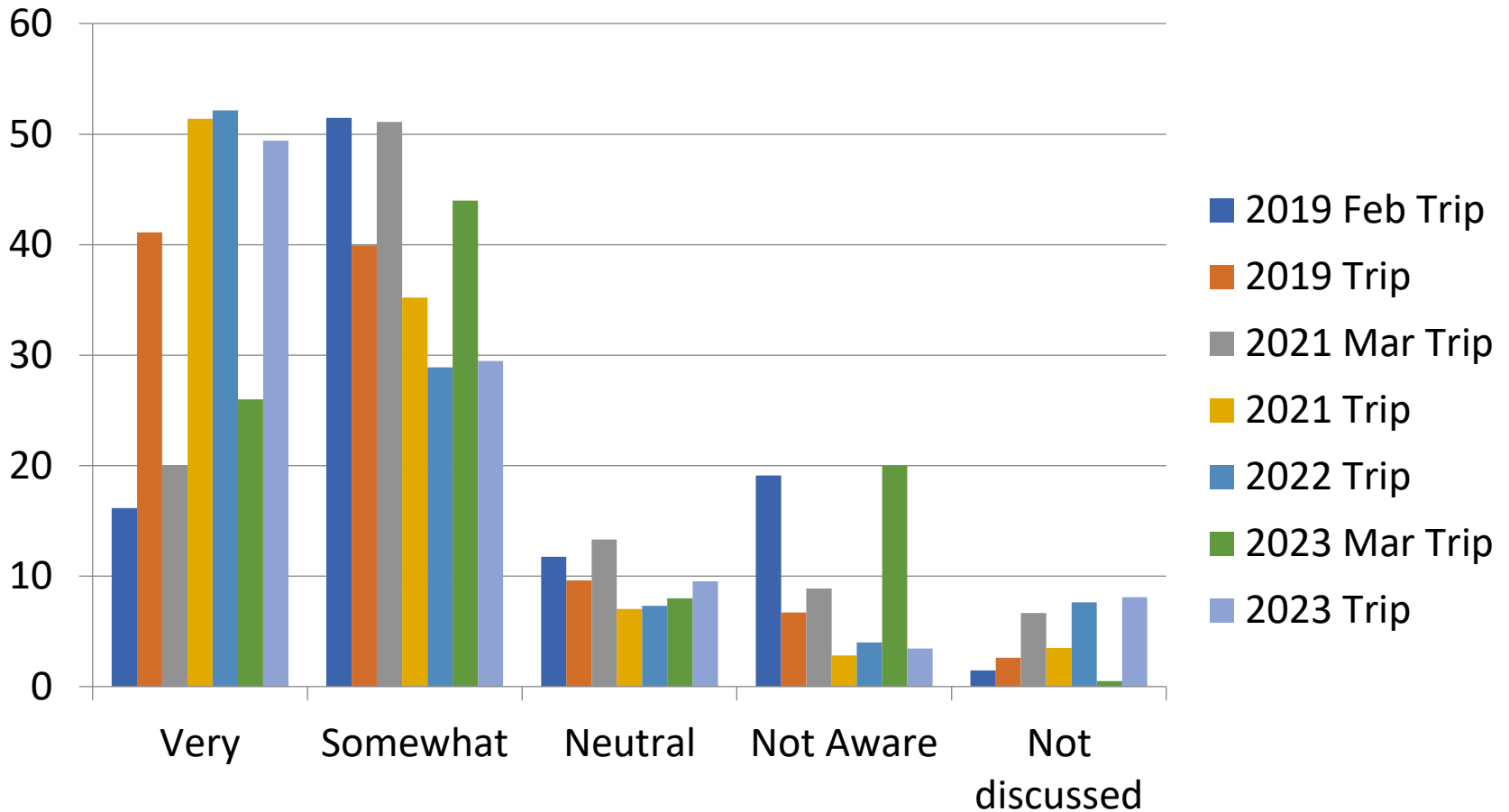
Survey Data

All tables are in percentages

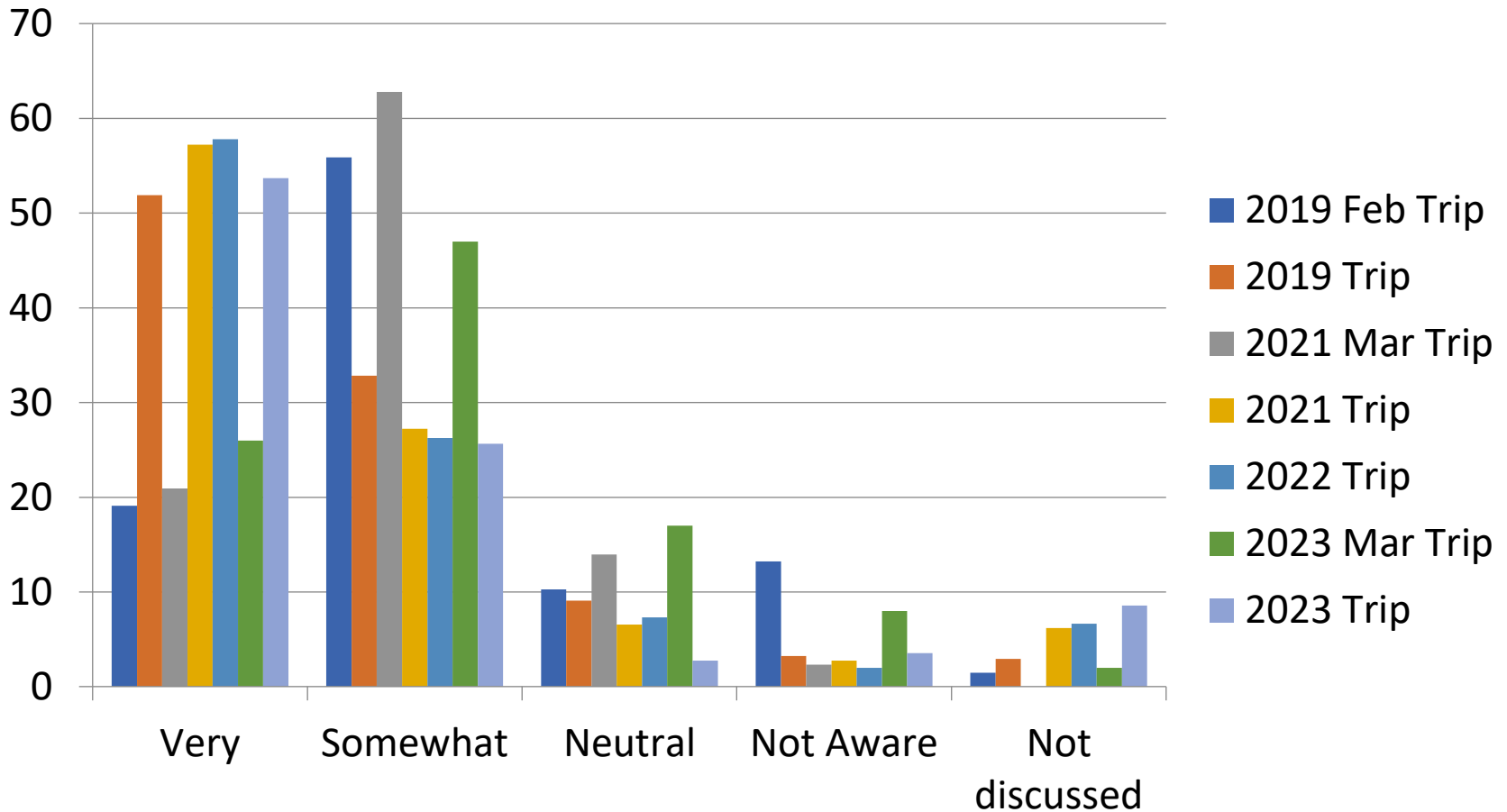
Was the Member or Staffer engaged in the discussion?



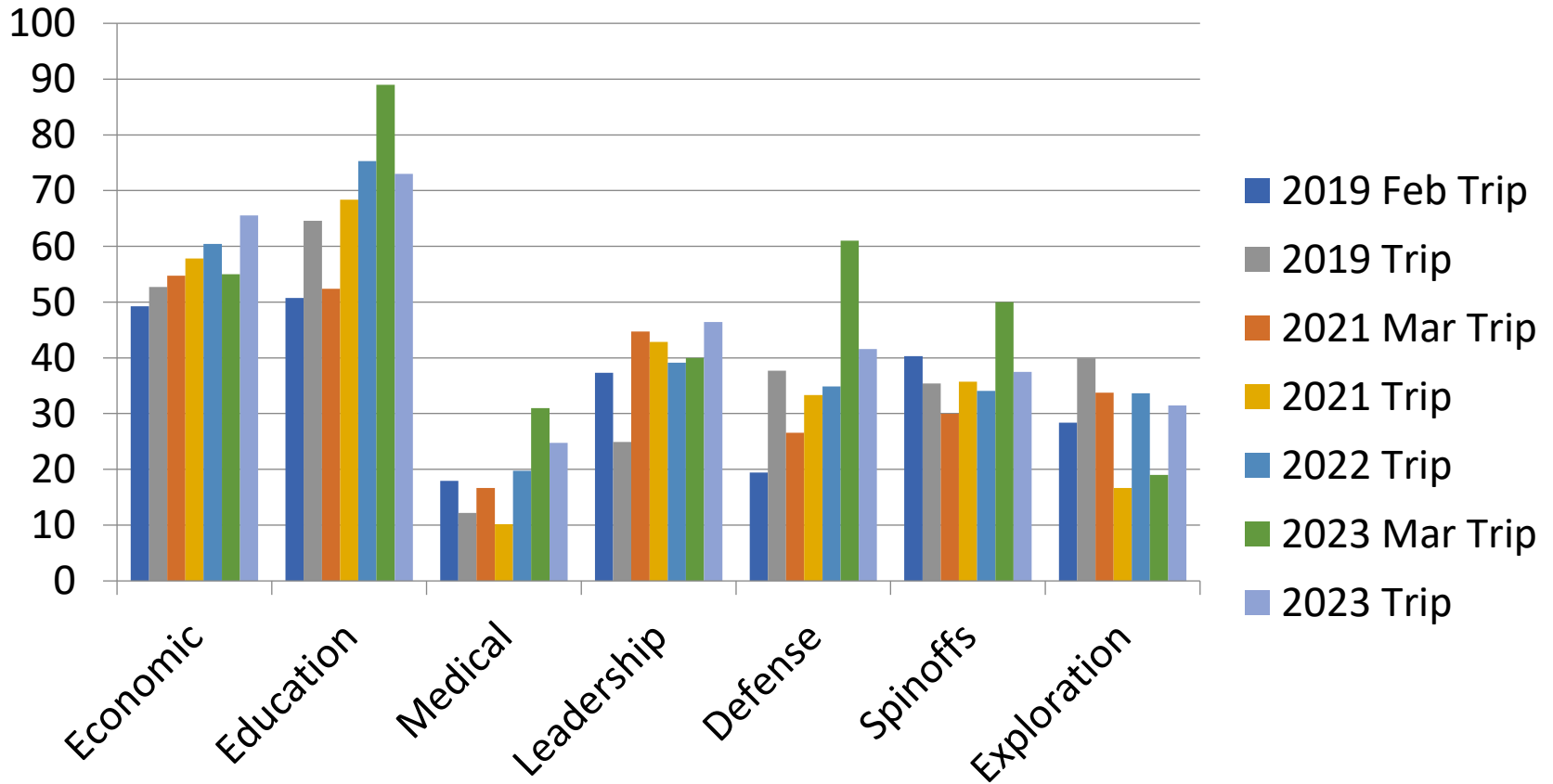
How aware of the HSF portfolio?



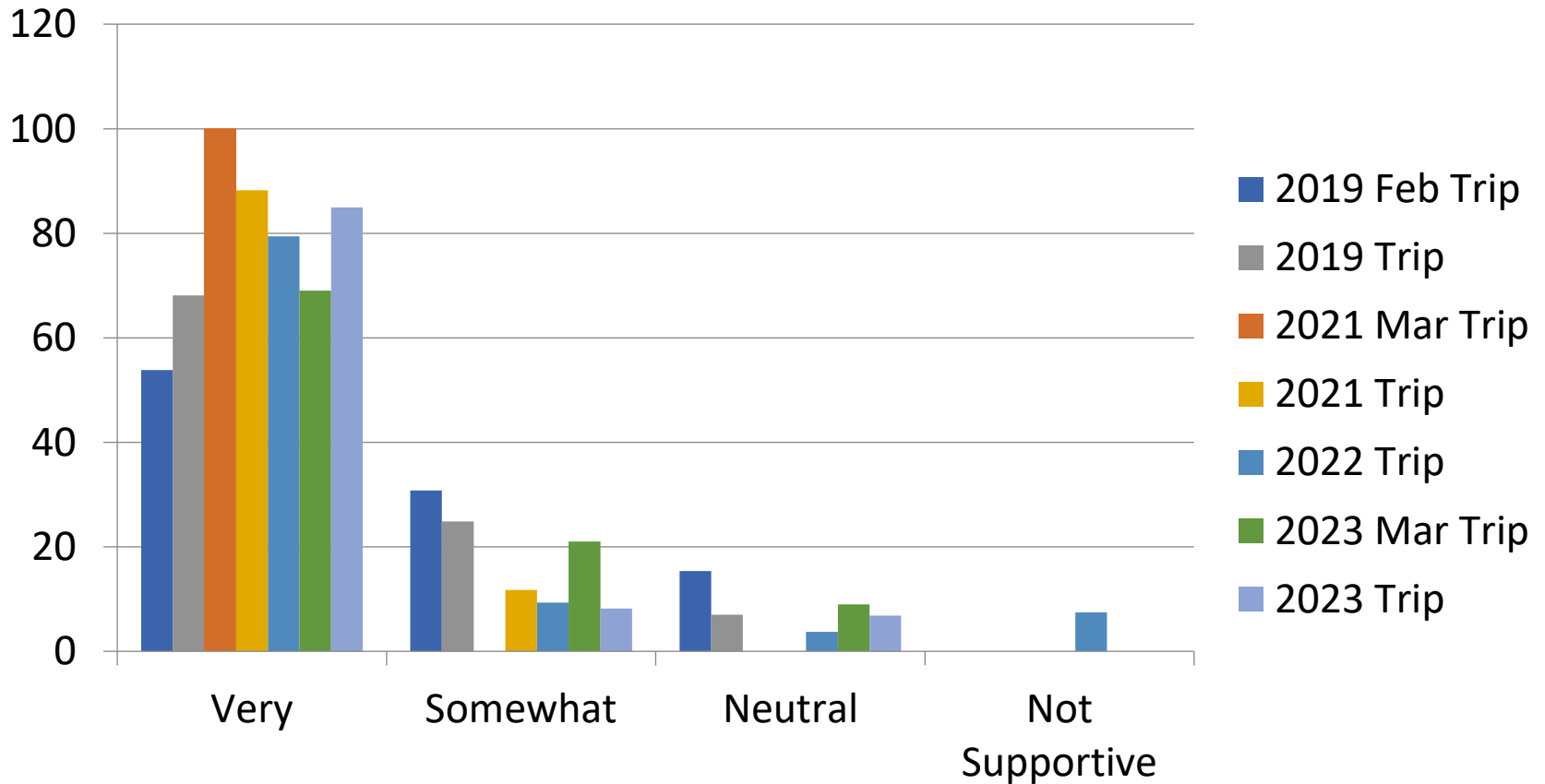
How aware of the benefits from the space program?



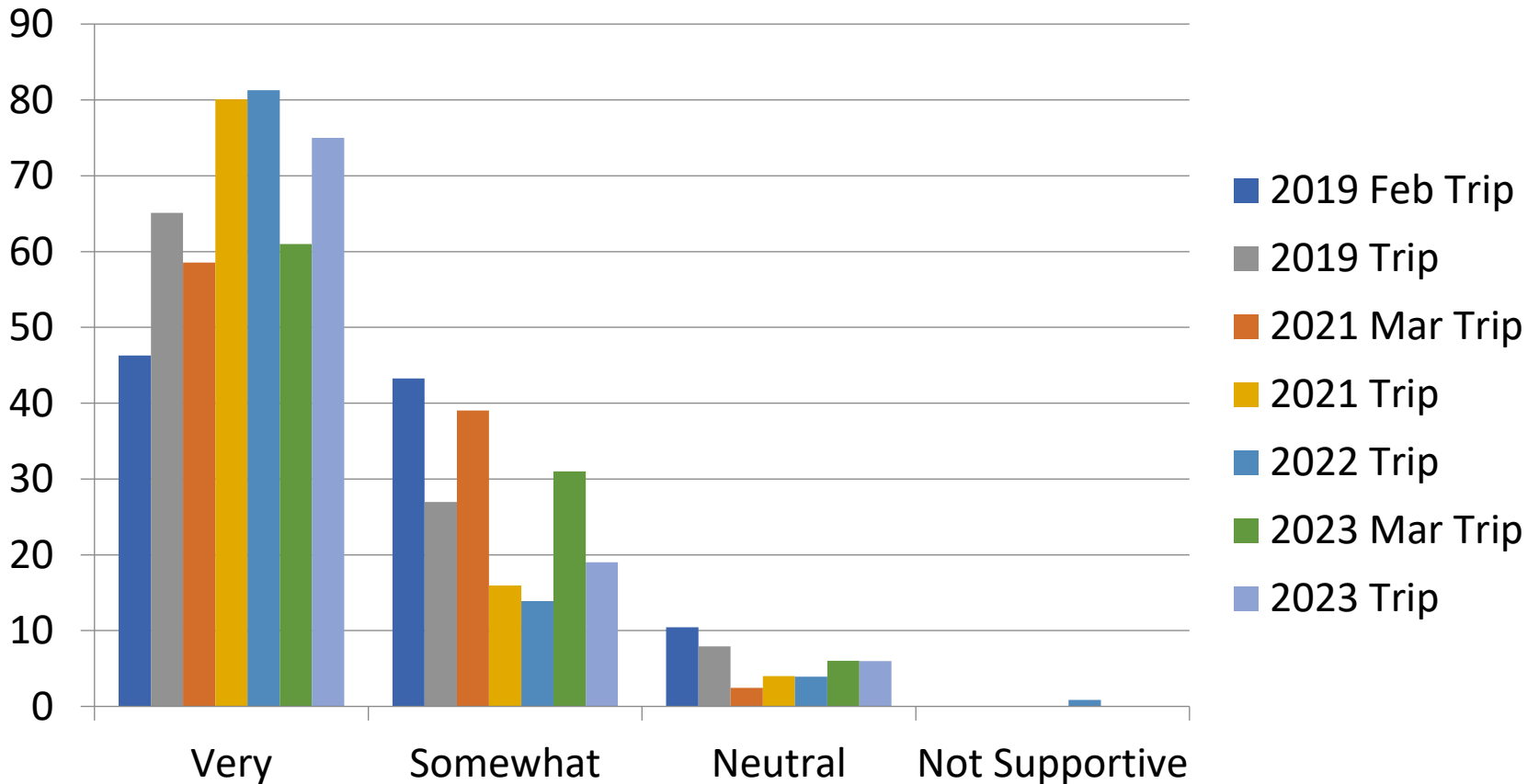
Benefits that resonated well?



Member's overall level of support?



Staffer's overall level of support?



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BAHEP Aerospace Advisory Committee

**Benjy Nuemann - NASA Director of Human Spaceflight Capabilities Division
for Space Operations**

Tom Culligan – Sr. Director, Government Relations – Raytheon

Kelbi Culwell – State and Local Govt Ops Texas – Boeing

Kristin Shahady – Business Development Manager – Astroscale US

Kelly Page – Barrios, Brian Baluta – Lockheed (Trip Co-Chairs)

BAHEP Staff – specifically Kylie Wischnewsky & Mark Mitchell

The CSE National Planning Team

Our Team Leads

All of Our Travelers and Students

Special Thanks

Robin and Stephen Mayer



Save the Date

Next year's trip - May 20 - 22, 2024

