

STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 14, 2021

19. ITEMS OF INTEREST**Today's Item****Information** **Action**

Receive an update on the urban coyote workshops jointly organized by FGC and DFW.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

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| • FGC direction to hold a workshop | Aug 19-20, 2020; Webinar/Teleconference |
| • First coyote workshop held | Mar 26, 2021; Webinar/Teleconference |
| • Today's update | Apr 14, 2021; Webinar/Teleconference |

Background

Coyotes in California's urban areas have become a source of human-wildlife conflict that is primarily addressed by local government agencies. After several commenters brought forth concerns at WRC's Jan 16, 2020 meeting in Long Beach, similar to comments received at past WRC and FGC meetings, WRC recommended that FGC work with DFW and the public on steps to address the conflicts.

In August 2020, FGC directed staff to work with DFW to jointly develop and host a workshop on urban coyote human-wildlife conflicts, in consultation with the WRC co-chairs. The coyote workshop planning team elected to plan for at least two workshops; the first was held on Mar 26, 2021 and focused on coyote science (both biology and human dimensions) and the laws, regulations, and policies surrounding coyotes in the urban environment. The goals of the workshop were:

- Provide a framework (legal, scientific) and platform for open discussion on adaptive coyote management, human-coyote interactions, and community needs.
- Educate the diverse public, key stakeholders, and local leaders on urban coyote issues, concerns, and community needs.
- Create an opportunity for broader understanding, awareness and appreciation of the diversity of views, perceptions, and attitudes about coyotes in California.
- Allow the public to be heard, communicate concerns, and ask questions.
- Explore and "vet" solutions with scientists and other experts.

Approximately 300 people registered for the workshop and over 200 ultimately participated. Participants provided positive feedback and shared appreciation for having so many of their questions answered. Many indicated they would also participate in any future workshops. A recording of the workshop is available from staff upon request.

A second workshop is expected to be scheduled for mid-to-late May and will focus on education campaigns and the development of local/regional coyote management plans. Details will be posted to the FGC meetings webpage at <https://fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2021> as they become available. The need for any further workshops will be assessed following the second.

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Today, FGC will receive an update on the first workshop. An analysis of a pre-meeting participant survey is provided as Exhibit 1.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)

Recommendation (N/A)

Exhibits

1. [Coyote workshop survey results, dated Mar 25, 2021](#)

Motion (N/A)

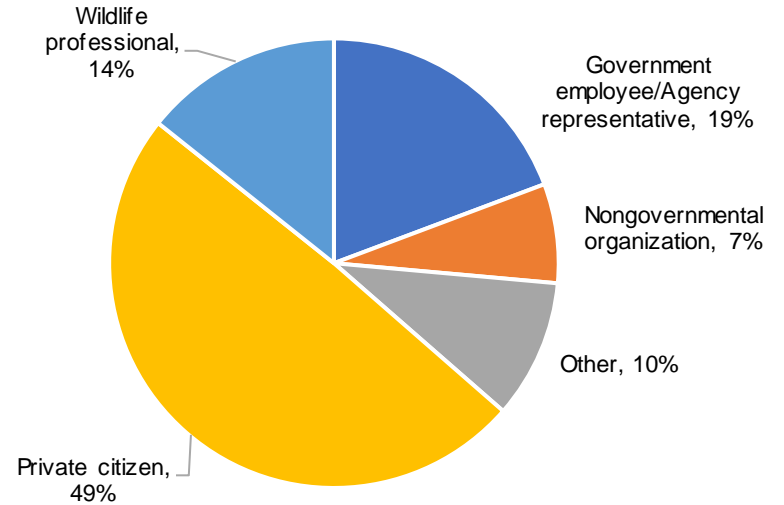
Coyotes in the Urban Environment Workshop #1 Survey Results

Thursday, March 25, 2021

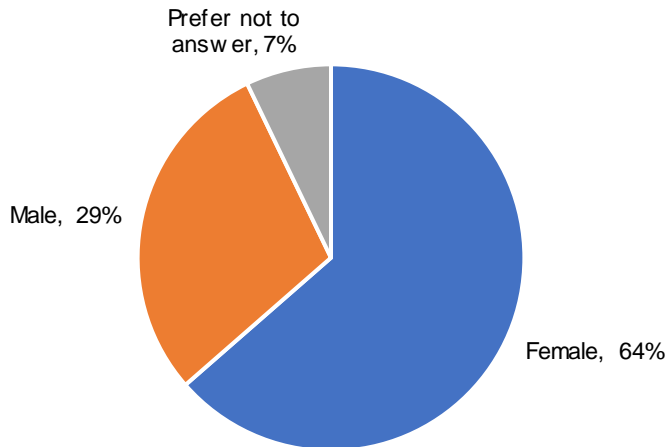
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Respondent Demographics

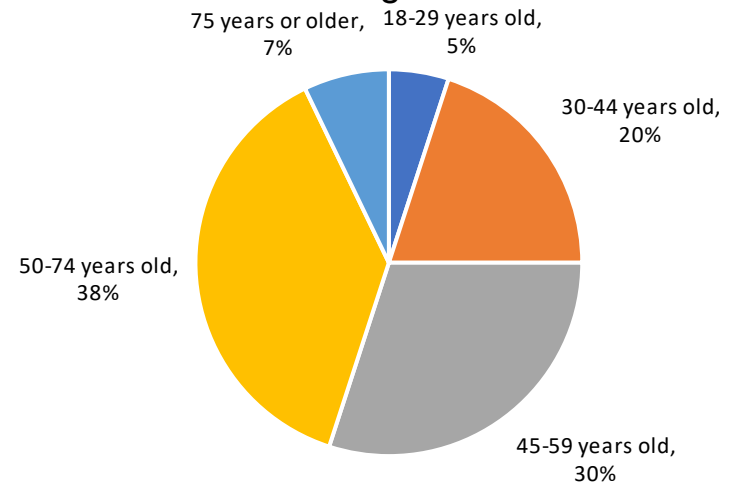
Affiliation (In what capacity are you participating?)



Gender

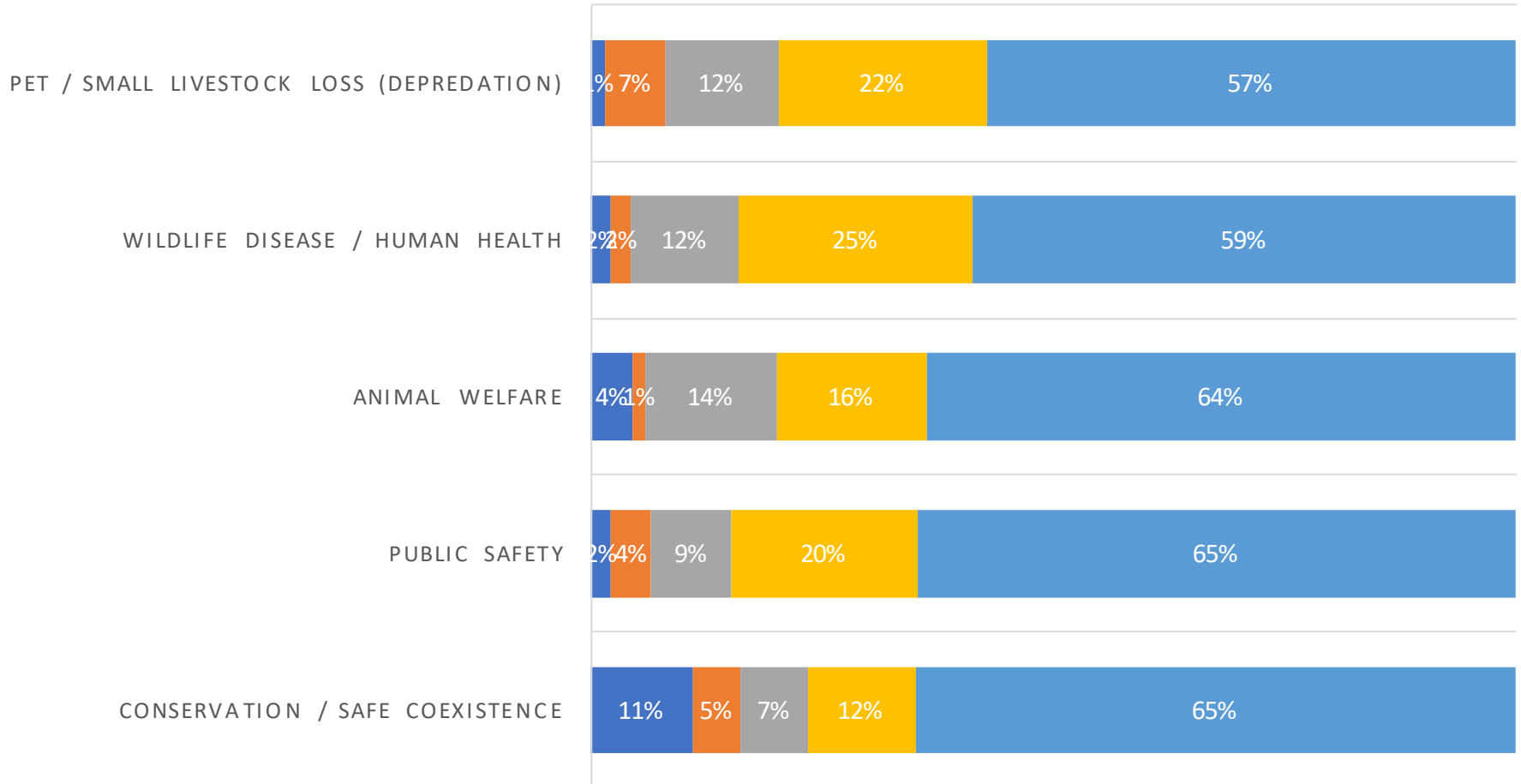


Age



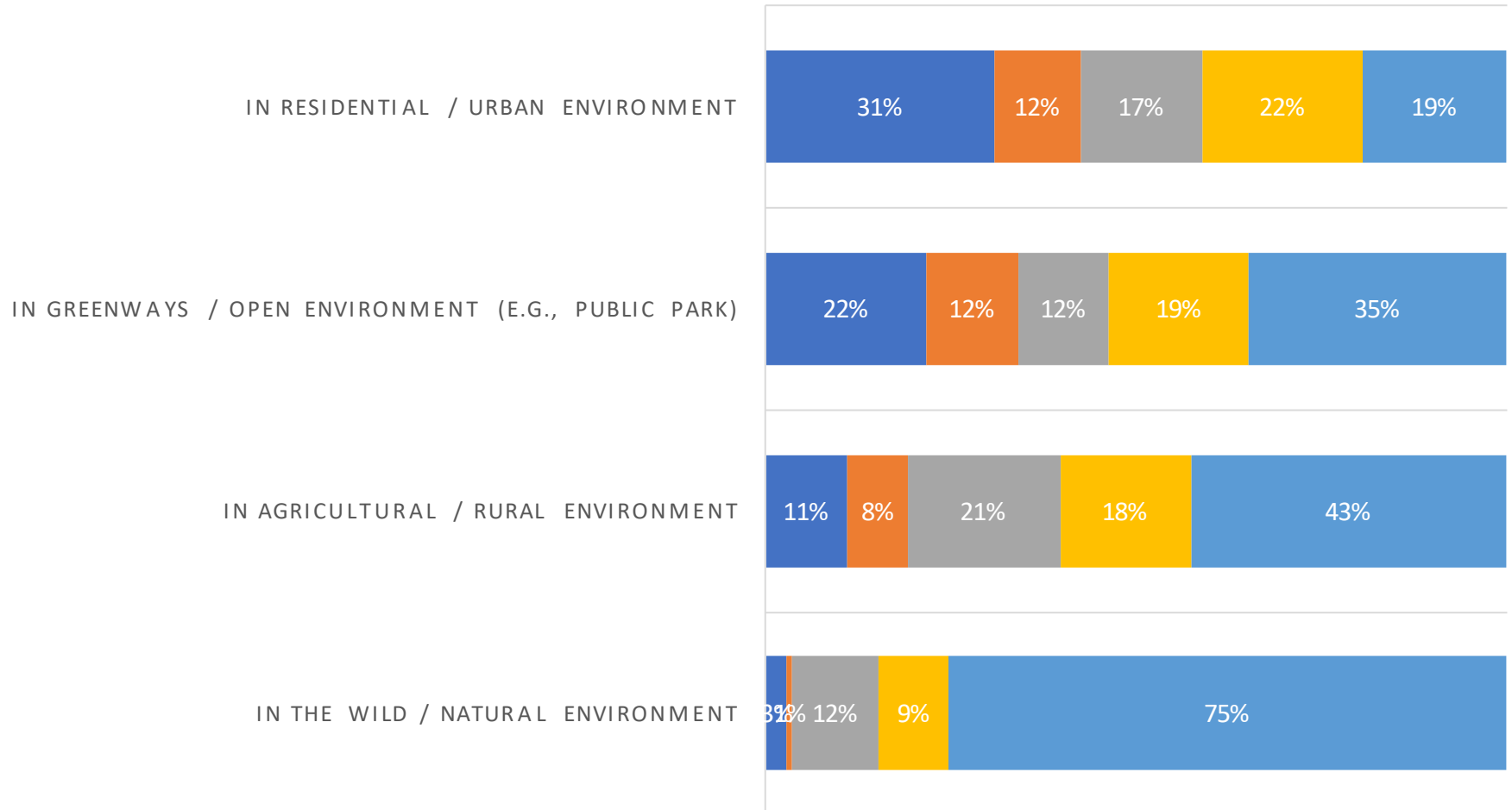
WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST IN THIS WORKSHOP? FOR THE FOLLOWING TOPICS, PLEASE SELECT THE LEVEL OF INTEREST THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOU.

■ Not at all interested
 ■ Not very interested
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Somewhat interested
 ■ Very interested

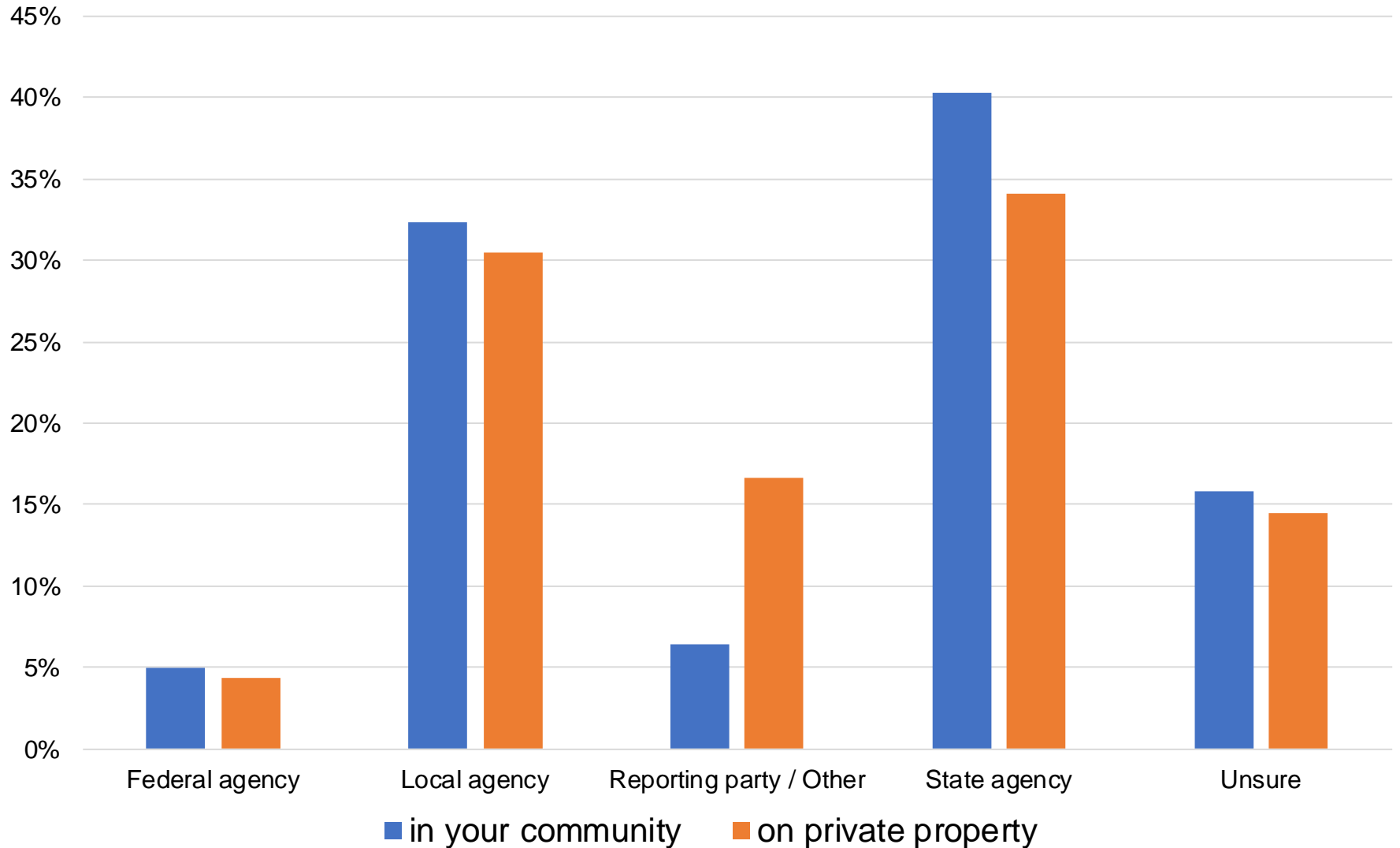


FOR THE FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENTS, WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT COYOTES? PLEASE SELECT THE LEVEL THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOU.

■ Very Negative ■ Somewhat Negative ■ Neutral ■ Somewhat Positive ■ Very Positive

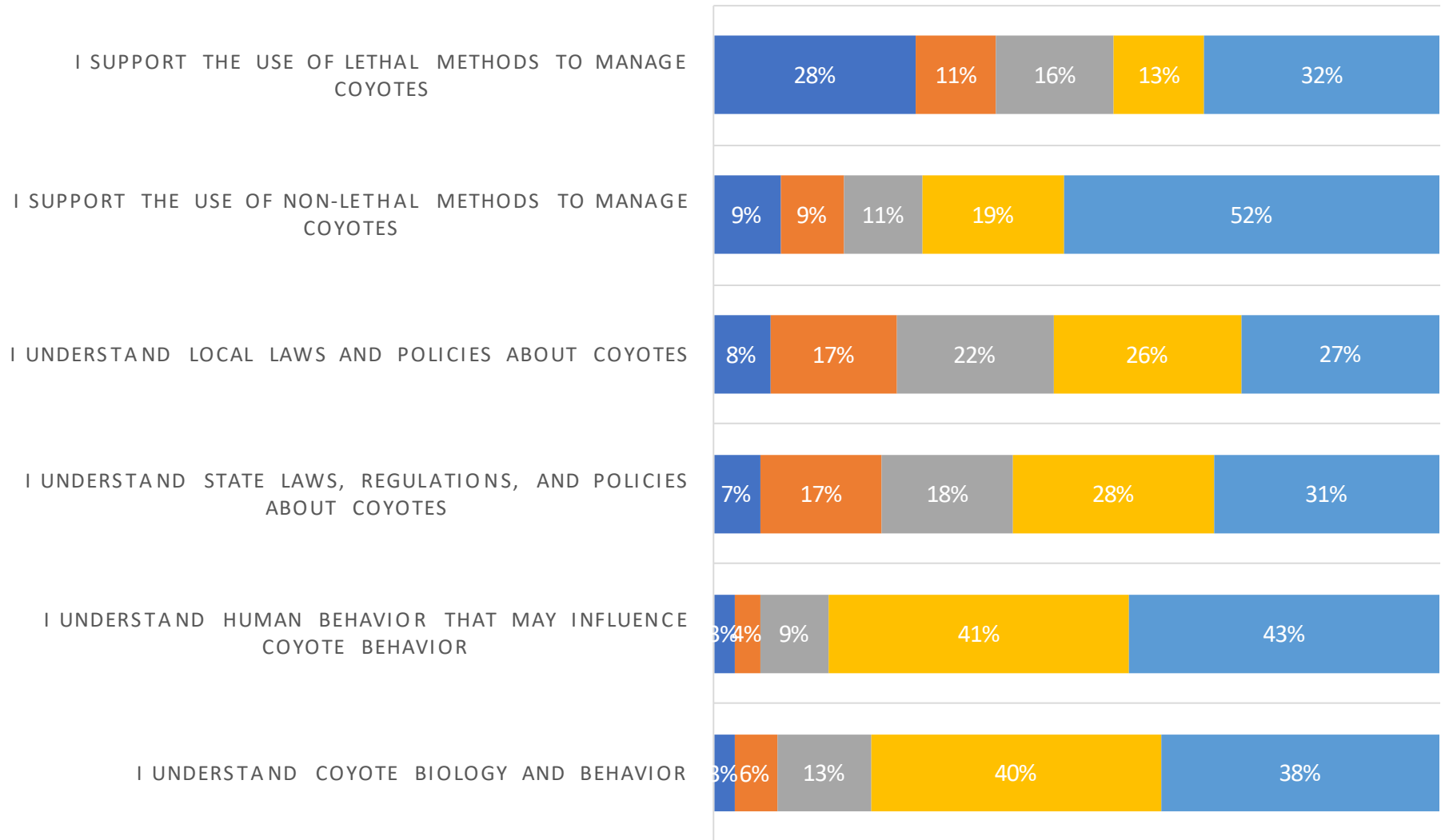


When it comes to wildlife issues _____ including coyotes,
who do you believe should be most responsible for
responding?



FOR THE FOLLOWING TOPICS, PLEASE SELECT THE LEVEL OF AGREEMENT THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOU.

■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ Neither agree nor disagree
 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly agree



Comparison of support (agreed or strongly agreed with the statement) for non-lethal and lethal control by demographic

Demographic Category	Support Non-Lethal Control	Support Lethal Control
Male (n=41)	68%	66%
Female (n=89)	72%	33%
18-29 years old (n=7)	100%	14%
30-44 years old (n=28)	86%	50%
45-59 years old (n=42)	64%	40%
50-74 years old (n=53)	60%	34%
75 years or older (n=10)	90%	10%
Government employee/Agency representative (n=27)	78%	63%
Nongovernmental organization (n=10)	100%	0%
Other (n=14)	57%	43%
Private citizen (n=69)	62%	45%
Wildlife professional (n=20)	85%	35%