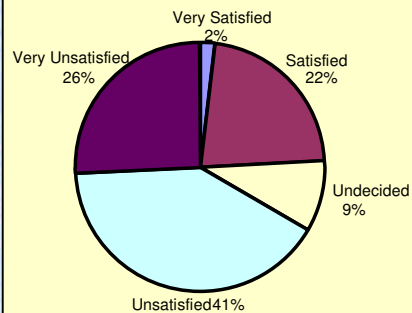


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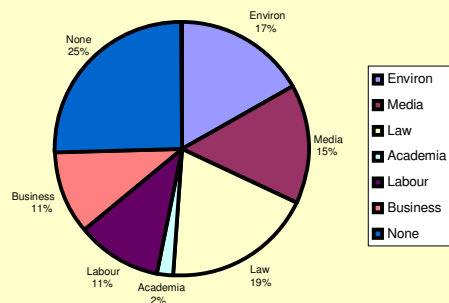
How satisfied are you with the process of making a Freedom of Information request?



"Thank you for your survey. Hopefully, your findings will realize the changes that are *desperately* needed to improve the FOIPPA process."

– Respondent (wording has been changed to keep the quotation anonymous).

Based on the following broad categories, which category best identifies the organization under which your Freedom of Information request was made? Select only one response on the scale.



BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the project is to evaluate the process of making a freedom of information request for general information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) of British Columbia between 2000 and 2005. A direct application of the findings of such a survey may include reform of the FOIPPA process to improve access to information, a means by which to hold the government accountable to the public, and more awareness of the importance of FOIPPA in a democratic society.

HYPOTHESIS:

The hypothesis of the survey is that the personal experience of individuals making requests for public information through FOIPPA between 2000 and 2005 will testify to the trend that it is becoming more difficult to receive the information requested.

METHODOLOGY:

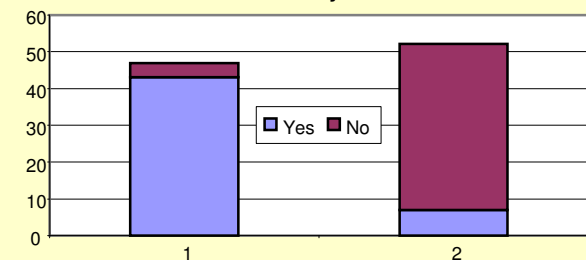
Descriptive survey using a non-probability sampling method
Email invitation to web survey with 35 questions
Survey Budget: \$448.00

WHO:

Over 300 organizations in British Columbia representing a cross-section of BC society were invited
We contacted organizations representing business, environment, politics, unions, libraries, archives, etc.

WHEN: January 4 - February 14, 2006

Delay



1. Do you usually encounter a delay with your request (s) being fulfilled?
2. Do you usually abandon request (s) because it takes too long to be fulfilled?

Have you received a response to your request with information blocked out?

