

## **Survey Taken at the United National Anti-war Conference<sup>1</sup> (UNAC) show support for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth Efforts**

One of the mysteries of the 9/11 Truth movement is why the anti-war movement has been largely opposed to recognizing of the facts surrounding the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. One would expect that exposing the 9/11 underpinnings of the current wars as fraudulent would result in the reversal of support for the wars once the public learns more about how they have been misled<sup>2</sup>.

An example of the opposition to the 9/11 Truth movement is the inability to get resolutions passed in convention plenary sessions of organizations like the United National Anti-war Conference (UNAC). This is due to vocal opposition of peace and justice leaders and the use of procedural maneuvers. For example, Stan Heller from the Middle East Crisis Committee went to the microphone and said “9/11 was a waste of time - because we have wars to stop!” In a private communication, one of the key organizers stated:

*“The majority of those in attendance simply do not buy 9/11 truth and do not want it made part of their political program. [...] We (i.e. the UNAC leadership) cannot make people vote yes [...] to include 9/11 Truth resolutions in [...] the antiwar program that they see as false and harmful. You have not convinced people and I hardly think that you can hold UNAC, of all groups, responsible for that.”*

This particular leader believes that we “have not made our case.” However, many of us have had peace and justice / anti-war activists agree with our assessment once they have been given the facts. This is especially true in recent years as the unimpeachable technical analysis and credibility of Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911Truth) have shifted the dialogue toward the evidence and away from the “who dun-it” finger pointing.<sup>3</sup>

To better reach out to these activists, several AE911Truth Action Groups encouraged participation in the UNAC convention. As one approach to better understanding the sentiment of the attendees, a survey consisting of 13 questions was developed. The goal of this activity was to better ascertain the knowledge and positions of those who attended the conference. This survey represents a unique outreach activity to quantitatively document the knowledge and understanding of many of the participants at the conference.

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<sup>1</sup>“ Say No to the NATO/G8 Wars & Poverty Agenda: A Conference to Challenge the Wars of the 1% Against the 99% at Home and Abroad

The U.S.-led North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the G-8 world economic powers will meet in Chicago, May 19-22, to plan their financial and military strategies for the coming period. These elites, who serve the 1% at home and abroad, impose austerity--often by the use of drones, armies, and the police--on the 99% to expand their profits.

Join activists from the antiwar, occupy, environmental, immigrant rights, labor, and other movements at a conference from March 23-25, 2012 to learn more, to plan a May 19 “No to NATO/G8” demonstration in Chicago, and to democratically develop a program of action for the months to follow.

<sup>2</sup> Add hyperlink to Matt Taibbi article: <http://www.alternet.org/story/43418/?cID=270425#c270425> and Alexander Cockburn <http://www.counterpunch.org/2006/09/09/the-9-11-conspiracy-nuts/>

<sup>3</sup> Add hyperlink to <http://ae911truth.org/en/evidence.html>

As shown in the following results, it is apparent that the leadership of the anti-war movement, and many other peace and justice groups, have inadvertently painted themselves into a corner with their earlier uninformed statements. Private outreach to them and developing a strategy to bring them into alignment with the evidence of the 9/11 Truth movement is desirable to move forward. Otherwise they will be undercutting their own credibility as leaders.

## **Survey Results**

Summarizing the results of a survey into a few sound bites is subjective and imprecise. However, the results of this survey suggest the following:

- 1) Many of the respondents are unaware of significant basic facts. When asked about specific major points of evidence, a consistent 35-45 percent of the respondents were uncertain or did not respond while only tiny percentages disagreed with the evidence that has been discussed by AE911Truth.
- 2) That about 90 percent agreed that the “true story of what happened on 9/11 is relevant to today's Anti-War movement.” (Question 1)
- 3) In response to a related question, 90 percent disagreed with its mirror statement that “9/11 was a long time ago and it no longer has any influence over today's political environment” (Question 12)
- 4) Half of the respondents did not think that raising the destruction of the World Trade Center Towers by means of Controlled demolition detracted from other pressing issues; one quarter was unsure and one quarter thought that the discussion would detract from other issues. (Question 11)
- 5) Two-thirds of the respondents believe that the criminal acts of 9/11 were perpetrated by more than only Islamic fundamentalists; a quarter were uncertain and a small segment agreed with the official indictment of Islamic fundamentalists as the only criminals. (Question 10).

This last observation suggests that the emphasis on outreach should be maintained or broadened. The attendees to this event are well informed on many issues, but do not appear to have been given adequate information<sup>4</sup> about the facts of what happened at the World Trade Center on 9/11.

## **Survey Background**

In this survey, 65 respondents attending the UNAC in Stamford responded to a series of questions. It was estimated that there were over 500 total attendees so this represents a sampling of about 12% of the total attendees. This is considered a robust sampling.

In all surveys there is a selection bias. Because this was anticipated to be a concern, the survey team approached people and asked them to answer the questionnaire. It was thought that if we relied on people to stop at the 9/11 Truth table, then there would be a significant “self-selection” bias that would skew the results. Approaching attendees mostly at random was thought to be relatively neutral.

In introducing the questionnaire, surveyors used the following introduction:

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<sup>4</sup> Add hyperlink to <http://www.shop.ae911truth.org/main.sc>

"Hi, I am a volunteer for Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth. We are doing a survey so that we can better understand how 9/11 fits into the anti-war, peace and justice movements. Would you be willing to take a few minutes to help us out. Almost everybody we ask here fills out a survey. You know, as activists we all try to have our voices heard ... and this survey is one place where your voice will be heard. Remember, there are no right answers and no wrong answers we only want to know what you know ... and how you perceive the strategic issues of 9/11."

In general only a relatively few people were unwilling to answer the questionnaire. Typically those people claimed that they don't have the time. Some would look at the survey and then simply return it while declining to answer it. However, one self-identified group that seemed particularly adverse to answering the survey were volunteers at the "Socialist Action" exhibitor tables. While each table represented a different region of the country, they had a unified stance on 9/11: It is irrelevant so there is no need to answer any survey, go away, we do not even want to talk to you.

### **Survey Development**

This survey was developed over a relatively short period of time. Some of the questions were intended to elicit information about the respondent's level of knowledge. Others were related to strategy of using (or not using) evidence from 9/11.

Not all questions were as clear as hoped. For example, the last question (number 13) is, in fact, a two-part question. In practice, respondents could respond to both parts of the entire question or to either of its sub-parts. The results of this question may be more subjective than most of the other questions.

This survey did not intend to capture demographics or other information. As a further caveat; approximately one third of the responses were obtained after the Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth information panels and documentary "9/11 Explosive Evidence: Experts Speak Out" were shown in an adjoining conference room.

### **Overview Results of the Survey Questions**

In this section, the survey results have been summarized. The "strongly agree" and "agree" responses have been consolidated into "agree." Likewise, the "disagree" and "strongly disagree" responses have been combined into "disagree." To get a high-level sense of those that were uncertain, the "no-response" was combined with those that said "uncertain." Detailed results showing all categories are shown in Appendix 1. Finally, comments written in a space at the end of the survey in the "Comments Section" are included as Appendix 2.

1. The true story of what happened on 9/11 is relevant to today's Anti-War movement.  
Response: 78% say the true story of what happened on 9/11 is relevant while only 11 percent say it is not.
2. Aircraft impact and ensuing fires were the sole cause of the complete destruction of the Twin Towers.  
Response: 58% say that aircraft impact and fires alone were insufficient. 30 percent were uncertain and only 11 percent thought that structural trauma and fires were the sole cause of the destruction of the three skyscrapers.

3. Explosives and incendiary material were the sole cause of the complete destruction of the Twin Towers.

Response: 50 percent were uncertain with 25 percent agreeing and 25 percent disagreeing.

4. A third major skyscraper, which was not hit by an airplane but which had fires, was completely destroyed six hours after the Twin Towers (World Trade Center Building 7).

Response: 65 percent knew about the destruction of the third skyscraper.

5. Remnants of incendiary materials have been found in the WTC dust by independent investigators.

Response: 60 percent agreed that remnants of incendiary materials were found in the WTC dust while 40 percent were uncertain. Only 2 percent disagreed with the evidence.

6. Major steel perimeter columns were ejected outward, in all directions, at 60-70 mph after breaking structural welds and bolts. Some landed up to 600 feet away.

Response: 36 percent agreed that perimeter columns were ejected outward while 64 percent were uncertain.

7. Fire has caused the catastrophic collapse of many steel framed high-rise buildings that were over 40 stories throughout the last 50 years (excluding the World Trade Center on 9/11).

Response: 50 percent were uncertain while 45 percent knew that steel framed high rise buildings have not collapsed due to fire. Five percent believed that fire had caused the failure of steel framed high-rise buildings.

8. When World Trade Center Building 7 collapsed at 5:20 PM, it was observed descending symmetrically at "free fall acceleration (i.e. like dropping your car keys)" for 8 stories across its entire length and breadth.

Response: 58 percent knew that freefall of Building 7 occurred, while 40 percent were uncertain.

9. Over 1600 architects and engineers (verified and vetted) have signed a petition calling for a new independent investigation citing fraudulent and misleading government engineering reports.

Response: 60 percent knew that over 1600 architects and engineers have signed the petition while 40 percent were uncertain.

10. Raising the destruction of the three World Trade Center Buildings by means of controlled demolition detracts from other pressing issues.

Response: 25 percent agreed that raising the issues of 9/11 detracted from "other pressing issues while 50 percent thought that it did not. 25 percent were uncertain.

11. Islamic fundamentalists were the only participants in the criminal destruction of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers.

Response: 66 percent said that it was not (only) Islamic fundamentalists while 12 percent thought that it was only Islamic fundamentalists. 22 percent were uncertain.

12. 9/11 was a long time ago and it no longer has any influence over today's political environment.

Response: 88 percent said that the story of 9/11 has an impact over today's political environment

13. The destruction of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers and its cover-up represent acts of state-sponsored terrorism that make anti-war activities extraordinarily difficult to pursue.

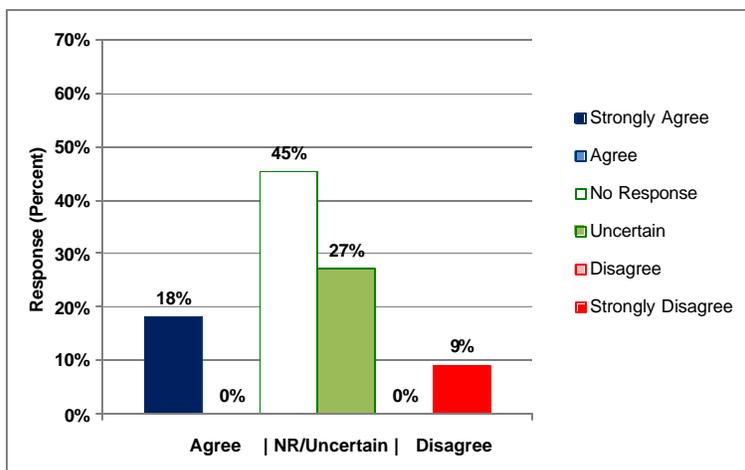
Response: 51 percent responded that if 9/11 were to be acknowledged as state sponsored terrorism, then anti-war activities would be harder to pursue because of the power of the state to disrupt the anti-war activities. 31 percent were uncertain. 18 percent thought that it would not be more difficult. [Note this question actually a compound question and the response could be to both parts, or only one part, of the intended question.]

### Interesting Observations

One of the interesting ways of analyzing the raw data from a survey is to look at conditional responses. Using this technique, it is possible to see how respondents answered one question given that they agreed (or disagreed) with a different question. In this section four pairs of questions will be analyzed.

1. For those that 'Agreed' "Aircraft impact and ensuing fires were the sole cause of the complete destruction of the Twin Towers", 82 percent either had no response, uncertain or disagreed with the evidence "Remnants of incendiary materials have been found in the WTC dust by independent investigators."

Observation: This suggest that those who agree with the official story about aircraft causing structural damage and the resulting fires causing the complete destruction of the buildings have not looked, or heard about, the evidence for incendiaries. This result suggests a need to expand the outreach to the peace and justice activists<sup>5</sup>.

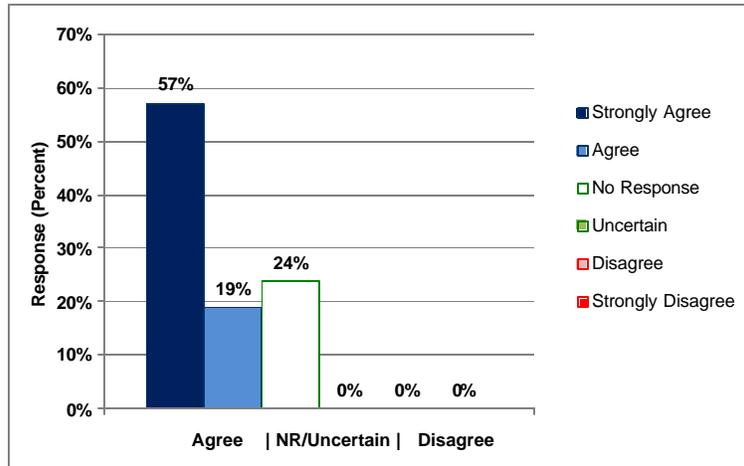


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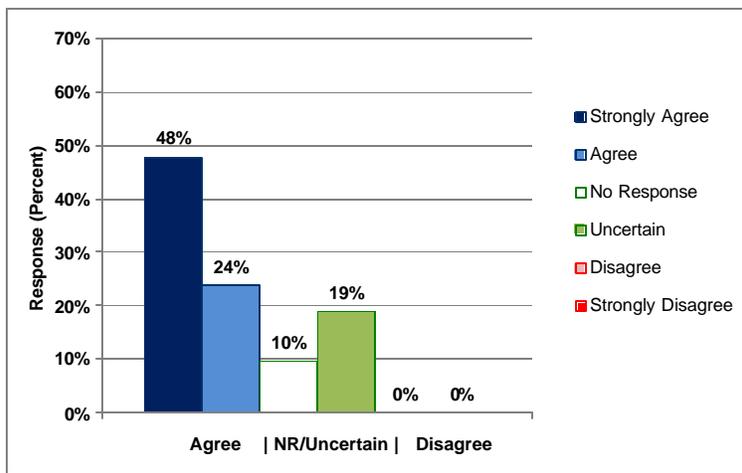
Observation: This suggest that those who agree that explosives and incendiary material were the sole cause of the complete destruction of the Twin Towers have been exposed to the evidence of remnants of what is known to fire arson investigators as “High Temperature Accelerants.” [Add same hyperlink as previous].



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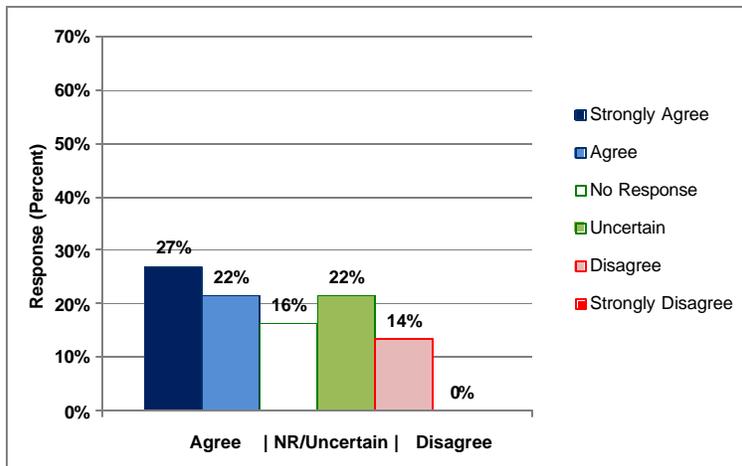
Observation: The results suggest that a large number of those who know about the evidence for explosives and incendiaries also know something about Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth. This suggests that when outreach has reached activists successfully, it has provided multiple, reinforcing points of information that is assimilated.



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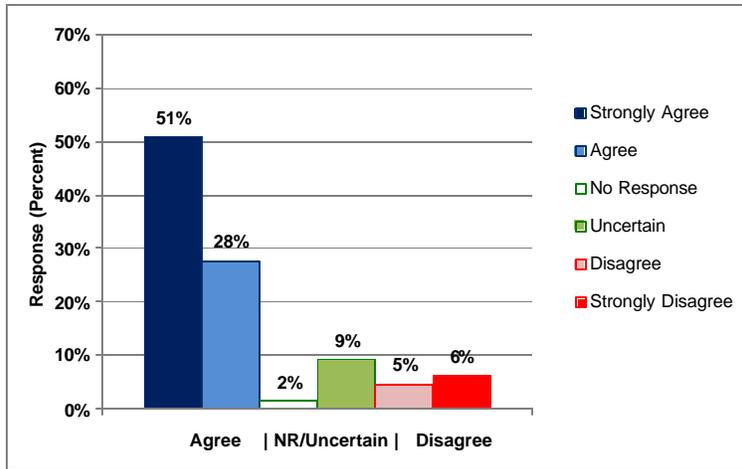
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Observation: This reflects, and supports, the UNAC leadership’s aversion to acknowledging the evidence. It suggests a strong sentiment toward avoiding the evidence and making a political calculation that to touch the truth about 9/11 is to make the peace and justice / anti-war activities much harder to pursue.

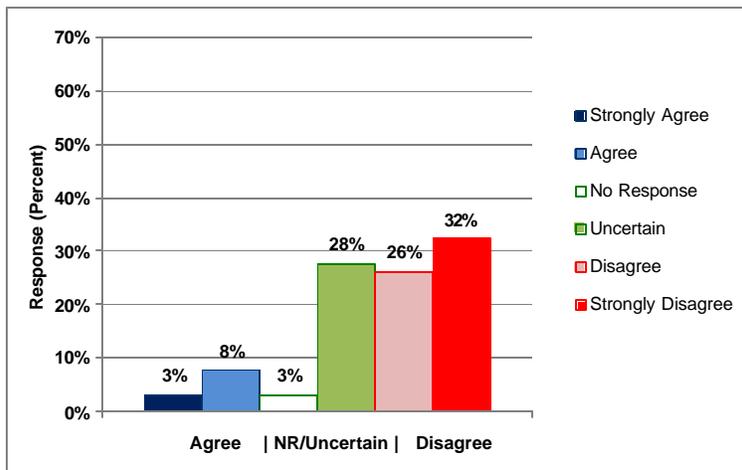


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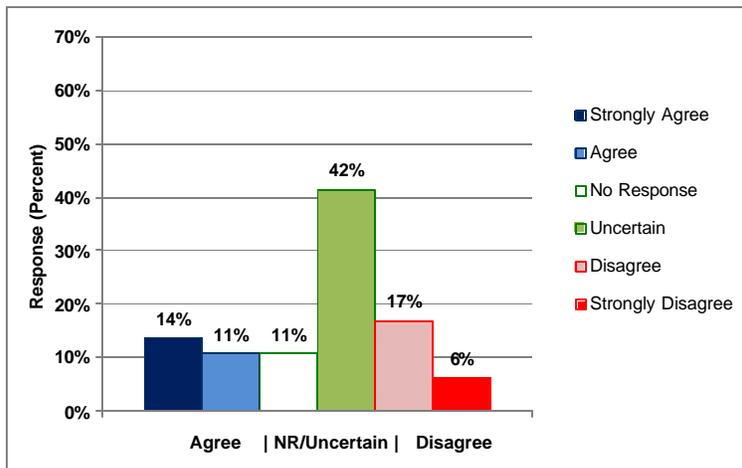
## Appendix 1 Detailed Results of the Survey in Graphical Format



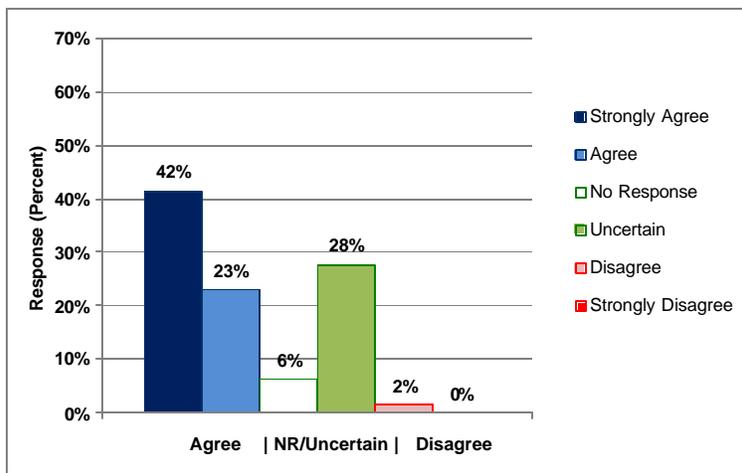
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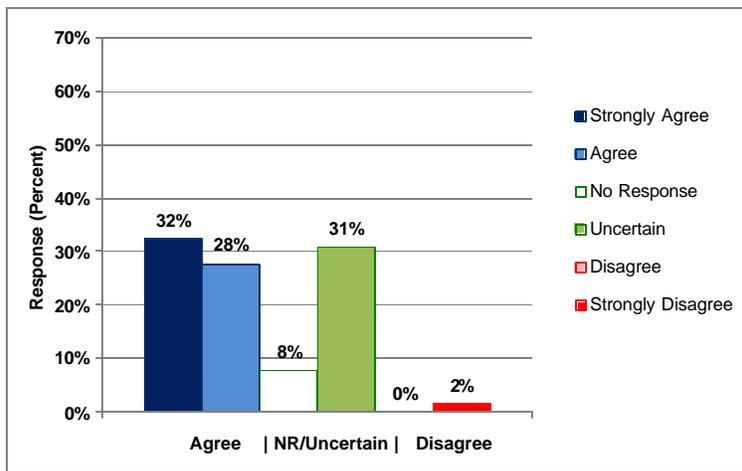
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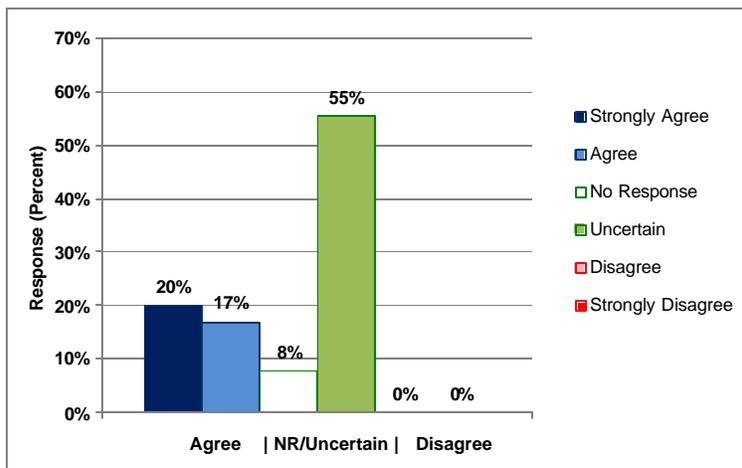
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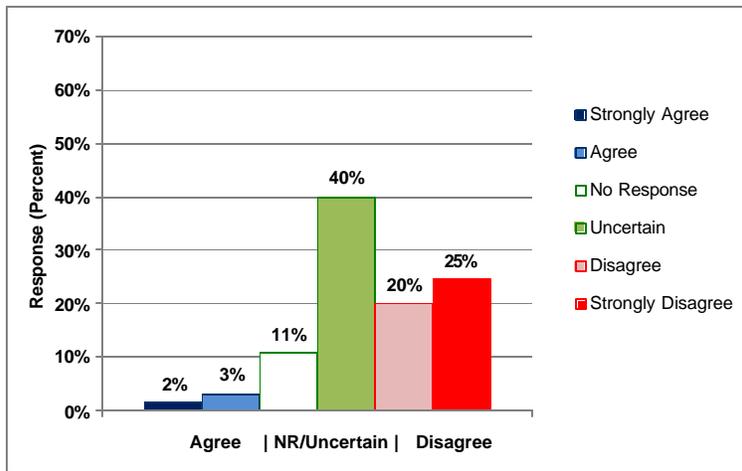
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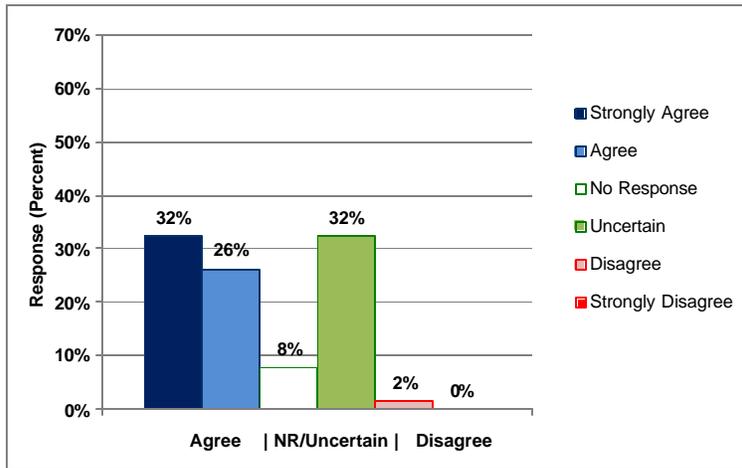
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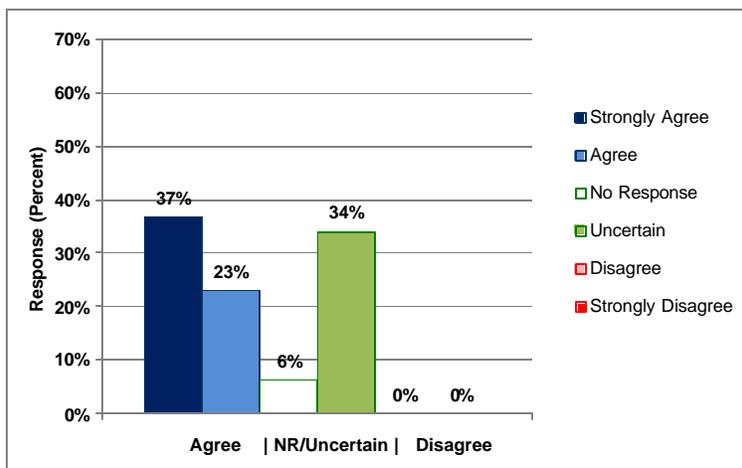
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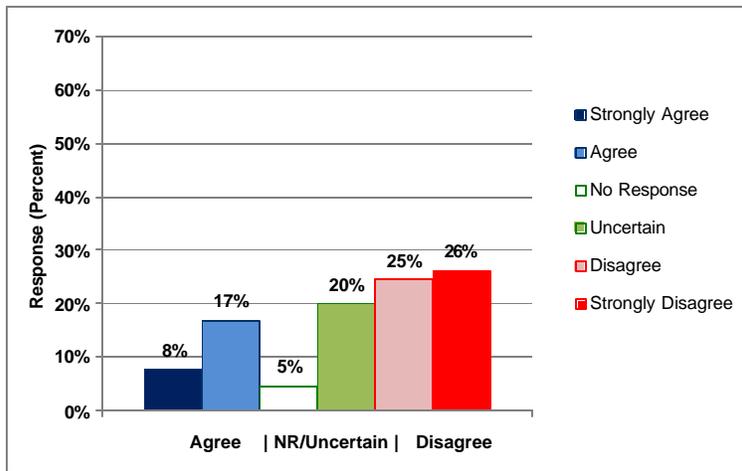
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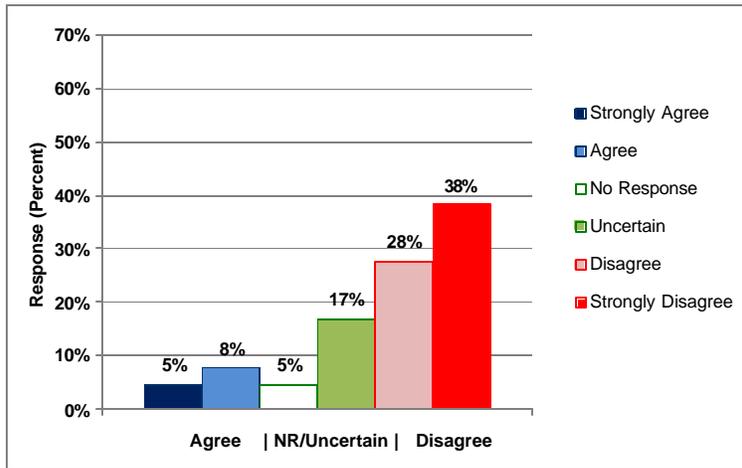
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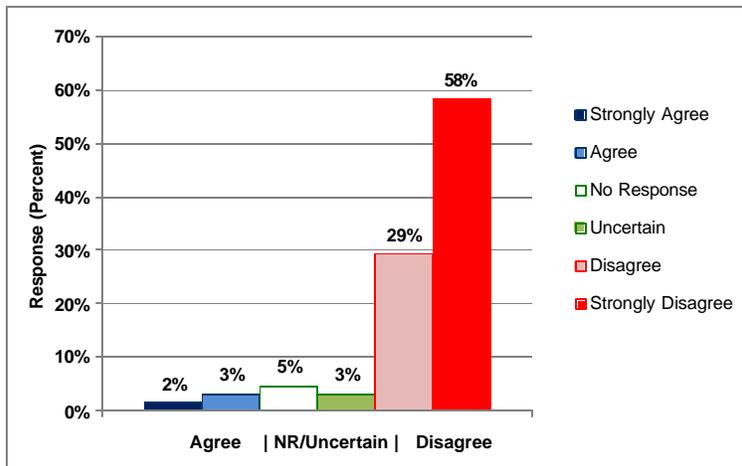
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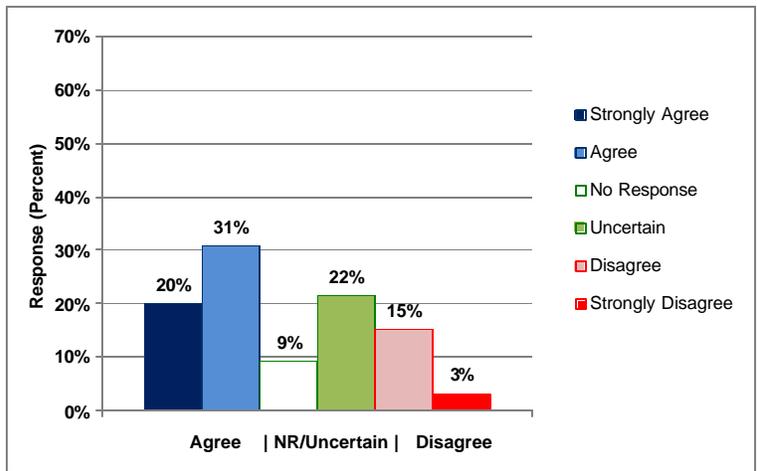
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**Appendix 2**  
**Additional Comments Provided at the End of the Survey Form**

<b>Comments received in the “Comments Section” of the survey</b>
9/11 whether an inside job (as I feel) or not, was the pretext for war of terror waged by the USA and its allies vs. Iraq. Afghanistan, Libya and now Syria and Iran.
A Zionist conspiracy.
For Peace to be, the drug war must end!
Have to stop America from massacring the poor abroad first. Proving our elected criminal government killed our own can come later.
I'm on the fence about this issue.
I've yet to personally talk with structural and civil engineers whose opinions confirm those I've developed. However, I seek those conversations.
Make Peace and Justice a [unreadable]
Need to act before this event falls into the dust bin of history.
Note: Socialist Action member said: Because he strongly disagrees with the first question, no need to answer any other question. Only one other known Socialist Action member agreed to answer a survey. All other refused. This was a remarkable response for virtually all members of this organization.
Professionals that question the collapse provide the most important stance which can surely change the perceptions of Americans.
Sorry, I do not really know about this issue.
Thank you for all your work.
Thanks for your efforts. I certainly see where you are going and I comment it. I wish I had more specifics.
This is an interesting survey. Thank you for raising these issues.
This is one issue but not the first and foremost.