

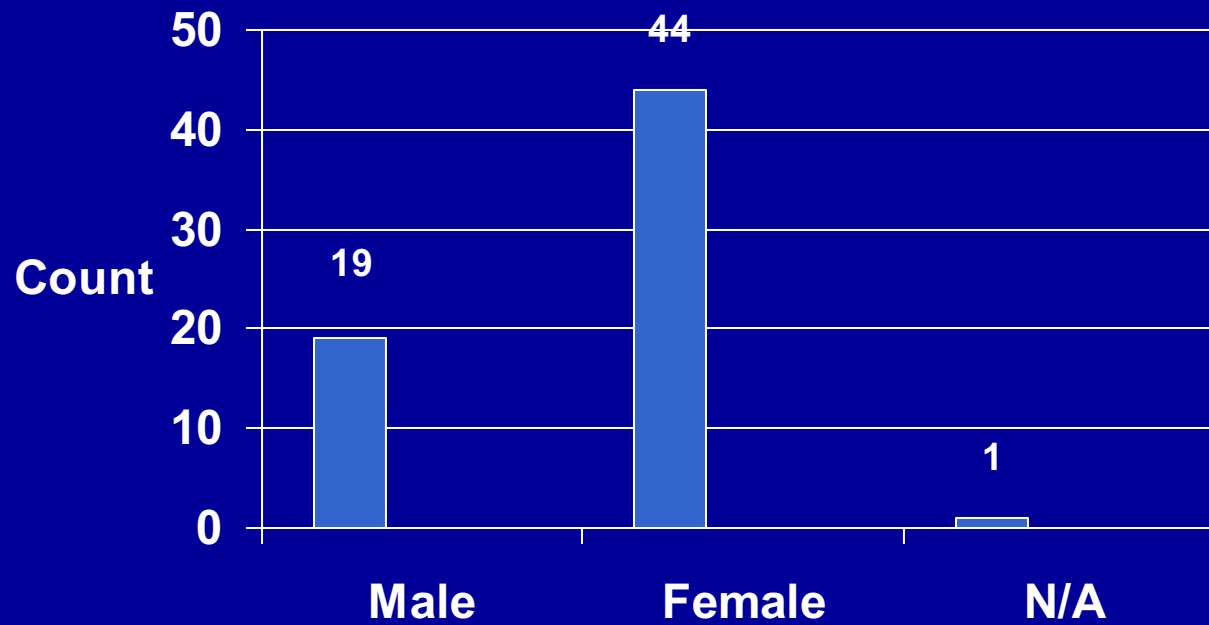
What Community Leaders Think about 2nd-hand Smoke

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Summary

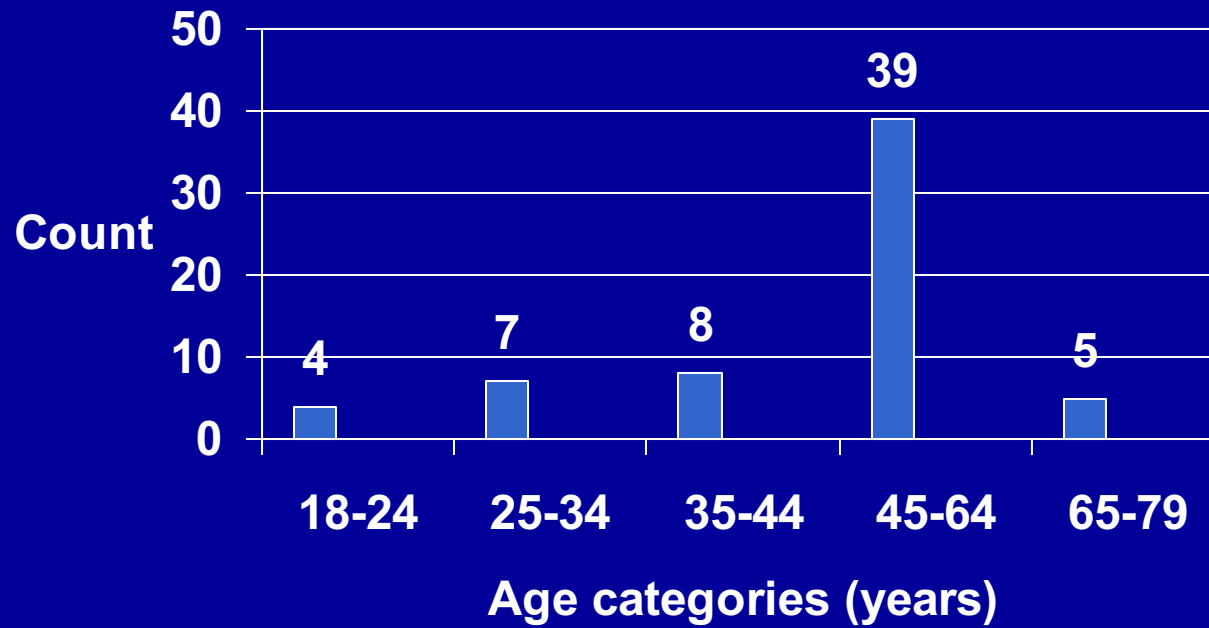
- Sent 283 surveys to 3 groups: community leaders, elected officials, and executive directors
- Received 64 surveys, surpassing goal of 50
- Findings show that all groups held similar attitudes:
 - Most had some exposure to second hand smoke
 - Most knew about negative health effects of second hand smoke
 - Most supported smoking ban in public places

Survey respondents (N=64)

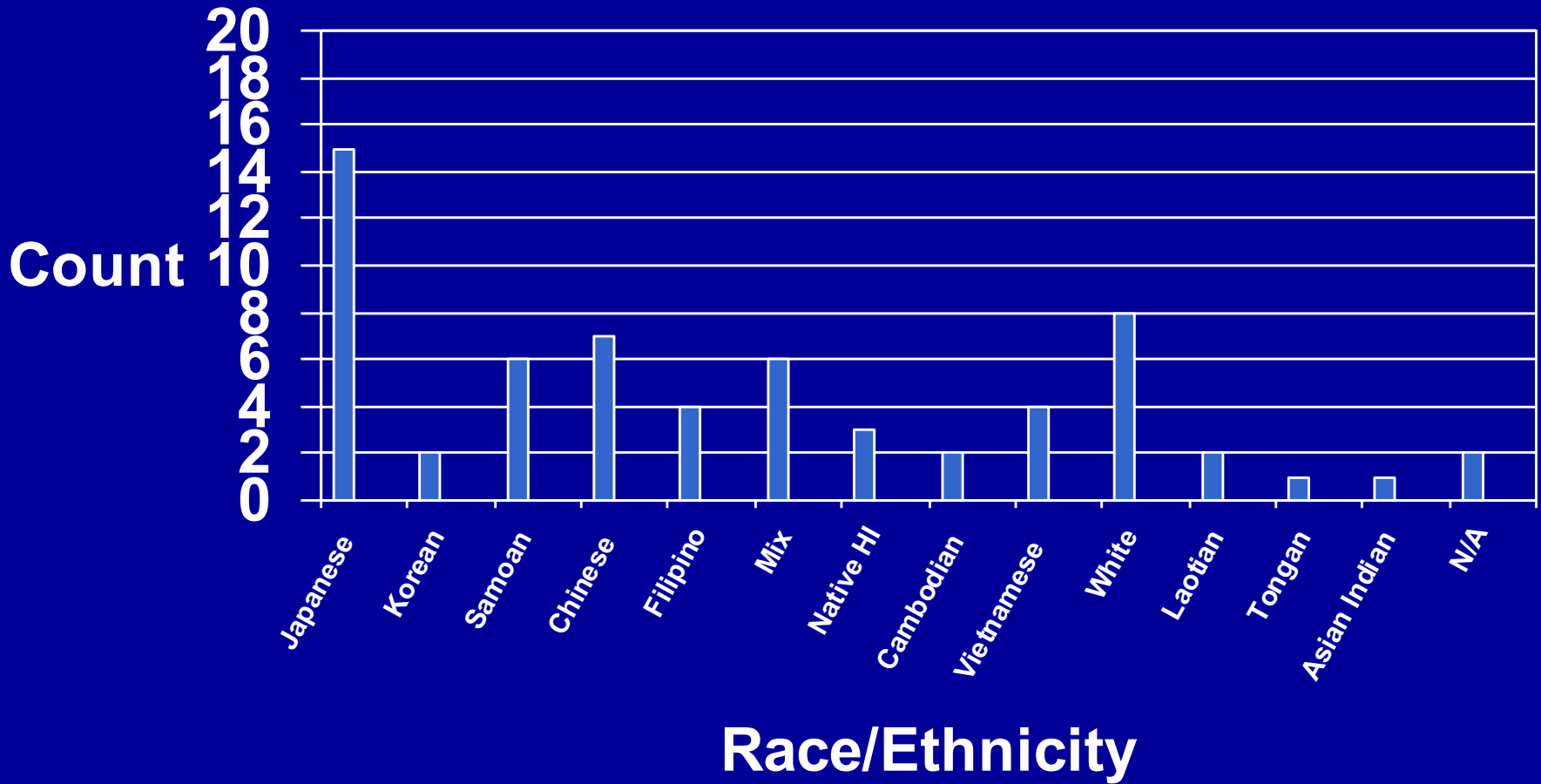


Demographic characteristics

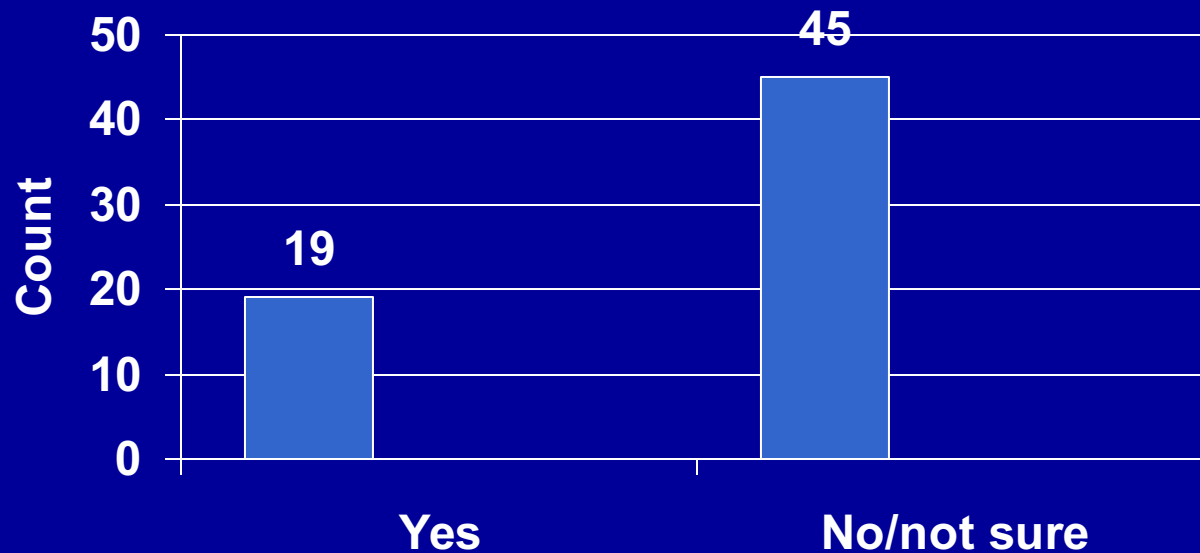
Age of survey respondents



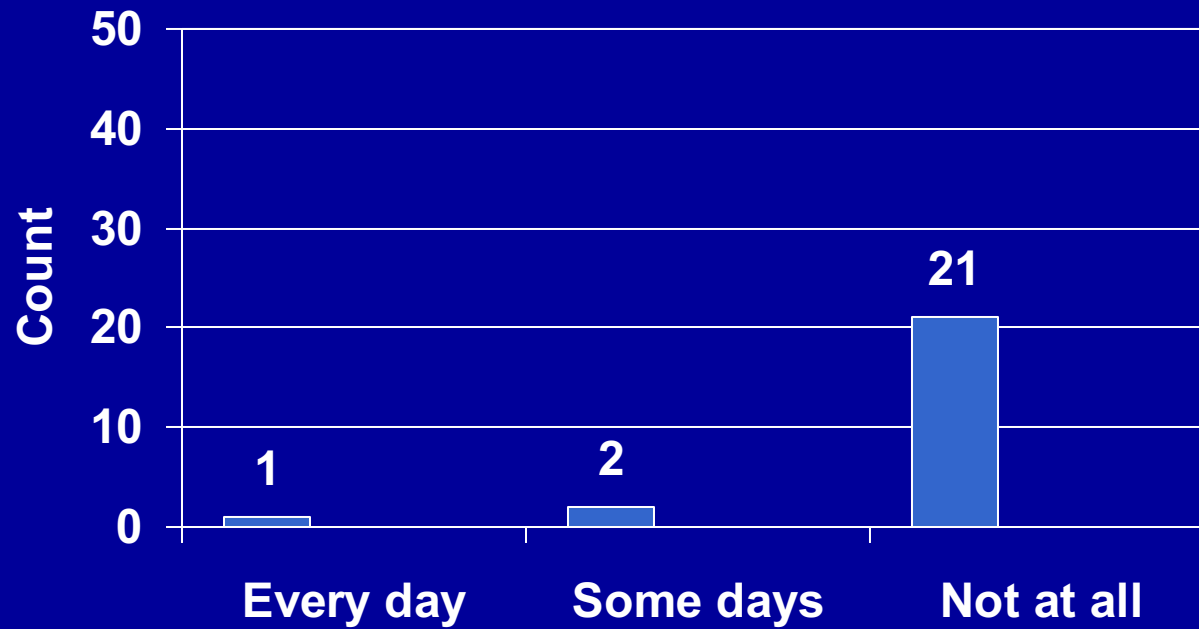
Race/Ethnicity



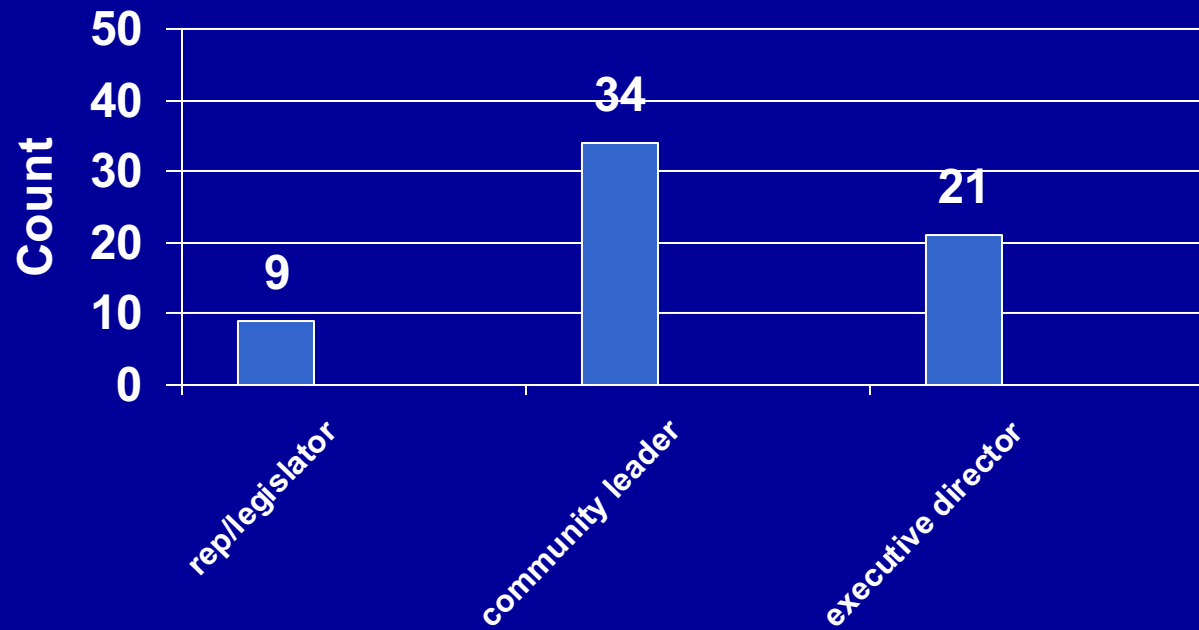
Smoked at least 100 cigarettes (5 packs) in lifetime



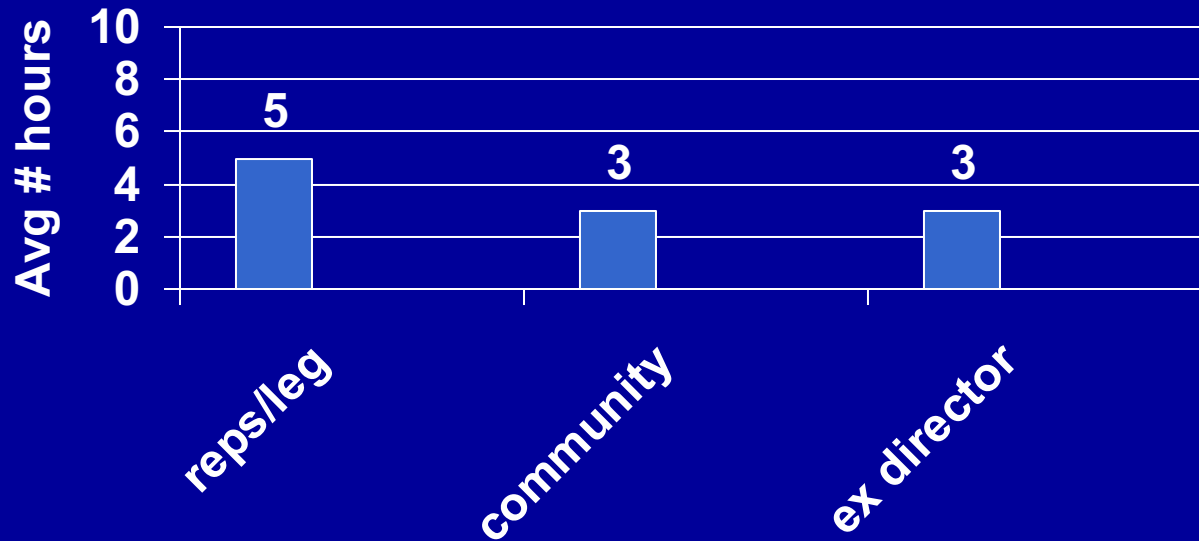
Currently smoke



Type of respondent



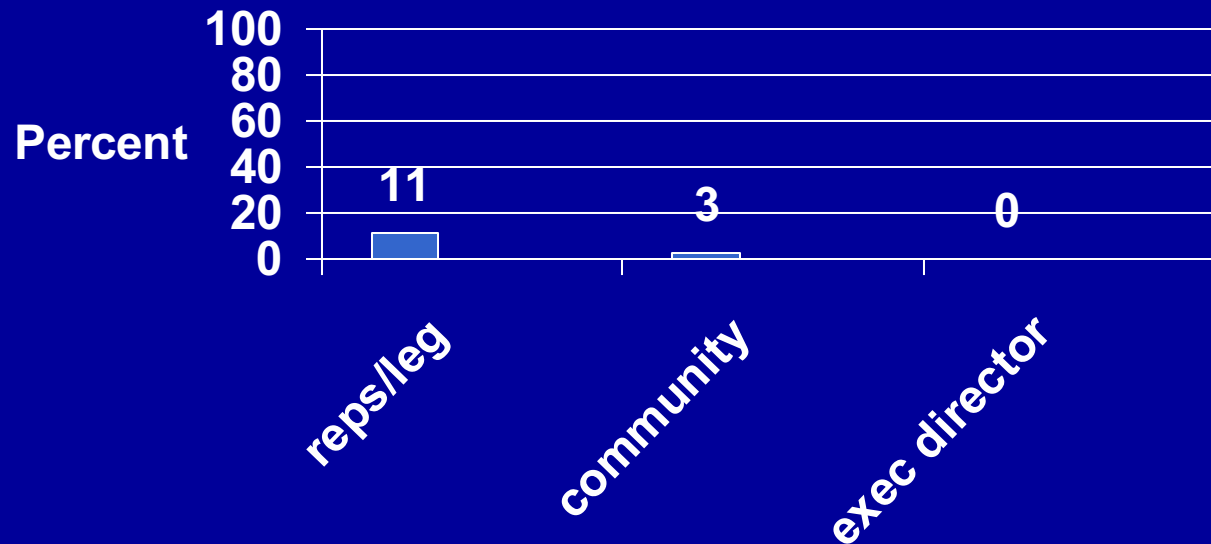
Avg # hours exposed to 2nd-hand smoke in a typical week



Knowledge and attitudes about secondhand smoke

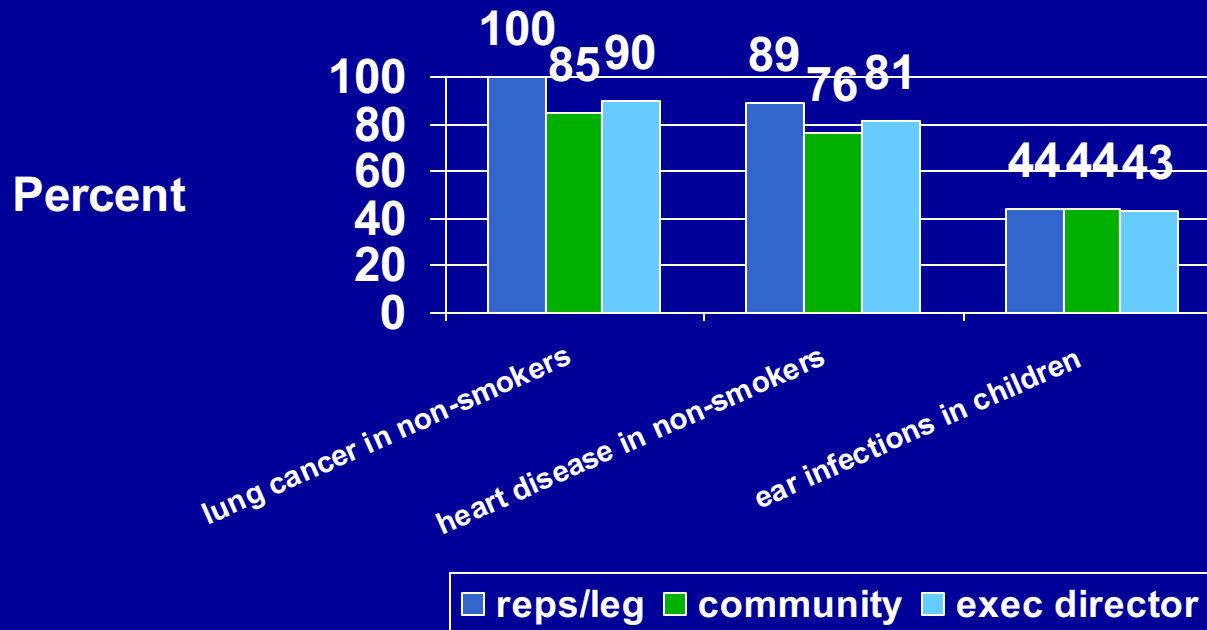
Percent who strongly agree or agree that....

Secondhand smoke is safe



Percent who strongly agree or agree that....

Secondhand smoke causes...



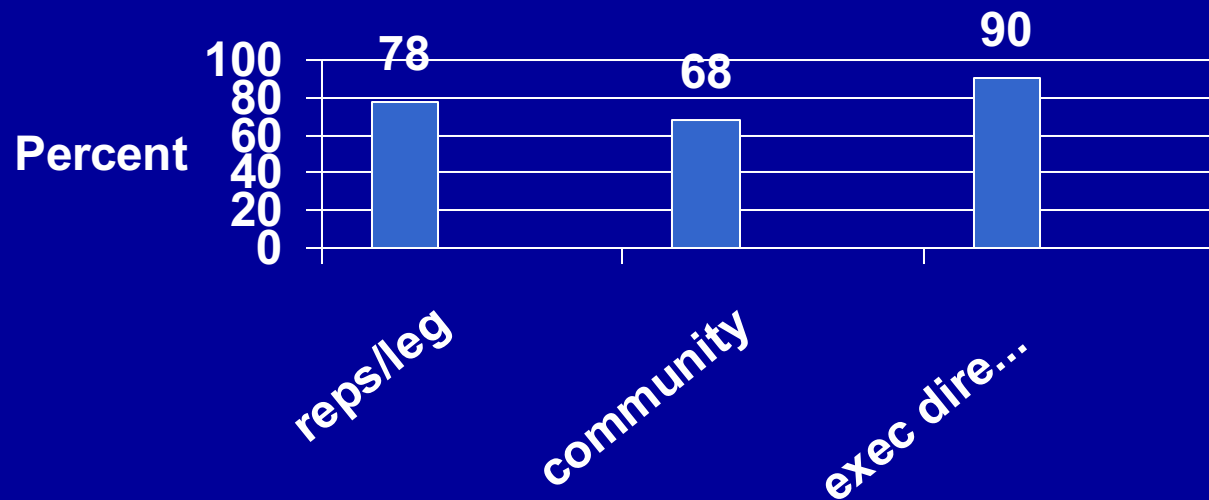
Percent who strongly agree or agree that....

There are safe levels of 2nd hand smoke



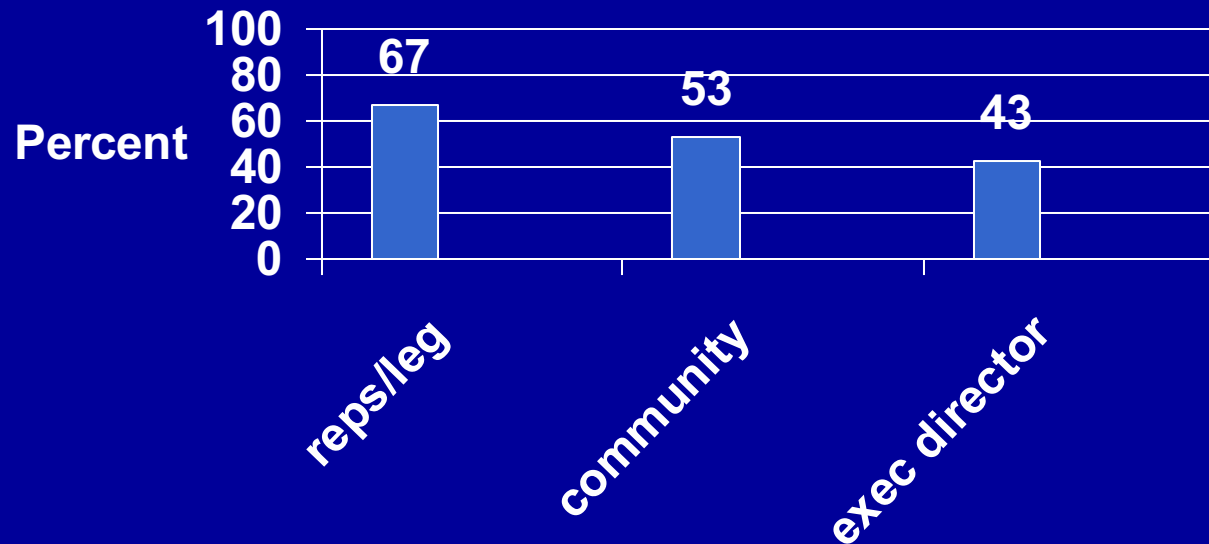
Percent who strongly agree or agree that....

Secondhand smoke is a major public health problem in my community



Percent who strongly agree or agree that....

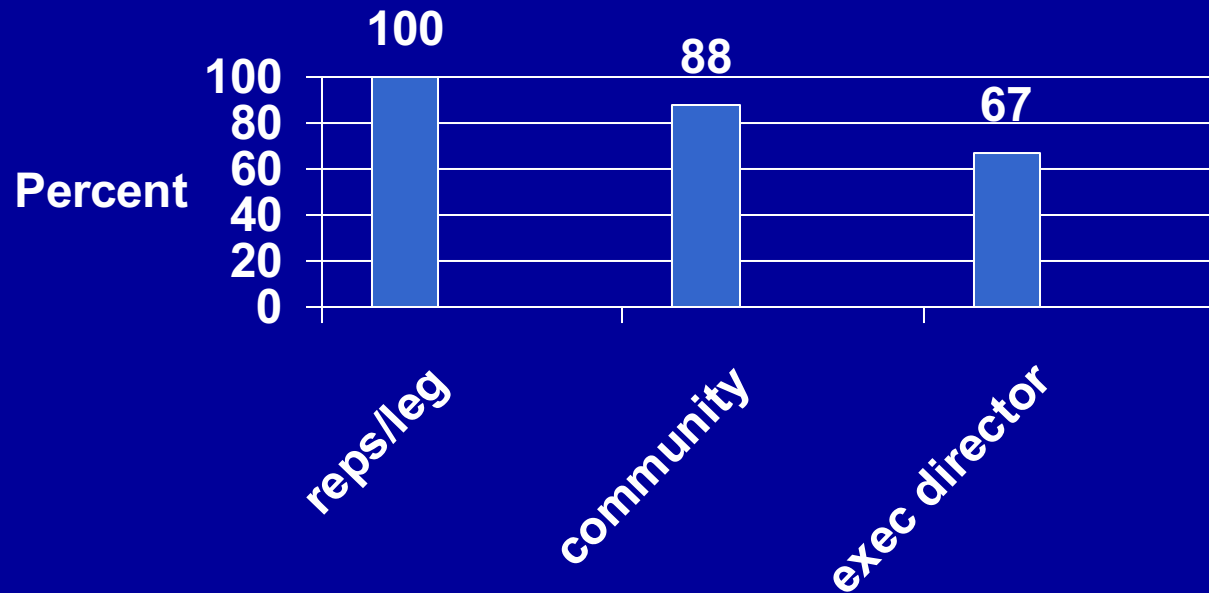
I am exposed to 2nd hand smoke too often



Responses that lead to policy implications

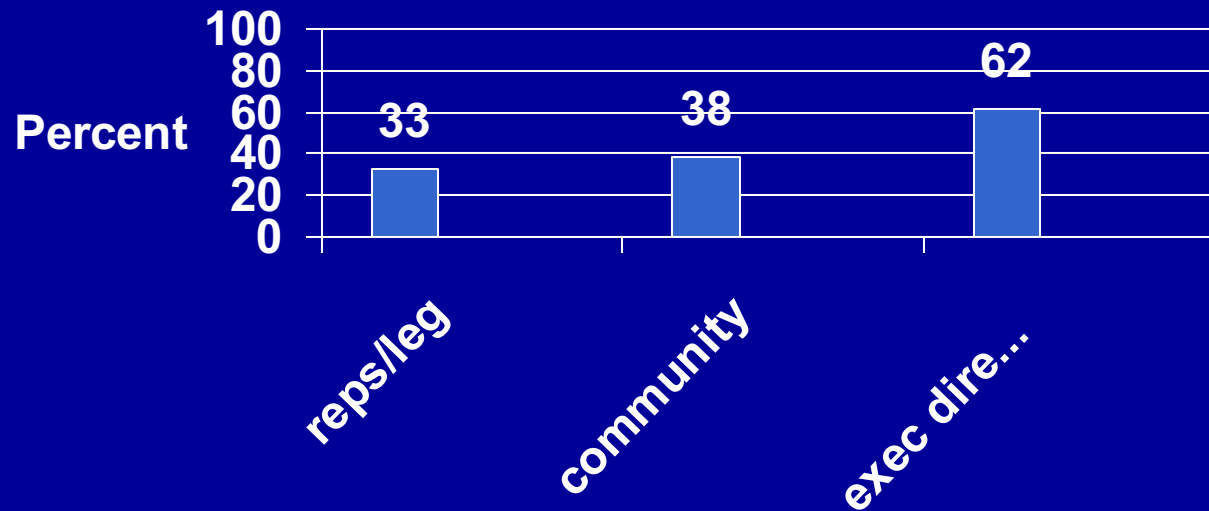
Percent who strongly agree or agree that....

I avoid restaurants that allow smoking



Percent who strongly agree or agree that....

**Providing smoking/non-smoking sections
in restaurants protects customers/workers
from 2nd hand smoke**



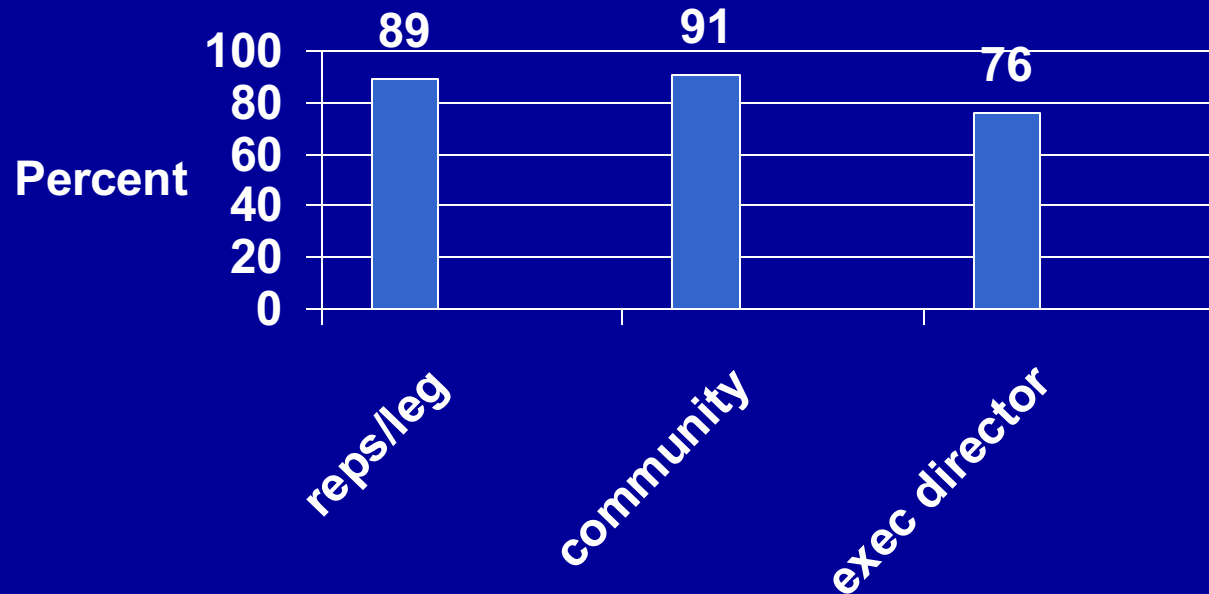
Percent who strongly agree or agree that....

Everyone should have a smoke free place to work



Percent who strongly agree or agree that....

I am in favor of an ordinance to ban smoking in public places



Summary

- 1st survey of its kind in Washington state for the API population
- All three groups held similar attitudes
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