

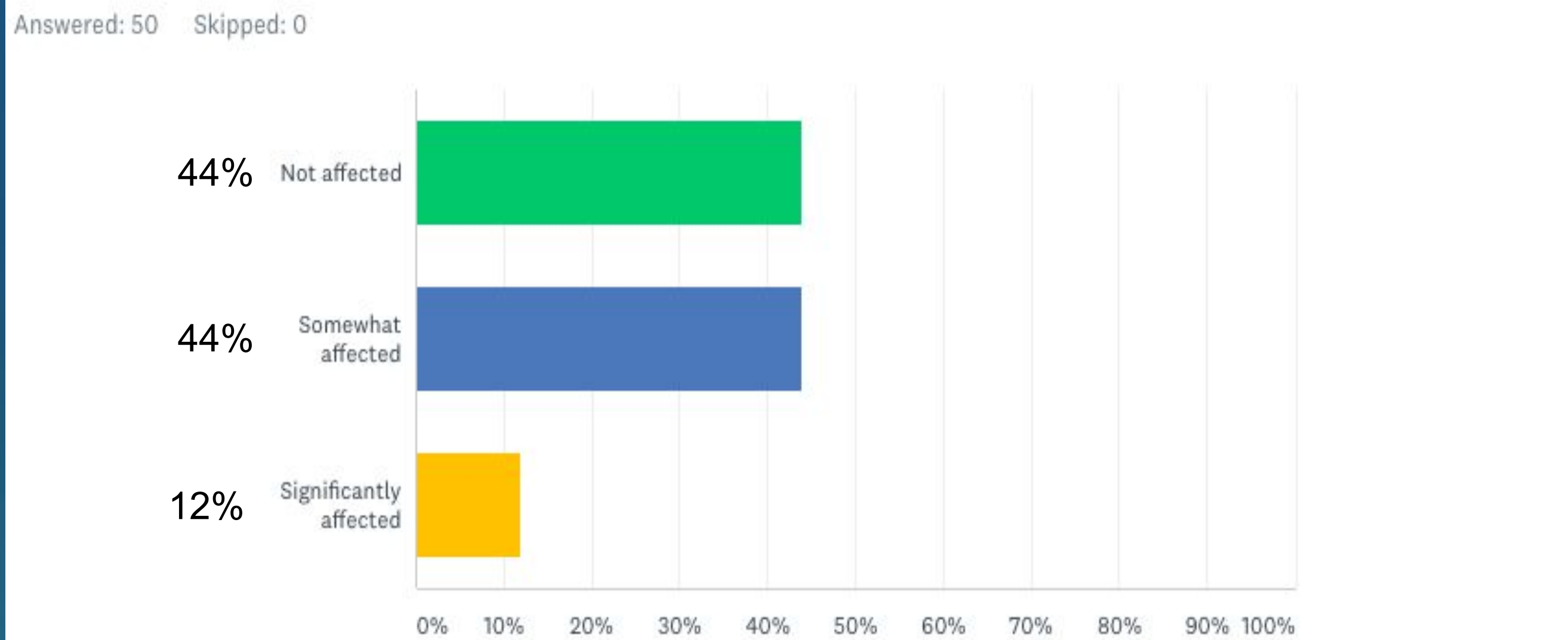
# How the Rise in Mass Shootings Affects College Students' Feelings of Security

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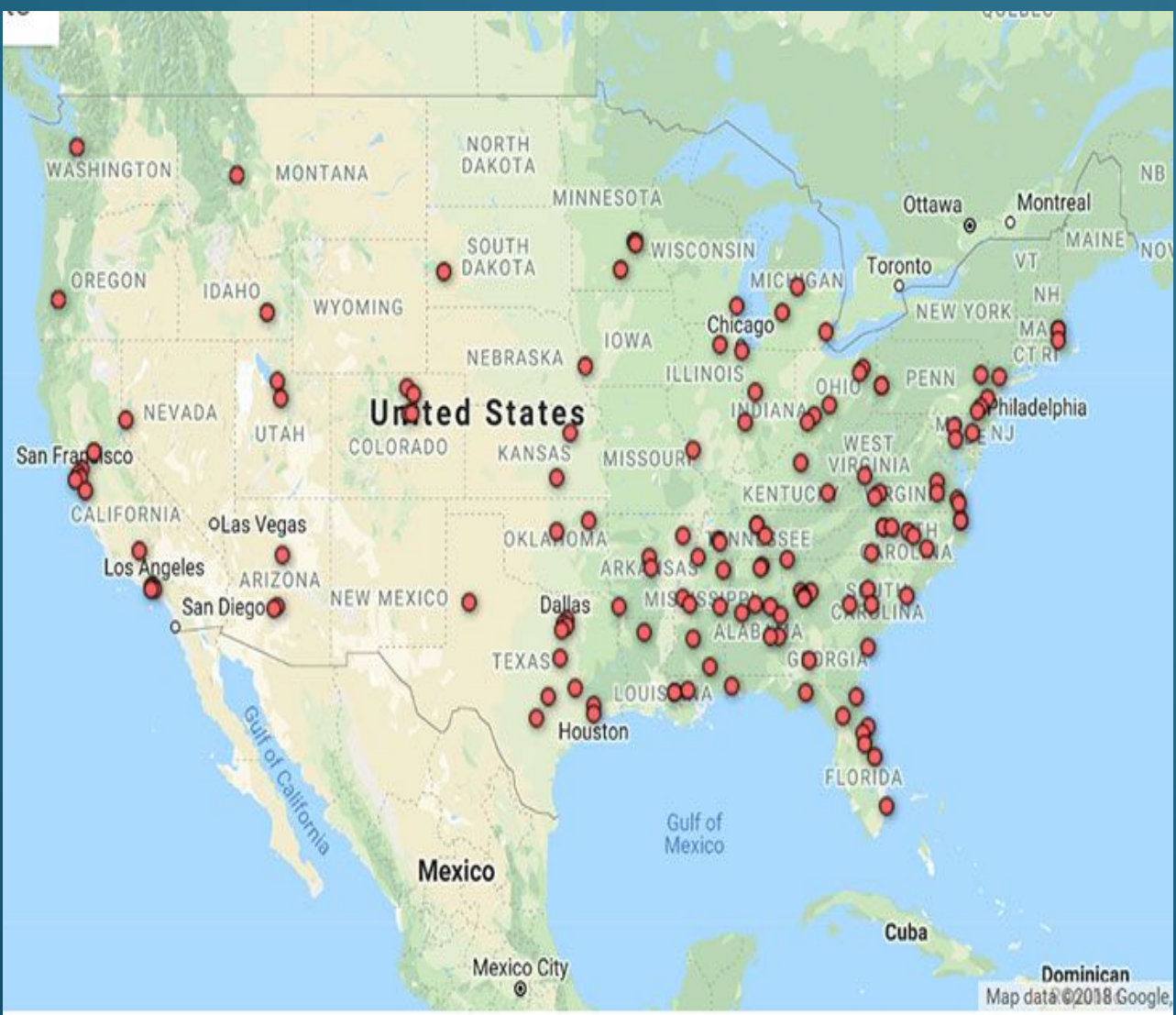
## Introduction

There were over 330 mass shootings in 2019. According to a study by the Citizens Crime Commission, there have been 437 casualties due to gun-violence across 190 American college campuses between 2001 and 2016. In America's violent and uneasy climate concerning gun control, it is important to understand how these tragedies are affecting the American youth.

How have your feelings of safety at Ramapo been affected in relation to the recent spike of mass shootings across America?

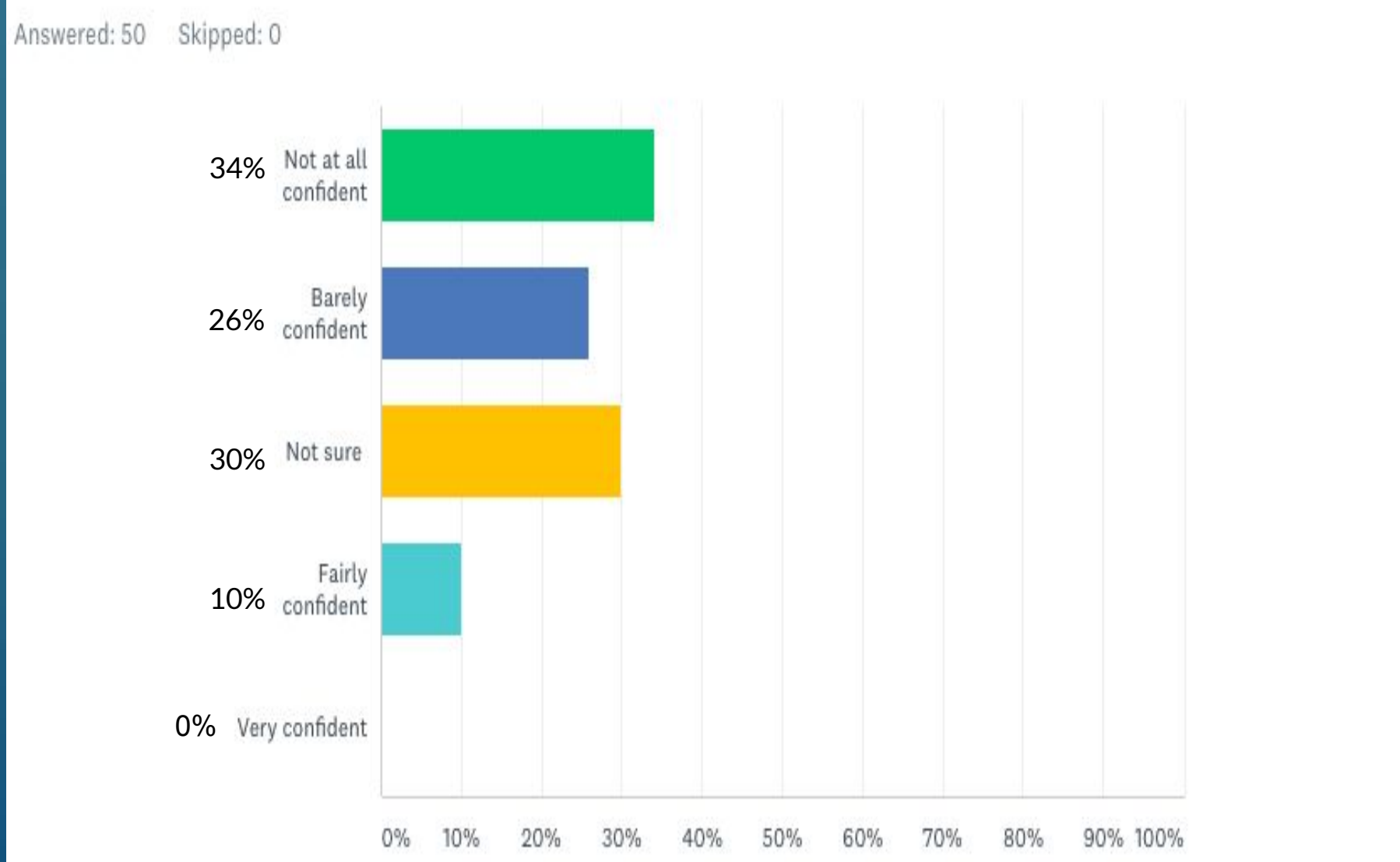


Research suggests that a majority of Ramapo students' feelings of safety are somewhat to significantly affected by the rise in mass shootings.



Graphic provided by College Safety Magazine: *College Campus Shooting Statistics You Should Know*

How confident are you in Ramapo's public safety officers in the event of a campus shooting?



## Methodology

Surveys and interviews were conducted, using a mixed methods approach. The survey was conducted to 50 participants, acquiring quantitative data. Semi-structured interviews were conducted to 5 participants, acquiring qualitative data. All participants were between 18-22 years of age

## Analysis

- A majority (56%) of students' feelings of safety have been affected by the spike in mass shootings.
- At least 60% of students lack confidence in Public Safety in the event of a campus shooting.
- Proposed solutions include proper Public Safety training, shooter drills, and installing shooter proof technology.
- Ramapo students are not only at risk to a shooter, but psychological harm as well.

## Objective

The intention of this research is to understand how/why the rise in mass shootings is affecting college students psychologically, as well as to identify what measures can be done to curb any feelings of insecurity.