

Cooperative Admissions Guidelines

July 2018 Update and Forum

CAG 2018 Timeline

- **JAN:** Survey of non-CAG schools
- **JAN/FEB:** CAG emails sent to all applicants
- **FEB:** Board discussion
- **MAY:** Survey of participating CAG schools
- **MAY:** PharmCAS applicant survey w/ CAG items
- **JULY:** CAG session at Admissions Workshop

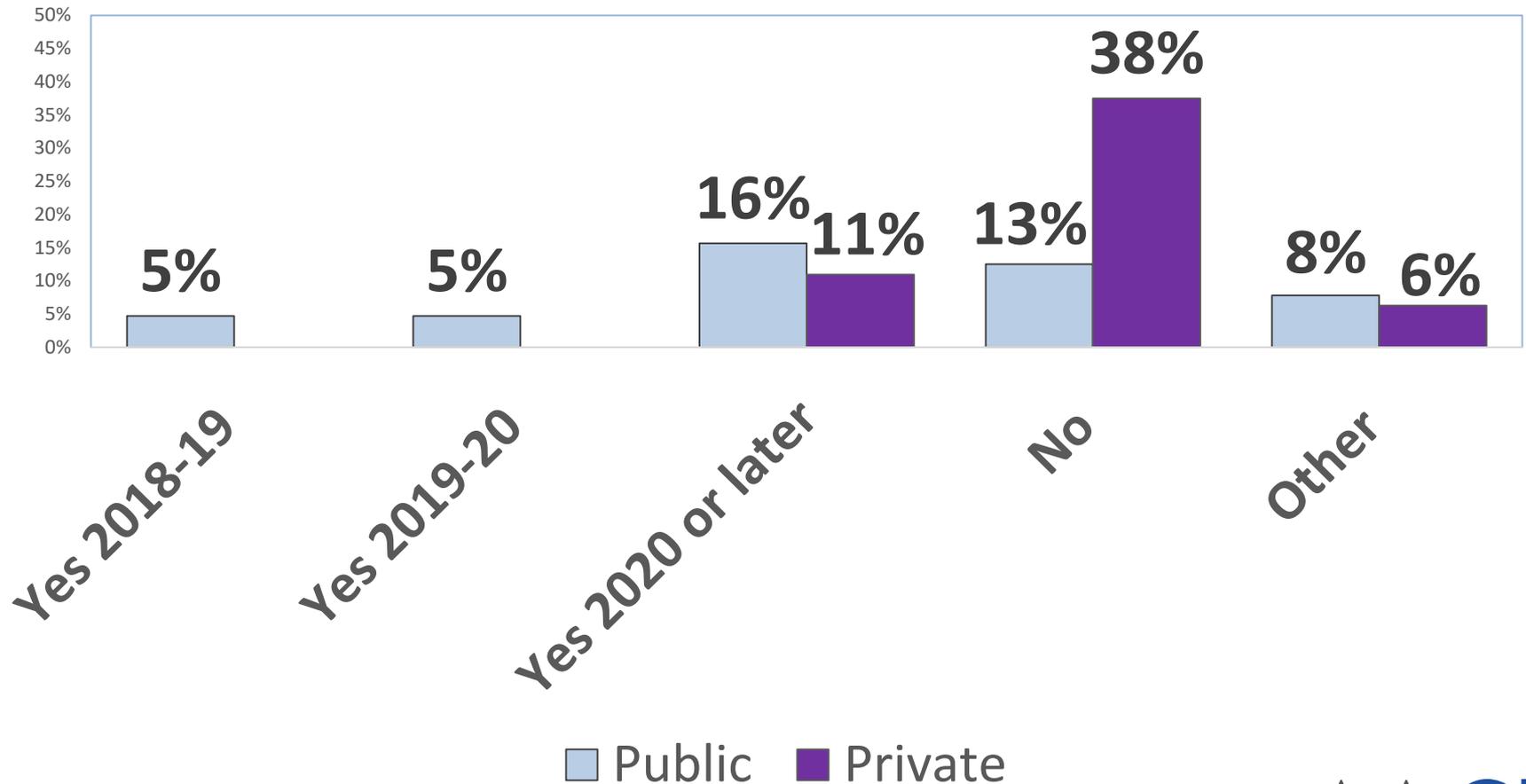
CAG Participation to Date

- 2017-2018 = **55** CAG Schools
 - 2018-2019 = **58** CAG Schools
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- **5** programs moved from “Yes” to “No”
- **7** programs moved from “No” to “Yes”
- **1** new program selected “No”
- **1** new program selected “Yes”

Non-CAG School Survey Results

Does your institution plan to participate in the CAG in the future?



Factors that might lead non-CAG school to reconsider its participation in the CAG

	Responses	Percentage
ADOPTION: More pharmacy schools adopt the CAG	3	4%
DEPOSIT AMOUNT: \$200 deposit maximum is increased	10	14%
DEPOSIT DATE: March 1 changed to April 1	4	6%
ENFORCEMENT: CAG is enforced by AACCP	17	24%
ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT: Concerns related to filling class are alleviated.	19	26%
OTHER FACTORS: External or institutional obstacles are minimized or eliminated	15	21%
NONE: Institution will not/cannot participate in the CAG under any circumstance	4	6%

Non-CAG Survey Conclusions

Definitive Conclusion

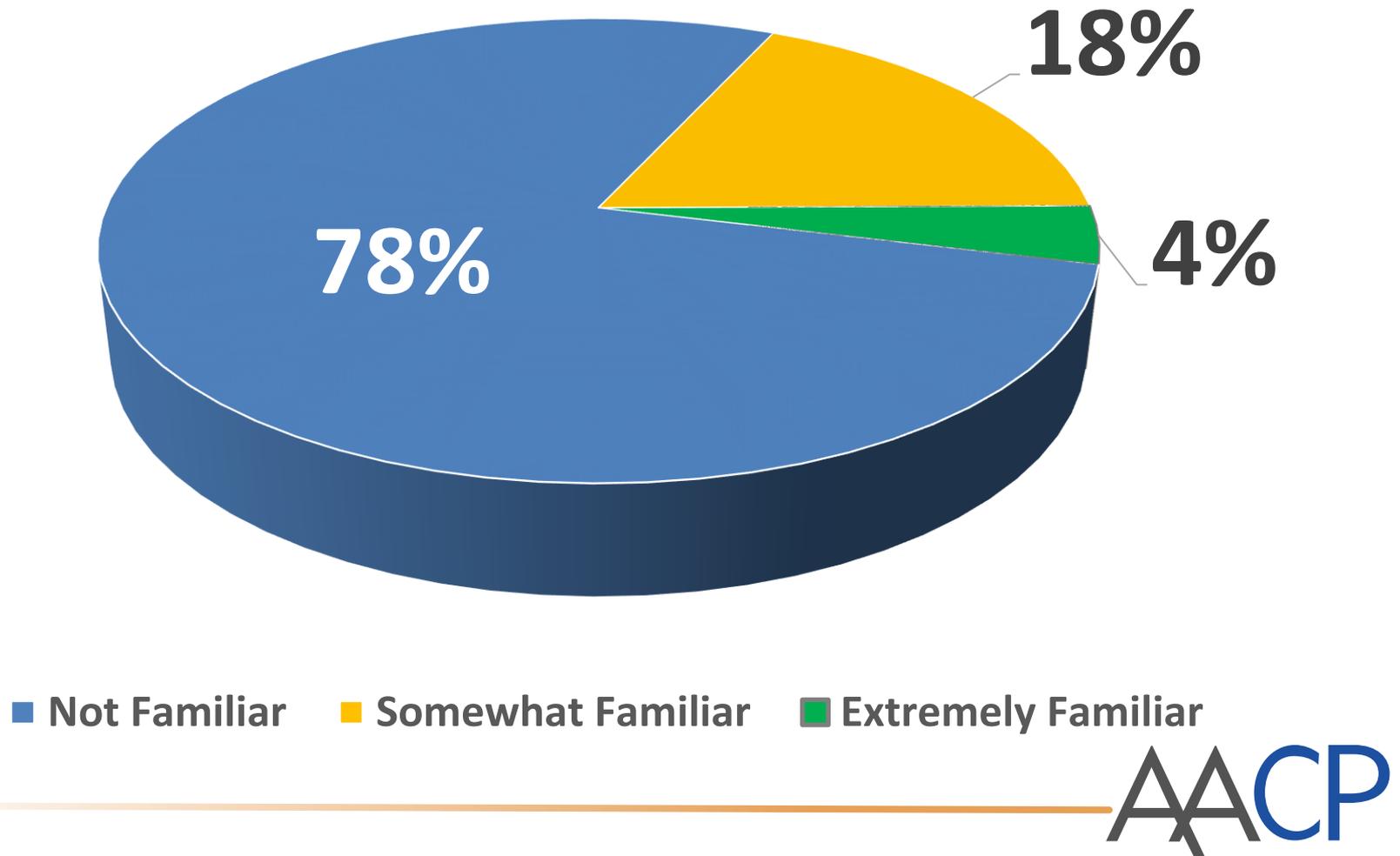
Public programs are adopting CAG more quickly than private programs.

Anecdotal Conclusions

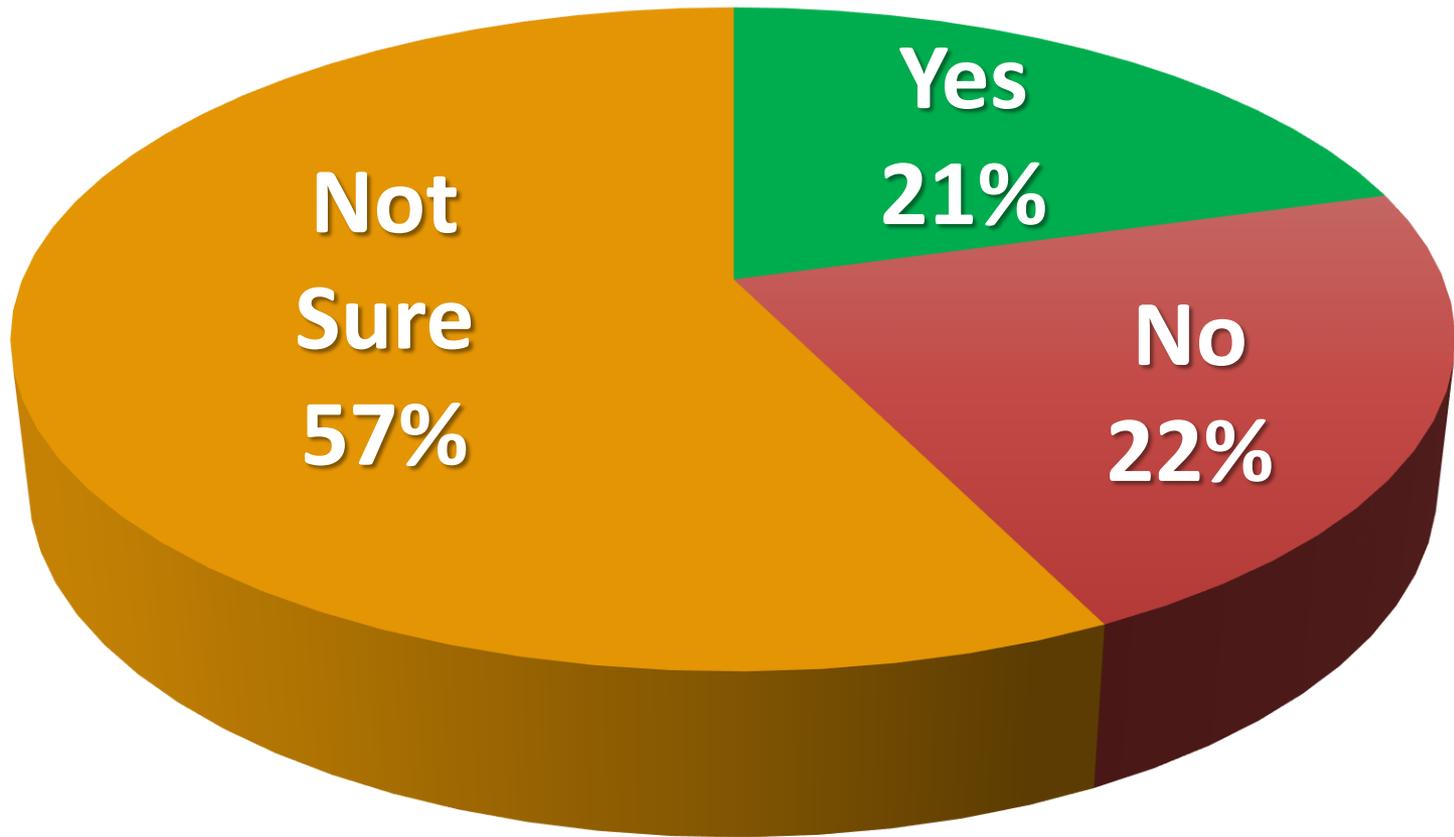
- CAG has impacted timing of “melt”
- More applicants declined offers earlier (March 1) than in subsequent months.
- Impact of deadline extensions (post-March 1) needs to be determined.

PharmCAS Applicant Survey Results

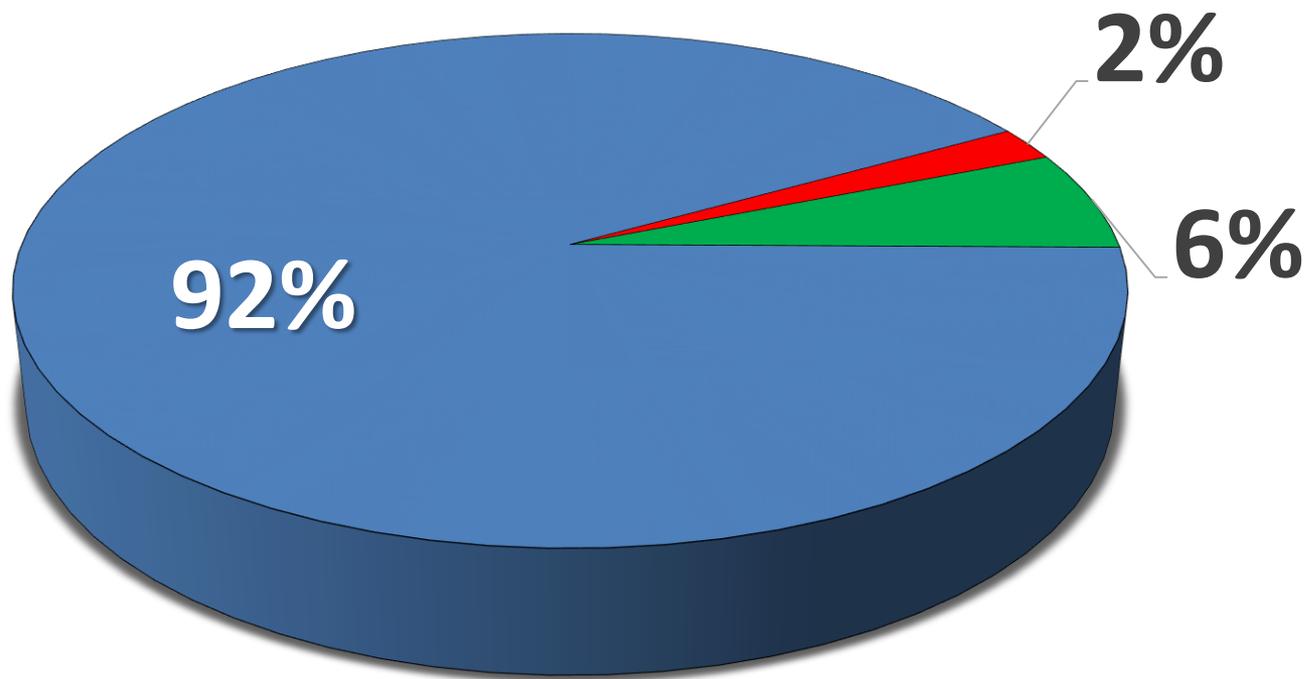
Q1: Are you familiar with the CAGs?



Q2: Did you apply to any CAG schools?

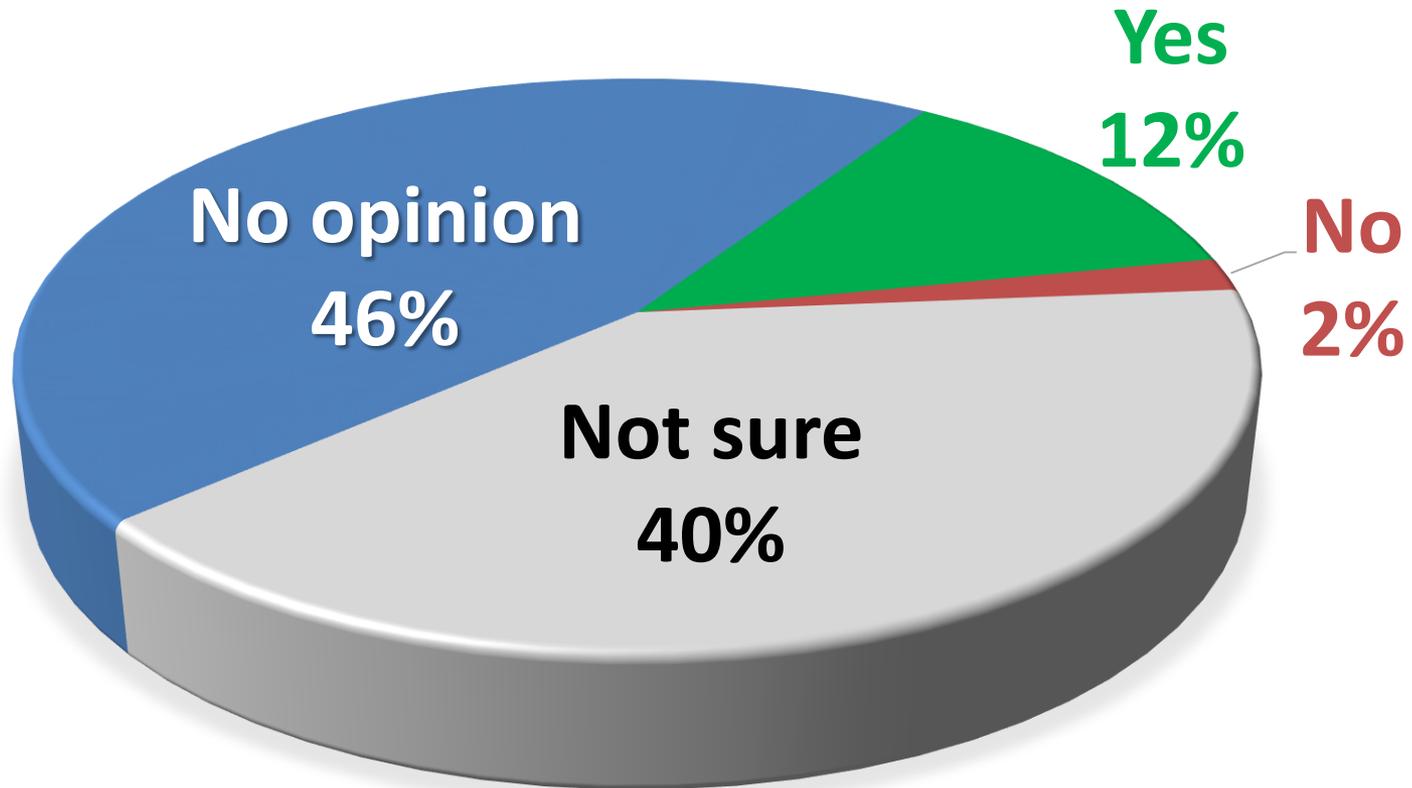


Q3: How did the CAG impact your admissions experience?



■ Positive Impact ■ Neutral/No Impact ■ Negative Impact

Q4: Do you recommend that pharmacy schools participate in CAG in the future?



Conclusions

Definitive conclusion

- The majority of applicants don't know what the CAGs are

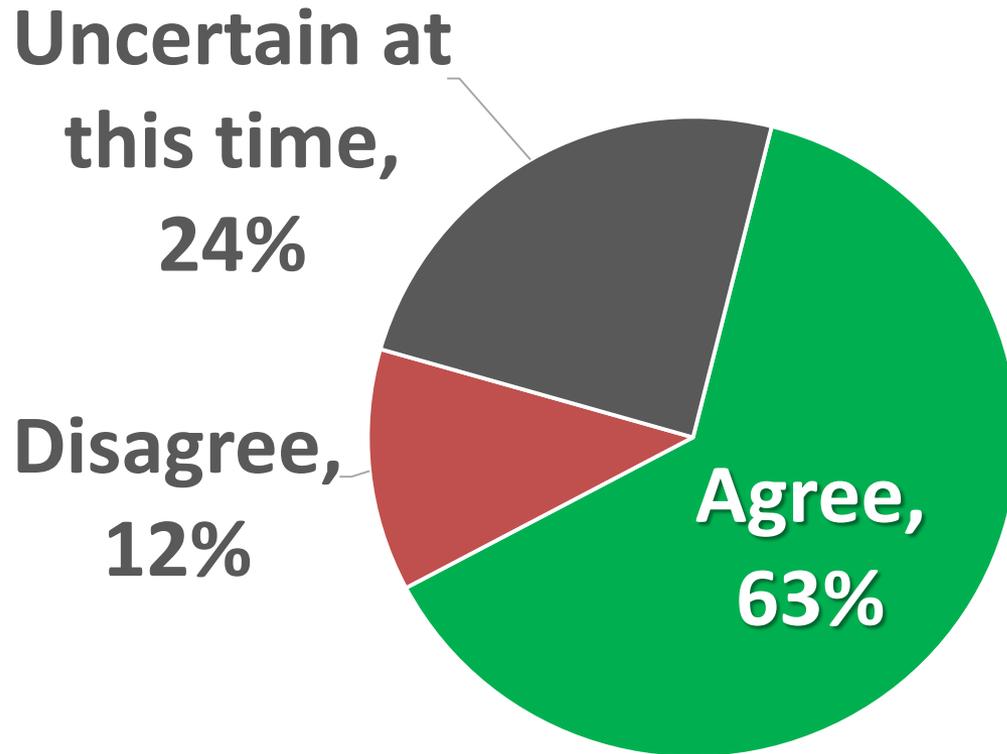
Anecdotal conclusions

- Even for those with a basic understanding, there is still lots of confusion
 - School deadlines and how they impact CAGs, especially after March 1.
 - Purpose of CAGs and why all schools aren't participating.
- For those who seemed to understand the CAGs, there were many positive comments.

CAG School Survey Results

CAG Schools - Recommendation

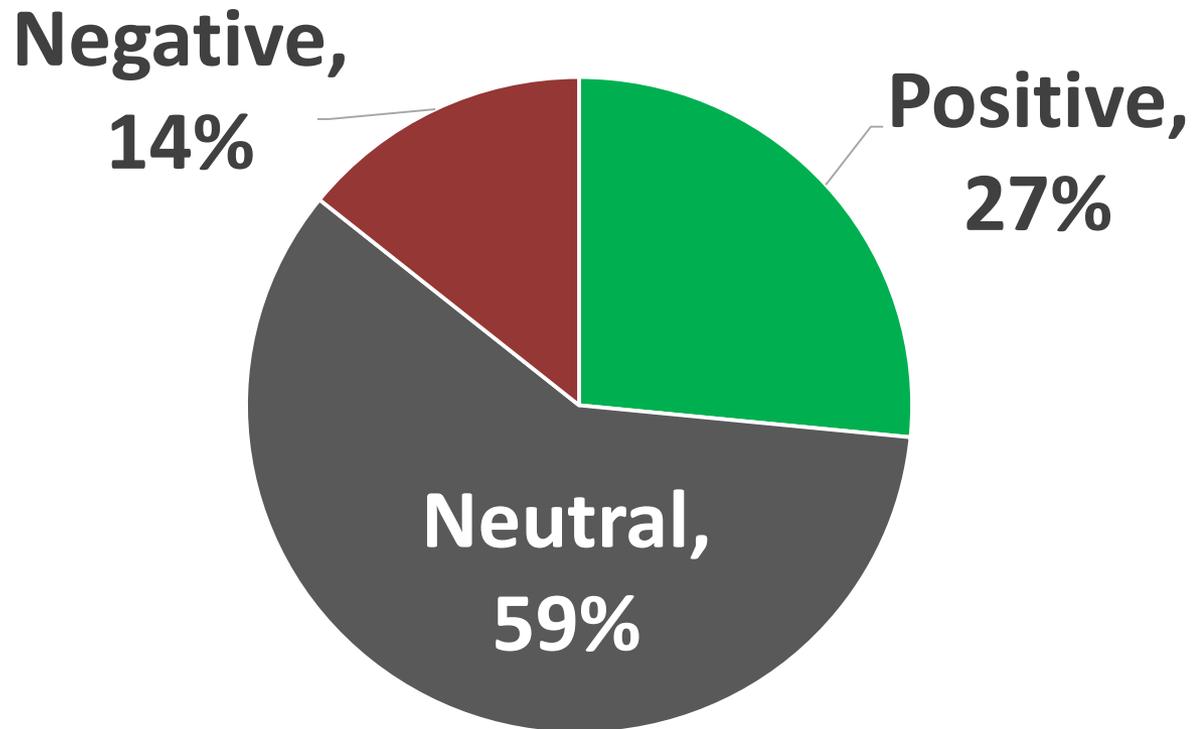
The college/school recommends that non-participating institutions join the CAG.



49 responses in 49 results

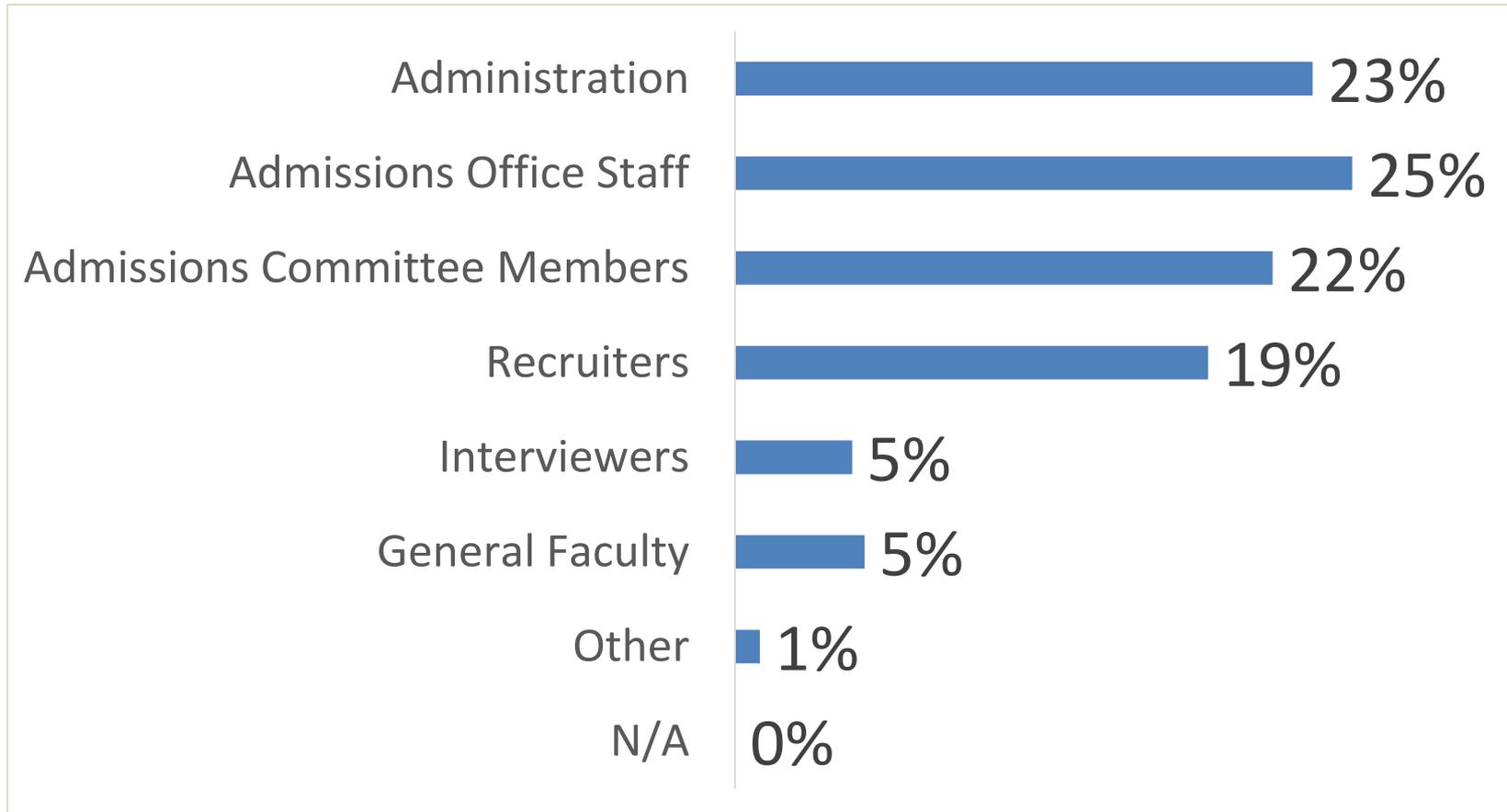
CAG Schools Only - Overall Impact

CAG's overall impact on the college/school in the 2017-2018 (current) admissions cycle.



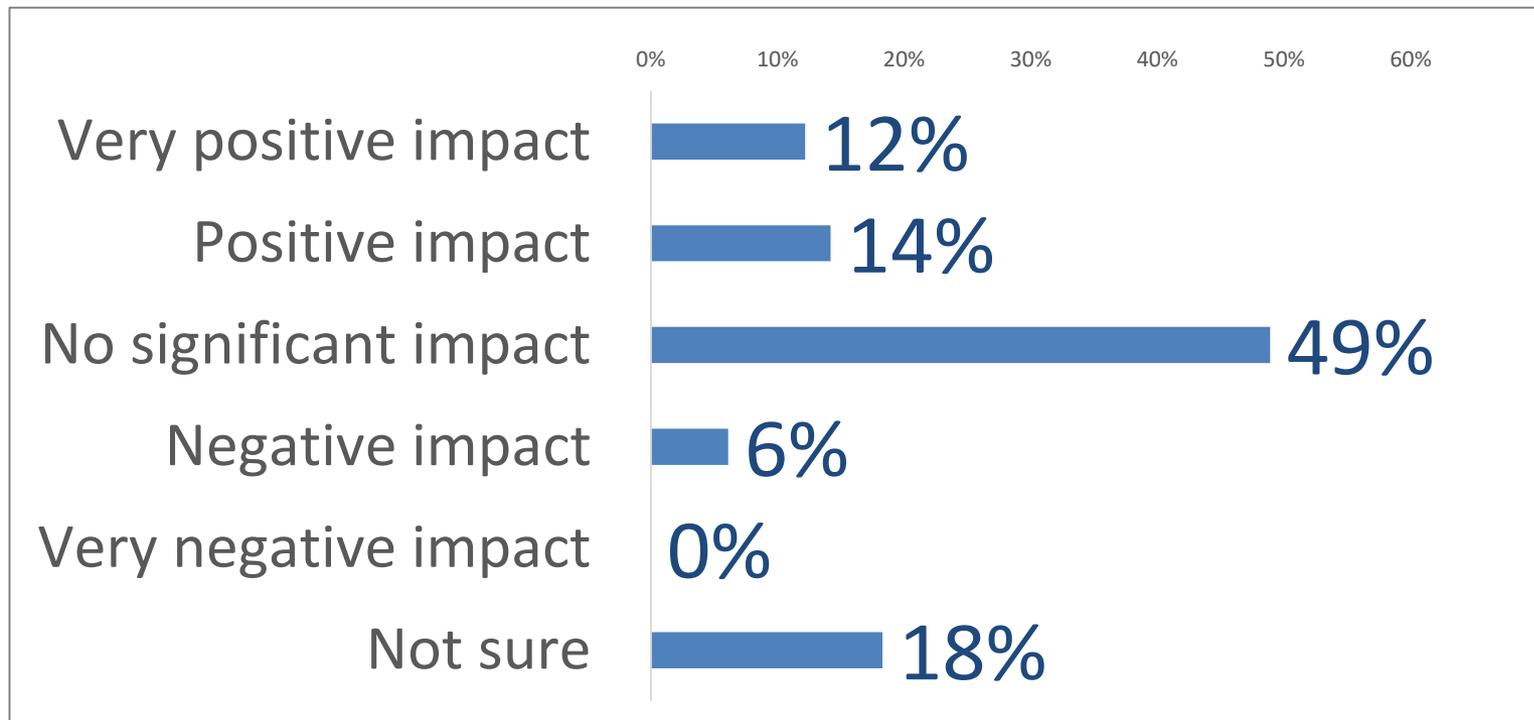
College/School Familiarity with CAG

Who in the college/school is familiar with the CAG? Check all that apply.



CAG Impact on Applicant Behavior

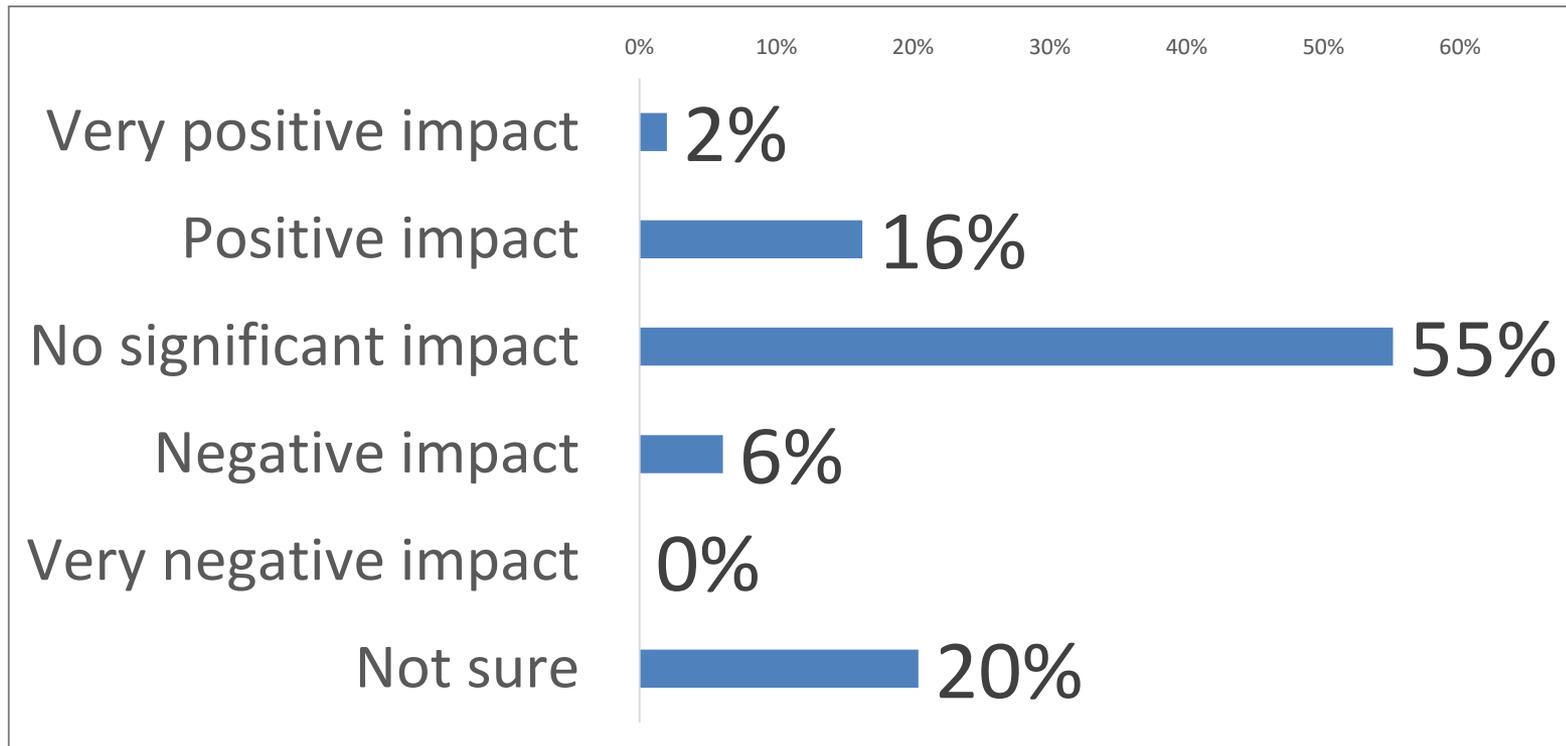
How did the CAG impact the behavior of accepted PharmD applicants to date in terms of how and when they communicated with the college/school about their fall enrollment plans?



49 responses in 49 results

CAG Impact on Recruitment

How did the CAG impact the college or school's ability to recruit PharmD applicants?



49 responses in 49 results

CAG Survey: 49 out of 55, 89% response rate (May 2018)



Summary of Open Comments

Deposits

- Many schools had different deposit amounts instead of a holding deposit of \$200 and a final or confirmation deposit
- Amount of second deposit ranged from \$150-\$800
- Current deposit amount too low for students to make a serious commitment
- No deposits until after March 1 to lessen burden for students

Summary of Open Comments

Communications

- Communication should be transparent and included on website and interview days
- Important to share intent and purpose
- Recruitment increased to students with multiple offers
- Increased communication to students on shared offers accepted list to help with decision making

Discussion Questions

Decision Deadline Dates

- Should we change the date to April 1?
- Does a decision date work when you extend the application deadline?
- How is melt affected by the decision date?

Discussion Questions

- How should schools manage applicants holding multiple acceptances after March 1?
- How should schools communicate with applicants who are accepted after March 1?
- How should schools communicate to applicants about the CAGs?
- How are schools tracking shared acceptances in WebAdMIT?

Comparison of CAG and Non-CAG School Survey Results

Year School Founded*

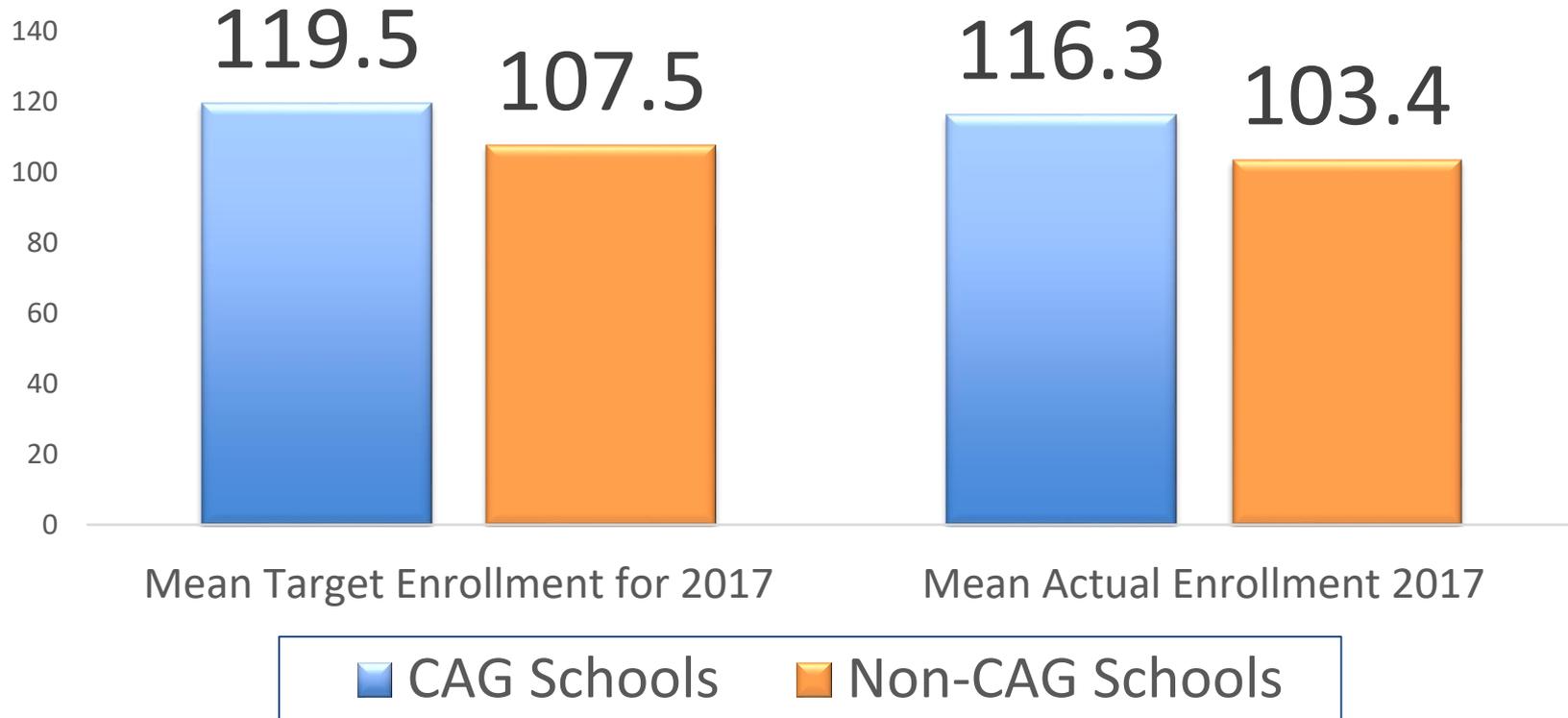
Year Founded	CAG School Responses	%	Non-CAG School Responses	%
1840-1900	19	39%	9	14%
1901-1950	7	14%	18	28%
1951-2000	7	14%	7	11%
2001-2017	16	33%	30	47%
Total	49	100%	64	100%

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Target and Actual Enrollments*



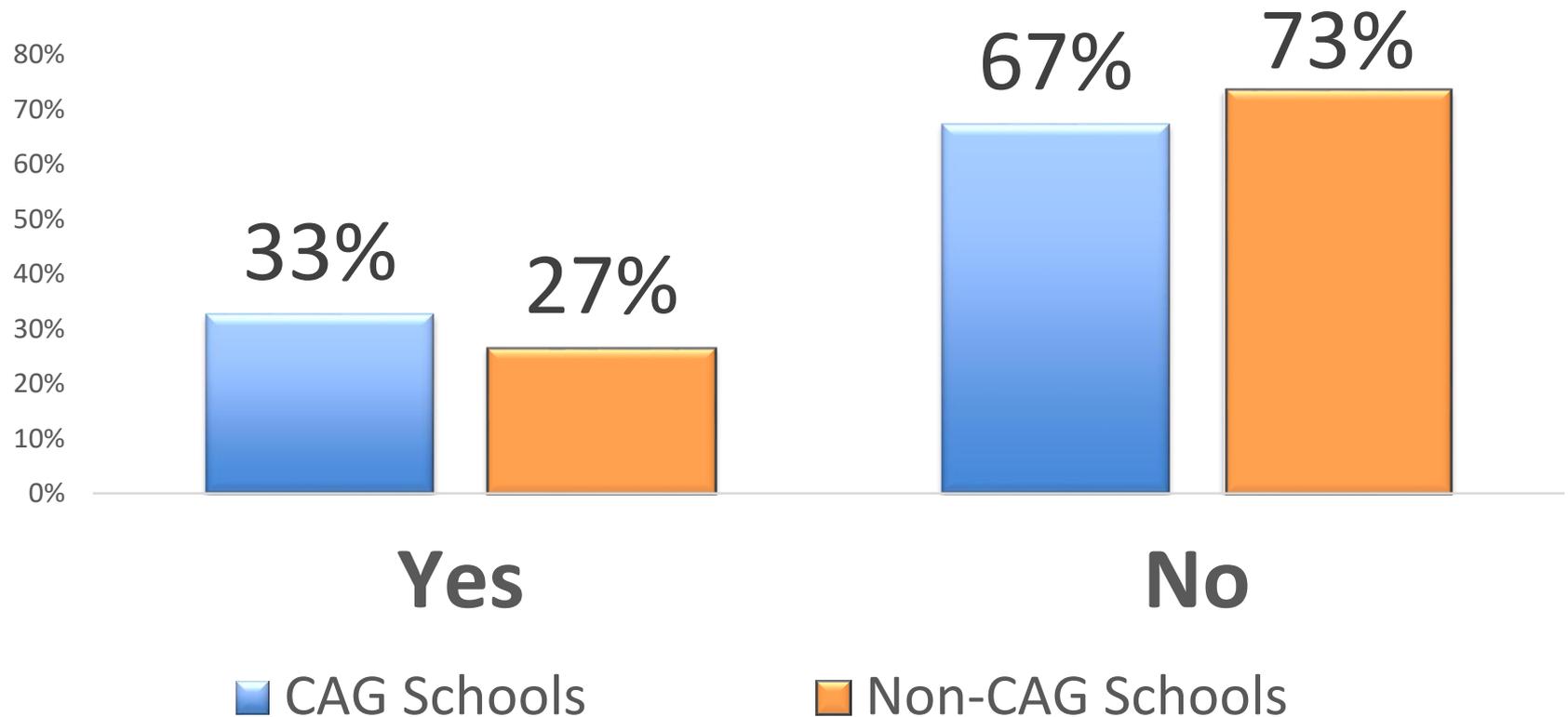
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Geographical Competition

Did geographical competition influence your school's decision to participate in the CAG?



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