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Campus Climate Survey – Legislative Requirement

East Tennessee State University
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Overview

- **Legislation**
- **Survey**
- **Results**



Legislation

- **House Bill 2670**

- **SECTION 6. (a)** Each public institution of higher education shall conduct a biennial survey of the institution's students and employees to assess the campus climate with regard to diversity of thought and the respondents' comfort level in speaking freely on campus, regardless of political affiliation or ideology.

- **Present the results to**

- Senate Education Committee as part of the budget presentation
- Finance, Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives when the institution's budget is presented
- Education Administration Committee of the House of Representatives



Results - Demographics

Respondent Category	N	%
Faculty/Staff	641	46.65%
Faculty (Non-Tenure Track)	126	9.17%
Faculty (Tenured/Tenure Track)	150	10.92%
Staff (Exempt/Monthly Payroll)	289	21.03%
Staff (Non-Exempt/Bi-Weekly Payroll)	76	5.53%
Student	733	53.35%
Freshman Undergraduate Student	222	16.16%
Graduate/Doctoral Student	122	8.88%
Junior Undergraduate Student	150	10.92%
Senior Undergraduate Student	132	9.61%
Sophomore Undergraduate Student	107	7.79%
Grand Total	1,374	100.00%



Results – Demographics Continued

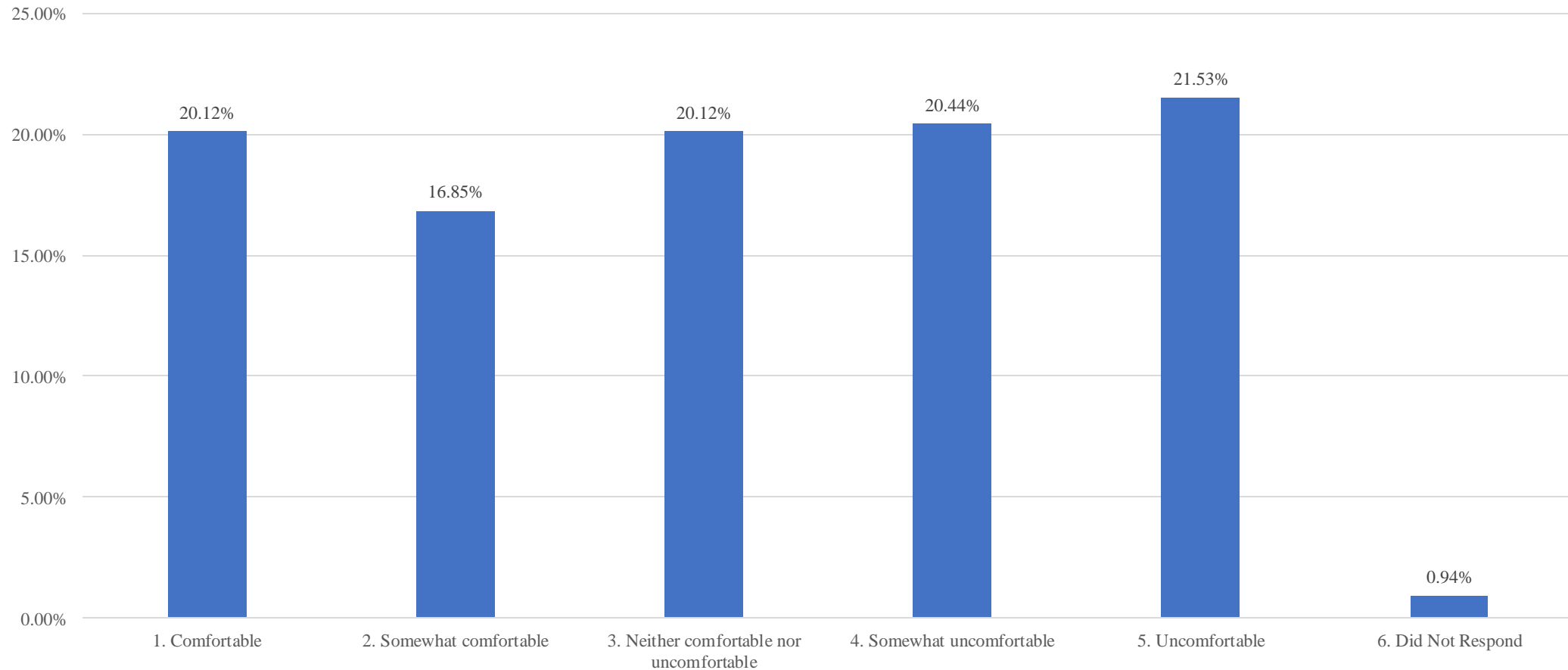
- **Overall**
 - 85.20% White
 - 63.62% Female
 - 30.88% Conservative – 34.76% Liberal
- **Faculty/Staff**
 - 87.54% White
 - 63.11% Female
 - 30.53% Conservative - 31.42% Liberal
- **Student**
 - 83.00% White
 - 64.13% Female
 - 31.23% Conservative – 38.11% Liberal



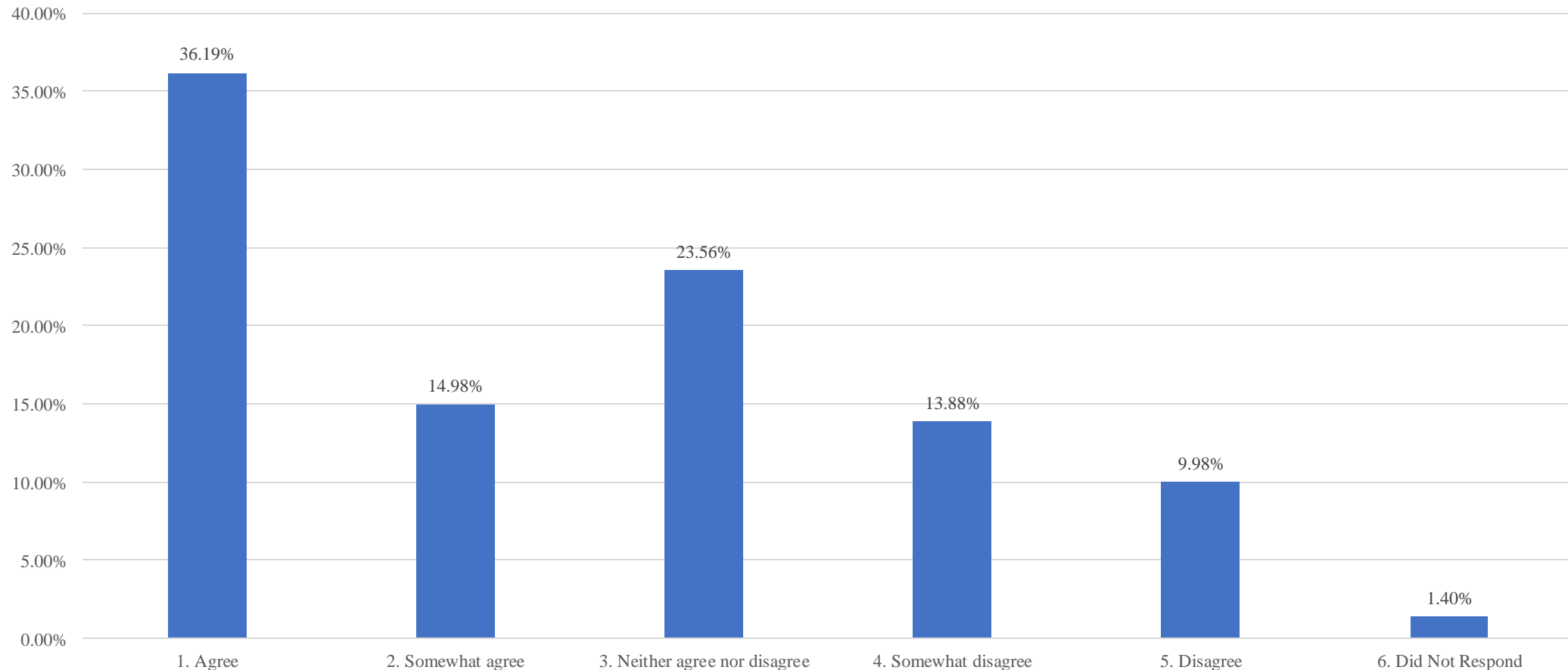
Faculty/Staff Results



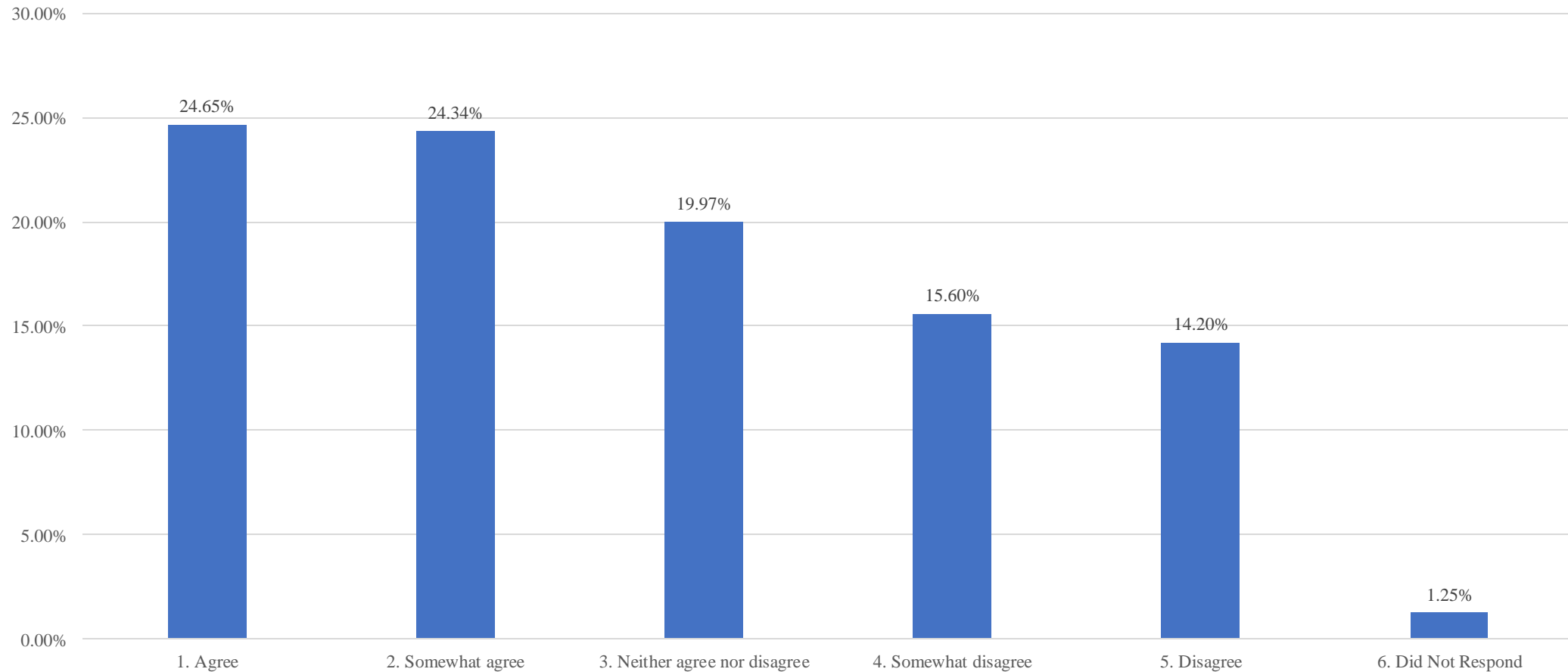
How comfortable are you with appropriately expressing or endorsing a specific political viewpoint or belief within your work environment?



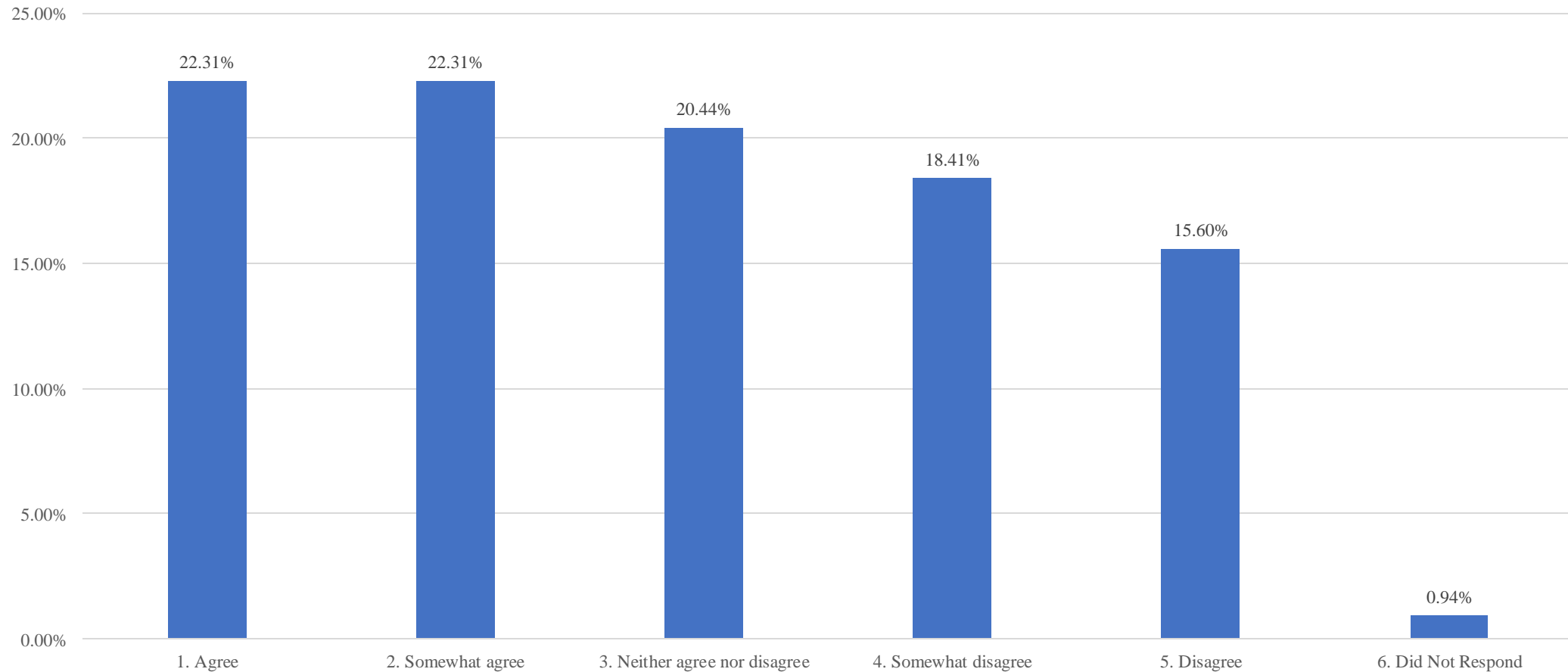
I believe that my promotion, tenure, raises, or advancement would not be negatively impacted due to my political viewpoints or beliefs.



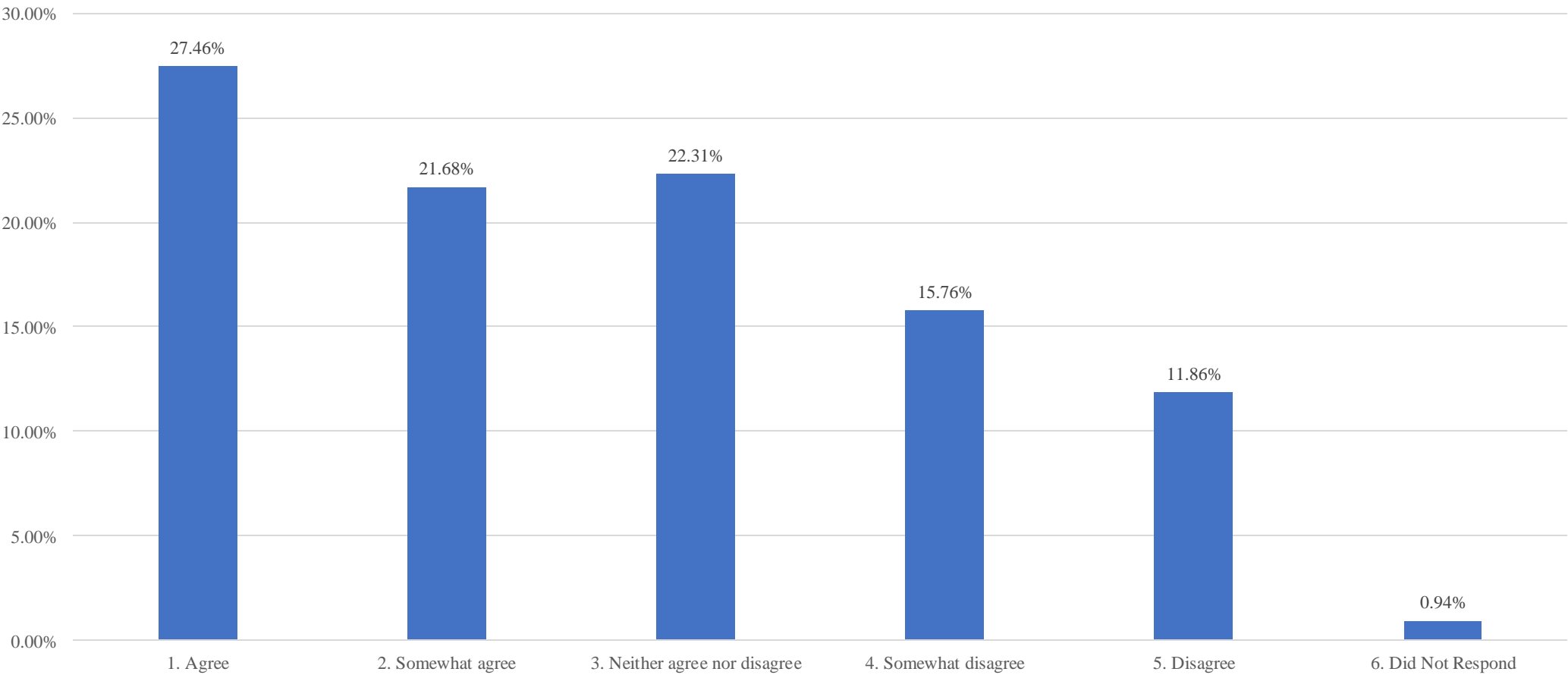
The climate on campus among my co-workers allows me to appropriately express my political viewpoints or beliefs even though others might disagree.



The climate on campus among faculty, staff, and administration allows me to express my political viewpoints or beliefs, even though others might disagree.



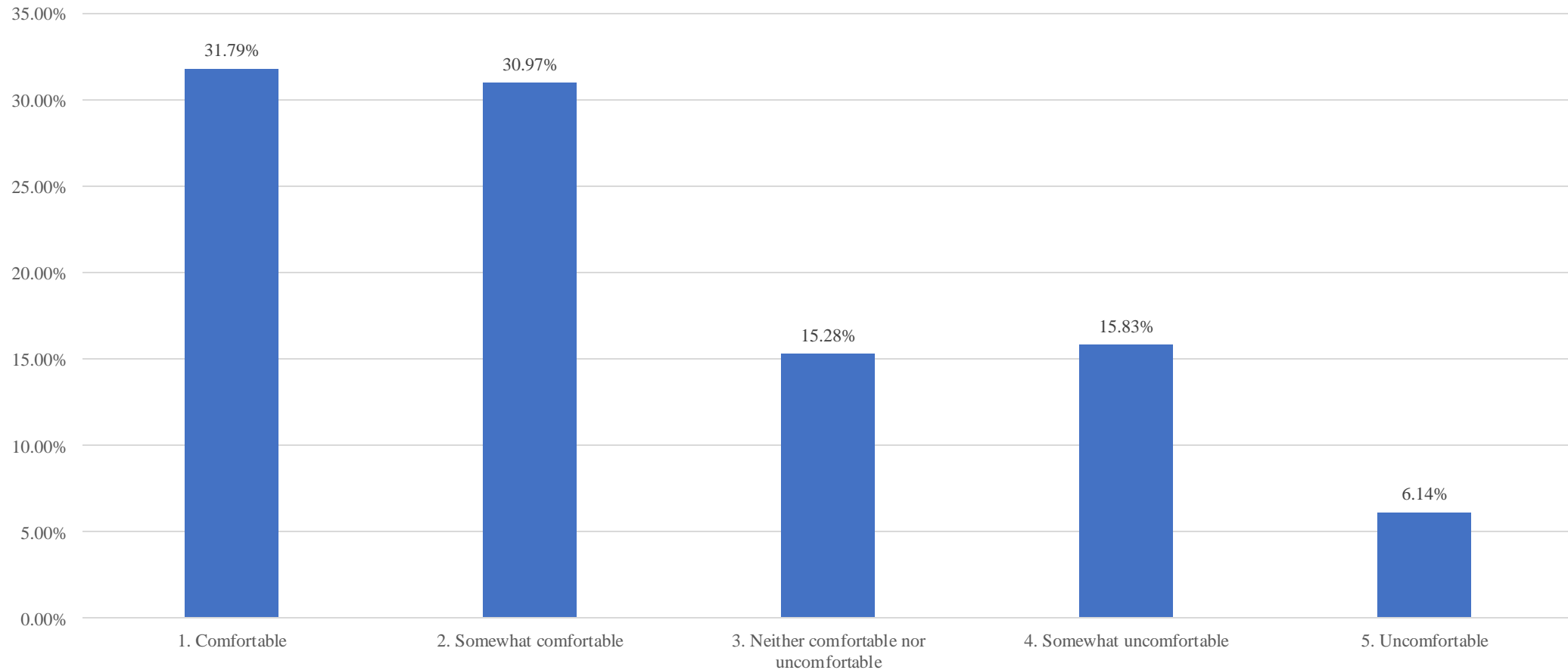
I believe the university is supportive of me expressing my ideas and opinions without regard to political viewpoint or belief.



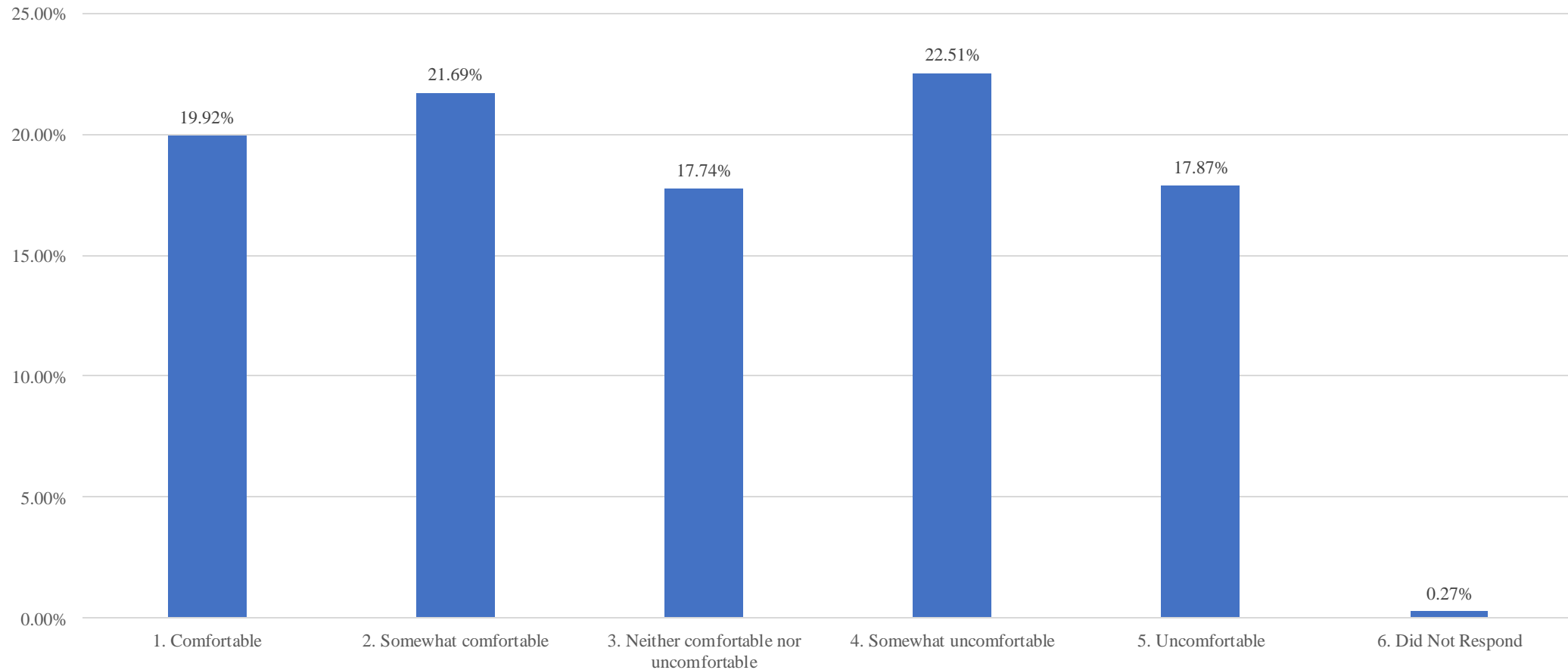
Students



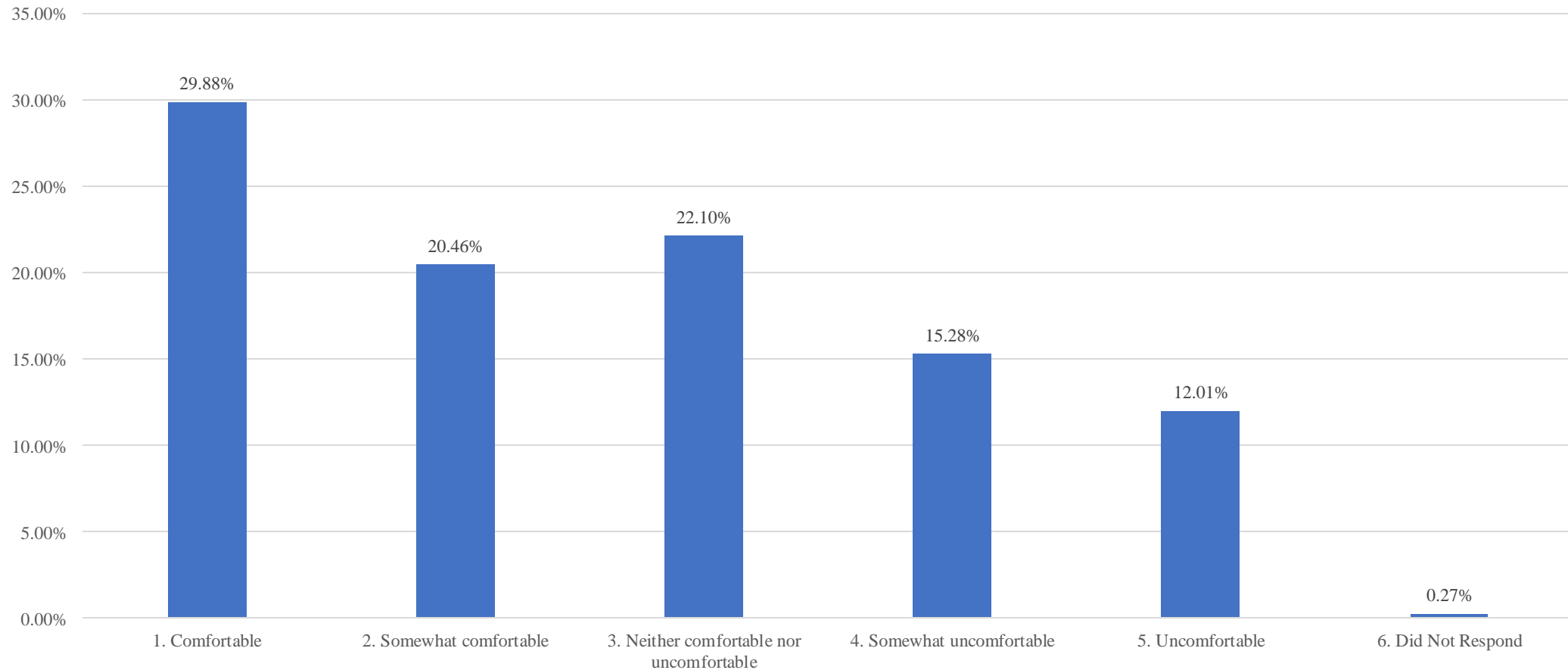
How comfortable are you with appropriately expressing ideas and opinions in your college classrooms?



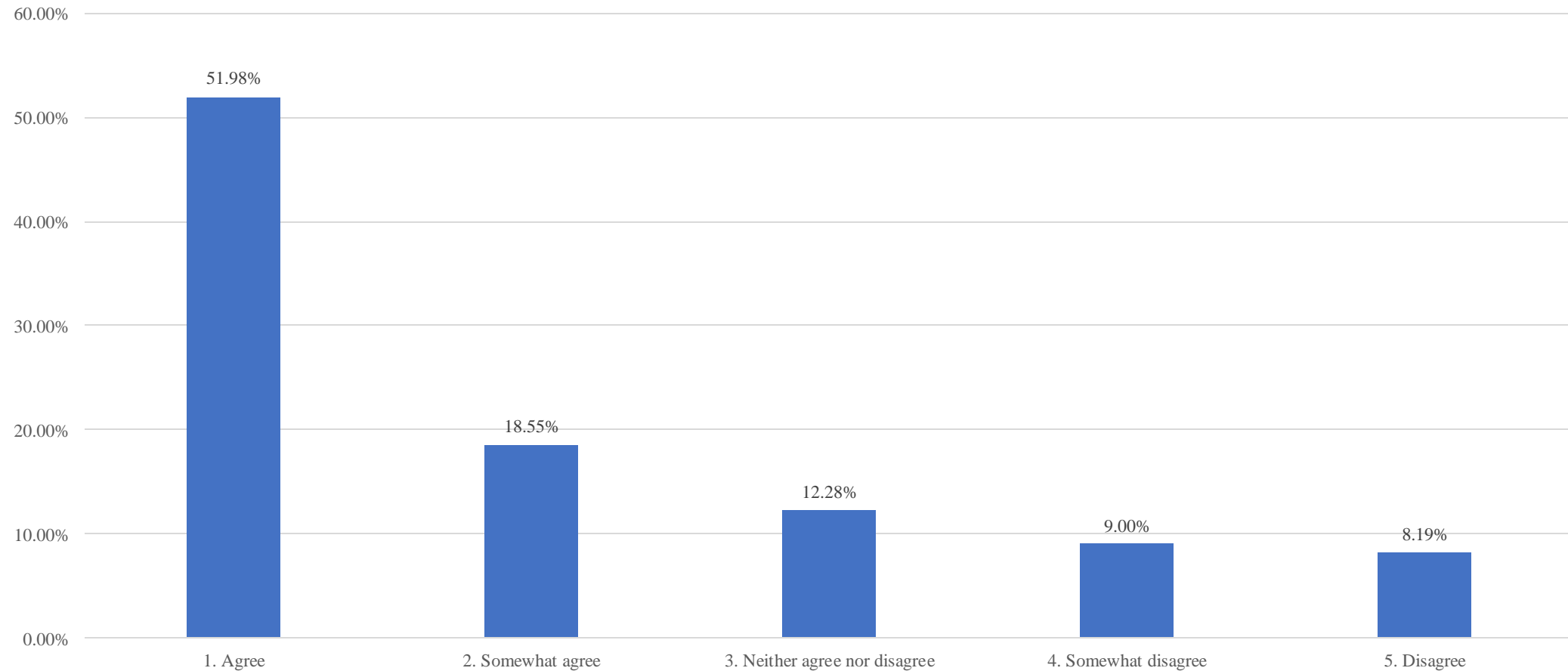
How comfortable are you with appropriately expressing or endorsing a specific political viewpoint or belief without pressure or influence by your fellow students?



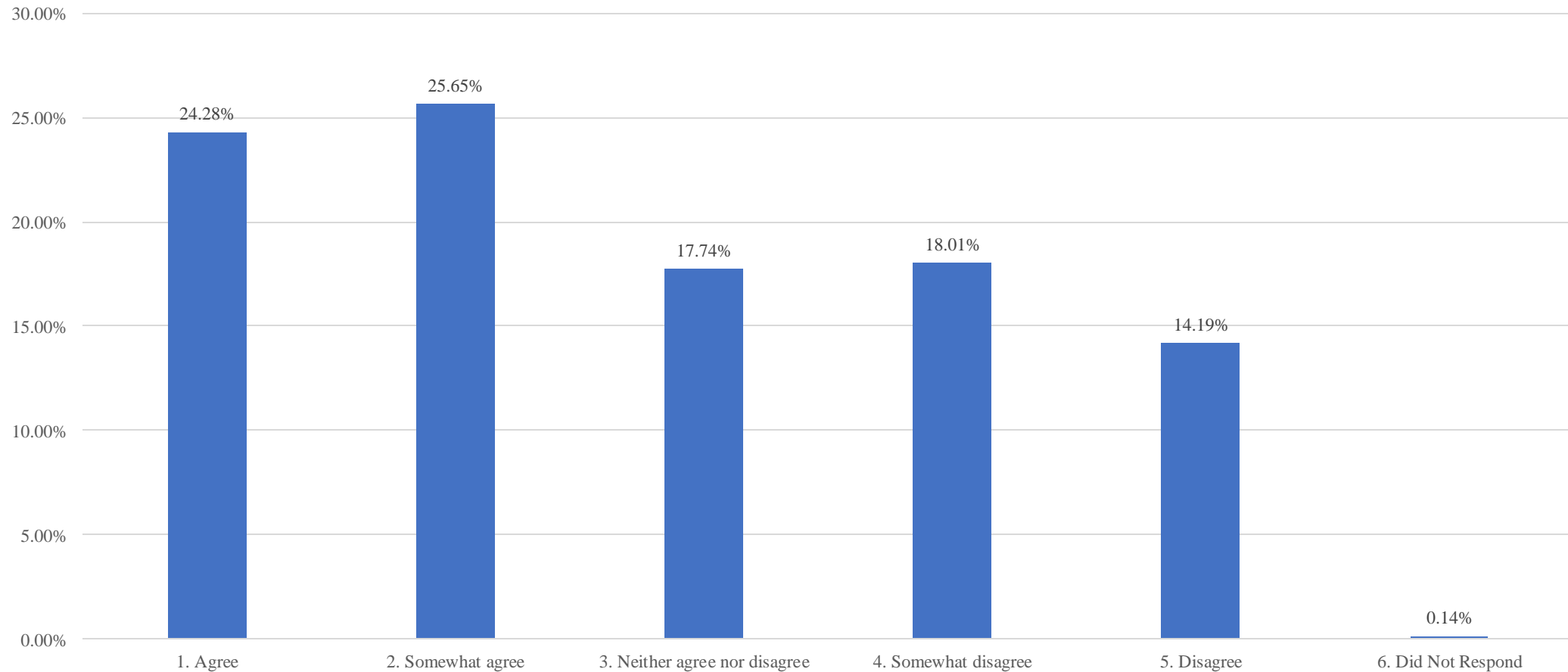
How comfortable are you with appropriately expressing or endorsing a specific political viewpoint or belief without pressure or influence by your faculty or instructors?



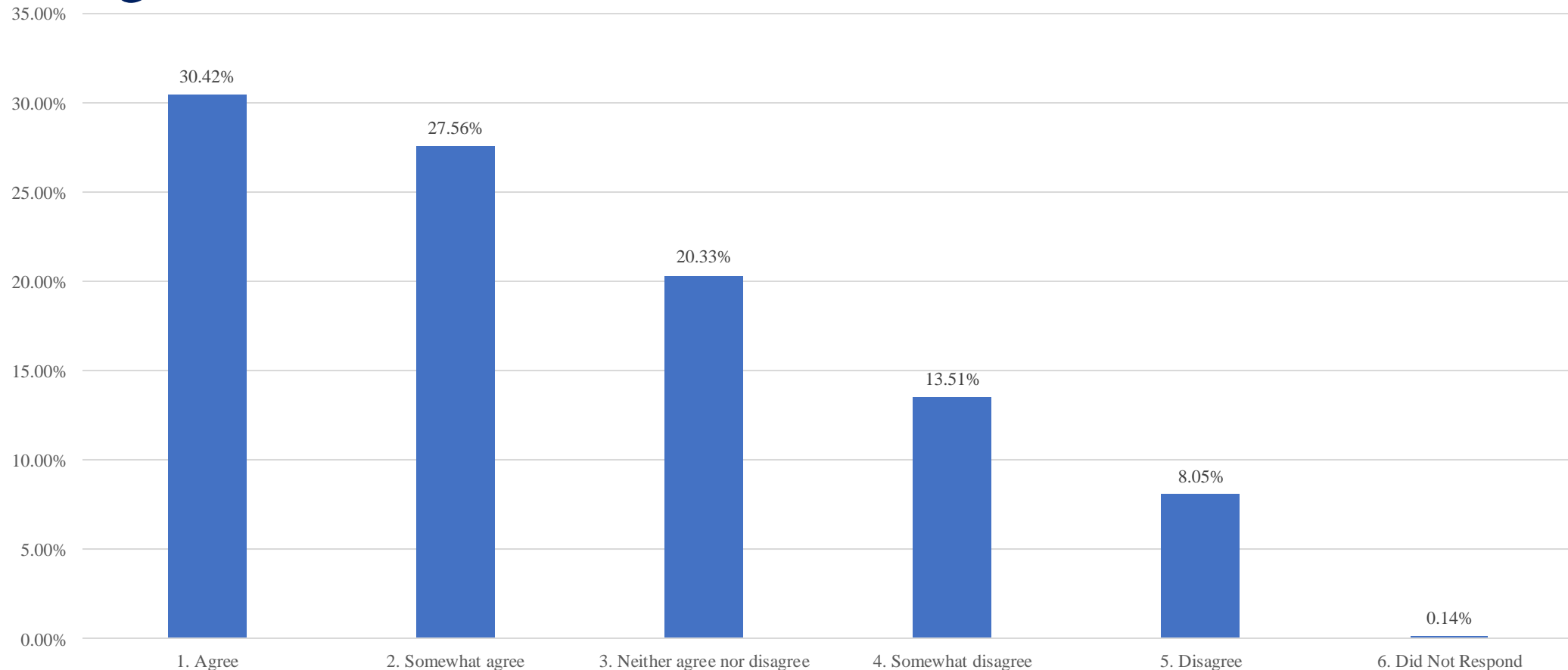
I believe that my grades or academic advancement would not be negatively impacted due to my viewpoints and beliefs.



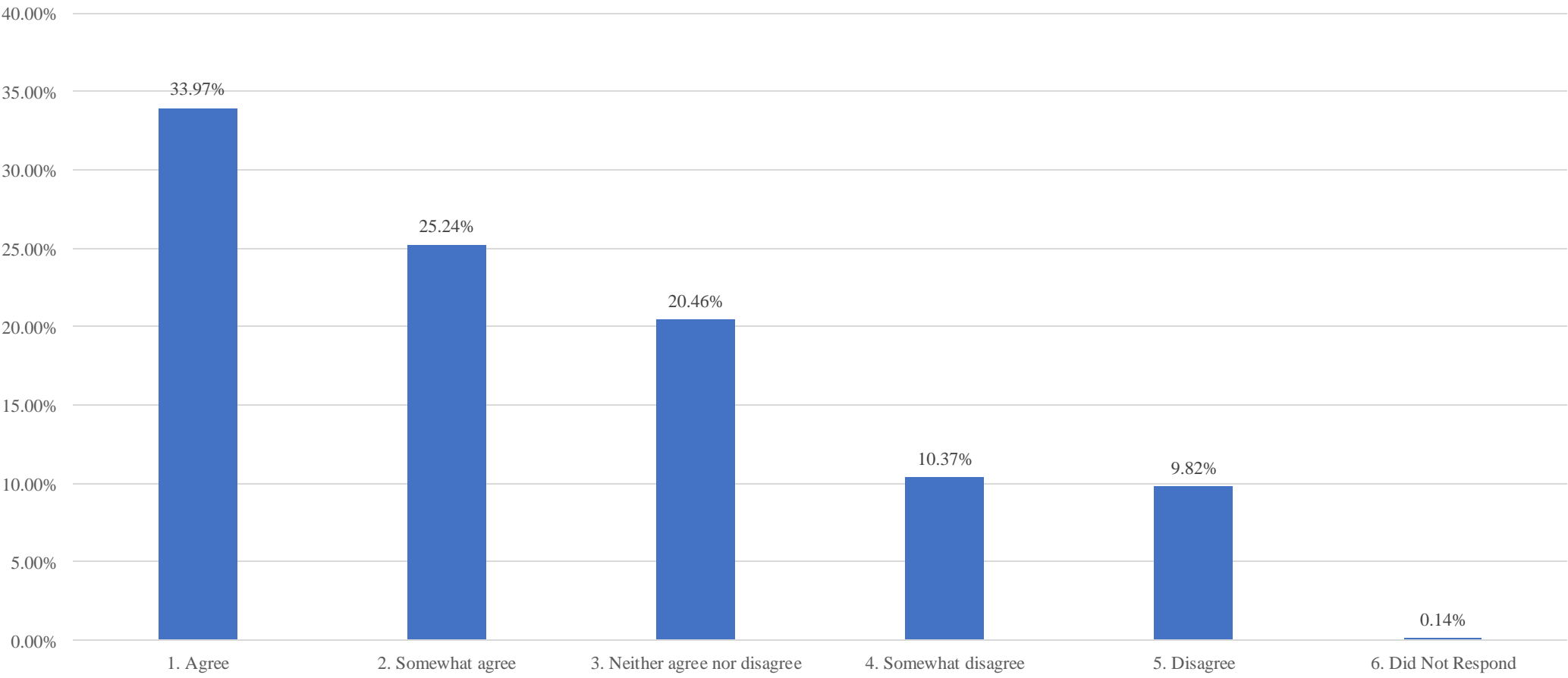
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Summary

- **Demographics indicate a sample of respondents similar in composition to the ETSU population**
- **While overall respondents have a more positive than negative perception of the climate, students are more positive regarding the climate than faculty**

