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ATTITUDE TOWARDS TRANSGENDER AMONG COLLEGE LEVEL STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

It is anticipated that transgender will become more prevalent in education over the next decades. They should be taught with the normal students in the same class room. So, the study is an attempt to investigate about the attitude towards transgender among college level students. One thousand students were selected randomly from different colleges in West Bengal to measure the attitude. Both boys and girls students were selected for the study within the age range of seventeen to twenty years. Likert Response Scale was used to measure the attitude towards transgender. The study examines attitude of the students, their foundations of morality and experiences and possible implementation strategies which may be predicted to be successful as forecasted among them. The result showed that the students in college level express their open mind for the transgender in education as well as in sports. They showed that transgender may also participate in institutional programmes with normal students. We should have to forget about the superstition about them. There will be friendly attitude between transgender and normals.

INTRODUCTION

Attitude may be defined as any response either positive or negative, directed towards a certain perspective. (Ajmeer Singh et al., 2008). A student becomes influenced for doing any action for or against any stimuli or challenges. It is a biological construct that represents the degree of like or dislike for something of an individual.

Transgenders are the integral part of our society. They should be educated and prepared for life with a reasonable level of economic independence, self-help skills and social normalization as well as participation in games and sports in the context of modernizing society. They should be accomplice by maintaining a good attitude so that they can achieve best success.

Despite a society that is moving forward in acceptance of differences, many young people still maintain uncomfortable and confused attitudes towards non-heterosexual lifestyles (Sharpe, 2002). These attitudes lead to discrimination and oppression of the transgender community.

The present study is an attempt on the part of the investigator to investigate the attitude towards transgenders among college level students.

Statement of the problem

The problem of the study was to investigate the Attitude of College Level Students towards Transgenders.

Hypothesis

It was hypothesized that there will be positive attitude towards transgenders by the college level students.

Delimitations

1. Students were selected from different Colleges in West Bengal.
2. Total number of students was one thousand including five hundred boys and five hundred girls.
3. Age range was seventeen to twenty years.

Limitations

Subjects are not from the same cultural group, educational and family background, habits and mental make-up. Thus any influence of those factors on attitude, will be beyond the control of the investigator.

PROCEDURE

Selection of Subjects

One thousand students (five hundred boys and five hundred girls) were selected randomly from different colleges in West Bengal within the age range of seventeen to twenty years.

Criterion Measures

To measure the attitudes of the students, Likert Response Scale was used.

Statistical Analysis

The data were entered in all demographic information provided by the subjects. It is consisted of the Likert scale response (1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Agree a little, 4 = Agree and 4 = Strongly Agree) based on individual responses from the participants. It involved qualitative responses from those participants who provided additional data. Descriptive statistical analyses were calculated to determine frequencies and percentages of survey responses.

ANALYSIS OF DATA AND DISCUSSION

The data collected included responses from students (N=1000) who completed the attitudes regarding transgenders. The attitudes regarding transgenders, the scale developed for this particular study, comprised of different questions, served as the primary measure of students attitudes. In order to answer the research questions, the total attitude score was used for the analyses.

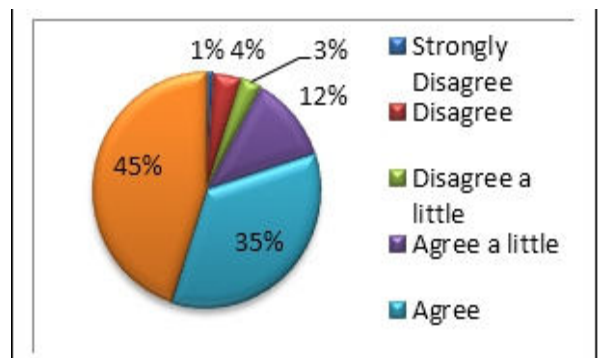
Responses from Boys Students to the questionnaire and graphical presentation are described in percentage as follows:

Question :

Transgendered individuals are a viable part of our society

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	1%
Disagree	-	4%
Disagree a little	-	3%
Agree a little	-	12%
Agree	-	35%
Strongly Agree	-	45%



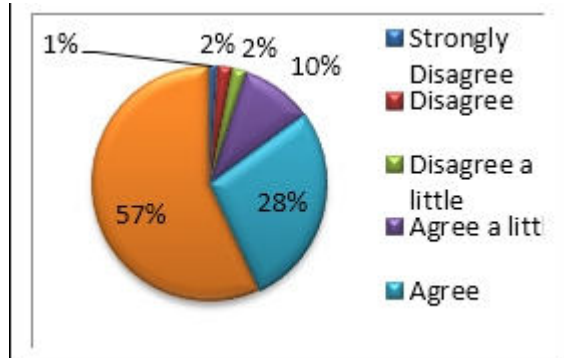
Question :

Transgendered individuals are a viable part of our society

Transgendered individuals should be accepted completely into our society.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	1%
Disagree	-	2%
Disagree a little	-	2%
Agree a little	-	10%
Agree	-	28%
Strongly Agree	-	57%

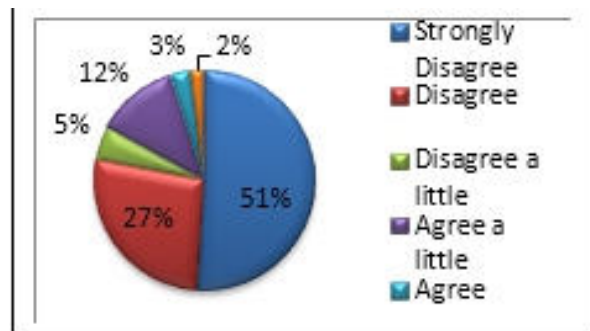


Question :

Transgendered individuals should not be allowed to work/play with children.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	51%
Disagree	-	27%
Disagree a little	-	5%
Agree a little	-	12%
Agree	-	3%
Strongly Agree	-	2%

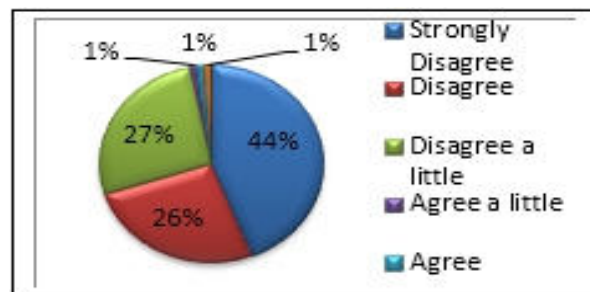


Question :

Transgenderism is immoral.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	44%
Disagree	-	26%
Disagree a little	-	27%
Agree a little	-	1%
Agree	-	1%
Strongly Agree	-	1%

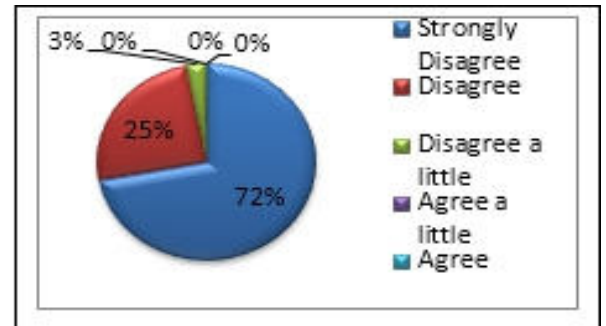


Question :

Transgenderism is a sin.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	72%
Disagree	-	25%
Disagree a little	-	3%
Agree a little	-	0%
Agree	-	0%
Strongly Agree	-	0%

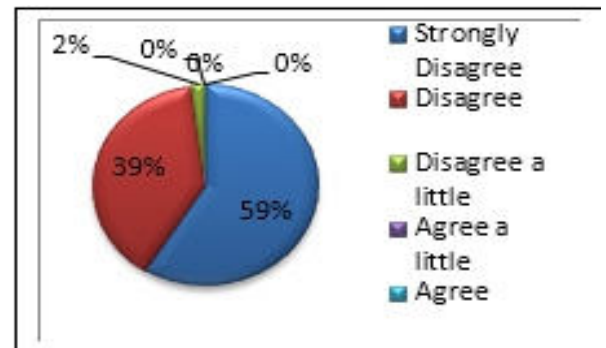


Question :

I avoid transgendered individuals whenever possible.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	59%
Disagree	-	39%
Disagree a little	-	2%
Agree a little	-	0%
Agree	-	0%
Strongly Agree	-	0%

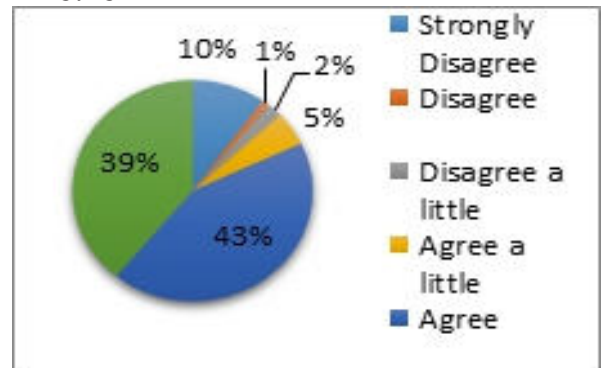


Question :

I would feel comfortable working closely with a transgendered individual.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	10%
Disagree	-	1%
Disagree a little	-	2%
Agree a little	-	5%
Agree	-	43%
Strongly Agree	-	39%



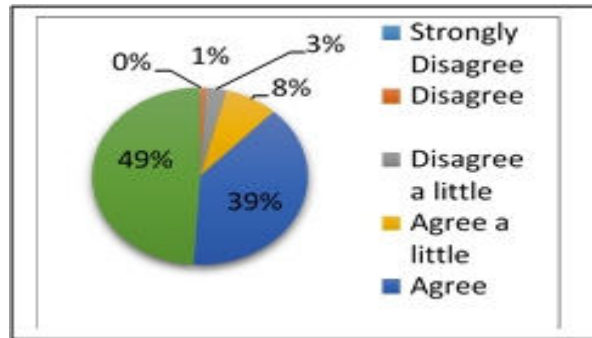
Question :

I would feel comfortable if I learned that my neighbor was a

transgendered individual.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	0%
Disagree	-	1%
Disagree a little	-	3%
Agree a little	-	8%
Agree	-	39%
Strongly Agree	-	49%

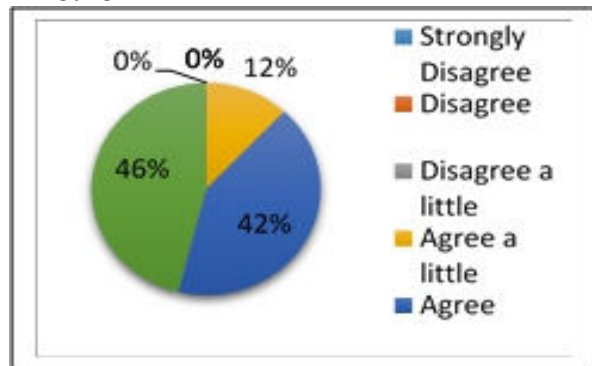


Question :

I would like to have friends who are transgendered individuals.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	0%
Disagree	-	0%
Disagree a little	-	0%
Agree a little	-	12%
Agree	-	42%
Strongly Agree	-	46%

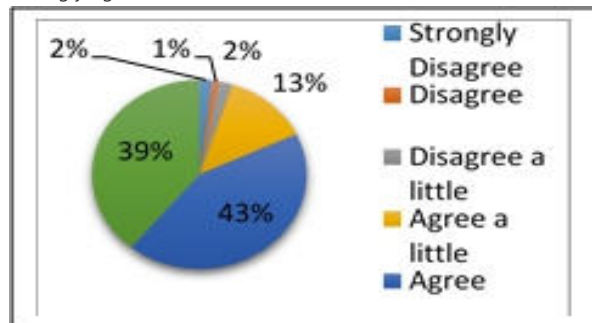


Question :

I would feel comfortable if I learned that my best friend was a transgendered individual.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	2%
Disagree	-	1%
Disagree a little	-	2%
Agree a little	-	13%
Agree	-	43%
Strongly Agree	-	39%



Responses from Boys Students to the questionnaire and

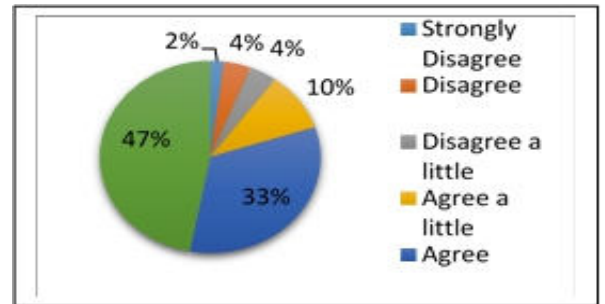
graphical presentation are described in percentage as follows:

Question :

Transgendered individuals are a viable part of our society

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	2%
Disagree	-	4%
Disagree a little	-	4%
Agree a little	-	10%
Agree	-	33%
Strongly Agree	-	47%

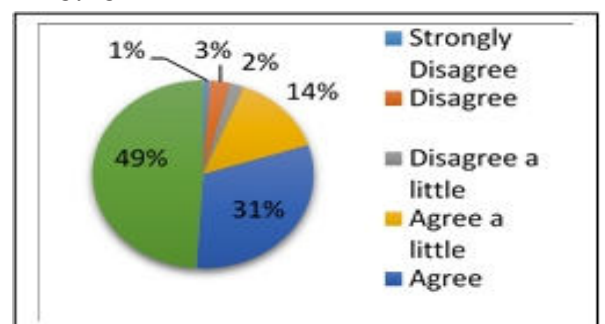


Question :

Transgendered individuals should be accepted completely into our society.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	1%
Disagree	-	3%
Disagree a little	-	2%
Agree a little	-	14%
Agree	-	31%
Strongly Agree	-	49%

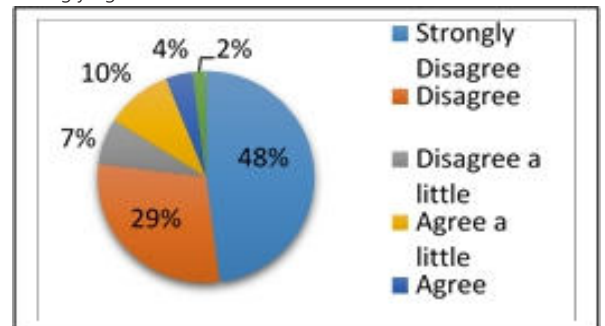


Question :

Transgendered individuals should not be allowed to work/play with children.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	48%
Disagree	-	29%
Disagree a little	-	7%
Agree a little	-	10%
Agree	-	4%
Strongly Agree	-	2%



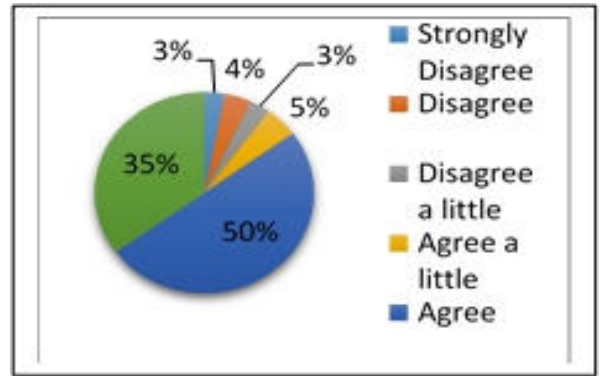
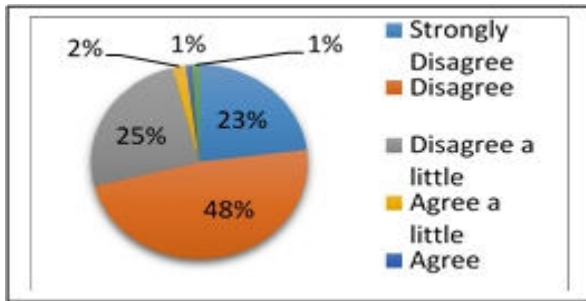
Question :

Transgenderism is immoral.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	23%
Disagree	-	48%
Disagree a little	-	25%
Agree a little	-	2%
Agree	-	1%
Strongly Agree	-	1%

Strongly Disagree	-	3%
Disagree	-	4%
Disagree a little	-	3%
Agree a little	-	5%
Agree	-	50%
Strongly Agree	-	35%



Question :

Transgenderism is a sin.

Answer :

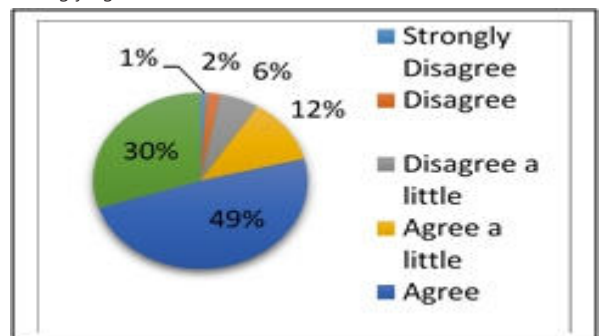
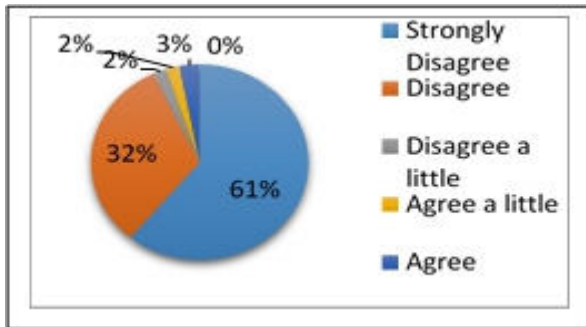
Strongly Disagree	-	61%
Disagree	-	32%
Disagree a little	-	2%
Agree a little	-	2%
Agree	-	3%
Strongly Agree	-	0%

Question :

I would feel comfortable if I learned that my neighbor was a transgendered individual.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	1%
Disagree	-	2%
Disagree a little	-	6%
Agree a little	-	12%
Agree	-	49%
Strongly Agree	-	30%



Question :

I avoid transgendered individuals whenever possible.

Answer :

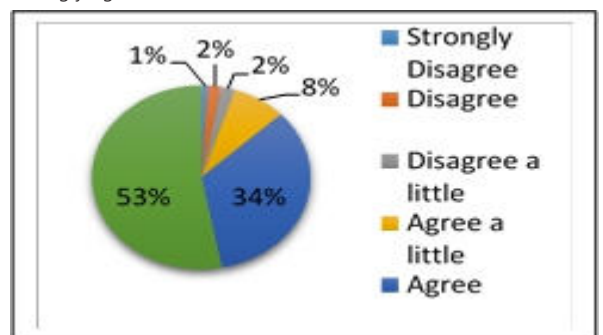
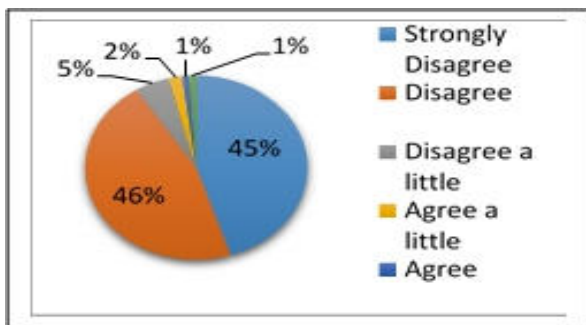
Strongly Disagree	-	45%
Disagree	-	46%
Disagree a little	-	5%
Agree a little	-	2%
Agree	-	1%
Strongly Agree	-	1%

Question :

I would like to have friends who are transgendered individuals.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	1%
Disagree	-	2%
Disagree a little	-	2%
Agree a little	-	8%
Agree	-	34%
Strongly Agree	-	53%



Question :

I would feel comfortable working closely with a transgendered individual.

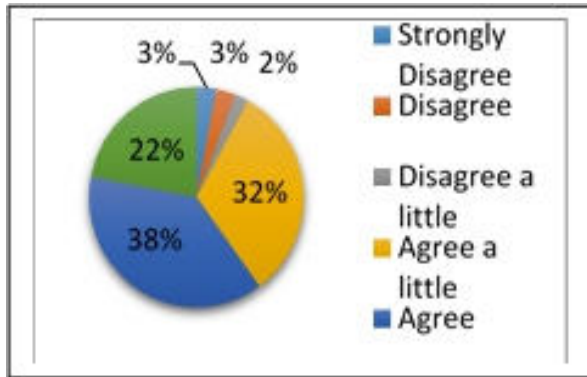
Answer :

Question :

I would feel comfortable if I learned that my best friend was a transgendered individual.

Answer :

Strongly Disagree	-	3%
Disagree	-	3%
Disagree a little	-	2%
Agree a little	-	32%
Agree	-	38%
Strongly Agree	-	22%



From the above results, it is found that most of the students in college level including both boys and girls, showed their open mind for the transgenders. They have showed that transgender individuals are the viable part of our society and accepted completely into our society. We should have friendly attitude towards transgender for better education.

CONCLUSION

It can be concluded that transgenders are the important part in class room as well as in our society. They should be accomplished by a noble virtue and affectionate with them. Attitudes toward race, gender, politics and religion are some of the most prevalent ideologies that are explored, expanded, and helpful in the college years (Braungart & Braungart, 1989). It may anticipate that there will be empirical, trustworthy and persuasive attitude towards the transgenders in our society.

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