

“I didn’t know I was cheating!” Students’ Perceptions of Academically Dishonest Behaviours

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ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

- ▶ Rates of student academic misconduct are increasing (Edwardson, 2020).
- ▶ Moreover, the number of cases in Canada that are making local news is alarming (Eaton, 2020).
- ▶ In a world where most information can be “Googled” or found easily online, students may not understand what academic dishonesty is.

PURPOSE: To examine how students rated various behaviours in terms of academic dishonesty.



METHOD

166 students completed the survey.

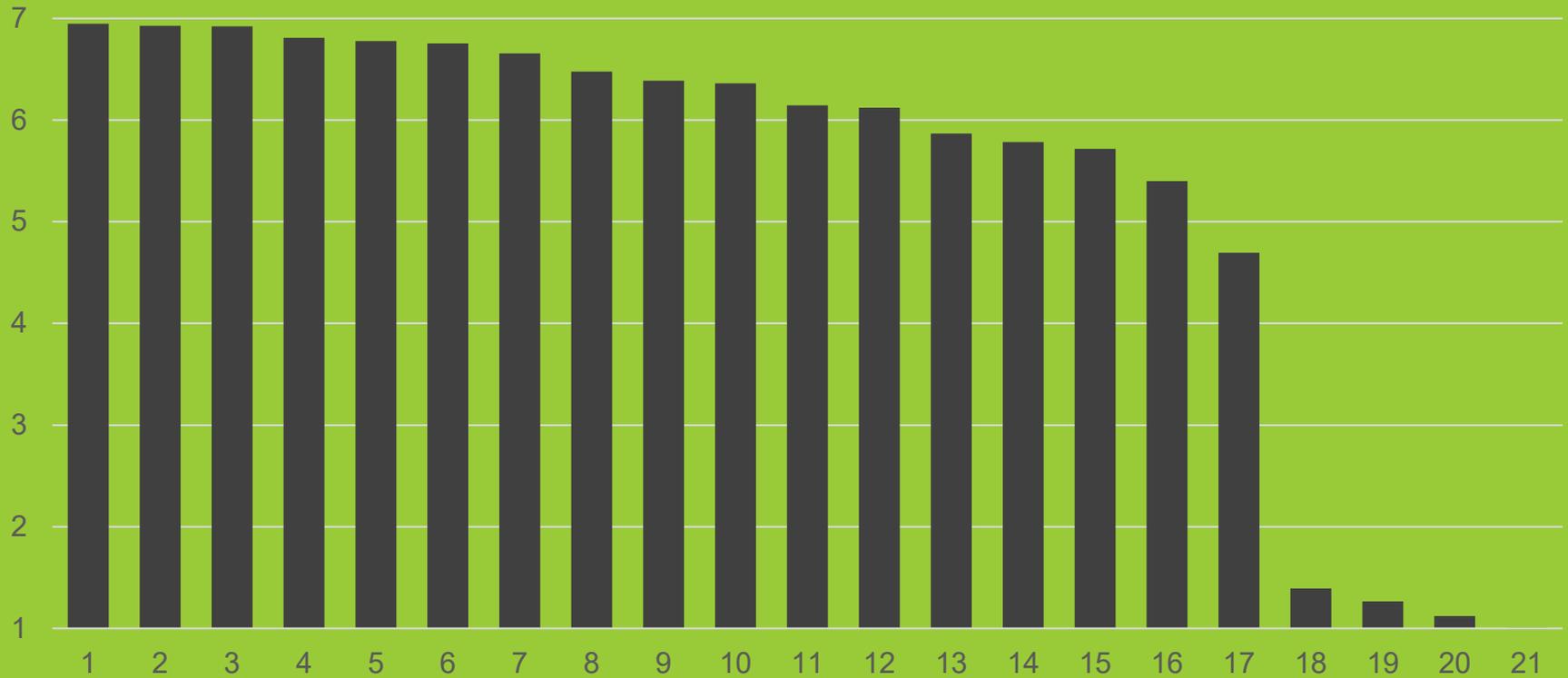
- ▶ Age 20-48 ($M = 24.8$)
- ▶ 49% Male

“to what extent do you consider the following activities as forms of academic dishonesty.”

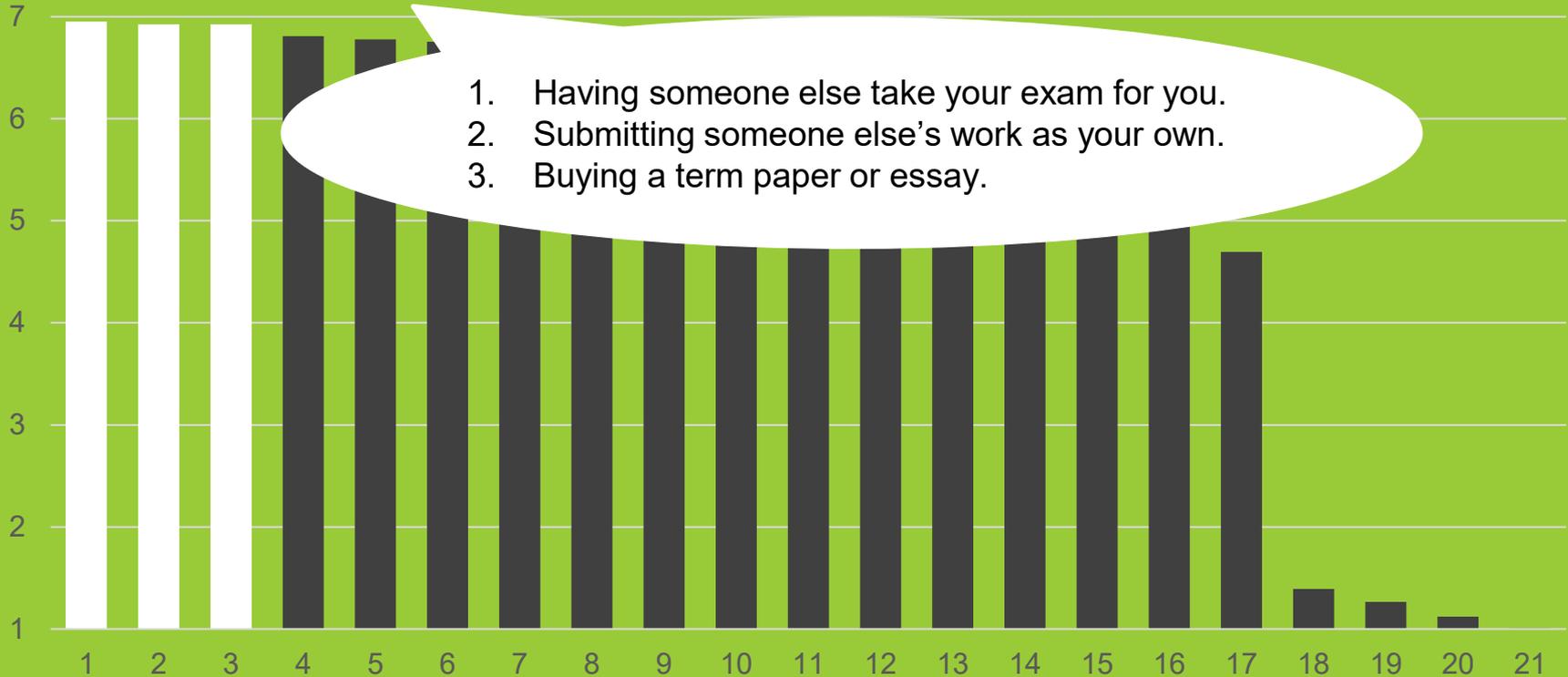
On a scale from 1 (not at all) to 7 (very much so).



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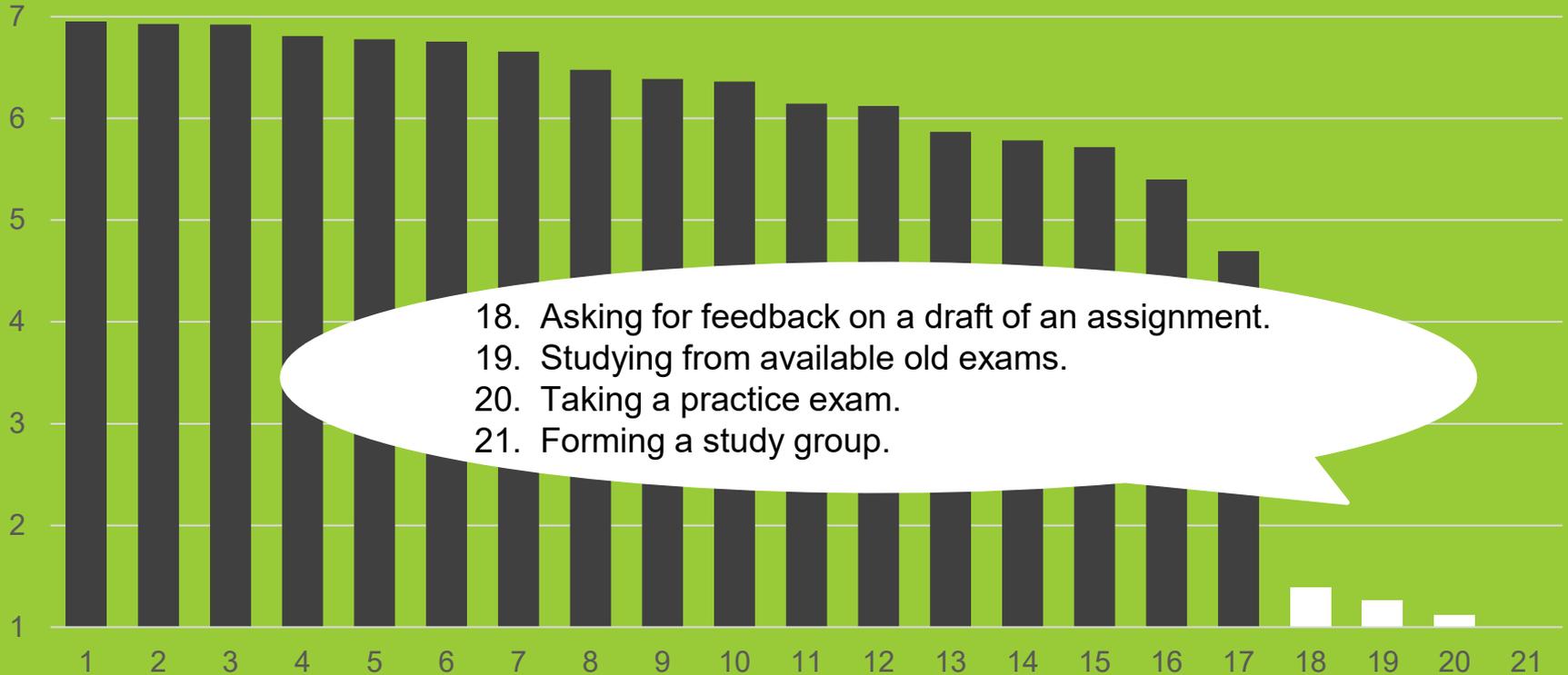


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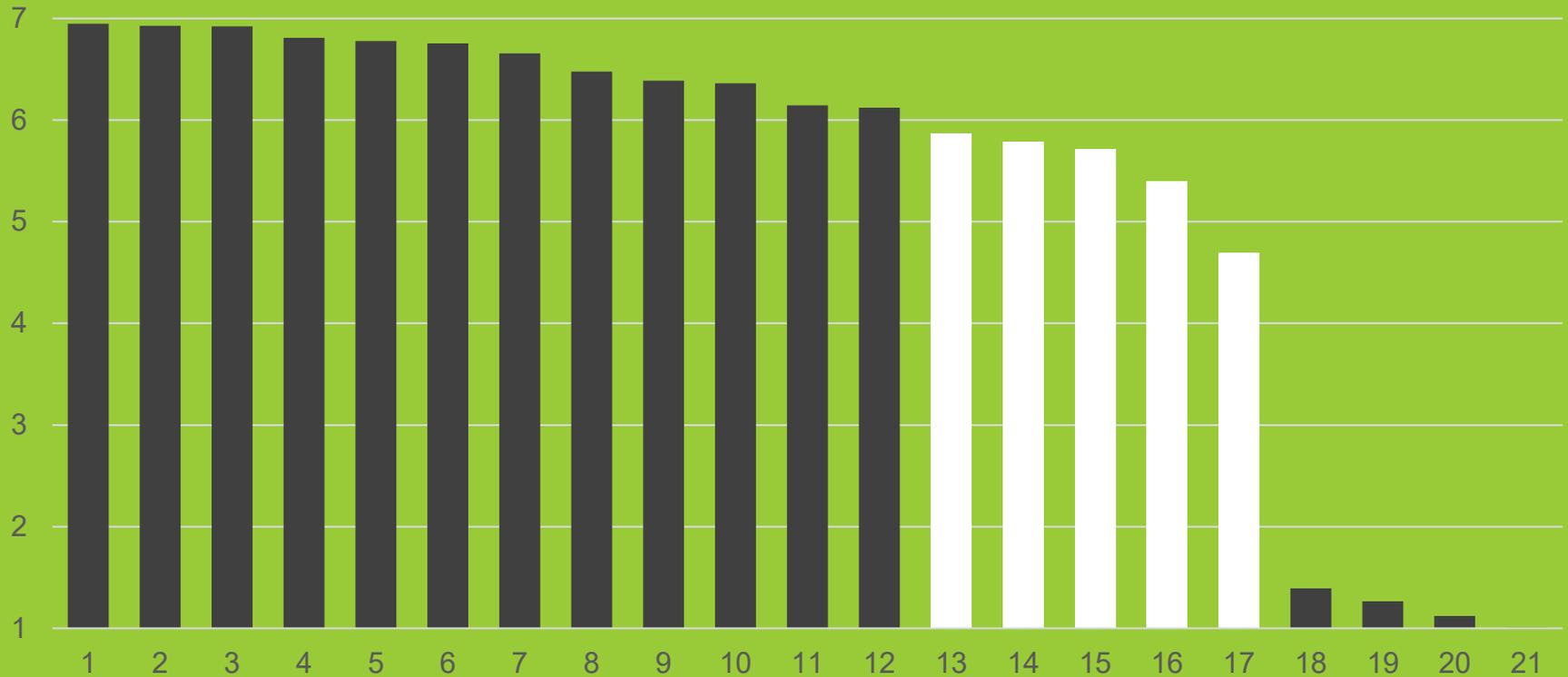


1. Having someone else take your exam for you.
2. Submitting someone else's work as your own.
3. Buying a term paper or essay.

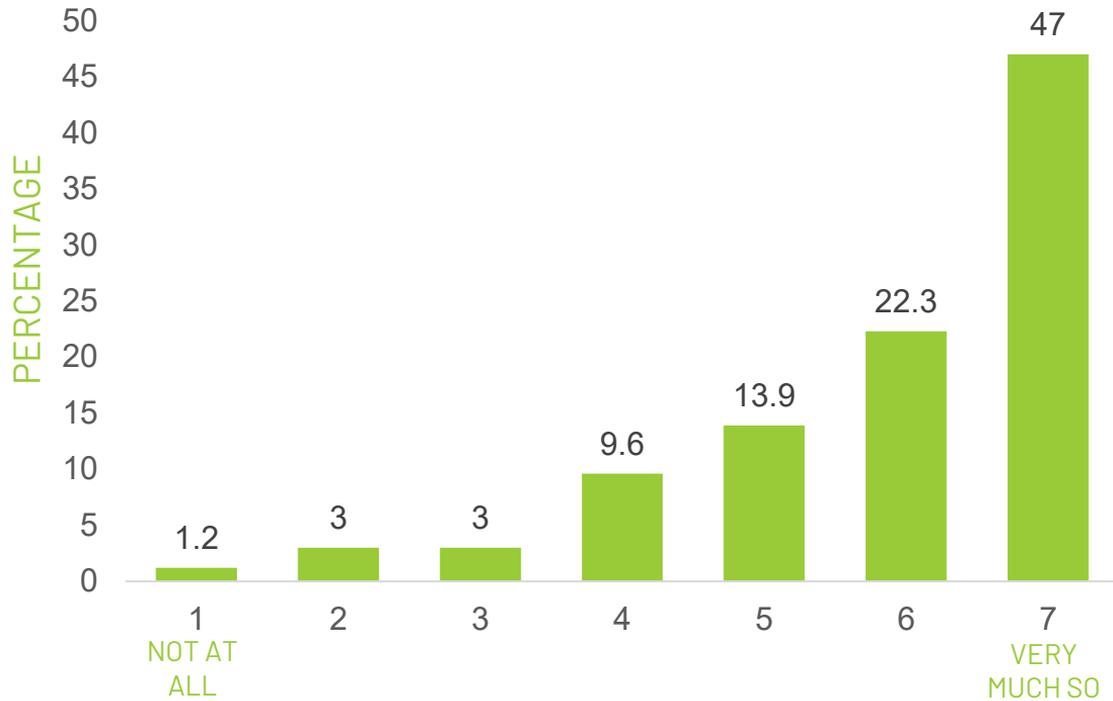
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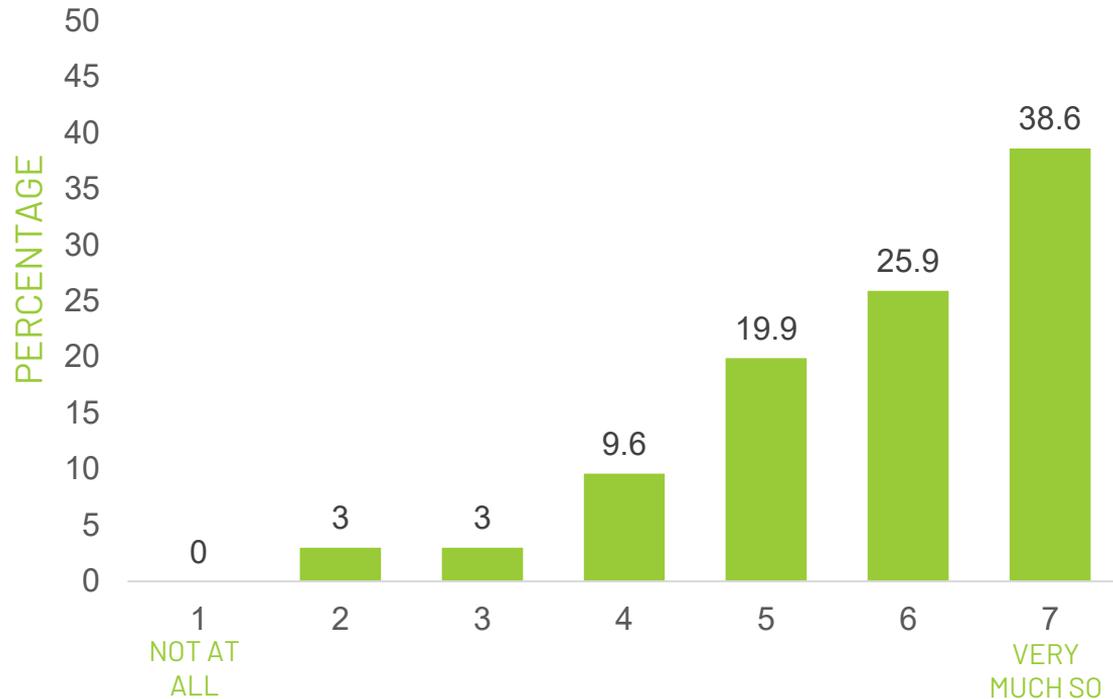
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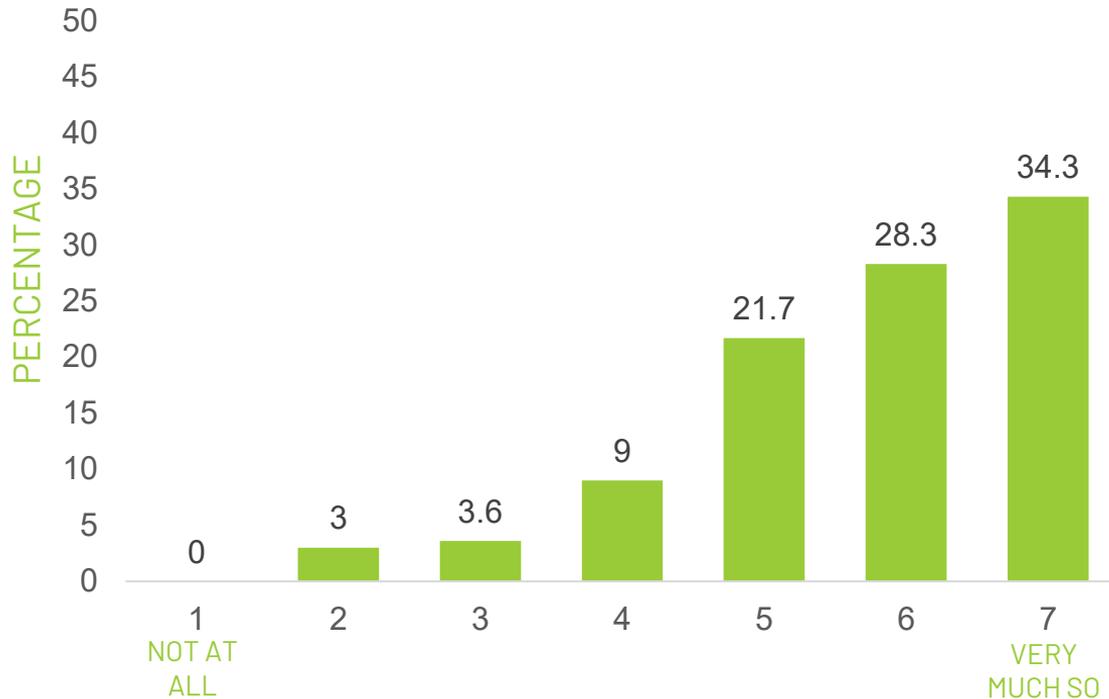
13. Asking students who have taken the exam for the questions.



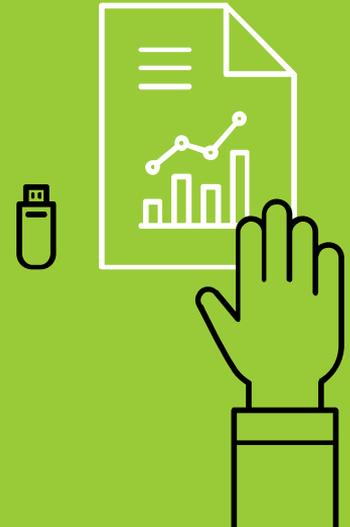
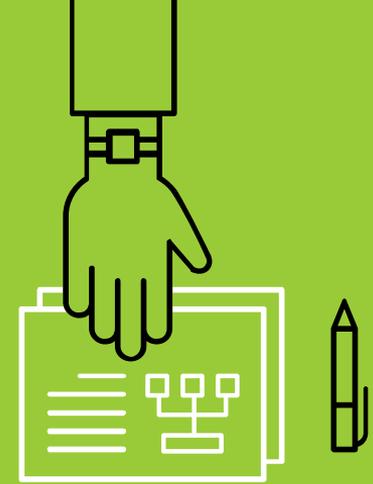
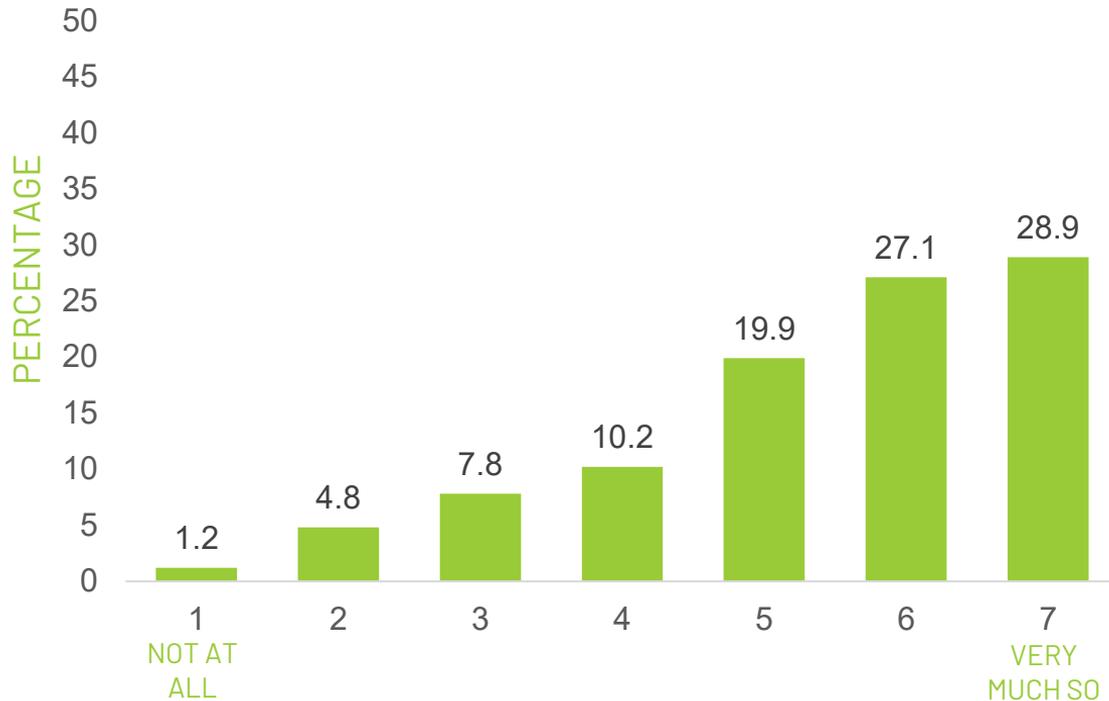
14. Including information you know is inaccurate in an assignment.



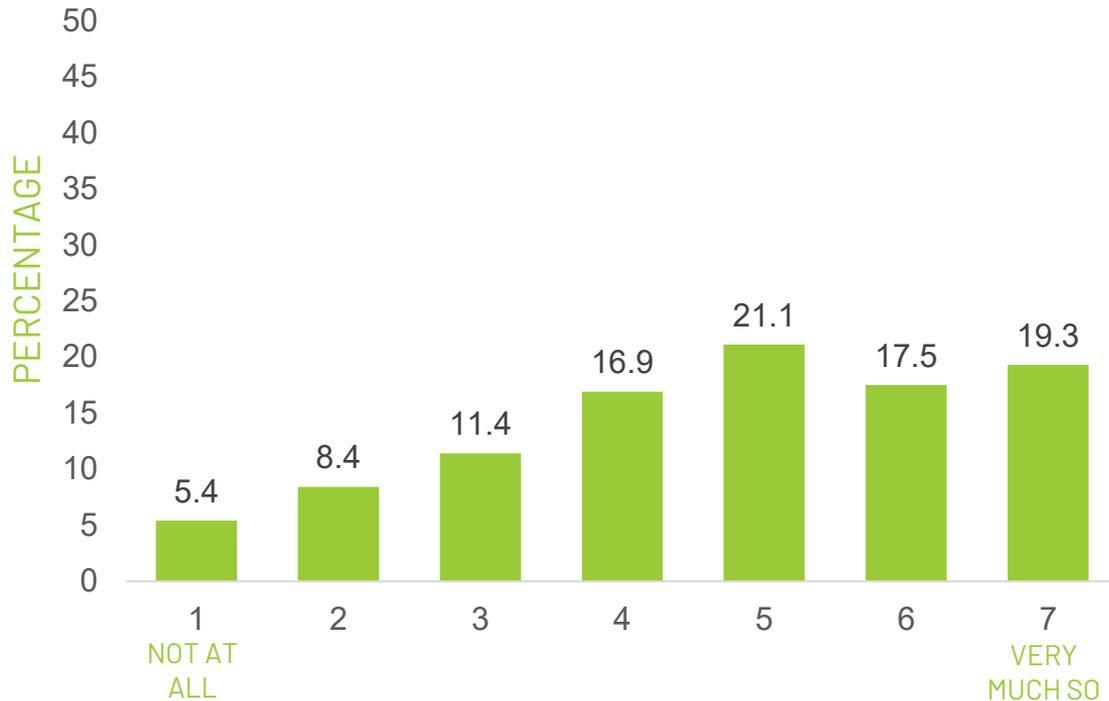
15. Submitting an assignment without citing all resources used.



16. Lying to get an extension on a due date.



17. Re-submitting your own work for a different class.



Discussion

- ▶ While there are some behaviours that most students agreed on, there are some items that had a range of responses from students.
 - ▶ More information is needed in these cases to aid students in understanding academic dishonesty.

Instructors can:

- ▶ Provide clear **expectations** for students.
- ▶ Be **Transparent**.
- ▶ Give example on how to **avoid** dishonesty.





THANKS!

Any questions?

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

4. Sneaking answers into a closed book exam (e.g., on water bottles, hat brims, etc.).
5. Having someone tell you the answers on an exam.
6. Obtaining test answers before the exam.
7. Peeking at someone's answers during the exam.
8. Helping someone see an answer during the exam.
9. Taking credit for ideas that aren't yours.
10. Looking up answers to an exam online.
11. Copying and pasting directly into your assignment.
12. Collaborating on a take-home or online exam without permission.

