



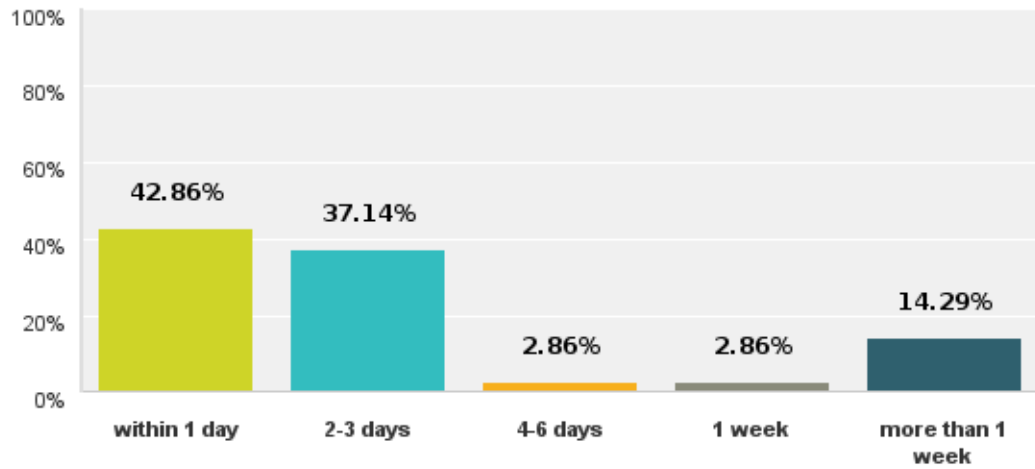
# AIR FORCE SPECIAL VICTIMS' COUNSEL PROGRAM

## VICTIM IMPACT SURVEY

- The Air Force JAG Corps developed a Victim Impact Survey (VIS) in March 2013 in order to evaluate the Special Victims' Counsel Program and support provided to sexual assault victims throughout the military justice process.
- In 2012, RAND Corporation conducted an Impact Evaluation of the National Crime Victim Law Institute's (NCVLI) Victims' Rights Clinics. The RAND study was considered in developing the VIS and several questions were drawn directly from the RAND study so that there is some basis for comparison between the SVC Program and the NCVLI Victims' Rights Clinics.
- The initial results provided in this handout represent the responses of only 36 victims represented by SVCs. Though SVCs are currently representing 458 clients, the VIS is not provided to them until the military justice process concludes and the attorney-client relationships is terminating. The survey completion rate is currently 39%.
- Though the current data sample is small, we have drawn the following initial conclusions:
  - **Victims are extremely satisfied with the support of their SVC during Article 32s and courts-martial.**
  - **Victims would recommend other victims request an SVC.**
  - **Victims indicate that their SVC advocated effectively on their behalf.**
  - **Victims indicate that their SVC helped them understand the investigation and court-martial processes.**
  - Victims are satisfied with the response time for the SVC to contact them once a request has been made. When the request is made through the SARC, it will generally take up to 24 hrs to detail an SVC. This is why it might be 2-3 days until an SVC actually contacts a victim. SVCs make it a priority to contact new clients immediately.
  - Victims understand the scope of SVC representation and that their SVC can attend interviews with investigators, defense counsel, and trial counsel.
  - SVCs attend interviews (either telephonically or in person) when they have been detailed to represent the victim before the interview occurs.
  - Victims indicate their SVC talked to them about how to respond to any harassment or intimidation they may receive during the court-martial process.

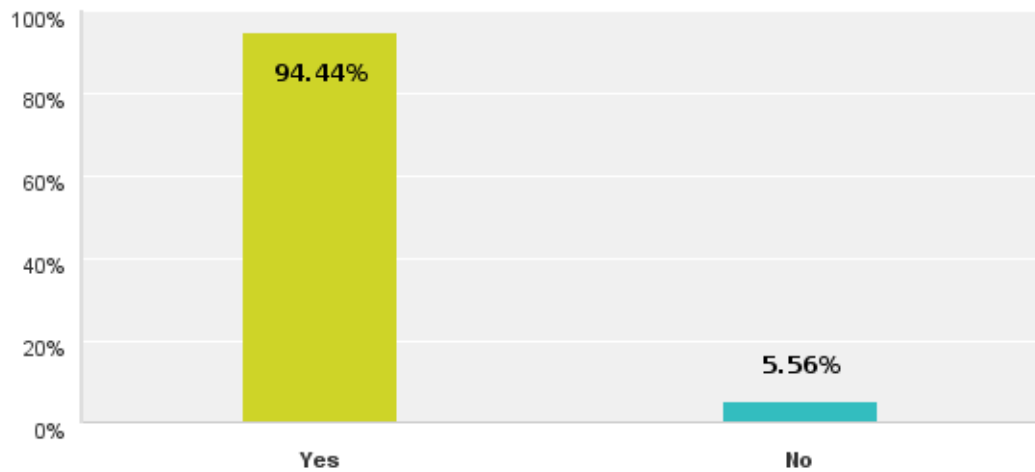
### Q14 Approximately how long did it take for your Special Victims' Counsel to contact you once you requested representation?

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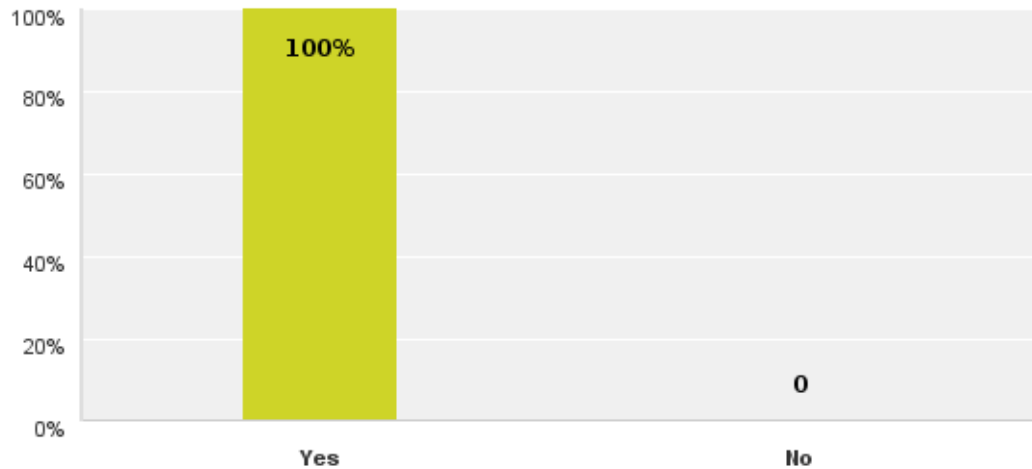
### Q15 Did this response time meet your expectations?

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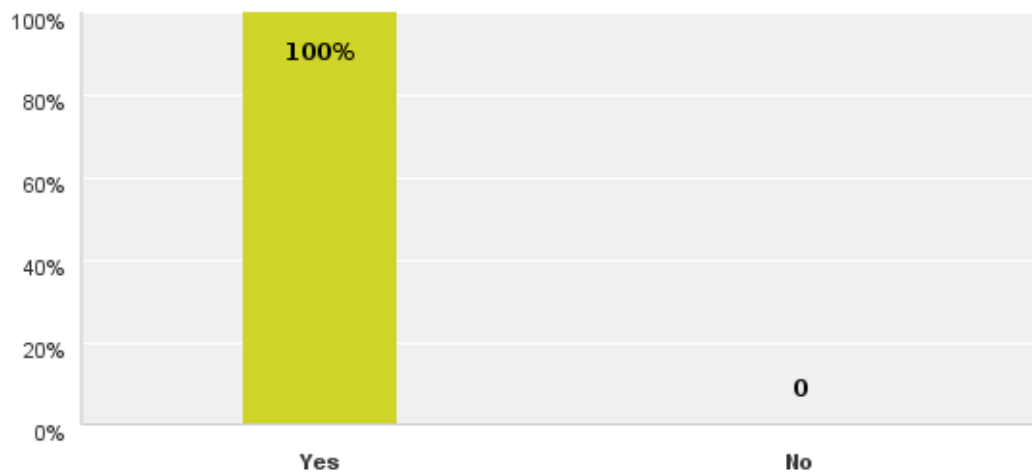
**Q16 Did your Special Victims' Counsel explain the scope of his or her representation, that is what the SVC could and could not do, during your first conversation?**

Answered: 35 Skipped: 4



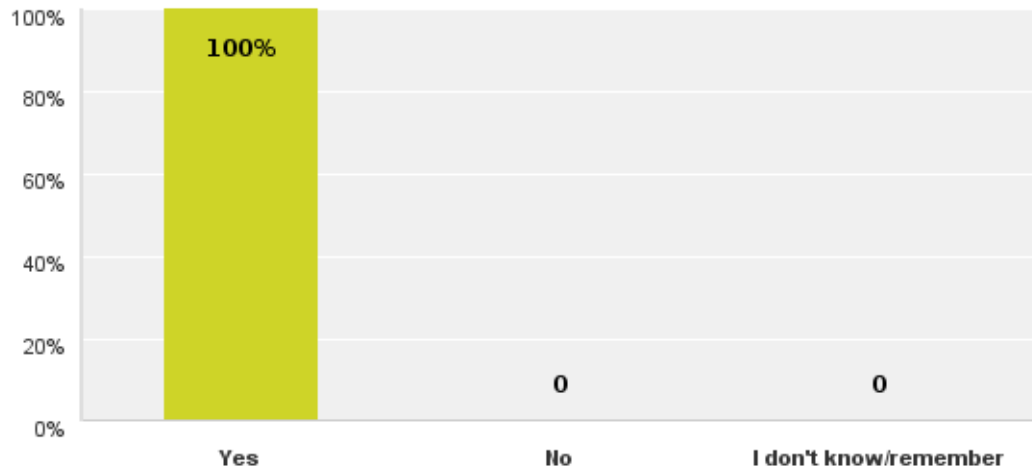
**Q17 Did you understand the explanation?**

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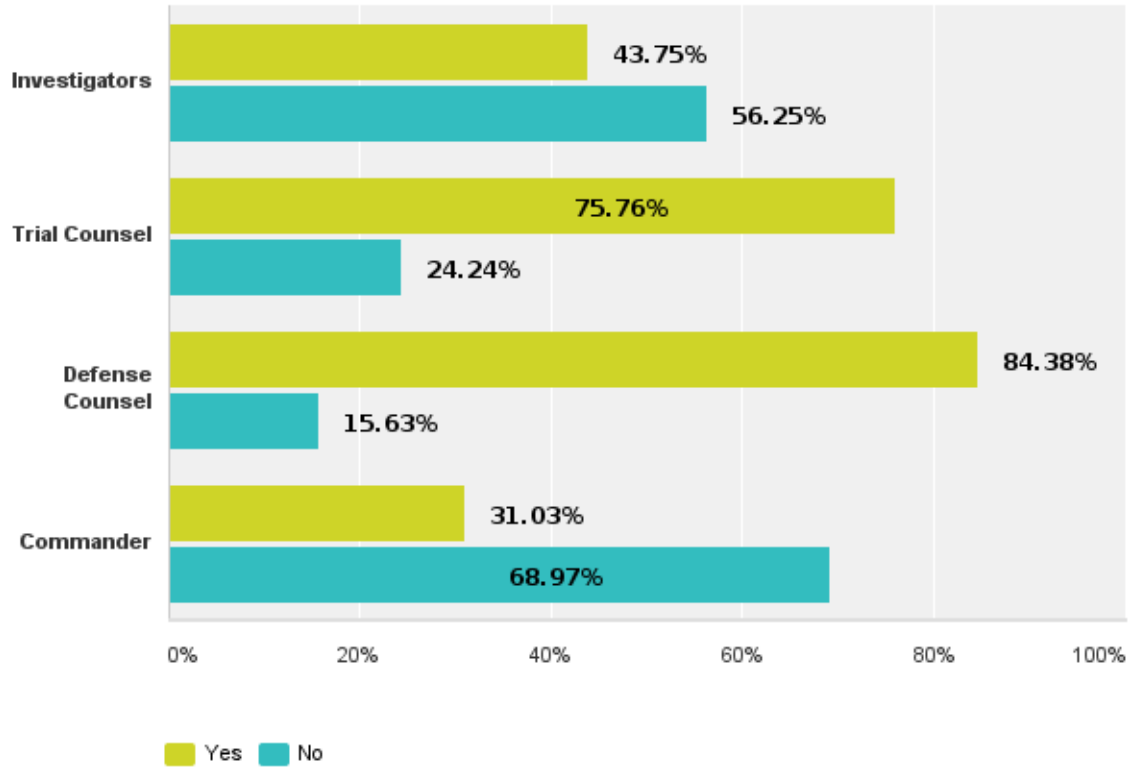
**Q18 Did your Special Victims' Counsel explain that he or she could attend your interviews (in person or via telephone or VTC) with investigators, trial counsel, and defense counsel?**

Answered: 35 Skipped: 4



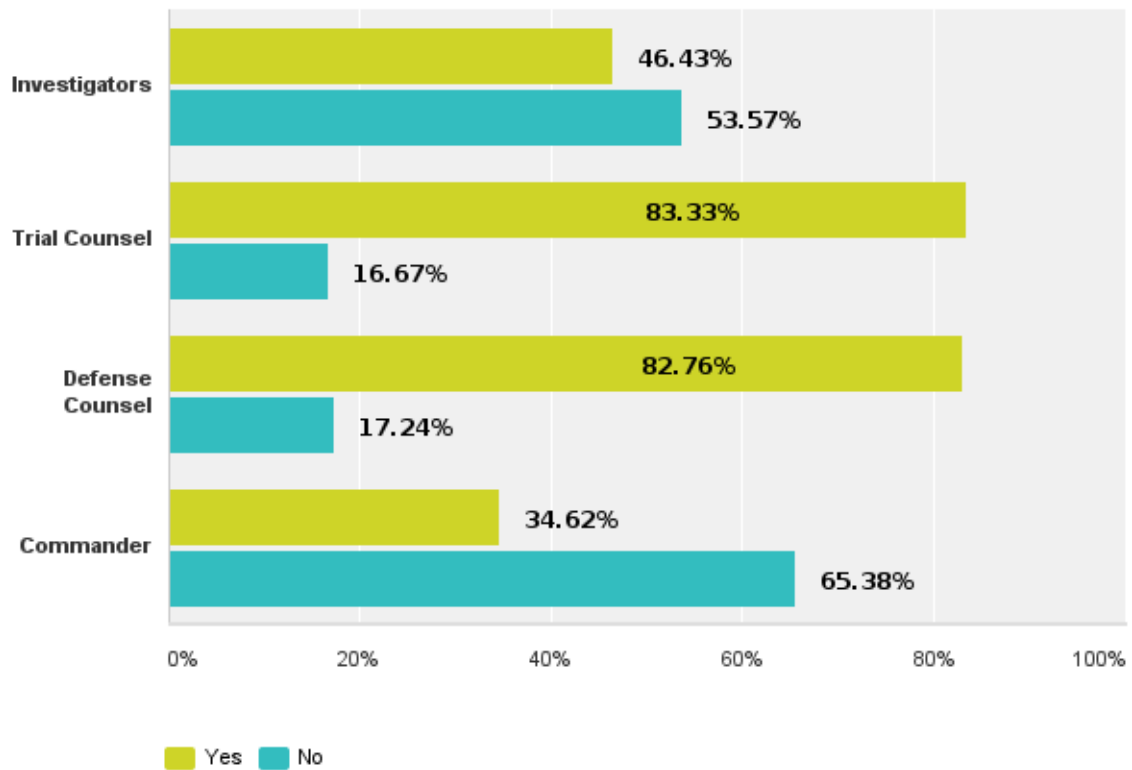
### Q19 Did you request that your Special Victims' Counsel attend any interviews or meetings with the following personnel?

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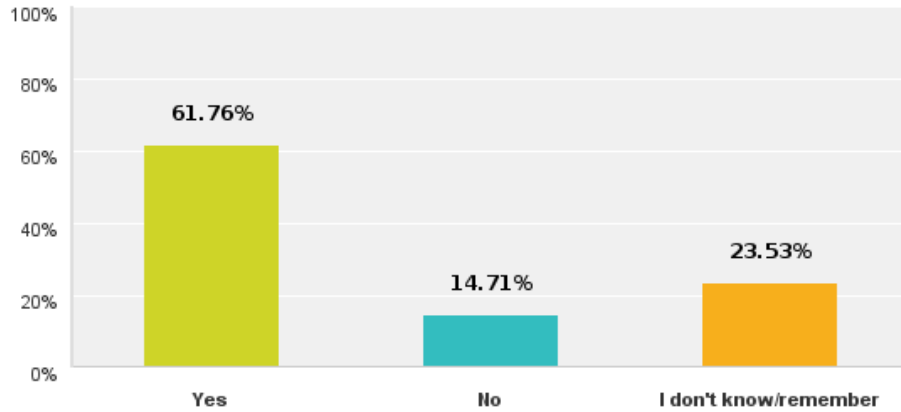
**Q20 Did your Special Victims' Counsel attend (in person or by telephone or VTC) interviews or meetings with the following personnel?**

Answered: 31 Skipped: 8



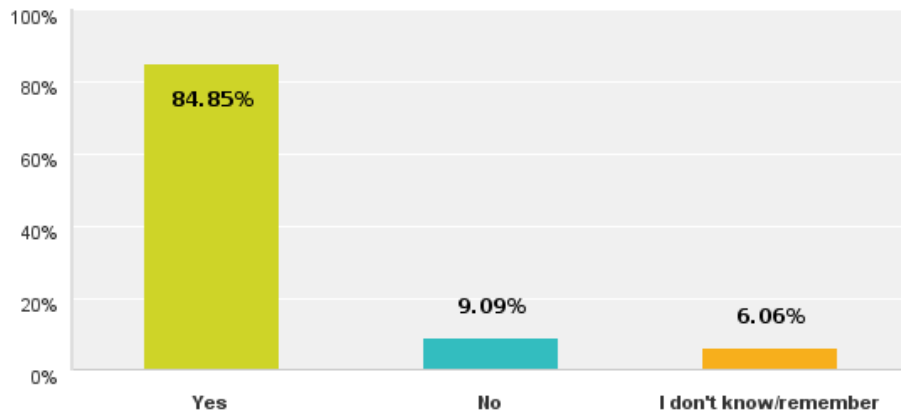
**Q21 Did your Special Victims' Counsel discuss legal issues such as the "rape shield law" regarding any prior sexual conduct, or the law protecting statements made to the SARC or victim advocate from being introduced at trial?**

Answered: 34 Skipped: 5



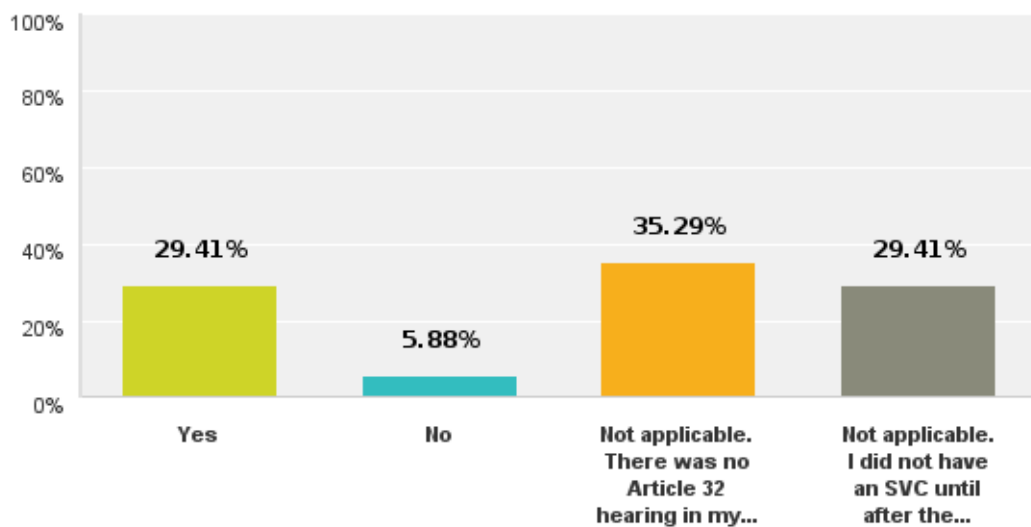
**Q22 Did your Special Victims' Counsel talk with you about how to respond to any harassment or intimidation you might receive from anyone during the trial process?**

Answered: 33 Skipped: 6



**Q23 Did your Special Victims' Counsel attend the Article 32 hearing with you?**

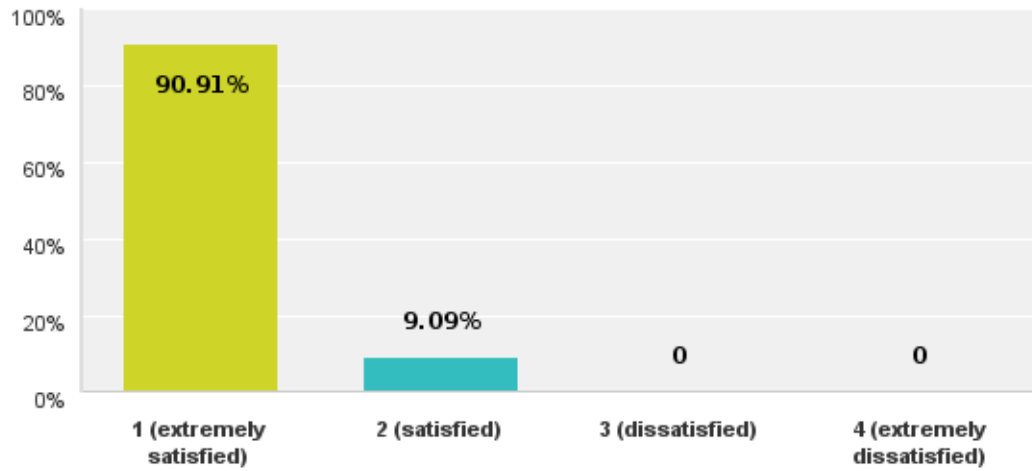
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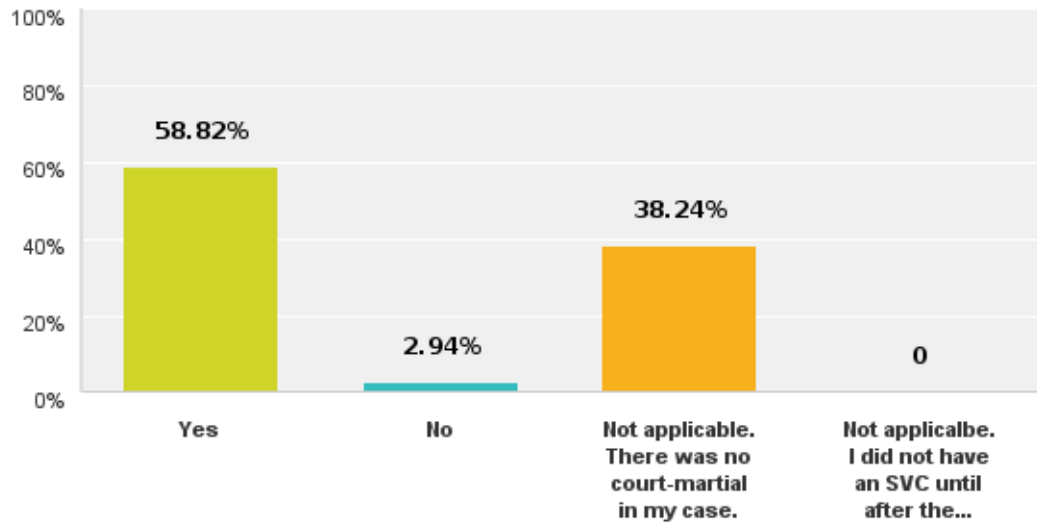
**Q24 How satisfied were you with your Special Victims' Counsel's advice and support during the Art. 32?**

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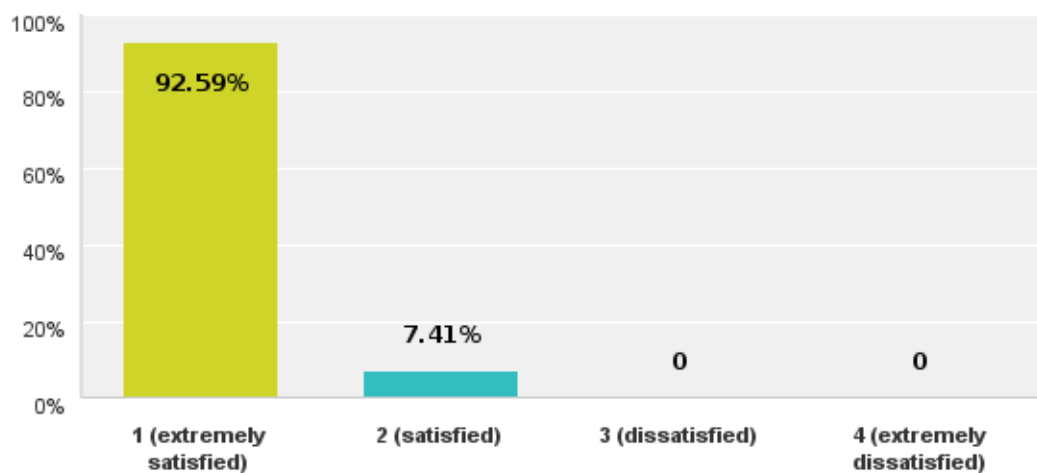
### Q25 Did your Special Victims' Counsel attend the court-martial with you?

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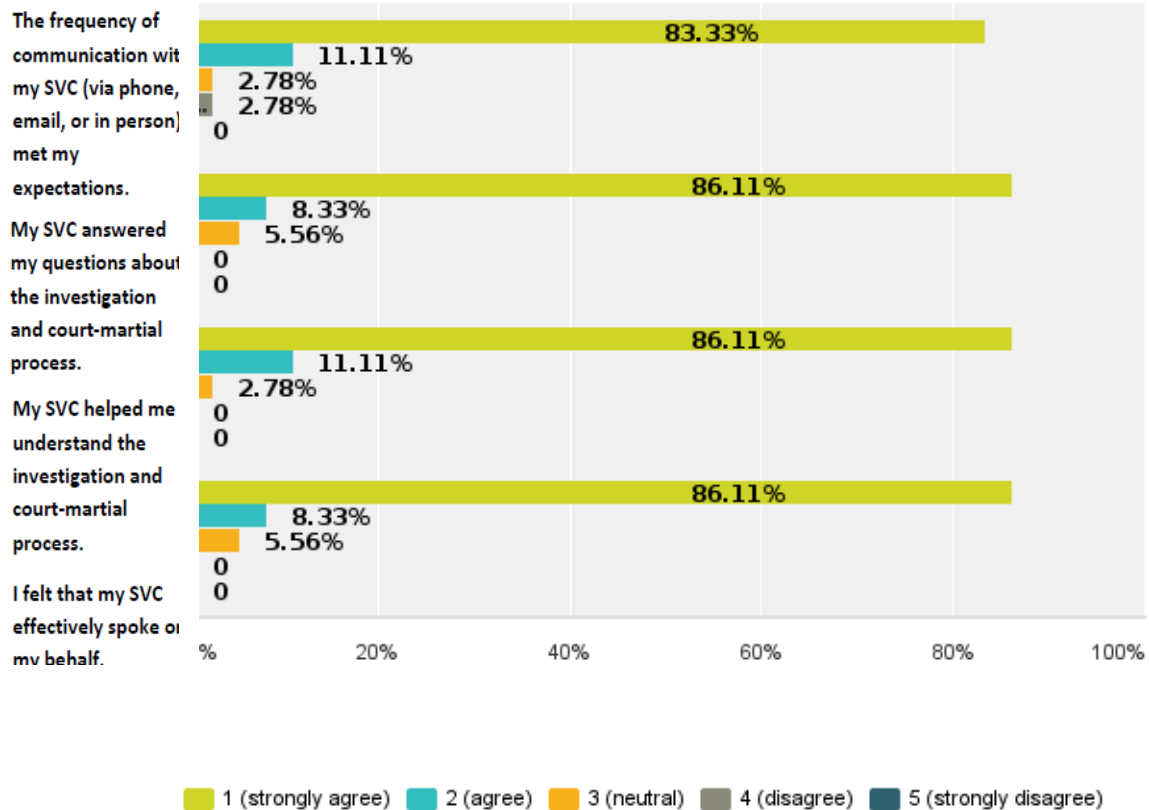
### Q26 How satisfied were you with your Special Victims' Counsel's advice and support during the court-martial?

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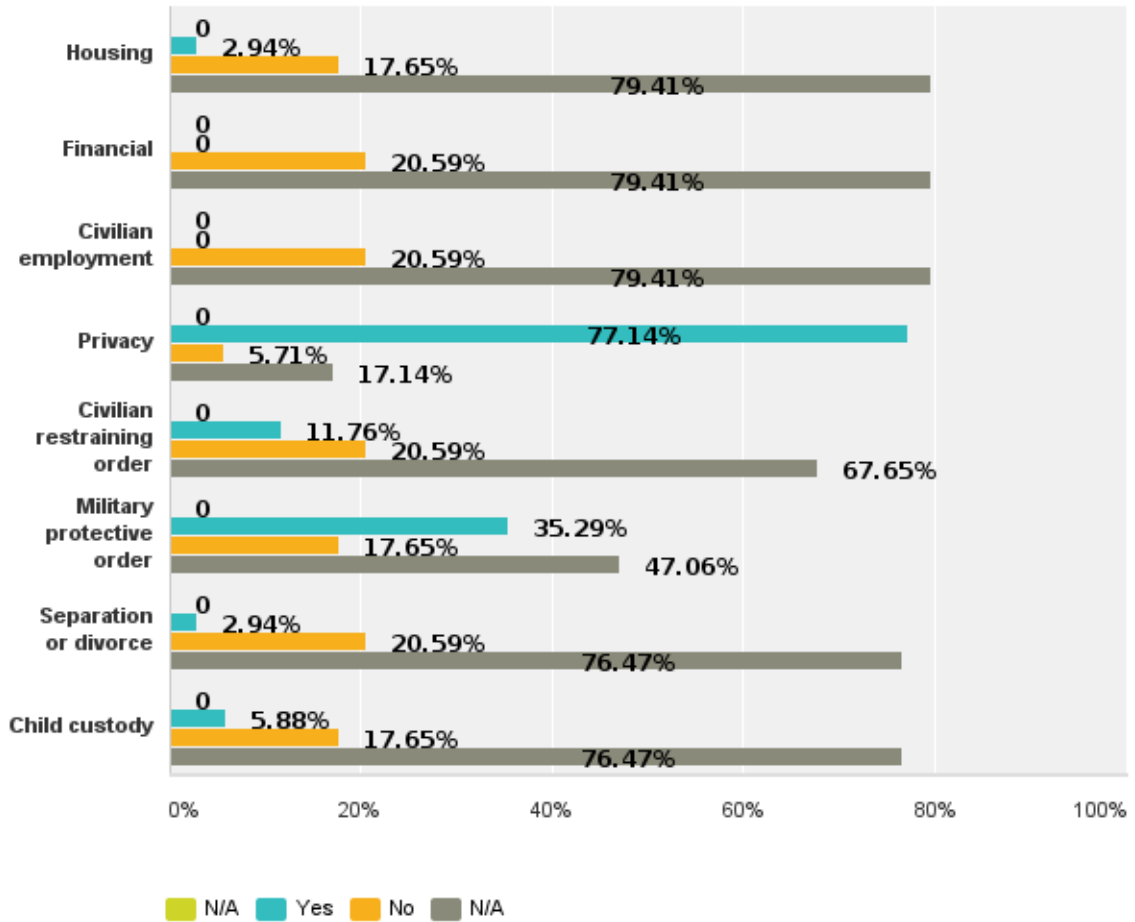
## Q27 For the following statements, indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statements

Answered: 36 Skipped: 3



## Q28 Please select all issues that your Special Victims' Counsel assisted you with.

Answered: 35 Skipped: 4



**Q29 Would you recommend other victims of sexual assault request a Special Victims' Counsel?**

Answered: 37 Skipped: 2

