

OPINION SURVEY: Sample Class Results

Indicate your opinion for each of the items listed below by drawing a circle around the appropriate category. This is not a test; your answers will only be seen by you.

1. A major problem community officials confront when faced with a natural disaster is controlling the panic of people fleeing the danger area.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
10	15	5	0	0

2. Looting commonly occurs after the impact of natural disasters.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
15	10	4	1	0

3. Martial Law has been instituted in disaster areas in the United States.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
15	5	3	0	0

4. The crime rate of a community usually rises after it has experienced a natural disaster.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
15	12	3	0	0

5. When warned of an impending disaster, most people are quick to evacuate the threatened area.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
17	13	0	0	0

6. Immediately after the impact of a disaster, most victims are in a state of shock and unable to cope with the situation themselves.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
20	10	0	0	0

Source: Adapted from Dennis E. Wenger, Thomas F. James, and Charles E. Faupel. 1980. *Disaster Beliefs and Emergency Planning*. Newark, Delaware: Disaster Research Project, University of Delaware, p. 48. Results listed are illustrative; professor should calculate and list actual class responses to “pre-test”.