

Effects of Police Interaction on Student Perception on Campus Police and Safety



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Purpose

Determine if campus police interaction influences student perception of their campus police and safety.

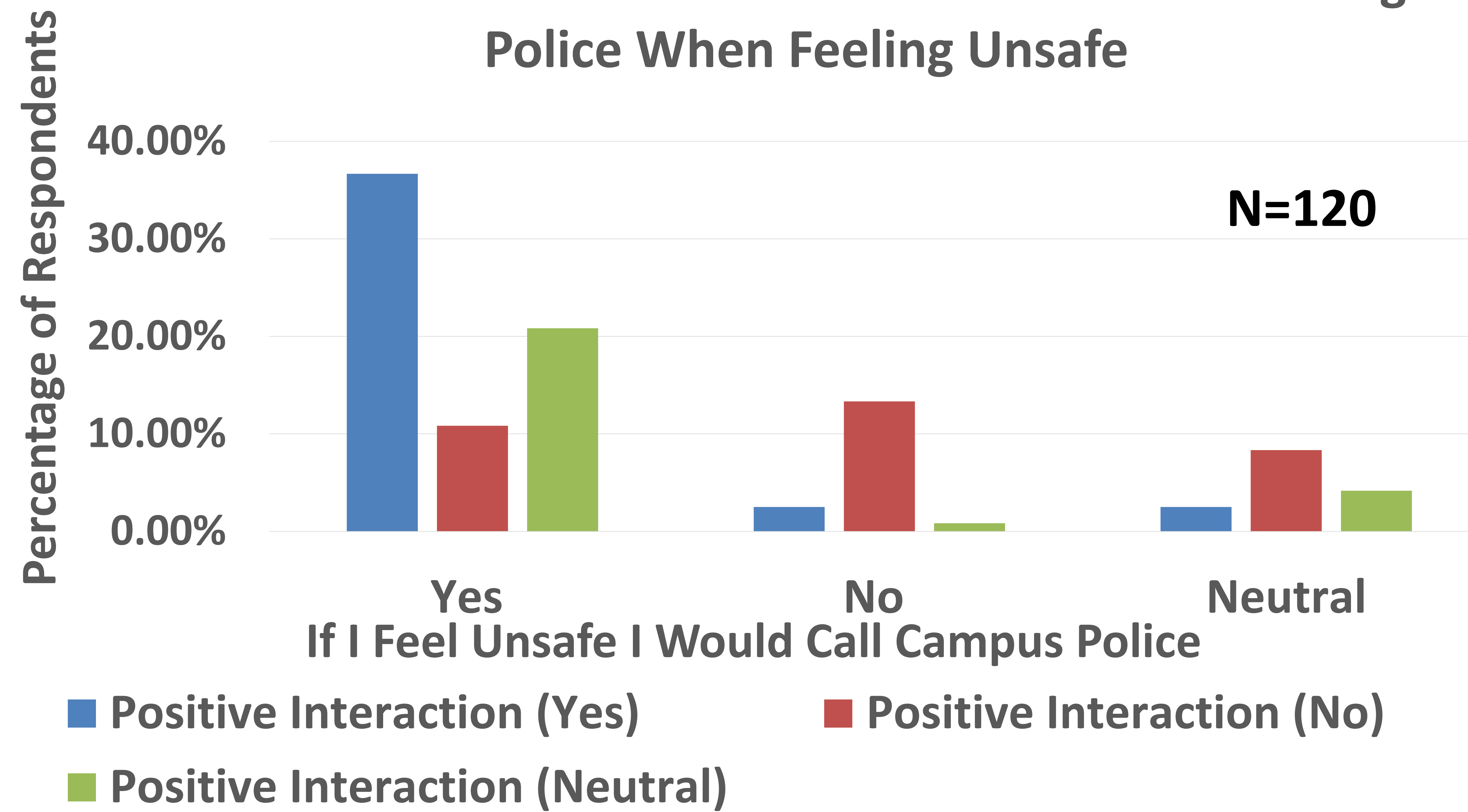
Research Questions

- How do students view their police officers?
- Do these perceptions effect a student's willingness to utilize the police?
- If students are not utilizing police, then what methods are they using?
- How do these perceptions effect the perception of overall campus safety?

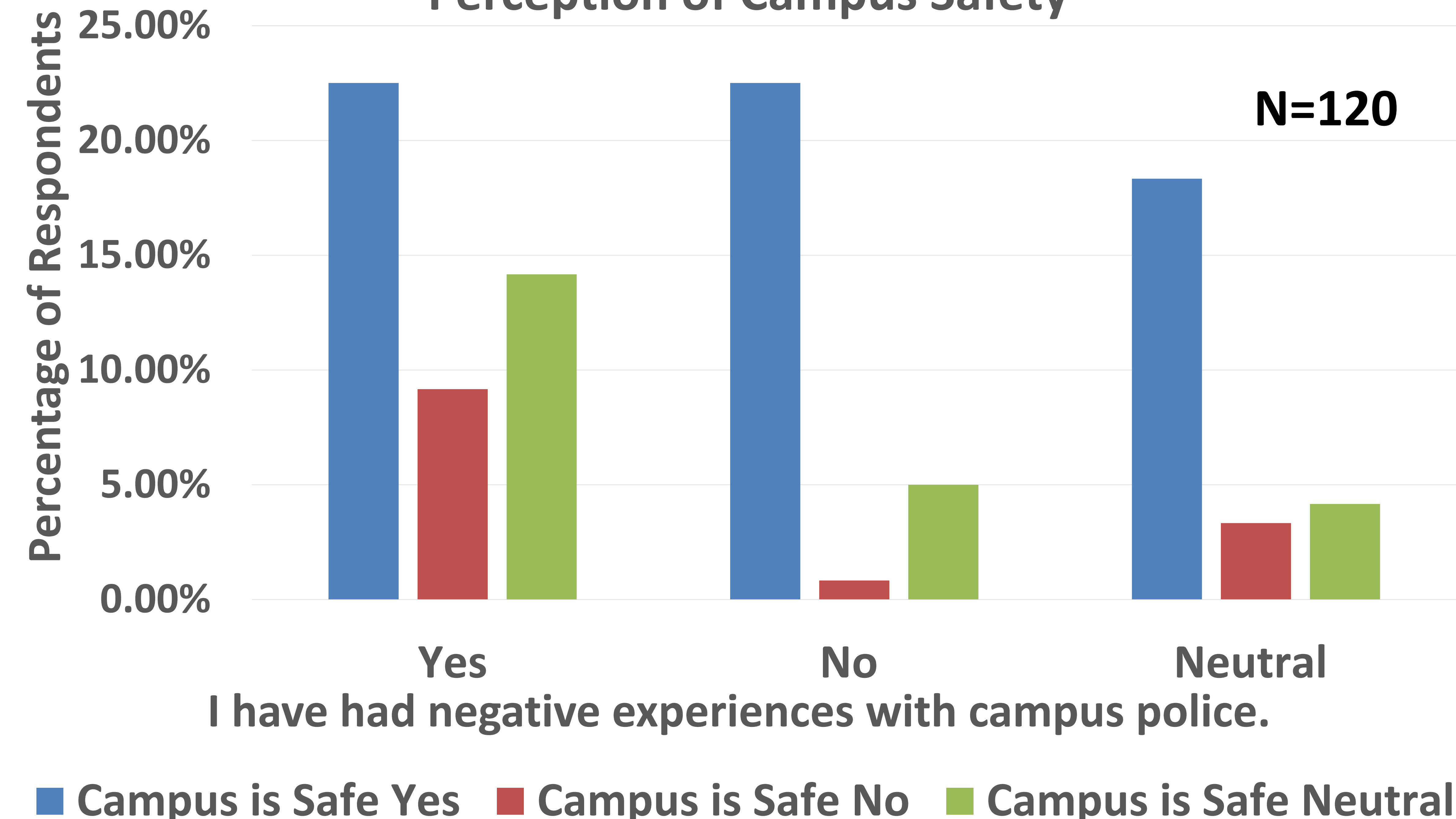
Methods

Population: Midwest Undergraduate Students
 Snowball Sampling
 Electronic Survey

Crosstabulation of Positive Interactions with Calling Police When Feeling Unsafe



Crosstabulation of Negative Experience with Perception of Campus Safety



Results

Alternate Safety Measures

- Buddy System
- Self-Defense
- Real Police Official
- Technology
- Limit Night Travel
- Use Common Sense

Implications

- More positive interactions
- Focus groups to understand perception of campus police
- Debunk myths

Conclusion

Correlation exists between interaction and perception of campus police and safety. Students utilize alternative safety methods due in some part to perception of campus safety.