

College Students Perceptions of Militarized Police Response to Protests

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Abstract

This study explores the opinions of college students when militarized police are deployed to protests. The study utilizes an online survey and the data from the survey is analyzed through a bivariate correlation and a descriptive statistics frequency test.

Questions

- Do college students support police militarization?
- Is there significance between police militarization and levels of the Perceptions Of Police Scale?

Methodology

An online survey was utilized gathering to gather the perceptions of college students.

- A bivariate correlation test and descriptive statistics frequency test were run on the information gathered

Findings

- College students were in support of a middle ground
- Significance was found between militarization and several POPS factor

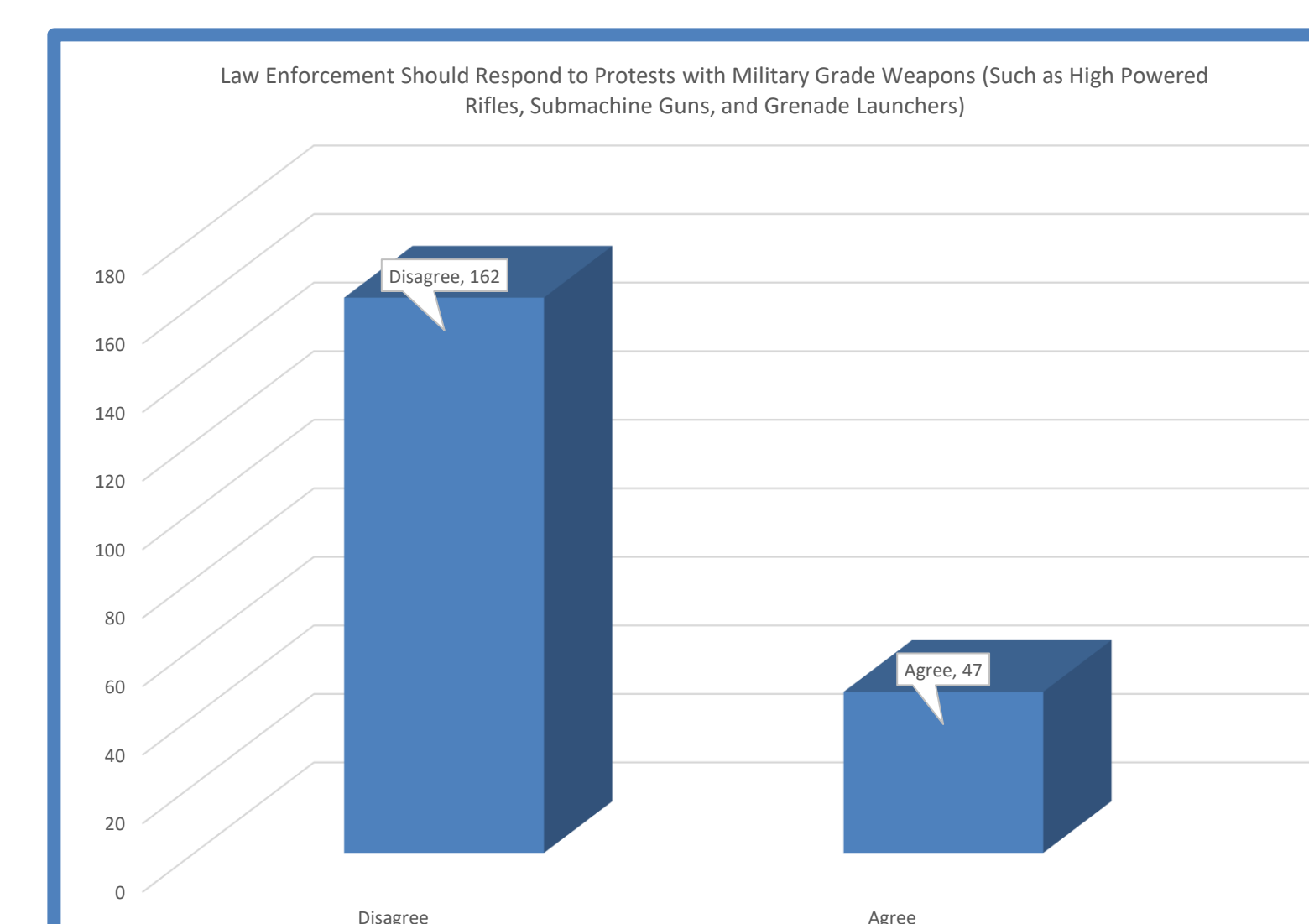
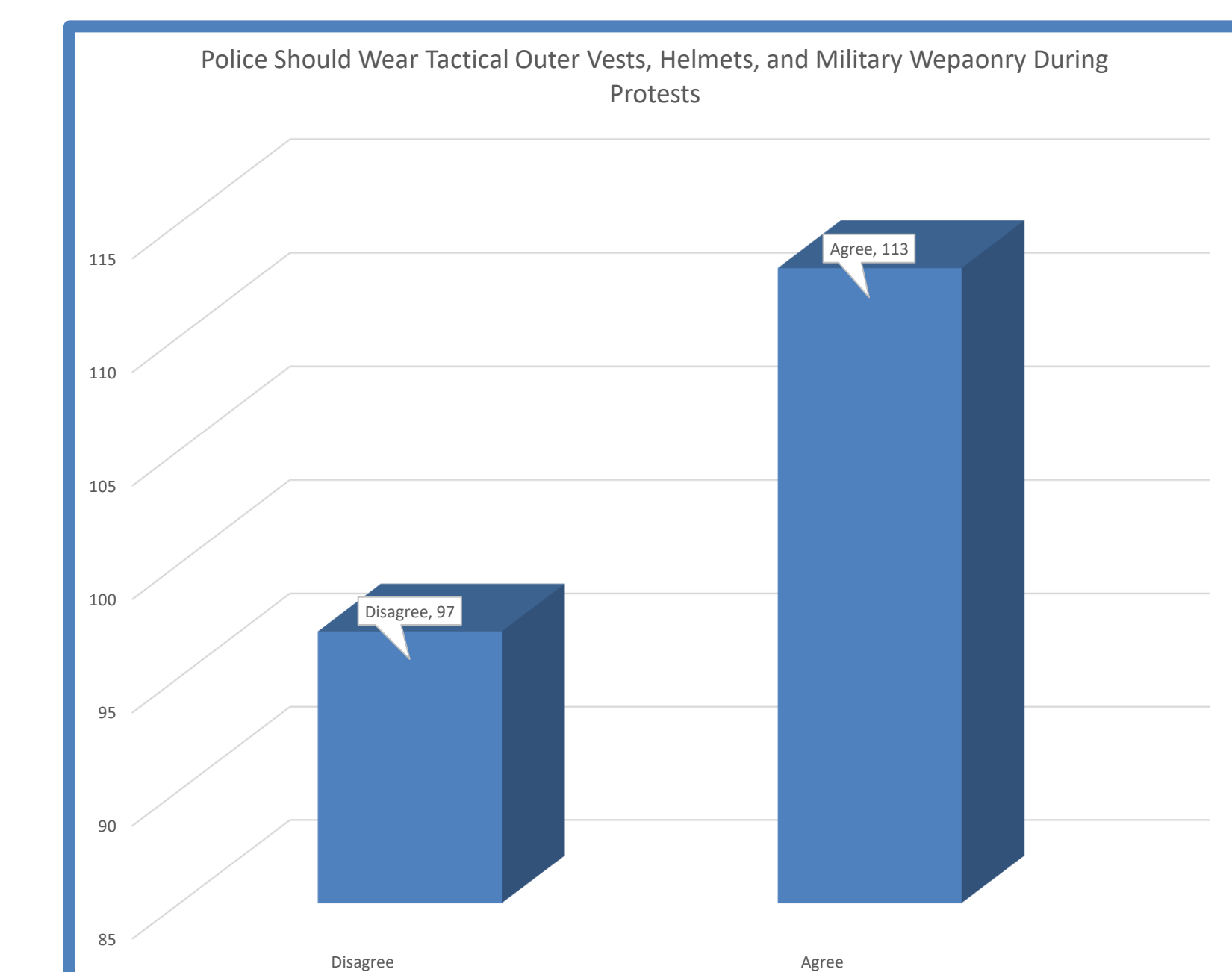
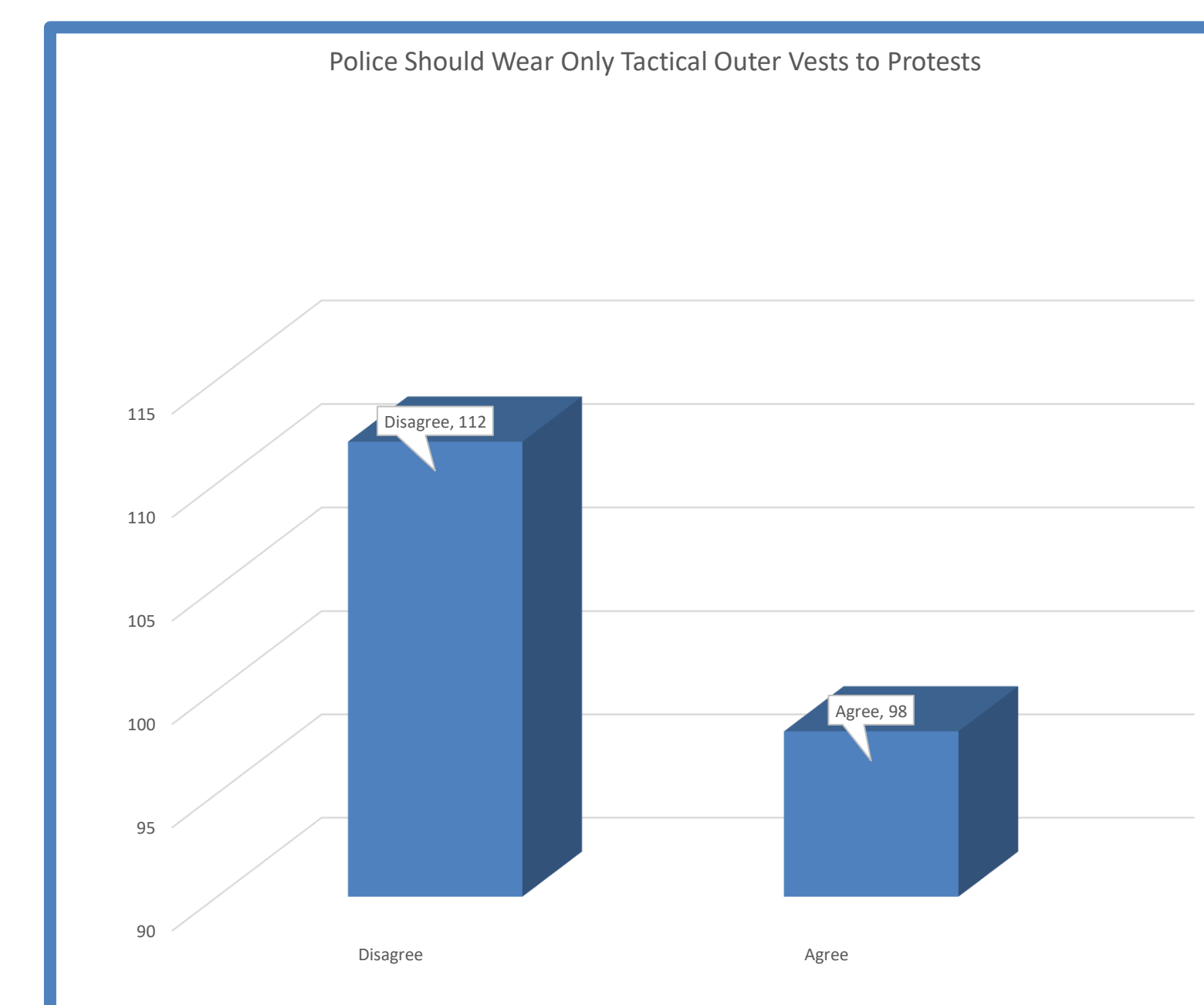
Conclusions

The results of this study suggest that college students are not in support of strong militarized police at protests, however, they are also not in support of under-protection for officers. The results also suggest that the POPS are dependent on the use of military weapons and vehicles in protests

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	Military Weapons	Military Vehicles
Police are Friendly	.252**	.359**
Police Protect Me	.145	.239**
Police are Good for the Community	.154*	.250**
Police do not Discriminate Against Others	.291*	.439**
There are a Few Bad Police Officers that Negatively Affect the Whole Police Force	.127	.200*