

Seneca Falls – Survey Results



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Overview of Respondents

- Total Responses = 641
 - # of Village Responses = 363
 - # of Town Outside Village (TOV) Responses = 278
- Confidence Interval for Village = 95%
- Margin of Error (MOE) for Village = +/- 5%
- Confidence Interval for TOV = 90%
- Margin of Error (MOE) for TOV = +/- 5%

Age of Respondents

- 58% of respondents in the Village ranged in age from 40-69 years old
- 65% of respondents in the TOV were in the same age range

Location	Age									Total
	Teens	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's	90's	
In the Village	0 .0%	19 5.2%	30 8.3%	58 16.0%	86 23.7%	68 18.7%	67 18.5%	32 8.8%	3 .8%	363 100.0%
Town Outside Village	2 .7%	12 4.3%	18 6.5%	53 19.1%	55 19.8%	73 26.3%	42 15.1%	23 8.3%	0 .0%	278 100.0%

Years of Residency by Location

- Less than 17 Years
 - 29% of Village
 - 41% of TOV
- More than 35 years
 - 44% of Village
 - 37% of TOV

Residency Years	Location				Total
	In the Village		Town Outside Village		
0 - 17	105	29%	115	41%	220
18-24	43	12%	28	10%	71
25-34	56	15%	29	10%	85
35-44	32	9%	34	12%	66
45-54	43	12%	31	11%	74
55-64	31	9%	25	9%	56
65 +	50	14%	14	5%	64
Did not respond	3	1%	2	1%	5
Total	363	100%	278	100%	642

Was location important in deciding where to live?

- $\frac{3}{4}$ of TOV residents think so
- Village residents are split
- Over 550 people declined to respond to this question

Location Important?	Location				Total	
	In the Village		Town Outside Village			
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	24	49%	29	74%	53	60%
No	25	51%	10	26%	35	40%
Total	49	100%	39	100%	88	100%

Given the opportunity, would you switch your location?

- Substantial majority in both say “No”
- Of the Villagers who responded “Yes”:
 - 38% mentioned high taxes as a reason they would switch

Switch Location?	Location				Total	
	In the Village		Town Outside Village			
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	89	29%	17	7%	106	19%
No	203	65%	216	91%	419	76%
Don't Know	19	6%	4	2%	23	4%
Refused	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Total	312	100%	237	100%	549	100%

Homeownership

- 87% of those surveyed own their home in either the Village or TOV

Rent or Own	Location		Total
	In the Village	Town Outside Village	
Own	313	248	561
Rent	45	26	71
Other	5	4	9
Total	363	278	641

Work in Seneca Falls

- Residents Work
 - 74% of Villagers do not work in Seneca Falls
 - 77% of TOV do not work in Seneca Falls
- 7% of the Village respondents own a business in Seneca Falls
- 11% of the TOV respondents own a business in Seneca Falls

Work In Seneca Falls	Location		Total
	In the Village	Town Outside Village	
Yes	89	63	152
No	272	215	487
Don't Know	2	0	2
Total	363	278	641

Voting Frequency by Location

- Residents who Always/Usually Vote
 - 86% Villagers
 - 81% TOV

Voting Frequency	Location		Total	
	In the Village	Town Outside Village	#	%
Always	253	171	424	66%
Usually	58	55	113	18%
Seldom	33	19	52	8%
Never	18	33	51	8%
Don't Know	1	0	1	0%
Total	363	278	641	100%

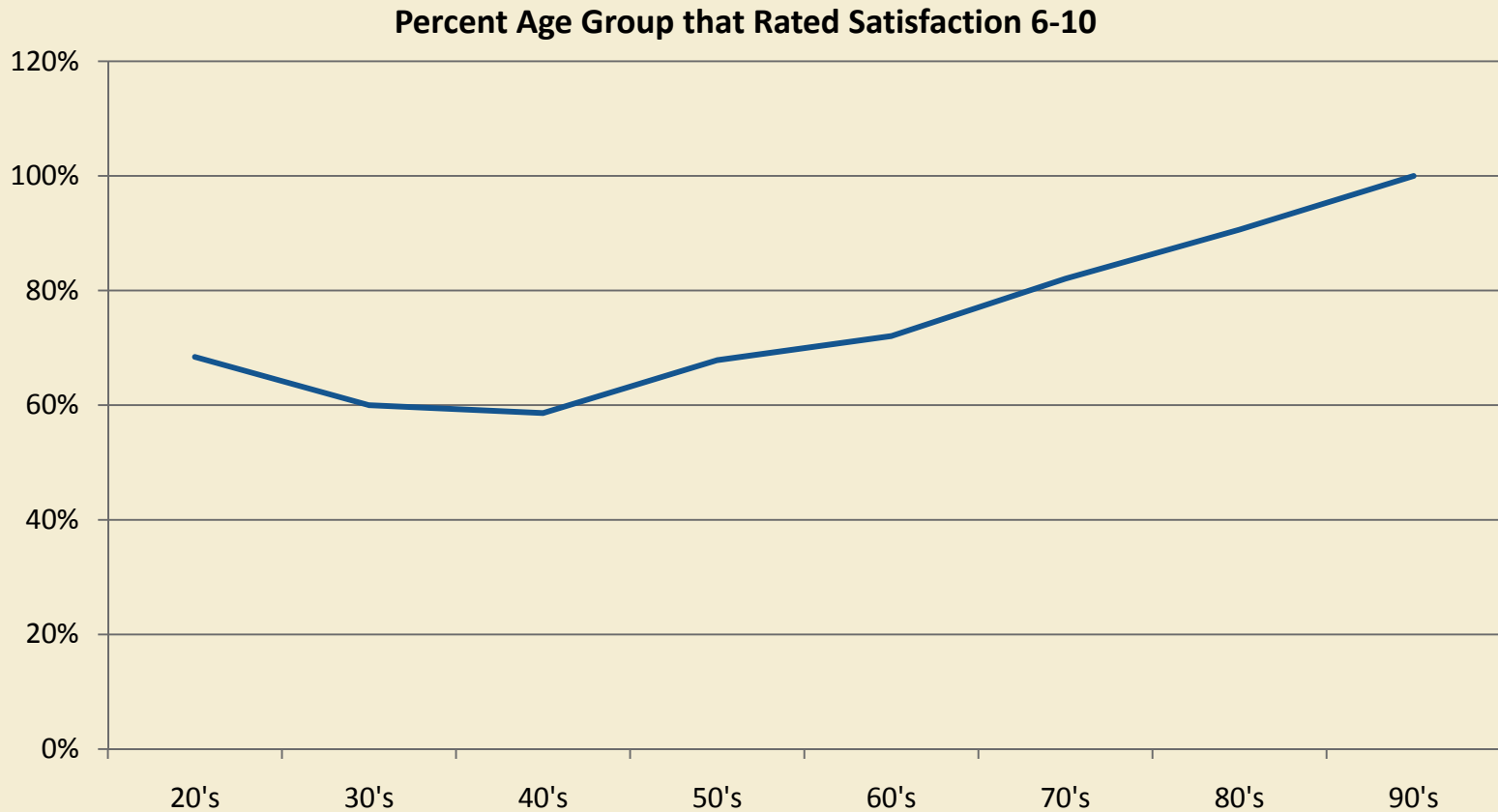
Government Services Satisfaction

Government Services Satisfaction	Location					
	In the Village		Town Outside Village		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	13	4%	8	3%	21	3%
2	11	3%	2	1%	13	2%
3	16	4%	5	2%	21	3%
4	12	3%	9	3%	21	3%
5	51	14%	27	10%	78	12%
Dissatisfied	103	29%	51	18%	154	24%
6	28	8%	22	8%	50	8%
7	57	16%	41	15%	98	15%
8	75	21%	61	22%	136	21%
9	47	13%	45	16%	92	14%
10	51	14%	58	21%	109	17%
Satisfied	258	71%	227	82%	485	76%
Total	361	100%	278	100%	639	100%

Village Government Satisfaction by Age

Government Services Satisfaction	Age								Total
	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's	90's	
1	0	1	5	2	4	1	0	0	13
2	1	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	11
3	0	4	3	4	2	3	0	0	16
4	2	1	3	5	1	0	0	0	12
5	3	2	10	15	11	7	3	0	51
6	2	4	3	5	6	5	3	0	28
7	5	8	10	14	9	8	3	0	57
8	4	3	7	19	12	19	10	1	75
9	2	3	9	12	11	5	5	0	47
10	0	0	5	7	11	18	8	2	51
Total	19	30	58	84	68	67	32	3	361

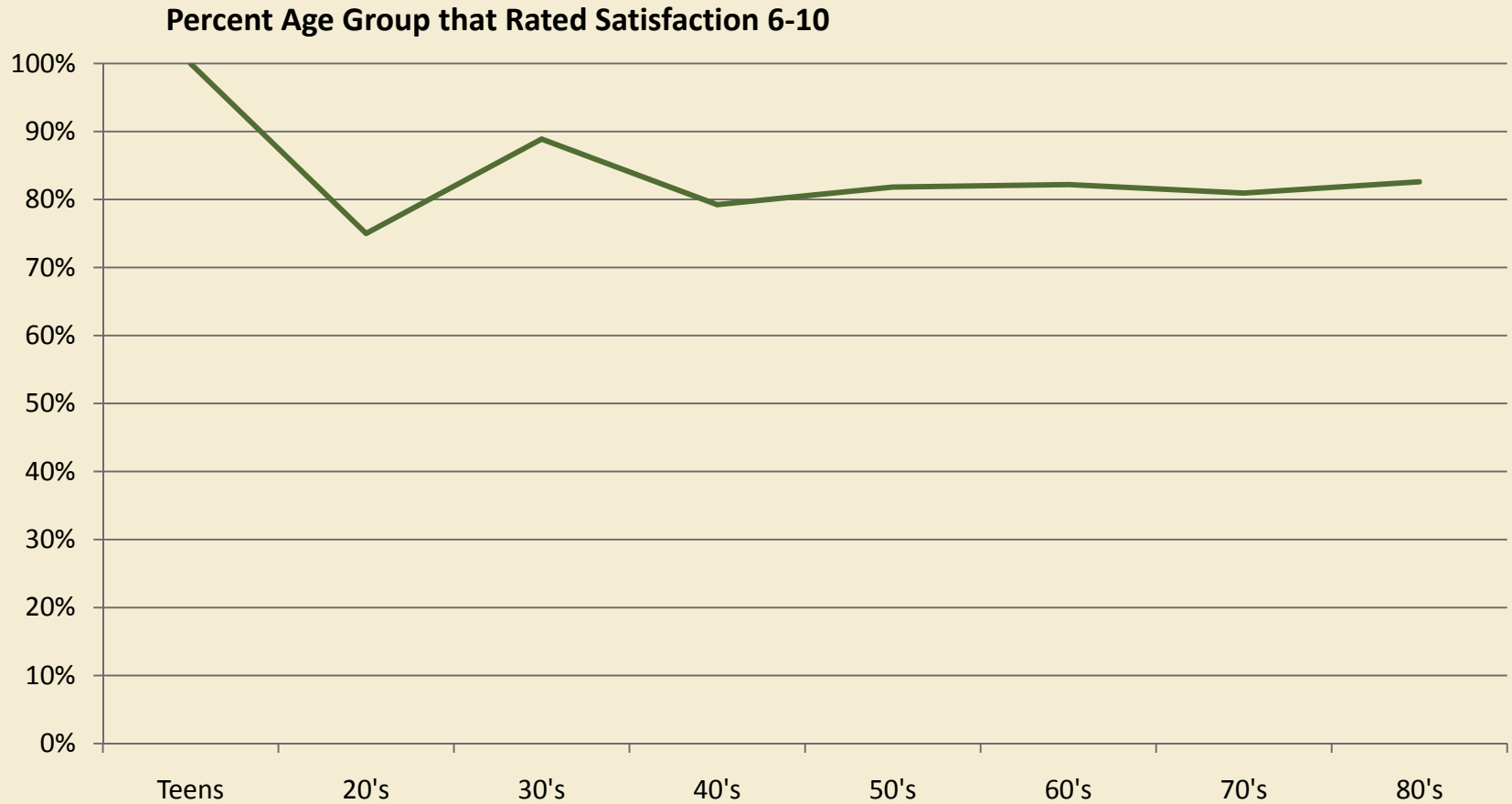
Satisfaction Within Age Groups - Village



Town Government Satisfaction by Age

Government Services Satisfaction	Age								Total
	Teens	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's	
1	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	1	8
2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
4	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	1	9
5	0	0	1	4	9	5	6	2	27
6	0	0	0	7	8	4	2	1	22
7	0	1	4	9	11	6	7	3	41
8	1	4	8	9	10	18	8	3	61
9	1	1	2	6	8	15	6	6	45
10	0	3	2	11	8	17	11	6	58
Total	2	12	18	53	55	73	42	23	278

Satisfaction within Age Groups - Town



Respondent's View of Town Taxes

- Very/Somewhat Reasonable
 - 58% of Villagers
 - 57% of TOV
- Very/Somewhat Unreasonable
 - 32% of Villagers
 - 41% of TOV
- Don't Know
 - 10% of Villagers
 - 2% of TOV

Town Taxes	Location					
	In the Village		Town Outside Village		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very Reasonable	49	16%	50	20%	99	18%
Somewhat Reasonable	128	42%	91	37%	219	39%
Total Reasonable	177	58%	141	57%	319	57%
Somewhat Unreasonable	60	20%	68	27%	128	23%
Very Unreasonable	37	12%	34	14%	71	13%
Total Unreasonable	97	32%	102	41%	199	36%
Don't Know	32	10%	4	2%	36	6%
Refused	1	0%	1	0%	2	0%
Total	307	100%	248	100%	555	100%

Town Taxes & Police Protection

- 57% of TOV residents think Town Taxes are very/somewhat reasonable
 - 82% of those also think that police protection in the TOV is adequate

Level of Police Protection	Town Taxes						
	Very/Somewhat Reasonable		Somewhat/Very Unreasonable		Don't Know/Refused		
	#	%	#	%	#	#	%
Adequate	116	82%	81	79%	4	203	81%
Excessive	10	7%	9	9%	0	19	8%
Not Enough	14	10%	11	11%	0	25	10%
Don't Know	1	1%	1	1%	0	2	1%
Refused	0	0%	0	0%	1	1	0%
Total	141	100%	102	100%	5	250	100%

Village Taxes & Level of Police Protection

- 69% of Village Respondents think Village taxes are Somewhat/Very Unreasonable
- 65% of those responding that police protection is adequate feel that the village taxes are somewhat/ very unreasonable

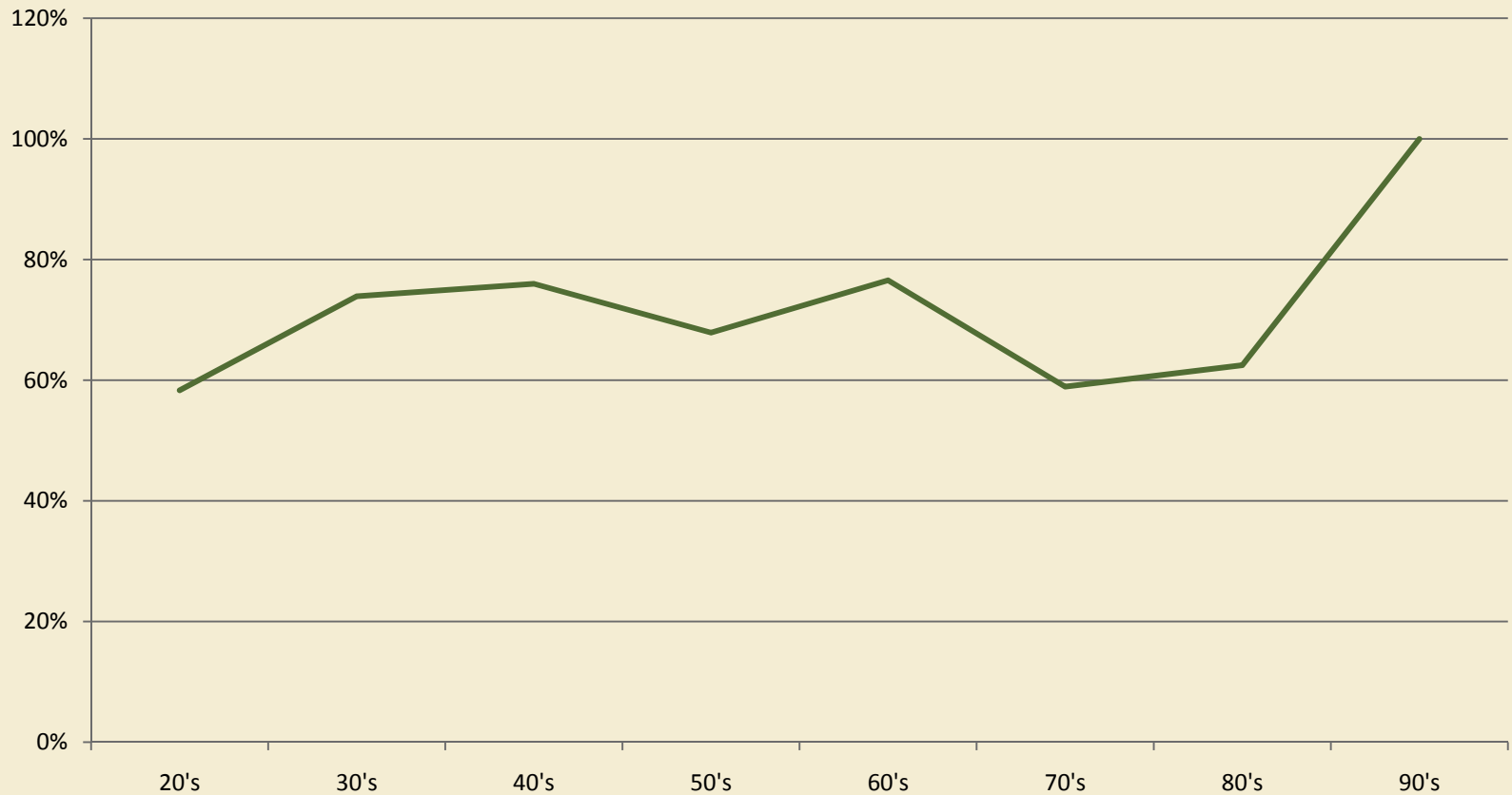
Level of Police Protection	Village Taxes						
	Very/Somewhat Reasonable		Somewhat/Very Unreasonable		Don't Know		
	#	%	#	%	#	#	%
Adequate	86	91%	162	75%	1	251	80%
Excessive	2	2%	29	13%	0	31	10%
Not Enough	4	4%	18	8%	0	22	7%
Don't Know	2	2%	6	3%	0	8	3%
Refused	0	0%	1	0%	0	1	0%
Total	94	100%	216	100%	1	313	100%

Village Perspective on Town Taxes by Age

Town Taxes	Age								Total
	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's	90's	
Very Reasonable	0	2	10	11	16	7	3	0	49
Somewhat Reasonable	8	10	19	32	18	28	12	1	128
Somewhat/Very Reasonable	8	12	29	43	34	35	15	1	177
Somewhat Unreasonable	0	4	9	17	12	12	5	1	60
Very Unreasonable	3	4	4	11	11	3	1	0	37
Somewhat/Very Unreasonable	3	8	13	28	23	15	6	1	97
Don't Know	1	3	4	10	6	5	3	0	32
Refused	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	12	23	46	81	64	55	24	2	307

Village Tax Reasonableness within Age Groups

Taxes Reasonable or Somewhat Reasonable within Age Groups



Aware of Dissolution Process?

- 87% - Yes
- 12% - No

Plan to Read Study?

- 91%
Somewhat/Very
Likely
- 6% Somewhat/Very
Unlikely
- 3% Don't Know

Village Dissolution Opinion

- 48% Support/strongly support
- 19% Oppose/strongly oppose
- 28% No opinion
- 4% Don't know or the matter is of little interest

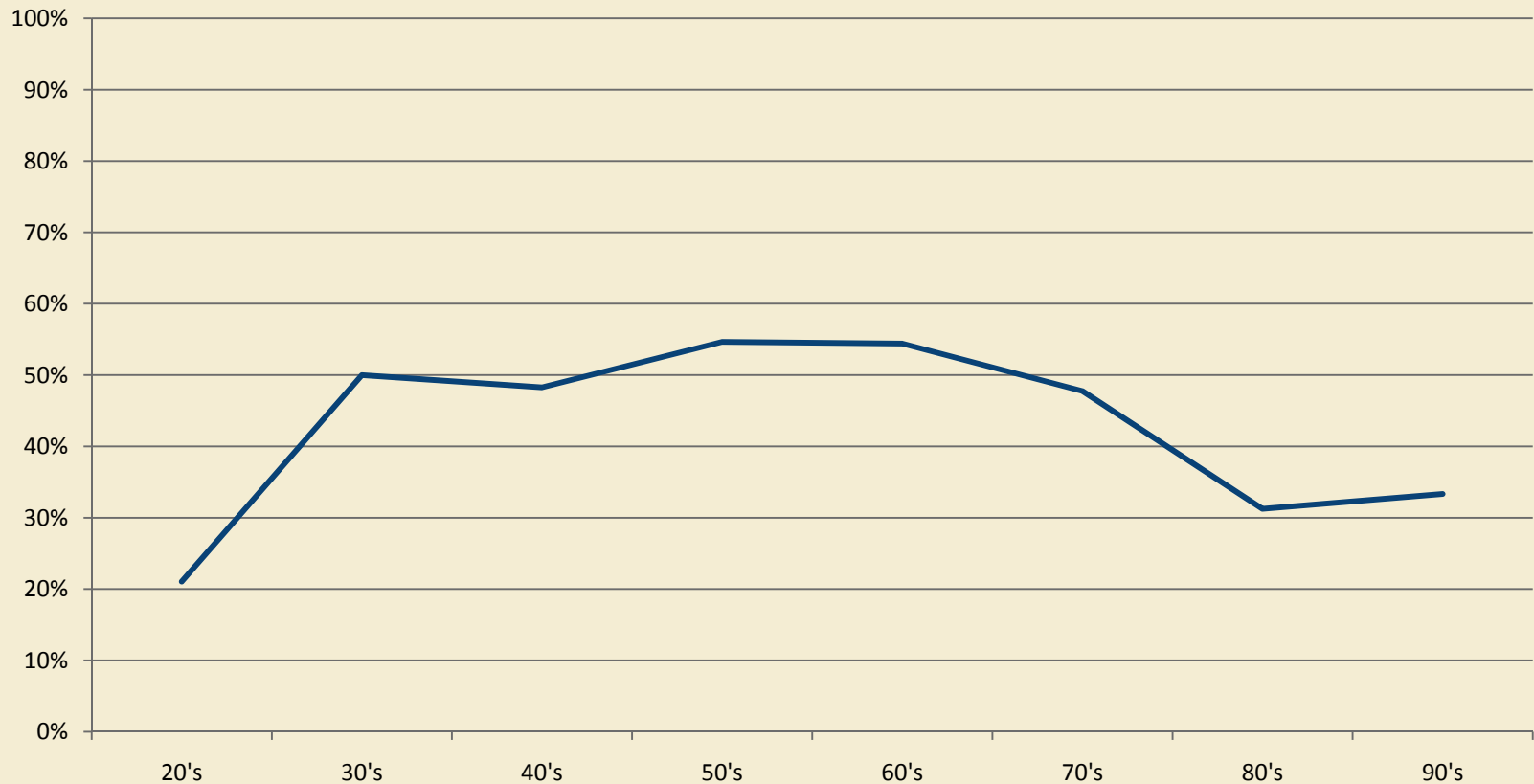
Village Dissolution Opinion by Age

- Opinions are relatively evenly distributed by age

Dissolution Opinion	Age								Total
	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's	90's	
You strongly support the dissolution of the village	3	11	22	30	29	21	6	1	123
You somewhat support the dissolution of the village	1	4	6	17	8	11	4	0	51
Somewhat/Strongly Support Dissolution of the Village	4	15	28	47	37	32	10	1	174
You somewhat oppose the dissolution of the village	0	2	3	9	4	6	6	0	30
You strongly oppose the dissolution of the village	3	0	7	7	12	5	6	0	40
Somewhat/Strongly Oppose Dissolution of the Village	3	2	10	16	16	11	12	0	70
You have not formed an opinion on this matter	10	9	17	21	15	21	8	2	103
This matter is of little interest to you	1	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	9
Don't Know	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	7
Total	19	30	58	86	68	67	32	3	363

Support/Strongly Support Dissolution within Age Groups

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Dissolution

- Villagers Who Support Dissolution

Male	Female
40%	60%

Villagers Likely to Read Study

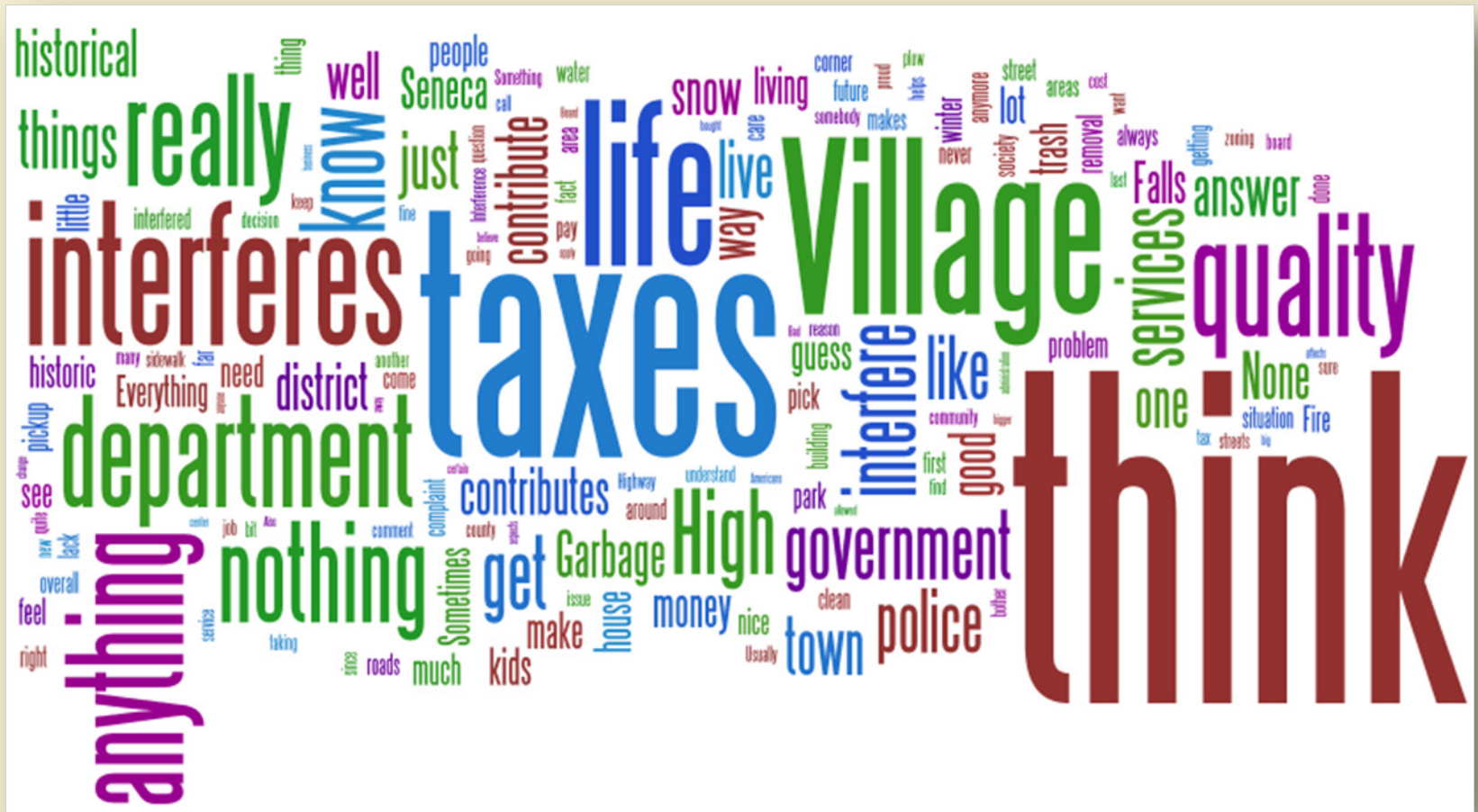
- 91% of Villagers are very or somewhat likely to read the study

Read Study	#	%
Very Likely	246	68%
Somewhat Likely	84	23%
Somewhat Unlikely	8	2%
Very Unlikely	14	4%
Don't Know	11	3%
Total	363	100%

Reason for Remaining in Location



Responses for Village Contribution and/or Interference to Quality of Life.



Police Importance



Village Greatest Concern



Town Greatest Concern



Change Position on Dissolution

