

ΜΕΤΑΓΕΝΕΣΗ



A collaborative transmedia framework developed within a practice-based PhD



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Notes on these results.

- Demographic data were not compulsory. Participants were free to give a name, gender and race/home of their own liking.
- The questions, which helped formulate the fictional texts, were loosely based on the world-building questionnaire by Patricia Werde ([>>LINK TO SFWA](#)), which was simplified and introduced to the team within the *Tales of the Wyrd* creative writing workshop by Victor Pseftakis and Dr.Dimitra Nikolaidou ([>>LINK TO TALES OF THE WYRD](#))
- Metacities is based on a previous collaborative worldbuilding experiment which was conducted in 2009 and was titled 2k69 ([>>LINK TO 2069](#)). Thank god this time the name was voted by the team :-)
- Future Research, speculative fiction, the discipline of anticipation is used as a tool. Unesco has been promoting it as a force for sustainable design, diversity and inclusivity. A Force for change. ([>>LINK TO UNESCO TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE](#))
- Prolific researcher collectives like Protopia Futures, led by Monika Bielskyte help us approach a new level of understanding of the future, in which dualities as dystopia and utopia are not enough to comprehend the vast spectrum of human experience. Her world wide research is valuable to show that economy, class, race and gender are affecting our views of the future which in turn help either change or perpetuate stereotypes and norms. There are so many interesting questions raised. ([>>LINK TO PROTOPIA FUTURES](#))
- This questionnaire started in a small country by a small team in the mediterranean. A country that has suffered greatly during the last decades. After reading these answers and comments It feels that our own collective fictions tend to be more dystopic at the moment. We hope that through the interaction with the audience and expansion of this framework we will develop the tools and information to *design a new hope*.
- If the University Logo on the first page made you expect a “serious” project, prepare to be utterly disappointed. This is a collaborative sketchbook and platform for imagining plausible futuristic events. Humour is one of the driving forces in allowing ourselves to reach deeper into our souls. Without it we are lost and boring. This is a free zone of expression as long as it remains respectful and safe to others and treats them as equals.
- If you expect half-baked philosophical quotes mixed with solid references, as we often do in the academic environment, this project not only has loads of them, but it also invites you and gives you the tools, to create your own, without having to spend 6 years in a PhD course. It is a taster of practice based-research.
- With huge gratitude to all the participants of the questionnaire and even *huger* (a hug) to all the true friends that supported the first 10 months of this project. Kudos to you.



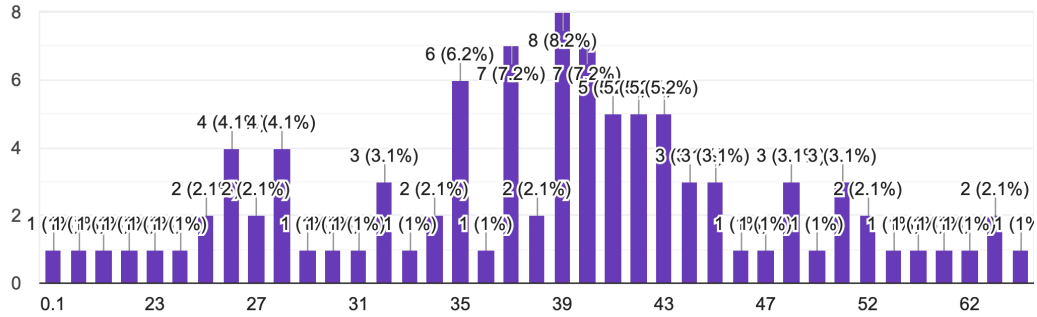
As the filmmaker Alberto Vazquez Rodriguez tends to say instead of goodbye. **Enjoy**

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PERSONAL INFO

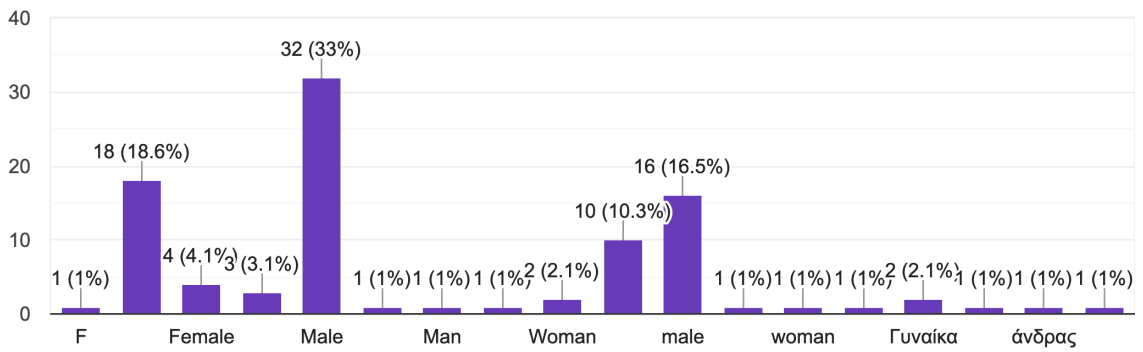
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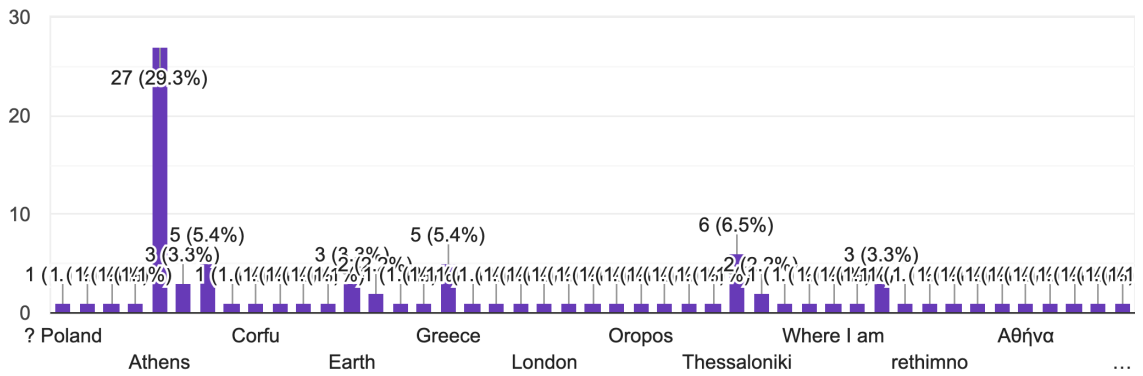
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Home

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STORYWORLD CANONS

The storyworld of Metacities takes place in Athens Greece between 2070 and 2120. It aims to be a possible extension of current technology, social issues and ecology. We need your help to vote on the foundations of this universe that will be expanded in various other cities in the world. In many of the ideas we add references to similar existing events.

In the Following questions the range was from 1-5 with these variations

1 Possible - 5 Unlikely

1 Interesting - 5 Boring

1a. Does this world sound possible?

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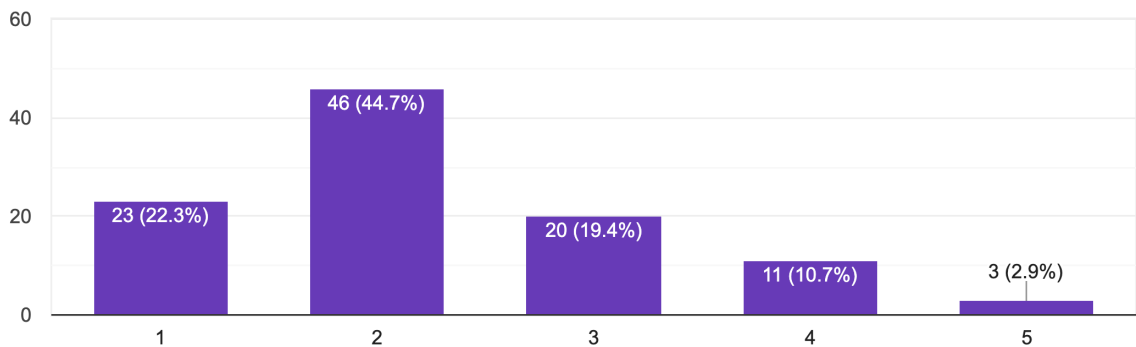
1b. Is the synopsis Interesting?

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1. WORLD SYNOPSIS. New social groups and classes have emerged. The "Indigos" are the richest and the "Phoenicians" a homeless class organised into an autonomous tribe. There are many more races in Greece due to immigration. A Social Credit system has further divided the classes. An anti-technology revolution has led to the establishment of Autonomous Zones that deny government policing and any form of internet-connected technology. Ideological differences have intensified and people are more divided. Respectively, the areas of the city have become more polarised and are separated. The center of town is less inhabited with more tourists so it is the place where most races and classes meet.

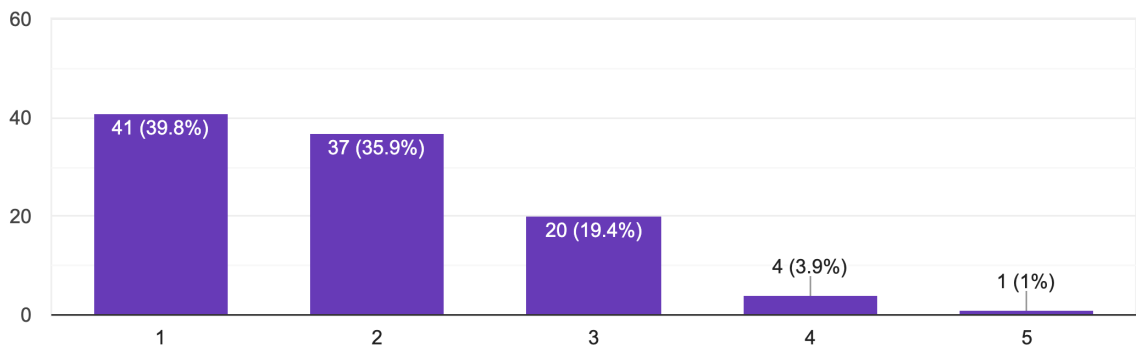
1a. Does this world sound possible?

103 responses



1b. Is the synopsis Interesting?

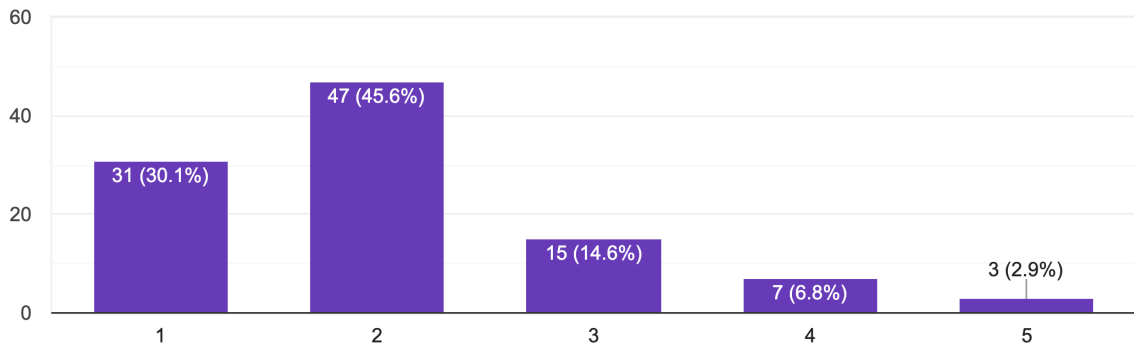
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2. SOCIAL CLASSES OVERVIEW. 1. Top 1% Indigo (Blue Bloods) 2. Upper Class Elite (Business Owners - CEOs - Mafia etc) 3. Upper Middle Class (Entrepreneurs - Managers - Doctors - Lawyers - Architects - AI Scientists High Tier Academics etc.) 4. Lower Middle Class (Gangs - Most employees - Upper Working Class - Artists - Programmers) 5. Working Class (Street People - Labour - Low working class) 6. Bottom 10% (Very Poor and Homeless - Social Welfare - "Phoenicians")

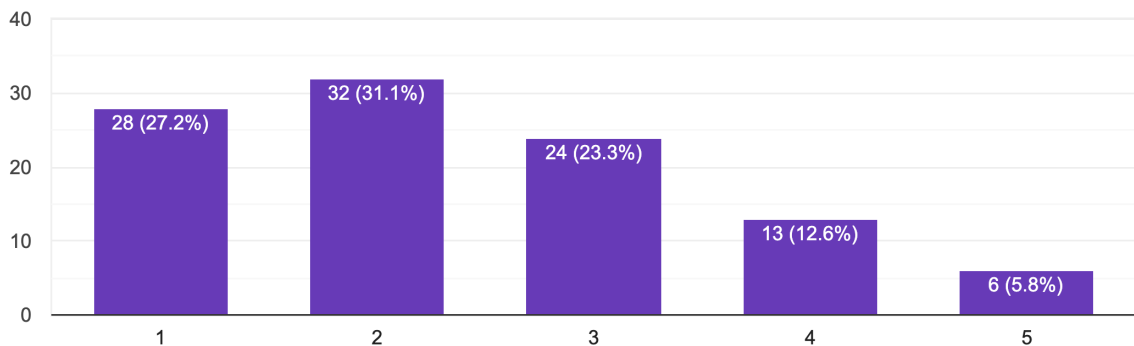
2a. Does the class division sound possible?

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2b. Is the social structuring interesting?

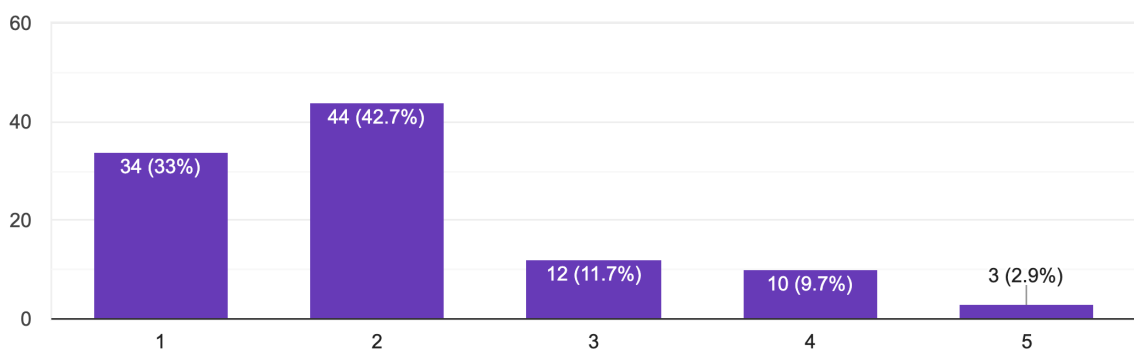
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3. SOCIAL CREDIT SYSTEM. With the use of A.I. in all basic government services, a citizen rating system was introduced. Rights and access to social welfare are bought and earned through a scoring system of most social activities. It started as a game by rewarding socially beneficial actions like paying your taxes recycling, environmental care, offering to others. However, most of its functions were soon replaced by penalties and restrictions. Initially, penalties restricted access to areas of different social status, then specified different hours of free movement, opportunities for group activity, work leave and free time. The more you use digital media and services, the more your digital footprint works as a passport into human rights. Combined with a culture where reputation and followers are one of the key elements of a person's social value, the worst social credit penalty results in a "Deep Ban". An almost complete imprisonment in all Metaverse (future web) activities and at the same time an exhaustively restrictive set of rules for the real world.

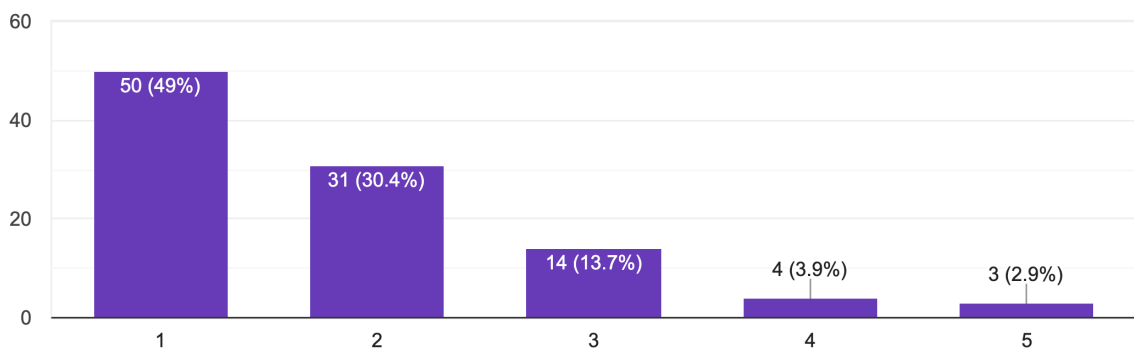
3a. Does the Social Credit System sound possible?

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3b. Is the Social Credit System interesting?

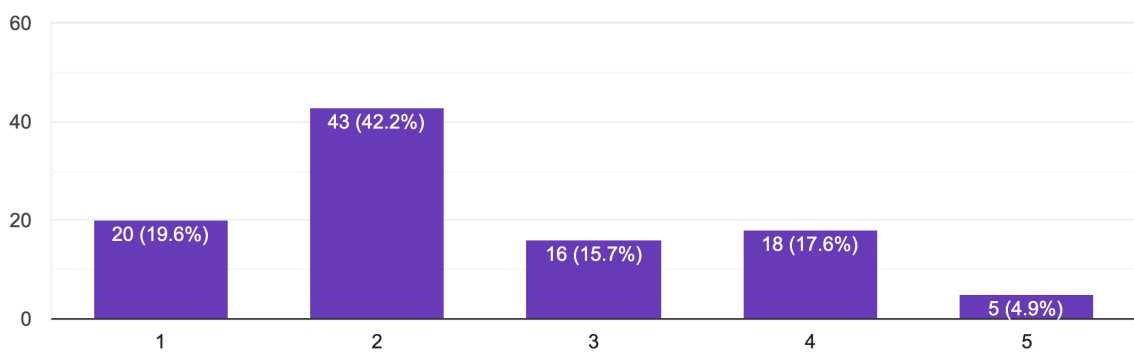
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4. AUTONOMOUS ZONES. After the revolution against the Social Credit system, rebels decided to create an autonomous region within the city, in which they would not accept the use of technology. They blocked access to cars and the police, and in order to enter the zone you have to leave all mobile devices at border stations and disconnect from the web. They use jammers to block access to GPS locators and trackers. Surveillance cameras were disabled and life within the zone feels more like the late 20th century. Autonomous zones began to develop in various parts of the city, mainly around parks, and the surrounding squares and forms of self-government and self-policing began to emerge. The government, while initially resisting, allowed the areas to develop under certain rules, in the hope that they would host a large part of the immigrants and the poorer classes. Residents use various camouflage methods, create tunnels that connect buildings and let trees grow wild, in order to move around undetected by drones and satellites.

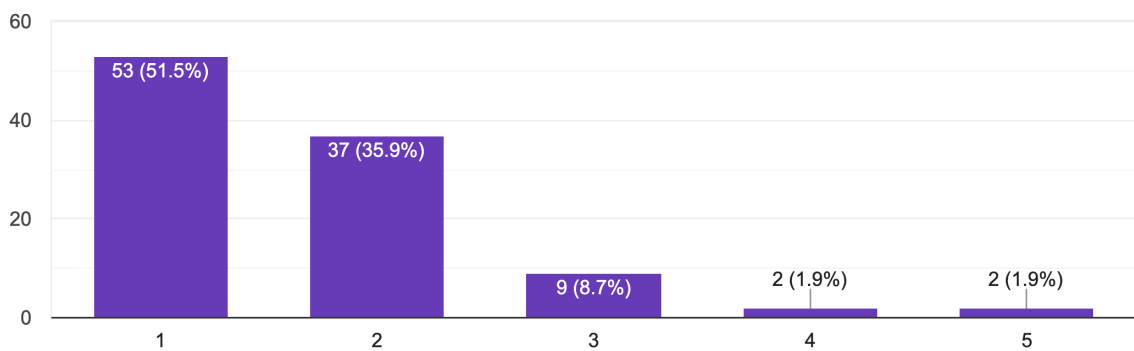
4a. Do the autonomous zones sound possible?

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4b. Are the zones interesting?

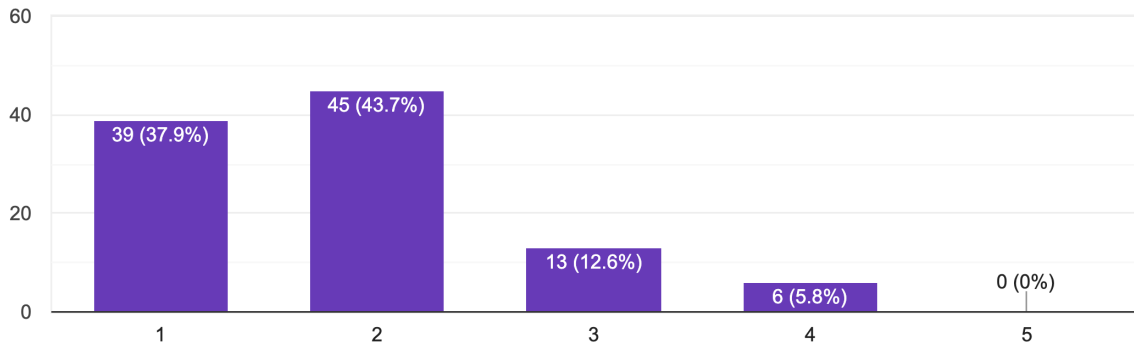
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5. METAVERSE. From 2030 onwards the metaverse, the extended reality version of the world wide web, is one of the most common ways for people to work and communicate. Many professional activities are done online and often with gaming functions. Thus the average daily use of virtual worlds exceeds 5-7 hours. For anti-technology rebels, internet bars, old school landlines and tethered phones are preferred over personal mobile devices in order to avoid leaking personal data. The metaverse is used by more than half of the internet population. Virtual spaces are accessed through full body interfaces that allow XR presence anywhere in the world.

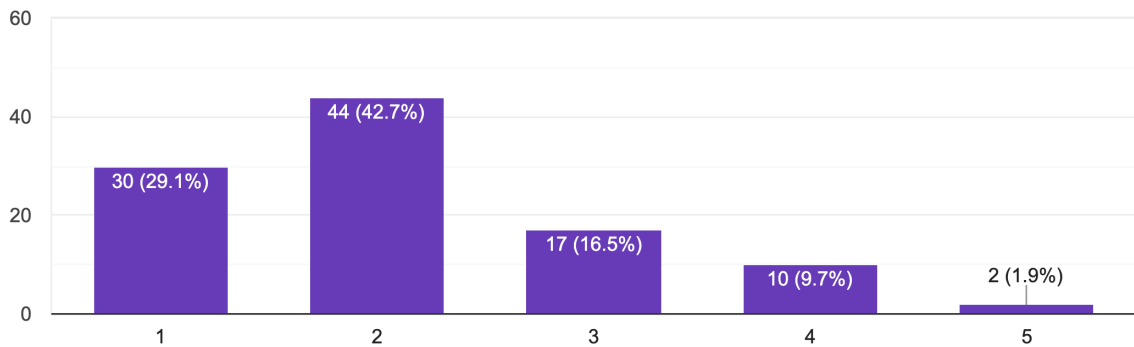
5a. Does the metaverse sound possible?

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5b. Is the state of the metaverse interesting?

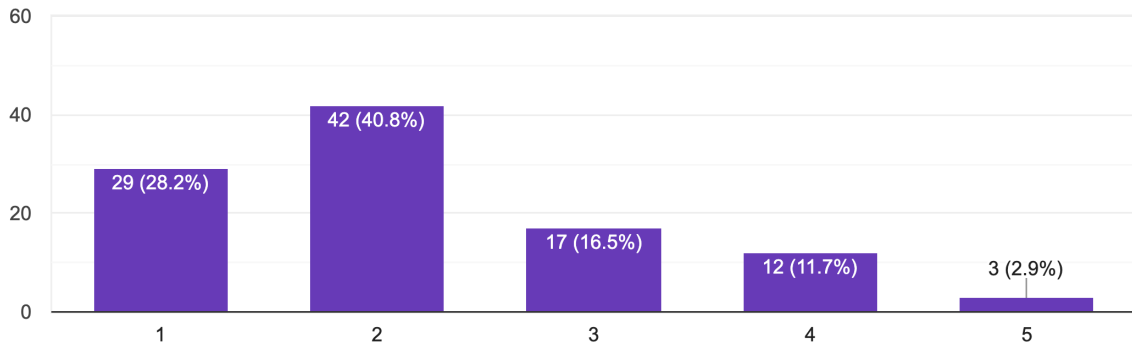
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6. BEAUTY. The standards of beauty have also been polarized with the segregation of the classes. On one hand, gender fluidity, diversity and acceptance has been established as a form of bold revolutionary statement. Conservatives and upper classes, on the other hand, have come to believe that even being overweight, untidy, and unfashionable is considered a form of mental weakness on the verge of disability. The general public, however, enjoys a freer logic of beauty standards, and companies take full advantage of this in marketing and entertainment. One of the most famous celebrities is a non-binary cyborg with a large percentage of prosthetic limbs and enhancements.

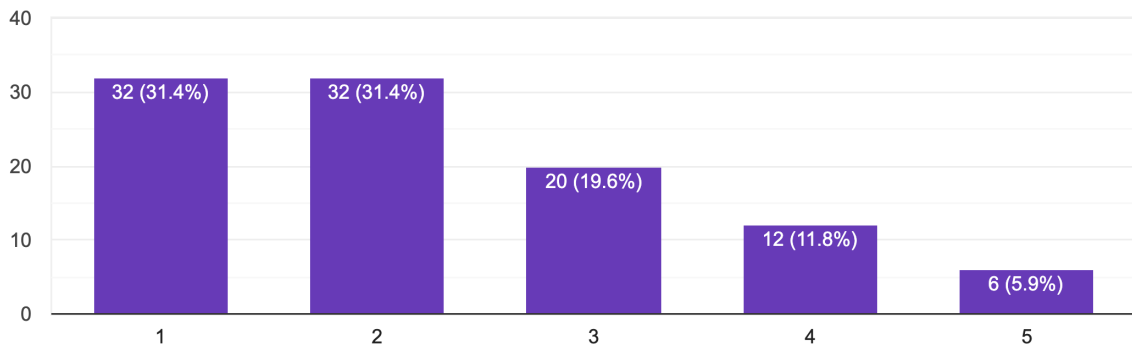
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6b. Are the beauty standards interesting?

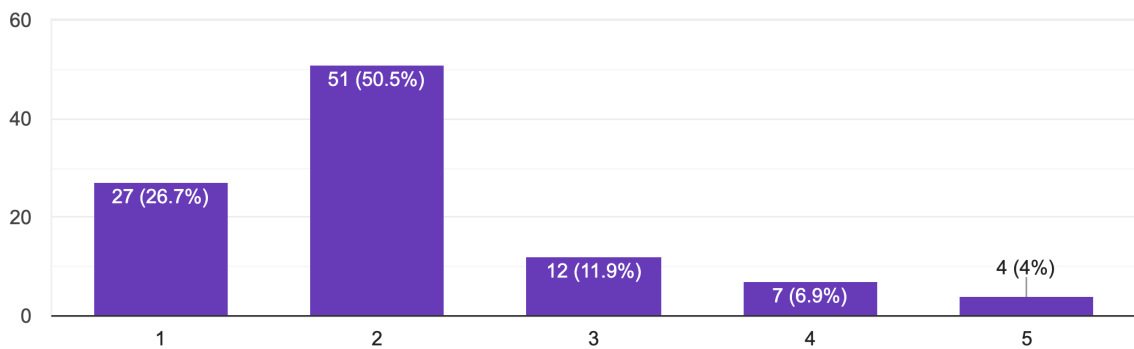
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7. ENTERTAINMENT. The most sophisticated way of entertainment is a mix of Computer Game and Embodied Immersive VR experience based sometimes on other people's memories and sometimes on completely fictional dream compositions. These experiences are given either in the form of smart drugs that activate vivid dreams during sleep, CLDs (Custom Lucid Dreaming) or through VR suites with neural interfaces that allow more conscious intervention in the experiences. If the CLDs are more like cinema, the NVRs are more like interactive games. Clubbing and a host of other activities are also experienced through NVRs with the added possibility of using alternative avatars and other identities. The most advanced NVR system allows the recording of dreams and experiences and their reproduction to third parties. But huge problems of personal data and relationships soon arose which created endless cases of conflict. In the early years, this technology gave the impression that it would be one of the greatest weapons against crime. But the unreliability of representation and especially the mental disorders created by the constant use soon made them illegal and very expensive. A kind of entertainment drug. One of the greatest projects of all time began with the exploitation of these NVRs. The idea was to use data from personal experiences of millions of people and use artificial intelligence to create complex collective experiences that people could not construct on their own. The mass creativity of AI with the visceral experiences of the entire planet. The project created huge ethical issues and was stopped. However many say It has been continued illegally.

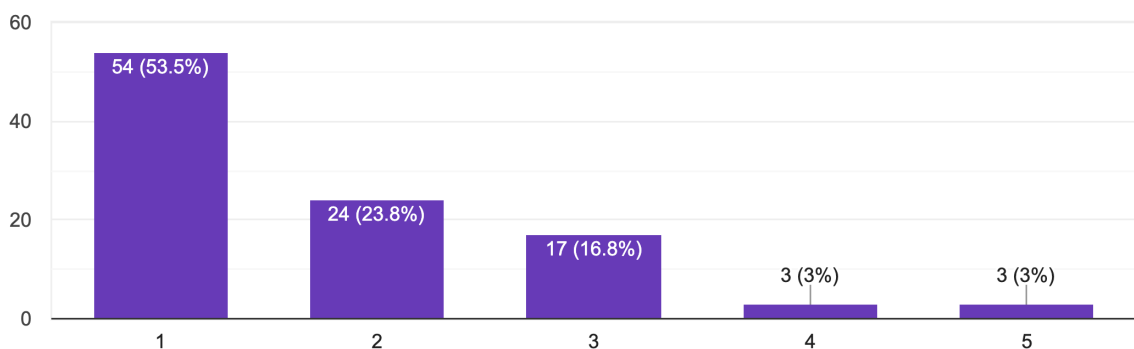
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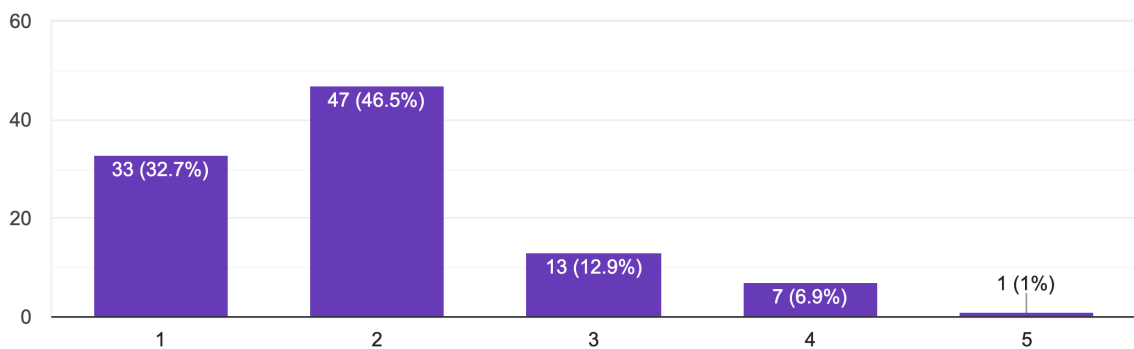
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8. VALUES. Mental health is considered the most valuable trait. The gradual destigmatization of mental illness, the competitive society and the extreme use of media and the metaverse have exposed how a huge part of the population has suffered from many different emotional and mental disorders. Constant lack of time, unrealistic expectations and the constant reliance on self-promotion, created two generations of people for whom anxiety and depression were simply the basis for more severe emotional and personality disorders, such as narcissistic disorder, anorexia, bipolar disorder and media addiction. From the 2040s onwards, mental health was no longer a matter of luxury or stigma, but of basic education in schools. These are values and needs for the developed countries however. Upper classes value heritage and family, the revolutionaries the acceptance of diversity, while the wandering nomads and the Phoenicians freedom. Nutrition has always been the staple needs for the rest of the world.

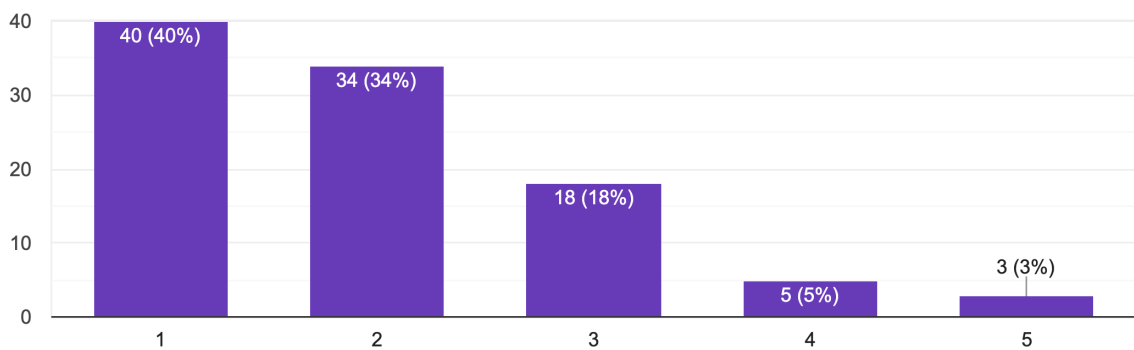
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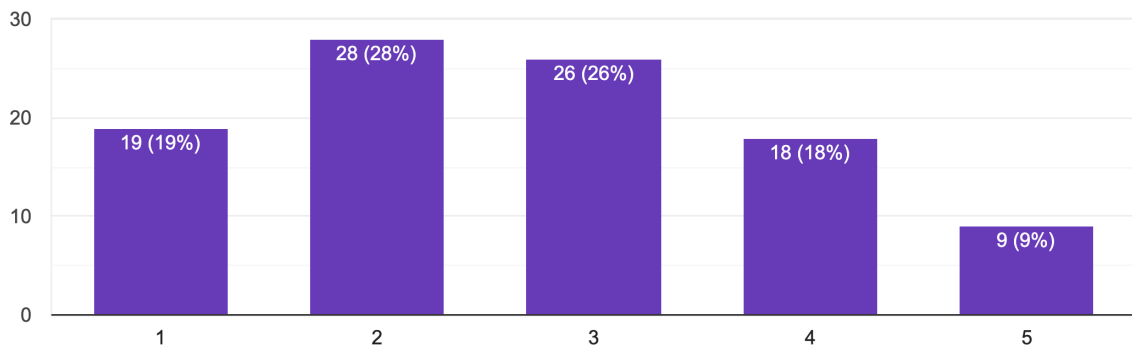
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9. PHOENICIANS. A nomadic tribe, which sprouted from an increasing number of homeless people who organised into larger groups. Archbishop Michaela, perhaps the most virtuous archbishop of the last hundred years, and the first homosexual female bishop of the Greek church, decided to host the tribe in vast areas that belonged to the church. Because religion was being steadily undermined, it was seen as a move to attract believers, while the most skeptical said it was a political plot to keep the church's belongings from state control. However, the real winners were the Phoenicians who found themselves with arable land and some essential infrastructure in monasteries and churches that hosted them. They began to cultivate the land again and produce their own food. Although Michaela converted many of them to Christian orthodoxy, they believe in various religions and many are atheists. They are simple people and often very distressed.

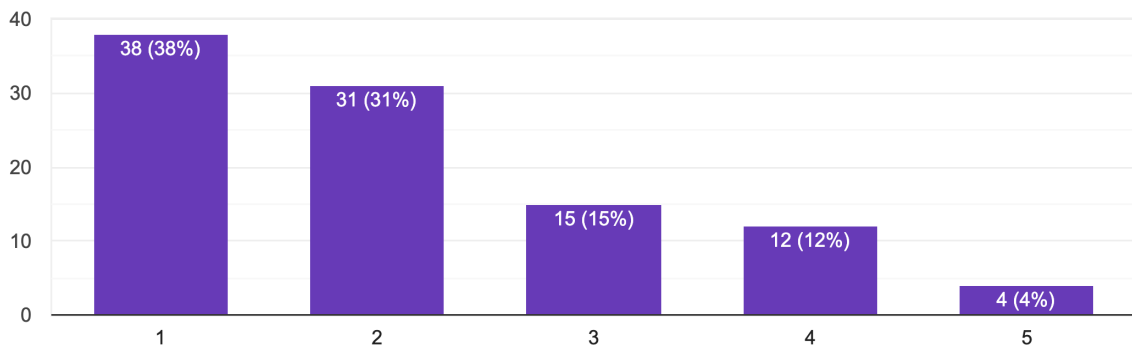
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9b. Are the Phoenicians Interesting?

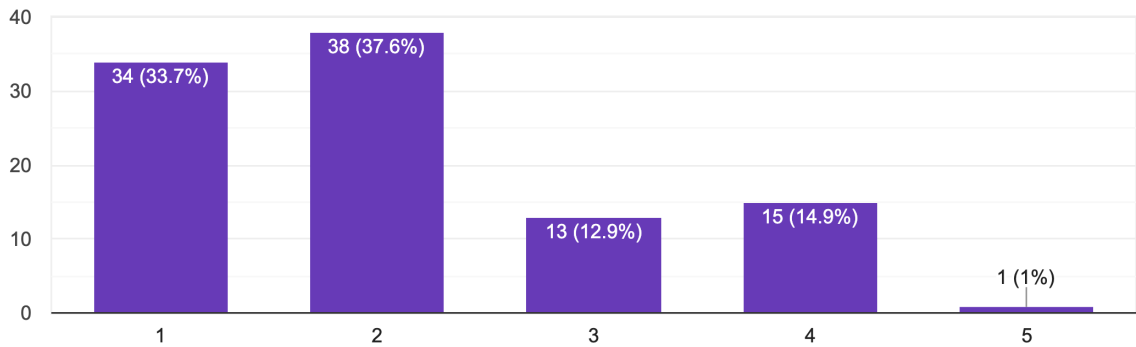
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10. LAW. Most drugs are legal. It is considered illegal to move in certain areas after hours on the basis of the social credit system passport (S.C.S.CitiStat). Cameras on the streets and wireless identifiers enforce quite strict social rules. Possession of weapons is allowed to people with a high social credit. Extreme Low Status areas are used like Open Space prisons, as they have perimeters with walls with guarding robots. Police is harsh and uses robotic support. Access to the richest areas is very difficult.

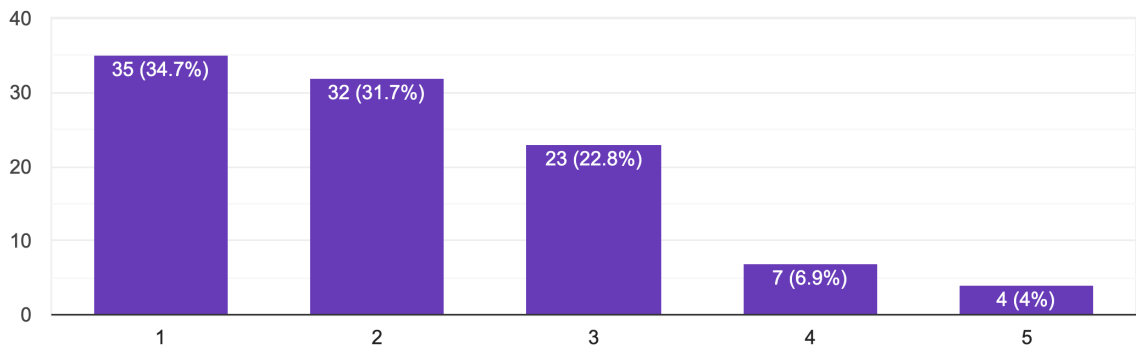
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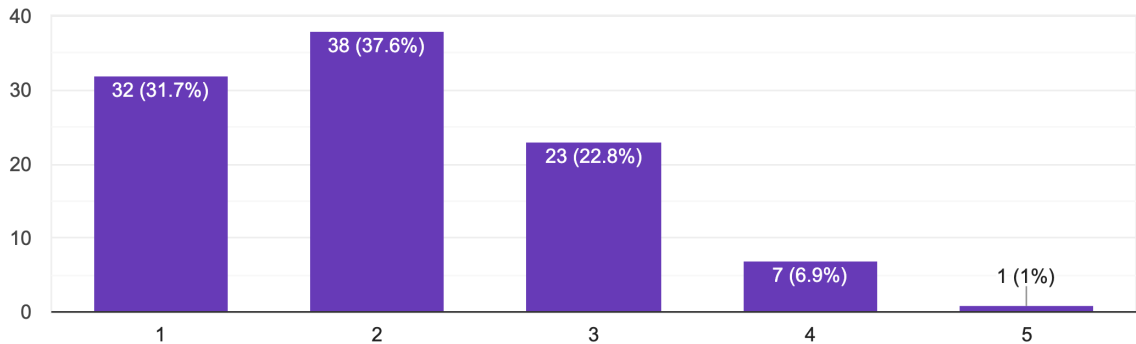
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11. ENERGY. From the beginning of 2030 onwards, renewable energy sources are used much more intensively all over the world, since the tax on non-renewable forms makes them really unprofitable and a kind of luxury. After the 2040s, a ban is imposed on vehicles with petrol and gasoline. Hydroelectric, Solar and wind are used extensively and with much improved production units. Photovoltaic fabrics, synthetic metals and glasses were one of the key technologies that allowed the charging of appliances and cars. Nuclear power has evolved tremendously and nuclear power plants are being set up in remote locations. One of the biggest projects being prepared is the nuclear base on the moon. A space station and marina for the era of space exploration.

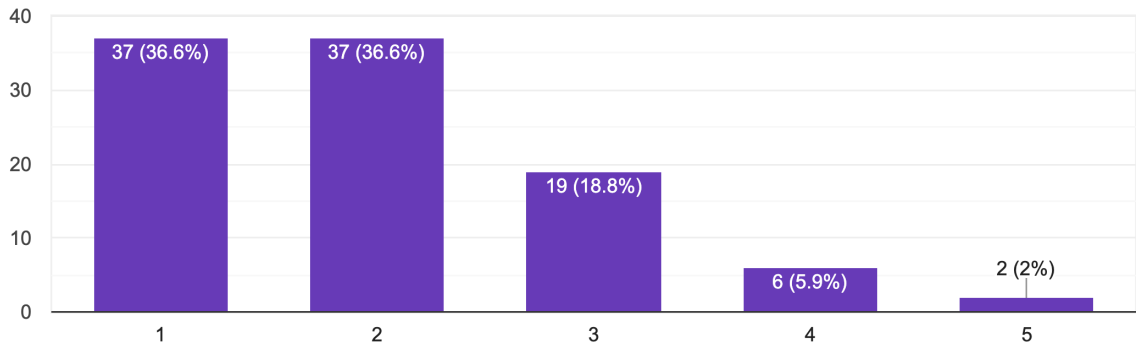
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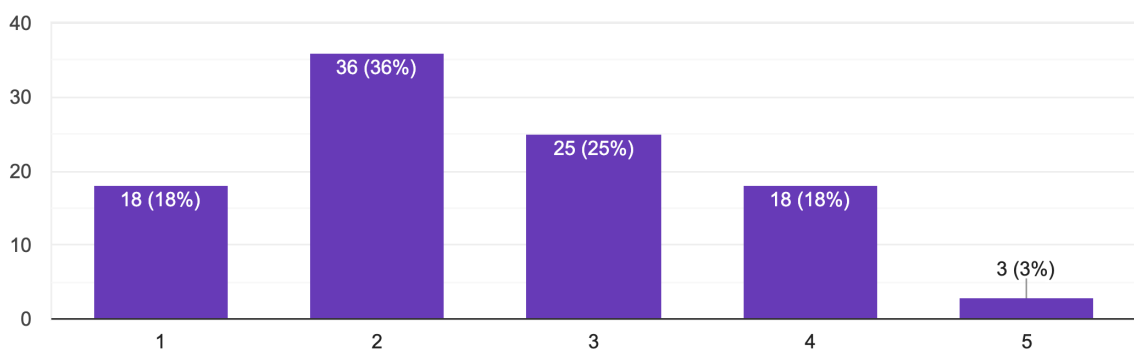
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12. POLITICS. From 2035 onwards, two types of wars are the ones that have developed the most. The corporate wars and the civil wars. Corporate wars have reached the point of not only counterintelligence but also full-scale terrorist acts and military operations in countries where conditions allow it, such as Africa, Burma and Kazakhstan. Civil wars began to emerge as ideological and class differences were polarised. Social networking algorithms, uncontrolled misinformation and Deep Fake News made information integrity totally questionable. Individual civil wars began to be grouped by the globalisation of culture. The wars continued unabated until 2060 when artificial intelligence reached the level of Singularity. A Cold War period called the World Civil War broke out then. It focused more on control of technology, artificial intelligence and metaverse rather than border claims. In Greece there is a presidential democracy. During intense uprisings the parliament was destroyed. A new floating parliament was created which constantly sails in the Saronic gulf to avoid such conflicts.

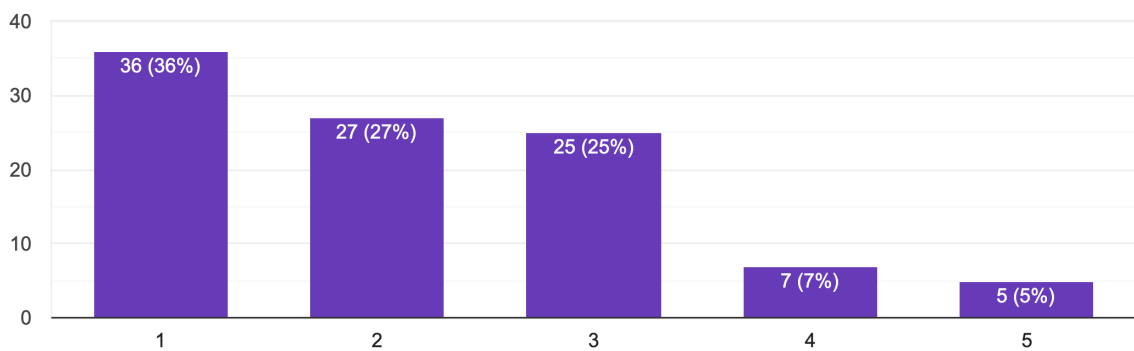
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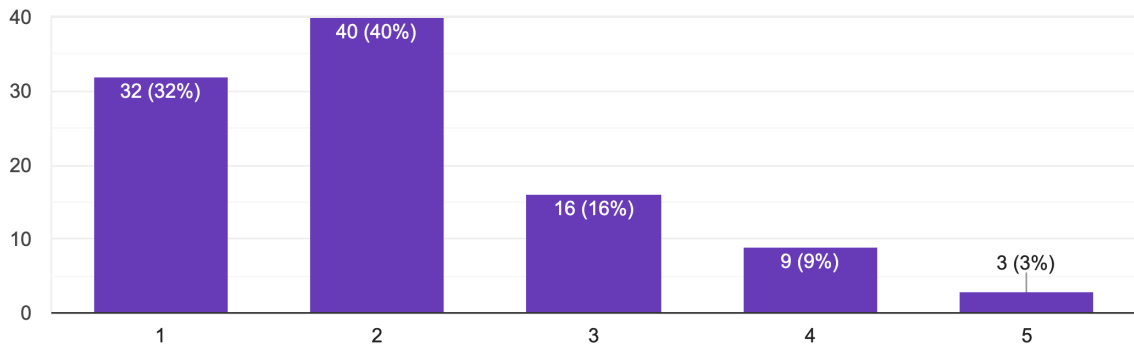
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13. ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMALS. The temperature has risen significantly, making the hottest months of the Greek summer quite unbearable with intense wild fires. The climate is more tropical with sudden bursts of extreme weather phenomena. Most Wild Animals have faced extinction but cybernetic animals and cloning have given rise to new breeds. Stray animals are banned in all areas that are policed and have social status. Mixed breeds have a huge resale value as they are illegal and healthier. There are many synthetic and augmented animals for various uses.

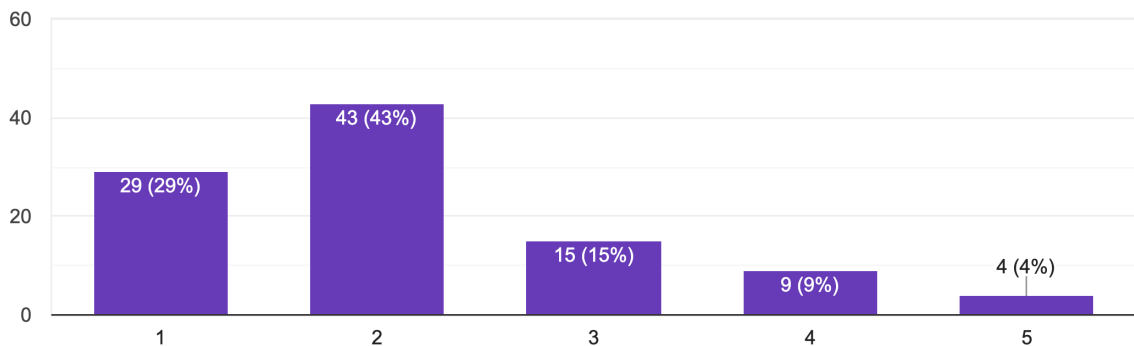
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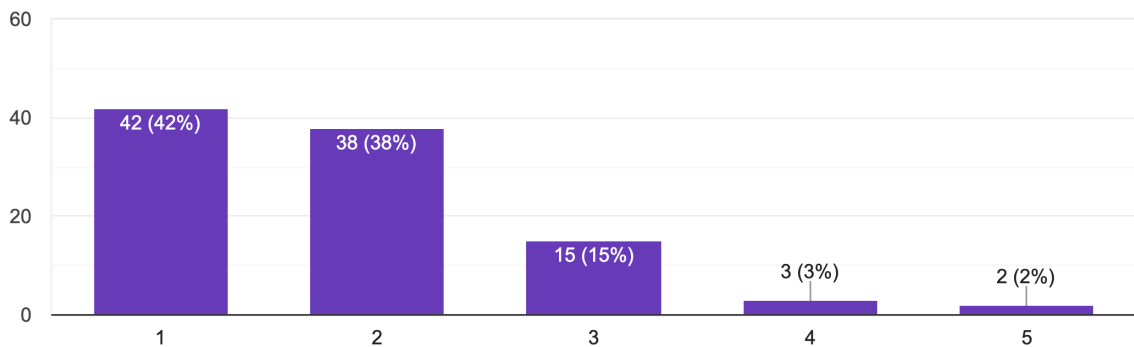
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14. HEALTH. Medicine and cybernetics have achieved miracles for those who can afford them. Synthetic limbs and instruments with enhanced capabilities extend not only life expectancy but also the abilities of older people. An increasing part of the population uses forms of prenatal screening which has greatly reduced certain forms of disability. On the other hand, viral diseases and pandemics are rapidly spreading due to globalisation and are mutating uncontrollably. From 2020 to 2040, pandemic cycles were particularly frequent. Psychiatry is the science that has the greatest rise, as the world can not adapt to the rapid development of technology and suffers from stress related disorders. Personalised psychotropic drugs and narcotics are the biggest trend from 2060 onwards. Synthetic foods are very common. concentrated bars, variable calorie products and injected nutrition for cyborg enhancements. Every kind of traditional cuisine exists in the city from the immigrants who have flooded Athens.

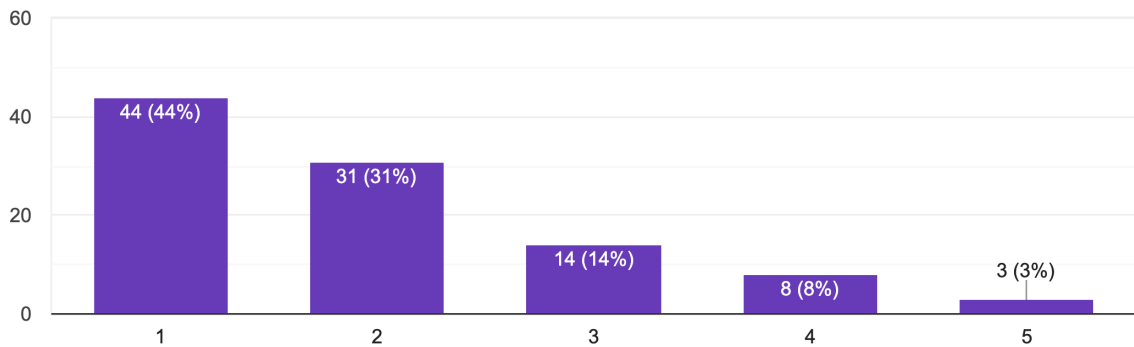
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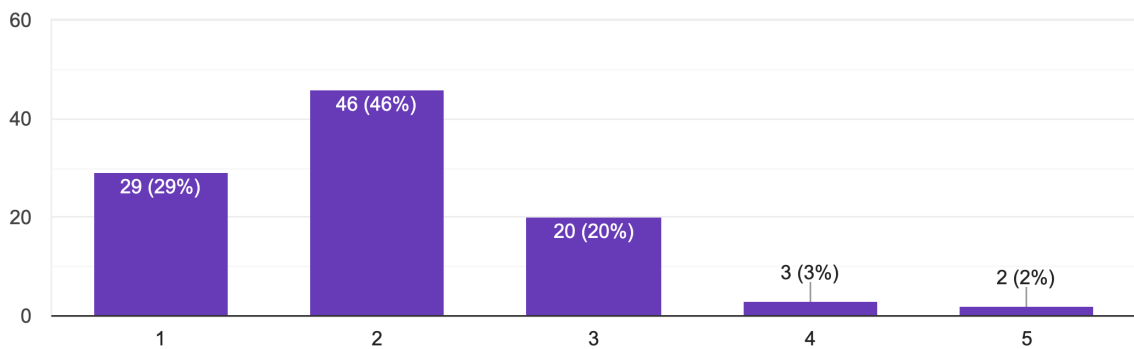
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15. TRANSPORTATION. Electric and sustainable means of transport are the norm. After 2040, diesel and gasoline vehicles are banned. Trains, trams and mainly the metro connect the city. Some flying vehicles are mainly used by the police, fire brigade and hospital services which are more of an evolution of helicopters and drones rather than cars. Automatic driving systems provide greater safety when traveling. At the same time more skates, segways, bicycles and personal cheap vehicles have filled the city. In places of the city where there is a lot of traffic, pedestrian ramps have been built, a kind of raised sidewalks that help manage the flow of people and traffic. Space tourism is becoming a huge trend since the 2050s and commercial a series of space stations orbit the earth. Mars has been reached, but similar to the Apollo missions, it was not followed by huge colonisation.

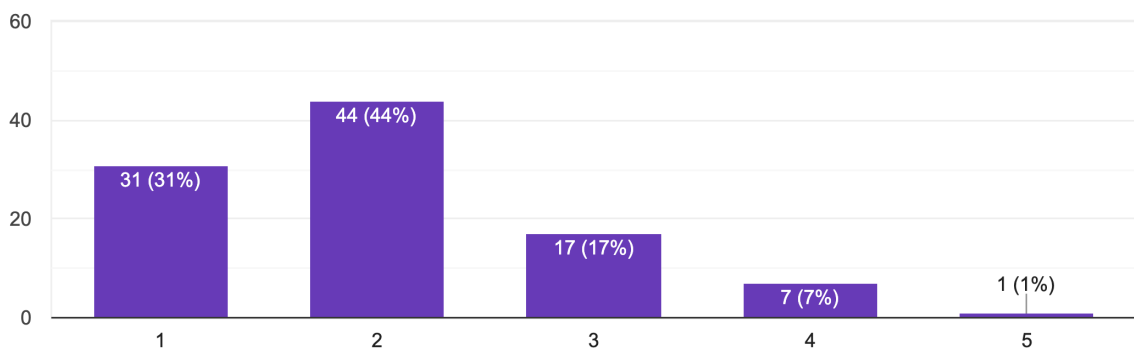
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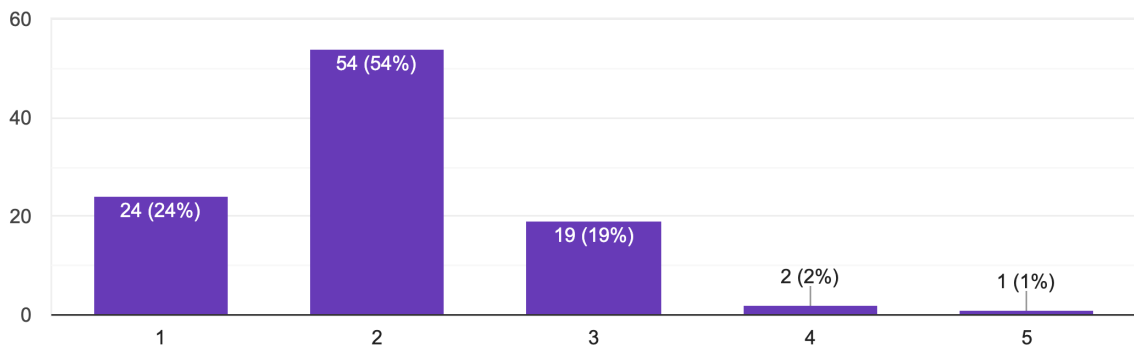
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16. TECHNOLOGY. Technology has evolved geometrically due to the constant evolution of artificial intelligence. At the same time, a large part of the world is beginning to fear and resist it as life has become more and more virtual, through digital environments and processes. Robots are used in many everyday uses as workers, attendants, home helpers and nurses among others. Transport drones are everywhere in the city. There are many synthetic animals and augmented cyborg animals for various uses. Technologies that connect neurons to pieces of hardware and software have led to the enhancement of mental abilities. Special frequencies that irritate the nervous system and chemical compounds that bring the body into a state more receptive to use its psychic and mental abilities. At the same time, excessive use of such machines and chemicals causes mental instability and disorders.

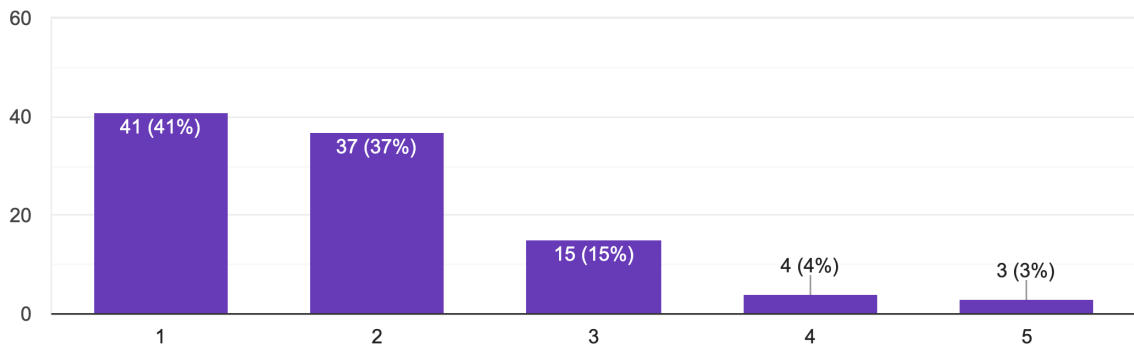
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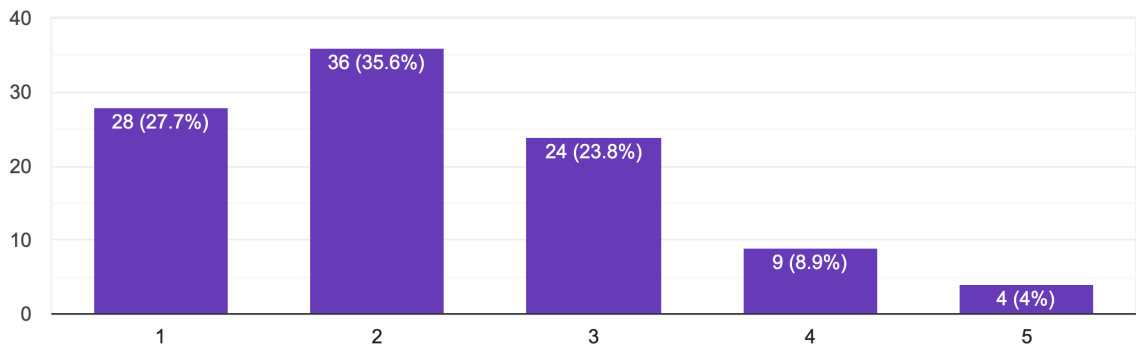
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17. WEAPONS. Electrically charged non-lethal weapons and smart guns with aim support are the two most common technologies in conventional weapons. Drones and remote controlled weapons are widely used by the biggest nation, while satellites with orbital weapons have given a large comparative advantage in some countries, such as China and Kazakhstan. Possession of weapons has been allowed in many parts of Greece and Europe when the Social Credit level allows, creating an even greater human rights gap.

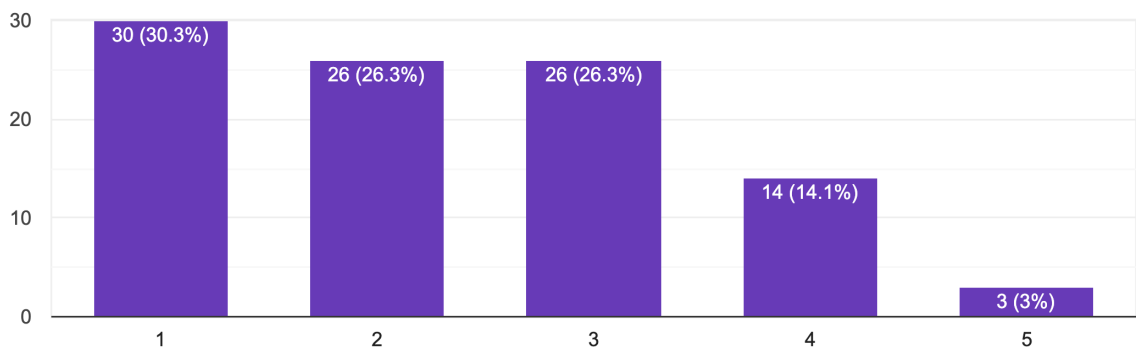
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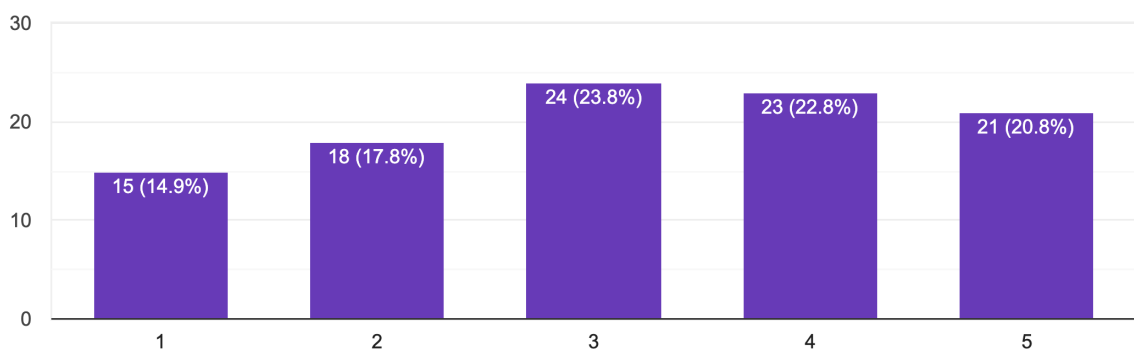
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18. METAPHYSICS. Magic is actually the psychic powers of people trained in telepathy, telekinesis and other special qualities that require intense exercise and meditation. Some people with these traits are considered saints in religious circles, some healers or witches according to tradition. Through technology many of these properties have been analysed and enhanced with cyberware that intensify brain electromagnetic waves and allow for particular forms of intuition, communication and influence. However, they are rarely discussed openly and are challenged by most people. Religions exist but a large percentage of the world is atheist. Many sects also try to modernise older beliefs and build more enduring traditions. But most people do not pay much attention to them in developed countries. Satanism is booming, as a major crisis in the 2040s has led many to perceive the concept of Singularity in artificial intelligence as a form of Second Coming. Biotechnology began to take on the character of religion for many people who perceived it either with terror or ignorance and as a promise of eternal life.

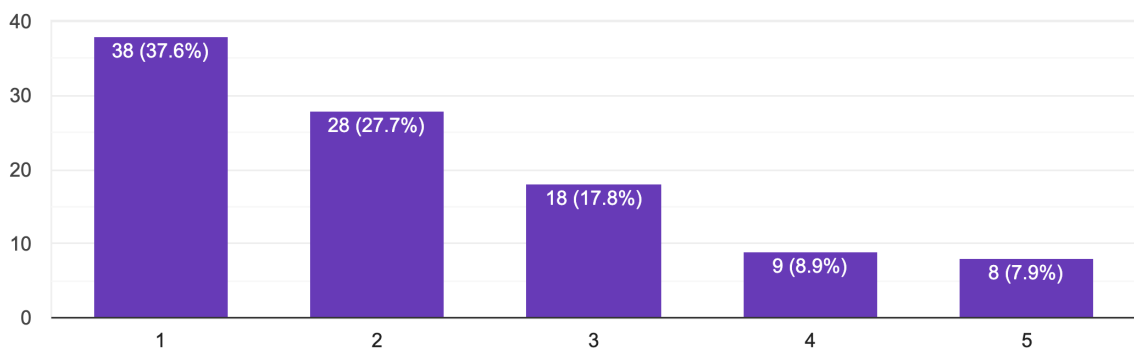
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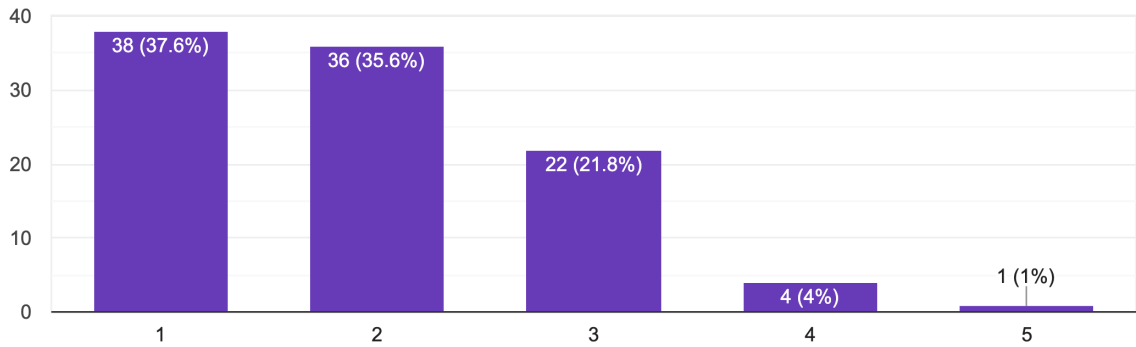
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19. GENDER AND FAMILY. After decades of great strife and turmoil after 2040 there began to be a much more relaxed approach to gender and sexuality. They have become more a matter of choice than of compliance with standards. The acceptance of gender diversity has greatly expanded the concept of family. There are families with two or even three parents with different combinations of genders, sexual and romantic preferences.

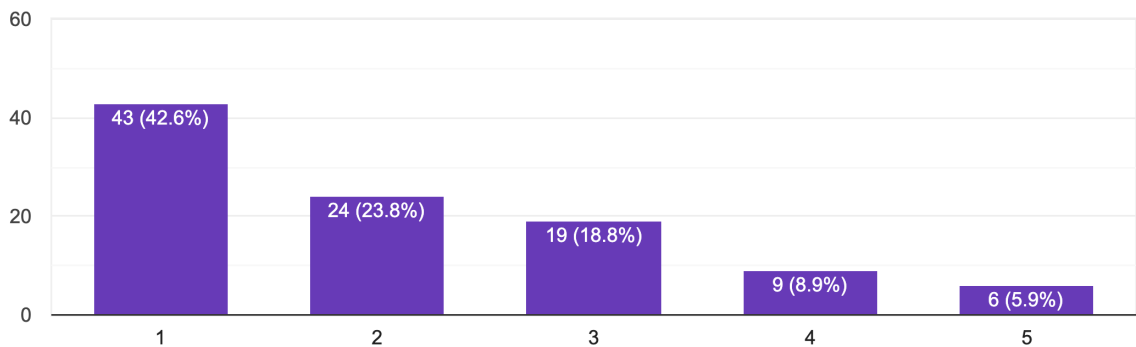
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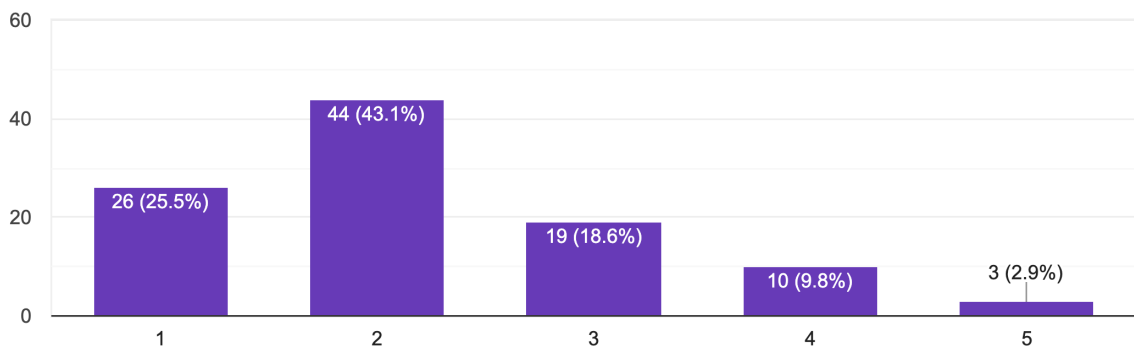
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20. EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE. Private education is very expensive for the average Greek and public education is struggling to survive after decades of corruption. However, the use of metaverse and online courses for self-education allow anyone with access to relatively simple technology to learn almost anything. English is the international language. Greek has worn out with time and its constant mixing with foreign words and concepts. It is considered a luxury and an element of aristocracy to speak and especially to write properly in Greek. The revolutionaries try to restore its use as much as possible and mix it with slang words, as it is a language that can be read by fewer people and it is more difficult to filter by artificial intelligence systems.

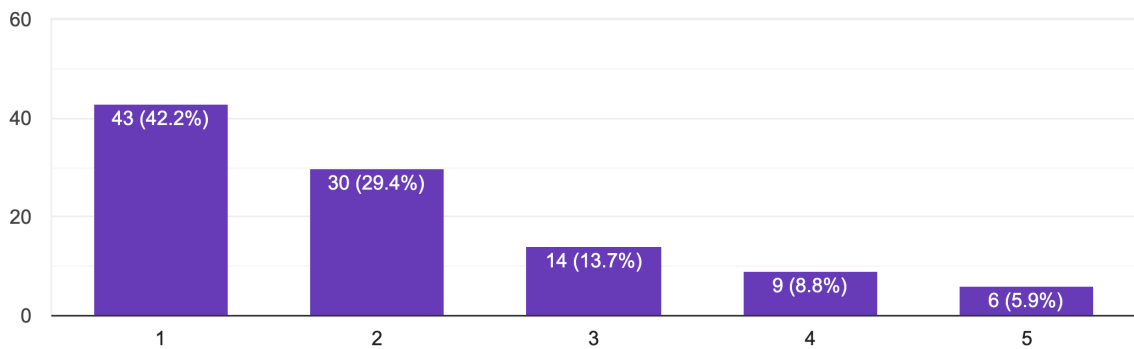
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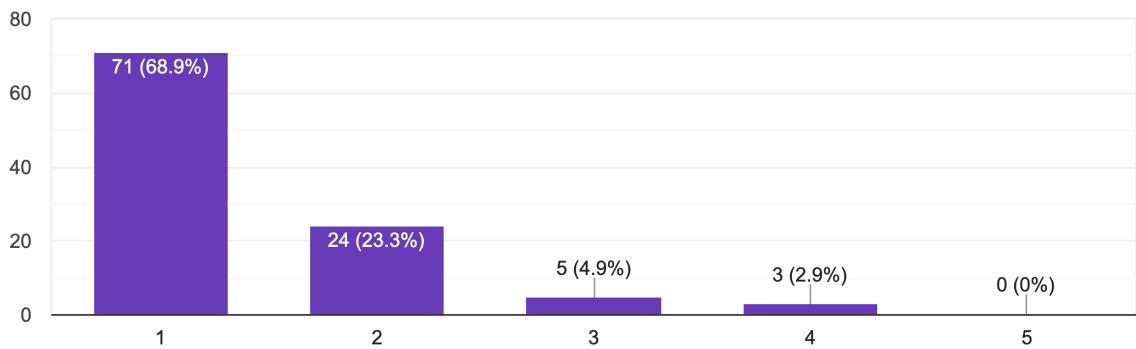
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Would you want to see media (films, comics, literature, VR) from this universe?

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Very interested Not interested

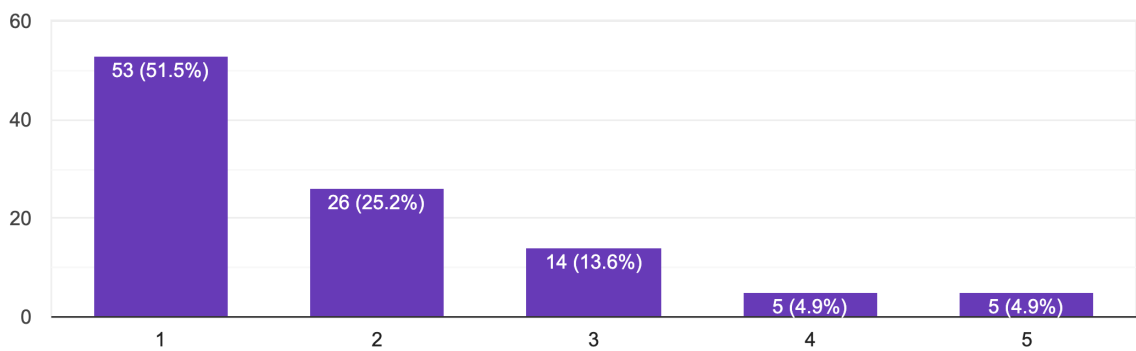
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Very interested Not interested

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103 responses



PARTICIPANTS COMMENTS LEFT IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE
(THANK YOU SO MUCH)

Reading the descriptions I feel more attracted to the concepts closely aligned to our current experience. I like seeing our hopes and fears for the future expressed and think there should be room for both. The more technologically advanced ideas like psychic powers and robot animals are lost on me, not just because they seem inconceivable in the real world but also because they lack depth and application which makes them gimmicky. I'm much more moved by the evolution of languages, the family structure, borders and national allegiances, and so forth. But all in all I see much cohesion, inspiration, and potential in the world as it has been established so far and would love to see it expand in the future.

Three thoughts:

1) I believe the gender fluidity and different sexual preferences will be the norm in upper classes and entertainment. The notion of singular sexual preference or even gender will be frowned upon in upper classes, all would be expected to be non-binary gender fluid polyamorous etc, something that will be addressed in their naming conventions and their pronouns as "them/they" and deviations from this will be considered scandalous, like what a father and the "neighbourhood" would treat his gay son in the 1950s, only reversed.

2) The Global 1% has created their own virtual countries, which are monarchies with advisory councils of the Lord Stockholders and taken on nobility titles, such as Duke Zuckerberg, Count Bezos, Emperor Musk etc. Run by their descendants, the founders of those companies have taken semi-mythical status and their worship is quasi-religious in nature. Their offices around the world turned to Embassies and kind-of-temples. P.x. The Embassy of the Kingdom of Microsoft in Vas. Sofias Avenue has a giant portrait of the mythical Founder King William Gates and his grandson/granddaughter King/Queen Alanus Gates rules the kingdom. Everyone can make enough money to buy stock in a kingdom and be a Lord Stockholder, and entire generations can work so their children have enough to buy stock and thus have upward social mobility

3) No Magic, no telepathy, no telekinesis. Absolutely not. It undermines the whole structure. Just No! Seems super plausible and well written, i loved reading those. Maybe we could add some pieces to them along the way.

Great job guys :)))

This is fantastic! A combination of everything I love to read and watch movies about!
Congratulations!

I have an input regarding 3D printing as it is already being studied in production for housing, personalized medicine, clothing, food, among other simpler uses as in spare parts and decorations and how it would affect all different classes with mods and programming.

Phoenicians sound like the majority of today's average people (if I may) who really try to make a decent living and I would love to see how religion and atheists fight for "their" right to the existence concept and the philosophy of it while struggling to survive against a hostile to them environment lifestyle-wise.

So many things can come out of the metaverse entertainment system like AI constructing art, thus authenticity is no more.

Regarding health, will there be "enhanced" people from hacked technologies inserted to their bodies?

These are some of my thoughts, I hope they are useful and if not, then I 'm just glad you read them.

Happy holidays and happy new year

Επιστήμες έχουν αποδείξει πως η κατάσταση της ευρείας κλίμακας πραγματικότητας εξαρτάται από την σκέψη και την επιθυμία των πολιτών. Αν ένας φανταστικός κόσμος αναπαριστά μία δυστοπική κοινωνία του μέλλοντος και ο κόσμος σήμερα μετέχει σε αυτήν ενεργά (παίζοντας;), θα "καταφέρει" να την επιτύχει στο μέλλον (matrix μεταβαλλόμενο). Εδώ εμφανίζεται η αναγκαιότητα της πιθανής ανατροπής όπου μια ομάδα χαρακτήρων προσπαθεί να κάνει παρεμβολές στους εγκεφάλους των πολιτών με ευρηματικούς τρόπους χρησιμοποιώντας τα όπλα του εχθρού για να τους ωθήσουν στην αναζήτηση της ελευθερίας τους και της απεξάρτησης από ηγέτες και έλεγχο. Τα υβρίδια που είναι πάνω από το 80% της ανθρωπότητας θα συνεχίσουν να ζουν στο σύστημα που τους παρέχει η εξουσία αδιαμαρτήρητα. Αναζητήστε πληροφορίες για την Tartaria Empire και πως εξαφανίστηκε και την αναγκαιότητα ύπαρξης των Star Forts (πρώτες σκέψεις - καλή συνέχεια!!!). Angel-Καλλιθέα

So terrifying but realistic approach of the future

Μόνο συγχαρητήρια!

Very interesting stuff. Hope to see and hear more from this project.

Great concept. I hope that it bears fruit! My notes below:

Your logo is really hard to read. Also, I am not a fan of using dreams and psychedelic imagery in stories since they have no rules and anything can happen. Also not a fan of allowing certain people to carry guns. What about gun use? Can a gun-carrying high class person shoot another one?

I'd love to see a more optimistic future than the constant dystopias.

κοινοποιώ επιστολή

super interesting project ! hope to see at least a short film soon! thank you

Great job guys! Good luck with that! We totally support you(God forbid) :D

Συνεχίστε δυνατά!

An interesting attempt based on increasingly realistic forecast of the future.

Good luck 🙌

Metacities are already underway. Regaining the freedom of imagination to humans is the only possibility of a positive Evolution. In the described metacity it is evident that it is also forbidden to imagine

you have created a very interesting metaworld. loved it!

20b or 20c question. Does these questions relate to a 2021 person seeing and/or creating media of the future now? (Science Fiction)

Or a person living in 2120 seeing and/or creating contemporary media of events that would be taking place in that future time period? (The first is science fiction)

Good scenario. Scary at my age but looking forward to seeing the development of this.

Ενδιαφέρον

The setup is very interesting, although I feel that dating/reproduction issues have been neglected. Dating could also reflect the social division with the norm being dating sites and strictly controlled matching. Also, reproductive restrictions might be in place, not as prohibitions per se, but as globally run campaigns promoting limited number of offspring as moral duty against overpopulation.

Η μόνη μου σκέψη ως κάτι όχι τόσο ρεαλιστικό είναι οι φυλές να έχουν αυτά τα συγκεκριμένα ονόματα, μου φαίνεται πιο gaming στοιχείο παρα ρεαλιστικό.

I think that there would be a greater polarization of classes and less differentiation between them in such a world. More variability in classes comes from more opportunities and more chances to move between classes, so the more the wealth gap increases, the less distinct classes there can be.

The other thing is gender and families. The probable progression of gender fluidity along with the progression in genetics will probably lead to a more polarized outcome. Already a large part of couples use IVF (10% in EU), so it is more probable that Sex and Reproduction will be totally disconnected soon. In the same way it feels more probable that those that resist the changes and acceptance of technology would stick to more traditional sex and gender ethics, as they are directly connected to their chance of reproduction. It seems more probable to me that the gender fluidity will be more a thing of the higher classes that can afford to not procreate in a traditional way, as lower classes without access to the relevant genetic technologies will either be more "traditional" (at least in the sexual and reproductive part), or go extinct. The idea of sexually free and polyamorous families in the lower classes is not bad and is very probable as we already see with the rates of divorces, but the part about disconnection of Gender from Sex is not sustainable outside of high income classes.

great read. many of the notions come from existing sci fi films which is understandable, and yet there are a few new ideas that i found very interesting. well done!

I see this as a familiar for me remix of motives. Not much new or surprising elements, like for example influence of covid, like cast of people who avoid real contact.

Quite interesting project which could be improved with various different storylines.

Form my point of view I would argue that concerning the antithesis between Religion/non religion, conservatives/liberals, poor/rich and state/counter-culture ideology there would be many grey zones and many sects that combine multi faced characteristics.

The general feeling is not that of a grim future but that of a reincarnated past with the extra technology options.

A lot of ideas I would not consider 'new' as they are tropes by now in science fiction, i.e. Weapons, ar/vr, robots etc.

I'll try to give some specific notes for some questions but since it's late that is not going to be much.

1&2 looks like nothing new apart from taking the "indigo" from nwo and neohippists' funfiction. More, such segregation in cities is already apparent. Maybe it's not that visible in Athens, but actual big cities of earth are like that. Last, I find it utopic and I like it that only 10% are bottom feeders.

6 beauty standards like that were existent for centuries and the only change I see is the extra cyborg transplants.

9 nothing seems to have changed if the proletariat is still that guilible. Having a female archbishop is just what one does writing half-baked Netflix scenarios nowadays. It needs to serve a purpose or it needn't be mentioned.

10 that's just a personal opinion but having seen that trope in countless movies I'm bored of it. I believe that it's just an American wet dream by now.

11 yes, having a space station on the moon is good for stories but not reality. It's so close to earth it doesn't make such a difference, and it moves a lot faster than it. Do it, but with a reason besides "would look good on camera".

12 Africa, what a great country. I find it boring because corporate wars like that are nothing new. They have happened, they still happen. I like the idea of the floating parliament (taken from fantasy novels) but with technology like that wouldn't it be easy to be found by the commonfolk?

14 the pandemic part hits close to home. So, I was subjective on this one.

15 I think that's a scene of twilight zone, 1950s

17 why can't the pleb just steal those weapons? More, China is already a superpower. Please don't be like Hollywood. I'm sorry if I misunderstood something there.

19 there are already families with 3 parents. Gosh, they were already kind of existent since the ancient ages. Nothing new here as well, would have expected a greater lapse in reasoning than this from humanity.

20 this hits very close to the uneducated right winger of the past (and this) century. More, that trope of Greek being so complex not even computers can understand it was a hoax teachers told us in school. You're saying you've reached a singularity, I'm sure the AI can manage.

One last thing, why am. I asked whether a) I prefer a dystopia over utopia if all questions are dystopian?

Cheers

Goodnight

it seems to be a very "pacifistic" evolution for the next 50-70 years. I believe that greater changes will have taken place earlier, that may lead to massive disasters and also to unexpected inventions. I think that the possibility of humanity survival requires exploiting totally new energy sources and expansion to space.

I think that I would like to know how overpopulation was dealt with in this world. Is it a great war or a pandemic that will eliminate the population? Is there maybe a possibility of enforced birth control, or even a "natural" fall of fertility rates due to all those drugs and artificial foods people take?

Also, the role of artificial intelligence should be more examined, considering the great masses of robots that will be produced, and, maybe reproduced with no human control. Would there be a war between humans and robots?

The way people live, half real and half daydreaming, might also be the result of an overall control over humanity by beings partly human and partly artificial (with augmented abilities). No matter what their

values of beauty or gaming are, I think that their lives are mainly purposeless and rather boring, soon leading to degradation. It is not clear how this society manages to live-I mean economically. Is it totally based on the work of robots and slaves?

The Phoenicians is an interesting idea, but they would not be able to survive and keep their identity inside the cities. It is an interesting possibility but most likely to develop in a remote area, eg an island. The city gettos will always be a place for out laws and desperate slaves.

Maybe the Phoenicians would be accepted, even protected, as a rare sample of clear human breed , necessary for the future. But their influence will be very little to the evolution of the main world.

Yet it would be an interesting scenario that when the other humans are slowly and steadily worn out overpowered by the totally unnatural conditions of their life , and the domination of artificial beings , the phoenicians manage to take power and reinstate a more well governed world.

I would like to see Metacities as a positive future vision instead of another dystopia.

feelings, love, bonding, heroic behavior, idealism, philosophy, are gone?

While the premise so far is interesting, most aspects of the worldbuilding adhere to tropes that are quite mainstream in the sci-fi genre. I would suggest trying out different ideas or approaches that could possibly add both realism and creativity. Do not be afraid to use other scientific fields as well!

For instance, what if instead of psychics, which is quite cliché at this point and has weak scientific support, "magic" came from uniting the fields of physics and medicine. For example, with the help of cybernetics, a person could harness the waves of the brain and affect matter in different ways.

Hope this raises awareness while also offering quality entertainment. Best of Luck *

This is a very interesting world! It seemed to me that some aspects evolved more quickly than others. Also change takes time so some of these things, I would expect them to happen many decades later than the designated time period. Reaction/resistance to change is also a big factor that doesn't always allow things to evolve that fast simultaneously in all parts of the world. Cybersecurity, hackers and cryptoeconomy as well as decentralization would play an important role too. I would expect in such a high tech world hackers and cybersecurity people to have more prominent positions and influence on the world. New professions would also appear and high profile professionals would be different than today. I would also expect bigger resistance from religious institutions, they survived for so long, so it doesn't seem possible they would be so much deformed so quickly. Why not including more cities such as Thessaloniki in the project? :D

I found this world a bit hostile (but it's just a taste) for a metaverse, it would be nice if the metaverse could be balanced in such a way that the players can protect, vote and struggle for what they wish to have in a stable state.

The problem I faced with this metaverse is the following:

- You can't have social, economic, technologic and scientific growth without stability. Stability promotes communication, communication should be free because without it, you have Tyranny. So yeah i was conflicted because i saw conflict and growth at the same time.

- If the assumption of this metaverse is to conclude a high end science fiction approach and not a "let's put this and put that for the future" approach I would suggest to put in place the idea that humans tend to want to be relaxed and not in a constant conflict state.

In conclusion, I would like to have two main tools for this metaverse future. Growth and Conflict equality balanced and in the hands of the civilians. Our human history trajectory shows that we are healthier, more educated and less in conflict with more rights, And all of those issues were solved one by one with painstaking work.

Great job, seriously

Great and thanks for everything

Το ερωτηματολόγιο (μαζί με όλα τα πιθανά σενάρια) είναι κατ'ουσίαν ... μακροσκελεστό.

Φαίνεται ένας αρκετά καλά δομημένος κόσμος που δίνει τις βάσεις για να εξελιχθούν αρκετά όλες οι ιστορίες και τα παραγόμενα media πάνω σε κάτι ενιαίο

Interesting and challenging project

Interesting work that has many hidden gems! I would like to see some totally radical predictions about the future. More in the spirit of the METAPHYSICS section. Keep up the work!

Nice work!

Looking forward to reading stories created from this Universe or even write one! :)

Very very interesting concept. I think Greece would follow those footsteps especially in politics and social discrimination.

<https://matrix.fandom.com/wiki/Zion> Check! :)

Very well-built world

A lot of thought has been put into these foundations for the world you are building. I think in some cases (social structures, environment, politics, energy) you could explore even riskier/edgier possibilities that we haven't seen/already read in other literature/films.

CALL TO ACTION ALTERNATIVES

JOIN THE DISCORD SERVER TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

(sounds pretentiously cool in a bad way and kitsch)

JOIN OUR DISCORD SERVER TO HAVE FUN

(sounds generic and quite frankly scary)

JOIN OUR DISCORD SERVER TO MEET US

(sounds needy)

GET THE F*&%K OUT OF THE SERVER IF YOU JUST CAME TO BENEFIT AND NOT COLLABORATE

(True but sounds gruesome)

BY THE WAY THERE IS A DISCORD SERVER

(If you do not know what Discord is let us show you)

You might expect us to put the link here,
but if you cannot find it, oh well...

<http://metacities.emptyfilm.com>



What Follows is the link of the questionnaire participants who will be included in the Art Work and Film as **founders** of the storyworld.

THANK YOU!

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