

Impacts of State and Federal Policies since January 20, 2025 on the fields of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Science

We received 1742 responses from over 30 scientific societies and organizations. After filtering, 1392 participants were used for analysis. Below are some of the highlights from our survey. For a complete report, please visit <https://www.firsthandaccounts.org/home>

Survey representation

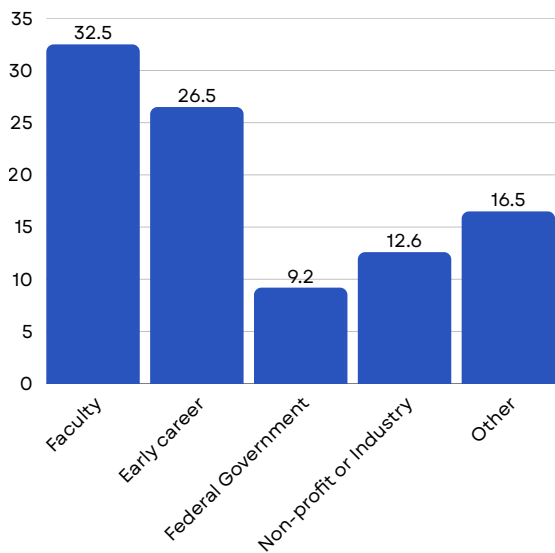
We have broad representation in survey responses, with participants from multiple societies, every US state, and most US Territories.



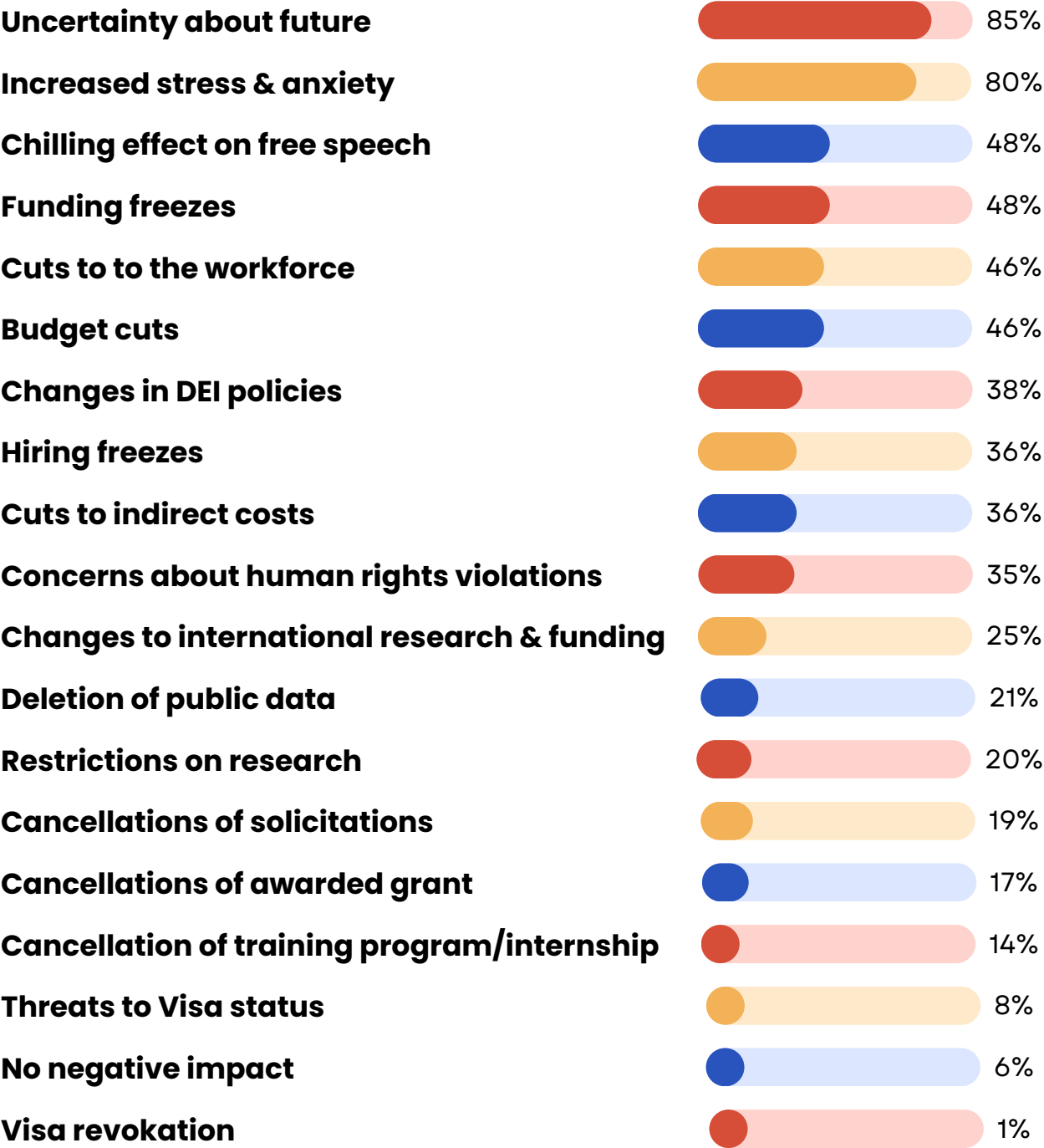
58% of respondents were academic-associated

Career Stages

Participants were spread across career stages and institutions

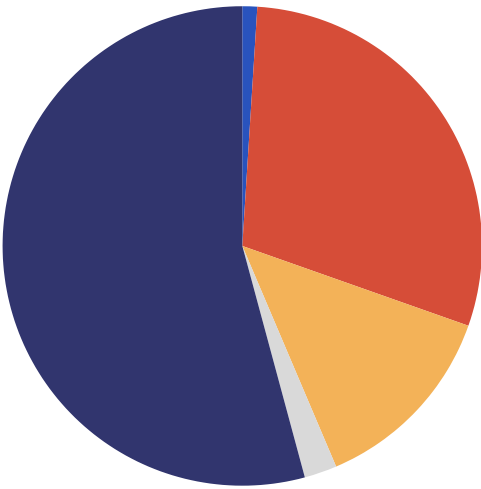


Negative Impacts of Federal Policies



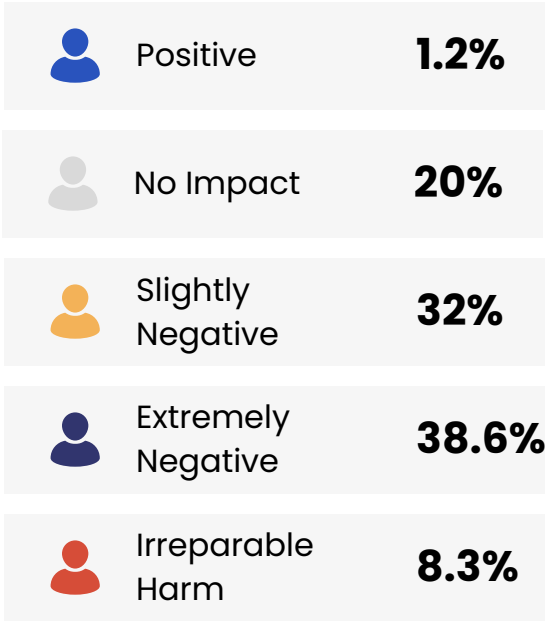
Impacts on the field of science

Extremely Negative	54.2%
Irreparable Harm	29.4%
Slightly Negative	13.2%
No Impact	2.2%
Positive	1%

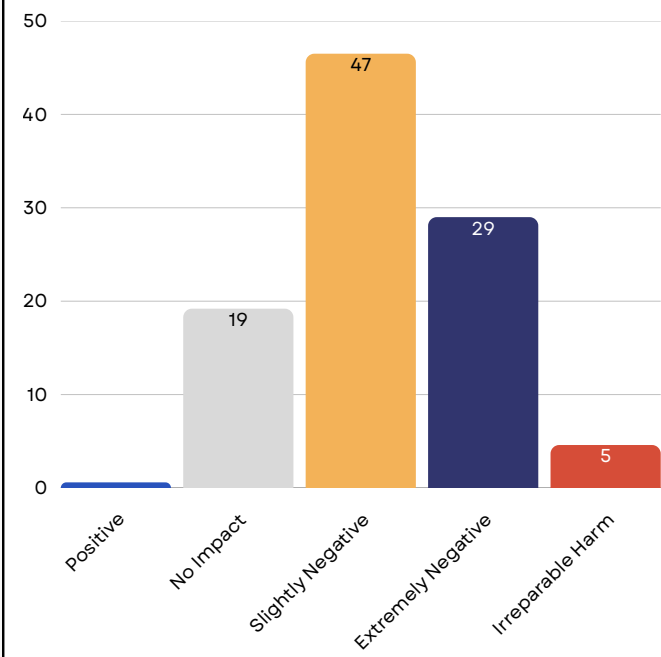




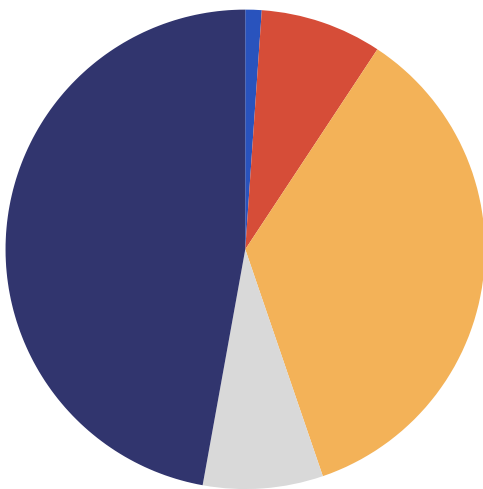
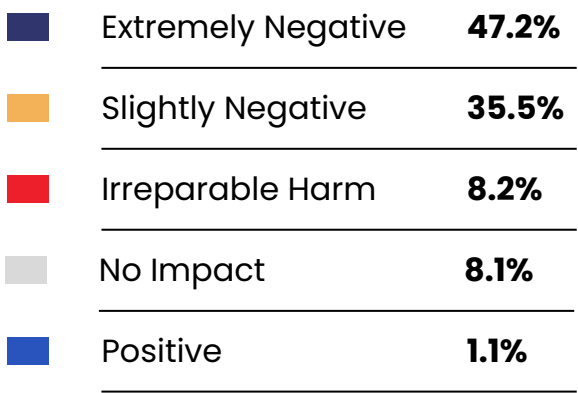
Impacts on Career Prospects



Impacts on Research



Impacts on departments and institutions



Impacts on personal life

Positive



No Impact



Slightly Negative



Extremely Negative



Irreparable Harm



Importance of Federal Training Programs

Most respondents reported that US federal training programs were important to their development as scientists.

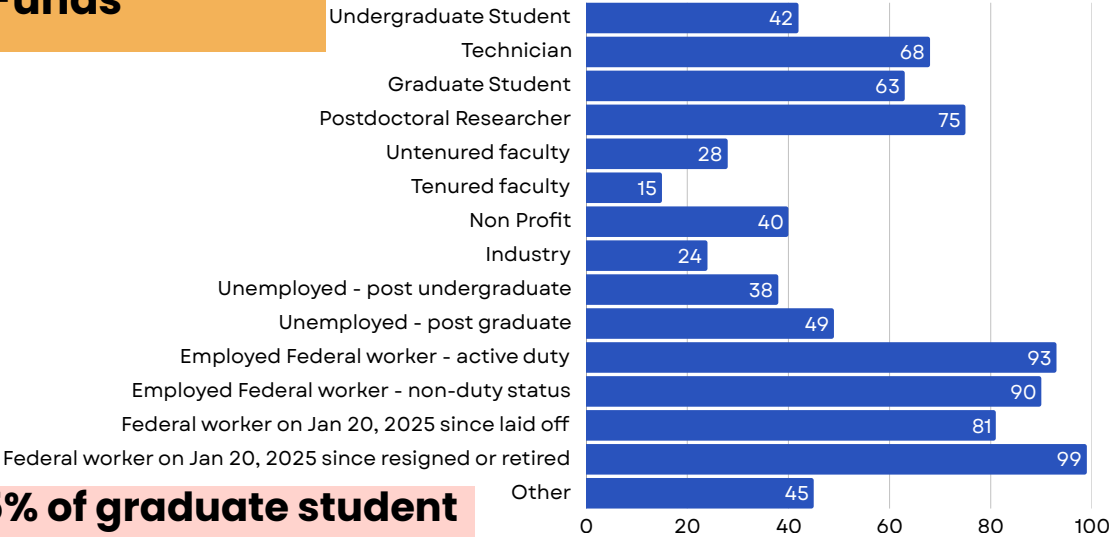
Not Important Somewhat Important
Very Important Extremely Important



71% said it was "very important" or "extremely important", 16% "somewhat important", and 13% reported it was "not important"

An overall average of ~ 46% of respondents' salaries comes from federal funds

Percent of Salary from Federal Funds



62-75% of graduate student and postdoc salaries are from federal funds