

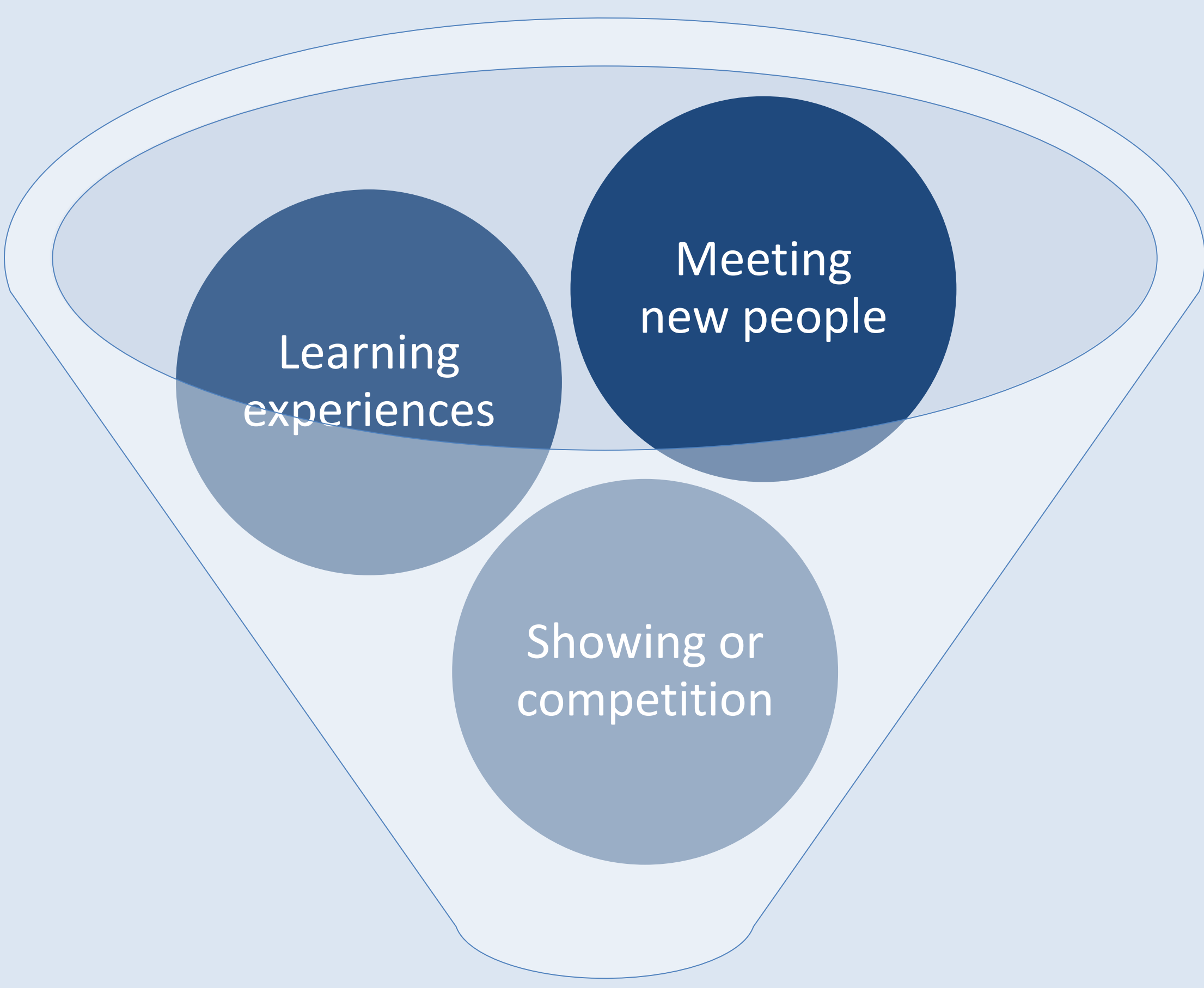
Adult Perceptions of Youth's First-Year Experience in 4-H

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What was the best part of 4-H for your child?



Why? How do parents/guardians perceive their first-year in 4-H?

What we did

Surveyed (online)

- 255 adults from California and Idaho
- With a child that just completed first year in 4-H

RESULTS

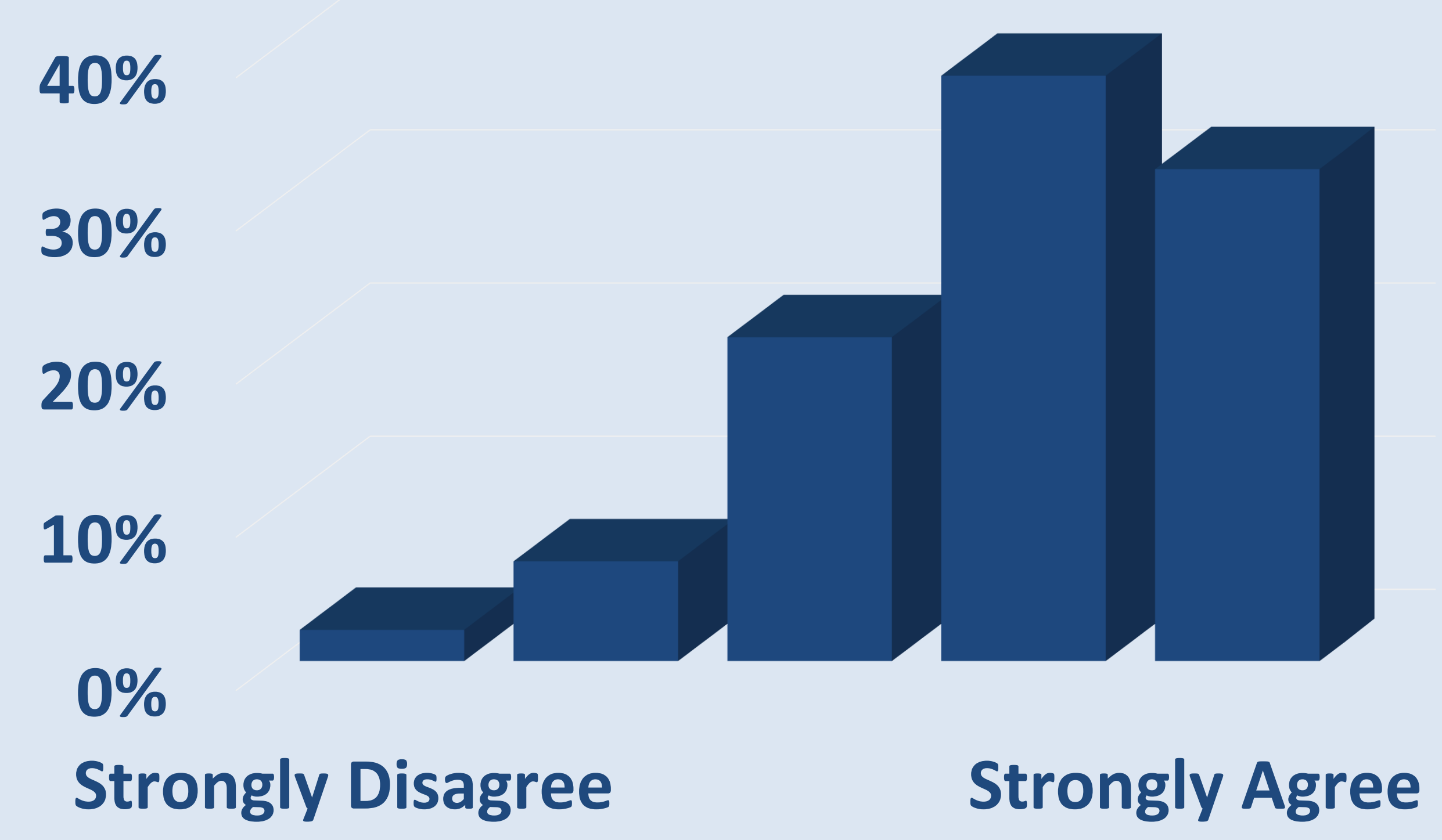
Why did you enroll your child in 4-H?

- 53%: try new things
- 40%: have fun
- 34%: show at fair

How did you hear about 4-H?

- 35%: from another parent
- 19%: family history
- 16%: a friend of my child's

Overall, parents reported having positive experiences



What were some challenges you had?

Difficulty navigating resources Communication

Changes we are making

New family handbook Resources to help leaders guide new families Recruiting more states