

Climate Change and Rowing

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Background, Introduction and Methods

In June 2021, Junior Rowing News (JRN) conducted a series of ‘polls’ via Instagram Stories. Below is an outline of the results gathered.

It should be noted that no further statistical significance testing was carried out on the data gathered, as the polls were designed to gauge public opinion rather than quantitatively accept or reject proposed hypotheses.

Junior Rowing News has no competing interests to disclose concerning these data. All efforts have been made to ensure that participant identities are protected.

Results

Poll One:

Statement posed: “Climate Change is Deeply Concerning”

Number of respondents: 247

Options given in response to statement:

Agree
Disagree

Number of respondents that selected each response:

Agree – 232 (94%)
Disagree – 15 (6%)

Poll Two:

Statement posed: “Rowing is Contributing to Climate Change and Global Warming”

Number of respondents: 251

Options given in response to statement:

Agree
Disagree

Number of respondents that selected each response:

Agree – 81 (32%)
Disagree – 170 (68%)

Poll Three:

Statement posed: “I do What I Can to Minimise my Environmental Impact”

Number of respondents: 241

Options given in response to statement:

Agree
Disagree

Number of respondents that selected each response:

Agree – 178 (74%)
Disagree – 63 (26%)

Poll Four:

Statement posed: “The Rowing Community Needs to do More to Address Climate Change”

Number of respondents: 235

Options given in response to statement:

Agree
Disagree

Number of respondents that selected each response:

Agree – 130 (55%)
Disagree – 105 (45%)

Discussion, Limitations and Acknowledgements

The polling conducted showed various opinions regarding climate change and its impact on rowing and the effect of rowing on climate change. The statistical significance of each poll has not been thoroughly assessed and, therefore, cannot be commented on. Despite this, the general outcome is that the overwhelming majority of respondents concluded that climate change was a significant issue. Yet, there was more disparity when it came to the impact of rowing on climate change.

Some of these data have been included in an article accessible on British Rowing Plus.

As a social media-based, junior-orientated platform, JRN acknowledges that the population that completed polling is not representative of the wider rowing world. Therefore, we do

not seek to generalise our results to the whole population and ask that others also refrain from doing so. However, the results gathered should be a guide for those interested in how the junior rowing community judges the impact of climate change on our sport.

JRN would like to thank all participants for their time in completing the polling.

All questions regarding this document should be directed to Ed Evans via juniorrowingnews@gmail.com.

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