Q2 - Have you studied the ethics of eating meat before in a college class?
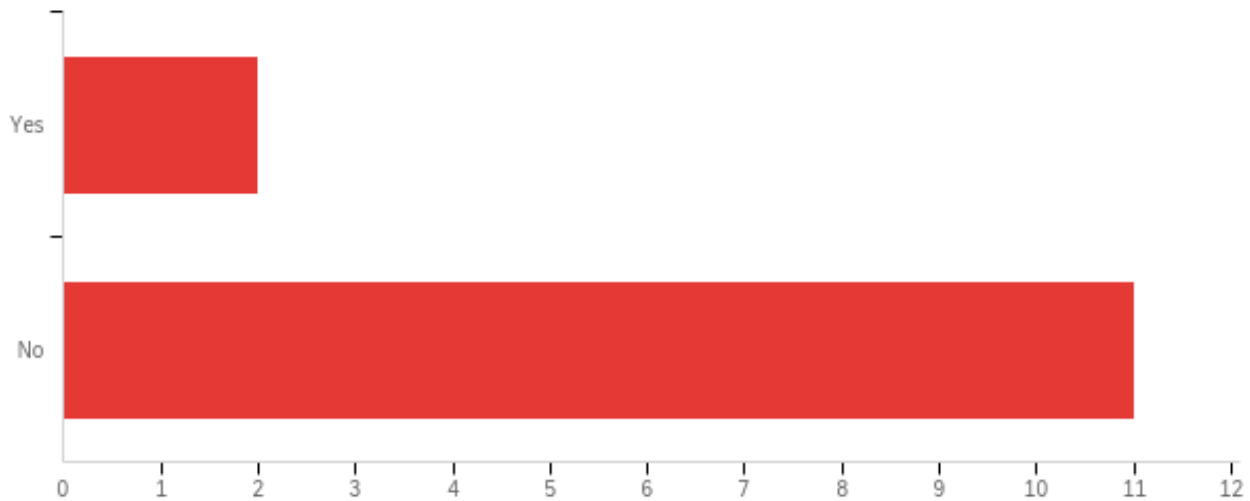
Q1 - I am inclined to think that (in the sorts of circumstances that someone like me normally finds myself in) buying and eating meat is
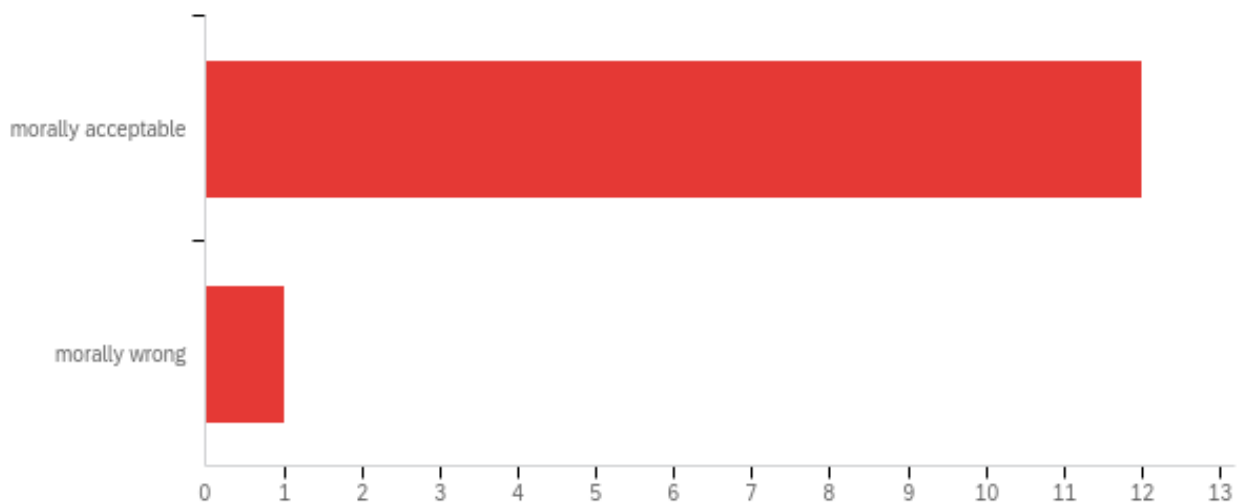
Q4 - I am inclined to think this because (if you wish, feel free to include your views on related matters, such as buying and eating humanely raised meat, eggs, or dairy)

1. I am being hypocritical in this because I do eat meat. However, I think it is morally permissible if the meat is raised under healthy happy conditions (**mass livestock farming results in too much suffering to be morally permissible**) and yet I am betraying my own views by sometimes eating it if I don't know where my meat comes from.

2. Without considering any additional factors, I think it is morally acceptable to eat meat. The food chain is a **natural thing** that *Homo sapiens* and our predecessors **evolved** to have a role in. **Other animals eat meat** as a part of their diet, and so do we. However, once we start adding in other factors like **how the animal was raised** and what **effects that process has on the environment**, the morality of eating meat becomes more debatable. I personally don't eat meat, but not because I think it's immoral; my diet choices are based on the effects that eating meat has on my body and the environment.

3. I don't think animals should be held to the same **moral status** as human beings. However, I do think that there are things morally wrong with the fact that the livestock industry is a major contributor to **climate change**.

4. I have never really considered whether buying and eating meat is morally acceptable. My conscience would be clear if I went to a grocery store and bought a product containing meat and then later consumed it. I think that the practices that farms utilize to raise their animals should be taken into consideration to a certain degree. I think that utilizing sanitary practices is important in order to prevent the risk of contamination. I have become accustomed to eating meat and consider it **normal** to eat meat. I guess that is why it is important now that I am considering the alternative view.

5. I think buying and eating meat is morally acceptable as long as I am extremely mindful about where it is coming from. I do not think eating meat is wrong because **we (humans) are animals and predators**, and **meat is a natural part of our diet**. For this reason, I am not against hunting if the animal hunted is going to be eaten and every part of its body will be used for something. I am against hunting for sport, though. To go along with this, I think treating animals poorly is definitely wrong. Because of this, I do not want to support CAFO's (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) / unethical sources of meat. CAFO's not only **treat animals poorly**, but they also have **detrimental environmental impacts** which I do not want to support. So, I always try to buy organic / humanely raised meat / grass-fed beef.

6. I think it is important to try and buy meat that is humanely raised in order to support businesses that treat their animals properly rather than abusively.

7. I do think it is ok to buy and eat meat, although I do understand and generally see the point of view of vegetarians. But personally, with eggs and meat I try and make sure I do my research to find out if there are any exceptionally bad companies I should steer clear from. I try to drink alternatives to milk from cows because I have read quite a few negative things about it.

8. That's the social construct we have in our society that **eating meat is what we are "supposed" to do** and **I don't see anything wrong with eating or buying meat**, but **the problem is the industry** that produces and profits of our consumption.

9. **Humans are omnivorous** animals. Meat has **necessary nutrients** for humans' physiological development.

10. Animal meat is a **natural part of the human diet**; we've **been eating it since the dawn of humanity**. Meat contains **nutrients that are difficult to obtain otherwise**. Ideally, we'd **raise and slaughter animals more humanely** (on a global scale), and we should aggressively work toward that goal as a species. Currently, in many countries and in many ways, the way meat is produced can be seen as morally objectionable due to the **mistreatment of animals**. But it is generally morally acceptable to buy and eat meat as an individual, given that it's a **crucial part of our diet**, and since **large meat-producing companies are mostly to blame** for the mistreatment of animals.

11. Humans eating animal meat is **natural** - it is the **same as carnivorous predators** eating prey in the wild. Humans, just like other animals, eat animal meat **to survive**. Yes, humans can survive off of other plant-based foods, but animal meat is a **good source of iron, protein, zinc**, etc. I believe that because this action or behavior is natural, it is amoral - it is beyond what is wrong or right. A lion eating an antelope is not morally wrong or right, it is just what happens.

12. I am more indifferent about whether it is morally right or morally wrong to eat meat. I haven't talked in-depth with correct information from both sides to have an opinion on the morality of eating meat. It doesn't help that I eat meat and my dad has worked in the meat industry for years. However, I think the people that choose to become vegetarian or vegan in efforts to help with **climate change** is a good reason to stop eating meat.