



OHIO CLIMATE
JUSTICE FUND

LISTEN. LEAD. SHARE.
COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION



The Ohio Climate Justice Fund (OCJF) is guided by an advisory board comprised of Ohio environmental advocates and leaders that invest in **Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) organizations in Ohio, working at the intersection of racial justice and climate action.**

To learn more, visit:
ohioclimatejusticefund.org



OUR PILLARS

We have committed to the *Jemez Principles* for Democratic Organizing:

1. Be Inclusive
2. Emphasis on Bottom-Up Organizing
3. Let People Speak for Themselves
4. Work Together In Solidarity and Mutuality
5. Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves
6. Commitment to Self-Transformation

PILLAR I

**We share
decision
making power**

PILLAR II

**We want to hear
and learn from
the lived
experience of
Ohioans**

PILLAR III

**We will
intentionally
fund
organizations
led by Black,
Indigenous, and
people of color**



LISTEN. LEAD. SHARE.

A COMMUNITY LISTENING MODEL



WHAT IS LLS?

Listen Lead Share (LLS), is a statewide grassroots campaign that includes a goal of **hosting public conversations** with community members and stakeholders about the best and most effective ways to address climate and environmental justice in their communities.

We see **intentional and authentic community listening** as the first step to building a diverse coalition of advocates that influence policy change that leads to a just and inclusive clean energy economy for Ohio.



Earth Day 2022

April 22 | Climate Justice Listen, Lead, and Share Community Listening Session (Cleveland, OH)



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Promise of Democracy Foundation



Join us in Cleveland, OH
April 22, 2022 @ 1:30 - 3 pm EST
Defining Climate Justice

The Cuyahoga River is (in)famous for having burned in 1969, an event which helped spur the environmental movement in the United States, including the establishment of the first Earth Day.



NWF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH

- increase the number of informed, credible voices in the people-powered campaign for clean energy
- grow and diversify the broad movement of support for clean energy across Ohio
- educate and mobilize community members, stakeholders, and legislators about the urgent need for equitable clean energy legislation to meet community and consumer needs.



WHY DOES **CLIMATE MATTER?**

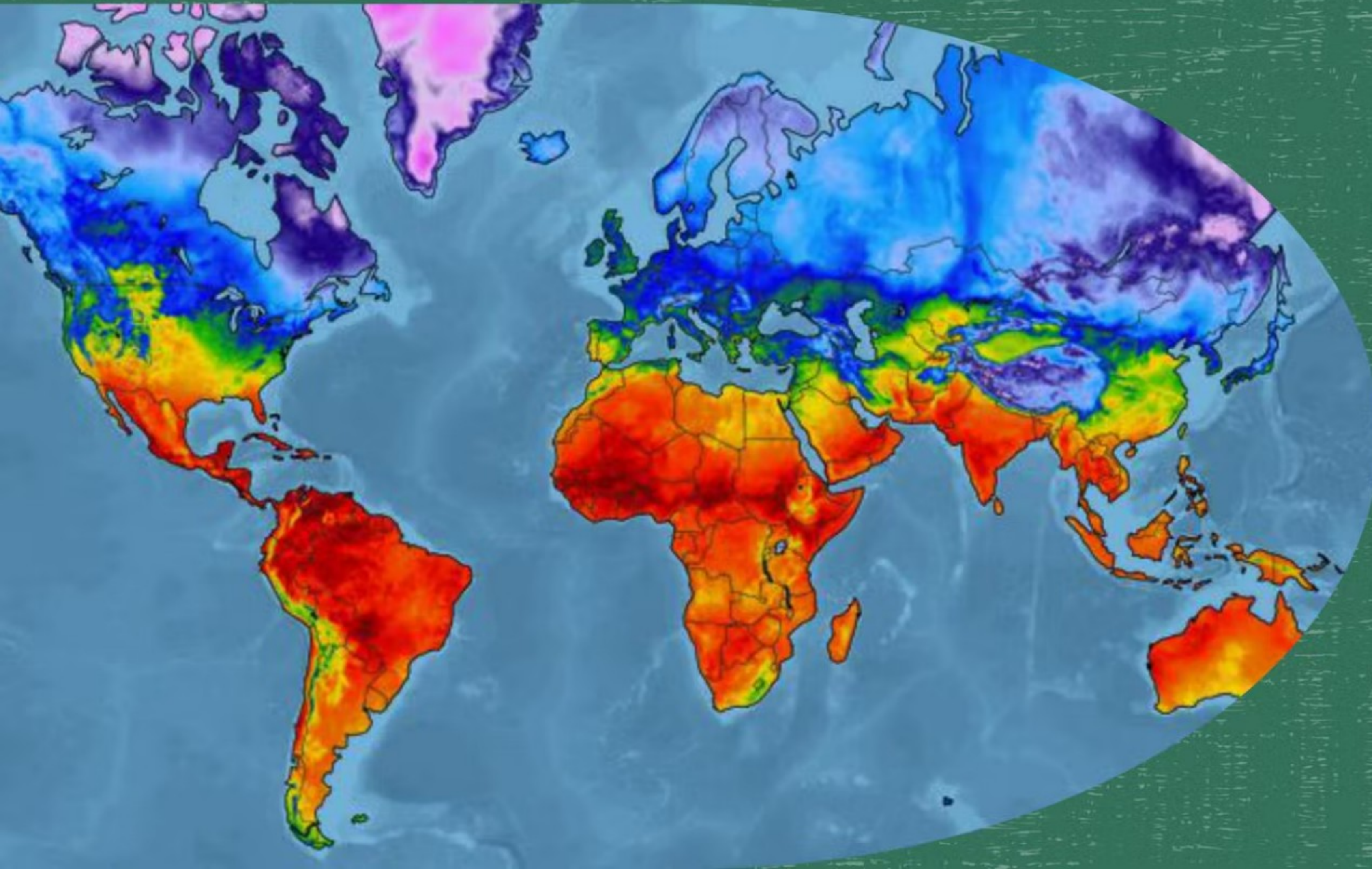


CLIMATE CHANGE DEFINED

Climate change is a change in the usual weather found in a place. This also includes a change in Earth's climate and usual temperature. Climate can take much time, and many years to change.



CLIMATE CHANGE IS **NOT** THE GREAT EQUALIZER



As climate change gets worse, temperatures will rise the most in poorer countries in Asia, Latin America, and Sub-Saharan Africa - despite the fact that North America and Europe are some of the biggest polluters.



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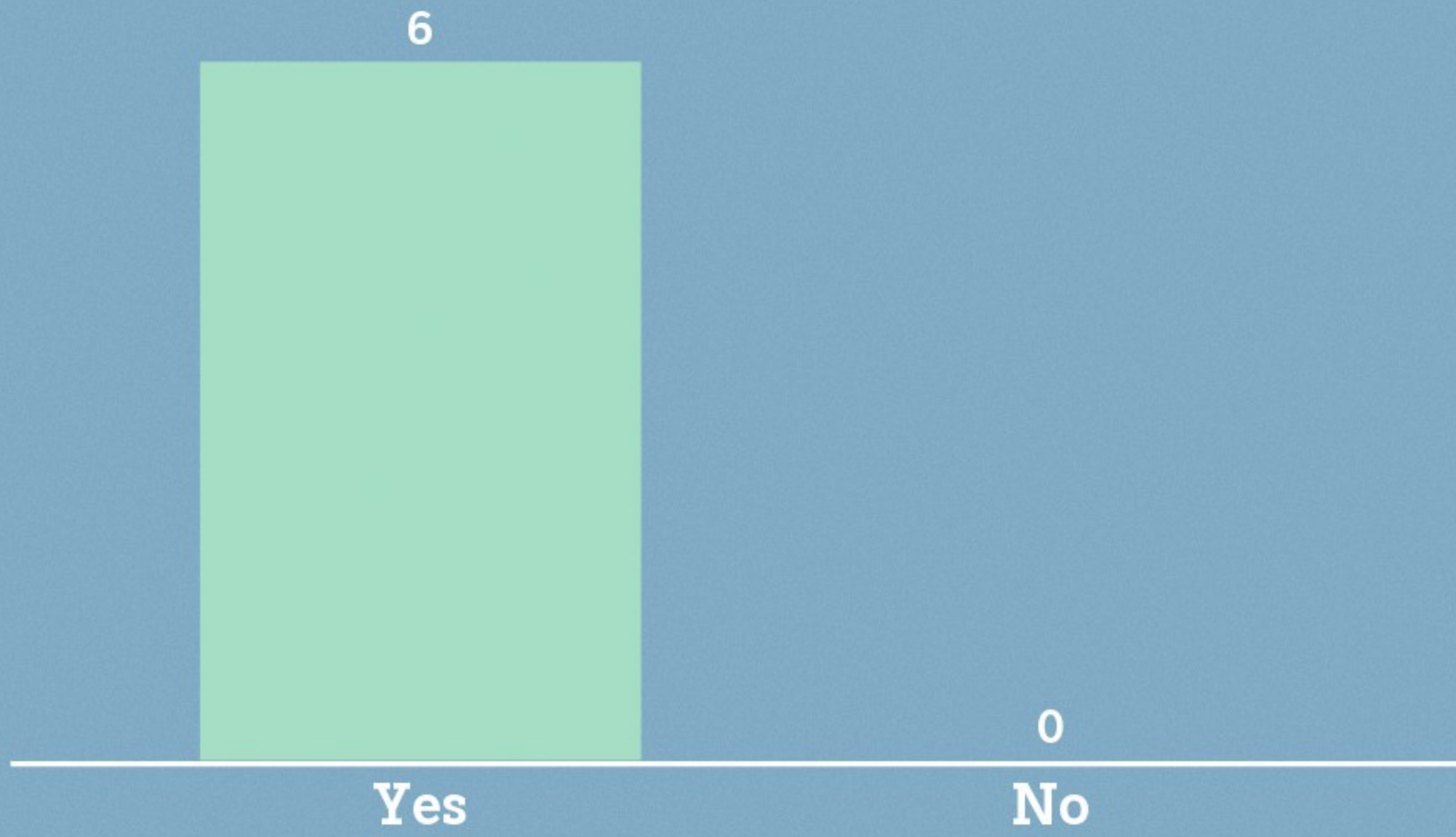
In the United States, climate change leads to more extreme weather and disasters, such as increasingly dangerous hurricanes like Katrina and Harvey, devastating wildfires, and even the extreme cold weather events of 2021.

Poorer, majority-BIPOC communities have less infrastructure in place to protect against these events and bear more of the burden.

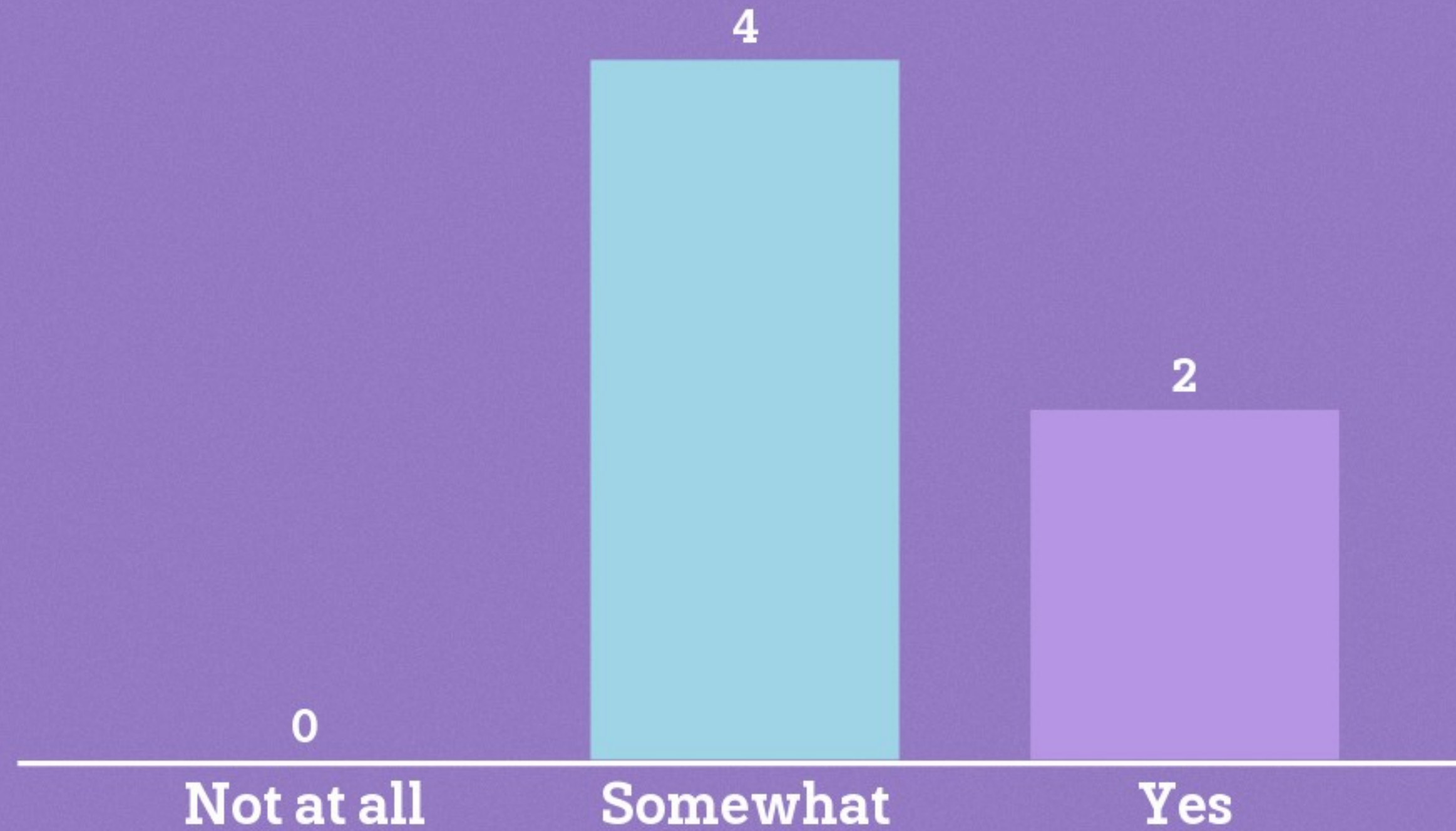
Source: *Climate Change Isn't the Great Equalizer*, The Link, November 2018



Do you see climate change impacting your community now, in the past, and/or in the future?



Do your representatives and community leaders see climate change as an urgent issue in your community?



SO, ABOUT **CLEAN ENERGY...**



CLEAN ENERGY DEFINED

Clean energy is energy that comes from **sources that cannot be used up** (renewable) and that **do not pollute the environment** when used (zero emissions).

Clean energy also describes the **energy saved** by using technology that allow us to do the same tasks with less energy (energy efficiency measures).



ENERGY SOURCES

NONRENEWABLE

RENEWABLE



NUCLEAR



OIL



SOLAR



WIND



BIOMASS



COAL



NATURAL
GAS



GEO-
THERMAL



HYDRO-
POWER

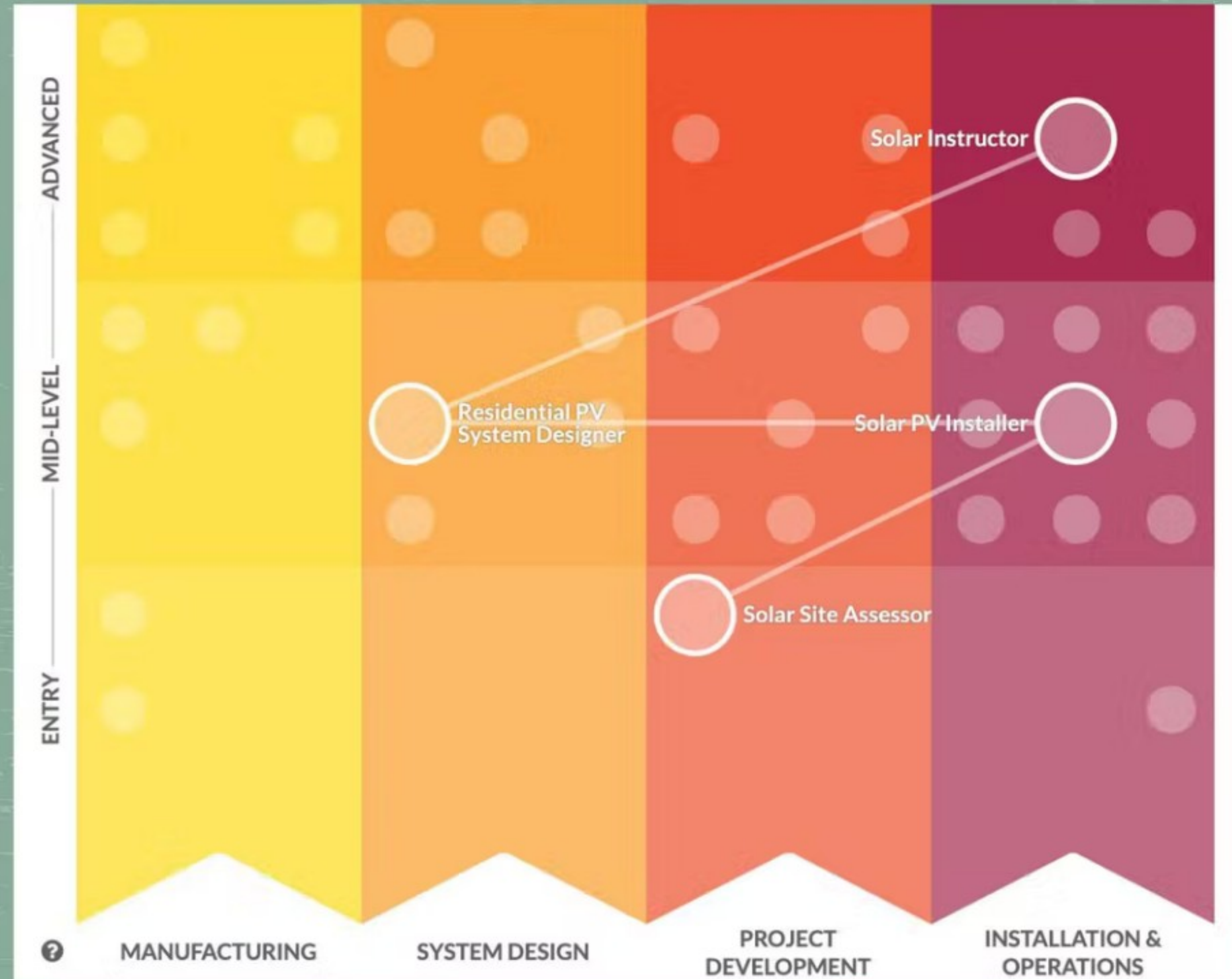


CLEAN ENERGY & JOBS



Clean energy and cleantech are some of the fastest growing sectors in the U.S., with huge possibility for stable, family-sustaining jobs at a variety of training and skill levels.

Mentimeter



Source: Solar Career Map



CLEAN ENERGY & JOBS

In 2019, renewable energy jobs in Ohio grew 7.8 percent - faster than any other Midwestern state. Despite high growth, these jobs are still overwhelmingly held by white men.

“...Less than 10 percent of America’s clean-energy jobs are held by Black workers.”



What do you, your family, and your community value as the most important benefits of clean energy-related jobs?

What should the pathway look like for securing jobs in the clean energy sector for people in your family and community?

**What worries and/or excites you
about potential jobs in the clean
energy sector?**

ELECTRICITY AND US



source: cpp.org

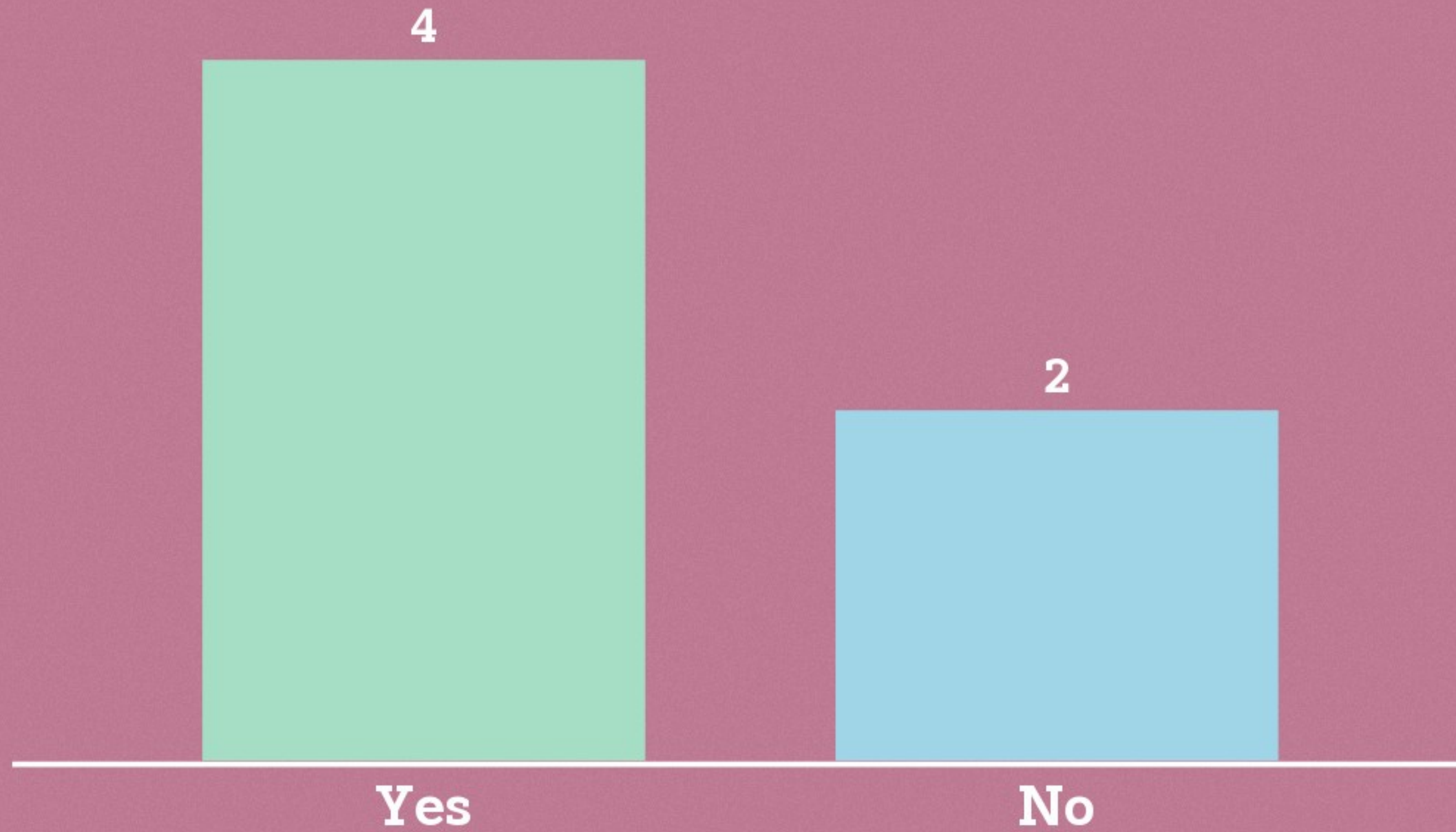


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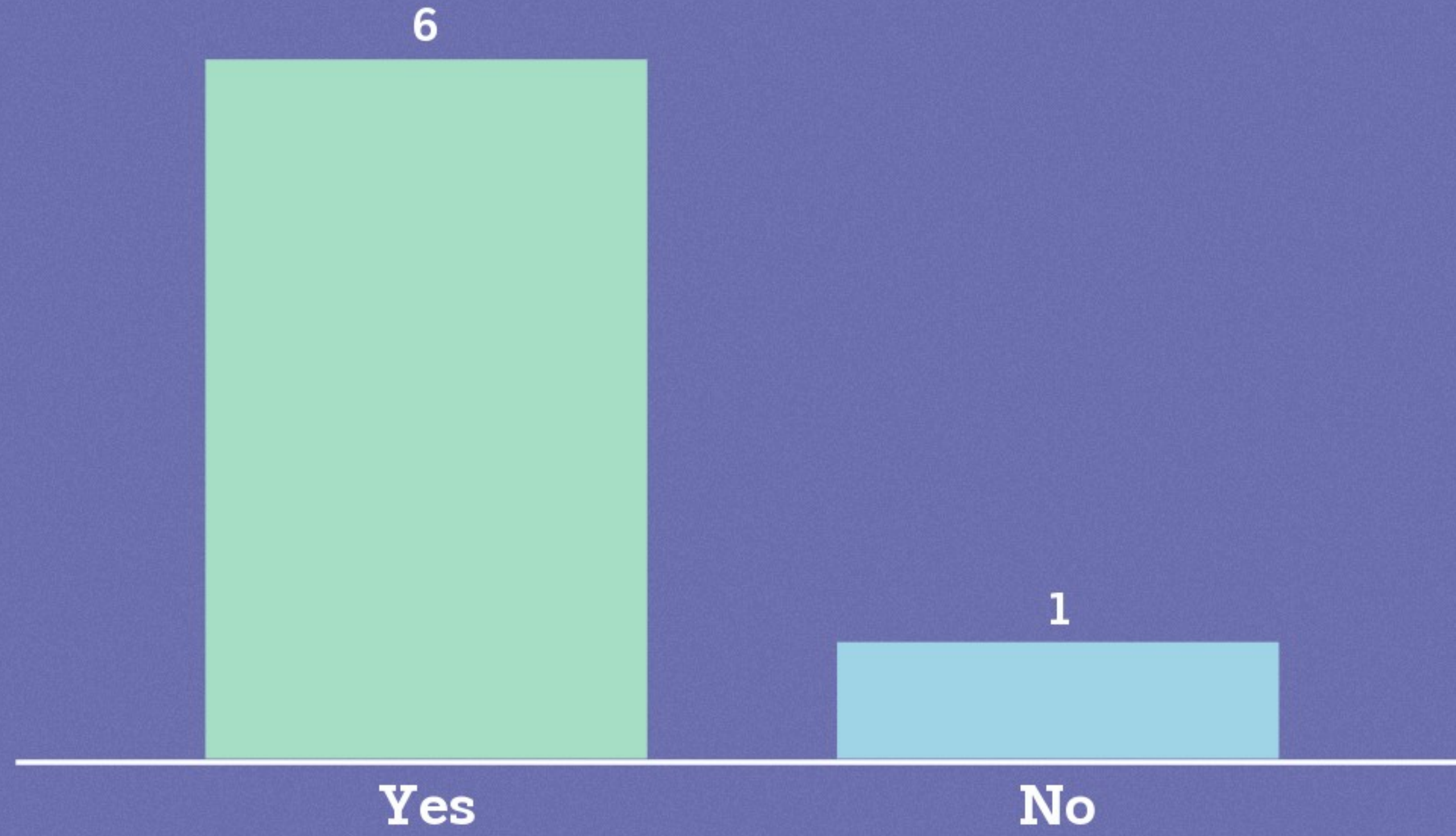
“The overwhelming majority of [...] low-income households, minority households, low-income households residing in multifamily buildings, and renting households experienced **higher energy burdens** than the average household in the same city.”



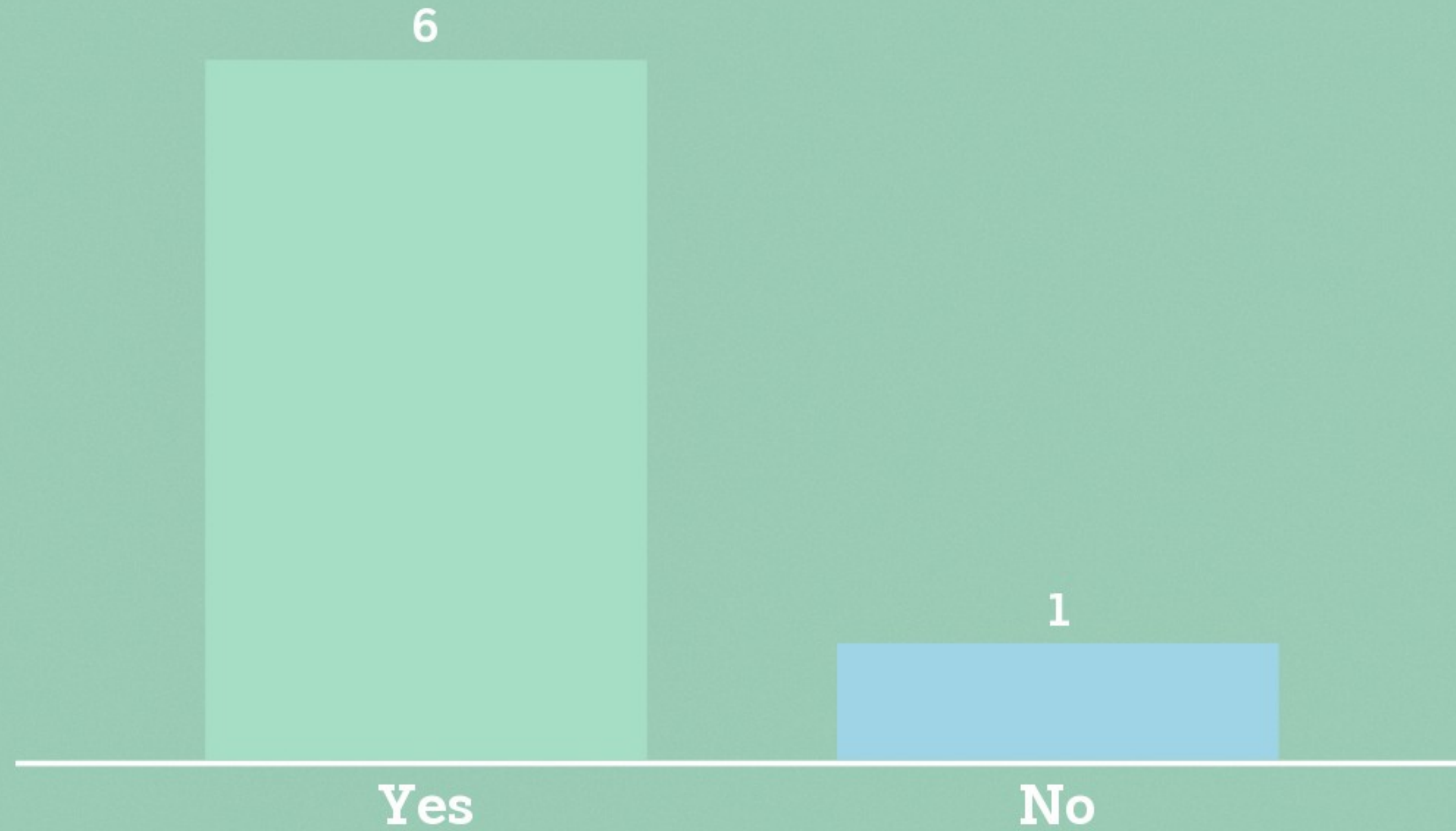
Did you know that you have a choice in your electric provider?



Do you believe you are paying too much for energy?



Have you, or someone close to you ever experienced a utility shut off?



“Pollution, much like wealth, is not distributed equally in the United States.”



RACISM IS A ***PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS***

“Today, Black people are nearly
four times more likely to die
from exposure to pollution
than white people.”

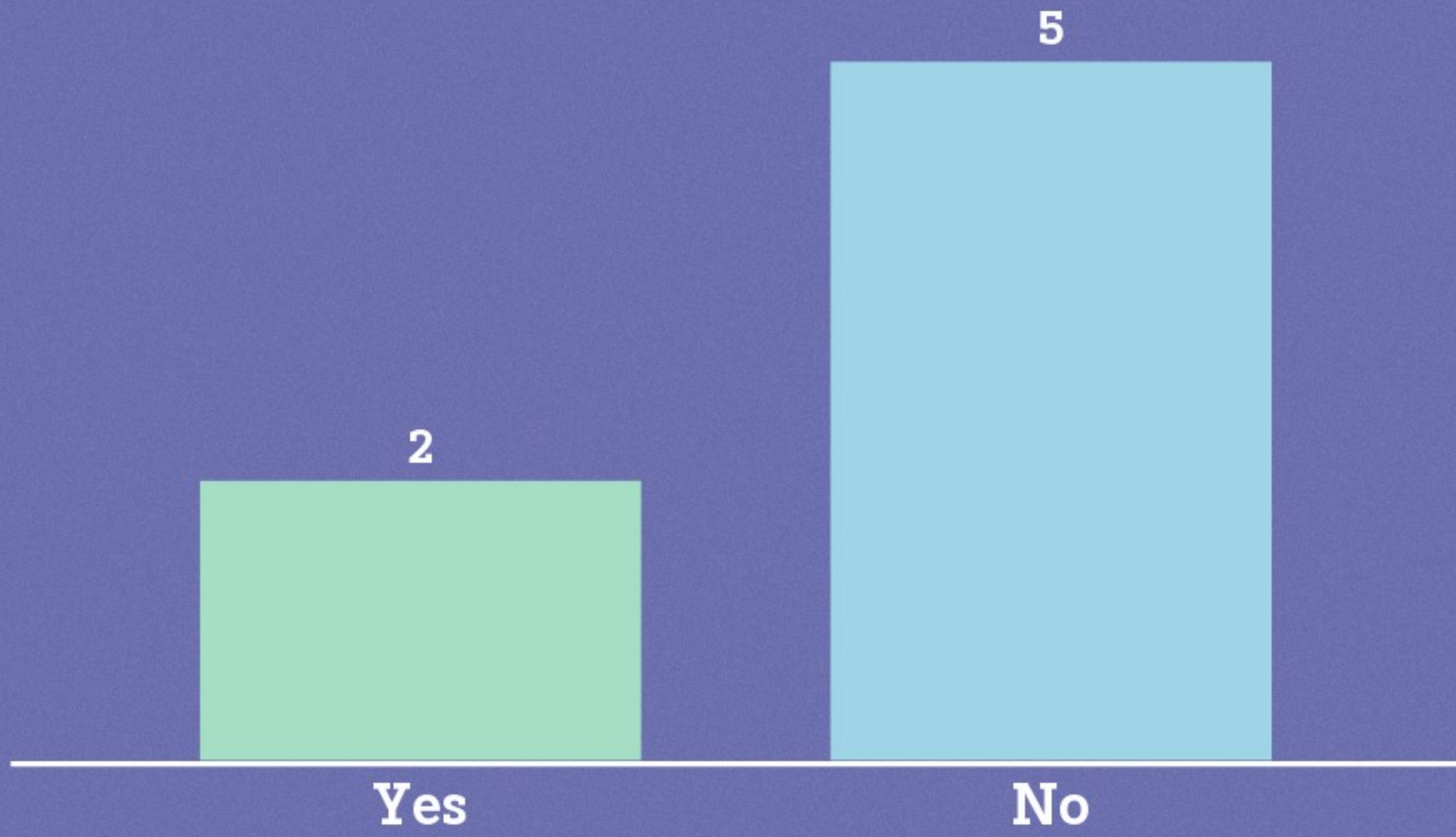


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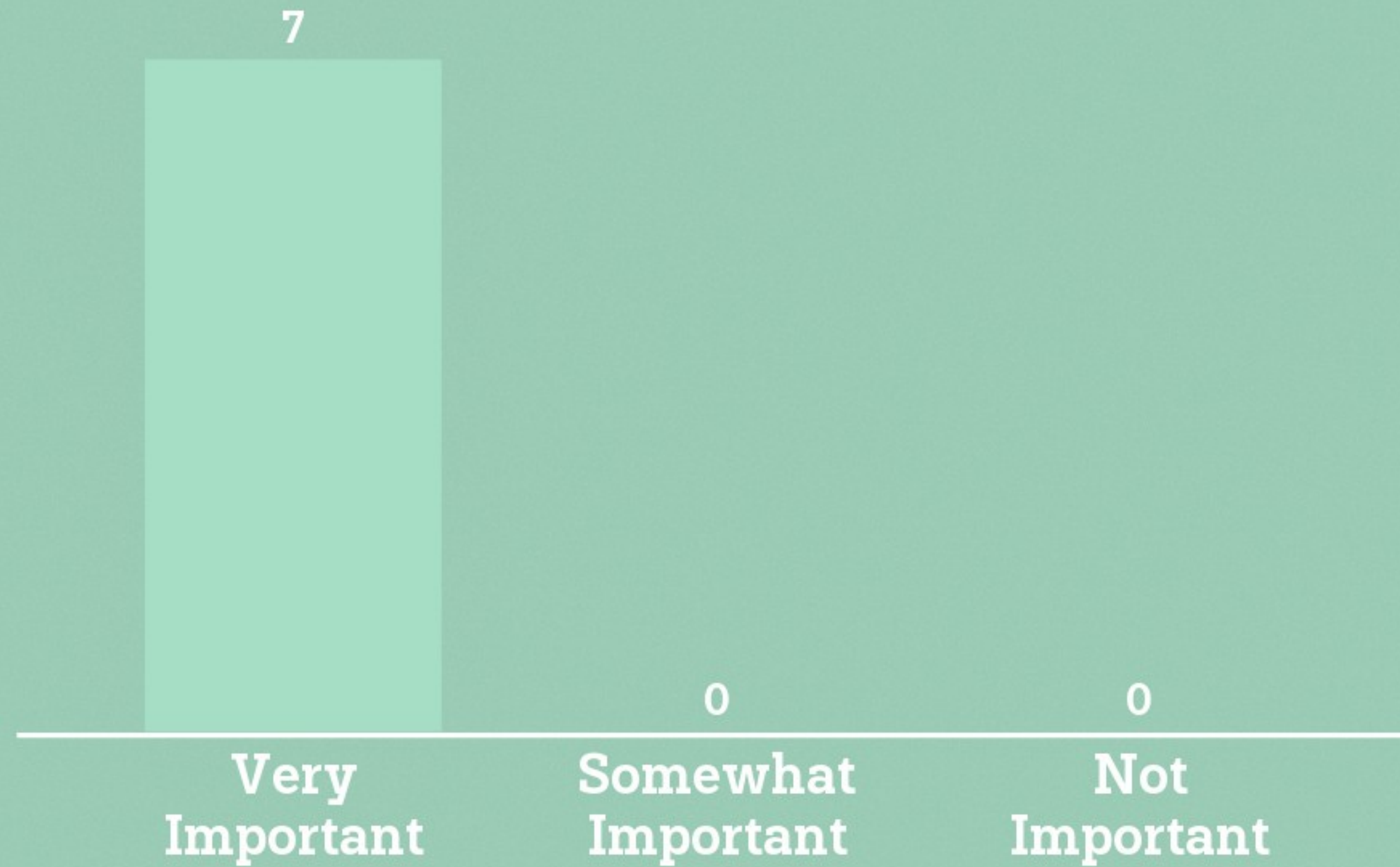
*“Systemic racism has long influenced where major sources of pollution are located within communities. In the early 20th Century, white government planners in many municipalities drew **redlining maps** that identified **Black and Latino neighborhoods** as undesirable and unworthy of housing loans. **Heavy industry was permitted** to cluster in those places, adding a **toxic dimension that persists today.**”*



Do you or a family member have asthma, or COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)?



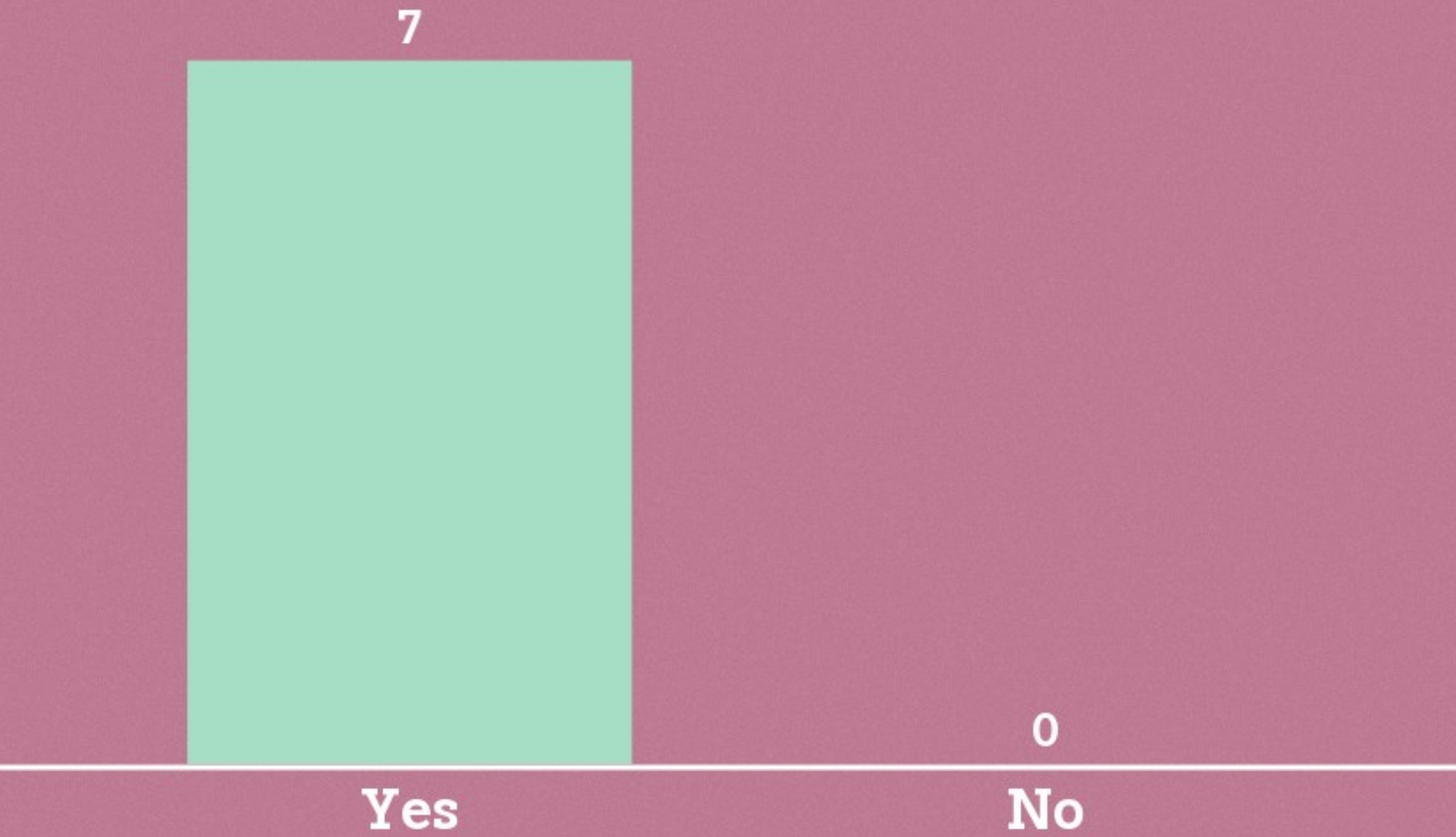
How important would it be to have cleaner air in your neighborhood for your family and community?



**Is there a place in your community
that you believe emits toxins in the
air?**

**How does the toxic air pollution
impact your daily life?**

Do you believe that the COVID-19 pandemic is related to environmental justice?



CONCLUSION

Complete the
post-event survey

Sign-up to receive
updates from
Power a Clean
Future Ohio

Connect
organizations
led or governed
by persons to the
Ohio Climate
Justice Fund!

POST-EVENT SURVEY LINK: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/WQVXRWT384GAOCWS9](https://forms.gle/WQVXRWT384GAOCWS9)



Additional Ways to Stay Involved with OCJF

1. Follow Ohio Climate Justice Fund and Power a Clean Future Ohio on social media

OCJF Twitter: [@ohiocjfund](https://twitter.com/ohiocjfund)

PCFO Twitter: [@PoweraCleanOH](https://twitter.com/PoweraCleanOH)

OCJF Facebook: [OhioClimateJusticeFund](https://www.facebook.com/OhioClimateJusticeFund)

PCFO Facebook: [Poweracleanfuture](https://www.facebook.com/Poweracleanfuture)

OCJF LinkedIn: [ohioclimatejusticefund](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ohioclimatejusticefund)

PCFO Instagram: [@poweracleanfutureohio](https://www.instagram.com/poweracleanfutureohio)

PCFO LinkedIn: [power-a-clean-future-ohio](https://www.linkedin.com/company/power-a-clean-future-ohio)

2. Attend other Lead. Listen. Share. events as they are announced
3. Join PCFO's Equity and Community Engagement Committee's monthly virtual meetings and share your work with a growing group of leaders across Ohio
4. Learn if your city or town is a PCFO city. If not, learn more about how you can help: [Take Action — Power a Clean Future Ohio](#)
5. Join a local environmental justice group in your community
6. Stay abreast of current events and happenings affecting our environment



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

STAY CONNECTED.
FOLLOW THE OHIO CLIMATE JUSTICE FUND!



Thank you for joining us from NWF's Environmental Justice, Climate & Community Revitalization Program!



Contact us: Email Gabi Rivera (riverag@nwf.org)

See more of our work here:

<https://www.nwf.org/Our-Work/Environmental-Justice>