Stakeholder and general population attitudes towards gambling in Canada: (dis) harmony?

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Gambling and Problem Gambling in Canada: A National Study

ANP Stakeholder Survey

- Attitudes towards and knowledge about gambling in Canada among:

  - Gambling Provider
  - Gambling Regulator
  - Director of RG
  - PG Prevention & Treatment Administrator
  - Commercial, non-Government Casino Provider
  - Provincial Research Institute

Related Research

- General population
  - Attitudes (e.g., Bouguettaya et al. 2020)
  - Responsibility for harm reduction (e.g., *Akçayır et al. 2022; Gainsbury et al., 2020; Gray et al., 2021*)
- Stakeholder research (e.g., *Rolando et al. 2020)*

Research Aims

- Examine Stakeholders knowledge of and attitudes towards gambling

- Compare Stakeholder responses with Public

Method

- **Stakeholders**
  - Knowledge of problem gambling prevalence
  - Safe limits (frequency and expenditure)
  - Provincial enforcement of gambling specific laws
  - Money laundering
- **Overlap**
  - Gambling Attitude Measure (Williams, 2003; Williams et al., 2017)
    - Harm vs benefits, legality, availability
  - *Plus*
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    - Fairness/Integrity
    - Responsibility for and current harm minimization efforts
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Stakeholder Data Collection 2019

Stakeholder Group	Complete Responses
Provincial Government Gambling Regulator	2/9
Provincial Government Director of Responsible Gambling (working for Provincial Govt. Provider)	6/7
Provincial Government Problem Gambling Prevention & Treatment Administrator (or equivalent)	7/10
CEO of Provincial Government Gambling Provider	7/8
Commercial, Non-Government Casino Provider	4/7
Provincial Research Organization	3/3
Undisclosed	3
Total	32/44

Online Panel Data Collection

- Recruitment
  - August – October 2019
- Responses
  - ~1400 from each province & Atlantic region
  - n = 10,199
- 53.2% Female

Weighted to match CCHS (N =3,194,162)

RESULTS

Stakeholder Estimates

	Safe Gambling Limits		Problem Gambling	
	Frequency (Days)	Spending ($)	Prevalence (%)	Revenue from PG (%)
Mean (SD)	7.70 (5.91)	476.67 (718.46)	3.95 (5.42)	26.12 (19.05)
Range	2 – 30	0.00 – 2500.00	0 – 25	1 – 80

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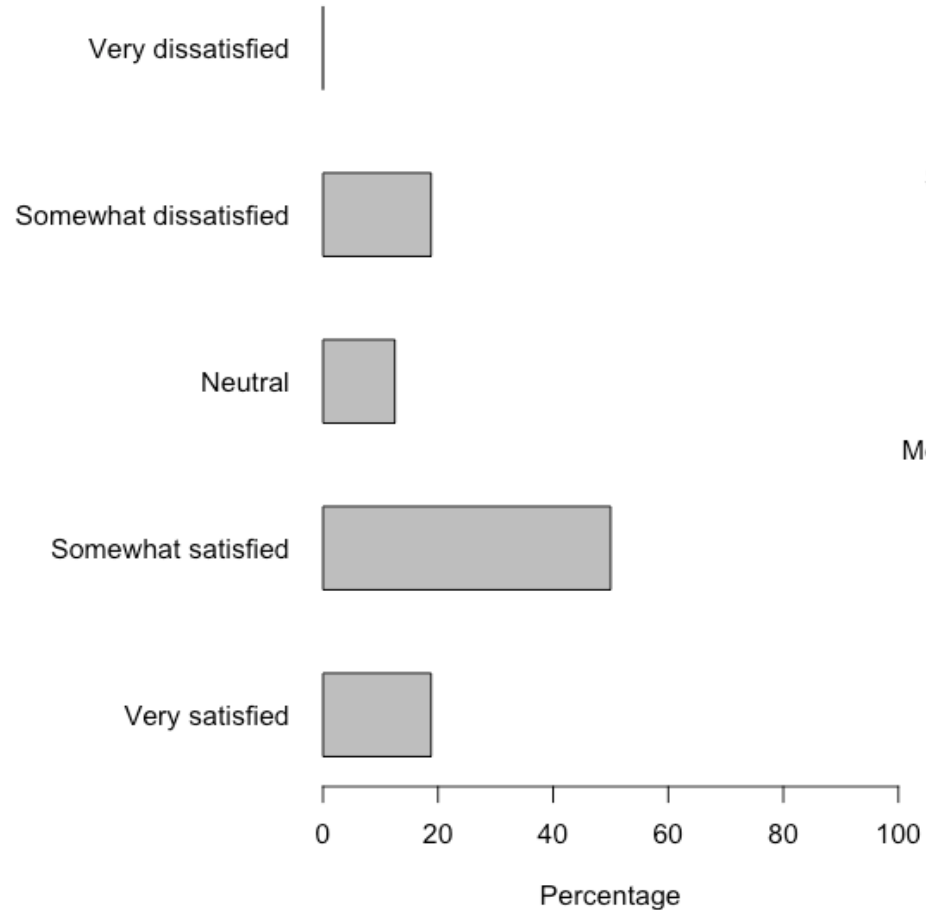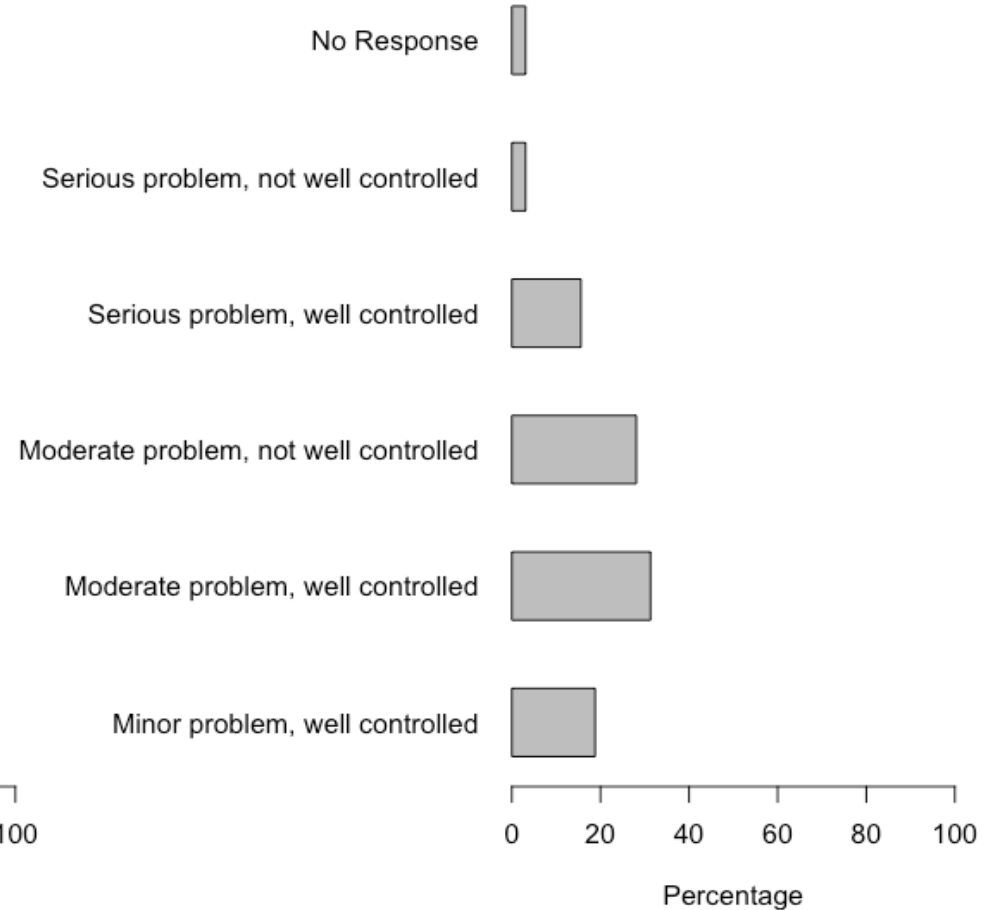
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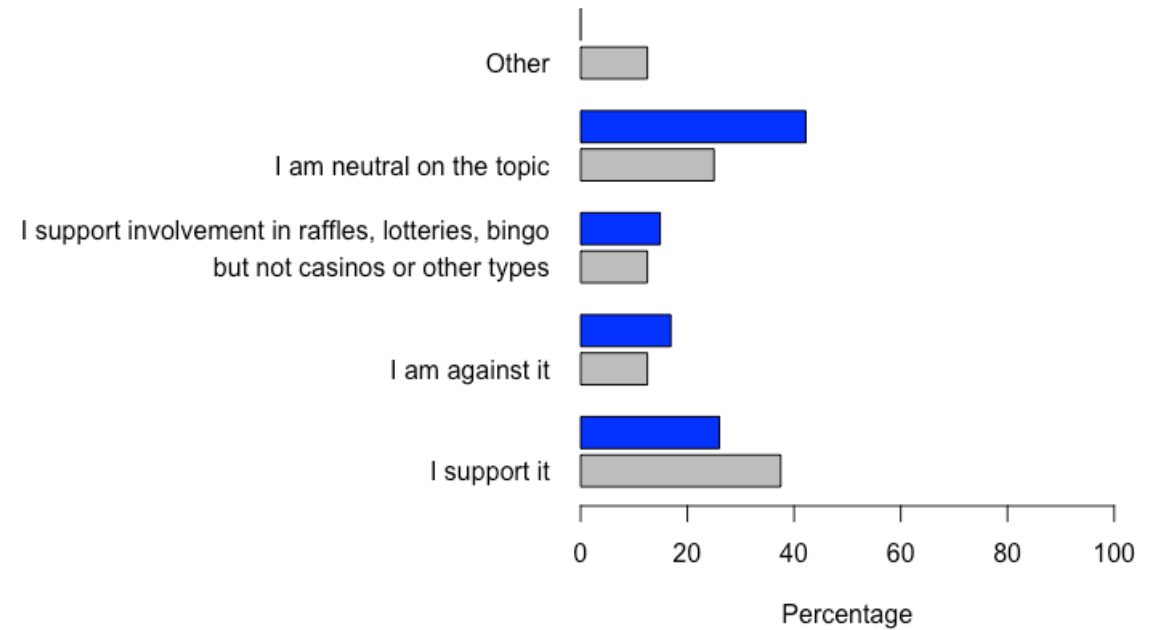# Enforcement of Gambling Laws
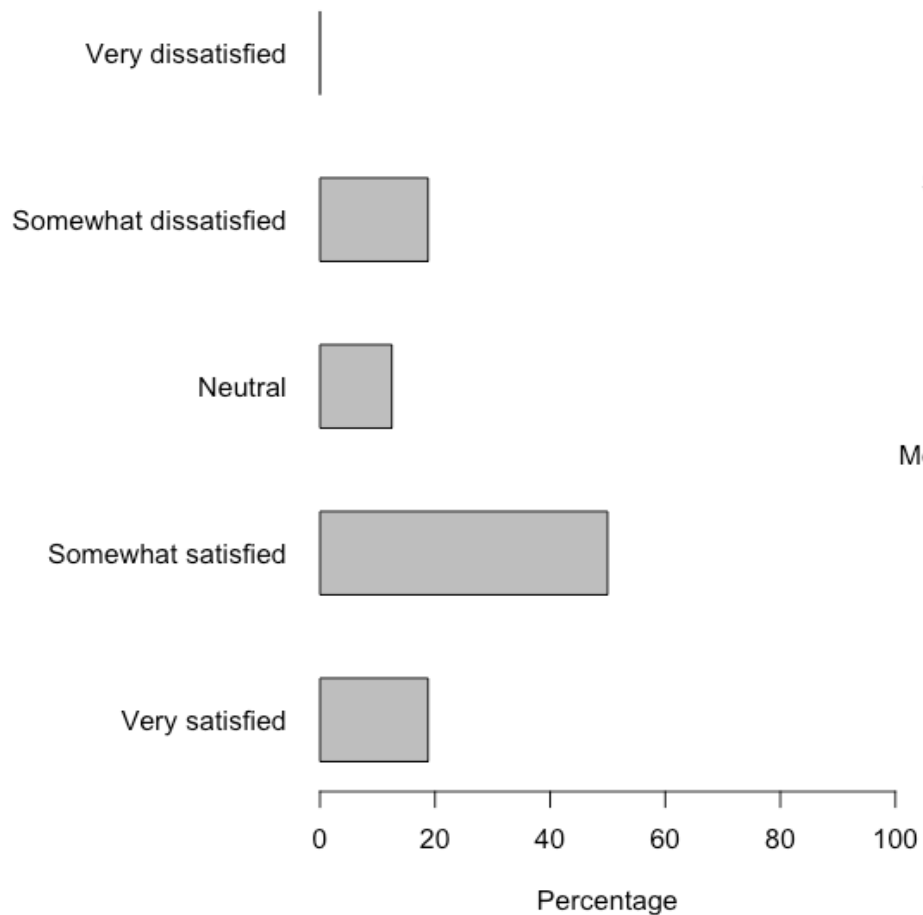
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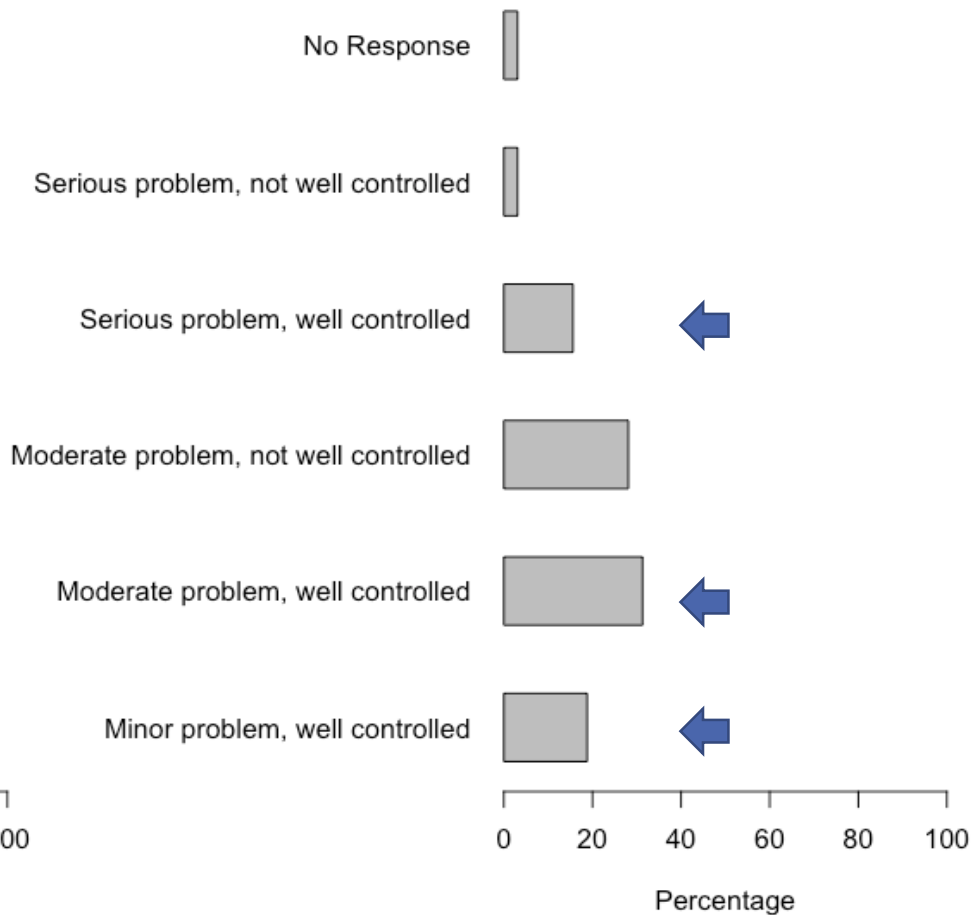
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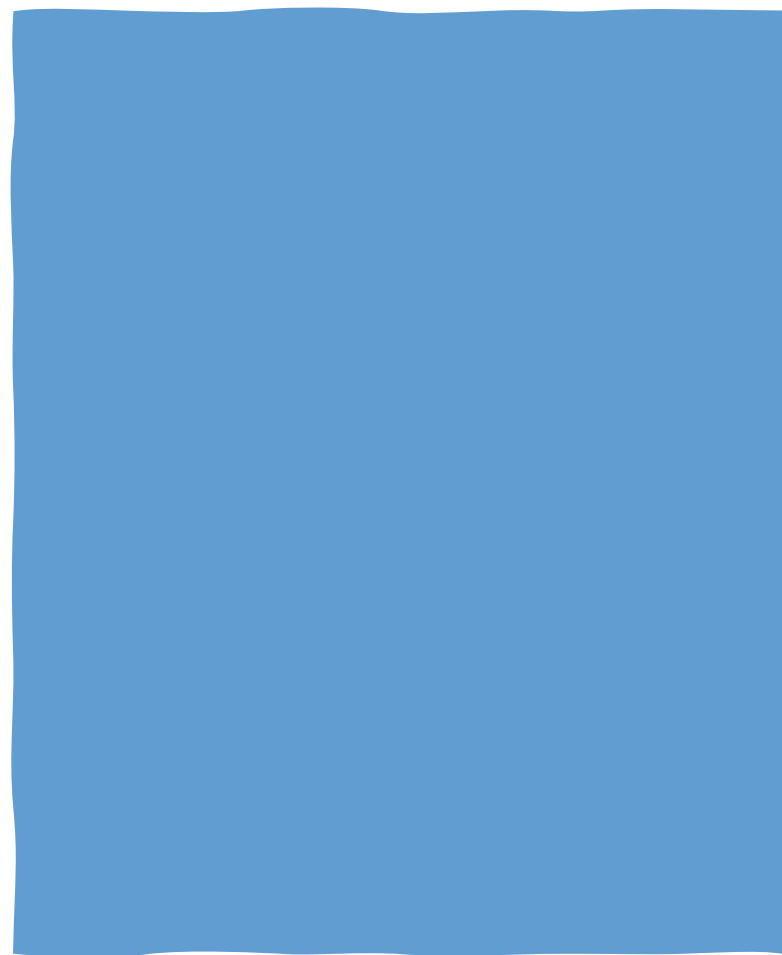
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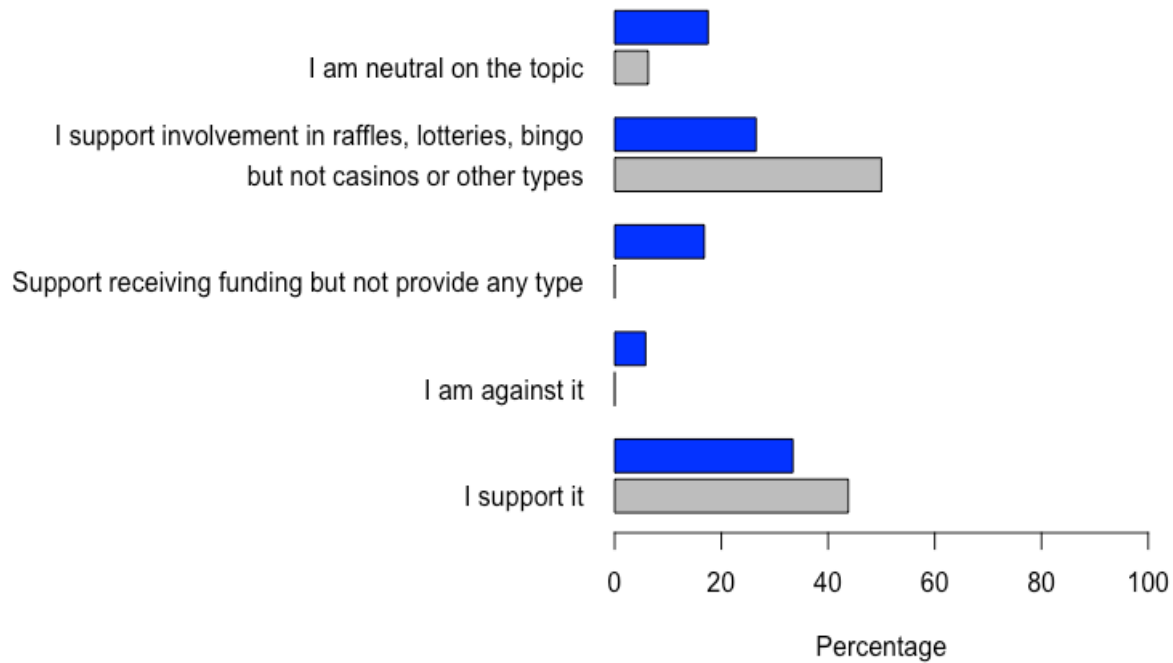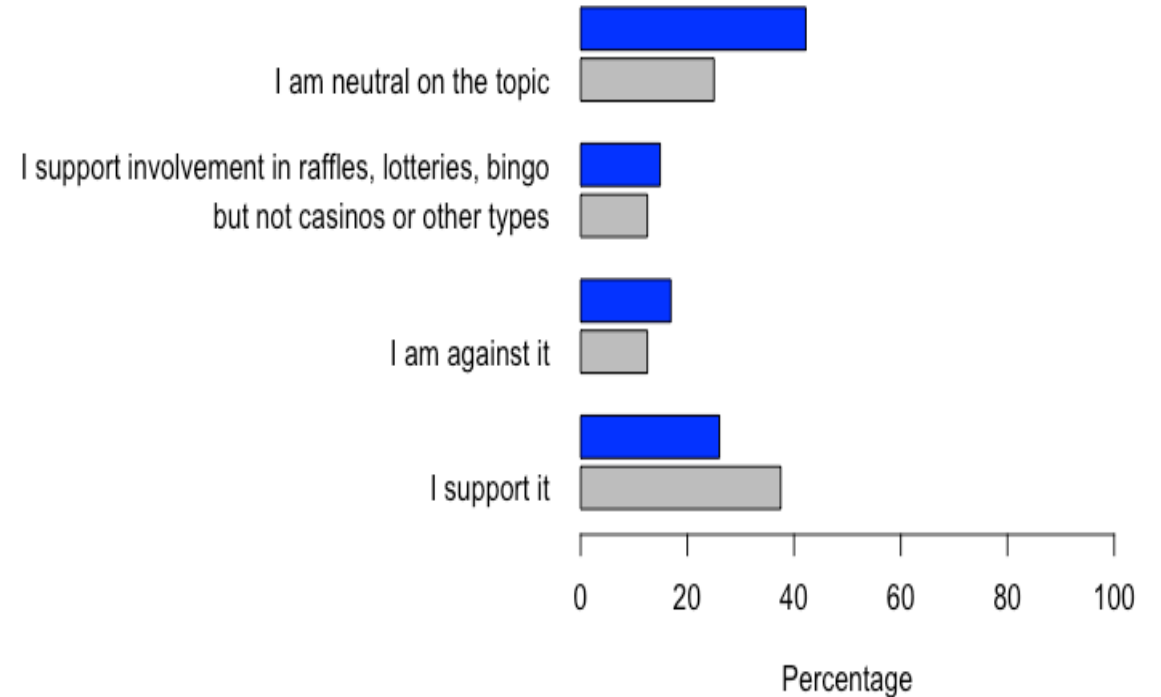
Charities

First Nations

Involvement

Charties

I am neutral on the topic

I support involvement in raffles, lotteries, bingo but not casinos or other types

Support receiving funding but not provide any type

I am against it

I support it

0   20   40   60   80   100

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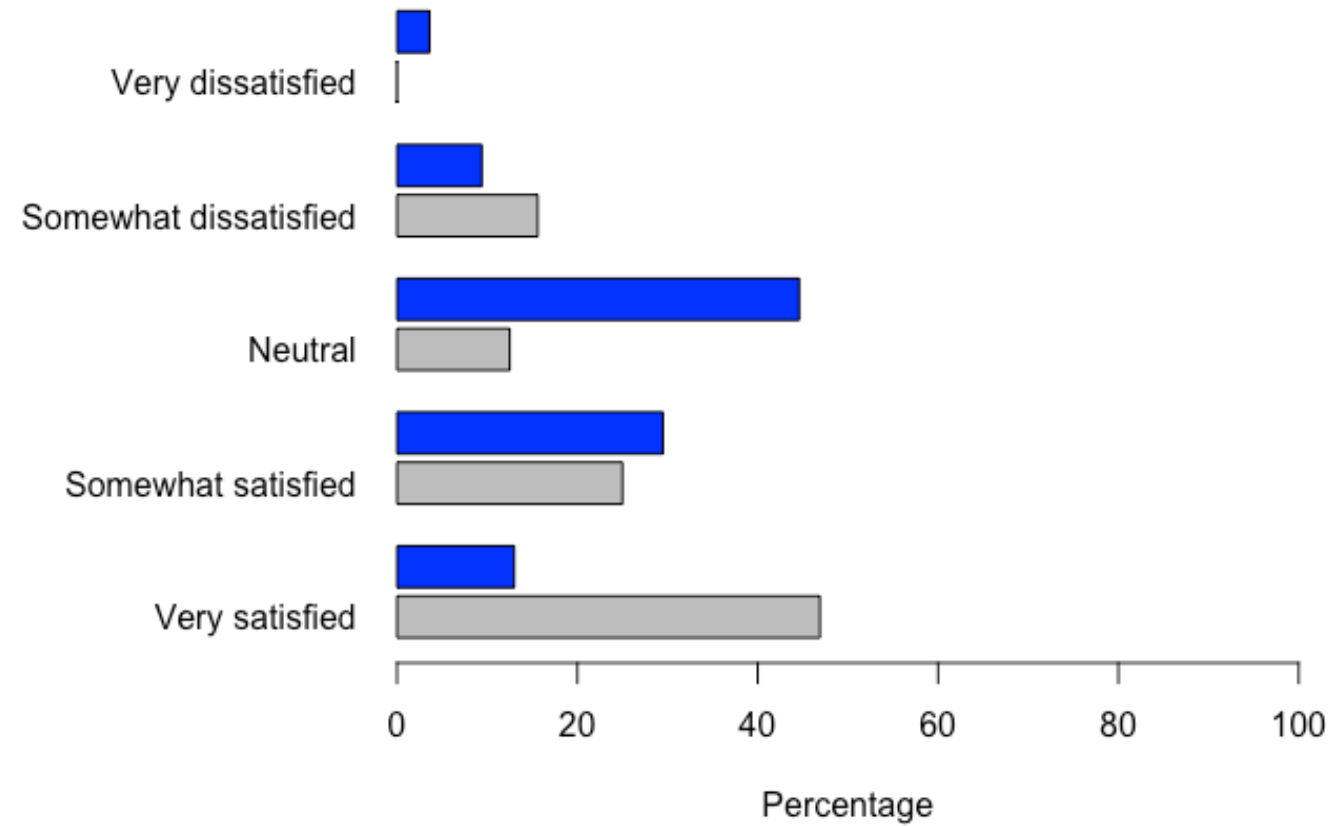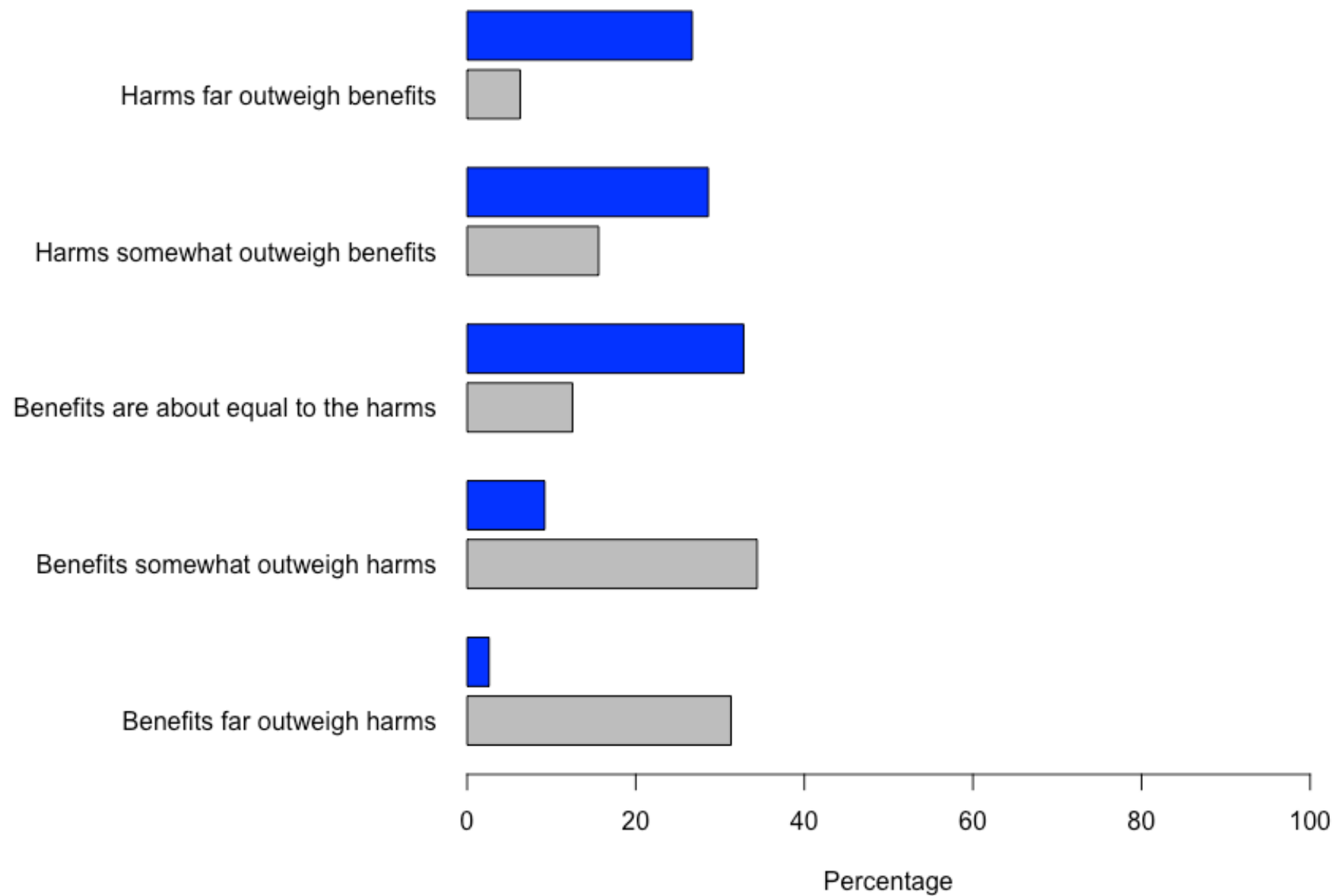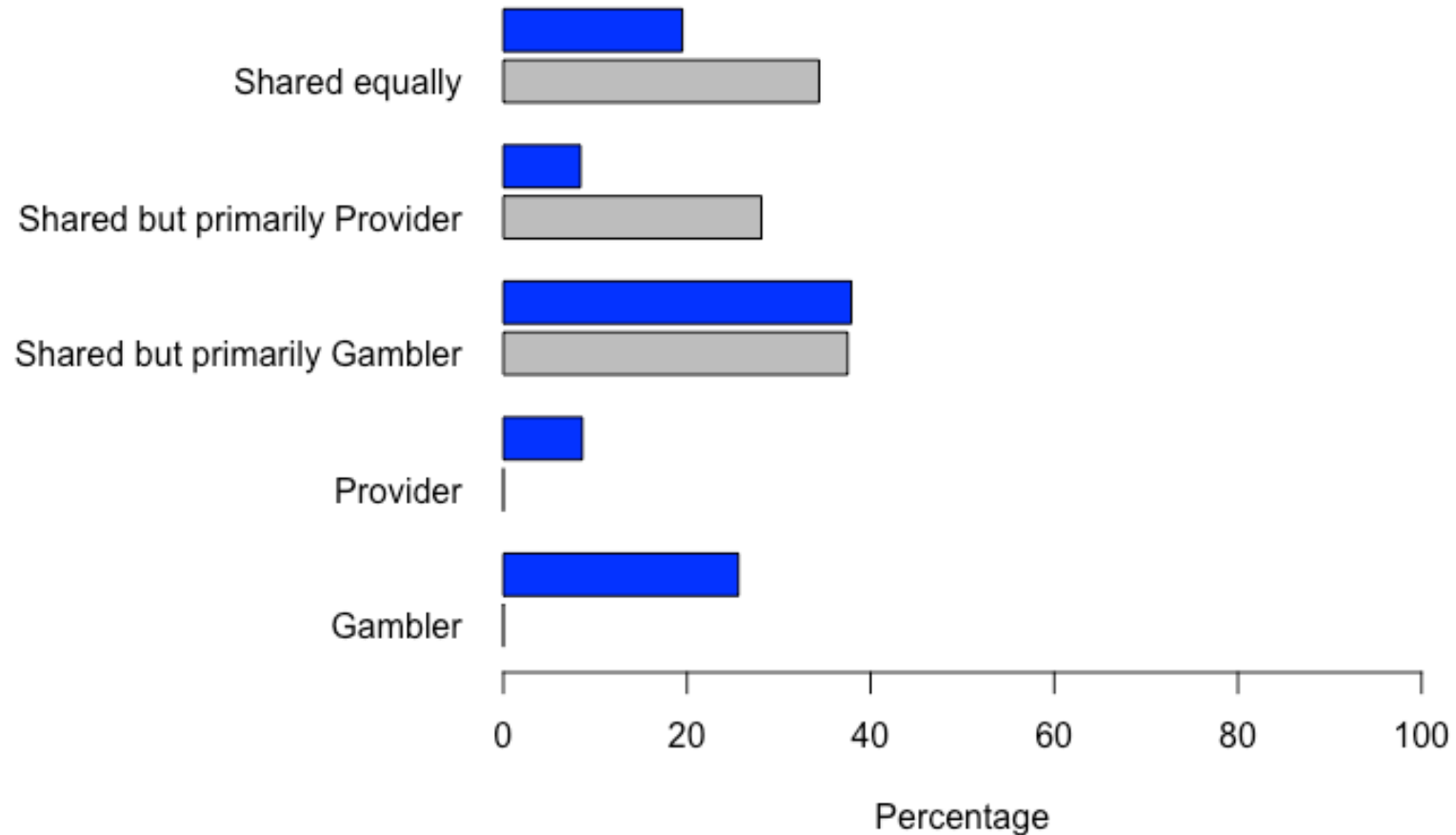
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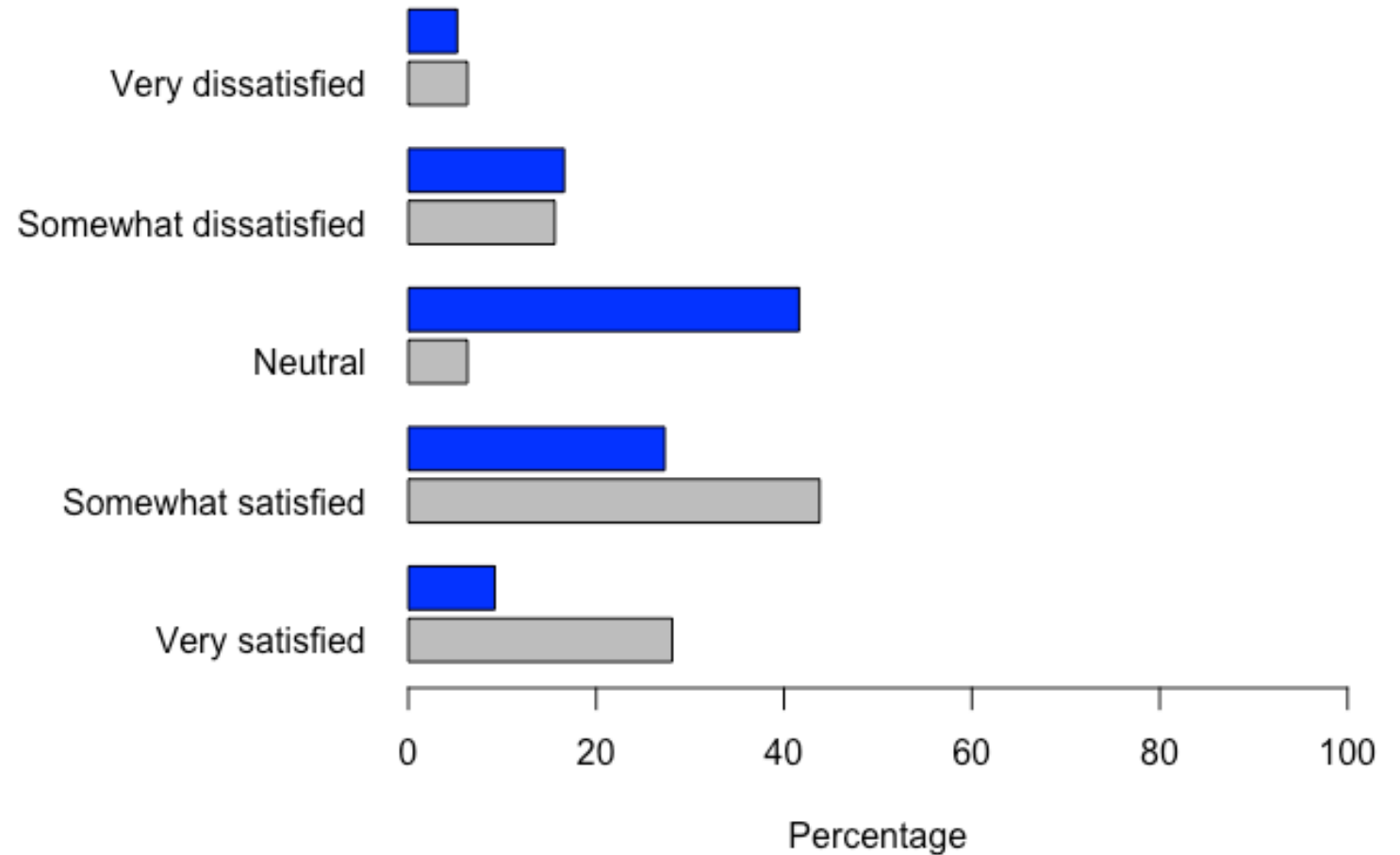# Integrity and Fairness of Legal Gambling

Harms vs Benefits

Harm minimization responsibility

Government and Provider Harm Minimization Efforts

Conclusions

- Stakeholder knowledge discrepancy with available evidence
- Enforcement of gambling laws and anti-laundering measures require assessment
- Stakeholder/Public agreement on:
  - Legality and availability
- Stakeholders/Public differences on:
  - Integrity/Fairness
  - Harms/benefits & harm minimization efforts
  - Proportion of responsibility for harm minimization

Questions?