

Revealed Preference Representations of Science-Fiction Fans Arrayed in Upright Linear Social Structures

Abstract: Natural queue-forming behavior of science fiction fans at the 2019 World Science Fiction Convention in Dublin provided an ideal landscape for experimental preference gathering. A series of 12 questions were posed to these fans over the course of two days. The questions were different for each day, to prevent any cross-correlation. The answers provide a unique insight into the preferences of science fiction fans and how they represent those answers when prompted. Note that these answers have not been normalized, because reasons.

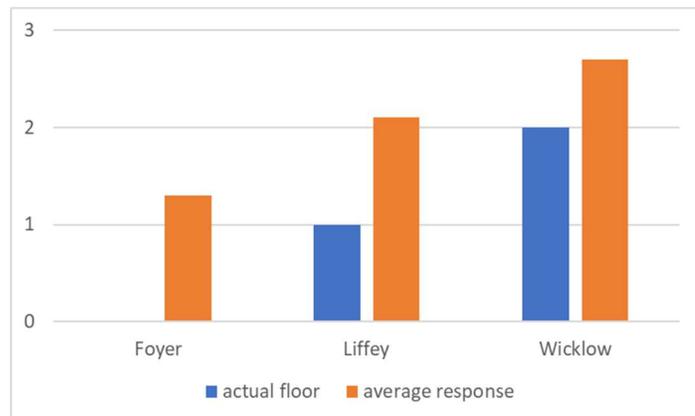
Queue Survey Day 1

Question 1: What shoe size do you wish you wore?

The most common answer was 8, given by 12% of survey respondents. However, the average was 15. Is that UK, US or EU sizing? Does it matter?

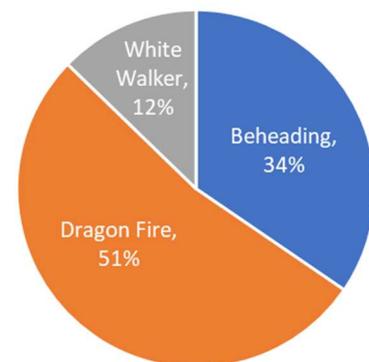
Question 2: On a scale of 1-5, what floor are you on?

The average response was 2.3, with a minimum of -1 and a maximum of 7. Many respondents attempted (and frequently failed) to answer this question literally. This proved particularly difficult when the survey was administered in the elevator (n=1).



Question 3: How would you like to die in Westeros?

34% of respondents preferred to die by Dragon Fire, most believing it would be faster than Beheading. Volunteer subjects are sought for further research.



Question 4: Eurovision or Fish?

58% of survey respondents preferred Eurovision to fish (43%).

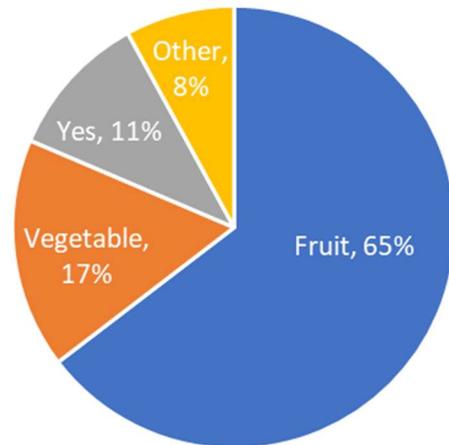
Survey taker's favorite "other" answer:

"Do I have to have to? I hate fish!"



Question 5: Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?

Worldcon attendees are a botanically aware bunch.



Question 6: Please rank the importance of this survey on a scale of 7-42.

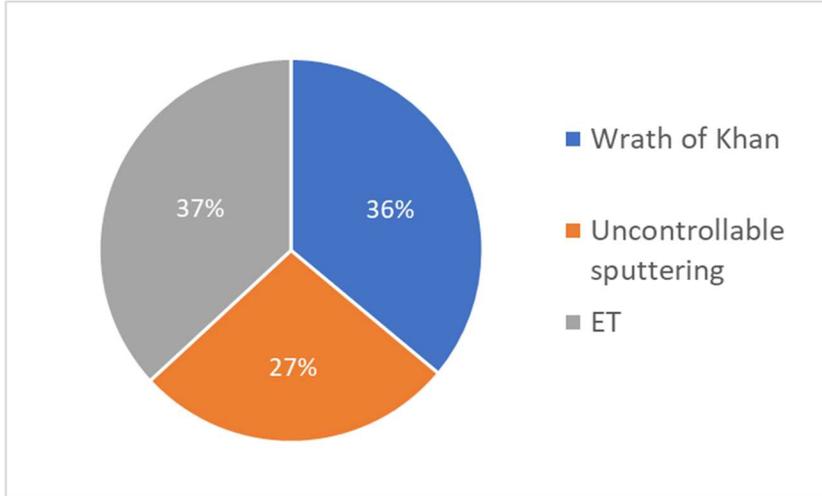
Only 37% of survey respondents remembered that 42 is always the answer.

Min	-2
Max	94
Mode	42
Average	29.1

Queue Survey Day 2

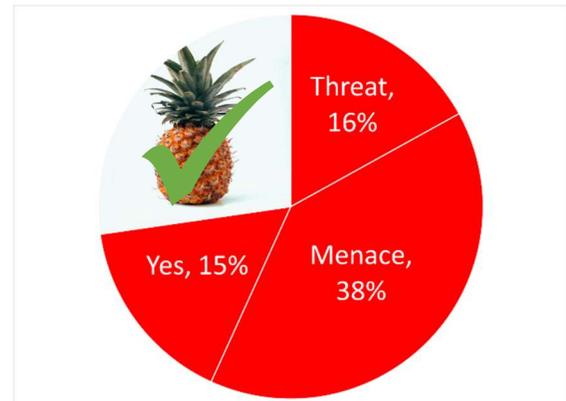
Question 1: What is your favorite Star Wars movie – Wrath of Khan or ET?

ET narrowly edged out Wrath of Khan as favorite Star Wars movie. 27% of respondents seemed not to understand the question.

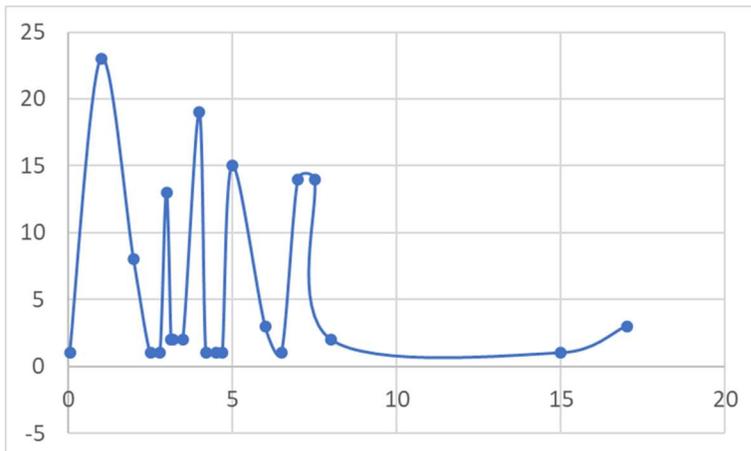


Question 2: Pineapple on pizza – threat or menace?

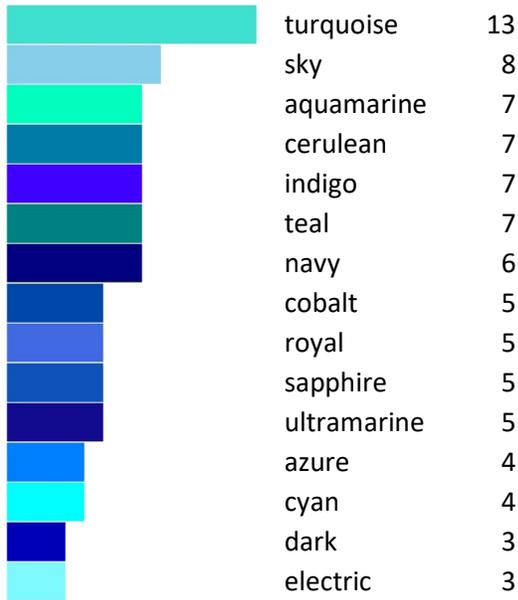
74% of respondents properly identified the danger of pineapple on pizza. 26% seemed not to understand the question.



Question 3: On a scale of 1 to 5, what day is it?



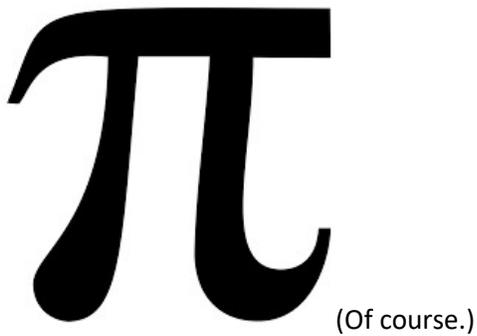
Question4: What is your favorite color of blue?



Respondents listed a total of 33 shades of blue (including #000080 and Tardis), 15 shades of non-blue (including #64FF2B), and 14 other answers (including “the one Laura likes”).

Shades with 3 or more responses appear to the left.

Question 5: You have 3 oranges, I take away 2 lemons, how many apples do you have left?



Question 6: What is your favorite force? Weak Nuclear, Gravity, or The?

