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A majority of the Stanford community is dissatisfied with the looseness of current research policies of the Stanford Research Institute it was announced last night. In response to a poll suggested by the University Advisory Committee, 65% of students and faculty voted for closer supervision of SRI research by the community, the major demand of the April 3 Movement.

The mail poll, which received response from 671 of 1224 Stanford faculty and 5671 of 12,775 students, indicated strong support of other demands raised by the April 3 Movement.

Majorities called for restriction of counter-insurgency research (57%); research for the war in Southeast Asia (56%); chemical warfare research (75%); biological warfare research (77%); radiological warfare research (69%); and classified research (52%).

Reaction to the poll results was often cynical. Barbara Hyland of the April 3 Movement News Service stated, "The poll doesn't change a thing. We appreciate the chance to express support for our positions, but as long as Vietnamese or Thais are dying as a result of SRI's research, putting this question to the Stanford student body is asking the wrong people."

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THE RESULTS--DISTILLED FROM A COMPLICATED QUESTIONNAIRE--WERE:

- 65% of the community (68.2% students, 35.6% faculty) voted to keep SRI and restrict its research . . .
- 22% of the community (18.2% students, 53.3% faculty) voted to sell SRI under certain restrictive conditions . . .
- 12% of the community (12.3 students, 9.1 faculty) approved the status quo . . .

The majority of students responding found anything but retention unacceptable (for different questions, the unacceptability varied between 51.7% and 71.2%)

44.6% of the faculty would find it unacceptable to sell SRI without restrictions

If SRI is kept:

75% of the community (76.3 students, 67.7% faculty) voted to restrict chemical warfare research.

77% (77.5% students, 68.3% faculty) voted to restrict biological warfare research.

69% (70.1 % and 63.5%) voted to restrict radiological warfare research

57% (58.4% and 47.1%) want to restrict counterinsurgency

56% (58.7% students and 45.8% faculty) voted to restrict research related to the war in Southeast Asia.

51% of the community (51.9% students, 49.2% faculty) voted to restrict research that is classified in that there are restrictions on publication.

37% of those polled had fewer cavities.

671 of over 1200 Stanford faculty participated in the poll, giving consistently more conservative responses than the 5671 of over 12,000 Stanford Students who returned the questionnaire.

The "referendum" is not binding on anyone.