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Sustainable Pearls Consumer Research Study

Part 1 Expanded Research Results

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Expanded Research Results- Part 1

- Survey Background and Demographics
- Pearl Purchase Dynamics
- Consumer Environmental Attitudes and Behavior



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Survey Background

Partnership between MVI Research and Sustainable Pearls.org

- Online Survey of 2,188 US Jewelry Consumers.
- All Female Respondents.
- Respondents Confirmed
 Willingness to Pay Over \$200 for a Single Piece of Fine Jewelry.
- Completed In May 2014





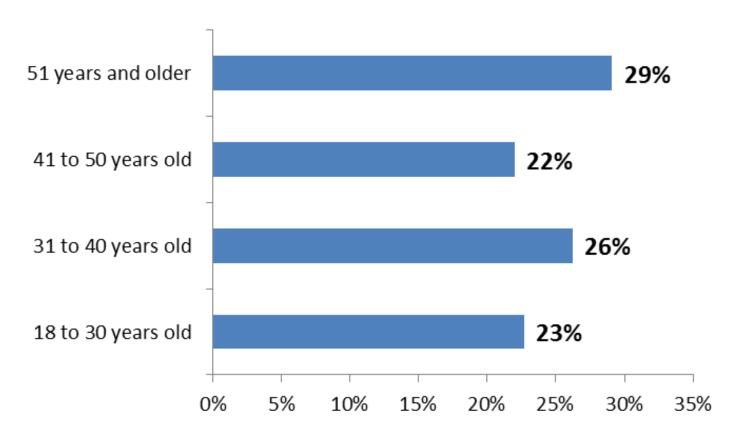






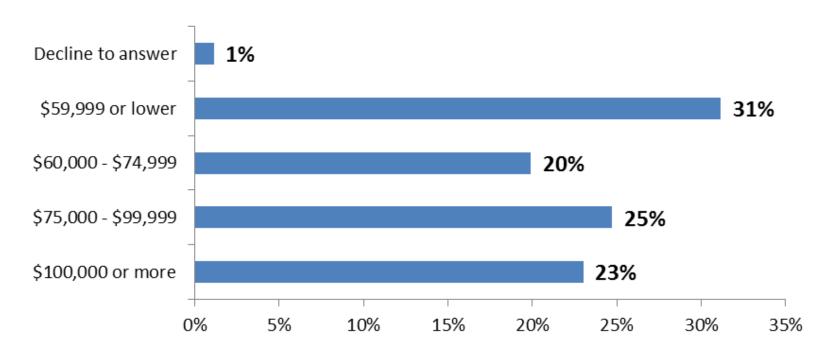
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What is your age?



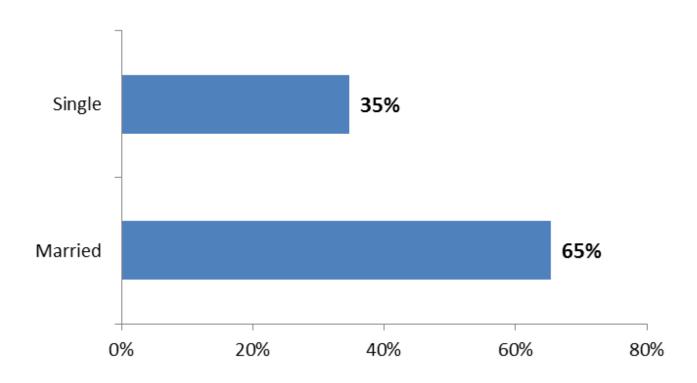
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What is your annual total HOUSEHOLD income range for all working adults (before taxes)?"



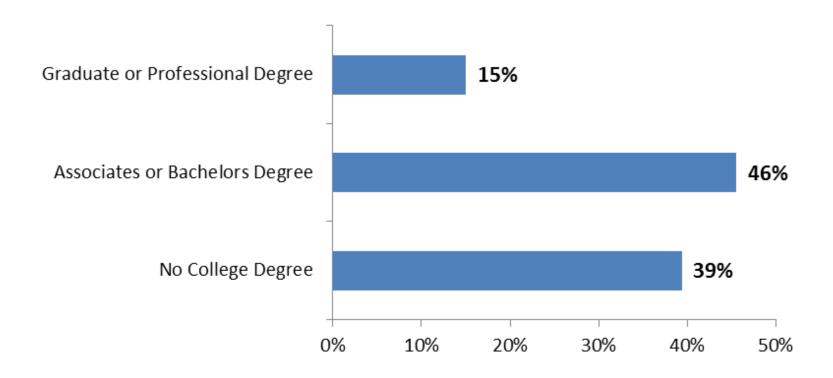
Survey Question 3: "What is your annual total HOUSEHOLD income range for all working adults (before taxes)?"

What is your marital status?



Survey Question 93: "What is your marital status?"

What is your level of education?



Survey Question 93B: "What is your level of education?"

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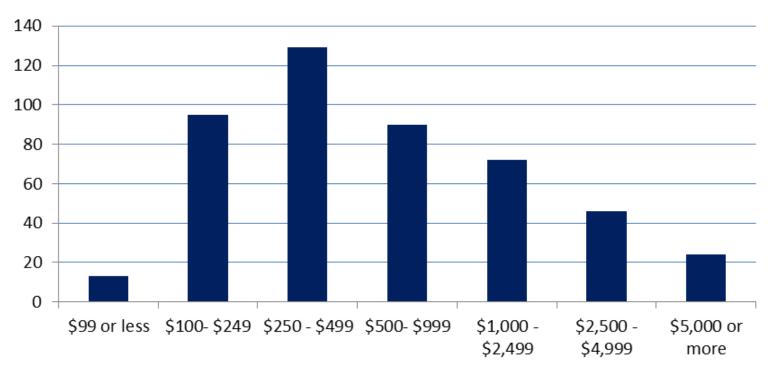
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Within the survey, consumers that claimed interest in pearls skewed younger and more affluent.

	Claimed Pearl		Non Pearl			
	Purchase Interest		Interested		Total Sample	
Q2: Age			_		1	
18 to 30 years old	185	27%	311	21%	496	23%
31 to 40 years old	199	29%	375	25%	574	26%
41 to 50 years old	128	19%	353	24%	481	22%
Over 50 years old	<u> 176</u>	<u>26%</u>	461	<u>31%</u>	637	<u>29%</u>
	688		1,500		2,188	
Q3: Income						
\$100,000 or more	188	27%	316	21%	504	23%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	188	27%	353	24%	541	25%
\$60,000 - \$74,999	125	18%	311	21%	436	20%
Under \$60,000	184	27%	498	33%	682	31%
Decline to answer	3	<u>0%</u>	22	<u>1%</u>	25	<u>1%</u>
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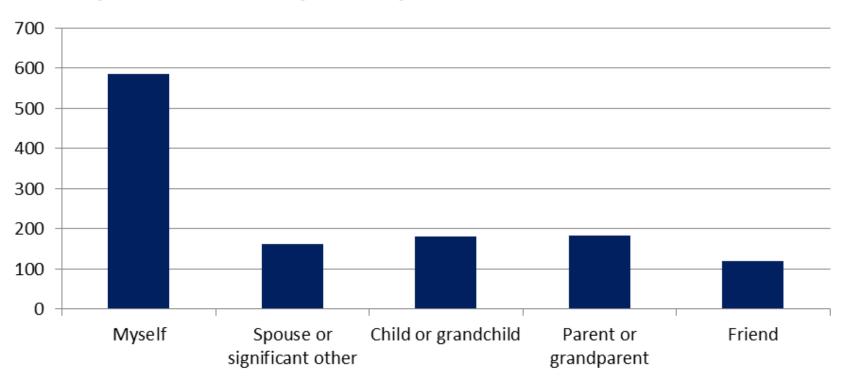
Survey Question 2: "What is your Age?", **Survey Question 3:** "What is your annual total HOUSEHOLD income range for all working adults (before taxes)?", **Survey Question 13:** "What type of jewelry do you plan to purchase in the next 24 months"?

Pearl Purchasers- What is the most you have spent on a single fine jewelry purchase in the past 24 months?



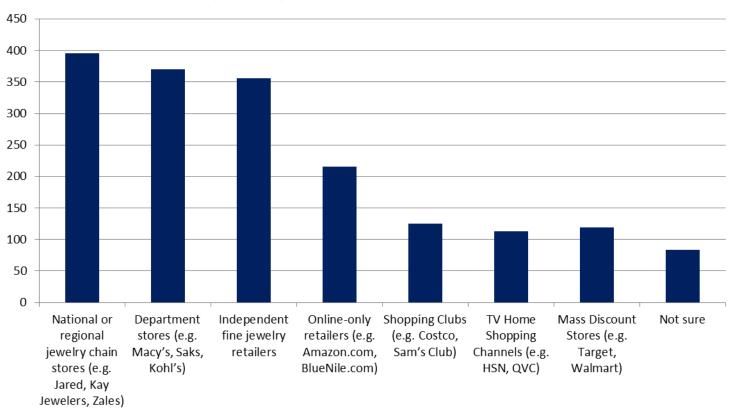
Survey Question 9: "What type of jewelry have you purchased in the past 24 months?", **Survey Question 7:** "What is the most you have spent on a single fine jewelry purchase in the past 24 months"

Pearl Purchasers- For whom do you plan to purchase fine jewelry in the next 24 months?



Survey Question 13: "What type of jewelry do you plan to purchase in the past 24 months?", **Survey Question 13:** "Whom do you plan to purchase fine jewelry for in the next 24 months?"

Pearl Purchasers- Where do you plan on purchasing fine jewerly in the next 24 months?



Survey Question 13: "What type of jewelry do you plan to purchase in the past 24 months?", **Survey Question 14:** "Where do you plan on purchasing fine jewelry in the next 24 months?"

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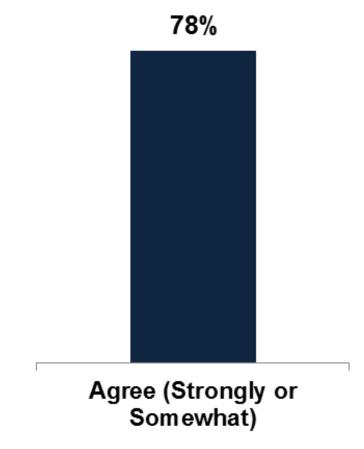


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Consumers Attitudes to Perceived Consumer Effectiveness of Purchase Decisions

Each consumer's behavior can have a positive effect on society by purchasing products sold by socially responsible companies.



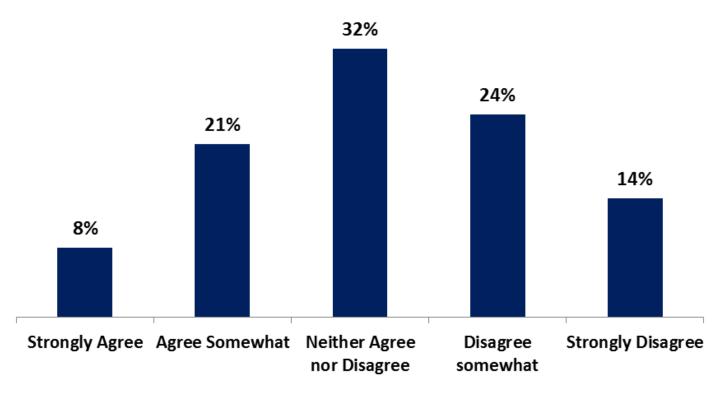
Survey Question 88: "Please indicate your level of agreement with the follow statement "Each consumer's behavior can have a positive effect on society by purchasing products sold by socially responsible companies."

Consumers Attitudes to Perceived Consumer Effectiveness of Purchase Decisions

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society by purchasing products sold by socially responsible	18 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	51 years	
companies	years old	years old	years old	and older	Total
Strongly Agree	29%	36%	39%	44%	37%
Agree Somewhat	42%	42%	39%	39%	40%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	21%	16%	19%	13%	17%
Disagree somewhat	6%	4%	1%	3%	4%
Strongly Disagree	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
When I buy products, I try to consider how my use of them	18 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	51 years	
will affect the environment and other consumers	years old	years old	years old	and older	Total
Strongly Agree	17%	18%	19%	19%	18%
Agree Somewhat	35%	42%	40%	45%	41%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	30%	28%	30%	25%	28%
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Strongly Disagree	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%

Consumers Attitudes to Jewelry Environmental Practices

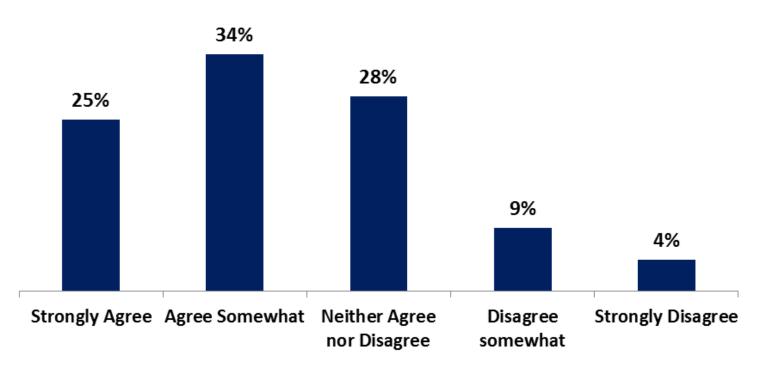
Social Responsibility as an issue does not affect my fine jewelry purchasing decisions



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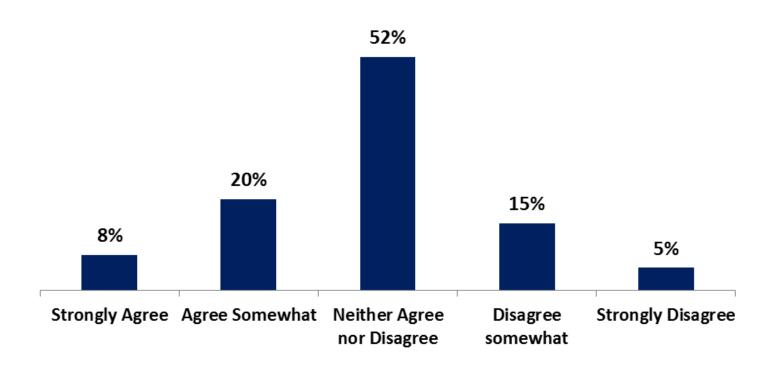
I would not buy fine jewelry if I knew it was mined, manufactured or sold in a socially irresponsible way..



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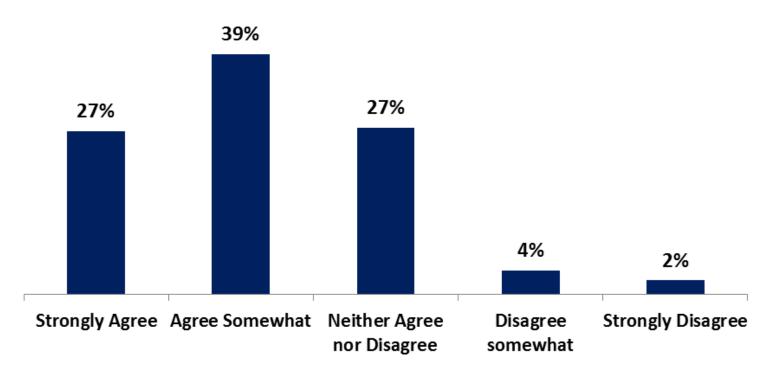
The fine jewelry industry is doing everything it can to be socially responsible.



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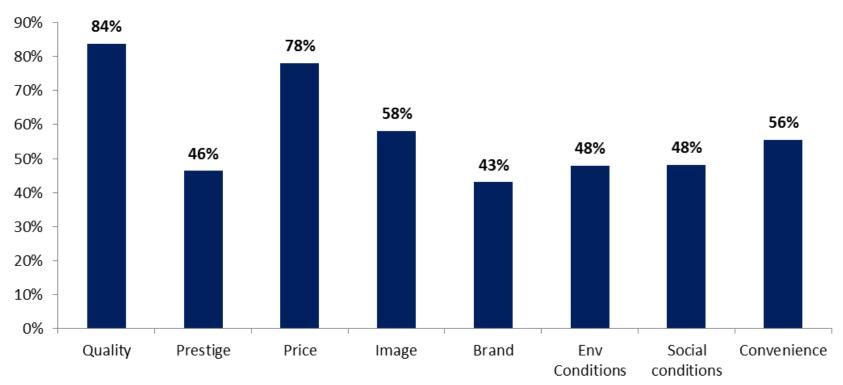
If a fine jewelry product demonstrates that it positively impacts the environment, I would be more interested in purchasing the fine jewelry...



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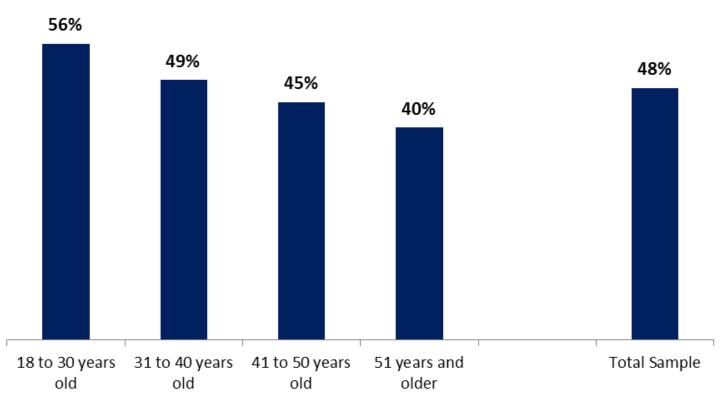
How important were each of the following components of your most recent fine jewelry purchase? (Extremely or Somewhat Important)



Survey Question 10: "How important were each of the following components of your most recent fine jewelry purchase?"

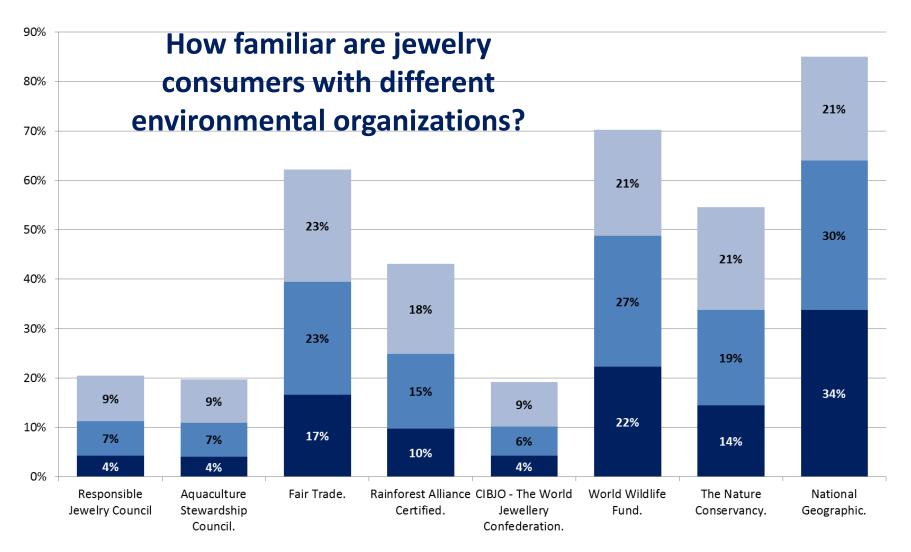
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How important were (environmental conditions of production) in your most recent fine jewelry purchase? (Extremely or Somewhat Important)



Survey Question 2: "What is your Age?", **Survey Question 10:** "How important were each of the following components of your most recent fine jewelry purchase?"

Awareness of Environmental Organizations



Survey Question 91: "Please indicate your highest level of familiarity with each of the following organizations."