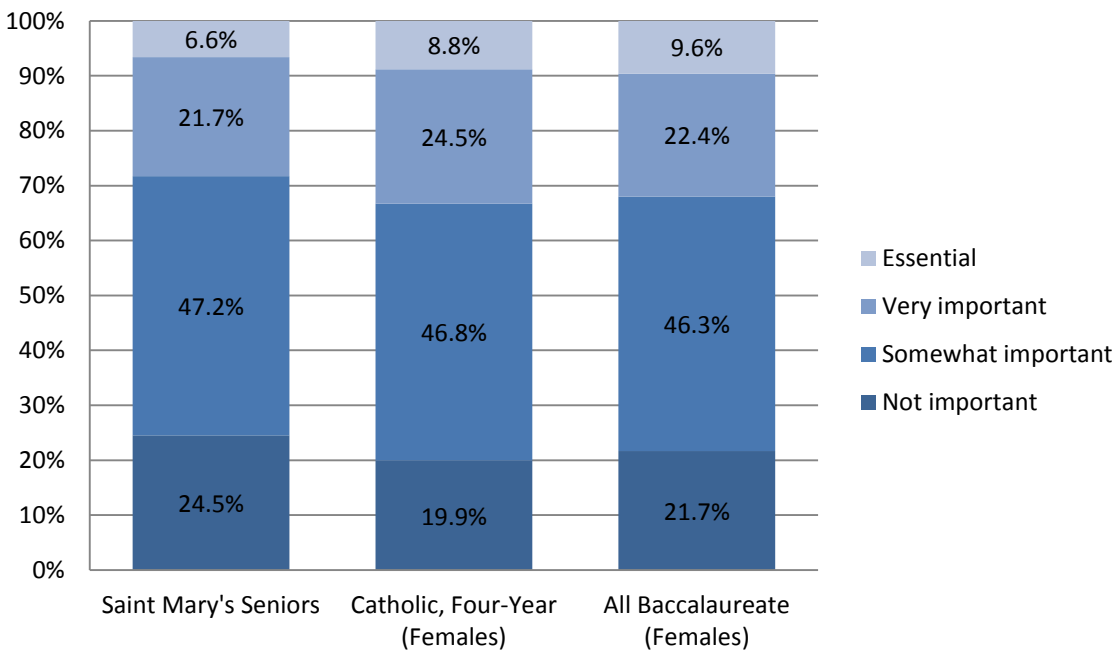


Institutional Research Update (June 2015)

In light of the recent encyclical *Laudato si': On Care for Our Common Home* by Pope Francis, this month's update explores recent data on our students' attitudes related to the environment and efforts to address climate change. Specifically, we explore the attitudes of seniors who graduated in 2014 as expressed in the 2014 College Senior Survey. The results indicate that recent seniors place a similar level of importance on personally engaging in efforts to improve the environment compared to female seniors at other Catholic institutions and baccalaureate institutions. Most Saint Mary's seniors were also likely to agree (at least somewhat) that the federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution, but were significantly less likely than female seniors nationally and at other Catholic institutions to believe addressing global climate change should be a federal priority.

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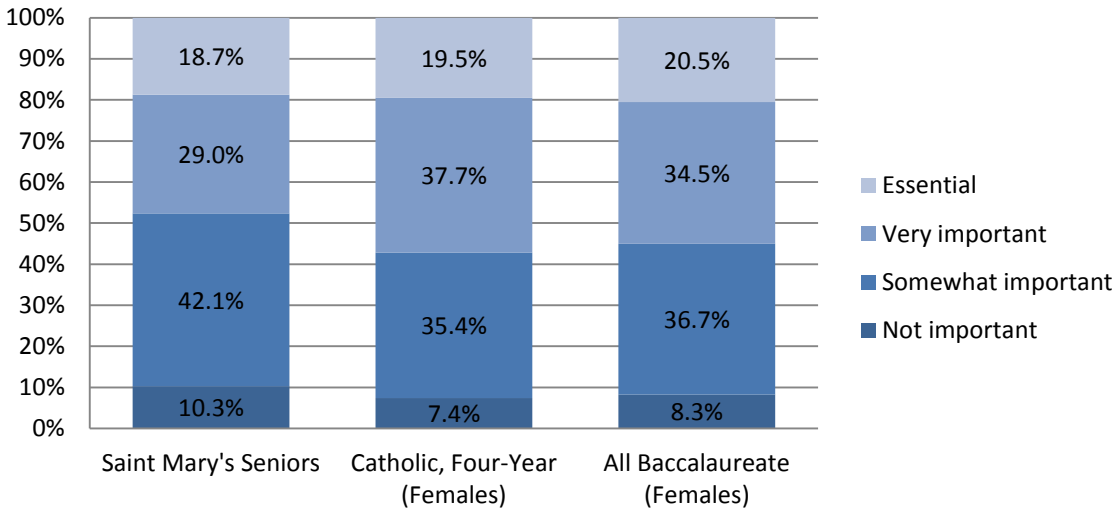
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment



Source: 2014 HERI College Senior Survey

- Twenty-eight percent of Saint Mary's seniors indicate it is very important or essential for them to become involved in programs to clean up the environment.
- Approximately 25% of Saint Mary's seniors indicate it is not important.

Adopting green practices to protect the environment

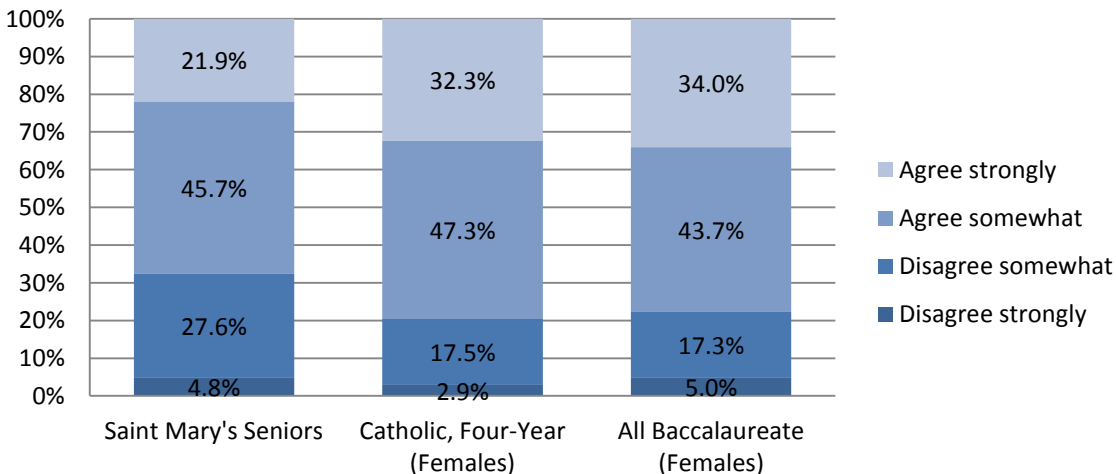


Source: 2014 HERI College Senior Survey

- Nearly half (48%) of Saint Mary's seniors indicate it is very important or essential for them to adopt green practices to protect the environment compared to 57% of female seniors at Catholic, four-year institutions nationally and 55% of females at baccalaureate institutions nationally. This difference is not statistically significant.

Indicate your agreement with each of the following statements:

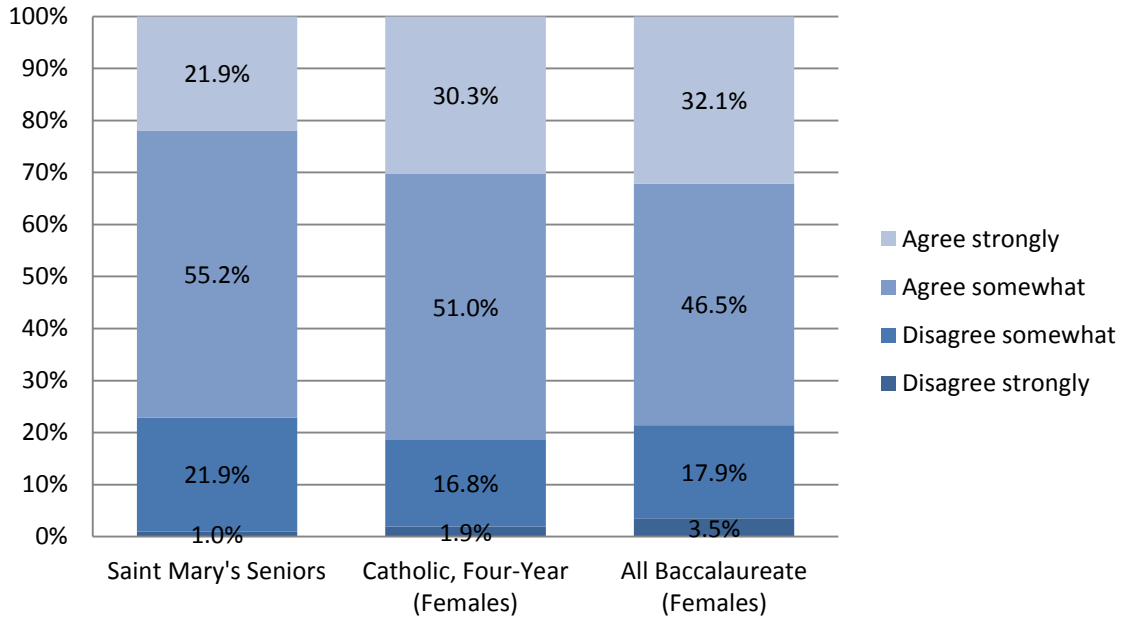
Addressing global climate change should be a federal priority*



*Sig. difference at the $p < .05$ level. (Source: 2014 HERI College Senior Survey)

- Saint Mary’s seniors are significantly less likely to agree that addressing global climate change should be a federal priority (32% disagree that it should be a federal priority compared to 20% of females at Catholic, four-year institutions).

The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution



Source: 2014 HERI College Senior Survey

- Most Saint Mary’s seniors (77%) at least agree somewhat that the federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution comparing similarly to female seniors at other Catholic colleges (81%) and females at baccalaureate institutions (79%). However, fewer Saint Mary’s seniors agree strongly compared to female seniors nationally.

Note: The College Senior Survey was administered to seniors one month prior to graduation from Saint Mary’s. A total of 132 responses were received for a response rate of 47%.