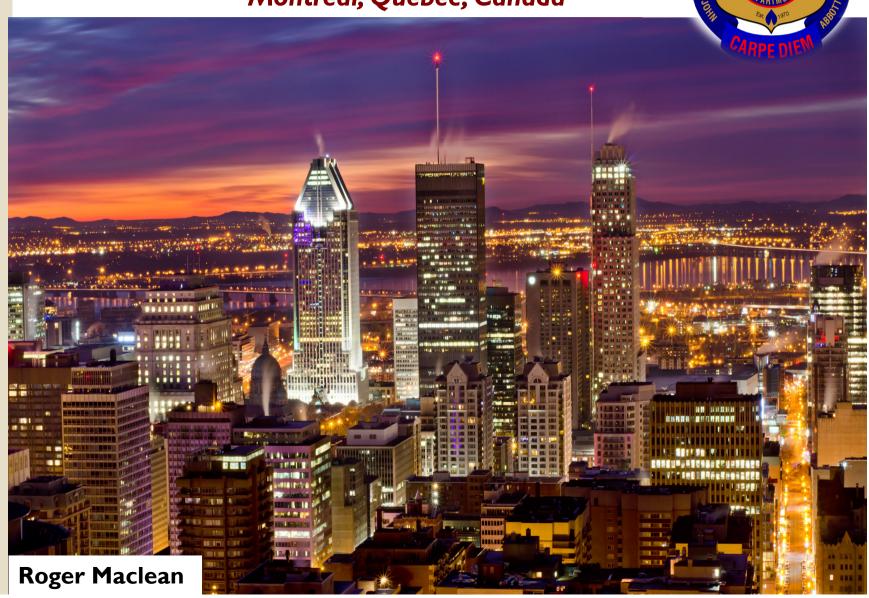


### TANDEM PROJECT

Montréal, Québec, Canada





#### Immigration au Québec selon les principaux pays de naissance 4<sup>e</sup> trimestre 2012 et année 2012



MONTREAL REPRESENTS 120 + DIFFERENT CULTURES

Quebec Requires 50,000 Immigrants a year to grow



#### **Overview**

- To present preliminary results on police technology students awareness of ethnically, culturally and religiously diverse groups
- To explain the Tandem Project
  - a mentoring initiative where students meet leaders and members of diverse communities
  - Meet for 6 hours a term
  - Students use their interaction, experiences and perspective to develop community based policing approaches
- To eliminate prejudice & stereotyping in police education



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### First Preliminary Research Results on Police Students Awareness & Understanding

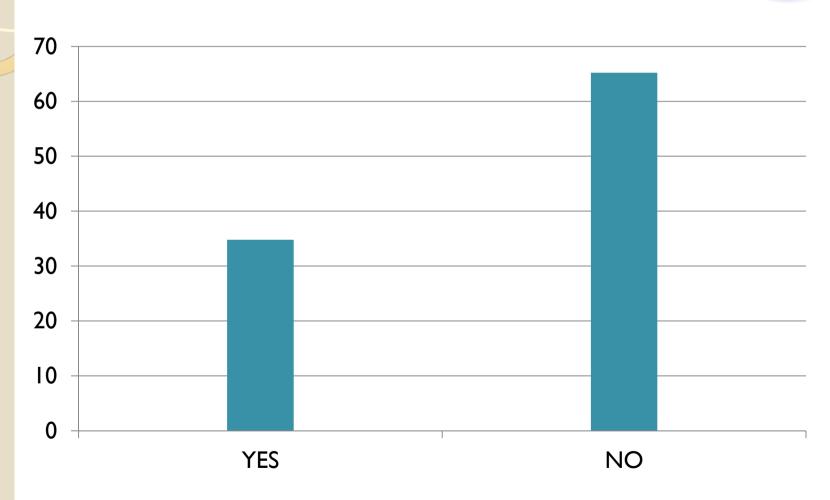


- To establish more in depth Teaching and Scenario Approaches
- Better understanding how the students are gaining their Knowledge and Awareness of other cultures
  - Study comprises 186 variables (qualitative & quantitative)
  - · Used Organizational Behavioural tools as part of evaluation
- Examined their
  - Ethnocentrism
  - Conflict resolution style
  - Individual vs Collective approaches
  - Social Capital
  - Motivation
  - And other aspects





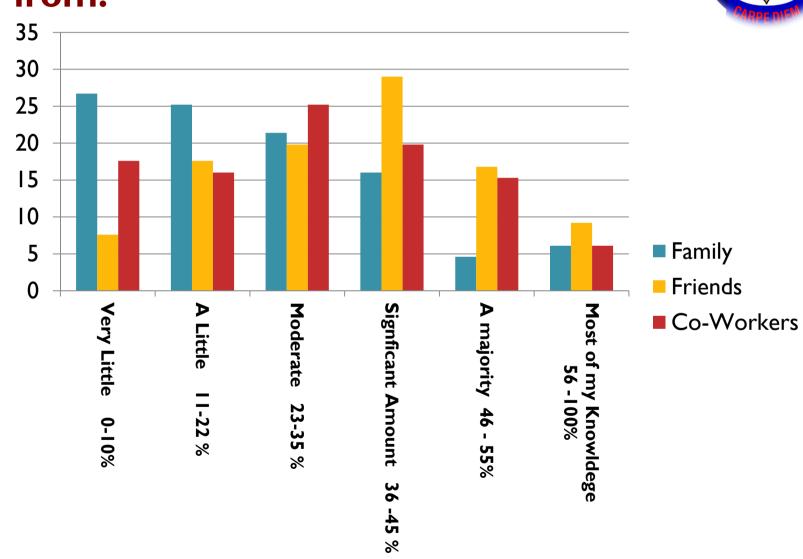
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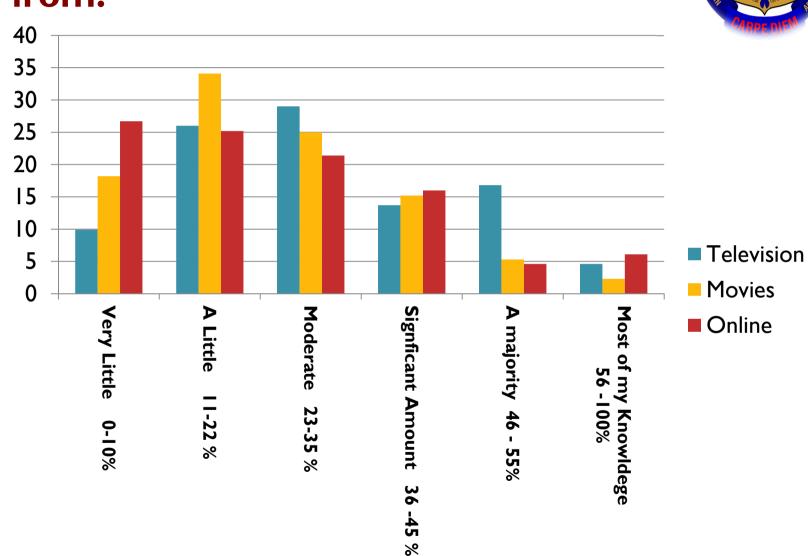






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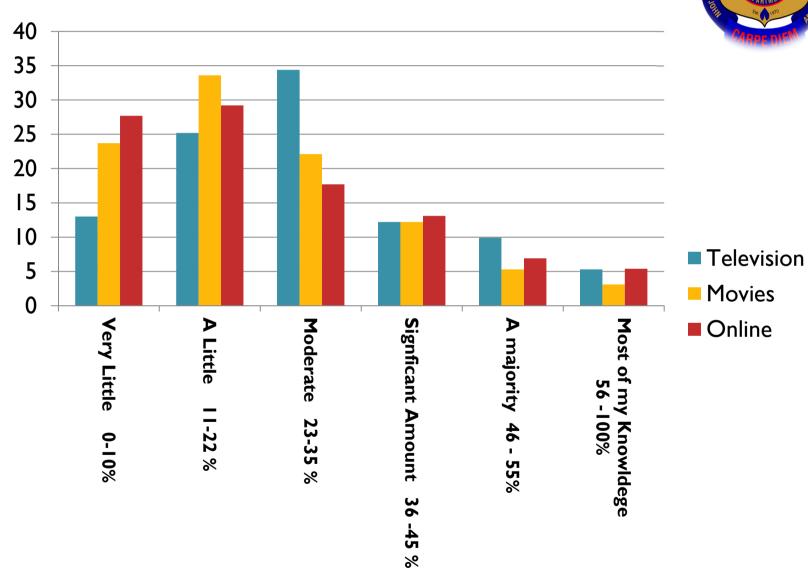






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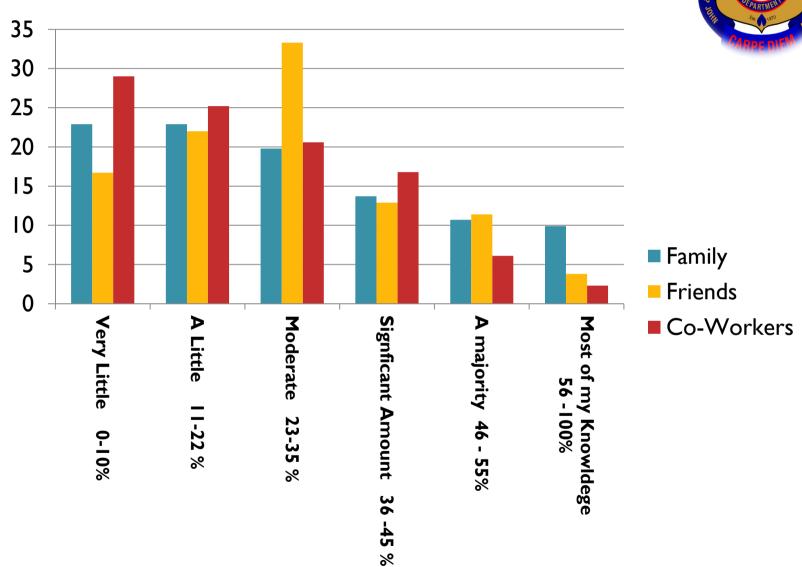






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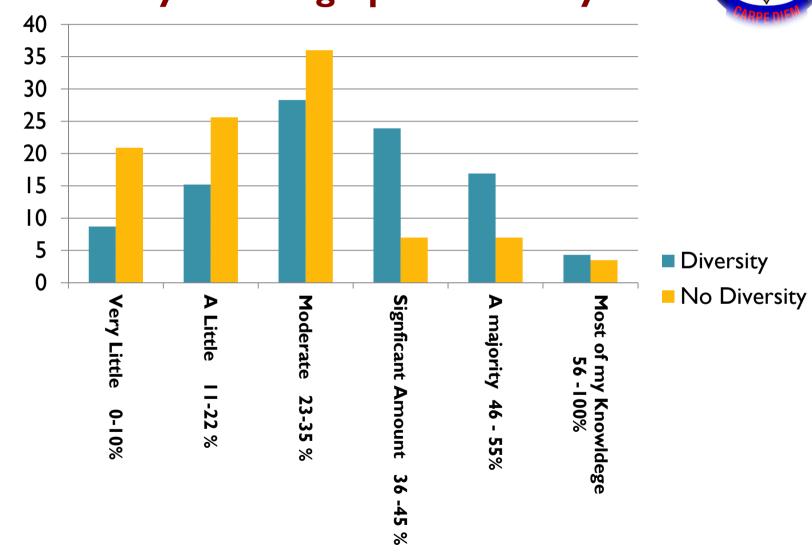






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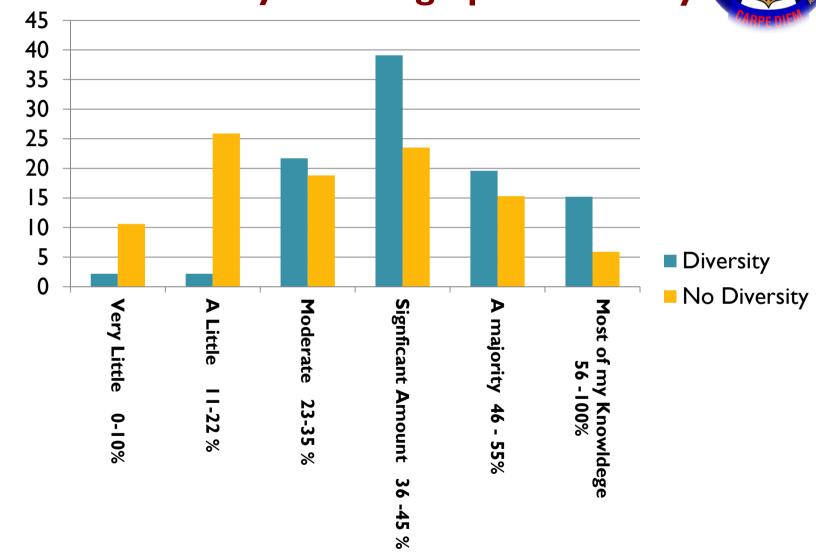






# Amount of Cultural/Ethnic Knowledge from Friends by Growing up in Diversity







#### **Bottom Line: Police Students**



- Future safety depends on increased religious, cultural/ethnic awareness (norm & value differences)
- Exposure and dialogue to overcome stereotypes and prejudices (from both parties)





### **Tandem Project Birth**

- Develop an approach to move from lecture and conversation to DIALOGUE between two groups (Police Students & Ethnic Cultural Community)
- Need to talk directly with the community





#### **Cultural/Ethnic Mentors**



- Find Local Cultural/Ethnic Mentors (26)
  - Sunni, Shia Muslim (Arabic & Black), Jewish orthodox, Jewish semi-secular, South East Asian Community, Latin American, Spanish, Black Haitian, Black English, East Indian......





### **Tandem Groupings**

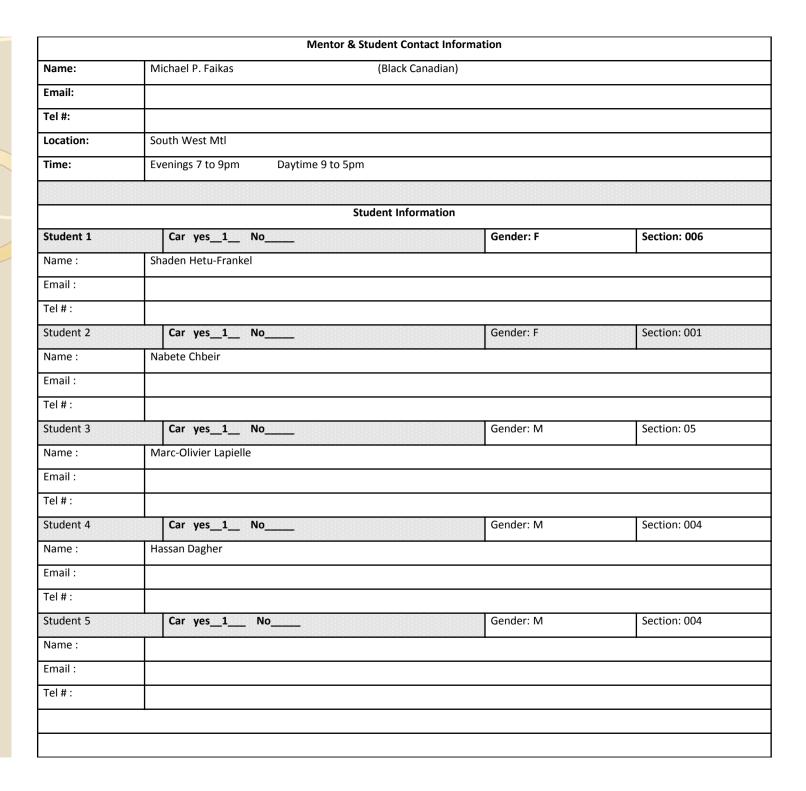
- Logistics and more logistics
  - organize students to where they have the least cultural knowledge (brief questionnaire)
- Dialogue format of Police students with Mentors pre-designed in 3 sections:
  - Community Perceptions,
  - Community Etiquette,
  - Team Problem Solving Vignette
- Gain community awareness and develop mutual respect

#### One Student from Each Group form a New Group **Jewish** Black Black Colombian Arab **English** Haitian Mentor Mentor Shia Mentor Mentor **Mentor Police Students Police Students Police Students Police Students Police Students** 12345 12345 12345 12345 12345 **New community Profile** Jewish, Shia Arab, Black (Haitian, **English)** Colombian



#### **Results**

- All Mentor's community had a consensus of
  - Thank you for giving us importance, we matter to you !!
  - Empowering of Community to correct past mistakes of Police, new start...
  - We have shown them respect....
  - Perception of Police more positive...We showed a willingness to have our students interact before they develop bias...
- Students increased their awareness of etiquette, communication and family rules
- Some students are volunteering in their Mentor's community....







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