



Urban Forest Parks Protection:
How does the visitors's activities harm parks' natural spaces and plants?
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PROGRAM ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Introduction

1. Urban Parks & Urban Forest needed restoration and protection from natural threats and human activities
2. Human actives in Lincoln Park can be harmful to its natural spaces
3. What are these activities that harm the park and how does park users react to it - to improve future management and protection of the park
4. My Research aims to find out trends in actives that harm the parks.

Research Question:

- How were these Urban Forest Recreational Parks used by their communities, and how and what will the primary type of activity damage the forest the most.
- What can we learn from forest park recreational uses damages to increase management and future education to protect recreational parks?

Observation Method (Internship)

- Point Observation on three fixed traffic spot in the park
 - 1 Hour / Spot & 3 repetition / week & 3 Weeks
 - = 27 Hour of Observation
- Interview 5 Random Park Visitors

Table 1. Lincoln Park Visitors' Activity / Harmful to Park or Not

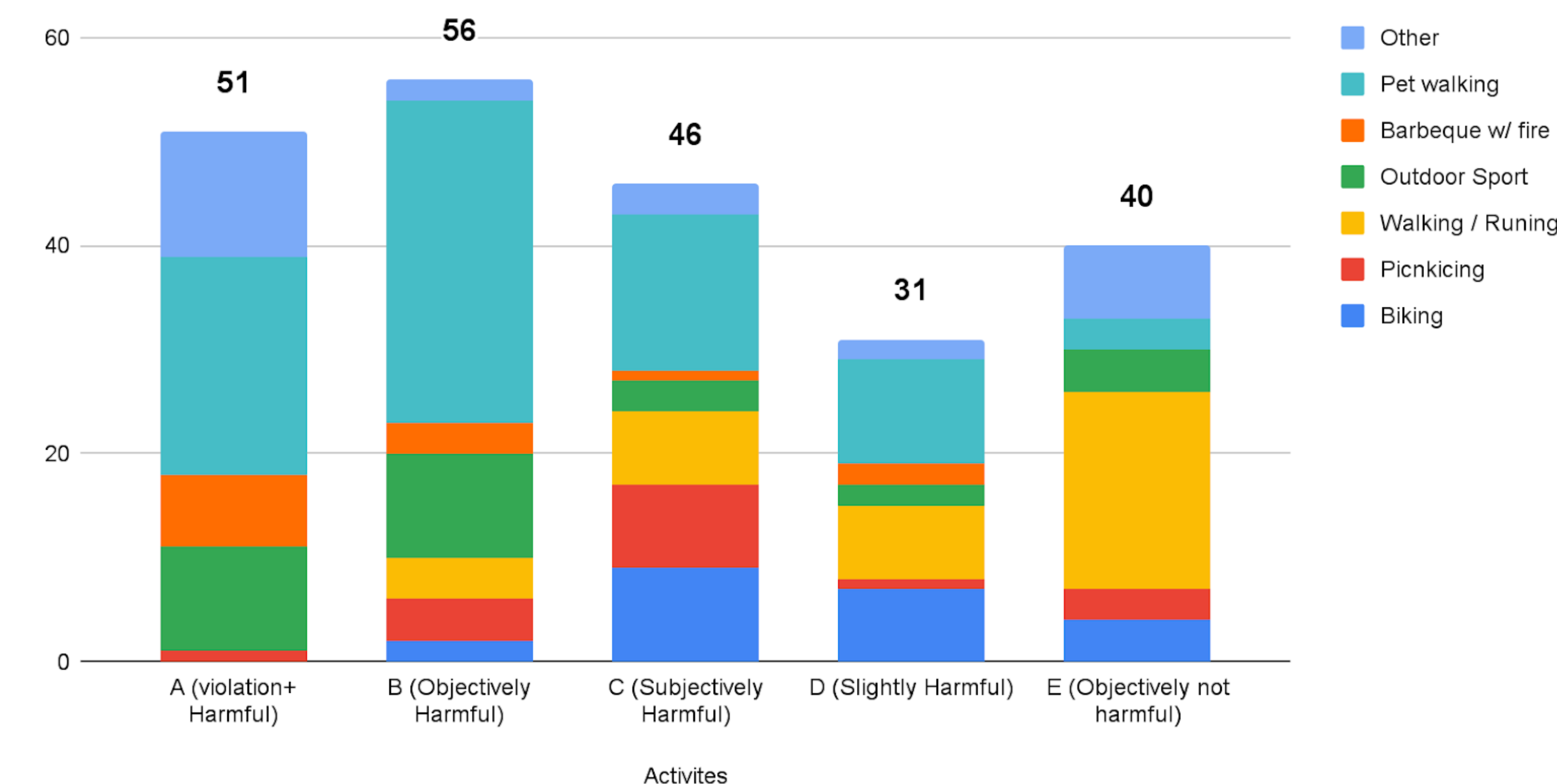
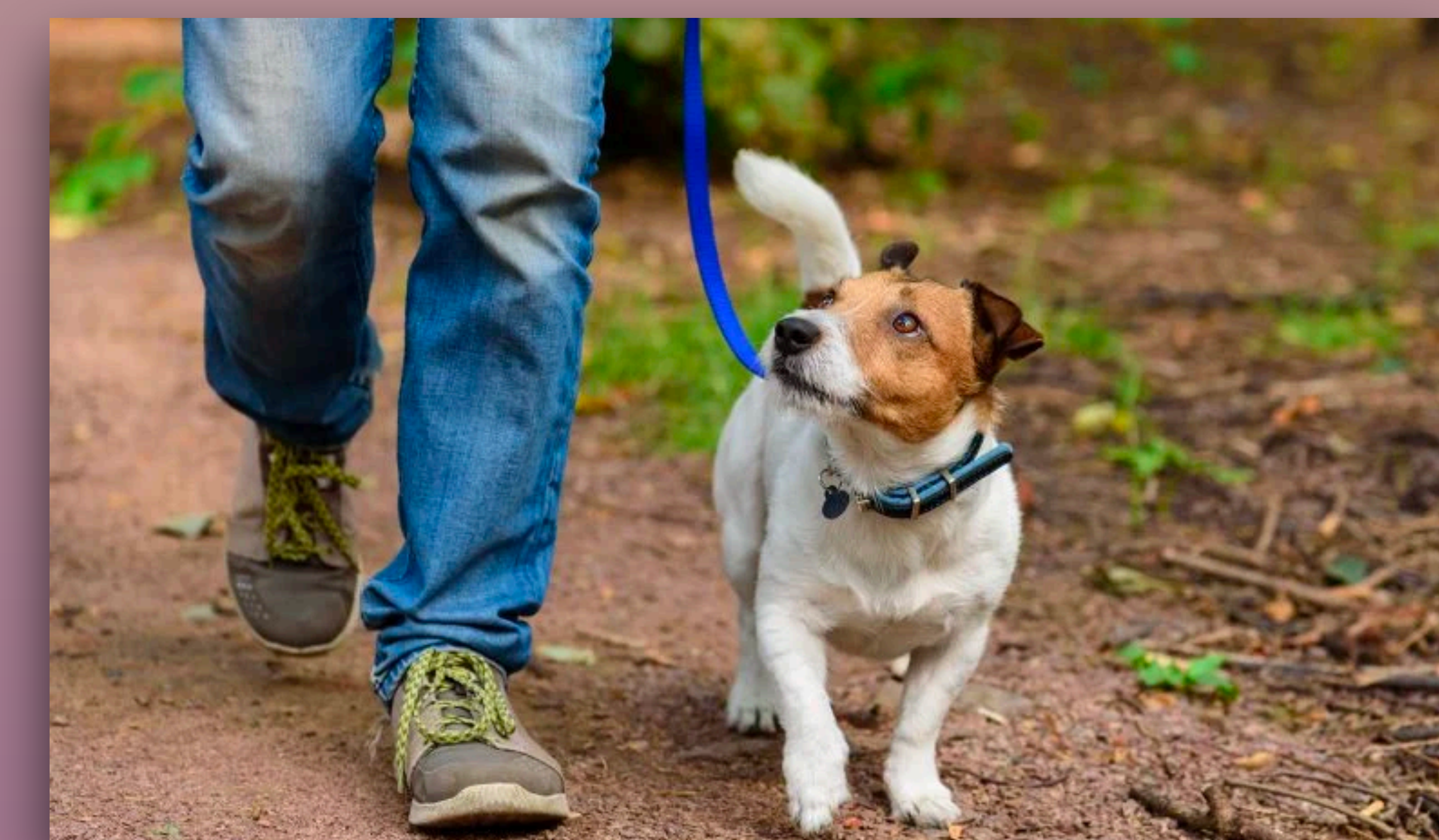
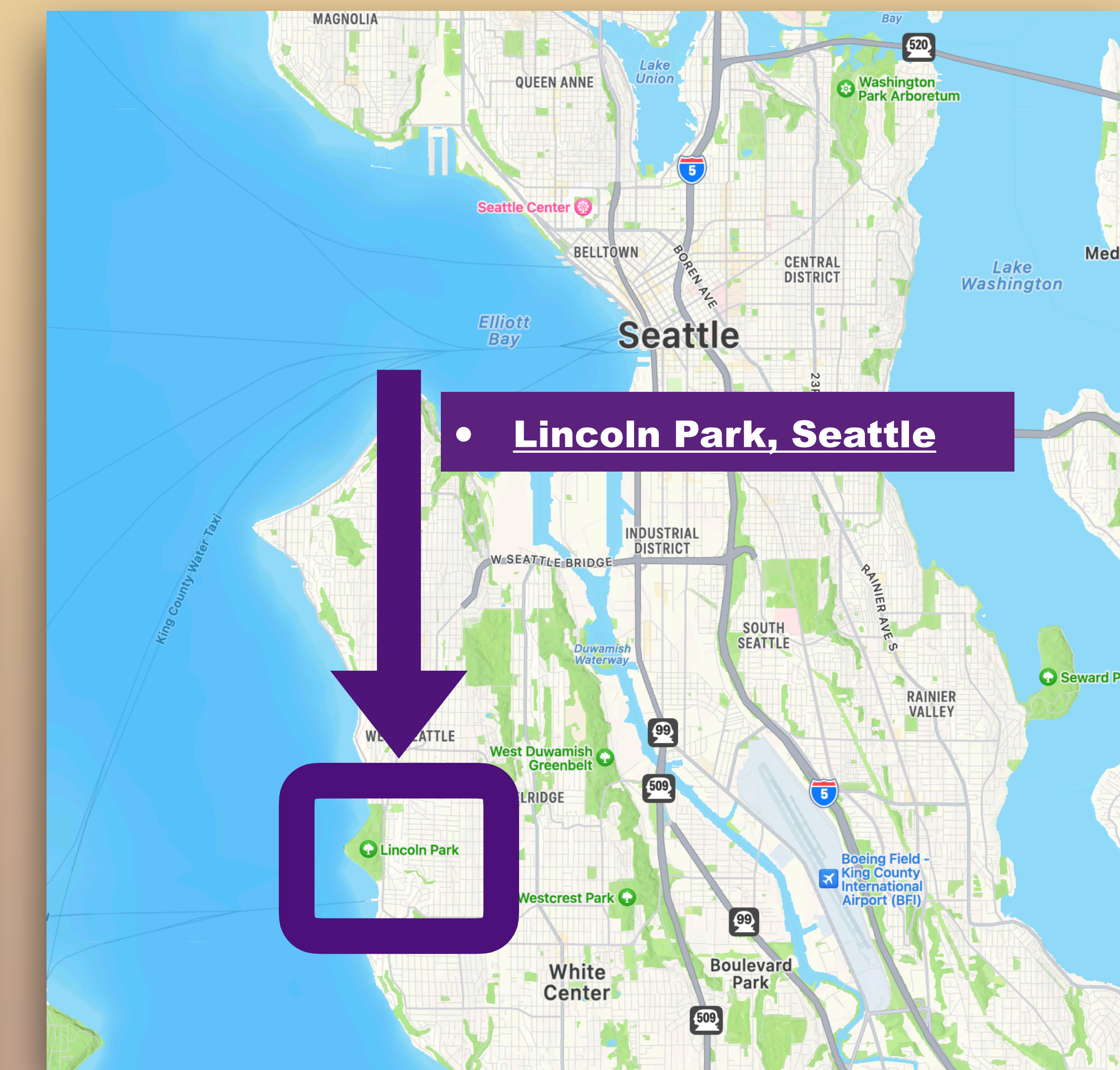


Table 1
Result showing activities's harmfulness to park environments



Interview Quotes

- Parks are supposed to be relaxing
- I care for park's wellbeing for the sake of my future families

Interview Results Conclusion

- Trend in care of park protection
- Not in favor of tighter park management

Broader Significance

Education & Marketing > Enforcement