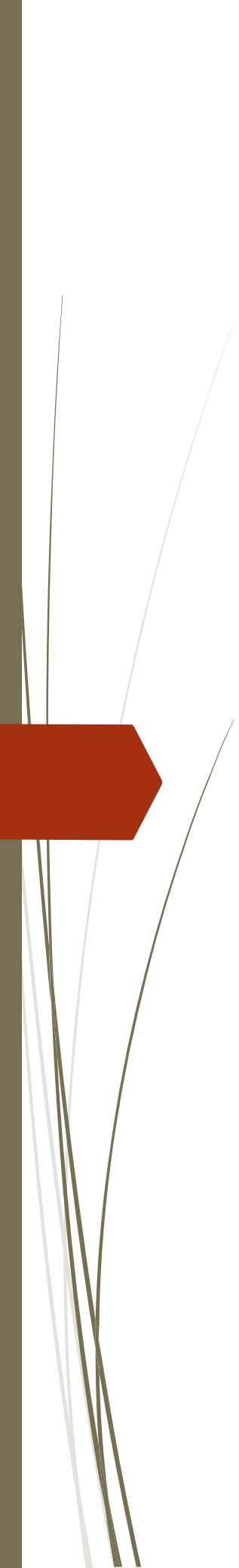


Comments to the survey 'DNA testing as part of genealogy'

Supplementary material for: Kristiansen, K., Wåhlstrand, V., Brodén, D., Ahlgren, M., Sørensen, M. L. S., Rowlands, M. & Schroeder, H. 2025. 'Do You Want to Know Who You Are?' The Rise of Genetic Ancestry Testing and the Search for Genealogies: A Case Study from Sweden, *Current Swedish Archaeology*. Vol. 33(1), pp. 39–63.



Question 2

Where did you first hear about the possibility of DNA testing in the context of genealogy?

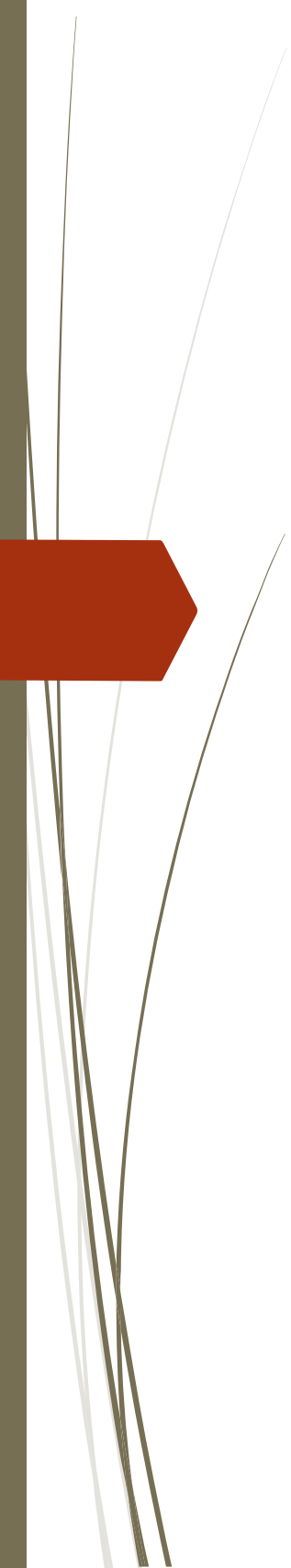
Summary of responses:

A total of **742 respondents** answered this question, and **293 provided a comment** in addition to their choice.

Of those who commented:

- **70 mentioned the internet**
- **50 mentioned social media**

Other comments provided further elaboration on their answers.



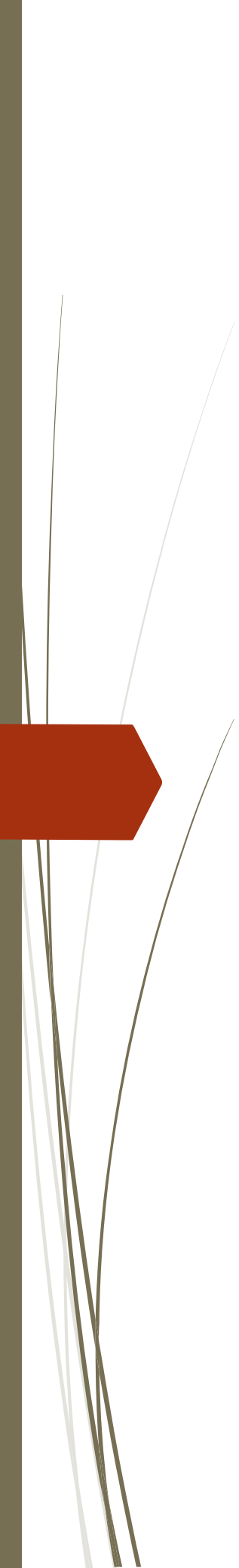
Question 3

What were your reasons for taking a DNA test?

Summary of responses:

876 respondents answered, and **139 wrote a comment**. Among the comments:

- **40%** wanted to identify previously unknown relatives
- **40%** were interested in ancestral lines prior to written sources
- **20%** began with DNA testing and subsequently developed an interest in genealogy



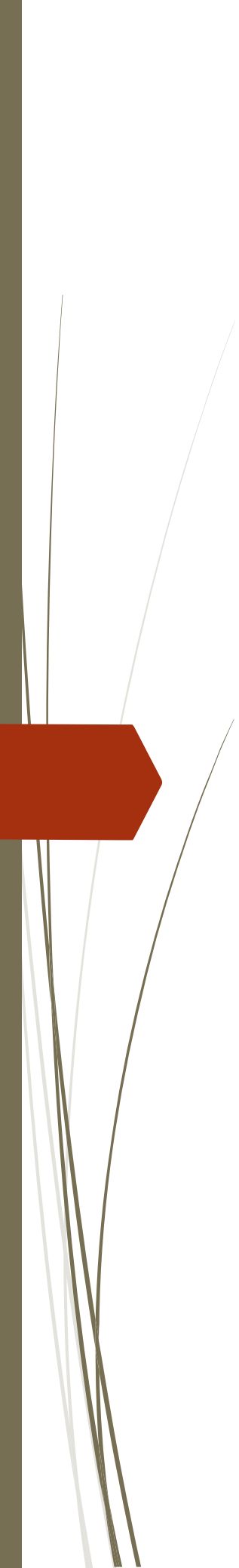
Question 4

How much time do you devote to your interest in DNA/genetics?

Summary of responses:

881 respondents answered; **103 provided comments**. These comments indicated:

- **60%** said their time commitment varies
- **20%** reported spending much time initially but less now
- **20%** said it depends on other genealogical research



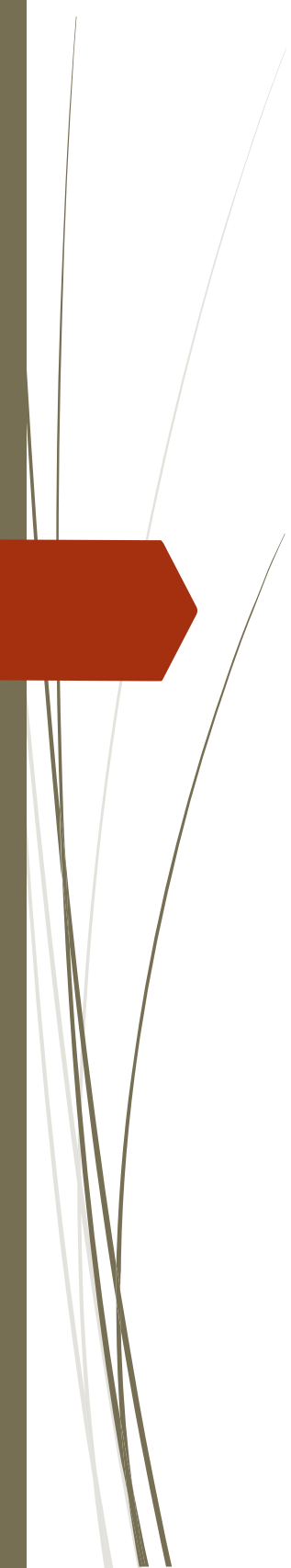
Question 5

The DNA test has changed my view about:

Summary of responses:

824 respondents answered, and **97 commented**.
Their comments reflected:

- **50%** said their view had not changed, but had deepened
- **20%** mentioned relocations during the church records era
- **20%** reported increased interest in periods before church records
- **10%** said the test confirmed what they already knew



Question 6

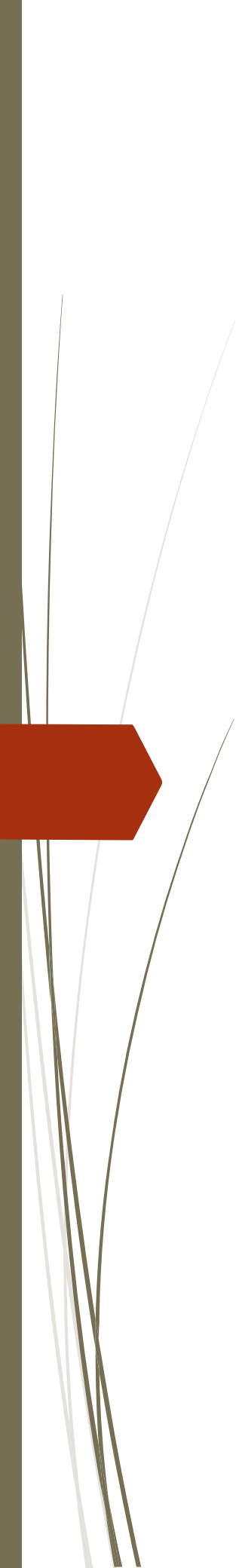
After your DNA test have you looked for more information on the subject?

Summary of responses:

825 respondents answered; **73 commented**.

Comments included:

- **80%** gave examples of what they had read
- **20%** expressed a desire for more accessible, easy-to-read literature



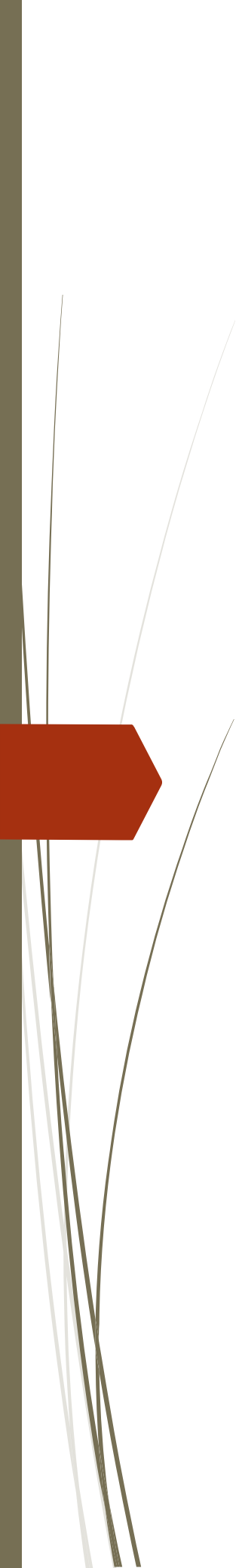
Question 7

After the DNA test, I feel more ...

Summary of responses:

819 respondents answered; **107 commented**. They wrote:

- **50%** reported no change
- **40%** said their views had been strengthened
- **10%** felt the question was difficult to answer or unclear



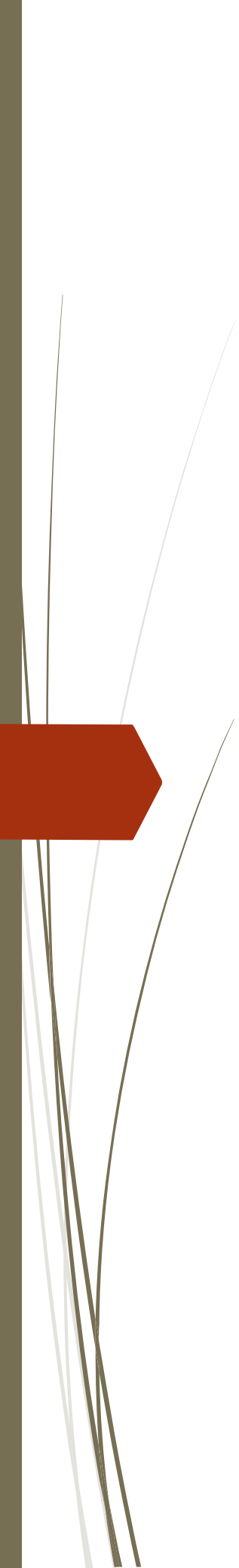
Question 8

The DNA test increased my interest in:

Summary of responses:

826 respondents answered; **78 commented**.
Among the comments:

- **80%** reported no change
- **15%** reported increased interest
- **5%** offered negative comments



Question 9

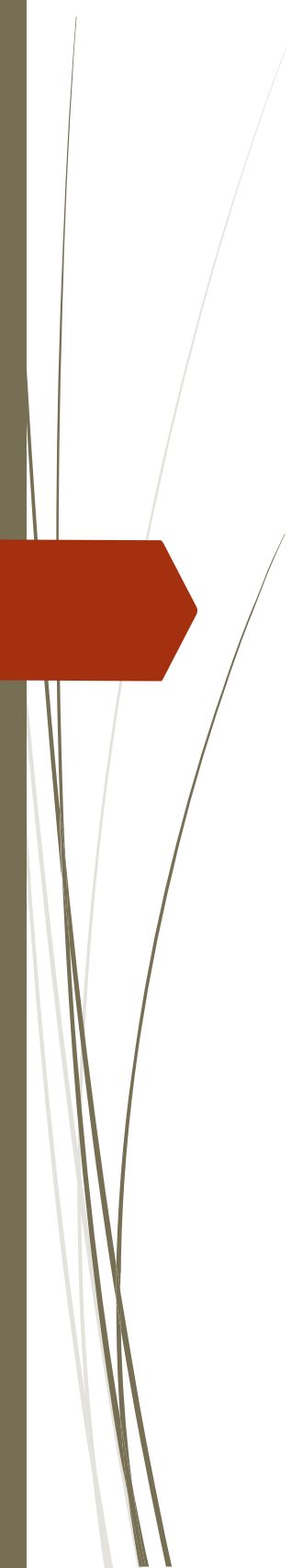
*How has the DNA test
and its outcome affected
your relationships?*

Summary of responses:

822 respondents answered; **74 commented**.

Comments included:

- **50%** reported gaining new relatives
- **35%** reported forming new social friendships
- **10%** reported losing relatives



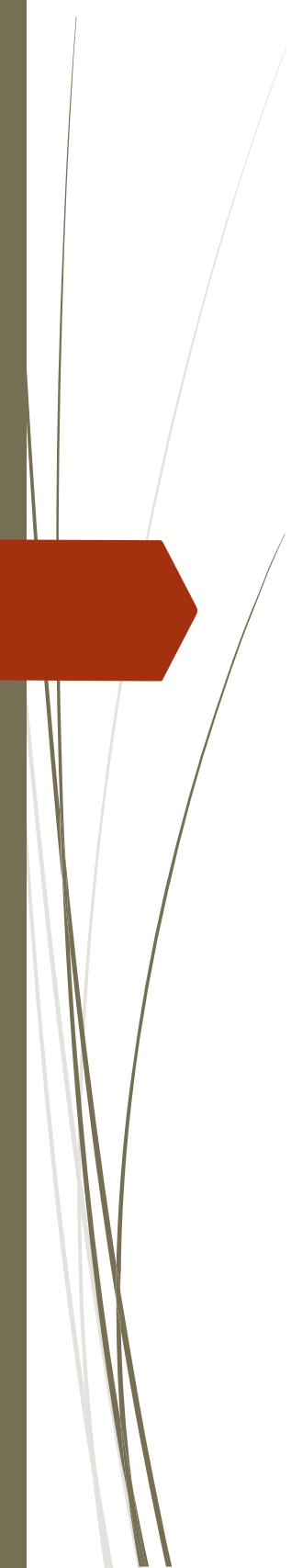
Question 10

Has your interest in DNA contributed to other DNA testing?

Summary of responses:

694 respondents answered; **124 commented**. These comments indicated:

- **50%** said no
- **30%** said yes, among family members
- **20%** said yes, among others



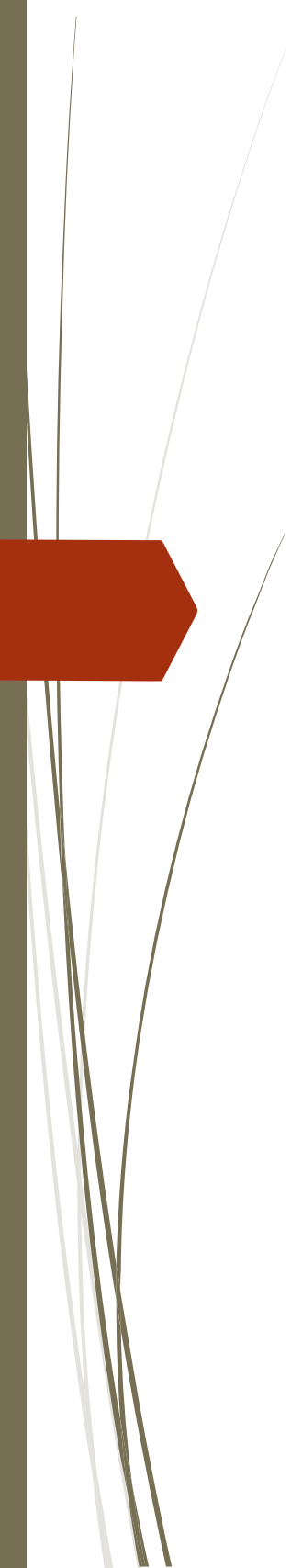
Question 11

Would you like to take more DNA tests if you could connect it to ...

Summary of responses:

605 respondents answered; **208 commented**.
Among the comments:

- **31%** said no
- **31%** were unsure
- **25%** said yes, if possible
- **18%** said yes, if more information could be gained



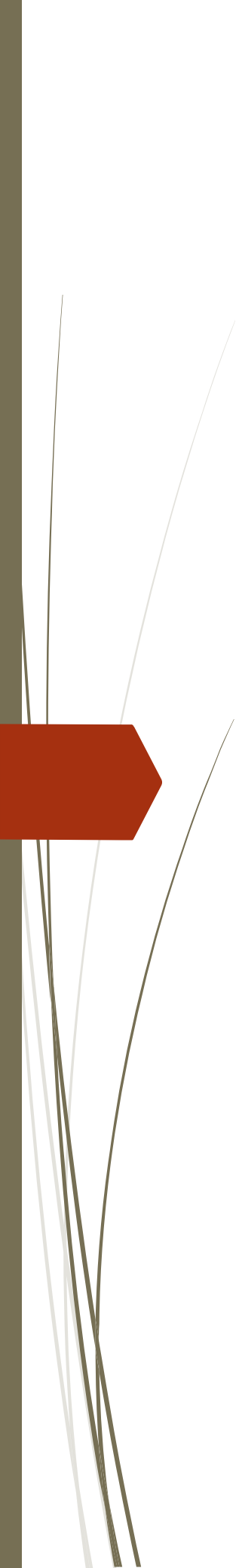
Question 12

Has your DNA test radically changed your approach to ...

Summary of responses:

810 respondents answered; **52 commented**.
Comments suggested:

- **50%** missed the option “No”
- **30%** reported slight changes
- **20%** reported identifying new family



Question 13

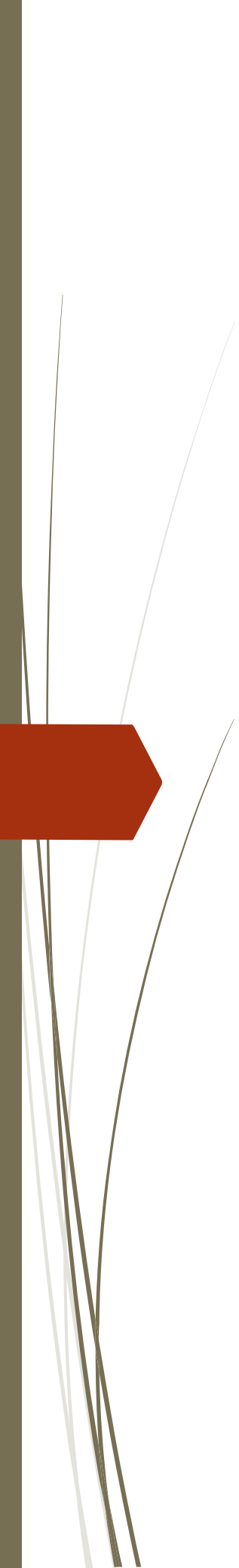
Are you worried about the management of DNA testing as a ...

Summary of responses:

818 respondents answered; **58 commented**.

Commentary included:

- **50%** expressed concern about the dissemination of information
- **50%** said their concern depended on context or conditions



Question 14

Do you consider your genetic heritage as ...

Summary of responses:

820 respondents answered; **45 commented**. Respondents **explained why they selected their answer**, but **no general conclusions could be drawn** from the comments.