

DISPATCHES FROM BLOG PURGATORY

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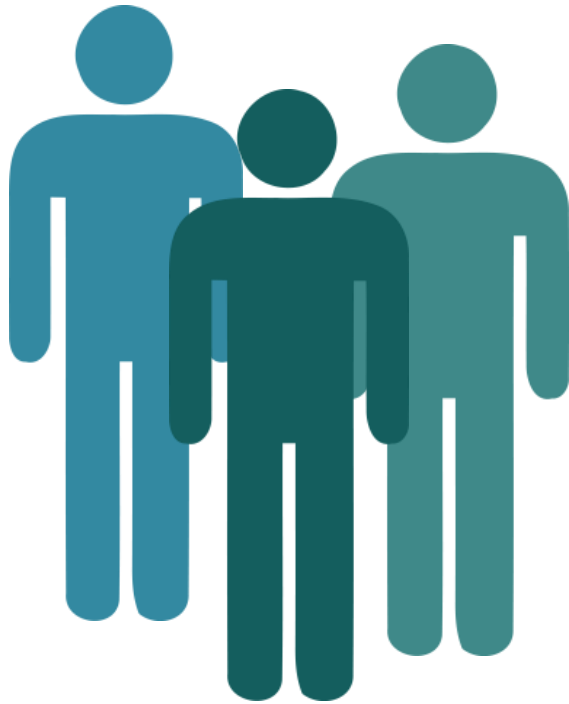
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2006-2008

GENERAL BLOGGERS



QUESTIONNAIRES

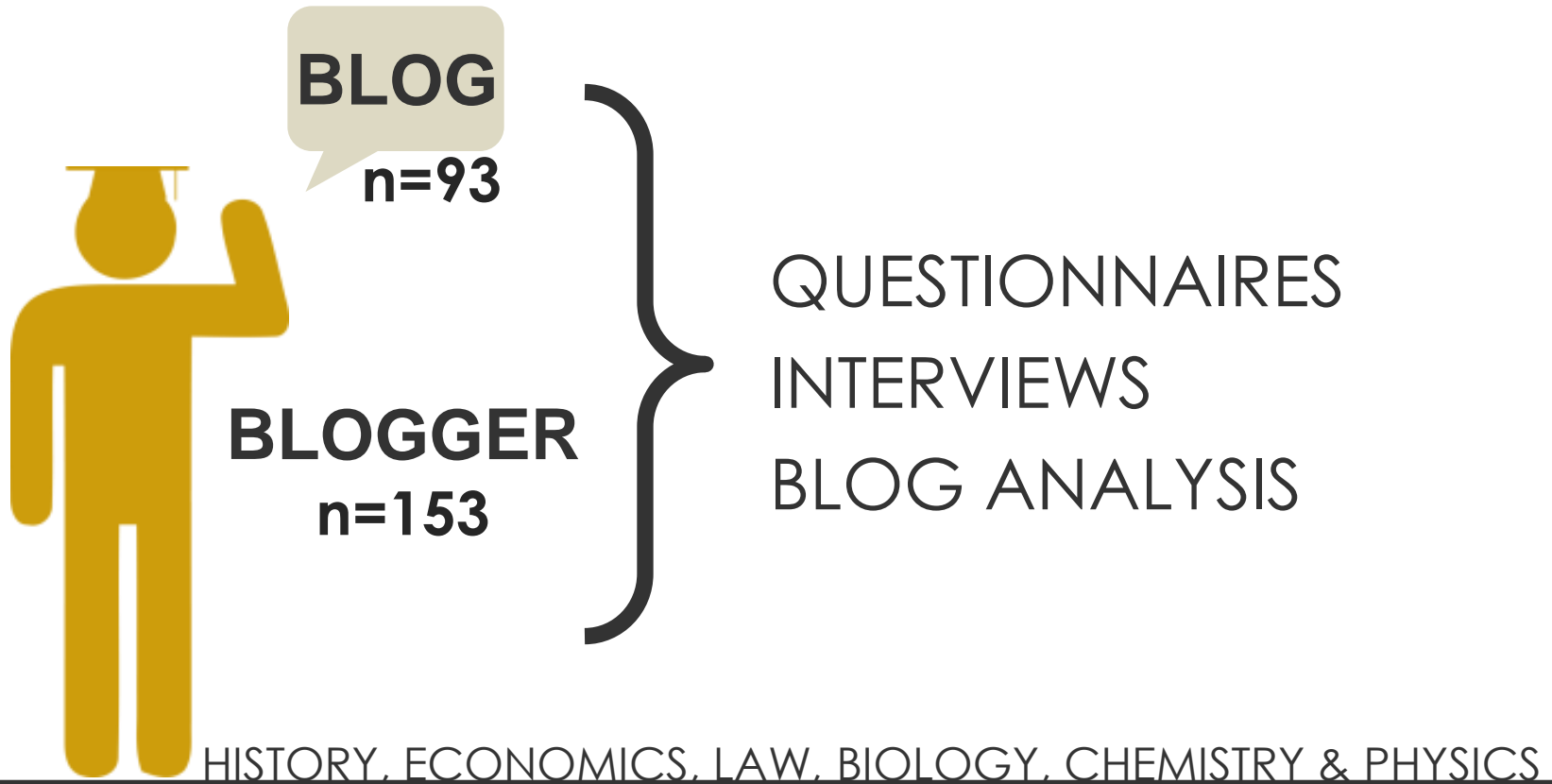
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SNOWBALL SAMPLING

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2009-2011

SCHOLAR BLOGGERS (ACTIVE)



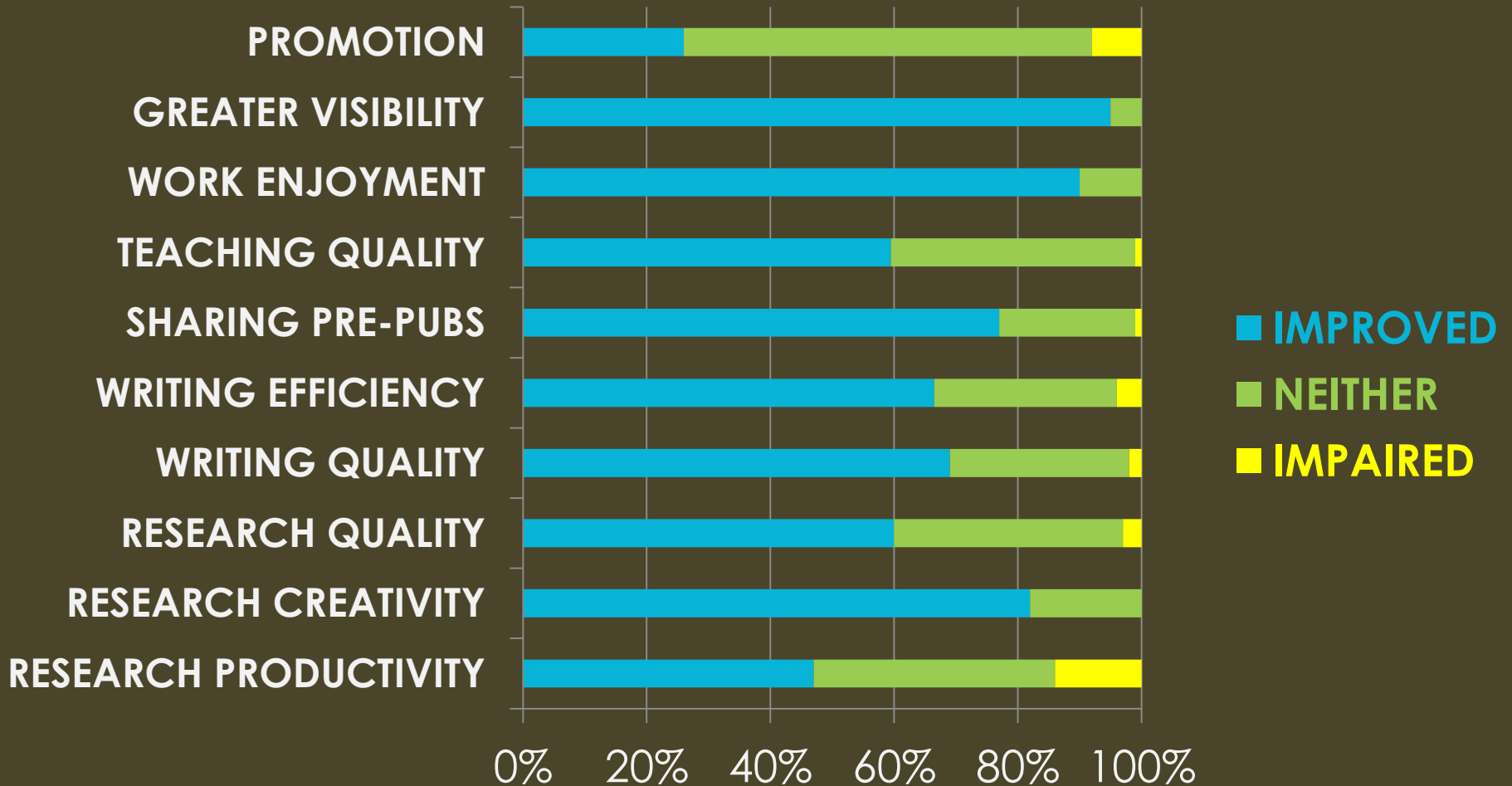
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SCHOLAR BLOGGERS (ACTIVE)

SELECT FINDING:

Found that active scholar bloggers' perceive their blogs as positively impacting their scholarly lives, and contributing to invitations to publish, present and collaborate ...

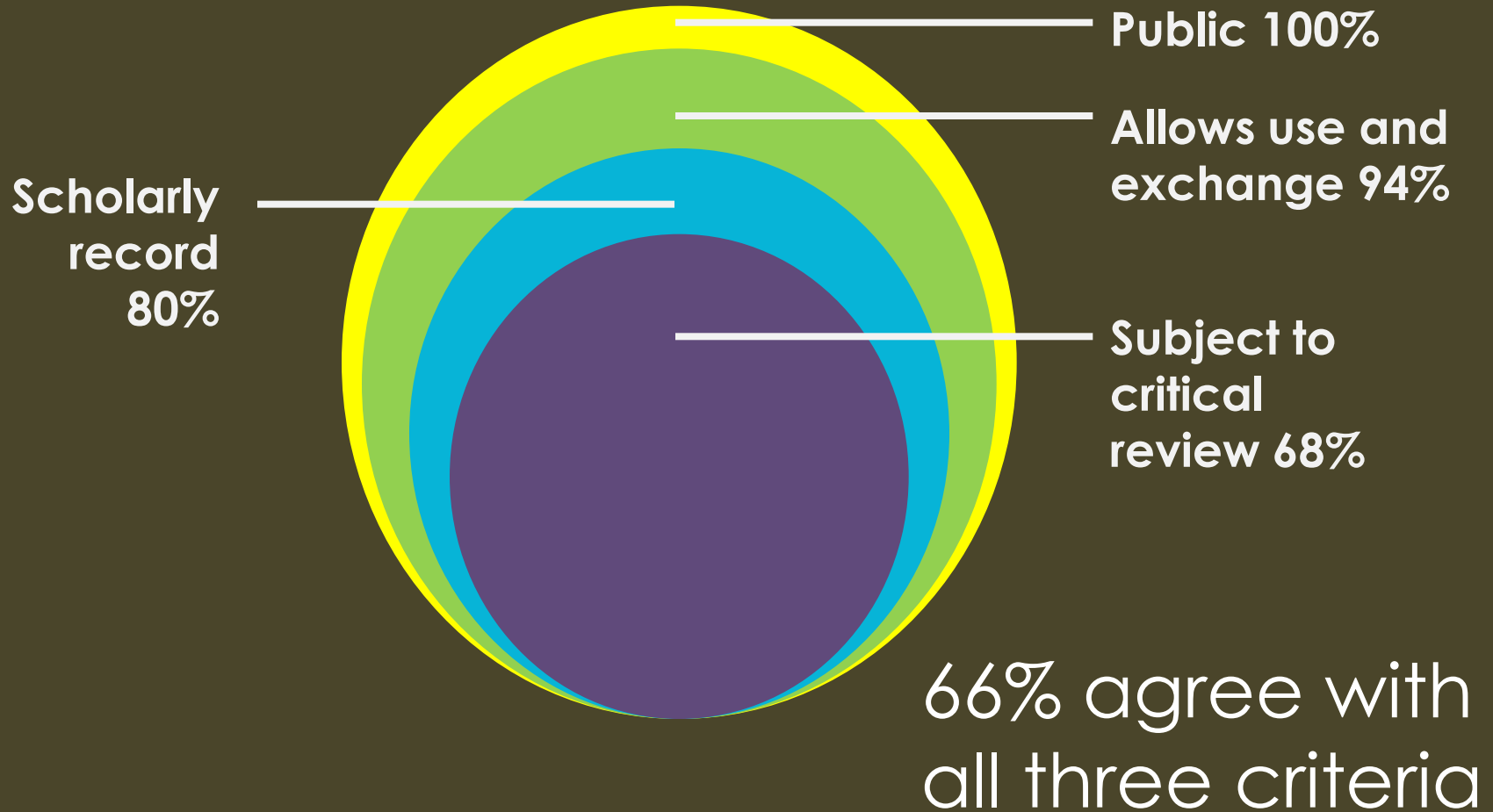
SCHOLARLY LIFE



SELECT FINDING:

Further, most viewed their blogs as part of their scholarly record, with an interest in preserving their blogs. Most took some action to save their blog, in whole or in part.

SCHOLARSHIP



PRESERVATION

80%

preservation for public access
& use into the indefinite future



SAVING

Subscription
services

Export tools

Personal
back-ups

Document/text files

Via syndication
services

46%

Purposefully save entire blog via an archiving service or independently

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SCHOLAR BLOGGERS

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SERVICES

Subscription to web or blog archiving or back-up service

examples:

BACKUPIFY

BLOGBACKUPR

BACKUPMYBLOG

INTERNET ARCHIVE

LOC's LEGAL BLAWGS ARCHIVE



but...

What about those blogs
that are no longer
published to but still
publicly available?

SCHOLAR BLOGGERS (ACTIVE)

BLOG ELIGIBILITY (644)

- PUBLICLY AVAILABLE = 570 (86%)
- PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH = 544 (84%)
- KNOWLEDGE OR PERSONAL BLOG = 498 (77%)
- TIME-STAMPED POSTS = 496 (77%)
- **ACTIVELY PUBLISHED TO = 271 (42%)**
- AT LEAST 1 YEAR OLD = 231 (36%)
- IDENTIFIERS (RE: AUTHORSHIP) = 208 (32%)

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2009-2011

SCHOLAR BLOGGERS (ACTIVE)

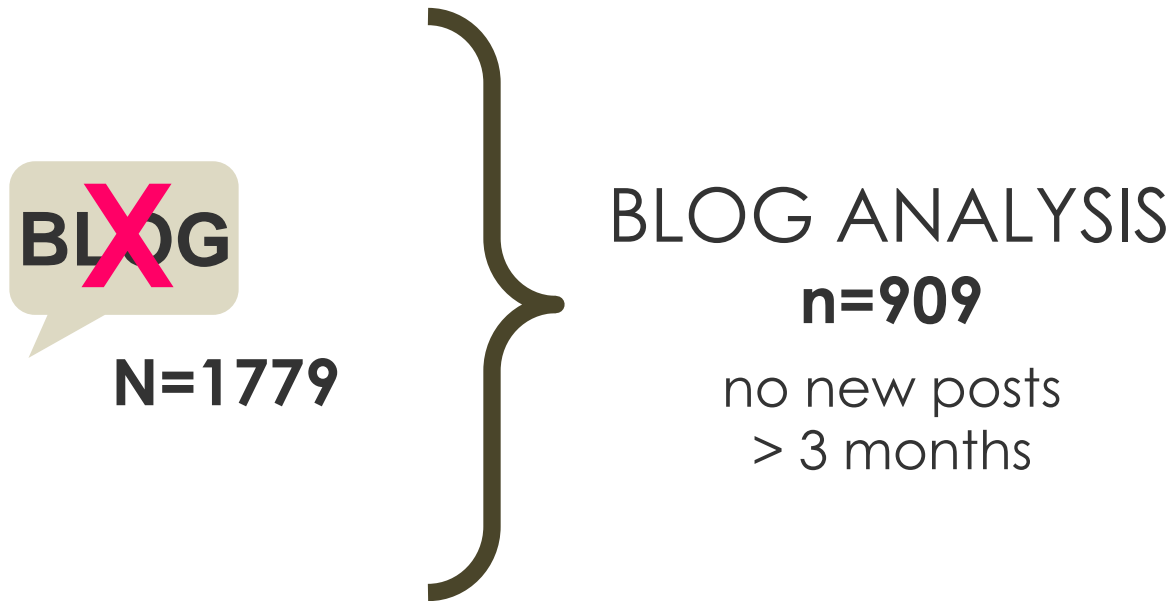
INELIGIBLE BLOG ...

Available but
not actively
published to
in previous
3 months
(n=156)

69%

left no message behind
on where they went or
if they will be back etc.

2012-PRESENT

SCHOLAR BLOGGERS (INACTIVE)

HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, SCIENCES, PROF. & USEFUL ARTS

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2012-PRESENT

SCHOLAR BLOGGERS (INACTIVE)

556 (61%)

ACTIVE BLOGS

currently published

353 (39%)

INACTIVE BLOGS

no new posts

“a note tacked to the door?”

230 (65%)

NONE

77 (22%)

LAST POST ONLY

46 (13%)

2ND OR 3RD

THE END IS HERE ...

“This blog has completed its mission.”

“I will leave the blog up for whatever value it has. And I thank those of you who have commented and sent encouraging support. Now, it is my aim to have more time to paint and write.”

I'M STILL HERE ...

“... at any rate, I'm not ready to throw in the towel, despite a year of not blogging here. I've gotten too much out of it - great friends, even my current job - to quit just yet. The question is: How do I get the motivation back?”

I'LL BE BACK ...

[AUG 2012] “I’m shocked by how long it’s been since I’ve posted on here. I’ve put up a few posts over at ... since I stopped posting here, but not many. I’m posting this to say that I’ll soon be back!”

(2nd to most recent post: June 15, 2010)

“This site is under construction and will be until I stop being lazy.”

SEE YOU LATER ... just not here

“I’ve begun to feel like this blog is less and less suited to my day-to-day activities. Rather than try to force it to fit, I’ve decided to build something new.”

APPRECIATION ... or not

“And, of course, my schedule will be a bit more flexible once I am free of this aged blog, this paltry thing.”

[COMMENT]: “Where are you man, why you are not writing anymore”

RMA ... remember me always

“There may still be some activity on this site as I back-fill some old and (for inactive blogs) posts from other blogging platforms. My goal is to eventually have this as a (more or less) complete archive of my personal blogging from early 1998 to this year.”

“I want to keep the site up. I would be sad if the archives disappeared. Lots of good stuff. But *keeping* the place up? ... well, we'll see.”

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2012-PRESENT

BIBLIOBLOGGERS (IN/ACTIVE)

BLOG



BLOGGER

QUESTIONNAIRES
INTERVIEWS
BLOG ANALYSIS
CV ANALYSIS

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RESULTS COMING SOON ...
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