Midburn: Community Successes and Challenges in the First Five Years

Hand of
Inspiration Crew
2013

What were the successes and challenges the community felt were their greatest so far, and how can a look at culture help us understand that?

RESEARCH METHODS

SURVEYS

Anonymous survey and referenced 2016 Midburn Community Survey

PARTICIPANT OBSERVATION

Midburn 2014 and 2018 Events

UNSTRUCTURED INTERVIEWS

Interviewed Midburners ranging in experience with the community

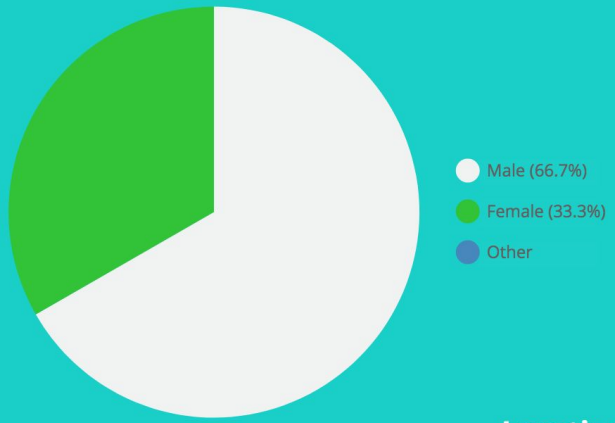
BACKGROUND REPORTS

Referenced Midburn Transparency Reports 2014 to 2018

Survey Demographics (Saleme 2018)

117 Participants

Gender



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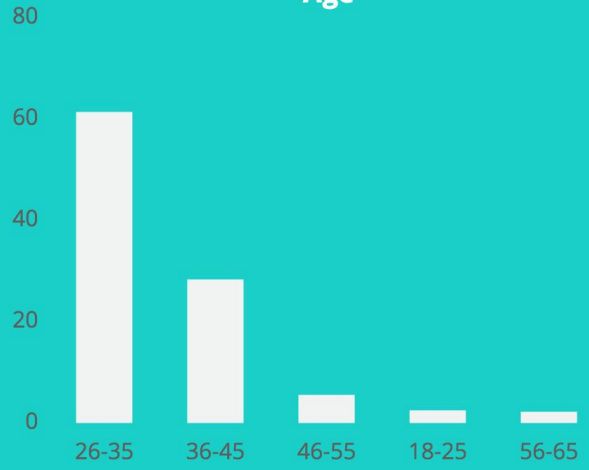
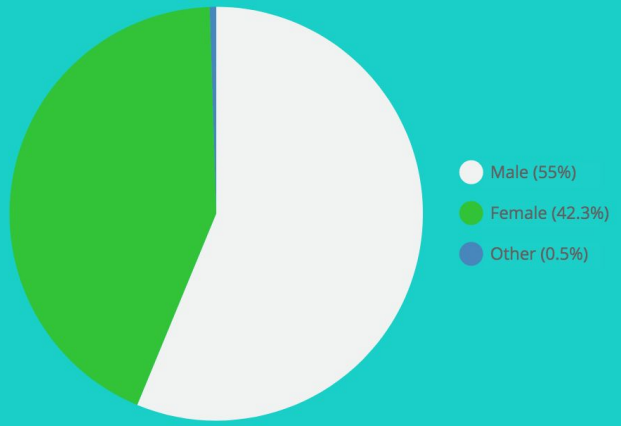


Location

Survey Demographics (Peles 2016)

2,222 Participants

Gender



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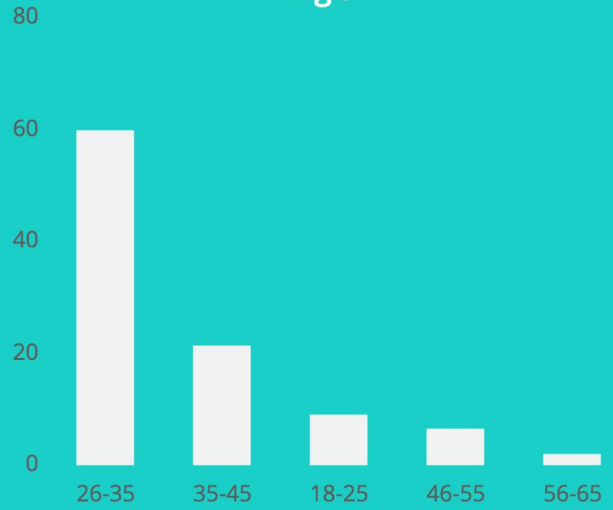

Location

Success #1
That the event happened 35.8%

Early gatherings 2011-2012

Mama Burn 2012

Octoburn 2012

(Photos by Eyal Levkovich)

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Success #2
Event Organization/operations 25.3%

First Midburn Planning Meeting

Midburn 2014

Challenge #1
Working with Authorities 32.4%

Business licenses issued and coordinated with the following authorities in 2014:

- Ramat Negev Regional Council
- Israel Land Authority
- Israeli Police
- Israeli Fire and Rescue Services
- Magen David Adom in Israel (EMS)
- "Shanti Bamidbar" Youth Village
- The Green Patrol
- The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel
- Israel Antiquities Authority
- IDF
- Negev Youths of the Ramat Negev Regional Council
- Midreshet Sde Boker, Kibbutz Tlalim, and the area
- Ministry of Health

(Midburn Tranparency Report, 2014)

in Israel News

Participants in the tension: Will the Midburn Festival take place ?as planned

The police claim that the organizers have not been operating for months according to the demands, while those who complain say, "They think this "is a drugged community

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Judge: There will be a festival, allowed to celebrate naked

The police claimed that stripping participants at the Midburn Festival in the Negev could harm public safety, but the Beer Sheva Administrative Court allowed this, provided that a closed compound for minors be established. Cameras will be installed there

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Success #1
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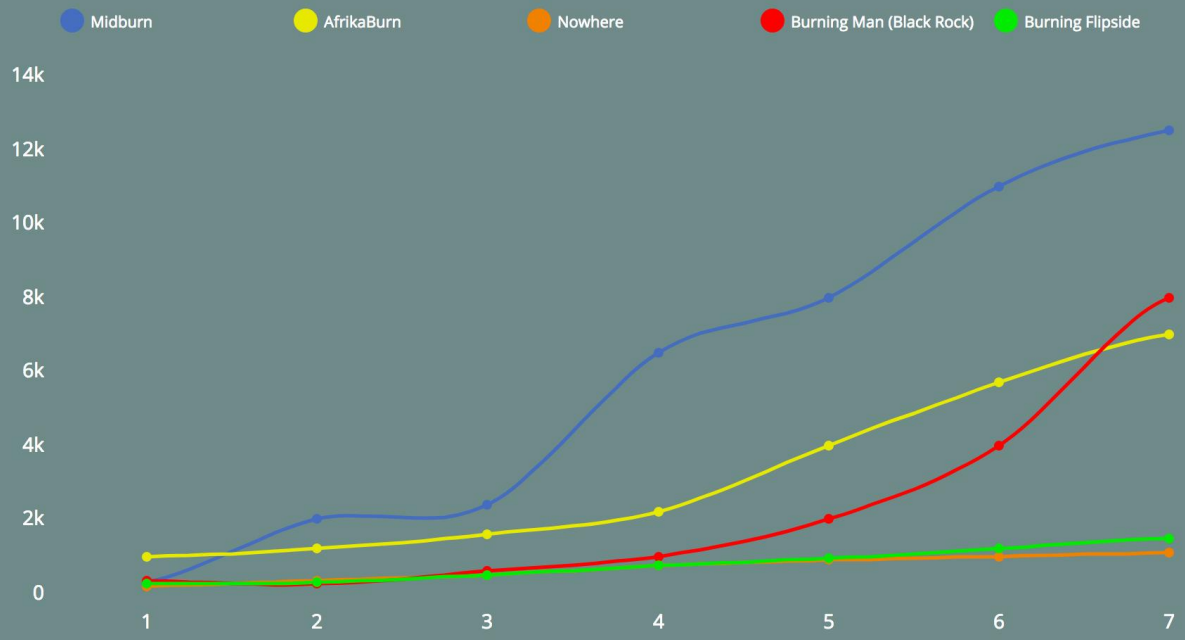
Success #2
Event Organization/operations 25.3%

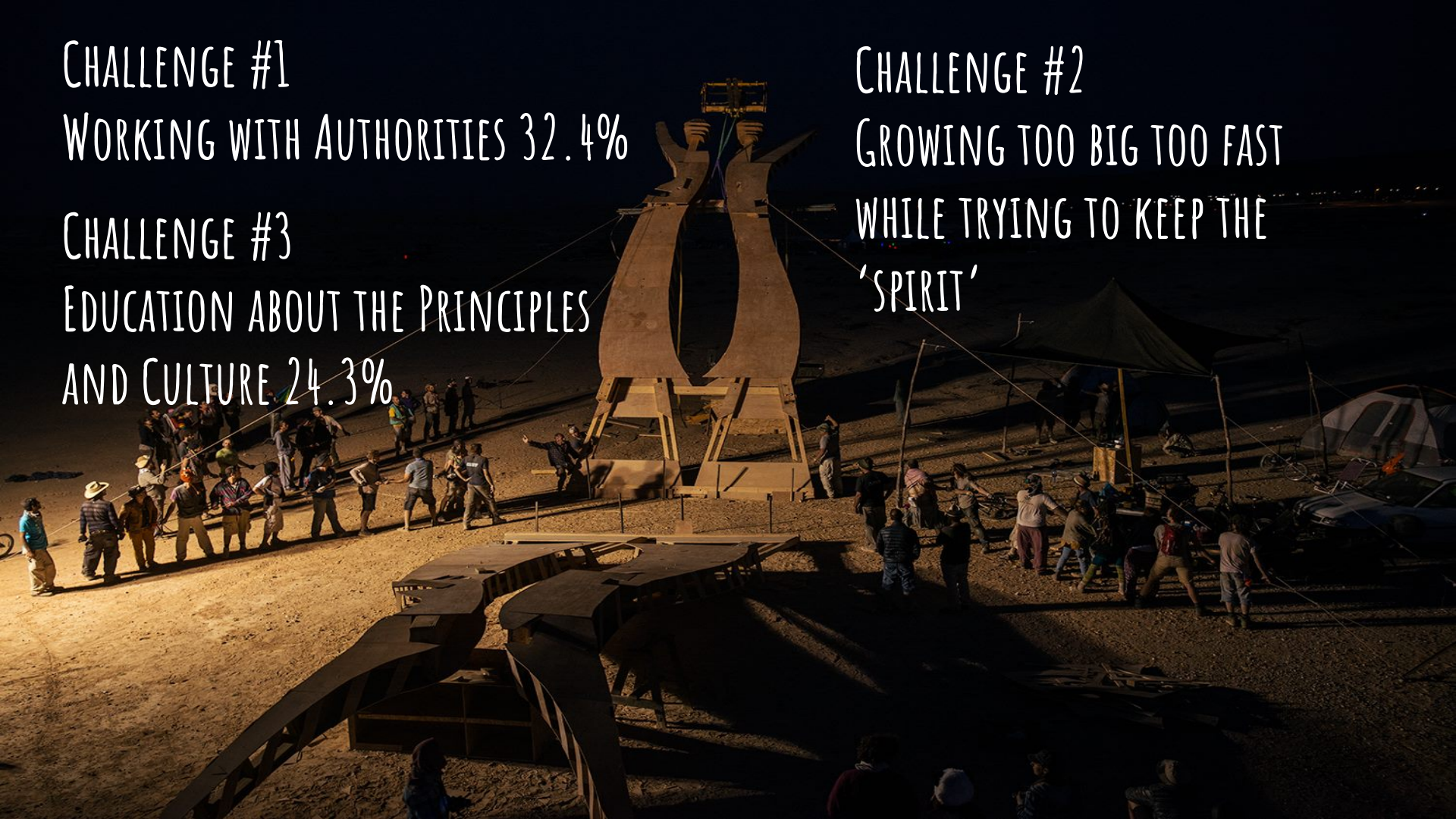
Success #3
Relationship with the authorities 27%

Burning Man Events Growth

Populations in the First Six Years



(https://www.afrikaburn.com/the-event/past-events) (http://midbrain.org.il/)
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burning_Flipside) (https://www.goingnowhere.org/)(https://burningman.org/timeline/)



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Working with Authorities 32.4%

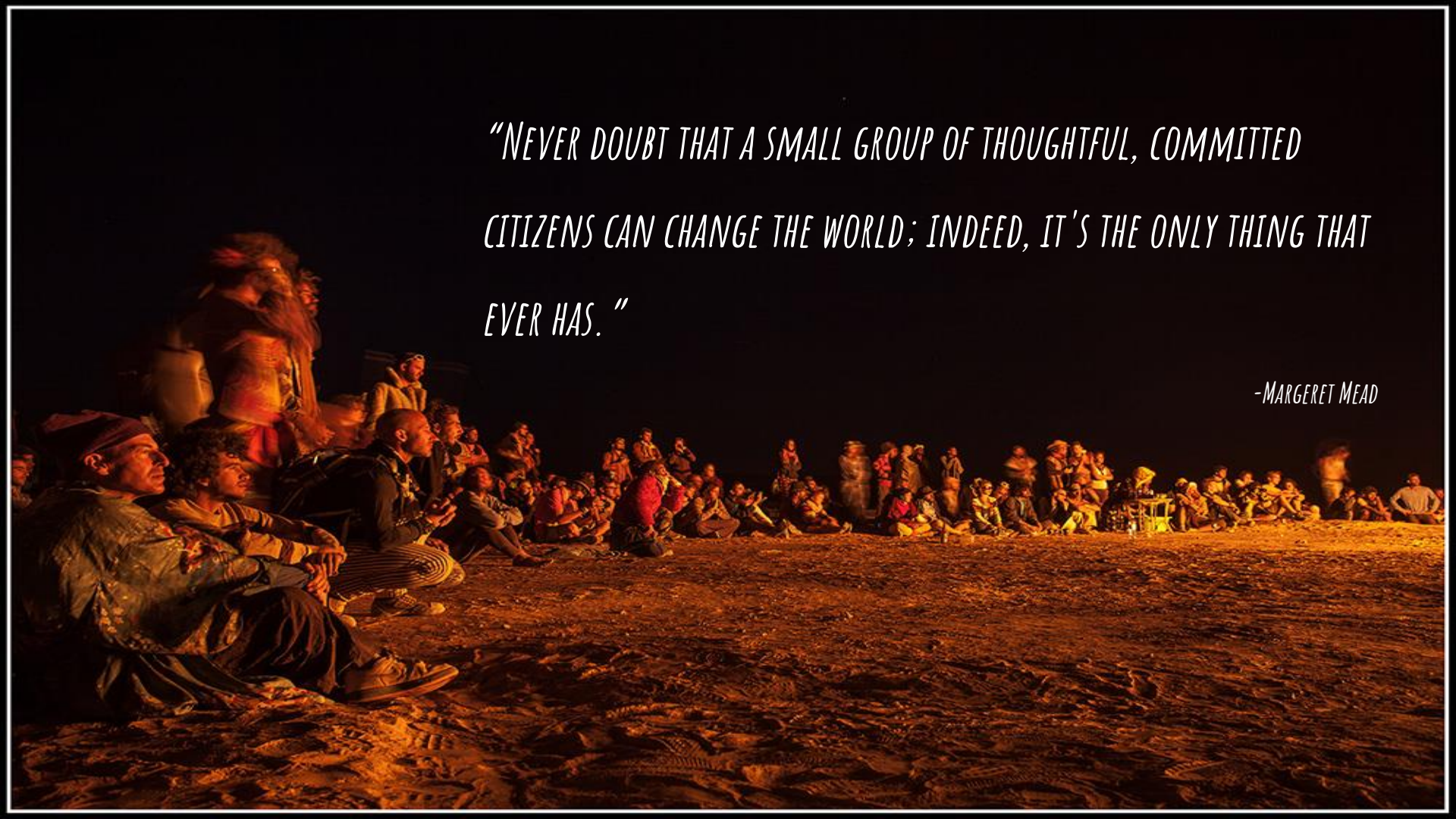
Challenge #2
Growing too big too fast while trying to keep the 'spirit'

Challenge #3
Education about the Principles and Culture 24.3%

"Midburn, for so many locals and visitors, is the ability to create an alternative reality that most of us dream of. The ability to live in acceptance, inclusion, friendship and self-reliance is like a lighthouse on a distant shore that is keeping you safe when you are in deep waters.

We live in a conservative country, but when the opportunity to touch the "what if..." presents itself, then we all come out to play."

Why did you go to Midburn?
1,456 to Experience new experiences
919 to get some freedom
725 to meet new people


"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."
-Margeret Mead

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