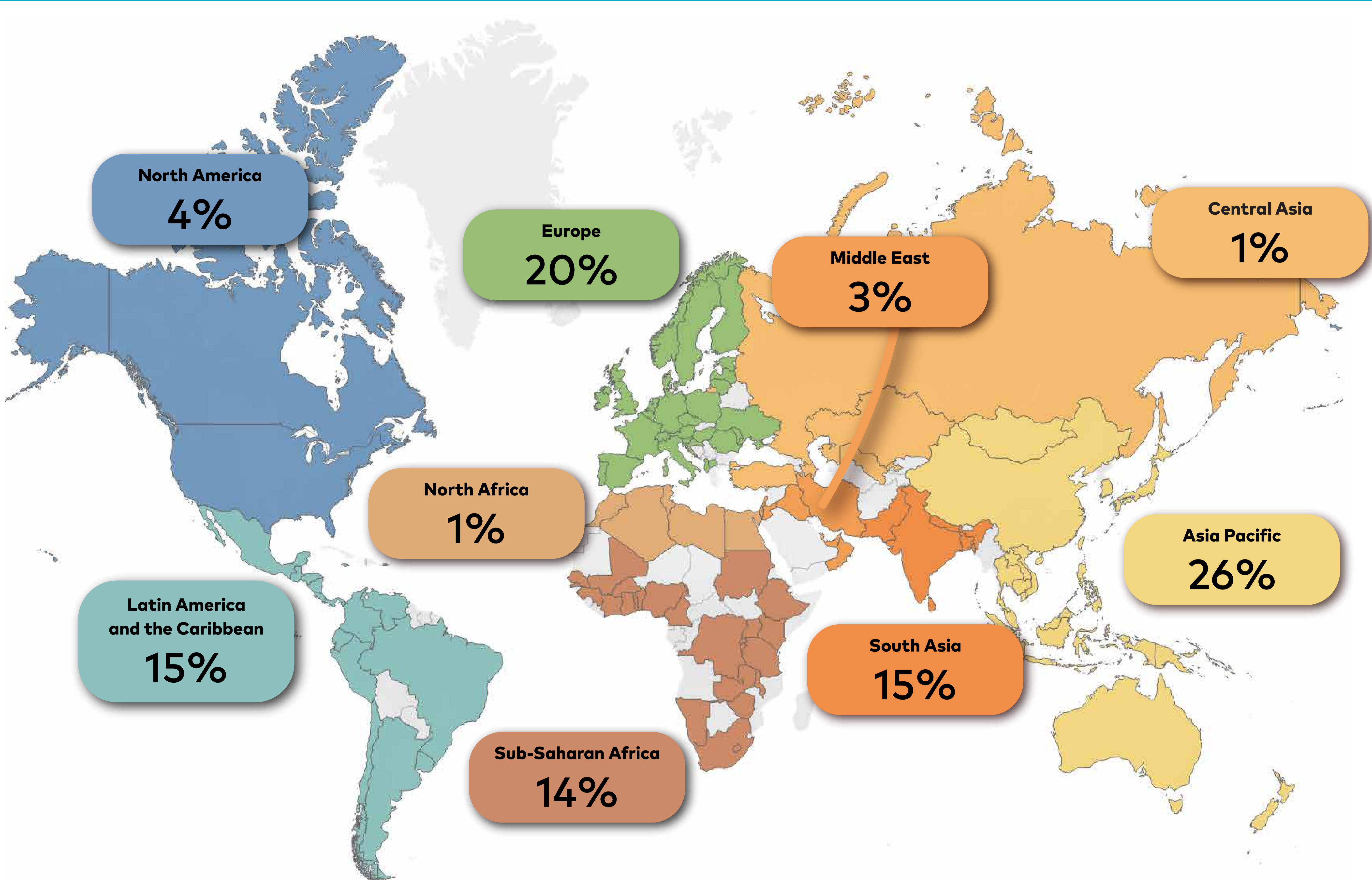


# Results from a survey on predatory academic practices

Over 1800 researchers from diverse disciplines, academic stages, and countries gave their perspective on predatory academic journals and conferences...

Total participants  
**1872**  
Total countries  
**112**



**Over 90%** think predatory practices should be combatted

to preserve the integrity of, and public trust in, research

to ensure that research informing policy is rigorous

**Over 80%** perceive that predatory practices are a serious problem or on the rise in their country of work.

At least 25% of respondents have either published in a predatory journal, participated in a predatory conference, or don't know if they have.

**They were not aware at the time**

"The conference looked very legitimate and non predatory. There was support from the university and several well known professors were in the invitations."

**They needed to advance their career**

"You need to publish in a predatory journal to stay in the race."

**It was a faster, easier, or cheaper option**

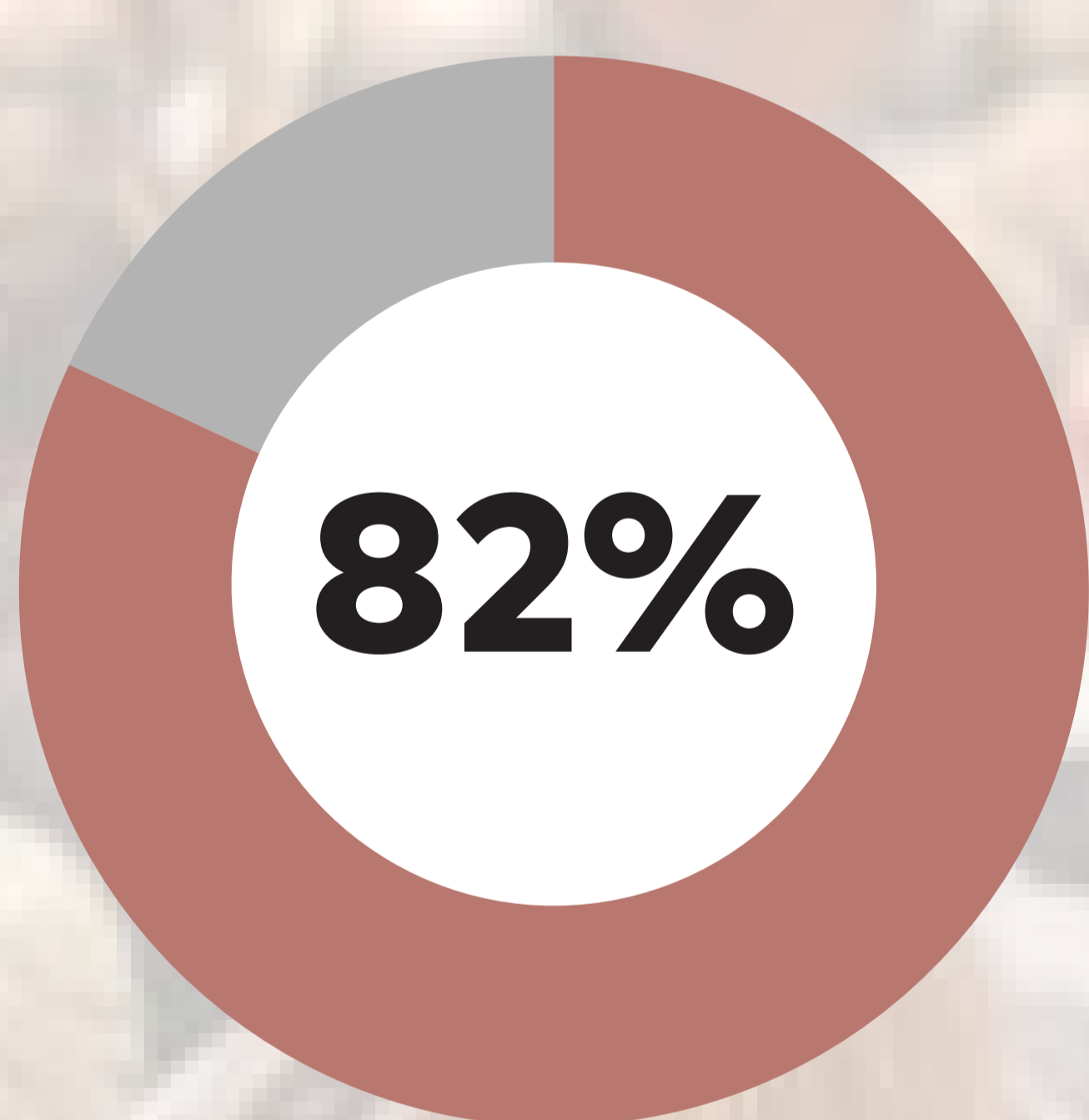
"I feel guilty but it is necessary to publish (in predatory journals) for my students to complete their study faster due to the limitation of time and scholarship."

**They were encouraged by their peers**

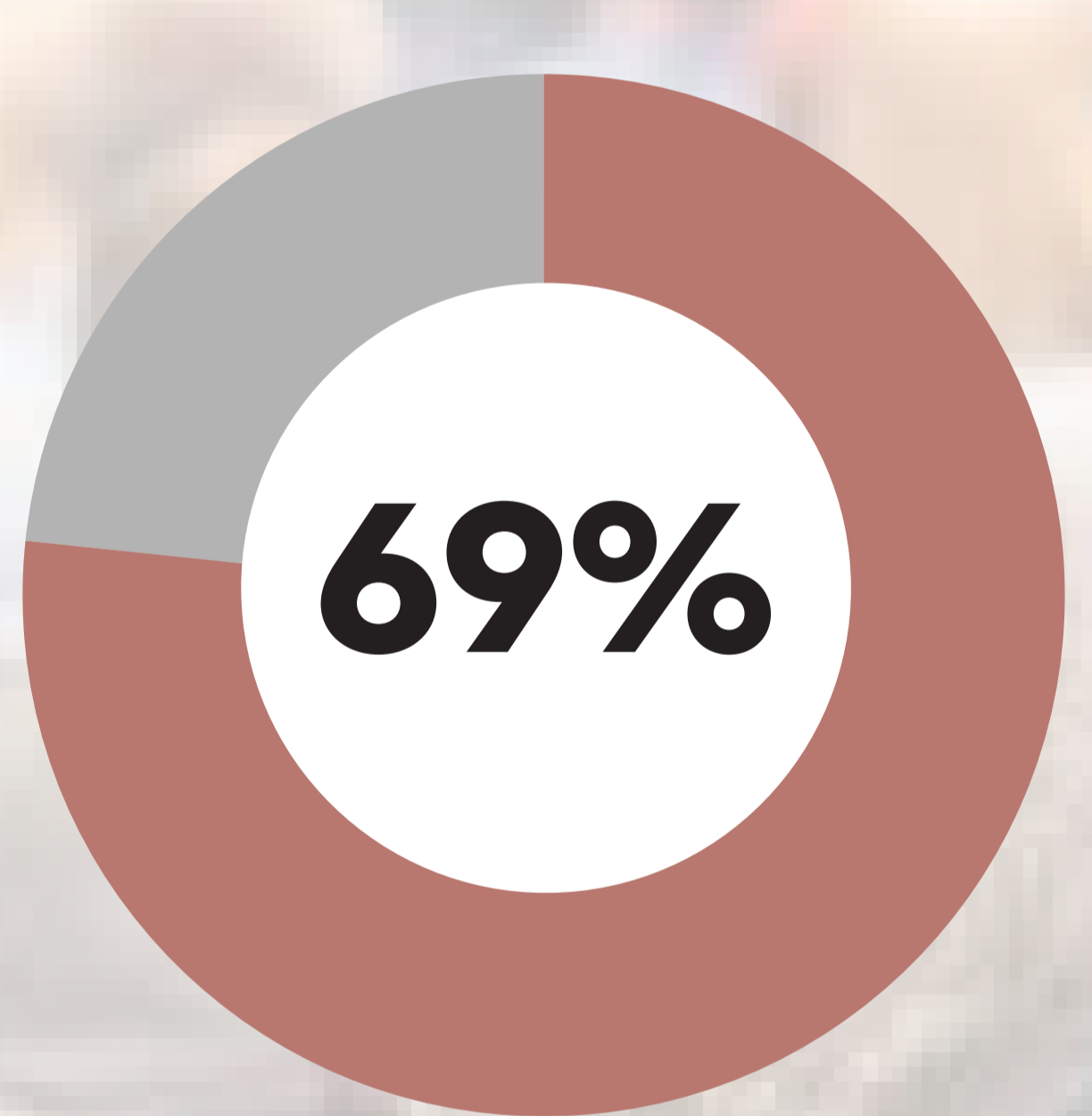
"The lead author suggested we publish in a predatory journal after a few rejections and one co-author was an editor at the journal, which made it difficult to criticize."

If left unchallenged, the majority of respondents believe predatory practices will have detrimental effects.

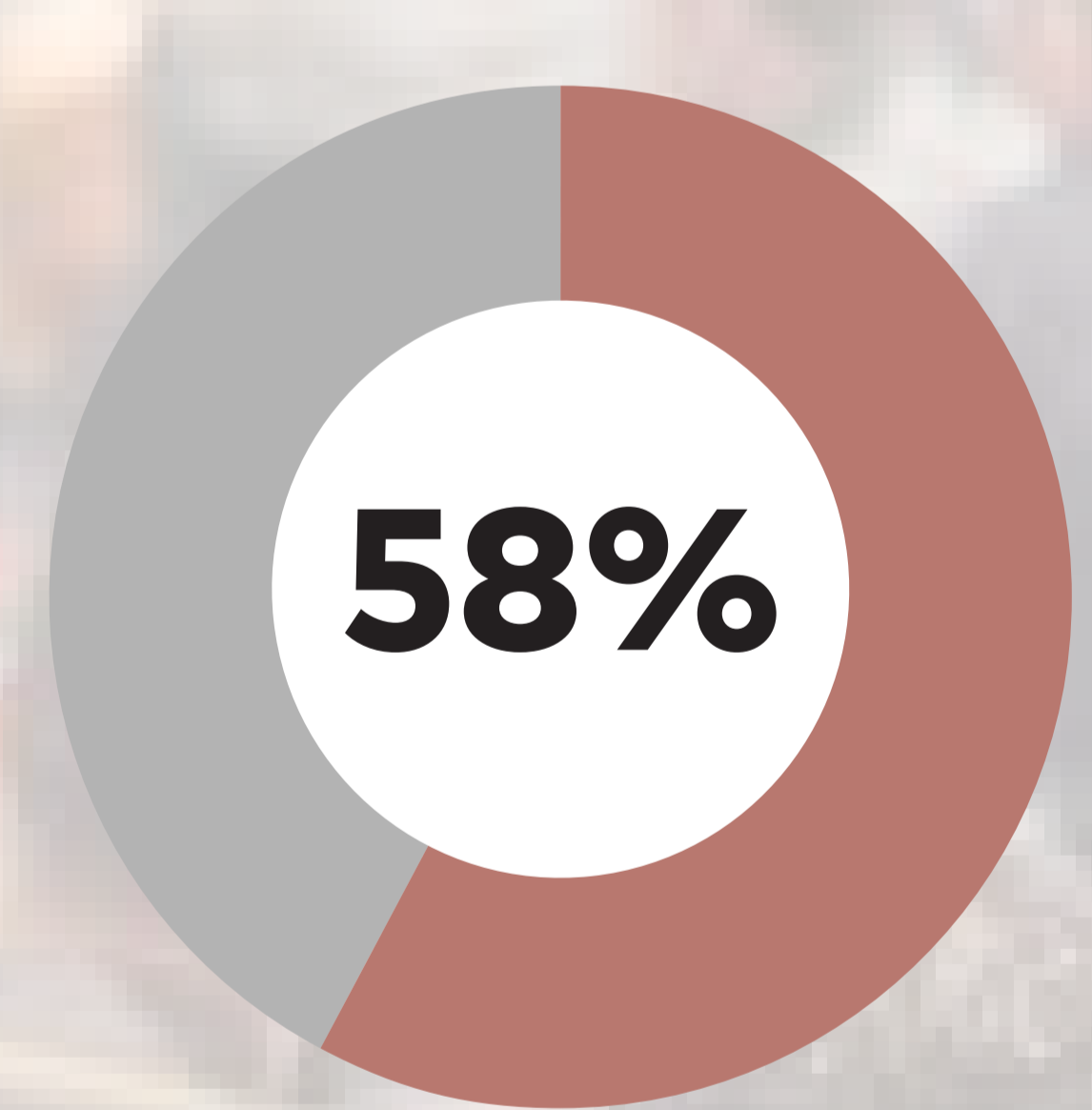
**Fuel misinformation in public policy**



**Infiltrate and undermine the research enterprise**



**Widen the research gap between high income and low income countries**



Over 80% of respondents felt the most revealing signs of predatory journals and conferences were...

- The invitation to submit a paper is in a subject matter outside my expertise.
- The invitation is not very focused and the language is odd!
- The conference/journal has an unusual combination of words in the name.
- The invitation is very flattering!
- They keep sending me invitations over and over again!

How to tell if a journal or conference is predatory?

Click on some of the resources freely available

- THINK
- CHECK
- ATTEND

! THINK

✓ CHECK

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