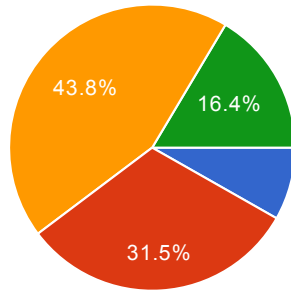
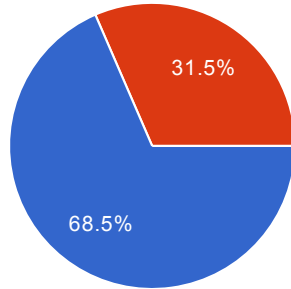


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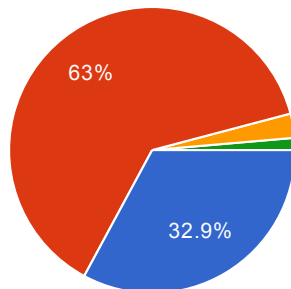
25 - 34	23	31.5%
35 - 44	32	43.8%
Over 45	12	16.4%

Gender



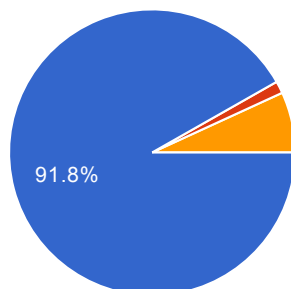
Female	50	68.5%
Male	23	31.5%

How many generations removed from Jamaica are you?



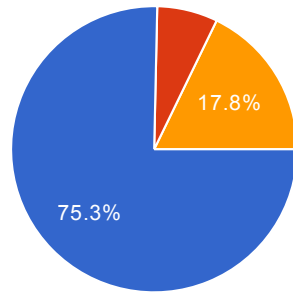
1st generation (but have lived abroad for most of my life)	24	32.9%
2nd generation (one or both parents born there)	46	63%
3rd generation (one or both grandparents born there, parents not born there)	2	2.7%
4th generation (great-grandparents born there, neither grandparents nor parents born there)	1	1.4%

Was there a strong Jamaican influence in the home where you grew up?



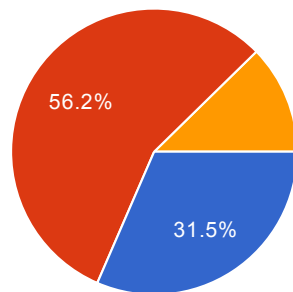
Yes	67	91.8%
No	1	1.4%
Mediocre	5	6.8%

Do you refer to yourself / identify as Jamaican?



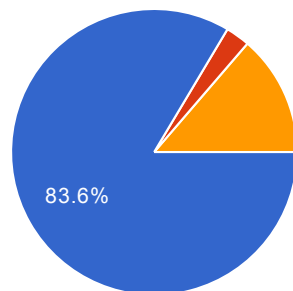
Yes	55	75.3%
No	5	6.8%
Depends on the situation	13	17.8%

I think of Jamaica as:



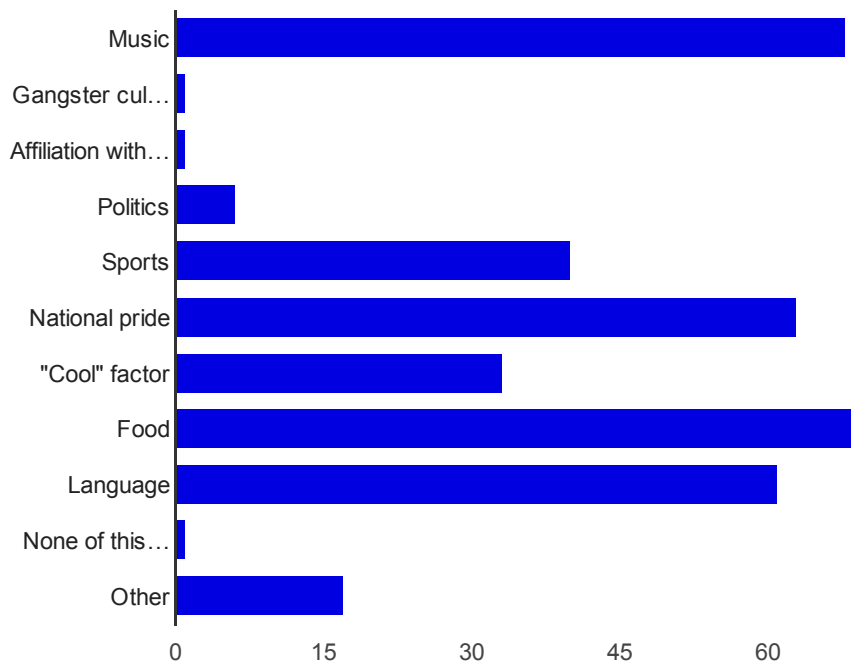
Home	23	31.5%
A place I relate to but don't want to live in	41	56.2%
A place my family came from a long time ago	9	12.3%
A third world country that I don't really have a relationship to	0	0%

Do you feel a strong affiliation to Jamaican culture (music, food, style)?



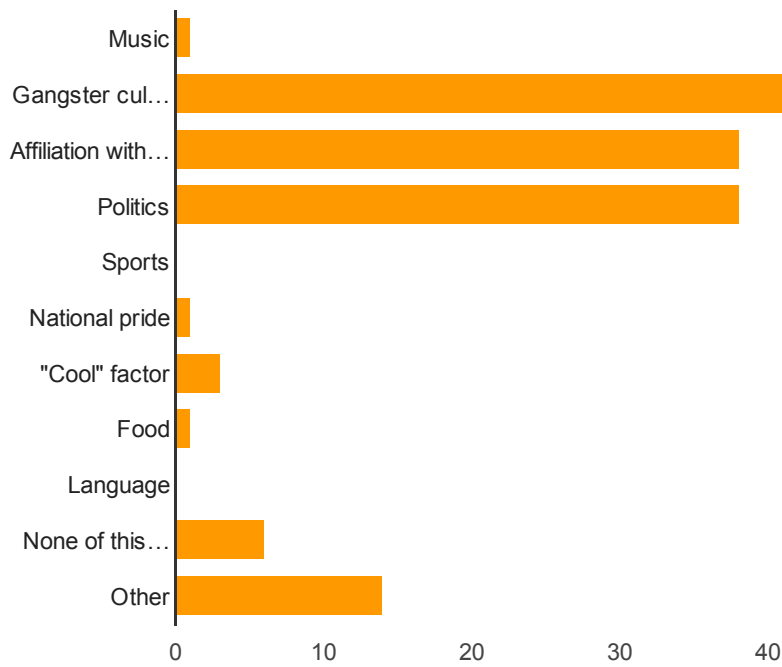
Yes	61	83.6%
No	2	2.7%
Mediocre	10	13.7%

What do you LIKE about Jamaican culture?



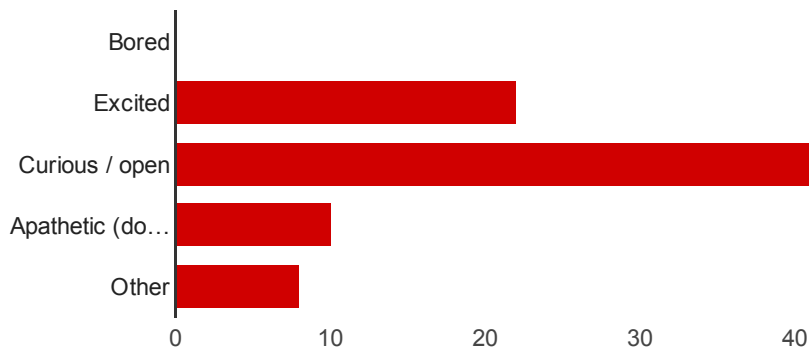
Music	68	93.2%
Gangster culture	1	1.4%
Affiliation with marijuana	1	1.4%
Politics	6	8.2%
Sports	40	54.8%
National pride	63	86.3%
"Cool" factor	33	45.2%
Food	69	94.5%
Language	61	83.6%
None of this matters to me	1	1.4%
Other	17	23.3%

What do you DISLIKE about Jamaican culture?



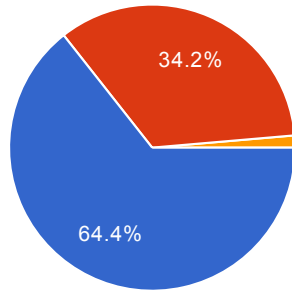
Language	0	0%
None of this matters to me	6	8.2%
Other	14	19.2%

When people talk to you about becoming more involved with Jamaica, you are usually:



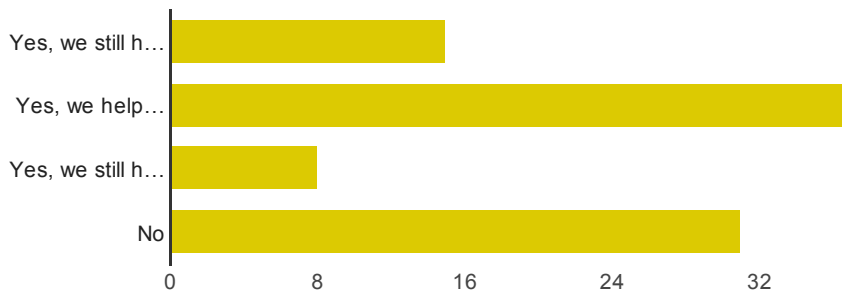
Bored	0	0%
Excited	22	30.1%
Curious / open	44	60.3%
Apathetic (don't care one way or another)	10	13.7%
Other	8	11%

Do you still have family there?



Yes, some close relatives or friends	47	64.4%
Yes, but we're not particularly close	25	34.2%
No family to speak of	1	1.4%

Do you or anyone in your household have reason to send money to Jamaica?



Yes, we still have a home there	15	20.5%
Yes, we help out family members	37	50.7%
Yes, we still have business / investments there	8	11%
No	31	42.5%

Is there any reason / cause / benefit that would make you consider investing in Jamaica?

no

Open to any business investments.

If there were positive changes in the government/politics.

Yes to help support the family I have there to live in a better environment.

The Arts is important to me. Jamaica has way too much Talent that needs to be seen on an international level

to help decrease things about Jamaica i don't like. ie,implementing programs that help to unravel the colonial malady that is our homophobic expression; bystander intervention techniques to interrupt rape culture; transformative arts programs that promote leadership qualities, and the creation of youth arts that become a positive counter-weight

to the negative/dysfunctional/materialistic/misogynist/homophobic/gangster values promoted in lots of dancehall.

Yes my dad and sisters live there and I feel a big connection to the culture.

To fund infrastructure, education or healthcare

No not really

For charity

No.

Helping family that I have there, helping out in my parent's hometown.

Jamaica is a rich island, with people of prowess, dignity, and ambition. We certainly have our hardships, but I want to see our country strive to its fullest potential.

Sometimes that means being willing to receive assistance from others, reconsidering certain systems, working together to meet social justice for all people, and learning from our mistakes. Now 2015, we have the ability to innovate and seek change. Having President Obama visit the country this year was a significant mark in Jamaican history. We have to continue that sense of tenacity and hunger for betterment to see our people uplifted, as Obama attested to himself. I think Jamaica has more going for itself than it realizes. Thus, being a 2nd generation Jamaican, I want to capitalize on the impact of Jamaica to this world. Though I live abroad, I want to engrave us on the global stage as one of the smallest but most impactful countries in the world.

My family has land there which I hope to build a home on

Financial systems with easy access internationally Reputable business Cultural engagement

I go to Ja several times a year and would consider sound investments investment properties.

NO

Improvement in country

No, the last thing I invested in was olent, and lost a lot of money.

Yes. I would travel to Jamaica to make a documentary or cover an event. Otherwise, I would travel to Jamaica to see family and friends.

Schools, libraries, children of Jamaica

Yes to keep the culture going, that is my family history and roots. Helping fight hunger and violence

No

yes

A good ROI and knowing that I am truly helping a nation.

Yes to promote entrepreneurship, financial education, improve Mindset

Maybe

Open

I would certainly considering investing and figuring out trying to find ways to be more active and contribute, but i don't know where to start. The associations in my area (NYC) and not responsive, not convenient (to attend events) or overly religious (which I am not) Probably not.

Not really sure, but open to ideas

Already invested

I would invest in a venture that promulgated young people and safeguards and respects the elderly and provides dignity to both

Help students further their education

Not that I can think of

I already do via family When I can

Charity Education

No. Too much Bandulu.

Yes. Retirement

The right opportunity. No different from any investment in the U.S.

I would be interested in investing in the causes of women and sexual minorities.

Yes. I'd be interested in helping the Jamaican economy. More than anything, I'd like to see the IMF relieve the country's debt in a similar way to what they did with various South American countries.

The education system needs attention. There are aspect of our education system that is better than the UK's education, but teacher training and remuneration are stumbling blocks to progress. Any attempt to make Jamaica self-sufficient in food supply is something that interest me. Energy systems and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.

It would not be in ANY investor's BEST INTEREST to invest in Jamaica. The country is TECHNICALLY bankrupt and running on fumes, corruption is still rampant and the proper reforms are still NOT in place to foster private sector growth. Govt. has still kept in place the money laundering system with the 191 public corporations that have lost JA\$145 Billion! Then to transfer that debt to the public debt. This has now enabled billionaire Michael Chin to buy the once toxic coffee company DEBT FREE - at the expense of the TAX PAYER, who now has \$145 billion MORE added to their backs...

How can one invest in this climate?

Yes. I would invest to educate Jamaicans about being accepting of the LGBT community.

My gratitude for my legacy and my desire to see it continue.

Yes

Business Development

No. I am open to future possibilities if they arise.

If I thought I could make some money, I would.

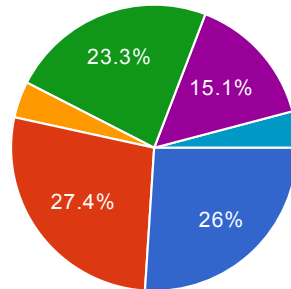
I would invest to build on infrastructure.

Something for children or the hospital system

Helping homeless or less fortunate children

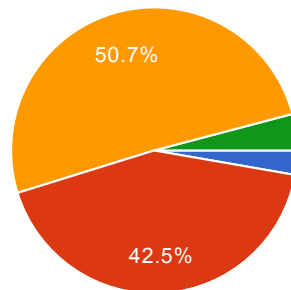
I would consider investing there only in real estate to have a place to go to when I visit or to use as a rental property in the "country" as a source of income.

How much time did you spend in Jamaica when you were growing up?

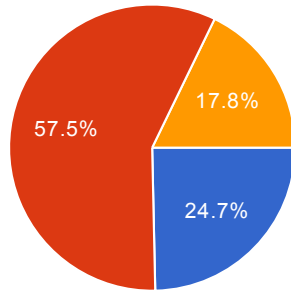


Grew up there	19	26%
At least one visit each year	20	27.4%
At least one visit every other year	3	4.1%
Visited every few years	17	23.3%
Have only visited once or twice	11	15.1%
Have never been to Jamaica	3	4.1%

Do you, or would you like to, spend time in Jamaica now or in the coming years?



Want to live there	2	2.7%
Want to visit frequently	31	42.5%
Want to visit occasionally	37	50.7%
Not particularly interested in visiting	3	4.1%



Yes	18	24.7%
No	42	57.5%
Maybe	13	17.8%

Whether your answer above was yes, no or maybe, what reason / cause / benefit might make you consider moving back to Jamaica?

Retirement

I would consider moving/living in JA part time. My main concerns would be the access to healthcare and overall safety. While crime is everywhere the ability to deal with individuals who commit these crimes in JA poses a concern.

My parents are considering a move back there plus the weather and slower pace of life.

retirement

I might spend summers there, but I wouldn't relocate permanently. If I had an ill family member, I might stay down there for an extended period.

I would consider moving to Jamaica if I had a job offered there in advertising, documentary filmmaking, or at the university. I would only live in Jamaica for a few years while I am still young.

Peace of mind.

To get away from America. Everything has its good and bad but I think I would become more cultured as a person from the temporary stay.

Relaxed lifestyle.

Corruption, crime, lack of strong engagement with professional expatriates vs foreigners

I would live there to be with the rest of my family and retire there.

Government loan of sorts for business development.

For Work purpose to be a connection for the Arts industry with the international world

If there was less crime or if a great business opportunity were to arise.

NO

That my family could visit me frequently, and I can get access to the things I need for my lifestyle easily.

the above investments; perhaps tired of US race politics; may possibly start a business in Jamaica.

None

None, never

No interest in moving to Jamaica. Security concerns, corruption, lack of economic

opportunities, poor infrastructure for basic services such as electricity, water, medical facilities etc

None. If I had business interests there I may visit more often

None.

I would love to have a vacation home there but wouldn't want that to be my permanent residence.

It is beautiful, but I have heard that it is not safe.

NONE

Fresh air, good food

Would have to be a great job opportunity or way to contribute. Would need to be temporary - NYC will always be home for me

I would move back to JA as a retiree to enjoy a simple life. However I would be afraid of healthcare in JA.

Not sure.

I want to help the country progress using the skills and education I have acquired abroad. I see the need for improvements in many areas of Jamaica, but specifically in healthcare. The prevalence and poor management of communicable illnesses and preventable diseases, is outrageous! If certain protocols and policies were in place, we would see a significant decline in death rates, many of which lives could have easily been saved. We have to change the medical culture in Jamaica, to where people aren't afraid of the doctor, revert to fear and folklore explanations of illnesses, or even rely solely on the doctor's judgment. Each individual has a right to think for themselves. At the same time, medical professionals have to be more responsible, and held to a greater level of accountability for their practices. Penalty for malpractice ought to be in place. One of the key concepts I learned in my health studies is that, for a people to be healthy and thriving, it takes the cooperation of both the patient and the medical team coming together to devise the best mutual plan of action for one's care. It can't all be on the doctor or on the patient, but shared respectively as a unit. A level of trust and sense that one's best interest is being catered to, has to be established overall.

Open

Positive changes in government, politics, and economy. Less corruption, more of a sense that there are long-term, pragmatic, and achievable goals.

None, at this point. My husband is from the States, and my children are American as well. I would willingly be involved in projects/missions/efforts in Jamaica, however, and would love going there frequently to be involved in such activities.

Financial freedom

I love the culture and the general feel of the island.

I would consider it if I thought I could receive good health care and could find a good job.

Weather.

I could only live in Jamaica if I were affluent.

none

Greater job opportunities; opportunity to open my own business if tax or other advantages were granted/made especially for members of the diaspora

It's one of my homes

None - all of my immediate family is in the US

Being a GAY MAN, it would NOT be in my best interest to even consider moving back to JA!

At oboe point, after graduating, I would have moved to Jamaica if I had been able to find a job w similar benefits compensation as I have now. Oddly enough an aunt working at a prominent law firm migrated for the reasons stated above.

The opportunity to be in a familiar culture and to offer that experience to my children.

business opportunity

None at the moment

My children would get a better education.

I would not move to Jamaica because the USA has more to offer.

If the economy improved and certain crimes such as extortion were non existent.

More relaxing lifestyle

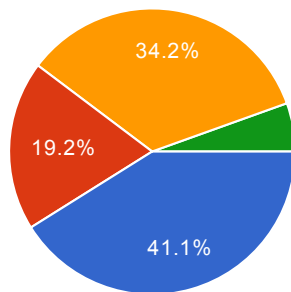
More of my friends and relatives live in Jamaica than in the UK

To have a 2nd vacation home

I would like to live there part-time when I retire.

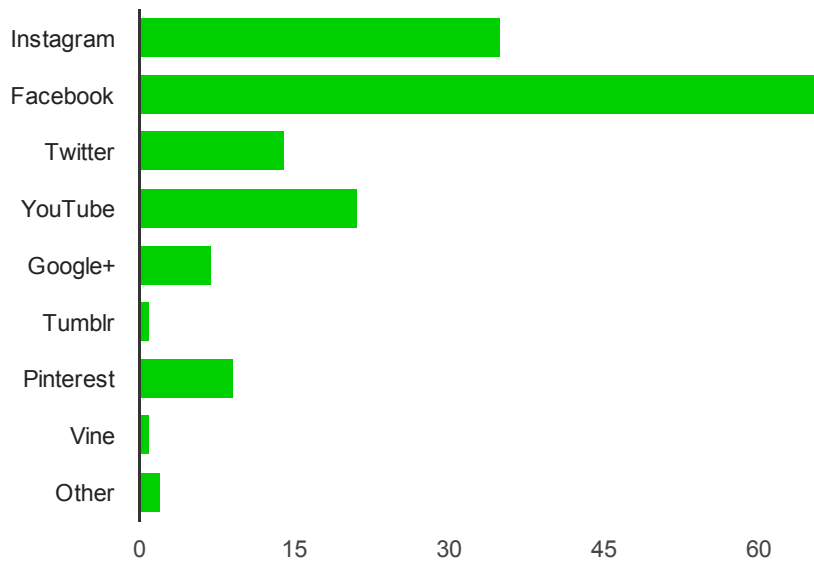
Not sure

Would you buy a home in Jamaica, even if you weren't going to live there permanently?



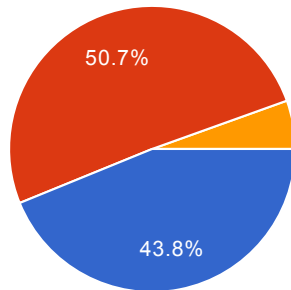
Yes	30	41.1%
No	14	19.2%
Maybe	25	34.2%
Other	4	5.5%

Which social media platforms do you use the most?



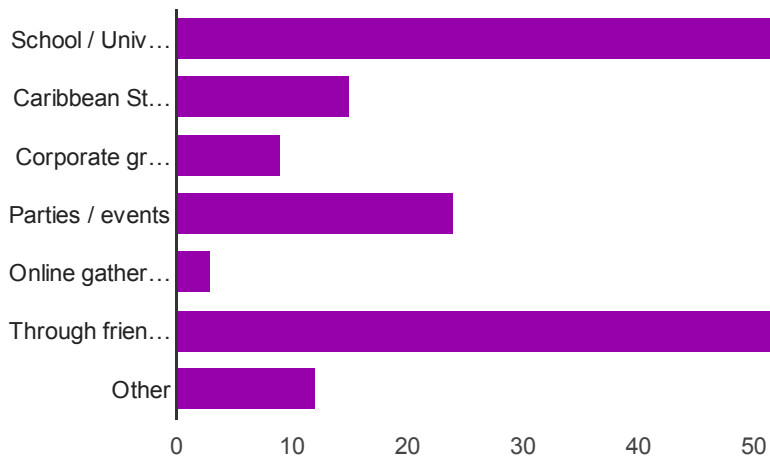
Twitter	14	19.2%
YouTube	21	28.8%
Google+	7	9.6%
Tumblr	1	1.4%
Pinterest	9	12.3%
Vine	1	1.4%
Other	2	2.7%

Do you associate with others of Jamaican heritage?



Most of my close friends are Jamaican	32	43.8%
Some of my friends are Jamaican but I hang out with a good cross section of people	37	50.7%
I don't hang out with too many Jamaicans	4	5.5%

Where do you / did you meet other friends of Jamaican heritage?



Corporate group	9	12.3%
Parties / events	24	32.9%
Online gathering place	3	4.1%
Through friends / family	59	80.8%
Other	12	16.4%

What can you think of that might engage you more with the Jamaican community at home?

Social events and conferences

Unknown

tv shows

Business opportunities Safety Improved medical facilities Jobs for the people who live their to reduce the unemployment numbers Less violence

Improve safety

Important cause, to carry on my culture

Nothing

Community events

Improved economy and self sufficiency

REFORMS!!! That cover social, political and financial.... A WORTHY charity that has been helping women and children who need it.

Nothing

I'm not sure

More contact in social situations.

Improved safety, better healthcare, and better emergency response time (witnessed 2 cases of extremely slow response time to 2 emergencies -- a child drowning and a stabbing. Both young people died).

knowledge of need for social justice, assurance of safety

I wish I were invited to more events and embraced by my JA community. As a

professional, I find that folks of other cultures embrace me and recognize me for what I have done, however I don't feel well engaged with my JA family. But then again that could be my fault. Not sure.

Tours

discovery of channels to implement aforementioned programs. business opportunities. cultural shifts around social justice, human rights, political corruption, crime. Jamaican celebrities speaking out against crime, homophobia, gendered violence, political corruption.

Helping those in need, including family and getting better acquainted with my family there

More positive things happening on the island and individuals that are doing things to make a positive impact and investment opportunities.

None

Improved safety, improved business opportunity, more internships, an increased amount of internships and job opportunities.

Improved safety, roads

All economical and then the crime problem.

At this time, I can not think of anything.

Philanthropic tourism

To help Improve in Education on Jamaican/Caribbean history and family values.

Not sure.

nothing

Good Jamaican Entertainment, (TV Shows, Movies, Radio, etc)

Improved safety

I have always had the struggle of feeling not American enough for Americans, and not Jamaican enough for Jamaicans, especially when visiting back home. I wish that local Jamaicans would be more accepting of me as a 2nd generation Jamaican, as opposed to turning their noses to me because I want to connect to my own heritage. I don't have to and will never apologize for or justify my "Jamaicaness" to others, because that is simply a part of who I am. Therefore, I would like to see a shift in the social atmosphere in Jamaica, where citizens can accept and respect "removed" Jamicans, and finally allow us to engage without feeling judged. This can happen by establishing a foundation that recognizes the impact of removed Jamaicans like myself, if not already existing. The key understanding is that we don't want to rob the country of its great riches and treasures, but to invest into the society to uplift our people and our pride. We are not just a name, we are a people.

Invitations to do events with art and culture Improved Social Justice Improved Business Opportunity Improved Environmental Actions

Improving social justice

A connection to family members there. Also, improved safety.

Nothing, we stay in pretty good touch

Not sure

Safety, social issues, religion

Improved safety. Crime is Jamaica's biggest problem. The proliferation of weapons and the extortionist culture that is prevalent in some parts of the country is keeping away investment, tourists and returning residents.

Charity, improved medical access, access to education

Educating the community regarding the LGBT community and helping the LGBT community.

Not sure. Greater opportunity to travel. More understanding about the business world.

NOTHING

Improved business opportunity; improved safety.

A weekly Jamaican editorial that crosses everything that's going on. We don't have that currently. It needs to be on a major network and well produced. Every other culture has it.

A more welcoming and kinder reception at the airport. Cleaner streets and common areas. Less aggression from street vendors. More respectful policing, and police awareness that we might not be aware of all the rules.

programming about real issues

Being more welcomed as an Jamaican-American. Jamaicans are one of the few countries who distance themselves from the countries extended family throughout the diaspora.

If there were like-minded people interested in meeting up to work on solutions to alleviating the country's economic woes, I might be interested in being a part of that.

If there was greater engagement with professionals to provide advice or consultation under contract. I think Jamaica needs to get over the "non Jamaican" consultant. We need to appreciate and respect our expatriate intellectual capital. It can save both time and money. Jamaica needs to be more meritorious Jamaica needs to respect time. Jamaicans need to respect themselves and respect their roles and the tasks associated with their jobs rather than just focus on pay. Their needs to be a paradigm shift here as the country cannot become more productive with such a poor level of personal pride which impacts relationships with each other, who people engage with their jobs and the people who are dependent on the if productivity, professionalism and focus.

Improved business opportunity, improved safety. Improved social justice.

I am complelty engaged with Jamaica

improved business opportunities, changed mindset,

Nothing in particular, as I already consider myself engaged a lot.

If the organizations in the NYC area held more events in Manhattan or other parts of Brooklyn - right now the community is heavily based in the Bronx, deeper into Brooklyn or on Long Island. A lot of the events area geared towards Jamaicans who were born there – nothing that speaks to 2nd and 3rd generation. Many of the events or too education or church focused Many of the groups American Friends of Jamaica, etc only hold one or two events per year that are fairly expensive; they need a better variety. They are also not responsive. I would like to see an effort to get the people together by age (under 35, etc) or by industry (healthcare, media etc) Would love to see more volunteer opps and ways to get engaged back hme
Visit to become re familiarize with the culture
Improved business opportunity

What do you think of current diaspora engagement related activities that you have heard of?

Never heard

Unfortunately, I am not up on the current events. Maybe I should read the Gleaner online.. =)

Haven't heard of any..

N/a

Haven't heard

I have not engaged. I think they are a good opportunity. For those who don't have family who are political or in the world of business, it can be intimidating. In addition, the group of 1st generation Jamaicans with strong ties to the island can be exclusionary.

I am very grateful to have a Jamaican diaspora like the one that exists here in South Florida. It has provided many opportunist for me to engage in my culture, and to have both a direct and indirect impact on the country. From the Miss Jamaica Florida Pageant, the Jamaican Women of Florida, Power 106FM, and now this opportunity with The Caribbean Diaspora Weekly, I truly feel that I have an influence on Jamaica. I hope to get even further involved as develop myself as a young adult.

haven't heard of any

Besides carnival in large cities don't know of any.

i've really enjoyed reconnecting with JA diaspora since i moved to FL. was missing this element in CA. Feeling well fed :)

I respect and appreciate their contributions to Jamaica.

Generally, Supportive, progressive, well intentioned.

None

Carnival

Never heard of that

Nothing since Marlon Hill stopped being involved. I went to Town Halls, etc.

Most of the diaspora opportunities I hear about are geared to my parent's generation.

The events going on are not even geared to Jamaicans my age who have just immigrated.

I think most that I know of are more social gatherings for people to reconnect to elements of their homeland they might be missing living abroad. As far as I know, I haven't heard of many locally that are more politically inclined.

They've been very interesting

We need more and need it to be focused on praxis...action for the benefit of the nation

I do not recall Never heard of any

Never heard of it

Never heard before now

Never heard of any.

Not enough impact. Seem very minimal. Lacks PR and social media representation. Not engaged enough.

I think they are narrow in focus -- a lot of balls and galas - too narrow in focus The consulate does a good job of communicating out what events are available

It does not as engaged in Palm Beach as we would like

Haven't really heard of any.

never heard of any

I tend to see the same people at the "diaspora" engagement activities. I believe most of the Jamaicans that have a "genuine" interest in Jamaica are reaching a point in life where they are somewhat settled into the American lifestyle and community but have a strong loyal compassion about home. I always ask the question, would you go back home to live? Why or Why Not?

Never heard of them

None at the moment

Mapping

I have heard of them but can't think of much off hand.

I don't think they are advertised as well as they should be and I think they target the older generations. More should be done to engage the younger people, and I think social events are the best way to attract the younger generation.

I think they are engaging and enlightening such as David Muir's "Pieces of JA". However I am not always aware of what is going on. How do I get put on the list?

If you look for it in south Florida, you can find Caribbean events or gatherings.

They are fine

Have loosely hear of them.

Never heard of any

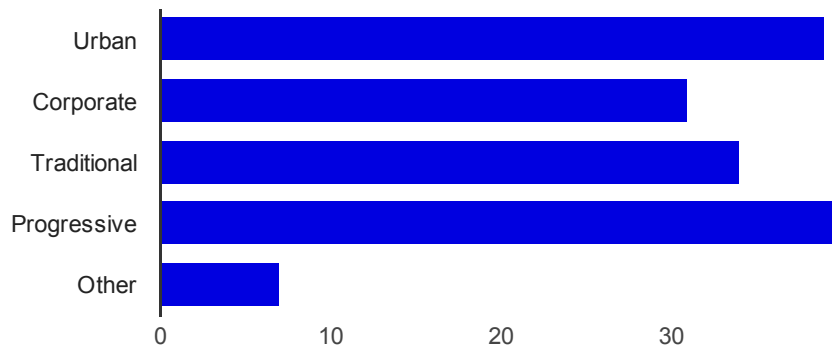
never heard of any

Have not heard of any besides Facebook interactions in Jamaican Diaspora groups...

Not sure

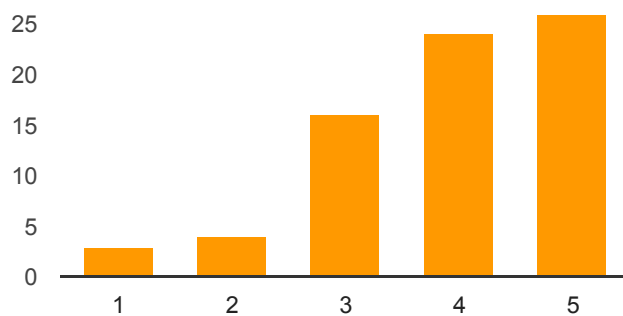
There seems to be the attitude of the diaspora that they are superior to those at home, in other an "air of importance".

Check all that would describe you:



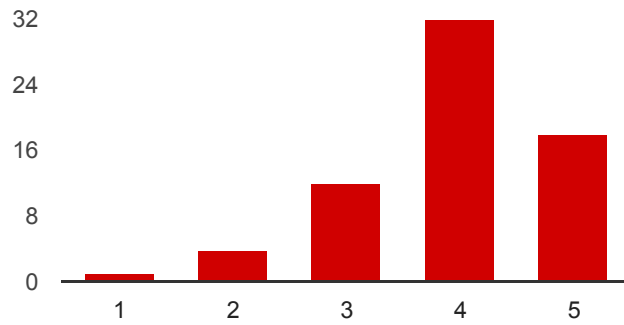
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Corporate	31	42.5%
Traditional	34	46.6%
Progressive	40	54.8%
Other	7	9.6%

I love to read



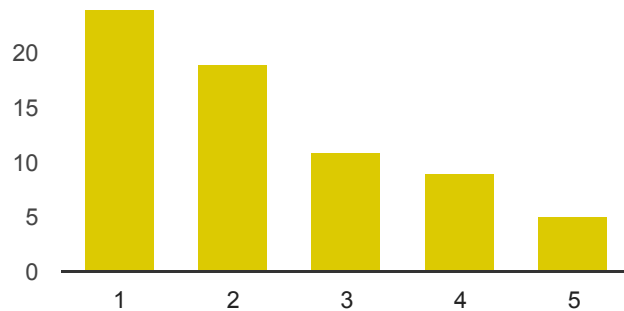
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4	24	32.9%
True: 5	26	35.6%

Website / Blogs



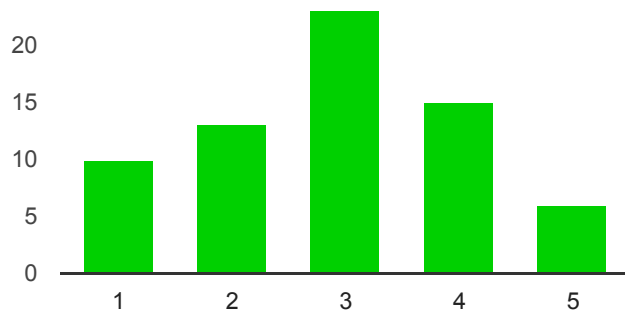
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3	12	17.9%
4	32	47.8%
Favorite: 5	18	26.9%

Hardcopy newspapers



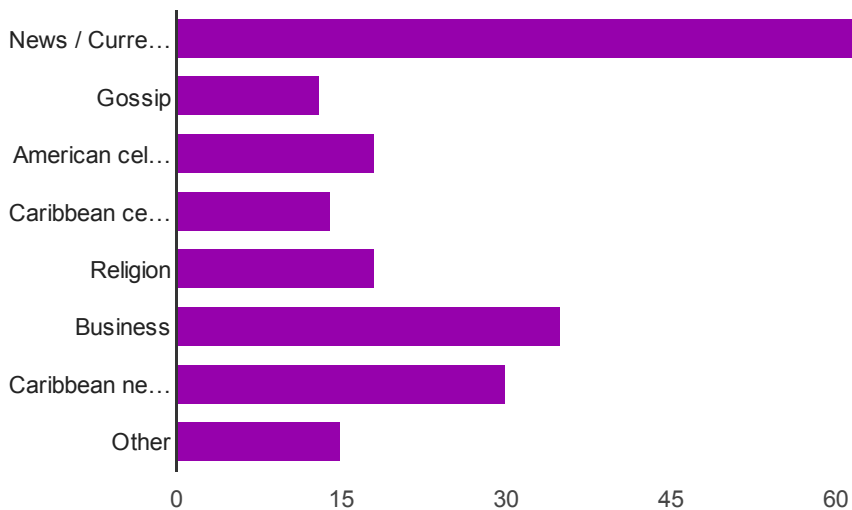
Least favorite: 1	24	35.3%
2	19	27.9%
3	11	16.2%
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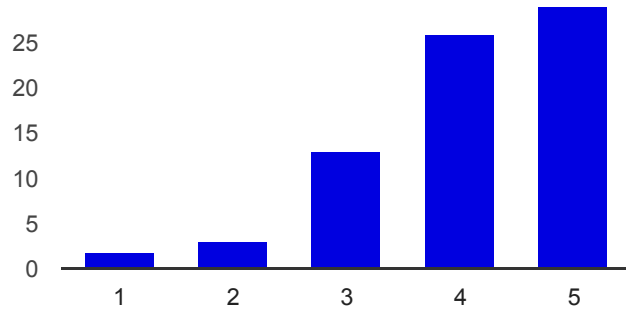
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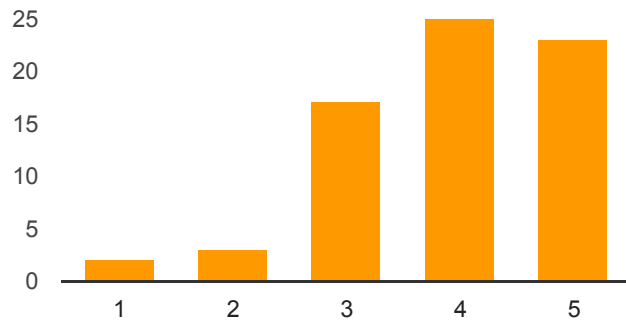
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Gossip	13	17.8%
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Caribbean celebrity culture	14	19.2%
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Business	35	47.9%
Caribbean news / Current events	30	41.1%
Other	15	20.5%

I love to watch video



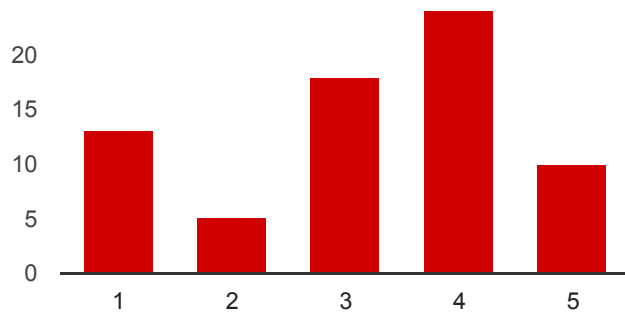
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Youtube or other online sharing site



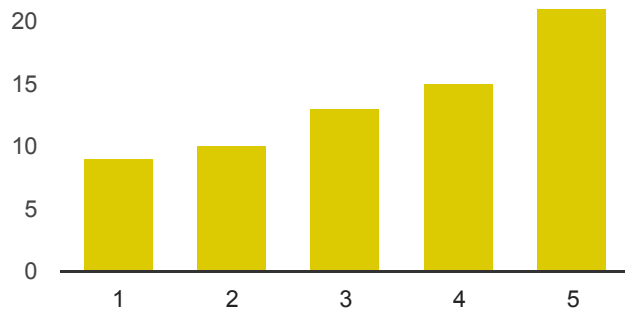
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Regular cable



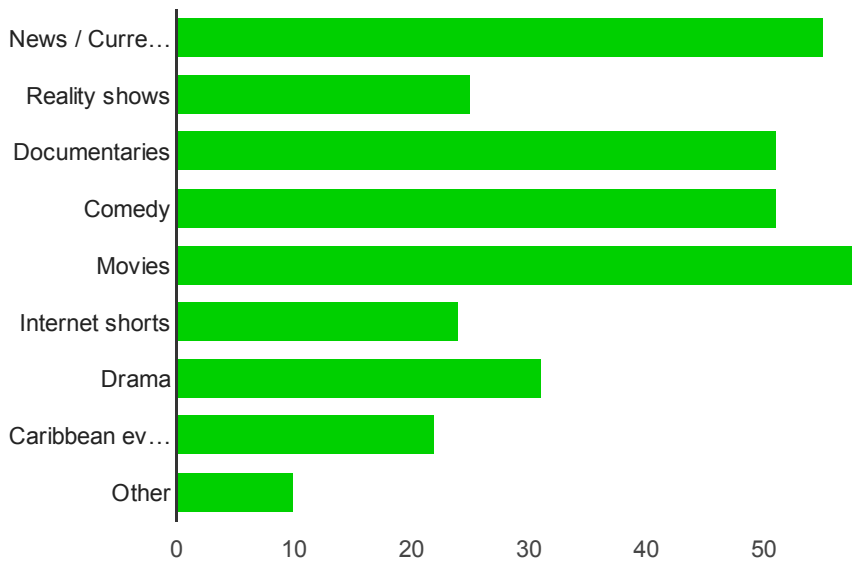
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	4	24	34.3%
Favorite:	5	10	14.3%

Netflix or other on demand service



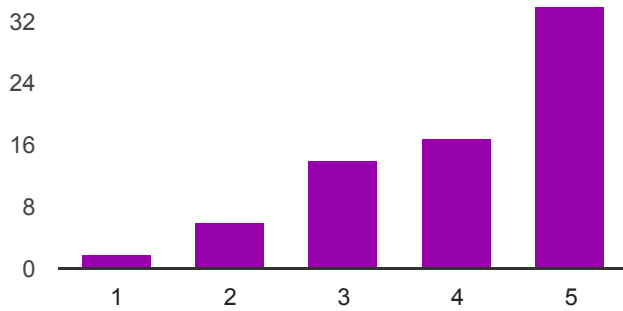
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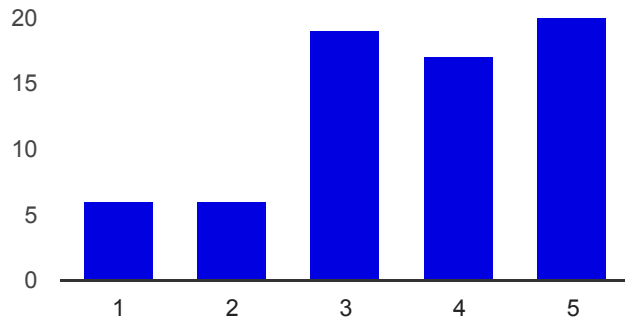
Internet shorts	24	32.9%
Drama	31	42.5%
Caribbean event coverage (ex Carnival / parties)	22	30.1%
Other	10	13.7%

I love to listen to audio



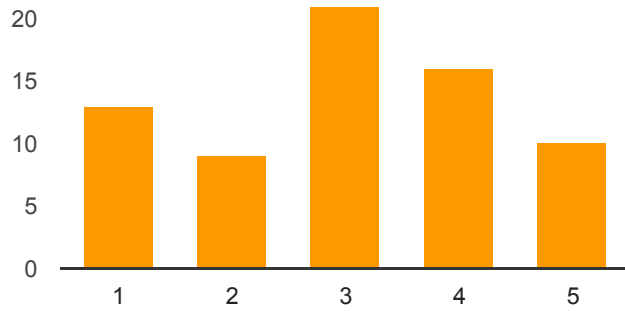
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Online radio (ex Pandora)



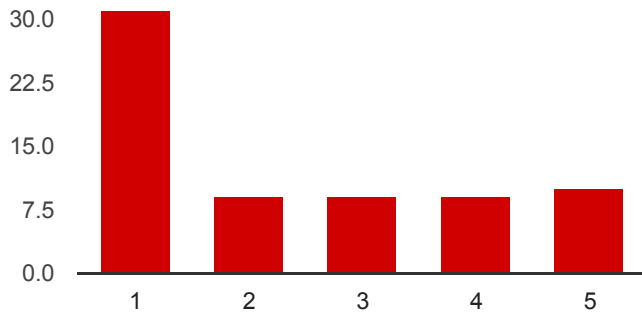
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Terrestrial radio (Ex Power 96)

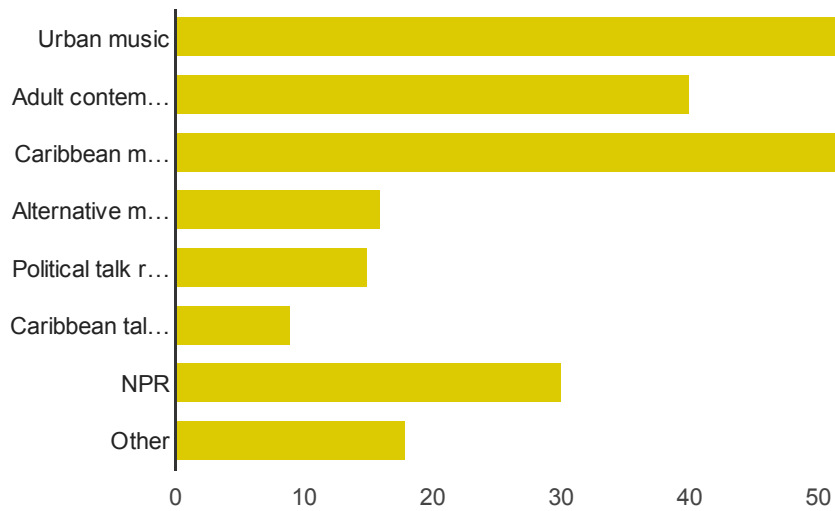


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Favorite: 5	10	14.5%

Satellite radio (ex Sirius XM)

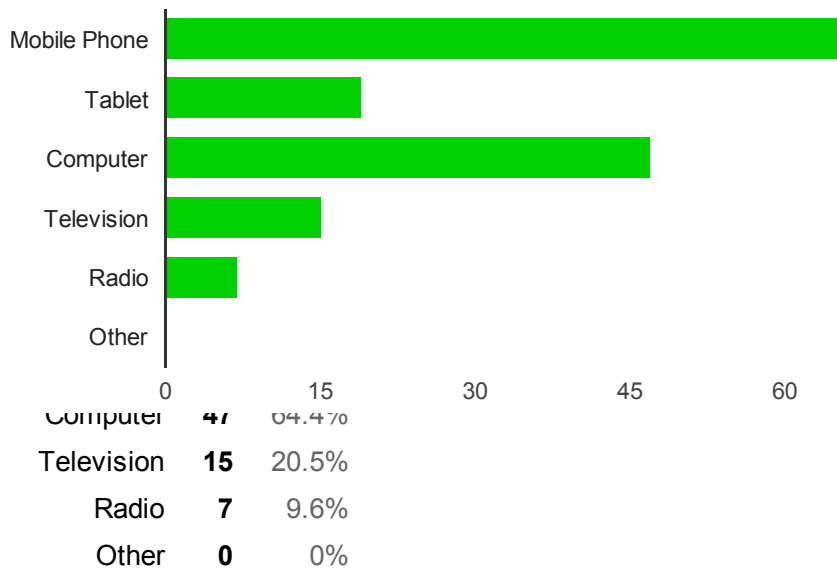


Favorite genres



Urban music	53	73.6%
Adult contemporary music	40	55.6%
Caribbean music	53	73.6%
Alternative music	16	22.2%
Political talk radio	15	20.8%
Caribbean talk radio	9	12.5%
NPR	30	41.7%
Other	18	25%

Which do you use most?



If I could talk to the powers-that-be in Jamaica who want to get my attention, I would tell them this is what they need to do:

Crime Reduction is the number one issue tackle that and the economy and you immediately make Jamaica more attractive.

I feel like there needs to be a big push on civic engagement due to the lack of involvement of the people. That is where the majority of the improvement lies.

diversify your media reach. Focus on the rich history, and diversified culture. Tell the people to COME BACK.

create youtube and iTunes video and audio podcasts that I can subscribe to be informed

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Make it easier and safer to do business in Jamaica.

We need to get control over crime and corruption. We also need to stop selling our natural resources and utilities to foreigners.

Fix your infrastructure. Fix your political corruption. Jamaica needs to progress!

Improve the healthcare system. Find an effective way to diminish the crime and violence. Programs and attention to at-risk youth needs to happen from when they are young into early adulthood.

Get Jamaica's economy better. Start doing for yourself instead of depending on other countries.

If you want to appeal to younger generations create events and opportunities that attract them. Work with businesses to create internships and jobs for college aged people.

Promote these opportunities on social media.

Study the heroes and those who played their roles before them (they did some things right) and be guided by "to thine own self be true - - - -", focus on Education at its highest, maintain the good standing Jamaica has built over the years, care and be

respectful of everyone.

Concentrate on the economic and social equality aspects of the nation.

Work on bridging the gap between West Indies and America. Help to improve the business community by making it attractive and better to Westerners.

Stop stealing from your own people; selling off your natural resources and industries to the Chinese and others; and perpetuating all of the negative stereotypes of weed smoking, baby-abandoning, corrupt ragamuffins. As a vibrant, rich nation with former British rule and multicultural roots, we are deeper and better than that.

Invest in the youth of Jamaica.

help me implement the programs i suggested on a mass scale.

Focus on offering land for free with yearly tax breaks and minimal startup restrictions to allow for quality business development.

Be fair to all people, and learn from your mistakes. As a country, we can't afford to run circles around our past failures and unpromising strategies anymore, thinking things will eventually get better. YOU have to make them better. It begins with social justice where the people can trust you powers-that-be. We are the infrastructure on which the nation stands, and until you are sensitive to what it takes to strengthen the feet of our people, we will continue to fall. I challenge you not to warm your seats in higher places, but to sit down next to your neighbors, your parishes, your districts, and become a member of society; not just a member who controls society.

More airlines to the island; improving government corruption

Talk to us! We have a big and proud network here in the US (especially in NYC) and people want ways to remain connected. That said, we are a diverse and all over the NYC greater metro area (NJ, CT, Manhattan), not just in LI and the Bronx. We have Jamaicans at the top of every field in the US and its time to tap into that .

Stop selling off land to people who spoil the land with ridiculously large buildings, pollution in our once beautiful waters and who don't value the people and the culture. I don't take you seriously when you act so backwards. Start taking leadership in creating innovative projects, and I'll come back home. I travel frequently, and would love a piece of land there to call my own.

Make sustainable decisions. Do not focus only on short term gain I.e. promise to build desirable infrastructure. Ensure that you strike the best deal for the nation .. The terms and conditions must be focused on the welfare of the population:ensure and secure jobs -skilled and unskilled; must have a minimum percentage of employment of nationals for foreign companies - especially for skilled positions; get younger, more qualified Jamaicans, including expatriates to advise on negotiations - the old guard have lead to many 1970s 1980s style blunders! We have very clever people in Jamaica - use them! Terms are to protect the environment..just too many errors made on deals by so called ministers and advisors to mention here as these decisions are often made by individuals with no knowledge of science much less the environment the most critical aspect is for

government to use wisely the intellectual capital that it has in country and within the expatriate and diaspora community E

Put God first. A person's philosophy of life, whether religious or not, atheist or agnostic is what motivates them to do what is right and proper. A person's projected philosophy must be their true philosophy otherwise they will show up as hypocrites. Politics has got toxic from as far back as the 1970's or earlier and that has stifled real progress. Too many politicians just seems to enter politics just to see what they can get out of it. Fortunately not all politicians are bad in that regard. Secondly I would say do not follow the direction that first world is going in especially with respect to education and societal values. Morals have fallen and one only have to look at what happens in the major political parties here in the UK. The education system here in the UK with the sub-standard GCSEs and the gradual dumbing down of A-levels have not helped society either as other countries have surge ahead of the UK in terms of the quality and enthusiasm of their workforce.

Enforce the laws and do not tolerate corruption within law enforcement

Oh my gosh where do I begin? Create job opportunities for the high school graduates Implement more vocational training and internships Invest in small business. Monitor the police force and government hold people accountable.

My sister paid for her honeymoon in JA however because she is in the US military they would not let her travel to Jamaica due to the crime rate at the current moment. She lost all of her money. A lot of us who didn't grow up in JA would love to visit more however we keep hearing horror stories of crime and therefore it frightens us and we may end up travelling elsewhere. Also, please work on the healthcare system in JA. I hear it's not up to par.

REFORM the political system to ELIMINATE corruption. Get into the 21st Century by repealing the buggery law and beefing up INDECENCY LAWS by banning leud dancehall. Amend the Acts that formed public corporations like the UDC and Agro-Corp, in which the Finance minister SOLELY appoints board members! There should be CONFIRMATION hearings and members voted in by parliament. Set STANDARDS by which these companies are ran to be PROFITABLE... Get entities like Ministry of Education and Youth to better coordinate their programs of protection and education. Focus greater attention on CRIME and stop pretending that it's not a problem. TAP into the Diaspora for our EXPERTISE in many areas of discipline... Farm more ORGANIC foods and take advantage of that market in the US and Canada.

Help people get jobs.

I am not sure. I think people are living in their current circumstances and it can be difficult to focus on another country/part of the world and take that leap. How do you make the opportunity clear and present? I think that's the question.

Give me access to opportunities and support businesses

Build more libraries

Present pathways for me, as a person living abroad, to get more active in improving the state of the island.

I'm not sure what would peak my interest because I'm not sure what Jamaica has to offer. I feel as if a demand needs to be created outside of tourism.

highlight business/ investment opportunities in Jamaica

Get your message across by tapping into what we are currently doing. Whether it's what we love to watch, what we listen to, what type of events we attend, etc.. Tap into that and spoon feed the messages you would like to get out. Don't force it

More affordable access to education, which would lead to being qualified for better jobs, which would strengthen the economy and lower poverty and crime

Grow the brand that is Jamaica. Jamaica is more than just Bolt, curry chicken, resorts and carnival. Bring Jamaica to the forefront of being '3rd world' newsworthy. Education, science, development, growth, economics and trade. Highlight art and decorative style. When we think Caribbean we all think Jamaica first. Let's do everything to show off how we influence the world..from home not abroad.

They need to clean up the crime. It is hurting business.

Venture out of your social, political and business cliques.

Reduce crime

Not enough attention is paid to Jamaican/Caribbean history and family values.

Improve the country's infrastructure (a great example is Costa Rica)

Improve the health care system.

Work on educating the nation regarding accepting and supporting the LGBT community.

Work on creating more opportunities for people from the poorer and rural communities.

Crack down on corruption and work towards cultivating creative ways of being self sufficient at a national level (ex: recycling, neighborhood clean up programs, water conservation, etc). Start by educating young minds to creatively provide ideas and ways to execute plans for self sufficiency.

Number of daily responses

