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“ANALYSIS OF THE MOST RELEVANT AND TRAGIC CASES OF SOCCER IN  
THE LAST 25 YEARS”.

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## **GRATITUDE**

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## **SUMMARY**

This document tries to summarize the cases that represent the main tragedies in soccer, and in this way explain to the readers that as fanatics we must do something to try to avoid these events in some way, taking the necessary precautions as countries and thus save the life of thousands of people around the world.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Stories like this are not always heard, we never know when life can change or end in just few seconds, because of these accidents, clubs, players and everything related to soccer in general have begun to take the necessary precautions to end these disasters, which are the main cause of all crisis at the sport level.

Usually these events are known as tragedies, they are question of destiny or luck?, it can be, while in other mafias, corruption and all the evil that exists in world are the main causes of these catastrophes , assassinations, terrorism, abductions etc., are the weapons that are used to end the dreams of these athletes.

These cases have given many options and things to talk about, because bad publicity takes advantage of the tragedies to cause controversy, there is always a culprit in these cases, those affected are not only the dead, but also their loved ones, teammates and an entire country that usually always mourns and honors those affected by tragedies of this type.

Soccer brings violence is true .... but , no one sees the importance and influence that has in a country, as it provides stability, and the union of all the people to live this sport festival, gives the countries a great economic growth just to be hosted of recognized tournaments or by classifications to important tournaments.

In the chapters can be found the most shocking cases that changed the lives of these soccer players, one day like any of these people's lives, this represents a very important story in soccer,

as it leaves a mark and a tribute to all who have struggled every day to make this sport better, in the 3 chapters mention several main characteristics of the events and what has happened after them.

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **ANALYSIS OF THE "LA MIA FLIGHT 2933" CHAPECOENSE CASE**

#### **1.1 CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION**

The curious La Mia 2933 flight bound to Medellin, Colombia, was on November 28, 2016. A usual day for many, but not for the Brazilian heroes of the soccer team "Chapecoense", that a day later, they could have one of the most important days of their life, the championship game of the South American Cup, a great level competition and well known throughout the continent, won by a lot of clubs in South America, especially teams from Brazil and Argentina.

But not only the life of those soccer players was going to be at risk that day, also life of 77 people, unfortunately after 1 am, the plane started running out of fuel, the sudden movement of the plane alerted a lot the passengers, and few minutes later the plane started to descend in free fall, the pilot did not have a quick solution, it was almost impossible to survive to the terrible catastrophe and all the passengers knew it.

The opinion of several experts says that the only culprit here is the pilot, who committed the irresponsibility of not checking if he was traveling with the necessary fuel, it is sad to see how in some cases the life of many innocent people depends of a single person, also the club president made a serious mistake by choosing an airline with a bad flight autonomy.

This case had a global mourning for the victims of the accident, many soccer teams and entire countries sent messages and gave financial support to the club and the families of the deceased. The humble Brazilian team captivated too much last year, a club recognized for his popular

phrase "without big names, but with a lot of heart" and all of this with only 44 years of creation.

Chapecoense is already one of the most beloved and historical clubs in the world, but not only because of the accident, It is the fight reaction of the club, against the tragic event, the team has been completely restarted, and are waiting for new opportunities to succeed in soccer, so that the club can survive to this enormous crisis, but... as the deceased goalkeeper Marcos Danilo Padilha said: "Everything is possible, nobody thought we would go so far, but here we are"  
(Padilha , 2016)

## **1.2 FLIGHT DETAILS**

La Mia is an airline from Venezuela that also works in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, the plane departed from Bolivia in a direct flight to Medellin, Colombia, a plane with 77 people, 68 passengers and 9 of the crew.

The Brazilian club was totally banned from flying Directly from Sao Paulo Brazil to Medellin, because they had to comply with the aeronautical statutes, without any problem the team did not hesitate to opt for the La Mia which already had transported other soccer clubs before. The weight before the plane take off was more than forty thousand kilograms, which according to the expert, it was too much for the conditions of the plane and the flight, the distance between the players and their destination was about three thousand kilometers and was estimated at a trip of 4 hours and a half, finally the exact time the plane took off was 22:18 pm on November 28, 2016.

After 2 am, the plane had no more than 20 minutes of fuel left, because of this the pilot had to immediately request an unplanned landing in Bogota, Colombia, due to a fuel leak, but the pilot's negligence was so serious that in a few moments the plane lost 2 engines and without warning to the control tower followed its route to the nearest airstrip, neither slow down nor ask for vectors could avoid the inevitable, the plane was going to fall late at any time. The engines one and two survive until 2:58 in the morning, and after this the pilot reports: "Total failure, there is no fuel " (Quiroga, 2016) the plane crashed in Cerro Gordo, Tolima, Colombia.

### **1.3 SURVIVORS AND DECEASED**

The accident left a total of 71 dead and only 6 survivors, who were 3 players of the Chapecoense, 1 journalist and 2 of the crew. The Brazilian goalkeeper Danilo Padilha initially survived, was found next to the rubble and was urgently assisted by Red Cross staff, but his injuries and pains were deadly, he could not resist the operations and was declared dead at the age of 31, leaving a wife widow and a 2 year old orphan son, he will be always remembered because of his incredible save against San Lorenzo Argentina, with that, the team won, and they were in the finals of the competition. As I mentioned in the first paragraph, 3 team partners of Danilo survived, Jackson Follman, who had to resist the amputation of his right leg and remain for several days in intensive care, he is alive, but he will never play soccer again, but it is not the same case with Allan Ruschel who was the first survivor to be found, and was surgically operated immediately after 3 am due to multiple injuries in the spine. When they found him, he was fully awake and the only thing he asked was where his family was.

And last but not least we mentioned the last player of the Brazilian team, Helio Neto, who was the one who suffered less injuries than the other victims, was operated and intubated anyway, but the doctors said that with patience and the passage of time he would return to play soccer with all security, and that is what the 32 year old player is currently doing. They 3 passed through a long process of physical and psychological recovery, for them the only place where they can feel free and happy is in a soccer field, the accident survivors are the only historic remnant of Chapecoense winning the 2016 edition of the South American cup.

#### **1.4 CONSEQUENCES AND PROBLEMS FOR THE AFFECTED SOCCER CLUB**

Most of the team and the directive died in the plane, excluding the goalkeeper Marcelo Boeck who did not travel because it was his birthday, and the vice president of the club Ivan Tozzo decided not to travel for personal reasons at the last minute, these 2 were the only ones from to the club that were not present in the accident.

Days after the event Cecilio Hans, a leader from Chapecoense, quoted this emotive phrase: "In memory of those who died, and to honor their families, we will rebuild this club from scratch, I am sure we will become stronger than ever" (Hans , 2016).

One of the main problems were the financial ones, they didnt have enough capital to restore a complete team, preoccupation of how they would play the final was very big, until the rival team Atletico Nacional de Medellin decided to give to them the title of champion directly to the Brazilian team in honor of the deceased. Nevertheless thanks to the support of several Brazilian and european teams they have been able to rearm like team and in this 2017 disputed several national and international competitions.

## CHAPTER 2

### OBSERVATION OF THE ANDRES ESCOBAR'S CASE

#### 2.1. GENERAL CONTEXT

This is one of the most tragic and relevant events in soccer history, the death of a player for a mistake in a soccer match, we are talking about the Colombian player Andrés Escobar, murdered in 1994, 10 days after to have made an own goal in the World Cup of that year.

Colombia participated of the world cup that was carried out in 1994 in the United States, a tournament in which it reached the first round where it was eliminated by the host, United States with a score of 2-1 and was of great help the already mentioned own goal that Andres Escobar did, this mistake marked his life, since from that moment the Colombian drug dealers already were planning the murder, because he made that de Colombian mafia lose to much money in bets.

His death was the 2 of July of 1994 in the parking of a restaurant, where he was insulted and assaulted by two huge colombian drug dealers the Gallon Henao brothers, the soccer player requested for some respect, in that precisely moment the driver of the mentioned Mafios get a gun and shoot Escobar, who was taken to the emergency department immediately, to die after 45 minutes of agony.

## **2.2. BIOGRAPHY**

Andres Escobar was born on March 13, 1967 in Medellin, Colombia. He grew up in a middle class family commanded by his father Dario Escobar, who always gave Andres a lot of support in his career as a soccer player.

His brother also loved this sport, and became a professional soccer player years before, while his father created a foundation that was in charge of recruiting poor people and teach them how to play soccer.

Escobar began his professional career at the age of 20 and began a successful life in soccer, years later he would meet his girlfriend Pamela Cascardo, with whom he would spend his last months of life, several months before his death, he proposed marriage to her, but the wedding, was obviously canceled, because Escobar died 5 months earlier.

After his death, his family asked for justice because of the tragedy and wanted everyone involved in the murder to go to jail, thing that did not happened because later the driver was declared guilty, and not the Gallon brothers, who continued with their drug deal and killing innocent people for money. The driver has completed his time in jail and is currently free

### **2.3. HIS SOCCER HISTORY**

He began his career as a professional footballer in 1986 at the Club Atletico Nacional de Medellin Colombia, he had on his back number 2, and was recognized for being a very good header and almost never committing fouls. In 1989 after 3 successful years he finished his first cycle in Colombia and went to play in the Young Boys of Switzerland, where he did not have to many opportunities and only stayed a year, he did not score goals or win titles.

After his failure in Switzerland he returned to Colombia to complete his second cycle in the Club Atletico Nacional de Medellin, team which became the captain and idol of all fans. With the Colombian team throughout his 2 cycles won 4 titles, 2 national and 2 international, his good performances would lead him to his debut with his country selection in 1988, in a match against England where he scored a goal for the tie 1 to 1.

In March of 1993 he suffered a serious injury that kept him out from playing soccer for more than 8 months, in 1994 he was fully recovered and he was called to represent the colombian national team in the US world cup, tournament in which he scored the owngoal that would take him lifetime, and where he said "life don't end here, it's just a game" (Escobar, 1994).

#### **2.4. MOURNING OF A WHOLE COUNTRY AFTER THE TRAGEDY**

After the murder, the country was very affected and did him homage in a lot of ways, one of the most remembered was to retire number 2 in the Club Atletico Nacional de Medellin in his honor.

In the 90s economic, political and social situation was a real conflict, Colombia was literally governed by drug dealers, people did not live in peace because of the problems that existed in the South American country, all these factors were of great importance in the murder, because the environment lived was the main reason why he was killed, and it was said that soccer was the only good thing that was left to Colombia, something that was not true, because Pablo Escobar financed most of the teams in the Colombian league, especially the already mentioned Atletico Nacional de Medellin.

## CHAPTER 3

### SALVADOR CABAÑAS CASE

#### 3.1 GENERAL CONTEXT

In this tragic event were no deceased people, it was an attempt to kill the Paraguayan player Salvador Cabañas. On Monday, January 25, 2010, after losing 2- 0 in the local tournament Salvador went to a bar in Mexico City, he was a little bit drunked with her wife and his brother in law, at early hours he went to the bathroom and then he was approached by a guy, who was a recognized member of the Mexican mafia, Jose Jorge Balderas Garza, his nickname "El JJ", the player and the narco discused for a lot of minutes, until JJ took out a .25 caliber gun and shot the Paraguayan player in the head.

The reason for the killing attempt is unknown, but people said that it was because Salvador was stealing money from the Mexicans and everyone wanted him out of Mexico. People tha were that night at the bar didnt heard the shot, all this happened while 2 JJ men stayed outdoor so no one could enter, after almost an hour agonizing, 2 people who worked At the bar they immediately called an ambulance, where he was taken to the hospital and treated urgently to survive.

### **3.2 ATTACK TO HIS LIFE**

The Paraguayan player survived by miracle, because the bullet is still stuck in the left lobe of his brain, because the doctors decided not to remove it, because its the only way to stay him alive, this attack made his life a problem, that tragedy affected him psicologically, he couldnt sleep relaxed for a lot of months.

Despite being drunk the player says he remembers everything that happened before the shot, and that he knew he would not die because he was at peace with God and was doing things right in his personal life. Days later the player continued in critical condition, had a cerebral edema that prevented him from a completly recovery, until 5 days after being in a coma, Salvador awoke on January 30, his cognitive actions were very damaged, although his wife declared she spoke with him the day he woke up, after 23 days in intensive therapy finally on February 17 left, but he was still in a serious condition. finally after a long time of treatment and recovery, he was out of the hospital on March 3, 1 month and 6 days after the attack.

Continued his recovery in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he remained in a rehabilitation center for more than 2 months, after finishing his cycle of recovery, cabanas announced his retirement from soccer, something he had to do in a compulsory way because the club could not continue financing more time to a player who did not participate, currently Salvador is totally out of danger, but has an obvious permanent brain damage

### **3.3 SOCCER HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY**

Salvador Cabanas was born on August 5, 1980 in Paraguay, in his childhood he was always linked to soccer, he began his professional career in 1998 in the 12 de Octubre of Paraguay, team where he scored a total of 12 goals in his first stage, then he was transferred to the club Guarani from the same country, where he did not succeed and immediately 1 year later he moved to Chile to dress the Audax shirt, he spent 2 years in Chile where he exploited his potential scoring 29 goals in 53 games.

It was a nice mark for a young and unknown striker, due to his very good performances and goals, a lot of Mexican teams were interested in him, as the Jaguars and the America team of which he became idol and one of the top scorers with 98 goals in a total of 4 years, before his accident, the footballing life of the striker was successful, he played for Paraguay in the 2006 World cup and he was the captain of the team.

His accident didn't let him play the 2010 World cup, where Paraguay was in the quarter finals, and was eliminated by the champion Spain.

### **3.4 HIS PRIVATE LIFE AFTER THE TRAGEDY**

After the shot, salvador received a lot of support in mexico, he received tributes from the teams where played, everything was unconditional support for him, until the America decided not extending his contract and eliminate the economic support for him, his wife stoled all his money and properties and left him without a single cent.

Fighting for his quick recovery and his return to professional football, after several years recovering he could never return to the level of a 4th division team, everything had changed , he was alone and poor ... currently Salvador is a bread seller in Paraguay, with very bad resources, he helps his family daily in the bakery, and sometimes he plays soccer as a hobby, this has been the hard life of Salvador Cabañas, who said that God returned him from heaven to finish his mission on earth.

The already mentioned drug dealer stayed in a low profile for weeks after the attack, him and his "drug cartel" became one of the most wanted in Mexico, months later the JJ would become a protected witness of the police , to tell information about what the narcos did in mexico for years.

## CHAPTER 4

### DESERTATION SURVEY

#### 4.1 SURVEY TABLES

Table 1.

No.	Individual	Quantities
1	Students of third of baccalaureate of Javier High School	120
<b>TOTAL</b>		120

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Source: Unidad Educativa Javier.

**The calculation was based on the following data:**

n: Sample

PQ: Constant of population variance: 0.25

N: Population (120)

E: Maximum permissible error (0.05)

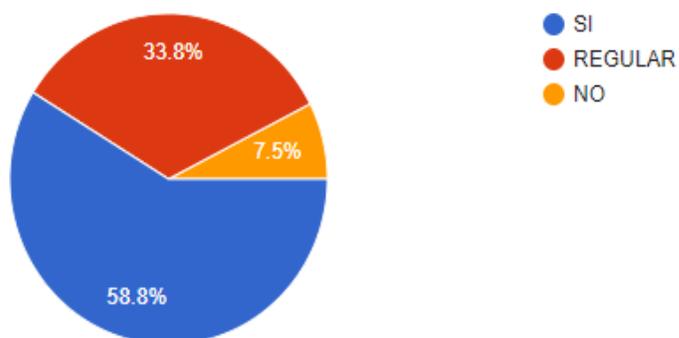
K: Error Correction Coefficient (2)

**Table 2. The sample**

No.	Individuals	Quantities
1	Students of third of baccalaureate of Unidad Educativa Javier.	80
<b>TOTAL</b>		80

#### 4.2 SURVEY TABULATIONS

**Question 1: Do you like soccer?**



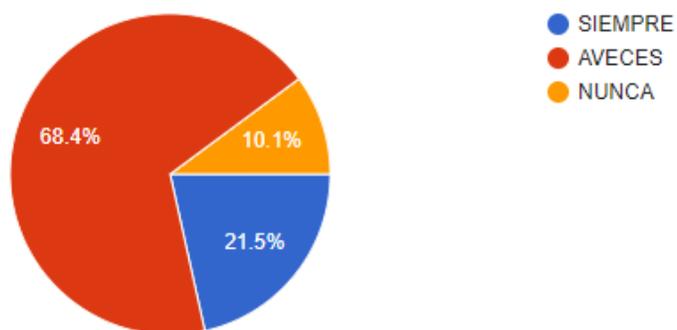
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Table 3.

	<b>QUANTITIES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Yes</b>	47	58,8%
<b>Regular</b>	27	33,8%
<b>No</b>	6	7,5%
<b>Total</b>	80	100%

**Question 2: How often do you watch the news?**



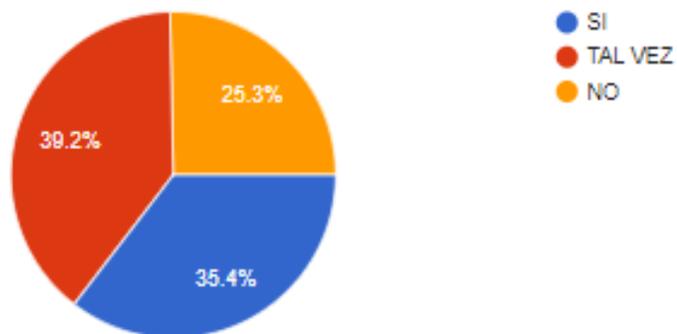
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Table 4.

	<b>QUANTITIES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Always</b>	17	21,5%
<b>Sometimes</b>	54	68,4%
<b>Never</b>	8	10,1%
<b>Total</b>	80	100%

**Question 3: Are you aware of the sports segments that exist in the media (television, newspapers, radios, etc.)?**



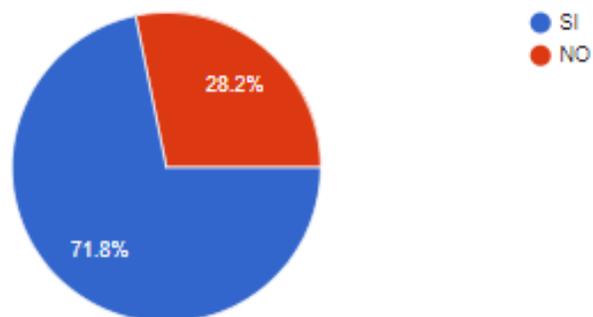
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**Table 5.**

	QUANTITIES	PERCENTAGE
<b>Yes</b>	28	35,4%
<b>Maybe</b>	31	39,2%
<b>No</b>	20	25,3%
<b>Total</b>	80	100%

**Question 4: Have you heard about the Brazilian Soccer Club "Chapecoense"?**



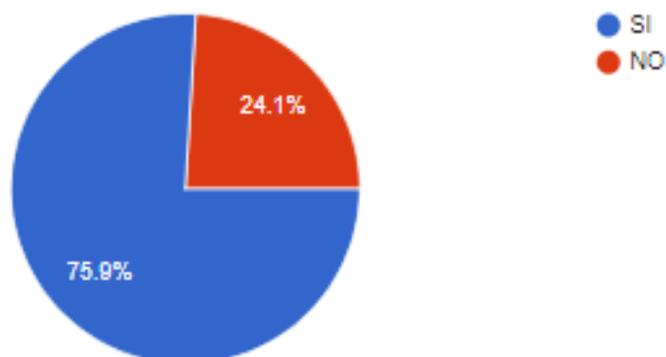
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**Table 6.**

	<b>QUANTITIES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>71,8%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28,2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 5: Are you informed about the air crash of November 28, 2016?**



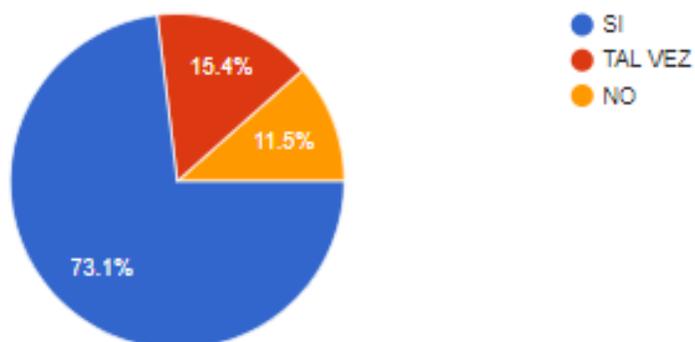
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**Table 7.**

	<b>QUANTITIES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>75,9%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24.1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 6: Did you know that these tragic events caused worldwide mourning?**



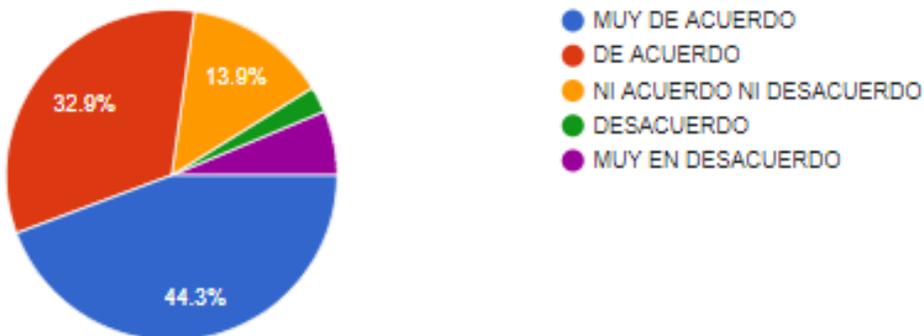
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**Table 8.**

	<b>QUANTITIES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>73,1%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15,4%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11,5%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 7: Are you agree with the great moral, economic, and political support that is offered to those affected in this type of tragedy?**



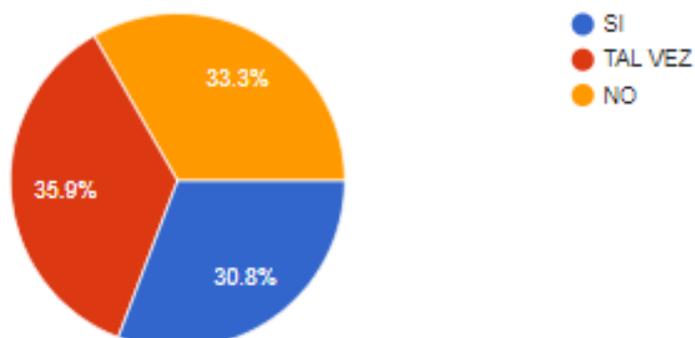
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**Table 9.**

	<b>QUANTITIES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Very agree</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44,3%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32,9%</b>
<b>Non agree or disagree</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13,9%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,5%</b>
<b>Very disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6,3%</b>

**Question 8: . Do you think tragedies deny from moving forward in life?**



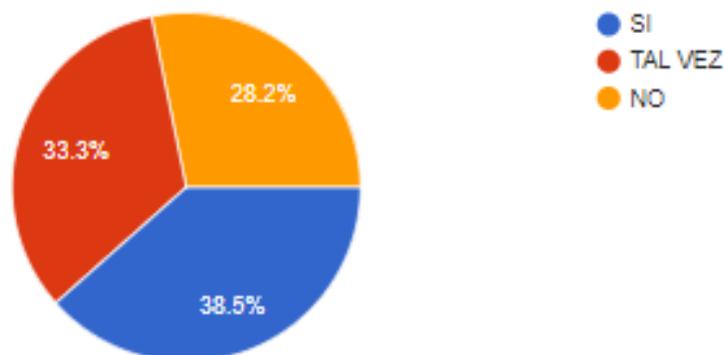
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**Table 10.**

	<b>QUANTITIES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30,8%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35,9%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33,3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 9: Do you think that luck plays a fundamental role in these catastrophic cases?**



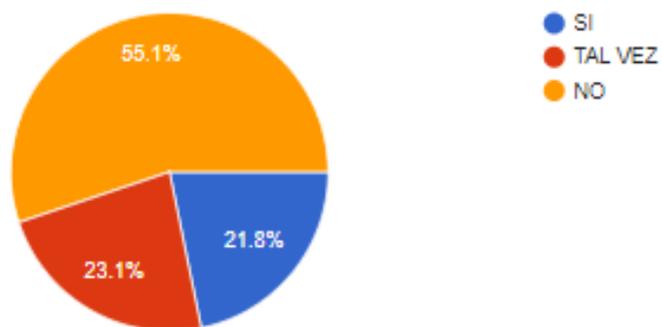
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**Table 11.**

	<b>QUANTITIES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38,5%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33,3%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28,2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 10: Do you think it is easy for the affected clubs and countries to start over?**



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	<b>QUANTITIES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21,8%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23,1%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55,1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## CONCLUSIONS

The conclusion of my first chapter is very specific, the responsibility of a pilot caused that 71 human lives were lost including him, and this cannot continue, we have to take care of people, don't make them die.

The conclusion of my second chapter is based on that you never know who is behind you, and that football represents something more than a sport in several countries of the world, it could be power, money, illegal business, a mistake in a single game cost the life to an innocent person, you cannot compare the life of a person with a football game.

This last conclusion tells us that we should never get involved in illegal things, mafias etc., because they are unscrupulous people and they give a lot of mistrust, besides that you never finish knowing the people who are really by your side in the good and bad times, and that overcoming depends on oneself, everything is in the effort and not to be overcome, life gives you second chances when you deserve it.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Make a global campaign to avoid the acceptance of irresponsible pilots in the most important airlines in the world.
2. Improve the safety of soccer players, to avoid being attacked by people outside of this sport, which is already high risk at the time of playing.
3. Never stop supporting a player who has been through an accident, and always keep in mind what they did in his professional football career.

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