

McLAUGHLIN & ASSOCIATES
NATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDY
September 29th, 2015

1. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING...?

Total	800
FOUR YEAR	65.6
PRIVATE COLLEGE/UNIV.	20.4
STATE COLLEGE/UNIV.	45.2
TWO YEAR	34.4
PUBLIC COMM./JR.	29.6
PRIVATE/JR. COLLEGE	4.8

2. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED...?

Total	800
FULL TIME	75.9
PART TIME	24.1

3. ARE YOU...?

Total Answering	435
FRESHMAN/1ST YEAR	15.5
SOPHOMORE/2ND YEAR	30.9
JUNIOR/3RD YEAR	29.6
SENIOR/4TH YEAR+	24.0

4. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

Total	800
17-22	48.8
17 OR YOUNGER	0.5
18	6.5
19	9.6
20	10.8
21	12.5
22	8.9
OVER 22	51.2
23	4.9
24	6.0
25-29	14.4
30-34	9.4
35-39	6.6
40 OR OLDER	9.9

5. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR COURSEWORK...?

Total	800
CLASSES IN PERSON	77.1
ALL	45.2
MOSTLY	31.9
EQUAL/PERSON/ONLINE	8.6
CLASSES ONLINE	14.2
MOSTLY	4.3
ALL	9.9

6. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOU?

Total	800
LIVE ON CAMPUS	20.7
LIVE OFF CAMPUS/NEARBY	42.4
COMMUTER/CAR/TRANSIT	27.3
ALL ONLINE/VIRTUAL	9.6

7. HOW IMPORTANT TO YOU PERSONALLY IS THE ISSUE OF FREE SPEECH AT YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

Total	800
IMPORTANT	95.1
VERY IMPORTANT	69.7
SMWT. IMPORTANT	25.5
NOT IMPORTANT	4.0
NOT THAT IMPORTANT	3.4
NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	0.6
UNSURE	0.9

8. GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB THAT YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IS DOING WHEN IT COMES TO PROMOTING FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS AND IN THE CLASSROOM?

Total	800
APPROVE	87.0
STRONGLY	42.9
SOMEWHAT	44.1
DISAPPROVE	6.0
SOMEWHAT	4.5
STRONGLY	1.5
UNSURE	7.0
Net Diff.	81.0
Mean	3.38

9. FROM WHAT YOU KNOW, DOES YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY HAVE SPEECH CODES TO REGULATE SPEECH FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY?

Total	800
YES	41.2
NO	18.3
UNSURE	40.5

10. AND WOULD YOU SAY YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY HAVING SPEECH CODES TO REGULATE SPEECH FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY?

Total	800
FAVOR	51.2
STRONGLY	20.7
SOMEWHAT	30.5
OPPOSE	36.3
SOMEWHAT	22.2
STRONGLY	14.1
UNSURE	12.4
Net Diff.	14.9
Mean	2.66

11. COMPARED TO SOCIETY AT LARGE, DO YOU THINK FREEDOM OF SPEECH SHOULD BE MORE LIMITED OR LESS LIMITED AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES?

Total	800
MORE LIMITED	15.8
LESS LIMITED	37.6
SHOULD BE NO DIFFERENCE	42.8
UNSURE	3.7

12. OF THE 27 AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, DO YOU KNOW WHICH AMENDMENT DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH FREEDOM OF SPEECH?

Total	800
CORRECT/1ST AMENDMENT	67.6
INCORRECT/ALL OTHERS	32.4

13. THE FIRST AMENDMENT SAYS: "CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS; OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES."
FROM WHAT YOU KNOW, WHEN IT COMES TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH, DOES THE FIRST AMENDMENT MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR HATE SPEECH, MEANING THAT HATE SPEECH IS NOT PROTECTED UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT?

Total	800
YES/NOT PROTECTED	35.0
NO/ALL SPEECH PROTECTED	51.7
UNSURE	13.3

14. GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU THINK THE FIRST AMENDMENT, WHICH DEALS WITH FREEDOM OF SPEECH, IS...?
1. AN OUTDATED AMENDMENT THAT CAN NO LONGER BE APPLIED IN TODAY'S SOCIETY AND SHOULD BE CHANGED, OR
2. AN IMPORTANT AMENDMENT THAT STILL NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED AND RESPECTED IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

Total	800
OUTDATED AMENDMENT	20.9
IMPORTANT AMENDMENT	72.9
UNSURE	6.1

15. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION?

Total	800
FREE SPEECH/ALL CASES	42.0
EXCEPTIONS TO EVERY RULE	45.8
COLLEGES SHOULD REGULATE	9.8
UNSURE	2.4

16. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "MY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY SHOULD FORBID PEOPLE FROM SPEAKING ON CAMPUS WHO HAVE A HISTORY OF ENGAGING IN HATE SPEECH."

Total	800
AGREE	52.0
STRONGLY	19.7
SOMEWHAT	32.3
DISAGREE	41.7
SOMEWHAT	24.3
STRONGLY	17.4
UNSURE	6.3
Net Diff.	10.3
Mean	2.58

17. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "ANY STUDENT OR FACULTY MEMBER ON CAMPUS WHO USES LANGUAGE THAT IS CONSIDERED RACIST, SEXIST, HOMOPHOBIC OR OTHERWISE OFFENSIVE SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION."

Total	800
AGREE	71.9
STRONGLY	38.2
SOMEWHAT	33.8
DISAGREE	23.4
SOMEWHAT	15.1
STRONGLY	8.3
UNSURE	4.7
Net Diff.	48.5
Mean	3.07

18. WOULD YOU SAY YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY BANNING THE PUBLICATION OF ANY POLITICAL CARTOONS THAT WOULD CRITICIZE ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION, RELIGIOUS FIGURES OR ETHNIC GROUPS?

Total	800
FAVOR	50.0
STRONGLY	21.0
SOMEWHAT	29.0
OPPOSE	39.8
SOMEWHAT	21.0
STRONGLY	18.8
UNSURE	10.2
Net Diff.	10.2
Mean	2.58

19. GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB THAT YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IS DOING WHEN IT COMES TO PROMOTING INTELLECTUAL DIVERSITY AND DIFFERING OPINIONS IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON CAMPUS?

Total	800
APPROVE	83.2
STRONGLY	34.5
SOMEWHAT	48.7
DISAPPROVE	9.5
SOMEWHAT	6.8
STRONGLY	2.7
UNSURE	7.3
Net Diff.	73.7
Mean	3.24

20. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "MY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE DOING MORE TO PROMOTE POLICIES THAT INCREASE DIVERSITY OF OPINIONS IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON CAMPUS."

Total	800
AGREE	72.1
STRONGLY	30.1
SOMEWHAT	42.0
DISAGREE	18.7
SOMEWHAT	14.7
STRONGLY	4.0
UNSURE	9.2
Net Diff.	53.4
Mean	3.08

21. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THERE IS EDUCATIONAL VALUE IN LISTENING TO AND UNDERSTANDING VIEWS AND OPINIONS THAT I MAY DISAGREE WITH AND ARE DIFFERENT FROM MY OWN."

Total	800
AGREE	87.1
STRONGLY	55.1
SOMEWHAT	32.0
DISAGREE	9.1
SOMEWHAT	7.5
STRONGLY	1.7
UNSURE	3.8
Net Diff.	78.0
Mean	3.46

22. HOW CONCERNED WOULD YOU BE IF MOST OF YOUR PROFESSORS AND COURSE INSTRUCTORS HAD THE SAME BELIEFS, IDEOLOGIES AND POLITICAL LEANINGS?

Total	800
CONCERNED	69.4
VERY CONCERNED	30.3
SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	39.2
NOT CONCERNED	24.9
NOT THAT CONCERNED	19.3
NOT CONCERNED AT ALL	5.7
UNSURE	5.6
Net Diff.	44.5
Mean	3.00

23. GENERALLY SPEAKING, ARE YOUR PROFESSORS AND COURSE INSTRUCTORS TOLERANT OF DIVERSE OPINIONS IN THE CLASSROOM?

Total	800
ALL/MOST OF THEM ARE	82.3
ALL	29.7
MOST	52.6
SOME/NONE OF THEM ARE	12.7
SOME	12.0
NONE	0.7
UNSURE	5.0
Net Diff.	69.6
Mean	3.17

24. HAVE YOU FELT INTIMIDATED TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS, OPINIONS OR BELIEFS IN CLASS BECAUSE THEY WERE DIFFERENT THAN YOUR PROFESSORS AND COURSE INSTRUCTORS?

Total	800
OFTEN	48.9
FREQUENTLY	14.3
SOMETIMES	34.5
NOT OFTEN	48.3
RARELY	26.3
NEVER	22.1
UNSURE	2.8
Net Diff.	0.5
Mean	2.42

25. AND HAVE YOU FELT INTIMIDATED TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS, OPINIONS OR BELIEFS IN CLASS BECAUSE THEY WERE DIFFERENT THAN YOUR CLASSMATES OR PEERS?

Total	800
OFTEN	50.0
FREQUENTLY	16.2
SOMETIMES	33.8
NOT OFTEN	48.0
RARELY	26.9
NEVER	21.0
UNSURE	2.1
Net Diff.	2.0
Mean	2.46

26. HAVE YOU HAD ANY PROFESSORS OR COURSE INSTRUCTORS THAT HAVE USED CLASS TIME TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN SOCIAL OR POLITICAL BELIEFS THAT ARE COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO THE SUBJECT OF THE COURSE?

Total	800
OFTEN	52.5
FREQUENTLY	14.4
SOMETIMES	38.1
NOT OFTEN	44.5
RARELY	28.0
NEVER	16.5
UNSURE	3.0
Net Diff.	7.9
Mean	2.52

27. WOULD YOU SAY YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN GENERAL IS...?

Total	800
MORE TOLERANT/LIBERAL	36.7
MORE TOLERANT/CONS.	20.1
EQUALLY TOLERANT	35.7
UNSURE	7.5

28. RECENTLY, COMEDIANS LIKE JERRY SEINFELD, CHRIS ROCK AND LARRY THE CABLE GUY HAVE DISCUSSED THE GROWING TREND AMONG COMEDIANS WHO HAVE AVOIDED COLLEGE CAMPUSES FOR FEAR OF BACKLASH OVER SO-CALLED "POLITICAL CORRECTNESS." DO YOU THINK POLITICAL CORRECTNESS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES IS...?

Total	800
PROBLEM	62.5
BIG	19.0
SOMEWHAT	43.5
NOT A PROBLEM	28.3
NOT THAT MUCH	22.7
NOT AT ALL	5.7
UNSURE	9.2
Net Diff.	34.2
Mean	2.83

29. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH SO-CALLED "TRIGGER WARNINGS"? "TRIGGER WARNINGS" ARE DISCLAIMERS PROVIDED BY PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTORS FOR CERTAIN COURSE MATERIAL CONTAINING ANYTHING THAT MIGHT "TRIGGER" DIFFICULT EMOTIONAL RESPONSES FOR STUDENTS BY CAUSING THEM TO RECALL A PREVIOUS TRAUMATIC MEMORY. THESE WARNINGS SERVE TO NOT OFFEND ANY STUDENTS' SENSIBILITIES IF THE MATERIAL CHALLENGES THEIR VALUES, BELIEFS AND EXPERIENCES.

Total	800
YES, FAMILIAR	55.0
NO, UNFAMILIAR	38.0
UNSURE	7.0

30. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE HEARD OF "TRIGGER WARNINGS," DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE YOUR PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTORS USING "TRIGGER WARNINGS"?

Total	800
FAVOR	63.0
STRONGLY	20.3
SOMEWHAT	42.7
OPPOSE	22.6
SOMEWHAT	15.7
STRONGLY	7.0
UNSURE	14.4
Net Diff.	40.4
Mean	2.89

31. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WOULD YOU SAY YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE BOYCOTT DIVESTMENT AND SANCTION OF ISRAEL, WHICH IS A NATIONAL MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE THAT URGES PEOPLE NOT TO ENGAGE WITH ISRAELI COMPANIES OR ISRAELI ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS?

Total	800
FAVOR	35.6
STRONGLY	14.2
SOMEWHAT	21.4
OPPOSE	35.6
SOMEWHAT	19.8
STRONGLY	15.9
UNSURE	28.7
Net Diff.	*
Mean	2.48

32. WITH WHICH POLITICAL PARTY ARE YOU AFFILIATED?

Total	800
REPUBLICAN	25.9
DEMOCRAT	42.2
INDEPENDENT/NON-AFF.	29.2
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	2.7

33. WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR POLITICAL BELIEFS, WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE...?

Total	800
LIBERAL	44.5
VERY	17.6
SOMEWHAT	26.9
MODERATE	32.1
CONSERVATIVE	19.5
SOMEWHAT	13.5
VERY	5.9
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	3.9
Mean	2.75

34. WHAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION?

Total	800
PROTESTANT	30.6
CATHOLIC	29.3
MORMON/LDS	1.9
JEWISH	1.9
ISLAM	1.5
HINDU	2.0
BUDDHIST	2.3
ATHEIST	8.9
AGNOSTIC	8.9
OTHER	1.5
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	11.2

35. PLEASE SELECT THE RACE OR ETHNIC GROUP THAT IS CLOSEST TO YOUR IDENTITY.

Total	800
WHITE/CAUCASIAN	54.0
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	14.9
HISPANIC/LATINO	13.5
MIXED RACE	7.1
ASIAN	6.0
ASIAN INDIAN	2.6
AM. INDIAN/AK NATIVE	0.8
PACIFIC ISLANDER	0.5
OTHER RACE	0.1
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	0.5

36. WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?:

Total	800
MALE	44.0
FEMALE	56.0
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	-

37. DID YOU COMPLETE THIS SURVEY ON...?

Total	800
DESKTOP COMPUTER	24.6
LAPTOP COMPUTER	51.6
TABLET/I-PAD	4.8
MOBILE DEVICE/CELL-PHONE	19.0

38. REGION:

Total	800
EAST	17.5
MIDWEST	22.2
SOUTH	35.5
WEST	24.8