



NATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE SURVEY

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FIELD DATES: 10/8/18 – 10/18/18

1. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING?

Total	800
FOUR YEAR	100.0
Private College/Univ.	30.9
State College/Univ.	69.1

2. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED?

Total	800
FULL TIME	100.0

3. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

Total	800
18-21	66.1
18	10.1
19	18.2
20	17.0
21	20.8
OVER 22	33.9
22	13.6
23	11.9
24	8.4
Mean	20.79

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

Total	800
WHITE/CAUCASIAN	64.1
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	14.1
HISPANIC/LATINO	13.9
ASIAN	9.2
ASIAN INDIAN	3.5
AM. INDIAN/AK NATIVE	2.0
OTHER RACE	1.8
PACIFIC ISLANDER	0.8
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	0.6

5. WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?

Total	800
MALE	45.0
FEMALE	52.9
TRANSGENDER	1.2
NOT MALE/FEMALE/TRANS.	0.6
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	0.2

7. AREA:

Total	800
EAST	19.9
MIDWEST	19.6
SOUTH	39.0
WEST	21.5

8. ARE YOU?

Total	800
FRESHMAN/1ST YEAR	19.6
SOPHOMORE/2ND YEAR	27.6
JUNIOR/3RD YEAR	23.9
SENIOR/4TH YEAR+	28.9

9. FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR MAJOR OR MAIN AREA OF STUDY?

Total	800
SOC./BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	21.1
Psychology/Counseling	9.0
Communications	5.1
Politics/Government	3.0
Social Services	2.8
Liberal Arts	2.2
Protective Sciences	0.5
MATHEMATICS/ENGINEERING	20.4
Engineering	10.2
Comp./Info Sciences	9.8
Math/Statistics	2.9
BUSINESS	16.2
HUMANITIES	15.2
Law	4.8
History	3.9
Languages/Literature	3.9
Environmental Science	3.2
Philosophy/Religion	1.0
NATURAL SCIENCES	10.8
Biological Sciences	9.0
Physical Sciences	2.4
HEALTHCARE	10.6
ART AND DESIGN	9.9
Arts	8.0
Architecture/Planning	2.5
EDUCATION	8.5
TRADES	4.9
Agriculture	1.6
Skilled Trade/Constr.	1.0
Mechanics/Repair	0.9
Recreation/Fitness	0.8
Services	0.5
Transportation	0.5
MILITARY SCIENCE	0.9
UNDECLARED/UNDECIDED	1.8
SOMETHING ELSE	8.8

10. 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 AN OUTDATED AMENDMENT THAT CAN NO LONGER BE APPLIED IN TODAY'S SOCIETY AND SHOULD BE CHANGED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OUTDATED AMENDMENT	16.5
IMPORTANT AMENDMENT	78.6
UNSURE	4.9

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

Total	800
FAVOR	38.1
Strongly	14.8
Somewhat	23.4
OPPOSE	54.2
Somewhat	26.0
Strongly	28.2
UNSURE	7.6

12. DO YOU THINK THAT STUDENTS LIKE YOURSELF...?

1. SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ANYWHERE ON CAMPUS, EVEN IF THEY ARE OFFENSIVE

OR

2. SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS IN AREAS THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE COLLEGE, SOMETIMES KNOWN AS DESIGNATED FREE SPEECH AREAS

Total	800
EXPRESS VIEWS ANYWHERE	56.1
DESIGNATED SPEECH AREAS	37.5
UNSURE	6.4

13. GENERALLY SPEAKING, HOW OFTEN DO YOU HEAR AN OPINION OR POLITICAL BELIEF ON CAMPUS THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR OWN?

Total	800
OFTEN	84.9
Frequently	38.5
Sometimes	46.4
NOT OFTEN	13.4
Rarely	11.5
Never	1.9
UNSURE	1.8
Net Diff.	71.5
Mean	3.24

14. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOU?

- 1. I SHARE THE SAME OPINIONS AND POLITICAL BELIEFS AS ALL OF MY FRIENDS**
- 2. I SHARE THE SAME OPINIONS AND POLITICAL BELIEFS AS MOST OF MY FRIENDS**
- 3. I HAVE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF FRIENDS WITH THE SAME OPINIONS AND POLITICAL BELIEFS AND DIFFERENT OPINIONS AND POLITICAL BELIEFS AS ME**
- 4. I HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS AND POLITICAL BELIEFS THAN MOST OF MY FRIENDS**
- 5. I HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS AND POLITICAL BELIEFS THAN ALL OF MY FRIENDS**

Total	800
SAME VIEWS	46.1
All of Friends	10.6
Most of Friends	35.5
EQUAL AMOUNT OF FRIENDS	40.5
DIFFERENT VIEWS	10.1
Most of Friends	9.1
All of Friends	1.0
UNSURE	3.2

15. HAVE YOU FELT INTIMIDATED IN SHARING YOUR IDEAS, OPINIONS OR BELIEFS IN CLASS BECAUSE THEY WERE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE OF YOUR PROFESSORS?

Total	800
OFTEN	53.1
Frequently	14.1
Sometimes	39.0
NOT OFTEN	45.4
Rarely	26.1
Never	19.2
UNSURE	1.5
Net Diff.	7.8
Mean	2.49

16. AND HAVE YOU FELT INTIMIDATED IN SHARING YOUR IDEAS, OPINIONS OR BELIEFS IN CLASS BECAUSE THEY WERE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE OF YOUR CLASSMATES OR PEERS?

Total	800
OFTEN	54.2
Frequently	14.4
Sometimes	39.9
NOT OFTEN	44.2
Rarely	26.1
Never	18.1
UNSURE	1.5
Net Diff.	10.0
Mean	2.51

17. 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	51.9
Frequently	13.6
Sometimes	38.2
NOT OFTEN	46.6
Rarely	27.6
Never	19.0
UNSURE	1.5
Net Diff.	5.2
Mean	2.47

18. GENERALLY SPEAKING, HAVE ANY OF YOUR OPINIONS, POLITICAL BELIEFS AND VALUES CHANGED SINCE YOU'VE ENTERED COLLEGE?

Total	800
YES	45.4
NO	47.0
UNSURE	7.6

19. HAVE ANY OF YOUR PROFESSORS, PEERS OR GUEST SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS EVER CHANGED YOUR MIND ON AN ISSUE THAT YOU FELT STRONGLY ABOUT AFTER YOU HEARD THEIR PERSPECTIVE?

Total	800
YES	53.1
Professors	27.1
Peers	30.5
Guest Speakers	19.6
NO	40.0
UNSURE	6.9

20. OUTSIDE OF YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES, WHO HAS SHAPED YOUR OPINIONS, POLITICAL BELIEFS AND VALUES THE MOST SINCE YOU'VE ENTERED COLLEGE?

Total	800
FAMILY MEMBERS	32.0
FRIENDS	34.5
PROFESSORS/EDUCATORS	16.5
JOURNALISTS/COMMENTATORS	9.2
UNSURE	7.8

21. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "IT IS SOMETIMES APPROPRIATE TO SHOUT DOWN OR DISRUPT A SPEAKER ON MY CAMPUS."

Total	800
AGREE	41.4
Strongly	14.2
Somewhat	27.1
DISAGREE	54.4
Somewhat	23.9
Strongly	30.5
UNSURE	4.2

22. 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	59.4
Strongly	25.2
Somewhat	34.1
DISAGREE	35.9
Somewhat	21.1
Strongly	14.8
UNSURE	4.8

23. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "HATE SPEECH, NO MATTER HOW RACIST OR BIGOTED IT IS, IS STILL TECHNICALLY PROTECTED UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT AS FREE SPEECH."

Total	800
AGREE	57.2
Strongly	21.8
Somewhat	35.5
DISAGREE	37.6
Somewhat	21.6
Strongly	16.0
UNSURE	5.1

24. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "IF SOMEONE IS USING HATE SPEECH OR MAKING RACIALLY CHARGED COMMENTS, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE CAN BE JUSTIFIED TO PREVENT THIS PERSON FROM ESPOUSING THEIR HATEFUL VIEWS."

Total	800
AGREE	32.9
Strongly	11.6
Somewhat	21.2
DISAGREE	60.4
Somewhat	22.0
Strongly	38.4
UNSURE	6.8

25. GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU THINK FACEBOOK HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT OR A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN AMERICA?

Total	800
POSITIVE	32.2
Very	9.1
Somewhat	23.1
NEGATIVE	57.2
Somewhat	33.4
Very	23.9
UNSURE	10.5

26. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES LIKE FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM SHOULD CENSOR HATE SPEECH BY SHUTTING DOWN THE ACCOUNTS OF USERS WHO ENGAGE IN HATE SPEECH."

Total	800
AGREE	62.2
Strongly	25.6
Somewhat	36.6
DISAGREE	31.2
Somewhat	18.4
Strongly	12.9
UNSURE	6.5

27. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN OPINION ABOUT INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE COMMENTS MADE BY AN EMPLOYEE OF A COMPANY IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES OUTSIDE OF THE WORKPLACE?

- 1. ANY INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE COMMENT MADE, NO MATTER HOW LONG AGO IT WAS AND EVEN IF IT WAS NOT IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY, IS GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION**
- 2. WITH THE RISE IN SOCIAL MEDIA, PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE PUNISHED FOR THINGS THEY SAID YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, IF AN EMPLOYEE SAID SOMETHING VERY RECENTLY, IT SHOULD STILL BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION**
- OR**
- 3. EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT BE TERMINATED FROM THEIR JOBS FOR INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE COMMENTS MADE IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES OUTSIDE OF THE WORKPLACE**

Total	800
GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION	23.4
NOT PUNISHED/OLD CMMNTS	52.8
NOT TERMINATED	17.5
UNSURE	6.4

28. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THERE ARE MORE NON-ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATORS AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN RECENT YEARS. GENERALLY SPEAKING, HAVE THESE NON-ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATORS HAD...?

Total	800
POSITIVE EFFECT	30.6
NEGATIVE EFFECT	14.9
NO EFFECT AT ALL	36.8
UNSURE	17.8

29. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF HIGHER EDUCATION?

Total	800
PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE	9.2
SEEKING THE TRUTH	15.8
TO THINK CRITICALLY	28.1
PREPARING FOR CAREER	44.5
UNSURE	2.4

30. DO YOU HAVE A FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE OPINION OF CAPITALISM?

Total	800
FAVORABLE	45.4
Very	15.6
Somewhat	29.8
UNFAVORABLE	31.0
Somewhat	21.5
Very	9.5
NO OPINION	15.2
NEVER HEARD OF	8.4
Net Diff.	14.4
Mean	2.67

31. DO YOU HAVE A FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE OPINION OF SOCIALISM?

Total	800
FAVORABLE	34.2
Very	8.4
Somewhat	25.9
UNFAVORABLE	41.8
Somewhat	23.8
Very	18.0
NO OPINION	16.0
NEVER HEARD OF	8.0
Net Diff.	-7.5
Mean	2.32

32. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION?

1. SOME WHO SAY SOCIALIST PRINCIPLES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE GOOD FOR AMERICA BECAUSE THEY PROMOTE FAIRNESS AND GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO THE LESS FORTUNATE AND THOSE WHO STRUGGLE IN OUR SOCIETY. THEY SAY CAPITALISM HAS LEFT TOO MANY PEOPLE BEHIND.

OR

2. OTHERS WHO SAY WHILE CAPITALISM ISN'T PERFECT, IT HAS PROMOTED FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MILLIONS IN AMERICA AND ACROSS THE WORLD. THEY SAY SOCIALISM IS TOO RADICAL AND GOES AGAINST THE IDEALS THAT OUR COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED UPON.

Total	800
POTENTIAL TO BE GOOD	49.8
TOO RADICAL	34.9
UNSURE	15.4

33. COMPARED TO YOUR PARENTS AND THEIR GENERATION, DO YOU BELIEVE YOU AND YOUR GENERATION HAVE...?

Total	800
MORE STRESS	13.6
LESS STRESS	38.2
ABOUT THE SAME	27.6
UNSURE	19.0

34. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, HAVE YOU ATTENDED A RALLY OR PROTEST THAT ADVOCATED FOR A PARTICULAR POLITICAL CAUSE?

Total	800
YES	33.1
NO	62.2
UNSURE	4.6

35. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGES?

1. SOME WHO SAY ANYONE WHO IS ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT SHOULD BE PREVENTED FROM HOLDING A POSITION OF POWER, LIKE IN GOVERNMENT OR BUSINESS. THEY SAY THIS SHOULD BE THE CASE EVEN IF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATION CANNOT BE SUBSTANTIATED OR CONFIRMED BY ANOTHER PERSON BECAUSE MANY TIMES IT IS JUST THE VICTIM AND THE ALLEGED ASSAULTER IN THE SITUATION.

OR

2. OTHERS WHO SAY WHILE SEXUAL ABUSE IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND HAS GONE UNREPORTED FOR FAR TOO LONG, THERE STILL NEEDS TO BE SOME EVIDENCE OR CORROBORATION FROM ANOTHER PERSON IN ADDITION TO WHAT THE ACCUSER SAYS. THEY SAY EVERYONE SHOULD STILL BE GIVEN THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY AND ANYTHING OTHERWISE IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE IT CAN LEAD TO PEOPLE FILING FALSE CLAIMS.

Total	800
NO SUBSTANTIATION REQ.	45.5
NEEDS CORROBORATION	47.0
UNSURE	7.5

36. WITH WHICH POLITICAL PARTY ARE YOU AFFILIATED?

Total	800
REPUBLICAN	22.1
DEMOCRAT	39.2
INDEPENDENT/NON-AFF.	28.2
SOME OTHER PARTY	0.9
NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE	5.6
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	3.9

37. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONTACTED BY A GROUP, EITHER ON CAMPUS OR OFF CAMPUS, ENCOURAGING YOU TO VOTE AND HELPING YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

Total	800
YES	69.5
NO	28.0
UNSURE	2.5

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

Total	800
LIBERAL	45.8
Very	18.8
Somewhat	27.0
MODERATE	29.2
CONSERVATIVE	20.6
Somewhat	14.0
Very	6.6
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	4.4
Mean	2.61

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

Total	800
A DESKTOP COMPUTER	16.2
A LAPTOP COMPUTER	57.2
A TABLET, LIKE AN IPAD	5.4
MOBILE DEVICE/CELL	21.1