

NATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDY 4-YEAR FULL-TIME STUDENTS UNDER 25 N=800

FIELD DATES: SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2021

1. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING...?

Total	800
FOUR YEAR	100.0
Private College/Univ.	34.2
State College/Univ.	65.8
Net Diff.	31.5

2. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED...?

Total	800
FULL TIME	100.0

3. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

Total	800
18-21	77.2
18	12.8
19	20.2
20	22.0
21	22.1
OVER 22	22.8
22	11.8
23	6.7
24	4.4
Mean	20.37

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

Total	800
WHITE/CAUCASIAN	54.0
HISPANIC/LATINO	19.9
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	13.2
AM. INDIAN/AK NATIVE	0.9
ASIAN	7.0
TWO OR MORE	4.2
OTHER RACE	0.4
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	0.4

5. WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?

Total	800
MALE	43.0
FEMALE	55.0
IDENTIFY/SOMETHING OTHER	1.5
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	0.5

7. AREA:

Total	800
EAST	18.0
MIDWEST	21.0
SOUTH	36.0
WEST	25.0

8. ARE YOU?

Total	800
UNDERCLASSMAN	48.0
Freshman/1st Year	19.4
Sophomore/2nd Year	28.6
UPPERCLASSMAN	52.0
Junior/3rd Year	27.1
Senior/4th Year+	25.0

9. FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR MAJOR OR MAIN AREA OF STUDY? PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

Total	800
MATHEMATICS/ENGINEERING	22.7
Engineering	10.9
Comp./Info Sciences	9.5
Math/Statistics	2.5
Architecture/Planning	1.8
SOC./BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	19.6
Psychology/Counseling	8.7
Communications	3.6
Social Services	3.2
Liberal Arts	3.1
Politics/Government	2.6
Protective Sciences	0.6
HUMANITIES	15.5
Law	5.7
History	3.9
Languages/Literature	2.9
Environmental Science	2.6
Philosophy/Religion	1.7
BUSINESS	15.3
NATURAL SCIENCES	12.1
Biological Sciences	11.1
Physical Sciences	1.3
ARTS	10.9
HEALTHCARE	10.4
EDUCATION	8.9
TRADES	7.3
Agriculture	3.3
Recreation/Fitness	1.3
Services	1.2
Transportation	0.8
Mechanics/Repair	0.7
Skilled Trade/Constr.	0.2
MILITARY SCIENCE	0.4
UNDECLARED/UNDECIDED	2.7
SOMETHING ELSE	6.7

- 10. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION REGARDING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION?
- 1. IT IS AN OUTDATED DOCUMENT THAT IS OVER 200 YEARS OLD. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION TO KEEP UP WITH TODAY'S SOCIETY IS TOO SLOW AND DIFFICULT OF A PROCESS.

OR

2. IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT FOR OUR COUNTRY THAT SERVES AS THE INDISPENSABLE RULEBOOK FOR HONEST GOVERNMENT. IT STILL NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED AND RESPECTED IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.

Total	800
OUTDATED/200 YEARS OLD	30.7
VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT	54.9
UNSURE	14.4
Net Diff.	24.2

- 11. 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 AN OUTDATED AMENDMENT THAT CAN NO LONGER BE APPLIED IN TODAY'S SOCIETY AND SHOULD BE CHANGED OR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	13.2
IMPORTANT AMENDMENT	79.8
UNSURE	7.1
Net Diff.	66.6

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

Total	800
FAVOR	42.0
Strongly	13.1
Somewhat	28.9
OPPOSE	44.8
Somewhat	24.7
Strongly	20.1
UNSURE	13.2
Net Diff.	-2.9
Mean	2.40

13. WHICH COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OPINION?

1. MY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GENERALLY DOES A GOOD JOB ENCOURAGING FREE SPEECH AND INTELLECTUAL DIVERSITY AMONG STUDENTS

OR

2. MY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GENERALLY DOES A BAD JOB ENCOURAGING FREE SPEECH AND INTELLECTUAL DIVERSITY AMONG STUDENTS

Total	800
GOOD JOB/FREE SPEECH	79.2
BAD JOB/FREE SPEECH	14.5
UNSURE	6.3
Net Diff.	-64.7

14. WHICH COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OPINION?

1. MY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GENERALLY DOES A GOOD JOB PREVENTING OFFENSIVE OR INSENSITIVE DIALOGUE AMONG STUDENTS

OR

2. MY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GENERALLY DOES A BAD JOB PREVENTING OFFENSIVE OR INSENSITIVE DIALOGUE AMONG STUDENTS

Total	800
GOOD JOB	70.2
BAD JOB	19.6
UNSURE	10.3
Net Diff.	-50.6

15. AND WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

1. YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ENCOURAGING FREE SPEECH AND INTELLECTUAL DIVERSITY AMONG STUDENTS OR

2. YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY PREVENTING OFFENSIVE OR INSENSITIVE DIALOGUE AMONG STUDENTS

Total	800
ENCOURAGE FREE SPEECH	62.0
PREVENT OFFENSIVE LNG	30.5
UNSURE	7.5
Net Diff.	-31.5

16. 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	49.7
Frequently	12.1
Sometimes	37.6
NOT OFTEN	45.3
Rarely	27.0
Never	18.3
UNSURE	5.0
Net Diff.	4.4
Mean	2.46

17. 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	49.7
Frequently	14.2
Sometimes	35.5
NOT OFTEN	47.4
Rarely	28.0
Never	19.4
UNSURE	3.0
Net Diff.	2.3
Mean	2.46

18. AND COMPARED TO YOUR TIME IN HIGH SCHOOL, DO YOU NOW FEEL...?

- 1. MORE COMFORTABLE EXPRESSING YOUR IDEAS, OPINIONS AND BELIEFS IN THE CLASSROOM OR
- 2. LESS COMFORTABLE EXPRESSING YOUR IDEAS, OPINIONS AND BELIEFS IN THE CLASSROOM

Total	800
MORE COMFORTABLE	57.9
LESS COMFORTABLE	19.1
NO DIFFERENT	19.6
UNSURE	3.5
Net Diff.	38.8

19. THERE ARE CERTAIN TOPICS I FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE SPEAKING ABOUT AND ARE OFF LIMITS IN THE CLASSROOM FOR ME PERSONALLY. THEY TEND TO DEAL WITH THE FOLLOWING TOPICS...

Total	800
POLITICS	38.2
RACE	30.4
ABORTION	26.4
RELIGION	26.1
SEXUAL PREFERENCE	24.6
GENDER	19.1
OTHER	0.7
NOTHING IS OFF LIMITS	27.7
UNSURE	6.4

20. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"POLITICAL OPINIONS THAT I FIND OFFENSIVE FROM FELLOW STUDENTS – WHETHER IN THE CLASSROOM OR ON SOCIAL MEDIA – SHOULD BE REPORTED TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS."

Total	800
AGREE	38.8
Strongly	10.5
Somewhat	28.3
DISAGREE	48.4
Somewhat	27.2
Strongly	21.2
UNSURE	12.8
Net Diff.	-9.6
Mean	2.32

- 21. THERE ARE INSTANCES WHERE CELEBRITIES, ATHLETES, POLITICIANS AND EVERYDAY PEOPLE HAVE MADE INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE COMMENTS IN THE PAST OFTENTIMES REVEALED THROUGH OLD VIDEOS OR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS. WHICH COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OPINION?
- 1. PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN FOR INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE COMMENTS THEY MADE IN THE PAST IF THEY APOLOGIZE AND COMMIT TO BEING MORE UNDERSTANDING.

OR

2. THERE IS NEVER AN EXCUSE FOR INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE COMMENTS, NO MATTER HOW LONG AGO THEY WERE MADE.
PEOPLE WHO ARE CAUGHT MAKING SUCH STATEMENTS SHOULD FACE CONSEQUENCES.

Total	800
PEOPLE CAN BE FORGIVEN	63.8
NEVER AN EXCUSE	28.5
UNSURE	7.6
Net Diff.	35.3

- 22. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN JOKES ARE MADE THAT CAN UNINTENTIONALLY BE INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE. WHICH COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OPINION?
- 1. JOKES ARE PART OF EVERYDAY HUMAN INTERACTION AND WE SHOULD NOT ABANDON HUMOR EVEN IF PEOPLE SOMETIMES GET OFFENDED.

OR

2. WE AS A SOCIETY SHOULD REEVALUATE CERTAIN TYPES OF HUMOR AND JOKING BECAUSE IT RISKS OFFENDING PEOPLE, OFTENTIMES MARGINALIZED GROUPS.

Total	800
PART OF EVERYDAY INTRCTS	40.7
RE-EVALUATE HUMOR	50.2
UNSURE	9.1
Net Diff.	-9.6

23. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE COMMENTS CAN BE HARMFUL TO MY MENTAL HEALTH."

Total	800
AGREE	71.2
Strongly	26.2
Somewhat	45.0
DISAGREE	22.2
Somewhat	15.1
Strongly	7.1
UNSURE	6.6
Net Diff.	49.0
Mean	2.97

24. WHICH COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OPINION ABOUT INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE COMMENTS?

1. MOST OF THE TIME THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE COMMENTS AND HATE SPEECH. THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE SAME THING.

OR

2. COMMENTS THAT ARE INSENSITIVE OR OFFENSIVE CAN ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS HATE SPEECH. ANYTHING THAT IS DEROGATORY TOWARDS A CERTAIN PERSON OR GROUP IS HATE SPEECH, EVEN IF IT WAS MADE AS A JOKE OR WAS UNINTENTIONAL.

Total	800
NOT THE SAME THING	56.1
CONSIDERED HATE SPEECH	37.0
UNSURE	6.9
Net Diff.	19.1

25. 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	47.3
Strongly	15.8
Somewhat	31.5
DISAGREE	41.3
Somewhat	23.0
Strongly	18.3
UNSURE	11.4
Net Diff.	5.9
Mean	2.50

26. 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	39.8
Strongly	12.0
Somewhat	27.8
DISAGREE	46.8
Somewhat	27.6
Strongly	19.2
UNSURE	13.4
Net Diff.	-7.0
Mean	2.38

27. 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	35.9
Strongly	11.3
Somewhat	24.5
DISAGREE	53.7
Somewhat	27.5
Strongly	26.2
UNSURE	10.4
Net Diff.	-17.9
Mean	2.23

- 28. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION?
 - 1. DESPITE OUR SOMETIMES TROUBLED PAST, AMERICA IS MOVING FORWARD AND THE PROMISE OF EQUALITY CONTINUES TO BE EXTENDED TO MORE PEOPLE.

OR

2. AMERICA IS INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO WHITE SUPREMACY AND IN GENERAL MOST MINORITIES REMAIN EXCLUDED FROM THE AMERICAN PROMISE OF EQUALITY.

Total	800
MOVING FORWARD	42.1
LINKED/WHITE SUPREMACY	49.2
UNSURE	8.6
Net Diff.	-7.1

- 29. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION?
 - 1. AMERICA SHOULD STRIVE TO BECOME A MORE EQUAL NATION BY INSTITUTING POLICIES TO ENSURE EVERY CITIZEN IS TREATED FAIRLY AND GIVEN THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES TO SUCCEED.

OR

2. AMERICA SHOULD STRIVE TO BECOME A MORE EQUITABLE NATION BY INSTITUTING POLICIES THAT SEEK TO CORRECT PAST RACIAL INJUSTICES, LIKE PROVIDING REPARATIONS TO DESCENDANTS OF FORMER SLAVES AND REDISTRIBUTING INCOME AND PROPERTY FROM WEALTHY WHITE AMERICANS TO STRUGGLING BLACK AND BROWN AMERICANS.

Total	800
MORE EQUAL	52.1
MORE EQUITABLE	39.4
UNSURE	8.6
Net Diff.	12.7

30. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"SYSTEMIC RACISM IS A BIG PROBLEM IN SOCIETY TODAY AND WHITE PEOPLE STILL CONTRIBUTE TO IT, WHETHER THEY REALIZE IT OR NOT."

Total	800
AGREE	71.4
Strongly	40.0
Somewhat	31.3
DISAGREE	21.1
Somewhat	13.3
Strongly	7.8
UNSURE	7.5
Net Diff.	50.2
Mean	3.12

31. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"MOST WHITE AMERICANS NEED TO BE RE-EDUCATED ABOUT THE TRUE HISTORY OF AMERICA AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ACTIVELY ANTI-RACIST."

Total	800
AGREE	66.0
Strongly	38.7
Somewhat	27.3
DISAGREE	26.1
Somewhat	16.6
Strongly	9.5
UNSURE	7.9
Net Diff.	39.9
Mean	3.03

32. WOULD YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE ALLOWING THE TEACHING OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN ALL HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, WHICH SAYS AMERICA IS FOUNDED ON WHITE SUPREMACY AND MOST LAWS AND INSTITUTIONS IN AMERICA TODAY ARE INHERENTLY RACIST?

Total	800
FAVOR	59.1
Strongly	33.2
Somewhat	25.8
OPPOSE	28.2
Somewhat	15.3
Strongly	13.0
UNSURE	12.7
Net Diff.	30.8
Mean	2.91

33. AND HAVE YOU EVER LEARNED ABOUT CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN COLLEGE OR HIGH SCHOOL?

Total	800
YES	56.2
In High School	16.1
In College	27.9
Both	18.9
NO	34.3
UNSURE	9.5
Net Diff.	21.9

- 34. WHICH STATEMENT DO YOU AGREE WITH MORE ON THE ISSUE OF POLICE AND RACE RELATIONS?
- 1. IN LIGHT OF THE MANY INSTANCES WHEN EXCESSIVE DEADLY FORCE IS USED AGAINST AFRICAN AMERICANS BY POLICE OFFICERS, WE SHOULD DEFUND POLICE DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE THEY ARE FAILING MANY COMMUNITIES. WE CAN INSTEAD REDIRECT THAT MONEY INTO PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TO OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS.

OR

2. DESPITE THE TRAGEDIES OF POLICE BRUTALITY AGAINST AFRICAN AMERICANS, WE SHOULD NOT DEFUND OUR POLICE DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE OF IT. WE CAN REFORM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND HOLD BAD POLICE OFFICERS ACCOUNTABLE, BUT DEFUNDING POLICE DEPARTMENTS IS A MISTAKE BECAUSE IT WOULD LEAD TO MORE CRIME AND MAKE US LESS SAFE.

Total	800
DEFUND THE POLICE	45.9
SHOULD NOT DEFUND POLICE	44.2
UNSURE	9.9
Net Diff.	1.8

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

1. THOSE 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. THOSE 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
SOCIALIST PRINCIPLE	43.6
CAPITALISM PRINCIPLE	35.7
UNSURE	20.7
Net Diff.	7.8

36. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE NATIONAL DEBT IS OVER 28 TRILLION DOLLARS AND WILL LIKELY INCREASE RAPIDLY AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS PASSING LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION ON THIS ISSUE?

- 1. THE NATIONAL DEBT IS A HUGE PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY, EITHER THROUGH SPENDING REFORMS OR REVENUE RAISING MEASURES. IT IS UNSUSTAINABLE AND PUTTING THE U.S. AT RISK, ESPECIALLY FUTURE GENERATIONS.
- 2. WHILE THIS IS A PROBLEM, THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED MORE IMMEDIATELY, SUCH AS COMBATTING CLIMATE CHANGE, REDUCING INCOME INEQUALITY AND DEALING WITH RACIAL INJUSTICES.

 OR
 - 3. THE NATIONAL DEBT IS NOT A PROBLEM THAT CONCERNS ME.

Total	800
HUGE PROBLEM	41.0
PROBLEM/OTHERS ISSUES	41.4
NOT A PROBLEM	6.1
UNSURE	11.5

37. AT YOUR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WOULD YOU SAY ...?

- 1. MEN ARE MORE PRIVILEGED THAN WOMEN
- 2. WOMEN ARE MORE PRIVILEGED THAN MEN

OR

3. MEN AND WOMEN ARE GENERALLY EQUAL

Total	800
MEN ARE MORE PRIVILEGED	37.0
WOMEN ARE MORE PRVLDGD	8.3
MEN AND WOMEN ARE EQUAL	43.0
UNSURE	11.6

38. A RECENT STUDY HAS FOUND THAT MEN ARE DROPPING OUT OF COLLEGE AT A MUCH HIGHER RATE THAN WOMEN AND WOMEN MAKE UP NEARLY 60% OF THE STUDENT BODY IN MANY SCHOOLS. THIS SAME STUDY HAS FOUND THAT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATES FOR POOR AND WORKING-CLASS WHITE MEN ARE ACTUALLY LOWER THAN ENROLLMENT RATES FOR BLACK, LATINO AND ASIAN MEN OF SIMILAR SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS. CONSIDERING THIS, WOULD YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES INSTITUTING PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO ENCOURAGE ENROLLMENT FOR WHITE MEN, SIMILARTO PROGRAMS FOR MINORITIES?

Total	800
FAVOR	47.8
Strongly	15.9
Somewhat	31.8
OPPOSE	31.4
Somewhat	19.6
Strongly	11.7
UNSURE	20.9
Net Diff.	16.4
Mean	2.66

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

Total	800
YES	30.8
NO	61.7
UNSURE	7.5
Net Diff.	-30.9

40. WITH WHICH POLITICAL PARTY ARE YOU AFFILIATED?

Total	800
REPUBLICAN	16.8
DEMOCRAT	39.7
INDEPENDENT/NON-AFF.	31.1
SOME OTHER PARTY	1.0
NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE	4.7
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	6.6
Net Diff.	-22.9

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

Total	800
LIBERAL	40.6
Very	20.5
Somewhat	20.2
MODERATE	32.1
CONSERVATIVE	19.7
Somewhat	12.2
Very	7.5
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	7.5
Net Diff.	-20.9
Mean	2.63