

# McLAUGHLIN & ASSOCIATES

## NATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

### September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

1. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING?

Total	800
FOUR YEAR	100.0
Private College/Univ.	34.0
State College/Univ.	66.0

2. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED?

Total	800
FULL TIME	100.0

3. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

Total	800
18-21	66.2
18	10.0
19	19.9
20	15.6
21	20.7
OVER 22	33.7
22	15.2
23	9.2
24	9.2
Mean	20.76

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

Total	800
WHITE/CAUCASIAN	65.4
AFRICAN-AMERICAN	14.7
HISPANIC/LATINO	14.6
ASIAN	9.9
AM. INDIAN/AK NATIVE	2.7
OTHER RACE	2.1
ASIAN INDIAN	1.8
PACIFIC ISLANDER	1.3
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	0.6

5. WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?

Total	800
MALE	44.6
FEMALE	54.5
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	0.9

7. AREA:

Total	800
EAST	18.8
MIDWEST	19.6
SOUTH	39.1
WEST	22.5

8. ARE YOU?

Total Answering	800
FRESHMAN/1ST YEAR	18.6
SOPHOMORE/2ND YEAR	24.4
JUNIOR/3RD YEAR	26.5
SENIOR/4TH YEAR+	30.6

9. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOU?

Total	800
LIVE ON CAMPUS	35.7
LIVE OFF CAMPUS/NEARBY	41.7
COMMUTER/CAR/TRANSIT	18.8
ALL ONLINE/VIRTUAL	3.7

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

Total	800
BUSINESS	17.6
HEALTHCARE	11.3
ENGINEERING	11.0
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	10.0
COMP./INFO SCIENCES	9.4
PSYCHOLOGY/COUNSELING	8.7
ARTS	7.4
EDUCATION	5.8
COMMUNICATIONS	4.7
MATH/STATISTICS	4.3
LAW	3.9
SOC. SCIENCES/LIB. ARTS	3.1
LANGUAGES/LITERATURE	3.0
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2.7
SOCIAL SERVICES	2.5
HISTORY	2.5
PHYSICAL SCIENCES	2.3
AGRICULTURE	2.1
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	2.0
PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION	2.0
SERVICES	1.0
SKILLED TRADES/CONST.	0.8
RECREATION/FITNESS	0.8
ARCHITECTURE/PLANNING	0.8
MECHANICS/REPAIR	0.7
PROTECTIVE SCIENCES	0.6
MILITARY SCIENCE	0.4
TRANSPORTATION	0.3
UNDECLARED/UNDECIDED	1.6
SOMETHING ELSE	9.5

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

Total	800
IMPORTANT	93.1
Very Important	63.0
Smwt. Important	30.1
NOT IMPORTANT	6.2
Not that Important	5.5
Not at all Important	0.7
UNSURE	0.7

13. 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	82.8
INCORRECT/ALL OTHERS	17.2

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 AN OUTDATED AMENDMENT THAT CAN NO LONGER BE APPLIED IN TODAY'S SOCIETY AND SHOULD BE CHANGED, OR  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	11.6
IMPORTANT AMENDMENT	83.1
UNSURE	5.2

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

Total	800
FAVOR	38.2
Strongly	14.9
Somewhat	23.2
OPPOSE	52.2
Somewhat	24.2
Strongly	28.0
UNSURE	9.6

16. GENERALLY SPEAKING, 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	50.7
DESIGNATED SPEECH AREAS	39.5
UNSURE	9.7

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

1. MY SCHOOL SHOULD ALWAYS DO ITS BEST TO PROMOTE INTELLECTUAL DIVERSITY AND FREE SPEECH BY ALLOWING A WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE WITH DIFFERING VIEWS AND OPINIONS TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS, EVEN IF THEY ARE CONTROVERSIAL
2. MY SCHOOL SHOULD FORBID PEOPLE FROM SPEAKING ON CAMPUS WHO HAVE CONTROVERSIAL VIEWS AND OPINIONS ON ISSUES LIKE POLITICS, RACE, RELIGION OR GENDER

Total	800
INTELLECTUAL DIVERSITY	84.0
FORBID	10.3
UNSURE	5.7

18. 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	93.4
Strongly	61.5
Somewhat	31.9
DISAGREE	4.7
Somewhat	3.5
Strongly	1.2
UNSURE	1.9

19. 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	38.0
Strongly	13.4
Somewhat	24.6
DISAGREE	56.3
Somewhat	27.7
Strongly	28.5
UNSURE	5.7

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

Total	800
MORE TOLERANT/LIBERAL	42.4
MORE TOLERANT/CONS.	17.0
EQUALLY TOLERANT	34.9
UNSURE	5.8

21. 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	44.2
Frequently	14.7
Sometimes	29.6
NOT OFTEN	52.8
Rarely	27.9
Never	25.0
UNSURE	2.9
Net Diff.	-8.6
Mean	2.35

22. 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	44.8
Frequently	15.9
Sometimes	28.8
NOT OFTEN	52.4
Rarely	26.8
Never	25.6
UNSURE	2.8
Net Diff.	-7.6
Mean	2.36

23. HAVE YOU FELT THE NEED TO KEEP A BELIEF OR OPINION TO YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU WERE CONCERNED IT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT YOUR GRADE FROM A PROFESSOR?

Total	800
OFTEN	36.6
Frequently	12.9
Sometimes	23.7
NOT OFTEN	59.7
Rarely	21.5
Never	38.2
UNSURE	3.6
Net Diff.	-23.1
Mean	2.12

24. AND HAVE YOU FELT THE NEED TO KEEP A BELIEF OR OPINION TO YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU WERE CONCERNED IT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT HOW YOU WERE VIEWED BY YOUR FRIENDS OR CLASSMATES?

Total	800
OFTEN	43.8
Frequently	12.7
Sometimes	31.0
NOT OFTEN	53.4
Rarely	25.8
Never	27.6
UNSURE	2.9
Net Diff.	-9.6
Mean	2.30

25. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:  
"STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES, BUT WORDS WILL NEVER HURT ME."

Total	800
AGREE	44.2
Strongly	19.2
Somewhat	25.1
DISAGREE	52.8
Somewhat	29.4
Strongly	23.4
UNSURE	2.9

26. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:  
"WORDS CAN BE A FORM OF VIOLENCE."

Total	800
AGREE	80.5
Strongly	43.2
Somewhat	37.2
DISAGREE	17.1
Somewhat	10.8
Strongly	6.2
UNSURE	2.5

27. 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	58.3
Strongly	28.2
Somewhat	30.1
DISAGREE	32.4
Somewhat	21.4
Strongly	11.0
UNSURE	9.3

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

"HATE SPEECH IS ANYTHING THAT ONE PARTICULAR PERSON BELIEVES IS HARMFUL, RACIST OR BIGOTED. HATE SPEECH MEANS SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO EVERYONE AND YOU JUST KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE OR HEAR IT."

Total	800
AGREE	65.5
Strongly	25.5
Somewhat	40.1
DISAGREE	23.8
Somewhat	16.0
Strongly	7.8
UNSURE	10.7

29. 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	58.9
Strongly	21.1
Somewhat	37.8
DISAGREE	31.2
Somewhat	21.3
Strongly	9.9
UNSURE	9.9

30. 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	29.8
Strongly	10.3
Somewhat	19.5
DISAGREE	62.1
Somewhat	25.4
Strongly	36.7
UNSURE	8.1

31. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHO DO YOU THINK ARE MORE LIKELY TO USE HATE SPEECH?

Total	800
LIBERALS/FAR LEFT	15.0
CONSERVATIVES/FAR RIGHT	30.9
BOTH EQUALLY	47.1
UNSURE	7.0



32. WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU WHEN HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH SOMEONE ON AN ISSUE IN WHICH YOU BOTH DISAGREE

1. HAVING THE OTHER PERSON UNDERSTAND YOUR VIEWPOINT, EVEN IF YOU STILL DISAGREE WITH ONE ANOTHER

2. CONVINCING THE OTHER PERSON TO SHARE YOUR VIEWPOINT

Total	800
UNDERSTAND VIEWS	81.8
SHARE YOUR VIEWPOINT	13.4
UNSURE	4.8

33. GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU SHARE THE SAME OPINIONS AND POLITICAL BELIEFS AS YOUR FRIENDS OR ARE YOUR OPINIONS AND POLITICAL BELIEFS DIFFERENT THAN YOUR FRIENDS?

Total	800
SAME VIEWS	45.4
All of Friends	9.2
Most of Friends	36.2
EQUAL AMOUNT OF FRIENDS	38.2
DIFFERENT VIEWS	11.7
Most of Friends	10.1
All of Friends	1.6
UNSURE	4.7

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

Total	800
POSITIVE	29.4
Very	6.6
Somewhat	22.8
NEGATIVE	57.1
Somewhat	36.6
Very	20.5
UNSURE	13.4

35. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN OPINION ON "FAKE NEWS"?

1. FAKE NEWS IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE IT SPREADS LIES, MISINFORMS PEOPLE AND MAKES THEM FORM OPINIONS THAT ARE NOT FACT-BASED OR,

2. WHILE FAKE NEWS IS BAD, TOO MANY PEOPLE ACCUSE OTHERS OF SPREADING FAKE NEWS, WHEN INSTEAD THEY REALLY JUST DISAGREE WITH THEIR OPINIONS

Total	800
IT'S DANGEROUS	65.0
DISAGREE WITH OPINIONS	30.6
UNSURE	4.4

36. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL OPINION ABOUT REMOVING CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS AND STATUES FROM PUBLIC PLACES?

1. THESE CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS AND STATUES ARE SYMBOLS OF RACISM AND HATE AND HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY ANYMORE. THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO OFTEN USED AS WEAPONS BY WHITE SUPREMACISTS, NEO-NAZIS AND THE KKK TO DIVIDE PEOPLE.

2. WHILE THESE MONUMENTS AND STATUES ARE OFFENSIVE TO SOME PEOPLE, THEY ARE A PART OF OUR HISTORY, NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL AND DISGRACEFUL IT MIGHT BE. INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON REMOVING THESE STATUES, WE SHOULD INSTEAD MAKE REAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RACE RELATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY BY HAVING HONEST DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

Total	800
REMOVE STATUES	37.5
KEEP STATUES	52.6
UNSURE	9.9

37. WITH WHICH POLITICAL PARTY ARE YOU AFFILIATED?

Total	800
REPUBLICAN	23.3
DEMOCRAT	36.8
INDEPENDENT/NON-AFF.	27.8
SOME OTHER PARTY	1.0
NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE	5.7
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	5.4

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

Total	800
LIBERAL	39.0
Very	15.8
Somewhat	23.2
MODERATE	32.8
CONSERVATIVE	22.7
Somewhat	16.4
Very	6.3
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	5.4
Mean	2.90

39. DID YOU COMPLETE THIS SURVEY ON?

Total	800
DESKTOP COMPUTER	15.8
LAPTOP COMPUTER	50.1
TABLET/I-PAD	4.2
MOBILE DEVICE/CELL-PHONE	29.9