



National Undergraduate Study
Four-Year, Full Time Students Under 25
N=823
Field Dates: 9/5/24-9/12/24

Q1. School Type

Total	823
A four-year private college or university	34.5%
A four-year state college or university	65.5%

Q2. Enrollment

Total	823
Full time	100.0%

Q3. Age

Total	823
18	13.0%
19	18.6%
20	20.5%
21	20.5%
22	14.0%
23	8.6%
24	4.8%

Q4. Race/Ethnicity

Total	823
White or Caucasian	54.0%
Hispanic or Latino	20.6%
Black or African-American	13.8%
American-Indian/Alaska Native	0.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7.2%
Two or more races/Multi-race	3.3%
Other Race	0.4%
Prefer not to answer	0.2%

Q5. Gender

Total	823
Male	42.4%
Female	55.1%
Identify as something other than male or female	2.4%
Prefer not to answer	0.1%

Q7. Area

Total	823
East	18.0%
Midwest	21.0%
South	36.0%
West	25.0%

Q8. Class Year

Total	823
A freshman in your first year	23.4%
A sophomore in your second year	31.9%
A junior in your third year	24.4%
A senior in your fourth year or more	20.3%

Q9. Major (Multiple Responses Accepted)

Total	823
Net: MATHEMATICS/ENGINEERING	23.8%
Engineering	11.7%
Comp./Info Sciences	10.3%
Math/Statistics	3.5%
Architecture/Planning	2.2%
Net: SOC./BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	22.0%
Psychology/Counseling	10.1%
Communications	4.0%
Social Services	4.4%
Physical Sciences	3.2%
Politics/Government	2.8%
Liberal Arts	2.5%
BUSINESS	16.8%
HEALTHCARE	13.6%
Net: HUMANITIES	14.0%
Law	7.1%
History	3.4%
Environmental Science	3.0%
Languages/Literature	2.3%
Philosophy/Religion	0.9%
Net: NATURAL SCIENCES	12.7%
Biological Sciences	10.5%
Physical Sciences	3.2%
ARTS	9.9%
EDUCATION	9.0%
Net: TRADES	7.2%
Agriculture	4.0%
Skilled Trade/Constr.	1.5%
Services	1.4%
Mechanics/Repair	1.0%
Recreation/Fitness	1.0%
Transportation	0.8%
MILITARY SCIENCE	1.4%
SOMETHING ELSE	9.4%
UNDECLARED/UNDECIDED	1.1%

Q10. Which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion regarding the U.S. Constitution?

Total	823
It is an outdated document that is over 200 years old.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.	28.0%
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.	64.5%
Unsure	7.5%

Q11. Generally speaking, do you think the First Amendment, which deals with freedom of speech, is...?

Total	823
An outdated amendment that can no longer be applied in today's society and should be changed	11.6%
An important amendment that still needs to be followed and respected in today's society	84.5%
Unsure	3.9%

Q12. Would you favor or oppose your college or university having speech codes to regulate speech for students and faculty?

Total	823
FAVOR	46.3%
Strongly favor	15.5%
Somewhat favor	30.8%
OPPOSE	43.6%
Somewhat oppose	23.7%
Strongly oppose	19.9%
Unsure	10.1%

Q13. And which is more important to you?

Total	823
Your college or university encouraging free speech and intellectual diversity among students	67.9%
Your college or university preventing offensive or insensitive dialogue among students	27.7%
Unsure	4.4%

Q14. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Hearing and discussing opinions I disagree with gives me a better education and better prepares me to be a leader in the future."

Total	823
AGREE	82.7%
Strongly agree	45.0%
Somewhat agree	37.7%
DISAGREE	13.5%
Somewhat disagree	10.1%
Strongly disagree	3.4%
Unsure	3.8%

Q15. Have you felt intimidated in sharing your ideas, opinions or beliefs in class because they were different than those of your professors?

Total	823
Net: Often	51.3%
Frequently	11.1%
Sometimes	40.2%
Net: Not Often	45.5%
Rarely	25.8%
Never	19.7%
Unsure	3.2%

Q16. 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	823
Net: Often	55.9%
Frequently	15.6%
Sometimes	40.3%
Net: Not Often	41.3%
Rarely	23.5%
Never	17.9%
Unsure	2.8%

Q17. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I cannot bring myself to being close friends with someone who affiliates with a different political party than me. That person likely harbors opinions that I find unacceptable."

Total	823
AGREE	40.0%
Strongly agree	13.6%
Somewhat agree	26.4%
DISAGREE	54.0%
Somewhat disagree	27.2%
Strongly disagree	26.8%
Unsure	6.0%

Q18. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "In recent years, many colleges and universities in America have put out statements on issues like Black Lives Matter, the war in Ukraine and terrorism in Israel. Generally speaking, I support colleges and universities taking stances on political issues - even if I disagree with the position taken."

Total	823
AGREE	64.0%
Strongly agree	24.9%
Somewhat agree	39.1%
DISAGREE	26.1%
Somewhat disagree	17.6%
Strongly disagree	8.5%
Unsure	9.9%

Q19. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Offensive speech should be subject to criminal prosecution."

Total	823
AGREE	31.0%
Strongly agree	8.2%
Somewhat agree	22.9%
DISAGREE	54.9%
Somewhat disagree	25.8%
Strongly disagree	29.2%
Unsure	14.0%

Q20. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Political comments that I disagree with can be harmful to my mental health."

Total	823
AGREE	30.9%
Strongly agree	8.6%
Somewhat agree	22.3%
DISAGREE	62.1%
Somewhat disagree	31.4%
Strongly disagree	30.7%
Unsure	6.9%

Q21. 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	823
AGREE	53.7%
Strongly agree	16.1%
Somewhat agree	37.6%
DISAGREE	40.5%
Somewhat disagree	23.8%
Strongly disagree	16.6%
Unsure	5.9%

Q22. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "It is sometimes appropriate to shout down or disrupt a speaker on my campus."

Total	823
AGREE	40.2%
Strongly agree	12.1%
Somewhat agree	28.1%
DISAGREE	51.0%
Somewhat disagree	24.4%
Strongly disagree	26.6%
Unsure	8.8%

Q23. 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	823
AGREE	38.3%
Strongly agree	13.1%
Somewhat agree	25.2%
DISAGREE	53.1%
Somewhat disagree	26.8%
Strongly disagree	26.3%
Unsure	8.6%

Q24. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "My college or university should require that all professors and administrators make statements in favor of diversity, equity and inclusion as a condition of employment."

Total	823
AGREE	61.0%
Strongly agree	21.0%
Somewhat agree	40.1%
DISAGREE	29.0%
Somewhat disagree	16.7%
Strongly disagree	12.3%
Unsure	9.9%

Q25. Which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion?

Total	823
Despite our sometimes troubled past, America is moving forward and the promise of equality continues to be extended to more people.	48.8%
America is inextricably linked to white supremacy and in general most minorities remain excluded from the American promise of equality.	42.2%
Unsure	9.0%

Q26. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "My college or university should require that students, professors and faculty state their preferred gender pronouns when introducing themselves."

Total	823
AGREE	52.7%
Strongly agree	19.8%
Somewhat agree	32.8%
DISAGREE	40.3%
Somewhat disagree	21.2%
Strongly disagree	19.0%
Unsure	7.1%

Q27. Which of the following comes closer to your opinion on allowing transgender college athletes to participate in a sports league designated for a gender that is different from their assigned gender at birth?

Total	823
Transgender athletes should be able to participate in whichever gender class they feel more comfortable in.	29.4%
This is an issue of fairness. And while I may support transgender rights, this disadvantages other athletes because there are biological differences between men and women.	62.7%
Unsure	7.9%

Q28. Assuming the government does not provide any additional student loan forgiveness beyond the aid you may have already received or would receive through a work or service-related program, do you believe you will be financially able to pay off your student loan debt after you graduate?

Total	823
Yes	38.2%
No	32.9%
Does not apply - college already paid for	18.3%
Unsure	10.6%

Q29. As you think about entering the workforce in the near future, please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "After I graduate and obtain employment, I believe I will be able to earn enough money to sustain the life I want to live."

Total	823
AGREE	72.3%
Strongly agree	25.7%
Somewhat agree	46.6%
DISAGREE	22.0%
Somewhat disagree	16.4%
Strongly disagree	5.5%
Unsure	5.7%

Q30. If you had to choose, which economic system would you prefer to live under?

Total	823
Capitalism	36.1%
Socialism	34.4%
Unsure	29.5%

Q31. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Federal government price controls on groceries are an effective way to address the inflation and increasing costs that are making it harder for Americans to buy food."

Total	823
AGREE	71.9%
Strongly agree	26.2%
Somewhat agree	45.8%
DISAGREE	17.0%
Somewhat disagree	13.1%
Strongly disagree	4.0%
Unsure	11.0%

Q32. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Rising crime in America's cities is a serious issue."

Total	823
AGREE	79.4%
Strongly agree	45.1%
Somewhat agree	34.3%
DISAGREE	15.6%
Somewhat disagree	11.3%
Strongly disagree	4.3%
Unsure	5.0%

Q33. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Securing America's Southern border should be a priority for American politicians."

Total	823
AGREE	52.2%
Strongly agree	20.2%
Somewhat agree	32.0%
DISAGREE	39.8%
Somewhat disagree	25.0%
Strongly disagree	14.8%
Unsure	8.0%

Q34. Which of the following comes closer to your opinion on the Supreme Court?

Total	823
The Court has become nothing more than a partisan institution like Congress where one party is in power and the outcomes are predictable.	48.8%
The Supreme Court tries to decide cases based on their understanding of the law, regardless of political implications.	37.6%
Unsure	13.6%

Q35. As you may know, colleges and universities will often work with, hire, or invest in companies based in other countries, or receive funds from such entities, for both academic and nonacademic reasons. There have been efforts across colleges and universities to stop working with, or divest, from non-American companies and institutions. Do you believe college and universities should divest from...?

Total	823
All foreign countries and entities	24.5%
China	10.5%
France	7.0%
Gaza/West Bank (Palestine)	8.6%
Iran	8.8%
Israel	17.7%
Mexico	7.9%
Qatar	5.7%
Russia	17.4%
Saudi Arabia	7.1%
Turkey	4.4%
United Kingdom	10.3%
Venezuela	6.0%
None of the above	31.8%

Q36. In the last year, have you attended a rally or protest in support of the following causes?

Total	823
Net: Left of Center Causes Combo	47.5%
Pro-Palestine	16.8%
Pro-abortion rights	22.9%
LGBTQ+ rights	23.0%
Climate change/anti fossil fuels	13.6%
Social justice	18.6%
Net: Right of Center Causes Combo	13.6%
Pro-Israel	7.2%
Pro-life	9.9%
None of the above	47.2%

Q37. On the issue of abortion, which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

Total	823
I do not believe there should be any restrictions on abortion.	29.1%
I believe abortions should be permitted up until the third trimester of pregnancy - which would be up until seven months/28 weeks - and include exceptions afterwards for rape, incest, fatal fetal abnormalities and the life of the mother	24.5%
I believe abortions should be permitted up until the second trimester of pregnancy - which would be up until three months/12 weeks - and include exceptions afterwards for rape, incest, fatal fetal abnormalities and the life of the mother	30.1%
I believe that abortion should be outlawed in all or almost all cases.	12.0%
Unsure	4.3%

Q38. 2024 Presidential Ballot

Total	823
Kamala Harris, the Democratic candidate	54.5%
Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	29.1%
Would not vote	3.6%
Not registered to vote	3.4%
Undecided	9.5%

Q39. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Donald Trump could be elected president in a way that is fair and trustworthy.'

Total	448
AGREE	31.2%
Strongly agree	9.0%
Somewhat agree	22.1%
DISAGREE	62.7%
Somewhat disagree	17.1%
Strongly disagree	45.6%
Unsure	6.1%

Q40. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Kamala Harris could be elected president in a way that is fair and trustworthy.'

Total	240
AGREE	35.3%
Strongly agree	12.6%
Somewhat agree	22.7%
DISAGREE	59.6%
Somewhat disagree	25.8%
Strongly disagree	33.8%
Unsure	5.1%

Q41. Political Party Affiliation

Total	823
Republican	20.4%
Democrat	42.7%
Independent or not affiliated with a political party	25.5%
Some other political party	3.7%
Not registered to vote	4.3%
Prefer not to answer	3.5%

Q42. Ideology

Total	823
LIBERAL	46.7%
Very	19.0%
Somewhat	27.7%
MODERATE	30.4%
CONSERVATIVE	17.4%
Somewhat	8.7%
Very	8.7%
DK/REFUSED	5.5%
Net Diff. CONS vs. Lib	-29.3%

Q43. Religious Affiliation

Total	823
Protestant	21.0%
Catholic	26.5%
Mormon/Latter Day Saints	2.3%
Jewish	4.3%
Islam	3.6%
Hindu	3.0%
Buddhist	1.3%
Atheist/non-believer	15.6%
Agnostic	8.9%
Other	2.1%
Prefer not to answer	11.2%

Q44. And how often do you attend church or religious services at a house of worship - either on campus or at home?

Total	823
Net: Attend Regularly	30.9%
More than once a week	9.7%
Once a week	21.3%
Net: Attend Not Regularly	35.8%
A few times a month	12.9%
A few times a year or only during holidays	10.7%
Rarely	12.2%
Never, but still consider myself a religious or spiritual person	10.4%
Never and do not consider myself a religious or spiritual person	18.3%
Prefer not to answer	4.6%