National Undergraduate Study
4-Year Full-Time Students Under 25
N=803
Field Dates: 9/5/26-9/14/26

Q1. Are you currently attending ?

Total	**803**
A four-year private college or university	30.3%
A four-year state college or university	69.7%

Q2. Are you currently enrolled...?

Total	**803**
Full time	100.0%
Part time	

Q3. Age

Total	**803**
18	12.6%
19	17.6%
20	19.7%
21	17.8%
22	14.4%
23	10.3%
24	7.6%
Mean	**20.7**

Q4. Please select the race or ethnic group that is closest to your identity.

Total	**803**
White or Caucasian	51.3%
Hispanic or Latino	24.2%
Black or African-American	13.7%
American-Indian/Alaska Native	1.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.6%
Two or more races/Multi-race	2.6%
Other Race	0.4%
Prefer not to answer	0.2%

Q5. Gender

Total	**803**
Male	43.6%
Female	54.9%
Identify as something other than male or female	1.1%
Prefer not to answer	0.4%

Q7. Area

Total	**803**
East	17.7%
Midwest	21.4%
South	36.0%
West	24.9%

Q8. Are you...?

Total	803
A freshman in your first year	27.5%
A sophomore in your second year	26.4%
A junior in your third year	24.4%
A senior in your fourth year or more	21.7%

Q9. From the following list, which of the following best describes your major or main area of study? Please select all that apply.

Total	803
MATHEMATICS/ENGINEERING	**33.9%**
Comp./Info Sciences	20.5%
Engineering	12.6%
Architecture/Planning	3.4%
Math/Statistics	2.8%
SOC./BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	**18.2%**
Psychology/Counseling	7.8%
Communications	5.7%
Liberal Arts	3.0%
Politics/Government	3.1%
Social Services	2.6%
BUSINESS	**15.7%**
HEALTHCARE	**13.6%**
HUMANITIES	**11.9%**
Law	5.0%
Environmental Science	2.6%
Languages/Literature	2.5%
History	2.0%
Philosophy/Religion	0.9%
ARTS	**9.6%**
TRADES	**8.8%**
Agriculture	3.3%
Skilled Trade/Constr.	2.3%
Services	1.7%
Mechanics/Repair	1.5%
Transportation	0.8%
Recreation/Fitness	0.7%
Protective Services	0.5%
EDUCATION	**8.0%**
NATURAL SCIENCES	**8.2%**
Biological Sciences	6.5%
Physical Sciences	2.0%
MILITARY SCIENCE	**0.3%**
SOMETHING ELSE	**6.7%**
UNDECLARED/UNDECIDED	**0.2%**

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

Total	**803**
It is an outdated document that is over 200 years old.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.	20.0%
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.	73.4%
Unsure	6.5%

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

Total	**803**
An outdated amendment that can no longer be applied in today's society and should be changed	10.4%
An important amendment that still needs to be followed and respected in today's society	86.6%
Unsure	2.9%

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

Total	**803**
FAVOR	**49.3%**
Strongly favor	19.5%
Somewhat favor	29.8%
OPPOSE	**43.7%**
Somewhat oppose	25.2%
Strongly oppose	18.5%
Unsure	7.0%
Net Diff. FAVOR vs. OPPOSE	**5.7%**

Q13. Have you felt intimidated in sharing your ideas, opinions or beliefs in class because they were different than those of your professors?

Total	**803**
OFTEN	**53.7%**
Frequently	11.8%
Sometimes	41.9%
NOT OFTEN	**44.2%**
Rarely	24.9%
Never	19.3%
Unsure	2.1%
Net Diff. FREQUENTLY/SOMETIMES vs. RARELY/NEVER	**9.4%**

Q14. 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	**803**
OFTEN	**53.3%**
Frequently	15.0%
Sometimes	38.4%
NOT OFTEN	**45.6%**
Rarely	25.8%
Never	19.8%
Unsure	1.1%
Net Diff. FREQUENTLY/SOMETIMES vs. RARELY/NEVER	**7.7%**

Q15. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: In general, my professors make their political leanings clear in how they teach – particularly on politically contested issues.

Total	**803**
AGREE	**61.4%**
Strongly agree	19.1%
Somewhat agree	42.3%
DISAGREE	**34.0%**
Somewhat disagree	23.9%
Strongly disagree	10.1%
Unsure	4.6%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**27.4%**

Q16. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: I would avoid taking a class with a professor who publicly shares opinions I disagree with.

Total	**803**
AGREE	**43.7%**
Strongly agree	14.7%
Somewhat agree	29.0%
DISAGREE	**50.1%**
Somewhat disagree	30.9%
Strongly disagree	19.2%
Unsure	6.2%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**-6.4%**

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

Total	**803**
AGREE	**48.3%**
Strongly agree	19.0%
Somewhat agree	29.3%
DISAGREE	**48.1%**
Somewhat disagree	24.9%
Strongly disagree	23.2%
Unsure	3.6%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**0.3%**

Q18. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Offensive speech should be subject to criminal prosecution."

Total	**803**
AGREE	**39.7%**
Strongly agree	13.2%
Somewhat agree	26.5%
DISAGREE	**51.7%**
Somewhat disagree	29.6%
Strongly disagree	22.1%
Unsure	8.6%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**-12.0%**

Q19. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Political comments that I disagree with can be harmful to my mental health."

Total	**803**
AGREE	**41.5%**
Strongly agree	13.7%
Somewhat agree	27.9%
DISAGREE	**53.2%**
Somewhat disagree	26.6%
Strongly disagree	26.6%
Unsure	5.3%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**-11.6%**

Q21. Please indicate if 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	**803**
AGREE	**66.3%**
Strongly agree	24.2%
Somewhat agree	42.2%
DISAGREE	**29.0%**
Somewhat disagree	15.3%
Strongly disagree	13.7%
Unsure	4.7%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**37.4%**

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

Total	**803**
AGREE	**45.8%**
Strongly agree	14.2%
Somewhat agree	31.6%
DISAGREE	**46.9%**
Somewhat disagree	26.7%
Strongly disagree	20.2%
Unsure	7.3%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**-1.0%**

Q23. Please indicate if 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	**803**
AGREE	**44.6%**
Strongly agree	15.8%
Somewhat agree	28.8%
DISAGREE	**50.2%**
Somewhat disagree	24.1%
Strongly disagree	26.1%
Unsure	5.2%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**-5.6%**

Q24. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "When I was deciding on which college or university to attend, the political climate among the student body and the political values of the school were an important factor in my decision."

Total	**803**
AGREE	**55.2%**
Strongly agree	20.1%
Somewhat agree	35.1%
DISAGREE	**40.3%**
Somewhat disagree	22.0%
Strongly disagree	18.3%
Unsure	4.5%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**14.9%**

Q25. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "When I was deciding on which college or university to attend, my parents' perspectives on the political climate among the student body and the political values of the schools I considered impacted my final decision."

Total	**803**
AGREE	**43.7%**
Strongly agree	13.1%
Somewhat agree	30.6%
DISAGREE	**51.9%**
Somewhat disagree	24.3%
Strongly disagree	27.6%
Unsure	4.5%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**-8.2%**

Q26. As you may know, conservative activist Charlie Kirk was assassinated last year on a college campus in Utah while speaking with students. Which comes closest to your opinion?

Total	**803**
Charlie Kirk's rhetoric was harmful and threatening to many people. It should not be a surprise that his words had consequences.	26.4%
Regardless of how someone feels about Charlie Kirk's rhetoric, nobody should be killed for their political beliefs.	53.6%
Charlie Kirk's rhetoric was neither harmful nor threatening to anyone. His assassination is a bad sign for public discourse on college campuses.	13.0%
Unsure	7.0%

Q27. If you had to choose, which economic system would you prefer to live under?

Total	**803**
Capitalism	27.8%
Socialism	41.6%
Unsure	30.7%

COUNTRY IMAGE RATINGS

Q28. United States - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**61.9%**
Very	37.7%
Somewhat	24.2%
UNFAVORABLE	**29.5%**
Somewhat	20.0%
Very	9.5%
NO OPINION	**6.6%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**2.0%**
HARD NAME ID	**91.4%**
Net Diff	**32.4%**
Mean	**3.6**

Q29. Israel - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**26.9%**
Very	10.8%
Somewhat	16.2%
UNFAVORABLE	**47.3%**
Somewhat	13.7%
Very	33.6%
NO OPINION	**17.3%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**8.5%**
HARD NAME ID	**74.2%**
Net Diff	**-20.3%**
Mean	**2.5**

Q30. Palestine - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**50.0%**
Very	22.2%
Somewhat	27.8%
UNFAVORABLE	**20.9%**
Somewhat	10.3%
Very	10.6%
NO OPINION	**21.2%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**7.9%**
HARD NAME ID	**70.9%**
Net Diff	**29.2%**
Mean	**3.4**

Q31. Iran - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**22.5%**
Very	9.2%
Somewhat	13.3%
UNFAVORABLE	**43.8%**
Somewhat	21.4%
Very	22.3%
NO OPINION	**23.5%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**10.2%**
HARD NAME ID	**66.3%**
Net Diff	**-21.2%**
Mean	**2.6**

Q32. China - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**44.7%**
Very	16.8%
Somewhat	27.9%
UNFAVORABLE	**32.2%**
Somewhat	23.4%
Very	8.8%
NO OPINION	**16.5%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**6.6%**
HARD NAME ID	**76.9%**
Net Diff	**12.5%**
Mean	**3.2**

Q33. Russia - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**22.4%**
Very	7.6%
Somewhat	14.8%
UNFAVORABLE	**53.4%**
Somewhat	28.2%
Very	25.2%
NO OPINION	**18.1%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**6.2%**
HARD NAME ID	**75.7%**
Net Diff	**-31.0%**
Mean	**2.5**

Q34. Ukraine - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**49.7%**
Very	17.9%
Somewhat	31.7%
UNFAVORABLE	**21.5%**
Somewhat	12.1%
Very	9.4%
NO OPINION	**21.4%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**7.4%**
HARD NAME ID	**71.2%**
Net Diff	**28.2%**
Mean	**3.4**

Q35. Cuba - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**33.4%**
Very	11.3%
Somewhat	22.2%
UNFAVORABLE	**26.2%**
Somewhat	15.5%
Very	10.8%
NO OPINION	**28.9%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**11.4%**
HARD NAME ID	**59.7%**
Net Diff	**7.2%**
Mean	**3.1**

Q36. Venezuela - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**29.9%**
Very	9.5%
Somewhat	20.5%
UNFAVORABLE	**29.1%**
Somewhat	17.0%
Very	12.2%
NO OPINION	**29.0%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**11.9%**
HARD NAME ID	**59.1%**
Net Diff	**0.8%**
Mean	**3.0**

Q37. United Kingdom - Image Rating

Total	**803**
FAVORABLE	**64.0%**
Very	26.6%
Somewhat	37.4%
UNFAVORABLE	**15.3%**
Somewhat	11.4%
Very	3.9%
NO OPINION	**16.1%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**4.6%**
HARD NAME ID	**79.3%**
Net Diff	**48.7%**
Mean	**3.7**

Q38. Germany - Image Rating

Total	803
FAVORABLE	**54.3%**
Very	20.5%
Somewhat	33.8%
UNFAVORABLE	**16.3%**
Somewhat	11.0%
Very	5.3%
NO OPINION	**21.6%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**7.7%**
HARD NAME ID	**70.6%**
Net Diff	**38.0%**
Mean	**3.6**

Q39. North Korea - Image Rating

Total	803
FAVORABLE	**19.5%**
Very	6.9%
Somewhat	12.6%
UNFAVORABLE	**58.3%**
Somewhat	13.6%
Very	44.8%
NO OPINION	**16.4%**
NEVER HEARD OF	**5.8%**
HARD NAME ID	**77.8%**
Net Diff	**-38.8%**
Mean	**2.2**

Q40. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "While socialist countries like Cuba and the Soviet Union have not been perfect, they offer a better economic model than capitalist countries like the United States."

Total	803
AGREE	**47.0%**
Strongly agree	14.2%
Somewhat agree	32.8%
DISAGREE	**33.5%**
Somewhat disagree	19.0%
Strongly disagree	14.5%
Unsure	19.5%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**13.5%**

Q41. If you had to choose, which of the following is a better ally for the United States?

Total	803
Israel	24.9%
Palestine	38.2%
Unsure	36.9%

Q42. How extensively - if at all - do you use artificial intelligence programs like ChatGPT, Claude or Gemini to assist you with your coursework?

Total	803
I am comfortable using AI for significant parts of or for all of my coursework - from generating ideas for papers to helping write reports and completing take-home tests.	40.5%
I only use AI to catch minor mistakes like transcription errors, grammatical mistakes, and typos.	44.8%
I never use AI.	13.3%
Unsure	1.4%

Q43. Regardless of how much you use AI, which comes closest to your opinion?

Total	803
I generally trust that the information provided to me by AI is accurate and reliable.	22.1%
I am cautious about the information that AI provides and periodically double-check information provided by AI, but rely on it for general direction.	51.9%
I am very concerned about the accuracy of information provided by AI and either regularly check information provided by AI myself or opt not to use AI altogether.	23.5%
Unsure	2.4%

Q44. Which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion?

Total	803
Despite our sometimes troubled past, America is moving forward and the promise of equality continues to be extended to more people.	39.0%
America is inextricably linked to white supremacy and in general most minorities remain excluded from the American promise of equality.	50.2%
Unsure	10.8%

Q45. 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	803
Transgender athletes should be able to participate in whichever gender class they feel more comfortable in.	33.2%
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.	53.5%
Unsure	13.4%

Q46. Which of the following comes closer to your opinion on the Supreme Court?

Total	803
The Court has become nothing more than a partisan institution like Congress where one party is in power and the outcomes are predictable.	39.0%
The Supreme Court tries to decide cases based on their understanding of the law, regardless of political implications.	43.2%
Unsure	17.8%

Q47. In the last year, have you attended a rally or protest in support of the following causes? (Multiple Responses Accepted)

Total	**803**
LEFT OF CENTER CAUSES COMBO	**44.2%**
Anti-Trump	17.0%
Anti-ICE	21.4%
Pro-Palestine	11.7%
Pro-abortion rights	15.7%
LGBTQ+ rights	17.6%
Climate change/anti fossil fuels	11.2%
Social justice	19.7%
Anti-Data Centers	8.9%
RIGHT OF CENTER CAUSES COMBO	**16.1%**
Pro-Israel	3.2%
Pro-life	7.5%
Pro-Trump	9.3%
None of the above	52.3%

Q48. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I am proud to be an American."

Total	**803**
AGREE	**65.1%**
Strongly agree	35.7%
Somewhat agree	29.3%
DISAGREE	**29.3%**
Somewhat disagree	20.6%
Strongly disagree	8.7%
Unsure	5.6%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**35.7%**

Q49. If forced to choose, do you think America s best days are... ?

Total	**803**
Behind us	37.0%
Ahead of us	42.0%
Unsure	21.1%

Q50. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement: "America deserved September 11th."

Total	**803**
AGREE	**21.8%**
Strongly agree	11.0%
Somewhat agree	10.8%
DISAGREE	**71.7%**
Somewhat disagree	8.5%
Strongly disagree	63.2%
Unsure	6.5%
Net Diff. AGREE vs. DISAGREE	**-49.9%**

Q51. Donald Trump Job Rating

Total	803
APPROVE	**33.9%**
Strongly approve	12.8%
Somewhat approve	21.2%
DISAPPROVE	**58.2%**
Somewhat disapprove	13.1%
Strongly disapprove	45.1%
Unsure	7.9%
Net Diff. APPROVE vs. DISAPPROVE	**-24.2%**

Q52. Political Party Affiliation

Total	803
Republican	18.8%
Democrat	46.0%
Independent or not affiliated with a political party	25.6%
Some other political party	1.1%
Not registered to vote	3.6%
Prefer not to answer	4.9%

Q53. Ideology

Total	803
LIBERAL	**51.7%**
Very liberal	26.3%
Somewhat liberal	25.4%
MODERATE	**29.0%**
CONSERVATIVE	**13.4%**
Somewhat conservative	7.7%
Very conservative	5.7%
Prefer not to answer	5.9%
Net Diff. CONS vs. LIB	**-38.4%**

Q54. What best describes your religious affiliation?

Total	803
Protestant	13.7%
Catholic	26.9%
Mormon/Latter Day Saint	1.5%
Jewish	0.8%
Muslim	3.0%
Hindu	0.6%
Buddhist	2.0%
Atheist/non-believer	15.2%
Agnostic	15.9%
Other	8.5%
Prefer not to answer	11.8%

Q55. And how often do you attend church or religious services at a house of worship - either on campus or at home?

Total	803
ATTEND REGULARLY	**27.8%**
More than once a week	9.3%
Once a week	18.6%
ATTEND NOT REGULARLY	**30.9%**
A few times a month	10.9%
A few times a year or only during holidays	10.3%
Rarely	9.8%
NEVER, BUT STILL CONSIDER MYSELF A RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL PERSON	**11.1%**
NEVER AND DO NOT CONSIDER MYSELF A RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL PERSON	**19.0%**
Prefer not to answer	11.1%