

FIRE0003 - Treatment 1: Civil Liberties

September 2018



Sample 1112 US College Students (Aged 18+)
Conducted September 23 – October 10, 2018
Margin of Error ±3%

1. Q28-30/Q31-33 split

Q28-30	100%
Q31-33	-

2. Gender

Male	45%
Female	55%

3. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	57%
Black	15%
Hispanic	17%
Asian	7%
Native American	0%
Middle Eastern	0%
Mixed	2%
Other	1%

4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

No high school	0%
High school graduate	14%
Some college	59%
2-year college	19%
4-year college	8%
Post-graduate	1%

5. In which state do you live?

Alabama	1%
Alaska	0%
Arizona	3%
Arkansas	1%
California	15%
Colorado	1%
Connecticut	2%
Delaware	0%
District of Columbia	0%
Florida	10%
Georgia	4%
Hawaii	0%
Idaho	0%
Illinois	4%
Indiana	2%
Iowa	1%
Kansas	1%
Kentucky	1%
Louisiana	1%
Maine	0%
Maryland	2%
Massachusetts	2%
Michigan	3%
Minnesota	1%
Mississippi	0%
Missouri	2%
Montana	0%
Nebraska	1%
Nevada	1%
New Hampshire	0%
New Jersey	3%
New Mexico	0%
New York	8%
North Carolina	3%
North Dakota	0%
Ohio	3%
Oklahoma	1%
Oregon	1%
Pennsylvania	4%
Rhode Island	0%
South Carolina	1%
South Dakota	0%
Tennessee	1%

6. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time	28%
Part-time	20%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	3%
Retired	0%
Permanently disabled	0%
Homemaker	1%
Student	45%
Other	1%

7. Are you enrolled in school as a full-time or part-time student?

Full-time	71%
Part-time	29%
I am not enrolled in school	-

8. Membership in registered student groups on campus should be open to all students.

Strongly agree	53%
Agree	42%
Disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	1%

9. Registered student groups on campus should be able to exclude students from their membership who don't agree with the mission of the student group (ex: pro-choice groups could exclude pro-life students, or Republican groups could exclude Democratic students).

Strongly agree	20%
Agree	44%
Disagree	28%
Strongly disagree	8%

10. The following types of registered student groups should be able to exclude students from membership if the students don't agree with the mission of the group:

Black or African American student groups	16%
Asian student groups	11%
Hispanic/Latino student groups	14%
Sororities or fraternities	6%
LGBTQ+ student groups	13%
Christian student groups	10%
Jewish student groups	8%
Muslim/Islamic student groups	9%
Hindu student groups	7%
Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups	7%
Republican student groups	8%
Democratic student groups	8%
Black Lives Matter student groups	9%
Tea Party student groups	5%
Pro-Israeli student groups	6%
Pro-Palestinian student groups	6%
Other student groups	1%
All of the above	20%
I don't think student groups should be able to exclude other students from membership	44%

11. Registered student groups on campus should be able to deny leadership positions in the student group to students who don't agree with the mission of the group (ex: pro-choice groups could deny leadership positions to pro-life students, or Republican groups could deny leadership positions to Democratic students).

Strongly agree	30%
Agree	43%
Disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	8%

12. Students who disagree with the mission of a registered student group should be able to join the group in order to change the group's mission.

Strongly agree	15%
Agree	34%
Disagree	37%
Strongly disagree	13%

13. Students at my college or university should be excluded from extracurricular activities (ex: sports, Greek life, student organizations) if they publicly express intolerant, hurtful, or offensive viewpoints.

Strongly agree	32%
Agree	39%
Disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	7%

14. Groups with missions that certain students find intolerant, hurtful, or offensive should be able to register as student groups and receive student activity fees from student government.

Strongly agree	15%
Agree	37%
Disagree	33%
Strongly disagree	15%

15. My college or university should be able to deny recognition to a single-gender student group because the group excludes students based on gender.

Strongly agree	15%
Agree	30%
Disagree	39%
Strongly disagree	17%

16. Students at my college or university should be able to join single-gender student groups that are not recognized by the university.

Strongly agree	22%
Agree	53%
Disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	5%

17. My college or university should be able to punish students who join single-gender groups that are not recognized by the university.

Strongly agree	12%
Agree	23%
Disagree	41%
Strongly disagree	24%

18. Student government should charge students a student activity fee that will be used to fund registered student groups and on-campus events.

Strongly agree	18%
Agree	41%
Disagree	30%
Strongly disagree	11%

19. Students should be able to "opt out" of a student activity fee if they do not want to fund registered student groups and on-campus events.

Strongly agree	33%
Agree	47%
Disagree	17%
Strongly disagree	3%

20. Students who choose to "opt out" of the student activity fee should still be able to participate in registered student groups and attend on-campus events that receive funding from the student activity fee.

Strongly agree	19%
Agree	38%
Disagree	32%
Strongly disagree	10%

21. Students should be able to choose which registered student groups their student activity fee funds/does not fund.

Strongly agree	22%
Agree	49%
Disagree	23%
Strongly disagree	6%

22. Student government should distribute student activity fees to registered student groups on campus without regard to whether the student government agrees with the mission of the student group.

Strongly agree	25%
Agree	46%
Disagree	23%
Strongly disagree	6%

23. Student government should not distribute student activity fees to registered groups with missions that certain students find intolerant, hurtful, or offensive.

Strongly agree	22%
Agree	46%
Disagree	25%
Strongly disagree	7%

24. In America today, discrimination against members of minority groups (ex: Black, Latino, or LGBTQ+ individuals) is a major problem.

Strongly agree	45%
Agree	35%
Disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	6%

25. Students should have the right to free speech on campus, even if what they are saying offends others.

Strongly agree	30%
Agree	45%
Disagree	20%
Strongly disagree	5%

26. Colleges and universities should be able to restrict student expression of political views that are hurtful or offensive to certain students.

Strongly agree	20%
Agree	38%
Disagree	30%
Strongly disagree	12%

27. In your opinion, which of the following should be a more important priority for a college's administration?

Promoting an inclusive environment that is welcoming to a diverse group of students	59%
Protecting students' free speech rights, even if it means allowing hurtful or offensive speech	41%

28. The climate on my campus makes it difficult for students to have conversations about important issues such as race, politics, and gender.

Strongly agree	20%
Agree	35%
Disagree	34%
Strongly disagree	10%

29. On my campus, discrimination against members of minority groups (ex: Black, Latino, or LGBTQ+ individuals) is a major problem.

Strongly agree	16%
Agree	27%
Disagree	38%
Strongly disagree	19%

30. It is important to be part of a campus community where I am not exposed to intolerant or offensive ideas.

Strongly agree	22%
Agree	43%
Disagree	25%
Strongly disagree	9%

31. It is important that my college or university encourages students to have a public voice and share their ideas openly.

Strongly agree	37%
Agree	52%
Disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	2%

32. Freedom of assembly is a ___ guaranteed by the Constitution.

Civil right	49%
Civil liberty	23%
Either of the above	28%

33. Voting is a ___ guaranteed by the Constitution.

Civil right	54%
Civil liberty	24%
Either of the above	22%

34. Freedom of speech is a ___ guaranteed by the Constitution.

Civil right	55%
Civil liberty	22%
Either of the above	23%

35. How likely would you be to use a CivilLiberties hashtag on social media?

1 - Not at all likely	30%
2	16%
3	24%
4	17%
5 - Extremely likely	13%

36. It is important that my civil liberties are protected.

Strongly agree	45%
Agree	51%
Disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	1%

37. Is there a difference between a civil right and a civil liberty?

Yes	54%
No	15%
I don't know	31%

38. In my opinion, the most important civil right or liberty is:

Freedom of speech	30%
Freedom of religion	7%
Freedom of the press	4%
Right to assemble	4%
Right to petition the government	5%
Right to bear arms	7%
Right to vote	10%
Right to a fair trial	6%
Right to equal treatment under law	24%
Other	2%

39. Do you remember reading or hearing news reports about a large protest that led to violence and fatalities in and around Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017?

Yes	69%
No	25%
I don't know	7%

40. When you think back to that event, which of the following best characterize(s) your perception of the event? Please check all that apply.

Protest	38%
Hate speech	38%
Free speech	25%
Violent	60%
Unlawful	30%
Racist	47%
Police failure	23%

41. Did this event change how you think about speech and expression on campus in any way?

Yes	38%
No	47%
I don't know	15%

42. Did this event change how you think about protest on campus in any way?

Yes	37%
No	49%
I don't know	14%

43. Do you think white nationalists should be allowed to protest peacefully?

Yes	53%
No	30%
I don't know	18%

44. Do you think those protesting against white nationalists should be allowed to protest peacefully?

Yes	73%
No	14%
I don't know	13%

45. Do you consider yourself to be:

Male	43%
Female	53%
Non-binary	3%
Prefer to self-describe	0%

46. Do you consider yourself to be:

Heterosexual	77%
Gay	4%
Lesbian	3%
Bisexual	11%
Queer	2%
Prefer to self-describe	4%

47. Is the college or university you attend a public or private school?

Public	79%
Private	19%
I don't know	3%

48. Is the college or university you attend affiliated with any religion or faith?

Yes	42%
No	49%
I don't know	9%

49. What is your current class standing?

First year (Freshman)	28%
Second year (Sophomore)	29%
Third year (Junior)	22%
Fourth year (Senior)	15%
Fifth year (Senior or more)	4%
Graduate or professional student	2%
Other	1%

50. What is your major?

Accounting	5%
Administrative Science/Public Administration	2%
Advertising	2%
Agriculture/Horticulture	2%
Anthropology	2%
Architecture	2%
Art History	3%
Aviation/Aeronautics	1%
Biology	7%
Biostatistics	2%
Business Administration	7%
Chemistry	2%
Child/Human/Family Development	2%
Classics	0%
Communications	1%
Communicative Disorders	0%
Computer Science	6%
Criminology/Criminal Justice	2%
Dance	0%
Dentistry	0%
Economics	1%
Education	5%
Educational Administration	0%
Electronics	1%
Engineering	5%
English	2%
Environmental Science/Ecology	1%
Ethnic Studies	0%
Finance	1%
Fine Arts	2%
Food Science/Nutrition/Culinary Arts	1%
Foreign Language	0%
Forestry	0%
Gender/Women's/LGBTQ Studies	0%
General Studies/Interdisciplinary	1%
Geography	0%
Geology	0%
Health	4%
History	2%
Human Resources	1%
Human Services	1%
Humanities	0%
Industrial Science	0%

51. Do you live on or off campus?

On	31%
Off	68%
I don't know	1%

52. Did either of your parents attend college?

One of my parents attended college	30%
Both of my parents attended college	37%
Neither parent attended college	30%
I don't know	3%

53. Have you received a Pell Grant as part of your college financial aid package?

Yes	47%
No	46%
I don't know	7%

54. What is your marital status?

Married	17%
Separated	3%
Divorced	4%
Widowed	1%
Single	69%
Domestic partnership	7%

55. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	22%
No	78%

56. Census Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	20%
South	36%
West	25%

57. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	42%
Republican	24%
Independent	25%
Other	1%
Not sure	8%

58. Voter Registration

Yes	81%
No	17%
Not sure	2%

59. Ideology

Very liberal	15%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	13%
Very Conservative	9%
DK	8%

60. Interest in news and public affairs

Most of the time	26%
Some of the time	38%
Only now and then	24%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	5%

61. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	29%
No	71%

62. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	28%
Somewhat important	31%
Not too important	19%
Not at all important	22%

63. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	20%
Once or twice a month	13%
A few times a year	15%
Seldom	16%
Never	25%
Don't know	2%

64. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	17%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	15%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	24%
Don't know	3%

65. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	23%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	4%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	2%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	8%
Agnostic	8%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	5%

66. Age

18-29	78%
30-44	16%
45-64	6%
65+	0%