

# FIRE0003 - Treatment 2: Civil Rights

September 2018



Sample 1113 US College Students (Aged 18+)  
Conducted September 23 – October 10, 2018  
Margin of Error ±3.1%

## 1. Q28-30/Q31-33 split

Q28-30	.....	-
Q31-33	.....	100%

## 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	.....	1%
Middle Eastern	.....	0%
Mixed	.....	2%
Other	.....	0%

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

No high school	.....	1%
High school graduate	.....	12%
Some college	.....	60%
2-year college	.....	18%
4-year college	.....	8%
Post-graduate	.....	1%

5. In which state do you live?

Alabama	2%
Alaska	0%
Arizona	2%
Arkansas	1%
California	15%
Colorado	1%
Connecticut	1%
Delaware	0%
District of Columbia	0%
Florida	6%
Georgia	3%
Hawaii	0%
Idaho	0%
Illinois	5%
Indiana	2%
Iowa	1%
Kansas	1%
Kentucky	1%
Louisiana	0%
Maine	1%
Maryland	2%
Massachusetts	2%
Michigan	2%
Minnesota	2%
Mississippi	1%
Missouri	2%
Montana	0%
Nebraska	0%
Nevada	1%
New Hampshire	0%
New Jersey	3%
New Mexico	1%
New York	7%
North Carolina	3%
North Dakota	0%
Ohio	4%
Oklahoma	1%
Oregon	1%
Pennsylvania	5%
Rhode Island	1%
South Carolina	1%
South Dakota	0%
Tennessee	1%

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

Full-time .....	26%
Part-time .....	20%
Temporarily laid off .....	1%
Unemployed .....	2%
Retired .....	1%
Permanently disabled .....	1%
Homemaker .....	2%
Student .....	46%
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 .....	54%
Agree .....	41%
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 .....	23%
Agree .....	41%
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	15%
Asian student groups	9%
Hispanic/Latino student groups	14%
Sororities or fraternities	5%
LGBTQ+ student groups	12%
Christian student groups	10%
Jewish student groups	8%
Muslim/Islamic student groups	8%
Hindu student groups	7%
Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups	8%
Republican student groups	8%
Democratic student groups	8%
Black Lives Matter student groups	8%
Tea Party student groups	5%
Pro-Israeli student groups	6%
Pro-Palestinian student groups	6%
Other student groups	1%
All of the above	19%
I don't think student groups should be able to exclude other students from membership	45%

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	44%
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	14%
Agree	38%
Disagree	35%
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	30%
Agree	40%
Disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	9%

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	17%
Agree	33%
Disagree	34%
Strongly disagree	16%

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	16%
Agree	27%
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	24%
Agree	52%
Disagree	19%
Strongly disagree	6%

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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	13%
Agree	22%
Disagree	38%
Strongly disagree	27%

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	40%
Disagree	29%
Strongly disagree	14%

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	32%
Agree	47%
Disagree	17%
Strongly disagree	4%

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	22%
Agree	38%
Disagree	31%
Strongly disagree	10%

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

Strongly agree	25%
Agree	44%
Disagree	24%
Strongly disagree	7%

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	27%
Agree	48%
Disagree	19%
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	25%
Agree	39%
Disagree	26%
Strongly disagree	9%

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

Strongly agree	45%
Agree	36%
Disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	6%

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

Strongly agree	31%
Agree	44%
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	22%
Agree	35%
Disagree	28%
Strongly disagree	16%

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	61%
Protecting students' free speech rights, even if it means allowing hurtful or offensive speech	39%

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	19%
Agree	34%
Disagree	34%
Strongly disagree	13%

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

Strongly agree	15%
Agree	26%
Disagree	39%
Strongly disagree	20%

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	26%
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	39%
Agree	51%
Disagree	8%
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	56%
Civil liberty	24%
Either of the above	20%

34. Freedom of speech is a \_\_\_ guaranteed by the Constitution.

Civil right	54%
Civil liberty	23%
Either of the above	23%

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

1 - Not at all likely	25%
2	13%
3	25%
4	22%
5 - Extremely likely	15%

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

Strongly agree	64%
Agree	32%
Disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	0%

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

Yes	52%
No	14%
I don't know	33%

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

Freedom of speech	29%
Freedom of religion	8%
Freedom of the press	4%
Right to assemble	3%
Right to petition the government	5%
Right to bear arms	7%
Right to vote	10%
Right to a fair trial	5%
Right to equal treatment under law	27%
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	67%
No	26%
I don't know	6%

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 .....	39%
Hate speech .....	39%
Free speech .....	24%
Violent .....	57%
Unlawful .....	30%
Racist .....	44%
Police failure .....	21%

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

Yes .....	34%
No .....	48%
I don't know .....	19%

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

Yes .....	34%
No .....	49%
I don't know .....	17%

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

Yes .....	50%
No .....	32%
I don't know .....	18%

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

Yes .....	69%
No .....	15%
I don't know .....	17%

45. Do you consider yourself to be:

Male .....	42%
Female .....	54%
Non-binary .....	3%
Prefer to self-describe .....	0%

46. Do you consider yourself to be:

Heterosexual .....	79%
Gay .....	2%
Lesbian .....	2%
Bisexual .....	11%
Queer .....	2%
Prefer to self-describe .....	3%

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

Public .....	79%
Private .....	18%
I don't know .....	3%

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

Yes .....	44%
No .....	52%
I don't know .....	5%

49. What is your current class standing?

First year (Freshman) .....	23%
Second year (Sophomore) .....	32%
Third year (Junior) .....	23%
Fourth year (Senior) .....	15%
Fifth year (Senior or more) .....	4%
Graduate or professional student .....	2%
Other .....	0%

50. What is your major?

Accounting	5%
Administrative Science/Public Administration	2%
Advertising	2%
Agriculture/Horticulture	2%
Anthropology	1%
Architecture	2%
Art History	2%
Aviation/Aeronautics	1%
Biology	5%
Biostatistics	1%
Business Administration	6%
Chemistry	2%
Child/Human/Family Development	1%
Classics	0%
Communications	2%
Communicative Disorders	0%
Computer Science	6%
Criminology/Criminal Justice	3%
Dance	1%
Dentistry	1%
Economics	1%
Education	6%
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	1%
Forestry	0%
Gender/Women's/LGBTQ Studies	0%
General Studies/Interdisciplinary	2%
Geography	0%
Geology	0%
Health	4%
History	1%
Human Resources	1%
Human Services	1%
Humanities	0%
Industrial Science	0%

**51. Do you live on or off campus?**

On .....	29%
Off .....	70%
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 .....	49%
No .....	44%
I don't know .....	7%

**54. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	17%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	4%
Widowed .....	1%
Single .....	71%
Domestic partnership .....	6%

**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 .....	35%
West .....	25%

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

Democrat .....	42%
Republican .....	22%
Independent .....	25%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	9%

**58. Voter Registration**

Yes .....	80%
No .....	17%
Not sure .....	3%

**59. Ideology**

Very liberal .....	15%
Liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	33%
Conservative .....	14%
Very Conservative .....	8%
DK .....	9%

**60. Interest in news and public affairs**

Most of the time .....	25%
Some of the time .....	38%
Only now and then .....	22%
Hardly at all .....	9%
Don't know .....	6%

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 .....	30%
Somewhat important .....	32%
Not too important .....	16%
Not at all important .....	22%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	22%
Once or twice a month .....	15%
A few times a year .....	14%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	23%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Several times a day .....	18%
Once a day .....	16%
A few times a week .....	14%
Once a week .....	6%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	14%
Never .....	22%
Don't know .....	3%



65. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	25%
Roman Catholic .....	22%
Mormon .....	3%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	2%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	2%
Hindu .....	1%
Atheist .....	7%
Agnostic .....	8%
Nothing in particular .....	20%
Something else .....	5%

66. Age

18-29 .....	78%
30-44 .....	15%
45-64 .....	6%
65+ .....	1%