

FIRE0002 - Treatment 2: Sexual Misconduct

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Sample 742 US College Students (Aged 18+)
Conducted January 28 – February 11, 2018
Margin of Error ±3.8%

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

Full-time	73%
Part-time	27%
I am not enrolled in school	-

2. What type of educational institution are you currently attending?

High school	-
2-year college (community or junior college)	36%
Undergraduate at 4-year college or university	64%
Law School	-
Business School	-
Medical School	-
Other graduate program at a university	-
Trade, vocational, or professional school	-
Other	-
Not attending any educational institution	-

3. Have you ever participated in a campus disciplinary hearing or process, in any way?

Yes	19%
No	76%
I don't know	5%

4. Which role did you take when you participated in the campus disciplinary hearing or process? I was a...

Student accused of a conduct violation	33%
Student advisor, defender, or advocate	14%
Student accusing another student of a conduct violation	12%
Student fact-finder or jury member	10%
Student witness	29%
Other(please specify)	1%

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5. In your opinion, was the campus disciplinary hearing or process fair to everyone involved?

Yes (please specify) 73%
No (please specify) 20%
I don't know (please specify) 7%

6. In your opinion, if a student is accused of breaking a campus rule, how should that student be allowed to defend himself/herself? Check all that apply.

At a disciplinary hearing 66%
At a meeting with administrators 71%
Through a written statement 49%
I think there should be disciplinary hearings at colleges or universities (please specify) 2%
Other (please specify) 2%

7. In your opinion, should a college or university be able to punish students for misconduct that takes place off campus?

Yes 17%
No 26%
It depends 55%
I don't know 2%

8. Should the student accused of [breaking a campus rule | sexual misconduct | underage drinking] be considered innocent by the school's administration until he/she is proven guilty?

Yes 80%
No 11%
I don't know 9%

9. Should the student accused of [breaking a campus rule | sexual misconduct | underage drinking] be given a written explanation describing the details of when and how he/she allegedly broke a rule?

Yes 86%
No 7%
I don't know 7%

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10. When should the student be given the written explanation?

At least one week before the hearing	65%
Any time before the hearing	22%
During the hearing	7%
It doesn't matter when	3%
I don't know	3%

11. Before the disciplinary hearing, should the student *be allowed to look through* all of the evidence that might be used to show that the student [broke a campus rule | engaged in sexual misconduct | drank alcohol]?

Yes	61%
No	27%
I don't know	12%

12. Before the disciplinary hearing, should the student *be allowed to make copies* of all of the evidence that might be used to show that the student [broke a campus rule | engaged in sexual misconduct | drank alcohol]?

Yes	48%
No	38%
I don't know	14%

13. Should the student be allowed to provide additional information or evidence at the hearing about whether he/she [broke a campus rule | engaged in sexual misconduct | drank alcohol], in order to defend himself/herself?

Yes	88%
No	7%
I don't know	5%

14. Should the student be allowed to have an advisor help to defend himself/herself, including at the disciplinary hearing?

Yes	77%
No	13%
I don't know	11%

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15. Should the student's advisor be allowed to speak for the student during the hearing?

Yes	64%
No	26%
I don't know	10%

16. If an advisor may help the student, should a lawyer be allowed to serve as the student's advisor?

Yes	72%
No	14%
I don't know	14%

17. Should the student be allowed to ask questions of witnesses at the hearing (either directly or indirectly through another person)?

Yes	68%
No	18%
I don't know	14%

18. Should the same people who gathered evidence about whether the student [broke a campus rule | engaged in sexual misconduct | drank alcohol] also judge whether that student is guilty?

Yes	26%
No	57%
I don't know	16%

19. If the student accused of [breaking a campus rule | sexual misconduct | underage drinking] feels that a member of the hearing panel is unfairly biased against him/her, should that student be allowed to object to the participation of the hearing panel member?

Yes	69%
No	16%
I don't know	15%

20. If the student is found *not guilty* of sexual misconduct, should the person who made the sexual misconduct complaint be allowed to appeal the not-guilty decision to a higher campus decision-maker?

Yes63%
No 19%
I don't know 18%

21. If the student is found *guilty* of [breaking a campus rule | sexual misconduct | underage drinking], should that student be allowed to appeal the guilty decision to a higher campus decision-maker?

Yes64%
No 21%
I don't know 15%

22. The student is found *guilty* of [breaking a campus rule | sexual misconduct | underage drinking], and may be expelled from school. Before the student is expelled because of the guilty finding, should all of the decision-makers have to agree that expulsion is the correct punishment?

Yes72%
No 18%
I don't know 10%

23. Should a student accused of *breaking a law* be allowed to have a lawyer help to defend himself/herself at a campus disciplinary hearing?

Yes80%
No 12%
I don't know 9%

24. In your opinion, which of the following is the primary purpose of a campus disciplinary hearing?

To provide an educational experience for those involved 13%
To provide justice and protection to students on campus 87%

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25. The questions you just answered were about due process protections available to students involved in disciplinary processes at colleges and universities across America. In your opinion, how important is it that students have these types of due process protections in college?

Very important	71%
Important	27%
Unimportant	1%
Very unimportant	1%

26. Do you consider yourself to be:

Male	45%
Female	55%
Non-binary	1%
Prefer to self-describe (please specify)	0%

27. Do you consider yourself to be:

Heterosexual	81%
Gay	4%
Lesbian	2%
Bisexual	9%
Queer	1%
Prefer to self-describe (please specify)	3%

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

Public	83%
Private	15%
I don't know	2%

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

Yes	41%
No	48%
I don't know	10%

30. What is your current class standing?

First year (Freshman)	26%
Second year (Sophomore)	30%
Third year (Junior)	21%
Fourth year (Senior)	16%
Fifth year (Senior or more)	5%
Graduate or professional student	1%
Other (please specify)	1%

31. What is your major?

Accounting	4%
Administrative Science/Public Administration	1%
Advertising	1%
Agriculture/Horticulture	1%
Anthropology	1%
Architecture	1%
Art History	2%
Aviation/Aeronautics	0%
Biology	4%
Biostatistics	0%
Business Administration	8%
Chemistry	2%
Child/Human/Family Development	2%
Classics	0%
Communications	2%
Communicative Disorders	0%
Computer Science	7%
Criminology/Criminal Justice	4%
Dance	0%
Dentistry	0%
Economics	2%
Education	5%
Educational Administration	0%
Electronics	0%
Engineering	7%
English	2%
Environmental Science/Ecology	1%
Ethnic Studies	0%
Finance	2%
Fine Arts	1%
Food Science/Nutrition/Culinary Arts	0%
Foreign Language	1%
Forestry	-
s/LGBTQ Studies	0%
General Studies/Interdisciplinary	0%
Geography	0%
Geology	0%
Health	3%
History	1%
Human Resources	1%
Human Services	2%

32. What is your major?

Humanities	-
Industrial Science	0%
Information Technology	2%
Journalism	1%
Law Enforcement	1%
Liberal Arts	1%
Library Science	0%
Linguistics	1%
Literature	0%
Management	2%
Marketing	2%
Mathematics	1%
Mechanics/Machine Trade	0%
Medicine	1%
Music	1%
Nursing	4%
Optometry	-
Parks and Recreation	0%
Pharmacy	0%
Philosophy	0%
Physical Education	0%
Physics	1%
Political Science/International Relations	3%
Pre-Law/Law	1%
Psychology	6%
Public Relations	1%
Religion/Theology	0%
Social Sciences	1%
Social Work	1%
Sociology	1%
Special Education	0%
Sports Science/Kinesiology	1%
Statistics	0%
Television/Film	1%
Textiles	-
Theater Arts	0%
Urban and Regional Planning	0%
Veterinary Medicine	1%
Visual Arts/Graphic Design/Design and Drafting	3%
Writing	1%
Undeclared	4%
Other (please specify)	7%

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33. Have you taken a course about any of the following subjects in high school or college? Check all that apply.

United States Government	55%
Political Science	30%
American History	64%
Civil Rights and Liberties	22%
Constitutional Law	19%
None of the above	16%
I don't know	3%

34. Do you live on or off campus?

On	25%
Off	74%
I don't know	1%

35. 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	31%
I don't know	3%

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

Yes	48%
No	45%
I don't know	7%

37. Gender

Male	45%
Female	55%

38. Age

18-21	48%
22-29	30%
30+	22%

39. Race

White	57%
Black	15%
Hispanic	17%
Other	10%

40. Ideology

Very liberal	15%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	15%
Very Conservative	8%
DK	10%

41. 7 point Party ID

Strong Democrat	24%
Not very strong Democrat	18%
Strong Republican	12%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Lean Democrat	10%
Lean Republican	6%
Independent	15%
Not sure	6%
Don't know	0%

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42. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Less than \$10,000	10%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	7%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	13%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	9%
\$40,000 - \$49,999	8%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	7%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	6%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	6%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	7%
\$100,000 - \$119,999	5%
\$120,000 - \$149,999	4%
\$150,000 or more	-
Prefer not to say	12%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	3%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	2%
\$250,000 - \$349,999	1%
\$350,000 - \$499,999	-
\$500,000 or more	1%

43. What is your marital status?

Married	16%
Separated	2%
Divorced	4%
Widowed	0%
Single	72%
Domestic partnership	5%

44. Census Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	20%
South	37%
West	25%