

## FIRE/NORC Campus Encampments Survey: Topline Results

The FIRE/NORC survey was conducted May 17-19, 2024, using NORC's AmeriSpeak® probability-based panel, and sampled 1,309 Americans. The overall margin of error for the survey is +/- 4%.

How much confidence, if any, do you have in U.S. colleges and universities?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A great deal	102	8
Quite a lot	262	20
Some	555	42
Very little	257	20
None at all	132	10
Skipped	1	0

How secure do you think the right to freedom of speech is in America today?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all secure	187	14
Not that secure	351	27
Somewhat secure	484	37
Very secure	228	17
Completely secure	49	4
Don't know	0	0
Skipped	10	1

How secure do you think the right to freedom of speech is on college campuses today?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all secure	233	18
Not that secure	338	26
Somewhat secure	493	38
Very secure	174	13
Completely secure	46	3
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	24	2

How clear is it to you that college administrators protect free speech on their campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	223	17
Not very clear	387	30
Somewhat clear	463	35
Very clear	172	13
Extremely clear	50	4
Don't know	0	0
Skipped	14	1

If a controversy over offensive speech occurred on a college campus, how likely is it that the school's administration would defend the speaker's right to express their views?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	165	13
Not very likely	381	29
Somewhat likely	571	44
Very likely	128	10
Extremely likely	29	2
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	35	3

If a controversy over offensive speech occurred on a college campus, how likely is it that the school's faculty would defend the speaker's right to express their views?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	156	12
Not very likely	367	28
Somewhat likely	568	43
Very likely	146	11
Extremely likely	34	3
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	36	3

How acceptable, if at all, would you say it is for college students to engage in the following protest actions on campus?

Creating a petition.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	66	5
Rarely acceptable	80	6
Sometimes acceptable	371	28
Always acceptable	759	58
Don't know	3	0
Skipped	30	2

Distributing or posting materials anonymously.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	334	26
Rarely acceptable	236	18
Sometimes acceptable	421	32
Always acceptable	281	21
Don't know	5	0
Skipped	31	2

Holding a sign.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	74	6
Rarely acceptable	98	8
Sometimes acceptable	388	30
Always acceptable	716	55
Don't know	3	0
Skipped	30	2

Marching for long distances.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	116	9
Rarely acceptable	144	11
Sometimes acceptable	423	32
Always acceptable	593	45
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	33	3

Burning an American flag

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	886	68
Rarely acceptable	159	12
Sometimes acceptable	123	9
Always acceptable	117	9
Skipped	25	2

Engaging in a hunger strike.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	323	25
Rarely acceptable	253	19
Sometimes acceptable	352	27
Always acceptable	333	25
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	47	4

Using amplified sound.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	238	18
Rarely acceptable	287	22
Sometimes acceptable	619	47
Always acceptable	134	10
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	31	2

Establishing encampments.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	555	42
Rarely acceptable	300	23
Sometimes acceptable	335	26
Always acceptable	89	7
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	28	2
Refused	1	0

Occupying buildings.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	677	52
Rarely acceptable	285	22
Sometimes acceptable	244	19
Always acceptable	73	6
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	29	2

Defacing school property.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never acceptable	1029	79
Rarely acceptable	123	9
Sometimes acceptable	96	7
Always acceptable	40	3
Skipped	20	2

How effective, if at all, are the following student protest actions at getting colleges and universities to stop investing in companies affiliated with Israel?

Creating a petition.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	262	20
Not too effective	242	18
Somewhat effective	494	38
Very effective	188	14
Extremely effective	89	7
Don't know	0	0
Skipped	34	3

Distributing or posting materials anonymously.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	461	35
Not too effective	291	22
Somewhat effective	381	29
Very effective	91	7
Extremely effective	49	4
Don't know	4	0
Skipped	32	2

Holding a sign.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	317	24
Not too effective	283	22
Somewhat effective	488	37
Very effective	116	9
Extremely effective	72	6
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	32	2

Marching for long distances.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	381	29
Not too effective	288	22
Somewhat effective	453	35
Very effective	91	7
Extremely effective	59	4
Don't know	3	0
Skipped	34	3

Burning an American flag

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	948	72
Not too effective	187	14
Somewhat effective	74	6
Very effective	36	3
Extremely effective	24	2
Skipped	40	3

Engaging in a hunger strike.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	589	45
Not too effective	309	24
Somewhat effective	281	21
Very effective	57	4
Extremely effective	35	3
Don't know	4	0
Skipped	33	3

Using amplified sound.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	455	35
Not too effective	301	23
Somewhat effective	394	30
Very effective	80	6
Extremely effective	43	3
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	34	3

Establishing encampments.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	593	45
Not too effective	291	22
Somewhat effective	285	22
Very effective	67	5
Extremely effective	35	3
Don't know	5	0
Skipped	33	2

Occupying buildings.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	679	52
Not too effective	246	19
Somewhat effective	253	19
Very effective	64	5
Extremely effective	33	3
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	33	3

Defacing school property.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all effective	959	73
Not too effective	151	12
Somewhat effective	107	8
Very effective	29	2
Extremely effective	23	2
Skipped	40	3

What impact, if any, have the recent protests on American college campuses had on how much sympathy you have for the Palestinians in Gaza?

Response	Frequency	Percent
The protests have made me sympathize more with the Palestinians.	208	16
The protests have made me sympathize less with the Palestinians.	227	17
The protests have had no impact on my sympathy for the Palestinians.	826	63
Skipped	48	4
Refused	1	0

What consequence, if any, should colleges impose on students participating in campus encampments?

Response	Frequency	Percent
The students should be expelled.	241	18
The students should be suspended.	174	13
The students should be placed on probation.	214	16
The students should be given a written reprimand.	162	12
The students should be required to participate in community service.	174	13
The students should not be disciplined.	299	23
Don't know	1	0
Skipped	43	3