

2025 College Free Speech Rankings

**New England Small  
College Athletic Conference**



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# Executive Summary

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**FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW**, the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), a nonprofit organization committed to defending and sustaining the individual rights of all Americans to free speech and free thought, and College Pulse surveyed college undergraduates about their perceptions and experiences regarding free speech on their campuses.

This year’s survey includes 58,807 student respondents from 257 colleges and universities. Students who were enrolled in four-year degree programs were surveyed via the College Pulse mobile app and web portal from January 25 through June 17, 2024.

The College Free Speech Rankings are available online and are presented in an interactive dashboard ([rankings.thefire.org](https://rankings.thefire.org)) that allows for easy comparison between institutions.

The 11 members of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) were all included in this year’s survey. Key findings include:

- The NESCAC schools obtained an average overall score of 45.78 and an average overall ranking of 140.
- Trinity College (50.51, 92), Hamilton College (50.30, 96), Bowdoin College (50.15, 99), and Colby College (49.01, 110 ) are the best NESCAC schools for free speech. All four schools have “Average” speech climates.
- Amherst College (47.65, 124) and Bates College (45.05, 147) also have “Average” speech climates.
- Connecticut College (CC) is the worst NESCAC school for free speech with an overall score of 38.89 and a ranking of 202. CC is also the only NESCAC school with a “Below Average” speech climate.
- The remaining NESCAC schools — Wesleyan University (44.29, 152), Williams College (43.97, 157), Middlebury College (42.12, 177), and Tufts University (41.60, 182) — all have “Slightly Below Average” speech climates.

# Full Report

IN 2020, FIRE, in collaboration with College Pulse and RealClearEducation, launched a first-of-its-kind tool to help high school students and their parents identify which colleges promote and protect the free exchange of ideas: the College Free Speech Rankings. The response to the rankings report and corresponding online tool was overwhelmingly positive.

This year, FIRE and College Pulse surveyed 257 schools, ranking 251 of them.<sup>1</sup> The eleven NESCAC schools average a score of 45.78 and an average ranking of 140 in the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings. Trinity, Hamilton, Bowdoin, and Colby are among the NESCAC’s top performing schools, with rankings ranging from 92 (Trinity) to 110 (Colby). On the other hand, Middlebury, Tufts, and Connecticut College perform poorly compared to their NESCAC counterparts with rankings ranging from 177 (Middlebury) to 202 (CC).

Each of the eleven schools ranking, overall score, and speech climate rating are presented in the table below.

**TABLE 1** 2025 College Free Speech Rankings: New England Small College Athletic Conference

SCHOOL	RANKING	OVERALL SCORE	SPEECH CLIMATE
Trinity College	92	50.51	Average
Hamilton College	96	50.30	Average
Bowdoin College	99	50.15	Average
Colby College	110	49.01	Average
Amherst College	124	47.65	Average
Bates College	147	45.05	Average
Wesleyan University	152	44.29	Slightly Below Average
Williams College	157	43.97	Slightly Below Average
Middlebury College	177	42.12	Slightly Below Average
Tufts University	182	41.60	Slightly Below Average
Connecticut College	202	38.89	Below Average

<sup>1</sup> Six of the schools surveyed received a “Warning” rating from FIRE for their speech policies. An overall score was calculated separately for these schools, comparing them only to each other.

Below are more specific findings from each NESCAC school. The quotations at the top of each report are taken from responses to an open-ended question from the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings survey that asked students who indicated they had self-censored “occasionally” or more on campus to “share a moment when you personally felt you could not express your opinion on your campus.”

## TRINITY COLLEGE

*“When there was a political issue on campus, i felt as though i couldn’t express how i truly felt due to the way the school had responded to the situation. I did not agree with their response.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Trinity ranks:

- In the top 20 on “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (19).
- In the top 100 on “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (82).
- In the top 150 on “Self-Censorship” (104), “Mean Tolerance” (104), “Openness” (114), and “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (143).
- Poorly on “Disruptive Conduct” (173), “Administrative Support” (175), and “Tolerance Difference” (184).

Trinity’s score would have been higher if it had not removed two flags, a Gadsden flag and an American flag featuring red, blue, and green lines — colors of support for rescue personnel, police, and members of the military, respectively — hanging from the dorm room window of two students. This sanction was seemingly a selective enforcement of a rule against flags based on the viewpoint those flags suggested. While other students with flags were told to remove their flags, only the flags of these two students were taken down by the university.

Trinity’s score is also hurt by its “yellow light” speech policies. If Trinity had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 12 in this year’s College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 65.51.

104 students were surveyed at Trinity, roughly 4% of the student body.

### Survey Results

A majority of Trinity students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing their views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space, such as the quad (60%) and during an in-class discussion (56%). Trinity students are less comfortable expressing their views on a controversial political topic directly to their professors. About half of Trinity students (49%) are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable disagreeing with a professor on a controversial political topic in a written assignment, and 42% are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable publicly disagreeing with a professor on a controversial political topic. A little over a third of Trinity students (36%) are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing an unpopular political opinion to fellow students on a social media account tied to their name.

Despite being less comfortable disagreeing with their professors, whether publicly or privately, Trinity students report self-censoring less in conversations with faculty than in conversations with other students. About a quarter of Trinity students (24%) say they self-censor “very” or “fairly” often — at least a couple of times a week — whereas 13% say they do this in conversations with their professors. At the same time, 27% of Trinity students say they hide their political beliefs from their professors to try to get a better grade.

Trinity students appear to be confused about their administration’s stance on free speech. Roughly the same percentage of Trinity students say that it is “not at all” or “not very” clear that their administration protects free speech on campus or that the administration’s stance is “extremely” or “very” clear (32% and 31%, respectively). The remaining 37% say the administration’s stance is “somewhat” clear. Furthermore, about a quarter of Trinity students (24%) say it is “not at all” or “not very” likely that their administration would defend a speaker’s rights during a controversy over offensive speech; 23% say it is “extremely” or “very” likely their administration would do so. The remaining 53% say it is “somewhat” likely that their administration would defend a speaker’s rights during a controversy over offensive speech.

Some of this sentiment is likely due to Trinity maintaining five yellow light speech policies, which contain vague wording that can too easily be used to restrict protected expression. The lingering result of Trinity’s decision to remove two flags hanging from the dorm room window of two students, while telling other students to remove flags hanging from their dorm windows themselves, might also be contributing to this sentiment.

## HAMILTON COLLEGE

*“In intro psych we talked about echo chambers and how they are dangerous because of how they radicalize right wing people. It was not discussed how the left could possibly do the same. There was an assumption that all students agree the right is evil and wrong and the left is always correct.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Hamilton ranks:

- In the top 20 on “Self-Censorship” (15).
- In the top 50 on “Openness” (40) and in the top 100 on “Disruptive Conduct” (89).
- In the top 150 on “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (106) and “Administrative Support” (137).
- Poorly on “Mean Tolerance” (196), “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (202), “Tolerance Difference” (213), and “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (220).

Hamilton continues to incur a penalty for a 2021 incident in which a student organization, the Rosary Club, sent a campus-wide email just after its founding welcoming interested students to an event and introducing itself. In its explanation, the group stated that it was pro-life. The head of the chaplaincy on campus then sent the group an email telling it to share all communications and events with the chaplaincy “so there is agreement on how the Catholic community is being portrayed.” This penalty has almost completely decayed and will not impact Hamilton’s score or ranking next year.

Hamilton's score is also negatively affected by its "yellow light" speech policies. If Hamilton had "green light" speech policies, it would rank 12 in this year's College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 65.30.

106 students were surveyed at Hamilton, roughly 5% of the student body.

## Survey Results

Hamilton students, compared to students nationally, report slightly lower levels of self-censorship:<sup>2</sup>

- About one-fifth of Hamilton students (21%) say they self-censor "very" or "fairly" often in conversations with other students compared to 24% of students nationally.
- About one-fifth of Hamilton students (19%) also say they self-censor "very" or "fairly" often in conversations with their professors compared to 25% of students nationally.
- About a quarter of Hamilton students (24%) say they self-censor "very" or "fairly" often during classroom discussions compared to 26% of students nationally.

Additionally, 12% of Hamilton students report hiding their political beliefs from their professors to try to get a better grade "very" or "fairly" often.

To assess speaker tolerance, students were asked the following question:

*Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who has previously expressed the following idea?*

Students were then presented with six different speakers who had previously expressed a controversial idea (three liberal, three conservative) in random order.

The percentage of Hamilton students who say they would "probably" or "definitely" allow each of the three controversial liberal speakers on campus ranged from 39% ("The police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan") to 69% ("Children should be able to transition without parental consent").

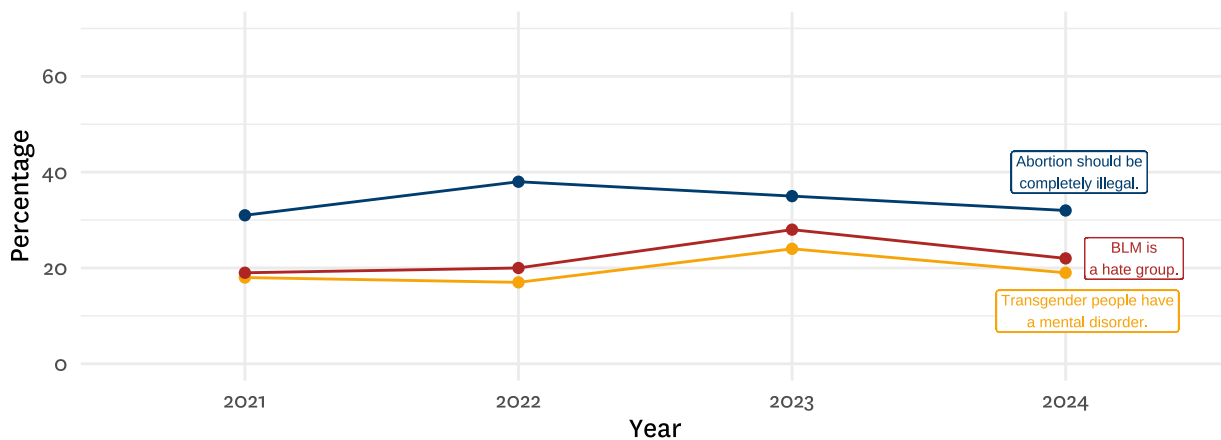
The percentage of Hamilton students who say they would "probably" or "definitely" allow each of the three controversial conservative speakers on campus ranged from 19% ("Transgender people have a mental disorder") to 32% ("Abortion should be completely illegal").

Tolerance for all three speakers declined this year compared to last year. Tolerance for the speakers who say "Transgender people have a mental disorder" or "Black Lives Matter is a hate group" declined to roughly the same levels they were at in 2022.

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<sup>2</sup> This question was asked for the first time this year and is not a part of the "Self-Censorship" component.

**FIGURE 1** Hamilton Students Who Support Allowing Each Controversial Speaker on Campus (%)



This favoritism toward allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus compared to conservative ones might be due to the ideological makeup of the student body. Of the Hamilton students surveyed, 70% identified as liberal and just 7% identified as conservative — all of whom identified as either “slightly” or “somewhat” conservative — for a liberal to conservative student ratio of 10:1. Another 18% of students identified as moderate.

Additionally, this year’s survey asked about two speakers relevant to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, though responses did not affect rankings. At Hamilton, 65% oppose bringing to campus a speaker who has said “Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security” compared to 60% of students nationally. In contrast, only 28% oppose someone who said “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” roughly the same as the 29% of students who oppose this speaker nationally.

Finally, the only context in which a majority of Hamilton students (52%) say they feel “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing views on a controversial political topic is when disagreeing with a professor on a written assignment. Otherwise:

- 46% say they feel “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing their views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as the quad.
- 45% say they feel “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing their views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.
- 36% say they feel “very” or “somewhat” comfortable publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.
- 32% say they feel “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing an unpopular political opinion to their fellow students on a social media account tied to their name.

Another 24% of Hamilton students say that they have felt that they could not express their opinion on a subject “very” or “fairly” often because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond.



## BOWDOIN COLLEGE

*“[The] Israel/Palestine debate. The campus is overwhelmingly pro Palestine and although I don’t want to promote genocide, as a Jewish person I feel really defensive about the dialogue not becoming anti-Semitic, which it has in part.”*

*“I am very worried about voicing pro-Palestine sentiments given the nationwide crackdown on SJP chapters and pro-Palestine speech.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Bowdoin ranks:

- In the top 50 on “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (39).
- In the top 100 on “Openness” (60), and “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (85).
- In the top 150 on “Mean Tolerance” (121), “Disruptive Conduct” (130), “Administrative Support” (148), and “Self-Censorship,” (148).
- Poorly on “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (196) and “Tolerance Difference” (224).

Bowdoin’s score is negatively impacted by its “yellow light” speech policies. If Bowdoin had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 13 in this year’s College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 65.15. FIRE has not recorded any speech controversies at Bowdoin that negatively impact its ranking.

A total of 102 students were surveyed at Bowdoin, roughly 5% of the student body.

### Survey Results

Three-quarters of Bowdoin students say that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a difficult topic to have an open and honest conversation about on campus. This is considerably higher than the 54% of students nationally who say this and the 26% of Bowdoin students who said this last year. Prior to 2023, 47% of Bowdoin students identified the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as difficult to discuss in 2022, and 41% did so in 2021.

The only other topics identified by at least a third of Bowdoin students as difficult to discuss on campus are affirmative action (37%), the presidential election (37%), racial inequality (35%), and economic inequality (34%).

Bowdoin students heavily favor allowing a pro-Palestinian speaker on campus over allowing a pro-Israeli one. At Bowdoin, 61% oppose bringing to campus a speaker who said “Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.” In contrast, only 16% oppose someone who said “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.”

When it came to the other controversial speakers, the percentage of Bowdoin students who say they would “probably” or “definitely” allow each of the three controversial liberal speakers on campus ranged from 55% (“The police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan”) to 63% (“Children should be able to transition without parental consent”). In contrast, the percentage of Hamilton students who say they would “probably” or “definitely” allow each of the three controversial conservative speakers on campus

ranged from 24% (“Transgender people have a mental disorder” and “Black Lives Matter is a hate group”) to 31% (“Abortion should be completely illegal”).

This favoritism toward allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus, compared to conservative ones, may be due to the ideological makeup of the student body. Of the Bowdoin students surveyed, 76% identified as liberal and 17% identified as conservative, for a liberal to conservative student ratio of 4:1. Just 5% of students identified as moderate.

## COLBY COLLEGE

*“I would be scared to express my opinion about Israel, Palestine, and Iran. Not necessarily because of professors and administration, but because I know some of my friends have different opinions and would judge me. I value those friendships more than my opinion on this geopolitical issue, so I choose not to say anything.”*

*“I feel that I cannot speak openly about the Israel/Palestine conflict or admit that I am not entirely sure what my opinion is. Students feel so strongly about it that I am scared to be labeled as something bad.”*

*“I feel like I can not speak about my pro-Palestine beliefs in the Israel Palestinian conflict because many Jewish students have automatically labelled people who support Palestine as anti-semitic.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Colby ranks:

- In the top 50 on “Disruptive Conduct” (28) and “Self-Censorship” (44).
- In the top 100 on “Tolerance of Liberal Speakers” (61).
- In the top 150 on “Mean Tolerance” (125) and “Openness” (130).
- Poorly on “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (180), “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (189), “Tolerance Difference” (211), and “Administrative Support” (229).

Colby’s score is negatively impacted by its “yellow light” speech policies. If Colby had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 16 in this year’s College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 64.01. FIRE has not recorded any speech controversies at Colby that would negatively impact its ranking.

114 students were surveyed at Colby, roughly 5% of the student body.

## Survey Results

Roughly two-fifths of Colby students (39%) say that it is “not at all” or “not very” clear that their administration protects free speech on campus; 22% say it is “extremely” or “very” clear that the administration does so. About the same percentage of Colby students (42%) say it is “not at all” or “not very” likely that their administration would defend a speaker’s rights during a controversy over offensive speech; 21% say it “extremely” or “very” likely the administration would do so.

Like Bowdoin’s students, an overwhelming majority of Colby students (70%) identified the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as a topic difficult to discuss openly and honestly on campus. Colby students also heavily favored allowing a pro-Palestinian speaker on campus over allowing a pro-Israeli one. At Colby, 61% oppose bringing to campus a speaker who said “Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.” In contrast, only 25% oppose someone who said “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.”

Colby performs well on “Disruptive Conduct” relative to its NESCAC counterparts and other ranked schools:

- 55% of Colby students say that it is “never” acceptable for college students to block other students from attending a campus speech compared to 45% of students at other NESCAC schools and 48% of students nationally.
- 75% of Colby students say that it is “never” acceptable for college students to use violence to stop a campus speech compared to 69% of students at other NESCAC schools and 68% of students nationally.

Additionally, 30% of Colby students say that college students shouting down a speaker is never acceptable compared to 27% of students at other NESCAC schools and 32% of students nationally.

Last year, 53% of Colby students said it was “never” acceptable to block other students from entering a campus event, so this year’s findings represent an improvement. At the same time, the percentage of Colby students who say that using violence to stop a campus speech or that shouting down a speaker is “never” acceptable both decreased compared to last year, when 82% of Colby students said the use of violence was “never” acceptable and 35% of students said it was “never” acceptable to shout down a speaker.

Colby students also report self-censoring less often than students attending their NESCAC counterparts or students nationally in conversations with other students or with professors. Roughly one-fifth of Colby students (19%) say they self-censor “very” or “fairly” often when talking with other students compared to 24% of students at other NESCAC schools and 24% of students nationally. Further, 13% of Colby students say they self-censor “very” or “fairly” often when talking with their professors compared to 19% of students at other NESCAC schools and 25% of students nationally.

However, 29% of Colby students say they self-censor “very” or “fairly” often during classroom discussions compared to 23% of students at other NESCAC schools and 26% of students nationally.

## AMHERST COLLEGE

*“Last semester, Bret Stephens came to talk. While I disagree with him on a lot of issues, I was upset that student groups were encouraging students to boycott. I care about free speech and having a diversity of well-respected, controversial opinions on campus. However, the majority consensus was that Bret Stephens was a horrible person, and that anyone who humored him was tainted.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Amherst ranks:

- In the top 20 on “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (20) and in the top 50 on “Mean Tolerance” (29).
- In the top 100 on “Disruptive Conduct” (75) and “Openness” (99).
- In the top 150 on “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (120) and “Self-Censorship” (144).
- Poorly on “Administrative Support” (207), “Tolerance Difference” (214), and “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (240).

Amherst’s score is negatively impacted by its “yellow light” speech policies. If Amherst had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 20 in this year’s College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 62.65. FIRE has not recorded any speech controversies at Amherst that would negatively impact its ranking.

173 students were surveyed at Amherst, roughly 9% of the student body.

### Survey Results

Half of Amherst students (51%) are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing their views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a lounge. This is the only context in which a majority of Amherst students say they feel comfortable expressing their views on a controversial topic. In contrast:

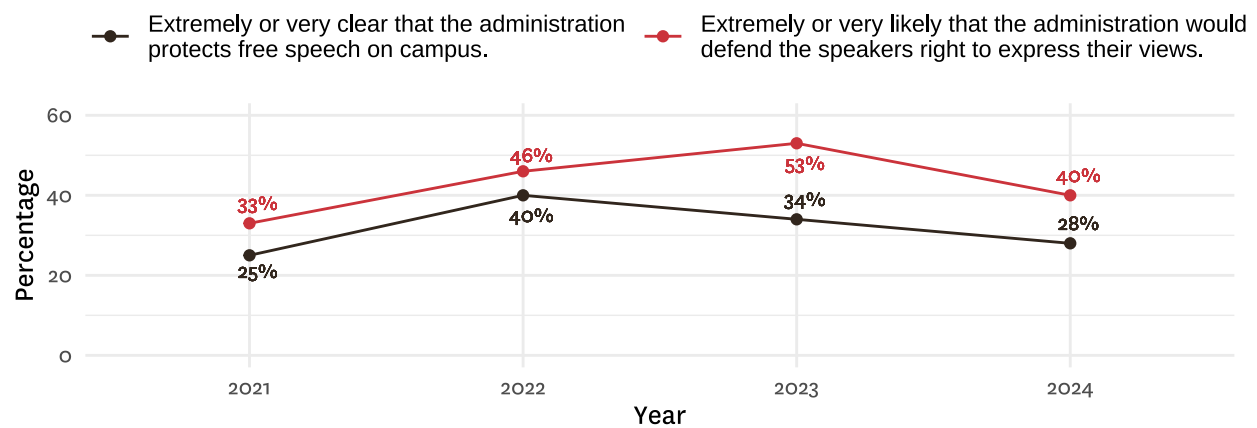
- 43% of Amherst students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable disagreeing with a professor on a controversial political topic in a written assignment.
- 35% of Amherst students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable publicly disagreeing with a professor on a controversial political topic.
- 34% of Amherst students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing their views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.
- 19% of Amherst students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing an unpopular political opinion to their fellow students on a social media account tied to their name.

Additionally, one-third of Amherst students say they “very” or “fairly” often feel that they cannot express their opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond, similar to the previous two years when 34% of students felt this way.

About 1 in 3 Amherst students (28%) say it is “not at all” or “not very” clear that their administration protects free speech on campus, roughly the same as the 29% of students who say it is “extremely” or “very” clear that the administration does protect free speech on campus. This represents an improvement for Amherst since 2022, when 40% of students said it was “not at all” or “not very” clear that their administration protects free speech on campus.

Two-fifths of Amherst students say that it is “not at all” or “not very” likely that their administration will protect a speaker’s right during a controversy over offensive speech; half that (20%) say it is “extremely” or “very” likely the administration would do so. This also represents an improvement for Amherst. Last year over half of survey respondents (53%) said it was “not at all” or “not very” likely that their administration would protect a speaker’s right during a controversy over offensive speech, while 15% said it was “extremely” or “very” likely the administration would do so.<sup>3</sup>

**FIGURE 2** Amherst Student Perceptions of the Administration

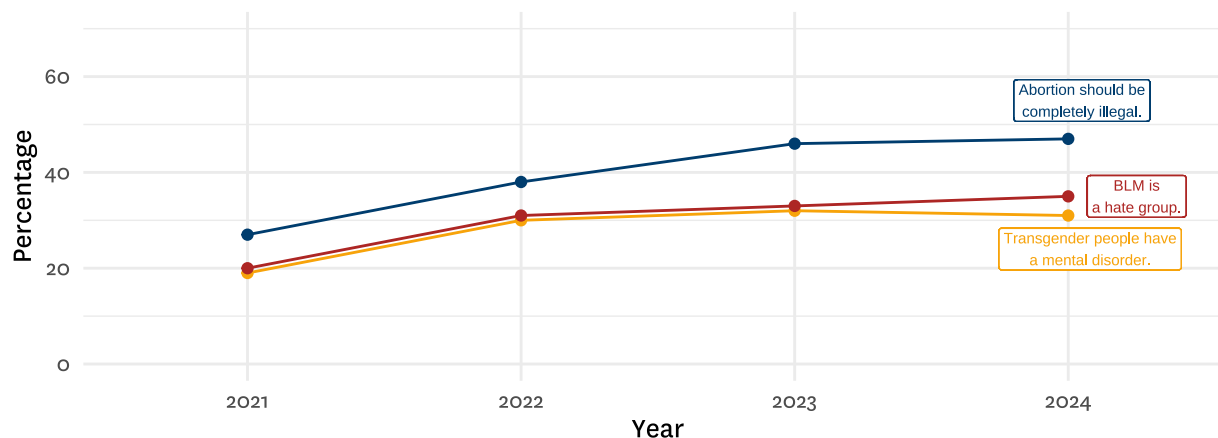


The percentage of Amherst students who say they would “probably” or “definitely” allow each of the three controversial liberal speakers on campus ranged from 58% (“The police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan”) to 70% (“Children should be able to transition without parental consent”). In contrast, the percentage of Amherst students who say they would “probably” or “definitely” allow each of the three controversial conservative speakers on campus ranged from 31% (“Transgender people have a mental disorder”) to 47% (“Abortion should be completely illegal”). This strong bias in favor of allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus over controversial conservative ones explains Amherst’s poor performance on the “Tolerance Difference” component.

At the same time, Amherst students’ tolerance for the three controversial conservative speakers has increased considerably since 2021.

<sup>3</sup> In 2021, the response options for the question, “How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?” were: Not at all clear; Slightly clear; Moderately clear; Very clear; Extremely clear. The 25% figure for 2021 in the graph reflects the sum of “not at all” and “slightly” clear.

**FIGURE 3** Amherst Students Who Support Allowing Each Controversial Speaker on Campus (%)



## BATES COLLEGE

*“Students on campus are very pro-Palestine. Expressing any deviation of the complete destruction of the state of Israel would be controversial.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Bates ranks:

- In the top 20 on “Self-Censorship” (7).
- In the top 50 on “Openness” (24) and “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (39).
- In the top 150 on “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (145).
- Poorly on “Disruptive Conduct” (213), “Administrative Support” (216), “Tolerance Difference” (233), “Mean Tolerance” (243), and “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (244).

Bates’s score is negatively impacted by its “red light” speech policies. If Bates had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 13 in this year’s College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 65.04.

105 students were surveyed at Bates, roughly 6% of the student body.

## Survey Results

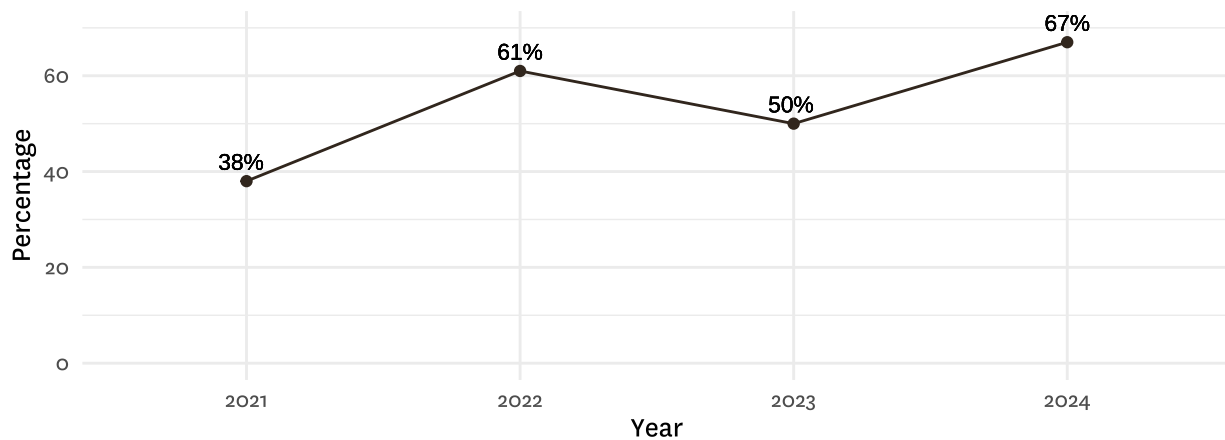
Less than 1 in 5 Bates students report self-censoring “very” or “fairly” often in all three contexts asked about:

- 17% of Bates students self-censor “very” or “fairly” often in conversations with other students and during classroom discussions.
- 14% of Bates students self-censor “very” or “fairly” often in conversations with their professors.

Additionally, roughly 1 in 10 Bates students say they “very” or “fairly” often feel that they could not express their opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond (9%), or that they hide their political beliefs from professors to try to get a better grade (8%).

Over the past four years, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consistently been a difficult topic for Bates students to discuss on campus. However, the two-thirds of Bates students who say this now is a record high. Almost 2 in 5 Bates students (36%) say affirmative action is difficult to discuss on campus, the only other topic asked about that was identified by at least one-third of Bates as a difficult one to discuss.

**FIGURE 4** Percentage of Bates Students Who Identify the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict as Difficult to Discuss on Campus

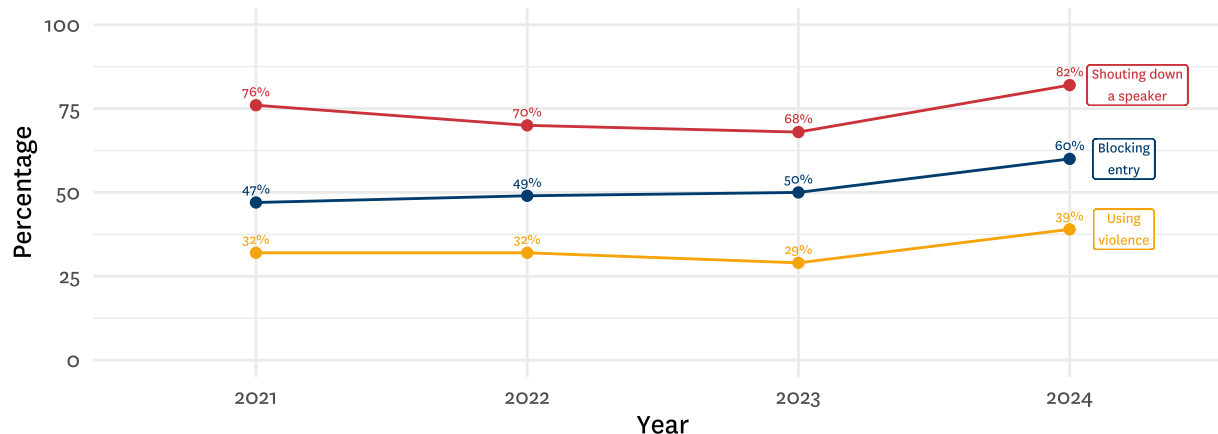


Bates’s performance on the “Self-Censorship,” “Openness,” and “Comfort Expressing Ideas” components suggests that most students are comfortable expressing themselves to their peers and their professors, inside the classroom and outside of it. However, the ratio of liberal to conservative students on campus is 14:1, suggesting that this “open and comfortable” expression climate may exist because of the ideological homogeneity among the student body. This conclusion is reinforced when one considers that Bates ranks poorly on “Mean Tolerance,” “Tolerance Difference,” and “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers.”

Roughly 1 in 10 Bates students (11%) say it is “very” likely their administration would defend a speaker’s rights during a controversy over offensive speech, and not a single Bates student said this was “extremely” likely. In contrast, almost half of Bates students (44%) say it is “not at all” or “not very” likely that their administration would defend a speaker’s rights during a controversy.

Support for disruptive, illiberal protest tactics increased considerably compared to last year, with roughly 8 in 10 Bates students (82%) saying shouting down a speaker is at least “rarely” acceptable; 3 in 5 say it is at least “rarely” acceptable for students to block other students from attending a campus event; and roughly 2 in 5 (39%) say that students using violence to stop a speech is at least “rarely” acceptable. Each of these percentages represents a record-high for Bates.

**FIGURE 5** Bates Students Who Say Disruptive Conduct Is at Least Rarely Acceptable (%)



## WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

*“In class, people very often feel their view is the only correct view and will challenge anyone who does not have their view”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Wesleyan ranks:

- In the top 20 on “Openness” (17).
- In the top 100 on “Administrative Support” (57), “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (64), and “Self-Censorship” (84).
- In the top 150 on “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (134) and “Disruptive Conduct” (141).
- Poorly on “Mean Tolerance” (159), “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (215), and “Tolerance Difference” (225).

Wesleyan’s score would have been higher had it not expelled an unnamed student in 2020 for social media posts involving racial slurs, a decision that was reversed after administrators discovered “new information... which called into question the accuracy of the original information.” That same year, Nicole Adabunu, another student, lost her job as House Manager of Open House after she was charged with “online harassment” over allegedly offensive pressure tactics in her efforts to collect donations for low-income students of color from wealthier white students.

Wesleyan’s score is also negatively impacted by its “yellow light” speech policies. If Wesleyan had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 28 in this year’s College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 59.29.

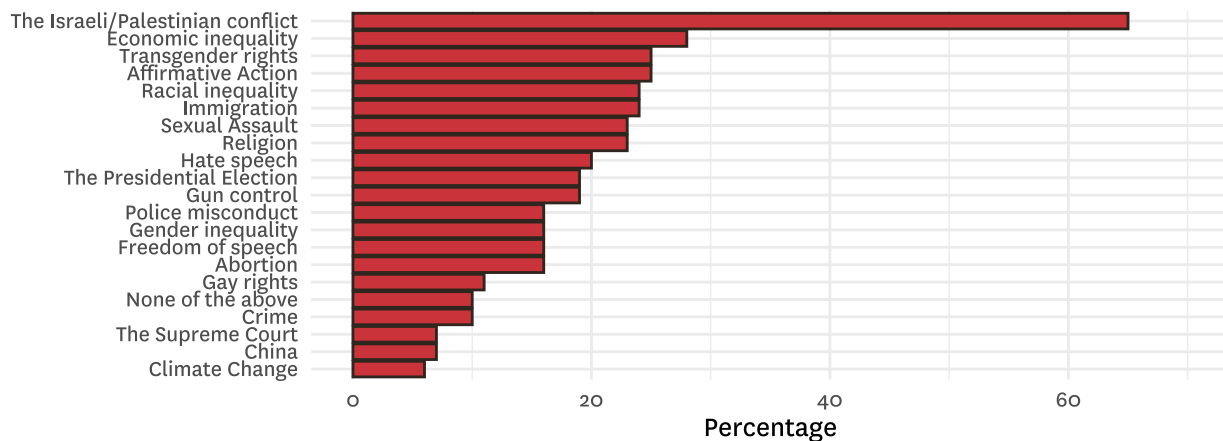
126 students were surveyed at Wesleyan, roughly 4% of the student body.



## Survey Results

As with many of the schools ranked this year, more than half of Wesleyan students (65%) say that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is difficult to discuss on campus. However, most Wesleyan students do not report difficulty discussing any of the other topics asked about.

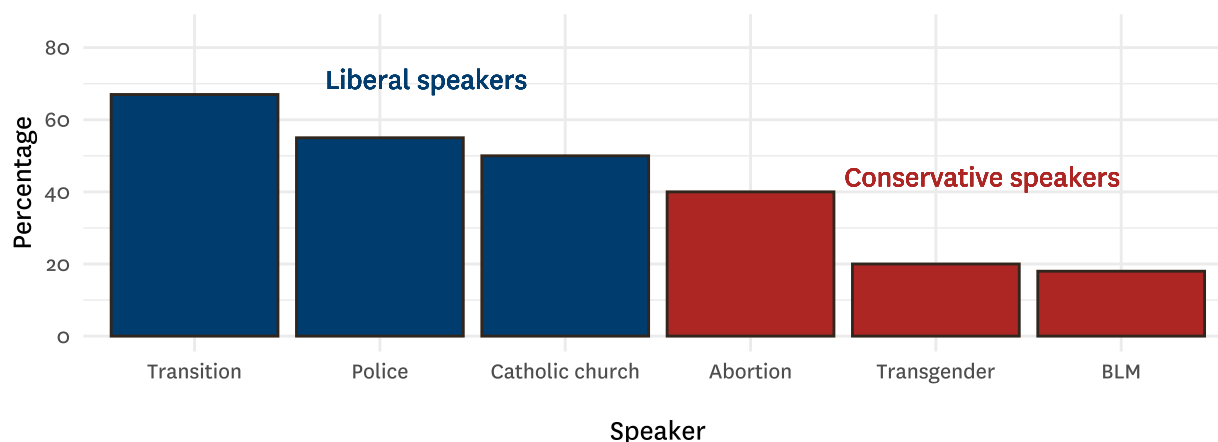
**FIGURE 6** Wesleyan Students Who Find These Topics Difficult to Talk About (%)



Additionally, roughly one fifth of Wesleyan students say they self-censor “very” or “fairly” often in conversations with their professors (20%) or during classroom discussions (19%) compared to 25% and 26% of students nationally, respectively.

However, Wesleyan’s performance on the “Openness” and “Self-Censorship” components of the rankings masks a campus climate that strongly favors liberal viewpoints over conservative ones. Like Amherst and Bowdoin, at least half of Wesleyan students say they would “probably” or “definitely” allow each of the three controversial liberal speakers on campus, while a majority of Wesleyan students also say they would not allow each of the three controversial conservative speakers on campus. This strong bias in favor of allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus over controversial conservative ones explains Wesleyan’s poor performance on most of the political tolerance components of the College Free Speech Rankings. The student body’s liberal:conservative ratio of 6:1 likely contributes to this bias.

**FIGURE 7** Wesleyan Students Who Support Allowing Each Controversial Speaker on Campus (%)



Wesleyan’s President Michael Roth is often an active participant in discussion and debate over the state of free speech on campus across the country, and in those contributions he consistently emphasizes the value of free speech to a college or university’s culture. This past spring, after Wesleyan students set up an encampment to protest Israel’s military actions in Gaza and demanded Wesleyan divest from companies that profit from business in Israel, Roth addressed the campus community:

*This morning you can find pro-Palestinian protesters camped out behind North College. The students there know that they are in violation of [university rules](#) and seem willing to accept the consequences. The protest has been non-violent and has not disrupted normal campus operations. As long as it continues in this way, the University will not attempt to clear the encampment. The University will not tolerate intimidation or harassment of students, staff, or faculty. Protesters assure us that they have no intention of engaging in these kinds of actions. We will continue to monitor the situation to keep everyone safe and will send updates as necessary.*

*There will be many on campus who cheer on the protesters, and many who are offended or even frightened by their rallies and messages. But as long as we all reject violence, we have opportunities to listen and to learn from one another. This may not happen during the chanting and drumming, but it can happen during some of the planned discussion sessions and deep conversations that will take place throughout the week.*

*This is a challenging time in world affairs and in the lives of many—including college students—concerned about their own relation to the brutal war in the Middle East. May we at Wesleyan find ways to learn from this difficult moment—determining what it is we can do to serve the goal of a sustainable peace—even as we finish out this academic year.*

Roughly 2 in 5 Wesleyan students say it is “extremely” or “very” clear their administration protects free speech on campus, and another 36% say it is “somewhat” clear. Only 1 in 5 say it is “not at all” or “not very” clear.

The handling of the encampment protests also appears to have somewhat improved how Wesleyan students perceive their administration's defense of free speech on campus — even though President Roth made it clear the encampment was not protected speech and that it would only be allowed to continue provided it did not disrupt the functioning of the university and remained non-violent.

Before the encampment began, 43% of Wesleyan students said it was “extremely” or “very” clear their administration protects free speech on campus, 39% said it was “somewhat” clear,” and about a fifth (18%) said it was “not at all” or “not very” clear. After the encampment began, these percentages were 44%, 32%, and 24% respectively.

Additionally, before the encampment began, roughly a quarter of Wesleyan students (26%) said that it was “extremely” or “very” likely that their administration would protect a speaker's right during a controversy over offensive speech, 51% said it was “somewhat” clear, and about a quarter (23%) said it was “not at all” or “not very” clear. After the encampment began, 39% of Wesleyan students said it was “very” likely the administration would protect speech rights during a controversy, 35% said it was “somewhat” likely, and roughly a quarter said it was “not at all” or “not very” clear (26%).

## WILLIAMS COLLEGE

*“In general, I am paranoid of being overheard and misunderstood when I speak my opinion. I am worried people will frame me as a specific type of person if I were to disagree with them.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Williams ranks:

In the top 20 on “Openness” (16) and in the top 50 on “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (33).

- In the top 100 on “Self-Censorship” (79).
- In the top 150 on “Mean Tolerance” (109) and “Disruptive Conduct” (149).
- Poorly on “Administrative Support” (188), “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (193), “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (217), and “Tolerance Difference” (227).

Williams's score would have been higher if student protesters affiliated with Students for Justice in Palestine had not disrupted a discussion between Aaron David Miller and Stephen Walt which also featured Galen Jackson as the moderator, forcing the event to conclude early.

Williams's score is also negatively impacted by its “yellow light” speech policies. If Williams had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 29 in this year's College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 58.97.

102 students were surveyed at Williams, roughly 5% of the student body.

## Survey Results

Less than half of Williams students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing their views on controversial political topics in each of the five contexts asked about: public disagreeing with a professor, privately disagreeing with a professor, in the classroom, on campus, and on social media.

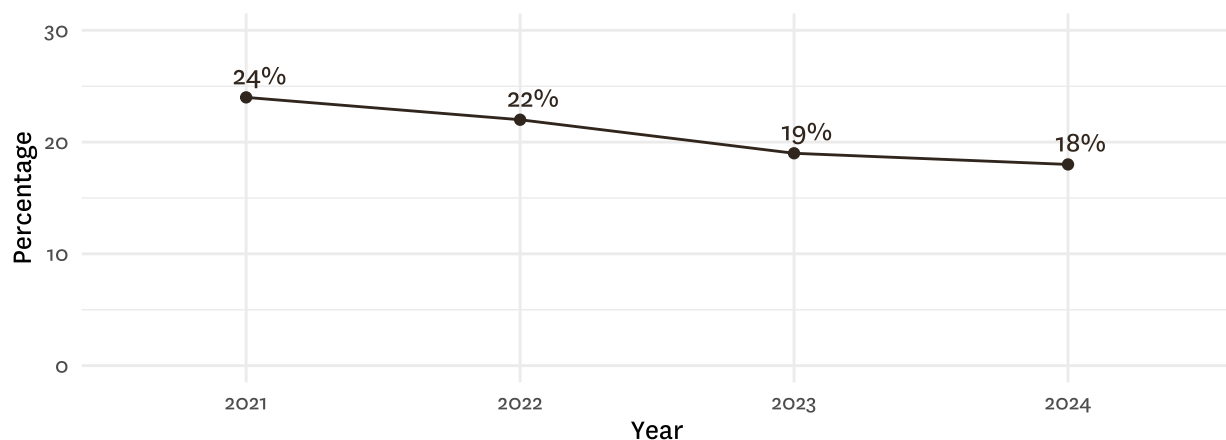
Williams students are more comfortable expressing disagreement with their professors compared to the other contexts asked about. About half (48%) are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable publicly disagreeing with a professor on a controversial political topic or in a written assignment (46%). In contrast:

- More than a third of Williams students (37%) are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing controversial political views during an in-class discussion.
- About two-fifths of Williams students (39%) are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing controversial political views to other students during a discussion in a common campus space like the dining hall.
- Almost one-fifth of Williams students (18%) are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing an unpopular political opinion to their fellow students on a social media account tied to their name.

Less than a third of Williams students self-censor “very” or “fairly” often in conversations with their professors (28%) and during classroom discussions (27%), and one-fifth self-censor “very” or “fairly” often during conversations with other students on campus.

On a positive note, the percentage of Williams students who say that they “very” or “fairly” often have felt that they could not express their opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond has consistently declined over the past four years.

**FIGURE 8** Williams Students Who “Very” or “Fairly” Often Censor (%)



Roughly three-fifths of Williams students (59%) say the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a difficult topic to have an open and honest conversation about on campus, up from 44% last year. No other topic was identified as difficult to discuss by more than a third of Williams students. This is an improvement over last year, when more than a third of students identified affirmative action (40%), economic inequality (41%), racial inequality (38%), and sexual assault (38%) as difficult to discuss.

Williams students favor allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus over controversial conservative ones. Over half of Williams students say that all three of the controversial liberal speakers asked about should “definitely” or “probably” be allowed on campus, including roughly two-thirds (68%) who say this about someone who said “Children should be able to transition without parental consent.” In contrast, one-fifth of Williams students say that someone who said “Transgender people have a mental disorder” (19%) or someone who said “Black Lives Matter is a hate group” (21%) should “definitely” or “probably” be allowed on campus. Just over a third (36%) say this about someone who said “Abortion should be completely illegal.”

The liberal:conservative ratio among the Williams student body is 3:1, and, as evidenced by the rank of 227 on “Tolerance Difference,” the students possess an ideological bias that favors the expression of liberal ideas and discourages the expression of conservative ones. This helps explain how the college ranks very well on “Openness” and reasonably well on “Self-Censorship,” and has seen the frequency of “Self-Censorship” decline year over year, but still has a mediocre ranking overall.

## MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

*“In lots of liberal arts classes here there is a feeling that free speech is welcome only when it is incredibly far left driven.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Middlebury ranks:

- In the top 20 on “Self-Censorship” (3), “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (6), and “Openness” (11), and in the top 50 on “Mean Tolerance” (22).
- In the top 100 on “Administrative Support” (40) and “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (84).
- In the top 150 on “Disruptive Conduct” (124).
- Poorly on “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (171) and “Tolerance Difference” (241).

Middlebury’s score would have been higher if, in 2021, it had not repeatedly denied Professor Oz Aloni’s request to have a Chabad club recognized on campus despite the club meeting all of the requirements to form a student organization.

Two incidents in the past year also negatively impact Middlebury’s score and ranking. Following the October 7 attack on Israel, the administration allegedly interfered in the planning process of a vigil to mourn those killed in the attack. First, the administration suggested changes to the wording of the promotional materials that would shift focus of the event from Israel and the Jewish people specifically to “all the innocent lives lost” both in “Israel and Gaza.” The administration then directed the Jewish student group organizing the vigil not to display the Israeli flag during the event.

This past spring, Middlebury administrators denied recognition to the Jewish student group Chabad in part because there was already one organization on campus that supposedly offered similar programming, despite there being multiple groups from other faiths on campus.

Middlebury’s score is also negatively impacted by its “red light” speech policies. If Middlebury had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 21 in this year’s College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 62.12.

106 students were surveyed at Middlebury, roughly 4% of the student body.

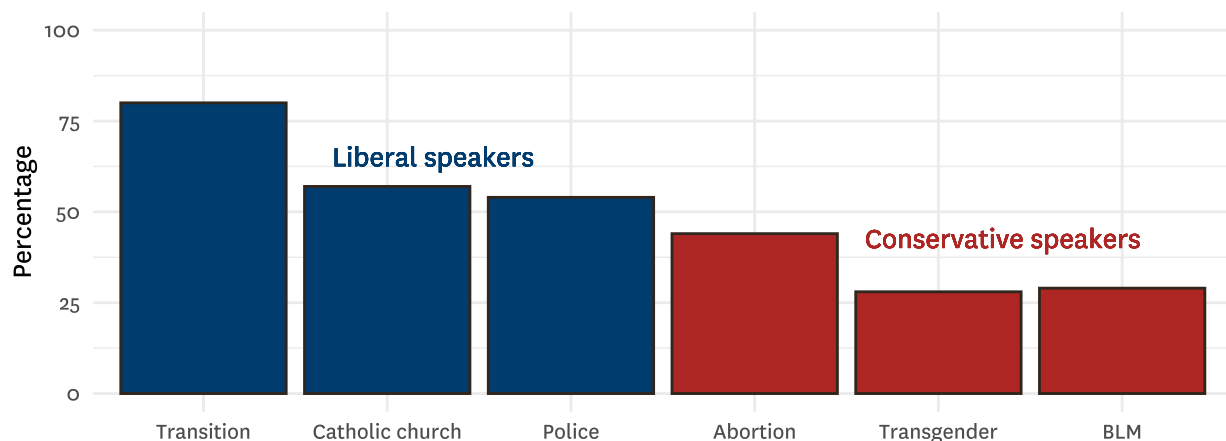
## Survey Results

Middlebury is a more extreme version of Wesleyan. It has exceptional rankings on “Self-Censorship,” “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers,” “Openness,” and “Mean Tolerance.” Middlebury also performs fairly well on “Administrative Support” and “Comfort Expressing Ideas.” All of this suggests that the expression climate on campus is open to debating different perspectives on controversial topics.

However, when one considers that Middlebury performs poorly on “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” and “Tolerance Difference,” as well its liberal:conservative ratio of 8:1 among the student body, then the idea of an open expression climate on Middlebury’s campus may be somewhat illusory.

At least half of Middlebury students say they would “probably” or “definitely” allow each of the three controversial liberal speakers on campus, while a majority of Middlebury students also say they would not allow each of the three controversial conservative speakers on campus.

**FIGURE 9** Middlebury Students Who Support Allowing Each Controversial Speaker on Campus (%)



This strong bias in favor of allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus over controversial conservative ones explains Middlebury’s poor performance on the “Tolerance Difference” component and its mediocre ranking overall.

## TUFTS UNIVERSITY

*“I just heard about a crowd of students who watched as some government body of students at our college made a policy that benefited Palestine. There were some people who protested against it as Israeli supporters, and I don’t remember exactly what I was told, but they were shouted over, silenced, and exiled from the gathering. Their voices were silenced and were not given equal platform as the Palestine protesters. I was afraid I would similarly be shut up or judged with hostility if I were to ask to learn more about who was right in the Palestine-Israel conflict.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Tufts ranks:

- In the top 50 on “Openness” (35) and “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (47).
- In the top 100 on “Self-Censorship” (72) and “Mean Tolerance” (90).
- In the top 150 on “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (128) and “Disruptive Conduct” (148).
- Poorly on “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (158), “Tolerance Difference” (207), and “Administrative Support” (224).

Two recent attempted disruptions of speaking events on campus negatively impact Tufts’s score and ranking. Both of these incidents occurred before Hamas’ October 7 attack on Israel.

In February 2023, student protesters interrupted an event featuring Sarah Mandel sponsored by two student groups, Tufts Friends of Israel and Tufts J-Street U, in which Mandel, an Israeli, and Khalil Sayegh, a Palestinian, were discussing how to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Shortly after the event began, masked protesters interrupted with loud music and chanting. After several minutes, and before police could arrive, the disruptors left.

Then, in September 2023, hecklers continuously interrupted an event organized by the campus chapter of the Federalist Society, featuring Gregory Fried and Stephen Sachs. Some of the hecklers used a sound machine that made it difficult for the audience to hear the speakers. Protesters objected that the panel on the topic of abortion consisted of two white men. The campus police were called but the two officers, who arrived at different times, were ignored by protesters who continued to disrupt the speakers. The police remained in the room until the event concluded.

Tufts’s score is also negatively impacted by its “red light” speech policies. If Tufts had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 21 in this year’s College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 61.60.

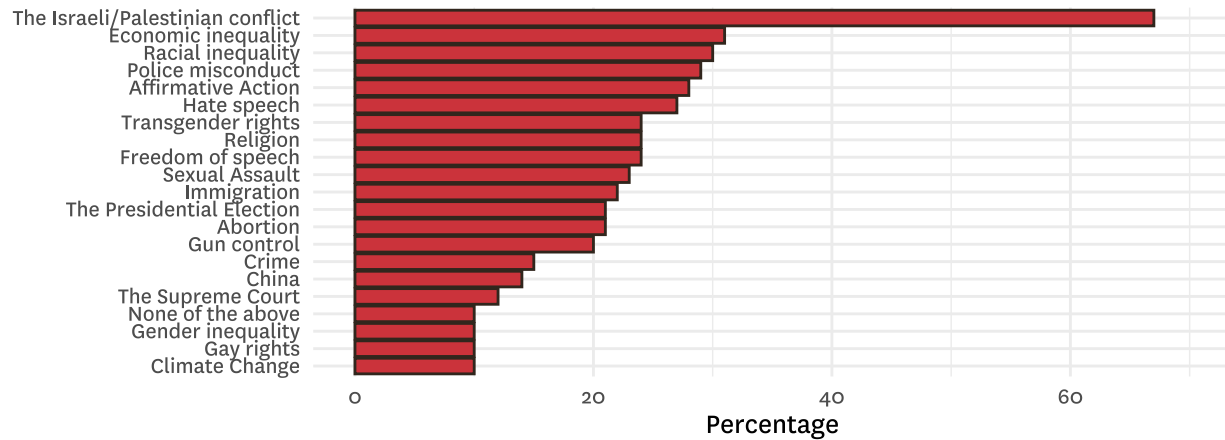
A total of 373 students were surveyed at Tufts, roughly 6% of the student body.

### Survey Results

The attempted disruption of the event featuring Sarah Mandel and Khalil Sayegh indicates that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was already a source of contention on Tufts’s campus. The events of the past year have exacerbated that. Two-thirds of Tufts students say the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is difficult to

discuss on campus. This percentage is more than double that of Tufts students who identify economic inequality (31%), the next most identified topic, as difficult to discuss on campus.

**FIGURE 10** Tufts Students Who Find These Topics Difficult to Talk About (%)



Almost half of Tufts students say it “not at all” or “not very” likely that their administration would defend a speaker’s rights during a controversy over offensive speech, while just 20% say it is “extremely” or “very” likely the administration would do so. Another one-third of students say it is “not at all” or “not very” clear that their administration protects free speech on campus, although 30% of students say it is “extremely” or “very” clear that the administration does so.

Tufts students also mirror students nationally when asked about the acceptability of students using illiberal protest tactics to stop a campus speech:

- 71% of Tufts students say that students shouting down a speaker on campus is at least “rarely” acceptable compared to 68% of students nationally.
- 53% of Tufts students say that students blocking other students from attending a campus event is at least “rarely” acceptable compared to 52% of students nationally.
- 33% of Tufts say that students using violence to stop a campus speech is at least “rarely” acceptable compared to 32% of students nationally.



## CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

*“With mostly fear of students and being cancelled, sharing any political opinion would end in being scrutinized if it didn’t fall within the liberal democratic views.”*

*“We had an issue last year where the student body decided to oust our president. I did not agree with the reasoning behind it, but if I were to express my rationale, other students likely would have socially isolated me or worse.”*

When it comes to student perceptions, Connecticut College (CC) ranks:

- In the top 150 on “Disruptive Conduct” (145).
- Poorly on every other construct: “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” (163), “Self-Censorship” (166), “Administrative Support” (168), “Openness” (173), “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (192), “Tolerance Difference” (229), “Mean Tolerance” (244), and “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” (245).

CC’s score is also negatively impacted by its “red light” speech policies. If CC had “green light” speech policies, it would rank 29 in this year’s College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 58.89.

125 students were surveyed at CC, roughly 7% of the student body.

### Survey Results

Connecticut College does poorly on almost every component of the College Free Speech Rankings. CC’s best performance is on “Disruptive Conduct” and it still finishes in the bottom half of schools. CC’s students mirror students nationally:

- 72% of CC students say that students shouting down a speaker on campus is at least “rarely” acceptable compared to 68% of students nationally.
- 54% of CC students say that students blocking other students from attending a campus event is at least “rarely” acceptable compared to 52% of students nationally.

CC students accept violence slightly more than students nationally — 27% of CC students say students using violence to stop a campus speech is at least “rarely” acceptable compared to 32% of students nationally.

CC students report low levels of comfort expressing their views on controversial political topics in all of the contexts asked about:

- Almost half of CC students (47%) are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing their views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.
- 44% of CC students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing disagreement with one of their professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

- 43% of CC students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing their views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as the quad.
- 37% of CC students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable publicly expressing disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.
- 31% of CC students are “very” or “somewhat” comfortable expressing an unpopular political opinion to their fellow students on a social media account tied to their name.

Unlike most of their NESCAC counterparts, CC students are not very tolerant of controversial liberal speakers. Roughly 3 in 5 (62%) would “definitely” or “probably” allow a speaker on campus who said “Children should be able to transition without parental consent.” Only about 2 in 5 would “definitely” or “probably” allow the other two liberal speakers on campus — one who said “The Catholic Church is a pedophilic institution,” (42%) and one who said “The police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan” (39%).

CC students also did not have much tolerance for allowing controversial conservative speakers on campus. The percentage of CC students who said they would “probably” or “definitely” allow each of the three controversial conservative speakers on campus ranged from 16% (“Transgender people have a mental disorder”) to 22% (“Abortion should be completely illegal”).

# Methodology

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**THE COLLEGE FREE SPEECH RANKINGS SURVEY** was developed by FIRE and administered by College Pulse. No donors to the project took part in designing or conducting the survey. The survey was fielded from January 25 through June 17, 2024. These data come from a sample of 58,807 undergraduates who were then enrolled full-time in four-year degree programs at one of a list of 258 colleges and universities in the United States. The margin of error for the U.S. undergraduate population is +/- 0.4 of a percentage point, and the margin of error for college student sub-demographics ranges from 2-5 percentage points.

The initial sample was drawn from College Pulse's American College Student Panel™, which includes more than 850,000 verified undergraduate students and recent alumni from schools within a range of more than 1,500 two- and four-year colleges and universities in all 50 states. Panel members were recruited by a number of methods to help ensure student diversity in the panel population. These methods include web advertising, permission-based email campaigns, and partnerships with university-affiliated organizations. To ensure the panel reflects the diverse backgrounds and experiences of the American college population, College Pulse recruited panelists from a wide variety of institutions. The panel includes students attending large public universities, small private colleges, online universities, historically Black colleges such as Howard University, women's colleges such as Smith College, and religiously-affiliated colleges such as Brigham Young University.

College Pulse uses a two-stage validation process to ensure that all its surveys include only students currently enrolled in two-year or four-year colleges or universities. Students are required to provide an ".edu" email address to join the panel and, for this survey, had to acknowledge that they are currently enrolled full-time in a four-year degree program. All invitations to complete surveys were sent using the student's ".edu" email address or through a notification in the College Pulse app, available on iOS and Android platforms.

College Pulse applies a post-stratification adjustment based on demographic distributions from multiple data sources, including the Current Population Survey (CPS), the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). The "weight" rebalances the sample based on a number of important benchmark attributes, such as race, gender, class year, voter registration status, and financial aid status. The sample weighting is accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IPF) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables to produce a representative sample of four year undergraduate students in the United States.

This year College Pulse introduced a similar post-stratification adjustment based on demographic distributions from multiple data sources, including the Current Population Survey (CPS), the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). The "school universe weight" rebalances the sample based on a number of important benchmark attributes, such as race, gender, class year, voter registration status, and financial aid status. The sample weighting is accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IPF) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables to produce a representative sample of four year undergraduate students from the 257 colleges and universities surveyed.

College Pulse also applies a post-stratification adjustment based on demographic distributions from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). This “school weight” rebalances the sample from each individual school surveyed based on a number of important benchmark attributes, such as race, gender, class year, voter registration status, and financial aid status. The sample weighting is accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IPF) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables to produce a representative sample of students at each individual school.

All weights are trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results and to ensure over-sampled population groups do not completely lose their voice.

The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations. Even with these adjustments, surveys may be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects.

For further information, please see: <https://collegepulse.com/methodology>.

## FREE SPEECH RANKINGS

The College Free Speech Rankings are based on a composite score of 14 components, seven of which assess student perceptions of different aspects of the speech climate on their campus. The other seven assess behavior by administrators, faculty, and students regarding free expression on campus. Higher scores indicate a better campus climate for free speech and expression.

### Student Perceptions

The student perception components include:

- **Comfort Expressing Ideas:** Students were asked how comfortable they feel expressing their views on controversial topics in five different campus settings (e.g., “in class,” or “in the dining hall”). Options ranged from “very uncomfortable” to “very comfortable.” Responses were coded so that higher scores indicate greater comfort expressing ideas. The maximum number of points is 20.
- **Self-Censorship:** Students were provided with a definition of self-censorship and then asked how often they self-censored in three different settings on campus (e.g., “in a classroom discussion”). Responses were coded so that higher scores indicate self-censoring less often. The maximum number of points is 15.<sup>4</sup>
- **Tolerance for Liberal Speakers:** Students were asked whether three speakers espousing views potentially offensive to conservatives (e.g., “The police are just as racist as the Klu[sic] Klux Klan.”) should be allowed on campus, regardless of whether they personally agree with the speaker’s message. Options ranged from “definitely should not allow this speaker” to “definitely

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<sup>4</sup> The self-censorship component was introduced this year and is a composite score of responses to the three questions that are presented after self-censorship is defined. In previous years other questions were used to measure self-censorship and they were factored into the “Comfort Expressing Ideas” component.

should allow this speaker” and were coded so that higher scores indicate more tolerance of the speaker (i.e., more support for allowing the speaker on campus). The maximum number of points is 12.

- **Tolerance for Conservative Speakers:** Students were also asked whether three speakers espousing views potentially offensive to liberals (e.g., “Black Lives Matter is a hate group”) should be allowed on campus, regardless of whether they personally agree with the speaker’s message. Scoring was performed in the same manner as it was for the “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” subcomponent, and the maximum number of points is 12.
- **Disruptive Conduct:** Students were asked how acceptable it is to engage in different methods of protest against a campus speaker, including “shouting down a speaker or trying to prevent them from speaking on campus,” “blocking other students from attending a campus speech,” and “using violence to stop a campus speech.” Options ranged from “always acceptable” to “never acceptable” and were coded so that higher scores indicate less acceptance of disruptive conduct. The maximum number of points is 12.
- **Administrative Support:** Students were asked how clear it is their administration protects free speech on campus and how likely the administration would be to defend a speaker’s right to express their views if a controversy over speech occurred on campus. For the administrative clarity question, options range from “not at all clear” to “extremely clear,” and for the administrative controversy question, options range from “not at all likely” to “extremely likely.” Options were coded so that higher scores indicate greater clarity and a greater likelihood of defending a speaker’s rights. The maximum number of points is 10.
- **Openness:** Finally, students were asked which of 20 issues (e.g., “abortion,” “freedom of speech,” “gun control,” and “racial inequality”), if any, are difficult to have open conversations about on campus. Responses were coded so that higher scores indicate fewer issues being selected. The maximum number of points is 20.

Two additional constructs, “Mean Tolerance” and “Tolerance Difference,” were computed from the “Tolerance for Liberal/Conservative Speaker” components. “Tolerance Difference” was calculated by subtracting “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” from “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” and then taking the absolute value (so that a bias in favor of either side would be treated the same).

## Campus Behavioral Metrics

Schools received bonus points — described in more detail below — for unequivocally supporting free expression in response to speech controversies by taking the following actions indicative of a positive campus climate for free speech:

- Supporting free expression during a deplatforming campaign, as recorded in FIRE’s Campus Deplatforming database.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> A full list of all the deplatforming incidents that impacted the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings is available here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ish8y1M4GFv5FQzyx6lLZqHj10Oa1YQJOYvozCqAzE8/edit?gid=1964386004#gid=1964386004>. The full Campus Deplatforming database is available on FIRE’s website at <https://www.thefire.org/research-learn/campus-deplatforming-database>.

- Supporting a scholar whose speech rights were threatened during a free speech controversy, as recorded in FIRE's Scholars Under Fire database.<sup>6</sup>
- Supporting students and student groups, as recorded in the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings behavioral metrics documentation that is available online.<sup>7</sup>

Schools were penalized — described in more detail below — for taking the following actions indicative of poor campus climate for free speech:

- Successfully deplatforming a speaker, as recorded in FIRE's Campus Deplatforming database.
- Sanctioning a scholar (e.g., placing under investigation, suspending, or terminating a scholar), as recorded in FIRE's Scholars Under Fire database.
- Sanctioning a student or student groups, as recorded in the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings behavioral metrics documentation that is available online.

To be included in this year's rankings, an incident that resulted in a bonus or penalty had to have been recorded by June 15, 2024, and had to have been fully assessed by FIRE's research staff, who determined whether the incident warranted inclusion.

In response to the encampment protests, FIRE and College Pulse reopened the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings survey on any campus with an encampment. This allowed us to collect survey data from students while the encampments were taking place.<sup>8</sup> That means that this year's College Free Speech Rankings provide a treasure trove of data on the evolving state of free expression at American colleges and universities.

FIRE's Spotlight ratings — our ratings of the written policies governing student speech at nearly 500 institutions of higher education in the United States — also factored into each school's overall score. Three substantive ratings are possible: “red light,” “yellow light,” and “green light.” A “red light” rating indicates that the institution has at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech. A “yellow light” rating indicates that an institution maintains at least one policy that places a clear restriction on a more limited amount of protected expression, or one that, by virtue of vague wording, could too easily be used to restrict protected expression. A “green light” rating indicates that an institution maintains no policies that seriously threaten speech, although this rating does not indicate whether a college actively supports free expression.<sup>9</sup>

6 A full list of all the scholar sanction attempts that impacted the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings is available here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i5h8y1M4GFv5FQzyx6LLZqHj1oOa1YQJOYvozCqAzE8/edit?gid=1204583933#gid=1204583933>. The full Scholars Under Fire database is available on FIRE's website at <https://www.thefire.org/research-learn/scholars-under-fire>.

7 All data reported in this section reflect the Students Under Fire database as of June 15, 2024. A full list of all the student sanction attempts that impacted the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings is available here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i5h8y1M4GFv5FQzyx6LLZqHj1oOa1YQJOYvozCqAzE8/edit?gid=472255842#gid=472255842>. The full Students Under Fire database is currently internal to FIRE but will be released in full in early 2025.

8 Schools were not penalized for how they handled the encampment protests. As this report demonstrates, the impact of the encampment protests on the campus speech climate is captured by responses to survey questions that ask students about their confidence in that their college administration protects speech rights on campus; their comfort expressing controversial political views; and, their frequency of self-censorship. Deplatformings that occurred during the encampment protests were also still included in the calculation of the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings.

9 See: Using FIRE's Spotlight Database. Available online: <https://www.thefire.org/research-learn/using-fires-spotlight-database>.

Finally, a fourth rating, “Warning,” is assigned to a private college or university when its policies clearly and consistently state that it prioritizes other values over a commitment to free speech. “Warning” schools, therefore, were not ranked, and their overall scores are presented separately in this report.<sup>10</sup>

For this year’s rankings, the cutoff date for assessing a school’s speech code policies was June 15, 2024. Any changes to a school’s Spotlight rating that occurred since then will be reflected in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings.

## Overall Score

To create an overall score for each college, we first summed the following student subcomponents: “Comfort Expressing Ideas,” “Self-Censorship,” “Mean Tolerance,” “Disruptive Conduct,” “Administrative Support,” and “Openness.” Then, we subtracted the “Tolerance Difference.” By including the “Mean Tolerance” (as opposed to including “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers” and “Tolerance for Conservative Speakers” separately) and subtracting the “Tolerance Difference,” the score accounted for the possibility that ideologically homogeneous student bodies may result in a campus that *appears* to have a strong culture of free expression but is actually hostile to the views of an ideological minority — whose views students may almost never encounter on campus.

Then, to further account for the speech climate on an individual campus, we incorporated behavioral components. A school earned two bonus points each time it unequivocally defended free expression during a campus speech controversy — a rating of “High Honors” for its public response to a speech controversy. For instance, when the student government at Arizona State University opposed a registered student group’s invitation to Mohammed el-Kurd to speak on campus, and other members of the campus community petitioned the university to disinvite el-Kurd, a university spokesperson responded:

*The university is committed to a safe environment where the free exchange of ideas can take place . . . As a public university, ASU adheres to the First Amendment and strives to ensure the fullest degree of intellectual freedom and free expression. All individuals and groups on campus have the right to express their opinions, whatever those opinions may be, as long as they do not violate the student code of conduct, student organization policies, and do not infringe on another student’s individual rights.*

el-Kurd spoke successfully on campus, and we awarded ASU two bonus points.

A school earned one bonus point for responding to a speech controversy by making a public statement that strongly defends the First Amendment but is not as full-throated a defense as a “High Honors” statement. These statements received the rating of “Honors.” For instance, at New York University, NYU Law Students for Palestine and Jewish Law Students for a Free Palestine called for the cancellation of an event featuring Robert Howse and Michal Cotler-Wunsh, because Cotler-Wunsh supports the occupation of Palestine. The event was co-sponsored by a student group, NYU’s Jewish Law Students Association, as well as the president’s office and the Bronfman Center for Jewish Life. NYU did not cancel the event, and protesters interrupted Cotler-Wunsh several times during his remarks before voluntarily leaving, allowing the event to resume and conclude successfully. The dean of the law school said the following in response:

<sup>10</sup> The Spotlight Database is available on FIRE’s website: <https://www.thefire.org/resources/spotlight/>.



*The principles of free speech and inquiry are complemented by debate, challenge and protest . . . While dissent may be vigorous, it must not interfere with the speaker’s ability to communicate — which is exactly why, should those interrupters not have left on their own accord, they would be subject to discipline.*

We awarded one point for this response, which occurred in 2024, then we set this bonus to decrease by one-quarter of a point for each year that passes.

We also applied penalties when a school sanctioned a scholar, student, or student group, or deplatformed a speaker.

A school lost up to five points each time it sanctioned (e.g., investigated, suspended, or terminated) a scholar. When the sanction did not result in termination the school received a penalty of one point, which we set to decrease by one-quarter of a point each year: This meant penalizing a school a full point for sanctioning a scholar in 2024, three-quarters of a point for sanctioning a scholar in 2023, half a point for sanctioning a scholar in 2022, and one-quarter of a point for sanctioning a scholar in 2021. However, if the administration terminated the scholar, we subtracted three points, and if that scholar was tenured, we subtracted five points. We applied full penalties for termination for four years, then set them to decline by one-quarter of a point each year. So, a penalty for termination that occurred in 2020 has just now started to decay.

A school lost up to three points for sanctioning students or student groups. When the sanction did not result in expulsion, the revocation of acceptance, the denial or revoking of recognition, suspension, or termination of a student’s campus employment (e.g, as a resident assistant) the school received a penalty of one point. Like with scholar sanctions that did not result in termination, we set these penalties to decrease by one-quarter of a point each year. If a school suspended a student or terminated their campus employment, we penalized it two points. We also set these penalties to decrease by one-quarter of a point each year. However, if a school denied or revoked a student group’s recognition, expelled a student, or revoked their acceptance, it was penalized three points. We applied these penalties in full for four years, and then set them to decline by one-quarter of a point each year.

Regarding deplatforming attempts, a school was penalized one point if an invited speaker withdrew because of the controversy caused by their upcoming appearance on campus or if an event was postponed in response to a controversy. We set this penalty to decrease by a quarter of a point each year. Schools where an attempted disruption occurred received a penalty of two points. We applied this penalty for four years, then set it to decrease by one-quarter of a point each year. Schools with deplatforming attempts that resulted in event cancellations, preemptive rejections of speakers, removal of artwork on display, the revocation of a speaker’s invitation, or a substantial event disruption were penalized three points. We applied these penalties in full for four years, then set them to decline by one-quarter of a point each year.

After we applied bonuses and penalties, we standardized each school’s score by group — “Warning” schools and other schools — making the average score in each group 50.00 and the standard deviation 10.00. Following standardization, we added one standard deviation to the final score of colleges who received a “green light” rating for their speech codes. We also subtracted half a standard deviation from the final score of colleges that received a “yellow light” rating, one standard deviation from the final score of schools that received a “red light” rating, and two standard deviations from schools that received a “Warning” rating.

$$\text{Overall Score} = (50 + (Z_{\text{Raw Overall Score}})(10)) + \text{FIRE Rating}$$



# Topline Results for Trinity College

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	8	8
Not very clear	25	24
Somewhat clear	38	37
Very clear	29	28
Extremely clear	3	3

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	6	6
Not very likely	19	18
Somewhat likely	55	53
Very likely	21	20
Extremely likely	3	3

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]  
Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	17	16
Somewhat uncomfortable	45	43
Somewhat comfortable	33	32
Very comfortable	10	10

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	11	11
Somewhat uncomfortable	41	40
Somewhat comfortable	32	31
Very comfortable	19	18

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	12	12
Somewhat uncomfortable	34	32
Somewhat comfortable	38	37
Very comfortable	20	19

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	11	10
Somewhat uncomfortable	31	30
Somewhat comfortable	29	28
Very comfortable	33	32

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	35	34
Somewhat uncomfortable	31	30
Somewhat comfortable	23	22
Very comfortable	14	14

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	13
Rarely	31	30
Occasionally, once or twice a month	33	32
Fairly often, a couple times a week	24	23
Very often, nearly every day	2	2

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	13
Rarely	28	27
Occasionally, once or twice a month	38	36
Fairly often, a couple times a week	23	23
Very often, nearly every day	1	1

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	11	11
Rarely	26	25
Occasionally, once or twice a month	54	52
Fairly often, a couple times a week	11	10
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	9	9
Rarely	26	25
Occasionally, once or twice a month	41	40
Fairly often, a couple times a week	25	24
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	7	6
Sometimes acceptable	26	25
Rarely acceptable	45	44
Never acceptable	26	25

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	7	7
Sometimes acceptable	19	19
Rarely acceptable	31	30
Never acceptable	47	45

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	5	4
Sometimes acceptable	18	17
Rarely acceptable	11	11
Never acceptable	70	68

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	43	41
Probably should not allow this speaker	22	21
Probably should allow this speaker	24	23
Definitely should allow this speaker	15	14

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	38	37
Probably should not allow this speaker	30	29
Probably should allow this speaker	18	18
Definitely should allow this speaker	17	17

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	40	38
Probably should not allow this speaker	33	32
Probably should allow this speaker	11	11
Definitely should allow this speaker	20	19

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	18	18
Probably should not allow this speaker	27	26
Probably should allow this speaker	31	30
Definitely should allow this speaker	28	27

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	23	22
Probably should not allow this speaker	31	30
Probably should allow this speaker	29	28
Definitely should allow this speaker	21	20

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	17	17
Probably should not allow this speaker	24	23
Probably should allow this speaker	40	38
Definitely should allow this speaker	23	22

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	24	23
Probably should not allow this speaker	32	31
Probably should allow this speaker	26	25
Definitely should allow this speaker	21	21

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	15	14
Probably should not allow this speaker	20	19
Probably should allow this speaker	29	28
Definitely should allow this speaker	40	39

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	65	63
Yes	39	37

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	68	66
Yes	36	34

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	99	95
Yes	5	5

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	86	82
Yes	18	18

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	86
Yes	14	14

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	73	70
Yes	31	30

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	77
Yes	24	23

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	75	72
Yes	29	28

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	85	81
Yes	19	19

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	76	73
Yes	28	27

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	71
Yes	30	29

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	77
Yes	24	23

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	32	31
Yes	72	69

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	71	68
Yes	33	32

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	75	72
Yes	29	28

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	69	67
Yes	35	33

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	81	78
Yes	23	22

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	72
Yes	30	28

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	77
Yes	24	23

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	60	58
Yes	44	42

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	95	91
Yes	9	9

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	43	41
Yes	61	59

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	39	37
Yes	65	63

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	39	37
Yes	65	63



## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	42	41
Yes	62	59

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	45	43
Yes	59	57

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	49	47
Yes	55	53

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	45	44
Yes	59	56

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	49	47
Yes	55	53

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	46	44
Yes	58	56

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	55	53
Yes	49	47

## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	55	53
Yes	49	47

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	47	45
Yes	57	55

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	60	57
Yes	44	43

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	51	49
Yes	53	51

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	55	53
Yes	49	47

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	66	63
Yes	38	37

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	57	54
Yes	47	46

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	56	54
Yes	48	46

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	94	90
Yes	10	10

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	30	29
Rarely	13	13
Occasionally	33	32
Fairly often, a couple times a week	19	19
Very often, nearly every day	8	8

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	8	8
No	96	92

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	16	15
About right	55	53
Too harsh	33	32

How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	27	26
Rarely	38	37
Occasionally	28	27
Fairly often, a couple times a week	8	7
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	25	24
Palestinians	30	28
Both equally	26	25
Neither	6	6
Don't know	17	16

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	16	15
Hamas	43	41
Both equally	10	10
Don't know	35	34

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	39	38
Less than once a year	18	18
Once or twice a year	20	19
Several times a year	12	11
Once a month	0	0
2-3 times a month	4	3
About weekly	7	7
Weekly	3	3

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	104	100

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	104	100	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	5
Less than half the time	5	5	26
About half the time	5	5	29
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	2	12
Always	5	5	28

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	6	6	28
Less than half the time	6	6	28
About half the time	9	8	42
Most of the time, nearly every day	0	0	2

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	2	1	8
Less than half the time	8	7	40
About half the time	7	6	35
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	3	16

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	15	14	47
Less than half the time	10	10	34
About half the time	6	6	19

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	5
Less than half the time	8	8	53
About half the time	3	2	17
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	3	24
Always	0	0	2

# Topline Results for Hamilton College

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	1	1
Not very clear	12	12
Somewhat clear	62	59
Very clear	26	25
Extremely clear	4	4

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	6	5
Not very likely	27	25
Somewhat likely	53	51
Very likely	16	15
Extremely likely	4	4

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]

Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	36	34
Somewhat uncomfortable	32	30
Somewhat comfortable	29	27
Very comfortable	9	9

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	25	24
Somewhat uncomfortable	26	25
Somewhat comfortable	40	38
Very comfortable	14	14

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	25	24
Somewhat uncomfortable	33	31
Somewhat comfortable	39	37
Very comfortable	9	8

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	17	16
Somewhat uncomfortable	40	38
Somewhat comfortable	37	35
Very comfortable	12	11

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	42	39
Somewhat uncomfortable	30	28
Somewhat comfortable	29	27
Very comfortable	5	5

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	12	11
Rarely	46	44
Occasionally, once or twice a month	23	22
Fairly often, a couple times a week	23	22
Very often, nearly every day	2	2

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	16	15
Rarely	39	37
Occasionally, once or twice a month	28	27
Fairly often, a couple times a week	19	18
Very often, nearly every day	3	3



How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	15	14
Rarely	44	42
Occasionally, once or twice a month	26	25
Fairly often, a couple times a week	20	19
Very often, nearly every day	0	0

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	11	10
Rarely	46	44
Occasionally, once or twice a month	24	22
Fairly often, a couple times a week	23	22
Very often, nearly every day	2	2

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	3	3
Sometimes acceptable	31	29
Rarely acceptable	42	40
Never acceptable	30	28

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	6	5
Sometimes acceptable	17	16
Rarely acceptable	35	33
Never acceptable	48	45

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	1	1
Sometimes acceptable	1	1
Rarely acceptable	34	32
Never acceptable	69	65

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	56	53
Probably should not allow this speaker	29	28
Probably should allow this speaker	12	11
Definitely should allow this speaker	9	8

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	27	25
Probably should not allow this speaker	45	42
Probably should allow this speaker	24	23
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	9

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	52	49
Probably should not allow this speaker	30	28
Probably should allow this speaker	15	14
Definitely should allow this speaker	9	8

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	15	14
Probably should not allow this speaker	37	35
Probably should allow this speaker	40	38
Definitely should allow this speaker	14	13

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	18	17
Probably should not allow this speaker	47	45
Probably should allow this speaker	29	28
Definitely should allow this speaker	11	11

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	8	7
Probably should not allow this speaker	26	24
Probably should allow this speaker	55	52
Definitely should allow this speaker	18	17

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	24	23
Probably should not allow this speaker	45	43
Probably should allow this speaker	26	25
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	10

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	6	6
Probably should not allow this speaker	24	22
Probably should allow this speaker	57	54
Definitely should allow this speaker	19	18

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	76
Yes	26	24

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	79	75
Yes	26	25

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	91	86
Yes	15	14

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	94	89
Yes	12	11

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	87	82
Yes	19	18

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	78	74
Yes	27	26

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	85	81
Yes	21	19

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	86	82
Yes	19	18

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	83
Yes	18	17

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	75	71
Yes	30	29

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	89	84
Yes	17	16

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	86	81
Yes	20	19

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	29	28
Yes	76	72

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	63	59
Yes	43	41

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	70
Yes	31	30

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	72	68
Yes	34	32

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	85	80
Yes	21	20

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	78
Yes	24	22

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	98	93
Yes	7	7

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	70
Yes	31	30

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	97	92
Yes	9	8

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	20	19
Yes	86	81

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	16	15
Yes	89	84

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	19	18
Yes	86	81

## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	31	30
Yes	74	70

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	19	18
Yes	86	81

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	26	24
Yes	80	75

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	18	17
Yes	87	83

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	20	19
Yes	85	80

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	22	21
Yes	83	78

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	22
Yes	82	77

## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	25	23
Yes	81	76

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	20	19
Yes	85	81

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	31	29
Yes	74	70

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	24	22
Yes	82	77

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	22
Yes	82	78

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	39	37
Yes	66	63

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	33	31
Yes	72	68



Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	45	42
Yes	61	57

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	101	96
Yes	4	4

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	27	26
Rarely	49	46
Occasionally	16	15
Fairly often, a couple times a week	13	12
Very often, nearly every day	0	0

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	19	18
No	87	82

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	10	9
About right	60	57
Too harsh	36	34

How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	25	23
Rarely	51	49
Occasionally	28	26
Fairly often, a couple times a week	2	2

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	14	13
Palestinians	45	42
Both equally	21	20
Neither	11	11
Don't know	14	13

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	17	16
Hamas	28	27
Both equally	24	23
Don't know	35	33

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	50	47
Less than once a year	15	14
Once or twice a year	25	23
Several times a year	6	6
Once a month	4	3
2-3 times a month	2	2
About weekly	0	0
Weekly	3	3

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	5	4
No	100	95

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	2	2	2
No	103	98	98

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	3	3	12
Less than half the time	9	9	37
About half the time	5	4	18
Most of the time, nearly every day	6	6	24
Always	2	2	9

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	2
Less than half the time	23	21	71
About half the time	7	7	24
Most of the time, nearly every day	0	0	1
Always	0	0	1

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	0	0	2
Less than half the time	3	3	19
About half the time	7	6	42
Most of the time, nearly every day	6	6	38

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5	5	37
Less than half the time	7	6	44
About half the time	2	2	12
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	7

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	7	7	41
About half the time	8	7	48
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	6
Always	1	1	5

# Topline Results for Bowdoin College

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	2	2
Not very clear	28	28
Somewhat clear	41	40
Very clear	27	27
Extremely clear	4	4

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	8	8
Not very likely	19	19
Somewhat likely	51	50
Very likely	18	18
Extremely likely	5	5

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]

Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	27	27
Somewhat uncomfortable	29	29
Somewhat comfortable	35	35
Very comfortable	10	10

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	22	21
Somewhat uncomfortable	31	31
Somewhat comfortable	29	29
Very comfortable	20	19

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	25	24
Somewhat uncomfortable	37	36
Somewhat comfortable	23	23
Very comfortable	17	17

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	9	9
Somewhat uncomfortable	24	24
Somewhat comfortable	42	41
Very comfortable	27	26

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	38	38
Somewhat uncomfortable	34	33
Somewhat comfortable	21	21
Very comfortable	8	8

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	12	12
Rarely	39	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	37	37
Fairly often, a couple times a week	9	9
Very often, nearly every day	5	5

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	7	7
Rarely	37	36
Occasionally, once or twice a month	29	29
Fairly often, a couple times a week	22	22
Very often, nearly every day	6	6

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	16	16
Rarely	29	28
Occasionally, once or twice a month	37	36
Fairly often, a couple times a week	12	12
Very often, nearly every day	8	8

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	7	7
Rarely	39	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	22	22
Fairly often, a couple times a week	24	23
Very often, nearly every day	9	9

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	4	4
Sometimes acceptable	33	33
Rarely acceptable	37	36
Never acceptable	28	27

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	0	0
Sometimes acceptable	36	35
Rarely acceptable	27	27
Never acceptable	38	37

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Sometimes acceptable	6	6
Rarely acceptable	20	19
Never acceptable	76	75

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	53	52
Probably should not allow this speaker	25	24
Probably should allow this speaker	11	11
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	13

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	31	31
Probably should not allow this speaker	39	38
Probably should allow this speaker	13	13
Definitely should allow this speaker	19	18

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	46	45
Probably should not allow this speaker	31	31
Probably should allow this speaker	9	9
Definitely should allow this speaker	15	15

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	17	17
Probably should not allow this speaker	26	26
Probably should allow this speaker	38	37
Definitely should allow this speaker	21	20

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	19	18
Probably should not allow this speaker	26	26
Probably should allow this speaker	32	31
Definitely should allow this speaker	25	24



Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	7	7
Probably should not allow this speaker	30	30
Probably should allow this speaker	37	36
Definitely should allow this speaker	27	27

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	31	30
Probably should not allow this speaker	31	31
Probably should allow this speaker	20	19
Definitely should allow this speaker	20	20

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	12	11
Probably should not allow this speaker	5	5
Probably should allow this speaker	47	46
Definitely should allow this speaker	38	38

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	76	75
Yes	26	25

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	64	63
Yes	38	37

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	81
Yes	19	19

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	96	94
Yes	6	6

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	82
Yes	18	18

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	67	66
Yes	35	34

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	85	83
Yes	17	17

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	86
Yes	14	14

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	86	84
Yes	16	16

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	73	71
Yes	29	29

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	86
Yes	14	14

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	79	77
Yes	23	23

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	26	25
Yes	76	75

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	64	63
Yes	38	37

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	76	75
Yes	26	25

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	67	65
Yes	35	35

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	70	68
Yes	32	32

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	75	73
Yes	27	27

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	86
Yes	14	14

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	83
Yes	18	17

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	92	90
Yes	10	10

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	25	25
Yes	76	75

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	25	25
Yes	76	75

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	25	25
Yes	77	75

## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	57	56
Yes	45	44

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	27
Yes	74	73

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	32	31
Yes	70	69

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	22
Yes	79	77

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	20	19
Yes	82	80

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	28	28
Yes	73	72

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	33
Yes	68	66

## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	31	31
Yes	70	69

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	27
Yes	74	73

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	32	31
Yes	70	69

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	32	32
Yes	69	68

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	26
Yes	75	74

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	48	47
Yes	54	53

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	33
Yes	68	67

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	55	54
Yes	46	45

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	92	91
Yes	9	9

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	31	30
Rarely	42	41
Occasionally	17	17
Fairly often, a couple times a week	8	7
Very often, nearly every day	4	4

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	25	24
No	76	75

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	10	10
About right	49	49
Too harsh	41	40

How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	24	24
Rarely	40	39
Occasionally	32	31
Fairly often, a couple times a week	5	5
Very often, nearly every day	0	0

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	12	11
Palestinians	60	58
Both equally	14	14
Neither	5	5
Don't know	11	10

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	44	43
Hamas	22	21
Both equally	20	19
Don't know	15	15

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	52	51
Less than once a year	13	13
Once or twice a year	12	11
Several times a year	8	8
Once a month	3	3
2-3 times a month	3	3
About weekly	3	3
Weekly	4	4
Several times a week	2	2

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	1
No	100	98



Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	1	1	1
No	100	98	99

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	6
Less than half the time	9	9	51
About half the time	6	5	31
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	2	12

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	8	7	48
Less than half the time	2	2	15
About half the time	4	4	23
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	2	14

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	3	3	10
Less than half the time	13	12	42
About half the time	8	7	25
Most of the time, nearly every day	7	6	22

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	3	3	15
Less than half the time	11	11	61
About half the time	0	0	2
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	4
Always	3	3	18

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	9	9	45
About half the time	10	10	48
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	3
Always	1	1	3

# Topline Results for Colby College

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	6	5
Not very clear	38	34
Somewhat clear	44	38
Very clear	24	21
Extremely clear	2	1

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	10	9
Not very likely	37	33
Somewhat likely	43	37
Very likely	20	17
Extremely likely	4	4

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]

Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	32	28
Somewhat uncomfortable	43	38
Somewhat comfortable	30	27
Very comfortable	9	8

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	21	18
Somewhat uncomfortable	34	30
Somewhat comfortable	37	33
Very comfortable	21	19

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	33	29
Somewhat uncomfortable	36	31
Somewhat comfortable	38	34
Very comfortable	7	6

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	18	15
Somewhat uncomfortable	29	25
Somewhat comfortable	46	40
Very comfortable	22	19

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	51	44
Somewhat uncomfortable	39	34
Somewhat comfortable	19	16
Very comfortable	6	5

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	20	18
Rarely	45	39
Occasionally, once or twice a month	25	22
Fairly often, a couple times a week	18	16
Very often, nearly every day	6	5

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How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	12
Rarely	40	35
Occasionally, once or twice a month	38	33
Fairly often, a couple times a week	17	15
Very often, nearly every day	5	4

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	13	11
Rarely	43	37
Occasionally, once or twice a month	44	39
Fairly often, a couple times a week	11	10
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	12
Rarely	38	33
Occasionally, once or twice a month	29	26
Fairly often, a couple times a week	30	26
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	6	5
Sometimes acceptable	24	21
Rarely acceptable	50	44
Never acceptable	34	30

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	3	3
Sometimes acceptable	11	10
Rarely acceptable	36	32
Never acceptable	63	55

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	2
Sometimes acceptable	7	6
Rarely acceptable	20	18
Never acceptable	85	75

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	50	44
Probably should not allow this speaker	38	33
Probably should allow this speaker	16	14
Definitely should allow this speaker	7	6

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	26	23
Probably should not allow this speaker	49	43
Probably should allow this speaker	22	20
Definitely should allow this speaker	17	15

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	43	38
Probably should not allow this speaker	38	33
Probably should allow this speaker	17	15
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	11

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	16	14
Probably should not allow this speaker	36	32
Probably should allow this speaker	46	40
Definitely should allow this speaker	14	12

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	12	10
Probably should not allow this speaker	43	38
Probably should allow this speaker	38	34
Definitely should allow this speaker	18	16

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	9	8
Probably should not allow this speaker	30	27
Probably should allow this speaker	45	39
Definitely should allow this speaker	27	24

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	30	26
Probably should not allow this speaker	40	35
Probably should allow this speaker	25	22
Definitely should allow this speaker	19	17

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	11	10
Probably should not allow this speaker	17	15
Probably should allow this speaker	59	52
Definitely should allow this speaker	27	24

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	77	68
Yes	33	29

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	79	70
Yes	31	27

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	94	82
Yes	16	14

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	99	87
Yes	11	9

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	91	80
Yes	19	17

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	70	61
Yes	40	35

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	77
Yes	22	20

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	87	76
Yes	23	20

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	86	75
Yes	24	21

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	72
Yes	28	24



## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	76	66
Yes	34	30

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	65
Yes	36	31

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	31	27
Yes	79	70

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	79	69
Yes	31	27

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	78	69
Yes	32	28

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	64	56
Yes	46	41

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	74
Yes	26	23

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	75	66
Yes	35	30

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	77
Yes	22	19

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	67	58
Yes	43	38

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	101	89
Yes	9	8

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	20
Yes	87	76

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	26	23
Yes	84	74

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	24	21
Yes	86	76

## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	77	68
Yes	33	29

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	25	22
Yes	85	75

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	24	21
Yes	86	76

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	24	21
Yes	86	75

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	24
Yes	83	72

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	28	25
Yes	82	72

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	36	31
Yes	74	65

## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	37	33
Yes	73	64

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	31	27
Yes	79	69

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	29
Yes	76	67

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	24
Yes	83	73

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	26	23
Yes	84	73

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	47	41
Yes	63	55

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	36	32
Yes	74	65

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	49	43
Yes	61	53

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	103	90
Yes	7	7

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	36	31
Rarely	30	26
Occasionally	24	21
Fairly often, a couple times a week	12	11
Very often, nearly every day	5	5

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	19	17
No	87	77

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	16	14
About right	48	42
Too harsh	42	37

How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	15	13
Rarely	57	50
Occasionally	26	23
Fairly often, a couple times a week	6	5
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	13	12
Palestinians	62	55
Both equally	12	11
Neither	2	2
Don't know	16	14

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	40	35
Hamas	27	24
Both equally	19	16
Don't know	24	21

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	50	44
Less than once a year	14	12
Once or twice a year	14	12
Several times a year	14	12
Once a month	3	2
2-3 times a month	4	4
About weekly	2	2
Weekly	5	5

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	1
No	105	92

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	3	3	3
No	103	91	97

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	7	6	33
About half the time	5	4	21
Most of the time, nearly every day	8	7	38
Always	2	1	7

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5	4	24
Less than half the time	6	5	32
About half the time	5	4	23
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	4	21

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	3
Less than half the time	14	12	51
About half the time	5	5	20
Most of the time, nearly every day	5	4	18
Always	2	2	8

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4	4	21
Less than half the time	6	6	30
About half the time	8	7	36
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	4
Always	2	2	9

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	7
Less than half the time	6	6	32
About half the time	5	4	24
Most of the time, nearly every day	7	6	35
Always	1	1	3



# Topline Results for Amherst College

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	16	9
Not very clear	32	19
Somewhat clear	74	43
Very clear	43	25
Extremely clear	8	4

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	19	11
Not very likely	51	29
Somewhat likely	70	40
Very likely	31	18
Extremely likely	3	2

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]  
Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	61	35
Somewhat uncomfortable	52	30
Somewhat comfortable	50	29
Very comfortable	11	6

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	38	22
Somewhat uncomfortable	60	35
Somewhat comfortable	53	31
Very comfortable	21	12

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	47	27
Somewhat uncomfortable	66	38
Somewhat comfortable	44	25
Very comfortable	16	9

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	38	22
Somewhat uncomfortable	47	27
Somewhat comfortable	63	36
Very comfortable	25	15

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	99	57
Somewhat uncomfortable	42	24
Somewhat comfortable	29	17
Very comfortable	4	2

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	8
Rarely	48	28
Occasionally, once or twice a month	53	31
Fairly often, a couple times a week	47	27
Very often, nearly every day	10	6

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	8
Rarely	67	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	49	29
Fairly often, a couple times a week	37	22
Very often, nearly every day	6	3

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	11	6
Rarely	62	36
Occasionally, once or twice a month	60	35
Fairly often, a couple times a week	27	16
Very often, nearly every day	13	7

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	11	7
Rarely	61	35
Occasionally, once or twice a month	55	32
Fairly often, a couple times a week	37	22
Very often, nearly every day	8	5

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	8	5
Sometimes acceptable	59	34
Rarely acceptable	56	32
Never acceptable	50	29

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	4	2
Sometimes acceptable	31	18
Rarely acceptable	47	27
Never acceptable	91	53

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	0	0
Sometimes acceptable	22	13
Rarely acceptable	25	14
Never acceptable	126	73

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	77	45
Probably should not allow this speaker	41	24
Probably should allow this speaker	31	18
Definitely should allow this speaker	22	13
(Missing)	1	1

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	41	23
Probably should not allow this speaker	52	30
Probably should allow this speaker	51	30
Definitely should allow this speaker	29	17

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	58	33
Probably should not allow this speaker	54	31
Probably should allow this speaker	43	25
Definitely should allow this speaker	17	10
(Missing)	1	1

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	16	9
Probably should not allow this speaker	48	28
Probably should allow this speaker	71	41
Definitely should allow this speaker	36	21
(Missing)	1	1

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	16	9
Probably should not allow this speaker	57	33
Probably should allow this speaker	62	36
Definitely should allow this speaker	37	22
(Missing)	1	1

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	9	5
Probably should not allow this speaker	41	24
Probably should allow this speaker	78	45
Definitely should allow this speaker	44	25

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	33	19
Probably should not allow this speaker	58	33
Probably should allow this speaker	53	31
Definitely should allow this speaker	29	17

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	8	5
Probably should not allow this speaker	30	17
Probably should allow this speaker	75	43
Definitely should allow this speaker	60	35

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	125	72
Yes	47	27
(Missing)	1	1

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	114	66
Yes	58	33
(Missing)	1	1

## China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	145	84
Yes	27	15
(Missing)	1	1

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	147	85
Yes	25	14
(Missing)	1	1

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	146	84
Yes	26	15
(Missing)	1	1

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	117	68
Yes	55	32
(Missing)	1	1

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	125	72
Yes	47	27
(Missing)	1	1

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	142	82
Yes	30	17
(Missing)	1	1

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	133	77
Yes	39	23
(Missing)	1	1

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	132	76
Yes	40	23
(Missing)	1	1

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	124	72
Yes	48	28
(Missing)	1	1

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	125	72
Yes	47	27
(Missing)	1	1

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	48	28
Yes	124	71
(Missing)	1	1

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	122	71
Yes	50	29
(Missing)	1	1

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	124	72
Yes	47	27
(Missing)	1	1

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	120	69
Yes	52	30
(Missing)	1	1

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	130	75
Yes	41	24
(Missing)	1	1

## Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	65
Yes	59	34
(Missing)	1	1

## The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	149	86
Yes	23	13
(Missing)	1	1

## Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	115	66
Yes	57	33
(Missing)	1	1



None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	154	89
Yes	18	10
(Missing)	1	1

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	32	18
Yes	140	81
(Missing)	1	1

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	32	19
Yes	139	81
(Missing)	1	1

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	33	19
Yes	138	80
(Missing)	1	1

Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	113	65
Yes	59	34
(Missing)	1	1

LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	38	22
Yes	134	77
(Missing)	1	1

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	40	23
Yes	132	76
(Missing)	1	1

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	20
Yes	138	80
(Missing)	1	1

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	36	21
Yes	136	78
(Missing)	1	1

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	40	23
Yes	132	76
(Missing)	1	1

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	46	27
Yes	125	72
(Missing)	1	1

## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	71	41
Yes	101	59
(Missing)	1	1

Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	61	35
Yes	111	64
(Missing)	1	1

Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	67	39
Yes	105	61
(Missing)	1	1

Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	58	34
Yes	113	66
(Missing)	1	1

Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	46	27
Yes	126	73
(Missing)	1	1

Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	46
Yes	92	53
(Missing)	1	1

Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	72	42
Yes	100	58
(Missing)	1	1

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	48
Yes	89	51
(Missing)	1	1

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	163	94
Yes	9	5
(Missing)	1	1

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	58	33
Rarely	60	35
Occasionally	23	13
Fairly often, a couple times a week	25	14
Very often, nearly every day	7	4
(Missing)	1	1

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	33	19
No	139	80
(Missing)	1	1

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	24	14
About right	70	41
Too harsh	78	45
(Missing)	1	1

How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	23	13
Rarely	88	51
Occasionally	44	26
Fairly often, a couple times a week	12	7
Very often, nearly every day	5	3
(Missing)	1	1

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	21	12
Palestinians	77	45
Both equally	24	14
Neither	6	4
Don't know	43	25
(Missing)	1	1

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	50	29
Hamas	50	29
Both equally	16	9
Don't know	54	31
(Missing)	2	1

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	71	41
Less than once a year	11	6
Once or twice a year	27	15
Several times a year	39	22
Once a month	6	4
2-3 times a month	6	4
About weekly	3	2
Weekly	3	2
Several times a week	6	3
(Missing)	2	1

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	2
No	167	97
(Missing)	2	1

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	171	99	100
(Missing)	2	1	NA

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4	2	12
Less than half the time	9	5	31
About half the time	8	5	28
Most of the time, nearly every day	6	3	19
Always	3	2	9
(Missing)	144	83	NA

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	8	4	17
Less than half the time	22	13	49
About half the time	11	7	26
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	2	8
(Missing)	128	74	NA

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4	2	9
Less than half the time	12	7	28
About half the time	13	7	30
Most of the time, nearly every day	12	7	27
Always	3	1	6
(Missing)	131	76	NA

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	9	5	30
Less than half the time	12	7	39
About half the time	8	5	27
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	5
(Missing)	143	82	NA

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	2	1	7
About half the time	16	9	62
Most of the time, nearly every day	7	4	29
Always	1	0	3
(Missing)	147	85	NA

# Topline Results for Bates College

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	4	4
Not very clear	26	25
Somewhat clear	43	41
Very clear	27	26
Extremely clear	5	5

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	8	8
Not very likely	37	36
Somewhat likely	47	45
Very likely	12	11
Extremely likely	0	0

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]

Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	22	21
Somewhat uncomfortable	38	36
Somewhat comfortable	36	34
Very comfortable	9	9

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	12	12
Somewhat uncomfortable	25	24
Somewhat comfortable	41	39
Very comfortable	26	25

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	21	20
Somewhat uncomfortable	34	32
Somewhat comfortable	35	33
Very comfortable	16	15



Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	9	9
Somewhat uncomfortable	27	26
Somewhat comfortable	45	43
Very comfortable	23	22

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	43	41
Somewhat uncomfortable	32	30
Somewhat comfortable	25	24
Very comfortable	6	6

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	20	19
Rarely	59	56
Occasionally, once or twice a month	16	15
Fairly often, a couple times a week	5	4
Very often, nearly every day	5	5

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	15	15
Rarely	39	37
Occasionally, once or twice a month	33	31
Fairly often, a couple times a week	18	17

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	10	10
Rarely	55	53
Occasionally, once or twice a month	25	24
Fairly often, a couple times a week	13	13
Very often, nearly every day	1	1

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	10	9
Rarely	46	44
Occasionally, once or twice a month	31	29
Fairly often, a couple times a week	17	16
Very often, nearly every day	1	1

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	7	7
Sometimes acceptable	34	32
Rarely acceptable	45	43
Never acceptable	19	18

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	0	0
Sometimes acceptable	31	30
Rarely acceptable	31	30
Never acceptable	42	40

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	3	3
Sometimes acceptable	16	15
Rarely acceptable	22	21
Never acceptable	64	61

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	63	60
Probably should not allow this speaker	28	27
Probably should allow this speaker	10	10
Definitely should allow this speaker	4	4

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	40	38
Probably should not allow this speaker	39	37
Probably should allow this speaker	23	22
Definitely should allow this speaker	3	3

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	58	55
Probably should not allow this speaker	32	31
Probably should allow this speaker	14	13
Definitely should allow this speaker	1	1

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	13	13
Probably should not allow this speaker	45	43
Probably should allow this speaker	41	39
Definitely should allow this speaker	6	5

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	8	7
Probably should not allow this speaker	44	42
Probably should allow this speaker	47	44
Definitely should allow this speaker	6	6

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	10	10
Probably should not allow this speaker	35	33
Probably should allow this speaker	55	53
Definitely should allow this speaker	4	4

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	38	36
Probably should not allow this speaker	38	36
Probably should allow this speaker	25	24
Definitely should allow this speaker	4	4

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	3	3
Probably should not allow this speaker	25	24
Probably should allow this speaker	43	41
Definitely should allow this speaker	34	32

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	79
Yes	21	20

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	67	64
Yes	37	36

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	79
Yes	22	21

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	95
Yes	5	4

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	78
Yes	23	22

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	77	74
Yes	27	26

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	83
Yes	17	16

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	91	87
Yes	13	12

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	80
Yes	20	20

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	79
Yes	22	21

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	79
Yes	22	21

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	97	93
Yes	7	7

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	32
Yes	71	67

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	76	72
Yes	29	27

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	80
Yes	20	19

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	79	76
Yes	25	24

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	71
Yes	30	29

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	81	77
Yes	24	22

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	99	94
Yes	6	5

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	77	74
Yes	27	26

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	97	93
Yes	7	7

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	28	26
Yes	77	73

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	26
Yes	77	74

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	29	28
Yes	75	72

## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	72	68
Yes	33	31

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	22
Yes	81	78

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	30	29
Yes	74	71

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	30	28
Yes	75	71

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	26
Yes	78	74

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	28	27
Yes	76	72

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	33	31
Yes	71	68



## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	32
Yes	71	67

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	29	27
Yes	76	72

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	39	37
Yes	66	62

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	28	26
Yes	77	73

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	20	19
Yes	84	81

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	54	52
Yes	50	48

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	40	38
Yes	65	62

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	47	45
Yes	57	54

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	95
Yes	5	5

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	44	42
Rarely	43	41
Occasionally	9	8
Fairly often, a couple times a week	5	5
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	27	26
No	77	73

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	20	19
About right	56	54
Too harsh	28	27

How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	11	11
Rarely	54	52
Occasionally	37	35
Fairly often, a couple times a week	2	2

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	6	5
Palestinians	78	75
Both equally	10	10
Neither	0	0
Don't know	10	10

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	36	34
Hamas	26	25
Both equally	15	15
Don't know	28	26

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	50	48
Less than once a year	15	14
Once or twice a year	24	23
Several times a year	7	7
Once a month	3	3
2-3 times a month	4	4
About weekly	0	0
Weekly	0	0

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	1
No	104	99

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	0	0	0
No	104	99	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	0	0	2
Less than half the time	5	5	28
About half the time	10	10	56
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	3	15

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	7	7	43
Less than half the time	8	7	48
About half the time	0	0	3
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	4
Always	0	0	3

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5	5	19
Less than half the time	3	3	13
About half the time	14	14	51
Most of the time, nearly every day	5	5	17

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	2	2	9
Less than half the time	10	9	44
About half the time	10	10	46

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	12	11	58
About half the time	2	2	8
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	4	19
Always	3	3	15

# Topline Results for Wesleyan University

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	4	3
Not very clear	22	17
Somewhat clear	46	36
Very clear	39	31
Extremely clear	16	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	7	6
Not very likely	23	18
Somewhat likely	56	44
Very likely	38	30
Extremely likely	1	1

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]  
Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	28	22
Somewhat uncomfortable	52	41
Somewhat comfortable	28	22
Very comfortable	19	15

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	14	11
Somewhat uncomfortable	41	33
Somewhat comfortable	49	39
Very comfortable	21	17

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	22	18
Somewhat uncomfortable	47	38
Somewhat comfortable	34	27
Very comfortable	22	17

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	21	16
Somewhat uncomfortable	48	38
Somewhat comfortable	47	37
Very comfortable	11	9

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	47	37
Somewhat uncomfortable	55	44
Somewhat comfortable	14	11
Very comfortable	10	8

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	10	8
Rarely	56	45
Occasionally, once or twice a month	33	26
Fairly often, a couple times a week	18	15
Very often, nearly every day	9	7

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	11	9
Rarely	41	32
Occasionally, once or twice a month	41	33
Fairly often, a couple times a week	27	21
Very often, nearly every day	7	5

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	10	8
Rarely	53	42
Occasionally, once or twice a month	38	30
Fairly often, a couple times a week	21	17
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	9	7
Rarely	51	40
Occasionally, once or twice a month	43	34
Fairly often, a couple times a week	20	16
Very often, nearly every day	4	3

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	5	4
Sometimes acceptable	50	39
Rarely acceptable	39	31
Never acceptable	33	26

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	1
Sometimes acceptable	24	19
Rarely acceptable	54	43
Never acceptable	46	37

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	1
Sometimes acceptable	10	8
Rarely acceptable	27	21
Never acceptable	87	69



Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	58	46
Probably should not allow this speaker	40	32
Probably should allow this speaker	18	15
Definitely should allow this speaker	6	5

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	34	27
Probably should not allow this speaker	41	33
Probably should allow this speaker	40	32
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	8

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	50	39
Probably should not allow this speaker	50	40
Probably should allow this speaker	19	15
Definitely should allow this speaker	3	3

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	16	13
Probably should not allow this speaker	47	37
Probably should allow this speaker	46	36
Definitely should allow this speaker	17	14

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	19	15
Probably should not allow this speaker	36	29
Probably should allow this speaker	52	41
Definitely should allow this speaker	17	14

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	11	9
Probably should not allow this speaker	27	22
Probably should allow this speaker	60	48
Definitely should allow this speaker	24	19

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	33	26
Probably should not allow this speaker	39	31
Probably should allow this speaker	44	35
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	8

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	11	9
Probably should not allow this speaker	22	17
Probably should allow this speaker	54	43
Definitely should allow this speaker	38	31

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	101	80
Yes	20	16

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	89	71
Yes	32	25

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	89
Yes	8	7

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	113	89
Yes	8	6

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	108	85
Yes	13	10

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	85	68
Yes	35	28

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	80
Yes	20	16

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	106	84
Yes	14	11

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	80
Yes	20	16

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	96	77
Yes	24	19

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	96	76
Yes	25	20

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	91	72
Yes	30	24

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	39	31
Yes	82	65

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	96	76
Yes	24	19

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	79
Yes	21	16

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	91	72
Yes	30	24

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	91	73
Yes	29	23

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	92	73
Yes	29	23

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	88
Yes	9	7

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	89	71
Yes	31	25

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	108	86
Yes	13	10

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	21
Yes	94	75

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	18
Yes	97	77

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	26	20
Yes	95	75

## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	42	33
Yes	79	62

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	18
Yes	98	78

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	31	25
Yes	90	71

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	18
Yes	98	78

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	29	23
Yes	91	72

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	31	25
Yes	90	71

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	44	35
Yes	77	61

## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	47	37
Yes	73	58

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	35	28
Yes	85	68

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	43	34
Yes	78	62

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	37	29
Yes	84	66

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	31	25
Yes	89	71

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	61	48
Yes	60	48

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	44	35
Yes	76	60

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	51	41
Yes	69	55

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	118	93
Yes	3	2

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	45	36
Rarely	42	33
Occasionally	17	14
Fairly often, a couple times a week	10	8
Very often, nearly every day	7	6

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	23	18
No	97	77

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	17	14
About right	59	47
Too harsh	44	35



How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	16	13
Rarely	49	39
Occasionally	42	33
Fairly often, a couple times a week	11	9
Very often, nearly every day	1	1

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	14	11
Palestinians	67	53
Both equally	17	14
Neither	8	6
Don't know	14	11

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	45	36
Hamas	35	27
Both equally	19	15
Don't know	21	17

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	41	33
Less than once a year	15	12
Once or twice a year	26	20
Several times a year	19	15
Once a month	4	3
2-3 times a month	6	4
About weekly	5	4
Weekly	3	2

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	2
No	117	93

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	119	94	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	4
Less than half the time	7	6	38
About half the time	9	7	48
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	1	10

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	8	7	25
Less than half the time	20	16	60
About half the time	4	3	11
Always	1	1	4

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	5	4	28
About half the time	5	4	32
Most of the time, nearly every day	6	5	38
Always	0	0	2

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	9	7	33
Less than half the time	14	11	50
About half the time	4	3	14
Always	1	1	3

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	8	6	33
About half the time	4	3	16
Most of the time, nearly every day	9	7	39
Always	3	2	13

# Topline Results for Williams College

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	5	5
Not very clear	31	30
Somewhat clear	41	40
Very clear	15	15
Extremely clear	11	11

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	6	6
Not very likely	26	26
Somewhat likely	52	51
Very likely	12	11
Extremely likely	6	6

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]  
Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	25	25
Somewhat uncomfortable	28	28
Somewhat comfortable	36	36
Very comfortable	12	12

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	19	19
Somewhat uncomfortable	35	35
Somewhat comfortable	33	33
Very comfortable	14	13

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	29	29
Somewhat uncomfortable	36	35
Somewhat comfortable	20	20
Very comfortable	17	17

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	24	24
Somewhat uncomfortable	38	37
Somewhat comfortable	30	29
Very comfortable	10	10

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	44	43
Somewhat uncomfortable	40	39
Somewhat comfortable	12	12
Very comfortable	6	6

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	14
Rarely	35	34
Occasionally, once or twice a month	35	34
Fairly often, a couple times a week	15	15
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	12	11
Rarely	39	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	31	30
Fairly often, a couple times a week	19	19
Very often, nearly every day	2	1

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	15	15
Rarely	33	32
Occasionally, once or twice a month	25	24
Fairly often, a couple times a week	17	17
Very often, nearly every day	12	11

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	14
Rarely	33	32
Occasionally, once or twice a month	27	27
Fairly often, a couple times a week	23	22
Very often, nearly every day	5	5

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	12	12
Sometimes acceptable	30	29
Rarely acceptable	33	33
Never acceptable	27	26

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	4	4
Sometimes acceptable	13	13
Rarely acceptable	42	41
Never acceptable	43	42

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Sometimes acceptable	15	15
Rarely acceptable	14	14
Never acceptable	72	71

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	45	45
Probably should not allow this speaker	36	36
Probably should allow this speaker	8	8
Definitely should allow this speaker	11	11

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	28	28
Probably should not allow this speaker	36	36
Probably should allow this speaker	24	24
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	12

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	38	37
Probably should not allow this speaker	41	41
Probably should allow this speaker	12	12
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	9

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	16	16
Probably should not allow this speaker	31	31
Probably should allow this speaker	37	37
Definitely should allow this speaker	16	16

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	9	9
Probably should not allow this speaker	32	31
Probably should allow this speaker	37	36
Definitely should allow this speaker	23	23

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	7	7
Probably should not allow this speaker	25	24
Probably should allow this speaker	47	46
Definitely should allow this speaker	23	22

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	26	25
Probably should not allow this speaker	36	35
Probably should allow this speaker	24	23
Definitely should allow this speaker	12	11

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	3	3
Probably should not allow this speaker	25	25
Probably should allow this speaker	38	37
Definitely should allow this speaker	36	35

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	73	72
Yes	24	23

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	77	76
Yes	20	20

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	79	77
Yes	18	18



## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	93	91
Yes	5	4

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	91	89
Yes	6	6

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	81
Yes	14	14

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	77	75
Yes	20	20

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	85	83
Yes	12	12

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	78
Yes	17	17

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	73
Yes	23	22

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	76	75
Yes	21	21

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	82
Yes	14	13

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	37	37
Yes	60	59

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	81
Yes	15	15

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	81
Yes	14	14

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	64	63
Yes	33	33

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	72	71
Yes	25	24

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	69	67
Yes	29	28

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	89
Yes	7	7

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	68	67
Yes	29	29

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	87	85
Yes	10	10

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	29	28
Yes	69	67

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	26	25
Yes	71	70

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	27
Yes	70	68

## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	70	68
Yes	27	27

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	25	24
Yes	73	71

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	22	21
Yes	75	74

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	24	24
Yes	73	72

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	21	21
Yes	76	75

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	21	21
Yes	76	74

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	38	37
Yes	59	58

## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	39	39
Yes	58	57

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	39	38
Yes	58	57

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	38	37
Yes	59	58

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	39	38
Yes	58	57

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	32	32
Yes	65	64

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	53	52
Yes	45	44

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	40	39
Yes	57	56

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	42	41
Yes	55	54

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	96	94
Yes	1	1

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	30	29
Rarely	33	33
Occasionally	24	23
Fairly often, a couple times a week	8	8
Very often, nearly every day	3	3

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	8	8
No	88	86

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	10	10
About right	51	50
Too harsh	36	36

How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	10	10
Rarely	40	39
Occasionally	36	36
Fairly often, a couple times a week	8	8
Very often, nearly every day	2	2

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	1	1
Palestinians	58	57
Both equally	21	21
Neither	2	2
Don't know	14	14

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	31	30
Hamas	23	22
Both equally	19	19
Don't know	25	24

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	49	48
Less than once a year	5	5
Once or twice a year	10	9
Several times a year	15	15
Once a month	4	3
2-3 times a month	3	3
About weekly	2	2
Weekly	8	7
Several times a week	2	2

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	1
No	95	93

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	96	94	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	3	3	23
Less than half the time	5	5	35
About half the time	2	2	17
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	10
Always	2	2	15

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	3	3	15
Less than half the time	10	9	48
About half the time	6	6	33
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	4

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	0	0	2
Less than half the time	8	7	34
About half the time	9	9	42
Most of the time, nearly every day	5	5	21

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	13	13	43
Less than half the time	11	11	35
About half the time	3	3	11
Always	3	3	11



How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	10
Less than half the time	1	1	13
About half the time	5	5	45
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	12
Always	2	2	19

# Topline Results for Middlebury College

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	2	1
Not very clear	6	5
Somewhat clear	68	65
Very clear	20	19
Extremely clear	10	10

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	1	1
Not very likely	25	23
Somewhat likely	45	42
Very likely	32	31
Extremely likely	3	3

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]  
Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	20	19
Somewhat uncomfortable	40	38
Somewhat comfortable	35	33
Very comfortable	11	11

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	8	8
Somewhat uncomfortable	25	24
Somewhat comfortable	45	43
Very comfortable	27	26

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	17	16
Somewhat uncomfortable	32	30
Somewhat comfortable	47	44
Very comfortable	10	9

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	16	15
Somewhat uncomfortable	38	36
Somewhat comfortable	39	37
Very comfortable	12	12

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	50	48
Somewhat uncomfortable	37	35
Somewhat comfortable	10	10
Very comfortable	8	7

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	19	18
Rarely	41	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	29	27
Fairly often, a couple times a week	15	14
Very often, nearly every day	2	2

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	18	17
Rarely	37	35
Occasionally, once or twice a month	25	24
Fairly often, a couple times a week	25	23
Very often, nearly every day	0	0

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	21	20
Rarely	45	42
Occasionally, once or twice a month	32	30
Fairly often, a couple times a week	6	6
Very often, nearly every day	2	2

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	19	18
Rarely	43	40
Occasionally, once or twice a month	30	28
Fairly often, a couple times a week	13	12
Very often, nearly every day	1	1

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	12	11
Sometimes acceptable	36	34
Rarely acceptable	27	25
Never acceptable	31	29

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	2
Sometimes acceptable	19	18
Rarely acceptable	32	30
Never acceptable	53	50

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	1	1
Sometimes acceptable	11	10
Rarely acceptable	21	20
Never acceptable	73	69

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	50	47
Probably should not allow this speaker	26	25
Probably should allow this speaker	18	17
Definitely should allow this speaker	11	11

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	38	36
Probably should not allow this speaker	21	20
Probably should allow this speaker	28	26
Definitely should allow this speaker	19	18

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	45	42
Probably should not allow this speaker	31	29
Probably should allow this speaker	18	17
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	12

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	8	8
Probably should not allow this speaker	38	36
Probably should allow this speaker	25	24
Definitely should allow this speaker	34	33

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	8	7
Probably should not allow this speaker	30	28
Probably should allow this speaker	38	35
Definitely should allow this speaker	31	29

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	2	2
Probably should not allow this speaker	18	17
Probably should allow this speaker	45	42
Definitely should allow this speaker	40	38

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	30	29
Probably should not allow this speaker	33	31
Probably should allow this speaker	25	24
Definitely should allow this speaker	18	17

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	1	1
Probably should not allow this speaker	12	12
Probably should allow this speaker	46	44
Definitely should allow this speaker	46	43

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	79	74
Yes	26	25

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	75
Yes	25	24

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	96	91
Yes	9	9

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	103	98
Yes	2	2

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	97	92
Yes	8	7

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	70
Yes	31	29

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	93	88
Yes	12	12

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	101	96
Yes	4	4

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	85	80
Yes	20	19

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	81	77
Yes	24	23

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	76
Yes	25	23

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	84
Yes	17	16

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	27	25
Yes	78	74

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	85
Yes	15	14

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	76
Yes	25	23

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	78
Yes	23	22

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	89	85
Yes	16	15



Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	79	74
Yes	26	25

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	95
Yes	5	5

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	70
Yes	31	30

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	95
Yes	5	4

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	22	20
Yes	83	78

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	24	23
Yes	80	76

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	22
Yes	81	77

## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	71	67
Yes	33	31

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	17	16
Yes	87	82

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	30	28
Yes	74	70

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	23	22
Yes	81	77

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	24	23
Yes	80	76

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	25	23
Yes	80	75

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	32	31
Yes	72	68

## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	43	41
Yes	61	58

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	32
Yes	70	66

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	49	46
Yes	55	52

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	36	34
Yes	68	64

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	25	24
Yes	79	75

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	55	52
Yes	49	46

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	35	34
Yes	69	65

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	45	42
Yes	59	56

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	101	96
Yes	3	3

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	47	44
Rarely	38	36
Occasionally	17	16
Fairly often, a couple times a week	2	2
Very often, nearly every day	1	1

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	14	14
No	90	85

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	20	19
About right	54	51
Too harsh	30	28

How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	16	15
Rarely	46	44
Occasionally	37	35
Fairly often, a couple times a week	4	4
Very often, nearly every day	1	1

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	11	10
Palestinians	55	52
Both equally	21	19
Neither	4	4
Don't know	13	12

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	37	35
Hamas	21	19
Both equally	22	21
Don't know	24	23

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	58	55
Less than once a year	14	13
Once or twice a year	8	8
Several times a year	14	13
Once a month	1	1
2-3 times a month	1	1
About weekly	5	5
Weekly	1	1

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	103	97

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	0	0	0
No	103	97	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	2	1	15
Less than half the time	4	4	40
About half the time	1	1	9
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	4	36

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	7
Less than half the time	9	8	70
About half the time	1	1	5
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	7
Always	1	1	11

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4	3	12
Less than half the time	8	8	29
About half the time	4	3	12
Most of the time, nearly every day	14	13	46
Always	0	0	1

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	2	2	11
Less than half the time	10	9	44
About half the time	6	6	27
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	4	18

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	0	0	1
Less than half the time	9	9	32
About half the time	7	6	23
Most of the time, nearly every day	8	8	29
Always	5	4	16

# Topline Results for Tufts University

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	40	11
Not very clear	81	22
Somewhat clear	141	38
Very clear	102	27
Extremely clear	10	3

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	39	10
Not very likely	129	35
Somewhat likely	131	35
Very likely	59	16
Extremely likely	15	4

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]  
Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	75	20
Somewhat uncomfortable	158	42
Somewhat comfortable	97	26
Very comfortable	43	12

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	56	15
Somewhat uncomfortable	132	35
Somewhat comfortable	125	34
Very comfortable	61	16

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	64	17
Somewhat uncomfortable	140	38
Somewhat comfortable	121	33
Very comfortable	48	13



Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	63	17
Somewhat uncomfortable	127	34
Somewhat comfortable	133	36
Very comfortable	50	13

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	132	35
Somewhat uncomfortable	139	37
Somewhat comfortable	82	22
Very comfortable	20	5

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	64	17
Rarely	122	33
Occasionally, once or twice a month	89	24
Fairly often, a couple times a week	73	19
Very often, nearly every day	25	7

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	41	11
Rarely	125	33
Occasionally, once or twice a month	114	31
Fairly often, a couple times a week	64	17
Very often, nearly every day	29	8

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	57	15
Rarely	132	35
Occasionally, once or twice a month	107	29
Fairly often, a couple times a week	49	13
Very often, nearly every day	29	8

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	47	13
Rarely	135	36
Occasionally, once or twice a month	112	30
Fairly often, a couple times a week	54	14
Very often, nearly every day	25	7

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	31	8
Sometimes acceptable	118	32
Rarely acceptable	116	31
Never acceptable	107	29

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	17	5
Sometimes acceptable	55	15
Rarely acceptable	125	33
Never acceptable	176	47

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	14	4
Sometimes acceptable	47	13
Rarely acceptable	61	16
Never acceptable	251	67

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	142	38
Probably should not allow this speaker	121	32
Probably should allow this speaker	67	18
Definitely should allow this speaker	43	12

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	101	27
Probably should not allow this speaker	107	29
Probably should allow this speaker	113	30
Definitely should allow this speaker	52	14

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	160	43
Probably should not allow this speaker	114	31
Probably should allow this speaker	67	18
Definitely should allow this speaker	32	9

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	49	13
Probably should not allow this speaker	118	32
Probably should allow this speaker	143	38
Definitely should allow this speaker	62	17

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	48	13
Probably should not allow this speaker	128	34
Probably should allow this speaker	146	39
Definitely should allow this speaker	51	14

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	24	6
Probably should not allow this speaker	83	22
Probably should allow this speaker	189	51
Definitely should allow this speaker	76	20

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	88	24
Probably should not allow this speaker	124	33
Probably should allow this speaker	113	30
Definitely should allow this speaker	48	13

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	40	11
Probably should not allow this speaker	67	18
Probably should allow this speaker	163	44
Definitely should allow this speaker	103	28

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	293	79
Yes	77	21

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	265	71
Yes	105	28

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	319	86
Yes	51	14

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	335	90
Yes	36	10

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	316	85
Yes	55	15

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	253	68
Yes	117	31

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	281	75
Yes	89	24

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	299	80
Yes	71	19

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	299	80
Yes	72	19

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	297	80
Yes	74	20

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	271	73
Yes	99	27

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	287	77
Yes	83	22

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	120	32
Yes	251	67

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	291	78
Yes	80	21

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	262	70
Yes	109	29

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	260	70
Yes	111	30

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	282	76
Yes	88	24

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	283	76
Yes	87	23

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	327	88
Yes	43	12

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	280	75
Yes	91	24

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	333	89
Yes	37	10

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	97	26
Yes	273	73

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	95	25
Yes	275	74

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	27
Yes	270	72

## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	144	39
Yes	226	61

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	92	25
Yes	278	74

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	106	28
Yes	264	71

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	107	29
Yes	263	71

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	108	29
Yes	262	70

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	108	29
Yes	262	70

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	125	34
Yes	245	66



## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	140	37
Yes	230	62

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	133	36
Yes	237	63

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	137	37
Yes	233	62

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	131	35
Yes	239	64

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	116	31
Yes	254	68

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	174	47
Yes	196	53

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	156	42
Yes	214	57

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	155	42
Yes	215	58

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	338	91
Yes	32	9

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	147	39
Rarely	110	29
Occasionally	57	15
Fairly often, a couple times a week	33	9
Very often, nearly every day	23	6

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	43	12
No	327	88

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	56	15
About right	195	52
Too harsh	118	32

How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	66	18
Rarely	171	46
Occasionally	90	24
Fairly often, a couple times a week	33	9
Very often, nearly every day	11	3

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	44	12
Palestinians	161	43
Both equally	59	16
Neither	31	8
Don't know	76	20

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	101	27
Hamas	90	24
Both equally	57	15
Don't know	122	33

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	149	40
Less than once a year	44	12
Once or twice a year	73	19
Several times a year	53	14
Once a month	10	3
2-3 times a month	9	2
About weekly	13	4
Weekly	13	3
Several times a week	1	0

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	16	4
No	349	94

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	8	2	2
No	357	96	98

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	13	3	16
Less than half the time	23	6	28
About half the time	21	6	26
Most of the time, nearly every day	12	3	15
Always	11	3	14

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	15	4	25
Less than half the time	33	9	52
About half the time	9	2	14
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	1	5
Always	3	1	4

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	12	3	12
Less than half the time	27	7	27
About half the time	23	6	23
Most of the time, nearly every day	28	7	28
Always	9	2	9

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	21	6	27
Less than half the time	37	10	48
About half the time	7	2	9
Most of the time, nearly every day	10	3	13
Always	1	0	2

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	0	3
Less than half the time	16	4	31
About half the time	19	5	38
Most of the time, nearly every day	12	3	24
Always	2	1	4

# Topline Results for Connecticut College

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	7	5
Not very clear	19	15
Somewhat clear	58	46
Very clear	35	28
Extremely clear	6	5

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all likely	10	8
Not very likely	33	26
Somewhat likely	59	47
Very likely	21	17
Extremely likely	3	2

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]

Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	40	32
Somewhat uncomfortable	39	31
Somewhat comfortable	33	27
Very comfortable	13	10

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	31	25
Somewhat uncomfortable	38	31
Somewhat comfortable	42	33
Very comfortable	14	11

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	29	23
Somewhat uncomfortable	37	30
Somewhat comfortable	43	34
Very comfortable	17	13

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	17	13
Somewhat uncomfortable	54	43
Somewhat comfortable	32	25
Very comfortable	23	18

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	55	44
Somewhat uncomfortable	32	25
Somewhat comfortable	30	24
Very comfortable	8	7

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	16	13
Rarely	60	48
Occasionally, once or twice a month	28	23
Fairly often, a couple times a week	15	12
Very often, nearly every day	7	5

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	12	9
Rarely	48	39
Occasionally, once or twice a month	37	30
Fairly often, a couple times a week	23	19
Very often, nearly every day	4	3

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	11
Rarely	39	31
Occasionally, once or twice a month	36	29
Fairly often, a couple times a week	25	20
Very often, nearly every day	11	9

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	4	3
Rarely	45	36
Occasionally, once or twice a month	38	30
Fairly often, a couple times a week	26	21
Very often, nearly every day	12	10

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker?  
[Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	10	8
Sometimes acceptable	48	38
Rarely acceptable	32	26
Never acceptable	35	28

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	1
Sometimes acceptable	34	27
Rarely acceptable	32	26
Never acceptable	57	46

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	2
Sometimes acceptable	10	8
Rarely acceptable	21	17
Never acceptable	92	73



Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school **ALLOW** or **NOT ALLOW** a speaker on campus who promotes the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	79	63
Probably should not allow this speaker	26	21
Probably should allow this speaker	14	11
Definitely should allow this speaker	7	5

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	61	48
Probably should not allow this speaker	36	29
Probably should allow this speaker	23	18
Definitely should allow this speaker	5	4

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	66	53
Probably should not allow this speaker	36	29
Probably should allow this speaker	17	14
Definitely should allow this speaker	4	4

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	27	22
Probably should not allow this speaker	46	36
Probably should allow this speaker	45	36
Definitely should allow this speaker	7	6

The police are just as racist as the Klu Klux Klan.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	29	23
Probably should not allow this speaker	47	38
Probably should allow this speaker	39	31
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	8

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	11	8
Probably should not allow this speaker	37	30
Probably should allow this speaker	48	39
Definitely should allow this speaker	29	23

Collateral damage in Gaza is justified for the sake of Israeli security.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	57	45
Probably should not allow this speaker	37	29
Probably should allow this speaker	24	19
Definitely should allow this speaker	6	5

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	18	14
Probably should not allow this speaker	16	13
Probably should allow this speaker	57	45
Definitely should allow this speaker	34	27

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	72
Yes	34	27

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	95	76
Yes	28	22

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	111	88
Yes	13	10

## Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	105	84
Yes	18	14

## Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	104	83
Yes	19	15

## Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	64	51
Yes	60	48

## Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	91	72
Yes	33	26

## Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	98	79
Yes	25	20

## Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	67
Yes	39	31

## Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	76	61
Yes	47	38

## Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	79	63
Yes	44	35

## Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	92	74
Yes	31	25

## The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	27
Yes	89	71

## The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	66
Yes	41	33

## Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	89	71
Yes	34	27

## Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	67	53
Yes	57	45

## Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	70
Yes	36	28

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	67
Yes	40	32

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	101	81
Yes	22	18

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	78	63
Yes	45	36

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	111	89
Yes	12	10

Which of the following groups on your campus should be able to register as student organizations and receive student activity fees? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Asian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	27
Yes	89	71

Black or African American student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	31	25
Yes	92	74

Hispanic/Latino student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	33	27
Yes	90	72

## Sororities or fraternities

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	63	50
Yes	60	48

## LGBTQ+ student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	26	20
Yes	98	78

## Christian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	35	28
Yes	89	71

## Jewish student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	32	25
Yes	92	73

## Muslim/Islamic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	27
Yes	89	71

## Hindu student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	36	29
Yes	87	70

## Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	44	35
Yes	80	64

## Republican student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	38	31
Yes	85	68

## Democratic student groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	40	32
Yes	83	66

## Politically conservative student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	36	29
Yes	88	70

## Politically liberal student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	42	34
Yes	81	65

## Black Lives Matter student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	30	24
Yes	93	74

## Pro-Israeli student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	67	54
Yes	56	45

## Pro-Palestinian student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	48	38
Yes	75	60

Other student groups

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	49	39
Yes	74	59

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	115	92
Yes	9	7

How often, if at all, do you hide your political beliefs from your professors in an attempt to get a better grade?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	38	30
Rarely	40	32
Occasionally	18	15
Fairly often, a couple times a week	10	8
Very often, nearly every day	17	14

Have you ever been involved in publicly calling out, punishing, or “canceling” someone or a group for inappropriate statements or actions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	43	34
No	80	64

Thinking of the last incident where someone was publicly called out, punished, or “canceled” for their statements or actions, would you say the consequence or impact on the person was...

Response	Frequency	Percent
Too lenient	18	14
About right	64	51
Too harsh	41	33



How often, if ever, have you personally been offended by perspectives shared by peers or classmates when in the classroom?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	11
Rarely	47	37
Occasionally	46	37
Fairly often, a couple times a week	15	12
Very often, nearly every day	0	0

From what you know about the situation in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israelis	8	7
Palestinians	70	56
Both equally	15	12
Neither	3	3
Don't know	27	22

Regardless of your overall feelings toward the Israelis and the Palestinians, who do you think is more responsible for the 2023 outbreak of violence in the Middle East: Israel or Hamas?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Israel	40	32
Hamas	35	28
Both equally	9	7
Don't know	40	32

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	35	28
Less than once a year	11	9
Once or twice a year	37	30
Several times a year	16	13
Once a month	4	3
2-3 times a month	11	9
About weekly	4	3
Weekly	3	2

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1	1
No	121	97

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	0	0	0
No	121	97	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	8	6	29
About half the time	11	9	41
Most of the time, nearly every day	7	5	25
Always	1	1	4

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4	3	17
Less than half the time	11	9	50
About half the time	5	4	24
Most of the time, nearly every day	0	0	2
Always	1	1	7

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	6
Less than half the time	3	2	12
About half the time	14	11	61
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	2	10
Always	2	2	10

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	7	5	30
Less than half the time	10	8	44
About half the time	5	4	22
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	5

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	4
Less than half the time	4	3	13
About half the time	20	16	69
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	3	14



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