

## Topline Results: 2025 Charlie Kirk Survey

Total number of students surveyed = 2,020.

Margin of error = +/- 2.2%.

When it comes to whether people are able to freely express their views do you think things in America are heading in the RIGHT or WRONG direction?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Heading in the RIGHT direction	522	26
Heading in the WRONG direction	1502	74

In general, when it comes to whether people are able to freely express their views do you think things on your college campus are heading in the RIGHT or WRONG direction?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Heading in the RIGHT direction	1077	53
Heading in the WRONG direction	947	47

These next three questions ask 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.

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	206	10
Rarely	551	27
Occasionally, once or twice a month	704	35
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	406	20
Very often, nearly every day	157	8

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	261	13
Rarely	609	30
Occasionally, once or twice a month	628	31
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	355	18
Very often, nearly every day	170	8

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	207	10
Rarely	547	27
Occasionally, once or twice a month	694	34
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	394	19
Very often, nearly every day	183	9

How much confidence, if any, do you have that your college's administration will protect your First Amendment rights?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No confidence at all	114	6
Very little confidence	409	20
Some confidence	950	47
Quite a lot of confidence	446	22
My full confidence	106	5

How often, if at all, should people who express offensive opinions face consequences for their views?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	186	9
Rarely	440	22
Sometimes	939	46
Often	343	17
Always	116	6

How much, if at all, do the following statements describe your thoughts?

Words can be violence.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Describes my thoughts completely	450	22
Mostly describes my thoughts	512	25
Somewhat describes my thoughts	575	28
Slightly describes my thoughts	298	15
Does not describe my thoughts at all	188	9

Silence is violence.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Describes my thoughts completely	226	11
Mostly describes my thoughts	352	17
Somewhat describes my thoughts	631	31
Slightly describes my thoughts	398	20
Does not describe my thoughts at all	418	21

Political violence is a problem among progressives.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Describes my thoughts completely	215	11
Mostly describes my thoughts	367	18
Somewhat describes my thoughts	679	34
Slightly describes my thoughts	383	19
Does not describe my thoughts at all	381	19

Political violence is a problem among conservatives.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Describes my thoughts completely	416	21
Mostly describes my thoughts	427	21
Somewhat describes my thoughts	621	31
Slightly describes my thoughts	271	13
Does not describe my thoughts at all	289	14

Political violence is a problem among all political groups.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Describes my thoughts completely	533	26
Mostly describes my thoughts	538	27
Somewhat describes my thoughts	586	29
Slightly describes my thoughts	250	12
Does not describe my thoughts at all	118	6

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following actions to protest a campus speaker?

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following actions to protest a campus speaker? Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	104	5
Sometimes acceptable	612	30
Rarely acceptable	653	32
Never acceptable	655	32

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following actions to protest a campus speaker? Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	31	2
Sometimes acceptable	355	18
Rarely acceptable	568	28
Never acceptable	1070	53

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following actions to protest a campus speaker? Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	40	2
Sometimes acceptable	211	10
Rarely acceptable	327	16
Never acceptable	1445	71

*Question only presented to students who said violence was “always,” “sometimes,” or “rarely” acceptable.*

What forms of violence do you consider acceptable to stop a campus speech? (please select all that apply)

Form of violence:	Percentage of students who selected option:
Arson	7%
Bomb threats	9%
Detaining or restraining people	8%
Incendiaries or fireworks aimed at the venue	17%
Kidnapping	9%
Murder	7%
Physical assault on people in attendance	17%
Physical assault on the speaker	20%
Smoke or “stink” bombs to force evacuation of the event	14%
Threats of bodily harm to people in attendance	9%
Throwing projectiles (e.g.;pies;eggs;rocks;bottles)	26%
Use of chemical irritants (e.g.;bear spray)	22%
Use of firearms (e.g.;rifle)	9%
Use of sharp objects (e.g.;knife)	8%
Using physical force to prevent people from entering the event	17%
None of the above.	46%

Because of what happened to Charlie Kirk, how much more or less comfortable are you doing each of the following?

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
A great deal less comfortable	376	19
Slightly less comfortable	526	26
Neither more nor less comfortable	906	45
Slightly more comfortable	156	8
A great deal more comfortable	59	3

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
A great deal less comfortable	354	18
Slightly less comfortable	505	25
Neither more nor less comfortable	949	47
Slightly more comfortable	156	8
A great deal more comfortable	60	3

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
A great deal less comfortable	463	23
Slightly less comfortable	516	25
Neither more nor less comfortable	829	41
Slightly more comfortable	151	7
A great deal more comfortable	65	3

Attending public events on your campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
A great deal less comfortable	245	12
Slightly less comfortable	465	23
Neither more nor less comfortable	1083	54
Slightly more comfortable	150	7
A great deal more comfortable	81	4

Attending controversial public events on your campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
A great deal less comfortable	505	25
Slightly less comfortable	516	25
Neither more nor less comfortable	827	41
Slightly more comfortable	116	6
A great deal more comfortable	60	3

Hosting events on campus that some people may consider controversial.

Response	Frequency	Percent
A great deal less comfortable	505	25
Slightly less comfortable	516	25
Neither more nor less comfortable	827	41
Slightly more comfortable	116	6
A great deal more comfortable	60	3

Attending class on campus.

Response	Frequency	Percent
A great deal less comfortable	109	5
Slightly less comfortable	316	16
Neither more nor less comfortable	1317	65
Slightly more comfortable	151	7
A great deal more comfortable	132	7

How often, if at all, do you think your college would punish you for saying ...

“Bigots who say hateful things deserve to be shot.”

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	306	15
Rarely	334	16
Sometimes	579	29
Fairly often	452	22
Always	353	17

“Gun nuts worship their AR-15s more than they value human lives.”

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	576	28
Rarely	561	28
Sometimes	491	24
Fairly often	251	12
Always	146	7

“Illegal immigrants should be arrested and deported.”

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	452	22
Rarely	474	23
Sometimes	558	28
Fairly often	337	17
Always	204	10

“Debate me. Prove me wrong.”

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	1033	51
Rarely	464	23
Sometimes	343	17
Fairly often	121	6
Always	63	3

“If a trans- identified male is in a female-only space, he is committing a violent, abusive act.”

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	417	21
Rarely	501	25
Sometimes	582	29
Fairly often	342	17
Always	182	9

If a professor on your campus said any of the following statements on social media after Charlie Kirk’s assassination, SHOULD THEY or SHOULD THEY NOT be fired from their job?

“It’s O.K. to punch a Nazi.”

Response	Frequency	Percent
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	611	30
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	786	39
The professor probably should be fired from their job	441	22
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	186	9

“These fascist Bible-thumpers want to drag us back to the Dark Ages.”

Response	Frequency	Percent
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	355	18
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	787	39
The professor probably should be fired from their job	592	29
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	290	14

“We are going to make America great again.”

Response	Frequency	Percent
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	505	25
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	909	45
The professor probably should be fired from their job	431	21
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	179	9

“Our colleges and universities are progressive indoctrination centers.”

Response	Frequency	Percent
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	357	18
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	885	44
The professor probably should be fired from their job	595	29
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	187	9

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	754	37
Probably should not allow this speaker	696	34
Probably should allow this speaker	399	20
Definitely should allow this speaker	175	9

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	526	26
Probably should not allow this speaker	644	32
Probably should allow this speaker	599	30
Definitely should allow this speaker	255	13

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	791	39
Probably should not allow this speaker	688	34
Probably should allow this speaker	383	19
Definitely should allow this speaker	162	8

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	425	21
Probably should not allow this speaker	838	41
Probably should allow this speaker	555	27
Definitely should allow this speaker	207	10

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	516	26
Probably should not allow this speaker	787	39
Probably should allow this speaker	534	26
Definitely should allow this speaker	186	9

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	396	20
Probably should not allow this speaker	736	36
Probably should allow this speaker	679	34
Definitely should allow this speaker	213	11