

2026 College Free Speech Rankings

New England Small College Athletic Conference

	OVERALL RANK	SPEECH CLIMATE	SPOTLIGHT RATING
Amherst College	70	D-	YELLOW
Colby College	125	F	YELLOW
Wesleyan University	127	F	YELLOW
Hamilton College	157	F	YELLOW
Williams College	166	F	YELLOW
Trinity College	181	F	YELLOW
Bowdoin College	184	F	YELLOW
Connecticut College	222	F	RED
Bates College	226	F	RED
Tufts University	239	F	RED
Middlebury College	249	F	RED

Executive Summary

THE COLLEGE FREE SPEECH RANKINGS are the most comprehensive comparison of free speech climates at U.S. colleges and universities. Developed by the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, the rankings combine student survey data, written speech policies, and school responses to recent speech-related controversies to evaluate how well institutions uphold free expression. Schools earn higher scores when they protect open debate and viewpoint diversity and lose points when they restrict it.

To understand the student experience of free speech on campus, our survey partner, College Pulse, surveyed 68,510 student respondents from 257 colleges and universities from Jan. 3 through June 5, 2025. The College Free Speech Rankings are available online (rankings.thefire.org) for easy comparison between institutions.

We surveyed a total of 1,749 students at the 11 NESCAC schools. Key findings include:

- The NESCAC schools obtained an average overall score of 54.69.
- Amherst College, the top NESCAC school, ranks 70 with an overall score of 61.07, while Middlebury College had the lowest overall score (48.48) and ranks 249. Four NESCAC schools — Amherst College, Colby College, Middlebury College, and Wesleyan University — ranked in the top 50 on “Tolerance for Liberal Speakers.”
- Students at most of the NESCAC schools do not trust their schools’ administration to protect freedom of speech and defend people’s right to it during a controversy.
- Most of the NESCAC schools perform well on the “Openness” component, indicating that many NESCAC students feel they can have “open and honest” conversations about a number of controversial political topics.
- None of the NESCAC schools received a “green light” Spotlight rating; seven were given a “yellow light” rating and four obtained a “red light” rating.
- A few speech controversies involving expression about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict since 2024 negatively impacted the rankings of Williams, Tufts, and Middlebury.

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Topline Results: Bates College	105
Topline Results: Tufts University	116
Topline Results: Middlebury College	127

OVERALL RANKINGS

Amherst College is the top ranked NESCAC school this year in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings and the only school that did not receive a failing grade for its speech climate. Last year's top ranked NESCAC school, Trinity College, ranks 181. Middlebury College finished in the bottom ten of all schools.¹

Amherst ranks 70 with an overall score of 61.07. The school scored in the top 10 overall on three components or subcomponents: "Self-Censorship," "Administrative Support," and "Openness."

Middlebury College had the lowest overall score (48.48) and is the bottom ranked school (249) in the NESCAC. Middlebury ranked poorly on the student survey components and subcomponents of "Comfort Expressing Ideas" (215) and "Tolerance Difference" (235). It also denied recognition to the Jewish student group Chabad on the grounds that there was already one organization on campus that supposedly offered similar programming even though other faiths on campus had multiple student groups recognized.

TABLE 1: 2026 College Free Speech Rankings: New England Small College Athletic Conference

SCHOOL	RANKING	OVERALL SCORE	SPEECH CLIMATE	STUDENTS SURVEYED
Amherst College	70	61.07	D-	181
Colby College	125	57.66	F	143
Wesleyan University	127	57.42	F	153
Hamilton College	157	56.24	F	132
Williams College	166	56.05	F	154
Trinity College	181	55.52	F	137
Bowdoin College	184	55.31	F	121
Connecticut College	222	51.89	F	135
Bates College	226	51.75	F	115
Tufts University	239	50.20	F	323
Middlebury College	249	48.48	F	155

NESCAC STUDENTS AT A GLANCE

Tolerant of liberals, skeptical of administrators

Almost all of the NESCAC schools rank in the top 75 on the "Tolerance for Liberal Speakers" component, and none rank below 120 (Trinity College). Two of them rank in the top five — Amherst College and Colby College — and another, Middlebury College, ranks 23. Amherst and Colby are also the only NESCAC schools that rank in the top 100 on the "Tolerance for Conservative Speakers" component, coming in at

¹ The detailed methodology can be found at rankings.thefire.org/methodology.

43 and 64 respectively. The remaining NESCAC schools have mediocre to poor rankings on this component, suggesting that these campuses are more hostile to politically conservative viewpoints.

Students at most of the NESCAC schools also do not place a great deal of confidence in their college administrators to protect freedom of speech on their campuses. Amherst again does very well — ranking in the top ten on “Administrative Support.” But, with the exception of Connecticut College and Wesleyan University, which rank 43 and 62 respectively, the rest of the schools give their administrators poor marks. “Administrative Support” is lowest at Bowdoin College, Trinity College, and Tufts University. This indicates that students at most of the NESCAC schools do not trust their schools’ administration to protect freedom of speech and defend people’s right to it during a controversy.

TABLE 2: New England Small College Athletic Conference rankings on tolerance and administrative components

SCHOOL	TOLERANCE FOR LIBERAL SPEAKERS	TOLERANCE FOR CONSERVATIVE SPEAKERS	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
Amherst College	3	43	9
Colby College	4	64	186
Wesleyan University	50	188	62
Hamilton College	54	207	156
Williams College	91	108	157
Trinity College	120	140	223
Bowdoin College	66	147	231
Connecticut College	55	238	43
Bates College	112	219	178
Tufts University	49	165	217
Middlebury College	23	141	152

STUDENTS SAID THEY HAVE ‘OPEN AND HONEST’ CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS

Most of the NESCAC schools also performed well on the “Openness” component, indicating that many NESCAC students feel they can have “open and honest” conversations about a number of controversial political topics. Amherst (10), Wesleyan (18), Tufts (28), and Bowdoin (50) are all ranked in the top 50 on this component this year. Connecticut College and Bates College are ranked in the top 100. Middlebury is the only school that performed poorly on this component, with a ranking of 185.

The percentage of NESCAC students who reported they could discuss the controversial topics of abortion, the 2024 presidential election, and transgender rights honestly on their campus was higher than students nationally. On the other hand, NESCAC students reported more difficulty discussing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict than students nationally.

FIGURE 1: Students Who Could Easily Discuss The Following Topics

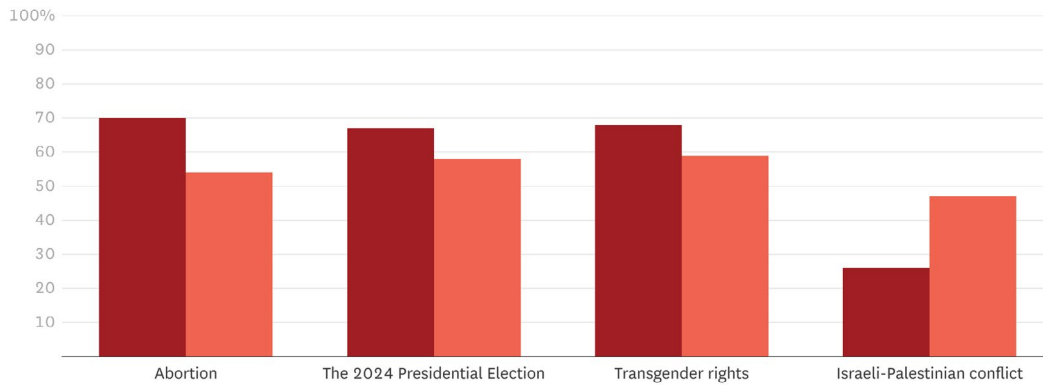


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The topics of gun control, immigration, and racial inequality were also identified by NESCAC students as easier to discuss compared to students on other campuses nationwide. When these findings are considered with the ideological breakdown of the student bodies at the NESCAC schools — all of which are overwhelmingly liberal — it suggests that the “Openness” reported by NESCAC students may be due more to their ideological homogeneity, and presumably broad agreement on these issues, than a campus climate that encourages open expression.

TABLE 3: “Openness” rankings, topics that are “easy” to discuss, and ideological breakdowns of student bodies at the NESCAC schools

SCHOOL	OPENNESS RANKING	“EASY” TOPICS TO DISCUSS IN 2025	LIBERAL: CONSERVATIVE STUDENT RATIO
Amherst College	10	Abortion, Gun control, Immigration, Racial inequality, Transgender rights, 2024 presidential election	7.09:1
Wesleyan University	18	Abortion, Gun control, Immigration, Racial inequality, Transgender rights, 2024 presidential election	5.60:1
Tufts University	28	Abortion, Gun control, Immigration, Racial inequality, Transgender rights, 2024 presidential election	16.52:1
Bowdoin College	50	Immigration, Racial inequality, Transgender rights	6.21:1
Connecticut College	83	Gun control	6.49:1
Bates College	84	Abortion, Gun control, Immigration, 2024 presidential election	3.94:1
Hamilton College	103	Gun control, Immigration, Racial inequality	5.65:1
Colby College	108	Abortion, Gun control, Immigration	3.59:1
Trinity College	139	Gun control	5.03:1
Williams College	146	Gun control, Immigration	3.54:1
Middlebury College	185	Abortion, Gun control, Immigration	5.48:1

‘YELLOW’ AND ‘RED LIGHT’ SCHOOLS WITH NO COMMITMENTS

Each year, FIRE rates the written policies on student expression of almost 500 colleges and universities. These ratings follow a traffic light system — red, yellow, or green, (with a “Warning” for institutions that do not promise students free speech rights).

None of the NESCAC schools received a “green light” rating. Seven were given a “yellow light” rating — meaning that they each have at least one policy that restricts a more limited amount of protected expression or, by virtue of vague wording, can too easily be used to restrict protected expression. Four obtained a “red light” rating — meaning that they each have at least one policy that both clearly and substantially infringes on what is, or should be, protected expression.

Amherst College Spotlight rating

Amherst College earns an overall yellow light rating for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains five yellow light policies and three green light policies. Two of the university’s three harassment policies fail to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment in an educational setting, putting protected speech that does not reach that threshold at risk. The university further restricts expression by regulating the content of postings, including vaguely requiring the materials “respect” the code of conduct, and forbidding anonymous authorship.

Amherst also broadly mandates “respect for others” and bans “verbal abuse.” While civility is a laudable goal for students to aspire to, mandates on civility can all too easily be applied by administrators to punish disfavored but protected speech. Lastly, the university encourages students to report “identity-based bias or harm” even if that conduct would not constitute “discrimination, harassment, or a violation of the honor code.” This makes largely unpopular but protected expression punishable by the administration. The administration should instead focus its resources on reports of discrimination and harassment and refrain from soliciting reports of subjective bias.

Bates College Spotlight rating

Bates College earns an overall red light rating for its written policies governing student expression. Bates maintains harassment, bullying, and bias policies which imperil the expressive rights of students on campus. None of the university’s harassment policies meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment in an educational setting. The university goes so far as to define harassment as “personally and objectively offensive” conduct that “may” be severe or pervasive, substantially diverging from legal precedent. Concerningly, the college states it “reserves the right to address offensive conduct that does not rise to the level of creating a hostile environment or that is not based on a protected status.” Finally, Bates broadly defines and bans bullying, opening up an array of speech protected by First Amendment principles to punishment. Any expression the university wishes to prohibit under the “bullying” definition would best be governed under revised hostile environmental harassment policies.

Bowdoin College Spotlight rating

Bowdoin College earns an overall yellow light rating for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains two yellow light policies and three green light policies. Bowdoin’s harassment policy fails to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment, risking suppressing protected speech. The college also encourages students to report instances of bias, conflating this term with harassment and discrimination. This threatens free expression by subjecting protected speech to standards meant for legitimate misconduct. Concerns related to bias are addressed by existing harassment and discrimination protocols; therefore, the administration should focus its resources on these established systems and avoid soliciting reports of subjective bias.

Colby College Spotlight rating

Colby College earns an overall yellow light rating for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains four yellow light policies and two green light policies. Colby’s harassment policies fail to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment, risking suppressing protected speech. The university further restricts expression by subjecting a wide range of protected digital communications to punishment through its internet usage policy.

Connecticut College Spotlight rating

Connecticut College earns an overall red light rating for its written policies governing student expression. Its policies are hidden behind a password-protected log-in page, preventing the public from accessing university policies.

Hamilton College Spotlight rating

Hamilton College earns an overall yellow light rating for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains five yellow light policies and four green light policies. Three of the university's four harassment policies fail to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment, risking suppressing protected speech. Hamilton also subjects a wide range of protected expression to punishment by placing restrictions on specific types of digital communications through its internet usage policy. Similarly, the university claims it fosters an environment where "independent opinions are supported and respected" yet threatens punishment when "opinions threaten others." While civility may indeed be a laudable goal for students to aspire to, policies mandating civility can all too easily be applied by administrators to punish disfavored but protected speech.

Middlebury College Spotlight rating

Middlebury College earns an overall red light rating for its written policies governing student expression. Middlebury maintains harassment, demonstration, internet usage, civility and bias policies which imperil the expressive rights of students on campus. None of the university's harassment policies meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment in an educational setting, putting protected speech that does not reach that threshold at risk. The university also mandates civility by broadly banning verbal conduct that "inhibits genuine discourse" and is deemed "violence in word." While civility may indeed be a laudable goal for students to aspire to, policies mandating civility can all too easily be applied by administrators to punish disfavored but protected speech.

Middlebury also encourages students to report "bias incidents and acts of intolerance" to the administration. The school states its definition of these terms, which includes potentially unpopular but protected categories of speech and is "intentionally broad" so as to reinforce the community's values. The administration should focus its resources on reports of discrimination and harassment and refrain from soliciting reports of subjective bias.

The university also burdens speech rights by requiring demonstrations be submitted through an "Event Scheduling Request," effectively banning impromptu protests. Middlebury also imposes security fees specifically for controversial speakers and reserves the right to determine these fees without explaining viewpoint neutral criteria for assessing them. This allows the administration to impose fees as a punishment for disfavored but protected speech. Lastly, Middlebury subjects a wide range of protected digital communication to punishment through its internet usage policy.

Tufts University Spotlight rating

Tufts University earns an overall red light rating for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains policies on harassment, demonstrations, internet usage, and civility which imperil the expressive rights of students on campus. Tufts' harassment policy fails to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment in an educational setting, putting protected speech that does not reach that threshold at risk. The university also bans the "sending of offensive or abusive messages," giving the administration the subjective authority to punish a wide range of protected expression.

Tufts maintains a restrictive posting policy which bans the expression of certain viewpoints and wide categories of expressive materials. This grants administrators broad discretion over campus speech and results in the suppression of a broad array of protected expression. Lastly, the university mandates

“basic respect” within the community. While respect is a laudable goal for students to aspire to, policies mandating civility or respect can all too easily be applied by administrators to punish disfavored but protected speech.

Trinity College Spotlight rating

Trinity College earns an overall yellow light rating for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains five yellow light policies and three green light policies. Two of the university’s three harassment policies fail to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment, risking suppressing protected speech. The university also encourages students to report bias incidents even if that conduct would not “reach the threshold of criminality.” This makes potentially unpopular, but protected, expression punishable. The administration should instead focus its resources on reports of discrimination and harassment and refrain from soliciting reports of subjective bias.

Finally, Trinity maintains a restrictive posting policy which requires campus postings to receive prior administrative approval and forbids anonymous authorship. The policy also demands students use “good judgment and civility” when making postings, granting administrators broad discretion to suppress a wide range of protected expression.

Wesleyan University Spotlight rating

Wesleyan University earns an overall yellow light rating for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains two yellow light policies and five green light policies. One of Wesleyan’s harassment policies fails to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment, risking suppressing protected speech. The university also encourages students to report communications or messages they find concerning to the administration and states that such communications will be removed “if a reasonable person might perceive it to be intimidating, hostile, or offensive.” This grants administrators broad discretion to censor a wide range of protected expression.

Williams Spotlight rating

Williams College earns an overall yellow light rating for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains seven yellow light policies and two green light policies. Williams’ harassment policy fails to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment, risking suppressing protected speech. The college also bars registered student organizations from using their funds on activities “offensive” to the community. This provision allows the student government to engage in viewpoint discrimination, an untenable outcome under Williams’ free speech promises.

Williams further restricts speech rights by requiring outdoor events to receive administrative approval, putting an unnecessary burden on the expressive rights of the community. Further, the institution’s posting policy curtails the right to anonymous expression by requiring the author’s email be included on all materials. The college’s internet usage policy prohibits all “chain letters” and “spam” without defining the terms or specifying that to be prohibited, such email must disrupt others’ use of the system. This provision could potentially subject a wide range of protected expression to punishment.

Finally, Williams encourages students to report “bias incidents” to the administration. Concerns related to bias are already addressed by existing harassment and discrimination protocols; therefore, the

administration should focus its resources on these established systems and avoid soliciting reports of subjective bias.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL SUMMARIES

Amherst College

Amherst College ranks 70 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. Its score, a 61, represents a 5-point improvement from last year and a D- speech climate. The rise came from improved student sentiment even though Amherst still earns a “yellow light” Spotlight rating.

Student scores improved across the board from last year. Amherst places in the top 10 for “Self-Censorship,” “Administrative Support,” and “Openness,” suggesting greater willingness to voice views and more confidence in the administration’s support for free expression.

Amherst could continue its upward trajectory by revising its restrictive speech codes to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating as well as adopting the “Chicago Statement” and an official commitment to institutional neutrality. If these policy changes had already been adopted, Amherst would have ranked second overall with a score of 77 and a C+ speech climate.

Colby College

Colby College ranks 125 out of 257 schools, with a score of 58 and a speech climate grade of F.

Colby ranks in the top 50 for “Self-Censorship,” indicating that comparatively few students reported holding back their opinions in discussions with their peers, with professors, and in the classroom. Beyond that bright spot, no other metric falls into the nation’s top tiers.

The college’s policy environment continues to drag down its overall score. Its written student policies still earn a yellow light Spotlight rating, costing it 5 points in the rankings, and the college has yet to adopt the Chicago Statement or an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

With a green light rating, Colby’s score would increase by 10 points and the school would rank 35 with a speech climate grade of D+. If Colby also adopted the Chicago principles and an official stance of institutional neutrality, it would rank 8 with a speech climate grade of C.

Wesleyan University

Wesleyan University ranks 127 out of 257 schools, posting a score of 57 and earning a speech climate grade of F.

Students’ attitudes are split. Wesleyan places in the top 25 for “Openness,” indicating a willingness to engage on tough political issues, yet the school ranks in the bottom 50 for “Political Tolerance” overall due to its students’ heavy bias of allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus, but not controversial conservative ones.

Wesleyan continues to earn a yellow light Spotlight rating, lowering its overall score by 5 points. It also has not adopted the Chicago principles or a stance of institutional neutrality, and it is unlikely it will adopt the latter any time soon. President Michael Roth has stated that “the infatuation with institutional neutrality” among colleges and universities in response to Hamas’ October 7 attack on Israel “is just making cowardice into policy.”

With a green light rating, Wesleyan’s score would increase by 10 points and the school would rank 36 with a speech climate grade of D+. If Wesleyan also adopted the Chicago principles and an official stance of institutional neutrality, it would rank 8 with a speech climate grade of C.

Hamilton College

Hamilton College ranks 157 out of 257 schools, posting a score of 56 and earning a speech climate grade of F.

Students rank Hamilton in the top 25 for “Self-Censorship,” meaning comparatively few students report keeping quiet about their views in conversations with peers, professors, or in the classroom. That bright spot is overshadowed by weaknesses: the school lands in the bottom 50 for “Political Tolerance,” with an even stronger bias in favor of allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus and not conservative ones than Wesleyan’s.

Hamilton earns a yellow light Spotlight rating and has not adopted the Chicago principles or a stance of institutional neutrality. The college could improve its score by 10 points by revising its speech codes to earn a green light Spotlight rating. If it did this, it would rank 38 and receive a speech climate grade of D. Adopting the Chicago principles and a stance of institutional neutrality would boost Hamilton’s ranking to 12 and raise its speech climate grade to a C.

Williams College

Williams College ranks 166 out of 257 schools earning a score of 56 — a 3 point improvement over last year — and a speech climate grade of F.

Students rank Williams in the top 25 on “Disruptive Conduct,” signaling greater opposition to tactics that shut down speakers or campus events compared to most other schools. The ranking for “Comfort Expressing Ideas” also improved enough to move out of last year’s bottom 50.

However, Williams lost points in the rankings when a 2024 round-table discussion featuring two political scientists — Galen Jackson, a professor at Williams, and Stephen Walt, a professor at Harvard University — and moderated by Aaron David Miller, a Middle East analyst and senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, was disrupted. A 3 point penalty initially, the penalty is a loss of 2 points this year.

During the round-table discussion, student protesters affiliated with Students for Justice in Palestine loudly chanted slogans such as “resistance is justified when people are occupied,” “long live Palestine,” and “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.” After a few minutes, Jackson informed the protesters that they were violating college policy. The protesters left and the event resumed. Then, during the question and answer about 15 to 20 minutes later, a student read a question and then started

chanting over the panelists with another student before anyone could respond. As the chanting continued, the university president spoke with Jackson, who then announced the event was ending early. The two students chanting walked onto the stage and stood in front of the panelists.

Williams could improve its score by 10 points if it revised its written speech policies to earn a green light Spotlight rating. This would improve its ranking from 166 to 39. Adopting a free speech statement based on the Chicago principles and adopting an official commitment to institutional neutrality would further increase its score and boost its ranking to 13.

Trinity College

Trinity College ranks 181 out of 257 schools, earning a score of 56 and a speech climate grade of F.

Student perceptions place Trinity in the bottom 25 for “Disruptive Conduct” and in the bottom 50 for “Administrative Support,” indicating both a higher tolerance for disruptive protest tactics and little confidence that administrators protect expression.

Written policies also remain a concern, and the school still earns a yellow light Spotlight rating, reducing its score by 5 points. It also has not adopted the Chicago principles or a stance of institutional neutrality. A green light rating would boost Trinity’s score by 10 points and its ranking from 181 to 43. If it also adopted the Chicago principles and a stance of institutional neutrality, it would rank 17 out of 257.

Bowdoin College

Bowdoin College ranks 184 out of 257 schools, with a score of 55 and a speech climate grade of F.

Students place Bowdoin in the top 50 for “Openness,” suggesting a readiness to engage on some contentious topics. That lone strength was outweighed by bottom-50 placements for both “Comfort Expressing Ideas” and “Administrative Support,” indicating many students feel uneasy sharing views and doubted that campus leaders would protect them.

The school has a yellow light Spotlight rating, reducing its score by 5 points. If it revised its written speech policies to earn a green light Spotlight rating, its score would increase by 10 points and it would rank 43. Bowdoin also has not adopted the Chicago principles or a stance of institutional neutrality. Doing so in addition to earning a green light rating would improve its rank further to 17.

Connecticut College

Connecticut College ranks 222 out of 257 schools. Its score of 52 represents a 3 point improvement from last year, but it still earns an F for its speech climate.

Students at CC place it in the top 50 for “Administrative Support,” a bright spot in an otherwise dim picture. CC ranks in the bottom 25 for “Political Tolerance” because of a strong bias in favor of allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus but not conservative ones.

CC earns a red light Spotlight rating for password-protecting its speech codes and hiding from prospective students what rules on expression they can expect if they enroll. This reduces its score by 10 points. Revising these policies to obtain a yellow light rating would boost CC’s score by 5 points and obtaining a green light rating would increase it by 15.

Connecticut College could improve by being more transparent with its speech codes. The college could also improve by adopting a free speech statement based on the Chicago Statement and adopting an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

If CC adopted all of the recommended policy reforms, it would rank 10 out of 257.

Bates College

Bates College ranks 226 out of 257 schools with a score of 52 and a speech climate grade of F.

Students rank Bates in the top 50 on “Disruptive Conduct” — a dramatic rise from the bottom 50 a year ago — indicating less support for students shouting down a speaker, blocking entry to an event, or using violence to stop a campus speech. However, like many of its NESCAC counterparts, the college places in the bottom 50 for “Political Tolerance” because of a strong bias in favor of allowing controversial liberal speakers on campus but not conservative ones.

Bates’ written policies continue to earn a red light Spotlight rating, costing it 10 points in the rankings. A yellow light rating would boost its score by 5 points while obtaining a green light rating would add 15 points. The school has yet to adopt the Chicago Statement or an official commitment to neutrality. Doing so, in addition to earning a green light rating, would boost Bates’ ranking to 10 out of 257 schools.

Tufts University

Tufts University ranks 239 out of 257 schools with a score of 50 and a speech climate grade of F.

Tufts ranks in the top 50 for student “Openness” to discuss specific controversial issues. Yet the school is in the bottom 50 for both “Comfort Expressing Ideas” and perceived “Administrative Support” for free expression.

In 2024, the student organization Students for Justice in Palestine was temporarily suspended by the school, allegedly for a poster featuring the image of a masked individual with an assault rifle and a caption calling for others to “Join the Student Intifada!” and to “escalate” during an event on the anniversary of October 7. Tufts was penalized 2 points for this incident last year and 1 point this year for the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings.

The campus still also earns a red light Spotlight rating, signaling restrictive written speech policies, costing it 10 points in the rankings. At the time of the survey, it has not adopted the Chicago principles or a stance of institutional neutrality.² Obtaining a yellow light rating would boost its score by 5 points, while obtaining a green light rating would add 15 points. If Tufts obtained a green light rating and also

² Tufts University officially adopted a stance of institutional neutrality on September 3, 2025: <https://now.tufts.edu/2025/09/03/tufts-affirms-commitment-institutional-pluralism>.

adopted the Chicago principles and a stance of institutional neutrality it would rank 24 out of 257 schools.

Middlebury College

Middlebury College ranks in the bottom 10, 249 out of 257 schools. The college earned a score of 48 and a speech climate grade of F.

Student perceptions are bleak. Middlebury ranks in the bottom 50 nationwide for “Comfort Expressing Ideas” and is mediocre in most of the other areas, underscoring a campus atmosphere where many students hesitate to speak openly.

In 2024, school administrators denied recognition to the Jewish student group Chabad because there was already one organization on campus that supposedly offered similar programming, despite there being multiple groups from other faiths officially recognized on campus. The initial penalty of 3 points was applied in the 2025 College Free Speech Rankings. This year the penalty for this incident is a loss of 2 points.

Middlebury continues to earn a red light Spotlight rating, costing it an additional 10 points in the rankings. Obtaining a yellow light rating would boost its score by 5 points, while obtaining a green light rating would add 15 points.

NESCAC's 2026 College Free Speech Rankings Scores by Component

COMPONENT	MAXIMUM VALUE	AMHERST COLLEGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE	COLBY COLLEGE	WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY	HAMILTON COLLEGE	WILLIAMS COLLEGE
Comfort Expressing Ideas	15	9.69	9.53	9.78	9.22	9.65	9.35
Self-Censorship	20	13.22	12.12	12.68	12.12	12.79	12.36
Disruptive Conduct	20	15.81	15.5	15.64	15.73	15.04	16.43
Administrative Support	20	12.75	11.32	10.91	11.96	11.23	11.23
Openness	10	7.98	7.19	7.27	7.86	7.28	7.13
Political Tolerance	15	6.62	6.44	6.38	5.53	5.24	6.56
Chicago Statement	3 (Yes)	0 (No)	-	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)
Institutional Neutrality	3 (Yes)	0 (No)	-	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)
Spotlight Rating	5 (Green)	-5 (Yellow)	-	-5 (Yellow)	-5 (Yellow)	-5 (Yellow)	-5 (Yellow)
Campus Deplatformings	∞ Bonuses	0	-	0	0	0	-2
Scholars Under Fire	∞ Bonuses	0	-	0	0	0	0
Students Under Fire	∞ Bonuses	0	-	0	0	0	0
Overall score		61.07	58.63	57.66	57.42	56.24	56.05

COMPONENT	TRINITY COLLEGE	BOWDOIN COLLEGE	CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	BATES COLLEGE	TUFTS UNIVERSITY	MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE	MINIMUM VALUE
Comfort Expressing Ideas	9.75	8.99	9.67	9.55	9.09	9.17	5
Self-Censorship	12.32	11.95	12.41	12.14	12.31	12.03	3
Disruptive Conduct	14.63	15.69	15.59	16.31	15.83	15.35	3
Administrative Support	10.31	10.09	12.12	10.99	10.44	11.28	2
Openness	7.15	7.56	7.4	7.4	7.76	6.93	0
Political Tolerance	6.35	6.04	4.72	5.37	5.78	5.72	3
Chicago Statement	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)
Institutional Neutrality	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)
Spotlight Rating	-5 (Yellow)	-5 (Yellow)	-10 (Red)	-10 (Red)	-10 (Red)	-10 (Red)	-10 (Red)
Campus Deplatformings	0	0	0	0	0	0	∞ Penalties
Scholars Under Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	∞ Penalties
Students Under Fire	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	∞ Penalties
Overall score	55.52	55.31	51.89	51.75	50.2	48.48	

Topline Results: Amherst College

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	4	2
Not very clear	22	12
Somewhat clear	65	36
Very clear	71	39
Extremely clear	20	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	3	2
Not very likely	23	13
Somewhat likely	83	46
Very likely	55	30
Extremely likely	17	9

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	35	19
Somewhat uncomfortable	59	32
Somewhat comfortable	65	36
Very comfortable	22	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	24	13
Somewhat uncomfortable	57	31
Somewhat comfortable	70	39
Very comfortable	30	16

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	25	14
Somewhat uncomfortable	57	32
Somewhat comfortable	79	44
Very comfortable	20	11

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	9
Somewhat uncomfortable	60	33
Somewhat comfortable	62	34
Very comfortable	42	23

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	78	43
Somewhat uncomfortable	69	38
Somewhat comfortable	24	13
Very comfortable	10	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	9	5
Rarely	72	40
Occasionally, once or twice a month	59	33
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	37	20
Very often, nearly every day	4	2

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	29	16
Rarely	82	45
Occasionally, once or twice a month	52	29
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	15	8
Very often, nearly every day	3	2

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	15	8
Rarely	69	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	66	36
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	21	11
Very often, nearly every day	11	6

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	11	6
Sometimes acceptable	47	26
Rarely acceptable	76	42
Never acceptable	47	26

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	5	3
Sometimes acceptable	24	13
Rarely acceptable	62	34
Never acceptable	90	49

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	7	4
Sometimes acceptable	13	7
Rarely acceptable	26	14
Never acceptable	135	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	61	34
Probably should not allow this speaker	66	36
Probably should allow this speaker	37	20
Definitely should allow this speaker	18	10

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	37	21
Probably should not allow this speaker	49	27
Probably should allow this speaker	58	32
Definitely should allow this speaker	37	20

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	72	40
Probably should not allow this speaker	50	28
Probably should allow this speaker	41	23
Definitely should allow this speaker	18	10

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	20	11
Probably should not allow this speaker	58	32
Probably should allow this speaker	73	40
Definitely should allow this speaker	31	17

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	18	10
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	23
Probably should allow this speaker	75	42
Definitely should allow this speaker	45	25

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	10	6
Probably should not allow this speaker	38	21
Probably should allow this speaker	76	42
Definitely should allow this speaker	57	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	132	73
Yes	49	27

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	134	74
Yes	47	26

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	168	93
Yes	13	7

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	175	97
Yes	6	3

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	165	91
Yes	16	9

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	140	78
Yes	41	22

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	161	89
Yes	20	11

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	165	91
Yes	16	9

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	153	84
Yes	28	16

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	159	88
Yes	22	12

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	133	73
Yes	48	27

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	140	78
Yes	41	22

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	43	24
Yes	138	76

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	138	76
Yes	43	24

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	150	83
Yes	31	17

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	133	73
Yes	48	27

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	150	83
Yes	31	17

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	149	82
Yes	32	18

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	170	94
Yes	11	6

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	130	72
Yes	51	28

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	169	93
Yes	12	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	31	17
Rarely	90	49
Occasionally, once or twice a month	46	25
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	14	8
Very often, nearly every day	0	0

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I have been disciplined.	2	1
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	9	5
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	170	94

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	92	51
Rarely	51	28
Occasionally, once or twice a month	28	15
Fairly often, a couple times a week	9	5
Very often, nearly every day	1	1

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	17	9
Unlikely	45	25
Neither likely or unlikely	58	32
Likely	53	29
Very likely	9	5

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	9	5
Unlikely	73	40
Neither likely or unlikely	47	26
Likely	46	26
Very likely	5	3

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	8	4
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	7	4
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	89	49
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	76	42

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me.	5	3
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	1	1
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	76	42
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	99	55

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	70	39
Less than once a year	13	7
Once or twice a year	27	15
Several times a year	41	23
Once a month	10	5
2-3 times a month	5	3
About weekly	5	3
Weekly	7	4
Several times a week	3	2

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	3	2
No	177	98

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	180	100	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	3	1	5
Less than half the time	29	16	54
About half the time	15	8	28
Most of the time, nearly every day	7	4	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	10	6	28
Less than half the time	24	13	65
About half the time	1	1	4
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	3

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	2	1	6
Less than half the time	6	4	23
About half the time	10	5	35
Most of the time, nearly every day	8	4	27
Always	2	1	8

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	7	4	20
Less than half the time	19	10	50
About half the time	7	4	19
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	2	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	3
Less than half the time	9	5	35
About half the time	6	3	23
Most of the time, nearly every day	7	4	27
Always	3	2	11

Topline Results: Colby College

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	11	7
Not very clear	30	21
Somewhat clear	56	39
Very clear	37	26
Extremely clear	8	6

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	5	4
Not very likely	42	29
Somewhat likely	59	42
Very likely	29	20
Extremely likely	8	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	31	22
Somewhat uncomfortable	41	29
Somewhat comfortable	57	40
Very comfortable	14	10

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	25	18
Somewhat uncomfortable	31	22
Somewhat comfortable	54	38
Very comfortable	32	23

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	21	15
Somewhat uncomfortable	42	30
Somewhat comfortable	45	31
Very comfortable	34	24

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	14	10
Somewhat uncomfortable	40	28
Somewhat comfortable	64	45
Very comfortable	25	17

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	66	46
Somewhat uncomfortable	43	30
Somewhat comfortable	28	20
Very comfortable	6	4

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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	13
Rarely	45	32
Occasionally, once or twice a month	49	34
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	24	17
Very often, nearly every day	7	5

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	14	10
Rarely	54	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	50	35
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	20	14
Very often, nearly every day	5	4

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	9	6
Rarely	45	32
Occasionally, once or twice a month	57	40
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	24	17
Very often, nearly every day	7	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	14	10
Sometimes acceptable	33	23
Rarely acceptable	57	40
Never acceptable	39	27

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	3	2
Sometimes acceptable	20	14
Rarely acceptable	46	32
Never acceptable	73	51

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	1
Sometimes acceptable	14	10
Rarely acceptable	35	25
Never acceptable	92	64

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	48	34
Probably should not allow this speaker	47	33
Probably should allow this speaker	29	20
Definitely should allow this speaker	18	13

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	44	31
Probably should not allow this speaker	31	22
Probably should allow this speaker	40	28
Definitely should allow this speaker	27	19

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	55	39
Probably should not allow this speaker	50	35
Probably should allow this speaker	23	16
Definitely should allow this speaker	14	10

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	23	16
Probably should not allow this speaker	37	26
Probably should allow this speaker	61	43
Definitely should allow this speaker	22	15

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	18	12
Probably should not allow this speaker	31	22
Probably should allow this speaker	67	47
Definitely should allow this speaker	27	19

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	8	6
Probably should not allow this speaker	23	16
Probably should allow this speaker	72	50
Definitely should allow this speaker	40	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	101	71
Yes	42	29

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	70
Yes	42	30

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	129	90
Yes	14	10

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	122	85
Yes	21	15

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	124	87
Yes	18	13

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	63
Yes	52	37

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	126	88
Yes	17	12

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	114	80
Yes	29	20

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	115	81
Yes	28	19

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	107	75
Yes	35	25

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	111	78
Yes	31	22

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	105	74
Yes	38	26

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	41	29
Yes	102	71

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	59
Yes	59	41

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	78
Yes	31	22

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	86	60
Yes	57	40

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	105	74
Yes	37	26

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	59
Yes	59	41

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	123	86
Yes	20	14

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	95	66
Yes	48	34

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	132	93
Yes	10	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	24	17
Rarely	56	39
Occasionally, once or twice a month	30	21
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	29	20
Very often, nearly every day	3	2

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I have been disciplined.	1	1
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	10	7
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	127	89

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	61	43
Rarely	39	28
Occasionally, once or twice a month	13	9
Fairly often, a couple times a week	14	10
Very often, nearly every day	11	8

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	12	9
Unlikely	34	24
Neither likely or unlikely	43	30
Likely	32	23
Very likely	17	12

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	15	10
Unlikely	31	22
Neither likely or unlikely	38	27
Likely	45	32
Very likely	9	7

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	11	7
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	2	2
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	79	55
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	47	33

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	1	0
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	68	48
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	70	49

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	59	42
Less than once a year	23	16
Once or twice a year	19	14
Several times a year	14	10
Once a month	6	4
2-3 times a month	9	6
About weekly	2	1
Weekly	6	4

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	139	97

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	139	97	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	12	9	36
About half the time	14	10	42
Most of the time, nearly every day	7	5	22

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	8	5	22
Less than half the time	24	17	68
About half the time	2	1	6
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	6	4	28
Less than half the time	5	4	25
About half the time	8	5	36
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	1	9
Always	1	0	2

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	7	5	40
Less than half the time	8	6	50
About half the time	2	1	10

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	2	1	5
Less than half the time	6	4	19
About half the time	6	4	17
Most of the time, nearly every day	11	8	34
Always	8	6	25

Topline Results: 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	3
Not very clear	25	16
Somewhat clear	64	42
Very clear	45	30
Extremely clear	14	9

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	5
Not very likely	52	34
Somewhat likely	59	39
Very likely	27	18
Extremely likely	8	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	28	18
Somewhat uncomfortable	70	45
Somewhat comfortable	37	24
Very comfortable	19	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	24	16
Somewhat uncomfortable	55	36
Somewhat comfortable	48	31
Very comfortable	27	17

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	21	13
Somewhat uncomfortable	85	56
Somewhat comfortable	29	19
Very comfortable	19	12

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	26	17
Somewhat uncomfortable	57	37
Somewhat comfortable	42	27
Very comfortable	29	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	33
Somewhat uncomfortable	70	46
Somewhat comfortable	22	14
Very comfortable	10	7

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	18	12
Rarely	40	26
Occasionally, once or twice a month	55	36
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	37	24
Very often, nearly every day	5	3

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	19	12
Rarely	64	42
Occasionally, once or twice a month	32	21
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	28	18
Very often, nearly every day	10	7

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	13	9
Rarely	41	26
Occasionally, once or twice a month	55	36
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	33	21
Very often, nearly every day	12	8

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	2
Sometimes acceptable	33	21
Rarely acceptable	63	41
Never acceptable	55	36

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	8	5
Sometimes acceptable	17	11
Rarely acceptable	52	34
Never acceptable	76	50

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	1
Sometimes acceptable	4	3
Rarely acceptable	29	19
Never acceptable	119	77

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	55	36
Probably should not allow this speaker	58	37
Probably should allow this speaker	30	20
Definitely should allow this speaker	11	7

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	30	20
Probably should not allow this speaker	51	33
Probably should allow this speaker	60	39
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	8

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	68	44
Probably should not allow this speaker	51	33
Probably should allow this speaker	27	17
Definitely should allow this speaker	8	5

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	31	20
Probably should not allow this speaker	70	45
Probably should allow this speaker	43	28
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	6

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	34	22
Probably should not allow this speaker	41	27
Probably should allow this speaker	62	40
Definitely should allow this speaker	16	11

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	24	16
Probably should not allow this speaker	29	19
Probably should allow this speaker	88	57
Definitely should allow this speaker	12	8

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	96	63
Yes	57	37

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	105	68
Yes	48	32

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	134	87
Yes	19	13

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	129	84
Yes	25	16

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	125	82
Yes	28	18

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	104	67
Yes	50	33

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	117	76
Yes	37	24

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	122	79
Yes	32	21

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	115	75
Yes	39	25

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	73
Yes	42	27

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	119	77
Yes	35	23

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	109	71
Yes	44	29

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	29	19
Yes	125	81

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	65
Yes	54	35

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	118	77
Yes	36	23

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	103	67
Yes	51	33

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	119	77
Yes	35	23

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	103	67
Yes	51	33

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	134	87
Yes	19	13

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	65
Yes	54	35

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	141	92
Yes	12	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	27	18
Rarely	52	34
Occasionally, once or twice a month	42	27
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	26	17
Very often, nearly every day	7	4

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	8	5
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	145	95

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	61	40
Rarely	54	35
Occasionally, once or twice a month	29	19
Fairly often, a couple times a week	5	3
Very often, nearly every day	4	3

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	13	9
Unlikely	37	24
Neither likely or unlikely	35	22
Likely	52	34
Very likely	17	11

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	16	11
Unlikely	36	23
Neither likely or unlikely	38	25
Likely	55	36
Very likely	8	5

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	2	1
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	4	3
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	52	34
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	95	62

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	0	0
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	55	36
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	98	64

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	33	22
Less than once a year	19	13
Once or twice a year	25	16
Several times a year	21	14
Once a month	8	5
2-3 times a month	5	4
About weekly	14	9
Weekly	19	12
Several times a week	9	6

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0
No	153	100

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	154	100	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	2	1	8
Less than half the time	12	7	44
About half the time	8	5	30
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	2	13
Always	1	1	5

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	7	5	16
Less than half the time	25	16	56
About half the time	12	8	26
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	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	7	4	23
About half the time	8	5	28
Most of the time, nearly every day	11	7	41

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	8	5	27
Less than half the time	9	6	30
About half the time	11	7	37
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	1	5

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	11	7	46
About half the time	9	6	37
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	1	10
Always	1	1	6

Topline Results: Connecticut 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	16	12
Somewhat clear	55	41
Very clear	52	39
Extremely clear	8	6

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	2	2
Not very likely	31	23
Somewhat likely	57	42
Very likely	34	26
Extremely likely	10	7

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	26	19
Somewhat uncomfortable	64	48
Somewhat comfortable	34	25
Very comfortable	10	7

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	46	34
Somewhat comfortable	49	36
Very comfortable	25	19

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	14	10
Somewhat uncomfortable	51	38
Somewhat comfortable	53	40
Very comfortable	16	12

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	14	10
Somewhat uncomfortable	49	37
Somewhat comfortable	42	31
Very comfortable	28	21

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	46	34
Somewhat uncomfortable	55	41
Somewhat comfortable	21	16
Very comfortable	12	9

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	8	6
Rarely	55	41
Occasionally, once or twice a month	46	34
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	19	14
Very often, nearly every day	7	5

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	7	5
Rarely	51	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	52	39
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	17	13
Very often, nearly every day	6	5

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	2	2
Rarely	42	31
Occasionally, once or twice a month	61	46
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	23	17
Very often, nearly every day	5	4

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	43	32
Rarely acceptable	59	44
Never acceptable	28	21

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	0	0
Sometimes acceptable	26	19
Rarely acceptable	51	38
Never acceptable	56	42

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	3	3
Sometimes acceptable	13	9
Rarely acceptable	18	13
Never acceptable	100	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	69	52
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	32
Probably should allow this speaker	12	9
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	7

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	53	39
Probably should not allow this speaker	44	33
Probably should allow this speaker	22	17
Definitely should allow this speaker	15	11

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	79	59
Probably should not allow this speaker	33	25
Probably should allow this speaker	12	9
Definitely should allow this speaker	9	7

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	19	15
Probably should not allow this speaker	64	48
Probably should allow this speaker	37	28
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	10

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	21	16
Probably should not allow this speaker	44	33
Probably should allow this speaker	55	41
Definitely should allow this speaker	14	10

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	13	10
Probably should not allow this speaker	45	34
Probably should allow this speaker	49	37
Definitely should allow this speaker	26	19

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	88	66
Yes	46	34

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	105	79
Yes	28	21

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	117	88
Yes	17	12

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	110	82
Yes	24	18

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	115	86
Yes	18	14

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	99	74
Yes	35	26

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	119	89
Yes	15	11

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	104	78
Yes	29	22

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	105	79
Yes	28	21

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	105	79
Yes	28	21

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	99	75
Yes	34	25

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	67
Yes	43	33

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	40	30
Yes	93	70

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	62
Yes	51	38

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	99	74
Yes	35	26

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	67
Yes	43	33

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	99	74
Yes	35	26

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	94	71
Yes	39	29

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	123	92
Yes	10	8

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	68
Yes	43	32

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	120	90
Yes	13	10

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	25	18
Rarely	58	44
Occasionally, once or twice a month	35	26
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	10	8
Very often, nearly every day	6	4

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I have been disciplined.	1	1
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	15	11
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	117	88

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	52	39
Rarely	35	26
Occasionally, once or twice a month	32	24
Fairly often, a couple times a week	9	7
Very often, nearly every day	6	4

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	6	5
Unlikely	36	27
Neither likely or unlikely	45	34
Likely	36	27
Very likely	10	7

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	14	11
Unlikely	33	25
Neither likely or unlikely	36	27
Likely	35	26
Very likely	15	11

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	3	2
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	2	1
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	67	50
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	62	46

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me.	0	0
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	2	1
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	42	31
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	90	67

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	55	41
Less than once a year	20	15
Once or twice a year	22	17
Several times a year	18	14
Once a month	3	2
2-3 times a month	7	5
About weekly	6	4
Weekly	1	1
Several times a week	1	1

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	133	100

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	133	100	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	0	0	2
Less than half the time	3	2	18
About half the time	8	6	44
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	3	25
Always	2	1	11

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	12	9	36
Less than half the time	14	11	43
About half the time	1	0	2
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	3	13
Always	2	2	6

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	2	2	8
Less than half the time	12	9	45
About half the time	5	4	18
Most of the time, nearly every day	8	6	29

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4	3	20
Less than half the time	7	5	33
About half the time	9	7	44
Always	1	0	2

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	16	12	46
About half the time	13	9	37
Most of the time, nearly every day	5	3	13
Always	1	1	3

Topline Results: Wesleyan University

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	12	8
Not very clear	23	15
Somewhat clear	53	35
Very clear	42	28
Extremely clear	22	14

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	32	21
Somewhat likely	70	46
Very likely	38	25
Extremely likely	11	7

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	31	21
Somewhat uncomfortable	69	45
Somewhat comfortable	43	28
Very comfortable	10	6

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	24	16
Somewhat uncomfortable	42	28
Somewhat comfortable	71	46
Very comfortable	16	10

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	33	21
Somewhat uncomfortable	55	36
Somewhat comfortable	49	32
Very comfortable	16	10

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	30	20
Somewhat uncomfortable	40	26
Somewhat comfortable	59	39
Very comfortable	23	15

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	67	44
Somewhat uncomfortable	52	34
Somewhat comfortable	27	18
Very comfortable	7	4

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	10	7
Rarely	50	33
Occasionally, once or twice a month	42	27
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	44	29
Very often, nearly every day	6	4

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	13	9
Rarely	68	45
Occasionally, once or twice a month	44	29
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	19	12
Very often, nearly every day	8	5

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	8	5
Rarely	39	26
Occasionally, once or twice a month	54	35
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	42	28
Very often, nearly every day	10	6

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	62	41
Rarely acceptable	44	29
Never acceptable	41	27

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	3	2
Sometimes acceptable	16	10
Rarely acceptable	62	41
Never acceptable	72	47

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	2
Sometimes acceptable	9	6
Rarely acceptable	33	21
Never acceptable	109	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	73	48
Probably should not allow this speaker	43	28
Probably should allow this speaker	27	18
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	7

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	51	33
Probably should not allow this speaker	47	31
Probably should allow this speaker	42	28
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	9

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	75	49
Probably should not allow this speaker	43	28
Probably should allow this speaker	23	15
Definitely should allow this speaker	12	8

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	32	21
Probably should not allow this speaker	50	33
Probably should allow this speaker	53	35
Definitely should allow this speaker	18	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	31	21
Probably should not allow this speaker	50	33
Probably should allow this speaker	48	32
Definitely should allow this speaker	23	15

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	23	15
Probably should not allow this speaker	29	19
Probably should allow this speaker	73	48
Definitely should allow this speaker	29	19

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	113	74
Yes	39	26

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	109	71
Yes	44	29

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	141	93
Yes	11	7

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	144	95
Yes	8	5

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	146	95
Yes	7	5

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	120	79
Yes	32	21

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	129	85
Yes	23	15

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	125	82
Yes	27	18

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	129	84
Yes	24	16

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	126	83
Yes	26	17

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	122	80
Yes	31	20

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	126	82
Yes	27	18

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	44	29
Yes	109	71

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	106	69
Yes	47	31

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	130	85
Yes	23	15

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	108	71
Yes	44	29

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	121	79
Yes	32	21

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	110	72
Yes	43	28

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	139	91
Yes	14	9

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	73
Yes	41	27

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	130	85
Yes	23	15

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	22	15
Rarely	57	37
Occasionally, once or twice a month	37	25
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	29	19
Very often, nearly every day	8	5

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I have been disciplined.	2	1
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	10	7
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	138	90

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	67	44
Rarely	43	28
Occasionally, once or twice a month	18	12
Fairly often, a couple times a week	18	12
Very often, nearly every day	4	2

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	19	13
Unlikely	41	27
Neither likely or unlikely	41	27
Likely	44	28
Very likely	6	4

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	18	12
Unlikely	36	24
Neither likely or unlikely	32	21
Likely	55	36
Very likely	8	5

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	5	3
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	2	1
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	46	30
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	97	64

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me.	0	0
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	1	1
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	38	25
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	111	73

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	57	37
Less than once a year	28	18
Once or twice a year	24	16
Several times a year	12	8
Once a month	10	7
2-3 times a month	5	3
About weekly	3	2
Weekly	8	5
Several times a week	2	1

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	5	4
No	145	95

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	3	2	2
No	147	96	98

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	4
Less than half the time	24	16	70
About half the time	5	3	14
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	2	8
Always	1	1	4

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5	3	19
Less than half the time	17	11	68
About half the time	2	1	8
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	4
Always	0	0	2

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5	3	22
Less than half the time	6	4	25
About half the time	5	4	24
Most of the time, nearly every day	6	4	25
Always	1	1	4

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	9	6	20
Less than half the time	21	14	49
About half the time	10	7	23
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	2	7

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	0	2
Less than half the time	5	3	21
About half the time	14	9	58
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	2	15
Always	1	1	4

Topline Results: Hamilton College

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	5	4
Not very clear	12	9
Somewhat clear	54	41
Very clear	48	37
Extremely clear	11	9

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	5
Not very likely	46	35
Somewhat likely	58	45
Very likely	13	10
Extremely likely	6	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	21
Somewhat uncomfortable	53	41
Somewhat comfortable	34	26
Very comfortable	17	13

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	17	13
Somewhat uncomfortable	41	31
Somewhat comfortable	44	34
Very comfortable	29	22

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	13	10
Somewhat uncomfortable	57	44
Somewhat comfortable	41	31
Very comfortable	19	14

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	6	5
Somewhat uncomfortable	59	45
Somewhat comfortable	43	33
Very comfortable	23	17

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	55	42
Somewhat uncomfortable	47	36
Somewhat comfortable	16	12
Very comfortable	12	9

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	8
Rarely	61	47
Occasionally, once or twice a month	36	28
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	21	16
Very often, nearly every day	2	2

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	10	8
Rarely	50	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	52	40
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	13	10
Very often, nearly every day	5	4

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	9	7
Rarely	35	27
Occasionally, once or twice a month	52	40
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	28	21
Very often, nearly every day	7	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	9
Sometimes acceptable	44	33
Rarely acceptable	48	37
Never acceptable	27	21

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	8	6
Sometimes acceptable	19	15
Rarely acceptable	48	37
Never acceptable	55	42

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	4	3
Sometimes acceptable	16	13
Rarely acceptable	15	12
Never acceptable	95	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	73	56
Probably should not allow this speaker	35	27
Probably should allow this speaker	17	13
Definitely should allow this speaker	5	4

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	37	28
Probably should not allow this speaker	43	33
Probably should allow this speaker	40	31
Definitely should allow this speaker	11	8

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	62	47
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	32
Probably should allow this speaker	22	17
Definitely should allow this speaker	4	3

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	20	15
Probably should not allow this speaker	64	49
Probably should allow this speaker	38	29
Definitely should allow this speaker	9	7

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	23	18
Probably should not allow this speaker	46	35
Probably should allow this speaker	46	35
Definitely should allow this speaker	16	12

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	8	6
Probably should not allow this speaker	37	29
Probably should allow this speaker	64	49
Definitely should allow this speaker	22	17

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	61
Yes	51	39

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	69
Yes	41	31

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	118	90
Yes	13	10

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	116	89
Yes	14	11

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	110	85
Yes	20	15

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	96	73
Yes	35	27

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	108	82
Yes	23	18

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	101	77
Yes	30	23

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	93	71
Yes	38	29

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	105	80
Yes	26	20

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	106	81
Yes	24	19

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	97	74
Yes	33	26

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	40	31
Yes	91	69

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	75	57
Yes	56	43

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	98	75
Yes	33	25

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	93	71
Yes	37	29

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	92	71
Yes	38	29

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	86	66
Yes	44	34

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	86
Yes	19	14

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	86	66
Yes	44	34

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	120	92
Yes	11	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	17	13
Rarely	58	44
Occasionally, once or twice a month	34	26
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	11	9
Very often, nearly every day	10	7

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I have been disciplined.	0	0
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	13	10
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	116	89

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	46	36
Rarely	42	32
Occasionally, once or twice a month	29	22
Fairly often, a couple times a week	12	9
Very often, nearly every day	2	1

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	12	9
Unlikely	34	26
Neither likely or unlikely	34	26
Likely	41	31
Very likely	9	7

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	5	4
Unlikely	31	24
Neither likely or unlikely	48	37
Likely	41	32
Very likely	5	4

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	6	4
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	5	4
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	71	55
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	48	37

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	4	3
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	55	42
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	71	55

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	46	35
Less than once a year	14	11
Once or twice a year	19	14
Several times a year	23	18
Once a month	11	8
2-3 times a month	5	4
About weekly	2	2
Weekly	10	7
Several times a week	1	1

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	130	100

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	130	100	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	16	12	48
About half the time	6	5	18
Most of the time, nearly every day	7	6	22
Always	4	3	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	11	8	30
Less than half the time	8	6	23
About half the time	12	9	31
Most of the time, nearly every day	5	4	14
Always	1	1	2

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	11	9	57
About half the time	4	3	20
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	3	19
Always	1	1	5

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	6	5	24
Less than half the time	14	11	53
About half the time	5	4	18
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
Less than half the time	8	6	57
About half the time	3	2	23
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	2	20

Topline Results: Trinity College

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	12	8
Not very clear	28	21
Somewhat clear	62	45
Very clear	29	22
Extremely clear	6	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	16	11
Not very likely	35	26
Somewhat likely	56	41
Very likely	24	18
Extremely likely	5	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	29	21
Somewhat uncomfortable	46	34
Somewhat comfortable	46	33
Very comfortable	16	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	17	12
Somewhat uncomfortable	56	41
Somewhat comfortable	33	24
Very comfortable	31	22

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	18	13
Somewhat uncomfortable	44	32
Somewhat comfortable	54	40
Very comfortable	21	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	28	21
Somewhat uncomfortable	40	29
Somewhat comfortable	49	36
Very comfortable	19	14

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	34	25
Somewhat uncomfortable	55	41
Somewhat comfortable	34	25
Very comfortable	14	10

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	8	6
Rarely	46	34
Occasionally, once or twice a month	51	37
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	21	15
Very often, nearly every day	10	7

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	10	8
Rarely	47	35
Occasionally, once or twice a month	54	40
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	10	7
Very often, nearly every day	15	11

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	11	8
Rarely	43	31
Occasionally, once or twice a month	55	40
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	16	12
Very often, nearly every day	11	8

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	5
Sometimes acceptable	52	38
Rarely acceptable	42	31
Never acceptable	36	26

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	7	5
Sometimes acceptable	31	23
Rarely acceptable	45	33
Never acceptable	54	40

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	8	6
Sometimes acceptable	21	15
Rarely acceptable	28	21
Never acceptable	79	58

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	49	36
Probably should not allow this speaker	56	41
Probably should allow this speaker	28	20
Definitely should allow this speaker	4	3

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	36	27
Probably should not allow this speaker	44	32
Probably should allow this speaker	49	36
Definitely should allow this speaker	8	6

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	53	39
Probably should not allow this speaker	45	33
Probably should allow this speaker	36	26
Definitely should allow this speaker	2	2

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	20	14
Probably should not allow this speaker	68	49
Probably should allow this speaker	45	33
Definitely should allow this speaker	3	2

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	28	20
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	31
Probably should allow this speaker	61	44
Definitely should allow this speaker	4	3

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	19	14
Probably should not allow this speaker	47	34
Probably should allow this speaker	55	40
Definitely should allow this speaker	16	11

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	87	63
Yes	48	35

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	110	80
Yes	25	18

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	116	85
Yes	19	14

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	114	84
Yes	20	15

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	114	83
Yes	21	15

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	98	71
Yes	37	27

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	65
Yes	46	34

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	98	71
Yes	37	27

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	106	77
Yes	29	21

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	102	74
Yes	33	24

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	94	69
Yes	40	29

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	89	65
Yes	46	33

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	48	35
Yes	87	64

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	93	68
Yes	41	30

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	104	76
Yes	31	22

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	61
Yes	51	38

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	94	69
Yes	40	30

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	60
Yes	53	39

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	125	91
Yes	10	7

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	60
Yes	52	38

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	125	91
Yes	10	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	20	14
Rarely	49	36
Occasionally, once or twice a month	40	29
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	14	10
Very often, nearly every day	12	9

Have you ever been disciplined by your college’s administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I have been disciplined.	6	4
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	22	16
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	107	78

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	52	38
Rarely	41	30
Occasionally, once or twice a month	19	14
Fairly often, a couple times a week	9	7
Very often, nearly every day	14	10

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	11	8
Unlikely	48	35
Neither likely or unlikely	42	31
Likely	26	19
Very likely	8	6

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	12	9
Unlikely	38	28
Neither likely or unlikely	45	33
Likely	31	23
Very likely	8	6

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	5	4
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	9	7
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	56	41
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	64	47

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me.	0	0
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	1	1
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	38	28
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	95	69

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	48	35
Less than once a year	9	7
Once or twice a year	25	18
Several times a year	23	17
Once a month	5	4
2-3 times a month	3	2
About weekly	13	9
Weekly	6	4
Several times a week	1	1

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	134	98

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	134	98	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	0	0	2
Less than half the time	6	4	31
About half the time	8	6	46
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	2	15
Always	1	1	6

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	8	6	19
Less than half the time	13	10	29
About half the time	9	6	20
Most of the time, nearly every day	11	8	25
Always	3	2	8

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5	4	14
Less than half the time	6	4	17
About half the time	18	13	52
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	3	11
Always	2	1	5

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5	3	32
Less than half the time	6	4	39
About half the time	4	3	26
Most of the time, nearly every day	0	0	3

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	3	2	11
Less than half the time	9	6	37
About half the time	9	7	40
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	2	10
Always	0	0	2

Topline Results: Connecticut College

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	10	8
Not very clear	31	26
Somewhat clear	52	43
Very clear	25	21
Extremely clear	3	2

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	6
Not very likely	41	34
Somewhat likely	51	42
Very likely	16	13
Extremely likely	6	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	22
Somewhat uncomfortable	59	49
Somewhat comfortable	26	22
Very comfortable	8	7

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	23	19
Somewhat uncomfortable	42	35
Somewhat comfortable	46	38
Very comfortable	10	8

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	27	23
Somewhat uncomfortable	42	35
Somewhat comfortable	43	36
Very comfortable	8	7

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	19	15
Somewhat uncomfortable	49	41
Somewhat comfortable	33	28
Very comfortable	20	16

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	50	41
Somewhat uncomfortable	49	40
Somewhat comfortable	19	15
Very comfortable	4	3

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	6	5
Rarely	35	29
Occasionally, once or twice a month	46	38
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	29	24
Very often, nearly every day	5	4

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	6	5
Rarely	31	26
Occasionally, once or twice a month	57	47
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	25	20
Very often, nearly every day	3	2

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	3	3
Rarely	46	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	40	33
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	26	21
Very often, nearly every day	5	4

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	6
Sometimes acceptable	35	29
Rarely acceptable	44	36
Never acceptable	35	29

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	2
Sometimes acceptable	25	21
Rarely acceptable	30	25
Never acceptable	64	53

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	2	2
Sometimes acceptable	13	11
Rarely acceptable	22	18
Never acceptable	84	70

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	47
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	35
Probably should allow this speaker	12	10
Definitely should allow this speaker	11	9

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	26	22
Probably should not allow this speaker	48	39
Probably should allow this speaker	33	27
Definitely should allow this speaker	14	12

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	54	45
Probably should not allow this speaker	41	34
Probably should allow this speaker	12	10
Definitely should allow this speaker	14	11

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	18	15
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	35
Probably should allow this speaker	47	39
Definitely should allow this speaker	14	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	35	29
Probably should not allow this speaker	39	32
Probably should allow this speaker	37	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	6	5
Probably should not allow this speaker	43	35
Probably should allow this speaker	55	46
Definitely should allow this speaker	17	14

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	82	68
Yes	39	32

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	70
Yes	37	30

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	109	90
Yes	12	10

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	110	91
Yes	11	9

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	108	90
Yes	13	10

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	91	76
Yes	29	24

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	93	77
Yes	28	23

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	107	89
Yes	14	11

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	102	84
Yes	19	16

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	69
Yes	38	31

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	99	82
Yes	22	18

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	74
Yes	31	26

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	34	28
Yes	87	72

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	80	67
Yes	40	33

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	87	72
Yes	34	28

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	89	73
Yes	32	27

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	87	72
Yes	33	28

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	74
Yes	31	26

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	92
Yes	9	8

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	89	74
Yes	32	26

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	107	89
Yes	14	11

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	18	15
Rarely	47	39
Occasionally, once or twice a month	33	27
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	21	17
Very often, nearly every day	2	2

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I have been disciplined.	9	7
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	17	14
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	96	79

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	39
Rarely	36	30
Occasionally, once or twice a month	29	24
Fairly often, a couple times a week	3	2
Very often, nearly every day	7	6

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	10	8
Unlikely	41	34
Neither likely or unlikely	40	33
Likely	22	18
Very likely	7	6

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	11	9
Unlikely	22	18
Neither likely or unlikely	47	39
Likely	35	29
Very likely	6	5

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	5	4
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	6	5
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	48	39
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	62	51

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	34	28
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	87	72

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	51	42
Less than once a year	17	14
Once or twice a year	24	20
Several times a year	15	12
Once a month	6	5
2-3 times a month	3	3
About weekly	1	1
Weekly	4	3
Several times a week	1	0

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	2	2
No	119	98

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	5	4	4
No	116	96	96

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	17	14	54
About half the time	4	4	13
Most of the time, nearly every day	10	8	31
Always	1	0	2

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	6	5	27
Less than half the time	5	4	25
About half the time	6	5	28
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	5
Always	3	3	14

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	32
About half the time	10	8	37
Most of the time, nearly every day	8	6	29

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4	3	20
Less than half the time	10	8	54
About half the time	4	4	25

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	9	7	38
About half the time	9	7	38
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	2	9
Always	3	3	15

Topline Results: Bates 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	15	13
Somewhat clear	61	53
Very clear	29	26
Extremely clear	8	7

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	12	10
Not very likely	31	27
Somewhat likely	48	42
Very likely	19	16
Extremely likely	5	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	35	30
Somewhat uncomfortable	35	30
Somewhat comfortable	35	31
Very comfortable	10	9

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	14	12
Somewhat uncomfortable	34	29
Somewhat comfortable	49	43
Very comfortable	18	16

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	20	17
Somewhat uncomfortable	41	35
Somewhat comfortable	36	31
Very comfortable	18	16

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	8
Somewhat uncomfortable	32	28
Somewhat comfortable	52	45
Very comfortable	21	19

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	56	49
Somewhat uncomfortable	30	26
Somewhat comfortable	22	19
Very comfortable	6	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	6	6
Rarely	49	43
Occasionally, once or twice a month	30	26
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	18	16
Very often, nearly every day	11	9

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	5	4
Rarely	43	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	36	32
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	25	22
Very often, nearly every day	5	5

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	5	5
Rarely	39	34
Occasionally, once or twice a month	41	36
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	22	19
Very often, nearly every day	7	6

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	9	8
Sometimes acceptable	20	17
Rarely acceptable	42	37
Never acceptable	44	38

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	3	3
Sometimes acceptable	20	18
Rarely acceptable	32	28
Never acceptable	59	51

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	6	5
Sometimes acceptable	4	4
Rarely acceptable	8	7
Never acceptable	97	85

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	50
Probably should not allow this speaker	31	27
Probably should allow this speaker	16	14
Definitely should allow this speaker	9	8

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	40	35
Probably should not allow this speaker	35	30
Probably should allow this speaker	30	26
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	9

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	67	59
Probably should not allow this speaker	25	22
Probably should allow this speaker	16	14
Definitely should allow this speaker	6	5

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	28	25
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	37
Probably should allow this speaker	33	29
Definitely should allow this speaker	11	10

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	29	26
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	37
Probably should allow this speaker	31	27
Definitely should allow this speaker	12	11

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	18	16
Probably should not allow this speaker	29	26
Probably should allow this speaker	45	39
Definitely should allow this speaker	22	20

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	88	77
Yes	27	23

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	81	71
Yes	33	29

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	110	96
Yes	4	4

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	108	95
Yes	6	5

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	97	84
Yes	18	16

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	73	64
Yes	42	36

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	96	84
Yes	18	16

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	92	80
Yes	22	20

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	88	77
Yes	26	23

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	85	74
Yes	29	26

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	95	83
Yes	20	17

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	85	75
Yes	29	25

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	42	36
Yes	73	64

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	84	74
Yes	30	26

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	81	71
Yes	34	29

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	75	66
Yes	39	34

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	65	56
Yes	50	44

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	75	65
Yes	40	35

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	87
Yes	15	13

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	74	64
Yes	41	36

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	100	87
Yes	15	13

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	29	25
Rarely	50	44
Occasionally, once or twice a month	18	16
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	9	7
Very often, nearly every day	9	8

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	4	3
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	111	97

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	55	48
Rarely	27	24
Occasionally, once or twice a month	18	15
Fairly often, a couple times a week	7	6
Very often, nearly every day	9	7

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	9	8
Unlikely	24	21
Neither likely or unlikely	35	31
Likely	33	29
Very likely	13	12

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	4	4
Unlikely	15	13
Neither likely or unlikely	30	27
Likely	49	42
Very likely	17	15

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	2	2
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	8	7
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	71	62
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	34	30

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me.	1	1
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	7	6
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	41	36
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	65	57

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	48	42
Less than once a year	11	9
Once or twice a year	17	15
Several times a year	25	22
Once a month	6	5
2-3 times a month	1	1
About weekly	7	6
Weekly	1	1
Several times a week	0	0

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0
No	114	100

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	115	100	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	6	5	25
About half the time	15	13	62
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	2	8
Always	1	1	5

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	8	7	37
Less than half the time	8	7	41
About half the time	2	1	7
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	3	14

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	4	4	18
Less than half the time	9	8	38
About half the time	8	7	34
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	2	10

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5	4	19
Less than half the time	12	11	51
About half the time	5	4	21
Most of the time, nearly every day	0	0	2
Always	2	2	7

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	8	7	36
Less than half the time	7	6	33
About half the time	5	4	22
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	6
Always	0	0	2

Topline Results: Tufts University

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	13	4
Not very clear	68	21
Somewhat clear	147	45
Very clear	81	25
Extremely clear	14	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	23	7
Not very likely	107	33
Somewhat likely	143	44
Very likely	41	13
Extremely likely	9	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	81	25
Somewhat uncomfortable	140	43
Somewhat comfortable	75	23
Very comfortable	26	8

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	48	15
Somewhat uncomfortable	108	33
Somewhat comfortable	130	40
Very comfortable	37	11

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	58	18
Somewhat uncomfortable	141	44
Somewhat comfortable	102	32
Very comfortable	22	7

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	56	17
Somewhat uncomfortable	126	39
Somewhat comfortable	104	32
Very comfortable	37	11

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	119	37
Somewhat uncomfortable	137	42
Somewhat comfortable	62	19
Very comfortable	6	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	17	5
Rarely	97	30
Occasionally, once or twice a month	122	38
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	71	22
Very often, nearly every day	16	5

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	22	7
Rarely	117	36
Occasionally, once or twice a month	127	39
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	48	15
Very often, nearly every day	10	3

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	17	5
Rarely	103	32
Occasionally, once or twice a month	139	43
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	55	17
Very often, nearly every day	9	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	12	4
Sometimes acceptable	97	30
Rarely acceptable	130	40
Never acceptable	84	26

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	5	2
Sometimes acceptable	53	16
Rarely acceptable	108	34
Never acceptable	157	49

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	3	1
Sometimes acceptable	28	9
Rarely acceptable	60	19
Never acceptable	232	72

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	139	43
Probably should not allow this speaker	130	40
Probably should allow this speaker	42	13
Definitely should allow this speaker	12	4

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	81	25
Probably should not allow this speaker	109	34
Probably should allow this speaker	104	32
Definitely should allow this speaker	29	9

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	123	38
Probably should not allow this speaker	137	42
Probably should allow this speaker	46	14
Definitely should allow this speaker	17	5

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	40	12
Probably should not allow this speaker	155	48
Probably should allow this speaker	101	31
Definitely should allow this speaker	28	9

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	59	18
Probably should not allow this speaker	133	41
Probably should allow this speaker	96	30
Definitely should allow this speaker	34	11

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	21	6
Probably should not allow this speaker	73	23
Probably should allow this speaker	179	55
Definitely should allow this speaker	51	16

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	254	79
Yes	69	21

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	236	73
Yes	87	27

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	294	91
Yes	29	9

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	301	93
Yes	22	7

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	292	91
Yes	31	9

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	233	72
Yes	90	28

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	274	85
Yes	49	15

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	282	87
Yes	41	13

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	277	86
Yes	46	14

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	270	84
Yes	53	16

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	249	77
Yes	74	23

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	253	78
Yes	70	22

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	63	19
Yes	260	81

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	233	72
Yes	90	28

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	246	76
Yes	77	24

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	235	73
Yes	88	27

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	239	74
Yes	84	26

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	254	79
Yes	69	21

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	296	92
Yes	27	8

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	235	73
Yes	87	27

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	298	92
Yes	25	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	36	11
Rarely	145	45
Occasionally, once or twice a month	101	31
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	35	11
Very often, nearly every day	6	2

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I have been disciplined.	8	2
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	23	7
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	292	90

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	46
Rarely	96	30
Occasionally, once or twice a month	50	16
Fairly often, a couple times a week	20	6
Very often, nearly every day	8	2

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	22	7
Unlikely	97	30
Neither likely or unlikely	108	33
Likely	75	23
Very likely	20	6

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	20	6
Unlikely	77	24
Neither likely or unlikely	106	33
Likely	100	31
Very likely	19	6

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	3	1
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	2	1
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	45	14
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	273	84

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	3	1
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	30	9
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	289	89

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	114	35
Less than once a year	49	15
Once or twice a year	74	23
Several times a year	51	16
Once a month	14	4
2-3 times a month	6	2
About weekly	6	2
Weekly	6	2
Several times a week	2	0

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes	4	1
No	317	98

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	3	1	1
No	319	99	99

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	2	1	4
Less than half the time	22	7	41
About half the time	13	4	24
Most of the time, nearly every day	6	2	11
Always	10	3	19

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	17	5	29
Less than half the time	29	9	49
About half the time	10	3	17
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	1	4
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	5	1	7
Less than half the time	19	6	31
About half the time	20	6	32
Most of the time, nearly every day	18	6	29
Always	0	0	1

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	12	4	16
Less than half the time	42	13	54
About half the time	20	6	26
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	1	3
Always	0	0	1

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	0	2
Less than half the time	32	10	46
About half the time	21	7	30
Most of the time, nearly every day	12	4	18
Always	3	1	4

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Not at all clear	6	4
Not very clear	33	22
Somewhat clear	69	44
Very clear	41	27
Extremely clear	6	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	3	2
Not very likely	39	25
Somewhat likely	64	41
Very likely	41	27
Extremely likely	7	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	41	26
Somewhat uncomfortable	61	39
Somewhat comfortable	49	32
Very comfortable	4	3

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	24	15
Somewhat uncomfortable	59	38
Somewhat comfortable	60	39
Very comfortable	12	8

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	28	18
Somewhat uncomfortable	49	31
Somewhat comfortable	65	42
Very comfortable	14	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	30	19
Somewhat uncomfortable	46	29
Somewhat comfortable	42	27
Very comfortable	38	24

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very uncomfortable	77	50
Somewhat uncomfortable	45	29
Somewhat comfortable	23	15
Very comfortable	9	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	10	6
Rarely	53	34
Occasionally, once or twice a month	48	31
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	30	20
Very often, nearly every day	14	9

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	8	5
Rarely	55	36
Occasionally, once or twice a month	50	33
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	33	21
Very often, nearly every day	8	5

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	7	5
Rarely	53	34
Occasionally, once or twice a month	57	37
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	28	18
Very often, nearly every day	10	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	8	5
Sometimes acceptable	60	39
Rarely acceptable	57	37
Never acceptable	30	19

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	3	2
Sometimes acceptable	26	17
Rarely acceptable	59	38
Never acceptable	66	43

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Always acceptable	1	1
Sometimes acceptable	16	10
Rarely acceptable	24	15
Never acceptable	114	74

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	84	54
Probably should not allow this speaker	30	20
Probably should allow this speaker	27	17
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	9

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	44	28
Probably should not allow this speaker	41	27
Probably should allow this speaker	47	30
Definitely should allow this speaker	22	15

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	75	48
Probably should not allow this speaker	34	22
Probably should allow this speaker	33	21
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	8

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	27	17
Probably should not allow this speaker	39	25
Probably should allow this speaker	66	42
Definitely should allow this speaker	23	15

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

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	20	13
Probably should not allow this speaker	50	32
Probably should allow this speaker	64	41
Definitely should allow this speaker	21	13

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Frequency	Percent
Definitely should not allow this speaker	6	4
Probably should not allow this speaker	37	24
Probably should allow this speaker	84	54
Definitely should allow this speaker	28	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	112	73
Yes	43	27

Affirmative action

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	96	62
Yes	59	38

China

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	147	95
Yes	8	5

Climate change

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	142	92
Yes	13	8

Crime

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	134	87
Yes	21	13

Economic inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	95	61
Yes	60	39

Freedom of speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	72
Yes	43	28

Gay rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	117	75
Yes	38	25

Gender inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	125	80
Yes	30	20

Gun control

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	72
Yes	43	28

Hate speech

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	105	68
Yes	50	32

Immigration

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	112	73
Yes	43	27

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	46	30
Yes	109	70

The Presidential Election

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	86	56
Yes	69	44

Police misconduct

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	109	70
Yes	46	30

Racial inequality

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	82	53
Yes	73	47

Religion

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	83	54
Yes	72	46

Sexual assault

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	106	68
Yes	49	32

The Supreme Court

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	135	87
Yes	20	13

Transgender rights

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	90	58
Yes	65	42

None of the above

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	150	97
Yes	5	3

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	22	14
Rarely	66	43
Occasionally, once or twice a month	44	29
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	14	9
Very often, nearly every day	9	6

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Yes, I have been disciplined.	0	0
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	17	11
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	137	88

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	56	36
Rarely	44	29
Occasionally, once or twice a month	25	16
Fairly often, a couple times a week	18	12
Very often, nearly every day	12	8

How likely or unlikely is it that a student on campus would be reported to the administration by another student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	4	3
Unlikely	52	33
Neither likely or unlikely	44	28
Likely	49	31
Very likely	6	4

How likely or unlikely is it that a professor on campus would be reported to the administration by a student for saying something controversial?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Very unlikely	14	9
Unlikely	43	28
Neither likely or unlikely	51	33
Likely	45	29
Very likely	2	1

Have you or anyone you know filed a Title IX complaint?

Response	Frequency	Percent
I have filed a Title IX complaint.	1	1
I both know someone who has and have myself filed a Title IX complaint.	3	2
I have not but I know someone who has filed a Title IX complaint.	38	24
I have neither filed a Title IX complaint, nor know anyone who has.”)	113	73

Has a Title IX complaint ever been filed against you or someone you know?

Response	Frequency	Percent
A Title IX complaint was filed against me.	0	0
A Title IX complaint was filed against me and someone I know.	4	2
A Title IX complaint was filed against someone I know, but not me.	26	17
A Title IX complaint has never been filed against me or someone I know.”)	124	80

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
Never	58	38
Less than once a year	21	13
Once or twice a year	21	13
Several times a year	30	19
Once a month	5	3
2-3 times a month	8	5
About weekly	10	6
Weekly	1	1
Several times a week	0	0

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent
No	155	100

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
No	155	100	100

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	1	1	3
Less than half the time	12	8	35
About half the time	14	9	43
Most of the time, nearly every day	6	4	19

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	5	3	19
Less than half the time	15	10	63
About half the time	3	2	12
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	1	4
Always	0	0	2

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	3	2	11
Less than half the time	15	10	57
About half the time	2	1	9
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	3	16
Always	2	1	8

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Never	7	5	21
Less than half the time	13	8	38
About half the time	10	6	30
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	2	12

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

Response	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Less than half the time	11	7	29
About half the time	17	11	46
Most of the time, nearly every day	9	6	23
Always	1	1	2



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