

2027 College Free Speech Rankings

The Claremont Colleges

	OVERALL RANK	SPEECH CLIMATE	SPOTLIGHT RATING
Claremont McKenna College	2	B-	GREEN
Harvey Mudd College	184	F	YELLOW
Pitzer College	160	F	YELLOW
Pomona College	226	F	YELLOW
Scripps College	167	F	YELLOW

Executive Summary

FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR in a row, the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), a nonprofit organization committed to defending and sustaining the individual rights of all Americans to free speech and free thought, and College Pulse surveyed college undergraduates about their perceptions and experiences regarding free speech on their campuses. The College Free Speech Rankings combine student survey data, written speech policies, and recent speech-related controversies.

This year's survey includes 62,997 student respondents from 262 colleges and universities. Students who were enrolled in four-year degree programs were surveyed via the College Pulse mobile app and web portal from Jan. 2 through June 3, 2026. The College Free Speech Rankings are available [online](#) and are presented in an interactive dashboard that allows for easy comparison between institutions. The full pre-registered methodology is available on the Open Science Framework's [website](#).

We surveyed a total of 673 students at the five Claremont Colleges. Key findings include:

- The five Claremont Colleges obtained an average overall score of 61.9. Claremont McKenna College ranks 2 with a B- speech climate grade, while Pitzer ranks 160, Scripps ranks 167, Harvey Mudd ranks 184, and Pomona ranks 226.¹
- For the sixth year in a row, Claremont McKenna is the strongest Claremont school for free speech. It has a “green light” Spotlight rating, has adopted the Chicago Statement, has adopted institutional neutrality, and ranks in the top 20 on four student survey components.
- Students at all five schools identified the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as the most difficult topic to discuss. The share ranged from 52% at Harvey Mudd to 73% at Scripps, compared with 50% nationally.
- Political tolerance remains uneven. Claremont McKenna ranks 20 on “Political Tolerance,” but Harvey Mudd, Pomona, Pitzer, and Scripps all rank 207 or worse. Students at the latter four schools were especially unlikely to allow speakers who expressed controversial conservative views.
- Acceptance of disruptive conduct remained a concern at most Claremont schools. Pitzer, Harvey Mudd, and Pomona rank poorly on “Disruptive Conduct,” and at least 79% of students at each of those schools said shouting down a speaker was at least “rarely” acceptable.
- Pomona has the lowest overall score and ranking among the five Claremont Colleges. Its weakest component is “Administrative Support,” where it ranks 254, with only 19% of students saying it is “very” or “extremely” clear that the administration protects free speech. Administrative Support

¹ This year, 262 colleges and universities were surveyed. One school, Regis University, was given a Warning rating for its speech policies and was therefore excluded from the rankings. As a result the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings includes 261 colleges and universities. The detailed methodology can be found at rankings.fire.org/methodology.

varies widely across the consortium: Claremont McKenna ranks in the top 10, Pitzer ranks 83, while Harvey Mudd, Scripps, and Pomona all rank in the bottom quartile.

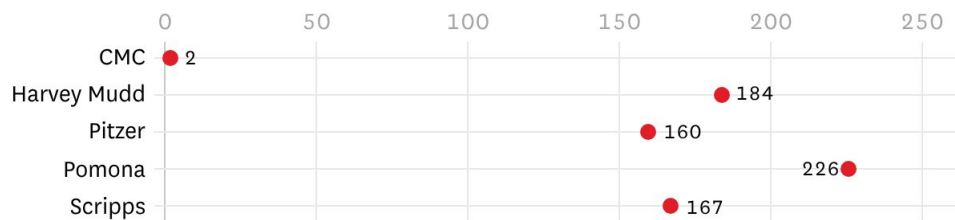
- Comfort expressing controversial political views in different campus settings was mixed. Claremont McKenna performed best on the “Comfort Expressing Ideas” component, ranking in the Top 10 overall. Harvey Mudd ranks in the Top 100, at 89. The remaining Claremont schools rank between 169 and 191.
- Many Claremont students, compared to their peers nationally, self-censor less frequently in conversations with students, faculty, and administrators, and in class discussions. Scripps ranks 3 on “Self-Censorship,” Harvey Mudd ranks 8, Pitzer ranks 45, Claremont McKenna ranks 51, and Pomona ranks 125.
- Historical ranking patterns remain uneven. Claremont McKenna ranked 1 in the prior rankings and ranks 2 this year; Harvey Mudd and Pomona improved modestly from last year; Pitzer improved substantially from 218 to 160; and Scripps improved from 209 to 167.
- Three current speech controversies influenced the Claremont schools’ rankings: Harvey Mudd had one deplatforming penalty, and Pomona had two.

CLAREMONT STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF FREE SPEECH

Claremont McKenna College (CMC) continues to set the standard for free expression among the Claremont Colleges, ranking 2 in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings and receiving a grade of B-. By contrast, the other four schools all received F speech climate grades and rank in the bottom half of the rankings, though for different reasons. Pitzer and Scripps paired strong “Openness” and “Self-Censorship” results with weak “Political Tolerance” results. Harvey Mudd and Pomona, meanwhile, were weighed down by weak perceptions of “Administrative Support” and greater acceptance of “Disruptive Conduct.”

The 2027 data also show that although Claremont schools are a consortium and to a degree share a campus, they do not have a single speech climate. Claremont McKenna pairs robust institutional commitments with consistently strong student survey results. Pitzer students reported relatively higher “Openness” and “Administrative Support” results, but unusually high acceptance of disruption. Scripps students reported very low self-censorship and low acceptance of violence, while also ranking near the bottom on “Political Tolerance” and “Administrative Support.” Pomona and Harvey Mudd had mixed survey results and also lost points for recent deplatforming incidents.

Claremont Schools' Overall Rankings



Lower numerical ranks indicate stronger overall performance.

Chart: Emily Nayyer • Source: FIRE/College Pulse

Claremont students can discuss many topics

All five Claremont schools performed comparatively well on “Openness,” which measures how many controversial topics students identified as difficult to discuss openly and honestly. Pitzer ranks 4 on this component, Claremont McKenna ranks 11, Scripps ranks 13, Harvey Mudd ranks 28, and Pomona ranks 54.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict was the clear exception. Scripps students were most likely to identify it as difficult to discuss, at 73%, followed by Pomona at 64%, Pitzer at 61%, Claremont McKenna at 57%, and Harvey Mudd at 52%. Nationally, 50% of students identified the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as difficult.

Other difficult topics varied by school. At Claremont McKenna, Charlie Kirk and Donald Trump were the next most frequently identified topics, at 36% each. At Pomona, racial inequality followed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at 34%, while affirmative action and Charlie Kirk were each identified as difficult by 32%. At Scripps, police misconduct, racial inequality, religion, economic inequality, and immigration followed, each identified by roughly one-quarter to one-third of students.

Students at the Claremont schools were least likely to identify topics such as climate change, the Supreme Court, China, crime, and gay rights as difficult to discuss. This pattern suggests that the Claremont Colleges retain relatively open discussion climates for many issues, even while a few high-profile political and social conflicts remain difficult.

Claremont Students Who Have Difficulty Talking About Each Topic (%)

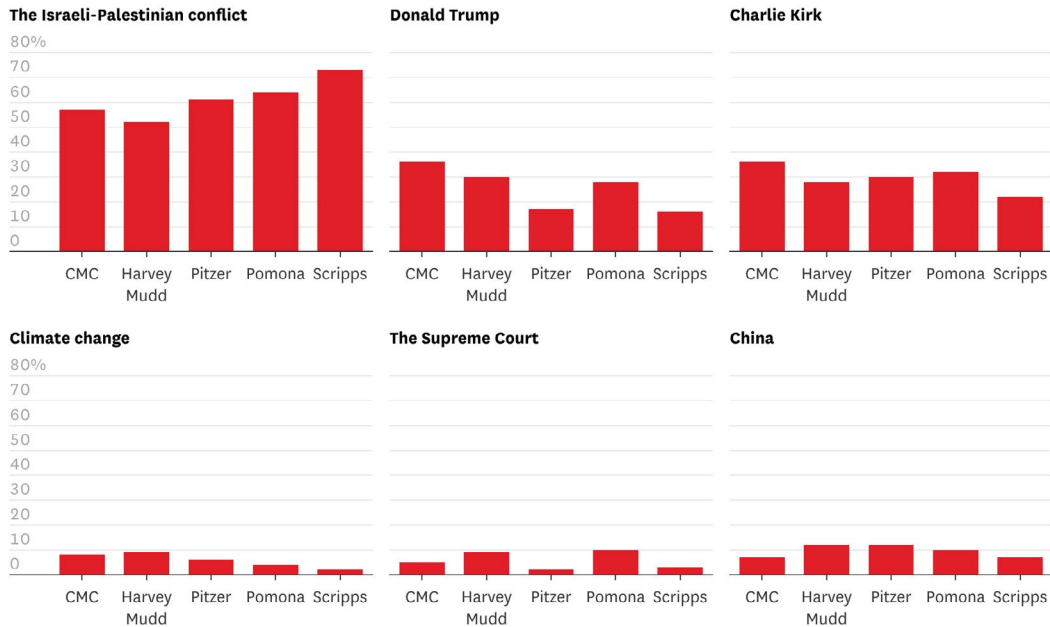


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Political tolerance is sharply uneven

Claremont McKenna ranks 20 on “Political Tolerance.” The other Claremont schools performed much worse: Harvey Mudd ranks 207, Pomona ranks 222, Pitzer ranks 242, and Scripps ranks 258, in the bottom five on this component.

The tolerance gap is most visible on controversial conservative speakers. At Scripps, only 5% of students would allow a speaker who says “transgender people have a mental disorder,” compared with 26% nationally. Pitzer students were also unlikely to allow conservative-coded speakers: 11% would allow a speaker who had said “Black Lives Matter is a hate group,” 13% would allow a speaker who had said “transgender people have a mental disorder,” and 22% would allow a speaker who had said “abortion should be completely illegal.”

Pomona and Harvey Mudd showed the same pattern, though less severely. At Pomona, 13% of students would allow a speaker who had said “Black Lives Matter is a hate group,” and 19% would allow a speaker who had said “transgender people have a mental disorder.” At Harvey Mudd, the comparable figures were 18% and 21%.

Claremont McKenna was the outlier. CMC students were more willing than students nationally to allow all six controversial speakers. The lowest level of support at CMC was for a speaker who had said “Black Lives Matter is a hate group,” at 28%, compared with 22% nationally.

Claremont Students Who Would Allow Each Speaker on Campus (%)

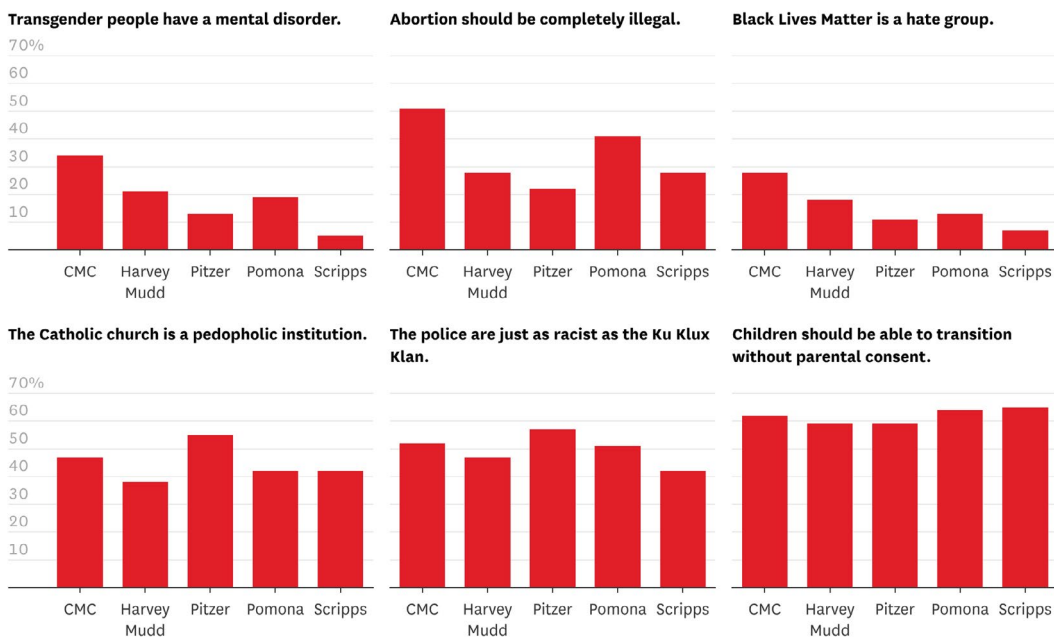


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Many students accept disruptive protest tactics

Pitzer, Harvey Mudd, and Pomona performed poorly on the “Disruptive Conduct” component. Pitzer ranks 255, Harvey Mudd ranks 232, and Pomona ranks 216. Claremont McKenna ranks 98, while Scripps ranks 32 because its students were much less likely than students nationally to accept violence.

Shoutdowns were the most widely accepted disruptive tactic. At least 75% of students at each Claremont school said shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus was at least “rarely” acceptable, compared with 69% of students nationally. Pitzer had the highest level of acceptance, at 81%, followed by Harvey Mudd and Pomona at 79%, Scripps at 76%, and Claremont McKenna at 75%.

Blocking access also drew substantial support at Pitzer, Pomona, and Harvey Mudd. Sixty-two percent of Pitzer students, 61% of Pomona students, and 59% of Harvey Mudd students said blocking other students from attending a campus speech was at least “rarely” acceptable, compared with 50% of students nationally. CMC was close to the national figure, at 52%, and Scripps matched the national result at 50%.

The schools differed most on violence. Scripps students were least likely to accept using violence to stop a campus speech, at 12%, compared with 31% nationally. Claremont McKenna and Pomona were also below the national figure, at 28% and 30%, respectively. Harvey Mudd and Pitzer were above the national figure, at 35% each.

Claremont Students Who Said a Type of Disruptive Conduct Was At Least Rarely Acceptable (%)

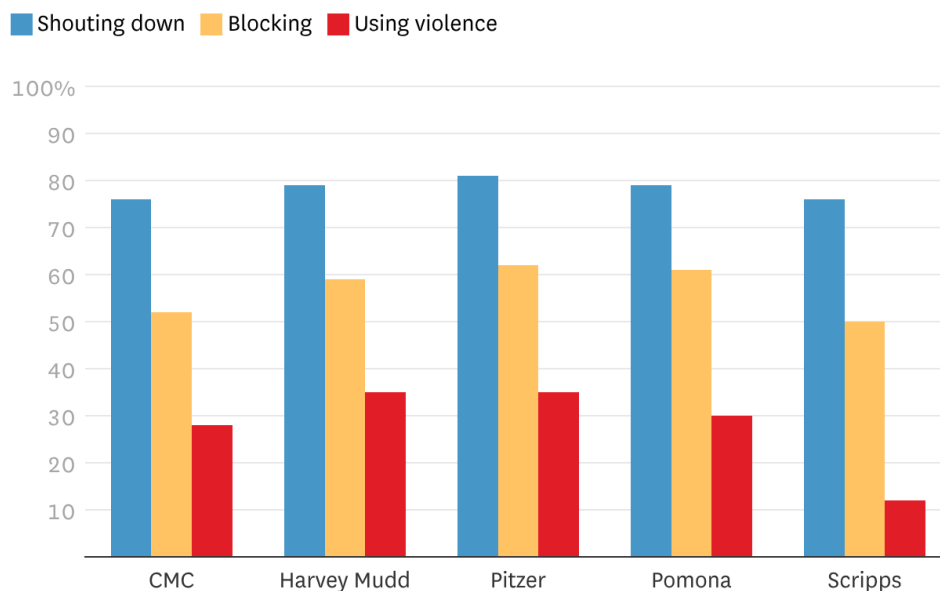


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Students doubt administrative support at several schools

Administrative support sharply separates the Claremont schools. Claremont McKenna ranks 8 on “Administrative Support,” and Pitzer ranks 83. Harvey Mudd ranks 234, Scripps ranks 249, and Pomona ranks 254.

CMC students reported the highest confidence in administrative support. Sixty-three percent said it was “very” or “extremely” clear that the administration protects free speech, compared with 40% nationally. Forty-one percent said the administration would be “very” or “extremely” likely to defend a speaker’s rights during a controversy, compared with 26% nationally.

Pitzer students also reported above-average clarity that administrators protect free speech: 54% said it was “very” or “extremely” clear. But confidence fell on the question about how the administration would handle a speech controversy, with 27% saying the administration would be “very” or “extremely” likely to defend a speaker’s rights, about the same as the national figure.

Pomona, Scripps, and Harvey Mudd students were much more skeptical. At Pomona and Scripps, only 19% of students said it was “very” or “extremely” clear that the administration protects free speech. At Harvey Mudd, 28% said the same. Confidence that administrators would defend a speaker during a controversy was 21% at Harvey Mudd, 19% at Pomona, and just 10% at Scripps.

Student Perspectives in Claremont's Administrative Support (%)

- Very or extremely clear that college administration protects free speech on campus
- If a controversy over offensive speech were to occur on campus, it is very or extremely likely that the administration would defend the speaker's right to express their views

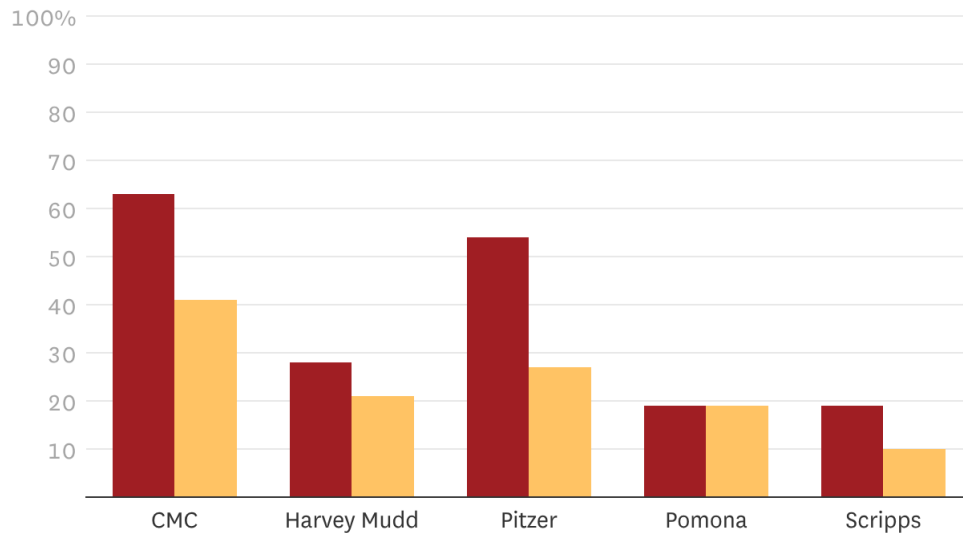


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Social media remains a pressure point

Claremont McKenna performed best on “Comfort Expressing Ideas,” ranking 6, followed by Harvey Mudd at 89. Pitzer ranks 169, Pomona ranks 172, and Scripps ranks 191.

CMC students were more comfortable than students nationally in most in-person and classroom settings. For example, 27% were at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing their views during an in-class discussion, compared with 48% nationally, and 31% were at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing their views to other students in a common campus space, compared with 43% nationally.

Harvey Mudd also showed relative strength in some academic settings: 33% of students were at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing their views during an in-class discussion, compared with 48% nationally, and 37% were at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing disagreement with a professor in a written assignment, compared with 47% nationally.

The weakest setting across the Claremont schools was named social media. Eighty-two percent of Scripps students, 81% of Pitzer students, 75% of Pomona students, 71% of Harvey Mudd students, and 66% of CMC students were at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing an unpopular political opinion on a social media account tied to their name, compared with 62% of students nationally.

Claremont Students Who Felt At Least Somewhat Uncomfortable by Context (%)

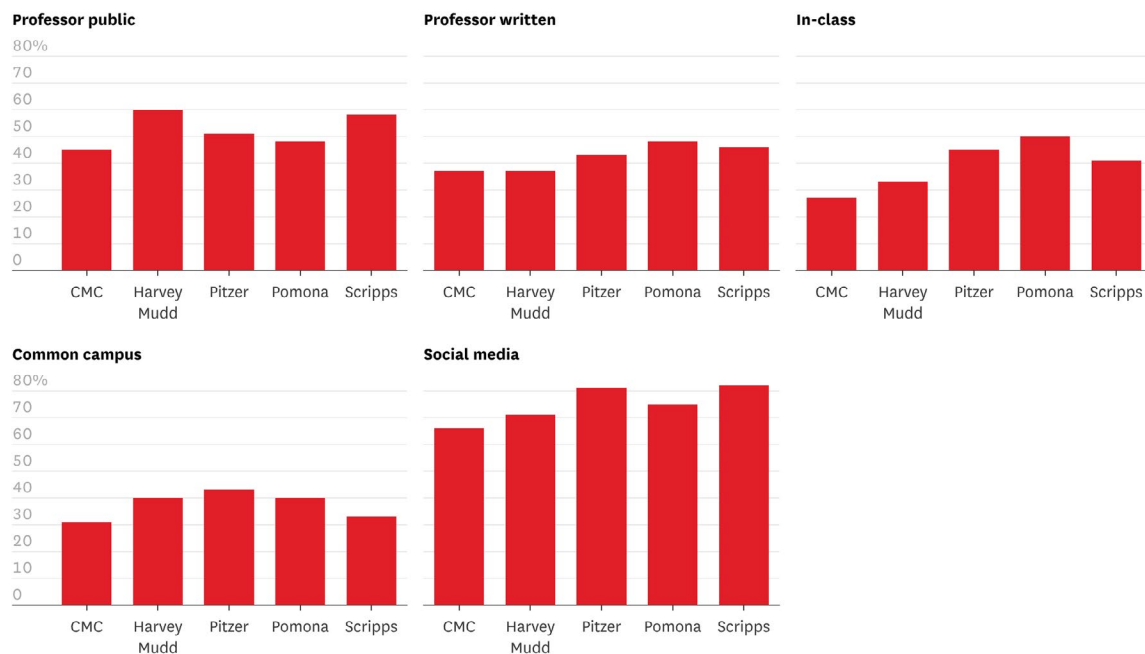


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Self-censorship is comparatively low at several schools

Scripps ranks 3 on “Self-Censorship,” Harvey Mudd ranks 8, Pitzer ranks 45, Claremont McKenna ranks 51, and Pomona ranks 125. These results make “Self-Censorship” one of the stronger student survey components for the Claremont schools overall.

Scripps students were less likely than students nationally to report self-censoring at least “occasionally” in all four settings: conversations with other students, conversations with professors, classroom discussions, and conversations with administrators. Harvey Mudd, Pitzer, and CMC also reported lower-than-national self-censorship in all or most settings.

Pomona was closer to the national pattern. Pomona students were more likely than students nationally to self-censor at least “occasionally” in conversations with other students and administrators, but less likely to do so in conversations with professors and classroom discussions.

Claremont Students Who Engage in Self-Censorship At Least Occasionally (%)

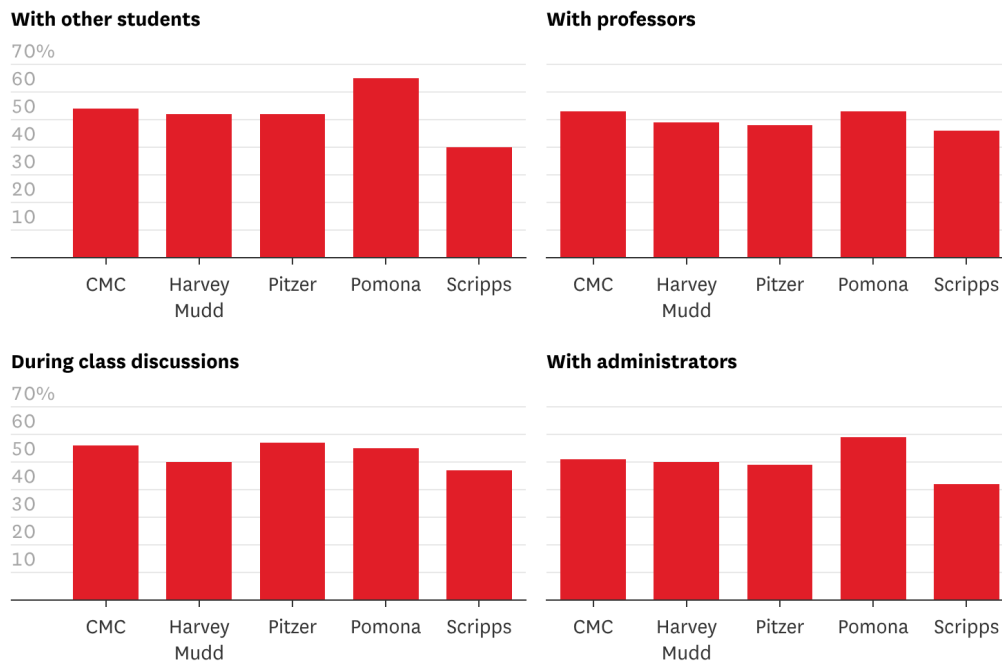


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The contrast between low self-censorship and weak political tolerance at several Claremont schools is important. Students at Scripps, Pitzer, and Harvey Mudd may report that they personally hold back less often, while still showing limited willingness to allow some controversial speakers or greater acceptance of disruptive tactics.

MOSTLY ‘YELLOW LIGHT’ SCHOOLS WITHOUT KEY COMMITMENTS

Claremont McKenna College has a “green light” Spotlight rating and has adopted both the Chicago Statement or a substantially similar statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality. Every other Claremont school in this report has a “yellow light” Spotlight rating and has not adopted the Chicago Statement or an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

This policy divide has a large effect on the rankings. CMC earns five points for its green light rating, three points for its free expression statement, and three points for institutional neutrality. Harvey Mudd, Pitzer, Pomona, and Scripps each lose five points for a yellow light Spotlight rating and receive no points for the Chicago Statement or institutional neutrality.

There are a number of recurring policy concerns among the yellow light schools. These include posting and distribution rules, harassment policies, bias-related policies, and advertising, solicitation, or technology use rules that could reach protected expression.

Scripps, Pomona, Pitzer, and Harvey Mudd therefore have a clear formal scoring improvement path: revise their yellow light policies to earn green light ratings and adopt stronger formal commitments to free expression and institutional neutrality. CMC's task is different: preserve its strong policy baseline and keep translating it into student culture.

Claremont McKenna College

Claremont McKenna College earns an overall green light **Spotlight rating** for its written policies governing student expression. The institution maintains policies on posting, technology usage, harassment, and expressive activity that do not imperil the free speech of students on campus. It is noteworthy that Claremont McKenna opts to follow its own advertising policy, rejecting the restrictive posting policy of the Consortium. The college is also governed by two harassment policies that earn yellow light ratings but do not implicate Claremont McKenna's overall green light rating due to a limited exception in FIRE's rating system for certain harassment policies.²

In addition to these rated policies, Claremont McKenna has adopted both the Chicago Statement or a substantially similar statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality. These commitments strengthen CMC's formal support for free expression and open inquiry.

Harvey Mudd College

Harvey Mudd earns an overall yellow light **Spotlight rating** for its written policies governing student expression. The college maintains seven yellow light policies and three green light policies. The majority of the college's 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 college also broadly defines bullying, opening up a wider range of protected speech to punishment. Any expression the college wishes to prohibit under the "bullying" banner would best be categorized as hostile environmental harassment and governed under those policies.

Expressive activities are further curtailed by Harvey Mudd's compliance with the Claremont Consortium's restrictive posting policy, which requires campus postings to receive prior administrative approval and forbids anonymous authorship. The policy also asks students to refrain from expressing certain viewpoints, granting administrators broad discretion over campus speech and resulting in the suppression of a wide range of protected expression.

Finally, Harvey Mudd encourages students to report "bias-related incidents" to the administration and states it will evaluate protected speech and expressive conduct in relation to "the community's values." The administration should focus its resources on reports of discrimination and harassment, and refrain from soliciting reports of subjective bias.

In addition to these rated policies, Harvey Mudd has not adopted the Chicago Statement nor an official policy of institutional neutrality.

² <https://www.fire.org/research-learn/using-fires-spotlight-database>

Pitzer College

Pitzer College earns an overall yellow light **Spotlight rating** for its written policies governing student expression. The college maintains six yellow light policies and three green light policies. Three of the college's four 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. Pitzer's computer usage policy also bans the messaging of broad categories of speech, such as "abusive messages," subjecting a wide range of protected expression to punishment.

Expressive activities are further curtailed by Pitzer's compliance with the Claremont Consortium's restrictive posting policy, which requires campus postings to receive prior administrative approval and forbids anonymous authorship. The policy also asks students to refrain from expressing certain viewpoints, granting administrators broad discretion over campus speech and resulting in the suppression of a wide range of protected expression. It is noteworthy that Pitzer has its own accompanying posting policy, which reaffirms the need for prior administrative approval for all materials.

In addition to these rated policies, Pitzer has not adopted the Chicago Statement nor an official policy of institutional neutrality.

Pomona College

Pomona College earns an overall yellow light **Spotlight rating** for its written policies governing student expression. The college maintains five yellow light policies and two green light policies. Two of Pomona'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. Furthermore, the institution's internet usage policy subjects a wide range of protected expression to punishment by banning all "unsolicited mail," which could include an innocuous invitation to join a new student group or even an email sent by mistake.

Expressive activities are further curtailed by Pomona's compliance with the Claremont Consortium's restrictive posting policy, which requires campus postings to receive prior administrative approval and forbids anonymous authorship. The policy also asks students to refrain from expressing certain viewpoints, granting administrators broad discretion over campus speech and resulting in the suppression of a wide range of protected expression.

Finally, Pomona encourages students to report "bias-related incidents" to the administration and threatens administrative intervention for protected speech. 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.

In addition to these rated policies, Pomona has not adopted the Chicago Statement nor an official policy of institutional neutrality.

Scripps College

Scripps College earns an overall yellow light **Spotlight rating** for its written policies governing student expression. The college maintains five yellow light policies and three green light policies. Two of Scripps'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.

Expressive activities are further curtailed by Scripps's compliance with the Claremont Consortium's restrictive posting policy, which requires campus postings to receive prior administrative approval and forbids anonymous authorship. The policy also asks students to refrain from expressing certain viewpoints, granting administrators broad discretion over campus speech and resulting in the suppression of a wide range of protected expression. Scripps maintains an accompanying posting policy, which further restricts postings by requiring flyers be submitted online for approval.

Finally, Scripps encourages students to report "bigotry" to the administration. While preventing bigotry may indeed be a laudable goal, mandated reporting can all too easily be applied by administrators to punish disfavored, but protected, speech. The administration should focus its resources on reports of discrimination and harassment, and refrain from soliciting reports of subjective bigotry.

In addition to these rated policies, Scripps has not adopted the Chicago Statement nor an official policy of institutional neutrality.

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES AFFECTED TWO CLAREMONT SCHOOLS

Three current speech controversies influenced the five Claremont schools' 2027 rankings. Claremont McKenna, Pitzer, and Scripps had no current controversies that influenced their rankings. Harvey Mudd had one deplatforming penalty, and Pomona had two.

Harvey Mudd had one deplatforming penalty

In 2024, students and alumni affiliated with Mudders Against Murder, a grassroots student organization, disrupted President Harriet Nembhard's State of the College Address, demanding that the college cut all its ties with weapons manufacturers and defense companies. Protesters also displayed red-painted hands while shouting down Nembhard for failure to meet their demands despite multiple meetings between Mudders Against Murder and the college administration. The State of the College Address was rescheduled for a later time.

Pomona had two deplatforming penalties

In 2024, during alumni weekend activities, activists and alumni affiliated with Pomona Divest from Apartheid formed a blockade and constructed an "apartheid wall" to prevent the annual parade of classes from beginning. Protesters chanted "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," and "Disclose, divest, we will not stop, we will not rest." The parade began, but protesters then moved to prevent it from proceeding. After a negotiation between parade organizers and protesters, the parade was halted, and a panel discussion titled "A History of Activism at Pomona College," scheduled to begin after the parade, was canceled.

In 2025, Yoni Viloga, an Israeli reservist and survivor of the Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel, spoke on campus about his experience and the continuing effects of the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Viloga's talk featured video footage of the attack. After Viloga concluded his remarks, several disruptors wearing masks and keffiyehs entered the event space and shouted that the attendees were "all complicit in genocide," temporarily halting the memorial event. Campus security intervened, and organizers resumed the event after the disruption.

These controversies connect directly to the survey results on disruptive conduct. Students may protest speakers, criticize events, and ask hard questions. But blocking access, taking over stages, or stopping events prevents others from speaking and listening.

HOW CAN THE CLAREMONT SCHOOLS IMPROVE?

The clearest scoring lever for Harvey Mudd, Pitzer, Pomona, and Scripps is policy reform. Each should revise its "yellow light" speech policies to earn a "green light" Spotlight rating. The potential effect of this change is influential for several schools: Had each school earned a green light rating this year, Harvey Mudd would have ranked 45 instead of 184, Pitzer would have ranked 39 instead of 160, Scripps would have ranked 40 instead of 167, and Pomona would have ranked 73 instead of 226.

Those four schools should also adopt the Chicago Statement or a substantially similar statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality. These commitments would directly improve their scores and help administrators respond consistently when controversial speech or protests arise.

Pomona and Harvey Mudd should adopt clear, viewpoint-neutral response plans for speech controversies. Administrators should state before high-profile events that protected speech will remain protected, peaceful protest is allowed, and disruption or viewpoint-based punishment is not. This would help prevent future deplatforming penalties and clarify that the colleges' free speech commitments apply even when pressure is highest.

Pitzer, Harvey Mudd, and Pomona should place special emphasis on the difference between protected protest and disruptive conduct. Pitzer and Harvey Mudd students were more likely than students nationally to deem shoutdowns, blocking access, and violence at least "rarely" acceptable. Pomona students were also more accepting than students nationally of shoutdowns and blocking access. All five schools should explain that students may protest, criticize, leaflet, question, and peacefully demonstrate, but may not prevent others from speaking or listening.

Scripps and Pomona should make administrative support a priority. Both schools ranked near the bottom on "Administrative Support," and only 19% of students at each said it was "very" or "extremely" clear that the administration protects free speech. Administrators should explain in orientation, event planning, and controversy responses how the school will protect speech across viewpoints.

All five schools should continue helping students practice disagreement as part of their education. Faculty can support this by setting discussion norms, assigning serious competing arguments, encouraging students to restate opposing views fairly, and making clear that students are evaluated on reasoning, evidence, and command of the material rather than viewpoint. This could help address weak political tolerance and high discomfort with named social media expression.

Finally, the Claremont schools should make their commitments visible and consistent. Administrators should explain why free expression, institutional neutrality, and open inquiry are central to their academic missions. These steps could help each school translate stronger formal protections and better event practices into a more durable campus speech climate.

Component scores of Claremont schools and national averages

COMPONENT	CMC	HARVEY MUDD	PITZER	POMONA	SCRIPPS	NATIONAL AVERAGE	MIN VALUE	MAX VALUE
Comfort Expressing Ideas	10.69	9.93	9.67	9.66	9.60	9.81	5	15
Self-Censorship	13.19	13.77	13.23	12.78	13.87	12.79	4	20
Disruptive Conduct	15.92	14.98	14.42	15.14	16.43	15.71	3	20
Administrative Support	13.22	10.56	12.08	9.78	9.93	11.66	2	20
Openness	8.14	7.93	8.36	7.71	8.09	7.25	0	10
Political Tolerance	7.98	6.63	6.00	6.52	5.47	7.10	3	15
Chicago Statement	3 (Yes)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	—	0 (No)	3 (Yes)
Institutional Neutrality	3 (Yes)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	0 (No)	—	0 (No)	3 (Yes)
Spotlight Rating	5 (Green)	-5 (Yellow)	-5 (Yellow)	-5 (Yellow)	-5 (Yellow)	—	-10 (Red)	5 (Green)
Campus Deplatformings	0	-1	0	-2	0	—	∞ Penalties	∞ Bonuses
Scholars Under Fire	0	0	0	0	0	—	∞ Penalties	∞ Bonuses
Students Under Fire	0	0	0	0	0	—	∞ Penalties	∞ Bonuses
Overall score	80.13	57.79	58.77	54.59	58.40	61.36	7 + penalties/ bonuses	111 + penalties/ bonuses

Topline Results: 2027 College Free Speech Rankings

Claremont McKenna College

School sample: datayear 2026.

Total number of students surveyed = 152.

Margin of error = +/- 7.9%.

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all clear	6	4%	4
Not very clear	13	9%	12
Somewhat clear	38	25%	38
Very clear	63	42%	60
Extremely clear	32	21%	38

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all likely	5	4%	5
Not very likely	20	13%	16
Somewhat likely	65	43%	60
Very likely	46	30%	50
Extremely likely	16	11%	21

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	19	12%	16
Somewhat uncomfortable	50	33%	48
Somewhat comfortable	54	36%	51
Very comfortable	30	20%	37

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	18	12%	14
Somewhat uncomfortable	38	25%	37
Somewhat comfortable	61	40%	60
Very comfortable	36	23%	41

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	9	6%	9
Somewhat uncomfortable	32	21%	35
Somewhat comfortable	69	45%	63
Very comfortable	41	27%	45

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	10	7%	9
Somewhat uncomfortable	37	24%	35
Somewhat comfortable	50	33%	53
Very comfortable	55	36%	55

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	34	22%	37
Somewhat uncomfortable	67	44%	61
Somewhat comfortable	36	23%	37
Very comfortable	16	10%	17

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	8	5%	9
Rarely	63	41%	61
Occasionally, once or twice a month	51	34%	51
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	27	18%	26
Very often, nearly every day	4	2%	5

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	13	8%	14
Rarely	58	38%	65
Occasionally, once or twice a month	55	36%	48
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	17	11%	15
Very often, nearly every day	9	6%	10

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	9	6%	11
Rarely	57	37%	60
Occasionally, once or twice a month	51	33%	50
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	29	19%	25
Very often, nearly every day	6	4%	6

How often do you self-censor during conversations with school administrators?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	10	7%	12
Rarely	64	42%	66
Occasionally, once or twice a month	51	34%	50
Fairly often, a couple times a week	23	15%	19
Very often, nearly every day	3	2%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	1	1%	2
Sometimes acceptable	41	27%	36
Rarely acceptable	71	47%	70
Never acceptable	38	25%	44

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	0.7	<1%	1
Sometimes acceptable	25	16%	22
Rarely acceptable	54	35%	51
Never acceptable	73	48%	78

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	3	2%	3
Sometimes acceptable	19	13%	16
Rarely acceptable	19	13%	20
Never acceptable	111	73%	113

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

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	48	32%	49
Probably should not allow this speaker	52	34%	48
Probably should allow this speaker	36	24%	38
Definitely should allow this speaker	15	10%	17

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	33	22%	30
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	28%	40
Probably should allow this speaker	51	34%	51
Definitely should allow this speaker	26	17%	31

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	48	31%	48
Probably should not allow this speaker	62	41%	57
Probably should allow this speaker	28	18%	31
Definitely should allow this speaker	15	10%	16

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	30	20%	28
Probably should not allow this speaker	49	32%	47
Probably should allow this speaker	54	35%	55
Definitely should allow this speaker	19	12%	22

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	27	18%	29
Probably should not allow this speaker	46	30%	42
Probably should allow this speaker	55	37%	57
Definitely should allow this speaker	23	15%	24

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	13	9%	13
Probably should not allow this speaker	45	30%	42
Probably should allow this speaker	62	41%	62
Definitely should allow this speaker	32	21%	35

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

Abortion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	114	75%	112
Yes	38	25%	40

Affirmative action

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	123	81%	124
Yes	29	19%	28

Charlie Kirk

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	64%	96
Yes	55	36%	56

China

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	142	93%	141
Yes	10	7%	11

Climate change

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	141	92%	138
Yes	11	8%	14

Crime

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	144	94%	141
Yes	8	6%	11

Donald Trump

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	64%	99
Yes	55	36%	53

Economic inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	127	83%	124
Yes	25	17%	28

Freedom of speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	138	91%	138
Yes	14	9%	14

Gay rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	125	82%	125
Yes	27	18%	27

Gender inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	132	87%	133
Yes	20	13%	19

Gun control

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	135	89%	130
Yes	17	11%	22

Hate speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	132	87%	130
Yes	20	13%	22

Immigration

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	118	78%	124
Yes	34	22%	28

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	66	43%	70
Yes	86	57%	82

Police misconduct

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	125	82%	126
Yes	27	18%	26

The 2024 presidential election

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	123	81%	122
Yes	29	19%	30

Racial inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	127	84%	123
Yes	25	16%	29

Religion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	132	87%	132
Yes	20	13%	20

Sexual assault

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	127	83%	123
Yes	25	17%	29

The Supreme Court

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	144	95%	144
Yes	8	5%	8

Transgender rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	75%	116
Yes	39	25%	36

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	118	78%	115
Yes	34	22%	37

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	37	24%	40
Rarely	59	39%	58
Occasionally, once or twice a month	41	27%	41
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	14	10%	11
Very often, nearly every day	1	1%	2

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Yes, I have been disciplined.	7	4%	6
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	9	6%	11
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	136	90%	135

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

"Bigots who say hateful things deserve to be shot."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	29	19%	30
Rarely	33	22%	30
Sometimes	42	28%	42
Fairly often	28	19%	32
Always	17	12%	15

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	69	46%	74
Rarely	34	22%	33
Sometimes	26	17%	24
Fairly often	14	9%	12
Always	8	5%	6

"Illegal immigrants should be arrested and deported."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	46	31%	49
Rarely	31	21%	33
Sometimes	28	19%	30
Fairly often	24	16%	21
Always	21	14%	16

"Debate me. Prove me wrong."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	112	75%	111
Rarely	17	11%	20
Sometimes	14	9%	12
Fairly often	5	3%	3
Always	3	2%	3

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	39	26%	40
Rarely	36	24%	41
Sometimes	32	22%	34
Fairly often	27	18%	21
Always	15	10%	13

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

"It's O.K. to punch a Nazi."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	42	28%	44
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	58	39%	61
The professor probably should be fired from their job	32	21%	28
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	18	12%	16

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	32	21%	34
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	61	41%	61
The professor probably should be fired from their job	38	26%	39
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	19	12%	15

"We are going to make America great again."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	47	31%	48
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	66	44%	65
The professor probably should be fired from their job	33	22%	31
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	4	3%	5

"Our colleges and universities are progressive indoctrination centers."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	34	23%	33
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	56	37%	60
The professor probably should be fired from their job	46	30%	44
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	14	10%	12

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	45	30%	49
Less than once a year	24	16%	19
Once or twice a year	31	21%	29
Several times a year	14	9%	14
Once a month	14	10%	14
2-3 times a month	4	3%	5
About weekly	6	4%	6
Weekly	8	6%	10
Several times a week	3	2%	3

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	149	99%	147
Yes	1	1%	2

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	148	99%	147
Yes	2	1%	2

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	3	12%	3
Less than half the time	15	52%	16
About half the time	6	21%	5
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	14%	4
Always	0.5	2%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	9	24%	10
Less than half the time	22	56%	18
About half the time	5	12%	6
Most of the time, nearly every day	0	0%	0
Always	3	8%	3

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	4	18%	6
Less than half the time	11	46%	11
About half the time	4	18%	4
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	19%	4
Always	0	0%	0

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	14	43%	15
Less than half the time	12	36%	11
About half the time	1	4%	1
Most of the time, nearly every day	5	15%	3
Always	0.4	1%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	0.7	2%	1
Less than half the time	16	57%	16
About half the time	11	37%	11
Most of the time, nearly every day	0.6	2%	1
Always	0.4	1%	1

Where do you get your news? Please select all that apply.

Social media

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	19	12%	20
Yes	133	88%	132

Television

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	94	62%	93
Yes	58	38%	59

Radio

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	133	88%	133
Yes	19	12%	19

Radio or television website

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	136	89%	136
Yes	16	11%	16

Podcast

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	106	70%	109
Yes	46	30%	43

Newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	139	91%	140
Yes	13	9%	12

Newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	68	45%	65
Yes	84	55%	87

Student newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	135	89%	131
Yes	17	11%	21

Student newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	123	81%	122
Yes	29	19%	30

What forms of violence, if any, do you consider acceptable to stop a campus speech?

Threats of bodily harm to people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	146	96%	147
Yes	6	4%	5

Using physical force to prevent people from entering the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	140	92%	140
Yes	12	8%	12

Physical assault on people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	144	94%	144
Yes	8	6%	8

Physical assault on the speaker

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	145	95%	146
Yes	7	5%	6

Throwing projectiles (e.g., pies, eggs, rocks, bottles)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	144	95%	146
Yes	8	5%	6

Use of chemical irritants (e.g., bear spray)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	146	96%	147
Yes	6	4%	5

Incendiaries or fireworks aimed at the venue

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	144	95%	146
Yes	8	5%	6

Smoke or "stink" bombs to force evacuation of the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	144	95%	146
Yes	8	5%	6

Bomb threats

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	146	96%	147
Yes	6	4%	5

Use of sharp objects (e.g., knife)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	144	95%	146
Yes	8	5%	6

Use of firearms (e.g., rifle)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	146	96%	147
Yes	6	4%	5

Arson

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	146	96%	147
Yes	6	4%	5

Kidnapping

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	146	96%	147
Yes	6	4%	5

Detaining or restraining people

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	146	96%	147
Yes	6	4%	5

Murder

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	146	96%	147
Yes	6	4%	5

Something else (please specify):

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	151	100%	151
Yes	0.7	<1%	1

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	130	85%	131
Yes	22	15%	21

Topline Results: 2027 College Free Speech Rankings

Harvey Mudd College

School sample: datayear 2026.

Total number of students surveyed = 100.

Margin of error = +/- 9.8%.

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all clear	4	4%	6
Not very clear	22	22%	22
Somewhat clear	45	45%	44
Very clear	22	22%	22
Extremely clear	6	6%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all likely	10	10%	7
Not very likely	33	33%	36
Somewhat likely	36	36%	35
Very likely	15	15%	16
Extremely likely	6	6%	6

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

Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	18	18%	23
Somewhat uncomfortable	42	42%	42
Somewhat comfortable	25	25%	22
Very comfortable	14	14%	13

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	17	17%	19
Somewhat uncomfortable	20	20%	21
Somewhat comfortable	41	41%	40
Very comfortable	22	22%	20

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	13	13%	14
Somewhat uncomfortable	20	20%	22
Somewhat comfortable	53	53%	50
Very comfortable	14	14%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	10	10%	16
Somewhat uncomfortable	30	30%	26
Somewhat comfortable	37	37%	34
Very comfortable	23	23%	24

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	38	38%	39
Somewhat uncomfortable	33	33%	35
Somewhat comfortable	23	23%	20
Very comfortable	6	6%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	13	13%	14
Rarely	36	36%	38
Occasionally, once or twice a month	29	29%	25
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	20	20%	18
Very often, nearly every day	3	3%	5

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	12	12%	10
Rarely	39	39%	39
Occasionally, once or twice a month	35	35%	35
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	11	11%	12
Very often, nearly every day	3	3%	4

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	13	13%	11
Rarely	38	38%	41
Occasionally, once or twice a month	36	36%	30
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	11	11%	14
Very often, nearly every day	3	3%	4

How often do you self-censor during conversations with school administrators?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	20	20%	20
Rarely	30	30%	31
Occasionally, once or twice a month	35	35%	31
Fairly often, a couple times a week	11	11%	13
Very often, nearly every day	4	4%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	8	8%	10
Sometimes acceptable	37	37%	32
Rarely acceptable	34	34%	34
Never acceptable	21	21%	24

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	1.0	1%	2
Sometimes acceptable	29	29%	25
Rarely acceptable	29	29%	33
Never acceptable	41	41%	40

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	0.7	1%	1
Sometimes acceptable	9	9%	8
Rarely acceptable	25	25%	22
Never acceptable	66	66%	69

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

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	53	53%	53
Probably should not allow this speaker	27	27%	25
Probably should allow this speaker	12	12%	14
Definitely should allow this speaker	9	9%	8

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	37	37%	35
Probably should not allow this speaker	35	35%	36
Probably should allow this speaker	18	18%	20
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	10%	9

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	54	54%	51
Probably should not allow this speaker	29	29%	29
Probably should allow this speaker	8	8%	11
Definitely should allow this speaker	10	10%	9

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	10	10%	11
Probably should not allow this speaker	51	51%	49
Probably should allow this speaker	23	23%	25
Definitely should allow this speaker	15	15%	15

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	14	14%	15
Probably should not allow this speaker	39	39%	38
Probably should allow this speaker	35	35%	37
Definitely should allow this speaker	12	12%	10

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	11	11%	10
Probably should not allow this speaker	30	30%	30
Probably should allow this speaker	43	43%	45
Definitely should allow this speaker	16	16%	15

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	79	79%	76
Yes	21	21%	24

Affirmative action

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	77	77%	79
Yes	23	23%	21

Charlie Kirk

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	72	72%	69
Yes	28	28%	31

China

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	88	88%	87
Yes	12	12%	13

Climate change

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	91	91%	91
Yes	9	9%	9

Crime

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	94	94%	91
Yes	6	6%	9

Donald Trump

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	70	70%	70
Yes	30	30%	30

Economic inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	85	85%	86
Yes	15	15%	14

Freedom of speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	88	88%	88
Yes	12	12%	12

Gay rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	80	80%	82
Yes	20	20%	18

Gender inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	87	87%	84
Yes	13	13%	16

Gun control

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	79	79%	77
Yes	21	21%	23

Hate speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	83	83%	82
Yes	17	17%	18

Immigration

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	73	73%	76
Yes	27	27%	24

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	48	48%	41
Yes	52	52%	59

Police misconduct

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	78	78%	74
Yes	22	22%	26

The 2024 presidential election

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	82	82%	82
Yes	18	18%	18

Racial inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	81	81%	77
Yes	19	19%	23

Religion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	73	73%	74
Yes	27	27%	26

Sexual assault

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	75	75%	75
Yes	25	25%	25

The Supreme Court

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	91	91%	90
Yes	9	9%	10

Transgender rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	69	69%	73
Yes	31	31%	27

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	78	78%	81
Yes	22	22%	19

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	22	22%	23
Rarely	50	50%	46
Occasionally, once or twice a month	20	20%	21
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	6	6%	5
Very often, nearly every day	3	3%	5

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Yes, I have been disciplined.	1.0	1%	2
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	6	6%	6
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	93	93%	92

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

"Bigots who say hateful things deserve to be shot."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	14	14%	14
Rarely	18	18%	16
Sometimes	27	27%	27
Fairly often	24	24%	20
Always	17	17%	23

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	35	35%	41
Rarely	36	36%	32
Sometimes	14	14%	15
Fairly often	6	6%	6
Always	9	9%	6

"Illegal immigrants should be arrested and deported."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	20	20%	23
Rarely	21	21%	21
Sometimes	24	24%	24
Fairly often	23	23%	21
Always	11	11%	11

"Debate me. Prove me wrong."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	63	63%	65
Rarely	30	30%	26
Sometimes	7	7%	7
Fairly often	0.3	<1%	1
Always	0.3	<1%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	16	16%	18
Rarely	29	29%	28
Sometimes	21	21%	21
Fairly often	27	27%	27
Always	8	8%	6

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

"It's O.K. to punch a Nazi."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	37	37%	37
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	42	42%	43
The professor probably should be fired from their job	17	17%	16
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	5	5%	4

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	20	20%	21
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	45	45%	45
The professor probably should be fired from their job	25	25%	28
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	10	10%	6

"We are going to make America great again."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	24	24%	21
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	45	45%	48
The professor probably should be fired from their job	22	22%	22
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	9	9%	9

"Our colleges and universities are progressive indoctrination centers."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	15	15%	15
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	42	42%	42
The professor probably should be fired from their job	26	26%	27
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	18	18%	16

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	43	43%	45
Less than once a year	10	10%	10
Once or twice a year	15	15%	12
Several times a year	12	12%	12
Once a month	8	8%	6
2-3 times a month	0.8	1%	2
About weekly	5	5%	5
Weekly	3	3%	3
Several times a week	4	4%	5

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	100	100%	100
Yes	0	0%	0

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	99	99%	99
Yes	0.7	1%	1

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	6	32%	5
Less than half the time	6	29%	6
About half the time	7	38%	7
Most of the time, nearly every day	0	0%	0
Always	0.3	1%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	6	29%	7
Less than half the time	11	56%	8
About half the time	0	0%	0
Most of the time, nearly every day	0.9	5%	1
Always	2	10%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	1	9%	1
Less than half the time	2	13%	4
About half the time	7	51%	7
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	14%	4
Always	2	14%	1

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	11	38%	11
Less than half the time	4	14%	5
About half the time	8	28%	6
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	13%	4
Always	2	7%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	2	9%	2
Less than half the time	2	11%	2
About half the time	9	52%	10
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	17%	4
Always	2	13%	2

Where do you get your news? Please select all that apply.

Social media

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	13	13%	15
Yes	87	87%	85

Television

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	74	74%	69
Yes	26	26%	31

Radio

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	99	99%	97
Yes	1	1%	3

Radio or television website

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	97%	95
Yes	3	3%	5

Podcast

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	78	78%	77
Yes	22	22%	23

Newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	95	95%	94
Yes	5	5%	6

Newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	48	48%	49
Yes	52	52%	51

Student newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	83	83%	85
Yes	17	17%	15

Student newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	79	79%	77
Yes	21	21%	23

What forms of violence, if any, do you consider acceptable to stop a campus speech?

Threats of bodily harm to people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	96	96%	97
Yes	4	4%	3

Using physical force to prevent people from entering the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	93	93%	95
Yes	7	7%	5

Physical assault on people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	95	95%	97
Yes	5	5%	3

Physical assault on the speaker

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	95	95%	96
Yes	5	5%	4

Throwing projectiles (e.g., pies, eggs, rocks, bottles)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	97%	97
Yes	3	3%	3

Use of chemical irritants (e.g., bear spray)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	100	100%	100
Yes	0	0%	0

Incendiaries or fireworks aimed at the venue

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	99	99%	99
Yes	1	1%	1

Smoke or "stink" bombs to force evacuation of the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	98	98%	98
Yes	2	2%	2

Bomb threats

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	99	99%	99
Yes	1	1%	1

Use of sharp objects (e.g., knife)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	100	100%	100
Yes	0	0%	0

Use of firearms (e.g., rifle)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	99	99%	99
Yes	1	1%	1

Arson

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	97%	98
Yes	3	3%	2

Kidnapping

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	97%	98
Yes	3	3%	2

Detaining or restraining people

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	98	98%	98
Yes	2	2%	2

Murder

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	99	99%	99
Yes	1	1%	1

Something else (please specify):

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	97%	98
Yes	3	3%	2

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	78	78%	79
Yes	22	22%	21

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School sample: datayear 2026.

Total number of students surveyed = 114.

Margin of error = +/- 9.2%.

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all clear	6	5%	4
Not very clear	16	14%	16
Somewhat clear	31	27%	32
Very clear	39	34%	42
Extremely clear	23	20%	20

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all likely	6	6%	5
Not very likely	30	26%	28
Somewhat likely	47	41%	44
Very likely	22	19%	26
Extremely likely	9	8%	11

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	21	18%	19
Somewhat uncomfortable	37	33%	37
Somewhat comfortable	45	39%	46
Very comfortable	11	10%	12

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	19	16%	15
Somewhat uncomfortable	31	27%	36
Somewhat comfortable	51	45%	51
Very comfortable	13	12%	12

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	12	11%	12
Somewhat uncomfortable	38	34%	38
Somewhat comfortable	48	42%	48
Very comfortable	16	14%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	12	11%	14
Somewhat uncomfortable	37	32%	29
Somewhat comfortable	44	38%	48
Very comfortable	21	19%	23

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	43	37%	46
Somewhat uncomfortable	51	44%	44
Somewhat comfortable	17	15%	18
Very comfortable	4	3%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	11	10%	14
Rarely	44	38%	40
Occasionally, once or twice a month	36	32%	36
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	18	16%	19
Very often, nearly every day	4	4%	5

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	13	11%	16
Rarely	47	41%	46
Occasionally, once or twice a month	28	25%	29
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	24	21%	21
Very often, nearly every day	2	2%	2

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	8	7%	10
Rarely	40	35%	43
Occasionally, once or twice a month	34	30%	34
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	24	21%	23
Very often, nearly every day	7	6%	4

How often do you self-censor during conversations with school administrators?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	14	12%	17
Rarely	44	39%	42
Occasionally, once or twice a month	29	26%	30
Fairly often, a couple times a week	22	19%	20
Very often, nearly every day	5	4%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	16	14%	11
Sometimes acceptable	40	35%	39
Rarely acceptable	36	32%	40
Never acceptable	22	19%	24

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	8	7%	4
Sometimes acceptable	26	23%	26
Rarely acceptable	36	32%	36
Never acceptable	44	38%	48

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	7	6%	2
Sometimes acceptable	9	8%	9
Rarely acceptable	24	21%	25
Never acceptable	75	65%	78

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

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	71	63%	66
Probably should not allow this speaker	28	24%	31
Probably should allow this speaker	11	10%	13
Definitely should allow this speaker	4	3%	4

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	46	41%	44
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	37%	42
Probably should allow this speaker	20	17%	21
Definitely should allow this speaker	6	5%	7

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	68	60%	66
Probably should not allow this speaker	33	29%	31
Probably should allow this speaker	8	7%	12
Definitely should allow this speaker	5	4%	5

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	15	13%	13
Probably should not allow this speaker	37	32%	39
Probably should allow this speaker	47	41%	47
Definitely should allow this speaker	16	14%	15

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	18	16%	13
Probably should not allow this speaker	32	28%	34
Probably should allow this speaker	40	36%	41
Definitely should allow this speaker	23	21%	26

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	15	13%	9
Probably should not allow this speaker	32	28%	30
Probably should allow this speaker	43	37%	48
Definitely should allow this speaker	25	22%	27

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

Abortion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	85%	100
Yes	17	15%	14

Affirmative action

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	85%	97
Yes	17	15%	17

Charlie Kirk

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	80	70%	81
Yes	34	30%	33

China

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	100	88%	103
Yes	14	12%	11

Climate change

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	107	94%	109
Yes	7	6%	5

Crime

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	105	92%	105
Yes	9	8%	9

Donald Trump

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	95	83%	95
Yes	19	17%	19

Economic inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	94	83%	92
Yes	20	17%	22

Freedom of speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	95	84%	97
Yes	19	16%	17

Gay rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	103	90%	102
Yes	11	10%	12

Gender inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	85%	97
Yes	17	15%	17

Gun control

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	85%	101
Yes	17	15%	13

Hate speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	85%	99
Yes	17	15%	15

Immigration

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	95	83%	96
Yes	19	17%	18

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	45	39%	43
Yes	69	61%	71

Police misconduct

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	98	86%	98
Yes	16	14%	16

The 2024 presidential election

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	98	86%	99
Yes	16	14%	15

Racial inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	100	88%	96
Yes	14	12%	18

Religion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	94	83%	93
Yes	20	17%	21

Sexual assault

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	94	82%	97
Yes	20	18%	17

The Supreme Court

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	111	98%	110
Yes	3	2%	4

Transgender rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	85%	96
Yes	17	15%	18

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	97	85%	93
Yes	17	15%	21

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	26	23%	29
Rarely	60	52%	59
Occasionally, once or twice a month	19	17%	18
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	5	4%	4
Very often, nearly every day	4	4%	4

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Yes, I have been disciplined.	0	0%	0
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	13	11%	11
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	101	89%	103

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

"Bigots who say hateful things deserve to be shot."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	21	19%	20
Rarely	18	16%	18
Sometimes	29	25%	30
Fairly often	32	28%	30
Always	14	12%	16

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	60	53%	60
Rarely	31	27%	33
Sometimes	13	11%	11
Fairly often	7	6%	6
Always	3	3%	4

"Illegal immigrants should be arrested and deported."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	15	14%	18
Rarely	23	20%	23
Sometimes	26	23%	20
Fairly often	26	22%	33
Always	25	22%	20

"Debate me. Prove me wrong."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	75	66%	77
Rarely	25	22%	27
Sometimes	12	11%	8
Fairly often	1	1%	2
Always	0	0%	0

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	29	25%	28
Rarely	19	17%	20
Sometimes	30	26%	29
Fairly often	20	18%	21
Always	17	15%	16

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

"It's O.K. to punch a Nazi."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	47	42%	44
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	42	37%	43
The professor probably should be fired from their job	15	13%	15
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	8	7%	8

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	34	30%	31
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	52	47%	52
The professor probably should be fired from their job	17	15%	18
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	9	8%	9

"We are going to make America great again."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	23	20%	21
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	28	25%	33
The professor probably should be fired from their job	44	39%	42
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	17	15%	14

"Our colleges and universities are progressive indoctrination centers."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	16	15%	16
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	44	39%	46
The professor probably should be fired from their job	33	29%	29
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	18	17%	19

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	52	46%	52
Less than once a year	18	16%	17
Once or twice a year	16	14%	16
Several times a year	9	8%	9
Once a month	3	3%	4
2-3 times a month	4	3%	5
About weekly	3	3%	2
Weekly	7	6%	4
Several times a week	0.6	1%	1

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	112	100%	110
Yes	0	0%	0

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	111	99%	109
Yes	0.6	1%	1

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	0	0%	0
Less than half the time	6	38%	4
About half the time	4	25%	5
Most of the time, nearly every day	3	16%	4
Always	3	21%	4

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	8	29%	5
Less than half the time	19	70%	16
About half the time	0	0%	0
Most of the time, nearly every day	0	0%	0
Always	0.4	1%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	8	35%	6
Less than half the time	8	36%	10
About half the time	5	21%	5
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	8%	3
Always	0	0%	0

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	8	27%	8
Less than half the time	9	31%	10
About half the time	9	34%	9
Most of the time, nearly every day	0.7	3%	1
Always	1	5%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	0.6	3%	1
Less than half the time	5	25%	6
About half the time	6	31%	6
Most of the time, nearly every day	6	28%	6
Always	3	13%	3

Where do you get your news? Please select all that apply.

Social media

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	12	10%	15
Yes	102	90%	99

Television

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	70	61%	68
Yes	44	39%	46

Radio

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	96	84%	99
Yes	18	16%	15

Radio or television website

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	95	83%	96
Yes	19	17%	18

Podcast

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	85	75%	84
Yes	29	25%	30

Newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	106	93%	106
Yes	8	7%	8

Newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	43	38%	46
Yes	71	62%	68

Student newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	85	75%	84
Yes	29	25%	30

Student newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	76	66%	79
Yes	38	34%	35

What forms of violence, if any, do you consider acceptable to stop a campus speech?

Threats of bodily harm to people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	99%	113
Yes	0.7	1%	1

Using physical force to prevent people from entering the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	108	95%	110
Yes	6	5%	4

Physical assault on people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	112	98%	112
Yes	2	2%	2

Physical assault on the speaker

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	109	95%	111
Yes	5	5%	3

Throwing projectiles (e.g., pies, eggs, rocks, bottles)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	111	97%	111
Yes	3	3%	3

Use of chemical irritants (e.g., bear spray)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	99%	112
Yes	1	1%	2

Incendiaries or fireworks aimed at the venue

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	99%	113
Yes	0.7	1%	1

Smoke or "stink" bombs to force evacuation of the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	110	97%	110
Yes	4	3%	4

Bomb threats

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	99%	113
Yes	0.7	1%	1

Use of sharp objects (e.g., knife)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	112	98%	112
Yes	2	2%	2

Use of firearms (e.g., rifle)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	99%	113
Yes	0.7	1%	1

Arson

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	99%	113
Yes	0.7	1%	1

Kidnapping

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	99%	113
Yes	0.7	1%	1

Detaining or restraining people

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	99%	113
Yes	0.7	1%	1

Murder

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	99%	113
Yes	0.7	1%	1

Something else (please specify):

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	114	100%	114
Yes	0	0%	0

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	88	77%	88
Yes	26	23%	26

Topline Results: 2027 College Free Speech Rankings

Pomona College

School sample: datayear 2026.

Total number of students surveyed = 153.

Margin of error = +/- 7.9%.

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all clear	19	12%	20
Not very clear	42	27%	44
Somewhat clear	63	41%	60
Very clear	23	15%	22
Extremely clear	6	4%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all likely	13	8%	15
Not very likely	43	28%	44
Somewhat likely	69	45%	65
Very likely	26	17%	25
Extremely likely	2	2%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	25	17%	26
Somewhat uncomfortable	48	31%	50
Somewhat comfortable	61	40%	56
Very comfortable	19	12%	21

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	19	12%	18
Somewhat uncomfortable	55	36%	54
Somewhat comfortable	52	34%	53
Very comfortable	27	18%	28

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	18	12%	18
Somewhat uncomfortable	57	38%	56
Somewhat comfortable	64	42%	64
Very comfortable	14	9%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	20	13%	19
Somewhat uncomfortable	41	27%	43
Somewhat comfortable	72	47%	70
Very comfortable	20	13%	21

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	65	42%	60
Somewhat uncomfortable	51	33%	52
Somewhat comfortable	31	20%	32
Very comfortable	6	4%	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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	10	6%	13
Rarely	43	28%	41
Occasionally, once or twice a month	65	43%	68
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	28	18%	24
Very often, nearly every day	7	4%	7

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	10	6%	11
Rarely	61	40%	62
Occasionally, once or twice a month	54	35%	50
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	17	11%	19
Very often, nearly every day	11	7%	11

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	12	8%	13
Rarely	56	37%	57
Occasionally, once or twice a month	48	31%	50
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	27	18%	24
Very often, nearly every day	9	6%	9

How often do you self-censor during conversations with school administrators?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	15	10%	17
Rarely	47	31%	46
Occasionally, once or twice a month	52	34%	53
Fairly often, a couple times a week	25	16%	23
Very often, nearly every day	14	9%	14

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	11	7%	11
Sometimes acceptable	56	37%	55
Rarely acceptable	54	35%	49
Never acceptable	32	21%	38

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	4	3%	5
Sometimes acceptable	31	20%	33
Rarely acceptable	58	38%	53
Never acceptable	60	39%	62

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	2	1%	3
Sometimes acceptable	13	9%	13
Rarely acceptable	30	20%	26
Never acceptable	108	71%	111

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

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	90	59%	90
Probably should not allow this speaker	34	22%	36
Probably should allow this speaker	21	14%	20
Definitely should allow this speaker	7	5%	7

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	53	35%	54
Probably should not allow this speaker	37	24%	37
Probably should allow this speaker	44	29%	45
Definitely should allow this speaker	19	12%	17

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	85	56%	91
Probably should not allow this speaker	46	30%	43
Probably should allow this speaker	19	12%	16
Definitely should allow this speaker	2	1%	3

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	33	22%	36
Probably should not allow this speaker	57	37%	54
Probably should allow this speaker	41	27%	42
Definitely should allow this speaker	22	15%	21

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	31	20%	32
Probably should not allow this speaker	44	29%	45
Probably should allow this speaker	55	36%	52
Definitely should allow this speaker	23	15%	24

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	14	9%	14
Probably should not allow this speaker	42	27%	43
Probably should allow this speaker	69	45%	67
Definitely should allow this speaker	29	19%	29

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	117	76%	116
Yes	36	24%	37

Affirmative action

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	104	68%	109
Yes	49	32%	44

Charlie Kirk

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	103	68%	104
Yes	50	32%	49

China

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	138	90%	140
Yes	15	10%	13

Climate change

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	147	96%	147
Yes	6	4%	6

Crime

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	125	82%	127
Yes	28	18%	26

Donald Trump

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	110	72%	107
Yes	43	28%	46

Economic inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	126	82%	126
Yes	27	18%	27

Freedom of speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	128	84%	126
Yes	25	16%	27

Gay rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	132	86%	130
Yes	21	14%	23

Gender inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	127	83%	125
Yes	26	17%	28

Gun control

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	118	77%	116
Yes	35	23%	37

Hate speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	121	79%	118
Yes	32	21%	35

Immigration

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	114	75%	110
Yes	39	25%	43

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	55	36%	57
Yes	98	64%	96

Police misconduct

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	121	79%	119
Yes	32	21%	34

The 2024 presidential election

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	121	79%	123
Yes	32	21%	30

Racial inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	101	66%	99
Yes	52	34%	54

Religion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	111	73%	111
Yes	42	27%	42

Sexual assault

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	119	78%	121
Yes	34	22%	32

The Supreme Court

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	137	90%	138
Yes	16	10%	15

Transgender rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	119	78%	117
Yes	34	22%	36

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	137	90%	134
Yes	16	10%	19

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	17	11%	19
Rarely	65	43%	62
Occasionally, once or twice a month	41	27%	44
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	18	12%	19
Very often, nearly every day	11	7%	9

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Yes, I have been disciplined.	2	1%	3
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	12	8%	13
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	139	91%	137

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

"Bigots who say hateful things deserve to be shot."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	19	12%	19
Rarely	22	14%	22
Sometimes	36	24%	37
Fairly often	45	29%	43
Always	32	21%	32

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	64	42%	60
Rarely	47	31%	45
Sometimes	20	13%	23
Fairly often	12	8%	14
Always	11	7%	11

"Illegal immigrants should be arrested and deported."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	34	22%	30
Rarely	32	21%	31
Sometimes	28	19%	31
Fairly often	35	23%	36
Always	24	16%	25

"Debate me. Prove me wrong."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	100	66%	100
Rarely	31	20%	30
Sometimes	11	7%	14
Fairly often	7	5%	7
Always	3	2%	2

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	32	21%	28
Rarely	28	18%	26
Sometimes	43	28%	47
Fairly often	31	20%	30
Always	19	13%	22

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

"It's O.K. to punch a Nazi."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	72	48%	72
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	48	32%	45
The professor probably should be fired from their job	25	17%	27
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	6	4%	6

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	42	28%	37
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	51	34%	53
The professor probably should be fired from their job	44	29%	46
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	15	10%	14

"We are going to make America great again."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	42	28%	38
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	60	40%	55
The professor probably should be fired from their job	35	23%	37
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	15	10%	20

"Our colleges and universities are progressive indoctrination centers."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	39	26%	34
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	55	37%	59
The professor probably should be fired from their job	36	24%	40
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	21	14%	17

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	59	39%	52
Less than once a year	15	10%	14
Once or twice a year	23	15%	24
Several times a year	19	13%	24
Once a month	6	4%	7
2-3 times a month	11	7%	10
About weekly	3	2%	4
Weekly	8	5%	9
Several times a week	7	4%	6

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	149	99%	148
Yes	1	1%	2

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	149	99%	148
Yes	1	1%	2

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	0.8	3%	1
Less than half the time	11	40%	12
About half the time	12	42%	11
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	14%	5
Always	0.6	2%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	8	20%	8
Less than half the time	18	47%	17
About half the time	9	23%	9
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	10%	4
Always	0	0%	0

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	3	8%	3
Less than half the time	12	35%	12
About half the time	12	35%	9
Most of the time, nearly every day	5	16%	5
Always	2	6%	3

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	12	35%	11
Less than half the time	10	30%	10
About half the time	6	18%	6
Most of the time, nearly every day	5	16%	6
Always	0.7	2%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	3	15%	3
Less than half the time	6	34%	5
About half the time	2	13%	2
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	23%	5
Always	3	15%	4

Where do you get your news? Please select all that apply.

Social media

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	11	7%	12
Yes	142	93%	141

Television

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	94	62%	93
Yes	59	38%	60

Radio

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	139	91%	137
Yes	14	9%	16

Radio or television website

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	137	89%	138
Yes	16	11%	15

Podcast

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	119	78%	119
Yes	34	22%	34

Newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	143	93%	142
Yes	10	7%	11

Newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	57	37%	70
Yes	96	63%	83

Student newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	125	82%	124
Yes	28	18%	29

Student newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	119	77%	120
Yes	34	23%	33

What forms of violence, if any, do you consider acceptable to stop a campus speech?

Threats of bodily harm to people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	145	95%	148
Yes	8	5%	5

Using physical force to prevent people from entering the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	142	93%	143
Yes	11	7%	10

Physical assault on people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	146	95%	146
Yes	7	5%	7

Physical assault on the speaker

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	149	97%	148
Yes	4	3%	5

Throwing projectiles (e.g., pies, eggs, rocks, bottles)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	142	93%	144
Yes	11	7%	9

Use of chemical irritants (e.g., bear spray)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	145	95%	146
Yes	8	5%	7

Incendiaries or fireworks aimed at the venue

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	148	96%	148
Yes	5	4%	5

Smoke or "stink" bombs to force evacuation of the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	145	95%	147
Yes	8	5%	6

Bomb threats

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	148	97%	149
Yes	5	3%	4

Use of sharp objects (e.g., knife)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	150	98%	150
Yes	3	2%	3

Use of firearms (e.g., rifle)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	150	98%	150
Yes	3	2%	3

Arson

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	150	98%	150
Yes	3	2%	3

Kidnapping

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	150	98%	150
Yes	3	2%	3

Detaining or restraining people

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	148	97%	148
Yes	5	3%	5

Murder

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	149	97%	150
Yes	4	3%	3

Something else (please specify):

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	151	99%	152
Yes	2	1%	1

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	134	88%	134
Yes	19	12%	19

Topline Results: 2027 College Free Speech Rankings

Scripps College

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all clear	4	3%	6
Not very clear	50	32%	52
Somewhat clear	72	47%	72
Very clear	27	18%	23
Extremely clear	0.7	<1%	1

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all likely	3	2%	6
Not very likely	52	34%	60
Somewhat likely	84	54%	72
Very likely	13	9%	14
Extremely likely	1	1%	2

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

Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	33	21%	39
Somewhat uncomfortable	57	37%	56
Somewhat comfortable	54	35%	46
Very comfortable	10	7%	13

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	12	8%	18
Somewhat uncomfortable	58	38%	61
Somewhat comfortable	63	41%	54
Very comfortable	20	13%	21

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	26	17%	23
Somewhat uncomfortable	38	24%	43
Somewhat comfortable	74	48%	71
Very comfortable	16	10%	17

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	22	14%	23
Somewhat uncomfortable	28	19%	32
Somewhat comfortable	71	46%	64
Very comfortable	33	21%	35

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	70	46%	64
Somewhat uncomfortable	56	36%	57
Somewhat comfortable	20	13%	23
Very comfortable	8	5%	10

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	20	13%	22
Rarely	72	47%	58
Occasionally, once or twice a month	36	23%	47
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	20	13%	18
Very often, nearly every day	6	4%	9

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	13	8%	16
Rarely	70	46%	68
Occasionally, once or twice a month	51	33%	47
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	15	10%	17
Very often, nearly every day	4	3%	6

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	13	9%	11
Rarely	68	44%	68
Occasionally, once or twice a month	55	36%	54
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	13	8%	16
Very often, nearly every day	5	3%	5

How often do you self-censor during conversations with school administrators?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	19	12%	27
Rarely	71	46%	61
Occasionally, once or twice a month	35	23%	34
Fairly often, a couple times a week	14	9%	18
Very often, nearly every day	15	10%	14

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	11	7%	9
Sometimes acceptable	36	23%	44
Rarely acceptable	70	46%	69
Never acceptable	37	24%	32

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	4	2%	2
Sometimes acceptable	12	8%	21
Rarely acceptable	61	40%	63
Never acceptable	78	50%	68

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	0.3	<1%	1
Sometimes acceptable	2	1%	3
Rarely acceptable	16	11%	20
Never acceptable	136	88%	130

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

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	115	75%	108
Probably should not allow this speaker	31	20%	35
Probably should allow this speaker	5	3%	9
Definitely should allow this speaker	2	2%	2

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	72	47%	70
Probably should not allow this speaker	40	26%	40
Probably should allow this speaker	34	22%	34
Definitely should allow this speaker	9	6%	10

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	109	71%	108
Probably should not allow this speaker	34	22%	30
Probably should allow this speaker	7	5%	12
Definitely should allow this speaker	3	2%	4

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	29	19%	24
Probably should not allow this speaker	60	39%	59
Probably should allow this speaker	45	29%	52
Definitely should allow this speaker	20	13%	19

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	27	17%	21
Probably should not allow this speaker	63	41%	60
Probably should allow this speaker	52	34%	57
Definitely should allow this speaker	13	8%	16

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	11	7%	8
Probably should not allow this speaker	43	28%	39
Probably should allow this speaker	67	43%	72
Definitely should allow this speaker	33	22%	35

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

Abortion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	133	87%	131
Yes	21	13%	23

Affirmative action

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	122	79%	128
Yes	32	21%	26

Charlie Kirk

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	119	78%	117
Yes	35	22%	37

China

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	144	93%	144
Yes	10	7%	10

Climate change

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	152	98%	151
Yes	2	2%	3

Crime

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	131	85%	138
Yes	23	15%	16

Donald Trump

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	129	84%	131
Yes	25	16%	23

Economic inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	115	75%	106
Yes	39	25%	48

Freedom of speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	132	85%	125
Yes	22	15%	29

Gay rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	143	93%	143
Yes	11	7%	11

Gender inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	138	89%	135
Yes	16	11%	19

Gun control

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	131	85%	130
Yes	23	15%	24

Hate speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	132	86%	129
Yes	22	14%	25

Immigration

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	115	75%	122
Yes	39	25%	32

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	42	27%	46
Yes	112	73%	108

Police misconduct

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	109	71%	120
Yes	44	29%	34

The 2024 presidential election

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	122	79%	135
Yes	32	21%	19

Racial inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	112	73%	111
Yes	42	27%	43

Religion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	114	74%	112
Yes	40	26%	42

Sexual assault

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	133	87%	129
Yes	20	13%	25

The Supreme Court

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	149	97%	148
Yes	5	3%	6

Transgender rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	124	80%	124
Yes	30	20%	30

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	129	84%	129
Yes	25	16%	25

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	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	33	21%	31
Rarely	64	42%	64
Occasionally, once or twice a month	41	27%	42
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	12	8%	11
Very often, nearly every day	4	3%	6

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Yes, I have been disciplined.	7	4%	5
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	9	6%	10
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	139	90%	139

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

"Bigots who say hateful things deserve to be shot."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	9	6%	15
Rarely	22	14%	21
Sometimes	33	21%	35
Fairly often	54	35%	46
Always	36	23%	36

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	55	36%	64
Rarely	54	35%	51
Sometimes	23	15%	24
Fairly often	17	11%	9
Always	4	3%	5

"Illegal immigrants should be arrested and deported."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	20	13%	23
Rarely	24	16%	31
Sometimes	49	32%	38
Fairly often	43	28%	37
Always	17	11%	24

"Debate me. Prove me wrong."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	102	67%	107
Rarely	32	21%	26
Sometimes	18	11%	18
Fairly often	0	0%	0
Always	2	1%	2

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	17	11%	23
Rarely	35	23%	33
Sometimes	28	18%	31
Fairly often	54	36%	47
Always	19	12%	19

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

"It's O.K. to punch a Nazi."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	41	27%	48
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	80	53%	73
The professor probably should be fired from their job	28	19%	26
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	1	1%	2

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	22	15%	29
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	71	47%	64
The professor probably should be fired from their job	52	34%	47
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	5	4%	9

"We are going to make America great again."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	22	14%	17
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	59	40%	60
The professor probably should be fired from their job	38	25%	48
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	31	21%	24

"Our colleges and universities are progressive indoctrination centers."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	20	13%	16
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	63	42%	63
The professor probably should be fired from their job	48	32%	49
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	19	13%	21

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	65	44%	62
Less than once a year	10	7%	15
Once or twice a year	32	22%	29
Several times a year	29	19%	24
Once a month	5	3%	6
2-3 times a month	3	2%	4
About weekly	2	1%	2
Weekly	1	1%	4
Several times a week	2	1%	3

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	150	100%	149
Yes	0	0%	0

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	150	100%	149
Yes	0	0%	0

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	2	8%	3
Less than half the time	9	29%	12
About half the time	13	43%	7
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	15%	8
Always	2	6%	3

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	11	22%	6
Less than half the time	22	46%	19
About half the time	9	19%	10
Most of the time, nearly every day	2	4%	3
Always	4	8%	4

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	2	8%	3
Less than half the time	7	30%	9
About half the time	13	57%	15
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	5%	2
Always	0	0%	0

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	13	50%	9
Less than half the time	8	29%	10
About half the time	5	17%	5
Most of the time, nearly every day	1	4%	1
Always	0	0%	0

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

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	0	0%	0
Less than half the time	9	36%	7
About half the time	8	31%	8
Most of the time, nearly every day	6	22%	8
Always	3	11%	2

Where do you get your news? Please select all that apply.

Social media

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	17	11%	21
Yes	137	89%	133

Television

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	119	77%	109
Yes	35	23%	45

Radio

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	131	85%	132
Yes	23	15%	22

Radio or television website

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	138	90%	142
Yes	16	10%	12

Podcast

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	109	71%	112
Yes	45	29%	42

Newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	134	87%	137
Yes	20	13%	17

Newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	54	35%	54
Yes	100	65%	100

Student newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	104	68%	101
Yes	50	32%	53

Student newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	123	80%	124
Yes	30	20%	30

What forms of violence, if any, do you consider acceptable to stop a campus speech?

Threats of bodily harm to people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	152
Yes	1	1%	2

Using physical force to prevent people from entering the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	151	98%	150
Yes	3	2%	4

Physical assault on people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	152	99%	150
Yes	2	1%	4

Physical assault on the speaker

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	151
Yes	1	1%	3

Throwing projectiles (e.g., pies, eggs, rocks, bottles)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	151	98%	151
Yes	3	2%	3

Use of chemical irritants (e.g., bear spray)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	152
Yes	1	1%	2

Incendiaries or fireworks aimed at the venue

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	152
Yes	1	1%	2

Smoke or "stink" bombs to force evacuation of the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	151	98%	150
Yes	3	2%	4

Bomb threats

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	151
Yes	1	1%	3

Use of sharp objects (e.g., knife)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	151
Yes	1	1%	3

Use of firearms (e.g., rifle)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	152
Yes	1	1%	2

Arson

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	151
Yes	1	1%	3

Kidnapping

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	151
Yes	1	1%	3

Detaining or restraining people

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	152	99%	150
Yes	2	1%	4

Murder

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	153	99%	151
Yes	1	1%	3

Something else (please specify):

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	154	100%	154
Yes	0	0%	0

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	141	91%	138
Yes	13	9%	16



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