

## 2027 College Free Speech Rankings

# Harvard University

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# Executive Summary

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**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 287 Harvard University undergraduates. Key findings include:

- Harvard University ranks 71 out of 261<sup>1</sup> schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings. The university earned a score of 64.4 and received a speech climate grade of D.
- Harvard improved substantially from its near-bottom placement in recent years. The university ranked 245 out of 257 schools last year before rising to 71 this year.
- Harvard ranks second among its Ivy League peers, behind Dartmouth (6) but ahead of Yale (72), Brown (98), Princeton (176), Cornell (219), Penn (227), and Columbia (246).
- Harvard ranks 7 on “Political Tolerance,” its strongest student survey component, which measures students’ willingness to allow controversial liberal and conservative speakers on campus.
- Harvard students reported broad openness to discussing most issues, but 64% identified the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as difficult to discuss.
- Harvard students were less likely than students nationally to self-censor with other students, professors, and administrators.
- Harvard students were more comfortable discussing controversial political topics than students nationally in most settings, but social media remained a weak spot.
- Harvard students became less accepting of disruptive conduct compared with last year. Students who said shouting down a speaker is at least “rarely” acceptable fell from 79% to 71%, and students who said using violence to stop a campus speech is at least “rarely” acceptable fell from 32% to 29%.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](https://rankings.fire.org/methodology).

- Harvard's weakest student survey component is "Administrative Support" (181) which measures whether students believe the administration protects free speech and would defend a speaker's rights during a controversy.
- Harvard has adopted an official commitment to institutional neutrality but has not adopted the Chicago Statement. It also maintains speech policies that earn a "yellow light" Spotlight rating. Had Harvard earned a "green light" rating this year, it would have ranked 13 instead of 71.
- Harvard has two speech controversies that influenced the school's rankings. A panel on Islamophobia and antisemitism was canceled after controversy over participants, losing Harvard points, but the university later earned credit after rejecting federal demands including the derecognition of several student groups.

## Harvard's Free Speech Score Over Time

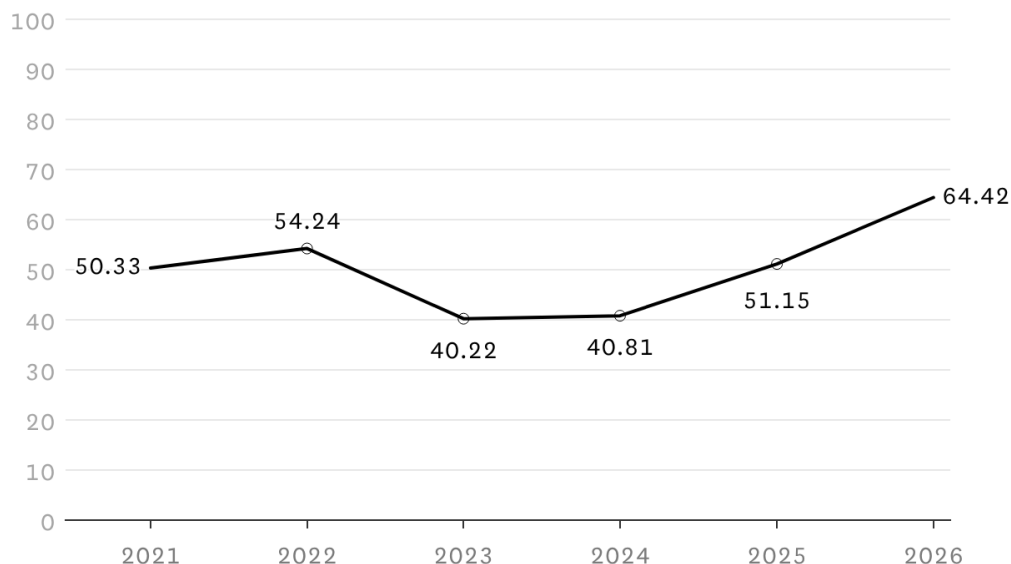


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## HARVARD STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF FREE SPEECH

### Harvard students tolerate controversial speakers

Harvard University ranks 7 on "Political Tolerance." This is Harvard's strongest component, and an improvement from last year when Harvard ranked 64. This component measures whether students would allow speakers with controversial liberal and conservative views to speak on campus.

Harvard students were more likely than students nationally to allow each controversial speaker. Ordered from least willing to allow to most willing to allow:

- 35% of students would allow a speaker who says “Black Lives Matter is a hate group.” Nationally, 22% of students would allow this speaker.
- 37% of students would allow a speaker who says “transgender people have a mental disorder.” Nationally, 26% of students would allow this speaker.
- 51% of students would allow a speaker who says “the police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan.” Nationally, 36% of students would allow this speaker.
- 55% of students would allow a speaker who says “the Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.” Nationally, 36% of students would allow this speaker.
- 62% of students would allow a speaker who says “abortion should be completely illegal.” Nationally, 40% of students would allow this speaker.
- 73% of students would allow a speaker who says “children should be able to transition without parental consent.” Nationally, 47% of students would allow this speaker.

### Harvard Students Who Would Allow Each Speaker on Campus (%)

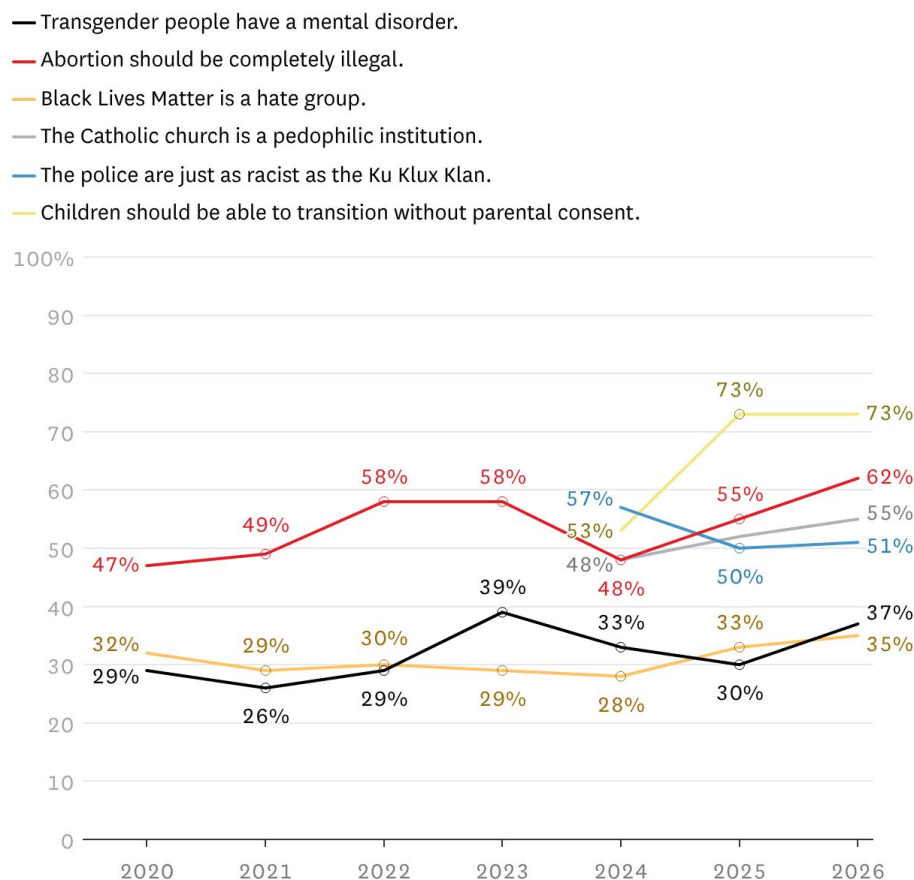


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## Students reported broad openness

Harvard University ranks 53 on “Openness.” This component measures how many controversial topics students identified as difficult to discuss openly and honestly on campus.

Harvard students most often identified the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as difficult to discuss. Nearly two-thirds of Harvard students, 64%, said it would be difficult to have an open and honest conversation about the issue, compared with 50% of students nationally. Smaller shares of students identified the following as difficult topics: Charlie Kirk (34% at Harvard versus 44% nationally), abortion (32% versus 43%), Donald Trump (32% versus 46%), immigration (30% versus 38%), and affirmative action (28% versus 18%).

### Harvard Students Who Have Difficulty Talking About Each Topic (%)

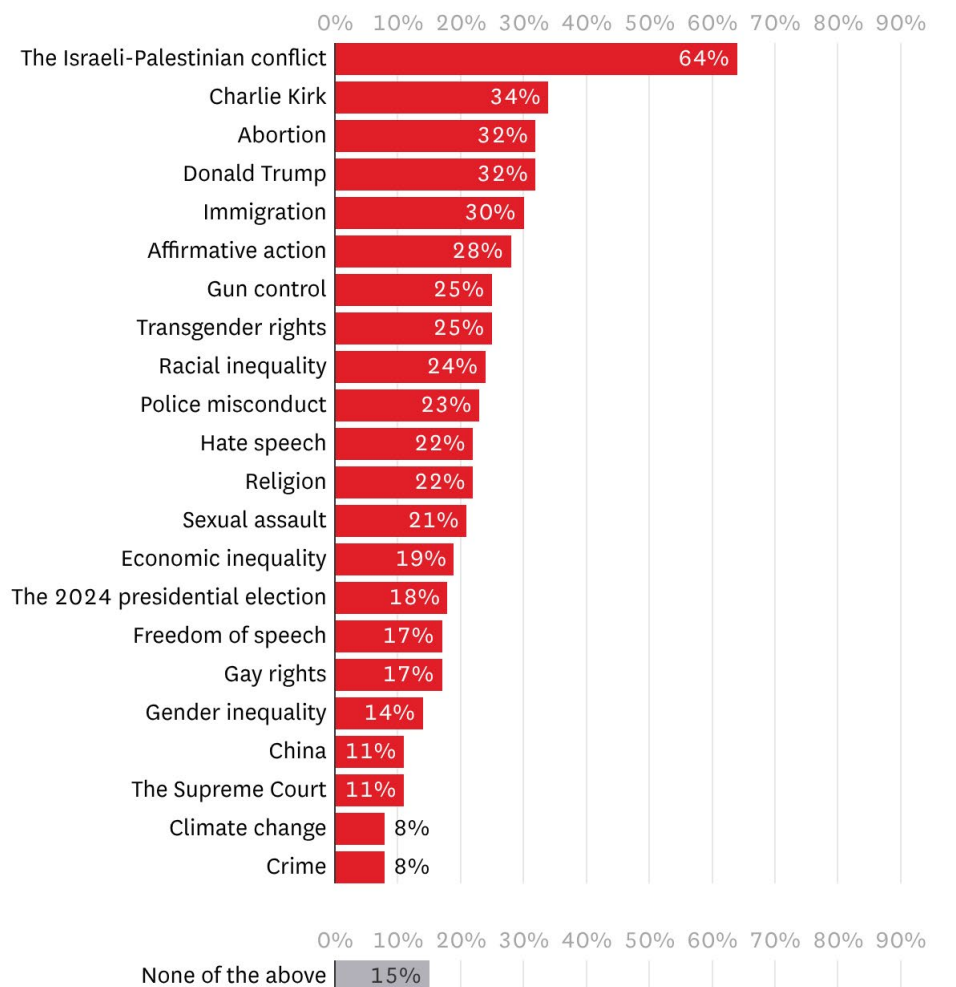


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Harvard's rank suggests that its students reported more openness than students at many peer institutions. This likely reflects recent university efforts, including the Open Inquiry and Constructive Dialogue Working Group, which was charged with exploring how to foster an environment in which community members are free to ask hard questions, challenge accepted truths, and engage opposing viewpoints productively. Harvard leadership adopted the group's principles in October 2024.

### Self-censorship declined but remains common

Harvard University ranks 59 on "Self-Censorship."

Harvard students self-censored at rates similar to or slightly below students nationally in most settings:

- In conversations with other students, 56% of Harvard students said they self-censored at least "occasionally," compared with 57% of students nationally.
- In conversations with professors, 54% of Harvard students said they self-censored at least "occasionally," compared with 60% nationally.
- During classroom discussions, 63% of Harvard students said they self-censored at least "occasionally," compared with 62% nationally.
- In conversations with school administrators, 54% of Harvard students said they self-censored at least "occasionally," compared with 57% nationally.

### Harvard Students Who Engage In Self-Censorship At Least Occasionally (%)

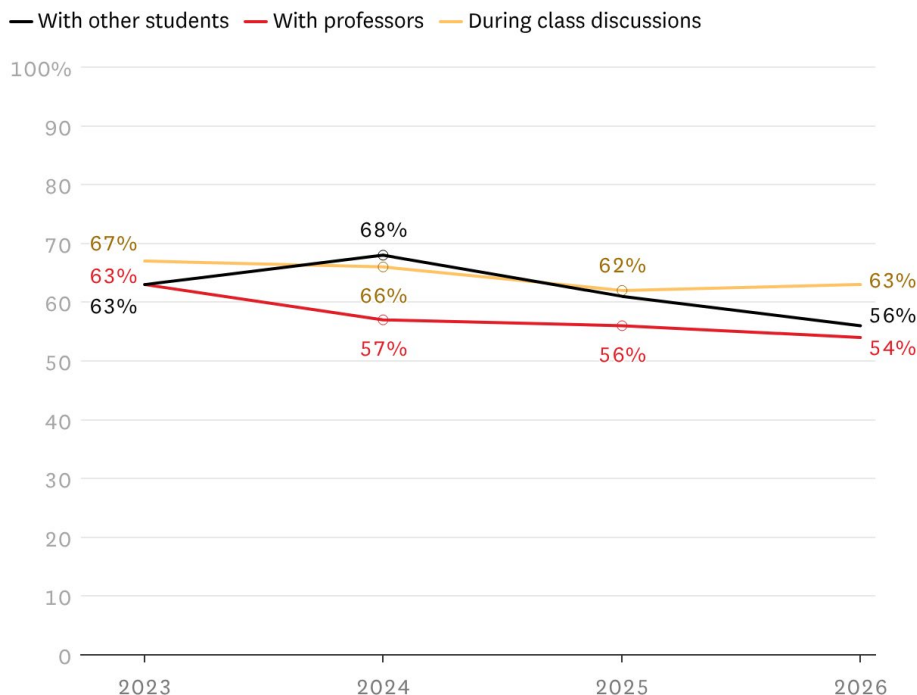


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On a related question, 47% of Harvard students said they had felt at least “occasionally” that they could not express an opinion because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond. This year, that figure fell to 42% meaning that fewer Harvard students are regularly holding back their views.

### Comfort expressing ideas improved sharply

Harvard University ranks 113 on “Comfort Expressing Ideas.” This is a dramatic improvement from last year, when Harvard ranked 247. This component measures how comfortable students feel expressing views on controversial political topics in class, in assignments, with professors, with other students, and on social media.

Harvard’s improvement moves the university from one of the weakest schools nationally to a more middle-of-the-pack position. It also reverses several years of poor performance: Harvard ranked 193 in the 2024 rankings, 235 in the 2025 rankings, and 247 in the 2026 rankings.

Harvard students were most uncomfortable on social media, with 69% reporting they would feel at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing an unpopular political opinion on a social media account tied to their name, compared with 62% of students nationally.

In other settings, Harvard students were similarly or less uncomfortable than students nationally. Fifty-seven percent of both Harvard students and students nationally said they would feel at least “somewhat uncomfortable” publicly disagreeing with a professor. Smaller shares of students said they would feel at least “somewhat uncomfortable” disagreeing with a professor in a written assignment (44% at Harvard versus 47% nationally), expressing views during an in-class discussion (44% versus 48%), or expressing views to other students in a common campus space (32% versus 43%).

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

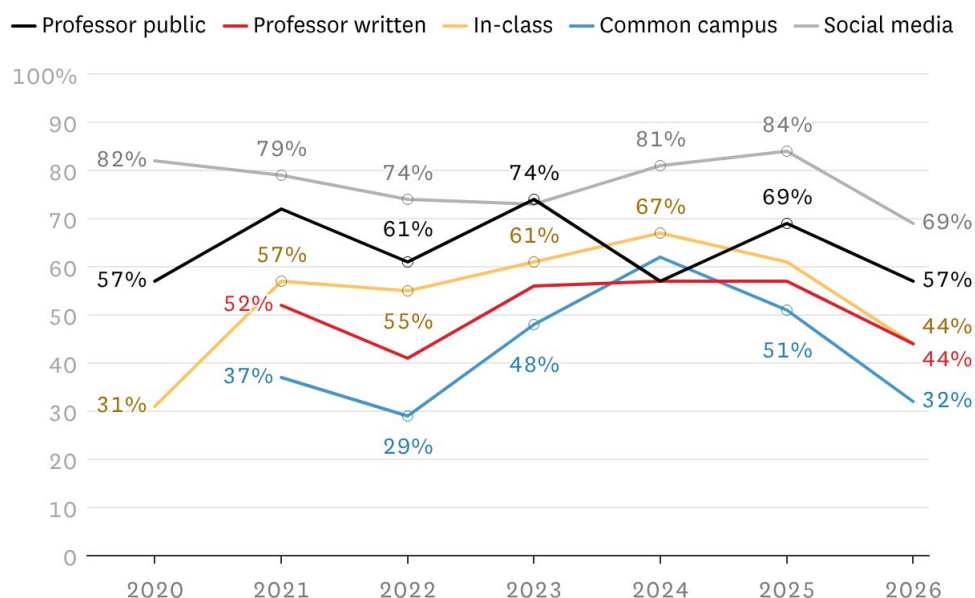


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## Acceptance of disruptive conduct declined

Harvard University ranks 113 “Disruptive Conduct.” This is an improvement from last year, when Harvard ranked 161. This component measures how acceptable students think it is to shout down a speaker, block students from attending a speech, or use violence to stop a campus speech.

Harvard students became less accepting of disruptive conduct this year. The percentage who said shouting down a speaker is at least “rarely” acceptable fell from 79% last year to 71% this year. Nationally, 69% of students said shouting down a speaker is at least “rarely” acceptable.

A smaller share of Harvard students, 53%, said blocking other students from attending a campus speech is at least “rarely” acceptable, compared with 50% nationally.

The percentage of Harvard students who said using violence to stop a campus speech is at least “rarely” acceptable also fell, from 32% last year to 29% this year. Nationally, 31% of students said using violence to stop a campus speech is at least “rarely” acceptable.

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

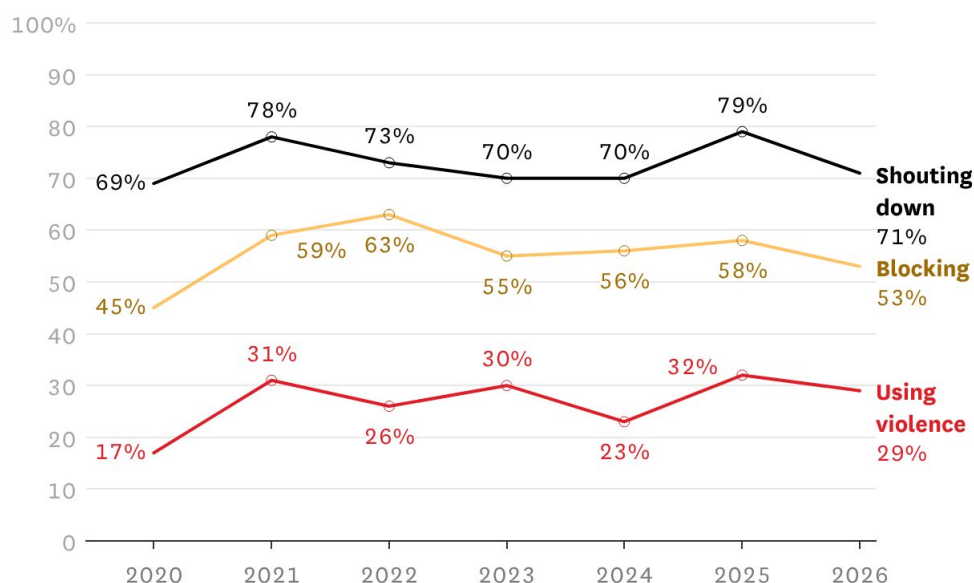


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## Students remain skeptical of administrators

Harvard University ranks 181 on “Administrative Support.” This remains Harvard’s weakest student survey component, despite substantial improvement from last year’s ranking of 247.

This component measures whether students believe the administration protects free speech and would defend a speaker's rights during a speech controversy. Harvard's improvement suggests students saw the administration as more supportive of free speech than they did during the prior survey year. However, its current rank still trails most schools.

One-third of Harvard students, 33%, said it was "very" or "extremely" clear that the administration protects free speech, compared with 40% of students nationally. Another 25% said it was "not at all" or "not very" clear, compared with 17% nationally.

Harvard students were about as likely as students nationally to believe the administration would defend a speaker's rights during a controversy. At Harvard, 29% of students said this was "very" or "extremely" likely, compared with 26% nationally. Another 24% said it was "not at all" or "not very" likely, the same as the national result.

## Student Perspectives in Harvard'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

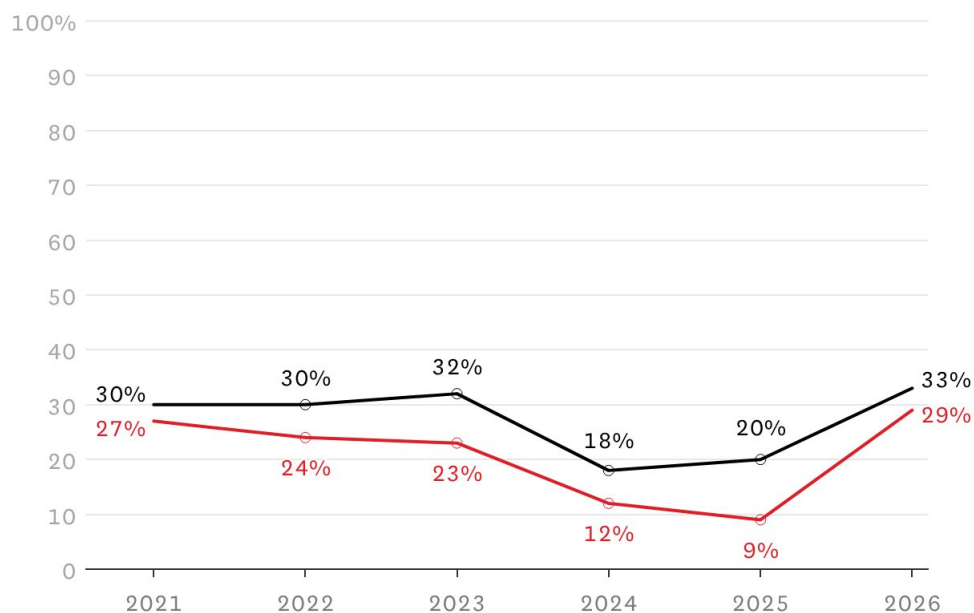


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## A “YELLOW LIGHT” SCHOOL WITH INSTITUTIONAL NEUTRALITY

Harvard University earns an overall “yellow light” Spotlight rating for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains eleven yellow light policies and two “green light” policies.

Five of the university’s harassment-related provisions fail to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment in the educational setting, putting protected speech at risk. Additionally, its bullying policy applies the same overbroad harassment definition from its non-discrimination policy to conduct that is not based on an individual’s protected status. The bullying policy broadly lists examples of conduct that bullying may include, such as “derogatory remarks” and “gratuitous insults,” threatening to chill protected speech, as students may assume these examples are prohibited across the board as bullying.

Harvard’s posting policy prohibits postings across large portions of campus and authorizes their removal without requiring viewpoint-neutral enforcement. Harvard also requires that events with “controversial speakers,” as well as all outdoor events, be registered in advance. Students wishing to distribute materials outdoors must also register with the Dean of Students Office in advance. Altogether, these regulations limit students’ ability to engage in spontaneous expression.

The university’s internet usage policy mandates users be “careful, honest, responsible, and civil.” Civility may indeed be a laudable goal for students to aspire to, but mandates on civility can all too easily be applied by administrators to punish disfavored speech.

Lastly, the university directs students to report “[b]ias-related incidents” to the administration via its “Anonymous Reporting Hotline.” Soliciting reports of bias-related incidents sends the chilling message that any disfavored speech may be subject to investigation or even punishment.

In addition to these rated policies, Harvard has not adopted a version of the Chicago Statement. Harvard has adopted a formal commitment to institutional neutrality, an important affirmation of the university’s commitment to free expression and open inquiry, but committing to the Chicago Statement as well would further reinforce those principles.

## TWO CONTROVERSIES OFFSET ONE ANOTHER

Harvard University had two speech controversies that influenced this year’s rankings. With no new incidents this year and 12 of last year’s 13 controversies having fully decayed (decay is by one point each subsequent year), Harvard incurred no behavioral penalties for the first time in the history of the College Free Speech Rankings. As a result, it earned its highest score to date. By contrast, over the previous three years Harvard accumulated a combined 45 behavioral penalty points and ranked 245, 251 (last), and 248 (last), respectively.

In 2024, Chance Bonar was scheduled to moderate a Lowell House panel on Islamophobia and antisemitism featuring Shaul Magid, Madeline J. Levy, and Mafaz Al-Suwaidan. The Lowell House faculty deans and the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Ethics removed themselves as co-sponsors following student complaints and public criticism that the event did not include Jewish and Zionist voices. Critics also pointed to Al-Suwaidan’s social media posts about Israel and Palestine and to an allegedly antisemitic cartoon reposted by a faculty group with which Bonar was affiliated. The organizer later

canceled the event after two panelists withdrew amid backlash and what he described as a lack of institutional support.

In 2025, federal agencies demanded that Harvard change a wide range of policies and practices as a condition of maintaining its financial relationship with the federal government. These demands included the derecognition of the following student groups: Harvard Undergraduate Palestine Solidarity Committee, Graduate Students 4 Palestine, Law Students 4 Palestine, Students for Justice in Palestine, and National Lawyers Guild. Harvard rejected the demands, and President Alan Garber wrote that they exceeded the government's power, violated Harvard's First Amendment rights, and threatened the university's values as a private institution devoted to the pursuit, production, and dissemination of knowledge.

FIRE also filed an amicus brief in Harvard's lawsuit against the federal agencies, arguing that the federal government sought to coerce Harvard into abandoning its First Amendment rights and autonomy and that the government cannot condition funding on censorship of disfavored views.

## HOW CAN HARVARD IMPROVE?

Harvard University has improved substantially in the rankings, but could improve further with policy reform. Harvard should revise its "yellow light" speech policies to earn a "green light" Spotlight rating. Had Harvard earned a green light rating this year, it would have ranked 13 instead of 71.

Harvard has adopted institutional neutrality through its Institutional Voice Principles, which commit the university and its leaders to refrain from issuing official statements on public matters not directly affecting core academic functions. Harvard should build on these commitments by adopting the Chicago Statement or a substantially similar statement. If Harvard had both earned a green light rating and adopted the Chicago Statement this year, it would have ranked 5.

Policy reform should focus on the rules that continue to earn Harvard a yellow light rating. Harvard should narrow its vague harassment, bullying, and civility policies so they do not reach protected expression. It should also revise rules requiring advance approval for expressive activity, clarify that event and protest rules will be applied without regard to viewpoint, and ensure that bias-reporting systems focus on discriminatory harassment and other policy violations rather than subjective offense.

Harvard's recent improvement in handling speech controversies is reflected in its strong public defense of free expression in response to government demands to derecognize student groups. Administrators should continue to apply that model consistently to preserve this improvement. Protected speech and peaceful protest remain protected and disruption or viewpoint-based punishment does not. A clear, viewpoint-neutral response plan for future controversies would help Harvard avoid new penalties and show students that the university will stand by its commitments even when pressure is highest.

Harvard could also respond to attempted disruption and/or speech controversies by turning its open inquiry work into a regular practice and also improve its overall speech climate. Faculty can help students practice disagreement 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. Harvard could also expand forums, debates, and classroom programming around topics students identified as especially difficult to discuss, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Finally, Harvard should make its commitments visible and consistent. Administrators should explain why free expression, institutional neutrality, and open inquiry are central to the university's academic mission. These steps could help Harvard turn its formal commitments into a stronger campus speech climate.

#### Harvard University's 2027 College Free Speech Rankings scores by component

| COMPONENT                | HARVARD<br>UNIVERSITY | NATIONAL<br>AVERAGE | MINIMUM<br>VALUE | MAXIMUM<br>VALUE |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Comfort Expressing Ideas | 9.87                  | 9.81                | 5                | 15               |
| Self-Censorship          | 13.17                 | 12.79               | 4                | 20               |
| Disruptive Conduct       | 15.80                 | 15.71               | 3                | 20               |
| Administrative Support   | 11.37                 | 11.66               | 2                | 20               |
| Openness                 | 7.71                  | 7.25                | 0                | 10               |
| Political Tolerance      | 8.50                  | 7.10                | 3                | 15               |
| Chicago Statement        | 0 (No)                | —                   | 0 (No)           | 3 (Yes)          |
| Institutional Neutrality | 3 (Yes)               | —                   | 0 (No)           | 3 (Yes)          |
| Spotlight Rating         | -5 (Yellow)           | —                   | -10 (Red)        | 5 (Green)        |
| Campus Deplatformings    | -1                    | —                   | ∞ Penalties      | ∞ Bonuses        |
| Scholars Under Fire      | 0                     | —                   | ∞ Penalties      | ∞ Bonuses        |
| Students Under Fire      | 1                     | —                   | ∞ Penalties      | ∞ Bonuses        |
| <b>Overall score</b>     | <b>64.42</b>          | <b>61.36</b>        |                  |                  |

## Topline Results: 2027 College Free Speech Rankings

### Harvard University

School sample: datayear 2026.

Total number of students surveyed = 287.

Margin of error = +/- 5.8%.

#### 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 | 15         | 5%      | 16           |
| Not very clear   | 58         | 20%     | 60           |
| Somewhat clear   | 118        | 41%     | 117          |
| Very clear       | 73         | 25%     | 75           |
| Extremely clear  | 23         | 8%      | 19           |

#### 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 | 11         | 4%      | 12           |
| Not very likely   | 57         | 20%     | 63           |
| Somewhat likely   | 137        | 48%     | 138          |
| Very likely       | 69         | 24%     | 63           |
| Extremely likely  | 13         | 4%      | 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     | 59         | 21%     | 59           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 103        | 36%     | 107          |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 95         | 33%     | 93           |
| Very comfortable       | 30         | 10%     | 28           |

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

| Response               | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Very uncomfortable     | 42         | 15%     | 41           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 84         | 29%     | 86           |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 119        | 41%     | 118          |
| Very comfortable       | 42         | 15%     | 42           |

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

| Response               | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Very uncomfortable     | 37         | 13%     | 39           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 89         | 31%     | 90           |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 118        | 41%     | 115          |
| Very comfortable       | 44         | 15%     | 43           |

**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     | 21         | 7%      | 21           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 72         | 25%     | 74           |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 131        | 46%     | 130          |
| Very comfortable       | 63         | 22%     | 62           |

**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     | 96         | 34%     | 95           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 102        | 36%     | 108          |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 77         | 27%     | 70           |
| Very comfortable       | 11         | 4%      | 14           |

*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                                  | 31         | 11%     | 30           |
| Rarely                                 | 96         | 33%     | 99           |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month    | 106        | 37%     | 105          |
| Fairly often, a couple of times a week | 40         | 14%     | 39           |
| Very often, nearly every day           | 14         | 5%      | 14           |

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

| Response                               | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                                  | 30         | 10%     | 27           |
| Rarely                                 | 101        | 35%     | 100          |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month    | 106        | 37%     | 108          |
| Fairly often, a couple of times a week | 39         | 14%     | 39           |
| Very often, nearly every day           | 10         | 4%      | 13           |

**How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?**

| Response                               | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                                  | 25         | 9%      | 24           |
| Rarely                                 | 81         | 28%     | 86           |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month    | 118        | 41%     | 116          |
| Fairly often, a couple of times a week | 48         | 17%     | 45           |
| Very often, nearly every day           | 14         | 5%      | 16           |

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

| Response                            | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                               | 43         | 15%     | 40           |
| Rarely                              | 89         | 31%     | 89           |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month | 86         | 30%     | 87           |
| Fairly often, a couple times a week | 53         | 18%     | 54           |
| Very often, nearly every day        | 16         | 6%      | 17           |

*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         | 4%      | 11           |
| Sometimes acceptable | 85         | 30%     | 88           |
| Rarely acceptable    | 108        | 38%     | 110          |
| Never acceptable     | 84         | 29%     | 78           |

**Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.**

| Response             | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Always acceptable    | 5          | 2%      | 6            |
| Sometimes acceptable | 51         | 18%     | 50           |
| Rarely acceptable    | 96         | 33%     | 99           |
| Never acceptable     | 135        | 47%     | 132          |

**Using violence to stop a campus speech.**

| Response             | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Always acceptable    | 0.8        | <1%     | 1            |
| Sometimes acceptable | 30         | 10%     | 26           |
| Rarely acceptable    | 52         | 18%     | 53           |
| Never acceptable     | 204        | 71%     | 207          |

*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 | 96         | 34%     | 106          |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 84         | 29%     | 81           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 81         | 28%     | 75           |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 25         | 9%      | 25           |

**Abortion should be completely illegal.**

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 32         | 11%     | 38           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 78         | 27%     | 77           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 116        | 40%     | 115          |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 61         | 21%     | 57           |

**Black Lives Matter is a hate group.**

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 81         | 28%     | 92           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 105        | 36%     | 101          |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 66         | 23%     | 62           |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 35         | 12%     | 32           |

**The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.**

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 34         | 12%     | 37           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 96         | 33%     | 98           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 110        | 38%     | 104          |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 47         | 16%     | 48           |

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

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 42         | 15%     | 45           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 98         | 34%     | 93           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 107        | 37%     | 110          |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 40         | 14%     | 39           |

**Children should be able to transition without parental consent.**

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 15         | 5%      | 15           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 64         | 22%     | 64           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 152        | 53%     | 149          |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 57         | 20%     | 59           |

*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       | 196        | 68%     | 195          |
| Yes      | 91         | 32%     | 92           |

**Affirmative action**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 207        | 72%     | 202          |
| Yes      | 80         | 28%     | 85           |

**Charlie Kirk**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 188        | 66%     | 190          |
| Yes      | 99         | 34%     | 97           |

**China**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 256        | 89%     | 255          |
| Yes      | 31         | 11%     | 32           |

**Climate change**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 264        | 92%     | 267          |
| Yes      | 23         | 8%      | 20           |

**Crime**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 264        | 92%     | 265          |
| Yes      | 23         | 8%      | 22           |

**Donald Trump**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 196        | 68%     | 195          |
| Yes      | 91         | 32%     | 92           |

**Economic inequality**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 233        | 81%     | 231          |
| Yes      | 54         | 19%     | 56           |

**Freedom of speech**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 237        | 83%     | 236          |
| Yes      | 50         | 17%     | 51           |

**Gay rights**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 237        | 83%     | 240          |
| Yes      | 50         | 17%     | 47           |

**Gender inequality**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 246        | 86%     | 243          |
| Yes      | 41         | 14%     | 44           |

**Gun control**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 216        | 75%     | 215          |
| Yes      | 71         | 25%     | 72           |

**Hate speech**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 224        | 78%     | 224          |
| Yes      | 63         | 22%     | 63           |

**Immigration**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 200        | 70%     | 204          |
| Yes      | 87         | 30%     | 83           |

**The Israeli/Palestinian conflict**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 103        | 36%     | 96           |
| Yes      | 184        | 64%     | 191          |

**Police misconduct**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 222        | 77%     | 224          |
| Yes      | 65         | 23%     | 63           |

**The 2024 presidential election**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 236        | 82%     | 238          |
| Yes      | 51         | 18%     | 49           |

**Racial inequality**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 217        | 76%     | 219          |
| Yes      | 70         | 24%     | 68           |

**Religion**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 224        | 78%     | 222          |
| Yes      | 63         | 22%     | 65           |

**Sexual assault**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 227        | 79%     | 224          |
| Yes      | 60         | 21%     | 63           |

**The Supreme Court**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 256        | 89%     | 256          |
| Yes      | 31         | 11%     | 31           |

**Transgender rights**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 215        | 75%     | 214          |
| Yes      | 72         | 25%     | 73           |

**None of the above**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 244        | 85%     | 245          |
| Yes      | 43         | 15%     | 42           |

**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                                  | 48         | 17%     | 50           |
| Rarely                                 | 117        | 41%     | 115          |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month    | 90         | 31%     | 90           |
| Fairly often, a couple of times a week | 24         | 8%      | 24           |
| Very often, nearly every day           | 8          | 3%      | 8            |

**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.                               | 8          | 3%      | 8            |
| No, but I have been threatened with discipline.             | 34         | 12%     | 35           |
| I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline. | 244        | 85%     | 244          |

*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        | 44         | 15%     | 43           |
| Rarely       | 47         | 16%     | 44           |
| Sometimes    | 72         | 25%     | 68           |
| Fairly often | 76         | 26%     | 77           |
| Always       | 48         | 17%     | 54           |

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

| Response     | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never        | 129        | 45%     | 127          |
| Rarely       | 78         | 27%     | 80           |
| Sometimes    | 53         | 18%     | 50           |
| Fairly often | 21         | 7%      | 21           |
| Always       | 6          | 2%      | 8            |

**"Illegal immigrants should be arrested and deported."**

| Response     | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never        | 91         | 32%     | 88           |
| Rarely       | 67         | 23%     | 67           |
| Sometimes    | 67         | 23%     | 69           |
| Fairly often | 42         | 15%     | 44           |
| Always       | 20         | 7%      | 18           |

**"Debate me. Prove me wrong."**

| Response     | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never        | 189        | 66%     | 190          |
| Rarely       | 53         | 18%     | 54           |
| Sometimes    | 34         | 12%     | 31           |
| Fairly often | 9          | 3%      | 9            |
| Always       | 3          | 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        | 75         | 26%     | 71           |
| Rarely       | 75         | 26%     | 74           |
| Sometimes    | 69         | 24%     | 72           |
| Fairly often | 46         | 16%     | 46           |
| Always       | 21         | 7%      | 23           |

*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 | 92         | 33%     | 95           |
| The professor probably should not be fired from their job   | 125        | 45%     | 126          |
| The professor probably should be fired from their job       | 49         | 17%     | 47           |
| The professor definitely should be fired from their job     | 15         | 5%      | 14           |

**"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 | 65         | 23%     | 66           |
| The professor probably should not be fired from their job   | 122        | 43%     | 125          |
| The professor probably should be fired from their job       | 73         | 26%     | 69           |
| The professor definitely should be fired from their job     | 21         | 8%      | 22           |

**"We are going to make America great again."**

| Response                                                    | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| The professor definitely should not be fired from their job | 80         | 28%     | 77           |
| The professor probably should not be fired from their job   | 133        | 47%     | 134          |
| The professor probably should be fired from their job       | 45         | 16%     | 46           |
| The professor definitely should be fired from their job     | 24         | 9%      | 25           |

**"Our colleges and universities are progressive indoctrination centers."**

| Response                                                    | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| The professor definitely should not be fired from their job | 60         | 21%     | 55           |
| The professor probably should not be fired from their job   | 136        | 48%     | 140          |
| The professor probably should be fired from their job       | 64         | 23%     | 64           |
| The professor definitely should be fired from their job     | 21         | 8%      | 23           |

**How often do you attend church or religious services?**

| Response              | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                 | 107        | 38%     | 106          |
| Less than once a year | 26         | 9%      | 25           |
| Once or twice a year  | 28         | 10%     | 29           |
| Several times a year  | 42         | 15%     | 43           |
| Once a month          | 18         | 6%      | 16           |
| 2-3 times a month     | 18         | 7%      | 19           |
| About weekly          | 21         | 7%      | 21           |
| Weekly                | 15         | 5%      | 18           |
| Several times a week  | 7          | 2%      | 5            |

**Are you currently a member of the armed services?**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 274        | 97%     | 276          |
| Yes      | 7          | 3%      | 6            |

**Are you a veteran of the armed services?**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 272        | 97%     | 275          |
| Yes      | 9          | 3%      | 6            |

**How often would you say that you feel anxious?**

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 6          | 14%     | 4            |
| Less than half the time            | 17         | 42%     | 17           |
| About half the time                | 14         | 34%     | 14           |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 3          | 7%      | 3            |
| Always                             | 1          | 3%      | 2            |

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

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 14         | 22%     | 14           |
| Less than half the time            | 31         | 49%     | 33           |
| About half the time                | 9          | 14%     | 10           |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 7          | 11%     | 7            |
| Always                             | 2          | 4%      | 3            |

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

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 6          | 9%      | 6            |
| Less than half the time            | 22         | 32%     | 20           |
| About half the time                | 22         | 33%     | 21           |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 12         | 19%     | 13           |
| Always                             | 5          | 8%      | 6            |

**How often would you say that you feel depressed?**

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 16         | 29%     | 16           |
| Less than half the time            | 16         | 29%     | 16           |
| About half the time                | 14         | 26%     | 15           |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 8          | 15%     | 7            |
| Always                             | 0.8        | 1%      | 1            |

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

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 4          | 7%      | 3            |
| Less than half the time            | 27         | 44%     | 26           |
| About half the time                | 15         | 25%     | 15           |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 11         | 18%     | 12           |
| Always                             | 4          | 7%      | 3            |

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

**Social media**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 53         | 19%     | 52           |
| Yes      | 234        | 81%     | 235          |

**Television**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 193        | 67%     | 191          |
| Yes      | 94         | 33%     | 96           |

**Radio**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 258        | 90%     | 257          |
| Yes      | 29         | 10%     | 30           |

**Radio or television website**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 261        | 91%     | 262          |
| Yes      | 26         | 9%      | 25           |

**Podcast**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 227        | 79%     | 224          |
| Yes      | 60         | 21%     | 63           |

**Newspaper (print)**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 265        | 92%     | 267          |
| Yes      | 22         | 8%      | 20           |

**Newspaper (online)**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 122        | 43%     | 116          |
| Yes      | 165        | 57%     | 171          |

**Student newspaper (print)**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 252        | 88%     | 256          |
| Yes      | 35         | 12%     | 31           |

**Student newspaper (online)**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 170        | 59%     | 163          |
| Yes      | 117        | 41%     | 124          |

*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       | 281        | 98%     | 279          |
| Yes      | 6          | 2%      | 8            |

**Using physical force to prevent people from entering the event**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 273        | 95%     | 272          |
| Yes      | 14         | 5%      | 15           |

**Physical assault on people in attendance**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 276        | 96%     | 275          |
| Yes      | 11         | 4%      | 12           |

**Physical assault on the speaker**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 278        | 97%     | 275          |
| Yes      | 9          | 3%      | 12           |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 275        | 96%     | 274          |
| Yes      | 12         | 4%      | 13           |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 279        | 97%     | 278          |
| Yes      | 8          | 3%      | 9            |

**Incendiaries or fireworks aimed at the venue**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 284        | 99%     | 282          |
| Yes      | 3          | 1%      | 5            |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 278        | 97%     | 278          |
| Yes      | 9          | 3%      | 9            |

**Bomb threats**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 277        | 96%     | 277          |
| Yes      | 10         | 4%      | 10           |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 278        | 97%     | 278          |
| Yes      | 9          | 3%      | 9            |

**Use of firearms (e.g., rifle)**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 279        | 97%     | 279          |
| Yes      | 8          | 3%      | 8            |

**Arson**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 281        | 98%     | 280          |
| Yes      | 6          | 2%      | 7            |

**Kidnapping**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 278        | 97%     | 278          |
| Yes      | 9          | 3%      | 9            |

**Detaining or restraining people**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 278        | 97%     | 278          |
| Yes      | 9          | 3%      | 9            |

**Murder**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 279        | 97%     | 279          |
| Yes      | 8          | 3%      | 8            |

**Something else (please specify):**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 285        | 99%     | 285          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 2            |

**None of the above**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 240        | 84%     | 241          |
| Yes      | 47         | 16%     | 46           |



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