

## 2027 College Free Speech Rankings **Princeton 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](#) in an interactive dashboard, and the full pre-registered methodology is available on the Open Science Framework's [website](#).

We surveyed 212 Princeton University undergraduates. Key findings include:

- Princeton University ranks 176 out of 261<sup>1</sup> schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings. The university earned a score of 58.1 and received a speech climate grade of F.
- Princeton ranks mediocre among its Ivy League peers, behind Dartmouth (6), Harvard (71), Yale (72), and Brown (98), but ahead of Cornell (219), Penn (227), and Columbia (246).
- Princeton's student survey results are strong relative to peer institutions. The university ranks 4 on "Administrative Support," which measures whether students think the administration protects free speech and would defend a speaker's rights during a controversy, and it also ranks 4 on "Political Tolerance," which measures students' willingness to allow controversial speakers on campus.
- Princeton ranks 15 on "Self-Censorship," which measures how often students hold back views because they fear social, professional, legal, or violent consequences. It ranks 30 on "Openness," which measures how many controversial topics students think are difficult to discuss candidly on campus.
- Princeton's weakest survey component is "Disruptive Conduct," which measures acceptance of shoutdowns, blocking access to campus speeches, and violence. Even there, Princeton ranks 61, and students were less likely than students nationally to say shoutdowns and violence were at least "rarely" acceptable.
- Princeton has adopted the Chicago Statement or a substantially similar commitment to free expression, but it has not adopted an official commitment to institutional neutrality. It also maintains a "red light" Spotlight rating. Had Princeton earned a "green light" rating this year, it would have ranked 20 instead of 176.

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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).

- Princeton University has four speech controversies that have influenced the school's rankings. In 2025, protesters disrupted events featuring former Israeli prime minister Naftali Bennett and national security consultant Daniel Fata; in 2024, a student group's David French and Sarah Isgur podcast event was moved off campus; and in 2022, Princeton dismissed classics professor Joshua Katz.

## PRINCETON STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF FREE SPEECH

### Students trust Princeton's administration

Princeton University ranks 4 on "Administrative Support." This component measures how clearly students believe their administration protects free speech and how likely they believe the administration would defend a speaker's rights during a controversy. Princeton now ranks near the top of the country on this component.

At Princeton, 59% of students said it was "very" or "extremely" clear that the administration protects free speech, compared with 40% of students nationally. Fewer than 1% of Princeton students said it was "not at all clear," and 7% said it was "not very clear;" nationally, 18% selected one of those two responses.

Students also expressed confidence that Princeton would defend a speaker's expressive rights during controversy. At Princeton, 47% of students said it was "very" or "extremely" likely that the administration would defend the speaker's right to express their views, compared with 26% nationally. At the other end of the scale, 12% of Princeton students said this was "not at all" or "not very" likely, compared with 24% nationally.

## Student Perspectives in Princeton'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

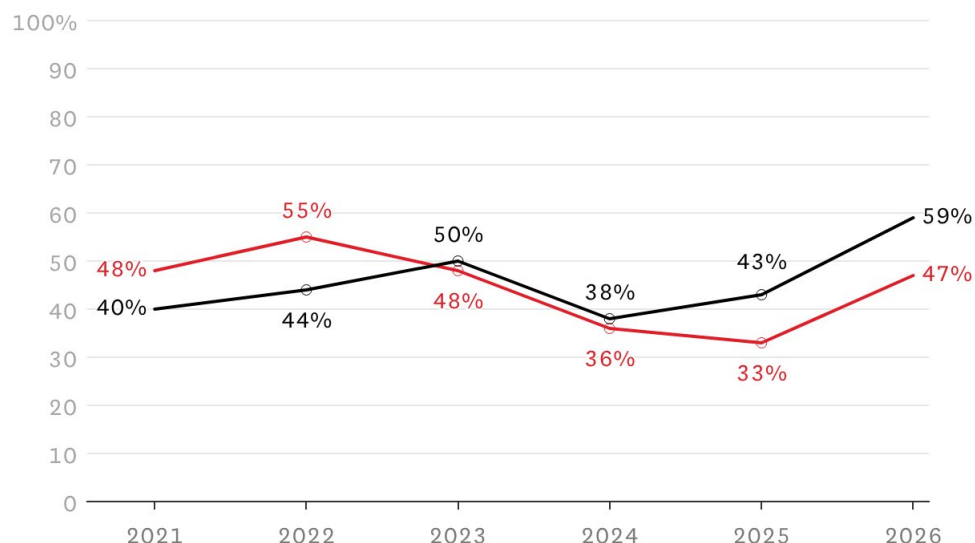


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“Administrative Support” has been a recurring Princeton strength. The university ranked 8 on this component in the 2022 College Free Speech Rankings, 2 in 2023, 6 in 2024, 29 in 2025, 27 in 2026, and 4 this year.

### Students would allow controversial speakers

Princeton ranks 4 on “Political Tolerance” (3 last year). This component measures students’ willingness to allow controversial liberal and conservative speakers on campus while also taking into account whether students are more tolerant of speakers from one side of the political spectrum than the other. Princeton remains among the highest-ranked schools on this component.

Princeton students were more willing than students nationally to allow each of the six controversial speakers.

- 35% of students would allow a speaker who says “transgender people have a mental disorder,” versus 26% of students nationally.
- 38% of students would allow a speaker who says “Black Lives Matter is a hate group,” versus 22% of students nationally.

- 49% of students would allow a speaker who says “the police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan,” versus 36% of students nationally.
- 51% of students would allow a speaker who says “the Catholic church is a pedophilic institution,” versus 37% of students nationally.
- 64% of students would allow a speaker who says “children should be able to transition without parental consent,” versus 47% of students nationally.
- 67% of students would allow a speaker who says “abortion should be completely illegal,” versus 40% of students nationally.

Princeton’s political tolerance remained strong, though it changed modestly from last year. In the 2026 rankings, Princeton students were also comparatively tolerant of controversial speakers, with 64% allowing a speaker who said “abortion should be completely illegal” and 54% allowing a speaker who said “the police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan.” This year, willingness to allow the abortion speaker rose slightly, while willingness to allow the police speaker fell.

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

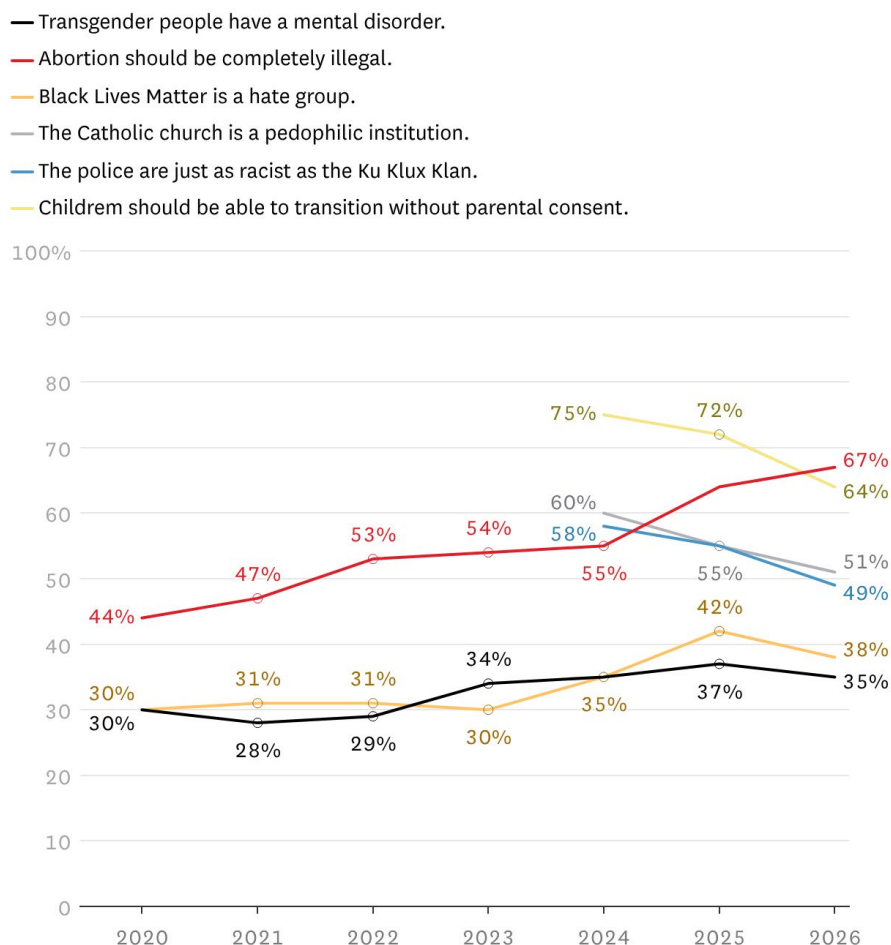


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## Self-censorship remains comparatively low

Princeton ranks 15 on “Self-Censorship” (22 last year).

In conversations with other students, 52% of Princeton students said they self-censored “occasionally,” “fairly often,” or “very often,” compared with 57% of students nationally. At the more frequent threshold, 16% of Princeton students said they self-censored in these conversations at least “a couple of times a week,” compared with 24% nationally.

In conversations with professors, 50% of Princeton students said they self-censored at least “occasionally,” compared with 60% nationally. Twenty percent of Princeton students said they self-censored in conversations with professors at least “a couple of times a week,” compared with 27% nationally.

During classroom discussions, 52% of Princeton students said they self-censored at least “occasionally,” compared with 62% nationally. Twenty-one percent said they self-censored during classroom discussions at least “a couple of times a week,” compared with 27% nationally.

In conversations with school administrators, 48% of Princeton students said they self-censored at least “occasionally,” compared with 57% nationally. Seventeen percent said they self-censored in conversations with administrators at least “a couple of times a week,” compared with 27% nationally. Because conversations with school administrators were added to the survey this year, there is no directly comparable prior-year Princeton trend for that item.

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

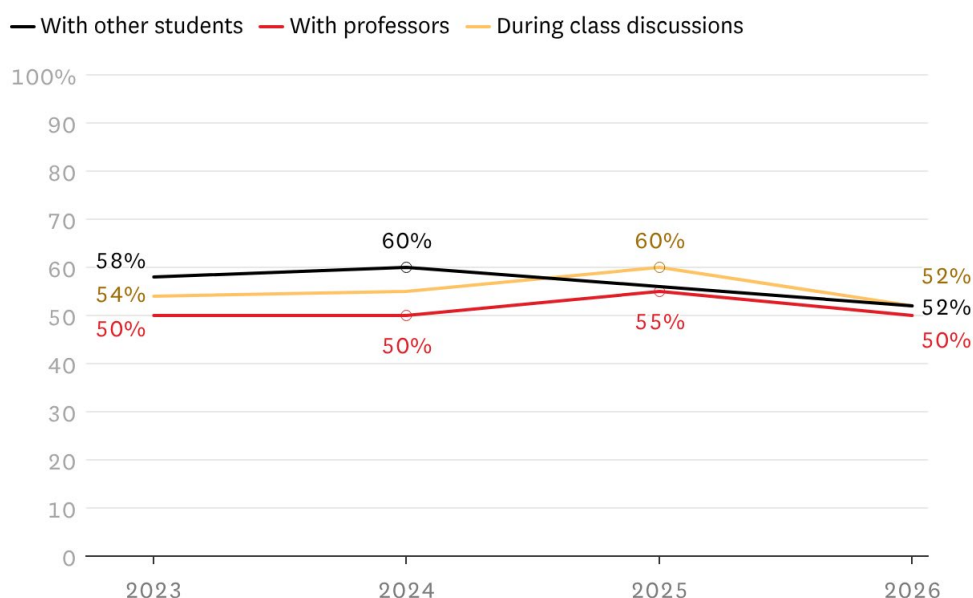


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The related question asking whether students felt they could not express an opinion because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond also improved. This year, 38% of Princeton students said they felt this way at least “occasionally,” down from 47% in last year’s rankings.

### **Most topics remain open for discussion**

Princeton ranks 30 on “Openness” (17 last year). This component measures how many controversial topics students identified as difficult to discuss openly and honestly on campus. Its underlying performance changed little and remains above the national average.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict was by far the topic Princeton students most often identified as difficult to discuss. Sixty-one percent of Princeton students said it was difficult to have an open and honest conversation about the topic on campus, compared with 50% nationally. That was slightly lower than last year, when 64% of Princeton students selected the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The next most difficult topics at Princeton were Charlie Kirk (32%), Donald Trump (30%), transgender rights (30%), and abortion (29%). Each of these were selected by a smaller share of Princeton students than students nationally: 44% nationally selected Charlie Kirk, 46% selected Donald Trump, 38% selected transgender rights, and 43% selected abortion.

At the other end of the scale, Princeton students least often identified China and climate change as difficult topics, at 7% each. They also rarely selected the Supreme Court (10%), crime (11%), and gender inequality (11%). These results were at or below the corresponding national percentages for the same topics.

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

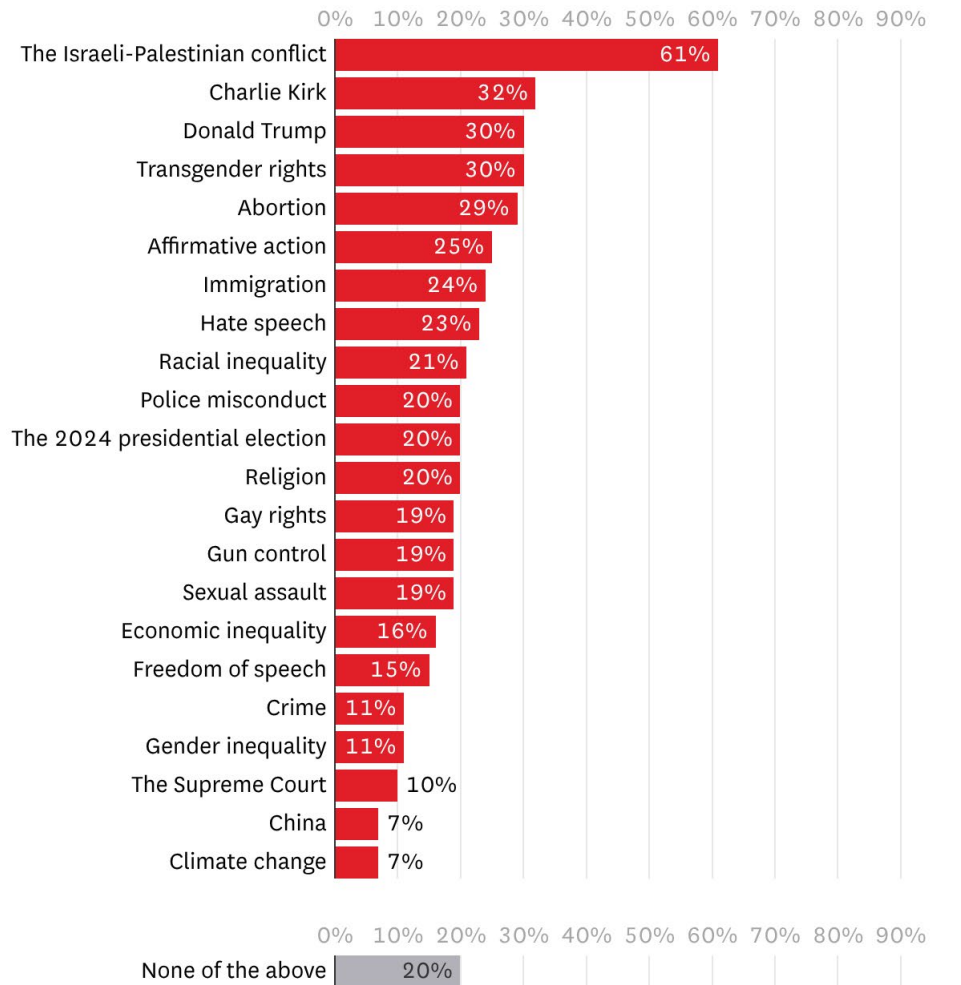


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Princeton’s “Openness” ranking has improved over the longer term. The share of Princeton students who identified the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as difficult to discuss fell from 67% in the 2025 rankings and 64% last year to 61% this year. Among other recurring topics, the share of students selecting abortion fell from 36% last year to 29% this year, affirmative action fell from 29% to 25%, and transgender rights fell from 33% to 30%.

## Comfort expressing ideas improved sharply

Princeton ranks 35 on “Comfort Expressing Ideas” (165 last year). This component measures how comfortable students feel expressing views on controversial political topics in five campus settings. Princeton improved sharply this year, reversing last year’s decline.

Princeton students were more comfortable than students nationally in four of the five settings. Forty-seven percent of Princeton students said they were at least “somewhat comfortable” publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic, compared with 44% nationally. This was an improvement from last year, when 36% of Princeton students said they were comfortable doing so.

A majority of Princeton students (57%) said they were at least “somewhat comfortable” expressing disagreement with one of their professors in a written assignment, compared with 54% nationally. Last year (45%) of Princeton students said they were comfortable in this setting.

Fifty-eight percent of Princeton students said they were at least “somewhat comfortable” expressing their views during an in-class discussion, compared with 53% nationally. Last year, 46% of Princeton students said they were comfortable in this setting.

Students were most comfortable discussing controversial political topics with other students in common campus spaces such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge. Seventy-three percent of Princeton students said they were at least “somewhat comfortable” doing so, compared with 57% nationally. Last year, 63% of Princeton students said they were comfortable in this setting.

Social media remained Princeton’s weakest setting. Thirty-six percent of Princeton students said they were at least “somewhat comfortable” expressing an unpopular political opinion on a social media account tied to their name, compared with 38% nationally. Even so, this was higher than last year’s 23% at Princeton.

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

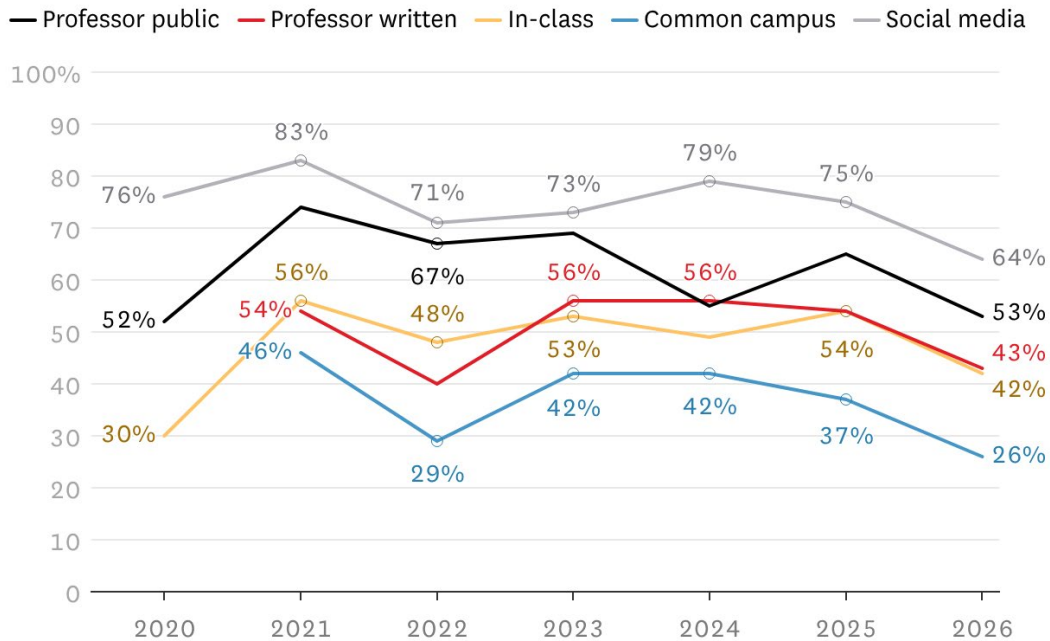


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### Disruptive conduct is Princeton's weakest survey area

Princeton ranks 61 on “Disruptive Conduct” (32 last year). This component measures how acceptable students believe it is to shout down a speaker, block others from attending a campus speech, or use violence to stop a campus speech. Higher acceptance of these tactics indicates a worse free speech climate, making this Princeton's weakest survey component.

Even so, Princeton students were less accepting of shoutdowns than students nationally. Sixty-six percent of Princeton students said shouting down a speaker was at least “rarely” acceptable, compared with 69% nationally. Acceptance of shoutdowns decreased from 70% at Princeton last year.

Princeton students were slightly more accepting of blocking access to a campus speech than students nationally. Fifty-two percent of Princeton students said blocking other students from attending a campus speech was at least “rarely” acceptable, compared with 50% nationally. That share was 50% at Princeton last year.

Princeton students were less accepting of violence than students nationally. Twenty-four percent of Princeton students said using violence to stop a campus speech was at least “rarely” acceptable, compared with 30% nationally. Acceptance of violence increased slightly from 22% at Princeton last year.

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

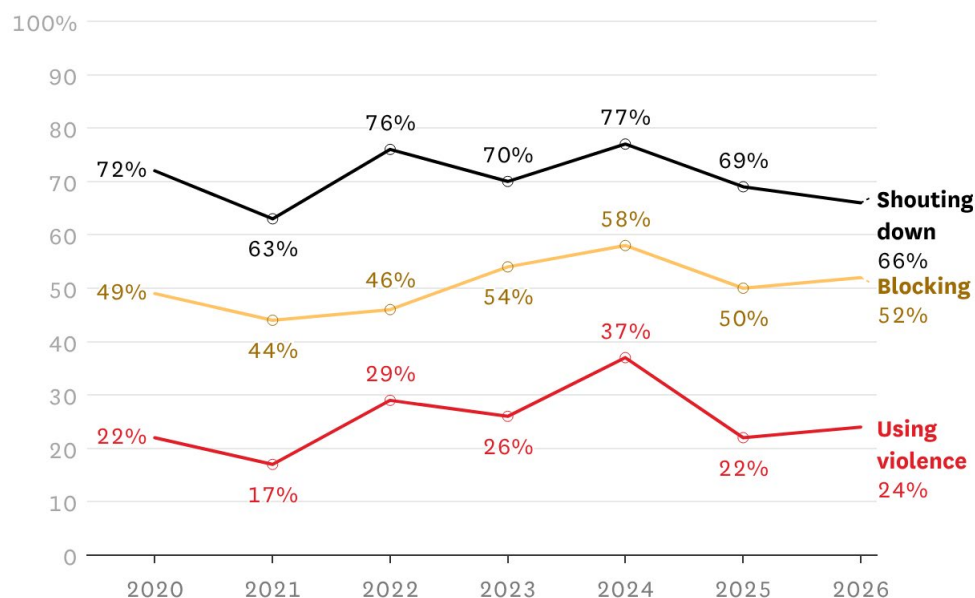


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## A ‘RED LIGHT’ SCHOOL WITH A CHICAGO STATEMENT

Princeton University earns an overall “red light” **Spotlight rating** for its written policies governing student expression. The institution maintains policies on postings, harassment, demonstrations, and internet usage that imperil the expressive rights of students on campus. Three of the university’s four harassment policies fail to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment in an educational setting. The policies reserve broad discretion to punish potentially offensive but protected speech by regulating “abusive” and “demeaning” behavior and encouraging students to report “harmful speech.”

The university also maintains a restrictive internet usage policy that threatens punishment on broad categories of protected expression. The policy forbids the transmission of “malicious, harassing, or defamatory content,” granting administrators broad discretion to suppress protected campus speech. The university also prohibits digital expression conveyed in “anonymity or pseudonymity” in which the speaker merely “intends” to cause harm, as determined by administrators. Likewise, material postings community members make must include identifiable information. These bans and restrictions undermine free speech principles, which extend significant protections to pseudonyms and unattributed expression.

Finally, Princeton imposes prior restraints by requiring approval for all protests and demonstrations, functionally prohibiting impromptu expression.

In addition to these rated policies, the university has adopted the Chicago Statement or a substantially similar statement of commitment to freedom of expression, but it has not adopted an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

## PRINCETON'S SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

Princeton University lost five points in the 2027 rankings for four speech controversies that still count after the rankings' penalty decay. Three were campus deplatforming controversies and one was a Scholars Under Fire controversy.

### Disruptions drove most penalties

In 2025, disruptors repeatedly interrupted an event with former Israeli prime minister Naftali Bennett hosted by the Center for Jewish Life and co-sponsored by the Scharf Family Chabad House, the Program in Judaic Studies, the School of Public and International Affairs, and the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice. About 15 minutes into the event, nearly 20 people stood and shouted at Bennett, accusing him of genocide before leaving the room to join protesters outside. Soon thereafter, another pro-Palestinian activist yelled at Bennett before being escorted out by public safety. About 10 minutes later, a fire alarm went off. This controversy resulted in an adjusted penalty of two points.

Also in 2025, the Alexander Hamilton Society hosted national security consultant and former Lockheed Martin executive Daniel Fata. Disruptors affiliated with pro-Palestinian student groups repeatedly shouted at Fata, denouncing his ties to the defense industry and accusing him of complicity in genocide through Lockheed Martin's role in supplying weapons to Israel. Security escorted several disruptors out, including one who walked around the room playing music, allowing the event to proceed. This controversy resulted in an adjusted penalty of one point.

### Podcast event moved off campus

In 2024, the American Whig-Cliosophic Society invited David French and Sarah Isgur to record an episode of the Advisory Opinions podcast on campus. Whig-Clio was not allowed to host the event on campus, allegedly because of administrator concerns that the event could violate IRS rules for tax-exempt institutions participating in political advocacy. The podcast was recorded off campus at the local public library. A Princeton administrator later clarified that the event was rejected because student organizations are prevented from hosting events with non-university organizations, not because of concerns about the university's tax status. This controversy resulted in an adjusted penalty of one point.

### Katz dismissal still counts after decay

The remaining active penalty involves Joshua Katz, a tenured classics professor who in 2020 authored an essay in *Quillette* criticizing faculty proposals aimed at addressing systemic racism at Princeton. In the essay, Katz referred to the Black Justice League as "a small local terrorist organization that made life miserable for the students (including the many black students) who did not agree with its members' demands." The remark drew criticism from colleagues and administrators, including Princeton's president, but the university did not initiate a formal investigation into the remarks at that time.

Subsequently, in February 2021, *The Daily Princetonian* reported that Katz had previously engaged in alleged inappropriate conduct with female students. Katz had been suspended in 2018 for a consensual sexual relationship with an undergraduate student, which violated university policy. This renewed scrutiny led to a second university investigation, which concluded that Katz had misrepresented facts during the initial 2018 inquiry and had discouraged the former student from participating in the

investigation and from seeking mental health care. As a result, the university's Board of Trustees voted to dismiss Katz in May 2022. Katz and his supporters argued that reopening the years-old matter was a pretext to punish him for his essay. This controversy resulted in an adjusted penalty of one point after decay.

## HOW CAN PRINCETON IMPROVE?

Princeton University's clearest scoring lever remains policy reform. Princeton should revise its "red light" speech policy to improve its Spotlight Rating. Had Princeton earned a "yellow light" rating this year, it would have ranked 82 instead of 176. This single change would do more to improve Princeton's ranking than any other reform identified in the current data.

Princeton has adopted a practice it calls "institutional restraint," meaning it is issuing less statements on political or social issues. Princeton should instead adopt an official policy of institutional neutrality modeled after the University of Chicago's Kalven report, which dictates that the university will only make a statement when the mission of the institution is under threat. The university already receives credit for adopting the Chicago Statement or a substantially similar statement. Had Princeton earned both a yellow light rating and institutional neutrality credit this year, it would have ranked 53 instead of 176. A university-wide neutrality commitment would make clear that Princeton will generally leave contested political and social issues of the day to students and faculty rather than speaking institutionally.

Princeton is already doing important work. The university maintains a public academic freedom and free expression [resource page](#) and has used residential-university visits and dialogue programming to extend free-expression discussions beyond the main orientation session. Princeton should build on these efforts by aligning its written policies with its strongest free-expression statements.

Princeton should also ensure its free-expression commitments hold when campus pressure is highest. When an approved speaker or student organization faces calls for cancellation, Princeton should state early that the event may proceed, that peaceful protest and criticism are protected, and that disruption, threats, or attempts to prevent others from hearing the speaker are not allowed. If disruption occurs, Princeton should enforce its rules in a viewpoint-neutral way and explain that any discipline is for obstructive conduct, not the viewpoint expressed. Approved events should not be moved, canceled, or effectively silenced in response to public pressure or administrative uncertainty when they otherwise comply with neutral event rules.

The same principle should apply beyond invited-speaker events. Princeton should not investigate or punish protected expression merely because it is deemed offensive or controversial. When expression-related complaints arise, the university should distinguish protected speech and academic freedom from punishable conduct, use ordinary procedures rather than ad hoc responses to pressure, and explain that distinction when privacy and due process allow. Doing so would help Princeton avoid future controversy penalties and show students that its speech commitments apply precisely when they matter most.

Finally, Princeton should keep its commitments visible and consistent. Administrators should explain why free expression and open inquiry are central to the university's academic mission. These steps could help Princeton translate its strong student survey performance into a stronger overall free speech ranking.

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Princeton's 2027 College Free Speech Rankings scores by component

| COMPONENT                | PRINCETON<br>UNIVERSITY | NATIONAL<br>AVERAGE | MINIMUM<br>VALUE        | MAXIMUM<br>VALUE          |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Comfort Expressing Ideas | 10.21                   | 9.81                | 5                       | 15                        |
| Self-Censorship          | 13.63                   | 12.79               | 4                       | 20                        |
| Disruptive Conduct       | 16.16                   | 15.71               | 3                       | 20                        |
| Administrative Support   | 13.61                   | 11.66               | 2                       | 20                        |
| Openness                 | 7.87                    | 7.25                | 0                       | 10                        |
| Political Tolerance      | 8.66                    | 7.10                | 3                       | 15                        |
| Chicago Statement        | 3 (Yes)                 | -                   | 0 (No)                  | 3 (Yes)                   |
| Institutional Neutrality | 0 (No)                  | -                   | 0 (No)                  | 3 (Yes)                   |
| Spotlight Rating         | -10 (Red)               | -                   | -10 (Red)               | 5 (Green)                 |
| Campus Deplatformings    | -4                      | -                   | ∞ Penalties             | ∞ Bonuses                 |
| Scholars Under Fire      | -1                      | -                   | ∞ Penalties             | ∞ Bonuses                 |
| Students Under Fire      | 0                       | -                   | ∞ Penalties             | ∞ Bonuses                 |
| <b>Overall score</b>     | <b>58.13</b>            | <b>61.35</b>        | 7 + bonuses & penalties | 111 + bonuses & penalties |

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## Topline Results: 2027 College Free Speech Rankings Princeton University

School sample: datayear 2026.

Total number of students surveyed = 212.

Margin of error = +/- 6.7%.

### 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 | 0.5        | <1%     | 1            |
| Not very clear   | 15         | 7%      | 13           |
| Somewhat clear   | 71         | 33%     | 75           |
| Very clear       | 93         | 44%     | 90           |
| Extremely clear  | 33         | 15%     | 33           |

### 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 | 2          | 1%      | 2            |
| Not very likely   | 23         | 11%     | 23           |
| Somewhat likely   | 87         | 41%     | 88           |
| Very likely       | 70         | 33%     | 69           |
| Extremely likely  | 30         | 14%     | 30           |

*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     | 37         | 18%     | 40           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 76         | 36%     | 76           |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 67         | 32%     | 63           |
| Very comfortable       | 32         | 15%     | 33           |

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

| Response               | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Very uncomfortable     | 35         | 17%     | 36           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 56         | 26%     | 58           |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 83         | 39%     | 83           |
| Very comfortable       | 38         | 18%     | 35           |

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

| Response               | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Very uncomfortable     | 18         | 9%      | 19           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 71         | 33%     | 74           |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 87         | 41%     | 87           |
| Very comfortable       | 37         | 17%     | 32           |

**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     | 18         | 9%      | 22           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 37         | 18%     | 41           |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 96         | 45%     | 92           |
| Very comfortable       | 60         | 28%     | 57           |

**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     | 62         | 29%     | 62           |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 74         | 35%     | 76           |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 53         | 25%     | 50           |
| Very comfortable       | 23         | 11%     | 24           |

*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                                  | 28         | 13%     | 26           |
| Rarely                                 | 75         | 35%     | 80           |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month    | 77         | 36%     | 74           |
| Fairly often, a couple of times a week | 27         | 13%     | 24           |
| Very often, nearly every day           | 6          | 3%      | 8            |

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

| Response                               | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                                  | 28         | 13%     | 23           |
| Rarely                                 | 78         | 37%     | 79           |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month    | 66         | 31%     | 70           |
| Fairly often, a couple of times a week | 31         | 15%     | 30           |
| Very often, nearly every day           | 10         | 5%      | 10           |

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

| Response                               | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                                  | 18         | 9%      | 16           |
| Rarely                                 | 82         | 39%     | 85           |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month    | 67         | 31%     | 66           |
| Fairly often, a couple of times a week | 35         | 16%     | 33           |
| Very often, nearly every day           | 10         | 5%      | 12           |

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

| Response                            | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                               | 41         | 19%     | 33           |
| Rarely                              | 71         | 33%     | 76           |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month | 65         | 31%     | 69           |
| Fairly often, a couple times a week | 27         | 13%     | 25           |
| Very often, nearly every day        | 8          | 4%      | 9            |

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

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

| Response             | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Always acceptable    | 7          | 3%      | 9            |
| Sometimes acceptable | 55         | 26%     | 62           |
| Rarely acceptable    | 79         | 37%     | 74           |
| Never acceptable     | 71         | 34%     | 67           |

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

| Response             | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Always acceptable    | 3          | 1%      | 4            |
| Sometimes acceptable | 31         | 15%     | 34           |
| Rarely acceptable    | 76         | 36%     | 74           |
| Never acceptable     | 102        | 48%     | 100          |

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

| Response             | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Always acceptable    | 4          | 2%      | 4            |
| Sometimes acceptable | 16         | 7%      | 15           |
| Rarely acceptable    | 32         | 15%     | 35           |
| Never acceptable     | 160        | 76%     | 158          |

*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 | 65         | 31%     | 70           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 73         | 34%     | 70           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 50         | 23%     | 47           |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 24         | 12%     | 25           |

**Abortion should be completely illegal.**

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 26         | 12%     | 26           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 44         | 21%     | 49           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 85         | 40%     | 84           |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 56         | 26%     | 53           |

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

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 68         | 32%     | 68           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 64         | 30%     | 68           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 49         | 23%     | 46           |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 32         | 15%     | 30           |

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

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 36         | 17%     | 30           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 68         | 32%     | 76           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 64         | 30%     | 65           |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 44         | 21%     | 41           |

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

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 34         | 16%     | 36           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 74         | 35%     | 70           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 71         | 33%     | 71           |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 34         | 16%     | 35           |

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

| Response                                 | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Definitely should not allow this speaker | 12         | 6%      | 12           |
| Probably should not allow this speaker   | 65         | 30%     | 63           |
| Probably should allow this speaker       | 92         | 43%     | 90           |
| Definitely should allow this speaker     | 44         | 21%     | 47           |

*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       | 150        | 71%     | 149          |
| Yes      | 62         | 29%     | 63           |

**Affirmative action**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 159        | 75%     | 160          |
| Yes      | 53         | 25%     | 52           |

**Charlie Kirk**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 144        | 68%     | 142          |
| Yes      | 68         | 32%     | 70           |

**China**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 196        | 93%     | 194          |
| Yes      | 16         | 7%      | 18           |

**Climate change**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 196        | 93%     | 196          |
| Yes      | 16         | 7%      | 16           |

**Crime**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 188        | 89%     | 188          |
| Yes      | 24         | 11%     | 24           |

**Donald Trump**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 149        | 70%     | 148          |
| Yes      | 63         | 30%     | 64           |

**Economic inequality**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 179        | 84%     | 178          |
| Yes      | 33         | 16%     | 34           |

**Freedom of speech**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 181        | 85%     | 180          |
| Yes      | 31         | 15%     | 32           |

**Gay rights**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 171        | 81%     | 171          |
| Yes      | 41         | 19%     | 41           |

**Gender inequality**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 188        | 89%     | 184          |
| Yes      | 24         | 11%     | 28           |

**Gun control**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 172        | 81%     | 168          |
| Yes      | 40         | 19%     | 44           |

**Hate speech**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 164        | 77%     | 165          |
| Yes      | 48         | 23%     | 47           |

**Immigration**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 161        | 76%     | 159          |
| Yes      | 51         | 24%     | 53           |

**The Israeli/Palestinian conflict**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 83         | 39%     | 79           |
| Yes      | 129        | 61%     | 133          |

**Police misconduct**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 170        | 80%     | 169          |
| Yes      | 42         | 20%     | 43           |

**The 2024 presidential election**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 171        | 80%     | 170          |
| Yes      | 41         | 20%     | 42           |

**Racial inequality**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 168        | 79%     | 163          |
| Yes      | 44         | 21%     | 49           |

**Religion**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 169        | 80%     | 168          |
| Yes      | 43         | 20%     | 44           |

**Sexual assault**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 172        | 81%     | 170          |
| Yes      | 40         | 19%     | 42           |

**The Supreme Court**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 191        | 90%     | 191          |
| Yes      | 21         | 10%     | 21           |

**Transgender rights**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 149        | 70%     | 148          |
| Yes      | 63         | 30%     | 64           |

**None of the above**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 170        | 80%     | 170          |
| Yes      | 42         | 20%     | 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                                  | 43         | 20%     | 49           |
| Rarely                                 | 89         | 42%     | 83           |
| Occasionally, once or twice a month    | 64         | 30%     | 61           |
| Fairly often, a couple of times a week | 13         | 6%      | 14           |
| Very often, nearly every day           | 4          | 2%      | 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.                               | 3          | 1%      | 3            |
| No, but I have been threatened with discipline.             | 13         | 6%      | 15           |
| I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline. | 196        | 92%     | 194          |

*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         | 21%     | 44           |
| Rarely       | 33         | 16%     | 32           |
| Sometimes    | 60         | 28%     | 58           |
| Fairly often | 51         | 24%     | 53           |
| Always       | 25         | 12%     | 25           |

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

| Response     | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never        | 105        | 50%     | 103          |
| Rarely       | 57         | 27%     | 61           |
| Sometimes    | 30         | 14%     | 24           |
| Fairly often | 14         | 6%      | 17           |
| Always       | 7          | 3%      | 7            |

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

| Response     | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never        | 87         | 41%     | 84           |
| Rarely       | 57         | 27%     | 55           |
| Sometimes    | 40         | 19%     | 40           |
| Fairly often | 21         | 10%     | 25           |
| Always       | 6          | 3%      | 8            |

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

| Response     | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never        | 154        | 73%     | 151          |
| Rarely       | 28         | 13%     | 34           |
| Sometimes    | 18         | 8%      | 15           |
| Fairly often | 11         | 5%      | 11           |
| Always       | 0.5        | <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        | 79         | 37%     | 76           |
| Rarely       | 48         | 23%     | 53           |
| Sometimes    | 52         | 25%     | 48           |
| Fairly often | 24         | 11%     | 26           |
| Always       | 9          | 4%      | 9            |

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

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

| Response                                                    | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| The professor definitely should not be fired from their job | 74         | 35%     | 67           |
| The professor probably should not be fired from their job   | 100        | 47%     | 104          |
| The professor probably should be fired from their job       | 28         | 13%     | 30           |
| The professor definitely should be fired from their job     | 11         | 5%      | 11           |

**"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 | 68         | 32%     | 61           |
| The professor probably should not be fired from their job   | 77         | 36%     | 82           |
| The professor probably should be fired from their job       | 45         | 21%     | 51           |
| The professor definitely should be fired from their job     | 21         | 10%     | 18           |

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

| Response                                                    | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| The professor definitely should not be fired from their job | 77         | 36%     | 70           |
| The professor probably should not be fired from their job   | 103        | 49%     | 106          |
| The professor probably should be fired from their job       | 25         | 12%     | 29           |
| The professor definitely should be fired from their job     | 7          | 3%      | 7            |

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

| Response                                                    | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| The professor definitely should not be fired from their job | 63         | 30%     | 57           |
| The professor probably should not be fired from their job   | 96         | 46%     | 98           |
| The professor probably should be fired from their job       | 41         | 19%     | 46           |
| The professor definitely should be fired from their job     | 12         | 6%      | 11           |

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

| Response              | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                 | 59         | 28%     | 62           |
| Less than once a year | 19         | 9%      | 19           |
| Once or twice a year  | 17         | 8%      | 22           |
| Several times a year  | 25         | 12%     | 27           |
| Once a month          | 20         | 10%     | 15           |
| 2-3 times a month     | 12         | 6%      | 12           |
| About weekly          | 20         | 10%     | 18           |
| Weekly                | 18         | 8%      | 20           |
| Several times a week  | 21         | 10%     | 17           |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 210        | 99%     | 209          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 3            |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 212        | 100%    | 212          |
| Yes      | 0          | 0%      | 0            |

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

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 9          | 18%     | 9            |
| Less than half the time            | 21         | 40%     | 18           |
| About half the time                | 12         | 22%     | 15           |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 10         | 19%     | 10           |
| Always                             | 0.5        | 1%      | 1            |

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

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 15         | 41%     | 16           |
| Less than half the time            | 16         | 43%     | 16           |
| About half the time                | 5          | 13%     | 6            |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 0          | 0%      | 0            |
| Always                             | 1          | 3%      | 1            |

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

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 5          | 12%     | 4            |
| Less than half the time            | 9          | 22%     | 10           |
| About half the time                | 17         | 45%     | 15           |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 6          | 15%     | 5            |
| Always                             | 2          | 5%      | 3            |

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

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 17         | 37%     | 16           |
| Less than half the time            | 16         | 36%     | 16           |
| About half the time                | 8          | 19%     | 8            |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 3          | 7%      | 3            |
| Always                             | 0.7        | 2%      | 1            |

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

| Response                           | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Never                              | 6          | 16%     | 5            |
| Less than half the time            | 18         | 44%     | 17           |
| About half the time                | 12         | 31%     | 14           |
| Most of the time, nearly every day | 2          | 5%      | 2            |
| Always                             | 1          | 4%      | 1            |

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

**Social media**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 39         | 18%     | 37           |
| Yes      | 173        | 82%     | 175          |

**Television**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 140        | 66%     | 142          |
| Yes      | 72         | 34%     | 70           |

**Radio**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 202        | 95%     | 201          |
| Yes      | 10         | 5%      | 11           |

**Radio or television website**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 198        | 93%     | 196          |
| Yes      | 14         | 7%      | 16           |

**Podcast**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 177        | 84%     | 170          |
| Yes      | 35         | 16%     | 42           |

**Newspaper (print)**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 189        | 89%     | 194          |
| Yes      | 23         | 11%     | 18           |

**Newspaper (online)**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 77         | 36%     | 76           |
| Yes      | 135        | 64%     | 136          |

**Student newspaper (print)**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 192        | 90%     | 193          |
| Yes      | 20         | 10%     | 19           |

**Student newspaper (online)**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 129        | 61%     | 131          |
| Yes      | 83         | 39%     | 81           |

*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       | 210        | 99%     | 210          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 2            |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 207        | 98%     | 206          |
| Yes      | 5          | 2%      | 6            |

**Physical assault on people in attendance**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 207        | 97%     | 206          |
| Yes      | 5          | 3%      | 6            |

**Physical assault on the speaker**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 210        | 99%     | 210          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 2            |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 207        | 98%     | 207          |
| Yes      | 5          | 2%      | 5            |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 210        | 99%     | 210          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 2            |

**Incendiaries or fireworks aimed at the venue**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 210        | 99%     | 209          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 3            |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 207        | 98%     | 207          |
| Yes      | 5          | 2%      | 5            |

**Bomb threats**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 210        | 99%     | 210          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 2            |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 209        | 99%     | 209          |
| Yes      | 3          | 1%      | 3            |

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

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 210        | 99%     | 209          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 3            |

**Arson**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 210        | 99%     | 209          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 3            |

**Kidnapping**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 210        | 99%     | 209          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 3            |

**Detaining or restraining people**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 209        | 98%     | 208          |
| Yes      | 3          | 2%      | 4            |

**Murder**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 207        | 98%     | 209          |
| Yes      | 5          | 2%      | 3            |

**Something else (please specify):**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 210        | 99%     | 210          |
| Yes      | 2          | 1%      | 2            |

**None of the above**

| Response | Weighted n | Percent | Unweighted n |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| No       | 178        | 84%     | 175          |
| Yes      | 34         | 16%     | 37           |



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