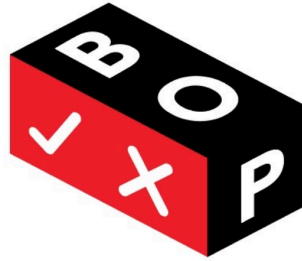


Brown Opinion Project: April 2025 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted its April 2025 poll on April 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th. BOP solicited responses from Brown undergraduate students near Faunce Hall and Sciences Park. BOP representatives asked every person who passed their location if they were interested in taking a quick anonymous poll. Responses were anonymously collected using Google Forms. Over the course of the polling process, BOP collected 602 total responses from Brown undergraduate students.

Self-Reported Demographic Information

The sample of undergraduate students who took the poll is demographically similar to the Brown undergraduate student population on campus. The sample was 33.6% first-years, 24.4% sophomores, 14% juniors, and 26.2% seniors. The sample was 44.7% female, 51.3% male, 4.7% non-binary or genderqueer, 2.1% questioning, unsure, other, or prefer not to answer. Additionally, 54% of respondents identified as white, 39.4% as Asian, 9.3% as Black, 11% as Hispanic, 4.2% as Middle Eastern or North African, 1.5% Native American or Alaska Native, 0.8% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander while 1.5% preferred not to answer. The percentages for race add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one race/ethnicity. 32.2% of students identify as LGBTQ+, 61% of students do not identify as LGBTQ+, and 6.9% of students were unsure or preferred not to answer. Students also indicated their (intended) field of study: 46% of respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 29.2% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 26.9% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 22.4% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, and 1.8% of respondents selected prefer not to answer. The percentages for fields of study add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one.

Results¹

1) Have you ever taken piano lessons?

Yes: 58.12%

No: 41.7%

Prefer not to answer: 0.18%

2) Do you have a driver's license?

Yes: 80.65%

No: 19.23%

Prefer not to answer: 0.12%

3) Do you believe that President Donald Trump is a threat to democracy?

Yes: 86.01%

No: 3.12%

Unsure: 6.72%

Prefer not to answer: 4.15%

4) Do you take any prescription medications to treat depression or anxiety?

No, I never have: 74.05%

No, but I have in the past: 7.23%

Prefer not answer: 0.58%

Unsure: 0.79%

Yes, I currently have a prescription: 17.35%

5) Should Brown require applicants to submit a standardized test score? (SAT/ACT)?

Yes: 46.2%

Unsure: 21.4%

No: 31.6%

Prefer not to answer: 0.8%

6) Do you credit Brown career services, at least in part, with helping you secure an internship or full-time job?

Yes: 20.09%

No: 67.25%

Unsure: 11.59%

Prefer not to answer: 1.07%

¹ The results reported here are weighted by class year. There was a large enough deviation between the sample and the assumed grade distribution that we felt it necessary to report weighted averages, especially given the nature of some questions.

7) Do any of your parent(s) or guardian(s) own a gun?

Yes: 15.55%

No: 82.72%

Unsure: 1.15%

Prefer not answer: 0.58%

8) In a romantic context, would you rather be rejected because of your looks or personality?

I would rather be rejected because of my looks: 52.44%

I would rather be rejected because of my personality: 43.23%

Prefer not to answer: 4.33%

9) Have you ever undergone a procedure for primarily cosmetic purposes?

Yes, a surgical procedure (rhinoplasty, augmentations, reductions, etc.): 3.59%

Yes, a non-surgical procedure (injectables, fillers, botox, etc.): 2.04%

No: 93.92%

Unsure: 1.25%

Prefer not to answer: 0.29%

10) What is the capital of Canada?

Ottawa (correct answer, correct spelling): 31.89%

Ottawa (correct answer, incorrect spelling): 10.96%

Entirely Incorrect: 57.14%

- Ontario: 12.13%
- Toronto: 13.79%
- Quebec: 6.31%
- Montreal: 5.64%
- Other: 19.27%

Anonymized data is available [here](#).²

Cross Tabulations can be done [here](#).

If you have questions about our results or methodology, please reach out to brownopinionproject@brown.edu. Thanks for reading!

² Note that this data eliminates certain columns and rearranges rows in order to preserve anonymity.