Brown Opinion Project: November 2024 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted its November 2024 poll from November 19 - November 21. 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 626 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 34.2% first-years, 26.4% sophomores, 15.5% juniors, and 22.2% seniors. The sample was 48.7% female, 47.9% male, 3.5% non-binary or genderqueer, 0.3% questioning or unsure; while 0.5% preferred not to indicate their gender. Additionally, 52.1% of respondents identified as white, 39.1% as Asian, 10.1% as Black, 9.7% as Hispanic, 4.5% as Middle Eastern or North African, 0.6% Native American or Alaska Native, 0.8% Native Haiwaiian or Pacific Islander while 1.0% preferred not to answer. The percentages for race add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one race/ethnicity. 3.5% of the respondents identified as lesbian, 6.9% as gay, 18.8% as bisexual, 60.4% as straight, 0.2% as transgender, 0.8% as pansexual, 2.1% as asexual, 7.3% as queer, 4.0% as questioning, 0.6% as other LGBTQ+, and 3.2% of respondents preferred not to answer. Students also indicated their (intended) field of study: 46.6% of respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 30.5% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 27.0% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 24.0% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, and 1.3% 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) How would you describe your political views?

Very Liberal: 23.44% Liberal: 50.58% Moderate: 17.86% Conservative: 3.09% Very conservative: 0.75%

Unsure: 2.71%

Prefer not to answer: 1.57%

2) Would you drop out of Brown for a million dollars? (You cannot enroll elsewhere)

Yes: 28.05% No: 69.78%

Prefer not to answer: 2.17%

3) To what extent do you agree with the following statement: Our country needs to reduce political correctness and cancel culture.

Strongly agree: 14.55% Somewhat agree: 49.72% Somewhat disagree: 23.89% Strongly disagree: 7.90% Prefer not to answer: 3.94%

4) What would you rather have guaranteed upon graduation?

Dream job: 63.22%

Ideal romantic partner: 33.96% Prefer not to answer: 2.83%

5) Have you ever ended a friendship over a difference in political opinion?

Yes: 20.96% No: 62.37% Unsure: 16.19%

Prefer not to answer: 0.48%

6) Do you consider yourself neurodivergent?

Yes: 15.14% No: 65.17%

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.

Unsure: 18.39%

Prefer not to answer: 1.29%

7) How serious a problem do you think illegal immigration is for the United States right now?

Very serious: 6.51%

Somewhat serious: 22.86% Not too serious: 40.68% Not at all serious: 19.72%

Unsure: 8.76%

Prefer not to answer: 1.46%

8) To what extent do you agree with the following statement: I feel satisfied with my social experience at Brown.

Strongly agree: 41.13% Somewhat agree: 47.75% Somewhat disagree: 7.06% Strongly disagree: 2.36%

Unsure: 1.57%

Prefer not to answer: 0.12%

9) Would you rather die now or live forever?

Die now: 38.67% Live forever: 53.43%

Prefer not to answer: 7.90%

Anonymized data is <u>available here</u>.² Cross Tabulations can be done <u>here</u>.

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.