Brown Opinion Project: November 2022 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted their December 2022 poll on November 28th, November 29th, and December 1st. BOP solicited responses from Brown undergraduate students near Faunce Hall and the Circle Dance Statues near Waterman Street. 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, we collected 576 total responses from Brown undergraduate students. The margin of error is 4.11% with 95% confidence¹.

Self-reported Demographic Information

The sample of undergraduate students who took the poll is demographically similar to the Brown undergraduate student population. The sample was 25.69% first-years, 27.95% sophomores, 26.04% juniors, and 20.31% seniors. The sample was 49.83% female, 43.75% male, 4.69% non-binary or genderqueer, 0.69% questioning or unsure; 0.52% answered as other, while 0.52% preferred not to indicate their gender. Additionally, 61.11% of respondents identified as white, 27.43% as Asian, 11.98% as Black, 9.72% as Hispanic, 4.17% as Middle Eastern or North African, 1.22% as Native American/Alaska Native, 0.69% as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 0.87% as other, while 0.17% of respondents preferred not to indicate their race. The percentages for race add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one race/ethnicity. Students also indicated their (intended) field of study: 39.93% of

^{&#}x27;We follow the Pew Research Center in adjusting our margin of error to account for the weighting of survey responses. We calculate the survey's margin of error as SQRT(design effect)*1.96*SQRT((.5*.5) / N). Read more at this link.

respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 33.33% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 33.50% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 22.74% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, 1.04% 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.

Results²

1) Did you vote in the November general election?

Yes, in Rhode Island, which is not my home state: 3.87% Yes, in Rhode Island, which is my home state: 4.86%

Yes, in a state other than Rhode Island: 45.27%

I am not eligible to vote: 11.14%

No: 33.35%

Prefer not to answer: 1.51%

2) Do you think you're more attractive than the average Brown University student?

Yes, significantly more attractive: 8.15%

Yes, slightly more attractive: 40.73% No, slightly less attractive: 32.25% No, significantly less attractive: 4.51%

Prefer not to answer: 14.36%

3) If you could go to any undergraduate institution of your choosing (excluding Brown) which would it be?

4) Would you consider yourself more of a cat person or dog person?

Dog Person: 67.45% Cat Person: 28.12%

Prefer not to answer: 4.43%

5) Do you believe Joe Biden should run for a second term in 2024?

No: 63.63% Yes: 25.41%

Prefer not to answer: 10.96%

² 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 class-sensitive nature of some questions. The recoded data is available here. Note that the recoded data combines or eliminates certain columns in order to preserve anonymity.

6) Do you believe colleges should consider race/ethnicity when making decisions about student admissions?

Yes: 68.22% No: 22.8%

Prefer not to answer: 8.98%

7) What is your height in feet/inches?

4'8 or below: 0%

4'9:0%

4'10: 0.17%

4'11: 0.37%

5'0: 1.74%

5'1: 1.84%

5'2: 5.06%

5'3: 7.25%

5'4: 8.56%

5'5: 7.09%

5'6: 7.47%

5'7: 9.48%

5'8: 9.32%

5'9: 7.56%

5'10: 7.76%

5'11: 6.18%

6'o: 7.78%

6'1: 3.92%

6'2: 3.57%

6'3: 1.90%

6'4: 1.18%

6'5: 1.24%

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6'6: 0%

6'7: 0%

6'8: 0.21%

Prefer not to answer: 0.32%

8) Opinion: Professors, administrators, and community leaders at Brown should regularly make land acknowledgements?

Strongly agree: 30.25% Somewhat agree: 39.41% Somewhat disagree: 11.15% Strongly disagree: 4.72%

Unsure: 13.63%

Prefer not to answer: 0.83%

Recoded, anonymized data is available here: Anonymized Data³

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

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