

# FIRE0003 - Treatment 1: Civil Liberties

September 2018



Sample 1112 US College Students (Aged 18+)  
Conducted September 23 – October 10, 2018  
Margin of Error 3%

## 1. Q28-30/Q31-33 split

Q28-30	100%
Q31-33	-

## 2. Gender

Male	45%
Female	55%

## 3. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	57%
Black	15%
Hispanic	17%
Asian	7%
Native American	0%
Middle Eastern	0%
Mixed	2%
Other	1%

## 4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

No high school	0%
High school graduate	14%
Some college	59%
2-year college	19%
4-year college	8%
Post-graduate	1%

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## 5. In which state do you live?

Alabama	1%
Alaska	0%
Arizona	3%
Arkansas	1%
California	15%
Colorado	1%
Connecticut	2%
Delaware	0%
District of Columbia	0%
Florida	10%
Georgia	4%
Hawaii	0%
Idaho	0%
Illinois	4%
Indiana	2%
Iowa	1%
Kansas	1%
Kentucky	1%
Louisiana	1%
Maine	0%
Maryland	2%
Massachusetts	1%
Michigan	1%
Minnesota	1%
Mississippi	0%
Missouri	1%
Montana	0%
Nebraska	0%
Nevada	0%
New Hampshire	0%
New Jersey	1%
New Mexico	0%
New York	1%
North Carolina	1%
North Dakota	0%
Ohio	1%
Oklahoma	0%
Oregon	0%
Pennsylvania	1%
Rhode Island	0%
South Carolina	0%
South Dakota	0%
Tennessee	1%
Texas	1%
Utah	0%
Vermont	0%
Virginia	1%
Washington	0%
West Virginia	0%
Wisconsin	1%
Wyoming	0%

6. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time .....	28%
Part-time .....	20%
Temporarily laid off .....	1%
Unemployed .....	3%
Retired .....	0%
Permanently disabled .....	0%
Homemaker .....	1%
Student .....	45%
Other .....	1%

7. Are you enrolled in school as a full-time or part-time student?

Full-time .....	71%
Part-time .....	29%
I am not enrolled in school .....	-

8. Membership in registered student groups on campus should be open to all students.

Strongly agree .....	53%
Agree .....	42%
Disagree .....	4%
Strongly disagree .....	1%

9. Registered student groups on campus should be able to exclude students from their membership who don't agree with the mission of the student group (ex: pro-choice groups could exclude pro-life students, or Republican groups could exclude Democratic students).

Strongly agree .....	20%
Agree .....	44%
Disagree .....	28%
Strongly disagree .....	8%

10. The following types of registered student groups should be able to exclude students from membership if the students don't agree with the mission of the group:

Black or African American student groups	16%
Asian student groups	11%
Hispanic/Latino student groups	14%
Sororities or fraternities	6%
LGBTQ+ student groups	13%
Christian student groups	10%
Jewish student groups	8%
Muslim/Islamic student groups	9%
Hindu student groups	7%
Atheist/agnostic/secular student groups	7%
Republican student groups	8%
Democratic student groups	8%
Black Lives Matter student groups	9%
Tea Party student groups	5%
Pro-Israeli student groups	6%
Pro-Palestinian student groups	6%
Other student groups	1%
All of the above	20%
I don't think student groups should be able to exclude other students from membership	44%

11. Registered student groups on campus should be able to deny leadership positions in the student group to students who don't agree with the mission of the group (ex: pro-choice groups could deny leadership positions to pro-life students, or Republican groups could deny leadership positions to Democratic students).

Strongly agree	30%
Agree	43%
Disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	8%

12. Students who disagree with the mission of a registered student group should be able to join the

17. My college or university should be able to punish students who join single-gender groups that are not recognized by the university.

Strongly agree	12%
Agree	23%
Disagree	41%
Strongly disagree	24%

18. Student government should charge students a student activity fee that will be used to fund registered student groups and on-campus events.

Strongly agree	18%
Agree	41%
Disagree	30%
Strongly disagree	11%

19. Students should be able to "opt out" of a student activity fee if they do not want to fund registered student groups and on-campus events.

Strongly agree	33%
Agree	47%
Disagree	17%
Strongly disagree	3%

20. Students who choose to "opt out" of the student activity fee should still be able to participate in registered student groups and attend on-campus events that receive funding from the student activity fee.

Strongly agree	19%
Agree	38%
Disagree	32%
Strongly disagree	10%

21. Students should be able to choose which registered student groups their student activity fee funds/does not fund.

Strongly agree	22%
Agree	49%
Disagree	23%
Strongly disagree	6%

22. Student government should distribute student activity fees to registered student groups on campus without regard to whether the student government agrees with the mission of the student group.

Strongly agree	25%
Agree	46%
Disagree	23%
Strongly disagree	6%

23. Student government should not distribute student activity fees to registered groups with missions that certain students find intolerant, hurtful, or offensive.

Strongly agree	22%
Agree	46%
Disagree	25%
Strongly disagree	7%

24. In America today, discrimination against members of minority groups (ex: Black, Latino, or LGBTQ+ individuals) is a major problem.

Strongly agree	45%
Agree	35%
Disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	6%

25. Students should have the right to free speech on campus, even if what they are saying offends others.

Strongly agree	30%
Agree	45%
Disagree	20%
Strongly disagree	5%

26. Colleges and universities should be able to restrict student expression of political views that are hurtful or offensive to certain students.

Strongly agree	20%
Agree	38%
Disagree	30%
Strongly disagree	12%

27. In your opinion, which of the following should be a more important priority for a college's administration?

Promoting an inclusive environment that is welcoming to a diverse group of students	59%
Protecting students' free speech rights, even if it means allowing hurtful or offensive speech	41%

28. The climate on my campus makes it difficult for students to have conversations about important issues such as race, politics, and gender.

Strongly agree	20%
Agree	35%
Disagree	34%
Strongly disagree	10%

29. On my campus, discrimination against members of minority groups (ex: Black, Latino, or LGBTQ+ individuals) is a major problem.

Strongly agree	16%
Agree	27%
Disagree	38%
Strongly disagree	19%

30. It is important to be part of a campus community where I am not exposed to intolerant or offensive ideas.

Strongly agree	22%
Agree	43%
Disagree	25%
Strongly disagree	9%



31. It is important that my college or university encourages students to have a public voice and share their ideas openly.

Strongly agree	37%
Agree	52%
Disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	2%

32. Freedom of assembly is a \_\_\_ guaranteed by the Constitution.

Civil right	49%
Civil liberty	23%
Either of the above	28%

33. Voting is a \_\_\_ guaranteed by the Constitution.

Civil right	54%
Civil liberty	24%
Either of the above	22%

34. Freedom of speech is a \_\_\_ guaranteed by the Constitution.

Civil right	55%
Civil liberty	22%
Either of the above	23%

35. How likely would you be to use a CivilLiberties hashtag on social media?

1 - Not at all likely	30%
2	16%
3	24%
4	17%
5 - Extremely likely	13%

**36. It is important that my civil liberties are protected.**

Strongly agree	45%
Agree	51%
Disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	1%

**37. Is there a difference between a civil right and a civil liberty?**

Yes	54%
No	15%
I don't know	31%

**38. In my opinion, the most important civil right or liberty is:**

Freedom of speech	30%
Freedom of religion	7%
Freedom of the press	4%
Right to assemble	4%
Right to petition the government	5%
Right to bear arms	7%
Right to vote	10%
Right to a fair trial	6%
Right to equal treatment under law	24%
Other	2%

**39. Do you remember reading or hearing news reports about a large protest that led to violence and fatalities in and around Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017?**

Yes	69%
No	25%
I don't know	7%

40. When you think back to that event, which of the following best characterize(s) your perception of the event? Please check all that apply.

Protest	38%
Hate speech	38%
Free speech	25%
Violent	60%
Unlawful	30%
Racist	47%
Police failure	23%

41. Did this event change how you think about speech and expression on campus in any way?

Yes	38%
No	47%
I don't know	15%

42. Did this event change how you think about protest on campus in any way?

Yes	37%
No	49%
I don't know	14%

43. Do you think white nationalists should be allowed to protest peacefully?

Yes	53%
No	30%

45. Do you consider yourself to be:

Male .....	43%
Female .....	53%
Non-binary .....	3%
Prefer to self-describe .....	0%

46. Do you consider yourself to be:

Heterosexual .....	77%
Gay .....	4%
Lesbian .....	3%
Bisexual .....	11%
Queer .....	2%
Prefer to self-describe .....	4%

47. Is the college or university you attend a public or private school?

Public .....	79%
Private .....	19%
I don't know .....	3%

48. Is the college or university you attend affiliated with any religion or faith?

Yes .....	42%
No .....	49%
I don't know .....	9%

49. What is your current class standing?

First year (Freshman) .....	28%
Second year (Sophomore) .....	29%
Third year (Junior) .....	22%
Fourth year (Senior) .....	15%
Fifth year (Senior or more) .....	4%
Graduate or professional student .....	2%
Other .....	1%

50. What is your major?

Accounting	5%
Administrative Science/Public Administration	2%
Advertising	2%
Agriculture/Horticulture	2%
Anthropology	2%
Architecture	2%
Art History	3%
Aviation/Aeronautics	1%
Biology	7%
Biostatistics	2%
Business Administration	7%
Chemistry	2%
Child/Human/Family Development	2%
Classics	0%
Communications	1%
Communicative Disorders	0%
Computer Science	6%
Criminology/Criminal Justice	2%
Dance	0%
Dentistry	0%
Economics	1%
Education	5%
Educational Administration	0%
Electronics	1%
Engineering	5%
English	2%
Environmental Science/Ecology	1%
Ethnic Studies	0%
Finance	1%
Fine Arts	2%
Food Science/Nutrition/Culinary Arts	1%
Foreign Language	0%
Forestry	0%
Gender/Women's/LGBTQ Studies	0%
General Studies/Interdisciplinary	1%
Geography	0%
Geology	0%
Health	4%
History	2%
Human Resources	1%
Human Services	1%
Humanities	0%
Industrial Science	0%

**51. Do you live on or off campus?**

On .....	31%
Off .....	68%
I don't know .....	1%

**52. Did either of your parents attend college?**

One of my parents attended college .....	30%
Both of my parents attended college .....	37%
Neither parent attended college .....	30%
I don't know .....	3%

**53. Have you received a Pell Grant as part of your college financial aid package?**

Yes .....	47%
No .....	46%
I don't know .....	7%

**54. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	17%
Separated .....	3%
Divorced .....	4%
Widowed .....	1%
Single .....	69%
Domestic partnership .....	7%

**55. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?**

Yes .....	22%
No .....	78%

**56. Census Region**

Northeast .....	19%
Midwest .....	20%
South .....	36%
West .....	25%

**57. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?**

Democrat .....	42%
Republican .....	24%
Independent .....	25%
Other .....	1%
Not sure .....	8%

**58. Voter Registration**

Yes .....	81%
No .....	17%
Not sure .....	2%

**59. Ideology**

Very liberal .....	15%
Liberal .....	23%
Moderate .....	32%
Conservative .....	13%
Very Conservative .....	9%
DK .....	8%

**60. Interest in news and public affairs**

Most of the time .....	26%
Some of the time .....	38%
Only now and then .....	24%
Hardly at all .....	8%
Don't know .....	5%

61. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%

62. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	28%
Somewhat important .....	31%
Not too important .....	19%
Not at all important .....	22%

63. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week .....	10%
Once a week .....	20%
Once or twice a month .....	13%
A few times a year .....	15%
Seldom .....	16%
Never .....	25%
Don't know .....	2%

64. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day .....	17%
Once a day .....	15%
A few times a week .....	15%
Once a week .....	5%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	24%
Don't know .....	3%



65. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	23%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	4%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	2%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	8%
Agnostic	8%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	5%

66. Age

18-29	78%
30-44	16%
45-64	6%
65+	0%