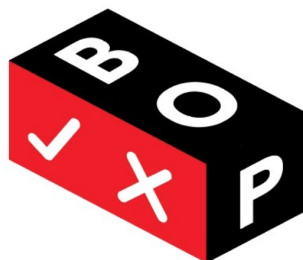


Brown Opinion Project: March 2023 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted their March 2023 poll on March 1st, March 2nd, and March 6th. 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, BOP collected 700 total responses from Brown undergraduate students. The margin of error is 3.84% 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 35.57% first-years, 26.86% sophomores, 19.43% juniors, and 18.14% seniors. The sample was 48.57% female, 45.57% male, 4.71% non-binary or genderqueer, 0.57% questioning or unsure; 0.14% answered as other, while 0.43% preferred not to indicate their gender. Additionally, 56.86% of respondents identified as white, 34.14% as Asian, 11.29% as Black, 10.14% as Hispanic, 3% as Middle Eastern or North African, 0.57% as Native American/Alaska Native, 0.29% as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 1.43% as other, while 1.43% 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: 38.71% of respondents

¹We 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 $\text{SQRT}(\text{design effect}) * 1.96 * \text{SQRT}(.5 * .5 / N)$. Read more at [this](#) link.

identified as Physical Science concentrators, 34.14% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 33.43% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 22.00% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, 1.57% 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. Lastly, students selected whether they attended a public or private high school: 57.69% of respondents said they went to public school, 40.50% of respondents selected private school, and 1.81% selected "Other."

Results²

1) How has your political ideology changed since coming to Brown?

I have become more liberal: 33.96%

I have become more conservative: 7.63%

My political ideology has not changed: 55.93%

Prefer not to answer: 2.48%

2) During the semester, how many hours of sleep do you get per night on average?

4 or less: 1.05%

5: 6.19%

6: 17.28%

7: 43.46%

8: 26.43%

9: 4.32%

10: 0.98%

11: 0.20%

Prefer not to answer: 0.10 %

3) Do you think “cancel culture” is an effective way to hold people accountable for their actions?

Yes: 10.56%

No: 62.59%

Unsure: 25.42%

Prefer not to answer: 1.42%

4) Have you ever used ChatGPT to assist with a class assignment?

No, but I know what ChatGPT is: 61.48%

Yes: 31.23%

No, and I don't know what ChatGPT is: 6.44%

Prefer not to answer: 0.85%

5) Do you support the right to own guns in the United States?

Yes: 24.77%

No: 55.00%

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 nature of some questions.

Unsure: 19.27%
Prefer not to answer: 0.96%

6) Do you feel like you fit in at Brown?

Yes: 75.77%
No: 9.11%
Unsure: 14.53%
Prefer not to answer: 0.6%

7) Have you ever been rejected from a club or student organization at Brown?

Yes: 47.84%
No: 51.12%
Prefer not to answer: 1.04%

8) Do you think you have better social skills than the average Brown student?

Yes, significantly better: 15.79%
Yes, slightly better: 47.13%
No, slightly worse: 30.19%
No, significantly worse: 3.21%
Prefer not to answer: 3.68%

9) In your experience, were classes at your high school or at Brown more challenging?

Classes at my high school were more challenging: 22.92%
Classes at Brown are more challenging: 54.59%
Classes at my high school and Brown have been equally challenging: 21.51%
Prefer not to answer: 0.98%

10) Have you ever used a dating app while at Brown?

Yes: 49.39%
No: 50.06%
Prefer not to answer: 0.55%

Recorded, anonymized data is available here: [Anonymized Data](#)³

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

³ Note that the recorded data combines or eliminates certain columns in order to preserve anonymity.