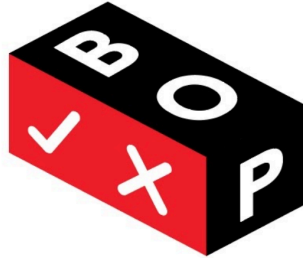


Brown Opinion Project: March 2024 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted its March 2024 poll from March 5th - March 7th. 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 563 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 29.1% first-years, 25.8% sophomores, 20.8% juniors, and 24.3% seniors. The sample was 47.6% female, 47.6% male, 6.5% non-binary or genderqueer, 0.9% questioning or unsure; while 0.9% preferred not to indicate their gender. Additionally, 53.6% of respondents identified as white, 34.1% as Asian, 14.2% as Black, 10.1% as Hispanic, 3.7% as Middle Eastern or North African, 1.1% Native American or Alaska Native, 0.9% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander while 2.5% preferred not to answer. The percentages for race add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one race/ethnicity. Students also indicated their (intended) field of study: 42.6% of respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 35.5% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 31.1% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 21.1% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, and 1.6% 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) **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Joe Biden is too old to be an effective president.**

Strongly agree: 32.5%
Somewhat agree: 50.11%
Somewhat disagree: 10.85%
Strongly disagree: 2.27%
Unsure: 3.7%
Prefer not to answer: 0.57%

2) **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Donald Trump is too old to be an effective president.**

Strongly agree: 33.21%
Somewhat agree: 44.73%
Somewhat disagree: 13.28%
Strongly disagree: 2.5%
Unsure: 4.93%
Prefer not to answer: 1.35%

3) **Should Brown have institutional neutrality?**

"Institutional neutrality is the idea that colleges and universities should not, as institutions, take positions on social and political issues."

- Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression

Yes, Brown should have institutional neutrality: 31.05%
No, Brown should not have institutional neutrality: 46.30%
Unsure: 20.97%
Prefer not to answer: 1.68%

4) **Do you identify more closely with capitalist or communist values?**

I identify more closely with capitalist values: 38.18%
I identify more closely with communist values: 32.97%
Unsure: 25.98%
Prefer not to answer: 2.87%

5) **How would you rate the effectiveness of using social media for political activism?**

Very effective: 13.33%

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.

Somewhat effective: 56.40%
Somewhat ineffective: 19.41%
Very ineffective: 7.79%
Unsure: 2.44%
Prefer not to answer: 0.49%

6) **Do you think you are more lonely than the average Brown student?**

Yes, significantly more lonely: 1.68%
Yes, slightly more lonely: 20.06%
No, slightly less lonely: 46.63%
No, significantly less lonely: 20.36%
Unsure: 10.40%
Prefer not to answer: 0.87%

7) **Would you rather receive a final grade of a B or an S in a course?**

I would rather receive a final grade of a B: 24.88%
I would rather receive a final grade of an S: 73.35%
Prefer not to answer: 1.78%

8) **Have you ever shoplifted before?**

Yes: 32.36%
No: 64.50%
Unsure: 1.75%
Prefer not answer: 1.39%

9) **What is your love language?**

Acts of service: 10.99%
Physical touch: 22.57%
Quality time: 39.57%
Words of affirmation: 10.08%
Gift giving: 4.33%
I do not believe in love languages: 6.74%
Unsure: 5.22%
Prefer not to answer: 0.49%

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

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.