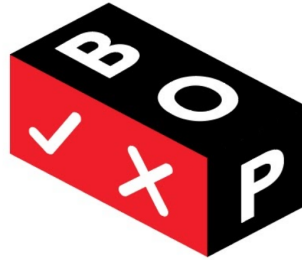


Brown Opinion Project: April 2023 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted their April 2023 poll April 11th - April 13th. 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 704 total responses from Brown undergraduate students. Two respondents opted not to provide their graduation year. We dropped their responses from the sample as we cannot weight responses that do not provide graduation year. The margin of error is 3.71% 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 24.22% first-years, 29.06% sophomores, 23.65% juniors, and 23.08% seniors. The sample was 49.15% female, 46.15% male, 3.13% non-binary or genderqueer, 1.14% questioning or unsure; while 0.43% preferred not to indicate their gender. Additionally, 59.83% of respondents identified as white, 34.33% as Asian, 9.54% as Black, 9.54% as Hispanic, 4.56% as Middle Eastern or North African, 1.28% as Native American/Alaska Native, and 0.57% as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, while 0.57% 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

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.

indicated their (intended) field of study: 43.30% of respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 35.47% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 26.64% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 21.51% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, and 0.57% 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.

Results²

1) How would you describe your family's socioeconomic status?

Upper class: 21.47%

Upper-middle class: 40.85%

Middle class: 23.74%

Lower-middle class: 8.71%

Lower class: 4.17%

Prefer not to answer: 1.06%

2) Would you support or oppose the U.S. government banning TikTok?

Support: 18.10%

Oppose: 54.63%

Unsure: 26.70%

Prefer not to answer: 0.57%

3) When was the last time you cried?

In the past week: 41.67%

In the past month: 30.88%

In the past 6 months: 15.43%

In the past year: 4.97%

More than a year ago: 2.62%

More than three years ago: 1.87%

Unsure: 2.42%

Prefer not to answer: 0.12%

4) Do you regret choosing to take a class S/NC rather than for a letter grade?

I have never chosen to take a class S/NC: 17.20%

No, I do not regret taking any classes S/NC: 43.86%

Yes, I regret choosing to take one class S/NC: 27.92%

Yes, I regret choosing to take multiple classes S/NC: 8.40%

Unsure: 2.62%

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.

5) If you had to choose, would you rather raise a child starting now or never have the opportunity? (Baby now or never)

I would rather raise a child starting now: 46.84%

I would rather never have the opportunity: 42.04%

Unsure: 10.61%

Prefer not to answer: 0.51%

6) Which of the following statements applies to you? Check all that apply.

Most of my close friends are the same race as me: 37.23%

Most of my close friends are the same gender as me: 38.36%

Most of my close friends have the same socioeconomic status as me: 37.82%

Other: 26.05%

Prefer not to answer: 1.46%

7) Who is the current Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court?

Correct: 29.88%

Incorrect: 70.12%

8) Do you approve or disapprove of Brown Concert Agency's artist selections for Spring Weekend?

Strongly approve: 17.12%

Somewhat approve: 35.41%

Somewhat disapprove: 20.67%

Strongly disapprove: 8.35%

Unsure: 17.87%

Prefer not to answer: 0.58%

9) On average, how many alcoholic beverages do you consume each week at Brown?

Zero – I don't drink: 15.72%

0-5 drinks: 53.63%

5-10 drinks: 19.11%

10-15 drinks: 5.42%

15-20 drinks: 3.12%

20+ drinks: 2.54%

Prefer not to answer: 0.45%

Recoded, 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 recoded data combines or eliminates certain columns in order to preserve anonymity.