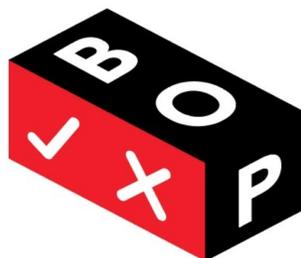


Brown Opinion Project: April 2022 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted its April 2022 poll from April 20–22. BOP solicited responses from Brown undergraduate students near Faunce Hall, the Circle Dance Statues near Waterman Street, and the World War I arch on Ruth Simmons Quadrangle. 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. On April 22nd, only responses from juniors and seniors were collected in an effort to ensure a representative sample. (Sophomores and first-years were oversampled the prior two days due to their higher prevalence near polling locations.) Over the course of the polling process, we collected 365 total responses from Brown undergraduate students. The margin of error is 5.33% 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. First-years made up 26.58% of the sample, sophomores 30.14%, juniors 28.22%, and seniors 15.07%. The sample was 45.21% female, 51.78% male, and 1.19% non-binary or genderqueer, while 0.82% preferred not to indicate their gender. Additionally, 62.47% of respondents identified as white, 25.75% as Asian, 8.77% as Black, 6.30% as non-white Hispanic, 1.10% as American Indian/Alaska Native, 3.01% as Middle Eastern and North African, 0.27% as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 2.46% as other, while 1.10% of respondents preferred not to indicate their race. The percentages for race add up to more than

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.

100 percent because some respondents selected more than one race/ethnicity. Students also indicated their (intended) field of study: 32.05% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 39.45% of respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 25.75% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, 30.68% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 7.67% of respondents are undecided, 0.27% preferred not to answer. The percentages for fields of study add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one. Finally, 28.8% of respondents identified as Christian, 26.6% as agnostic, 19.2% as atheist, 18.9% as Jewish, 4.7% as Hindu, 2.7% as Buddhist, 1.9% Muslim, and 0.54% as other, while 7.7% were unsure and 1.6% preferred not to answer.

Results²

1) Do you think you're smarter than the average Brown student?

Yes, significantly smarter: 5.20%

Yes, slightly smarter: 38.71%

No, slightly less smart: 41.37%

No, significantly less smart: 2.65%

Prefer not to answer: 12.06%

2) Are you currently in a relationship?

Yes: 33.36%

No: 63.07%

Unsure: 3.11%

Prefer not to answer: 0.45%

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. Notably, weighting changed the percentages very little with the exception of question number four. The recoded data is available [here](#). Note that the recoded data combines or eliminates certain columns in order to preserve anonymity.

3) What is your favorite dining hall on campus?

Andrews Commons: 25.25%
Barus and Holley Cafe: 7.00%
Blue Room: 13.16%
Ivy Room: 9.70%
Josiah's (Jo's): 9.28%
Sharpe Refectory (Ratty): 18.78%
Verney-Wooley (V-dub): 12.32%
Unsure: 4.03%
Prefer not to answer: 0.47%

4) On average, how often do you change your sheets?

Every week: 8.76%
Every two weeks: 33.34%
Every month: 34.47%
Every two months: 14.11%
Less than every two months: 5.99%
Never: 1.44%
Unsure: 0.5%
Prefer not answer: 1.39%

5) Do you believe in God/gods or a higher power?

Yes: 37.47%
No: 32.61%
Unsure: 29.92%
Prefer not to answer: 0%

6) What is your GPA?

2.5-2.99: 0%
3.0-3.24: 1.47%
3.25-3.49: 3.05%
3.5-3.59: 5.0%
3.6-3.69: 4.5%
3.7-3.79: 10.9%
3.8-3.89: 16.81%
3.9-3.99: 16.60%
4.0: 30.99%
Unsure: 9.96%
Prefer not to answer: 0.73%

7) Do you think America is the greatest country in the World?

Yes: 12.89%
No: 74.65%
Unsure: 10.85%
Prefer not to answer: 1.61%

8) Do you believe that there is other intelligent life in the universe?

Definitely: 31.16%
Likely: 52.58%
Unlikely: 13.9%
Definitely not: 0.26%
Prefer not to answer: 2.09%

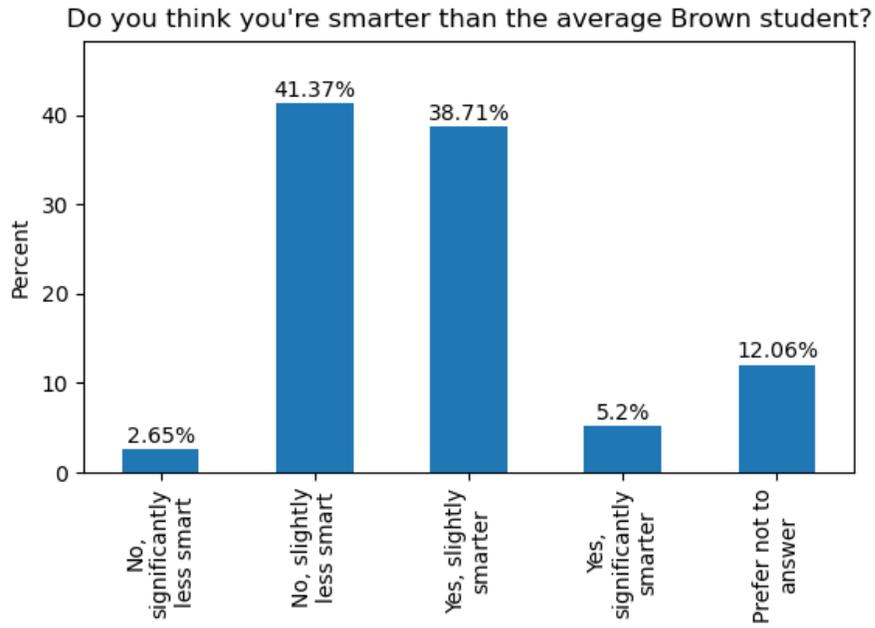
Recoded, anonymized data is available here: [Anonymized Data](#)³

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

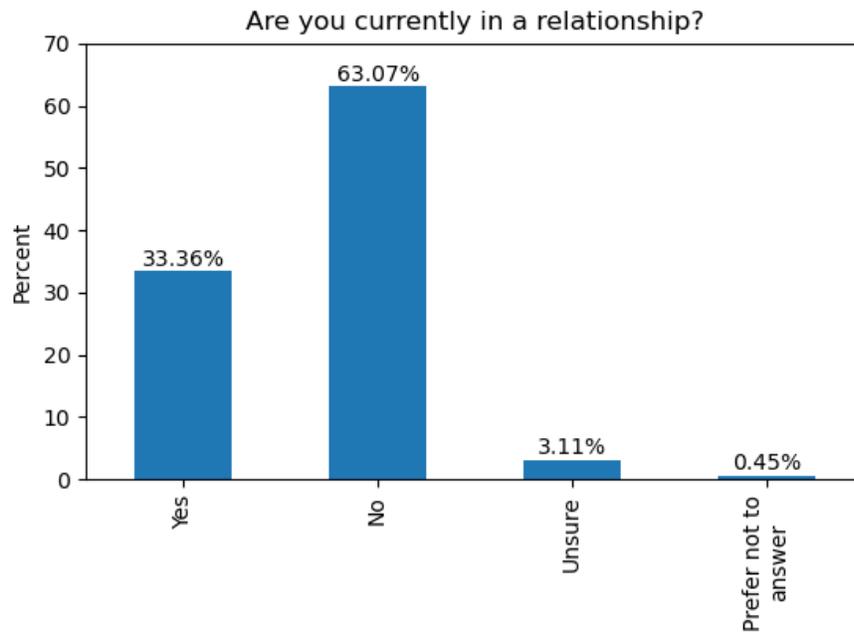
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Data Visualizations^{4 5}

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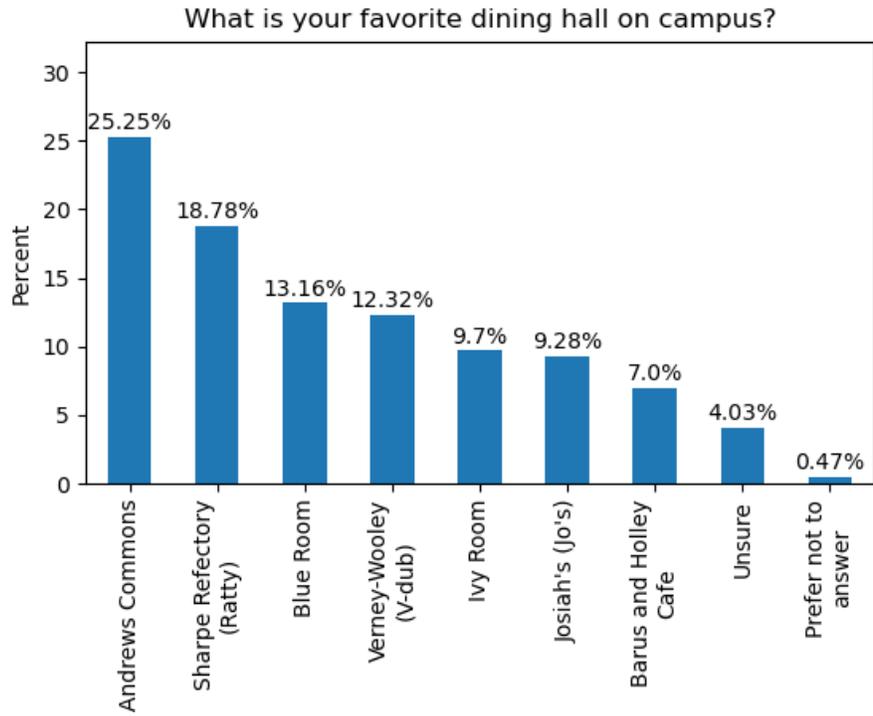
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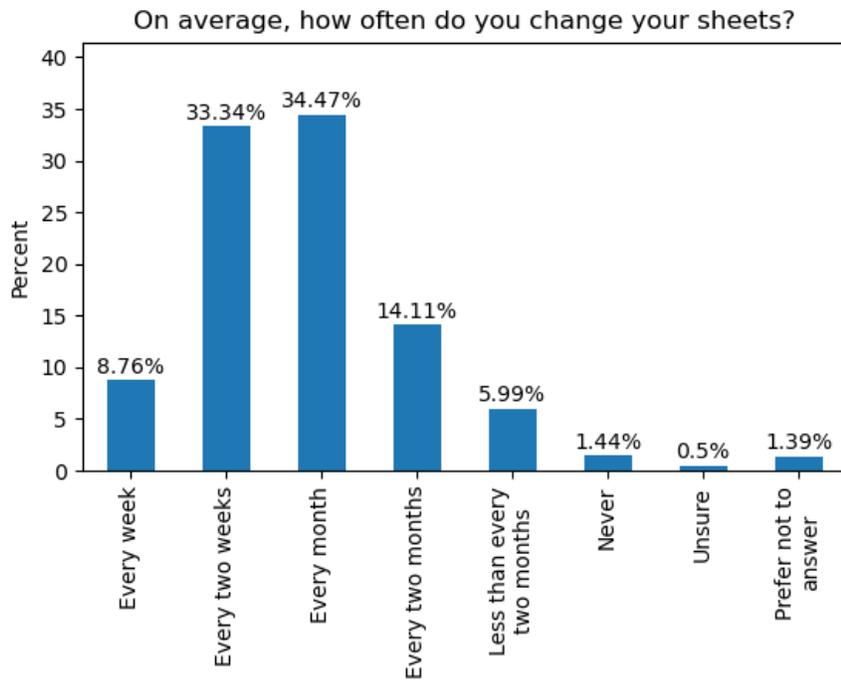
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⁵ Data visualization number five uses data from BOP's October 2021 poll.

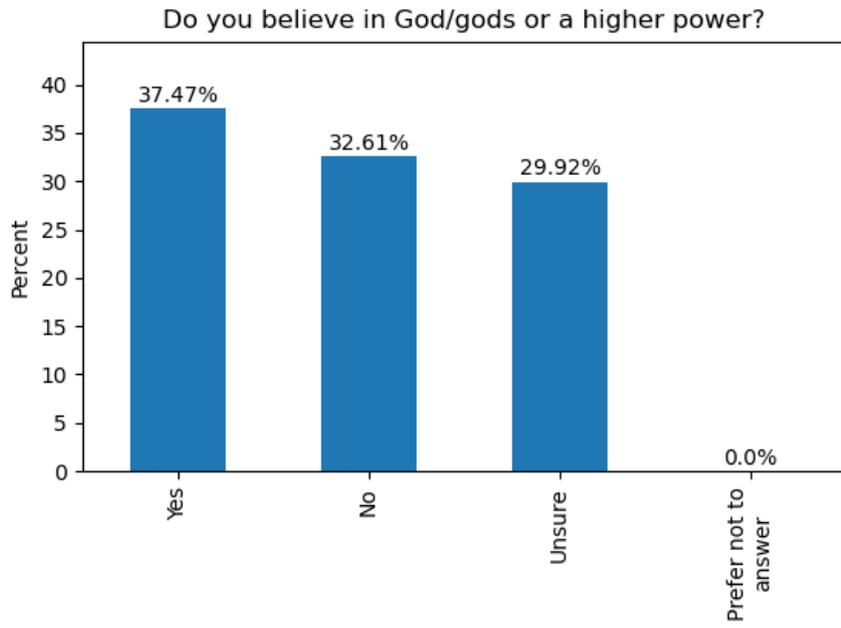
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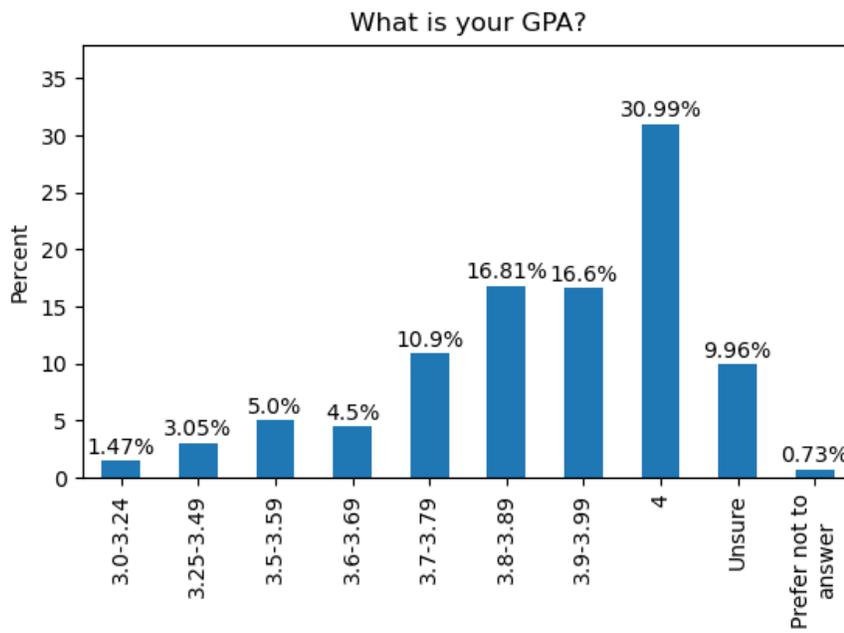
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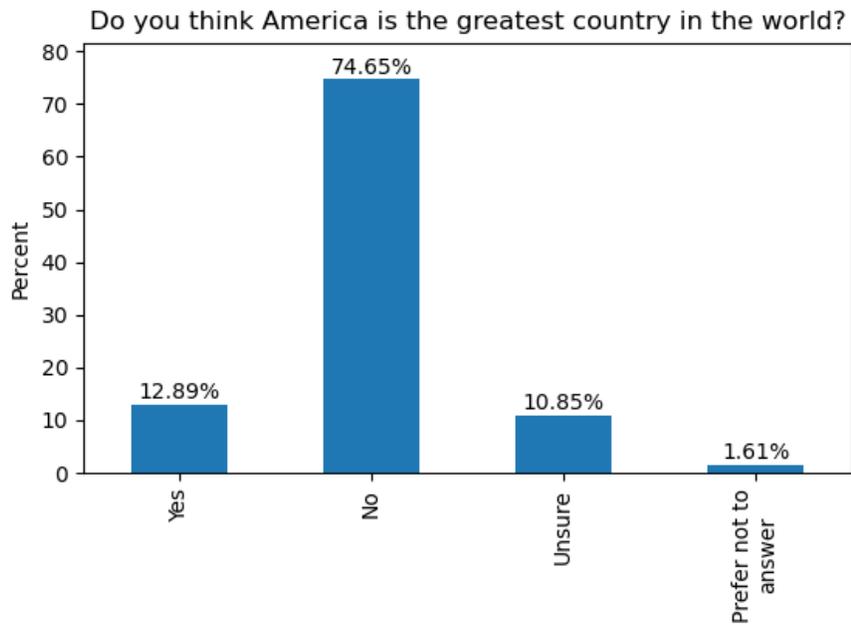
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