

Davidson College poll

September 2021 - 148 US college students



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**How much do you agree or disagree that Davidson College should adopt the Chicago Principles of Free Expression?	

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Q1. At Davidson College, how comfortable do you feel: ****Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial topic?****

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Very comfortable	14%	20%	11%	22%	18%	6%	13%	11%	17%
Somewhat comfortable	39%	44%	30%	35%	28%	44%	44%	37%	40%
Somewhat uncomfortable	29%	28%	32%	11%	41%	32%	38%	28%	30%
Very uncomfortable	18%	9%	27%	33%	13%	18%	4%	24%	13%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Very comfortable	14%	8%	22%	2%	8%	16%	37%	11%
Somewhat comfortable	39%	42%	40%	10%	61%	32%	31%	39%
Somewhat uncomfortable	29%	39%	23%	9%	23%	30%	22%	31%
Very uncomfortable	18%	11%	15%	79%	7%	22%	9%	20%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q2. At Davidson College, how comfortable do you feel: ****Expressing an unpopular opinion on a social media account tied to your name?****

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Very comfortable	9%	12%	6%	9%	1%	18%	9%	5%	13%
Somewhat comfortable	20%	20%	21%	17%	23%	22%	17%	19%	21%
Somewhat uncomfortable	31%	35%	30%	27%	43%	19%	48%	31%	31%
Very uncomfortable	40%	34%	42%	46%	33%	41%	26%	45%	35%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Very comfortable	9%	10%	10%	0%	14%	8%	4%	10%
Somewhat comfortable	20%	16%	26%	3%	29%	18%	37%	18%
Somewhat uncomfortable	31%	38%	30%	9%	26%	33%	27%	34%
Very uncomfortable	40%	36%	34%	88%	31%	42%	32%	38%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q3. At Davidson College, how comfortable do you feel: ****Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion?****

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Very comfortable	16%	22%	12%	19%	15%	20%	6%	8%	23%
Somewhat comfortable	29%	24%	34%	35%	14%	33%	50%	30%	28%
Somewhat uncomfortable	27%	31%	26%	8%	56%	14%	39%	35%	20%
Very uncomfortable	27%	23%	28%	39%	14%	33%	4%	26%	28%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Very comfortable	16%	20%	16%	0%	23%	15%	25%	16%
Somewhat comfortable	29%	25%	36%	10%	50%	22%	36%	29%
Somewhat uncomfortable	27%	42%	20%	2%	13%	32%	20%	29%
Very uncomfortable	27%	14%	28%	88%	15%	31%	19%	26%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q4. At Davidson College, how comfortable do you feel: ****Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial topic in a written assignment?****

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Very comfortable	18%	18%	16%	23%	19%	14%	12%	22%	14%
Somewhat comfortable	38%	35%	43%	23%	42%	48%	49%	38%	38%
Somewhat uncomfortable	30%	41%	23%	27%	31%	36%	28%	18%	41%
Very uncomfortable	14%	5%	17%	27%	9%	2%	11%	22%	8%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Very comfortable	18%	14%	24%	0%	40%	11%	17%	18%
Somewhat comfortable	38%	55%	29%	10%	32%	40%	38%	39%
Somewhat uncomfortable	30%	27%	32%	30%	16%	34%	37%	30%
Very uncomfortable	14%	5%	15%	60%	13%	15%	8%	12%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q5. At Davidson College, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

		Gender		Year				Race	
	Total	Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Quite often	15%	20%	12%	19%	14%	18%	2%	13%	16%
Often	19%	18%	21%	20%	18%	20%	20%	21%	17%
Occasionally	37%	40%	32%	46%	41%	22%	34%	47%	29%
Rarely	19%	9%	27%	4%	27%	22%	35%	15%	24%
Never	10%	12%	8%	10%	1%	19%	10%	4%	15%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Quite often	15%	7%	15%	50%	4%	18%	13%	15%
Often	19%	12%	27%	7%	12%	21%	13%	21%
Occasionally	37%	42%	33%	38%	41%	36%	41%	35%
Rarely	19%	26%	16%	5%	32%	16%	29%	18%
Never	10%	13%	9%	0%	11%	9%	5%	11%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q6. How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker: ****Blocking other students from entering a campus event****?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Always acceptable	3%	6%	1%	0%	8%	1%	0%	6%	0%
Sometimes acceptable	18%	10%	25%	18%	10%	27%	17%	18%	17%
Rarely acceptable	20%	19%	22%	4%	27%	21%	48%	19%	21%
Never acceptable	59%	65%	53%	78%	55%	50%	34%	57%	61%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Always acceptable	3%	6%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	3%
Sometimes acceptable	18%	18%	15%	34%	19%	17%	10%	20%
Rarely acceptable	20%	25%	15%	32%	11%	23%	40%	18%
Never acceptable	59%	52%	69%	34%	70%	56%	49%	59%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q7. How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker: ****Shouting down a speaker or trying to prevent them from speaking on campus?***

		Gender		Year				Race	
	Total	Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Always acceptable	4%	4%	5%	5%	0%	10%	0%	3%	5%
Sometimes acceptable	15%	7%	21%	9%	25%	15%	11%	21%	10%
Rarely acceptable	19%	3%	28%	6%	25%	17%	25%	21%	18%
Never acceptable	61%	86%	46%	80%	50%	58%	64%	55%	66%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Always acceptable	4%	4%	5%	0%	6%	4%	1%	5%
Sometimes acceptable	15%	20%	14%	2%	15%	15%	19%	15%
Rarely acceptable	19%	23%	19%	2%	37%	14%	24%	16%
Never acceptable	61%	53%	62%	96%	41%	67%	56%	63%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q8. How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker: ****Using violence to stop a speech or event on campus?***

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Always acceptable	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Sometimes acceptable	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%
Rarely acceptable	10%	9%	6%	10%	6%	8%	6%	12%	9%
Never acceptable	89%	91%	93%	90%	92%	91%	93%	87%	90%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Always acceptable	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Sometimes acceptable	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Rarely acceptable	10%	9%	13%	0%	23%	6%	4%	9%
Never acceptable	89%	91%	86%	98%	76%	93%	94%	91%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q9. How clear is it to you that Davidson's administration protects free speech on campus?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Extremely clear	7%	5%	9%	10%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%
Very clear	26%	26%	23%	17%	28%	27%	22%	25%	27%
Moderately clear	33%	29%	38%	31%	30%	38%	47%	29%	37%
Slightly clear	20%	26%	17%	15%	31%	14%	21%	26%	14%
Not at all clear	14%	15%	14%	27%	5%	17%	3%	14%	15%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Extremely clear	7%	4%	10%	0%	15%	4%	4%	7%
Very clear	26%	34%	23%	5%	51%	19%	17%	25%
Moderately clear	33%	36%	36%	7%	26%	36%	30%	36%
Slightly clear	20%	23%	18%	9%	2%	25%	39%	17%
Not at all clear	14%	3%	13%	79%	7%	16%	10%	15%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q10. If a controversy over offensive speech were to occur at Davidson, how likely is it that the administration would defend the speaker's right to express their views?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Extremely likely	7%	12%	3%	0%	6%	16%	3%	1%	12%
Very likely	20%	24%	12%	21%	15%	16%	21%	20%	19%
Somewhat likely	35%	22%	47%	27%	36%	37%	48%	40%	30%
Not very likely	29%	28%	32%	37%	31%	24%	28%	28%	30%
Not at all likely	10%	14%	7%	15%	12%	7%	0%	11%	8%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Extremely likely	7%	6%	7%	7%	1%	9%	3%	8%
Very likely	20%	18%	24%	2%	21%	19%	22%	17%
Somewhat likely	35%	40%	34%	11%	48%	31%	21%	37%
Not very likely	29%	31%	26%	41%	30%	29%	51%	27%
Not at all likely	10%	6%	8%	40%	1%	12%	3%	11%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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***How much do you agree or disagree that Davidson College should adopt the Chicago Principles of Free Expression?**

		Gender		Year				Race	
	Total	Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Strongly agree	39%	52%	26%	46%	34%	33%	41%	37%	41%
Somewhat agree	39%	39%	43%	39%	35%	50%	37%	37%	41%
Somewhat disagree	11%	2%	18%	7%	22%	6%	9%	18%	6%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%
I'm not sure	9%	5%	12%	9%	9%	9%	12%	6%	11%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	39%	27%	41%	91%	42%	39%	50%	36%
Somewhat agree	39%	45%	41%	3%	41%	39%	29%	42%
Somewhat disagree	11%	16%	9%	3%	10%	12%	10%	12%
Strongly disagree	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	4%	0%
I'm not sure	9%	12%	8%	2%	7%	10%	8%	9%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q12. Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on Davidson’s campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about at Davidson?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Abortion	45%	43%	50%	66%	35%	38%	48%	44%	46%
Affirmative action	46%	44%	50%	38%	60%	51%	29%	51%	42%
Capitalism	42%	43%	42%	43%	35%	57%	27%	43%	40%
Economic inequality	43%	40%	43%	32%	54%	44%	28%	48%	39%
Gender inequality	37%	32%	42%	59%	27%	32%	34%	39%	36%
Gun control	38%	27%	49%	49%	37%	35%	32%	37%	39%
Immigration	41%	43%	40%	47%	46%	40%	25%	48%	34%
The Israeli/Palestinian conflict	37%	33%	42%	50%	42%	29%	25%	42%	33%
Racial inequality	58%	69%	53%	49%	65%	63%	60%	54%	61%
Sexual assault	49%	39%	60%	49%	53%	49%	48%	51%	47%
Socialism	36%	37%	36%	38%	35%	49%	12%	38%	35%
Transgender issues	45%	59%	35%	50%	39%	53%	38%	35%	53%
None of the above	6%	6%	6%	8%	4%	5%	12%	2%	10%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Abortion	45%	24%	59%	69%	53%	43%	54%	45%
Affirmative action	46%	52%	41%	47%	34%	50%	50%	47%
Capitalism	42%	38%	43%	53%	46%	40%	50%	42%
Economic inequality	43%	47%	38%	54%	44%	43%	49%	41%
Gender inequality	37%	19%	52%	39%	41%	36%	55%	36%
Gun control	38%	28%	43%	63%	32%	40%	28%	41%
Immigration	41%	31%	45%	63%	24%	45%	48%	40%
The Israeli/Palestinian conflict	37%	40%	32%	57%	35%	38%	27%	40%
Racial inequality	58%	58%	56%	63%	49%	60%	68%	59%
Sexual assault	49%	50%	52%	25%	44%	51%	54%	49%
Socialism	36%	29%	40%	54%	36%	37%	30%	39%
Transgender issues	45%	35%	50%	63%	33%	48%	54%	44%
None of the above	6%	7%	6%	0%	7%	6%	8%	6%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q13. How satisfied are you with your learning experience at Davidson College?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Very satisfied	50%	57%	47%	62%	56%	35%	53%	41%	58%
Somewhat satisfied	35%	23%	45%	30%	33%	43%	39%	44%	27%
Somewhat unsatisfied	12%	19%	7%	8%	11%	20%	6%	9%	15%
Very unsatisfied	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	7%	1%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Very satisfied	50%	52%	52%	24%	48%	50%	57%	50%
Somewhat satisfied	35%	38%	30%	46%	32%	36%	35%	37%
Somewhat unsatisfied	12%	9%	12%	24%	10%	13%	7%	13%
Very unsatisfied	3%	0%	5%	5%	11%	1%	2%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q14. Did you attend New Student Orientation at Davidson?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Yes	87%	88%	90%	82%	93%	87%	100%	90%	84%
No	3%	2%	5%	0%	5%	7%	0%	3%	4%
I don't recall	10%	11%	5%	18%	2%	6%	0%	6%	13%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Yes	87%	94%	83%	74%	85%	87%	93%	88%
No	3%	2%	4%	7%	1%	4%	5%	3%
I don't recall	10%	4%	13%	20%	14%	8%	1%	8%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q15. How much do you agree that New Student Orientation was ideologically balanced?

Question only shown to students who: (1) Did not answer "No" or "I don't recall" to "Did you attend New Student Orientation at Davidson?"

	Total	Male	Female	Year				Race		Political Leaning	
				2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	15%	19%	13%	13%	10%	19%	25%	8%	22%	10%	22%
Somewhat agree	57%	53%	60%	65%	58%	54%	49%	58%	57%	66%	46%
Somewhat disagree	25%	22%	27%	23%	24%	27%	26%	28%	21%	19%	32%
Strongly disagree	3%	6%	0%	0%	8%	1%	0%	6%	0%	6%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(133)	(43)	(81)	(19)	(33)	(31)	(48)	(54)	(79)	(53)	(71)

	Total	Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	15%	9%	17%	12%	16%
Somewhat agree	57%	63%	56%	60%	57%
Somewhat disagree	25%	27%	24%	28%	24%
Strongly disagree	3%	1%	4%	0%	3%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(133)	(39)	(94)	(46)	(83)

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Q16. How much do you agree that New Student Orientation included sufficient emphasis on free expression and open discourse at Davidson?

Question only shown to students who: (1) Did not answer "No" or "I don't recall" to "Did you attend New Student Orientation at Davidson?"

	Total	Male	Female	Year				Race		Political Leaning	
				2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	6%	3%	9%	0%	9%	4%	16%	8%	5%	5%	8%
Somewhat agree	44%	53%	37%	43%	42%	43%	50%	25%	63%	41%	52%
Somewhat disagree	44%	44%	45%	43%	49%	50%	26%	59%	30%	50%	40%
Strongly disagree	5%	0%	9%	14%	0%	3%	7%	9%	2%	3%	1%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(133)	(43)	(81)	(19)	(33)	(31)	(48)	(54)	(79)	(53)	(71)

	Total	Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	6%	8%	6%	9%	5%
Somewhat agree	44%	54%	41%	54%	43%
Somewhat disagree	44%	37%	46%	27%	48%
Strongly disagree	5%	1%	7%	10%	4%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(133)	(39)	(94)	(46)	(83)

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Q17. How much do you agree that New Student Orientation included sufficient emphasis on the honor code at Davidson?

Question only shown to students who: (1) Did not answer "No" or "I don't recall" to "Did you attend New Student Orientation at Davidson?"

	Total	Male	Female	Year				Race		Political Leaning	
				2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	79%	83%	76%	88%	69%	78%	85%	71%	86%	78%	88%
Somewhat agree	18%	15%	21%	12%	25%	18%	15%	23%	14%	18%	10%
Somewhat disagree	3%	2%	3%	0%	6%	3%	0%	5%	0%	4%	2%
Strongly disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(133)	(43)	(81)	(19)	(33)	(31)	(48)	(54)	(79)	(53)	(71)

	Total	Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	79%	78%	79%	70%	80%
Somewhat agree	18%	21%	18%	24%	18%
Somewhat disagree	3%	1%	3%	6%	2%
Strongly disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(133)	(39)	(94)	(46)	(83)

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Q18. How much do you agree that New Student Orientation helps promote racial harmony on campus?

Question only shown to students who: (1) Did not answer "No" or "I don't recall" to "Did you attend New Student Orientation at Davidson?"

	Total	Male	Female	Year				Race		Political Leaning	
				2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	21%	21%	23%	38%	13%	15%	21%	19%	24%	8%	29%
Somewhat agree	38%	52%	28%	43%	26%	42%	53%	25%	52%	39%	37%
Somewhat disagree	34%	17%	46%	11%	48%	43%	23%	48%	20%	40%	32%
Strongly disagree	7%	10%	3%	8%	12%	1%	3%	8%	5%	13%	2%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(133)	(43)	(81)	(19)	(33)	(31)	(48)	(54)	(79)	(53)	(71)

	Total	Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	21%	2%	27%	36%	19%
Somewhat agree	38%	48%	35%	34%	39%
Somewhat disagree	34%	41%	32%	26%	36%
Strongly disagree	7%	9%	6%	4%	7%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(133)	(39)	(94)	(46)	(83)

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Q19. I would feel freer to discuss controversial subjects at Davidson if:

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Davidson hosted a broader diversity of guest speakers	50%	46%	56%	52%	55%	54%	36%	57%	45%
There was greater viewpoint diversity among faculty members	48%	41%	52%	53%	41%	47%	45%	61%	37%
Senior administrators (presidents, provosts, deans, and department chairs) did more to encourage a free speech culture	27%	23%	32%	30%	18%	35%	32%	29%	26%
Other students were more open to discussing viewpoints with which they disagree	60%	65%	58%	70%	49%	63%	70%	52%	67%
First year orientation included more discussion about the importance of free expression on campus	15%	16%	15%	1%	20%	13%	44%	15%	16%
There were more student groups and activities dedicated to fostering wide-ranging debate and discussion	31%	41%	23%	36%	21%	36%	37%	31%	30%
Davidson reformed existing policies that discourage free and open discussion	23%	33%	16%	15%	17%	38%	22%	21%	24%
I didn't have to worry about other students misrepresenting my comments on social media	25%	21%	28%	28%	25%	19%	36%	31%	19%
Other	14%	27%	5%	20%	19%	10%	3%	20%	9%

		Gender		Year				Race	
	Total	Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
None of the above	8%	9%	8%	15%	4%	5%	10%	5%	11%
Refused	2%	4%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	4%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Davidson hosted a broader diversity of guest speakers	50%	50%	49%	62%	37%	54%	41%	55%
There was greater viewpoint diversity among faculty members	48%	33%	58%	65%	38%	51%	40%	48%
Senior administrators (presidents, provosts, deans, and department chairs) did more to encourage a free speech culture	27%	14%	32%	65%	13%	32%	29%	28%
Other students were more open to discussing viewpoints with which they disagree	60%	47%	65%	94%	54%	62%	66%	60%
First year orientation included more discussion about the importance of free expression on campus	15%	16%	15%	13%	14%	16%	20%	14%
There were more student groups and activities dedicated to fostering wide-ranging debate and discussion	31%	39%	27%	10%	32%	30%	45%	29%
Davidson reformed existing policies that discourage free and open discussion	23%	28%	16%	34%	26%	22%	16%	25%
I didn't have to worry about other students misrepresenting my comments on social media	25%	20%	30%	14%	30%	23%	29%	24%

		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Other	14%	12%	15%	21%	18%	13%	4%	17%
None of the above	8%	6%	11%	0%	11%	7%	4%	9%
Refused	2%	0%	4%	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q20. Which of the following changes would do **the most** to improve the climate for open dialogue at Davidson?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Davidson hosted a broader diversity of guest speakers	12%	15%	10%	13%	13%	10%	10%	10%	14%
There was greater viewpoint diversity among faculty members	19%	15%	23%	5%	23%	30%	17%	16%	22%
Senior administrators (presidents, provosts, deans, and department chairs) did more to encourage a free speech culture	3%	1%	4%	0%	6%	1%	4%	4%	1%
Other students were more open to discussing viewpoints with which they disagree	39%	34%	44%	56%	33%	26%	41%	50%	29%
First year orientation included more discussion about the importance of free expression on campus	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	4%	6%	1%	3%
There were more student groups and activities dedicated to fostering wide-ranging debate and discussion	9%	13%	5%	12%	3%	13%	6%	1%	16%
Davidson reformed existing policies that discourage free and open discussion	9%	13%	4%	7%	6%	14%	7%	5%	11%
I didn't have to worry about other students misrepresenting my comments on social media	5%	9%	2%	0%	12%	1%	9%	9%	2%
Other	3%	0%	5%	6%	3%	0%	0%	4%	2%

		Gender		Year				Race	
	Total	Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
None of the above	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	103%	100%	105%	106%	103%	100%	100%	104%	102%
(Unweighted N)	(106)	(37)	(62)	(17)	(27)	(26)	(35)	(44)	(62)

		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Davidson hosted a broader diversity of guest speakers	12%	8%	10%	36%	19%	11%	8%	13%
There was greater viewpoint diversity among faculty members	19%	15%	20%	30%	10%	21%	22%	19%
Senior administrators (presidents, provosts, deans, and department chairs) did more to encourage a free speech culture	3%	1%	4%	0%	1%	3%	3%	2%
Other students were more open to discussing viewpoints with which they disagree	39%	28%	49%	26%	34%	40%	28%	41%
First year orientation included more discussion about the importance of free expression on campus	2%	4%	0%	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%
There were more student groups and activities dedicated to fostering wide-ranging debate and discussion	9%	11%	10%	0%	17%	7%	28%	6%
Davidson reformed existing policies that discourage free and open discussion	9%	21%	1%	3%	5%	9%	3%	10%
I didn't have to worry about other students misrepresenting my comments on social media	5%	12%	1%	0%	1%	6%	5%	4%

		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Other	3%	0%	5%	0%	11%	1%	0%	3%
None of the above	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	103%	100%	105%	100%	111%	101%	100%	103%
(Unweighted N)	(106)	(36)	(59)	(11)	(26)	(80)	(36)	(66)

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Q21. As you may know, the Davidson Board of Trustees have a search underway to select the College's next president, who will take office in the fall of 2022. How closely have you been following Davidson's search for a new president?

		Gender		Year				Race	
	Total	Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Very closely	2%	4%	2%	5%	0%	3%	0%	0%	4%
Somewhat closely	14%	15%	13%	6%	27%	9%	17%	16%	12%
Not very closely	42%	34%	46%	33%	42%	50%	31%	50%	35%
Not at all	42%	47%	40%	56%	31%	38%	53%	34%	48%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Very closely	2%	2%	3%	0%	0%	3%	0%	3%
Somewhat closely	14%	14%	15%	2%	22%	11%	15%	14%
Not very closely	42%	36%	43%	66%	52%	39%	29%	43%
Not at all	42%	47%	39%	31%	26%	46%	56%	40%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q22. College presidents oversee a range of important matters to a college and the wider community. Considering the list below, which are the two most important priorities Davidson's new president should address?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Quality of instruction	22%	27%	20%	22%	20%	25%	25%	14%	30%
Free expression and civil discourse	22%	31%	16%	18%	21%	25%	34%	18%	26%
Campus safety and security	8%	1%	9%	4%	4%	3%	20%	13%	4%
Policies related to Covid-19	6%	8%	5%	6%	5%	9%	0%	3%	8%
Improving campus facilities	27%	37%	21%	21%	29%	31%	32%	18%	35%
Increasing the diversity of Davidson's faculty	32%	20%	43%	28%	55%	22%	17%	46%	20%
Improving race relations on campus	28%	24%	33%	27%	28%	34%	24%	37%	21%
Improving affordability of the College	40%	32%	49%	53%	34%	39%	42%	43%	39%
Something else	4%	7%	2%	10%	1%	3%	5%	1%	8%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

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	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Quality of instruction	22%	14%	25%	43%	13%	25%	43%	19%
Free expression and civil discourse	22%	18%	21%	48%	10%	26%	20%	24%
Campus safety and security	8%	7%	10%	3%	22%	4%	8%	5%
Policies related to Covid-19	6%	5%	8%	0%	7%	5%	0%	7%
Improving campus facilities	27%	25%	27%	33%	10%	32%	23%	28%
Increasing the diversity of Davidson's faculty	32%	44%	27%	5%	51%	26%	24%	35%
Improving race relations on campus	28%	38%	25%	3%	48%	23%	19%	31%
Improving affordability of the College	40%	42%	40%	37%	24%	45%	57%	39%
Something else	4%	0%	8%	3%	0%	6%	1%	5%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q23. Davidson's next president should make freedom of speech and open, civil discourse on campus a high priority.

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Strongly agree	42%	64%	26%	32%	31%	61%	55%	29%	54%
Somewhat agree	46%	28%	63%	53%	60%	31%	42%	63%	32%
Somewhat disagree	10%	8%	7%	13%	5%	7%	3%	7%	13%
Strongly disagree	2%	0%	3%	3%	4%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	42%	37%	44%	57%	22%	48%	54%	42%
Somewhat agree	46%	54%	41%	38%	58%	43%	38%	48%
Somewhat disagree	10%	5%	15%	5%	12%	9%	8%	8%
Strongly disagree	2%	4%	0%	0%	8%	0%	0%	2%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q24. Davidson's next president should make the adoption and implementation of the Chicago Principles of Free Expression throughout campus life a high priority.

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Strongly agree	18%	27%	12%	11%	16%	22%	38%	15%	22%
Somewhat agree	61%	65%	61%	76%	53%	65%	51%	57%	65%
Somewhat disagree	15%	8%	21%	6%	27%	14%	10%	18%	12%
Strongly disagree	6%	0%	6%	7%	4%	0%	2%	10%	2%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	18%	12%	21%	33%	18%	18%	31%	17%
Somewhat agree	61%	59%	63%	62%	45%	66%	58%	63%
Somewhat disagree	15%	25%	8%	3%	17%	14%	10%	16%
Strongly disagree	6%	5%	8%	2%	19%	2%	1%	4%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q25. Davidson's next president should not take public positions on controversial social and political issues in messaging to faculty, staff, and students.

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Strongly agree	21%	31%	15%	21%	21%	19%	32%	12%	29%
Somewhat agree	26%	27%	26%	41%	17%	20%	35%	26%	26%
Somewhat disagree	30%	31%	32%	23%	36%	40%	19%	36%	25%
Strongly disagree	22%	12%	27%	15%	26%	21%	14%	25%	20%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	21%	9%	29%	36%	10%	25%	44%	18%
Somewhat agree	26%	22%	28%	38%	27%	26%	26%	27%
Somewhat disagree	30%	38%	29%	2%	15%	35%	20%	34%
Strongly disagree	22%	31%	15%	23%	49%	14%	10%	21%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q26. Davidson's next president should be respectful of those with political and ideological positions different from their own.

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Strongly agree	71%	81%	67%	70%	69%	74%	85%	70%	71%
Somewhat agree	20%	15%	24%	23%	15%	26%	9%	16%	23%
Somewhat disagree	5%	1%	9%	1%	15%	0%	6%	8%	2%
Strongly disagree	4%	4%	0%	5%	1%	0%	0%	6%	3%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	71%	70%	71%	77%	31%	83%	84%	70%
Somewhat agree	20%	20%	23%	0%	46%	12%	12%	22%
Somewhat disagree	5%	11%	1%	3%	11%	3%	3%	6%
Strongly disagree	4%	0%	5%	20%	11%	2%	1%	2%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q27. Davidson's next president should make achieving ideological and political balance at the College a priority (e.g., on the Board of Trustees, in the administration, on the faculty).

		Gender		Year				Race	
	Total	Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Strongly agree	38%	38%	39%	32%	25%	57%	43%	35%	41%
Somewhat agree	39%	42%	40%	44%	45%	34%	39%	42%	37%
Somewhat disagree	21%	19%	19%	22%	28%	9%	16%	23%	20%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%	0%	2%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	38%	33%	33%	89%	24%	42%	33%	40%
Somewhat agree	39%	39%	45%	9%	29%	43%	33%	42%
Somewhat disagree	21%	26%	21%	0%	43%	15%	30%	17%
Strongly disagree	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	4%	1%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q28. Davidson's next president should be an individual whose life evidences a strong Christian faith.

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Strongly agree	10%	3%	16%	21%	1%	7%	15%	14%	6%
Somewhat agree	18%	31%	9%	31%	8%	17%	24%	17%	20%
Somewhat disagree	28%	27%	30%	14%	44%	28%	26%	29%	27%
Strongly disagree	44%	39%	45%	35%	47%	48%	35%	40%	48%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

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		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	10%	0%	11%	46%	0%	13%	10%	10%
Somewhat agree	18%	1%	28%	45%	19%	18%	13%	20%
Somewhat disagree	28%	36%	24%	7%	14%	32%	46%	25%
Strongly disagree	44%	62%	36%	2%	67%	37%	31%	45%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q29. Davidson's next president should make slowing down the rate of increase in college costs and tuition a priority.

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Strongly agree	66%	59%	75%	62%	62%	76%	75%	73%	59%
Somewhat agree	25%	30%	22%	20%	34%	24%	23%	19%	31%
Somewhat disagree	2%	1%	3%	3%	4%	0%	3%	2%	2%
Strongly disagree	7%	10%	0%	15%	1%	0%	0%	6%	8%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	66%	80%	55%	57%	73%	64%	65%	68%
Somewhat agree	25%	17%	33%	20%	12%	29%	32%	25%
Somewhat disagree	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%
Strongly disagree	7%	0%	11%	20%	11%	6%	0%	5%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q30. Davidson's next president should give close attention to how well the College is preparing graduates for productive working lives.

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Strongly agree	67%	78%	62%	74%	54%	80%	65%	58%	75%
Somewhat agree	26%	20%	32%	26%	36%	17%	30%	30%	23%
Somewhat disagree	4%	1%	6%	1%	9%	4%	3%	6%	3%
Strongly disagree	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	6%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Strongly agree	67%	61%	69%	85%	52%	71%	81%	66%
Somewhat agree	26%	34%	22%	12%	32%	24%	16%	29%
Somewhat disagree	4%	6%	3%	0%	5%	4%	3%	5%
Strongly disagree	3%	0%	6%	2%	11%	1%	0%	1%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q31. Using a scale from extremely liberal to extremely conservative where would you place yourself on this scale?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
Extremely liberal	16%	14%	17%	16%	13%	21%	14%	11%	21%
Liberal	30%	13%	45%	14%	44%	32%	29%	38%	23%
Slightly liberal	16%	15%	14%	9%	7%	25%	17%	19%	14%
Moderate	26%	40%	17%	39%	28%	13%	27%	25%	27%
Slightly conservative	5%	9%	2%	5%	1%	6%	11%	1%	9%
Conservative	7%	9%	6%	16%	6%	3%	3%	7%	7%
Extremely conservative	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

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	Total	Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
Extremely liberal	16%	21%	15%	0%	40%	9%	8%	18%
Liberal	30%	48%	19%	0%	29%	30%	25%	31%
Slightly liberal	16%	19%	16%	3%	26%	13%	16%	14%
Moderate	26%	11%	42%	3%	4%	32%	34%	25%
Slightly conservative	5%	0%	5%	28%	0%	6%	6%	5%
Conservative	7%	0%	3%	66%	0%	9%	10%	7%
Extremely conservative	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Q32. Considering all of your time at Davidson College, have your courses been all online, mostly online, mostly in person, all in person, or an equal mix of online and in person?

	Total	Gender		Year				Race	
		Male	Female	2022	2023	2024	2025	Non White	White
All online	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Mostly online	11%	15%	9%	0%	15%	23%	2%	9%	14%
An equal mix of online and in person	40%	43%	36%	13%	45%	69%	3%	36%	43%
Mostly in person	40%	38%	45%	87%	37%	3%	45%	46%	36%
All in person	8%	5%	10%	0%	3%	5%	49%	9%	7%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(49)	(88)	(22)	(39)	(36)	(48)	(59)	(89)

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		Political Leaning			Sexual Orientation		Financial Aid	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	LGBTQIA	Straight	No	Yes
All online	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
Mostly online	11%	20%	6%	0%	10%	12%	0%	14%
An equal mix of online and in person	40%	43%	39%	30%	40%	40%	35%	39%
Mostly in person	40%	30%	46%	60%	35%	42%	44%	41%
All in person	8%	7%	9%	10%	14%	6%	18%	7%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(148)	(57)	(78)	(13)	(42)	(106)	(50)	(92)

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Survey Methodology

This survey was designed and conducted by College Pulse. Interviews were conducted in English among a sample of 148 undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in the U.S.

The initial sample was drawn from College Pulse's Undergraduate Student Panel that includes over 400,000 verified students representing more than 1,000 different colleges and universities in all 50 states. Panel members are recruited by a number of methods to help ensure diversity in the panel population, including web advertising, permission-based email campaigns, and partnerships with university organizations.

To reduce the effects of any non-response bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS). The post-stratification weight rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, and gender. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results.

The margin of error for this survey is $\pm 9.2\%$. Margins of error are typically calculated on probability-based samples and are not technically correct for non-probability online samples. We supply them here to provide a general assessment of error ranges that may be associated with the data.

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