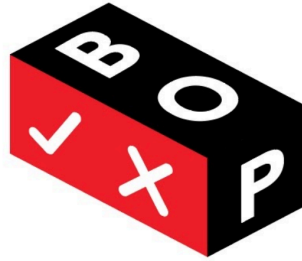


Brown Opinion Project: March 2025 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted its March 2025 poll on March 4, March 6, and March 7. 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 617 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 34% first-years, 25.6% sophomores, 17.3% juniors, and 23% seniors. The sample was 41.5% female, 56.7% male, 3.9% non-binary or genderqueer, 1.3% questioning, unsure, other, or prefer not to answer. Additionally, 50.4% of respondents identified as white, 40.4% as Asian, 9.6% as Black, 9.9% as Hispanic, 3.7% as Middle Eastern or North African, 0.8% Native American or Alaska Native, 0.3% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander while 0.8% preferred not to answer. The percentages for race add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one race/ethnicity. 27.9% of students identify as LGBTQ+, 66.9% of students do not identify as LGBTQ+, and 5.2% of students were unsure or preferred not to answer. Students also indicated their (intended) field of study: 45.7% of respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 32.1% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 27.2% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 23.0% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, and 1.5% 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) **Overall, how would you describe your political views relative to those of your parents?**

My views are much more conservative: 1.51%

My views are somewhat more conservative: 6.21%

My views are similar to those of my parents: 21.06%

My views are somewhat more liberal: 46.08%

My views are much more liberal: 19.32%

My parents have significantly different political views from each other: 2.09%

Prefer not to answer: 0.98%

Unsure: 2.75%

2) **Were you allowed to watch SpongeBob SquarePants as a kid?**

Yes: 64.41%

No: 29.18%

Unsure: 6.30%

Prefer not to answer: 0.12%

3) **How did you meet your most recent significant other? Choose the option that best applies.**

Class: 10.07%

Extracurricular activities (athletics, clubs, other campus organizations): 8.89%

Job/Internship: 1.73%

Dating app: 7.00%

Dorm: 3.82%

High School: 12.65%

Job/Internship: 1.73%

Mutual friends/met as friends: 16.79%

Party/Social event: 3.02%

I have not had a significant other: 24.99%

4) **What percentage of Brown students do you think come from a family in the top 1% of household incomes?**

Correct answer: 19%

Mean: 29.2%

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.

Median: 25%
Mode: 20%
0%-10% : 17.45%
11%-20% : 27.04%
21%-30% : 22.12%
31%-50% : 21.70%
50%-99% : 11.68%

5) How old was your mother when she had you?

Mean: 32.4
Median: 32
Mode: 30
0-19 years old: 0.81%
20-24 years old: 5.24%
25-29 years old: 15.08%
30-34 years old: 37.13%
35-39 years old: 23.62%
40-44 years old: 6.64%
45+ years old: 1.11%
Unsure: 10.37%

6) What is the minimum salary you would require to work in a role that directly conflicts with your morals?

Median: \$300,000
Mode: \$500,000
No amount of money: 42.8%
Under \$100,000: 3.6%
\$100,000-\$199,999: 8.1%
\$200,000-\$299,999: 11.3%
\$300,000-\$399,999: 5.8%
\$400,000-\$499,999: 2.3%
\$500,000-\$599,999: 7.9%
\$600,000-\$999,999: 3.4%
\$1,000,000: 7.0%
\$1,500,000: 0.8%
\$2,000,000: 1.6%
\$3,000,000-\$9,999,999: 1.8%
Over \$9,999,999: 3.6%

7) Do you change with your blinds open?

No: 40.31%

Prefer Not to Answer: 0.89%

Yes, and I do think people can see me: 13.77%

Yes, but I don't think people can see me: 45.03%

8) Have you ever been evaluated by Brown EMS Emergency Medical Services?

No: 83.05%

Yes, for an incident involving drugs and/or alcohol: 6.58%

Yes, for a different reason: 11.04%

Prefer not to answer: 00.32%

9) Which of the following substances have you used recreationally in the past six months?

Alcohol: 77.24%

Cocaine: 2.62%

Inhalants: 4.07%

Ketamine: 2.67%

LSD/Acid: 1.82%

MDMA (Ecstasy/Molly): 1.31%

Marijuana: 44.17%

Methamphetamine: 0.34%

Nicotine: 16.27%

None: 0.12%

None of the above: 20.20%

Prefer not to answer: 1.06%

Psilocybin (Psychedelic mushrooms): 4.75%

Unprescribed use of prescription stimulants (Adderall): 2.38%

Unsure: 0.39%

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

Cross Tabulations can be done [here](#).

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.