Brown Opinion Project: October 2024 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted its October 2024 poll from October 8 - October 10. 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 936 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 36.0% first-years, 22.8% sophomores, 19.0% juniors, and 19.9% seniors. The sample was 45.4% female, 51.5% male, 3.4% non-binary or gendergueer, 0.6% questioning or unsure; while 0.4% preferred not to indicate their gender. Additionally, 51.0% of respondents identified as white, 38.8% as Asian, 9.8% as Black, 11.1% as Hispanic, 4.9% as Middle Eastern or North African, 0.9% Native American or Alaska Native, 0.6% Native Haiwaiian or Pacific Islander while 1.7% preferred not to answer. The percentages for race add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one race/ethnicity. 2.7% of the respondents identified as lesbian, 7.2% as gay, 19% as bisexual, 63.6% as straight, 1.1% as transgender, 1.1% as pansexual, 1.8% as asexual, 6.1% as queer, 3.6% as questioning, 0.3 as other LGBTQ+, and 3.4% of respondents preferred not to answer. Students also indicated their (intended) field of study: 46.6% of respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 32.3% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 28.6% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 22.8% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, and 1.0% 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) Are you currently in a relationship?

Yes: 30.07% No: 65.24% Unsure: 3.99% Prefer not to answer: 0.70%

2) Who do you think will win the 2024 US Presidential election?

Kamala Harris 57.93% Donald Trump: 9.07% Unsure: 31.69% Prefer not to answer: 1.31%

3) How often do you use marijuana?

I have never used marijuana: 42.43% Less than once a month: 25.59% Once a month: 8.04% 2-3 times per month: 9.18% Once a week: 5.57% 2-3 times per week: 3.51% 4-5 times per week: 1.79% Daily or almost daily: 1.60% Unsure: 0.85% Prefer not to answer: 1.47%

4) Who is primarily responsible for paying your college tuition (that is not covered by financial aid)?

My tuition is fully covered by financial aid/grants/scholarship: 14.03% I pay all of my tuition: 4.66% My parents or guardians pay all of my tuition: 61.48% I pay part of my tuition and my parents or guardians pay part of my tuition: 15.98% Unsure: 1.68% Prefer not to answer: 2.18%

5) Are your parents married to each other?

Yes: 79.14% No, divorced or separated: 14.46% No, never married: 3.14%

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.

Other: 2.18% Prefer not to answer: 1.08%

6) How often do you have sex?

I have never had sex 35.49% Less than once a month 18.90% Once a month 8.24% 2-3 times per month 8.51% Once a week 6.95% 2-3 times per week 8.26% 4-5 times per week 2.75% Daily or almost daily 1.27% Unsure 2.52% Prefer not to answer 7.13%

7) Have you ever used Chat GPT or other generative AI in violation of course policy? Yes 38.17%

No 46.93% Unsure 12.37% Prefer not to answer 2.53%

8) Do you usually lock the door when you leave your dorm, suite, or house/apartment?

Yes: 54.12% No: 44.35% Unsure: 0.82% Prefer not to answer: 0.71%

9) If you could be President of the US at some point in your life would you want the job?

Yes: 30.61% No: 68.19% Prefer not to answer: 1.20%

10) Do you think you have more sex than the average Brown student?

Yes, significantly more: 4.98% Yes, somewhat more: 12.11% About average: 18.37% No, somewhat less: 20.82% No, significantly less: 33.08% Unsure: 7.29% Prefer not to answer: 3.35%

Anonymized data is <u>available here</u>.² Cross Tabulations can be done <u>here</u>.

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

² Note that this data eliminates certain columns and rearranges rows in order to preserve anonymity.