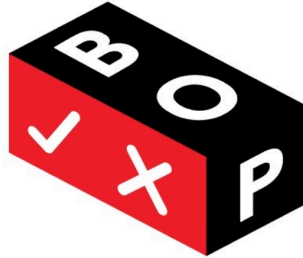


# Brown Opinion Project: April 2024 Poll Results



## Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) conducted its April 2024 poll from April 9 - April 11. 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 554 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 29.4% first-years, 23.4% sophomores, 23.1% juniors, and 24% seniors. The sample was 46.2% female, 50% male, 4.7% non-binary or genderqueer, 1.3% questioning or unsure; while 0.5% preferred not to indicate their gender. Additionally, 56.1% of respondents identified as white, 36.6% as Asian, 9.6% as Black, 9.2% as Hispanic, 3.4% as Middle Eastern or North African, 0.9% Native American or Alaska Native, 0.9% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander while 0.7% preferred not to answer. The percentages for race add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one race/ethnicity. Students also indicated their (intended) field of study: 47.8% of respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 32.9% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 27.1% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 22% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, and 0.2% 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.

## Results<sup>1</sup>

- 1) **How has your political ideology changed since coming to Brown?**
  - I have become more liberal: 32.14%
  - I have become more conservative: 14.05%
  - My political ideology has not changed: 43.49%
  - Prefer not to answer: 1.27%
  - Unsure: 9.15%
  
- 2) **To what extent do you agree with the following statement: Shared religious beliefs are important for a successful romantic relationship.**
  - Strongly agree: 11.61%
  - Somewhat agree: 46.35%
  - Somewhat disagree: 29.02%
  - Strongly disagree: 6.73%
  - Unsure: 5.96%
  - Prefer not to answer: 0.33%
  
- 3) **Do you want to get married?**
  - Yes: 78.52%
  - No: 3.62%
  - I am already married: 0.18%
  - Unsure: 17.31%
  - Prefer not to answer: 0.37%
  
- 4) **Do you want to be a stay-at-home parent?**
  - Yes: 5.95%
  - No: 66.85%
  - I don't plan to be a parent: 6.31%
  - Unsure: 20.55%
  - Prefer not to answer: 0.34%
  
- 5) **How many siblings do you have?**
  - No Siblings: 9.67%
  - 1 Siblings: 50.39%
  - 2 Siblings: 29.02%
  - 3 Siblings: 7.58%
  - 4 Siblings: 0.97%
  - 5+ Siblings: 2.04%

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Prefer not to answer: 0.34%

6) **Check all that apply:**

I am a twin or triplet: 4.08%

I have (a) younger sibling(s): 49.47%

I have (an) older sibling(s): 53.31%

I have no siblings: 9.63%

Prefer not to answer: 0.19%

7) **Have you ever been physically intimate with someone in a non-dorm Brown building?**

Yes: 37.92%

No: 58.82%

Prefer not to answer: 3.26%

8) ***Consider the following hypothetical scenario: A runaway trolley is headed down a railway track. On its current path, it will run over and kill 5 people. If you pull a lever, you can divert its path to run over and kill 1 person instead. What do you do?***

I would not pull the lever, leaving the trolley on its current path: 15.69%

I would pull the lever, diverting the trolley's path: 69.54%

Unsure: 12.04%

Prefer not answer: 2.73%

9) **What is the maximum age of a person you would be in a romantic relationship with?**

18: 0.2%

19: 1.8%

20: 5.7%

21: 12.6%

22: 13.8%

23: 12.6%

24: 11.5%

25: 15.0%

26: 8.7%

27: 4.7%

28: 3.8%

29: 1.2%

30: 3.6%

31+: 4.8%

Anonymized data is [available here](#).<sup>2</sup>

If you have questions about our results or methodology, please reach out to [brownopinionproject@brown.edu](mailto:brownopinionproject@brown.edu). Thanks for reading!

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