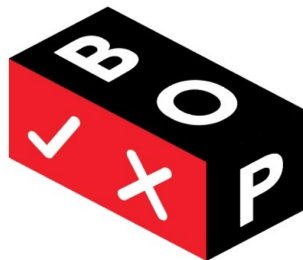


Brown Opinion Project: October 2022 Poll Results



Methodology

The Brown Opinion Project (BOP) and the Brown Daily Herald (BDH) conducted their joint October 2022 poll from October 11-13. BOP and BDH solicited responses from Brown undergraduate students near Faunce Hall, the Circle Dance Statues near Waterman Street, and Brook Street near Barus and Holley. BOP and BDH 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, we collected 1091 total responses from Brown undergraduate students. The margin of error is 3.02% 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. The sample was 27.90% first-years, 29.64% sophomores, 24.70% juniors, and 17.75% seniors. The sample was 52.15% female, 44% male, 4.67% non-binary or genderqueer, 0.82% questioning or unsure; 0.27% answered as other, while 0.37% preferred not to indicate their gender. Additionally, 53.35% of respondents identified as white, 33.09% as Asian, 12.83% as Black, 11.73% as Hispanic, 2.75% as Middle Eastern or North African, 0.82% as Native American/Alaska Native, 0.55% as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 1.1% as other, while 0.91% of respondents preferred not to indicate their race. The percentages for race add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected

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.

more than one race/ethnicity. Students also indicated their (intended) field of study: 41.61% of respondents identified as Physical Science concentrators, 29.97% of respondents identified as Social Science concentrators, 27.41% of respondents identified as Arts and Humanities concentrators, 23.65% of respondents identified as Life Science concentrators, 5.22% of respondents are undecided, and 2.84% answered other. The percentages for fields of study add up to more than 100 percent because some respondents selected more than one. Finally, 62.24% of respondents identified as straight, 18.7% as bisexual, 7.06% as queer, 6.23% as questioning or unsure, 5.77% as gay, 2.93% as pansexual, 2.66% as lesbian, and 2.02% as asexual, while 1.37% preferred not to answer and 0.37% answered 'other.'

Results²

1) Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Christina Paxson is handling her job?

Strongly approve: 4.66%
Somewhat approve: 16.09%
Somewhat disapprove: 18.06%
Strongly disapprove: 4.88%
Neither approve nor disapprove: 52.66%
Prefer not to answer 3.65%

2) How concerned are you about the spread of COVID-19 on campus?

Extremely concerned: 1.2%
Very concerned: 5.4%
Somewhat concerned: 25.09%
Slightly concerned: 28.69%
Not concerned: 39.31%
Prefer not to answer: 0.3%

3) Are you planning to vote in November elections?

Yes, in Rhode Island, which is my home state: 4.57%
Yes, in Rhode Island, which is not my home state: 8.12%
Yes, in a state other than Rhode Island: 59.66%
No: 14.88%
I am not eligible to vote: 11.22%
Prefer not to answer: 1.54%

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.

4) Agree or disagree: Brown should reduce grade inflation

Strongly agree: 4.11%
Somewhat agree: 13.31%
Neutral: 24.73%
Somewhat disagree: 20.16%
Strongly disagree: 29.10%
Unsure: 8.16%
Prefer not to answer: 0.43%

5) Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?

In a long-term relationship: 24.81%
In a casual relationship: 8.02%
Hooking up with multiple people: 6.31%
Single and looking for a relationship: 20.82%
Single and looking for something casual: 12.79%
Single and not looking for anything: 22.28%
Prefer not to answer: 4.96%

6) Have you had an appointment at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) this semester?

Yes, within one week of requesting it: 10.73%
Yes, more than one week after requesting it: 9.55%
No, I wanted to but was unable to make an appointment: 7.98%
No, and I did not try to make an appointment: 69.64%
Prefer not to answer: 2.1%

7) Have you benefited from a program or service provided by the Undergraduate Council of Students (UCS) in your time at Brown?

Yes: 24.26%
No: 31.61%
Unsure: 42.69%
Prefer not to answer: 1.44%

8) Have you attended a protest in your time at Brown?

Yes, on campus: 11.00%

Yes, in Providence: 9.74%

Yes, on campus and in Providence: 11.69%

No: 65.70%

Prefer no to answer 1.87%

9) Are you generally happy?

Yes, very happy: 25.16%

Yes, somewhat happy: 55.59%

Neither happy nor unhappy: 9.1%

No, somewhat unhappy: 8.51%

No, very unhappy : 1.14%

Prefer not to answer: .051%

10) Have you ever had a fake ID?

Yes: 32.72%

No: 65.99%

Unsure: 0.33%

Prefer not to answer: 0.96%

11) Have you ever cheated on/been cheated on by your significant other?

I have cheated on my significant other: 4.16%

I have been cheated on by my significant other: 10.73%

I have had a significant other and never cheated/been cheated on: 49.08%

I have never had a significant other: 29.08%

Unsure: 6.22%

Prefer not to answer: 4.02%

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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