



Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service
19th Edition: February 11 – March 2, 2011
N=3,018 18-29 Year Olds in English and Spanish (with Knowledge Networksⁱ)
Margin of Error for entire sample: +/- 2.4% at the 95% level
Margin of Error for college students: +/- 3.7% at the 95% level

1. With regard to school, are you currently enrolled at any of the following? Please select all that apply:

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
High school	6%	1%
Trade/Vocational school	3%	*
2-year junior college or community college.....	11%	2%
4-year college or university	22%	100%
Graduate school	5%	1%
Business school or professional school.....	2%	1%
Not enrolled in college/university but taking at least one course.....	2%	-
Not currently enrolled in any of these.....	51%	-

[If currently enrolled in a 4-year college, ask]

2. In which year of college are you?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=859)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=678)
First-year student/Freshman.....	-	24%
Second-year student/Sophomore	-	19%
Third-year student/Junior	-	25%
Fourth-year student/Senior.....	-	24%
Fifth-year student or higher	-	8%

3. Do you have an account on Facebook?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	80%	90%
No.....	20%	10%

4. Do you have an account on MySpace?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	36%	36%
No.....	64%	64%

5. Do you have an account on Twitter?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	24%	31%
No.....	75%	69%

6. We understand that plenty of young people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	67%	79%
No.....	29%	19%
Don't know	4%	2%

[If respondent was over 18 in 2008, ask Q7-Q8]

The following are questions about voter registration and voting...

7. Which of the following statements best describes your voter registration status for the last presidential election held on November 4th, 2008?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=2,478)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=449)
I was registered	66%	85%
I thought about registering, but didn't	4%	3%
I tried to register, but was unable to.....	2%	1%
I was not registered to vote on Nov. 4	21%	9%
Not sure.....	6%	2%

8. Which of the following statements best describes your voting in the last presidential election held on November 4th, 2008?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=2,478)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=449)
I voted at a polling place.....	42%	51%
I voted early	7%	10%
I voted by absentee ballot	10%	16%
I planned on voting, but wasn't able to.....	5%	4%
I did not vote in this election.....	35%	18%
I went to the polling place, but wasn't allowed to vote.....	1%	1%

9. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Democrat	38%	40%
Strong Democrat	17%	19%
Not a very strong Democrat	21%	21%
NET: Republican	22%	24%
Strong Republican	10%	13%
Not a very strong Republican	12%	11%
NET: Independent	37%	36%
Leans Democrat	10%	14%
Leans Republican	5%	8%
Does not lean either way	22%	14%
Decline	1%	*

10. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a...?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Liberal	39%	45%
Liberal	27%	33%
Moderate leaning liberal	12%	12%
Moderate	25%	20%
NET: Conservative	34%	35%
Moderate leaning conservative	10%	13%
Conservative	24%	22%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

11. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Supporter	10%	11%
Not a supporter	39%	47%
Not sure	49%	42%

[If respondent was over 18 in 2008, and “Voted” in Q8, ask]

12. For whom did you vote for president in 2008?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=1,715)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=378)
Barack Obama.....	59%	59%
John McCain.....	30%	31%
Someone else.....	4%	3%
Don't remember.....	1%	-
Decline to answer.....	6%	6%

13. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes.....	22%	31%
No.....	77%	68%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

14. All in all, do you think things in the nation are...?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Generally headed in the right direction.....	20%	27%
Off on the wrong track.....	39%	38%
Not sure what direction country is headed in.....	40%	35%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

15. Thinking about national issues for a moment, which issue concerns you the most?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Economy	57%	56%
General	29%	30%
Jobs	14%	10%
Budget/Government spending	7%	9%
Money issues/Financial Stability	3%	3%
Taxes	1%	*
Recession	1%	1%
Poverty	1%	2%
Other economy	1%	1%
NET: Health Care	10%	11%
Health care, general	9%	10%
Medical/health insurance	1%	*
Universal health care	*	1%
NET: National Security	6%	5%
Wars/Military	3%	3%
Terrorism/National security	1%	1%
Foreign policy/affairs	1%	1%
Other national security	1%	*
Immigration	6%	1%
Education	5%	8%
Energy	2%	1%
Environment	2%	3%
Civil rights	2%	3%
Government/political corruption	2%	*
Moral and religious issues	1%	2%
Abortion	1%	1%
President Obama/lack of leadership	1%	*
Other issues	3%	5%
Don't know/No answer	2%	4%

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of:

16. Barack Obama as President

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Approve	55%	60%
Disapprove	43%	38%
Decline to answer	3%	2%

17. The Democrats in Congress

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Approve.....	45%	49%
Disapprove	51%	48%
Decline to answer.....	4%	3%

18. The Republicans in Congress

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Approve.....	30%	37%
Disapprove	66%	60%
Decline to answer.....	4%	3%

19. In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
More strict.....	46%	47%
Less strict	12%	10%
Kept as they are	41%	42%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

20. If Barack Obama runs for reelection in 2012, in general, are you more likely to vote for Obama, or for the Republican Party's candidate for president?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Obama.....	38%	43%
Republican	25%	30%
Don't know	36%	27%
Refused	1%	*

Now thinking specifically about Barack Obama, do you approve or disapprove of the way he is handling:

21. Afghanistan

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Approve.....	44%	48%
Disapprove	52%	49%
Decline to answer.....	4%	2%

22. The economy

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Approve.....	42%	45%
Disapprove	55%	53%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

23. The crisis in Egypt

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Approve.....	55%	62%
Disapprove	41%	35%
Decline to answer.....	4%	3%

Next, we are interested in learning more about some of the activities that young people participate in when they are not in school or work.

24. Generally, do you feel like you have enough time to be involved in activities other than schoolwork and a job?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes, have enough time.....	53%	56%
No, do not have enough time	46%	44%

Have you participated in any of the following activities in the past 12 months?

25. Volunteered for community service?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	34%	57%
No	65%	43%

[If yes in Q25, ask]

26. How often did you participate in this activity?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=673)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=246)
Weekly	15%	15%
A few times a month	22%	23%
About once a month	24%	23%
Less than once a month	39%	39%

27. Have you participated in a government, political, or issue-related organization?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=1,589)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=377)
Yes	9%	16%
No	90%	83%

[If yes in Q27, ask]

28. How often did you participate in this activity?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=184)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=77)
Weekly	10%	9%
A few times a month	21%	21%
About once a month	25%	21%
Less than once a month	44%	48%

We would now like to ask you some questions about your participation in various activities. Have you ever done any of the following?

29. Signed an online petition?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	30%	40%
No	68%	58%

30. Written an e-mail or letter advocating for a political position or opinion?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	16%	23%
No	82%	76%

31. Attended a political rally or demonstration?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	15%	22%
No	83%	77%

32. Contributed to an online discussion or blog advocating for a political position or opinion?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	13%	18%
No	85%	81%

33. Donated money to a political campaign or cause?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	11%	14%
No	87%	84%

34. Volunteered on a political campaign for a candidate or an issue?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	8%	13%
No	90%	85%

[If yes in Q3, ask Q35-Q37]

35. Liked a political issue on Facebook?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=2,544)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=618)
Yes	29%	37%
No	70%	62%

36. Liked a political candidate on Facebook?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=2,544)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=618)
Yes	24%	31%
No	75%	68%

37. Used your Facebook status to advocate for a political position?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=2,544)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=618)
Yes	21%	29%
No	78%	70%

Switching gears now, below is a short list of institutions. How often do you trust each of them to do the right thing?

38. The President

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: All/Most</u>	41%	46%
All of the time	8%	5%
Most of the time	33%	41%
<u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u>	57%	53%
Some of the time	43%	44%
Never	14%	9%
Decline to answer	3%	2%

39. The United States Military

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: All/Most	50%	53%
All of the time	12%	12%
Most of the time	38%	41%
NET: Sometimes/Never	48%	46%
Some of the time	38%	38%
Never	10%	8%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

40. The Congress

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: All/Most	23%	29%
All of the time	2%	2%
Most of the time	21%	27%
NET: Sometimes/Never	74%	70%
Some of the time	57%	59%
Never	17%	11%
Decline to answer	3%	2%

41. The Supreme Court

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: All/Most	44%	56%
All of the time	7%	8%
Most of the time	37%	48%
NET: Sometimes/Never	54%	42%
Some of the time	43%	37%
Never	11%	5%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

42. The federal government

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: All/Most</u>	<u>27%</u>	<u>34%</u>
All of the time	3%	2%
Most of the time	24%	32%
<u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u>	<u>71%</u>	<u>64%</u>
Some of the time	56%	56%
Never	15%	8%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

43. The United Nations

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: All/Most</u>	<u>38%</u>	<u>46%</u>
All of the time	6%	8%
Most of the time	32%	38%
<u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>53%</u>
Some of the time	45%	42%
Never	15%	11%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

44. Your state government

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: All/Most</u>	<u>28%</u>	<u>35%</u>
All of the time	3%	3%
Most of the time	25%	32%
<u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u>	<u>70%</u>	<u>64%</u>
Some of the time	55%	52%
Never	15%	12%
Decline to answer	3%	2%

45. Your local government

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: All/Most	33%	41%
All of the time	4%	5%
Most of the time	29%	36%
NET: Sometimes/Never	65%	57%
Some of the time	52%	49%
Never	13%	8%
Decline to answer	3%	2%

Below is a list of statements about politics and public service. Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

46. I feel like I need more practical information about politics before I get involved.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Agree	49%	54%
Strongly agree	16%	17%
Somewhat agree	33%	37%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	28%
NET: Disagree	17%	17%
Somewhat disagree	11%	12%
Strongly disagree	6%	5%
Decline to answer	3%	2%

47. Elected officials seem to be motivated by selfish reasons.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>55%</u>	<u>59%</u>
Strongly agree	20%	20%
Somewhat agree	35%	39%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	30%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>9%</u>
Somewhat disagree	7%	7%
Strongly disagree	3%	2%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

48. Politics is not relevant to my life right now.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>22%</u>	<u>19%</u>
Strongly agree	6%	5%
Somewhat agree	16%	14%
Neither agree nor disagree	34%	28%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>42%</u>	<u>51%</u>
Somewhat disagree	23%	27%
Strongly disagree	19%	24%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

49. Political involvement rarely has any tangible results.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>24%</u>	<u>24%</u>
Strongly agree	5%	4%
Somewhat agree	19%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	44%	37%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>28%</u>	<u>37%</u>
Somewhat disagree	21%	27%
Strongly disagree	7%	10%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

50. It doesn't really matter to me who the President is.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>13%</u>	<u>11%</u>
Strongly agree	4%	3%
Somewhat agree	9%	8%
Neither agree nor disagree	23%	19%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>62%</u>	<u>69%</u>
Somewhat disagree	25%	28%
Strongly disagree	37%	41%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

51. People like me don't have any say about what the government does.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>35%</u>	<u>28%</u>
Strongly agree	11%	8%
Somewhat agree	24%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	31%	30%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>40%</u>
Somewhat disagree	21%	23%
Strongly disagree	11%	17%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

52. Running for office is an honorable thing to do.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>36%</u>	<u>45%</u>
Strongly agree	10%	12%
Somewhat agree	26%	33%
Neither agree nor disagree	46%	41%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>16%</u>	<u>12%</u>
Somewhat disagree	10%	9%
Strongly disagree	6%	3%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

53. Community service is an honorable thing to do.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>69%</u>	<u>80%</u>
Strongly agree	43%	57%
Somewhat agree	26%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	23%	15%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>3%</u>
Somewhat disagree	3%	2%
Strongly disagree	2%	1%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

54. Politics has become too partisan.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>44%</u>	<u>52%</u>
Strongly agree	20%	23%
Somewhat agree	24%	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	44%	39%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>7%</u>
Somewhat disagree	5%	4%
Strongly disagree	3%	3%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

55. The idea of working in some form of public service is appealing to me.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Agree	33%	37%
Strongly agree	9%	10%
Somewhat agree	24%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	34%	30%
NET: Disagree	31%	32%
Somewhat disagree	17%	19%
Strongly disagree	14%	13%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

56. Cutting taxes is an effective way to increase economic growth.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Agree	39%	37%
Strongly agree	12%	9%
Somewhat agree	27%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	38%	36%
NET: Disagree	21%	25%
Somewhat disagree	15%	18%
Strongly disagree	6%	7%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

57. Our country’s goal in trade policy should be to eliminate all barriers to trade and employment so that we have a truly global economy.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree.....</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>25%</u>
Strongly agree	6%	4%
Somewhat agree	19%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	48%	43%
<u>NET: Disagree.....</u>	<u>24%</u>	<u>30%</u>
Somewhat disagree	17%	22%
Strongly disagree	7%	8%
Decline to answer.....	4%	2%

58. Basic health insurance is a right for all people, and if someone has not means of paying for it, the government should provide it.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree.....</u>	<u>49%</u>	<u>49%</u>
Strongly agree	24%	22%
Somewhat agree	25%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	20%
<u>NET: Disagree.....</u>	<u>23%</u>	<u>28%</u>
Somewhat disagree	13%	17%
Strongly disagree	10%	11%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

59. Qualified minorities should be given special preference in hiring and education.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>11%</u>
Strongly agree	3%	2%
Somewhat agree	11%	9%
Neither agree nor disagree	37%	30%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>46%</u>	<u>56%</u>
Somewhat disagree	18%	25%
Strongly disagree	28%	31%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

60. Religious values should play a more important role in government.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>21%</u>	<u>20%</u>
Strongly agree	9%	8%
Somewhat agree	12%	12%
Neither agree nor disagree	34%	28%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>43%</u>	<u>51%</u>
Somewhat disagree	14%	16%
Strongly disagree	29%	35%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

61. In today’s world, it is sometimes necessary to attack potentially hostile countries, rather than waiting until we are attacked to respond.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree.....</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>23%</u>
Strongly agree	4%	5%
Somewhat agree	16%	18%
Neither agree nor disagree	39%	33%
<u>NET: Disagree.....</u>	<u>39%</u>	<u>42%</u>
Somewhat disagree	22%	25%
Strongly disagree	17%	17%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

62. Government should do more to curb climate change, even at the expense of economic growth.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree.....</u>	<u>28%</u>	<u>29%</u>
Strongly agree	9%	9%
Somewhat agree	19%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	44%	39%
<u>NET: Disagree.....</u>	<u>26%</u>	<u>29%</u>
Somewhat disagree	15%	16%
Strongly disagree	11%	13%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

63. Homosexual relationships are morally wrong.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree.....</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>27%</u>
Strongly agree	16%	17%
Somewhat agree	9%	10%
Neither agree nor disagree	29%	24%
<u>NET: Disagree.....</u>	<u>42%</u>	<u>47%</u>
Somewhat disagree	9%	8%
Strongly disagree	33%	39%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

64. If parents had more freedom to choose where they could send their children to school, the education system in this country would be better.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree.....</u>	<u>37%</u>	<u>39%</u>
Strongly agree	13%	12%
Somewhat agree	24%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	38%	36%
<u>NET: Disagree.....</u>	<u>21%</u>	<u>23%</u>
Somewhat disagree	15%	18%
Strongly disagree	6%	5%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

65. I am concerned about the moral direction of the country.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree.....</u>	<u>49%</u>	<u>53%</u>
Strongly agree	20%	20%
Somewhat agree	29%	33%
Neither agree nor disagree	34%	29%
<u>NET: Disagree.....</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>16%</u>
Somewhat disagree	9%	11%
Strongly disagree	6%	5%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

66. Recent immigration into this country has done more good than harm.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree.....</u>	<u>22%</u>	<u>21%</u>
Strongly agree	8%	5%
Somewhat agree	14%	16%
Neither agree nor disagree	40%	39%
<u>NET: Disagree.....</u>	<u>35%</u>	<u>37%</u>
Somewhat disagree	18%	24%
Strongly disagree	17%	13%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

67. The government should spend more to reduce poverty.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>40%</u>	<u>39%</u>
Strongly agree	14%	11%
Somewhat agree	26%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	35%	34%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>21%</u>	<u>25%</u>
Somewhat disagree	13%	15%
Strongly disagree	8%	10%
Decline to answer.....	3%	3%

68. Government spending is an effective way to increase economic growth.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
<u>NET: Agree</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>24%</u>
Strongly agree	4%	4%
Somewhat agree	16%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	44%	39%
<u>NET: Disagree</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>34%</u>
Somewhat disagree	19%	21%
Strongly disagree	13%	13%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

69. Basic necessities, such as food and shelter, are a right that the government should provide to those unable to afford them.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Agree	45%	48%
Strongly agree	18%	14%
Somewhat agree	27%	34%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	29%
NET: Disagree	19%	21%
Somewhat disagree	12%	13%
Strongly disagree	7%	8%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

70. I am willing to give up some personal freedom and privacy for the sake of national security.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Agree	24%	27%
Strongly agree	5%	7%
Somewhat agree	19%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	36%	35%
NET: Disagree	37%	36%
Somewhat disagree	21%	22%
Strongly disagree	16%	14%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

71. In 10 years, do you think that the United States' overall standing in the world will be better than it is today, worse than it is today, or about the same as it is today?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Better	23%	27%
Worse	31%	32%
About the same	25%	27%
Not sure.....	20%	13%
Decline to answer	2%	*

72. In 10 years, do you think that the United States’ economic standing in the world will be better than it is today, worse than it is today, or about the same as it is today?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Better	29%	36%
Worse	30%	32%
About the same	18%	18%
Not sure.....	21%	13%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

73. In 10 years, do you think that the United States’ military standing in the world will be better than it is today, worse than it is today, or about the same as it is today?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Better	24%	29%
Worse	15%	16%
About the same	37%	39%
Not sure.....	21%	14%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

74. In 10 years, do you think that the United States’ diplomatic standing in the world will be better than it is today, worse than it is today, or about the same as it is today?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Better	17%	21%
Worse	24%	26%
About the same	30%	33%
Not sure.....	27%	20%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

75. Overall, how much does the United States’ overall standing in the world concern you?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
A great deal	30%	34%
Somewhat	47%	49%
Not very much	15%	13%
Not at all.....	6%	3%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

76. Using the following scale, how would you rate the overall quality of your high school education?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Excellent	25%	33%
Good	52%	49%
Not so good	16%	13%
Poor	5%	3%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

Specifically, how would you rate your high school education for the following:

77. Quality of your teachers

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Excellent	25%	35%
Good	52%	50%
Not so good	15%	12%
Poor	5%	3%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

78. Class size

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Excellent	24%	33%
Good	50%	51%
Not so good	17%	11%
Poor	6%	3%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

79. Quality of your school building

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Excellent	24%	32%
Good	50%	45%
Not so good	18%	16%
Poor	6%	5%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

80. Access to technology

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Excellent	24%	34%
Good	49%	45%
Not so good	19%	16%
Poor	6%	4%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

81. Updated books

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Excellent	19%	26%
Good	52%	50%
Not so good	20%	18%
Poor	6%	5%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

82. Quality of your curriculum

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Excellent	21%	31%
Good	53%	51%
Not so good	18%	14%
Poor	6%	4%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

83. Safe and secure learning environment

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Excellent	33%	47%
Good	45%	41%
Not so good	13%	8%
Poor	6%	3%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

84. Quality of the civics curriculum

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Excellent	16%	23%
Good	53%	53%
Not so good	21%	16%
Poor	7%	8%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

85. How would you rate your personal financial situation these days?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Very good	7%	8%
Fairly good	49%	56%
Fairly bad	31%	31%
Very bad.....	12%	5%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

86. In general, when I am my parent’s age, I believe that I will be...

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Better off financially	48%	55%
About the same	25%	25%
Worse off financially	11%	10%
Not sure.....	14%	9%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

[If currently enrolled 4-year college, ask:]

87. Based on the current state of the economy, how easy or difficult do you think it will be for students in your class to find a permanent job after graduation?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=678)
Very easy	-	2%
Somewhat easy	-	15%
Somewhat difficult	-	63%
Very difficult.....	-	20%
Decline to answer	-	1%

[If yes in Q3, ask]

88. Do you currently share a Political View under your Facebook profile?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=2,544)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=618)
Yes	24%	32%
No	75%	68%
Decline to answer	1%	*

89. Compared to in-person advocacy, do you believe advocating for a political position by using online tools like Facebook, Twitter, blogs, and YouTube makes:

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
More of an impact	27%	32%
Less of an impact	16%	22%
About the same impact	24%	25%
Don't know	31%	21%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

Thinking about the 2012 campaign for President, how much interest do you have in receiving information from the following types of sources:

90. Friends who share using Facebook

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
A great deal of interest	8%	9%
Some interest	28%	32%
Not much interest	23%	24%
No interest at all	38%	33%
Decline to answer	3%	2%

91. Official campaign feeds from Facebook

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
A great deal of interest	6%	10%
Some interest	23%	27%
Not much interest	26%	26%
No interest at all	41%	36%
Decline to answer	4%	2%

92. Friends who share using Twitter

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
A great deal of interest	3%	4%
Some interest	13%	13%
Not much interest	24%	26%
No interest at all	55%	55%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

93. Official campaign feeds from Twitter

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
A great deal of interest	3%	5%
Some interest	12%	12%
Not much interest	24%	26%
No interest at all	56%	56%
Decline to answer	4%	1%

94. Text or mobile alerts

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
A great deal of interest	4%	4%
Some interest	15%	16%
Not much interest	24%	25%
No interest at all	53%	53%
Decline to answer	3%	2%

95. Major national newspapers

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
A great deal of interest	16%	23%
Some interest	33%	37%
Not much interest	20%	17%
No interest at all	28%	22%
Decline to answer	3%	1%

96. Partisan, political blogging sites

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
A great deal of interest	5%	7%
Some interest	17%	19%
Not much interest	28%	28%
No interest at all	47%	44%
Decline to answer	4%	1%

97. What type of high school are you in, or did you graduate from?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Public	84%	83%
Non – charter school	77%	78%
Charter school	7%	5%
NET: Private	14%	15%
Private	7%	9%
Parochial	2%	3%
Home School	5%	3%
Decline to answer	2%	1%

98. In high school, would you classify yourself as an:

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Above average student	49%	72%
Average student	42%	25%
Below average student	6%	2%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

99. Which one of these best describes your religious preference?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Catholic	22%	22%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian	11%	11%
Protestant.....	10%	14%
Jewish.....	2%	2%
LDS/Mormon.....	2%	2%
Muslim	1%	2%
No religious preference.....	23%	24%
Another religion	12%	10%
Decline to answer.....	13%	8%
Not sure.....	5%	4%

[If NOT “No Religious Preference” in Q99, ask Q100]

100. How important is religion in your own life?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=2,016)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=462)
Very important	43%	47%
Somewhat important	35%	36%
Not very important	19%	16%
Not sure	3%	1%

[If “Catholic, Fundamentalist/Evangelical, LDS/Mormon, Protestant, or another religion, or not sure” in Q99, ask Q101]

101. Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u> (n=1,928)	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=439)
Yes	30%	33%
No	52%	54%
Not sure	13%	10%
Decline to answer	5%	3%

102. Switching topics, which of these best describes your phone service at this time? [Multiple responses allowed].

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Cell phone	86%	96%
Landline phone service	29%	19%
VOIP phone service	3%	2%
None of these	4%	2%

[If currently enrolled 4-year college, ask:]

103. Is your college/university...?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=678)
Public	-	71%
Private	-	29%

104. Is the college/university that you currently attend...?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=678)
In an urban or city area	-	53%
In a suburban area next to a city	-	23%
In small town or rural area	-	24%

105. How many undergraduate students are enrolled in your college/university? Your best estimate is fine.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=678)
Less than 1,000	-	4%
1,000 - 4,999	-	26%
5,000 - 9,999	-	22%
10,000 - 19,999	-	22%
20,000 or more	-	26%
Decline to answer.....	-	1%

106. Where do you live while attending college?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=678)
In an on-campus dormitory	-	29%
In fraternity/sorority housing	-	1%
In a campus-owned apartment	-	6%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents).....	-	34%
At home, with my parents	-	26%
Somewhere else	-	3%

107. Are you a...?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u> (n=678)
Full-time student	-	91%
Part-time student	-	9%

108. What is your gender?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Male	50%	46%
Female.....	50%	54%

109. What is your race and ethnicity?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
White, Non-Hispanic	60%	66%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....	13%	13%
Hispanic	19%	12%
Other, Non-Hispanic.....	6%	8%
2 or more races, Non-Hispanic	2%	2%

110. What is your current education level?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Less than high school.....	14%	2%
High school.....	30%	25%
Some college.....	37%	66%
Bachelor or higher.....	19%	7%

111. What is your income?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Less than \$5,000	5%	4%
\$5,000 - \$7,499	4%	4%
\$7,500 - \$9,999	3%	2%
\$10,000 - \$12,499	4%	3%
\$12,500 - \$14,999	3%	1%
\$15,000 - \$19,999	5%	4%
\$20,000 - \$24,999	7%	4%
\$25,000 - \$29,999	6%	4%
\$30,000 - \$34,999	5%	3%
\$35,000 - \$39,999	7%	6%
\$40,000 - \$49,999	7%	7%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	8%	8%
\$60,000 - \$74,999	8%	8%
\$75,000 - \$84,999	6%	7%
\$85,000 - \$99,999	6%	8%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	6%	11%
\$125,000 - \$149,000	3%	4%
\$150,000 - \$174,999	1%	2%
\$175,000 or more	2%	5%

112. Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, never married, or living with a partner?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Married.....	20%	8%
Widowed.....	*	-
Divorced.....	1%	*
Separated.....	2%	*
Never married	63%	85%
Living with partner	14%	6%

113. Age:

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
18.....	6%	11%
19.....	10%	19%
20.....	9%	18%
21.....	9%	18%
22.....	9%	10%
23.....	8%	7%
24.....	8%	4%
25.....	7%	3%
26.....	7%	3%
27.....	9%	2%
28.....	9%	2%
29.....	10%	3%

114. Are you the head of your household?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	45%	33%
No	55%	67%

115. Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household at least 50% of the time? Please remember to include babies or small children, include unrelated individuals (such as roommates), and also include those now away traveling or in a hospital.

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
1	9%	7%
2	23%	19%
3	23%	26%
4	24%	27%
5	12%	16%
6	5%	4%
7	2%	1%
8	1%	*
9	*	*
10	*	*
13	*	-
14	*	*
15	*	-

116. How many members are there in each age group in your household? (Average number)

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
0 – 12 months old	0.108	0.03
2 – 5 years old	0.189	0.05
6 – 12 years old	0.202	0.12
13 – 17 years old	0.243	0.36
18 years or older	2.644	2.91

117. Which statement best describes your current employment status?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
NET: Working	60%	63%
As a paid employee	56%	60%
Self-employed	4%	3%
NET: Not Working	40%	37%
On temporary layoff from a job	2%	1%
Looking for work	22%	18%
Disabled	2%	*
Other	14%	18%

118. Are your living quarters...?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	52%	60%
Rented for cash	43%	33%
Occupied without payment of cash rent	6%	7%

119. Which best describes the building where you live?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
A one-family house detached from any other house	57%	65%
A one-family house attached to one or more houses	10%	7%
A building with 2 or more apartments	28%	26%
A mobile home	5%	2%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	*	-

120. Do you have Internet access in your home?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Yes	87%	97%
No.....	13%	3%

121. What region do you live in?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Northeast	18%	20%
Midwest	22%	26%
South	36%	33%
West	24%	21%

122. Do you live in a metro or non-metro area?

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
Non-metro (rural).....	15%	13%
Metro.....	85%	87%

123. What region do you live in? (Based on state of residence)

	<u>Total:</u> <u>18-29</u>	<u>4-Year</u> <u>College</u>
New England	5%	6%
Mid-Atlantic	13%	14%
East-North Central	15%	16%
West-North Central	7%	10%
South Atlantic	18%	17%
East-South Central	6%	5%
West-South Central	12%	11%
Mountain	7%	6%
Pacific	17%	15%

ⁱ A complete Field Report from Knowledge Networks is available upon request. Included in the report are details on cooperation rates, KN methodology, survey administration, survey sampling, and sample weighting.