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Q1. When, if ever, do you think it's ok to burn books? Please choose all that apply.

	gender:grouped				orientation:grouped		politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Female	Male	Non Binary	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
It's never ok to burn books	77%	79%	75%	70%	76%	77%	76%	78%	75%
When you find a book's contents inappropriate	16%	16%	16%	17%	18%	15%	15%	16%	17%
When you disagree with comments the author has made	11%	11%	11%	13%	15%	10%	12%	10%	12%
When you disagree with a book's argument	11%	10%	11%	17%	14%	9%	11%	10%	12%
Refused	6%	4%	8%	11%	4%	6%	6%	5%	6%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(875)	(1023)	(101)	(539)	(1460)	(643)	(1069)	(279)

	Race							
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
It's never ok to burn books	77%	79%	68%	74%	77%	70%	71%	87%
When you find a book's contents inappropriate	16%	15%	19%	18%	16%	30%	16%	8%
When you disagree with comments the author has made	11%	11%	12%	11%	13%	3%	13%	4%
When you disagree with a book's argument	11%	11%	13%	8%	11%	3%	11%	13%
Refused	6%	5%	9%	7%	5%	0%	9%	9%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(1337)	(237)	(110)	(161)	(11)	(115)	(26)

Q2. Which statement comes closest to your view on book burning, even if neither is exactly right?

		gender:grouped			orientation:grouped		politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Female	Male	Non Binary	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Burning books is an unproductive form of anti-intellectualism	81%	83%	79%	76%	83%	80%	80%	82%	82%
Burning books is a productive form of free speech	18%	16%	20%	22%	16%	19%	20%	17%	17%
Refused	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(875)	(1023)	(101)	(539)	(1460)	(643)	(1069)	(279)

	Race							
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Burning books is an unproductive form of anti-intellectualism	81%	85%	78%	73%	77%	76%	83%	77%
Burning books is a productive form of free speech	18%	15%	21%	25%	23%	24%	15%	15%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%	2%	8%
Total	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(1337)	(237)	(110)	(161)	(11)	(115)	(26)

Q3. Should students who burn books be punished, or is it a protected form of free speech?

	gender:grouped				orientation:grouped		politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Female	Male	Non Binary	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
No, protected form of free speech	78%	74%	82%	84%	76%	79%	76%	79%	78%
Yes, should be punished	21%	25%	17%	13%	22%	21%	23%	20%	21%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(875)	(1023)	(101)	(539)	(1460)	(643)	(1069)	(279)

	Race							
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
No, protected form of free speech	78%	79%	75%	78%	76%	71%	78%	69%
Yes, should be punished	21%	20%	23%	19%	24%	29%	20%	31%
Refused	1%	1%	2%	3%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(1337)	(237)	(110)	(161)	(11)	(115)	(26)

Q4. Do you think books that contain the following should be banned from college libraries? Please choose all that apply.

		gender:grouped			orientation:grouped		politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Female	Male	Non Binary	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
None of the above	47%	42%	55%	40%	42%	50%	35%	53%	56%
Guidelines for making a bomb	42%	47%	34%	50%	48%	39%	53%	36%	36%
Nazi propoganda	25%	30%	16%	37%	31%	22%	35%	20%	18%
Racism	9%	10%	8%	9%	6%	10%	9%	9%	7%
Homophobia	7%	8%	6%	9%	7%	7%	9%	7%	3%
Criticisms of white privilege	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	5%
LGBTQ characters or themes	3%	3%	3%	0%	1%	3%	2%	2%	7%
Refused	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(875)	(1023)	(101)	(539)	(1460)	(643)	(1069)	(279)

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None of the above	47%	52%	43%	39%	42%	32%	48%	49%
Guidelines for making a bomb	42%	41%	36%	37%	48%	68%	42%	47%
Nazi propoganda	25%	22%	28%	31%	26%	18%	27%	27%
Racism	9%	6%	10%	14%	13%	14%	8%	17%
Homophobia	7%	6%	11%	8%	10%	25%	8%	8%
Criticisms of white privilege	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%
LGBTQ characters or themes	3%	3%	2%	5%	1%	0%	1%	0%

		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Refused	3%	2%	6%	6%	3%	0%	3%	0%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(1337)	(237)	(110)	(161)	(11)	(115)	(26)

Q5. What do you think is more important?

		gender:grouped			orientation:grouped		politicalLeaning:grouped		
	Total	Female	Male	Non Binary	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Having books and speakers on campus that represent a diverse set of ideals	93%	93%	94%	92%	94%	93%	92%	94%	95%
Ensuring that books and speakers on campus don't offend students	5%	6%	4%	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%	4%
Refused	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Total	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(875)	(1023)	(101)	(539)	(1460)	(643)	(1069)	(279)

		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Having books and speakers on campus that represent a diverse set of ideals	93%	95%	90%	91%	91%	100%	94%	87%
Ensuring that books and speakers on campus don't offend students	5%	4%	8%	6%	7%	0%	5%	13%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Total	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1999)	(1337)	(237)	(110)	(161)	(11)	(115)	(26)

Book Burning poll

October 2019 - 2001 US college students



Survey Methodology

This survey was designed and conducted by College Pulse. Interviews were conducted in English among a sample of 2001 undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in the U.S.

The initial sample was drawn from College Pulse's Undergraduate Student Panel that includes over 240,000 verified students representing more than 800 different colleges and universities in all 50 states. Panel members are recruited by a number of methods to help ensure diversity in the panel population, including web advertising, permission-based email campaigns, and partnerships with university organizations.

To reduce the effects of any non-response bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS). The post-stratification weight rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, and gender. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IPF) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results.

The margin of error for this survey is $\pm 2.5\%$. Margins of error are typically calculated on probability-based samples and are not technically correct for non-probability online samples. We supply them here to provide a general assessment of error ranges that may be associated with the data.

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About College Pulse

College Pulse is an online survey and analytics company dedicated to understanding the attitudes, preferences, and behaviors of today's college students. College Pulse offers custom data-driven marketing and research solutions, utilizing its unique Undergraduate Student Panel that includes 240,000 undergraduate college student respondents from more than 800 four-year colleges and universities in all 50 states.

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