

2016 The Freshman Survey (TFS) Infographic Codebook
First-time, Full-time Freshmen

Infographic Item	Survey Question/Variable Name	Response Option(s) Selected
With a divisive political climate, freshmen are expressing their views...		
80% think global climate change should be a federal priority	42. Addressing global climate change should be a federal priority (VIEW02)	Strongly Agree & Agree Somewhat
87% agree that sexual activity without the presence of explicit, affirmative consent is considered sexual assault	42. Sexual activity that occurs without the presence of explicit, affirmative consent (i.e., "yes means yes") is considered sexual assault (VIEW06)	Strongly Agree & Agree Somewhat
68% believe the federal government should have stricter gun control laws	42. The federal government should have stricter gun control laws (VIEW03)	Strongly Agree & Agree Somewhat
...And are taking action to promote change.		
22% Demonstrated for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest)	34. In the past year, how often have you: Demonstrated for a cause (e.g., boycott, rally, protest) (ACT03)	Frequently & Occasionally
51% Publicly communicated their opinion about a cause (e.g., blog, email, petition)	34. In the past year, how often have you: Publicly communicated their opinion about a cause (e.g., blog, email, petition) (ACT18)	Frequently & Occasionally
55% Helped raise money for a cause or campaign	34. In the past year, how often have you: Helped raise money for a cause or campaign (ACT19)	Frequently & Occasionally
Incoming students believe in the importance of community involvement and civic values.		
36% feel it's important to participate in a community action program	52. Please indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Participating in a community action program (GOAL15)	Essential & Very Important
43% feel it's important to become a community leader	52. Please indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Becoming a community leader (GOAL18)	Essential & Very Important
47% feel it's important to promote racial understanding.	52. Please indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Influencing social values: Helping to promote racial understanding. (GOAL16)	Essential & Very Important
49% feel it's important to influence social values	52. Please indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Influencing social values (GOAL05)	Essential & Very Important

Students seem eager and ready to engage with research and science ...		
53% are confident in their ability to understand scientific concepts	38. How confident are you that you can: Understand scientific concepts (SCISKILLS09)	Absolutely & Very
65% anticipate working on a professor's research project	53. What is your best guess as to the chances that you will: Work on a professor's research project (FUTACT12)	Very Good Chance & Some Chance
50% derive satisfaction from working on a team that is doing important research	51. To what extent are the following statement true of you: I derive great personal satisfaction from working on a team that is doing important research (SCIASSOC02)	Strongly Agree & Agree Somewhat
35% feel like they belong in a field of science	51. To what extent are the following statement true of you: I feel like I belong in the field of science. (SCIASSOC04)	Strongly Agree & Agree Somewhat
...And are applying complex thinking strategies.		
63% frequently supported their opinion with a logical argument	37. How often in the past year did you: Support your opinions with a logical argument (MNDHAB02)	Frequently
49% frequently evaluated the quality or reliability of information	37. How often in the past year did you: Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received (MNDHAB04)	Frequently
46% frequently analyzed information from multiple sources before drawing a conclusion	37. How often in the past year did you: Analyze multiple sources of information before coming to a conclusion (MNDHAB10)	Frequently
And colleges need to be prepared to support students' mental health concerns as they arrive on campus.		
84% felt anxious	34. In the past year, how often have you: Felt anxious (ACT22)	Frequently & Occasionally
51% felt depressed	34. In the past year, how often have you: Felt depressed (ACT09)	Frequently & Occasionally
41% were frequently overwhelmed by all they had to do	34. In the past year, how often have you: Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do (ACT08)	Frequently
47% anticipate seeking personal counseling	51. What is your best guess as to the chances that you will: Seek personal counseling (FUTACT08)	Very Good Chance & Some Chance

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