

**2018 The College Senior Survey (CSS) Infographic Codebook
Graduating Seniors**

In 2018, college seniors expressed their political views during a midterm election year. Seniors felt confident in their critical thinking abilities, their global awareness, and aspired to be active agents of change after college. Though many students expressed that their senior year challenged their mental well-being.

Infographic Item	Survey Question/Variable Name	Response Option(s) Selected
WITH A HEIGHTENED POLITICAL CLIMATE, SENIORS EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS ON DIVISIVE NATIONAL ISSUES.		
31% felt federal military spending should be increased	28. Federal military spending should be increased (VIEW13)	Strongly Agree & Agree Somewhat
88% disagreed that racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	28. Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America (VIEW24)	Strongly Disagree & Disagree Somewhat
55% felt students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions	28. Students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions (VIEW28)	Strongly Agree & Agree Somewhat
STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE ENGAGED IN COMPLEX THINKING...		
64% frequently evaluated the quality or reliability of information they received	8. How often in the past year did you: Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received (MNDHAB03)	Frequently
62% felt confident in identifying what is known and not known about a problem	32. How confident are you that you can: Identify what is known and not known about a problem (SCISKILLS8)	Very, Absolutely
60% frequently sought alternative solutions to a problem	8. How often in the past year did you: Seek alternative solutions to a problem (MNDHAB08)	Frequently
... WITH A STRONG SENSE OF GLOBAL AWARENESS...		
34% studied abroad	16. Since entering college, have you: Participated in: Study abroad (COLACT11)	Yes
81% felt their institution contributed	19. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements. This institution	

to their understanding of global issues	has contributed to my: Contribution: Understanding of global issues (CONTRIB03)	Agree, Strongly Agree
55% felt their institution helped their foreign language ability	19. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements. This institution has contributed to my: Contribution: Foreign language ability (CONTRIB08)	Agree, Strongly Agree
... AND A COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL CHANGE AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.		
50% felt working for social change is critical in their career path	35. When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations: Career Concern: Working for social change (CARCON11)	Very Important, Essential
65% are committed to adopting "green" practices to protect the environment	25. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Adopting "green" practices to protect the environment (GOAL25)	Very Important, Essential
29% have a strong desire to influence the political structure	25. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following: Influencing the political structure (GOAL16)	Very Important, Essential
DURING THEIR SENIOR YEAR, MANY STRUGGLED WITH MENTAL HEALTH...		
48% frequently felt overwhelmed	23. In the past year, how often have you: Felt overwhelmed by all I had to do (GENACT19)	Frequently
42% frequently felt anxious	23. In the past year, how often have you: Felt anxious (GENACT41)	Frequently
19% frequently felt depressed	23. In the past year, how often have you: Felt depressed (GENACT15)	Frequently
38% sought personal counseling in the last year	23. In the past year, how often have you: Sought personal counseling (GENACT31)	Frequently & Occasionally
... AND COULD USE MORE INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT.		
50% felt satisfied with student health services	20. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area: Student health services (SATIS20)	Satisfied, Very Satisfied
49% felt satisfied with student psychological services	20. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area: Student health services (SATIS15)	Satisfied, Very Satisfied

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