



GRADUATES AS THINKERS



National results are shown in NAVY |

results are shown in GRAY

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.

WITH A HEIGHTENED POLITICAL CLIMATE, SENIORS EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS ON DIVISIVE NATIONAL ISSUES.

31% | felt federal military spending should be increased

88% | disagreed that racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America

55% | felt students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions



STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE ENGAGED IN COMPLEX THINKING...

64% | frequently evaluated the quality or reliability of information they received

62% | felt confident in identifying what is known and not known about a problem

60% | frequently sought alternative solutions to a problem

... WITH A STRONG SENSE OF GLOBAL AWARENESS...

34% | studied abroad

81% | felt their institution contributed to their understanding of global issues

55% | felt their institution helped their foreign language ability

... AND A COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL CHANGE AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

50% | felt working for social change is critical in their career path

65% | are committed to adopting "green" practices to protect the environment

29% | have a strong desire to influence the political structure

DURING THEIR SENIOR YEAR, MANY STRUGGLED WITH MENTAL HEALTH...

48% | frequently felt overwhelmed

42% | frequently felt anxious

19% | frequently felt depressed

38% | sought personal counseling in the last year

... AND COULD USE MORE INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT.

50% | felt satisfied with student health services



49% | felt satisfied with student psychological services



The College Senior Survey is designed as an exit survey for graduating seniors. The CSS focuses on a broad range of college outcomes and post-college goals and plans.

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