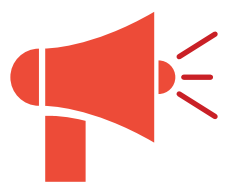


2015 FRESHMEN

As this year's freshman class entered college, community issues and politics weighed heavily on their minds. With 2016 presidential campaigns beginning to gain steam, freshmen expressed their commitment to political engagement and their views on the political landscape.

Freshmen are engaged politically and in their community.



33%
Expect to participate in student protests or demonstrations while in college



75%
Feel it's important to help others in difficulty



40%
Believe being a community leader matters



59%
Want to improve their understanding of other countries and cultures

Which may relate to their stance on key social policy issues.



34%
Identify as liberal or far left



81%
Endorse the right of same-sex couples to marry



56%
Believe marijuana should be legalized



64%
Support the legal status of abortion



7%
Identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, or other



Agnostic
Atheist
None

30%
Identify as agnostic, atheist or not affiliated with any religion

Students use a variety of sources to fund their first year of college.



27%
Rely on Pell grants



52%
Utilize merit-based grants or scholarships

54%
Have taken out loans



65%
Express concerns about financing their education

Many students' college choice was influenced by graduates' success

Students rely on multiple sources to supplement their learning...



17%
Had special tutoring or remedial work in math



28%
Anticipate needing tutoring or remedial work in math



83%
Learned something on their own via an online course



6%
Participated in a summer bridge program



48%
Expect to seek personal counseling



38%
Considered graduates' admission to top graduate/professional schools



60%
Considered graduates' job placement



Information about students entering college helps enrollment planning, retention efforts, and provides a baseline for understanding college effectiveness. Register for the CIRP Freshman Survey at www.cirpsurveys.org. The 2015 CIRP Freshman Survey report is available as a free download at www.heri.ucla.edu/tfsPublications

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