PERSPECTIVES FROM ERESHMEN

Members of the 2019 freshman class strive for academic success, are concerned with the global environment, and have weighed in on issues impacting the sociopolitical climate.

In high school, they engaged in behaviors that serve as the foundation for lifelong learning.



60% frequently supported their opinions with logical



57% frequently accepted mistakes as part of the learning process



frequently evaluated the quality or reliability of information they received

Though they are focused on accomplishing their goals, they also demonstrate their interest in impacting others along the way.



41% believe that helping others in difficulty is an essential



consider it an essential goal to help promote racial understanding



16% believe becoming a community leader is an essential goal

Students' views on the sociopolitical climate are of great importance...



Political Views 2% Far right 18% Conservative 44% Middle-of-the-road 32% Liberal 5% Far left



strongly agree that members from the LGBTQ+ community should have the legal right to adopt a child

56% strongly agree that addressing global climate change should be a federal priority

strongly agree that the U.S. government should create a clearer path to citizenship for

undocumented immigrants

28% strongly agree that wealthy people should pay a larger

share of taxes than they do now

...and are associated with aspirations to be politically and socially active during college.



participate in volunteer or community service work



report a very good chance that they will vote in a local, state, or national election



anticipate at least some chance they will participate in student protests or demonstrations



report at least some chance they will participate in studen government

Though students strive to challenge themselves throughout their undergraduate years, institutions should consider the support they will need to guide them through this process.



anticipate at least some chance they will get tutoring



believe there is at least some chance they will seek personal counseling



have major concerns about financing their college education



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