

FSU IGC SURVEY**WAVE 1****TOPLINE**

The study was conducted on behalf of Florida State University's Institute for Governance and Civics using the SSRS Probability-Based Opinion Panel. Interviews were collected via web from May 21 to June 3, 2025 among a total of 1,004 respondents age 18 or older. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.4% at the 95% confidence level. All percentages displayed in this topline are weighted. All N sizes are unweighted. Question text noted in parentheses was rotated or randomized. Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*). More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting www.ssrs.com

[I. CIVIC KNOWLEDGE]

Here are a few questions about the government of the United States. Please answer each as best you can. If you don't know the answer, just indicate this and move on.

1. What document is the supreme law of the land in the United States?

	N = 1,004 %
The Constitution	85
The Bill of Rights	2
The Declaration of Independence	3
Other	5
Don't know	3
Refused	3

OF CORRECT RESPONSES

	N = 1,004 %
Incorrect	15
Correct	85

2. What is one of the rights or freedoms listed in the First Amendment to the Constitution?

	N = 1,004 %
Freedom of speech	71
Freedom of religion	11
Freedom of the press	2
Freedom of assembly	1
Right to petition the government	1
Right to bear arms	6
Other	4
Don't know	2
Refused	2

OF CORRECT RESPONSES

	N = 1,004 %
Incorrect	9
Correct	91

3. What are the branches of the federal government?

	N = 1,004 %
3 correct	78
2 correct	7
1 correct	5
0 correct	3
Don't know	3
Refused	4

OF CORRECT RESPONSES

	N = 1,004 %
Any correct	90
All 3 correct	78
2 correct	7
1 correct	5
None correct	10

4. Which branch or part of the federal government writes and passes federal statutes?

	N = 1,004 %
Executive branch	4
Judicial branch	6
Legislative branch	78
One chamber only	5
Other	2
Don't know	4
Refused	2

OF CORRECT RESPONSES

	N = 1,004 %
Incorrect	22
Correct	78

5. In the US Constitution, what is the most important factor that stops one branch of the federal government from becoming too powerful?

	N = 1,004 %
Separation of powers	85
The First Amendment	10
The oath of office	3
Federalism	2
Web blank	-

OF CORRECT RESPONSES

	N = 1,004 %
Incorrect	15
Correct	85

6. Why do some states have more US Representatives than other states?

	N = 1,004 %
Because those states with more Representatives have a larger population	91
Because those states with more Representatives are controlled by the president's party	3
Because those states with more Representatives have more senators	3
Because those states with more Representatives were among the original 13 colonies	3
Web blank	-

OF CORRECT RESPONSES

	N = 1,004 %
Incorrect	9
Correct	91

7. Who is the “Father” of our country?

	N = 1,004 %
George Washington	95
Alexander Hamilton	1
Benjamin Franklin	3
James Madison	1
Web blank	-

OF CORRECT RESPONSES

	N = 1,004 %
Incorrect	5
Correct	95

8. Who wrote the Emancipation Proclamation?

	N = 1,004 %
Abraham Lincoln	92
George Washington	5
Martin Luther King, Jr.	2
Malcolm X	1
Web blank	-

OF CORRECT RESPONSES

	N = 1,004 %
Incorrect	8
Correct	92

[II. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT]

12. In the last 30 days, roughly how many times have you done each of the following? (N = 1,004) %

	Once a week or more (NET)	More than once a week	About once a week	A couple of times or less (NET)	A couple of times	Once	None	Web blank
12_1. Met with friends who are not in your family for a meal at their home or yours	14	6	8	86	18	18	50	-
12_2. Gone out to a meal with friends who are not in your family for a social occasion (not for work)	18	5	13	82	24	18	39	-
12_3. Gone to a public event outside your home for recreation, like a fair, farmers market, or convention	20	7	14	80	26	20	34	-
12_4. Had a conversation of longer than five minutes with a stranger	27	15	12	73	32	17	24	-

13. When it comes to people who are of the **opposite political party or political disposition from you**, would you be willing to...? (N = 1,004) %

	Yes (NET)	Yes, I am willing to do this	Yes, although I would prefer not to	No, I am not willing to do this	Web blank
13_1. Have them marry a member of your family	86	52	33	14	-
13_2. Sell them something	91	80	11	9	-
13_3. Buy something from them	90	73	17	10	-
13_4. Send members of your family to school with them	91	72	19	9	-
13_5. Have them teach members of your family at school	84	52	32	16	-
13_6. Engage in a social or recreational activity with them	93	73	20	7	-
13_7. Date them	70	41	29	30	*

14. When it comes to **ex felons**, would you be willing to...? (N = 1,004) %

	Yes (NET)	Yes, I am willing to do this	Yes, although I would prefer not to	No, I am not willing to do this	Web blank
14_1. Have them marry a member of your family	64	26	39	36	*
14_2. Sell them something	85	70	15	14	*
14_3. Buy something from them	82	60	22	18	*
14_4. Send members of your family to school with them	70	38	32	30	*
14_5. Have them teach members of your family at school	64	31	33	36	*
14_6. Engage in a social or recreational activity with them	82	54	29	18	*
14_7. Date them	51	22	29	49	*

15. When it comes to someone who believes **the Earth is flat**, would you be willing to...? (N = 1,004) %

	Yes (NET)	Yes, I am willing to do this	Yes, although I would prefer not to	No, I am not willing to do this	Web blank
15_1. Have them marry a member of your family	56	24	33	44	-
15_2. Sell them something	83	70	13	17	-
15_3. Buy something from them	79	61	18	21	-
15_4. Send members of your family to school with them	70	40	30	30	-
15_5. Have them teach members of your family at school	38	17	21	62	-
15_6. Engage in a social or recreational activity with them	77	49	28	23	-
15_7. Date them	40	19	21	60	*

[III. JOB APPROVAL & PARTISANSHIP]

16. Do you **(DISAPPROVE)** OR **(APPROVE)** of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

	N = 1,004 %
Disapprove (NET)	56
Strongly disapprove	41
Somewhat disapprove	15
Approve (NET)	44
Somewhat approve	24
Strongly approve	20
Web blank	*

17. Do you **(DISAPPROVE)** OR **(APPROVE)** of the job the US Supreme Court is doing?

	N = 1,004 %
Disapprove (NET)	52
Strongly disapprove	16
Somewhat disapprove	36
Approve (NET)	48
Somewhat approve	40
Strongly approve	8
Web blank	*

18. When do you believe is the appropriate time to impeach and remove a federal judge?

	N = 1,004 %
When that judge stands in the way of the president	2
When that judge has made a handful of decisions the majority of the country dislikes	7
When that judge has made a long series of decisions the majority of the country dislikes	13
When that judge has broken the law	78
Web blank	-

[IV. EDUCATION ISSUES]

Now, turning to the topic of education in America today...

19. Do you presently have K-12 school age children in your home who are under your care?

	N = 1,004 %
Yes	30
No	70
Web blank	-

(Asked of total who have K-12 school age children)

20. Do the children in your home attend...?

	N = 296 %
Public district schools	75
Public charter schools	7
Private schools	6
Home school	6
A mix of public, charter, private or home schooling	5
Web blank	-

19/20. Combo Table

	N = 1,004 %
Have K-12 school age children	30
Children attend public district schools	22
Children attend public charter schools	2
Children attend private schools	2
Children attend home school	2
Children attend a mix of public, charter, private or home schooling	2
Do not have K-12 school age children	70

21. How much do you trust public K-12 schools to provide students with a fair and balanced education?

	N = 1,004 %
Trust (NET)	69
Trust completely	19
Trust somewhat	50
Distrust (NET)	31
Distrust somewhat	23
Distrust completely	8
Web blank	-

22. Here's a list of changes that could be made in public K-12 education. Please indicate whether you think each change would make public K-12 education (WORSE) or (BETTER) or ABOUT THE SAME/MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. (N = 1,004) %

	Worse	Better	About the same/makes no difference	Web blank
22_1. Requiring students to study great texts of Western civilization	6	45	48	-
22_2. Requiring civics programs that include learning about the U.S. constitution	3	77	20	-
22_3. Giving parents more control over where to send their kids to school	15	57	29	-
22_4. Providing parents with more detailed information about their students' curricula	4	74	22	-
22_5. Showing students how to engage in political activism	28	41	31	-

(Asked of one third of total respondents)

23. Do you support or oppose President Trump's plan to close the U.S. Department of Education?

	N = 334 %
Support	35
Oppose	64
Web blank	*

(Asked of one third of total respondents)

24. Do you support or oppose closing the U.S. Department of Education?

	N = 335 %
Support	31
Oppose	69
Web blank	-

(Asked of one third of total respondents)

25. Do you support or oppose transferring core responsibilities of the U.S. Department of Education to other agencies and then closing the U.S. Department of Education?

	N = 335 %
Support	36
Oppose	64
Web blank	*

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

26. Do you support or oppose removing federal funding from universities that allowed lengthy pro-Palestinian protests?

	N = 502 %
Support	39
Oppose	61
Web blank	*

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

27. Do you support or oppose removing federal funding from universities that allowed lengthy pro-Palestinian protests where Jewish students felt threatened?

	N = 502 %
Support	42
Oppose	58
Web blank	-

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

28. Do you support or oppose allowing parents to opt their children out of public school lessons that conflict with their religious beliefs?

	N = 502 %
Support	61
Oppose	39
Web blank	-

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

29. Do you support or oppose allowing parents to opt their children out of public school lessons focused on gender identity that conflict with their religious beliefs?

	N = 502 %
Support	62
Oppose	38
Web blank	-

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

30. Do you support or oppose prohibiting and removing certain books from public **elementary** school **libraries** if they offend some parents?

	N = 502 %
Support	31
Oppose	69
Web blank	-

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

31. Do you support or oppose prohibiting and removing certain books from public **elementary** school **classrooms** if they offend some parents?

	N = 502 %
Support	31
Oppose	69
Web blank	-

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

32. Do you support or oppose prohibiting and removing certain books from public **high school libraries** if they offend some parents?

	N = 502 %
Support	24
Oppose	76
Web blank	-

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

33. Do you support or oppose prohibiting and removing certain books from public **high school classrooms** if they offend some parents?

	N = 502 %
Support	25
Oppose	75
Web blank	-

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

34. Do you support or oppose prohibiting and removing books from public **elementary** schools that contain **transgender characters or storylines**?

	N = 502 %
Support	53
Oppose	47
Web blank	-

(Asked of one half of total respondents)

35. Do you support or oppose prohibiting and removing books from public **high school** that contain **transgender characters or storylines**?

	N = 502 %
Support	40
Oppose	60
Web blank	-

[V. DEMOGRAPHICS]

36. Regardless of how you voted or did not vote in the last election, in politics today, do you usually think of yourself as (LIBERAL) (MODERATE), or (CONSERVATIVE) in your political beliefs?

	N = 1,004 %
Conservative (NET)	34
Very Conservative	10
Somewhat Conservative	24
Moderate	29
Liberal (NET)	24
Somewhat Liberal	16
Very Liberal	7
Progressive	4
Another Ideology	2
Don't know	7
Web blank	-

37. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as...?

	N = 1,004 %
A Republican	29
A Democrat	31
An Independent	31
Something else (no specify)	9
Web blank	-

(Asked of total who are Independents, something else, or refused party)

38. As of today, do you lean more to the (Republican Party) or the (Democratic Party)?

	N = 379 %
Republican Party	42
Democratic Party	56
Refuse to Lean	1

37/38. Party Lean Table

	N = 1,004 %
Republican	29
Lean Republican	17
Independent	1
Democrat	31
Lean Democrat	22

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	N = 1,004 %
18-24	11
25-34	17
35-44	17
45-54	15
55-64	16
65-74	23
Don't know/refused/prefer not to answer	*