



INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNANCE & CIVICS

Institute for Governance and Civics (IGC) – Wave 2 Cross-Sectional Survey

Survey conducted by SSRS • September 17–23, 2025 • n=1,447 American adults

Percentages weighted; valid denominator unless noted.

When there is a conflict between freedom of expression and the goal of promoting social harmony, which is more important?

Variable:

Label	Total	Gender		Age (years)	
		Male	Female	18–29	30–49
Agree	37%	35%	38%	38%	38%
Neither	20%	20%	20%	25%	22%
Disagree	43%	45%	42%	37%	40%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	1447	702	714	215	512

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Some forms of speech can be as damaging as physical violence

Variable:

Label	Total	Gender		Age (years)	
		Male	Female	18–29	30–49
Agree	59%	55%	64%	51%	56%
Neither	10%	9%	10%	13%	10%
Disagree	27%	33%	22%	30%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Using physical violence is sometimes justified to stop a person from engaging in

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		Male	Female	18-29	30-49
Agree	11%	10%	11%	19%	13%
Neither	7%	6%	8%	9%	8%
Disagree	76%	80%	74%	62%	73%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	1446	702	713	215	512

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ssstabs (General Population)

can adults (including oversample of 252 Florida residents)

ng social harmony and inclusivity, freedom of expression should sometimes b

4-cat)		Race/Ethnicity (4-cat)				Party (3-cat)		
		White Non- Hispani c	Black Non- Hispani c	Hispanic	Other	Democrat	Independent/	Republican
50-64	65+							
36%	35%	36%	31%	37%	44%	37%	35%	39%
21%	11%	18%	27%	22%	22%	17%	23%	20%
44%	53%	46%	42%	41%	34%	46%	43%	42%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
344	375	937	171	218	98	416	570	461

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harmful public speech

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50-64	65+	White Non- Hispanic	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Other	Democrat	Independent/	Republican
7%	5%	8%	9%	17%	22%	13%	11%	9%
7%	3%	6%	6%	10%	9%	7%	7%	6%
80%	89%	82%	73%	65%	67%	73%	76%	80%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Ideology (3-cat)			Household Income (3-cat)			College Degree		Par
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Liberal	Moderate	conservati	< \$50k	\$50k-100	\$100k+			Yes
41%	34%	37%	38%	39%	33%	38%	35%	37%
13%	23%	21%	23%	17%	19%	23%	15%	24%
46%	43%	41%	39%	43%	49%	39%	50%	39%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
346	606	494	577	439	421	966	469	369

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Liberal	Moderate	conservati	< \$50k	\$50k-100	\$100k+			Yes
16%	10%	8%	15%	9%	9%	12%	9%	10%
8%	7%	6%	7%	5%	9%	7%	6%	9%
70%	77%	80%	70%	80%	79%	74%	81%	76%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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ent	Region			
No	North East	South Cent	South	West
37%	39%	37%	34%	38%
19%	17%	21%	21%	20%
45%	43%	41%	45%	42%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
1072	235	273	674	264

ent	Region			
No	North East	South Cent	South	West
60%	58%	61%	60%	58%
11%	10%	9%	9%	12%
25%	27%	27%	26%	28%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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6%	7%	7%	5%	10%
76%	77%	76%	77%	74%
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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