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The 13th Biannual Youth Survey on Politics and Public Service
Field Dates: October 28th – November 9th, 2007
Master Questionnaire; N=2,526 18-24 Year Olds

Note: Results are reported by total 18-24 population sampled; and sub-samples. See final page for details.

1. With regard to school, are you currently enrolled at any of the following? Please select all that apply

	<u>Total</u>
High School	12%
Trade/Vocational School	3%
Business or professional school.....	2%
2-year or junior college or community college.....	8%
4-year college or university	27%
Graduate school	5%
Not enrolled in a college or university, but taking at least one course.....	2%
Not currently enrolled in any of these	42%

2. (If 4-year College or University, Ask) In what year of college are you?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
First year student/Freshman	24%	22%	30%
Second year student/Sophomore	27%	21%	51%
Third year student/Junior.....	21%	22%	14%
Fourth year student/Senior	20%	24%	4%
Fifth year or higher	9%	11%	1%

3. We understand that plenty of young people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	69%	77%	67%
No	27%	20%	30%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%

4. In the last few months, have you seen voter registration materials at work, in your community, or in your school?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	33%	45%	29%
No	60%	48%	65%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%

5. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated? (If Republican or Democrat ask: Would you call yourself a strong Democrat/Republican) (If Independent ask: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or Republican party?)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Democrat.....	35%	36%	35%
Strong Democrat.....	15%	18%	14%
Not a very strong Democrat	20%	18%	21%
NET: Republican.....	25%	27%	24%
Strong Republican	11%	11%	11%
Not a very strong Republican.....	14%	16%	13%
NET: Independent.....	40%	36%	41%
Lean Democrat	14%	14%	13%
Lean Republican.....	5%	4%	5%
Neither Party.....	21%	18%	23%

6. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a liberal, moderate or conservative? (If moderate ask: as a moderate, which way do you lean?)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Liberal	32%	34%	31%
Moderate leaning liberal.....	14%	18%	13%
Moderate.....	21%	17%	23%
Moderate leaning conservative.....	12%	12%	12%
Conservative.....	21%	19%	22%

7. In 2008, there will be primary and general elections for President. How likely is it that you will vote in one of the presidential primaries or caucuses next year?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Will be voting.....	60%	64%	58%
Definitely will be voting.....	41%	40%	41%
Probably will be voting	19%	24%	17%
50-50.....	20%	19%	21%
NET: Won't be voting.....	21%	17%	21%
Probably won't be voting	13%	11%	13%
Definitely won't be voting.....	8%	6%	8%

8. How likely is it that you will vote in the general election for President next year?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Will be voting	77%	85%	74%
Definitely will be voting.....	61%	67%	58%
Probably will be voting	16%	18%	16%
50-50.....	13%	10%	14%
NET: Won't be voting	11%	5%	12%
Probably won't be voting	5%	2%	6%
Definitely won't be voting.....	6%	3%	6%

9. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	35%	38%	34%
No	65%	62%	66%

10. Overall, how closely do you follow news about national politics?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Closely	60%	61%	60%
Very closely.....	13%	14%	13%
Somewhat closely.....	47%	47%	47%
NET: Not closely	40%	40%	39%
Not very closely.....	30%	31%	29%
Not at all closely.....	10%	9%	10%

11. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Generally headed in the right direction	15%	16%	15%
Off on the wrong track	61%	63%	60%
Not sure	24%	22%	25%

12. Most important issue: Thinking about national issues for a moment, which two issues concern you most?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
<u>Net: War in Iraq</u>	<u>37%</u>	<u>37%</u>	<u>38%</u>
War in Iraq	18%	18%	18%
(The) War.....	15%	13%	16%
Iraq/Saddam Hussein	4%	6%	4%
Health care.....	10%	9%	10%
<u>Net: Foreign Policy (Non-Iraq)</u>	<u>7%</u>	<u>7%</u>	<u>7%</u>
Foreign policy (non-specific).....	3%	3%	3%
War on terrorism.....	2%	2%	2%
Terrorism.....	1%	1%	1%
Middle East (excluding Iraq)	1%	*	1%
<u>Net: Social Issues</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>5%</u>
Abortion	2%	3%	1%
Same sex rights/marriage.....	1%	2%	1%
Human/Civil/Women's rights	1%	2%	1%
Moral values.....	*	1%	*
Family values (decline of)	*	1%	-
Domestic/Social issues (non-specific)	1%	1%	1%
Environment	5%	6%	5%
Education.....	5%	6%	5%
<u>Net: Economy</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>6%</u>
Economy (non-specific).....	4%	4%	4%
Employment/Jobs.....	1%	*	1%
Inflation.....	*	-	1%
Immigration	3%	3%	3%
Social Security.....	2%	2%	2%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%
National security.....	2%	2%	2%
Rising gas/oil prices	2%	*	2%
First other mention	2%	2%	2%
No issue/No other issue.....	4%	2%	5%
Other	8%	14%	6%

13. Second most important issue: Thinking about national issues for a moment, which two issues concern you most?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Net: Health Care	14%	15%	13%
Health care	13%	14%	13%
Medical research	1%	1%	*
Net: Economy	12%	9%	14%
Economy (non-specific)	11%	9%	12%
Employment/Jobs	1%	*	2%
Net: War in Iraq	11%	10%	12%
War in Iraq	5%	6%	5%
(The) War	4%	3%	5%
Iraq/Saddam Hussein	2%	1%	2%
Social Issues	10%	11%	9%
Domestic/Social issues (non-specific)	1%	1%	1%
Religion (lack of, decline of)	1%	1%	1%
Separation of church and state	1%	*	1%
Abortion	3%	4%	2%
Same sex rights/marriage	2%	3%	2%
Education	5%	7%	5%
Environment	5%	7%	4%
Immigration	5%	4%	5%
Rising gas/oil prices	4%	1%	5%
Social Security	4%	3%	4%
Net: Foreign Policy (Non-Iraq)	4%	5%	3%
Foreign policy (non-specific)	2%	3%	1%
Iran	1%	1%	1%
War on terrorism	1%	1%	1%
Taxes	3%	3%	3%
Human/Civil/Women's rights	2%	1%	2%
Budget/Government spending	2%	2%	2%
Other	10%	11%	9%
No issue/No other issue	4%	2%	5%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%

14. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Approve	28%	30%	28%
Disapprove.....	72%	70%	72%

15. In some states, Independent voters can vote in Democratic and Republican primaries or caucuses. If you were to vote in a presidential primary or caucus today, would you vote for a Democratic or Republican candidate? (n=855)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Democratic candidate	31%	34%	31%
Republican candidate.....	14%	13%	14%
Not sure	55%	53%	55%

16a. First choice candidate: Below is a list of candidates. Which candidates would be your first and second choices for President in 2008? (n=1161)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Barack Obama	38%	44%	36%
Hillary Clinton.....	33%	23%	37%
John Edwards.....	7%	9%	6%
Dennis Kucinich	3%	4%	3%
Bill Richardson.....	1%	1%	1%
Joe Biden	1%	1%	1%
Mike Gravel.....	*	*	*
Chris Dodd.....	*	*	*
Other	3%	1%	4%
Undecided.....	13%	16%	11%

16b. Second choice candidate: Below is a list of candidates. Which candidates would be your first and second choices for President in 2008? (n=1161)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Hillary Clinton.....	30%	32%	30%
Barack Obama	25%	21%	27%
John Edwards.....	10%	11%	10%
Joe Biden	2%	2%	2%
Dennis Kucinich	2%	3%	1%
Bill Richardson.....	2%	2%	2%
Chris Dodd.....	1%	1%	1%
Mike Gravel.....	1%	1%	1%
Other	4%	3%	5%
Undecided.....	23%	25%	22%

- 17a. First choice candidate: Below is a list of candidates. Which candidates would be your first and second choices for President in 2008? (n=742)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Rudy Giuliani	26%	26%	25%
John McCain.....	15%	14%	15%
Fred Thompson.....	9%	10%	9%
Mitt Romney.....	6%	7%	6%
Ron Paul	6%	5%	6%
Mike Huckabee.....	4%	5%	3%
Tom Tancredo	2%	2%	2%
Duncan Hunter.....	1%	2%	1%
Other	3%	3%	3%
Undecided.....	30%	28%	31%

- 17b. Second choice candidate: Below is a list of candidates. Which candidates would be your first and second choices for President in 2008? (n=742)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Rudy Giuliani	13%	18%	11%
John McCain.....	9%	14%	7%
Fred Thompson.....	8%	4%	9%
Mitt Romney.....	7%	7%	7%
Mike Huckabee.....	5%	6%	5%
Duncan Hunter.....	3%	2%	4%
Ron Paul	2%	3%	2%
Tom Tancredo	2%	2%	2%
Other	3%	2%	4%
Undecided.....	47%	42%	49%

If the campaign that you supported provided an opportunity for you to engage in some way, how likely would you be to participate in these activities?

18. Volunteer for the campaign:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely.....	35%	38%	35%
Very likely	11%	10%	12%
Somewhat likely	24%	28%	23%
NET: Not likely.....	65%	63%	66%
Not very likely	28%	29%	28%
Not at all likely	37%	34%	38%

19. Donate \$9.99 or less on your cell phone to the campaign:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely.....	11%	7%	13%
Very likely	4%	1%	5%
Somewhat likely	7%	6%	8%
NET: Not likely.....	89%	93%	88%
Not very likely	25%	27%	25%
Not at all likely	64%	66%	63%

20. Attend a rally or event for the candidate:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely.....	49%	54%	47%
Very likely	15%	19%	13%
Somewhat likely	34%	35%	34%
NET: Not likely.....	51%	46%	53%
Not very likely	23%	25%	22%
Not at all likely	28%	21%	31%

21. Display a sticker on your car/sign on your door/lawn for the candidate:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely.....	50%	45%	52%
Very likely	20%	19%	20%
Somewhat likely	30%	26%	32%
NET: Not likely.....	51%	56%	49%
Not very likely	20%	24%	19%
Not at all likely	31%	32%	30%

22. Join an online group (MySpace, Facebook, etc.) supporting the candidate:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely	59%	64%	56%
Very likely	27%	31%	25%
Somewhat likely	32%	33%	31%
NET: Not likely	42%	37%	44%
Not very likely	16%	14%	17%
Not at all likely	26%	23%	27%

23. Start a group on campus supporting the candidate:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely	19%	15%	26%
Very likely	6%	3%	11%
Somewhat likely	13%	12%	15%
NET: Not likely	81%	85%	74%
Not very likely	33%	39%	23%
Not at all likely	48%	46%	51%

24. Wear a bracelet from the campaign:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely	48%	50%	47%
Very likely	17%	17%	17%
Somewhat likely	31%	33%	30%
NET: Not likely	52%	50%	53%
Not very likely	21%	22%	21%
Not at all likely	31%	28%	32%

25. Download a ringtone from the campaign:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely	13%	9%	15%
Very likely	4%	3%	5%
Somewhat likely	9%	6%	10%
NET: Not likely	87%	91%	85%
Not very likely	23%	26%	21%
Not at all likely	64%	65%	64%

26. Donate money on the campaign's website:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely	19%	18%	21%
Very likely	5%	5%	6%
Somewhat likely	14%	13%	15%
NET: Not likely	80%	83%	79%
Not very likely	30%	30%	30%
Not at all likely	50%	53%	49%

27. Spread the campaign's message to your friends/family:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely	60%	63%	59%
Very likely	27%	25%	28%
Somewhat likely	33%	38%	31%
NET: Not likely	40%	37%	41%
Not very likely	17%	17%	17%
Not at all likely	23%	20%	24%

28a. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of candidates for the Republican nomination for president this year? (n=534)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Satisfied	64%	61%	66%
Very satisfied.....	13%	9%	15%
Somewhat satisfied.....	51%	52%	51%
NET: Dissatisfied	36%	39%	35%
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	29%	33%	27%
Very dissatisfied.....	7%	6%	8%

28b. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of candidates for the Democratic nomination for president this year? (n=1032)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Satisfied	82%	81%	82%
Very satisfied.....	26%	22%	27%
Somewhat satisfied.....	56%	59%	55%
NET: Dissatisfied	19%	18%	18%
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	14%	16%	13%
Very dissatisfied.....	5%	2%	5%

29. Recently some of the presidential candidates have debated regarding U.S. policy toward meeting with rogue nations like Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba and North Korea during the next President's first year in office. Some candidates believe that it would be "irresponsible and naïve" for the next President to meet with leaders from hostile or rogue nations before their intentions were known. Other candidates believe that "we must have the strength and courage" to meet with leaders of rogue nations and would do so without conditions. Which of the following comes closest to your own view?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
The President should meet with these leaders without conditions.....	46%	50%	45%
The President should not meet with these leaders before their intentions are known	24%	23%	24%
Not sure	30%	27%	31%

30. Which do you think would be better for the country?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Having one health insurance program covering all Americans that would be administrated by the government and paid for by taxpayers	50%	52%	49%
Keeping the current system where many people get their insurance from private employers and some have no insurance.....	25%	26%	24%
Not sure	25%	22%	27%

When considering your own political party affiliation, how important are the following factors?

31. Economic policy:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Important.....	94%	94%	95%
Very important.....	57%	58%	57%
Somewhat important.....	37%	36%	38%
NET: Not important.....	6%	7%	6%
Not very important	4%	5%	4%
Not at all important.....	2%	2%	2%

32. Social policy:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Important	88%	90%	87%
Very important.....	47%	53%	45%
Somewhat important.....	41%	37%	42%
NET: Not important.....	13%	11%	13%
Not very important	10%	8%	10%
Not at all important.....	3%	3%	3%

33. Domestic policy:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Important.....	94%	93%	95%
Very important.....	55%	60%	53%
Somewhat important.....	39%	33%	42%
NET: Not important.....	6%	7%	6%
Not very important	5%	5%	5%
Not at all important.....	1%	2%	1%

34. Foreign policy:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Important	88%	90%	88%
Very important.....	47%	50%	46%
Somewhat important.....	41%	40%	42%
NET: Not important.....	11%	10%	12%
Not very important	9%	8%	10%
Not at all important.....	2%	2%	2%

35. In the future, do you expect to remain affiliated with the same political party or to change your political affiliation? (n=1514)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
To remain affiliated with the same political party.....	70%	74%	69%
To change your political affiliation.....	5%	2%	6%
Not sure	25%	24%	25%

36. In your view, do the Republican and Democratic parties do an adequate job of representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third party is needed?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Do an adequate job of representing the American people.....	31%	33%	29%
Do such a poor job that a third major party is needed	37%	37%	37%
Not sure	33%	30%	34%

37. Generally, do you feel like you have enough time to be involved in activities other than schoolwork or a job?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes, have enough time	50%	52%	50%
No, do not have enough time.....	50%	48%	50%

Have you participated in any of the following activities in the past 12 months?

38. Volunteered for community service:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes, I have participated	48%	62%	43%
No, I have not participated	52%	38%	57%

39. Participated in a government, political, or issue-related organization:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes, I have participated	17%	24%	15%
No, I have not participated	83%	76%	85%

40. Volunteered for community service:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Weekly.....	13%	14%	13%
A few times a month.....	19%	16%	20%
About once a month.....	25%	26%	24%
Less than once a month	44%	44%	43%

41. Participated in a government, political, or issue-related organization:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Weekly.....	12%	14%	11%
A few times a month.....	12%	15%	11%
About once a month.....	21%	23%	19%
Less than once a month	55%	48%	59%

We would now like to ask you some questions about your participation in various activities. Have you ever done any of the following?

42. Volunteered on a political campaign for a candidate or an issue:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes	12%	13%	12%
No	88%	87%	88%

43. Attended a political rally or demonstration:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	21%	26%	19%
No	79%	74%	81%

44. Donated money to a political campaign or cause:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	15%	15%	14%
No	86%	85%	86%

45. Written an email or letter advocating for a political position or opinion:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	28%	30%	27%
No	73%	70%	73%

46. Signed an online petition:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes	50%	58%	48%
No	50%	42%	53%

47. Contributed to an online discussion or blog advocating for a political position or opinion:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	23%	25%	22%
No	78%	75%	78%

48. Imagine that a friend or peer suggests attending a political rally or demonstration. Assuming you have some free time and you agree with the issue, how likely would you be to agree to attend?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely	58%	65%	55%
Very likely	17%	21%	15%
Somewhat likely	41%	44%	40%
NET: Not likely	42%	36%	45%
Not very likely	24%	21%	25%
Not at all likely	18%	15%	20%

49. Imagine that a friend or peer suggests volunteering on a political campaign. Again, assuming you support the campaign's platform and issues, how likely would you be to agree to volunteer?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely	42%	44%	41%
Very likely	9%	9%	9%
Somewhat likely	33%	35%	32%
NET: Not likely	58%	55%	59%
Not very likely	35%	35%	36%
Not at all likely	23%	20%	23%

50. Imagine a friend or peer suggests volunteering for community service. Assuming you consider it a worthy cause, how likely would you be to agree to volunteer for community service?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Likely	76%	81%	73%
Very likely	34%	41%	31%
Somewhat likely	42%	40%	42%
NET: Not likely	25%	18%	27%
Not very likely	15%	12%	16%
Not at all likely	10%	6%	11%

How effective do you think political engagement is as a way of solving important issues facing these entities?

51. The country:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Effective	63%	68%	61%
Very effective	8%	12%	7%
Somewhat effective	55%	56%	54%
NET: Not effective	37%	33%	38%
Not very effective	29%	26%	29%
Not at all effective	8%	7%	9%

52. Your local community:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Effective	66%	73%	64%
Very effective	20%	26%	18%
Somewhat effective	46%	47%	46%
NET: Not effective	34%	26%	36%
Not very effective	25%	20%	26%
Not at all effective	9%	6%	10%

How effective do you community service is as a way of solving important issues facing these entities?

53. The country:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Effective	61%	66%	59%
Very effective	14%	13%	14%
Somewhat effective	47%	53%	45%
NET: Not effective	39%	34%	41%
Not very effective	31%	27%	32%
Not at all effective	8%	7%	9%

54. Your local community:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Effective	80%	86%	79%
Very effective	34%	38%	33%
Somewhat effective	46%	48%	46%
NET: Not effective	19%	14%	21%
Not very effective	13%	11%	14%
Not at all effective	6%	3%	7%

Switching gears, below is a short list of individuals and institutions. How often do you trust each of them to do the right thing?

55. The President:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
All of the time.....	4%	4%	4%
Most of the time.....	26%	27%	26%
Some of the time.....	46%	48%	46%
Never	23%	22%	24%

56. The United States military

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
All of the time.....	12%	11%	13%
Most of the time.....	41%	40%	41%
Some of the time.....	38%	39%	37%
Never	10%	11%	9%

57. The Congress

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
All of the time.....	3%	2%	4%
Most of the time.....	29%	33%	27%
Some of the time.....	55%	56%	55%
Never	13%	10%	15%

58. The media

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
All of the time	1%	1%	*
Most of the time.....	12%	9%	14%
Some of the time.....	50%	54%	48%
Never	37%	37%	37%

59. The Supreme Court

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
All of the time.....	9%	8%	9%
Most of the time.....	43%	49%	41%
Some of the time.....	41%	39%	41%
Never	8%	5%	9%

60. The federal government

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
All of the time.....	3%	3%	3%
Most of the time.....	28%	27%	28%
Some of the time.....	57%	60%	56%
Never	12%	10%	13%

61. The United Nations:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
All of the time.....	5%	6%	5%
Most of the time.....	37%	39%	36%
Some of the time.....	44%	45%	44%
Never	15%	11%	16%

Below is a list of statements about politics and public service. Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

62. I feel like I need more practical information about politics before I get involved:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	66%	65%	66%
Strongly Agree.....	18%	15%	19%
Somewhat Agree	48%	50%	47%
NET: Disagree.....	34%	35%	34%
Somewhat Disagree.....	24%	27%	23%
Strongly Disagree	10%	8%	11%

63. Elected officials seem to be motivated by selfish reasons:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	75%	78%	73%
Strongly Agree.....	25%	24%	25%
Somewhat Agree	50%	54%	48%
NET: Disagree.....	25%	22%	27%
Somewhat Disagree.....	21%	20%	22%
Strongly Disagree	4%	2%	5%

64. Politics is not relevant to my life right now:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	32%	29%	33%
Strongly Agree.....	7%	5%	8%
Somewhat Agree	25%	24%	25%
NET: Disagree	68%	71%	67%
Somewhat Disagree.....	40%	40%	40%
Strongly Disagree	28%	31%	27%

65. Political involvement rarely has any tangible results:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	45%	43%	46%
Strongly Agree.....	6%	3%	7%
Somewhat Agree	39%	40%	39%
NET: Disagree	55%	57%	55%
Somewhat Disagree.....	44%	46%	43%
Strongly Disagree	11%	11%	12%

66. It really doesn't matter to me who the President is:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	18%	15%	19%
Strongly Agree.....	3%	2%	3%
Somewhat Agree	15%	13%	16%
NET: Disagree	82%	85%	82%
Somewhat Disagree.....	26%	25%	27%
Strongly Disagree	56%	60%	55%

67. People like me don't have any say about what the government does:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	46%	44%	47%
Strongly Agree.....	12%	9%	13%
Somewhat Agree	34%	35%	34%
NET: Disagree	54%	56%	53%
Somewhat Disagree.....	36%	39%	35%
Strongly Disagree	18%	17%	18%

68. Running for office is an honorable thing to do:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	67%	66%	68%
Strongly Agree.....	16%	12%	17%
Somewhat Agree	51%	54%	51%
NET: Disagree	33%	34%	33%
Somewhat Disagree.....	26%	28%	26%
Strongly Disagree	7%	6%	7%

69. Community service is an honorable thing to do:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	88%	92%	86%
Strongly Agree.....	58%	68%	54%
Somewhat Agree	30%	24%	32%
NET: Disagree	12%	9%	14%
Somewhat Disagree.....	9%	7%	10%
Strongly Disagree	3%	2%	4%

70. Getting involved in politics is an honorable thing to do:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	63%	63%	63%
Strongly Agree.....	13%	11%	13%
Somewhat Agree	50%	52%	50%
NET: Disagree	37%	36%	37%
Somewhat Disagree.....	31%	31%	31%
Strongly Disagree	6%	5%	6%

71. It is difficult to find ways to be involved in politics:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	42%	40%	43%
Strongly Agree.....	6%	4%	7%
Somewhat Agree	36%	36%	36%
NET: Disagree	57%	60%	57%
Somewhat Disagree.....	42%	44%	42%
Strongly Disagree	15%	16%	15%

72. Politics has become too partisan:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	72%	77%	70%
Strongly Agree.....	26%	29%	25%
Somewhat Agree	46%	48%	45%
NET: Disagree	28%	23%	30%
Somewhat Disagree	24%	19%	26%
Strongly Disagree	4%	4%	4%

73. Elected officials don't seem to have the same priorities that I have:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Agree	71%	73%	70%
Strongly Agree.....	23%	22%	23%
Somewhat Agree	48%	51%	47%
NET: Disagree	29%	28%	30%
Somewhat Disagree	25%	25%	25%
Strongly Disagree	4%	3%	5%

Thinking about your own level of political engagement, how influential have the following groups and institutions been?

74. High school:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Influential	32%	29%	33%
Very influential.....	7%	6%	7%
Somewhat influential.....	25%	23%	26%
NET: Not influential	58%	63%	56%
Not very influential.....	28%	32%	27%
Not at all influential.....	30%	31%	29%
Not sure	10%	8%	11%

75. College:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Influential	50%	51%	48%
Very influential.....	14%	14%	12%
Somewhat influential.....	36%	37%	36%
NET: Not influential	42%	42%	44%
Not very influential.....	24%	24%	25%
Not at all influential.....	18%	18%	19%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%

76. Friends:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Influential	51%	54%	50%
Very influential.....	12%	11%	12%
Somewhat influential.....	39%	43%	38%
NET: Not influential	41%	39%	41%
Not very influential.....	26%	27%	26%
Not at all influential.....	15%	12%	15%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%

77. Religious institutions:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Influential	31%	32%	31%
Very influential.....	11%	11%	11%
Somewhat influential.....	20%	21%	20%
NET: Not influential	60%	59%	59%
Not very influential.....	23%	21%	23%
Not at all influential.....	37%	38%	36%
Not sure	10%	10%	10%

78. Family:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Influential	61%	64%	60%
Very influential.....	24%	26%	23%
Somewhat influential.....	37%	38%	37%
NET: Not influential	32%	29%	33%
Not very influential.....	19%	19%	19%
Not at all influential.....	13%	10%	14%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%

79. Media:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
NET: Influential	40%	42%	39%
Very influential.....	7%	7%	7%
Somewhat influential.....	33%	35%	32%
NET: Not influential	53%	51%	52%
Not very influential.....	31%	31%	30%
Not at all influential.....	22%	20%	22%
Not sure	8%	8%	9%

80. Now we will ask some general questions. Which one of these best describes your religious preference?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Catholic.....	23%	25%	22%
Protestant.....	16%	17%	15%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian.....	9%	7%	10%
Jewish.....	2%	2%	2%
Mormon.....	2%	2%	3%
Muslim.....	1%	*	1%
Another religion.....	12%	13%	12%
No religious preference.....	23%	23%	23%
Not sure.....	4%	3%	4%
Decline to answer.....	8%	8%	8%

81. Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian? (n=1674)
(If answered Catholic, Fundamental/Evangelical Christian, Protestant or Another religion)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	32%	30%	32%
No.....	55%	58%	54%
Not sure.....	10%	9%	11%
Decline to answer.....	3%	3%	3%

82. How important is religion in your own life?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Very important.....	39%	39%	39%
Somewhat important.....	26%	26%	26%
Not very important.....	29%	31%	28%
Not sure.....	6%	4%	6%

83. Which of these best describes your phone service at this time. Please select all that apply?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Cell phone.....	89%	93%	88%
Landline phone service.....	45%	33%	49%
VOIP.....	3%	2%	3%
None of these.....	5%	4%	5%

84. Is your college/university...? (n=884)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Public.....	72%	64%	97%
Private.....	28%	36%	3%

85. Is the college/university that you currently attend...? (n=884)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
In an urban or city area.....	50%	53%	42%
In a suburban area next to a city.....	30%	27%	40%
In a small town or rural area.....	20%	21%	18%

86. Do you attend a military college or academy? (n=884)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	*	*	1%
No.....	100%	100%	99%

87. How many undergraduate students are enrolled in your college/university? Your best estimate is fine. (n=884)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Less than 1,000.....	5%	4%	6%
1,000 - 4,999.....	29%	25%	41%
5,000 - 9,999.....	23%	22%	26%
10,000 - 19,999.....	23%	25%	14%
20,000 or more.....	21%	24%	13%

88. Where do you live while attending college? (n=884)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
At home, with my parents.....	33%	21%	71%
In an on-campus dormitory.....	29%	37%	2%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with par.....	28%	31%	20%
In fraternity/sorority housing.....	2%	2%	*
In a campus-owned apartment.....	5%	7%	1%
Somewhere else.....	3%	2%	7%

89. Are you a full-time student or a part-time student? (n=884)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Full-time student.....	88%	94%	68%
Part-time student.....	12%	6%	32%

90. To the best of your knowledge, what is the highest level of education your mother has completed or the highest degree she has received?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Less than high school	3%	1%	4%
Completed some high school.....	3%	2%	4%
High school graduate or equivalent (e.g., GED)	22%	14%	25%
Completed some college, but no degree.....	23%	24%	23%
Associate's degree	9%	10%	8%
College graduate (e.g., B.A., B.S.).....	25%	28%	23%
Completed some graduate school, but no degree	2%	3%	2%
Completed graduate school (e.g., M.S., M.D., Ph.D.)	9%	15%	6%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%

91. To the best of your knowledge, what is the highest level of education your father has completed or the highest degree he has received?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Less than high school	5%	1%	7%
Completed some high school.....	5%	3%	5%
High school graduate or equivalent (e.g., GED)	20%	15%	22%
Completed some college, but no degree.....	18%	18%	18%
Associate's degree	8%	8%	8%
College graduate (e.g., B.A., B.S.).....	20%	26%	18%
Completed some graduate school, but no degree	2%	4%	1%
Completed graduate school (e.g., M.S., M.D., Ph.D.)	12%	18%	10%
Not sure	10%	7%	10%

92. Do you own, rent, or sublease the property/dwelling in which you currently reside?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Rent.....	41%	44%	40%
Own	29%	25%	30%
Sublease.....	*	1%	*
None of the these.....	30%	30%	30%

93. Are you or have you been a member of the Armed Forces or National Guard?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	4%	3%	4%
No	96%	97%	96%

94a. Yes, member of a public employee union: Are you, or is any member of your household a union member?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
No	92%	90%	93%
Yes.....	8%	10%	7%

94b. Yes, member of a labor union: Are you, or is any member of your household a union member?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
No	88%	90%	88%
Yes.....	12%	10%	12%

94c. No, no member of my household is a member of a union: Are you, or is any member of your household a union member?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
No	18%	20%	17%
Yes.....	82%	81%	83%

95. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Yes.....	8%	3%	10%
No	92%	97%	90%

96. Gender.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Male.....	51%	45%	53%
Female	49%	55%	47%

97. Age.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
18-19.....	29%	34%	27%
20-24.....	71%	66%	73%

98. What is the highest level of education you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Less than high school	1%	-	2%
Some high school	8%	*	11%
High school or equivalent (e.g., GED).....	17%	10%	20%
Some college, but no degree.....	49%	84%	36%
College (e.g., B.A., B.S.).....	16%	2%	22%
Some graduate school, but no degree.....	3%	*	4%
Graduate school (e.g., M.S., M.D., Ph.D.)	1%	-	2%
Associate's degree.....	4%	4%	5%

99. What is your employment status?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Student.....	50%	95%	33%
Employed full-time.....	35%	8%	45%
Employed part-time.....	29%	46%	23%
Not employed, but looking for work.....	11%	4%	14%
Self employed.....	4%	2%	4%
Not employed and not looking for work	3%	3%	3%
Retired	-	*	-
Homemaker	4%	1%	6%

100. Compared to all households in your country in the year 2006, what do you think your overall total household income was?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
About average for my country.....	24%	21%	26%
Somewhat above average	15%	19%	14%
Somewhat below average	14%	11%	16%
Below average (less than one-half the average income)	11%	8%	12%
Above average (more than double the average income)	8%	9%	7%
Very much below average (less than one-third the average income).....	7%	6%	8%
Very much above average (more than triple the average income).....	2%	5%	1%
Decline to answer	18%	22%	17%

101. Which of the following income categories best describes your total household income after/before taxes?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Less than \$15,000	11%	12%	11%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8%	5%	9%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	9%	4%	11%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	8%	5%	10%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	15%	10%	16%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8%	9%	8%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	8%	10%	7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	3%	3%	3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2%	3%	1%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	1%	1%	1%
\$250,000 or more.....	2%	5%	2%
Decline to answer	27%	34%	24%

102. With which of the following racial groups do you most closely identify?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
White	62%	69%	60%
Hispanic	17%	11%	19%
Black	8%	9%	8%
African American	5%	3%	6%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3%	4%	3%
Native American or Alaskan native	*	*	*
Mixed racial background	1%	2%	1%
Other race	*	*	*
Decline to answer	2%	3%	2%
Unknown	*	*	*

103. What is your marital status?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
Single, never married	86%	94%	82%
Married	10%	3%	12%
Divorced	*	-	*
Separated	-	*	-
Living with partner	5%	3%	5%

104. Including you, how many adults (age 18 or over) live in your household?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
1	13%	12%	13%
2	30%	20%	33%
3	34%	40%	32%
4	17%	21%	15%
5	5%	4%	5%
6	1%	2%	1%
7	1%	*	1%
8	-	*	-
10	*	-	1%

105. How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Non-College</u>
0.....	63%	68%	62%
1.....	20%	20%	20%
2.....	8%	9%	8%
3.....	3%	2%	4%
4.....	1%	*	1%
5.....	*	*	*
6.....	-	*	-
7.....	-	*	-
9.....	-	-	-
Not sure	4%	1%	5%

Weighting Methodology

Since a major purpose of this research is to compare attitudinal and behavioral differences between college and non-college students, we oversampled college students to provide a significant enough base for further investigation into the college group. As a result, roughly half of those surveyed are 4-year college students (n=1,289), and half are not currently enrolled in a 4-year college (n=1,237). This 50/50 split does not reflect the actual balance of college and non-college young adults in the U.S. So, when looking at 18-24 year olds as a group, it is necessary to adjust the data from college students but weighting it down and back into proportion with what we see naturally in the US - a roughly 3:1 balance between college and non-college. In addition to this adjustment, data was weighted to reflect know population density by gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, parents' household income, and hours spent online. Again, this adjustment, while minor, allows for us to draw conclusions about the population of 18-24 year olds, based on our sample.

A word about the sub-samples. The college sub-sample is exclusively those students who reported that they were enrolled in a four-year degree program at the college level. The non-college sample is not currently enrolled in a four-year program but does represent varied educational backgrounds including high school students, community college and 2-year-college students, graduate programs students, students enrolled in other degree granting programs, and students not enrolled in any form of education at the time of the survey.