



The 15th Biannual Youth Survey on Politics and Public Service
 Field Dates: September 12 – October 6, 2008
 Master Questionnaire; N=2,406 18-24 Year Olds

Note: Results are reported by the 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	11%
Trade/Vocational school	3%
2-year or junior college or community college	8%
4-year college or university	27%
Graduate school	5%
Business school or professional school.....	2%
Not enrolled in college/university but taking at least one course	2%
Not currently enrolled in any of these.....	43%

2. In which year of college are you?

	<u>4-Year-College</u>
First year student/Freshman	22%
Second year student/Sophomore.....	19%
Third year student/Junior	25%
Fourth year student/Senior	27%
Fifth year student or higher.....	7%

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>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	79%	76%	87%
No.....	18%	21%	11%
Not sure.....	3%	3%	2%

4. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated? [If affiliated with a party, ask “Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat/Republican or not a very strong Democrat/Republican?”]

[If Independent, ask]

5. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Democratic Party	36%	36%	37%
Strong Democrat	19%	20%	19%
Not a very strong Democrat.....	17%	16%	18%
NET: Republican Party	25%	25%	26%
Strong Republican.....	12%	11%	13%
Not a very strong Republican	13%	13%	13%
NET: Independent/Unaffiliated	39%	39%	37%
Lean Democrat.....	13%	13%	15%
Lean Republican	6%	6%	8%
Do not lean either way	19%	21%	14%

6. Have you voted in a primary or participated in a caucus for president this year?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	33%	32%	35%
No.....	63%	64%	62%
Not sure.....	4%	5%	3%

[If “Yes” in Q6, ask]

7. For whom did you vote or caucus? (n=787)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Barack Obama.....	36%	35%	37%
Hillary Clinton	20%	20%	19%
John Edwards	2%	2%	2%
Another Democrat.....	1%	1%	2%
John McCain	13%	13%	12%
Mike Huckabee	7%	8%	5%
Mitt Romney	6%	7%	4%
Ron Paul.....	4%	3%	5%
Another Republican	1%	1%	3%
Don’t remember	5%	5%	3%

8. How likely is it that you will vote in the general election for president in November?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Definitely will be voting	63%	60%	70%
Probably will be voting	13%	13%	13%
50-50	12%	13%	10%
Probably won't be voting	6%	6%	4%
Definitely won't be voting	6%	8%	3%

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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	43%	41%	48%
No	57%	59%	52%

10. How excited are you about the election this fall?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Excited	69%	66%	77%
Very excited	31%	29%	36%
Somewhat excited	38%	37%	42%
NET: Not Excited	31%	34%	23%
Not very excited	20%	22%	16%
Not at all excited	10%	12%	7%

11. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are...?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Generally headed in the right direction.....	9%	10%	8%
Off on the wrong track	63%	64%	61%
Not sure what direction the country is headed in	28%	27%	31%

12. Please assign 100 points to the following groups relative to how much you think each is responsible for the current state of the nation. Your responses must add up to 100.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
President Bush	43%	42%	45%
Republicans in Congress	25%	26%	24%
Democrats in Congress	22%	21%	25%
Other	10%	11%	7%

13. Thinking about national issues for a moment, which one issue concerns you most?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: The economy.....	53%	53%	52%
Economy (General).....	45%	45%	45%
Gas Prices.....	4%	4%	4%
Jobs	3%	3%	4%
Other economy.....	1%	1%	*
The war in Iraq.....	9%	8%	10%
Gas prices.....	4%	4%	5%
Health care	5%	5%	4%
Social Issues.....	4%	2%	6%
The environment.....	3%	2%	3%
Foreign policy	3%	2%	3%
Energy.....	3%	2%	3%
Education	2%	2%	3%
Taxes.....	2%	2%	1%
Terrorism.....	2%	1%	1%
Gay rights.....	1%	1%	1%
Domestic Policy	1%	*	2%
Immigration.....	1%	2%	1%
Other	2%	2%	2%
No response.....	5%	5%	4%

[If “Definitely Voting,” “Probably Voting,” or “50-50,” ask Q14-21]

14. If the election for president were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, for whom would you vote? (n=2119)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Barack Obama.....	56%	56%	55%
Definitely Barack Obama	40%	40%	42%
Probably Barack Obama	15%	16%	13%
NET: John McCain.....	30%	30%	30%
Definitely John McCain.....	21%	21%	20%
Probably John McCain.....	9%	8%	10%
Not Sure	15%	15%	15%

[If Supporting Obama, ask]

15. In your own words, please describe as thoughtfully as possible the reason(s) why you are supporting Barack Obama for President. Note: Multiple responses allowed (n=1179)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Can make change	30%	32%	24%
Shares my values/ agree with policy.....	18%	16%	22%
Fresh new voice/ perspective	14%	13%	16%
Party affiliation/ is a Democrat.....	12%	12%	12%
Will improve the economy.....	11%	11%	13%
Not McCain.....	10%	11%	6%
Was against war in Iraq/ will end war	9%	8%	11%
Seems like the best choice	9%	9%	7%
In touch with the voters.....	8%	10%	5%
Genuine/ honest/ trustworthy	7%	8%	4%
Prefer his Vice Presidential pick.....	6%	6%	7%
Prefer his health care plan.....	6%	5%	7%
Don't like alternative/ lesser of two evils	5%	5%	4%
Will improve US image	5%	3%	9%
For the middle class	5%	5%	4%
Don't know/ refused	7%	7%	5%

Note: In addition to the responses above, there were 920 additional responses or parts of responses that fell into categories that each represented less than 5% of the total responses.

[If Supporting McCain, ask]

16. In your own words, please describe as thoughtfully as possible the reason(s) why you are supporting John McCain for President. Note: Multiple responses allowed (n=630)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Experience.....	22%	18%	30%
Shares my values/ agree with policy.....	18%	16%	23%
Has military experince/ is a war hero	14%	14%	12%
Prefer his Vice Presidential pick.....	12%	12%	11%
Not Obama	10%	10%	10%
Seems like the better choice.....	9%	10%	7%
Party affiliation/ is a Republican.....	8%	8%	6%
Prefer stance on abortion	8%	7%	8%
Iraq policy/ will stay the course	7%	7%	7%
Tax plan	7%	6%	9%
Will improve the economy.....	7%	5%	10%
Don't like alternative/ lesser of two evils	7%	6%	7%
Obama is too liberal	6%	5%	10%
He's a Christian/ "Obama is a Muslim"	6%	8%	2%
Trust/ he's honest.....	6%	6%	6%
Has specific plans	5%	5%	5%
Don't know/ refused	3%	3%	3%

Note: In addition to the responses above, there were 304 additional responses or parts of responses that fell into categories that each represented less than 5% of the total responses.

17. How likely is it that you might change your mind and vote for another candidate in November?
(n=2,119)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Likely	17%	17%	16%
Very likely	3%	4%	2%
Somewhat likely.....	14%	13%	15%
NET: Not Likely	83%	83%	84%
Not very likely	30%	29%	34%
Not at all likely.....	53%	54%	50%

[If supporting either candidate, ask]

18. Please indicate when you made up your mind about which candidate you're supporting for President.
Was it...? (n=1,809)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Before the primaries and caucuses, in 2007...	19%	20%	19%
During the primaries and caucuses	28%	27%	31%
After the primaries and caucuses, but before the conventions	30%	30%	30%
During the conventions	11%	11%	10%
After the conventions	12%	12%	11%

19. Thinking about each candidate, how would you say that his choice of running mate affects your likelihood to vote for him? Senator Obama with his choice of Joe Biden? (n=2,119)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: More likely	21%	21%	21%
Much more likely	9%	10%	8%
Somewhat more likely	12%	11%	13%
Made no difference	60%	59%	62%
NET: Less likely	19%	20%	17%
Somewhat less likely.....	8%	8%	8%
Much less likely	11%	12%	9%

20. Thinking about each candidate, how would you say that his choice of running mate affects your likelihood to vote for him? Senator McCain with his choice of Sarah Palin? (n=2,119)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: More likely	25%	26%	24%
Much more likely	11%	12%	9%
Somewhat more likely	14%	14%	15%
Made no difference	35%	35%	35%
NET: Less likely	40%	39%	41%
Somewhat less likely.....	10%	9%	12%
Much less likely	30%	30%	29%

[If supporting either candidate, ask]

21. If the campaign that you supported provided an opportunity for you to volunteer, how interested would you be in volunteering? (n=1,809)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Interested.....	54%	52%	58%
Very interested	17%	18%	14%
Somewhat interested	37%	34%	44%
NET: Not interested.....	46%	48%	42%
Not very interested.....	27%	28%	27%
Not at all interested.....	19%	21%	15%

[Asked of all respondents]

22. Have you been personally contacted by either the Obama or McCain campaign?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes, by the Obama campaign	15%	14%	17%
Yes, by the McCain campaign	5%	5%	4%
Yes, by both campaigns	5%	4%	5%
No.....	75%	76%	74%

23. How closely have you been following the campaign for President?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Closely.....	68%	66%	72%
Very closely	22%	21%	24%
Somewhat closely	45%	45%	48%
NET: Not closely	32%	34%	28%
Not very closely	23%	23%	22%
Not at all closely	10%	11%	6%

Please indicate which candidate you trust more to handle each of the following issues:

24. The economy

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Trust Obama more than McCain	45%	45%	46%
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	33%	34%	33%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	12%	12%	13%
I trust both candidates the same	11%	10%	14%
NET: Trust McCain more than Obama	22%	21%	23%
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	9%	10%	9%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	12%	12%	13%
Don't know	22%	24%	18%

25. The situation in Iraq

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Trust Obama more than McCain	44%	43%	46%
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	32%	31%	32%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	12%	11%	14%
I trust both candidates the same	8%	7%	9%
NET: Trust McCain more than Obama	28%	27%	29%
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	9%	10%	9%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	18%	18%	21%
Don't know	21%	23%	15%

26. Rising gas and oil prices

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Trust Obama more than McCain	42%	42%	44%
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	29%	29%	28%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	13%	13%	16%
I trust both candidates the same	14%	4%	15%
NET: Trust McCain more than Obama	20%	18%	22%
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	7%	7%	8%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	12%	11%	14%
Don't know	24%	26%	18%

27. Health care policy

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Trust Obama more than McCain	47%	46%	50%
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	34%	34%	34%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	13%	12%	16%
I trust both candidates the same	10%	10%	12%
NET: Trust McCain more than Obama	19%	19%	20%
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	8%	8%	8%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	11%	11%	12%
Don't know	23%	25%	18%

28. Immigration reform

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Trust Obama more than McCain	34%	33%	36%
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	24%	24%	23%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	10%	9%	12%
I trust both candidates the same	15%	14%	19%
NET: Trust McCain more than Obama	23%	23%	25%
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	9%	9%	10%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	14%	14%	15%
Don't know	28%	30%	20%

29. Bringing change to Washington

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Trust Obama more than McCain	49%	47%	55%
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	37%	36%	41%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	12%	11%	14%
I trust both candidates the same	12%	12%	12%
NET: Trust McCain more than Obama	18%	18%	17%
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	7%	8%	6%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	10%	10%	11%
Don't know	21%	23%	16%

30. Foreign Policy

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
<u>NET: Trust Obama more than McCain</u>	40%	38%	44%
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	28%	29%	28%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	12%	10%	16%
I trust both candidates the same	11%	10%	11%
<u>NET: Trust McCain more than Obama</u>	27%	26%	29%
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	9%	9%	9%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	18%	17%	20%
Don't know	22%	25%	16%

31. Protect the U.S. from terrorism

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
<u>NET: Trust Obama more than McCain</u>	31%	31%	31%
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	21%	21%	21%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	10%	9%	11%
I trust both candidates the same	17%	16%	17%
<u>NET: Trust McCain more than Obama</u>	30%	28%	35%
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	8%	7%	11%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	21%	21%	23%
Don't know	23%	25%	17%

32. Be Commander in Chief of the military

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
<u>NET: Trust Obama more than McCain</u>	33%	33%	32%
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	23%	24%	21%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	9%	9%	11%
I trust both candidates the same	10%	10%	11%
<u>NET: Trust McCain more than Obama</u>	36%	34%	42%
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	12%	11%	15%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	24%	23%	27%
Don't know	21%	23%	15%

33. Improve the U.S. image abroad

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
<u>NET: Trust Obama more than McCain</u>	<u>51%</u>	<u>48%</u>	<u>58%</u>
I trust Obama a lot more than McCain.....	38%	37%	41%
I trust Obama a little more than McCain	13%	11%	17%
I trust both candidates the same	9%	10%	8%
<u>NET: Trust McCain more than Obama</u>	<u>17%</u>	<u>17%</u>	<u>17%</u>
I trust McCain a little more than Obama	7%	7%	6%
I trust McCain a lot more than Obama.....	10%	10%	11%
Don't know	23%	25%	17%

34. Now, we are interested in learning more about some of the activities that young people participate in when they are not in school or work. Generally, do you feel like you have enough time to be involved in activities other than schoolwork or a job?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes, have enough time.....	57%	58%	55%
No, do not have enough time.....	43%	42%	45%

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

35. Volunteered for community service.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes, I have participated.....	47%	43%	57%
No, I have not participated.....	53%	57%	43%

[If “Yes, I have participated,” ask]

36. How often did you participate in this activity? (n=1127)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Weekly.....	17%	15%	20%
A few times a month.....	16%	15%	18%
About once a month.....	22%	20%	26%
Less than once a month.....	45%	50%	36%

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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes, I have participated.....	19%	18%	22%
No, I have not participated.....	81%	82%	78%

[If “Yes, I have participated,” ask]

38. How often did you participate in this activity? (n=460)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Weekly.....	15%	12%	19%
A few times a month.....	18%	17%	20%
About once a month.....	23%	21%	26%
Less than once a month.....	44%	49%	35%

Have you ever done any of the following?

39. Signed an online petition

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	52%	52%	53%
No.....	48%	48%	47%

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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	27%	27%	30%
No.....	73%	73%	70%

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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	24%	24%	25%
No.....	76%	76%	75%

42. Attended a political rally or demonstration

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	22%	19%	31%
No.....	78%	81%	69%

43. Donated money to a political campaign or cause

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	16%	16%	17%
No.....	84%	84%	83%

44. Volunteered on a political campaign for a candidate or an issue

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	14%	13%	15%
No.....	86%	87%	85%

45. 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>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Likely	63%	60%	70%
Very likely	21%	20%	22%
Somewhat likely.....	42%	40%	48%
NET: Not likely	37%	40%	30%
Not very likely	23%	24%	20%
Not at all likely.....	15%	17%	10%

46. Again, 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>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Likely	47%	45%	53%
Very likely	11%	12%	11%
Somewhat likely.....	35%	33%	42%
NET: Not likely	53%	55%	47%
Not very likely	33%	33%	32%
Not at all likely.....	20%	22%	16%

47. Now, 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>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Likely	76%	74%	81%
Very likely	34%	32%	40%
Somewhat likely.....	42%	42%	41%
NET: Not likely	24%	26%	19%
Not very likely	15%	16%	12%
Not at all likely.....	9%	10%	6%

48. How effective do you think political engagement is as a way of solving important issues facing the country?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Effective	69%	67%	77%
Very effective.....	18%	18%	19%
Somewhat effective.....	51%	49%	58%
NET: Not effective	31%	33%	23%
Not very effective	23%	25%	19%
Not at all effective.....	8%	9%	4%

49. How effective do you think political engagement is as a way of solving important issues facing your local community?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Effective	67%	63%	76%
Very effective.....	25%	22%	27%
Somewhat effective.....	43%	41%	49%
NET: Not effective	33%	37%	24%
Not very effective	25%	27%	21%
Not at all effective.....	8%	10%	4%

50. How effective do you think community volunteerism is as a way of solving important issues facing the country?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Effective	68%	67%	72%
Very effective.....	19%	18%	22%
Somewhat effective.....	49%	49%	50%
NET: Not effective	32%	37%	28%
Not very effective	24%	27%	23%
Not at all effective.....	8%	10%	5%

51. How effective do you think community volunteerism is as a way of solving important issues facing your local community?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Effective	81%	79%	87%
Very effective.....	40%	37%	49%
Somewhat effective.....	41%	42%	38%
NET: Not effective	19%	21%	13%
Not very effective	14%	15%	11%
Not at all effective.....	5%	6%	2%

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

52. The President

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: All/ most of the time	30%	29%	32%
All of the time	4%	4%	4%
Most of the time	25%	24%	29%
NET: Some of the time/ never	70%	71%	68%
Some of the time	50%	49%	53%
Never	20%	22%	14%

53. The United State military

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: All/ most of the time	47%	47%	48%
All of the time	13%	13%	13%
Most of the time	34%	34%	35%
NET: Some of the time/ never	53%	53%	52%
Some of the time	40%	38%	44%
Never	13%	14%	8%

54. The Congress

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: All/ most of the time	26%	26%	26%
All of the time	2%	2%	2%
Most of the time	24%	24%	24%
NET: Some of the time/ never	74%	74%	74%
Some of the time	59%	58%	63%
Never	15%	17%	10%

55. The Media

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: All/ most of the time	7%	7%	6%
All of the time	1%	1%	1%
Most of the time	6%	7%	6%
NET: Some of the time/ never	93%	93%	94%
Some of the time	51%	50%	54%
Never	41%	42%	40%

56. The Supreme Court

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: All/ most of the time	47%	45%	54%
All of the time	8%	8%	7%
Most of the time	39%	37%	46%
NET: Some of the time/ never	53%	55%	46%
Some of the time	41%	41%	41%
Never	11%	14%	5%

57. The federal government

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: All/ most of the time	27%	27%	29%
All of the time	3%	3%	2%
Most of the time	24%	23%	27%
NET: Some of the time/ never	73%	73%	71%
Some of the time	57%	56%	62%
Never	15%	18%	9%

58. The United Nations

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: All/ most of the time	40%	38%	46%
All of the time	6%	6%	6%
Most of the time	34%	32%	40%
NET: Some of the time/ never	60%	62%	54%
Some of the time	43%	44%	41%
Never	17%	19%	14%

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

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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	61%	60%	63%
Strongly agree	18%	19%	17%
Somewhat agree	43%	41%	46%
NET: Disagree	39%	40%	37%
Somewhat disagree	27%	27%	27%
Strongly disagree	12%	13%	10%

60. Elected officials seem to be motivated by selfish reasons.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	69%	68%	70%
Strongly agree	24%	26%	20%
Somewhat agree	44%	42%	50%
NET: Disagree	31%	32%	30%
Somewhat disagree	27%	28%	26%
Strongly disagree	4%	4%	4%

61. Politics is not relevant to my life right now.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	28%	29%	22%
Strongly agree	6%	6%	5%
Somewhat agree	22%	23%	17%
NET: Disagree	72%	71%	78%
Somewhat disagree	33%	33%	35%
Strongly disagree	39%	37%	43%

62. Politics involvement rarely has any tangible results.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	41%	44%	37%
Strongly agree	9%	10%	6%
Somewhat agree	33%	34%	31%
NET: Disagree	59%	56%	63%
Somewhat disagree	46%	45%	51%
Strongly disagree	12%	12%	13%

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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	16%	17%	15%
Strongly agree	3%	4%	3%
Somewhat agree	13%	13%	12%
NET: Disagree	84%	83%	85%
Somewhat disagree	25%	26%	25%
Strongly disagree	58%	57%	61%

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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	47%	50%	41%
Strongly agree	16%	18%	9%
Somewhat agree	32%	32%	32%
NET: Disagree	53%	50%	59%
Somewhat disagree	33%	31%	39%
Strongly disagree	20%	20%	20%

65. Running for office is an honorable thing to do.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	68%	66%	76%
Strongly agree	18%	18%	18%
Somewhat agree	51%	48%	58%
NET: Disagree	32%	34%	24%
Somewhat disagree	25%	27%	22%
Strongly disagree	7%	8%	3%

66. Community service is an honorable thing to do.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	89%	87%	92%
Strongly agree	61%	57%	69%
Somewhat agree	28%	30%	23%
NET: Disagree	11%	13%	8%
Somewhat disagree	7%	8%	7%
Strongly disagree	4%	5%	1%

67. Getting involved in politics is an honorable thing to do.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	64%	62%	70%
Strongly agree	14%	14%	15%
Somewhat agree	50%	48%	55%
NET: Disagree	36%	38%	30%
Somewhat disagree	28%	29%	25%
Strongly disagree	8%	10%	5%

68. It is difficult to find ways to be involved in politics.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	40%	41%	39%
Strongly agree	7%	8%	5%
Somewhat agree	33%	33%	34%
NET: Disagree	60%	59%	61%
Somewhat disagree	41%	40%	43%
Strongly disagree	19%	19%	19%

69. Politics has become too partisan.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	74%	73%	75%
Strongly agree	30%	30%	31%
Somewhat agree	43%	43%	44%
NET: Disagree	23%	27%	25%
Somewhat disagree	21%	21%	22%
Strongly disagree	5%	5%	3%

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

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Agree	67%	68%	69%
Strongly agree	23%	25%	19%
Somewhat agree	45%	43%	50%
NET: Disagree	33%	32%	31%
Somewhat disagree	26%	26%	27%
Strongly disagree	5%	6%	4%

71. When it comes to your feeling about being an American, how patriotic do you consider yourself to be?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Patriotic	78%	76%	82%
Very patriotic	33%	33%	33%
Somewhat patriotic	45%	44%	49%
NET: Not Patriotic	22%	24%	18%
Not very patriotic	17%	18%	14%
Not at all patriotic	5%	6%	4%

72. Generally speaking would you say that you personally care a good deal who wins the presidential election this fall, or that you don't care very much who wins?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Care a good deal.....	80%	78%	83%
Don't care very much.....	20%	22%	17%

73. During the past day, have you discussed the presidential campaign with anyone?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	58%	56%	61%
No.....	42%	44%	39%

74. Growing up, approximately how often would you say your parents discussed politics and current events with you at home?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
More than once per week	21%	22%	21%
About once per week	14%	12%	19%
A few times per month.....	13%	12%	16%
About once per month.....	10%	10%	10%
A few times per year	16%	17%	15%
Less than once per year.....	7%	8%	6%
Never.....	12%	13%	7%
Not applicable	6%	6%	6%

75. Do you think your education in high school has prepared you to vote and evaluate candidates?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	57%	54%	66%
No.....	43%	46%	34%

Note: The questions 76-83 were asked only of students currently enrolled in 4 year colleges.

[If registered to vote, ask Q76-82]

76. When it comes to registering to vote, which of the following statements best describes you: (n=1,025)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
I am registered to vote at my home address and have never changed			75%
I registered to vote at my home address, but am now registered at my school address .			16%
I did not register to vote at my home address I am registered at my school address			6%
Don't know			3%

77. Did any individual or group encourage you to register or help you register? (n=1,025)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes			41%
No.....			53%
Don't know			7%

[If “Yes, were encouraged,” ask]

78. Were you encouraged or helped to register to vote by your college or a group at your college? (n=432)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes			53%
No.....			44%
Don't know			2%

[If “Yes, were encouraged or helped registered by college or group at college,” ask]

79. How did your college or a group at your college encourage or help you vote or register to vote? Please select all that apply. (n=230)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Encourage you to register			86%
Give you a registration form			74%
Help you fill out a registration form			52%
Help you submit a registration form			52%
Tell you where to find registration info			50%
Something else			12%

80. Did any individual or group encourage you to vote? (n=1,025)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes			53%
No.....			42%
Don't know			5%

81. How do you plan to vote in the November election? (n=1,025)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
At a polling place			42%
By absentee ballot.....			37%
At a place set up for early voting.....			7%
I do not plan to vote in the Nov. election.....			2%
Don't know			12%

82. If you vote in November, will it be in the state where you attend college? (n=1,025)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes			83%
No.....			15%

[Asked of all students enrolled at a 4-year college]

83. Did any individual or group give you information about or help you with the absentee voting process (n=1,214)?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes			20%
No.....			74%
Don't know			6%

[Asked of all respondents]

84. Do you have access to Facebook.com?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Have an account.....	66%	58%	86%
Do not have an account.....	34%	42%	14%

[If have an account, ask]

85. Have you ever used Facebook.com to promote a political candidate, event or idea? (n=1,577)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	36%	36%	35%
No.....	64%	64%	65%

86. Do you have access to Myspace.com?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Have an account.....	60%	62%	54%
Do not have an account.....	40%	38%	46%

[If have an account, ask]

87. Have you ever used Myspace.com to promote a political candidate, event or idea? (n=1,440)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	18%	19%	14%
No.....	82%	81%	86%

88. Have you ever forwarded or shared a video online to promote a political candidate, event or idea?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	17%	17%	19%
No.....	83%	83%	81%

Now we will ask some general questions.

89. Which one of these best describes your religious preference?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Catholic	21%	20%	24%
Protestant.....	13%	11%	20%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian	11%	11%	8%
Jewish.....	2%	2%	3%
LDS/Mormon.....	2%	2%	2%
Muslim	1%	*	1%
Another religion.....	13%	15%	7%
No religious preference.....	25%	26%	23%
Not sure.....	3%	4%	3%
Decline to answer.....	9%	9%	9%

[If Catholic, Protestant, Fundamentalist/Evangelical, or another religion, ask]

90. Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian? (n=1,521)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Yes	34%	34%	33%
No.....	51%	50%	53%
Not sure.....	12%	14%	10%
Decline to answer.....	4%	2%	5%

91. Switching topics, which of these best describes your phone service at this time? Please select all that apply

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Cell phone	89%	86%	95%
Landline phone service	41%	45%	30%
VOIP	4%	4%	3%
None of these	4%	5%	2%

[If enrolled in 2-year or 4-year college, ask Q53-Q55]

92. Is your college/university...? (n=1,587)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Public	72%	94%	65%
Private	28%	6%	35%

93. Is your college/university that you attend in a...? (n=1,587)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Urban or city area.....	49%	44%	50%
In a suburban area next to a city	32%	39%	30%
In small town or rural area.....	20%	17%	20%

94. How many undergraduate students are enrolled in your college/university? (n=1,587)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Less than 1,000	5%	11%	4%
1,000 - 4,999	31%	38%	29%
5,000 - 9,999	21%	24%	21%
10,000 - 19,999	20%	17%	20%
20,000 or more	23%	10%	26%

95. Are you a...? (n=354)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Full-time student.....	91%	72%	96%
Part-time student.....	9%	28%	4%

96. In a few months, a new President will be inaugurated and it is very likely that either President Obama or President McCain will make a special call to young Americans. Similar to John F. Kennedy’s call in 1961, the next President may ask young Americans to engage in some form of public or national service to help the country. How interested are you in personally engaging in some form of public service?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
NET: Interested	59%	57%	64%
Very interested.....	19%	19%	19%
Somewhat interested.....	40%	38%	45%
NET: Disagree	41%	43%	36%
Not very interested.....	26%	27%	25%
Not at all interested.....	15%	16%	11%

[If “Very interested,” or “Somewhat interested,” ask]

97. Please indicate below the ways in which you would consider engaging in public service. Please select all that apply. (n=1417)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Part time service in your community.....	75%	73%	82%
Work for the federal, state or local gov’t.....	47%	48%	43%
Internet-based collaboration with gov’t.....	32%	31%	33%
Get involved in a political campaign.....	32%	32%	32%
Foreign service (i.e., Peace Corps).....	25%	25%	26%
National service – full-time.....	23%	21%	27%
Military service.....	17%	20%	12%
Run for political office.....	17%	17%	19%
Other.....	13%	13%	12%

98. Race

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
White.....	59%	57%	64%
Hispanic.....	14%	16%	9%
Black.....	9%	10%	7%
African American.....	3%	3%	4%
Asian or Pacific Islander.....	6%	5%	8%
Mixed racial background.....	2%	2%	2%
Native American or Alaskan native.....	1%	1%	*
Other race.....	*	*	1%
Decline to answer.....	5%	5%	5%

99. Age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
18.....	14%	15%	12%
19.....	14%	13%	18%
20.....	13%	10%	22%
21.....	15%	14%	17%
22.....	12%	11%	15%
23.....	14%	16%	10%
24.....	18%	22%	6%

100. Gender

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Male	49%	50%	47%
Female.....	51%	50%	53%

101. Which previous or current President would you like our next president to be most like?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-College</u>	<u>4-Year-College</u>
Bill Clinton	26%	26%	27%
Ronald Reagan	11%	13%	8%
Franklin Roosevelt	9%	7%	11%
John Kennedy.....	7%	7%	8%
Abraham Lincoln	7%	7%	7%
Theodore Roosevelt	4%	4%	4%
George Washington	3%	3%	3%
George W. Bush.....	2%	2%	3%
Thomas Jefferson	2%	2%	3%
Other	7%	8%	5%
None.....	19%	19%	18%

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=1,214), and half are not currently enrolled in a 4-year college (n=1,192). 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 by 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.