

# 2015 FRESHMEN

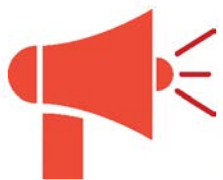
National results are shown in NAVY |

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As this year's freshman class entered college, community issues and politics weighed heavily on their minds. With 2016 presidential campaigns beginning to gain steam, freshmen expressed their commitment to political engagement and their views on the political landscape.

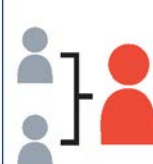
Freshmen are engaged politically and in their community.



**33%** | 49%  
Expect to participate in student protests or demonstrations while in college



**75%** | 81%  
Feel it's important to help others in difficulty



**40%** | 50%  
Believe being a community leader matters



**59%** | 70%  
Want to improve their understanding of other countries and cultures

Which may relate to their stance on key social policy issues.



**34%** | 42%  
Identify as liberal or far left



**81%** | 91%  
Endorse the right of same-sex couples to marry



**56%** | 58%  
Believe marijuana should be legalized



**64%** | 75%  
Support the legal status of abortion



**7%** | 3%  
Identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, or other



**30%** | 29%  
Identify as agnostic, atheist or not affiliated with any religion

Students use a variety of sources to fund their first year of college.



**27%** | 11%  
Rely on Pell grants



**52%** | 49%  
Utilize merit-based grants or scholarships

**54%** | 34%  
Have taken out loans



**65%** | 55%  
Express concerns about financing their education

Many students' college choice was influenced by graduates' success



**38%** | 37%  
Considered graduates' admission to top graduate/professional schools



**60%** | 71%  
Considered graduates' job placement

Students rely on multiple sources to supplement their learning...



**17%** | 26%  
Had special tutoring or remedial work in math



**28%** | 20%  
Anticipate needing tutoring or remedial work in math



**83%** | 71%  
Learned something on their own via an online course



**6%** | 1%  
Participated in a summer bridge program



**48%** | 52%  
Expect to seek personal counseling



Information about students entering college helps enrollment planning, retention efforts, and provides a baseline for understanding college effectiveness. Register for the CIRP Freshman Survey at [www.cirpsurveys.org](http://www.cirpsurveys.org). The 2015 CIRP Freshman Survey report is available as a free download at [www.heri.ucla.edu/tfsPublications](http://www.heri.ucla.edu/tfsPublications)

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