

NBC News | SurveyMonkey College Hazing Poll Results
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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey College Hazing Poll was conducted online from Monday, September 5 through Monday, September 11, 2017. Results are among a national sample of 10,408 adults aged 18 and over. The error estimate for all adults is plus or minus 1.4 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

TOPLINE RESULTS

Survey Introduction: "Next, we'd like your opinions on hazing on college campuses."

Which comes closer to your view on hazing, even if neither is exactly right? [RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Hazing is acceptable because it can foster pride and camaraderie</u>	<u>Hazing is unacceptable because it can lead to dangerous behavior and injuries</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	11	86	3

Which comes closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right?

	<u>Hazing will always be present on college campuses</u>	<u>Hazing could be eliminated on college campuses</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
9/5—9/11	41	56	3

Is hazing among fraternities and sororities so serious that something needs to be done about it or does nothing need to be done because that behavior is just part of college life?

	<u>Something needs to be done</u>	<u>Part of college life</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
9/5—9/11	75	22	3

Regardless of whether or not you personally have ever been hazed, do you know someone who has admitted to hazing or being hazed as part of an initiation to any group?

	<u>Yes, I know someone who has admitted to hazing</u>	<u>Yes, I know someone who has admitted to being hazed</u>	<u>Yes, I know people who have admitted to both hazing and being hazed</u>	<u>No, I don't know anyone who has admitted to hazing or being hazed</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	8	13	21	55	3

Do you agree or disagree that some degree of hazing has a place in fraternities and sororities as a rite of passage?

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	7	24	18	48	3

Do you agree or disagree that involvement in a fraternity or sorority paves the way to move up the social and professional ladder?

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	11	38	21	26	4

As you may know, Congressman Patrick Meehan (R-PA) and Congresswoman Marcia Fudge (D-OH) recently introduced the Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act, bipartisan legislation that requires incidents of hazing on college campuses to be reported as part of a college's annual crime report. Do you support or oppose this legislation?

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	75	19	6

Do you think college students involved in hazing should be criminally prosecuted?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Depends on the situation</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	25	5	66	3

How serious a problem do you think drinking excess amounts of alcohol is in fraternities and sororities?

	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Somewhat serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not at all serious</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	56	32	8	2	3

Are you currently or have you ever been a member of a fraternity or sorority?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	12	86	3

Have you ever experienced hazing during your time as a member of a fraternity or sorority? [AMONG THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY OR HAVE EVER BEEN MEMBERS OF FRATERNITIES OR SORORITIES]

	<u>Yes, I have experienced hazing</u>	<u>No, I haven't experienced hazing</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	55	42	3

All in all, was your hazing experience mostly positive, mostly negative or both positive and negative? [AMONG THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY OR HAVE EVER BEEN MEMBERS OF FRATERNITIES OR SORORITIES AND HAVE EXPERIENCED HAZING]

	<u>Mostly positive</u>	<u>Mostly negative</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	46	20	34	-

Do you have a child currently in college or planning to attend college in the near future?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	26	69	4

How worried are you that your child will experience hazing at some point in college? [AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE A CHILD CURRENTLY IN COLLEGE OR PLANNING TO ATTEND]

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	20	27	35	17	1

How confident are you that you know how to talk to your child about hazing? [AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE A CHILD CURRENTLY IN COLLEGE OR PLANNING TO ATTEND]

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/5—9/11	67	27	4	1	1

METHODOLOGY

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey College Hazing Poll was conducted online among a national sample of 10,408 adults aged 18 and over from September 5 through September 11, 2017. Respondents for this survey were selected from the nearly three million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week has been weighted for age, race, sex, education and region using the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States.

Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.

To assess the variability in the estimates and account for design effects, we create a bootstrap confidence interval to produce an error estimate. The bootstrap confidence interval for this survey is plus or minus 1.4 percentage points.

To calculate the bootstrap confidence interval, we use the weighted data to generate 5000 independent samples and calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the weighted average. When analyzing the survey results and their accuracy, this error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error.

Group	Unweighted N	Plus or minus
Total	10,408	1.4
Republican	2,829	2.6
Democrat	3,473	2.5
Independent	3,818	2.3
Male	4,714	2.1
Female	5,694	1.8
18-24	955	4.2
25-34	1,307	3.8
35-44	1,626	3.5
45-54	2,201	3.1
55-64	2,359	2.8
65+	1,960	3.2
White	7,720	1.6
Black	950	4.2
Hispanic	625	5.0
Asian	385	7.0
Other	728	5.0
Parents of college students	2,834	2.8
Fraternity or sorority members	1,868	3.3
Students currently enrolled in 2-year or 4-year college degree program	1,003	3.9