



Campus**Expression**Survey

INTRODUCTION

This is a survey about how comfortable students feel speaking up about controversial or sensitive topics in class discussions.

If you have questions about our Campus Expression Survey, email Sean Stevens at stevens@heterodoxacademy.org

DEMOGRAPHICS

What grade are you in?

- 8th grade or below
- 9th grade
- 10th grade
- 11th grade
- 12th grade
- Prefer not to say

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent
- Something else
- Prefer not to say



If you responded with “SOMETHING ELSE” to the previous question, please specify your response below:

[Open-ended response option]

When it comes to politics do you usually think of yourself as liberal, conservative, moderate, libertarian, or something else?

- Extremely liberal
- Liberal
- Slightly liberal
- Moderate or middle-of-the-road
- Slightly conservative
- Conservative
- Extremely conservative
- Libertarian
- Something else
- Haven't thought much about this
- Prefer not to say

If you responded with “SOMETHING ELSE” to the previous question, please specify your response below:

[Open-ended response option]

How do you describe your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

How do you describe your race/ethnicity?

- African American/Black
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- East or Southeast Asian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Middle Eastern/North African
- South or Southwest Asian
- White/Caucasian
- Multiracial
- Other
- Prefer not to say



MODULE 1: EGGSHELLOMETER

Next, we are interested in how you would feel about expressing your personal opinions in class discussions on various topics. Think of a class with about 20-30 students.

[GENDER]

Think about being at your school in a class that was discussing a controversial issue about GENDER. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic?

- I would be very comfortable giving my views.
- I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.
- I would be somewhat reluctant to give my views.
- I would be very reluctant to give my views.

Next, if you were to speak up and give your views on a controversial issue about GENDER during a class discussion, how concerned would you be that the following would occur:

The teacher would criticize my views as offensive.

- Not at all concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Moderately concerned
- Extremely concerned

Other students would criticize my views as offensive.

- Not at all concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Moderately concerned
- Extremely concerned

Someone would post critical comments about my views on social media.

- Not at all concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Moderately concerned
- Extremely concerned



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Someone would file a complaint claiming that my views violated a school harassment policy or code of conduct.

- Not at all concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Moderately concerned
- Extremely concerned

The teacher would give me a lower grade because of my views.

- Not at all concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Moderately concerned
- Extremely concerned

The teacher would say my views are wrong.

- Not at all concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Moderately concerned
- Extremely concerned

[RACE]

Repeat Gender items but replace references to gender with references to race (e.g., “Think about being at your school in a class that was discussing a controversial issue about RACE”).

[POLITICS]

Repeat Gender items but replace references to gender with references to politics (e.g., “Think about being at your school in a class that was discussing a CONTROVERSIAL POLITICAL ISSUE”).

[SEXUALITY]

Repeat Gender items but replace references to gender with references to sexuality (e.g., “Think about being at your school in a class that was discussing a controversial issue about SEXUALITY”).



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[RELIGION]

Repeat Gender items but replace references to gender with references to religion (e.g., “Think about being at your school in a class that was discussing a controversial issue about RELIGION”).

[NON-CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS]

Repeat Gender items but replace references to gender with references to a non-controversial topic (e.g., “Think about being at your school in a class that was discussing a NON-CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC, something that nobody in the class has strong feelings about”).

MODULE 2: TREATMENT ON CAMPUS

We've asked you some questions about giving your views during a class discussion.

The following questions are about your experiences IN SCHOOL IN GENERAL - including classroom activities, public events with speakers, meetings of student organizations, informal gatherings, and conversations with other students.

Please use the scale beneath each item to indicate your response:

How frequently are you treated badly or unfairly because of your race or ethnicity?

- Every day
- More than once a week
- Every few weeks
- A few times a year
- Once a year or less
- It never happens

How frequently are you treated badly or unfairly because of your sex or gender?

- Every day
- More than once a week
- Every few weeks
- A few times a year
- Once a year or less
- It never happens



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How frequently are you treated badly or unfairly because of your religion?

- Every day
- More than once a week
- Every few weeks
- A few times a year
- Once a year or less
- It never happens

How frequently are you treated badly or unfairly because of your political views?

- Every day
- More than once a week
- Every few weeks
- A few times a year
- Once a year or less
- It never happens

How frequently are you treated badly or unfairly because of your sexual orientation?

- Every day
- More than once a week
- Every few weeks
- A few times a year
- Once a year or less
- It never happens

Thinking about STUDENTS at your school, would you say most of them are politically to the left of you (more liberal) or politically to the right of you (more conservative)?

- Most are to the left of me
- Most are to the right of me
- Most have positions close to mine
- Most are about equally to the left or right of me
- Don't know



Thinking about TEACHERS at your school, would you say most of them are politically to the left of you (more liberal) or politically to the right of you (more conservative)?

- Most are to the left of me
- Most are to the right of me
- Most have positions close to mine
- Most are about equally to the left or right of me
- Don't know

How often does your school encourage students to consider a wider variety of viewpoints and perspectives?

- Very frequently
- Frequently
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Very rarely
- Never

OPEN-ENDED FEEDBACK:

This survey is currently in development and we would appreciate your help. Were any items unclear or confusing? Do you have any suggestions for us about how to improve the survey? Please use the space below (open-ended response):