

PART III: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Activities

1. During this academic year, have you been involved in any of the following activities or organizations?

	Participant or member	Officer or leader	Neither
Student government	112 (5.9%)	41 (2.2%)	1730 (91.9%)
Fraternity or sorority	137 (7.3%)	143 (7.6%)	1591 (85.0%)
Other campus-based club or organization	821 (43.3%)	461 (24.3%)	614 (32.4%)
Off-campus club or organization	482 (25.7%)	139 (7.4%)	1257 (66.9%)

2. Which of these best describes your opinion on the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Opportunities for community service while at Cal are important to me	81 (4.3%)	141 (7.5%)	190 (10.1%)	580 (30.7%)	529 (28.0%)	368 (19.5%)
Opportunities to develop my leadership skills while at Cal are important to me	47 (2.5%)	72 (3.8%)	148 (7.9%)	524 (27.8%)	597 (31.7%)	497 (26.4%)
My experience at Cal provides adequate opportunity to explore my cultural identity	95 (5.1%)	134 (7.1%)	268 (14.3%)	598 (31.8%)	564 (30.0%)	221 (11.8%)
I feel I can express my political opinions on campus	51 (2.7%)	66 (3.5%)	161 (8.5%)	502 (26.6%)	751 (39.9%)	353 (18.7%)

Community Service & Leadership

3. DURING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, have you done community service work either on or off campus?

- 981** (51.7%) No
- 915** (48.3%) Yes

How did you get involved in this particular community service work? If you have been involved in more than one form of community service, please answer for the one that has been the largest time commitment.

- 62** (6.5%) Through a related class
- 76** (7.9%) Through a program where I receive course credit (e.g., field studies credit for tutoring)
- 21** (2.2%) Through a formal service program (AmeriCorps, VISTA, etc.) where I receive pay or a stipend
- 110** (11.5%) Through my fraternity or sorority
- 336** (35.0%) Through another student organization on campus
- 39** (4.1%) Through a university department or program
- 59** (6.1%) Through my religious organization or church
- 17** (1.8%) Through my internship
- 240** (25.0%) I found the work on my own

Why did you participate in this community service? Please check all that apply.

- 124** (5.4%) To help my fraternity or sorority fulfill a service obligation
- 126** (5.5%) To help me get in to a professional or graduate school program
- 218** (9.5%) To help a student organization to which I belong fulfill a service obligation
- 402** (17.5%) To learn more about the community
- 7** (0.3%) As part of a campus disciplinary action
- 737** (32.1%) To help other people
- 79** (3.4%) It was required for a course I am taking
- 380** (16.6%) To meet people and make friends
- 293** (12.8%) To help me gain experience for a future career
- 66** (2.9%) Other, please specify: [Open-ended text field]

What was the type of organization where you did this community service? If you have been involved in more than one form of community service, please answer for the one that has been the largest time commitment.

- 238** (26.4%) K-12 school
- 109** (12.1%) Clinic or hospital
- 7** (0.8%) Preschool
- 17** (1.9%) Animal shelter
- 10** (1.1%) Adult literacy or ESL program
- 3** (0.3%) Help hotline
- 54** (6.0%) Youth services agency
- 57** (6.3%) Religious organization
- 14** (1.6%) Student government
- 5** (0.6%) Political party

- 65 (7.2%) Environmental group
- 26 (2.9%) Political or advocacy organization
- 49 (5.4%) Homeless shelter
- 181 (20.1%) Other, please specify: [Open-ended text field]
- 65 (7.2%) Housing organization

What kind of community service work did you do? Please check all that apply.

- 264 (11.5%) Tutoring
- 36 (1.6%) Computer or technical support
- 277 (12.1%) Mentoring
- 199 (8.7%) General support
- 194 (8.5%) Teaching or educating
- 133 (5.8%) Building or landscaping
- 250 (10.9%) Outreach
- 142 (6.2%) Preparing or serving food
- 78 (3.4%) Counseling
- 121 (5.3%) Health care
- 97 (4.2%) Publicity
- 166 (7.2%) Environmental clean up
- 184 (8.0%) Fundraising
- 84 (3.7%) Other, please specify: [Open-ended text field]

Thinking back on this academic year, how often did you do community service work?

- 205 (22.7%) Once or twice
- 160 (17.7%) More than once or twice, but less than once a month
- 157 (17.4%) Once or twice a month
- 382 (42.3%) More than twice a month

During a TYPICAL 7-day (168 hour) week in this academic year, how many hours do you spend performing community service work?

0	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-12	More than 12
169 (18.7%)	306 (33.8%)	211 (23.3%)	95 (10.5%)	60 (6.6%)	31 (3.4%)	32 (3.5%)

News & Information Sources

4. How often would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs?

- 565 (30.0%) Most of the time
- 664 (35.3%) Some of the time
- 439 (23.3%) Only now and then
- 214 (11.4%) Hardly at all

5. How interested are you in the campaign for the 2008 presidential election?

- 765 (40.6%) Very interested
- 750 (39.8%) Somewhat interested
- 253 (13.4%) Not very interested
- 117 (6.2%) Not at all interested

6. How often do you use the following sources of NEWS INFORMATION during this past academic year?

	Rarely or never	Less than once a week	Once a week	Several times a week	Everyday	More than once a day
National television news	800 (42.7%)	363 (19.4%)	277 (14.8%)	292 (15.6%)	98 (5.2%)	45 (2.4%)
Local television news	869 (46.3%)	363 (19.3%)	246 (13.1%)	287 (15.3%)	83 (4.4%)	29 (1.5%)
Internet	72 (3.8%)	127 (6.8%)	239 (12.7%)	440 (23.5%)	437 (23.3%)	561 (29.9%)
Public television	1001 (53.5%)	308 (16.5%)	216 (11.6%)	217 (11.6%)	85 (4.5%)	43 (2.3%)
Public radio	1149 (61.4%)	288 (15.4%)	161 (8.6%)	166 (8.9%)	65 (3.5%)	43 (2.3%)
Talk radio	1357 (72.7%)	215 (11.5%)	135 (7.2%)	102 (5.5%)	37 (2.0%)	21 (1.1%)
Weekly news magazines	945 (50.5%)	393 (21.0%)	283 (15.1%)	178 (9.5%)	49 (2.6%)	22 (1.2%)
Campus newspaper	441 (23.5%)	352 (18.8%)	324 (17.3%)	449 (24.0%)	282 (15.1%)	25 (1.3%)
Other daily newspaper	884 (47.2%)	356 (19.0%)	220 (11.8%)	234 (12.5%)	121 (6.5%)	57 (3.0%)

7. Thinking back over the past month, which of the following was the main source of information for you about news and public affairs?

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- 121** (6.5%) National television news **24** (1.3%) Talk radio
98 (5.2%) Local television news **37** (2.0%) Weekly news magazines
1233 (65.8%) Internet **133** (7.1%) *Daily Californian*
25 (1.3%) Public television **155** (8.3%) Other daily newspaper (such as *San Francisco Chronicle*, *New York Times*)
49 (2.6%) Public Radio

8. Aside from campus newspapers and weekly newspapers, which, if any, newspapers do you read (not online) at least several times a week? (If you read more than three newspapers, please choose the three newspapers you read most often.)

Daily newspaper #1	Daily newspaper #2	Daily newspaper #3
314 (36.0%) San Francisco Chronicle	148 (27.2%) San Francisco Chronicle	38 (10.5%) San Francisco Chronicle
206 (23.6%) New York Times	147 (27.0%) New York Times	46 (12.7%) New York Times
78 (8.9%) Wall Street Journal	41 (7.5%) Wall Street Journal	53 (14.6%) Wall Street Journal
22 (2.5%) Oakland Tribune	24 (4.4%) Oakland Tribune	33 (9.1%) Oakland Tribune
43 (4.9%) San Jose Mercury News	24 (4.4%) San Jose Mercury News	23 (6.3%) San Jose Mercury News
21 (2.4%) Contra Costa Times	14 (2.6%) Contra Costa Times	11 (3.0%) Contra Costa Times
81 (9.3%) Los Angeles Times	41 (7.5%) Los Angeles Times	27 (7.4%) Los Angeles Times
45 (5.2%) Other local newspaper	42 (7.7%) Other local newspaper	52 (14.3%) Other local newspaper
26 (3.0%) Other US newspaper (not local)	36 (6.6%) Other US newspaper (not local)	41 (11.3%) Other US newspaper (not local)
37 (4.2%) Other international paper (outside US)	27 (5.0%) Other international paper (outside US)	39 (10.7%) Other international paper (outside US)
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9. How often do you use the Internet as a source of news?

- 137** (7.3%) Rarely or never [please [skip to question 10](#)]
161 (8.6%) Less than once a week [please [skip to question 10](#)]
251 (13.4%) Once a week [please [skip to question 10](#)]
381 (20.3%) Several times a week
419 (22.3%) Everyday
530 (28.2%) More than once a day

9a. Which news website(s) do you use? (If you use more than three websites on a fairly regular basis, please choose the three websites you use most often.)

News website #1	News website #2	News website #3
284 (20.7%) CNN.com	198 (17.6%) CNN.com	88 (10.7%) CNN.com
182 (13.3%) NYTimes.com (New York Times)	124 (11.0%) NYTimes.com (New York Times)	77 (9.4%) NYTimes.com (New York Times)
298 (21.8%) Yahoo!	168 (14.9%) Yahoo!	70 (8.5%) Yahoo!
157 (11.5%) Google News (news.google.com)	152 (13.5%) Google News (news.google.com)	87 (10.6%) Google News (news.google.com)
72 (5.3%) MSN.com	60 (5.3%) MSN.com	47 (5.7%) MSN.com
150 (11.0%) BBC.co.uk	99 (8.8%) BBC.co.uk	85 (10.4%) BBC.co.uk
35 (2.6%) SFGate.com (San Francisco Chronicle)	62 (5.5%) SFGate.com (San Francisco Chronicle)	59 (7.2%) SFGate.com (San Francisco Chronicle)
20 (1.5%) LATimes.com (Los Angeles Times)	28 (2.5%) LATimes.com (Los Angeles Times)	31 (3.8%) LATimes.com (Los Angeles Times)
27 (2.0%) MSNBC.com	48 (4.3%) MSNBC.com	42 (5.1%) MSNBC.com
18 (1.3%) ESPN.com	49 (4.3%) ESPN.com	57 (6.9%) ESPN.com
126 (9.2%) Other news website	140 (12.4%) Other news website	178 (21.7%) Other news website
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Political Engagement

10. Thinking back on this academic year, how often have you done each of the following?

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Somewhat often	Often	Very often
Attended meetings or rallies related to local, state, or national politics	1166 (62.3%)	358 (19.1%)	221 (11.8%)	70 (3.7%)	33 (1.8%)	23 (1.2%)
Engaged in protests or demonstrations	1388 (74.4%)	245 (13.1%)	151 (8.1%)	56 (3.0%)	13 (0.7%)	13 (0.7%)
Performed work or service for a political campaign	1435 (77.2%)	217 (11.7%)	125 (6.7%)	39 (2.1%)	23 (1.2%)	21 (1.1%)
Talked with friends about current events or things you have heard about in the news	116 (6.2%)	157 (8.4%)	490 (26.2%)	371 (19.9%)	367 (19.7%)	366 (19.6%)

11. And during this academic year, have you ever . . .

	No	Yes
. . . signed an online petition?	1122 (60.1%)	746 (39.9%)
. . . forwarded an online petition to someone else?	1564 (83.7%)	304 (16.3%)
. . . written a letter or e-mail to an elected official?	1568 (83.9%)	301 (16.1%)
. . . donated money to a political cause?	1617 (86.4%)	254 (13.6%)
. . . worn a wristband to show your support for a political cause or issue?	1605 (86.2%)	257 (13.8%)
. . . refused to buy something from a company because you disagreed with the company's social or political values?	1086 (58.2%)	781 (41.8%)

12. Did you vote in the general election in November 2006?

- 209** (11.2%) No, because I was not a citizen
- 102** (5.4%) No, because I was not yet eighteen
- 696** (37.2%) No
- 436** (23.3%) Yes, in the community where I live while at Cal
- 430** (23.0%) Yes, in my parents' community or at my permanent address

**13. When it comes to politics, where would you place yourself on this scale?
Please select the response closest to your position.**

Very liberal	Liberal	Slightly liberal	Moderate: middle of the road	Slightly conservative	Conservative	Very conservative
172 (9.2%)	647 (34.7%)	372 (19.9%)	405 (21.7%)	178 (9.5%)	79 (4.2%)	12 (0.6%)

14. Below is a scale with strong Democrats on one end and strong Republicans on the other, and with independents in the middle. Where would you place yourself in the scale?

I strongly prefer the Democrats	I prefer the Democrats	I am basically independent but lean toward the Democrats	I am independent, I have no preference for either party	I am basically independent but lean toward the Republicans	I prefer the Republicans	I strongly prefer the Republicans	Other party (please specify)
229 (12.5%)	473 (25.8%)	550 (30.0%)	367 (20.0%)	138 (7.5%)	58 (3.2%)	20 (1.1%)	[Open-ended text field]

15. Now think for a minute about your parents when you were growing up. Where would you place your MOTHER on this scale?

Strongly prefers the Democrats	Prefers the Democrats	Basically independent but leans toward the Democrats	Independent, no preference for either party	Basically independent but leans toward the Republicans	Prefers the Republicans	Strongly prefer the Republicans	Don't know	Other party (please specify)
241 (13.0%)	448 (24.2%)	261 (14.1%)	290 (15.7%)	132 (7.1%)	182 (9.8%)	109 (5.9%)	190 (10.3%)	[Open-ended text field]

16. Where would you place your FATHER on this scale?

Strongly prefers the Democrats	Prefers the Democrats	Basically independent but leans toward the Democrats	Independent, no preference for either party	Basically independent but leans toward the Republicans	Prefers the Republicans	Strongly prefer the Republicans	Don't know	Other party (please specify)
195 (10.6%)	348 (18.9%)	275 (15.0%)	258 (14.0%)	161 (8.8%)	242 (13.2%)	150 (8.2%)	209 (11.4%)	[Open-ended text field]

17. What is your religious preference?

- 69** (3.7%) Baptist
- 134** (7.1%) Buddhist
- 60** (3.2%) Christian Church (Disciples)
- 4** (0.2%) Quaker
- 267** (14.2%) Roman Catholic
- 9** (0.5%) Seventh Day Adventist

22 (1.2%) Eastern Orthodox	8 (0.4%) Sikh
13 (0.7%) Episcopalian	9 (0.5%) Taoist
33 (1.8%) Hindu	6 (0.3%) Unitarian/Universalist
87 (4.6%) Jewish	2 (0.1%) United Church of Christ/Congregational
11 (0.6%) Methodist	165 (8.8%) Other Christian
39 (2.1%) Muslim	47 (2.5%) Other Religion
72 (3.8%) Presbyterian	822 (43.7%) None

17a. Do you consider yourself a Born-Again Christian?

1599 (87.0%) No
239 (13.0%) Yes

18. Which of these best describes your opinion on the following issues?

	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly
Abortion should be legal	1036 (55.3%)	524 (28.0%)	181 (9.7%)	132 (7.0%)
The death penalty should be abolished	468 (25.1%)	564 (30.3%)	610 (32.7%)	222 (11.9%)
Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America	34 (1.8%)	156 (8.3%)	573 (30.6%)	1107 (59.2%)
Realistically, an individual can do little to bring about changes in our society	88 (4.7%)	438 (23.4%)	767 (41.0%)	578 (30.9%)
Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now	584 (31.3%)	765 (41.1%)	371 (19.9%)	143 (7.7%)
Colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus	400 (21.5%)	572 (30.7%)	613 (32.9%)	276 (14.8%)
Same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status	1094 (58.9%)	428 (23.1%)	186 (10.0%)	148 (8.0%)
A national health care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs	806 (43.5%)	716 (38.6%)	237 (12.8%)	96 (5.2%)
In view of the developments since we first sent our troops to Iraq, I think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Iraq	1142 (61.5%)	502 (27.0%)	166 (8.9%)	48 (2.6%)
The federal government's war on terrorism has unnecessarily compromised our civil liberties in this country	865 (47.0%)	629 (34.1%)	271 (14.7%)	77 (4.2%)
Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education	146 (7.9%)	365 (19.7%)	619 (33.5%)	719 (38.9%)

19. Do you think this country is moving in the right direction or wrong direction?

155 (8.2%) Right direction
1047 (55.3%) Wrong direction
693 (36.6%) Don't know

Notes: Counts are in bold and precede items they are counting. Missing values are not included in the counts. Percentages for multiple selection items are based on the total number of active cases.

Number of cases: **2,295**

Response rate for module: **49.7%**

Margin of error for module: **±1.5%**