



COLLEGE STUDENTS

NATIONAL ADULTS

81%

PRESS

64%

76%

PETITION

58%

73%

SPEECH

56%

68%

RELIGION

60%

66%

ASSEMBLY

60%

Survey respondents agree that our First Amendment rights are secure or very secure.

The press is at least as important to democracy today, if not more so, than it was 20 years ago.

90%
AGREE



42%

Of college students have a great deal or fair amount of trust in the press "to report the news accurately and fairly."



FREE EXPRESSION ON CAMPUS

A Survey of College Students #CampusFreeSpeech



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This survey of 3,072 U.S. students and 2,031 U.S. adults was conducted by Gallup in March 2016. GALLUP*

Colleges should be able to restrict expression of potentially offensive political views.



27%
AGREE

Colleges should be able to have policies against slurs and other intentionally offensive language.

69%
AGREE



63%



Think schools should be able to restrict students from wearing costumes that stereotype racial or ethnic groups.

76%

College Students

70%

U.S. Adults



Say students should NOT be able to prevent the press from covering protests on college campuses.



81%

Say they read views they disagree with on social media.

23% Sometimes respond

13% Ignore

5% Block

The right to peaceably assemble is secure.

39%

of black college students agree

70%

of white college students agree



Students who say the climate on campus prevents some from saying what they believe because others might find it offensive.



54%