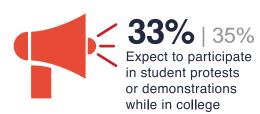
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As this year's freshman class entered college, community issues and politics weighed heavily on their minds. With 2016 presidential campaigns beginning to gain steam, freshmen expressed their commitment to political engagement and their views on the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

Freshmen are engaged politically and in their community.





75% | 76% Feel it's important to help others in difficulty





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







56% | 50% Believe marijuana should be legalized



Support the legal status of abortion

While their notions of diversity continue to expand.



7%|5% Identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, or other



Identify as agnostic, atheist or not affiliated with any religion

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





Utilize merit-based grants or scholarships

Have taken out loans

Express concerns about financing their education

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



83% | 90%

17% | 22% Had special tutoring or remedial work in math

> 6% | 8% Participated in a summer

> > bridge program

...And are open to additional support while in college.



28% | 40% Anticipate needing tutoring or remedial work in math



Expect to seek personal counseling Many students' college choice was influenced by graduates' success



Considered graduates' admission to top graduate/professional schools



Considered graduates' job placement



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