

What Florida Students Think

The 1998 Statewide Survey of Student Opinion By



The Magazine for Florida College Students

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. To return the survey, follow the instructions on page 4. Your answers will be compiled with those of other student leaders statewide, and the results will appear in the fall 1998 issue of *Florida Leader* magazine. Thank you for giving us a piece of your mind!

Who Are You? (optional)

This information will be used to profile the survey sample. If you complete this section, you may be contacted by *Florida Leader* to comment further or to be featured in the fall issue of the magazine.

Name _____

College _____

Major/Year _____

Cumulative GPA _____

Age _____ Race _____ Female Male

How can we reach you this summer?

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone () _____

Work Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____

Please list the names of organizations or clubs in which you're involved, along with the titles of positions you hold for 1998-99.

Group Name	Title
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____

What is your primary source of money for college?

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parental/family support | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time job(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer job(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Loans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time job(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Do you plan to pursue a graduate or professional degree?

- Yes No Undecided

If yes, please answer parts A and B.

(A) Which degree will you pursue?

- MBA Law Medicine
- Other _____

(B) Do you plan to attend graduate school in Florida?

- Yes No Undecided

What is your current religious preference?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptist | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Protestant _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

With whom did you live for the majority of your childhood?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced parents/step-parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother only | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster parent(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father only | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt/uncle | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

What is your parents'/guardians' total annual household income?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to \$100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 to \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$500,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$75,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$500,000 |

What is your parents' highest level of education?

- | | |
|---|---|
| Mother: | Father: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grammar school | <input type="checkbox"/> Grammar school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate | <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Postsecondary school | <input type="checkbox"/> Postsecondary school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College degree | <input type="checkbox"/> College degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate degree |

Where are you from originally? Please list city/state/country.

■ The Sunshine State

1. Do you plan to live and work in Florida after you graduate?

Yes No Undecided Why or why not? _____

2. Which of the following can most improve life in Florida in the future? (Check only one)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Churches | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools and universities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Science and technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> World trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual grassroots efforts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

■ Information and Current Events

3. What is your number one source of news? (Check only one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> News magazines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> TV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major daily newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

4. On average, how many hours per day do you spend using any of the above news sources to make yourself more informed?

of hours in whole numbers _____

5. List the magazines or newspapers to which you subscribe or have purchased in the last month.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

6. If you're on-line, answer parts A & B. If not, skip to part C.

(A) How often do you connect to the Internet?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Several times daily | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once daily | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Every couple of days | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than once a month |

(B) For what do you use on-line services? (Check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsgroups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web browsing | <input type="checkbox"/> Chat rooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting student groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining a web page | <input type="checkbox"/> Downloading files |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course registration, class assignments, and to check grades | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

(C) Why aren't you on-line? (Check only one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too expensive | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't have the equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It's a waste of time | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know enough about it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of compelling content | <input type="checkbox"/> It's addictive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too time consuming | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

■ Politics and Issues

7. (a) How do you view yourself politically?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative | <input type="checkbox"/> Liberal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

(b) What is your party affiliation?

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Reform Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Republican | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

8. What three issues would you most like to see addressed by this year's gubernatorial candidates?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

9. Do you plan to vote in the fall 1998 election?

- Yes No Undecided

10. For whom would you vote to be governor?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rep. Keith Arnold | <input type="checkbox"/> Lt. Gov. Buddy McKay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Josephine Arnold | <input type="checkbox"/> L. Nelson "Mac" McAlexander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeb Bush | <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry R. Milton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Cueves-Neunder | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Leonard Pribble II |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sen. Rick Dantzer | <input type="checkbox"/> Ellis S. Rubin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gerald Hankins | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

11. Do you ever plan to run for public office yourself?

- Yes No Maybe

12. Have you ever worked in a local, state, or national political campaign? (Other than campus elections)

- Yes No

■ Student Life

13. What was the most important factor in your decision to attend your college? (Check only one)

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| _____ Affordability | _____ Independent/third party rankings |
| _____ Financial aid | _____ School's reputation |
| _____ Friends went there | _____ School has my program/major |
| _____ Geographic location | _____ Sports/extracurricular activities |
| _____ Open admissions | _____ Other _____ |
| _____ Parents' wishes | _____ |

14. Do you feel safe on your campus?

- Yes No

Why or why not? _____

15. What is the biggest problem on your campus? (Check only one)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student apathy | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial aid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough course variety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racial tension | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of faculty and staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Funding for student groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of college | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of student services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

■ Society and Law

28. Please check the box in front of each statement with which you AGREE. Otherwise, leave the box blank to indicate that you are either indifferent or that you disagree with the statement.

- (a) The federal government isn't doing enough to control environmental pollution.
- (b) The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit.
- (c) There is too much concern in the courts for the rights of criminals.
- (d) Abortion should be legal.
- (e) The death penalty should be abolished.
- (f) The activities of married women are best confined to the home and family.
- (g) Marijuana should be legalized.
- (h) It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships.
- (i) Employers should be allowed to require drug testing of employees or job applicants.
- (j) The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns.
- (k) A national health-care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs.
- (l) Racial discrimination is no longer a major problem in America.
- (m) Realistically, a person can do little to bring about changes in our society.
- (n) Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do.
- (o) Colleges should prohibit racist/ sexist speech on campus.
- (p) People shouldn't obey laws that violate their personal values.
- (q) Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished.
- (r) Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education.
- (s) All official federal and state documents should be printed in English only.

Note: The statements in question 25 consist of previously published material authored by Sax, L. J., Astin A. W., Korn W. S., Mahoney, K. T. (1996). *The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 1996*. Los Angeles: Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA.

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- ◆ Best Campus Fund Raiser
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