

Who are our students?

Results from the 2017 Freshman Survey

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- Sponsored by Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA
- Started in 1966
- Typically more than 100,000 responses per year from 250+ institutions

Freshman Survey

2017 CIRP Freshman Survey



PLEASE PRINT IN ALL CAPS YOUR NAME AND PERMANENT/HOME ADDRESS (one letter or number per box).

NAME: FIRST M LAST

When were you born?

Month (01-12) Day (01-31) Year

CITY: STATE: ZIP: COUNTRY (IF NOT USA)

STUDENT ID# (as instructed): EMAIL (print address carefully):

SERIAL #:

MARKING DIRECTIONS

- Use a black or blue pen.
- Fill in your response completely.
- Mark out any answer you wish to change with an "X".

CORRECT MARK INCORRECT MARKS

Group Code A B

1. Your sex: Male Female
2. Do you identify as transgender? Yes No
3. In what year did you graduate from high school? (Mark one)
 - 2017 Did not graduate but passed GED test
 - 2016 Never completed
 - 2015 2014 or earlier high school
4. Are you enrolled (or enrolling) as a: (Mark one)
 - Full-time student
 - Part-time student
5. How many miles is this college from your permanent home? (Mark one)
 - 5 or less 15-50 101-500
 - 5-10 51-100 Over 500
6. What was your average grade in high school? (Mark one)
 - A or A+ B C
 - D E F G
 - B+ C+
7. Prior to this term, have you ever taken courses for credit at any institution?
 - Yes No
8. Since leaving high school, have you ever taken courses, whether for credit or not for credit, at any college institution (university, 2- or 3-year college, technical, vocational, or business school)?
 - Yes No
9. What were your scores on the SAT 1 and/or ACT?
 - SAT Critical Reading:
 - SAT Mathematics:
 - ACT Composite:

10. From what high school did you graduate?

Name of high school:

City: State:

11. Are you: (Mark all that apply)
- White/Caucasian
 - African American/Black
 - American Indian/Alaska Native
 - East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)
 - Hispanic
 - Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Vietnamese, Hmong)
 - South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Sri Lankan)
 - Other Asian
 - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 - Mexican American/Chicano
 - Puerto Rican
 - Other Latino
 - Other

12. How many weeks this summer did you participate in a bridge program at this institution? (Mark one)
- 0 3-4 7+
 - 1-2 5-6

13. To how many colleges other than this one did you apply for admission this year? (Mark one)
- None 3 5 11 or more
 - 1 4 7-8
 - 2 5 9-10

14. Were you accepted by your first choice college? Yes No

15. Is this college your: (Mark one)
- First choice Third choice
 - Second choice Less than first choice

16. Citizenship status: (Mark one)
- U.S. citizen
 - Permanent resident (green card)
 - International student (i.e., F-1, J-1, or M-1 visa)
 - None of the above

17. Please mark which of the following courses you have completed:
- Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry
 - Probability & Statistics
 - Calculus
 - AP Probability & Statistics
 - AP Calculus
 - AP Computer Science A
 - AP Computer Science Principles
 - AP Biology
 - AP Chemistry
 - AP Physics
 - AP Environmental Science

18. During high school (grades 9-12) how many years did you study each of the following subjects? (Mark one for each item)

Mathematics: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Physical Science: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Biological Science: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Computer Science: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

19. How many Advanced Placement (International Baccalaureate) courses or exams did you take in high school? (Mark one in each row)

AP Courses: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

AP Exams: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

IB Courses: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

IB Exams: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

20. Please refer to the same Parent/Guardian throughout this survey. Please mark the sex of your parent(s) or guardian(s).

Parent/Guardian 1: Male Female

Parent/Guardian 2: Male Female

21. At any time since you turned 18, were you in foster care or were you a dependent of the court? Yes No I don't know

22. Do you consider yourself: (Mark Yes or No for one)
- Pre-Med: Yes No
 - Pre-Law: Yes No

23. Please indicate your intended major using the codes provided on the attached S&S out.

The New York Times |

EDUCATION

Record Level of Stress Found in College Freshmen

By TAMAR LEWIN JAN. 26, 2011

The emotional health of college freshmen — who feel buffeted by the recession and stressed by the pressures of high school — has declined to the lowest level since an annual survey of incoming students started collecting data 25 years ago.

In the survey, “The American Freshman: National Norms Fall 2010,” involving more than 200,000 incoming full-time students at four-year colleges, the percentage of students rating themselves as “below average” in emotional health rose. Meanwhile, the percentage of students who said their emotional health was above average fell to 52 percent. It was 64 percent in 1985.

Every year, women had a less positive view of their emotional health than men, and that gap has widened.

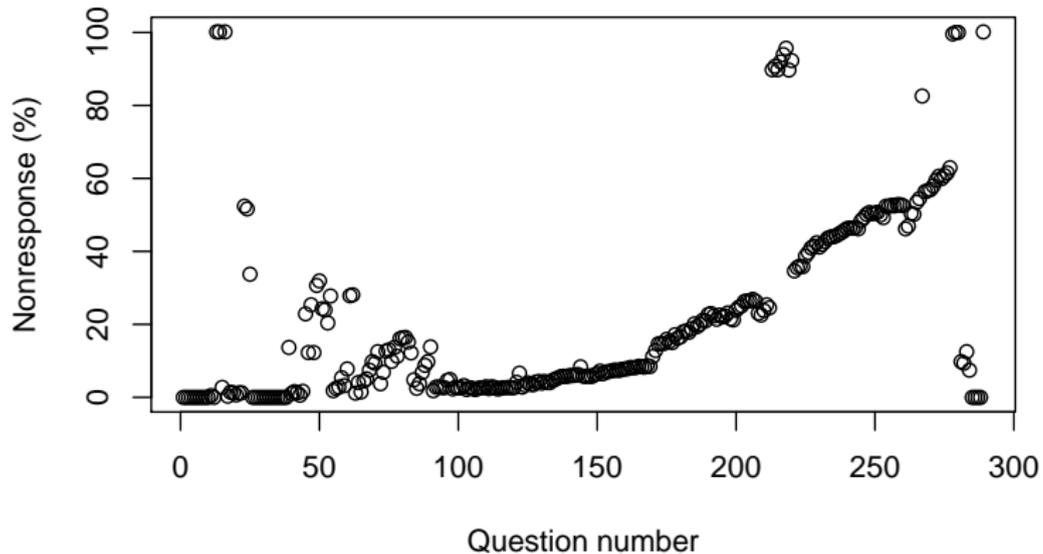
Campus counselors say the survey results are the latest evidence of what they see every day in their offices — students who are depressed, under stress and using psychiatric medication, prescribed even before they came to college.

USNA Participation in Freshman Survey

- USNA has participated most years since 1970
- Usually administered during first week of Plebe Summer
- High response rates, serious time pressure

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Nonresponse as a function of question order



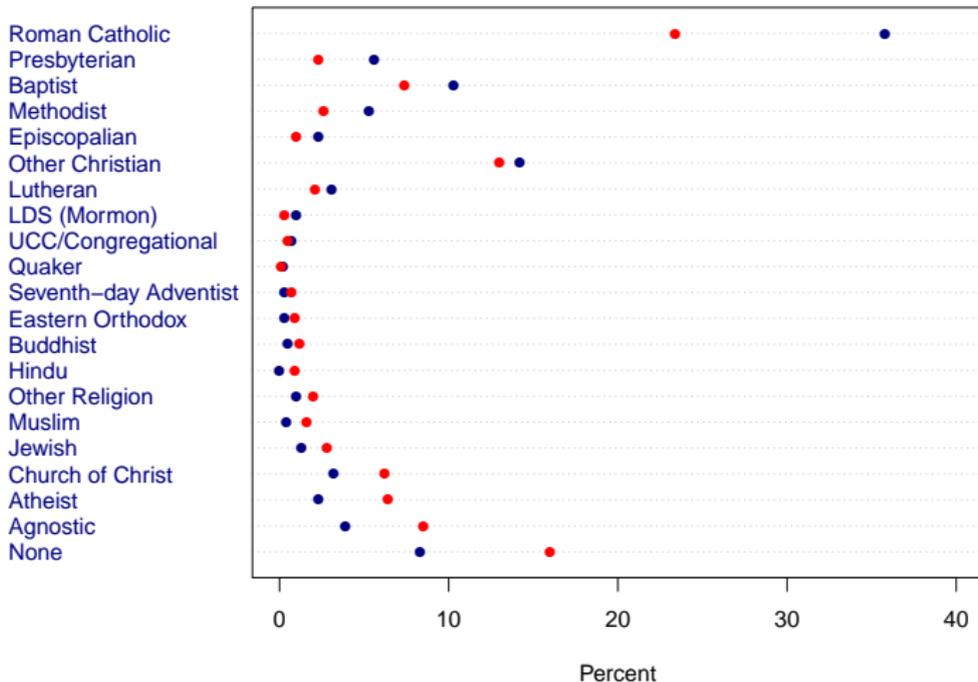
Race/Ethnicity

	USNA 2017	National 2016
African American/Black	11.2	13.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.4	2.0
Asian	14.6	13.4
Latino	12.4	19.3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.8	1.0
White/Caucasian	78.3	66.9
Other	1.0	2.5

Note: Respondents may select more than one category

Religion and Religiosity

Current Religious Preference



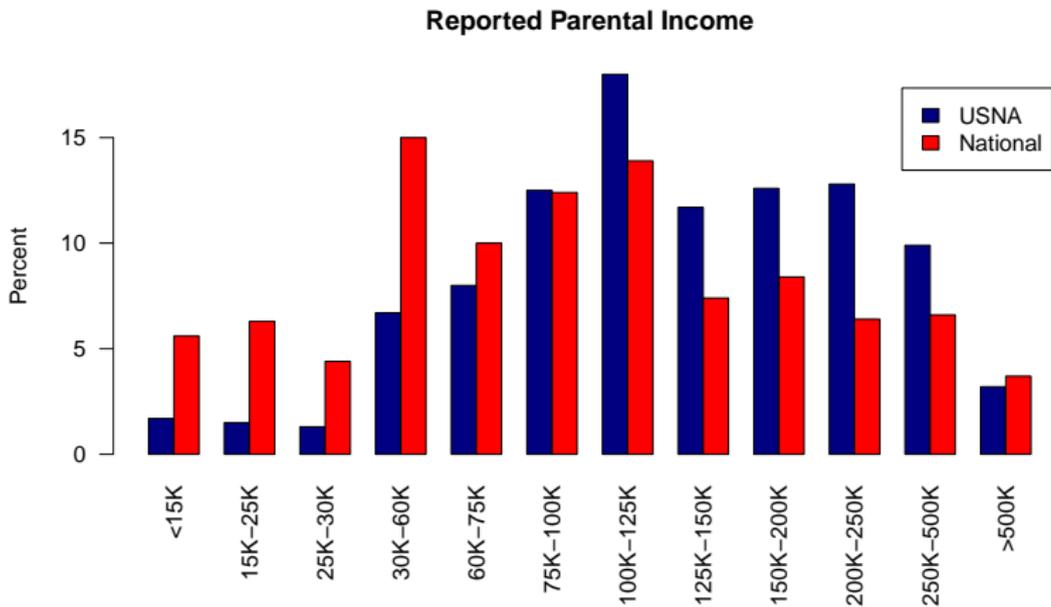
Religion and Religiosity

	USNA 2017	National 2016
Attended a religious service: Frequently or Occasionally	84.9	68.9
Discussed religion: Frequently or Occasionally	86.6	78.2
Spirituality: Highest 10% or Above Average	48.6	35.8
Integrating spirituality into my life: Essential or Very Important	56.7	42.8

Family Background

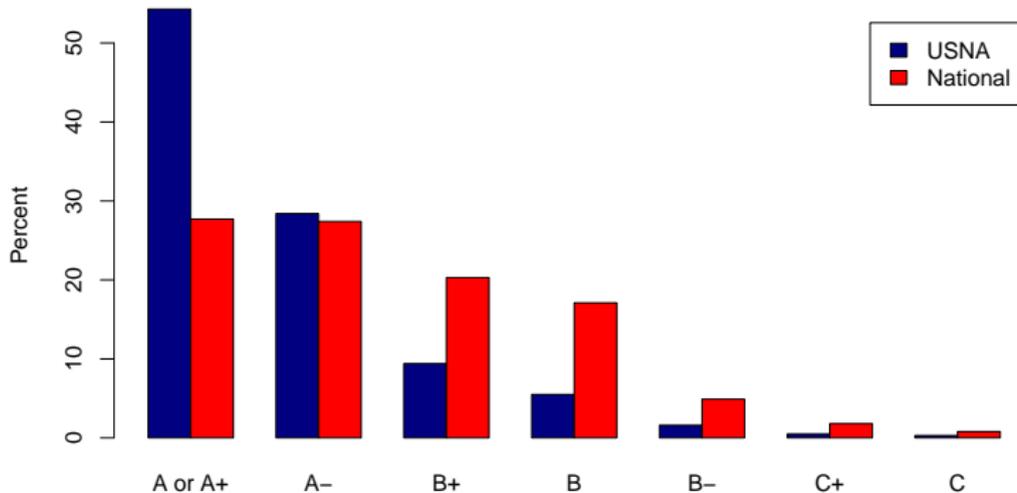
	USNA 2017	National 2016
First-generation college student	5.8	18.8
Live more than 100 miles from home	88.3	47.0
Parent 1 occupation: Military	8.4	1.5
Parent 2 occupation: Military	3.2	1.0

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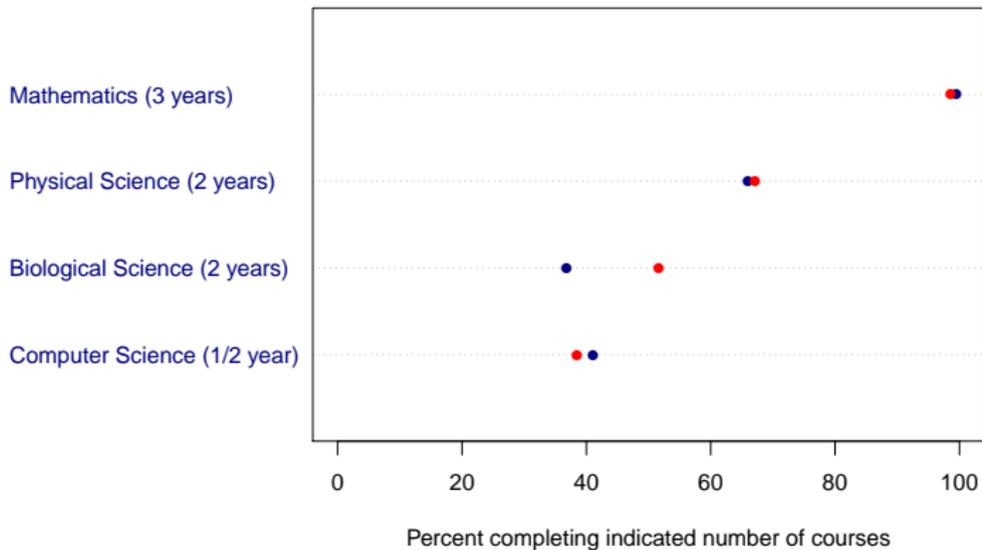
High School: Academics

Average Grades in High School



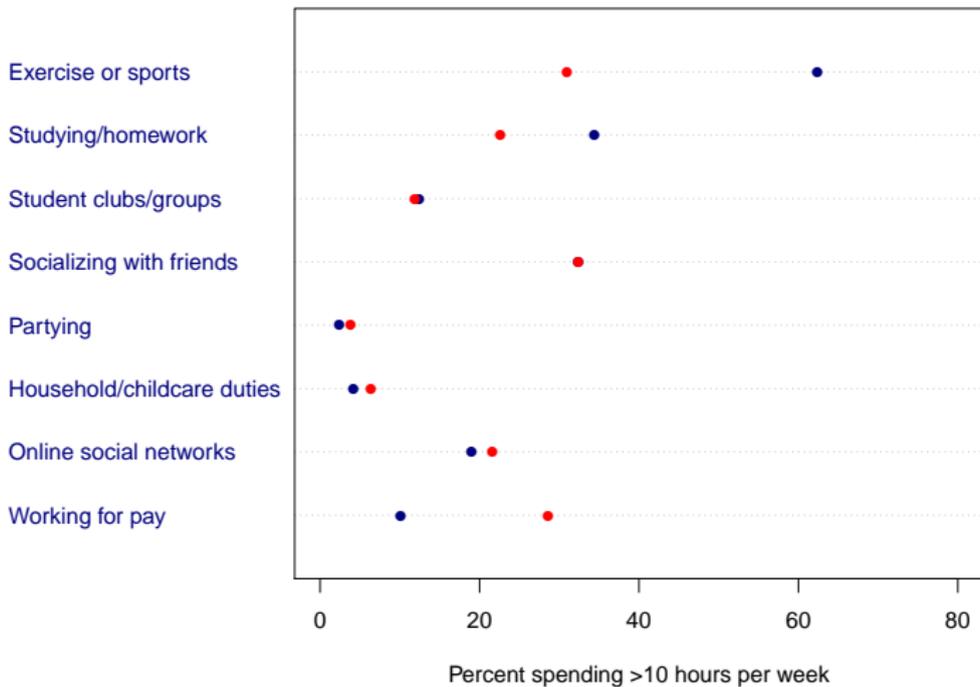
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High School STEM Courses

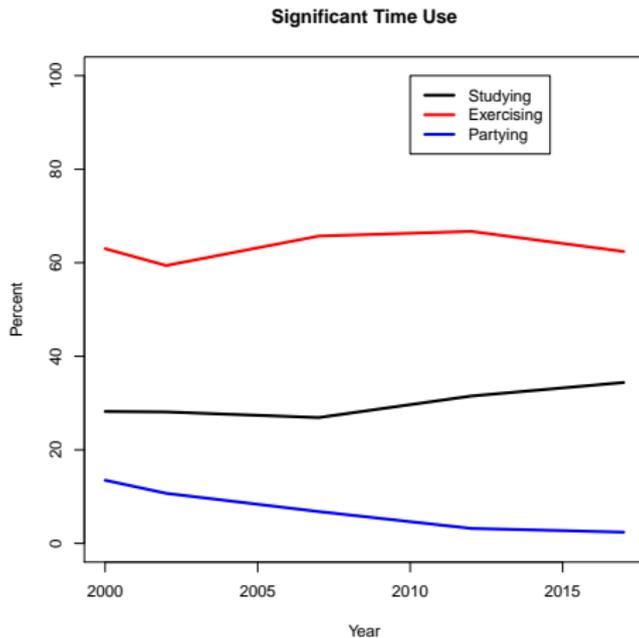


High School: Time Commitments

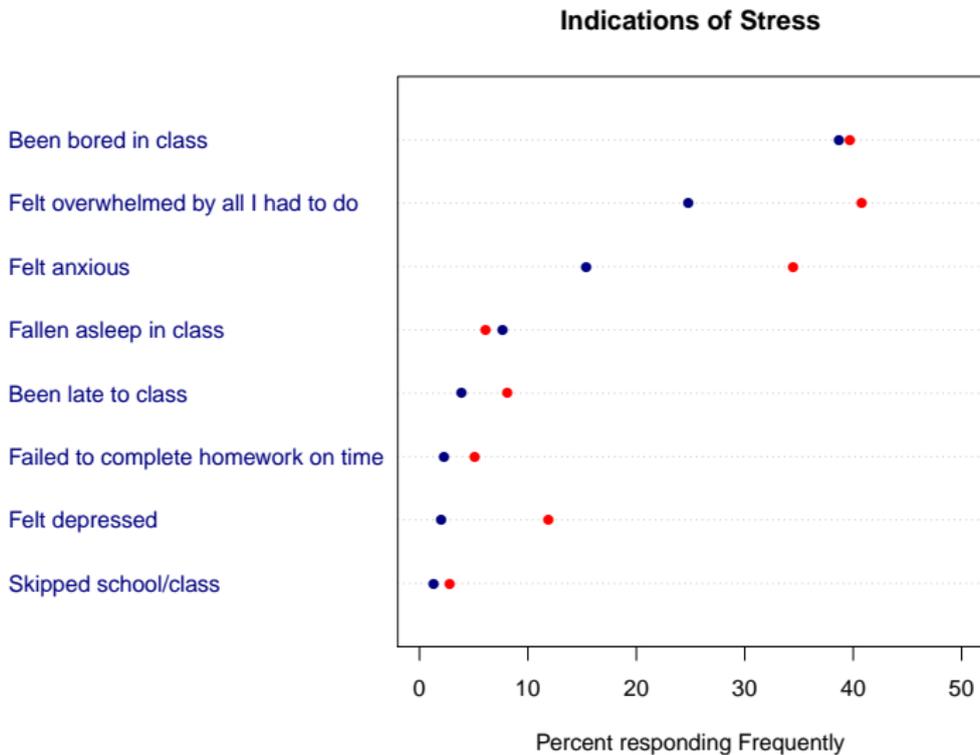
Significant Time Commitments in High School



High School: Time Commitments

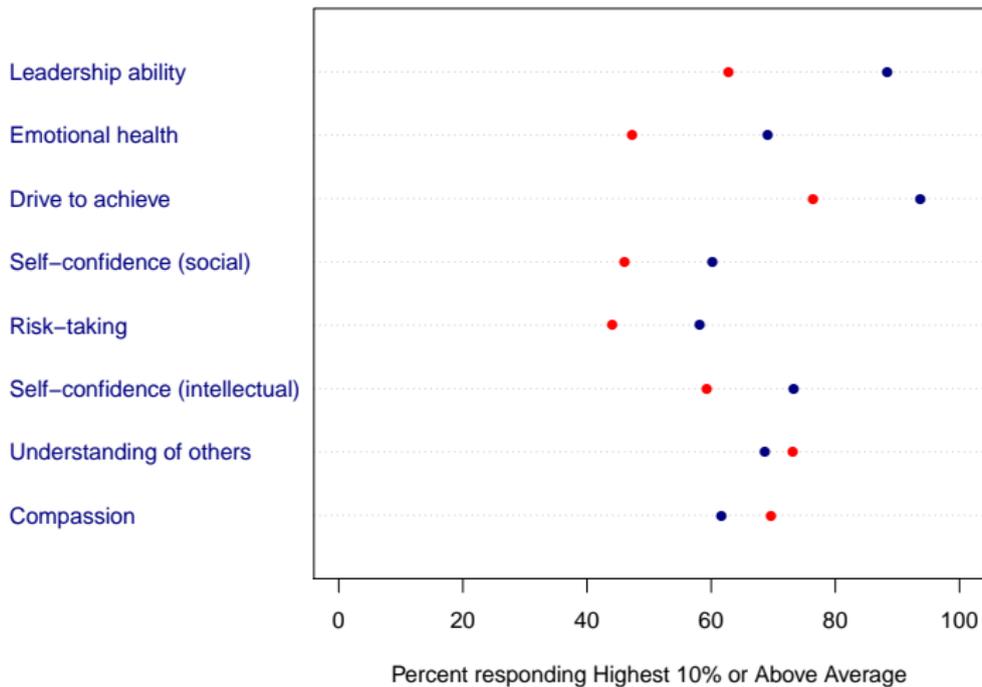


High School: Stress Indicators



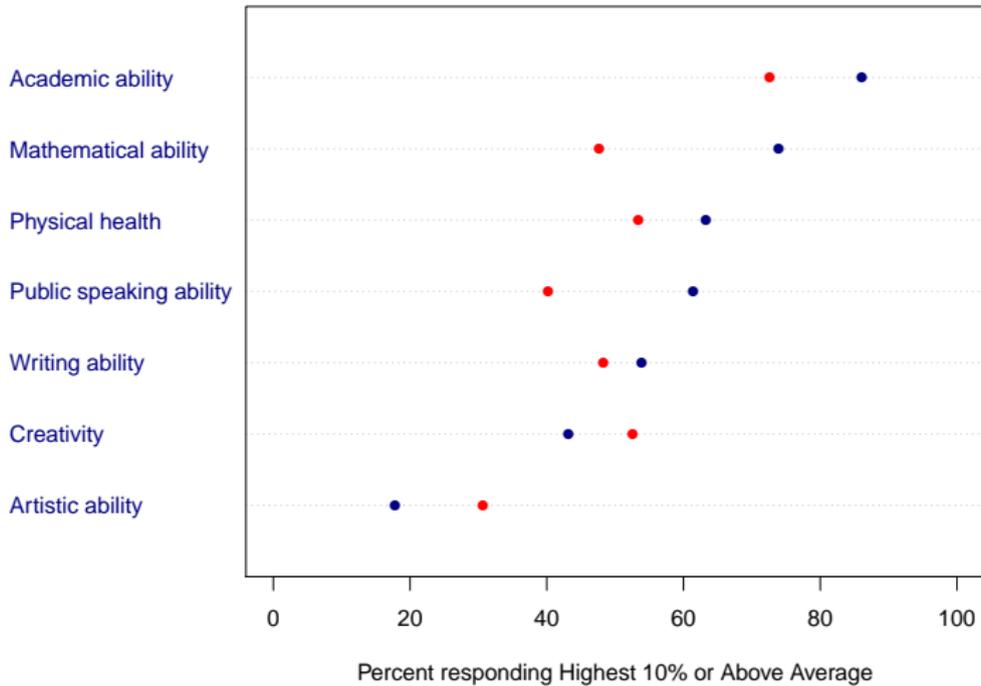
Self-evaluations: Personality

Self-evaluation of personality



Self-evaluations: Ability

Self-evaluation of abilities

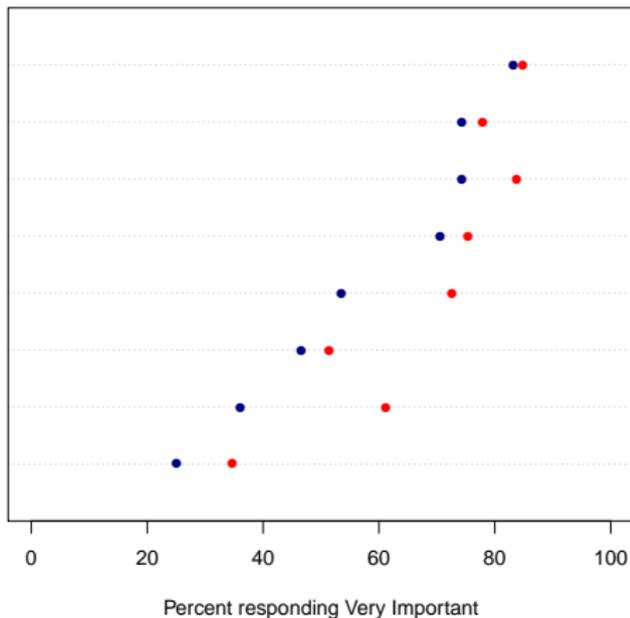


College Choice

	USNA 2017	National 2016
Accepted by first-choice college	97.0	74.7
Attending first-choice college	95.4	56.8
Only applied to one college	30.8	10.8
No concern about financing college	98.0	30.9

Reasons for Attending Any College

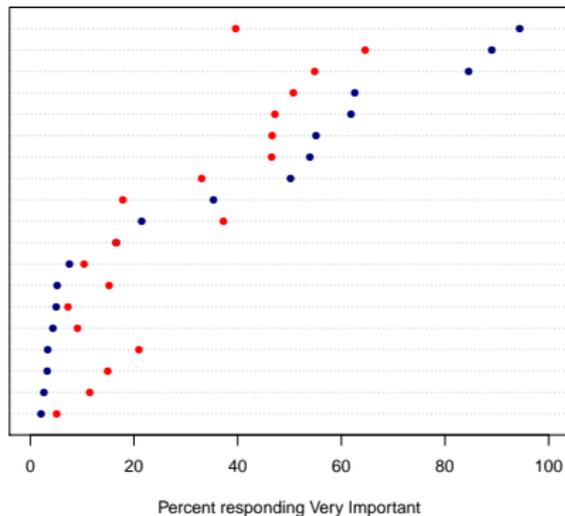
- To be able to get a better job
- To get training for a specific career
- To learn more about things that interest me
- To gain a general education and appreciation of ideas
- To be able to make more money
- To make me a more cultured person
- To prepare myself for graduate or professional school
- To please my family

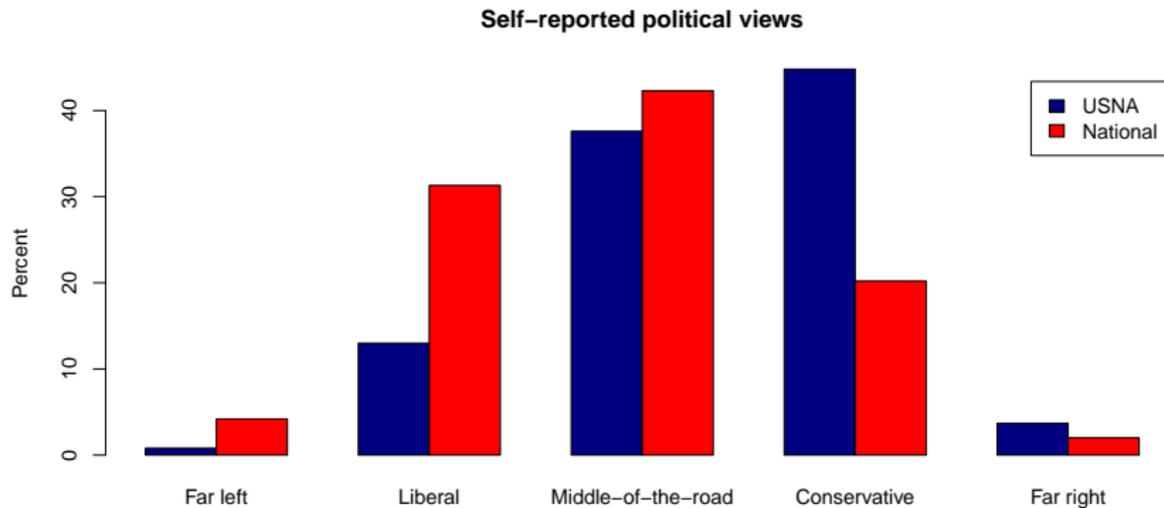


College Choice

- This college's graduates make a difference in the world
- This college has a very good academic reputation
- This college's graduates get good jobs
- This college has a good reputation for its social and extracurricular activities
- The cost of attending this college
- A visit to this campus
- I was offered financial assistance
- This college's graduates gain admission to top graduate schools
- Rankings in national magazines
- I wanted to go to a school about the size of this college
- My parents/relatives wanted me to come here
- High school counselor advised me
- I was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program
- My teacher advised me
- I was attracted by the religious affiliation/orientation of this college
- I wanted to live near home
- Could not afford first choice
- Not offered aid by first choice
- Private college counselor advised me

Reasons for Attending USNA

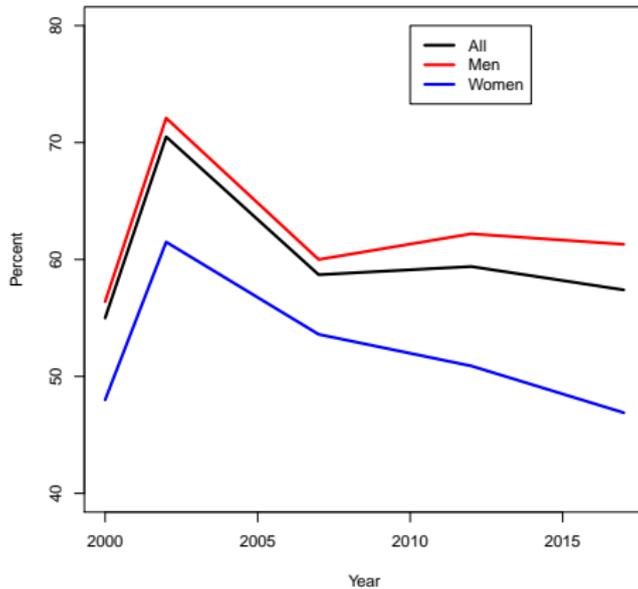




Plans

	USNA 2017	National 2016
Pre-med	6.5	20.5
Pre-law	3.9	6.7
Highest degree intended: Master's	53.2	41.0
Highest degree intended: Doctorate	24.4	34.5
Intended career: Military	57.4	2.1

Planning a Military Career



Service Assignment Preferences

