

## **“Polar Poll” 2017**

### **FACULTY Sample**

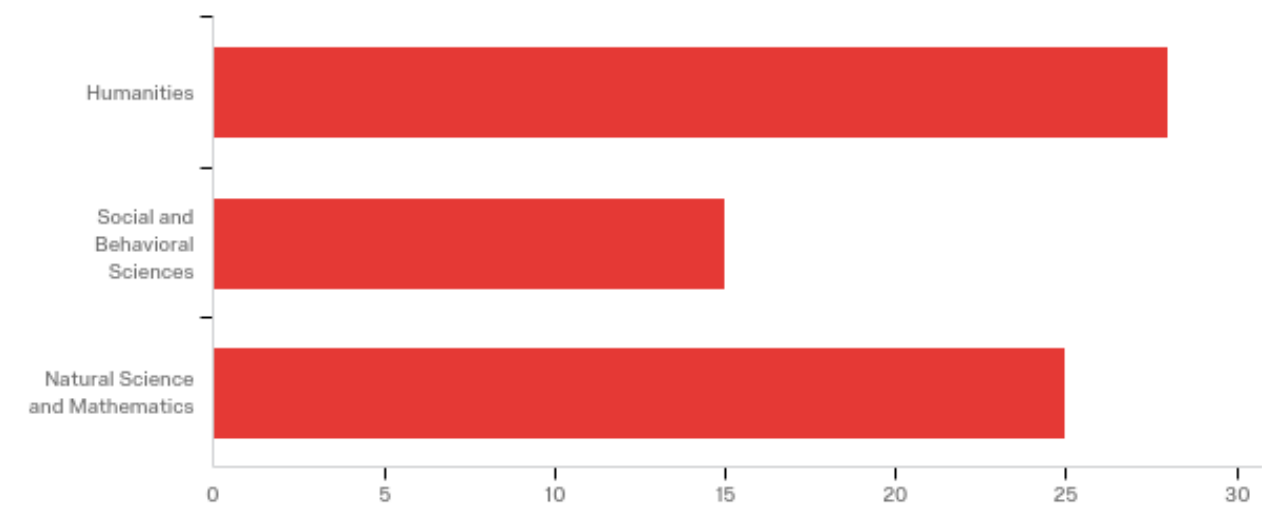
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(Quantitative Analysis of Political Science)**

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NOTE: This poll is based on 68 full or partially completed surveys of a random selection of Bowdoin faculty between March 6 and March 23, 2017. An initial sample of 100 current Bowdoin faculty received the survey. The survey was distributed via email using the Qualtrics software system. Results are not weighted. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 10.1 percent of what they would have been had the entire Bowdoin faculty been surveyed.

As with all surveys and polls, one should be cautious in drawing too many strong inferences about Bowdoin faculty attitudes and opinions. Inferences from data like these assume a representative sample and unbiased instruments. Moreover, research has indicated that salient external events can influence the way survey respondents answer certain questions. In designing this survey, we have worked to minimize bias in sample selection and question wording/order, but we must make assumptions that respondents answer truthfully and/or understand the intention of the questions.

In what division of the College do you teach?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Humanities	41.18%	28
2	Social and Behavioral Sciences	22.06%	15
3	Natural Science and Mathematics	36.76%	25
	Total	100%	68

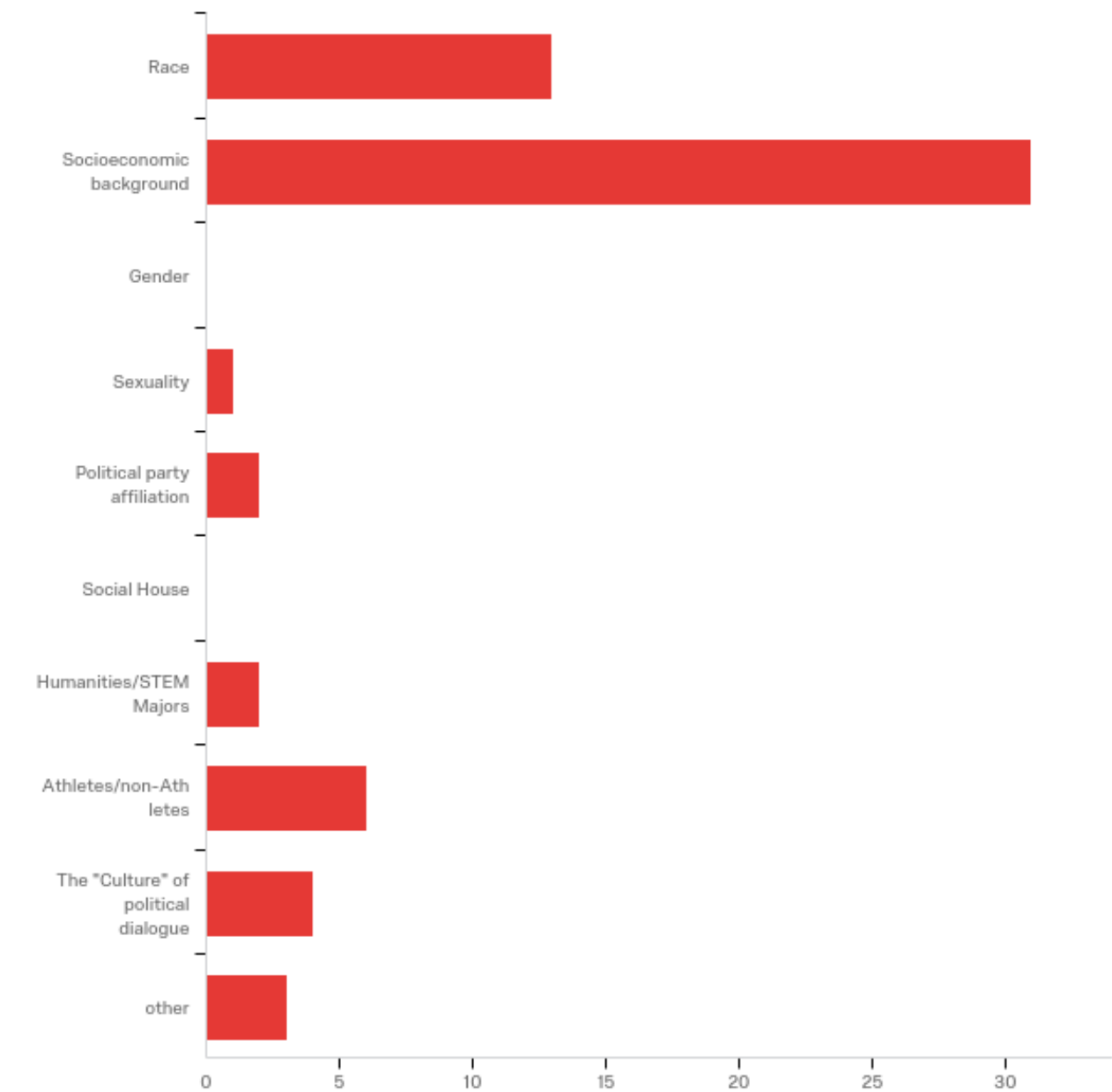
Below are some most frequently used #hashtags on Twitter in 2016. A hashtag is simply a way for people to search for tweets that have a common topic and to begin a conversation. How do you react to the message implied with these hashtags? Choose any number between 0 and 100. The higher the number, the warmer or more favorable you feel towards the message implied by the hashtag; the lower the number, the colder or less favorable. You would rate the item at the 50-degree mark if you feel neither warm nor cold toward them.

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
#blacklivesmatter	50.00	100.00	86.81	15.41	237.53	64
#feelthebern	12.00	100.00	68.47	20.45	418.31	64
#lockherup	0.00	71.00	4.44	12.23	149.62	64
#buildthewall	0.00	51.00	2.84	9.60	92.10	64
#alllivesmatter	0.00	100.00	29.80	33.77	1140.54	64

What do you think is the average GPA at Bowdoin?

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Count
GPA	2.8	4	3.31	.216	59

What do you think is the greatest point of division among students on campus? By this, we mean the issue that most polarizes students.



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Race	20.97%	13
10	Socioeconomic background	50.00%	31
2	Gender	0.00%	0
17	Sexuality	1.61%	1

3	Political party affiliation	3.23%	2
18	Social House	0.00%	0
19	Humanities/STEM Majors	3.23%	2
4	Athletes/non-Athletes	9.68%	6
5	The "Culture" of political dialogue	6.45%	4
9	other	4.84%	3
	Total	100%	62

Clayton Rose has advocated that students become "intellectually fearless" in their engagement with ideas and controversies. What does the term "intellectual fearlessness" mean to you?

Open-ended question. Responses omitted to preserve anonymity.

Using the open-ended responses, commonly used words are displayed below, with more regularly linked words connected with thicker or thinner gray lines.



Next, choose any number between 0 and 100. The higher the number, the warmer or more favorable you feel towards the items below; the lower the number, the colder or less favorable. You would rate the item at the 50-degree mark if you feel neither warm nor cold toward them.

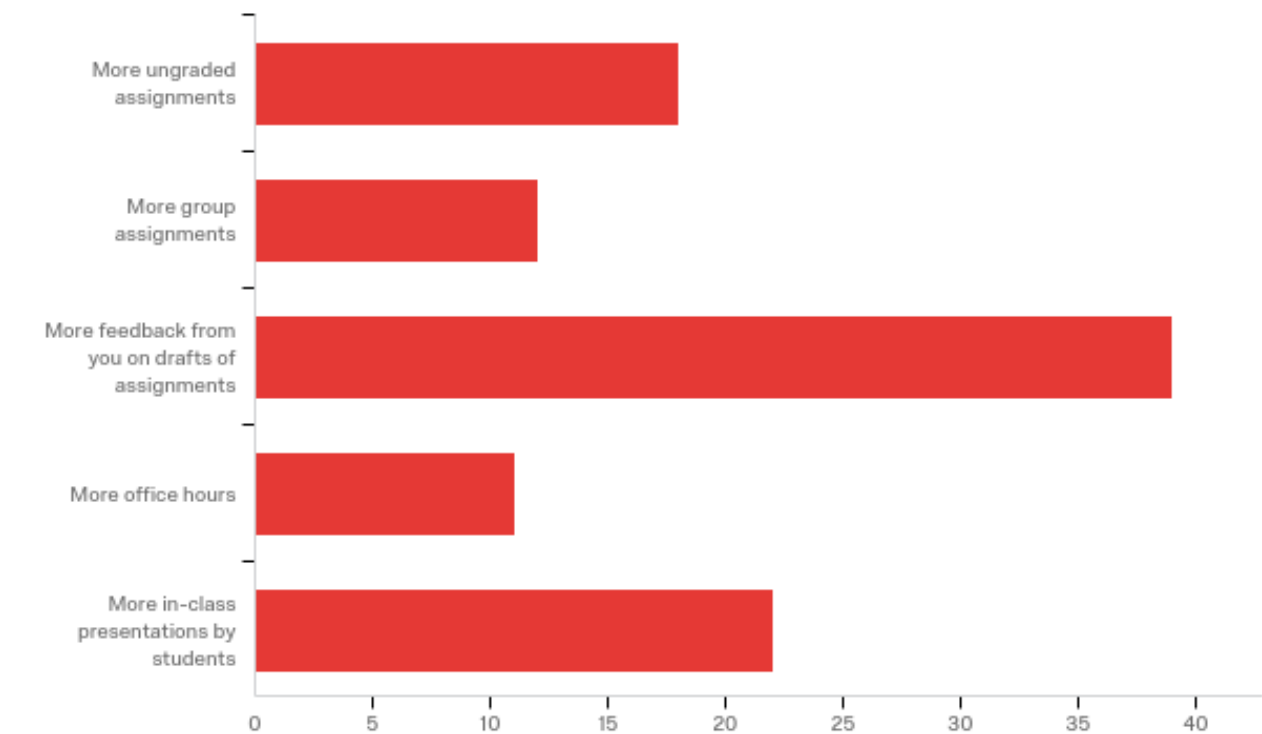
	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Clayton Rose	27.00	100.00	66.98	19.63	385.33	61
The Orient	25.00	84.00	59.85	15.63	244.39	61
Tim Foster	20.00	100.00	64.92	21.66	469.16	61



Listed below are a number of important behaviors that one might value from students.  
Rank the options you consider the most important for success in your classes.

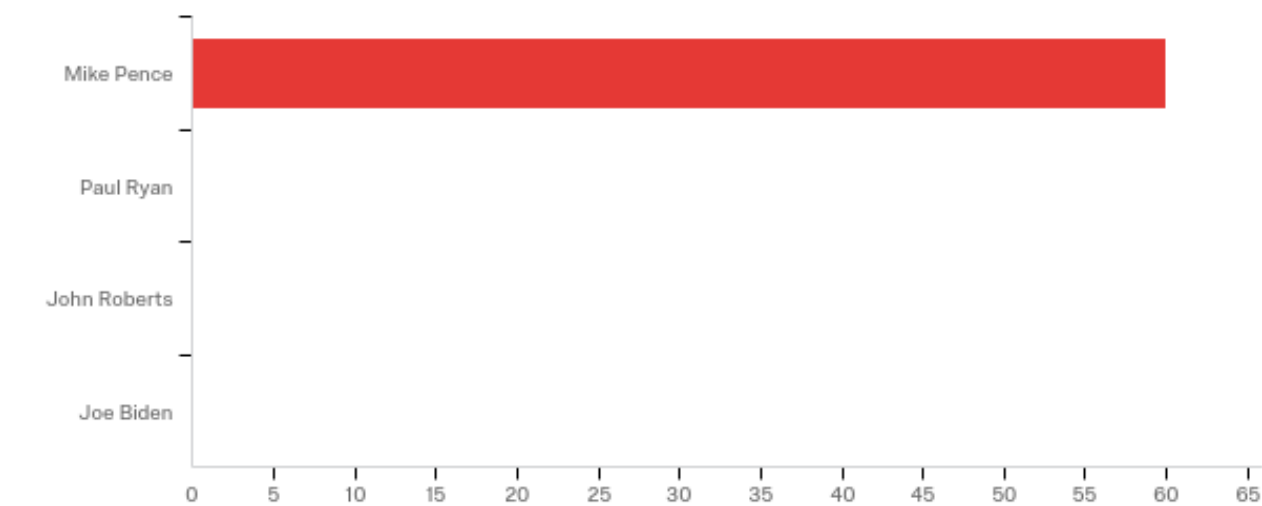
	Ranked 1st	n	Ranked 2nd	n	Ranked 3rd	n	Ranked 4th	n	Ranked 5th	n	Ranked 6th	n	Total
Visiting office hours	1.64%	1	1.64%	1	3.28%	2	16.39%	10	55.74%	34	21.31%	13	61
Participating in class (i.e., speaking in class)	9.84%	6	37.70%	23	19.67%	12	14.75%	9	14.75%	9	3.28%	2	61
Attendance	19.67%	12	14.75%	9	22.95%	14	21.31%	13	16.39%	10	4.92%	3	61
Active listening (i.e., eye contact, note-taking)	11.48%	7	22.95%	14	31.15%	19	27.87%	17	6.56%	4	0.00%	0	61
Quality of completed assignments (i.e., papers or labs)	42.62%	26	14.75%	9	21.31%	13	16.39%	10	3.28%	2	1.64%	1	61
Other (add here and include in your ranking) (Leave blank and rank 6th if you have nothing to add)	14.75%	9	8.20%	5	1.64%	1	3.28%	2	3.28%	2	68.85%	42	61

Which of the following do you think would enhance how much your students learn in your classes/labs at Bowdoin? Select as many as you like.



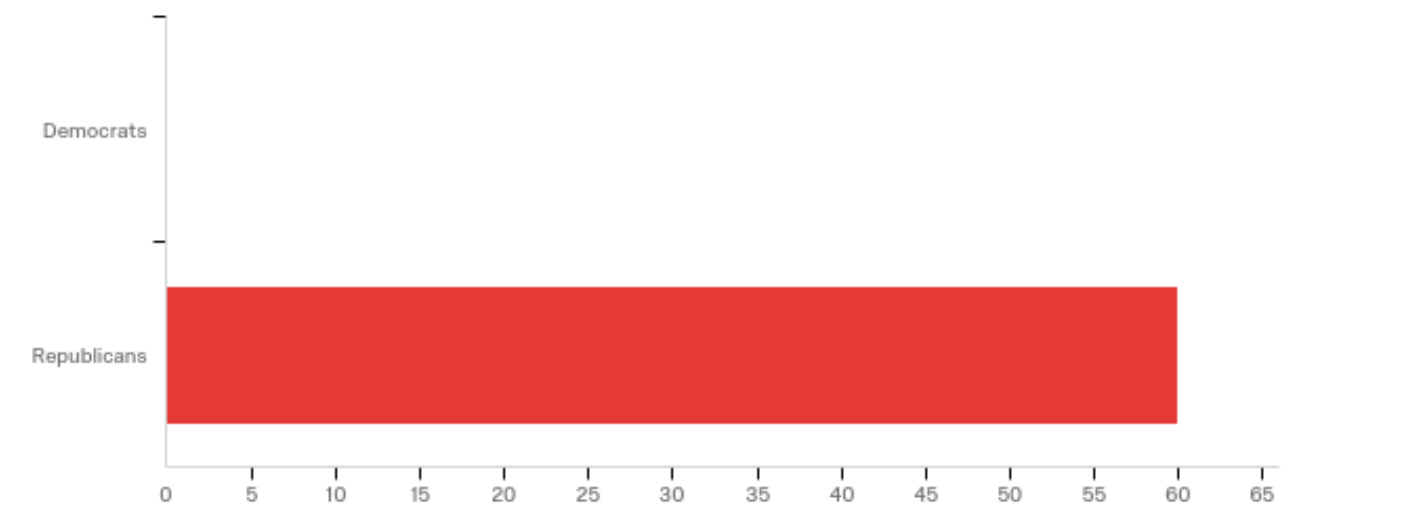
#	Answer	%	Count
1	More ungraded assignments	32.14%	18
3	More group assignments	21.43%	12
4	More feedback from you on drafts of assignments	69.64%	39
5	More office hours	19.64%	11
6	More in-class presentations by students	39.29%	22
	Total	100%	56

Below are a handful of questions about politics and government. Do your best to answer as many correctly as possible. Who currently is the Vice President of the United States?



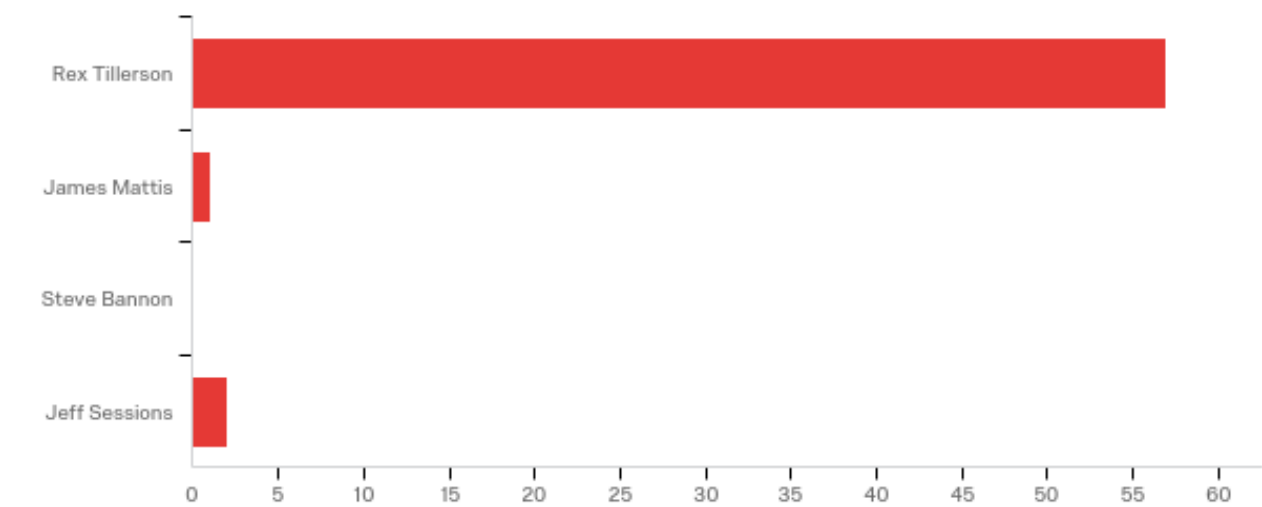
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Mike Pence	100.00%	60
2	Paul Ryan	0.00%	0
3	John Roberts	0.00%	0
4	Joe Biden	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	60

Which party controls the majority of seats in the U.S. Senate?



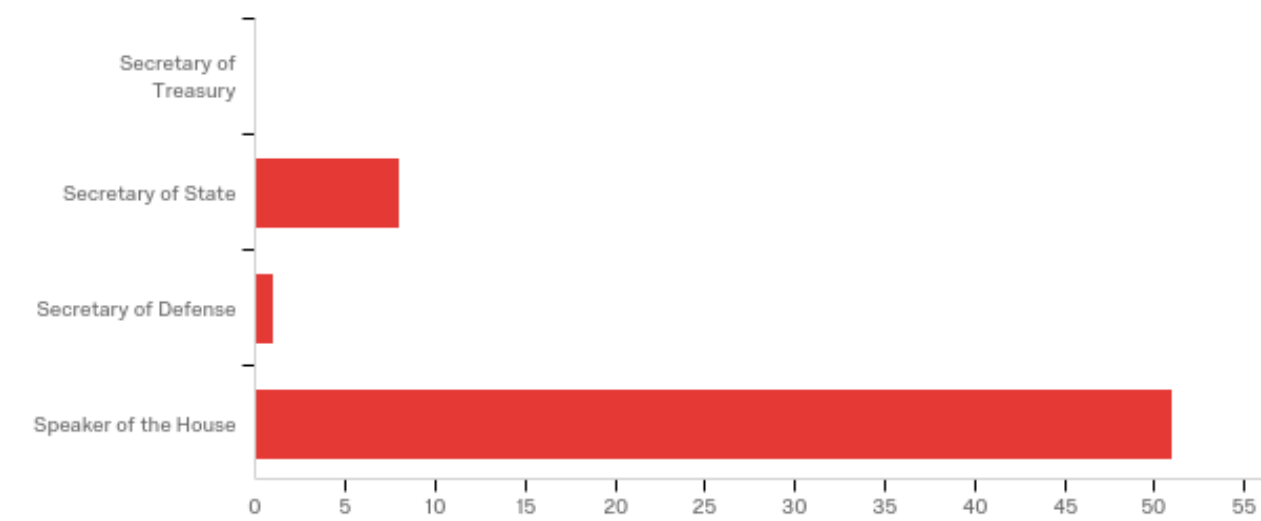
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Democrats	0.00%	0
2	Republicans	100.00%	60
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Who is currently the Secretary of State?



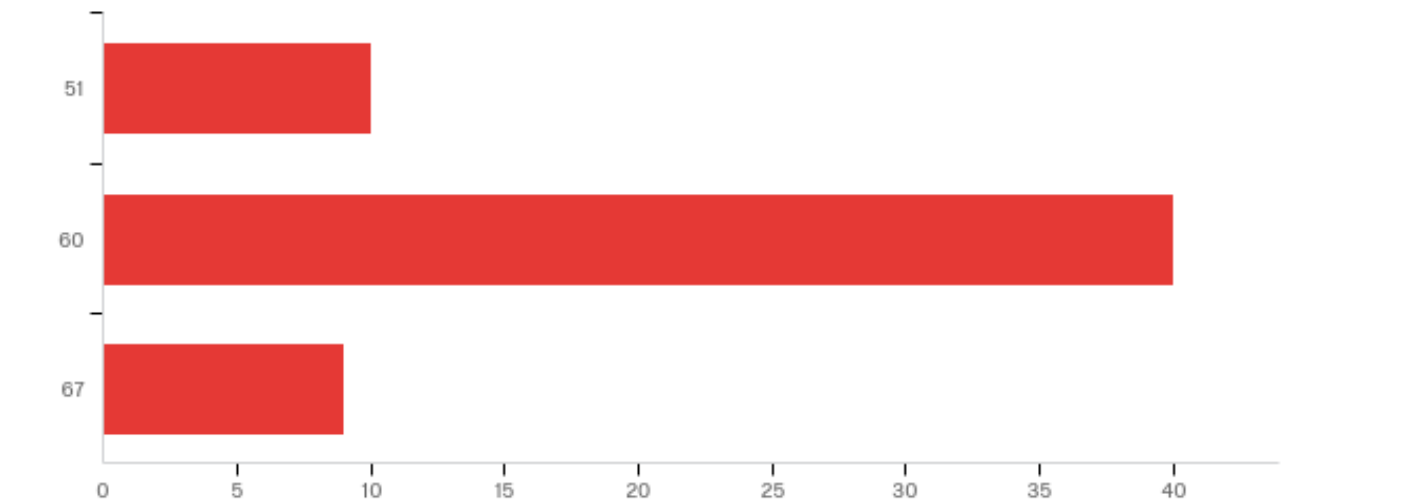
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Rex Tillerson	95.00%	57
2	James Mattis	1.67%	1
3	Steve Bannon	0.00%	0
4	Jeff Sessions	3.33%	2
	Total	100%	60

After the President and Vice President, who is next in the line of succession to become the President?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Secretary of Treasury	0.00%	0
2	Secretary of State	13.33%	8
3	Secretary of Defense	1.67%	1
4	Speaker of the House	85.00%	51
	Total	100%	60

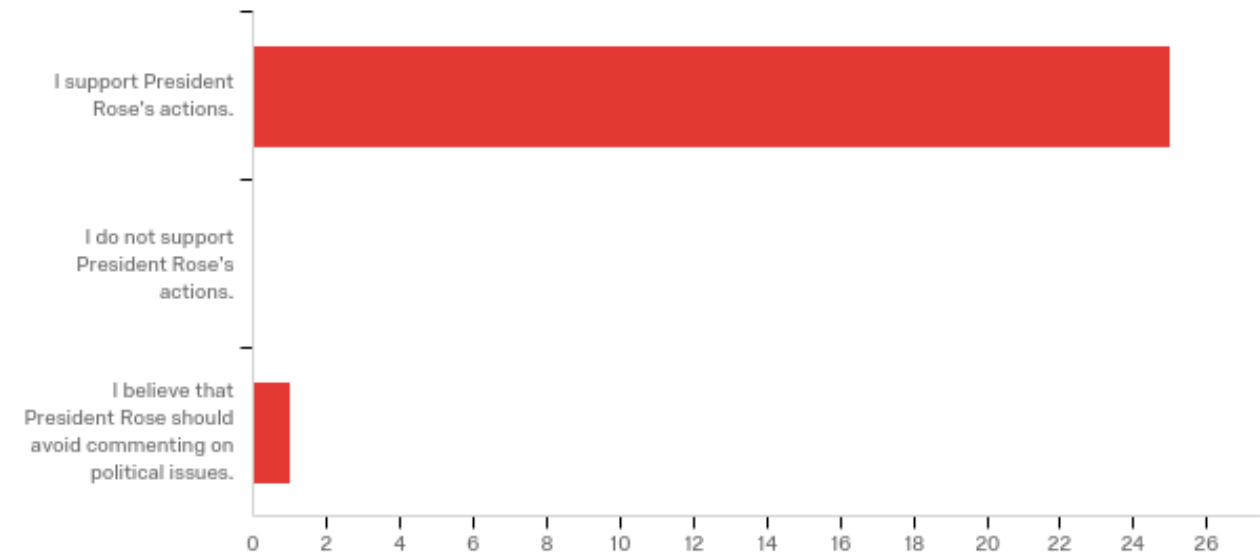
How many votes in the U.S. Senate does it take to stop a filibuster?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	51	16.95%	10
2	60	67.80%	40
3	67	15.25%	9
	Total	100%	59

For this question, half received the question with the listed options below, while a random half received the question with the options listed on the next page.

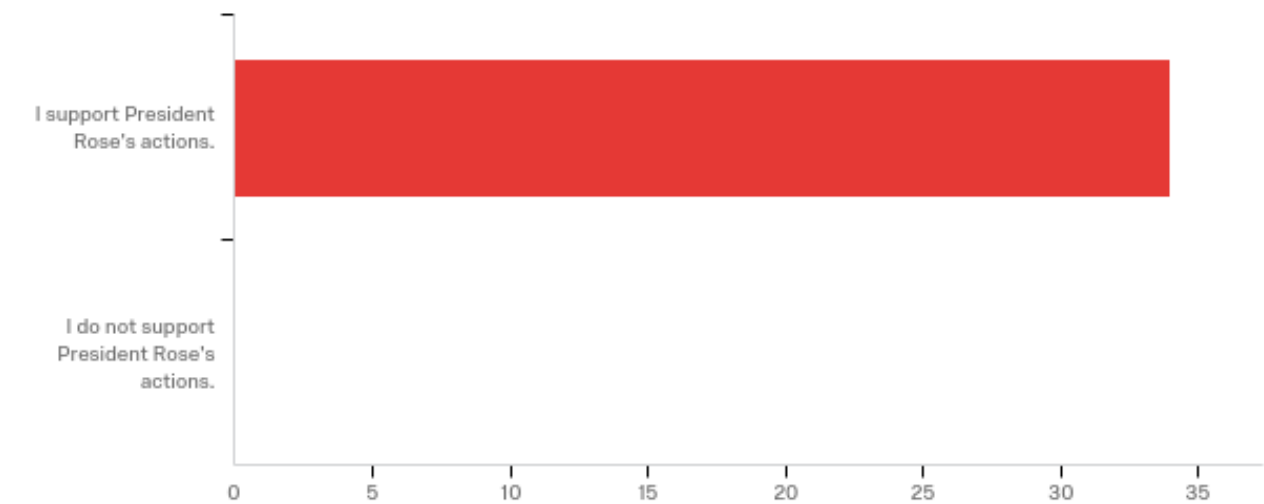
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#	Answer	%	Count
1	I support President Rose's actions.	96.15%	25
2	I do not support President Rose's actions.	0.00%	0
3	I believe that President Rose should avoid commenting on political issues.	3.85%	1
	Total	100%	26



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1	I support President Rose's actions.	100.00%	34
2	I do not support President Rose's actions.	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	34

Generally speaking, on a scale of 0-100, with 0 being very liberal and 100 being very conservative, where would you place:

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Your own political views	0.00	100.00	26.03	26.05	678.54	59
The political views of the average Bowdoin student	0.00	80.00	32.36	16.93	286.57	59

**What is your gender identity?**

This was an open-ended question, to allow for student self-expression. Raw answers are omitted to preserve anonymity. Based on coding, self-identified male and female respondents are as follows.

	%	Count
Men	43.4	23
Female	56.6	30