

“Polar Poll” Fall 2025

STUDENT Sample

Administered by Professor Michael Franz and students in Gov 2080 (Quantitative Analysis of Political Science)

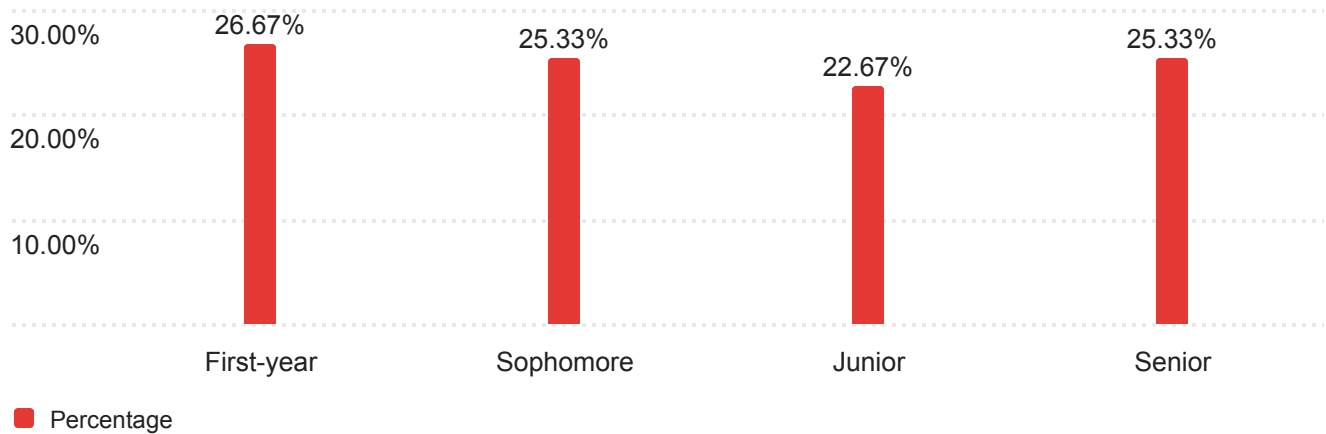
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NOTE: This poll is based on 450 full or partially completed surveys of a random selection of Bowdoin students between October 21 and November 5, 2025. An initial sample of 950 enrolled Bowdoin students received the survey.

The survey was distributed via email using the Qualtrics software system. Results are not weighted.

As with all surveys and polls, one should be cautious in drawing too many strong inferences about Bowdoin student attitudes and opinions. Inferences from data like these assume a representative sample and unbiased instruments. 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.

What year are you?



On a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being extremely stressed and 0 being not at all stressed, how stressed have you been in the last week?

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
Stress	0.90	10.00	6.79	2.00	4.01	445	3021.90

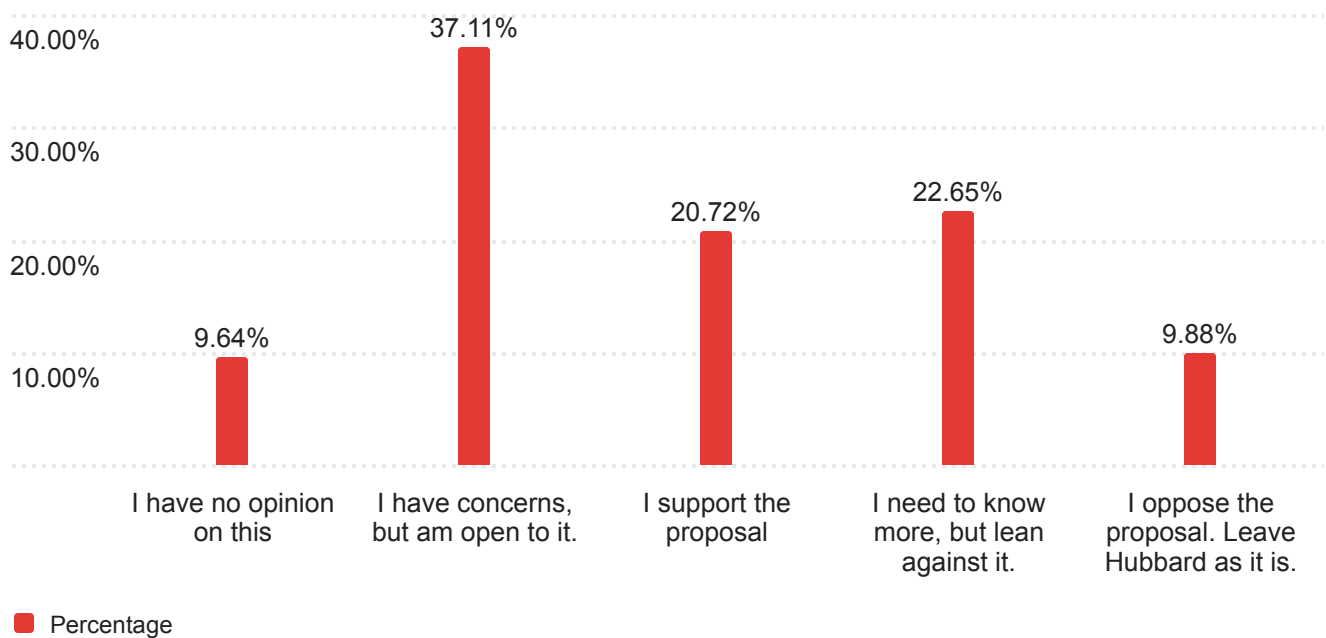
Generally speaking, on a scale of 0-100, with 0 being very liberal and 100 being very conservative, where would you place:

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
Your own political vews	0.00	100.00	29.21	21.69	470.27	432	12618.00
The political views of the average Bowdoin student	0.00	88.00	25.62	13.24	175.24	432	11069.00
The political views of the average Bowdoin faculty member	0.00	100.00	30.24	13.66	186.71	432	13064.00

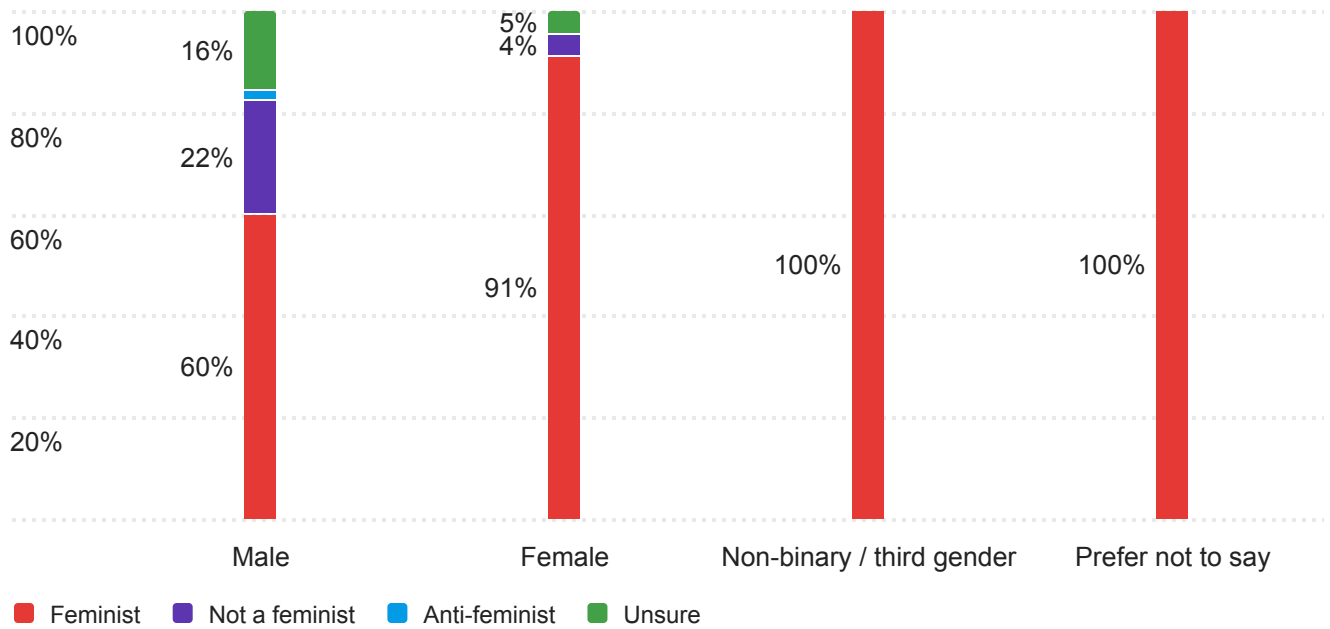
Choose any number between 0 and 100. The higher the number, the warmer or more favorable you feel towards the items below; the lower the number, the colder or less favorable. You would rate the item at the 50-degree mark if you feel neither warm nor cold toward them.

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
Safa Zaki	2.00	100.00	62.44	19.92	396.91	422	26351.00
Your major or pre-major advisor (for double majors, consider the advisor you speak with most often)	0.00	100.00	67.37	23.99	575.51	422	28432.00
Bowdoin Student Government (BSG)	0.00	100.00	51.80	18.76	352.01	422	21861.00
Bowdoin Security	0.00	100.00	67.02	21.41	458.37	422	28283.00
Dean for Student Affairs Jim Hoppe	0.00	100.00	57.29	21.15	447.31	422	24175.00
Bowdoin Career Exploration and Development (CXD)	0.00	100.00	61.72	19.41	376.79	422	26045.00

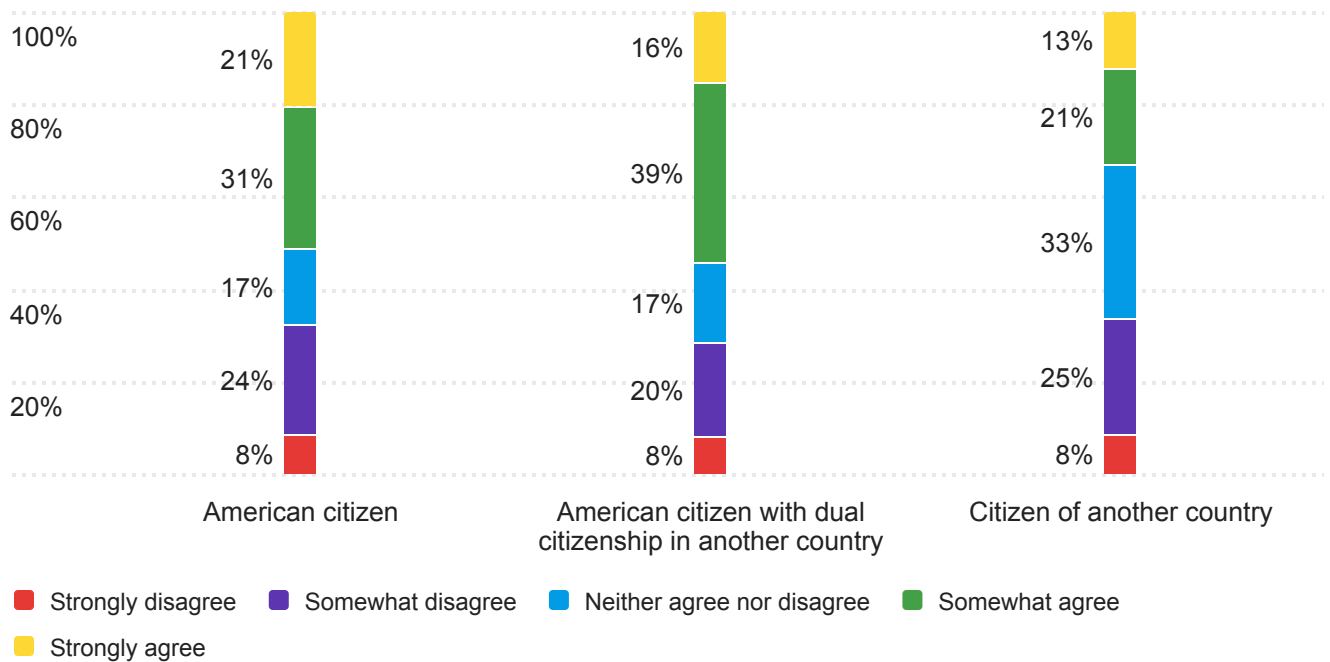
The College recently revealed plans for major renovations in some campus buildings. One plan involves Hubbard Hall, which is currently an academic building and home to the Departments of Economics and Government. Hubbard would become part of a new College library, and H-L would be torn down. Hubbard would form the front end of a new library (with renovated spaces inside), and glass atriums would connect to a new building on the back end of Hubbard. How do you feel about this proposal?



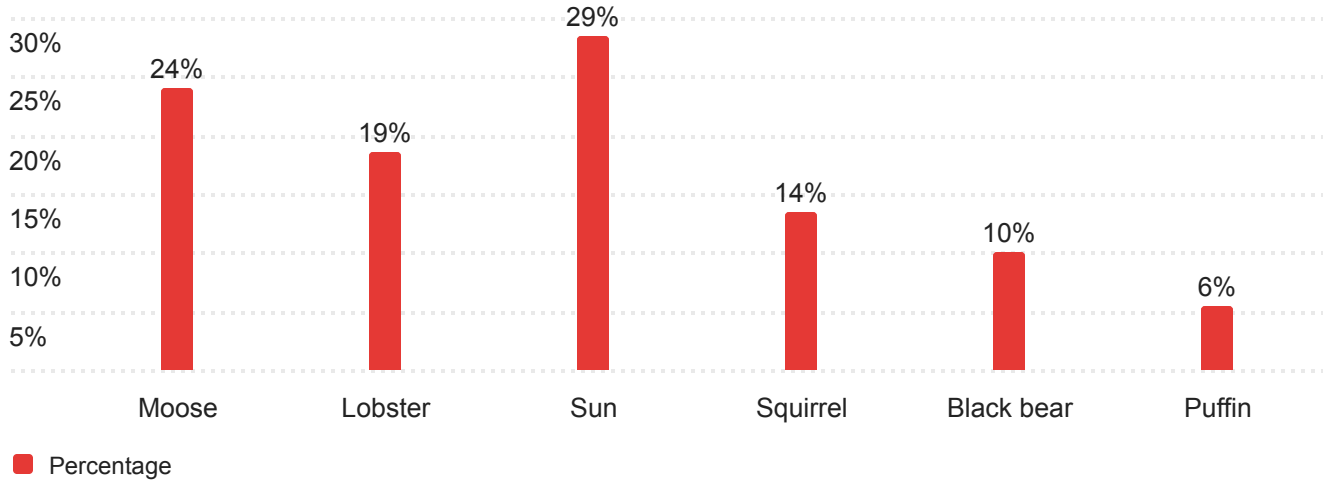
Do you consider yourself to be a feminist, not a feminist or an anti-feminist?



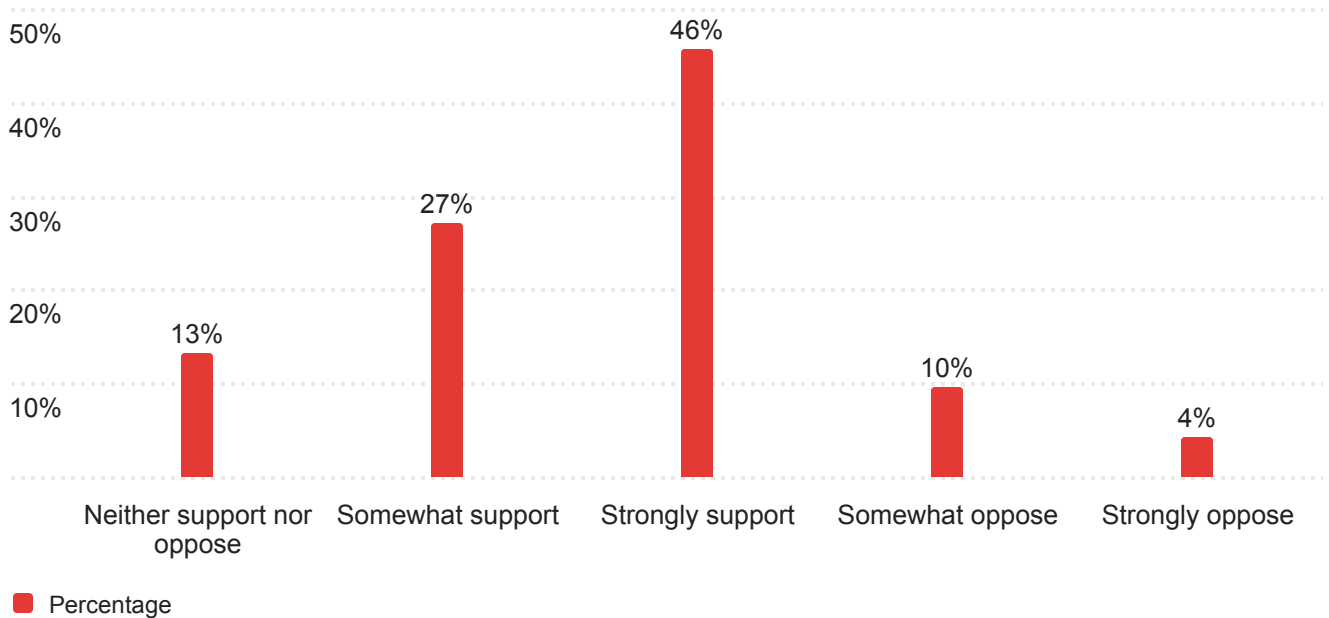
How do you react to this statement. I am proud to live in the United States.



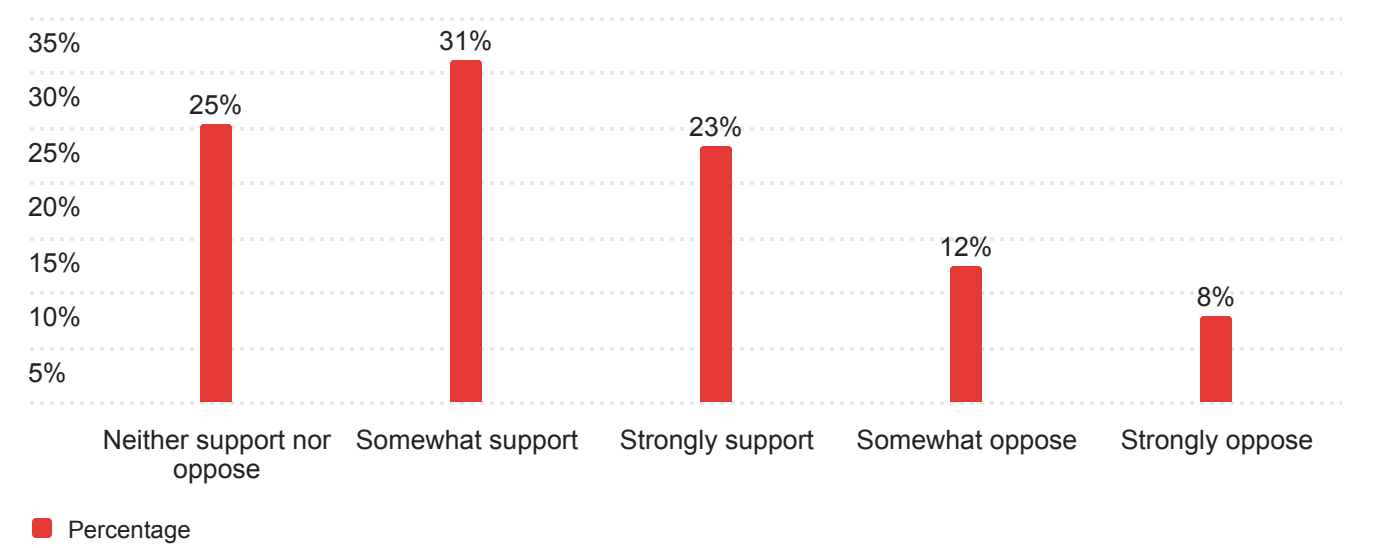
If Bowdoin did not have the Polar Bear as its mascot, which of the following do you think would best represent the school? (This question was asked of half the sample).



Version 1 [asked of 1/2 the sample]: What do you think of the College's decision in September to cancel the planned vigil in honor of Charlie Kirk? Recall that the College canceled the vigil in response to reported threats of violence,



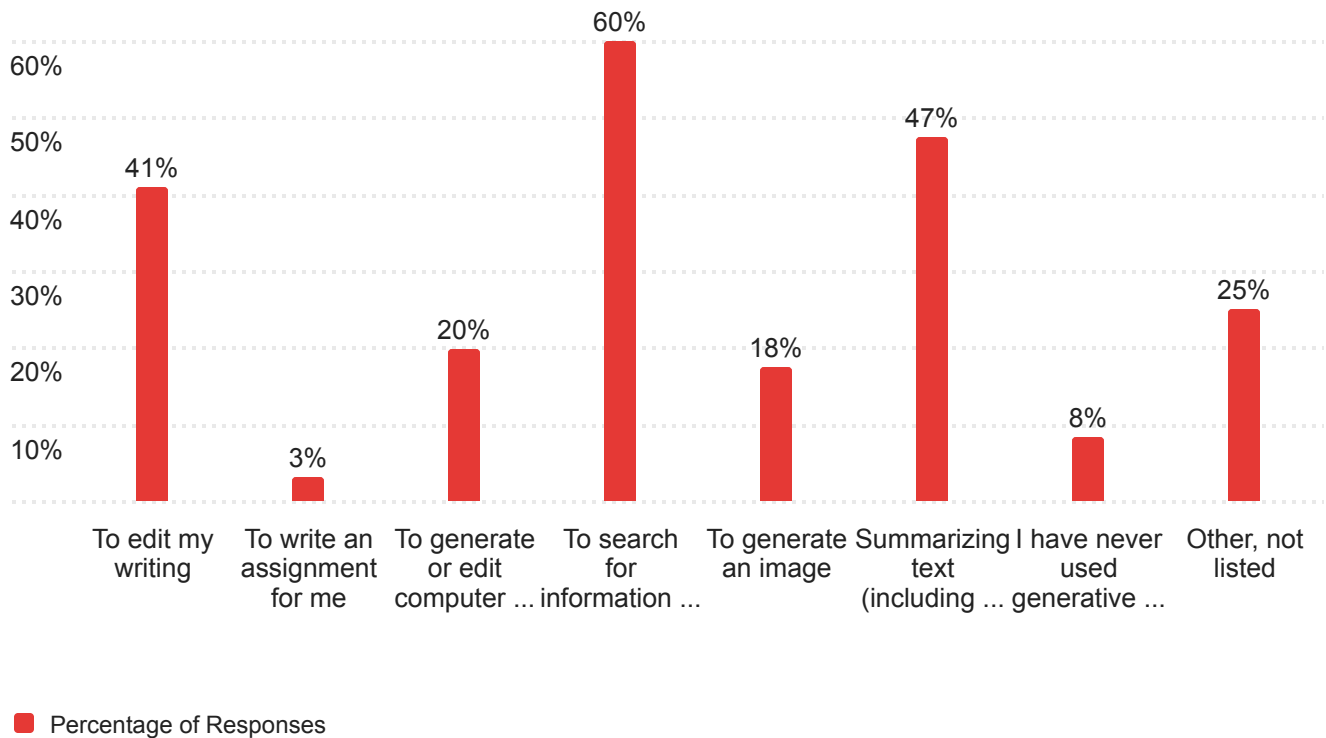
Version 2 [asked of 1/2 the sample]: What do you think of the College's decision in September to cancel the planned vigil in honor of Charlie Kirk?



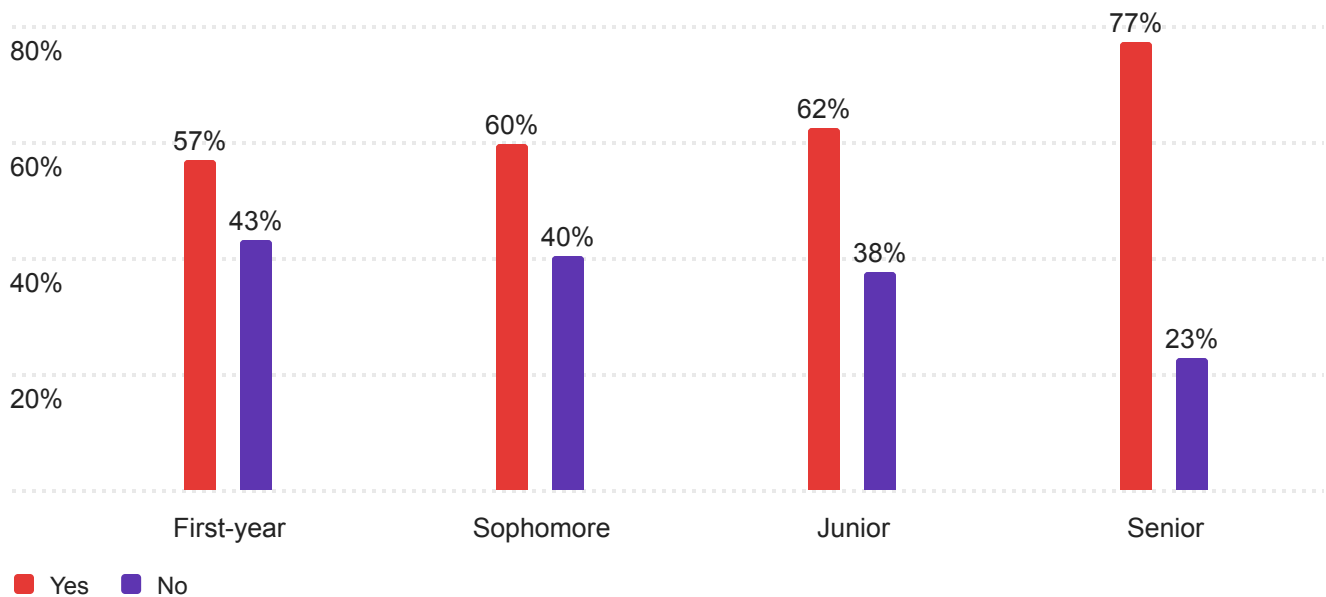
Generative artificial intelligence is defined as a model "that can create original content such as text, images, video, audio or software code in response to a user’s prompt or request." ChatGPT is one example. In the past week, how many days have you used a form of generative artificial intelligence for any purpose?

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Used AI	0.00	7.00	2.84	2.17	4.72	409	1162.00

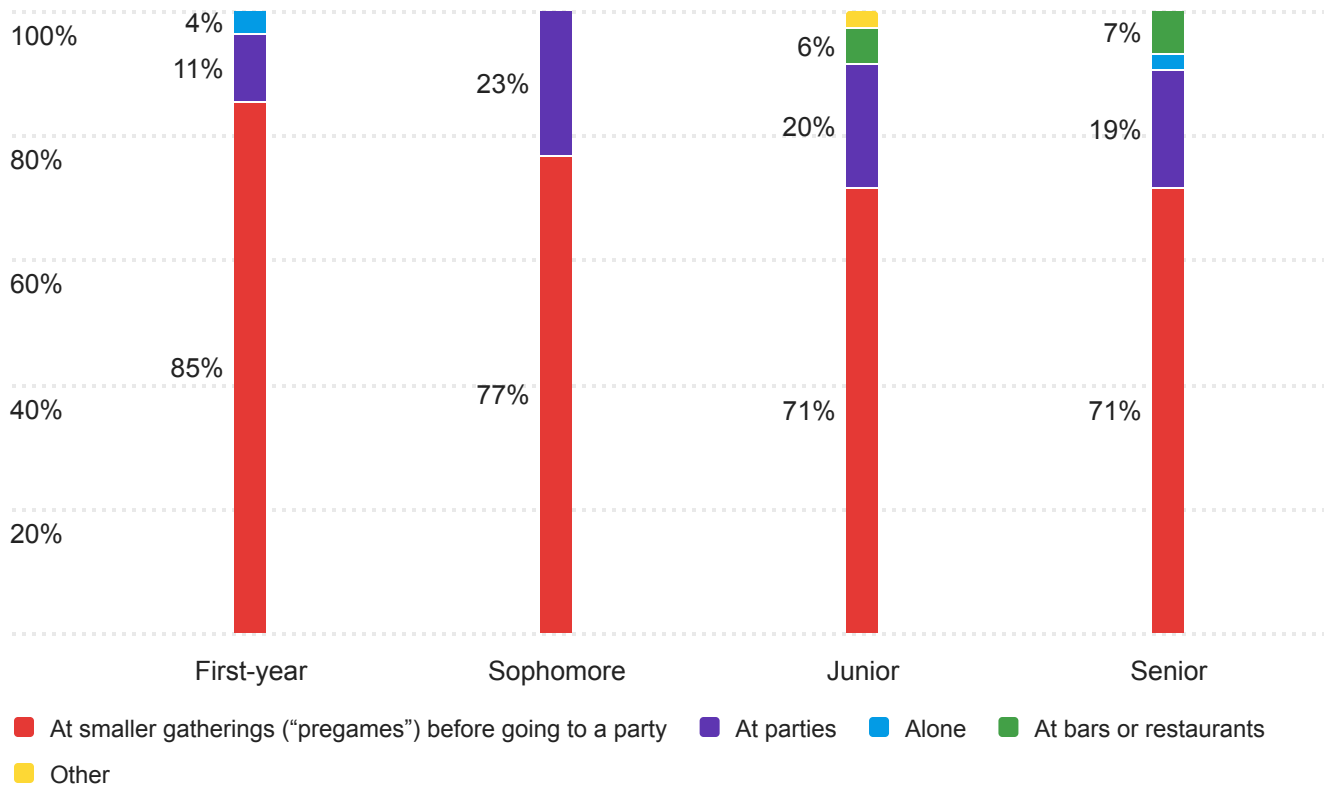
Select all of the ways you have used generative AI options. As promised, all responses will remain anonymous.



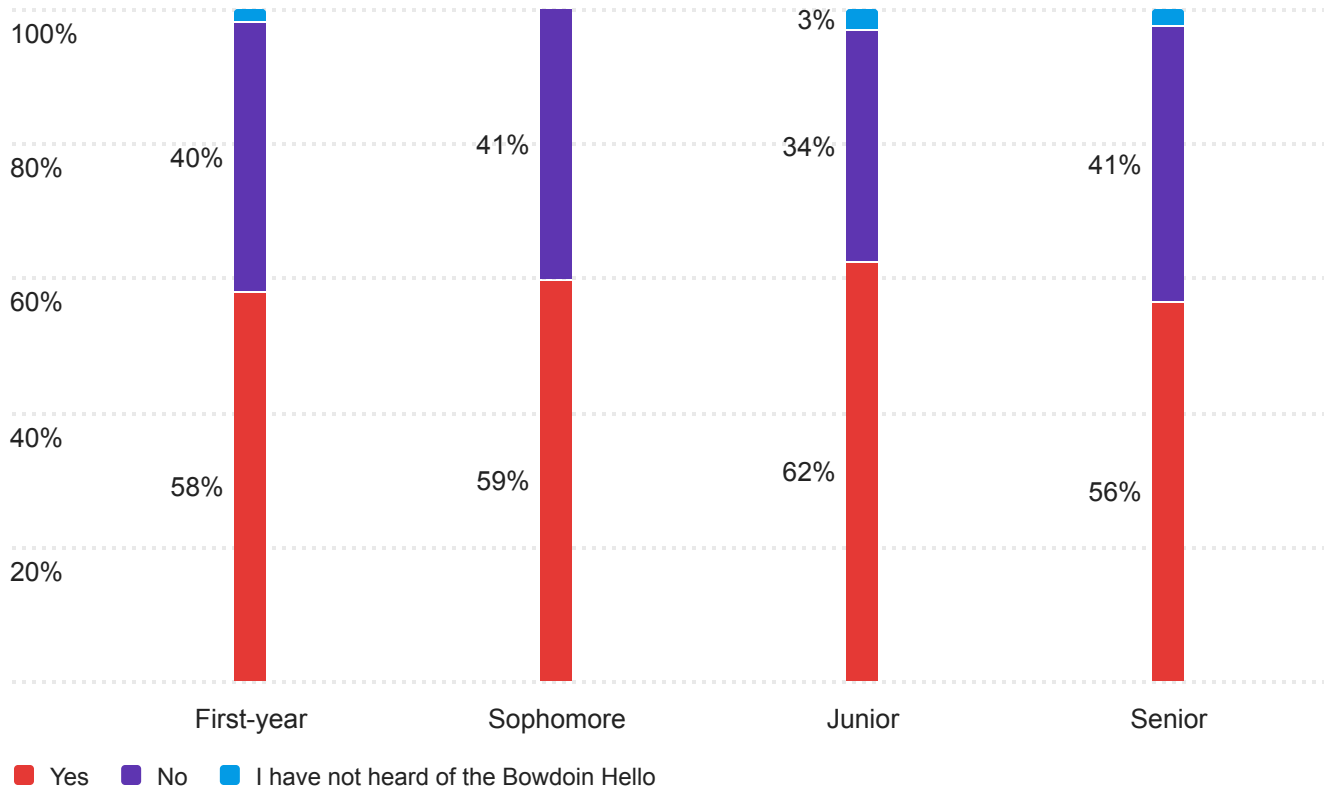
Each weekend is different. But think about a typical weekend on campus. Would you likely have at least one alcoholic drink at some point?



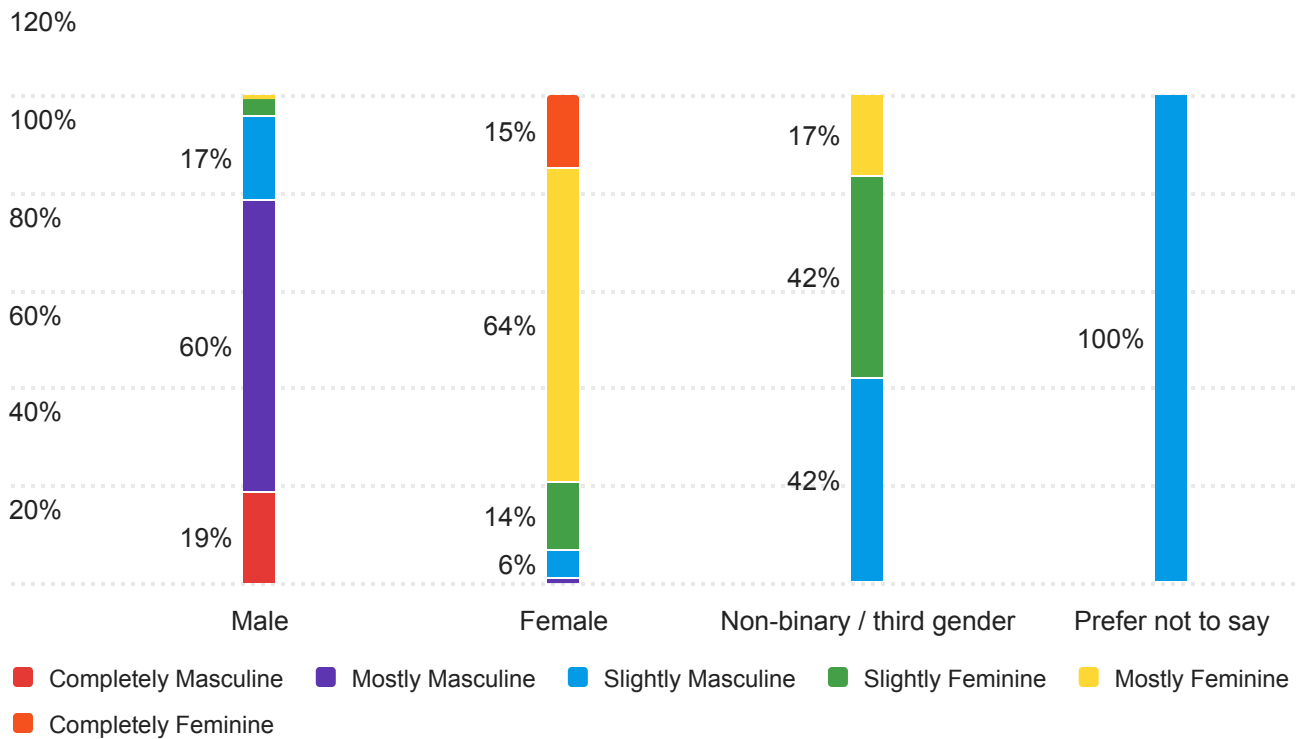
This semester, which statement below best describes your typical weekend drinking habits?



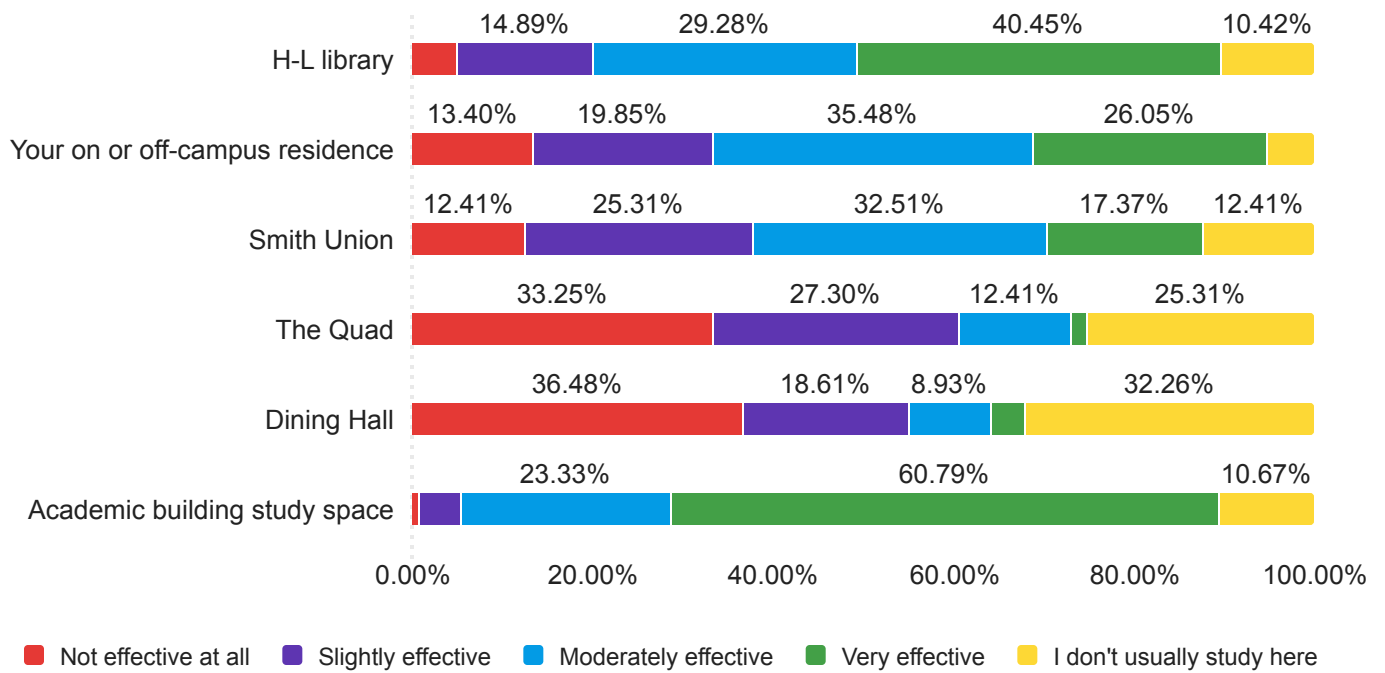
The "Bowdoin Hello" is proudly advertised by the Admissions Office as a time-honored campus tradition. In your opinion, is the "Bowdoin Hello" a real thing on campus?



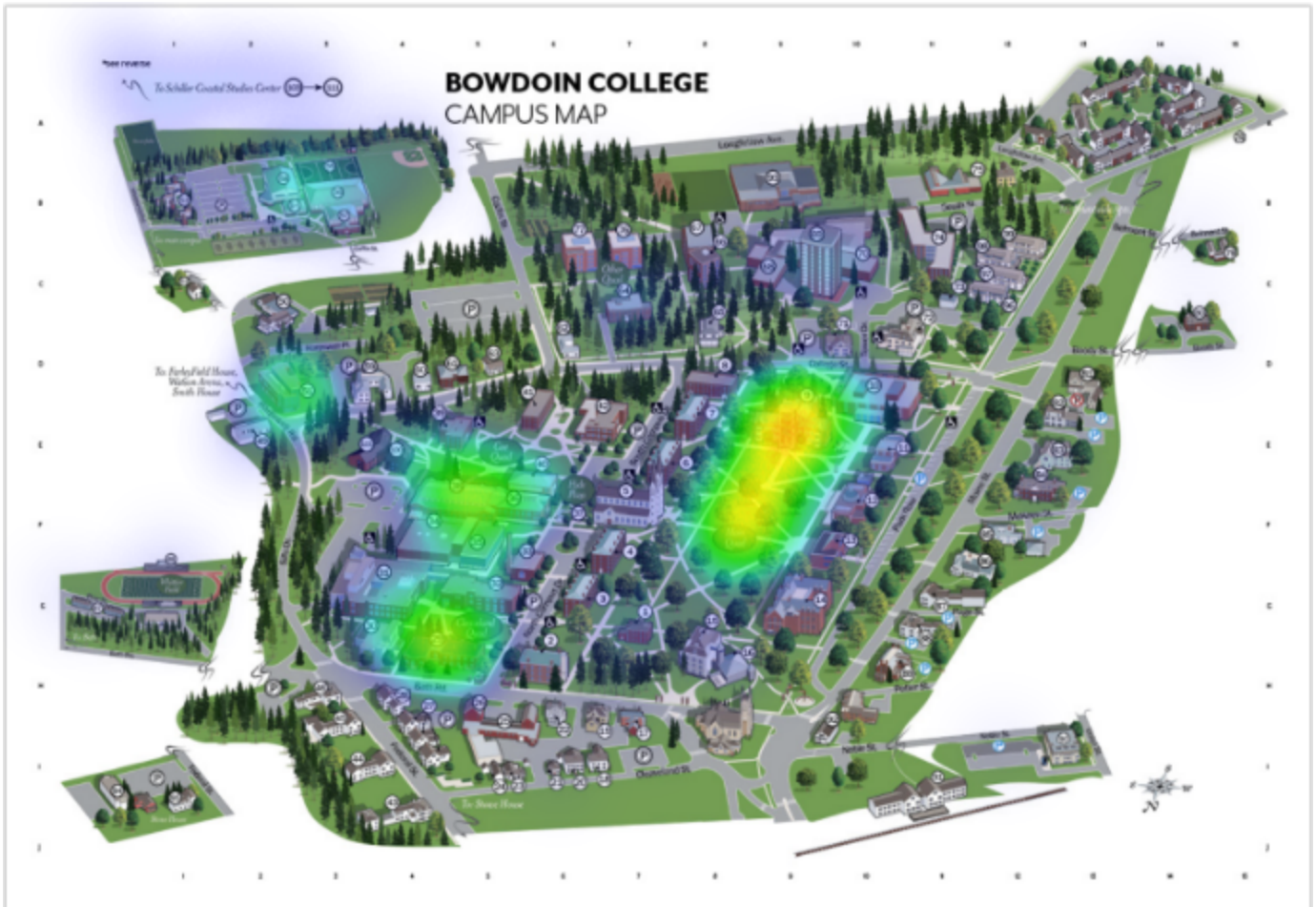
The traits that we see as being masculine or feminine are largely determined by society, and have changed dramatically over time. As a result, everyone has some combination of masculine and feminine traits, which may or may not correspond with whether they are male or female. How do you see yourself?



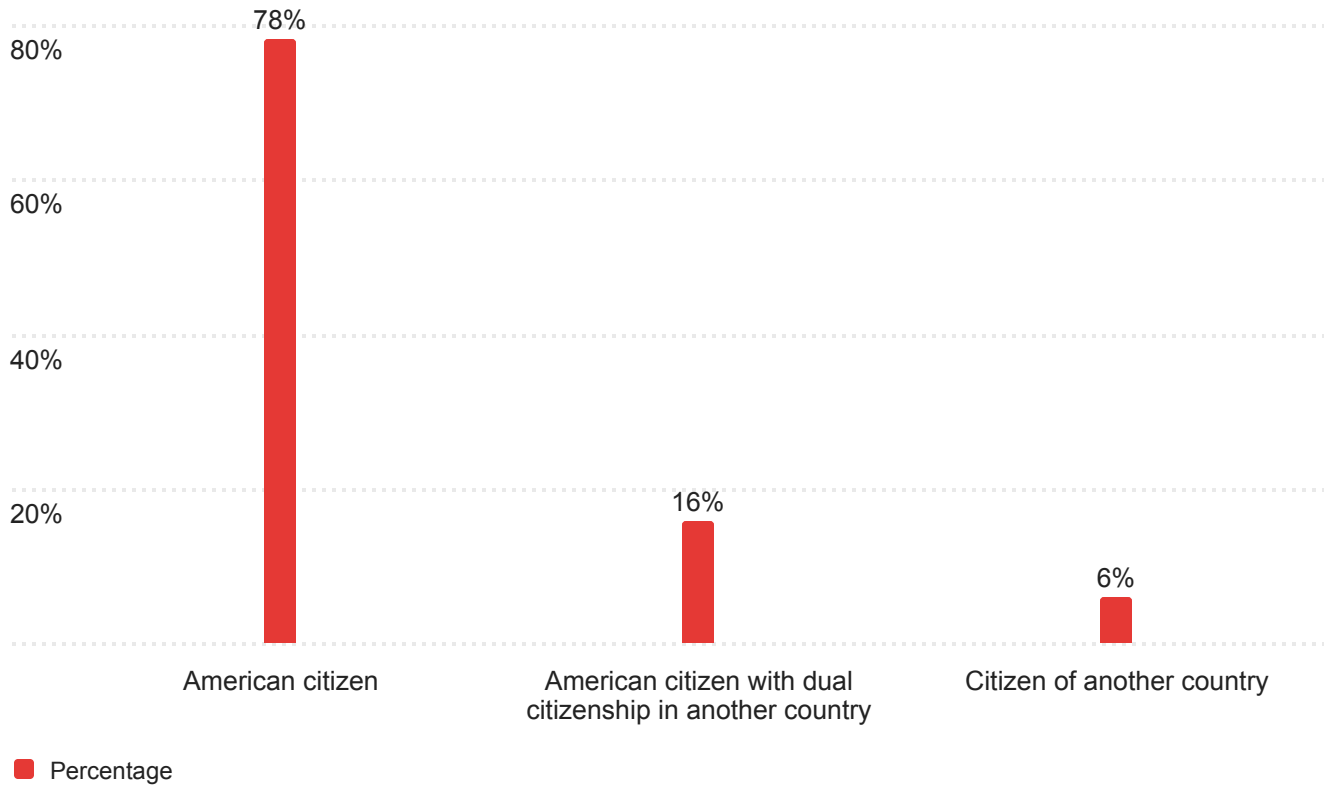
For each of the following study locations on campus, please rate how effective they are in helping you get your work done.



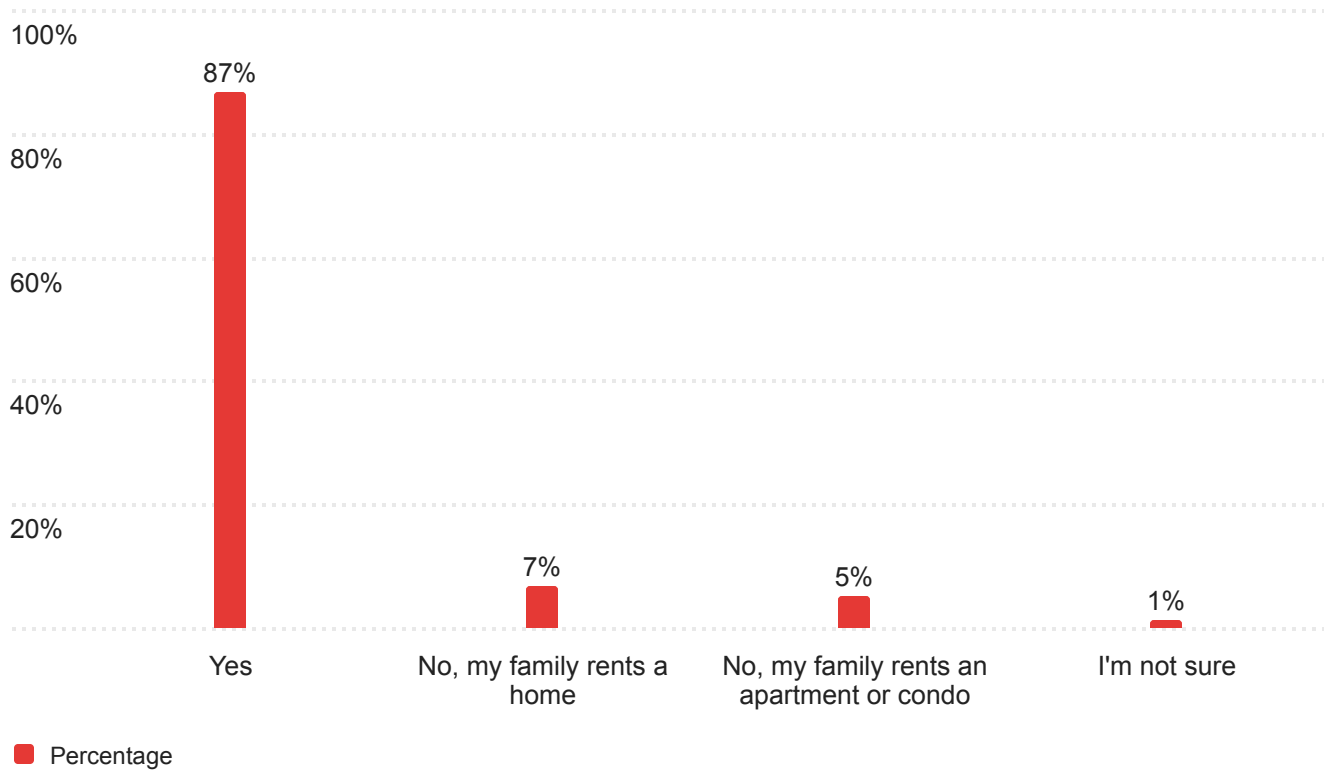
Click on your favorite spot on campus. Note: The Schiller Coastal Study Center is not shown on the map, but its location is indicated in the top left. Click there if Schiller is your favorite spot.



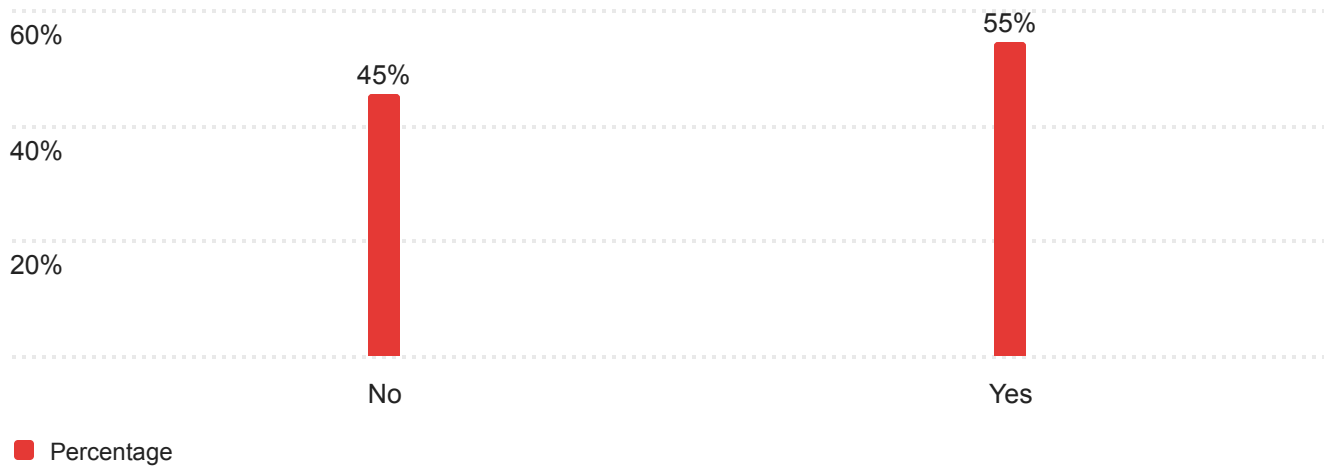
What is your national citizenship?



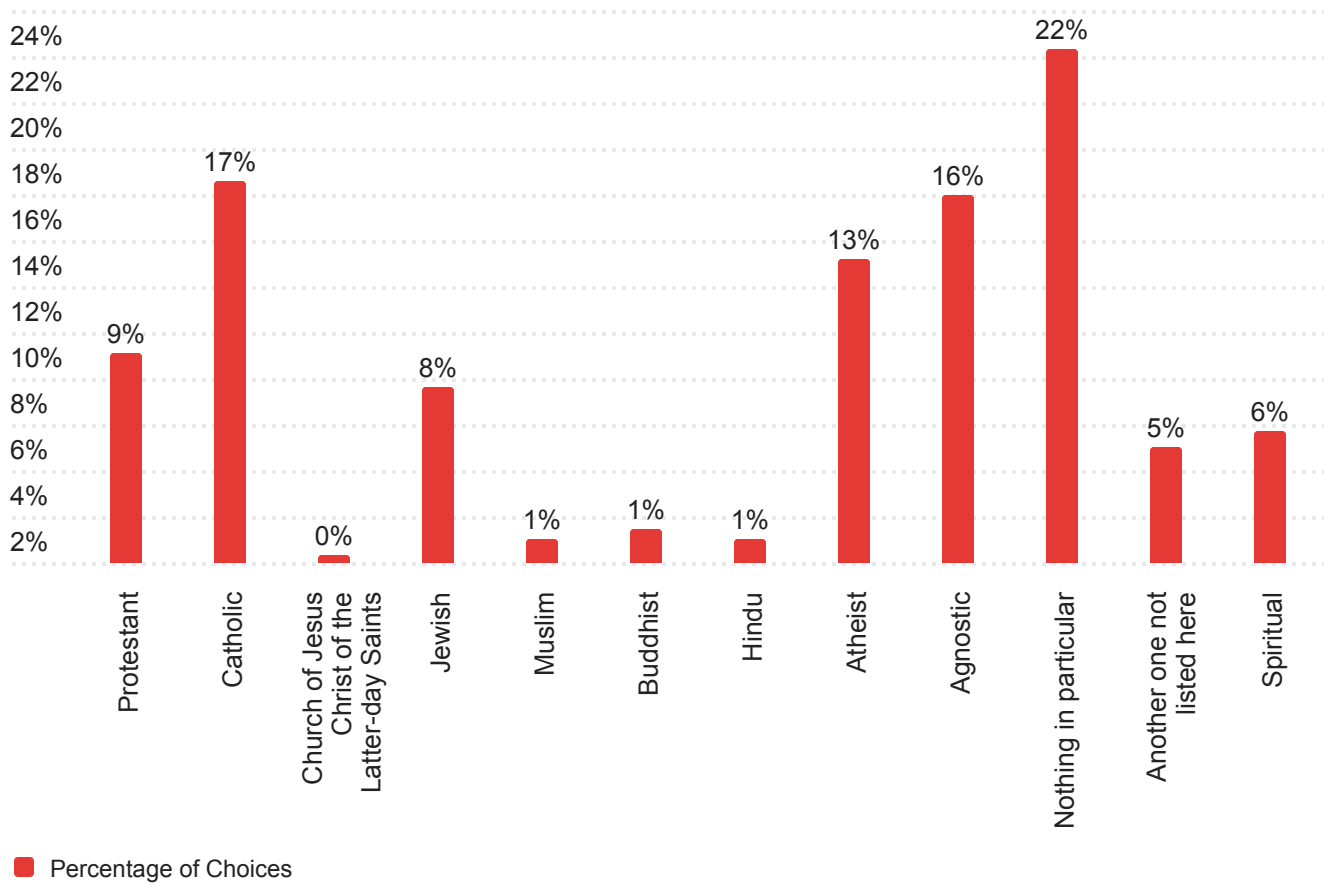
Does your family currently own a home?



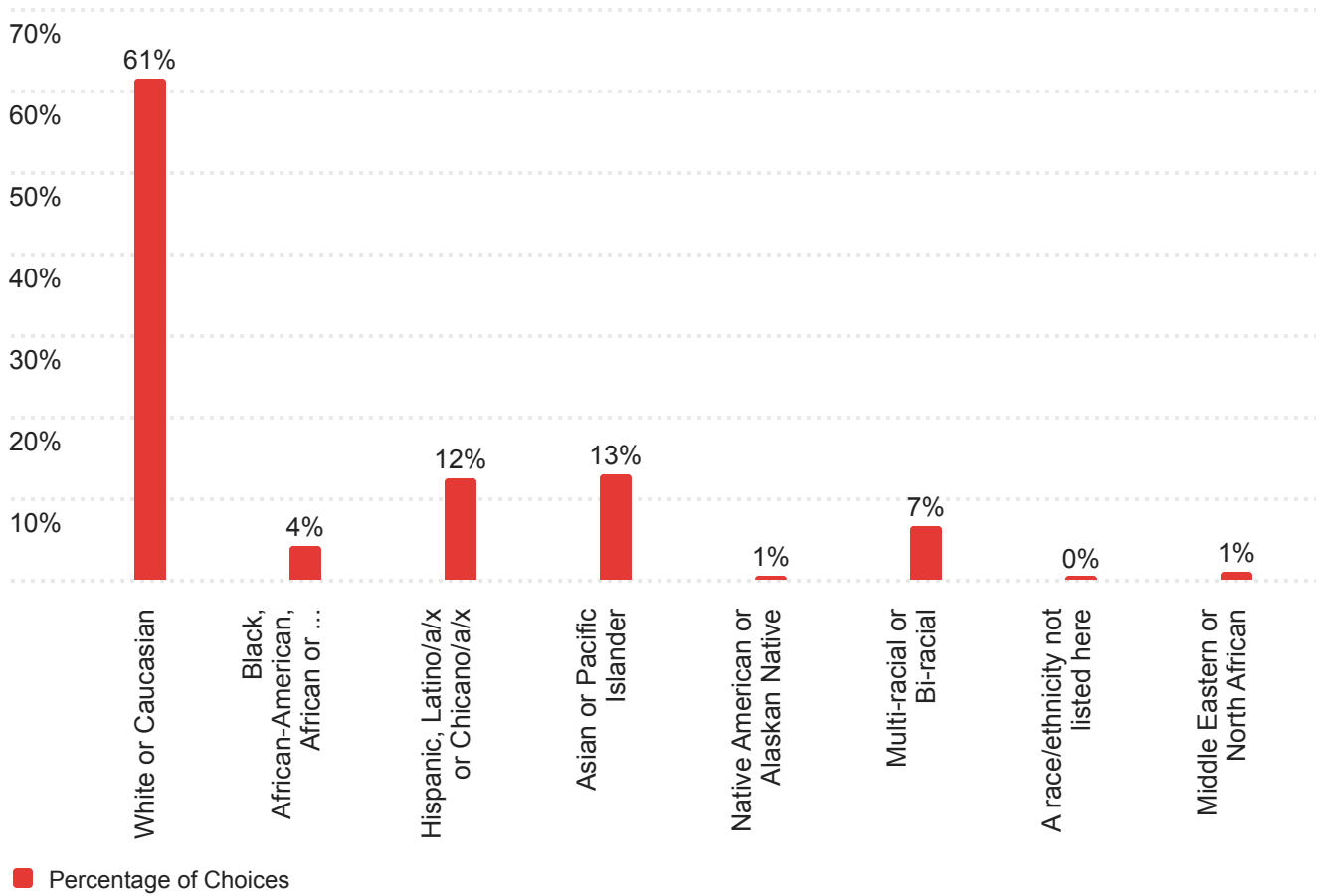
Do you receive financial aid?



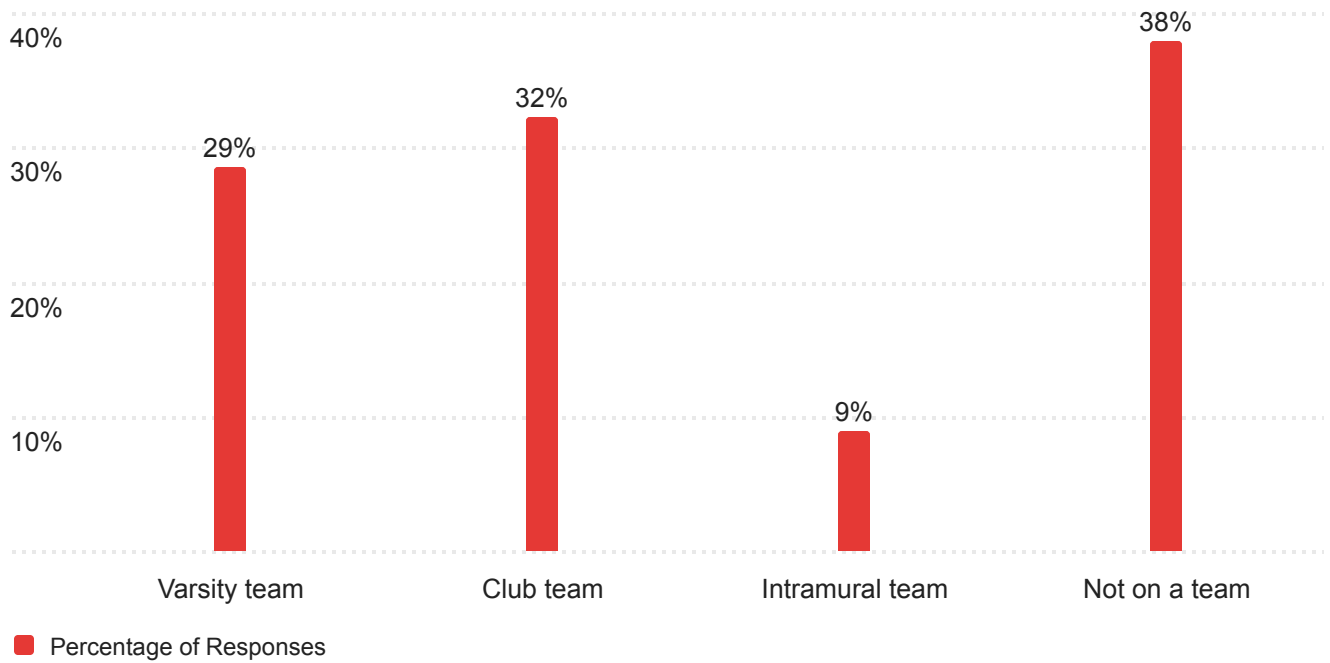
What is your current religion, if any? Click all that apply.



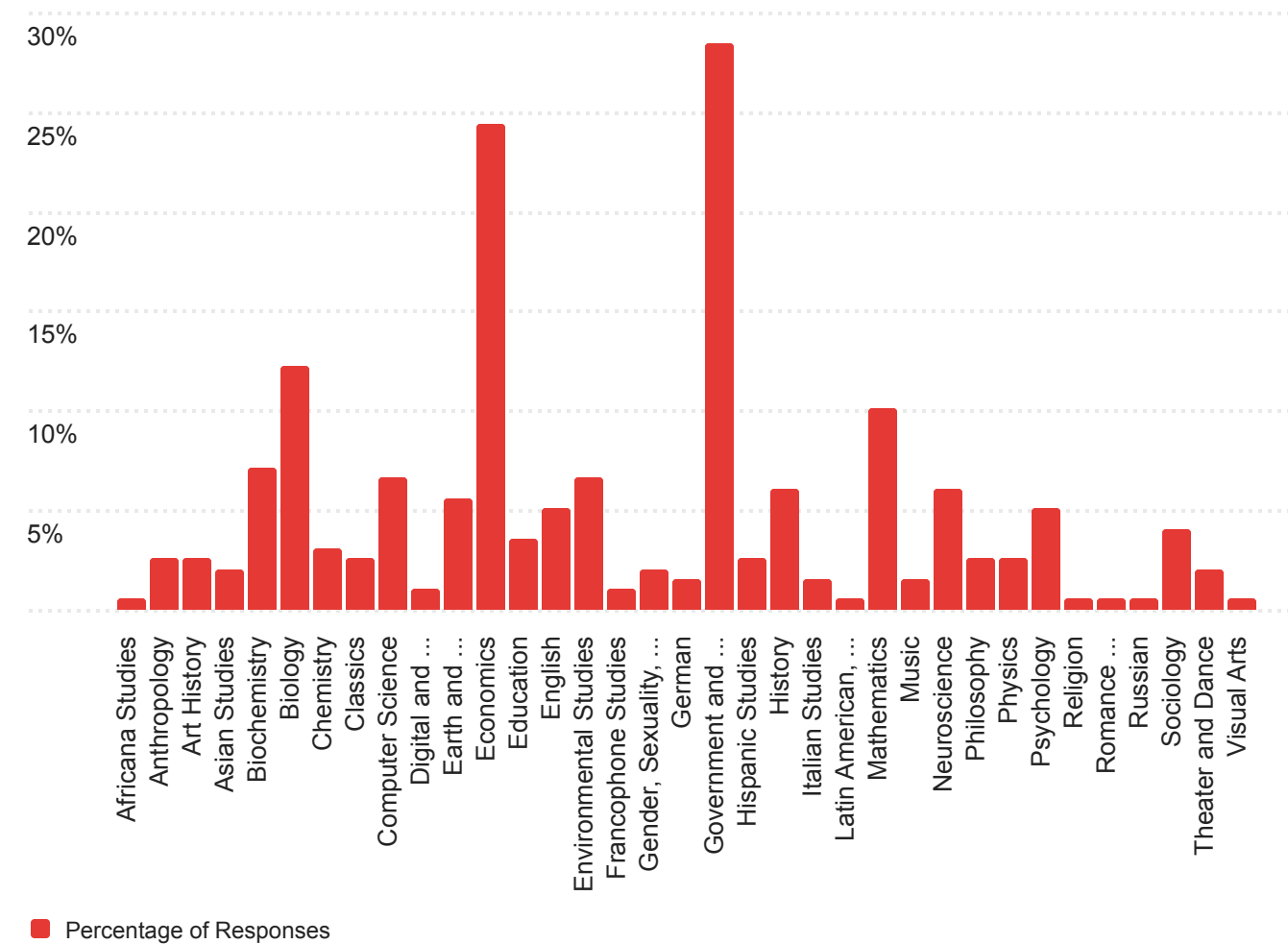
What racial or ethnic background do you most identify with? Click all that apply.



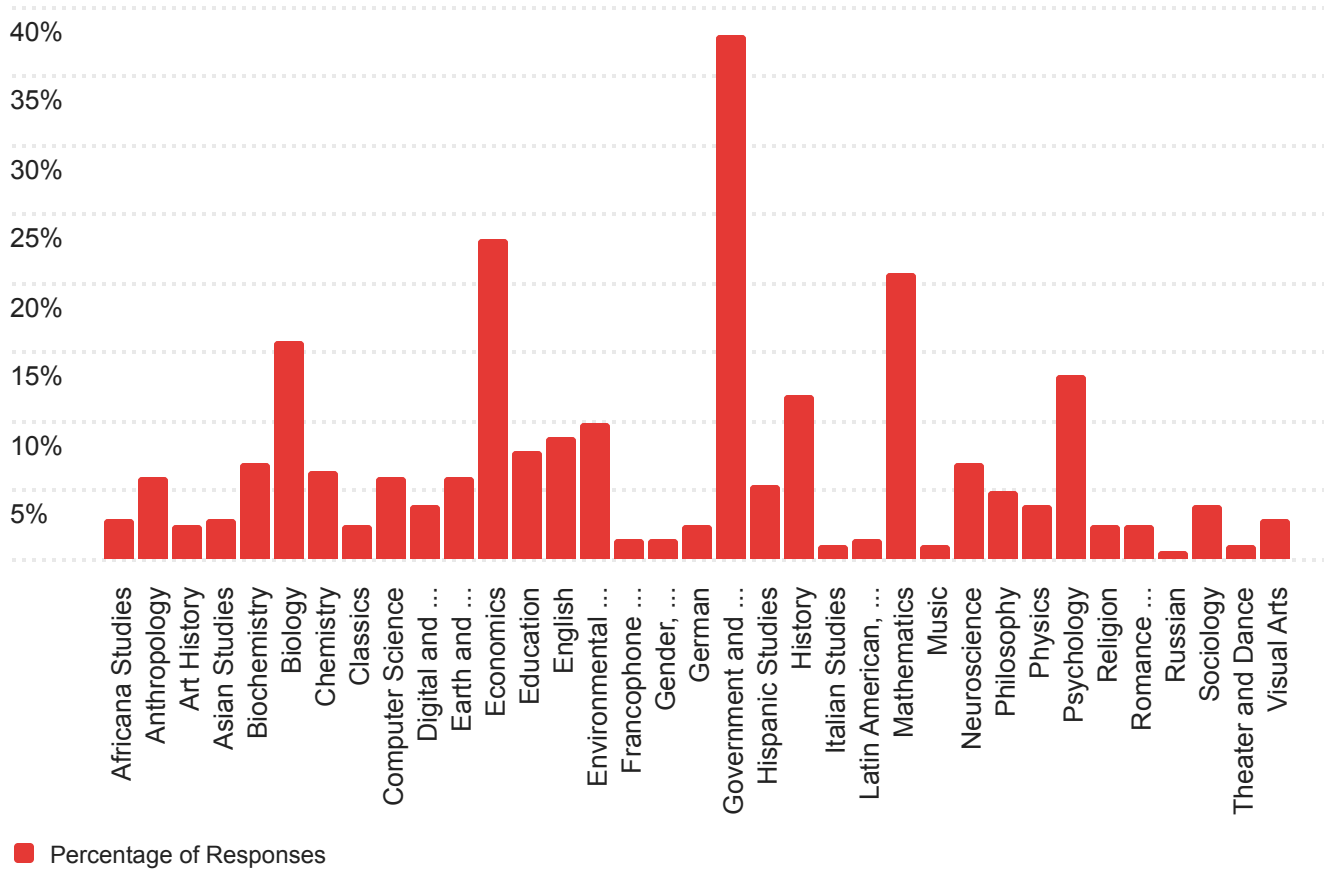
Are you on an athletic team here at Bowdoin? Click all that apply.



[Asked of Juniors and Seniors] What is your major? Click on more than one of the below if you are a double-major or a coordinate major.



[Asked of First-years and Sophomores] What are you considering as a major? Click on more than one of the below if you are unsure (i.e. considering a few options) or plan to double-major.



Stress Levels by reported gender

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
Male	1.00	10.00	6.46	2.04	4.14	179	1156.10
Female	2.00	10.00	7.13	1.87	3.48	210	1497.20
Non-binary / third gender	2.90	10.00	6.88	2.04	4.14	12	82.50
Prefer not to say	7.00	8.00	7.50	0.50	0.25	2	15.00

What is your gender identity?

