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Faculty Opinion Survey

The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education has released the tabulations of a Fall, 1969, survey of a sample of 60,447 faculty members in American universities. Results will be analyzed as part of a larger project by Seymour Martin Lipset, Harvard University, Martin A. Trow, University of California,

Berkeley, and Everett C. Ladd, University of Connecticut. Many questions were asked of each respondent concerning academic and political life. Those for which distributions were available by discipline follow.

“What do you think of the emergence of radical student activism in recent years?”

Field	Unreservedly approve	Approve with reservations	Disapprove with reservations	Unreservedly disapprove
Sociology (1,035)	9.2	65.5	21.9	3.4
Anthropology (458)	7.0	55.5	29.5	7.0
Psychology (2,111)	5.3	59.2	29.2	6.0
Economics (1,514)	5.3	50.6	35.1	8.5
Political Science (1,268)	5.9	56.8	30.3	6.3
Social Work (512)	8.0	63.9	24.2	2.7
Geography (402)	2.5	41.0	38.8	17.4
English (3,409)	6.4	55.3	30.3	7.4
Languages (2,809)	4.3	44.6	36.4	13.9
Philosophy (785)	7.9	59.9	28.0	3.8
History (2,015)	5.1	56.3	31.0	7.1
Religion (539)	4.8	61.0	27.6	6.3
Fine Arts (3,473)	3.7	48.6	37.5	9.9
Architecture (514)	5.4	51.0	32.9	9.7
Biology (4,567)	2.0	38.6	43.9	15.0
Medicine (2,384)	1.4	35.0	47.1	16.1
Mathematics (2,919)	4.4	37.5	42.0	15.2
Chemistry (1,891)	2.3	36.5	45.2	15.4
Geology (810)	2.2	32.5	45.8	19.1
Physics (1,713)	2.9	45.8	38.4	12.2
Law (611)	3.8	42.9	38.1	14.4
Education (3,161)	2.5	45.1	40.1	11.8
Business (2,343)	1.4	27.5	47.7	23.3
Engineering (4,383)	1.6	25.6	47.8	24.3
Physical Education (1,208)	0.6	24.3	51.8	22.8
Home Economics (580)	0.7	27.4	51.6	20.0
Library Science (245)	1.6	41.6	43.7	12.7
Nursing (835)	0.8	39.0	48.4	11.3
Agriculture (1,402)	0.9	18.5	52.6	27.7
All Respondents (60,447)	3.3	41.0	39.7	14.4

“How would you characterize yourself politically at the present time?”

Field	Left	Liberal	Middle of the road	Moderately conservative	Strongly conservative
Sociology (1,035)	19.4	61.4	11.7	4.9	0.1
Anthropology (458)	15.3	54.1	16.6	9.6	0.4
Psychology (2,111)	8.5	60.6	18.5	10.0	0.7
Economics (1,514)	8.7	53.0	20.7	12.7	1.8
Political Science (1,268)	13.8	58.0	16.2	8.4	0.7
Social Work (512)	11.5	67.2	12.3	5.9	0.4
Geography (402)	3.5	42.5	29.4	20.1	2.5
English (3,409)	11.4	54.4	17.5	12.3	1.7
Languages (2,809)	8.0	48.0	22.2	16.9	2.1
Philosophy (785)	17.6	59.5	12.6	6.6	1.3
History (2,015)	14.0	54.7	16.9	11.2	0.9
Religion (539)	8.7	59.7	18.4	10.2	0.9
Fine Arts (3,473)	4.4	48.9	24.6	17.9	1.7
Architecture (514)	7.0	51.9	18.7	17.9	1.9
Biology (4,567)	3.8	40.2	28.0	24.6	1.7
Medicine (2,384)	2.0	38.6	28.4	26.8	2.2
Mathematics (2,919)	7.3	40.0	27.7	20.2	2.5
Chemistry (1,891)	3.6	41.2	28.7	22.1	2.1
Geology (810)	3.0	34.4	30.5	27.2	3.0
Physics (1,713)	4.8	49.6	24.5	16.6	1.8
Law (611)	7.5	49.1	24.2	14.6	2.5
Education (3,161)	2.6	42.1	29.5	22.7	1.1
Business (2,343)	0.9	29.5	30.1	33.7	3.3
Engineering (4,383)	2.2	26.7	29.5	34.9	4.5
Physical Education (1,208)	0.5	18.6	31.8	43.8	3.8
Home Economics (580)	0.2	20.2	36.7	37.8	2.6
Library Science (245)	1.6	46.9	27.3	22.4	0.4
Nursing (835)	0.5	30.4	32.5	32.7	1.2
Agriculture (1,402)	0.1	17.9	31.2	45.7	3.6
All Respondents (60,447)	5.5	41.5	24.9	22.2	2.2

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“Which of these positions on Vietnam is closest to your own?”

Field	immediately Withdraw	Encourage coalition government	Reduce commitment but prevent Communit takeover	Defeat Communists whatever cost
Sociology (1,035)	35.2	49.8	11.8	1.3
Anthropology (458)	35.8	45.0	15.7	0.9
Psychology (2,111)	26.7	53.0	15.9	2.5
Economics (1,514)	22.3	51.4	20.9	2.8
Political Science (1,268)	22.5	50.9	20.3	2.9
Social Work (512)	34.6	46.7	14.1	2.1
Geography (402)	12.2	47.3	33.1	5.5
English (3,409)	31.3	46.5	16.9	2.8
Languages (2,809)	28.0	41.4	23.1	5.1
Philosophy (785)	29.4	52.5	13.6	1.9
History (2,015)	26.5	48.8	19.8	2.2
Religion (539)	20.2	56.6	19.5	1.7
Fine Arts (3,473)	23.9	43.5	26.3	3.9
Architecture (514)	22.0	46.1	24.1	5.3
Biology (4,567)	17.8	43.0	32.1	5.2
Medicine (2,384)	15.8	47.3	29.2	5.5
Mathematics (2,919)	20.6	43.5	28.7	4.7
Chemistry (1,891)	15.7	47.3	29.8	4.6
Geology (810)	12.8	44.4	33.8	6.7
Physics (1,713)	20.4	49.9	23.1	4.0
Law (611)	18.5	48.3	26.7	4.1
Education (3,161)	14.7	42.1	35.1	5.7
Business (2,343)	9.3	37.3	39.5	10.8
Engineering (4,383)	11.3	35.6	40.2	10.0
Physical Education (1,208)	7.5	29.8	45.4	14.7
Home Economics (580)	9.5	33.4	45.5	8.1
Library Science (245)	18.4	40.4	33.9	4.9
Nursing (835)	11.4	40.2	39.9	5.6
Agriculture (1,402)	5.4	29.8	50.5	11.8
All Respondents (60,447)	19.0	42.1	29.1	6.0

“Whom did you vote for in 1968?”

Field	Humphrey	Nixon	Wallace	Another candidate	Did not vote
Sociology (1,035)	69.6	8.0	0.1	6.5	12.5
Anthropology (458)	61.1	10.9	0.4	7.4	14.6
Psychology (2,111)	68.2	14.6	0.0	2.7	10.9
Economics (1,514)	60.8	18.0	0.0	3.8	13.1
Political Science (1,268)	71.2	11.8	0.1	2.9	9.5
Social Work (512)	79.9	5.9	0.0	3.9	6.6
Geography (402)	52.7	26.4	0.7	1.0	13.4
English (3,409)	64.8	14.5	0.6	4.8	11.3
Languages (2,809)	50.4	18.1	0.8	2.8	20.1
Philosophy (785)	66.5	9.4	0.4	6.1	13.6
History (2,015)	68.3	12.9	0.4	4.7	10.1
Religion (539)	70.3	15.6	0.0	1.5	8.7
Fine Arts (3,473)	55.3	26.7	0.9	2.3	10.2
Architecture (514)	50.2	24.5	1.2	2.3	15.0
Biology (4,567)	50.0	32.9	0.8	1.5	10.1
Medicine (2,384)	45.5	41.3	0.5	0.5	8.5
Mathematics (2,919)	49.5	26.1	1.1	3.9	13.9
Chemistry (1,891)	50.9	31.0	1.0	1.4	10.6
Geology (810)	41.6	37.5	0.9	1.2	14.0
Physics (1,713)	55.5	21.2	0.5	2.6	13.6
Law (611)	63.8	25.2	0.7	1.0	6.7
Education (3,161)	53.7	33.1	0.6	1.1	6.5
Business (2,343)	38.2	46.2	1.2	0.8	8.1
Engineering (4,383)	32.9	47.2	1.4	1.1	10.7
Physical Education (1,208)	31.3	54.4	1.4	0.2	6.6
Home Economics (580)	30.7	51.6	0.9	0.7	8.3
Library Science (245)	59.6	25.7	0.8	1.6	9.0
Nursing (835)	43.4	44.6	0.4	0.4	6.5
Agriculture (1,402)	30.0	58.3	1.7	0.1	5.0
All Respondents (60,447)	50.1	29.8	0.8	2.2	10.5

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"In what religion were you raised and what is your present religion?"

Field	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Other	None
Sociology (1,035)	59.2 (30.6)	13.7 (8.8)	16.3 (9.7)	3.2 (6.3)	5.8 (41.7)
Anthropology (458)	62.4 (21.2)	10.5 (4.6)	11.4 (5.0)	3.9 (6.1)	8.7 (56.1)
Psychology (2,111)	57.5 (25.4)	13.8 (7.2)	19.8 (12.4)	2.0 (7.7)	5.4 (44.1)
Economics (1,514)	61.2 (38.6)	12.9 (8.7)	15.3 (10.2)	3.2 (5.4)	5.0 (32.4)
Political Science (1,268)	60.6 (36.4)	12.9 (8.1)	15.9 (10.8)	3.8 (6.4)	4.6 (33.4)
Social Work (512)	60.4 (41.4)	13.5 (11.1)	19.1 (14.1)	1.8 (7.2)	3.3 (23.6)
Geography (402)	76.1 (53.5)	10.4 (6.0)	3.2 (2.7)	3.7 (6.7)	5.2 (26.6)
English (3,409)	64.5 (34.8)	18.4 (13.1)	8.6 (4.6)	2.2 (6.2)	4.3 (35.3)
Languages (2,809)	52.2 (30.7)	25.8 (17.6)	9.0 (5.8)	5.0 (6.7)	5.5 (32.9)
Philosophy (785)	54.9 (23.2)	26.9 (19.7)	8.9 (3.6)	1.7 (7.8)	6.0 (40.8)
History (2,015)	64.3 (39.6)	15.6 (11.6)	11.9 (6.7)	2.5 (4.2)	4.2 (32.7)
Religion (539)	69.9 (66.8)	24.5 (24.7)	2.2 (1.9)	1.3 (2.6)	0.9 (2.2)
Fine Arts (3,473)	69.8 (46.0)	13.2 (9.3)	8.0 (4.9)	3.1 (6.8)	3.8 (27.0)
Architecture (514)	65.8 (38.7)	15.6 (9.7)	8.2 (4.9)	3.5 (8.6)	4.3 (32.3)
Biology (4,567)	67.2 (43.5)	11.9 (8.9)	11.1 (7.1)	3.8 (6.8)	4.4 (30.0)
Medicine (2,384)	61.2 (47.6)	12.7 (10.0)	19.0 (15.2)	2.3 (4.7)	3.2 (19.3)
Mathematics (2,919)	61.5 (39.2)	15.2 (11.6)	12.6 (8.4)	3.9 (6.4)	5.0 (30.3)
Chemistry (1,891)	66.5 (46.3)	15.5 (11.8)	8.1 (5.3)	3.5 (5.7)	4.0 (25.3)
Geology (810)	74.2 (47.4)	11.9 (8.6)	3.2 (2.5)	2.8 (6.2)	5.4 (31.4)
Physics (1,713)	57.5 (35.6)	13.0 (8.7)	15.2 (9.3)	4.7 (6.8)	7.5 (34.9)
Law (611)	54.5 (40.3)	16.4 (13.6)	22.7 (16.7)	1.6 (3.1)	2.6 (22.4)
Education (3,161)	73.1 (61.0)	14.7 (11.6)	5.9 (4.3)	2.3 (4.8)	2.1 (14.2)
Business (2,343)	68.4 (58.5)	16.0 (13.9)	8.5 (7.3)	3.4 (5.0)	1.6 (11.8)
Engineering (4,383)	64.6 (53.5)	14.3 (12.1)	8.4 (6.3)	5.9 (7.2)	4.5 (16.8)
Physical Education (1,208)	76.2 (65.6)	15.4 (15.1)	2.9 (2.3)	2.4 (3.9)	1.3 (10.3)
Home Economics (580)	83.1 (77.8)	9.8 (9.7)	0.7 (0.5)	3.8 (5.3)	1.0 (4.7)
Library Science (245)	73.9 (55.9)	11.8 (9.0)	7.8 (4.5)	2.9 (8.2)	2.4 (17.6)
Nursing (835)	66.7 (57.0)	26.9 (27.2)	1.4 (1.2)	1.2 (3.6)	1.7 (7.8)
Agriculture (1,402)	82.5 (76.2)	8.2 (7.3)	1.1 (0.9)	4.6 (5.4)	2.3 (7.3)
All Respondents (60,447)	64.0 (45.3)	15.4 (11.8)	10.0 (6.7)	3.5 (6.0)	3.9 (24.6)

Present religious beliefs are shown in parentheses.