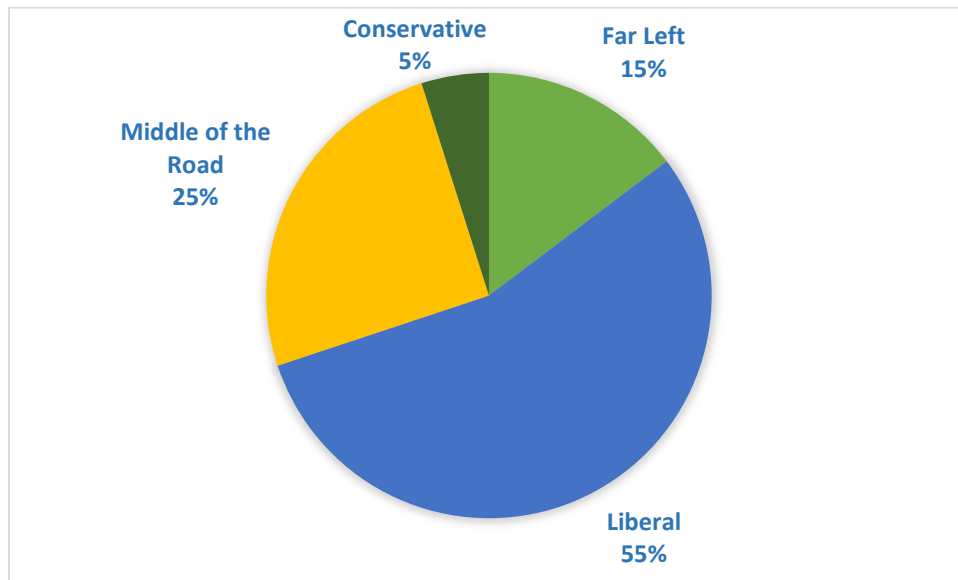




## Class of 2024 Quick Facts Election Issues Edition

The political views of the Class of 2024 can be characterized as follows:



First Years are engaged in political issues, with 82% indicating there is a very good chance they will vote in a local, state or national election.

With respect to specific issues raised in the 2020 election cycle:

- 79% strongly agreed that sexual activity that occurs without the presence of explicit, affirmative consent (yes means yes) is considered sexual assault.
- 79% strongly agreed that addressing global climate change should be a federal priority.
- 68% strongly agreed the U.S. government should create a clear path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.
- 64% strongly agreed the federal government should have stricter gun control laws.
- 53% strongly agreed wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now.
- 38% strongly agreed the death penalty should be abolished.
- 18% strongly agreed students from disadvantaged social backgrounds should be given preferential treatment in college admissions.
- 11% strongly agreed their political views closely resemble those of my parent(s)/guardian(s)
- 6% strongly agreed that through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society
- 1% strongly agreed that undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education.
- 1% strongly agreed that racial discrimination is no longer a problem in America.
- 0% strongly agreed that federal military spending should be increased.

**First years indicate the following personal goals are very important or essential to them...**

- Helping others in difficulty (79%)
- Influencing social values (39%)
- Keeping up to date with political affairs (55%)
- Being involved in programs to clean up the environment (41%)
- Participating in a community action program (41%)
- Becoming a community leader (26%)
- Influencing the political structure (24%)

**...but that does not always directly translate to behavior.**

- 45% frequently discussed politics.
- 35% frequently performed volunteer work.
- 17% frequently publicly communicated their opinion about a cause (blog, email, petition).
- 7% frequently helped raise money for a cause or campaign.
- 6% frequently demonstrated for a cause (boycott, rally, protest).