

PLANET NEWS AND VIEWS STUDENT SURVEY TABULATION • JUNE 2008

Question	Blank	No	Yes
▶ Do you consider yourself to be a Republican?	946	19598	8273
▶ Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat?	928	14977	12912
▶ Do you think politicians are concerned with the political issues affecting this country?	685	10162	17970
▶ Are you happy with the current presidential candidates?	476	12573	15768
▶ Do you think that President Bush has been a good president?	811	20574	7432
▶ Approximately one in 100 Americans adults is currently in jail, five times the rate in England. Do you think it is beneficial to have this number of people imprisoned?	646	15430	12741
▶ Do you believe that the American surge in Iraq was a good idea?	639	19996	8182
▶ Do you feel like another terrorist attack in America is likely to happen?	537	10104	18176
▶ Would you support a mandatory military draft?	502	23503	4812
▶ There are approximately 44 million Americans without health insurance. Should the government provide all citizens with health insurance?	462	6386	21969
▶ Do you think that religious classes should be offered in public schools?	444	14899	13474
▶ Do you believe that testing in public schools is a measure of how much students are learning?	406	15385	13026
▶ Do you think that women should have the right to have an abortion?	568	11713	16536
▶ The death penalty is in place in America. Do you think death is an appropriate punishment for certain crimes?	476	7813	20528
▶ Do you plan to raise your children in a particular religion?	501	11999	16317
▶ Do Americans put more emphasis on celebrities and pop culture than on domestic and global problems?	582	3705	24530
▶ Do you think your parents ¹ generation has an accurate view of what it is like to be a teenager in America now?	522	22494	5801
▶ Is there too much sex and violence on TV?	479	14559	13779
▶ Do you think there should be more government regulation of TV and radio?	538	22195	6084
▶ A new report says that 66 percent of drivers aged 18 to 24 text while behind the wheel; it has recently been the cause of many accidents. Do you support a ban on text messaging while driving?	516	11250	17051
▶ Do you think having uniforms in schools helps students to be less competitive with each other?	422	19961	8434
▶ A lot of public schools sell fast-food meals in their cafeterias. Do you think that schools should offer such food to its students?	463	10707	17647
▶ New York City has banned restaurants from using trans fats, which contribute to heart disease. Was it fair for the NYC government to prohibit all restaurants from using a certain type of fat?	570	11914	16333
▶ We know that cigarette smoking can lead to death and other health issues. Because of their danger, should cigarettes be illegal?	479	13021	15317
▶ Should there be drug searches in high schools?	497	9234	19086
▶ Do you believe your teachers care deeply about what they are teaching you?	658	12746	15413
▶ Do you think that SUVs and other vehicles that use a lot of gas and heavily pollute the air should be outlawed?	512	18539	9766
▶ Do you feel like people are taking adequate action against global warming?	712	22372	5733