

# DEBT-FREE COLLEGE TACK-ON SURVEY

Conducted among 1,103 registered voters

September 21 to 25, 2016



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Banner 1	RACE				SEX		AGE			EDUCATION				COLLEGE/UNI ATTENDED		REASON FOR NOT ATTENDING				INCOME			
	ALL VOTERS	White	African American	Hispanic	Men	Women	18-34	35-49	50-64	65 and over	HS or less	Some college	College grads	Public	Private	Cost/financial	Had employment	Not ready or no instrst	Did not want debt	Less than \$25K	\$25K-\$50K	\$50K-\$75K	More than \$75K
TOTAL	1103	816	132	111	518	585	249	281	295	267	320	320	452	540	216	111	84	86	20	160	234	219	354
10, Strongly Agree	54%	50%	67%	67%	50%	57%	52%	53%	57%	52%	58%	54%	50%	54%	46%	65%	47%	49%	55%	69%	63%	55%	42%
8-9	19%	21%	10%	13%	18%	19%	17%	18%	20%	21%	17%	18%	21%	19%	23%	19%	25%	19%	11%	12%	18%	22%	22%
7	7%	8%	5%	5%	10%	5%	9%	6%	8%	5%	4%	10%	7%	8%	7%	3%	2%	9%	17%	7%	5%	5%	10%
5-6	14%	14%	16%	7%	15%	12%	14%	14%	11%	15%	15%	12%	14%	12%	15%	12%	15%	18%	11%	9%	12%	12%	15%
1-4, Disagree	6%	7%	2%	7%	7%	6%	8%	8%	4%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	9%	1%	11%	5%	6%	2%	2%	6%	11%
Don't know	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-
Total 9-10	60%	56%	71%	72%	55%	63%	57%	57%	63%	62%	65%	59%	56%	60%	52%	72%	53%	56%	55%	73%	70%	61%	48%
Mean	8.3	8.2	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.0	9.0	7.8	8.1	8.2	9.0	8.8	8.4	7.8

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	ALL VOTERS	NE	S	MW	W	Demo-crats	Inde-pend-ents	Repub-licans
TOTAL	1103	232	375	254	243	441	210	386
10. Strongly Agree	54%	56%	54%	50%	56%	62%	59%	41%
8-9	19%	18%	17%	22%	19%	18%	17%	22%
7	7%	5%	9%	8%	6%	6%	6%	9%
5-6	14%	14%	14%	14%	12%	9%	13%	19%
1-4, Disagree	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	9%
Don't know	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-
Total 9-10	60%	63%	59%	57%	61%	70%	62%	46%
Mean	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.7	8.6	7.7

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Total 9-10	42%	34%	77%	58%	35%	48%	48%	41%	44%	36%	46%	44%	39%	43%	35%	58%	31%	41%	43%	60%	47%	43%	32%
Mean	6.9	6.4	9.0	8.0	6.5	7.3	7.3	6.6	7.1	6.5	7.1	7.1	6.6	7.0	6.3	8.0	6.3	6.4	6.9	8.1	7.3	6.8	6.2

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