The University of Nebraska System Climate Study

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UNIVERSITY CLIMATE

Majorities of students, faculty, sta and alumni say the racial climate among students, faculty and sta on their campus is good or excellent.

RACIAL CLIMATE

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% %

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIL DISCOURSE

SAFETY

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CONFIDENCE IN RESPONSE TO CRITICAL ISSUES

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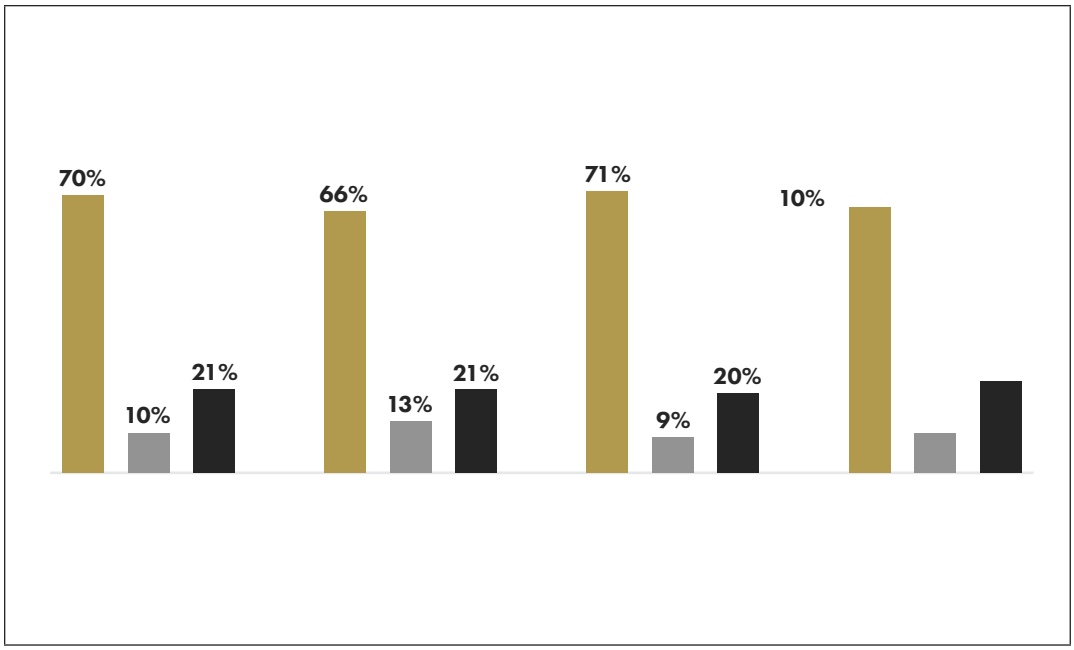
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	Students	Faculty	Sta	Alumni
STUDENTS AT [CAMPUS NAME] GENERALLY RESPECT FREE SPEECH RIGHTS.				
FACULTY AT [CAMPUS NAME] GENERALLY RESPECT FREE SPEECH RIGHTS.				
STAFF MEMBERS AT [CAMPUS NAME] GENERALLY RESPECT FREE SPEECH RIGHTS.				
FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS AT [CAMPUS NAME] GENERALLY RESPECT FREE SPEECH RIGHTS.				

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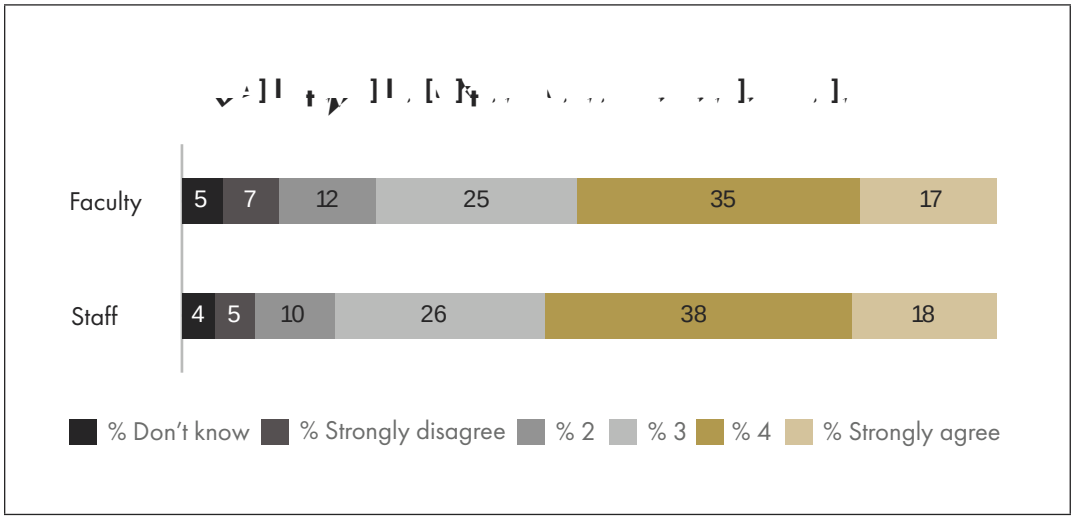

SHARING VIEWS

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[illegible] % [illegible] % [illegible] *faculty.* [illegible] *staff members.*

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	Students	Faculty	Sta	Alumni

On your university's campus, do you think members of each of the following groups are, or are not, able to freely and openly express their views? (% Yes, are able to; % No, are not able to; % Does not apply/Too few on campus)*

	Students	Faculty	Sta	Alumni
FEMALE STUDENTS				
POLITICAL LIBERALS				
MALE STUDENTS				
WHITES				
ASIANS*				
STUDENTS BORN OUTSIDE THE U.S.				
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS*				
HISPANICS OR LATINOS*				
BLACKS				

%

How comfortable do you feel having meaningful conversations with [other] students who hold di□erent views on issues relating to:

	Students	Faculty	Sta□	Alumni
SEXUAL ORIENTATION				
RELIGION				
IMMIGRATION				
RACE OR ETHNICITY				
POLITICAL IDEOLOGY				

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ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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4%	64%	32%

LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION

Faculty and sta□ members generally agree their leadership is creating a future they want to be a part of, but they need more clarity about that future direction.

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STUDENTS	ALUMNI
36% Yes	28% Yes
64% No	73% No

WELCOMING PLACE

Is [Campus Name] a good place or not a good place for:

	Students		Faculty		Sta		Alumni	
	% Good place	% Not a good place	% Good place	% Not a good place	% Good place	% Not a good place	% Good place	% Not a good place
FEMALE STUDENTS								
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS								
MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS								
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES								
RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES								
LESBIAN, GAY OR BISEXUAL STUDENTS	6			9	6	6		
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FREE SPEECH IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Most students, faculty, sta and alumni think that using violence to stop a speech is never acceptable, and majorities think that denying news media coverage of a protest or rally on campus is never acceptable. However, there is less consensus about other aspects of free speech on campus.

IMPACT OF PROTESTS

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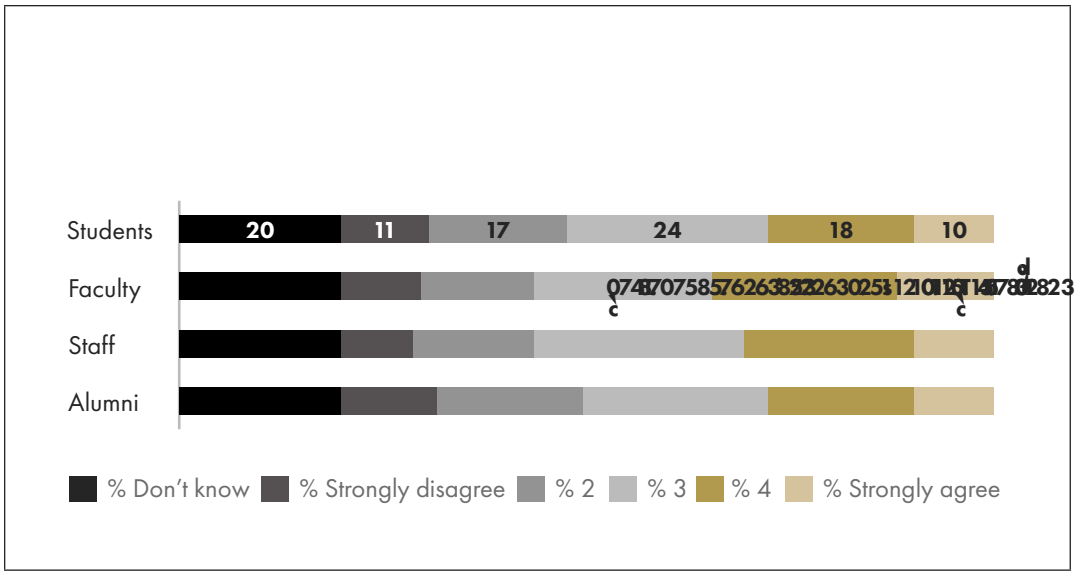
Students
20
11
17
24
18
10
Faculty
Staff
Alumni
% Don't know
% Strongly disagree
% 2
% 3
% 4
% Strongly agree

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[illegible]

% [illegible]

Again, in your opinion, do you think colleges and universities should or should not be able to establish policies restricting each of the following types of speech or expression on campus?

	Students	Faculty	Sta	Alumni
Using slurs and other language on campus that are intentionally offensive to certain groups				
Wearing costumes that stereotype certain racial or ethnic groups				
Expressing political views that are upsetting or offensive to certain groups				

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POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY STUDENTS

Methodology