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Q1. How concerned are you about climate change?

	Total	Gender			Political Leaning		
		Male	Female	Nonbinary	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very concerned	57%	45%	66%	88%	84%	52%	7%
Somewhat concerned	27%	25%	30%	10%	16%	31%	37%
Not too concerned	12%	25%	3%	2%	0%	12%	47%
Not at all concerned	3%	6%	2%	0%	0%	5%	9%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(510)	(226)	(248)	(35)	(183)	(253)	(62)

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Q2. How much do you think the federal government is doing to reduce the effects of climate change?

	Total	Gender			Political Leaning		
		Male	Female	Nonbinary	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Too much	5%	8%	2%	0%	0%	5%	20%
Too little	80%	68%	88%	93%	96%	77%	39%
About the right amount	6%	8%	4%	2%	2%	2%	30%
Not sure	10%	16%	5%	5%	1%	16%	12%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q3. Do you do any of the following to reduce your carbon footprint?

	Total	Gender			Political Leaning		
		Male	Female	Nonbinary	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Recycle paper, plastic, and glass	40%	39%	42%	17%	41%	37%	46%
Recycle electronics	15%	16%	14%	24%	20%	15%	9%
Compost food waste	12%	12%	12%	29%	22%	9%	5%
Avoid wasting food	36%	31%	40%	43%	41%	36%	23%
Walk, bike, or take public transportation when possible	21%	25%	16%	43%	33%	18%	4%
Drive an electric car	4%	4%	3%	2%	5%	4%	0%
Eat less meat	16%	11%	19%	32%	23%	16%	6%
Stop eating meat altogether	5%	5%	4%	20%	8%	5%	0%
Stop using plastic water bottles	25%	27%	23%	41%	30%	28%	7%
Avoid buying anything wrapped in plastic	8%	11%	6%	14%	13%	7%	1%
Turn off lights when not in use	43%	40%	45%	48%	47%	44%	34%
Use LED lights	24%	27%	22%	39%	23%	28%	15%
Buy second-hand or vintage clothing	23%	14%	29%	36%	25%	23%	13%
Buy clothing made from sustainable materials	11%	8%	14%	17%	20%	7%	1%
Use reusable shopping bags	30%	26%	32%	46%	43%	24%	18%
None of the above	4%	9%	1%	2%	3%	3%	12%
Refused	1%	1%	0%	18%	0%	1%	2%
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Q4. How many people do you consider to be your close friends?

	Total	Gender			Political Leaning		
		Male	Female	Nonbinary	Democrat	Independent	Republican
1-2	24%	14%	33%	19%	16%	30%	17%
3-4	37%	40%	35%	54%	48%	31%	36%
5-6	24%	24%	24%	12%	24%	21%	34%
7-8	7%	13%	2%	2%	3%	10%	7%
9-10	2%	1%	2%	0%	3%	2%	1%
11+	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%
Not sure	5%	7%	4%	10%	5%	5%	4%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q5. *Do you wish you had more friends, or are you content with the number of friends you have?*

	Total	Gender			Political Leaning		
		Male	Female	Nonbinary	Democrat	Independent	Republican
I wish I had more friends	47%	42%	51%	59%	45%	49%	43%
I'm content with the number of friends I have	45%	49%	42%	31%	48%	42%	49%
I'm not sure	8%	9%	7%	10%	7%	9%	8%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q6. How difficult has it been for you to make friends in college?

	Total	Gender			Political Leaning		
		Male	Female	Nonbinary	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very difficult	25%	19%	29%	45%	18%	32%	14%
Somewhat difficult	35%	30%	40%	29%	43%	27%	35%
Not too difficult	29%	38%	22%	27%	29%	34%	21%
Not at all difficult	10%	13%	9%	0%	10%	7%	29%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q7. How concerned are you about coronavirus' impact on the American job market?

	Total	Gender			Political Leaning		
		Male	Female	Nonbinary	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very concerned	36%	32%	39%	52%	35%	32%	37%
Somewhat concerned	45%	42%	47%	36%	51%	44%	38%
Not too concerned	15%	20%	11%	12%	13%	18%	17%
Not at all concerned	4%	5%	3%	0%	1%	6%	8%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Q8. How is the pandemic affecting your mental health?

	Total	Gender			Political Leaning		
		Male	Female	Nonbinary	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very negatively	14%	11%	14%	47%	19%	12%	8%
Somewhat negatively	48%	41%	54%	36%	57%	46%	24%
Neutral	33%	39%	29%	12%	22%	33%	59%
Somewhat positively	4%	5%	3%	5%	1%	6%	2%
Very positively	2%	4%	1%	0%	1%	2%	7%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Survey Methodology

This survey was designed and conducted by College Pulse. Interviews were conducted in English among a sample of 510 undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in the U.S.

The initial sample was drawn from College Pulse's Undergraduate Student Panel that includes over 400,000 verified students representing more than 1,000 different colleges and universities in all 50 states. Panel members are recruited by a number of methods to help ensure diversity in the panel population, including web advertising, permission-based email campaigns, and partnerships with university organizations.

To reduce the effects of any non-response bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS). The post-stratification weight rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, and gender. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results.

The margin of error for this survey is $\pm 4.9\%$. Margins of error are typically calculated on probability-based samples and are not technically correct for non-probability online samples. We supply them here to provide a general assessment of error ranges that may be associated with the data.

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About College Pulse

College Pulse is an online survey and analytics company dedicated to understanding the attitudes, preferences, and behaviors of today's college students. College Pulse offers custom data-driven marketing and research solutions, utilizing its unique Undergraduate Student Panel that includes 400,000 undergraduate college student respondents from more than 1,000 four-year colleges and universities in all 50 states.

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