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General Campus Climate from a Conservative Student Perspective

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General Campus Climate (Soria, 2018; Navarro et. al., 2009)

Does an OWU Bubble exist?

If it does, does it affect how Conservative students engage and interact with faculty and other students on campus?
DATA & METHOD

- Anonymous survey with 90 responses
- OWU Daily, Politics & Government and Sociology/Anthropology Departments, email
- Greek Life organizations, Small Living Units (SLUs), and Themed Houses, Clubs and Organizations
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Class Interactions

• Do you feel comfortable talking about politics with professors on campus? Why or why not?
• Do you take classes that challenge your personal opinions?
• Do you think your political views affect your grade in class? If so, which class(es)?
• In your opinion, have professors allowed students to have constructive debates in class over hot button topics?
• During which debates do you feel comfortable speaking up during debates in class?
• Do you feel that your freedom of speech is limited on OWU’s campus? If so, in what ways?
• Have you ever chosen to not share your opinion in class? If so, why?

Student Interactions

• Do you feel comfortable talking about politics with students on campus? Why or why not?
• Do you feel that your political views/opinions affect your ability to engage with students in social settings?
• Are there certain places on campus where you feel welcomed?
• Are there certain places on campus where you do not feel welcomed?
• Do you feel ostracized due to your political views? Why or why not?
• Do you have non-liberal friends on campus? Why or why not?
• Do you have non-conservative friends on campus? Why or why not?
WHAT IS YOUR POLITICAL IDEOLOGY?
Do you feel comfortable talking about politics with your professor?

- Yes: 43.8%
- Mostly: 3.4%
- Sometimes: 24.7%
- Not always: 4.5%
- No: 21.3%
Do You Think Your Political Views Affect Your Grade in Class?

- They could: 6.7%
- Not in my Experience: 2.2%
- Part of the Grade: 2.2%
- Yes: 3.3%
- No: 84.4%
**Have You Ever Chosen to Not Share Your Opinion in Class?**

- Yes: 65
- No: 12
- N/A: 5
- Sometimes: 7
- Often: 1

**Why Respondents Chose Not to Share Their Opinion**

- Shyness/Anxiety: 5
- Fear/Social Desirability: 37
- Didn't Feel Like It: 6
- Didn't have Enough Information: 6
- Other: 10
Do You Feel that Your Freedom of Speech is Limited on OWU's Campus?

What Limits Free Speech

- **Yes**: 15
- **No**: 59
- **Somewhat**: 11
- **N/A**: 4
- **Not Purposefully**: 1

- **Students**: 7
- **Campus Climate**: 15
- **Other**: 1
Do You Feel Comfortable Talking about Politics with Students on Campus?

Why Students Do Not Feel Comfortable Talking about Politics with Other Students

Why Students Sometimes Felt Comfortable Talking about Politics with Other Students
Do you take classes that challenge your personal opinions?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes
- Somewhat
- Not Yet
- Very Rarely
- Not Intentionally
- N/A
- More than Y/N

Number of Respondents: 60

Type of Responses:
- More than Y/N: 40 respondents
- Yes: 20 respondents
- No: 10 respondents
- Sometimes: 5 respondents
- Somewhat: 3 respondents
- Not Yet: 2 respondents
- Very Rarely: 1 respondent
- Not Intentionally: 1 respondent
- N/A: 1 respondent
Do You feel Ostracized due to Your Political View?

Yes: 10.0%
Sometimes: 2.2%
No: 77.8%
N/A: 10.0%

Why Respondents do not Feel Ostracized

- I Don’t Share my Views: 11
- I haven’t Felt Oppressed/Victimized: 15
- I’m in the Majority: 16
- No, but...: 1
Do You Have Non-Liberal Friends on Campus?

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Why Respondents have Non-Liberal Friends

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Do You have Non-Conservative Friends on Campus?

Why Respondents have Non-Conservative Friends

- I Don’t Choose Based off of Politics: 32
- I Wouldn’t have Friends/The Majority of People are Non-Conservative: 12
- I Just Know that I have Liberal Friends: 2
- It’s Good to be Open-Minded: 3
- Shared Interests/Views: 16
- Yes, but…: 5
- No: 0
- Probably: 2
- I Don't Know: 3
- I Think So: 2
- N/A: 1

Why Respondents have Non-Conservative Friends: Yes, but…
WHY DOES THIS MATTER?
THANK YOU!