



TRIP Snap Poll 19 Report

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Introduction

We are pleased to share the results of the 19th Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll, fielded with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Our polls provide real-time data in the wake of significant policy proposals, during international crises, and on emerging foreign policy debates. In this survey, we cover a range of current global affairs topics, including the recent college protests about Israeli military action in Gaza, international trade, nuclear use, Ukraine, and the U.S. presidential election.

Methodology

We attempted to contact all international relations (IR) scholars in the United States. We define IR scholars as individuals who are employed at a college or university in a political science department or professional school and who teach or conduct research on issues that cross international borders. Of the 5,146 scholars across the United States that we contacted, 733 responded to at least one question. The resulting response rate is approximately 14.24 percent. The poll was open from June 25 to July 14 of 2024.

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Sample vs. Population Comparison

Table 1: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Gender

Gender	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Female	189	26.47	1596	31.57
Male	525	73.53	3460	68.43

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=34.51, p-value<0

Table 2: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Academic Rank

Academic Rank	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Adjunct	18	2.46	226	4.40
Assistant Professor	56	7.65	597	11.62
Associate Professor	212	28.96	1326	25.82
Emeritus	50	6.83	384	7.48
Full Professor	345	47.13	2081	40.52
Lecturer or Senior Lecturer	22	3.01	158	3.08
Other	22	3.01	284	5.53
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	7	0.96	80	1.56

Chi-squared test results: X-squared= 33.85, p-value<0

Table 3: Sample vs. Population Comparison: University Type

University Type	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
National Liberal Arts College	86	12.55	543	11.22
National Research University	456	66.57	3191	65.93
Regional Liberal Arts College	17	2.48	149	3.08
Regional Research University	126	18.39	957	19.77

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=2.56, p-value=0.98

Results

U.S. presidential election

Table 4: Thinking about the upcoming presidential election in November, how important are the following foreign policy issues to you?

Response option	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important	Total
Conflict in Gaza	43 (5.96%)	208 (28.85%)	245 (33.98%)	225 (31.21%)	721 (100.00%)
Conflict in Ukraine	16 (2.23%)	120 (16.69%)	254 (35.33%)	329 (45.76%)	719 (100.00%)
Conflict over Taiwan and/or the South China Sea	59 (8.19%)	241 (33.47%)	262 (36.39%)	158 (21.94%)	720 (100.00%)
Economic and Military Aid	55 (7.70%)	311 (43.56%)	252 (35.29%)	96 (13.45%)	714 (100.00%)
Global Climate Change	32 (4.44%)	115 (15.95%)	192 (26.63%)	382 (52.98%)	721 (100.00%)
Global Public Health	57 (7.95%)	272 (37.94%)	256 (35.70%)	132 (18.41%)	717 (100.00%)
Immigration	94 (13.13%)	287 (40.08%)	210 (29.33%)	125 (17.46%)	716 (100.00%)
International Terrorism	173 (24.09%)	397 (55.29%)	111 (15.46%)	37 (5.15%)	718 (100.00%)
Trade	35 (4.87%)	293 (40.75%)	296 (41.17%)	95 (13.21%)	719 (100.00%)

Table 5: Regardless of how you intend to vote, which presidential candidate would you trust most to handle a major international crisis?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Joe Biden	650	91.16%
Donald Trump	24	3.37%
I would trust both about equally	39	5.47%
Total	713	100.00%

Table 6: Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job handling the response to the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza: Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Joe Biden	573	80.03%
Donald Trump	65	9.08%
Do not know	78	10.89%
Total	716	100.00%

Table 7: If the 2024 presidential election were held today, for whom would you vote?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Joe Biden	620	86.59%
Donald Trump	24	3.35%
Neither/I would not vote	72	10.06%
Total	716	100.00%

Table 8: Which presidential candidate's foreign policy views most closely reflect your own?

Response option	Count	Valid percentage
Joe Biden	644	93.47%
Donald Trump	45	6.53%
Total	689	100.00%

Demographics

The demographic information provided comprises responses from both this survey and surveys conducted in the previous year.

Table 9: With which of the following gender identities do you most identify?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Female	189	25.78%
Male	526	71.76%
Non-binary	1	0.14%
Prefer not to answer	17	2.32%
Total	733	100.00%

Table 10: What is your current status within your home department?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Chaired Full Professor	65	9.07%
Full Professor	278	38.77%
Associate Professor	212	29.57%
Assistant Professor	56	7.81%
Lecturer or Senior Lecturer	16	2.23%
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	7	0.98%
Adjunct	18	2.51%
Emeritus	50	6.97%
Other	15	2.09%
Total	717	100.00%

Table 11: What is your main area of research within IR?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	26	3.63%
Development Studies	34	4.75%
European Studies/European Integration	23	3.21%
Gender in IR	6	0.84%
Global Civil Society	5	0.70%
Human Security	8	1.12%
Human Rights	30	4.19%
History of the international relations discipline	1	0.14%
International/Global Security	188	26.26%
International/Global Political Economy	94	13.13%
International Law	16	2.23%
International/Global Ethics	6	0.84%
International/Global Health	6	0.84%
International/Global Environmental Politics	23	3.21%
International Organization(s)	29	4.05%
International/Global History	11	1.54%
International Relations of a particular region/country	35	4.89%
International Relations Theory	27	3.77%
Religion in IR	5	0.70%
U.S. Foreign Policy	74	10.34%
Other	50	6.98%
I am not an IR scholar	19	2.65%
Total	716	100.00%

Table 12: What are your secondary areas of research within IR? Please select all that apply.

Response option	Count	Percentage
Comparative Foreign Policy	72	10.47
Development Studies	48	6.98
European Studies/European Integration	44	6.4
Gender in IR	31	4.51
Global Civil Society	26	3.78
Human Security	33	4.8
Human Rights	62	9.01
History of the international relations discipline	14	2.03
International/Global Security	109	15.84
International/Global Political Economy	70	10.17
International Law	48	6.98
International/Global Ethics	16	2.33
International/Global Health	9	1.31
International/Global Environmental Politics	31	4.51
International Organization(s)	103	14.97
International/Global History	40	5.81
International Relations of a particular region/country	72	10.47
International Relations Theory	107	15.55
Religion in IR	17	2.47
U.S. Foreign Policy	129	18.75
Other	51	7.41
I am not an IR scholar	2	0.29
Total	1134	-

Table 13: In your research, what is the main region of the world that you study, if any?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Arctic	4	0.56%
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	25	3.48%
East Asia (including China)	64	8.90%
Global/Use cross-regional data	139	19.33%
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	57	7.93%
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	59	8.21%
North America (not including Mexico)	50	6.95%
Oceania	2	0.28%
Russia/Former Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	50	6.95%
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	15	2.09%
Southeast Asia	11	1.53%
Sub-Saharan Africa	32	4.45%
Transnational Actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	59	8.21%
Western Europe	67	9.32%
None	85	11.82%
Total	719	100.00%

Table 14: In your research, what other regions of the world do you study, if any? Please select all that apply.

Response option	Count	Percentage
Arctic	14	2.21
Central and Eastern Europe (including the Baltic states)	100	15.77
Central Asia (not including Afghanistan)	25	3.94
East Asia (including China)	93	14.67
Global/Use cross-regional data	120	18.93
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)	64	10.09
Middle East and North Africa (including Turkey)	87	13.72
North America (not including Mexico)	118	18.61
Oceania	11	1.74
Russia/Former Soviet Union (excluding Baltic states)	67	10.57
South Asia (including Afghanistan)	55	8.68
Southeast Asia	51	8.04
Sub-Saharan Africa	59	9.31
Transnational Actors/International Organizations/International NGOs	131	20.66
Western Europe	146	23.03
None	83	13.09
Total	1224	-

Table 15: Which of the following best describes your approach to the study of IR?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Constructivism	135	18.75%
English school	8	1.11%
Feminism	14	1.94%
Liberalism	100	13.89%
Marxism	15	2.08%
Realism	113	15.69%
Other	57	7.92%
Do not use	278	38.61%
Total	720	100.00%

Table 16: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Republican	28	3.94%
Democrat	466	65.54%
Independent	176	24.75%
Other	41	5.77%
Total	711	100.00%