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At Cornell

How important is it that Cornell provides you with the following?

[q26a] A broad liberal arts education [q26b] Opportunities to develop skills valuable in the workforce	at Somewhat important	Very important	Essential
[q26a] A broad liberal arts education [q26b] Opportunities to develop skills valuable in the workforce			
A broad liberal arts education [q26b] Opportunities to develop skills valuable in the workforce	0	0	
Opportunities to develop skills valuable in the workforce			
	0	0	0
[q26c] Interaction with individuals whose backgrounds (e.g., race, socioeconomic status, nationality, sexual orientation) are different from your own	•	0	•
[q26d] Opportunities to discover and pursue your intellectual passion	•	•	•
[q26e] Experiences that help you develop and clarify a personal code of values or ethics	0	0	0
[q26f] Skills for lifelong learning	•	0	•
[q26g] A global perspective	0	0	0
[q26h] Deep expertise in a specific discipline or area of study	•	•	•
[q26i] A genuine sense of belonging	0	0	0

[q27] As of right now, in which area are you most likely to major? If you aren't leaning in any direction yet, just select "I'm not sure."

0	I'm not sure
0	Business & Management
0	Engineering or Applied Sciences
0	Humanities
0	Fine Arts
0	Biological Sciences
0	Physical Sciences or Mathematics
0	Social Sciences

[SRI Note: If question q27 answers anything other than "I'm not sure", show question q28.]

[q28] (Regarding the area listed above) How confident are you that this will be the right area of study for you?

Not confident at all/ Don't know enough yet

Other [q27_spec] - please specify:

- Slightly confident
- Somewhat confident
- Confident
- Very confident





How interested are you in doing the following during your undergraduate years at Cornell?

	Not at all interested	Slightly interested	Somewhat interested	Very interested
[q29a] Getting a job to help pay for college expenses	•	•	•	0
[q29b] Doing community service, as part of a course (e.g., service learning)	0	•	•	•
[q29c] Volunteering or community service, not as part of a course	•	0	•	0
[q29d] Studying abroad	•	•	•	0
[q29f] Working with a professor on a research project	0	0	0	0
[q29g] Doing independent study (self-designed credit courses)	0	0	0	0
[q29h] Having an internship	0	0	0	0
[q29n] Participating in ROTC or the National Guard	•	•	•	0
[q29i] Joining a student club or organization	0	0	0	0
[q29k] Joining a fraternity or sorority	0	•	•	0
[q29o] Taking courses offered outside your undergraduate college	0	•	•	0

You will face a number of new situations, both social and academic, in the coming year. How well prepared do you feel you are to ...

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
[q15a] Succeed academically at Cornell	0	0	•	0
[q15c] Get along socially at Cornell	0	•	•	•

How well prepared do you feel you are to do the following <u>during your first year</u> at Cornell?

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
[q16a] Live away from home	•	0	0	0
[q16e] Select the courses you will take	0	0	0	•
[q16f] Have a roommate	0	0	0	0
[q16b] Ask for help when you need it	•	0	0	•
[q16c] Find a group where you feel like you belong	0	0	•	0
[q16d] Manage your time effectively	0	0	0	0





How well prepared do you feel you are to do the following while you are at Cornell?

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
[q19a] Write clearly and effectively	0	0	0	0
[q19b] Communicate well orally	•	•	•	0
[q19c] Think critically	0	0	•	0
[q19d] Use quantitative tools (e.g., statistics, graphs)	•	•	•	•
[q19e] Read or speak a foreign language	0	0	0	0
[q19f] Understand the significance of art, music, literature, and drama	•	•	0	0
[q19g] Understand the process of science and experimentation	0	0	0	0
[q19h] Create original ideas and solutions	•	•	•	•
[q19i] Resolve interpersonal conflicts constructively	0	0	0	0
[q19j] Judge the merits of arguments based on their sources, methods, and reasoning	•	•	0	0
[q19k] Function effectively as a member of a team	0	0	0	0
[q19I] Take a leadership role	•	•	0	0
[q19m] Learn on your own	0	0	0	0
[q19n] Relate well to people of different races, nations, and religions	•	•	•	0
[q19p] Conduct scholarly research	0	•	0	0
[q19q] Effectively engage with and learn from others whose backgrounds, identities or viewpoints differ from yours	0	0	0	0

Tell us how well each of the following statements describes you.

	Not true at all	Rarely true	Sometimes true	Often true	True nearly all the time
[q1j] I am able to adapt when change occurs	0	0	0	0	0
[q1k] I tend to bounce back after injury, illness, or hardship	0	•	•	0	•



Choosing a College

[q22] To how many colleges or universities did you apply, counting Cornell?

-- Select -- [SRI Note: Question q22 selects a number from 1 to 19, or "20 or more".]

[q22a] To how many colleges or universities were you admitted, counting Cornell?

-- Select -- [SRI Note: Question q22a selects a number from 1 to 19, or "20 or more".]

[q23] Were you accepted to your first choice school?

Yes
No

[q24] Among the colleges that you applied to, how would you rank Cornell?

- First choice
- Second choice
- Third choice
- Less than third choice

[testprep] Did you take a test prep class?

- © N∩
- Yes, for the SAT
- Yes, for the ACT
- Yes, for for both tests

How many times did you take the SAT and ACT?

	Did not take	1 time	2 times	3 times	4 or more times
[sat] SAT	•	0	0	0	•
[act] ACT	•	0	0	•	0

As you made plans for college and prepared applications, how helpful were advice and assistance from each of the following? Please note if a resource was not available to you.

	Very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Not helpful	Did not use	Resource not available
[counsel_hsa] High school counselors who specialized in college admissions	0	0	0	0	0
[counsel_hsb] Other high school counselors or teachers	0	0	•	0	0
[counsel_friend] Your classmates and friends	0	0	0	0	0
[counsel_parent] Your parents or guardians	0	0	0	0	0
[counsel_comm] Counselors working/volunteering at a community-based organization like the Y or Upward Bound	•	•	0	0	0
[counsel_priv] Private admissions advisors or counselors (paid for by you or your family)	0	•	•	0	0

[QN3]	Will yo	u personally	take out	any student	loans to	help f	inance your	first year	r in coll	ege?
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0	Yes	
0	No	

Do not know

[qN4] As of right now, how concerned are you about your family's ability to pay for your college education?

0	0	0	0	
Not at all	A little	Quite a bit	A great dea	l
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			Finish Later	



After College

[q35] Do you currently intend to pursue a graduate or professional degree after you complete your bachelor's degree?
Yes
No
Not sure yet
[SRI Note: If question q35 answers "Yes", show questions q36n through q36v.]
What degree(s), if any, do you plan to pursue in the future? Mark all that you expect to pursue.
[q36n] Master's degree in an academic field (e.g., MA, MS)
[q36o] Master's degree in Business (MBA)
[q36p] Other professional Master's (e.g., MSW, MPH, MEd)
[q36q] Law degree (e.g., JD, LLB)
[q36r] Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM)
[q36s] PhD
[q36t] Professional or other doctorate (e.g., EdD, PsyD)
■ [q36u] Some other degree [q36_spec] - please specify:
[q36v] Still unsure

How important is each of the following to you as you think about your own life and future?

	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Very Important	Essential
[q37a] Raising a family	0	0	0	0
[q37b] Doing work that is in accordance with your philosophy or religion	0	•	0	•
[q37c] Participating in religious activities	0	0	•	•
[q37d] Doing creative and expressive work	0	0	0	0
[q37e] Expressing yourself artistically	0	0	•	0
[q37f] Being a leader in your community	0	•	0	•
[q37g] Participating in politics or community affairs	0	0	0	0
[q37h] Working for social and political change	0	•	0	0
[q37i] Volunteering	0	0	0	0
[q37j] Being well-off financially	0	•	0	•
[q37k] Being successful in a business of your own	0	0	0	0
[q37l] Having managerial responsibility	0	•	0	•
[q37m] Learning about other cultures and nations	0	0	0	0
[q37n] Getting to know people from diverse backgrounds	0	0	0	0
[q37p] Living or working abroad	0	0	0	0
[q37q] Traveling abroad	0	0	0	0
[q37r] Contributing to science and innovation	0	0	0	0
[q37s] Being a leader in your field	0	•	•	0





High School

For the rest of this survey, we'll be asking you to tell us about your background, beginning with a few things about your high school.

[htype] What kind	of high school	did you attend?
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- Public Charter school
- Public Magnet school
- Public Other public schools
- Private Religious/parochial
- Private Independent non-residential school (non-religious)
- Private Independent school with resident students (non-religious)
- Home school
- Other

[hus] Was your high school in the United States?

Yes
No

[hcurrlang] What language did teachers in your high school use in class (excluding foreign language classes)?

- Entirely/mostly English
- A mix of English and other language(s)
- Entirely/mostly language(s) other than English

How many Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or exams did you take in high school?

	at my high school	None	1-4	5-7	8-10	11-15	More than 15
[q10a] AP Courses	0	•	0	•	•	•	0
[q10b] AP Exams	•	0	0	•	•	•	•

[q11] Which best describes your academic participation in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program?

- IB was not offered at my school
- IB was offered at my school, but I did not participate
- I took some IB courses/exams/certificates
- I completed a full IB Diploma

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your high school:

[qN13c] My high school offered a good mix of advanced classes.	0	0	0	0
[qN13a] I would have taken more advanced classes if my school had offered them.	0	0	0	•
[qN13b] I would have taken more science and math classes if my school had offered them.	0	0	0	0



NEW STUDENT SURVEY At Cornell Choosing a College After College High School About You

During your last year of high school, about how often did you ...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
[q2a] Get excited by a class	•	0	•	•	•
[q2b] Participate in class discussions	0	•	•	•	0
[q2c] Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with teachers outside of class	•	•	0	•	0
[q2d] Discuss politics, religion, or other controversial issues	0	•	•	•	0
[q2e] Revise a paper two or more times before handing it in	0	•	0	•	0
[q2f] Perform volunteer work not for a class or graduation requirement	0	•	•	•	0
[q2g] Have a serious conversation with an individual from a background different from yours (e.g., politically, religiously, economically, ethnically)	0	0	•	•	0
[q2h] Apply ideas from a class to other courses and interests	0	0	•	•	0
[q2i] Feel challenged by a class	0	0	•	•	•
[q2j] Prepare for class with an informal study group	0	•	•	•	•

We'd like to know if you did any of the following during your high school years. Some of these may not have been for a class or other school requirement.

While you were in high school did you ...

	Yes	No
[q8a] Write a long (e.g., 15 pages or more) research paper that combined information from many sources	0	0
[q8f] Perform community service as part of a class or graduation requirement	•	0
[q8h] Take a class for college credit (not necessarily at Cornell) at a local college or university	0	0
[q8i] Complete an online college class	•	•
[q8j] Do an internship	0	0
[q8k] Become fluent in a language other than English	•	0
[q8l] Perform community service NOT as part of a class or graduation requirement	0	0

While in high school did you: (Select all that apply)

- [qN5a] Have a leadership role in a student group, club, or team
- $\hfill \blacksquare$ [qN5b] Have a leadership role in a community group, club, or team (outside of school)
- [qN5c] Participate in politics beyond voting (campaign, volunteer, attend public meetings, etc.)

[qN5d] Play one or more varsity sports

[q13j] Did you work for pay during your senior year of high school?

O Yes O No

During your last year of high school, about how often did you ...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
[qN6a] Feel overwhelmed by all you had to do	•	•	0	0	0
[qN6b] Feel very sad	0	0	•	0	•
[qN6c] Feel so depressed it was difficult to function	•	0	0	0	0
[qN6d] Stay up all night to finish an academic assignment or prepare for an exam	0	•	0	0	0
[qN6e] Feel out of place or that you just didn't fit in at your school	•	•	0	0	0
[qN6f] Find a balance between schoolwork and other aspects of your life	0	•	0	•	0
[qN6g] Drink beer, wine, or liquor	0	0	0	0	0
[qN6h] Smoke tobacco products (e.g. cigarettes, cigars, hookah, etc.)	0	•	0	0	0
[qN6j] Smoke electronic cigarettes (e.g. e-cigs, vapes, etc.)	•	0	0	0	0
[qN6i] Use a prescription stimulant (i.e., Ritalin, Adderall, Concerta) without a prescription to help you study	0	0	•	•	0

[qN7] Which of the following statements most accurately reflects your use of marijuana?

- I have never used marijuana
- I have used marijuana, but not within the past year
- I have used marijuana within the past year, but not within the past 30 days
- I have used marijuana in the past 30 days





[pre	know]	As of now, how many me	embers of y	our class a	at Cornell U	Jniversity h	ave you tal	ked with in person?
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	0 2	-3						
	0 4	-5						
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			all people of	•			All an manulu	
			color	people of color	people of color	Mostly white	All or nearly all white	
	[q5a] The hi	igh school I attended				Mostly white	•	
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	The hi	-	color	color	color	0	all white	
[q41	The hi	-	color	color	color	0	all white	
[q41	The hi [q5b] The ne	eighborhood I lived in	color	color	color	0	all white	
[q41	The hi	eighborhood I lived in	color	color	color	0	all white	
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[q47] While you are an undergraduate at Cornell, how likely are you to receive care or support from a mental health professional? Your best guess is fine.

very unlikely	
Unlikely	
Likely	
Very likely	
- Voly moly	
Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions?	Select all that apply
	ocicot all triat apply.
[q38a] Learning disability or ADHD	of hadring lauvisian ata
 [q38c] Mobility or sensory disability (e.g., prosthetic, spinal cord injury, hard of [q38d] Chronic mental health condition (e.g., depression, PTSD, etc.) 	or fleating, low vision, etc.)
[q38e] Chronic medical condition (e.g., cepression, P13B, etc.)	oto)
	(810.)
[q38f] Other disability or chronic condition [q38_spec] - please specify:	
[q38g] None of the above	
[q49] While you are an undergraduate at Cornell, how likely are you to best guess is fine.	to use disability services and accommodations? Your
 Very unlikely 	
Unlikely	
Likely	
•	
Very likely	
Which of the following best describes your gender identity? Select a	II that apply
[agender] Agender	
☐ [androgyne] Androgyne	
[demigender] Demigender	
[genderqueer] Genderqueer or gender fluid	
☐ [man] Man	
☐ [questioning] Questioning or unsure	
[transman] Trans man	
☐ [transwoman] Trans woman	
□ [woman] Woman	
[Other] Other gender identity [gender_spec] - please specify:	
□ [notdisclose] Prefer not to disclose	
Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation? Selection	ct all that apply
☐ [asexual] Asexual	
☐ [bisexual] Bisexual	
□ [gay] Gay	
☐ [straight] Straight (heterosexual)	
□ [lesbian] Lesbian	
□ [pansexual] Pansexual	
[queer] Queer	
[[questioningorient] Questioning	
■ [samegender] Same-gender loving	
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[notdiscloseorient] Prefer not to disclose	
What is your race or ethnicity? Select all that apply, including subcar	tegories.
[natam] American Indian or Alaska Native	an an
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With which, if any, of these subgroups do you identify? [alsknat] Alaska Native/Aleut	[cherokee] Cherokee
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[mohawk] Mohawk		[navajo] Navajo
[seneca] Seneca		[sioux] Sioux
[othiroqs] Other Iroquois Nation		[othamind] Other American Indian
[asian] Asian		
[chinese,filipino,indic,japanese,korean,vietnam,pakistan,seasian,otheasia,othindsb,othasi	an]	
[SRI Note: Only show if "asian" is checked] With which, if any, of these subgroups do you identify?		
[chinese] Chinese		[filipino] Filipino
[indic] Indian		[japanese] Japanese
[korean] Korean		[vietnam] Vietnamese
[pakistan] Pakistani		[seasian] Other Southeast Asian
[otheasia] Other East Asian		[othindsb] Other Indian Subcontinent
[othasian] Other Asian		
☐ [black] Black or African American [usaframr,crbblck,sablck,othblk]		
[SRI Note: Only show if "black" is checked] With which, if any, of these subgroups do you identify?		
[usaframr] U.S./African American		[crbblck] Caribbean
[sablck] South American		[othblk] Other Black
[hisp] Hispanic or Latino [cntrltno,cubano,mexican,prtoric,saltno,spanish,othisp]		
[SRI Note: Only show if "hisp" is checked] With which, if any, of these subgroups do you identify?		
[cntrltno] Central American		[cubano] Cubano
[mexican] Mexican/Chicano		[prtoric] Puerto Rican
[saltno] South American Latino		[spanish] Spanish
[othisp] Other Hispanic/Latino		
[hawaii] Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander [guam,hawntve,samoan,pacisIn	d]	
[SRI Note: Only show if "hawaii" is checked]		
With which, if any, of these subgroups do you identify? [guam] Guamanian		[hawntve] Hawaiian Native
samoan] Samoan		[pacisInd] Other Pacific Islander
[white] White [eurwhite,mdlewhte,othwhite]		
[SRI Note: Only show if "white" is checked] With which, if any, of these subgroups do you identify? [eurwhite] European		[mdlewhte] Middle Eastern
[othwhite] Other White		
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[q48] Which religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition do you practice or identify with?

0	Protestant
0	Roman Catholic
0	Another type of Christian (Orthodox, LDS, etc.)
0	Buddhist
•	Hindu
0	Jewish
0	Muslim
•	Some other religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition
0	Spiritual but do not identify with a religious tradition or group
•	Atheist
0	Other [q48_spec] - please specify:
0	None
[q42] Hov	v would you describe your political views?
0	Very liberal
0	Liberal
	Moderate/Middle-of-the-road
	Conservative
0	Very conservative
	3 · · ·
	Haven't thought that much about it
[a/2b/11 V	What is the highest level of education completed by any of your parents?
[d43D1] v	vitat is the highest level of education completed by any of your parents:
0	No high school diploma
0	High school diploma or equivalent
0	Post-secondary school other than college
0	Some college or associate's degree
0	Bachelor's degree
0	Graduate or professional degree
0	Unsure/Don't know
Did eithe	r of your parents attend Cornell? (Select all that apply.)
	[q44a] Yes, for undergraduate studies
	[q44b] Yes, for graduate studies
	[a44c] No

[q45a] Which of the following best describes your social class when you were growing up?

0	Upper-middle or professional class
0	Wealthy
[q45] Please give us your best estimate of the total before-tax income of your parent(s) and/or stepparents. If you have a parent who does not live with you, but will help pay for college, include his or her income as well. Your best guess is fine.	
•	Less than \$25,000
0	\$25,000 - \$49,999
0	\$50,000 - \$74,999
•	\$75,000 - \$99,999
•	\$100,000 - \$149,999
•	\$150,000 - \$199,999
0	\$200,000 - \$249,999
0	\$250,000 - \$499,999
•	\$500,000 or above
[comments] Do you have other comments you'd like to share?	
	Previous Submit Survey Finish Later
	If you have questions or require technical assistance with this survey, please email the Survey Research Institute or call 1-888-367-8404.

Low incomeWorking classMiddle class



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