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Understanding the Campus Expression Climate

Supporting Documentation: Codebook

Fall 2022

**Introduction**

This codebook helps researchers analyze data from Heterodox Academy’s Fall 2022 administration of the Campus Expression Survey (CES). Please see heterodoxacademy.org for Campus Expression Climate: Fall 2022. This document includes the variable names, as they appear in the available CES Fall 2022 data (.csv file), along with their corresponding survey items, response options, and any relevant notes. Heterodox Academy invites researchers, journalists, and others to explore and interact with these data, which can inform national conversations about the state of open inquiry and constructive disagreement in higher education.

**Codebook Table**

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| Variable Name | Variable Label | Value Labels |
| age | How old are you? | 18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25 or older a |

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| region | | What region of the country is your college or university located in? | | Northeast (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont)  Midwest (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin)  South (Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington D.C., West Virginia)  West (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming) | |
| Online | Which of the following best describes your current fall 2022 semester? | | Fully in person  Primarily in person  Roughly equal portions of in-person and online classes  Primarily online  Fully online  Other | |
| student\_interaction | How would you rate the level of interaction you have with other students in your classes? | | Low interaction quality (not much opportunity for discussion or to get to know other students)  Medium interaction quality (some opportunity for discussion or to get to know other students)  High interaction quality (a lot of opportunity for discussion or to get to know other students) | |
| Lonely | How often do you feel psychologically isolated from others? | | Hardly ever  Some of the time  Often | |
| noncontroversial\_dis | Think about discussing a NON-CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC in a class this semester. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic? | | 1 = I would be very comfortable giving my views.  2 = I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.  3 = I would be somewhat reluctant giving my views.  4 = I would be very reluctant giving my views | |
| gender\_discuss | Think about discussing a controversial issue about GENDER in a class this semester. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic? | | 1 = I would be very comfortable giving my views.  2 = I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.  3 = I would be somewhat reluctant giving my views.  4 = I would be very reluctant giving my views | |

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| politics\_discuss | | Think about discussing a controversial issue about POLITICS in a class this semester. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic? | | 1 = I would be very comfortable giving my views.  2 = I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.  3 = I would be somewhat reluctant giving my views.  4 = I would be very reluctant giving my views | |
| race\_discuss | | Think about discussing a controversial issue about RACE OR ETHNICITY in a class this semester. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic? | | 1 = I would be very comfortable giving my views.  2 = I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.  3 = I would be somewhat reluctant giving my views.  4 = I would be very reluctant giving my views | |
| religion\_discuss | | Think about discussing a controversial issue about RELIGION in a class this semester. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic? | | 1 = I would be very comfortable giving my views.  2 = I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.  3 = I would be somewhat reluctant giving my views.  4 = I would be very reluctant giving my views | |
| sexualorientation\_di | Think about discussing a controversial issue about SEXUAL ORIENTATION in a class this semester. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic? | | 1 = I would be very comfortable giving my views.  2 = I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.  3 = I would be somewhat reluctant giving my views.  4 = I would be very reluctant giving my views | |
| covid\_discuss | | Think about discussing a controversial issue about COVID-19. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic? | | 1 = I would be very comfortable giving my views.  2 = I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.  3 = I would be somewhat reluctant giving my views.  4 = I would be very reluctant giving my views | |
| freespeech\_discuss | | Think about discussing a controversial issue about FREE SPEECH. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic? | | 1 = I would be very comfortable giving my views.  2 = I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.  3 = I would be somewhat reluctant giving my views.  4 = I would be very reluctant giving my views | |
| abortion\_discuss | Think about discussing a controversial issue about ABORTION. How comfortable or reluctant would you feel about speaking up and giving your views on this topic? | | 1 = I would be very comfortable giving my views.  2 = I would be somewhat comfortable giving my views.  3 = I would be somewhat reluctant giving my views.  4 = I would be very reluctant giving my views | |
| consequences\_open b | You indicated you were somewhat or very reluctant to express your views on at least one controversial issue. Please explain why you are somewhat or very reluctant to express your views. What do you perceive the consequences will be to sharing your views publicly? | | *Open-ended response box* | |

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| consequences\_closed b | You indicated you were somewhat or very reluctant to express your views on at least one controversial issue. If you were to speak up and give your views on one of the CONTROVERSIAL issues during a class discussion, would you be concerned that any of the following would happen? (Select all that apply) | Other students would criticize my views as offensive.  Other students would make critical comments about me with other people after class.  The professor would say my views are wrong.  The professor would criticize my views as offensive.  The professor would give me a lower grade because of my views.  Someone would post critical comments about my views on social media.  Someone would file a complaint claiming my views violated a campus harassment policy.  I would cause others psychological harm.  Other concerns of consequences? Please list below. | |
| OwnConsequences\_open c | Think about discussing one of the controversial topics above (i.e., politics, religion) in a class this semester, during which one of your classmates expresses an opinion with which you strongly disagree. How would you react and respond? | *Open-ended response box* | |
| OwnConsequences\_clos c | Think about discussing one of the controversial topics above (i.e., politics, religion) in a class this semester, during which one of your classmates expresses an opinion with which you strongly disagree. Indicate if you would do any of the following things. Please select all that apply. | I would speak out to criticize that classmate as being offensive during that discussion.  I would not say anything during class but I would make critical comments about it with other people afterwards.  I would post critical comments about his or her views on social media (anonymously or not).  I would file a harassment complaint or code of conduct violation.  I would not say or do anything about it but I would think badly of that student.  I would ask questions about their opinion so I can understand it better.  Other actions you might take? Please list below. | |
| views\_encouraged | How often does your COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY encourage students to consider a wider variety of viewpoints and perspectives? | Very frequently  Frequently  Occasionally  Rarely  Very rarely  Never |

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| freeexpression\_campu | | The climate on my campus prevents some people from saying things they believe because others might find them offensive. | | Strongly disagree  Somewhat disagree  Somewhat agree  Strongly agree | |
| pub\_priv | | Is your college or university public or private? | | Public university  Private university | |
| yearinschool | | What is your current year of study? | | First year (Freshman)  Second year (Sophomore)  Third year (Junior)  Fourth year (Senior)  Fifth year or more (Senior)  Prefer not to say | |
| academicarea | | What is your primary academic area of study? | | Arts  Biological Science  Business  Computer Science  Education  Engineering  Health Profession  Humanities  Mathematics/Statistics  Religion/Theology  Physical Science  Social Science  Something else  Prefer not to say | |
| genderid\_demo | | What gender do you identify as? | | Male  Female  Non-binary/non-conforming  None of the above; we invite you to self-identify | |
| transgender\_demo | | Do you identify as transgender? | | Yes  No  None of the above; we invite you to self-identify | |

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| sexualorient\_demo | | Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation? | | Straight or heterosexual  Gay or lesbian  Bisexual  Asexual  None of the above; we invite you to self-identify | |
| race\_ethnicity\_demo | How do you best describe your race/ethnicity? | | American Indian or Alaska Native  Asian  Black or African American  Hispanic or Latino  Middle Eastern  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White  Multi-racial  None of the above; we invite you to self-identify | |
| politicalparty\_demo | | Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, a Libertarian, or none of these? | | Republican  Democrat  Independent  Libertarian  None of the above; we invite you to self-identify  Haven't thought much about this | |
| religion\_demo | | How do you describe your religious beliefs? | | Agnostic  Atheist  Buddhist  Christian  Hindu  Jewish  Muslim  None of the above; we invite you to self-identify | |

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| familyses\_demo | | Last year, that is in 2020, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? | | Less than $20,000  $20,000 to $29,999  $30,000 to $39,999  $40,000 to $49,999  $50,000 to $74,999  $75,000 to $99,999  $100,000 to $149,999  $150,000 to $199,999  $200,000 to $249,999  $250,000 to $499,999  $500,000 or more  Prefer not to say | |

**Notes**

a No one selected the “25 or older” option.

b This question was only for participants who endorsed reluctance to discuss at least one of the five core controversial topics (i.e., race, religion, sexual orientation, politics, and gender). Observations for which this variable is blank are so because their respondents did not endorse reluctance to discuss any of these topics, and therefore did not see this question. This variable was “check all that apply” and therefore includes all selected responses separated by commas.

c This question was asked of all participants.