Understanding the Campus Expression Climate
Supporting Documentation: Codebook
Fall 2021

Introduction

This codebook helps researchers analyze data from Heterodox Academy's Fall 2021 administration of the Campus Expression Survey (CES). Please see heterodoxacademy.org for the full report. This document includes the variable names, as they appear in the available CES Fall 2021 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

Variable Name	Variable Label	Response Options
age	How old are you?	18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 or older [a]
region	What region of the country is your college or university located in?	Northeast Midwest South West

Codebook Table (continued)

Variable Name	Variable Label	Value Labels
online	Which of the following best describes your current fall 2021 semester?	Fully in person Primarily in person Roughly equal portions of in-person and online classes Primarily online Fully online Other
interaction_quality	How would you rate the level of interaction you have with other students in your classes?	1 = Low interaction quality (not much opportunity for discussion or to get to know other students) 2 = Medium interaction quality (some opportunity for discussion or to get to know other students) 3 = High interaction quality (a lot of opportunity for discussion or to get to know other students)
noncontroversial_discuss	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.
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.
sexuality_discuss	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.

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Variable Name	Variable Label	Value Labels
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.
consequences [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.
consequences_own [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.
college_encourage_views	Colleges should encourage students and professors to INTERACT RESPECTFULLY with people whose beliefs differ from their own.	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Somewhat disagree 3 = Neither agree nor disagree 4 = Somewhat agree 5 = Strongly agree
free_expression	The climate on my campus prevents some people from saying things they believe because others might find them offensive.	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Somewhat disagree 3 = Somewhat agree 4 = Strongly agree
public_private	Is your college or university public or private?	Public university Private university

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Variable Name	Variable Label	Value Labels
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
gender	What gender do you identify as?	Male Female Non-binary/non-conforming None of the above; we invite you to self-identify
sexuality	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	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

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Variable Name	Variable Label	Value Labels
party	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	How do you describe your religious beliefs?	Agnostic Atheist Buddhist Christian Hindu Jewish Muslim None of the above; we invite you to self-identify
familyses	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
maskmandate	Does your college/university have a mask mandate on your campus?	Yes No Unsure
vaccinemandate	Is your college/university requiring students to have the COVID-19 vaccination?	Yes No Only if utilizing on-campus housing Unsure
vaccinated	Have you received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine?	Yes No Prefer not to disclose

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Variable Name	Variable Label	Value Labels
support_restrictions	I support the government and college/university measures to restrict the movement and interaction of people to curb the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Somewhat disagree 3 = Neither disagree nor agree 4 = Somewhat agree 5 = Strongly agree

Notes

[a] This option was included as an eligibility check for respondents.

[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. This variable was "check all that apply" and therefore includes all selected responses, separated by commas.