



National Survey of Student Engagement

American Democracy Project

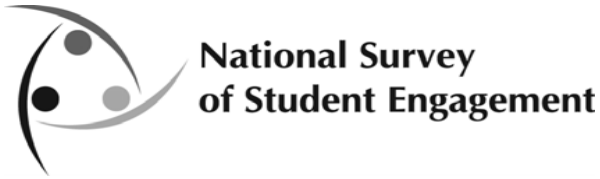
2008 Consortium Codebook

Please note the following:

1. Invalid responses and non-responses are coded as missing “.” in the dataset.

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Variable Label</i>	<i>Response Value and Labels</i>
Question 1. How important is each of the following issues or causes to you ?			
1a.	ADP0801a	Education	
1b.	ADP0801b	Environment	
1c.	ADP0801c	Healthcare	
1d.	ADP0801d	Economy	
1e.	ADP0801e	Entertainment & recreation	
1f.	ADP0801f	Religion	
1g.	ADP0801g	National security	
1h.	ADP0801h	Human and civil rights	
1i.	ADP0801i	Neighborhood issues	
1j.	ADP0801j	International issues	
			1=Not at all important 2=Not too important 3=Somewhat important 4=Very important
Question 2. Where do you generally get most of your information about each of the following?			
2a.	ADP0802a	Local news	
2b.	ADP0802b	National news	
2c.	ADP0802c	International news	
2d.	ADP0802d	Volunteering	
2e.	ADP0802e	Voting	
2f.	ADP0802f	Being involved in social or political issues (organizing, petitioning, protesting)	
			1=My institution (classes, organizations, etc.) 2=Family or friends 3=Radio 4=Television 5=Print newspapers or magazines 6=Online sources 9=Not applicable, I don't usually pay attention to this

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Below are some activities that you might have done in the past year. During this school year did you do this?			
3.	ADP0803	Join a local community group or association	
4.	ADP0804	Fundraise for a charitable organization	
5.	ADP0805	Participate in a fundraising run/walk/ride	
6.	ADP0806	Volunteer with a local community organization or religious group	
7.	ADP0807	Send a letter or e-mail to the media	
8.	ADP0808	Contact public officials about an issue (e.g., mayor, secretary of state, member of congress, etc.)	
9.	ADP0809	Sign a petition related to a political or community issue	1=No 2=Yes
10.	ADP0810	Organize a petition	
11.	ADP0811	Display buttons, signs, or stickers about political or social issues	
12.	ADP0812	Participate in a boycott, protest, or rally about an issue that is important to you	
13.	ADP0813	Volunteer to work on a political or issue campaign	
14.	ADP0814	Run for an elected leadership position on (e.g., student government) or off the campus (e.g., city council)	
15.	ADP0815	Vote in an election either on or off campus	



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**Below is an activity that you have done in the past year. Please indicate *why* you did it.
Select the primary reason you got involved.**

3a.	ADP0803a	Join a local community group or association
4a.	ADP0804a	Fundraise for a charitable organization
5a.	ADP0805a	Participate in a fundraising run/walk/ride
6a.	ADP0806a	Volunteer with a local community organization or religious group
7a.	ADP0807a	Send a letter or e-mail to the media
8a.	ADP0808a	Contact public officials about an issue (e.g., mayor, secretary of state, member of congress, etc.)
9a.	ADP0809a	Sign a petition related to a political or community issue
10a.	ADP0810a	Organize a petition
11a.	ADP0811a	Display buttons, signs, or stickers about political or social issues
12a.	ADP0812a	Participate in a boycott, protest, or rally about an issue that is important to you
13a.	ADP0813a	Volunteer to work on a political or issue campaign
14a.	ADP0814a	Run for an elected leadership position on (e.g., student government) or off the campus (e.g., city council)
15a.	ADP0815a	Vote in an election either on or off campus

1=To feel like I was making a difference
 2=To satisfy a requirement
 3=I was inspired by courses or a professor
 4=Religious reasons
 5=My friends or family are involved
 6=To prepare for a job or future career
 7=It's fun or satisfying
 8=Other reason

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Question 16: Here are some statements that students make about politics. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with these statements.

16a.	ADP0816a	I believe my coursework is preparing me to participate in politics (e.g., voting, volunteering or contributing to a campaign, or persuading others about a candidate or political issue).	
16b.	ADP0816b	I know enough to talk about politics and government with my friends and/or family.	
16c.	ADP0816c	You can trust politicians to do the right thing most of the time.	
16d.	ADP0816d	Public officials are interested in what college students have to say about issues.	
16e.	ADP0816e	Voting is the most effective way to ensure the government hears your voice.	1=Strongly disagree 2=Disagree 3=Agree 4=Strongly agree
16f.	ADP0816f	Every citizen can have a positive influence on local government.	
16g.	ADP0816g	I frequently talk about politics and government with my friends and/or family.	
16h.	ADP0816h	I am interested in keeping up with presidential politics (e.g., 2008 Presidential Campaign).	
16i.	ADP0816i	I am interested in keeping up with U.S. domestic policy (e.g., education, environment, health care, economy, national security).	
16j.	ADP0816j	I am interested in keeping up with world affairs (e.g., Europe, Middle East, Asia, Africa, South America).	
