

Omnibus Poll

July 2 - 3, 2013



1. Government financial help to college students

Do you think the federal government currently offers too little or too much financial help to college students?

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
Too little	42%	39%	45%	47%	40%	39%	42%	60%	41%	18%	43%	33%
About the right amount	24%	25%	23%	21%	25%	27%	19%	25%	19%	30%	23%	26%
Too much	20%	25%	15%	13%	18%	21%	27%	5%	23%	35%	20%	14%
Not sure	15%	12%	18%	19%	16%	12%	12%	10%	17%	16%	13%	26%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (472)	100% (528)	100% (194)	100% (283)	100% (364)	100% (154)	100% (327)	100% (435)	100% (238)	100% (897)	100% (103)

	Race				Education					Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Less than high school	High school	Some college	College grad	Post grad	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Too little	42%	39%	60%	43%	43%	37%	50%	36%	46%	44%	45%	40%	40%
About the right amount	24%	23%	19%	30%	15%	26%	19%	29%	29%	21%	21%	25%	27%
Too much	20%	24%	8%	10%	21%	21%	16%	24%	17%	13%	20%	22%	20%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%	16%	21%	17%	15%	11%	8%	22%	13%	13%	13%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (794)	100% (109)	100% (97)	100% (34)	100% (367)	100% (334)	100% (174)	100% (91)	100% (178)	100% (201)	100% (375)	100% (246)

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2. Federal government assistance college students

Which of the following, if any, should the federal government do to help college students financially? Please check all that apply:

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
Provide financial incentives to private companies to lend to students at reasonable rates	37%	36%	38%	34%	36%	39%	37%	38%	35%	38%	37%	33%
Provide cash grants to poor students	42%	41%	43%	51%	43%	41%	32%	56%	39%	29%	42%	43%
Provide affordable loans directly to students	56%	50%	62%	53%	54%	59%	58%	67%	54%	45%	58%	43%
None of the above	12%	15%	9%	12%	11%	12%	17%	4%	16%	17%	13%	10%
Not sure	12%	11%	12%	16%	16%	10%	3%	9%	14%	12%	10%	24%
Totals	(1,000)	(472)	(528)	(194)	(283)	(364)	(154)	(327)	(435)	(238)	(897)	(103)

	Total	Race			Education					Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Less than high school	High school	Some college	College grad	Post grad	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Provide financial incentives to private companies to lend to students at reasonable rates	37%	37%	39%	33%	45%	34%	37%	40%	40%	35%	36%	37%	37%
Provide cash grants to poor students	42%	38%	54%	54%	43%	37%	50%	38%	46%	38%	41%	43%	46%
Provide affordable loans directly to students	56%	57%	56%	55%	49%	51%	60%	59%	67%	55%	61%	54%	57%
None of the above	12%	15%	5%	6%	11%	12%	12%	15%	7%	8%	14%	13%	13%
Not sure	12%	12%	13%	10%	13%	13%	11%	12%	6%	16%	13%	11%	8%

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Totals	(1,000)	(794)	(109)	(97)	(34)	(367)	(334)	(174)	(91)	(178)	(201)	(375)	(246)

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3. Government role in assisting college students to receive loans

Should the federal government play a role in helping college students receive loans to pay for their education, or is this not the government's responsibility?

	Gender			Age				Party ID			Voter Registration	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
The government should play a role	53%	53%	53%	61%	55%	47%	51%	72%	48%	34%	53%	52%
It is not the government's responsibility	32%	36%	27%	21%	26%	38%	40%	13%	34%	55%	34%	14%
Not sure	15%	11%	20%	18%	19%	15%	9%	15%	18%	11%	13%	34%
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	Total	Race			Education					Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Less than high school	High school	Some college	College grad	Post grad	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The government should play a role	53%	48%	59%	72%	47%	52%	54%	48%	65%	56%	52%	53%	51%
It is not the government's responsibility	32%	39%	15%	12%	26%	30%	32%	39%	28%	29%	33%	34%	30%
Not sure	15%	13%	26%	16%	27%	18%	14%	12%	8%	15%	14%	13%	20%
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4. Federal student loan interest rates

Earlier this week the current interest rate on federal student loans (3.4%) expired. This will cause the rate to double to 6.8%, unless Congress votes to renew the 3.4% interest rate. Some people say that extending the low interest rate is important because it allows low and middle-income students to be able to attend college. Others say that the country can no longer afford to give college students such a low interest rate on their loans. Which comes closest to your view?

	Gender		Age				Party ID			Voter Registration		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
Congress should extend the low interest rate	66%	60%	71%	69%	60%	66%	70%	83%	59%	53%	67%	55%
Congress should not extend the low interest rate	20%	26%	14%	14%	20%	23%	21%	6%	22%	37%	22%	8%
Not sure	14%	13%	15%	17%	20%	11%	9%	11%	19%	10%	11%	37%
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	Total	Race			Education					Region			
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Congress should extend the low interest rate	66%	64%	72%	70%	58%	64%	69%	61%	73%	68%	67%	64%	66%
Congress should not extend the low interest rate	20%	23%	6%	15%	7%	20%	18%	28%	22%	19%	17%	23%	19%
Not sure	14%	13%	21%	15%	35%	15%	13%	11%	5%	13%	16%	13%	14%
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5. Recieved student loan

Have you ever had a student loan?

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	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Registered	Not registered
Yes	31%	31%	31%	38%	38%	34%	10%	28%	34%	32%	32%	24%
No	66%	66%	66%	54%	60%	65%	90%	71%	62%	66%	66%	66%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%	8%	2%	2%	—	2%	4%	2%	2%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Yes	31%	31%	40%	24%	22%	14%	37%	51%	67%	28%	39%	28%	33%
No	66%	67%	55%	70%	71%	84%	60%	47%	33%	68%	60%	69%	63%
Not sure	3%	2%	5%	5%	8%	2%	3%	2%	—	3%	1%	3%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(794)	(109)	(97)	(34)	(367)	(334)	(174)	(91)	(178)	(201)	(375)	(246)