



College Students and the Republican Party: An In-Depth Analysis

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Issues Ranked in Order of Importance: Overall		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Education	8.673
2	Economy	8.375
3	Health care	7.852
4	Civil liberties	7.842
5	Government ethics	7.743
6	National security	7.629
7	Environment	7.576
8	Economic freedom	7.481
9	Energy	7.446
10	International relations	7.389
11	Scientific development	7.268
12	Balanced budget	7.264
13	Minority rights	7.208
14	Social values	7.135
15	Taxes	7.057
16	Abortion	6.923
17	Business-friendly environment	6.909
18	Immigration	6.851
19	Military strength	6.414
20	Gay rights	6.310
21	States' rights	6.303
22	Foreign aid	6.302
23	Religion	6.213
24	Size of government	5.654
25	Affirmative action	5.551

Table 1

Issues Ranked in Order of Republican Party Performance: Overall		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Military strength	7.180
2	National security	6.397
3	Business-friendly environment	6.196
4	Economic freedom	6.187
5	States' rights	5.997
6	Size of government	5.565
7	Taxes	5.410
8	Religion	5.182
9	Social values	5.024
10	Civil liberties	4.982
11	Foreign aid	4.960
12	Education	4.916
13	International relations	4.848
14	Economy	4.836
15	Scientific development	4.775
16	Affirmative action	4.624
17	Minority rights	4.575
18	Health care	4.501
19	Balanced budget	4.452
20	Government ethics	4.429
21	Energy	4.429
22	Abortion	4.425
23	Immigration	4.382
24	Environment	4.056
25	Gay rights	3.791

Table 2

Issues Ranked in Order of Importance: Male College Students		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Economy	8.604
2	Education	8.407
3	Government ethics	7.657
4	National security	7.655
5	Scientific development	7.626
6	Economic freedom	7.619
7	Civil liberties	7.569
8	Health care	7.513
9	Energy	7.472
10	International relations	7.375
11	Balanced budget	7.255
12	Environment	7.249
13	Taxes	7.137
14	Business-friendly environment	6.871
15	Social values	6.848
16	Immigration	6.760
17	Minority rights	6.752
18	Military strength	6.608
19	States' rights	6.253
20	Abortion	6.115
21	Foreign aid	6.016
22	Size of government	5.944
23	Gay rights	5.516
24	Religion	5.168
25	Affirmative action	5.010

Table 3

Issues Ranked in Order of Republican Party Performance: Male College Students		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Military strength	7.288
2	National security	6.496
3	Business-friendly environment	6.490
4	Economic freedom	6.259
5	States' rights	6.073
6	Taxes	5.618
7	Size of government	5.548
8	Religion	5.166
9	Social values	5.102
10	Foreign aid	5.060
11	Civil liberties	4.972
12	Scientific development	4.931
13	Economy	4.899
14	International relations	4.880
15	Minority rights	4.802
16	Education	4.784
17	Affirmative action	4.777
18	Gay rights	4.666
19	Abortion	4.620
20	Energy	4.554
21	Health care	4.489
22	Immigration	4.485
23	Government ethics	4.396
24	Balanced budget	4.266
25	Environment	4.084

Table 4

Issues Ranked in Order of Importance: Female College Students		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Education	8.944
2	Economy	8.155
3	Health care	8.128
4	Civil liberties	8.058
5	Environment	7.826
6	Government ethics	7.797
7	Abortion	7.631
8	National security	7.581
9	Minority rights	7.556
10	Energy	7.418
11	International relations	7.408
12	Economic freedom	7.334
13	Social values	7.331
14	Balanced budget	7.224
15	Gay rights	6.974
16	Scientific development	6.961
17	Immigration	6.950
18	Business-friendly environment	6.926
19	Taxes	6.914
20	Foreign aid	6.556
21	States' rights	6.261
22	Military strength	6.250
23	Affirmative action	6.055
24	Religion	5.897
25	Size of government	5.351

Table 5

Issues Ranked in Order of Republican Party Performance: Female College Students		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Military strength	7.029
2	National security	6.187
3	Economic freedom	6.081
4	Business-friendly environment	5.948
5	States' rights	5.895
6	Size of government	5.529
7	Religion	5.223
8	Taxes	5.113
9	Education	5.010
10	Social values	4.927
11	Civil liberties	4.907
12	International relations	4.784
13	Foreign aid	4.773
14	Economy	4.670
15	Scientific development	4.606
16	Balanced budget	4.556
17	Government ethics	4.458
18	Health care	4.438
19	Affirmative action	4.419
20	Minority rights	4.308
21	Energy	4.239
22	Abortion	4.225
23	Immigration	4.195
24	Environment	3.915
25	Gay rights	3.033

Table 6

Issues Ranked in Order of Importance: Democrats		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Education	9.008
2	Economy	8.638
3	Health care	8.437
4	Civil liberties	8.311
5	Minority rights	8.296
6	Environment	8.243
7	Energy	7.855
8	Government ethics	7.727
9	Gay rights	7.576
10	International relations	7.481
11	Abortion	7.412
12	Scientific development	7.332
13	National security	7.312
14	Immigration	7.273
15	Social values	7.152
16	Economic freedom	7.133
17	Balanced budget	7.065
18	Taxes	6.589
19	Foreign aid	6.527
20	Business-friendly environment	6.442
21	Affirmative action	6.125
22	Military strength	5.758
23	States' rights	5.633
24	Religion	5.352
25	Size of government	4.979

Table 7

Issues Ranked in Order of Republican Party Performance: Democrats		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Military strength	6.549
2	Business-friendly environment	5.797
3	National security	5.611
4	Economic freedom	5.472
5	States' rights	5.429
6	Size of government	4.799
7	Religion	4.321
8	Taxes	4.172
9	Education	3.987
10	Foreign aid	3.982
11	Civil liberties	3.958
12	Balanced budget	3.953
13	Social values	3.865
14	Economy	3.805
15	International relations	3.805
16	Scientific development	3.671
17	Minority rights	3.627
18	Energy	3.585
19	Government ethics	3.548
20	Affirmative action	3.442
21	Health care	3.397
22	Immigration	3.380
23	Environment	3.091
24	Abortion	2.757
25	Gay rights	2.104

Table 8

Issues Ranked in Order of Importance: Republicans		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	National security	8.517
2	Education	8.455
3	Economy	8.445
4	Economic freedom	8.074
5	Government ethics	7.874
6	Balanced budget	7.716
7	Business-friendly environment	7.706
8	Military strength	7.699
9	Taxes	7.673
10	International relations	7.459
11	States' rights	7.446
12	Health care	7.205
13	Abortion	7.158
14	Social values	7.137
15	Civil liberties	7.049
16	Scientific development	6.824
17	Energy	6.733
18	Size of government	6.626
19	Religion	6.592
20	Immigration	6.488
21	Environment	6.430
22	Minority rights	5.671
23	Foreign aid	5.458
24	Affirmative action	4.769
25	Gay rights	4.407

Table 9

Issues Ranked in Order of Republican Party Performance: Republicans		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Military strength	8.098
2	National security	7.720
3	Gay rights	7.643
4	Business-friendly environment	7.416
5	Economic freedom	7.347
6	States' rights	7.110
7	Taxes	6.914
8	Religion	6.819
9	Social values	6.773
10	Size of government	6.753
11	Education	6.706
12	Abortion	6.684
13	International relations	6.684
14	Civil liberties	6.654
15	Foreign aid	6.392
16	Economy	6.382
17	Affirmative action	6.327
18	Health care	6.317
19	Immigration	6.182
20	Government ethics	6.164
21	Minority rights	6.124
22	Scientific development	5.974
23	Energy	5.945
24	Environment	5.682
25	Balanced budget	5.459

Table 10

Issues Ranked in Order of Importance: Independents		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Education	8.691
2	Economy	8.124
3	Civil liberties	8.019
4	Health care	7.913
5	Environment	7.869
6	Government ethics	7.784
7	Scientific development	7.671
8	Energy	7.559
9	Minority rights	7.507
10	National security	7.472
11	International relations	7.344
12	Economic freedom	7.342
13	Social values	7.126
14	Balanced budget	7.081
15	Foreign aid	7.058
16	Taxes	6.953
17	Immigration	6.858
18	Business-friendly environment	6.817
19	Gay rights	6.695
20	Abortion	6.533
21	Military strength	6.177
22	States' rights	5.922
23	Affirmative action	5.891
24	Size of government	5.552
25	Religion	5.313

Table 11

Issues Ranked in Order of Republican Party Performance: Independents		
Rank	Issue	Rating
1	Military strength	7.384
2	National security	6.239
3	Business-friendly environment	6.052
4	Economic freedom	6.006
5	States' rights	5.860
6	Size of government	5.506
7	Scientific development	5.350
8	Taxes	5.253
9	Religion	4.901
10	Social values	4.853
11	Civil liberties	4.840
12	Foreign aid	4.788
13	International relations	4.749
14	Economy	4.712
15	Education	4.606
16	Affirmative action	4.486
17	Abortion	4.387
18	Minority rights	4.358
19	Health care	4.180
20	Government ethics	4.125
21	Balanced budget	4.051
22	Energy	4.011
23	Immigration	3.843
24	Environment	3.624
25	Gay rights	3.038

Table 12