

**Jack Miller Center:
National Parents'
Civic Education Poll**

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1056 Responses
2.9% Margin of Error

JMC Parents Poll 1123

1. Do you believe there should be a greater emphasis on civic education for students before they enter high school?

	Total
Yes	
Column %	32.2%
Covering it in high school is sufficient	
Column %	14.7%
It's needed before and during high school	
Column %	53.1%

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2. What emotion do you believe your children feel when they see the American flag?

	Total
Disgust	
Column %	1.7%
Gratitude	
Column %	16.8%
Indifference	
Column %	30.5%
Pride	
Column %	46.9%
Shame	
Column %	4.1%

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3. Which of the following aspects of civic education should have priority?

	Total
Teaching students how to actively promote change in government	
Column %	22.8%
Teaching students the principles underlying American politics, such as the history and ideas behind the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution	
Column %	70.2%
Not sure	
Column %	7.0%

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4. Do you believe your kids are getting an honest picture of the history of their country in their education?

	Total
Yes	
Column %	13.1%
No	
Column %	71.2%
Not sure	
Column %	15.7%

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5. Which of the following methods of discussing historical figures should public schools adopt?

	Total
If the views of historical figures do not align with values today, we should minimize or avoid teaching about their historical achievements	
Column %	7.5%
Portray historical figures honestly with the understanding that we can teach a person's achievements even if their views do not align with values today	
Column %	92.5%

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6. How important is it to you that your student have a basic understanding of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the responsibilities of citizenship before they graduate from high school?

	Total
Very important	
Column %	89.0%
Somewhat important	
Column %	9.5%
Not very important	
Column %	0.9%
Not important at all	
Column %	0.6%

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7. Which system of schooling do you believe would provide the best civic education for your child?

	Total
A funding system where parents or guardians direct per-student tax dollars to public, private, or home schooling options on behalf of their children Column %	49.2%
A public school system funded by tax dollars that is available for every student Column %	50.8%

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8. Do you feel that your children are free to express their ideas at school?

	Total
Yes Column %	31.3%
No Column %	43.4%
Not sure Column %	25.3%

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9. Do you believe public schools are increasingly promoting a biased political agenda?

	Total
Yes, public schools are promoting a politically conservative agenda Column %	13.7%
Yes, public schools are promoting a politically liberal agenda Column %	47.6%
No, public schools are balanced and fair in what they promote politically Column %	38.7%

10. How important for America's future is teaching about the country's founding ideas, such as individual liberty, limited government, and belief in equality?

	Total
Very important Column %	73.1%
Somewhat important Column %	21.3%
Not very important Column %	4.1%
Not important at all Column %	1.4%

AgeGender Crosstabs

AgeGender Crosstabs

1. Do you believe there should be a greater emphasis on civic education for students before they enter high school?

		Age					Gender			
		Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+	Total	Female	Male
Yes	Column %	32.2%	32.8%	36.1%	21.5%	33.8%	34.3%	32.2%	33.5%	30.6%
Covering it in high school is sufficient	Column %	14.7%	17.2%	12.6%	23.4%	14.2%	10.4%	14.7%	14.7%	14.7%
It's needed before and during high school	Column %	53.1%	50.0%	51.3%	55.2%	52.0%	55.3%	53.1%	51.8%	54.6%

AgeGender Crosstabs

2. What emotion do you believe your children feel when they see the American flag?

		Age					Gender			
		Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+	Total	Female	Male
Disgust	Column %	1.7%	4.4%	0.0%	0.9%	2.5%	0.9%	1.7%	1.9%	1.4%
Gratitude	Column %	16.8%	0.0%	27.2%	14.3%	18.9%	14.9%	16.8%	15.2%	18.6%
Indifference	Column %	30.5%	52.6%	41.6%	42.6%	25.0%	22.0%	30.5%	35.4%	25.0%
Pride	Column %	46.9%	34.2%	29.8%	40.3%	48.5%	58.6%	46.9%	44.0%	50.2%
Shame	Column %	4.1%	8.8%	1.5%	2.0%	5.1%	3.7%	4.1%	3.5%	4.7%

AgeGender Crosstabs

3. Which of the following aspects of civic education should have priority?

	Age						Gender		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+	Total	Female	Male
Teaching students how to actively promote change in government Column %	22.8%	54.9%	31.2%	29.4%	16.4%	10.8%	22.8%	30.0%	10.5%
Teaching students the principles underlying American politics, such as the history and ideas behind the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution Column %	70.2%	35.1%	63.7%	64.5%	74.7%	83.8%	70.2%	62.7%	83.0%
Not sure Column %	7.0%	10.1%	5.1%	6.1%	9.0%	5.4%	7.0%	7.4%	6.5%

AgeGender Crosstabs

4. Do you believe your kids are getting an honest picture of the history of their country in their education?

	Age						Gender		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+	Total	Female	Male
Yes Column %	13.1%	7.0%	27.4%	9.4%	12.6%	7.7%	13.1%	11.3%	16.1%
No Column %	71.2%	93.0%	61.2%	67.4%	74.6%	70.0%	71.2%	73.9%	66.6%
Not sure Column %	15.7%	0.0%	11.4%	23.1%	12.8%	22.3%	15.7%	14.8%	17.3%

AgeGender Crosstabs

5. Which of the following methods of discussing historical figures should public schools adopt?

	Age						Gender		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+	Total	Female	Male
If the views of historical figures do not align with values today, we should minimize or avoid teaching about their historical achievements Column %	7.5%	9.8%	8.0%	6.9%	9.8%	3.8%	7.5%	6.4%	8.6%
Portray historical figures honestly with the understanding that we can teach a person's achievements even if their views do not align with values today Column %	92.5%	90.2%	92.0%	93.1%	90.2%	96.2%	92.5%	93.6%	91.4%

AgeGender Crosstabs

6. How important is it to you that your student have a basic understanding of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the responsibilities of citizenship before they graduate from high school?

	Age						Gender		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+	Total	Female	Male
Very important Column %	89.0%	75.6%	93.6%	80.3%	91.6%	90.6%	89.0%	88.7%	89.3%
Somewhat important Column %	9.5%	24.4%	4.4%	16.2%	7.1%	8.5%	9.5%	10.1%	8.8%
Not very important Column %	0.9%	0.0%	2.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.4%	1.5%
Not important at all Column %	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.5%	0.0%	0.6%	0.8%	0.4%

AgeGender Crosstabs

7. Which system of schooling do you believe would provide the best civic education for your child?

	Age						Gender		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+	Total	Female	Male
A funding system where parents or guardians direct per-student tax dollars to public, private, or home schooling options on behalf of their children Column %	49.2%	8.2%	56.0%	36.8%	57.2%	48.1%	49.2%	45.9%	52.7%
A public school system funded by tax dollars that is available for every student Column %	50.8%	91.8%	44.0%	63.2%	42.8%	51.9%	50.8%	54.1%	47.3%

AgeGender Crosstabs

8. Do you feel that your children are free to express their ideas at school?

	Age						Gender		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+	Total	Female	Male
Yes Column %	31.3%	54.8%	18.9%	40.4%	31.0%	26.9%	31.3%	33.2%	29.4%
No Column %	43.4%	21.0%	56.0%	34.4%	49.0%	39.6%	43.4%	40.2%	46.7%
Not sure Column %	25.3%	24.3%	25.1%	25.2%	19.9%	33.5%	25.3%	26.6%	23.9%

AgeGender Crosstabs

9. Do you believe public schools are increasingly promoting a biased political agenda?

	Age						Gender		
	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+	Total	Female	Male
Yes, public schools are promoting a politically conservative agenda Column %	13.7%	25.7%	8.5%	19.7%	10.3%	14.6%	13.7%	14.9%	11.7%
Yes, public schools are promoting a politically liberal agenda Column %	47.6%	14.9%	54.2%	36.8%	61.0%	38.6%	47.6%	42.8%	55.7%
No, public schools are balanced and fair in what they promote politically Column %	38.7%	59.4%	37.3%	43.6%	28.6%	46.8%	38.7%	42.3%	32.6%

AgeGender Crosstabs

10. How important for America's future is teaching about the country's founding ideas, such as individual liberty, limited government, and belief in equality?

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Very important Column %	73.1%	33.5%	90.3%	62.5%	73.7%	79.1%	73.1%	73.7%	72.5%
Somewhat important Column %	21.3%	57.3%	1.0%	32.4%	21.4%	15.6%	21.3%	21.6%	20.9%
Not very important Column %	4.1%	9.2%	4.2%	3.0%	3.8%	4.5%	4.1%	4.2%	4.1%
Not important at all Column %	1.4%	0.0%	4.5%	2.2%	1.1%	0.9%	1.4%	0.4%	2.4%

PartyEthnicity Crosstabs

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1. Do you believe there should be a greater emphasis on civic education for students before they enter high school?

	Reported Party				Ethnicity					
	Total	Democrat	No Party/Other	Republican	Total	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
Yes Column %	32.2%	30.0%	17.4%	44.1%	32.2%	20.5%	27.4%	21.5%	16.0%	35.6%
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2. What emotion do you believe your children feel when they see the American flag?

	Reported Party				Ethnicity					
	Total	Democrat	No Party/Other	Republican	Total	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Other	White
Disgust Column %	1.7%	3.1%	1.3%	0.5%	1.7%	4.2%	5.7%	0.0%	5.1%	1.1%
Gratitude Column %	16.8%	15.0%	18.4%	17.6%	16.8%	7.0%	17.2%	19.7%	15.2%	16.7%
Indifference Column %	30.5%	42.9%	25.8%	21.2%	30.5%	48.7%	51.7%	26.5%	26.9%	26.5%
Pride Column %	46.9%	33.6%	49.6%	58.6%	46.9%	40.1%	20.6%	45.2%	51.3%	52.3%
Shame Column %	4.1%	5.4%	5.0%	2.2%	4.1%	0.0%	4.8%	8.6%	1.5%	3.4%

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Not sure Column %	7.0%	7.9%	8.6%	4.8%	7.0%	4.0%	11.2%	0.0%	11.5%	7.3%

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