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From February 18 to 22, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,137 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ± 3 percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,137 unless otherwise specified.

[1] How much have you heard about graduate and undergraduate students unionizing efforts at private colleges and universities?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
A lot	4	5	4	3	7	2
A little	28	33	23	26	42	19
Nothing at all	69	62	73	71	50	79
Weighted N	1,137	411	269	457	413	724

[2] In recent years, graduate and undergraduate students who work on-campus jobs at private colleges and universities have begun forming labor unions. These jobs include teaching or research assistants, peer tutors, or dining service workers.

Do you support or oppose students unionizing at private colleges and universities?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Strongly support	15	22	16	8	24	10
Somewhat support	39	50	40	29	48	34
Somewhat oppose	20	10	19	28	13	23
Strongly oppose	15	6	14	23	6	20
Don't know	11	12	10	11	9	13
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	54	72	56	37	72	44
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	35	16	33	51	19	43
SUPPORT (NET)	+19	+56	+23	-14	+53	+1
Weighted N	1,137	411	269	457	413	724

[3] The Student Workers of Columbia, a graduate and undergraduate student labor union at Columbia University, began a labor strike last fall.

How much have you heard about the student worker labor strike at Columbia University?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
A lot	6	11	2	3	13	2
A little	16	20	15	13	27	10
Nothing at all	78	70	83	83	60	88
Weighted N	1,137	411	269	457	413	724

[4] The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), the agency responsible for interpreting federal labor law, ruled that students who are financially compensated for work done at a private college or university are **employees** who have collective bargaining rights and are able to unionize.

Do you support or oppose the NLRB's ruling?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Strongly support	17	26	18	8	24	13
Somewhat support	40	46	40	34	41	39
Somewhat oppose	20	10	20	28	18	20
Strongly oppose	11	5	10	16	7	13
Don't know	13	14	13	13	10	15
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	57	72	58	42	65	52
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	31	15	30	44	25	33
SUPPORT (NET)	+26	+57	+28	-2	+40	+19
Weighted N	1,137	411	269	457	413	724

[5] When thinking about student unionization at private colleges and universities, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (N=359)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Student unionization allows student workers to negotiate for increased wages and makes higher education more accessible for low-income students. Better wages make it easier for students to pay for food and afford their rent, especially in places with a high cost of living.	58	56	65	54	64	54
Students with a college or graduate degree, especially from elite institutions, earn more money on average than people without any education beyond high school. While they may not take in much income while in school, these students do not need unions because most of them are on a path to making lots of money in the future.	30	27	24	36	26	32
Don't know	13	17	11	10	10	14
Weighted N	359	125	88	147	132	227

[6] When thinking about student unionization at private colleges and universities, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (N=389)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Student workers should have the power to unionize because they perform many of the same day-to-day duties as faculty and staff members. If faculty and staff are employees of a college or university, then student workers deserve the same recognition and rights.	42	60	34	29	54	35
Student workers are primarily students, not workers. Students go to school to learn and their work is often a part of their education, for example, lab or research assistants. The role of students is not equal to teachers, so students do not need collective bargaining rights.	48	31	55	58	35	55
Don't know	11	9	10	13	12	10
Weighted N	389	143	90	156	144	245

[7] When thinking about student unionization at private colleges and universities, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (N=383)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Under 45	45+
Many colleges and universities are incredibly wealthy, and student unions are necessary to make sure that schools share those benefits with students and workers. These schools can afford to invest in students and provide the wages and resources they need.	40	51	42	28	47	35
University endowments exist to support the teaching and research missions of their institutions. Since unions generally require their members to pay annual dues, a portion of these resources would end up being spent unnecessarily on dues and benefit union officials rather than students.	45	33	40	58	44	46
Don't know	16	15	18	14	9	19
Weighted N	383	141	89	153	133	250