



**24th Edition: Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service  
Four-Year College Student Excerpt (October 30 – November 11, 2013)  
n=371 Year Olds in English and Spanish (with GfK / Knowledge Networks<sup>1</sup>)  
Margin of Error: +/- 5.1% at the 95% level**

1. Do you, or someone in your household, currently have student loan debt?
 

Yes .....	56%
No .....	36%
Don't know .....	2%
Refused .....	5%
  
2. Do you personally view the issue of student debt for young people in the United States to be...
 

A major problem .....	68%
A minor problem .....	21%
Not a problem .....	2%
Don't know .....	4%
Refused .....	5%
  
3. How important a role did (or does) your financial circumstances play in your decision whether or not to pursue a college education?
 

<b>Net: Important .....</b>	<b>69%</b>
Very important .....	39%
Somewhat important .....	29%
<b>Net: Not important .....</b>	<b>25%</b>
Not very important .....	14%
Not at all important.....	11%
Refused .....	7%
  
4. Who do you think is most responsible for the rising amount of student debt in the U.S.?
 

Colleges and universities .....	42%
Federal government.....	30%
State governments .....	9%
Students.....	8%
Other .....	4%
Refused .....	7%

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<sup>1</sup> A complete Field Report from GfK (Knowledge Networks) is available upon request (<http://www.iop.harvard.edu/survey>). Included in the report are details on cooperation rates, KN methodology, survey administration, survey sampling and sample weighting.