NSSE Shorts
Civic Engagement Item Set

1. How much does your institution emphasize the following?

Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1

a. Discussing important social, economic, or political issues with others [CIVdiscussS]
b. Organizing activities focused on important social, economic, or political issues [CIVorganizeS]
c. Being an informed and active participant in campus, local, state/provincial, or national issues [CIVparticipantS]
d. Being involved in an organization or group focused on important social, economic, or political issues [CIVinvolvedS]
e. Voting in campus, local, state/provincial, or national elections [CIVvotingS]
f. Encouraging free speech and expression [CIVspeechS]
g. Developing a sense of responsibility to the communities that matter to you [CIVcommunityS]

Note: Canadian version replaced "state" with "provincial" for CIVparticipant

2. How comfortable do you feel addressing important social, economic, or political issues in the following?

Response options: Very much=4 , Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1

a. In course assignments [CIVassignmentS]
b. In course discussions [CIVdiscussionsS]
c. Outside of class or in your community [CIVoutsideS]

3. Select the response that best represents your ability to do the following:

Response options: Poor=1, 2=2, 3=3, 4=4, Excellent=5

a. Help people work through disagreements with each other [CIVdisagreementS]
b. Respond to conflicts that involve bias, discrimination, and prejudice [CIVconflictS]
c. Lead a group in which people from different backgrounds feel welcomed and included [CIVleadS]
d. Participate in a constructive dialogue with someone who disagrees with you [CIVdialogueS]
e. Contribute to the health of communities that matter to you [CIVcontributeS]

4. During the current school year, whether course-related or not, about how often have you done the following?

Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Never=1

a. Informed yourself about campus or local issues [CIVinvolvelocalS]
b. Informed yourself about state/provincial, national, or global issues [CIVinvolveglobalS]
c. Discussed campus or local issues with others [CIVdiscusslocalS]
d. Discussed state/provincial, national, or global issues with others [CIVdiscussglobalS]
f. Raised awareness about issues, whether local or global [CIVraiseS]
g. Volunteered time, money, or resources to support an issue, whether local or global [CIVvolunteerS]
h. Asked others to address issues, whether local or global [CIVaskS]
i. Organized others to work on issues, whether local or global [CIVorgworkS]
j. Participated in research or a project for your community or the public good [CIVprojectS]

Note: Canadian version replaced "state" with "provincial" for CIVinvolveglobal, CIVdiscussglobal

5. Think about the experiences you may have had with campus, local, state/provincial, national, or global issues. What about these experiences has been most meaningful to you? (5,000 character limit) [CIVexperience_txtS]

Response option: Text box

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