

Still Pluralist After All These Years?

Appendix A: Overview of Ideology by Major Field

Table A: Student's Ideological Self-Placement by Major Field

| Self-Placement | Prof | Sciences | Arts/Hum | Soc Sci | Poli Sci | Total |
|--------------------|-------|----------|----------|---------|----------|--------|
| Far right | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 2% |
| Conservative | 32% | 25% | 21% | 20% | 22% | 26% |
| Middle-of-the-road | 42% | 40% | 37% | 41% | 29% | 39% |
| Liberal | 23% | 32% | 37% | 35% | 41% | 30% |
| Far left | 1% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 5% | 2% |
| | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Total | 6,304 | 2,756 | 3,248 | 2,613 | 914 | 15,835 |

Note: Political Science majors also includes Public Policy Majors. Social Sciences Column Excludes Political Science & Public Policy majors

For the purposes of this analysis, Political Science students also include those majoring in Public Policy. The field labeled Soc Sci (social sciences) does not include Political Science or Public Policy majors. Whereas Political Science faculty tend to be more moderate than most other social scientific disciplines (Klein and Stern 2009), the students appear to be more liberal than their peers.

References

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