With a divisive political climate, freshmen are expressing their views...

**80%** | **77%**
Think global climate change should be a federal priority

**YES MEANS YES**

**87%** | **89%**
Agree that sexual activity without explicit, affirmative consent is considered sexual assault

**68%** | **67%**
Believe the federal government should have stricter gun control laws

...And are taking action to promote change.

**22%** | **16%**
Demonstrated for a cause

**51%** | **49%**
Spoke up publicly about a cause

**55%** | **43%**
Helped raise money for a cause or campaign

**43%** | **39%**
Feel it’s important to become a community leader

**36%** | **36%**
Feel it’s important to participate in a community action program

**47%** | **47%**
Feel it’s important to promote racial understanding

**49%** | **48%**
Feel it’s important to influence social values

Incoming students believe in the importance of community involvement and civic values.

Students seem eager and ready to engage with research and science...

**53%** | **42%**
Are confident in their ability to understand scientific concepts

**65%** | **53%**
Anticipate working on a professor’s research project

**50%** | **45%**
Derive satisfaction from working on a team that is doing important research

**35%** | **27%**
Feel like they belong in the field of science

...And are applying complex thinking strategies.

**63%** | **47%**
Frequently supported their opinion with a logical argument

**49%** | **41%**
Frequently evaluated the quality or reliability of information

**46%** | **39%**
Frequently analyzed information from multiple sources before drawing a conclusion

And colleges need to be prepared to support students’ mental health concerns as they arrive on campus.

**84%** | **82%**
Felt anxious

**51%** | **53%**
Felt depressed

**41%** | **45%**
Were frequently overwhelmed by all they had to do

**47%** | **51%**
Anticipate seeking personal counseling

Information about students entering college helps enrollment planning, retention efforts, and provides a baseline for understanding college effectiveness. Register for the CIRP Freshman Survey at www.cirpsurveys.org. The 2016 CIRP Freshman Survey findings are available at www.heri.ucla.edu/publications-cls.