

# 2023 CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS

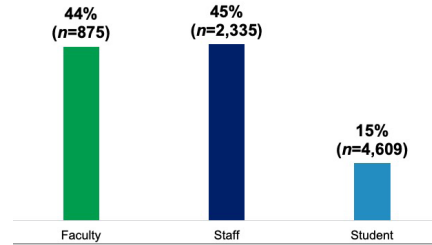
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## PROCESS

The University of Tennessee System (UT) partnered with Gallup to develop and distribute the 2023 Campus Climate Survey. The survey was administered via web January 23 - February 21, 2023 to all currently-enrolled students as well as full- and part-time faculty and staff at UT Chattanooga, UT Health Science Center, UT Knoxville, UT Martin, UT Southern and the UT System administration office. Participants received survey invitations and up to seven reminder emails.

Response Rates



## KEY TAKEAWAYS

### RESPONSE RATE

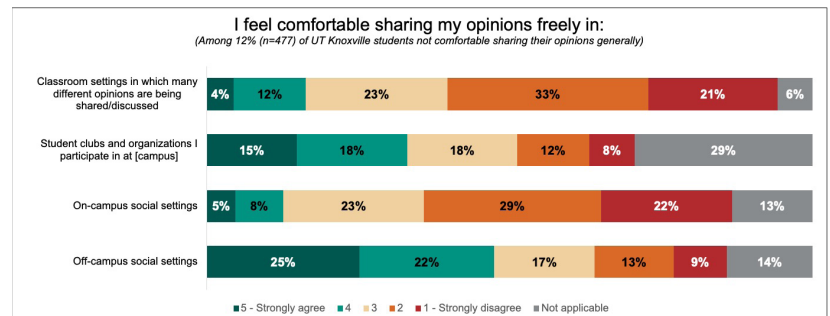
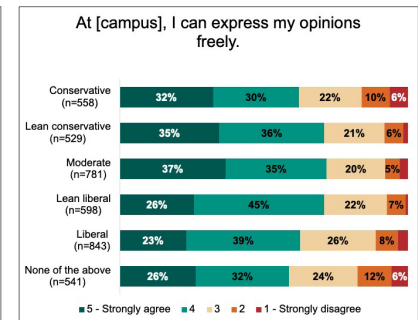
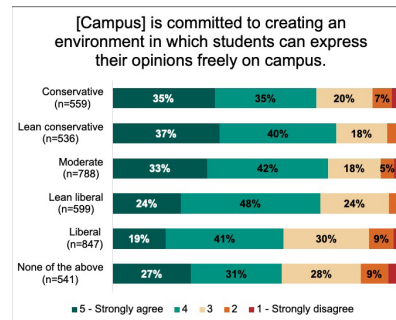
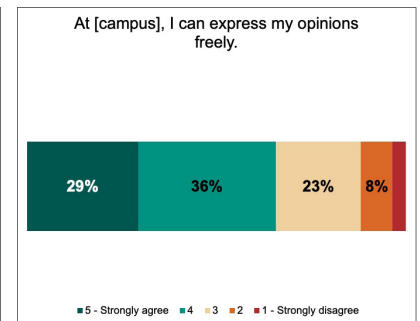
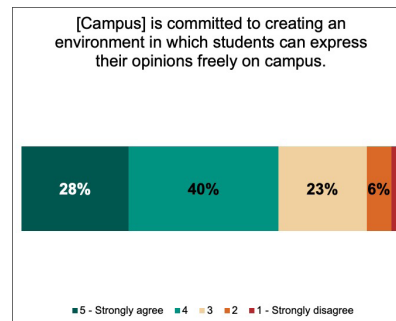
UT Knoxville saw a response rate of 44% for faculty, 45% for staff and 15% for students, surpassing Gallup's standard student response rate of 5%.

### STUDENTS

91% of UT Knoxville students say their campus is committed to free expression, and 88% personally feel comfortable expressing themselves.

UT Knoxville students at both ends of the ideological spectrum are slightly more likely to feel uncomfortable expressing themselves freely on campus.

Among the 12% of UT Knoxville students who are generally uncomfortable sharing their opinions, classroom and on-campus social settings are the environments where students are least likely feel comfortable.



Few UT Knoxville students (2% to 7%) are uncomfortable sharing their opinions in each of four distinct on- and off-campus environments.

Five percent of UT Knoxville students are uncomfortable sharing their opinions in class due to concerns about how their professor will evaluate them.

94% of UT Knoxville students say they are exposed to diverse views on their campus.

## FACULTY/STAFF

72% of faculty and 81% of staff agree UT Knoxville is committed to creating an environment of free expression.

Conservative faculty are less confident than their peers in UT Knoxville's commitment to free expression on campus; no such ideological divide exists among staff.

One-third (33%) of faculty and 19% of staff are not comfortable sharing their personal opinions on campus.

Half of conservative faculty at UT Knoxville are uncomfortable sharing their opinions on campus; conservative staff are also about 10 points less comfortable than their peers.

