



Student Handout 4: Survey Results

Directions: Review the results of one of the surveys below and produce a report for publication.

Teen Internet Users Create, Remix, and or Share Content Online

- 33% of online teens share their own creative content online, such as artwork, photos, stories or videos.
- 32% of online teens say that they have created or worked on webpages or blogs for others, including groups they belong to, friends, or school assignments.
- 22% of online teens report keeping their own personal webpage.
- 19% of online teens report they keep a blog, and 38% of online teens read blogs.
- 19% of Internet-using teens say they remix content they find online into their own artistic creations.

Survey results from Pew Internet & American Life project, "Teen Content Creators and Consumers," 2004
http://www.pewtrusts.com/pdf/PIP_Teens_1105.pdf

Students lack an understanding of the First Amendment

- 35% of high school students surveyed agree or strongly agree that the First Amendment goes too far in the rights it guarantees.
- 51% of high school students surveyed feel people should be allowed to express unpopular opinions.
- 75% of high school students surveyed believe that burning the U.S. flag is illegal. (It isn't illegal to burn the flag to make a political statement)
- Nearly 50% of high school students surveyed believe the government has the right to censor the Internet for indecent materials. (The government has no such authority.)
- 36% of the high school students surveyed said newspapers should receive government permission before publishing stories. (Numerous Supreme Court cases have denied the government the right to restrain or censor information prior to publication. This is known as prior restraint)
- 51% of high school students said musicians should be allowed to sing songs even with offensive lyrics and be able to express unpopular opinions.

Survey results from John S. and James L. Knight Foundation "The Future of the First Amendment," 2005
<http://firstamendment.jideas.org/>

Downloading copyrighted music and video files

- 87% of teens surveyed ages 12-17 are actively online
- 51% of online teens surveyed say they download music files from the Internet
- 31% of online teens surveyed download video files to their computer for unlimited viewing
- 75% of teens surveyed agree with the statement that, "Music downloading and file-sharing is so easy to do, it's unrealistic to expect people not to do it." 23% disagreed with the statement.
- 52% of teens surveyed agreed that, "It's never really okay to download music or share copyrighted files online without paying for them or getting permission." 47% disagreed with the statement.

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