

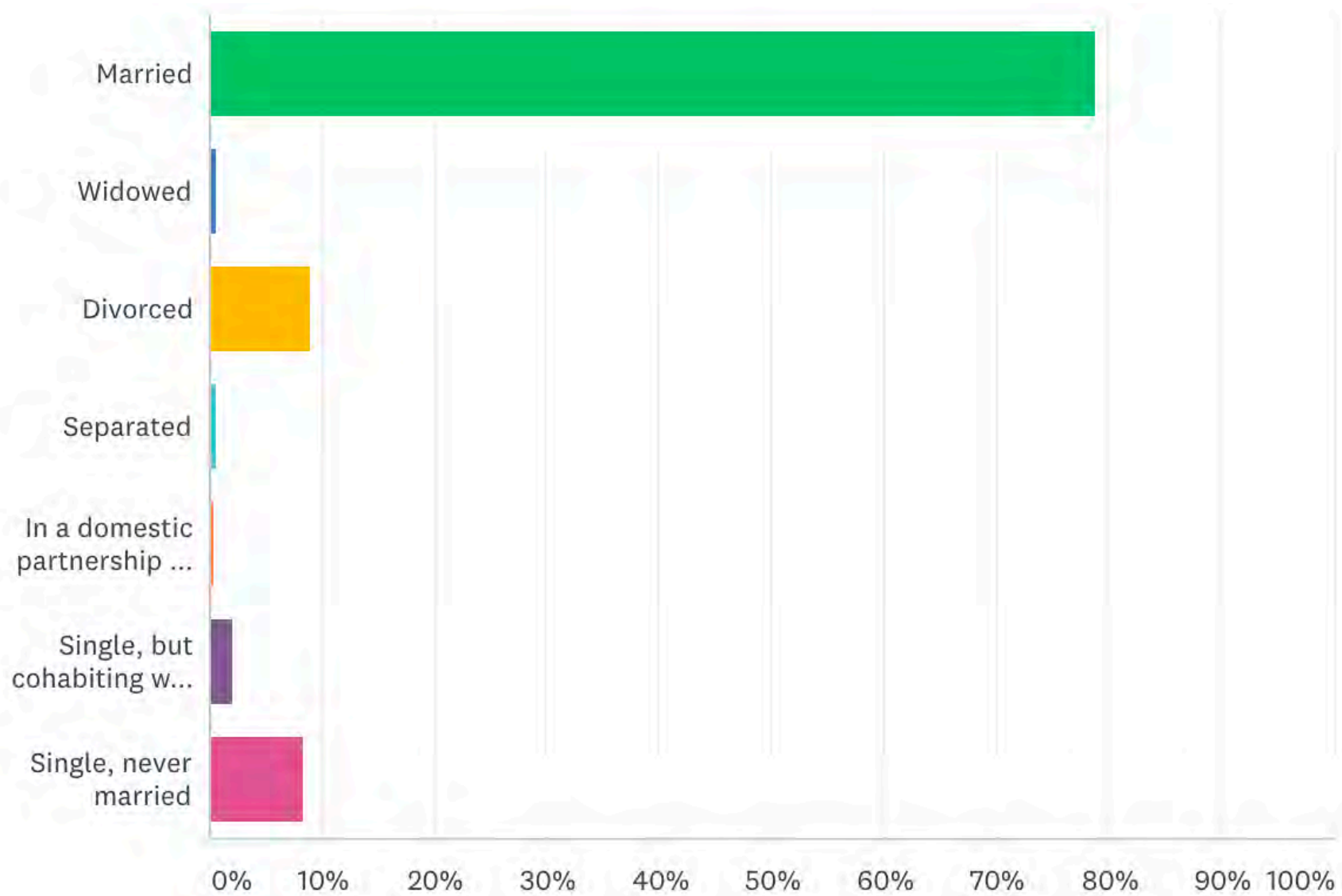
Class Survey Results

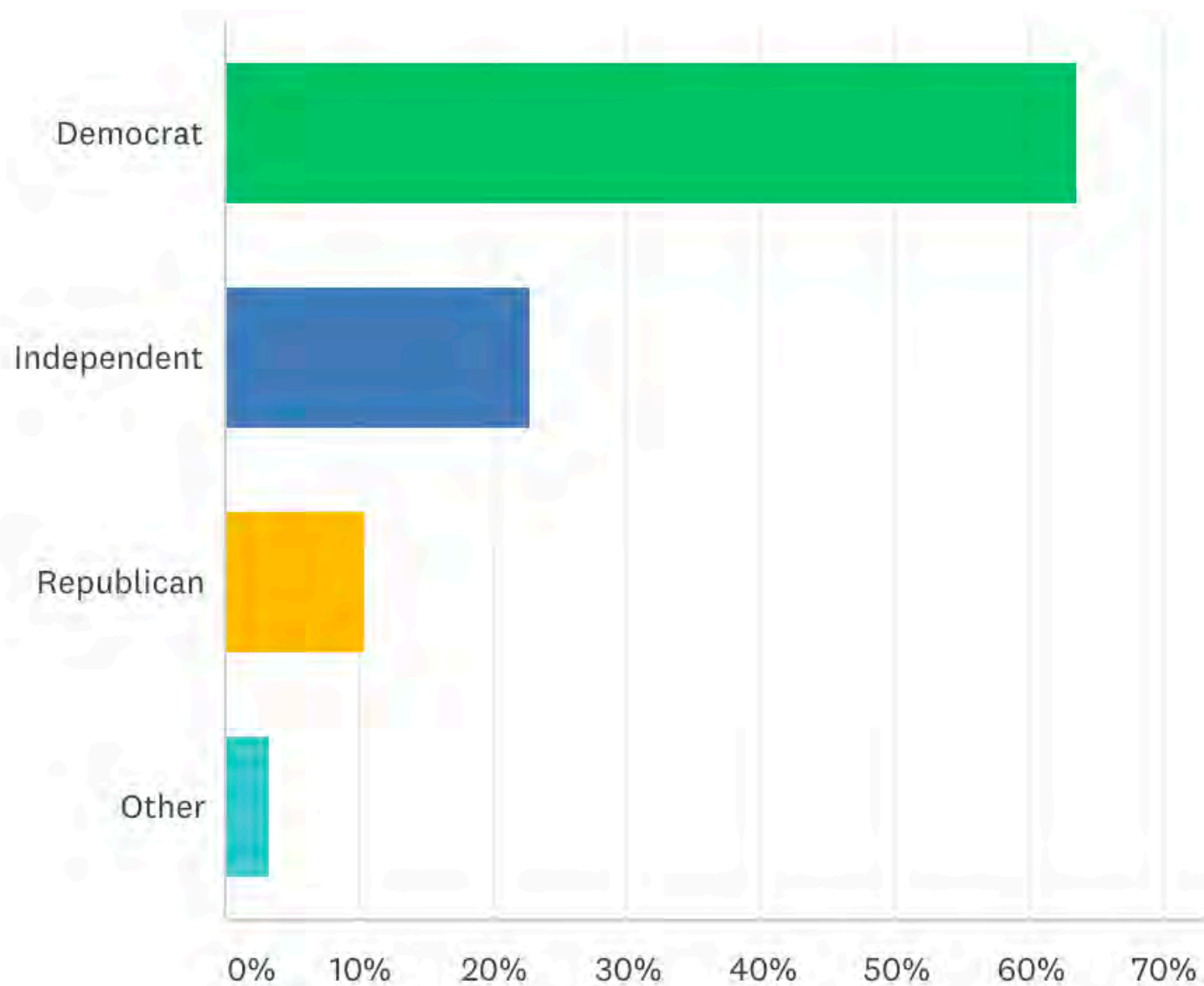


The Present
The Past
The Future

Cabot	27% filled out survey, 92% have pets, most pessimistic
Currier	89% married, most envious of classmates (80%)
North	Don't give a s#%t: least envious (69%), 50% Independent, 25% divorced
Kirkland	Most conservative (29% Republican), fewest married (67%)
Adams	Most liberal and hip/funky (84% Democrat, 67% Hip/Funky)
Winthrop	14% cheated in college, 60% want kids to go to Harvard, most optimistic
Lowell	Almost as good as Dunster: 43% achieved their dream
Eliot	Most total survey respondents.
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Dunster	0% cheated, 46% achieved dream
Leverett	Most Conservative/stuck in 80's style (57%)
Quincy	16% filled out survey, 0% cheated at Harvard, 17% cheated on taxes

The Present

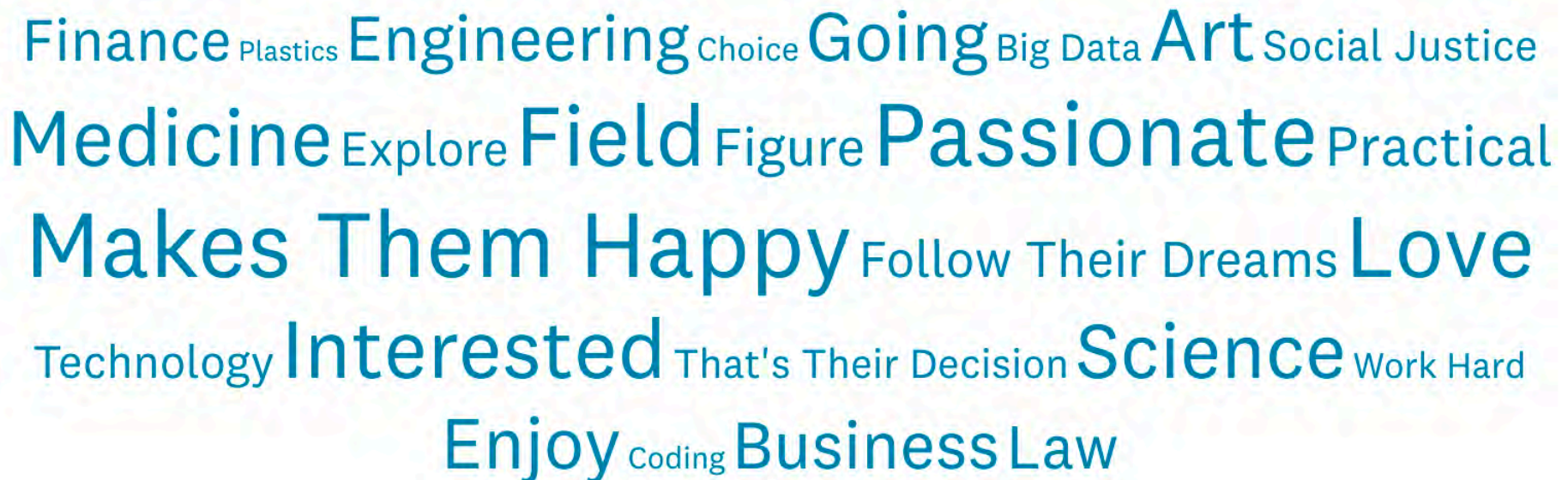




KIDS

50% say they would like their kids to attend Harvard. 35% are ambivalent. 15% say no.

56% say Harvard pedigree doesn't give their children feelings of inadequacy. 44% say it does.



A word cloud of various career and interest terms in blue text. The words are arranged in several rows, with some being larger and more prominent than others. The terms include: Finance, Plastics, Engineering, Choice, Going, Big Data, Art, Social Justice, Medicine, Explore, Field, Figure, Passionate, Practical, Makes Them Happy, Follow Their Dreams, Love, Technology, Interested, That's Their Decision, Science, Work Hard, Enjoy, Coding, Business, and Law.

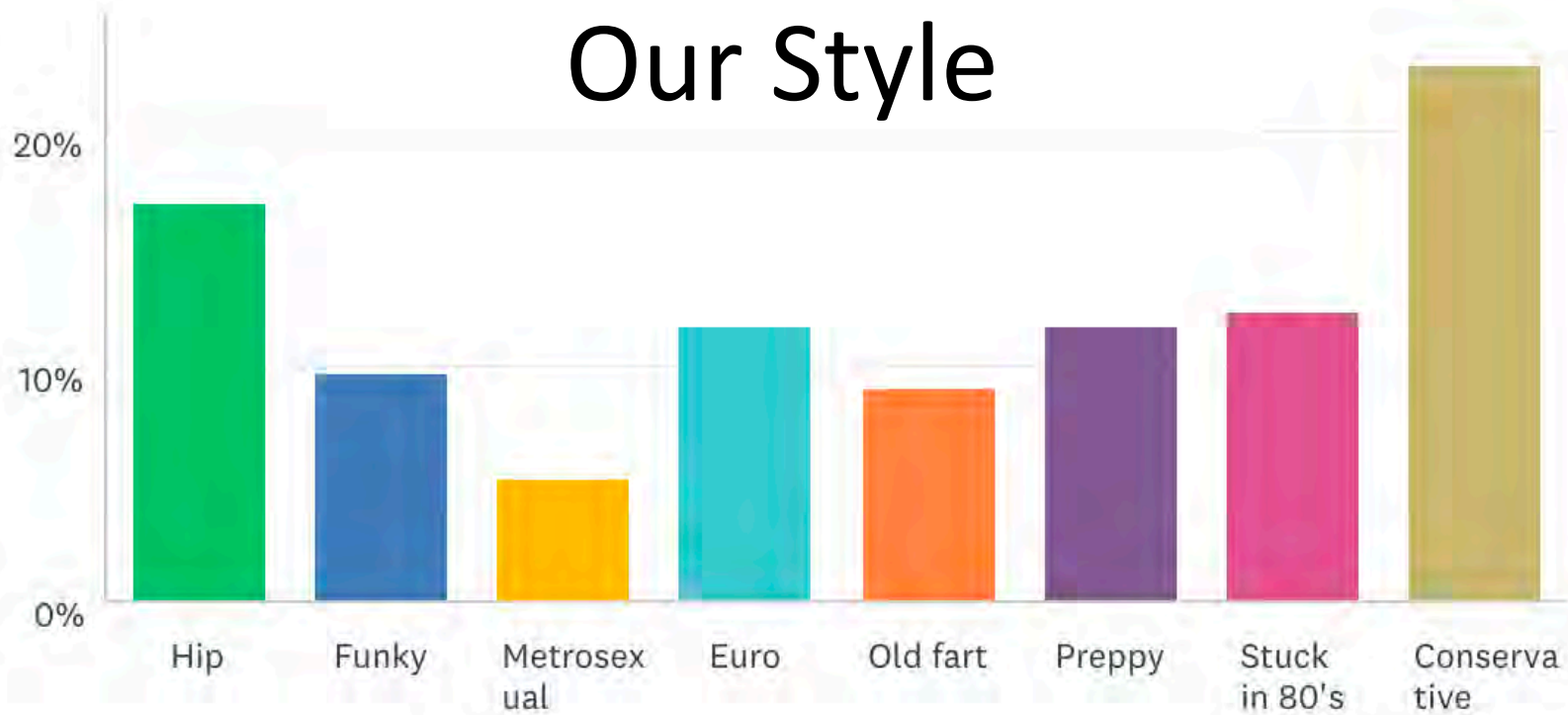
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Enjoy Coding Business Law

Pets – 67% have them.

- Companions: 18%
- Family member: 8%
- Love: 13%
- Exercise buddy: 9%
- Relaxation/de-stress: 9%
- Not that important: 7%
- Teach affection and responsibility to our kids: 6%
- They are our kids: 6%
- Best friends: 6%
- Cuteness: 3%
- Comfort: 3%
- Snuggles: 2%
- Purpose: 2%

19% Liked their pets better than their children at least some of the time.

Our Style



Notable other categories:

- Athletic/sporty
- Nerdy/sexy librarian
- Mildly fabulously gay



“I can't stand thinking about style. I loathe the role it plays in our lives and so I foolishly think I don't need to think about it. As a result I'm somewhere in between a total slob and a preppy funky old fart.”

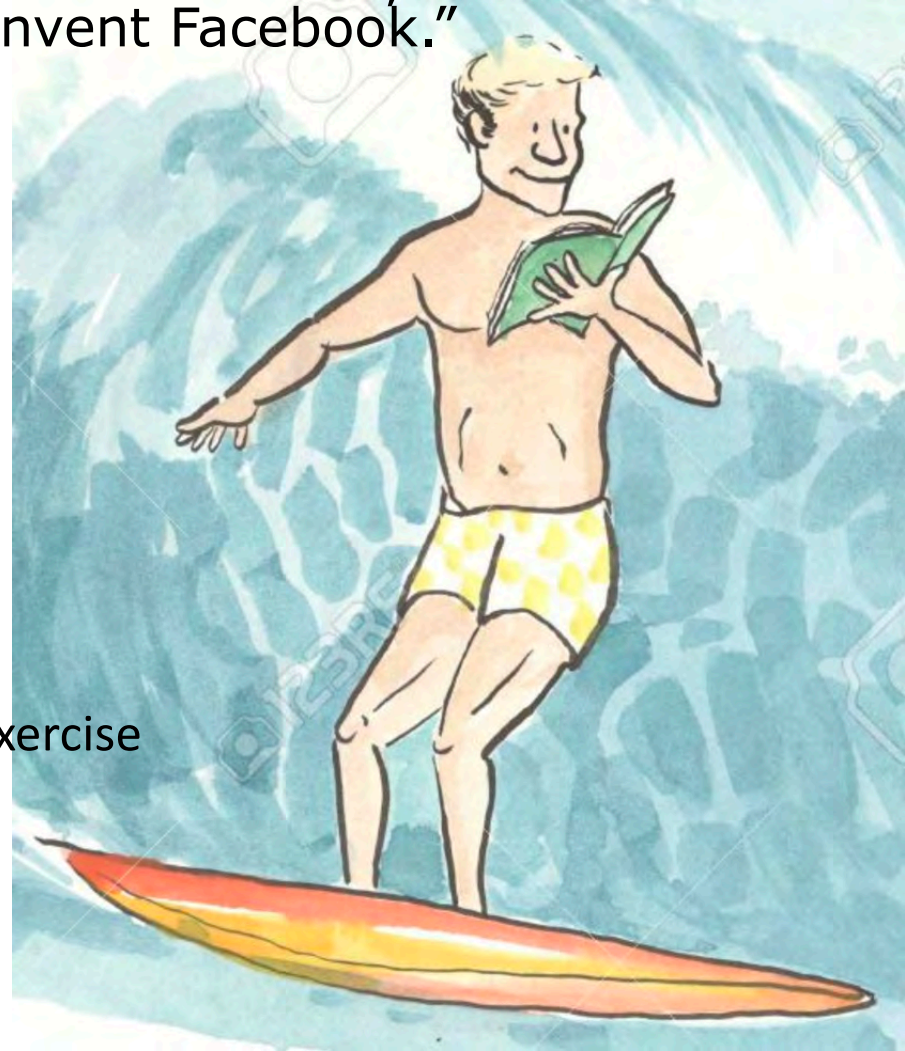


The Past

Advice to your 18-year old self

“Don't take premed classes, ask more women out, don't take fiction expos, study computer science, invent Facebook.”

- 20.5% - relax
- 15% - take more risks
- 14% - social advice
- 9.5% - curriculum/study habits/career
- 9% - other
- 7% - work harder/plan ahead
- 6% - You can do it
- 5.5% relationship advice
- 5% - follow your bliss
- 4.5% - don't smoke/drink/do drugs, do exercise
- 4% - Take time off



Worst Decisions

- Job/career /grad school choices: 23%
- Spouse/relationship choice: 17%
- Bad financial decision/spending habits: 14.5%
- Fast/drunken driving/Smoking/Drinking too much/unsafe sex: 4%
- Moving: 3%
- Workaholic: 3%
- Criticizing/nagging/pushing kids: 2%
- Wrong major: 2%
- Not spending enough time with parents/grandparents before they died: 1%
- Being too trusting: 1%
- Not taking enough risks: 1%

Smartest Decisions

- Marrying my spouse: 37%
 - Getting divorced: 4%
 - Not getting divorced: 0.5%
- Grad/professional school/Job/career choice: 15%
- Starting a company/investments/Buying a house: 8%
- Having/adopting kids: 4.5%
- Going to Harvard: 4%
 - Leaving Harvard: 0.5%
- Moving: 4%
- Staying home with kids/homeschooling: 1.5%
- Learning a foreign language: 1%
- Travel: 1%
- Dog rescue: 0.4%
- Not committing suicide: 0.4%

Worst College Memory

- Class/exam: 37%
- Loneliness/burnout/small fish syndrome/not coming out: 15%
- Broken heart/betrayal/breakup: 12%
- Alcohol/drug-related: 6%
- Roommates: 4%
- Illness/injury/freshman 10
- Sexism or worse: 2%
- Team/practice: 2%
- On-campus job: 1%
- Weather: 1%



Worst College Memory

- “Failing calculus and struggling in chemistry. I still fear that Harvard will discover that it made a horrible mistake in the Spring of 1983 and retroactively rescind my admission.”
- “Getting crappy grades my sophomore year and feeling like a lazy shithead.”
- “Expository writing class freshman year. I am still scarred.”
- “Getting a 45 on my first Chem 10 class and that was a B.”
- “Exams on the LAST day of the 2 week exam period (while everyone else was having fun)”
- “Watching my girlfriend of three years walk out of another man's room at 7:00 am”
- “Avoiding overly friendly TA in physics class and not reporting him.”
- “Legal trouble at Wellesley”
- “Probably the feeling of realizing that the scrap blue book I tossed into the fire after my first exam had neatly boxed off answers and was, in fact, not the scrap blue book at all.”
- “1985 Yale 17 - Harvard 6”

Best College Memory

- Friendships/roommates/hanging out: 40%
- Team/club/Crimson: 15%
- Intellectual highs: 10%
- House life: 10%
- Unique Harvard experiences: 7%
- Meeting spouse/partner: 4%
- Alcohol/drug-related: 3%
- Sex/threesome: 2%

Best College Memory

“Getting stoned, going into the stacks of Widener, checking out books by Jorge Luis Borges and reading them on the grass in Radcliffe one spring.”

“On the Charles in a House-made boat during the Adams House Raft Race.”

“Walking through Harvard yard talking to my freshman roommate about the question of utilitarianism when it comes to organ transplants (spurred by one of the first lectures in Justice)”

“Dancing to funk in the basement at Ahmed’s; Movies at the Orson Welles and the Brattle and Irish coffee after at Casablanca bar”

“Being serenaded on the Lamont steps by the Harvard Krokodiloes!”

“Sex and learning some high octane stuff
- now I marvel at my former self”

“Bonding with freshmen entryway people”

“Fun parties in houses - which don't exist anymore”

“Taking exams in memorial hall” ?????????

“1985 Harvard 28 - Holy Cross 20”



What did you dream of accomplishing in life when you came to Harvard?

Learning Public Policy Physician Professor Family Actor Writing
Nobel Prize Successful Writer Life President Doctor
Graduating Wanted Surgeon Dreams Field Making
Politician Career Impact Scientist Senator Getting Amount of Money Going
Changing the World

Back to The Present

30% say they achieved that dream. 27% still have that dream.

38% are envious of their classmates perceived success.

18% said they are envious even though they are really successful themselves.

What's missing from your life?

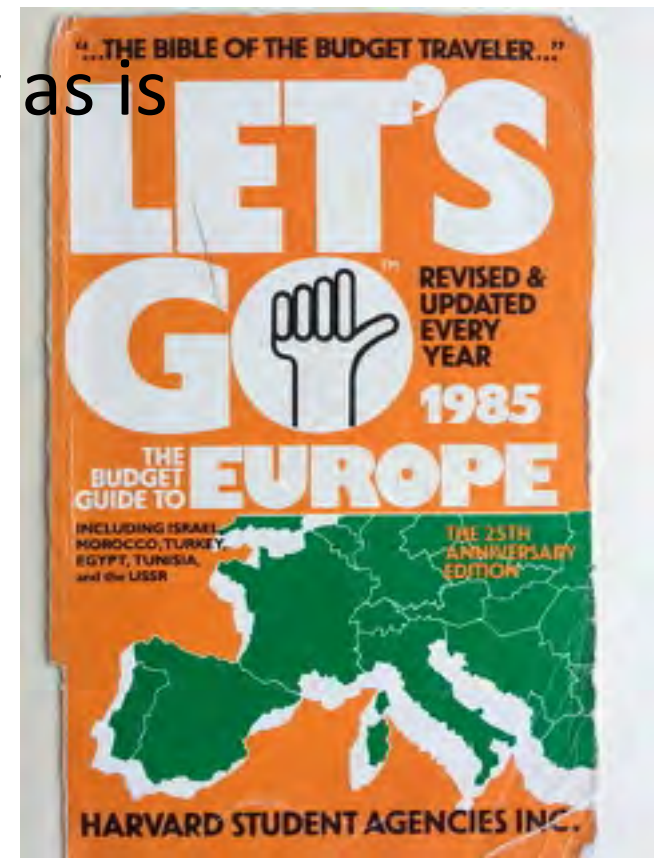
- “Before 2004 a Red Sox championship. Now nothing.”

- “Hormones”

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|---------------------------|---|
| • 16% - Time | 6% - Career Satisfaction |
| • 12% - Love | 5% - Kids/grandkids |
| • 10% - Various | 5% - Health/exercise |
| • 9% - Friendship | 5% - Family (passed away/estranged/moved) |
| • 8% - Nothing | 5% - Sex |
| • 7% - Financial Security | 4% - Fun/excitement |
| • 7% - Peace/Relaxation | 2% - Direction/purpose |

If you could do something different in your life right now what would it be?

- 19% - Move/travel more
- 17% - Change job/career/back to school
- 13% - Nothing/don't know/happy as is
- 12% - Work less/more free time
- 9% - Family/friends/sex
- 8.5% - Do good in the world
- 5% - Better health
- 4% - More balance/fun



The Dream:

“Win the Powerball... live in a house on the beach... meditate every day... run a scuba shop with my wife and kids... start a few foundations to make the world a better place.”



Or slightly more realistic:

“Get through this probing survey... try to slow down... work a little less... finish my novel... have enough money to travel more... volunteer more... spend more time with the people I love.

The Future

57% think life will be better in the coming years.
33% say it will be the same.

	How long do you think you'll live?	How long do you want to live
<70	4%	1%
70-80	15%	8%
80-90	51%	38%
90-100	27%	36%
100-110	2%	5%
110+	1%	12%

When will civilization end?

Next 100 Years Space Happening Answer to this Question North Korea
Next Century Environmental Election Day Human Live Trump
Believe Civilization Earth Climate Change
Thousands of Years Nuclear Planet Think November 8
Global Warming Dwindling Resources President Robots Say Whimper
Artificial Intelligence Destruction



Cocktail Party Discussion



“Civilization as we know it will end when the wealthiest achieve virtual immortality and self-sufficiency through technology. Then, like Athena in the Odyssey, their concerns will be so divorced from what we regard as human that we can't even tell the same sorts of stories about them.”

“I think it's a race between our behavioral stupidity (in terms of making weapons that are too powerful, or allowing AI into the wrong hands) and our polluting the earth... close call, but I'll go with AI in the wrong hands... and I don't want to even guess how soon that might be.”

“It won't, because the population is too big, widespread, and smart for anything to destroy everyone.”

“When the sun expires (we may need to move to another planet) - I am optimistic we won't blow each other up before then.”

If you were King or Queen of the world, how would you change it?

- Address inequality: 23% - “Guaranteed income and healthcare for all”
- Save the earth: 18% - “Enforce population control... get rid of cars”
- World peace/eliminate nukes and weapons: 9% - “No hitting”
- Reform the political system/end monarchies: 7% - “Get these jackasses out of govt.”
- Get rid of Trump: 7% - “Dump Trump!”
- Universal healthcare: 6%
- Reward and encourage kindness: 6%
- Ban hate: 4% - “More love, less fear.”
- Put women in charge: 3% - “Post menopausal women would rule every land .”
- Pure capitalism: 2% - “Allow people to gain or lose by their own efforts. “
- Less racism: 2%
- Ban religion: 1%
- More spirituality: 1%
- Four-day workweeks: 1%
- Tax reform: 1% - “I would abolish capitalism and tax the rich”
- Outlaw venture capitalism: 1%

What happens when you die?

- Nothingness/decomposition/lights out: 35%
- Heaven: 13%
- No one knows, even Harvard grads: 10%
- Live on in the memory of loved ones: 9%
- Cremation, funeral, estate settlement: 8%
- Spiritual afterlife: 7%
- Spirit returns to the universe: 6%
- Reincarnation: 2%



What would you like to do before you die?

- 27% - Travel
- 14% - Happy kids
- 13% - Time with friends/family/love
- 10% - Grandchildren
- 10% - Creative pursuit
- 8% - Make an impact
- 7% - Random
- 4% - Physical challenge
- 3% - Relax/live
- 2% – Spiritual
- 2% - Done it
- 1% - Sex



Examples

“Get published. Be a grandparent. Live in a foreign country.”

“Play with my grandchildren! Live on Cape Cod for months at a stretch! Putter around Greece with my dear hubby in a fabulous sailboat.”

“See my children healthy, happily married with their own healthy children”

“Have a truly meaningful impact on many lives; have amazing sex in interesting locations.”

Favorites



- “Watch Trump go down”
- “Experience world peace”
- “Become enlightened”
- “Clean the house”
- “Be a beach bum”
- “Have a six pack”
- “Finish this damn survey”
- “Win for a week straight on Jeopardy”