

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 178: SURVEY ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (GLOBAL ATTITUDES)
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 2025**

**TOPLINE
TOTAL N=8,750**

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "no answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). For additional details, visit the methodology.

PN = Programming note

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| | Sample size | Margin of error at 95% confidence level |
| U.S. adults | 8,750 | +/- 1.4 percentage points |

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

ACCEPT_INTLSTUDENTS

ASK ALL:

[PN: PROGRAMMING NOTES HERE]

Do you think it's good or bad for U.S. colleges and universities to accept international students?

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|---------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Good</u> | <u>Bad</u> | <u>No answer</u> |
| Sep 2-8, 2025 | 79 | 18 | 2 |
| Feb 1-7, 2021 | 80 | 19 | 1 |

LIMIT_CHINESESTUDENTS
ASK IF FORM 1 [N=4,351]:

When it comes to whether or not to limit Chinese students studying in the U.S., do you...

| | Strongly support limiting Chinese <u>students</u> | Somewhat support limiting Chinese <u>students</u> | Somewhat oppose limiting Chinese <u>students</u> | Strongly oppose limiting Chinese <u>students</u> | No <u>answer</u> |
|---------------|--|--|---|---|---------------------|
| Sep 2-8, 2025 | 20 | 30 | 24 | 22 | 3 |
| Feb 1-7, 2021 | 21 | 34 | 25 | 18 | 2 |

LIMIT_INTLSTUDENTS
ASK IF FORM 2 [N=4,399]:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

When it comes to international students from specific countries, do you support or oppose limiting the number of students studying in the U.S. who are coming from...

| | Strongly support limiting <u>these students</u> | Somewhat support limiting <u>these students</u> | Somewhat oppose limiting <u>these students</u> | Strongly oppose limiting <u>these students</u> | No <u>answer</u> |
|----------------|---|---|--|--|---------------------|
| Sep 2-8, 2025 | | | | | |
| a. China | 25 | 25 | 20 | 27 | 3 |
| b. India | 17 | 28 | 24 | 29 | 3 |
| c. Canada | 11 | 23 | 25 | 38 | 3 |
| d. South Korea | 14 | 27 | 24 | 32 | 3 |
| e. Nigeria | 16 | 26 | 24 | 30 | 3 |

PERCENT_INTLSTUDENTS
ASK IF FORM 1 [N=4,351]:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1]

As far as you know, what percentage of all college students in the U.S. are international students?

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|-------------------------|---------------|
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| 12 | Less than 10% |
| 24 | 10% to 20% |
| 19 | More than 20% |
| 45 | Not sure |
| * | No answer |

VISA_INTLSTUDENTS**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**

Do you think the U.S. government should or should not be able to cancel the visas of international students who have criticized U.S. foreign policy?

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| 22 | Definitely should |
| 21 | Probably should |
| 25 | Probably should not |
| 31 | Definitely should not |
| 2 | No answer |

PARTY**ASK ALL:**

In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

PARTYLN**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3, 4 OR REFUSED):**

As of today do you lean more to...¹

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|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Republican</u> | <u>Democrat</u> | <u>Independent</u> | Something <u>else</u> | No <u>answer*</u> | <i>Lean Rep</i> | <i>Lean Dem</i> |
| 29 | 28 | 27 | 14 | 2 | 17 | 19 |

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.