

Anti-Semitism Item-by-Item (F00-G)
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Hello, is this ____? My name is _____. I'm calling you tonight for Project Pulse of the Student Affairs Research Office at UMass. Tonight we are conducting a survey on anti-Semitism for the Office of Human Relations. We are calling all UMass undergraduates who are self-identified as Jewish on the student database. I'd like to ask you some questions which should take only about seven minutes. Your responses are completely confidential. Students' responses to this survey will be examined only after being grouped with those of other respondents. Please feel free to ask questions at any time.

For your information, when we use the term "anti-Semitism" in this survey we are talking about negative beliefs about Jewish people. These beliefs are sometimes acted out in discriminatory or hostile behaviors directed at Jewish people, as individuals or as a group.

To what extent do you think anti-Semitism exists on the UMass campus?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	To a very great extent	3	.8	.8	.8
	To a great extent	6	1.5	1.6	2.4
	To some extent	115	29.6	30.2	32.5
	To a little extent	154	39.7	40.4	73.0
	To a very little extent	103	26.5	27.0	100.0
	Total	381	98.2	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	7	1.8		
Total		388	100.0		

Next, I am going to read some statements that describe different types of behaviors. Please tell me how frequently YOU PERSONALLY have experienced each type of behavior. All your responses should be based on your experience at UMass only.

Course instructors stereotyping, making negative remarks about or telling jokes that "put down" Jewish people.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	300	77.3	77.3	77.3
	Rarely	57	14.7	14.7	92.0
	Sometimes	28	7.2	7.2	99.2
	Often	3	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

University staff members stereotyping, making negative remarks about or telling jokes that "put down" Jewish people.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	339	87.4	87.4	87.4
	Rarely	41	10.6	10.6	97.9
	Sometimes	8	2.1	2.1	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

Anti-Semitic graffiti in residence halls or other campus buildings.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	208	53.6	53.7	53.7
	Rarely	100	25.8	25.8	79.6
	Sometimes	72	18.6	18.6	98.2
	Often	5	1.3	1.3	99.5
	Very often	2	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	387	99.7	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	1	.3		
Total		388	100.0		

Deliberate defacing or destroying of posters advertising events sponsored by the Jewish community.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	245	63.1	63.5	63.5
	Rarely	96	24.7	24.9	88.3
	Sometimes	37	9.5	9.6	97.9
	Often	7	1.8	1.8	99.7
	Very often	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	386	99.5	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	2	.5		
Total		388	100.0		

Deliberate defacing or vandalizing of your personal property.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	364	93.8	94.1	94.1
	Rarely	15	3.9	3.9	97.9
	Sometimes	6	1.5	1.6	99.5
	Often	2	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	387	99.7	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	1	.3		
Total		388	100.0		

Threatening or derogatory notes, phone calls, or E-mail.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	367	94.6	94.6	94.6
	Rarely	15	3.9	3.9	98.5
	Sometimes	5	1.3	1.3	99.7
	Often	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

Personally being harassed by course instructors because you are Jewish.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	379	97.7	97.7	97.7
	Rarely	7	1.8	1.8	99.5
	Sometimes	1	.3	.3	99.7
	Very often	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

Personally being harassed by University staff members because you are Jewish.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	383	98.7	98.7	98.7
	Rarely	3	.8	.8	99.5
	Sometimes	1	.3	.3	99.7
	Very often	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

Now I'm going to read 3 statements that describe different types of behavior that might take place between students. Once again, please tell me how frequently YOU PERSONALLY have experienced each type of behavior. Again, all of your responses should be based on your experiences at UMass only.

Students stereotyping, making negative remarks about or telling jokes that "put down" Jewish people.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	104	26.8	26.8	26.8
	Rarely	122	31.4	31.4	58.2
	Sometimes	132	34.0	34.0	92.3
	Often	24	6.2	6.2	98.5
	Very often	6	1.5	1.5	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

Personally being harassed by other students because you are Jewish.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	281	72.4	72.4	72.4
	Rarely	71	18.3	18.3	90.7
	Sometimes	35	9.0	9.0	99.7
	Often	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

Negative remarks being made by students about Jewish people in the classroom which were not challenged by the instructor.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	310	79.9	79.9	79.9
	Rarely	54	13.9	13.9	93.8
	Sometimes	22	5.7	5.7	99.5
	Often	2	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

The next several questions concern your experience with anti-Semitism at UMass.

If you witnessed one or more students making derogatory remarks about Jewish people or otherwise verbally harassing a student because they assumed she or he was Jewish, what would you do first?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Nothing	29	7.5	7.5	7.5
	Report the incident to authorities	39	10.1	10.1	17.6
	Intervene directly	251	64.7	65.0	82.6
	Try to find others to help	30	7.7	7.8	90.4
	Other	37	9.5	9.6	100.0
	Total	386	99.5	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	2	.5		
Total		388	100.0		

I am going to read you a list of 9 offices or agencies, and I want you to tell me which one you would be MOST likely to utilize if you wanted to complain about anti-Semitic harassment on campus.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Equal Opportunity and Diversity Office	57	14.7	15.1	15.1
	Amherst Police Department	18	4.6	4.8	19.8
	Legal Services Center	12	3.1	3.2	23.0
	Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD)	34	8.8	9.0	32.0
	Office of Human Relations	8	2.1	2.1	34.1
	Residential Education Office or Housing Services	12	3.1	3.2	37.3
	UMass Police Department	61	15.7	16.1	53.4
	Dean of Students Office	41	10.6	10.8	64.3
	Hillel	101	26.0	26.7	91.0
	Other	34	8.8	9.0	100.0
	Total	378	97.4	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	10	2.6		
Total		388	100.0		

At the beginning of the semester, how many of your course instructors, either in class or on the syllabus, addressed the issue of missing class or exams to observe religious holidays?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	150	38.7	39.1	39.1
	1 or 2	133	34.3	34.6	73.7
	3 or 4	70	18.0	18.2	91.9
	5 or 6	23	5.9	6.0	97.9
	More than 6	8	2.1	2.1	100.0
	Total	384	99.0	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	4	1.0		
Total		388	100.0		

At UMass, how difficult has it been for you to celebrate Jewish holidays?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very difficult	14	3.6	3.6	3.6
	Somewhat difficult	108	27.8	28.0	31.6
	Not too difficult	113	29.1	29.3	60.9
	Not at all difficult	116	29.9	30.1	90.9
	Don't celebrate Jewish holidays	35	9.0	9.1	100.0
	Total	386	99.5	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	2	.5		
Total		388	100.0		

Have you ever felt uncomfortable when informing an instructor that you would be missing class in order to observe a Jewish holiday?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	74	19.1	20.2	20.2
	No	292	75.3	79.8	100.0
	Total	366	94.3	100.0	
Missing	Not applicable	21	5.4		
	dk/refused	1	.3		
	Total	22	5.7		
Total		388	100.0		

Since you have been at UMass, has anti-Semitism ever been discussed in your classes?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	196	50.5	50.9	50.9
	No	189	48.7	49.1	100.0
	Total	385	99.2	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	3	.8		
Total		388	100.0		

Since you have been at UMass, have you ever discussed anti-Semitism with your friends outside of classes?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	273	70.4	70.5	70.5
	No	114	29.4	29.5	100.0
	Total	387	99.7	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	1	.3		
Total		388	100.0		

Since you have been a student at UMass, have you taken a Judaic Studies course?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	212	54.6	54.6	54.6
	No	176	45.4	45.4	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

How knowledgeable are you about Jewish history and culture?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very knowledgeable	98	25.3	25.3	25.3
	Somewhat knowledgeable	238	61.3	61.5	86.8
	Somewhat unknowledgeable	36	9.3	9.3	96.1
	Very unknowledgeable	15	3.9	3.9	100.0
	Total	387	99.7	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	1	.3		
Total		388	100.0		

How interested are you in learning more about Jewish history and culture?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very interested	90	23.2	23.3	23.3
	Somewhat interested	229	59.0	59.3	82.6
	Somewhat uninterested	54	13.9	14.0	96.6
	Very uninterested	13	3.4	3.4	100.0
	Total	386	99.5	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	2	.5		
Total		388	100.0		

How likely would you be to report an incident of anti-Semitic harassment if it happened to you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very likely	157	40.5	41.2	41.2
	Somewhat likely	140	36.1	36.7	78.0
	Somewhat unlikely	66	17.0	17.3	95.3
	Very unlikely	18	4.6	4.7	100.0
	Total	381	98.2	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	7	1.8		
Total		388	100.0		

If you were experiencing anti-Semitic harassment on campus, how likely do you think other people would be to come to your aid?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very likely	89	22.9	23.1	23.1
	Somewhat likely	165	42.5	42.9	66.0
	Somewhat unlikely	105	27.1	27.3	93.2
	Very unlikely	26	6.7	6.8	100.0
	Total	385	99.2	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	3	.8		
Total		388	100.0		

As a Jewish student, how safe do you feel on campus at night?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very safe	241	62.1	63.8	63.8
	Somewhat safe	102	26.3	27.0	90.7
	Somewhat unsafe	27	7.0	7.1	97.9
	Very unsafe	8	2.1	2.1	100.0
	Total	378	97.4	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	10	2.6		
Total		388	100.0		

Do any of the people you know here at UMass make anti-Semitic statements?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	150	38.7	38.8	38.8
	No	237	61.1	61.2	100.0
	Total	387	99.7	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	1	.3		
Total		388	100.0		

Were you aware that many forms of religious, racial and ethnic harassment are considered a violation of a person's civil rights, punishable by fines and/or imprisonment?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	271	69.8	70.0	70.0
	No	116	29.9	30.0	100.0
	Total	387	99.7	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	1	.3		
Total		388	100.0		

Were you aware that there are several formal and informal mechanisms for complaining about anti-Semitic harassment at UMass?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	196	50.5	50.6	50.6
	No	191	49.2	49.4	100.0
	Total	387	99.7	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	1	.3		
Total		388	100.0		

How confident are you in the University's ability to respond effectively to specific incidents of anti-Semitic harassment?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very confident	46	11.9	12.2	12.2
	Somewhat confident	217	55.9	57.6	69.8
	Not too confident	88	22.7	23.3	93.1
	Not at all confident	26	6.7	6.9	100.0
	Total	377	97.2	100.0	
Missing	dk/refused	11	2.8		
Total		388	100.0		

The next few questions ask for some background information. This information allows us to examine differences, if any, between groups.

In which residential area do you live?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Northeast/Sylvan	37	9.5	9.5	9.5
	Orchard Hill/Central	83	21.4	21.4	30.9
	Southwest	144	37.1	37.1	68.0
	Fraternity or Sorority	6	1.5	1.5	69.6
	Hillel	4	1.0	1.0	70.6
	Off-campus	114	29.4	29.4	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

What is your age?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	17	6	1.5	1.5	1.5
	18	104	26.8	26.8	28.4
	19	99	25.5	25.5	53.9
	20	71	18.3	18.3	72.2
	21	87	22.4	22.4	94.6
	22	14	3.6	3.6	98.2
	23	1	.3	.3	98.5
	24	5	1.3	1.3	99.7
	25	1	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

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Are you a:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	First-year student	114	29.4	29.4	29.4
	Sophomore	98	25.3	25.3	54.6
	Junior	75	19.3	19.3	74.0
	Senior	101	26.0	26.0	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	

Thank you for participating in tonight's survey. Copies of the results will be available at SARIS, 229 Whitmore, within the next few weeks.

Interviewer: Is the respondent female or male?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Female	227	58.5	58.5	58.5
	Male	161	41.5	41.5	100.0
	Total	388	100.0	100.0	