



DGRAD. Are you currently, or were you within the last five years, a graduate student?

Yes, I am currently a graduate student	53%
Yes, I was a graduate student within the past five years	47
Not sure	-
No	-

For the purposes of this study, "graduate student" refers to students currently enrolled in or who recently graduated from master's, doctoral, and other professional degree programs.

GRADYEAR. [IF CURRENT STUDENT] What year of graduate school are you in?

First year of graduate program	38%
Second year of graduate program.....	29
Third year of graduate program.....	20
Fourth year or higher.....	14

D120. Please indicate your current employment status:

	Total	Student	
		Current	Recent
Employed full time.....	65%	49%	83%
Employed part time	15	22	7
Not employed.....	5	-	10
Neither - Student only	16	29	-

DDEGREE. What type of degree **[IF CURRENT STUDENT]** are you pursuing/**[IF RECENT GRADUATE]** did you pursue? *If you have more than one advanced degree, please answer all questions in this survey according to the degree program **[IF CURRENT STUDENT]** you are in currently **[IF RECENT GRAD]** you were in most recently.*

Master of Science (MS).....	18%
Master of Arts (MA)	8
Master of Education or Teaching	7
Master of Business Administration (MBA).....	17
Master of Public Administration or Policy	2
Master of Social Work (MSW)	2
Master of Fine Arts (MFA)	3
Master of Public Health (MPH)	2
Other master's degree program	3
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).....	9
Doctor of Education (EdD)	2
Doctor of Science or Engineering.....	6
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)	3
Doctor of Business or Public Administration	2
Doctor of Fine Arts (DFA).....	1
Doctor of Theology (ThD).....	*
Other Doctor's Degree.....	2
Ministry or Divinity	1
Law (LLB or JD).....	4
Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine	3
Dentistry (DDS, DMD)	1
Chiropractic (DC, DCM).....	1
Pharmacy (PharmD).....	3
Optometry (OD)	1
Podiatry (DPM, DP, PodD).....	*
Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	1
Other professional practice doctoral degree	2
Post-baccalaureate or post-master's certificate	-
Not in a degree program	-
MASTERS (NET).....	61%
DOCTORS - PROFESSIONAL (NET).....	14
DOCTORS - RESEARCH (NET).....	22
DOCTORS - OTHER (NET)	3

DFIELD. Thinking specifically about your graduate (not undergraduate) education, how would you characterize your field(s) of study?

Business/management.....	25%
Health.....	22
Social/behavioral sciences.....	19
Math/engineering/computer science.....	19
Education.....	14
Life sciences.....	12
Humanities.....	11
Law.....	7
Other.....	5

Q1. Which of the following best describes your graduate program?

In-person.....	34%
Online.....	27
Hybrid (mix of in-person and online).....	39

Q2. As far as you know, [CURRENT] is/[RECENT] was your graduate institution:

Public.....	68%
Private.....	30
Not sure.....	2

Q3. As far as you know, [CURRENT] is/[RECENT] was your graduate institution:

For-profit.....	47%
Non-profit.....	34
Not sure.....	18

Q4. [CURRENT] Are you enrolled/[RECENT] were you enrolled in your graduate program:

Full-time.....	65%
Part-time.....	19
Mix of both, depending on the semester.....	15

Q5T. Thinking about your graduate student experience [[IF CURRENT STUDENT] so far], would you say it...?

[CURRENT] Has exceeded my expectations [RECENT] Exceeded my expectations.....	31%
[CURRENT] Has matched my expectations [RECENT] Matched my expectations.....	58
[CURRENT] Has fallen short of my expectations [RECENT] Fell short of my expectations.....	10

B1. How would you rate your graduate institution when it comes to each of the following?

	POSITIVE		NEGATIVE		DK	NET	
	Excellent	Good	Just fair	Poor		POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
• Overall education quality.....	44%	45	10	1	-	89%	11
• Quality of professors.....	41%	45	11	2	*	87%	13
• Reputation or brand name.....	38%	47	13	2	*	85%	15
• Student outcomes post-graduation.....	34%	47	13	3	3	81%	16
• Availability of aid for students who need it.....	32%	36	22	8	3	68%	30
• Overall value for what you paid or are paying.....	31%	45	20	5	*	75%	24

Q12. Overall, would you say that going to graduate school [CURRENT] will be/[RECENT] was worth it, or not worth it?

	Total	Student	
		Current	Recent
Definitely worth it.....	53%	53%	52%
Probably worth it.....	36	37	36
Probably not worth it.....	7	5	9
Definitely not worth it.....	2	1	2
I don't know yet.....	2	3	1
WORTH IT (NET).....	89%	91	88
NOT WORTH IT (NET).....	9	6	11

Q13. [IF GRAD SCHOOL WORTH IT] What are the main reasons you feel that going to graduate school [IF CURRENT] will be/[IF RECENT] was worth it? [OPEN END]



Q14. [IF GRAD SCHOOL NOT WORTH IT] What are the main reasons you feel that going to graduate school [IF CURRENT] will not be/[IF RECENT] was not worth it? [OPEN END]



B2. Below are some reasons that students have given for why they initially decided to attend graduate school. Please indicate how much of a factor each one was in your own decision to attend graduate school.

	FACTOR		Not a factor	NET FACTOR
	Major	Minor		
• To advance in my field of choice.....	82%	16	2	98%
• To get a good job.....	79%	18	4	96%
• To earn more money than I would have otherwise.....	72%	23	5	95%
• To learn more about something I was interested in.....	71%	25	4	96%
• To master a skill.....	67%	28	5	95%

B2. Below are some reasons that students have given for why they initially decided to attend graduate school. Please indicate how much of a factor each one was in your own decision to attend graduate school.

	FACTOR		Not a factor	NET
	Major	Minor		FACTOR
• To get a certain credential.....	67%	28	5	95%
• To meet professionals and build my network.....	44%	42	13	87%
• To make a career change.....	41%	30	28	72%

B3. [IF RECENT GRAD] Below is the same list you just saw. This time, please rate how well or not well your graduate school did in terms of helping you achieve each of these goals.

	WELL		Not well	NET
	Very	Fairly		WELL
• To learn more about something I was interested in.....	68%	30	2	98%
• To get a certain credential.....	67%	29	4	96%
• To advance in my field of choice.....	63%	30	7	93%
• To master a skill.....	61%	35	4	96%
• To get a good job.....	56%	35	9	91%
• To earn more money than I would have otherwise.....	51%	37	12	88%
• To meet professionals and build my network.....	44%	44	12	88%
• To make a career change.....	42%	45	13	87%

B4. When you were first looking around for the right graduate institution or program, how important were each of the following factors to you?

	IMPORTANT		Not that important	Not applicable	NET
	Very	Some			IMPORTANT
• The school having a specific program I was interested in.....	76%	20	3	1	96%
• Knowing the school was accredited.....	74%	22	3	1	96%
• Quality of faculty and professors.....	65%	31	3	1	96%
• Cost and affordability.....	64%	31	4	1	94%
• Availability of financial aid.....	58%	29	8	5	87%
• Flexibility that would allow me to fit the courses around my schedule.....	57%	29	11	3	86%

B4. When you were first looking around for the right graduate institution or program, how important were each of the following factors to you?

	IMPORTANT		Not that important	Not applicable	NET
	Very	Some			IMPORTANT
• Knowing that other graduates have gone on to get jobs in their relevant field of study.....	56%	36	6	1	93%
• Knowing that other graduates have gone on to get good-paying jobs.....	51%	39	9	1	90%
• The school's reputation, selectivity, or brand name.....	50%	40	9	1	90%
• Ability to take some or all coursework online.....	46%	27	22	5	73%
• Access to graduate assistantships or work experiences in my field.....	46%	38	13	3	84%
• Hearing or seeing good reviews from other students.....	45%	43	10	2	88%
• Proximity to a city or region of the country I would want to work in.....	37%	34	23	6	71%
• Proximity to where I live.....	35%	34	25	6	70%
• Knowing the school was NOT a for-profit institution.....	21%	24	36	19	45%

B5A. When you were first looking around for the right graduate institution or program, how much information would you say you had regarding each of the following?

	A LOT/SOME		LITTLE/NONE		NET	
	A lot	Some	Very little	None at all	A LOT/SOME	LITTLE/NONE
• [SPLIT A] How much each program would cost.....	53%	38	7	2	92%	8
• [SPLIT A] Completion rates, meaning the percentage of students who enter each program that graduate.....	45%	37	13	5	82%	18
• [SPLIT A] Employment rates, meaning the percentage of students who go on to attain a job.....	37%	45	14	4	82%	18
• [SPLIT A] Income information, including how much graduates can expect to earn.....	31%	47	17	5	78%	22
• [SPLIT A] The level of debt held by graduates of each program.....	28%	39	20	13	67%	33

B5B. When you were first looking around for the right graduate institution or program, how much trust did you have in the information available to you regarding each of the following?

	A LOT/SOME		LITTLE/NONE		No Info	NET	
	A lot	Some	Very little	None at all		A LOT/SOME	LITTLE/NONE
• [SPLIT B] How much each program would cost.....	49%	41	7	1	1	90%	9
• [SPLIT B] Completion rates, meaning the percentage of students who enter each program that graduate.....	39%	47	10	1	3	86%	11
• [SPLIT B] Employment rates, meaning the percentage of students who go on to attain a job.....	37%	47	10	2	4	84%	12
• [SPLIT B] Income information, including how much graduates can expect to earn.....	32%	53	11	2	3	84%	13
• [SPLIT B] The level of debt held by graduates of each program.....	27%	44	18	3	9	71%	21

Q52. [IF RECENT GRAD] Since you graduated from your graduate program, have you been employed in your relevant field of study?

Yes, consistently.....	70%
Yes, but not consistently	16
No, have been employed in a different field.....	9
I have not been employed at all	5
NOT CONSISTENTLY OR NOT EMPLOYED (NET)	30%

Q53. [IF NOT CONSISTENTLY EMPLOYED] Which of the following best describes you, even if none are exactly right? **[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

I would like to be consistently employed in my field of study, but have not found consistent work	51%
I would like to be consistently employed in my field of study, but have not found work that pays enough.....	42
I made the choice to not be consistently employed in my field of study.....	17

Q54. [IF RECENT GRAD] Since you graduated from your graduate program, how would you describe your level of income?

Much more than I thought I would earn.....	9%
Somewhat more than I thought I would earn.....	26
About what I thought I would earn.....	30
Somewhat less than I thought I would earn	28
Much less than I thought I would earn.....	8
MORE (NET)	35%
LESS (NET).....	35

Q55. [IF RECENT GRAD] Based on what you know, do you think that you currently earn more annually than others in your field who did NOT go to graduate school, or not?

Yes, I think I earn more than my peers who did not go to graduate school.....	61%
No, I don't think I earn more than my peers who did not go to graduate school.....	28
Not sure	11

Q56. [IF RECENT GRAD] Which of the following best describes the way you feel about your current financial situation?

I am struggling to make ends meet	5%
I am making ends meet, with some difficulty.....	18
I am doing fine and getting by	27
I am doing well, but I am not very comfortable.....	23
I am very comfortable	27
STRUGGLING (NET)	23%
DOING WELL (NET)	51

B6. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each of the following policies.

	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		NET	
	Strongly	Some	Some	Strongly	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
• [SPLIT A] Requiring graduate institutions to be transparent about <u>graduation rates</u> in order to receive taxpayer dollars	60%	35	4	1	95%	5
• [SPLIT B] Requiring graduate institutions to be transparent about <u>employment rates</u> of recent graduates in order to receive federal funding.....	60%	35	4	1	95%	5
• [SPLIT B] Requiring graduate institutions to be transparent about <u>graduation rates</u> in order to receive federal funding	59%	33	7	*	93%	7
• [SPLIT A] Requiring graduate institutions to be transparent about <u>employment rates</u> of recent graduates in order to receive taxpayer dollars	58%	36	6	*	94%	6
• [SPLIT A] Requiring graduate institutions to be transparent about <u>how much graduates typically earn</u> in order to receive taxpayer dollars	57%	36	6	*	94%	6
• [SPLIT B] Requiring graduate institutions to be transparent about <u>how much graduates typically earn</u> in order to receive federal funding	56%	36	8	1	91%	9

Q60. Which statement do you agree with more, even if you may agree with some of both?

	Total	Split	
		A	B
[SPLIT A] Graduate schools should be transparent about recent students' post-graduation outcomes, including by sharing data on employment and income, in order to allow students to make informed, market-driven decisions about the right school for them			
[SPLIT B] Graduate schools should be transparent about recent students' post-graduation outcomes, including by sharing data on employment and income, because students are making a large investment in their graduate education and deserve to know whether it will be worth it.....	76%	75%	76%
Collecting accurate, meaningful data on employment rates and income rates is expensive, time-consuming, and difficult to get right. Most graduate schools are doing the best they can with the information available to them, and doing any more would take precious resources away from actual instruction.	24	25	24

Changing topics...

Q61. Which, if any, of the following did you use or are you using to finance your graduate school tuition? **[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

Took out a loan or loans	50%
Received a grant, fellowship, or assistantship from my institution	35
Worked full-time while enrolled	34
Worked part-time while enrolled.....	31
Received financial assistance/support from family or friends.....	29
Received (need-based) financial aid from my institution.	25
Received tuition assistance from my employer to attend graduate school	17
Received federal work-study	6
None of the above	3

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: Q62-Q67 SHOWN TO ONLY THOSE WHO TOOK OUT LOANS]

The next handful of questions are about your graduate student loan(s). You may have also taken out loans to finance your undergraduate education, but please answer the following questions about your graduate loans only.

Q62. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS] As best you can remember, how much did you initially borrow for graduate school?

Less than \$10,000	10%
\$10,000 - 19,999	18
\$20,000 - 39,999	26
\$40,000 - 59,999	17
\$60,000 - 79,999	11
\$80,000 - 99,999	7
\$100,000 - 119,999	6
\$120,000 - 139,999	2
\$140,000 - 159,999	1
\$160,000 or more	2
Not sure	1
<\$20k (NET)	27%
\$20-\$60k (NET)	43
\$60-\$100k (NET)	18
\$100k+ (NET)	10

Q63. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS] And at this point, how much do you currently owe in graduate student debt?

0 - I paid it off already.....	5%
Less than \$5,000	6
\$5,000 - 9,999	10
\$10,000 - 19,999	20
\$20,000 - 39,999	23
\$40,000 - 59,999	11
\$60,000 - 79,999	8
\$80,000 - 99,999	4
\$100,000 - 119,999	5
\$120,000 - 139,999	2
\$140,000 - 159,999	2
\$160,000 or more	3
Not sure	2
<\$20k (NET)	36%
\$20-\$60k (NET)	34
\$60-\$100k (NET)	12
\$100k+ (NET)	12

Q64. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS] As you may know, there has been a pause on student loan repayment since March 2020. Have you chosen to continue paying off your graduate student loans throughout any point of the pause?

Yes, have made payments during the pause	38%
No, have not made payments during the pause	59
Not sure	3

Q65. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS] Thinking about the most recent time you were paying off your graduate student loans, roughly how much were you paying in graduate student loans each month?

Less than \$100	7%
\$100 - 299	22
\$300 - 499	17
\$500 - 699	11
\$700 - 899	5
\$900 - 1,199	4
\$1,200 - 1,399	2
\$1,400 - 1,599	1
More than \$1,600	1
Not applicable - I have not started to repay my graduate loans yet	26
Not sure	2
<\$300 (NET)	29%
\$300-\$700 (NET)	28
\$700+ (NET)	14

Q66. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS] Are or were your graduate student loans...?

Federally-funded (such as Grad PLUS loans or unsubsidized Stafford loans)	51%
Privately-funded	14
Mix of both	33
Not sure	3

Q67. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS] What, if any, have been the biggest consequences for you of having student loan debt? In what ways has having student debt impacted your life? [OPEN END]



Q68. As you know, President Biden took steps to pause student debt repayments since the beginning of the pandemic, including graduate student debt. Do you feel favorably or unfavorably towards Biden's actions to pause graduate student debt repayments during this time?

Very favorable	47%
Somewhat favorable	25
Neutral	15
Somewhat unfavorable	6
Very unfavorable	6
FAVORABLE (NET)	73%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	12

Q69. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS AND HAVE NOT PAID THEM OFF] As you may know, the pause will end and graduate student loan repayments will resume this October. How are you feeling about your ability to meet your monthly payment each month starting this October?

Very confident	26%
Fairly confident	41
Not confident	33
CONFIDENT (NET)	67%

B7. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS AND HAVE NOT PAID THEM OFF] How confident do you feel about your ability to pay off the entirety of your graduate student loans over...?

	CONFIDENT		Not confident	NET
	Very	Fairly		CONFIDENT
• My lifetime	54%	34	11	89%
• The next 20 years	53%	32	15	85%
• The next 10 years	36%	35	29	71%
• The next 5 years	17%	33	49	51%

Q74. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS AND HAVE NOT PAID THEM OFF]

Which of the following better describes how you feel?

	Total	Student	
		Current	Recent
Despite having student loans, going to graduate school was worth it	67%	66%	67%
Going to graduate school was not worth it, given the amount I owe in student loans	13	8	20
I feel mixed about this	21	26	13

B8. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS AND HAVE NOT PAID THEM OFF] Once the student loan pause is over and loan repayments resume this October, please indicate whether you anticipate doing any or all of the following.

	YES		NO		NET	
	Definitely	Probably	Probably not	Definitely not	YES	NO
• Spending less on luxuries, including dining out	48%	36	9	7	84%	16
• Shopping less often	41%	40	12	7	81%	19
• Traveling less often or not at all	39%	33	18	9	73%	27
• Delaying big purchases, such as a car or a home	39%	40	14	8	79%	21
• Delaying life milestones, such as getting married or starting a family ...	25%	30	27	18	55%	45
• Having trouble paying your rent or mortgage	15%	29	34	21	45%	55

Switching topics slightly...

Q81A. [SPLIT A] When you first signed up for your graduate program, how much information did you have from your institution regarding the level of debt [IF YES HAD LOANS] you would accrue and how much you might expect to owe compared to what you would earn (also known as the debt-to-earnings ratio) / [IF NO DID NOT HAVE LOANS] students typically accrue and how much students typically owe in debt compared to what they earn (also known as the debt-to-earnings ratio)?

	Total	Had loans	
		Yes	No
A lot	22%	26%	18%
Some	49	50	48
Very little	18	15	22
None at all	10	8	12
A LOT/SOME (NET)	71%	76	66
LITTLE/NONE (NET)	29	24	34

Q81B. [SPLIT B] When you first signed up for your graduate program, how much trust did you have in the information you were given from your institution regarding the level of debt **[IF YES HAD LOANS]** you would accrue and how much you might expect to owe compared to what you would earn (debt-to-earnings ratio) / **[IF NO DID NOT HAVE LOANS]** students typically accrue and how much students typically owe in debt compared to what they earn (debt-to-earnings ratio)?

	Total	Had loans	
		Yes	No
A lot.....	25%	23%	26%
Some.....	55	58	52
Very little.....	12	13	11
None at all.....	2	2	2
Did not have enough information to say.....	6	4	9
A LOT/SOME (NET).....	80%	81	79
LITTLE/NONE (NET).....	14	15	13

Q82. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS] Compared to what you initially expected when you enrolled, would you say the total amount you **[IF NOT PAID OFF]** owe in graduate student loans is / **[IF PAID OFF]** owed in graduate student loans was...?

Much more than I expected.....	15%
Somewhat more than I expected.....	31
About what I expected.....	44
Somewhat less than I expected.....	8
Much less than I expected.....	2
MORE THAN EXPECTED (NET).....	46%
LESS THAN EXPECTED (NET).....	10

Q83. [IF TOOK OUT LOANS] Compared to what you initially expected when you enrolled, would you say that repaying your graduate student loans **[IF NOT PAID OFF]** will take / **[IF PAID OFF]** took...?

Much more time than I expected.....	19%
Somewhat more time than I expected.....	35
About the amount of time I expected.....	37
Somewhat less time than I expected.....	6
Much less time than I expected.....	2
MORE TIME THAN EXPECTED (NET).....	54%
LESS TIME THAN EXPECTED (NET).....	9

Q84A. [SPLIT A] Do you support or oppose requiring graduate institutions to be transparent about debt and borrowing, including how much students typically owe in debt compared to what they earn [debt-to-earnings ratio], in order to receive taxpayer dollars?

Strongly support.....	59%
Somewhat support.....	35
Somewhat oppose.....	5
Strongly oppose.....	1
SUPPORT (NET).....	95%
OPPOSE (NET).....	5

Q84B. [SPLIT B] Do you support or oppose requiring graduate institutions to be transparent about debt and borrowing, including how much students typically owe in debt compared to what they earn [debt-to-earnings ratio], in order to receive federal funding?

Strongly support.....	57%
Somewhat support.....	36
Somewhat oppose.....	5
Strongly oppose.....	2
SUPPORT (NET).....	93%
OPPOSE (NET).....	7

Q85. As you may know, if enough students are unable to pay their undergraduate student loans, the undergraduate school can lose eligibility for federal funding. As of now, graduate institutions do not face those same accountability rules.

Strongly support.....	46%
Somewhat support.....	39
Somewhat oppose.....	13
Strongly oppose.....	2
SUPPORT (NET).....	85%
OPPOSE (NET).....	15

Knowing this, do you support or oppose holding graduate institutions to the same standard as undergraduate institutions when it comes to debt accountability?

Q86. As you may know, graduate student loans carry higher interest rates than undergraduate student loans.

Strongly support	61%
Somewhat support.....	31
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose.....	1
SUPPORT (NET).....	92%
OPPOSE (NET).....	8

Knowing this, do you support or oppose lowering the interest rates for graduate students so they match those for undergraduate students?

Q87. Which statement do you agree with more, even if you may agree with some of both?

	Total	Split	
		A	B
If a significant number of graduates from a particular graduate program cannot pay back their loans, there is a problem with the quality of that program and the institution needs to be held accountable, particularly because these schools get millions in [SPLIT A] taxpayer dollars/[SPLIT B] federal funding. ...	63%	66%	61%
Graduate students know what they are getting into when they take out a loan. It is ultimately their responsibility, as adults and professionals, to figure out a way to pay back their loans and avoid default, even if it takes time	37	34	39

We have just one more topic to ask you about...

Q88. If you were to guess, what percentage of your graduate institution's total spending do you think goes toward instruction, meaning things such as teaching, student services, and academic support? [OPEN END, 0-100 RESPONSE]

0-24%	13%
25-49%	30
50-74%	44
75-100%	12
UNDER 50% (NET)	44%
OVER 50% (NET).....	56
MEAN	48.6

Q89. How much, if at all, would you say you know about Online Program Managers (OPMs) as it relates to online education?

A lot	10%
Some	34
Just a little.....	21
Nothing at all.....	34
A LOT/SOME (NET)	44%
A LITTLE/NOTHING (NET)	56

Q90. As you may know, Online Program Managers (OPMs) provide products and services to help educational institutions run online courses, including graduate courses.

Very favorable	24%
Somewhat favorable.....	40
Neutral	31
Somewhat unfavorable.....	4
Very unfavorable	1
FAVORABLE (NET)	64%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	5

Knowing this, how do you feel about the idea of graduate institutions using OPMs to help manage their online graduate programs?

Q91. [IF ONLINE/HYBRID SCHOOL] As far as you know, [CURRENT] is/ [RECENT] was your graduate program primarily managed by...?

Your school/institution itself.....	47%
An Online Program Manager (OPM)	8
A mix of both.....	29
Do not know.....	17

Q92. Below is some additional information about Online Program Managers (OPMs).

Online Program Managers (OPMs) are private, for-profit companies that are not affiliated with educational institutions and are not accredited. Many graduate schools, including non-profit institutions, use OPMs to partially run their online programs.

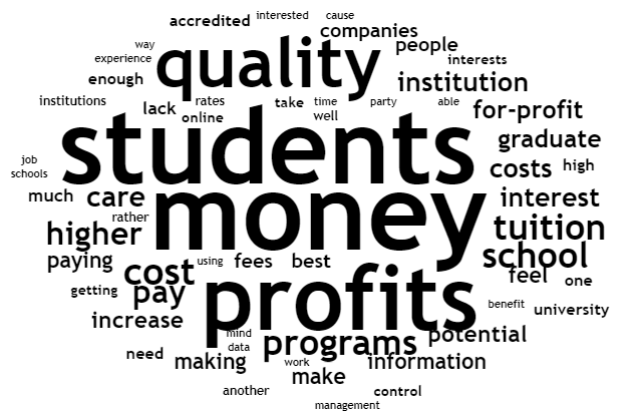
Having this additional information, how do you feel about the idea of graduate institutions using Online Program Managers (OPMs) to partially manage their online graduate programs?

Q93A. [SPLIT A] Fill in the blank in the following sentence: If I knew that a for-profit, outside company was partially managing my graduate education, I would feel _____. [OPEN END]

Q93B. [SPLIT B] What, if any, are the consequences or potential downsides of having your graduate education partially managed by a for-profit, outside company? [OPEN END]

Q94C. [SPLIT C] [IF IN PERSON INSTITUTION] Say for a moment that your graduate program was fully or partially online. Which of the following best describes how you feel, even if none are exactly right?

Very favorable	18%
Somewhat favorable.....	33
Neutral	27
Somewhat unfavorable.....	17
Very unfavorable	4
FAVORABLE (NET)	52%
UNFAVORABLE (NET).....	22



I have no problem with a for-profit, outside company partially managing my education, and I don't think my school needs to be transparent about it	10%
I would be okay with a for-profit, outside company partially managing my education, as long as my school was transparent and I knew about it.....	61
I am not okay with a for-profit, outside company partially managing my education, whether my school is transparent about it or not	29

B9. Please indicate whether you would be comfortable or uncomfortable if you were to find out that...

	UNCOMFOR TABLE		COMFOR TABLE		NET	
	Very	Some	Some	Very	UNCOMFOR TABLE	COMFOR TABLE
• [SPLIT A] Employees at a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school contacted students using a .edu email address, without disclosing who they worked for	33%	30	23	14	63%	37
• [SPLIT B] Employees at a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school contacted students using a .edu email address	19%	38	29	14	57%	43
• Your institution outsourced curriculum development to a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school	21%	34	33	12	55%	45
• [SPLIT A] Your institution outsourced faculty hiring to a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school	20%	33	34	13	53%	47
• Your institution used employees at a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school to recruit students.....	14%	34	38	13	49%	51
• [SPLIT A] Your institution used employees at a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school to provide career advising.....	14%	34	37	15	48%	52
• [SPLIT A] Your institution outsourced tutoring and other academic support services to a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school	18%	30	40	13	47%	53
• [SPLIT B] Your institution hired instructors who work for a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school to teach courses....	17%	30	38	15	47%	53
• [SPLIT B] Your institution outsourced student support services like counseling, career advising, or mental health services to a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school	15%	24	46	15	39%	61
• [SPLIT B] Your institution used employees at a private, for-profit company that was not affiliated with your school to provide tech and IT support.....	5%	25	48	23	29%	71

Q101D. [SPLIT D] ([IF IN PERSON INSTITUTION] Say for a moment that your graduate program was fully or partially online.) Which of the following best describes how you feel, even if none are exactly right?

I have no problem with a for-profit, outside company partially managing my education, and I don't think my school needs to be transparent about it	9%
I would be okay with a for-profit, outside company partially managing my education, as long as my school was transparent and I knew about it.....	61
I am not okay with a for-profit, outside company partially managing my education, whether my school is transparent about it or not	30

Q102. Do you think that students who attend online programs where instruction is run partially by a for-profit, outside company should...?

Pay more than other students whose education is run fully by their institution	12%
Pay the same amount as other students whose education is run fully by their institution	54
Pay less than other students whose education is run fully by their institution	34

Q103. If your graduate school were to outsource instruction and curriculum development to a for-profit, outside company, do you think that the education students receive would be...?

Higher-quality than it would be if instruction was entirely managed by my institution	14%
About the same as it would be if instruction was entirely managed by my institution	55
Lower-quality than it would be if instruction was entirely managed by my institution	31

Q104. [IF LOWER QUALITY OR ABOUT THE SAME] Which of the following better describes how you feel, even if neither is exactly right?

I am okay with an outside company partially managing my education, because my diploma would still have the name of my institution on it	28%
I am not okay with an outside company partially managing my education, because it means the quality of the education I receive would be lower	37
I feel mixed about this	35

The following questions are for statistical purposes only.

D100. What is your gender?

A man	42%
A woman	58
Self-describe	*

DAGE. What is your age?

18-29	44%
30-44	40
45-54	9
55-64	5
65+	2
18-24	19%
25-34	49
35+	32

DRACE_UM. Race

Black/African-American	15%
White/Caucasian	66
Asian/Asian American	16
Pacific Islander	-
Native American/American Indian/Indigenous	*
Middle Eastern/North African	*
Other	4

HISP_UM. Hispanic or Latino origin

Hispanic or Latino	12%
Not Hispanic or Latino	88

KIDS. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home with you?

Yes	36%
No	64

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:

Very liberal.....	19%
Somewhat liberal.....	27
Moderate.....	36
Somewhat conservative.....	12
Very conservative.....	5
LIBERAL (NET).....	46%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	18

Q105. What is the last grade of school or level of education **your parents** completed? If the answers are different, please answer according to the parent who completed the higher level of education.

Did not complete high school.....	4%
Graduated high school.....	13
Attended technical/vocational school.....	3
Attended some college but no degree.....	11
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree.....	8
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree.....	31
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	31

Q106. What is your current household income before taxes?

Under \$30,000.....	15%
\$30,000 to \$49,000.....	16
\$50,000 to \$74,000.....	22
\$75,000 to \$99,000.....	21
\$100,000 to \$149,000.....	17
Over \$150,000.....	9
<\$50k (NET).....	32%
\$50-\$100k (NET).....	43
\$100k+ (NET).....	25

Q107. And as best you can estimate, what was the **total income in your household growing up** before taxes?

Under \$30,000.....	13%
\$30,000 to \$49,000.....	18
\$50,000 to \$74,000.....	21
\$75,000 to \$99,000.....	18
\$100,000 to \$149,000.....	12
Over \$150,000.....	10
Not sure.....	7
<\$50k (NET).....	32%
\$50-\$100k (NET).....	39
\$100k+ (NET).....	22

Q108. When you were an undergraduate, were you the recipient of a Pell Grant?

Yes, received a Pell Grant.....	41%
No, did not receive a Pell Grant.....	53
Not sure.....	5

Q109. Earlier, you were asked if you took out loans in order to pay for graduate school. What about undergraduate school - did you take out a loan to finance your undergraduate education?

Yes, took out loan(s) when I was an undergraduate.....	62%
No, never took loan(s) when I was an undergraduate.....	38

Q110. [IF TOOK OUT UNDERGRAD LOANS] As best you can remember, how much did you initially borrow for your undergraduate education?

Less than \$10,000	9%
\$10,000 - 19,999	21
\$20,000 - 39,999	27
\$40,000 - 59,999	17
\$60,000 - 79,999	10
\$80,000 - 99,999	7
\$100,000 - 119,999	2
\$120,000 - 139,999	1
\$140,000 - 159,999	*
\$160,000 or more	*
Not sure	6
<\$20k (NET)	30%
\$20-\$60k (NET)	44
\$60-\$100k (NET)	17
\$100k+ (NET)	3

Q111. [IF TOOK OUT UNDERGRAD LOANS] At this point, how much do you currently owe in debt from your undergraduate education?

0 - I paid it off	23%
Less than \$10,000	20
\$10,000 - 19,999	15
\$20,000 - 39,999	15
\$40,000 - 59,999	12
\$60,000 - 79,999	5
\$80,000 - 99,999	2
\$100,000 - 119,999	2
\$120,000 - 139,999	1
\$140,000 - 159,999	*
\$160,000 or more	*
Not sure	4
<\$20k (NET)	35%
\$20-\$60k (NET)	27
\$60-\$100k (NET)	7
\$100k+ (NET)	3

Q112. As far as you know, was your undergraduate institution:

Public	69%
Private	28
Not sure	3

REGION. What state do you live in?

Northeast	20%
Midwest	20
South	36
West	23