

Politics and Me: Why Should I Care?

What Issues do College Students Care About?

This question was posed to a number of Missouri State University students in the Fall of 2019.

This list was compiled from their responses. Those responding included students from a section of GEP 101.

- Climate change
- Protection of national parks
- Air and water quality
- Endangered species
- Food safety/GMOs
- Animal rights
- Healthcare access
- Mental healthcare access
- Medical marijuana
- Access to reproductive care and birth control, abortion
- Sexual assault laws/sex trafficking
- Right to die (voluntary euthanasia in terminal illness cases, quality of end-of-life)
- Treatment of protected groups (race, gender identity, age, religion, etc.)
- Neighborhood safety (road conditions and crosswalks, street lighting, police presence)
- Legalization/decriminalization of recreational marijuana
- Gun safety laws
- Job market and the economy
- Minimum wage
- Tuition and student loans, loan forgiveness
- Access and right to vote