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Tell us how well each of the following statements describes you as a student.

	Not at all	Somewhat	Quite well	Very well
[q1a] Getting the best grades I can is very important to me.	0	O	©	0
[q1b] I prefer courses that arouse my curiosity, even if they are difficult.	•	0	0	0
[q1c] I am willing to work hard in a course to learn the material, even if it won't lead to a higher grade.	O	O	O	O
[q1d] I often take time to follow-up on interesting things that are mentioned in class.	•	0	0	0
[q1e] I prefer to work things out on my own rather than ask for help.	0	O	O	O
[q1f] When I do well on a test, it is usually because I am well-prepared, not because things come easily for me.	0	0	0	0
[q1g] My favorite classes are those that deal with facts rather than opinions.	O	O	O	0
[q1h] I prefer classes with lots of discussion.	0	0	0	0
[q1i] I prefer to learn through hands-on activities.	0	O	O	0



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During your last year of high school, about how often did you ...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
[q2a] Get excited by a class	O	0	0	O	0
[q2b] Participate in class discussions	0	0	0	0	0
[q2c] Discuss ideas from your readings or classes with teachers outside of class	O	۲	O	0	O
[q2d] Discuss politics, religion, or other controversial issues	۲	۲	0	•	•
[q2e] Revise a paper two or more times before handing it in	۲	۲	O	O	O
[q2f] Perform volunteer work not for a class or graduation requirement	•	۲	0	•	0
[q2g] Have a serious conversation with an individual from a background different from yours (e.g., politically, religiously, economically, ethnically)	o	o	O	0	o
[q2h] Apply ideas from a class to other courses and interests	•	0	0	0	0
[q2i] Feel challenged by a class	O	۲	O	O	O
[q2j] Prepare for class with an informal study group	۲	۲	0	۲	•

[q3] Was your high school in the United States?

Yes No

[q4] What kind of high school did you graduate from?

- Public charter school
- Public magnet school
- Public other public school
- Private religious/parochial
- Private independent non-residential school (non-religious)
- Private independent school with resident students (non-religious)
- Home school
- Other

How would you describe the racial composition of the last high school you attended? How about the neighborhood you lived in during high school?

		Mixed white		
All	Mostly	and		
non-white	non-white	non-white	Mostly white	All white

[q5a] The high school I attended	۲	O	O	O	O
[q5b] The neighborhood I lived in	0	0	0	0	0

[q6] What language did students in your high school speak to one another outside of class?

- Entirely/mostly English
- A mix of English and other language(s)
- Entirely/mostly language(s) other than English

[SRI Note: "q7" was displayed if "q3" answered "No"]



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High School Experiences - Continued

We'd like to know if you did any of the following during your high school years. Some of these may not have been for a class or other school requirement.

While you were in high school did you ...

	Yes	No
[q8a] Write a long (e.g., 15 pages or more) research paper that combined information from many sources	0	0
[q8b] Write and deliver a speech arguing for a particular position	0	0
[q8c] Design your own scientific experiment "from scratch"	0	0
[q8d] Write a working computer program	0	0
[q8e] Learn to converse in a language other than English	0	0
[q8f] Perform community service as part of a class or graduation requirement	0	0
[q8g] Take a college class	0	0

[q9] What was the average grade you received in high school?

A or A+
AB+
B
BC or lower
Not sure/Does not apply to me

How many Advanced Placement courses and/or exams did you take in high school?

	Not offered at my high school	None	1-4	5-7	8-10	11-15	More than 15
[q10a] AP Courses	O	O	0	0	O	0	•
[q10b] AP Exams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

[q11] Which best describes your academic participation in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program?

- IB was not offered at my school
- IB was offered at my school, but I did not participate
- I took some IB courses/exams/certificates
- I completed a full IB Diploma



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During your final year of high school, how often did you have the following interactions with *diverse students* (e.g., students differing from you in race, national origin, sexual orientation, political views)?

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Often	Very Often
[q12a] Studied or prepared for class together	O	0	O	O	0
[q12b] Socialized or shared a meal	0	•	0	0	0
[q12c] Had meaningful and honest discussions about inter-group relations	0	0	O	©	O
[q12d] Felt comfortable sharing your own experiences	0	©	0	0	0
[q12e] Felt insulted or threatened based on your social identity (e.g., sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, or values)	O	O	O	O	O

We'd like to know if you did any of the following during your high school years. Some of these may not have been for a class or other school requirement.

While you were in high school did you ...

	Yes	No
[q13a] Write a short story, poem, or play not required by a class	0	O
[q13b] Create a painting, sculpture, or other work of art not required by a class	٥	۲
[q13c] Learn or continue to study a musical instrument	O	O
[q13d] Travel abroad on vacation	0	۲
[q13e] Travel abroad with your class or with another organization	O	0
[q13f] Spend an extended time living among people from a culture different from your own, either in the U.S. or abroad	0	۲
[q13g] Have a leadership role in a student organization, club, or team	0	0
[q13h] Have a leadership role in a community group, club, or team (outside of school)	0	۲
[q13i] Participate in politics beyond voting (campaign volunteer, attend public meetings, etc.)	O	O
[q13j] Work for pay	0	۲

During your last year of high school, about how often did you ...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
[q14a] Feel overwhelmed by all you had to do	O	O	O	O	O
[q14b] Feel depressed	0	0	0	©	0
[q14c] Stay up all night to finish an academic assignment or prepare for an exam	O	O	O	O	O
[q14d] Feel out of place or that you just didn't fit in at your school	0	0	0	0	0
[q14e] Find a balance between schoolwork and other aspects of your life	O	O	O	O	O
[q14f] Drink alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor)	0	0	0	0	0
[q14g] Use stimulant medications without a prescription to help you study	O	0	O	O	0



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You will be facing a number of new situations, both social and academic, in the coming year.

How well prepared do you feel you are to ...

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
[q15a] Succeed academically at Cornell	O	©	O	0
[q15b] Get along socially at Cornell	0	0	0	0

How well prepared do you feel you are to do the following during your first year at Cornell?

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
[q16a] Live away from home	O	O	O	O
[q16b] Ask for help when you need it	©	©	•	0
[q16c] Find a group that you feel part of	O	O	O	O
[q16d] Manage your time effectively	0	©	0	0

During your first year at Cornell, what is your best guess as to the chances that you will:

	No chance	Very little chance	Some chance	Very good chance
[q17a] Feel a sense of community in your residence hall	O	O	O	O
[q17b] Seek assistance from residence hall staff if you encounter challenges (e.g., personal or academic issues)	0	0	©	0

During your first year at Cornell, how interested are you in:

	Not at all	Slightly	Somewhat	Very
	interested	interested	interested	interested
[q18a] Participating in activities or programs offered in your residence hall	O	O	©	O



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How well prepared do you feel you are to do the following while you are at Cornell?

	Unprepared	Somewhat prepared	Quite well prepared	Very well prepared
[q19a] Write clearly and effectively	٥	O	•	٥
[q19b] Communicate well orally	0	۲	•	0
[q19c] Think critically	0	O	o	O
[q19d] Understand and use quantitative reasoning and methods	0	O	0	0
[q19e] Read or speak a foreign language	O	O	O	O
[q19f] Develop a critical appreciation of art, music, literature, and drama	0	۲	۲	٥
[q19g] Understand the process of science and experimentation	0	O	o	o
[q19h] Create original ideas and solutions	•	0	•	0
[q19i] Resolve interpersonal conflicts constructively	0	O	O	O
[q19j] Judge the merits of arguments based on their sources, methods, and reasoning	•	0	•	0
[q19k] Function effectively as a member of a team	0	O	o	o
[q19]] Take a leadership role	0	©	•	0
[q19m] Leam on your own	O	O	o	o
[q19n] Relate well to people of different races, nations, and religions	0	©	0	O
[q19p] Conduct scholarly research	O	O	O	O

[q20] How many members of your class at Cornell do you know personally? These may be people you have met and talked with in person or communicated with online, etc.

None1

2-3

• 4-5

More than 5



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[q21] Overall, how satisfied are you that you will attend Cornell this fall?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Ambivalent
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

[SRI Note: Drop-down menu of "q22" had numbers from "1" to "20 or more" in intervals of 1.]

[q22] To how many colleges or universities did you apply, counting Cornell?

-- Select --

[q23] Were you accepted to your first choice school?

Yes

[q24] Among the colleges that you applied to, how would you rank Cornell?

- First choice
- Second choice
- Third choice
- Less than third choice

Please tell us about your admissions tests:

	How many times did you take this test?					Did you take a	ake a test prep class?		
	Did not take	1 time	2 times	3 times	4+ times	Yes	No		
[q25a1] [q25b1] SAT	O	0	O	O	O	O	O		
[q25a2] [q25b2] ACT	۲	۲	۲	0	٥	٥	0		



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EXPECTATIONS FOR COLLEGE

How important is it that Cornell provides you with the following?

	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Very Important	Essential
[q26a] A broad liberal arts education	0	O	O	O
[q26b] Opportunities to develop skills valuable in the workforce	۲	۲	0	0
[q26c] Contact with individuals whose backgrounds (e.g., race, socioeconomic status, nationality, sexual orientation) are different from your own	O	0	O	0
[q26d] Opportunities to discover and pursue your intellectual passion	•	•	0	0
[q26e] Experiences that help you develop and clarify a personal code of values or ethics	0	O	O	O
[q26f] Skills for lifelong learning	۲	•	0	0
[q26g] A global perspective	O	0	O	O
[q26h] Deep expertise in a specific discipline or area of study	0	0	0	0

[q27] Here is a list of majors currently offered by Cornell. As of right now, in which area are you most likely to major?

-- Select --

[q28] How confident are you that this will be the right major for you?

- Not confident at all/ Don't know enough yet
- Slightly confident
- Somewhat confident
- Confident
- Very confident

How likely are you to do each of the following at Cornell?

	Not at all		Somewhat	
	likely	A little likely	likely	Very likely
[q29a] Get a job to help pay for college expenses	O	O	O	O
[q29b] Participate in community service as part of a course (e.g., service-learning course)	۲	۲	0	0

[q29c] Participate in community service NOT as part of a course	0	0	o	0
[q29d] Study abroad	۲	٥	٥	۲
[q29e] Transfer to another institution	0	O	O	0
[q29f] Work with a professor on a research project	۲	٥	0	۲
[q29g] Do independent study (self-designed credit courses)	0	O	O	0
[q29h] Have an internship	۲	۲	0	۲
[q29i] Join a student club or organization	0	O	O	O
[q29j] Participate in intercollegiate athletics (NCAA)	•	0	0	۲
[q29k] Join a fraternity or sorority	O	O	O	O
[q29I] Take on a leadership role in a campus committee, student organization, or other non-academic project	۲	0	0	۲
[q29m] Use multicultural services	O	O	O	O



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During your undergraduate years at Cornell, how interested are you in doing the following activities?

	Not at all interested	Slightly interested	Somewhat interested	Very interested
[q30a] Discussing intellectual ideas with other students outside of class	0	O	O	O
[q30b] Seeking advice from faculty on your academic plans	0	0	0	0
[q30c] Having intellectual discussions with faculty members outside of class	0	O	O	O
[q30d] Having coffee or dining with a faculty member	0	0	0	0
[q30e] Taking courses offered outside your undergraduate college	0	O	O	O

How do you prefer to communicate and keep up to date on the following topics? (Select all that apply)

		Commu				
Торіс	E-Mail	Text Messaging	Facebook	Twitter	Other media	Please specify other
Academic information from faculty (e.g., about your course assignments, research opportunities)	🗖 [q31a1]	🗖 [q31b1]	🗖 [q31c1]	🗖 [q31d1]	🗖 [q31e1]	[q31e1_spec]
Official information from Cornell (e.g., grades, bursar account)	[q31a2]	🗖 [q31b2]	[q31c2]	🗖 [q31d2]	[q31e2]	[q31e2_spec]
Critical or emergency information from Cornell (e.g., university closures)	🗖 [q31a3]	🗖 [q31b3]	[q31c3]	🗖 [q31d3]	🗖 [q31e3]	[q31e3_spec]
Student groups and social events at Cornell	[q31a4]	[q31b4]	[q31c4]	[q31d4]	[q31e4]	[q31e4_spec]
Personal communications with family	🗖 [q31a5]	🗏 [q31b5]	[q31c5]	[q31d5]	🗖 [q31e5]	[q31e5_spec]
Personal communications with friends	🔳 [q31a6]	[q31b6]	[q31c6]	[q31d6]	[q31e6]	[q31e6_spec]

How important is it that Cornell provides you with the following technology resources?

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Very important	Essential
[q32a] Access to fully furnished computer labs	0	O	O	O
[q32b] Access to meeting or study space that can support your own computer	0	0	0	0
[q32c] Electronic textbooks available on your personal device (laptop, mobile, desktop)	0	O	O	©
[q32d] On-line course material	0	0	0	0
[q32e] Easy access to secure computer storage	0	O	O	0

[q32f] Wired network in the residential halls	0	۲	©	0
[q32g] Wireless network in the residential halls	0	O	O	0
[q32h] Wireless network everywhere on campus	۲	©	O	۲
[q32i] Access to class/course information using a mobile device	O	O	O	0
[q32j] Access to your official student records using a mobile device	0	O	O	۲



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[q33] Will you be taking out any student loans to help finance your first year at Cornell?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

[q34] As of right now, how concerned are you about your family's ability to pay for your Cornell education?

- Not at all
- A little
- Quite a bit
- A great deal



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[q35] Do you currently intend to pursue a graduate or professional degree after you complete your bachelor's degree?

Yes No

[SRI Note: "q36a-j" was displayed if "q35" answered "Yes"]

What degree(s) do you currently intend to pursue? Mark all that apply.

- [q36a] Master's degree in the Arts & Sciences (e.g., MA, MS)
- [q36b] Master's degree in Engineering
- [q36c] Master's degree in Business (MBA)
- [q36d] Other/Prof. Masters (e.g., MEd, MPA, MSW, MSN, MAT, MPH, MFA)
- [q36e] Professional doctorate (e.g., EdD, DDiv, PsyD)
- [q36f] Ph.D.
- [q36g] Medical degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM)
- [q36h] Law degree (e.g., JD, LLB)
- [q36i] Other degree or certificate [q36i_spec] Please specify:
- [q36] Undecided about which advanced degree

How important is each of the following to you as you think about your own life and future?

	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Very Important	Essential
[q37a] Raising a family	O	O	O	O
[q37b] Doing work that is in accordance with your philosophy or religion	0	©	©	0
[q37c] Participating in religious activities	O	O	O	O
[q37d] Doing creative and expressive work	۲	0	0	۲
[q37e] Expressing yourself artistically	O	O	O	O
[q37f] Being a leader in your community	0	0	0	0
[q37g] Participating in politics or community affairs	O	O	O	O
[q37h] Working for social and political change	0	O	©	0
[q37i] Volunteering	O	0	O	O
[q37j] Being well-off financially	0	0	0	0

[q37k] Being successful in a business of your own	0	0	o	0
[q37I] Having managerial responsibility	۲	٥	٥	۲
[q37m] Learning about other cultures and nations	0	O	O	O
[q37n] Getting to know people from diverse backgrounds	0	0	۲	۲
[q37p] Living or working abroad	O	O	O	O
[q37q] Traveling abroad	0	0	٥	۲
[q37r] Contributing to science and innovation	O	O	O	©
[q37s] Being a leader in your field	0	0	0	0



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[gender] What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Transgender/gender-variant

[sexual_orient] What is your sexual orientation?

- Heterosexual
- Gay/lesbian
- Bisexual
- Queer
- Questioning
- Not specified

Do you have any of the following disabilities or medical conditions?

	No	Yes
[q38a] Learning disability (reading or math disorder, CAPD, etc.)	O	O
[q38b] Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)	0	0
[q38c] Physical or sensory disability (mobility, hearing, vision, speech, etc.)	O	O
[q38d] Chronic illness (seizure disorder, diabetes, autoimmune disorder, etc.)	0	©
[q38e] Psychological disorder (depression, anxiety disorder, etc.)	O	O
[q38f] Other	0	0

Over your undergraduate years at Cornell, what is your best guess as to the chances that you will:

	No chance	Very little chance	Some chance	Very good chance
[q39a] Use disability services and accommodations	O	0	۲	0
[q39b] Seek psychological counseling	0	0	0	0

[q40] About how many people do you have in your personal life that you can really open up to about your most private feelings without having to hold back?

- None
- 0 1
- 0 2

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4 or more

[SRI Note: Subcategories for corresponding race displayed if any race was checked]

What is your race or ethnicity? Mark all that apply, including subcategories.

[natam] American Indian or Alaska Native	
[alsknat] Alaska Native/Aleut	[navajo] Navajo
[cherokee] Cherokee	[seneca] Seneca
[chippewa] Chippewa	[sioux] Sioux
[choctaw] Choctaw	[othiroqs] Other Iroquois Nation
[mohawk] Mohawk	[othamind] Other American Indian
[asian] Asian	
 [chinese] Chinese 	[pakistan] Pakistani
 [filipino] Filipino 	[seasian] Other Southeast Asian
[indic] Indian	[otheasia] Other East Asian
[japanese] Japanese	[othindsb] Other Indian Subcontinent
[korean] Korean	[othasian] Other Asian
[vietnam] Vietnamese	
[black] Black or African American	
[usaframr] U.S./African American	[sablck] South American
[afrblck] African	[othblk] Other Black
[crbblck] Caribbean	
[hisp] Hispanic or Latino	
[cntrltno] Central American	[saltno] South American Latino
[cubano] Cubano	[spanish] Spanish
[mexican] Mexican/Chicano	[othisp] Other Hispanic/Latino
[prtoric] Puerto Rican	
[hawaii] Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific	Islander
[guam] Guamanian	[samoan] Samoan
[hawntve] Hawaiian Native	E [pacisInd] Other Pacific Islander
Indital White	
 [white] White [eurwhite] European 	[othwhite] Other White
[mdlewhte] Middle Eastern	- formula succession

[veteran] Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, Military Reserves, or National Guard?

Yes No

[q41] Is English your native/first language?

Yes No

[q48] Which religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition do you practice or identify with?

- Protestant
- Roman Catholic
- Another type of Christian (Orthodox, LDS, etc.)
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Some other religious, spiritual, or philosophical tradition
- Spiritual but do not identify with a religious tradition or group
- Atheist
- None

[q42] How would you describe your political views?

- Very liberal
- Liberal
- Moderate/Middle-of-the-road
- Conservative
- Very conservative
- Something else
- Haven't thought that much about it

What is the highest level of education completed by your parents or stepparents?

	This parent's relationship to you			This parent's education						
	Mother or Stepmother	Father or Stepfather	Other	No high school diploma	High school diploma or equivalent	Post-secondary school other than college	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or Professional degree	Unsure/Don't Know
[q43a1] [q43b1] Parent 1	O	©	0	o	0	©	©	O	O	0
[q43a2] [q43b2] Parent 2	0	0	©	o	0	0	0	O	0	0

Did either of your parents attend Cornell? (Mark all that apply.)

- [q44a] Yes, for undergraduate studies
- [q44b] Yes, for graduate studies
- [q44c] No

[q45] What is your best estimate of the total annual before-tax income of the parent, parents, and/or stepparents who will help pay for your undergraduate education? Your best guess is fine.

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,000 \$49,999
- \$50,000 \$74,999
- \$75,000 \$99,999
- \$100,000 \$124,999
- \$125,000 \$149,999
- \$150,000 \$174,999

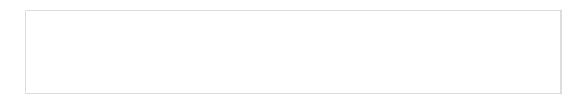
- \$175,000 \$199,999
- \$200,000 \$249,999
- \$250,000 \$499,999
- \$500,000 or above



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[q46] As you think about starting your first year at Cornell, what are you most looking forward to?

[q47] What do you think your biggest challenge will be at Cornell?





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