

U. Miami Non-undergraduate Survey: Humanities Influences

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In this report, we analyze a cluster of questions (Q48, Q150, Q152) which asked non-undergraduates about their influences in their ideas about the humanities.

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Q48 - Do you feel that your ideas about the humanities have been influenced by any forms of media? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents: 143 out of 236

Newspapers: 25%

Magazines: 23%

TV: 42%

Film: 43%

Social media: 41%

Online forums: 19%

Other (10 answers, all specified): 4%

No answer: 39%

“Other”:¹

- literature/books (3)
- discussions or their own experience: (3)
- personal experience only (1)
- cultural expectations of prestige (1)
- “I think, regardless of whether they have succeeded or failed, all of the aforementioned forms of media attempt to influence everyone’s ideas about humanities daily” (1)
- “any media that is not inherently superficial (eg. 140 characters social feed) or predominantly commercial” (1)
- “Grumpy Eleanor of Aquitaine rocks!” (1)

¹ One person said “Books; conversations with friends and colleagues” and has been counted in both categories, hence the total coming to eleven.

Q150: Do you feel that your ideas about the humanities have been influenced by your friends or family? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents: 137 out of 236

Family: 40%

Friends: 50%

No answer: 42%

Q152: Do you feel that your ideas about the humanities have been influenced by your teachers or educational experiences? (Please check all that apply.)

Total Respondents: 167 out of 236

College teachers or instructors: 51%

High school teachers or instructors: 44%

College classes you have taken: 48%

High school classes you have taken: 34%

Independent study: 25%

Other: 3%

No answer: 29%

“Other”²:

- athletics
- life and work experiences
- middle school teachers
- advisers
- colleagues
- "Later in life, as the human ____* __ [sic] becomes more salient. (*condition, predicament, spirit, experiment)"

² Of the six total respondents, all specified their answers.