### 2010 CIRP Profile of EWU Freshmen

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<th><strong>WHO THEY ARE</strong></th>
<th><strong>WHAT THEY THINK</strong></th>
<th><strong>WHAT THEY HOPE TO ACHIEVE</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Race and ethnicity</strong></td>
<td><strong>Political views</strong></td>
<td><strong>Highest academic degree planned</strong></td>
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<td>White/caucasian (86.20%)</td>
<td>Middle of the road (50.30%)</td>
<td>None (1.60%)</td>
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<td>African-American/Black (5.40%)</td>
<td>Liberal (21.10%)</td>
<td>Associate (2.30%)</td>
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<td>Asian-American/Asian (7.30%)</td>
<td>Conservative (24.30%)</td>
<td>Bachelor's degree (26.70%)</td>
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<td>Mexican-American/Chicano (8.90%)</td>
<td>Far Left (2.90%)</td>
<td>Master's degree (42.90%)</td>
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<td>Other Latino (0.90%)</td>
<td>Far Right (1.30%)</td>
<td>Ph.D. or Ed.D. (15.50%)</td>
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<td>Other (4.00%)</td>
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#### Agree strongly or somewhat with these statements:
- The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution (69.10%)
- Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now (72.90%)
- The federal government should do more to control the sale of handguns (61.90%)
- Global warming should be a federal priority (54.50%)
- A national health-care plan is needed to cover everybody's medical costs (62.90%)
- Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished (56.30%)
- The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit (40.30%)

**First generation in college**
- Yes (24.10%)
- No (75.90%)

**Current religious preference**
- Roman Catholic (12.20%)
- None (24.00%)
- Other Christian (26.20%)
- Baptist (4.70%)
- Church of Christ (9.30%)
- Methodist (2.90%)
- Lutheran (5.60%)
- Jewish (0.40%)
- Presbyterian (4.90%)
- Other (4.40%)
- Episcopal (0.20%)
- Buddhist (1.60%)
- Muslim (0.40%)
- Hindu (0.70%)
- United Ch. of Christ/Cong. (0.90%)
- Eastern Orthodox (0.20%)
- Mormon (0.70%)
- Seventh-Day Adventist (0.70%)
- Quaker (0.00%)

**Best estimate of parents' income**
- Less than $25,000 (19.00%)
- $25,000 to $49,999 (20.20%)
- $50,000 to $74,999 (26.00%)
- $75,000 to $99,999 (16.20%)
- $100,000 to $149,999 (10.90%)
- $150,000 to $199,999 (2.50%)
- $200,000 or more (4.60%)
- History or political science (2.00%)
- Fine arts (3.30%)
- Humanities (2.40%)
- Physical science (3.00%)
- Other technical (9.50%)
- English (1.10%)
- Mathematics or statistics (0.40%)
- Agriculture (0.00%)

**Reasons, listed as very important, for attending college**
- Ability to get a better job (90.00%)
- Learn more about things of interest (86.90%)
- Train for a specific career (86.70%)
- Gain a general education, appreciation of ideas (74.70%)
- Ability to make more money (77.30%)
- Prepare for graduate or professional school (59.30%)
- Become a more cultured person (52.20%)

**Note:** Percentages may not add up to 100 percent because of rounding. EWU N = 462

The categories in this table were taken from a Chronicle of Higher Education table of national norms:

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