Swarthmore College Political Views of First Year Students

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How would you characterize your political views?	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023		2023	2022
	%	%	%	%	%		%	%
Far left	18.3%	15.9%	13.9%	22.0%	18.2%		19.3%	6.4%
Liberal	54.4%	57.3%	54.8%	52.9%	50.9%		45.3%	23.0%
Middle-of-the-road	18.3%	22.8%	24.0%	21.6%	27.6%		27.2%	46.7%
Conservative	8.3%	3.9%	7.2%	3.5%	3.3%		7.7%	21.6%
Far right	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.5%	2.3%
TOTAL (n)	169	232	208	227	214		3,825	33,039

NOTES: Table reflects first-year students. Survey response rates were:

2015 - 48%; 2017- 65%; 2019 - 55%; 2021 - 58%; 2023 - 60%

National totals include all participating baccalaureate institutions but are not nationally representative of all first-time, full-time, first-year students.

SOURCES: CIRP "Freshman Surveys," administered biennially.

[&]quot;Peers" comprise approximately 20 very highly selective Private/Nonsectarian 4-year Colleges.

