Survey of the incoming Princeton Class of 2014

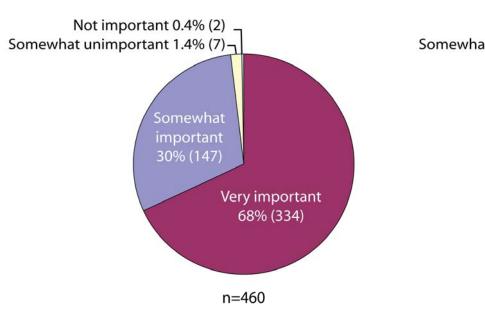
- Topics:
 - Your attitudes about science
 - Tests of your brain functions
 - Brain trivia
- 1131 responses (87% of 1300 incoming freshmen)

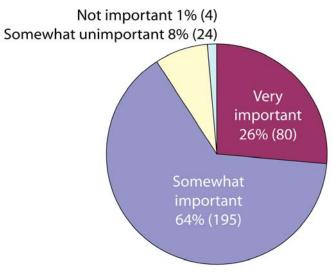
How would you rank the importance of understanding science in your everyday life?

SCIENCE/ENGINEERING/MATH

HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES

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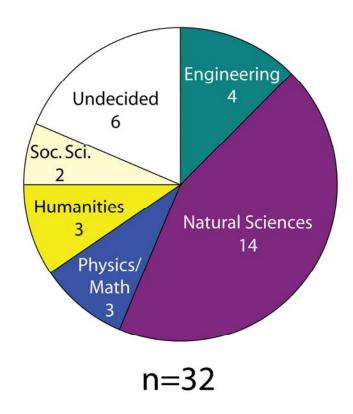




Your brain uses about as much energy as:

a) A car moving down a freeway	120,000 watts	22%
b) An idling car	60,000 watts	12%
c) Ten laptop computers	400 watts	43%
d) One idling laptop computer	15 watts	23%

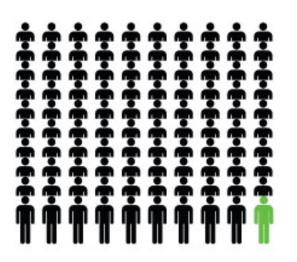
Freshmen with an autism spectrum disorder sibling

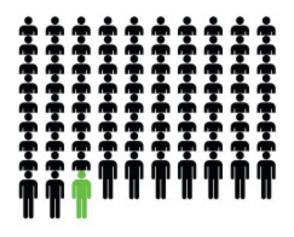


- 32/1131 = 1 out of 35...
- ...but the reported incidence in the US population is only 1 in 170.

Princeton Class of 2014 survey

Incidence of autism spectrum disorder







General US population 1 in 100 (?) Siblings of Princeton humanities/ social science majors 1 in 82 Siblings of Princeton science/math/ engineering majors

1 in 25

Crosstalk between color and grapheme perception?

15 saw the triangle

1 out of 70

3 saw all three effects (definite synesthetes)

1 out of 400

Color-grapheme synesthetes in the general population:

1 out of 200

But 90 of you claimed to be synesthetes...1 out of 12!

"When I look at raw meat, my mouth waters and I want to eat and taste a big steak right then and there."

Not all associations are synesthesia. :-P

"Evolution is the best explanation for the origins of human life on earth."

