

Indicator **57. Attitudes Compared with Parents' Views**

Percent of high school seniors indicating that they agree with their parents on selected topics: 1975 to 1992

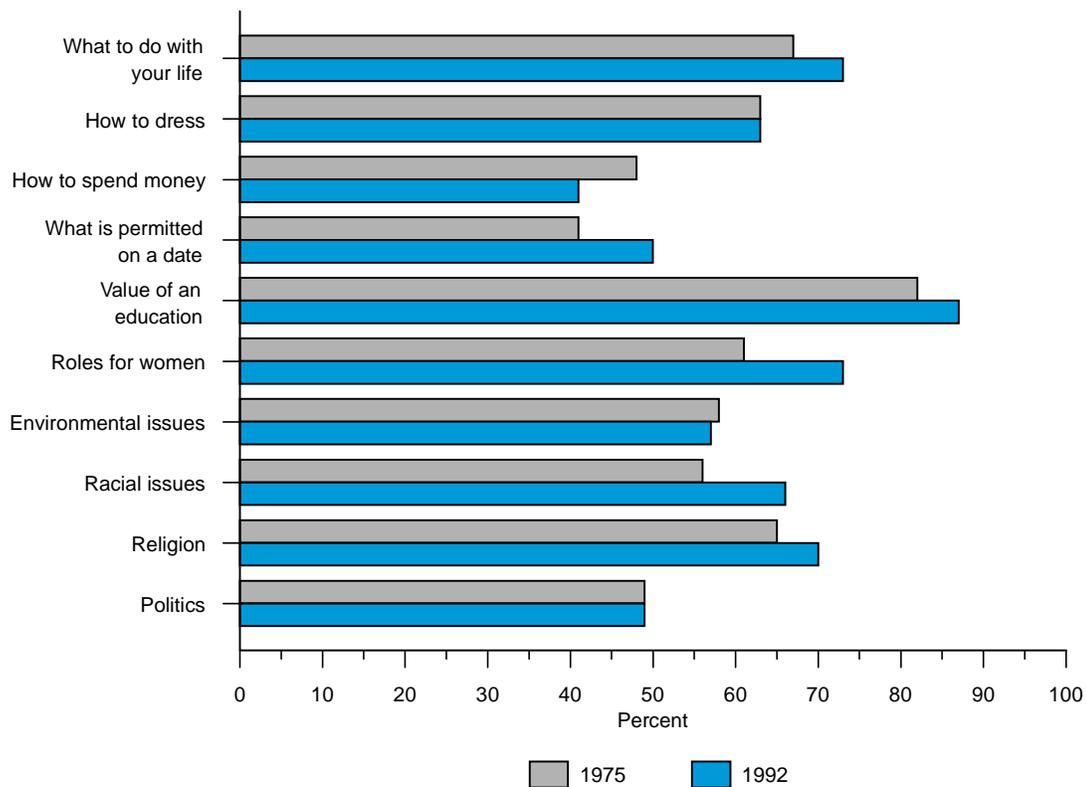
Topic	1975	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
What to do with your life	67	74	72	72	72	71	73	71	70	73
How to dress	63	68	66	65	64	64	63	62	62	63
How to spend money	48	47	44	43	42	42	42	41	39	41
What is permitted on a date	41	48	46	46	45	49	50	47	48	50
Value of an education	82	87	87	87	87	87	87	86	86	87
Roles for women	61	69	70	71	71	72	69	71	71	73
Environmental issues	58	54	53	50	50	48	53	55	57	57
Racial issues	56	61	63	62	62	63	64	64	67	66
Religion	65	72	69	70	68	69	68	69	70	70
Politics	49	49	52	49	46	46	51	48	51	49

NOTE: Includes students reporting "very similar" or "mostly similar" views.

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High school seniors of 1992 agreed more with their parents on six out of ten important topics than seniors in 1975. The level of agreement remained about the same for three other areas, and decreased in only one area, “how to spend money.” Most seniors (87 percent) agreed with their parents on the value of an education. Only about half or fewer of the seniors were in agreement with their parents on how to spend money, what is permitted on a date, and politics.