

Honor System Survey Data 2003

How do you think your friends and acquaintances feel about the Honor System?

Number of responses and percent of total responses.

(Not Answered)	1	0.13 %
Very Positive	83	10.67 %
Somewhat Positive	369	47.43 %
Neutral	182	23.39 %
Somewhat Negative	117	15.04 %
Very Negative	15	1.93 %
Not sure/Not applicable	11	1.41 %

How do you feel about the Honor System?

(Not Answered)	1	0.13 %
Very Positive	168	21.59 %
Somewhat Positive	379	48.71 %
Neutral	126	16.20 %
Somewhat Negative	81	10.41 %
Very Negative	21	2.70 %
Not sure/Not applicable	2	0.26 %

Has your impression of the Honor System changed during your time here at the University?

(Not Answered)	2	0.26 %
Yes, it has improved.	125	16.07 %
Yes, it has declined.	288	37.02 %
No, it has not changed.	305	39.20 %
Not sure/Not applicable	58	7.46 %

Why do you think it has changed? (Choose as many as apply)

(Not Answered)	654	84.06 %
Personal experience with the system	64	8.23 %
Knowledge of another's experience with the system	50	6.43 %
Publicity about the Honor System.	57	7.33 %
Taking the Honor & Ethics seminar.	4	0.51 %
Talking with other students about the System.	56	7.20 %
Attended an educational event.	4	0.51 %
My opinion of the single sanction has changed.	11	1.41 %
Not sure/Not applicable	2	0.26 %

Other (please explain)	10	1.29 %
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As a student, would you initiate an Honor case if you witnessed a clear Honor violation?

(Not Answered)	2	0.26 %
Yes	281	36.12 %
No	91	11.70 %
Would depend on the person involved	217	27.89 %
Not sure/Not applicable	187	24.04 %

What was the subject matter of the most recent conversation? (Choose all that apply)

(Not Answered)	287	36.89 %
Racial concerns	97	12.47 %
Legal concerns	61	7.84 %
Personal experiences with the Honor System	126	16.20 %
The single sanction	183	23.52 %
The Honor pledge	188	24.16 %
Reporting in the Cavalier Daily or other publication	114	14.65 %
Representative elections or referendum	71	9.13 %
Whether or not a certain act is considered an Honor offense	247	31.75 %
Support officer participation	24	3.08 %
The Bloomfield cases	158	20.31 %
The Adam Boyd open trial	157	20.18 %
Not sure/Not applicable	11	1.41 %
Other (please describe)	37	4.76 %

How would you describe the general tone of that conversation?

(Not Answered)	287	36.89 %
Very Positive	23	2.96 %
Somewhat Positive	122	15.68 %
Neutral	152	19.54 %
Somewhat Negative	151	19.41 %
Very Negative	31	3.98 %
Not sure/Not applicable	12	1.54 %

Do you believe you have witnessed an Honor offense?

Yes	194	24.94 %
No	460	59.13 %

Not sure/Not applicable	124	15.94 %
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Did you initiate an Honor case?

(Not Answered)	584	75.06 %
Yes	4	0.51 %
No	187	24.04 %
Not sure/Not applicable	3	0.39 %

Why did you not initiate an honor case? Please check as many as apply.

(Not Answered)	594	76.35 %
I did not want to be responsible for dismissing another student.	108	13.88 %
I feared potential legal reprisal.	13	1.67 %
The person involved was a friend.	52	6.68 %
I think the process is too time-consuming.	46	5.91 %
I took it to the professor or teaching assistant to initiate it.	13	1.67 %
I did not think the offense was serious enough to warrant an initiation.	118	15.17 %
I was unsure how to go about initiating a case.	36	4.63 %
I didn't want to get involved.	76	9.77 %
Not sure/Not applicable	3	0.39 %
Other (please explain)	24	3.08 %

Did you watch the "On My Honor" video?

(Not Answered)	3	0.39 %
Yes	478	61.44 %
No	194	24.94 %
I did not receive the video.	55	7.07 %
Not sure/Not applicable	48	6.17 %

Are you involved in any student organizations on-Grounds?

(Not Answered)	1	0.13 %
Yes, I am heavily involved.	184	23.65 %
Yes, I am somewhat involved.	453	58.23 %
No, I am not involved at all.	125	16.07 %
Not sure/Not applicable	15	1.93 %

Have you heard about the plagiarism cases initiated in 2001 by Professor Louis Bloomfield from his class "How Things Work?"

Yes	737	94.73 %
No	35	4.50 %
Not sure/Not applicable	6	0.77 %

My knowledge of the Bloomfield cases has led to: (Choose all that apply)

(Not Answered)	477	61.31 %
An increase in my trust of the Honor System	98	12.60 %
A decrease in my trust of the Honor System	88	11.31 %
An increase in my awareness of the Honor System	203	26.09 %
The belief that cheating is more widespread than I originally thought	157	20.18 %
The belief that cheating is less widespread than I originally thought	2	0.26 %
The belief that the Honor System is not as effective as I originally thought	109	14.01 %
The belief that the Honor System is more effective than I originally thought	51	6.56 %
Other (please explain)	32	4.11 %

Has your knowledge of the open trial affected your overall opinion of the Honor System, or has it not been affected?

(Not Answered)	216	27.76 %
Yes, it has improved.	95	12.21 %
Yes, it has declined.	85	10.93 %
No, it has not been affected.	320	41.13 %
Not sure/Not applicable	62	7.97 %

Do you feel you are afforded benefits and privileges due to the existence of the Honor System at the University of Virginia?

(Not Answered)	3	0.39 %
Yes, many	209	26.86 %
Yes, a few	422	54.24 %
No	120	15.42 %
Not sure/Not applicable	24	3.08 %

Would you be more or less likely to initiate an honor case if there were multiple sanctions available, or would it not make any difference?

(Not Answered)	1	0.13 %
More likely	438	56.30 %
It would not make any difference.	246	31.62 %
Less likely	23	2.96 %
Not sure/Not applicable	70	9.00 %

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: the Honor System treats all students fairly, regardless of race, gender, national origin or athletic status.

Strongly agree	136	17.48 %
Agree	246	31.62 %
Neutral.	127	16.32 %
Disagree	133	17.10 %
Strongly disagree	57	7.33 %
Not sure/Not applicable	79	10.15 %

How do you feel about this (single) sanction?

(Not Answered)	2	0.26 %
I fully support the single sanction.	160	20.57 %
I support the single sanction with some reservations.	425	54.63 %
I do not support the single sanction at all.	127	16.32 %
Not sure/Not applicable	32	4.11 %
Other	32	4.11 %

How can the Honor Committee better educate the student body about the Honor System? (Choose as many as apply.)

(Not Answered)	4	0.51 %
Small group discussions about the Honor System during orientation.	264	33.93 %
Have Committee members attend student organization meetings and give a short presentation.	157	20.18 %
A weekly column in the Cavalier Daily discussing Honor issues and concerns.	440	56.56 %
A speakers series including interesting and influential alumni discussing honor and what it means to them.	127	16.32 %
Require all first-year students to take the Honor and Ethics seminar.	242	31.11 %
Provide more information regarding the outcome of Honor	393	50.51 %

proceedings.		
Hold more forums on the Honor System	160	20.57 %
Not sure/Not applicable	63	8.10 %
Other (please explain)	39	5.01 %

How well informed do you feel about the procedural aspects of the Honor System?

(Not Answered)	3	0.39 %
Very well informed	158	20.31 %
Somewhat informed	527	67.74 %
Not at all informed	74	9.51 %
Not sure/Not applicable	16	2.06 %

Do you happen to know who your Honor representatives are?

(Not Answered)	3	0.39 %
Yes	133	17.10 %
No	611	78.53 %
Not sure/Not applicable	31	3.98 %

Which of the following do you think has contributed the most to your current knowledge of the Honor System? (choose all that apply)

(Not Answered)	11	1.41 %
Honor presentation during orientation	410	52.70 %
Honor convocation	120	15.42 %
Honor video	228	29.31 %
Honor educator dorm talks	279	35.86 %
Honor CIO presentation	31	3.98 %
Honor discussion	167	21.47 %
Honor green book	96	12.34 %
None of the above (please describe)	155	19.92 %

Did the Honor System play a role in your choosing to come to the University of Virginia?

(Not Answered)	1	0.13 %
Yes	173	22.24 %
No	570	73.26 %
Not sure/Not applicable	34	4.37 %

Do you think the Honor System is outdated?

Yes, very	28	3.60 %
Yes, somewhat	137	17.61 %
No, not at all	463	59.51 %
Not sure/Not applicable	150	19.28 %

Have you heard of the open trial of Adam Boyd that took place in October 2002?

(Not Answered)	1	0.13 %
Yes	563	72.37 %
No	189	24.29 %
Not sure/Not applicable	25	3.21 %

Why do you think it has changed? (Choose as many as apply)

(Not Answered)	490	62.98 %
Personal experience with the system	75	9.64 %
Knowledge of another's experience with the system	159	20.44 %
Publicity about the Honor System.	84	10.80 %
Taking the Honor & Ethics seminar.	8	1.03 %
Talking with other students about the System.	6	0.77 %
I do not feel trusted.	74	9.51 %
My opinion of the single sanction has changed.	63	8.10 %
Not sure/Not applicable	3	0.39 %
Other (please explain)	34	4.37 %

My knowledge of the open trial has led to: (Choose all that apply)

(Not Answered)	601	77.25 %
An increase in my trust of the Honor System	61	7.84 %
A decrease in my trust of the Honor System	58	7.46 %
An increase in my awareness of the Honor System	106	13.62 %
The belief that the Honor System is not as effective as I originally thought	47	6.04 %
The belief that the Honor System is more effective than I originally thought	42	5.40 %
Other (please explain)	12	1.54 %

Would any of the following factors deter you from initiating an Honor case? (Choose all that apply)

(Not Answered)	283	36.38 %
Uneasiness about possibly causing the dismissal of another student.	396	50.90 %
Fear of legal reprisal or other legal problems.	105	13.50 %
I do not believe in the Honor System generally.	30	3.86 %
A personal relationship with the person committing the offense.	391	50.26 %
Reporting and following through with a case is too time-consuming.	192	24.68 %
I do not believe in the single sanction.	120	15.42 %
The seriousness of the offense.	369	47.43 %
I would prefer not to get involved.	196	25.19 %
None of the above	1	0.13 %
Not sure/Not applicable	8	1.03 %
Other	23	2.96 %

Have you participated in a conversation about the Honor System or the Honor Committee this semester?

(Not Answered)	2	0.26 %
Yes	491	63.11 %
No	285	36.63 %

Has your knowledge of the Bloomfield cases affected your overall opinion of the Honor System, or has it not changed?

(Not Answered)	42	5.40 %
Yes, it has improved.	145	18.64 %
Yes, it has declined.	156	20.05 %
No, it has not changed.	368	47.30 %
Not sure/Not applicable	67	8.61 %

How efficiently do you think the Honor System handled the Bloomfield cases?

(Not Answered)	42	5.40 %
Very efficiently	163	20.95 %
Somewhat efficiently	355	45.63 %
Not efficiently at all	59	7.58 %
Not sure/Not applicable	159	20.44 %

Are you more or less likely to initiate an Honor case as a result of the Bloomfield cases, or has there been no change?

(Not Answered)	41	5.27 %
More likely	45	5.78 %
No change	554	71.21 %
Less likely	65	8.35 %
Not sure/Not applicable	73	9.38 %

Do you feel more or less educated about the Honor System after the open trial or has your opinion remained the same?

(Not Answered)	215	27.63 %
More educated	175	22.49 %
My opinion is unchanged.	322	41.39 %
Not Sure/Not applicable	58	7.46 %

Do you believe you have committed an Honor offense while a student at the University? (Remember, your answer is completely confidential.)

(Not Answered)	1	0.13 %
Yes	42	5.40 %
No	579	74.42 %
Maybe	109	14.01%
Not sure/Not applicable	47	6.04 %