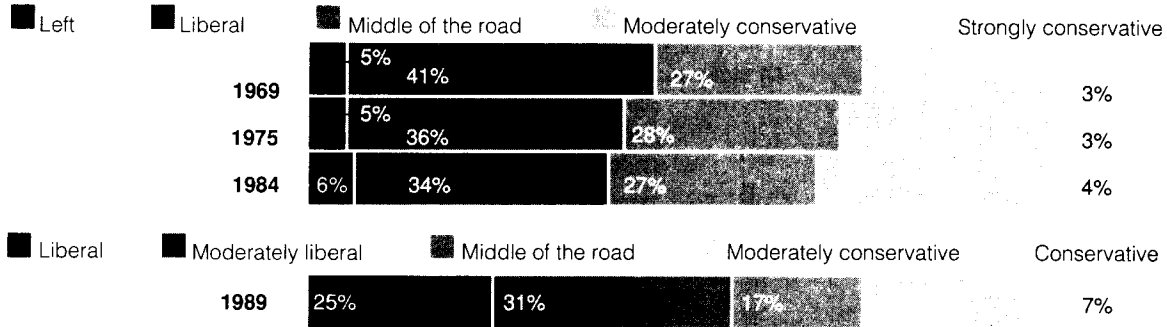


POLITICS OF THE PROFESSORiate

All of the principal groups in the American intellectual community stand to the left of the general public. The Carnegie higher-education surveys show that college professors fit this general pattern. In general, the more prestigious and intellectually achieving segments of academe are more politically liberal than the lower academic tiers.

Question: **How would you characterize yourself politically at the present time?**

Political views of faculty



Note: Totals may be slightly more or less than 100% due to rounding.

Source: 1969: Survey Research Center at the University of California-Berkeley for the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education; 1975: Carnegie Council for Policy Studies on Higher Education; 1984: Opinion Research Corporation for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; 1989: Wirthlin Group for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Question: **How do you characterize yourself politically at the present time?**

Political views of faculty by Carnegie classification of schools*

Legend: Liberal, Moderately liberal, Middle of the road, Moderately conservative, Conservative

Liberal Arts Colleges I: Highly selective; primarily undergraduate; 50+ percent of baccalaureate degrees awarded in arts and sciences.

Research Universities I: Full range of baccalaureate programs; graduate education through doctorate; give high priority to research; receive at least \$33.5 million in federal support annually; award at least 50 Ph.D. degrees each year.

Comprehensive Universities and Colleges I: 50+ percent of baccalaureate degrees in two or more occupational or professional disciplines; nearly all offer graduate education through master's; at least 2,500 students.

Research Universities II: Same as Research I but receive \$12.5-33.5 million in support.

Doctorate-Granting Universities I: Full range of baccalaureate programs; graduate education through doctorate; award at least 40 Ph.D. degrees annually in 5 or more disciplines.

Doctorate-Granting Universities II: Same as Doctorate I but award 20 or more Ph.D. degrees in at least 1 discipline or 10 in at least 3.

Comprehensive Universities and Colleges II: Same as Comprehensive I, but many offer graduate programs; 1,500-2,500 students.

Liberal Arts Colleges II: Same as Liberal Arts I but less selective. Also includes colleges that award less than 50 percent of degrees in arts and sciences but with less than 1,500 students are too small to be listed as comprehensive.

Two-year Community, Junior, and Technical Colleges: Programs through associate level.

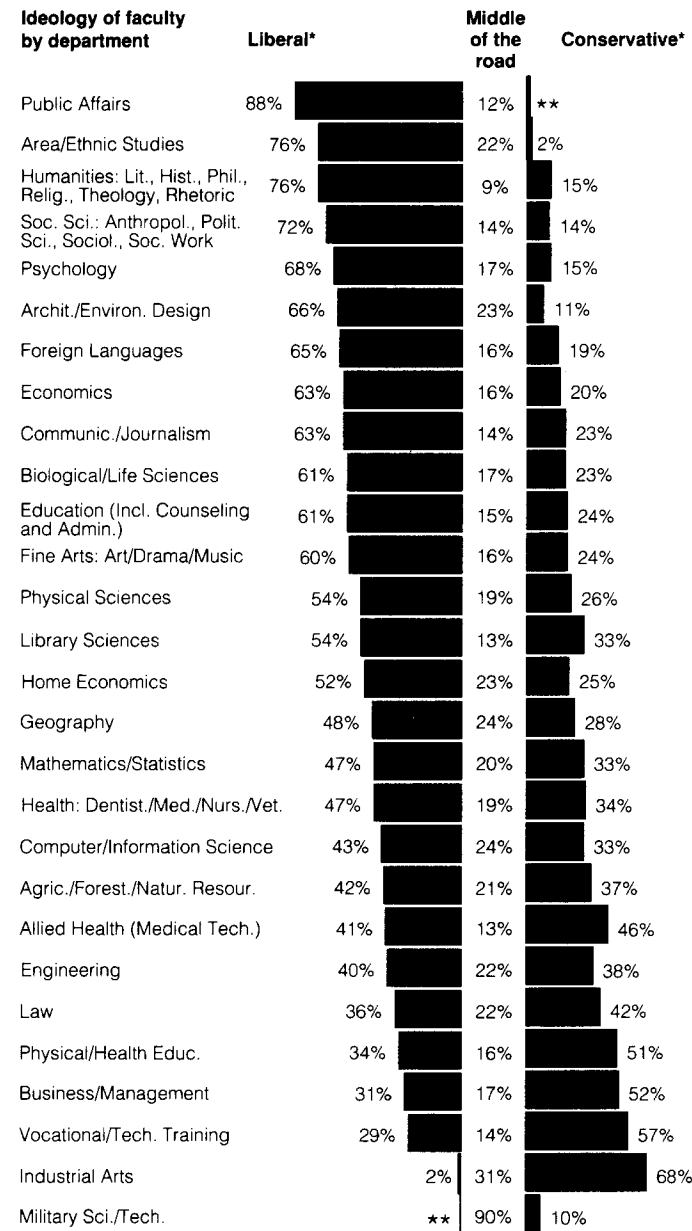


Note: *School classifications found in *A Classification of Institutions of Higher Education*, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 1987. Totals may be slightly more or less than 100% due to rounding.

Source: Secondary analysis of data by Ted J. Smith III, Virginia Commonwealth University. Survey by the Wirthlin Group for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 1989.

Within academe, discipline sharply differentiates faculty social and political views. The social science and humanities fields are at one end of the continuum, more liberal politically and more inclined to dissent from prevailing social values of the larger society; while the applied professional fields are the more conservative and "traditional".

Question: **How would you characterize yourself politically at the present time?**

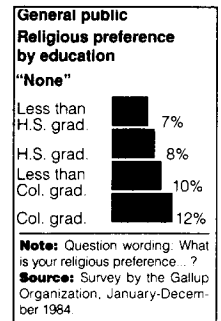
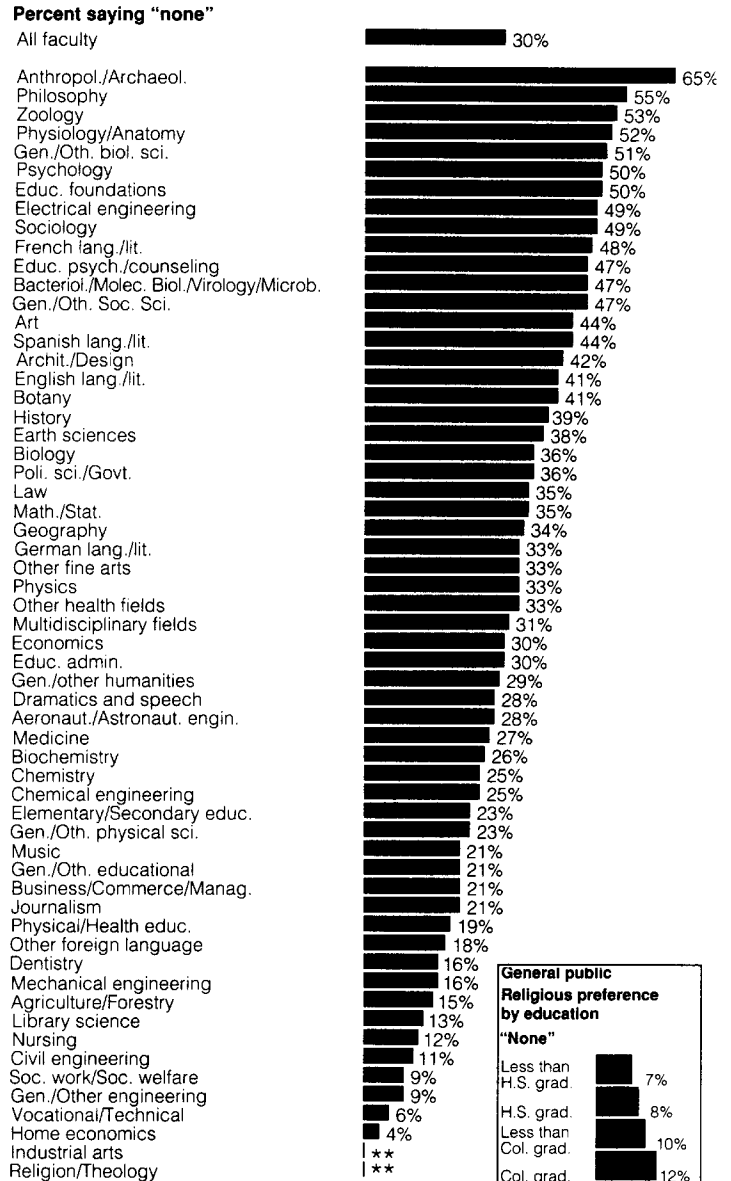


Note: "Combines "Liberal" and "Moderately liberal"; combines "Moderately conservative" and "Conservative". ** = 0%.

Source: Secondary analysis of data by Ted J. Smith III, Virginia Commonwealth University. Survey by the Wirthlin Group for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 1989.

Question: **What is your present religion?**

Religious preference of faculty by department



Note: No department of appointment = 20%; All other fields = 19%. ** = 0%.

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