



QE Data Challenge Progress Final Presentation

Team US2B



Data: Dataset 6

STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON RETURNING TO NORMAL LIFE AFTER COVID-19 (NEW YORK TIMES)

High school students to the prompt “**Are you nervous about returning to normal life?**” (March 2021)

315 comments



208 comments

Northeast (112)
Southeast (96)

STUDENT OPINION

Are You Nervous About Returning to Normal Life?

After a year of living with new routines and habits, are there aspects of going back to prepandemic school, work and social life that concern you?

Reader Picks All



Michael

New York | March 25

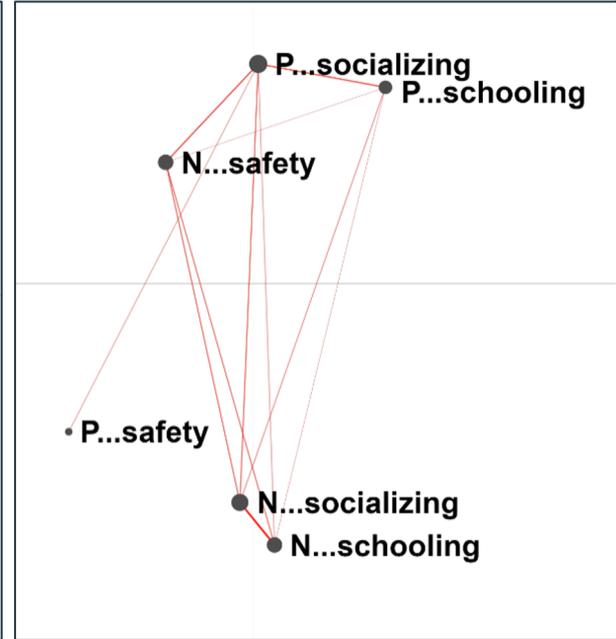
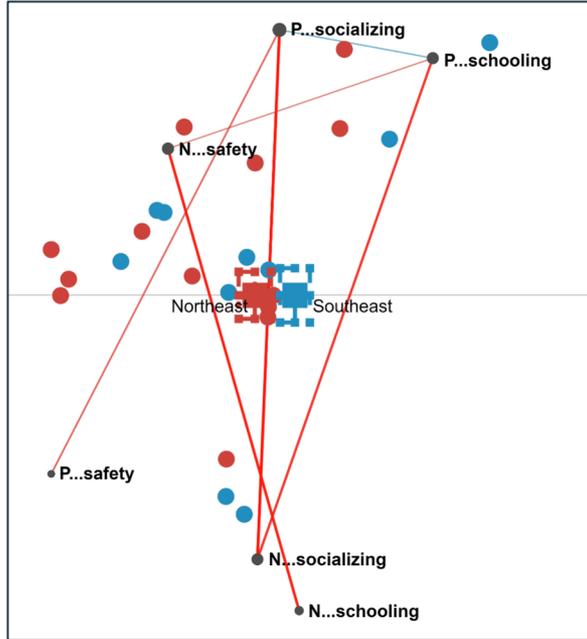
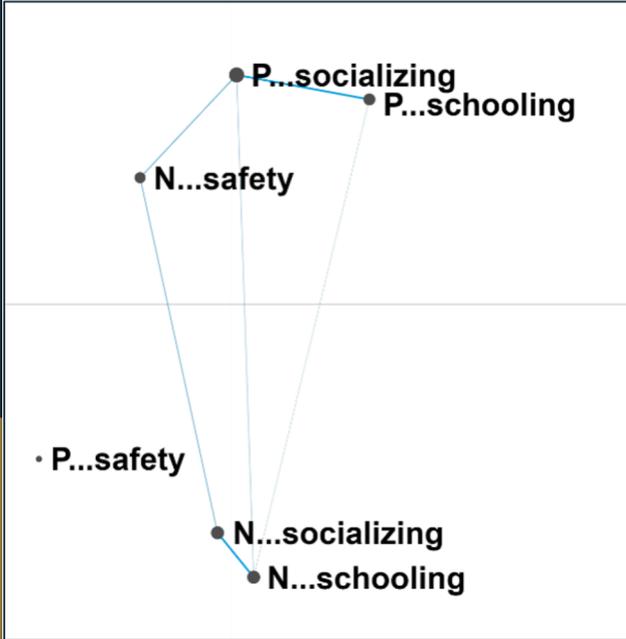
I feel like the pandemic has made it worst for me and other people to learn because its easier to understand what we need to do in school then at home because when you are at home you sometimes get distracted with stuff and then you don't know what to do which can lead to stress or other kinds of problems including family problems but in school you can get a lot more help if you don't understand some stuff and you can get help from friends which is hard to make in zoom or meet,Another thing is that you cant play the games that you used to play in school which can help you release a lot of stress which can help you concentrate and make you understand the work that is handed to you

Research Question

How do students' considerations on returning to school vary between students in Southeast and Northeast in the U.S.?

Code	Definition	Example
Positive-Socializing	Positive about going back to school because they prefer to have social activities/interactions with friends and people.	"I don't feel all too anxious about returning to normal life. It may be strange getting back to normal human interaction at first, but I have no concerns over the virus."
Negative-Socializing	Negative about going back to school because they are worried/not comfortable with socializing with people.	"In addition to this, I am scared to get covid or get my loved ones sick." "The only thing I am worried about is the chance of getting corona, even with people vaccinated. "
Positive-Safety	Positive about going back to school because they think it's safe.	"Because more than a year has passed since we entered lockdown, I have grown accustomed to Zoom calls and staying home, but as soon as I have the option, I would ditch these for some form of in-person human interaction."
Negative-Safety	Negative about going back to school because they don't think it's safe.	"Even being back in school, I am still anxious when it comes to those interactions with other people because I went so long without them."
Positive-Schooling	Positive about going back to school because they prefer in-person school elements (ex. Group activities, walking hallways, talking with friends during the breaks)	"This shows that being around other students can help motivate you to do better. Also seeing all of your friends and doing group work can help you do better and work harder, rather than being at home by yourself."
Negative-Schooling	Negative about going back to school because they prefer remote learning better.	"Some classes I enjoy better virtually than I would have in-person, since the teachers are understanding and communicative about the workload they're assigning."

ENA Results



Qualitative examples

Southeast (P.socializing - P. schooling) : “While I enjoyed these online classes and had a lot more freedom on the ways that I could complete my work, going back into the classroom restricted my freedom but made it a lot easier to focus and it was nice to be with my friends again.”

Northeast (P.safety - P.socializing): “I don’t feel all too anxious about returning to normal life. It may be strange getting back to normal human interaction at first, but I have no concerns over the virus. In-person interactions will definitely be draining at first, however they will be much more fulfilling than those through a screen.”

Limitations & Future work

- Self-reported data with limited sample size
- We investigated HOW students' considerations different among the two regions, in the future we can dive in and understand WHY such differences exist