



# You told us!

At *The Week Junior*, we know young people have opinions about what's happening in the world and want to use their voices to make a difference. We worked with YouGov, a company that creates polls, to conduct our fourth annual Junior Voices survey about what's on kids' minds and what they want adults to know. The 702 children, ages 8 to 14, who responded care deeply about others and are not afraid to speak up to inspire positive change. Here's what they had to say.

## What are the actions you most wish would happen in the world?

Here are your top five priorities for making our planet a better place.



**82%** of kids said they should have a say on issues that affect them



**74%** are not afraid to express their opinion if they disagree with something



**71%** believe their actions can make a difference in the world now



**67%** talk about current events with friends and family at least every few days



**60%** often think about how climate change will affect their life as an adult



**44%** are curious to learn more about specific topics after discussing current events

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## Which newsmakers inspired you most this year?



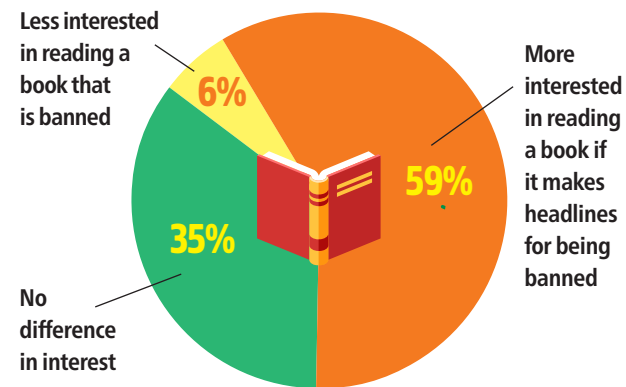
## What are the issues that you wish elected officials would pay the most attention to?

You said these seven actions should be the top priorities for lawmakers.



## How do you feel about book bans?

A record number of challenges were made to remove books from public schools and local libraries this year, and you have opinions about that.



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## What are your biggest concerns about school life?

You said these are the areas you are most worried about.

- 1** Putting a stop to bullying
- 2** Making sure schools are safe from intruders
- 3** Ensuring that all students are treated equally, regardless of race, gender, or other factors
- 4** Managing tests and homework

## If you could tell the adults of the world ONE THING, what would it be?

"Practice kindness."

"Give kids their space and respect their opinions."

"Take care of the environment."

"Kids are much smarter than you give them credit for."

"Be more understanding."

"Stop judging and bullying those who are different from us."

"We want you to pay more attention to our mental health."

"Listen to kids. Our future is on the line."

