

Student Life

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REACH

The REACH club was a philanthropy club based on community service. Their goal was to organize and execute fundraisers/drives to help less privileged groups in the world. This year alone, they have packed over 100 Christmas presents that went to kids that live in third world countries. They have also raised money for the victims of the Philippines Typhoon and the people living in Ukraine. They have contributed not only to people around the world, but to local communities as well. For instance, they have done countless trash pickups around the school and held food drives. They aim to continue to raise money and to help people out in the community.



Origami

Katelyn Lee ('22) was the founder of the new origami club at d.tech this school year, after being inspired by her passion for origami that sparked in middle school. All of the instructions and paper was provided, so club members had the freedom to create anything that they wished to make in the realm of origami. The club served as a great space for students to destress and relax while doing something fun.



Hardware

Hardware Club was a safe and inclusive space for computer enthusiasts to meet and discuss technology and talk about electrical engineering. Kaelan Yim ('24) founded it last year after noticing there was quite a lot of interest for technology among the d.tech community. This year, they have repaired a few old computers and started working on creating a DNS resolver in the school using a Raspberry Pi.



Culinary Arts

Culinary Arts Club was founded this year by two sophomores, Elizabeth Cheng and Isabelle Louie. The goal of this club was to create an environment where students could meet new people and learn new cooking skills together. This year, they made spring rolls, mochi, waffles, pancakes, chocolate covered strawberries, and more.



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Robotics : 5940 BREAD

Team 5940 provides a space for d.tech students to explore and apply STEM skills. The team competes annually in several competitions and builds a new robot every January-February in 8-10 weeks. Students learn machining, CAD, fundraising, programming, art, and more. This year, the team has competed in several competitions: being the winners of Monterey Bay Regional, being an alliance captain and champion in the Roebing division.

They even took the title as the 6th best FRC robotics team at the Einstein's World Championship International Competition in Houston! All along the way, BREAD won various other awards such as the Autonomous Award sponsored by Ford, the Innovation in Control Award, and the Entrepreneurship Award (due to a detailed business plan and team structure)



Team 5940 members at the beach in Houston, the location of the Einstein's World Championship International Competition.



Buddies without Borders



Buddies without Borders at d.tech was started by senior Krikor Kevranian. This club allows students to communicate with refugees from all over the world. The purpose of the club is to give back to the world by teaching refugees and immigrants English so that they can be better prepared for the future adventures that await them. "We are able to make a massive impact on the lives of others through cultural exchange, conversations, and friendships that are formed through the many meeting we have with our buddies," Krikor states. This wouldn't be possible without their partnership with The Habibi Center, an organization in Greece that supports refugees on their journey.

The Dragon Newspaper



The Dragon Newspaper is d.tech's official newspaper. Senior Isabella Gamez and Junior Steven Sutton led the team for yet another year, continuing to keep students updated on the happenings around d.tech. Whether it be a new teacher bio, an Op-Ed piece on the time during quarantine, or a report on the state of students' happiness overall, The Dragon covers a wide variety of topics. This is largely thanks to its diverse group of writers and editors, who keep the news coming on their website. The Dragon also published their print newspaper during late March of this year. It was truly a unique experience to see newspapers being handed out at the front doors, as well as the abundance of people carrying them while walking the halls inside.



VR Club

Led by senior Zoey Kirchner, VR club attracts many students interested in the potential of VR. Meeting every week, this club not only involves students in a unique technological environment, but also has brought in multiple guest speakers influential within the VR industry. This club also sparked multiple VR intersession classes, led by both Zoey Kirchner and Krikor Kevranian ('22). These classes instructed around 35+ students, who learned how to utilize the self-expression and virtual functionality of VR.



VR club is led by Zoey Kirchner (below).



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Design for Assistive Technology (D4AT)

This was the founding year of D4AT. In D4AT we design assistive technology for people with disabilities and mobility struggles in our local community. This year we worked on three different engineering projects to help an individual with their daily tasks. Projects included a broom for users with arthritis and back issues to be able to broom easier and a weed picker that does not require the user to strain their back. To design these technologies we use mechanical engineering and Computer-Aided Design. In April 2022, the club also participated in the nationwide D4AT maker fair, where students shared their engineering projects.

d.leadership



As a student group aimed at bringing the school community closer together, d.leadership is a club inherently tied to many of d.tech's biggest events. This year, the leadership took up many tasks that they couldn't do during the rough Coronavirus quarantine last year. It took a lot of dedication and hard work from the students to make these large events happen this year, but it was definitely worth it in the end. We not only saw the return of many fundraisers, boba sales, and community meeting events, but we also received the gift of a formal this year, something that undoubtedly helped many students feel new hope for the future of socializing.



[Above] d.leadership members gathering around in the sunshine to talk.

Rock Band

If you've ever wanted to show off your musical (or singing) skills on stage, look no further than Rock Band. This club has been featured in many d.tech events in the past, including community meetings, themed dances, and more. When they are not playing at large d.tech events, this club can be found practicing--most often outside d.tech on the back patio.



Dino Zammit ('22) and James Stevens ('22) playing guitar and drums outside d.tech.

Spirit Club

Each year, a group of students takes it upon themselves to make d.tech the most spirited it can be! This group comes together as the Spirit Club, and they have put on many unique fundraisers, spirit events, and more this past school year. The mission of the Spirit Club is to build community and spirit here at d.tech. Started during COVID, they have really been able to get to work. This year, the club has coordinated, advertised, and ran many different events such as Frosty Friday, a day where the Mr. Softee soft serve truck comes to d.tech, and students get to enjoy delicious ice cream--at least before it melts! They have also hosted the Ping Pong Tournament, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Halloween Candy Grams.



AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

New Student Orientation

On August 14, ninth and tenth graders filed into the d.tech atrium for the first time for New Student Orientation (NSO). After almost two years of virtual learning, students could finally return to school and see their friends. But there was still a lot to learn -- especially since these students were experiencing in-person high school for the first time. NSO served as a preview for first-year students and transfer sophomores to learn what d.tech was all about and get a taste of the next four years. There were tours, upperclassmen panels, and welcome activities. New students met their classmates, got to know each other by making personalized name tags, and socialized over the pizza lunch!



[Above] Seniors Kasvi Singh and Roxy Baggott talk to new students about life at d.tech.





Movie Night

d.tech has everything a student could want: the DRG, a super cool campus, awesome classes, and of course, the monthly movie night! Each month, d.leadership planned a spectacular movie night -- a night filled with fun, snacks, and, of course, a movie! Students arrived at school with their blankets, pillows, and pajamas. They crunched on popcorn, relaxed with friends, and watched a movie. d.leadership picked out the movie choices, and the students chose their favorite. It was a perfect monthly tradition so that d.tech students could balance out classes and school with a well-deserved break. And what's better than getting together with friends on a Friday night to watch a movie?

[Below] Katelyn Lee ('22), Maxwell Kwan ('22), Zachary LaPedis ('22), Samantha Saito ('22), and Maile Sakamoto ('22) shooting water guns at the first day of school party!



OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Halloween Dance



Kayla Lumbre ('22), Carter Wong ('22), Aidan Hsiao ('22), Zooley Kirchner ('22), Koko Kevranian ('22), and Luke Chinen ('22) are having a blast at the Halloween Dance!

At 7:15 pm on October 28, d.tech opened its doors for the first dance of the year -- the Halloween Dance! Students filed in as wizards, vampires, Disney characters, and more! Everyone and everything was dressed up -- including the school. d.tech was adorned with festive and spooky decorations: spider webs, disco lights, pumpkins, a haunted house, all of which helped set the mood. There was music, a live d.tech student rock band, and who could forget the snack table? All in all, a fantastic night for the whole school.

[Left] d.music rock band members Jack O'Connell ('22), Jimmy Stevens ('22), Dylan Chang ('22), and Dino Zammit ('22) perform for the Halloween Dance.



[Right] A large crowd watches the d.music rock band perform at the Halloween dance.



Winter Carnival

Ever tried unwrapping a present with oven mitts? What about constructing a fully operational gingerbread house under time pressure? Well, that's what d.tech students got to do at the Winter Carnival! The carnival was held during the first and second WYN, which gave students ample time to have fun and relax with their friends. Games, competitions, and even d.tech's very own student rock band was featured. Students had a blast! There was hot chocolate and other winter snacks! What a great way to end the semester and start Winter Break.



[Left] Winter Festival! Iona Pratt-Bauman ('22), Luna Auerbach ('22), and Cora Marinos ('22) rush to assemble a gingerbread house.

Door Decoration

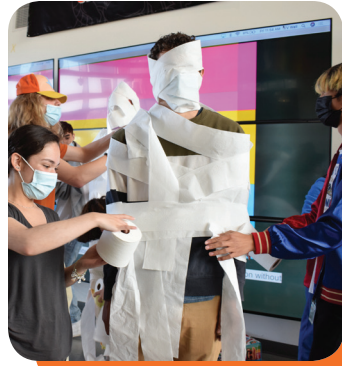
The two-week door decorating competition was a time for students to get wacky and create something with their advisories. Some designs included winter wonderlands, spider-man webs, and even a train! What a fun way to get your creative juices flowing and bond with your advisory.



Lecroy's advisory wins the winter door decorating contest with their stunning train display.

Halloween Rally

Ever been pried in the face? Ever had a dream where it was raining candy? Well, that's what happened at the d.tech Halloween rally! Enthusiastic students toilet-paper wrapped Ms. Lecroy, Mr. Fenner, Shane, and Mr. Schneider like mummies, and Mr. Fenner got an extra special pie-in-the-face. Before students had the chance to take in the madness, it was raining candy -- every kid's dream came true! Some students were quick enough to grasp fistfuls of candy, while others were just left to pick up the scraps. Either way, this Halloween Rally was an event to remember!



[Top row, Left] Joseph Schneider becoming fully wrapped up during the teacher mummy wrapping race.

[Bottom row, Right] Zoey K. ('22) comforting a mummified Mr. Fenner before a pie in the face.

Spirit Week

The first spirit week of the year was a total success! The week started with Decades Day, where students came into school with their leg warmers, hoop skirts, and even masquerade masks. It was a pretty groovy day.

The next day was Camouflage Day, and different students had different takes on it; while some came to school in their fatigues, others were covered in bushes and leaves--definitely one way to camouflage!

And who could forget Anything But a Backpack Day? Students got super creative; to name a few, students brought shopping carts, Instant Pots, and Picnic Baskets to carry their things. The hallways were much more lively than usual, with the constant rumbling of luggage wheels between periods. Sports day came the following day. Students arrived in baseball caps, soccer and basketball jerseys, and more. All in all, the day was an absolute slam dunk! Finally, Halloween Costume day! Students came in dressed as Wizards, Demigods, Vampires, and more. Mr. Montgomery twinned with the vending machines, and students walked around as bananas, cowboys, and other characters. It was a great way to end the week and get into that spooky spirit!



For Halloween Costume Spirit Day Dr. Ken Montgomery dresses up as a candy vending machine!



Twins Nicolas and Roman Noravian ('24) sport matching banana outfits for Halloween Costume Spirit Day!

JANUARY - MARCH

Empathy Breakfast

Ever heard of Empathy-Based design? The Empathy museums? Well, how could you not? It's what d.tech is all about. But have you ever heard of Empathy Breakfast?

During one of d.tech's weekly Thursday community meetings, 11th and 12th graders paired up to get breakfast for each other. They used their empathy skills to pick something for their partner from the selection of delicious croissants, cinnamon rolls, yogurt, granola bars, and fruit -- what a fun (and delicious) way to learn life lessons.



[Above] Crowds gathering for the Empathy Breakfast.
[Right] A gathering of hungry students grilling and eating a variety of food outside d.tech.

Independent Study

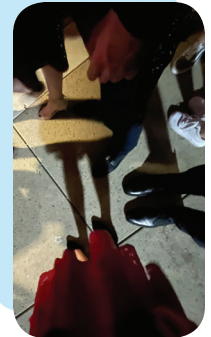
In January, when COVID-19 cases started to sail again, d.tech allowed students to study at home if they felt more comfortable learning from home. This was a very tough situation for teachers -- having to balance an in-person and online class. This ten-day period allowed the case numbers to go down and the omicron case surge to settle before having everyone back at school again.

Green Week

Green Week was a part of one of d.tech's many spirit weeks -- but it was much different than the others. Together with leadership, Green Club put together this fantastic week to spread awareness about our current environmental crisis and what we can do to help!

Formal : *Midnight in Paris*

Formal is one of the most significant high school milestones. 2022 d.tech Formal, with the theme *Midnight in Paris*, was a night to remember. Located in the beautiful Redwood Shores Bay Club, it was a night of dancing, music, and food! There was a DJ booth, a dance floor, pizza, and a snack table, which included French Macarons! Students were dressed up in their best dresses and suits, and who can forget the photo booth? All in all, a wonderful night.

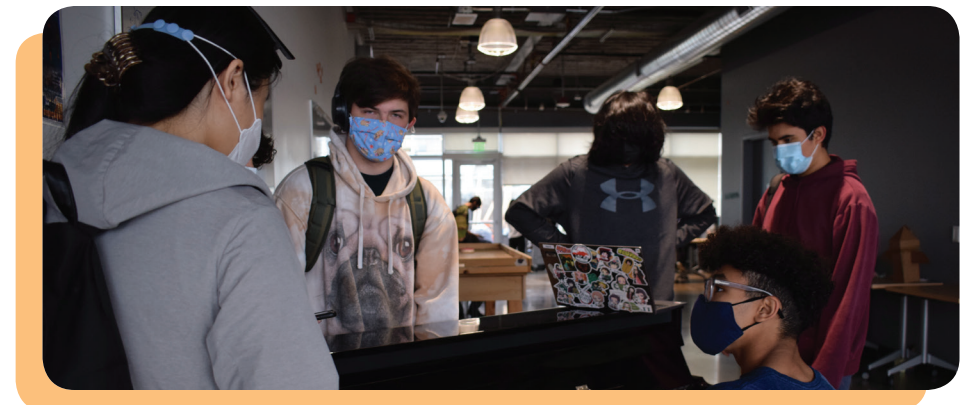
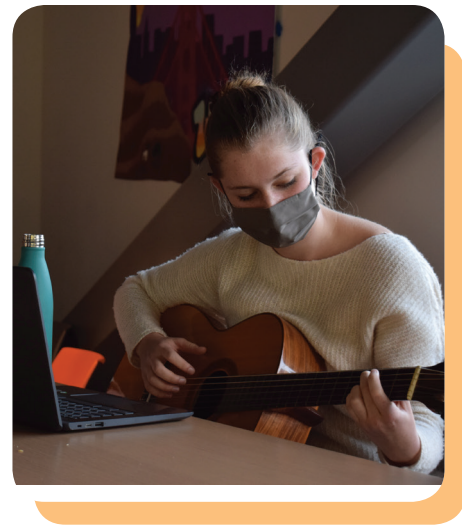
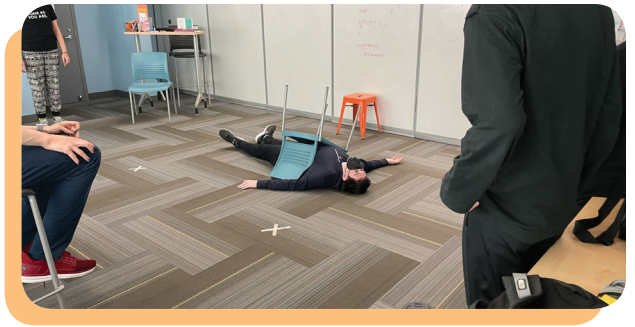
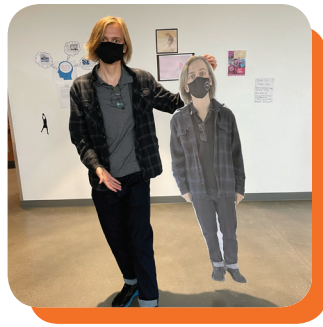


Multicultural Festival

The multicultural festival held on March 25th was jam-packed with many different cultural representations. This included art pieces, jewelry, clothing, flags, and--of course--a variety of unique foods to taste. Cultural dancing and music took center stage whilst crowds of students attended the 15+ booths run by parents and/or students--outside on d.tech's grassy field.



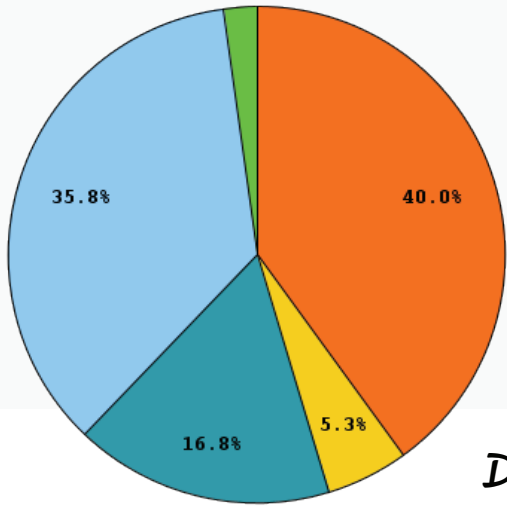
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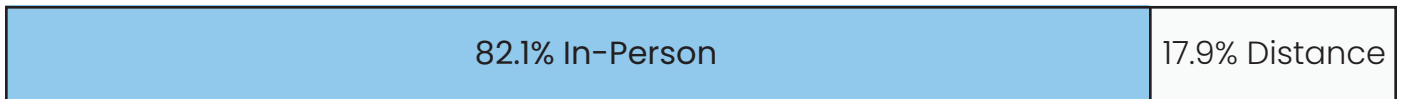


Excitement Level of 21-22 Being In-Person?



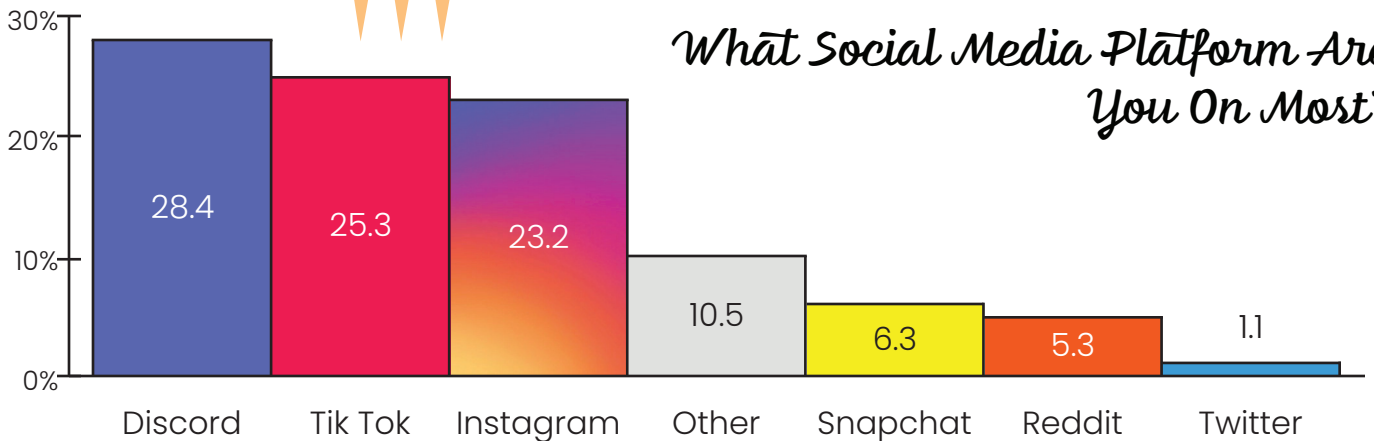
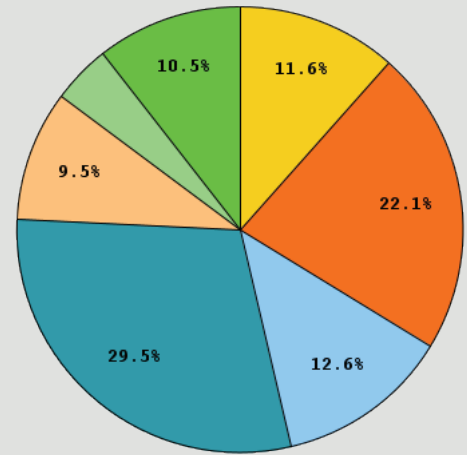
- Really Excited
- Sort Of Excited
- Didn't Care/Neither Excited Nor Unexcited
- Not That Excited
- Not Excited At All

Distance Learning or In-Person Learning?



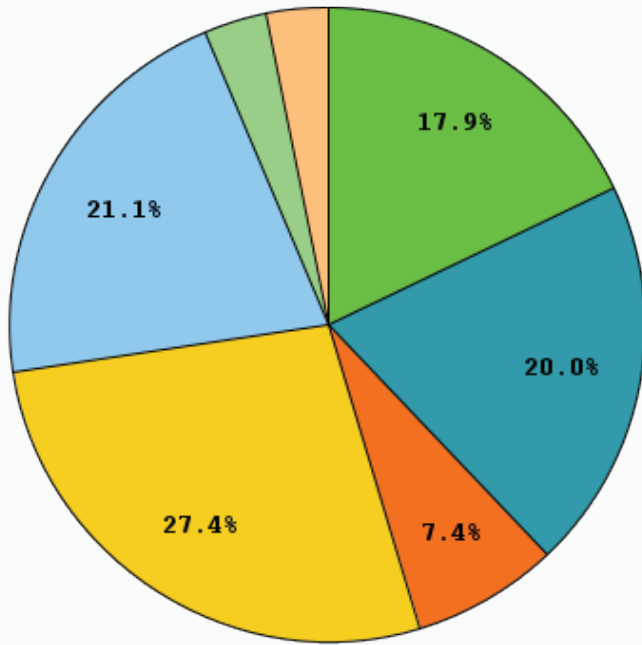
What Is Your Favorite Movie Genre?

- Action
- Animation
- Comedy
- Romance
- Anime
- Horror
- Other

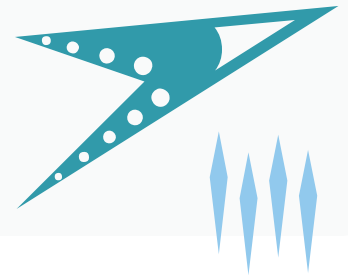


What Social Media Platform Are You On Most?

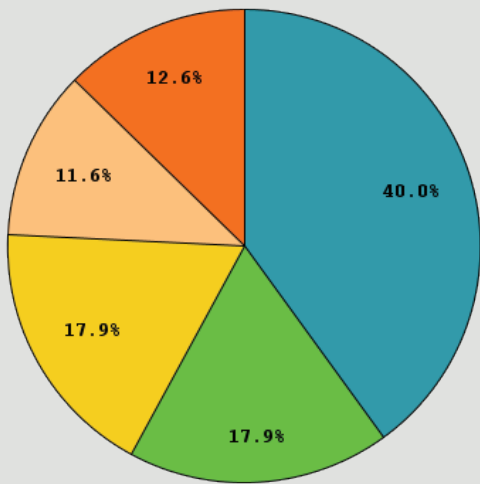
What Type of Mask do You Use Most Often?



- KN-95
- Surgical Mask (blue)
- Surgical Mask (black)
- Cloth Mask
- N-95
- Other
- No Mask

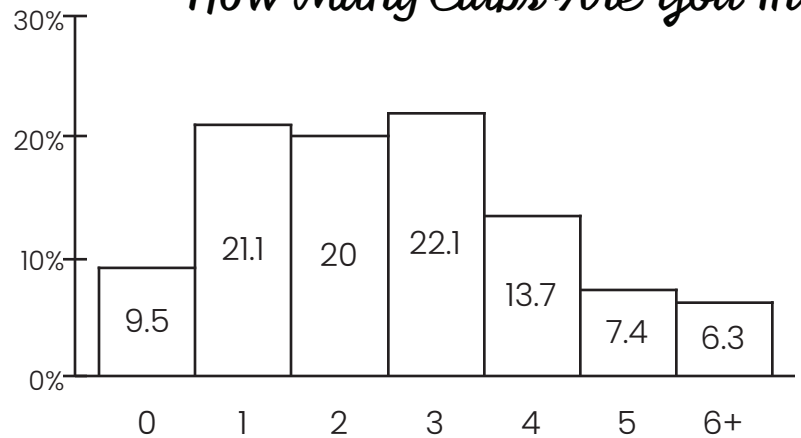


What Do You Think is the Most Important Issue Globally Right Now?



- Climate Change
- Social Inequality
- Coronavirus
- Political Divide
- Widespread Poverty

How Many Clubs Are You In?



How Do You Feel About The New WYN Schedule?

