



This nationwide survey was conducted by Eric Mower and Associates and commissioned by Domtar, one of North America's leading paper companies. Researchers contacted 420 college juniors and seniors nationwide between April 16 to 20, 2010, to ask them a series of questions about their views on what they could do to protect the environment and personal paper usage. The survey has a margin of error of 5 percentage points. This document provides the exact questions in the order they were asked and the raw data from the responses collected by the researchers.

Paper Survey

Please take a few moments to answer these questions regarding your Personal views on the environment and steps you have taken regarding sustainability.

1. Which of the following best describes your educational status?

Part-time student		32	8%
Full-time student		388	92%
No longer in college		0	0%
None of the above		0	0%
Total		420	100%

2. Please tell me what year of college you're in.

Freshman		0	0%
Sophomore		0	0%
Junior		208	50%
Senior		212	50%
Total		420	100%



3. On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being “Not at all conscious” and 10 being “Very conscious” how environmentally conscious would you consider yourself to be?			
Not at all conscious		5	1%
		7	2%
		12	3%
		13	3%
		76	18%
		79	19%
		114	27%
		69	16%
		21	5%
Very conscious		24	6%
Total		420	100%

4. Of the following choices, can you please select your top five when it comes to being environmentally conscious? (Please choose only five)			
Recycling		315	75%
Buying local and / or organic food		79	19%
Carpooling when possible		136	32%
Riding a bike/Walking to class		139	33%
Turn off power when not using it		342	81%
Going paperless (printing less, etc.)		152	36%
Run less water in the house (turn off water when brushing teeth, take shorter showers, etc.)		225	54%
Watch thermostat and / or buy energy-efficient appliances		145	35%
Buy products made from recycled materials		122	29%
Buy products from “green” companies		74	18%
Do only full loads of laundry and / or hang clothes to dry		222	53%
Other, please specify		7	2%



5. All things considered, how much of an impact do you think going “paperless” has on the environment as a whole?			
I don't think it impacts the environment at all		5	1%
I don't think it has much of an impact		40	10%
I'm not sure		90	21%
I think it's got somewhat of an impact		203	48%
I think it has a huge impact		82	20%
Total		420	100%

6. When you are reading e-mail have you ever noticed the statement “Think before you print” on documents?			
Yes, I've noticed it, and sometimes I won't end up printing		105	25%
Yes, I've noticed it, but I still print		37	9%
Yes, I've seen it, but I think it's silly		17	4%
No, I've never noticed it		261	62%
Total		420	100%

7. Do (or have) you included that statement in your e-mails?			
I've included it before, but not anymore		11	7%
I include it		36	23%
I don't include it		63	40%
I don't include it, but may in the future		49	31%
Total		159	100%



8. Amidst everything you have to juggle from day to day, how important is “going paperless”?			
Not at all important		24	6%
Somewhat unimportant		60	14%
Neutral		134	32%
Somewhat important		153	36%
Very important		49	12%
Total		420	100%

9. How do you typically organize your documents?			
I just save them as is... paper as paper, electronic files as electronic files		305	73%
I try to scan/convert my paper documents to save them electronically as often as I can		71	17%
I tend to print everything and save as a hard copy		44	10%
Total		420	100%

10. If you wanted to cut down on your paper use, which of the following would you consider going paperless with?			
Bank statements		285	68%
Utility Bills		209	50%
Credit card bills		250	60%
Books		75	18%
Magazines/Newspapers		119	28%
Class schedules/Grades		277	66%
Photos		120	29%
Official documents		59	14%
Instruction manuals		162	39%
Other, please specify		7	2%



11. When you have to write a personal note at an important moment to someone you really care about (as an expression of thanks, love, sympathy, etc.) how do you typically prefer to send the note?			
I text it, because it's faster		94	22%
I e-mail it, because they can forward it to others, if appropriate		85	20%
I call them, so they can hear my voice		112	27%
I write it on paper, because it's more meaningful and I know they'll appreciate it more		129	31%
Total		420	100%

12. When it comes to your studying preferences, do you prefer your materials (syllabus, articles, presentations, study guides, etc.) to be on paper or sent to you electronically?			
I prefer electronic, but my professors seem to print everything		82	20%
I prefer electronic, and it seems as though my professors do, too		119	28%
I prefer hard copy, but my professors send most things electronically		121	29%
I prefer hard copy, and it seems as though my professors do, too		98	23%
Total		420	100%

13. If your college announced it was going paperless and issued a notice that you'd receive your Diploma in an electronic PDF version rather than on a piece of paper, how would you react?			
I think it's a terrible idea, I hate it!		175	42%
I would be bothered		112	27%
I'm not sure how I feel about that		71	17%
I could live with it		44	10%
I think that's a great idea, I love it!		18	4%
Total		420	100%



14. Why would you react that way?

"I hate it"

It's a diploma, for goodness sakes, this is hardly a superfluous scrap of paper. Daggone it, I've worked my butt off in school and I want the piece of paper on my wall to prove it!

It doesn't seem as set in stone or professional

I want my diploma on paper so I can frame it. I worked hard to earn it.

A document like a COLLEGE DIPLOMA should be handed to the graduate in paper. It is something that people take great pride in and want to show to people, frame, and hold in their hands.

Tradition to have a paper diploma that is framed

Because I didn't get a high school diploma just a GED and I've worked hard for my college degree so I want to have something I can frame and printed on quality paper that I would never buy a whole package of.

It doesn't feel real. It can be copied. I can't show it to people in a moment's notice

I think if you pay a ton of money and then have to get your diploma online it's just a smack in the face to everything you worked for.

Having the paper copy of my diploma is important to me so that I can frame it

Everyone would have to print it out later anyway.

People like the official diploma, sense of accomplishment

It is not official at all. Also, I have paid a lot for tuition, I want a hard copy.

I want something to hold and display and be proud of you can go paperless on a lot of things but when it comes to something as important and meaningful as your diploma, you should be able to have that as paper to frame it or do with it what you will.

The paper is what you go to college for.

Because it is something I worked hard for and an electronic diploma is less



meaningful

It's a big deal and very important document and accomplishment. I would want something that shows that. It is something that I can be proud of.

I've spent a long time and a lot of money for that piece of paper to hang on my wall. I'd rather go paperless in other areas.

I paid over \$50,000 for my education and deserve a hard copy of my diploma.

I want to hold it

Because, you would be unable to hold it in your hand.

I want a hard document to show people

I worked 4 years for that; I want it for real!

Because the diploma is something I'd like to have as a tangible proof that I'd done all this.

Because I want to be able to hang my diploma on my wall.

Anyone considering hiring me for a job isn't going to go online to see my degree I worked too damn hard for nothing to show

I worked hard for it so I'd want to show it off

You need to have a real diploma, what if the computer the pdf is saved on malfunctions!

Diploma should be paper

I worked hard for a hard copy. I want to frame it.

Diplomas are very important because it marks a big accomplishment. I don't think it should be paperless because the document is a token for all the hard work students accomplished.

Because my parents want to frame it

Because it would be irritating to try to prove your educational background in the future

I like the idea of the diploma being a unique physical item.

It would seem less official.



I can't hang it up on a wall.

There is just something about having an original, nice printed copy, to be able to hang on your wall. Yes you could print it yourself but you may not be able to print it on a great laser printer and it seems to just lose the feeling of getting your diploma.

Because I want physical, tangible proof of my education. Plus, that is the traditional way to receive a degree and I see no reason to change it.

I feel like a Diploma should be a piece of paper that could be framed/displayed.

The official documents such as a diploma have emotional value as it is a significant milestone in your education.

A digital copy would make me feel my effort was shallow and cheap and that my accomplishment was not worth even printing on paper.

Because not having the physical document upon graduation is not how I want to graduate

A diploma is an official document meant to be displayed. It is something you keep forever

Because even if everything else were paperless, it's getting to hold a true diploma in your hands at the end of it all that makes it worth it.

It would make me feel like companies that might request to see if might believe it is not reliable.

Diplomas are more authentic when received in a hard copy!

A Diploma is a very meaningful thing and I feel it loses a lot of this meaning if delivered electronically.

I want a diploma I can hang on the wall. And electronic diplomas seem less official.

The diploma is very important to me

A diploma is a special award, and it deserves to be printed by the school on special paper.

The whole point of a diploma is for it to be printed, framed, and displayed, not saved as an online picture that can be lost with one serious electronic mishap.

That is something that needs to be given hard copy. It's very important to have it framed for all the hard work that you do.



Because your diploma is something to be proud of you don't want it just printed on regular paper

One doesn't want to have to print out their official Diploma that they worked so hard for. The school should make a big deal out of it and print it on good paper and stamp it and sign it so the graduate can frame it. A Diploma is one of the most important documents someone works to get in their lifetime, not just a common paper they can print out themselves.

Diploma is too important document to send online.

Something could always go wrong with electronics. Diplomas are important mementos.

Because it seems tacky

Getting the piece of paper signifies an accomplishment.

You want to be able to display it and be proud of it. If it is sent as an electronic document, some people may not be able to access it or print it with quality. Forgery would also be a huge issue.

Diplomas are meant to be displayed. If your hard drive crashes, you've lost your diploma.

Because paperless is fine for turning in grades and such, but a diploma is a very important document. It needs to be printed out.

I want my diploma in my hand.

A document like that important I want a hard copy and want to display it

Because it's not tangible; if I wanted to hang it in my office I'd have to print it out anyway; it's not going to have that much of an impact on the environment; sometimes I just want to live in the real world, not an electronic world; using computers doesn't fix the problem, it still requires energy to use them; after I die, I don't want my family to look at my old pdf files, a pdf file isn't a possession

It would almost seem meaningless, just getting it on your computer. It isn't real. You need the REAL copy after paying all that money and spending all that time on a degree. That's outrageous to send it in a PDF.

Very important.

Because it would probably be easy to forge. Unless companies do extensive background checks on an individual, they could get a job without having gone to college. It is upsetting to have that happen because you want something to show for your efforts. College is expensive and hard.



I think going paperless is great... but there should be limits. I mean, seriously, your Diploma? That's going a little overboard!

Because I would want a piece of paper that said I had graduated on it. People work VERY hard to earn a diploma. It should be in print. Electronic versions are too easy to forge.

I feel as though four years of college warrants a piece of paper!

I like the tradition of receiving a beautiful document

I want something tangible to show for my work.

Because I want something I can have on display

I think that a diploma is something very important and worth having a hard copy of.

Because I want a tangible hard copy of my diploma to make sure it's authentic.

I want to be able to hang my diploma and show it off without it looking cheaply printed out

I want my diploma in my hand!

Anyone can steal it and use it.

Your diploma should be presented to you in paper form at the graduation ceremony.

Because a diploma is something to be proud of and hang on the wall.

The "representation" of an actual diploma means more to me than just a document. It doesn't seem as official.

A diploma is an important document that should be printed by the school, especially considering the price of tuition.

Everyone needs that little piece of paper showing they graduated.

It's a symbol of something important, and I feel like it would reduce the importance of the Diploma by changing the format.

I want the college issued paper version of my diploma.

A diploma is something that is worth hanging up on the wall.

There are just some things that need to be on paper and important documents



should be!

No

I want something tangible.

The specific example of getting a diploma over an email makes it seem so much less official. You worked for it like mad, and gave the school thousands of dollars, the least they can do for you is give you that piece of paper.

N/A

Diplomas are important

I want to be able to frame my official diploma.

I want to be able to display my diploma in my classroom

Because a diploma is a professional document that should be printed. Having it as an electronic file seems useless and unprofessional. It is something I would want to frame and hang up but the quality of printing we have at home is nothing compared to what they provide at graduation.

The computer would crash and you wouldn't have it anymore

I feel a real diploma should be hung on the wall

You have worked very hard for that single sheet of paper. It is an important document. People are not responsible for the things they say or do because they can send an email or text instead of saying something to a person's face.

Because it is something I would like to display for people to see as it is a great accomplishment

A diploma is something you have to show the work you've done for the rest of your life. If sent in a pdf it wouldn't have the seal and things like that

A diploma is an important thing to have a hard copy of, many professionals frame and hang hard copies at their workplace to demonstrate qualifications.

Because it takes away the prestigious honor, ceremony, and tradition that surrounds the paper Diploma. It loses its significance.

Because of the social importance of earning that piece of paper.

A diploma is a significant thing to have and having it on a PDF is a terrible idea

While I fully support going green and electronic, I feel that a diploma is earned and



it should not be an electronic document.

Because a diploma is something to keep forever, frame, and needs to be official. I cannot print it myself and have the official seals and signatures.

No way. Need a piece of paper to prove my expensive tuition

I think that diplomas are an important part of the college experience, and there are other ways of going green that would save much more paper

It would feel more of an accomplishment if it were on paper.

I WORKED HARD TO GET THAT PIECE OF PAPER!

It's utterly ridiculous. A diploma is the one thing I've been banging my head against the wall to get. If all they're doing is e-mailing it to me, I could have saved a lot of trouble and photo shopped one myself.

Need something on graduation. Want to show it.

If they wanted to save paper, they can do it other ways. But it's your diploma! It's everything you've worked for. I'd want my in the flesh to hug and hold and take pictures with- really celebrate the accomplishment. Id then frame it!

Because you can't show people

I just want an actual document showing I received my degree

Because some documents should always be kept in paper format, having an electronic file is great, but some things just have to be on paper

A diploma is something that represents your accomplishment. An accomplishment that deserves to be put on a hard copy. also electronic things usually run into trouble, as in what if the data base or memory that holds that diploma gets damaged or fried...

I think certain things should be on paper because the purpose is meaningful, I don't think everything should be paperless, we should choose what is appropriate on a paper and what should not be on paper.

I want a hard piece of paper to show my accomplishment

I want it on my wall

Cause that's what you're working for the whole time to get that piece of paper and walk across the stage for it

Because a Diploma is a physical symbol of my accomplishment, I don't want it to be



vulnerable to disappearing due to a power outage or virus. Plus in my mediation/reflection times I my computer's usually off.

It would be nice to get the paper diploma because some people want to hang it on the walls and they always gave it out so it's a tradition

Because it is not as good as in paper and sealed.

I want to be able to keep my diploma in a special place to remember my achievements from college.

I would like the actual paper for something as important as a diploma. An electronic copy wouldn't be bad, but instead of the actual piece of paper is not a good thing at all.

A diploma is an important document that I'd want to treasure for a long time and it's something that I'd like to frame and hang up. This is one thing that I do want a paper copy of.

It's not just a piece of paper.

Because it is a symbol of my accomplishment. I want a tangible item.

Because I would like an official document

A lot of things can and should be paperless, but I've spent over 100,000 dollars on my college education, I don't want my one reward as a pdf document.

Because ???hier??? is going about very important document it feels as though I did not accomplish anything; I have nothing to show for.

I want to have my diploma in my hands.

Because your diploma should be something that you can hold onto and show to other people.

The diploma is the MOST important piece of paper you can receive from you collage! Notes, schedules, and grades would be fine electronic, but I want that hard, physical copy that proves I've truly earned my degree.

I think something as important as a diploma should be hard copy so you can frame it.

People like to display their diploma they have worked hard for

Because it is an Achievement and worthy of being on paper in fact recycled paper... but should be backed up electronically.



I want to be able to receive my diploma and frame it and hang it and it be official.

I have worked through 4 years of college, and an electronic PDF diploma would not seem real.

How can I hang it on my wall if it's electronic?

I want that piece of parchment!

Because electronics could always fail as they always do.

I want physical evidence of my accomplishments.

This is a certificate I've worked my butt off to get and I want printed proof I have it.

I worked hard & paid a lot of money for my education so I want that piece of paper saying I graduated

Tradition, framing purposes

I want to hang it on my wall

Some things should be printed. Not syllabi, maybe not reading, but a diploma? Definitely.

Because everyone wants to hold in their hand the thing that they have worked their life to complete and not getting a paper copy on specialty embossed paper doesn't seem worth going through the whole graduation process

I think my diploma is an important document that would need to be in hard copy form.

I worked all that time to get the diploma and walk down the aisle you are giving me a paper one.

That is absolutely BOGUS! The most ridiculous thing I've ever heard. I want a hard copy and I would GET IT!!!

It's an official document that could be tampered with in electronic format. It is also emotionally laden with tradition and expectation, and would lose its symbolism as an electronic document. Plus, everyone would print it anyway.

I want to hang it up

Because you paid for years of schooling, you should be able to have your diploma in a hard copy to show off your hard work.

N/A



Diplomas are to look as official as possible. Something printed on simple computer printer is not the same as on the thicker, imprinted paper in the leather

HOW WOULD YOU FRAME A PDF?!

Because it's a diploma, it goes on the wall, it's a reminder of all that you suffered to get where you are, this is not a good place for colleges to save money, cheap bastards. I would be seriously disappointed by my school if they refused to give me a paper diploma, I paid a lot to go here, and the least they can do is give me one lousy sheet of paper.

THAT IS HONESTLY THE WORST IDEA I HAVE EVER HEARD!! Absolutely ridiculous. My diploma will be framed and on my wall in a little over a year.

If I work hard enough to earn a diploma I want the parchment paper to show that I did it.

It's bad enough spending 4 years working on a piece of paper. To reduce the degree to a PDF that is printable just seems unappreciative.

You need a physical Diploma everywhere you go for any job, etc. Could be easily forged.

Because a Diploma of graduation from college is a very important document that deserves more than being some PDF file. It should definitely be on an official paper.

I want a paper copy that I can frame and display.

I would like to have the official document in my hand to frame and do whatever with.

It is tradition to get your diploma paper copy. I also want to frame mine and have it visible in my office or place of work.

It is a formal attestation to your achievement of working hard for that degree - we have no way to print it on that "special" paper. Beside, e-docs CAN be lost. I think it would be great to have an ADDITIONAL option for an e-copy to send with things, but I still want that hard-copy in case anything happens.

It's my diploma, I want a hard copy for all my hard work

You can't hang a PDF file on the wall to show it off.

Because I want a copy with the stamp!!

I want it to hang on my wall. And what's the point of graduation then? I don't want to



have to email my diploma to show everyone.

“I’d be bothered”

I would want a paper copy to frame and hang on my wall.

Because I think a diploma is something special and I would want it printed professionally

It would look unofficial and to be useful it would have to be printed out anyway.

It's a diploma that I've worked hard for throughout the entire time I've been in college. I'd want to be able to frame it. It's not just some document; it has a specific meaning.

It doesn't seem as official. Receiving the actual paper copy means something, it symbolic.

Because the document can be forged if it is a PDF where as on paper it is harder to forge and there are different marks that can be added for authenticity

Tradition dictates that college diplomas be paper.

I want a hard copy on official paper for my diploma.

Because technology could always fail.

A Diploma is something that I want in my hand. I want to be able to physically touch it.

Because I would be able to physically show my degree to anyone.

I would rather have a tangible symbol of my hard work to hold and/or display, rather than a PDF that seems impersonal and cheap. Also, I try to save paper in other ways, so I feel making an exception for an important document is justified.

Diplomas are traditionally displayed

It's a memento

Diplomas are meant to be shown to people. I would find it very cumbersome if I had to log onto my computer to show someone my diploma.

I would want something to hang on my wall. A PDF could get lost and I wouldn't have access to it.

It's more meaningful to receive it personally and on paper to look at it or display it.



I think that things like diplomas and official documents should be on paper. Instead of doing the diploma in an electronic PDF version, they should have the diplomas printed on paper made from post-consumer recycled paper.

I'm not really bothered by much

I've spent thousands of dollars to get a degree. They can print one piece of paper and make it nice for me. I've deserved it.

This is a document that I would like to frame and have directly in my hands in order to show my accomplishments on special paper, rather than printing it off like any other document. However, it would be nice for back-up.

I would only need one copy of my diploma so I don't think it's a big deal to give me one. Other things can cut down on paper more.

Because diplomas are something that should be on paper

Because Diplomas come on a special kind of paper and it is usually framed.

Because I want to frame it, and I want it on nice paper.

A diploma should be on a piece of paper

I don't mind if my syllabus and class work are all online but it's nice to have a Diploma in paper.

A diploma is an official document. I wouldn't want to be able to print out multiple copies of it.

Diplomas are something that should be hard copy -- they get hung on a wall; if it's only electronic, some people might think it's forged.

I would like to receive a physical copy of something as significant as my diploma.

A diploma is very important and something to be proud of. I want to hang mine on the wall when I graduate.

Because I feel it is an important enough piece of paper to be printed

It's something I would want to frame. It's something tangible finally saying I graduated

Well I think something as important as a Diploma should be a paper document.

NA



Computers can crash and lose info.

Seems more significant than usual everyday things printed on paper.

It wouldn't feel as real or as important to have an electronic diploma. The whole thing would lose some of its meaning

NA

Diplomas are an important document. They should be hard copy.

It is a mind thing

I would like a hard copy of it to hang and people to notice my hard work

An electronic certificate seems not real, because I can't actually hold it. Though I could print it out. I would also worry about someone hacking my computer and stealing it.

Because your diploma needs to be printed to show that it is not a fake one

I want to be able to hold onto my Diploma and pull it out when I wanted.

Because a diploma is something you can display and it has an official seal and signature on it and a pdf doesn't do that justice.

Well it is an important document I would like to keep and have it in its original style

I want my physical Diploma. I may want to frame it. If I had to print it out, it would not look very good.

NA

Because a Diploma is an important document you should frame, electronic diminishes its value.

It's always been printed. 1 Piece of paper to hang on the wall

I worked too hard; I want a "paper" Diploma!

Because then I would have to print it out anyway to put it in a frame. It's going to get printed, regardless of whether they do it or I do; it's just an extra hassle for me.

I've always got paper documents

That's an official document that I may need to show on command, not dig up from my computer.



Because it's going a little too far. How would it look if you walk into your doctor's office and see their copy of a diploma with the timestamp in the lower left corner, making it obvious that it was printed out? That's not exactly comforting. Most things, grades, notes, syllabi, that's fine to be electronic, but diplomas should be a hard copy on the special paper to make it official. It's already a little too easy to fake one, why make it simpler?

Because it is a Diploma. I can understand grades and whatnot to be paperless but it's a common thing for people to frame their diplomas.

It's an achievement

Somehow it feels as though the document is cheapened by being a PDF. It seems as though it'd be easier to make a fake one.

A Diploma is the one thing we work for the entire college career, not having a hard copy of it would feel meaningless.

Because I would want to frame it.

Because with an electronic diploma it could be erased or damage and unretreiveable

I want my diploma on paper, so I can hang it up.

Paper seems more credible,

Probably by doing nothing.

I think materials for the class would be fine in pdf form, but a diploma is something that you keep forever. It's something you would want to frame and hang in your house or office.

The diploma would feel official and more professional looking

It would feel like I am not getting an actual diploma.

You pay thousands of dollars and spend years working for that little piece of paper. It represents everything you have accomplished and can accomplish in the future. It also the only tangible thing you have of your education.

To me it is physical and you can show someone.

I would want the diploma in paper.

Because it should be an official document that you could hang on a wall, show friends, etc.



A diploma represents your accomplishment and hard work during those 4 years, so with a paper version, you can hang it up on walls.

NA

It's nice have an actual piece of paper to show for 4plus years of studying

A diploma should be paper so you can frame it

I would want to be able to hang up my diploma, and have it available for others to see. If it were sent electronically it wouldn't seem as important.

There's something classic about a printed diploma. Why not go paperless with things like syllabus instead? Wouldn't that have a much larger impact?

Because a diploma is something you show off and you can't really do that in an electronic format

I've worked hard towards this little piece of paper and it is something tangible that I can show for the last four years of work.

I like the fact that the school gives me a hard copy diploma right from their office.

Some things you want to hold when you work that hard to earn it.

That is one thing I would want to have on paper. It's an important and meaningful document.

Like to have what I pay for

Official documentation for such a great accomplishment seems necessary.

I'd want to hang it up or cherish it den rather just have it e-mailed

I would want the hard copy to keep for myself and be able to access it without a computer.

That's something that should be printed and kept in a special place

Wouldn't mind for rest to be paperless, but put a lot of effort to get diploma and would want an official paper copy

It's weird

It can be easily destroyed sending it through pdf form

I would probably want to have it framed, and printing the PDF from an ordinary printer probably wouldn't be the same.



I want to see my accomplishment daily!

I react that way because receiving a Diploma in an electronic PDF would show that it might not be real and it might not proof anything that I did have a college diploma.

I think that it is important to have a hard copy of that so it can possibly be displayed on the walls of where I will be employed in the future.

Because I need a tangible document for a diploma. I need to hang it up

I'd like to display my diploma

A Diploma is something important and should be printed so you could use to hang on your wall to be acknowledged.

Lol, I have no idea. My first degree is still rolled up in the cardboard roll it came in two years ago. But it's still pretty whenever I do pull it out. A PDF doesn't have the same effect and won't seem as "official."

It's been a tradition that the graduates get the piece of paper at the ceremony

I FEEL AS THOUGH A DIPLOMA IS AN ACHEIVEMENT AND SHOULD BE A TANGIBLE DOCUMENT...NOT JUST SOME PDF FILE...YOU CANT HANG A PDF FILE IN YOUR OFFICE.

Diploma is something special that it's nice to have to display etc.

NA

I want to hold it. I don't want to frame a white computer paper.

I guess because the paper diploma is a symbol of everything I've worked hard for. It would be fun to see it hanging up or whatever and remember the hard work I did and think about how far I've come.

BECAUSE I LOVE PAPER

Because a diploma is more important than just a bill. It's something I've worked hard for, and I want a hard copy of it.

“I could live with it”

It's nice to have that piece of paper to frame & hang on the wall.

I have no intentions of framing my diploma and do not foresee needing to display for any purpose.

Save trees



I think it would be much better for the environment as a lot of paper seems to go to waste on college campuses.

Wouldn't be a big deal

If other entities would accept this form of my diploma then I would be happy with it.

I have an easier time studying/remembering things if I see them in print but I know it's better for the environment to keep things electronic.

I attend a major university. If they're making the change, it'll be happening everywhere soon.

It's not that important

I know that many people are doing thing like that to save money anyway. Why not do that too.

Too much paper is used

Everything at Rutgers is electronic now.

It would be nice to have a paper copy of an important/landmark document, but I think I could deal with it.

Because it doesn't matter to me

Good for the environment

It might be nice to have a copy

That's just how I feel.

I would like to be able to display my diploma proudly, but in the name of a greater good, I could live with it

It's just a symbol

It's good for the environment and it would be easy to send to places that need it.

Go Green.

NA

I like paperless, and it fits with the college. Also, I can always print it if I need it.



I don't make a big deal when it comes to things like a Diploma. I haven't looked at my high school Diploma since the year I graduated but I still know that I graduated because I have memories and I put in the time. I guess if it were something like a paper/poem that I wrote, I would want to keep a hard copy of it because I have noticed that computers are not as reliable as I would like them to be. But with something like a Diploma, I'm not going to go back to review it to see what I need to improve on, or what I have improved on.

It doesn't really matter to me

Nothing

As long as I get my diploma it'd be ok

It's reasonable

IDK

It isn't a bad thing

Because I could print it myself if I wanted to frame it,

Because

B/c

I don't plan to display or frame my diploma.

As long as it's official...I don't need a piece of paper to prove that I've graduated.

NA

I don't do much with my diploma. It would be lying around in a cabinet.

I could always just print it out when an employer wants to see it physically or easier to just email it to them. But then you got to be careful if it's real or just photo shopped.

I could print it out if necessary

Just cuz

I would still like a copy I could frame.

No big deal. I could print it if I wanted.

"I'm not sure"



While doing so would save a large amount of paper, I would feel anxious about the greater likelihood of mistakes or invasions of privacy if given an electronic diploma.

NA

NA

I want to help the environment, but I still want a paper diploma to keep for my records
cuz u need proof of your diploma in your hand

People could very well fake that...

Hard copies are good in some cases.

NA

Don't know

I am not exactly sure.

Because I kind of want my diploma on actual paper, not on my computer.

Don't know

I may want to frame it and put up on my wall as my siblings have done.

Would anyone believe that it was real if it wasn't on paper?

Because having that piece of paper is what I have been looking forward to for a number of years. But I would totally understand!

I want a hard copy

I rather see a real hard copy of my diploma so I can hang in a frame and show off my hard work.

NA

A lot of people hang it up in their offices...You can't do that with an electronic version.

A diploma is an important keepsake and a symbol of your passage through college. Having it as an electronic file may not be the same. Also, it could get lost easily.

NA

NA



N/A

NA

I would like a hard copy.

I think something like a diploma is a great achievement and warrants printing. At the same time, so many people earn diplomas that I'm sure not printing them would save a lot of money given the way they are printed (fancy paper and ink, etc.). I still think I would like to have a diploma because of all of the work I put into graduating.

However, if my college gave me an option to have my diploma printed but if I didn't elect the option it would come electronically, I think I would be open to that idea.

It would feel more satisfying to have a paper diploma

NA

NA

It depends what documents

Electronic things can mess up. It can get "lost"

A Diploma is an important certificate - one of the few that I believe should be in paper

NA

NA

I think the thought is good but that a diploma is something you should have in hard copy.

That's something I want a hard copy of

I am not sure if PDF diploma will be valued by the companies or not.

I feel I would like it on paper to show but I like the idea too! So I don't really know!

Diplomas need to be shown off and presented and electronic versions are harder to do.

I would be unsure as to the motive...are just diplomas going PDF, or are they truly becoming paperless and moving everything to electronic files? Of all the documents I'll receive in my college career, I think my diploma would be the only one I actually need to have on paper.



Part of me is a traditionalist, even though I want to cut down on environmental waste.

I think most students would want their diploma on paper. It's traditional.

No

I don't know

I would like to have my Diploma on paper because it is a great achievement that needs to be on paper.

I am just indifferent

NA

I don't know how important a paper diploma is

Because I would get to show people.

NA

Because you can't put PDF on a wall.

You want it so you can see it and display it places but if you have it put away somewhere I guess is what the difference is

Not Important

I would want something that I could put up in my office or at home.

I would like to have a hard copy of it so that I would be able to put it up in my house, or office. But I know it is better for the environment, so I I'm not sure how I would react.

Because it might be harder to find a job. Not all those who are hiring may even be familiar that degrees are now issued electronically.

Don't Know

Because

Because I would want the official paper to display.

I like hard copies for certain things, and physically having my diploma is something I'm looking forward to. I'd like to display it as one of my accomplishments.



I don't know

Anyone could print the document then. Something as important as a Diploma should be printed professionally.

I would want my degree to mean something and have it framed with pride.

I would like to be able to display it

Kind of uncertain that it will arrive ok

Paperless

College Degrees should still be on paper because that is the way that they have been for years.

Because I think that a diploma should have a hard copy in case anything happens to the computer.

“It's a great idea”

Save trees

Because it's more green and easier to e-mail.

Because it is so much easier to just send things through email

Because it saves paper

I am an online student.

Electronic is the same as paper just a different way of transmitting information

Because we will be saving a lot of paper

Because people of authority need to take the responsibility to set a standard

I really don't see why a silly piece of paper means THAT much to people.

Funny

It's just a piece of paper; no one will ever ask to see it as proof or anything. For those who want a hard copy they can print it; for people like me, it would end up thrown away anyway.

It's a great idea

I try to be environmentally conscious.



It's convenient
I m happy, less paper, less luggage for me
Idk
N/A
Because I wouldn't lose it

15. Which of these documents would you be willing to have as an electronic PDF instead of on paper?			
Driver's License		51	12%
Passport		64	15%
Birth Certificate		70	17%
Car Title		167	40%
Deed to Real Estate		103	25%
Mortgage		143	34%
Legal Contract		120	29%
Marriage License		96	23%
College Diploma		33	8%

16. Do you prefer to send out resumes on paper or electronically?			
I prefer to send my resume on paper		72	17%
I prefer to send my resume electronically		199	47%
I prefer to send both a hard copy and an electronic version		115	27%
N/A		34	8%
Total		420	100%