

YouGov / Speakers for Schools Survey Results

Sample Size: 706 GB 16-18 year olds

Fieldwork: 6th - 15th February 2015

2015																
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

From what age do you think people should be eligible to vote?

From 16	43	56	42	30	46	39	41	45	39	42	37	45	59	46	20	22
From 18	47	32	49	59	42	52	48	45	46	44	59	45	30	47	44	57
From 21	5	4	4	7	5	5	5	5	5	7	3	4	4	3	23	12
Other [See other responses in Tab 1]	3	5	3	1	3	2	3	1	6	4	0	1	4	3	4	0
Don't know	3	3	2	3	4	2	3	4	5	2	1	5	3	1	8	8

Which of the following issues, if any, do you care about the most? (Please tick up to three)

The future of the NHS	45	44	42	50	47	44	49	38	45	36	53	50	47	48	34	42
Tuition fees at university or college	40	41	46	35	33	48	39	42	38	42	41	38	43	42	35	28
Equal opportunities (e.g. gender, race)	28	33	28	23	20	36	31	19	28	28	27	29	27	28	26	27
The environment / climate change	25	26	27	22	28	22	26	22	22	30	24	23	18	25	29	16
Employers paying a living wage	22	22	22	22	22	21	20	26	14	23	17	28	27	22	23	12
Immigration and Europe	20	23	17	21	27	14	20	23	20	23	21	18	17	22	17	11
Jobs for school leavers	19	18	21	17	16	21	19	17	19	16	21	20	21	18	20	14
Global terrorism	17	18	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	20	16	16	13	18	12	14
Corporate tax avoidance	16	16	15	16	23	8	17	13	16	19	12	15	16	16	12	10
Being able to buy a house	14	12	13	18	13	16	15	13	17	16	17	10	10	15	12	4
Protecting welfare and benefits	12	13	11	11	14	9	11	14	8	11	8	16	17	12	12	15
Taking care of the elderly	7	7	8	5	5	9	6	9	6	7	8	5	9	6	12	9
Crime in your local area	4	3	4	6	4	4	4	6	6	3	4	5	3	4	1	27
Apprenticeships	4	5	3	5	5	4	3	6	5	4	5	5	1	4	5	6
Other [See other responses in Tab 2]	4	5	4	4	7	1	5	3	2	7	3	3	4	5	1	0
None	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	4
Don't know	3	2	4	3	2	4	2	5	4	2	3	4	2	1	8	7

Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

A: "The political system in the UK is outdated and old-fashioned"	52	53	54	49	59	45	51	55	42	53	47	55	71	55	53	19
B: "The political system in the UK is forward thinking and reflective of modern Britain"	21	24	20	19	25	16	22	19	27	21	21	20	13	23	9	10
Don't know	27	23	26	32	16	39	27	26	31	26	32	25	16	23	38	71

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Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

A: "The political system needs refreshing and modernizing to better reflect society today"	74	71	73	76	74	73	73	76	67	73	74	78	72	76	66	62
B: "The political system does not need refreshing and is already reflective of society today"	13	16	11	12	17	8	14	10	9	14	14	10	19	15	5	0
Don't know	14	13	16	12	8	19	13	14	24	13	13	12	9	9	29	38

Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

A: "Politicians do communicate effectively with young people"	12	13	12	12	15	9	13	11	17	12	10	12	15	13	10	0
B: "Politicians do not communicate effectively with young people"	82	82	81	82	80	84	82	80	74	84	84	82	78	83	80	67
Don't know	6	5	7	7	5	7	5	9	9	5	5	7	7	4	10	33

Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

A: "What politicians say on social media just proves how out of touch they are"	53	48	55	56	56	50	53	53	56	54	52	52	52	54	54	47
B: "What politicians say on social media shows they are in touch"	15	17	15	14	17	13	15	15	14	17	17	11	15	16	11	6
Don't know	32	35	31	31	27	37	32	32	30	29	31	37	33	30	35	48

Which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

A: "Politicians should visit schools, colleges and community centres more to engage with young people face-to-face and explain their policies in person"	87	89	86	85	83	90	89	81	84	89	88	86	83	89	78	64
B: "Politicians shouldn't visit schools, colleges and community centres any more than they already do to engage with young people face to face and explain their policies in person"	5	4	7	6	7	4	5	7	6	5	7	4	8	6	5	8
Don't know	8	7	7	9	10	6	6	12	10	6	6	10	10	5	17	28

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How much do you care about politics and how it affects your future?

I care a lot	47	55	45	42	58	36	50	43	39	52	41	50	49	53	14	15
I care a fair amount	35	28	39	39	29	42	36	33	34	33	43	33	32	38	14	30
TOTAL CARE	82	83	84	81	87	78	86	76	73	85	84	83	81	91	28	45
I don't care that much	10	12	8	9	7	13	8	14	17	8	7	10	10	8	29	12
I don't care at all	4	2	3	5	3	4	3	5	3	3	6	2	7	1	27	12
TOTAL DON'T CARE	14	14	11	14	10	17	11	19	20	11	13	12	17	9	56	24
Don't know	4	3	5	5	3	5	3	6	8	3	2	6	1	1	16	31

Do you think the public should be able to submit questions online to the Prime Minister for him to answer in his weekly Prime Minister's Questions?

They should be able to	80	81	79	79	76	83	79	81	79	79	80	82	76	82	72	55
They should not be able to	13	13	13	14	18	8	14	11	12	13	15	12	15	14	10	0
Don't know	7	6	8	7	6	9	7	8	9	8	5	6	9	4	18	45

Which of the following voting systems would you prefer the UK to use?

The current system we use to elect MPs, where each area elects as MP the person who gets the most votes locally	33	39	29	31	36	30	34	30	35	35	35	30	24	36	19	18
A more proportional system, where the total number of MPs a party gets more closely resembles their national share of the vote	50	43	56	52	56	45	53	47	43	51	47	52	65	54	35	28
Don't know	17	18	16	17	9	25	13	23	22	14	18	18	12	11	46	53