

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1583 University Students
Fieldwork: 16th - 19th November 2010

	Total
Weighted Sample	1583
Unweighted Sample	1583

Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't know and Wouldn't Vote]

	Students May 2010	Students 16-19 Nov
Lib Dem	45	15
Lab	24	42
Con	21	26
Other	10	17

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

	General public 11-12 Nov	Students 16-19 Nov
Approve	37	24
Disapprove	47	59
Don't know	15	17

The government has proposed increasing the cap on university tuition fees to £9000. Students would not have to pay the fees upfront, but would instead pay them using student loans that they would have to pay back as graduates once they were earning £21000. Wealthier graduates would have to pay a higher interest rate on their loans.

Do you support or oppose these proposals?

Support	35	14
Oppose	52	78
Don't know	13	8

During the general election the Liberal Democrats campaigned against university tuition fees and some people have accused them of breaking promises by backing tuition fees. The Liberal Democrats have since said that the economic situation means tuition fees are unavoidable. Do you think the Liberal Democrats are right or wrong to go back on their pledge to oppose tuition fees?

Right	29	14
Wrong	62	80
Don't know	9	6

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	%

Recently there was a violent demonstration against the proposed rise in tuition fees, which included protesters invading and damaging the building containing the Conservative party's headquarters. How much sympathy do you have with the demonstration?

	General public 11-12 Nov	Students 16-19 Nov
I sympathise both with the demonstration and the direct action against the Conservative party headquarters	13	27
I sympathise with the demonstration, but not the damage caused to the Conservative party headquarters	52	58
I do not sympathise with the demonstration, nor the damage caused	32	13
Don't know	3	2

Do you think this demonstration against tuition fees and the violent scenes at Conservative party headquarters helped or damaged the protesters' cause?

Helped their cause	11	19
Damaged their cause	69	54
Neither	16	20
Don't know	5	7

More generally, do you think VIOLENT protest is ever justified in a democratic country?

There are instances when violent protest is acceptable in a democracy	19	34
There are no instances when violent protest is acceptable in a democracy	75	60
Don't know	5	6

How likely do you think it is that there will be further violent protests against the government's policies of cuts?

Very likely	28	28
Fairly likely	59	57
TOTAL LIKELY	87	85
Not very likely	6	10
Not likely at all	1	1
TOTAL NOT LIKELY	7	11
Don't know	6	5