

**YouGov / UCU Survey Results**  
**UCU Pension Strike**

Fieldwork Dates: 13th - 20th February 2018

Sample: 758 UK adults currently studying at university

Total	Is the university striking		Type of university			
	Yes	No	Pre-1992	Post-1992	Russel group	Other
	C	D	E	F	G	H

To what extent do you support or oppose the strikes organised by university staff?

Unweighted base	758	288	470	189	299	270	-
<b>Base</b>	758	269	489	159	387	212	-
Strongly support	26%	29%	25%	28%	23%	31%	-
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Support	35%	38%	33%	39%	30%	41%	-
						F	**
Oppose	14%	12%	14%	15%	14%	13%	-
							**
Strongly oppose	6%	6%	6%	3%	6%	7%	-
							**
Don't know	20%	16%	22%	15%	28%	8%	-
				G	E, G		**
<b>Net: Support</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>72%</b>	-
		D		F		F	**
<b>Net: Oppose</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>	-
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Who do you believe is most to blame for the dispute between universities and university staff that is leading to strike action?

Unweighted base	758	288	470	189	299	270	-
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University employers	50%	58%	46%	54%	42%	62%	-
		D		F		F	**
University staff	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%	-
						E	**
Equally to blame	20%	17%	22%	22%	22%	15%	-
							**
Not sure	28%	22%	31%	23%	34%	19%	-
			C		E, G		**

University employers' proposals are to remove the right for university staff to have a defined benefit pension based on how much a person earns when they retire and replace it with a defined-contribution pension — whose pay-out depends on the stock market performance of the underlying investments. Do you support or oppose the university employers' proposals?

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<b>Base</b>	758	269	489	159	387	212	-
Strongly support	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	-
							**
Support	9%	7%	10%	6%	10%	10%	-
							**
Oppose	41%	41%	41%	37%	41%	44%	-
							**
Strongly oppose	21%	23%	20%	29%	15%	27%	-
				F		F	**
Don't know	27%	28%	27%	24%	33%	18%	-
					E, G		**
<b>Net: Support</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	-
				F		F	**
<b>Net: Oppose</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>70%</b>	-
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The National Union of Students (NUS) has called for both sides to agree that the government body ACAS mediate the negotiations.  
To what extent do you agree or disagree with this?

Unweighted base	758	288	470	189	299	270	-
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Strongly agree	13%	13%	14%	19%	12%	12%	**
Tend to agree	44%	45%	42%	43%	41%	48%	**
Neither agree nor disagree	17%	17%	17%	14%	18%	17%	-
Tend to disagree	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	3%	**
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	-
Don't know	22%	22%	22%	20%	24%	20%	-
<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>60%</b>	**
<b>Net: Disagree</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	**

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		D		F,G			**
Post-1992	51%	36%	59%	-	100%	-	-
		C		E,G			**
Russel group	28%	34%	25%	-	-	100%	-
		D				E,F	**
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	**

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Yes	36%	100%	-	50%	25%	43%	-
		D		F		F	**
No	64%	-	100%	50%	75%	57%	-
		C		E,G			**