

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2071

Fieldwork: 13th - 15th December 2005

Weighted N

Unweighted N

	Current Vote			Gender		Age			Social Grade		State School parents
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	
2071	627	608	302	993	1078	610	725	736	1118	953	396
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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which party do you think has the best policies for improving the quality of education in the country's schools?

Conservatives	24	69	2	4	24	25	18	24	30	29	19	21
Labour	20	1	62	5	25	16	17	23	21	18	23	24
Liberal Democrats	11	3	5	50	15	7	13	10	10	13	8	10
All of them equally	8	5	8	7	8	9	7	9	9	6	11	12
None of them	17	9	10	17	17	18	14	19	19	16	19	15
Don't know	19	13	14	17	12	25	31	16	12	17	20	17

As you probably know, governments in the past introduced comprehensive schools in most parts of the country, replacing the existing grammar and secondary schools. Looking back, do you think the introduction of comprehensive schools in place of grammar and secondary modern schools was on balance a good idea or a bad idea?

It was a good idea	31	16	48	39	35	26	33	30	30	30	31	33
It was a bad idea	48	72	31	43	47	49	31	50	61	54	41	41
Don't know	21	12	22	18	18	24	37	20	9	16	28	26

There is a lot of talk about 'delivery' at the moment and about whether or not the present Government is 'delivering'. From what you know, do you think the Government is, or is not, delivering an improved quality of education in our schools?

Yes, the Government is delivering an improved quality of education in schools	24	5	57	21	27	21	22	26	24	23	25	30
No, it is not	56	87	21	61	55	57	48	56	62	61	51	49
Don't know	20	8	22	18	17	22	29	18	13	16	24	20

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Do you think state secondary schools should have the power to select pupils according to their academic ability?

Yes – state secondary schools should be allowed to select ALL their pupils according to their academic ability	20	33	11	15	22	18	17	17	25	23	16	14
Yes – state secondary schools should be allowed to select SOME of their pupils according to their academic ability	28	33	28	29	28	28	25	29	30	31	24	28
No – state schools should NOT be allowed to select any of their pupils according to their academic ability	41	28	51	48	41	42	44	43	38	39	44	45
Don't know	11	6	9	9	10	12	15	11	7	7	16	13

At present, local education authorities decide which children should attend which state secondary schools, though some schools, such as church schools, grammar schools and specialist schools, can choose which pupils fill some or all of their places. Which of these options do you personally favour?

The local education authority should be wholly responsible for all admissions to local state secondary schools	20	15	22	23	22	18	20	20	20	20	20	18
The present arrangements should be kept	18	11	27	22	20	16	21	18	14	16	19	22
All state schools, and not just the present ones, should be allowed to decide which pupils to admit, as long as they stick to broad government guidelines – there should be no return to anything like “11-plus” tests	16	16	18	18	16	15	14	15	18	18	14	19
All state schools should have complete freedom to decide which pupils to admit – including the right to return to “11-plus” tests	29	46	15	22	28	31	21	31	35	33	25	25
Don't know	18	11	18	15	15	20	25	16	13	13	23	16

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Some state secondary schools “stream” their pupils; that is pupils are allocated to sets in certain subjects according to their ability in each subject. Do you think...

Streaming is definitely a good idea; schools should follow a national policy that requires streaming in all state secondary schools	41	55	35	42	42	41	42	42	40	47	35	42
Streaming is sometimes a good idea; each school should be free to decide its own policy on streaming	42	36	46	45	41	42	36	40	47	43	40	40
Streaming is a bad idea and should be banned in state secondary schools	4	2	5	5	5	4	5	4	4	3	6	4
Don't know	13	6	14	9	12	13	17	13	8	8	19	14

Which of the following applies to you?

I do not have any children aged 18 or under	73	78	70	74	73	72	75	51	92	76	69	0
I have one or more children who is currently attending a state school in England or Wales	19	15	22	19	18	20	14	37	6	16	22	100
I have one or more children under 18, but none attending a state school in England or Wales	8	7	7	7	8	9	11	12	2	8	9	0

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	65	114
Male 25 to 39	261	288
Male 40 to 54	279	257
Male 55 +	450	334
Female 18 to 24	67	114
Female 25 to 39	289	303
Female 40 to 54	246	259
Female 55 +	414	402
Region		
London	373	436
Rest of South	447	413
Midlands and Wales	469	498
North	584	540
Scotland	198	185
Social Grade		
ABC1	1278	1118
C2DE	793	953
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	559	332
Sun / Star	306	455
Mirror / Record	216	332
Guardian / Independent	129	82
FT / Times / Telegraph	282	197
Other Paper	236	259
No Paper	343	414

Political Party Identification

Lab	785	705
Con	617	516
Lib Dem	221	208
Others	70	62
None	347	528
Don't know	31	52

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