

YouGov Survey Results

Tuition Fees

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Tony Blair wants to allow universities to charge students tuition fees of up to £3,000 a year. He says this is needed to fund higher education properly. Critics say this will lead to young people leaving college with very large debts. Do you support or oppose this?

	Dec 5-6	Jan 9-12
Support	31	30
Oppose	58	56
Don't know	11	14

Here are a number of statements about the Government's plans for student fees and loans. For each one, please say whether you believe it to be true or untrue.

	TRUE	UNTRUE	DON'T KNOW
"Under the proposed system, no British undergraduate will need to pay any tuition fees until after they have graduated"	51	21	28
"The interest rate that future graduates will be charged on their student loans will be at least as high as those paid by home-owners to mortgage-lenders"	13	35	52
"Taking everything into account – fees, loans, bursaries and government support – students from the poorest families will be no worse off under the new system than they are today"	33	31	36
"Students from the poorest families will have to pay more to attend such universities as Oxford or Cambridge than to attend universities that charge lower fees"	32	31	37
"Under the new system, graduates earning £20,000 a year will have to find at least £1,000 a year towards paying off their student loans"	41	13	45
"Recent graduates who are already paying off student loans will find that their monthly repayments fall under the new system"	8	28	65