

## Adoption Poll - October 2002

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

### Q.1 Do you have children that you currently look after in your household?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	500	243	257	68	179	148	105	268	226	53	117	173	137	382	180	202	118	308	64	24	18
Weighted base	500	245	255	70	180	150	100	259	234	50	109	166	152	380	181	199	120	310	61	21	19
Yes	181 36%	74 30%	108 42%	16 23%	120 67%	42 28%	4 4%	113 44%	66 28%	15 31%	33 30%	74 45%	52 34%	181 48%	181 100%	- -	- -	114 37%	22 37%	5 22%	3 16%
No	319 64%	171 70%	147 58%	54 77%	60 33%	108 72%	96 96%	146 56%	168 72%	34 69%	76 70%	92 55%	100 66%	199 52%	- -	199 100%	120 100%	195 63%	39 63%	17 78%	16 84%

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Table 2

**Q.2 Have you ever had children?****Base: All respondents with no children in the household**

	Gender			Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	320	171	149	51	61	108	100	149	167	37	80	97	92	202	-	202	118	195	40	19	15
Weighted base	319	171	147	54	60	108	96	146	168	34	76	92	100	199	-	199	120	195	39	17	16
Yes	199	95	104	-	19	95	85	59	136	20	36	51	84	199	-	199	-	134	29	12	7
	62%	55%	71%	-	32%	87%	88%	40%	81%	58%	47%	55%	84%	100%	-	100%	-	69%	75%	72%	45%
No	120	76	43	54	41	14	11	87	32	15	40	41	16	-	-	-	120	61	10	5	9
	38%	45%	29%	100%	68%	13%	12%	60%	19%	42%	53%	45%	16%	-	-	-	100%	31%	25%	28%	55%

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Table 3

**Q.3a Parliament at Westminster has recently been debating the adoption law. Under the present law only married couples or single people can adopt a child. Are you happy or unhappy with the current law?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	500	243	257	68	179	148	105	268	226	53	117	173	137	382	180	202	118	308	64	24	18
Weighted base	500	245	255	70	180	150	100	259	234	50	109	166	152	380	181	199	120	310	61	21	19
Happy	309 62%	151 62%	158 62%	47 68%	101 56%	96 64%	65 65%	167 65%	139 59%	33 66%	63 58%	107 64%	96 63%	238 63%	105 58%	133 67%	72 60%	201 65%	34 55%	13 60%	11 60%
Unhappy	92 18%	40 17%	52 20%	12 17%	39 22%	27 18%	14 14%	41 16%	49 21%	9 19%	26 23%	24 14%	25 17%	69 18%	43 24%	26 13%	24 20%	59 19%	16 26%	3 15%	3 17%
Don't know	98 20%	54 22%	45 18%	11 16%	40 22%	26 17%	21 21%	50 19%	46 20%	7 15%	21 19%	35 21%	31 20%	74 19%	34 19%	40 20%	24 20%	50 16%	12 19%	5 25%	4 22%

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Table 4

**Q.3b One proposal to change the law is for two homosexual men who are living together to be allowed to adopt children. Are you in favour or against this proposal?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
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Weighted base	500	245	255	70	180	150	100	259	234	50	109	166	152	380	181	199	120	310	61	21	19
In favour	146 29%	53 22%	93 37%	37 53%	66 37%	33 22%	11 11%	94 36%	50 21%	18 37%	38 34%	44 26%	37 24%	98 26%	66 36%	32 16%	48 40%	101 33%	11 18%	7 31%	4 20%
Against	299 60%	171 70%	128 50%	24 34%	96 54%	98 66%	81 81%	140 54%	155 66%	26 53%	58 53%	102 62%	103 68%	239 63%	97 53%	142 71%	60 50%	172 56%	46 75%	14 65%	13 70%
Don't know	55 11%	21 9%	33 13%	9 13%	18 10%	19 13%	9 9%	25 10%	30 13%	5 10%	14 13%	20 12%	12 8%	44 11%	18 10%	25 13%	11 9%	36 12%	4 7%	1 4%	2 9%

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Table 5

**Q.3c One other proposal to change the law is for two lesbian women who are living together to be allowed to adopt children. Are you in favour or against this proposal?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	500	243	257	68	179	148	105	268	226	53	117	173	137	382	180	202	118	308	64	24	18
Weighted base	500	245	255	70	180	150	100	259	234	50	109	166	152	380	181	199	120	310	61	21	19
In favour	167	68	99	41	71	38	18	100	65	20	37	50	48	111	69	42	57	117	10	8	6
	33%	28%	39%	58%	40%	25%	18%	39%	28%	41%	34%	30%	32%	29%	38%	21%	47%	38%	16%	37%	35%
Against	275	151	124	20	87	92	76	131	141	24	57	95	90	223	90	133	52	157	46	13	9
	55%	62%	49%	29%	48%	61%	76%	51%	60%	47%	52%	57%	60%	59%	50%	67%	43%	51%	75%	59%	51%
Don't know	58	26	32	9	22	21	6	28	28	6	15	21	13	47	23	24	11	35	5	1	3
	12%	10%	13%	13%	12%	14%	6%	11%	12%	12%	14%	13%	9%	12%	12%	12%	9%	11%	8%	4%	14%

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Table 6

**Q.4 The Prime Minister, Tony Blair, is on record as supporting a change in the law to allow male homosexual couples and lesbian couples to adopt children. Do you think he is right or wrong to support this change?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
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Right	173	70	103	43	76	41	12	105	65	21	46	56	40	117	78	39	56	122	10	8	6
	35%	28%	40%	61%	42%	28%	12%	41%	28%	43%	42%	34%	27%	31%	43%	20%	47%	39%	16%	37%	33%
Wrong	275	150	125	23	84	95	74	128	146	24	54	98	91	225	93	132	50	157	47	12	9
	55%	61%	49%	33%	47%	63%	74%	49%	62%	49%	50%	59%	60%	59%	51%	67%	42%	51%	77%	55%	51%
Don't know	52	25	27	4	20	14	14	26	23	4	9	12	20	38	11	28	13	31	5	2	3
	10%	10%	11%	6%	11%	9%	14%	10%	10%	8%	8%	7%	13%	10%	6%	14%	11%	10%	8%	8%	16%

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Table 7

**Q.5 The government wants to change the law to allow male homosexual couples and lesbian couples to be able to adopt children. If the government were to introduce these changes do you think you would be more likely to vote Labour in any new General Election, less likely to vote Labour, or would it make no difference one way or the other?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	500	243	257	68	179	148	105	268	226	53	117	173	137	382	180	202	118	308	64	24	18
Weighted base	500	245	255	70	180	150	100	259	234	50	109	166	152	380	181	199	120	310	61	21	19
More likely to vote Labour	26 5%	9 4%	17 7%	9 13%	7 4%	7 5%	3 3%	13 5%	13 6%	2 5%	2 2%	13 8%	6 4%	18 5%	8 4%	10 5%	8 7%	21 7%	- -	2 8%	2 12%
Make no difference	353 71%	174 71%	179 70%	52 75%	136 76%	97 65%	68 68%	187 72%	160 68%	36 72%	87 80%	97 58%	115 76%	264 69%	132 73%	133 67%	89 74%	226 73%	35 57%	14 63%	10 54%
Less likely to vote Labour	107 21%	57 23%	50 20%	7 10%	33 18%	41 28%	26 26%	52 20%	55 23%	12 24%	20 18%	47 28%	27 18%	88 23%	39 21%	49 24%	20 16%	54 18%	26 43%	6 29%	5 29%
Don't know	13 3%	5 2%	8 3%	2 2%	4 2%	4 3%	3 3%	7 3%	7 3%	- -	1 1%	8 5%	4 3%	10 3%	3 2%	7 4%	3 2%	8 3%	- -	- -	1 5%

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**Q.6 Generally speaking, in the past have you considered yourself to be a Labour supporter, a Conservative supporter, a Liberal Democrat supporter or a supporter of another party?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	500	243	257	68	179	148	105	268	226	53	117	173	137	382	180	202	118	308	64	24	18
Weighted base	500	245	255	70	180	150	100	259	234	50	109	166	152	380	181	199	120	310	61	21	19
Labour supporter	310 62%	146 59%	164 64%	37 52%	101 56%	105 70%	67 67%	147 57%	159 68%	30 60%	59 54%	104 63%	102 67%	249 65%	114 63%	134 67%	61 51%	310 100%	-	-	-
Conservative supporter	61 12%	26 10%	35 14%	1 1%	25 14%	18 12%	17 17%	28 11%	32 14%	8 16%	19 17%	16 10%	16 11%	51 13%	22 12%	29 14%	10 8%	-	61 100%	-	-
A Liberal Democrat supporter	21 4%	10 4%	12 5%	3 4%	6 3%	7 5%	6 6%	10 4%	12 5%	4 8%	6 5%	6 3%	6 4%	17 4%	5 3%	12 6%	5 4%	-	-	21 100%	-
Supporter of another party	19 4%	12 5%	7 3%	5 8%	8 4%	3 2%	2 2%	11 4%	8 3%	-	7 6%	8 5%	4 2%	10 3%	3 2%	7 3%	9 7%	-	-	-	19 100%
Don't support any party	64 13%	40 16%	24 9%	14 20%	35 20%	9 6%	5 5%	45 17%	16 7%	5 10%	17 15%	24 14%	15 10%	39 10%	31 17%	8 4%	25 21%	-	-	-	-
Don't know	26 5%	12 5%	13 5%	10 15%	5 3%	7 5%	4 4%	18 7%	8 3%	3 6%	2 2%	8 5%	9 6%	15 4%	6 3%	9 5%	11 9%	-	-	-	-

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Table 9

**Q.7 On a slightly different subject, have you ever thought what would happen to your children if you and your partner died?**

**Base: All respondents who have or have had children**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	382	170	212	17	137	134	94	181	195	37	76	131	124	382	180	202	-	246	54	19	10
Weighted base	380	169	212	16	139	136	89	171	202	35	69	125	136	380	181	199	-	249	51	17	10
Yes	225 59%	95 56%	130 61%	9 58%	98 71%	83 61%	34 39%	125 73%	95 47%	25 70%	56 81%	75 61%	60 45%	225 59%	123 68%	101 51%	-	135 54%	38 74%	10 62%	4 36%
No	148 39%	70 42%	78 37%	7 42%	41 29%	52 38%	49 55%	47 27%	100 49%	11 30%	13 19%	48 38%	70 52%	148 39%	57 32%	91 46%	-	109 44%	12 24%	4 26%	6 64%
Refused	1 *	-	1 *	-	-	-	1 1%	-	1 *	-	-	1 1%	-	1 *	1 *	-	-	-	1 1%	-	-
Don't know	7 2%	4 2%	3 2%	-	-	2 1%	5 6%	-	7 3%	-	-	1 1%	5 4%	7 2%	-	7 3%	-	5 2%	-	2 12%	-

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**Q.8 Have you made legal provision for your children to be looked after by a guardian if anything happened to you and your partner?**

**Base: All respondents who have or have had children**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	382	170	212	17	137	134	94	181	195	37	76	131	124	382	180	202	-	246	54	19	10
Weighted base	380	169	212	16	139	136	89	171	202	35	69	125	136	380	181	199	-	249	51	17	10
Yes	157 41%	70 42%	87 41%	8 46%	77 55%	49 36%	24 27%	90 53%	66 33%	16 45%	34 50%	62 50%	42 31%	157 41%	90 50%	68 34%	-	90 36%	25 50%	6 39%	4 39%
No	215 56%	97 58%	118 56%	9 54%	62 45%	84 62%	60 67%	80 47%	129 64%	19 55%	35 50%	61 49%	88 65%	215 56%	91 50%	124 62%	-	153 61%	25 49%	9 54%	6 61%
Refused	1 *	-	1 *	-	-	-	1 1%	-	1 *	-	-	1 1%	-	1 *	1 *	-	-	-	1 1%	-	-
Don't know	7 2%	1 1%	6 3%	-	-	3 2%	4 5%	1 1%	6 3%	-	-	1 1%	5 4%	7 2%	-	7 4%	-	6 2%	-	1 7%	-

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Table 11

**Q.9 Sometimes, through a tragic event like a car crash both parents are killed and the children have no relative or nominated guardian to look after them. In these circumstances the children are taken into care. If your children were taken into care after such an accident, would you be happy or unhappy for them to be adopted or looked after by two homosexual men living together?**

**Base: All respondents who have or have had children**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	382	170	212	17	137	134	94	181	195	37	76	131	124	382	180	202	-	246	54	19	10
Weighted base	380	169	212	16	139	136	89	171	202	35	69	125	136	380	181	199	-	249	51	17	10
Happy	74 20%	23 13%	52 24%	4 25%	41 30%	23 17%	7 8%	42 24%	31 15%	9 26%	13 19%	26 21%	22 16%	74 20%	50 27%	25 12%	-	53 21%	6 12%	5 29%	2 21%
Unhappy	274 72%	137 81%	137 65%	9 56%	86 62%	104 76%	74 84%	118 69%	154 76%	23 67%	49 72%	92 74%	102 75%	274 72%	119 65%	155 78%	-	176 71%	41 81%	11 65%	7 70%
Refused	1 *	1 1%	-	-	1 1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1%	1 *	-	1 *	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know	32 8%	8 5%	23 11%	3 18%	11 8%	10 7%	8 9%	12 7%	17 8%	2 7%	7 10%	6 5%	11 8%	32 8%	13 7%	18 9%	-	20 8%	4 7%	1 5%	1 9%



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Table 12

**Q.10 If it were possible to make a legal declaration to stop your children being adopted by a male homosexual couple after your death, would you make one or not?**

**Base: All respondents who have or have had children**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children				Party ID				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	382	170	212	17	137	134	94	181	195	37	76	131	124	382	180	202	-	246	54	19	10
Weighted base	380	169	212	16	139	136	89	171	202	35	69	125	136	380	181	199	-	249	51	17	10
Yes, would make legal declaration	233 61%	118 70%	115 55%	9 56%	80 58%	88 65%	55 62%	106 62%	125 62%	20 57%	44 64%	83 67%	81 60%	233 61%	112 61%	122 61%	-	146 59%	36 71%	11 65%	6 62%
No, would not make legal declaration	125 33%	43 26%	82 39%	5 30%	53 38%	40 29%	28 31%	56 33%	66 33%	13 38%	21 31%	36 29%	46 34%	125 33%	62 34%	63 32%	-	89 36%	10 20%	6 35%	4 38%
Refused	4 1%	2 1%	3 1%	- -	2 1%	1 1%	2 2%	1 1%	2 1%	- -	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	4 1%	- -	4 2%	-	2 1%	1 2%	- -	- -
Don't know	18 5%	6 3%	12 6%	2 14%	4 3%	8 6%	4 4%	8 5%	9 4%	2 4%	3 4%	5 4%	8 6%	18 5%	8 4%	9 5%	-	12 5%	4 7%	- -	- -

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**Q.11 Sometimes, through a tragic event like a car crash both parents are killed and the children have no relative or nominated guardian to look after them. If you had children and they were taken into care after such an accident, would you be happy or unhappy for them to be adopted or looked after by two homosexual men living together?**

**Base: All respondents who don't have children**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Work- ing	Not work- ing	AB	C1	C2	DE	Yes (net)	Yes, in house- hold	Yes, ever, but not in house- hold	No	Labour	Con- ser- vative	Lib- eral Demo- crat	Other Party
Unweighted base	118	73	45	51	42	14	11	87	31	16	41	42	13	-	-	-	118	62	10	5	8
Weighted base	120	76	43	54	41	14	11	87	32	15	40	41	16	-	-	-	120	61	10	5	9
Happy	52 43%	27 35%	25 57%	31 58%	15 36%	4 31%	1 13%	39 44%	13 40%	9 63%	20 50%	15 37%	5 30%	-	-	-	52 43%	33 55%	2 18%	2 38%	2 20%
Unhappy	59 49%	42 55%	17 39%	21 39%	23 55%	8 56%	8 69%	41 47%	17 54%	3 22%	18 44%	24 57%	10 62%	-	-	-	59 49%	25 41%	7 73%	2 36%	6 70%
Don't know	9 8%	8 10%	2 4%	2 3%	4 9%	2 13%	2 18%	7 8%	2 6%	2 14%	2 6%	3 6%	1 8%	-	-	-	9 8%	3 4%	1 9%	1 26%	1 10%

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Table 14

**Q.9/11 Sometimes, through a tragic event like a car crash both parents are killed and the children have no relative or nominated guardian to look after them. If you had children and they were taken into care after such an accident, would you be happy or unhappy for them to be adopted or looked after by two homosexual men living together?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender		Age				Working Status		Social Class				Children			Party ID					
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Weighted base	500	245	255	70	180	150	100	259	234	50	109	166	152	380	181	199	120	310	61	21	19
Happy	126 25%	50 20%	76 30%	35 50%	56 31%	27 18%	8 8%	81 31%	44 19%	18 37%	33 30%	41 25%	27 17%	74 20%	50 27%	25 12%	52 43%	86 28%	8 13%	7 31%	4 21%
Unhappy	332 66%	179 73%	153 60%	30 43%	109 60%	111 74%	82 82%	159 61%	171 73%	27 54%	67 61%	116 70%	112 74%	274 72%	119 65%	155 78%	59 49%	201 65%	49 80%	13 59%	13 70%
Refused	1 *	1 *	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	1 *	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
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