

Education Survey

Fieldwork : May 23rd - 24th 2003

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Table 1

Q.1. Do you agree or disagree that head teachers should be given greater powers to exclude disruptive or violent pupils?

Base : All respondents

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
Agree	892 86%	443 87%	449 85%	88 76%	168 84%	171 86%	152 86%	125 92%	188 89%	206 84%	248 86%	188 87%	250 87%	221 80%	233 87%	239 92%	120 84%	79 85%
Disagree	102 10%	47 9%	55 10%	26 22%	22 11%	18 9%	17 9%	10 7%	9 4%	32 13%	30 10%	21 10%	19 7%	38 14%	27 10%	16 6%	14 10%	7 8%
Don't know	43 4%	18 4%	25 5%	1 1%	9 5%	10 5%	9 5%	1 1%	13 6%	8 3%	10 4%	6 3%	18 6%	17 6%	8 3%	4 1%	8 6%	6 7%

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Table 2

Q.2. Recently it has been suggested that parents should be banned from sports days because they make sportsdays too competitive for pupils.

Do you agree or disagree?

Base : All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
Agree	102 10%	49 10%	53 10%	10 8%	20 10%	17 9%	27 15%	10 7%	18 9%	29 12%	24 9%	14 7%	35 12%	30 11%	24 9%	20 8%	10 7%	18 19%
Disagree	887 85%	431 85%	456 86%	101 88%	169 85%	171 86%	147 83%	120 88%	178 85%	207 84%	250 87%	188 87%	242 84%	233 85%	235 88%	222 86%	126 89%	70 76%
Don't know	48 5%	28 6%	20 4%	4 4%	10 5%	10 5%	3 2%	6 5%	14 7%	11 4%	13 5%	13 6%	11 4%	12 4%	9 3%	16 6%	6 4%	4 5%

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Table 3
Q.3. Based on what you know, could you give the quality of state education a mark out of ten, where ten would mean excellent and one would mean it is very bad indeed?

Base : All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
1	22 2%	9 2%	14 3%	1 1%	5 2%	3 2%	3 2%	3 2%	7 3%	- -	4 2%	3 2%	14 5%	7 2%	8 3%	6 2%	1 1%	1 1%
2	19 2%	11 2%	8 2%	2 2%	4 2%	1 *	5 3%	6 4%	1 *	8 3%	7 2%	2 1%	2 1%	9 3%	1 1%	3 1%	4 3%	1 1%
3	22 2%	9 2%	13 2%	1 1%	4 2%	7 4%	3 2%	2 1%	4 2%	6 3%	5 2%	5 3%	5 2%	10 4%	6 2%	2 1%	4 3%	- -
4	58 6%	31 6%	28 5%	8 7%	19 10%	10 5%	9 5%	7 5%	4 2%	14 6%	19 7%	14 7%	11 4%	27 10%	8 3%	11 4%	9 7%	3 3%
5	177 17%	84 17%	93 18%	16 14%	41 21%	29 15%	32 18%	26 19%	33 16%	35 14%	53 18%	43 20%	46 16%	47 17%	47 18%	41 16%	28 20%	13 14%
6	184 18%	96 19%	88 17%	20 17%	45 23%	38 19%	27 15%	34 25%	20 9%	59 24%	49 17%	40 18%	36 12%	60 22%	42 16%	46 18%	25 18%	10 11%
7	221 21%	115 23%	106 20%	42 36%	42 21%	49 25%	37 21%	17 13%	35 17%	57 23%	57 20%	43 20%	64 22%	44 16%	59 22%	63 24%	27 19%	29 31%
8	172 17%	79 16%	93 18%	13 11%	17 9%	32 16%	35 20%	19 14%	55 26%	33 13%	44 15%	37 17%	59 20%	30 11%	45 17%	53 20%	20 14%	24 26%
9	29 3%	11 2%	19 4%	- -	4 2%	9 4%	3 2%	3 2%	10 5%	8 3%	9 3%	4 2%	9 3%	6 2%	6 2%	10 4%	5 3%	2 2%
10	49 5%	26 5%	23 4%	3 3%	4 2%	7 4%	11 6%	10 8%	13 6%	5 2%	16 6%	9 4%	19 7%	15 5%	14 5%	12 5%	5 3%	3 3%
Don't know	83 8%	38 8%	45 8%	8 7%	13 7%	13 7%	11 6%	9 6%	28 14%	21 9%	23 8%	15 7%	23 8%	22 8%	30 11%	12 5%	13 9%	6 7%
Mean	6.32	6.32	6.31	6.28	5.84	6.42	6.39	6.18	6.76	6.22	6.31	6.26	6.46	5.94	6.39	6.56	6.13	6.81
Standard deviation	1.87	1.83	1.90	1.58	1.73	1.75	1.94	2.04	1.98	1.64	1.90	1.75	2.09	2.00	1.88	1.78	1.83	1.51
Standard error	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.17	0.14	0.12	0.15	0.17	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.16	0.16

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Table 4

Q.4. Since labour came to power in 1997, do you think the quality of education in state schools has gone up, down or remained the same?

Base : All respondents

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
Gone up	170 16%	97 19%	74 14%	19 17%	32 16%	36 18%	26 15%	17 13%	40 19%	51 21%	47 16%	32 15%	41 14%	49 18%	52 19%	39 15%	15 10%	15 17%
Gone down	279 27%	129 25%	149 28%	18 16%	45 23%	37 19%	54 30%	45 33%	79 38%	59 24%	84 29%	47 22%	88 31%	69 25%	66 25%	75 29%	46 32%	22 24%
Remained the same	472 46%	234 46%	238 45%	64 56%	86 43%	108 55%	82 46%	63 46%	68 33%	104 42%	124 43%	115 53%	129 45%	126 46%	122 46%	120 46%	65 46%	39 42%
Don't know	116 11%	48 9%	68 13%	13 11%	36 18%	18 9%	15 9%	11 8%	22 11%	32 13%	32 11%	23 11%	29 10%	31 11%	27 10%	25 10%	17 12%	16 17%

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Table 5

Q.5. Generally speaking, do you think school children take too many exams or too few?

Base : All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
Too many	626 60%	305 60%	321 61%	64 56%	118 59%	124 62%	117 66%	84 62%	120 57%	144 58%	191 66%	127 59%	165 57%	152 55%	167 63%	166 64%	99 70%	42 45%
Too few	131 13%	67 13%	64 12%	20 18%	32 16%	24 12%	16 9%	16 12%	22 11%	31 13%	28 10%	38 18%	33 11%	40 15%	29 11%	32 12%	14 10%	16 17%
The right amount	197 19%	99 20%	98 19%	27 24%	34 17%	35 18%	33 19%	25 18%	42 20%	55 22%	49 17%	30 14%	63 22%	64 23%	44 16%	42 16%	20 14%	28 30%
Don't know	83 8%	37 7%	46 9%	4 3%	15 8%	15 8%	12 7%	11 8%	26 12%	16 6%	19 7%	21 10%	27 9%	20 7%	28 10%	19 7%	9 6%	7 8%

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Table 6

Q.6. And do you think 7 year olds should continue to sit the public SATS tests or should they be evaluated by their teachers?

Base : All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
Continue to sit SATS	142 14%	65 13%	77 15%	22 19%	28 14%	30 15%	20 11%	19 14%	23 11%	40 16%	41 14%	26 12%	35 12%	46 17%	40 15%	26 10%	18 13%	11 12%
Be evaluated by teachers	849 82%	427 84%	422 80%	88 76%	164 82%	158 79%	153 86%	113 83%	174 83%	194 79%	233 81%	180 83%	242 84%	215 78%	220 82%	221 86%	119 84%	74 80%
Don't know	47 4%	17 3%	30 6%	6 5%	7 3%	11 6%	5 3%	5 3%	13 6%	13 5%	13 5%	10 5%	11 4%	15 5%	8 3%	11 4%	5 3%	8 8%

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Q.7. Do you yourself think that state schools receive enough money from the government or are they underfunded?

Base : All respondents

	Sex		Age						Social Class				Region					
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
Receive enough money	110 11%	60 12%	50 10%	15 13%	22 11%	16 8%	18 10%	16 12%	23 11%	29 12%	24 8%	21 10%	36 12%	28 10%	34 13%	27 10%	14 10%	7 7%
Are underfunded	815 79%	396 78%	418 79%	88 76%	161 81%	170 85%	144 81%	110 81%	142 68%	193 78%	238 83%	179 83%	204 71%	219 79%	207 78%	204 79%	113 79%	72 78%
Don't know	112 11%	52 10%	60 11%	13 11%	16 8%	13 6%	16 9%	10 7%	45 22%	24 10%	25 9%	15 7%	48 17%	29 10%	26 10%	28 11%	16 11%	14 15%

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Table 8

Q.8. From what you know do you think teachers pay is high enough to attract people who will make good teachers?

Base : All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
Yes - is high enough	386 37%	215 42%	171 32%	33 28%	71 36%	66 33%	64 36%	62 45%	90 43%	88 36%	96 34%	79 37%	122 42%	78 28%	100 38%	107 41%	64 45%	36 39%
No - is not high enough	492 47%	231 46%	261 49%	71 61%	100 50%	108 54%	83 46%	52 38%	79 38%	125 51%	154 54%	97 45%	116 40%	160 58%	118 44%	112 43%	55 39%	47 51%
Don't know	159 15%	62 12%	97 18%	12 10%	28 14%	24 12%	31 18%	23 17%	41 19%	32 13%	36 13%	39 18%	50 18%	37 14%	49 18%	39 15%	24 17%	9 10%

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Table 9

Q.9. Which of the following do you think would help improve the quality of education most.**Base : All respondents**

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Midlands	North England	Wales & South West	Scotland
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
Put more emphasis on core subjects, like english maths science and languages	863 83%	412 81%	451 85%	93 81%	165 83%	157 79%	148 83%	124 91%	176 84%	188 77%	240 83%	192 89%	243 84%	231 84%	208 78%	229 88%	123 86%	72 78%
Employ more support staff for teachers	855 82%	405 80%	450 85%	103 90%	172 86%	173 87%	144 81%	111 82%	151 72%	197 80%	230 80%	186 86%	242 84%	233 85%	224 84%	213 82%	116 81%	69 75%
Give teachers more power over the national curriculum	816 79%	380 75%	436 83%	95 83%	148 75%	155 78%	146 82%	113 83%	160 76%	180 73%	230 80%	180 84%	227 79%	203 74%	204 76%	222 86%	113 79%	74 80%
Offer a wider variety of subjects and activities	760 73%	363 71%	397 75%	100 87%	155 78%	142 71%	131 74%	87 64%	145 69%	156 63%	207 72%	172 80%	225 78%	199 72%	193 72%	202 78%	102 72%	64 69%
Divide children into different classes based on ability	719 69%	352 69%	367 69%	81 70%	145 73%	129 65%	123 69%	98 72%	143 68%	177 72%	202 70%	146 68%	193 67%	203 74%	179 67%	186 72%	95 67%	55 60%
Give teachers pay bonuses for good results	583 56%	275 54%	307 58%	73 63%	122 61%	112 57%	90 50%	70 51%	117 56%	129 53%	160 56%	120 56%	174 60%	171 62%	150 56%	150 58%	76 53%	36 39%
Allow schools to charge parents extra fees	193 19%	103 20%	90 17%	20 17%	44 22%	42 21%	31 17%	26 19%	31 15%	48 20%	56 20%	40 19%	48 17%	64 23%	49 18%	45 17%	20 14%	15 16%
Don't know/Not stated	7 1%	4 1%	3 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	4 2%	- -	2 1%	- -	3 1%	2 1%	3 1%	- -	4 2%	1 *	- -	2 2%

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Table 10

Q.10. Over the last 20 years or so do you think that the quality of teachers in this country has got better, worse or remained about the same?

Base : All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid- lands	North Eng- land	Wales & South West	Scot- land
Weighted base	1037	508	529	115	199	199	178	136	210	246	287	216	288	276	268	259	142	92
Better	244 24%	125 25%	119 22%	32 28%	48 24%	45 23%	44 25%	30 22%	43 21%	61 25%	67 23%	54 25%	62 22%	64 23%	69 26%	56 22%	35 24%	20 22%
Worse	315 30%	137 27%	178 34%	21 19%	53 27%	67 33%	59 33%	47 35%	67 32%	76 31%	85 30%	66 30%	88 31%	88 32%	75 28%	85 33%	44 31%	24 26%
Remained the same	448 43%	225 44%	222 42%	59 51%	89 45%	83 42%	68 38%	54 40%	94 45%	97 39%	125 43%	93 43%	132 46%	111 40%	119 44%	110 42%	62 44%	45 49%
Don't know	30 3%	21 4%	10 2%	3 2%	8 4%	5 2%	6 3%	4 3%	5 2%	12 5%	10 4%	3 1%	5 2%	13 5%	4 2%	8 3%	2 1%	3 3%