

NUT Commissioned survey of MP's views on the White Paper – summary of results

The Communicate Research Parliamentary Panel is the UK's largest and comprises a cross-section of 250 MPs. These MPs were asked to respond to a series of positive statements about the DfES White Paper. A representative sample of 163 MPs responded by the last week of November 2005.

Parliamentary Opinion Panel questions and results

In the Education White Paper, *Higher Standards, Better Schools for All* the Government set out its vision of a more market oriented system in which schools have greater autonomy and responsibility; parents have greater power; pupils have greater access to personalised learning and disadvantaged groups will be better provided for. In the light of the publication of the White Paper do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Statements for MPs to Consider	Party	Strongly Agree/ Agree		Disagree /Strongly Disagree		Don't Know	
		%	Count	%	Count	%	Count
I fully understand the provisions as set out in the Education White Paper and how they will affect the education system in the UK.	Labour	66%	59	25%	23	9%	8
	Tory	60%	29	31%	15	10%	5
	Lib Dem	58%	8	37%	6	6%	1
	Other	68%	7	0	0	32%	3
The Education White Paper sets out a vision which is likely to be beneficial to schools in my constituency.	Labour	20%	19	55%	49	24%	22
	Tory	42%	21	33%	16	24%	12
	Lib Dem	0	0	95%	14	6%	1
	Other	23%	2	46%	4	32%	3
I support the target of every school to be able to acquire a self-governing Trust similar to those supporting Academies.	Labour	18%	16	64%	58	18%	16
	Tory	85%	41	7%	3	8%	4
	Lib Dem	0	0	95%	14	6%	1
	Other	23%	2	23%	2	54%	5
I believe that the creation of "choice advisors" and extension of rights to free school transport will mitigate advantages of affluence and ensure that schools admissions policies are fairer for disadvantaged students.	Labour	36%	32	40%	35	25%	22
	Tory	26%	13	40%	19	36%	17
	Lib Dem	13%	2	77%	12	10%	1
	Other	0	0	46%	4	54%	5
I agree that local authorities should change from that of provider to one of commissioner of children's services.	Labour	21%	21	62%	56	15%	14
	Tory	58%	28	19%	9	23%	11
	Lib Dem	15%	2	76%	11	9%	1
	Other	0	0	23%	2	77%	8

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