

YouGov/The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 2573 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 27th - 28th June 2011

Total	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					Children at School	
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Fe-male	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	Yes	No
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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you have children under the age of 18 who are currently in full-time school education?

Yes, I do	19	17	21	15	18	21	18	19	19	7	24	33	2	18	20	15	19	22	19	18	100	0
No, I do not	81	83	79	85	82	79	82	81	81	93	76	67	98	82	80	85	81	78	81	82	0	100

The government is seeking changes to public sector pensions that will require public sector workers to work for longer and contribute more to their pensions.

The government say that with people living longer the changes are necessary to make public sector pensions affordable in the long term. The trade Unions say that changes have already been made that make current pensions sustainable.

Do you support or oppose the government's changes to public sector pensions?

Support	37	66	17	49	62	17	33	43	33	27	34	35	48	42	32	37	43	37	31	33	37	37
Oppose	47	21	70	36	25	70	51	45	49	46	48	52	39	44	50	42	40	47	55	52	46	47
Don't know	16	13	13	15	13	14	16	13	19	27	18	13	13	14	18	21	16	16	14	14	17	16

Two teaching unions and a civil service union have announced they will go on strike next week in protest against the changes to public sector pensions.

Do you support or oppose teachers going on strike this Thursday?

Support	40	14	65	25	18	63	47	41	40	47	40	45	32	39	42	38	37	37	49	44	39	41
Oppose	49	79	26	63	75	28	41	50	48	36	45	46	61	52	45	49	53	53	41	44	51	48
Don't know	11	7	8	12	8	9	12	9	12	17	15	9	7	9	13	14	11	10	10	12	11	11

Do you support or oppose civil servants going on strike this Thursday?

Support	38	13	64	27	16	62	46	38	38	40	39	43	30	37	40	32	34	36	47	40	39	38
Oppose	50	81	27	61	76	28	42	52	48	38	44	47	63	52	47	52	56	52	41	46	49	50
Don't know	12	6	9	12	8	10	12	10	14	22	17	9	7	11	13	16	10	12	12	14	12	12

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If teachers do go on strike this Thursday, will it make you respect them and their profession more or less, or will it make no difference?

Will make me respect them more	10	3	19	3	4	17	11	12	8	11	12	12	6	10	11	10	9	11	11	12	12	10
Will make me respect them less	28	49	14	38	46	15	23	30	27	27	26	26	34	31	25	27	33	29	23	26	31	28
Will make no difference - I have a lot of respect for teachers anyway	45	28	57	42	28	58	51	40	49	48	45	46	41	43	46	44	41	42	51	47	41	45
Will make no difference - I do not have much respect for teachers anyway	10	15	5	8	15	5	8	12	9	7	8	10	14	11	9	9	11	11	10	8	8	11
Don't know	7	5	4	9	6	5	7	6	8	8	10	5	5	5	9	10	6	7	5	6	7	7

Would you support or oppose schools asking parents to volunteer to help on Thursday in order to keep schools affected by strike action open?

Support	37	55	22	45	53	23	34	34	39	34	37	32	44	39	34	40	41	36	33	29	32	38
Oppose	52	35	67	43	36	67	53	56	48	49	49	58	48	51	53	46	45	54	57	65	57	50
Don't know	12	11	11	12	11	11	12	11	13	17	14	11	9	11	13	15	13	11	11	7	11	12

The strike action this week has been backed by a majority of those trade union members who voted in strike ballots, but in each case less than half of eligible members voted. In the PCS civil service union 61% voted in favour, but with a turnout of 32% (meaning 20% of eligible members backed action). In the ATL teaching union 83% voted in favour of strike action, but with a turnout of 35% (meaning 29% of eligible members backed action)

Some people have suggested that the law should be changed so that a union can only go on strike if over 50% of its members back the strike, rather than 50% of those voting. Would you support or oppose this change?

Support - unions should require the support of 50% of all eligible members to take strike action	58	82	37	75	78	43	51	57	58	54	56	53	67	63	51	59	62	58	52	56	55	58
Oppose - it should be enough for unions to get the support of 50% of those voting	29	9	50	17	13	46	35	34	25	30	27	33	26	26	33	28	25	29	34	33	28	30
Not sure	13	8	12	8	10	12	13	9	17	16	17	13	8	10	16	12	12	14	14	11	17	12