

Political Issues Poll

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

12th October 2014

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All residents aged 18+ in the UK

Sample Size

1,028

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region and past vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office of National Statistics 2011 Census data and the 2010 General Election results.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1,002 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.1% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation and presented by Patrick Bri ne and Damian Lyons Lowe.

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The government are offering nurses, midwives and other NHS workers a 1% pay rise this year which, with retail price inflation at 2.4%, would be a further fall in their real terms wages after 3 years of having pay rises capped at 1%. The government argue however that it is still important to continue a "cap" on such worker's pay as the economy has not fully recovered and public sector pay of all kinds should not rise above this level.

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Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?

Total Respondents: 1028 UK Ex-Northern Ireland

Applied weighting: Age, Gender, Region, 2010 Vote

Unweighted	Weighted	Total (Ex-NI) 1028	Age						Gender				Region						Which party did you vote for in the 2010 General Election, or did you not vote?									
			18 - 34 390/319		35 - 54 392/360		55 + 246/349		Male 380/504		Female 648/524		South 410/465		Mids & North and Wales Scotland 234/219 384/345		Conservative 232/202		Labour 230/247		Liberal Democrat 145/161		Another party 91/87		Did not vote 266/280			
Continuing to keep a 1% pay cap for NHS workers is unfair	65%	673	63%	201	66%	238	67%	234	65%	330	65%	343	63%	293	68%	150	67%	230	50%	100	75%	186	72%	116	67%	58	66%	185
Continuing to keep a 1% pay cap for NHS workers is fair	22%	223	13%	41	23%	82	29%	101	26%	129	18%	94	22%	100	20%	43	23%	80	41%	83	14%	34	22%	35	23%	20	16%	45
Don't know	13%	133	24%	78	11%	40	4%	14	9%	45	17%	87	15%	72	11%	25	10%	35	9%	19	11%	27	6%	10	10%	9	18%	49

Nurses, midwives and other NHS workers are taking industrial action by “walking out” for a four hour period on Monday (tomorrow) over the government’s continuance of a 1% pay cap. This industrial action was agreed following a full ballot of members, in keeping with UK law. Do you think the actions of these workers are...?

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Justified in this case	61%	629	61%	193	65%	233	58%	203	62%	313	60%	316	61%	285	63%	138	60%	206	42%	84	80%	197	61%	98	60%	52	61%	172
Not Justified in this case	27%	278	22%	69	25%	91	34%	119	30%	150	25%	129	27%	126	26%	58	27%	94	52%	105	10%	25	30%	48	29%	25	23%	64
Don't know	12%	121	18%	57	10%	37	8%	28	8%	41	15%	80	12%	54	11%	23	13%	45	6%	13	10%	25	10%	16	10%	9	16%	44