

BBC Daily Politics Show Poll

Fieldwork : January 10th-11th 2007

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	Sex			Age									Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1001	514	487	130	177	212	203	140	139	307	415	279	313	245	167	276	264	260	246	141	90
Weighted base	1001	480	521	110	170	200	170	150	201	280	370	351	250	290	210	250	267	261	246	139	88
<u>It is hypocritical of Ruth Kelly to send her child to a private school because doing so is against Labour's principles</u>																					
Agree	385	195	190	37	68	72	66	60	82	104	138	143	97	111	77	100	100	97	91	57	40
	39%	41%	37%	33%	40%	36%	39%	40%	41%	37%	37%	41%	39%	38%	37%	40%	38%	37%	37%	41%	45%
Disagree	568	265	302	71	90	118	97	84	107	162	215	191	140	165	125	138	152	153	143	78	41
	57%	55%	58%	65%	53%	59%	57%	56%	53%	58%	58%	54%	56%	57%	60%	55%	57%	59%	58%	56%	47%
Don't know	48	20	28	2	12	9	7	6	11	14	17	17	13	15	8	13	14	10	11	4	7
	5%	4%	5%	2%	7%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	8%
<u>Ruth Kelly should resign because of her decision</u>																					
Agree	172	98	74	17	26	25	31	29	44	43	56	73	33	45	41	54	53	44	46	20	10
	17%	20%	14%	15%	15%	13%	18%	19%	22%	15%	15%	21%	13%	15%	19%	22%	20%	17%	19%	14%	11%
Disagree	792	367	426	91	139	167	133	114	149	229	300	263	211	234	162	186	201	209	189	118	74
	79%	76%	82%	83%	82%	84%	78%	76%	74%	82%	81%	75%	84%	80%	77%	74%	75%	80%	77%	85%	84%
Don't know	36	16	21	2	5	8	6	7	8	8	14	15	6	12	8	10	13	7	11	1	4
	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	1%	5%
<u>The fact that a former Education Minister needs to send her child to a private school shows that the state system for supporting children with special needs is inadequate</u>																					
Agree	625	298	327	62	102	124	111	89	137	164	234	226	163	173	132	157	177	168	142	91	47
	62%	62%	63%	57%	60%	62%	65%	59%	68%	59%	63%	65%	65%	60%	63%	63%	66%	64%	58%	65%	53%
Disagree	328	154	174	46	59	67	49	49	57	105	117	106	77	99	70	82	77	77	89	45	39
	33%	32%	33%	42%	35%	34%	29%	33%	28%	38%	32%	30%	31%	34%	33%	33%	29%	30%	36%	32%	44%
Don't know	48	28	20	1	10	9	10	12	7	11	19	18	11	19	8	11	12	16	15	4	2
	5%	6%	4%	1%	6%	4%	6%	8%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	6%	6%	3%	2%

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<u>Like all parents. Ms Kelly made her decision in the best interests of her child and it is unfair to criticise her for doing so just because she is a politician.</u>																					
Agree	766 77%	361 75%	405 78%	84 76%	136 80%	158 79%	128 75%	119 79%	141 70%	220 78%	286 77%	260 74%	194 77%	219 76%	170 81%	183 73%	207 78%	204 78%	179 73%	112 80%	64 73%
Disagree	212 21%	109 23%	103 20%	26 23%	30 18%	37 19%	39 23%	27 18%	53 26%	56 20%	76 21%	80 23%	50 20%	62 21%	38 18%	62 25%	52 20%	52 20%	60 24%	27 20%	20 23%
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