

**POPULUS/BLUE RUBICON
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		Gender			Age					
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Yes	Count	1436	674	762	185	238	315	247	209	243
	%	80%	78%	82%	86%	83%	88%	81%	78%	68%
No	Count	355	187	168	30	49	43	57	60	115
	%	20%	22%	18%	14%	17%	12%	19%	22%	32%

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		Region											
		London	South East England	South West England	East Midlands	West Midlands	East Anglia	Wales	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humberside	Other
Yes	Count	193	292	139	137	147	126	0	0	73	168	161	0
	%	85%	81%	78%	84%	75%	77%	0%	0%	77%	80%	81%	0%
No	Count	33	70	40	26	48	39	0	0	22	41	37	0
	%	15%	19%	22%	16%	25%	23%	0%	0%	23%	20%	19%	0%

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Socio-Economic Group

		AB	C1	C2	DE
Yes	Count	371	417	310	339
	%	80%	80%	82%	79%
No	Count	95	102	66	91
	%	20%	20%	18%	21%

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		Gender			Age					
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Yes	Count	773	341	432	85	124	155	136	121	153
	%	43%	40%	46%	39%	43%	43%	45%	45%	43%
No	Count	1018	520	498	130	163	203	168	148	205
	%	57%	60%	54%	61%	57%	57%	55%	55%	57%

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		London	South East England	South West England	East Midlands	West Midlands	East Anglia	Wales	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humberside	Other
Yes	Count	90	161	88	75	79	84	0	0	25	84	87	0
	%	40%	45%	49%	46%	41%	51%	0%	0%	26%	40%	44%	0%
No	Count	136	200	91	88	116	81	0	0	70	125	110	0
	%	60%	55%	51%	54%	59%	49%	0%	0%	74%	60%	56%	0%

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		Socio-Economic Group			
		AB	C1	C2	DE
Yes	Count	232	213	153	175
	%	50%	41%	41%	41%
No	Count	234	306	223	255
	%	50%	59%	59%	59%

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		Gender		
		Total	Male	Female
Parents should always be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	477	242	235
	%	27%	28%	25%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11	Count	526	233	293
	%	29%	27%	31%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14	Count	193	98	95
	%	11%	11%	10%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16	Count	126	65	61
	%	7%	8%	7%
Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	469	223	246
	%	26%	26%	26%

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		Age					
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Parents should always be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	46	60	89	78	87	117
	%	21%	21%	25%	26%	32%	33%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11	Count	63	98	106	82	70	108
	%	29%	34%	30%	27%	26%	30%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14	Count	42	39	27	33	19	32
	%	20%	14%	8%	11%	7%	9%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16	Count	19	24	15	27	18	22
	%	9%	9%	4%	9%	7%	6%
Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	45	65	121	84	75	78
	%	21%	23%	34%	28%	28%	22%

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Parents should always be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	71	96	43	43	44	45	0	0
	%	31%	27%	24%	26%	23%	27%	0%	0%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11	Count	54	109	45	43	62	52	0	0
	%	24%	30%	25%	27%	32%	31%	0%	0%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14	Count	24	34	33	15	21	12	0	0
	%	10%	9%	18%	9%	11%	7%	0%	0%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16	Count	19	23	13	9	20	11	0	0
	%	8%	6%	7%	5%	10%	7%	0%	0%
Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	58	99	44	53	49	45	0	0
	%	26%	27%	25%	32%	25%	27%	0%	0%

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		North East	North West	Yorks & Humberside	Other	AB	C1	C2	DE
Parents should always be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	27	51	57	0	116	120	111	130
	%	28%	24%	29%	0%	25%	23%	29%	30%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 11	Count	29	80	53	0	127	163	114	122
	%	30%	38%	27%	0%	27%	31%	30%	28%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 14	Count	12	31	11	0	52	68	50	23
	%	13%	15%	6%	0%	11%	13%	13%	5%
Parents should be able to withdraw their child from these lessons up to the age of 16	Count	6	17	8	0	32	32	22	40
	%	6%	8%	4%	0%	7%	6%	6%	9%
Parents should never be able to withdraw their child from these lessons, no matter the age of their child	Count	21	30	69	0	140	135	79	115
	%	22%	15%	35%	0%	30%	26%	21%	27%