

David Cameron Poll

Fieldwork : February 13th 2007

Absolutes/col percents

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Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	522	190	332	39	88	126	117	86	66	140	121	100	161	139	132	130	74	47
Weighted base	522	251	271	57	89	104	89	78	105	130	151	110	131	139	136	128	73	46
<u>It doesn't matter if David Cameron smoked cannabis when he was at school or university</u>																		
Agree	420	206	215	54	77	87	72	62	68	107	135	83	95	115	107	104	56	38
	81%	82%	79%	94%	87%	84%	81%	79%	65%	82%	89%	76%	73%	83%	79%	81%	77%	83%
Disagree	93	41	52	4	12	15	15	14	34	21	16	23	32	23	27	20	16	7
	18%	16%	19%	6%	13%	14%	17%	18%	32%	16%	11%	21%	24%	17%	20%	16%	21%	15%
Don't know	9	4	5	-	-	2	2	2	3	2	-	3	4	1	2	4	2	1
	2%	2%	2%	-	-	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	-	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%
<u>It doesn't matter if David Cameron smoked cannabis when he was at school or university, but it would matter if he had experimented with more serious drugs</u>																		
Agree	335	149	187	29	48	71	57	52	78	70	100	79	86	89	92	85	49	20
	64%	59%	69%	50%	54%	68%	65%	67%	74%	54%	66%	72%	66%	64%	68%	66%	67%	44%
Disagree	178	96	82	26	38	32	30	24	27	58	49	28	43	46	42	44	24	23
	34%	38%	30%	46%	43%	31%	34%	31%	26%	45%	32%	25%	33%	33%	31%	34%	33%	49%
Don't know	9	6	2	2	2	1	1	2	-	2	2	3	2	4	2	-	-	3
	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	-	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	-	-	7%
<u>It doesn't matter if David Cameron tried drugs when he was at school or university but it would matter if it turned out that he had done so as an adult, after he started work</u>																		
Agree	371	175	195	37	60	79	58	57	80	86	116	76	92	106	90	100	49	26
	71%	70%	72%	64%	68%	76%	65%	73%	76%	66%	77%	69%	70%	76%	66%	78%	67%	57%
Disagree	141	71	70	20	28	23	28	20	22	41	31	33	34	33	43	27	19	18
	27%	28%	26%	35%	31%	22%	31%	25%	21%	32%	21%	31%	26%	24%	32%	21%	26%	39%
Refused	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
	*	1%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-
Don't know	9	3	6	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	2	*	4	-	1	1	4	2
	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	*	3%	-	1%	1%	6%	4%

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<u>David Cameron should not be expected to answer detailed questions about whether he tried drugs in his youth because all politicians are entitled to have made mistakes when they were growing up</u>																		
Agree	445 85%	202 81%	243 90%	52 91%	80 91%	88 85%	71 80%	74 94%	79 76%	110 84%	130 86%	93 85%	112 86%	120 86%	116 85%	109 85%	59 81%	41 88%
Disagree	69 13%	44 17%	25 9%	5 9%	8 9%	16 15%	15 16%	5 6%	20 19%	20 15%	19 13%	15 13%	15 12%	18 13%	17 13%	16 13%	12 16%	5 12%
Refused	2 *	2 1%	-	-	-	-	2 2%	-	-	-	2 1%	-	-	-	2 1%	-	-	-
Don't know	6 1%	3 1%	3 1%	-	-	-	1 1%	-	5 5%	1 1%	-	2 2%	4 3%	1 1%	1 *	3 2%	2 3%	-