

Lord Ashcroft Poll Results

Sample Size: 1580 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 14th - 15th September 2017

	Vote in 2017			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age		
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	
Weighted Sample	1665	530	566	119	701	680	738	927	169	698
Unweighted Sample	1580	515	553	120	701	683	678	902	140	647
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Looking at the following occupations, do you think they should continue to have pay rises capped at 1% a year, or should they be given larger pay increases?

Teachers

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	28	45	18	14	17	41	31	26	16	24
Should be given larger pay increases	61	46	73	76	73	49	59	62	70	65
Not sure	11	10	9	10	10	10	10	12	14	12

Nurses

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	8	16	4	7	6	12	11	6	5	8
Should be given larger pay increases	86	79	92	87	90	84	85	88	87	86
Not sure	5	4	4	6	4	4	4	6	8	7

Police officers

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	17	22	13	11	13	20	22	12	13	16
Should be given larger pay increases	75	71	81	82	80	74	70	80	75	76
Not sure	8	6	6	8	7	6	8	8	12	9

Doctors

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	32	46	23	30	25	43	36	29	18	29
Should be given larger pay increases	57	46	67	58	65	49	54	60	70	60
Not sure	11	8	9	12	10	9	10	12	12	11

Prison officers

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	18	23	15	11	14	22	20	17	23	18
Should be given larger pay increases	71	68	76	81	77	68	70	72	60	69
Not sure	11	9	9	8	9	10	10	11	17	12

The Armed Forces

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	19	20	19	18	20	17	21	17	26	17
Should be given larger pay increases	70	72	71	67	68	75	70	70	57	72
Not sure	11	8	10	15	12	7	9	13	17	11

Immigration and border staff

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	Social Grade				Region					
	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1665	442	356	975	691	180	554	376	398	157
Unweighted Sample	1580	437	356	931	649	155	542	359	372	152
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Looking at the following occupations, do you think they should continue to have pay rises capped at 1% a year, or should they be given larger pay increases?

Teachers

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	28	35	35	25	33	23	29	31	30	24
Should be given larger pay increases	61	57	53	65	55	68	60	54	61	68
Not sure	11	8	12	10	12	9	10	15	10	8

Nurses

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	8	10	10	7	10	9	6	11	8	11
Should be given larger pay increases	86	87	87	88	84	84	91	80	88	85
Not sure	5	4	3	4	7	7	3	8	5	4

Police officers

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	17	18	18	16	18	14	15	18	15	24
Should be given larger pay increases	75	75	75	77	72	76	78	70	79	68
Not sure	8	6	7	7	10	9	7	12	6	8

Doctors

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	32	34	42	35	28	32	34	31	29	33
Should be given larger pay increases	57	57	45	55	60	57	56	55	62	54
Not sure	11	8	13	10	12	11	10	13	9	13

Prison officers

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	18	19	16	18	19	19	21	18	15	20
Should be given larger pay increases	71	72	77	73	67	71	70	67	76	73
Not sure	11	9	7	8	14	10	10	15	10	7

The Armed Forces

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	19	19	19	21	16	22	21	18	14	21
Should be given larger pay increases	70	71	71	69	71	67	69	69	75	69
Not sure	11	11	9	10	12	12	10	13	11	11

Immigration and border staff

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	Work Sector		
	Total	Private	Public
Weighted Sample	1665	480	368
Unweighted Sample	1580	459	358
	%	%	%

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Looking at the following occupations, do you think they should continue to have pay rises capped at 1% a year, or should they be given larger pay increases?

Teachers

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	28	35	21
Should be given larger pay increases	61	52	70
Not sure	11	13	9

Nurses

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	8	9	6
Should be given larger pay increases	86	85	90
Not sure	5	6	4

Police officers

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	17	21	12
Should be given larger pay increases	75	69	83
Not sure	8	10	6

Doctors

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	32	35	32
Should be given larger pay increases	57	54	58
Not sure	11	11	9

Prison officers

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	18	22	13
Should be given larger pay increases	71	65	78
Not sure	11	13	9

The Armed Forces

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	19	19	14
Should be given larger pay increases	70	70	78
Not sure	11	11	8

Immigration and border staff

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	31	34	29	19	28	34	29	32	40	29
Should be given larger pay increases	54	51	59	64	58	53	57	51	38	54
Not sure	16	14	12	17	14	13	14	17	22	16
Civil servants										
Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	50	66	42	37	41	65	53	48	35	42
Should be given larger pay increases	33	19	46	43	44	23	32	35	39	41
Not sure	16	16	12	19	15	12	15	17	27	16

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	31	31	28	30	31	32	33	28	29	34
Should be given larger pay increases	54	56	58	55	52	51	53	55	55	53
Not sure	16	13	14	15	17	17	14	17	16	14
Civil servants										
Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	50	59	63	49	53	46	52	55	48	47
Should be given larger pay increases	33	29	20	35	30	35	32	29	36	38
Not sure	16	12	17	16	17	19	16	17	16	15

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	31	34	23
Should be given larger pay increases	54	52	64
Not sure	16	15	13

Civil servants

Should continue to have pay increases capped at 1%	50	57	39
Should be given larger pay increases	33	26	47
Not sure	16	17	14

How do you think higher pay rises in the public sector should be funded?

[This question was seen only by those respondents who said that any of the above occupations should receive a pay rise; n=1446]

By increasing taxes	39	36	46	51	48	34	45	34	36	29
Through more government borrowing	10	9	11	12	11	8	12	8	10	13
By cutting spending in other areas	42	45	37	31	34	46	35	47	46	48
None of these is acceptable – the pay cap should stay after all	9	11	6	6	6	12	7	11	8	10

Would you support or oppose the following occupations going on strike to try and get an increase in pay?

Teachers

Would support them going on strike	36	17	57	37	45	26	35	37	59	39
Would oppose them going on strike	49	75	30	47	40	64	53	46	22	44
Not sure	14	8	13	16	16	10	12	17	19	17

Nurses

Would support them going on strike	45	25	64	41	51	37	43	47	66	48
Would oppose them going on strike	43	67	26	43	37	54	48	39	18	39
Not sure	12	8	10	16	12	9	9	14	15	14

Police officers

Would support them going on strike	34	20	51	29	39	30	30	38	50	38
Would oppose them going on strike	52	71	36	54	47	61	59	46	29	46
Not sure	14	8	13	17	14	9	11	16	21	16

Prison officers

Would support them going on strike	33	17	49	31	38	28	30	35	45	36
Would oppose them going on strike	51	72	35	54	45	61	57	46	29	44
Not sure	16	11	16	15	17	11	13	19	26	20

Immigration and border staff

Would support them going on strike	28	13	43	26	34	22	27	29	45	29
Would oppose them going on strike	54	74	38	55	47	65	59	49	26	50
Not sure	19	14	19	19	20	13	14	22	29	21

Civil servants

Would support them going on strike	25	9	42	29	34	16	25	25	40	29
Would oppose them going on strike	55	78	39	50	44	71	59	51	27	48
Not sure	20	13	20	21	22	13	16	24	33	23

If public sectors workers were to go on strike to try and get an increase in pay, do you think the Labour party should support the strike, oppose the strike, or remain neutral?

Labour should support any such strike	33	14	53	35	43	24	34	33	50	35
Labour should oppose any such strike	15	29	5	12	9	24	19	11	3	11
Labour should remain neutral towards any such strike	33	42	27	37	32	38	33	32	20	27
Not sure	20	14	14	16	16	15	14	24	26	27

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By increasing taxes	39	48	47	42	35	39	38	39	38	44
Through more government borrowing	10	8	7	11	9	11	11	9	11	5
By cutting spending in other areas	42	36	36	40	44	44	43	40	42	41
None of these is acceptable – the pay cap should stay after all	9	8	11	7	12	7	8	13	9	10

Would you support or oppose the following occupations going on strike to try and get an increase in pay?

Teachers

Would support them going on strike	36	36	22	37	35	41	33	31	39	48
Would oppose them going on strike	49	53	67	50	49	40	55	54	46	37
Not sure	14	11	11	13	16	19	12	15	15	15

Nurses

Would support them going on strike	45	45	30	44	47	47	44	39	49	52
Would oppose them going on strike	43	45	60	46	38	36	46	48	40	36
Not sure	12	10	9	10	15	18	10	13	10	12

Police officers

Would support them going on strike	34	33	22	35	33	38	35	27	38	37
Would oppose them going on strike	52	55	70	53	51	42	53	57	50	49
Not sure	14	12	8	12	16	19	12	16	11	13

Prison officers

Would support them going on strike	33	33	21	34	32	34	33	25	38	41
Would oppose them going on strike	51	54	70	52	49	42	52	59	48	44
Not sure	16	12	9	15	18	25	15	16	14	14

Immigration and border staff

Would support them going on strike	28	28	17	29	26	31	28	22	30	33
Would oppose them going on strike	54	57	70	54	53	41	57	58	52	50
Not sure	19	15	13	16	22	28	16	20	18	17

Civil servants

Would support them going on strike	25	24	11	27	22	29	23	21	27	31
Would oppose them going on strike	55	61	73	56	53	40	61	54	54	52
Not sure	20	15	16	17	25	30	16	25	19	17

If public sectors workers were to go on strike to try and get an increase in pay, do you think the Labour party should support the strike, oppose the strike, or remain neutral?

Labour should support any such strike	33	36	19	35	31	34	30	31	34	46
Labour should oppose any such strike	15	17	24	16	13	10	17	15	14	9
Labour should remain neutral towards any such strike	33	35	46	33	32	29	36	33	32	27
Not sure	20	12	11	17	24	26	17	21	21	18

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By increasing taxes	39	33	42
Through more government borrowing	10	8	12
By cutting spending in other areas	42	45	42
None of these is acceptable – the pay cap should stay after all	9	13	5

Would you support or oppose the following occupations going on strike to try and get an increase in pay?

Teachers

Would support them going on strike	36	24	47
Would oppose them going on strike	49	62	40
Not sure	14	13	13

Nurses

Would support them going on strike	45	34	53
Would oppose them going on strike	43	54	37
Not sure	12	12	10

Police officers

Would support them going on strike	34	24	44
Would oppose them going on strike	52	63	44
Not sure	14	13	12

Prison officers

Would support them going on strike	33	24	41
Would oppose them going on strike	51	61	43
Not sure	16	15	17

Immigration and border staff

Would support them going on strike	28	21	36
Would oppose them going on strike	54	65	44
Not sure	19	15	20

Civil servants

Would support them going on strike	25	17	35
Would oppose them going on strike	55	67	46
Not sure	20	17	19

If public sectors workers were to go on strike to try and get an increase in pay, do you think the Labour party should support the strike, oppose the strike, or remain neutral?

Labour should support any such strike	33	23	45
Labour should oppose any such strike	15	19	9
Labour should remain neutral towards any such strike	33	36	29
Not sure	20	22	17

And in practice, if public sector workers were to go on strike to get an increase in pay, do you think the Labour party would support such a strike, oppose the strike, or remain neutral?

Labour would support any such strike	52	64	53	55	55	58	56	49	41	44
Labour would oppose any such strike	5	5	4	3	3	6	5	4	1	5
Labour would remain neutral towards any such strike	18	14	22	12	20	17	20	16	22	19
Not sure	25	16	21	30	22	19	19	31	37	32

For people doing similar jobs, do you think pay in the public sector is higher, lower or about the same as pay in the private sector?

Pay in the public sector is higher than the private sector	21	33	15	13	15	31	25	18	5	17
Pay in the public sector is lower than the private sector	46	34	59	55	56	38	43	49	63	48
Pay is about the same in the public and private sectors	12	15	11	11	12	11	15	9	10	11
Don't know	21	19	14	20	17	20	17	24	22	24

And in practice, if public sector workers were to go on strike to get an increase in pay, do you think the Labour party would support such a strike, oppose the strike, or remain neutral?

Labour would support any such strike	52	60	63	56	46	46	52	52	56	51
Labour would oppose any such strike	5	7	3	4	5	5	5	4	4	7
Labour would remain neutral towards any such strike	18	16	16	17	19	13	19	18	18	19
Not sure	25	17	18	22	30	36	25	26	23	22

For people doing similar jobs, do you think pay in the public sector is higher, lower or about the same as pay in the private sector?

Pay in the public sector is higher than the private sector	21	28	27	22	19	14	21	25	21	20
Pay in the public sector is lower than the private sector	46	45	37	50	42	47	49	41	46	51
Pay is about the same in the public and private sectors	12	10	16	12	11	14	11	11	10	14
Don't know	21	17	20	16	28	24	19	22	23	15

And in practice, if public sector workers were to go on strike to get an increase in pay, do you think the Labour party would support such a strike, oppose the strike, or remain neutral?

Labour would support any such strike	52	50	57
Labour would oppose any such strike	5	6	4
Labour would remain neutral towards any such strike	18	16	15
Not sure	25	28	23

For people doing similar jobs, do you think pay in the public sector is higher, lower or about the same as pay in the private sector?

Pay in the public sector is higher than the private sector	21	29	14
Pay in the public sector is lower than the private sector	46	35	60
Pay is about the same in the public and private sectors	12	11	11
Don't know	21	25	15