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1,002 Online Interviews (UK Nat. Rep)

Field: 12th to 13th June 2014

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	Gender			Age			
	Total	Male	Female	Total	18-34	35-54	55+

Q1
Which, if any, of the following statements would you say best describes your view of 'faith schools'.

	Total	Male	Female	Total	18-34	35-54	55+
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	1002 100%	486 100%	516 100%	1002 100%	290 100%	353 100%	359 100%
I have no objection to faith schools existing and being funded by the state	299 30%	133 27%	166 32%	299 30%	100 35%	110 31%	89 25%
I have no objection to faith schools existing but they should not be funded by the state (i.e. private schools may be faith schools but not state schools)	346 35%	166 34%	180 35%	346 35%	92 32%	120 34%	134 37%
Faith schools should be banned entirely	235 23%	138 28%	96 19%	235 23%	59 20%	79 22%	96 27%
Don't know / no opinion	122 12%	49 10%	73 14%	122 12%	39 13%	44 12%	40 11%

Region

Q1

Which, if any, of the following statements would you say best describes your view of 'faith schools'.

	Total	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	1002	42	112	84	72	88	93	128	137	85	49	85	28
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
I have no objection to faith schools existing and being funded by the state	299	10	39	19	18	17	33	49	40	36	13	16	9
	30%	24%	35%	23%	25%	19%	36%	38%	29%	43%	26%	19%	31%
I have no objection to faith schools existing but they should not be funded by the state (i.e. private schools may be faith schools but not state schools)	346	15	30	34	24	35	34	35	56	27	15	31	10
	35%	35%	27%	41%	34%	40%	36%	27%	41%	31%	30%	37%	36%
Faith schools should be banned entirely	235	13	30	21	14	21	21	33	28	14	14	20	5
	23%	31%	27%	25%	19%	24%	23%	26%	21%	17%	29%	23%	19%
Don't know / no opinion	122	4	12	9	16	14	4	12	13	8	7	18	4
	12%	10%	11%	11%	22%	16%	5%	9%	10%	9%	15%	21%	15%

Position on faith schools

	I have no objection to faith schools existing and being funded by the state	I have no objection to faith schools existing but they should not be funded by the state (i.e. private schools may be faith schools but not state schools)	Faith schools should be banned entirely	Don't know / no opinion
Total				

Q1
Which, if any, of the following statements would you say best describes your view of 'faith schools'.

	1002 100%	299 100%	346 100%	235 100%	122 100%
<i>Base: all respondents</i>					
I have no objection to faith schools existing and being funded by the state	299 30%	299 100%	0 0	0 0	0 0
I have no objection to faith schools existing but they should not be funded by the state (i.e. private schools may be faith schools but not state schools)	346 35%	0 0	346 100%	0 0	0 0
Faith schools should be banned entirely	235 23%	0 0	0 0	235 100%	0 0
Don't know / no opinion	122 12%	0 0	0 0	0 0	122 100%

	Gender			Age			
	Total	Male	Female	Total	18-34	35-54	55+

Q2
 You said that you objected to faith schools being funded by the state or existing entirely. Why is this?

	Total	Male	Female	Total	18-34	35-54	55+
<i>Base: all who objected to faith schools</i>	580	304	276	580	151	200	229
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
The taxpayer should not be funding religion	405	216	189	405	93	142	170
	70%	71%	68%	70%	61%	71%	74%
They promote division and segregation	347	185	162	347	87	112	148
	60%	61%	59%	60%	57%	56%	65%
They are contrary to the promotion of a multicultural society	239	120	119	239	56	86	97
	41%	39%	43%	41%	37%	43%	42%
They promote radicalisation / extremism around faith	238	131	108	238	57	77	104
	41%	43%	39%	41%	38%	39%	45%
Other reason	31	19	12	31	7	13	12
	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%	7%	5%
Don't know	7	2	5	7	3	1	3
	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%

Region

Q2

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Why is this?

	Total	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
<i>Base: all who objected to faith schools</i>	580	28	60	55	38	57	55	68	84	41	29	51	15
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
The taxpayer should not be funding religion	405	18	39	38	28	42	36	48	65	24	24	33	9
	70%	67%	64%	69%	73%	74%	66%	71%	78%	59%	82%	66%	62%
They promote division and segregation	347	17	36	30	20	40	34	36	47	21	18	37	10
	60%	62%	59%	55%	53%	70%	61%	53%	56%	52%	65%	72%	66%
They are contrary to the promotion of a multicultural society	239	11	26	19	16	28	22	30	34	12	14	19	8
	41%	40%	43%	35%	41%	50%	39%	44%	41%	28%	49%	37%	53%
They promote radicalisation / extremism around faith	238	12	23	29	16	21	21	27	30	18	13	21	6
	41%	45%	38%	52%	42%	38%	39%	41%	36%	43%	47%	40%	40%
Other reason	31	2	2	1	1	1	2	6	4	4	4	4	1
	5%	9%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	8%	5%	9%	13%	8%	8%
Don't know	7	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
	1%	0	2%	4%	0	0	1%	1%	2%	0	0	3%	0

Position on faith schools

	Total	I have no objection to faith schools existing and being funded by the state	I have no objection to faith schools existing but they should not be funded by the state (i.e. private schools may be faith schools but not state schools)	Faith schools should be banned entirely	Don't know / no opinion
Q2 You said that you objected to faith schools being funded by the state or existing entirely. Why is this?					
<i>Base: all who objected to faith schools</i>	580 100%	0 0%	346 100%	235 100%	0 0%
The taxpayer should not be funding religion	405 70%	0 0%	244 71%	161 69%	0 0%
They promote division and segregation	347 60%	0 0%	174 50%	172 74%	0 0%
They are contrary to the promotion of a multicultural society	239 41%	0 0%	120 35%	119 51%	0 0%
They promote radicalisation / extremism around faith	238 41%	0 0%	113 33%	125 53%	0 0%
Other reason	31 5%	0 0%	19 6%	12 5%	0 0%
Don't know	7 1%	0 0%	5 1%	2 1%	0 0%

Gender **Age**

Total **Male** **Female** **Total** **18-34** **35-54** **55+**

Q3
Again, thinking about faith schools, which, if any, of the following best describes your view regarding how what they teach relates to the national curriculum?

<i>Base: all respondents</i>	1002	486	516	1002	290	353	359
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Faith schools should teach the national curriculum	562	290	272	562	143	214	205
	56%	60%	53%	56%	49%	61%	57%
Faith schools should teach mostly in line with the national curriculum but have some flexibility to decide how to teach other areas	201	95	106	201	67	63	71
	20%	20%	21%	20%	23%	18%	20%
Faith schools should teach some core subjects according to the national curriculum (e.g. maths, English) but have flexibility on others (e.g. Religious Studies)	112	51	61	112	33	36	43
	11%	10%	12%	11%	12%	10%	12%
Faith schools should be completely free to decide what they teach as long as their students complete the same national exams (e.g. GCSE's and A-Levels)	29	6	22	29	10	10	9
	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Don't know / no opinion	98	44	54	98	37	30	31
	10%	9%	10%	10%	13%	9%	9%

Region

Q3

Again, thinking about faith schools, which, if any, of the following best describes your view regarding how what they teach relates to the national curriculum?

	Total	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	1002	42	112	84	72	88	93	128	137	85	49	85	28
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Faith schools should teach the national curriculum	562	21	66	50	41	51	48	68	78	49	32	50	10
	56%	50%	59%	60%	57%	58%	51%	53%	57%	57%	65%	59%	36%
Faith schools should teach mostly in line with the national curriculum but have some flexibility to decide how to teach other areas	201	7	19	10	10	15	30	30	26	19	10	14	11
	20%	16%	17%	12%	14%	17%	33%	24%	19%	23%	21%	16%	39%
Faith schools should teach some core subjects according to the national curriculum (e.g. maths, English) but have flexibility on others (e.g. Religious Studies)	112	9	15	11	6	8	8	13	20	7	2	7	5
	11%	23%	13%	13%	9%	10%	9%	10%	14%	8%	4%	8%	19%
Faith schools should be completely free to decide what they teach as long as their students complete the same national exams (e.g. GCSE's and A-Levels)	29	0	4	2	2	2	2	4	8	2	2	1	0
	3%	0	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%	1%	0
Don't know / no opinion	98	5	9	10	13	12	4	13	5	8	3	13	2
	10%	11%	8%	12%	19%	14%	5%	10%	4%	10%	6%	15%	6%

Position on faith schools

	Total	I have no objection to faith schools existing and being funded by the state	I have no objection to faith schools existing but they should not be funded by the state (i.e. private schools may be faith schools but not state schools)	Faith schools should be banned entirely	Don't know / no opinion
Q3					
Again, thinking about faith schools, which, if any, of the following best describes your view regarding how what they teach relates to the national curriculum?					
	1002	299	346	235	122
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Faith schools should teach the national curriculum	562	155	171	202	34
	56%	52%	50%	86%	28%
Faith schools should teach mostly in line with the national curriculum but have some flexibility to decide how to teach other areas	201	86	96	9	10
	20%	29%	28%	4%	8%
Faith schools should teach some core subjects according to the national curriculum (e.g. maths, English) but have flexibility on others (e.g. Religious Studies)	112	38	55	12	6
	11%	13%	16%	5%	5%
Faith schools should be completely free to decide what they teach as long as their students complete the same national exams (e.g. GCSE's and A-Levels)	29	14	12	1	2
	3%	5%	3%	1%	2%
Don't know / no opinion	98	7	11	9	71
	10%	2%	3%	4%	58%

	Gender			Age			
	Total	Male	Female	Total	18-34	35-54	55+

Q4

Recently there has been some controversy over some predominantly Muslim schools with some claiming that they foster extremist views in the way that they teach some subjects while others say that they simply reflect the wishes of the parents of those children. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

<i>Base: all respondents</i>	1002	486	516	1002	290	353	359
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Some predominantly Muslim schools are fostering extremist views among their pupils	550	290	259	550	128	195	227
	55%	60%	50%	55%	44%	55%	63%
Predominantly Muslim schools are simply reflecting the values and views of the parents of those children	161	88	73	161	49	53	58
	16%	18%	14%	16%	17%	15%	16%
None of these	60	28	32	60	26	21	13
	6%	6%	6%	6%	9%	6%	4%
Don't know	232	81	151	232	87	84	60
	23%	17%	29%	23%	30%	24%	17%

Region

Total North East North West Yorks & Humber East Midlands West Midlands East of England London South East South West Wales Scotland Northern Ireland

Q4

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	1002	42	112	84	72	88	93	128	137	85	49	85	28
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Some predominantly Muslim schools are fostering extremist views among their pupils	550 55%	25 61%	59 53%	44 53%	33 46%	56 64%	53 58%	71 55%	76 56%	45 53%	32 65%	39 46%	16 56%
Predominantly Muslim schools are simply reflecting the values and views of the parents of those children	161 16%	6 14%	23 21%	17 20%	11 15%	9 10%	22 24%	20 15%	21 16%	14 17%	6 13%	10 12%	2 6%
None of these	60 6%	0 0%	5 4%	4 4%	4 6%	7 8%	3 3%	15 11%	9 6%	6 7%	1 2%	6 8%	1 4%
Don't know	232 23%	10 25%	25 22%	20 23%	25 34%	16 18%	14 15%	23 18%	31 22%	20 23%	10 21%	29 34%	9 34%

Position on faith schools

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Total				

Q4

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	1002 100%	299 100%	346 100%	235 100%	122 100%
<i>Base: all respondents</i>					
Some predominantly Muslim schools are fostering extremist views among their pupils	550 55%	155 52%	196 57%	168 72%	31 25%
Predominantly Muslim schools are simply reflecting the values and views of the parents of those children	161 16%	59 20%	60 17%	34 15%	7 6%
None of these	60 6%	20 7%	20 6%	9 4%	11 9%
Don't know	232 23%	66 22%	70 20%	23 10%	73 60%

Gender **Age**

Total **Male** **Female** **Total** **18-34** **35-54** **55+**

Q5
In your view, how serious a risk is there of some predominantly Muslim schools encouraging their pupils to adopt extremist views?

	1002	486	516	1002	290	353	359
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Very serious	436 44%	239 49%	198 38%	436 44%	97 33%	146 41%	193 54%
Quite serious	310 31%	151 31%	158 31%	310 31%	95 33%	112 32%	104 29%
Not very serious	105 10%	47 10%	58 11%	105 10%	37 13%	43 12%	25 7%
Not at all serious	41 4%	15 3%	26 5%	41 4%	20 7%	13 4%	7 2%
Don't know / no opinion	111 11%	34 7%	76 15%	111 11%	41 14%	40 11%	30 8%
TOTAL: Serious	74%	80%	69%	74%	66%	73%	83%
TOTAL: Not serious	15%	13%	16%	15%	20%	16%	9%

Region

Q5
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	Total	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	1002	42	112	84	72	88	93	128	137	85	49	85	28
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Very serious	436 44%	20 47%	48 43%	28 34%	29 40%	45 51%	46 49%	53 41%	60 44%	39 46%	26 53%	33 39%	10 37%
Quite serious	310 31%	12 28%	31 28%	30 36%	22 30%	25 29%	30 33%	40 31%	43 32%	24 28%	18 37%	25 30%	9 34%
Not very serious	105 10%	4 9%	14 13%	9 11%	5 7%	10 12%	8 8%	18 14%	18 13%	12 14%	1 2%	4 5%	2 6%
Not at all serious	41 4%	0 0%	6 6%	6 7%	1 2%	2 2%	2 2%	7 5%	7 5%	2 2%	0 0%	7 8%	0 0%
Don't know / no opinion	111 11%	6 15%	12 11%	10 12%	15 21%	6 7%	7 8%	10 8%	9 6%	9 10%	4 8%	15 18%	7 24%
TOTAL: Serious	74%	76%	71%	69%	71%	80%	82%	73%	75%	74%	90%	68%	68%
TOTAL: Not serious	15%	10%	18%	18%	8%	14%	11%	20%	18%	16%	2%	13%	7%

Position on faith schools

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	1002	299	346	235	122
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Very serious	436 44%	112 37%	147 43%	151 64%	27 22%
Quite serious	310 31%	100 33%	124 36%	51 22%	35 28%
Not very serious	105 10%	39 13%	42 12%	18 8%	5 4%
Not at all serious	41 4%	19 6%	13 4%	4 2%	4 4%
Don't know / no opinion	111 11%	29 10%	19 6%	11 5%	52 42%
TOTAL: Serious	74%	71%	78%	86%	51%
TOTAL: Not serious	15%	19%	16%	9%	7%

Gender **Age**

Total **Male** **Female** **Total** **18-34** **35-54** **55+**

Q6
Thinking about extremism and the potential for violent extremism, who do you think should be mainly responsible for preventing and combating extremism in British schools?

	1002	486	516	1002	290	353	359
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
The home office / the police	334 33%	185 38%	149 29%	334 33%	73 25%	130 37%	130 36%
Teachers and governors	310 31%	150 31%	160 31%	310 31%	82 28%	108 31%	120 33%
Families	127 13%	65 13%	62 12%	127 13%	45 15%	41 12%	42 12%
Community leaders	82 8%	37 8%	44 9%	82 8%	28 9%	29 8%	25 7%
Other	22 2%	11 2%	11 2%	22 2%	4 1%	7 2%	11 3%
None of these	16 2%	6 1%	9 2%	16 2%	11 4%	2 1%	2 1%
Don't know	112 11%	32 7%	80 16%	112 11%	48 17%	35 10%	29 8%

Region

Q6
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	Total	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	1002	42	112	84	72	88	93	128	137	85	49	85	28
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
The home office / the police	33%	43%	31%	29%	34%	34%	40%	22%	37%	35%	35%	34%	36%
Teachers and governors	31%	33%	35%	26%	30%	29%	29%	35%	30%	27%	41%	27%	38%
Families	13%	7%	8%	15%	19%	12%	13%	14%	10%	14%	6%	18%	15%
Community leaders	8%	5%	13%	12%	2%	7%	6%	12%	7%	8%	11%	4%	0
Other	2%	4%	2%	3%	0	1%	1%	3%	6%	1%	1%	1%	3%
None of these	2%	0	1%	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0
Don't know	11%	8%	10%	13%	11%	16%	11%	12%	9%	13%	5%	14%	7%

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	1002	299	346	235	122
<i>Base: all respondents</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
The home office / the police	334 33%	88 29%	117 34%	106 45%	24 20%
Teachers and governors	310 31%	108 36%	108 31%	68 29%	27 22%
Families	127 13%	41 14%	47 14%	29 12%	9 8%
Community leaders	82 8%	30 10%	31 9%	15 6%	7 6%
Other	22 2%	5 2%	8 2%	6 3%	3 2%
None of these	16 2%	8 3%	3 1%	0 0	4 3%
Don't know	112 11%	20 7%	33 9%	11 5%	48 40%