

**CONSERVATIVEHOME.COM SURVEY OF ADOPTED TORY CANDIDATES IN THE 220 TOP TARGET OR CONSERVATIVE HELD SEATS**

**Replies received from 144 candidates as of 6am on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009**

**If elected would you...**

Use the NHS for healthcare, as I do at the moment	71%
Use private health insurance for healthcare, as I do at the moment	26%
Move from using private healthcare to using the NHS	2%
Move from using the NHS to private healthcare	1%

**Do you think MPs should...**

send their children to a state school?	8%
send their children to whichever school they wish, regardless of whether it is an independent or state school?	92%

**Which of the following policy areas should be most immune from spending cuts?**

International development	4%
Health	34%
Defence	39%
Schools	23%

**Which of these statements comes closest to your view?**

The next Conservative Government should retain Britain's current relationship with the European Union as it is but cede no further powers to the EU	10%
The next Conservative Government should seek to repatriate powers in some areas from the European Union to Westminster	47%
The next Conservative Government should seek a fundamental renegotiation of Britain's membership of the European Union	38%
The next Conservative Government should seek wholesale withdrawal from the European Union	5%

**Which of these statements comes closest to your opinion:**

The Union should be defended at all costs	54%
I would not be uncomfortable about Scotland becoming independent	46%

**Which of these statements comes closest to your opinion:**

I am sympathetic to a relaxation in the law regarding medicinal use of cannabis	37%
I am sympathetic to a relaxation in the law regarding medicinal and recreational use of cannabis	6%
The laws on cannabis use must not be changed	28%
The laws on cannabis use should be tightened	29%

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
I am sympathetic to the idea of the use of vouchers in the state education system	75%	14%	12%
The national curriculum should be abolished	25%	58%	17%
All children should be taught British history	98%	2%	0%
I oppose the target of sending 50% of school leavers to university	93%	6%	1%
The Conservative Party must support greater use of nuclear energy	81%	8%	11%
Local referendums or citizens' initiatives would spell trouble	30%	58%	12%
VAT should be replaced with a local sales tax and we should move towards making local councils self-financing	38%	36%	26%
Local councils should be given more of the power currently exercised by central and regional government	92%	5%	3%
Inheritance tax is wrong in principle and should be abolished altogether	63%	28%	9%
It is worth considering introducing road pricing on some of Britain's motorways in return for a cut in road tax	50%	43%	7%
Same-sex civil partners should be afforded the same benefits as married couples	62%	31%	7%
In retrospect it was wrong for Britain to take part in the Iraq War	58%	32%	10%
Military intervention to bring about regime change in foreign dictatorships is in principle a good thing	35%	55%	11%

I would have supported Barack Obama if I had been able to vote in the US Presidential election	47%	47%	6%
There are too many MPs	74%	23%	4%
If elected an MP, I would be prepared to go through a full reselection procedure, open to all challengers, before each following general election	54%	35%	11%