

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 3rd 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%