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Student vote survey shows gender split and frustrations of “Ignored generation”

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A new survey* from The Student Room shows a distinct gender split amongst students planning to vote in the general election – with Conservatives the leading party for males, with 36.5% of respondents planning to vote for the party compared to 31.5% for Labour, and the reverse for females (Labour 48.5%, Conservatives 21%.)

However, both genders are strongly disillusioned with the current government. 70.5% of males and 86% of females feel that the government doesn't personally represent them. 70% of males and 87% of females do not feel the government pays enough attention to the views of students and young people.

The survey from The Student Room, the world's largest online student community, asked over 1000 students which party they were likely to vote for and their opinion on the early election.

Other findings show support for May's decision to call an early election – with 72% in favour, and a comeback for the Liberal Democrats, with 19.5% of the male student vote and 11.5% of female respondents saying they will vote for them. This compares positively to the 2015 general election, where Liberal Democrats only received 5% of the 18-24 vote. **

Jack Wallington, Director of Community at The Student Room, commented, “Youth voter interest in June's shock general election is high but a huge majority - eight in ten - currently feel the Government doesn't pay attention to their views and therefore doesn't represent them.

“For political parties hurriedly working on their manifestos, there is a window of opportunity to change this – winning the youth vote – by openly and publicly speaking to young voters right now. This will help shape manifestos to match the genuine need of young people, bucking the trend that politicians don't care about their opinions.”

**The Student Room polled 1054 students, from 19 to 24 April 2017.*

***The Student Room polled 43,575 students in 2015.*

ABOUT THE STUDENT ROOM

Founded in 2001, The Student Room is the world's largest online student community and the UK's no.1 education website according to ComScore data. The Student Room has over 3 million registered members, primarily aged between 14-24 and attracts over 8 million visitors a month. It provides student-to-student advice on studying, educational career choice and lifestyle issues. The Student Room works directly with most UK universities as well as a wide range of leading brands and companies.

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