YouGov Survey Results

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If the choice was between the following three options, in which of the following ways do you think university should be funded?																											
Tuition fees – funded by students taking out a special loan that they repay after graduating	32	44	28	30	39	20	32	37	31	33	24	36	28	34	33	36	34	33	36	27	33	36	27	32	38	31	30
Graduate tax – funded by students paying an extra tax amount after graduating	23	27	23	27	27	11	22	28	25	21	13	20	27	27	25	23	23	22	26	23	22	24	21	22	27	23	18
Publicly funded – funded from general taxation that everyone pays	32	18	38	33	21	49	35	22	33	31	51	31	32	26	33	29	26	31	27	42	33	21	45	31	22	31	43
Don't know	13	11	11	10	12	19	11	13	11	15	13	13	12	13	9	13	17	14	11	8	11	19	7	15	13	16	9
Do you think each of the following are fair or unfair levels of tuition fees for university?																											
Free tuition (£0 a year)																											
Too high	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
About right	35	18	40	35	24	52	36	25	35	36	61	38	30	25	34	29	32	34	36	46	31	28	45	35	26	37	41
Too low	51	64	49	57	53	38	55	56	51	50	35	52	55	52	58	54	47	51	47	47	56	52	45	50	52	46	54
Don't know	13	17	10	8	21	10	8	19	13	13	5	10	14	22	8	16	19	14	16	6	13	18	10	14	20	16	5
£1,000 a year																											
Too high	9	3	11	9	8	12	10	7	9	8	10	8	10	8	8	9	7	8	14	15	9	6	9	7	8	9	9
About right	35	17	41	36	19	54	36	23	32	38	60	40	28	20	35	30	30	35	31	38	33	29	46	35	24	35	44
Too low	42	61	38	48	50	26	44	50	45	39	26	41	45	49	49	45	40	43	40	36	44	46	37	43	46	40	43
Don't know	14	19	10	7	23	8	9	19	14	15	4	11	16	23	7	16	22	14	15	12	13	20	7	15	23	17	4
£3,000 a year																											
Too high	25	12	32	23	19	35	30	19	24	27	26	27	26	21	25	23	23	24	34	35	26	18	28	24	20	25	30
About right	46	44	47	58	34	53	48	41	44	47	61	51	39	37	54	43	37	47	38	37	44	46	56	46	37	44	55
Too low	15	27	10	11	24	4	13	21	19	12	7	11	20	20	14	16	19	15	12	16	16	18	9	15	21	14	11
Don't know	14	17	11	8	23	7	9	19	14	14	6	11	15	22	7	18	21	14	16	12	14	19	7	15	22	17	4
£9,000 a year																											
Too high	68	54	79	71	53	86	74	60	64	72	75	73	67	58	74	67	59	68	72	70	64	64	81	67	56	66	80
About right	16	22	10	22	21	8	14	18	19	13	18	15	16	15	15	13	18	16	11	14	18	17	10	17	19	16	13
Too low	4	7	2	1	6	0	3	5	4	3	2	2	5	5	3	4	4	4	2	5	5	4	2	3	5	4	3
Don't know	13	17	9	7	20	5	9	17	13	12	4	10	12	22	7	16	19	13	15	11	13	16	7	13	20	15	4
£12,500 a year																											
Too high	82	72	88	90	71	93	87	74	79	84	95	85	80	71	88	79	74	81	81	83	81	77	90	81	72	79	92
About right	6	11	4	3	9	3	5	9	9	4	1	6	8	6	6	6	8	6	3	5	7	7	5	6	6	7	5
Too low	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
Don't know	11	16	7	6	19	4	7	16	12	11	3	9	11	21	6	15	17	11	14	11	11	16	5	12	20	13	2

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£25,000 a year																											
Too high	**88**	84	92	95	78	96	93	83	86	89	95	92	88	77	93	85	81	88	86	87	87	86	93	87	79	86	97
About right	**2**	2	1	1	4	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	1	1
Too low	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Don't know	**10**	14	7	4	18	4	6	15	11	10	4	7	10	20	5	14	16	10	13	10	10	13	5	11	18	13	2
Do you think the following interest rate levels on student loan repayments are too high, too low, or about right?																											
An interest rate that matches inflation levels (e.g. if inflation was at 3%, then the interest rate would be 3%)																											
Too high	**18**	10	21	19	18	28	21	14	16	20	19	21	18	12	17	17	17	17	26	19	14	16	26	18	14	17	22
About right	**57**	60	59	68	49	57	62	56	61	54	56	57	58	58	65	58	50	57	46	64	64	51	54	57	54	53	65
Too low	**6**	12	3	3	10	3	5	8	8	5	7	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	5	5	7	5	8	8	7	4
Don't know	**19**	18	17	10	23	12	12	22	15	22	18	18	17	23	11	19	26	19	22	12	18	26	15	18	24	23	9
An interest rate that matches inflation levels, plus 1% (e.g. if inflation was at 3%, then the interest rate would be 4%)																											
Too high	**56**	53	61	65	48	69	64	51	54	58	53	57	57	54	62	57	46	55	62	61	58	49	61	54	48	51	68
About right	**20**	20	19	24	22	16	20	20	24	17	25	22	20	15	22	20	21	21	10	21	19	21	20	22	20	21	19
Too low	**4**	7	2	1	6	3	2	5	5	2	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	4	2	4	4	3	4	5	6	4	2
Don't know	**20**	21	18	10	25	13	14	24	17	23	17	18	19	25	12	20	29	20	27	14	20	27	15	19	27	24	10
An interest rate that matches inflation levels, plus 2% (e.g. if inflation was at 3%, then the interest rate would be 5%)																											
Too high	**70**	69	75	84	60	83	80	62	70	69	70	72	69	65	79	69	59	69	68	75	69	62	75	70	58	65	84
About right	**9**	10	5	5	12	4	5	11	12	6	12	8	9	8	7	9	10	9	4	10	9	9	9	9	11	10	5
Too low	**1**	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	3	1	1
Don't know	**20**	19	18	10	26	12	13	25	17	23	17	19	20	26	12	21	29	20	26	15	20	28	14	19	28	24	10
An interest rate that matches inflation levels, plus 3% (e.g. if inflation was at 3%, then the interest rate would be 6%)																											
Too high	**76**	76	80	90	70	87	84	71	77	75	78	78	76	72	84	77	66	76	70	78	75	70	83	77	64	73	89
About right	**4**	5	2	0	5	3	2	5	6	2	6	3	5	3	4	2	5	4	3	3	5	4	6	3	7	3	2
Too low	**1**	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	0
Don't know	**19**	18	17	10	24	10	13	23	16	22	15	18	18	24	12	19	27	19	26	17	19	26	11	19	27	23	9
An interest rate that matches inflation levels, plus 4% (e.g. if inflation was at 3%, then the interest rate would be 7%)																											
Too high	**78**	79	82	90	72	88	86	73	80	76	80	80	78	74	86	78	70	78	71	82	77	73	86	79	68	75	90
About right	**2**	1	1	0	3	1	1	2	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	2	3	1	3	2	1
Too low	**1**	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	0
Don't know	**19**	17	17	9	24	11	13	23	16	21	15	17	19	23	11	19	27	19	26	14	19	25	11	19	26	22	9

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An interest rate that matches inflation levels, plus 5% (e.g. if inflation was at 3%, then the interest rate would be 8%)																											
Too high	**79**	80	82	90	71	88	86	74	81	77	82	81	79	74	86	79	70	79	72	84	78	74	87	79	70	76	90
About right	**2**	1	2	0	5	1	1	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	1
Too low	**1**	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Don't know	**18**	17	16	9	24	11	13	22	16	21	15	17	18	23	11	19	26	18	25	15	19	24	11	18	26	22	8
Once students have graduated and are earning above a certain threshold, a portion of their salary is taken as a student loan repayment, on top of taxes and national insurance. Do you think each of the following are too low or too high a portion of salary to take each month as a student loan repayment, or about right?																											
3% of their monthly income																											
Too high	**8**	3	8	8	6	13	9	5	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	6	7	12	7	6	7	11	8	6	8	9
About right	**46**	41	54	51	37	56	51	40	43	49	57	50	43	40	51	44	42	46	47	48	48	42	48	47	42	45	52
Too low	**31**	40	26	32	38	19	30	38	35	27	21	30	35	33	33	33	32	31	25	31	31	31	33	31	33	30	31
Don't know	**15**	16	12	10	18	12	11	17	15	15	14	13	14	20	9	17	20	15	17	14	15	21	8	15	20	18	8
6% of their monthly income																											
Too high	**38**	31	45	36	35	48	43	34	34	41	33	37	40	40	39	39	34	37	47	37	39	32	41	37	36	35	43
About right	**34**	33	33	46	26	34	36	30	37	32	49	39	30	24	38	33	30	35	27	35	33	35	40	34	28	34	40
Too low	**12**	19	10	9	19	6	11	18	14	11	4	11	16	15	13	11	14	12	10	14	13	12	11	12	15	13	10
Don't know	**15**	17	11	10	20	11	11	18	15	15	14	13	15	21	10	16	21	16	16	14	15	21	8	16	21	18	8
9% of their monthly income																											
Too high	**63**	54	71	66	54	79	70	58	60	66	62	64	65	61	68	65	56	63	63	65	66	58	70	62	56	60	73
About right	**18**	24	16	23	16	12	18	18	21	15	23	20	16	16	20	17	18	19	20	14	16	21	21	18	18	18	19
Too low	**3**	5	2	2	8	0	2	5	4	3	1	3	4	3	3	2	5	3	2	5	5	3	1	4	5	4	2
Don't know	**15**	17	11	8	22	9	10	18	15	15	14	13	14	20	9	16	22	15	15	15	13	19	8	16	22	18	7
12% of their monthly income																											
Too high	**78**	76	85	85	64	87	85	72	78	78	80	79	78	75	83	80	70	78	78	75	78	74	85	78	71	75	87
About right	**7**	6	5	7	11	6	5	9	8	6	6	8	7	5	8	4	8	6	5	12	7	8	7	6	5	8	7
Too low	**1**	2	1	1	4	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1
Don't know	**14**	16	9	7	21	7	10	17	13	14	13	11	13	20	8	15	20	14	16	12	14	17	7	15	21	16	6
15% of their monthly income																											
Too high	**83**	81	89	90	70	91	90	78	82	84	84	86	83	78	90	81	76	83	80	84	83	81	91	82	75	80	93
About right	**3**	4	1	2	7	2	2	5	4	2	2	4	3	3	2	3	4	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	2
Too low	**1**	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	0
Don't know	**13**	14	9	7	20	7	8	16	13	13	13	10	13	19	7	15	19	13	15	12	13	16	6	15	20	16	5

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25% of their monthly income																											
Too high	**86**	84	91	93	77	93	91	82	85	86	86	89	86	80	92	85	79	86	84	88	86	83	93	85	79	83	95
About right	**1**	2	1	0	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0
Too low	**0**	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Don't know	**13**	14	9	7	20	6	8	16	13	13	12	9	12	19	7	14	18	13	15	11	12	16	6	14	19	15	5
Over the years, different student loans schemes have meant that students in England and Wales are required to pay back their student loans at different rates of interest to one another, depending on what scheme was in place at the time they started university. Do you think that interest rates on student loans should be harmonised - so that all students are charged the same level of interest - or do you think they should continue to pay the interest rates from their original scheme?																											
Should be harmonised, so all students are charged the same level of interest	**53**	60	54	54	55	51	56	58	55	52	37	48	61	63	55	58	53	52	55	66	52	51	47	55	61	50	51
Should continue to pay the interest levels dictated by the original scheme when they started university	**27**	26	29	35	26	27	29	25	28	27	38	32	22	21	29	25	24	28	27	22	29	25	27	29	21	28	32
Don't know	**19**	14	18	11	20	22	15	18	18	21	25	20	17	16	16	17	23	20	18	12	20	24	25	16	19	21	17
Some argue that the government should write off some or all student debt, saying that students are being charged too much money to go to university and some are being made to repay much more than they borrowed. Others say that graduates should be expected to pay back the money they borrowed, and that it would cost a great deal of taxpayers' money to write off the loans. Which of the following comes closest to your view?																											
The government should write off some or all student debt	**44**	25	53	51	29	60	49	29	40	47	74	46	39	31	45	38	37	44	41	46	42	42	57	41	29	44	55
Graduates should have to pay back their loans as currently	**41**	61	32	38	57	28	37	56	46	37	14	40	45	52	44	45	44	41	42	44	44	40	32	44	54	40	33
Don't know	**15**	14	15	11	15	13	14	15	13	16	12	14	15	17	11	17	19	15	18	10	14	18	11	16	17	16	11

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You said in the previous question that the government should write off some or all student debt. Which of the following comes closest to your view? *[Asked only to those who said the government should write off some or all student debt; n=895]*																											
The government should write off all student debt	**36**	20	37	29	32	38	36	33	37	34	32	36	41	31	34	35	33	34	*45*	45	33	30	37	36	32	39	35
The government should write off a certain portion of student debt so that they have to pay back a lesser amount than the	**35**	53	35	28	37	29	32	38	31	39	37	34	31	41	34	37	38	36	*28*	34	33	42	37	34	41	33	35
The government should set a limit so that students don't have to pay back a lot more money than they borrowed, but they	**25**	23	26	40	21	26	29	25	27	24	26	27	25	23	29	26	25	26	*21*	20	29	26	24	26	24	25	27
Something else	**1**	1	1	0	5	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	*4*	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Don't know	**2**	3	1	3	5	6	1	2	3	2	5	2	1	3	1	2	3	3	*2*	0	4	2	0	3	2	3	2

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*