

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT POLL Mar 2010

CLIENT: Family First New Zealand

POLL DATES: Evenings of Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 March and Sunday 28 March 2010

SAMPLE SIZE: 1,000 respondents agreed to participate.

SAMPLE SELECTION: A random selection of 10,000 nationwide phone numbers.

SAMPLE ERROR: Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.2%, at the 95% confidence level.

DEMOGRAPHICS

	Gender	
	Count	%
Female	528	53%
Male	472	47%
Total	1000	100%

	Age	
	Count	%
18 - 40	300	30%
41 - 60	518	52%
61+	182	18%
Total	1000	100%

	Area	
	Count	%
Metro	435	44%
Provincial	252	25%
Rural	313	31%
Total	1000	100%

Metro is defined as Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Provincial is all other cities in New Zealand.

Rural areas are all areas not Metro or Provincial.

	Have children under 12	
	Count	%
Yes	296	30%
No	704	70%
Total	1000	100%

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS

Do you think a school should be able to choose to use corporal punishment, if the Board, Parents and Principal wish to have this as an option for school discipline?

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Allow corporal punishment at schools	Yes	48%	52%	43%	50%	62%	50%
	No	46%	41%	52%	44%	29%	44%
	Don't Know	5%	6%	5%	5%	8%	6%
	Refused	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

A narrow majority support a school being able to use corporal punishment, if the parents, board and principal wish to have this as a disciplinary option.

Men are slightly more supportive, and there is a wide disparity by age.

		Area			Have children under 12		Total
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Yes	No	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Allow corporal punishment at schools	Yes	47%	52%	52%	44%	53%	50%
	No	46%	43%	41%	52%	40%	44%
	Don't Know	6%	5%	6%	4%	6%	6%
	Refused	0%	0%	1%		1%	1%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Those with children aged under 12 are against by a net 8% while other adults are in favour by a net 13%.

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