

ANTI-SMACKING LAW November 2016

CLIENT: Family First New Zealand

POLL DATES: Wed 23 to Wed 30 November 2016. The median response was

collected on Sun 27 November 2016.

TARGET POPULATION: Eligible New Zealand voters.

SAMPLE POPULATION: Eligible New Zealand voters who are contactable on a landline.

SAMPLE SIZE: 846 respondents agreed to participate.

SAMPLE SELECTION: A random selection of 15,000 nationwide phone numbers.

WEIGHTING: The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult

population in terms of gender, age, and area.

SAMPLE ERROR: Based on this sample of 846 respondents, the maximum

sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.4%, at the 95%

confidence level.

CODE COMPLIANCE: This poll was conducted in accordance with the New Zealand

Political Polling Code, the Research Association New Zealand

Code of Practice and the International Chamber of

Commerce/European Society for Opinion and Market Research

Code on Market and Social Research.





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		Count	Col %
It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is	Agree	189	23%
reasonable and for the purpose of correction	Disagree	604	72%
	Unsure/Refuse	43	5%
	Total	835	100%

Only 23% of respondents think a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction should be a criminal offence.

It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction BY Gender

		Ger	nder
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction	Agree	21%	24%
	Disagree	74%	70%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	6%
	Total	100%	100%

It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction BY Age

			Age	
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction	Agree	29%	17%	20%
	Disagree	67%	76%	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	3%	6%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%



It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction BY Area

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a	Agree	26%	21%	18%
smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction	Disagree	68%	77%	75%
	Unsure/Refuse	6%	3%	7%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3 Deciles 4 - 7 Deciles 8 -			
		Col %	Col %	Col %	
It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their	Agree	18%	24%	26%	
child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose	Disagree	76%	71%	70%	
of correction	Unsure/Refuse	6%	5%	4%	
	Total	100%	100%	100%	

It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction BY Parent of child under 18

		Parent of ch	ild under 18
		Yes	No
		Col %	Col %
It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction	Agree	23%	22%
	Disagree	76%	71%
	Unsure/Refuse	1%	7%
	Total	100%	100%



It should be a criminal offence for a parent to give their child a smack that is reasonable and for the purpose of correction BY Party Vote 2014

		Party Vote 2014				
		Nat	Lab	NZF	Gre	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
It should be a criminal	Agree	21%	25%	22%	22%	
offence for a parent to give	Disagree	75%	66%	77%	68%	
their child a smack that is	Unsure/Refuse	4%	9%	1%	10%	
reasonable and for the	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	
purpose of correction						

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		Count	Col %
Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack my child to correct their	Agree	538	65%
behaviour, if I thought it was reasonable to do so	Disagree	234	28%
	Unsure/Refuse	58	7%
	Total	829	100%

65% of respondents say they would smack their child to correct their behaviour regardless of the anti-smacking law.

Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack my child to correct their behaviour, if I thought it was reasonable to do so BY Gender

		Ger	nder
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack my child to correct their behaviour, if I thought it was reasonable to do so	Agree	62%	68%
	Disagree	32%	23%
	Unsure/Refuse	6%	9%
	Total	100%	100%



Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack my child to correct their behaviour, if I thought it was reasonable to do so BY Age

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack my child to	Agree	58%	66%	73%
correct their behaviour, if I thought it was reasonable to do so	Disagree	34%	28%	20%
	Unsure/Refuse	8%	6%	7%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack my child to correct their behaviour, if I thought it was reasonable to do so BY Area

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack my child to	Agree	61%	70%	67%
correct their behaviour, if I thought it was reasonable to do so	Disagree	30%	25%	28%
	Unsure/Refuse	9%	4%	5%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

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		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	
Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack	Agree	59%	67%	68%	
my child to correct their behaviour, if I thought it was	Disagree	33%	26%	26%	
reasonable to do so	Unsure/Refuse	8%	7%	6%	
	Total	100%	100%	100%	

Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack my child to correct their behaviour, if I thought it was reasonable to do so BY Parent of child under 18

		Parent of ch	nild under 18
		Yes	No
		Col %	Col %
Regardless of the anti-smacking law, I would smack my child to correct their	Agree	64%	65%
behaviour, if I thought it was reasonable to do so	Disagree	32%	26%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	8%
	Total	100%	100%



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		Party Vote 2014			
		Nat	Lab	NZF	Gre
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Regardless of the anti-	Agree	65%	64%	84%	60%
smacking law, I would smack	Disagree	30%	28%	10%	30%
my child to correct their	Unsure/Refuse	5%	7%	6%	10%
behaviour, if I thought it was	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
reasonable to do so					

MARGINS OF ERROR

The following maximum sampling margin of errors apply for each demographic group:

•	All	3.4%
•	Women	4.3%
•	Men	5.4%
•	Under 40s	9.5%
•	41 to 60	5.2%
•	Over 60s	5.0%
•	Metro	5.2%
•	Provincial	6.3%
•	Rural	6.3%
•	Deciles 1 to 3	5.4%
•	Deciles 4 to 7	5.2%
•	Deciles 8 to 10	7.8%
•	Parents	7.2%
•	Non-parents	3.8%
•	National voters	5.4%
•	Labour voters	7.4%
•	Other voters	9.6%
•	Unsure voters	6.9%

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