

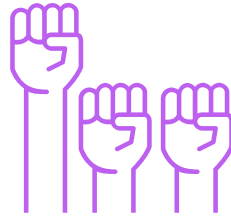
## Do we celebrate our differences enough?

01<sup>st</sup> – 08<sup>th</sup> October 2021



**52.31%**

of Primary voters said No.



**75.74%**

of Secondary voters said No.



**79.36%**

of 16+ & College voters said No.

Black History Month happens every October in the UK to celebrate people from an African and Caribbean heritage highlighting their history and allowing for people to learn about other cultures. This month allows for people to gain an understanding on the contributions black people have made in British society as well as all over the world.

Particularly in 2021, as many people have been made aware of the systemic and institutional racism, it's important that black people are supported, acknowledged, and celebrated during this month and beyond.

The theme for this year's Black history Month is #ProudToBe and VotesforSchools used this opportunity to discuss what makes people who they are and what they are proud of.

In this VoteTopic lesson, our voters got to share their opinions and thoughts on whether our differences are celebrated. 38,595 young people all over the UK took this chance to have their voices heard!

### Sample of 38,595 voters

If you want more information of the exact split of the sample size across the different categories below, please contact us at [lara@votesforschools.com](mailto:lara@votesforschools.com).

**Please Note:** The sample size featured reflects the number of pupils and students that cast their vote on this topic during the week in which this vote was held. This sample size does therefore not reflect the number of pupils and students who discussed this VoteTopic but did not get a chance to participate in the voting.

### VoteTopic Overview:

Primary, Secondary 16+ & College voters all discussed the same question: **“Do we celebrate our differences enough?”**



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### Grand Total

Primary:

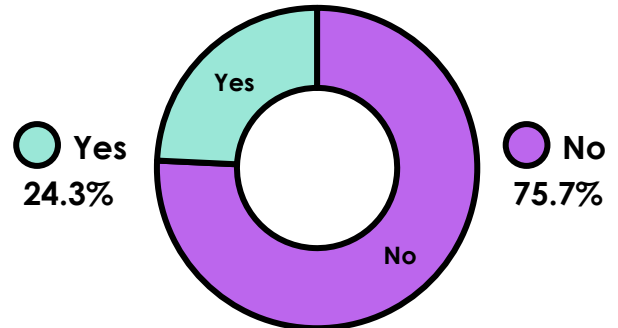
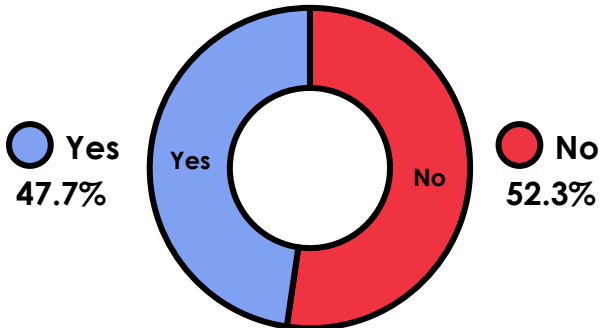
Yes 47.69%

No 52.31%

Secondary:

Yes 24.26%

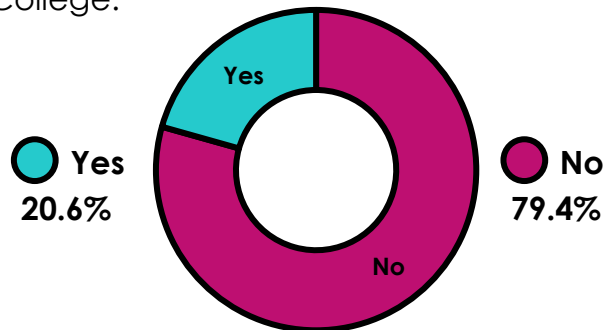
No 75.74%



Secondary 16+ & College:

Yes 20.64%

No 79.36%



Some of our voters who chose **No** pointed out that our differences aren't celebrated enough as there is a lack of knowledge on people's cultures and that these only tend to be spoken about during Black History Month. A Primary voter who voted **No** commented the following:

"We do celebrate our differences, but it is never enough, and we can always do more to celebrate one another. It is important we are respectful and continue to learn about each other."

Here's what some secondary voters who voted **No** commented:

"No because I am always learning something new about people's cultures that actually should be very well known!"

"There could be more lessons in awareness. It tends to be only spoken about in BHM rather than all year around".



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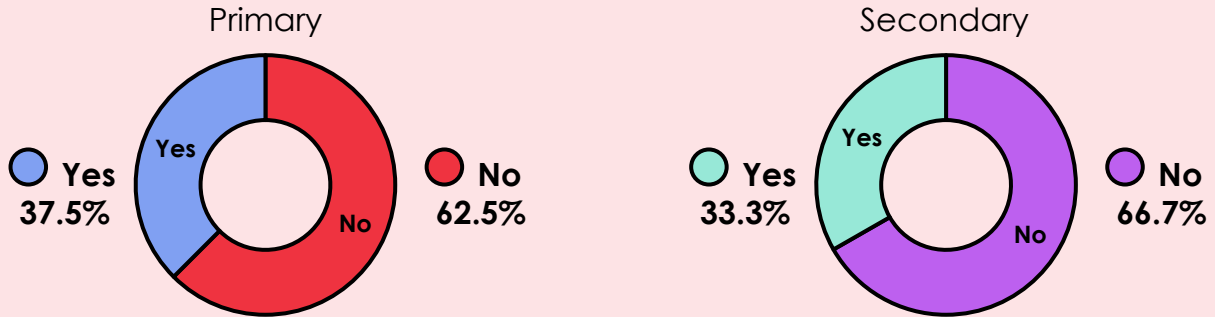


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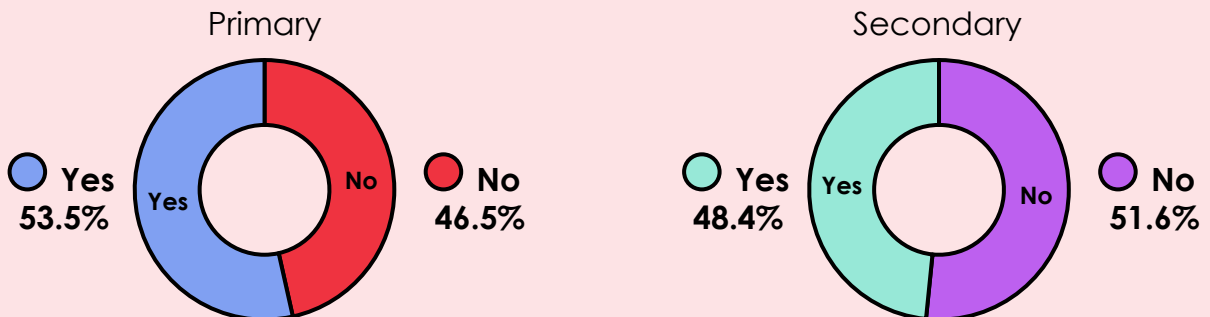


### How does this compare to previous VoteTopics?

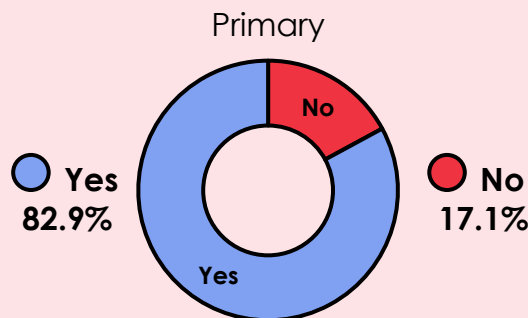
In November 2020, during the week of 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November, we asked **Primary** and **Secondary** voters “Is it important to fit in at school?”. These were the results from 2020:



In January 2020, during the week of 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January, we asked **Primary KS2** and **Secondary** voters “Is the UK a tolerant place to live?”. These were the results from 2020:



In June 2020, during the week of 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June, we asked **Primary** voters “Do we appreciate uniqueness?”. These were the results from 2020:



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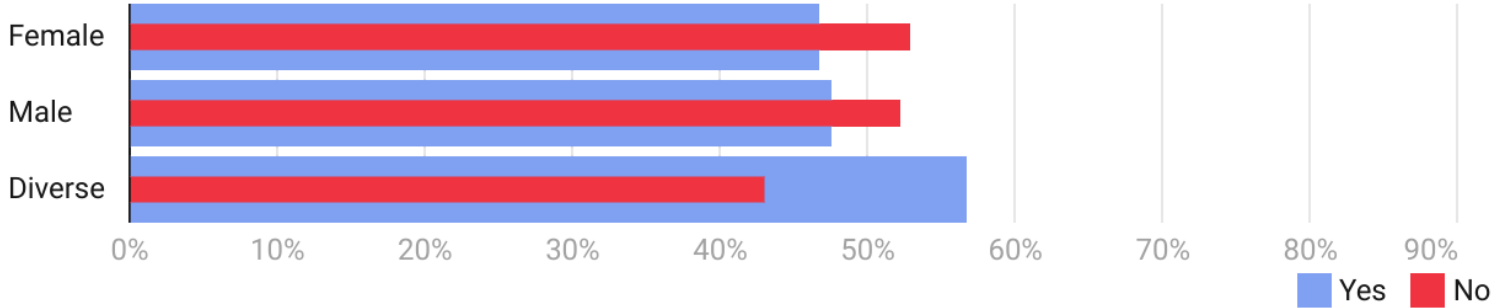


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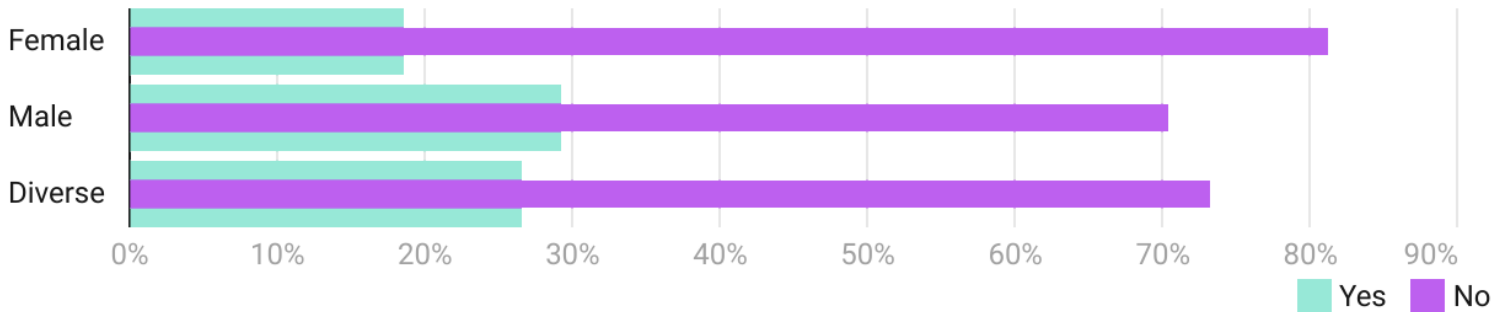


## Gender

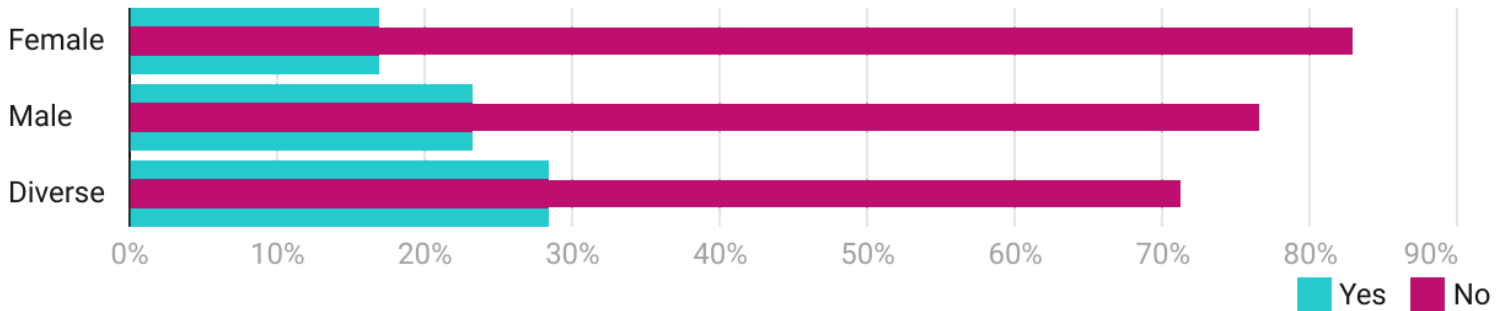
### Primary



### Secondary



### 16+ & College



#### Primary:

	Yes	No
Female	46.93%	53.07%
Male	47.69%	52.31%
Diverse*	56.84%	43.16%

#### Secondary:

	Yes	No
Female	18.71%	81.29%
Male	29.44%	70.56%
Diverse*	26.73%	73.27%



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### 16+ & College:

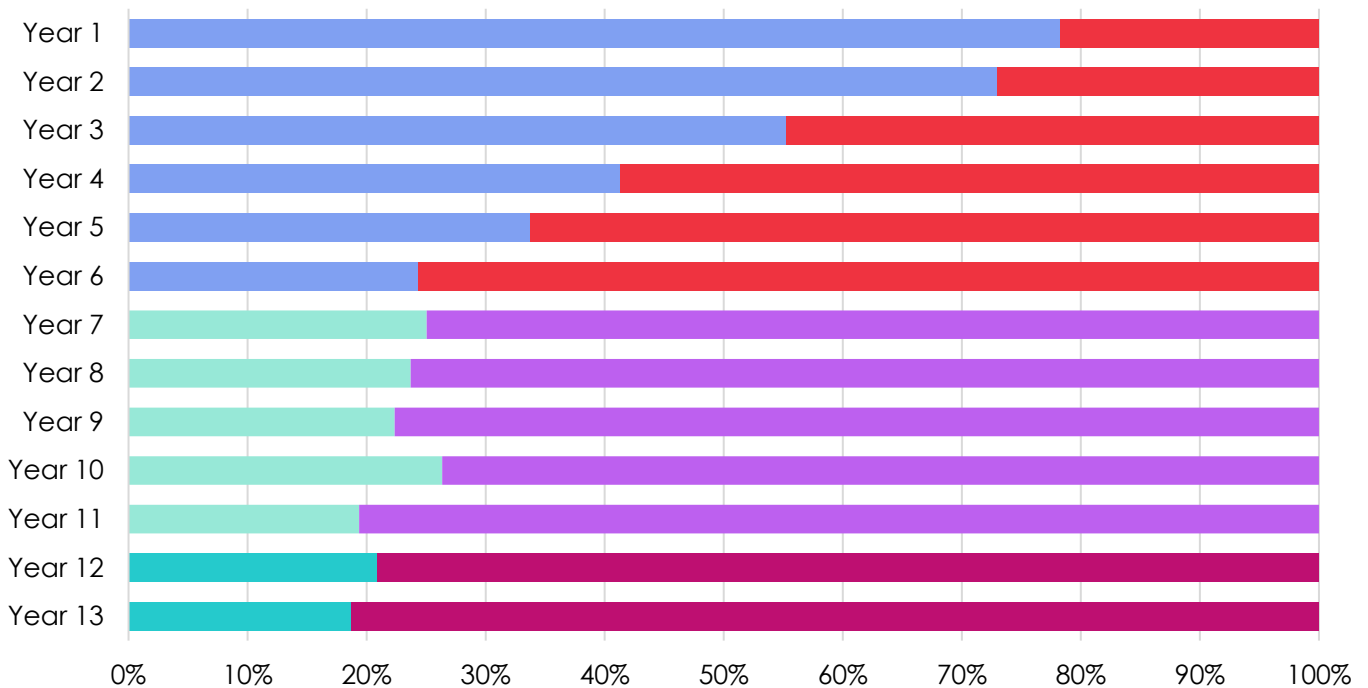
	Yes	No
Female	17.05%	82.95%
Male	23.31%	76.69%
Diverse*	28.57%	71.43%

\*Votes collected as "Diverse" include students that identify as gender diverse, as well as students that wish not to disclose or were not able to specify their gender.

### Age

#### Total - Primary, Secondary & 16+ & College:

Year Group	Yes	No
Reception	38.46%	61.54%
Year 1	78.28%	21.72%
Year 2	73.01%	26.99%
Year 3	55.30%	44.70%
Year 4	41.30%	58.70%
Year 5	33.79%	66.21%
Year 6	24.33%	75.67%
Year 7	25.05%	74.95%
Year 8	23.70%	76.30%
Year 9	22.35%	77.65%
Year 10	26.35%	73.65%
Year 11	19.37%	80.63%
Year 12	20.87%	79.13%
Year 13	18.71%	81.29%
Vertical Tutor Group	29.49%	70.51%



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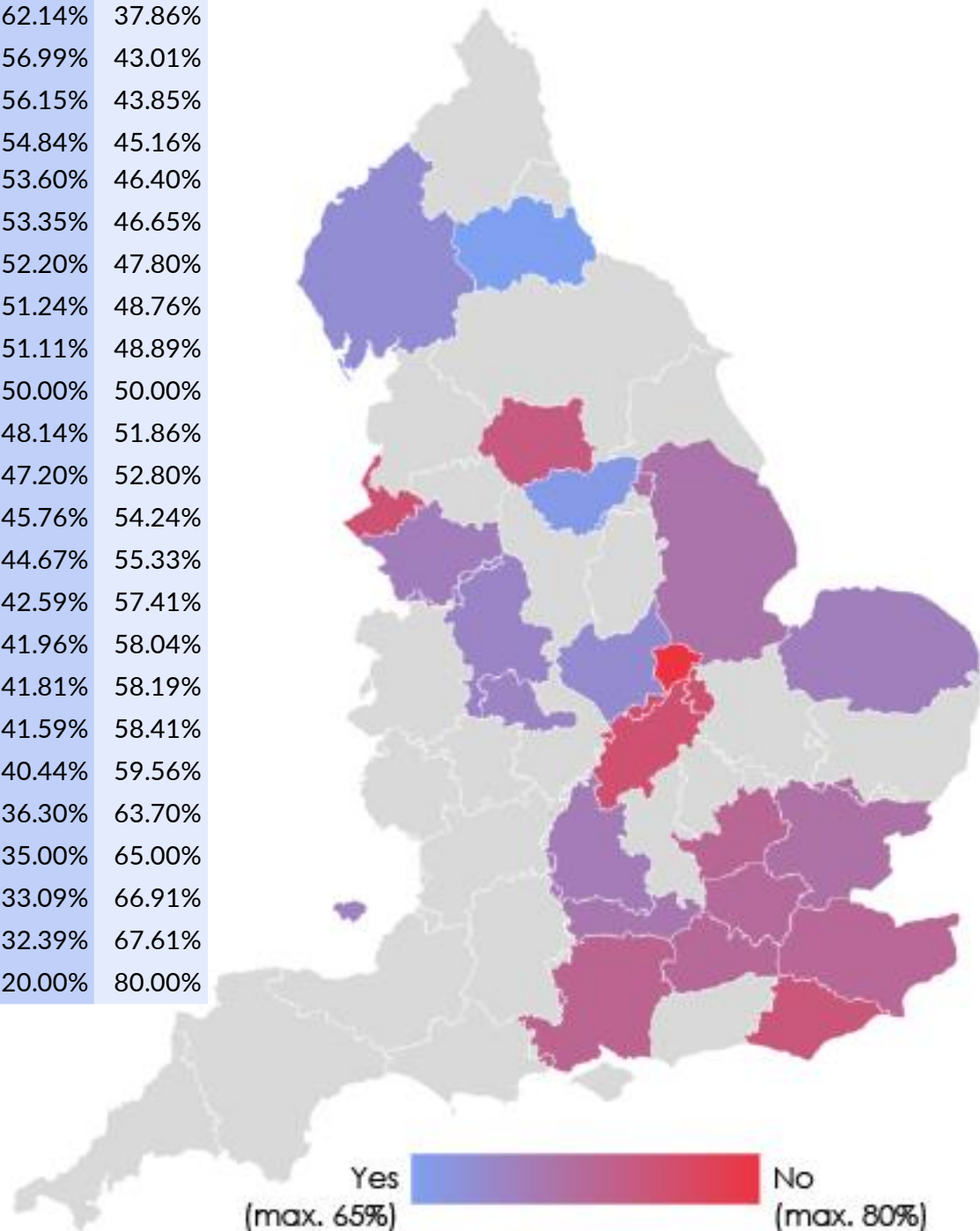
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## Location

Primary:

	Yes	No
Durham	64.71%	35.29%
South Yorkshire	62.14%	37.86%
Cumbria	56.99%	43.01%
Leicestershire	56.15%	43.85%
North Yorkshire	54.84%	45.16%
Staffordshire	53.60%	46.40%
West Midlands	53.35%	46.65%
Cardiff	52.20%	47.80%
Norfolk	51.24%	48.76%
Cheshire	51.11%	48.89%
Oxfordshire	50.00%	50.00%
Berkshire	48.14%	51.86%
Lincolnshire	47.20%	52.80%
Essex	45.76%	54.24%
Greater London	44.67%	55.33%
Surrey	42.59%	57.41%
London	41.96%	58.04%
Kent	41.81%	58.19%
Hertfordshire	41.59%	58.41%
Hampshire	40.44%	59.56%
West Yorkshire	36.30%	63.70%
East Sussex	35.00%	65.00%
Merseyside	33.09%	66.91%
Northamptonshire	32.39%	67.61%
Rutland	20.00%	80.00%



\*Regions with fewer than 15 votes are not displayed on the map. These regions are marked with a \* in the table.



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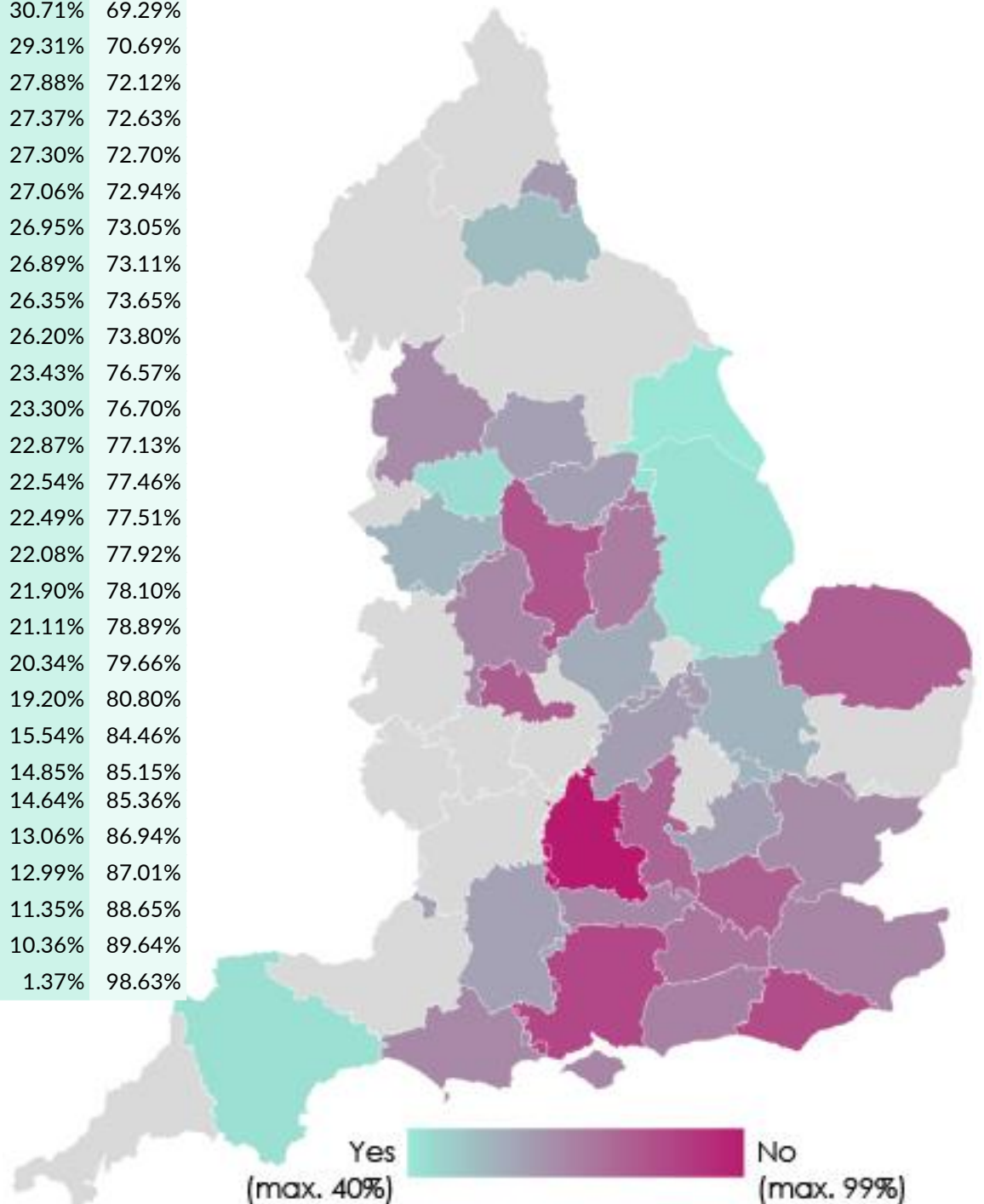
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### Secondary, 16+ & College:

	Yes	No
Merseyside*	92.31%	7.69%
East Riding of Yorkshire	40.46%	59.54%
Lincolnshire	39.37%	60.63%
Devon	39.09%	60.91%
Greater Manchester	38.40%	61.60%
Greater London	33.72%	66.28%
Durham	32.66%	67.34%
Cheshire	30.97%	69.03%
Cambridgeshire	30.71%	69.29%
Leicestershire	29.31%	70.69%
North Yorkshire	27.88%	72.12%
Bristol	27.37%	72.63%
Wiltshire	27.30%	72.70%
South Yorkshire	27.06%	72.94%
West Yorkshire	26.95%	73.05%
Hertfordshire	26.89%	73.11%
Northamptonshire	26.35%	73.65%
Tyne and Wear	26.20%	73.80%
Lancashire	23.43%	76.57%
Essex	23.30%	76.70%
Berkshire	22.87%	77.13%
Dorset	22.54%	77.46%
Staffordshire	22.49%	77.51%
Isle of Wight	22.08%	77.92%
Kent	21.90%	78.10%
West Sussex	21.11%	78.89%
Nottinghamshire	20.34%	79.66%
Surrey	19.20%	80.80%
Buckinghamshire	15.54%	84.46%
Norfolk	14.85%	85.15%
West Midlands	14.64%	85.36%
London	13.06%	86.94%
Derbyshire	12.99%	87.01%
East Sussex	11.35%	88.65%
Hampshire	10.36%	89.64%
Oxfordshire	1.37%	98.63%



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## Voter Comments

"I think that we **do celebrate it** enough, but **some people** only celebrate it **for one month**".

Primary School, Northamptonshire

"We need to **celebrate our differences** culturally, racially and ethnically."

Primary School, Hampshire

"We **shouldn't have to** celebrate our differences; everybody is different and we **should just accept** that. It should just **be part of our daily life.**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

"We have celebrated differences **enough in our school**, but not in the **world.**"

Secondary School, Surrey

"We **shouldn't need to** have separate days to celebrate our differences. It **should be part of everyday life.** We are #proudtobe together."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"We **don't do enough** to celebrate **different cultures** because there are still not **equal opportunities.** We try hard to stop it, but racism still goes on."

Primary School, Rutland

"We do celebrate our differences, but **it is never enough**, and we **can always do more** to celebrate one another. It is important we are **respectful** and continue to **learn about each other.**"

Primary School, Berkshire

"We definitely don't celebrate our differences enough. Sometimes we see that someone does something **different to you** or has a different belief or culture and **we judge them.** It is **good to be different** as the world is much more interesting."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"We **celebrate some things** much better than others. Not **all differences** are celebrated as well as they **should be.**"

Secondary School, Devon



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"No because I am **always learning something** new about people's cultures that actually **should be very well known!**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

"There could be **more lessons** in **awareness**. It tends to be **only spoken about in BHM** rather than all **year around**".

Secondary School, Nottinghamshire

"Despite that we are the same in many ways, our **differences should be celebrated**, and we should be **proud of** those differences. In **recent years**, our diversity is being celebrated more but there is **still more to be done.**"

Secondary School, West Midlands



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