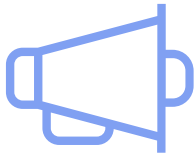


Are protests necessary for change?

Date: 15th – 22nd October 2021



67.89%

of Primary KS1 voters said Yes.



74.14%

of Primary KS2 voters said Yes.



61.04%

of Secondary voters said Yes.



65.79%

of 16+ & College voters said Yes.

This week's VoteTopic lesson was important to discuss as protests throughout history have inspired and brought on change. The suffragettes protested for the right for women to vote and recently Black Lives Matter was a huge protest that attracted worldwide attention and dominated the headlines.

In a democratic society, it's likely that protesting will take place, which is why it was important to educate our voters on this and see what their thoughts are.

25,640 young people all over the UK took part and it was intriguing to see whether they thought protests are really necessary for change.

Sample of 25,640 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.

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:

Question Primary KS1:

"Are protests the best way to be heard?"

Question Primary KS2:

"Are protests necessary for change?"

Question Secondary:

"Are protests necessary for change?"

Question Secondary 16+ & College:

"Are protests necessary for change?"



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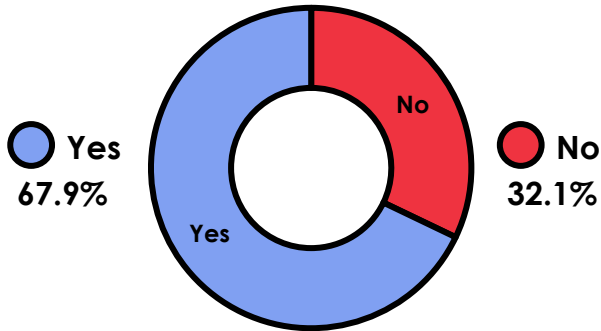
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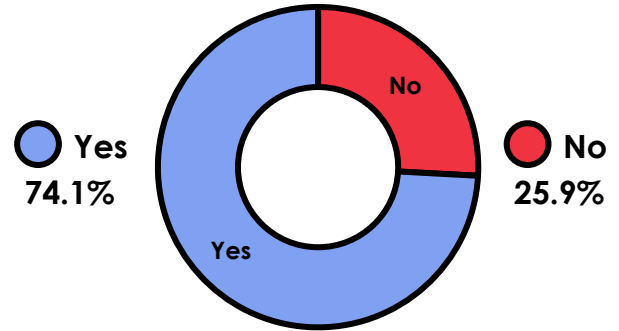
Primary KS1: "Are protests the best way to be heard?"

Yes 67.89%
No 32.11%



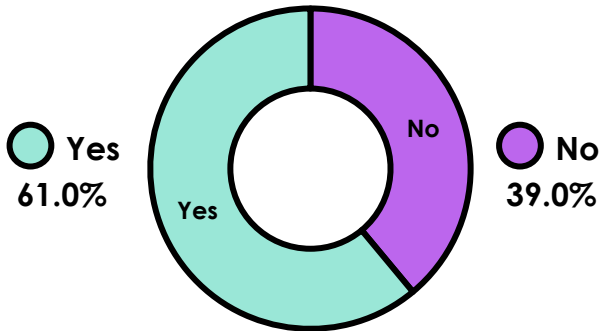
Primary KS2: "Are protests necessary for change?"

Yes 74.14%
No 25.86%



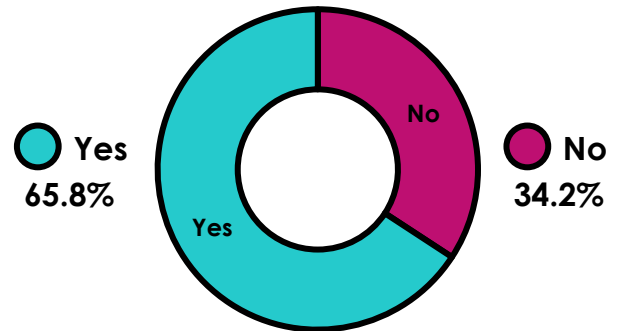
Secondary: "Are protests necessary for change?"

Yes 61.04%
No 38.96%



Secondary 16+ & College: "Are protests necessary for change?"

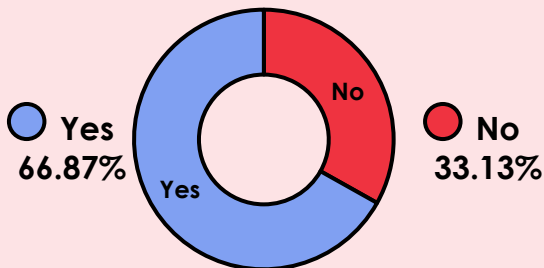
Yes 65.79%
No 34.21%



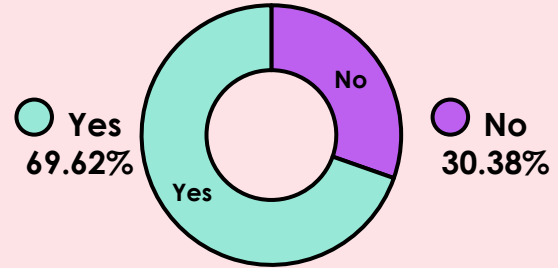
How does this compare to previous VoteTopics?

In June 2020, during the week of 5th – 12th June, we asked **Primary KS2** and **Secondary students** "Will the recent anti-racism protests lead to change in the US?" These were the results from 2020:

Primary KS2



Secondary



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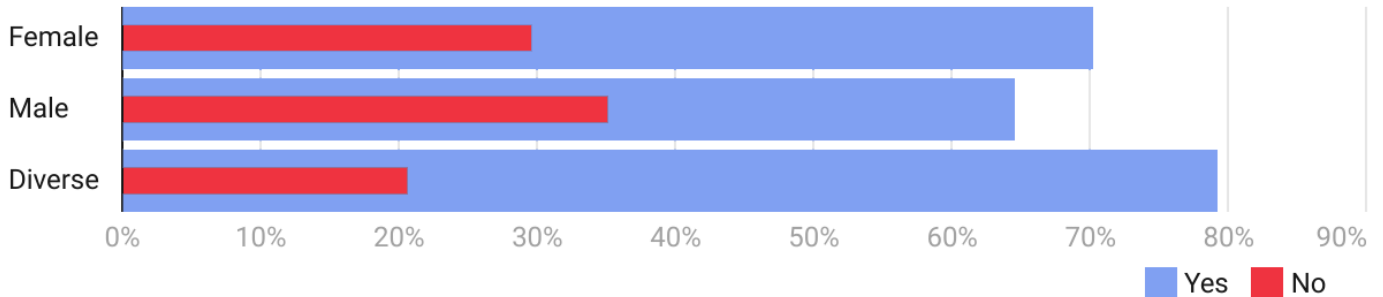


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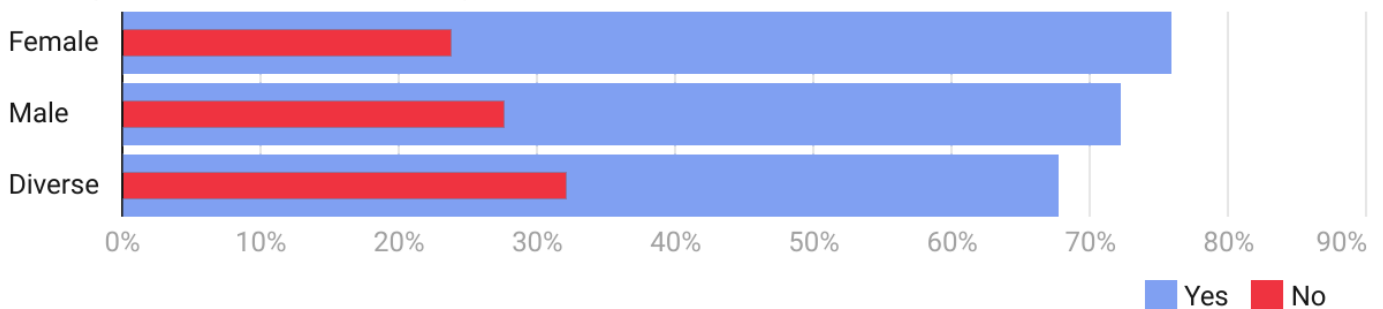


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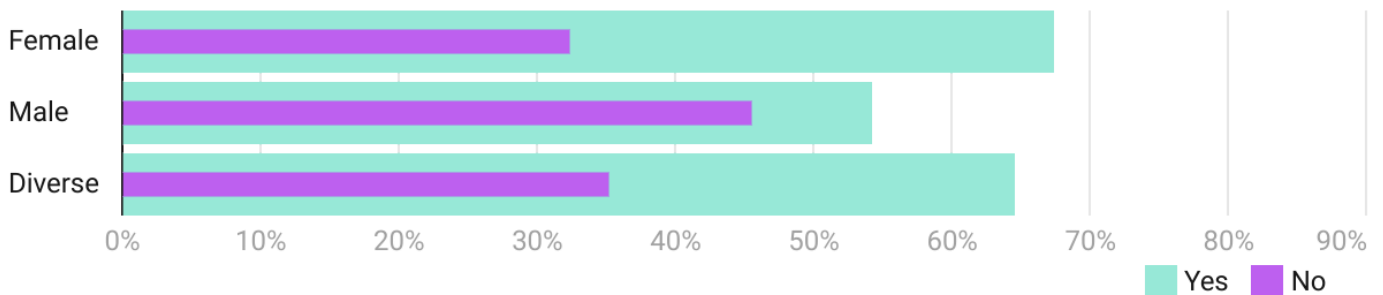
Primary KS1: "Are protests the best way to be heard?"



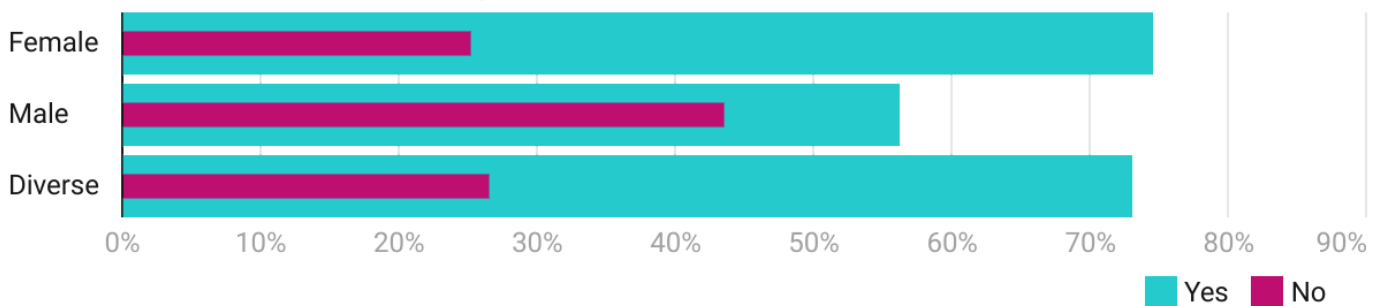
Primary KS2: "Are protests necessary for change?"



Secondary: "Are protests necessary for change?"



16+ & College: "Are protests necessary for change?"



Primary KS1: "Are protests the best way to be heard?"

	Yes	No
Female	70.32%	29.68%
Male	64.71%	35.29%
Diverse*	79.31%	20.69%



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Primary KS2: "Are protests necessary for change?"

	Yes	No
Female	76.04%	23.96%
Male	72.36%	27.64%
Diverse*	67.86%	32.14%

Secondary: "Are protests necessary for change?"

	Yes	No
Female	67.45%	32.55%
Male	54.28%	45.72%
Diverse*	64.69%	35.31%

16+ & College: "Are protests necessary for change?"

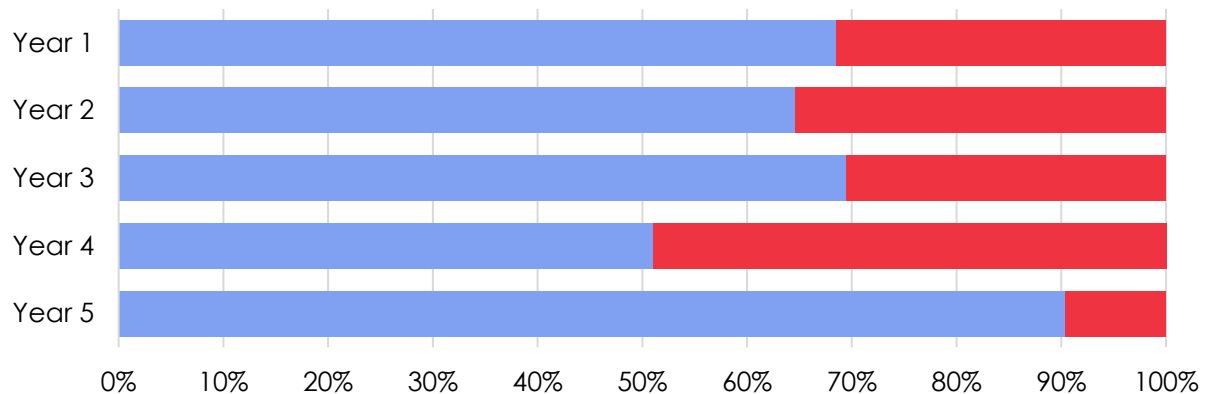
	Yes	No
Female	74.68%	25.32%
Male	56.28%	43.72%
Diverse*	73.21%	26.79%

*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

Primary KS1: "Are protests the best way to be heard?"

Year Group	Yes	No
Year 1	68.54%	31.46%
Year 2	64.64%	35.36%
Year 3	69.52%	30.48%
Year 4	51.02%	48.98%
Year 5	90.36%	9.64%
Vertical Tutor Group	44.44%	55.56%



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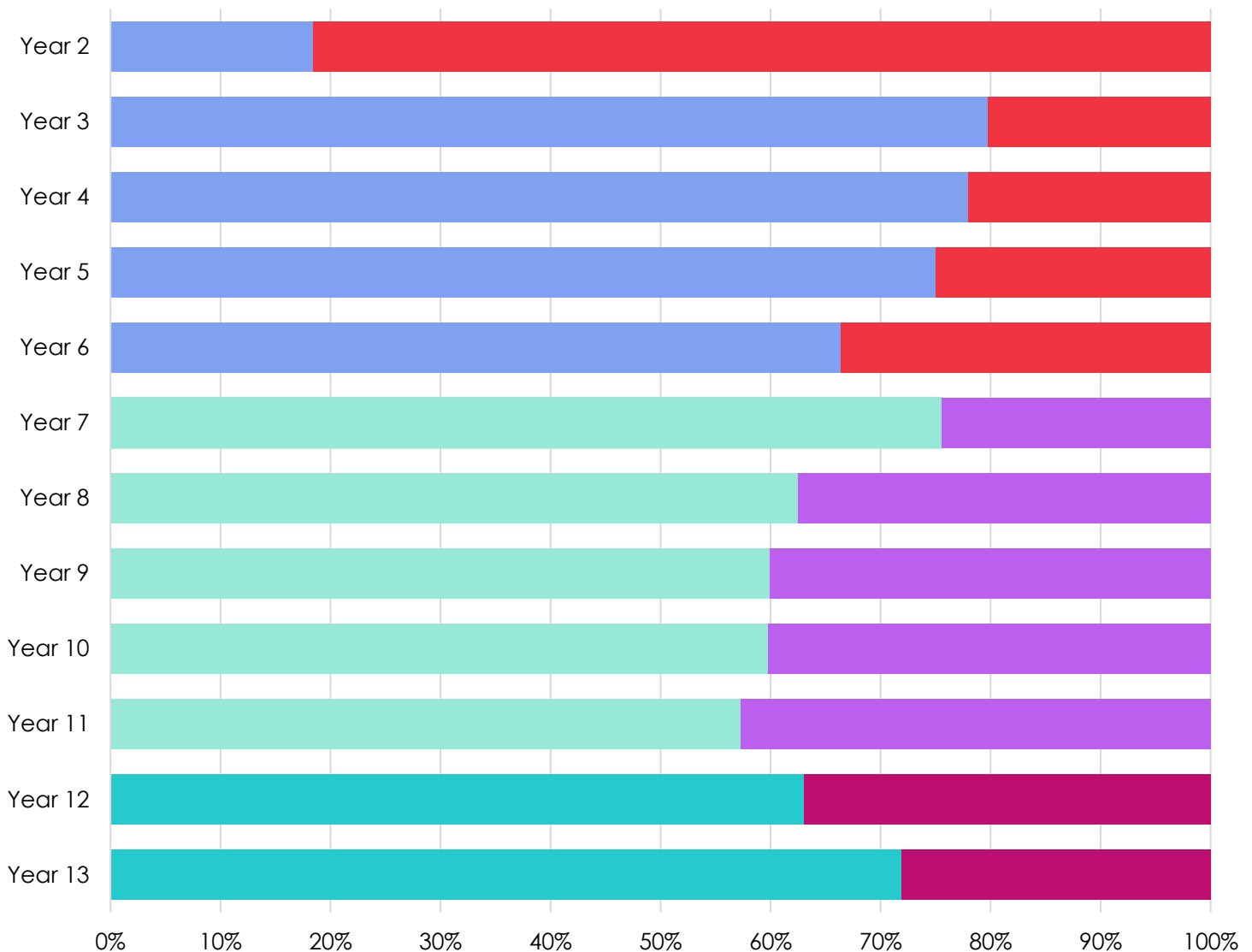


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Primary KS2, Secondary & 16+ College: "Are protests necessary for change?"

Year Group	Yes	No
Year 2	18.42%	81.58%
Year 3	79.78%	20.22%
Year 4	77.96%	22.04%
Year 5	75.00%	25.00%
Year 6	66.41%	33.59%
Year 7	64.97%	35.03%
Year 8	58.35%	41.65%
Year 9	62.23%	37.77%
Year 10	56.19%	43.81%
Year 11	58.69%	41.31%
Year 12	70.41%	29.59%
Year 13	75.85%	24.15%
Vertical Tutor Group	65.31%	34.69%



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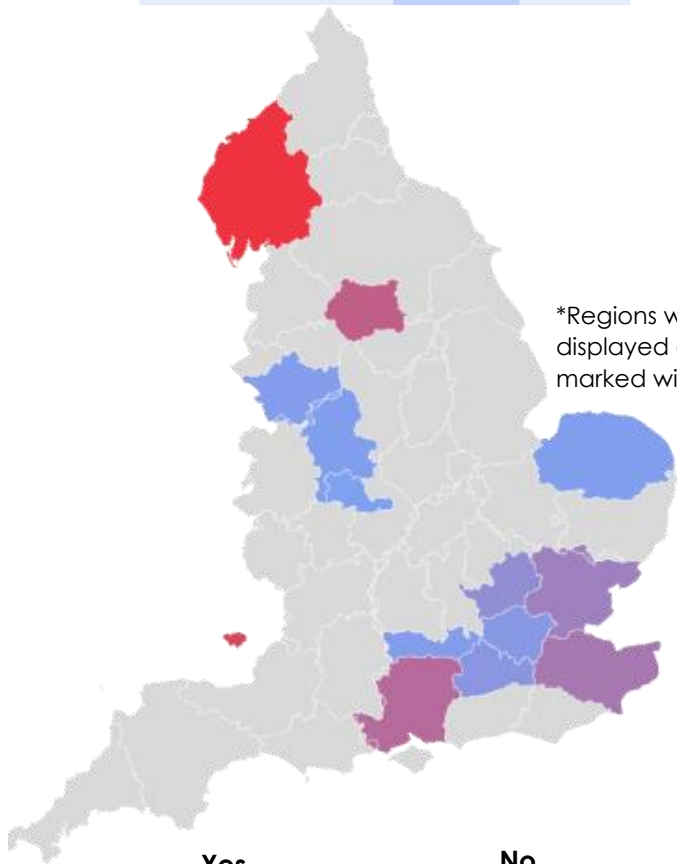
Location

Primary KS1: "Are protests the best way to be heard?"

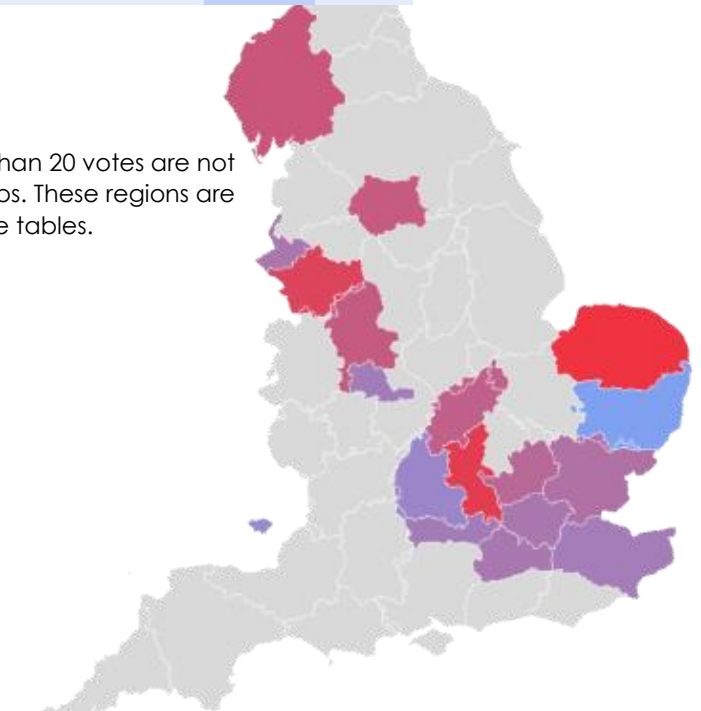
	Yes	No
West Midlands	77.98%	22.02%
Norfolk	76.92%	23.08%
Staffordshire	76.67%	23.33%
Cheshire	75.81%	24.19%
Berkshire	75.78%	24.22%
London	73.73%	26.27%
Greater London	71.83%	28.17%
Surrey	71.67%	28.33%
Gloucestershire	71.43%	28.57%
Hertfordshire	66.67%	33.33%
Essex	58.93%	41.07%
Kent	53.33%	46.67%
Hampshire	45.10%	54.90%
West Yorkshire	37.50%	62.50%
Cardiff	21.43%	78.57%
Cumbria	10.00%	90.00%

Primary KS2: "Are protests necessary for change?"

	Yes	No
Suffolk	100.00%	0.00%
Cardiff	86.32%	13.68%
Oxfordshire	84.62%	15.38%
West Midlands	79.39%	20.61%
Kent	79.10%	20.90%
Berkshire	78.81%	21.19%
Greater London	77.30%	22.70%
Surrey	75.93%	24.07%
Merseyside	75.24%	24.76%
London	74.32%	25.68%
Essex	71.68%	28.32%
Hertfordshire	66.90%	33.10%
Gloucestershire*	62.50%	37.50%
Northamptonshire	61.90%	38.10%
Staffordshire	59.02%	40.98%
West Yorkshire	58.56%	41.44%
Cumbria	56.36%	43.64%
Cumbria	54.84%	45.16%
Cheshire	45.45%	54.55%
Buckinghamshire	41.18%	58.82%
Norfolk	34.92%	65.08%
Hampshire*	11.76%	88.24%



*Regions with fewer than 20 votes are not displayed on the maps. These regions are marked with a * in the tables.



Yes (max. 78%) No (max. 90%)

Yes (max. 100%) No (max. 65%)



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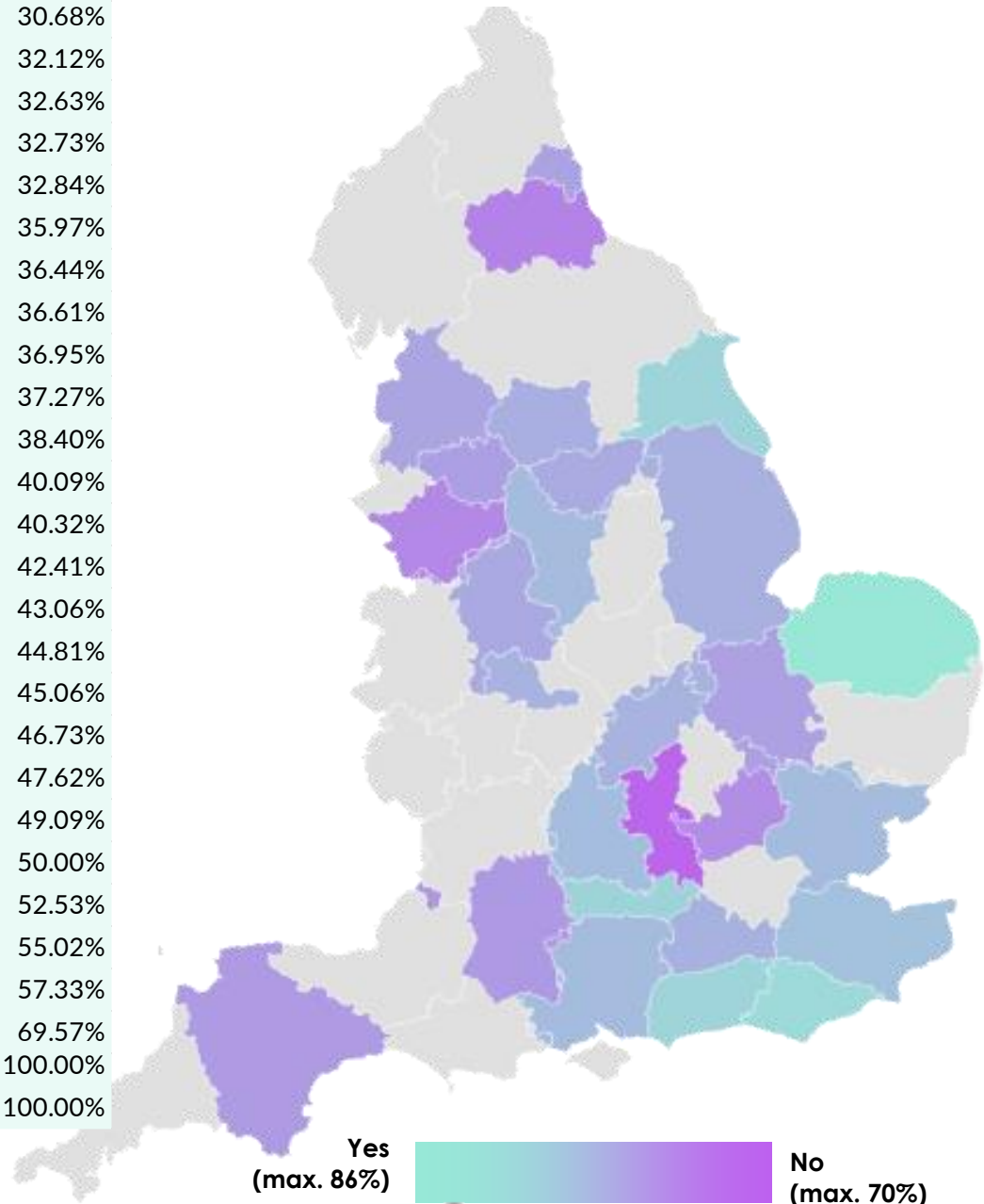


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Secondary, 16+ & College:
"Are protests necessary for change?"

	Yes	No
Norfolk	85.71%	14.29%
East Sussex	80.00%	20.00%
East Riding of Yorkshire	78.03%	21.97%
West Sussex	77.63%	22.37%
Berkshire	77.33%	22.67%
Kent	69.32%	30.68%
Oxfordshire	67.88%	32.12%
Essex	67.37%	32.63%
Hampshire	67.27%	32.73%
Derbyshire	67.16%	32.84%
London	64.03%	35.97%
Northamptonshire	63.56%	36.44%
West Midlands	63.39%	36.61%
Surrey	63.05%	36.95%
Lincolnshire	62.73%	37.27%
West Yorkshire	61.60%	38.40%
South Yorkshire	59.91%	40.09%
Staffordshire	59.68%	40.32%
Lancashire	57.59%	42.41%
Tyne and Wear	56.94%	43.06%
Cambridgeshire	55.19%	44.81%
Greater Manchester	54.94%	45.06%
Devon	53.27%	46.73%
Wiltshire	52.38%	47.62%
North Yorkshire	50.91%	49.09%
Bristol	50.00%	50.00%
Hertfordshire	47.47%	52.53%
Cheshire	44.98%	55.02%
Durham	42.67%	57.33%
Buckinghamshire	30.43%	69.57%
Dorset*	0.00%	100.00%
Greater London*	0.00%	100.00%



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Voter Comments: "Are protests necessary for change?"

"I think protests are necessary because everyone needs to **speak out** and show **their opinions**. Everyone should be **fair**."

Primary School, West Midlands

"**Non-violent** protests are the way to go **forward**."

Primary School, Hertfordshire

"We believe that protests are necessary to make a change as they **raise awareness**. However, it **shouldn't** affect the **wider public's day to day lives**; they have jobs to get to and emergency services should not be delayed due to such events."

Primary School, West Midlands

"I think that protests are effective because **they begin conversations** on topics and begins **change**. I think that protests can help **bring light** to topics often **neglected**."

Secondary School, Berkshire

Protests are effective and necessary if **done properly**. Unfortunately, some people go to protests just to cause trouble. However **peaceful protests** throughout history have been **successful** and **life changing**.

Secondary School, West Midlands

"I think protesting can be effective, but we **shouldn't have to** do that to see change."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"Unfortunately, it takes a great deal of people doing **outrageous things** to gain attention of people in power. It's sad we have to **strive so hard** for things that should have been **obvious**, things such as **equal rights**."

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'I think they're not necessary because there are **calmer ways** to do it. Sometimes they can go **out of control**.'

Primary School, Surrey

I think no because sometimes people can **change the world** just by **inspiring others** to or just doing something by **themselves** to change.'

Secondary School, Lancashire

'I personally think that they **aren't necessary** to change as there are many things that **have happened/changed without** protests.'

Secondary School, West Midlands

'It is not **necessary** to protest when you want a **change** because you could write an **article or make a petition** about it instead.'

Secondary School, West Midlands

I voted no because we don't need to protest, we just need to give them our voice. This can be done by protesting, but it doesn't need to be. If we share and express our views, opinions, and experiences, we can all live in a **society that we believe is right**. Yes, protests have made changes in the past, but some **minor and major changes** have happened with **no protests**, but just expressing our thoughts.

Secondary School, West Midlands



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