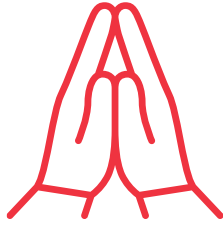


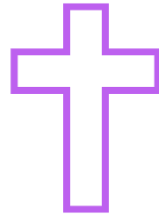
Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?

05th – 12th November 2021



31.70%

of Primary voters said No.



54.61%

of Secondary voters said No.



60.25%

of 16+ & College voters said No.

As part of *Inter Faith Week*, it was important for this VoteTopic to create awareness and increase our voters' understanding of different faiths and communities.

Through the VoteTopic, voters were (re)introduced to the biggest religions in the UK today, and the distinctive and culturally significant events that come with these.

They explored what these celebrations have in common, their histories, and how more people might be able to get involved. At the end of the lesson, they voted on the question: "Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?"

35,815 young people in the UK took part in this vote.

Sample of 35,815 voters

If you want more information of the exact split of the sample size across the different categories below, please contact us at ajie@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:

"Should more people join in with religious celebrations?"

Question Secondary:

"Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?"

Question Secondary 16+ & College:

"Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?"



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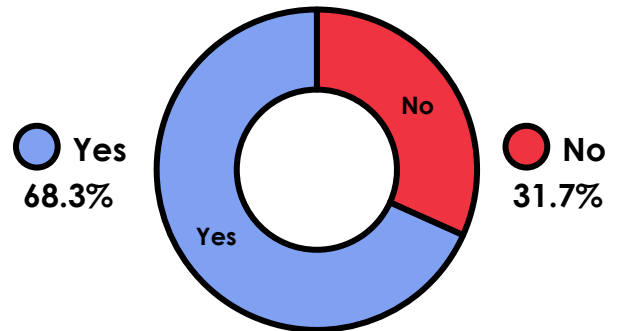
Grand Total

Primary:

"Should more people join in with religious celebrations?"

Yes 68.30%

No 31.70%



Secondary:

"Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?"

Yes 45.39%

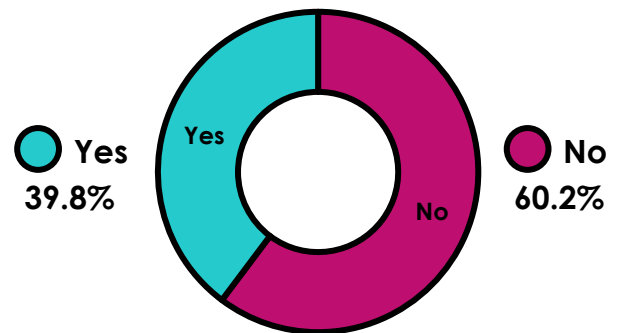
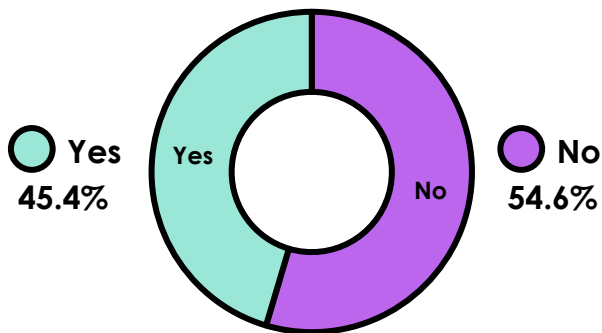
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Secondary 16+ & College:

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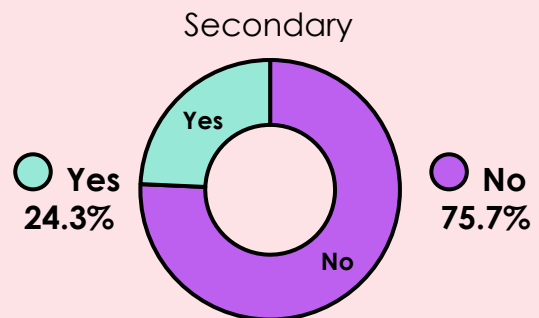
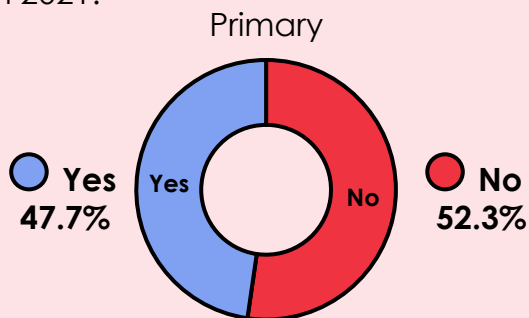
Yes 39.75%

No 60.25%



How does this compare to previous VoteTopics?

In October 2021, during the week of 01st – 08th October, we asked **Primary** and **Secondary voters** "Do we celebrate our differences enough?". These were the results from 2021:



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Gender

Primary: "Should more people join in with religious celebrations?"

	Yes	No
Female	70.14%	29.86%
Male	66.42%	33.58%
Diverse*	69.29%	30.71%

Secondary: "Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?"

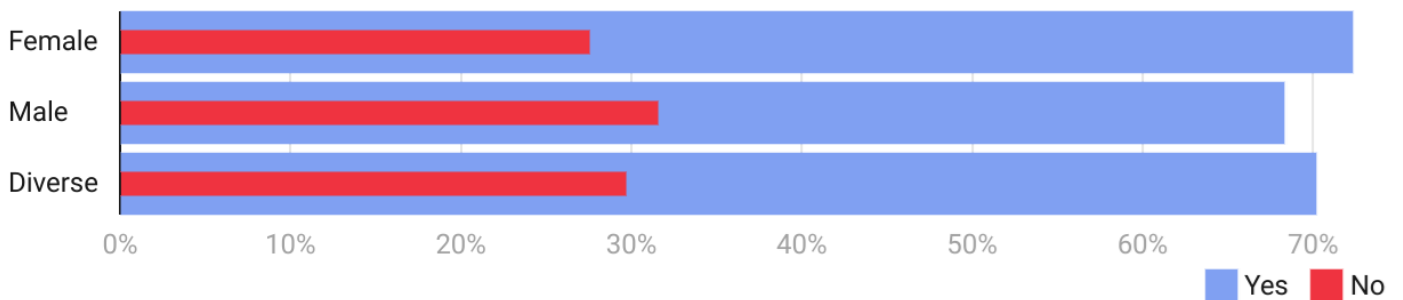
	Yes	No
Female	48.13%	51.87%
Male	43.01%	56.99%
Diverse*	43.45%	56.55%

16+ & College: "Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?"

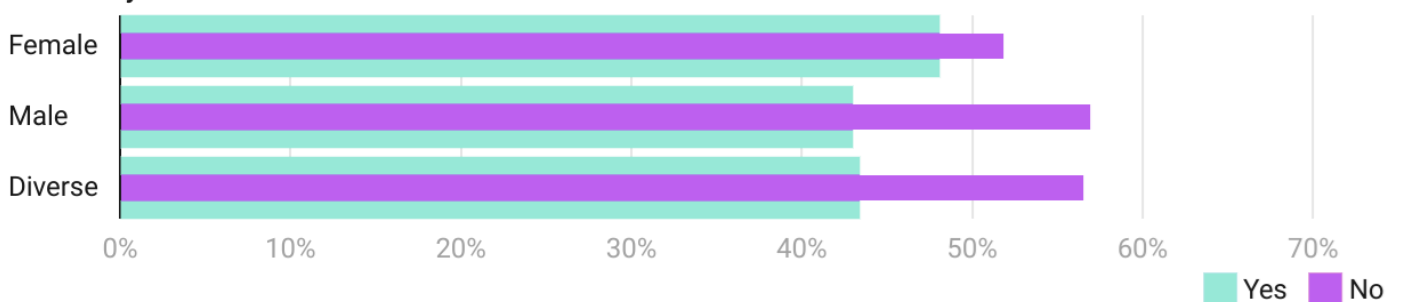
	Yes	No
Female	44.73%	55.27%
Male	34.51%	65.49%
Diverse*	36.02%	63.98%

*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.

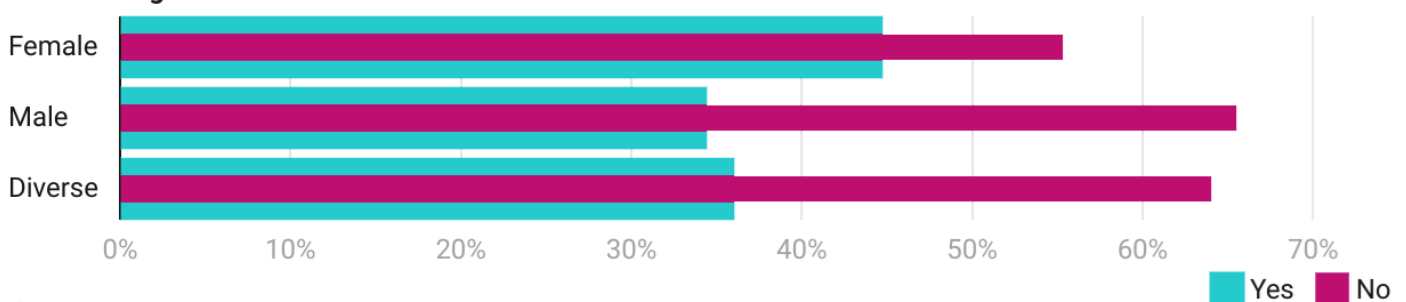
Primary



Secondary



16+ & College



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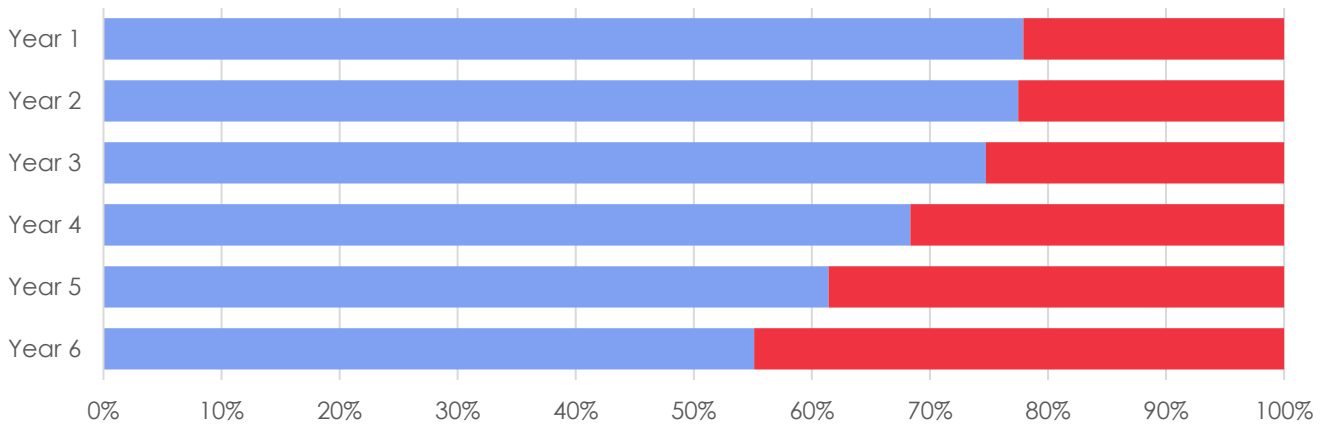
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Age

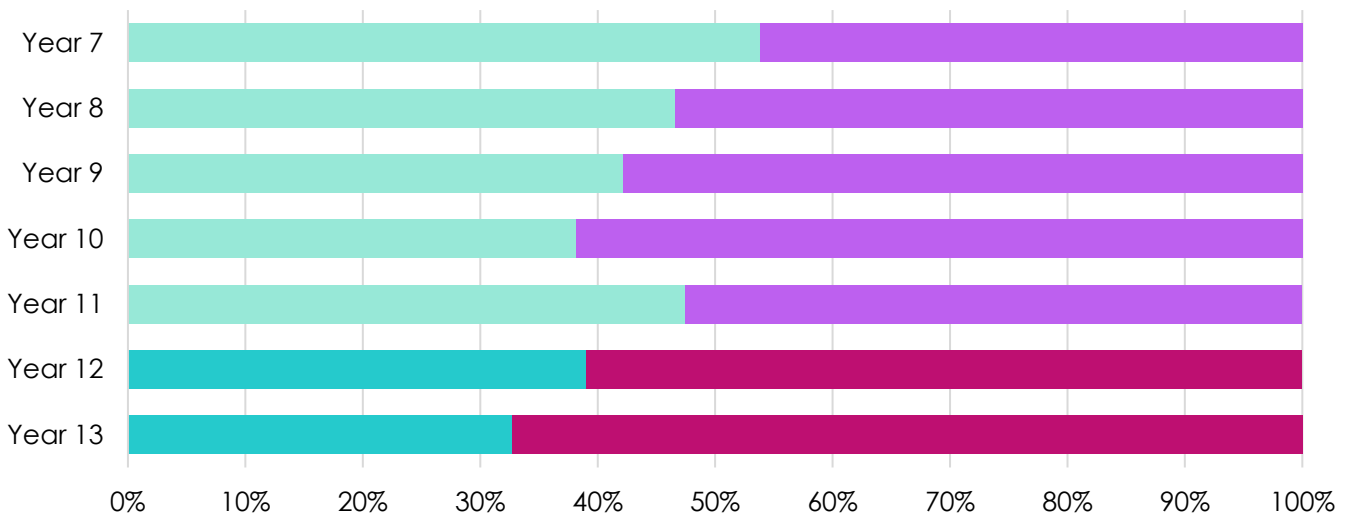
Primary: "Should more people join in with religious celebrations?"

Year Group	Yes	No
Year 1	77.92%	22.08%
Year 2	77.49%	22.51%
Year 3	74.75%	25.25%
Year 4	68.34%	31.66%
Year 5	61.42%	38.58%
Year 6	55.11%	44.89%
Vertical Tutor Group	66.13%	33.87%



Secondary, 16+ & College: "Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?"

Year Group	Yes	No
Year 7	53.80%	46.20%
Year 8	46.59%	53.41%
Year 9	42.15%	57.85%
Year 10	38.16%	61.84%
Year 11	47.48%	52.52%
Year 12	39.04%	60.96%
Year 13	32.69%	67.31%
Vertical Tutor Group	43.89%	56.11%



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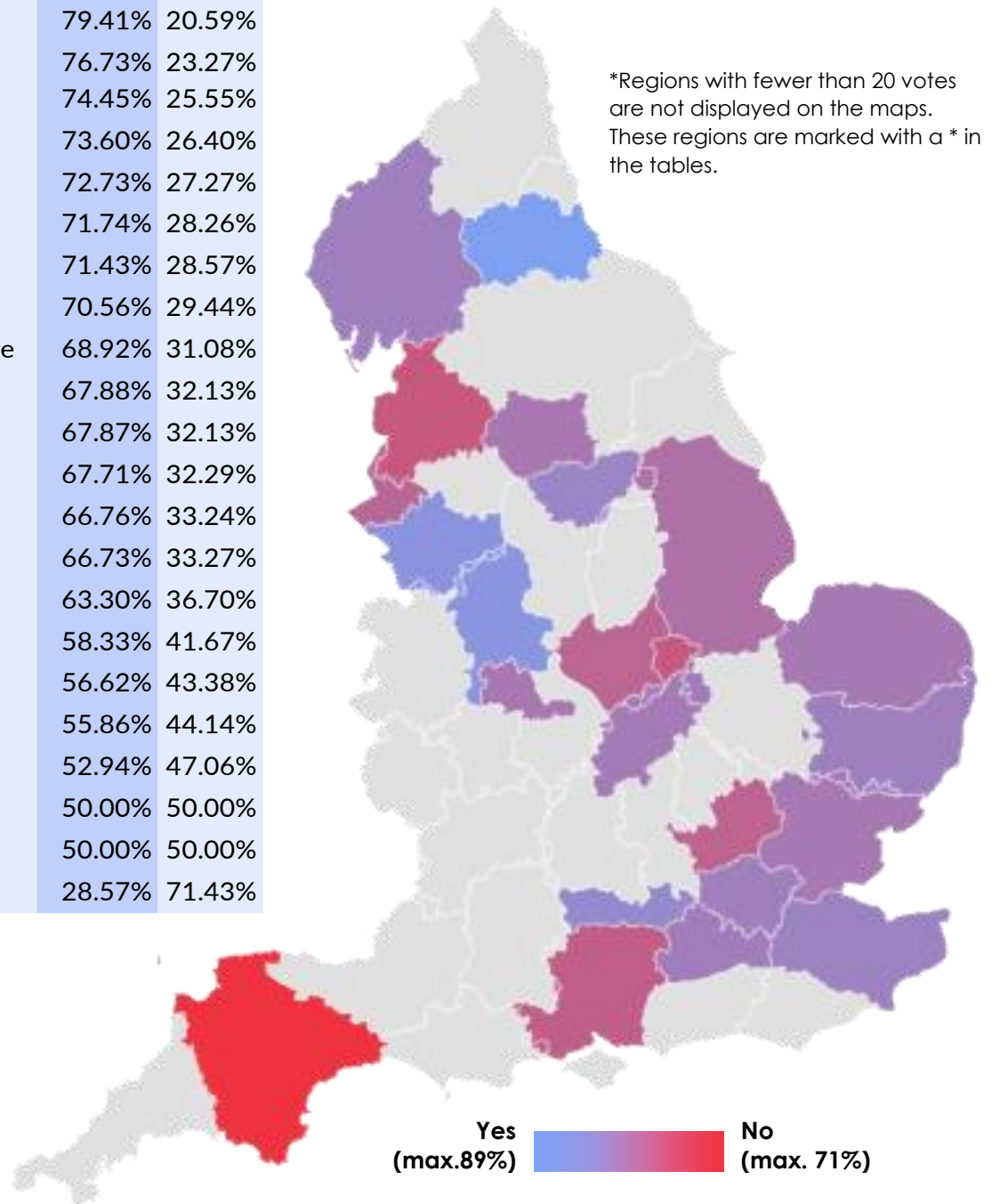
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Location

Primary: "Should more people join in with religious celebrations?"

	Yes	No
Durham	88.89%	11.11%
Staffordshire	82.76%	17.24%
Cheshire	82.35%	17.65%
North Yorkshire	79.41%	20.59%
Berkshire	76.73%	23.27%
South Yorkshire	74.45%	25.55%
London	73.60%	26.40%
Kent	72.73%	27.27%
Suffolk	71.74%	28.26%
Cumbria	71.43%	28.57%
Surrey	70.56%	29.44%
Northamptonshire	68.92%	31.08%
Greater London	67.88%	32.13%
Essex	67.87%	32.13%
Norfolk	67.71%	32.29%
West Midlands	66.76%	33.24%
West Yorkshire	66.73%	33.27%
Lincolnshire	63.30%	36.70%
Merseyside	58.33%	41.67%
Leicestershire	56.62%	43.38%
Hertfordshire	55.86%	44.14%
Hampshire	52.94%	47.06%
Lancashire	50.00%	50.00%
Rutland	50.00%	50.00%
Devon	28.57%	71.43%



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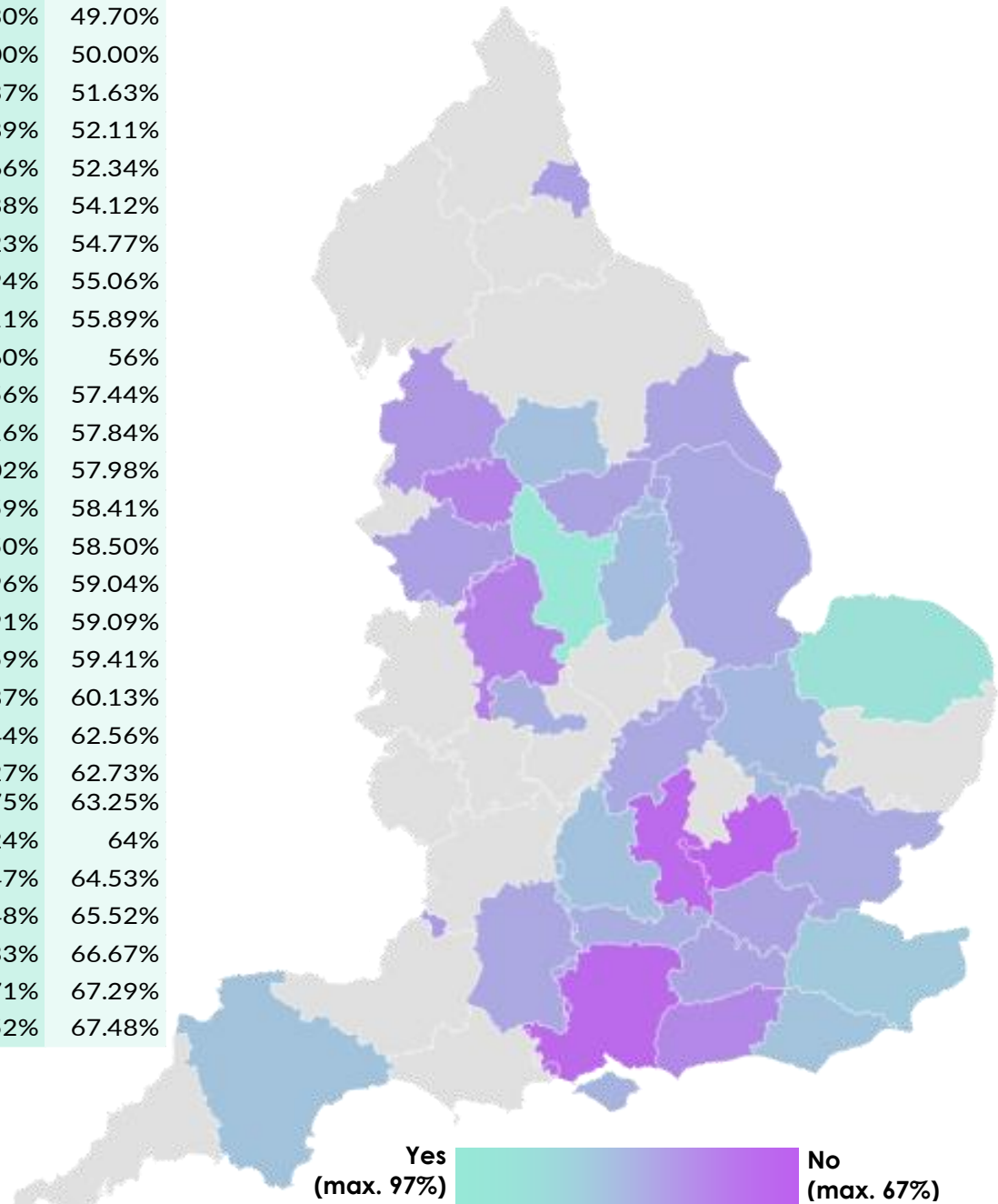


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Secondary, 16+ & College:
"Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?"

	Yes	No
Greater London	96.55%	3.45%
Leicestershire	66.18%	33.82%
Berkshire	64.64%	35.36%
Dorset	62.50%	37.50%
Suffolk	58.06%	41.94%
London	57.29%	42.71%
Oxfordshire	56.25%	43.75%
West Midlands	54.40%	45.60%
West Sussex	52.29%	47.71%
Northamptonshire	50.30%	49.70%
Norfolk	50.00%	50.00%
Tyne and Wear	48.37%	51.63%
Isle of Wight	47.89%	52.11%
Bedfordshire	47.66%	52.34%
Surrey	45.88%	54.12%
Lincolnshire	45.23%	54.77%
East Sussex	44.94%	55.06%
Greater Manchester	44.11%	55.89%
West Yorkshire	43.60%	56%
South Yorkshire	42.56%	57.44%
East Riding of Yorkshire	42.16%	57.84%
Bristol	42.02%	57.98%
Nottinghamshire	41.59%	58.41%
Kent	41.50%	58.50%
Lancashire	40.96%	59.04%
Buckinghamshire	40.91%	59.09%
Essex	40.59%	59.41%
North Yorkshire	39.87%	60.13%
Durham	37.44%	62.56%
Devon	37.27%	62.73%
Derbyshire	36.75%	63.25%
Wiltshire	36.24%	64%
Cambridgeshire	35.47%	64.53%
Hertfordshire	34.48%	65.52%
Hampshire	33.33%	66.67%
Cheshire	32.71%	67.29%
Staffordshire	32.52%	67.48%



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Voter Comments - Primary: "Should more people join in with religious celebrations?"

"It is important for **everyone** to **experience** other religious celebrations; it shows **respect** for everyone, and they will **learn new things**."

Primary School, Leicestershire

"People should celebrate each other's religions because you **can learn more about people**."

Primary School, Hertfordshire

"We should celebrate them because then we will **know** about **other** religions, and it would **stop people criticising other religions**."

Primary School, Hertfordshire

"As a **multi-faith society**, we should **celebrate those faiths**. We are no longer just a Christian country, although these are the celebrations that are still more celebrated."

Primary School, South Yorkshire

"**Not everybody** has to join in if they don't want to, we should have the **choice** to not do things **we don't believe in**."

Primary School, Surrey

"Joining other religious celebrations is **not a good thing** because if you say their **God's** name **incorrectly** it may cause **arguments**."

Primary School, Leicestershire

"No, because it would **feel weird** joining in when you **don't share the belief**. We would like some parts, like the fireworks and food, but would feel **uncomfortable** when we don't believe in the Gods. We also worry that we **might not feel welcome**."

Primary School, West Midlands



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Voter Comments – Secondary: “Should more people get involved with religious celebrations?”

“Would create **more understanding** and lead to **more tolerance.**”

Secondary School, West Yorkshire

“More people should **join in** with religious festivals because they are **fun** and **spread happiness and love.**”

Secondary School, Berkshire

“I think that if people are **educated** at a **young age** to respect religions, they will **later** on in life **respect** the **religions more.**”

Secondary School, West Midlands

For some people who haven't done fasting before, it can be quite hard. **Some** celebrations, **everyone** can **join in**, but some other celebrations for religious people, it be would **strange** for **non-believers to join.**

Secondary School, Derbyshire

“There are already **too many festivals.** At Christmas we are **given things** we **don't need** which **pollutes** the **environment.**”

Secondary School, North Yorkshire

“Most people celebrate Christmas even if they aren't religious, but **I do not think** that we should celebrate events that we don't understand; we would **worry** that others may get **offended** if we did it '**wrong**'.”

Secondary School, North Yorkshire



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