

## **GENDER & SEX EDUCATION POLL December 2020**

- CLIENT:** Family First New Zealand
- POLL DATES:** Mon 14 to Thu 17 December 2020. The median response was collected on Wed 16 December 2020.
- TARGET POPULATION:** Eligible New Zealand voters.
- SAMPLE POPULATION:** Eligible New Zealand voters who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone.
- SAMPLE SIZE:** 1,000 respondents agreed to participate.
- SAMPLE SELECTION:** A random selection of 24,000 nationwide phone numbers.
- WEIGHTING:** The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult population in terms of gender, age, area and deprivation.
- SAMPLE ERROR:** Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.1%, at the 95% confidence level.
- CODE COMPLIANCE:** This poll was conducted in accordance with 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 %
Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be?	Yes	163	16%
	No	737	74%
	Unsure	96	10%
	Total	996	100%

Only 16% think primary age children should be taught they can choose their gender.

**Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be? BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be?	Yes	22%	11%
	No	66%	81%
	Unsure	12%	8%
	Total	100%	100%

**Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be? BY Age**

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be?	Yes	19%	17%	10%
	No	73%	72%	79%
	Unsure	8%	11%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be? BY Area**

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be?	Yes	15%	15%	22%
	No	76%	73%	70%
	Unsure	9%	12%	8%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be? BY Deprivation**

		Deprivation		
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be?	Yes	16%	20%	12%
	No	76%	72%	74%
	Unsure	8%	8%	13%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be? BY Party Vote 2020**

		Party Vote 2020					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Others	Not Vote/Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their “gender” and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be?	Yes	8%	24%	20%	32%	1%	10%
	No	84%	64%	73%	62%	87%	80%
	Unsure	8%	12%	7%	5%	13%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out?**

Opt in means they are voluntary and a parent has to opt in for their child to receive them.

Opt out means they are compulsory unless a parent opts out in writing.

**Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out**

		Count	Col %
Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out	Opt in	526	52%
	Opt out	358	36%
	Unsure	122	12%
	Total	1005	100%

52% think sex education should be opt in and 36% opt out.

**Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out	Opt in	47%	57%
	Opt out	41%	31%
	Unsure	11%	13%
	Total	100%	100%

**Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out BY Age**

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out	Opt in	57%	52%	45%
	Opt out	31%	37%	39%
	Unsure	12%	11%	15%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out BY Area

		Area		
		Metro Col %	Provincial Col %	Rural Col %
Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out	Opt in	56%	52%	44%
	Opt out	32%	37%	42%
	Unsure	12%	11%	14%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out BY Deprivation

		Deprivation		
		Deciles 1 - 3 Col %	Deciles 4 - 7 Col %	Deciles 8 - 10 Col %
Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out	Opt in	52%	52%	53%
	Opt out	38%	34%	35%
	Unsure	10%	14%	11%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out BY Party Vote 2020

		Party Vote 2020					
		National Col %	Labour Col %	ACT Col %	Greens Col %	Others Col %	Not Vote/Unsure Col %
Should sex education lessons in primary schools be opt in or opt out	Opt in	59%	46%	37%	55%	54%	59%
	Opt out	33%	46%	48%	40%	21%	21%
	Unsure	8%	9%	15%	5%	25%	20%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Who should have the final say on what sex education is provided in a local school? The parents of the school or the Government?**

**Who should decide on sex education in a local school**

		Count	Col %
Who should decide on sex education in a local school	Parents	585	58%
	The Government	315	31%
	Unsure	101	10%
	Total	1001	100%

58% think parents should have the final say on what sex education is provided in a local school and 31% the Government.

**Who should decide on sex education in a local school BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Who should decide on sex education in a local school	Parents	56%	60%
	The Government	29%	33%
	Unsure	15%	6%
	Total	100%	100%

**Who should decide on sex education in a local school BY Age**

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Who should decide on sex education in a local school	Parents	51%	62%	64%
	The Government	37%	29%	26%
	Unsure	12%	8%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Who should decide on sex education in a local school BY Area

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Who should decide on sex education in a local school	Parents	59%	57%	58%
	The Government	29%	35%	32%
	Unsure	12%	8%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Who should decide on sex education in a local school BY Deprivation

		Deprivation		
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Who should decide on sex education in a local school	Parents	64%	54%	58%
	The Government	29%	34%	31%
	Unsure	7%	12%	11%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Who should decide on sex education in a local school BY Party Vote 2020

		Party Vote 2020					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Others	Not Vote/Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Who should decide on sex education in a local school	Parents	59%	57%	53%	24%	80%	73%
	The Government	28%	31%	39%	71%	16%	18%
	Unsure	13%	12%	8%	4%	4%	9%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)?**

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		Count	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)?	Yes	222	22%
	No	608	61%
	Unsure	170	17%
	Total	1000	100%

22% of respondents think boys who identify as girls should be allowed automatic access to girls toilets and changing rooms and 61% disagree.

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)? BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)?	Yes	34%	12%
	No	44%	75%
	Unsure	22%	13%
	Total	100%	100%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)? BY Age**

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)?	Yes	26%	19%	21%
	No	65%	57%	61%
	Unsure	9%	24%	18%
	Total	100%	100%	100%



**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)? BY Area**

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)?	Yes	21%	18%	29%
	No	61%	65%	55%
	Unsure	18%	16%	16%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)? BY Deprivation**

		Deprivation		
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)?	Yes	18%	28%	19%
	No	66%	55%	63%
	Unsure	16%	17%	18%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)? BY Party Vote 2020**

		Party Vote 2020					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Others	Not Vote/Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls toilets and changing rooms (or vice versa)?	Yes	13%	34%	5%	27%	15%	20%
	No	72%	44%	78%	69%	72%	61%
	Unsure	15%	23%	17%	4%	12%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)?**

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		Count	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)?	Yes	263	26%
	No	577	58%
	Unsure	160	16%
	Total	999	100%

26% of respondents think boys who identify as girls should be allowed automatic access to girls sports teams and 58% disagree.

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)? BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)?	Yes	40%	15%
	No	38%	75%
	Unsure	22%	11%
	Total	100%	100%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)? BY Age**

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)?	Yes	27%	25%	27%
	No	63%	55%	54%
	Unsure	10%	20%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)? BY Area**

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)?	Yes	25%	24%	33%
	No	59%	63%	49%
	Unsure	16%	14%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)? BY Deprivation**

		Deprivation		
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)?	Yes	23%	29%	26%
	No	60%	55%	59%
	Unsure	17%	16%	15%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)? BY Party Vote 2020**

		Party Vote 2020					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Others	Not Vote/Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby (or vice versa)?	Yes	14%	40%	23%	32%	20%	20%
	No	71%	44%	70%	54%	69%	58%
	Unsure	16%	16%	7%	15%	10%	21%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Earlier this month, the British High Court banned the use of puberty blockers, which begin the gender transition process, for children under 16 as it deemed they were too young to consent.

Do you support a similar ban in New Zealand on the use of puberty blockers for young people 16 or younger?

**Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16?**

		Count	Col %
Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16?	Yes	512	51%
	No	275	28%
	Unsure	207	21%
	Total	994	100%

51% support a ban on puberty blockers for under 16s and 28% disagree.

**Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16? BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16?	Yes	49%	54%
	No	35%	22%
	Unsure	17%	24%
	Total	100%	100%

**Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16? BY Age**

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16?	Yes	43%	53%	60%
	No	39%	21%	21%
	Unsure	17%	26%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16? BY Area

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16?	Yes	51%	52%	51%
	No	29%	27%	27%
	Unsure	20%	21%	22%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation		
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16?	Yes	51%	53%	50%
	No	25%	27%	31%
	Unsure	24%	20%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16? BY Party Vote 2020

		Party Vote 2020					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Others	Not Vote/Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Do you support a ban on the use of puberty blockers by those aged under 16?	Yes	65%	50%	39%	28%	72%	48%
	No	17%	32%	46%	57%	6%	20%
	Unsure	18%	19%	15%	15%	22%	32%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

## MARGINS OF ERROR

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

- All 3.1%
- Women 4.2%
- Men 4.5%
- Under 40s 9.4%
- 41 to 60 5.2%
- Over 60s 4.2%
- Metro 4.9%
- Provincial 6.7%
- Rural 5.0%
- Deciles 1 to 3 5.3%
- Deciles 4 to 7 4.9%
- Deciles 8 to 10 6.0%
- National voters 5.8%
- Labour voters 5.1%
- ACT voters 13.6%
- Green voters 13.7%
- Unsure voters 7.4%

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