

Philip's Panel Survey No. 3: **Social Justice Survey Results**

Do you agree/ disagree with the following propositions in principle?

FAMILY BREAKDOWN

- 1.** A tax break for married couples. **Agree 88%** **Disagree 12%**
A large proportion of those stating they will vote Conservative (94%) and Liberal Democrat (60%) in the next election agreed with the statement, while less than half (46%) of Labour supporters did so.
- 2.** Ending the "couple penalty" in the benefits system which means people are better off living apart. **Agree 87%** **Disagree 13%**
There was a large cross-party consensus for this view.
- 3.** Requiring lone parents to work part-time when their youngest child is 5 to qualify for benefits. **Agree 71%** **Disagree 29%**
A clear majority of both Conservative and Labour voters supported this view. Liberal Democrat voters disagreed.
- 4.** Frontloading child benefit, and so trebling its value, to make it easier for a parent to stay at home and care for a young child aged 0-3. **Agree 88%** **Disagree 12%**
There was large cross-party consensus in favour of this view.

ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

- 5.** A life on benefits should not be an option. **Agree 95%** **Disagree 5%**
92% of Labour supporters agreed with this statement.
- 6.** Requiring all unemployed people to seek work actively to qualify for benefits. **Agree 96%** **Disagree 4%**
This view was shared by supporters of all political parties.

EDUCATION FAILURE

- 7.** Setting up new pioneer schools run by parents and charities but paid for by the taxpayer and outside the control of the local council. **Agree 59%** **Disagree 41%**
There was mixed reaction from supporters of each political party, but overall majority support.

ADDICTION

- 8.** A treatment tax on alcohol to pay for care of drink and drug addicts. **Agree 52%** **Disagree 48%**
73% of Labour supporters agreed with this statement.
- 9.** Making cannabis possession a more serious offence. **Agree 69%** **Disagree 31%**
Conservative and Labour voters supported this view while Liberal Democrat voters rejected it by 64%.
- 10.** Switching anti-drugs policy from maintaining addicts on methadone to abstinence and rehabilitation. **Agree 87%** **Disagree 13%**
There was a large cross-party consensus on this view.

PERSONAL DEBT

- 11.** A greater role for credit unions offering low-interest loans to low-income families to help protect them from loan sharks. **Agree 97%** **Disagree 3%**
Supporters of all political groups supported this view by more than 90%.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR

- 12.** A new system for charities to claim gift aid tax relief automatically, instead of the present bureaucratic procedure. **Agree 94%** **Disagree 6%**
Again, supporters of each political party supported this view by more than 90%.