

COMMUNICATERESEARCH PARLIAMENTARY PANEL

Funding Political Parties

Q. Would you support or oppose each of the following proposals for reforming the way political parties are funded?

All MPs

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
	%	%	%
Extending current state funding	56	38	6
Reducing current state funding	9	79	13
Cap on donations from third parties	58	30	12
Relaxing existing general election spending caps for political parties	11	81	7
Requiring large donors to register their gifts publicly	82	15	3
Allowing political parties to purchase media time, e.g. for TV advertising	18	74	7

Labour MPs

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
	%	%	%
Extending current state funding	62	32	6
Reducing current state funding	5	86	9
Cap on donations from third parties	72	15	14
Relaxing existing general election spending caps for political parties	11	85	4
Requiring large donors to register their gifts publicly	96	1	2
Allowing political parties to purchase media time, e.g. for TV advertising	14	79	7

Conservative MPs

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
	%	%	%
Extending current state funding	28	65	7
Reducing current state funding	19	67	14
Cap on donations from third parties	9	77	14
Relaxing existing general election spending caps for political parties	16	67	16
Requiring large donors to register their gifts publicly	47	51	2
Allowing political parties to purchase media time, e.g. for TV advertising	36	52	12

Methodology

Fieldwork: Conducted by postal self-completion questionnaire between 14 June and 8 July 2004 among MPs on the CommunicateResearch Parliamentary Panel. 154 MPs participated (84 Labour, 43 Conservative and 27 from the smaller parties).

Data may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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