

Newspoll Polling For ACTU Congress 2003: Medicare Results

Methodology

The poll was conducted in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth among 700 respondents aged 18 and over. The poll was conducted by phone over the period of 8-11 August 2003.

Results

There is overwhelming support for an increase in the Medicare levy if it is the only way of allowing continued access to bulk billing for all Australians

In response to the question: *If an increase in the Medicare levy was the only way of allowing continued access to bulk billing for all Australians, would you support or not support an increase in the Medicare levy?*

- 69% of those polled would support an increase in the Medicare levy
- 40% would strongly support the increase in the levy
- young people, in particular would be prepared to pay more for Medicare through the levy - 73% in the 18-24 age bracket and 76% in the 25-34 age bracket

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