Support for the strikes stays strong, though more now ‘strongly support’ junior doctors than in January

As you may be aware, junior doctors are planning strike action in England. If they go on strike, would you support or oppose junior doctors striking if they still provided emergency care?

February 2016

- Strongly support: 49%
- Tend to support: 17%
- Neither support nor oppose: 15%
- Tend to oppose: 7%
- Strongly oppose: 8%
- Don’t know: 1%

Comparison between Jan and Feb

- Strongly support: Jan-16 49%, Feb-16 41%
- Tend to support: Jan-16 25%, Feb-16 17%
- Neither support nor oppose: Jan-16 15%, Feb-16 11%
- Tend to oppose: Jan-16 7%, Feb-16 8%
- Strongly oppose: Jan-16 8%, Feb-16 14%
- Don’t know: Jan-16 1%, Feb-16 1%

Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ (Jan: 869) (Feb: 847)
Junior doctors will be striking for the second time in their dispute with the government. From what you know and/or have heard about the industrial dispute between the government and junior doctors, which of the following statements, if either, comes closest in your view?

- The government is more at fault for the dispute lasting this long (64%)
- The junior doctors are more at fault for the dispute lasting this long (13%)
- Neither - I think they are equally at fault (18%)
- Don’t know (4%)

Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ (847)
Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 847 adults in England, aged 18+. Interviews were conducted over the telephone between 5 and 7 February 2016. Data is weighted to match the profile of the population.

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Appendix

Questions asked in January
The majority support junior doctors striking when emergency care is provided...

As you may be aware, junior doctors are planning strike action in England. If they go on strike, would you support or oppose junior doctors striking if they still provided emergency care?

Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ (869)
Support for the strikes drops 22 percentage points when emergency care is not provided.

And would you support or oppose junior doctors striking if they did not provide emergency care? Emergency care from other staff would still be available.

Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ (869)

% Strongly support
% Tend to support
% Neither support nor oppose
% Tend to oppose
% Strongly oppose
% Don't know
Some understanding of the issues behind the strikes
...but most think its linked to long hours and pay generally

And why do you think junior doctors are planning to strike?

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**Work (64%)**
- Long hours (46%)
- Working conditions (18%)
- The unsociable hours (16%)
- Safety of patients at risk (2%)
- Safety of healthcare staff at risk (1%)

**Pay (60%)**
- Pay (27%)
- Junior doctors are poorly paid (24%)
- Cuts or changes to pay of junior doctors generally (9%)
- Cuts or changes to overtime pay of junior doctors (6%)

**Politics (8%)**
- It’s about their contract (8%)

**Contract (8%)**
- They dislike or disagree with the government (4%)
- Disagreement over seven day services in NHS (3%)
- Professional organisations/unions are driving strike action (1%)

Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ (869)