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Students turn against the Liberal Democrats and embrace Labour as opposition mounts to the Coalition Government's plan to treble university tuition fees.

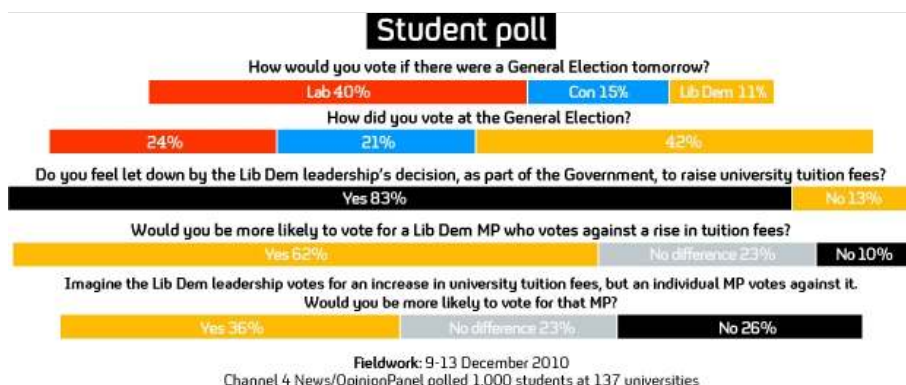


A Channel 4 News/[OpinionPanel](#) poll of students has found that just 11 per cent of those eligible to vote would back the Lib Dems in a General Election, while 40 per cent would support Labour and 15 per cent the Conservatives.

In contrast, 42 per cent of students who voted at the May election supported the Lib Dems, following their [pledge to oppose a rise in tuition fees](#). Labour had the backing of 24 per cent of students and the Conservatives 21 per cent.

Of all those questioned, 83 per cent said they felt let down by the Lib Dem leadership's decision to back higher fees.

The poll was carried out over several days last week, starting on Thursday, when the [Commons voted to raise fees to up to £9,000 a year from 2012](#).



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