

**UM, UKM students more inclined towards Pakatan  
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A study by academicians at the Universiti Malaya (UM) and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) campuses had found that more undergraduates are inclined to select Pakatan Rakyat in the coming general election.

Yayasan Hal Ehwal Siswazah (YES), in its study, found that the number of those who sided Pakatan is higher than those polled who chose BN, although the majority of students were 'fence-sitting' voters.

"The key is the fence-sitting voters. Both parties, be it BN or Pakatan, can garner a (comfortable) win by seeking out the fence-sitting, over the fence voters in (these) campuses," YES chairperson Mohd Radzi Abd Latif said.

He also believes the behaviour of voters at the Klang Valley campuses can influence the polls during the coming general election as this group will return to their hometowns and spread information and discuss politics with their respective communities.

Both campuses are the stronghold of the anti-establishment pro-Mahasiswa faction and became the focus of observers during the previous series of campus elections, last year.

Majority feel BN will win GE

In the study, carried out in 1,009 UM students, 18.6 percent of respondents chose Pakatan for parliament seats while, 8.7 chose BN, while a majority of 72.6 were not sure who to choose.

Meanwhile in UKM, 30.1 percent of 1,006 students polled chose Pakatan, while 29.8 percent supported BN and 40.1 were uncertain.

For state assembly seat level, 22.4 percent of UM undergraduates picked Pakatan compared to 8.7 percent for BN, while the remaining respondents said they were unsure.

This trend was also seen among UKM students, with 31.6 percent choosing the opposition and 27.1 percent for BN.

Even so, the majority of respondents from both universities felt that BN would retain its rule as federal government in the coming general election.

This was seen with 63 percent of UM students and 54.6 percent UKM students predicting a BN-win while 37 percent and 45.4 percent of UM and UKM students respectively felt otherwise.

The study in UM was conducted by its economic and business campus lecturer Muhammad Asli Mohd Ali while in UKM, social sciences and humanities faculty lecturer Associate Professor Dr Mohd Fuad Mat Jali carried out the study.

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