

**PM, BN top poll among students**  
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**KUALA LUMPUR: Students at three local universities have voted Datuk Seri Najib Razak as their favourite candidate to hold the premiership.**

The Student Voters Feedback Study conducted by Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Universiti Malaya (UM) polled Najib as the top prime ministerial candidate, with 63 per cent of the students choosing him.

Students who took part in the survey under the purview of Yayasan Ehwat Siswazah (Yes) voted Parti Keadilan Rakyat de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim a distant second, with 47.8 per cent.

Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang and DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang received 31.3 per cent and 15 per cent of the votes respectively.

The study also revealed that Najib had gained popularity among students from opposition-led states, with 60.8, 63.8 and 54.55 per cent of students from Kelantan, Kedah, Selangor and Penang respectively giving their approval for his leadership.

YES president Datuk Mohd Razi Abdul Latiff said most students were convinced Najib and the BN coalition would win the election, despite some supporting Pakatan Rakyat.

Despite some of its students being known to lean towards the pro-opposition Pro-Mahasiswa group, UM students said BN stood a higher chance of winning in the coming 13th general election. Sixty-three per cent voted for BN, while 37 per cent said Pakatan would win.

The results at UKM also placed BN as the likely victors with 54.6 per cent, compared with 45.4 per cent voting for Pakatan.

The study also revealed that 40.1 per cent of respondents from UM (406 students) and UKM (415 students) do not favour any political party. The fence sitters were among the 1,009 and 1,006 students polled at the two universities.

UM researcher and lecturer Muhammad Asri Mohd Ali said these students were classified into two groups apartisan and apolitical.

"Students from the apolitical group are generally not interested in any political parties but the apartisan group has a strong adherence to the tenets of a party that addresses their needs. They represent the group that could be the deciding factor in winning the election because most of them are first-time voters."

The study revealed that despite not having made up their minds, more than 80 per cent of the fencesitting students said they would exercise their right to vote.

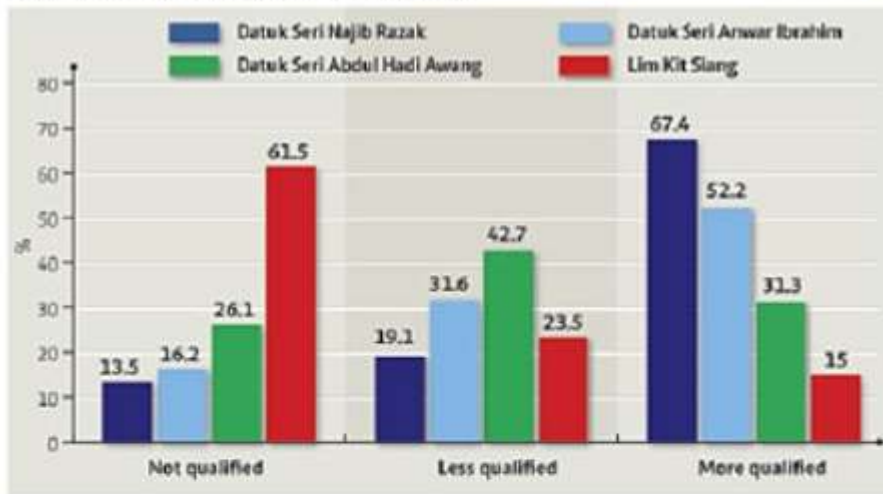
He said the fence sitters did not put much importance on parties but were sensitive to the issues the political bodies fought for.

"Students of this age are well-read and they keep abreast on issues that concern them and society. If any political party addresses these issues, then they would immediately lean towards that party."

Students also polled the New Straits Times and Berita Harian as the most reliable print media source for political news, while Malaysiakini.com emerged the most popular electronic media.

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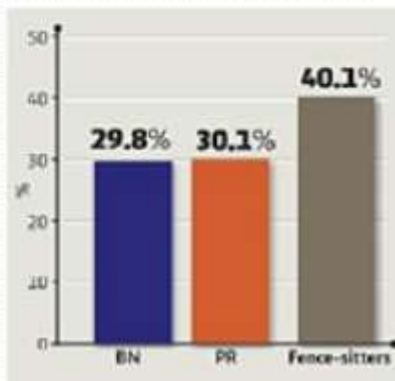
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### Barisan Nasional is expected to win the upcoming general election



### Fence-sitters to decide the fate of upcoming general election



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