



Qualitative Answers to Q4: 'Do you think policy has young people in mind.'. These are the explanations to what Beyonders answered.

No housebuilding, no real wage growth for ten years, no protection for renters, schools collapsing, no support for young families, fewer opportunities in the workplace, rampant immigration (and rather than tackle it the Government just tries to discriminate unfairly against the gay ones), high taxes (especially for graduates), every infrastructure project is being cancelled, a ludicrous culture war project that seems to demonise most other young people (even if I disagree with them) and the fact we're forking out for a triple lock and bloated welfare state without ever the hope of owning a home of our own.

No house building, taxes too high

Build more fucking houses!

Continuation of triple lock is clearly just a policy for the current voter base which doesn't make sense in the current economic climate. Too many Conservative MPs are pandering to nimbyism without a care for the morality of it.

From a working class family, worked dam hard to be first in my family to go to University, graduated and now penalised because of the unfair tax system.

No thought to young people buying property anytime soon. No thought to reforming the failed universities system

We must liberalise planning policy in order to get a better housing market for young people. Taxes are also far too high and we are already beginning to see a slight brain drain.

I think the recent stuff with pushing back on diesel cars, gas boilers, combustion engines will help people on lower incomes like students. But other than that is there really anything that he's done for us? We need to BUILD more houses for a start.

Many policies are aimed at older people e.g. pension triple lock and possible IHT cuts. Some more thought for young people would be good.

We are putting off transitioning to NetZero which is fundamentally for the younger generation.

Failing to stand up to NIMBYs in the party and in the country at large and therefore failing to build the housing and infrastructure we need.

Net-Zero HS2, the current govt haven't got a clue and it comes straight from the top.

Inheritance tax being removed isn't in the interests of young people

Bad amalgam of nimby nonsense and a general laze around being an active government over a responsive one

Don't believe anyone is thinking about how inflation with things such as rent for young people. It's near impossible to get on the housing ladder. Most rent is 800+ that's most of a lot of young people's wage. There always seems a lot of help for people on benefits rather than the working man

Party does not advocate for housebuilding which is a key issue for young people



We have to build more houses

Lack of ambition on transport and housing. Gradually now going from simply lacking ambition, to outright blocking growth.

I don't feel the party at the moment has any meaningful plan or even ambition to address the housing crisis, which is by far the biggest single issue facing young people at the moment. The party often proclaims to advocate for the kind of policies that would actually improve the situation (chiefly housebuilding and planning de-regulation), but in practice, especially on a local level, they are all too happy to pander to their existing, older voting base, who are the biggest beneficiaries in this current state of affairs.

Think of the issues young people have (building capital, getting on the housing ladder, opportunities, high level of taxation) and do the Tories have a policy/story to tell on any of these since 2016, let alone 2019! I know so many people looking at Canada, America, Australia, NZ - we're on the precipice on a generational brain drain of uni-educated talented young people.

Needs to focus more on easing the tax burden for workers and business and ensuring good work opportunities.

The housing crisis (unaffordable housing and rent prices) is not being addressed sufficiently and this affects young people the most.

Lack of planning/housing reform. Allowing awful new builds with no character and failure to build HS2 and HS3 in full.

Young people are so unlikely to vote conservative anyway that when CCHQ are thinking of strategy and policy for an election young people's priorities often come much further down the list

The government doesn't seem to do much for young people. But to be honest, this government doesn't seem to do much at all! There's no coherent vision.

While I recognise that certain policies regarding economy, such as high inheritance tax, capital gains tax etc... Might be restricting the potential of young people, and creating uncertainty. As a young person beginning my career and business ventures in this country I feel as if I have so many opportunities; and feel so lucky to be in this position.

I think the plan for the advanced British standard and the improvements to education will benefit young people for generations to come. However, more needs to happen so that we have young people on the side of the conservatives.

Situation with student loans and the state of British universities (regarding issues with free speech) do not lend themselves to having young people in mind. Although conservative values benefit young people, very few areas of policy are directed at young people specifically, and any that are such as on local government become hopelessly inefficient and ineffective

There is no future for young people in the Conservative Party. Homes aren't being built, taxes are high and there is no opportunity. The Tories used to be the party of aspiration but there is nothing to aspire to. What's the point of supporting a party that caters to the Silver Vote beyond anything else?

The government introduced wildly impractical education policy at the conference.



Under the Tories, housing has become less and less affordable for young people (while I do not agree in socialist practices, I do think economic policy under the Tories could've help preventing that). The government's rhetoric is far less in favour of International Students, crucial in maintaining the standards of UK's higher education & economical needs as I'd want more global exposure in my studies. As someone residing in Scotland, I think a better way to promote Unionism is by creating policies that make union more attractive than playing a whole new level of politics by rejecting Scottish Government's laws to be enacted in Scotland & dismantling their representation. On the NHS, it's better to fund the establishment more if it requires it especially when it's been kept as socialist instead of defunding it and making it look like shambles for the political gains. On Brexit, I understand the UK's intentions to become more economically prosperous by trading with the Pacific & North America instead of falling for EU's regulations and quality control but the way government managed it was way worse than I could imagine in any way making the UK less and less competitive for the younger generation. On drugs, especially in Scotland, I think we need more kinder approach than the war on drugs. Although I do understand it can lead to rise in crimes and cause safety issues, but de-facto decriminalisation & setting up an expert panel could be one way forward with a due-diligence practices in play.

Literally nothing that makes young people want to vote Tory

Education, transport, health, housing are all geared towards young people

Name one single policy that actually benefits young people

Yes - there have been recent changes wish have pushed this party in this direction. There is still more to do though.

Contrary to the latest slogans, the party is taking the opposite approach and is very short term and populist

Not really speaking about young people here but I think the party needs to fix itself drastically. Members have been unsatisfied since the ousting of two voted PM's, and the government seem to be all action no words for example Home office removing Palestine/HAMAS supporters (announced from Robert Jenrick) and stopping the boats. They have great plans such as removing us from the ECHR and to tackle illegal immigration but they need to actually act on them rather than passing a bill that then isn't enforced by officers. If the government immediately did what they said they would it would improve the public perception of "getting the job done". We have no hope of winning and quite frankly deserve to lose if we continue down the path we're on!

There are not enough concrete achievable and short term policy goals. Suggesting reforms to education they do not happen for years feels intangible. There is also a disregard for any help regarding cost of living for younger working people who are bearing the brunt of furlough. There is plenty of help for those out of work but none for graduates who actually pay taxes

Policies announced at conference were aimed at the younger generation

We need to encourage entrepreneurs with a lower corporation tax rate & increase the personal allowance

Housing has taken a backseat, young people are being attacked by cabinet ministers and the government is using young and diverse communities to stoke culture wars.



No work on housing for support for students etc

Inflation is insane, young people are unable to get on the property ladder, it feels the party is trying to appeal to the far right

Young people are never consulted and there is never any mention of housing.

They are importing cheap labour from abroad to purposefully cut my wages (Philip Hammond has recently admitted this) and make housing harder to find. 40% of Southwark's housing stock is social housing which means that wages are further undercut and housing is even harder to obtain.

We pander to OAPs above everything else.

Housing and social policy

Against trans rights and a horrendous cost of living which leaves young people feeling hopeless and possible even suicidal.

Conservatives don't really apply policy toward us. They aren't standing up for university graduates. We have become apathetic to the young vote. The grey vote will die out and we will never win a general election.

I feel education policy is moving in the right direction.

Aside from a few of the more moderate MPs the entire party seems SO out of touch with the socially liberal views of many young people these days - including young Conservatives. It's particularly egregious to me because so many people pushing hard right views are not that old themselves. They can't claim they're old school or from a different generation unaware of what social values people hold these days.

Increasing student loan repayment date to 40 years

Nothing about things important to young people: Drugs, Housing, Liberal Social Values, Good starting salaries, tax brackets

I couldn't name a current Conservative policy that is oriented towards young people

There isn't the support for young people to flourish with all that is going on including strikes by the unions. Cost of living has continued to rise and efforts aren't being made to help those of us who have graduated from university but not been able to find work.

It's all geared up for the grey vote

There are no aspirational policies being put in place and no plan to tackle the housing crisis which is the number one issue for young people

Sunak's tight fiscal policies, consideration of gender politics and smoking all show he is attempting to protect the future generations from hardship

I don't see enough focus on young people

I feel the anger of the lack of discussion on housing, scrapping the HS2 and ban of smoking and vaping.



Tax is too high, not enough emphasis on childcare or education, lack of housing be created and scrapped HS2 which prevents levelling up of the North.

Too little about those renting and dependent on public transport

There are no policies for young people at all. What we did have (net zero, HS2, house-building) has been junked by Sunak. Furthermore he is alienating a new generation of LGBT+ voters and negative headlines by his dog whistling at conference and U-turn on CT.

More needs to be done on home ownership, environmental policies and the ending of conversion therapy for LGBTQ+ people.

Tory party right now is the party of raising pensions

Policies surrounding housing, access to provisions to achieve more and scope of vision by Rishi Sunak has sunk massively.

Current party mood has the 45 plus at the heart of the agenda not my generation compare to Boris Johnson.

Massive immigration, next to no house building. Massive transfer of wealth from young to old via pensions and unfair taxation.

Nothing done on planning reform. Current housing policy seems based on demand not supply (lifetime ISA etc). Party seems more focused on banning things than solving problems. Very little done to address universities and the poor quality offered through strikes and extortionate rents. Between increases cost of living, fiscal drag taking more of my pay check and student finance repayments young people are financially worse off.

In my view, most young people want to at least do what their parents managed by having a home and a family. This is a fundamentally conservative ideal but seems a pipe dream to us now.

We are seeing social decay all around us.

Crimes being blatantly committed going unpunished. Infrastructure projects being cancelled. An economy that is barely growing. A healthcare system in disarray. We need young people to invest their lives in this country, start businesses, put down roots but when the basics aren't working why bother?

Everything is about the older voter base with no planning reform and doing everything to protect their pensions

We really need to get a grip on housing costs for young people, whether it be to rent or to buy a house. It is just spiralling out of control and not fair at all from an intergenerational perspective. You cannot rely on the votes of over 55s alone.

Some things being announced won't benefit young people in the long run

Relative cost of housing has near 10x since the 70s, but because of rampant NIMBYism within our party no houses get built. Housing is the largest factor in our economic downturn, other Conservative parties across the Commonwealth are campaigning on housebuilding, trying to conserve the idea of a home owning democracy. But in this country it seems that if so much as a mildly rare breed of newt may be harmed, or a frankly unimportant view is 'tarnished' by loving families having somewhere to live bigger than a shoe box, then it won't get built. Without homes, there are no families, without families we



rely on migrant labour to plug the gaps, with mass migrant labour we see the erosion of our own culture and society. This is no longer a country I want my children and grandchildren to grow up in.

Lack of understanding of young people's mind and wellbeing

There just isn't any support amongst my big group of friends for Starmer or Labour

Yes HS2 was not at all popular with our age group anyway so a very good move to scrap it and use the money elsewhere. Other policies I agree we're going the right direction

It could be better in places but in general it's still a better set of policies than Labour are offering. They do not cater for young adults at all

We are on the right path now

The young want to own their own home. Liz'll fix it for them!

Tax cuts for the rich, sewage in water, anti-green policies

Construction donors are the joint largest category to our party. Less than 1% of the UK has been built on, less than 2% of England. I can put 2 + 2 together to see why houses are not being built.

Many policies, from lockdown to mass immigration, have worsened opportunities for young people.

They aren't really offering young people much, especially on housing pricing us out of owning homes