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Bazley report findings damage police credibility

A Research New Zealand poll has found that 70% of New Zealanders who had heard of the Bazley Report believed its findings damaged the credibility of the police.

Research New Zealand director Emanuel Kalafatelis said that the research company had asked two questions about Dame Margaret Bazley's *Commission of Inquiry into Police Conduct* report, which was released in early April.

Those taking part in the poll were first asked if they had read, seen or heard anything about the Bazley Report, Mr Kalafatelis said.

Of the 503 people polled, 74% said they were aware of the report.

Those who were aware of the report were then asked if they agreed or not that the report's findings had damaged the credibility of the police, Mr Kalafatelis said.

In answer to the second question, "70% of those who were aware of the Bazley Report agreed or strongly agreed that its findings had damaged the credibility of the police".

The poll highlighted a significant difference in the responses of men and women to the second question.

"The poll showed 74% of women agreed or strongly agreed that the findings of the report had damaged the credibility of the police, compared with 64% of men", Mr Kalafatelis said.

The Bazley Report was released on Tuesday April 3. The omnibus survey of 503 randomly selected people aged 15 and over was conducted by telephone between April 11 and 15.

The margin of error is +/- 4.8% (at the 95% confidence level). The data has been weighted to ensure it is an accurate representation of New Zealand's general population. The poll was not taken for any organisation but as part of Research New Zealand's monthly survey of attitudes and opinions.

Those taking part in the poll were first asked: *Last week the Commission of Inquiry released their report on the conduct of the police. Did you read, see or hear anything about this?*

The results by gender:

	Total n=503 %	Male n=223 %	Female n=280 %
Yes	74	73	75
No	25	26	25
Don't know	1	1	0
Total	100	100	100

Total may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

The results by age:

	Total n=503 %	15-29 years n=70 %	30-39 years n=97 %	40-49 years n=82 %	50-59 years n=101 %	60+ years n=153 %
Yes	74	45	70	88	88	90
No	25	54	30	12	11	10
Don't know	1	1	0	0	1	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Those who were aware of the report were also asked: *And do you agree or disagree that the findings of this report have damaged the credibility of the police?*

The results by gender:

	Total n=397* %	Male n=171 %	Female n=226 %
Strongly disagree	4	5	3
Disagree	22	28	17
Neither agree nor disagree	4	3	4
Agree	38	35	40
Strongly agree	32	29	34
Don't know	1	1	2
Total	100	100	100

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**Sub-sample based on those respondents who were aware of the report on the conduct of the police.*

The results by age:

	Total n=397* %	15-29 years n=31 %	30-39 years n=68 %	40-49 years n=72 %	50-59 years n=89 %	60+ years n=137 %
Strongly disagree	4	3	4	3	2	6
Disagree	22	25	22	14	21	27
Neither agree nor disagree	4	4	4	4	4	2
Agree	38	42	37	41	35	35
Strongly agree	32	27	31	37	33	29
Don't know	1	0	1	2	4	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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