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It's not often we take a poll where the result ends in an overwhelming majority for one side of an issue or another but that's the case tonight. The issue of corporal punishment in New Zealand could not be clearer. Only eighteen percent of the poll said No, never. A whopping eighty percent said Yes, it definitely has its uses. Only two percent could not give an opinion. A breakdown of that eighty percent in favour shows the options they'd like. Twenty percent of the total sample say the cane should be used only as a last resort; and forty nine percent said it should be used only occasionally for serious misbehaviour.

ONLY eight percent want it used as a regular form of punishment available to all teachers. Clearly, a majority of those advocating corporal punishment do want it used with discretion.

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Currently, female schoolchildren are not physically punished at school. We asked people in the poll what they thought of that and got another surprising result./

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We asked if the law should treat boys and girls differently; /

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Overall 41 percent yes, girls SHOULD be exempted./ But a majority

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54 percent NO; girls should be treated the same, and be given the cane. /

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The breakdown of the male/female vote shows Males are slightly more liberal. Fifty percent of them say no, give them the

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But  
cane./ 58 percent of  
females say girls  
should get the cane  
too.

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