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Methodology

The study was based on 1014 on-line interviews with students. The fieldwork took place between 19th July and 21st July 2006. Post-research, the panel was weighted according to the national pattern for gender, year of study and university type as defined by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Student Record. All participants had verified ac.uk addresses. All completers received a £1 incentive credit towards Amazon gift certificates. Opinionpanel does not sell, advertise, market to panellists. All research is anonymous and confidential

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Table 1
Demographics - Gender

	GENDER			YEAR			UNI GROUP				RELIGION			THEORY			
	Total	Male	Female	1st	2nd	3rd +	Russell	Old	New	Other	Christian	Other	Not religious	Evolution	Creationism	Intelligent	DK/Other
Unweighted row	1014	450	564	483	260	271	206	272	515	21	265	125	624	564	125	191	134
Total	1015	444	571	485	259	271	213	274	505	23	266	124	624	565	125	191	134
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Male	444	444	-	207	114	123	98	124	214	8	88	59	297	283	43	64	54
	44%	100%	0%	43%	44%	45%	46%	45%	42%	35%	33%	48%	47%	50%	35%	34%	40%
Female	571	-	571	278	145	148	115	150	291	15	178	65	328	282	82	127	80
	56%	0%	100%	57%	56%	55%	54%	55%	58%	65%	67%	52%	53%	50%	65%	66%	60%

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Table 2
Demographics - University group

	GENDER			YEAR			UNI GROUP				RELIGION			THEORY			
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Group 1 - Russell Group	213	98	115	95	52	66	213	-	-	-	62	26	125	123	21	46	22
	21%	22%	20%	20%	20%	24%	100%	-%	-%	-%	23%	21%	20%	22%	17%	24%	17%
Group 2 - Pre 1992 ('Old')	274	124	150	130	68	76	-	274	-	-	89	29	156	146	36	52	39
	27%	28%	26%	27%	26%	28%	-%	100%	-%	-%	33%	23%	25%	26%	29%	27%	29%
Group 3 - Post 1992 ('New')	505	214	291	249	133	123	-	-	505	-	112	68	325	286	67	85	67
	50%	48%	51%	51%	51%	45%	-%	-%	100%	-%	42%	54%	52%	51%	53%	45%	50%
Group 4 - Other institutions	23	8	15	11	6	6	-	-	-	23	3	2	18	10	1	7	5
	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	-%	-%	-%	100%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	4%

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Table 3
 Demographics - Religion

	GENDER			YEAR			UNI GROUP				RELIGION			THEORY			
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Christian	266	88	178	133	63	71	62	89	112	3	266	-	-	70	73	85	38
	26%	20%	31%	27%	24%	26%	29%	33%	22%	13%	100%	-%	-%	12%	59%	45%	29%
Muslim	45	21	25	20	10	16	6	11	26	2	-	45	-	4	15	17	10
	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	4%	5%	9%	-%	36%	-%	1%	12%	9%	7%
Jewish	7	4	3	1	2	4	3	1	3	-	-	7	-	4	2	1	-
	1%	1%	1%	*%	1%	1%	1%	*%	1%	-%	-%	6%	-%	1%	2%	1%	-%
Hindu	14	6	8	7	2	5	2	4	8	-	-	14	-	5	-	8	1
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	-%	-%	11%	-%	1%	-%	4%	1%
Buddhist	4	4	-	3	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	1	1
	*%	1%	-%	1%	*%	-%	*%	1%	-%	-%	-%	3%	-%	*%	-%	1%	1%
Other	54	25	30	32	13	9	14	10	30	-	-	54	-	11	17	16	10
	5%	6%	5%	7%	5%	3%	6%	4%	6%	-%	-%	44%	-%	2%	14%	8%	7%
Not stated	624	297	328	289	169	166	125	156	325	18	-	-	624	469	18	63	74
	62%	67%	57%	60%	65%	61%	59%	57%	64%	78%	-%	-%	100%	83%	14%	33%	55%

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Table 4
Q1. People have different explanations about life on earth and how it came about. Which of these statements best describes your view?

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The 'evolution theory' - Humans developed over millions of years from less advanced forms of life. God had no part in this process.	565 56%	283 64%	282 49%	264 54%	145 56%	155 57%	123 58%	146 53%	286 57%	10 43%	70 26%	26 21%	469 75%	565 100%	- -%	- -%	- -%
The 'creationism theory' - God created humans in their present form within the last 10,000 years.	125 12%	43 10%	82 14%	58 12%	32 12%	35 13%	21 10%	36 13%	67 13%	1 4%	73 28%	34 27%	18 3%	- -%	125 100%	- -%	- -%
The 'intelligent design theory' - Some features of living things are best explained by the intervention of a supernatural being, e.g. God.	191 19%	64 14%	127 22%	100 21%	46 18%	45 17%	46 22%	52 19%	85 17%	7 30%	85 32%	43 35%	63 10%	- -%	- -%	191 100%	- -%
Don't know / Other	134 13%	54 12%	80 14%	63 13%	36 14%	36 13%	22 11%	39 14%	67 13%	5 22%	38 14%	22 17%	74 12%	- -%	- -%	- -%	134 100%

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Table 5
Q2.Which theory do you think should be taught in UK schools?

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The 'evolution theory'	271	165	106	121	72	79	76	78	114	3	39	14	218	246	1	10	14
	27%	37%	19%	25%	28%	29%	36%	29%	23%	13%	15%	11%	35%	44%	1%	5%	10%
The 'creationism theory'	42	16	26	21	8	13	8	11	23	-	20	15	7	2	36	2	2
	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	-%	8%	12%	1%	*%	29%	1%	2%
The 'intelligent design theory'	31	14	17	16	5	10	9	6	14	2	9	11	11	4	6	18	3
	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	9%	3%	9%	2%	1%	5%	9%	2%
A range of theories	639	236	403	314	166	159	113	172	336	18	193	75	371	310	79	158	93
	63%	53%	71%	65%	64%	59%	53%	63%	67%	78%	72%	60%	59%	55%	63%	83%	69%
Don't know / Other	32	14	18	13	8	11	6	7	19	-	5	10	17	3	3	3	23
	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	-%	2%	8%	3%	1%	2%	2%	17%

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Q4.Were you ever taught creationism as fact?

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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Yes, at Sunday school / Religious school	217	81	136	116	48	53	47	66	100	4	93	29	95	83	47	67	19
	21%	18%	24%	24%	19%	19%	22%	24%	20%	17%	35%	23%	15%	15%	38%	35%	14%
Yes, at my main school	191	78	113	91	45	55	28	47	113	3	53	14	124	110	27	33	21
	19%	17%	20%	19%	17%	20%	13%	17%	22%	13%	20%	11%	20%	20%	21%	17%	16%
Yes, by my family	52	22	31	22	16	14	15	15	23	-	18	21	13	9	24	10	9
	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	7%	5%	4%	-%	7%	17%	2%	2%	19%	5%	7%
No, Never	529	255	274	241	144	143	119	139	258	13	94	55	380	351	22	77	80
	52%	57%	48%	50%	56%	53%	56%	51%	51%	57%	35%	45%	61%	62%	17%	40%	59%
Other	26	9	17	14	6	6	4	8	11	3	8	5	13	11	5	4	6
	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	13%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%

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Q5. Some UK university science courses now include Creationism, although always to discuss it as a discredited theory. What do you think about this?

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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A good idea	401	195	206	188	107	106	99	101	189	11	104	38	259	267	35	60	39
	39%	44%	36%	39%	41%	39%	47%	37%	37%	48%	39%	30%	41%	47%	28%	32%	29%
A bad idea	254	110	144	127	60	67	54	84	114	3	82	31	140	121	53	59	21
	25%	25%	25%	26%	23%	25%	25%	30%	23%	13%	31%	25%	22%	21%	43%	31%	15%
Don't know	360	139	221	170	92	99	60	89	202	9	80	55	225	177	37	71	75
	36%	31%	39%	35%	35%	36%	28%	33%	40%	39%	30%	45%	36%	31%	29%	37%	56%