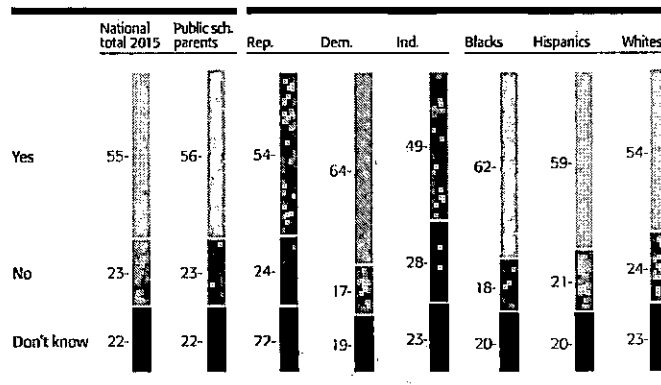


Q29

DO YOU THINK HIGH-ACHIEVING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOULD BE RECRUITED TO BECOME TEACHERS?



middle and have a real and practical discussion about how to move toward a different model?

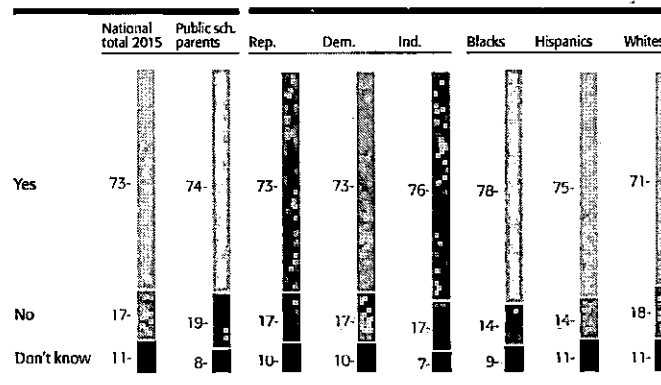
The results of this year's poll affirm that Americans continue to trust the people with whom they have relationships. When teachers (and principals, I imagine) build relationships, engage students, play to strengths, and have high standards, the consumers — parents and students — tend to be satisfied. Moreover, the data support the idea that teachers need to be paid more, and parents want to do so. As budgets shrink, pensions continue to be an issue, the needs of students increase, and standards continue to rise, we will have to find new ways to ensure that we have systems that support the highest levels of professionalism among America's teachers.

While our poll results don't address every question that needs to be asked, we at PDK International will spend significant time and energy exploring these issues and deepening the conversation about how to improve public education systems to ensure access, equity, excellence, and achievement for every child in every classroom in America. We need a systemic approach to meet the expectations of parents and the public, as well as the needs of children, and PDK International intends to be at the forefront of this issue.

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Q30

SOME PROFESSIONS LIKE MEDICINE AND LAW REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO PASS BOARD CERTIFICATION IN ADDITION TO EARNING A DEGREE IN ORDER TO BE LICENSED TO PRACTICE. DO YOU BELIEVE TEACHERS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PASS BOARD CERTIFICATION IN ADDITION TO EARNING A DEGREE?



▶ Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

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