

Students Generally Elect Obama

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Students snub British politicians in favour of Barack Obama

Despite the Clegg-mania currently sweeping the nation, one in 10 students would elect to share a pad with President Obama than Nick 'the underdog' Clegg. Put to the ballot, Obama's clean-living lifestyle, intelligence and dynamism topped the polls giving him a clear lead as a favourite flatmate over not only UK politicians but also students' current housemates and a whole host of other famous faces.

Pre-election campaigns seem to be having little impact on the student population, a survey revealed today. Tory boy David Cameron notched up just 6 votes, and Prime Minister Gordon Brown only managed to scrape a pitiful 3 student nominations. This does not bode well for the May 6th election.

The study, by top student accommodation finding service, www.accommodationforstudents.com (<http://www.accommodationforstudents.com>), surveyed over 1,100 UK University students to reveal over half (51%) would most like to live with someone who is 'intelligent and tidy.' Only 14% crave a 'rich and generous' housemate (14%), while even fewer care about them being 'sexy and gorgeous' (11%).

Following in Margaret Thatcher's footsteps, famed for surviving on just 4 hours sleep a night, 7 out of 10 of students revealed they go to bed at midnight or later. 42% of those do not crash until 1am most nights.

This however, does not affect their productivity with 78% of students stating they are up studying by 10am and rarely skip lectures to kip. 60% claim they never shun classes in favour of the duvet and only 5% admit to staying under the sheets regularly. With tuition fees rapidly rising, now standing at £9,675*, undergraduates are more determined to succeed than ever.

Simon Thompson, Managing Director of [Accommodationforstudents.com](http://www.accommodationforstudents.com) (<http://www.accommodationforstudents.com>) who commissioned the survey, commented: "Students today are inspired by intelligent people like Obama and see them as role models. In a world where WAGs reign supreme and celebrity culture has gone mad, it's really pleasing to see that the country's brightest young people see beyond all the glamour and aspire to prosper through brainpower.

"They know that hard work will get them more than their five minutes of fame. It definitely puts the UK in good stead for a successful future."

When it comes to students' actual flat mates, 54% confess they drive them mad. Old habits die hard, with 30% eating each other's food and almost three quarters (72%) complain they are unbearably untidy.

Students also have 21st century annoyances to cope with too, accounting for 13% of arguments. Computer-crazy students hack in to each other's Facebook accounts and leave incriminating posts. Some spiteful students even admitted taunting other undergraduates over deadlines by deleting work they've saved on their laptops.

Undergraduates, who have to compete for places, value the opportunities university gives them. The results of the accommodationforstudents.com (<http://www.accommodationforstudents.com>) poll reveal that students are hardworking, intelligent and study-focused. They idolise intelligent role models, such as President Obama, and even want to live with him. Students appreciate that fame does not necessarily equal fortune and know that with a good education and a good night's kip they too can succeed.

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*amount relates to a three year, full time degree course

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www.Accommodationforstudents.com (<http://www.accommodationforstudents.com>) features at the top of all search engines and hosts more content than any other student accommodation website.

AFS is officially partnered with many other sites including Funky student, MSN Student, and Landlord Zone. Last year the company was a finalist at the New Media Age Awards for Best Use of Web Category and has this year been awarded the title of Best Website at the Landlord & Buy-To-Let Awards.

AFS was founded in June 2000 by two university students, Simon Thompson and William Berry, who experienced first-hand the difficulties with finding student accommodation.

AFS' aim is to help students find the best accommodation available within the least amount of time. AFS provides a fully searchable database to enable the easy retrieval of detailed descriptions of properties that match exact requirements.

Unlike other student accommodation websites, all of the properties featured on the AFS website are available to let and its database is completely up to date. Landlords/agents pay to advertise and their properties are removed once let.