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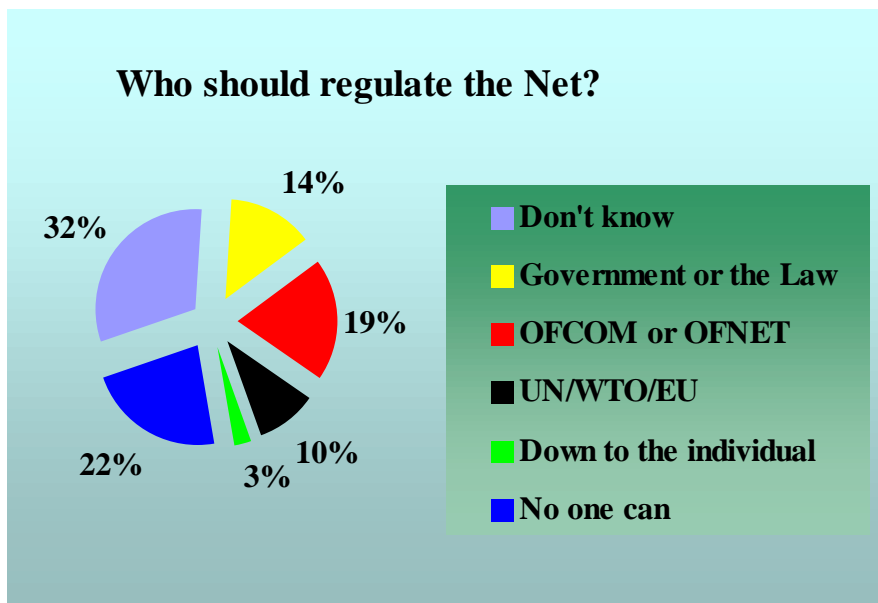
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**MP's internet usage survey by New Statesman highlights widely differing views on net regulation, and yes they do surf at home.**

Just launched, a New Statesman Westminster MPs internet survey reveals the surfing habits of our legislators as well their views on more serious matters, such as net regulation.

The New Statesman survey reveals that:

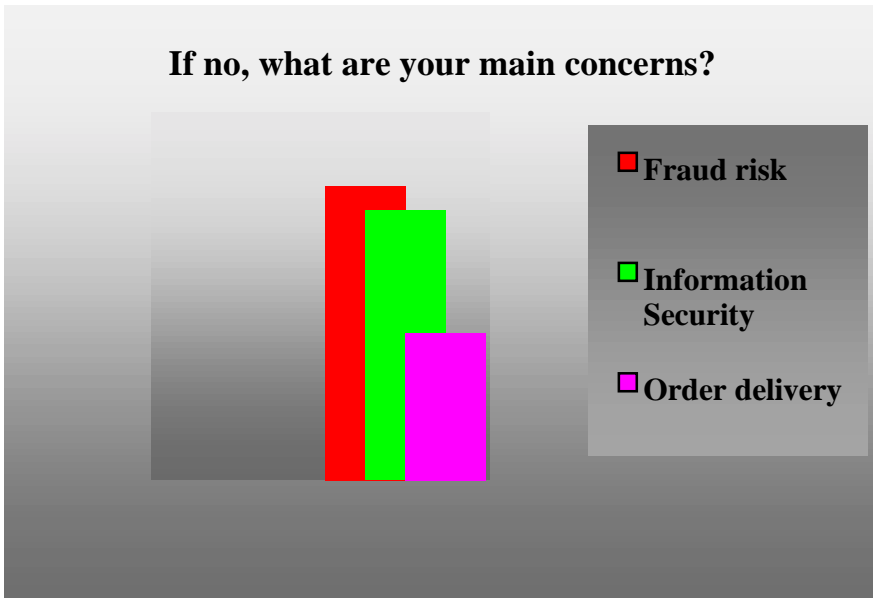
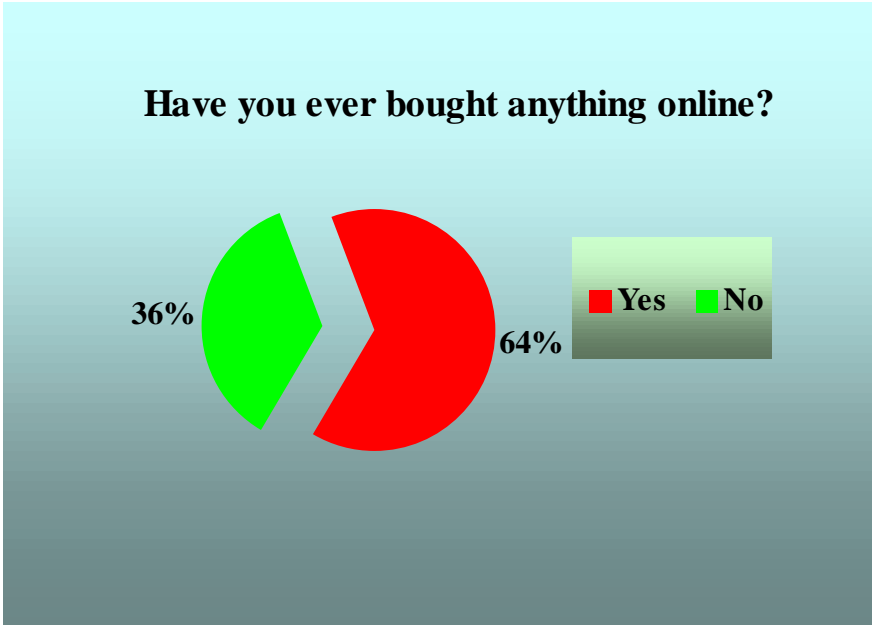
- 22% think an OFCOM or OFNET (independent regulator reporting to a parliamentary committee) should be set up to ultimately regulate the internet. 14% think Government/the Law should be the regulator. 32% of MPs have no clear idea who should ultimately regulate.



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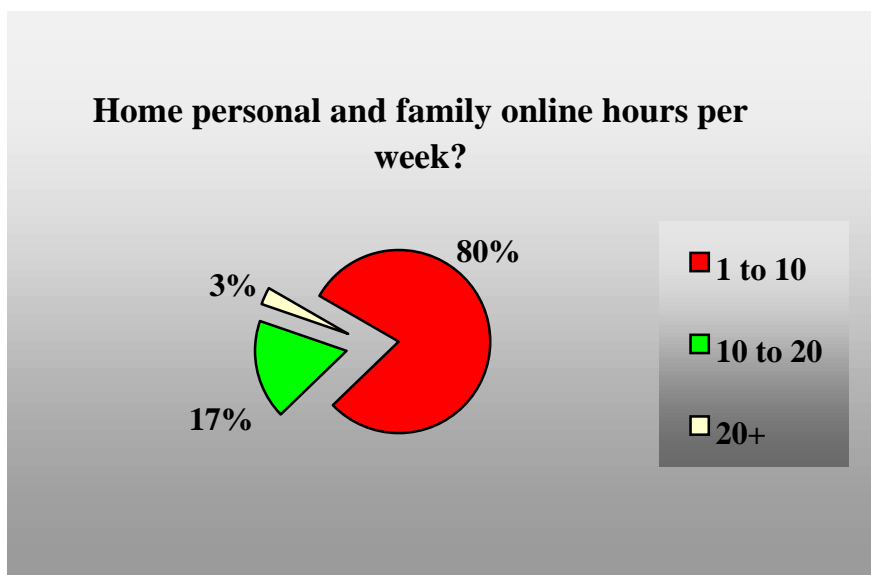
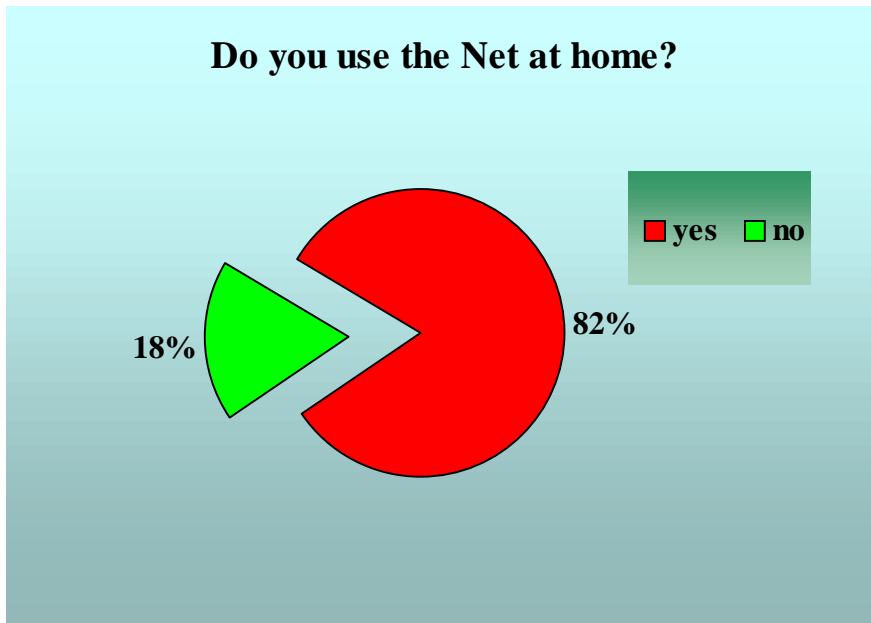
- 64% purchase online. The main concerns that prevent the rest trying to buy online, ranked by importance, are fraud risk, personal information security and doubts about reliable order delivery.



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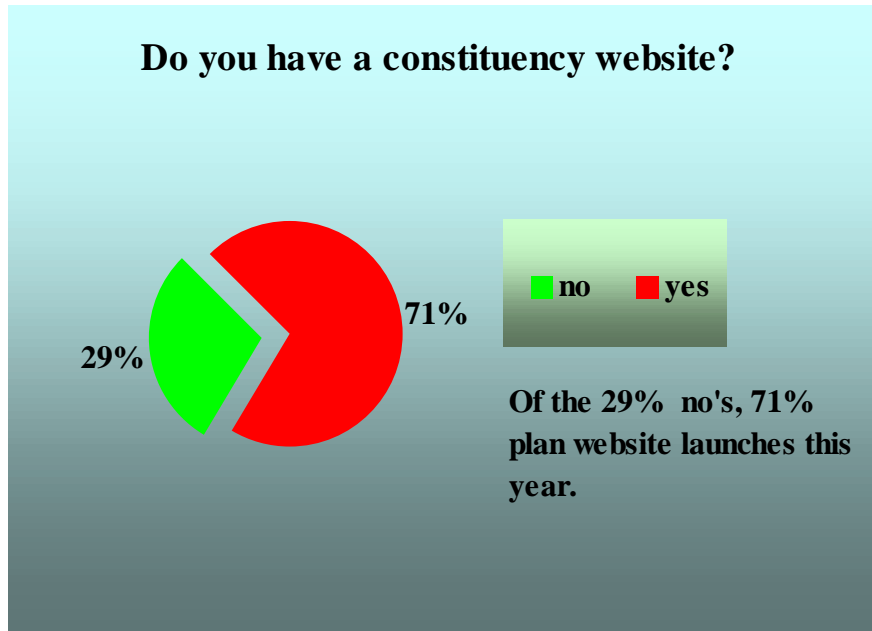
- 80% of MPs that use the net at home (82% say they are connected) do so for no more than 10 hours a week. 17% surf 10-20 hours a week with the remaining 3% online for more than 20 hours.



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- Many of those MPs that do not yet have a constituency website will be launching one before the end of 2001.



New Statesman conducted this survey by email and letter to coincide with the launch of the third annual New Media Awards on 4 January 2001. <http://www.newstatesman.co.uk/nma2001about.htm>

The New Media Awards 2001 highlight and reward innovative people, organisations or companies whose work challenges prevailing notions of what the Internet should be in the future. Additionally, this year the Awards will focus on the Digital Divide, the growing disparity between those that increasingly benefit from access to net services and those that, for whatever reason, do not have or want to have the same benefits or access.

11% of MP's responded in this survey.

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