

## YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2074

Fieldwork: 25th November - 2nd December 2011

**Please note: A number of questions have been rebased to remove those who answered "don't know" or "not applicable". These were only removed when appropriate to the question.**

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means 'very high opinion' and 1 means 'very low opinion', what is your overall opinion of the following groups of people?

Total
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### People from ethnic minorities

Unweighted Base 1958

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 1961

1 Very low opinion	5%
2	12%
3	45%
4	28%
5 Very high opinion	10%

### Asylum seekers / refugees

Unweighted Base 1975

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 1982

1 Very low opinion	29%
2	26%
3	32%
4	10%
5 Very high opinion	3%

### People from Christian religious groups

Unweighted Base 1964

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 1962

1 Very low opinion	6%
2	16%
3	44%
4	25%
5 Very high opinion	8%

### People from non-Christian religious groups

Unweighted Base 1884

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 1881

1 Very low opinion	7%
2	13%
3	50%
4	24%
5 Very high opinion	5%

### Women

Unweighted Base 2018

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 2019

1 Very low opinion	*
2	1%
3	21%
4	35%
5 Very high opinion	43%

### People with disabilities

Unweighted Base 1978

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 1983

1 Very low opinion	*
2	2%
3	28%
4	39%
5 Very high opinion	31%

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### Lesbian, gay and bisexual people

Unweighted Base 1975

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 1980

1 Very low opinion 8%  
2 9%  
3 41%  
4 29%  
5 Very high opinion 13%

### Older people

Unweighted Base 2023

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 2025

1 Very low opinion 1%  
2 2%  
3 24%  
4 40%  
5 Very high opinion 33%

### Young people

Unweighted Base 2022

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 2022

1 Very low opinion 2%  
2 11%  
3 43%  
4 35%  
5 Very high opinion 9%

Generally speaking, which, if any, of the following do you think should be responsible for reducing the level of prejudice

Unweighted Base 2074

**Base: All respondents** 2074

Government 39%  
Local councils 24%  
Schools and colleges 46%  
Universities 25%  
Employers 37%  
Religious groups 32%  
The media 47%  
Parents 48%  
Police 30%  
Others 12%  
None of the above 8%

Not applicable – I don't think there is prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people 21%

Do you agree or disagree that there is public prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain today?

Unweighted Base 1848

**Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)** 1840

Strongly agree 8%  
Agree 52%  
Disagree 30%  
Strongly disagree 10%  
NET Agree 60%  
NET Disagree 40%



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Were you ever the target of anti-gay bullying in school?

		Age		
		18-29	30-50	51+
Unweighted Base	2000	314	616	1070
<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	1994	338	697	959
Yes	5%	14%	7%	1%
No	95%	86%	93%	99%
		PQ	Q	OP

Do you think anti-gay bullying in schools should be tackled?

		Religion?	
		Yes	No
Unweighted Base	1869	774	1017
<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>	1872	782	1007
Yes – it should be tackled	93%	92%	94%
No – it should not be tackled	7%	8%	6%
		LN	M

Which, if any, of the following do you think should be responsible for tackling anti-gay bullying in schools?P

Unweighted Base	1727
<b>Base: All who think anti-gay bullying in schools should be tackled</b>	1734
Teachers	85%
Headteachers	86%
Government	35%
Local authorities	43%
Parents	77%
Other pupils	61%
School governors	62%
None of the above	1%

Have you ever witnessed verbal bullying at your workplace of people who were – or who were thought to be – lesbian, gay or bisexual?

Unweighted Base	1854
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	1856
Yes – within the last 5 years	6%
Yes – longer than 5 years ago	9%
NET Yes	15%
No	85%

Have you ever witnessed physical bullying at your workplace of people who were – or who were thought to be – lesbian, gay or bisexual?

Unweighted Base	1876
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	1877
Yes – within the last 5 years	2%
Yes – longer than 5 years ago	2%
NET Yes	4%
No	96%

To what extent do you support or oppose the following:

		Do you regard yourself as	
		Yes	No
It is now illegal to discriminate against (e.g. sack or harass) people at work on the grounds of their sexual orientation : qstatements_grid			
Unweighted Base	1959	803	1069
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	1958	809	1060
Strongly support	40%	31%	46%
Support	52%	60%	47%
Oppose	5%	5%	4%
Strongly oppose	3%	4%	2%
NET Support	92%	92%	94%
NET Oppose	8%	8%	6%

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It is now legal for same-sex couples to form a legal relationship called a civil partnership which is similar in legal rights to civil marriage : qstatements\_grid

	Unweighted Base	1897	764	1050
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1885</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>1032</b>
Strongly support	28%	19%	35%	
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Support	53%	54%	53%	
Oppose	9%	13%	7%	
		M		
Strongly oppose	10%	15%	6%	
		M		
NET Support	81%	73%	88%	
		L		
NET Oppose	19%	27%	12%	
		M		

The Government intends to extend the legal form and name of civil marriage to same-sex couples : qstatements\_grid

	Unweighted Base	Age			726	984
		18-29	30-50	51+		
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1784</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>968</b>
Strongly support	24%	42%	29%	14%	13%	34%
		PQ	Q			L
Support	47%	41%	53%	45%	45%	48%
		OQ				
Oppose	15%	10%	11%	21%	21%	11%
		OP			M	
Strongly oppose	13%	6%	8%	20%	21%	7%
		OP			MN	
NET Support	71%	84%	82%	59%	58%	82%
		Q	Q			L
NET Oppose	29%	16%	18%	41%	42%	18%
			OP		MN	

The permitting of religious institutions to conduct same-sex marriages if they wish to do so : qstatements\_grid

	Unweighted Base	1839
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1835</b>
Strongly support	23%	
Support	47%	
Oppose	15%	
Strongly oppose	14%	
NET Support	71%	
NET Oppose	29%	

It is now legal for same-sex couples to adopt a child : qstatements\_grid

	Unweighted Base	1789
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1789</b>
Strongly support	19%	
Support	39%	
Oppose	23%	
Strongly oppose	20%	
NET Support	58%	
NET Oppose	42%	

It is now illegal to discriminate against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in the provision of healthcare and social services : qstatements\_grid

	Unweighted Base	Religion?		
		Yes	No	
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>		<b>1899</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1028</b>
Strongly support	35%	26%	43%	
			L	
Support	55%	62%	50%	
		M		
Oppose	6%	7%	4%	
		M		
Strongly oppose	4%	5%	2%	
		M		
NET Support	90%	88%	93%	
		N	LN	
NET Oppose	10%	12%	7%	
		M		

It is now illegal to incite hatred on the basis of race or religion. Do you support legislation that now also makes it illegal to incite hatred on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation?

	Unweighted Base	1599	662	864
<b>Base: All respondents in England and Wales</b>		<b>1684</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>903</b>
Yes – it should be illegal	91%	92%	92%	
		N	N	
No – it should not be illegal	9%	8%	8%	

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On a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means 'very comfortable' and 1 means 'very uncomfortable', how comfortable or uncomfortable would you personally feel if each of the following were lesbian, gay or bisexual?

### Your GP : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base	1973
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1966</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	7%
2	6%
3	19%
4	23%
5 Very comfortable	46%

### Your child's teacher : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base	1955
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1948</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	9%
2	8%
3	20%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	41%

### Your boss : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base	1958
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1960</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	5%
2	4%
3	19%
4	25%
5 Very comfortable	48%

### A work colleague : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base	2004
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1994</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	3%
2	4%
3	18%
4	25%
5 Very comfortable	51%

### Your MP : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base	1973
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1964</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	6%
2	5%
3	21%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	46%

### Your local religious representative e.g. vicar, rabbi, imam etc' : q28\_grid

		Religion?	
		Yes	No
Unweighted Base	1867	805	977
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>960</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	13%	20%	9%
		M	
2	8%	9%	6%
		M	
3	19%	20%	17%
4	21%	22%	20%
5 Very comfortable	39%	29%	48%
		L	

### Your son : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base	1912
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1905</b>
1 Very uncomfortable	11%
2	9%
3	18%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	41%

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Your daughter : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base 1910

Base: All respondents (removing don't know) 1903

1 Very uncomfortable 10%

2 9%

3 18%

4 22%

5 Very comfortable 41%

Your brother/ sister : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base 1968

Base: All respondents (removing don't know) 1962

1 Very uncomfortable 7%

2 7%

3 16%

4 23%

5 Very comfortable 47%

Another member of your family : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base 1978

Base: All respondents (removing don't know) 1967

1 Very uncomfortable 6%

2 6%

3 17%

4 24%

5 Very comfortable 46%

A close friend : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base 2002

Base: All respondents (removing don't know) 1995

1 Very uncomfortable 4%

2 5%

3 17%

4 23%

5 Very comfortable 51%

		Religion?	
		Yes	No
Unweighted Base		828	1062
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)		835	1065
1 Very uncomfortable	4%	6%	3%
		M	
2	5%	5%	3%
		M	
3	17%	20%	14%
		M	
4	23%	25%	21%
5 Very comfortable	51%	43%	59%
		LN	

A footballer in the team you support : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base 1884

Base: All respondents (removing don't know) 1884

1 Very uncomfortable 3%

2 3%

3 18%

4 22%

5 Very comfortable 53%

The first child – and heir to the throne - of Prince

William and the Duchess of Cambridge : q28\_grid

Unweighted Base 1875

Base: All respondents (removing don't know) 1875

1 Very uncomfortable 10%

2 7%

3 18%

4 21%

5 Very comfortable 44%

You said you would feel uncomfortable if your boss was lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would this lead you to change your job?

Unweighted Base 186

Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their boss was lgb

176

Yes 29%

No 45%

Don't know 26%

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You said you would feel uncomfortable if a footballer in the team you support was lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would this lead to you changing the team you support?

Unweighted Base	133
<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if a footballer in their team was lgb</b>	130
Yes	19%
No	70%
Don't know	11%

You said you would feel uncomfortable if your son was gay or bisexual. Would you love them less?

Unweighted Base	371
<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their son was lgb</b>	378
Yes	10%
No	78%
Don't know	12%

You said you would feel uncomfortable if your daughter was lesbian or bisexual. Would you love them less?

Unweighted Base	349
<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their daughter was lgb</b>	347
Yes	9%
No	80%
Don't know	12%

You said you would feel uncomfortable if your brother/ sister were lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would you love them less?

Unweighted Base	240
<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their brother / sister was lgb</b>	234
Yes	15%
No	71%
Don't know	14%

You said you would feel uncomfortable if another member of your family was lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would you love them less?

Unweighted Base	211
<b>Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if another member of their family was lgb</b>	208
Yes	16%
No	67%
Don't know	17%

Mary PortasRetail expert and presenter of TV series including Mary Queen of Shops

Unweighted Base	787
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	786
Opinion improved	4%
Opinion went down	5%
Opinion stayed the same	91%

Joe McElderryWinner of X Factor

Unweighted Base	960
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	997
Opinion improved	2%
Opinion went down	7%
Opinion stayed the same	91%

Gareth ThomasRecently retired Welsh rugby player

Unweighted Base	1079
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	1094
Opinion improved	15%
Opinion went down	7%
Opinion stayed the same	78%

Clare BaldingPresenter of BBC live racing coverage including the "Grand National" and "Royal Ascot" as well as on Radio 4 and 5 live

Unweighted Base	1124
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)</b>	1121
Opinion improved	4%
Opinion went down	5%
Opinion stayed the same	91%

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Religion?		
	Yes	No	
'Lesbian, gay and bisexual people should be able to be open about their sexual orientation no matter what': qceleb_grid			
Unweighted Base	1850	760	1016
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1842</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>1000</b>
Strongly agree	27%	19%	33%
			L
Agree	56%	60%	53%
			M
Disagree	13%	14%	11%
			M
Strongly disagree	5%	7%	3%
			M
NET Agree	83%	79%	86%
			L
NET Disagree	17%	21%	14%
			M

'The media rely heavily on clichéd stereotypes of lesbian, gay and bisexual people': qceleb\_grid

Unweighted Base	1697
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1685</b>
Strongly agree	17%
Agree	60%
Disagree	19%
Strongly disagree	4%
NET Agree	77%
NET Disagree	23%

The media frequently use homosexuality and bisexuality as the subject of jokes': qceleb\_grid

Unweighted Base	1697
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1697</b>
Strongly agree	12%
Agree	53%
Disagree	30%
Strongly disagree	5%
NET Agree	65%
NET Disagree	35%

'Britain has a moral and social responsibility to challenge human rights abuses against lesbian, gay and bisexual people abroad': qceleb\_grid

Unweighted Base	1764
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1750</b>
Strongly agree	20%
Agree	48%
Disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	10%
NET Agree	68%
NET Disagree	32%

'Britain has a moral and social responsibility to protect people who come to the UK fleeing persecution in their home countries because they are lesbian, gay or bisexual': qceleb\_grid

Unweighted Base	1737
<b>Base: All respondents (removing don't know)</b>	<b>1710</b>
Strongly agree	13%
Agree	41%
Disagree	27%
Strongly disagree	19%
NET Agree	54%
NET Disagree	46%

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The next set of questions are of a more personal nature, therefore if you do not wish to answer them please select the relevant option below. Please tick all that apply.

Are any members of your family...? : qcontact\_grid

Unweighted Base	2074
<b>Base: All respondents</b>	2074
Gay	12%
Lesbian	8%
Heterosexual/ straight	56%
Bisexual	3%
None of the above	31%
Prefer not to say	4%
NET LGB	19%

Are any of your friends...? : qcontact\_grid

		Religion?	
		Yes	No
Unweighted Base	2074	855	1113
<b>Base: All respondents</b>	2074	861	1102
Gay	38%	32%	44%
			LN
Lesbian	24%	21%	28%
			L
Heterosexual/ straight	50%	48%	53%
			L
Bisexual	11%	8%	14%
			L
None of the above	25%	30%	21%
			M
Prefer not to say	4%	3%	3%
NET LGB	47%	39%	54%
			LN

Which, if any, of the following statements apply to you? Please tick all that apply.

	Unweighted Base	2074	855	1113
<b>Base: All respondents</b>	2074	861	1102	
I don't like lesbian, gay or bisexual people	4%	5%	3%	
I know people who don't like lesbian, gay and bisexual people	39%	37%	41%	
Homosexuality is morally unacceptable in all circumstances	9%	13%	7%	
			MN	
None of the above	51%	50%	51%	

Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?

Unweighted Base	2074
<b>Base: All respondents</b>	2074
Yes	42%
No	53%
Not sure/Don't know	4%
Refused	1%

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		Region											Age			Gender		
		North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	18-29	30-50	51+	Male	Female	
<b>Total</b>																		
Do you think it's right to tackle prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain?																		
Unweighted Base		1897	80	206	133	125	137	175	254	248	158	121	260	314	600	983	867	1030
<b>Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)</b>		1890	80	223	159	149	169	184	246	255	166	93	166	339	676	875	905	985
Yes	62%	57%	70%	60%	60%	62%	60%	63%	67%	51%	65%	61%	71%	67%	54%	58%	66%	
		*	LN					L	L		L		Q	Q			R	
No	15%	18%	10%	17%	12%	13%	18%	14%	13%	19%	11%	19%	15%	12%	17%	17%	12%	
		*					E			E		E			P	S		
Not applicable – I don't think there is prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people	23%	25%	20%	23%	29%	25%	22%	23%	20%	30%	25%	21%	14%	21%	29%	24%	22%	
		*								EKN				O	OP			