

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2111 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 9th - 10th April 2014

	Voting intention					2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	2111	X	X	X	X	628	511	412	1024	1087	251	534	722	604	1203	908	270	686	452	519	184
Unweighted Sample	2111	474	665	124	248	584	552	431	1013	1098	215	454	871	571	1365	746	313	662	406	479	251
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about the general election in Britain, which happens every five years to decide who runs the government, which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

People in Britain have a moral duty to vote in the general election, whether they really want to or not.	55	60	63	62	64	62	66	58	57	52	38	46	56	67	58	50	53	54	53	56	60
Voting in the general election in Britain is a question of personal choice not moral duty	35	36	33	33	29	33	26	36	34	37	35	41	38	28	33	39	37	35	36	36	32
Other (please specify in next question)	4	3	2	2	5	4	2	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	5	2	5
Don't know/ none of these	6	1	3	2	2	2	5	3	5	7	21	9	3	1	4	9	7	7	6	6	3

Please specify the 'other' you chose in the previous question.

[For all open responses please see Tab1]

Some people say we should have a law for compulsory voting in Britain, meaning that people in this country would HAVE TO vote in the general election by law.

To what extent would you support or oppose a law for compulsory voting in the general election in Britain?

Strongly support	18	20	22	19	29	21	23	19	21	16	13	12	17	28	18	19	16	18	16	21	21
Tend to support	24	26	30	28	18	25	27	26	25	22	23	22	24	25	26	21	22	25	23	24	24
TOTAL SUPPORT	42	46	52	47	47	46	50	45	46	38	36	34	41	53	44	40	38	43	39	45	45
Neither support nor oppose	17	15	18	8	20	14	17	18	15	19	16	18	18	16	14	20	22	18	14	17	14
Tend to oppose	21	26	17	20	13	24	17	21	18	24	22	24	22	17	22	20	18	22	24	19	22
Strongly oppose	16	12	11	24	15	14	10	14	18	14	16	19	16	13	17	15	17	15	16	15	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	37	38	28	44	28	38	27	35	36	38	38	43	38	30	39	35	35	37	40	34	39
Don't know	4	1	3	1	4	1	5	2	3	5	11	6	3	1	3	5	5	3	6	4	2

Which, if any, of the following reasons help to describe why you oppose a law for compulsory voting in the general election in Britain?

[Only asked to respondents who oppose having a compulsory voting law in Britain; n=769*]

People should have the right not to vote	75	71	77	65	77	69	76	75	79	71	70	75	79	72	72	79	78	75	74	74	75
Generally, people who aren't interested in voting don't deserve a say in the election result	26	37	20	27	24	31	23	26	26	26	27	33	19	27	25	28	23	30	31	19	20
It could be expensive to enforce	24	33	20	27	24	28	22	29	22	25	22	22	25	23	22	25	19	26	28	20	19
It could be hard to enforce	19	23	20	30	21	21	19	24	18	20	22	16	20	20	20	17	20	22	18	15	20
Other (please specify in next question)	12	14	10	19	12	13	9	14	12	12	18	11	10	12	14	9	8	17	10	9	10
Don't know/ none of these	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Please specify the 'other' you chose in the previous question.

[For all open responses please see Tab2]

Some people say we should have a law for compulsory 'turn-out' at the general election in Britain, meaning that people in this country could still choose not to vote, but they would have to turn up and register their attendance at a voting station by law, unless there were serious medical reasons that prevented them for doing so.

To what extent would you support or oppose a law for compulsory turn-out at the general election in Britain?

Strongly support	16	18	19	21	21	18	17	18	19	13	15	14	15	18	17	14	16	16	11	20	16
Tend to support	24	27	28	20	27	26	28	25	24	24	20	24	22	28	25	23	25	24	24	23	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	40	45	47	41	48	44	45	43	43	37	35	38	37	46	42	37	41	40	35	43	41
Neither support nor oppose	17	13	19	13	16	13	19	17	16	18	16	17	18	16	15	20	20	18	16	14	18
Tend to oppose	20	26	16	23	16	23	16	21	17	23	22	17	22	20	21	18	18	21	22	17	22
Strongly oppose	18	14	14	19	19	17	12	16	19	16	11	20	20	16	18	18	16	17	20	18	18
TOTAL OPPOSE	38	40	30	42	35	40	28	37	36	39	33	37	42	36	39	36	34	38	42	35	40
Don't know	5	2	5	4	3	2	8	2	5	6	15	8	3	2	4	7	6	5	6	7	2

Which, if any, of the following reasons help to describe why you oppose a law for compulsory turn-out at the general election in Britain?

[Only asked to respondents who oppose a law for compulsory turn out in Britain; n=803*]

People should have the right to stay away from the election	71	62	71	69	66	68	67	72	71	72	74	74	72	67	67	77	77	69	73	70	75
It could be hard to enforce	33	34	38	32	33	33	39	40	30	37	34	35	32	34	33	34	27	36	34	35	29
It could be expensive to enforce	32	34	33	40	27	33	33	34	29	34	37	35	31	28	29	36	24	32	32	37	30
Generally, people who aren't interested in voting don't deserve a say in the election result	21	29	16	22	22	25	21	22	24	18	15	23	20	22	21	21	16	24	25	15	18
Other (please specify in next question)	10	11	8	17	14	11	6	8	13	7	11	10	9	9	11	7	7	12	9	8	10
Don't know/ none of these	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0

Please specify the 'other' you chose in the previous question.

[For all open responses please see Tab3]