

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1544 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 3rd - 4th March 2015

	Westminster VI					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	1544	X	X	X	X	448	379	298	749	795	184	391	528	442	880	664	198	502	330	380	134	
Unweighted Sample	1544	385	419	94	194	429	370	318	717	827	161	300	571	512	1016	528	184	533	316	370	141	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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[This question was asked to a random split of respondents; n=487]

Strongly favour	34	39	35	38	23	28	32	42	34	34	29	30	40	33	34	34	40	33	36	32	26
Mildly favour	30	26	34	59	22	30	31	29	33	27	36	30	28	28	30	30	25	36	26	28	28
TOTAL FAVOUR	64	65	69	97	45	58	63	71	67	61	65	60	68	61	64	64	65	69	62	60	54
Mildly oppose	13	13	12	4	19	12	14	16	11	14	10	16	13	10	15	10	12	7	18	13	22
Strongly oppose	17	20	16	0	37	23	18	13	15	19	7	14	14	28	16	17	14	16	15	22	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	30	33	28	4	56	35	32	29	26	33	17	30	27	38	31	27	26	23	33	35	35
Don't know	7	3	2	0	0	7	4	0	7	6	17	9	5	1	5	9	9	8	5	5	10

The UK government may impose taxes on plastic bags in supermarkets and other stores in the future. Would you favour or oppose a policy where plastic bags always cost something in the UK (including in places like clothing stores)?

[This question was asked to a random split of respondents; n=508]

Strongly favour	31	31	33	34	27	29	32	41	26	36	25	31	28	38	36	25	33	28	30	33	38
Mildly favour	31	38	30	37	19	32	32	29	33	29	45	30	30	27	33	27	33	32	31	31	24
TOTAL FAVOUR	62	69	63	71	46	61	64	70	59	65	70	61	58	65	69	52	66	60	61	64	62
Mildly oppose	15	11	13	18	16	17	15	11	13	16	9	16	16	15	13	17	15	14	21	11	10
Strongly oppose	18	17	19	7	36	21	19	11	24	13	17	14	21	18	14	25	15	22	12	19	20
TOTAL OPPOSE	33	28	32	25	52	38	34	22	37	29	26	30	37	33	27	42	30	36	33	30	30
Don't know	5	2	6	4	1	1	3	8	4	6	4	9	4	2	4	6	4	3	6	5	7

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Some people suggest there should be taxes on plastic bags in supermarkets and other stores in the future. Would you favour or oppose a policy where plastic bags always cost something in the UK (including in places like clothing stores)?

[This question was asked to a random split of respondents; n=549]

Strongly favour	27	37	19	22	23	34	21	31	23	31	19	23	27	34	32	21	25	26	28	17	56
Mildly favour	34	34	39	43	29	31	35	44	32	36	35	36	34	32	31	37	35	34	40	29	28
TOTAL FAVOUR	61	71	58	65	52	65	56	75	55	67	54	59	61	66	63	58	60	60	68	46	84
Mildly oppose	18	18	20	28	16	17	23	17	21	16	21	19	15	21	21	16	17	19	16	27	0
Strongly oppose	16	11	17	7	30	16	16	8	19	13	12	18	19	13	13	19	15	17	10	22	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	34	29	37	35	46	33	39	25	40	29	33	37	34	34	34	35	32	36	26	49	12
Don't know	5	0	5	0	2	2	4	1	5	4	12	5	5	1	3	7	8	4	6	4	5

Thinking of a typical shopping trip, how do you usually take your purchases home?

Multiple-use plastic bag	38	41	33	46	38	41	40	33	37	39	21	32	42	44	37	39	25	39	41	38	44
Basket, backpack, or fabric bags	35	35	37	37	30	33	32	44	30	40	42	31	32	40	36	34	39	33	37	34	40
Disposable plastic bag	21	19	24	15	25	20	22	18	25	17	25	30	21	10	21	21	28	22	18	22	10
Disposable paper bag	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Cardboard	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Something else	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	2	2	3
I never go shopping	1	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
Don't know	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	3	1	6	3	1	0	2	2	3	3	1	1	2

If you carry your purchases home in a plastic bag - then what you normally do with the bag afterwards?

I throw them away	3	3	3	1	4	2	4	2	4	2	8	3	2	1	3	3	4	3	3	3	2
I use them for my next purchase	31	32	31	29	31	31	33	28	33	29	22	27	35	34	31	31	30	29	35	25	49
I use them for something else (such as a garbage bag)	62	63	62	68	62	64	60	66	57	66	63	65	59	61	62	61	61	64	59	68	44
I never use plastic bags	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	4	2	1	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	4
Don't know	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	6	2	2	0	2	2	3	2	1	2	0