

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1695 adults in GB
Fieldwork: 17th - 18th January 2022

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1695	575	420	153	629	671	824	871	185	707	408	395	966	729	203	570	368	408	146
Unweighted Sample	1695	600	427	146	691	703	719	976	140	646	428	481	1018	677	162	599	365	416	153
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you think the government should or should not be allowed to take British citizenship away from the following types of people if they pose a threat to the UK or whose conduct involves very high harm, for example in response to activities such as those involving: national security including espionage and acts of terrorism, unacceptable behaviour such as the 'glorification' of terrorism, war crimes, and serious and organised crime

People who hold dual nationality (i.e. have both British citizenship and citizenship of another country)

The government should be allowed to take away citizenship from such a person	57	75	47	49	49	73	59	55	37	51	65	70	58	56	45	61	60	56	57
The government should not be allowed to take away citizenship from such a person	27	16	38	44	37	16	28	26	39	30	24	18	29	24	40	25	23	26	30
Don't know	16	10	15	7	14	11	13	19	24	19	10	12	13	19	15	15	17	18	13

People whose only citizenship is British (i.e. they are not citizens of any other country) but who have links to other countries (e.g. family members living in another country)

The government should be allowed to take away citizenship from such a person	35	49	26	18	26	47	38	32	26	33	37	42	35	36	28	35	42	34	33
The government should not be allowed to take away citizenship from such a person	43	32	58	64	56	34	46	40	47	45	44	36	45	40	55	41	39	41	47
Don't know	22	19	16	18	18	20	16	27	28	21	19	22	20	24	17	23	19	25	20

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People whose only citizenship is British (i.e. they are not citizens of any other country) but who would be eligible for automatic citizenship of another country if they applied

The government should be allowed to take away citizenship from such a person	40	53	32	30	33	51	44	36	29	36	42	50	42	38	32	41	43	38	43
The government should not be allowed to take away citizenship from such a person	37	25	49	55	49	27	39	35	40	41	38	28	38	35	46	35	36	36	36
Don't know	23	21	19	16	18	22	17	28	31	23	20	23	20	27	22	23	21	26	21

People whose only citizenship is British (i.e. they are not citizens of any other country) and who have no links to other countries

The government should be allowed to take away citizenship from such a person	24	33	18	11	16	32	28	20	21	25	26	23	25	22	16	23	32	23	24
The government should not be allowed to take away citizenship from such a person	54	49	64	73	67	47	54	53	48	52	55	59	56	50	63	55	47	51	58
Don't know	22	18	18	16	17	21	18	27	31	24	20	19	18	27	21	22	22	25	18

Shamima Begum is a British-born woman who at age 15 left the UK to join the Islamic State group in Syria. She held only British citizenship, which was revoked by the British government in 2019, leaving her without citizenship of any country.

The British government said that while Begum was not a citizen of any country besides the UK, she was automatically eligible for Bangladeshi citizenship because of her parents.

Do you think the government should or should not have been allowed to take British citizenship away from Shamima Begum?

The government should have been allowed to take away citizenship from Shamima Begum	68	89	50	48	54	87	67	68	53	59	74	83	63	74	51	71	69	71	65
The government should not have been allowed to take away citizenship from Shamima Begum	20	5	36	41	34	7	22	18	18	26	19	12	26	12	33	18	19	15	23
Don't know	12	6	14	11	12	6	11	14	29	16	7	5	11	14	16	11	12	14	12