

YouGov Survey Results

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

	23 - 26 Jul '22	27 Jan - 1 Feb '26																							
Do you think each of the following is a good or bad reason for an MP to defect from one political party to another?																									
If the MP is dissatisfied with the party leader																									
Very good reason	10	13	14	8	9	26	12	6	18	13	13	16	10	13	16	9	13	16	13	12	13	13	12	12	
Fairly good reason	31	35	37	34	36	42	37	33	36	36	35	46	37	32	32	34	37	36	36	33	34	39	35	36	
TOTAL GOOD REASON	41	48	51	42	45	68	49	39	54	49	48	62	47	45	48	43	50	52	49	45	47	47	52	47	48
Fairly bad reason	27	26	28	33	32	17	27	34	23	27	24	19	25	28	27	31	24	22	25	28	30	25	25	27	25
Very bad reason	11	10	12	14	11	4	10	14	10	12	8	2	8	13	13	14	10	7	10	10	12	10	9	7	11
TOTAL BAD REASON	38	36	40	47	43	21	37	48	33	39	32	21	33	41	40	45	34	29	35	38	42	35	34	34	36
Don't know	21	16	10	11	12	12	14	13	14	12	20	16	20	14	12	12	17	19	17	17	10	18	14	19	16
If the MP is dissatisfied with the party as a whole																									
Very good reason	24	25	25	20	23	44	26	19	31	24	26	26	23	24	27	23	24	27	25	26	23	26	26	21	24
Fairly good reason	41	47	49	52	50	42	53	51	45	48	46	50	46	48	46	49	47	46	47	44	52	44	47	44	50
TOTAL GOOD REASON	65	72	74	72	73	86	79	70	76	72	72	76	69	72	73	72	71	73	72	70	75	70	73	65	74
Fairly bad reason	11	10	12	14	12	3	9	14	8	11	9	6	10	11	11	13	10	8	10	7	12	10	10	14	9
Very bad reason	6	4	6	4	4	2	3	5	4	5	3	2	3	5	6	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	3	4
TOTAL BAD REASON	17	14	18	18	16	5	12	19	12	16	12	8	13	16	17	18	14	12	14	12	17	15	14	17	13
Don't know	18	14	9	9	11	9	10	11	12	12	16	16	18	11	10	10	15	16	15	19	8	16	13	17	14
If the party that the MP defects from does badly in an election																									
Very good reason	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	4	2	2	1	3	2	2	2
Fairly good reason	5	9	11	6	8	14	6	6	12	10	8	9	9	8	12	6	10	12	9	7	11	9	9	10	9
TOTAL GOOD REASON	7	11	14	8	10	17	7	7	15	13	10	11	11	10	15	7	11	16	11	9	12	12	11	12	11
Fairly bad reason	27	33	36	35	36	36	34	33	35	33	34	37	30	32	38	34	33	34	33	35	32	32	36	35	33
Very bad reason	45	37	36	45	45	33	44	47	34	39	36	32	38	43	33	47	36	30	37	38	41	37	35	35	38
TOTAL BAD REASON	72	70	72	80	81	69	78	80	69	72	70	69	68	75	71	81	69	64	70	73	73	69	71	70	71
Don't know	21	18	14	12	9	15	15	13	17	15	21	20	21	15	13	12	20	21	18	18	14	19	17	18	18
If the MP doesn't agree with the party's stance on a particular issue																									
Very good reason	11	15	14	11	13	26	17	11	18	15	14	16	15	14	14	14	14	16	15	17	15	16	15	16	13
Fairly good reason	39	45	45	50	44	52	44	44	46	45	44	52	45	44	43	47	43	43	45	43	47	43	47	42	45
TOTAL GOOD REASON	50	60	59	61	57	78	61	55	64	60	58	68	60	58	57	61	57	59	60	60	62	59	62	58	58
Fairly bad reason	21	19	25	22	24	11	19	25	17	20	18	13	17	21	23	21	20	18	19	16	19	19	17	19	21
Very bad reason	7	5	6	6	7	2	5	7	5	7	4	3	4	6	7	6	6	4	5	6	8	5	4	6	5
TOTAL BAD REASON	28	24	31	28	31	13	24	32	22	27	22	16	21	27	30	27	26	22	24	22	27	24	21	25	26
Don't know	22	16	10	11	12	10	15	13	13	13	19	15	19	15	12	12	17	18	16	18	12	16	16	18	16

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		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
If the MP has a better chance of winning their position/ seat with another party																									
Very good reason	2	2	4	1	2	1	4	3	2	1	1	3	4	1	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	1	
Fairly good reason	6	12	14	10	9	18	7	8	14	14	10	13	10	10	16	8	12	15	12	8	13	11	14	12	11
TOTAL GOOD REASON	8	14	18	11	11	20	8	9	18	17	12	14	11	13	20	9	14	18	14	9	15	14	17	15	12
Fairly bad reason	22	28	33	26	30	32	30	26	30	27	29	31	26	27	31	27	30	28	28	33	27	26	31	25	28
Very bad reason	51	42	39	52	48	37	47	53	38	44	40	35	43	48	37	53	39	34	42	42	46	43	37	42	42
TOTAL BAD REASON	73	70	72	78	78	69	77	79	68	71	69	66	69	75	68	80	69	62	70	75	73	69	68	67	70
Don't know	20	16	9	11	11	12	14	11	14	13	19	21	20	13	12	11	18	19	17	16	13	17	15	18	17
If the party that the MP defects from is viewed negatively in the news/ media																									
Very good reason	2	3	3	2	1	5	2	1	4	3	2	3	2	3	4	1	1	5	3	2	2	4	3	2	3
Fairly good reason	10	13	13	11	13	19	10	9	15	14	12	17	12	10	16	10	15	15	13	12	13	13	14	15	12
TOTAL GOOD REASON	12	16	16	13	14	24	12	10	19	17	14	20	14	13	20	11	16	20	16	14	15	17	17	17	15
Fairly bad reason	32	35	36	37	41	34	39	37	34	35	34	38	34	33	36	38	34	33	35	36	35	34	35	36	35
Very bad reason	33	28	30	35	31	26	30	36	27	31	26	19	27	35	28	35	28	23	28	27	32	28	27	25	30
TOTAL BAD REASON	65	63	66	72	72	60	69	73	61	66	60	57	61	68	64	73	62	56	63	63	67	62	62	61	65
Don't know	23	21	18	15	14	16	18	16	20	17	25	22	25	19	16	15	22	24	21	22	18	22	21	22	21
If the party that the MP defects from is expected to do badly in an election																									
Very good reason	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	1
Fairly good reason	4	8	10	6	6	12	5	4	11	10	7	9	7	8	10	5	10	9	8	6	9	8	9	10	7
TOTAL GOOD REASON	5	9	12	7	8	14	6	5	13	12	8	10	8	9	13	6	11	12	10	7	11	10	11	11	8
Fairly bad reason	27	31	34	31	34	38	32	30	32	30	32	38	28	29	37	30	31	34	31	36	27	29	34	30	32
Very bad reason	48	42	43	51	47	36	49	53	39	45	40	34	44	49	38	53	40	35	42	39	51	43	40	41	42
TOTAL BAD REASON	75	73	77	82	81	74	81	83	71	75	72	72	72	78	75	83	71	69	73	75	78	72	74	71	74
Don't know	20	17	11	11	10	12	14	12	15	13	20	18	20	14	13	11	18	19	17	18	12	18	16	17	17
If the party the MP defects from has changed their views significantly resulting in many core policies shifting to a different position																									
Very good reason	28	30	29	29	34	40	35	27	33	29	30	38	31	28	27	33	26	27	30	31	29	31	32	29	29
Fairly good reason	39	44	46	51	44	43	44	49	43	45	42	39	40	47	48	45	47	43	43	40	46	42	44	41	45
TOTAL GOOD REASON	67	74	75	80	78	83	79	76	76	74	72	77	71	75	75	78	73	70	73	71	75	73	76	70	74
Fairly bad reason	7	6	7	6	8	3	7	7	5	7	5	4	5	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	8	6	6	7	5
Very bad reason	4	3	5	3	2	2	3	4	3	4	3	2	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3
TOTAL BAD REASON	11	9	12	9	10	5	10	11	8	11	8	6	8	11	11	10	10	9	9	11	12	9	9	10	8
Don't know	21	17	13	11	11	12	12	12	16	14	20	17	20	15	15	12	18	21	18	18	13	19	16	19	18

