

YouGov Survey Results



Sample Size: 1461 Adults in England
Fieldwork: 15th - 16th June 2021

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How interested, if at all, are you in football?

Very interested	16	17	19	12	19	16	27	6	18	19	17	11	19	12	19	15	17	17	47	0
Fairly interested	18	20	18	18	20	18	21	16	13	18	22	18	19	17	16	16	19	23	53	0
TOTAL INTERESTED	34	37	37	30	39	34	48	22	31	37	39	29	38	29	35	31	36	40	100	0
Not very interested	16	16	13	17	16	17	14	19	21	17	14	15	16	17	18	16	17	16	0	26
Not at all interested	47	46	48	52	45	47	36	58	43	43	47	56	44	51	44	51	47	42	0	74
TOTAL NOT INTERESTED	63	62	61	69	61	64	50	77	64	60	61	71	60	68	62	67	64	58	0	100
Don't know	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	4	3	0	0	1	3	3	2	1	2	0	0

Would you say that racism does or does not exist in professional football in your country?

Does exist and is a serious problem	46	32	68	55	64	33	40	52	55	54	40	36	53	37	59	43	48	43	54	43
Does exist but is not a serious problem	29	41	18	25	20	37	38	21	16	26	34	36	26	33	23	30	28	32	36	26
Does not exist	5	6	1	1	2	8	6	3	6	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	3	7	4	5
Don't know	20	21	14	18	14	22	16	24	24	16	21	23	17	25	14	23	21	19	6	26

Do you think the following organisations are or are not doing enough to tackle racism in professional football in your country?

International football authorities (i.e. FIFA and UEFA)

Are doing enough	15	22	8	13	10	21	19	12	14	14	19	15	14	18	14	15	16	16	22	12
Are not doing enough	42	36	52	50	55	37	50	34	32	45	40	43	46	36	50	38	45	41	60	33
Don't know	43	42	41	37	35	43	31	54	54	41	40	42	40	46	37	47	39	42	17	55

My country's football association

Are doing enough	21	29	13	19	16	29	28	14	17	19	26	21	20	22	15	20	20	26	36	13
Are not doing enough	35	28	45	43	48	28	41	28	28	38	33	34	40	28	46	31	37	32	47	29
Don't know	44	43	42	38	37	43	31	58	55	43	41	45	40	50	39	49	43	42	17	58

Football clubs

Are doing enough	27	35	18	25	22	34	35	19	15	27	32	28	25	29	23	26	28	30	47	16
Are not doing enough	31	26	41	37	43	24	35	27	26	34	30	29	35	25	39	28	35	29	38	28
Don't know	42	39	41	38	35	42	29	54	59	39	38	42	39	46	38	46	38	41	15	56

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Football players

Are doing enough	39	42	37	48	41	42	48	31	38	41	41	34	39	40	38	37	41	41	66	26
Are not doing enough	21	20	25	17	26	20	26	17	13	22	22	24	24	18	24	19	24	21	20	22
Don't know	39	38	38	35	34	39	26	52	49	37	37	41	37	42	38	43	35	38	14	52

Football fans

Are doing enough	12	19	6	6	6	18	17	7	8	11	17	11	10	14	9	12	12	13	20	7
Are not doing enough	55	47	64	72	69	47	60	50	52	59	50	54	60	48	64	51	56	56	68	49
Don't know	33	34	30	23	25	35	23	44	41	30	34	36	30	38	27	38	32	32	12	44

Police

Are doing enough	22	33	14	22	17	31	27	17	11	20	31	21	21	23	17	21	23	25	31	17
Are not doing enough	36	27	47	30	44	28	44	28	47	38	27	35	38	32	47	32	34	36	48	30
Don't know	42	40	39	47	39	41	30	55	43	42	42	44	40	45	36	47	43	39	22	53

In your view, are punishments handed out by football authorities to the following groups for racist behaviour by their fans or their players, too harsh, not harsh enough, or they about right?

Domestic football clubs

Not harsh enough	35	33	40	36	44	30	40	30	23	35	38	36	37	32	40	31	35	36	48	29
About right	18	20	13	22	15	22	23	13	16	17	19	20	19	17	18	14	22	20	28	13
Too harsh	3	5	0	1	1	4	5	1	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	4	3	3
Don't know	44	42	47	40	39	43	32	56	59	45	40	42	41	49	40	51	41	39	21	56

National football teams

Not harsh enough	39	36	44	41	49	36	46	33	34	39	42	41	41	37	42	35	41	42	55	32
About right	14	17	11	19	13	16	17	11	5	14	16	16	15	13	17	12	16	13	22	10
Too harsh	3	5	0	1	1	5	5	1	5	4	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	5	3	3
Don't know	43	42	45	39	37	43	31	55	56	44	39	41	41	47	38	50	41	39	20	55

National football associations

Not harsh enough	40	37	45	44	50	36	46	33	29	40	42	42	42	37	42	36	42	41	56	31
About right	12	16	9	16	11	15	14	10	2	11	15	15	12	12	11	11	14	12	19	9
Too harsh	4	5	0	1	1	6	8	1	12	4	3	2	5	4	5	3	2	7	4	5
Don't know	44	42	46	40	38	43	32	56	57	44	40	42	41	48	41	49	42	40	21	55

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Do you think the reaction of those within professional football, such as players, staff and club executives as a whole to the issue of racism in football has been an overreaction, underreaction, or about right?

Major overreaction	8	15	2	2	2	14	12	4	3	7	11	8	7	9	6	9	7	9	10	7
Somewhat overreaction	14	22	7	8	9	21	17	10	2	11	19	19	12	15	14	16	8	14	20	11
TOTAL OVERREACTION	22	37	9	10	11	35	29	14	5	18	30	27	19	24	20	25	15	23	30	18
About right	27	23	29	35	33	24	25	29	16	31	23	29	29	24	24	24	32	28	35	23
Somewhat underreaction	15	12	21	15	21	11	17	14	26	15	13	13	18	12	20	13	18	15	19	14
Major underreaction	7	3	11	9	11	4	9	5	12	7	6	5	9	5	12	6	5	8	7	7
TOTAL UNDERREACTION	22	15	32	24	32	15	26	19	38	22	19	18	27	17	32	19	23	23	26	21
Don't know	29	24	30	31	25	27	20	38	42	29	27	26	26	34	24	33	30	26	9	38

How familiar, if at all, are you with the reasons why professional football players and staff in some countries are choosing to kneel on one knee before matches?

Very familiar	36	36	40	34	40	36	43	29	33	36	41	31	37	34	36	33	37	39	56	26
Somewhat familiar	37	43	35	49	41	40	34	40	24	35	41	44	39	35	39	37	36	37	35	40
TOTAL FAMILIAR	73	79	75	83	81	76	77	69	57	71	82	75	76	69	75	70	73	76	91	66
Not very familiar	7	6	7	7	7	7	6	8	10	7	5	9	8	7	7	6	8	10	5	9
Not familiar at all	10	8	9	5	6	8	7	12	10	11	7	11	8	12	10	10	10	8	2	14
TOTAL NOT FAMILIAR	17	14	16	12	13	15	13	20	20	18	12	20	16	19	17	16	18	18	7	23
Don't know	10	7	9	5	6	10	9	11	23	11	6	6	7	14	8	14	9	7	2	12

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****In some countries, professional football players and staff have chosen to kneel at the beginning of each game to show their support of the Black Lives Matter movement. Would you support or oppose professional players and staff in your country kneeling before each game in this fashion?**

Strongly support	27	9	50	43	45	11	22	31	42	32	24	12	31	21	35	25	27	25	32	25
Somewhat support	20	14	21	27	25	15	21	19	24	20	16	23	21	18	28	20	19	17	21	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	47	23	71	70	70	26	43	50	66	52	40	35	52	39	63	45	46	42	53	45
Somewhat oppose	14	21	9	13	10	19	15	14	6	11	17	20	14	14	12	15	12	16	17	13
Strongly oppose	23	40	7	9	9	41	30	17	2	20	32	30	20	27	17	23	26	25	25	23
TOTAL OPPOSE	37	61	16	22	19	60	45	31	8	31	49	50	34	41	29	38	38	41	42	36
Don't know	16	15	13	9	11	14	13	19	26	17	11	15	13	21	9	18	16	17	5	20

How important, if at all, do you think professional football players and staff kneeling before matches can be in tackling racism?

Very important	11	4	19	15	17	6	8	14	17	13	12	5	12	9	16	10	10	11	13	10
Somewhat important	21	12	37	29	36	11	18	24	23	25	17	19	24	19	28	20	24	19	27	19
TOTAL IMPORTANT	32	16	56	44	53	17	26	38	40	38	29	24	36	28	44	30	34	30	40	29
Not very important	20	22	19	32	20	21	21	20	18	18	22	24	20	20	19	19	19	24	23	19
Not important at all	32	49	12	13	16	49	40	24	14	29	41	36	32	32	23	32	33	36	32	33
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	52	71	31	45	36	70	61	44	32	47	63	60	52	52	42	51	52	60	55	52
Don't know	15	13	14	12	11	14	12	18	28	15	8	17	12	20	15	20	15	11	5	19