

YouGov Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 20th - 21st October 2022

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

Thinking back over the last 12 months, do you think the policing of public demonstrations has become more strict, less strict, or remained much the same?

More strict	31	13	53	40	45	17	34	28	42	36	29	18	35	25	36	29	32	29	31
Less strict	23	42	7	12	12	39	26	20	15	16	25	36	21	26	17	29	21	21	17
Remained much the same	30	34	25	33	31	30	29	30	27	29	31	30	29	31	30	30	30	30	26
Don't know	17	11	15	15	13	14	12	21	17	19	14	15	16	18	17	12	17	20	26

In general, do you think the policing of public demonstrations in the UK is too strict, not strict enough, or is it about right?

Too strict	24	6	46	35	36	10	29	20	36	30	22	12	28	19	30	23	23	25	24
About right	22	20	22	29	29	19	22	22	19	22	24	22	23	20	23	23	20	21	25
Not strict enough	36	62	16	22	20	59	38	36	22	27	39	56	33	41	31	43	38	34	25
Don't know	17	11	15	14	15	12	11	23	23	22	14	11	15	21	17	12	19	20	26

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To what extent do you support or oppose the following aspects of the Public Order Bill?

Making it a criminal offence for protesters to attach themselves to others, objects or buildings to cause disruption

Strongly support	35	62	16	22	20	59	37	33	12	29	36	56	32	40	26	41	38	34	25
Tend to support	23	23	20	28	24	21	20	26	20	22	28	21	23	23	20	24	20	25	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	58	85	36	50	44	80	57	59	32	51	64	77	55	63	46	65	58	59	50
Tend to oppose	16	7	25	26	23	9	17	16	25	19	13	10	18	14	19	15	18	17	15
Strongly oppose	15	3	27	20	25	5	18	11	26	17	14	7	18	11	24	12	15	11	19
TOTAL OPPOSE	31	10	52	46	48	14	35	27	51	36	27	17	36	25	43	27	33	28	34
Don't know	11	5	11	4	7	5	7	14	16	13	8	6	9	13	12	8	10	14	15

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More strict	31	22	40
Less strict	23	33	20
Remained much the same	30	35	28
Don't know	17	9	12

In general, do you think the policing of public demonstrations in the UK is too strict, not strict enough, or is it about right?

Too strict	24	13	34
About right	22	27	23
Not strict enough	36	51	31
Don't know	17	8	12

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Strongly support	35	61	27
Tend to support	23	22	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	58	83	49
Tend to oppose	16	8	22
Strongly oppose	15	6	22
TOTAL OPPOSE	31	14	44
Don't know	11	3	7

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

Making it a criminal offence to obstruct major transport works

Strongly support	41	67	19	29	25	65	43	38	18	35	40	60	38	44	28	46	40	43	31
Tend to support	25	22	27	29	29	19	22	28	32	24	26	21	25	25	26	25	25	24	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	89	46	58	54	84	65	66	50	59	66	81	63	69	54	71	65	67	58
Tend to oppose	14	5	25	16	21	7	15	13	17	15	15	8	15	12	18	12	14	13	17
Strongly oppose	11	3	19	20	19	4	14	9	18	13	11	5	14	8	18	11	11	7	14
TOTAL OPPOSE	25	8	44	36	40	11	29	22	35	28	26	13	29	20	36	23	25	20	31
Don't know	10	4	9	6	7	5	7	12	14	12	7	5	8	12	10	6	10	13	12

Making it a criminal offence to cause disruption by tunnelling

Strongly support	34	57	16	19	20	55	37	30	10	28	36	52	30	38	24	38	32	34	31
Tend to support	27	25	24	32	28	24	24	29	29	25	29	25	29	23	25	27	27	29	21
TOTAL SUPPORT	61	82	40	51	48	79	61	59	39	53	65	77	59	61	49	65	59	63	52
Tend to oppose	12	5	19	20	19	6	13	10	15	12	14	7	12	11	15	11	13	10	12
Strongly oppose	9	3	16	15	15	4	12	7	18	10	8	5	11	6	14	9	10	7	9
TOTAL OPPOSE	21	8	35	35	34	10	25	17	33	22	22	12	23	17	29	20	23	17	21
Don't know	19	10	25	13	19	11	14	23	28	25	12	10	17	21	22	15	17	20	27

Introducing a new preventative court order targeting protestors who are determined to repeatedly cause disruption

Strongly support	36	63	15	24	22	59	38	33	15	28	38	57	32	41	28	42	35	35	27
Tend to support	24	22	25	26	24	24	20	28	23	24	26	23	25	23	17	24	26	27	21
TOTAL SUPPORT	60	85	40	50	46	83	58	61	38	52	64	80	57	64	45	66	61	62	48
Tend to oppose	15	6	22	22	21	7	17	13	25	17	13	9	18	11	20	14	15	13	19
Strongly oppose	13	2	26	22	22	4	16	10	23	16	12	6	16	9	23	11	12	11	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	28	8	48	44	43	11	33	23	48	33	25	15	34	20	43	25	27	24	36
Don't know	12	7	13	6	10	6	9	15	14	15	11	6	9	15	12	9	12	15	16

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Strongly support	41	66	32
Tend to support	25	23	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	89	58
Tend to oppose	14	5	19
Strongly oppose	11	4	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	25	9	36
Don't know	10	2	7

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TOTAL OPPOSE	21	10	30
Don't know	19	7	17

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Tend to support	24	24	24
TOTAL SUPPORT	60	85	51
Tend to oppose	15	8	20
Strongly oppose	13	4	20
TOTAL OPPOSE	28	12	40
Don't know	12	3	9

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Extending stop and search powers for police to search for and seize objects that may be used in a protest-related offence (such as lock on devices)

Strongly support	26	44	11	18	14	43	29	23	12	20	27	42	23	30	22	30	28	23	23
Tend to support	25	32	19	23	25	28	20	30	21	23	27	29	24	26	18	26	26	30	17
TOTAL SUPPORT	51	76	30	41	39	71	49	53	33	43	54	71	47	56	40	56	54	53	40
Tend to oppose	18	12	24	27	24	13	20	17	24	19	20	14	20	16	19	20	17	16	21
Strongly oppose	18	3	34	26	28	6	21	15	28	23	16	7	22	13	27	15	17	17	22
TOTAL OPPOSE	36	15	58	53	52	19	41	32	52	42	36	21	42	29	46	35	34	33	43
Don't know	13	9	12	6	10	9	10	15	15	15	11	8	10	15	14	9	12	15	18

And overall, how effective, if at all, do you think the Public Order Bill will be in reducing the number of disruptive protests going forward?

Very effective	3	4	2	0	1	5	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	4	3	3	2	3	2
Somewhat effective	24	37	19	22	21	33	24	25	17	21	26	31	24	25	14	29	23	25	21
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	27	41	21	22	22	38	27	28	19	24	29	34	26	29	17	32	25	28	23
Not very effective	35	31	37	44	40	33	34	36	32	37	33	36	36	34	33	37	37	33	37
Not effective at all	16	10	22	19	20	11	22	11	24	17	17	12	18	14	24	12	17	17	17
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	51	41	59	63	60	44	56	47	56	54	50	48	54	48	57	49	54	50	54
Don't know	21	17	21	15	19	18	16	26	25	22	21	18	20	23	26	19	20	22	23

In the last few weeks, protesters from the activist group Just Stop Oil have blocked various roads and vandalised a number of buildings and objects, to bring attention to the issue of climate change.

Before taking this survey, how much, if anything, have you heard about this?

A great deal	13	18	11	11	9	18	16	9	15	10	11	17	13	12	16	14	14	9	11
A fair amount	45	45	50	58	52	41	48	42	49	43	49	42	50	38	48	50	41	44	36
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	58	63	61	69	61	59	64	51	64	53	60	59	63	50	64	64	55	53	47
Not very much	26	26	25	23	26	28	23	28	19	24	28	28	24	28	19	24	29	26	32
Nothing at all	12	9	12	7	11	11	9	15	8	16	10	10	10	15	12	9	12	16	13
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	38	35	37	30	37	39	32	43	27	40	38	38	34	43	31	33	41	42	45
Don't know	5	2	3	1	2	2	4	6	9	6	2	3	4	6	5	4	5	5	8

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Strongly support	26	47	20
Tend to support	25	28	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	51	75	45
Tend to oppose	18	13	22
Strongly oppose	18	7	26
TOTAL OPPOSE	36	20	48
Don't know	13	6	7

And overall, how effective, if at all, do you think the Public Order Bill will be in reducing the number of disruptive protests going forward?

Very effective	3	11	0
Somewhat effective	24	89	0
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	27	100	0
Not very effective	35	0	68
Not effective at all	16	0	32
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	51	0	100
Don't know	21	0	0

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A fair amount	45	49	47
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	58	66	60
Not very much	26	24	27
Nothing at all	12	10	12
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	38	34	39
Don't know	5	0	0

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

And to what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose the protesters' actions?

Strongly support	4	1	8	8	7	1	4	3	5	4	4	2	5	2	7	3	4	2	4
Tend to support	17	4	35	20	30	7	18	16	21	21	16	9	21	12	24	15	18	16	17
TOTAL SUPPORT	21	5	43	28	37	8	22	19	26	25	20	11	26	14	31	18	22	18	21
Tend to oppose	21	20	21	33	27	18	19	23	21	23	21	20	22	21	22	20	21	24	20
Strongly oppose	43	71	23	29	27	66	48	39	31	35	47	60	40	48	32	52	41	39	41
TOTAL OPPOSE	64	91	44	62	54	84	67	62	52	58	68	80	62	69	54	72	62	63	61
Don't know	15	5	14	10	10	8	11	18	22	17	11	10	13	17	15	10	16	19	18

And thinking about how **the public** perceives the climate change movement, do you think this kind of action helps or hinders their cause?

This kind of action helps their cause	7	3	12	10	11	4	9	6	8	9	7	4	8	6	11	6	8	6	8
This kind of action hinders their cause	68	83	60	70	64	78	70	66	56	64	73	74	69	66	60	74	65	68	63
Makes no difference	14	11	16	14	17	11	14	14	18	14	12	13	13	15	16	12	15	14	16
Don't know	11	4	12	5	8	7	7	14	18	13	8	8	9	13	14	8	12	12	13

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Tend to support	17	12	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	21	14	28
Tend to oppose	21	19	23
Strongly oppose	43	63	36
TOTAL OPPOSE	64	82	59
Don't know	15	4	12

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This kind of action helps their cause	7	6	9
This kind of action hinders their cause	68	78	68
Makes no difference	14	12	16
Don't know	11	4	8