

YouGov / Kingsley Napley Survey Results

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Very good idea	12	13	10	9	16	13	13	10	14	7	14	12	11	12	11	12	11	11	7	12	12	15	12
Fairly good idea	43	47	45	46	36	44	43	38	47	48	45	37	43	43	43	44	46	35	34	41	43	45	45
TOTAL GOOD IDEA	55	60	55	55	52	57	56	48	61	55	59	49	54	55	54	56	57	46	41	53	55	60	57
Fairly bad idea	10	13	12	9	11	11	11	12	9	4	9	14	12	11	10	10	9	10	14	9	11	11	11
Very bad idea	4	4	4	5	8	4	6	7	2	3	3	5	7	5	4	5	2	4	2	6	4	2	5
TOTAL BAD IDEA	14	17	16	14	19	15	17	19	11	7	12	19	19	16	14	15	11	14	16	15	15	13	16
Don't know	31	23	30	30	29	29	27	33	28	37	30	32	27	29	33	29	32	41	43	32	31	27	27

Imagine you were to sign a pre- or post-nuptial agreement. Which of the following would be most important for you to protect in that agreement?

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My property	38	48	39	34	40	41	39	33	42	42	36	37	40	41	34	37	51	36	38	38	35	37	37
My savings	34	37	36	32	34	31	35	30	38	49	37	26	30	36	32	34	34	37	31	37	33	23	36
My pension	28	35	27	32	23	31	34	26	30	12	27	35	30	33	22	27	37	27	36	31	25	23	28
My inheritance	22	26	21	21	27	22	24	17	27	17	26	22	18	24	21	23	26	15	20	22	25	20	24
Children's maintenance	18	15	21	14	14	20	15	14	22	25	21	13	15	17	19	19	13	17	19	19	20	14	19
My investments	11	18	10	10	11	9	13	14	9	12	13	10	11	12	10	12	10	12	5	9	9	21	12
My business assets	4	3	4	4	2	3	3	5	3	5	5	3	2	3	5	4	4	4	2	3	3	3	5
Spousal maintenance	4	4	5	6	5	5	4	4	5	2	4	4	7	4	4	5	1	2	4	4	6	4	5
Something else [See Tab 1]	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	1
Don't know	11	3	11	11	9	10	8	13	9	19	12	11	6	11	12	11	11	14	11	11	8	21	9
Not applicable – I would never sign a pre- or post-nuptial agreement	25	25	23	30	30	24	28	28	22	18	20	28	35	23	28	25	22	27	25	26	29	17	26

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Very good idea	12	7	15	15	23	10	15	23	17	13	11	17	13	7	12
Fairly good idea	43	38	46	36	48	55	45	36	33	42	46	40	45	50	56
TOTAL GOOD IDEA	55	45	61	51	71	65	60	59	50	55	57	57	58	57	68
Fairly bad idea	10	14	6	8	11	11	8	11	10	11	12	9	12	9	10
Very bad idea	4	6	4	7	2	3	3	3	6	5	4	4	4	4	5
TOTAL BAD IDEA	14	20	10	15	13	14	11	14	16	16	16	13	16	13	15
Don't know	31	35	28	34	16	22	30	28	33	29	27	30	26	30	17

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Please tick up to three.

My property	38	35	38	25	44	43	40	37	33	35	37	35	48	42	50
My savings	34	26	42	24	34	26	42	37	32	35	37	35	39	34	30
My pension	28	29	32	25	37	30	23	18	21	26	33	30	38	40	30
My inheritance	22	21	17	29	27	19	24	34	18	23	22	24	27	25	27
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Something else [See Tab 1]	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2
Don't know	11	9	14	7	11	1	14	10	9	10	8	11	7	9	11
Not applicable – I would never sign a pre- or post-nuptial agreement	25	32	18	35	19	33	20	15	31	29	23	23	20	17	13

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Now imagine that your partner refused to sign a pre- or post-nuptial agreement. What impact, if any, do you think this would have on your relationship?

No impact – I would marry them anyway	30	29	29	26	33	30	32	35	25	23	31	32	31	30	31	30	30	32	32	33	30	28	29
I would continue the relationship, but I would not marry them	23	26	24	25	29	23	26	20	26	25	21	24	25	23	23	24	21	22	12	23	24	20	25
I would end the relationship	6	8	7	3	7	6	7	6	5	2	6	7	6	6	6	5	5	6	12	5	6	5	6
Don't know	41	37	40	46	30	41	35	39	43	50	42	38	38	42	40	41	45	40	44	40	40	46	40

From what you know or have heard, do you generally think pre- or post-nuptial agreements are a good or bad idea in each of the following circumstances?

When getting married for the first time

Very good	12	14	12	10	13	14	10	11	13	17	14	9	9	12	12	12	18	11	8	13	13	14	10
Fairly good	22	21	24	26	22	21	21	19	24	30	23	18	21	23	20	22	23	21	10	21	21	28	22
TOTAL GOOD	34	35	36	36	35	35	31	30	37	47	37	27	30	35	32	34	41	32	18	34	34	42	32
Neither good nor bad	32	35	33	31	31	32	37	31	33	19	31	36	36	31	33	32	32	32	34	32	32	28	33
Fairly bad	6	9	5	7	6	7	7	7	5	3	5	8	9	7	5	6	5	5	11	7	5	5	8
Very bad	6	7	5	7	9	6	8	8	4	4	5	8	7	6	7	6	4	9	4	6	5	3	8
TOTAL BAD	12	16	10	14	15	13	15	15	9	7	10	16	16	13	12	12	9	14	15	13	10	8	16
Don't know	22	13	21	19	18	20	18	23	21	28	23	21	18	21	23	22	19	22	33	22	25	23	20

When getting married again (i.e. not for the first time)

Very good	17	22	18	18	20	20	19	14	21	14	18	16	19	19	16	18	23	13	13	18	17	16	18
Fairly good	29	33	30	37	23	30	27	26	31	33	28	29	27	31	25	29	24	28	20	25	29	31	32
TOTAL GOOD	46	55	48	55	43	50	46	40	52	47	46	45	46	50	41	47	47	41	33	43	46	47	50
Neither good nor bad	24	22	25	18	24	23	25	25	24	19	25	27	23	22	27	24	31	27	27	26	23	22	22
Fairly bad	4	6	3	3	5	4	4	5	2	1	4	4	5	3	4	3	7	5	5	2	2	4	4
Very bad	3	3	4	3	7	3	5	5	2	1	2	4	5	3	3	3	1	5	3	3	4	0	4
TOTAL BAD	7	9	7	6	12	7	9	10	4	2	6	8	10	6	7	6	8	10	8	5	6	4	8
Don't know	23	14	20	22	22	19	20	26	20	32	23	21	21	21	25	23	14	23	32	25	25	26	20

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No impact – I would marry them anyway	30	40	29	26	20	19	23	15	33	36	29	32	27	40	32
I would continue the relationship, but I would not marry them	23	18	29	39	33	23	25	33	24	23	24	25	26	21	26
I would end the relationship	6	5	5	3	7	10	6	3	10	5	6	3	6	4	5
Don't know	41	38	37	31	41	48	46	49	34	36	41	39	41	35	37

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Fairly good	22	19	23	28	24	25	23	49	24	22	20	19	23	22	28
TOTAL GOOD	34	25	37	42	42	36	40	66	37	36	30	32	39	31	40
Neither good nor bad	32	37	35	36	31	37	24	18	28	32	37	33	31	42	32
Fairly bad	6	9	5	3	3	7	5	4	7	7	7	6	7	6	8
Very bad	6	9	3	4	4	4	5	3	7	7	6	6	7	5	4
TOTAL BAD	12	18	8	7	7	11	10	7	14	14	13	12	14	11	12
Don't know	22	20	19	15	21	16	27	9	21	19	20	22	16	16	16

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Very good	17	14	20	13	28	30	18	22	15	19	18	16	21	14	22
Fairly good	29	29	25	29	25	31	29	34	29	28	27	26	31	38	40
TOTAL GOOD	46	43	45	42	53	61	47	56	44	47	45	42	52	52	62
Neither good nor bad	24	27	27	27	21	18	22	22	24	26	25	33	23	28	16
Fairly bad	4	5	3	0	2	3	3	0	6	3	5	4	5	1	4
Very bad	3	4	2	13	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	1	4
TOTAL BAD	7	9	5	13	5	6	6	3	10	7	8	8	9	2	8
Don't know	23	22	22	18	20	14	26	20	22	20	23	18	16	17	15

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When getting married to someone who has children from a previous relationship

Very good	23	29	25	23	26	27	24	18	28	18	24	22	25	25	21	24	25	17	22	23	25	26	23
Fairly good	30	34	33	39	27	32	31	26	34	30	28	32	33	32	27	30	33	32	22	29	28	31	32
TOTAL GOOD	53	63	58	62	53	59	55	44	62	48	52	54	58	57	48	54	58	49	44	52	53	57	55
Neither good nor bad	18	17	18	15	17	16	19	21	16	18	19	21	16	16	21	19	17	15	20	21	18	16	19
Fairly bad	4	5	3	4	6	4	4	6	2	3	4	3	4	4	3	7	6	4	2	3	2	2	4
Very bad	3	3	3	2	5	3	3	5	1	1	2	3	4	3	3	3	1	5	3	2	2	2	3
TOTAL BAD	7	8	6	6	11	7	7	11	3	4	6	6	8	7	7	6	8	11	7	4	5	4	7
Don't know	22	12	19	17	18	19	18	25	19	30	24	19	18	20	24	22	16	25	30	23	23	23	19

When getting married if you have children from a previous relationship

Very good	23	29	25	25	26	28	23	17	29	19	23	23	25	26	20	24	26	16	19	22	24	26	24
Fairly good	32	36	34	38	26	33	32	29	35	34	31	33	33	34	29	32	33	36	26	31	30	34	32
TOTAL GOOD	55	65	59	63	52	61	55	46	64	53	54	56	58	60	49	56	59	52	45	53	54	60	56
Neither good nor bad	17	17	16	12	17	15	19	21	14	13	18	20	15	15	21	17	18	13	22	18	17	15	18
Fairly bad	3	4	3	2	6	3	4	4	2	1	4	3	4	3	4	3	5	5	4	2	3	2	4
Very bad	2	2	3	2	5	2	3	4	1	1	2	3	4	2	3	2	1	4	3	2	3	1	3
TOTAL BAD	5	6	6	4	11	5	7	8	3	2	6	6	8	5	7	5	6	9	7	4	6	3	7
Don't know	22	12	19	21	20	19	18	25	19	33	23	18	19	21	24	22	16	26	27	24	24	22	20

Generally speaking, do you think having a pre- or post-nuptial agreement makes divorce proceedings a more or less stressful experience, or do they make no difference?

Much more stressful	3	3	2	1	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	5	2	3	0	3
Slightly more stressful	7	6	7	6	8	6	6	8	6	9	8	6	4	6	8	7	9	5	8	7	6	8	6
TOTAL MORE STRESSFUL	10	9	9	7	11	8	9	11	8	10	10	9	7	8	11	9	12	8	13	9	9	8	9
Makes no difference	17	18	18	16	22	15	21	19	16	16	15	19	20	16	19	17	18	19	15	17	19	13	18
Slightly less stressful	30	34	29	35	28	33	29	25	35	33	30	30	29	32	27	31	26	27	31	32	26	36	30
Much less stressful	11	10	13	8	11	11	11	10	11	9	12	10	9	11	10	11	14	9	3	10	11	11	11
TOTAL LESS STRESSFUL	41	44	42	43	39	44	40	35	46	42	42	40	38	43	37	42	40	36	34	42	37	47	41
Don't know	33	29	31	33	30	33	30	35	30	33	33	31	33	32	34	32	31	38	38	32	34	31	32

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Fairly good	30	33	27	23	26	27	29	21	26	30	30	37	31	34	35
TOTAL GOOD	53	52	54	42	59	63	52	60	44	55	55	57	59	57	66
Neither good nor bad	18	19	21	30	17	17	16	18	22	22	17	19	14	24	12
Fairly bad	4	5	3	9	2	3	3	0	6	4	3	3	6	2	4
Very bad	3	3	2	4	1	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	1	3
TOTAL BAD	7	8	5	13	3	6	6	3	10	7	6	6	9	3	7
Don't know	22	20	20	15	21	14	26	21	23	17	21	18	18	17	15

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Fairly good	32	35	30	21	27	27	31	35	28	33	32	35	35	35	38
TOTAL GOOD	55	54	59	42	61	65	54	66	45	56	58	57	62	58	71
Neither good nor bad	17	19	19	30	17	15	15	7	20	21	16	20	14	23	10
Fairly bad	3	4	3	9	3	2	2	0	6	4	3	3	5	1	3
Very bad	2	3	1	4	1	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	1	2
TOTAL BAD	5	7	4	13	4	5	4	3	9	7	5	6	8	2	5
Don't know	22	20	18	15	18	15	27	24	26	17	21	18	16	17	14

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Slightly more stressful	7	7	8	6	6	6	7	5	8	9	7	8	9	6	3
TOTAL MORE STRESSFUL	10	10	10	8	8	9	9	10	12	12	9	11	10	9	4
Makes no difference	17	19	17	26	16	14	16	7	23	20	17	7	17	20	18
Slightly less stressful	30	29	29	34	32	33	31	40	25	26	32	34	30	36	43
Much less stressful	11	7	13	9	21	13	12	21	14	12	10	11	11	10	14
TOTAL LESS STRESSFUL	41	36	42	43	53	46	43	61	39	38	42	45	41	46	57
Don't know	33	35	32	23	24	30	32	23	26	31	33	36	32	26	21

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Currently, when pre- and post-nuptial agreements are disputed, this becomes a matter for the courts. To what extent would you support or oppose changing the law in order that pre- and post-nuptial agreements are automatically upheld, as long as both parties entered freely and with full understanding of what they are agreeing to?

Strongly support	21	28	21	18	26	20	27	21	20	12	21	22	22	22	19	21	18	22	24	24	22	11	21
Tend to support	39	44	36	49	38	40	40	36	41	38	37	39	41	39	38	39	45	32	42	33	37	42	43
TOTAL SUPPORT	60	72	57	67	64	60	67	57	61	50	58	61	63	61	57	60	63	54	66	57	59	53	64
Tend to oppose	6	4	9	5	5	7	5	7	5	8	6	6	5	6	6	6	4	4	2	9	5	7	5
Strongly oppose	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	1	1
TOTAL OPPOSE	7	5	10	6	7	8	7	9	6	8	8	8	6	8	7	7	6	7	4	11	6	8	6
Don't know	33	23	33	27	28	33	26	34	33	41	35	30	30	31	36	33	30	40	31	31	36	39	30

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Sample Size: 2306 Adults in UK
Fieldwork: 19th - 20th January 2025

	Marital Status							Income (gross household)							
	Total	Married	Living as married	Separated (after being married)	Divorced	Widowed	Never married	Civil Partnership	Under £14,999	£15,000 - £29,999	£30,000 - £39,999	£40,000 - £49,999	£50,000 - £69,999	£70,000 - £99,999	£100,000+
Weighted Sample	2306	954	294	24	151	83	759	24	259	437	233	186	268	204	114
Unweighted Sample	2306	1062	292	30	179	99	611	22	251	435	246	194	275	209	117
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Currently, when pre- and post-nuptial agreements are disputed, this becomes a matter for the courts. To what extent would you support or oppose changing the law in order that pre- and post-nuptial agreements are automatically upheld, as long as both parties entered freely and with full understanding of what they are agreeing to?

Strongly support	21	19	22	26	28	29	20	22	23	20	24	24	23	25	26
Tend to support	39	40	43	27	42	43	34	49	40	40	38	38	40	39	40
TOTAL SUPPORT	60	59	65	53	70	72	54	71	63	60	62	62	63	64	66
Tend to oppose	6	7	5	3	4	1	6	0	7	6	6	5	7	6	16
Strongly oppose	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
TOTAL OPPOSE	7	9	6	3	4	3	7	0	8	7	7	7	8	7	17
Don't know	33	32	29	43	25	25	39	29	30	32	31	30	30	29	17

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