

YouGov / NSPCC Survey Results

Sample Size: 2958 adults in England
Fieldwork: 4th - 7th March 2022

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	
Weighted Sample	2958	1056	757	281	1074	1207	1446	1512	322	1242	707	686	1716	1242
Unweighted Sample	2958	1050	738	277	1126	1210	1299	1659	297	1188	699	774	1778	1180
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

For the following questions, by 'physical punishment' we mean the use of force, however slight, by a parent on a child for the purpose of correction or control (e.g. smacking).

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

It is always acceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child	3	4	2	3	2	3	4	1	3	2	3	3	2	3
It is usually acceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child, with some exceptions	21	30	14	12	13	31	27	16	15	18	23	29	20	24
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	24	34	16	15	15	34	31	17	18	20	26	32	22	27
It is usually unacceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child, with some exceptions	37	40	36	45	39	38	38	37	29	36	40	41	39	35
It is always unacceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child	31	21	43	36	40	21	22	39	40	35	28	22	32	29
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	68	61	79	81	79	59	60	76	69	71	68	63	71	64
Don't know	8	6	5	5	5	6	9	7	13	9	6	5	6	10

As far as you are aware, is the use of physical punishment of children currently legal in England?

Is legal	20	20	22	24	21	20	22	18	21	21	22	17	22	18
Is not legal	58	60	61	59	61	60	53	62	48	54	60	67	57	59
Don't know	22	19	18	17	19	20	25	19	31	25	19	17	21	24

Would you support or oppose changing the law in England to end the use of physical punishment on children?

Strongly support	28	19	40	34	37	19	20	35	38	30	27	20	29	26
Somewhat support	23	26	23	26	26	23	22	24	18	24	22	27	24	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	51	45	63	60	63	42	42	59	56	54	49	47	53	49
Somewhat oppose	18	23	15	15	16	23	23	14	11	14	22	24	19	17
Strongly oppose	11	14	8	7	6	15	14	8	10	10	12	13	9	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	29	37	23	22	22	38	37	22	21	24	34	37	28	30
Don't know	20	18	15	17	16	20	21	19	23	23	17	16	19	22

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	Region									
	Total	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West
Weighted Sample	2958	153	388	282	295	273	303	411	499	355
Unweighted Sample	2958	158	389	284	307	293	298	354	511	364
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Which of the following comes closest to your view?

It is always acceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child	3	3	3	1	3	2	4	3	3	2
It is usually acceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child, with some exceptions	21	23	23	26	22	20	23	20	17	23
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	24	26	26	27	25	22	27	23	20	25
It is usually unacceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child, with some exceptions	37	41	40	34	34	37	39	37	38	37
It is always unacceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child	31	27	27	31	32	29	27	30	37	32
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	68	68	67	65	66	66	66	67	75	69
Don't know	8	6	7	7	9	12	7	10	5	7

As far as you are aware, is the use of physical punishment of children currently legal in England?

Is legal	20	18	18	22	23	22	18	20	21	18
Is not legal	58	64	61	57	56	57	58	55	55	62
Don't know	22	19	21	21	21	21	24	25	24	20

Would you support or oppose changing the law in England to end the use of physical punishment on children?

Strongly support	28	26	26	27	25	27	23	28	32	29
Somewhat support	23	29	22	19	27	21	24	27	19	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	51	55	48	46	52	48	47	55	51	55
Somewhat oppose	18	21	16	23	16	15	17	19	19	17
Strongly oppose	11	10	15	9	11	14	14	7	9	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	29	31	31	32	27	29	31	26	28	30
Don't know	20	15	21	22	20	22	21	20	20	16

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		Parent/guardian - children younger or older than 18				
		Yes, of at least one child younger than 18 years old	Yes, of at least one child 18 years old or older	No, I am neither a parent or guardian	Don't know/Prefer not to say	
Weighted Sample	2958	630	1009	1311	83	
Unweighted Sample	2958	627	1065	1262	77	
		%	%	%	%	

For the following questions, by 'physical punishment' we mean the use of force, however slight, by a parent on a child for the purpose of correction or control (e.g. smacking).

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

It is always acceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child	3	1	3	3	4
It is usually acceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child, with some exceptions	21	16	25	22	12
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	24	17	28	25	16
It is usually unacceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child, with some exceptions	37	36	41	37	19
It is always unacceptable for a parent to use physical punishment on their child	31	40	26	30	27
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	68	76	67	67	46
Don't know	8	6	5	8	38

As far as you are aware, is the use of physical punishment of children currently legal in England?

Is legal	20	22	19	21	8
Is not legal	58	59	64	54	39
Don't know	22	19	17	25	52

Would you support or oppose changing the law in England to end the use of physical punishment on children?

Strongly support	28	35	24	27	18
Somewhat support	23	21	25	24	18
TOTAL SUPPORT	51	56	49	51	36
Somewhat oppose	18	15	23	17	10
Strongly oppose	11	8	12	12	10
TOTAL OPPOSE	29	23	35	29	20
Don't know	20	20	16	21	45