

YouGov / National Ugly Mugs Survey Results

Sample Size: 1088 adults in Scotland (18+)

Fieldwork: 13th - 17th May 2024

Vote in 2019 GE EU Ref 2016 2014 Indy Ref Gender Social Grade Age Lib Total Con Lab SNP Remain Leave Yes Male Female 18-24 25-49 50-64 65+ ABC1 C2DE Dem Weighted Sample 1088 202 150 77 362 601 238 521 109 435 282 566 392 485 567 262 522 Unweighted Sample 1088 193 79 591 235 376 415 499 589 117 412 273 286 634 454

Which of the following issues, if any, do you think should be the Scottish Government's highest priority at this time? Please tick up to three.

Health	59	65	65	76	63	63	62	53	66	52	65	49	53	63	68	59	59
The economy	51	61	55	53	48	53	50	46	55	53	49	51	48	54	52	56	46
Housing	31	23	33	26	34	32	28	34	26	28	34	30	36	27	29	27	36
Education	27	35	31	30	26	30	30	25	32	29	26	26	23	32	31	32	22
The environment	17	9	21	11	22	19	6	17	13	16	17	25	22	11	9	20	13
Crime	14	24	8	17	10	13	19	10	19	18	11	13	10	16	19	13	15
Tax	13	16	10	18	9	11	14	11	14	18	8	21	15	9	11	14	12
Immigration & Asylum	12	24	6	10	6	8	24	10	16	11	13	8	5	20	18	8	18
Scottish independence	12	3	4	4	22	14	5	22	4	16	8	14	12	15	6	13	11
Family life & childcare	8	4	10	3	12	8	11	13	5	6	11	7	11	6	7	8	8
Welfare benefits	8	6	3	5	11	7	7	13	5	8	8	4	8	7	9	5	11
Pensions	7	10	6	8	3	6	11	6	8	7	7	1	2	9	15	6	8
Transport	6	7	5	7	6	5	7	6	5	7	4	11	7	3	4	7	4
Defence and security	3	4	2	5	3	3	4	2	4	2	5	4	2	3	5	3	4
Issues concerning sex work	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
None of these	1	0	3	3	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	2
Don't know	2	0	3	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	0	1	3

Generally speaking do you think it should or should not be legal in Scotland for a person to do the following...

Pay someone to have sex with them?

Accept payment from someone to have sex with

Should be legal Should not be legal Don't know	47 32 22	45 38 18	44 31 25	53 32 15	52 28 20	50 28 22	39 41 19	49 31 20	44 33 23	58 23 18	36 40 24	45 34 21	51 29 21	48 31 21	40 37 23	50 30 21	43 34 22
them?		10	20	10	20		10	20	20	1 .0		-			20		
Should be legal	50	44	48	57	58	54	39	54	45	59	41	54	56	48	40	54	45
Should not be legal	29	38	30	31	23	26	41	28	32	22	37	28	25	31	36	26	33
Don't know	21	17	23	13	19	20	19	18	22	19	22	18	19	21	24	20	21



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			Scottish Region												
	Total	North East Scotland	Highlands & Islands	South Scotland	West Scotland	Central	Mid-Scotland & Fife	Lothians	Glasgow						
Weighted Sample	1088	178	94	160	111	125	114	164	142						
Unweighted Sample	1088	161	101	167	114	119	117	169	140						
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%						

Which of the following issues, if any, do you think should be the Scottish Government's highest priority at this time? Please tick up to three.

Health	59	62	61	70	58	58	61	58	44
The economy	51	51	50	48	53	46	47	55	56
Housing	31	27	28	30	26	26	19	41	46
Education	27	33	21	28	27	27	27	31	21
The environment	17	11	13	16	14	13	19	23	22
Crime	14	16	13	12	15	12	17	13	14
Tax	13	14	9	9	12	17	15	14	13
Immigration & Asylum	12	13	15	15	14	12	15	6	12
Scottish independence	12	10	12	10	15	9	15	13	11
Family life & childcare	8	10	7	7	10	14	8	6	7
Welfare benefits	8	5	5	10	12	8	13	4	8
Pensions	7	8	7	5	4	9	12	7	3
Transport	6	8	7	6	4	7	6	3	5
Defence and security	3	2	4	5	6	3	6	2	1
Issues concerning sex work	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
None of these	1	0	6	0	1	2	0	2	2
Don't know	2	3	2	2	2	3	1	0	1

Generally speaking do you think it should or should not be legal in Scotland for a person to do the following...

Pay someone to have sex with them?

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Should be legal	47	39	58	45	46	48	41	56	44
Should not be legal	32	40	27	33	34	30	35	24	29
Don't know	22	21	15	22	20	22	24	19	27
Accept payment from someone to have sex with them?									
Should be legal	50	38	62	47	51	53	47	60	48
Should not be legal	29	40	25	29	30	27	31	22	26
Don't know	21	22	13	24	19	20	21	17	25



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	Total			Lib Dem	SNP	Remain	Leave	Yes	No	Male	Female	18-24		50-64		ABC1	C2DE
Weighted Sample		202	150	77	362	601	238	392	485	521	567	109	435		262	566	522
Unweighted Sample		193	154	79	367	591	235	376	415	499	589	117	412		286	634	454
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Do you think it should or should not be legal for two sex workers to work in the same premises?																	
Should be legal	45	39	41	53	51	48	36	50	39	55	36	47	49	45	37	47	43
Should not be legal	24	33	22	17	20	21	33	23	27	20	27	23	21	25	28	21	26
Don't know	31	28	37	30	29	31	30	27	34	25	37	30	30	30	35	32	31
Do you think banks should or should not be allowed to close an existing account or refuse to offer someone an account because they are a sex worker?																	
Should be allowed to	8	12	7	2	9	7	12	9	6	8	7	9	7	10	7	9	7
Should not be allowed to	77	75	80	82	81	81	72	79	78	78	76	68	78	80	77	78	76
Don't know	15	13	13	16	10	13	16	12	16	14	16	22	16	11	16	13	17
Thinking about your local area, which of the following comes closest to your view I would prefer for sex workers to look for business on the street I would prefer for sex workers to look for business online Don't know	63	3 64 33	0 65 34	1 68 31	1 68 31	2 67 31	1 59 40	2 66 32	1 62 37	3 66 31	1 61 38	5 57 38	3 68 28	0 61 39	1 59 40	2 65 33	2 61 37
When the Scottish Government is considering new laws to keep sex workers safe, do you think they should or should not consult sex workers and sex worker-led groups that represent them?																	
The Scottish Government should consult sex workers and sex worker-led groups that represent them	79	80	79	85	87	85	76	83	79	80	78	71	80	84	76	83	75
The Scottish Government should not consult sex workers and sex worker-	7	11	7	2	4	4	12	7	7	8	6	10	5	5	11	7	7
led groups that represent them			-														
Don't know	14	9	14	13	8	10	13	10	14	12	15	19	15	11	12	10	18
Which of the following comes closest to your view?																	
Sex work, even when carried out by those who choose to engage in it, should always be considered to be violence against women	13	12	10	5	12	11	15	12	12	10	16	15	13	12	13	16	10
Sex work, carried out by those who choose to engage in it, should not	62	64	58	74	66	64	63	67	60	69	56	60	63	63	60	61	63
always be considered to be violence against women	-					_										_	
Don't know	25	24	32	21	22	25	22	20	27	22	28	25	23	25	27	24	27



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Do you think it should or should not be legal for two sex workers to work in the same premises?										
Should be legal		36	55	46	41	46	37	53	49	
Should not be legal	24	33	24	21	24	24	29	16	20	
Don't know	31	31	21	33	35	29	34	31	31	
Do you think banks should or should not be allowed to close an existing account or refuse to offer someone an account because they are a sex worker?										
Should be allowed to	8	9	8	9	11	10	7	6	4	
Should not be allowed to	77	70	80	74	76	78	77	81	81	
Don't know	15	20	12	17	13	12	16	13	14	
Thinking about your local area, which of the following comes closest to your view										
I would prefer for sex workers to look for business on the street	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	7	5	
I would prefer for sex workers to look for business online	63	54	71	60	70	66	60	71	56	
Don't know	35	45	29	40	28	33	39	22	40	
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The Scottish Government should consult sex workers and sex worker-led groups that represent them		77	81	74	76	79	78	84	84	
The Scottish Government should not consult sex workers and sex worker- led groups that represent them		4	3	12	9	9	11	5	2	
Don't know		19	15	14	15	11	11	11	13	
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Sex work, even when carried out by those who choose to engage in it, should always be considered to be violence against women	13	16	7	12	11	15	16	11	15	
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always be considered to be violence against women		07	04	07	25	40	20	04	07	
Don't know	25	27	21	27	35	19	22	21	27	



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Which of the following comes closets to your view?																	
The Scottish Government should focus on protecting the health and safety										I							
of sex workers, and providing support to people who want to leave the industry.	69	57	70	76	77	73	59	74	65	70	68	74	74	65	64	71	66
The Scottish Government should focus on preventing people from	14	25	10	7	11	11	23	16	15	15	14	11	11	18	17	13	16
exchanging sexual services for money, including passing laws to outlaw it.	1-7	23	10	,		" "	20	10	13	13	14		• • •	10	17	13	10
Don't know	17	18	20	17	12	15	18	10	21	15	18	15	15	17	19	15	18
How much of a stigma, if at all, do you think there is against sex work in the UK?							_				_				_		
A great deal	43	33	48	41	50	44	39	47	40	42	44	43	51	45	28	44	42
A fair amount	39	49	38	48	36	42	39	38	42	43	36	36	34	43	46	41	37
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	82	82	86	89	86	86	78	85	82	85	80	79	85	88	74	85	79
Not very much	7	8	3	5	7	6	9	6	8	6	8	12	7	5	10	7	7
Not at all	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	7	8	3	5	8	7	10	7	8	7	8	12	8	5	10	8	7
Don't know	10	9	10	5	7	7	13	8	10	8	11	9	8	8	16	8	12
And do you think there should or should not be a stigma against sex work?																	
Should	18	23	18	13	15	16	22	17	19	18	17	19	20	16	16	18	17
Should not	54	45	45	53	68	57	47	63	46	59	50	51	59	51	51	53	54
Don't know	28	32	37	35	17	27	32	20	35	23	33	30	22	33	33	28	29

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The Scottish Government should focus on protecting the health and safety of sex workers, and providing support to people who want to leave the industry.	69	61	74	69	66	67	65	78	72		
The Scottish Government should focus on preventing people from exchanging sexual services for money, including passing laws to outlaw it.	14	17	13	15	13	17	18	12	9		
Don't know	17	22	13	16	21	15	17	10	19		
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A fair amount	39	42	33	40	44	28	36	46	40		
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	82	83	81	85	90	73	77	86	82		
Not very much	7	4	10	5	3	16	10	6	7		
Not at all	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0		
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	7	4	10	5	3	18	10	7	7		
Don't know	10	13	9	10	7	10	13	6	10		
And do you think there should or should not be a stigma against sex work?											
Should	-	22	19	17	14	20	24	11	15		
Should not	-	42	62	53	55	56	50	67	50		
Don't know	28	36	18	30	31	24	26	22	34		

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