

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1948 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 21st - 23rd August 2013

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At the moment, Britain's armed forces operate in the name of the Queen. In practice, all major decisions are taken by government ministers acting in the Queen's name. Sometimes, but not always, MPs debate the issues in Parliament before British troops are sent into action. But Parliament has no formal powers to approve or veto military action.

Different people hold different views about this. Here are some ADVANTAGES that have been suggested for this state of affairs. In each case, do you think this is a strong argument or a weak argument?

It means that the Government retains flexibility in judging the diplomatic, political and military responses to events round the world

Very strong argument	12	19	10	11	13	20	10	7	15	9	11	8	12	16	12	12	11	13	11	11	14
Fairly strong argument	41	51	37	51	45	50	38	41	43	40	30	38	44	47	42	41	43	40	44	39	42
TOTAL STRONG ARGUMENT	53	70	47	62	58	70	48	48	58	49	41	46	56	63	54	53	54	53	55	50	56
Fairly weak argument	24	19	27	24	21	17	26	26	24	24	28	27	23	19	25	22	25	24	24	26	16
Very weak argument	8	3	10	7	7	4	10	13	8	7	5	9	8	6	8	7	7	8	8	7	8
TOTAL WEAK ARGUMENT	32	22	37	31	28	21	36	39	32	31	33	36	31	25	33	29	32	32	32	33	24
Don't know	15	8	16	7	14	10	17	12	10	21	26	19	13	11	13	19	14	15	13	17	21

It allows decisions about military action to be taken quickly, in response to rapidly changing events

Very strong argument	21	30	18	22	28	30	18	16	24	18	19	16	22	26	22	20	23	22	20	19	26
Fairly strong argument	43	50	42	49	39	47	42	45	43	43	32	43	46	45	45	41	37	42	46	45	43
TOTAL STRONG ARGUMENT	64	80	60	71	67	77	60	61	67	61	51	59	68	71	67	61	60	64	66	64	69
Fairly weak argument	17	12	20	16	14	12	19	21	18	17	19	21	16	15	17	18	16	19	16	19	11
Very weak argument	6	3	8	7	7	3	6	7	6	6	10	6	6	4	6	5	9	5	8	4	5
TOTAL WEAK ARGUMENT	23	15	28	23	21	15	25	28	24	23	29	27	22	19	23	23	25	24	24	23	16
Don't know	13	6	12	6	13	8	15	11	8	16	19	14	11	11	10	16	14	12	11	13	16

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It means that enemies can be taken by surprise, which would be lost if decisions were openly debated in advance

Very strong argument	25	34	23	19	37	39	22	16	27	24	15	21	27	31	25	25	21	27	24	27	22
Fairly strong argument	38	47	37	42	34	42	37	38	38	39	32	36	42	39	39	38	36	40	42	37	34
TOTAL STRONG ARGUMENT	63	81	60	61	71	81	59	54	65	63	47	57	69	70	64	63	57	67	66	64	56
Fairly weak argument	19	11	20	27	12	9	20	27	21	16	29	24	16	13	20	18	26	18	16	19	18
Very weak argument	7	4	8	8	6	4	8	11	7	6	5	8	7	6	8	5	6	6	8	6	9
TOTAL WEAK ARGUMENT	26	15	28	35	18	13	28	38	28	22	34	32	23	19	28	23	32	24	24	25	27
Don't know	11	4	12	4	11	6	13	9	7	14	18	11	8	10	9	14	11	9	10	12	17

When the need to take a particular military action is based on secret intelligence, it allows action to be taken without risking the damage that might be done by disclosing that intelligence.

Very strong argument	24	34	21	16	33	36	19	15	28	20	19	19	26	28	24	25	25	26	22	23	25
Fairly strong argument	40	46	40	49	38	42	42	45	38	43	35	39	41	43	42	38	37	40	42	42	35
TOTAL STRONG ARGUMENT	64	80	61	65	71	78	61	60	66	63	54	58	67	71	66	63	62	66	64	65	60
Fairly weak argument	17	11	18	26	13	11	17	22	19	15	16	22	17	14	18	16	21	19	17	15	14
Very weak argument	6	2	10	5	4	3	9	8	7	5	8	7	6	5	7	6	5	5	9	6	6
TOTAL WEAK ARGUMENT	23	13	28	31	17	14	26	30	26	20	24	29	23	19	25	22	26	24	26	21	20
Don't know	12	6	13	4	12	8	13	10	8	17	22	13	10	10	10	16	12	10	11	14	19

And here are some DISADVANTAGES that have been suggested for this state of affairs. Again, in each case, do you think this is a strong argument or a weak argument?

It is fundamentally undemocratic to go to war and risk the lives of British troops without Parliament being consulted first.

Very strong argument	23	19	25	31	28	23	24	29	24	22	14	17	22	33	23	23	23	21	25	25	19
Fairly strong argument	34	34	38	37	33	35	35	36	33	35	35	32	37	34	34	34	38	32	36	31	44
TOTAL STRONG ARGUMENT	57	53	63	68	61	58	59	65	57	57	49	49	59	67	57	57	61	53	61	56	63
Fairly weak argument	21	26	18	21	21	21	21	20	25	18	20	24	23	16	22	20	19	23	18	24	16
Very weak argument	10	15	8	7	9	14	7	7	11	9	8	13	9	9	12	8	8	12	10	9	7
TOTAL WEAK ARGUMENT	31	41	26	28	30	35	28	27	36	27	28	37	32	25	34	28	27	35	28	33	23
Don't know	12	6	12	4	9	8	13	8	7	16	22	14	8	9	10	15	12	12	11	11	14

Weighted Sample
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Decisions taken in private are often bad decisions. If ministers know they must make their case in public, they will be more careful about what they decide.

Very strong argument	17	11	20	22	23	17	19	21	18	16	10	13	17	24	16	18	15	17	18	18	16
Fairly strong argument	37	36	37	38	36	37	35	41	34	40	32	33	39	42	38	36	41	37	36	38	32
TOTAL STRONG ARGUMENT	54	47	57	60	59	54	54	62	52	56	42	46	56	66	54	54	56	54	54	56	48
Fairly weak argument	24	32	23	26	19	28	25	20	28	20	23	28	25	19	26	21	23	26	25	21	23
Very weak argument	9	12	8	6	10	10	8	6	11	7	9	10	9	7	10	7	9	8	9	8	14
TOTAL WEAK ARGUMENT	33	44	31	32	29	38	33	26	39	27	32	38	34	26	36	28	32	34	34	29	37
Don't know	13	8	12	7	11	10	13	11	10	16	26	17	10	9	11	17	13	12	12	15	15

The general public is more likely to support military action if the decision has been made openly and democratically

Very strong argument	19	16	21	28	27	19	20	22	20	18	13	14	19	26	19	19	20	17	22	20	14
Fairly strong argument	40	43	41	40	34	42	37	43	40	40	33	35	45	40	40	39	41	40	37	40	40
TOTAL STRONG ARGUMENT	59	59	62	68	61	61	57	65	60	58	46	49	64	66	59	58	61	57	59	60	54
Fairly weak argument	19	20	16	19	16	19	19	18	20	17	20	22	17	17	20	17	16	19	20	18	22
Very weak argument	8	12	9	8	11	9	9	5	9	8	12	10	7	7	9	8	10	10	9	6	5
TOTAL WEAK ARGUMENT	27	32	25	27	27	28	28	23	29	25	32	32	24	24	29	25	26	29	29	24	27
Don't know	14	9	13	5	13	11	14	11	11	18	23	19	12	10	12	17	13	14	12	16	19

Military action that goes wrong is more likely to be ended quickly if Parliament has the formal power to hold ministers to account

Very strong argument	15	14	16	19	22	15	15	17	16	13	9	10	15	21	15	15	15	13	16	16	15
Fairly strong argument	34	34	37	34	33	35	35	36	34	34	26	30	36	38	34	34	32	35	34	33	35
TOTAL STRONG ARGUMENT	49	48	53	53	55	50	50	53	50	47	35	40	51	59	49	49	47	48	50	49	50
Fairly weak argument	23	27	19	30	19	25	22	23	25	21	25	24	24	21	25	20	23	26	22	21	22
Very weak argument	10	11	10	10	11	11	9	8	13	7	7	14	10	7	11	9	13	8	12	10	5
TOTAL WEAK ARGUMENT	33	38	29	40	30	36	31	31	38	28	32	38	34	28	36	29	36	34	34	31	27
Don't know	18	14	18	6	15	14	18	16	12	24	33	22	15	13	15	22	17	17	16	20	23

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On balance, taking account of the advantages and disadvantages of the different ways of deciding about military action, how do you think the following types of action should be decided?

Declaring war on another country

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	3	3	4	0	4	3	4	1	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	4	2
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	9	15	6	13	11	14	5	7	12	7	8	11	11	7	11	8	8	8	12	11	7
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	16	17	16	20	13	16	18	16	15	18	15	18	16	15	18	14	14	19	16	16	15
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	46	50	49	49	46	49	45	48	50	42	32	38	49	55	47	44	49	45	45	44	48
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	12	6	13	10	19	10	13	15	11	14	13	13	12	12	10	15	13	12	13	13	11
Don't know	13	8	12	9	7	8	15	13	8	18	29	17	10	8	12	16	15	13	12	13	16

Sending British troops into another country as part of an agreed NATO operation

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	7	11	7	5	7	10	7	6	10	4	8	7	8	6	8	7	7	6	6	8	13
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	17	24	15	21	18	20	15	18	19	15	13	18	18	16	19	13	13	17	20	16	13
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	30	33	28	40	28	33	29	30	30	30	30	28	30	32	32	28	28	33	28	26	36
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	26	22	30	24	29	24	27	30	27	25	14	21	29	32	25	28	29	25	27	28	20
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	6	2	6	3	12	5	7	4	5	7	4	6	5	7	4	8	7	5	6	7	2
Don't know	14	7	15	7	7	8	16	12	10	19	31	21	10	6	12	17	16	13	13	15	16

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

Sending British troops into another country as part of an American-led operation not involving NATO

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	3	5	4	1	3	4	4	1	5	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	8	13	7	8	10	12	5	6	10	7	8	11	9	6	10	7	4	10	7	11	6
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	19	23	17	20	16	21	16	17	21	17	17	21	20	16	21	15	19	21	18	15	20
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	40	41	43	50	45	41	42	47	42	38	31	30	43	51	41	40	41	40	42	38	42
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	13	9	13	14	18	12	13	16	12	14	10	13	13	16	11	16	14	12	16	15	10
Don't know	16	10	16	7	8	10	19	13	10	22	31	22	12	9	14	19	19	15	14	17	19

Taking military action that does not involve ground troops (e.g. the Royal Air Force helping to enforce a no-fly zone)

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	6	9	6	3	11	8	6	3	9	4	8	5	7	5	6	7	7	7	5	6	9
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	19	28	15	27	19	25	14	19	21	16	13	22	18	18	22	14	14	19	21	19	17
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	30	32	31	34	24	31	32	31	31	30	27	29	31	32	32	28	28	32	29	27	38
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	24	20	29	26	28	22	26	29	25	23	14	15	27	32	23	25	28	22	23	27	17
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	5	2	4	2	8	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	4	4	4	6	7	5	5	5	1
Don't know	16	9	16	7	10	10	18	14	10	22	32	23	11	9	14	19	17	15	17	17	18

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Taking part in an American-led programme of unmanned 'drone' air attacks against groups in other countries accused of terrorism

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	6	11	5	4	8	9	5	4	9	3	4	6	6	7	6	6	5	7	5	6	6
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	12	19	11	11	15	16	10	9	15	9	13	11	12	12	14	10	9	13	14	11	11
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	24	27	21	30	26	27	23	20	25	23	22	26	23	24	25	22	26	26	20	24	24
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	30	26	35	37	28	27	31	40	31	30	19	23	36	35	32	28	27	29	32	31	32
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	10	6	10	8	14	9	9	12	9	11	8	11	8	12	8	12	13	9	11	10	9
Don't know	18	11	18	10	9	11	22	15	11	25	34	23	15	10	16	21	20	17	17	20	18

Sending small groups of undercover commandos to help one side in a conflict not otherwise involving British troops

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	13	22	11	14	16	19	10	10	18	9	9	14	12	16	14	12	9	14	13	13	13
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	18	24	16	21	21	22	15	17	20	16	18	18	17	18	19	16	16	17	18	17	23
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	27	26	26	34	21	27	24	34	28	26	21	28	29	27	30	23	26	29	25	26	27
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	19	17	22	19	24	18	23	20	18	20	14	12	23	24	18	21	20	20	19	20	15
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	5	3	7	3	7	5	6	4	5	6	5	5	6	6	4	7	9	4	7	5	3
Don't know	18	8	18	9	11	10	22	15	12	23	34	23	14	10	15	21	19	15	17	19	19

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Responding to an urgent request by the United Nations to send British troops to stop genocide

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	10	15	10	11	10	13	9	9	12	8	10	12	10	10	11	9	9	10	10	8	17
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	18	25	17	19	16	22	16	17	20	17	16	19	18	17	20	16	15	19	19	18	19
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	32	33	32	34	25	33	32	35	33	32	28	31	34	33	35	29	30	33	32	34	29
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	22	19	23	27	33	20	24	25	22	21	11	14	24	30	19	25	26	21	22	21	16
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	4	2	4	0	8	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	4	2	5	4	4	4	3	2
Don't know	14	8	14	7	7	8	16	11	10	18	33	21	9	6	12	17	16	13	12	15	17

Supplying arms to one side in a conflict not involving British troops

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	3	4	3	1	5	5	2	1	5	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	2	3	3	3
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	8	13	5	5	10	10	6	5	9	7	9	11	7	6	9	7	5	7	11	9	8
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	17	22	16	21	15	19	15	18	21	13	18	19	16	16	18	15	16	21	15	15	15
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	41	42	43	55	38	44	41	48	44	40	29	30	47	50	45	37	39	43	41	38	49
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	13	7	13	7	21	11	15	14	10	15	6	12	14	14	10	16	15	11	13	16	6
Don't know	18	11	19	9	12	12	21	13	12	24	34	24	13	11	15	22	20	16	18	19	19

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

Selling arms to other countries not currently at war

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	5	9	4	5	6	8	4	4	7	3	3	4	6	6	6	4	4	5	5	5	4
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	10	15	8	11	16	12	8	9	14	6	12	13	8	9	12	8	11	10	10	11	12
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	14	16	11	16	9	18	10	12	16	11	12	15	13	13	15	12	15	17	13	10	14
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	38	39	42	46	35	38	41	44	39	37	25	30	42	46	39	36	35	37	39	41	39
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	16	9	18	12	23	13	18	17	11	21	15	17	16	17	14	19	14	16	19	16	14
Don't know	17	12	17	9	11	12	19	14	12	22	32	22	15	9	14	21	21	16	15	18	18

Sending British troops as part of a United Nations peacekeeping force to prevent armed conflict from erupting

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	6	9	6	3	5	8	6	4	7	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	5	8
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	16	25	14	19	19	19	15	15	18	15	16	18	18	14	19	13	12	19	17	16	14
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	31	31	31	38	26	33	29	35	32	31	24	35	31	31	34	28	30	32	29	33	33
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	27	25	30	26	34	28	27	30	29	26	17	17	31	35	26	29	30	26	29	27	23
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	6	2	6	4	10	4	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	8	4	8	7	5	8	6	4
Don't know	14	8	14	9	6	8	17	9	9	18	32	19	9	7	11	16	16	12	12	14	18

Weighted Sample
Unweighted Sample

Total	Voting intention				2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region				
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
1948	X	X	X	X	600	496	407	947	1001	236	497	666	549	1110	838	249	633	417	479	169
1948	500	609	126	200	643	507	390	924	1024	160	470	720	598	1196	752	223	658	410	496	161
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Sending humanitarian assistance to one side in a conflict not involving British troops

Decision should be taken by ministers alone, without involving Parliament	7	10	7	8	7	8	7	7	9	6	7	9	7	7	8	6	9	8	6	8	8
Ministers should have the right to take the decision and choose when it is appropriate to consult Parliament	14	18	14	20	15	16	13	16	15	13	14	18	15	11	17	11	12	15	16	13	14
Ministers should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop	26	28	26	35	22	27	24	31	28	25	24	23	28	28	29	23	24	28	26	25	28
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	28	29	30	25	33	31	28	27	31	25	18	22	30	35	27	29	27	28	28	28	28
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum	8	5	7	4	14	7	9	7	6	10	4	8	8	10	6	11	9	7	10	9	2
Don't know	16	10	16	8	9	11	19	12	11	21	32	21	12	9	13	20	19	15	15	16	19

Turning now to the work of Britain's intelligence services, such as MI5, MI6 and the Government's Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), please say whether you think the following statements are true or false. Try to answer as best you can without any extra information.

The UK Intelligence Services are allowed in some circumstances to kill people IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES with no questions asked by other parts of the UK government

TRUE	27	26	31	23	29	25	27	31	30	24	29	28	27	25	25	30	25	26	26	27	36
FALSE	41	49	37	52	43	46	37	45	45	37	36	39	44	40	44	36	41	45	41	37	33
Don't know	32	26	32	25	29	29	36	25	26	39	35	33	29	35	31	34	34	29	33	36	31

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TRUE	20	14	25	19	22	17	21	20	22	17	22	22	20	16	18	22	21	19	19	20	23
FALSE	53	64	50	61	53	59	51	57	57	49	46	49	56	55	56	48	52	54	55	53	45
Don't know	28	22	26	20	25	24	28	22	21	33	31	29	23	29	26	30	27	28	27	26	33

	Voting intention				2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region						
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1948	X	X	X	X	600	496	407	947	1001	236	497	666	549	1110	838	249	633	417	479	169	
Unweighted Sample	1948	500	609	126	200	643	507	390	924	1024	160	470	720	598	1196	752	223	658	410	496	161	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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TRUE	22	18	27	22	27	18	26	24	25	19	25	24	21	19	20	24	24	21	21	22	24
FALSE	49	56	47	52	48	57	47	49	51	46	40	46	53	50	52	45	48	51	48	48	46
Don't know	29	26	26	26	25	25	28	27	24	34	36	30	25	30	28	31	28	28	31	30	31

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TRUE	25	18	31	23	31	20	29	24	27	24	29	27	24	23	23	28	28	23	24	27	25
FALSE	47	60	43	55	49	56	44	49	53	42	36	43	51	53	53	41	42	51	49	44	48
Don't know	27	22	26	22	20	24	26	27	20	34	35	30	25	25	24	32	30	25	27	29	28

The UK Intelligence Services are allowed in some circumstances to break into private property IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, like homes and offices, with no questions asked by other parts of the UK government

TRUE	35	35	39	34	38	35	36	36	38	33	33	39	37	31	33	38	35	34	35	37	34
FALSE	32	35	30	35	36	36	31	34	36	28	26	31	35	32	36	26	32	34	34	27	31
Don't know	33	30	31	30	26	30	33	30	26	39	41	31	29	37	31	36	33	32	31	35	35

The UK Intelligence Services are allowed in some circumstances to break into private property IN THE UK, like homes and offices, with no questions asked by other parts of the UK government

TRUE	49	48	52	41	60	50	49	46	49	48	42	43	51	53	47	50	51	47	51	48	47
FALSE	25	30	21	36	23	29	23	30	29	21	24	28	24	25	28	21	22	27	25	24	28
Don't know	26	21	27	22	17	21	27	24	21	31	33	29	25	22	25	29	26	27	24	28	26

The UK Intelligence Services are allowed in some circumstances to hack into the private phone calls, emails and text messages OF FOREIGN CITIZENS with no questions asked by other parts of the UK government

TRUE	58	61	59	61	68	60	58	61	60	56	51	50	60	66	57	60	53	55	62	58	66
FALSE	18	20	18	18	17	19	18	18	21	15	18	22	20	13	19	17	20	19	17	18	15
Don't know	24	19	23	21	15	20	23	21	19	29	31	28	20	21	24	23	27	25	20	25	18

	Voting intention				2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region						
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
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Unweighted Sample	1948	500	609	126	200	643	507	390	924	1024	160	470	720	598	1196	752	223	658	410	496	161	
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TRUE	60	65	63	60	68	62	62	61	60	60	52	54	63	66	60	60	60	59	64	60	56
FALSE	19	21	16	26	19	22	17	21	23	15	15	21	20	17	19	18	18	20	17	19	20
Don't know	21	15	21	13	13	16	21	18	17	25	33	25	17	17	21	21	21	21	18	22	24

The UK Intelligence Services have to show to Parliament how they spend their annual budget

TRUE	47	56	45	59	50	54	43	52	48	47	34	47	53	47	52	41	49	49	49	45	40
FALSE	21	18	24	17	24	20	22	22	26	17	33	21	17	20	20	23	17	20	22	21	28
Don't know	32	26	31	24	25	26	35	25	27	37	33	32	30	33	29	36	34	31	29	34	32

Now thinking about what the UK Intelligence Services SHOULD and SHOULD NOT be allowed to do, please say to what extent, if at all, you agree or disagree with the following statements.

The UK Intelligence Services SHOULD BE allowed in some circumstances to kill people IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES with no questions asked by other parts of the UK government

Strongly agree	6	7	4	5	14	8	6	4	9	4	4	8	6	5	6	7	7	6	5	6	6
Agree	13	17	13	6	16	17	12	8	16	10	12	13	14	11	12	14	11	13	13	13	14
TOTAL AGREE	19	24	17	11	30	25	18	12	25	14	16	21	20	16	18	21	18	19	18	19	20
Neither agree nor disagree	18	20	18	13	17	21	18	13	18	19	15	20	16	20	16	21	15	17	20	21	14
Disagree	29	32	27	34	26	29	27	32	27	32	30	25	30	33	31	27	28	27	28	31	36
Strongly disagree	25	17	30	33	19	18	28	35	25	25	23	25	26	23	27	22	29	26	24	23	22
TOTAL DISAGREE	54	49	57	67	45	47	55	67	52	57	53	50	56	56	58	49	57	53	52	54	58
Don't know	9	6	8	9	7	6	9	8	7	11	16	9	7	7	8	10	10	10	9	7	8

	Voting intention				2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
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The UK Intelligence Services SHOULD BE allowed in some circumstances to kill people IN THE UK with no questions asked by other parts of the UK government

Strongly agree	5	7	4	3	8	7	4	3	7	3	3	7	5	4	4	6	5	5	5	4	5
Agree	11	13	11	7	11	13	10	7	13	9	12	11	11	9	10	11	12	11	11	10	7
TOTAL AGREE	16	20	15	10	19	20	14	10	20	12	15	18	16	13	14	17	17	16	16	14	12
Neither agree nor disagree	14	15	13	10	15	15	15	7	12	15	14	17	11	13	12	16	12	13	13	17	11
Disagree	28	34	26	21	34	33	25	27	25	30	24	23	29	31	28	27	25	25	30	29	35
Strongly disagree	35	25	40	53	26	26	39	49	36	33	32	32	36	36	38	31	36	36	33	34	34
TOTAL DISAGREE	63	59	66	74	60	59	64	76	61	63	56	55	65	67	66	58	61	61	63	63	69
Don't know	8	6	6	6	6	7	8	7	6	10	14	9	7	7	8	9	10	10	8	5	7

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Strongly agree	5	6	4	5	11	6	4	4	7	4	2	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	4	6	5
Agree	14	18	14	12	20	17	13	10	16	13	17	16	14	13	13	16	14	14	17	14	11
TOTAL AGREE	19	24	18	17	31	23	17	14	23	17	19	22	20	18	18	22	20	20	21	20	16
Neither agree nor disagree	20	21	19	12	19	22	19	15	20	19	16	21	19	21	18	22	20	17	20	24	15
Disagree	34	38	33	40	33	37	33	37	30	37	28	30	35	38	38	29	31	35	32	33	37
Strongly disagree	17	10	21	26	10	10	21	25	19	15	18	16	19	15	18	16	17	17	17	16	21
TOTAL DISAGREE	51	48	54	66	43	47	54	62	49	52	46	46	54	53	56	45	48	52	49	49	58
Don't know	10	7	9	7	7	7	10	9	7	12	18	11	8	8	9	11	11	11	10	7	11

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Strongly agree	5	7	3	3	7	7	4	2	6	3	3	6	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	4	4
Agree	12	16	12	8	14	15	11	7	13	11	13	15	10	11	11	13	13	12	13	12	8
TOTAL AGREE	17	23	15	11	21	22	15	9	19	14	16	21	14	15	15	18	18	17	17	16	12
Neither agree nor disagree	17	19	16	8	19	19	15	11	17	17	18	19	16	16	15	19	16	15	17	21	17
Disagree	35	39	35	38	39	38	37	37	32	38	27	29	38	42	37	33	33	34	36	38	35
Strongly disagree	23	15	27	35	15	16	25	35	27	20	23	21	26	22	25	21	25	25	21	19	28
TOTAL DISAGREE	58	54	62	73	54	54	62	72	59	58	50	50	64	64	62	54	58	59	57	57	63
Don't know	8	5	7	7	6	5	8	8	6	10	16	10	6	6	7	9	9	9	9	6	8

	Voting intention				2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
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Strongly agree	8	11	5	7	16	11	7	4	9	6	4	9	8	8	8	8	6	9	9	6	7
Agree	25	33	24	22	28	31	21	22	27	24	25	24	27	25	25	26	26	24	25	28	24
TOTAL AGREE	33	44	29	29	44	42	28	26	36	30	29	33	35	33	33	34	32	33	34	34	31
Neither agree nor disagree	23	23	23	19	24	25	23	18	21	25	22	25	19	28	22	25	25	20	24	27	19
Disagree	22	22	24	30	16	19	24	33	20	24	21	20	25	23	24	20	16	23	24	22	26
Strongly disagree	13	5	17	17	10	7	16	17	16	10	14	13	14	10	13	11	16	13	11	11	15
TOTAL DISAGREE	35	27	41	47	26	26	40	50	36	34	35	33	39	33	37	31	32	36	35	33	41
Don't know	8	6	7	6	6	7	9	7	6	11	14	10	7	7	8	9	11	10	8	6	9

The UK Intelligence Services SHOULD BE allowed in some circumstances to break into private property IN THE UK, like homes and offices, with no questions asked by other parts of the UK government

Strongly agree	8	12	6	3	13	12	8	4	10	7	3	10	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	7	7
Agree	27	35	27	20	33	34	25	22	25	29	22	24	28	32	27	28	28	28	30	27	19
TOTAL AGREE	35	47	33	23	46	46	33	26	35	36	25	34	36	40	35	36	36	37	39	34	26
Neither agree nor disagree	19	19	18	15	19	19	17	16	19	19	24	19	19	17	17	21	18	16	19	22	20
Disagree	23	20	23	31	19	21	24	30	22	24	20	21	25	24	25	21	19	23	23	24	30
Strongly disagree	15	9	18	23	10	9	17	22	18	11	16	16	15	12	15	13	16	15	13	14	16
TOTAL DISAGREE	38	29	41	54	29	30	41	52	40	35	36	37	40	36	40	34	35	38	36	38	46
Don't know	8	5	8	8	7	5	9	7	6	10	14	10	6	6	7	9	10	9	7	6	7

The UK Intelligence Services SHOULD BE allowed in some circumstances to hack into the private phone calls, emails and text messages OF FOREIGN CITIZENS with no questions asked by other parts of the UK government

Strongly agree	15	24	11	10	27	24	14	9	19	12	9	15	16	18	14	17	12	17	18	13	14
Agree	34	42	31	30	41	42	30	31	32	35	26	27	34	42	34	33	31	35	35	35	25
TOTAL AGREE	49	66	42	40	68	66	44	40	51	47	35	42	50	60	48	50	43	52	53	48	39
Neither agree nor disagree	16	14	18	14	11	13	15	14	15	17	16	20	15	14	14	18	17	13	17	19	16
Disagree	17	12	19	21	11	11	20	23	15	19	21	17	20	13	19	15	18	17	14	18	24
Strongly disagree	10	4	14	19	5	5	13	16	14	7	14	12	11	7	11	10	12	11	9	9	14
TOTAL DISAGREE	27	16	33	40	16	16	33	39	29	26	35	29	31	20	30	25	30	28	23	27	38
Don't know	8	4	7	7	4	5	9	7	6	9	14	9	6	6	7	8	11	8	7	5	9

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Unweighted Sample	1948	500	609	126	200	643	507	390	924	1024	160	470	720	598	1196	752	223	658	410	496	161	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Strongly agree	12	18	9	8	15	17	10	6	13	10	9	11	11	14	11	12	10	14	14	9	8
Agree	31	40	29	26	37	39	27	27	28	34	21	28	32	38	32	30	28	32	31	34	29
TOTAL AGREE	43	58	38	34	52	56	37	33	41	44	30	39	43	52	43	42	38	46	45	43	37
Neither agree nor disagree	16	17	15	18	15	15	16	14	16	16	18	19	15	14	14	19	22	11	17	20	17
Disagree	19	15	21	20	17	17	21	26	19	19	20	18	20	19	21	17	17	19	18	20	23
Strongly disagree	14	6	19	22	11	8	17	21	18	11	16	15	16	11	15	14	15	15	13	13	17
TOTAL DISAGREE	33	21	40	42	28	25	38	47	37	30	36	33	36	30	36	31	32	34	31	33	40
Don't know	7	4	7	6	4	4	9	6	5	9	16	8	6	5	7	8	9	9	6	6	6

The UK Intelligence Services SHOULD HAVE to show to Parliament how they spend their annual budget

Strongly agree	28	26	30	34	30	27	30	36	28	29	22	26	30	31	29	28	30	29	28	27	26
Agree	39	41	38	40	37	39	36	44	38	39	33	36	41	41	41	36	37	38	39	37	48
TOTAL AGREE	67	67	68	74	67	66	66	80	66	68	55	62	71	72	70	64	67	67	67	64	74
Neither agree nor disagree	15	17	13	10	15	17	14	8	14	15	15	16	14	14	13	16	15	13	15	17	12
Disagree	7	10	8	4	9	10	8	4	9	6	7	8	6	8	7	8	5	8	8	9	3
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	2	4	3	3	2	5	2	5	5	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	4	3
TOTAL DISAGREE	10	13	11	6	13	13	11	6	14	8	12	13	9	10	11	11	8	11	12	13	6
Don't know	8	3	7	9	6	4	9	6	6	9	18	9	6	4	7	9	11	9	6	6	7