

YouGov Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 3rd - 4th April 2023

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Unweighted Sample	1838	651	444	161	724	739	802	1036	144	738	461	495	1090	748
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

What proportion, if any, of reported rape allegations do you think are false accusations?

All of them	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
A very large proportion	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
A fairly large proportion	4	7	2	4	3	5	6	3	5	4	4	4	4	4
TOTAL A LARGE PROPORTION / ALL	6	9	4	7	4	7	8	4	7	7	5	5	6	5
Around half	10	15	4	8	6	14	13	7	7	10	10	10	8	12
A fairly small proportion	36	40	29	33	31	40	36	35	30	33	35	43	33	38
A very small proportion	37	28	51	40	47	29	28	45	48	39	37	32	41	33
TOTAL A SMALL PROPORTION / NONE	83	83	84	81	84	83	77	87	85	82	82	85	82	83
None of them	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	0
Don't know	10	9	11	10	9	9	14	7	7	10	12	9	9	11

In general, do you think that making a false allegation of rape is as serious, more serious, or less serious than committing a rape?

More serious	14	18	6	14	9	20	18	11	10	11	16	20	12	17
Less serious	20	12	31	23	26	10	17	23	42	24	18	8	25	14
About as serious	61	69	58	59	61	68	61	62	40	59	63	71	59	65
Don't know	4	1	5	4	4	1	4	4	8	5	3	1	4	3

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Around half	10	10	16	6	10	11	7	10	18	2	11	7
A fairly small proportion	36	35	38	37	35	44	23	36	34	27	40	11
A very small proportion	37	37	27	43	39	32	44	36	18	62	34	34
TOTAL A SMALL PROPORTION / NONE	83	82	81	86	84	87	74	82	70	91	85	52
None of them	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	12
Don't know	10	10	11	9	11	7	10	11	10	4	11	36

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More serious	14	14	16	14	15	14	22	12	100	0	0	0
Less serious	20	20	13	26	20	17	25	20	0	100	0	0
About as serious	61	62	65	55	61	68	48	65	0	0	100	0
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Which of the following, if any, do you should be the typical punishment for someone convicted of ****rape****?

A fine	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Community service	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
1 - 2 years prison sentence	3	3	4	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	4	3	3
3 - 4 years prison sentence	10	13	11	6	10	11	11	9	10	8	7	14	9	11
5 - 9 years prison sentence	18	18	18	19	19	19	17	18	13	15	19	23	18	17
10 -14 years prison sentence	22	22	22	28	24	23	22	22	14	21	24	24	23	21
15 - 20 years prison sentence	15	16	16	16	17	13	14	16	17	16	15	12	16	14
Over 20 years prison sentence	17	16	17	15	14	17	15	19	27	19	18	9	16	18
Death penalty	3	2	1	0	2	3	3	3	5	3	4	1	2	4
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	1
Don't know	9	8	8	6	9	7	10	8	8	10	9	7	9	8
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1

Which of the following, if any, do you should be the typical punishment for someone convicted of ****falsely accusing someone else of rape****?

A fine	3	2	3	1	3	1	2	4	7	3	2	1	3	3
Community service	7	6	10	9	10	5	5	10	10	7	7	7	9	5
1 - 2 years prison sentence	20	22	20	19	20	22	18	22	18	17	21	24	20	20
3 - 4 years prison sentence	16	18	15	19	16	18	18	13	10	13	18	19	16	15
5 - 9 years prison sentence	15	17	12	17	15	18	17	13	13	15	16	15	15	16
10 -14 years prison sentence	8	9	7	7	6	9	10	6	8	9	9	6	7	10
15 - 20 years prison sentence	4	3	4	1	3	4	5	3	5	5	3	3	4	4
Over 20 years prison sentence	3	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	2	3
Death penalty	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Other	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	10	7	12	12	13	7	10	11	7	13	9	9	11	10
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	13	11	13	11	11	12	11	15	15	13	11	13	13	13

RECODE: Compared responses to rape sentencing and false rape allegation sentencing question

Gave a more harsh sentence for rape than for false rape allegation	66	66	70	63	67	65	61	70	76	63	69	65	67	64
Gave the same sentence for both rape and false rape allegation	17	20	12	18	15	21	21	14	4	18	16	21	14	21
Gave a more harsh sentence for false rape allegation than for rape	2	1	2	4	1	2	3	1	5	2	1	1	3	1
Other/Don't know	15	12	16	15	17	11	15	15	16	16	14	13	16	14

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Community service	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	0
1 - 2 years prison sentence	3	3	1	1	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	4
3 - 4 years prison sentence	10	10	16	8	7	10	12	10	15	6	10	1
5 - 9 years prison sentence	18	17	18	23	17	18	17	17	18	15	19	9
10 -14 years prison sentence	22	22	26	22	22	20	21	24	20	25	22	15
15 - 20 years prison sentence	15	15	11	19	16	16	14	14	14	18	15	12
Over 20 years prison sentence	17	18	16	10	19	19	13	18	10	23	16	20
Death penalty	3	3	0	2	3	5	2	3	5	2	3	3
Other	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	4
Don't know	9	9	10	9	9	7	9	9	7	5	9	29
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	1	1	1	4	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	3

Which of the following, if any, do you should be the typical punishment for someone convicted of ****falsely accusing someone else of rape****?

A fine	3	3	1	3	2	4	5	2	3	7	1	3
Community service	7	7	4	8	5	6	9	9	6	18	4	1
1 - 2 years prison sentence	20	20	16	23	18	19	22	20	16	22	20	18
3 - 4 years prison sentence	16	16	15	15	17	12	18	15	15	11	17	15
5 - 9 years prison sentence	15	15	20	13	16	18	10	15	18	6	18	3
10 -14 years prison sentence	8	8	13	6	10	8	7	8	11	4	9	3
15 - 20 years prison sentence	4	4	4	2	4	7	3	3	4	2	5	0
Over 20 years prison sentence	3	3	1	0	3	2	4	3	4	0	3	6
Death penalty	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Other	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	4
Don't know	10	10	14	14	10	8	10	11	7	11	9	40
A prison sentence of less than 1 year	13	13	9	14	14	14	11	12	13	16	12	7

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Gave a more harsh sentence for false rape allegation than for rape	2	2	3	2	1	1	6	1	8	1	0	5
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