

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2619 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 21st - 22nd August 2011

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	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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Individuals accused of offences during the riots across Britain last week are currently being processed and sentenced in the courts.

To what extent, if at all, do you trust the courts to sentence the rioters effectively?

Trust a lot	16	24	15	20	22	15	15	17	16	15	15	16	18	18	15	17	17	16	14	21
Trust a little	45	51	45	49	49	43	47	44	45	49	44	45	43	47	41	44	46	45	45	38
TOTAL TRUST	61	75	60	69	71	58	62	61	61	64	59	61	61	65	56	61	63	61	59	59
Don't trust a lot	22	16	24	16	18	25	21	20	24	14	22	23	25	21	24	22	22	23	21	24
Don't trust at all	13	8	14	7	9	15	10	15	10	15	11	13	13	11	14	9	11	12	17	13
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	35	24	38	23	27	40	31	35	34	29	33	36	38	32	38	31	33	35	38	37
Don't know	4	1	3	8	2	3	6	4	5	7	8	3	2	3	5	8	4	4	2	4

Do you think the sentences handed out by the courts so far are too lenient, about right or too harsh?

Too lenient	33	38	25	21	39	27	26	34	32	32	30	33	36	29	38	31	35	36	31	29
About right	45	53	44	46	51	44	46	43	46	38	45	44	49	47	42	44	44	45	46	46
Too harsh	14	5	23	16	6	21	16	16	12	18	15	14	10	15	12	18	13	10	14	17
Don't know	8	3	8	16	4	8	12	7	10	12	11	8	5	8	8	7	8	9	8	9

To what extent do you agree or disagree that there is a need for reform of the sentencing system?

Strongly agree	43	48	38	30	49	41	35	41	44	37	37	42	52	38	49	38	41	43	48	43
Tend to agree	42	42	47	51	41	46	47	43	41	43	45	43	39	45	39	41	46	41	40	41
TOTAL AGREE	85	90	85	81	90	87	82	84	85	80	82	85	91	83	88	79	87	84	88	84
Tend to disagree	6	5	6	9	4	6	7	8	4	7	6	6	4	7	4	7	6	5	6	7
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	1
TOTAL DISAGREE	7	6	7	10	5	7	8	9	5	9	7	7	5	9	4	9	7	6	7	8
Don't know	8	5	7	9	5	6	10	7	9	10	11	7	5	8	8	13	7	9	6	8

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How effective, if at all, do you think non-custodial sentences (e.g. community service, fines, suspended sentences) are at punishing offenders and preventing them from committing crimes again?

At punishing offenders

Very effective	3	2	4	4	2	4	3	3	3	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	4
Fairly effective	20	17	26	30	16	24	26	19	22	27	24	18	17	22	18	23	23	17	19	18
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	23	19	30	34	18	28	29	22	25	29	28	21	19	25	20	26	26	20	22	22
Not very effective	36	40	35	41	37	36	39	37	35	34	35	37	37	36	36	37	35	36	37	35
Not effective at all	36	39	31	20	42	32	26	37	35	30	30	39	40	33	39	29	35	38	38	36
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	72	79	66	61	79	68	65	74	70	64	65	76	77	69	75	66	70	74	75	71
Don't know	5	2	4	5	3	4	6	5	5	8	7	4	3	5	5	8	4	5	3	7

At preventing offenders from committing further crimes

Very effective	2	1	3	4	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2
Fairly effective	13	10	19	20	10	16	18	13	13	16	15	12	12	15	10	17	13	12	13	12
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	15	11	22	24	12	19	20	16	15	19	18	14	14	18	12	19	15	14	16	14
Not very effective	35	38	36	38	34	35	41	32	37	34	35	35	35	35	35	34	37	34	33	36
Not effective at all	44	49	38	33	51	41	32	47	41	39	38	46	48	41	48	38	43	46	47	42
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	79	87	74	71	85	76	73	79	78	73	73	81	83	76	83	72	80	80	80	78
Don't know	6	3	4	5	3	4	6	5	6	8	8	4	4	6	5	9	5	6	4	7

And how effective, if at all, do you think custodial sentences (i.e. prison sentences) are at punishing offenders and preventing them from committing crimes again?

At punishing offenders

Very effective	13	17	13	10	18	12	11	15	11	16	13	12	13	14	12	16	14	11	12	10
Fairly effective	47	54	48	52	51	46	49	46	48	47	45	50	46	50	43	47	50	48	44	43
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	60	71	61	62	69	58	60	61	59	63	58	62	59	64	55	63	64	59	56	53
Not very effective	25	19	27	26	20	29	28	25	25	22	25	25	27	23	28	24	22	25	28	30
Not effective at all	10	9	9	8	10	9	8	10	11	9	10	10	12	9	13	7	11	10	11	11
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	35	28	36	34	30	38	36	35	36	31	35	35	39	32	41	31	33	35	39	41
Don't know	5	2	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	7	7	4	2	5	4	6	4	5	4	5

At preventing offenders from committing further crimes

Very effective	7	9	6	4	10	6	3	8	6	8	6	6	7	6	8	10	6	6	7	3
Fairly effective	32	41	31	25	39	29	28	30	34	30	30	34	32	33	31	31	34	31	32	31
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	39	50	37	29	49	35	31	38	40	38	36	40	39	39	39	41	40	37	39	34
Not very effective	38	34	42	46	33	42	45	39	38	36	38	40	38	40	37	36	36	41	40	40
Not effective at all	17	13	17	21	14	18	18	18	17	19	17	15	20	16	19	16	19	17	16	19
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	55	47	59	67	47	60	63	57	55	55	55	55	58	56	56	52	55	58	56	59
Don't know	5	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	7	8	5	3	6	5	8	5	5	5	6

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Which part of the Sentencing system do you think is most in need of reform?

[Asked to people who "Strongly agree" or "Tend to agree" that there is a need for reform of the sentencing system, n=2201]

Prison sentences	49	47	52	47	47	52	45	47	52	59	51	52	42	47	52	46	47	49	54	50
Community sentences	19	20	20	21	20	19	22	22	16	11	15	21	23	21	17	17	20	19	18	21
Suspended sentences (where the sentence is suspended unless the offender commits a crime again)	15	17	12	17	17	11	16	14	15	16	17	13	13	15	14	17	15	14	13	15
Fines	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	1	3	3	6	4	3	4	4	4	3	4
Conditional discharge	3	4	2	3	4	2	4	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	3	4	4	2	2	2
None of these	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	9	8	10	8	8	11	9	9	10	10	11	8	10	9	11	12	9	11	9	7