

YouGov / The Times Survey Results

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The Labour Government have proposed a series of changes to disability benefits. From what you have seen or heard about these proposals do you support or oppose them?

Strongly support	7	14	7	4	11	2	7	10	9	6	4	7	9	9	9	5	8	4	7	7	10	7	7
Tend to support	19	25	21	20	19	12	21	21	22	16	10	16	22	25	21	16	20	11	19	19	21	18	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	26	39	28	24	30	14	28	31	31	22	14	23	31	34	30	21	28	15	26	26	31	25	27
Tend to oppose	16	15	17	21	15	20	20	13	15	17	18	14	17	20	17	16	16	16	16	17	19	12	16
Strongly oppose	24	20	28	27	25	40	25	30	26	23	17	22	29	28	21	28	24	23	26	25	23	22	25
TOTAL OPPOSE	40	35	45	48	40	60	45	43	41	40	35	36	46	48	38	44	40	39	42	42	42	34	41
Don't know	33	26	28	28	31	26	27	26	27	38	52	41	24	19	31	34	32	46	32	32	27	40	31

Generally speaking there are two types of disability benefit in the UK: disability benefits aimed at supporting disabled people who are unable to work and disability benefits aimed at helping disabled people with increased living costs from their disability, which are also paid to disabled people in work.  
Thinking about the AMOUNT of money people receive in disability benefits, would you support or oppose...

Cutting the amount of money that is paid to disabled people who are working?

Strongly support	6	9	5	3	10	1	4	9	9	4	6	5	10	4	6	6	6	3	6	7	6	7	6
Tend to support	27	40	19	26	36	16	25	34	27	26	18	23	28	36	26	27	27	20	25	29	27	22	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	33	49	24	29	46	17	29	43	36	30	24	28	38	40	32	33	33	23	31	36	33	29	34
Tend to oppose	28	23	32	29	21	29	30	23	28	28	39	28	24	26	30	24	27	31	32	28	29	25	26
Strongly oppose	25	14	31	29	18	47	27	21	24	25	30	28	23	19	24	26	24	34	26	23	25	27	24
TOTAL OPPOSE	53	37	63	58	39	76	57	44	52	53	69	56	47	45	54	50	51	65	58	51	54	52	50
Don't know	15	14	12	14	15	7	14	13	12	17	7	16	15	15	13	16	15	12	11	13	14	19	16

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Cutting the amount of money that is paid to disabled people who are unable to work?

Strongly support	3	5	2	1	8	1	2	4	5	1	4	3	4	3	4	2	3	1	5	4	3	2	4
Tend to support	10	15	8	9	15	6	8	14	11	9	5	9	11	11	11	8	10	11	6	9	12	10	10
TOTAL SUPPORT	13	20	10	10	23	7	10	18	16	10	9	12	15	14	15	10	13	12	11	13	15	12	14
Tend to oppose	30	34	29	34	33	26	34	29	30	30	25	31	30	31	32	28	30	26	30	31	30	23	33
Strongly oppose	44	33	50	45	31	60	45	41	43	45	59	43	42	42	41	48	43	48	49	45	42	49	41
TOTAL OPPOSE	74	67	79	79	64	86	79	70	73	75	84	74	72	73	73	76	73	74	79	76	72	72	74
Don't know	13	13	10	11	13	7	11	12	10	15	7	13	13	13	12	14	13	13	10	11	12	16	14

Thinking about WHO is eligible for disability benefits, would you support or oppose...  
Tightening eligibility rules so it is more difficult for people to claim disability benefits aimed at supporting those in work?

Strongly support	14	22	10	7	28	3	10	19	16	11	11	13	16	13	15	11	14	10	12	13	13	14	15
Tend to support	32	40	28	37	32	19	30	37	30	33	26	27	35	39	29	35	33	20	30	35	33	29	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	46	62	38	44	60	22	40	56	46	44	37	40	51	52	44	46	47	30	42	48	46	43	48
Tend to oppose	21	14	26	24	18	24	24	16	22	21	29	22	19	20	24	18	22	19	20	21	25	21	20
Strongly oppose	17	6	22	20	9	39	20	15	16	17	17	20	16	12	16	18	16	20	21	16	14	19	16
TOTAL OPPOSE	38	20	48	44	27	63	44	31	38	38	46	42	35	32	40	36	38	39	41	37	39	40	36
Don't know	17	18	13	12	13	14	16	13	16	18	18	18	14	16	16	18	16	32	16	15	15	17	16

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Tend to support	22	30	20	19	24	15	23	25	22	23	14	23	22	25	23	21	23	17	21	26	20	17	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	33	45	28	27	45	18	30	40	35	31	24	34	34	34	35	30	34	21	32	34	32	26	36
Tend to oppose	25	24	26	37	26	27	26	22	25	25	25	24	23	28	25	24	25	26	20	23	28	30	23
Strongly oppose	27	14	34	26	18	47	30	25	26	28	33	26	29	23	26	28	26	28	32	28	25	27	26
TOTAL OPPOSE	52	38	60	63	44	74	56	47	51	53	58	50	52	51	51	52	51	54	52	51	53	57	49
Don't know	15	16	13	10	11	9	15	12	14	17	17	16	14	14	14	17	15	25	16	14	14	16	15

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Do you think people should or should not be able to claim disability benefits for mental health conditions?

Should always be able to	15	6	19	16	9	24	18	11	15	16	15	19	14	11	14	17	15	18	17	18	15	17	12
Should mostly be able to, with some exceptions	34	32	40	40	19	42	41	27	34	35	42	34	32	35	35	34	34	36	39	35	30	40	33
TOTAL SHOULD MOSTLY / ALWAYS BE ABLE	49	38	59	56	28	66	59	38	49	51	57	53	46	46	49	51	49	54	56	53	45	57	45
Should mostly NOT be able to, with some exceptions	39	47	33	36	56	28	32	47	40	37	36	36	41	42	41	36	40	32	30	38	43	30	43
Should never be able to	5	8	2	2	12	1	2	9	5	4	2	5	6	5	5	5	5	2	4	5	6	4	5
TOTAL SHOULD MOSTLY NOT / NEVER BE ABLE	44	55	35	38	68	29	34	56	45	41	38	41	47	47	46	41	45	34	34	43	49	34	48
Don't know	7	6	7	7	5	5	7	6	6	8	5	7	8	8	7	7	6	12	10	5	6	8	7

Over the last five years the number of people in receipt of disability benefit has significantly risen. Which of the following best reflects your view of this?

The rise in disability benefits is most likely the result of more people being in poorer health and genuinely needing support	34	13	46	41	16	59	42	21	32	35	49	38	29	23	35	32	33	41	39	34	31	35	32
The rise in disability benefits is most likely the result of more people claiming disability benefits when they don't really need it	49	72	32	39	73	22	38	66	51	47	29	42	54	63	49	48	50	35	47	52	53	38	50
Neither of these	7	5	11	7	6	10	8	5	8	6	14	6	7	6	7	7	8	8	3	7	8	8	7
Don't know	11	10	11	13	4	9	12	7	9	12	8	13	10	8	9	12	10	16	12	7	8	18	11

\*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.