

YouGov / HSI Survey Results

Sample Size: 1805 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 14th - 15th October 2013

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	
1805	X	X	X	X	557	433	377	875	930	215	457	617	516	1029	776	231	587	386	444	157	
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Weighted Sample

Unweighted Sample

A 6 week 'pilot' cull of badgers recently took place in Gloucestershire and Somerset, during which the government licensed the shooting of badgers as part of its strategy to tackle bovine tuberculosis in cattle. The pilot culls were set up to determine the effectiveness (in terms of badger removal), humaneness and safety of shooting. In the 6 week period approx. 5,000 badgers were due to be culled.

The companies conducting the cull now want to extend the shooting for a further 3 weeks as they have not culled the target number of badgers set before the cull began. The government has also revised its earlier pre-cull population estimate, as it now believes there are around one-third fewer badgers in the area than it had originally estimated, and has reduced the target number of badgers due to be culled down to 2,600.

Regardless of whether or not you supported the badger cull, do you think it has been a success or failure?

Success	15	22	12	19	18	18	13	10	18	13	22	17	14	12	16	14	17	15	16	14	15
Failure	51	39	63	49	56	43	59	61	49	52	45	45	53	56	49	53	46	51	46	55	54
Don't know	34	39	25	31	25	38	27	29	33	35	33	38	33	32	34	34	37	33	38	31	31

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The government has confirmed that it is considering the use of gassing as an alternative method of killing badger. Would you support or oppose the government allowing badgers to be gassed?

Strongly support	3	6	1	1	4	5	2	1	4	2	4	3	3	4	4	2	1	4	5	2	3
Support	18	26	15	31	16	25	15	17	22	14	19	17	16	20	18	17	17	19	19	16	17
TOTAL SUPPORT	21	32	16	32	20	30	17	18	26	16	23	20	19	24	22	19	18	23	24	18	20
Oppose	26	29	28	23	21	27	29	25	27	26	23	28	27	25	29	23	31	25	26	27	24
Strongly oppose	32	18	40	26	33	23	36	39	26	37	31	28	35	31	28	36	23	33	29	35	37
TOTAL OPPOSE	58	47	68	49	54	50	65	64	53	63	54	56	62	56	57	59	54	58	55	62	61
Don't know	21	20	15	19	26	20	18	19	21	21	23	25	18	20	20	22	28	20	21	20	19