

Ibarómetro / Malvinas Survey Results



Fieldwork: 2nd April 2012

Sample Size: 1800 Argentine Adults

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region*	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Weight Sample	1800	897	903	275	502	607	416	817	669	314	632	1168
col %	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

*Region: AMBA refers to the capital city and the metropolitan area of Buenos Aires. INT refers to the rest of the country.

What is your general opinion of the UK?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Very positive	7.2	8.9	5.5	5.8	13.5	3.9	5.4	7.6	6.4	7.8	6.6	7.5
Fairly positive	11.8	13.2	10.4	19.8	14.3	9.3	7.2	6.0	13.8	21.3	12.5	11.4
Total positive	19.0	22.2	15.8	25.6	27.8	13.2	12.5	13.6	20.2	29.1	19.1	18.9
Fairly negative	35.4	33.1	37.8	36.1	26.2	34.9	46.9	39.8	33.2	32.8	32.1	37.2
Very negative	29.4	31.0	27.9	23.6	30.6	32.9	26.9	29.0	29.7	27.3	32.6	27.7
Total negative	64.9	64.1	65.6	59.7	56.9	67.8	73.8	68.8	62.9	60.1	64.7	65.0
Don't know	16.1	13.7	18.5	14.7	15.4	19.0	13.7	17.6	16.9	10.8	16.2	16.1

Generally speaking, how much do you know about Britain, its history, and people?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
A great deal	7.9	8.2	7.5	9.0	6.5	5.6	12.0	8.2	4.8	8.8	8.8	7.3
A fair amount	24.8	30.8	18.9	31.1	24.2	25.4	20.6	15.1	27.3	42.3	29.6	22.2
Total great + fair	32.7	39.0	26.4	40.1	30.7	31.0	32.6	23.4	32.1	51.1	38.4	29.6
Not very much	46.8	43.1	50.5	44.8	51.5	47.8	40.9	49.3	47.6	41.8	44.4	48.1
Nothing at all	13.5	11.1	15.8	8.8	12.2	13.9	17.5	17.6	13.3	5.8	11.8	14.4
Total not very much + nothing	60.2	54.2	66.3	53.6	63.7	61.7	58.4	66.9	60.9	47.6	56.2	62.5
Don't know	7.1	6.8	7.3	6.3	5.6	7.3	9.0	9.8	7.0	1.3	5.4	8.0

How important an issue, if at all, do you think the Malvinas Islands are to Argentina?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Very important	55.7	55.5	55.9	60.5	56.8	51.8	57.0	54.8	59.2	53.5	51.8	57.8
Fairly important	30.5	30.2	30.9	31.7	29.2	33.3	27.2	31.4	27.3	33.3	32.5	29.5
Total important	86.2	85.7	86.8	92.3	86.1	85.1	84.2	86.2	86.5	86.8	84.3	87.3
Not very important	8.7	9.0	8.4	4.8	8.6	9.6	10.2	8.3	8.3	9.4	10.9	7.5
Not at all important	2.0	2.2	1.9	.7	2.8	1.5	2.8	1.7	2.2	2.6	1.7	2.2
Total not important	10.7	11.2	10.2	5.5	11.3	11.1	13.0	10.0	10.6	12.0	12.6	9.7
Don't know	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.2	2.6	3.8	2.9	3.8	2.9	1.2	3.1	3.0

How important an issue, if at all, do you think the Malvinas Islands are to the UK?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Very important	29.4	31.1	27.7	29.8	26.9	29.8	31.7	25.0	32.7	32.4	31.2	28.5
Fairly important	27.8	24.8	30.7	30.6	29.8	28.7	22.1	24.3	27.6	35.3	26.3	28.6
Total important	57.2	56.0	58.4	60.4	56.7	58.5	53.8	49.3	60.3	67.7	57.5	57.1
Not very important	20.4	20.4	20.3	27.5	20.4	17.0	20.6	18.6	21.7	21.9	22.0	19.4
Not at all important	12.6	15.1	10.2	4.6	16.1	13.8	12.0	17.7	10.2	6.7	9.5	14.3
Total not important	33.0	35.6	30.5	32.1	36.5	30.8	32.7	36.3	31.9	28.6	31.6	33.7
Don't know	9.8	8.4	11.1	7.6	6.8	10.7	13.6	14.3	7.9	3.7	10.9	9.2

How legitimate, if at all, would you say Argentina's claims to the Malvinas Islands are?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Very legitimate	66.3	67.0	65.5	55.7	66.9	67.3	71.1	64.4	66.4	69.0	66.7	66.1
Fairly legitimate	23.2	21.5	24.8	28.2	22.2	23.5	20.5	26.0	21.2	21.8	24.2	22.6
Total legitimate	89.4	88.6	90.3	83.8	89.1	90.7	91.6	90.4	87.6	90.8	90.9	88.7
Not very legitimate	5.2	6.4	4.0	9.5	5.3	4.5	3.3	4.3	6.0	5.4	4.6	5.5
Not at all legitimate	1.4	1.3	1.5	.8	2.1	1.1	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.3
Total not legitimate	6.6	7.7	5.5	10.4	7.4	5.5	4.7	5.3	7.6	7.1	6.2	6.8
Don't know	4.0	3.7	4.2	5.8	3.5	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.8	2.1	3.0	4.5

How legitimate, if at all, would you say the UK's claims to the Malvinas Islands are?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Very legitimate	7.3	6.2	8.4	9.2	10.1	5.0	6.0	9.9	5.9	3.8	7.4	7.2
Fairly legitimate	4.9	4.7	5.2	10.2	4.1	4.0	3.8	2.7	6.5	6.3	5.1	4.8
Total legitimate	12.2	10.8	13.5	19.4	14.2	9.0	9.7	12.5	12.4	10.1	12.5	12.1
Not very legitimate	29.1	28.0	30.1	33.9	27.0	29.1	28.4	27.7	28.6	34.7	29.5	28.9
Not at all legitimate	50.8	52.7	48.9	37.6	53.6	54.1	51.1	48.7	52.3	51.6	53.1	49.5
Total not legitimate	79.8	80.7	79.0	71.5	80.6	83.2	79.5	76.4	81.0	86.3	82.6	78.4
Don't know	8.0	8.4	7.5	9.1	5.1	7.9	10.8	11.1	6.6	3.6	5.0	9.5

Taking everything into account, how good or bad do you think the actions and measures taken by the Argentinian Government over the Malvinas have been?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Very good	30.6	30.5	30.6	28.6	21.3	35.4	36.0	34.5	27.6	27.1	30.4	30.7
Fairly good	25.7	27.7	23.8	19.7	28.1	24.9	28.1	25.1	27.1	25.8	24.8	26.3
Total good	56.3	58.3	54.4	48.3	49.4	60.3	64.1	59.6	54.8	52.9	55.1	57.0
Neither good nor bad	23.9	19.9	27.9	33.9	25.8	20.0	20.9	19.7	27.4	27.3	25.4	23.1
Fairly bad	10.7	12.5	8.9	10.7	15.0	8.5	8.7	10.6	10.2	12.0	9.9	11.1
Very bad	3.9	4.6	3.2	1.8	7.3	3.1	2.4	2.9	3.6	5.0	5.7	2.9
Total bad	14.6	17.2	12.0	12.5	22.4	11.5	11.1	13.5	13.8	17.0	15.6	14.1
Don't know	5.2	4.6	5.7	5.3	2.5	8.2	3.9	7.2	4.1	2.8	3.9	5.8

And how good or bad do you think the actions and measures taken by the UK Government over the Malvinas have been?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Very good	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.0	7.6	2.9	6.3	6.4	5.0	3.3	5.3	5.3
Fairly good	6.4	6.7	6.0	4.5	5.5	8.5	5.5	7.2	4.7	7.2	5.8	6.7
Total good	11.7	12.1	11.3	9.5	13.1	11.4	11.8	13.6	9.6	10.5	11.1	12.0
Neither good nor bad	25.2	25.5	24.9	27.0	24.1	25.7	24.6	25.8	24.4	26.2	27.6	23.9
Fairly bad	36.4	37.3	35.4	41.4	34.4	31.9	42.0	32.2	38.3	41.1	38.7	35.1
Very bad	12.2	12.0	12.5	7.4	12.6	13.8	12.7	9.7	14.1	15.9	14.4	11.1
Total bad	48.6	49.3	47.9	48.8	47.0	45.8	54.7	41.9	52.4	57.0	53.1	46.2
Don't know	14.5	13.1	15.9	14.7	15.9	17.1	8.9	18.6	13.5	6.3	8.3	17.9

Thinking about other influential nations and international organisations and their opinion on the Malvinas, do you think they mostly support the UK's position, the Argentinian position or they are neutral?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
UK	12.9	14.4	11.4	11.4	14.7	13.4	11.1	10.5	13.8	16.7	17.2	10.6
Argentina	45.5	47.1	43.8	32.6	48.3	46.4	49.3	50.7	42.5	39.2	42.1	47.3
Neutral	26.6	26.7	26.4	42.1	24.4	24.9	21.3	21.4	31.1	31.8	26.1	26.8
Don't know	15.1	11.7	18.4	13.9	12.6	15.3	18.4	17.5	12.7	12.3	14.6	15.3

To what extent do you support or oppose the UK and Argentina opening discussions over the Malvinas Islands sovereignty?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Strongly support	69.7	74.8	64.6	64.7	70.6	65.7	77.7	65.9	70.9	73.9	69.5	69.8
Tend to support	13.7	12.1	15.2	21.0	12.9	15.0	7.8	11.2	16.4	16.2	14.6	13.1
Total support	83.4	87.0	79.8	85.6	83.5	80.7	85.5	77.1	87.3	90.1	84.2	82.9
Neither support nor oppose	9.1	5.7	12.5	9.4	7.2	13.4	5.1	12.8	6.6	5.8	6.9	10.3
Tend to oppose	1.6	1.9	1.3	2.8	1.1	1.8	1.0	1.1	2.0	1.2	2.0	1.4
Strongly oppose	1.1	1.1	1.1	.2	1.4	.6	2.1	1.6	.8	.8	2.3	.5
Total oppose	2.7	3.0	2.4	3.1	2.5	2.3	3.1	2.7	2.8	2.0	4.3	1.8
Don't know	4.8	4.4	5.3	1.9	6.8	3.6	6.3	7.4	3.3	2.0	4.6	5.0

What is your opinion on the military action taken by the Argentinian dictatorship in 1982 in its attempt to regain the sovereignty of the Malvinas?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Very positive	9.3	10.4	8.2	14.1	8.6	6.5	10.9	10.8	9.9	4.9	9.0	9.4
Fairly positive	8.2	10.3	6.1	5.1	9.1	9.2	7.5	8.3	8.9	5.6	7.4	8.6
Total positive	17.4	20.6	14.3	19.2	17.7	15.7	18.5	19.2	18.8	10.5	16.4	18.0
Neither good nor bad	19.4	17.5	21.3	21.4	14.2	21.0	22.0	24.6	18.7	10.1	13.6	22.5
Fairly negative	25.0	23.9	26.1	21.7	23.3	25.6	28.3	25.8	24.9	25.2	24.7	25.2
Very negative	30.5	32.9	28.1	29.0	33.5	32.1	25.5	20.8	30.3	50.6	37.1	27.0
Total negative	55.5	56.9	54.2	50.8	56.9	57.7	53.9	46.6	55.2	75.7	61.8	52.2
Don't know	7.6	5.0	10.2	8.6	11.3	5.6	5.7	9.6	7.3	3.7	8.3	7.3

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
The decision to take military action expressed the will of the majority of the Argentinians	11.1	12.8	9.3	10.2	9.2	12.9	11.3	12.5	10.0	7.7	10.7	11.3
The decision to take military action was taken by the military dictatorship to hide its political problems	77.4	76.1	78.7	76.2	75.3	77.7	80.2	72.6	79.2	86.3	79.6	76.2
Don't know	11.5	11.1	11.9	13.6	15.5	9.4	8.5	14.9	10.7	6.0	9.7	12.5

And thinking about the British government's decision to use military force to retake the Malvinas in 1982, which of these comes closer to your view?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
The government should have exhausted all the diplomatic instances before using force	55.2	53.2	57.1	51.6	54.0	55.5	58.5	53.2	56.2	57.8	54.9	55.3
The government did not have any other choice and took the right decision	20.5	25.1	16.0	19.8	22.6	23.6	13.9	17.3	20.1	27.1	22.6	19.4
Don't know	24.3	21.7	26.9	28.6	23.4	20.8	27.6	29.4	23.7	15.1	22.5	25.3

Do you think the UK government was right or wrong to sink the Belgrano?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Right	6.0	8.7	3.4	8.7	6.6	5.2	4.9	3.2	7.7	8.4	7.4	5.3
Wrong	82.9	80.4	85.3	71.3	81.1	87.2	86.1	86.2	80.6	80.5	83.5	82.5
Don't know	11.1	11.0	11.3	20.0	12.4	7.6	9.1	10.6	11.7	11.2	9.2	12.2

Would you support or oppose the Argentine government using military action again to settle the Malvinas situation?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Support	25.6	27.7	23.6	28.2	29.1	23.2	23.3	32.5	23.7	13.9	24.8	26.0
Oppose	59.2	60.8	57.7	56.3	62.7	58.3	58.3	47.6	61.8	78.9	62.1	57.7
Don't know	15.2	11.5	18.8	15.5	8.2	18.5	18.4	19.9	14.5	7.2	13.1	16.3

Which of these options do you think would be the fairest solution to the Malvinas situation?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Britain retaining sovereignty over the Falklands	2.2	1.3	3.1	3.1	1.5	1.4	3.8	2.4	1.9	2.6	2.1	2.3
Britain and Argentina sharing sovereignty over the islands	20.6	17.3	23.9	19.0	24.1	19.0	19.9	19.1	21.3	20.7	21.3	20.2
The Falklands becoming Argentinian sovereign territory	66.4	72.0	60.8	62.7	63.5	70.5	66.2	68.4	67.6	61.9	64.7	67.2
Falkland Islanders becoming an independent nation	6.0	5.3	6.6	9.5	6.1	5.1	4.7	3.9	6.2	9.8	7.7	5.0
Don't know	4.8	4.0	5.6	5.6	4.8	4.0	5.4	6.2	2.9	5.0	4.1	5.2

And which of these do you think is the most likely outcome to the Malvinas situation?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Britain retaining sovereignty over the Falklands	31.2	32.6	29.8	44.0	38.1	25.5	22.8	21.3	34.8	44.6	34.6	29.4
Britain and Argentina sharing sovereignty over the islands	12.9	11.8	14.0	11.4	10.3	17.6	10.0	13.8	11.7	13.7	14.7	11.9
The Falklands becoming Argentinian sovereign territory	33.0	35.6	30.5	24.1	32.0	34.5	38.1	40.6	31.5	21.3	27.4	36.0
Falkland Islanders becoming an independent nation	5.2	4.3	6.0	5.9	4.9	4.8	5.5	4.2	5.0	5.9	5.8	4.8
Don't know	17.7	15.7	19.8	14.6	14.7	17.7	23.6	20.1	17.0	14.5	17.4	17.9

Both sides have accused each other of having a 'colonialist attitude', which, if either, of the two do you think has the most 'colonialist attitude' towards the Malvinas?

	Total	Gender		Age				Education			Region	
		Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 39	40 - 59	60 +	Primary	Secondary	Higher	AMBA	INT
Argentina	14.3	11.9	16.6	13.9	11.0	13.9	19.0	20.5	11.7	4.3	10.1	16.5
The UK	60.3	69.5	51.2	58.2	61.0	62.8	57.3	46.0	65.6	81.4	66.8	56.8
Both equally	7.7	4.5	10.9	10.3	8.1	7.7	5.8	7.1	8.8	7.5	8.6	7.3
Neither	4.3	4.6	4.1	2.9	7.5	3.0	3.4	6.9	3.0	1.5	3.9	4.6
Don't know	13.3	9.5	17.1	14.7	12.4	12.7	14.5	19.5	10.9	5.3	10.6	14.8