

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2485
Fieldwork: 9th - 12th April 2010

	Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
All GB Adults Unweighted Sample	2404	1146	1253	592	755	710	1199	967	302	780	511	578	209
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The British Army has recently come under fire after it emerged that seven replica mosque cut-outs were being used on a firing range in Bellarby, North Yorkshire. A Ministry of Defence (MoD) spokesperson claimed that the range had been designed to give the 'best training facility for the armed forces ahead of deployment to operational theatres'. The chairman of the Bradford Council for Mosques (BSM), however, asked for an apology and said the structures should be removed.

Thinking about the Ministry of Defence, which of the following statements do you agree with most? (Please pick one)

I think it was wrong of the MoD to use such mosque replicas on the firing range.	28	21	33	27	25	28	30	25	30	25	28	26	35
I don't think there was anything specifically wrong with the MoD's use of these mosque replicas on the firing range.	64	74	55	59	69	66	63	66	54	67	66	67	56
Don't know	9	5	12	14	6	5	7	9	17	8	7	7	9

Which of the following best represents your thoughts on the mosque replicas? (Please pick one)

The mosque replicas should be kept, they help the armed forces.	54	64	45	46	60	58	52	57	44	57	57	56	48
The armed forces can have structures that help in their training that don't look like mosques; they should be changed.	35	27	41	35	32	33	37	30	38	30	34	36	45
Don't know	12	9	14	19	8	9	11	13	18	13	9	9	7

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The MoD was wrong to use these mosque replicas on the firing range:

Strongly Agree	12	9	15	11	11	14	14	10	17	9	11	12	15
Agree	17	14	19	21	14	15	17	16	14	18	17	16	20
Neither agree nor disagree	16	14	19	20	15	13	15	17	18	17	17	14	13
Disagree	22	21	23	21	21	24	22	21	14	25	21	23	25
Strongly Disagree	29	40	19	22	37	31	29	32	29	28	31	31	23
Don't know	4	2	6	5	3	4	4	4	8	3	3	3	4

I think the MoD thinks it is above reproach and as such didn't think or worry about the fallout it could have anticipated from using these mosque replicas.

Strongly Agree	9	8	10	6	10	10	8	10	10	7	10	10	10
Agree	21	18	23	21	19	22	21	20	21	22	20	20	22
Neither agree nor disagree	26	25	26	25	26	26	26	25	22	24	29	28	21
Disagree	22	24	20	23	23	19	22	20	19	26	21	17	26
Strongly Disagree	17	21	13	15	18	17	16	17	18	16	16	19	15
Don't know	6	4	8	10	4	6	6	7	10	6	5	6	6

How far would you agree with the BSM's chairman that the army's actions reinforced existing negative perceptions of Muslims and that in general 'we are conditioning the young British to say that mosques are a place where you are going to find danger and (is therefore) a place to target'?

Strongly Agree	10	10	11	11	10	9	10	11	13	8	9	14	10
Agree	19	16	21	23	17	18	19	18	22	19	20	17	20
Neither agree nor disagree	22	21	22	17	21	27	21	22	22	23	21	21	16
Disagree	24	23	24	26	24	22	23	25	16	25	28	22	25
Strongly Disagree	20	27	14	16	24	19	21	19	17	20	19	22	23
Don't know	5	3	7	8	4	5	5	6	10	6	3	4	6