

## YouGov / Policy Exchange Survey Results

Sample Size: 2082 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 16th - 17th November 2010

	Voting intention			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
<b>Weighting Sample</b>	<b>2082</b>			1012	1070	251	529	716	587	1178	888	266	677	446	509	183	
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Would you support or oppose the courts handing out fewer short-term prison sentences and using more community sentences instead?

Support	<b>35</b>	35	36	54	37	34	48	35	33	33	38	32	33	37	35	35	36
Oppose	<b>49</b>	57	49	31	52	47	32	45	54	54	47	52	49	48	51	50	47
Don't know	<b>16</b>	8	15	15	11	19	20	19	13	13	15	17	18	15	15	15	17

In your view, which of the following phrases best describes current community sentences?

A soft option	<b>38</b>	45	35	32	37	39	31	34	42	41	36	42	34	37	39	42	38
Weak and undemanding	<b>22</b>	24	22	18	26	19	17	20	22	27	23	22	19	21	28	23	18
Good for first time offenders	<b>22</b>	21	26	25	21	24	23	26	20	23	25	20	27	25	18	21	23
Good for rehabilitation	<b>5</b>	4	6	12	5	6	7	5	6	4	7	3	9	6	4	3	7
Tough and demanding	<b>1</b>	1	2	4	2	1	4	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	2	0	2
Effective as a deterrent	<b>1</b>	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
None of them	<b>2</b>	1	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
Don't know	<b>8</b>	4	6	8	6	9	14	11	6	4	7	8	6	8	7	8	9

What do you think community sentences should be primarily designed to do?

Make criminals pay something back to communities affected by crime	<b>51</b>	55	50	48	48	54	51	48	55	49	52	50	46	53	51	54	46
Punish criminals and deter crime	<b>22</b>	24	21	15	26	19	15	23	22	26	20	26	22	20	24	24	22
Rehabilitate criminals and address their offending behaviour	<b>20</b>	16	25	33	22	19	21	20	19	22	23	17	24	20	19	18	26
Some other purpose	<b>2</b>	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	1
Don't know	<b>4</b>	3	2	2	3	5	10	7	2	2	4	5	6	3	6	4	5

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Which of the following changes do you think would be most likely to make community sentences more effective? Please tick up to three.

More sanctions for rule-breaking, including withdrawal of benefits	<b>52</b>	58	51	54	51	53	45	54	52	51	53	49	53	55	48	51	46
More manual work projects over more hours each week	<b>49</b>	54	48	47	53	45	50	50	46	49	47	51	40	48	49	51	53
More visible work projects for a clear public benefit	<b>41</b>	47	39	42	43	39	34	38	43	45	43	39	42	41	39	41	43
More projects linked to skills training and job opportunities	<b>30</b>	29	32	37	29	31	29	29	30	31	32	27	41	31	27	24	30
More advice, treatment and therapy to help offenders address their criminal behaviour	<b>22</b>	17	27	30	21	23	29	26	21	17	23	21	24	25	20	18	24
More focus on making offenders apologise to victims	<b>21</b>	19	22	20	20	22	16	18	24	21	20	22	21	22	20	21	18
None of these would make community sentences more effective	<b>6</b>	7	5	1	6	6	4	4	6	8	6	6	5	5	8	7	3
Don't know	<b>5</b>	2	4	4	4	6	11	8	3	2	4	6	5	4	6	5	5

Local police forces are currently accountable to Police Authorities – bodies made up of a mixture of local councillors and independent members – who oversee the police and set their budget. There are plans to replace police authorities with local police commissioners, directly elected by the public. Do you think this is a good or bad idea?

Good idea	<b>39</b>	49	33	42	45	33	38	38	38	40	37	41	32	40	39	43	32
Bad idea	<b>26</b>	21	34	29	31	22	19	22	28	32	30	22	31	25	28	23	30
Don't know	<b>35</b>	31	33	29	24	45	42	40	34	28	33	37	37	34	33	35	38