

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 1505 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 28th February - 1st March 2010

	Voting intention			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					Victim of crime					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	Yes - ALL	Yes, but not within the past ten years	Yes, within the past ten years	No	
Weighted Sample	1505				723	782	455	523	526	827	677	193	489	323	370	131	899	438	461	606	
Unweighted Sample	1505	485	384	186	707	798	441	483	581	909	595	228	486	289	324	178	924	445	479	581	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Have you ever been a victim of a crime?

No	40	36	41	39	38	43	53	31	39	35	47	38	43	42	32	53	0	0	0	100
Yes, but not within the past ten years	29	32	31	26	30	28	13	35	37	32	26	23	32	28	32	25	49	100	0	0
Yes, within the past ten years	31	32	28	35	32	30	34	34	24	33	28	39	26	30	36	22	51	0	100	0

What was that crime? Please look at the list of crimes below and tick all of those that you have been a victim of.

[Only those who have been a victim of crime]

Vehicle crime	42	41	43	39	48	37	41	45	40	44	39	32	45	46	42	41	42	40	45	0
Burglary (e.g. from your home)	42	43	41	41	39	45	29	44	49	44	40	43	41	46	44	29	42	48	36	0
Anti social behaviour	18	22	17	12	19	18	20	18	17	18	18	21	15	16	23	15	18	14	22	0
Robbery (e.g. pickpocketing or mugging)	15	13	17	14	15	16	28	11	11	16	14	30	11	12	15	17	15	14	17	0
Vandalism	14	15	15	7	16	13	14	14	15	14	15	15	14	11	17	17	14	10	19	0
Assault (non domestic)	11	10	12	12	14	8	16	10	9	9	14	15	9	12	8	20	11	10	12	0
Assault (domestic)	3	4	3	2	0	5	4	4	1	2	4	3	2	4	2	3	3	2	4	0
Knife Crime	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	0
Gun Crime	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Some other crime	6	7	5	9	5	7	6	5	7	6	6	3	7	5	6	8	6	4	8	0

Do you think the amount of violent crime has risen or fallen since Labour were elected in 1997?

Risen a lot	26	44	5	14	23	28	17	24	35	25	27	26	26	25	29	15	27	26	28	24
Risen a little	28	32	22	30	28	28	30	29	25	29	26	28	31	28	25	27	29	29	28	27
TOTAL RISEN	54	76	27	45	51	56	46	53	60	54	53	54	57	53	54	41	56	55	56	51
Has neither fallen nor risen	16	11	23	19	18	15	15	21	14	17	16	19	15	15	18	20	17	17	17	16
Fallen a little	18	4	37	28	20	16	19	16	18	18	18	15	15	21	18	24	17	20	15	18
Fallen a lot	2	1	6	2	3	2	4	2	1	3	2	4	2	3	2	4	3	2	3	2
TOTAL FALLEN	20	5	42	30	23	17	23	18	20	21	19	19	17	23	20	28	20	22	18	20
Don't know	10	8	7	7	8	12	16	8	7	9	11	9	12	9	8	11	8	6	9	14

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Why do you think violent crime has risen since 1997?
Please tick all of those that you think have caused a rise in crime.

[Only those who think violent crime has risen]

The justice system is too soft.	87	93	74	72	84	89	81	88	89	84	90	81	84	87	92	88	87	89	85	86
There is a lack of discipline in schools	79	85	72	71	83	75	77	79	80	76	82	75	80	81	78	76	78	81	75	80
ASBOs are a poor deterrent	74	82	59	67	74	74	65	75	81	74	74	64	73	78	80	72	77	77	76	71
Break down of the family unit.	74	79	67	72	74	74	67	68	83	74	73	74	73	73	75	72	74	75	74	73
Lack of community spirit.	64	66	60	67	66	62	62	68	62	66	62	68	67	61	61	62	66	62	70	61
Rising unemployment.	45	44	33	56	43	47	45	48	43	40	52	40	41	56	44	43	46	41	51	43
Another reason	9	7	12	5	9	9	8	10	9	12	6	7	14	7	8	4	10	11	10	7
None of these	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1

Currently the maximum sentence for carrying a knife is four years but judges can give a lower sentence depending upon the circumstances of the crime. Would you support or oppose a compulsory sentence for carrying a knife?

Support	75	85	75	65	72	79	68	73	84	74	77	65	79	75	75	80	76	77	75	75
Oppose	15	10	15	27	19	11	20	16	10	18	11	24	13	14	13	14	16	15	17	13
Don't know	10	5	10	8	9	11	12	11	6	8	12	11	8	11	11	6	8	8	9	12

Which of the following do you think would be the best way to reduce knife crime?

Compulsory jail term for carrying a knife	46	50	46	36	48	45	43	46	50	42	52	45	46	47	48	46	46	48	45	47
Educating children about the dangers of knife crime	24	20	30	30	22	25	26	26	20	27	19	23	24	27	21	25	23	21	24	25
More police resources to tackle gang culture	26	28	22	29	26	26	24	26	27	28	23	27	28	22	26	24	28	27	28	23
None of these	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Don't know	3	1	2	4	4	3	6	2	2	2	5	5	2	3	4	3	2	2	2	5