

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 1822

Fieldwork: 16th - 17th August 2007

Daily Telegraph

All GB Adults
Unweighted Sample

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All GB Adults	1822	874	948	551	622	648	982	838	228	588	391	452	163
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

As you may know, a public debate is currently underway as to whether or not the age at which young people are legally permitted to drink alcohol (which is currently 18) should be raised.

Which of the following statements most closely represents your own view on this?

'The legal age for drinking alcohol should stay as it is'	44	46	43	51	42	40	47	41	43	44	41	43	55
'The legal age for drinking alcohol should be lowered to 16 or 17'	3	4	2	3	4	1	3	2	3	2	2	4	4
'The legal age for drinking alcohol should be raised to 19'	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	5	5	4	4	3	4
'The legal age for drinking alcohol should be raised to 20'	6	5	7	4	6	9	7	6	5	7	7	6	5
'The legal age for drinking alcohol should be raised to 21'	35	35	36	32	37	37	34	37	34	36	35	39	29
'The legal age for drinking alcohol should be raised to over 21'	6	6	6	4	7	7	5	7	9	5	8	4	2
None of these	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
Don't know	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	1

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It is also being suggested that alcoholic drinks should be taxed more heavily and that the money raised through this tax should be used to help fund the treatment of people addicted to alcohol or drugs.

Which, if any, of the following statements comes closer to your views on the matter?

Taxes on alcoholic drinks should be raised to fund treatment for people addicted to drugs or alcohol'	18	16	19	15	18	20	16	20	27	16	19	16	17
'Taxes on alcoholic drinks should be raised but that money should be used to fund something OTHER than treatment for people addicted to drugs or alcohol'	14	13	16	15	13	15	15	14	17	16	13	13	13
'Taxes on alcoholic drinks are high enough and should stay at the same level as they are already'	44	45	44	48	43	42	47	41	40	44	41	48	48
'Taxes on alcoholic drinks are too high and should be lowered'	17	22	13	14	21	16	15	19	11	18	17	19	14
None of these	3	3	4	5	2	4	4	2	3	3	4	2	6
Don't know	4	2	6	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	7	2	2

Imagine now that the legal age for drinking alcohol was raised to 21 AND that alcoholic drinks were being taxed more heavily...

Which, if any, of the following statements most closely represents your own view on this?

'The amount of violence and robbery associated with drinking alcohol would probably go down'	36	35	37	32	35	41	37	35	40	36	37	34	34
'The amount of violence and robbery associated with drinking alcohol would probably stay about the same'	47	48	46	47	48	46	47	47	44	49	45	50	42
'The amount of violence and robbery associated with drinking alcohol would probably increase'	10	12	9	13	9	9	11	10	10	10	9	11	15
None of these	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2
Don't know	5	4	6	5	6	4	4	6	5	3	7	4	8

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British troops serving in Afghanistan are currently entitled to receive the same decoration that they were entitled to receive when they were engaged in peace-keeping operations. However, many of those troops are now engaged in combat operations.

Which, if any, of the following statements come closer to your own views on this?

'Troops serving in Afghanistan should continue to receive the same decoration as they received when engaged in peace-keeping operations'	12	13	11	15	12	8	11	13	12	11	10	14	14
'Troops actively engaged in substantial combat operations in Afghanistan should have their service recognised by the higher award of an additional decoration'	74	77	71	64	73	83	75	73	66	76	77	75	69
Neither of these	4	4	5	4	6	3	5	3	7	5	4	3	4
Don't know	10	6	14	17	9	6	9	12	16	9	10	8	13

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	64	100
Male 25 to 39	199	254
Male 40 to 54	188	225
Male 55 +	469	295
Female 18 to 24	63	101
Female 25 to 39	249	267
Female 40 to 54	161	227
Female 55 +	429	353
Aggregated Government Office of the Region		
London	191	228
Rest of South	644	588
Midlands and Wales	386	391
North	454	452
Scotland	147	163
Social Grade		
ABC1	1122	982
C2DE	698	838
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	502	291
Sun / Star	236	399
Mirror / Record	182	290
Guardian / Independent	122	73
FT / Times / Telegraph	238	172
Other Paper	211	227
No Paper	325	363
Political Party Identification		
Lab	761	604
Con	502	455
Lib Dem	181	201
Others	53	54
None	282	463
Don't know	43	45

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