

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1970 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 24th and 25th February 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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Total	Party ID			Gender		Age			Region					Social Grade	
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	M	F	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	Ldn	Rest of S	Midl's / Wales	North	Scot	ABC1	C2DE
2014	480	691	196	962	1053	655	675	683	251	564	503	486	178	1074	940
1970	418	716	184	966	1004	640	707	622	349	431	419	564	175	1035	935
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Scottish Nationalist, Plaid Cymru, or don't you think of yourself as any of these things?

Conservative	24	100	0	0	25	22	15	23	33	27	31	21	20	17	26	21
Labour	34	0	100	0	35	34	26	38	39	30	29	38	42	31	34	35
Liberal Democrat	10	0	0	100	10	10	12	9	9	10	10	11	9	7	11	9
Scottish Nationalist	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	16	2	2
Plaid Cymru	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other party	3	0	0	0	3	3	2	4	2	2	3	3	3	1	3	3
None of these	21	0	0	0	21	21	33	19	12	22	21	19	20	22	19	23
Don't know	6	0	0	0	4	8	10	6	3	9	6	6	5	5	5	7

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'It may be necessary sometimes to take action against people who have not yet committed any offence, but about whom the intelligence services have evidence that they are planning an act of terrorism'

Agree	75	82	81	59	77	74	68	78	81	75	75	76	78	71	77	74
Disagree	14	13	10	28	16	13	18	12	14	13	13	16	12	17	16	13
Don't know	10	5	9	12	8	13	14	11	6	12	11	8	10	12	8	13

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As you may know, the Government proposes a new form of punishment, called Control Orders, for people it considers a threat to national security. This could involve house arrest, curfews, restrictions on the use of telephones and the Internet, and/or tagging, but not imprisonment.

Which of these statements do you most agree with?

'It is sometimes necessary to restrict the civil liberties of suspected terrorists even though there is not enough usable evidence to charge and convict them'	58	64	65	40	58	58	51	61	62	54	55	58	67	55	59	57
'Nobody should ever have their civil liberties restricted unless they are charged with a specific offence and taken before the courts'	32	32	27	51	36	28	33	30	32	36	34	33	25	33	33	31
Don't know	10	5	8	9	6	14	15	9	6	11	11	9	8	12	9	12

Which of these statements do you most agree with ?

This proposal is wholly wrong. People should have their liberties restricted only if there is enough usable evidence to charge them and bring them to court	14	13	10	24	17	11	16	13	13	15	13	16	12	12	13	14
It may be necessary to restrict the liberties of suspected terrorists; but the initial decision to impose a control order should always be taken by a judge, not a government minister	33	38	29	40	34	31	33	31	34	36	34	30	30	39	36	29
This proposal strikes the right balance, allowing the Home Secretary to act swiftly against suspected terrorists, but requiring a judge to confirm or overturn the control order within seven days	35	29	45	29	31	39	33	36	36	31	34	36	40	33	35	35
The proposal does not go far enough. Suspected terrorists should be sent immediately to prison if the intelligence services believe they are a genuine threat, even if there is not enough evidence to charge them	13	17	12	4	15	10	8	14	15	12	11	13	15	11	12	14
Don't know	6	2	4	3	3	8	10	5	2	6	7	6	4	5	4	7

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The Government says that one reason why control orders should initially be imposed by the Home Secretary rather than a judge is that it may sometimes be necessary to act extremely fast against suspected terrorists, and that it could be fatal to wait a few hours for a judge to make the decision. Do you think this is a reasonable argument, or an excuse to keep the initial decision out of the hands of judges?

Reasonable argument	52	48	64	38	49	54	45	54	56	44	47	54	61	49	50	54
Excuse to keep the decision away from judges	37	47	27	55	44	31	39	35	38	44	41	35	31	40	40	34
Don't know	11	5	9	7	7	14	16	11	6	12	12	11	8	11	10	12

The Government also says that one reason why control orders should initially be imposed by the Home Secretary rather than a judge, is that the Government has an overriding responsibility to protect national security. Do you think this is a reasonable argument, or an excuse to keep the initial decision out of the hands of judges?

Reasonable argument	52	48	65	39	50	54	45	55	56	44	50	53	60	47	51	53
Excuse to keep the decision away from judges	37	46	27	53	43	31	37	34	39	45	38	35	31	40	39	34
Don't know	11	5	8	8	7	15	18	10	5	11	12	12	9	13	10	13

Under the current proposal, when a judge reviews each control order, he or she will hear the case in private. The Government would NOT be required to disclose all its evidence, even in private session, to the defendant's lawyers, if it felt that to disclose this evidence (for example, from phone-tapping) would itself be bad for national security. Do you support or oppose this arrangement?

Support – judges should accept a statement that the evidence exists, without seeing that evidence themselves	11	11	15	7	13	9	9	11	13	7	11	11	13	12	10	13
Support – as long as judges are able to see the evidence and, in private, question the people who have provided it	56	60	60	53	57	55	48	58	61	53	56	55	62	51	59	52
Oppose – even if the hearing is in private, the evidence should be made available to the defendant's lawyers	19	18	16	27	20	18	22	19	16	22	18	18	14	28	20	18
Oppose – such hearings should be held in public and all evidence made publicly available.	6	7	4	9	6	7	8	5	6	8	7	7	4	4	5	8
Don't know	8	4	6	4	4	12	14	7	3	10	8	8	7	5	6	10

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The Government is attempting to ensure that the new Bill on control orders becomes law by the end of March. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

'The Government is moving too fast. It should take more time, even if this means waiting until later this year before any new bill becomes law.'

Agree	40	53	28	59	44	36	39	37	44	42	40	40	37	44	41	38
Disagree	46	38	61	33	46	46	42	48	47	44	45	45	52	41	45	46
Don't know	14	9	11	8	11	18	19	15	10	14	15	16	11	15	14	15

'In opposing the Government's bill and saying that Parliament should take longer to consider the matter, the Conservatives are playing politics, rather than displaying a genuine concern for civil liberties.'

Agree	53	26	76	58	57	50	50	56	53	46	52	54	59	50	53	53
Disagree	29	61	13	30	33	26	26	26	35	32	30	29	25	37	32	26
Don't know	18	13	11	12	10	24	24	17	12	22	18	18	16	13	15	20

Taking everything into account, which matters more to you, national security and the prevention of terrorism, or the civil liberties of people that the intelligence services believe to be planning terrorism?

National security and the prevention of terrorism	61	64	71	48	59	63	51	64	68	53	60	63	69	54	59	64
The civil liberties of suspected terrorists	3	2	2	5	3	2	4	2	2	1	2	3	2	5	3	2
We don't need to choose – it is possible to protect national security without curbing civil liberties in any way	30	32	23	45	34	27	34	28	29	38	31	29	24	37	34	26
Don't know	6	2	4	2	4	8	11	5	1	8	7	5	5	4	4	8

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(to those who say "we don't need to choose") If a situation arose in which the Government HAD to choose between taking steps to prevent a terrorist act and defending civil liberties, which should the Government do?

Protect national security	61	61	63	60	61	61	62	64	57	59	61	60	66	66	62	60
Defend civil liberties	28	29	26	28	30	25	28	26	28	27	32	32	20	20	27	29
Don't know	11	10	11	12	9	14	10	9	14	14	7	8	14	14	11	11

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

'The Prevention of Terrorism Bill is further evidence that the Government is instinctively authoritarian and doesn't care enough about civil liberties'

Agree	33	47	19	49	38	28	32	29	37	41	34	32	27	35	34	31
Disagree	50	42	70	36	50	50	45	54	51	40	50	50	58	51	52	49
Don't know	17	11	10	15	12	22	24	17	11	20	17	18	15	14	14	20

'If we curtail our civil liberties, we undermine the way of life we should be defending, and give the terrorists a victory'

Agree	44	50	38	62	51	39	43	43	48	51	46	43	41	45	47	42
Disagree	41	42	51	27	41	41	37	43	43	36	38	40	47	45	41	41
Don't know	14	8	11	11	8	20	20	14	9	14	16	17	12	10	12	17

'Nobody – not even a suspected terrorist – should ever have their liberties curtailed simply on the say-so of a Government minister'

Agree	31	37	24	47	36	27	32	29	33	36	34	30	24	38	33	29
Disagree	57	57	67	40	55	59	51	60	59	51	54	58	66	51	56	57
Don't know	12	6	9	13	9	14	17	11	8	13	12	12	10	11	11	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 past vote:

Recalled vote in 2001:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Labour	875	839
Conservative	343	418
Liberal Democrat	182	201
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	27	30
Other	65	11
Did not vote	477	515

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	321	320
Sun / Star	430	440
Mirror / Record	298	323
Guardian/ Independent	117	85
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	148	187
Other paper	177	249
No paper	478	409

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