

Results of YouGov survey for Make Poverty History

Sample Size: 1474

Fieldwork: April 19-21, 2005

Total
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Since the last Election in 2001 have you taken action on world poverty? For example this might be by giving money (e.g. to the Tsunami appeal, "Red Nose Day", or otherwise to a charity working in poorer countries) or taking a campaigning action like sending a postcard to an MP on world poverty or wearing a white wristband.

Have	70
Have not	24
Not sure	6

How many children do you think die every day because of the effects of poverty in the world's poorest countries?

Less than 100	1
Between 100 and 1000	12
Between 1000 and 5000	19
Between 5000 and 10,000	14
Between 10,000 and 25,000	14
More than 25,000	23
Don't know	18

In fact, the United Nations estimates that 30,000 children are still dying each day because of poverty, most of them in Africa. That means that as many children die each week from poverty as died following the tsunami on Boxing Day.

Do you think tackling world poverty is more important, less important or as important as helping the survivors of the tsunami?

Tackling world poverty is more important	34
Less important	3
Both equally important	60
Don't know	3

Total
%

'Politicians responded quickly to the Tsunami but they need to respond urgently to the number of children dying every day in Africa.'

Agree strongly	41
Tend to agree	41
AGREE TOTAL	82
Tend to disagree	9
Disagree strongly	3
DISAGREE TOTAL	12
Don't know	6

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

All the UK political parties need to do more to tackle global poverty.'

Agree strongly	39
Tend to agree	39
AGREE TOTAL	78
Tend to disagree	13
Disagree strongly	3
DISAGREE TOTAL	16
Don't know	6

'Fighting poverty will do more to make the world safe for all of us than fighting wars.'

Agree strongly	36
Tend to agree	32
AGREE TOTAL	68
Tend to disagree	20
Disagree strongly	4
DISAGREE TOTAL	24
Don't know	8

Total
%

'Britain should take the lead in trying to fight extreme poverty across the world.'

Agree strongly	28
Tend to agree	32
AGREE TOTAL	61
Tend to disagree	24
Disagree strongly	8
DISAGREE TOTAL	31
Don't know	8

'People in poor countries should be able to work their way out of poverty, so international trade rules should be rewritten to help them do so.'

	39
Tend to agree	49
AGREE TOTAL	88
Tend to disagree	5
Disagree strongly	1
DISAGREE TOTAL	6
Don't know	6

'Rich countries and institutions should cancel the unpayable debts of the poorest countries.'

Agree strongly	37
Tend to agree	38
AGREE TOTAL	75
Tend to disagree	13
Disagree strongly	4
DISAGREE TOTAL	17
Don't know	8

Total

%

Do you think helping to eradicate poverty around the world should be one of the main priorities of British foreign policy?

Top priority	10
One of the main priorities	58
Not a priority	26
Don't know	6

In order to help overcome poverty and starvation, governments in rich countries have agreed they should take 7p out of every £10 of national income and spend it on international aid. But they haven't yet reached that target. The British government currently spends about 4p. When do you think the British government should reach that 7p target?

By the end of next year	24
By 2010	26
By 2013	8
Later than 2013	6
Britain should scrap the target and continue aid at around the present level.	16
Britain should reduce its budget for overseas aid	9
Don't know	12