

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

Sample Size: 2026 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 12th - 13th November 2009
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Which of the following best sums up your view on politicians in general?

I still trust what they say in general	13
I used to trust what they said but now I don't	33
I never trusted what they said	48
Don't know	6

People sometimes say 'political correctness' stops people saying what they really believe in public.

What is your view?

Britain is still a free enough country for people like me to say what we believe in public	33
People like me have to be careful: sometimes we dare not say in public what we really think	62
Don't know	5

Are you personally worried about the risk of terrorist attacks in Britain harming you or members of your family?

Yes, I worry a lot	7
Yes, I worry a little	46
TOTAL WORRY	53
No, I don't worry	45
Don't know	2

Does the presence of British troops in Afghanistan?

Make Britain safer from terrorist attack	15
Increase the risk of a terrorist attack on Britain	41
Makes no difference either way	36
Don't know	8

Have concerns about global warming made you voluntarily change your behaviour, such as driving or flying less or turning down the thermostat?

Yes: I have made big changes to the way I live	9
Yes: I have made small changes to the way I live	62
No: I have thought about making changes but not yet done anything	9
No: I have not considered making any changes	18
Don't know	2

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Thinking about my family and friends, we tend to work harder and enjoy ourselves less than ten years ago

Agree	62
Disagree	29
Don't know	9

With the growth of celebrity culture and declining standards of behaviour, Britain has generally become a cruder and coarser society

Agree	88
Disagree	7
Don't know	5

In general, despite the widespread obsession with sex in Britain these days, people generally do it less than they talk about it

Agree	54
Disagree	14
Don't know	32

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**Overall, do you think you have a better or worse life today than
Your parents did when they were your age?**

Better	65
Worse	18
About the same	13
Don't know	4

You and your immediate family did ten years ago

Better	39
Worse	33
About the same	24
Don't know	4

**Do you think your children will have a better or a worse life than you overall when
they reach the age you are now?**

Better	26
Worse	29
About the same	18
Not applicable: I have no children and do not expect to have any	16
Don't know	11

**What career would you advise a bright teenager with all-round ability to pursue?
(Please tick the four or five you think would most recommend)**

Medicine	52
The law	50
Computing	42
Plumbing/ electrician/ carpentry	35
Accountancy	35
School teaching	25
Business management	24
University academic	23
The civil service	20
Banking	14
Journalism	11
Sport	10
The armed forces	9
Advertising/ public relations	8
Politics	7
Charity work/ voluntary sector	6
Acting	4
Farming	3
Pop music	2
Bus/ Taxi/ Train driving	2
Don't know	6

And where would you advise them to pursue their future career?

Britain	45
Continental Europe	8
Australia/New Zealand	19
America	8
China	1
India	0
Another country or region	4
Don't know	15

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Which of the following best sums up your view?

Women generally get a worse deal than ten years ago and are even further behind men	6
Women get a better deal than ten years ago but are still behind men	68
Women get a better deal and as good a deal as men	20
Don't know	6

Do you think modern technology such as the Internet and mobile phones has made life in Britain better or worse overall?

Better	64
Worse	20
Made little difference either way	13
Don't know	3

A classless society is one in which anybody can rise to the top, regardless of where you were born

Thinking about Britain today, which of the following best sums up your view?

We are a classless society	3
Class differences exist but they are getting smaller	41
We are as class-ridden as ever	53
Don't know	3

What is your general attitude to Muslims in Britain?

Most Muslims are integrated into British society these days	13
Some are integrated into British society but many live completely separate lives	60
Most Muslims in Britain these days live completely separate lives	21
Don't know	6