

YouGov - Racism in football

Fieldwork: 23 February - 16 June 2021

	Football fans in England	Football fans in England	Football fans in Scotland	Football fans in Wales	BAME football fans in Britain	Football fans in Germany
Weighted sample	547	509	352	308	195	817
Unweighted sample	555	509	339	314.46	202	817
	26-29 March	15-16 June	23-26 Feb	10-12 Mar	15-17 Mar	9-11 Mar
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Would you say that racism does or does not exist in professional football in your country?						
Does exist and is a serious problem	57	54	56	56	78	39
Does exist but is not a serious problem	34	36	35	35	14	43
Does not exist	4	4	4	5	6	12
Don't know	5	6	5	5	1	6
Do you think the following organisations are or are not doing enough to tackle racism in professional football in your country?						
International football authorities (i.e. FIFA and UEFA)						
Are doing enough	19	22	25	20	18	33
Are not doing enough	61	60	55	64	69	46
Don't know	20	17	20	15	13	21
My country's football association						
Are doing enough	33	36	31	29	15	38
Are not doing enough	49	47	52	49	68	40
Don't know	19	17	16	22	18	22
Football clubs						
Are doing enough	43	47	39	43	27	47
Are not doing enough	39	38	45	41	57	33
Don't know	18	15	16	16	16	20
Football players						
Are doing enough	53	66	47	58	43	43
Are not doing enough	27	20	37	25	36	35
Don't know	20	14	17	17	21	22
Football fans						
Are doing enough	15	20	13	13	10	19
Are not doing enough	73	68	74	74	77	59
Don't know	13	12	13	13	14	22
Police						
Are doing enough	30	31	28	30	15	36
Are not doing enough	49	48	53	51	65	39
Don't know	21	22	19	20	20	25

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In your view, are punishments handed out by football authorities to the following groups for racist behaviour by their fans or their players, too harsh, not harsh enough, or they about right?

Domestic football clubs

Not harsh enough	48	48	47	47	57	37
About right	30	28	28	30	24	39
Too harsh	6	3	6	4	5	6
Don't know	16	21	19	20	15	18

National football teams

Not harsh enough	57	55	49	54	59	38
About right	22	22	26	25	23	39
Too harsh	5	3	5	3	2	6
Don't know	17	20	19	18	16	17

National football associations

Not harsh enough	61	56	52	56	59	38
About right	17	19	24	20	21	37
Too harsh	4	4	4	5	3	6
Don't know	18	21	20	19	17	19

Do you think the reaction of those within professional football, such as players, staff and club executives as a whole to the issue of racism in football has been an overreaction, underreaction, or about right?

Major overreaction	6	10	7	8	5	7
Somewhat overreaction	17	20	18	16	11	14
TOTAL OVERREACTION	23	30	25	24	16	20
About right	37	35	36	36	25	41
Somewhat underreaction	23	19	20	20	26	20
Major underreaction	8	7	8	10	24	7
TOTAL UNDERREACTION	31	26	28	30	50	26
Don't know	9	9	12	10	9	12

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	Football fans in France	Football fans in Italy	Football fans in Spain	Football fans in the Netherlands	Football fans in Portugal
Weighted sample	350	468	455	518	645
Unweighted sample	355	469	457	517	645
	4-5 Mar	25-26 Mar	25-26 Mar	19-31 Mar	19-31 Mar
	%	%	%	%	%

Would you say that racism does or does not exist in professional football in your country?

Does exist and is a serious problem	64	54	37	38	41
Does exist but is not a serious problem	24	31	37	53	35
Does not exist	5	11	22	4	18
Don't know	7	4	4	5	5

Do you think the following organisations are or are not doing enough to tackle racism in professional football in your country?

International football authorities (i.e. FIFA and UEFA)

Are doing enough	26	43	45	36	43
Are not doing enough	58	51	46	48	48
Don't know	16	6	9	15	9

My country's football association

Are doing enough	27	40	39	49	38
Are not doing enough	58	53	51	39	53
Don't know	15	7	10	12	9

Football clubs

Are doing enough	30	41	48	50	47
Are not doing enough	55	52	43	37	44
Don't know	15	7	8	13	9

Football players

Are doing enough	35	48	55	54	49
Are not doing enough	52	45	37	33	39
Don't know	13	7	8	13	11

Football fans

Are doing enough	13	10	17	17	12
Are not doing enough	75	82	75	74	80
Don't know	12	8	8	9	8

Police

Are doing enough	25	36	46	40	32
Are not doing enough	51	48	41	37	54
Don't know	25	17	13	23	14

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Not harsh enough	46	42	45	46	50
About right	29	45	43	41	32
Too harsh	10	7	5	3	3
Don't know	15	7	7	11	15

National football teams

Not harsh enough	44	40	39	42	45
About right	31	46	46	42	42
Too harsh	7	7	6	4	3
Don't know	18	7	8	12	10

National football associations

Not harsh enough	0	42	45	45	52
About right	0	42	42	39	36
Too harsh	0	7	5	3	2
Don't know	0	8	8	13	9

Do you think the reaction of those within professional football, such as players, staff and club executives as a whole to the issue of racism in football has been an overreaction, underreaction, or about right?

Major overreaction	7	5	6	4	3
Somewhat overreaction	11	11	17	14	13
TOTAL OVERREACTION	18	16	23	18	16
About right	43	59	45	46	43
Somewhat underreaction	22	16	19	23	30
Major underreaction	7	5	7	7	7
TOTAL UNDERREACTION	29	21	27	30	37
Don't know	10	4	5	6	4