

YouGov - Pre-nuptial agreements

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Fieldwork: 16th January - 19th February 2023

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country			Region in England					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	South		
Weighted Sample	15109	4932	3654	1284	5325	5623	7315	7793	1588	6239	3730	3551	8614	6495	13037	756	1315	3643	2508	1829	5058	
Unweighted Sample	15109	5136	3786	1368	6207	5847	6727	8382	1196	6239	3884	3790	9166	5943	13002	811	1296	3583	2545	1635	5239	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of the following applies to you?

[Asked only to those in wave one (16-17 Jan); n=2002]

I have never been married nor in a civil partnership	36	22	44	31	36	22	41	32	83	49	20	7	39	34	37	36	34	40	32	53	31
I am currently married/in a civil partnership	45	57	41	55	50	55	45	46	9	43	58	56	48	43	45	46	46	44	51	34	49
I have previously been married/in a civil partnership, but am not currently	18	22	14	14	13	23	15	22	8	8	22	37	14	24	18	18	20	17	17	14	21

If you were getting married or entering into a civil partnership now for the first time, would you PREFER to have a pre-nuptial agreement, regardless of whether or not you think you would actually get one?

I would prefer to have a pre-nuptial agreement	22	22	23	22	22	21	22	23	33	24	19	19	25	19	23	22	19	20	22	31	22
I would not prefer to have a pre-nuptial agreement	42	46	42	48	46	45	43	41	23	42	46	45	44	39	41	43	46	43	41	33	43
Don't know	22	20	21	19	21	19	22	22	32	22	20	20	21	24	22	20	19	22	23	23	22
N/A - I never want to get married/enter into a civil partnership	14	12	14	10	11	15	14	14	13	12	15	17	11	18	14	15	16	15	14	13	12

If someone you were planning to marry or enter into a civil partnership with said they wanted a pre-nuptial agreement, would that affect how you felt about your relationship?

[Excluding those in wave one who never want to get married/enter into a civil partnership; n=1732]

I would feel much worse about it	11	14	12	10	12	15	11	12	1	7	14	21	10	13	11	5	14	15	11	5	11
I would feel slightly worse about it	24	25	24	24	27	25	22	26	16	26	27	20	25	23	24	22	29	23	24	26	23
TOTAL FEEL WORSE	35	39	36	34	39	40	33	38	17	33	41	41	35	36	35	27	43	38	35	31	34
I wouldn't feel different about it	33	30	39	36	35	29	35	31	41	36	28	29	35	30	34	30	29	33	33	35	34
I would feel slightly better about it	3	4	2	2	3	3	4	3	5	4	3	2	3	4	3	5	3	1	2	4	4
I would feel much better about it	3	2	2	8	3	2	4	3	4	4	2	3	4	2	3	3	1	3	3	7	3
TOTAL FEEL BETTER	6	6	4	10	6	5	8	6	9	8	5	5	7	6	6	8	4	4	5	11	7
Don't know	25	25	21	20	19	25	25	26	33	23	26	25	23	29	25	35	23	26	27	21	25

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Unweighted Sample	15109	1681	2118	849	557	3119	2169	599	243
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I have never been married nor in a civil partnership	36	40	41	31	25	31	41	31	24
I am currently married/in a civil partnership	45	37	49	59	66	40	46	56	67
I have previously been married/in a civil partnership, but am not currently	18	23	10	10	10	29	13	13	9

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I would not prefer to have a pre-nuptial agreement	42	37	47	53	52	42	42	42	46
Don't know	22	22	20	16	17	21	20	20	15
N/A - I never want to get married/enter into a civil partnership	14	20	11	8	5	17	13	10	7

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I would feel slightly worse about it	24	20	31	26	28	28	27	22	22
TOTAL FEEL WORSE	35	29	42	42	43	42	39	33	30
I wouldn't feel different about it	33	36	33	40	33	32	34	47	31
I would feel slightly better about it	3	3	5	3	5	3	1	2	3
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Do you think that pre-nuptial agreements for how assets would be dispersed in the event that the marriage ended are a good or bad idea?

A good idea	42	43	44	42	42	42	38	47	46	47	39	37	45	39	43	42	39	40	42	49	43
A bad idea	13	15	12	12	13	14	16	10	10	11	15	15	13	12	13	10	15	14	13	10	13
Neither	25	27	24	28	27	26	26	25	17	23	29	29	25	26	25	28	27	25	24	22	26
Don't know	20	16	19	18	18	17	20	19	27	20	18	18	17	23	20	20	19	21	21	19	19

And do you think certain knowledge of what would happen financially if a marriage/civil partnership ended is more likely to:

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Increase the chance of divorce	15	14	17	15	16	14	19	10	15	15	15	14	15	14	14	10	23	13	15	13	15
Reduce the chance of divorce	8	7	6	6	6	7	8	7	15	9	6	4	8	7	8	12	7	8	7	8	8
Make no difference to the chance of divorce	51	55	50	54	56	54	44	57	35	49	57	56	53	48	51	49	46	50	49	51	53
Don't know	27	24	27	25	22	25	28	26	35	28	22	26	24	31	27	29	24	29	29	29	24

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A bad idea	13	16	16	17	17	12	9	8	9
Neither	25	26	26	28	28	26	22	22	24
Don't know	20	22	17	12	15	18	16	16	11

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Make no difference to the chance of divorce	51	43	45	50	44	56	61	68	63
Don't know	27	31	26	13	22	26	20	16	20