

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1676 adults in GB
Fieldwork: 2nd - 3rd February 2022



Weighted Sample
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	Vote in 2019 GE				EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem		Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
1676	568	416	151		622	664	815	861	183	699	404	390	955	721	201	563	364	404	144
1676	580	415	150		678	657	740	936	141	705	407	423	971	705	192	563	378	402	141
%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Generally speaking, do you currently have a positive or negative view of politics in Britain?

Very positive	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	2
Fairly positive	6	13	2	3	5	8	6	6	6	4	7	11	6	6	5	8	7	6	2
TOTAL POSITIVE	7	16	2	3	5	10	8	7	6	5	8	13	7	7	5	9	8	8	4
Neither positive nor negative	17	22	12	12	11	21	15	18	17	16	15	19	13	21	16	18	19	16	7
Fairly negative	37	36	36	48	41	34	34	39	40	35	38	36	41	31	39	37	35	35	44
Very negative	36	25	47	37	41	34	39	34	21	42	39	32	36	36	35	35	34	38	43
TOTAL NEGATIVE	73	61	83	85	82	68	73	73	61	77	77	68	77	67	74	72	69	73	87
Don't know	3	0	3	0	1	1	4	3	17	2	1	1	3	4	5	1	5	4	3

How much responsibility, if any, do you think each of the following have with how politics operates in Britain?

The Prime Minister

A great deal of responsibility	68	66	77	73	76	65	67	69	56	69	72	67	70	66	66	69	63	68	75
A fair amount of responsibility	19	25	14	17	14	22	18	19	22	18	17	21	19	19	19	20	20	18	15
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY	87	91	91	90	90	87	85	88	78	87	89	88	89	85	85	89	83	86	90
Not very much responsibility	5	6	2	6	3	7	7	4	6	4	5	7	5	5	7	5	5	4	5
No responsibility at all	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	3	4	2
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	8	8	5	9	6	10	10	7	8	6	9	10	8	7	9	7	8	8	7
Don't know	5	1	5	1	4	3	5	6	14	6	2	3	3	8	6	3	8	6	2

The Government

A great deal of responsibility	68	71	72	73	74	67	65	71	54	69	72	69	69	67	61	72	64	68	74
A fair amount of responsibility	21	23	20	20	19	22	23	18	22	21	20	21	22	19	26	20	22	19	18
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY	89	94	92	93	93	89	88	89	76	90	92	90	91	86	87	92	86	87	92
Not very much responsibility	4	3	2	4	1	5	5	2	8	2	3	5	4	4	6	3	4	3	5
No responsibility at all	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	1
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	6	4	4	5	3	7	7	4	9	4	6	7	6	6	7	5	6	6	6
Don't know	6	2	5	1	3	4	5	6	15	6	2	3	3	8	5	4	9	7	2

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	Following stories about gatherings at Downing Street	
Total	Total Closely	Not closely/ aware but not following/ not aware
1676	992	684
1676	1034	642
%	%	%

Generally speaking, do you currently have a positive or negative view of politics in Britain?

Very positive	1	1	1
Fairly positive	6	6	6
TOTAL POSITIVE	7	7	7
Neither positive nor negative	17	12	22
Fairly negative	37	38	34
Very negative	36	41	30
TOTAL NEGATIVE	73	79	64
Don't know	3	1	7

How much responsibility, if any, do you think each of the following have with how politics operates in Britain?

The Prime Minister

A great deal of responsibility	68	77	55
A fair amount of responsibility	19	15	24
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY	87	92	79
Not very much responsibility	5	3	8
No responsibility at all	3	3	3
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	8	6	11
Don't know	5	1	11

The Government

A great deal of responsibility	68	75	57
A fair amount of responsibility	21	18	24
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY	89	93	81
Not very much responsibility	4	3	6
No responsibility at all	2	2	2
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	6	5	8
Don't know	6	2	11

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Percentage	1676	568	416	151	622	664	815	861	183	699	404	390	955	721	201	563	364	404	144
Count	1676	580	415	150	678	657	740	936	141	705	407	423	971	705	192	563	378	402	141
Percentage																			

The Civil Service

A great deal of responsibility	25	34	16	21	21	31	28	23	13	22	27	34	25	26	22	25	25	27	24
A fair amount of responsibility	40	39	44	46	44	39	40	40	34	40	40	41	43	35	43	41	39	34	47
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY	65	73	60	67	65	70	68	63	47	62	67	75	68	61	65	66	64	61	71
Not very much responsibility	18	15	24	22	22	16	19	17	19	19	21	14	18	19	22	20	15	16	18
No responsibility at all	4	4	5	7	5	5	4	5	2	4	6	4	5	4	4	5	3	7	3
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	22	19	29	29	27	21	23	22	21	23	27	18	23	23	26	25	18	23	21
Don't know	13	8	12	3	7	10	10	16	31	15	6	6	10	17	8	8	19	17	9

All politicians

A great deal of responsibility	49	53	49	51	50	52	48	50	30	51	51	50	48	49	40	52	47	47	57
A fair amount of responsibility	34	34	36	38	38	31	33	34	36	34	33	33	37	29	38	33	33	34	29
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY	83	87	85	89	88	83	81	84	66	85	84	83	85	78	78	85	80	81	86
Not very much responsibility	9	9	7	9	7	11	11	8	15	6	10	12	9	10	14	9	9	8	10
No responsibility at all	2	2	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	11	11	8	10	8	14	14	10	16	8	13	15	11	13	16	11	11	11	12
Don't know	6	1	6	2	4	4	6	7	18	7	2	3	4	9	6	4	9	8	3

Thinking about politicians these days from all parties, do you think they are...?

More honest than they have been in the past	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	1	3	0
Less honest than they have been in the past	55	47	66	63	60	55	58	53	44	57	61	53	55	56	63	52	54	54	65
Much the same as they have been in the past	36	48	26	32	34	39	34	37	33	34	35	40	37	33	28	40	37	34	29
Don't know	7	3	7	4	4	4	6	8	20	8	3	4	5	10	8	5	8	9	6

Thinking about politicians these days from all parties, do you think they are...?

More corrupt now than they have been in the past	49	36	61	57	54	46	49	48	35	52	53	44	49	48	54	45	48	47	61
Less corrupt now than they have been in the past	6	9	3	5	6	5	7	5	12	5	5	4	7	4	9	4	4	8	4
Much the same as they have been in the past	38	50	30	33	35	44	36	39	32	34	39	47	38	37	30	45	37	36	30
Don't know	8	5	6	4	5	5	7	8	21	8	3	5	6	11	7	6	10	9	4

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The Civil Service

A great deal of responsibility	25	26	24
A fair amount of responsibility	40	45	31
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY	65	71	55
Not very much responsibility	18	19	18
No responsibility at all	4	4	5
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	22	23	23
Don't know	13	6	22

All politicians

A great deal of responsibility	49	53	43
A fair amount of responsibility	34	35	31
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ FAIR AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY	83	88	74
Not very much responsibility	9	8	12
No responsibility at all	2	2	3
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	11	10	15
Don't know	6	3	12

Thinking about politicians these days from all parties, do you think they are...?

More honest than they have been in the past	2	2	1
Less honest than they have been in the past	55	65	42
Much the same as they have been in the past	36	30	43
Don't know	7	3	13

Thinking about politicians these days from all parties, do you think they are...?

More corrupt now than they have been in the past	49	58	35
Less corrupt now than they have been in the past	6	5	7
Much the same as they have been in the past	38	33	45
Don't know	8	3	14

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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about politicians these days from all parties, do you think they are...?

More likely to follow the rules of the country than they have been in the past	4	7	2	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	2	4	5	3	2
Less likely to follow the rules of the country than they have been in the past	56	46	71	65	66	51	57	55	46	59	60	51	58	53	66	52	53	57	62
Much the same as they have been in the past	32	43	21	28	26	40	32	32	29	29	32	39	32	32	23	38	32	29	29
Don't know	8	4	6	4	5	5	8	9	21	9	4	4	6	11	9	6	10	10	7

Thinking about politicians these days from all parties, do you think they are...?

More likely to work for the country's best interests than they have been in the past	6	10	4	7	6	7	5	7	8	5	6	9	6	7	6	6	7	7	2
Less likely to work for the country's best interests than they have been in the past	49	40	60	59	55	48	51	48	40	52	53	46	53	44	59	46	47	46	65
Much the same as they have been in the past	35	44	28	30	34	38	36	35	32	33	36	39	34	36	24	41	35	36	28
Don't know	9	6	8	3	5	7	8	10	20	10	5	6	6	13	11	7	11	11	5

Thinking about politicians these days from all parties, do you think they are...?

More likely to improve matters for people than they have been in the past	6	9	4	3	6	7	6	7	10	5	5	7	6	7	4	6	9	6	4
Less likely to improve matters for people than they have been in the past	49	41	58	56	54	47	50	48	36	51	53	48	51	47	56	46	47	49	60
Much the same as they have been in the past	36	46	29	38	36	39	36	37	33	34	37	40	37	35	28	42	35	36	31
Don't know	8	4	8	4	5	6	8	9	21	9	5	5	6	11	11	7	9	10	6

How closely are you following stories about gatherings at Downing Street at a time when they were prohibited under Covid rules?

Very closely	23	14	33	38	33	17	25	20	16	20	30	24	26	18	24	24	20	19	32
Fairly closely	37	42	40	35	38	39	35	38	30	39	36	36	37	36	41	35	37	36	38
TOTAL CLOSELY	60	56	73	73	71	56	60	58	46	59	66	60	63	54	65	59	57	55	70
Not very closely	20	23	16	14	17	19	20	20	29	22	13	21	20	21	13	22	20	23	16
I am aware of the stories but am not following them	19	20	10	13	11	24	17	20	17	18	21	19	15	23	17	19	20	21	12
TOTAL NOT CLOSELY	39	43	26	27	28	43	37	40	46	40	34	40	35	44	30	41	40	44	28
I am not aware of the stories	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	9	2	0	0	2	2	5	1	3	1	1

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More likely to follow the rules of the country than they have been in the past	4	4	4
Less likely to follow the rules of the country than they have been in the past	56	67	41
Much the same as they have been in the past	32	26	41
Don't know	8	4	14

Thinking about politicians these days from all parties, do you think they are...?

More likely to work for the country's best interests than they have been in the past	6	6	7
Less likely to work for the country's best interests than they have been in the past	49	58	37
Much the same as they have been in the past	35	32	40
Don't know	9	5	16

Thinking about politicians these days from all parties, do you think they are...?

More likely to improve matters for people than they have been in the past	6	6	6
Less likely to improve matters for people than they have been in the past	49	57	38
Much the same as they have been in the past	36	32	42
Don't know	8	4	15

How closely are you following stories about gatherings at Downing Street at a time when they were prohibited under Covid rules?

Very closely	23	38	0
Fairly closely	37	62	0
TOTAL CLOSELY	60	100	0
Not very closely	20	0	50
I am aware of the stories but am not following them	19	0	46
TOTAL NOT CLOSELY	39	0	96
I am not aware of the stories	2	0	5

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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about the investigation and report looking into
allegations of rule-breaking social gatherings at Downing
Street during lockdown, how damaging, if at all, do you think
it is to each of the following?
The wider political system in Britain

Very damaging	38	35	43	35	40	37	37	40	29	43	36	36	38	38	44	37	38	37	43
Fairly damaging	39	39	44	47	45	37	38	40	37	37	41	40	41	36	35	40	36	41	40
TOTAL DAMAGING	77	74	87	82	85	74	75	80	66	80	77	76	79	74	79	77	74	78	83
Not very damaging	13	18	7	13	11	16	15	11	10	10	14	18	13	13	11	13	15	11	15
Not damaging at all	2	4	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	4	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	1
TOTAL NOT DAMAGING	15	22	8	15	13	19	18	13	11	12	18	20	15	15	12	16	17	13	16
Don't know	8	4	5	3	2	7	8	7	23	7	4	4	5	11	8	7	9	9	1

Boris Johnson

Don't know

Very damaging	69	56	83	82	80	61	65	72	58	72	72	64	71	65	71	67	64	70	82
Fairly damaging	19	30	11	14	13	23	20	18	22	17	14	27	18	20	13	22	23	17	11
TOTAL DAMAGING	88	86	94	96	93	84	85	90	80	89	86	91	89	85	84	89	87	87	93
Not very damaging	6	10	2	3	3	9	7	5	5	4	8	6	5	6	5	6	5	7	3
Not damaging at all	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2
TOTAL NOT DAMAGING	7	12	3	3	4	11	9	6	6	6	10	7	7	7	7	7	6	9	5
Don't know	5	3	3	1	2	4	6	4	13	5	5	2	4	7	8	4	6	4	2

The Conservative party

Very damaging	56	44	75	64	66	49	51	61	45	62	57	51	57	55	59	53	54	56	70
Fairly damaging	28	38	18	28	25	32	30	26	28	25	28	35	28	28	23	32	28	28	20
TOTAL DAMAGING	84	82	93	92	91	81	81	87	73	87	85	86	85	83	82	85	82	84	90
Not very damaging	8	13	3	6	5	12	10	6	9	6	8	11	9	6	8	7	9	9	5
Not damaging at all	1	3	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2
TOTAL NOT DAMAGING	9	16	4	6	6	14	12	7	9	7	11	12	10	8	10	8	11	10	7
Don't know	6	2	3	2	3	5	7	5	19	7	4	2	4	9	8	6	6	7	4

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The wider political system in Britain

Very damaging	38	45	29
Fairly damaging	39	41	36
TOTAL DAMAGING	77	86	65
Not very damaging	13	12	15
Not damaging at all	2	1	4
TOTAL NOT DAMAGING	15	13	19
Don't know	8	2	16

Boris Johnson

Very damaging	69	81	50
Fairly damaging	19	13	27
TOTAL DAMAGING	88	94	77
Not very damaging	6	3	9
Not damaging at all	1	1	2
TOTAL NOT DAMAGING	7	4	11
Don't know	5	0	12

The Conservative party

Very damaging	56	67	41
Fairly damaging	28	27	31
TOTAL DAMAGING	84	94	72
Not very damaging	8	5	13
Not damaging at all	1	1	2
TOTAL NOT DAMAGING	9	6	15
Don't know	6	1	14