

# YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1104 Welsh Adults  
Fieldwork: 5th May 2011

	Westminster Vote				Constituency vote				Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					Referendum		
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## Did you vote in the Welsh Assembly election today?

Yes, I did vote (or voted earlier by post)	<b>81</b>	90	85	90	99	100	100	100	100	82	79	70	76	91	84	78	84	82	78	85	73	100	99
No, I did not vote	<b>19</b>	10	15	11	1	0	0	0	0	18	21	30	25	9	16	22	17	18	22	15	27	0	2

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## Constituency vote

Lab	<b>44</b>	3	86	1	6	0	100	0	0	44	44	41	47	44	42	46	35	41	51	42	47	45	44
Con	<b>21</b>	82	1	1	2	100	0	0	0	22	20	16	19	25	20	22	24	25	23	21	13	6	32
Plaid Cymru	<b>17</b>	8	8	15	88	0	0	0	100	18	16	19	19	15	18	16	25	21	14	10	18	24	12
Lib Dem	<b>11</b>	2	4	76	0	0	0	100	0	7	15	18	8	9	14	8	11	8	7	14	14	20	4
Other	<b>7</b>	4	1	7	4	0	0	0	0	10	5	7	7	7	6	9	6	6	4	13	8	6	8

## Regional Vote

Lab	<b>40</b>	2	80	4	6	0	85	9	7	41	39	39	42	40	39	41	30	41	40	42	43	40	41
Con	<b>18</b>	76	1	0	3	82	0	0	2	18	19	12	19	21	18	19	22	24	20	15	10	4	28
Plaid Cymru	<b>15</b>	8	8	14	79	1	3	3	76	15	15	15	16	14	17	14	22	16	16	7	18	20	11
Lib Dem	<b>9</b>	3	4	71	0	2	1	71	5	6	13	16	7	8	13	5	7	9	7	14	8	17	4
UKIP	<b>7</b>	8	1	0	3	10	2	3	5	8	6	4	4	10	5	9	8	5	5	11	6	5	9
Green	<b>5</b>	0	5	9	5	0	5	10	3	4	5	9	6	2	5	4	3	4	10	2	6	9	2
BNP	<b>3</b>	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	5	1	5	4	2	2	4	3	1	0	6	7	2	4
Socialist	<b>1</b>	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	2	3	1	0	0	2	2	0
Christian	<b>1</b>	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1
Communist	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Other	<b>0</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

## When did you decide how you would vote in the election to the Welsh Assembly?

In the last day or two	<b>19</b>	16	14	34	9	11	16	39	22	17	22	26	22	15	19	19	18	16	20	23	20	23	16
In the last week	<b>12</b>	12	12	4	8	11	12	14	12	11	13	18	11	9	11	12	11	10	14	8	20	12	11
Two or three weeks ago	<b>15</b>	12	15	14	21	13	16	11	19	15	16	13	13	18	15	15	15	12	19	14	19	14	16
A month or two ago	<b>15</b>	12	17	17	15	13	17	13	11	18	13	13	14	16	14	16	16	16	9	18	14	14	16
More than two months ago	<b>36</b>	42	40	28	45	47	38	20	34	39	34	29	35	41	38	35	40	43	37	33	26	35	38
Don't know	<b>2</b>	5	1	3	2	5	1	2	2	1	4	1	5	2	3	2	1	3	1	5	2	1	3

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**And how did you vote in the election to the Welsh Assembly?**

I voted at a polling station	<b>77</b>	76	75	92	73	77	74	88	75	77	77	79	81	73	78	75	83	76	77	73	76	77	77
I voted by post	<b>23</b>	24	25	8	27	23	26	12	25	23	23	20	19	27	21	25	17	24	23	27	23	23	23
Someone else cast a proxy vote on my behalf	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

**Which ONE, if any, of the following Welsh Political leaders do you think would make the best First Minister?**

Carwyn Jones	<b>37</b>	11	66	12	14	8	69	9	18	41	33	29	42	37	39	36	31	34	40	35	44	38	36
Ieuan Wyn Jones	<b>10</b>	6	6	5	56	2	5	4	43	11	10	10	13	9	10	11	9	17	9	6	11	15	8
Nick Bourne	<b>10</b>	33	2	4	2	35	1	6	1	12	8	9	8	12	9	11	15	10	9	10	8	4	15
Kirsty Williams	<b>6</b>	4	3	30	5	4	1	31	6	5	6	8	5	6	8	4	7	4	5	4	10	9	4
None of these	<b>9</b>	14	3	2	9	15	4	5	7	10	9	8	7	12	7	11	11	7	10	11	8	7	11
Don't know	<b>28</b>	32	20	47	15	35	20	45	24	21	34	37	26	25	28	28	26	28	28	34	19	28	27

**If Labour does not have an overall majority in the Assembly elected on May 5 but is the biggest party and the only one that could get a majority by forming a coalition with just one of the other parties, which of the following would you prefer?**

A Labour minority government.	<b>17</b>	5	30	0	3	8	32	3	2	20	13	17	15	18	16	17	15	18	17	20	13	13	19
A Labour-Plaid Cymru coalition.	<b>40</b>	8	55	18	80	4	54	6	77	42	38	43	44	36	40	40	42	43	39	31	44	49	33
A Labour-Liberal Democrat coalition.	<b>11</b>	7	9	55	1	6	6	66	0	7	16	14	13	9	13	10	12	10	10	14	10	19	6
A Labour-Conservative coalition.	<b>12</b>	40	1	2	2	41	2	1	2	11	12	13	9	13	11	12	11	12	5	18	12	4	17
A Plaid Cymru-Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition.	<b>10</b>	31	1	21	8	31	0	13	13	11	9	4	10	13	11	10	10	12	16	5	10	7	13
Other	<b>2</b>	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	2	2	0	2	3	1	3	5	1	1	2	1	2	2
Don't know	<b>8</b>	8	5	4	5	9	6	10	5	7	10	9	8	8	9	8	5	5	13	10	8	5	10

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Which, if any, of the following were most important to you in deciding how to vote in the election to the Welsh Assembly?

Health	<b>50</b>	42	57	51	44	40	59	52	41	50	49	37	49	56	49	51	56	52	43	50	49	51	49
The economy	<b>46</b>	49	53	33	37	50	52	39	39	46	47	48	43	48	48	44	39	50	48	51	43	44	48
Education	<b>26</b>	22	28	34	23	20	27	31	26	28	23	26	30	23	31	21	25	25	27	25	28	31	22
Welsh assembly powers	<b>24</b>	21	24	12	45	19	23	17	39	23	24	17	20	30	23	25	26	29	22	19	22	27	21
Crime	<b>17</b>	22	13	13	15	23	14	7	18	19	15	10	12	24	13	21	10	18	18	20	21	12	21
The environment	<b>10</b>	6	8	14	13	5	7	20	13	9	10	11	10	8	11	9	13	6	10	12	7	14	6
Transport	<b>9</b>	9	9	15	8	8	9	12	11	12	6	14	8	8	11	7	9	9	11	8	8	9	9
Tax	<b>9</b>	4	12	8	4	3	11	6	9	8	10	15	9	5	9	8	6	8	9	12	7	9	8
Family life & childcare	<b>9</b>	5	14	10	3	4	11	9	7	6	11	8	16	4	8	9	10	13	6	8	7	9	9
Housing	<b>5</b>	3	5	2	8	2	5	2	8	6	4	8	2	5	2	7	4	4	6	7	3	7	3
Energy	<b>4</b>	5	3	1	6	4	3	7	3	5	3	4	3	4	3	5	8	3	1	3	7	5	3
None of these	<b>9</b>	10	6	11	9	10	7	10	8	8	9	9	11	7	8	10	8	9	10	8	10	9	9
Don't know	<b>3</b>	5	3	2	3	5	3	4	2	3	4	5	2	3	3	3	2	1	4	5	3	2	4

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How did you vote in the referendum?

"At present, the UK uses the "first past the post" system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the "alternative vote" system be used instead?"

Yes	<b>42</b>	14	44	81	60	12	43	77	59	40	43	51	43	37	45	38	47	38	38	41	41	100	0
No	<b>58</b>	86	56	19	41	88	57	23	41	60	57	49	57	63	55	62	53	62	62	59	59	0	100

When did you decide how you would vote in the AV referendum?

In the last day or two	<b>18</b>	14	17	15	25	10	18	14	30	19	17	27	17	14	18	18	18	13	18	19	25	24	13
In the last week	<b>13</b>	7	14	7	12	10	15	15	11	11	15	13	16	11	14	12	10	12	18	10	16	13	13
Two or three weeks ago	<b>19</b>	13	22	21	21	16	21	20	17	16	21	16	17	21	16	20	17	17	20	18	19	19	18
A month or two ago	<b>19</b>	17	21	28	11	17	19	22	12	20	18	19	19	18	19	19	18	20	15	26	13	18	19
More than two months ago	<b>31</b>	48	26	28	30	46	27	27	28	34	28	22	30	36	33	30	36	38	30	27	25	25	35
Don't know	<b>1</b>	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	3	2	1

And how did you vote in the AV referendum?

I voted at a polling station	<b>77</b>	76	75	92	73	76	74	88	76	77	77	80	81	72	78	75	83	77	77	73	76	77	77
I voted by post	<b>23</b>	24	25	8	27	24	26	12	24	23	23	19	19	28	21	25	17	23	23	27	23	23	23
Someone else cast a proxy vote on my behalf	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

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If the Alternative Vote is introduced, do you think it will make Britain more or less democratic, or would it make no difference?

Much more democratic	12	4	13	30	13	4	13	24	13	14	10	12	11	13	13	11	15	11	9	12	11	27	1
A little more democratic	25	8	26	49	38	6	24	49	37	23	26	30	29	20	28	21	29	24	24	21	25	55	3
<b>TOTAL MORE DEMOCRATIC</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>4</b>
Would not make much difference	17	10	19	12	21	13	18	8	21	19	15	24	18	13	15	18	16	13	20	15	23	9	23
A little less democratic	15	20	17	6	10	19	16	7	10	14	16	17	13	15	16	14	9	22	14	14	16	1	25
Much less democratic	23	49	16	0	13	48	18	3	15	26	20	10	19	31	20	25	25	25	21	23	19	3	37
<b>TOTAL LESS DEMOCRATIC</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>62</b>
Don't know	9	10	9	3	4	11	10	8	4	5	14	8	11	9	7	11	6	5	12	16	6	6	12

Which of these statements comes closest to your view about the current first-past-the-post system for electing MPs to the House of Commons?

It is an excellent system that we should definitely keep	16	27	15	1	11	28	14	5	9	16	15	14	11	20	13	18	15	18	14	18	14	2	25
It's not perfect, but it's probably better than any other way of electing MPs	42	54	39	24	31	48	42	28	36	41	43	32	46	44	41	42	34	46	44	42	45	12	63
It's not awful, but another system would probably be better	28	12	32	44	38	15	29	40	36	28	28	40	27	22	30	26	35	23	29	23	27	57	7
It's a bad system that we should definitely change	13	5	12	29	19	5	13	24	18	13	12	10	14	13	15	11	16	12	11	12	12	28	2
Don't know	2	2	1	1	2	4	1	3	2	2	3	5	3	1	2	3	0	1	2	5	2	1	3

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**Which two or three of these do you think are the biggest advantages of switching to AV?**

*[Only those voting yes n. = 371]*

It will make the overall result of the election across Britain fairer	<b>56</b>	36	66	60	42	63	59	64	44	56	56	58	48	61	57	55	52	63	59	52	49	56	0
It will force MPs to work harder to win and then keep their seats	<b>42</b>	18	44	37	52	28	44	29	49	44	40	40	40	45	43	41	44	46	45	35	37	42	0
It will end the system that allows candidates to be elected with less than half the local vote	<b>41</b>	24	38	52	48	31	41	47	37	41	40	29	46	44	43	38	38	40	44	38	45	41	0
It will force parties to broaden their appeal beyond their 'core' vote	<b>27</b>	40	29	20	30	36	30	13	26	32	22	30	31	22	25	29	20	31	25	30	35	27	0
It will be a stepping stone to a more proportional system in the future	<b>27</b>	19	23	39	40	14	19	39	39	27	26	34	24	24	32	21	29	24	32	20	33	27	0
It will take away the need for tactical voting	<b>17</b>	6	17	25	11	16	15	24	17	15	18	19	19	13	15	19	17	20	20	12	14	17	0
It will make it harder for the Conservatives to win future elections outright	<b>12</b>	6	19	2	5	0	18	8	8	14	11	17	11	10	14	10	14	19	15	11	2	12	0
It will help the party I normally support	<b>11</b>	6	10	20	7	4	10	18	6	7	14	16	7	10	12	10	14	5	9	17	6	11	0
It will make it harder for extremists to win seats at Westminster	<b>9</b>	22	10	8	6	17	9	8	8	9	9	5	8	12	6	12	5	4	8	13	10	9	0
It will lead to more coalition governments at Westminster	<b>7</b>	18	6	3	12	23	6	1	10	7	6	7	7	7	6	7	14	4	1	8	1	7	0
None of these	<b>4</b>	23	1	0	3	19	3	2	4	2	5	2	4	4	3	5	5	1	3	4	6	4	0
Don't know	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	5	1	1	0

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Weighted Sample  
Unweighted Sample

**Which two or three of these do you think are the biggest advantages of voting to keep the present voting system?**

[Only those voting no n. = 521]

It keeps elections simple: the candidate with the most votes wins	<b>73</b>	75	68	51	82	75	70	75	72	73	74	68	76	74	75	72	71	74	75	73	73	0	73
It is a tried-and-tested system that has served Britain well	<b>61</b>	67	58	47	71	64	57	65	60	61	60	47	59	66	55	65	61	69	55	60	62	0	61
It normally produces a clearcut government, rather than coalition rule	<b>30</b>	32	31	28	22	31	28	27	24	34	25	33	32	27	32	28	39	28	24	25	35	0	30
It means we won't have to waste public money on a more expensive system	<b>23</b>	22	23	37	28	22	24	40	27	18	28	17	21	26	21	24	22	21	33	16	21	0	23
It means each persons vote is only counted once, not several times	<b>22</b>	27	20	4	19	25	23	3	13	22	21	15	24	23	19	24	25	19	22	23	17	0	22
It encourages parties to present clear policies and not to fudge or compromise	<b>18</b>	22	12	14	19	21	13	15	24	20	16	24	16	17	21	16	15	17	16	29	12	0	18
It means candidates won't have to pander to extremists to secure their sceond or third preference votes	<b>10</b>	9	9	18	4	11	9	13	14	11	10	16	4	12	16	5	11	13	7	7	15	0	10
It will reduce the chance of the Liberal Democrats having a say in who governs Britain in future	<b>6</b>	2	11	0	2	2	11	0	2	9	3	8	6	5	7	5	7	7	4	7	5	0	6
It helps the party I normally support	<b>5</b>	2	7	0	6	4	7	0	5	4	6	10	4	4	4	6	4	5	1	5	11	0	5
It leaves open the opportunity to have a more proportional system in the future	<b>5</b>	5	3	30	1	7	4	11	2	4	6	7	3	5	6	4	3	6	5	4	6	0	5
None of these	<b>1</b>	1	1	9	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1
Don't know	<b>2</b>	1	3	8	4	1	2	4	4	2	2	3	4	1	2	3	2	0	4	4	0	0	2

**Some people suggested that the referendum should also have offered Proportional Representation as a choice. If the referendum had offered the choice of First Past the Post, Alternative Vote or Proportional Representation how would you have voted?**

To keep First Past the Post	<b>46</b>	72	42	12	36	68	44	18	33	45	46	37	45	50	41	50	45	50	45	48	41	6	74
To change to the Alternative Vote	<b>11</b>	3	10	26	19	4	10	18	17	11	11	12	12	10	11	11	10	12	8	12	12	26	0
To change to Proportional Representation	<b>29</b>	16	30	56	37	18	27	51	38	32	26	31	29	29	36	23	34	30	30	23	29	51	14
Would not have voted	<b>0</b>	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Don't know	<b>14</b>	9	17	6	8	10	18	13	12	12	17	20	15	11	12	16	12	8	15	18	17	17	12