

Daily Survey: Freya the Walrus

August 22 - 25, 2022 - 1000 US Adult Citizens



1. Predatory Animal

When a large predatory animal is living near human-occupied spaces, what should be done with it?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Leave it alone	16%	14%	19%	24%	14%	16%	12%	18%	9%	16%	12%
Capture and release it elsewhere	66%	66%	66%	49%	62%	72%	77%	69%	67%	50%	61%
Kill it	6%	8%	3%	7%	8%	4%	4%	4%	11%	8%	3%
Other	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	5%	3%	0%	4%	7%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%	16%	13%	6%	2%	5%	12%	22%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(992)	(464)	(528)	(225)	(198)	(357)	(212)	(713)	(120)	(95)	(64)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Leave it alone	16%	13%	18%	18%	13%	20%	18%	14%	17%	21%	22%	13%	14%
Capture and release it elsewhere	66%	75%	59%	66%	72%	67%	64%	73%	67%	66%	60%	69%	66%
Kill it	6%	4%	5%	8%	4%	8%	6%	5%	8%	4%	8%	7%	2%
Other	3%	1%	6%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	7%
Not sure	9%	7%	12%	6%	8%	3%	9%	6%	7%	7%	8%	9%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	99%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(309)	(416)	(267)	(371)	(322)	(442)	(247)	(188)	(180)	(210)	(387)	(215)

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2. Heard About Freya the Walrus

How much have you heard about Freya, the 1,300-pound walrus who most recently appeared near Oslo, Norway?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A lot	7%	8%	7%	13%	9%	5%	5%	6%	8%	11%	10%
A little	26%	27%	25%	24%	27%	24%	31%	27%	20%	25%	35%
Nothing at all	66%	65%	67%	63%	64%	71%	65%	67%	72%	64%	55%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(990)	(464)	(526)	(225)	(196)	(357)	(212)	(713)	(119)	(94)	(64)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A lot	7%	11%	4%	8%	11%	4%	7%	8%	8%	8%	10%	6%	7%
A little	26%	33%	25%	21%	34%	24%	25%	28%	35%	30%	23%	24%	31%
Nothing at all	66%	56%	71%	71%	55%	72%	68%	64%	57%	62%	67%	71%	62%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(990)	(307)	(416)	(267)	(369)	(323)	(442)	(245)	(188)	(180)	(210)	(386)	(214)

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3. Freya the Walrus Euthanized

Freya, the 1,300-pound walrus, was recently euthanized by the Norwegian government, which called the decision a safety precaution in light of people getting dangerously close to her in order to take photos and swim. Unlike most walruses, Freya appeared unafraid of humans, which the government said increased the risk of a dangerous interaction with people. Was it the right or wrong decision to euthanize the walrus?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Completely right	4%	6%	2%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%	8%	8%	2%
More right than wrong	8%	11%	5%	12%	10%	5%	6%	6%	9%	17%	7%
Equally right and wrong	11%	13%	10%	18%	14%	7%	7%	9%	15%	18%	14%
More wrong than right	23%	22%	24%	17%	22%	22%	33%	27%	17%	12%	21%
Completely wrong	37%	29%	44%	28%	33%	45%	37%	42%	23%	22%	36%
Not sure	17%	19%	14%	20%	18%	16%	14%	13%	29%	24%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(466)	(527)	(226)	(197)	(357)	(213)	(715)	(120)	(94)	(64)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Completely right	4%	5%	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%	3%	4%	3%	7%	3%	4%
More right than wrong	8%	8%	7%	9%	7%	8%	6%	7%	11%	5%	7%	9%	9%
Equally right and wrong	11%	13%	11%	9%	11%	8%	13%	10%	13%	14%	10%	11%	10%
More wrong than right	23%	24%	22%	26%	27%	24%	19%	27%	28%	25%	23%	23%	22%
Completely wrong	37%	36%	38%	35%	37%	40%	40%	39%	33%	39%	36%	38%	33%
Not sure	17%	13%	20%	16%	13%	15%	16%	14%	10%	14%	17%	15%	21%
Totals	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%
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4. Other Actions for Freya

What should have been done with Freya the Walrus instead of euthanization? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who think it was completely wrong, more wrong than right, or equally wrong and right to euthanize Freya the Walrus

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
She should have been completely left alone	12%	15%	10%	19%	13%	10%	8%	12%	13%	5%	22%
There should have been more restrictions on human interactions with her	25%	21%	29%	27%	26%	26%	23%	25%	26%	36%	18%
The government should have captured her and released her elsewhere	41%	43%	40%	36%	39%	41%	48%	42%	42%	34%	38%
The government should have captured her and brought her to a zoo or other protected captivity	18%	17%	18%	13%	19%	20%	16%	17%	20%	15%	20%
Other	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%	2%	0%	0%	2%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	10%	0%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(721)	(300)	(421)	(145)	(142)	(270)	(164)	(557)	(68)	(51)	(45)

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She should have been completely left alone	12%	9%	16%	10%	9%	11%	11%	16%	9%	19%	13%	9%	11%
There should have been more restrictions on human interactions with her	25%	23%	31%	20%	29%	23%	22%	28%	29%	23%	25%	26%	27%
The government should have captured her and released her elsewhere	41%	46%	36%	43%	44%	42%	43%	39%	40%	43%	37%	44%	37%
The government should have captured her and brought her to a zoo or other protected captivity	18%	18%	13%	24%	15%	20%	19%	16%	19%	9%	20%	19%	21%
Other	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	0%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(721)	(232)	(303)	(186)	(285)	(229)	(325)	(193)	(141)	(143)	(149)	(284)	(145)

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Interviewing Dates	August 22 - 25, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.199 to 5.991, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.38.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	59 questions not reported.