

Daily Survey: Freya the Walrus



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted August 22 - 25, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Leave it alone	16%
Capture and release it elsewhere	66%
Kill it	6%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%

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

A lot	7%
A little	26%
Nothing at all	66%

3. 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?

Completely right	4%
More right than wrong	8%
Equally right and wrong	11%
More wrong than right	23%
Completely wrong	37%
Not sure	17%

4. 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

She should have been completely left alone	12%
There should have been more restrictions on human interactions with her	25%
The government should have captured her and released her elsewhere	41%
The government should have captured her and brought her to a zoo or other protected captivity	18%
Other	1%
Not sure	2%

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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.