

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1710 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 30th September - 1st October 2012

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Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands/Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1710	440	559	124	570	428	354	831	879	207	436	585	482	975	735	219	556	366	421	149
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In recent weeks, there have been violent demonstrations in a number of Muslim countries against the United States, protesting a short anti-Muslim film, made in America and shown on YouTube.

Some people say the makers of the YouTube film should be prosecuted by US authorities for committing a hate-crime against Islam. Other people say the film-makers should not be prosecuted.

From what you know about the YouTube film, which of the following statements best reflects your view?

The makers of the YouTube film should be prosecuted by US authorities for committing a hate-crime

The makers of the YouTube film should not be prosecuted by US authorities for committing a hate-crime

Don't know/ prefer not to say

24	26	25	29	26	23	27	26	23	25	22	21	31	25	24	30	23	21	25	28
40	46	39	42	43	37	40	49	31	42	38	43	36	42	37	42	42	38	37	40
36	28	36	29	31	40	33	25	46	33	40	36	33	33	40	28	35	40	39	32

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Some people say the right to free speech should include doing and saying things that offend the religious views of others, such as producing visual images of the Prophet Mohammad, which many Muslims say should be forbidden. Other people say the right to free speech should NOT include doing and saying things that offend the religious views of others.

Please say whether you think the following activities should or should not be legally allowed in Britain.

Saying a particular religion is nonsense

Should be legally allowed	59	68	59	68	60	57	69	69	49	62	60	64	50	67	48	59	62	55	54	70
Should not be legally allowed	19	17	22	18	21	20	18	19	20	12	17	17	28	16	24	28	18	15	22	13
Don't know/ prefer not to say	22	16	19	14	19	23	13	12	31	25	23	19	22	17	28	13	20	31	23	17

Saying the founder of a particular religion never existed

Should be legally allowed	56	64	55	62	56	55	66	66	45	58	56	61	47	64	44	55	58	55	50	65
Should not be legally allowed	18	13	22	21	18	18	18	17	18	13	16	15	24	14	22	23	17	13	19	18
Don't know/ prefer not to say	27	23	23	17	26	28	16	16	37	29	28	24	29	21	34	22	25	31	31	17

Saying or printing insults about the founder of a particular religion

Should be legally allowed	41	48	41	43	42	41	47	52	31	48	44	46	31	47	34	42	42	39	39	49
Should not be legally allowed	33	30	37	33	36	34	32	32	34	20	26	33	45	30	36	40	34	28	34	27
Don't know/ prefer not to say	26	22	22	24	23	26	20	16	35	32	31	21	25	22	30	18	24	33	27	24

Saying a religion threatens world peace

Should be legally allowed	60	70	60	64	62	58	66	71	49	55	59	64	57	67	49	62	63	53	57	66
Should not be legally allowed	15	11	19	18	14	16	18	14	16	11	14	14	20	13	18	19	13	15	16	15
Don't know/ prefer not to say	25	19	21	18	24	26	16	15	35	34	27	23	23	20	32	19	24	32	27	20

Producing visual images of the Prophet Mohammed

Should be legally allowed	53	60	53	67	56	47	63	66	41	56	53	57	47	59	45	53	56	51	48	62
Should not be legally allowed	16	12	20	18	14	18	18	15	17	14	13	14	21	14	18	26	12	11	19	18
Don't know/ prefer not to say	31	28	27	15	29	35	20	20	42	30	34	29	32	27	37	21	32	38	33	19

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In response to the Muslim protests about the YouTube film, a French magazine called "Charlie Hebdo" published a cartoon showing the Prophet Muhammad naked in front of a film director. From what you know about the cartoon, which of the following statements best reflects your view?

The French magazine "Charlie Hebdo" was right to publish the cartoon as an act that defended free speech	33	42	32	37	37	31	34	44	24	41	33	39	24	35	31	38	32	33	31	38
The French magazine "Charlie Hebdo" was wrong to publish the cartoon as an act that caused unnecessary offence to Muslims	35	34	35	37	35	34	39	31	38	24	26	33	49	35	34	38	38	29	33	36
Don't know/ prefer not to say	32	24	33	26	29	35	28	25	39	35	41	28	27	30	35	23	30	38	36	26