

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1858 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 20th - 21st August 2013

Total	Voting intention					2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP		Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	Lon- don	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scot- land	
1858	X	X	X	X		512	490	383	901	957	221	470	635	531	1059	799	238	604	398	457	162	
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Under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 police are allowed to stop, examine and search passengers at ports, airports and international rail terminals. They may do so to determine whether a passenger is involved in terrorism. (They do NOT need evidence or 'reasonable' suspicion to do this). A passenger can also be held for up to nine hours for questioning about whether they have been involved with acts of terrorism.

In principle, to what extent do you support or oppose police having this power?

Strongly support	30	37	26	13	43	40	32	16	30	30	18	23	31	38	28	32	18	31	33	33	26
Tend to support	36	43	33	41	35	39	32	42	35	37	31	39	34	38	39	32	35	35	41	35	34
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	80	59	54	78	79	64	58	65	67	49	62	65	76	67	64	53	66	74	68	60
Neither support nor oppose	9	7	9	10	3	6	9	8	8	10	15	10	9	5	7	11	12	8	8	7	13
Tend to oppose	14	9	19	25	11	10	14	21	14	13	21	14	14	11	15	13	16	17	10	11	17
Strongly oppose	8	3	11	12	6	4	10	11	11	6	9	8	8	7	9	7	12	7	7	10	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	22	12	30	37	17	14	24	32	25	19	30	22	22	18	24	20	28	24	17	21	24
Don't know	3	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	4	7	5	3	1	2	6	7	3	2	3	4

Glenn Greenwald, a Guardian journalist, has written many stories about state surveillance based on the leaks from Edward Snowden, a former US intelligence officer. Last week, Greenwald's partner, David Miranda, who has also worked on these stories, was travelling back from Berlin to their home in Rio de Janeiro. His journey took him via London's Heathrow airport where he was held under Schedule 7.

Generally speaking, do you think this was an appropriate or inappropriate use of the law?

Generally appropriate use of the law -Miranda might have had information useful to terrorists	37	58	29	29	52	57	32	26	39	35	23	32	34	51	40	34	30	35	44	39	31
Generally inappropriate use of the law -he wasn't engaged in terrorism	44	27	54	62	40	29	48	59	46	42	51	43	46	38	46	41	45	44	38	43	54
Don't know	19	15	17	9	9	14	20	15	16	23	26	25	20	11	15	25	25	21	18	18	15

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When Mr Miranda was held at Heathrow, he said that he had to tell the police what his passwords were on his computer and mobile phone devices. He says he was threatened with prison if he did not comply.

If this is true, do you think it was a reasonable or unreasonable use of Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000?

Generally reasonable use of the law	38	58	29	31	52	55	36	28	40	36	29	32	39	46	39	37	32	38	46	37	28
Generally unreasonable use of the law	47	32	56	63	38	34	48	64	48	46	55	45	47	46	50	44	50	45	42	48	62
Don't know	15	10	15	5	10	11	16	9	11	18	17	22	14	8	12	19	17	17	12	15	10

Mr Miranda was released but some of his belongings, such as his computer and mobile phone devices, were not given back.

Do you think it was a reasonable or unreasonable use of Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 to retain these belongings?

Reasonable use of the law	33	51	26	27	43	46	32	24	37	31	21	28	36	40	32	35	29	36	39	32	23
Unreasonable use of the law	50	36	58	66	45	38	53	63	51	49	60	49	48	49	54	45	51	47	45	52	64
Don't know	17	13	15	7	12	15	15	13	13	20	19	24	15	11	14	20	20	17	16	16	13

Which of these views comes closer to yours?

It is vital that genuine journalists should be able to do their work without being detained, or their computers or mobile phones seized, unless there is specific reason to believe they have committed, or are planning, a crime	45	32	54	62	42	35	49	59	46	43	54	44	44	42	48	40	51	44	40	40	64
In balancing the rights of a free press with the need to fight terrorism and serious crime, the police and intelligence agencies can be trusted to act reasonably when deciding whether to detain journalists entering or leaving Britain	39	58	30	27	46	54	34	29	37	40	24	35	39	48	40	37	28	40	48	40	22
Neither	6	5	6	6	4	6	5	5	7	5	4	7	7	4	6	6	9	6	6	6	4
Don't know	10	4	10	5	7	5	12	7	10	11	18	13	9	6	6	17	11	10	6	15	11

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Taking these events into account, do think the law should or should not be changed?

Should be changed – the law should be tightened so that that the power may be used only where is a 'reasonable suspicion' of involvement in terrorism	42	32	53	56	35	31	45	57	44	41	46	42	43	40	44	40	41	42	36	44	57
Should not be changed – the police should keep the rights they have been given under Schedule 7 of the 2000 Act to detain people entering or leaving Britain	33	44	26	36	37	45	30	28	34	33	30	29	32	40	38	27	35	33	40	31	20
The law should be extended – the police should have the right to detain anyone in Britain (and not just those entering or leaving the country) and seize their computer and mobile phone, without needing 'reasonable suspicion' of a crime being planned or committed.	12	18	10	1	20	18	13	5	13	12	6	11	13	15	10	15	7	13	15	13	11
Don't know	12	6	10	7	7	7	12	10	10	15	18	18	12	4	8	18	18	12	10	12	11