

YouGov / Migration Matters Survey Results

Sample Size: 1945 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 9th - 10th May 2013

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1945	X	X	X	X	592	486	421	945	1000	235	496	665	548	1109	836
1945	429	616	131	282	588	495	447	939	1006	163	467	776	539	1305	640
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Do you think that, in principle, it is a good thing or a bad thing for the OBR to have been set up to provide independent analysis?

Good thing	55	67	50	80	55	63	52	65	62	49	56	52	57	57	62	46
Bad thing	7	5	11	2	10	5	12	4	10	4	7	7	7	7	6	8
Don't know	38	28	39	18	36	32	36	31	28	46	37	41	36	37	31	46

The OBR has recently carried out a detailed analysis of immigration. It reported that, overall, immigration boosts growth. This is because migration increases tax revenues and does not add much to age-related spending pressures as migrants tend to be of working age and use services like the NHS less. Do you think the OBR analysis on this is...

Probably right	30	27	37	65	8	21	34	41	34	25	43	34	29	21	36	21
Probably wrong	13	14	13	4	24	17	15	9	14	13	5	11	17	14	12	15
Speculation: it's impossible for them to be sure	36	47	31	19	55	48	30	31	36	36	23	25	37	51	34	40
Don't know	21	12	20	12	12	14	22	19	16	26	29	30	18	14	18	25

The OBR goes on to say that without continuing immigration, Government debt would be far higher than it is. Do you think the OBR analysis on this is...

Probably right	24	22	33	47	5	17	29	34	29	20	32	29	24	17	29	18
Probably wrong	21	25	17	14	41	27	21	15	24	18	14	17	24	24	19	24
Speculation: it's impossible for them to be sure	33	39	29	20	44	40	29	30	30	35	24	24	33	44	32	34
Don't know	22	15	21	19	10	15	21	21	17	27	30	31	19	15	20	25

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Good thing	55	61	60	50	50	57	82	56	56	80	54	58
Bad thing	7	7	5	8	9	4	4	17	9	5	17	6
Don't know	38	32	34	42	41	39	14	27	36	16	30	35

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Probably right	30	42	31	31	19	32	100	0	0	88	7	13
Probably wrong	13	11	13	12	17	9	0	100	0	3	49	6
Speculation: it's impossible for them to be sure	36	29	38	36	39	33	0	0	100	6	37	75
Don't know	21	18	19	21	25	25	0	0	0	4	6	6

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Probably right	24	34	28	26	14	19	72	5	4	100	0	0
Probably wrong	21	16	20	20	25	24	5	78	21	0	100	0
Speculation: it's impossible for them to be sure	33	29	30	35	36	36	14	14	68	0	0	100
Don't know	22	21	22	19	26	21	8	2	7	0	0	0

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Based on the OBR estimates, if net migration were to end, then within five years, the Government would need to find £18 billion to offset the rise in government debt. According to the government, this is equivalent to adding 5p to the basic rate of income tax. This would add around £1,000 a year to the taxes paid by someone earning £30,000 a year. If you had to choose between these two policies, which would you prefer?

Raise income tax by 5p in the pound	11	15	10	12	14	13	12	9	11	12	14	10	11	12	10	13
Allow immigration to continue at around the present level.	22	16	30	44	4	13	27	34	25	20	32	30	20	15	28	15
I don't believe the analysis, so that choice does not need to be made	39	47	35	21	69	53	37	31	43	36	23	27	43	54	39	41
Don't know	27	22	25	23	12	20	24	27	20	33	31	34	26	19	23	32

You say you don't believe the analysis. But if you were convinced that it is valid and had to make the choice, which would you prefer?

[Asked to those who don't believe the OBR analysis n=796]

Raise income tax by 5p in the pound	56	57	48	35	68	59	51	46	60	51	38	44	55	64	53	59
Allow immigration to continue at around the present level.	23	25	29	45	12	20	24	34	24	21	51	30	23	14	27	17
Don't know	22	18	23	20	19	21	25	20	16	29	12	26	21	22	21	23

[Rebased to include those who said they don't believe the OBR analysis]

Raise income tax by 5p in the pound	33	42	27	19	61	45	31	23	37	30	23	22	35	47	30	37
Allow immigration to continue at around the present level.	31	28	41	53	13	24	36	44	36	27	43	38	30	22	39	22
Don't know	35	30	33	27	26	31	34	33	27	43	34	41	35	31	31	41

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Allow immigration to continue at around the present level.	22	28	22	24	18	27	61	7	7	69	6	8
I don't believe the analysis, so that choice does not need to be made	39	30	37	40	44	49	14	68	65	6	67	65
Don't know	27	28	29	26	26	18	13	7	16	13	5	18

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Allow immigration to continue at around the present level.	23	29	22	22	23	20	47	14	22	41	14	26
Don't know	22	8	18	22	27	34	27	21	18	30	20	20

[Rebased to include those who said they don't believe the OBR analysis]

Raise income tax by 5p in the pound	33	33	35	32	34	29	16	63	51	13	65	44
Allow immigration to continue at around the present level.	31	37	30	33	28	37	67	16	21	72	16	25
Don't know	35	30	35	35	38	34	17	21	28	15	19	31

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Taking everything into account, which of these options do you think would be best for Britain?

Allowing immigrants into Britain without restriction	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
Continuing to admit broadly the same number of immigrants as we do today	9	5	12	21	1	4	11	12	10	7	13	11	8	6	11	5
Admitting immigrants and their immediate families if they come to study or have a job in Britain	29	31	33	46	8	24	28	41	27	30	40	34	28	20	33	22
Total broadly pro-immigration	39	37	47	69	9	28	41	54	39	38	55	47	37	27	46	28
Admitting only a small number of immigrants in special circumstances if they have special skills	42	49	35	23	69	56	39	31	43	41	26	28	45	56	39	45
Ending all immigration	12	9	11	4	20	12	13	8	11	13	4	11	13	15	8	16
Total broadly anti-immigration	54	58	46	27	89	68	52	39	54	54	30	39	58	71	47	61
Don't know	8	5	7	4	3	3	7	7	7	9	15	14	5	3	7	10

May 8-9 results
(only one question asked)

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1876	X	X	X	X	572	474	399	914	962	230	476	642	528	1069	807
1876	432	614	129	247	563	503	414	915	961	154	451	756	515	1260	616
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Taking everything into account, which of these options do you think would be best for Britain?

Allowing immigrants into Britain without restriction	2	2	2	5	0	2	2	3	3	2	4	3	2	1	3	1
Continuing to admit broadly the same number of immigrants as we do today	7	3	11	17	0	3	11	12	9	5	15	11	6	3	8	6
Admitting immigrants and their immediate families if they come to study or have a job in Britain	23	21	26	30	9	18	24	30	23	23	33	26	21	18	27	17
Total broadly pro-immigration	32	26	39	52	9	23	37	45	35	30	52	40	29	22	38	24
Admitting only a small number of immigrants in special circumstances if they have special skills	47	62	42	30	55	62	43	45	47	47	23	43	48	60	46	48
Ending all immigration	16	11	14	14	33	14	17	9	13	19	10	11	21	18	12	22
Total broadly anti-immigration	63	73	56	44	88	76	60	54	60	66	33	54	69	78	58	70
Don't know	4	1	4	3	3	1	4	1	4	5	15	7	2	1	4	6

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Continuing to admit broadly the same number of immigrants as we do today	9	11	8	6	9	13	23	5	2	25	3	3
Admitting immigrants and their immediate families if they come to study or have a job in Britain	29	30	33	29	22	27	47	14	24	47	18	25
Total broadly pro-immigration	39	44	42	37	32	42	73	19	27	76	21	29
Admitting only a small number of immigrants in special circumstances if they have special skills	42	35	42	40	48	38	21	62	58	19	61	56
Ending all immigration	12	10	10	14	13	11	4	17	13	3	18	13
Total broadly anti-immigration	54	45	52	54	61	49	25	79	71	22	79	69
Don't know	8	10	6	9	8	9	2	1	2	2	1	3

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Total	Region				
	London	Rest of	Midlands /	North	Scotlan
1876	240	610	401	461	163
1876	267	643	367	454	145
%	%	%	%	%	%

Taking everything into account, which of these options do you think would be best for Britain?

Allowing immigrants into Britain without restriction	2	4	2	1	2	3
Continuing to admit broadly the same number of immigrants as we do today	7	8	7	5	7	15
Admitting immigrants and their immediate families if they come to study or have a job in Britain	23	30	24	20	19	24
Total broadly pro-immigration	32	42	33	26	28	42
Admitting only a small number of immigrants in special circumstances if they have special skills	47	39	48	51	50	36
Ending all immigration	16	14	14	20	18	15
Total broadly anti-immigration	63	53	62	71	68	51
Don't know	4	5	5	3	4	7