

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1910 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 26th - 27th November 2012

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about people who foster children, do you think the following types of people should or should not be allowed to foster children?

People who smoke

Should definitely be allowed to foster children	11	12	12	12	11	10	9	10	11	16	11	13	6	10	12	14	9	11	11	13
Should usually be allowed to foster children	35	31	37	36	33	37	37	32	37	30	38	34	34	32	38	31	36	34	38	27
TOTAL ALLOWED	46	43	49	48	44	47	46	42	48	46	49	47	40	42	50	45	45	45	49	40
Should usually NOT be allowed to foster children	31	35	30	31	33	30	29	33	29	38	26	26	37	34	26	29	31	32	30	28
Should definitely NOT be allowed to foster children	14	15	11	16	16	11	15	15	13	6	14	16	15	16	12	14	15	14	12	18
TOTAL NOT ALLOWED	45	50	41	47	49	41	44	48	42	44	40	42	52	50	38	43	46	46	42	46
Don't know	10	6	10	5	7	12	9	9	10	10	11	11	7	9	11	12	9	9	10	14

People who are a different racial group to the children being fostered

Should definitely be allowed to foster children	36	33	39	40	35	37	38	31	40	48	38	35	30	37	34	36	36	38	33	36
Should usually be allowed to foster children	49	53	47	52	50	46	54	51	46	41	47	48	55	48	50	47	50	49	48	51
TOTAL ALLOWED	85	86	86	92	85	83	92	82	86	89	85	83	85	85	84	83	86	87	81	87
Should usually NOT be allowed to foster children	7	10	7	2	8	7	3	9	5	4	6	8	7	6	8	7	8	5	9	3
Should definitely NOT be allowed to foster children	2	1	2	0	2	3	1	4	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	1
TOTAL NOT ALLOWED	9	11	9	2	10	10	4	13	6	6	8	10	10	9	10	10	10	8	12	4
Don't know	6	3	5	5	5	7	4	5	7	5	7	7	6	6	7	7	6	5	7	9

People with extreme political views

Should definitely be allowed to foster children	7	7	6	5	8	6	3	8	5	7	7	7	5	6	8	7	6	7	7	6
Should usually be allowed to foster children	29	31	27	31	32	29	28	26	32	21	24	30	34	27	31	22	30	29	33	23
TOTAL ALLOWED	36	38	33	36	40	35	31	34	37	28	31	37	39	33	39	29	36	36	40	29
Should usually NOT be allowed to foster children	32	36	32	37	33	30	36	33	31	35	34	29	32	34	29	35	36	32	28	25
Should definitely NOT be allowed to foster children	18	17	20	14	16	21	19	21	15	21	19	18	16	20	15	20	16	17	19	21
TOTAL NOT ALLOWED	50	53	52	51	49	51	55	54	46	56	53	47	48	54	44	55	52	49	47	46
Don't know	15	10	16	13	11	16	14	12	17	15	15	16	13	13	17	16	12	16	13	26

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People with criminal records																				
Should definitely be allowed to foster children	2	1	2	5	2	2	2	3	1	5	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	3	2	0
Should usually be allowed to foster children	13	11	16	16	9	14	18	17	10	11	15	14	11	14	12	13	13	12	15	14
TOTAL ALLOWED	15	12	18	21	11	16	20	20	11	16	17	16	12	17	13	14	15	15	17	14
Should usually NOT be allowed to foster children	43	43	43	49	42	42	46	42	44	57	42	38	44	44	41	42	43	42	42	49
Should definitely NOT be allowed to foster children	29	36	27	17	37	28	21	27	31	15	26	32	34	27	31	29	30	30	27	28
TOTAL NOT ALLOWED	72	79	70	66	79	70	67	69	75	72	68	70	78	71	72	71	73	72	69	77
Don't know	13	10	13	13	10	14	13	12	14	12	15	14	9	12	14	15	12	13	13	9
People who are over 65																				
Should definitely be allowed to foster children	8	6	9	15	6	7	10	8	8	15	10	7	5	10	6	8	8	9	9	6
Should usually be allowed to foster children	36	33	41	35	31	43	41	35	37	34	39	38	32	37	35	29	36	43	35	33
TOTAL ALLOWED	44	39	50	50	37	50	51	43	45	49	49	45	37	47	41	37	44	52	44	39
Should usually NOT be allowed to foster children	34	35	32	38	36	31	35	33	34	36	29	30	40	34	32	35	37	29	34	30
Should definitely NOT be allowed to foster children	12	20	10	5	18	10	6	13	11	6	10	14	15	11	14	17	11	9	13	15
TOTAL NOT ALLOWED	46	55	42	43	54	41	41	46	45	42	39	44	55	45	46	52	48	38	47	45
Don't know	10	6	9	8	9	10	8	10	9	9	12	10	8	8	11	11	8	10	9	15
People who are not married																				
Should definitely be allowed to foster children	38	36	41	51	35	40	44	30	45	50	48	39	22	38	37	41	39	36	38	33
Should usually be allowed to foster children	43	46	44	37	45	43	44	47	40	37	37	43	52	44	43	42	42	47	43	42
TOTAL ALLOWED	81	82	85	88	80	83	88	77	85	87	85	82	74	82	80	83	81	83	81	75
Should usually NOT be allowed to foster children	9	11	7	4	11	8	6	11	6	6	6	7	14	9	9	4	8	10	10	10
Should definitely NOT be allowed to foster children	4	3	3	2	5	4	3	6	3	1	4	3	7	3	5	5	5	3	3	6
TOTAL NOT ALLOWED	13	14	10	6	16	12	9	17	9	7	10	10	21	12	14	9	13	13	13	16
Don't know	6	4	4	6	4	5	4	6	6	6	6	7	5	6	6	7	6	5	5	9
People who are gay or lesbian																				
Should definitely be allowed to foster children	29	24	35	41	23	34	38	24	34	47	39	28	14	31	27	30	29	25	34	25
Should usually be allowed to foster children	37	38	38	38	36	36	40	35	38	32	36	39	37	37	36	34	39	40	33	34
TOTAL ALLOWED	66	62	73	79	59	70	78	59	72	79	75	67	51	68	63	64	68	65	67	59
Should usually NOT be allowed to foster children	14	19	12	7	16	13	8	17	11	10	9	14	19	13	15	11	13	15	14	18
Should definitely NOT be allowed to foster children	12	11	9	5	16	10	7	16	8	5	7	11	20	12	12	13	11	11	12	15
TOTAL NOT ALLOWED	26	30	21	12	32	23	15	33	19	15	16	25	39	25	27	24	24	26	26	33
Don't know	9	9	6	10	10	8	8	8	9	7	9	8	10	7	11	12	8	10	7	9
People who practice a different religion to the children being fostered																				
Should definitely be allowed to foster children	22	21	22	25	23	22	21	19	24	26	25	21	18	21	23	23	22	19	23	21
Should usually be allowed to foster children	48	52	48	54	50	45	54	49	46	45	43	47	54	49	46	42	48	52	47	47
TOTAL ALLOWED	70	73	70	79	73	67	75	68	70	71	68	68	72	70	69	65	70	71	70	68
Should usually NOT be allowed to foster children	16	20	13	9	17	14	12	17	14	15	16	16	14	16	15	18	17	15	14	15
Should definitely NOT be allowed to foster children	4	3	5	1	3	5	3	5	3	4	5	4	4	5	3	5	3	4	6	3
TOTAL NOT ALLOWED	20	23	18	10	20	19	15	22	17	19	21	20	18	21	18	23	20	19	20	18
Don't know	11	5	12	11	7	13	10	9	12	11	11	11	10	10	12	13	11	9	10	15

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You may have seen a recent news story about a couple who were reportedly not allowed to continuing fostering a group of children because they were members of a particularly political party. Do you think people should or should not be allowed to foster children if they are a member of the following political parties?

Conservatives

There is nothing wrong with allowing people who are members of this party to foster children	71	93	60	75	89	59	70	73	69	60	64	73	79	74	67	72	76	72	65	63
I dislike this party's views, but their members should still be allowed to foster children	18	3	32	17	4	32	21	18	18	23	21	17	15	16	20	18	15	18	21	22
People who are members of this party should NOT be allowed to foster children	1	0	1	3	0	2	2	2	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	1
Don't know	10	4	6	6	6	7	8	7	12	17	12	9	5	8	12	9	9	9	11	14

Labour

There is nothing wrong with allowing people who are members of this party to foster children	76	76	88	84	76	86	83	77	76	72	72	77	82	78	74	77	79	76	76	68
I dislike this party's views, but their members should still be allowed to foster children	13	19	6	9	17	6	9	14	12	10	14	13	13	13	13	12	12	14	12	17
People who are members of this party should NOT be allowed to foster children	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	0
Don't know	10	4	6	5	6	7	7	7	12	17	12	9	5	8	12	9	8	9	10	14

Liberal Democrats

There is nothing wrong with allowing people who are members of this party to foster children	73	84	72	88	80	69	84	75	72	62	70	75	78	76	69	76	78	76	67	63
I dislike this party's views, but their members should still be allowed to foster children	16	12	21	4	13	23	8	16	16	21	14	15	16	14	18	12	13	13	21	21
People who are members of this party should NOT be allowed to foster children	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	2	1
Don't know	10	4	7	5	6	7	8	7	12	16	12	9	5	8	12	9	8	9	11	14

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UK Independence Party (UKIP)																				
There is nothing wrong with allowing people who are members of this party to foster children	55	71	44	45	74	46	46	58	53	37	48	59	66	54	57	52	60	55	53	49
I dislike this party's views, but their members should still be allowed to foster children	27	22	36	44	16	35	37	28	26	34	30	24	24	29	23	28	25	30	26	26
People who are members of this party should NOT be allowed to foster children	4	2	6	5	2	6	4	4	4	5	5	4	3	4	3	5	3	3	4	6
Don't know	14	5	14	7	7	13	13	10	17	25	18	13	7	12	16	14	12	12	16	19
British National Party (BNP)																				
There is nothing wrong with allowing people who are members of this party to foster children	18	22	15	12	20	17	11	18	17	13	17	18	20	14	23	12	19	19	18	14
I dislike this party's views, but their members should still be allowed to foster children	32	36	31	36	34	27	35	30	33	30	28	33	34	34	29	29	31	35	30	34
People who are members of this party should NOT be allowed to foster children	36	35	42	40	35	44	39	39	32	34	38	34	37	39	32	44	34	34	36	34
Don't know	15	7	12	12	10	12	15	12	17	23	18	14	9	13	17	14	15	11	16	18
Respect																				
There is nothing wrong with allowing people who are members of this party to foster children	45	48	46	45	47	45	43	48	41	40	45	47	44	43	47	44	45	47	44	42
I dislike this party's views, but their members should still be allowed to foster children	26	25	27	34	25	28	28	28	23	21	23	25	32	29	21	27	22	27	28	27
People who are members of this party should NOT be allowed to foster children	4	7	3	4	6	3	2	6	2	5	5	4	2	4	3	7	3	4	3	7
Don't know	25	21	24	18	22	24	26	17	34	35	26	24	22	23	28	22	30	22	25	23

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	66	118
Male 25 to 39	189	244
Male 40 to 59	389	323
Male 60 +	302	243
Female 18 to 24	84	113
Female 25 to 39	250	243
Female 40 to 59	379	330
Female 60 +	251	296
Region		
North England	434	470
Midlands	304	313
East England	194	183
London	285	244
South England	440	437
Wales	120	96
Scotland	133	166
Social Grade		
AB	732	535
C1	553	554
C2	283	401
DE	342	420
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	373	306
Sun / Star	172	449
Mirror / Record	95	191
Guardian / Independent	128	86
FT / Times / Telegraph	145	181
Other Paper	242	220
No Paper	755	478
Political Party Identification		
Labour	632	621
Conservative	525	544
Liberal Democrat	205	229
SNP/Plaid Cymru	36	32
Others	102	25
None/ DK	410	458

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