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From what you know, does the fact that drugs are illegal raise the price of drugs, or lower it, or does the fact that drugs are illegal not make much difference?

Raises it	57	50	53	52	57	56	51	50	51	55	45	46	46	49	57	53	46	49	52	47	50	50
Lowers it	3	4	5	4	4	1	3	4	3	4	3	6	6	3	1	3	4	5	3	2	5	5
Doesn't make much difference	27	28	26	28	23	29	28	28	28	26	30	21	29	29	28	25	31	27	26	33	25	28
Don't know	13	19	16	17	16	14	18	18	19	15	22	27	18	19	14	18	19	19	19	18	19	18

If the price of drugs were lower than it is now, do you think...?

Many more people would use drugs than do now	21	22	23	22	20	25	24	24	16	21	22	16	22	23	23	21	23	20	24	23	21	19
Some more people would use them than do now	33	28	32	29	30	30	31	28	29	29	27	31	26	26	32	29	27	26	29	30	27	26
Only a few more people would use them	19	18	20	17	21	14	15	16	23	21	15	20	21	16	17	20	15	21	16	16	18	24
No more people would use them	16	17	15	19	18	20	17	17	19	17	17	17	16	18	16	17	17	16	17	16	19	18
Don't know	12	15	11	13	12	12	13	15	13	11	18	16	16	16	12	13	17	17	14	16	15	13

If soft drugs like cannabis were decriminalised, do you think this would lead to more or less people using drugs, or would it make no difference?

More people using drugs	48	46	55	41	51	52	56	44	45	46	46	44	42	46	52	48	44	40	50	45	46	47
Fewer people using drugs	7	7	6	9	7	4	4	8	6	8	5	12	12	4	2	7	6	9	6	6	8	3
Would make no difference	36	36	31	42	33	39	30	38	41	38	35	30	35	39	38	35	39	37	34	39	35	42
Don't know	8	11	8	9	8	5	9	10	9	8	13	15	12	11	7	10	12	13	10	10	11	8

If soft drugs like cannabis were decriminalised, do you think this would lead to more or less crime?

More crime	21	21	28	17	15	27	29	19	15	19	23	16	16	22	25	21	20	18	24	21	20	17
Less crime	31	32	26	39	46	31	25	31	41	39	25	37	39	30	25	35	27	36	29	29	36	32
Would make no difference	37	33	34	33	29	35	32	36	34	33	34	26	29	35	39	31	36	31	32	36	32	40
Don't know	11	14	12	11	9	7	14	14	9	10	18	21	16	13	10	12	16	15	15	15	13	11

If hard drugs like heroin or crack cocaine were decriminalised, do you think this would lead to more or less people using drugs, or would it make no difference?

More people using drugs	52	47	55	42	43	53	58	45	43	45	48	42	40	48	54	48	45	41	49	49	43	50
Fewer people using drugs	6	7	5	11	11	2	4	9	7	9	5	11	11	5	3	8	6	11	4	6	9	5
Would make no difference	30	32	29	33	34	36	26	31	36	33	30	28	32	31	33	31	32	31	31	29	32	36
Don't know	12	15	11	14	12	9	12	16	13	13	17	20	17	16	10	13	18	17	15	16	15	9

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If hard drugs like heroin or crack cocaine were decriminalised, do you think this would lead to more or less crime?

More crime	40	38	45	34	30	42	49	37	32	35	41	38	35	39	41	38	39	32	41	42	34	43
Less crime	25	27	24	31	43	23	20	28	36	35	20	28	30	26	26	29	25	29	26	22	32	24
Would make no difference	24	21	21	23	20	26	20	23	21	20	23	14	20	22	24	20	23	21	21	20	22	23
Don't know	12	13	9	11	8	8	10	13	12	10	16	20	15	14	9	13	14	18	12	15	12	10

Which of the following statements do you most agree with?

Criminalising drugs creates more problems than it solves	31	34	31	39	43	29	27	35	40	39	30	41	38	36	27	35	33	36	32	32	37	38
Criminalising drugs solves more problems than it creates	37	33	39	34	27	42	39	33	30	34	32	34	29	31	38	35	30	33	32	35	33	32
Don't know	32	33	30	27	30	29	33	32	31	27	38	24	33	33	35	30	36	31	35	33	30	30

Research shows that drugs addicts are more likely to commit crimes than non-addicts.

From what you know, do addicts commit crimes primarily because they become mentally unstable when they are high on drugs, or primarily because they steal in order to get money to buy drugs?

They become mentally unstable when high on drugs	15	16	17	14	19	12	16	16	11	16	15	21	20	13	13	16	15	18	16	15	15	16
They steal to get money to buy drugs	78	75	77	79	75	84	77	75	80	76	75	61	69	79	82	75	75	70	76	75	77	78
Don't know	7	9	6	7	6	4	7	9	9	8	10	17	12	8	5	9	9	13	9	10	7	6

Do you think that those who are addicted to drugs should be dealt with mainly by the police and the courts or mainly through the National Health Service?

Mainly by police and courts	53	49	61	47	39	62	61	45	38	49	49	35	42	51	57	48	50	36	51	56	48	44
Mainly through the NHS	34	35	27	41	49	26	24	40	45	39	31	46	38	32	31	37	32	45	31	29	38	42
Don't know	14	16	12	13	11	12	15	15	17	13	20	19	20	17	12	15	18	19	18	15	15	14

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In 2001 Portugal decriminalised possession of drugs in an attempt to deal with a high rate of heroin addiction and HIV amongst drug users. People growing, dealing or trafficking drugs are still prosecuted, but possession of drugs for personal use has been decriminalised. Instead there has been increased investment in drug treatment programmes and harm reduction programmes. Since the policy was introduced there have been higher levels of drug treatment, the justice system has spent less time on drug-related crime, there has been less problem drug use, but a higher rate of overall reported drug use.

Would you support or oppose a similar programme in this country?

Support	46	45	41	49	57	41	38	46	54	50	40	45	49	43	42	46	42	51	41	41	45	54
Oppose	32	29	37	28	23	33	35	26	24	30	27	26	22	31	33	29	28	22	32	30	29	24
Don't know	23	27	23	23	19	26	27	28	22	20	33	29	29	26	25	24	30	27	27	28	26	22

Would you support or oppose limited trials of the Portuguese approach in some British cities?

Support	60	58	56	61	71	55	54	59	69	61	55	53	59	55	61	60	54	60	55	55	58	67
Oppose	24	23	29	24	17	26	29	22	16	25	21	22	19	25	25	24	23	18	26	25	23	18
Don't know	16	19	15	16	12	19	17	19	15	14	24	25	22	19	14	16	23	22	19	20	19	15

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In the Netherlands drugs have been treated as more a public health issue than a criminal issue. Possession and sale of drugs remains technically illegal, but in practice people are not prosecuted for the possession of cannabis and licenced coffeeshops are allowed to sell cannabis. Drug testing services are available for users to check drugs don't contain poisonous substances and supervised injection sites are available where addicts can use drugs with access to medical staff. Drug smuggling and trafficking remain serious criminal offences.

Would you support or oppose a similar programme in this country?

Support	42	36	47	55	40	36	42	52	49	35	40	45	43	38	43	40	44	38	38	45	52
Oppose	34	43	36	22	39	41	35	28	34	35	34	28	34	41	36	32	27	38	36	32	33
Don't know	24	22	18	23	20	23	23	20	17	30	26	27	23	21	21	28	28	24	25	23	15

Would you support or oppose limited trials of the Dutch approach in some British cities?

Support	48	45	52	64	47	43	49	60	55	42	48	51	48	48	51	45	51	47	44	51	55
Oppose	31	38	34	23	36	37	33	25	31	31	28	27	32	36	33	30	23	34	35	29	32
Don't know	20	18	14	13	17	20	18	15	14	27	24	23	20	17	16	26	26	19	22	20	13

Would you support or oppose a government review of drug policy options, to include the current system of criminalisation, decriminalisation or full legalisation?

Strongly support	25	22	27	34	25	20	24	32	31	19	22	27	26	22	26	22	26	25	22	25	28
Tend to support	40	46	39	49	37	44	41	42	41	40	35	36	41	45	41	39	38	41	36	42	45
TOTAL SUPPORT	65	68	66	83	62	64	65	74	72	59	57	63	67	67	67	61	64	66	58	67	73
Tend to oppose	10	13	11	6	10	12	10	8	10	10	11	10	10	11	11	9	12	8	13	9	10
Strongly oppose	5	5	6	5	9	6	7	3	6	5	5	5	6	6	6	5	4	6	6	6	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	15	18	17	11	19	18	17	11	16	15	16	15	16	17	17	14	16	14	19	15	13
Don't know	19	14	16	6	20	17	19	16	12	27	27	22	18	16	15	25	19	20	24	18	14

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Would you be more or less likely to support a political party if it promised to review alternatives to criminalisation, including legalisation and regulation and decriminalisation?

Much more likely	10	9	7	10	17	6	6	10	11	12	6	15	11	8	7	9	10	11	8	8	11	10
A little more likely	19	18	16	20	34	15	14	19	26	19	17	15	25	15	15	20	15	19	17	14	20	23
TOTAL MORE LIKELY	29	27	23	30	51	21	20	29	37	31	23	30	36	23	22	29	25	30	25	22	31	33
Would make no difference	35	40	47	41	32	41	44	40	38	42	38	28	33	43	48	39	41	39	41	41	37	41
A little less likely	8	8	10	8	7	9	11	7	7	8	9	12	6	9	8	9	7	8	10	9	7	6
Much less likely	11	10	10	10	5	17	12	10	6	10	10	10	7	10	12	11	9	8	10	10	9	10
TOTAL LESS LIKELY	19	18	20	18	12	26	23	17	13	18	19	22	13	19	20	20	16	16	20	19	16	16
Don't know	18	15	10	10	5	11	12	14	11	10	20	20	18	14	11	12	19	15	14	18	15	9

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.