

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 100 MPs

Fieldwork Dates: 16th - 28th January 2019



Total	Party					Interest in football					
	Conservative	Labour	Scottish National Party	Other	Other Comb	Strong interest	Moderate interest	Total interest	Limited interest	No interest	Total no interest

How much of an interest to you take in football?

Unweighted base	100	38	53	7	2	9	43	20	63	14	23	37
Base	100	49	40	5	5	11	42	22	64	12	25	36
Strong interest	42%	40%	41%	48%	60%	54%	100%	-	65%	-	-	-
Moderate interest	22%	23%	22%	39%	-	19%	-	100%	35%	-	-	-
Limited interest	12%	7%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	32%
No interest at all	25%	30%	17%	13%	40%	27%	-	-	-	-	100%	68%

Football fans have been banned from standing up in stadiums whilst watching matches in English football's top two divisions since the Football Spectators' Act in 1989. Proposals have been put forward to introduce 'safe standing' areas, whereby a portion of the stadium is allocated to fans who would be allowed to stand up throughout the match. The area would be designed so that it is in line with health and safety measures. How strongly would you support or oppose the introduction of 'safe standing' areas at football matches?

Unweighted base	100	38	53	7	2	9	43	20	63	14	23	37
Base	100	49	40	5	5	11	42	22	64	12	25	36
Strongly support	34%	31%	34%	39%	60%	50%	48%	26%	41%	33%	18%	23%
Tend to support	28%	32%	25%	48%	-	24%	26%	46%	33%	21%	20%	20%
Tend to oppose	11%	15%	10%	-	-	-	14%	5%	11%	21%	7%	12%
Strongly oppose	11%	12%	12%	-	-	-	9%	20%	13%	-	11%	7%
Don't know	15%	10%	19%	13%	40%	27%	2%	3%	2%	24%	45%	38%
Net: Support	62%	63%	59%	87%	60%	73%	74%	72%	74%	54%	38%	43%
Net: Oppose	22%	27%	22%	-	-	-	23%	26%	24%	21%	18%	19%

Why do you oppose the introduction of 'safe standing' areas at football matches? Please select all that apply

Unweighted base	18	9	9	-	-	-	9	3	12	3	3	6
Base	22	13	9	-	-	-	10	6	15	3	4	7
I don't think standing at football matches can ever be safe	63%	79%	38%	-	-	-	81%	20%	59%	41%	88%	71%
Standing at football matches encourages anti-social behaviour	47%	54%	37%	-	-	-	48%	39%	45%	100%	26%	53%
Other (open ends tab)	17%	4%	37%	-	-	-	10%	41%	21%	-	12%	8%

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