

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1579 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 9th - 10th September 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	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
1579	399	473	116	129		466	357	338	766	813	188	399	540	452	900	679	202	513	338	388	137	
Unweighted Sample	454	434	94	167		533	340	338	761	818	98	359	610	512	1124	455	219	535	305	390	130	
	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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On balance, taking account of the advantages and disadvantages of the different ways of deciding about military action, how do you think the following types of action should be decided?

Declaring war on another country

Decision should be taken by the Prime Minister and full cabinet after taking legal and military advice, but without involving Parliament

Decision should be taken by the Prime Minister and full cabinet after taking legal and military advice, and then choosing when it is appropriate to consult Parliament

The Prime Minister and full cabinet should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power subsequently to instruct Ministers when to stop

Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken

Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up and hold the referendum

Don't know

7	6	8	5	9	7	10	4	8	5	7	8	6	6	8	5	6	3	6	10	10
22	33	21	22	16	29	20	20	21	22	17	26	22	19	25	18	16	25	19	24	19
20	21	19	35	21	24	17	22	22	19	18	23	23	16	21	20	23	23	22	16	15
27	26	32	20	28	26	32	33	30	25	18	14	30	39	27	28	23	25	27	29	39
11	6	9	8	21	7	10	13	10	12	14	11	9	12	9	14	13	11	12	10	7
13	8	12	11	4	7	11	8	9	17	26	18	10	7	11	15	19	12	13	12	10

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On balance, taking account of the advantages and disadvantages of the different ways of taking decisions about military action, how do you think the following types of action should be decided?

Sending British troops into another country as part of an agreed NATO operation

Decision should be taken by the Prime Minister and full cabinet after taking legal and military advice, but without involving Parliament	9	14	11	11	10	12	10	6	10	9	12	9	8	9	9	9	12	8	9	11	5
Decision should be taken by the Prime Minister and full cabinet after taking legal and military advice, and then choosing whether to send troops	21	33	20	20	19	28	20	19	20	23	8	27	21	22	25	17	16	26	18	21	20
The Prime Minister and full cabinet should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power to stop the action if necessary	19	16	19	27	19	18	18	25	19	18	18	17	24	14	21	16	23	19	19	17	13
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	28	24	31	25	33	26	32	31	32	24	25	15	29	40	26	30	20	26	30	25	45
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up	10	5	10	6	16	7	10	11	9	11	13	10	8	9	7	13	13	8	10	12	7
Don't know	13	9	10	12	3	8	12	8	10	16	24	21	10	6	12	15	16	13	13	13	10

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On balance, taking account of the advantages and disadvantages of the different ways of taking decisions about military action, how do you think the following types of action should be decided?

Sending British troops into another country as part of an American-led operation not involving NATO

Decision should be taken by the Prime Minister and full cabinet after taking legal and military advice, but without involving Parliament	5	5	8	2	4	5	7	2	4	6	8	7	4	4	5	5	12	3	5	7	3
Decision should be taken by the Prime Minister and full cabinet after taking legal and military advice, and then choosing	14	24	13	10	15	22	13	11	14	15	10	21	12	13	17	11	10	19	11	14	12
The Prime Minister and full cabinet should have the right to authorise urgent action, but Parliament should have the power	15	17	15	24	12	17	14	14	17	13	13	15	18	11	16	14	19	16	13	13	14
Decision should be taken by Parliament before the action is taken	35	37	39	40	29	36	39	44	40	31	22	22	39	47	36	34	27	36	36	35	43
Decision should be taken by a referendum of voters and no action taken for the two-three months it would take to set up	17	10	16	11	33	14	16	18	16	17	19	16	16	17	15	20	14	16	18	18	18
Don't know	14	7	10	12	6	7	12	11	9	18	28	19	10	7	12	16	19	11	17	13	10