

YouGov-Cambridge Survey Results

Sample Size: 64303 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 13th April - 20th May 2011

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Which three or four of these issues do you think are the most important facing Britain over all?
(Please tick up to four.)

The economy/ credit crunch/ jobs/ unemployment	63	62	64	65	65	59	65	60	62	60	65	65	61	69	65
Prices/ inflation/ cost of living	47	47	47	52	49	40	45	49	48	46	41	51	46	50	47
Immigration/ asylum	45	45	45	32	47	54	44	46	44	47	46	40	49	41	40
Health/ NHS / hospitals	43	39	48	39	44	48	45	42	44	41	41	48	42	39	47
Crime/ law and order/ police	33	33	32	29	33	37	31	35	33	34	31	35	32	32	35
Pensions/ social security/ poverty in Britain	30	30	31	21	33	37	32	28	34	32	28	29	28	32	28
Afghanistan/ the war on terrorism/ Islamic extremists	24	22	26	20	22	30	23	26	24	19	24	21	25	26	32
Housing/ house prices/ interest rates	17	16	18	23	16	12	16	19	17	16	19	19	18	15	13
Income tax/ VAT/ National Insurance/ Council Tax	16	20	12	20	15	12	15	16	17	16	12	12	17	16	16
Europe/ The European Union	15	18	12	10	11	24	16	15	15	16	18	12	18	17	11
The environment/ pollution/ global warming	14	15	13	17	14	11	14	13	11	10	17	15	15	18	14
Child care/ nurseries/ schools/ universities	12	10	14	16	12	8	12	11	11	14	12	15	10	10	12
Transport/ bus and train fares/ roads	9	11	7	9	9	8	8	9	7	8	7	11	10	13	7
International development/ poverty	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	2	4	3
Nuclear proliferation	3	3	2	2	1	4	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	6	2
Countryside/ farming/ GM crops/ fox-hunting	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	2	2	2	1
The transnational spread of contagious diseases	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	2
Other	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Don't know	3	3	3	5	3	2	3	3	4	4	3	4	2	3	1

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Split A

Unweighted Sample

Thinking about the contrast between domestic and international challenges, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? For now, Britain should concentrate less on problems in the wider world and more on our problems at home

Strongly agree	47	48	45	38	47	54	43	51	53	52	43	35	45	40	45
Agree	31	29	33	33	31	29	34	27	27	27	34	36	31	43	33
TOTAL AGREE	78	77	78	71	78	83	77	78	80	79	77	71	76	83	78
Neither agree nor disagree	12	11	13	13	14	9	12	12	10	11	14	15	13	7	15
Disagree	6	7	6	9	5	5	7	6	5	5	7	10	7	7	5
Strongly disagree	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	2
TOTAL DISAGREE	7	9	7	11	6	6	9	7	6	7	8	12	8	7	7
Don't know	2	2	2	5	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	1

Thinking about the influence of both Britain and Europe on the world stage, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - In really important matters, Britain is still free to conduct its own, independent foreign policy.

Strongly agree	24	27	21	19	23	28	22	26	25	28	20	23	22	22	22
Agree	32	34	30	34	33	30	34	30	33	28	31	35	33	30	36
TOTAL AGREE	56	61	51	53	56	58	56	56	58	56	51	58	55	52	58
Neither agree nor disagree	17	15	19	19	18	14	16	18	15	18	13	16	18	18	21
Disagree	15	15	16	10	17	19	18	13	16	15	19	14	15	18	14
Strongly disagree	5	6	3	4	4	6	5	5	5	4	7	4	5	3	3
TOTAL DISAGREE	20	21	19	14	21	25	23	18	21	19	26	18	20	21	17
Don't know	7	4	11	14	6	3	6	9	7	7	9	8	7	8	5

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On the world stage, the collective decisions taken by Europe's leaders generally have more impact than those taken by Britain on its own.

Strongly agree	13	15	10	11	13	14	13	12	13	13	13	11	13	14	13
Agree	38	34	41	32	38	42	39	35	38	35	41	38	37	34	41
TOTAL AGREE	51	49	51	43	51	56	52	47	51	48	54	49	50	48	54
Neither agree nor disagree	24	25	23	23	25	24	25	23	24	26	23	24	24	20	24
Disagree	10	14	8	9	11	11	11	10	10	10	9	8	12	14	10
Strongly disagree	3	5	2	4	3	3	3	4	2	4	2	6	3	3	3
TOTAL DISAGREE	13	19	10	13	14	14	14	14	12	14	11	14	15	17	13
Don't know	12	7	17	20	11	6	9	16	14	13	11	13	10	15	9

Below is a list of international challenges facing Britain. For each one please say what kind of threat, if any, they pose to Britain.

Islamist extremism

A major threat	68	67	69	53	68	82	70	66	71	65	67	70	69	64	66
A Minor threat	23	25	21	31	23	15	23	22	20	23	26	21	23	27	25
No threat at all	2	2	1	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	4
Don't know	8	6	9	13	8	3	5	10	7	11	7	6	8	8	5

The rising price of oil

A major threat	65	66	65	57	66	72	66	64	68	70	68	54	62	68	69
A Minor threat	26	27	24	28	26	23	27	24	23	20	26	36	28	21	23
No threat at all	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	4	2
Don't know	7	5	10	12	7	3	6	10	7	9	6	6	8	7	6

Illegal immigration into Britain

A major threat	58	56	60	42	61	70	57	59	61	61	57	52	59	56	55
A Minor threat	30	32	27	38	28	24	32	26	27	26	33	36	29	31	32
No threat at all	5	6	4	7	5	3	5	5	6	4	5	6	4	6	8
Don't know	7	6	9	13	6	3	5	10	7	10	6	7	8	7	5

The international drugs trade

A major threat	46	46	47	24	49	63	48	44	51	46	43	46	42	39	52
A Minor threat	40	41	38	51	38	31	40	39	35	39	44	40	43	44	36
No threat at all	5	8	3	10	4	2	5	5	6	3	7	3	5	8	4
Don't know	9	6	12	15	8	4	7	11	8	12	6	11	9	8	7

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The rise of extreme nationalist groups across Europe

A major threat	43	38	47	34	39	54	44	41	43	41	45	46	40	44	45
A Minor threat	40	44	36	42	42	36	40	39	40	40	43	37	41	35	40
No threat at all	8	12	4	9	9	5	8	7	8	6	4	8	8	12	8
Don't know	10	6	13	15	10	5	7	13	9	13	7	10	10	8	7

British troops in Afghanistan

A major threat	42	37	48	33	42	51	41	44	45	48	37	42	39	37	45
A Minor threat	40	46	35	44	41	36	44	36	39	34	48	36	44	45	42
No threat at all	7	10	4	7	7	6	7	7	8	6	8	9	6	8	4
Don't know	10	8	13	16	9	6	8	14	9	12	8	12	11	10	9

European Union directives

A major threat	36	39	34	24	32	52	36	36	35	38	41	29	40	33	30
A Minor threat	36	35	36	37	39	31	37	34	36	33	35	43	32	33	39
No threat at all	15	18	11	16	16	11	16	12	14	12	15	15	14	18	18
Don't know	14	8	19	23	13	6	10	18	15	17	9	13	13	15	13

Increased development of nuclear weapons

A major threat	37	34	41	32	34	45	37	39	38	35	35	44	35	36	41
A Minor threat	45	49	42	45	47	44	48	42	44	46	51	44	46	47	42
No threat at all	7	10	4	8	8	5	7	6	8	5	6	4	8	8	9
Don't know	10	7	13	15	10	6	8	13	10	13	8	8	10	9	8

Economic problems in other Western countries

A major threat	36	39	33	32	35	39	36	35	35	34	38	37	36	37	35
A Minor threat	49	49	50	46	50	52	51	47	49	48	51	51	49	48	49
No threat at all	4	5	4	6	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	6
Don't know	11	7	14	16	11	5	8	14	11	14	7	8	10	11	10

The Arab-Israeli conflict

A major threat	29	26	32	19	30	37	29	29	29	28	29	27	32	21	30
A Minor threat	50	51	48	50	48	51	53	45	48	48	50	53	49	51	53
No threat at all	10	15	6	14	10	7	10	11	12	9	11	8	10	17	8
Don't know	11	7	15	18	12	5	8	15	11	15	9	11	10	11	10

China's rise as a world power

A major threat	23	23	24	17	25	28	25	22	25	21	23	22	22	24	29
A Minor threat	46	47	46	44	45	50	48	44	45	47	52	49	47	38	43
No threat at all	18	23	13	21	18	14	17	18	18	15	17	18	17	27	19
Don't know	13	7	18	18	13	7	10	16	12	17	8	11	13	11	10

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Russian spying

A major threat	9	8	10	9	8	10	7	12	9	8	11	11	8	7	10
A Minor threat	49	50	48	45	47	55	52	46	45	50	50	50	52	43	53
No threat at all	27	32	22	24	29	27	29	24	31	25	28	23	25	34	24
Don't know	15	9	21	22	16	8	12	19	15	17	11	16	15	15	13

Thinking generally about UK national security, do you feel MORE secure, LESS secure or about the SAME as you did 12 months ago?

More secure	6	9	3	9	5	5	7	5	4	7	7	7	6	6	6
Less secure	35	34	36	26	37	42	33	38	35	37	36	33	35	38	33
About the same	55	54	56	59	56	52	57	53	57	50	56	56	56	53	58
Don't know	4	3	4	7	3	1	3	5	4	6	2	3	2	4	3

Thinking about the recent cuts in UK defence spending. Which of the following comes closest to your own view?

The cuts were too large	54	56	53	41	57	64	53	56	57	55	54	49	52	53	58
The cuts were about right	22	25	19	25	20	21	25	18	20	23	20	22	25	18	19
The cuts were not large enough	7	9	5	7	6	7	8	6	6	6	9	7	7	10	8
Don't know	17	11	23	27	17	8	15	20	17	16	16	22	15	19	16

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Split B

Unweighted Sample

Britain's nuclear deterrent is now approaching the end of its operational life. Current policy is to replace the Trident submarines with a new fleet of boats and to replace the ballistic nuclear missiles they carry at a later date. Which of the following options would you favour most?

Renew the deterrent with a broadly comparable, submarine-based ballistic nuclear-weapons system	33	41	25	27	32	39	32	34	35	31	37	28	33	33	32
Replace the Trident fleet with a cheaper system: namely a smaller number of submarines, a different form of submarine-based system, or an alternative nuclear weapons system altogether (e.g. an aircraft-borne system)	24	27	21	23	23	24	26	21	25	24	26	23	24	19	20
Not renew the deterrent and give up nuclear weapons altogether	18	21	16	17	19	19	19	18	17	21	17	17	17	18	26
Don't know	25	11	38	33	25	18	23	28	24	23	20	32	26	30	22

Taking everything into account, in the past 12 months, do you think the danger of a terrorist attack on the UK has...

Increased	45	43	46	37	46	51	45	44	46	44	46	40	46	51	44
Decreased	4	6	3	6	5	2	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	2	4
Stayed about the same	46	48	45	50	45	43	47	44	45	44	45	49	46	43	49
Don't know	5	4	6	7	4	3	4	6	5	7	3	6	4	4	2

Thinking now about security at British airports. Who do you think should be ultimately responsible for setting security measures at British airports?

The British government should set the rules on UK airport security	78	83	75	74	80	82	82	74	76	78	80	78	80	81	81
UK airline operators should be allowed to set their own security rules	12	12	13	13	11	13	11	15	12	11	13	13	13	11	11
Don't know	9	6	12	13	10	5	8	11	12	11	7	10	7	8	7

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The Government has recently discussed the use of “control orders” - putting terrorist suspects under house arrest without trial. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?-SOME loss of civil liberties is OK if it helps to prevent terrorism.

Strongly agree	35	37	33	23	32	48	35	34	37	38	35	30	36	37	28
Agree	33	32	34	32	36	31	35	30	32	34	31	32	32	27	38
TOTAL AGREE	68	69	67	55	68	79	70	64	69	72	66	62	68	64	66
Neither agree nor disagree	11	11	11	13	12	8	8	14	10	9	10	12	12	14	11
Disagree	9	9	9	11	9	7	10	7	9	6	9	11	8	8	13
Strongly disagree	5	7	4	9	5	3	5	6	6	4	5	7	5	6	6
TOTAL DISAGREE	14	16	13	20	14	10	15	13	15	10	14	18	13	14	19
Don't know	7	4	10	12	6	4	6	9	7	9	9	8	7	7	5

And thinking about torture being used during the interrogation of terrorist suspects, which of the following statements comes closest to your own view?

I GENERALLY SUPPORT the use of torture to help the interrogation of terrorist suspects	13	16	9	15	13	11	11	15	12	13	14	11	13	14	11
I support the OCCASIONAL USE of torture in exceptional circumstances to help the interrogation of terrorist suspects	34	39	28	34	33	34	33	34	33	34	34	37	35	26	29
I oppose the use of torture IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES to gain information from terrorist suspects	41	37	46	36	41	46	45	37	43	37	42	39	39	47	51
Don't know	12	8	17	15	12	10	11	14	12	16	11	12	12	12	8

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Imagine that a terrorist has been apprehended while attacking a public venue in London with a handgun. They have also hidden an explosive device somewhere in the city, which will detonate at some stage in the next 3 hours.- Which of the following do you think is the best to do?

Do everything possible, INCLUDING torture if necessary, to find the location of the device before it detonates	55	61	49	53	55	55	53	57	53	56	54	56	56	60	48
Do everything EXCEPT for torture, which you would not do on a matter of principle.	32	30	34	30	31	35	35	28	32	27	34	32	33	30	39
Don't know	13	9	17	17	13	10	12	15	15	17	12	12	11	11	13