

# YouGov Survey Results

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<b>Which of the following, if any, do you think should be the main focus of UK foreign policy? (Please select up to three)</b>																			
Protecting the UK at its borders, including counter-terrorism	50	59	73	48	54	75	60	58	34	46	63	76	60	58	52	62	59	59	55
Working with NATO and allies to defend Britain from external threats	27	40	48	34	36	48	43	37	28	28	45	49	40	39	34	45	37	41	31
Ensuring the continued supply of vital resources, such as oil, gas, food and water	29	28	31	27	25	34	29	26	16	20	27	39	29	25	31	28	25	29	23
Promoting British business and trade overseas	26	26	34	21	17	25	32	20	13	25	28	28	28	23	28	25	23	27	29
Poverty reduction	17	18	9	26	21	10	15	21	28	18	17	16	17	20	20	18	16	19	17
Preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction	17	14	11	15	13	15	12	15	12	13	13	16	14	13	15	14	15	12	11
Combating diseases such as AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis	18	12	8	13	15	5	11	12	24	13	8	10	12	11	14	12	10	10	16
Tackling climate change	13	12	4	16	23	5	12	13	19	13	12	9	14	10	17	12	10	11	13
Being an active member of the European Union	10	11	5	17	16	1	13	9	10	13	12	8	13	8	14	9	10	10	20
Protecting British nationals abroad	16	11	10	9	10	13	13	9	14	9	13	9	12	10	11	10	14	9	14
Spreading British values abroad – including democracy, the rule of law and human rights	12	8	9	10	9	4	10	5	10	9	6	7	9	7	11	7	6	8	9
None of these	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Don't know	10	10	8	13	7	9	6	14	17	17	8	3	8	13	6	9	14	11	6
<b>Which one of the following statements comes closest to your view?</b>																			
The UK should seek to remain a great power, with substantial armed forces and its own seat at the United Nations Security Council as one of the 'big five' permanent members (the others are the United States, Russia, France and China)	63	64	81	56	59	65	67	62	51	62	65	70	68	60	65	67	62	66	53
The UK should accept that it is no longer a great power, cut its defence budget further, in due course give up its seat on the UN Security Council, and reduce its contribution to maintaining international security	20	17	7	21	19	17	21	14	18	16	18	17	18	17	21	16	16	15	26
Don't know	17	19	12	23	22	18	13	24	31	22	17	12	15	24	14	17	22	19	20

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<b>Weighted Sample</b> 1659	981	329	349	655	571	432
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Protecting the UK at its borders, including counter-terrorism	50	59	70	38	47	67	56	50
Working with NATO and allies to defend Britain from external threats	27	40	51	23	25	48	34	35
Ensuring the continued supply of vital resources, such as oil, gas, food and water	29	28	29	28	23	28	30	24
Promoting British business and trade overseas	26	26	31	22	15	29	27	18
Poverty reduction	17	18	13	34	17	14	24	16
Preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction	17	14	12	20	11	15	14	11
Combating diseases such as AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis	18	12	8	20	12	9	16	11
Tackling climate change	13	12	8	27	10	8	17	12
Being an active member of the European Union	10	11	7	22	10	10	13	9
Protecting British nationals abroad	16	11	13	11	6	14	11	7
Spreading British values abroad – including democracy, the rule of law and human rights	12	8	8	9	5	9	8	5
None of these	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
Don't know	10	10	6	5	27	6	5	23
<b>Which one of the following statements comes closest to your view?</b>								
The UK should seek to remain a great power, with substantial armed forces and its own seat at the United Nations Security Council as one of the 'big five' permanent members (the others are the United States, Russia, France and China)	63	64	80	37	46	82	53	52
The UK should accept that it is no longer a great power, cut its defence budget further, in due course give up its seat on the UN Security Council, and reduce its contribution to maintaining international security	20	17	9	47	12	9	32	11
Don't know	17	19	11	16	42	9	15	37

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British foreign policy should be based at least in part on ethical considerations, even if this means sometimes not acting in Britain's immediate national interest	41	36	27	45	57	9	37	34	42	45	37	22	40	30	49	35	29	32	44
British foreign policy should pursue Britain's national interest at all times, even if this means doing things that some people regard as unethical	42	45	58	34	29	74	51	40	28	31	48	63	45	47	38	47	48	48	37
Don't know	16	19	15	21	14	17	12	25	30	24	15	14	15	24	13	17	23	20	19
<b>Which of these statements comes closest to your view on when the government should use military force?</b>																			
Should never use force	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	3	3	4	1	1	2	3	5	2	1	2	3
Should only use force if Britain's borders are under threat	40	32	25	35	33	32	28	35	30	33	31	32	30	33	38	30	31	29	36
Should use force whenever it serves British interests	24	30	38	23	25	44	34	26	23	25	31	35	31	28	21	29	32	35	25
Should use force whenever it is in the broader interests of the international community	22	24	26	23	29	18	29	19	17	21	27	25	27	19	23	27	22	20	26
None of these	2	3	1	3	2	1	2	3	7	2	3	1	2	4	3	3	1	3	5
Don't know	11	10	8	14	8	5	6	14	20	15	7	6	8	13	10	10	13	10	5

	16 - 17 Nov	23 - 24 Nov																	
<b>Would you approve or disapprove of the RAF taking part in air strike operations against Islamic State/ISIS in Syria?</b>																			
Approve	58	59	72	52	46	76	68	51	47	53	63	65	59	59	54	62	61	60	51
Disapprove	22	20	10	26	28	11	19	21	25	21	18	18	21	19	20	18	19	19	29
Don't know	19	21	18	22	26	14	13	28	28	25	19	17	20	22	27	20	20	22	20
<b>Would you approve or disapprove of Britain and the USA sending ground troops back into _Iraq_ to help fight Islamic State/ISIS?</b>																			
Approve	43	39	45	35	31	51	46	34	22	39	45	41	40	38	39	41	39	39	37
Disapprove	37	34	29	37	41	30	36	33	45	30	31	38	35	34	31	35	36	31	43
Don't know	21	26	25	27	29	19	18	33	32	31	24	21	25	28	29	25	25	29	21
<b>Would you approve or disapprove of Britain and the USA sending ground troops into _Syria_ to help fight Islamic State/ISIS?</b>																			
Approve	42	41	48	36	35	51	44	38	22	41	45	44	41	41	45	41	40	41	38
Disapprove	37	34	29	39	35	31	37	32	46	30	31	37	35	34	29	36	34	32	44
Don't know	21	25	24	25	30	19	18	31	32	29	23	19	24	26	26	24	26	27	19

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British foreign policy should pursue Britain's national interest at all times, even if this means doing things that some people regard as unethical	42	45	60	27	24	56	43	33
Don't know	16	19	13	10	44	13	12	37
<b>Which of these statements comes closest to your view on when the government should use military force?</b>								
Should never use force	2	2	1	8	1	1	4	1
Should only use force if Britain's borders are under threat	40	32	25	55	29	23	45	26
Should use force whenever it serves British interests	24	30	39	14	19	36	25	26
Should use force whenever it is in the broader interests of the international community	22	24	30	13	14	34	15	19
None of these	2	3	1	5	5	1	4	4
Don't know	11	10	4	6	31	5	6	24
	16 - 17 Nov	23 - 24 Nov						
<b>Would you approve or disapprove of the RAF taking part in air strike operations against Islamic State/ISIS in Syria?</b>								
Approve	58	59	100	0	0	91	38	38
Disapprove	22	20	0	100	0	4	46	9
Don't know	19	21	0	0	100	4	16	53
<b>Would you approve or disapprove of Britain and the USA sending ground troops back into _Iraq_ to help fight Islamic State/ISIS?</b>								
Approve	43	39	61	8	8	100	0	0
Disapprove	37	34	22	80	26	0	100	0
Don't know	21	26	17	11	66	0	0	100
<b>Would you approve or disapprove of Britain and the USA sending ground troops into _Syria_ to help fight Islamic State/ISIS?</b>								
Approve	42	41	62	9	11	93	4	10
Disapprove	37	34	22	83	22	4	89	7
Don't know	21	25	15	8	67	3	6	82

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How effective, if at all, do you think airstrikes by Britain, France and the USA would be at helping to defeat Islamic State/ISIS?

Very effective	10	12	8	4	16	12	9	6	12	10	10	9	11	13	11	9	10	9
Fairly effective	37	49	27	41	49	42	33	31	27	40	46	39	35	34	37	41	39	28
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>37</b>
Not very effective	29	24	37	30	17	30	28	34	29	27	28	29	28	31	28	26	28	36
Not effective at all	8	3	12	7	6	9	8	5	12	9	6	9	8	10	7	6	9	14
<b>TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>
Don't know	16	13	17	18	12	8	23	23	21	13	10	13	18	13	16	18	15	12

How effective, if at all, do you think sending British, French and US ground troops into Syria and Iraq would be at helping to defeat Islamic State/ISIS?

Very effective	19	22	15	11	32	27	11	8	15	21	25	20	17	19	19	17	19	23
Fairly effective	30	37	26	30	25	31	29	29	28	32	29	32	27	30	29	32	30	24
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>
Not very effective	22	21	24	28	15	21	23	25	23	20	23	22	23	25	21	24	19	28
Not effective at all	10	4	13	11	12	10	10	13	11	9	9	10	10	10	10	8	11	11
<b>TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>
Don't know	19	16	21	20	16	12	26	24	24	18	15	15	24	16	21	19	20	14

What effect, if any, do you think Britain taking part in military action action Islamic State/ISIS would have on the risk of terrorist attacks here in Britain?

Would increase the risk a lot	37	33	41	35	35	33	41	27	37	38	39	36	39	39	36	33	38	44
Would increase the risk a little	32	37	31	35	30	36	29	45	27	31	34	35	29	35	35	33	32	21
<b>TOTAL INCREASE</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>
Would make no real difference	17	18	14	17	23	21	13	8	16	19	19	16	18	14	16	18	17	22
Would decrease the risk a little	2	2	2	3	1	3	1	1	5	2	1	3	1	4	1	2	2	5
Would decrease the risk a lot	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL DECREASE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
Don't know	11	9	12	9	9	6	15	19	15	9	6	9	14	7	12	13	11	7

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<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>1659</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>410</b>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How effective, if at all, do you think airstrikes by Britain, France and the USA would be at helping to defeat Islamic State/ISIS?

Very effective	10	17	0	1	19	5	3
Fairly effective	37	55	9	12	47	31	30
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>
Not very effective	29	19	50	36	24	37	25
Not effective at all	8	1	34	5	2	19	4
<b>TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>29</b>
Don't know	16	8	7	45	7	9	38

How effective, if at all, do you think sending British, French and US ground troops into Syria and Iraq would be at helping to defeat Islamic State/ISIS?

Very effective	19	29	4	4	42	3	5
Fairly effective	30	41	14	13	46	17	23
<b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>
Not very effective	22	14	42	27	5	44	19
Not effective at all	10	4	32	7	0	26	3
<b>TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>22</b>
Don't know	19	12	8	48	7	10	50

What effect, if any, do you think Britain taking part in military action against Islamic State/ISIS would have on the risk of terrorist attacks here in Britain?

Would increase the risk a lot	37	30	64	31	28	52	30
Would increase the risk a little	32	40	23	22	41	27	27
<b>TOTAL INCREASE</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>57</b>
Would make no real difference	17	22	9	10	20	17	13
Would decrease the risk a little	2	3	1	1	4	1	2
Would decrease the risk a lot	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL DECREASE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Don't know	11	5	3	36	6	3	28

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How much of a threat, if at all, do you think Islamic State/ISIS poses to Britain?

A very serious threat	45	52	43	33	57	39	51	29	42	47	53	43	48	42	45	50	46	37
A fairly serious threat	40	39	41	55	32	44	36	38	36	40	42	42	37	38	40	38	40	45
<b>TOTAL VERY / FAIRLY SERIOUS THREAT</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>82</b>
Not much of a threat	8	4	9	5	8	12	4	18	11	6	4	10	6	13	8	6	6	10
No threat at all	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL NOT MUCH / NO THREAT</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>
Don't know	6	4	6	5	3	4	9	15	9	5	1	4	9	5	7	5	7	6

And to what extent, if at all, do you think the ongoing situation in Syria impacts on Britain's interests in the world?

A major impact	42	48	45	35	41	36	47	37	41	41	44	41	42	44	41	44	41	36
A minor impact	30	30	26	39	29	35	25	30	29	30	30	32	27	27	30	29	30	35
<b>TOTAL MAJOR / MINOR IMPACT</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>
Not very much of an impact	11	9	10	10	14	16	5	10	10	11	12	12	9	15	10	11	9	14
No impact at all	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
<b>TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO IMPACT</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>
Don't know	16	13	18	16	13	10	22	22	18	16	13	14	20	13	18	15	19	13

Thinking about the position of the United Nations on military action in Syria, which of the following best reflects your view?

Britain, the US and France should take military action in Syria regardless of whether or not the United Nations has given permission	28	34	21	15	45	35	20	23	27	29	28	29	26	27	29	27	25	30
Britain, the US and France should only take military action in Syria if they have the permission of the United Nations	44	47	46	58	32	45	43	39	37	47	49	47	40	48	42	44	46	42
Britain, the US and France should not take any military action in Syria anyway, regardless of the position of the United Nations	11	5	15	11	10	11	12	17	10	9	12	11	12	9	12	10	11	16
Don't know	17	14	18	15	12	9	25	22	26	15	10	13	22	16	17	18	18	11

How much do you trust the following to make the right decisions in regard of Syria and Islamic State/ISIS?

David Cameron

Trust a lot	13	31	3	7	9	15	12	5	10	14	19	16	10	17	14	13	12	7
Trust a fair amount	34	52	19	43	32	36	32	34	33	33	37	38	30	38	34	34	35	31
<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>38</b>
Do not trust very much	19	10	27	21	29	20	19	17	19	19	21	19	20	17	21	19	20	18
Do not trust at all	24	3	40	22	21	23	24	28	24	27	18	20	28	20	22	24	23	36
<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>
Don't know	9	5	11	7	9	5	13	15	14	8	4	7	12	7	9	10	10	8

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	Air strike operations in Syria			Sending ground troops back into Iraq		
Total	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
<b>Weighted Sample</b> 1659	981	329	349	655	571	432
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	%	%	%	%	%	%

How much of a threat, if at all, do you think Islamic State/ISIS poses to Britain?

A very serious threat	45	54	27	36	53	41	39
A fairly serious threat	40	38	51	32	38	44	36
<b>TOTAL VERY / FAIRLY SERIOUS THREAT</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>75</b>
Not much of a threat	8	6	16	6	7	12	5
No threat at all	1	0	3	0	1	2	1
<b>TOTAL NOT MUCH / NO THREAT</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>
Don't know	6	1	2	26	2	2	19

And to what extent, if at all, do you think the ongoing situation in Syria impacts on Britain's interests in the world?

A major impact	42	48	30	33	52	34	35
A minor impact	30	32	35	19	29	37	22
<b>TOTAL MAJOR / MINOR IMPACT</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>57</b>
Not very much of an impact	11	10	18	7	10	15	7
No impact at all	1	1	5	1	1	3	1
<b>TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO IMPACT</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>
Don't know	16	9	13	40	8	12	36

Thinking about the position of the United Nations on military action in Syria, which of the following best reflects your view?

Britain, the US and France should take military action in Syria regardless of whether or not the United Nations has given permission	28	45	1	5	49	17	10
Britain, the US and France should only take military action in Syria if they have the permission of the United Nations	44	47	43	38	44	46	43
Britain, the US and France should not take any military action in Syria anyway, regardless of the position of the United Nations	11	1	46	6	1	28	5
Don't know	17	7	10	51	7	10	42

How much do you trust the following to make the right decisions in regard of Syria and Islamic State/ISIS?

David Cameron

Trust a lot	13	19	4	6	21	9	7
Trust a fair amount	34	44	17	22	41	29	31
<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>
Do not trust very much	19	18	20	24	18	22	19
Do not trust at all	24	14	56	21	15	37	20
<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>39</b>
Don't know	9	5	3	27	5	3	23



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	Vote in 2015					Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

**Jeremy Corbyn**

Trust a lot	6	2	12	6	1	7	4	7	8	4	4	5	7	9	5	6	6	3
Trust a fair amount	15	2	28	15	7	15	14	24	18	14	9	17	12	15	13	15	14	21
<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>
Do not trust very much	18	14	19	28	22	17	19	17	20	20	15	17	19	22	19	17	14	24
Do not trust at all	50	75	27	40	61	56	43	36	36	51	65	51	48	44	52	51	53	38
<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>
Don't know	12	6	14	12	9	5	18	15	18	11	7	10	15	9	12	12	13	14

**Barack Obama**

Trust a lot	11	13	11	12	7	11	10	11	11	11	9	12	9	11	11	9	11	11
Trust a fair amount	43	53	42	43	32	41	45	45	44	39	45	47	38	48	42	46	43	29
<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>40</b>
Do not trust very much	24	23	22	31	30	28	20	19	21	26	27	24	24	22	25	22	25	28
Do not trust at all	12	5	13	6	23	14	11	14	9	14	13	9	17	9	10	14	12	24
<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>52</b>
Don't know	10	5	13	8	9	6	14	12	15	10	5	8	13	10	11	9	9	8

**Vladimir Putin**

Trust a lot	6	5	5	3	12	9	3	8	7	6	4	5	7	6	4	8	6	7
Trust a fair amount	15	18	13	9	26	18	13	10	12	17	18	15	15	12	16	17	14	14
<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Do not trust very much	29	35	27	37	22	30	28	20	28	30	33	30	28	36	27	28	30	27
Do not trust at all	39	35	43	42	28	38	39	46	36	37	39	41	36	40	40	36	37	44
<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>71</b>
Don't know	11	7	12	9	11	6	16	16	17	9	6	9	14	7	13	11	13	8

**Francois Hollande**

Trust a lot	8	10	6	8	8	10	5	5	7	9	8	7	8	5	7	7	9	9
Trust a fair amount	37	50	32	38	40	42	33	35	32	36	45	42	31	42	37	41	37	26
<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>35</b>
Do not trust very much	24	24	25	23	22	24	24	21	22	24	26	25	23	28	27	20	20	29
Do not trust at all	11	3	13	9	13	11	11	13	10	13	10	9	13	8	10	11	12	18
<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>47</b>
Don't know	20	13	24	22	18	13	27	25	30	18	11	16	25	16	20	21	23	17

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Total								
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		%	%	%	%	%	%	
<b>Jeremy Corbyn</b>								
	Trust a lot	6	2	17	5	3	11	4
	Trust a fair amount	15	10	29	14	11	21	13
	<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>
	Do not trust very much	18	17	18	22	17	20	18
	Do not trust at all	50	65	25	30	61	43	40
	<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>
	Don't know	12	7	10	29	9	6	25
<b>Barack Obama</b>								
	Trust a lot	11	14	5	5	16	8	6
	Trust a fair amount	43	48	35	36	46	42	39
	<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>
	Do not trust very much	24	24	32	18	24	28	19
	Do not trust at all	12	9	22	12	8	19	10
	<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>29</b>
	Don't know	10	5	6	28	5	4	25
<b>Vladimir Putin</b>								
	Trust a lot	6	7	5	3	8	6	3
	Trust a fair amount	15	20	9	6	21	12	11
	<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>
	Do not trust very much	29	31	27	25	30	29	28
	Do not trust at all	39	34	53	38	34	48	34
	<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>62</b>
	Don't know	11	7	5	28	7	6	25
<b>Francois Hollande</b>								
	Trust a lot	8	11	3	2	13	5	3
	Trust a fair amount	37	50	19	20	50	29	30
	<b>TOTAL TRUST</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>
	Do not trust very much	24	20	38	22	20	31	21
	Do not trust at all	11	6	26	12	6	18	10
	<b>TOTAL DO NOT TRUST</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>
	Don't know	20	13	15	44	12	17	36

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	Vote in 2015					Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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**Do you think Britain should or should not be prepared to co-operate with and work alongside the Assad government in Syria when combating Islamic State/ISIS?**

Britain should be prepared to work with the government of Syria - whatever their faults, it is more important that we defeat ISIS	54	41	44	36	40	55	48	34	37	34	42	46	45	35	43	42	38	40	40
Britain should not be prepared to work with the Assad government - their record of killing their own citizens means Britain should not deal with them	18	30	28	33	24	24	33	26	23	30	29	32	29	30	30	30	27	29	37
Don't know	28	30	27	31	36	21	19	40	39	36	28	22	25	36	27	28	35	31	24

**Thinking about Islamic State/ISIS, which of the following best reflects your view?**

The west should seek to talk to and negotiate peace with Islamic State/ISIS. However distasteful their views, war is not a solution and there must be some way of reaching a compromise	15	10	20	18	9	12	17	18	17	12	15	17	12	17	17	10	13	20
The west should not talk to or negotiate with Islamic State/ISIS. Their views are so extreme and their actions so repellent that a negotiated settlement is impossible, they must be defeated	64	72	57	57	78	74	54	50	56	69	70	65	62	60	62	68	64	64
Neither	7	7	8	12	1	6	8	11	7	7	5	7	7	12	7	7	6	7
Don't know	14	11	14	13	12	7	20	21	19	12	9	11	19	10	14	15	17	9

**Thinking about the future of Syria and President Assad, which of the following best reflects your view?**

Any solution to the war in Syria and plan for defeating Islamic State must also include removing President Assad from power and trying him for war crimes	27	26	29	24	23	28	27	31	28	27	26	28	26	22	28	25	27	41
If it was the only way to find a solution to the war in Syria and defeat Islamic State, it would be acceptable to allow President Assad to not be tried for war crimes, so long as he stepped down from power	31	40	30	33	24	37	26	26	27	30	39	37	25	42	33	29	29	25
If it was the only way to find a solution to the war in Syria and defeat Islamic State, it would be acceptable to allow President Assad to remain in charge of Syria and not to face a trial for war crimes	12	12	9	10	24	17	8	10	8	14	15	12	13	12	11	13	13	13
Don't know	29	23	32	33	29	18	39	32	37	29	20	23	36	24	28	33	32	22

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	Air strike operations in Syria			Sending ground troops back into Iraq			
	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know	
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>1659</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>1659</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>410</b>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

**Do you think Britain should or should not be prepared to co-operate with and work alongside the Assad government in Syria when combating Islamic State/ISIS?**

	Sep 23 - 24	Nov 23 - 24	2014			2015		
Britain should be prepared to work with the government of Syria - whatever their faults, it is more important that we defeat ISIS	54	41	47	33	29	48	42	27
Britain should not be prepared to work with the Assad government - their record of killing their own citizens means Britain should not deal with them	18	30	31	41	14	32	36	18
Don't know	28	30	21	25	57	19	22	55

**Thinking about Islamic State/ISIS, which of the following best reflects your view?**

The west should seek to talk to and negotiate peace with Islamic State/ISIS. However distasteful their views, war is not a solution and there must be some way of reaching a compromise	15	7	41	13	8	25	12
The west should not talk to or negotiate with Islamic State/ISIS. Their views are so extreme and their actions so repellent that a negotiated settlement is impossible, they must be defeated	64	82	36	38	82	56	47
Neither	7	4	15	10	4	11	7
Don't know	14	7	8	39	6	8	34

**Thinking about the future of Syria and President Assad, which of the following best reflects your view?**

Any solution to the war in Syria and plan for defeating Islamic State must also include removing President Assad from power and trying him for war crimes	27	30	30	18	32	27	20
If it was the only way to find a solution to the war in Syria and defeat Islamic State, it would be acceptable to allow President Assad to not be tried for war crimes, so long as he stepped down from power	31	38	28	16	37	33	21
If it was the only way to find a solution to the war in Syria and defeat Islamic State, it would be acceptable to allow President Assad to remain in charge of Syria and not to face a trial for war crimes	12	12	16	9	11	15	10
Don't know	29	20	25	58	19	25	49

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

Sep 23 - 24  
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 2013\* 2015

In 2013, MPs voted against Britain taking any part in military action against Syria. In hindsight, do you think that was the right or wrong decision?

Right decision - Britain was right to keep out of any military attack on Syria	74	42	34	50	48	35	45	40	50	42	42	40	45	38	45	41	40	41	53
Wrong decision - we should have been willing to act alongside the United States	12	34	45	27	23	46	41	28	19	31	37	41	34	35	29	36	37	34	30
Don't know	14	23	21	23	29	18	14	32	32	27	22	19	21	27	26	23	23	25	17

\*2013 question was "Last week, MPs voted against Britain taking any part in military action against Syria. Do you think that was the right or wrong decision?"

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	Air strike operations in Syria			Sending ground troops back into Iraq			
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<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>1659</b>	967	365	327	665	584	410
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

In 2013, MPs voted against Britain taking any part in military action against Syria. In hindsight, do you think that was the right or wrong decision?

Right decision - Britain was right to keep out of any military attack on Syria

Wrong decision - we should have been willing to act alongside the United States

Don't know

	Sep 23 - 24 5-6 2013*	Nov 2015						
	74	42	29	89	36	25	71	30
	12	34	54	5	6	60	17	18
	14	23	17	5	59	15	12	52

\*2013 question was "Last week, MPs voted against Britain taking any part in military action against Syria. Do you think that was the right or wrong decision?"