

YouGov / The Sun Survey Results

Sample Size: 1805 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 11th - 12th December 2012

	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1805	443	634	170	566	467	376	877	928	218	460	617	509	1029	776	231	587	386	444	157
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How well or badly do you think government drug policy in recent decades has worked in reducing drug use?

Very well	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Fairly well	14	20	10	16	16	12	13	15	13	21	15	11	12	13	14	17	14	15	12	7
TOTAL WELL	15	21	10	16	16	13	13	15	14	21	16	11	13	14	14	18	14	16	12	7
Fairly badly	38	43	33	48	42	33	42	36	39	37	32	40	40	40	35	37	38	36	40	35
Very badly	29	19	37	20	25	35	26	32	26	21	25	30	36	27	32	21	25	32	34	36
TOTAL BADLY	67	62	70	68	67	68	68	68	65	58	57	70	76	67	67	58	63	68	74	71
Don't know	19	16	19	16	16	19	19	16	22	21	27	19	11	19	19	24	22	16	14	22

With regard to "soft" drugs such as cannabis, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

	June 17-18	Dec 11-12																			
The sale and possession of such drugs should remain a criminal offence as now	49	43	54	39	32	52	40	33	40	46	43	35	41	53	43	44	35	45	48	46	27
The sale and possession of such drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a CRIMINAL offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation')	25	30	28	33	38	27	32	38	30	30	27	31	31	28	30	30	34	30	27	31	26
The sale and possession of such drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')	20	19	12	21	23	14	18	23	23	15	20	25	17	16	20	18	19	16	18	18	34
Don't know	6	8	6	7	7	7	10	6	7	9	10	9	10	4	8	8	11	9	6	4	13

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With regard to "hard" drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

The sale and possession of such drugs should remain a criminal offence as now	79	83	91	81	68	88	81	80	80	86	80	76	85	88	82	84	76	86	85	81	84
The sale and possession of such drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a CRIMINAL offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation')	6	7	4	9	15	4	8	10	8	5	9	11	5	5	6	8	12	4	6	10	4
The sale and possession of such drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')	9	6	4	5	12	5	6	7	8	4	5	8	5	5	7	5	8	5	6	6	7
Don't know	6	4	2	4	5	3	5	3	4	4	6	6	5	2	5	4	5	6	3	4	5

Would you support or oppose a Royal Commission to consider the different drug policy options, to include the current system of criminalisation, decriminalisation of drugs or full legalisation?

Strongly support	21	18	22	28	18	21	26	26	16	17	23	20	22	25	16	29	19	18	21	20
Tend to support	39	41	40	47	40	39	42	41	37	35	36	41	40	37	41	38	40	37	39	41
TOTAL SUPPORT	60	59	62	75	58	60	68	67	53	52	59	61	62	62	57	67	59	55	60	61
Tend to oppose	11	13	8	9	14	10	8	9	12	12	9	9	13	11	10	8	10	13	11	9
Strongly oppose	9	12	7	6	12	5	7	11	7	11	6	9	11	8	10	6	9	11	8	9
TOTAL OPPOSE	20	25	15	15	26	15	15	20	19	23	15	18	24	19	20	14	19	24	19	18
Don't know	21	16	22	9	17	24	18	12	29	25	26	21	14	19	24	19	22	21	20	21

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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	40	31	49	54	34	44	48	44	37	38	48	40	35	43	37	53	37	34	42	46
Oppose	32	32	43	28	25	42	27	26	34	30	38	23	32	38	31	34	26	30	38	34	26
Don't know	23	27	25	23	21	24	29	26	22	33	24	29	28	27	26	29	21	33	27	24	28

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

Support	60	54	51	57	62	50	55	61	55	52	55	59	52	51	58	48	61	53	51	53	54
Oppose	24	27	33	25	26	33	25	23	32	23	26	22	27	33	26	29	21	27	29	30	26
Don't know	16	19	16	18	12	17	20	16	13	25	19	19	21	17	16	23	19	21	20	16	21