

YouGov / Telegraph Survey on anti-social behaviour

YouGov questioned 3771 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 24th and 26th May 2005.

People are talking a good deal at the moment about the lack of 'respect' that people nowadays show towards each other and towards those in authority. From your own experience, do you think that people nowadays show ...? %

A lot more respect for other people than they did in the past	1
A little more respect	1
A little less respect	18
A lot less respect	73
About the same amount of respect as in the past	4
Don't know	3

How much do you believe that the present Government, or any Government, can do to increase the amount of respect that people show one another?

The Government can do a great deal	14
It can do a certain amount	39
It can't do very much	30
It can't really do anything	12
Don't know	4

There is also a lot of talk at the moment about 'anti-social behaviour'. From your own experience, do you think that the amount of anti-social behaviour in Britain has ...?

Increased a lot	65
Increased a little	24
Not increased at all – stayed about the same	6
Decreased a little	1
Decreased a lot	1
Don't know	3

Please indicate which, if any, of the following you personally regard, not just as unpleasant or a nuisance but as constituting serious anti-social behaviour. [Tick all that apply]

Threatening neighbours or people living in the same area with physical violence	96
Carrying a knife or gun	95
Selling illegal drugs in the street or in other public places	93
Fighting in public places	91
Making a lot of noise outside other people's houses at night	83
Painting graffiti on walls, pavements, railway carriages and so forth	75
Drinking alcohol in the street or in other public places	52
Being sick (vomiting) in public	49
Driving more than 10 mph over the speed limit	32
Talking loudly, drinking and milling about outside pubs	32
Failing to give up a seat on a bus or train to a pregnant woman or elderly person	29
Talking loudly on mobile phones in public places	24
Wearing a hood or baseball cap	16
None of these	1

Which TWO of the following do you think are the most responsible for the increase in anti-social behaviour that many people think has taken place? [Tick up to two] %

Parents for not bringing up their children properly	85
The break-up of so many marriages	25
The Blair Government for not acting strongly enough to counter anti-social behaviour	22
Teachers in schools for not disciplining pupils and students	22
Local authorities and charities for not giving teenagers enough constructive things to do	22
Other	10
None of these	2

Whatever your own definition of anti-social behaviour, how much of it would you say you personally have experienced during the past few weeks?

A massive amount	1
A very great deal	3
A considerable amount	14
Only the occasional incident	41
Not much	17
Hardly any	21
Don't know	2

As you probably know, people who misbehave can be made subject to Anti-Social Behaviour Orders or 'ASBOs'. From what you know, has anyone in your own neighbourhood been made the subject of an Anti-Social Behaviour Order?

Yes, at least one person has	18
No, not as far as I know	67
Don't know	14

How successful do you think Anti-Social Behaviour Orders have been in curbing anti-social behaviour?

Very successful	1
Fairly successful	23
Not very successful	36
Not at all successful	12
Don't know	27