

YouGov Survey Results

Gambling Bill

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As you may have heard, the Government is shortly to introduce a new Gambling Bill into the House of Commons. The Bill is intended to subject the gambling industry to tighter regulation while at the same time making it easier for approved gambling organisations to open new casinos and entertainment centres. From what you know, what do you think will happen as a result of the new proposals?

Children under the age of 18 will find it harder to gamble than they do now

Yes, will happen	29%
No, will not happen	49%
Don't know	23%

People who gamble will gamble for larger stakes than they do now

Yes, will happen	66%
No, will not happen	16%
Don't know	18%

The opening of newer and larger casinos will revive the economies of some resorts, such as Blackpool

Yes, will happen	61%
No, will not happen	20%
Don't know	19%

There will be more people who are 'addicted' to gambling than there are at present

Yes, will happen	70%
No, will not happen	16%
Don't know	14%

'Problem gambling' will be introduced into poor towns and cities that seek to profit from new casinos

Yes, will happen	61%
No, will not happen	14%
Don't know	25%

From what you know do you think the main motivation for changing the law is:

To increase tax revenue from gambling	65%
To allow a casino building programme which will regenerate run-down areas and provide jobs	11%
To allow adults to choose their own leisure pursuits	8%
To introduce new protection against problem gambling	6%
Don't know	11%

Speaking about the new Bill, one government minister has said: 'adults need to be treated as grown ups and allowed to choose what they do in their leisure time'. Do you...

Agree that this statement should apply to most leisure pursuits, including gambling	59%
Agree that this statement should apply to most leisure pursuits, but NOT gambling	27%
Disagree with this statement	7%
Don't know	6%

From what you know and taking everything into account, what is your view of the proposed new Bill. Are you...

Strongly in favour of it	5%
Inclined to favour it	34%
Inclined to oppose it	29%
Strongly opposed to it	17%
Don't know	16%

How worried are you that, if the new bill becomes law, a close friend or relative will become addicted to gambling and spend more than they can afford on it?

Very worried	6%
Fairly worried	14%
Not very worried	39%
Not at all worried	34%
Don't know	6%