

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1303 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 16th - 17th March 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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Weighted N

Unweighted N

Total	Party ID			Gender		Age			Region				Social Grade		
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	Ldn	Rest of South	Mids / Wales	North	Scot	ABC1	C2DE
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1303	263	443	143	651	652	348	534	421	221	272	314	340	156	731	572
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Moving to a different subject, Michael Howard has said that he personally would like to see the period during which abortions can be performed reduced from 24 weeks to 22 weeks and possibly even 20, and the Conservatives have indicated that, if they are returned to power, they will ensure that the matter is debated thoroughly in the House of Commons before a free vote is held on the issue. Do Mr Howard's views on abortion and the Conservatives' pledge make you...?

Much more likely to vote Conservative at the coming election	5	16	1	1	6	4	4	4	7	8	6	5	3	2	5	5
Somewhat more likely to vote Conservative	8	11	4	12	7	8	8	6	9	6	9	8	6	8	10	5
Somewhat less likely to vote Conservative	3	3	4	0	4	3	5	3	2	3	3	2	3	8	4	3
Much less likely to vote Conservative	6	1	8	12	6	6	7	7	5	5	8	5	7	8	7	6
Not make any difference - I shall vote Conservative anyway	18	63	4	0	19	18	14	18	23	22	19	20	18	8	20	16
Not make any difference - I shall NOT vote Conservative anyw	48	3	74	70	48	48	43	51	48	43	44	48	52	56	46	50
Don't know	11	4	5	4	10	13	18	11	6	13	12	12	10	10	8	15

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Do you personally believe that the period during which a legal abortion can be performed should remain at 24 weeks, or should it be changed?

Time limit should be increased to more than 24 weeks	3	1	3	1	5	1	3	4	2	2	4	1	4	6	3	3
Should remain at 24 weeks	26	18	34	30	30	23	29	25	24	31	26	23	25	30	27	26
Should be reduced to 22 weeks	6	6	4	11	6	6	5	6	7	3	6	6	8	5	7	5
Should be reduced to 20 weeks	18	28	14	17	15	19	14	19	19	19	20	19	14	17	18	18
Should be reduced to less than 20 weeks	19	19	17	20	12	26	20	19	19	17	23	18	17	19	21	17
No legal abortions should be allowed except in cases of medical emergency	12	14	12	10	12	13	8	10	17	11	11	14	14	8	11	13
Don't know	16	14	17	10	20	12	20	17	12	17	10	19	18	17	13	19

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

Provided any abortion is carried out within the existing legal requirements, women should have the right to choose whether to have an abortion or not	58	51	62	69	63	53	61	61	52	61	59	55	57	61	60	56
The existing legal requirements should be tightened up because too many women are having abortions and, in effect, using abortion as a means of contraception	35	43	33	29	30	40	30	33	42	32	34	39	35	33	35	35
Don't know	7	5	5	2	7	6	9	6	6	7	7	6	8	5	5	9

Which of these statements comes closer to your own view?

Abortion and similar moral issues are an appropriate subject for debate between political parties	28	34	28	25	29	27	29	28	28	29	34	27	24	24	29	27
Abortion and similar issues should remain a matter for the individual consciences of Members of Parliament and their constituents	57	56	59	66	59	55	52	55	63	57	55	56	59	59	60	54
Don't know	15	11	13	9	11	18	19	17	9	14	11	17	17	17	11	19

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and past vote:

Recalled vote in 2001:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Labour	564	550
Conservative	214	277
Liberal Democrat	149	132
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	30	20
Other	32	7
Did not vote	314	332

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	206	211
Sun / Star	240	289
Mirror / Record	213	209
Guardian/ Independent	90	54
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	104	125
Other paper	141	165
No paper	309	264

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