

# YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2156

Fieldwork: 3rd - 5th September 2007

Policy Exchange

All GB Adults

Unweighted Sample

	Are you...?		Age					Social Grade		Region					Please can you tell us which of the following best describes the area you live in?			
	Total	Male	Female	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	Lon- don	Rest of South	Midlands & Wales	North	Scot- land	Urban area (city, town or suburb)	Rural area (village, hamlet, countryside)	Don't know
Sample	2156	1042	1114	238	419	393	342	765	1160	991	418	477	496	562	204	1568	568	21
Unweighted	2156	1024	1132	174	442	375	307	858	1285	866	454	513	489	512	188	1556	582	18
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The next few questions are about a sensitive issues; we would like to hear your opinions on gun and knife crime. If you would prefer not to answer any of the questions please tick the 'prefer not to say' option.

Please can you tell us which of the following best describes the area you live in?

Urban area (city, town or suburb)	73	75	70	75	81	73	77	65	72	73	89	61	71	72	73	100	0	0
Rural area (village, hamlet, countryside)	26	24	29	24	18	26	22	34	27	26	10	37	29	27	27	0	100	0
Don't know	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	100

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...?

'In the last five years the Government has done enough to address the rise in gun crime'

Strongly agree	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	6
Somewhat agree	10	11	8	15	10	11	9	7	8	11	10	8	9	11	11	10	9	0
Somewhat disagree	25	23	27	26	28	27	30	20	26	25	22	25	24	28	28	26	23	9
Strongly disagree	57	57	56	46	51	52	55	66	58	55	63	59	58	51	52	56	59	21
Don't know	6	6	6	9	8	8	4	4	6	7	4	7	7	6	7	6	7	37
Prefer not to say	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	27

'As a result of gun and knife crime the area I live in is not as safe as it was 5 years ago'

Strongly agree	15	15	15	15	14	14	15	16	16	14	24	12	11	14	15	17	9	10
Somewhat agree	30	29	31	28	29	31	32	30	28	33	32	30	33	30	23	32	26	6
Somewhat disagree	21	23	20	17	17	24	18	25	22	21	16	20	23	24	25	20	26	6
Strongly disagree	12	13	11	10	10	14	14	13	14	11	7	14	12	14	17	10	19	9
Don't know	10	10	11	12	12	11	11	9	9	13	10	11	12	9	12	11	8	28
Does not apply – was not living in the area 5 years ago	10	9	11	15	18	6	8	7	11	8	8	12	10	10	7	9	12	14
Prefer not to say	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	27

**'I feel that my immediate family/ I am at threat from gun and knife crime'**

Strongly agree	5	6	5	7	6	3	6	6	5	6	11	5	2	6	3	6	3	10
Somewhat agree	24	25	24	22	24	24	23	25	24	24	31	24	24	21	21	26	20	6
Somewhat disagree	35	36	35	32	36	36	37	36	36	34	32	35	38	36	34	35	38	6
Strongly disagree	24	24	24	25	24	27	22	22	25	22	15	26	23	26	32	22	30	9
Don't know	10	9	11	11	9	9	11	10	9	12	10	9	12	11	8	10	8	42
Prefer not to say	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	27

**The minimum penalty for possessing an illegal firearm is a five year prison sentence...**

**Would you support an increase in this penalty or do you think it should be decreased?**

Strongly support an increase	63	65	61	50	55	66	66	68	58	69	62	63	61	66	61	64	61	32
Somewhat support an increase	25	23	27	31	30	25	25	21	29	21	22	26	28	23	29	25	27	8
Somewhat support a decrease	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	0
Strongly support a decrease	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	4
Don't know	8	7	9	12	10	7	6	8	9	7	9	8	8	8	7	8	7	35
Prefer not to say	1	2	1	4	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	21

**Traditionally police patrols in Britain have been unarmed. Would you support an increase in the number of armed police officer patrols to combat gun and knife crime or do you think the number should be decreased?**

Strongly support an increase	33	35	31	32	34	36	35	29	27	40	32	31	33	34	34	33	31	21
Somewhat support an increase	39	37	41	33	37	35	47	42	44	34	39	42	37	40	38	39	41	6
Somewhat support a decrease	9	9	8	9	8	9	8	9	10	7	9	6	9	9	11	9	9	5
Strongly support a decrease	4	5	3	5	4	5	2	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4
Don't know	14	13	15	17	15	14	9	14	14	14	14	14	17	12	12	13	14	42
Prefer not to say	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	21

**Do you know of anyone who has or has had an illegal firearm?**

Yes, I know someone who has/ has had an illegal firearm	8	12	5	13	10	9	8	6	7	10	10	8	7	8	8	8	8	14
No, I do not know anyone who has had an illegal firearm	89	85	93	81	88	87	89	93	91	87	84	90	92	89	91	89	90	43
Prefer not to say	3	4	2	6	2	4	3	1	2	3	6	2	1	3	1	2	2	43

**If you wanted to, would you be able to acquire an illegal firearm?**

Yes, I would be able to	12	18	6	19	15	14	13	8	10	14	13	11	12	12	13	12	13	16
No, I would not be able to	84	76	91	75	83	81	84	89	87	81	81	86	85	85	85	85	84	50
Prefer not to say	4	5	2	6	3	5	3	3	3	5	6	4	3	3	2	3	3	33