

YouGov Survey Results

YouGov questioned 526 British Muslims online between 15th and 22nd July 2005; the raw data were weighted to reflect the Muslim population of Great Britain by age, gender and country of birth.

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Unweighted N

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Do you believe those who carried out the attacks in London on July 7 were, or were not, Muslims?

Yes, I believe they were Muslims	40
No, I do not believe they were Muslims	34
Don't know	26

Do you think the bombing attacks in London on July 7 were justified or not?

On balance justified	6
On balance not justified	11
Not at all justified	77
Don't know	6

Whether or not you think the attacks were justified, do you personally have any sympathy with the feelings and motives of those who carried out the attacks?

Yes, a lot	13
Yes, a little	11
No, not much	16
No, none at all	55
Don't know	6

Whether or not you have any sympathy with the feelings of those who carried out the attacks, do you think you UNDERSTAND why some people might behave in that way?

Yes, I think I can understand them	56
No, I can't understand how anyone could behave like that	39
Don't know	4

The Prime Minister has described as 'perverted and poisonous' the ideas that led the London suicide bombers to carry out their attacks. Do you agree or disagree with him that their ideas must have been perverted and poisonous?

I agree	58
I disagree	26
Don't know	16

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More generally, do you think that al-Qa'eda, or Muslims sympathetic to al-Qa'eda, are justified in launching a wave of terrorist attacks against Western targets?

On balance justified	6
On balance not justified	13
Not at all justified	60
Don't believe they have done so	12
Don't know	8

Do you believe that al-Qa'eda, or Muslims sympathetic to al-Qa'eda, are planning further attacks in Britain, in addition to those that took place in London on July 7?

Yes	28
No	17
Don't know	55

If such attacks took place, do you think they would be justified?

Yes	6
No	86
Don't know	8

Since the events of July 7, do you feel that relations in Britain between Muslims and non-Muslims have...

Improved	2
Deteriorated	75
Stayed much the same	22

How worried are you that further attacks in Britain or elsewhere could cause relations in Britain between Muslims and non-Muslims to worsen?

Very worried	53
Fairly worried	35
Not very worried	8
Not all worried	3
Don't know	1

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Since July 7, have you yourself...? [please tick all that apply]

Been subject to verbal abuse	14
Been subject to physical violence	3
Been stopped by a police officer, or some other public official, while going about your everyday business	5
Felt that at least some non-Muslims were hostile to you	32
Felt that you were an object of suspicion	42
No, none of these	43
Not sure	6

Since July 7, are you aware that members of your family, or friends of yours, have...? [please tick all that apply]

Been subject to verbal abuse	29
Been subject to physical violence	10
Been stopped by a police officer, or some other public official, while going about their everyday business	12
Felt that at least some non-Muslims were hostile to them	38
Felt that they were an object of suspicion	40
No, none of these	33
Not sure	10

Do you think the events of July 7 in London have created divisions within Britain's Muslim community?

Yes	49
No	32
Don't know	19

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tony Blair has handled Britain's response to the events of July 7?

Approve	42
Disapprove	37
Don't know	21

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Do you approve or disapprove of the way Sir Iqbal Sacranie, the Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Great Britain, has handled the Muslim community's response to the events of July 7?

Approve	52
Disapprove	25
Don't know	22

Does it bother you, or not bother you, that a young Muslim woman was among the victims of the London attacks?

Yes, it bothers me a lot	58
Yes, it bothers me somewhat	26
No, it doesn't bother me much	7
No, it doesn't bother me at all	3
Don't know	6

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

There may be people in my neighbourhood or among the people I know who could be planning, or be associated with people who are planning, attacks like those in London on July 7 **7**

There could not possibly be such people in my neighbourhood or among the people I know **60**

Don't know **33**

It is said that the friends and family of the four London bombers had no idea of what the four men were planning, or even what their ideas were. How worried are you that the events surrounding the London bombings may have had the effect of causing British Muslims to become suspicious of one another?

Very worried	24
Fairly worried	32
Not very worried	24
Not all worried	12
Don't know	8

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If anyone is charged and put on trial in Britain in connection with the bombings on July 7, do you think they will, or will not, receive a fair trial?

Will receive a fair trial	37
Will not receive a fair trial	44
Don't know	19

Turning now to wider issues, how loyal do you think most Muslims living in Britain feel towards Britain?

Very loyal	28
Fairly loyal	48
Not very loyal	10
Not at all loyal	8
Don't know	6

How loyal would you say you personally feel towards Britain?

Very loyal	46
Fairly loyal	33
Not very loyal	6
Not at all loyal	10
Don't know	4

The leaders of Britain's main political parties have said that they respect Islam and want to co-operate with Britain's Muslim communities. In general, do you think Britain's political leaders are sincere or not sincere when they say these things?

Sincere	33
Not sincere	50
Don't know	16

Do you agree or disagree with this statement : 'British political leaders don't mean it when they talk about equality. They regard the lives of white British people as more valuable than the lives of British Muslims.'

Agree – British political leaders don't really believe in equality	52
Disagree – they DO really believe in equality	29
Don't know	18

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Which of these views comes closest to your own?

'Western society is decadent and immoral, and Muslims should seek to bring it to an end, if necessary by violence'	1
'Western society is decadent and immoral, and Muslims should seek to bring it to an end, but only by NON-VIOLENT means'	31
'Western society may not be perfect, but Muslims should live with it and not seek to bring it to an end'	56
Don't know	11

It is frequently said by some Muslims, as well as non-Muslims, that some imams, possibly from other countries, are trying to 'radicalise' young Muslims by preaching hatred against the West. Do you believe, or not believe, that some imams are preaching in this way?

Yes, do believe this	47
No, do not believe it	36
Don't know	17

Have you yourself heard one or more imams preaching in this way?

Yes, frequently	5
Yes, but only once or twice	22
No, never	69
Don't know	3

Would you support or oppose a new law to make it easier to deport any imam from abroad who does preach in this way?

Support	53
Oppose	27
Don't know	20

From your own experience, are you aware of any groups of young British Muslim men who are trying to 'radicalise' young Muslims by preaching hatred against the West?

Yes, I am aware of such groups	14
No, I am not	82
Don't know	5

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What action, if any, should be taken against any British citizen trying to 'radicalise' young Muslims by preaching hatred against the West?

Such behaviour should be made a criminal offence, and anyone found guilty of it sent to prison	33
Such behaviour should NOT be a criminal offence, but the Muslim community should take action to stop it	36
Such behaviour should be permitted on the grounds of freedom of speech, and no action should be taken to stop it	17
Don't know	14

So far, responsibility for preventing and punishing crimes like those committed in London on July 7 has rested mainly with the police and the other security services. How much responsibility do you think British Muslims themselves should now take on for preventing such crimes and bringing to justice those who commit them?

A great deal of responsibility	32
Some responsibility	34
Not much	10
None at all	14
Don't know	11

If you came to suspect that someone you knew, or knew of, might be planning an attack like the ones in London, who would you tell? [Please tick all that apply.]

A member of your family	35
A close friend	25
The police	73
The local council	12
Someone else	16
No one	3
Don't know	11

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If you believed that an imam or other religious person was trying to 'radicalise' young Muslims by preaching hatred against the West, who would you tell? [Please tick all that apply]

A member of your family	32
A close friend	26
The police	47
The local council	20
Someone else	18
No one	10
Don't know	13

Do you personally know of any Muslim man or boy who in recent years has attended a madrasa or other Islamic school in Pakistan or elsewhere?

Yes, I do – but very few	11
Yes, I do – a considerable number	5
No, I don't know of any	81
Not sure	3

Have you noticed any change in their attitudes or beliefs or their way of life since they returned to this country?

Yes, I have	27
No, I have not	68
Don't know	5

In view of the attacks on July 7, if someone returns from a religious school in Pakistan or elsewhere, do you think you have a duty to report that fact to the police or other authorities?

Yes, I do	5
Yes, I do – but only if I have observed a worrying change in him	36
No, I do not	50
Don't know	9

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From your own experience, do you have the impression that most of the Muslims you know will be ready from now on to tell the police about anything they see that makes them feel suspicious, or will they be reluctant to go to the police for fear of getting themselves or fellow Muslims into trouble?

From now on, most of them will be ready to go to the police	34
Most of them will be reluctant to go to the police	41
Don't know	25

Do you personally think that people who see something in the community that makes them feel suspicious have a duty to go to the police?

Yes, I do	70
No, I do not	14
Don't know	16