

YouGov / Economist survey on responses to terrorism

YouGov questioned 2873 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 25th and 27nd July 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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Over the past few weeks London has been the target of four terrorist bombs and four attempted terrorist bombings.

We would like you to look at the way the police have conducted themselves since the first series of bombs on 7th July.

Thinking about the few days following the events of 7th July, would you say your opinion of the police rose or fell?

My opinion rose	50
My opinion fell	4
My opinion stayed about the same	44
Don't know	1

On Thursday 21st July four people attempted to bomb three London underground trains and one London bus. The terrorists suspected of carrying out the attempted bombing are currently being looked for.

As the police continue to look for the terrorists do you think...?

Policing in London is too tight	2
Policing in London is just about right	49
Policing in London is not tight enough	36
Don't know	13

AT THE TIME of the shooting do you think the police were right or wrong to shoot the man?

They were right to shoot him	63
They were wrong to shoot him	21
Don't know	16

Some people believe the police policy of 'shoot to kill', that is shooting a suspect with the express intention of killing them, is a justifiable way of protecting the British public. How do you feel about this...?

I strongly agree	38
I somewhat agree	32
TOTAL AGREE	70
I neither agree nor disagree	6
I somewhat disagree	14
I strongly disagree	7
TOTAL DISAGREE	21
Don't know	2

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

'The loss of a human life is too great a price to pay for the security of the majority'

I strongly agree	5
I somewhat agree	13
TOTAL AGREE	18
I neither agree nor disagree	13
I somewhat disagree	33
I strongly disagree	33
TOTAL DISAGREE	66
Don't know	3

Since the terrorist attacks in London...

Do you think travelling in London has become...?

More dangerous	59
Less dangerous	1
It has stayed about the same	37
Don't know	4

Do you think London will again be targeted by terrorists in the next 12 months?

Yes, I do think London will be targeted by terrorists in the next 12 months	90
No, I do not think London will be targeted by terrorists in the next 12 months but I do think it will happen again at some point	6
No, I do not think London will be targeted by terrorists in the next 12 months and I do not think it will ever happen again	0
Don't know	4

How many times do you think London will be targeted by terrorists in the next 12 months? *[Base = All those who think London will be targeted in the next 12 months]*

Mean	4.17
Median	3
1	14
2	16
3	25
4	17
5	8
6	10
1 to 2	30
3 to 4	42
5 to 6	19
7+	9