

# YouGov /Liberty Survey Results

Sample Size: 1926  
Fieldwork: 25th - 27th March 2008

	Voting intention				Gender		Age			Social Grade		Aggregated Government Office of the Region				
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
All GB Adults	1926	651	438	249	924	1002	589	654	683	1040	886	242	621	415	476	172
Unweighted Sample	1926	693	430	231	944	982	477	598	851	1180	746	284	618	398	474	152
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The police currently have the power to detain and question people suspected of terrorism offences without charge for up to 28 days. This is called "pre-charge detention". The Government would like to extend this period to up to 42 days without charge.

Which of these do you think is the Government's main motivation for this proposal?

Because the Government wants to help the police do their job	35	28	57	22	36	34	33	37	35	33	37	37	35	29	37	39
Because the Government wants to look "tough on terror"	54	63	34	73	54	54	52	54	56	58	50	51	55	57	52	55
Not sure	11	8	9	5	10	12	15	9	10	9	13	11	9	14	11	7

At present, once someone is charged with a criminal offence, the police are not allowed to question them further on that or any related offence. It has been suggested that instead of being allowed to hold suspects without charge for up to 42 days, we should keep the 28-day limit, but give the police the power to charge suspected terrorists for a lesser offence (for example, possessing articles for terrorist purposes) and then, if the police gather fresh evidence, they should be able to question the suspects further, and to charge them later with a more serious offence (for example, conspiracy to murder).

If you had to choose between these three options which would you prefer?

We should keep the present 28-day limit, and also keep the rule that prevents the police from questioning suspects after they have been charged	7	8	7	8	10	5	9	8	4	8	6	7	6	8	8	8
The police should continue to be barred from questioning suspects after they have been charged, but the time limit for holding suspects without charge should be raised to 42 days	13	12	20	11	16	10	12	12	14	12	14	12	11	17	12	14
The 28-day limit should remain, but the police should be allowed to question suspects further after they have been charged, if the police obtain fresh evidence on related offences	70	75	64	70	65	75	63	72	75	72	68	69	76	63	69	73
Don't know	10	5	9	11	9	10	16	7	6	8	12	12	7	12	11	6

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**Which of these statements comes closer to your own view?**

If the pre-charge detention period were extended, it is very unlikely that wholly innocent people would be held on suspicion for as long as 42 days	<b>43</b>	50	46	33	43	44	40	44	45	43	43	40	43	43	47	40
If the pre-charge detention were extended, there is a real risk of innocent people being held on suspicion for as long as 42 days	<b>39</b>	37	37	57	43	36	40	40	37	44	34	41	42	37	34	46
Not sure	<b>18</b>	13	17	10	15	20	20	16	19	13	23	19	16	21	19	14

**If Parliament agrees to the new detention powers do you think that this will be good or bad for Britain's reputation at home and abroad?**

Good for Britain's reputation	<b>46</b>	49	54	34	45	47	41	48	48	43	50	44	44	51	48	38
Bad for Britain's reputation	<b>28</b>	29	22	41	34	22	30	27	27	34	21	29	30	25	25	33
Not sure	<b>26</b>	23	25	25	21	31	29	25	25	23	30	27	26	24	27	29