

YouGov / Royal Commonwealth Society Survey Results

Sample Size: 2119

Fieldwork: 2nd - 4th March 2009

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		Total	Male	Female	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 +	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North
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Which, if any, of these international organisations do you think are valuable to the UK? (By valuable we mean any monetary, defence reasons etc)[Please tick all that apply]

NATO	44	53	35	38	42	50	47	40	43	46	42	42	45
The United Nations	42	44	40	43	38	45	45	39	36	41	42	42	51
The European Union	37	44	31	40	37	35	41	33	41	33	35	37	51
The "G8" group of major world economies	35	41	30	36	34	37	38	33	40	33	39	34	34
The Commonwealth	33	41	26	31	30	38	36	30	34	36	32	32	27
None of these	13	11	15	11	14	14	12	15	13	12	13	16	12
Don't know	17	9	24	23	19	10	14	21	19	17	19	16	13

Which ONE of the following is the MOST important to the UK?

Europe	36	42	30	34	38	36	38	34	36	32	37	37	45
America	32	34	29	33	29	33	33	30	32	33	31	32	30
The Commonwealth	14	12	15	13	12	15	13	14	11	16	12	13	10
Don't know	19	11	26	20	21	15	16	22	20	19	21	19	14

Which, if any, of the following countries do you think are currently members of the Commonwealth? [Please tick all that apply]

Australia	70	77	63	60	69	79	77	62	74	71	66	67	78
Jamaica	49	59	39	35	48	60	56	40	55	51	44	45	52
India	46	59	34	41	45	49	52	38	55	46	40	42	55
Kenya	39	50	29	28	39	48	45	32	46	38	36	37	45
South Africa	34	45	24	30	32	38	38	29	43	34	27	33	39
Cyprus	25	32	18	20	25	28	28	21	25	26	25	22	22
Republic of Ireland	16	14	17	19	17	12	15	16	12	16	18	15	16
Nepal	11	17	5	10	13	9	12	9	11	11	10	11	13
The United States	4	3	5	8	3	2	3	5	3	3	6	5	2
China	2	2	3	5	2	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	2
Japan	2	2	2	5	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
Argentina	2	2	2	4	1	0	2	2	1	2	3	1	2
None of these	4	3	5	2	4	5	3	6	2	3	6	4	6
Don't know	20	13	27	30	22	10	15	26	16	20	22	24	12

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Where do you think the Commonwealth Secretariat (i.e. the Commonwealth's 'civil service') is based?

London	46	53	39	39	44	54	51	40	51	48	41	42	52
Geneva	10	9	11	11	11	9	9	11	6	12	13	9	8
Paris	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1
Nairobi	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	0
New Delhi	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	2	0
New York	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	1
Cape Town	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Washington DC	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Don't know	37	31	42	39	39	33	33	41	36	34	39	39	36

The Commonwealth Secretary-General, who leads the Commonwealth Secretariat, is currently Kamalesh Sharma.

Which ONE of the following do you think is currently head of the Commonwealth overall?

The Queen	70	77	64	57	70	81	76	63	74	72	69	66	72
Kofi Annan	6	5	7	7	5	6	5	7	4	5	7	7	6
President Obama	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	2
Gordon Brown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Prince Charles	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Bishop Desmond Tutu	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Bono	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nelson Mandela	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Archbishop Rowan Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bill Gates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	21	15	26	30	22	12	16	26	19	19	22	24	17

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If the UK left the Commonwealth would you be...?

Delighted	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	1
Fairly pleased	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2
Sorry	24	25	23	19	21	31	26	22	24	26	26	20	22
Appalled	18	24	12	16	15	22	21	14	21	22	16	15	10
Wouldn't mind one way or the other	37	36	38	37	44	31	35	39	35	31	36	43	48
Don't know	18	11	24	25	18	11	15	21	17	17	19	18	17