

YouGov Survey for Speakout Campaign: Results

Sample Size: 1225 electors in Yorkshire and Humberside

Fieldwork: 8th - 12th January 2007

Weighted sample
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Here are some statements that have been made about people who come to Britain to live and work, either permanently or temporarily. In each case, please say whether you agree or disagree

I am concerned that Britain is losing its identity/culture

Agree	72	82	67	57	70	73	63	70	80	66	77	43	88	57	61
Disagree	21	16	27	38	25	18	27	22	16	28	16	52	8	20	24
Don't know	7	3	6	5	5	9	10	8	4	6	8	5	4	24	15

On balance, the recent arrival of immigrants from Eastern Europe has helped Britain's economy to grow.

Agree	24	24	30	33	29	19	29	22	21	30	19	62	10	28	18
Disagree	48	55	41	38	48	48	38	50	54	39	55	16	69	29	28
Don't know	28	21	30	29	23	33	34	28	24	31	26	22	21	44	54

Many of my friends are immigrants.

Agree	9	11	10	11	9	8	7	7	11	9	8	17	5	13	9
Disagree	83	86	83	81	84	82	86	83	81	84	83	77	89	81	76
Don't know	8	3	8	9	7	10	7	10	7	7	9	6	7	6	16

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Current levels of immigration are making community relations more difficult.

Agree	74	83	68	62	75	72	65	79	76	71	76	47	89	57	62
Disagree	13	10	17	19	15	11	16	10	14	17	10	38	5	19	7
Don't know	13	7	14	19	10	16	19	11	11	12	14	15	6	24	31

The government is listening to people on immigration.

Agree	12	6	25	6	12	13	11	13	12	14	10	27	6	14	11
Disagree	66	84	48	64	71	62	61	67	70	64	68	47	82	42	47
Don't know	22	10	27	30	18	26	29	20	18	22	22	27	12	44	42

The Conservative party is listening to people on immigration.

Agree	16	45	7	12	17	16	16	15	18	19	14	12	20	10	12
Disagree	39	17	47	39	45	33	32	44	39	35	42	47	41	35	24
Don't know	45	38	46	49	39	51	52	41	43	46	44	42	39	55	64

I would like the Conservative party to take a tougher stance on immigration.

Agree	62	85	48	52	65	59	52	62	70	61	64	31	81	40	48
Disagree	15	9	22	24	16	13	16	13	14	18	12	45	4	19	8
Don't know	23	6	31	24	19	28	32	24	15	22	25	24	15	41	44

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Everyone who wants to live in Britain should be required to speak and read English.

Agree	83	89	81	70	84	81	76	82	88	84	81	73	92	66	70
Disagree	10	8	14	13	10	10	12	12	6	11	9	19	4	25	12
Don't know	8	3	6	17	6	9	12	6	6	5	10	9	3	9	18

The NHS would collapse without a steady supply of new immigrants

Agree	20	19	26	27	23	18	18	18	25	25	17	45	11	36	16
Disagree	57	64	54	40	55	58	51	61	57	50	62	35	72	39	40
Don't know	23	18	20	33	22	24	31	21	18	25	22	20	17	25	44

There must be an annual limit on the number of immigrants, including from Eastern Europe, coming in to Britain.

Agree	84	88	85	72	82	86	78	84	89	80	87	61	95	70	82
Disagree	9	9	10	19	12	7	13	9	6	13	7	28	2	24	5
Don't know	7	4	6	9	5	8	9	7	5	7	6	11	3	6	13

We need immigrants to do jobs that not enough people born here are willing to do.

Agree	32	29	40	41	35	29	36	29	31	41	24	65	18	41	32
Disagree	53	59	47	45	53	53	48	57	54	46	59	27	70	40	38
Don't know	15	12	13	14	11	18	16	14	15	12	17	8	12	19	31

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Immigrants keep wages low and make it harder for Britain's unemployed and unskilled to find work.

Agree	57	57	54	49	58	56	54	58	59	50	63	32	73	47	42
Disagree	28	32	35	35	29	28	30	30	26	36	23	58	17	31	27
Don't know	15	12	12	16	13	16	16	13	15	15	15	11	10	22	31

On the whole, people from Eastern Europe who have come here to work have been competent, hard-working and reliable

Agree	38	41	46	52	41	35	38	36	40	44	34	70	25	43	38
Disagree	23	24	21	15	25	21	22	23	23	19	26	6	35	14	11
Don't know	39	35	34	33	34	44	40	41	37	38	40	24	40	43	52

The government should help unemployed Britons to get jobs by reducing the number of immigrants allowed to come here to work.

Agree	67	67	66	54	64	69	60	67	72	60	72	31	85	53	57
Disagree	22	24	25	35	26	19	27	22	18	28	17	58	9	18	19
Don't know	12	10	10	12	10	13	14	11	10	12	11	12	6	29	24

Britain is already overcrowded.

Agree	75	83	67	68	74	76	70	77	78	72	77	47	91	61	65
Disagree	15	12	21	21	17	12	19	13	13	18	12	42	4	19	13
Don't know	10	5	12	11	9	12	12	11	8	10	11	11	5	21	22

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Many immigrants have contributed positively to the quality of life here in Britain – in areas ranging from football and music to corner-shops and take-away restaurants.

Agree	58	58	63	78	63	54	58	56	61	66	53	87	45	63	62
Disagree	27	29	24	16	25	29	25	30	27	21	32	7	41	19	14
Don't know	15	12	13	7	12	17	18	15	12	14	16	6	14	18	25

Britain should be able to control who comes in to Britain from the new EU member states – including Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Bulgarian and Romania.

Agree	89	94	90	81	89	89	84	90	91	86	91	74	98	73	83
Disagree	6	5	6	14	8	4	7	6	5	8	4	20	2	10	2
Don't know	5	1	4	6	4	7	10	4	4	6	5	7	1	18	16

Workers from the new EU countries should be required to have work permits before they come here, and to show these permits at ports of entry.

Agree	86	91	87	79	84	88	85	85	88	83	89	64	97	80	83
Disagree	8	7	10	13	11	6	7	9	8	11	6	29	2	9	3
Don't know	6	2	4	8	5	6	8	5	4	6	5	7	2	11	14

People on time-limited work permits who overstay should be traced and deported.

Agree	90	95	90	83	91	88	83	92	93	90	89	83	96	82	81
Disagree	3	3	4	6	3	4	5	2	3	4	3	6	3	2	2
Don't know	7	1	6	11	6	8	12	6	4	6	8	11	2	16	17

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As you probably know, Bulgaria and Romania joined the European Union at the start of this year. The government has placed temporary restrictions on people from Bulgaria and Romania coming here to work. Do you think the Government will be successful or unsuccessful in persuading them to leave?

Successful	9	4	19	5	9	8	8	6	12	10	8	17	7	9	5
Unsuccessful	74	89	57	77	75	72	66	80	74	75	73	64	84	58	58
Don't know	18	7	24	17	16	20	26	14	14	16	20	19	9	33	37

Do you trust government's statistics on immigration from eastern European countries...?

Are accurate and tell the full story	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	5	0
Are accurate as far as they go, but don't tell the full story	29	18	49	31	27	31	31	28	28	30	29	48	21	25	31
Are inaccurate	56	77	32	55	60	51	45	59	61	56	55	37	72	54	30
Don't know	14	4	17	14	12	17	22	12	10	13	16	13	6	16	39

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One of the principles of the European Unions concerns the free movement of people. This means that British people can live and work in any EU country – and people from other EU countries can come and work in Britain: the current restrictions on Bulgarians

Favour	33	27	44	49	37	29	37	32	29	38	29	93	7	33	35
Oppose	49	62	39	35	50	48	37	52	56	45	51	4	81	25	12
Don't know	19	11	18	17	13	24	26	16	15	17	20	3	12	42	53

It has been suggested that a referendum should be held to scrap the principle of free movement and to restore Britain's control of its own borders, including the power to restrict who comes in to the country from Eastern Europe. Leaving aside whether you

Favour	72	81	68	64	71	73	63	77	76	68	76	40	96	32	51
Oppose	15	13	21	23	19	12	18	13	16	20	12	51	4	24	7
Don't know	12	6	12	13	10	15	19	11	7	12	13	10	1	44	42

If such a referendum were held, how would you vote?

In favour of keeping the principle of free movement	22	18	31	36	26	19	24	21	22	27	18	100	0	0	0
In favour of scrapping the principle of free movement	55	68	45	38	57	53	42	59	63	48	60	0	100	0	0
Would not vote	3	2	2	2	4	3	5	3	3	3	4	0	0	100	0
Not sure	20	12	22	24	13	25	30	18	13	22	18	0	0	0	100

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If Britain were to insist on regaining the right to decide who lives in Britain, and to scrap the principle of free movement for people from other EU countries, it is possible that Britain would be expelled from the EU altogether. If you had to choose bet

Britain remaining in the EU, and continuing to accept the principle of free movement	26	20	39	41	29	24	30	25	25	34	20	81	6	40	20
Britain scrapping the principle of free movement and leaving the EU	55	68	41	38	58	52	43	60	60	49	60	13	85	23	22
Don't know	19	12	20	21	13	24	28	16	14	18	20	6	9	38	58