

YouGov/Spectator Survey Results

Sample Size: 1696

Fieldwork: 14th - 15th August 2006

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Should Britain change its foreign policy in response to the terrorist threat?

Yes – it should be softer/ more conciliatory	12	16	9	11	12	13	15	9	16	12	8	9	19
Yes – it should be tougher/ more aggressive	53	49	57	53	51	54	48	59	47	56	53	59	44
No, it should not change	24	30	19	22	23	25	26	21	24	19	28	23	26
Don't know	11	6	16	14	13	8	11	11	12	13	11	9	11

Does stricter airport security make you feel safer or less safe?

Safer	64	58	69	61	65	64	65	63	61	62	65	69	58
Less safe	4	6	3	6	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	10
No difference	29	33	24	27	28	29	29	27	32	32	26	26	27
Don't know	3	3	4	5	3	3	1	5	3	2	5	2	5

Should the Government have done more to make air travel safer BEFORE the alleged terrorist plot was uncovered on 10th August?

Yes, they should have	61	53	68	55	57	68	55	68	57	63	65	60	59
No, they should not have	25	31	19	28	29	20	31	18	29	24	21	25	30
Don't know	14	16	12	17	14	12	14	14	14	13	14	15	11

Passenger profiling is a recent term used to describe the process of selecting passengers based on their background or appearance.

Would you like to see 'passenger profiling' introduced?

Yes, I would	55	59	52	49	56	58	56	54	55	53	60	58	43
No, I would not	29	30	28	33	27	28	31	26	31	28	27	25	39
Don't know	16	11	21	18	17	14	13	20	15	19	13	17	17

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Do you think British politicians generally exaggerate the terrorist threat?

Yes, they do – because they are ill informed themselves	12	13	11	12	10	13	12	12	12	12	12	10	13
Yes, they do – and they know that the truth is not as they portray it	23	29	19	22	24	24	25	21	27	25	22	20	25
No, they do not	49	45	53	44	50	52	51	48	49	48	47	54	50
Don't know	15	13	17	21	16	11	12	19	13	15	19	15	12

Should it be possible to detain terror suspects who have NOT been charged with any offence for up to 90 days?

Yes, such detention without charge should be allowed	69	66	71	62	67	75	66	72	61	70	71	76	63
No, it should not	23	29	17	25	24	20	27	17	27	22	21	18	26
Don't know	9	5	12	13	10	5	7	10	11	8	7	7	12

Should Tony Blair have returned from holiday to oversee the emergency in person?

Yes, he should have flown home, despite the risks	50	44	56	45	46	57	50	50	47	58	52	46	50
No, 'phone and email contacts were sufficient	43	51	36	46	47	37	45	41	47	35	40	48	46
Don't know	7	5	9	8	8	5	5	9	6	8	8	7	4

Do you feel safer now than you did before 9/11?

Safer	6	5	6	5	6	6	6	5	4	6	7	5	7
Less safe	46	44	47	48	44	46	47	44	46	45	49	42	49
No difference	46	50	43	44	46	47	46	47	48	44	41	52	42
Don't know	2	1	4	3	4	1	2	3	2	5	3	1	2

How likely do you think it is that the UK will suffer another major terrorist attack in the next 12 months?

Very likely	34	31	37	28	34	37	34	35	33	37	32	36	30
Fairly likely	52	52	52	52	52	52	53	50	50	51	53	51	56
Not very likely	6	9	4	5	8	5	7	5	7	5	4	6	10
Not at all likely	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
Don't know	7	7	7	13	6	6	6	9	10	5	9	6	4

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Are we winning the 'war against terror' (i.e.: the battle announced by George Bush against Muslim fundamentalist terrorism after 9/11)?

Yes, we are winning	8	10	5	10	8	6	8	7	8	7	6	10	4
No, we are not	79	77	81	72	78	83	81	77	80	81	77	75	85
Don't know	14	13	14	18	14	11	11	16	12	12	16	15	11

Do you believe that most British Muslims are moderate?

Yes, they are moderate	50	54	46	50	48	51	55	43	55	48	44	49	52
No, they are not	28	32	25	21	29	32	27	30	28	25	32	31	18
Don't know	22	14	29	29	23	17	18	27	17	26	24	19	30

In the future, would you prefer Britain to pursue a foreign policy agenda closer to that of the United States, or to that of the rest of the European Union?

Britain should continue to align herself closely with the USA	14	16	13	13	14	15	16	12	11	14	15	17	15
Britain should position her foreign policy closer to that of the rest of the European Union	45	46	43	49	42	45	46	43	50	43	41	43	51
Neither	27	28	27	19	27	32	29	26	30	31	26	25	24
Don't know	14	9	18	18	17	8	9	19	9	12	18	15	11

Do you think that the West is in a global war against Islamic terrorists who threaten our way of life, or do you think that Islamic terrorism is a regional problem that poses no real threat to the West?

We are in a world war against Islamic terrorists who threaten the West's way of life	73	76	70	63	69	82	73	73	72	73	72	77	71
Islamic terrorism is a regional problem that holds no real threat to the West	8	10	7	11	9	7	10	6	11	11	6	6	9
Don't know	19	14	23	26	22	12	16	21	17	16	22	18	19

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How long do you expect the conflict against Islamic terrorists such as Al-Q'aeda to last?

Less than a year	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Between 1 and 2 years	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	0
Between 3 and 5 years	4	4	3	2	3	4	3	5	2	4	3	4
Between 5 and 10 years	12	13	11	13	9	13	10	11	10	12	12	14
Between 10 and 20 years	16	18	15	17	13	19	13	18	15	16	16	18
More than 20 years	44	50	39	37	50	45	43	43	46	42	45	45
Don't know	22	14	29	29	22	18	27	22	23	24	22	18

And do you expect the threat from Islamist terrorists such as Al-Q'aeda to increase or decrease in the next few years?

I expect the risk of terrorist attacks to disappear completely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
I expect the risk of terrorist attacks to lessen, with fewer atrocities and terrorism alerts	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	3	1	3	2	5
I expect the risk of terrorist attack to remain at the level it is now	28	34	22	28	31	25	30	25	36	25	27	25
I expect the risk of terrorist attack to get worse, with more atrocities and more frequent terrorism alerts	38	33	43	28	36	46	41	35	32	42	39	40
I expect the risk of terrorist attacks to get much worse, with frequent atrocities and constant terrorism alerts	22	22	22	26	22	20	20	25	22	22	21	23
Don't know	10	8	11	16	10	7	8	12	9	9	11	8