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Thinking about the unrest at recent protests in England, how well or badly do you think each of the following dealt with the situation?

The police

Very well	19	20	25	31	9	28	16	18	20	7	16	20	27	20	17	19	18	16	21	15	16	20
Fairly well	44	53	48	49	23	47	41	41	46	42	41	45	47	44	42	44	43	38	42	43	43	47
TOTAL WELL	63	73	73	80	32	75	57	59	66	49	57	65	74	64	59	63	61	54	63	58	59	67
Fairly badly	14	13	12	12	21	11	14	15	13	24	14	13	11	15	13	14	14	17	15	18	16	10
Very badly	14	9	6	2	42	7	20	18	9	15	15	14	11	12	16	13	19	13	14	13	15	12
TOTAL BADLY	28	22	18	14	63	18	34	33	22	39	29	27	22	27	29	27	33	30	29	31	31	22
Don't know	10	4	9	7	5	7	8	8	12	12	14	8	5	9	11	10	7	16	8	11	9	10

Keir Starmer, the prime minister

Very well	11	4	26	18	1	20	6	12	10	8	10	15	11	12	9	12	10	7	12	11	13	11
Fairly well	32	31	45	46	12	42	26	32	32	29	34	33	30	34	29	32	33	30	33	28	39	31
TOTAL WELL	43	35	71	64	13	62	32	44	42	37	44	48	41	46	38	44	43	37	45	39	52	42
Fairly badly	15	20	11	12	16	11	17	16	15	25	14	12	16	15	15	15	15	12	14	18	14	15
Very badly	25	37	5	11	64	13	40	29	20	17	19	27	34	21	29	24	28	27	27	25	19	24
TOTAL BADLY	40	57	16	23	80	24	57	45	35	42	33	39	50	36	44	39	43	39	41	43	33	39
Don't know	17	8	13	13	8	14	12	11	22	21	23	13	9	17	17	17	14	25	13	18	15	18

Yvette Cooper, the home secretary

Very well	7	1	17	12	1	14	3	9	6	3	7	9	8	9	5	8	7	3	7	5	10	8
Fairly well	23	22	36	27	11	32	19	25	21	13	20	29	25	25	20	23	22	21	24	24	27	20
TOTAL WELL	30	23	53	39	12	46	22	34	27	16	27	38	33	34	25	31	29	24	31	29	37	28
Fairly badly	13	21	8	13	14	10	16	15	11	16	10	13	18	13	13	13	16	9	13	15	10	14
Very badly	21	30	5	11	55	10	34	26	16	17	16	23	28	17	25	20	23	23	23	20	19	19
TOTAL BADLY	34	51	13	24	69	20	50	41	27	33	26	36	46	30	38	33	39	32	36	35	29	33
Don't know	36	26	34	36	19	34	28	26	46	51	48	26	21	36	37	36	32	43	33	36	33	39

Rishi Sunak, leader of the opposition

Very well	2	6	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	4	0	1	2	0	2
Fairly well	11	27	9	7	8	10	14	12	10	8	8	13	16	10	12	12	7	8	9	11	9	15
TOTAL WELL	13	33	9	8	8	11	17	14	11	9	9	14	20	11	14	14	11	8	10	13	9	17
Fairly badly	14	12	15	16	16	13	14	17	12	20	12	14	17	15	13	14	14	17	15	17	14	13
Very badly	23	8	29	19	36	23	23	28	19	29	25	23	18	22	26	23	23	27	25	22	30	20
TOTAL BADLY	37	20	44	35	52	36	37	45	31	49	37	37	35	37	39	37	37	44	40	39	44	33
Don't know	49	47	47	57	40	52	46	41	57	43	55	48	45	52	47	50	52	48	51	48	45	51

The legal system

Very well	19	15	32	27	6	29	14	20	18	13	16	23	21	20	18	19	20	13	21	16	21	19
Fairly well	38	47	44	49	21	44	34	37	38	31	36	39	43	42	33	38	35	36	38	39	33	40
TOTAL WELL	57	62	76	76	27	73	48	57	56	44	52	62	64	62	51	57	55	49	59	55	54	59
Fairly badly	14	17	8	10	17	10	17	14	14	22	13	13	14	13	16	14	13	16	13	14	16	14
Very badly	16	13	6	6	48	7	24	20	13	17	17	17	14	14	19	16	19	20	18	19	16	13
TOTAL BADLY	30	30	14	16	65	17	41	34	27	39	30	30	28	27	35	30	32	36	31	33	32	27
Don't know	13	7	10	8	8	10	10	9	17	17	17	8	8	12	15	13	13	15	11	13	14	14

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Politicians in general

Very well	2	1	4	3	1	4	1	2	2	0	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	2
Fairly well	25	27	40	34	8	36	20	25	24	16	23	31	25	27	22	25	27	21	25	25	23	26
TOTAL WELL	27	28	44	37	9	40	21	27	26	16	25	33	28	29	24	27	29	22	26	27	26	28
Fairly badly	28	33	27	22	24	27	28	29	27	31	29	24	28	29	26	28	26	30	28	28	31	27
Very badly	24	25	10	14	55	13	34	28	20	25	21	23	29	21	28	24	25	24	27	22	26	21
TOTAL BADLY	52	58	37	36	79	40	62	57	47	56	50	47	57	50	54	52	51	54	55	50	57	48
Don't know	22	14	19	27	12	21	17	16	27	27	25	20	15	21	22	22	19	24	20	23	17	24

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From what you've seen and heard, do you think the sentences handed out to those who participated in the unrest at recent protests in England have been too harsh, not harsh enough or about right?

Too harsh	16	20	5	7	51	9	26	21	12	13	15	21	16	16	18	16	18	16	17	18	16	15
About right	45	48	58	57	29	55	39	41	49	43	42	48	48	49	41	46	36	42	45	47	45	47
Not harsh enough	27	28	27	27	15	27	26	27	26	24	26	24	31	25	29	27	27	26	29	22	28	27
Don't know	12	4	11	9	5	8	9	10	13	20	17	7	4	11	13	11	19	16	9	13	11	11

Do you think the following prison sentences handed out in connection with the unrest at recent protests in England are too harsh, not harsh enough or about right?

Prison sentence: Four years and eight months. Pleading guilty to violent disorder, racially aggravated criminal damage and three counts of burglary, including throwing missiles at police, looting three shops, and having been part of a mob who damaged a car and attacked its occupants; the offender had convictions for four previous offences involving possession of knives

Too harsh	6	6	3	1	19	4	8	9	4	8	6	8	4	6	6	6	8	5	7	6	6	5
About right	44	40	50	53	47	50	41	44	44	45	44	46	42	48	39	45	40	40	41	43	54	45
Not harsh enough	44	50	43	43	30	44	44	41	46	39	42	41	51	41	47	43	45	48	48	41	35	44
Don't know	6	3	4	3	4	3	6	7	5	7	8	5	3	5	8	6	7	6	5	10	5	5

Prison sentence: One year and eight months. Pleading guilty to publishing and distributing written material to stir up racial hatred, including posting on Facebook calling for a hotel to be set on fire; the offender had seven previous convictions for motoring offences, criminal damage and drugs

Too harsh	12	11	4	5	39	7	17	17	7	14	12	15	8	13	11	12	12	12	10	14	14	12
About right	36	30	43	44	30	40	30	34	38	43	38	35	31	37	35	36	33	36	36	36	38	37
Not harsh enough	44	54	47	46	27	49	45	39	48	32	40	44	56	44	44	44	45	44	46	40	43	45
Don't know	8	4	6	5	5	4	7	9	6	11	10	6	5	6	10	7	11	8	8	10	6	7

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Prison sentence: One year. Pleading guilty to assault by beating, having assaulting a police officer by charging into them; the offender had previous convictions for possessing a knife in public and shoplifting

Too harsh	5	4	3	1	14	2	7	7	3	9	4	5	3	5	4	5	5	5	5	6	4	4
About right	29	27	29	31	40	29	28	28	29	35	28	32	24	29	28	29	32	27	31	29	29	28
Not harsh enough	60	67	65	64	41	66	59	57	63	49	58	57	70	61	58	60	56	60	59	56	61	62
Don't know	7	3	4	4	5	3	7	8	5	8	9	5	3	5	9	7	8	8	5	9	6	7

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Prison sentence: Six years. Pleading guilty to violent disorder, racially aggravated criminal damage and attempted arson, including throwing missiles at police, attempting to start a fire in a car workshop, and having been part of a mob who damaged a car and attacked its occupants; the offender had 30 previous convictions from 72 offences, though none had been committed in the previous 10 years

Too harsh	8	7	5	2	24	5	11	11	6	9	8	10	5	8	9	8	7	7	8	7	11	8
About right	48	47	56	56	43	56	45	47	50	44	48	49	49	51	44	49	49	41	46	47	52	50
Not harsh enough	37	42	35	37	29	36	37	36	39	37	36	35	42	36	38	37	35	45	40	36	33	36
Don't know	7	3	4	5	4	3	6	7	6	10	8	5	4	5	9	6	9	6	5	10	4	7

Prison sentence: One year and three months. Pleading guilty to sending a communication threatening death or serious harm, having creating a Facebook post saying a mosque should be blown up with people inside; the offender had no previous convictions

Too harsh	18	18	10	11	53	12	26	24	12	19	18	21	13	17	19	18	21	15	19	20	16	17
About right	36	33	40	48	23	41	32	32	40	36	38	35	33	38	34	36	30	37	32	35	42	38
Not harsh enough	38	43	45	37	20	42	36	34	41	29	34	38	50	38	39	38	39	43	41	35	37	37
Don't know	8	6	5	5	4	5	6	9	7	16	10	6	4	7	9	8	10	5	8	10	5	8

Prison sentence: Three years and four months. Pleading guilty to violent disorder, having thrown missiles, including a brick, at police officers; the offender had previous convictions for assault and criminally damaging a police cell with racist graffiti

Too harsh	9	9	5	1	27	5	15	12	7	7	8	14	7	9	9	9	10	9	9	11	10	8
About right	47	48	54	58	41	55	42	47	47	46	49	47	45	50	43	48	41	43	44	47	50	50
Not harsh enough	37	40	35	37	27	36	37	34	40	39	35	34	44	36	39	36	38	41	40	33	35	36
Don't know	7	3	6	3	5	4	7	7	6	8	8	6	4	5	9	6	11	6	6	9	5	6

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*