

YouGov European Political Monthly Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 14th-21st January 2026

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Weighted Sample	1081	1099	1080	1112	1036
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	%	%	%	%	%
	14-22 Jan	14-20 Jan	14-19 Jan	14-22 Jan	14-21 Jan

How much, if at all, do you know about the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR)?

A great deal	3	2	3	2	4
A fair amount	23	20	15	16	29
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ A FAIR AMOUNT	26	22	18	18	33
Not very much	51	42	50	51	53
Nothing at all	24	36	32	31	14
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	75	78	82	82	67

Generally speaking, do you think the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) does a good or bad job?

Very good job	4	4	3	2	7
Fairly good job	28	33	27	21	43
TOTAL GOOD JOB	32	37	30	23	50
Fairly bad job	17	16	20	18	11
Very bad job	9	5	8	7	4
TOTAL BAD JOB	26	21	28	25	15
Don't know	42	43	42	53	34

Do you think that COUNTRY should remain a member of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) or should we withdraw from it?

Should remain a member	50	66	66	55	57
Should withdraw from it	19	12	11	13	15
Don't know	31	22	23	31	28

What impact, if any, do you think COUNTRY's membership of the ECHR has on...?

COUNTRY's ability to combat crime

Major positive impact	9	7	13	6	14
Minor positive impact	19	17	18	16	28
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	28	24	31	22	42
Not make much difference	25	33	29	29	23
Minor negative impact	8	9	9	10	7
Major negative impact	17	7	8	10	4
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	25	16	17	20	11
Don't know	21	27	24	29	23

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COUNTRY's ability to deport illegal migrants

Major positive impact	7	6	12	5	14
Minor positive impact	11	16	14	12	22
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	18	22	26	17	36
Not make much difference	23	29	27	25	21
Minor negative impact	9	9	9	11	9
Major negative impact	24	11	12	12	8
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	33	20	21	23	17
Don't know	25	29	26	35	27

COUNTRY's reputation with other countries

Major positive impact	12	13	18	9	18
Minor positive impact	23	21	18	21	27
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	35	34	36	30	45
Not make much difference	24	30	26	26	20
Minor negative impact	7	6	9	9	8
Major negative impact	13	5	8	6	6
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	20	11	17	15	14
Don't know	21	25	22	29	21

The level of control COUNTRY has to set its laws

Major positive impact	9	7	12	6	14
Minor positive impact	15	18	16	18	23
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	24	25	28	24	37
Not make much difference	25	31	30	28	23
Minor negative impact	12	10	10	10	7
Major negative impact	15	5	8	7	7
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	27	15	18	17	14
Don't know	24	29	24	32	25

The strength of employment rights in COUNTRY

Major positive impact	12	9	17	8	15
Minor positive impact	22	21	19	19	28
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	34	30	36	27	43
Not make much difference	24	35	28	26	24
Minor negative impact	8	5	8	9	6
Major negative impact	10	3	6	7	4
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	18	8	14	16	10
Don't know	24	28	22	30	22

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COUNTRY economy					
Major positive impact	6	6	11	4	12
Minor positive impact	14	13	12	15	22
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	20	19	23	19	34
Not make much difference	29	38	33	33	27
Minor negative impact	11	10	10	10	6
Major negative impact	16	5	10	7	7
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	27	15	20	17	13
Don't know	25	27	23	31	25
Security co-operation with other European countries					
Major positive impact	13	12	23	11	21
Minor positive impact	21	26	20	24	26
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	34	38	43	35	47
Not make much difference	27	26	21	24	19
Minor negative impact	6	6	7	7	5
Major negative impact	9	3	5	5	4
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	15	9	12	12	9
Don't know	24	27	23	30	25
Everyday rights of COUNTRY citizens in their day-to-day lives					
Major positive impact	11	10	16	9	15
Minor positive impact	21	20	21	24	29
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	32	30	37	33	44
Not make much difference	26	34	27	24	24
Minor negative impact	10	6	8	7	6
Major negative impact	11	4	6	7	4
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	21	10	14	14	10
Don't know	21	26	22	30	21
Everyday rights for COUNTRY minority groups in their day-to-day lives					
Major positive impact	9	10	15	8	14
Minor positive impact	20	23	19	18	25
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	29	33	34	26	39
Not make much difference	26	30	29	29	25
Minor negative impact	10	6	8	8	5
Major negative impact	9	3	6	5	5
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Don't know	27	28	24	32	26

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To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose changing the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) to allow countries to deport immigrants who commit serious crimes, even if their family resides in the new country?

Strongly support	47	53	48	33	42
Tend to support	28	22	25	26	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	75	75	73	59	70
Tend to oppose	6	6	8	10	6
Strongly oppose	3	3	4	5	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	9	9	12	15	10
Don't know	15	17	15	26	20

For each of the following statements about the ECHR, please say whether you think they are true or false. If you are unsure, please select the 'Don't know' option rather than guessing.

The ECHR is an EU body

TRUE	44	35	46	36	34
FALSE	14	15	10	10	13
Don't know	42	50	43	54	53

Countries have no leeway in how they interpret and/or implement ECHR provisions

TRUE	22	19	18	12	25
FALSE	22	23	21	16	16
Don't know	57	58	61	72	59

Freedom of speech is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	39	42	50	35	39
FALSE	12	15	10	9	10
Don't know	49	43	40	57	51

The right to a fair trial is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	45	49	56	36	48
FALSE	9	8	7	8	8
Don't know	46	43	37	57	44

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The right to migrate between countries is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	29	20	43	28	30
FALSE	17	23	8	8	11
Don't know	55	57	48	64	58

The right not to be tortured is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	52	56	57	44	44
FALSE	5	7	6	6	9
Don't know	43	36	37	51	47

The right to free healthcare is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	24	18	35	20	24
FALSE	23	27	11	16	18
Don't know	53	55	54	64	58

The European Court of Human Rights (which hears cases on matters covered by the ECHR) can overrule and/or annul national laws

TRUE	26	28	20	24	24
FALSE	20	18	21	13	20
Don't know	54	54	59	63	56