

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1676 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 10th - 11th August 2014

	Westminster VI					2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample 1676	X	X	X	X	494	395	348	813	863	199	424	573	479	955	721	215	545	359	412	146	
Unweighted Sample 1676	458	502	101	165	518	399	353	781	895	92	426	659	499	1138	538	321	485	308	375	187	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The British government has authorised emergency airdrops of humanitarian aid (mainly food and water) by the RAF to thousands of Iraqis who are members of religious minority groups that have fled attacks by the group Islamic State (formerly called ISIS). Do you approve or disapprove of this decision to use the RAF to make humanitarian aid drops in Iraq?

Approve	74	84	75	87	68	81	74	83	80	68	61	65	76	84	78	69	75	75	74	71	78
Disapprove	12	9	13	5	22	11	11	6	10	13	14	13	11	10	11	13	10	11	10	16	9
Don't know	15	8	13	7	10	8	15	11	10	19	24	22	12	6	11	19	15	14	16	14	12

US President Obama has also authorised American air strikes against Islamic State/ISIS in this region of Iraq to prevent the killing of the religious minorities and to protect American personnel in the region. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Approve	54	66	53	55	63	64	54	56	67	41	36	46	57	65	57	50	57	53	53	52	62
Disapprove	20	18	21	21	23	19	20	17	17	23	26	20	18	21	20	20	16	21	20	22	16
Don't know	26	16	27	24	14	17	26	27	16	35	38	34	25	15	23	30	27	26	27	26	22

And would you approve or disapprove of the RAF taking part in air strike operations against Islamic State/ISIS?

Approve	37	48	35	33	47	46	35	35	53	23	30	35	41	39	39	35	35	35	39	38	45
Disapprove	36	33	40	40	38	35	38	37	29	42	31	28	36	43	37	33	34	37	34	37	32
Don't know	27	19	25	27	15	19	27	28	18	35	39	37	23	18	23	32	31	27	27	25	23

Thinking about the decisions that Western countries have made in the Middle East in recent years and their LONG-TERM impact, do you think the following decisions have made things better or worse?

Western countries' decision to send troops into Iraq and overthrow Saddam Hussein

Probably made things better in the long term	19	22	23	18	13	21	21	16	18	21	27	22	20	13	21	18	18	19	20	20	18
Probably made things worse in the long term	50	55	46	57	66	58	46	54	59	41	35	39	55	59	52	47	53	50	47	48	58
Probably didn't make much impact either way in the long term	16	16	18	15	12	14	18	16	12	19	13	13	14	21	15	17	10	17	16	16	15
Don't know	15	8	13	9	9	8	15	13	10	19	26	25	10	7	13	18	19	13	17	16	10

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Western countries' decision to send troops into Afghanistan and overthrown the Taliban

Probably made things better in the long term	23	29	23	32	10	25	23	22	24	22	21	27	25	18	25	20	20	25	23	23	21
Probably made things worse in the long term	38	39	34	40	53	43	31	41	41	35	31	29	40	45	37	38	42	35	36	39	42
Probably didn't make much impact either way in the long term	24	24	29	21	27	24	29	25	25	23	20	16	26	29	24	23	18	26	24	21	27
Don't know	16	8	13	6	9	8	17	13	10	21	27	28	9	8	13	19	19	15	16	16	10

Western countries' decision NOT to intervene militarily in Syria

Probably made things better in the long term	17	19	15	18	28	20	15	16	18	15	13	15	15	20	17	16	19	18	15	15	16
Probably made things worse in the long term	27	29	32	32	19	27	26	30	34	20	33	26	31	20	30	23	29	28	21	27	34
Probably didn't make much impact either way in the long term	32	36	31	31	32	36	34	31	32	31	17	23	33	44	31	32	21	32	39	30	32
Don't know	25	16	22	19	20	16	25	23	17	33	37	35	21	16	22	29	31	21	26	28	18

Western countries' decision to give support to the rebels in Libya, who ultimately overthrew Colonel Gaddafi

Probably made things better in the long term	23	28	25	31	18	27	23	25	24	23	22	24	26	20	24	23	21	28	19	21	26
Probably made things worse in the long term	32	34	31	22	45	37	31	32	41	23	26	22	34	40	33	30	36	31	31	30	35
Probably didn't make much impact either way in the long term	19	20	21	26	23	17	20	19	19	19	16	15	20	24	19	19	12	16	24	22	21
Don't know	26	18	23	22	14	18	26	25	16	34	36	39	20	16	23	29	31	24	26	27	17