

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2103 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 20th - 21st October 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	2103	X	X	X	X	616	517	433	1020	1083	250	532	719	601	1199	904	269	683	450	517	183	
Unweighted Sample	2103	497	601	129	270	587	574	429	1045	1058	167	474	896	566	1411	692	299	644	408	462	290	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Have you ever made a post or comment on the internet, for example on an entertainment, news, review, chat board, forum, blogging, social media or video website?

Yes	54	50	58	62	44	47	53	61	56	53	66	69	55	35	58	49	57	55	51	51	66
No	44	50	39	36	55	52	46	38	42	46	29	28	44	64	40	49	39	44	47	48	32
Don't know	2	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	3	1	0	1	2	4	1	2	1	2

Do you think personally you are more, less or about as aggressive when arguing online as you are in real life?

[This question was only asked to respondents who have made a post or comment online; n=1184]

More aggressive online	16	18	18	18	16	17	14	16	18	14	22	22	11	9	14	18	20	15	16	14	15
Less aggressive online	23	25	25	20	25	21	27	19	21	24	17	19	25	29	22	25	24	21	20	27	22
About as aggressive online as in real life	51	51	47	52	52	54	52	55	52	50	49	47	55	53	55	46	42	56	51	50	53
Don't know	10	6	10	10	8	8	8	10	9	12	11	12	8	9	10	11	14	8	12	9	10

Which, if any, of the following have you ever done in a comments section, on a chatroom or forum, or on social media?

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Made a joke at the expense of someone else	16	17	18	12	11	14	18	12	23	8	23	19	14	7	14	18	14	17	16	11	23
Deliberately made a controversial statement to annoy someone I didn't know	11	10	9	10	14	11	11	8	15	6	19	11	10	4	11	9	11	12	7	8	18
Called someone I didn't know an offensive name	8	8	10	1	8	6	9	5	11	5	17	12	4	2	6	11	6	11	7	4	12
Attempted to veer a conversation off-topic to discuss a topic of my choosing	6	7	7	6	3	7	7	5	9	3	10	8	4	5	7	5	8	5	7	4	11
Deliberately made an inflammatory statement to annoy someone I didn't know	6	3	6	13	7	5	8	5	9	2	12	6	4	3	6	5	7	7	3	4	7
Argued with someone else about an opinion in a malicious way	5	6	6	1	6	4	6	2	7	2	11	6	3	2	5	5	5	4	5	5	5
Argued with someone else about a fact in a malicious way	5	4	5	5	4	3	4	4	6	4	13	7	2	1	5	5	6	5	4	5	8
Threatened someone I didn't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
None of these	72	71	69	74	73	74	70	79	62	83	55	68	76	86	73	71	74	71	69	82	61
Prefer not to say	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2

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An "internet troll" is a person who causes conflict on the internet by starting arguments or upsetting people, by posting inflammatory, threatening, irrelevant, or off-topic messages in an online community to deliberately provoke an emotional response or disrupt normal discussion.

With this in mind, do you think you have ever been the victim of 'trolling'?

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Yes	17	15	19	14	13	14	20	17	19	16	19	21	17	10	18	16	20	16	16	14	28
No	80	84	79	80	85	84	78	82	79	82	78	77	81	88	80	81	76	83	82	83	70
Don't know	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	4	2	2	3	2

Do you agree or disagree with the statement 'if you don't like trolling, don't give your opinion online'?

Agree	32	42	26	22	43	42	30	24	35	29	21	22	30	46	31	33	32	31	34	34	23
Disagree	51	45	59	59	40	42	52	62	49	53	64	62	50	37	56	46	52	50	53	48	62
Don't know	17	13	15	19	17	16	18	14	16	18	14	16	19	16	14	21	17	19	14	18	15

Under new laws, internet trolls could face up to two years in jail, as opposed to the current six month maximum sentence. To what extent do you support or oppose these new laws?

Strongly support	40	46	39	31	45	49	39	35	36	43	24	30	39	55	37	43	37	38	41	42	40
Tend to support	36	36	36	41	37	33	39	40	35	37	37	40	35	33	37	34	32	39	35	35	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	76	82	75	72	82	82	78	75	71	80	61	70	74	88	74	77	69	77	76	77	73
Tend to oppose	12	11	13	14	10	10	10	16	15	9	15	17	12	6	14	9	16	11	11	10	17
Strongly oppose	5	4	5	5	5	3	6	2	7	2	9	6	4	2	5	4	4	5	4	4	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	17	15	18	19	15	13	16	18	22	11	24	23	16	8	19	13	20	16	15	14	23
Don't know	8	3	7	8	4	4	5	7	8	8	14	8	9	4	7	9	11	7	9	9	4