

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1722 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 12th - 13th October 2015

	Vote in 2015					Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
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For each of the following people or groups of people please indicate whether you think that they generally want what is best for the country or what is best for themselves personally.

Military officers

Want what is best for the country	68	78	59	64	82	69	67	57	64	70	74	70	66	69	69	67	72	58
Want what is best for themselves	16	11	19	17	12	18	14	15	15	16	16	14	18	9	16	18	13	26
Don't know	16	11	21	20	7	13	19	28	21	14	10	16	16	22	15	16	16	16

Politicians

Want what is best for the country	17	29	11	25	10	19	16	15	18	18	18	21	12	20	21	15	15	16
Want what is best for themselves	72	60	80	64	85	72	72	70	67	74	76	68	77	64	70	75	76	74
Don't know	10	11	10	11	5	9	12	15	15	8	6	10	10	16	9	10	9	11

Police officers

Want what is best for the country	56	59	55	58	61	51	61	62	52	55	58	57	54	51	60	58	57	44
Want what is best for themselves	26	26	28	24	25	33	20	22	25	26	29	25	28	24	23	25	28	37
Don't know	18	15	17	18	14	16	19	15	24	18	13	18	18	25	17	17	15	18

In general do you feel that active members of the British Armed Forces should stay out of politics, or should they be active politically if they want to be?

Active members of the British Armed Forces should stay out of politics	45	51	41	53	44	52	39	29	30	50	60	48	42	45	48	41	45	46
Active members of the British Armed Forces should be active in politics if they want to be	42	38	45	41	47	39	45	53	51	40	32	41	44	42	42	45	41	42
Don't know	13	11	14	7	9	9	16	18	18	10	8	11	15	12	11	13	14	12

Should active members of the British Armed Forces always follow orders from their civilian superiors, even if they feel that those orders are misguided?

Should	37	44	34	48	27	47	27	31	37	39	37	41	31	33	36	35	41	35
Should not	32	28	30	24	48	31	32	29	26	32	37	30	35	32	30	32	32	36
Don't know	31	28	36	28	25	21	41	40	37	29	26	29	35	35	33	33	27	29

Do you think there would be any situation, however unlikely it may be, in which you could imagine yourself supporting the British Armed Forces taking over the powers of government?

Yes	25	26	18	20	44	28	23	21	26	28	23	23	28	22	26	27	25	23
No	53	56	56	64	40	59	47	51	47	49	62	55	49	56	54	49	50	59
Don't know	22	18	25	16	16	14	31	28	27	23	15	21	23	22	21	24	25	17

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In each of the following scenarios, please say if you would support or oppose the British Armed Forces stepping in to take control of the government...

[This question was only asked to respondents who answered Yes to the previous question; n=433]

The British government withdrew from NATO

Support	31	30	30	36	37	32	30	30	30	31	34	32	30	29	34	34	28	22
Oppose	44	47	39	54	43	51	37	42	37	47	49	48	41	41	42	47	43	58
Don't know	24	23	31	10	20	17	33	28	33	22	18	21	29	30	24	19	29	20

The British government disarmed Britain's nuclear weapons

Support	39	48	32	15	40	38	40	27	38	37	46	40	37	31	33	41	47	39
Oppose	47	41	48	55	51	52	42	58	46	48	43	47	48	42	52	53	37	52
Don't know	14	11	20	30	10	10	19	15	16	15	11	13	16	27	15	6	16	9

The British government legislated to dismantle the British Armed Forces

Support	56	64	48	58	59	62	50	34	60	54	63	59	53	48	59	61	53	53
Oppose	37	30	41	33	35	32	42	60	27	40	32	35	39	40	36	33	37	42
Don't know	7	6	11	9	5	6	8	5	12	6	5	6	9	12	5	6	10	5

Jeremy Corbyn became the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Support	34	42	32	13	39	35	33	25	41	31	35	36	32	35	32	33	38	30
Oppose	52	51	54	79	44	58	46	60	45	54	54	53	51	54	52	56	47	60
Don't know	14	7	14	8	17	7	21	15	14	15	12	11	17	12	16	11	16	11

The British government abolished the monarchy

Support	41	51	32	21	40	36	48	38	44	40	42	44	38	35	39	49	41	38
Oppose	48	39	54	71	51	53	42	54	41	51	49	46	50	50	52	38	47	60
Don't know	11	10	13	8	9	11	10	8	16	9	9	10	12	15	9	12	12	2

Boris Johnson became the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Support	22	20	21	10	27	21	24	22	20	22	25	24	21	27	20	23	20	30
Oppose	63	67	69	78	50	70	54	71	62	62	61	64	61	63	69	62	55	61
Don't know	15	13	10	12	23	10	22	7	18	16	15	13	18	10	11	15	25	9

And are there any other scenarios in which you could imagine yourself supporting the British Armed Forces taking over the powers of government?

[For full list of responses see Sheet 1]