

YouGov Survey Results

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Thinking about the British Empire, would you say it is more something to be proud of or more something to be ashamed of, or neither?

More something to be proud of	28	52	21	19	11	58	20	43	35	22	22	21	32	37	27	29	31	24	28	30	27	20	27	30
Neither something to be proud of nor ashamed of	39	35	40	50	35	25	40	37	38	40	34	40	42	39	38	41	37	44	38	38	39	38	37	40
More something to be ashamed of	24	8	31	25	50	13	34	16	22	26	28	25	23	22	28	21	25	27	28	20	19	32	29	20
Don't know	9	5	8	6	3	4	6	4	5	13	17	14	4	2	8	10	8	5	6	12	14	10	7	9

Overall do you think the countries that were colonised by Britain are better off or worse off for being colonised, or has it made no difference?

Better off	30	55	23	29	13	59	22	47	41	21	18	24	32	44	30	30	29	27	30	33	34	17	31	33
Neither better nor worse off	19	13	21	19	22	13	20	18	19	19	18	19	18	21	18	20	20	20	21	17	17	24	19	18
Worse off	23	9	28	26	47	8	30	13	22	23	39	25	21	15	27	19	22	23	28	21	20	30	28	19
Don't know	28	23	29	26	18	20	28	22	18	37	25	32	29	21	25	31	29	31	22	29	30	29	22	30

Would you like Britain to still have an empire?

Yes	20	32	14	11	13	37	11	29	22	18	18	20	18	23	18	22	19	17	18	24	21	19	23	19
No	56	50	67	70	80	38	69	49	59	53	64	53	57	55	64	48	56	63	60	47	52	60	55	56
Don't know	24	19	19	19	7	26	19	22	19	30	18	28	24	22	18	31	25	20	22	29	27	21	22	26

How much would you say you know about each of the following topics?

The British Empire

A great deal	9	7	9	11	15	13	9	8	13	5	15	9	5	8	11	6	9	10	9	7	9	16	11	6
A fair amount	50	62	51	52	59	55	52	57	57	44	42	43	55	59	52	49	50	52	51	54	44	44	56	49
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	59	69	59	63	73	68	61	65	70	48	57	53	60	67	63	55	59	61	59	61	53	60	66	55
Not very much	33	25	36	37	23	28	34	29	26	40	31	36	33	30	31	36	34	31	33	32	36	31	28	36
Nothing at all	8	7	5	0	4	4	5	6	4	12	13	11	6	3	7	10	7	8	8	7	11	9	6	9
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / AT ALL	41	31	41	37	27	32	39	35	30	52	43	47	40	33	37	45	41	39	41	39	47	40	34	45

Wales's role in the British Empire

A great deal	3	4	1	5	4	6	2	3	4	2	6	3	2	2	2	4	5	4	1	2	3	10	3	2
A fair amount	19	19	22	20	32	22	22	21	26	13	10	20	21	21	20	19	18	20	23	15	19	20	26	16
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	22	24	23	25	36	27	25	24	30	15	16	23	23	23	22	22	23	24	24	17	22	30	28	18
Not very much	57	48	60	56	55	56	56	54	56	58	65	55	56	56	58	56	53	55	58	61	56	54	59	56
Nothing at all	21	29	17	19	9	17	19	22	15	28	19	23	22	21	21	22	24	22	18	22	22	16	13	26
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / AT ALL	78	77	77	75	64	73	75	76	70	85	84	77	77	77	78	78	78	76	76	83	78	70	72	82

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Do you think the following should or should not be on the curriculum for schools in Wales?

The British Empire

Should be on the curriculum	70	75	73	80	73	83	72	72	77	64	80	67	72	69	76	64	68	69	74	71	69	68	76	68
Should not be on the curriculum	12	14	10	9	15	7	13	14	11	12	6	10	15	14	11	12	12	16	10	9	12	18	9	12
Don't know	18	11	17	11	12	11	15	15	13	24	14	23	14	18	13	23	20	16	16	20	20	14	15	21

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Should be on the curriculum	70	68	75	80	83	71	73	68	75	65	85	67	72	65	75	64	70	67	71	72	68	79	78	64
Should not be on the curriculum	11	18	8	11	7	15	11	15	11	10	6	9	13	13	10	11	10	12	14	7	10	9	9	12
Don't know	20	14	17	9	10	15	16	18	14	25	10	25	16	22	14	25	20	22	15	21	22	12	14	24

And if the history of the British Empire were on the curriculum for schools in Wales in what way do you think it should be taught?

Teaching should concentrate on mainly the positive aspects of the British Empire, so that pupils are taught to be proud	6	11	4	2	1	14	2	11	8	4	9	4	5	9	5	7	9	5	4	6	8	7	6	6
Teaching should contain a mixture of positive and negative aspects of the British Empire, so pupils are given a comprehensive	77	84	79	86	76	79	81	80	78	75	62	74	84	80	79	74	80	77	76	79	72	75	76	77
Teaching should concentrate mainly on the negative aspects of the British Empire, to correct against a historically rosy	7	0	9	8	20	1	11	4	7	7	12	8	5	5	8	6	6	9	10	3	6	12	10	5
Don't know	10	4	9	4	3	7	7	6	7	14	18	14	6	5	7	13	6	10	10	12	14	6	8	12

Thinking again about the British Empire, relative to Wales's size how large or small do you think Wales's contribution was to the success and running of the British Empire?

Very large	2	2	4	0	1	4	2	3	4	1	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	5	3	1	1	5	3	2
Fairly large	17	14	15	13	28	22	15	18	22	12	24	18	20	11	17	17	17	16	15	18	20	16	23	15
TOTAL LARGE	19	16	19	13	30	26	17	21	26	13	25	20	23	12	19	20	19	21	17	19	21	21	26	16
Fairly small	32	33	39	40	33	27	32	32	35	30	43	29	28	36	36	29	31	32	41	29	27	36	37	30
Very small	11	21	8	13	11	17	13	14	12	10	5	9	14	15	13	9	15	10	10	11	10	7	8	14
TOTAL SMALL	44	54	47	52	43	44	45	47	47	40	48	38	42	51	49	38	46	42	51	40	38	43	45	43
Don't know	37	30	35	35	27	31	38	32	27	47	27	42	35	37	32	42	35	37	32	41	42	36	30	41

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Wales was more of a partner with England in the British Empire	19	34	17	23	16	25	15	25	24	13	17	14	18	26	20	17	18	25	18	16	16	13	19	19
Wales was more of a subject country in the British Empire	46	34	55	41	62	43	51	44	54	38	54	45	48	40	51	41	43	39	52	48	46	56	50	42
Don't know	36	32	28	36	23	32	34	31	22	48	29	41	34	34	30	42	40	36	31	36	38	31	30	39

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During the time that the British Empire existed do you think the following places benefitted from the British Empire more than they suffered from it, or suffered from it more than they benefitted from it?
England

Benefitted far more than they suffered	52	49	56	55	65	55	57	49	63	41	65	51	49	48	59	44	44	51	56	53	52	56	54	49
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	14	15	15	14	17	11	13	18	12	15	8	10	18	17	11	16	18	17	9	12	13	14	15	13
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	65	63	71	69	81	67	70	67	75	56	73	61	66	65	70	60	62	68	66	65	64	70	69	62
Benefitted and suffered about equally	7	13	5	12	5	10	5	10	6	8	3	5	6	11	7	6	7	6	9	6	5	4	6	7
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	1	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1
Suffered far more than they benefitted	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Don't know	27	23	22	18	11	22	23	23	18	36	24	32	25	22	22	32	29	25	24	28	29	25	24	29

Scotland

Benefitted far more than they suffered	12	24	10	9	6	18	10	16	18	7	14	12	10	15	13	12	10	14	13	14	11	12	12	13
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	17	18	17	16	11	21	17	21	22	13	16	16	18	19	19	15	18	16	19	15	17	14	16	18
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	30	42	27	25	16	40	27	37	40	20	30	28	28	33	32	27	28	30	32	30	28	27	28	31
Benefitted and suffered about equally	16	16	19	18	23	14	17	16	17	15	16	12	16	21	17	15	14	16	18	16	15	18	17	15
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	11	4	15	19	19	10	13	9	11	11	15	10	12	9	10	12	11	11	10	12	10	7	13	11
Suffered far more than they benefitted	7	4	7	3	24	5	10	7	8	7	4	7	12	6	8	7	9	9	10	4	5	13	8	6
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	18	8	22	21	43	15	24	15	19	18	19	17	24	15	18	19	20	20	19	16	15	20	22	16
Don't know	36	34	32	36	18	32	33	32	25	47	36	44	32	31	33	40	38	35	31	38	42	36	33	38

Wales

Benefitted far more than they suffered	11	23	9	5	3	16	9	16	15	7	9	13	8	12	11	11	8	12	12	13	9	8	9	12
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	16	19	14	20	10	25	14	19	20	12	21	12	15	18	18	14	14	15	17	15	18	9	16	17
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	27	41	23	25	14	40	23	34	35	19	31	25	24	30	28	25	22	27	28	28	27	17	25	29
Benefitted and suffered about equally	16	16	19	19	23	10	15	15	18	13	14	13	18	19	17	14	15	17	17	16	13	18	16	15
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	14	7	19	19	21	9	17	11	14	13	21	12	12	14	14	13	17	11	15	13	12	17	18	11
Suffered far more than they benefitted	8	2	9	4	24	8	11	7	9	8	5	8	11	7	8	9	8	8	9	7	8	15	11	6
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	22	9	28	23	45	16	28	18	23	21	26	19	24	21	21	22	25	19	24	20	21	32	29	16
Don't know	36	34	30	33	19	34	35	33	25	47	30	44	35	30	33	40	38	36	31	36	40	33	30	40

Ireland

Benefitted far more than they suffered	5	11	3	4	2	10	3	9	6	4	2	7	3	6	5	5	4	5	3	10	4	5	5	5
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	11	16	9	13	6	16	9	13	12	9	14	8	9	14	11	10	10	11	13	11	8	14	8	11
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	16	26	13	17	9	26	12	22	19	13	16	15	12	21	16	16	15	17	16	20	12	19	13	17
Benefitted and suffered about equally	12	20	12	18	9	18	11	17	15	10	6	9	13	19	13	12	12	12	11	11	16	4	12	14
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	21	15	24	22	30	17	25	16	24	18	28	20	21	18	22	19	22	21	25	20	16	17	27	19
Suffered far more than they benefitted	17	6	24	15	36	9	24	12	20	14	19	17	20	12	19	15	16	20	19	12	18	24	21	14
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	38	21	48	37	66	26	49	28	43	32	47	37	41	30	41	34	37	40	44	32	33	41	48	32
Don't know	34	33	27	28	17	30	29	33	23	45	31	39	34	30	30	39	36	32	30	37	39	36	27	37

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Canada																								
Benefitted far more than they suffered	16	24	11	15	7	32	11	23	22	10	20	14	15	19	16	16	16	16	14	19	15	16	15	17
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	24	30	28	26	24	31	26	31	28	20	14	21	23	34	26	22	26	19	28	22	26	23	23	25
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	40	54	39	41	31	63	37	54	50	31	33	35	38	53	42	38	42	35	41	41	41	39	38	41
Benefitted and suffered about equally	12	15	14	20	19	6	15	11	12	12	9	10	15	14	13	12	13	15	14	10	9	7	15	12
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	5	1	9	4	12	1	8	2	4	5	8	5	5	4	6	4	4	6	6	4	4	5	8	4
Suffered far more than they benefitted	4	1	4	2	13	3	6	3	6	4	5	5	6	2	4	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	7	6
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	9	2	12	5	25	4	14	4	10	9	13	10	11	5	10	8	9	11	9	8	12	14	7	
Don't know	38	29	35	34	25	28	35	30	28	49	44	45	36	28	34	43	36	39	35	40	42	42	34	40
Australia and New Zealand																								
Benefitted far more than they suffered	17	27	12	20	6	38	12	26	25	11	18	16	15	21	16	19	14	16	20	18	18	19	16	18
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	22	28	22	28	24	23	22	29	26	18	13	18	24	32	24	20	28	21	20	20	22	23	21	23
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	40	55	34	48	30	60	34	55	51	29	31	34	39	52	40	39	42	38	40	38	40	41	37	40
Benefitted and suffered about equally	13	16	16	15	16	5	14	12	12	13	11	11	15	15	14	11	11	14	13	14	12	6	14	13
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	6	2	9	5	9	2	8	3	7	6	11	6	5	5	7	5	4	5	9	8	4	5	8	6
Suffered far more than they benefitted	7	3	8	5	22	5	12	4	8	7	7	8	11	4	9	6	9	8	7	6	7	10	11	5
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	14	4	17	10	32	7	20	7	14	13	18	14	15	8	16	11	13	13	16	14	11	15	19	11
Don't know	34	25	34	28	22	28	32	26	23	45	40	41	31	25	30	38	34	36	32	34	37	38	30	36
India, Pakistan and Bangladesh																								
Benefitted far more than they suffered	11	18	5	4	1	27	6	20	14	7	6	9	13	13	11	10	7	10	11	15	9	7	8	12
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	13	24	10	21	7	23	11	19	16	11	6	8	16	21	14	12	15	13	9	16	14	8	13	14
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	24	42	15	25	8	50	17	39	30	18	12	17	29	34	25	22	22	22	20	31	23	15	21	27
Benefitted and suffered about equally	14	22	14	15	11	14	14	17	15	13	6	10	17	20	12	16	15	11	15	13	16	5	15	15
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	15	8	22	21	17	8	19	11	16	15	29	16	10	14	18	12	16	16	19	14	11	21	17	13
Suffered far more than they benefitted	16	6	20	12	44	3	23	8	19	13	21	18	17	10	19	14	13	23	18	12	14	24	20	13
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	32	14	42	33	62	11	41	19	35	28	50	33	27	24	37	26	29	39	37	26	26	45	37	27
Don't know	31	23	30	27	19	24	28	26	20	42	32	40	27	22	26	36	34	29	28	31	36	36	27	32
Colonies in South East Asia																								
Benefitted far more than they suffered	7	12	4	1	3	20	4	12	10	5	7	6	9	8	7	8	5	6	6	10	9	4	6	8
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	13	25	11	15	4	23	10	19	18	8	8	12	13	17	15	11	10	10	15	17	13	7	13	14
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	20	37	14	16	6	43	14	31	28	13	14	18	22	25	21	19	15	16	21	27	22	11	19	23
Benefitted and suffered about equally	14	18	13	18	13	12	15	17	16	13	5	11	16	22	13	15	16	16	14	12	13	12	14	15
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	14	9	21	18	16	6	17	11	14	14	22	12	13	13	16	12	12	12	19	15	11	10	17	13
Suffered far more than they benefitted	14	4	16	14	41	4	21	7	16	12	20	15	13	10	17	11	15	17	15	10	11	23	16	11
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	28	13	37	33	56	11	37	18	30	26	43	27	26	22	33	22	27	29	34	25	22	33	33	24
Don't know	38	32	35	33	25	34	35	34	26	49	38	44	36	31	33	43	41	39	31	36	43	43	34	39
Colonies in the Middle East																								
Benefitted far more than they suffered	7	14	4	6	1	21	4	13	11	4	8	6	7	9	8	7	8	7	8	9	5	6	6	8
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	11	23	7	12	6	18	8	17	16	6	3	9	13	16	10	12	9	8	12	15	12	3	11	12
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	18	37	11	18	7	39	12	29	27	10	11	15	20	25	18	19	17	15	19	24	17	10	18	21
Benefitted and suffered about equally	15	20	14	23	10	17	14	19	15	15	7	12	17	20	14	16	17	15	12	12	19	9	17	15
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	15	7	20	13	21	7	16	12	17	13	27	15	12	12	18	12	12	14	23	14	11	17	17	14
Suffered far more than they benefitted	13	2	17	12	35	4	21	6	14	11	14	14	13	9	16	9	13	14	15	9	10	19	15	10
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	27	10	36	25	57	11	37	18	31	24	41	28	25	21	34	21	25	28	37	23	21	36	32	24
Don't know	40	33	40	34	26	34	37	35	27	51	41	45	38	33	35	45	42	42	32	41	43	46	34	41

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	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Plaid	Reform UK	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	16-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	Mid and West	North	Cardiff and South Central	South East	South West	Yes, fluently	Yes, but not fluently	No
Weighted Sample	1151	143	289	51	116	132	387	419	557	594	150	418	285	298	575	576	220	238	257	238	198	128	318	705
Unweighted Sample	1151	144	331	64	121	164	487	421	518	633	89	403	299	360	639	512	231	251	217	245	207	107	301	743
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Colonies in Africa

Benefitted far more than they suffered	8	17	4	4	1	24	5	15	11	6	7	9	7	10	9	8	5	8	7	13	9	5	8	9
Benefitted somewhat more than they suffered	11	20	6	9	5	24	7	18	14	8	5	6	14	18	11	11	11	9	11	13	11	3	10	13
TOTAL BENEFITTED MORE	19	37	9	13	7	48	12	33	25	14	12	15	21	29	20	19	16	16	19	26	20	8	18	22
Benefitted and suffered about equally	11	15	12	18	10	10	9	16	11	11	5	7	16	16	10	13	11	12	9	11	13	10	12	11
Suffered somewhat more than they benefitted	16	12	22	26	14	9	21	13	19	13	15	16	16	15	18	14	17	15	19	13	13	13	15	16
Suffered far more than they benefitted	22	12	28	18	50	6	30	12	24	21	36	24	20	15	26	19	21	29	25	17	18	37	28	17
TOTAL SUFFERED MORE	38	24	50	44	64	16	51	25	43	33	51	40	36	30	43	33	38	44	45	31	31	50	43	34
Don't know	32	25	28	25	19	27	29	26	21	42	33	39	27	25	27	36	36	28	28	32	36	32	28	33

**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.*