

# YouGov / The Times Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 18th - 19th March 2026

	Vote in 2024 GE					EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Socio-economic classification (NS-SEC)			Country			Region in England				
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Reform UK	Green	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Higher	Intermediate	Routine	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>2134</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>1101</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>1846</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>732</b>
<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>2134</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>1178</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>1806</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>766</b>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

At the present time, what do you think is more important for the Government to spend money on?

Improving the NHS	<b>56</b>	36	71	62	32	76	65	39	50	61	72	63	48	45	58	56	49	55	60	63	55	53	67	52
Improving our armed services	<b>28</b>	51	17	22	51	11	22	43	34	22	15	19	35	43	28	28	33	29	26	21	30	27	18	32
Neither	<b>8</b>	7	5	7	12	4	6	10	9	7	6	9	8	7	7	8	10	8	6	8	7	10	7	8
Don't know	<b>8</b>	5	8	10	4	9	8	8	7	9	7	9	9	5	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	10	7	7

Generally speaking, do you think Keir Starmer has responded to the USA's actions against Iran well or badly?

Very well	<b>12</b>	8	23	18	2	10	20	6	15	9	9	12	15	10	16	11	9	12	17	10	12	12	11	12
Fairly well	<b>35</b>	33	45	45	19	45	45	28	36	34	32	36	36	34	40	37	31	35	28	40	32	32	43	35
<b>TOTAL WELL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>
Fairly badly	<b>17</b>	24	13	12	20	17	14	20	16	18	23	17	15	18	17	16	19	18	15	15	18	19	15	17
Very badly	<b>18</b>	25	7	10	47	10	8	33	22	15	12	14	20	26	15	19	23	18	20	18	18	18	15	19
<b>TOTAL BADLY</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>
Don't know	<b>17</b>	10	12	15	13	18	14	13	10	24	24	21	14	11	13	18	19	17	20	17	20	17	16	16

Thinking about the UK's current armed forces, do you think they are or are not strong enough to...

...defend the UK from potential military attacks?

Are strong enough to do this	<b>29</b>	20	39	32	13	39	33	19	30	28	44	36	24	15	29	26	26	29	27	30	30	28	30	28
Are not strong enough to do this	<b>52</b>	72	40	52	76	34	46	70	59	46	33	41	60	72	53	54	57	52	50	50	51	54	47	54
Don't know	<b>19</b>	8	21	16	12	27	21	11	12	26	23	23	17	13	17	20	17	19	24	19	19	18	23	18

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

...protect the UK's interests around the world?

Are strong enough to do this	22	16	30	24	7	31	25	13	20	23	32	28	17	12	23	23	18	22	16	22	20	24	26	21
Are not strong enough to do this	57	76	46	59	81	36	52	75	67	48	39	47	65	74	58	57	62	57	56	54	58	57	50	60
Don't know	21	8	24	18	12	33	23	12	13	29	29	25	18	14	19	20	20	21	27	23	22	19	24	19

Who do you think is most responsible for the current state of the UK armed forces?

The current Labour Government	10	18	6	7	15	3	6	13	9	10	13	9	7	12	9	11	10	10	9	8	13	10	10	8
The last Conservative Government	29	12	52	39	11	46	45	17	34	25	31	33	32	19	37	26	21	29	30	34	29	30	32	27
Both equally	45	62	29	43	65	37	37	60	47	44	29	38	50	60	41	47	52	46	39	46	42	50	38	49
Don't know	16	8	12	10	9	14	12	10	10	21	27	20	11	9	13	16	16	16	22	12	16	10	20	16

Would you support or oppose Royal Navy ships being sent to the Strait of Hormuz to protect shipping from Iranian attacks?

Strongly support	11	17	7	6	29	0	6	18	18	5	8	9	13	15	11	10	14	11	13	11	12	14	8	11
Tend to support	25	41	22	24	31	14	23	32	28	23	21	22	26	31	23	28	28	26	13	20	26	27	24	27
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>
Tend to oppose	23	21	30	30	13	26	32	19	23	24	20	22	25	25	26	22	21	23	23	26	23	22	18	25
Strongly oppose	20	12	22	22	14	38	23	15	20	20	17	22	21	18	20	20	17	19	25	25	18	16	30	18
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>
Don't know	21	10	19	19	14	22	16	15	12	29	34	25	15	12	20	20	20	21	26	19	21	21	20	20

If energy bills rise as a result of the conflict in Iran, which of the following would you rather see?

The Government providing support with energy bills for all households, even if this is more expensive and some goes to people who don't need it	35	40	37	31	39	31	34	39	33	37	33	38	33	34	37	36	33	36	30	28	38	37	38	34
The Government providing support with energy bills for only the poorest households, even if this means fewer households receive help	41	33	49	49	28	53	49	33	42	41	45	38	44	43	43	40	40	41	38	45	38	40	44	42
Neither	13	18	4	12	26	5	10	19	15	11	8	12	14	16	14	11	16	12	17	16	12	12	9	14
Don't know	11	9	9	8	7	11	8	9	10	12	14	13	9	8	7	14	11	11	14	11	11	12	9	10

\*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.