

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1656 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 25th - 26th January 2015

	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	1656	X	X	X	X	475	443	317	803	853	197	419	566	474	944	712	212	538	354	407	144	
Unweighted Sample	1656	438	418	75	214	498	432	324	849	807	137	289	673	557	1075	581	198	532	346	429	151	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Convicted prisoners in the UK are not currently allowed to vote in elections. The European Court of Human Rights has ruled that it is illegal for the UK Government to ban all prisoners from voting. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

[This question was shown to a random split of respondents; n=802]

UK law should be changed so that all prisoners are allowed to vote	8	6	7	12	4	5	8	9	8	8	16	11	7	3	10	6	10	10	6	7	4
UK law should be changed so that some prisoners serving shorter sentences are allowed to vote	16	8	27	40	5	7	23	20	20	11	22	15	12	17	19	11	18	13	15	15	25
UK law should not be changed and prisoners should not be allowed to vote	69	81	62	48	84	83	64	63	67	71	52	64	73	77	66	74	65	69	73	70	67
Don't know / None of these	7	5	4	0	8	5	5	7	4	10	9	10	8	2	5	9	7	8	6	7	4

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[This question was shown to a random split of respondents; n=854]

UK law should be changed so that all prisoners are allowed to vote	9	5	13	7	3	4	14	10	10	8	10	12	9	6	9	8	17	11	4	5	9
UK law should be changed so that some prisoners serving shorter sentences are allowed to vote	15	9	23	35	4	8	17	22	16	14	28	15	15	10	17	12	15	12	18	16	17
UK law should not be changed and prisoners should not be allowed to vote	67	82	58	49	87	83	62	59	67	67	42	59	69	81	67	67	61	68	67	69	71
Don't know / None of these	9	4	5	8	7	5	8	9	7	11	20	14	6	4	6	13	7	9	11	11	3

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How favourable or unfavourable do you feel towards the following statements?

"Allowing prisoners to vote in elections will help to 'rehabilitate' them - in other words encourage them to live a more lawful life by making them feel more connected to society"

Very favourable	5	2	9	9	1	1	9	6	6	4	10	7	4	2	7	3	13	4	3	3	6
Fairly favourable	17	13	19	32	7	11	19	19	20	13	30	20	14	11	20	12	17	18	15	17	14
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	22	15	28	41	8	12	28	25	26	17	40	27	18	13	27	15	30	22	18	20	20
Not very favourable	25	30	27	21	18	30	24	27	24	27	18	29	24	27	28	22	23	26	27	23	28
Not at all favourable	43	46	36	30	67	52	38	38	41	45	29	31	48	54	38	50	35	40	46	48	45
TOTAL NOT FAVOURABLE	68	76	63	51	85	82	62	65	65	72	47	60	72	81	66	72	58	66	73	71	73
Don't know	10	8	9	8	6	7	10	10	9	12	14	13	10	6	8	14	12	12	8	10	7

"People who have committed crimes don't deserve a say in the outcome of elections"

Very favourable	48	58	39	24	74	61	41	35	49	46	35	41	50	56	43	53	45	47	51	50	40
Fairly favourable	23	25	27	27	12	25	23	30	22	25	22	27	22	23	26	20	15	23	26	24	28
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	71	83	66	51	86	86	64	65	71	71	57	68	72	79	69	73	60	70	77	74	68
Not very favourable	12	10	15	24	4	8	16	12	13	12	19	13	11	10	15	9	17	12	11	10	16
Not at all favourable	10	4	14	18	5	3	14	15	11	8	13	11	9	8	11	8	16	10	6	8	10
TOTAL NOT FAVOURABLE	22	14	29	42	9	11	30	27	24	20	32	24	20	18	26	17	33	22	17	18	26
Don't know	7	3	4	7	5	3	6	8	5	9	12	9	8	4	5	10	7	8	5	8	5

"Not allowing prisoners to vote in elections is a useful way to punish them and deter them from re-offending"

Very favourable	23	28	23	8	35	30	21	14	24	21	14	20	22	29	21	25	21	22	28	21	21
Fairly favourable	27	34	22	23	25	31	24	29	26	28	28	29	26	26	27	27	22	26	28	29	31
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	50	62	45	31	60	61	45	43	50	49	42	49	48	55	48	52	43	48	56	50	52
Not very favourable	18	16	21	25	19	16	20	19	17	19	21	18	19	16	20	16	18	20	14	19	17
Not at all favourable	18	11	22	29	9	11	22	23	20	17	22	19	17	17	20	16	26	19	13	17	21
TOTAL NOT FAVOURABLE	36	27	43	54	28	27	42	42	37	36	43	37	36	33	40	32	44	39	27	36	38
Don't know	14	11	12	15	13	12	13	15	12	16	14	14	15	12	12	16	13	13	17	14	10

"Voting in elections is a basic human right, including for people who have been charged with committing a crime"

Very favourable	8	2	13	19	4	2	12	11	10	6	11	10	8	5	9	7	15	7	6	8	7
Fairly favourable	14	10	20	21	6	8	17	19	16	12	21	16	12	11	16	11	17	13	13	13	17
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	22	12	33	40	10	10	29	30	26	18	32	26	20	16	25	18	32	20	19	21	24
Not very favourable	27	31	29	25	20	30	26	28	26	28	25	30	25	27	29	24	21	30	27	26	26
Not at all favourable	43	51	32	29	65	55	36	36	42	45	29	35	46	53	40	47	39	43	46	44	44
TOTAL NOT FAVOURABLE	70	82	61	54	85	85	62	64	68	73	54	65	71	80	69	71	60	73	73	70	70
Don't know	8	5	6	7	4	5	8	7	6	10	15	9	8	3	6	11	8	7	9	9	5