

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1774 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 15th - 16th May 2013

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	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	
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Look at the following categories of murder and in each case please say whether you think those found guilty should be sent to prison for their whole lives, or should be considered for parole after serving part of a life sentence

Premeditated murder of two or more people

Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	83	91	84	64	92	92	84	73	80	85	72	80	85	87	79	88	75	83	82	88	79
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	11	7	12	27	5	6	10	19	14	8	14	12	10	9	14	7	16	10	11	8	16
Neither	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	0
Not sure	5	2	3	6	0	1	4	6	4	5	12	7	4	1	6	4	7	6	5	3	4

Murder of a child for a sexual or sadistic motive

Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	90	95	90	86	96	96	88	88	88	91	78	87	91	96	88	92	90	90	90	90	85
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	5	3	7	8	1	2	6	7	7	3	9	6	5	3	6	3	3	5	3	5	11
Neither	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	0
Not sure	4	1	3	4	0	1	4	3	4	4	11	6	4	0	4	4	5	4	5	3	3

Murder of an adult for a sexual or sadistic motive

Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	85	90	85	71	93	92	85	79	82	87	75	80	89	88	83	87	86	85	83	88	80
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	9	8	11	22	3	6	9	16	13	7	12	12	6	10	11	7	7	10	10	7	16
Neither	2	0	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	0
Not sure	4	1	3	4	0	1	4	4	4	5	11	6	4	0	5	4	6	4	5	3	3

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Murder for a political or ideological reason (e.g. terrorist murders)

Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	74	83	72	54	84	85	75	63	70	79	64	71	76	81	69	81	69	74	75	78	73
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	18	16	21	34	10	13	18	30	23	14	20	19	19	16	22	13	20	20	17	15	21
Neither	2	0	1	6	4	1	2	1	2	1	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	2
Not sure	6	1	6	6	2	2	6	6	5	6	12	8	5	1	6	5	9	5	6	5	4

Murder of any child

Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	80	88	81	61	91	89	82	71	77	82	64	77	83	85	75	86	76	81	79	84	75
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	13	10	14	27	6	8	11	23	17	10	21	14	12	11	17	8	15	13	12	12	18
Neither	2	1	1	8	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	2
Not sure	5	1	4	4	1	1	4	5	4	6	12	6	4	2	5	5	8	5	5	3	6

Murder of a police officer

Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	75	85	74	57	86	89	76	64	72	77	54	71	78	83	71	81	68	77	73	78	72
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	19	13	21	35	10	9	17	30	21	16	32	20	17	14	23	13	22	18	19	17	22
Neither	2	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2
Not sure	5	1	4	4	1	1	5	4	4	5	12	7	4	1	5	4	8	5	6	3	4

Murder using a gun

Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	67	71	67	42	77	75	69	55	63	70	53	64	69	71	60	75	64	63	66	72	70
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	26	27	26	49	19	22	23	37	30	22	30	25	25	25	31	18	27	30	23	22	22
Neither	2	0	1	3	3	1	2	1	2	2	5	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	4	2	2
Not sure	6	2	6	6	1	2	6	6	5	7	12	9	5	2	7	5	7	6	7	4	6

Murder using a knife

Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	65	68	66	40	75	71	67	54	62	67	52	64	68	67	58	73	63	61	63	70	70
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	27	30	26	52	20	25	24	38	31	24	31	25	27	28	33	20	27	32	26	24	22
Neither	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	5	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	2
Not sure	6	2	6	5	3	3	6	7	6	7	12	9	5	3	7	5	8	6	8	5	6

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Any other type of murder

Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	55	57	58	29	59	59	60	43	50	60	50	59	58	50	49	63	51	50	57	61	60
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	33	37	33	56	31	34	29	44	39	27	29	27	33	39	25	34	37	30	31	28	
Neither	2	0	1	6	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
Not sure	10	6	9	10	7	6	10	11	9	11	18	12	8	8	11	10	13	12	10	7	10

The death penalty for murder was abolished in 1965. Were the death penalty still available as an option, what do you think would be the most appropriate sentence for each of the following?

Premeditated murder of two or more people

Should receive the death penalty	47	57	43	26	68	60	48	31	50	45	33	43	53	50	40	56	35	41	51	59	46
Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	37	35	41	46	25	33	38	43	34	40	40	40	32	39	41	32	45	41	35	30	35
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	9	5	11	19	5	3	8	19	12	7	13	10	9	8	12	6	13	10	7	8	12
Neither	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1
Not sure	6	3	4	5	2	3	6	5	4	7	12	7	4	2	6	5	6	6	7	3	6

Murder of a child for a sexual or sadistic motive

Should receive the death penalty	56	64	50	30	80	68	57	38	57	54	40	50	61	60	48	65	41	52	57	66	57
Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	34	32	40	54	18	29	32	48	32	37	42	37	30	34	40	26	47	37	33	27	30
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	4	1	6	7	1	1	5	7	6	2	4	5	4	3	6	2	3	4	3	4	7
Neither	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	1
Not sure	5	2	4	5	0	2	5	4	4	6	13	7	4	2	5	6	7	5	7	3	4

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Murder of an adult for a sexual or sadistic motive

Should receive the death penalty	49	55	46	25	72	58	54	32	50	48	35	47	54	51	42	58	34	43	54	57	54
Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	39	40	41	56	25	38	34	50	37	40	45	38	36	40	44	32	52	43	34	33	31
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	6	3	9	10	3	3	6	11	8	4	5	8	5	6	8	4	6	7	5	6	9
Neither	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1
Not sure	5	2	4	6	1	2	5	5	4	7	13	7	4	2	5	6	7	5	7	3	4

Murder for a political or ideological reason (e.g. terrorist murders)

Should receive the death penalty	40	50	38	26	59	52	43	23	43	37	27	34	44	47	33	50	30	35	43	49	44
Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	37	37	37	38	28	37	34	44	32	42	39	41	34	36	41	32	45	40	36	32	31
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	15	10	18	25	11	9	14	24	19	12	20	16	15	13	19	10	15	17	13	15	19
Neither	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1
Not sure	6	3	6	8	2	2	7	7	5	8	12	9	6	3	6	6	9	7	7	5	5

Murder of any child

Should receive the death penalty	49	56	45	26	73	63	52	30	50	48	31	44	55	54	41	60	36	44	51	61	49
Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	33	34	36	44	21	29	32	42	30	36	35	36	29	33	37	28	44	36	32	25	29
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	11	8	13	21	5	5	10	21	14	9	19	11	11	9	15	6	12	11	9	11	16
Neither	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Not sure	6	2	5	5	1	2	5	5	4	7	13	8	4	2	5	6	7	6	7	3	4

Murder of a police officer

Should receive the death penalty	41	50	37	21	63	56	43	24	45	39	19	35	46	51	34	51	30	37	45	50	42
Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	36	37	38	38	28	35	35	41	31	40	41	40	33	34	39	32	44	39	33	32	32
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	16	10	19	32	8	7	14	28	19	13	24	18	16	11	20	11	18	17	14	14	22
Neither	1	0	1	5	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1
Not sure	6	2	5	4	1	2	6	5	4	7	13	8	4	2	6	5	7	6	7	4	4

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Murder using a gun

Should receive the death penalty	33	37	33	10	52	40	37	20	36	31	18	28	39	37	25	43	26	27	36	42	33
Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	37	38	38	39	31	40	35	37	34	40	42	39	33	39	39	35	44	38	34	35	37
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	21	22	22	41	15	16	20	35	24	19	23	23	22	19	27	14	22	26	19	18	22
Neither	1	0	1	5	1	0	1	2	1	2	5	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	3	0	1
Not sure	7	3	7	6	2	4	7	7	6	8	13	10	6	3	7	6	8	7	8	5	6

Murder using a knife

Should receive the death penalty	31	35	30	11	45	37	33	17	32	29	15	28	36	34	23	40	22	26	35	39	29
Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	38	38	39	37	36	40	37	37	35	40	44	39	35	38	40	36	44	39	34	35	42
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	23	24	24	42	16	19	21	36	26	20	23	23	22	23	28	16	24	26	20	21	22
Neither	1	0	1	5	1	0	1	3	1	2	5	0	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	0	1
Not sure	7	3	7	5	3	4	8	7	5	9	14	10	6	3	7	7	8	7	9	5	6

Any other type of murder

Should receive the death penalty	25	27	24	8	32	27	28	15	25	24	17	25	28	23	19	32	18	20	29	30	26
Should receive a life sentence and remain in prison for the whole of their life	36	38	37	31	35	40	37	30	33	38	36	37	34	36	36	35	37	37	33	36	35
Should receive a life sentence, but be considered for parole after a minimum sentence	27	27	28	45	24	25	23	40	31	23	26	24	27	30	32	20	28	29	24	25	29
Neither	1	0	1	6	0	0	1	3	1	1	2	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	1
Not sure	12	8	10	11	9	7	11	12	10	13	19	14	10	9	11	12	15	12	12	9	10

Which of the following best reflects your view?

Parliament should set down minimum sentences for particular crimes, which judges have to follow when sentencing people found guilty of them	59	71	53	57	72	72	55	48	59	58	45	54	63	63	57	61	48	62	53	63	63
Parliament should not set down minimum sentences for crimes, and should leave it up to judges to decide the most appropriate sentences for people found guilty	28	23	36	39	19	20	33	38	31	26	31	28	25	30	30	26	39	26	28	28	25
Neither	4	2	2	2	6	3	3	4	3	5	9	3	4	3	4	4	4	3	6	4	4
Don't know	9	4	9	3	4	5	9	10	7	11	15	14	8	4	9	9	10	10	12	6	8