

# YouGov Survey Results



Sample Size: 1885  
Fieldwork: 29th - 30th July 2010

Sunday Times

All GB Adults  
Unweighted Sample

Total	Voting intention			Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
1885	648	585	190	917	968	226	486	644	530	954	927	243	615	401	462	165
1885	629	548	194	914	971	134	493	735	523	1114	767	272	598	379	449	187
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about the current default retirement age, please say if you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Forcing people to retire at the age of 65 is discriminatory and ageist

Strongly agree	31	32	31	38	31	32	25	28	31	37	33	29	37	29	32	30	32
Tend to agree	43	45	39	43	40	46	45	48	42	39	44	42	35	44	41	47	44
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>
Tend to disagree	13	12	16	10	14	12	13	12	12	14	13	13	9	15	11	14	12
Strongly disagree	8	7	11	8	10	6	10	7	11	6	7	10	12	8	8	6	9
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Don't know	4	3	4	1	4	4	6	5	4	4	2	7	6	4	6	3	3

Some jobs are not suitable for older people, and realistically employers need to be able to force them to retire

Strongly agree	20	20	22	13	22	18	20	22	22	17	22	19	19	22	20	19	19
Tend to agree	47	51	47	56	49	46	56	45	46	48	47	48	44	47	51	46	52
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>
Tend to disagree	21	19	23	22	19	23	12	22	22	23	22	21	19	21	21	22	21
Strongly disagree	6	7	5	8	5	7	6	5	5	8	6	6	10	6	4	7	4
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>
Don't know	5	3	3	2	4	6	6	6	5	4	4	7	8	4	5	6	4

If more over 65s remain in the workforce it will make it harder for younger people to find work

Strongly agree	21	17	26	20	23	20	20	17	26	20	20	22	14	23	24	20	21
Tend to agree	41	43	44	41	43	40	45	40	40	43	43	39	44	38	39	45	46
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>
Tend to disagree	25	28	21	30	23	26	20	26	24	28	26	24	20	27	28	23	23
Strongly disagree	6	7	6	4	6	7	3	10	5	5	6	6	10	5	5	6	6
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
Don't know	6	6	4	7	5	7	12	8	5	5	5	8	12	6	4	6	5

If more over 65s remain in the workforce it will help the public finances, as they will pay tax on their income and claim less benefit

Strongly agree	19	24	20	18	21	18	17	17	20	21	20	19	21	22	19	16	14
Tend to agree	56	59	50	63	57	55	57	60	53	54	59	53	55	54	56	58	57
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>
Tend to disagree	13	10	16	11	12	14	11	12	14	13	13	13	10	13	10	14	19
Strongly disagree	4	3	6	3	4	4	0	2	6	5	2	6	4	4	4	4	4
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>
Don't know	8	5	8	5	7	9	15	9	6	6	6	10	10	6	11	8	7