

## YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2179  
Fieldwork: 1st - 4th October 2010

Total	Gender		Age					Social Grade		Region							
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Do you believe extra-terrestrial life exists?

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Yes, I do	44%	55%	34%	41%	41%	51%	48%	41%	42%	46%	43%	43%	44%	40%	47%	46%	48%	39%
No, I don't	28%	22%	34%	35%	31%	27%	24%	27%	29%	27%	29%	27%	27%	31%	27%	27%	26%	30%
Don't know	28%	23%	32%	24%	28%	23%	28%	32%	29%	27%	27%	30%	29%	28%	26%	26%	26%	30%

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Scientists should be actively searching for and attempting to make contact with extra-terrestrial life?

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Strongly agree	7%	11%	4%	6%	7%	11%	6%	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	9%	8%	5%
Agree	29%	35%	23%	28%	32%	28%	28%	28%	29%	29%	29%	32%	24%	28%	28%	29%	33%	19%
Disagree	30%	26%	34%	29%	32%	28%	31%	30%	31%	29%	30%	29%	30%	31%	32%	30%	26%	36%
Strongly disagree	16%	14%	17%	17%	11%	17%	16%	17%	17%	15%	17%	12%	22%	13%	17%	15%	14%	18%
Don't know	18%	14%	22%	20%	18%	16%	19%	18%	17%	19%	16%	19%	18%	20%	17%	16%	19%	22%

Scientists are honest about the limitations of scientific advice in areas such as health and climate change

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Strongly agree	5%	7%	3%	9%	6%	6%	6%	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%	7%	6%	4%	2%	7%	8%
Agree	35%	38%	32%	38%	38%	33%	32%	34%	36%	34%	35%	35%	33%	31%	36%	43%	41%	11%
Disagree	31%	30%	33%	27%	26%	34%	35%	33%	32%	30%	32%	32%	32%	29%	32%	25%	30%	45%
Strongly disagree	9%	12%	6%	6%	5%	8%	9%	12%	10%	8%	8%	8%	11%	10%	9%	9%	7%	19%
Don't know	19%	13%	25%	20%	25%	19%	18%	18%	17%	23%	19%	20%	17%	24%	20%	21%	15%	17%

Scientists are put under pressure to appear more certain than they really are

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Strongly agree	20%	23%	17%	25%	17%	18%	18%	21%	19%	21%	21%	22%	21%	17%	20%	18%	17%	18%
Agree	54%	54%	54%	45%	54%	50%	56%	57%	56%	51%	53%	54%	53%	50%	55%	57%	57%	51%
Disagree	10%	10%	9%	10%	8%	11%	11%	9%	10%	9%	9%	7%	9%	10%	10%	11%	12%	10%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	10%
Don't know	16%	13%	19%	18%	20%	19%	14%	12%	14%	18%	16%	16%	15%	22%	14%	14%	13%	11%

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The views of scientists on topics such as climate change and health advice are accurately represented in the media

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Strongly agree	3%	4%	2%	4%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%	1%	3%	3%	-
Agree	20%	22%	18%	24%	22%	20%	22%	17%	20%	21%	19%	19%	20%	21%	20%	21%	24%	19%
Disagree	44%	42%	46%	33%	43%	46%	45%	47%	47%	41%	44%	44%	41%	39%	46%	47%	48%	46%
Strongly disagree	15%	19%	11%	21%	8%	13%	15%	17%	15%	15%	15%	11%	17%	16%	12%	14%	21%	21%
Don't know	18%	13%	23%	17%	22%	19%	16%	17%	16%	20%	18%	22%	21%	21%	17%	17%	10%	14%

Do you want to extend your lifespan?

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Yes, I do	53%	60%	45%	49%	53%	55%	54%	52%	53%	52%	56%	54%	49%	56%	51%	46%	49%	47%
No, I don't	26%	22%	29%	32%	25%	23%	23%	27%	26%	25%	21%	26%	30%	25%	28%	28%	27%	33%
Don't know	22%	17%	25%	19%	21%	22%	23%	21%	20%	23%	23%	21%	21%	19%	21%	26%	24%	20%

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: Scientists should be allowed to change a person's genes to delay the impact of human ageing

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Strongly agree	9%	14%	4%	9%	10%	10%	10%	7%	8%	9%	9%	11%	7%	11%	6%	8%	11%	8%
Agree	25%	33%	17%	24%	25%	23%	30%	22%	26%	23%	25%	22%	26%	22%	27%	22%	27%	26%
Disagree	29%	21%	36%	27%	29%	27%	25%	32%	30%	27%	28%	29%	27%	30%	30%	29%	29%	24%
Strongly disagree	19%	16%	21%	23%	17%	20%	16%	18%	17%	21%	17%	20%	17%	18%	19%	24%	18%	23%
Don't know	19%	16%	22%	17%	19%	20%	19%	20%	19%	19%	22%	18%	23%	19%	18%	17%	17%	19%

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Which, if any, of the following technologies do you think will play a major part in our lives over the next 20 years (Please tick all that apply)

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<b>All UK adults</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>61</b>
Wind power	71%	68%	73%	64%	63%	77%	76%	70%	72%	69%	68%	71%	71%	63%	73%	72%	83%	58%
Tidal power	49%	55%	44%	40%	43%	49%	50%	55%	52%	46%	43%	43%	44%	47%	55%	64%	63%	47%
Electric cars	58%	60%	55%	55%	58%	58%	60%	57%	58%	57%	60%	57%	55%	55%	60%	59%	56%	48%
Solar power	70%	68%	72%	59%	59%	73%	74%	75%	71%	69%	67%	71%	72%	70%	74%	75%	68%	44%
Biofuels (e.g. fuels made from crops)	54%	52%	56%	55%	51%	57%	56%	53%	55%	54%	54%	58%	53%	52%	57%	53%	53%	42%
Nuclear power	51%	63%	39%	43%	46%	47%	53%	57%	55%	46%	51%	47%	48%	49%	60%	48%	43%	54%
None of these	4%	3%	5%	7%	7%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%	6%	2%	9%	3%	4%	2%	4%

Are you happy to have vaccinations?

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<b>All UK adults</b>	<b>2179</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>61</b>
Yes, I am	85%	88%	84%	86%	85%	87%	86%	85%	87%	84%	85%	86%	83%	86%	87%	85%	87%	72%
No, I am not	10%	9%	11%	7%	10%	9%	10%	12%	10%	10%	10%	8%	14%	9%	10%	12%	8%	15%
Don't know	4%	4%	5%	7%	6%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	3%	5%	3%	3%	5%	13%

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And generally, are you happy for your child(en) to have vaccinations?

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Yes, I am	55%	55%	54%	24%	41%	65%	65%	61%	57%	52%	59%	55%	51%	57%	46%	51%	35%	
No, I am not	4%	3%	4%	1%	6%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	5%	3%	
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	-	2%	3%	4%	
Not applicable, I don't have any children	39%	39%	38%	71%	52%	28%	28%	33%	36%	42%	35%	38%	36%	46%	37%	46%	47%	

Do you think scientists will be able to develop vaccinations against major diseases, such as malaria, HIV/ AIDS, tuberculosis, in the 21st century?

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Yes, I do	70%	74%	66%	60%	67%	69%	71%	74%	72%	67%	73%	70%	64%	67%	69%	73%	75%	49%
No, I don't	10%	10%	11%	20%	11%	12%	8%	8%	9%	12%	10%	8%	14%	8%	12%	8%	9%	21%
Don't know	20%	17%	23%	20%	22%	19%	21%	19%	19%	21%	17%	22%	22%	25%	19%	19%	16%	30%

Which, if any, of the following diseases/ conditions do you think most urgently require the development of a vaccination? (Please tick up to 3 options)

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Malaria	37%	41%	34%	38%	37%	38%	37%	37%	43%	31%	36%	33%	39%	43%	40%	36%	37%	30%
HIV/ AIDS	60%	61%	59%	77%	71%	57%	56%	51%	58%	61%	60%	61%	58%	58%	60%	59%	61%	59%
Tuberculosis	13%	12%	13%	10%	7%	14%	13%	16%	13%	12%	12%	13%	12%	17%	13%	15%	8%	5%
Types of cancer (e.g. breast, colon or skin cancer)	78%	78%	78%	67%	77%	80%	80%	80%	78%	78%	83%	81%	78%	67%	76%	71%	82%	77%
SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)	8%	7%	10%	7%	6%	8%	8%	10%	9%	8%	7%	9%	9%	7%	9%	7%	9%	7%
Pneumonia	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	9%	7%	7%	6%	7%	8%	6%	9%	8%	5%	7%	6%	1%
Meningitis	42%	36%	47%	26%	30%	39%	43%	53%	40%	44%	44%	44%	44%	33%	45%	39%	37%	42%
Nicotine addiction	6%	8%	5%	5%	5%	5%	9%	7%	7%	6%	8%	6%	8%	3%	5%	7%	8%	13%
High blood pressure	11%	13%	9%	6%	7%	12%	13%	14%	12%	10%	10%	13%	12%	11%	9%	14%	14%	14%
Diarrhoeal diseases	9%	10%	7%	11%	9%	8%	8%	8%	10%	7%	8%	9%	6%	11%	8%	9%	10%	13%
None of these	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	5%	6%	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%	6%	4%	5%	2%	4%

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Which, if any, of the following areas do you think should be top priority for the scientific community?  
(Please tick up to 3 options)

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Measuring and tackling climate change		36%	34%	38%	44%	35%	39%	34%	33%	37%	34%	36%	33%	33%	36%	37%	39%	42%	29%
Dealing with an ageing population		33%	33%	33%	18%	21%	29%	36%	45%	38%	27%	33%	35%	36%	30%	34%	27%	33%	37%
Disease control/eradication		66%	67%	64%	60%	59%	63%	65%	72%	65%	66%	70%	62%	65%	65%	63%	65%	69%	59%
Space exploration		8%	13%	4%	16%	11%	9%	7%	5%	8%	9%	7%	7%	9%	8%	9%	12%	8%	12%
New ways of producing medical treatments (e.g. new drugs, genetics etc.)		57%	56%	59%	57%	51%	54%	56%	62%	57%	58%	61%	52%	59%	55%	55%	62%	60%	59%
Understanding the human mind		13%	12%	15%	16%	14%	11%	12%	14%	13%	14%	13%	14%	12%	11%	16%	8%	11%	18%
Biodiversity (i.e. understanding and conserving the variety of animals, plants and other life on the earth)		31%	32%	31%	23%	25%	31%	35%	36%	33%	29%	29%	31%	35%	33%	35%	30%	26%	35%
Developing communications technology and the internet		6%	7%	5%	6%	8%	7%	8%	4%	7%	6%	6%	7%	5%	7%	6%	10%	5%	6%
None of these		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	-
Don't know		5%	4%	7%	7%	11%	6%	5%	2%	4%	7%	5%	8%	7%	6%	4%	6%	3%	3%

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