

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Party  |              |         |                         |       |
|-------|--------|--------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|
|       | Labour | Conservative | Lib-Dem | Scottish National Party | Other |

Generally speaking, to what extent would you support or oppose the legalisation of cannabis in the UK?

|                  |     |     |     |      |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Unweighted base  | 106 | 71  | 21  | 7    | 3   | 4   |
| Base             | 106 | 67  | 20  | 12   | 4   | 3   |
| Strongly support | 7%  | 4%  | -   | 44%  | -   | -   |
| Tend to support  | 32% | 36% | -   | 56%  | 69% | -   |
| Tend to oppose   | 23% | 23% | 39% | -    | 31% | -   |
| Strongly oppose  | 26% | 25% | 47% | -    | -   | 76% |
| Don't know       | 11% | 13% | 14% | -    | -   | 24% |
| Net: Support     | 39% | 39% | -   | 100% | 69% | -   |
| Net: Oppose      | 50% | 48% | 86% | -    | 31% | 76% |

And when put this way, with regard to cannabis, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Unweighted base                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 106 | 71  | 21  | 7   | 3   | 4   |
| Base                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 106 | 67  | 20  | 12  | 4   | 3   |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should remain a criminal offence as now                                                                                                                                             | 38% | 36% | 64% | -   | 31% | 76% |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a criminal offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation') | 28% | 34% | 15% | 27% | -   | -   |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')                                                                                                                       | 25% | 22% | 5%  | 73% | 38% | -   |
| Don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10% | 8%  | 16% | -   | 31% | 24% |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Party  |              |         |                         |       |
|-------|--------|--------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|
|       | Labour | Conservative | Lib-Dem | Scottish National Party | Other |

And with regard to hard drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Unweighted base | Labour    | Conservative | Lib-Dem   | Scottish National Party | Other    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 106             | 71        | 21           | 7         | 3                       | 4        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Base</b> 106 | <b>67</b> | <b>20</b>    | <b>12</b> | <b>4</b>                | <b>3</b> |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should remain a criminal offence as now                                                                                                                                             | 81%             | 84%       | 90%          | 56%       | 62%                     | 100%     |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a criminal offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation') | 4%              | 4%        | -            | -         | 38%                     | -        |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')                                                                                                                       | 4%              | 3%        | 5%           | 8%        | -                       | -        |
| Don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 11%             | 9%        | 5%           | 36%       | -                       | -        |

In general, do you think drug use should be treated as a health issue or a criminal issue?

|                                            | Unweighted base | Labour    | Conservative | Lib-Dem   | Scottish National Party | Other    |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|
|                                            | 106             | 71        | 21           | 7         | 3                       | 4        |
|                                            | <b>Base</b> 106 | <b>67</b> | <b>20</b>    | <b>12</b> | <b>4</b>                | <b>3</b> |
| Should be treated more as a health issue   | 36%             | 35%       | 7%           | 73%       | 69%                     | 49%      |
| Should be treated more as a criminal issue | 11%             | 8%        | 22%          | -         | -                       | 51%      |
| Should be treated as both equally          | 51%             | 54%       | 66%          | 27%       | 31%                     | -        |
| Should be treated as neither               | -               | -         | -            | -         | -                       | -        |
| Don't know                                 | 3%              | 3%        | 5%           | -         | -                       | -        |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Party  |              |         |                         |       |
|-------|--------|--------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|
|       | Labour | Conservative | Lib-Dem | Scottish National Party | Other |

Do you think that doctors in the UK should or should not be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use?

|                                                                        |     |     |     |     |      |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Unweighted base                                                        | 106 | 71  | 21  | 7   | 3    | 4    |
| Base                                                                   | 106 | 67  | 20  | 12  | 4    | 3    |
| Should be able to be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use     | 83% | 85% | 66% | 89% | 100% | 100% |
| Should NOT be able to be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use | 7%  | 5%  | 18% | -   | -    | -    |
| Don't know                                                             | 10% | 10% | 16% | 11% | -    | -    |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Region    |   |            |    |       |          |        |
|-------|-----------|---|------------|----|-------|----------|--------|
|       | E, SE, SW | L | NE, NW, YH | NI | Wales | Scotland | EM, WM |

Generally speaking, to what extent would you support or oppose the legalisation of cannabis in the UK?

|                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Unweighted base  | 106 | 33  | 10  | 29  | 4   | 4   | 9   | 17  |
| Base             | 106 | 34  | 12  | 25  | 3   | 5   | 9   | 17  |
| Strongly support | 7%  | 8%  | 12% | 14% | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| Tend to support  | 32% | 35% | 33% | 32% | -   | 52% | 41% | 18% |
| Tend to oppose   | 23% | 28% | 15% | 29% | -   | -   | 39% | 14% |
| Strongly oppose  | 26% | 23% | 20% | 16% | 76% | 23% | 20% | 48% |
| Don't know       | 11% | 5%  | 21% | 9%  | 24% | 24% | -   | 20% |
| Net: Support     | 39% | 43% | 45% | 46% | -   | 52% | 41% | 18% |
| Net: Oppose      | 50% | 52% | 34% | 46% | 76% | 23% | 59% | 62% |

And when put this way, with regard to cannabis, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Unweighted base                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 106 | 33  | 10  | 29  | 4   | 4   | 9   | 17  |
| Base                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 106 | 34  | 12  | 25  | 3   | 5   | 9   | 17  |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should remain a criminal offence as now                                                                                                                                             | 38% | 39% | 34% | 30% | 76% | 23% | 27% | 52% |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a criminal offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation') | 28% | 24% | 29% | 37% | -   | 24% | 24% | 28% |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')                                                                                                                       | 25% | 28% | 23% | 28% | -   | 52% | 26% | 9%  |
| Don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10% | 8%  | 14% | 5%  | 24% | -   | 23% | 12% |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Region    |   |            |    |       |          |        |
|-------|-----------|---|------------|----|-------|----------|--------|
|       | E, SE, SW | L | NE, NW, YH | NI | Wales | Scotland | EM, WM |

And with regard to hard drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Unweighted base | E, SE, SW | L         | NE, NW, YH | NI       | Wales    | Scotland | EM, WM    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 106             | 33        | 10        | 29         | 4        | 4        | 9        | 17        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Base</b>     | <b>34</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>25</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>17</b> |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should remain a criminal offence as now                                                                                                                                             | 81%             | 84%       | 81%       | 76%        | 100%     | 100%     | 74%      | 80%       |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a criminal offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation') | 4%              | -         | 8%        | 7%         | -        | -        | 18%      | -         |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')                                                                                                                       | 4%              | 3%        | -         | 12%        | -        | -        | -        | -         |
| Don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 11%             | 13%       | 12%       | 4%         | -        | -        | 8%       | 20%       |

In general, do you think drug use should be treated as a health issue or a criminal issue?

|                                            | Unweighted base | E, SE, SW | L         | NE, NW, YH | NI       | Wales    | Scotland | EM, WM    |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                                            | 106             | 33        | 10        | 29         | 4        | 4        | 9        | 17        |
|                                            | <b>Base</b>     | <b>34</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>25</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>17</b> |
| Should be treated more as a health issue   | 36%             | 32%       | 38%       | 37%        | 49%      | 24%      | 57%      | 29%       |
| Should be treated more as a criminal issue | 11%             | 6%        | 11%       | 11%        | 51%      | -        | -        | 21%       |
| Should be treated as both equally          | 51%             | 59%       | 51%       | 52%        | -        | 76%      | 43%      | 38%       |
| Should be treated as neither               | -               | -         | -         | -          | -        | -        | -        | -         |
| Don't know                                 | 3%              | 3%        | -         | -          | -        | -        | -        | 12%       |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Region    |   |            |    |       |          |        |
|-------|-----------|---|------------|----|-------|----------|--------|
|       | E, SE, SW | L | NE, NW, YH | NI | Wales | Scotland | EM, WM |

Do you think that doctors in the UK should or should not be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use?

|                                                                        |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| Unweighted base                                                        | 106 | 33  | 10  | 29  | 4    | 4    | 9   | 17  |
| Base                                                                   | 106 | 34  | 12  | 25  | 3    | 5    | 9   | 17  |
| Should be able to be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use     | 83% | 82% | 93% | 89% | 100% | 100% | 84% | 60% |
| Should NOT be able to be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use | 7%  | 8%  | -   | 3%  | -    | -    | -   | 24% |
| Don't know                                                             | 10% | 10% | 7%  | 9%  | -    | -    | 16% | 16% |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Year elected |            |             |      | MPs re-elected in 2024 General Election |
|-------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|-----------------------------------------|
|       | Pre 2010     | 2010 -2019 | 2019 - 2024 | 2024 |                                         |

Generally speaking, to what extent would you support or oppose the legalisation of cannabis in the UK?

|                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Unweighted base  | 106 | 13  | 19  | 11  | 63  | 43  |
| Base             | 106 | 10  | 26  | 12  | 57  | 49  |
| Strongly support | 7%  | 7%  | 11% | 10% | 5%  | 10% |
| Tend to support  | 32% | 9%  | 18% | 45% | 39% | 23% |
| Tend to oppose   | 23% | 37% | 24% | 14% | 23% | 24% |
| Strongly oppose  | 26% | 42% | 42% | 6%  | 21% | 33% |
| Don't know       | 11% | 5%  | 6%  | 25% | 12% | 11% |
| Net: Support     | 39% | 15% | 29% | 55% | 44% | 32% |
| Net: Oppose      | 50% | 79% | 65% | 21% | 44% | 57% |

And when put this way, with regard to cannabis, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Unweighted base                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 106 | 13  | 19  | 11  | 63  | 43  |
| Base                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 106 | 10  | 26  | 12  | 57  | 49  |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should remain a criminal offence as now                                                                                                                                             | 38% | 79% | 45% | 21% | 31% | 46% |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a criminal offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation') | 28% | 5%  | 18% | 26% | 36% | 17% |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')                                                                                                                       | 25% | 15% | 27% | 41% | 22% | 28% |
| Don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10% | -   | 10% | 13% | 11% | 9%  |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Year elected |            |             |      | MPs re-elected in 2024 General Election |
|-------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|-----------------------------------------|
|       | Pre 2010     | 2010 -2019 | 2019 - 2024 | 2024 |                                         |

And with regard to hard drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Unweighted base | 13   | 19  | 11  | 63  | 43  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Base            | 10   | 26  | 12  | 57  | 49  |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should remain a criminal offence as now                                                                                                                                             | 81%             | 100% | 77% | 65% | 84% | 79% |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a criminal offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation') | 4%              | -    | -   | 23% | 3%  | 6%  |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')                                                                                                                       | 4%              | -    | 9%  | -   | 3%  | 5%  |
| Don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 11%             | -    | 14% | 12% | 10% | 11% |

In general, do you think drug use should be treated as a health issue or a criminal issue?

|                                            | Unweighted base | 13  | 19  | 11  | 63  | 43  |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                                            | Base            | 10  | 26  | 12  | 57  | 49  |
| Should be treated more as a health issue   | 36%             | -   | 27% | 35% | 47% | 23% |
| Should be treated more as a criminal issue | 11%             | 29% | 19% | 5%  | 5%  | 18% |
| Should be treated as both equally          | 51%             | 71% | 50% | 60% | 45% | 57% |
| Should be treated as neither               | -               | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| Don't know                                 | 3%              | -   | 4%  | -   | 4%  | 2%  |



# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Year elected |            |             |      | MPs re-elected in 2024 General Election |
|-------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|-----------------------------------------|
|       | Pre 2010     | 2010 -2019 | 2019 - 2024 | 2024 |                                         |

Do you think that doctors in the UK should or should not be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use?

|                                                                        |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Unweighted base                                                        | 106 | 13  | 19  | 11  | 63  | 43  |
| Base                                                                   | 106 | 10  | 26  | 12  | 57  | 49  |
| Should be able to be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use     | 83% | 82% | 87% | 82% | 81% | 85% |
| Should NOT be able to be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use | 7%  | -   | 9%  | 5%  | 7%  | 6%  |
| Don't know                                                             | 10% | 18% | 4%  | 13% | 11% | 9%  |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Gender |        | House Entry |           |
|-------|--------|--------|-------------|-----------|
|       | Male   | Female | Pre 2024    | Post 2024 |

Generally speaking, to what extent would you support or oppose the legalisation of cannabis in the UK?

|                     | Unweighted base | 106        | 76         | 30         | 43         | 63         |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                     | <b>Base</b>     | 106        | 64         | 42         | 49         | 57         |
| Strongly support    |                 | 7%         | 6%         | 9%         | 10%        | 5%         |
| Tend to support     |                 | 32%        | 31%        | 33%        | 23%        | 39%        |
| Tend to oppose      |                 | 23%        | 25%        | 21%        | 24%        | 23%        |
| Strongly oppose     |                 | 26%        | 30%        | 22%        | 33%        | 21%        |
| Don't know          |                 | 11%        | 8%         | 16%        | 11%        | 12%        |
| <b>Net: Support</b> |                 | <b>39%</b> | <b>37%</b> | <b>42%</b> | <b>32%</b> | <b>44%</b> |
| <b>Net: Oppose</b>  |                 | <b>50%</b> | <b>55%</b> | <b>42%</b> | <b>57%</b> | <b>44%</b> |

And when put this way, with regard to cannabis, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Unweighted base | 106 | 76  | 30  | 43  | 63  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Base</b>     | 106 | 64  | 42  | 49  | 57  |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should remain a criminal offence as now                                                                                                                                             |                 | 38% | 39% | 36% | 46% | 31% |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a criminal offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation') |                 | 28% | 25% | 32% | 17% | 36% |
| The sale and possession of cannabis should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')                                                                                                                       |                 | 25% | 24% | 25% | 28% | 22% |
| Don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 | 10% | 12% | 7%  | 9%  | 11% |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Gender |        | House Entry |           |
|-------|--------|--------|-------------|-----------|
|       | Male   | Female | Pre 2024    | Post 2024 |

And with regard to hard drugs such as heroin and crack cocaine, which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Unweighted base | Male      | Female    | Pre 2024  | Post 2024 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 106             | 76        | 30        | 43        | 63        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Base</b> 106 | <b>64</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>57</b> |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should remain a criminal offence as now                                                                                                                                             | 81%             | 83%       | 79%       | 79%       | 84%       |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should remain illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence, such as parking in the wrong place, rather than a criminal offence (a policy sometimes called 'decriminalisation') | 4%              | 5%        | 3%        | 6%        | 3%        |
| The sale and possession of such drugs should no longer be illegal (sometimes called 'legalisation')                                                                                                                       | 4%              | 4%        | 3%        | 5%        | 3%        |
| Don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 11%             | 7%        | 15%       | 11%       | 10%       |

In general, do you think drug use should be treated as a health issue or a criminal issue?

|                                            | Unweighted base | Male      | Female    | Pre 2024  | Post 2024 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                            | 106             | 76        | 30        | 43        | 63        |
|                                            | <b>Base</b> 106 | <b>64</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>57</b> |
| Should be treated more as a health issue   | 36%             | 36%       | 36%       | 23%       | 47%       |
| Should be treated more as a criminal issue | 11%             | 11%       | 10%       | 18%       | 5%        |
| Should be treated as both equally          | 51%             | 50%       | 52%       | 57%       | 45%       |
| Should be treated as neither               | -               | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| Don't know                                 | 3%              | 3%        | 3%        | 2%        | 4%        |

# YouGov - MPs and drug policy

Fieldwork Dates: 18th November - 6th December 2024



| Total | Gender |        | House Entry |           |
|-------|--------|--------|-------------|-----------|
|       | Male   | Female | Pre 2024    | Post 2024 |

Do you think that doctors in the UK should or should not be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use?

|                                                                        | Unweighted base | Male      | Female    | Pre 2024  | Post 2024 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                                        | 106             | 76        | 30        | 43        | 63        |
|                                                                        | <b>Base</b>     | <b>64</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>57</b> |
| Should be able to be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use     | 83%             | 81%       | 85%       | 85%       | 81%       |
| Should NOT be able to be allowed to prescribe cannabis for medical use | 7%              | 7%        | 6%        | 6%        | 7%        |
| Don't know                                                             | 10%             | 12%       | 8%        | 9%        | 11%       |