

YouGov - Nuclear response

Sample Size: 2116 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 26th - 28th January 2024

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country			Region in England			
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	
Weighted Sample 2116	692	512	180	746	788	1024	1092	222	874	523	497	1206	910	1826	106	184	510	351	256	
Unweighted Sample 2116	706	514	181	808	804	977	1139	195	881	509	531	1242	874	1817	109	190	514	347	243	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Assuming they were not already at war with Russia, how should Britain and other Western nations respond in the event that Russia...

Used a small nuclear weapon against a Ukrainian military target?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against Russia	7	9	7	6	5	9	11	4	6	6	8	10	7	8	7	9	11	7	6	13
Should declare war against Russia, but not use nuclear weapons	21	25	20	28	23	23	27	16	20	21	22	22	23	20	22	20	19	22	21	16
Should take action short of declaring war	36	39	39	40	43	37	36	36	29	31	41	41	39	31	35	36	39	35	35	34
Should take not take any action	10	8	11	5	7	10	9	10	12	12	8	5	9	11	10	8	7	10	10	11
Don't know	26	19	24	21	22	21	17	34	32	30	21	21	22	30	26	28	24	27	28	26

Used a nuclear weapon against a city in Ukraine?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against Russia	7	9	5	5	5	9	11	3	5	6	7	9	6	8	7	6	10	5	5	9
Should declare war against Russia, but not use nuclear weapons	26	30	29	31	30	27	33	19	24	26	27	27	28	24	27	22	24	25	28	25
Should take action short of declaring war	32	34	34	39	37	33	30	34	25	28	36	39	35	28	31	37	37	32	31	31
Should take not take any action	10	8	9	5	7	11	8	11	10	12	9	6	8	12	10	10	7	9	10	10
Don't know	25	19	22	20	21	20	17	33	35	28	21	20	23	28	25	25	23	28	25	25

Assuming they were not already at war with that country, how should Britain and other Western nations respond in the event that...

A country used a small nuclear weapon against an American military target?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against that country	8	12	7	6	7	11	14	3	5	7	10	11	9	8	8	8	12	7	7	14
Should declare war against that country, but not use nuclear weapons	25	27	26	30	27	26	32	17	24	24	26	25	26	24	25	19	25	24	25	26
Should take action short of declaring war	30	33	34	34	34	32	28	32	27	25	33	36	32	28	30	37	29	31	31	21
Should take not take any action	11	9	11	10	11	11	9	13	10	14	10	8	11	12	11	9	9	10	12	14
Don't know	26	18	23	20	22	20	17	34	34	29	21	21	23	29	26	27	25	29	26	26

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Used a small nuclear weapon against a Ukrainian military target?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against Russia	7	6
Should declare war against Russia, but not use nuclear weapons	21	24
Should take action short of declaring war	36	37
Should take not take any action	10	10
Don't know	26	24

Used a nuclear weapon against a city in Ukraine?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against Russia	7	8
Should declare war against Russia, but not use nuclear weapons	26	27
Should take action short of declaring war	32	31
Should take not take any action	10	10
Don't know	25	24

Assuming they were not already at war with that country, how should Britain and other Western nations respond in the event that...

A country used a small nuclear weapon against an American military target?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against that country	8	8
Should declare war against that country, but not use nuclear weapons	25	25
Should take action short of declaring war	30	32
Should take not take any action	11	12
Don't know	26	23

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A country used a nuclear weapon against a city in the USA?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against that country	14	18	13	12	11	18	23	5	11	13	15	15	15	12	13	17	18	12	12	20
Should declare war against that country, but not use nuclear weapons	25	28	27	30	28	26	31	20	26	24	26	27	26	25	26	19	26	24	26	22
Should take action short of declaring war	26	29	28	30	30	27	21	31	21	22	30	33	27	25	26	29	26	26	27	23
Should take not take any action	9	7	9	7	9	10	7	11	8	12	9	7	9	10	10	7	9	10	10	9
Don't know	25	17	23	21	22	19	16	33	34	29	20	18	23	28	25	29	21	28	26	27

A country used a small nuclear weapon against a British military target?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against that country	17	24	12	13	13	23	27	8	16	15	20	18	18	16	17	13	19	16	15	20
Should declare war against that country, but not use nuclear weapons	34	35	40	41	38	35	38	29	30	33	36	35	35	32	34	30	34	33	33	34
Should take action short of declaring war	24	24	25	28	26	25	18	29	21	20	25	30	25	23	23	24	26	23	24	19
Should take not take any action	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	4	5	5	3	2	3	5	4	5	2	4	4	3
Don't know	22	15	21	16	20	15	14	30	29	27	17	15	20	25	22	28	18	24	23	24

A country used a nuclear weapon against a city in the United Kingdom?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against that country	27	34	24	25	23	33	42	13	27	25	29	29	29	24	27	28	26	24	27	33
Should declare war against that country, but not use nuclear weapons	31	32	36	38	38	31	30	33	23	32	33	32	34	28	31	28	35	31	32	26
Should take action short of declaring war	17	19	18	20	19	19	12	23	15	14	19	23	17	18	17	19	19	18	17	14
Should take not take any action	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	4	5	4	2	2	3	4	3	2	2	4	3	4
Don't know	21	14	20	15	19	15	14	28	30	25	17	15	18	25	21	23	18	23	21	23

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Should launch a nuclear retaliation against that country	14	12
Should declare war against that country, but not use nuclear weapons	25	28
Should take action short of declaring war	26	28
Should take not take any action	9	10
Don't know	25	22

A country used a small nuclear weapon against a British military target?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against that country	17	18
Should declare war against that country, but not use nuclear weapons	34	34
Should take action short of declaring war	24	25
Should take not take any action	4	3
Don't know	22	20

A country used a nuclear weapon against a city in the United Kingdom?

Should launch a nuclear retaliation against that country	27	26
Should declare war against that country, but not use nuclear weapons	31	33
Should take action short of declaring war	17	18
Should take not take any action	3	3
Don't know	21	20

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