

YouGov Survey Results

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How interested, if at all, are you in football?

Very interested	19	31	7	19	19	22	15	20	17	19	13	16	23	19	22	15
Fairly interested	20	22	18	20	19	21	20	20	20	20	22	16	23	22	19	18
TOTAL INTERESTED	39	53	25	39	38	43	35	40	37	39	35	32	46	41	41	33
Not very interested	17	12	22	21	19	15	16	18	16	17	21	17	16	18	17	17
Not at all interested	44	35	52	39	43	42	49	42	46	43	44	51	37	40	42	49
TOTAL NOT INTERESTED	61	47	74	60	62	57	65	60	62	60	65	68	53	58	59	66
Don't know	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

How often, if at all, do you watch men's English

Premier League football matches, either on television or live at a stadium?

Very frequently	12	19	5	15	12	11	9	13	9	12	11	4	17	9	15	10
Fairly frequently	15	19	10	15	15	16	12	14	15	15	14	11	16	19	15	12
TOTAL FREQUENTLY	27	38	15	30	27	27	21	27	24	27	25	15	33	28	30	22
Not very frequently	13	12	14	12	13	12	12	14	11	13	14	9	15	12	12	13
Rarely	16	14	17	16	15	17	15	15	17	16	11	16	12	19	19	15
Never	45	36	54	41	44	43	52	44	47	44	51	59	39	41	39	50
TOTAL NOT VERY FREQUENTLY / RARELY / NEVER	74	50	71	57	59	60	67	59	64	60	62	75	51	60	58	65
Don't know	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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At the beginning of the 2019-2020 season, the English Premier League introduced Video Assistant Referees (commonly known as VAR) to all matches.

How well or badly would you say VAR has worked in the Premier League so far?

[Asked only to those who watch the Premier League frequently; n=531]

Worked very well	3	2	5	5	3	1	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	2	2	4
Worked fairly well	24	22	31	22	29	20	23	21	30	24	23	25	27	20	28	22
TOTAL WORKED WELL	27	24	36	27	32	21	26	24	33	27	23	28	30	22	30	26
Neither worked well nor badly	13	12	14	13	13	14	11	12	15	13	8	10	11	23	10	11
Worked fairly badly	34	36	30	36	31	33	41	40	24	33	47	30	27	34	37	38
Worked very badly	25	28	16	23	24	30	21	24	25	25	22	26	29	22	21	23
TOTAL WORKED BADLY	59	64	46	59	55	63	62	64	49	58	69	56	56	56	58	61
Don't know	1	1	4	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	6	2	0	1	1

Thinking about the use of VAR in the English Premier League so far in the 2019-2020 season... If you were to give VAR a mark from 0 to 10 on how well or badly it's worked so far, with 0 being a complete failure and 10 being that it has worked perfectly, what mark would you give?

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0 - complete failure	12	13	8	12	10	12	15	12	11	12	11	13	15	12	11	9
1	6	7	2	0	5	9	5	4	8	6	0	8	5	8	5	5
2	8	7	9	9	7	11	3	8	8	8	5	10	9	5	7	9
3	17	19	11	17	16	18	18	17	17	17	21	10	15	17	13	21
4	12	12	11	17	10	11	14	16	5	11	23	10	9	11	11	14
5	13	13	12	10	14	10	14	13	12	12	16	16	9	15	16	12
6	12	10	14	6	16	10	7	10	14	12	7	10	13	12	16	9
7	12	10	14	16	12	11	7	9	15	11	7	19	14	9	10	10
8	6	4	10	5	5	5	10	6	6	6	6	3	8	8	3	5
9	1	1	1	3	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1
10 - worked perfectly	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	3	4
Don't know	2	1	4	2	3	0	1	2	1	2	4	0	1	3	3	1

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How well do you think VAR has been implemented for each of the following in Premier League football matches?

Correcting decisions where play should have been stopped as a player was offside

Very well	5	6	5	11	4	5	5	5	6	5	6	5	7	6	8	3
Fairly well	19	21	17	18	20	19	18	20	18	19	23	20	21	20	19	16
TOTAL WELL	24	27	22	29	24	24	23	25	24	24	29	25	28	26	27	19
Fairly badly	15	19	11	15	15	16	13	15	15	15	12	13	16	15	13	15
Very badly	8	13	4	8	8	9	8	9	8	9	4	8	11	7	9	8
TOTAL BADLY	23	32	15	23	23	25	21	24	23	24	16	21	27	22	22	23
Don't know	53	41	64	48	52	51	57	51	54	52	55	54	45	52	51	58

Deciding whether or not a foul should be given a straight red card

Very well	5	4	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	5	4	4	5	6	3	4
Fairly well	20	24	16	20	20	22	18	21	18	19	29	21	22	20	20	17
TOTAL WELL	25	28	21	25	24	26	23	25	23	24	33	25	27	26	23	21
Fairly badly	15	19	10	17	15	15	13	15	14	15	7	14	17	14	14	15
Very badly	8	11	5	9	8	7	7	8	7	8	4	7	10	6	11	7
TOTAL BADLY	23	30	15	26	23	22	20	23	21	23	11	21	27	20	25	22
Don't know	53	42	64	48	53	53	56	52	56	53	57	55	46	54	52	58

Deciding whether or not a penalty should be awarded

Very well	5	4	5	7	4	5	5	4	6	5	4	5	7	6	5	3
Fairly well	20	21	18	18	20	21	18	20	19	19	24	18	21	22	16	18
TOTAL WELL	25	25	23	25	24	26	23	24	25	24	28	23	28	28	21	21
Fairly badly	16	21	11	18	15	17	15	17	15	16	12	17	17	14	21	15
Very badly	8	13	4	11	9	8	7	10	7	9	7	8	11	8	8	7
TOTAL BADLY	24	34	15	29	24	25	22	27	22	25	19	25	28	22	29	22
Don't know	51	40	61	46	51	50	56	50	53	51	53	53	44	50	50	56

Confirming whether or not the ball completely passed over the goal line

Very well	19	28	11	19	19	21	19	20	18	20	16	16	22	23	23	16
Fairly well	20	20	20	22	20	21	18	21	19	19	24	22	21	20	17	19
TOTAL WELL	39	48	31	41	39	42	37	41	37	39	40	38	43	43	40	35
Fairly badly	6	7	6	10	7	5	5	7	6	7	5	6	8	5	8	6
Very badly	3	4	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	3	2	3	4	3	2	3
TOTAL BADLY	9	11	8	13	10	8	8	9	10	10	7	9	12	8	10	9
Don't know	51	41	61	46	51	50	56	50	53	51	54	55	45	49	50	56

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Correcting cases where a card has been given to the wrong player by accident

Very well	8	9	6	13	7	6	8	8	7	8	6	9	9	7	6	7
Fairly well	19	23	16	19	19	18	20	20	19	19	27	19	21	20	18	17
TOTAL WELL	27	32	22	32	26	24	28	28	26	27	33	28	30	27	24	24
Fairly badly	9	10	7	11	10	9	6	9	9	9	5	6	11	8	11	8
Very badly	5	6	3	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	7	4	4	4
TOTAL BADLY	14	16	10	16	14	14	10	14	13	14	9	10	18	12	15	12
Don't know	60	52	67	52	60	62	62	59	61	60	59	63	52	61	62	64

How much more or less enjoyable VAR has made watching Premier League games

[Asked only to those who watch the Premier League frequently; n=531]

Made watching them a lot more enjoyable	2	2	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	2	4	2
Made watching them a little more enjoyable	9	8	12	23	11	4	4	8	11	10	7	2	9	12	10	9
TOTAL MORE ENJOYABLE	11	10	14	27	13	5	5	10	12	12	7	5	10	14	14	11
Made no difference	20	16	31	9	23	20	22	16	26	21	15	13	23	18	12	25
Made watching them a little less enjoyable	41	42	37	54	37	41	41	45	34	40	48	45	41	38	51	35
Made watching them a lot less enjoyable	27	30	17	11	25	33	32	26	27	26	30	37	26	27	23	26
TOTAL LESS ENJOYABLE	68	72	54	65	62	74	73	71	61	66	78	82	67	65	74	61
Don't know	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	3	0	3

Preference for future use of VAR in football

[Asked only to those who watch the Premier League frequently; n=531]

Keep using VAR as it is used now, without any changes	10	7	15	17	8	7	11	7	14	10	9	4	11	6	10	11
Keep using VAR, but change the ways in which it is used	64	68	53	71	62	69	58	68	58	64	62	72	60	62	65	68
Stop using VAR entirely	22	22	21	13	21	22	29	21	22	22	22	24	26	23	18	18
Don't know	5	2	11	0	9	2	2	4	6	5	7	0	3	9	7	3

And generally speaking, do you think VAR should or should not be used for each of the following in Premier League football matches?

Correcting decisions where play should have been stopped as a player was offside

Should be used	36	44	29	44	38	35	30	38	34	36	37	35	40	37	42	31
Should not be used	16	20	12	11	16	17	17	16	16	16	14	16	19	14	12	16
Don't know	48	37	58	45	46	48	53	46	50	48	49	49	40	49	46	53

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Deciding whether or not a foul should be given a straight red card

Should be used	38	44	33	40	40	39	34	40	36	38	42	40	40	38	39	36
Should not be used	15	19	11	15	16	13	15	15	15	15	10	13	19	17	14	13
Don't know	47	37	56	45	45	48	51	46	49	47	49	47	40	46	47	52

Deciding whether or not a penalty should be awarded

Should be used	40	46	35	43	42	41	36	41	39	41	42	37	44	41	43	37
Should not be used	14	18	10	14	15	12	14	14	13	14	10	15	17	14	12	12
Don't know	46	36	55	43	44	47	50	45	48	46	48	48	39	45	45	51

Confirming whether or not the ball completely passed over the goal line

Should be used	46	55	38	49	46	48	43	48	43	46	43	45	49	49	49	42
Should not be used	9	11	7	8	11	7	7	8	10	9	10	7	12	7	6	9
Don't know	45	34	55	42	43	45	50	43	47	45	47	47	39	44	45	49

Correcting cases where a card has been given to the wrong player by accident

Should be used	44	53	35	48	44	46	40	46	41	44	45	41	47	47	44	40
Should not be used	9	10	9	8	11	7	8	9	10	9	6	11	11	8	8	8
Don't know	47	37	56	44	45	47	52	46	49	47	49	48	42	45	48	51

To what extent do you support or oppose the following changes being made to VAR use in English Premier League football matches?

[Asked only to those who watch the Premier League frequently; n=531]

A time limit on how long it can take for decisions to be made using VAR

Strongly support	46	48	42	48	44	44	53	46	46	45	51	62	46	41	47	45
Tend to support	28	26	33	25	27	31	27	29	26	28	27	27	23	33	28	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	74	74	75	73	71	75	80	75	72	73	78	89	69	74	75	75
Neither support nor oppose	11	11	12	9	9	18	8	9	13	12	6	5	14	7	9	13
Tend to oppose	7	8	4	7	11	3	4	6	8	8	4	0	8	11	8	5
Strongly oppose	4	5	3	7	5	2	3	4	5	4	3	2	6	2	7	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	11	13	7	14	16	5	7	10	13	12	7	2	14	13	15	8
Don't know	4	3	6	4	4	2	5	5	2	4	7	4	5	6	0	3

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Being able to see the video footage the video assistant referees are being shown at the same time they are being shown it

Strongly support	48	49	44	70	50	35	44	50	45	48	45	45	48	43	50	50
Tend to support	34	33	36	29	31	42	31	35	32	34	32	36	28	41	40	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	82	82	80	99	81	77	75	85	77	82	77	81	76	84	90	81
Neither support nor oppose	8	8	7	0	6	16	6	6	10	8	10	10	11	4	3	9
Tend to oppose	3	3	4	0	2	4	6	4	2	3	3	5	3	2	2	3
Strongly oppose	3	3	3	0	3	1	6	2	4	3	0	4	6	0	2	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	6	6	7	0	5	5	12	6	6	6	3	9	9	2	4	6
Don't know	5	4	6	1	6	3	7	4	6	5	10	2	4	9	4	3

Being able to hear the conversation the referees and the video assistant referees are having regarding the decision

Strongly support	50	53	43	70	52	43	43	52	47	49	42	69	48	44	57	50
Tend to support	29	27	33	25	28	34	26	27	31	29	41	20	30	29	27	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	79	80	76	95	80	77	69	79	78	78	83	89	78	73	84	78
Neither support nor oppose	9	9	9	2	7	13	14	9	10	10	0	3	9	15	9	9
Tend to oppose	5	4	6	3	6	5	4	6	4	5	8	3	4	7	6	5
Strongly oppose	4	4	4	0	3	2	9	3	5	4	2	4	6	0	2	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	9	8	10	3	9	7	13	9	9	9	10	7	10	7	8	9
Don't know	3	3	6	1	5	2	3	4	3	3	7	2	4	5	0	3

Encouraging the on-field referee to consult pitch-side VAR screens

Strongly support	28	29	27	37	28	21	32	28	29	28	25	29	28	28	31	26
Tend to support	38	37	40	30	39	44	31	37	39	38	35	30	36	38	46	36
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	66	67	67	67	65	63	65	68	66	60	59	64	66	77	62
Neither support nor oppose	15	16	13	22	12	22	10	13	19	16	12	8	15	20	12	16
Tend to oppose	8	8	8	7	10	5	10	11	4	7	19	20	7	6	5	8
Strongly oppose	6	7	4	3	5	4	13	7	5	6	2	6	8	1	6	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	14	15	12	10	15	9	23	18	9	13	21	26	15	7	11	16
Don't know	5	3	8	1	7	4	3	5	5	5	7	7	5	5	0	5

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From what you have seen, how well or badly do you think these systems work in each of the following sports? (Please select one option in each column. If you don't watch a sport, please select the 'Not applicable' option)

[Asked only to those who watch the Premier League frequently; n=531]

Rugby Union

Worked very well	39	44	27	34	38	40	41	41	35	39	34	35	42	36	47	34
Worked fairly well	14	17	8	6	15	17	14	15	14	13	28	19	10	20	9	15
TOTAL WORKED WELL	53	61	35	40	53	57	55	56	49	52	62	54	52	56	56	49
Neither worked well or badly	4	3	5	3	5	3	2	3	4	3	3	15	4	2	3	3
Worked fairly badly	3	2	4	2	2	3	2	3	1	3	2	0	2	5	4	1
Worked very badly	2	2	0	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	10	0	1	0	2	2
TOTAL WORKED BADLY	5	4	4	5	3	4	5	5	2	4	12	0	3	5	6	3
Not applicable - I haven't seen VAR used in this sport	26	19	42	38	23	25	25	24	28	26	16	24	25	25	18	32
Don't know	13	13	14	14	15	10	14	11	16	14	7	7	16	12	17	12

Rugby League

Worked very well	30	35	18	26	28	35	32	32	29	31	16	26	39	25	38	23
Worked fairly well	12	14	8	11	12	10	14	13	9	12	17	12	9	13	7	16
TOTAL WORKED WELL	42	49	26	37	40	45	46	45	38	43	33	38	48	38	45	39
Neither worked well or badly	3	3	5	3	4	2	3	3	4	3	5	10	3	2	5	2
Worked fairly badly	2	2	2	4	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	2	2	3	1
Worked very badly	2	3	0	0	4	0	3	2	2	2	7	0	0	6	0	2
TOTAL WORKED BADLY	4	5	2	4	5	2	4	4	3	4	7	0	2	8	3	3
Not applicable - I haven't seen VAR used in this sport	33	28	47	43	32	34	30	34	33	33	31	39	29	35	26	41
Don't know	17	16	20	12	18	17	17	14	21	17	24	14	17	15	22	15

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Cricket																
Worked very well	42	49	25	44	38	41	52	45	38	44	25	22	46	38	53	41
Worked fairly well	14	17	9	6	15	17	14	17	10	14	26	17	10	15	15	15
TOTAL WORKED WELL	56	66	34	50	53	58	66	62	48	58	51	39	56	53	68	56
Neither worked well or badly	4	4	2	2	6	1	3	3	5	3	3	15	2	6	4	2
Worked fairly badly	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	7	0	0	3	0	1
Worked very badly	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	2
TOTAL WORKED BADLY	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	2	2	2	9	3	0	4	0	3
Not applicable - I haven't seen VAR used in this sport	25	16	46	35	24	27	19	24	27	25	24	27	24	28	15	29
Don't know	13	12	16	12	15	13	9	10	18	13	13	16	17	9	13	11
Tennis																
Worked very well	45	50	34	33	42	54	51	50	39	47	28	36	50	31	54	50
Worked fairly well	18	20	12	15	20	17	16	20	14	17	33	25	13	23	16	17
TOTAL WORKED WELL	63	70	46	48	62	71	67	70	53	64	61	61	63	54	70	67
Neither worked well or badly	2	3	2	2	3	1	3	1	4	2	3	5	1	4	0	3
Worked fairly badly	1	2	0	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	3	0	0	4	2	1
Worked very badly	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	1
TOTAL WORKED BADLY	2	3	0	5	3	1	1	2	4	2	3	0	0	5	5	2
Not applicable - I haven't seen VAR used in this sport	22	15	40	36	20	22	19	20	25	22	26	21	25	28	12	20
Don't know	10	9	11	9	12	5	11	7	13	10	7	13	11	8	13	8

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