

YUOGOV SURVEY FOR COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

YouGov questioned representative samples of 2065 white respondents and 816 non-white respondents throughout GB online between 21 and 25 June, 2004.

	White	Non-white
In general, which of these parties' policies most closely reflects your views about what should be done in Britain today?		
Labour	24%	25%
Conservative	22%	17%
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	17%	8%
Liberal Democrat	13%	18%
Green	3%	5%
British National Party (BNP)	3%	1%
Scottish Nationalist	1%	0%
Respect	1%	3%
Scottish Socialist Party	1%	1%
Plaid Cymru	0%	0%
Communist Party	0%	0%
None of these	4%	10%
Don't know	11%	11%

Thinking about your close friends – say, the ten or twenty people, other than relatives, to whom you feel closest – which of these statements applies to you?

All my close friends are white	54%	13%
Almost all my close friends are white	23%	13%
Most of my close friends are white	17%	21%
Roughly half my close friends are white	5%	23%
Most of my close friends are from ethnic minorities	1%	18%
Almost all my close friends are from ethnic minorities	0%	8%
All my close friends are from ethnic minorities	0%	5%

Still thinking about your closest friends, how many are...

Practicing Christians

All	4%	3%
Most	13%	12%
Some	30%	36%
One or two	31%	28%
None	23%	20%

		White	Non-white
Practicing Jews	All	0%	0%
	Most	0%	1%
	Some	3%	7%
	One or two	11%	15%
	None	87%	77%
Practicing Muslims	All	0%	1%
	Most	0%	9%
	Some	4%	18%
	One or two	13%	24%
	None	83%	48%
Practicing Hindus	All	0%	0%
	Most	0%	4%
	Some	2%	19%
	One or two	9%	21%
	None	89%	55%
Practicing Sikhs	All	0%	0%
	Most	0%	2%
	Some	1%	11%
	One or two	5%	17%
	None	93%	70%
Practicing members of other faiths?	All	0%	0%
	Most	1%	4%
	Some	9%	17%
	One or two	16%	23%
	None	73%	56%

White Non-white

What is your overall opinion of the following groups?

Football supporters

Very high opinion	2%	2%
Fairly high opinion	9%	9%
Neither high nor low opinion	40%	40%
Fairly low opinion	31%	31%
Very low opinion	17%	18%
Don't know	1%	1%

Politicians

Very high opinion	0%	1%
Fairly high opinion	6%	9%
Neither high nor low opinion	30%	27%
Fairly low opinion	41%	32%
Very low opinion	22%	28%
Don't know	0%	2%

Journalists

Very high opinion	0%	3%
Fairly high opinion	6%	13%
Neither high nor low opinion	39%	35%
Fairly low opinion	35%	29%
Very low opinion	18%	19%
Don't know	1%	2%

Recent immigrants to Britain

Very high opinion	1%	4%
Fairly high opinion	4%	8%
Neither high nor low opinion	45%	58%
Fairly low opinion	20%	13%
Very low opinion	27%	13%
Don't know	3%	4%

	White	Non-white
People seeking asylum in Britain		
Very high opinion	1%	2%
Fairly high opinion	4%	9%
Neither high nor low opinion	42%	49%
Fairly low opinion	21%	18%
Very low opinion	30%	17%
Don't know	3%	5%

Members of ethnic minorities who were born in Britain		
Very high opinion	3%	16%
Fairly high opinion	22%	27%
Neither high nor low opinion	63%	48%
Fairly low opinion	6%	3%
Very low opinion	5%	3%
Don't know	1%	2%

Travellers (or "gypsies")		
Very high opinion	1%	1%
Fairly high opinion	3%	6%
Neither high nor low opinion	35%	39%
Fairly low opinion	28%	22%
Very low opinion	32%	28%
Don't know	2%	4%

Do you think the average white Briton is better off or worse off than the average member of ethnic minorities living in Britain?		
The average white Briton is much better off	11%	32%
The average white Briton is slightly better off	29%	30%
The two are about equal	28%	22%
The average white Briton is slightly worse off	16%	7%
The average white Britain is much worse off	11%	3%
Don't know	4%	5%

White Non-white

Which, if any, of these do you think has the greatest responsibility to act to reduce inequality between white Britons and members of Britain's ethnic minorities?

The Government	42%	56%
Local councils	6%	7%
Employers	12%	12%
None of these – it's for people themselves to tackle their problems	33%	19%
None of these – it's right that white people are generally better off	2%	1%
Don't know	5%	4%

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? 'Members of Britain's ethnic minorities too often live apart from the rest of society. More should be done to integrate them.'

Strongly agree	17%	18%
Tend to agree	53%	47%
Tend to disagree	17%	22%
Strongly disagree	5%	8%
Don't know	9%	5%

Which, if any, of these do you think has the greatest responsibility to act to integrate members of Britain's ethnic minorities with the rest of society?

The Government	25%	34%
Local councils	17%	17%
Churches and other religious groups	9%	6%
Schools	11%	16%
None of these – it's for people themselves to decide where and how to live	33%	23%
Don't know	6%	5%

If the Government had to decide which of these two objectives should have the higher priority, which one would you prefer it to choose?

Reducing inequality between white Britons and members of ethnic minorities	22%	42%
Integrating ethnic minorities and immigrants more fully into British society	44%	37%
Government should do neither	22%	15%
Don't know	11%	6%

White Non-white

Here are some proposals that different people have made to bring different communities together and increase understanding between them. Please say whether you support or oppose each proposal.

Encourage more parents to send their children to mixed schools, rather than single-faith schools

Support	72%	75%
Oppose	15%	14%
Don't know	13%	11%

Encouraging more opportunities for people from different ethnic groups to socialise together

Support	84%	89%
Oppose	6%	6%
Don't know	10%	5%

Encouraging people from different ethnic groups to play sport together

Support	87%	89%
Oppose	4%	5%
Don't know	9%	5%

Which of these views comes closest to your opinion about school uniforms?

'School uniforms are a good thing, and pupils of the same age and gender at the same school should all obey the same rules on uniforms'	60%	47%
'School uniforms are a good thing, but some allowance should be made for people of different faiths to wear slightly different uniforms'	35%	44%
'School uniforms are basically a good thing, but people of different faiths should be free to wear very different clothes from others in the same class'	2%	4%
'School uniforms are a bad thing, and parents should be free to decide what their children wear to school'	2%	3%
Don't know	1%	2%

	White	Non-white
Some people talk of a threat to British society from 'Islamic terrorism'. Do you think there is a such a threat?		
Yes – Islamic terrorism is an extremely serious threat	42%	33%
Yes – Islamic terrorism is a threat, but not as serious as other threats such as drugs, street crime, drunkenness, sexual assault and violent gangs	42%	32%
No – Islamic terrorism is a threat in other parts of the world, but not a threat to Britain	1%	2%
No – there is no such thing as 'Islamic terrorism': Islam has nothing to do with the groups that commit violent attacks	10%	25%
No – militant Islamic groups are rightly challenging western decadence	0%	2%
Don't know	5%	5%