

BBC Daily Politics Show Poll

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Base: All respondents

	Sex			Age									Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1007	458	549	72	169	208	194	173	191	241	402	364	321	246	177	263	263	263	249	144	88
Weighted base	1007	484	523	120	160	200	170	150	209	279	369	359	262	292	212	241	264	264	249	142	89
<u>Government should put combating terrorism ahead of concerns for civil liberties, and give police whatever powers they need</u>																					
Agree	735 73%	331 68%	404 77%	77 65%	116 73%	147 74%	118 70%	116 77%	161 77%	194 69%	265 72%	276 77%	168 64%	204 70%	164 78%	199 82%	189 72%	194 73%	192 77%	102 72%	57 64%
Disagree	208 21%	127 26%	81 15%	31 26%	33 21%	44 22%	42 25%	24 16%	33 16%	64 23%	86 23%	58 16%	76 29%	72 24%	36 17%	24 10%	57 21%	49 19%	47 19%	35 25%	19 22%
Refused	6 1%	3 1%	3 1%	- -	- -	- -	1 *	2 2%	3 1%	- -	1 *	5 1%	- -	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	1 1%	3 1%	- -	1 1%	1 1%
Don't know	59 6%	23 5%	36 7%	11 10%	11 7%	9 4%	9 5%	7 5%	12 6%	22 8%	18 5%	19 5%	18 7%	14 5%	10 5%	16 7%	16 6%	18 7%	9 4%	3 2%	12 14%
<u>Gordon Brown's proposed new counter-terrorism measures are more about looking tough on terrorism than making Britain safer</u>																					
Agree	608 60%	301 62%	306 59%	74 62%	88 55%	122 61%	105 62%	82 55%	136 65%	162 58%	228 62%	218 61%	147 56%	178 61%	127 60%	157 65%	158 60%	173 66%	144 58%	81 57%	52 59%
Disagree	287 29%	144 30%	143 27%	32 27%	55 35%	55 28%	45 27%	52 35%	47 22%	87 31%	101 27%	99 28%	89 34%	91 31%	60 28%	47 19%	79 30%	63 24%	82 33%	40 28%	23 26%
Refused	8 1%	4 1%	4 1%	- -	- -	- -	2 1%	2 2%	4 2%	- -	2 *	6 2%	- -	2 1%	2 1%	3 1%	2 1%	4 1%	- -	1 1%	1 1%
Don't know	105 10%	34 7%	71 14%	13 11%	17 10%	22 11%	17 10%	13 9%	23 11%	30 11%	39 11%	36 10%	26 10%	21 7%	23 11%	35 14%	24 9%	24 9%	23 9%	20 14%	13 15%
<u>New laws will not make any difference to the level of terrorist threat Britain faces</u>																					
Agree	517 51%	258 53%	259 49%	67 56%	72 45%	111 56%	92 54%	72 48%	104 50%	139 50%	203 55%	176 49%	147 56%	152 52%	111 52%	108 45%	139 53%	128 49%	125 50%	83 58%	41 47%
Disagree	397 39%	192 40%	205 39%	40 34%	72 45%	75 38%	65 39%	64 43%	80 38%	112 40%	141 38%	144 40%	98 37%	118 40%	81 38%	101 42%	106 40%	113 43%	98 39%	50 35%	31 35%
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Don't know	85 8%	28 6%	57 11%	13 11%	15 10%	13 7%	10 6%	11 7%	23 11%	28 10%	23 6%	34 9%	16 6%	21 7%	18 8%	30 13%	17 6%	18 7%	26 10%	8 6%	16 18%

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<u>Britain should distance itself from the United States to reduce the threat of terrorism</u>																					
Agree	491 49%	223 46%	268 51%	61 51%	77 48%	96 48%	77 45%	76 51%	104 50%	138 49%	173 47%	180 50%	124 47%	153 52%	104 49%	110 46%	136 52%	127 48%	117 47%	64 45%	46 52%
Disagree	437 43%	238 49%	199 38%	50 42%	70 44%	91 46%	82 48%	62 41%	82 39%	120 43%	173 47%	144 40%	126 48%	118 40%	90 42%	104 43%	106 40%	118 45%	119 48%	63 44%	31 35%
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Don't know	71 7%	18 4%	53 10%	8 7%	13 8%	12 6%	9 5%	9 6%	20 10%	21 8%	21 6%	29 8%	12 4%	19 6%	15 7%	26 11%	20 7%	14 5%	13 5%	14 10%	11 12%