

YouGov / Humanists Survey Results

Sample Size: 2287 Adults in the UK

Fieldwork: 29th - 30th April 2025

	Vote in 2024 GE				EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country				
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Reform UK	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Weighted Sample	2287	398	567	206	240	810	814	1109	1178	240	945	567	535	1304	983	1914	119	190	64
Unweighted Sample	2287	364	625	229	241	942	827	1019	1268	146	890	595	656	1438	849	1910	104	195	78
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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To what extent would you support or oppose humanist marriages being legally recognised in England and Wales?

Strongly support	39	20	54	42	24	47	26	38	40	52	46	34	24	41	35	37	35	57	45
Tend to support	31	37	27	29	34	31	33	31	31	24	26	35	38	31	31	31	30	27	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	70	57	81	71	58	78	59	69	71	76	72	69	62	72	66	68	65	84	76
Tend to oppose	10	18	6	8	16	8	14	10	10	6	7	11	16	11	9	11	7	3	7
Strongly oppose	5	10	2	3	9	5	8	6	4	0	4	8	8	5	5	5	11	1	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	15	28	8	11	25	13	22	16	14	6	11	19	24	16	14	16	18	4	12
Don't know	15	15	11	17	18	10	18	15	15	17	17	13	15	12	20	16	17	12	13

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	Region in England									
	Total	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South	No, I do not regard myself as belonging to any particular religion.	Yes - Church of England / Anglican / Episcopal	Yes - Roman Catholic	Yes - other Christian	Yes - other religion
Weighted Sample	2287	526	364	263	762	1296	418	155	145	116
Unweighted Sample	2287	539	364	223	784	1272	454	161	152	111
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	0	#VALUE!

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Tend to support	31	33	30	31	31	28	40	32	34	32
TOTAL SUPPORT	70	71	63	73	68	77	58	55	55	74
Tend to oppose	10	9	12	10	12	5	19	19	13	7
Strongly oppose	5	6	6	4	5	3	8	8	14	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	15	15	18	14	17	8	27	27	28	14
Don't know	15	15	19	13	15	14	15	17	17	12

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	Religion										
Total	Yes - Presbyterian / Church of Scotland	Yes - Methodist	Yes - Baptist	Yes - United Reformed Church	Yes - Free Presbyterian	Yes - Brethren	Yes - Judaism	Yes - Hinduism	Yes - Islam	Yes - Sikhism	Yes - Buddhism
Weighted Sample 2287	36	26	7	5	4	2	10	14	34	2	4
Unweighted Sample 2287	44	25	11	5	3	2	11	9	32	2	5
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Tend to support	31	41	47	31	11	74	62	48	51	31	52	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	70	79	70	49	51	74	62	65	100	61	52	100
Tend to oppose	10	4	16	10	0	26	38	17	0	8	0	0
Strongly oppose	5	5	0	14	0	0	0	19	0	10	48	0
TOTAL OPPOSE	15	9	16	24	0	26	38	36	0	18	48	0
Don't know	15	12	14	27	48	0	0	0	0	21	0	0

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	Total	Yes – Orthodox Christian	Yes - Pentecostal	Yes - Evangelical – independent / non-denominational	Yes - Other
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Unweighted Sample	2287	20	22	20	52
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TOTAL SUPPORT	70	32	48	26	76
Tend to oppose	10	24	4	24	8
Strongly oppose	5	21	15	45	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	15	45	19	69	11
Don't know	15	22	33	5	12

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