

YouGov/ Ibarómetro - Falklands/Malvinas Survey Results

Sample Size: 1800 Argentine Adults, contacted by automated telephone interview 2nd April

Sample Size: 1744 GB Adults, contacted online 2nd-3rd April

	British Respondents	Argentinian Respondents
	%	%
What is your general opinion of Argentina/Britain?		
Very positive	1	7
Fairly positive	21	12
TOTAL POSITIVE	22	19
Fairly negative	37	35
Very negative	16	29
TOTAL NEGATIVE	53	65
Don't know	25	16
Generally speaking, how much do you know about Argentina/Britain, its history, and people?		
	%	%
A great deal	1	8
A fair amount	20	25
TOTAL KNOWLEDGE	21	33
Not very much	63	47
Nothing at all	12	13
TOTAL NO KNOWLEDGE	75	60
Don't know	3	7
How important an issue, if at all, do you think the Falkland Islands are to the UK?		
	%	%
Very important	25	29
Fairly important	37	28
TOTAL IMPORTANT	62	57
Not very important	22	20
Not at all important	5	13
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	27	33
Don't know	11	10
And how important an issue, if at all, do you think the Falkland Islands are to Argentina?		
	%	%
Very important	30	56
Fairly important	35	31
TOTAL IMPORTANT	65	86
Not very important	15	9
Not at all important	3	2
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	18	11
Don't know	16	3

How legitimate, if at all, would you say the UK's claims to the Falkland Islands are?

	%	%
Very legitimate	33	7
Fairly legitimate	29	5
TOTAL LEGITIMATE	62	12
Not very legitimate	14	29
Not at all legitimate	4	51
TOTAL NOT LEGITIMATE	18	80
Don't know	20	8

And how legitimate, if at all, would you say Argentina's claims to the Falkland Islands are?

	%	%
Very legitimate	4	66
Fairly legitimate	23	23
TOTAL LEGITIMATE	27	89
Not very legitimate	31	5
Not at all legitimate	19	1
TOTAL NOT LEGITIMATE	50	7
Don't know	23	4

Taking everything into account, how good or bad do you think the actions and measures taken by the current UK Government over the Falklands have been?

	%	%
Very good	12	5
Fairly good	30	6
TOTAL GOOD	42	12
Neither good nor bad	28	25
Fairly bad	8	36
Very bad	3	12
TOTAL BAD	11	49
Don't know	20	15

And how good or bad do you think the actions and measures taken by the current Argentinian Government over the Falklands have been?

	%	%
Very good	1	31
Fairly good	5	26
TOTAL GOOD	6	56
Neither good nor bad	19	24
Fairly bad	34	11
Very bad	17	4
TOTAL BAD	51	15
Don't know	24	5

Thinking about other influential nations and international organisations and their opinion on the Falklands, do you think they mostly support the UK's position, the Argentinian position or they are neutral?

	%	%
UK	18	13
Argentina	11	45
Neutral	38	27
Don't know	33	15

To what extent do you support or oppose the UK and Argentina opening discussions over the Falkland Islands sovereignty?

	%	%
Strongly support	9	70
Tend to support	28	14
TOTAL SUPPORT	37	83
Neither support nor oppose	23	9
Tend to oppose	14	2
Strongly oppose	11	1
TOTAL OPPOSE	25	3
Don't know	15	5

Thinking back to the Falklands War in 1982...

What is your opinion on the military action taken by the Argentinian dictatorship in 1982 in its attempt to regain the sovereignty of the Falklands?

	%	%
Very positive	7	9
Fairly positive	7	8
TOTAL POSITIVE	14	17
Neither good nor bad	8	19
Fairly negative	16	25
Very negative	45	31
TOTAL NEGATIVE	61	56
Don't know	17	8

Which of these statements comes closer to your view?

	%	%
The decision to take military action expressed the will of the majority of the Argentinians	7	11
The decision to take military action was taken by the military dictatorship to hide its political problems	59	77
Don't know	35	12

And thinking about the British government's decision to use military force to retake the Falklands in 1982, which of these comes closer to your view?

	%	%
The government should have exhausted all the diplomatic instances before using force	26	55
The government didn't have any other choice and took the right decision	52	21
Don't know	21	24

During the Falkland's conflict, the UK government took the decision to sink the ARA General Belgrano claiming that the vessel was a threat. Others however claim that the Belgrano was outside the exclusion zone and sailing away from the islands and it was wrong for Britain to sink it.

Do you think the UK government was right or wrong to sink the Belgrano?

	%	%
Right	36	6
Wrong	23	83
Don't know	41	11

Would you support or oppose the Argentine government using military action again to settle the Falklands situation?

	%	%
Support	4	26
Oppose	80	59
Don't know	16	15

And would you support or oppose the British government using military action again to retain the Falklands?

	%	
Support	42	n/a
Oppose	39	n/a
Don't know	18	n/a

Which of these options do you think would be the fairest solution to the Falklands situation?

	%	%
Britain retaining sovereignty over the Falklands	37	2
Falkland Islanders becoming an independent nation	28	6
Britain and Argentina sharing sovereignty over the islands	14	21
The Falklands becoming Argentinian sovereign territory	3	66
Don't know	17	5

And which of these do you think is the most likely outcome to the Falklands situation?

	%	%
Britain retaining sovereignty over the Falklands	55	31
Britain and Argentina sharing sovereignty over the islands	7	13
Falkland Islanders becoming an independent nation	7	5
The Falklands becoming Argentinian sovereign territory	5	33
Don't know	26	18

Both sides have accused each other of having a 'colonialist attitude', which, if either, of the two do you think has the most 'colonialist attitude' towards the Falklands?

	%	%
Argentina	22	14
The UK	20	60
Both equally	30	8
Neither	6	4
Don't know	22	13