

YouGov /Juniper TV Survey Results

Fieldwork: 17th - 21st January 2008

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	Nat Rep	Settled migrants	Recent migrants
	%	%	%

Imagine a close friend of yours was living in each of the following situations.

Under which, if any, of these circumstances would you think seriously about suggesting that they leave to live in another country? [Please tick all that apply.]

Victim of ethnic persecution	67	77	79
Victim of war	66	74	75
Victim of human rights violations	62	71	74
Wanting to be with a family member who is living elsewhere	55	60	65
Wanting to retire in another country	44	47	46
Having the skills to fill a shortage in another country	36	47	44
Victim of natural disaster (such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes etc.)	35	39	41
Wanting to find a better job	25	36	46
None of these	4	2	2
Don't know	4	3	2

And under which, if any, of these circumstances would you consider it acceptable for people from other countries to move to the UK? [Please tick all that apply.]

Victim of ethnic persecution	57	74	70
Victim of war	55	70	71
Victim of human rights violations	54	71	71
Having the skills to fill a shortage in another country	40	61	63
Victim of natural disaster (such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes etc.)	32	40	40
Wanting to be with a family member who is living elsewhere	30	49	61
Wanting to find a better job	18	37	52
Wanting to retire in another country	17	29	34
None of these	15	5	2
Don't know	4	3	3

Have you ever considered moving to another country?

Yes – to work	22	35	33
Yes – to retire	14	12	11
Yes – for other reasons	15	21	38
No I have not	49	33	17

Britain's population is around 60 million people. How many of these do you think were born abroad? If you are not sure what is your best guess?

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	%	%	%
Less than 1 million	2	3	2
Around 1 million	3	5	2
Around 2 million	6	8	6
Around 3 million	8	7	5
Around 4 million	7	6	5
Around 5 million	12	13	10
Around 6 million	8	9	7
Around 7 million	3	3	6
Around 8 million	5	4	4
Around 9 million	1	2	3
Around 10 million	18	14	19
Around 11 million	1	1	1
Around 12 million	3	3	3
Around 13 million	1	1	1
Around 14 million	1	1	1
Around 15 million	5	5	7
More than 15 million	13	11	16
Not sure	4	5	5

And how many people living in Britain do you think are non-white? Again if you are not sure what is your best guess?

Less than 1 million	1	1	1
Around 1 million	1	2	2
Around 2 million	3	4	2
Around 3 million	5	7	6
Around 4 million	5	7	5
Around 5 million	6	10	8
Around 6 million	7	8	6
Around 7 million	4	4	3
Around 8 million	4	6	4
Around 9 million	2	2	3
Around 10 million	15	11	15
Around 11 million	0	1	2
Around 12 million	6	3	5
Around 13 million	2	1	2
Around 14 million	2	1	2
Around 15 million	11	8	11
More than 15 million	23	18	20
Not sure	4	5	4

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

Immigration into Britain over the years has led to the development of a rich and varied culture	25	60	61
Immigration into Britain over the years has led to culture in Britain being damaged and diluted	58	21	20
Neither of these / not sure	17	19	19

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement...?

There is less community spirit in today's society than there was ten years ago

Strongly agree	48	32	~
Tend to agree	37	39	~
Tend to disagree	8	15	~
Strongly disagree	2	4	~
Don't know	5	10	~

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Which, if any, of the following issues do you tend to blame for this decline in community spirit? [Please tick all that apply.]

[Only those who believe there to be a decline]

Family breakdowns / an increase in single-parent families	62	67	~
Increase in immigration	57	33	~
Consumerism (i.e. an increased focus on wealth and material belongings)	49	62	~
Multicultural society (many different languages, ethnicities, religions etc.)	48	27	~
Multiculturalism (i.e. the protection / promotion of minority cultures)	44	26	~
Government policy relating to families	32	35	~
Social exclusion / child poverty	22	37	~
International affairs (e.g. the War on Terror)	20	36	~
None of these	2	3	~
Don't know	3	2	~

And which ONE would you blame the MOST?

[Only those who believe there to be a decline]

Increase in immigration	24	9	~
Consumerism (i.e. an increased focus on wealth and material belongings)	22	29	~
Family breakdowns / an increase in single-parent families	15	19	~
Multicultural society (many different languages ethnicities)	10	7	~
Multiculturalism (i.e. the protection / promotion of minority cultures)	10	7	~
Government policy relating to families	7	8	~
Social exclusion / child poverty	3	5	~
International affairs (e.g. the War on Terror)	3	6	~
None of these	2	5	~
Don't know	5	5	~

Do you consider there to be an "immigration crisis" in Britain today?

Yes definitely	44	18	16
Yes to some extent	39	40	40
No not really	13	29	29
No not at all	2	9	9
Don't know	2	4	6

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

The government should increase immigration levels in Britain	2	5	10
The government should keep immigration as it is	11	26	28
The government should reduce immigration but not stop it altogether	61	56	48
The government should stop immigration into Britain completely	23	7	3
Don't know	2	7	11

If you were in charge of immigration policy in Britain which ONE of the following changes would you make to the current system?

Reduce dramatically the number of asylum-seekers coming into the country, so that the majority of immigrants are migrant workers who would benefit the economy	29	27	~
Reduce dramatically the number of migrant workers coming into the country, so that the majority of immigrants are the ones who really need our help	19	13	~
Create a system of quotas – where a limited number of people are allowed to live in the UK – based on the idea that a certain number of people from each country, or a certain number of each type of immigrant, for example, is allowed to come to live here	18	21	~
Stop immigration completely	15	4	~
None of these – I would leave the system as it is	5	9	~
None of these – I would make a different change	10	18	~
Don't know	5	8	~

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Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?			
When it's all added up, immigrants in Britain probably pay MORE in taxes than they receive in benefits and public services	15	37	50
When it's all added up, immigrants in Britain probably pay LESS in taxes than they receive in benefits and public services	59	30	21
These figures are probably roughly the same	13	17	18
Not sure	13	15	11

And which of these statements comes closer to your view?

Public sector organisations (for example the NHS) would SUFFER if they were not able to employ migrant workers	41	63	68
Public sector organisations (for example the NHS) would IMPROVE if they were not able to employ migrant workers	21	8	9
It would make no difference	23	17	14
Not sure	14	11	10

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...?

Immigration contributes a lot to arts and culture in the UK

Strongly agree	6	22	32
Tend to agree	29	40	43
Tend to disagree	30	16	12
Strongly disagree	22	10	5
Don't know	14	11	8

A lot of immigrants are doing the jobs British people don't want to do

Strongly agree	20	38	50
Tend to agree	47	44	37
Tend to disagree	18	9	6
Strongly disagree	10	4	2
Don't know	6	5	4

Most asylum-seekers don't contribute anything to the economy and are a drain on resources

Strongly agree	24	13	~
Tend to agree	35	27	~
Tend to disagree	21	27	~
Strongly disagree	10	21	~
Don't know	10	13	~

Special treatment of immigrants means that ordinary British people are losing out

Strongly agree	34	14	~
Tend to agree	35	24	~
Tend to disagree	15	29	~
Strongly disagree	10	24	~
Don't know	7	8	~

Most migrant workers don't contribute anything to the economy and are a drain on resources

Strongly agree	14	5	~
Tend to agree	24	11	~
Tend to disagree	36	35	~
Strongly disagree	15	40	~
Don't know	11	9	~

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The number of languages / cultures / religions in Britain makes this an exciting place to live			
Strongly agree	5	20	29
Tend to agree	23	43	40
Tend to disagree	34	18	16
Strongly disagree	28	10	8
Don't know	10	8	7
Multiculturalism (i.e. the protection / promotion of minority cultures) is an important part of British society as it affords protection against the dangers of majority rule			
Strongly agree	4	15	20
Tend to agree	22	35	39
Tend to disagree	33	21	18
Strongly disagree	23	13	8
Don't know	17	15	14
Immigration is making Britain a more dangerous place in which to live			
Strongly agree	28	10	10
Tend to agree	32	19	23
Tend to disagree	19	33	33
Strongly disagree	11	29	24
Don't know	9	9	10
Many immigrants are filling necessary skills gaps we have in the British economy			
Strongly agree	10	24	38
Tend to agree	39	47	42
Tend to disagree	29	14	10
Strongly disagree	14	6	3
Don't know	9	9	7
Migrant workers are undercutting British workers in terms of pay and taking our jobs as a result			
Strongly agree	27	11	10
Tend to agree	39	28	19
Tend to disagree	18	31	34
Strongly disagree	8	21	26
Don't know	7	9	11
There are some dangerous 'no-go' areas near where I live as a result of immigration			
Strongly agree	18	8	~
Tend to agree	21	14	~
Tend to disagree	24	27	~
Strongly disagree	26	39	~
Don't know	11	12	~
Britain has a long history based on immigration – I don't see why people are so concerned today			
Strongly agree	7	24	27
Tend to agree	22	33	36
Tend to disagree	33	21	21
Strongly disagree	29	13	9
Don't know	9	8	7

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I'd be financially better off if immigration were restricted			
Strongly agree	13	5	~
Tend to agree	18	12	~
Tend to disagree	27	29	~
Strongly disagree	17	34	~
Don't know	24	20	~
The British population is in decline – the future of the British economy is reliant on immigration			
Strongly agree	8	9	13
Tend to agree	20	27	35
Tend to disagree	33	30	28
Strongly disagree	22	14	9
Don't know	17	20	14
Multiculturalism (i.e. the protection / promotion of minority cultures) isn't working - it is causing more separation than unity			
Strongly agree	31	15	14
Tend to agree	38	30	27
Tend to disagree	15	28	31
Strongly disagree	7	16	15
Don't know	10	12	14
Britain is benefiting from what comes with immigration – food film and music from all over the world			
Strongly agree	8	28	38
Tend to agree	31	42	43
Tend to disagree	33	15	8
Strongly disagree	20	7	5
Don't know	9	8	6
There are too many different languages / cultures / religions in Britain today			
Strongly agree	25	10	14
Tend to agree	29	19	21
Tend to disagree	24	29	31
Strongly disagree	14	35	29
Don't know	7	7	6
Immigration levels are making me feel like an alien in my home town			
Strongly agree	24	8	~
Tend to agree	23	12	~
Tend to disagree	25	31	~
Strongly disagree	23	41	~
Don't know	5	7	~

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How often, if at all, do you experience each of the following these days...?			
Problems understanding public sector workers (e.g. doctors nurses police officers) as a result of language barriers			
Very often	17	7	~
Fairly often	25	13	~
Not very often	28	28	~
Not at all often	15	23	~
I never experience this these days	9	24	~
Don't know	5	7	~
Problems getting an appointment at the doctor as a result of immigration levels in your area			
Very often	7	4	~
Fairly often	11	7	~
Not very often	15	11	~
Not at all often	21	18	~
I never experience this these days	32	43	~
Don't know	14	16	~
Problems finding work because of lower-paid migrant workers in your area			
Very often	9	4	~
Fairly often	12	5	~
Not very often	9	9	~
Not at all often	13	16	~
I never experience this these days	38	50	~
Don't know	18	15	~
Problems getting your child(ren) into the school of your choice as a result of immigration levels in your area			
Very often	4	3	~
Fairly often	6	5	~
Not very often	7	6	~
Not at all often	10	10	~
I never experience this these days	39	42	~
Don't know	33	35	~
A high level of service from public sector workers (e.g. doctors nurses police officers)			
Very often	8	10	~
Fairly often	32	36	~
Not very often	23	21	~
Not at all often	18	11	~
I never experience this these days	8	9	~
Don't know	12	12	~
Enjoying music or art that has been influenced by a culture that is not British			
Very often	7	23	~
Fairly often	19	31	~
Not very often	22	19	~
Not at all often	22	12	~
I never experience this these days	18	8	~
Don't know	12	8	~

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Enjoying food from another culture food that has been cooked by someone born overseas			
Very often	11	31	~
Fairly often	32	37	~
Not very often	25	15	~
Not at all often	14	7	~
I never experience this these days	12	4	~
Don't know	6	6	~

Staff shortages in the public sector (e.g. in hospitals or care homes) which have negatively affected the level of care you received

Very often	6	5	~
Fairly often	16	15	~
Not very often	18	18	~
Not at all often	17	16	~
I never experience this these days	23	26	~
Don't know	21	21	~

Which, if any, of the following groups of people do you think suffer the greatest discrimination in British society today? [Please tick up to 5.]

Muslim	44	60	46
Pakistani	38	49	39
Older people	35	27	19
White British	27	10	7
Indian	23	28	22
Arab	23	33	34
Eastern European (Polish etc.)	21	27	30
Homosexual	20	24	12
African	14	27	23
Christian	11	6	5
Young people	10	11	5
Caribbean	8	19	11
Women	8	11	9
Welsh	7	3	5
Jewish	6	6	4
Scottish	5	2	4
Irish	4	1	3
None of these	2	2	6
Don't know	10	7	11

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And which ONE if any of the following groups of people do you think suffers the greatest discrimination in British society today?

Muslim	22	37	28
White British	21	6	4
Older people	13	9	6
Pakistani	8	7	8
Homosexual	4	4	2
Young people	3	2	2
Eastern European (Polish etc.)	3	5	8
Arab	2	2	6
Christian	2	2	2
African	2	4	6
Women	2	3	1
Caribbean	1	3	1
Indian	1	2	1
Scottish	1	0	0
Jewish	1	0	0
Welsh	0	0	1
Irish	0	0	0
None of these	2	2	6
Don't know	13	12	17

Now think about where you live and imagine yourself in each of the following situations...

What kinds of people do you think you come into contact with MOST in these situations?

At work

British-born people	41	49	51
A mixture of people	24	31	31
Other people born overseas recently arrived in the UK	5	4	~
Other people born overseas, but who are very settled in the UK and may now be British citizens	5	5	~
This situation is not applicable to me	25	11	8

At the shops

A mixture of people	48	52	49
British-born people	27	27	34
Other people born overseas recently arrived in the UK	12	9	~
Other people born overseas, but who are very settled in the UK and may now be British citizens	11	11	~
This situation is not applicable to me	2	1	1

In your local area (e.g. where you live)

British-born people	45	39	45
A mixture of people	34	40	33
Other people born overseas recently arrived in the UK	10	8	~
Other people born overseas, but who are very settled in the UK and may now be British citizens	9	11	~
This situation is not applicable to me	2	1	1

In your social life (e.g. evenings and weekends)

British-born people	53	44	34
A mixture of people	28	39	39
Other people born overseas, but who are very settled in the UK and may now be British citizens	5	10	~
Other people born overseas recently arrived in the UK	3	3	~
This situation is not applicable to me	11	4	5

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At the doctors' surgery			
A mixture of people	38	45	35
British-born people	33	30	38
Other people born overseas recently arrived in the UK	12	8	~
Other people born overseas, but who are very settled in the UK and may now be British citizens	11	10	~
This situation is not applicable to me	7	7	10
In the playground of the school your child / children attend(s)			
British-born people	16	16	16
A mixture of people	14	21	16
Other people born overseas recently arrived in the UK	6	4	~
Other people born overseas, but who are very settled in the UK and may now be British citizens	5	5	~
This situation is not applicable to me	59	55	62
And how often if at all do you interact specifically with someone from a different ethnic background to your own?			
Several times a day	25	57	52
About once a day	10	9	12
Several times a week	17	13	13
Several times a month	14	9	10
Very rarely	27	9	7
Never	3	1	1
Not sure	4	2	5