

# YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1702 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 4th - 5th September 2011

**Weighted Sample**  
Unweighted Sample

Total	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
<b>1702</b>				526	449	383	827	875	206	434	582	480	970	732	218	553	364	419	148	
1702	491	539	110	527	439	382	862	840	151	421	657	473	1089	613	261	548	335	409	149	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you think abortion should be...	25-26th October 2010		4-5th Sept 2011																		
	Weighted	Unweighted	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Legal in all cases	28	33	28	36	42	29	37	37	34	33	33	40	35	26	33	33	33	31	35	35	33
Legal in most cases	51	43	52	38	40	49	37	44	41	44	36	36	45	49	45	39	41	46	44	38	43
Illegal in most cases	13	11	10	15	7	11	14	9	12	10	12	10	9	14	11	11	8	10	10	14	12
Illegal in all cases	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	1	2	3	2	2	4	1	2	2	1
Not sure	8	11	8	10	8	9	11	8	11	11	16	12	10	9	9	14	14	11	9	11	11

Currently abortions are only legal up until the 24th week of pregnancy, except for cases of severe disability.

Do you personally believe that the period during which a legal abortion can be performed should remain at 24 weeks, or should it be changed?

Time limit should be increased to more than 24 weeks	19-24th August 2005		4-5th Sept 2011																		
	Weighted	Unweighted	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Should remain at 24 weeks	38	33	33	42	48	36	40	42	41	35	34	37	42	36	39	37	35	40	38	37	38
Should be reduced to 22 weeks	7	8	8	6	5	9	6	7	6	8	6	5	8	8	7	7	8	7	8	6	6
Should be reduced to 20 weeks	14	19	19	12	13	17	11	13	10	18	14	14	14	14	16	11	14	14	14	14	14
Should be reduced to less than 20 weeks	16	17	17	16	11	17	17	15	12	20	14	18	14	17	15	17	13	15	18	16	18
Abortions should not normally be legal at all	6	7	7	7	6	7	5	7	6	7	7	5	5	9	6	7	8	5	4	9	3
Don't know	15	13	13	13	9	12	17	10	19	11	18	17	13	14	13	18	17	14	16	14	14

Apart from the question of what the exact legal limit should be, do you think it is too difficult or too easy for women to obtain abortions in Britain, or are the present arrangements broadly satisfactory?

Present arrangements are broadly satisfactory	19-24th August 2005		4-5th Sept 2011																		
	Weighted	Unweighted	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Too difficult	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	4	2	3	3	4	2	4	2	5	2	3	3	3
Too easy	30	26	29	25	21	29	25	24	24	28	20	23	27	30	25	28	20	24	27	29	28
Abortions should not be legal at all	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	2
Don't know	14	22	19	18	14	19	21	20	24	20	36	23	17	21	19	26	23	22	20	21	26

Fieldwork: 4th - 5th September 2011

**Weighted Sample**  
Unweighted Sample

Total	Voting intention			2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
<b>1702</b>				<b>526</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>148</b>	
	491	539	110	527	439	382	862	840	151	421	657	473	1089	613	261	548	335	409	149	
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

16-17th  
March  
2005

4-5th Sept  
2011

Which of these statements comes closer to your own view?

Abortion and similar moral issues are an appropriate subject for debate between political parties

Abortion and similar issues should remain a matter for the individual consciences of Members of Parliament and their constituents

Don't know

28	<b>30</b>	30	32	22	31	28	30	32	28	40	30	26	30	30	29	28	28	32	30	31
57	<b>51</b>	55	51	69	53	51	58	51	51	37	47	56	54	54	47	49	56	49	47	49
15	<b>19</b>	15	17	9	15	20	11	16	22	23	23	18	16	15	24	23	15	19	22	19

Currently many NHS abortions are carried out by BPAS and Marie Stopes International. When women seek an abortion, the abortion provider has a duty to provide counselling to women seeking an abortion.

Some MPs have proposed a change to the law that would give the NHS a duty to offer independent counselling to women seeking abortions, and would prevent organisations that carry out abortions, like BPAS and Marie Stopes, from providing this counselling.

Some people say that because BPAS and Marie Stopes International carry out abortions they have a vested financial interest in encouraging people to go through with abortions, and that counselling should instead come from an independent source. They claim that with independent counselling there would be up to 60000 less abortions a year.

Other people say that BPAS and Marie Stopes are charities who do not make any profit anyway, that their counsellors are trained professionals and that 20-25% of women do not go through with the abortion after counselling. They claim alternative counselling would be from anti-abortion groups, and having to go elsewhere for counselling would lead to women having later abortions.

Would you support or oppose this change in the law?

Support	<b>24</b>	24	25	24	25	26	21	26	21	20	24	22	26	23	25	23	20	27	25	25
Oppose	<b>40</b>	41	42	50	41	37	50	39	42	33	42	42	41	44	35	43	46	36	34	45
Don't know	<b>36</b>	35	33	26	34	37	29	35	37	46	34	36	34	33	40	34	34	38	41	30