

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1966 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 26th - 27th February 2013

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Some Western governments have recently been linked with the policy of assassination or "targeted killing" of individuals deemed a threat to security. To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose your country's government taking part or assisting in each of the following?

Assassinating scientists working on Iran's nuclear programme

Strongly support	10	10	11	3	13	5	7	13	7	6	13	10	8	7	13	8	10	9	11	10
Tend to support	16	22	15	16	23	16	8	20	13	18	16	15	17	16	17	20	15	17	17	11
TOTAL SUPPORT	26	32	26	19	36	21	15	33	20	24	29	25	25	23	30	28	25	26	28	21
Tend to oppose	25	31	27	21	27	27	24	26	25	34	21	26	24	28	21	24	25	23	27	32
Strongly oppose	31	25	33	46	22	33	49	29	32	25	28	31	35	32	28	31	32	32	27	31
TOTAL OPPOSE	56	56	60	67	49	60	73	55	57	59	49	57	59	60	49	55	57	55	54	63
Don't know	18	13	14	13	15	19	12	13	24	17	22	19	15	16	22	17	19	20	18	17

Assassinating known terrorists overseas

Strongly support	26	33	23	11	35	21	16	34	18	31	26	24	25	22	30	23	25	30	27	18
Tend to support	28	28	32	26	30	30	25	33	23	19	27	30	30	29	26	29	28	24	30	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	54	61	55	37	65	51	41	67	41	50	53	54	55	51	56	52	53	54	57	45
Tend to oppose	16	18	15	28	14	15	24	14	18	21	17	14	16	19	12	17	16	16	13	23
Strongly oppose	15	11	18	25	10	19	24	11	20	13	13	16	18	17	14	14	18	14	13	19
TOTAL OPPOSE	31	29	33	53	24	34	48	25	38	34	30	30	34	36	26	31	34	30	26	42
Don't know	15	9	13	10	11	16	11	9	20	16	18	16	11	13	17	18	13	15	16	14

Assassinating known terrorists in the UK

Strongly support	27	34	25	15	36	20	16	34	20	27	27	26	28	23	32	21	26	34	29	19
Tend to support	25	29	27	25	26	29	23	29	22	22	23	29	24	25	25	26	24	22	27	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	52	63	52	40	62	49	39	63	42	49	50	55	52	48	57	47	50	56	56	49
Tend to oppose	17	16	17	22	17	15	24	14	19	17	19	14	19	21	12	21	18	14	16	19
Strongly oppose	17	11	21	29	11	22	26	13	20	17	14	17	19	19	14	16	20	15	13	19
TOTAL OPPOSE	34	27	38	51	28	37	50	27	39	34	33	31	38	40	26	37	38	29	29	38
Don't know	14	10	11	9	11	13	11	9	19	17	17	14	10	12	16	16	12	15	15	12

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Assassinating Bashar al-Assad, the current President of Syria

Strongly support	11	13	11	5	14	7	10	13	8	7	14	10	10	8	15	9	10	12	12	9
Tend to support	16	20	20	15	18	19	11	18	14	11	15	14	20	16	16	18	16	15	16	10
TOTAL SUPPORT	27	33	31	20	32	26	21	31	22	18	29	24	30	24	31	27	26	27	28	19
Tend to oppose	27	32	26	32	29	25	29	29	25	32	25	27	27	33	20	32	26	26	25	33
Strongly oppose	22	19	24	34	17	23	33	21	23	21	19	23	24	24	19	22	24	20	20	22
TOTAL OPPOSE	49	51	50	66	46	48	62	50	48	53	44	50	51	57	39	54	50	46	45	55
Don't know	25	17	20	15	22	25	17	19	30	29	27	26	20	20	31	18	25	27	26	27

Assassinating pirates or hostage-takers who kidnap people for ransom

Strongly support	30	36	27	16	40	25	19	39	21	22	28	29	35	26	35	30	26	36	30	25
Tend to support	27	28	28	34	29	27	30	28	26	15	28	29	29	28	25	26	28	25	28	24
TOTAL SUPPORT	57	64	55	50	69	52	49	67	47	37	56	58	64	54	60	56	54	61	58	49
Tend to oppose	15	13	18	18	11	18	18	12	17	20	14	16	11	17	11	19	16	14	11	13
Strongly oppose	14	11	15	23	8	16	24	11	16	19	12	12	15	16	11	10	16	12	12	22
TOTAL OPPOSE	29	24	33	41	19	34	42	23	33	39	26	28	26	33	22	29	32	26	23	35
Don't know	15	12	12	9	12	14	10	10	20	25	18	14	10	13	18	15	14	14	18	16

It was recently reported that the UK Government might be passing information to US authorities to help them carry out missile strikes from unmanned aircraft called "drones" to kill known terrorists overseas in countries like Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia.

Thinking about the overall effect of drone missile strikes on Western security, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

On balance, drone missile strikes have made the West <u>more</u> safe overall by making it easier to target known terrorists	32	46	29	32	45	28	29	43	21	24	30	30	39	31	33	38	33	33	32	18
On balance, drone missile strikes have made the West <u>less</u> safe overall by turning public opinion against us in countries where they are used	31	26	36	41	25	34	40	30	32	33	30	32	31	31	32	28	31	27	31	45
Neither of these	13	12	14	8	12	15	9	10	15	9	14	13	14	14	11	14	12	13	13	11
Don't know	24	15	20	18	18	23	22	16	31	34	26	25	17	24	24	20	24	27	23	25

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Thinking about drone missile strikes, to what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Drones help to reduce casualties by removing the need to send in people on the ground

Strongly agree	19	27	19	17	25	14	17	27	12	17	21	19	20	16	23	19	22	18	19	16
Tend to agree	38	41	38	43	44	37	38	41	35	29	31	40	45	39	36	41	38	42	35	28
TOTAL AGREE	57	68	57	60	69	51	55	68	47	46	52	59	65	55	59	60	60	60	54	44
Neither agree nor disagree	14	15	15	12	14	16	15	12	17	18	11	16	14	16	12	16	12	13	14	26
Tend to disagree	7	5	9	11	3	8	10	6	8	7	7	6	8	8	5	6	7	6	8	8
Strongly disagree	4	3	5	4	2	6	6	5	4	3	6	4	3	5	4	2	4	4	4	9
TOTAL DISAGREE	11	8	14	15	5	14	16	11	12	10	13	10	11	13	9	8	11	10	12	17
Don't know	17	10	14	12	11	18	14	10	24	27	23	15	10	16	19	16	17	18	19	13

Drones help to reduce casualties because of their accuracy compared with other weapons used over long distances

Strongly agree	14	20	13	5	20	10	9	20	7	5	12	14	19	11	17	16	15	13	12	9
Tend to agree	33	37	36	31	39	32	32	36	30	23	26	33	42	34	31	35	33	33	35	22
TOTAL AGREE	47	57	49	36	59	42	41	56	37	28	38	47	61	45	48	51	48	46	47	31
Neither agree nor disagree	19	19	18	28	19	20	23	18	21	26	18	22	14	20	18	17	19	18	17	33
Tend to disagree	8	5	10	15	4	10	11	8	8	10	7	8	8	9	6	9	7	8	7	10
Strongly disagree	5	3	6	3	2	7	7	5	4	3	7	4	4	5	5	2	5	4	4	11
TOTAL DISAGREE	13	8	16	18	6	17	18	13	12	13	14	12	12	14	11	11	12	12	11	21
Don't know	22	15	17	17	16	21	18	13	30	33	29	19	12	20	23	21	21	23	24	16

Drones are a useful tool for gathering intelligence

Strongly agree	29	36	28	32	36	22	28	41	17	19	27	30	34	27	32	26	32	29	29	20
Tend to agree	32	34	34	33	36	34	33	31	34	26	25	37	36	33	31	32	34	32	33	27
TOTAL AGREE	61	70	62	65	72	56	61	72	51	45	52	67	70	60	63	58	66	61	62	47
Neither agree nor disagree	13	13	16	11	11	15	16	13	14	18	14	13	12	15	11	17	11	12	11	28
Tend to disagree	4	4	3	9	3	5	4	3	5	9	6	1	3	5	3	6	3	4	5	5
Strongly disagree	2	1	3	0	1	3	2	2	2	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	5
TOTAL DISAGREE	6	5	6	9	4	8	6	5	7	10	10	3	4	7	5	8	4	7	7	10
Don't know	19	13	16	13	13	20	17	11	27	27	24	17	13	18	21	17	19	20	21	16

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Drones give Western politicians too much personal power to pick and choose who is killed

Strongly agree	11	8	14	15	7	13	17	12	11	15	11	10	12	10	13	11	12	8	10	18
Tend to agree	28	29	29	37	30	28	30	28	28	25	25	28	31	29	27	32	26	29	29	25
TOTAL AGREE	39	37	43	52	37	41	47	40	39	40	36	38	43	39	40	43	38	37	39	43
Neither agree nor disagree	28	30	30	22	29	30	26	29	27	24	24	30	30	29	26	23	26	32	27	34
Tend to disagree	11	17	11	11	16	9	10	16	7	10	11	12	12	12	11	14	14	7	12	7
Strongly disagree	4	6	3	1	5	3	3	5	2	2	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2
TOTAL DISAGREE	15	23	14	12	21	12	13	21	9	12	16	16	16	16	15	18	18	11	15	9
Don't know	18	10	13	13	13	17	15	11	25	25	24	17	11	17	20	17	18	20	19	15

Drones make it too easy for Western governments to conduct military strikes in foreign countries

Strongly agree	16	11	18	23	11	16	21	20	12	17	17	13	17	14	17	14	16	17	14	22
Tend to agree	31	35	33	35	34	33	32	30	32	31	23	35	34	32	30	33	31	32	31	27
TOTAL AGREE	47	46	51	58	45	49	53	50	44	48	40	48	51	46	47	47	47	49	45	49
Neither agree nor disagree	23	26	26	21	25	27	22	22	25	17	21	24	28	23	24	24	22	20	24	33
Tend to disagree	10	14	10	11	12	7	10	13	7	10	12	10	9	12	8	11	11	9	12	5
Strongly disagree	3	6	2	1	5	2	3	4	2	0	5	3	3	4	2	5	3	4	2	2
TOTAL DISAGREE	13	20	12	12	17	9	13	17	9	10	17	13	12	16	10	16	14	13	14	7
Don't know	17	9	12	9	12	15	12	10	23	25	22	15	9	15	18	14	18	18	17	11

Drones are more likely to cause civilian casualties than other weapons used over long distances

Strongly agree	8	5	11	13	6	10	9	8	8	7	9	7	9	8	9	8	8	8	8	12
Tend to agree	16	16	18	19	15	17	19	13	20	16	17	15	18	16	16	15	15	19	16	20
TOTAL AGREE	24	21	29	32	21	27	28	21	28	23	26	22	27	24	25	23	23	27	24	32
Neither agree nor disagree	26	24	30	22	24	29	29	25	27	31	22	28	25	26	26	26	25	23	26	36
Tend to disagree	18	25	16	19	22	17	15	25	11	9	14	19	23	19	17	17	20	15	20	10
Strongly disagree	7	12	6	4	11	6	5	12	3	2	8	8	8	7	7	9	8	6	6	7
TOTAL DISAGREE	25	37	22	23	33	23	20	37	14	11	22	27	31	26	24	26	28	21	26	17
Don't know	24	18	20	22	21	22	22	17	32	36	30	23	17	24	25	25	23	28	26	15