

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2047

Fieldwork: 25th November - 5th December 2011

Please note: A number of questions have been rebased to remove those who answered "don't know" or "not applicable". These were only removed when appropriate to the question.

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means 'very high opinion' and 1 means 'very low opinion', what is your overall opinion of the following groups of people?

People from ethnic minorities	Total	
	Unweighted Base	1958
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1961
	1 Very low opinion	5%
	2	12%
	3	45%
Asylum seekers / refugees	Total	
	Unweighted Base	1975
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1982
	1 Very low opinion	29%
	2	26%
	3	32%
People from Christian religious groups	Total	
	Unweighted Base	1964
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1962
	1 Very low opinion	6%
	2	16%
	3	44%
People from non-Christian religious groups	Total	
	Unweighted Base	1884
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1881
	1 Very low opinion	7%
	2	13%
	3	50%
Women	Total	
	Unweighted Base	2016
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	2019
	1 Very low opinion	*
	2	1%
	3	21%
People with disabilities	Total	
	Unweighted Base	1976
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1983
	1 Very low opinion	*
	2	2%
	3	28%
	4	39%
	5 Very high opinion	31%

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Lesbian, gay and bisexual people		Total
	Unweighted Base	1975
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1980
	1 Very low opinion	8%
	2	9%
	3	41%
	4	29%
	5 Very high opinion	13%

Older people		Total
	Unweighted Base	2023
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	2025
	1 Very low opinion	1%
	2	2%
	3	24%
	4	40%
	5 Very high opinion	33%

Young people		Total
	Unweighted Base	2022
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	2022
	1 Very low opinion	2%
	2	11%
	3	43%
	4	35%
	5 Very high opinion	9%

Generally speaking, which, if any, of the following do you think should be responsible for reducing the level of prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people? Please tick all that apply.		Total
	Unweighted Base	2074
	Base: All respondents	2074
	Government	39%
	Local councils	24%
	Schools and colleges	46%
	Universities	25%
	Employers	37%
	Religious groups	32%
	The media	47%
	Parents	48%
	Police	30%
	Others	12%
None of the above	8%	
Not applicable – I don't think there is prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people	21%	

Do you agree or disagree that there is public prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain today?		Total
	Unweighted Base	1848
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1840
	Strongly agree	8%
	Agree	52%
	Disagree	30%
	Strongly disagree	10%
	NET Agree	60%
	NET Disagree	40%

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What do you think is responsible for public prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain today?	Total
Unweighted Base	1119
Base: All who agree that there is prejudice against LGB people	1098
Not enough legal protection	14%
Not enough acceptance (e.g. in the workplace and school)	63%
Not enough support from institutions (e.g. Government and local councils)	26%
Religious attitudes	61%
Tabloid newspapers	45%
Broadsheet newspapers	15%
TV	19%
Government	12%
Parental attitudes	59%
Local authorities	6%
Other	6%
None of the above	5%

Some people say the BBC as a public service broadcaster has an obligation to portray lesbian, gay and bisexual people so that wider society can better understand them. Do you agree or disagree with this view?

	Age			
	Total	18-29	30-50	51+
Unweighted Base	1698	274	521	903
Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1683	297	586	800
Strongly agree	10%	19%	12%	6%
Agree	46%	56%	49%	40%
Disagree	29%	19%	31%	32%
Strongly disagree	14%	6%	8%	22%
NET Agree	56%	75%	61%	45%
NET Disagree	44%	25%	39%	55%

Which, if any, of the following political parties do you consider to be 'gay friendly'? Please tick all that apply.

	Age			Gender		
	Total	18-29	30-50	51+	Male	Female
Unweighted Base	2074	331	650	1093	950	1124
Base: All respondents	2074	358	739	977	994	1080
Conservative	22%	15%	19%	27%	24%	20%
Labour	37%	29%	38%	39%	42%	33%
Liberal Democrat	40%	35%	36%	44%	46%	35%
Scottish National Party	10%	10%	8%	11%	12%	9%
Plaid Cymru	9%	8%	8%	10%	11%	7%
Green	28%	28%	28%	27%	33%	23%
United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)	7%	6%	6%	9%	9%	6%
British National Party (BNP)	3%	4%	1%	3%	4%	2%
Respect	16%	16%	16%	15%	17%	15%
None of the above	39%	42%	40%	36%	33%	44%

Representation of lesbian, gay and bisexual people in parliament is much lower than in the wider population. Do you think an increase of gay MPs will lead to a reduction in the level of prejudice against gay people in the future?

	Total
Unweighted Base	1465
Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1458
Yes	24%
No	59%
Not applicable – there is no prejudice against gay people	17%

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Anti-gay bullying in schools is shown to be widespread and schools have been urged to do more to combat it. Was there bullying at your school of children who were – or who were thought to be – lesbian, gay or bisexual?

Total	
Unweighted Base	1506
Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1520
Yes	34%
No	66%

Were you ever the target of anti-gay bullying in school?

	Age			
	Total	18-29	30-50	51+
Unweighted Base	2000	314	616	1070
Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1994	338	697	959
Yes	5%	14%	7%	1%
No	95%	86%	93%	99%

Do you think anti-gay bullying in schools should be tackled?

	Religion?		
	Total	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	1869	774	1017
Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1872	782	1007
Yes – it should be tackled	93%	92%	94%
No – it should not be tackled	7%	8%	6%

Which, if any, of the following do you think should be responsible for tackling anti-gay bullying in schools? Please tick all that apply.

Total	
Unweighted Base	1727
Base: All who think anti-gay bullying in schools should be tackled	1734
Teachers	85%
Headteachers	86%
Government	35%
Local authorities	43%
Parents	77%
Other pupils	61%
School governors	62%
None of the above	1%

Have you ever witnessed verbal bullying at your workplace of people who were – or who were thought to be - lesbian, gay or bisexual?

Total	
Unweighted Base	1854
Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)	1856
Yes – within the last 5 years	6%
Yes – longer than 5 years ago	9%
NET Yes	15%
No	85%

Have you ever witnessed physical bullying at your workplace of people who were – or who were thought to be - lesbian, gay or bisexual?

Total	
Unweighted Base	1876
Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)	1877
Yes – within the last 5 years	2%
Yes – longer than 5 years ago	2%
NET Yes	4%
No	96%

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To what extent do you support or oppose the following:

It is now illegal to discriminate against (e.g. sack or harass) people at work on the grounds of their sexual orientation

		Religion?	
		Total	No
Unweighted Base		1959	1069
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)		1958	1060
Strongly support	40%	31%	46%
Support	52%	60%	47%
Oppose	5%	5%	4%
Strongly oppose	3%	4%	2%
NET Support	92%	92%	94%
NET Oppose	8%	8%	6%

It is now legal for same-sex couples to form a legal relationship called a civil partnership which is similar in legal rights to civil marriage

		Religion?	
		Total	No
Unweighted Base		1897	1050
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)		1885	1032
Strongly support	28%	19%	35%
Support	53%	54%	53%
Oppose	9%	13%	7%
Strongly oppose	10%	15%	6%
NET Support	81%	73%	88%
NET Oppose	19%	27%	12%

The Government intends to extend the legal form and name of civil marriage to same-sex couples

		Age			Religion?	
		18-29	30-50	51+	Yes	No
Unweighted Base		1793	560	941	726	984
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)		1784	635	836	730	968
Strongly support	24%	42%	29%	14%	13%	34%
Support	47%	41%	53%	45%	45%	48%
Oppose	15%	10%	11%	21%	21%	11%
Strongly oppose	13%	6%	8%	20%	21%	7%
NET Support	71%	84%	82%	59%	58%	82%
NET Oppose	29%	16%	18%	41%	42%	18%

The permitting of religious institutions to conduct same-sex marriages if they wish to do so

		Total
Unweighted Base		1839
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)		1835
Strongly support	23%	
Support	47%	
Oppose	15%	
Strongly oppose	14%	
NET Support	71%	
NET Oppose	29%	

It is now legal for same-sex couples to adopt a child

		Total
Unweighted Base		1789
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)		1789
Strongly support	19%	
Support	39%	
Oppose	23%	
Strongly oppose	20%	
NET Support	58%	
NET Oppose	42%	

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It is now illegal to discriminate against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in the provision of healthcare and social services'

	Religion?		
	Total	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	1905	776	1043
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1899	784	1028
Strongly support	35%	26%	43%
Support	55%	62%	50%
Oppose	6%	7%	4%
Strongly oppose	4%	5%	2%
NET Support	90%	88%	93%
NET Oppose	10%	12%	7%

It is now illegal to incite hatred on the basis of race or religion. Do you support legislation that now also makes it illegal to incite hatred on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation?

	Religion?		
	Total	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	1599	662	864
Base: All respondents in England and Wales	1684	703	903
Yes – it should be illegal	91%	92%	92%
No – it should not be illegal	9%	8%	8%

On a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means 'very comfortable' and 1 means 'very uncomfortable', how comfortable or uncomfortable would you personally feel if each of the following were lesbian, gay or bisexual?

Your GP

	Total
Unweighted Base	1973
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1966
1 Very uncomfortable	7%
2	6%
3	19%
4	23%
5 Very comfortable	46%

Your child's teacher

	Total
Unweighted Base	1955
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1948
1 Very uncomfortable	9%
2	8%
3	20%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	41%

Your boss

	Total
Unweighted Base	1968
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1960
1 Very uncomfortable	5%
2	4%
3	19%
4	25%
5 Very comfortable	48%

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A work colleague

	Total
Unweighted Base	2004
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1994
1 Very uncomfortable	3%
2	4%
3	18%
4	25%
5 Very comfortable	51%

Your MP

	Total
Unweighted Base	1973
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1964
1 Very uncomfortable	6%
2	5%
3	21%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	46%

Your local religious representative e.g. vicar, rabbi, imam etc'

	Religion?		
	Total	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	1867	805	977
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1860	812	960
1 Very uncomfortable	13%	20%	9%
2	8%	9%	6%
3	19%	20%	17%
4	21%	22%	20%
5 Very comfortable	39%	29%	48%

Your son

	Total
Unweighted Base	1912
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1905
1 Very uncomfortable	11%
2	9%
3	18%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	41%

Your daughter

	Total
Unweighted Base	1910
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1903
1 Very uncomfortable	10%
2	9%
3	18%
4	22%
5 Very comfortable	41%

Your brother/ sister

	Total
Unweighted Base	1968
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1962
1 Very uncomfortable	7%
2	7%
3	16%
4	23%
5 Very comfortable	47%

Another member of your family

	Total
Unweighted Base	1976
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1967
1 Very uncomfortable	6%
2	6%
3	17%
4	24%
5 Very comfortable	46%

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		Religion?		
		Total	Yes	No
A close friend				
	Unweighted Base	2002	828	1082
	Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1995	835	1065
1	Very uncomfortable	4%	6%	3%
2		5%	5%	3%
3		17%	20%	14%
4		23%	25%	21%
5	Very comfortable	51%	43%	59%

		Total
A footballer in the team you support		
	Unweighted Base	1884
	Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1884
1	Very uncomfortable	3%
2		3%
3		18%
4		22%
5	Very comfortable	53%

		Total
The first child – and heir to the throne - of Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge		
	Unweighted Base	1875
	Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1875
1	Very uncomfortable	10%
2		7%
3		18%
4		21%
5	Very comfortable	44%

		Total
You said you would feel uncomfortable if your boss was lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would this lead you to change your job?		
	Unweighted Base	186
	Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their boss was lgb	176
Yes		29%
No		45%
Don't know		26%

		Total
You said you would feel uncomfortable if a footballer in the team you support was lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would this lead to you changing the team you support?		
	Unweighted Base	133
	Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if a footballer in their team was lgb	130
Yes		19%
No		70%
Don't know		11%

		Total
You said you would feel uncomfortable if your son was gay or bisexual. Would you love them less?		
	Unweighted Base	371
	Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their son was lgb	378
Yes		10%
No		78%
Don't know		12%

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You said you would feel uncomfortable if your daughter was lesbian or bisexual. Would you love them less?	Total
Unweighted Base	349
Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their daughter was lgb	347
Yes	9%
No	80%
Don't know	12%

You said you would feel uncomfortable if your brother/ sister were lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would you love them less?	Total
Unweighted Base	240
Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if their brother / sister was lgb	234
Yes	15%
No	71%
Don't know	14%

You said you would feel uncomfortable if another member of your family was lesbian, gay or bisexual. Would you love them less?	Total
Unweighted Base	211
Base: All who would feel uncomfortable if another member of their family was lgb	208
Yes	16%
No	67%
Don't know	17%

Thinking about the following celebrities...

Did finding out that they were gay affect your opinion of them?

Mary Portas Retail expert and presenter of TV series including Mary Queen of Shops	Total
Unweighted Base	787
Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)	786
Opinion improved	4%
Opinion went down	5%
Opinion stayed the same	91%

Joe McElderry Winner of X Factor	Total
Unweighted Base	960
Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)	997
Opinion improved	2%
Opinion went down	7%
Opinion stayed the same	91%

Gareth Thomas Recently retired Welsh rugby player	Total
Unweighted Base	1079
Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable)	1094
Opinion improved	15%
Opinion went down	7%
Opinion stayed the same	78%

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Clare Balding

Presenter of BBC live racing coverage including the Grand National and Royal Ascot as well as on Radio 4 and 5 live

Total
Unweighted Base 1124
Base: All respondents (removing don't know and not applicable) 1121

Opinion improved	4%
Opinion went down	5%
Opinion stayed the same	91%

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

'Lesbian, gay and bisexual people should be able to be open about their sexual orientation no matter what'

	Religion?	
	Yes	No
Total		
Unweighted Base	1850	1016
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	766	1000
Strongly agree	19%	33%
Agree	60%	53%
Disagree	14%	11%
Strongly disagree	7%	3%
NET Agree	79%	86%
NET Disagree	21%	14%

'The media rely heavily on clichéd stereotypes of lesbian, gay and bisexual people'

Total
Unweighted Base 1697
Base: All respondents (removing don't know) 1685

Strongly agree	17%
Agree	60%
Disagree	19%
Strongly disagree	4%
NET Agree	77%
NET Disagree	23%

The media frequently use homosexuality and bisexuality as the subject of jokes'

Total
Unweighted Base 1697
Base: All respondents (removing don't know) 1697

Strongly agree	12%
Agree	53%
Disagree	30%
Strongly disagree	5%
NET Agree	65%
NET Disagree	35%

'Britain has a moral and social responsibility to challenge human rights abuses against lesbian, gay and bisexual people abroad'

Total
Unweighted Base 1764
Base: All respondents (removing don't know) 1750

Strongly agree	20%
Agree	48%
Disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	10%
NET Agree	68%
NET Disagree	32%

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'Britain has a moral and social responsibility to protect people who come to the UK fleeing persecution in their home countries because they are lesbian, gay or bisexual'

	Total
Unweighted Base	1737
Base: All respondents (removing don't know)	1710
Strongly agree	13%
Agree	41%
Disagree	27%
Strongly disagree	19%
NET Agree	54%
NET Disagree	46%

The next set of questions are of a more personal nature, therefore if you do not wish to answer them please select the relevant option below. Please tick all that apply.

Are any members of your family...?

	Total
Unweighted Base	2074
Base: All respondents	2074
Gay	12%
Lesbian	8%
Heterosexual/ straight	56%
Bisexual	3%
None of the above	31%
Prefer not to say	4%
NET LGB	19%

Are any of your friends...?

	Religion?		
	Total	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	2074	855	1113
Base: All respondents	2074	861	1102
Gay	38%	32%	44%
Lesbian	24%	21%	28%
Heterosexual/ straight	50%	48%	53%
Bisexual	11%	8%	14%
None of the above	25%	30%	21%
Prefer not to say	4%	3%	3%
NET LGB	47%	39%	54%

Which, if any, of the following statements apply to you? Please tick all that apply.

	Religion?		
	Total	Yes	No
Unweighted Base	2074	855	1113
Base: All respondents	2074	861	1102
I don't like lesbian, gay or bisexual people	4%	5%	3%
I know people who don't like lesbian, gay and bisexual people	39%	37%	41%
Homosexuality is morally unacceptable in all circumstances	9%	13%	7%
None of the above	51%	50%	51%

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Do you think it's right to tackle prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain?	Total	Age			Gender		Religion?		Region										
		18-29	30-50	51+	Male	Female	Yes	No	North East	North West	Yorkshire and Humber	East-Mid	West-Mid	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland
Unweighted Base	1897	314	600	983	867	1030	775	1028	80	206	133	125	137	175	254	248	158	121	260
Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	1890	339	676	875	905	985	785	1007	80	223	159	149	169	184	246	255	166	93	166
Yes	62%	71%	67%	54%	58%	66%	57%	67%	57%	70%	60%	60%	62%	60%	63%	67%	51%	65%	61%
No	15%	15%	12%	17%	17%	12%	16%	14%	18%	10%	17%	12%	13%	18%	14%	13%	19%	11%	19%
Not applicable – I don't think there is prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people	23%	14%	21%	29%	24%	22%	28%	19%	25%	20%	23%	29%	25%	22%	23%	20%	30%	25%	21%

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		Newspaper															
Do you think it's right to tackle prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in Britain?		Express	Mail	Mirror / Record	Star	Sun	Telegraph	FT	Guardian	Independent	Times	Scotsman	Herald (Glasgow)	Western Mail	Other local	Other	None
	Unweighted Base	68	325	182	22	223	76	3	111	38	93	14	21	10	87	119	505
	Base: All respondents (excluding don't know)	51	254	259	35	337	62	3	60	21	79	10	13	8	87	120	491
	Yes	58%	51%	63%	58%	56%	53%	100%	85%	79%	64%	53%	83%	60%	62%	70%	66%
	No	8%	17%	15%	15%	20%	9%	-	13%	7%	17%	22%	8%	-	12%	16%	12%
	Not applicable – I don't think there is prejudice against lesbian, gay and bisexual people	33%	32%	22%	27%	23%	38%	-	2%	15%	19%	25%	8%	40%	26%	15%	22%