

London Riots Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork : 10th - 11th August 2011

Absolutes/col percents

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	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	2008	910	1098	209	342	425	361	316	355	664	505	288	551	511	498	512	304	183
Weighted base	2008	984	1024	241	321	381	341	301	422	542	582	422	462	510	530	504	290	174
<u>Police should be allowed use to water cannon to disperse rioters</u>																		
Agree	1799	875	924	213	286	341	291	266	401	491	523	372	413	444	486	464	252	153
	90%	89%	90%	88%	89%	90%	85%	88%	95%	90%	90%	88%	90%	87%	92%	92%	87%	88%
Disagree	112	63	49	9	20	20	28	25	11	28	28	29	27	29	22	25	22	14
	6%	6%	5%	4%	6%	5%	8%	8%	3%	5%	5%	7%	6%	6%	4%	5%	8%	8%
Don't know	97	46	51	19	15	20	22	10	11	24	31	21	22	38	22	15	15	7
	5%	5%	5%	8%	5%	5%	7%	3%	3%	4%	5%	5%	5%	7%	4%	3%	5%	4%
<u>Government ministers failed to return to their desks quickly enough from holidays</u>																		
Agree	1221	608	613	118	201	253	224	198	227	301	343	258	319	295	296	332	178	119
	61%	62%	60%	49%	63%	66%	66%	66%	54%	55%	59%	61%	69%	58%	56%	66%	62%	68%
Disagree	477	249	228	76	59	71	73	62	136	156	151	100	69	136	142	105	62	33
	24%	25%	22%	32%	18%	19%	21%	20%	32%	29%	26%	24%	15%	27%	27%	21%	21%	19%
Don't know	311	127	184	47	61	57	44	42	60	86	88	64	74	79	92	67	49	23
	15%	13%	18%	19%	19%	15%	13%	14%	14%	16%	15%	15%	16%	16%	17%	13%	17%	13%
<u>The Government's response to the economic crisis (e.g. cuts to services, unemployment, reduced education funding) is helping fuel the rioters</u>																		
Agree	1011	482	529	155	168	219	166	136	167	254	286	217	264	248	259	250	158	96
	50%	49%	52%	64%	52%	58%	49%	45%	40%	47%	49%	49%	57%	49%	49%	50%	55%	55%
Disagree	715	392	323	45	105	125	121	124	195	226	210	150	129	190	184	190	95	56
	36%	40%	32%	19%	33%	33%	36%	41%	46%	42%	36%	36%	28%	37%	35%	38%	33%	32%
Don't know	282	109	172	42	48	37	53	41	60	62	86	65	69	72	87	64	37	23
	14%	11%	17%	17%	15%	10%	16%	14%	14%	11%	15%	15%	15%	14%	16%	13%	13%	13%
<u>There is no excuse whatsoever for the violent rioting and looting over the last few days</u>																		
Agree	1813	884	929	196	278	338	307	286	409	493	534	377	409	454	479	466	257	158
	90%	90%	91%	81%	87%	89%	90%	95%	97%	91%	92%	89%	88%	89%	90%	92%	89%	90%
Disagree	105	61	44	19	25	29	17	7	9	27	24	28	27	30	29	17	20	9
	5%	6%	4%	8%	8%	8%	5%	2%	2%	5%	4%	7%	6%	6%	5%	3%	7%	5%
Don't know	90	39	51	26	18	15	18	8	4	22	24	16	27	27	22	21	13	7
	4%	4%	5%	11%	6%	4%	5%	3%	1%	4%	4%	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%

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Weighted base	2008	984	1024	241	321	381	341	301	422	542	582	422	462	510	530	504	290	174
David Cameron should bring in the army to support the emergency services																		
Agree	1297	587	709	164	210	242	209	182	290	329	376	296	296	315	336	337	193	116
	65%	60%	69%	68%	65%	64%	61%	60%	69%	61%	65%	70%	64%	62%	63%	67%	67%	66%
Disagree	457	285	172	50	68	96	82	88	73	137	137	86	97	122	122	106	63	44
	23%	29%	17%	21%	21%	25%	24%	29%	17%	25%	24%	20%	21%	24%	23%	21%	22%	25%
Don't know	254	111	143	27	43	43	50	32	59	77	69	40	69	73	72	61	34	14
	13%	11%	14%	11%	13%	11%	15%	11%	14%	14%	12%	9%	15%	14%	14%	12%	12%	8%
Government should impose curfews in areas where they believe there is likely to be further rioting																		
Agree	1466	672	794	159	231	288	236	218	334	385	413	313	355	352	394	369	219	132
	73%	68%	77%	66%	72%	75%	69%	72%	79%	71%	71%	74%	77%	69%	74%	73%	76%	76%
Disagree	348	212	136	55	56	63	66	52	55	99	104	72	73	100	95	83	41	28
	17%	22%	13%	23%	18%	17%	19%	17%	13%	18%	18%	17%	16%	20%	18%	17%	14%	16%
Don't know	194	99	95	27	33	30	40	32	32	58	65	37	34	59	40	52	30	14
	10%	10%	9%	11%	10%	8%	12%	11%	8%	11%	11%	9%	7%	11%	8%	10%	10%	8%
Plans to cut the police service in London by 20 per cent should be reversed immediately																		
Agree	1415	638	777	155	220	264	244	221	312	339	399	313	364	357	360	361	209	128
	70%	65%	76%	64%	68%	69%	71%	73%	74%	63%	68%	74%	79%	70%	68%	72%	72%	74%
Disagree	258	169	89	48	42	50	44	33	42	95	74	43	47	67	69	74	35	14
	13%	17%	9%	20%	13%	13%	13%	11%	10%	18%	13%	10%	10%	13%	13%	15%	12%	8%
Don't know	334	176	158	38	59	67	54	48	68	108	110	66	51	86	101	69	45	32
	17%	18%	15%	16%	18%	18%	16%	16%	16%	20%	19%	16%	11%	17%	19%	14%	16%	19%
David Cameron and the Government have handled the response to the riots well																		
Agree	591	301	290	72	90	98	82	92	156	206	173	105	107	166	169	136	81	39
	29%	31%	28%	30%	28%	26%	24%	31%	37%	38%	30%	25%	23%	33%	32%	27%	28%	22%
Disagree	972	496	476	99	167	221	174	148	163	221	267	225	259	233	236	271	132	99
	48%	50%	46%	41%	52%	58%	51%	49%	39%	41%	46%	53%	56%	46%	45%	54%	46%	57%
Don't know	445	187	258	70	64	62	85	61	103	115	142	92	96	111	125	97	76	36
	22%	19%	25%	29%	20%	16%	25%	20%	24%	21%	24%	22%	21%	22%	24%	19%	26%	21%

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Weighted base	2008	984	1024	241	321	381	341	301	422	542	582	422	462	510	530	504	290	174
TV coverage of the riots helped fuel the disorder																		
Agree	1185	612	574	147	178	205	181	184	291	358	361	244	223	311	317	294	167	98
	59%	62%	56%	61%	56%	54%	53%	61%	69%	66%	62%	58%	48%	61%	60%	58%	58%	56%
Disagree	484	241	243	44	81	111	85	74	90	119	125	93	147	117	115	135	66	53
	24%	25%	24%	18%	25%	29%	25%	24%	21%	22%	22%	22%	32%	23%	22%	27%	23%	30%
Don't know	338	131	208	51	62	65	75	44	41	65	96	85	93	83	99	76	57	24
	17%	13%	20%	21%	19%	17%	22%	15%	10%	12%	16%	20%	20%	16%	19%	15%	20%	14%
The police should be able to use tear gas if they feel it necessary to disperse rioters																		
Agree	1654	811	843	176	258	300	281	251	388	448	482	334	389	406	444	422	236	147
	82%	82%	82%	73%	80%	79%	82%	83%	92%	83%	83%	79%	84%	80%	84%	84%	81%	84%
Disagree	204	109	95	30	43	52	33	25	21	53	60	47	45	64	50	39	30	20
	10%	11%	9%	12%	13%	14%	10%	8%	5%	10%	10%	11%	10%	13%	9%	8%	10%	12%
Don't know	151	64	86	35	20	29	27	26	14	41	41	41	28	40	37	43	24	7
	7%	7%	8%	15%	6%	7%	8%	9%	3%	8%	7%	10%	6%	8%	7%	9%	8%	4%
The police should be able to use rubber bullets if they feel it necessary to disperse rioters																		
Agree	1515	763	753	174	248	279	250	217	348	417	434	324	340	376	410	393	213	124
	75%	78%	73%	72%	77%	73%	73%	72%	82%	77%	74%	77%	74%	74%	77%	78%	74%	71%
Disagree	331	157	174	34	47	76	66	63	46	79	105	64	83	94	80	68	48	40
	16%	16%	17%	14%	15%	20%	19%	21%	11%	15%	18%	15%	18%	18%	15%	14%	17%	23%
Don't know	162	64	97	33	26	26	26	22	29	46	43	33	39	40	40	43	28	10
	8%	7%	9%	14%	8%	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%	10%	6%
Social media like Twitter and Blackberry Messaging contributed to levels of violence and the ability of rioters to meet and plan disorder																		
Agree	1664	813	851	186	241	300	282	267	388	464	491	345	365	423	444	411	240	147
	83%	83%	83%	77%	75%	79%	83%	89%	92%	86%	84%	82%	79%	83%	84%	82%	83%	84%
Disagree	144	79	65	28	39	36	17	12	12	31	33	42	39	36	43	40	14	11
	7%	8%	6%	12%	12%	10%	5%	4%	3%	6%	6%	10%	8%	7%	8%	8%	5%	7%
Don't know	199	92	107	27	41	45	43	22	22	48	59	35	58	51	44	53	36	16
	10%	9%	10%	11%	13%	12%	13%	7%	5%	9%	10%	8%	13%	10%	8%	10%	12%	9%

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Unweighted base	2008	183	99	228	185	161	111	184	229	282	193	153
Weighted base	2008	174	91	236	177	186	106	188	253	258	183	156
<u>Police should be allowed use to water cannon to disperse rioters</u>												
Agree	1799	153	85	220	160	175	95	168	213	230	157	143
	90%	88%	93%	93%	90%	94%	89%	89%	84%	89%	86%	92%
Disagree	112	14	4	12	9	5	3	10	17	12	18	6
	6%	8%	4%	5%	5%	3%	3%	6%	7%	5%	10%	4%
Don't know	97	7	2	4	8	6	8	10	23	15	7	7
	5%	4%	2%	2%	5%	3%	7%	5%	9%	6%	4%	4%
<u>Government ministers failed to return to their desks quickly enough from holidays</u>												
Agree	1221	119	73	153	106	105	71	109	154	141	107	83
	61%	68%	80%	65%	60%	56%	67%	58%	61%	55%	59%	53%
Disagree	477	33	10	52	42	49	20	44	58	78	41	48
	24%	19%	11%	22%	24%	27%	19%	24%	23%	30%	23%	31%
Don't know	311	23	8	31	29	32	15	35	41	39	34	25
	15%	13%	8%	13%	16%	17%	14%	19%	16%	15%	19%	16%
<u>The Government's response to the economic crisis (e.g. cuts to services, unemployment, reduced education funding) is helping fuel the rioters</u>												
Agree	1011	96	54	111	86	93	63	87	132	116	95	79
	50%	55%	59%	47%	48%	50%	59%	46%	52%	45%	52%	51%
Disagree	715	56	29	89	72	72	32	60	89	102	62	52
	36%	32%	32%	38%	41%	39%	30%	32%	35%	39%	34%	34%
Don't know	282	23	8	36	20	21	11	41	32	40	26	25
	14%	13%	9%	15%	11%	11%	10%	22%	13%	16%	14%	16%
<u>There is no excuse whatsoever for the violent rioting and looting over the last few days</u>												
Agree	1813	158	87	216	163	165	88	171	215	239	169	142
	90%	90%	95%	92%	92%	89%	83%	91%	85%	93%	92%	91%
Disagree	105	9	3	8	6	15	11	8	23	7	9	7
	5%	5%	3%	4%	3%	8%	10%	4%	9%	3%	5%	4%
Don't know	90	7	1	11	8	6	7	9	15	12	5	8
	4%	4%	1%	5%	5%	3%	7%	5%	6%	5%	3%	5%

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Weighted base	2008	174	91	236	177	186	106	188	253	258	183	156
<u>David Cameron should bring in the army to support the emergency services</u>												
Agree	1297 65%	116 66%	60 66%	160 68%	117 66%	121 65%	72 67%	119 63%	142 56%	173 67%	121 66%	96 62%
Disagree	457 23%	44 25%	22 25%	39 17%	45 25%	43 23%	18 17%	45 24%	68 27%	54 21%	45 25%	33 21%
Don't know	254 13%	14 8%	9 10%	36 15%	15 9%	21 11%	17 16%	24 13%	42 17%	31 12%	17 9%	27 17%
<u>Government should impose curfews in areas where they believe there is likely to be further rioting</u>												
Agree	1466 73%	132 76%	62 68%	171 73%	136 77%	135 73%	85 80%	139 74%	156 62%	195 76%	134 73%	119 77%
Disagree	348 17%	28 16%	21 23%	38 16%	25 14%	35 19%	11 11%	37 20%	62 24%	38 15%	29 16%	23 15%
Don't know	194 10%	14 8%	8 9%	27 12%	17 9%	15 8%	10 10%	12 6%	35 14%	24 9%	19 11%	14 9%
<u>Plans to cut the police service in London by 20 per cent should be reversed immediately</u>												
Agree	1415 70%	128 74%	71 78%	164 69%	126 71%	126 68%	76 72%	133 71%	176 70%	181 70%	133 73%	101 65%
Disagree	258 13%	14 8%	13 14%	38 16%	23 13%	20 11%	11 10%	23 12%	33 13%	34 13%	24 13%	25 16%
Don't know	334 17%	32 19%	8 8%	34 14%	27 16%	39 21%	19 18%	32 17%	44 17%	43 16%	26 14%	30 19%
<u>David Cameron and the Government have handled the response to the riots well</u>												
Agree	591 29%	39 22%	17 19%	75 32%	44 25%	58 31%	28 26%	62 33%	77 30%	89 35%	54 29%	49 31%
Disagree	972 48%	99 57%	62 68%	120 51%	89 50%	80 43%	52 49%	90 48%	126 50%	107 42%	80 44%	66 42%
Don't know	445 22%	36 21%	12 13%	41 17%	44 25%	48 26%	27 25%	36 19%	50 20%	61 24%	49 27%	41 27%

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<u>TV coverage of the riots helped fuel the disorder</u>												
Agree	1185 59%	98 56%	54 59%	129 55%	111 63%	106 57%	64 60%	113 60%	144 57%	166 64%	103 56%	97 62%
Disagree	484 24%	53 30%	27 29%	70 29%	38 22%	49 27%	19 18%	41 22%	63 25%	54 21%	47 26%	25 16%
Don't know	338 17%	24 14%	11 12%	37 16%	28 16%	30 16%	23 22%	34 18%	45 18%	38 15%	34 18%	34 22%
<u>The police should be able to use tear gas if they feel it necessary to disperse rioters</u>												
Agree	1654 82%	147 84%	77 85%	198 84%	146 83%	156 84%	85 80%	149 79%	196 78%	210 81%	150 82%	139 89%
Disagree	204 10%	20 12%	10 11%	15 6%	14 8%	15 8%	9 9%	22 12%	34 14%	30 12%	21 11%	13 8%
Don't know	151 7%	7 4%	4 5%	23 10%	16 9%	15 8%	12 11%	17 9%	22 9%	18 7%	12 7%	4 3%
<u>The police should be able to use rubber bullets if they feel it necessary to disperse rioters</u>												
Agree	1515 75%	124 71%	69 76%	188 80%	135 76%	135 73%	75 71%	147 78%	173 69%	203 79%	138 75%	128 82%
Disagree	331 16%	40 23%	15 17%	28 12%	25 14%	34 18%	18 16%	28 15%	53 21%	41 16%	31 17%	19 12%
Don't know	162 8%	10 6%	6 7%	20 8%	17 10%	17 9%	14 13%	13 7%	26 10%	14 5%	14 8%	9 6%
<u>Social media like Twitter and Blackberry Messaging contributed to levels of violence and the ability of rioters to meet and plan disorder</u>												
Agree	1664 83%	147 84%	72 79%	193 82%	146 82%	150 81%	82 77%	162 86%	202 80%	221 86%	158 86%	132 85%
Disagree	144 7%	11 7%	10 11%	19 8%	11 6%	24 13%	6 6%	12 6%	24 10%	12 5%	8 4%	7 5%
Don't know	199 10%	16 9%	9 10%	24 10%	20 11%	13 7%	18 17%	15 8%	27 10%	25 10%	18 10%	16 10%