



BBC Newsbeat – Crime and Punishment Survey: Adults aged 18-30

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 1,002 GB adults aged 18-30 by telephone between 14th February and 4th March 2014. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18-30. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Table 1

Q1. Do you support or oppose each of the following proposals?**Base: All respondents**

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Unweighted base	1002	527	475	220	433	349	337	334	145	186	67	55	94	76	97	62	55	73	175	148	100
Weighted base	1002	521	481	232	429	341	251	331	220	200	80	40	100	80	90	70	50	60	170	150	110
<u>Introducing the death penalty for serious crimes such as terrorist attacks or child murders</u>																					
Support	578 58%	300 58%	278 58%	130 56%	238 56%	209 61%	112 45%	166 50%	163 74%	137 68%	45 56%	25 62%	59 59%	53 67%	51 56%	38 54%	30 60%	35 58%	78 46%	93 62%	72 65%
Oppose	415 41%	217 42%	198 41%	101 44%	185 43%	129 38%	137 55%	162 49%	55 25%	61 31%	34 43%	14 35%	41 41%	25 31%	38 42%	32 46%	19 39%	25 42%	92 54%	58 38%	37 34%
Don't know	9 1%	4 1%	5 1%	1 *	5 1%	2 1%	2 1%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	1 2%	1 3%	-	2 2%	2 2%	-	1 1%	-	1 1%	-	1 1%
<u>Teenagers aged 16 and 17 receiving the same prison sentences as adults for similar violent crimes</u>																					
Support	674 67%	353 68%	321 67%	171 74%	281 65%	222 65%	151 60%	210 64%	175 79%	138 69%	55 68%	28 69%	69 69%	53 66%	63 70%	49 69%	38 76%	40 66%	102 60%	103 69%	76 69%
Oppose	314 31%	161 31%	154 32%	59 26%	142 33%	113 33%	95 38%	113 34%	46 21%	60 30%	23 29%	12 30%	31 31%	26 32%	26 29%	21 30%	12 23%	20 33%	67 39%	45 30%	32 29%
Don't know	14 1%	8 1%	6 1%	1 1%	7 2%	6 2%	4 2%	7 2%	-	2 1%	2 3%	* 1%	-	2 2%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	2 1%	3 2%

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Weighted base	1002	521	481	232	429	341	251	331	220	200	80	40	100	80	90	70	50	60	170	150	110
<u>Criminals receiving shorter prison sentences if they try to make up for what they have done wrong, such as saying sorry to the victim or replacing stolen money</u>																					
Support	485	273	212	92	209	184	133	171	90	90	44	18	58	36	48	30	15	27	80	71	57
	48%	52%	44%	39%	49%	54%	53%	52%	41%	45%	55%	46%	58%	45%	54%	43%	30%	46%	47%	47%	52%
Oppose	499	238	261	136	214	149	113	155	127	105	34	21	39	42	40	37	35	33	86	79	52
	50%	46%	54%	59%	50%	44%	45%	47%	58%	52%	43%	53%	39%	53%	45%	53%	70%	54%	51%	52%	47%
Don't know	18	10	8	4	6	8	4	5	3	5	2	*	4	2	1	3	-	-	4	1	1
	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	4%	-	-	3%	*	1%
<u>Life sentences meaning life, with no options for early release due to good behaviour</u>																					
Support	698	358	339	151	302	245	168	218	176	135	62	30	69	51	54	51	39	42	104	115	80
	70%	69%	71%	65%	70%	72%	67%	66%	80%	68%	78%	75%	69%	63%	60%	72%	79%	70%	61%	77%	73%
Oppose	284	153	131	75	122	88	77	109	41	57	17	10	27	29	35	18	10	18	62	34	25
	28%	29%	27%	32%	28%	26%	31%	33%	19%	28%	21%	24%	27%	37%	38%	25%	19%	30%	36%	23%	22%
Don't know	20	10	10	6	6	8	5	3	3	8	1	*	4	-	1	2	1	-	4	1	5
	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%	4%	-	2%	3%	2%	-	2%	1%	5%

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Table 2
Q2. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion about the way the police and criminal justice system respond to allegations of sexual assault?
Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Class					Region										
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The police and criminal justice system generally do not take allegations of sexual assault seriously enough	231 23%	94 18%	137 29%	55 24%	111 26%	65 19%	65 26%	72 22%	49 22%	45 22%	28 35%	6 16%	25 25%	14 18%	15 17%	13 18%	15 29%	11 17%	49 29%	29 19%	26 24%
The police and criminal justice system generally strike the right balance between taking allegations of sexual assault seriously and not jumping to conclusions	519 52%	268 51%	251 52%	120 52%	225 52%	175 51%	129 52%	180 55%	109 50%	100 50%	47 58%	21 53%	53 52%	43 54%	50 55%	40 57%	17 34%	31 52%	82 48%	84 56%	52 48%
The police and criminal justice system are generally too quick to jump to conclusions without appropriate investigation when acting on allegations of sexual assault	189 19%	119 23%	70 14%	45 20%	75 18%	68 20%	38 15%	60 18%	45 20%	46 23%	4 4%	10 25%	17 17%	14 18%	22 24%	13 18%	15 29%	15 25%	32 19%	26 17%	22 20%
Don't know	62 6%	40 8%	23 5%	12 5%	18 4%	32 9%	18 7%	18 5%	17 8%	9 4%	2 3%	2 6%	6 6%	9 11%	4 4%	5 7%	3 7%	4 6%	7 4%	12 8%	9 8%

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Table 3

Q3. When charged with crimes, but not yet convicted, should anonymity be granted automatically to each of the following groups, or not?

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Teenagers under 18																					
Yes	719	388	331	165	306	248	197	241	153	128	55	24	74	57	64	56	41	41	128	103	76
	72%	75%	69%	71%	71%	73%	79%	73%	69%	64%	69%	59%	73%	71%	71%	80%	82%	69%	75%	68%	69%
No	272	128	144	65	118	89	50	86	67	68	24	16	27	22	23	14	9	18	41	47	32
	27%	24%	30%	28%	27%	26%	20%	26%	31%	34%	30%	40%	27%	27%	25%	20%	18%	29%	24%	31%	29%
Don't know	11	5	6	2	5	3	3	3	-	5	1	*	-	1	3	-	-	1	1	1	2
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	-	1%	3%	-	-	2%	*	1%	2%
People accused of rape or sexual assault																					
Yes	581	326	255	127	249	206	160	196	118	108	52	20	61	52	50	45	29	34	89	89	59
	58%	63%	53%	55%	58%	60%	64%	59%	53%	54%	65%	51%	61%	65%	55%	64%	58%	57%	52%	60%	54%
No	412	190	222	103	178	131	89	130	103	90	28	18	37	28	39	25	21	24	81	61	49
	41%	36%	46%	44%	41%	39%	36%	39%	47%	45%	35%	46%	37%	34%	43%	36%	42%	41%	47%	40%	45%
Don't know	9	5	3	2	3	4	2	4	-	3	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	1
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	-	3%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	3%	*	-	1%
People accused of murder																					
Yes	527	295	233	119	214	195	145	172	113	97	43	19	55	44	46	44	28	31	83	79	55
	53%	57%	48%	51%	50%	57%	58%	52%	51%	48%	53%	48%	55%	54%	51%	62%	56%	52%	49%	53%	50%
No	465	221	245	112	210	143	103	154	108	101	37	21	44	36	43	26	22	27	85	71	53
	46%	42%	51%	48%	49%	42%	41%	46%	49%	50%	46%	52%	44%	45%	48%	38%	44%	45%	50%	47%	48%
Don't know	9	6	3	1	5	3	2	5	-	3	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	3	-	1
	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	-	3%	2%	-	1%

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Weighted base	1002	521	481	232	429	341	251	331	220	200	80	40	100	80	90	70	50	60	170	150	110
<u>Anybody accused of any crime</u>																					
Yes	595	316	280	138	238	219	164	196	127	108	50	19	60	47	51	47	29	36	100	94	61
	59%	61%	58%	59%	56%	64%	65%	59%	58%	54%	63%	48%	60%	59%	57%	67%	57%	60%	59%	63%	56%
No	395	200	195	91	184	119	83	131	93	88	28	20	40	32	38	23	21	22	69	56	46
	39%	38%	41%	39%	43%	35%	33%	39%	42%	44%	35%	51%	40%	40%	42%	33%	41%	36%	41%	37%	42%
Don't know	12	6	6	3	7	2	3	4	-	4	2	*	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	-	3
	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	4%	*	-	3%

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Table 4

Q4. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age			Class					Region									
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<u>It is impossible to maintain the anonymity of those accused of sexual crimes in the digital age</u>																					
Agree	607 61%	306 59%	302 63%	139 60%	263 61%	205 60%	138 55%	203 61%	147 67%	119 60%	46 58%	22 54%	67 67%	50 63%	58 64%	46 65%	30 60%	41 68%	93 55%	99 66%	55 50%
Disagree	379 38%	206 39%	173 36%	91 39%	158 37%	130 38%	110 44%	121 37%	70 32%	78 39%	33 41%	18 45%	32 32%	29 36%	30 33%	24 35%	19 37%	18 30%	75 44%	49 32%	53 48%
Don't know	16 2%	10 2%	6 1%	2 1%	8 2%	6 2%	3 1%	7 2%	3 1%	3 2%	1 2%	* 1%	1 1%	1 1%	2 3%	-	1 2%	1 1%	3 2%	3 2%	3 2%
<u>18 is too young to be locked up in an adult prison</u>																					
Agree	272 27%	153 29%	119 25%	63 27%	114 27%	94 28%	69 28%	95 29%	56 25%	52 26%	18 23%	13 31%	28 28%	14 18%	20 22%	25 35%	12 24%	16 27%	57 33%	41 27%	28 26%
Disagree	724 72%	365 70%	359 75%	169 73%	311 72%	244 72%	180 72%	233 71%	165 75%	146 73%	62 77%	27 66%	72 72%	65 82%	70 77%	45 65%	37 74%	44 73%	110 65%	109 73%	82 74%
Don't know	7 1%	3 1%	3 1%	-	4 1%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	-	3 1%	-	1 3%	-	* 1%	1 1%	-	1 1%	-	4 2%	-	-
<u>Accusations of sexual assault, even if found to be false, often permanently damage a defendant's reputation</u>																					
Agree	910 91%	470 90%	440 91%	201 86%	394 92%	315 93%	234 93%	303 92%	198 90%	174 87%	73 91%	34 86%	94 94%	80 100%	79 87%	64 92%	44 88%	56 94%	151 88%	134 89%	99 90%
Disagree	89 9%	49 9%	40 8%	30 13%	35 8%	24 7%	16 7%	24 7%	22 10%	26 13%	7 9%	6 14%	6 6%	-	11 12%	6 8%	6 11%	4 6%	19 11%	16 11%	10 9%
Don't know	3 *	2 *	1 *	1 1%	1 *	1 *	-	3 1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1%	-	1 1%	-	1 *	-	1 1%

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Weighted base	1002	521	481	232	429	341	251	331	220	200	80	40	100	80	90	70	50	60	170	150	110
<u>It is more important that criminals are rehabilitated so that they do not reoffend than that they are punished for the offence</u>																					
Agree	754	406	349	182	314	258	184	250	173	148	58	26	78	62	67	57	36	47	127	115	83
	75%	78%	72%	78%	73%	76%	73%	76%	79%	74%	72%	64%	78%	77%	74%	82%	72%	77%	74%	77%	75%
Disagree	233	110	123	48	110	75	62	77	46	47	21	12	21	18	23	13	13	13	39	34	27
	23%	21%	26%	21%	26%	22%	25%	23%	21%	24%	26%	31%	21%	22%	25%	18%	27%	22%	23%	22%	24%
Don't know	15	6	9	2	5	7	5	4	1	6	2	2	1	*	1	-	1	1	5	1	1
	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	*	3%	3%	5%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%

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Table 5

Q5. Which of the following statements is closest to your view when thinking about conditions facing those locked up in prison?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age			Class				Region										
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Weighted base	1002	521	481	232	429	341	251	331	220	200	80	40	100	80	90	70	50	60	170	150	110
Prison conditions are generally too tough	26 3%	15 3%	11 2%	4 2%	9 2%	13 4%	6 3%	10 3%	6 3%	4 2%	1 1%	1 2%	4 4%	1 1%	4 4%	2 2%	-	*	9 5%	4 3%	1 1%
Prison conditions are generally about right	302 30%	187 36%	115 24%	81 35%	135 31%	86 25%	84 34%	115 35%	52 23%	51 25%	17 21%	14 34%	29 29%	20 25%	30 33%	25 36%	11 23%	18 30%	68 40%	44 29%	26 24%
Prison conditions are generally not tough enough	621 62%	291 56%	330 69%	133 57%	264 62%	224 66%	142 57%	188 57%	158 72%	133 66%	57 72%	23 58%	65 65%	53 66%	53 59%	40 57%	36 72%	40 67%	79 46%	96 64%	79 71%
Don't know	52 5%	28 5%	25 5%	14 6%	21 5%	17 5%	18 7%	17 5%	5 2%	13 6%	5 6%	3 7%	2 2%	6 8%	3 4%	3 5%	2 5%	1 2%	14 8%	7 5%	5 4%