

Equalities Survey

CATI Fieldwork : 18th-20th March 2011

Absolutes/col percents

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Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				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	1002	440	562	79	160	176	196	156	235	347	222	143	290	269	260	246	139	88
Weighted base	1002	491	511	120	160	190	170	150	210	271	291	210	231	255	264	251	145	87
<u>Would-be foster carers who hold that homosexual activity is morally wrong should be banned from fostering</u>																		
Agree	297 30%	161 33%	136 27%	33 28%	54 34%	46 24%	44 26%	49 33%	71 34%	63 23%	80 28%	66 31%	88 38%	79 31%	72 27%	70 28%	43 30%	33 38%
Disagree	591 59%	281 57%	310 61%	75 63%	91 57%	125 66%	107 63%	84 56%	108 51%	171 63%	182 63%	122 58%	116 50%	144 57%	165 62%	152 61%	83 57%	46 53%
Don't know	114 11%	48 10%	65 13%	12 10%	16 10%	19 10%	19 11%	17 11%	31 15%	36 13%	29 10%	22 11%	26 11%	31 12%	28 10%	29 11%	18 12%	8 9%
<u>It is more preferable that Britain should be regarded as a Christian country than an atheistic one</u>																		
Agree	526 52%	247 50%	279 55%	24 20%	59 37%	95 50%	94 55%	101 67%	152 72%	134 49%	153 53%	95 45%	144 62%	135 53%	149 56%	124 49%	74 51%	44 50%
Disagree	368 37%	194 40%	174 34%	80 67%	78 49%	79 42%	56 33%	34 23%	40 19%	111 41%	104 36%	86 41%	68 29%	102 40%	82 31%	93 37%	56 39%	36 41%
Don't know	108 11%	50 10%	58 11%	16 13%	23 14%	16 9%	20 12%	15 10%	18 9%	26 10%	34 12%	30 14%	19 8%	18 7%	33 13%	35 14%	14 10%	8 9%
<u>It does not matter whether or not Britain remains a Christian country in terms of its legal and cultural heritage</u>																		
Agree	431 43%	217 44%	213 42%	73 60%	88 55%	70 37%	72 42%	54 36%	74 35%	104 38%	132 45%	86 41%	109 47%	121 47%	113 43%	107 42%	53 36%	38 43%
Disagree	481 48%	247 50%	234 46%	38 32%	61 38%	106 56%	76 45%	84 56%	116 55%	144 53%	138 47%	102 49%	97 42%	116 45%	128 49%	117 46%	77 53%	43 50%
Don't know	90 9%	27 5%	64 12%	9 8%	11 7%	15 8%	22 13%	13 9%	20 10%	22 8%	21 7%	22 10%	25 11%	18 7%	23 9%	28 11%	15 10%	6 7%

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Weighted base	1002	491	511	120	160	190	170	150	210	271	291	210	231	255	264	251	145	87
<u>The Government should be required to review regularly the impact of equalities legislation on vulnerable groups and on personal liberty</u>																		
Agree	837 84%	407 83%	430 84%	97 80%	138 86%	171 90%	142 83%	119 79%	171 81%	224 83%	252 87%	175 83%	186 81%	217 85%	223 84%	210 83%	111 77%	77 89%
Disagree	101 10%	59 12%	42 8%	19 16%	14 9%	10 5%	18 11%	21 14%	20 9%	31 11%	25 9%	23 11%	21 9%	28 11%	24 9%	20 8%	22 15%	6 7%
Don't know	64 6%	25 5%	39 8%	5 4%	9 6%	10 5%	11 6%	10 7%	20 9%	16 6%	13 4%	12 6%	23 10%	10 4%	17 7%	22 9%	12 8%	3 4%
<u>Equalities legislation has gone too far</u>																		
Agree	573 57%	275 56%	298 58%	55 45%	85 53%	108 57%	96 56%	102 68%	127 61%	147 54%	163 56%	128 61%	136 59%	145 57%	156 59%	142 56%	83 58%	47 54%
Disagree	335 33%	178 36%	157 31%	47 39%	63 39%	69 36%	60 35%	41 27%	55 26%	104 38%	96 33%	71 34%	64 28%	81 32%	86 33%	84 33%	50 35%	33 38%
Don't know	94 9%	38 8%	56 11%	19 15%	13 8%	13 7%	14 9%	8 5%	28 13%	20 7%	32 11%	11 5%	31 13%	28 11%	23 9%	26 10%	11 7%	7 8%
<u>Britain has become a country where the right to exercise freedom of conscience is being trumped by equalities law</u>																		
Agree	611 61%	296 60%	315 62%	67 56%	106 66%	106 56%	102 60%	106 70%	124 59%	157 58%	172 59%	135 64%	148 64%	156 61%	167 63%	152 61%	80 56%	56 64%
Disagree	253 25%	137 28%	115 23%	38 31%	36 22%	59 31%	47 28%	29 19%	44 21%	83 31%	79 27%	42 20%	48 21%	60 24%	65 25%	66 26%	40 28%	21 24%
Don't know	138 14%	57 12%	81 16%	16 13%	19 12%	25 13%	21 12%	15 10%	42 20%	31 11%	40 14%	33 16%	34 15%	39 15%	32 12%	33 13%	24 17%	10 11%