

Alliance Defending Freedom Genocide Survey

METHODOLOGY NOTE

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ONLINE Fieldwork: 16th-17th March 2016

Absolutes/col percents

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Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2023	1008	1015	222	265	330	397	311	498	502	563	396	562	215	807
Weighted base	2023	985	1038	235	350	332	360	292	454	544	544	441	494	254	891
It is not Britain's concern	373 18%	179 18%	194 19%	38 16%	66 19%	72 22%	73 20%	63 22%	62 14%	84 15%	87 16%	106 24%	95 19%	44 17%	178 20%
NET: It is Britain's concern	1247 62%	656 67%	591 57%	143 61%	201 57%	182 55%	223 62%	177 61%	322 71%	363 67%	348 64%	250 57%	286 58%	154 60%	541 61%
It is Britain's concern, but Britain should let other nations take the lead in determining whether or not these acts amount to genocide	596 29%	288 29%	308 30%	61 26%	121 34%	104 31%	100 28%	70 24%	141 31%	161 30%	179 33%	121 27%	135 27%	77 30%	271 30%
It is Britain's concern, and Britain should take a lead in ensuring that the international community makes a decision on whether these acts amount to genocide	651 32%	368 37%	283 27%	82 35%	80 23%	78 24%	123 34%	108 37%	181 40%	202 37%	169 31%	129 29%	151 31%	76 30%	269 30%
Don't know	403 20%	151 15%	252 24%	55 23%	84 24%	78 24%	65 18%	51 18%	70 15%	96 18%	109 20%	84 19%	113 23%	56 22%	173 19%

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NET: It is Britain's concern	1247 62%	109 62%	63 61%	1075 62%	52 61%	137 59%	115 67%	107 59%	98 66%	106 54%	166 62%	189 67%	107 60%	739 65%	64 61%	429 56%
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It is Britain's concern, and Britain should take a lead in ensuring that the international community makes a decision on whether these acts amount to genocide	651 32%	55 31%	31 30%	565 32%	19 23%	70 30%	66 38%	60 33%	45 30%	50 26%	101 38%	94 33%	58 33%	380 34%	33 32%	230 30%
Don't know	403 20%	27 16%	12 12%	363 21%	19 22%	43 19%	28 16%	43 23%	27 18%	61 31%	55 21%	44 16%	44 25%	204 18%	15 15%	176 23%

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<u>Officially recognising these acts as genocide</u>															
Support	1280	689	590	127	191	179	236	197	350	377	344	253	306	138	539
	63%	70%	57%	54%	55%	54%	65%	68%	77%	69%	63%	57%	62%	54%	60%
Oppose	149	83	67	24	39	34	19	16	17	48	32	45	24	21	78
	7%	8%	6%	10%	11%	10%	5%	6%	4%	9%	6%	10%	5%	8%	9%
Don't know	594	213	381	84	120	119	105	79	87	119	168	143	164	95	274
	29%	22%	37%	36%	34%	36%	29%	27%	19%	22%	31%	32%	33%	37%	31%
<u>Raising the issue with the United Nations Security Council, of which the UK is a permanent member, with the aim of referring the situation to the International Criminal Court</u>															
Support	1394	725	669	147	206	199	257	207	378	404	387	280	324	159	588
	69%	74%	64%	62%	59%	60%	71%	71%	83%	74%	71%	63%	66%	63%	66%
Oppose	136	69	67	18	30	28	24	19	17	37	27	41	30	19	74
	7%	7%	6%	8%	9%	9%	7%	7%	4%	7%	5%	9%	6%	8%	8%
Don't know	493	191	302	70	114	105	79	65	60	103	130	120	140	76	230
	24%	19%	29%	30%	33%	32%	22%	22%	13%	19%	24%	27%	28%	30%	26%
<u>Conducting a formal inquiry into the claims that the so-called Islamic State has committed genocide</u>															
Support	1198	655	544	136	188	176	220	180	297	339	328	239	293	134	520
	59%	66%	52%	58%	54%	53%	61%	62%	66%	62%	60%	54%	59%	53%	58%
Oppose	290	125	165	25	48	55	52	43	67	79	77	74	60	31	129
	14%	13%	16%	10%	14%	16%	15%	15%	15%	15%	14%	17%	12%	12%	14%
Don't know	535	205	329	74	115	101	88	68	89	125	139	128	141	88	243
	26%	21%	32%	32%	33%	30%	24%	23%	20%	23%	26%	29%	29%	35%	27%

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Oppose	149 7%	13 8%	8 8%	128 7%	4 5%	13 6%	12 7%	14 8%	12 8%	19 9%	19 7%	25 9%	11 6%	75 7%	12 12%	60 8%
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