

Christian Concern – Easter Poll

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,057 British adults aged 18+ online between the 31st March and 1st April 2015. Data were weighted to be nationally representative of all British adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Easter Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork: 31st March - 1st April 2015

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	2057	975	1082	240	369	305	341	322	480	630	650	323	454	259	873
Weighted base	2057	1008	1049	244	346	346	367	305	448	550	570	448	489	260	892
Statement Pair 1															
It is good for the country that Easter is marked as primarily a Christian festival	1128 55%	547 54%	580 55%	82 34%	145 42%	198 57%	218 59%	185 61%	299 67%	303 55%	302 53%	248 55%	275 56%	149 57%	469 53%
In modern Britain Easter is rightly more about having two Bank Holidays together rather than anything religious	673 33%	347 34%	326 31%	107 44%	133 38%	103 30%	106 29%	102 33%	122 27%	201 37%	191 34%	150 33%	131 27%	82 32%	304 34%
Don't know	256 12%	114 11%	142 14%	55 23%	68 20%	45 13%	43 12%	18 6%	27 6%	47 8%	77 13%	50 11%	82 17%	29 11%	120 13%
Statement Pair 2															
Britain's Christian heritage continues to bring benefits to the country today	969 47%	504 50%	465 44%	79 32%	150 43%	154 44%	154 42%	153 50%	280 62%	293 53%	269 47%	205 46%	203 42%	120 46%	408 46%
Britain's Christian heritage is largely outdated and its impact no longer beneficial	665 32%	328 33%	337 32%	107 44%	110 32%	115 33%	123 33%	98 32%	112 25%	186 34%	189 33%	144 32%	147 30%	94 36%	280 31%
Don't know	423 21%	176 17%	247 24%	58 24%	86 25%	78 22%	90 25%	55 18%	56 12%	72 13%	112 20%	99 22%	139 28%	46 18%	205 23%

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Statement Pair 3															
Britain has become less of a Christian country over the past five years	1507 73%	757 75%	750 72%	169 69%	220 64%	243 70%	281 77%	237 78%	357 80%	418 76%	418 73%	328 73%	343 70%	188 73%	634 71%
Britain hasn't become less of a Christian country over the past five years	305 15%	159 16%	146 14%	47 19%	56 16%	56 16%	35 9%	37 12%	73 16%	93 17%	90 16%	56 12%	66 14%	44 17%	138 15%
Don't know	245 12%	93 9%	153 15%	28 12%	70 20%	48 14%	51 14%	31 10%	18 4%	39 7%	63 11%	64 14%	79 16%	28 11%	121 14%
Statement Pair 4															
The right of people to wear Christian symbols such as a cross in their workplace should be protected by law	1359 66%	673 67%	686 65%	145 59%	184 53%	219 63%	254 69%	231 76%	326 73%	361 66%	366 64%	333 74%	299 61%	166 64%	575 64%
The right of people to wear Christian symbols such as a cross in their workplace should not be protected by law	421 20%	213 21%	207 20%	55 22%	87 25%	77 22%	70 19%	42 14%	90 20%	128 23%	128 22%	60 13%	105 22%	62 24%	181 20%
Don't know	278 13%	122 12%	156 15%	44 18%	75 22%	50 15%	42 11%	33 11%	32 7%	61 11%	77 14%	55 12%	84 17%	32 12%	137 15%

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It is right that health care workers should be threatened with the sack for offering to pray with patients	191 9%	103 10%	88 8%	28 11%	46 13%	39 11%	28 8%	20 7%	29 7%	51 9%	53 9%	42 9%	45 9%	35 14%	88 10%
It is wrong that health care workers should be threatened with the sack for offering to pray with patients	1487 72%	741 73%	747 71%	176 72%	222 64%	236 68%	278 76%	224 73%	350 78%	412 75%	412 72%	323 72%	340 70%	176 68%	619 69%
Don't know	379 18%	165 16%	214 20%	40 16%	78 23%	71 21%	60 16%	61 20%	69 15%	87 16%	105 18%	83 19%	104 21%	48 18%	185 21%
Statement Pair 6															
Christians should be able to refuse to act against their conscience without being penalised by their employer	1078 52%	567 56%	512 49%	108 44%	139 40%	160 46%	209 57%	183 60%	279 62%	305 55%	299 52%	230 51%	244 50%	124 48%	464 52%
Christians should not be able to refuse to act against their conscience without being penalised by their employer	492 24%	243 24%	250 24%	82 33%	92 26%	101 29%	65 18%	59 19%	94 21%	140 25%	148 26%	98 22%	106 22%	80 31%	209 23%
Don't know	487 24%	199 20%	288 27%	54 22%	115 33%	85 25%	93 25%	63 21%	76 17%	105 19%	123 22%	120 27%	138 28%	56 22%	219 25%

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Unweighted base	2057	189	112	1756	86	210	200	183	143	198	250	300	186	1075	127	49	18	12	3	8	37	815
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Britain's Christian heritage is largely outdated and its impact no longer beneficial	665 32%	73 40%	29 29%	562 32%	29 35%	73 32%	58 32%	64 34%	55 38%	58 28%	87 33%	90 31%	48 26%	213 20%	39 33%	16 36%	4 21%	2 21%	1 39%	2 35%	14 38%	404 49%
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