

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 3505 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 20th and 22nd July 2005. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

Below is a list of phrases which might be used to describe or define Britain and what it is to be British.

For each one, please indicate how important you think that word or phrase is in defining 'Britishness'.

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know
	%	%	%	%	%
British people's right to say what they think	61	30	7	1	1
Britain's defiance of Nazi Germany in 1940	59	28	8	3	2
British people's sense of fairness and fair play	54	36	7	1	2
The landscape of Britain	53	35	9	2	1
The achievements of Britain's scientists and engineers	52	37	8	2	2
British justice	51	35	10	3	2
Our parliamentary democracy	49	35	11	3	2
People's politeness and consideration towards one another	47	39	10	3	2
Having a strong economy	42	39	13	3	2
The Royal Navy	42	37	15	4	2
Their tolerance of other people and other people's ideas	41	40	13	4	2
The fact that Britain has not been invaded since 1066	41	27	17	12	3
British people's stoicism – their ability to 'take it'	40	39	15	3	3
The Monarchy	38	31	15	15	2
Britain's role in the world today	38	43	14	4	2
The House of Commons	37	41	15	5	2
The Common Law	34	41	18	4	3
The fact that Britain has not been divided by civil war since the 17th century	33	30	24	10	3
'Land of Hope and Glory'	31	29	23	15	2
The fact that Britain consists of three countries: England, Scotland and Wales	30	30	26	12	2
'God Save the Queen'	29	28	22	19	2
The battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo	28	37	23	10	3
The BBC	27	38	21	11	2
Pubs	27	36	25	10	2
The fact that Britain once had a great Empire	25	28	27	17	3
William Shakespeare	24	38	26	10	2
Driving on the left	24	27	29	17	2
Our weather	23	34	31	11	2
The fact that we don't have to carry identity cards	23	17	32	25	4
Double-decker buses	20	30	33	15	2
Red telephone boxes	19	30	32	17	1
The Church of England	17	28	29	23	3
Cricket	16	29	30	22	4
The motorway network	12	26	37	23	3
The quality of Britain's restaurants	9	32	40	16	2
Britain's membership of the European Union	9	22	32	32	4
Warm British beer	8	15	38	35	4

These institutions, symbols and values are often thought of as embodying the British way of life. Which of them do you personally take pride in? [Tick all that apply]

	All	%
British people's right to say what they think	69	
British people's sense of fairness and fair play	68	
British people's tolerance of individuals of all races and faiths	54	
The British system of justice	50	
Parliament: the House of Commons and the House of Lords	48	
British people's tolerance of all religious faiths	47	
The Monarchy	43	
The BBC	39	
Big Ben	38	
St. Paul's Cathedral	34	
None of these	5	

These individuals are said to have represented 'the best of British' in recent years. Which of them do you personally take pride in? [Tick all that apply]

Kelly Holmes	51
The Queen	50
Lord (Sebastian) Coe	37
Trevor McDonald	37
Paula Radcliffe	36
J. K. Rowling	33
Amir Khan	23
David Dimbleby	21
Tim Henman	17
Sir Simon Rattle	10
None of these	15

Following the London bombings, some people are saying that the British way of life and British values are 'under threat'. Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

Extremists are, indeed threatening the British way of life and British values and it is possible that they will succeed in destroying both	13
Extremists are, indeed threatening the British way of life and British values but there is no realistic chance that they will succeed in destroying either	44
Despite the actions of a few extremists and fanatics, the British way of life and British values are not under threat	39
Don't know	3

From what you know, which of these statements comes closer to your own view?

The beliefs of Western liberal democracy and the beliefs of Islam are fundamentally contradictory	24
There is no fundamental contradiction between the beliefs of Western liberal democracy and the beliefs of Islam, only between the beliefs of Western liberal democracy and the beliefs of a minority of Islamic extremists and fanatics	52
Don't know	24

Taking everything into account, do you believe Britain has been, on balance, a force for good in the world?

Yes, it has	80
No, it has not	10
Don't know	10

Taking everything into account, how proud would you say you are to be British?

Very proud	50
Fairly proud	36
Not very proud	8
Not at all proud	3
Don't know	2
I am not British	2