

# YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2444

Fieldwork: 1st - 5th February 2007

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All GB Adults  
Unweighted Sample

Total	Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region				
	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 50	Over 50	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands and Wales	North	Scotland
2437	1170	1267	540	815	1082	1313	1124	511	488	582	635	220
2438	1189	1249	648	872	918	1189	1249	443	597	541	635	222
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

## Which of these comes closest to your belief?

I believe in a personal God who created the world and hears my prayers	22	17	26	18	17	27	21	22	22	21	20	23	22
I believe in a God who created everything but then left us to get on with it	6	7	5	7	6	6	6	6	8	5	5	6	7
I believe in 'something' but I'm not sure what	26	22	29	24	26	26	26	25	23	27	30	24	22
I would like to believe and I envy those who do, but cannot believe for myself	5	5	6	3	5	7	5	6	6	5	5	6	4
I am an agnostic. I don't think it is possible to know if there is God or not	9	11	7	12	9	8	10	9	12	9	8	9	6
I am an atheist. The whole notion of a supernatural God is nonsense	16	22	10	16	20	12	19	13	15	13	17	16	21
I'm really not sure what I believe and I don't give it much thought	10	9	10	13	11	8	8	12	7	11	10	11	10
Other	3	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	4	5	2	3	4
Don't know	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	3	4	3	2	4

## How often do you pray?

I pray every day	10	9	11	8	7	13	11	8	11	8	10	10	7
I pray fairly regularly	14	10	17	10	11	17	14	14	14	15	13	13	15
I hardly ever pray	31	28	33	26	31	33	29	33	29	30	33	32	26
I do not pray at all	43	50	36	50	48	35	44	41	42	45	41	42	48
Don't know	3	3	3	5	3	2	2	4	4	2	3	2	4

## How often do you attend a place of worship?

More than once a week	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	3
Once a week	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	5	3	4
Two or three times a month	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	1
Once a month	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	2
Less than once a month	8	7	9	7	7	9	9	7	8	8	7	8	10
Only for special occasions such as weddings and funerals	62	63	61	54	62	66	63	61	59	64	64	61	63
Never	18	19	17	27	20	12	15	21	20	18	16	20	15
Don't know	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2

**Which of the main religions in this country do you think is most effective in getting across its 'message'?**

Christianity	<b>32</b>	32	32	34	28	35	31	33	30	31	34	34	30
Judaism	<b>1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0
Islam	<b>10</b>	12	8	7	10	11	12	8	10	9	10	10	9
Hinduism	<b>1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Sikhism	<b>0</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other	<b>3</b>	3	4	4	5	2	3	4	2	3	4	3	4
Don't know	<b>53</b>	51	54	53	56	50	52	53	54	55	51	51	54

**Do you regard the influence of religion on this country as...?**

Beneficial	<b>17</b>	18	17	14	15	21	20	14	18	19	17	18	16
Harmful	<b>42</b>	50	35	41	46	40	44	40	44	36	45	42	46
Neither	<b>27</b>	24	30	28	26	28	27	28	26	32	26	25	29
Don't know	<b>13</b>	9	17	18	13	11	10	17	13	13	13	15	10

**How big is the influence of religion on this country?**

Very significant	<b>14</b>	16	13	15	12	16	14	15	18	11	14	13	15
Fairly significant	<b>43</b>	43	43	45	44	41	46	39	40	42	44	40	53
Fairly insignificant	<b>23</b>	25	21	19	23	24	24	21	24	20	21	26	18
Very insignificant	<b>7</b>	7	6	5	7	7	6	7	7	8	6	7	3
Don't know	<b>14</b>	10	17	16	14	12	10	18	11	18	14	13	12

**Do you approve or disapprove of the growth in the number of faith schools in this country?**

Approve	<b>10</b>	8	13	13	8	11	11	10	12	11	9	11	9
Disapprove	<b>52</b>	64	41	43	53	57	54	50	53	47	53	51	63
Neither	<b>28</b>	21	35	31	30	26	28	29	27	32	29	29	20
Don't know	<b>9</b>	7	11	13	9	6	7	11	8	9	9	9	8

**Should our political leaders be prepared to tell us about their religious beliefs, or should they be a private matter?**

Politicians should be open about their religious beliefs	<b>35</b>	38	32	29	35	37	37	32	35	34	37	34	33
Politicians' religious beliefs should be a private matter	<b>53</b>	51	54	52	50	55	55	50	53	54	49	52	58
Don't know	<b>13</b>	10	15	18	15	8	8	18	12	12	14	14	9

**The Church of England is the Established Church with the Queen as its head and some of its bishops sit in the House of Lords. Is this...**

A good thing	<b>28</b>	25	30	19	21	38	30	25	32	29	29	25	20
A bad thing	<b>17</b>	22	12	15	20	16	20	13	16	16	14	16	30
A matter of indifference to me	<b>46</b>	46	47	51	50	41	44	49	43	46	49	49	43
Don't know	<b>9</b>	7	11	16	9	6	6	13	9	10	8	10	7